

## Surrogate models for stochastic simulators: an overview with a focus on generalized lambda models

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Today's talk on “Stochastic polynomial chaos expansions for emulating stochastic simulators”

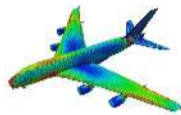


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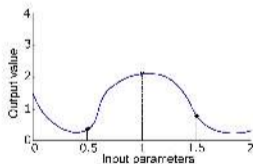
Today's talk on “Surrogating stochastic simulators using spectral methods and advanced statistical modeling”

# Deterministic vs. stochastic simulators

## Simulators

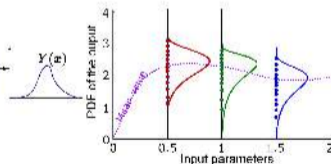


## Deterministic simulators



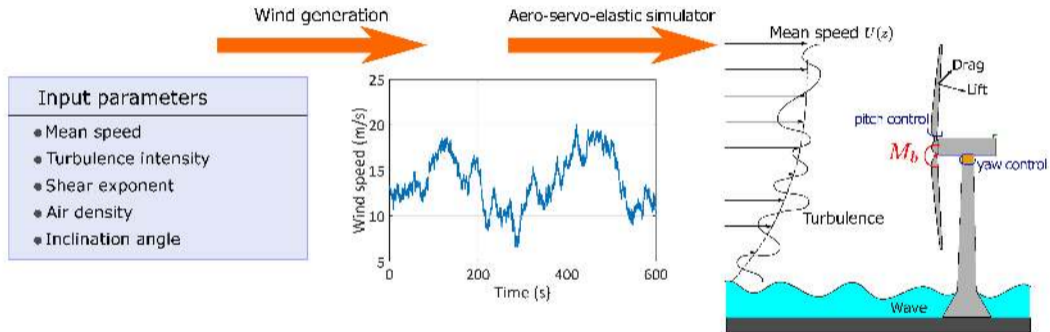
Output  $\mathcal{M}_d(x)$  is a **real number**

## Stochastic simulators



Output  $\mathcal{M}_s(x)$  is a **random variable**

## Example: wind turbine simulation



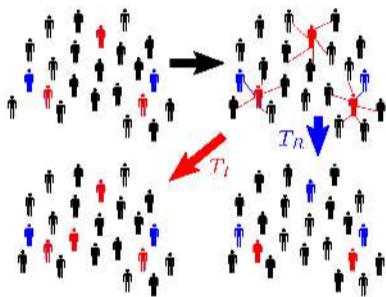
## Example: epidemiology

### Terminology

- $S_t$ : number of **susceptible** individuals at time  $t$
- $I_t$ : number of **infected** individuals at time  $t$
- $R_t$ : number of **recovered** individuals at time  $t$

### System dynamics

- Susceptible individuals can get infected due to close contact with infected individuals ( $S \rightarrow I$ )
- Infected individuals can recover and becomes immune to future infections ( $I \rightarrow R$ )
- Random contact and recovery modelled with Poisson processes



## Example: mathematical finance

### Geometrical Brownian motion

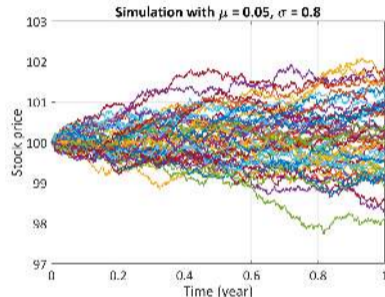
$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$$

- $S_t$ : stock price,  $W_t$ : Wiener process
- $\mu$ : drift,  $\sigma$ : volatility

### Asian option

- The payoff (of a call option) is contingent on the average price of the underlying asset

$$C = \max \{A_T - K, 0\}, \text{ with } A_t = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t S_u du.$$





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## Formal definition

- A (scalar) **stochastic simulator**  $\mathcal{M}_s$  is a mapping:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_s : \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \times \Omega &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ (\mathbf{x}, \omega) &\mapsto \mathcal{M}_s(\mathbf{x}, \omega)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}$  is the input parameters space and  $\{\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}\}$  is a probability space

- When fixing  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0$ , the output is a random variable  $Y | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}_0 \equiv \mathcal{M}_s(\mathbf{x}_0, \omega)$
- When **fixing the seed**  $\omega = \omega_0$  we get a deterministic simulator  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathcal{M}_s(\mathbf{x}, \omega_0)$  (a.k.a. **trajectory**)

## Latent variables

$\mathcal{M}_s$  can be seen as a deterministic function  $\mathcal{M}$  of **input parameters**  $\mathbf{x}$  and **latent variables**  $\mathbf{Z}$ :

$$\mathcal{M}_s(\mathbf{x}, \omega) = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Z}(\omega))$$

## Computational costs induced by stochastic simulators

- **Replications** are needed to estimate the PDF of  $Y|X = x$
- Many runs must be carried out by varying  $X$  for **uncertainty propagation, sensitivity analysis, optimization**, etc.
- Realistic simulators (e.g. for wind turbine design) are costly

Need for surrogate models

## Requirements

Our goal is to develop a methodology that is:

- Non-intrusive (*i.e.* that considers the stochastic simulator as a **black box**)
- **General-purpose**: no restrictive assumption (*e.g.* Gaussian) on the family of the output distribution is made
- Able to tackle the full distribution of  $Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$ , but also **quantities of interest** (*e.g.* mean, variance, quantiles)
- Providing a representation of  $Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$  easy to sample from

## Existing approaches

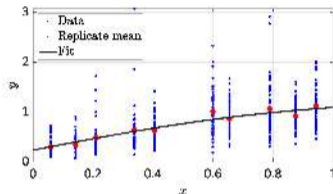
The literature on stochastic simulators is both old and new:

- Replication-based approaches
- Gaussian models
- Estimation of the conditional distribution
- Latent variable models
- Random field representations
- Quantile regression

## Replication-based approaches

### Main idea

- Estimate distributions/QoIs based on **replications**
- Treat the **estimated parameters** as outputs from a deterministic simulator and apply standard surrogate models



### Literature

- Stochastic Kriging: Ankenman *et al.* (2006) *Stochastic Kriging for simulation metamodeling*, Oper. Res.
- Quantile Kriging: Plumlee & Tuo (2014) *Building accurate emulators for stochastic simulations via quantile Kriging*, Technometrics
- Kernel density estimation: Moutoussamy *et al.* (2015) *Emulators for stochastic simulation codes*, ESAIM: Math. Model. Num. Anal.
- Generalized lambda model: Zhu & Sudret (2020) *Replication-based emulation of the response distribution of stochastic simulators using generalized lambda distributions*, Int. J. Uncertainty Quantification

## Assuming normality: Kriging models

### Main idea

- Response distributions are **normal**
- Mean function  $\mu(\boldsymbol{x})$  and log-variance function  $\log(V(\boldsymbol{x}))$  are modeled by **Gaussian processes**

### Literature

- Full Bayesian setup: Goldberg *et al.* (1997) *Regression with input-dependent noise: a Gaussian process treatment*, NIPS10
- Iterative fitting: Marrel *et al.* (2012) *Global sensitivity analysis of stochastic computer models with joint metamodels*, Stat. Comput.
- Maximum likelihood: Binois *et al.* (2018) *Practical heteroscedastic Gaussian process modeling for large simulation experiments*, J. Comput. Graph. Stat.

## Conditional distribution estimation

### Main approaches

- Estimate the joint distribution of  $(X, Y)$  by kernel smoothing, then compute the conditional PDF by:

$$f(y | \mathbf{x}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{x}, y)}{f(\mathbf{x})}$$

- Use parametric models to represent the conditional distribution directly

### Literature

- Kernel smoothing: Hall *et al.* (2004) *Cross-validation and the estimation of conditional probability densities*, J. Amer. Stat. Assoc.
- Vine copula: Kraus & Czado (2017) *D-vine copula based quantile regression*, Comput. Stat. Data Anal.
- Generalized lambda model: Zhu & Sudret (2021) *Emulation of stochastic simulators using generalized lambda models*, Submitted to SIAM/ASA J. Unc. Quant.



## Latent variable models

### Main idea

- Introduce **explicitly latent variables**  $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}$  into a deterministic model to emulate the random nature of stochastic simulators

$$Y(\mathbf{x}) \stackrel{d}{=} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{Z}})$$

### Literature

- Yan & Perdikaris (2019) *Conditional deep surrogate models for stochastic, high-dimensional, and multi-fidelity systems*, Comput. Mech.
- Stochastic polynomial chaos expansions for emulating stochastic simulators (Talk X. Zhu)

## Random field approaches

### Main idea

- Consider the stochastic simulator as a random field indexed by the input variables:

$$Y_{\mathbf{x}}(\omega) = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Z}(\omega))$$

- Fixing the internal stochasticity ( $\omega = \omega_0$ ) gives access to **trajectories**  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{Z}(\omega_0))$

### Literature

- *Azzi et al. (2019) Surrogate modeling of stochastic functions-application to computational electromagnetic dosimetry, Int. J. Uncertainty Quantification*
- *Azzi et al. (2020) Sensitivity analysis for stochastic simulators using differential entropy, Int. J. Uncertainty Quantification*
- Surrogating stochastic simulators using spectral methods and advanced statistical modeling (Talk N. Lüthen)

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## Definition

- The **Freimer-Mudholkar-Kollia-Lin** (FMKL) lambda distribution is defined through its **quantile function**  $Q(u; \boldsymbol{\lambda})$  by **4 parameters**

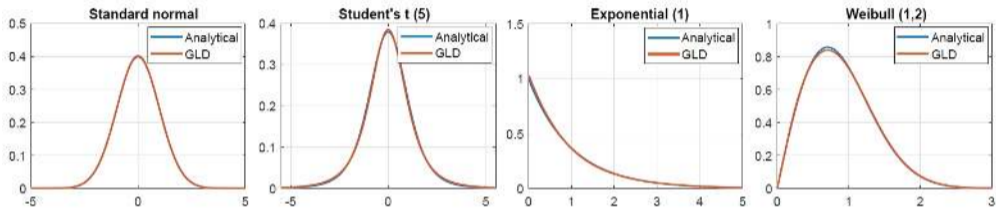
$$Q(u; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \left( \frac{u^{\lambda_3} - 1}{\lambda_3} - \frac{(1-u)^{\lambda_4} - 1}{\lambda_4} \right)$$

where:

- $\lambda_1$  is the **location** parameter
  - $\lambda_2 > 0$  is the **scale** parameter
  - $\lambda_3, \lambda_4$  are **shape** parameters
- The PDF is obtained by:

$$f_Y(y; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{Q'(u; \boldsymbol{\lambda})} = \frac{\lambda_2}{u^{\lambda_3-1} + (1-u)^{\lambda_4-1}} \quad \text{with } u = Q^{-1}(y; \boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

## Properties



- GLDs approximate well unimodal PDFs (bell-, U-shaped, bounded and unbounded)
- $\lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_4$  control the **shape and boundedness**

$$B_l(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \begin{cases} -\infty, & \lambda_3 \leq 0 \\ \lambda_1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_2 \lambda_3}, & \lambda_3 > 0 \end{cases}, \quad B_u(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \begin{cases} +\infty, & \lambda_4 \leq 0 \\ \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{\lambda_2 \lambda_4}, & \lambda_4 > 0 \end{cases}$$

## Moments

- The **mean value** and **variance** read:

$$\mu = \lambda_1 - \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_3 + 1} - \frac{1}{\lambda_4 + 1} \right)$$

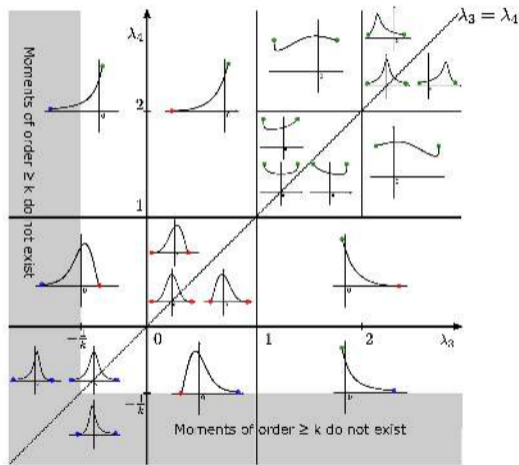
$$V \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sigma^2 = \frac{(d_2 - d_1^2)}{\lambda_2^2}$$

where (B is the Beta function):

$$d_1 = \frac{1}{\lambda_3} B(\lambda_3 + 1, 1) - \frac{1}{\lambda_4} B(1, \lambda_4 + 1)$$

$$d_2 = \frac{1}{\lambda_3^2} B(2\lambda_3 + 1, 1) - \frac{2}{\lambda_3 \lambda_4} B(\lambda_3 + 1, \lambda_4 + 1) + \frac{1}{\lambda_4^2} B(1, 2\lambda_4 + 1)$$

## Summary chart



- **Blue points:** infinite support
- **Red points:** finite support, with PDF = 0 at the bound
- **Green points:** finite support, with PDF  $\neq 0$  at the bound

Zhu & Sueri; (2020). Application-based emulation of the response distribution of stochastic simulators using generalized lambda distributions, Int. J. Uncertainty Quantification

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## Problem statement

Let us consider a stochastic simulator  $\mathcal{M}_S$  and the following **experimental design with replications**

- Experimental design of size  $N$  in the  $\mathbf{X}$ -space:  $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}$
- $R$  **replications** for each  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathcal{X}$ :  $\mathcal{Y}^{(i)} = \{y^{(i,1)}, y^{(i,2)}, \dots, y^{(i,R)}\}$

## Two approaches

*Zhu & Sudret (2020) Replication-based emulation of the response distribution of stochastic simulators using generalized lambda distributions, Int. J. Uncertainty Quantification*

- **Infer-and-fit**: infer a lambda distribution for each point  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$  of the experimental design, then fit a sparse polynomial chaos expansion to the parameters  $\lambda$
- **Joint inference**: improve the previous results by maximum likelihood optimization

## Local inference of lambda distributions (“Infer”)

Estimate  $\lambda^{(i)}$  based on  $\mathcal{Y}^{(i)} = \{y^{(i,1)}, \dots, y^{(i,R)}\}$

- Maximum likelihood estimation

$$\hat{\lambda}^{(i)} = \arg \max_{\lambda} \sum_{r=1}^R \log \left( \frac{\lambda_2}{u_{i,r}^{\lambda_3-1} + (1-u_{i,r})^{\lambda_4-1}} \right)$$

where

$$u_{i,r} = Q^{-1}(y^{(i,r)}; \lambda), \quad y^{(i,r)} = Q(u_{i,r}; \lambda) = \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} \left( \frac{u_{i,r}^{\lambda_3} - 1}{\lambda_3} - \frac{(1-u_{i,r})^{\lambda_4} - 1}{\lambda_4} \right)$$

- Nonlinear equation that can be solved numerically ( $Q$  is a monotonically increasing function)

## Polynomial chaos expansions

- Fit 4 PCEs from the **lambda data points**  $\Lambda = \{\hat{\lambda}^{(1)}, \dots, \hat{\lambda}^{(N)}\}$

## 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  $\mathbf{X} \mapsto \Xi$

The **polynomial chaos expansion** for a deterministic simulator  $\mathbf{X} \mapsto \mathcal{M}_d(\mathbf{X})$  reads:

$$\mathcal{M}_d(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d} a_\alpha \Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{X})$$

where:

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

# Polynomial chaos expansions

## Truncation schemes

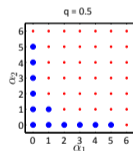
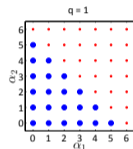
- “Full basis” of degree  $p$ :

$$\alpha \in \mathcal{A}^{p,M} = \left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^M; \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i \leq p \right\}$$

- $q$ -norm truncation:

$$\alpha \in \mathcal{A}^{p,q,M} = \left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^M; \|\alpha\|_q \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M \alpha_i^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq p \right\}, \quad 0 < q < 1$$

- **Sparse expansion**:  $\mathcal{A}$  only contains relevant basis functions taken out of a candidate basis



## Fitting polynomial chaos expansions (“Fit”)

- Gather the data from the “Fit”-step:  $\{(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(1)}), (\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(2)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(N)}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(N)})\}$
- Represent the distribution parameters  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  by polynomial chaos expansions

$$\lambda_k(\mathbf{x}) \approx \lambda_k^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_k} a_{k,\alpha} \psi_\alpha(\mathbf{x}) \quad \text{for } k = 1, 3, 4$$

$$\lambda_2(\mathbf{x}) \approx \lambda_2^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a}) = \exp\left(\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_2} a_{2,\alpha} \psi_\alpha(\mathbf{x})\right)$$

- PCE coefficients are calibrated by the sparse regression method **Hybrid-LARS**

Blatman & Sudret (2011) *Adaptive sparse polynomial chaos expansion based on Least Angle Regression*, J. Comput. Phys.

## Improvement: joint fitting

### Rationale

- The results of the **Infer-and-fit** algorithm depends on the **accuracy** of the local inference
- **Idea:** build a **global model** for the joint distribution of inputs and outputs:

$$f_{X,Y}(\mathbf{x}, y) = f_{Y|X}(y | \mathbf{x}) \cdot f_X(\mathbf{x})$$

where the conditional PDF is represented by a lambda model:

$$f_{X,Y}^{\text{GLD}}(\mathbf{x}, y; \mathbf{a}) = f_{Y|X}^{\text{GLD}}(y; \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{a})) \cdot f_X(\mathbf{x})$$

### Procedure

Find the optimal PCE coefficients  $\mathbf{a}$  that **minimize the Kullback-Leibler divergence** between  $f_{X,Y}$  and  $f_{X,Y}^{\text{GLD}}$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{a}} D_{\text{KL}}(f_{X,Y} || f_{X,Y}^{\text{GLD}}(\cdot; \mathbf{a}))$$

## Corresponding loss function

### Solution

After some basic algebra, the minimization problem reduces to:

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}, Y} [\log \hat{f}_{Y|\mathbf{X}} (Y; \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{a}))]$$

### Estimator

- The PCE bases for  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{x})$  are taken from the “Infer-and-Fit” approach
- The **expectation** w.r.t.  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $Y$  is computed from the experimental design  $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}$ , with  $R$  replications in each point (outputs  $y^{(i,r)}$ ):

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{a}} \frac{1}{NR} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{r=1}^R \log \hat{f}_{Y|\mathbf{X}} (y^{(i,r)}; \boldsymbol{\lambda}^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \mathbf{a}))$$

## Illustration of the algorithm

### Toy example

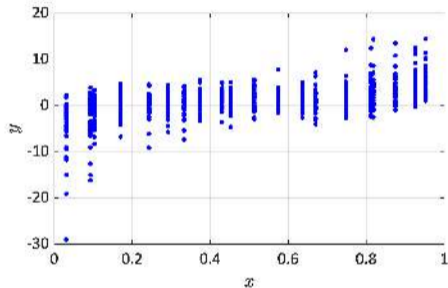
- Analytical lambda model

$$\lambda_1(x) = 50x^3 - 75x^2 + 35x - 4$$

$$\lambda_2(x) = \exp(-3x^2 + 3x - 1)$$

$$\lambda_3(x) = -0.2 + 0.7x$$

$$\lambda_4(x) = 0.4 - 0.6x$$

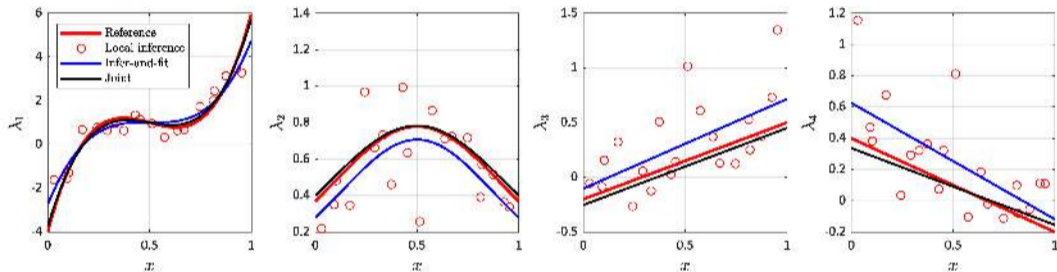


- Experimental design of  $N = 20$ , replications  $R = 40$



# Illustration of the algorithm

## Joint fitting



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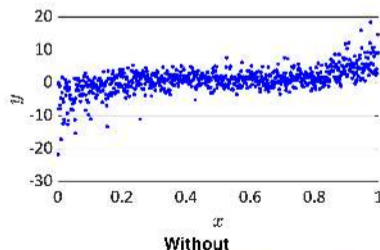
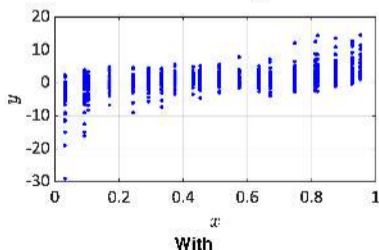
### Goal

Propose a framework to build a stochastic emulator **without replications** (... that can also be applied if there is replicated data)

### Rationale

The joint fitting estimator does not require replications!

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}, Y} [\log \hat{f}_{Y|\mathbf{X}}(Y; \lambda^{\text{PC}}(\mathbf{X}; \mathbf{a}))]$$



## Procedure

### Ingredients

- An experimental design  $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}$  and model evaluations  $y^{(i)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \omega_i)$
- **Pre-selected PC bases** for the four polynomial chaos expansions of  $\lambda_i(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$

### Selection of PCE bases

- PCE models for the mean and variance of the model output built using the **feasible generalized least-square** method
- Use the PCE basis of  $\mu(\mathbf{x})$  (resp.  $\log \sigma^2(\mathbf{x})$ ) for  $\lambda_1$  (resp.  $\lambda_2$ )
- PCE of **degree 1** for  $\lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_4$  (it is assumed that the shape of the response distribution does not vary nonlinearly with  $\mathbf{x}$ )

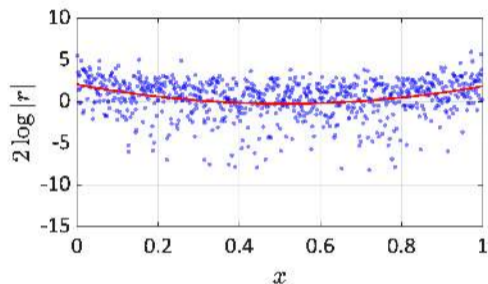
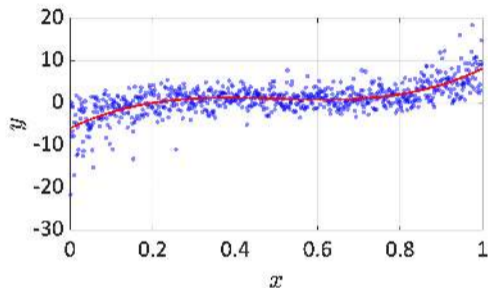
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**Algorithm 1: Feasible generalized least-squares (FGLS)**


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- 1: **Input:** Computational budget  $N$
  - 2: **Initialization**
  - 3:     Experimental design  $\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}$
  - 4:     Model evaluations  $\mathcal{Y} = \{y^{(i)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}(i), \omega_i), i = 1, \dots, N\}$
  - 5:     Set  $k = 0$ . Estimate the mean function  $\hat{\mu}_0(\mathbf{x})$  by **ordinary least-squares** % **Fix the basis after  $(p, q)$  search**
  - 6:
  - 7: **FGLS**
  - 8:     **while** *NotConverged* **do**
  - 9:         Subtract the estimated mean from the data, *i.e.*  $r^{(i)} = y^{(i)} - \hat{\mu}_k(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$
  - 10:         Estimate the variance function  $\hat{\sigma}_k^2(\mathbf{x})$  based on  $\{(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, 2 \log |r^{(i)}|), i = 1, \dots, N\}$
  - 11:          $k \leftarrow k + 1$
  - 12:         Use  $\hat{\sigma}_k^2(\mathbf{x})$  as weight to estimate  $\hat{\mu}_k(\mathbf{x})$  by **weighted least-squares**
  - 13:     **end**
  - 14: **Return** PCE expansions of  $\mu(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\log \sigma^2(\mathbf{x})$
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## Feasible generalized least-squares (FGLS): illustration



Iteration 10

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## Error metrics for stochastic emulators

### Wasserstein distance

- It is the  $L^2$  distance between the **quantile** functions:

$$d_{\text{WS}}^2(Y, \hat{Y}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \|Q_Y - \hat{Q}_Y\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_0^1 (Q_Y(u) - \hat{Q}_Y(u))^2 du$$

### Normalized Wasserstein distance

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}} [d_{\text{WS}}^2(Y(\mathbf{X}), Y^{\text{GLaM}}(\mathbf{X}))]}{\text{Var}[Y]}$$



## Geometric Brownian motion

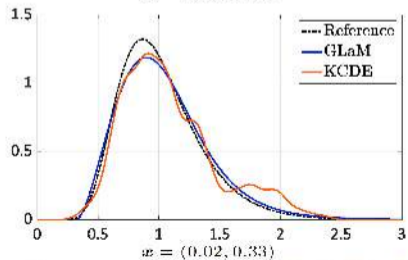
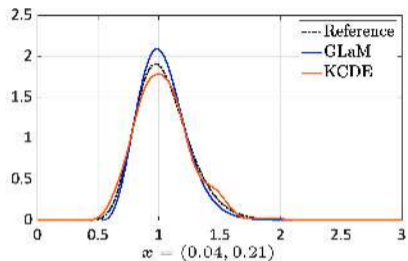
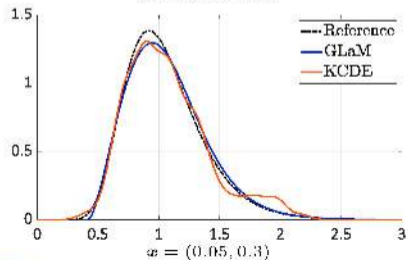
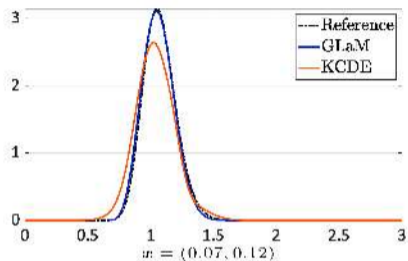
$$dS_t = x_1 S_t dt + x_2 S_t dW_t$$

- $S_t$ : stock price,  $W_t$ : Wiener process
- $x_1$ : drift,  $x_2$ : volatility
- The analytical distribution of  $S_t$  exists (Itô's calculus)

$$S_t(\mathbf{x})/S_0 \sim \mathcal{LN} \left( (x_1 - x_2^2/2) t, x_2 t \right)$$

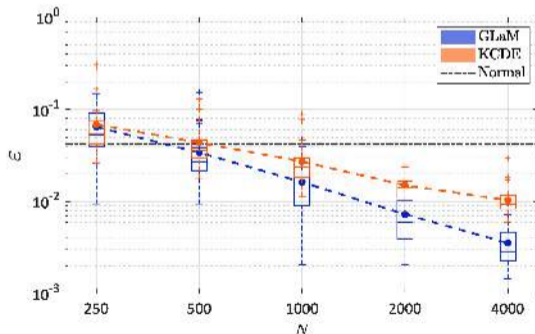
### Setup

- $X_1 \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 0.1)$ ,  $X_2 \sim \mathcal{U}(0.1, 0.4)$
- $Y = S_1$  for  $t = 1$  is of interest, *i.e.*  $Y(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{LN} (x_1 - x_2^2/2, x_2)$
- Experimental design:  $\mathcal{X}$  are generated using the Latin hypercube sampling
- No replications

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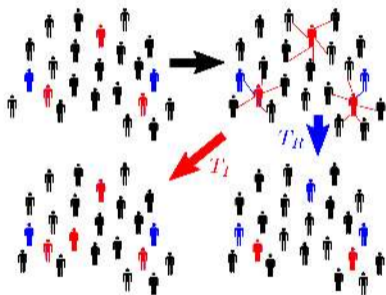
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## Stochastic SIR model

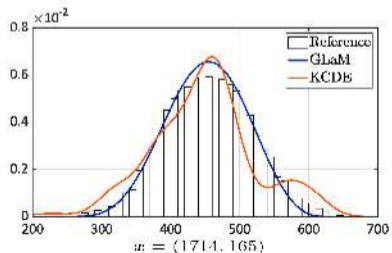
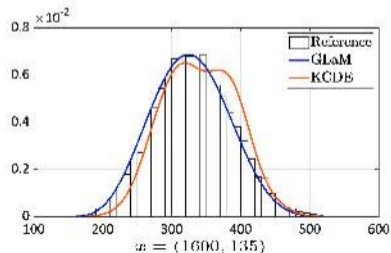
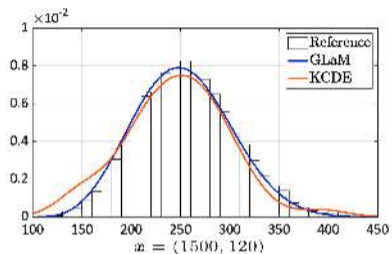
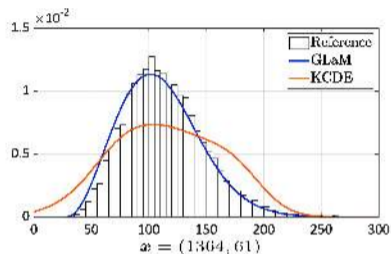
- $M_t = S_t + I_t + R_t$ : total population
- $S_t$ : number of **susceptible** individuals at time  $t$
- $I_t$ : number of **infected** individuals at time  $t$
- $R_t$ : number of **recovered** individuals at time  $t$

### Setup

- Total population  $M_t = 2000$
- The initial condition:  $S_0 \sim \mathcal{U}(1300, 1800)$ ,  
 $I_0 \sim \mathcal{U}(20, 200)$
- $Y(x)$ : **total number of infected individuals during the outbreak** (without counting  $I_0$ )

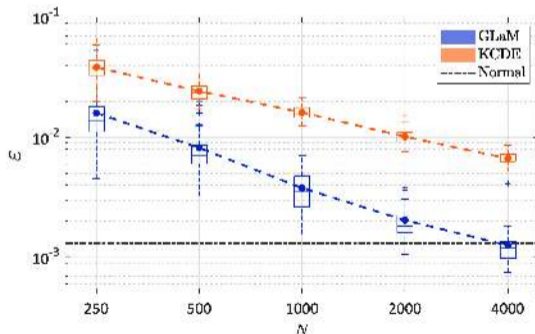


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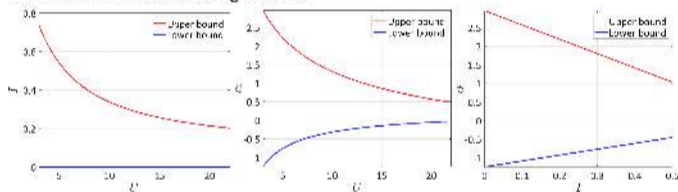
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## Wind turbine application

- **Five input variables:**

- Mean speed  $U$ , turbulence intensity  $I$  and shear exponent  $\alpha$  are uniformly distributed in the following domain

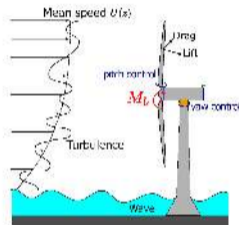


- Air density  $\rho \sim \mathcal{U}(0.8, 1.4)$ , inclination angle  $\beta \sim \mathcal{U}(-10, 10)$

- **Model output:** maximum flapwise bending moment  $Y = M_b$

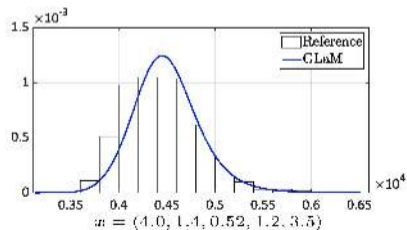
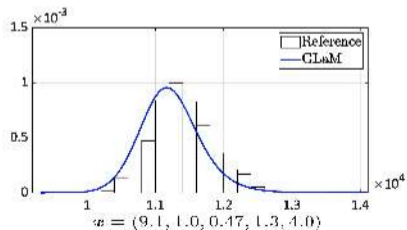
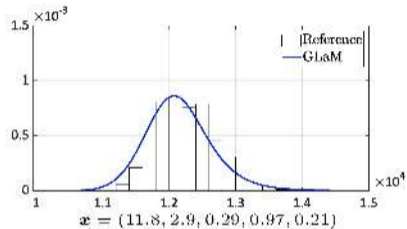
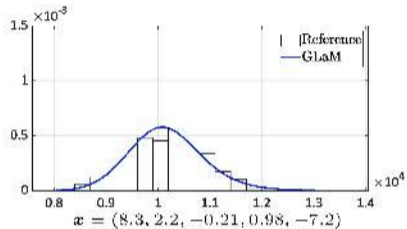
### Simulation

- 485 training points with 50 replications
- 120 test points with 500 replications



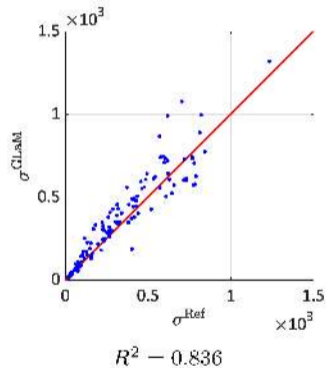
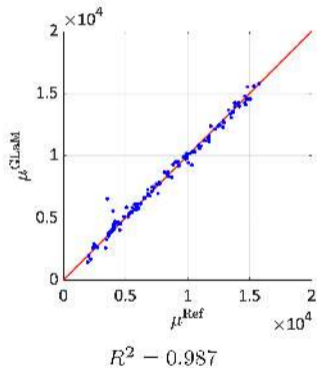
## PDF predictions

The normalized Wasserstein distance is  $\varepsilon = 0.013$



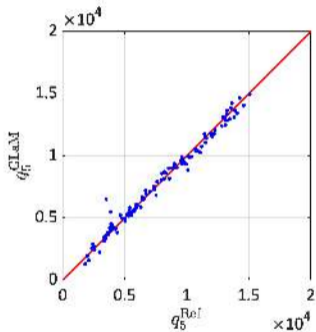
## Predictions of quantities of interest

### Mean and standard deviation

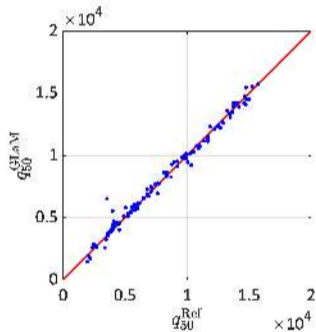


## QoI predictions

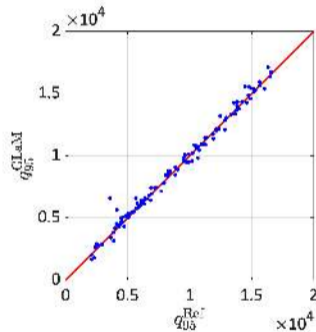
## Quantiles



$$R^2 = 0.983$$



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$$R^2 = 0.988$$

## Conclusions

- Stochastic simulators are used in many fields of applied sciences and engineering
- Building **general-purpose** emulators is necessary for optimization, sensitivity analysis, etc.
- We propose a framework based on **generalized lambda distributions** and **polynomial chaos expansions**
- **Replications** are not mandatory ... but can be used !
- Extensions with other surrogates (*e.g.* Gaussian processes) and sparse techniques are under investigation

Thank you very much for your attention!

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