

# Correction of surface reflectance retrieval in the tree shadow by machine learning

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# Introduction

## Reflectance retrieval applications

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Developpement of high spatial resolution imaging spectroscopy allows one to retrieve accurate values of surface reflectance, with applications in :

- Land cover mapping
- Vegetation and cultures monitoring
- Characterization of impervious surfaces condition in urban areas

# Introduction

## Reflectance retrieval applications



Figure – Land cover map, © ESA

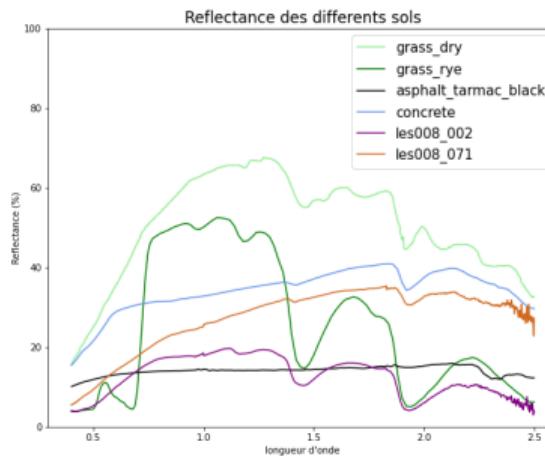


Figure – Soils reflectances

# Introduction

## Treatment of shadows

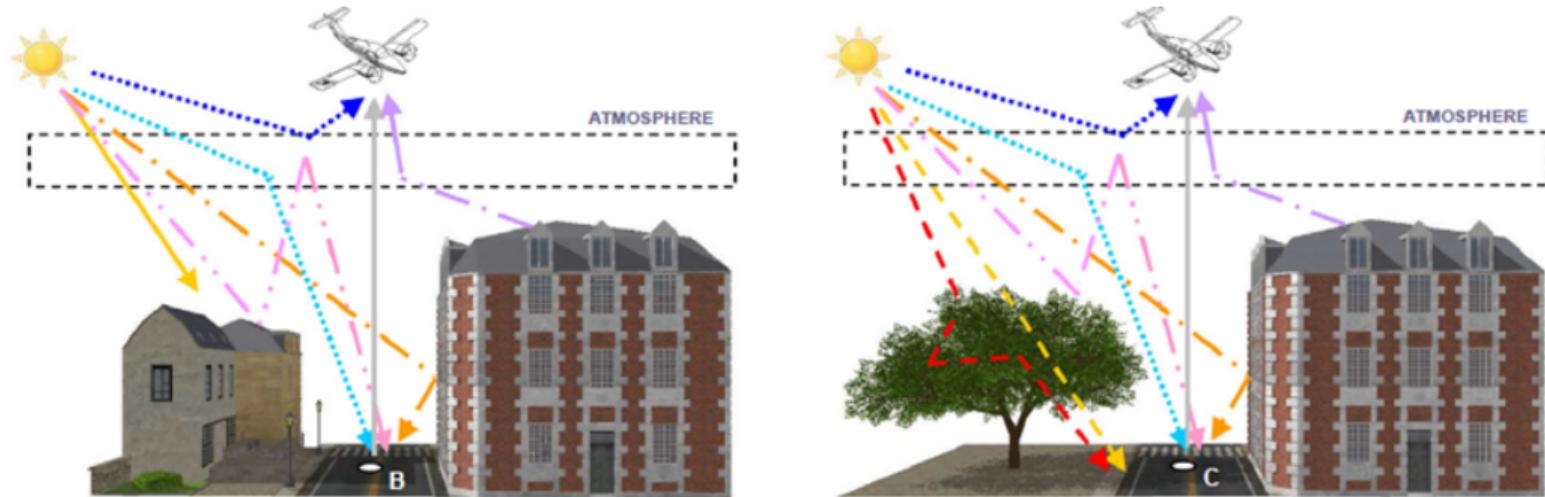


Figure – Taxonomy of the radiative transfer components for an urban scene in a building and in a tree shadow.

# Introduction

## Treatment of shadows

- 3D atmospheric correction models manage opaque object
- Need to properly account for irradiance transmitted and scattered through semi transparent media as tree crowns

Correction of reflectance retrieval in ICARE-VEG :

$$\rho_{ICV}(C, \lambda) = \frac{R_{dir}(\lambda)}{I_{tot}^{IC}(\lambda)} \times \frac{\pi}{T_{dir}(\lambda)} = \frac{R_{sensor} - R_{env} - R_{atm}}{I_{trans} + I_{diff} + I_{refl} + I_{coupI}} \times \frac{\pi}{T_{dir}} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{\rho_{IC}(C, \lambda)}{1 + \beta(C, \lambda)} \quad (2)$$

with a correction factor  $\beta(C, \lambda)$  defined by :

$$\beta(C, \lambda) = \frac{I_{trans}}{I_{tot}^{IC}} = \frac{I_{trans}^{dir} + I_{trans}^{diff}}{I_{tot}^{IC}} \quad (3)$$

# Introduction

## Shadow dependencies

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The irradiance in the tree shadow depends on many parameters that could be divided in 3 general parts :

### 1. 15 Scene parameters

- Tree structural parameters : tree height, trunk height, crown form and diameter.
- Leaf distribution : LAI (Leaf Area Index), porosity, Leaf angle distribution (LAD).
- Leaf optical properties due to chemical traits : chlorophyll, carotenoid, water thickness, dry mater content.
- Environment parameters : soil, slope, aerosol.
- Illumination condition : sun zenithal angle.

### 2. Spatial parameters : position of the pixel in the shadow.

### 3. Spectral parameter : spectral band considered.

# Goals

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The main goal of our study is to **build a metamodel predicting the correction factor  $\beta$  accounting for scene parameters (1), and both spatial (2) and spectral (3) parameters**

To do so, our roadmap is the following :

1. Build a space filling design of experiment.
2. Carry out 3D physical simulations with radiative transfer code DART.
3. Build a first metamodel.
4. Conduct a sensibility analysis.
5. Build a second metamodel taking into account only influent variables.

# Design of Experiment

## Probabilistic modelling : Input variables densities

- 11 quantitatives and 4 qualitatives variables
- Transformations to have independent variables

Tree dimensions distributions : tree height, trunk height and crown diameter fitted with open-TURNS.

OT Tools :

**ot.FittingTest.BIC()**

**ot.KernelSmoothing()**,

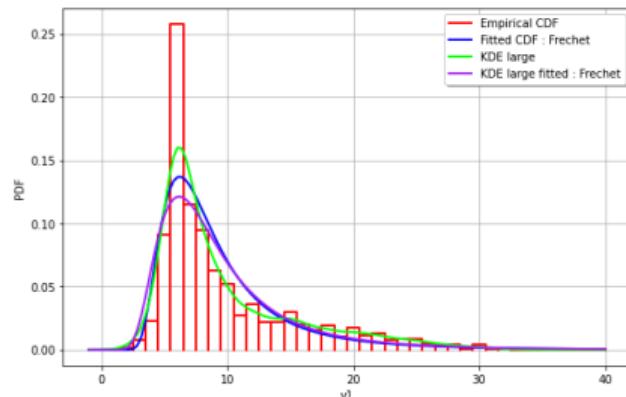


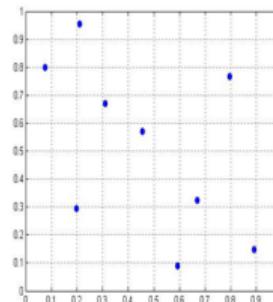
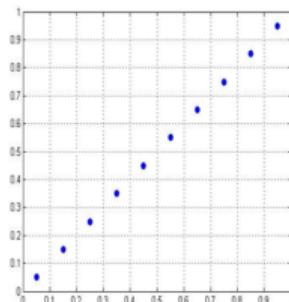
Figure – Probability density function (PDF) for tree height (Lyon metropolitan area database)

# Design of Experiment

## Latin hypercube sampling (LHS)

To build our design of experiment we chose to use the LHS (Latin hypercube sampling) method. Let  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a random uniform vector with independent copula. This way of sampling allows one to distribute  $N$  sample points and consists of :

1. Dividing each variable range in  $N$  equals intervals.
2. Choosing sampling points ensuring that in any axis-aligned hyperplane there is only one point.



# Design of Experiment

## LHS Optimization

**Criterions :** Let  $X = (x^{(i)})_{1 \leq i \leq N}$  be a set of  $N$  sampling points.

1. Centered  $L^2$  discrepancy (C2) :

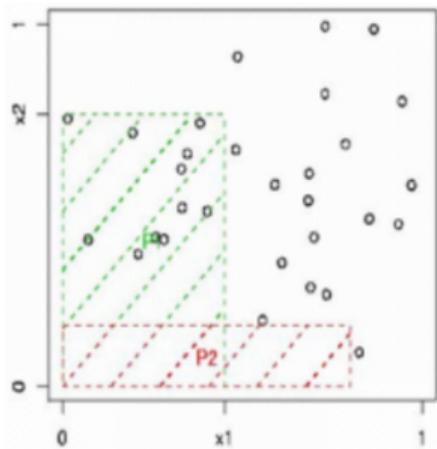
$$D_N(X) = \sup_{B \in J} \left| \frac{A(B, X)}{N} - \lambda(B) \right|$$

2. MinDist :

$$\phi(X) = \min_{ij} \|x^{(i)} - x^{(j)}\|_2$$

3. PhiP :

$$\phi_p(X) = \left( \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} \|x^{(i)} - x^{(j)}\|_2^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow +\infty} \phi(X)$$



# Design of Experiment

## LHS Optimization

### Optimization methods :

1. Monte-Carlo : Generate  $n$  LHS designs and choose the optimal one according to the previously chosen criterion.
2. Simulated Annealing LHS : A new design is obtained by swapping one coordinate between 2 sampling points. This new design is conserved or not with the probability :

$$\max \left( 1, \exp \left( -\frac{\phi(X_n) - \phi(X_{n+1})}{T_n} \right) \right)$$

Where  $\phi$  is the criterion previously chosen and  $(T_i)_i$  a temperature profile.

Then, we repeat this process in an iterative way.

OT Tool : **ot.SimulatedAnnealingLHS** and **ot.LHSExperiment**

==> Space filling LHS with **5000 points for 15 input variables**

# Design of Experiment

## DART Simulations

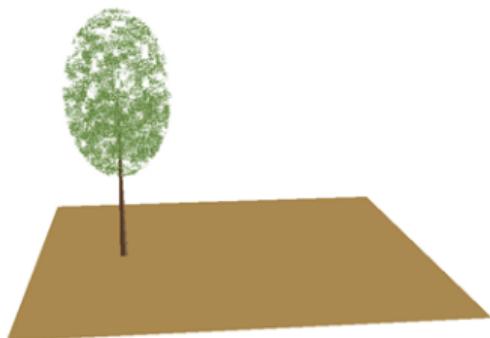


Figure – 3D DART scene

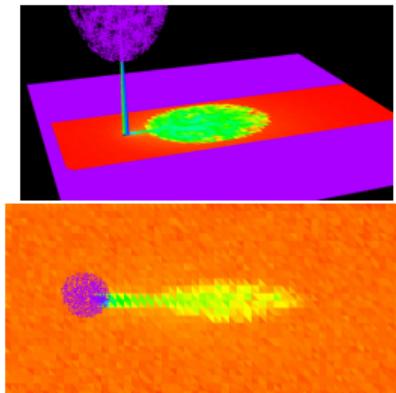


Figure – Radiative budget for 1 spectral band

DART : Discrete Anisotropic Radiative Transfer (DART 5) for Modeling Airborne and Satellite Spectroradiometer and LIDAR Acquisitions of Natural and Urban Landscapes.  
Jean-Philippe Gastellu-Etchegorry et al, Remote Sensing 2015

# Mean transmittance metamodel

## Gaussian process regression

Let  $f : x \mapsto f(x)$  be the function representing the tree crown transmittance. We want to estimate it by a gaussian process :

$$f \sim \mu + Z \quad (4)$$

with :

$$\mu(x) = \sum_i \beta_i F_i(x) \quad \text{the deterministic part, with a chosen functional basis } (F_i)_i \quad (5)$$

$$Z \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k(\cdot, \cdot)) \quad \text{with } k(\cdot, \cdot) = \sigma^2 \text{cov}(\cdot, \cdot) \text{ the kernel} \quad (6)$$

Thus, we construct a surrogate model :

$$f(x) = \mu(x) + Z(x) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu(x), \sigma^2) \quad (7)$$

# Mean transmittance metamodel

Gaussian process regression

**Basis :** Constant

**Covariance model :** Matern 5/2

**Nugget factor :** 0.01

**RMSE :** 0.06044

**R2 :** 0.894313

OT Tool : **ot.KrigingAlgorithm**

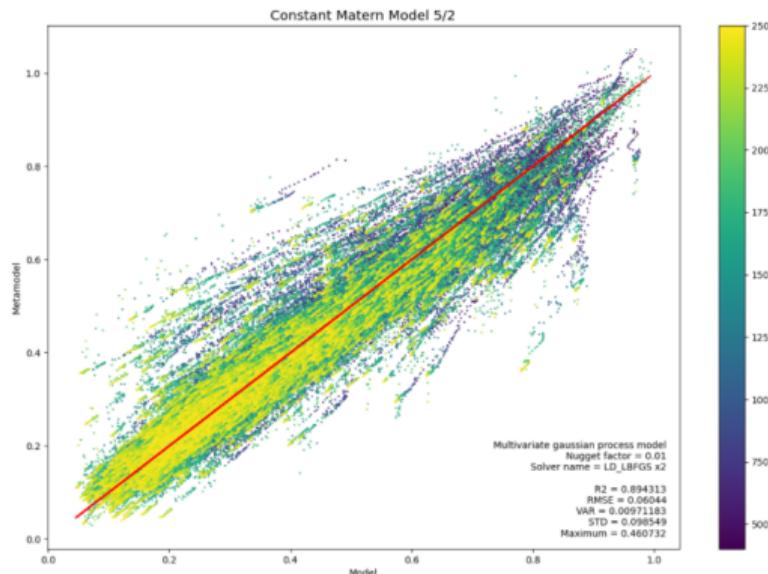


Figure – Validation graph of a metamodel trained on 1050 data

# Mean transmittance metamodel

## Gaussian process regression

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We tried to choose different lambdas and to fit a multivariate GP, but it's really long  
==>1 metamodel / output

Overall good results  $R^2 \sim 0.9$  for 1050 train data and 3950 test data, some less accurate prediction. Next steps :

- Analyze these cases
- Sensitivity Analysis to fix the non influent input and build another space filling design
- We also want to reduce the dimension, as we have  $\sim 100$  spectral output => 1D Karhunen-Loëve

# Mean transmittance metamodel

## Sensitivity analysis

Let's consider  $Y = f(X)$  as a random vector, we consider the following decomposition :

$$Y = f(X) = f_0 + \sum_i f_i(X_i) + \sum_{i,j} f_{ij}(X_i, X_j) + \dots + f_{123\dots n}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \quad (8)$$

$$f_0 = E[Y]$$

$$f_i(x_i) = E[Y|X_i = x_i] - f_0$$

$$f_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = E[Y|X_i = x_i, X_j = x_j] - f_0 - f_i(x_i) - f_j(x_j)$$

We aim to use this decomposition to explain  $Y$  variance :

$$V(Y) = \sum_i V(f_i(X_i)) + \sum_{i,j} V(f_{ij}(X_i, X_j)) + \dots + V(f_{123\dots n}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)) \quad (9)$$

# Mean transmittance metamodel

## Sensitivity analysis

Then we can define Sobol's indices (first and second orders here) :

$$S_i = \frac{V(f_i(X_i))}{V(Y)} = \frac{V(E[Y|X_i = x_i])}{V[Y]} \quad (10)$$

$$S_{ij} = \frac{V(f_{ij}(X_i, X_j))}{V(Y)} = \quad (11)$$

And also total Sobol indices :

$$S_i^{tot} = 1 - S_{\bar{i}} = 1 - \frac{V(E(Y|X_{\bar{i}}))}{E(Y)} \quad (12)$$

OT Tools : **ot.SobolIndicesExperiment**, **ot.SaltelliSensitivityAlgorithm**

# Mean transmittance metamodel

## Sensitivity analysis

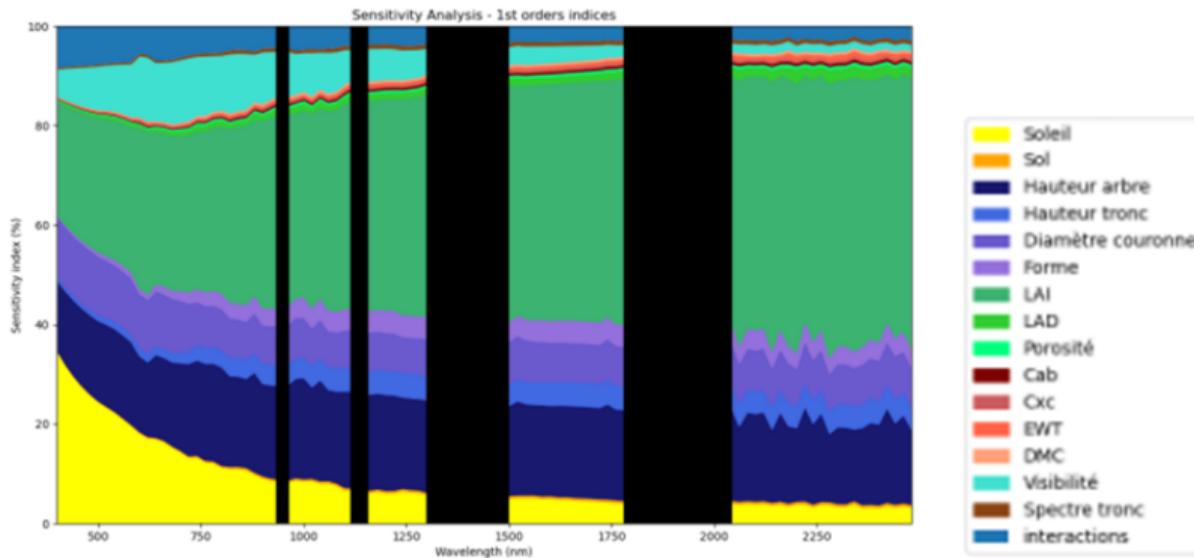


Figure – Sensitivity Analysis performed on previous metamodel using Sobol Indices

# Mean transmittance metamodel

## Sensitivity analysis

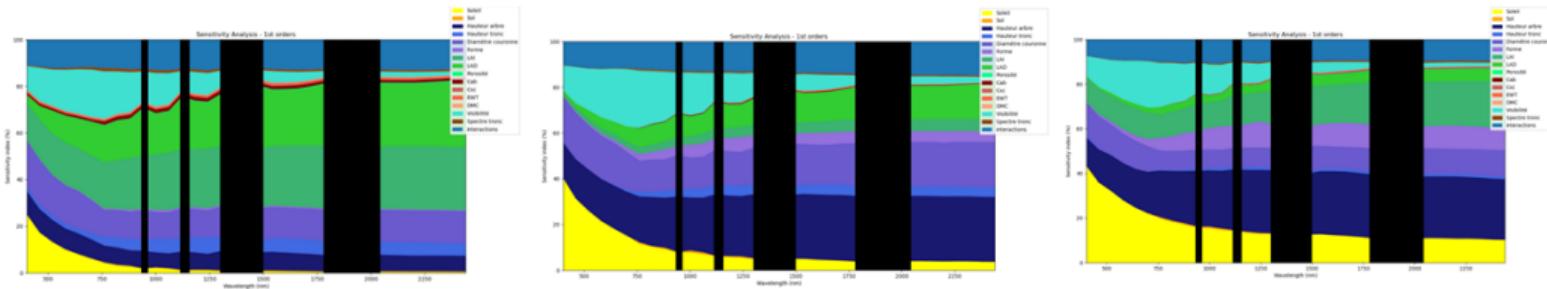


Figure – Sensitivity Analysis for different LAI ranges :  $0.5 \leq LAI \leq 2$  (left),  $2 \leq LAI \leq 3.5$  (center) and  $3.5 \leq LAI \leq 8$  (right)

# Karhunen-Loève decomposition 1D

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We consider a second order stochastic process  $X(t, \omega)$  and  $I$  a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Under some hypothesis, we can write a finite approximation of  $X(t, \omega)$  in  $L_2(\mathbb{R}, \Omega)$ :

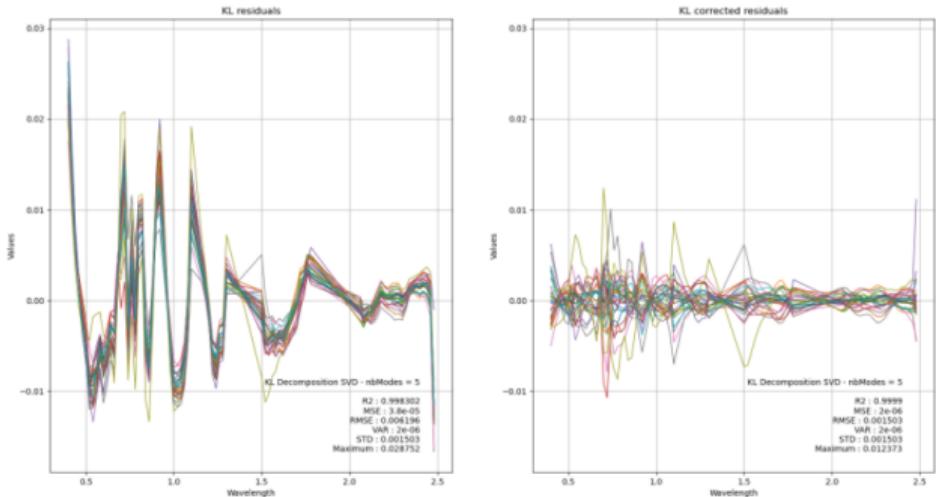
$$\forall t \in I, \quad X(t, \omega) = \sum_{\alpha \geq 1} \sqrt{\lambda_\alpha} \xi_\alpha(\omega) \phi_\alpha(t) \quad (13)$$

Where  $(\lambda_\alpha)_{\alpha \geq 1}$  are the eigenvalues and  $(\phi_\alpha)_{\alpha \geq 1}$  the eigenfunctions of the second kind Fredholm equation and :

$$\xi_\alpha(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_\alpha}} \int_I X(t, \omega) \phi_\alpha(t) dt \quad (14)$$

It's then possible to truncate the decomposition to the most significant eigenvalues to get a finite decomposition ==> **Dimension reduction**

# Karhunen-Loève decomposition 1D



**RMSE : 0.001503**  
**MaxError : 0.012373**

OT Tools :  
**ot.KarhunenLoeveSVDAlgorithm**  
**ot.KarhunenLoeveValidation**

Figure – Karhunen-Loeve decomposition residuals with 5 modes,  
with only 50 test runs

# Karhunen-Loève decomposition 1D

## Optimal number of modes

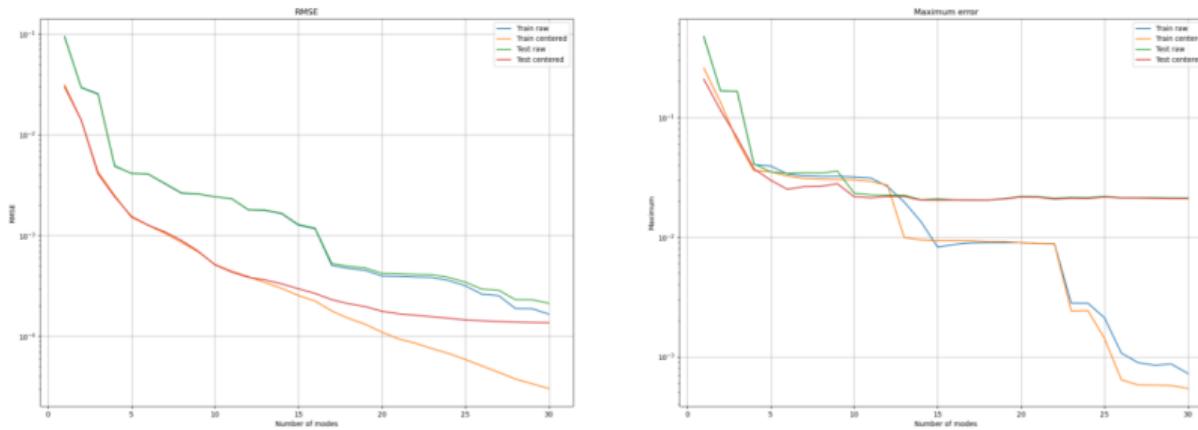


Figure – Benchmark results for KL decomposition from 1 up to 30 modes - Ntrain = 1500 - Ntest = 1500

# Karhunen-Loève decomposition 1D

Optimal number of modes

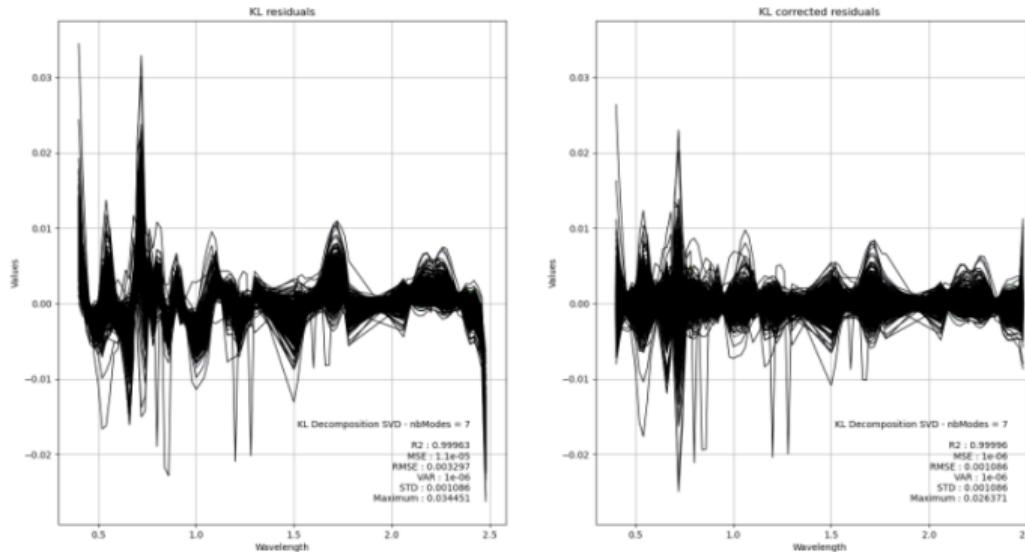


Figure – results for KL decomposition with 7 modes - Ntrain = 1500 - Ntest = 1500

# Karhunen-Loève decomposition 2D

## Meshing problem

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Performing a 2D Karhunen-Loève decomposition for the spatial component is more tricky :

1. Different dimensions for different scenes ==> Different meshes
2. P1 Interpolation to get a common mesh
3. Flattening of the 2D scene

# Karhunen-Loève decomposition 2D

## First attempts

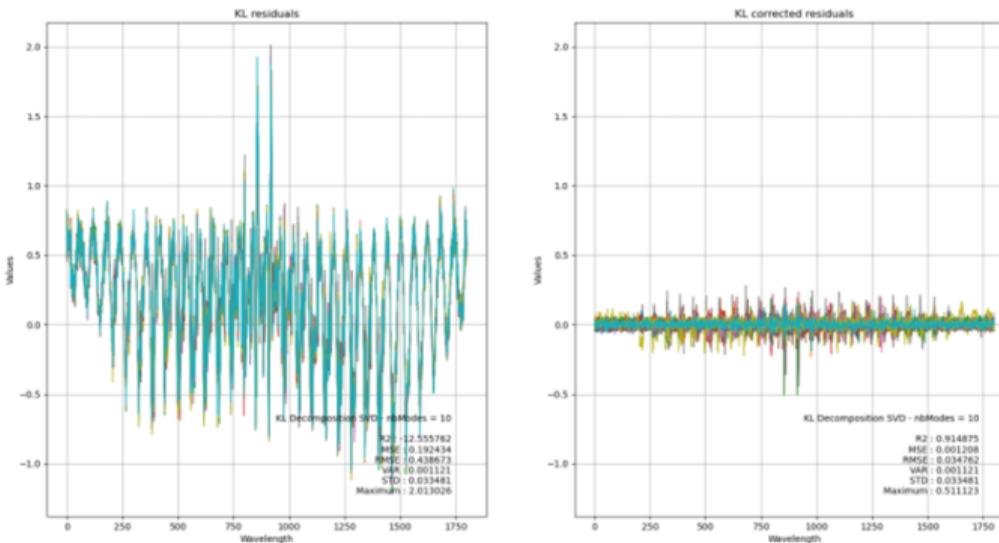


Figure – results for KL 2D decomposition with 10 modes - Ntrain = 1500 - Ntest = 1500

# Karhunen-Loève decomposition 2D

First attempts

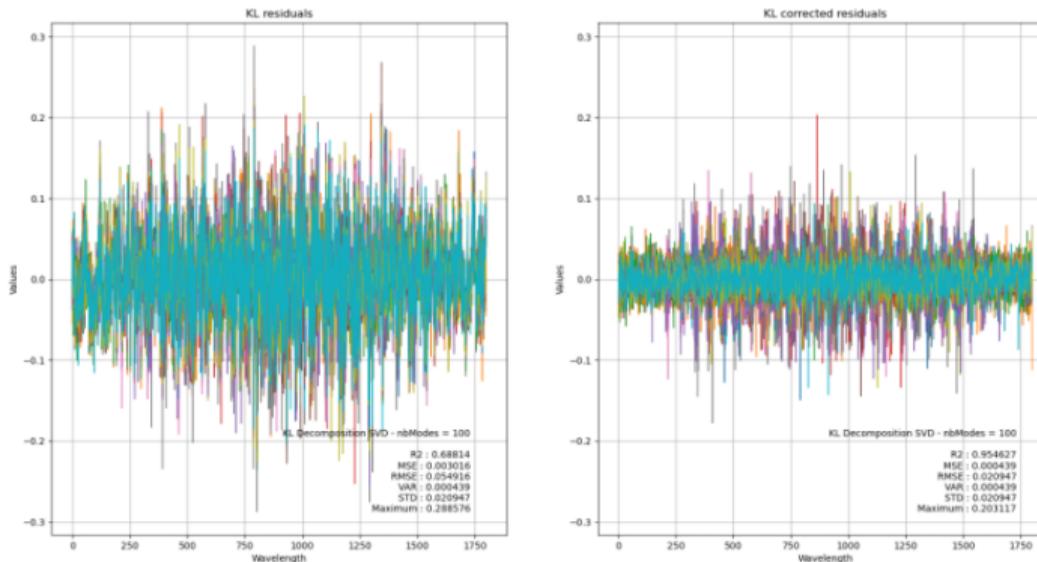


Figure – results for KL 2D decomposition with 100 modes - Ntrain = 1500 - Ntest = 1500

# Conclusion and outlook

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- First use of openTURNS, GP and Sobol indices for this application.
- First study fully conducted with openTURNS and no R at all.
- Promising first results

Now we have to :

- Perform 2D KL for different crown shapes (Warping depending on the form)
- Try to do a 3D KL decomposition, spectral+spatial
- Fix non influent variables and build a better metamodel (try also PCE)
- Find a way to take into account real trees, with complex shapes

**Thanks for your attention !**

**Questions ?**

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