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# An intrusive MC scheme for the uncertain (non)linear Boltzmann equation

(Sometimes, intrusiveness is worth it)

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We are interested in the resolution of the uncertain linear Boltzmann equation

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) + v \sigma_t(\eta(\mathbf{x}, t, X), \mathbf{v}, X) u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) \\ = \int v \sigma_s(\eta(\mathbf{x}, t, X), \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}', X) u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}', X) d\mathbf{v}', \end{aligned}$$

where  $X \in \mathbb{R}^Q$  is a random variable of dimension  $Q$  sampled from  $d\mathcal{P}_X$ .

Few constraints for the resolution:

- $7 + Q = 3(\mathbf{x}) + 1(t) + 3(\mathbf{v}) + Q(X)$  (independent) dimensions.
- Statistics (but above all Sobol indices) of  $U(\mathbf{x}, t^*, X) = \int u(\mathbf{x}, t^*, \mathbf{v}, X) d\mathbf{v}$

About the resolution of the above stochastic PDE:

- General dependence w.r.t.  $X$  of  $(\sigma_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \{s, t\}}$ ,  $u_0$ , boundary conditions etc.
  - In our case, *deterministic* transport equation is solved with **an MC scheme**.
- ⇒ But before let us give details on the MC resolution of the transport equation...

- Converging scheme (Law of large number, see Lapeyre-Pardoux-Sentis)
- asymptotically, with  $u_p(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) = w_p(t)\delta_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}_p(t))\delta_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{v}_p(t))$ , we have

$$\sqrt{N_{MC}} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N_{MC}} u_p(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) - u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) \right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{G}(0, \sigma),$$

(Central Limit theorem, see Lapeyre-Pardoux-Sentis [6]).

- We will abusively but concisely write the error is  $e_{N_{MC}} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{MC}}}\right)$ .
- Inconditionally stable scheme: the time step can be the time of interest  $t^*$ .  
(MC schemes scale weakly in a replication domain context if  $\Delta t$  is high enough)

# Algorithmic sketch for the non-analog MC scheme (Backward formulation)

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set  $u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) = 0$ 
for  $p \in \{1, \dots, N_{MC}\}$  do
  set  $s_p = t$  #this will be the life time of particle p
  set  $\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{x}$ 
  set  $\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{v}$ 
  set  $w_p = \frac{1}{N_{MC}}$ 
  while  $s_p > 0$  and  $w_p > 0$  do
    Sample  $\tau$  by inverting the cdf of an exponential law  $\tau = -\frac{\ln(\mathcal{U}([0,1]))}{v_p \sigma_s(\mathbf{x}_p, s_p, \mathbf{v}_p)}$ 
    if  $\tau > s_p$  then
      #move the particle p
       $\mathbf{x}_p - = \mathbf{v}_p s_p$ ,
      #set the life time of particle p to zero:
       $s_p = 0$ 
      #change its weight
       $w_p \times = e^{-v \sigma_a(\mathbf{x}_p, s_p, \mathbf{v}_p) s_p}$ 
      #tally the contribution of particle p
       $u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) + = w_p \times u_0(\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{v}_p)$ 
    end
    else
      #move the particle p
       $\mathbf{x}_p - = \mathbf{v}_p \tau$ ,
      #change the weight of the particle
       $w_p \times = e^{-v \sigma_a(\mathbf{x}_p, s_p, \mathbf{v}_p) \tau}$ 
      Sample the velocity  $\mathbf{V}'$  sampled from  $P_s(\mathbf{x}_p, s_p, \mathbf{v}', \mathbf{v}_p) d\mathbf{v}'$ 
       $\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{V}'$ 
      #set the life time of particle p to:
       $s_p - = \tau$ 
    end
  end
end
end

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- 1  $X$  is an arbitrary random variable of probability measure  $d\mathcal{P}_X$ .
- 2 Discretization of  $(X, d\mathcal{P}_X)$  by a quadrature with  $N$  points  $(X_i, w_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, N\}}$ .
- 3  $N$  independent runs of a black box code at points  $(X_i, w_i)$ :

$(u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X_i), w_i)_{i \in \{1, \dots, N\}}$ , solutions of your favorite problem

- 4 Estimation of the statistical quantities of interest by numerical integration:

$$\mathbb{E}[U](\mathbf{x}, t) = \iint u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) d\mathbf{v} d\mathcal{P}_X \approx \sum_{k=1}^N w_k U(\mathbf{x}, t, X_k) + \mathcal{O}(N^\beta),$$

$$\mathbb{E}[U^2](\mathbf{x}, t) = \int \left( \int u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) d\mathbf{v} \right)^2 d\mathcal{P}_X \approx \sum_{k=1}^N w_k U^2(\mathbf{x}, t, X_k) + \mathcal{O}(N^\beta),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V}[U](\mathbf{x}, t) &= \mathbb{E}[U^2](\mathbf{x}, t) - (\mathbb{E}[U](\mathbf{x}, t))^2, \\ \dots &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

- 5 Same idea for the computation of Sobol indices [12, 5], of interest for us.

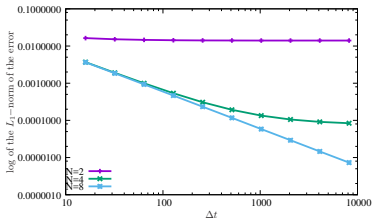


- The error  $e$  for the UQ problem, on any statistical observable, is

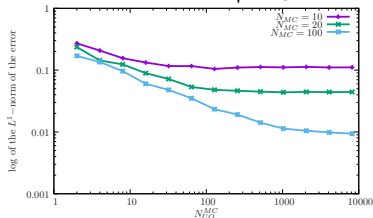
$$e_{\Delta}^N = \underbrace{\mathcal{O}(\Delta)}_{\text{deterministic solver}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{O}(N^{\beta})}_{\text{uncertainty integration}} .$$

- Illustration on a homogeneous uncertain problem for which an analytical solution for the variance can be built (see [8])
- Convergence studies w.r.t. to  $\Delta$  and  $N$  for two different strategies:

$$\Delta = \Delta t, N^{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi N_{GL}}} \left( \frac{e}{N_{GL}} \right)^{N_{GL}}$$



$$\Delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{MC}}}, N^{\beta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{UQ}}}$$



- When running  $N$  times the MC code:  
MC particles for  $(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v})$  and the experimental design for  $X$  are tensorised.

(We need to deal with  $N[X] \times N_{MC}[\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}]$  MC particles)

- MC methods are integration methods supposed to avoid such tensorisation!

Is it possible to have only  $N_{MC}$  for the whole set of variables  $(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X)$ ?

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Let us build a gPC based reduced model for the uncertain transport equation

- Let us defined the gPC developpement

$$u^P(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) = \sum_{q=0}^P u_q(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) \phi_q(X) \text{ with } u_q(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) = \int u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) \phi_q(X) d\mathcal{P}_X.$$

- Let us plug  $u^P$  in the transport equation and perform a Galerkin projection to get

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t u_0 + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} u_0 = -v \int \left( \sigma_t \sum_{k \leq P} u_k \phi_k \right) \phi_0 d\mathcal{P}_X + v \iint \left( \left( \sigma_s \sum_{k \leq P} u_k \phi_k \right) \phi_0 d\mathcal{P}_X \right) \\ \dots \quad \dots \\ \partial_t u_P + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} u_P = -v \int \left( \sigma_t \sum_{k \leq P} u_k \phi_k \right) \phi_P d\mathcal{P}_X + v \iint \left( \left( \sigma_s \sum_{k \leq P} u_k \phi_k \right) \phi_P d\mathcal{P}_X \right) \end{array} \right.$$

- The reduced model is still linear  $\implies$  it can be solved by an MC scheme.
- In fact, it can be solved by *slightly modifying an already existing MC code* [8].

# The gPC intrusive non-analog MC scheme as in [8]

(Backward formulation)

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for  $k \in \{0, \dots, P\}$  do
  | set  $u_k^X(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) = 0$ 
end
for  $p \in \{1, \dots, N_{MC}\}$  do
  set  $s_p = t$  #this will be the remaining life time of particle  $p$ , it must go down to zero (backward)
  set  $\mathbf{x}_p = \mathbf{x}$ 
  set  $\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{v}$ 
  set  $w_p = \frac{1}{N_{MC}}$ 
  set  $X_p = X$  with  $X$  sampled from the probability measure  $d\mathcal{P}_X$ .
  while  $s_p > 0$  and  $w_p > 0$  do
    | Sample  $\tau$  by inverting the cdf of an exponential law  $\tau = -\frac{\ln(\mathcal{U}([0,1]))}{v\sigma_s(\mathbf{x}_p, s_p, \mathbf{v}_p, X_p)}$ 
    | if  $\tau > s_p$  then
      |  $\mathbf{x}_p^- = \mathbf{v}_p s_p$ ,
      |  $s_p = 0$ 
      |  $w_p \times = e^{-v\sigma_a(\mathbf{x}_p, s_p, \mathbf{v}_p, X_p)} s_p$ 
      | #tally the contribution of particle  $p$ 
      | for  $k \in \{0, \dots, P\}$  do
        | |  $u_k^X(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) += w_p \times u_0(\mathbf{x}_p, \mathbf{v}_p, X_p) \phi_k^X(X_p)$ 
        | end
      | end
    | else
      |  $\mathbf{x}_p^- = \mathbf{v}_p \tau$ ,
      |  $w_p \times = e^{-v\sigma_a(\mathbf{x}_p, s_p, \mathbf{v}_p, X_p)} \tau$ 
      |  $\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{V}'$  with  $\mathbf{V}'$  sampled from  $P_s(\mathbf{x}_p, s_p, \mathbf{v}', \mathbf{v}_p, X_p) d\mathbf{v}'$ 
      | #set the life time of particle  $p$  to:
      |  $s_p^- = \tau$ 
    | end
  end
end
end

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In [9], proof of spectral convergence as  $P \rightarrow \infty$  for the gPC reduced model:

- Let us defined the gPC developpement  $u^P = \sum_{q=0}^P u_q \phi_q$  with  $u_q = \int u \phi_q d\mathcal{P}_X$ .
- Define the space of functions

$$H^k(\Theta) = \left\{ u \in L^2_{\Theta} \mid \int \sum_{l=0}^k (u^{(l)})^2 d\mathcal{P}_X < \infty \right\}.$$

- Assume bounds on the cross-sections

$$\|v\sigma_t\|_{L^\infty(\mathcal{I} \times \Theta)} = \Sigma_t < \infty, \quad \|v\sigma_s\|_{L^\infty(\mathcal{I} \times \Theta)} = \Sigma_s < \infty. \quad (1)$$

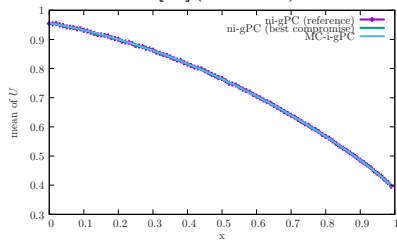
### Theorem (Convergence of the $P$ -truncated gPC reduced model approximation)

*Spectral accuracy holds in the following sense: for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $u \in H^k(\Theta)$ , there exists a constant  $D_k$  such that  $\forall t \in [0, T]$*

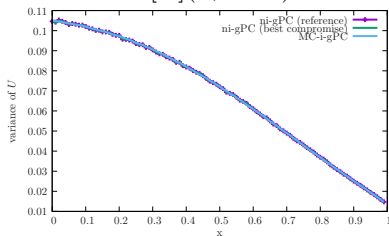
$$\|u(t) - u^P(t)\|_{L^2(\mathcal{I}, \Theta)}^2 \leq e^{2(\Sigma_t + \Sigma_s)t} \left( \|u_0 - u_0^P\|_{L^2(\mathcal{I}, \Theta)}^2 + 2(\Sigma_s + \Sigma_t)t \|u_0^2\|_{L^2(\mathcal{I}, \Theta)} \frac{D_k}{P^k} \right).$$

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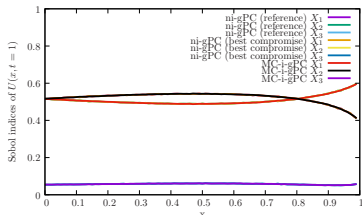
$$\mathbb{E}[U](x, t = 1)$$



$$\mathbb{V}[U](x, t = 1)$$



$$\mathbb{S}^{\text{tot}}[U](x, t = 1)$$



⇒ Perfect agreement with the MC-i-gPC scheme and the references.



Perfect agreement non-intrusive gPC vs. MC-i-gPC on every statistical observables

Few characteristics:

- n-i gPC :  $N_{GL}^Q = 4^3 = 64$  points with  $(P + 1)^Q = (2 + 1)^3 = 27$  coefficients.
- MC-i-gPC:  $(P + 1)^Q = (2 + 1)^3 = 27$  coefficients.

⇒ same truncation order  $P$  ensures the same accuracy.

Performance considerations:

- n-i gPC cost:  $N_{GL}^Q = 4^3 \times$  averaged CPU time of 1 run  $\approx 64 \times 3min52s$ .
- MC-i-gPC cost:  $1 \times$  effective CPU time of the run  $= 1 \times 4min50s$ .

⇒ It is  $\approx 50$  times faster than the non-intrusive application.

- But the cost of a MC-i-gPC run is  $\approx 1.26 \times$  the cost of a non-intrusive one.

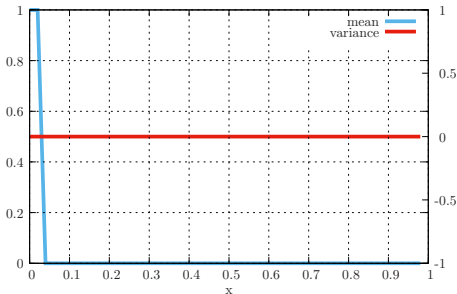
⇒ Additional cost comes from the *tallying phase* (see [8] for details)

The tallying phase is the only one sensitive to the dimension  $Q$ .

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u + v\omega \nabla_x u = -v\sigma_s u + \int v\sigma_s P_s(X)u \, d\omega', \\ u(x, 0, \mathbf{v}) = u_0(x) = \mathbf{1}_{[0, \frac{1}{50}]}(x). \end{cases}$$

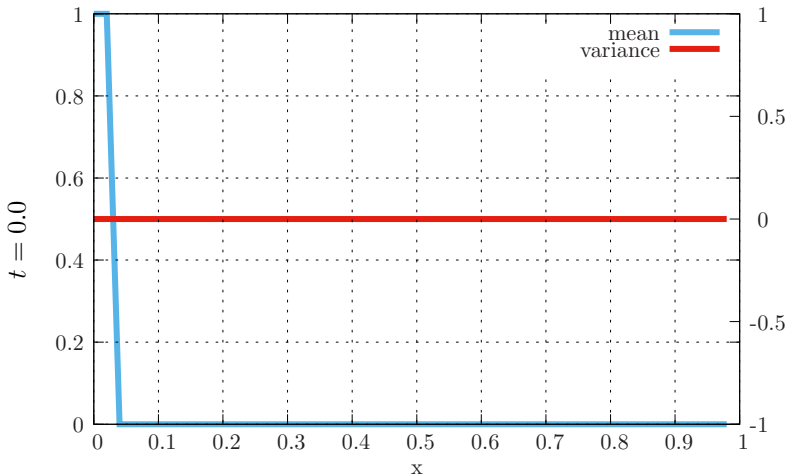
We assume  $X \sim \mathcal{U}([-1, 1])$  with  $P_s(\omega', X)d\omega' = \mathbf{1}_{[0, U(X)]}(\omega')$ ,  
where  $X \rightarrow U(X) = 0.8 \frac{(X+1)}{2}$  maps  $X \sim \mathcal{U}([-1, 1])$  into  $U(X) \sim \mathcal{U}([0, 0.8])$ .

Mean and variance of  $U(x, t = 0., X)$

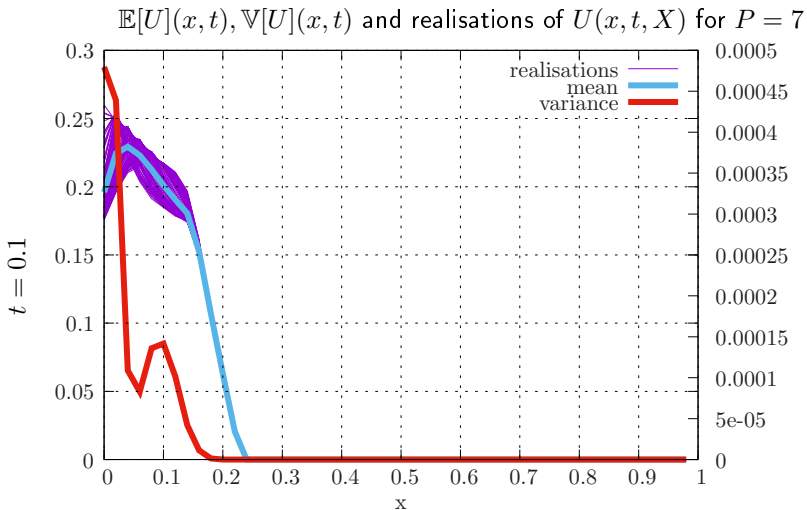


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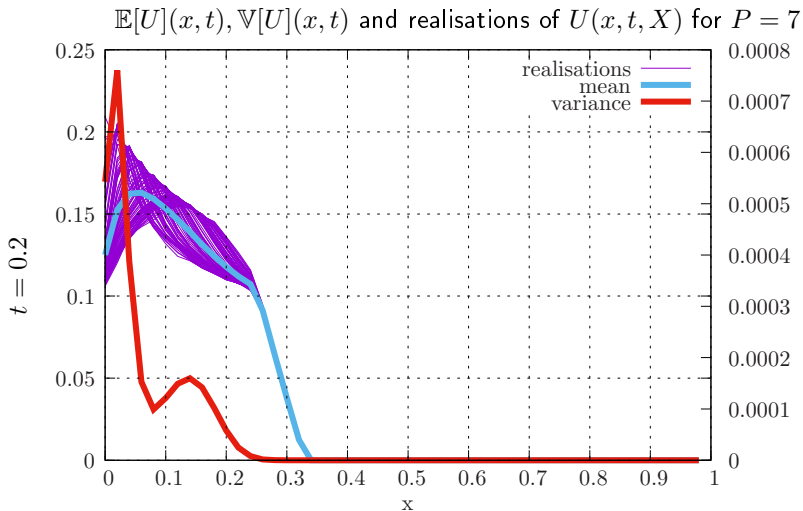
$\mathbb{E}[U](x, t), \mathbb{V}[U](x, t)$  and realisations of  $U(x, t, X)$  for  $P = 7$



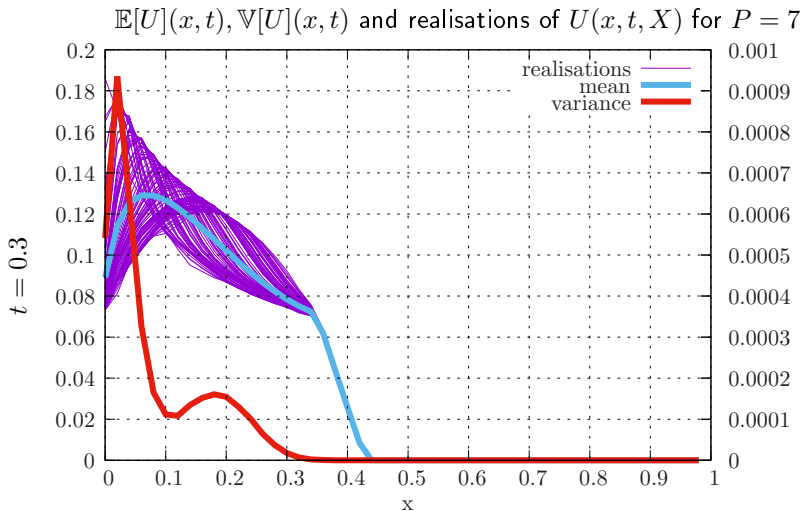
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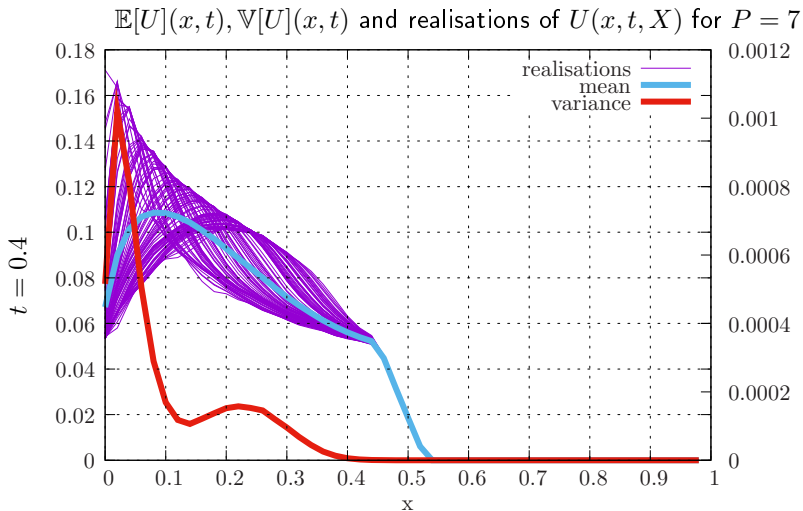
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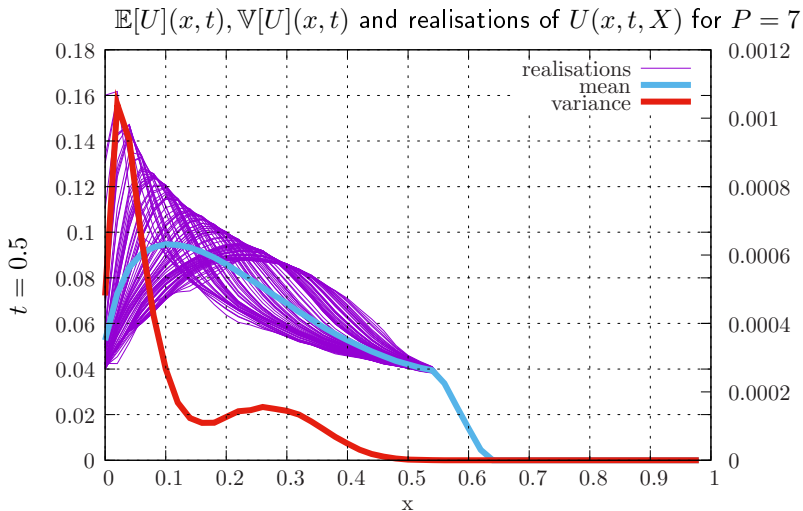
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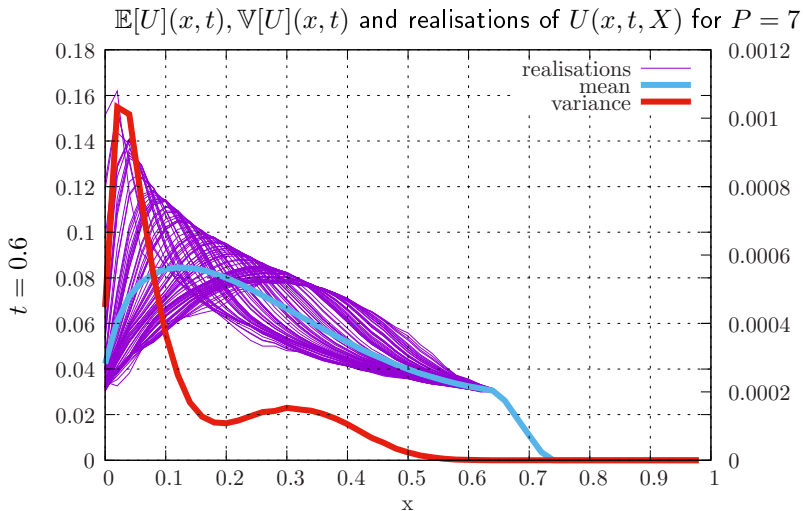


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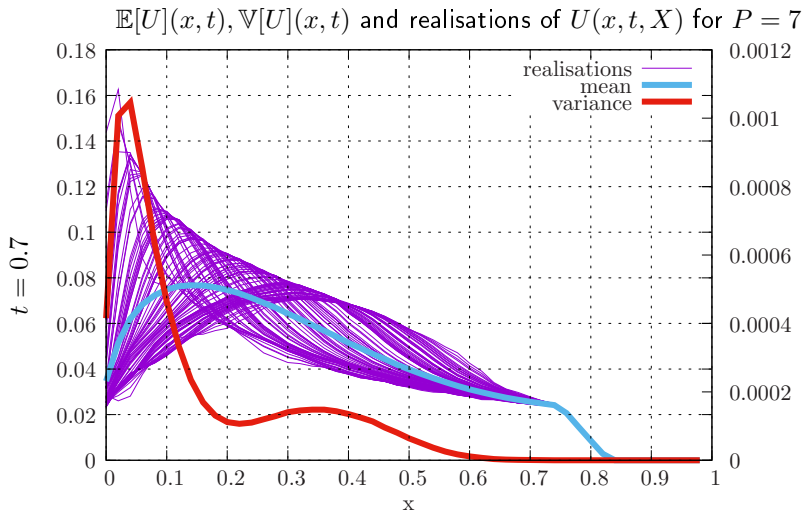




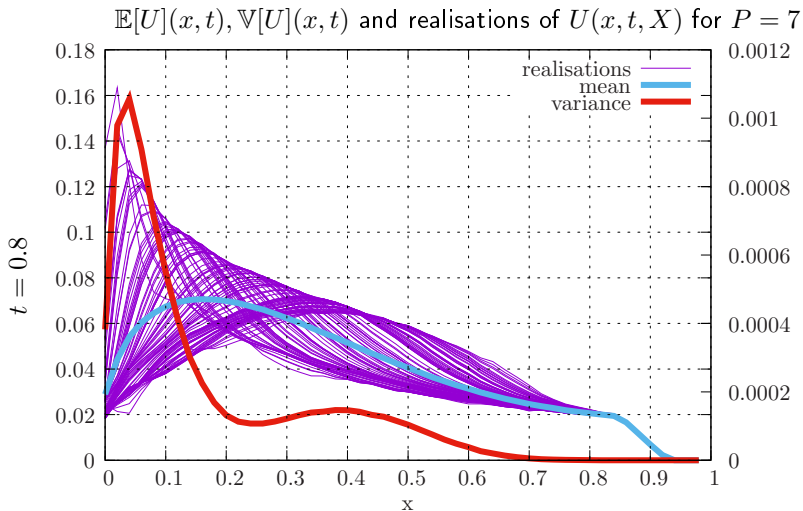
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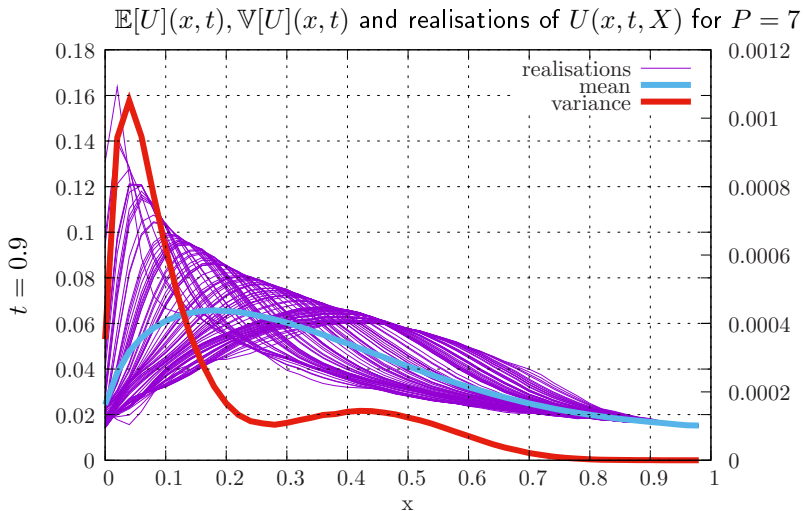
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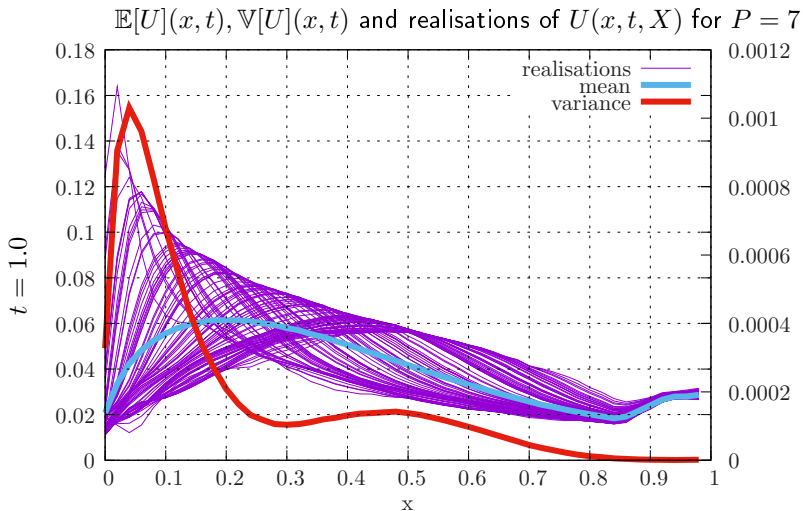
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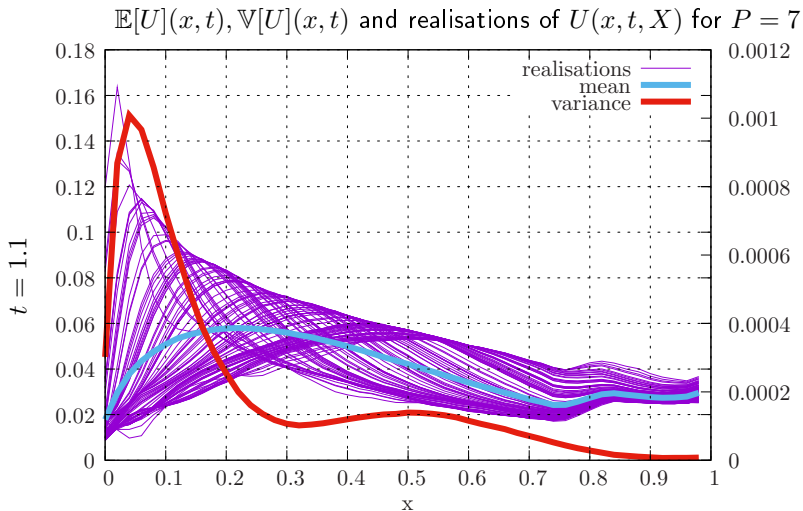
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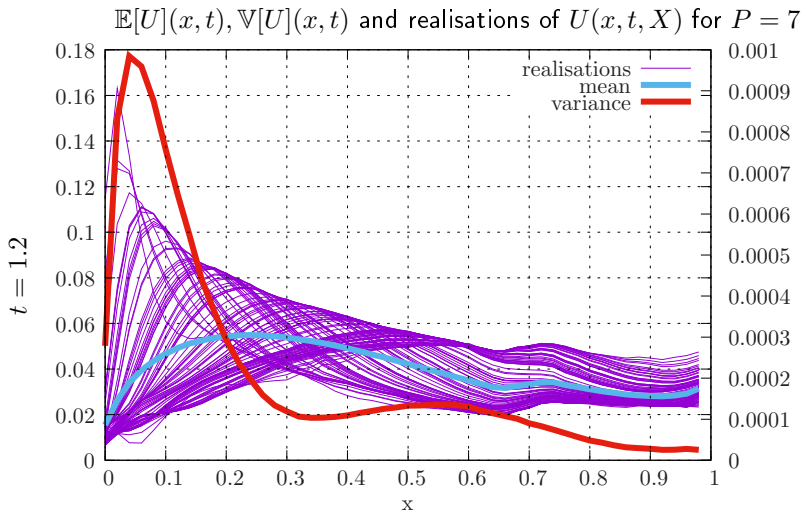
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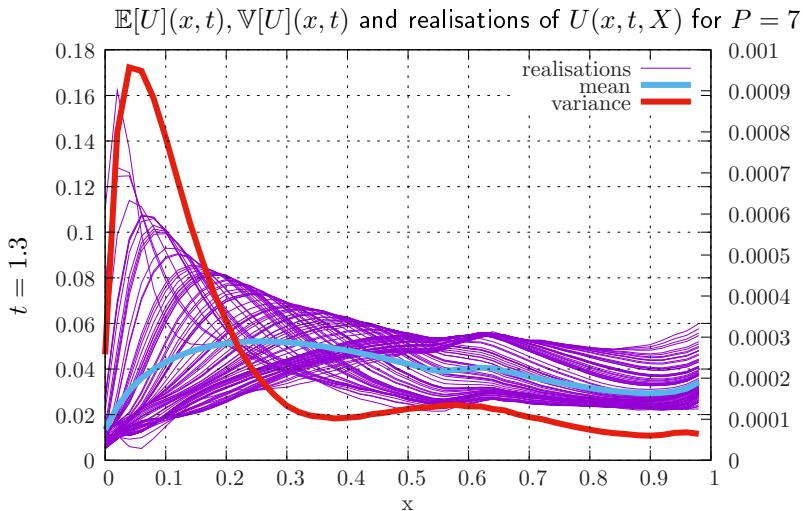
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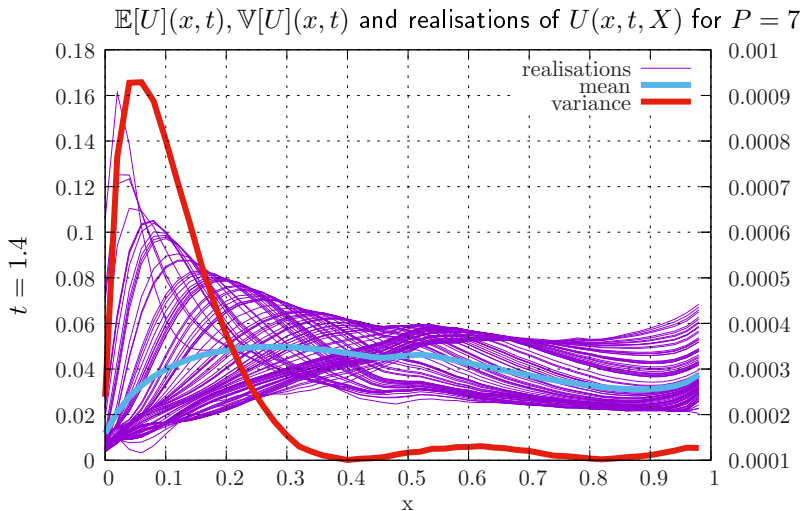


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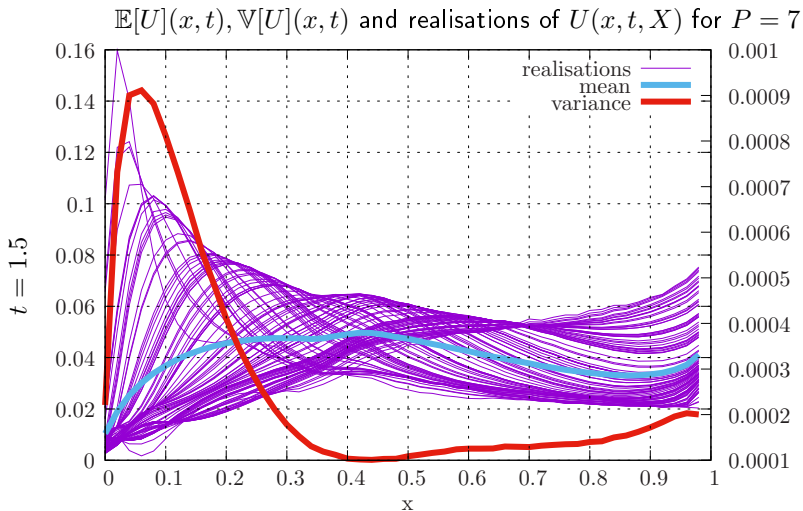




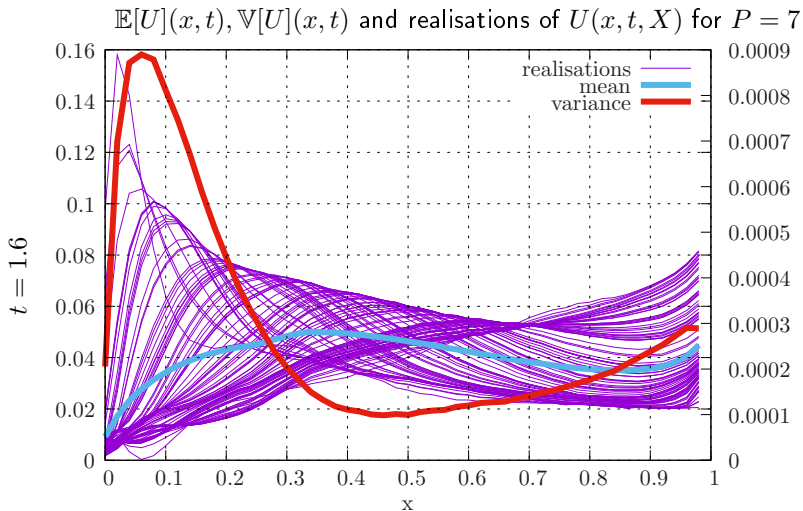
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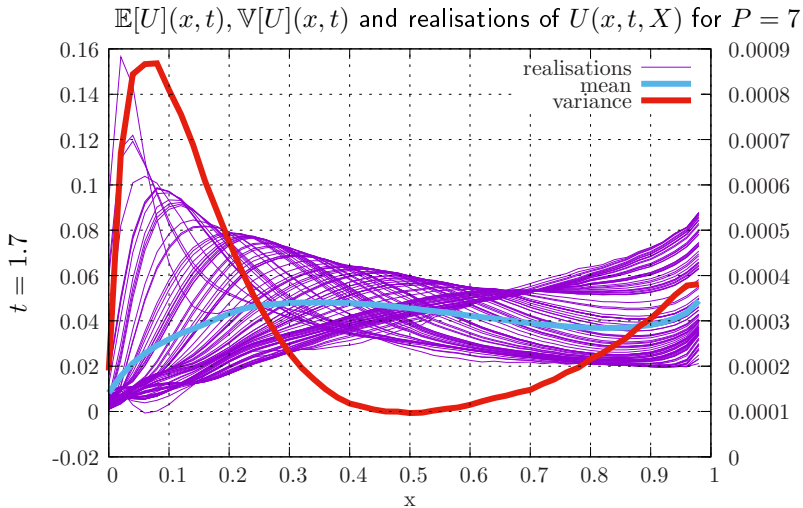
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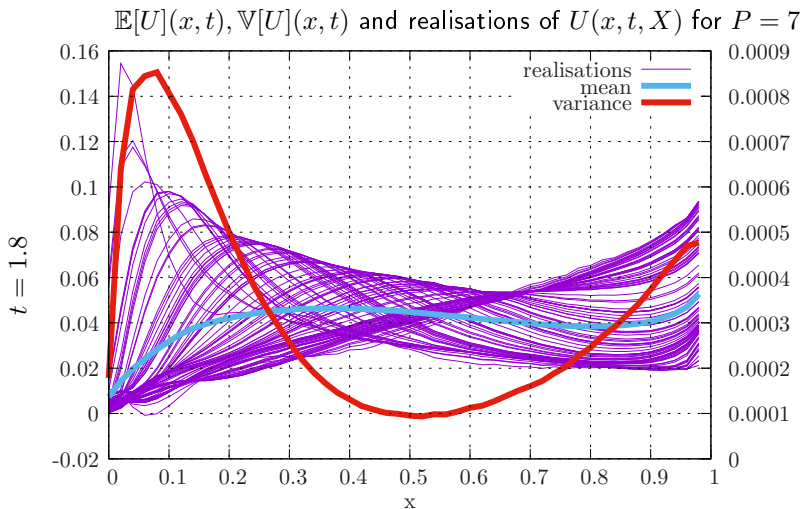
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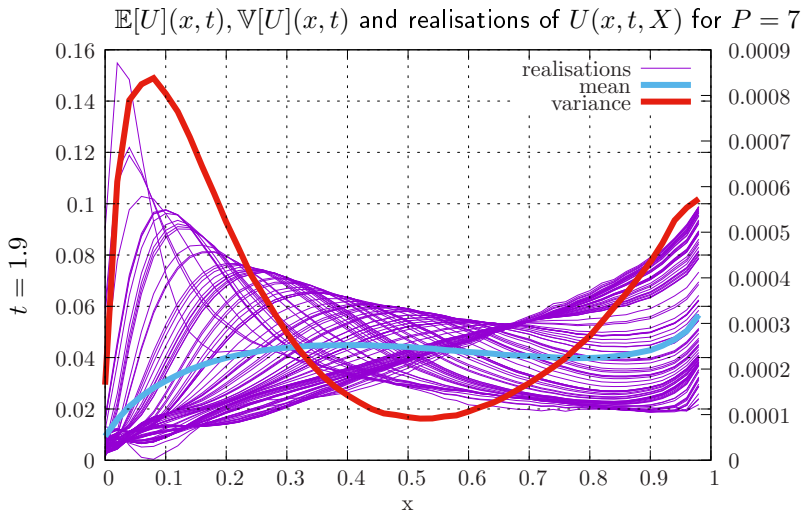
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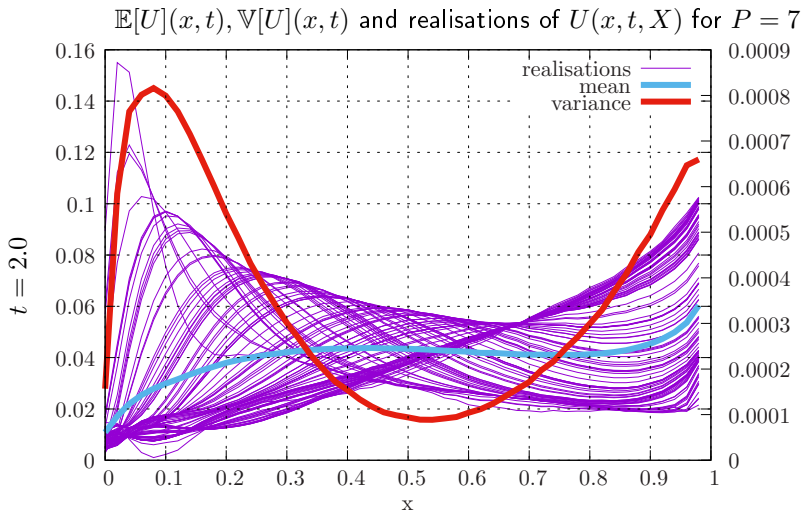
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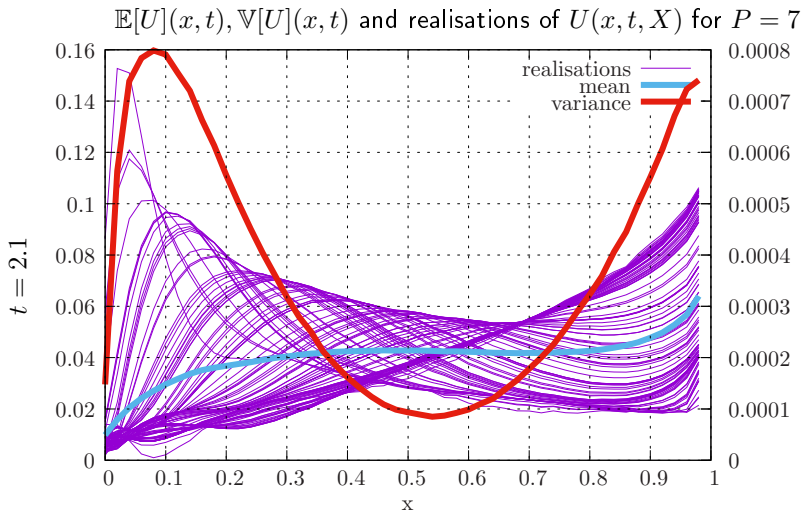
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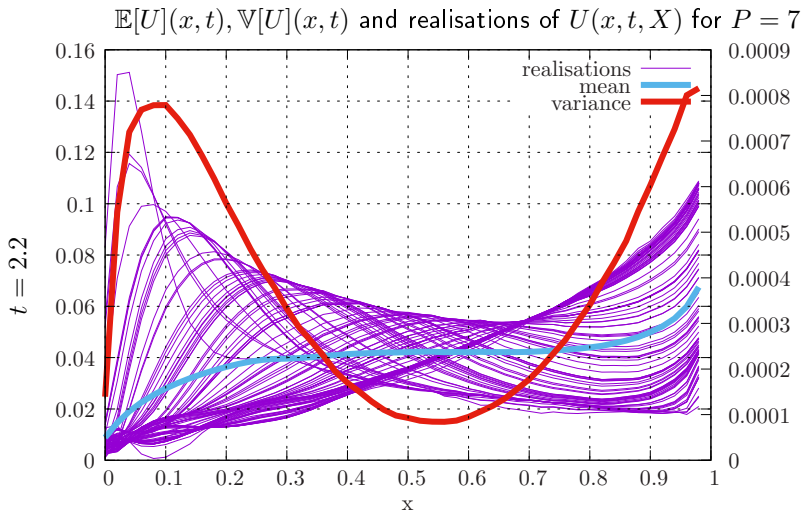


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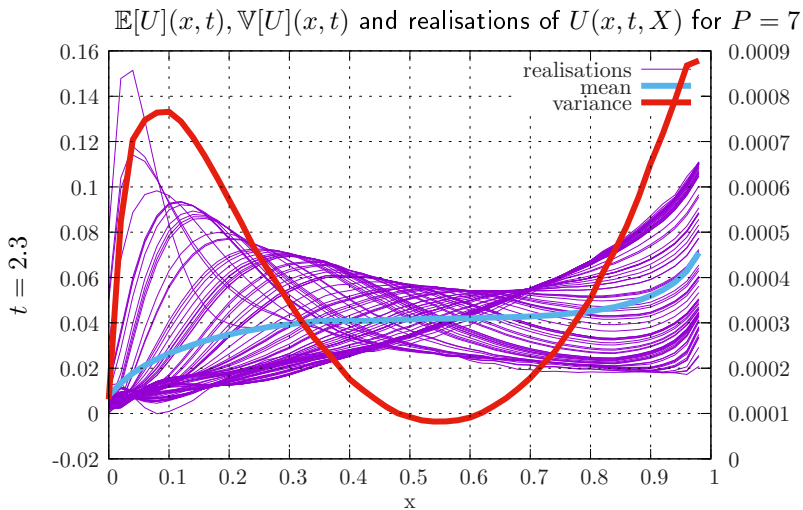




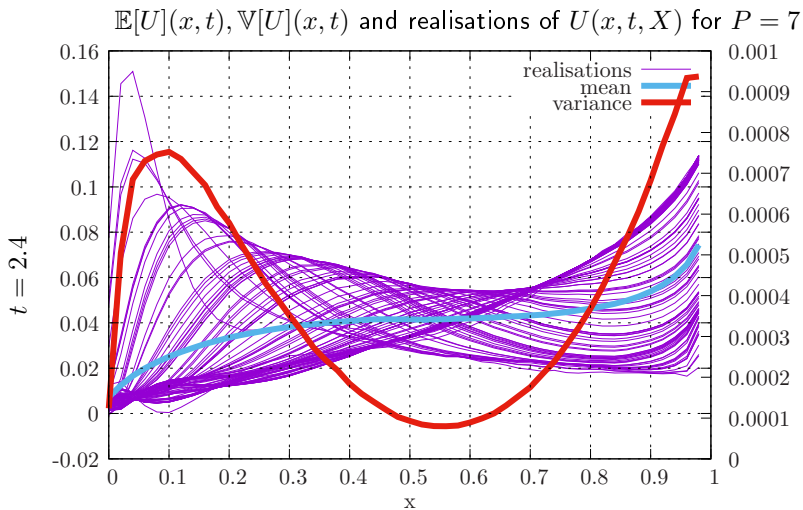
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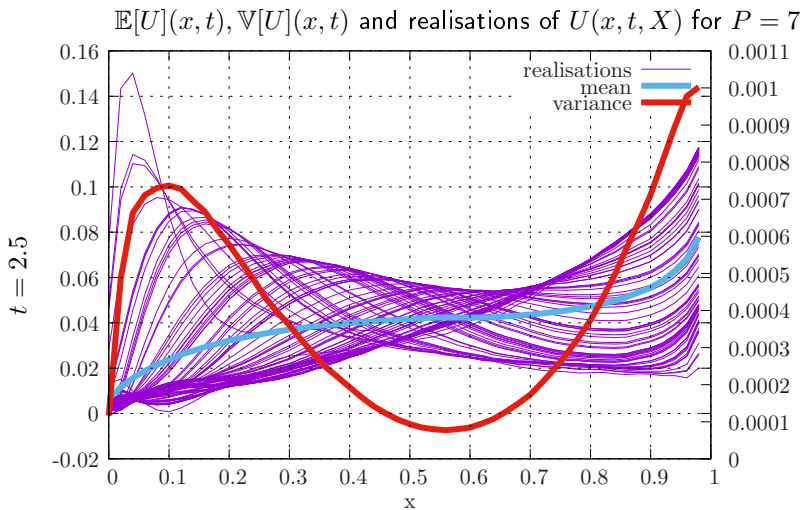
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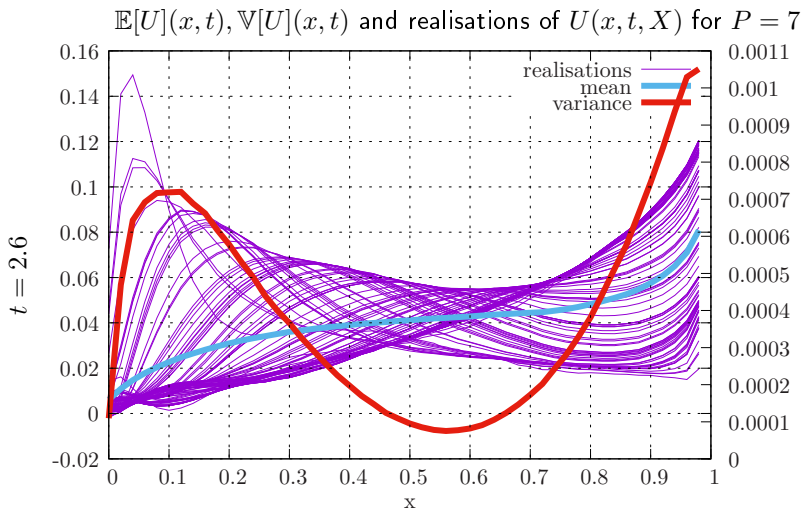
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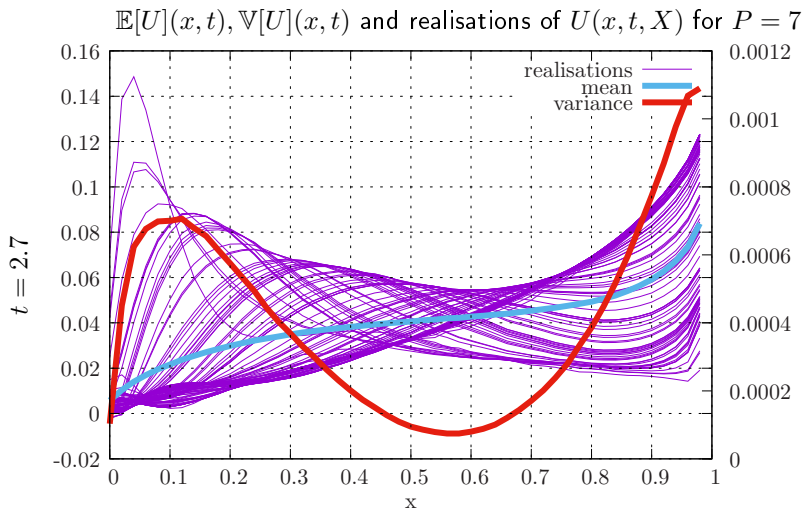
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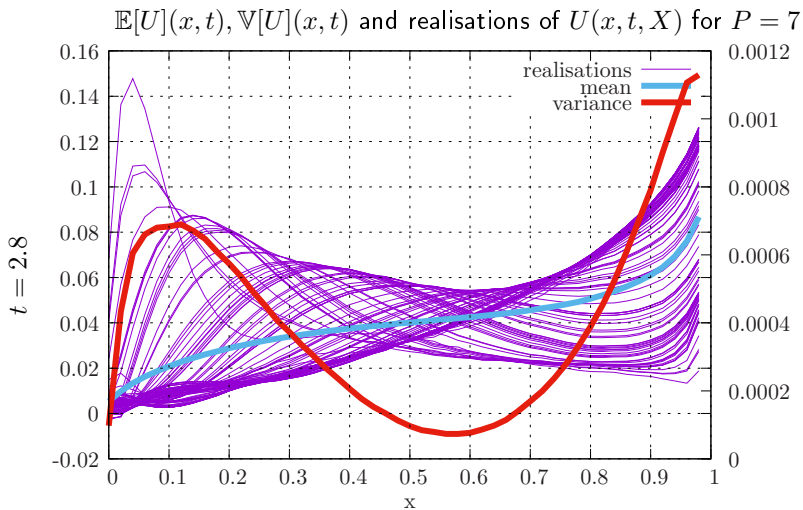
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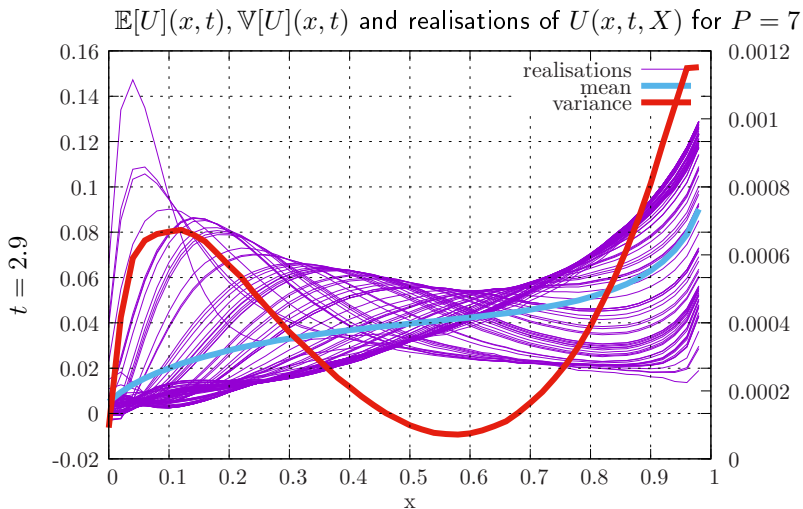
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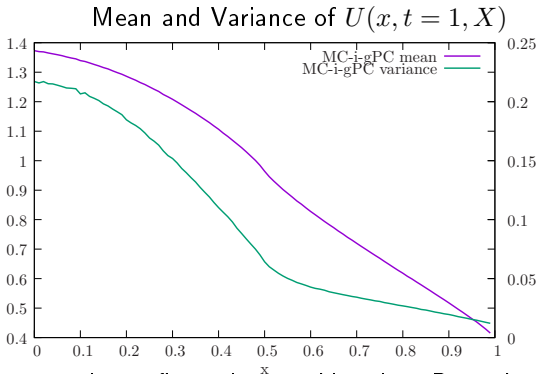
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A two layered uncertain configuration: problem in 6-D stochastic dimension.

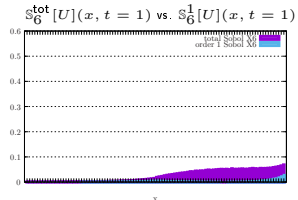
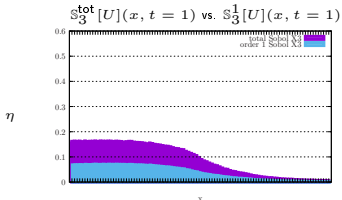
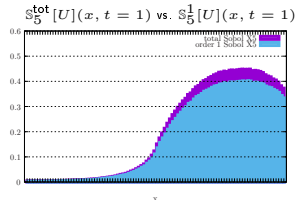
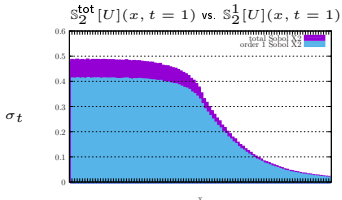
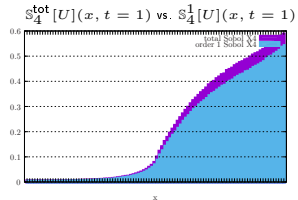
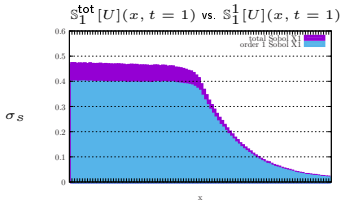
- each layer of media has uncertain  $\sigma_t, \sigma_s, \eta$
- We need the sensitivity indices (Sobol indices) of  $U(x, t, X)$ .

To obtain the above solution:

- Run  $1.024 \times 10^9$  particles,  $(P + 1)^6 = 729$  on 1024 proc. in 750s.
- n-i gPC would need, same accuracies and restitution times, 131072 proc.

# A two layered uncertain material: sensitivity analysis in 6D

## Total and first order Sobol indices



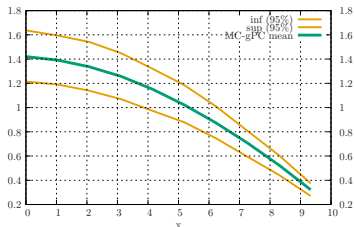
- 1 A particular context (MC resolution of the deterministic transport equation)
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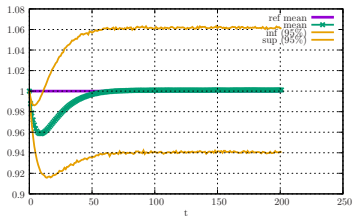
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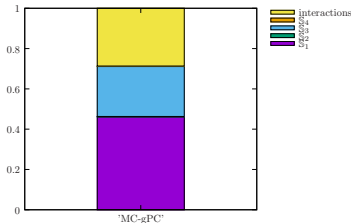


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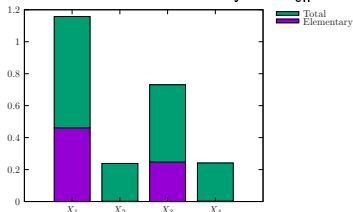
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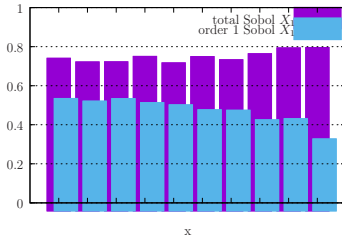


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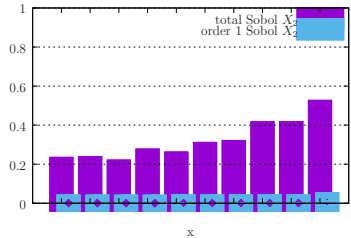
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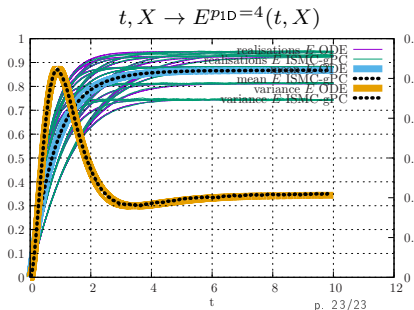
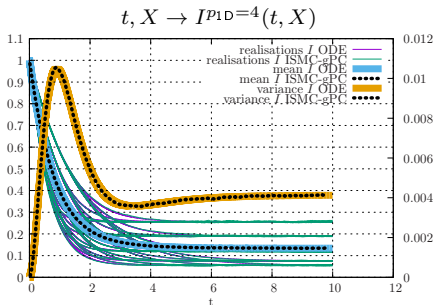
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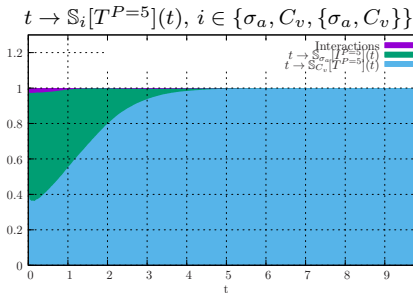
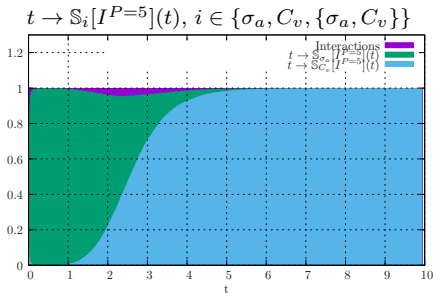
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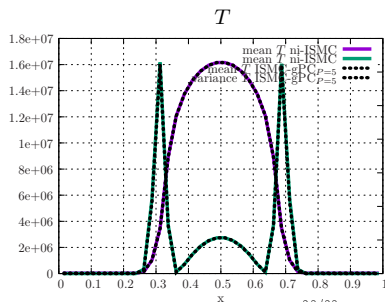
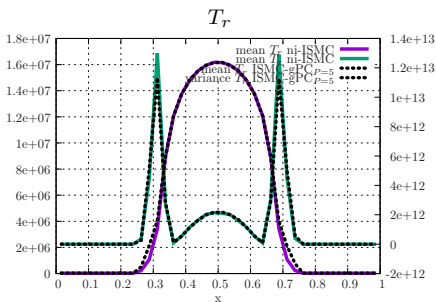




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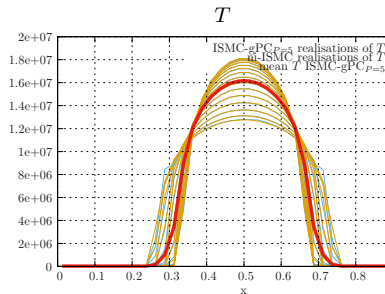
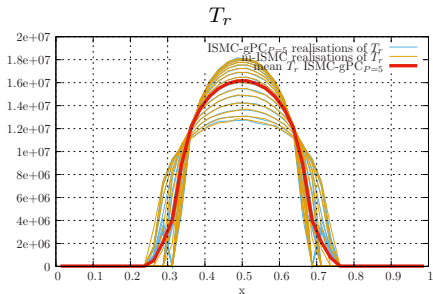
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## Conclusion:

- Spectral convergence w.r.t.  $P$  of the MC-i-gPC reduced models in [9].
- Convergence w.r.t  $N_{MC}$  of the MC-i-gPC scheme for fixed  $P$  in [8].
- The MC-i-gPC scheme is still sensitive to the curse of dimensionality *via*:
  - The storing in memory of  $(P + 1)^Q$  gPC coefficients,
    - ⇒ but we can focus on parts of the spatial or velocity domain to store less
  - The tallying of the MC particles contributions,
    - ⇒ but this phase can certainly benefit some shared memory accelerations (vectorisation of the polynomial construction, modified Chebyshev algorithm).
- The MC-i-gPC scheme allows important gains for low stochastic dimensions (interesting results at least for  $Q$  ranging from 1 to 10)

ϕsics Nonlinear physics (neutronics, photonics...) but need for additional material

## Perspectives:

UQ MC-i-gPC scheme is compatible with other indices (HSIC [4] for example)

HPC Test the vectorisation acceleration and tackle higher dimensions

Questions?

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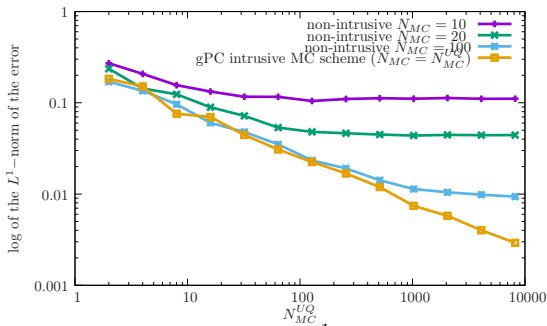
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 M_2^U(t) = \mathbb{E}[U^2(t, X)] &= \frac{1}{4} U_0^2 e^{-2v\bar{\sigma}_a t} \frac{e^{2v\hat{\sigma}_s t} - e^{-2v\hat{\sigma}_s t}}{\hat{\sigma}_s t v}, \\
 \mathbb{V}[U](t) &= M_2^U(t) - (M_1^U(t))^2.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4}$$

Convergence studies w.r.t. the # of points of the experimental design  $N$ :



The error  $e$  for the UQ problem is now  $e = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{MC}^{UQ}}}\right)$  (for this test-pb at least!)

The configuration is the following:

- $v = 1$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{D} = [0, 1]$ , subdivided into  $N_x = 100$  cells  $\cup_{i=1}^{N_x} \mathcal{D}_i = \mathcal{D}$ .
- Specular left boundary condition (at  $x = 0$ ) and vacuum right one (at  $x = 1$ ).
- Initially, the density of particles is homogeneous and deterministic, equal to 1.
- The medium is pure  $\sum_{m=1}^M \sigma_{\alpha}^m \eta_m = \sigma_{\alpha} \eta$ ,  $\forall \alpha \in \{s, t\}$  and homogeneous.
- It is uncertain and depends on three parameters  $X = (X_1, X_2, X_3)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_t(x, t, X) &= \sigma_t(X_1) = \bar{\sigma}_t + \hat{\sigma}_t X_1, & \forall x \in \mathcal{D}, t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \\ \sigma_s(x, t, \omega, \omega', X) &= \sigma_s(X_2) = \bar{\sigma}_s + \hat{\sigma}_s X_2, & \forall x \in \mathcal{D}, t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall (\omega, \omega') \in \mathcal{S}^2, \\ \eta(x, t, X) &= \eta(X_3) = \bar{\eta} + \hat{\eta} X_3, & \forall x \in \mathcal{D}, t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \end{aligned}$$

- $(X_1, X_2, X_3)$  are independent uniformly distributed RVs on  $[-1, 1]$ .
- For the next computations, the mean quantities are set to  $\bar{\sigma}_t = 1.0$ ,  $\bar{\sigma}_s = 0.9$ ,  $\bar{\eta} = 1.0$  and the ones controlling the variability to  $\hat{\sigma}_t = 0.4$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_s = 0.4$ ,  $\hat{\eta} = 0.4$ .
- The statistical outputs are the mean  $\mathbb{E}[U]$ , variance  $\mathbb{V}[U]$  and Sobol indices  $\mathbb{S}[U]$  profiles of  $U(x, t, X) = \int u(x, t, \omega, X) d\omega$  at time  $t = 1.0$ .

For this test-case, a non-intrusive gPC reference **can still be obtained**



The configuration is the following:

- Similar three first points ( $v = 1, \dots$ )
- The material is composed of two layers of different media,  $A$  and  $B$  with  $\mathcal{D}_A = [0, \frac{1}{2}]$  and  $\mathcal{D}_B = [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  such that  $\mathcal{D}_A \cup \mathcal{D}_B = \mathcal{D} = [0, 1]$ .
- Both media are pure, homogeneous and considered uncertain.
- Each depends on three parameters  $(X^i)_{i \in \{A, B\}} = (X_1^i, X_2^i, X_3^i)_{i \in \{A, B\}}$  with

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_t(x, t, X) &= \sum_{i \in \{A, B\}} [\bar{\sigma}_t^i + \hat{\sigma}_t^i X_1^i] \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{D}_i}(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{D}, t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

- Statistical observables: mean, variance, Sobol indices as before

For this test-case, a non-intrusive gPC reference **is too costly**

6 Why do we need a relevant linearisation?

- The simplest statistical observable is the variance:

$\mathbb{V}[u](\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) = M_2(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) - M_1^2(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v})$  with

$$M_2(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}) = \int u^2(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) d\mathcal{P}_X = \int m_2(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) d\mathcal{P}_X.$$

- The equation satisfied by  $u$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) &= -v \sigma_t(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) \\ &+ \int v \sigma_s(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}', X) u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}', X) d\mathbf{v}', \end{aligned}$$

and is linear so why do we need a relevant linearisation?

- Let us multiply the transport equation by  $u$  to obtain

$$\partial_t \frac{u^2}{2}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \frac{u^2}{2}(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) = -v\sigma_t(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X)u^2(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) + u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) \int v\sigma_s(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}', X)u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}', X)d\mathbf{v}',$$

in which it remains to make  $u^2 = m_2$  appear.

- If  $u$  is solution of the uncertain transport equation, quantity  $m_2$  is solution of

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t m_2(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla m_2(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) = & -2v\sigma_t(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X)m_2(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) \\ & + 2u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, X) \int v\sigma_s(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v}', X)u(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{v}', X)d\mathbf{v}', \end{aligned}$$

which is nonlinear in general (i.e. if  $\sigma_s \neq 0$ ).

- Nonlinearity demands a splitting/linearisation hypothesis.
- The most common linearisation strategies for this type of quadratic operator:
  - Nanbu-like method [2] ( $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$  splitting)  
(would need small time steps in very collisional media)
  - Bird-like method [1] ( $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$  splitting).  
(would also need small time steps in very collisional media)
  - Posttreatment of a count rate file from an analog resolution [3]  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$ .  
(explosion of the I/O and file size close to criticality)
  - We here only suggest a new linearisation (with respect to  $P$  introduced later).  
(see [8, 9, 7])