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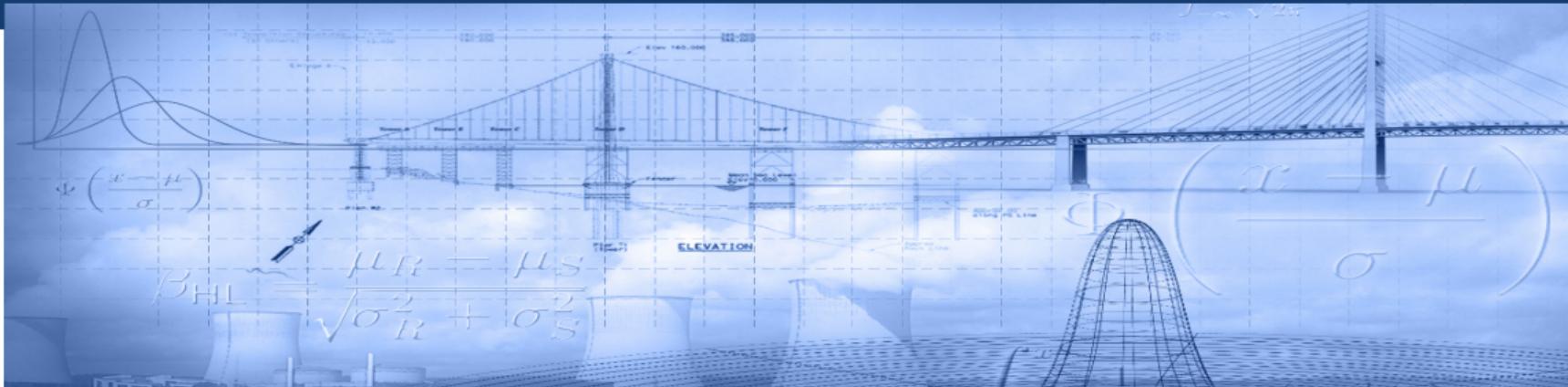
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# Chair of Risk, Safety and Uncertainty quantification

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## Research topics

- Uncertainty modelling for engineering systems
- Structural reliability analysis
- Surrogate models (polynomial chaos expansions, Kriging, support vector machines)
- Bayesian model calibration and stochastic inverse problems
- Global sensitivity analysis
- Reliability-based design optimization



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# Computational models in engineering

Complex engineering systems are designed and assessed using **computational models**, a.k.a **simulators**

A computational model combines:

- A **mathematical description** of the physical phenomena (governing equations), e.g. mechanics, electromagnetism, fluid dynamics, etc.
- **Discretization techniques** which transform continuous equations into linear algebra problems
- Algorithms to **solve** the discretized equations

$$\operatorname{div} \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathbf{D} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

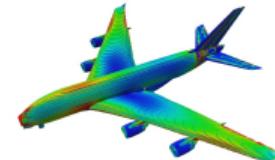
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^T \right)$$



# Computational models in engineering

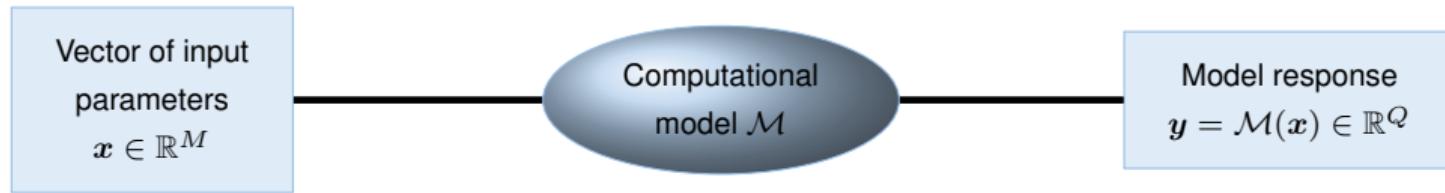
Computational models are used:

- To explore the design space (“**virtual prototypes**”)
- To **optimize** the system (e.g. minimize the mass) under performance constraints
- To assess its **robustness** w.r.t uncertainty and its **reliability**
- Together with experimental data for **calibration** purposes

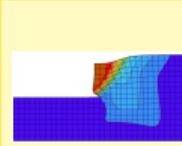


## Computational models: the abstract viewpoint

A computational model may be seen as a **black box** program that computes **quantities of interest** (QoI) (a.k.a. **model responses**) as a function of input parameters



- Geometry
- Material properties
- Loading

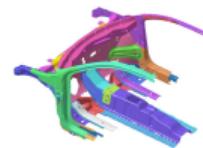


- Analytical formula
- Finite element model
- Comput. workflow

- Displacements
- Strains, stresses
- Temperature, etc.

## Real world is uncertain

- Differences between the **designed** and the **real** system:
  - Dimensions (tolerances in manufacturing)
  - Material properties (*e.g.* variability of the stiffness or resistance)
- **Unforecast exposures:** exceptional service loads, natural hazards (earthquakes, floods, landslides), climate loads (hurricanes, snow storms, etc.), accidental human actions (explosions, fire, etc.)



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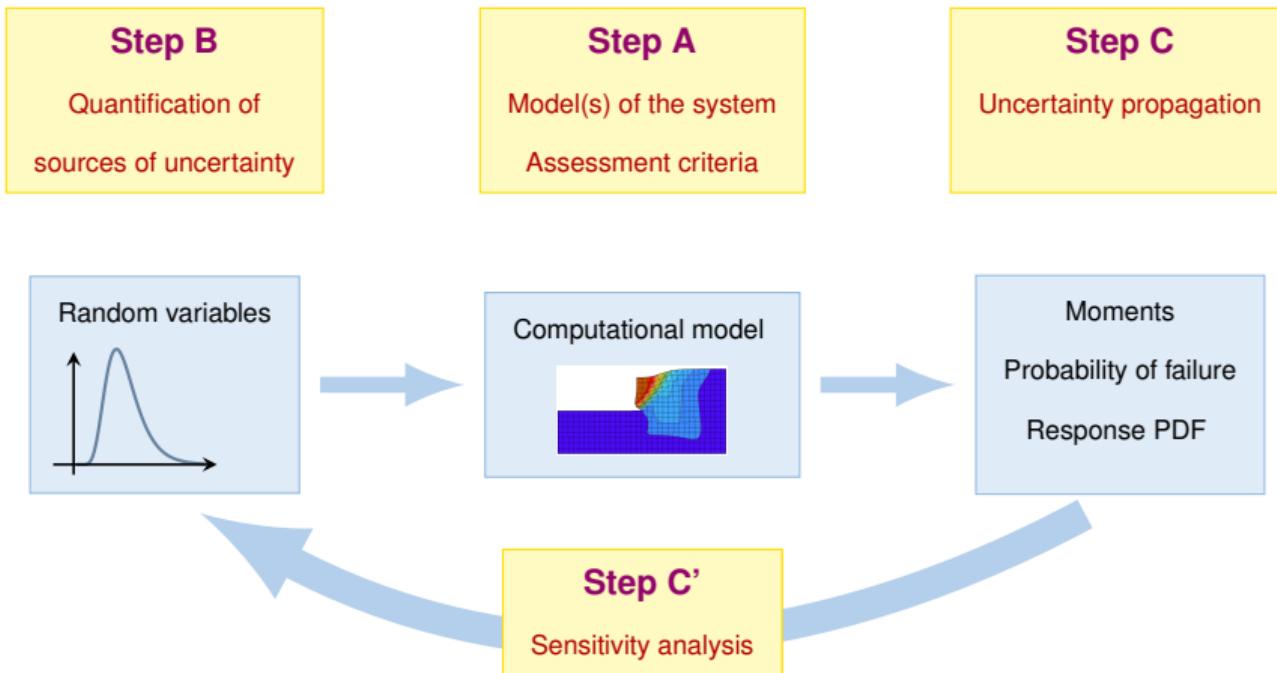
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# Global framework for uncertainty quantification



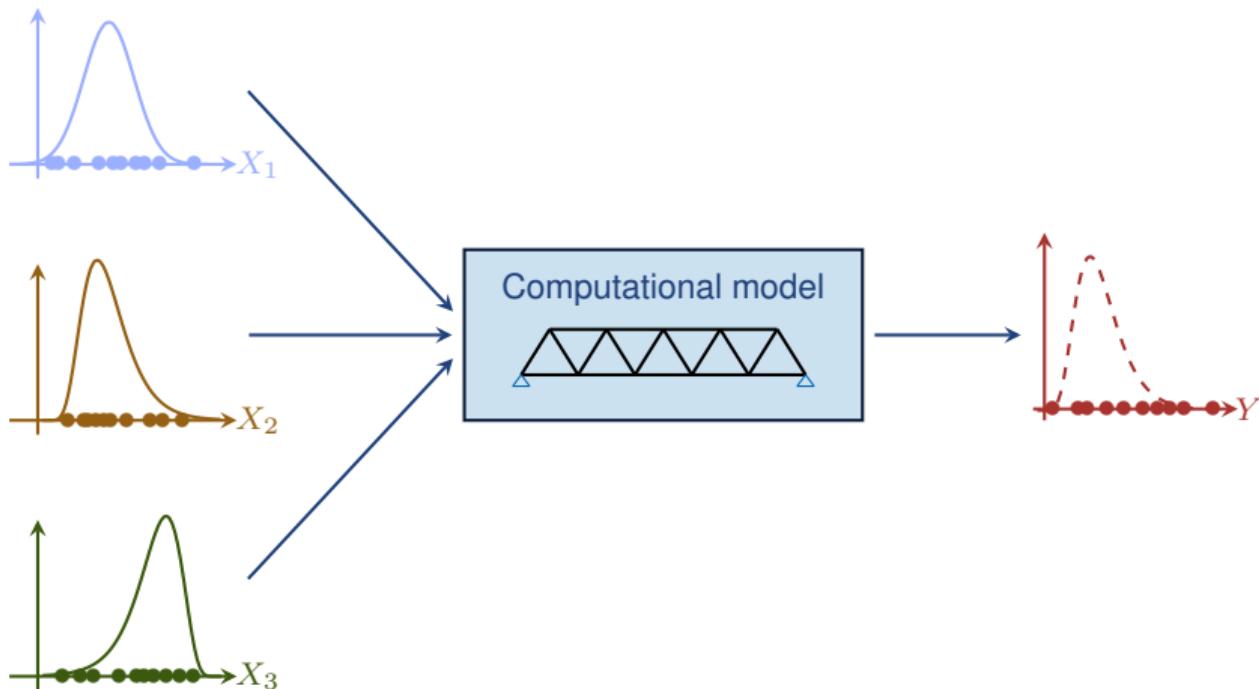
B. Sudret, *Uncertainty propagation and sensitivity analysis in mechanical models – contributions to structural reliability and stochastic spectral methods* (2007)

## Uncertainty propagation using Monte Carlo simulation

**Principle:** Generate **virtual prototypes** of the system using **random numbers**

- A sample set  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is drawn according to the input distribution  $f_X$
- For each sample the quantity of interest (resp. performance criterion) is evaluated, say  $\mathcal{Y} = \{\mathcal{M}(x_1), \dots, \mathcal{M}(x_n)\}$
- The set of model outputs is used for moments-, distribution- or reliability analysis

## Uncertainty propagation using Monte Carlo simulation



## Advantages/Drawbacks of Monte Carlo simulation

### Advantages

- Universal method: only rely upon **sampling** random numbers and running repeatedly the computational model
- Sound statistical foundations: convergence when  $n \rightarrow \infty$
- Suited to **High Performance Computing**: “embarrassingly parallel”

### Drawbacks

- **Statistical uncertainty**: results are not exactly reproducible when a new analysis is carried out (handled by computing **confidence intervals**)
- **Low efficiency**: convergence rate  $\propto n^{-1/2}$

## Surrogate models for uncertainty quantification

A **surrogate model**  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$  is an **approximation** of the original computational model  $\mathcal{M}$  with the following features:

- It assumes some regularity of the model  $\mathcal{M}$  and some general functional shape
- It is built from a **limited** set of runs of the original model  $\mathcal{M}$  called the **experimental design**  
$$\mathcal{X} = \{\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}, i = 1, \dots, N\}$$

Simulated data

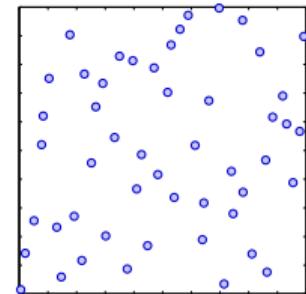
- It is **fast to evaluate!**

# Surrogate models for uncertainty quantification

Name	Shape	Parameters
Polynomial chaos expansions	$\tilde{M}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} a_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{x})$	$a_{\alpha}$
Low-rank tensor approximations	$\tilde{M}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{l=1}^R b_l \left( \prod_{i=1}^M v_l^{(i)}(x_i) \right)$	$b_l, z_{k,l}^{(i)}$
Kriging (a.k.a Gaussian processes)	$\tilde{M}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \boldsymbol{\beta}^T \cdot \boldsymbol{f}(\boldsymbol{x}) + Z(\boldsymbol{x}, \omega)$	$\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma_Z^2, \theta$
Support vector machines	$\tilde{M}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i K(\boldsymbol{x}_i, \boldsymbol{x}) + b$	$\boldsymbol{a}, b$
(Deep) Neural networks	$\tilde{M}(\boldsymbol{x}) = f_n (\cdots f_2 (b_2 + f_1 (b_1 + \boldsymbol{w}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{x}) \cdot \boldsymbol{w}_2))$	$\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b}$

## Ingredients for building a surrogate model

- Select an **experimental design**  $\mathcal{X}$  that covers at best the domain of input parameters:
  - (Monte Carlo simulation)
  - **Latin hypercube sampling** (LHS)
  - Low-discrepancy sequences
- Run the computational model  $\mathcal{M}$  onto  $\mathcal{X}$  exactly as in Monte Carlo simulation



## Ingredients for building a surrogate model

- Smartly post-process the data  $\{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X})\}$  through a learning algorithm

Name	Learning method
Polynomial chaos expansions	sparse grid integration, least-squares, compressive sensing
Low-rank tensor approximations	alternate least squares
Kriging	maximum likelihood, Bayesian inference
Support vector machines	quadratic programming

- Validate the surrogate model, e.g. estimate a global error  $\varepsilon = \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{X}) - \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{X}))^2 \right]$

## Advantages of surrogate models

### Usage

$$\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{x}) \approx \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\boldsymbol{x})$$

hours per run                            seconds for  $10^6$  runs

### Advantages

- Non-intrusive methods: based on runs of the computational model, exactly as in Monte Carlo simulation
- Suited to high performance computing: “embarrassingly parallel”

### Challenges

- Need for rigorous validation
- Communication: advanced mathematical background

Efficiency: 2-3 orders of magnitude less runs compared to Monte Carlo

## Surrogate modelling vs. machine learning

Features	Supervised learning	Surrogate modelling
Computational model $\mathcal{M}$	✗	✓
Probabilistic model of the input $\mathbf{X} \sim f_{\mathbf{X}}$	✗	✓
Training data: $\mathcal{X} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, n\}$	✓	✓
Prediction goal: for a new $\mathbf{x} \notin \mathcal{X}$ , $y(\mathbf{x})$ ?	$\sum_{i=1}^m y_i K(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}) + b$	$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})$
Validation (resp. cross-validation)	✓	✓
	Validation set	Leave-one-out CV

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# Polynomial chaos expansions in a nutshell

Ghanem & Spanos (1991; 2003); Xiu & Karniadakis (2002); Soize & Ghanem (2004)

- We assume here for simplicity that the input parameters are independent with  $X_i \sim f_{X_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$
- PCE is also applicable in the general case using an isoprobabilistic transform  $\boldsymbol{X} \mapsto \boldsymbol{\Xi}$

The **polynomial chaos expansion** of the (random) model response reads:

$$Y = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d} y_\alpha \Psi_\alpha(\boldsymbol{X})$$

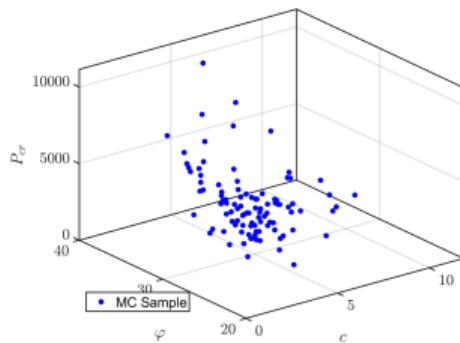
where:

- $\Psi_\alpha(\boldsymbol{X})$  are basis functions (**multivariate orthonormal polynomials**)
- $y_\alpha$  are **coefficients** to be computed (coordinates)

## Sampling (MCS) vs. spectral expansion (PCE)

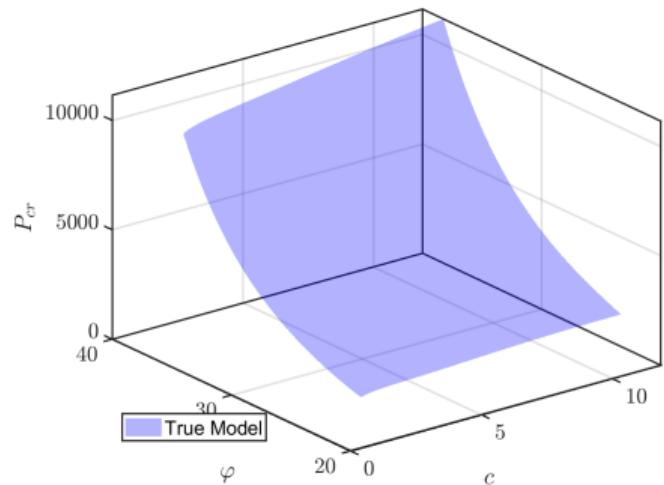
Whereas MCS explores the output space /distribution **point-by-point**, the polynomial chaos expansion assumes a generic structure (**polynomial function**), which better exploits the available information (**runs of the original model**)

Example: load bearing capacity as a function of  $(c, \varphi)$



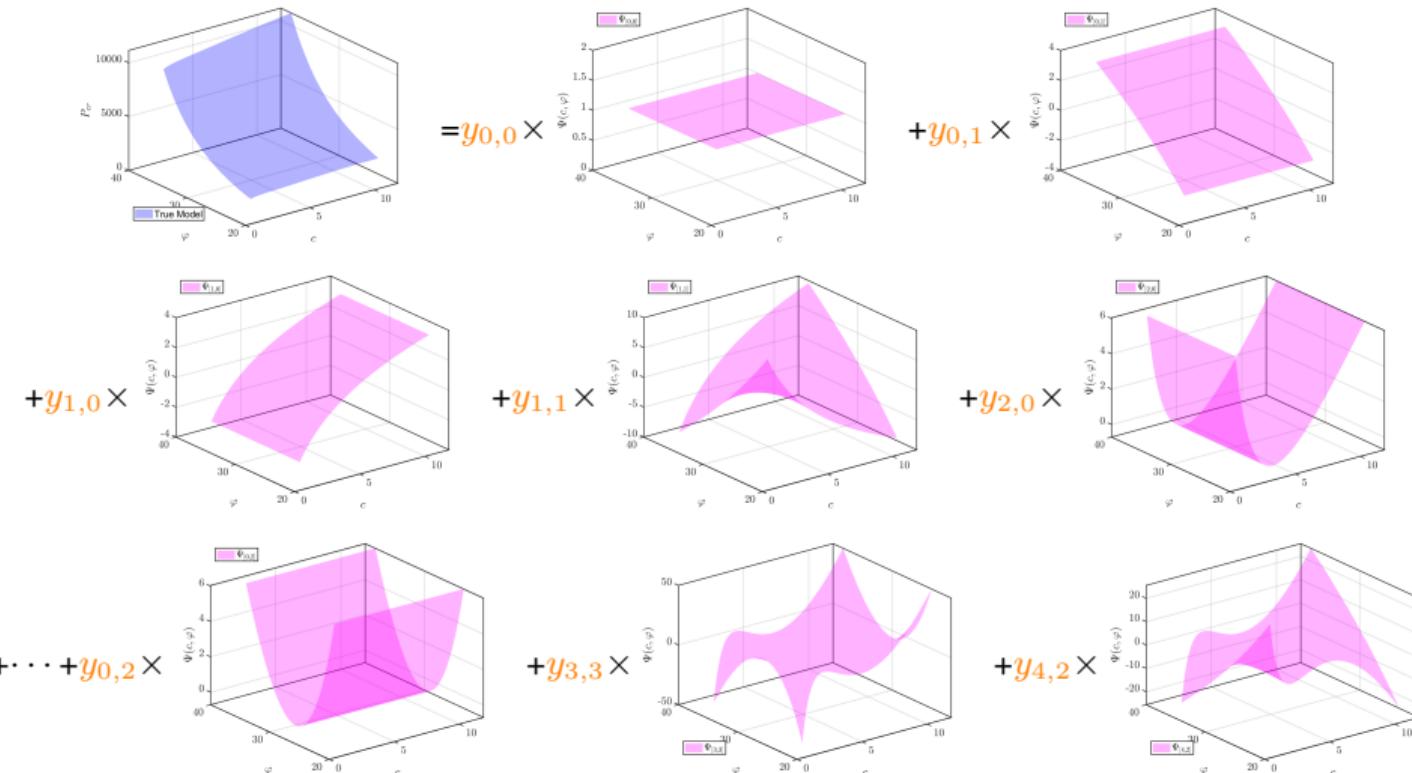
Thousands (resp. millions) of points are needed to grasp the structure of the response (resp. capture the rare events)

## Visualization of the PCE construction



= “Sum of coefficients  $\times$  basic surfaces”

# Visualization of the PCE construction



## Polynomial chaos expansion: procedure

$$Y^{\text{PCE}} = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_\alpha \Psi_\alpha(\boldsymbol{X})$$

### Four steps

- How to construct the polynomial basis  $\Psi_\alpha(\boldsymbol{X})$  for given  $X_i \sim f_{X_i}$  ?
- How to compute the coefficients  $y_\alpha$  ?
- How to check the accuracy of the expansion ?
- How to answer the engineering questions:
  - Mean, standard deviation
  - PDF, quantiles
  - Sensitivity indices

# Multivariate polynomial basis

## Univariate polynomials

- For each input variable  $X_i$ , univariate orthogonal polynomials  $\{P_k^{(i)}, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  are built:

$$\left\langle P_j^{(i)}, P_k^{(i)} \right\rangle = \int P_j^{(i)}(u) P_k^{(i)}(u) f_{X_i}(u) du = \gamma_j^{(i)} \delta_{jk}$$

e.g., Legendre polynomials if  $X_i \sim \mathcal{U}(-1, 1)$ , Hermite polynomials if  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- Normalization:  $\Psi_j^{(i)} = P_j^{(i)} / \sqrt{\gamma_j^{(i)}}$   $i = 1, \dots, M, j \in \mathbb{N}$

## Tensor product construction

$$\Psi_{\alpha}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prod_{i=1}^M \Psi_{\alpha_i}^{(i)}(x_i) \quad \mathbb{E} [\Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) \Psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{X})] = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

where  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_M)$  are multi-indices (partial degree in each dimension)

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# Computing the coefficients by least-square minimization

Isukapalli (1999); Berveiller, Sudret & Lemaire (2006)

## Principle

The exact (infinite) series expansion is considered as the sum of a **truncated series** and a **residual**:

$$Y = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_\alpha \Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{X}) + \varepsilon_P \equiv \mathbf{Y}^\top \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\mathbf{X}) + \varepsilon_P(\mathbf{X})$$

where :  $\mathbf{Y} = \{y_\alpha, \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\} \equiv \{y_0, \dots, y_{P-1}\}$  ( $P$  unknown coefficients)

$$\boldsymbol{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}) = \{\Psi_0(\mathbf{x}), \dots, \Psi_{P-1}(\mathbf{x})\}$$

## Least-square minimization

The unknown coefficients are estimated by minimizing the **mean square residual error**:

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \arg \min \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathbf{Y}^\top \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}))^2 \right]$$

## Discrete (ordinary) least-square minimization

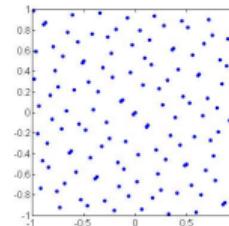
An estimate of the mean square error (sample average) is minimized:

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^P} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{Y}^\top \Psi(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))^2$$

### Procedure

- Select a truncation scheme, e.g.  $\mathcal{A}^{M,p} = \{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}^M : |\boldsymbol{\alpha}|_1 \leq p\}$
- Select an **experimental design** and evaluate the model response

$$\mathbf{M} = \{\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}), \dots, \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})\}^\top$$



- Compute the experimental matrix

$$\mathbf{A}_{ij} = \Psi_j(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \quad i = 1, \dots, n ; j = 0, \dots, P-1$$

- Solve the resulting **linear system**

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{M}$$

Simple is beautiful !

## Error estimators

- In least-squares analysis, the **generalization error** is defined as:

$$E_{gen} = \mathbb{E} \left[ (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathcal{M}^{PC}(\mathbf{X}))^2 \right] \quad \mathcal{M}^{PC}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_\alpha \Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{X})$$

- The **empirical error** based on the experimental design  $\mathcal{X}$  is a poor estimator in case of **overfitting**

$$E_{emp} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \mathcal{M}^{PC}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))^2$$

### Leave-one-out cross validation

- From statistical learning theory, **model validation** shall be carried out using independent data

$$E_{LOO} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \mathcal{M}^{PC}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})}{1 - h_i} \right)^2$$

where  $h_i$  is the  $i$ -th diagonal term of matrix  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^\top$

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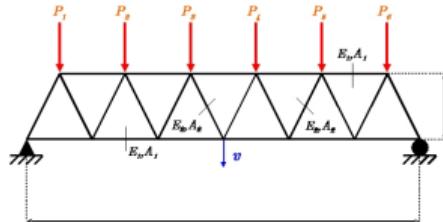
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## Curse of dimensionality

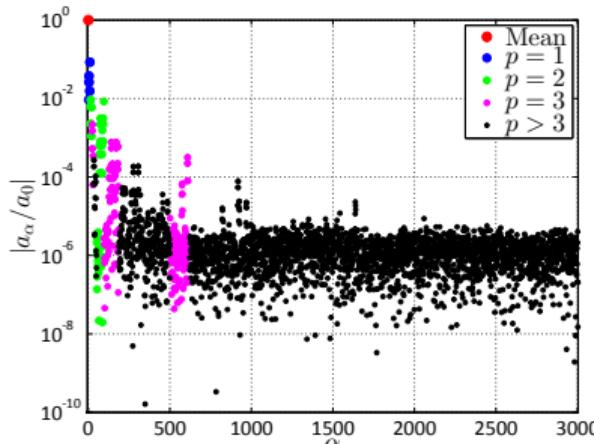
- The cardinality of the truncation scheme  $\mathcal{A}^{M,p}$  is  $P = \frac{(M+p)!}{M! p!}$
- Typical computational requirements:  $n = OSR \cdot P$  where the oversampling rate is  $OSR = 2 - 3$

However ... most coefficients are close to zero !

### Example



- Elastic truss structure with  $M = 10$  independent input variables
- PCE of degree  $p = 5$  ( $P = 3,003$  coefficients)



# Hyperbolic truncation sets

## Sparsity-of-effects principle

Blatman & Sudret, Prob. Eng. Mech (2010); J. Comp. Phys (2011)

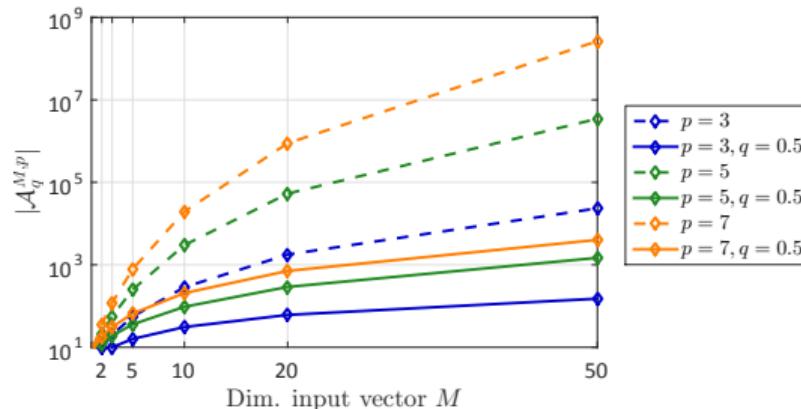
In most engineering problems, only **low-order interactions** between the input variables are relevant

- **$q$ -norm** of a multi-index  $\alpha$ :

$$\|\alpha\|_q \equiv \left( \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i^q \right)^{1/q}, \quad 0 < q \leq 1$$

- **Hyperbolic truncation sets:**

$$\mathcal{A}_q^{M,p} = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^M : \|\alpha\|_q \leq p\}$$



# Compressive sensing approaches

Blatman & Sudret (2011); Doostan & Owhadi (2011); Sargsyan *et al.* (2014); Jakeman *et al.* (2015)

- Sparsity in the solution can be induced by  $\ell_1$ -regularization:

$$\mathbf{y}_\alpha = \arg \min \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{Y}^\top \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{y}_\alpha\|_1$$

- Different algorithms: LASSO, orthogonal matching pursuit, Bayesian compressive sensing, subspace pursuit, etc.
- State-of-the-art-review and comparisons available in:

Lüthen, N., Marelli, S. & Sudret, B. *Sparse polynomial chaos expansions: Literature survey and benchmark*, SIAM/ASA J. Unc. Quant., 2021, 9, 593-649  
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# Post-processing sparse PC expansions

## Statistical moments

- Due to the orthogonality of the basis functions ( $\mathbb{E} [\Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{X})\Psi_\beta(\mathbf{X})] = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$ ) and using  $\mathbb{E} [\Psi_{\alpha \neq 0}] = 0$  the **statistical moments** read:

$$\text{Mean: } \hat{\mu}_Y = y_0$$

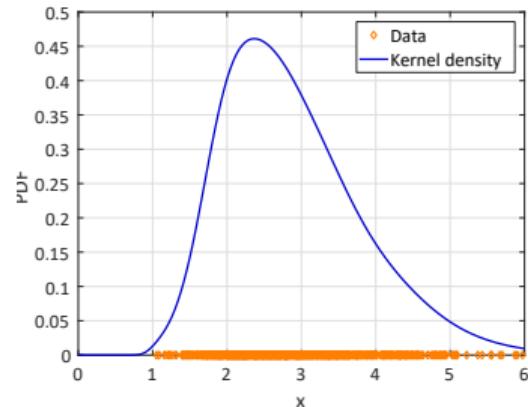
$$\text{Variance: } \hat{\sigma}_Y^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathbf{0}} y_\alpha^2$$

## Distribution of the QoI

- The PCE can be used as a **response surface** for sampling:

$$\eta_j = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_\alpha \Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{x}_j) \quad j = 1, \dots, n_{big}$$

- The **PDF of the response** is estimated by histograms or **kernel smoothing**



# Sensitivity analysis

## Goal

Sobol' (1993); Saltelli *et al.* (2008)

Global sensitivity analysis aims at quantifying which input parameter(s) (or combinations thereof) influence the most the response variability (variance decomposition)

Hoeffding-Sobol' decomposition

$$(\boldsymbol{X} \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 1]^M))$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{x}) &= \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^M \mathcal{M}_i(x_i) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq M} \mathcal{M}_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + \cdots + \mathcal{M}_{12\dots M}(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ &= \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum_{\mathbf{u} \subset \{1, \dots, M\}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) \quad (\boldsymbol{x}_{\mathbf{u}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s}\})\end{aligned}$$

- The summands satisfy the orthogonality condition:

$$\int_{[0,1]^M} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{v}}(\boldsymbol{x}_{\mathbf{v}}) d\boldsymbol{x} = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{v}$$

## Sobol' indices

Total variance:  $D \equiv \text{Var} [\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})] = \sum_{\mathbf{u} \subset \{1, \dots, M\}} \text{Var} [\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}})]$

- Sobol' indices:

$$S_{\mathbf{u}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\text{Var} [\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}})]}{D}$$

- First-order Sobol' indices:

$$S_i = \frac{D_i}{D} = \frac{\text{Var} [\mathcal{M}_i(X_i)]}{D}$$

Quantify the **additive** effect of each input parameter **separately**

- Total Sobol' indices:

$$S_i^T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\mathbf{u} \supset i} S_{\mathbf{u}}$$

Quantify the **total effect** of  $X_i$ , including interactions with the other variables.

## Link with PC expansions

Sobol decomposition of a PC expansion

Sudret, CSM (2006); RESS (2008)

Obtained by reordering the terms of the (truncated) PC expansion  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{X}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_\alpha \Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{X})$

Interaction sets

For a given  $\mathbf{u} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{i_1, \dots, i_s\}$  :  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{u}} = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} : k \in \mathbf{u} \Leftrightarrow \alpha_k \neq 0\}$

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum_{\mathbf{u} \subset \{1, \dots, M\}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{u}}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{u}}} y_\alpha \Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{x})$$

PC-based Sobol' indices

$$S_{\mathbf{u}} = D_{\mathbf{u}}/D = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{u}}} y_\alpha^2 / \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \mathbf{0}} y_\alpha^2$$

The Sobol' indices are obtained analytically, at any order from the coefficients of the PC expansion

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# Models with time-dependent outputs

## Problem statement

- Consider a computational model of a **dynamical system**:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\Xi} \times [0, T] : (\xi, t) \mapsto \mathcal{M}(\xi, t)$$

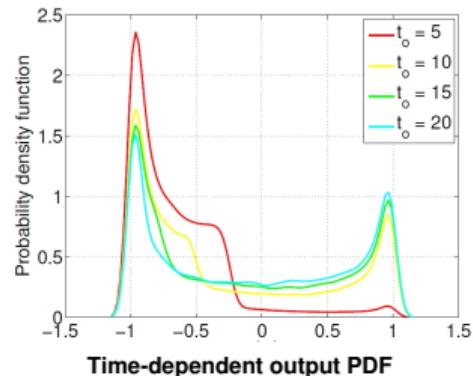
where  $\Xi$  is a random vector of uncertain parameters with given PDF  $f_{\Xi}$

- Uncertainties may be in:
  - The **excitation**, denoted by  $x(\xi_x, t)$
  - And/or in the **system's characteristics** ( $\xi_s$ ):

i.e.:

$$\mathcal{M}(\xi, t) \equiv \mathcal{M}(x(\xi_x, t), \xi_s)$$

Time-frozen does not work!



# Stochastic time warping

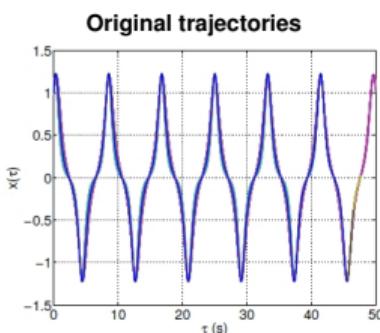
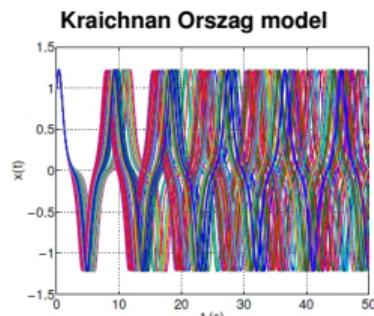
## Problem

Mai & Sudret, SIAM J. Unc. Quant. (2017)

The various trajectories are “similar” yet not in phase, thus the complex time-frozen response

## Principles of the method

- A specific **warped time scale**  $\tau$  is introduced for each trajectory so that they become “in phase”
- Time-frozen PCE is carried out in the warped time scale using **reduced-order modelling** (principal component analysis)
- Predictions are carried out in the warped time scale and back-transformed in the real time line



Trajectories after time warping

## Example: Oregonator model

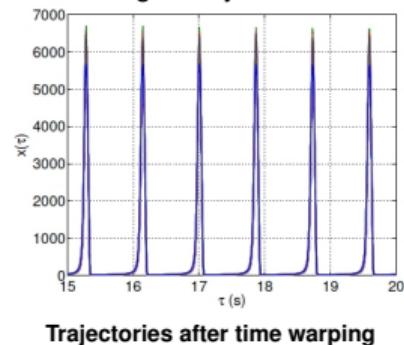
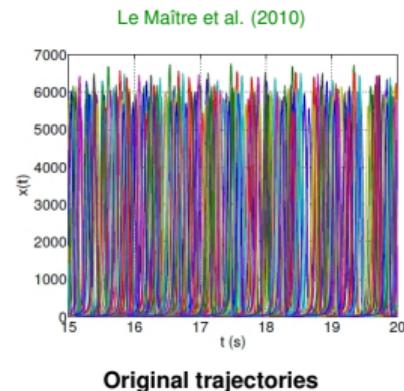
The **Oregonator** model represents a well-stirred, homogeneous chemical system governed by a three species coupled mechanism

### Governing equations

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= k_1 y(t) - k_2 x(t) y(t) + k_3 x(t) - k_4 x(t)^2 \\ \dot{y}(t) &= -k_1 y(t) - k_2 x(t) y(t) + k_5 z(t) \\ \dot{z}(t) &= k_3 x(t) - k_5 z(t)\end{aligned}$$

### Input reaction parameters

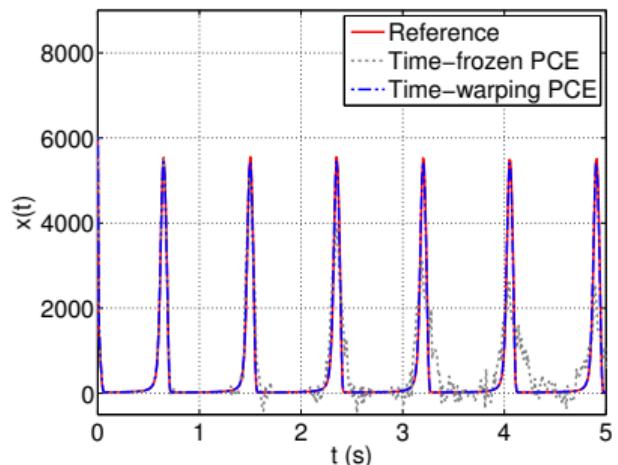
Parameter	Distribution	Values
$k_1$	Uniform	$\mathcal{U}[1.8, 2.2]$
$k_2$	Uniform	$\mathcal{U}[0.095, 0.1005]$
$k_3$	Gaussian	$\mathcal{N}(104, 1.04)$
$k_4$	Uniform	$\mathcal{U}[0.0076, 0.0084]$
$k_5$	Uniform	$\mathcal{U}[23.4, 28.6]$



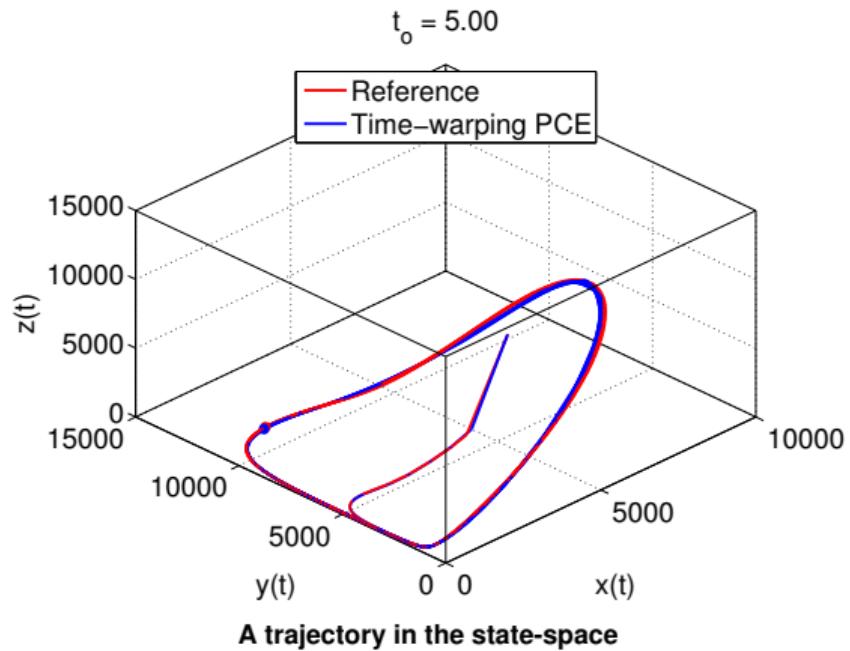
# Oregonator model: prediction

## Surrogate model

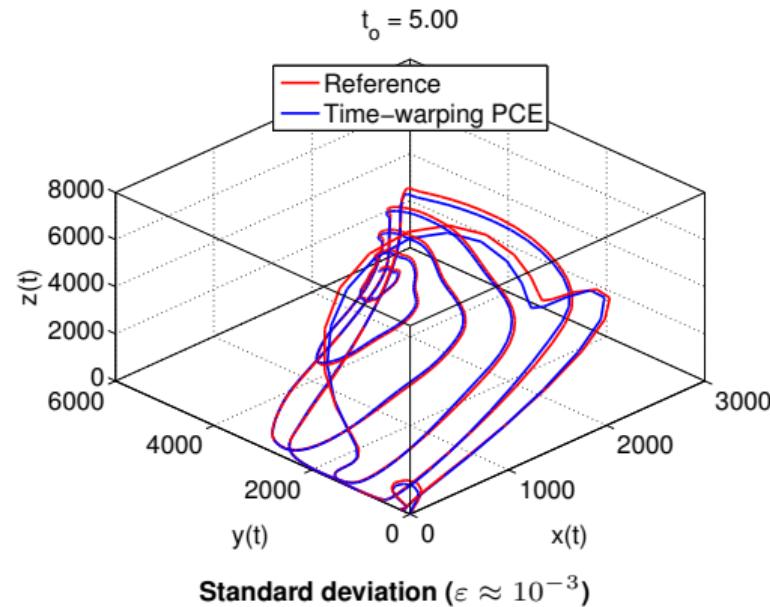
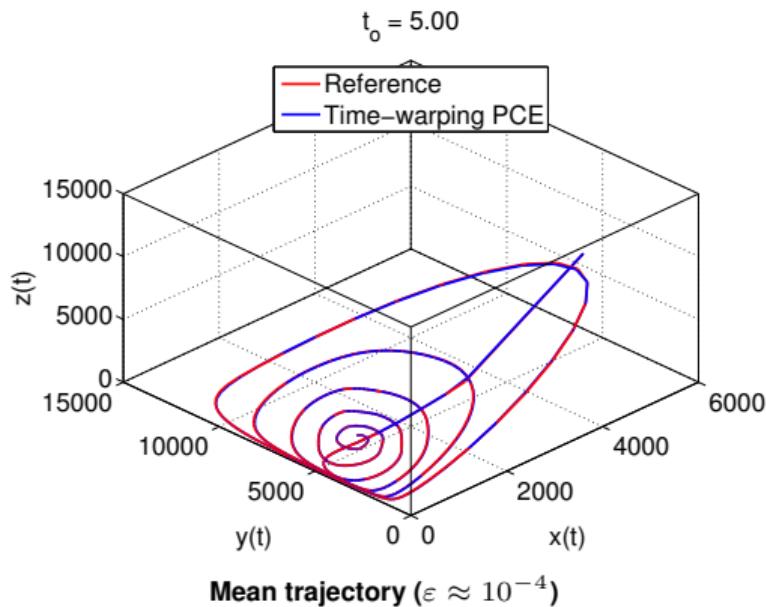
- Experimental design of size  $n = 50$
- Validation set of size  $n_{val} = 10,000$



$\varepsilon = 0.0294$



## Oregonator model: mean and std trajectories

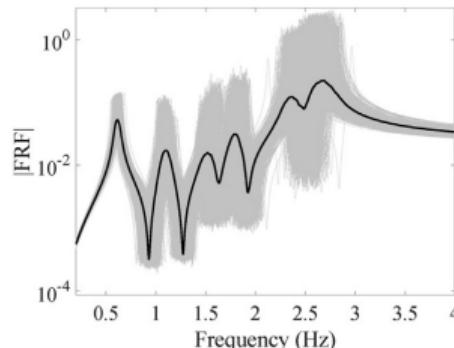
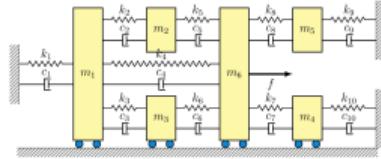
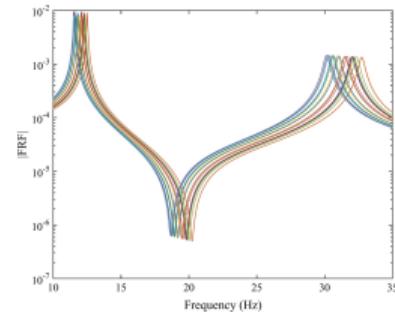


# Dynamics in the frequency domain

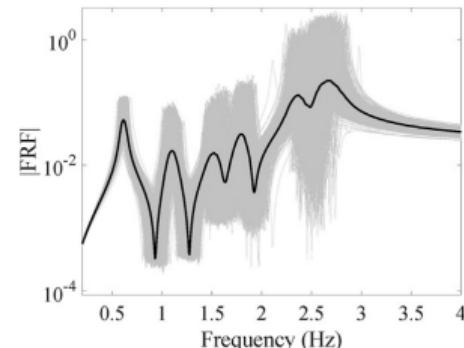
## Premise

Vaghoubi, Marelli & Sudret, Prob. Eng. Mech. (2017)

- Frequency response functions (FRF) allow one to compute the response to harmonic excitation
- In case of uncertain system properties (masses, stiffness coefficients) the resonance frequencies are shifted



(a) 6<sup>th</sup> system output- True model



(b) 6<sup>th</sup> system output- Surrogate model

# Nonlinear transient models: PC-NARX

## Goal

Mai, Spiridonakos, Chatzi & Sudret, Int. J. Uncer. Quant. (2016)

Address uncertainty quantification problems for **earthquake engineering**, which involves transient, strongly non-linear mechanical models

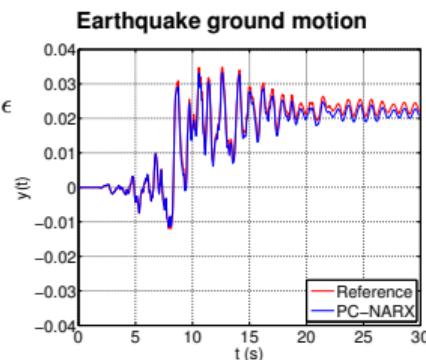
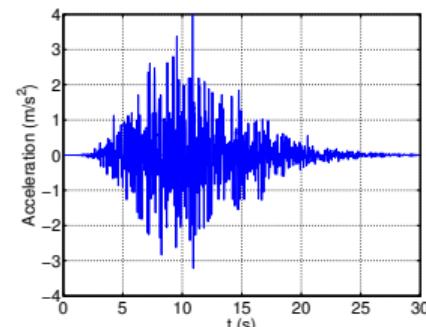
## PC-NARX

- Use of **non linear autoregressive with exogenous input** models (NARX) to capture the dynamics:

$$y(t) = \mathcal{F}(x(t), \dots, x(t - n_x), y(t - 1), \dots, y(t - n_y)) + \epsilon_t \equiv \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{z}(t)) + \epsilon$$

- Expand the NARX coefficients of different random trajectories onto a PCE basis

$$y(t, \xi) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_g} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_i} \vartheta_{i,\alpha} \psi_\alpha(\xi) g_i(\mathbf{z}(t)) + \epsilon(t, \xi)$$



## Outline

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Basics of polynomial chaos expansions

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Dynamical systems

Bayesian calibration

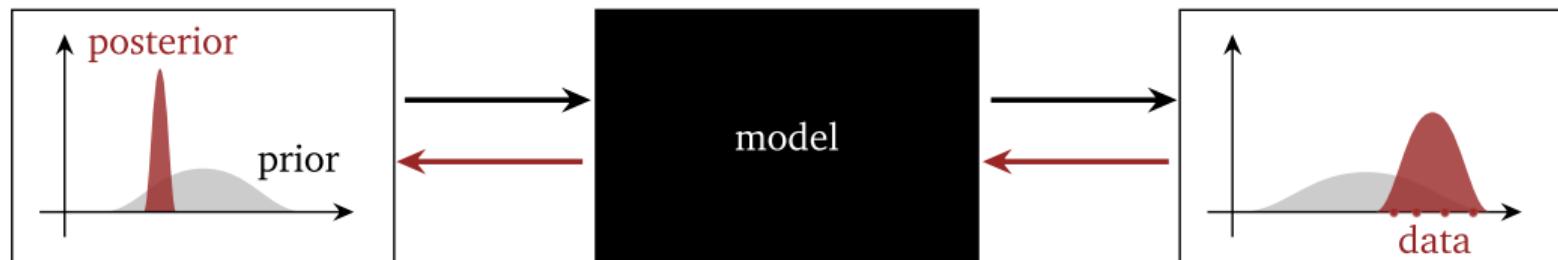
## Bayesian inversion: framework

Consider a computational model  $\mathcal{M}$  with input parameters  $\mathbf{X} \sim \pi(x)$  and measurements  $\mathcal{Y}$ , the Bayesian inverse problem reads:

$$\pi(x|\mathcal{Y}) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(x; \mathcal{Y})\pi(x)}{Z} \quad \text{where} \quad Z = \int_{\mathcal{D}_X} \mathcal{L}(x; \mathcal{Y})\pi(x)dx$$

with:

- $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{D}_X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ : likelihood function (measure of how well the model fits the data)
- $\pi(x|\mathcal{Y})$ : posterior density function



# Bayesian inversion for model calibration

PCE as a surrogate of the forward model

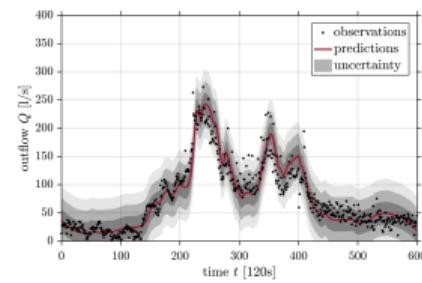
- Used in conjunction with Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) simulation

Application to sewer networks

Nagel, Rieckermann & Sudret, Reliab. Eng. Sys. Safety (2020)

Application to fire insulation panels

Wagner, Fahrni, Klippl, Frangi & Sudret, Eng. Struc. (2020)



## Spectral likelihood expansions

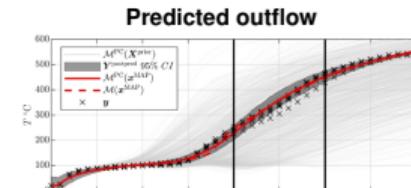
- The likelihood function is expanded with a PCE, which leads to analytical solutions for **posterior distributions and moments**

Nagel & Sudret, J. Comp. Phys. (2016)

- Stochastic spectral embedding** for localized posteriors and adaptive designs

Marelli, Wagner, Lataniotis & Sudret, Int. J. Unc. Quant. (2021)

Marelli, Wagner, & Sudret, J. Comput. Phys. (2021)



Predicted temperature

# Polymorphic (epistemic/aleatory) uncertainty propagation

## Propagation of mixed epistemic/aleatory uncertainties

- Input uncertainty modelled by free (resp.) parametric p-boxes
- Uncertainty propagation using augmented spaces and optimization

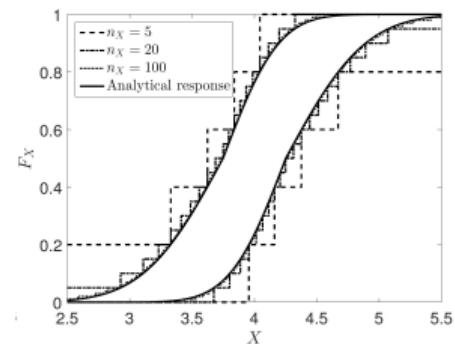
Schöbi & Sudret, J. Comp. Phys (2017)

- Structural reliability analysis

Schöbi & Sudret, Prob. Eng. Mech. (2017)

- Global sensitivity analysis extended to p-boxes inputs

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# Sparse polynomial chaos expansions for machine learning

Data-driven PCEs can be constructed from raw data sets using:

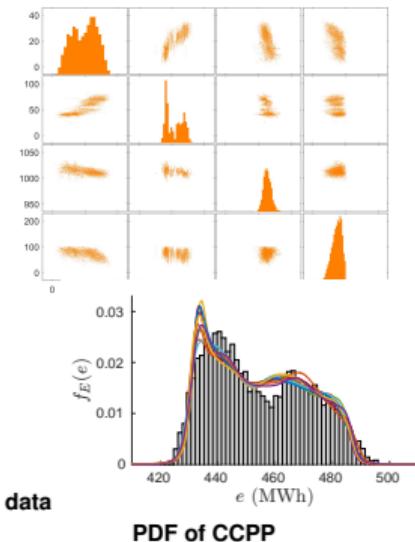
- Nonparametric representation of the input PDFs (**kernel smoothing**)
- Vine copulas to model the dependence

Example: combined cycle power plant (CCPP) Data set

- 9,568 data points
- **4 features**
- Output: **net hourly electrical energy output**

	MAE	min. MAE	mean-min	rMAE (%)
aPCEonX	$3.11 \pm 0.03$	3.05	0.06	$0.68 \pm 0.007$
BREP-NN <sup>†</sup>	$3.22 \pm \text{n.a.}$	2.82	0.40	n.a.

Torre, Marelli, Embrechts & Sudret, J. Comput. Phys. (2019)



Raw data

PDF of CCPP

## Conclusions

- Surrogate models are unavoidable for solving uncertainty quantification problems involving costly computational models (e.g. finite element models)
- Depending on the analysis, specific surrogates are most suitable: polynomial chaos expansions for distribution- and sensitivity analysis, Kriging (and active learning) for reliability analysis
- Sparse PCE and its extensions (time warping, PC-NARX, PC-Kriging, DRSM, etc.) allow us to address a wide range of engineering problems, including Bayesian inverse problems (without the need for MCMC simulations)
- Techniques for constructing surrogates are versatile, general-purpose and field-independent
- All the presented algorithms are available in the general-purpose uncertainty quantification software UQLab

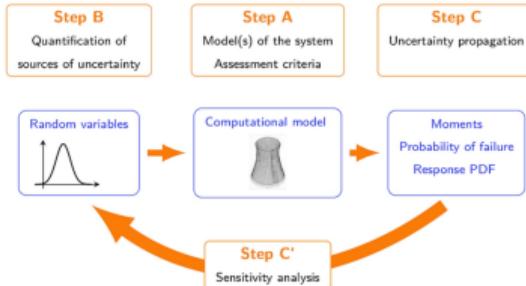
# UQLab

The Framework for Uncertainty Quantification



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in any field of applied science and engineering"



[www.uqlab.com](http://www.uqlab.com)

- MATLAB®-based Uncertainty Quantification framework
- State-of-the art, highly optimized open source algorithms
- Fast learning curve for beginners
- Modular structure, easy to extend
- Exhaustive documentation

# UQLab: The Uncertainty Quantification Software



- free access to academia
- 4,120 registered users
- 1,500+ active users from 92 countries

<http://www.uqlab.com>



- The **cloud version** of UQLab, accessible via an API (SaaS)
- Available with **python bindings** for beta testing

<https://uqpylab.uq-cloud.io/>

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United States	636
China	590
France	371
Switzerland	309
Germany	286
United Kingdom	180
India	166
Brazil	158
Italy	153
Canada	94

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# UQWorld: the community of UQ

<https://uqworld.org/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of UQWorld. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "All About UQ", "UQ Resources", "UQ with UQLab", "Sign Up", "Log In", a search icon, and a menu icon. Below the navigation bar, there is a large banner with a blue background featuring mathematical symbols like  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ , and a bridge diagram. The banner contains the text "Welcome to UQWorld!" and a description encouraging users to connect with fellow uncertainty quantification (UQ) practitioners across scientific disciplines to discuss the practice of UQ in science and engineering, use cases, and best practices. Below the banner, there are three main sections:

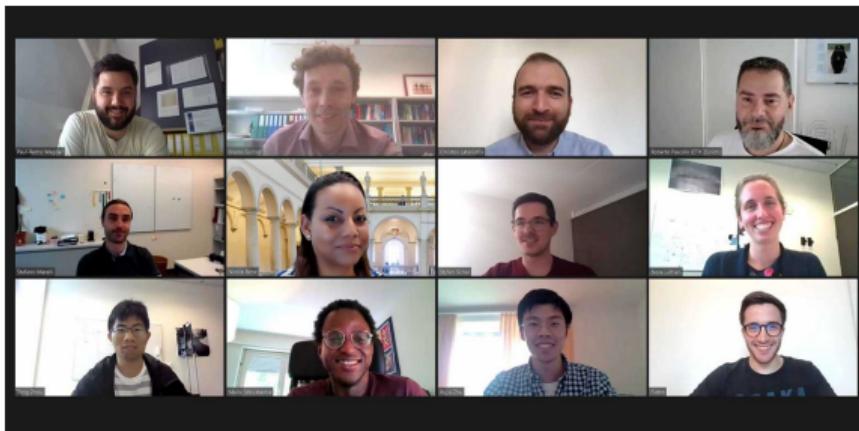
- All About UQ**: Discuss and learn more about UQ important concepts, best practices, and current topics with the community.
- UQ Resources**: News, updates, and other resources from the UQ community.
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