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# Bayesian optimization applied to constrained black-box problems for different aeronautical applications

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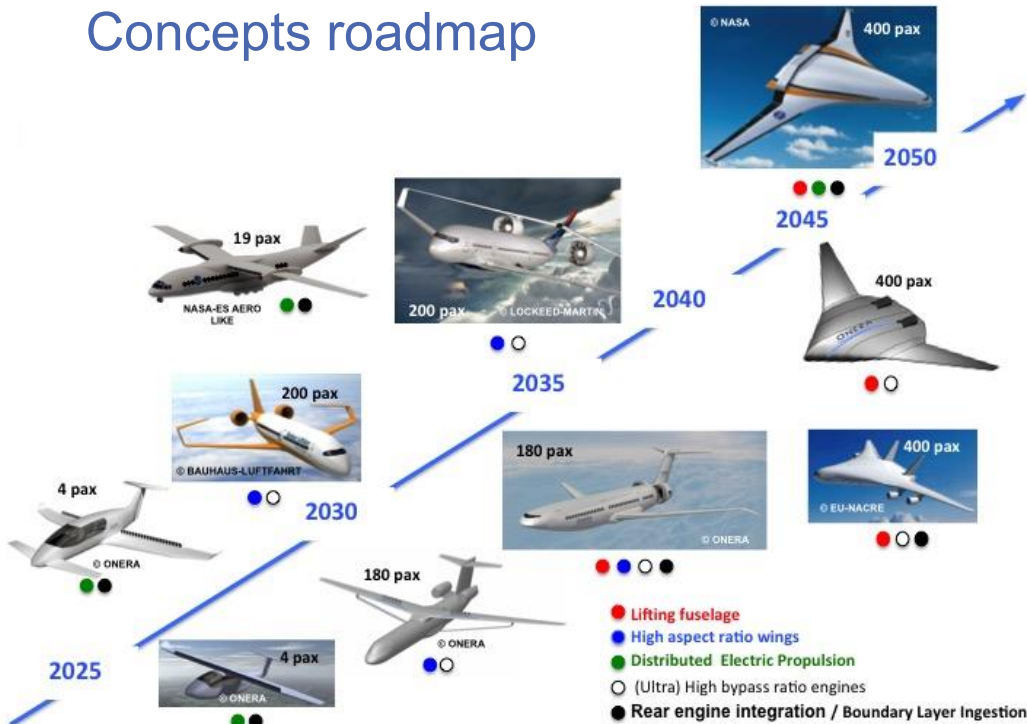
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# Tools to design the new aircraft configurations

## Concepts roadmap



## MDO Framework

Surrogate models

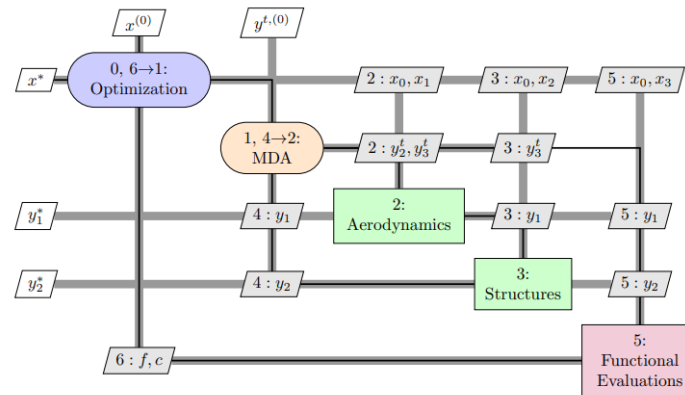
Disciplinary Tools

Optimization Tools

Uncertainty Quantification Tools

- ➔ Take into account more information earlier in the design process
- ➔ Keep a design space as large as possible

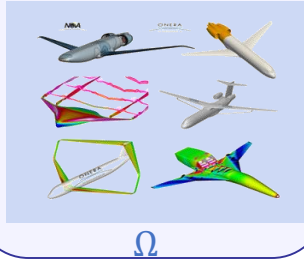
# Different strategies to solve Multidisciplinary Design Analysis and Optimization



- **Coupled disciplines** (Multidisciplinary Design Analysis)  
➔ Overall Aircraft Design process for new configurations
- **Multiple quantities of interest** (Objectives and Constraints)
- **Mixed Integer variables** (number of batteries, choice of materials, choice of architectures...)

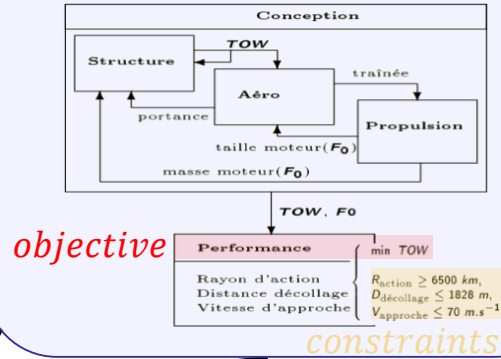
# Overview

## New concepts



Analyze

## Multidisciplinary design analysis



Improvements

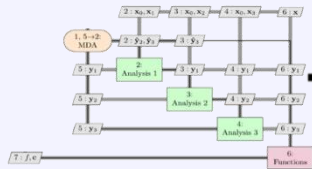
## Global optimization

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\text{inputs} \in \Omega} & \text{objective}(\text{inputs}) \\ \text{s.t.} & \text{constraints}(\text{inputs}) \end{aligned}$$

Expensive computations

Expensive black-box optimization

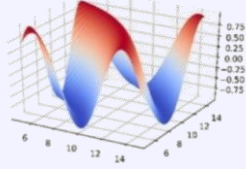
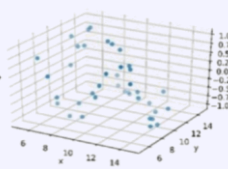
## Surrogate model



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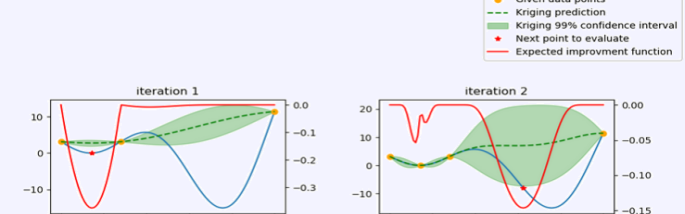
Design of experiments

Gaussian processes



## Bayesian optimization

EGO optimization of  $f(x) = x \sin x$



# Outline

- Kriging based surrogate models
- Bayesian optimization
  - mono & multiobjective
  - extension to multifidelity
- Applications
  - DRAGON: ONERA hybrid electric aircraft
  - AGILE4.0 application: family concept design
  - Drone design

# Methodology developments: Surrogate Models

## Definition of a metamodel library dedicated to Aircraft design

- Models to handle a large number of design variables
  - ➔ New Kriging models: KPLS & KPLS-K
- Models to handle heterogeneous function
  - ➔ Mixture of experts (MOE)
- Models to handle heterogeneous variables
  - ➔ Kriging based on continuous relaxation
  - ➔ Dedicated categorical kernels
- Models to handle multi-fidelity data
  - ➔ Co-Kriging (MFKPLS, MFKPLS-K)
  - ➔ Co-Kriging with heteroscedastic Noise

# open source python toolbox for surrogate models



SMT: Surrogate Modeling Toolbox



[github.com/SMTorg/smt](https://github.com/SMTorg/smt)



- Surrogate models with some focus on derivatives
- Included some Jupyter notebooks

## SMT 2.9.3 features (July 2025):

- Models to handle a large number of design variables (**KPLS – KPLSK** – MGP)
- Mixture of experts** to handle heterogeneous functions (**MOE**)
- Different covariance kernels added
- Multi-fidelity models** (**MFK** – MFKPLS – MFKPLSK)
- Noisy kriging to handle uncertainties on data
- Kriging models for **mixed variables** (continuous, discrete, categorical) & associated kernels
- Kriging models for hierarchical variables (meta, neutral, decreed) & associated kernels
- Sparse GP models to handle large database & multi-fidelity
- Bayesian optimization** (EGO without constraint) for continuous and mixed variables

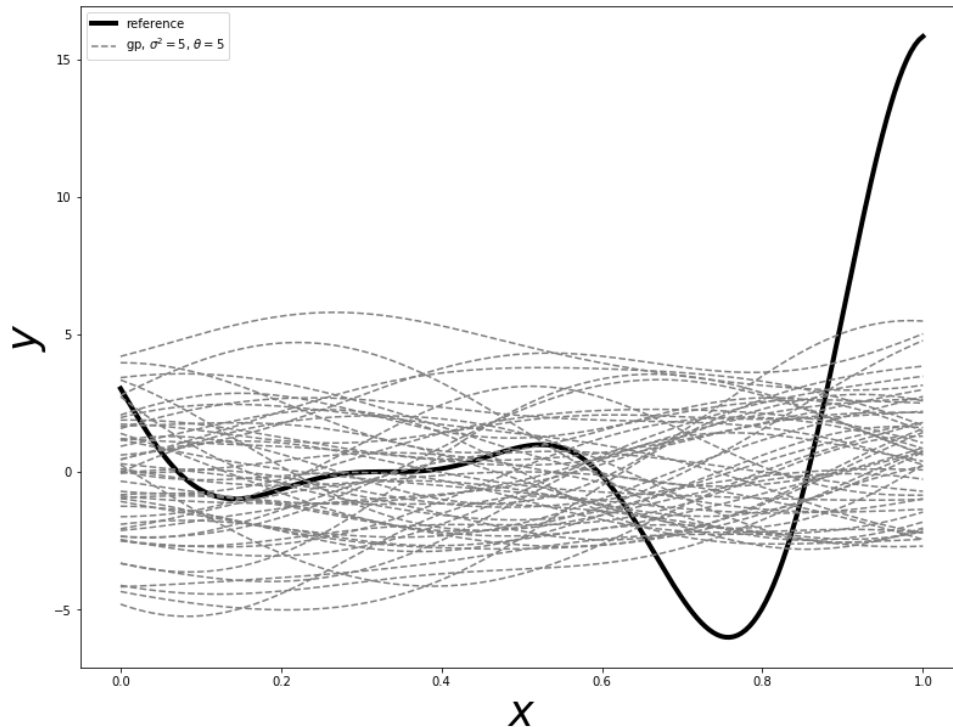
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# Gaussian process or Kriging model

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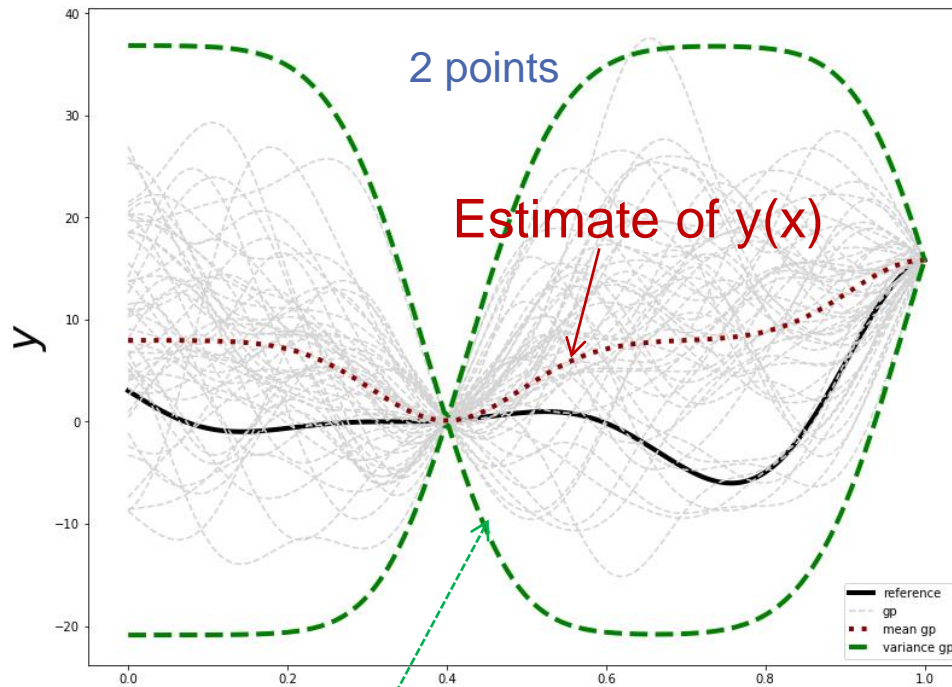
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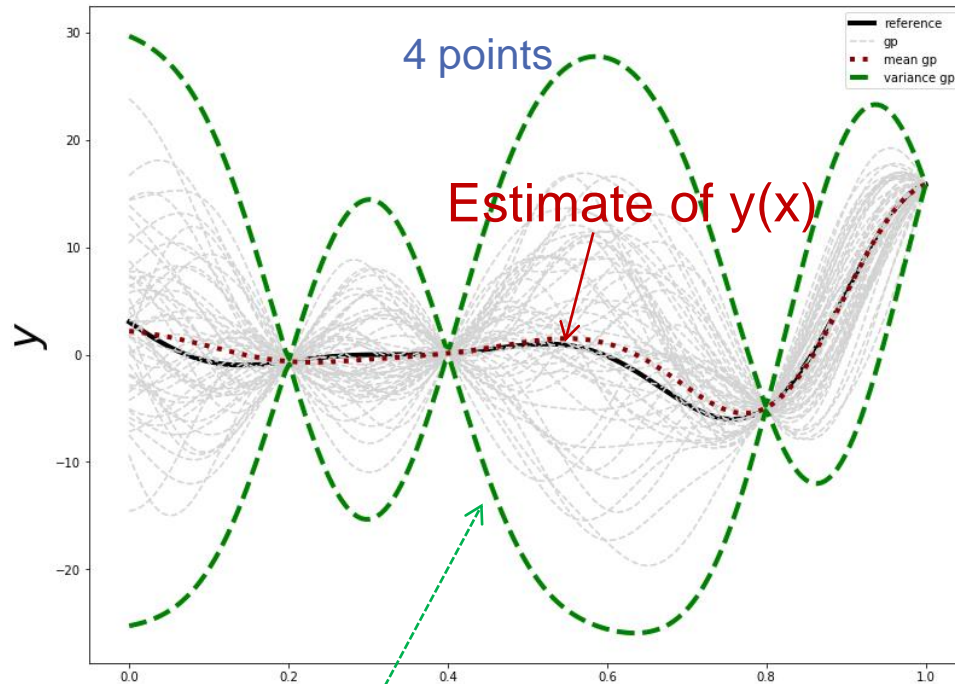
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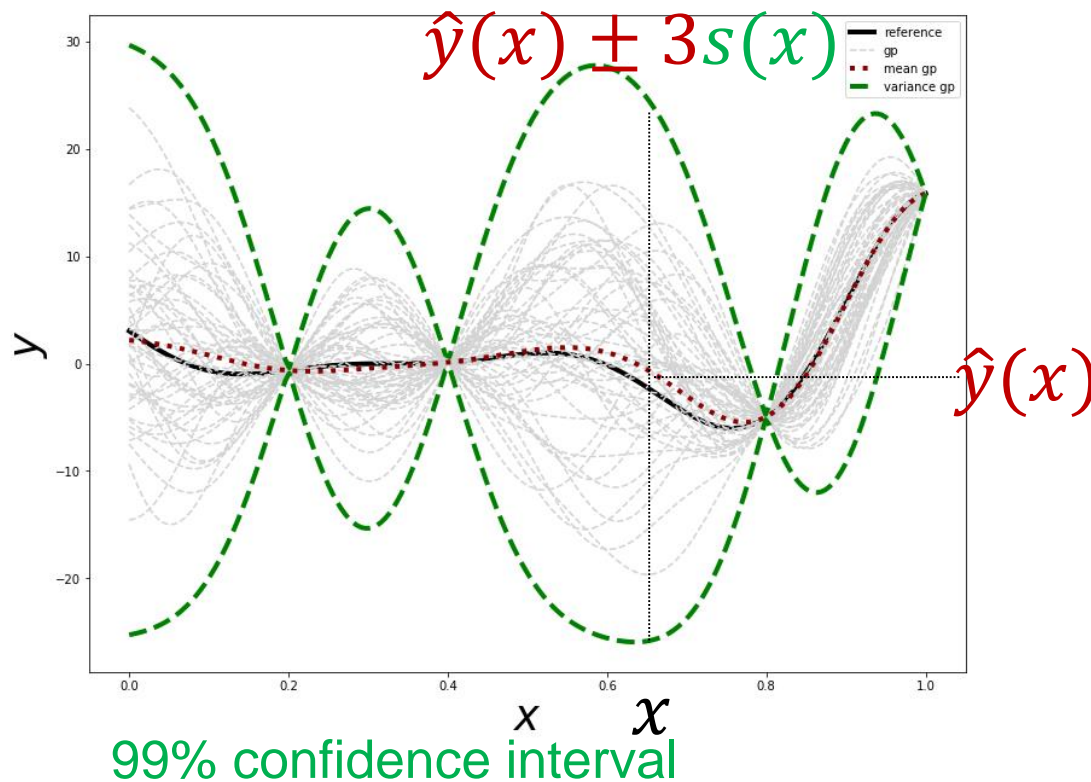
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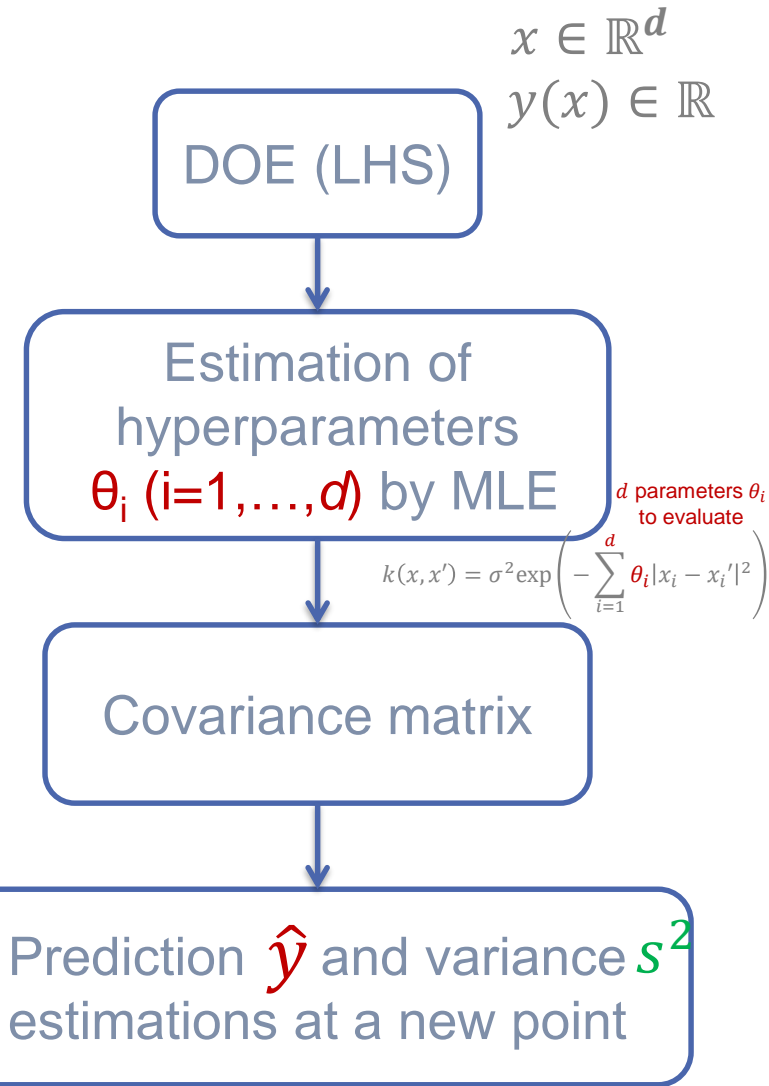
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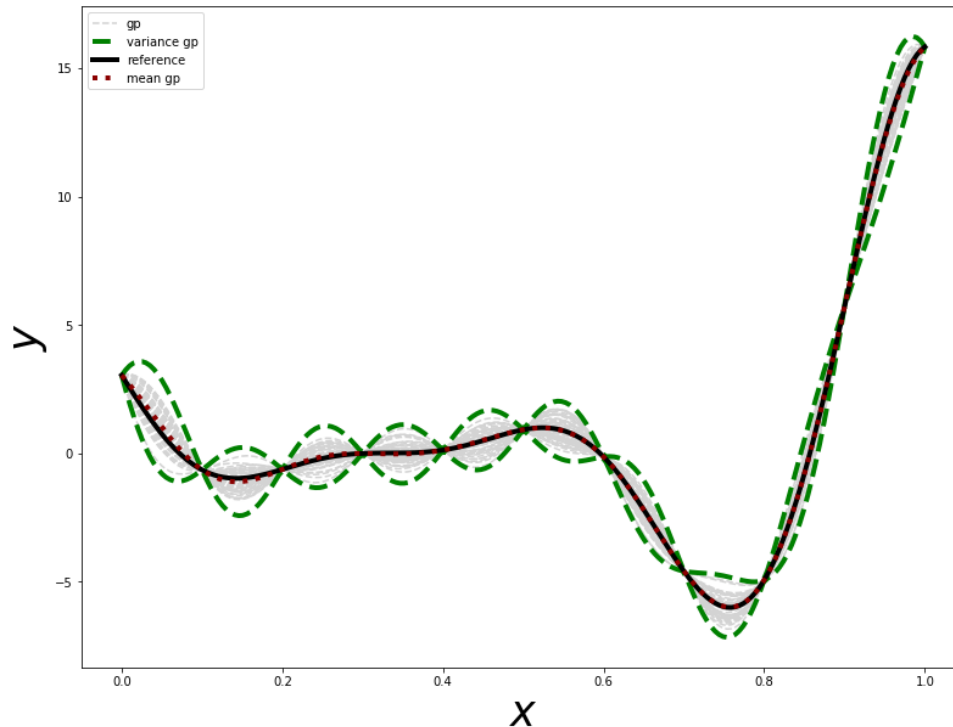


$$f(x) \Rightarrow Y(x) = N(\hat{y}(x), s^2(x))$$



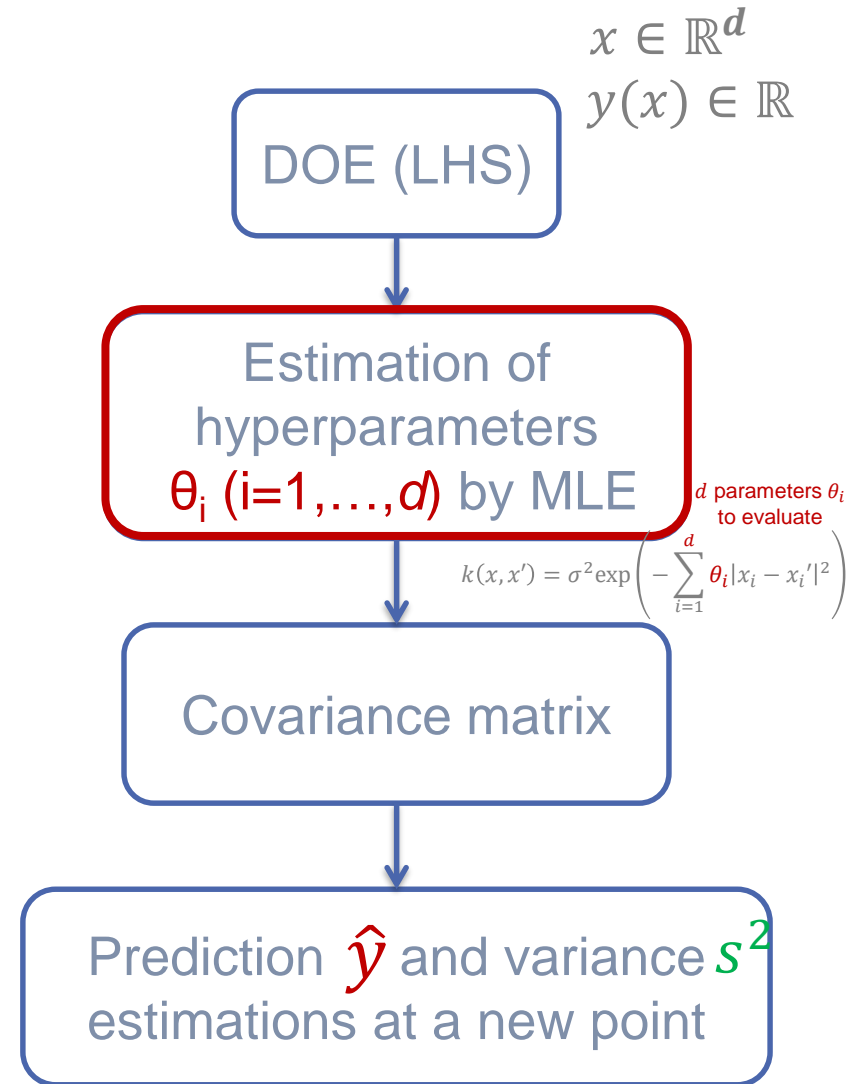
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# Gaussian process or Kriging model



- ➔ Hyperparameters tuning
- ➔ Number of hyperparameters increases with the dimension  $d$  (number of design variables)
- ➔ Curse of dimensionality

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# Models to handle a large number of design variables

## Kriging models: KPLS & KPLS-K

➔ Exploitation of information provided by PLS (Partial Least Squares) in the construction of the Kriging model to reduce the dimension: KPLS and KPLS-K models

Ordinary  
Kriging

$$k(x, x') = \sigma^2 \exp \left( - \sum_{i=1}^d \theta_i |x_i - x'_i|^{p_i} \right) \quad \text{with}$$

$d$  parameters  $\theta_i$   
to evaluate

$h \ll d$

Covariance kernel



KPLS

$$k_{PLS}(x, x') = \sigma^2 \exp \left( - \sum_{i=1}^d \eta_i |x_i - x'_i|^{p_i} \right) \quad \text{with}$$

$$\eta_i = \sum_{j=1}^h \theta_j |w_{i,j}|^{p_i}$$

$h$  parameters  $\theta_j$  to evaluate

- $|w_{i,j}|_{i=1,\dots,d}$  describes how sensitive the  $j$ -th principal component is to each design variable  $i$  ➔ PLS
- $\theta_j$  describes how sensitive the function is to each principal component (max  $h \approx 4$ ) ➔ MLE
- If  $h = d$  ➔ classical Kriging (exponential kernels)

Wold H (1966) Estimation of Principal Components and Related Models by Iterative Least squares, Academic Press, New York, pp 391–420

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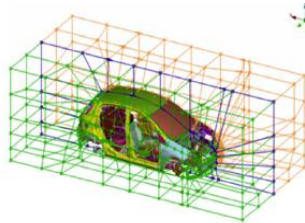
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MOPTA test case function  
from automotive industry

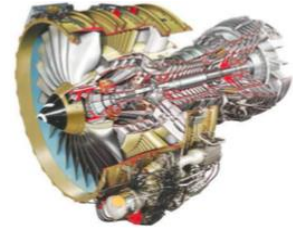
**d=124 inputs** 1 output  
training: 500 points LHS,  
validation: 100 points



$$RE = \frac{\|y - \hat{y}\|_2}{\|y\|_2} 100$$

SNECMA test case  
(turbomachinery)

**d=98 inputs** 1 output  
training: 340 points LHS,  
validation: 24 points LHS



Surrogate	RE (%)	CPU time
Ordinary Kriging (Scikit-Learn)	3.28e-7	17 min 23 s
		Time / 28
KPLS $h=4$	4.52e-7	37 s

Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-4500U CPU@1.80GHz, 6.00 Go RAM

Surrogate	RE (%)	CPU time
Ordinary Kriging (Snecma ref)	2.24	1min 33s
		Time / 60
KPLS $h=1$	1.62	0.90 s
KPLS $h=2$	1.62	1.56 s

Intel(R) Xeron(R) CPU W3565@3.20GHz, 7.98 Go RAM  
Quad core

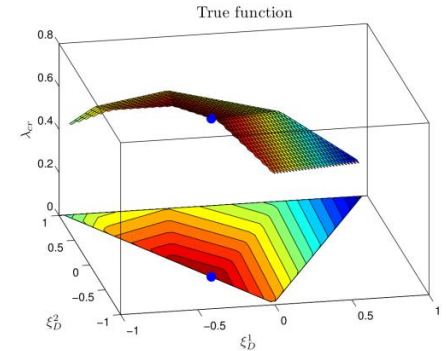
- CPU time drastically reduced: interest for adaptive enrichment optimization method
- Automatic choice for the number of PLS components

Jones, D., "Large-scale multi-disciplinary mass optimization in the auto industry," MOPTA 2008 Conference (20 August 2008)  
Bouhlef, M.-A., Ph.D. thesis, ISAE-SUPAERO, 2016, <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/tel-01293319>



# Models to handle heterogeneous functions

## Mixture of Experts (MOE)



### → Mixture of experts technique

- Divide the database into  $K$  clusters (Expectation-Maximization)
- Build a local surrogate model on each cluster (RBF, Polynomial functions, Kriging,...)
- Recombine the  $K$  local models into a global model

$$\hat{f}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^K P(k = i/X = x) \hat{f}_i$$

$K$  number of clusters (Gaussian components)

$P(k = i/X = x)$  probability to be in the cluster  $i$

(posterior probability given by the Expectation-Maximization algorithm)

$\hat{f}_i$  local expert build using the points in cluster  $i$  (RBF, Polynomial functions, Kriging,...)

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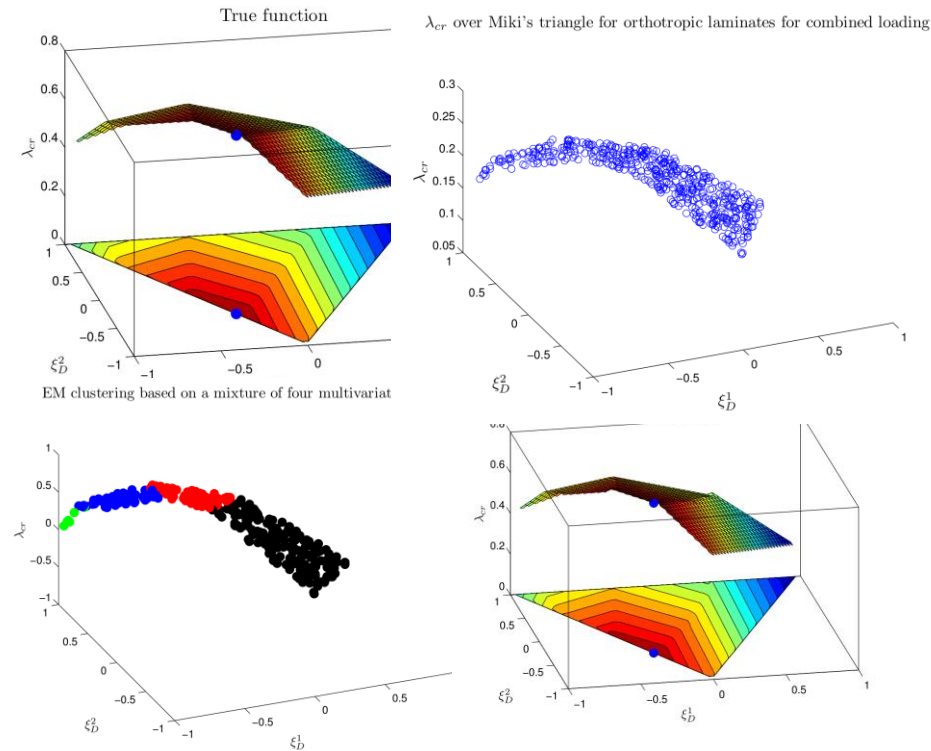


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## Comparison on Buckling critical loads

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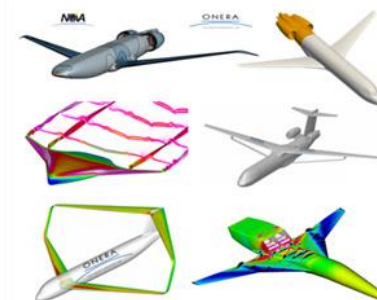
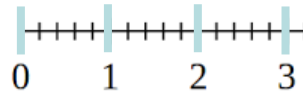
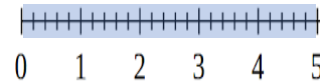
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# Models to handle mixed variables (continuous, discrete, categorical)

## Hybrid variables

### Variables types:

- **Continuous (x)** Ex: wing length
- **Integer (z)** Ex: winglet number
- **Categorical (u)** Ex: Plane shape / material properties



Categorical variables:  $n$  variables,  $n=2$

$u_1$  = shape

$u_2$  = color

Levels:  $L_i$  levels for  $i$  in  $1, \dots, n$ ,

$L_1=3, L_2=2$

Levels( $u_1$ ) = square, circle, rhombus

Levels( $u_2$ ) = blue, red

Categories:  $\prod_{i=1}^n L_i, 2*3=6$

- Blue square
- Blue circle
- Blue rhombus
- Red square
- Red circle
- Red rhombus

6 possibilities

➔ **Different possible kernels**: Gower distance, Continuous Relaxation, Homoscedastic hypersphere, **Exponential Homoscedastic hypersphere**

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# State of the Art approach: Continuous Relaxation

## ➔ Model as a **Continuous Relaxation** (one-hot-encoding)

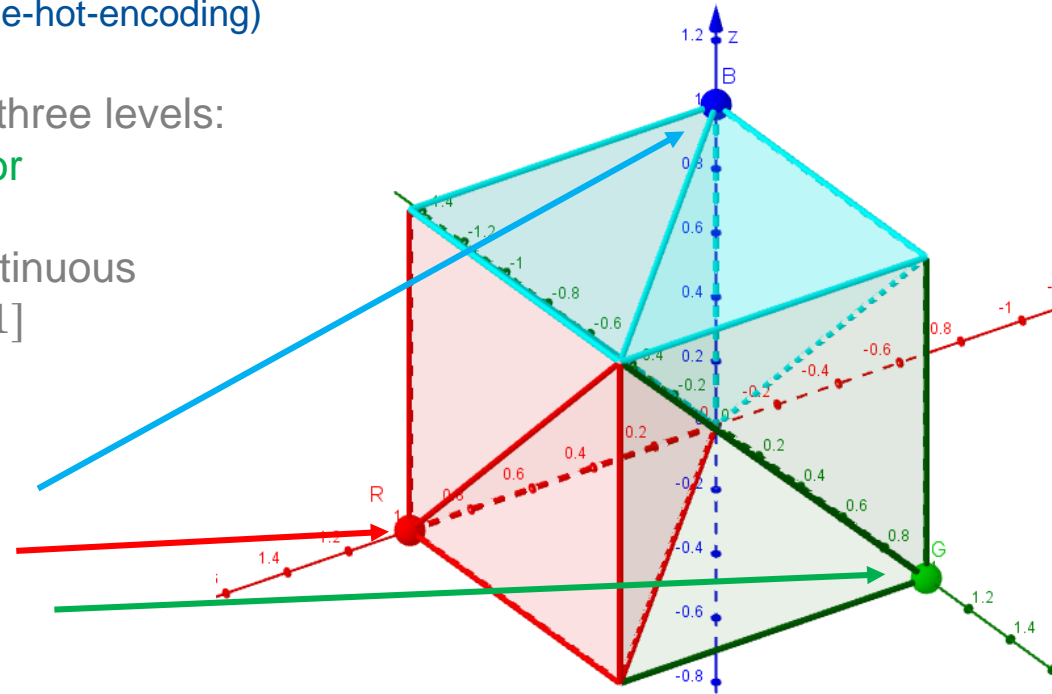
Example with 1 categorical variable X and three levels:

Red color, Blue color, Green color

➔ 1 Categorical variable replaced by 3 continuous variables denoted by  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$  and  $X_3 \in [0,1]$

## ➔ Rounding operator:

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A continuous kernel  
(in the relaxed dimension)

$$k(x^r, x^s, \theta^{cont}) = \prod_{j=1}^{d'} \exp \left( -(x_j^r - x_j^s) \theta_j^{cont} (x_j^r - x_j^s) \right)$$

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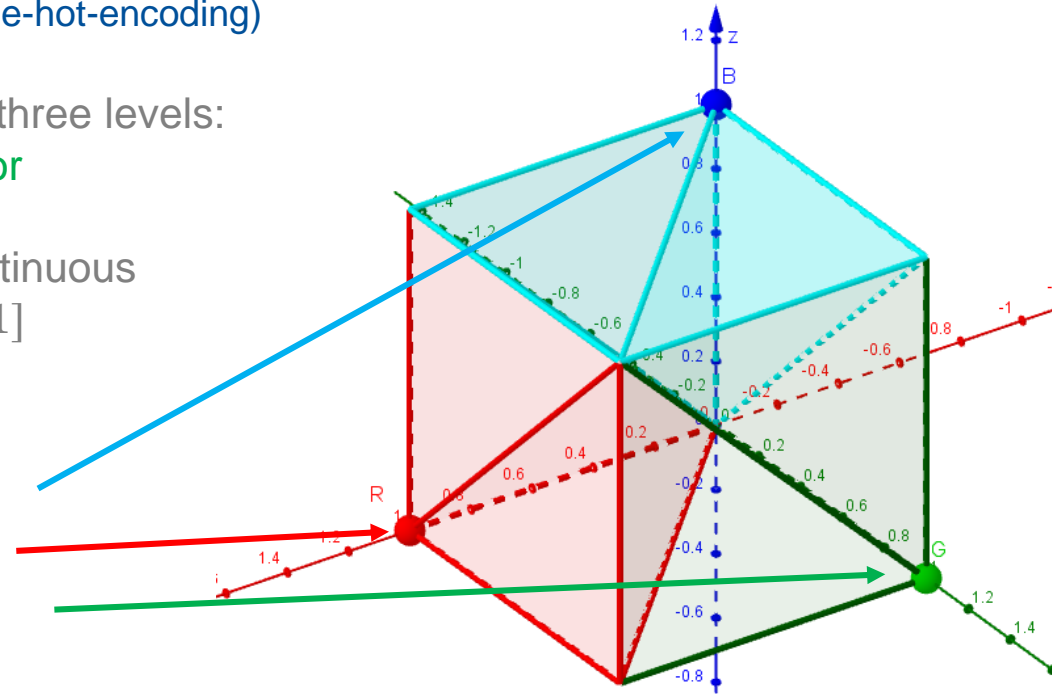
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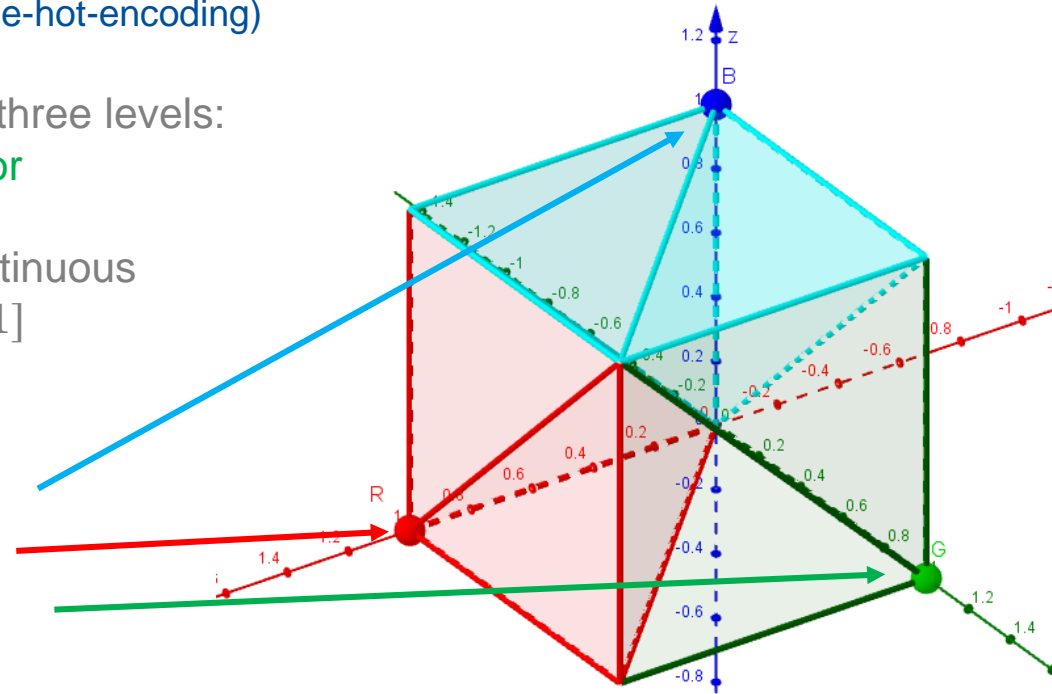
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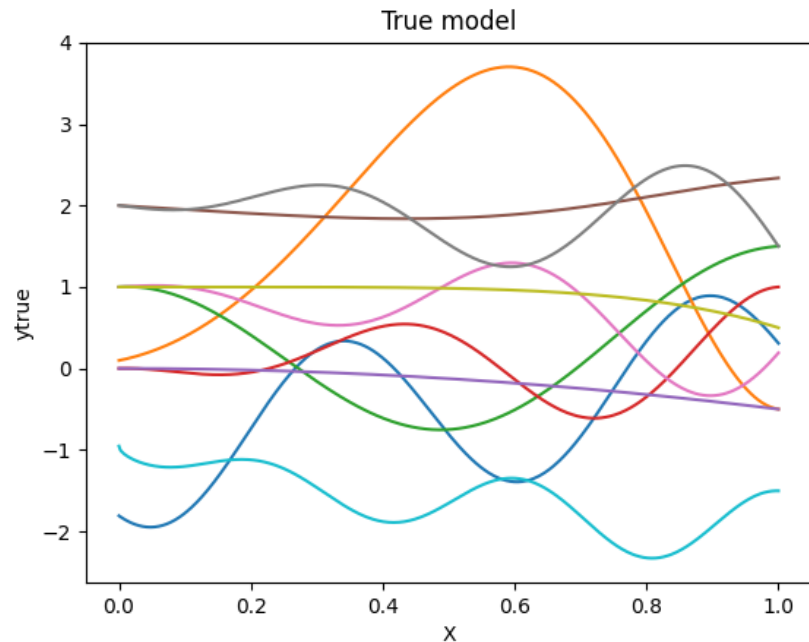
➔ Use of KPLS models to decrease the dimension

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# Models to handle mixed variables (continuous, discrete, categorical)

Toy function with a categorical variable (10 levels)

$$f(x, z) = \begin{cases} \cos(3.6\pi(x-2)) + x - 1 & \text{if } z = 1, \\ 2 \cos(1.1\pi \exp(x)) - \frac{x}{2} + 2 & \text{if } z = 2, \\ \cos(2\pi x) + \frac{1}{2}x & \text{if } z = 3, \\ x \left( \cos(3.4\pi(x-1)) - \frac{x-1}{2} \right) & \text{if } z = 4, \\ -\frac{x^2}{2} & \text{if } z = 5, \\ 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\exp(-x^4)\right)^2 - \frac{x}{2} + 1 & \text{if } z = 6, \\ x \cos(3.4\pi x) - \frac{x}{2} + 1 & \text{if } z = 7, \\ x \left( -\cos\left(7\frac{\pi}{2}x\right) - \frac{x}{2} \right) + 2 & \text{if } z = 8, \\ -\frac{x^5}{2} + 1 & \text{if } z = 9, \\ -\cos\left(5\frac{\pi}{2}x\right)^2 \sqrt{x} - \frac{\ln(x+0.5)}{2} - 1.3 & \text{if } z = 10. \end{cases}$$

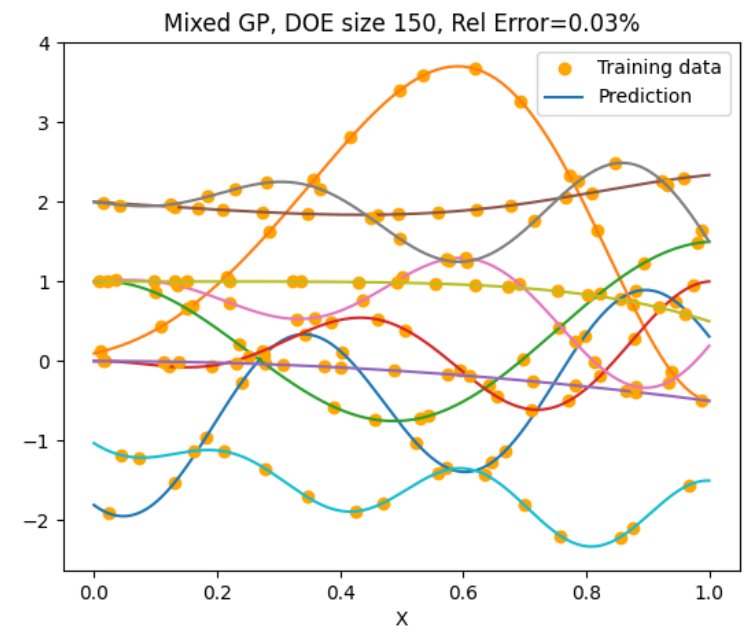
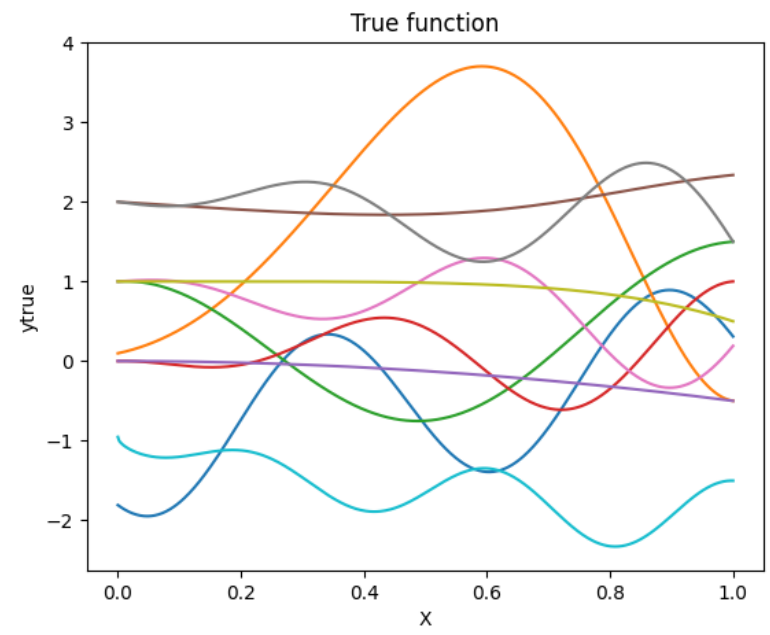


1 continuous + 1 categorical variable (10 levels) → 11 continuous variables

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$$f(x, z) = \begin{cases} \cos(3.6\pi(x-2)) + x - 1 & \text{if } z = 1, \\ 2 \cos(1.1\pi \exp(x)) - \frac{x}{2} + 2 & \text{if } z = 2, \\ \cos(2\pi x) + \frac{1}{2}x & \text{if } z = 3, \\ x \left( \cos(3.4\pi(x-1)) - \frac{x-1}{2} \right) & \text{if } z = 4, \\ -\frac{x^2}{2} & \text{if } z = 5, \\ 2 \cos(\frac{1}{4}\exp(-x^4)) - \frac{x}{2} + 1 & \text{if } z = 6, \\ x \cos(3.4\pi x) - \frac{x}{2} + 1 & \text{if } z = 7, \\ x \left( -\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{2}x\right) - \frac{x}{2} \right) + 2 & \text{if } z = 8, \\ -\frac{x^3}{2} + 1 & \text{if } z = 9, \\ -\cos(5\frac{\pi}{2}x)^2 \sqrt{x} - \frac{\ln(x+0.5)}{2} - 1.3 & \text{if } z = 10. \end{cases}$$



➔ Smaller errors compared to independant GPs

# Models to handle multi-information sources

## Multi-fidelity Kriging (MFK) or co-kriging

- **Access to different information sources that approximate  $y(x)$  with varying accuracy and cost**

Hierarchical relationships among information sources: low-fidelity / high-fidelity

➔ Use low-fidelity information to enhance the high-fidelity model:

**MFK models**

$$Y^{HF}(\mathbf{x}) = \rho(\mathbf{x})Y^{LF}(\mathbf{x}) + \gamma(\mathbf{x})$$

- **Recursive co-Kriging formulation:  $\ell$  levels of fidelity**

$$\mu_{HF} = \rho \mu_{LF} + \mu_{\delta}$$

$$\sigma_{HF}^2 = \rho^2 \sigma_{LF}^2 + \sigma_{\delta}^2$$



$$\mu_k = \rho_{k-1} \mu_{k-1} + \mu_{\delta_k}$$

$$\sigma_k^2 = \rho_{k-1}^2 \sigma_{k-1}^2 + \sigma_{\delta_k}^2$$

- Different scaling factors  $\rho(x)$ , extension to KPLS & KPLS-K
- Design of experiments adapted to multi-fidelity (nested DOE)

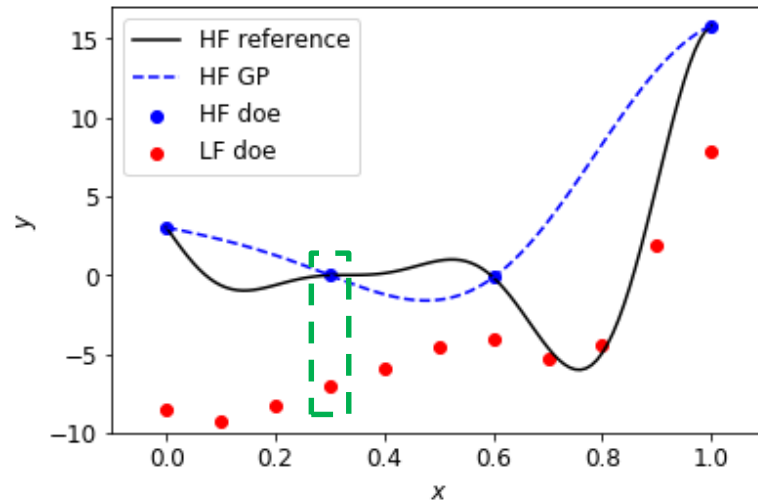
$$X_{HF} \subset X_{LF}$$

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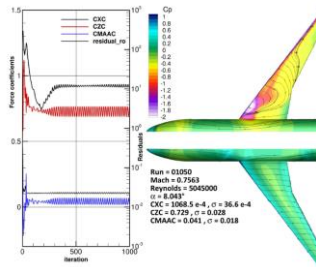
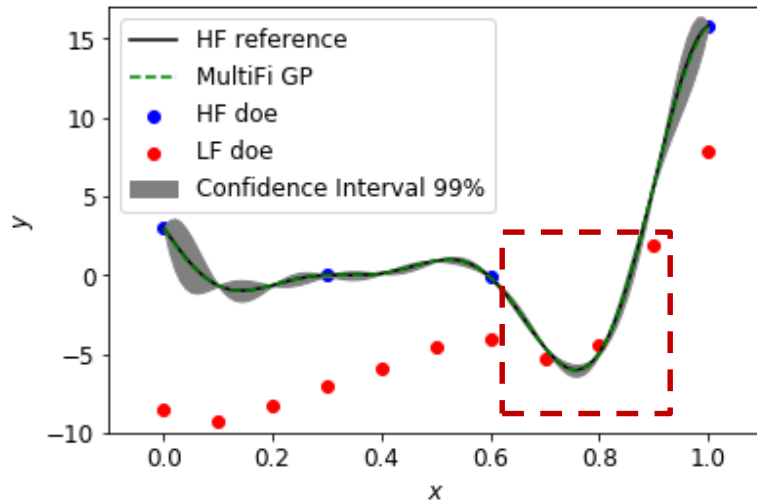
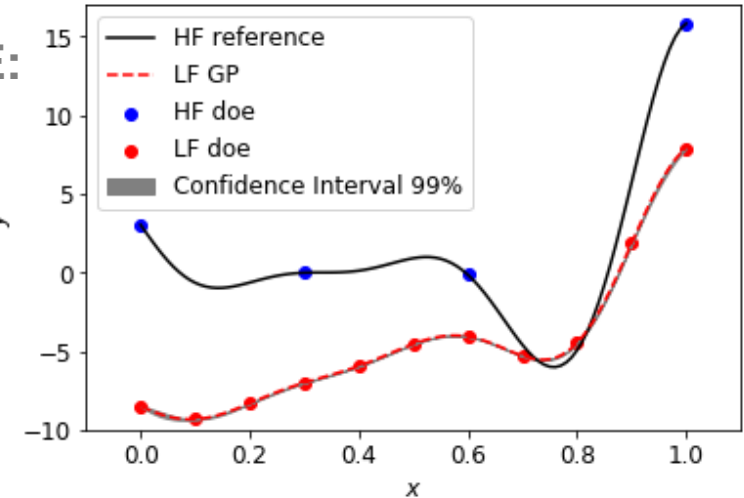
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# Multi-fidelity Kriging example with 2 levels

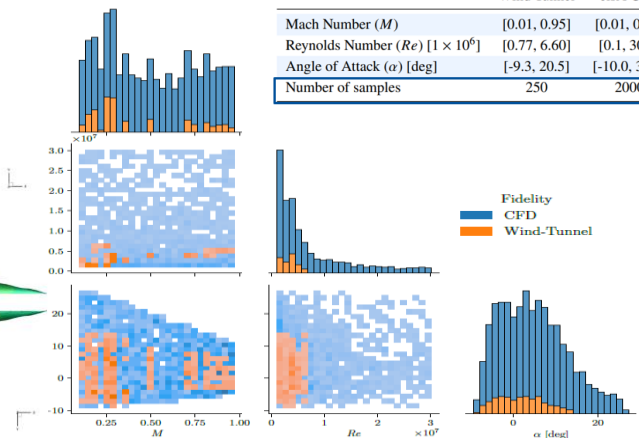


**Nested DOE:**  
**4 pts HF**  
**11 pts LF**



## CFD & WIND TUNNEL database

	High fidelity	Low fidelity
Wind Tunnel		elsA CFD
Mach Number ( $M$ )	[0.01, 0.95]	[0.01, 0.97]
Reynolds Number ( $Re$ ) [ $1 \times 10^6$ ]	[0.77, 6.60]	[0.1, 30.0]
Angle of Attack ( $\alpha$ ) [deg]	[-9.3, 20.5]	[-10.0, 30.0]
Number of samples	250	2000



Raouan RAÏD, Développement des modèles Stochastic Multi-Fidelity and Field of Optimal Multi-fidelity Gaussian Processes, Master of Science Thesis, ONERA, 2018. "High Dimensional Efficient Global Optimization via Multi-Fidelity Surrogate Modeling", Master Thesis rep., ISAE-SUAPERO, 2018

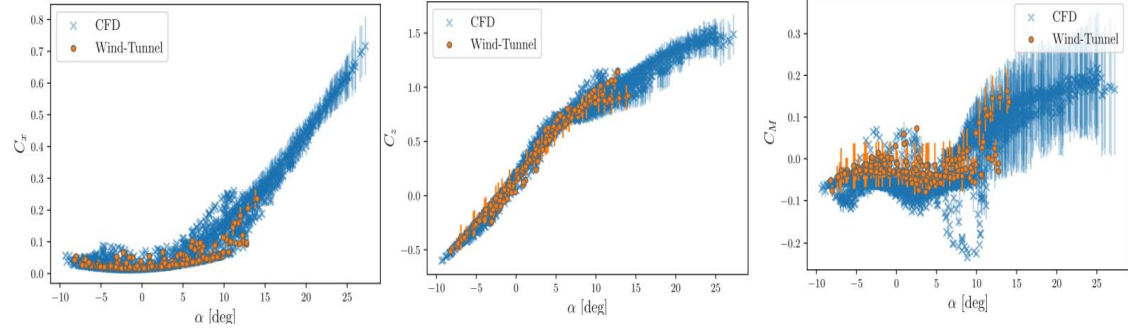
# Multi-fidelity Kriging: CFD & Wind Tunnel database



**High fidelity** **Low fidelity**

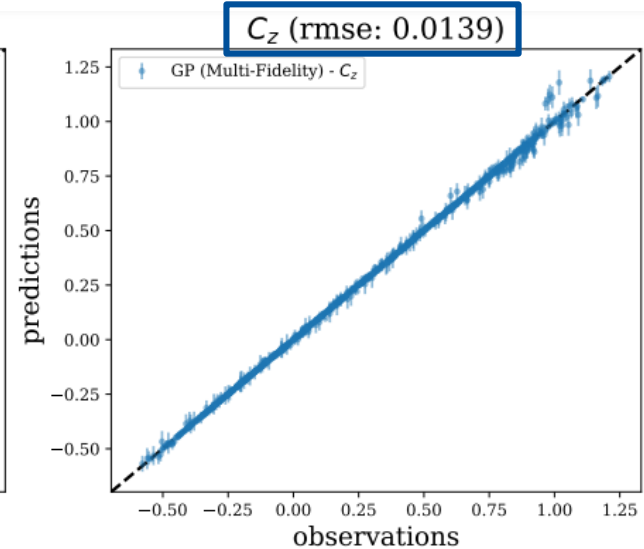
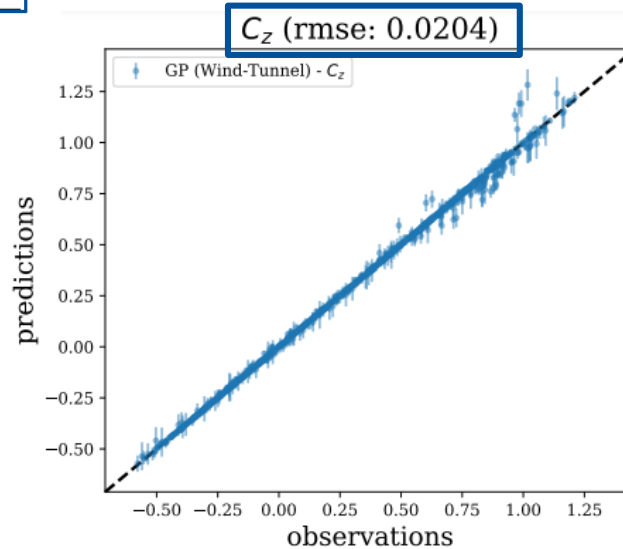
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Outputs	Symbol
Drag Coefficient	$C_x$
Lift coefficient	$C_z$
Pitch Moment Coefficient	$C_M$



**Single-Fidelity approach**  
**Training:** 100 % HF (250 points)

**Multi-Fidelity approach**  
**Training:** 100% HF (250 points)  
 + 100% LF (1949 points)



**Test:** 1000 points from the database

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_{test}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{test}} (y_i - \mu_i)^2}$$

R. Conde Arenzana, A.F. Lopez-Lopera, S. Mouton, N. Bartoli and T. Lefebvre, "Multi-fidelity Gaussian Process Model for CFD and Wind Tunnel Data Fusion", *AeroBest 2021*, Lisboa, Portugal, 21-23 July 2021

# Multi-fidelity Kriging: CFD & Wind Tunnel database

## Extension for non nested DOE

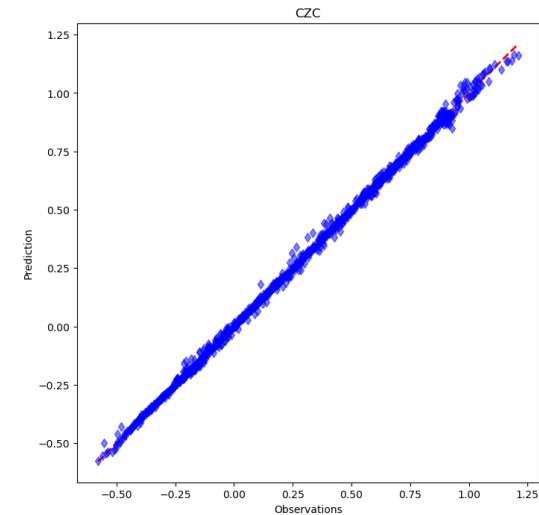
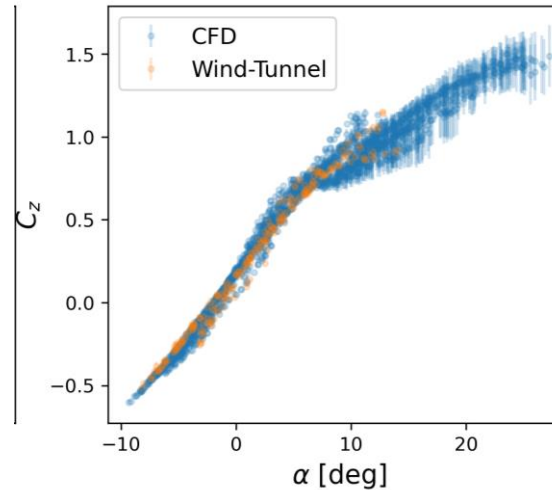
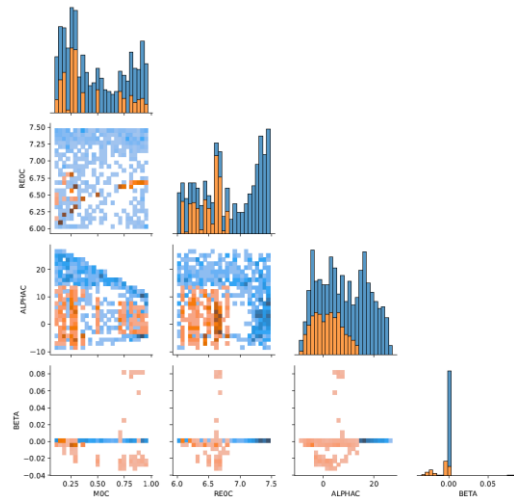
PhD Mauricio Castano Aguirre (UPHF, ONERA)



### Non-nested DoE

- 250 Wind-Tunnel data observations
- 1345 CFD data observations

By filtering LF observations  
to guarantee a non-nested DoE.



$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_{test}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{test}} (y_i - \mu_i)^2}$$

1000 WT validation points

RMSE = 0.0158

## Extension to large & multi-fidelity dataset ➔ see Poster

- **Mixed kernels integration** (Phd P. Saves 2024)  
+ KPLS for dimension reduction with automatic choice for number of PLS components

- **Extension to hierarchical variables**  
(variable-size problems)

Consider conditionally active distances

New proposed kernels (Phd P. Saves & Collab. E. Hallé-Hannan Polytechnique Montréal)

New application cases (Collab. J. H Bussemaker DLR)

- **Multi-fidelity surrogates with heterogenous uncertainties on data**

(Phd R. Charayron 2023 – PhD M. Castano Aguirre 2024-2027)

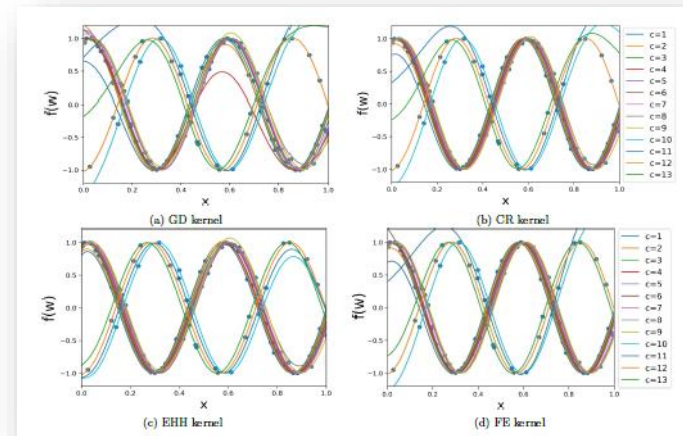
- **Gaussian models for large database** ( $N$  points)

Low-rank representation with  $M < N$  inducing points

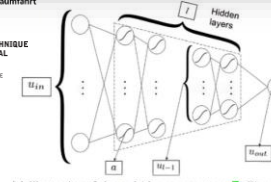
Training cost  $O(N^3) \rightarrow O(NM^2)$  (Intern. H Valayer)

- **Proper Orthogonal Decomposition + GP interpolation**

Prediction of vectorial outputs (Intern. H. Reimeringer)



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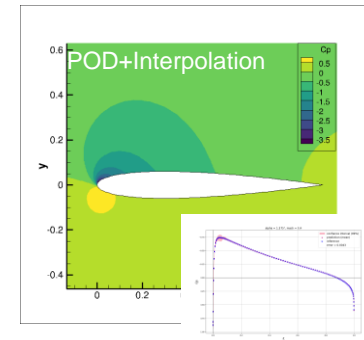
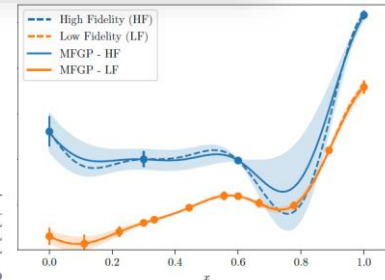
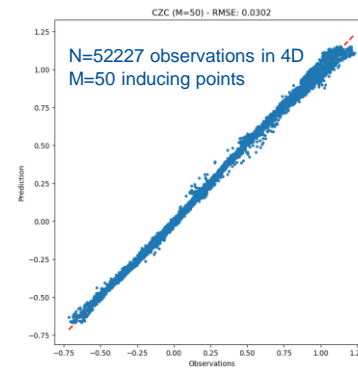


(a) Illustration of the multi-layer perceptron [R, Figure 1]

Hyperparameter of the MLP	Variable	Domain	Type	Role
Learning rate	$r$	$[10^{-4}, 10^{-2}]$	FLOAT	NEUTRAL
Activation function	$a$	{ReLU, Sigmoid}	ENUM	NEUTRAL
Batch-size	$b$	{8, 16, ..., 128, 256}	ORD	NEUTRAL
# of hidden layers	$l$	{1, 2, 3}	ORD	META
# of units hidden layer $i$	$u_i$	{50, 51, ..., 55}	ORD	DECREED

(b) Description of the variables for the problem

Figure 4: The hierarchical multi-layer perceptron problem [R].



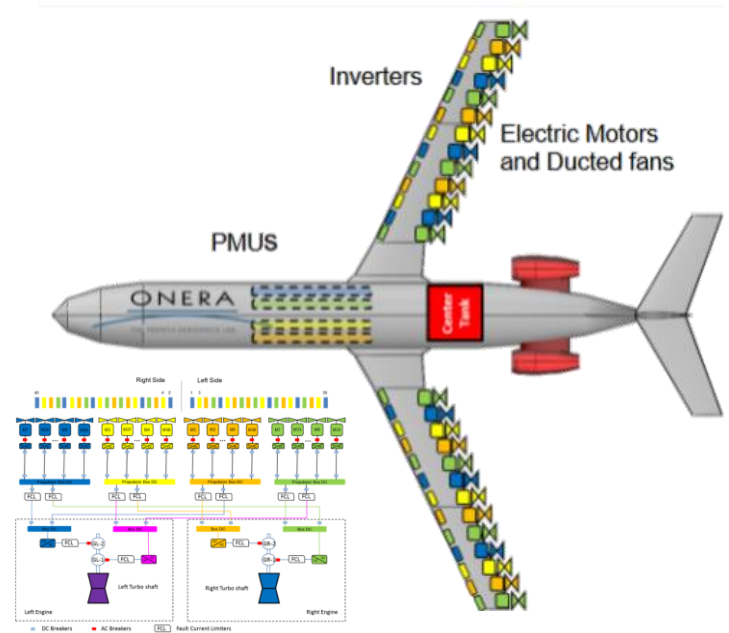
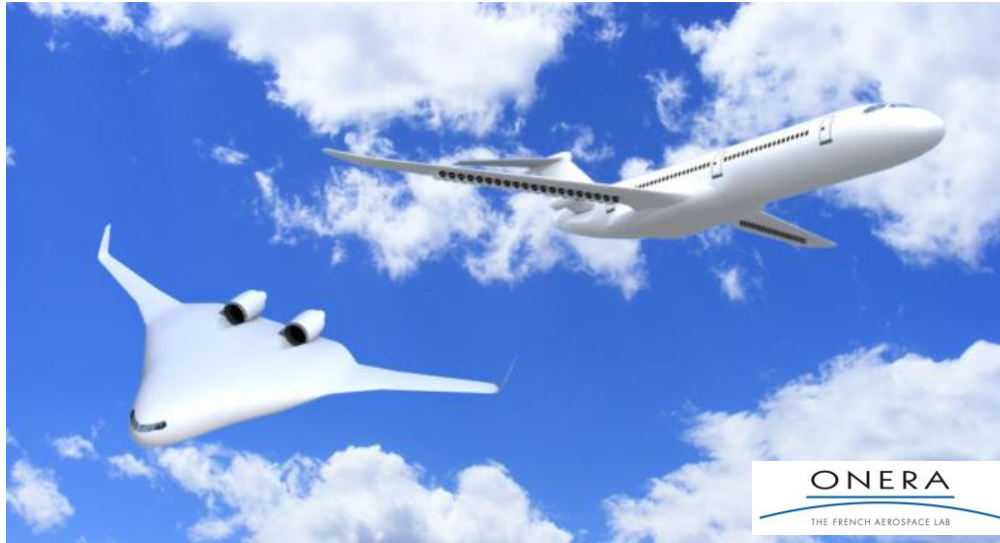
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# Multidisciplinary Design Analysis and Optimization for new configurations

Goal: Aircraft/drone design optimization



min objective function  $f(x,y(x))$   
with respect to design variables  $x$  (continuous, discrete, categorical, hierarchical)  
subject to constraints  $g(x,y(x))$   
➔  $y(x)$  are solution of a non linear system (MDA)  
➔ Objective and constraint functions could be costly

# Optimization problem in the field of aircraft design

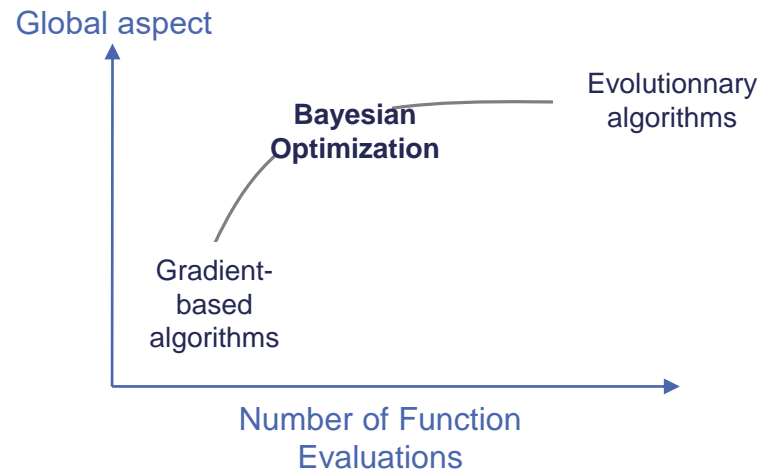
$$\begin{cases} \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} & \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = [f_1(\mathbf{x}), f_2(\mathbf{x}), \dots, f_n(\mathbf{x})] & 1 \text{ to } n \text{ objectives} \\ \text{s.t.} & & d \text{ design variables} \\ c_1(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \dots c_j(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \dots c_m(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 & & m \text{ mixed constraints (eq. \& ineq)} \end{cases}$$

- **Main characteristics for aircraft design problem**
  - **Mono & Multi** objective, multi-constraints (1 ~ 100 constraints)
  - Intermediate dimension problem (1 ~ 100 variables), **mixed variables**
  - Costly evaluation (CFD, FEM, objective and/or constraints)
  - Handling non linear constraints (black box, no derivative available)
  - Handling hidden constraints
- **Applications**
  - Disciplinary solvers (aerodynamic, structure, propulsion, ...)
  - Overall aircraft design process (MDA)



# How to build an efficient iterative process?

- Find the global minimum with a limited budget of function evaluations
- Use Bayesian information to detect interesting and promising areas (exploitation/exploration trade-off)

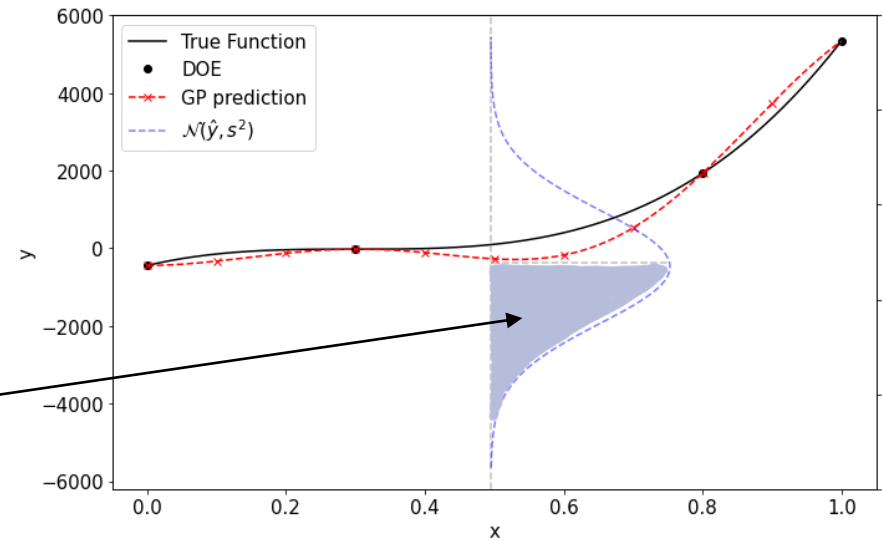


# Enrichment infill sampling criterion

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow Y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\hat{y}(\mathbf{x}), s^2(\mathbf{x}))$$

Measure of progress defined by the Improvement

$$I(\mathbf{x}) = \max(0, \underbrace{y_{\min} - Y(\mathbf{x})}_{>0 \text{ if } Y(\mathbf{x}) < y_{\min}})$$



$y_{\min}$  = current min of the database

Expected Improvement

$$EI(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}[I(\mathbf{x})] = \mathbb{E}[\max\{0, y_{\min} - Y(\mathbf{x})\}]$$

## EGO for Efficient Global Optimization

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# Enrichment infill sampling criterion

$f(\mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow Y(\mathbf{x}) = N(\hat{y}(\mathbf{x}), s^2(\mathbf{x}))$  **Expected Improvement criterion (EI)**

Kriging or Gaussian process of the  
objective function

$$\text{EI}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}[\max(y_{\min} - Y(\mathbf{x}), 0)]$$

$\Phi$  cumulative distribution function  
 $\phi$  probability density function of  $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$

$$\text{EI}(\mathbf{x}) = (y_{\min} - \hat{y}(\mathbf{x}))\Phi\left(\frac{y_{\min} - \hat{y}(\mathbf{x})}{s(\mathbf{x})}\right) + s(\mathbf{x})\phi\left(\frac{y_{\min} - \hat{y}(\mathbf{x})}{s(\mathbf{x})}\right)$$

|  
**Exploitation**

|  
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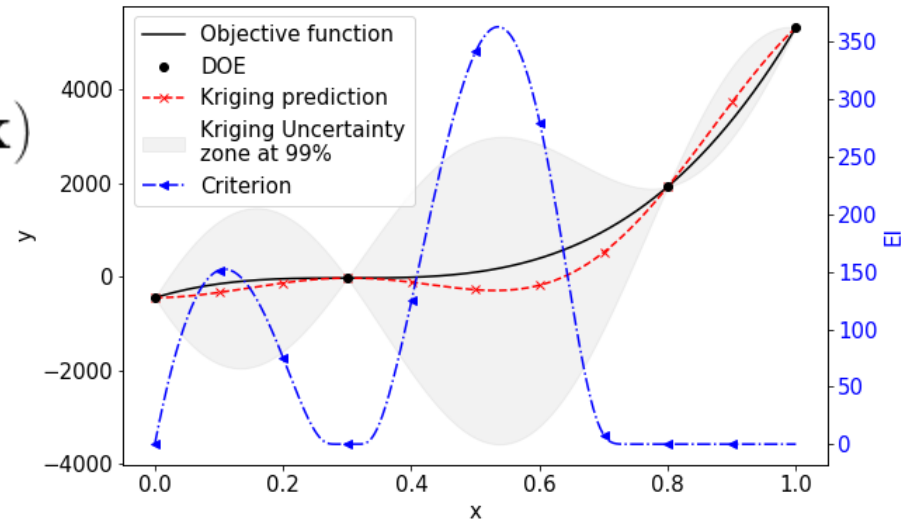
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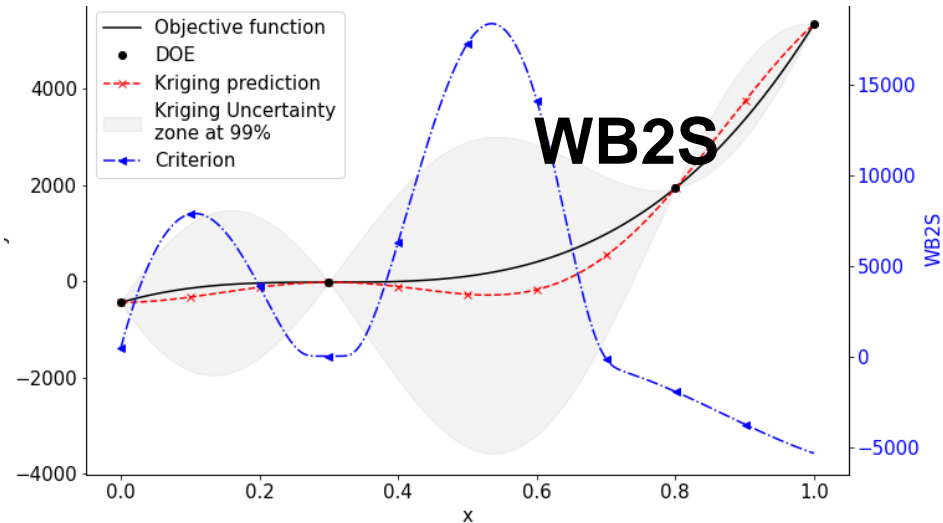
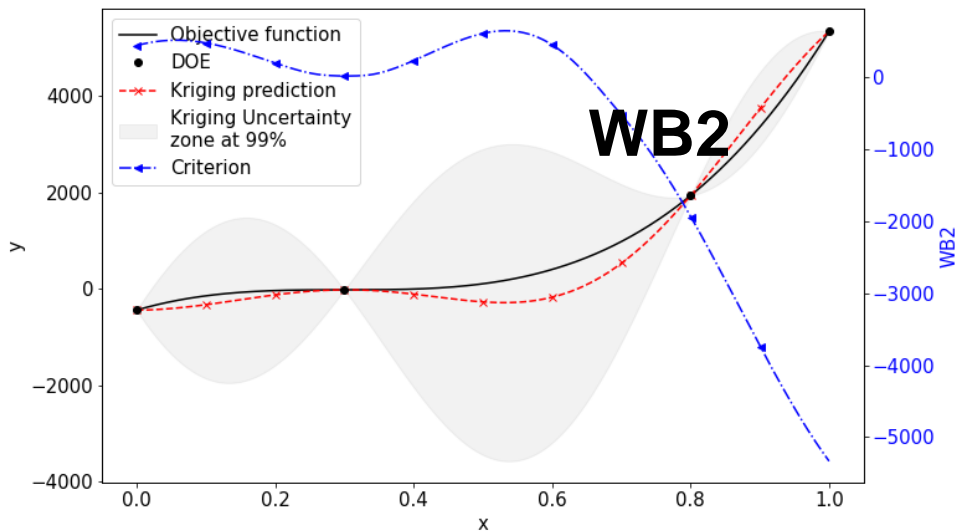
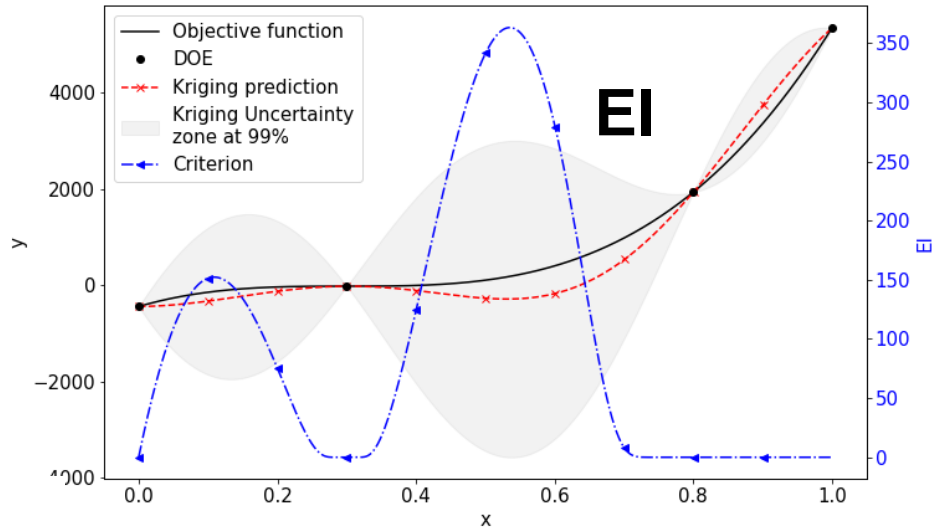
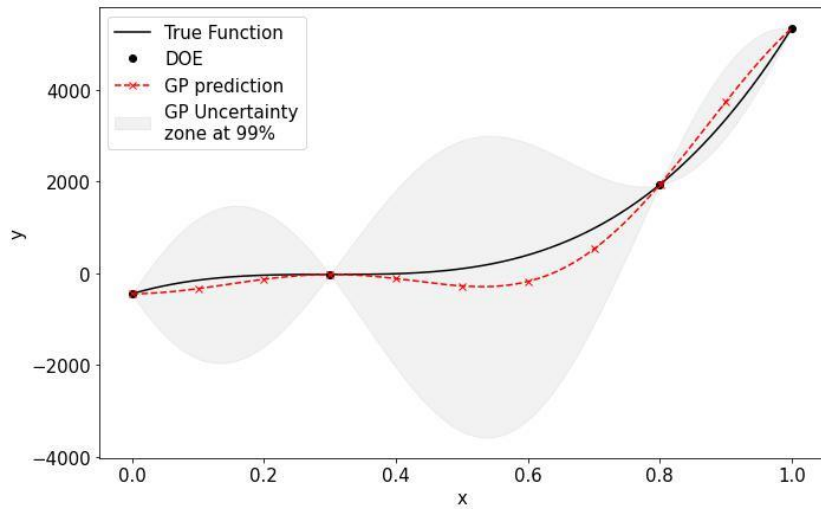


➔ **Different criteria available for the acquisition function (EI, WB2, WB2S)**

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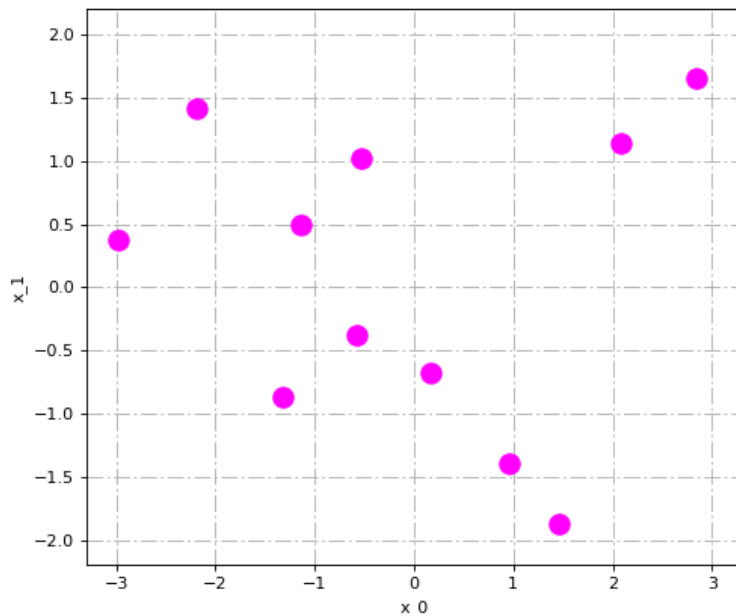
# Mono objective: different criteria available



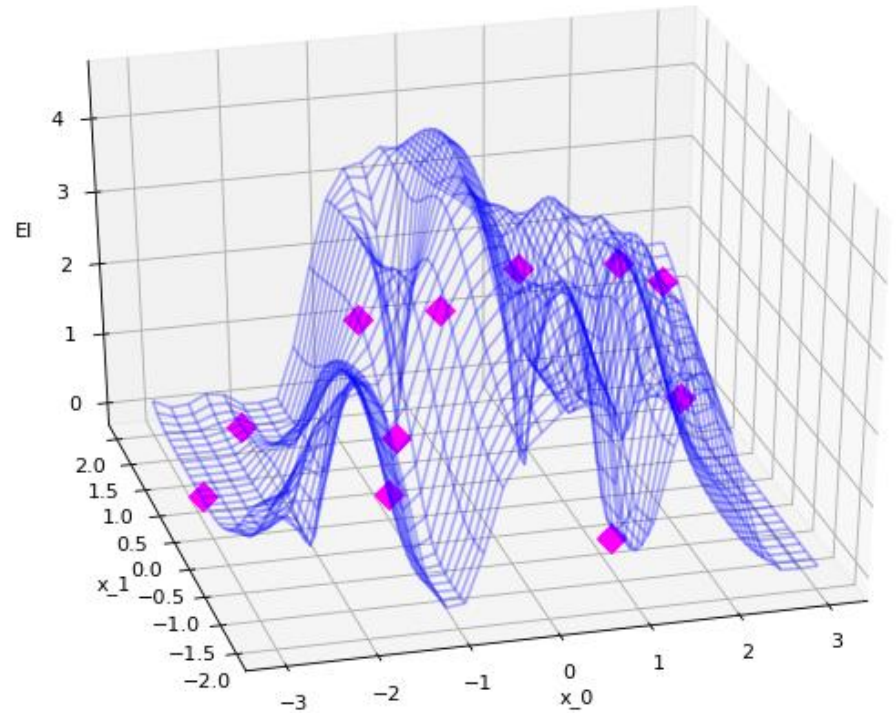
# Enrichment for global optimization

$$\begin{cases} \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} \alpha_f(x) & \text{max Acquisition function} \\ \text{s.t.} \\ \hat{c}_1(x) \leq 0 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{c}_m(x) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Local optimizer (Cobyla, Slsqp, Snopt) with ‘multi-start’ approach



● Initial DOE (LHS)

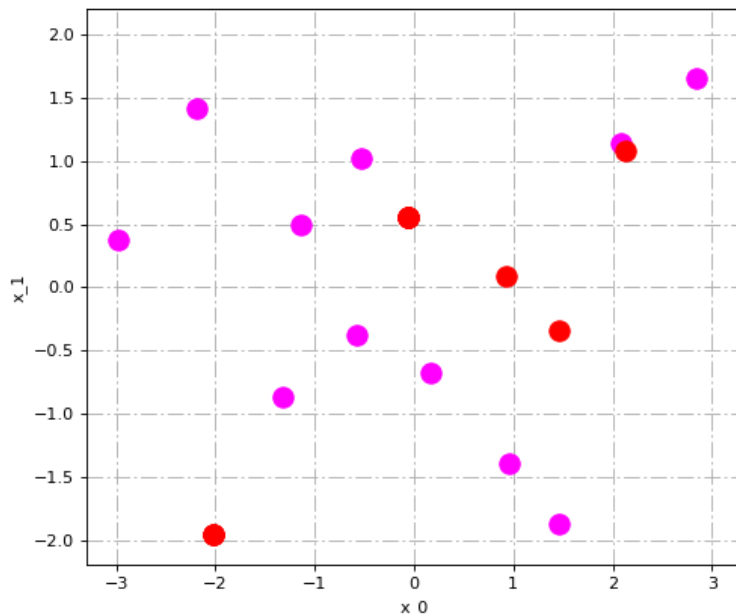


SNOPT: Sparse Nonlinear OPTimizer, Philip Gill, Walter Murray and Michael Saunders, Stanford Business Software Inc.

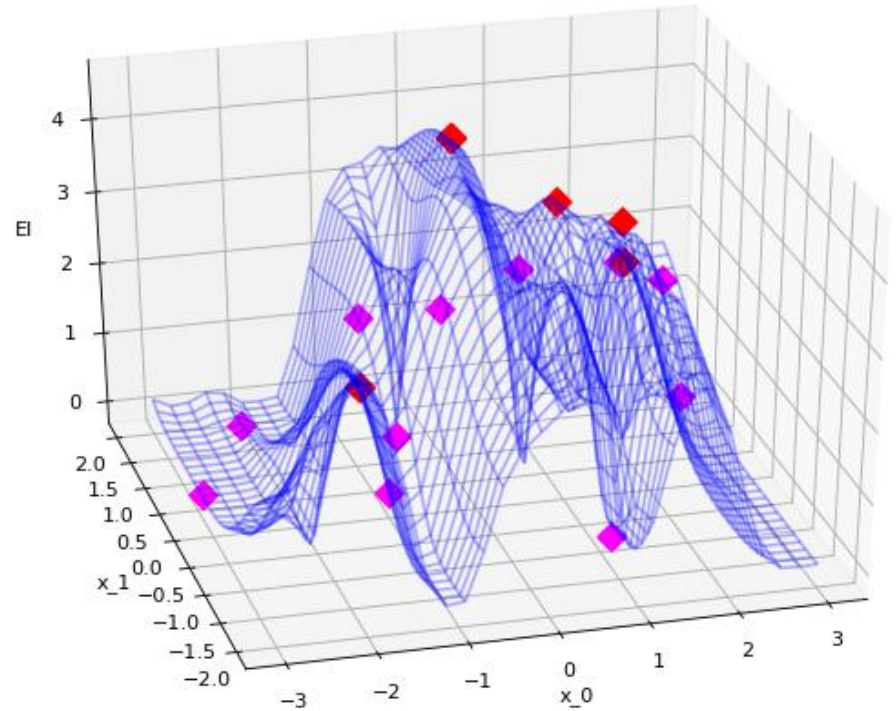
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- Initial DOE(LHS)
- Optimization results

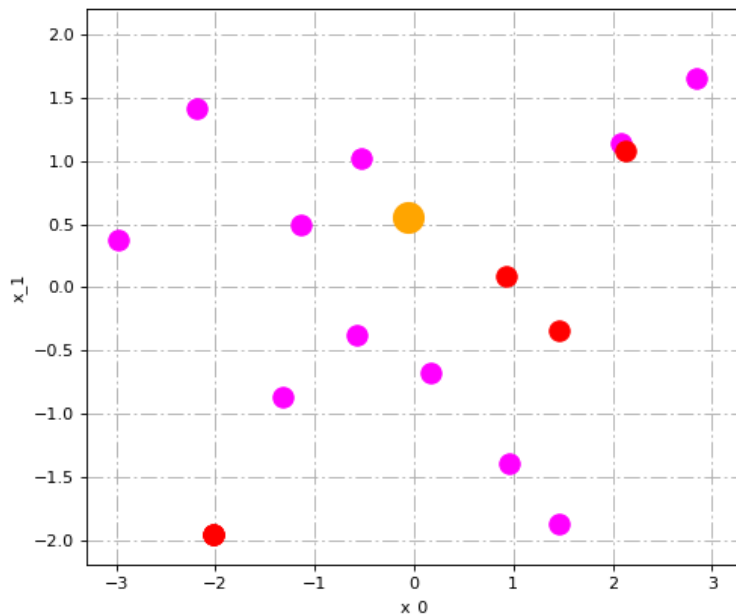


➡ Sensitivity to starting points  
Drives the global behaviour

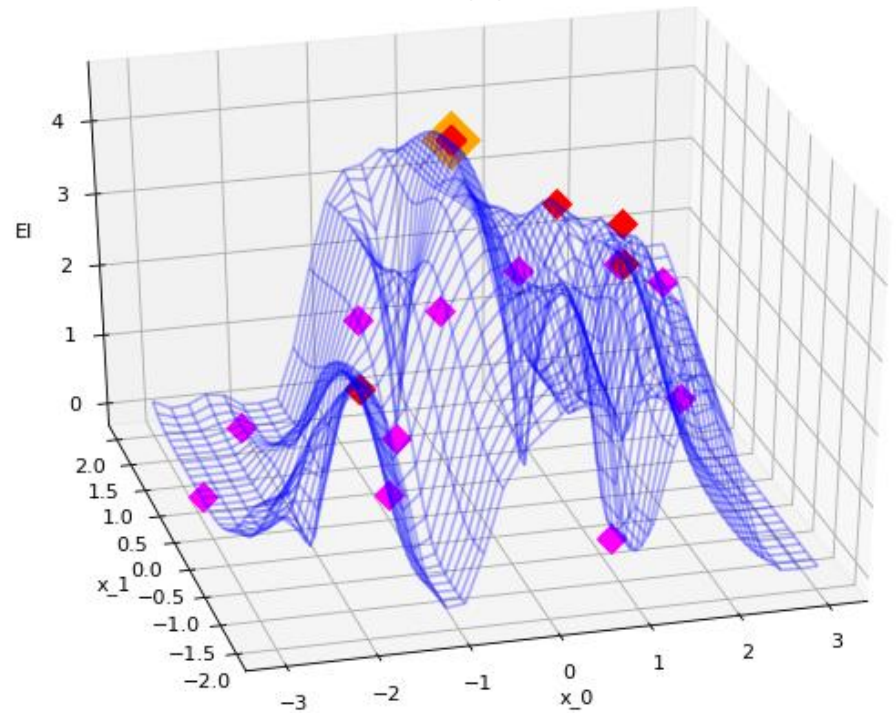
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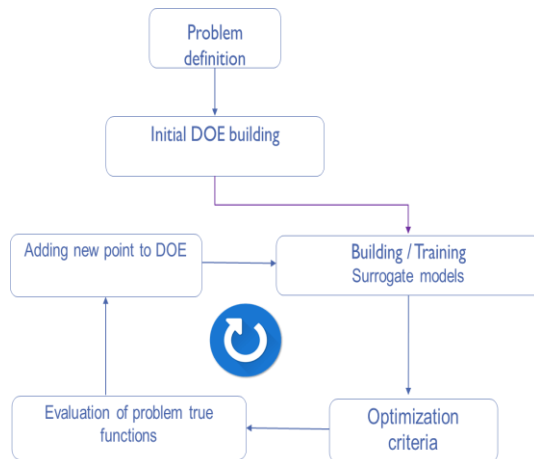
- Initial DOE(LHS)
- Optimization results
- Retained point



Sensitivity to starting points  
Drives the global behaviour

## SEGO

### Super Efficient Global Optimization

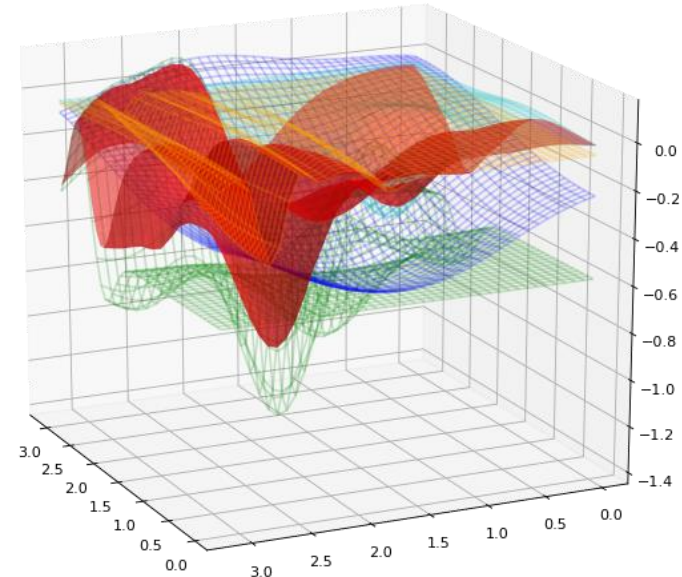


Global optimization with limited number of function evaluations

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## MOE

### Mixture Of Experts



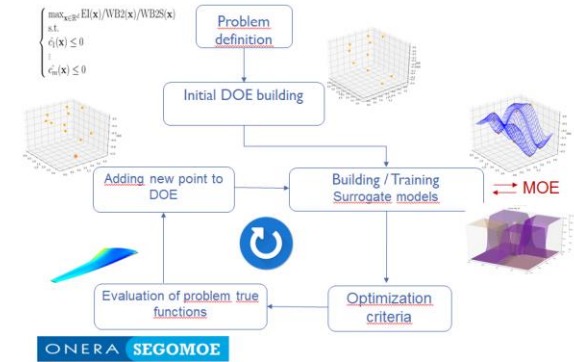
Combination of surrogate models

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 Liem, R. P., Mader, C. A., and Martins, J. R. R. A., "Surrogate Models and Mixtures of Experts in Aerodynamic Performance Prediction for Mission Analysis," Aerospace Science and Technology, Vol. 43, 2015, pp. 126–151



# SEGOMOE main characteristics

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- **Mono & multi objective** Bayesian optimizer
- **Mono & Multi fidelity** sources
- Equality & inequality constraints (1 ~ 100 constraints)
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- **Heterogenous variables** (continuous, discrete, categorical, hierarchical)
- Costly evaluation (CFD, FEM, objective and/or constraints)
- Handling non linear objectives & constraints (black box, no derivative available) and **hidden constraints**
- Based on **SMT** toolbox for surrogate models



- Remote access via a web interface
- Opensource version in EgoBox (Mono Obj & Mono Fidelity)



egobox, a Rust toolbox for efficient global optimization

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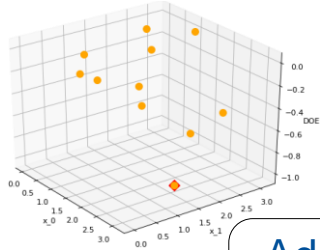
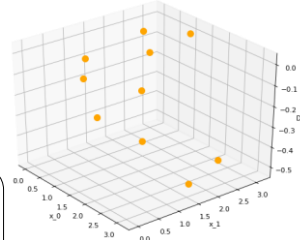


# SEGOMOE algorithm – Mono objective

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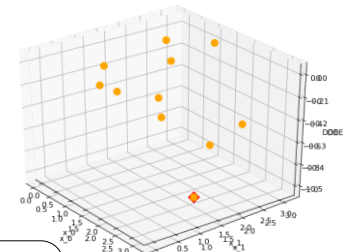
Problem  
definition

Initial DOE building



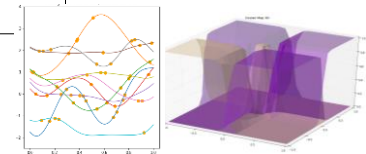
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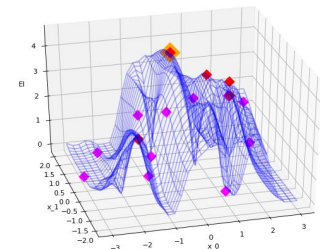
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Evaluation of problem true  
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Optimization  
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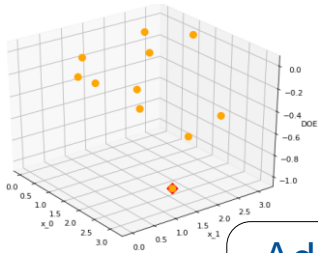
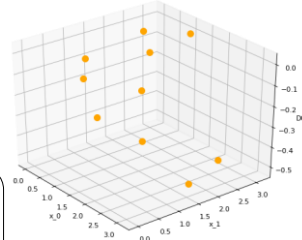
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# SEGOMOE algorithm – Mono objective

$$\begin{cases} \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} EI(\mathbf{x})/WB2(\mathbf{x})/WB2S(\mathbf{x}) \\ \text{s.t.} \\ \hat{c}_1(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{c}_m(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Problem  
definition

Initial DOE building

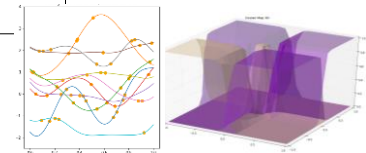


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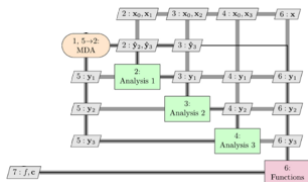
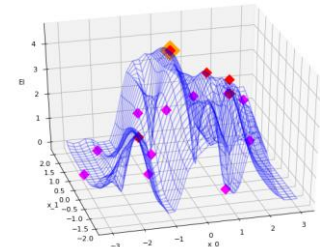
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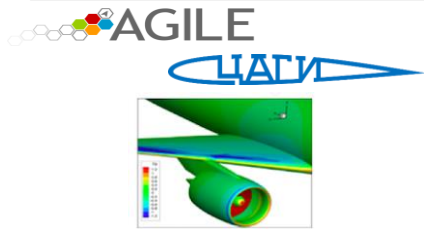
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# Some SEGOMOE application examples

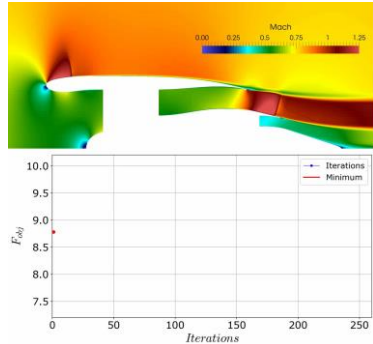
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## Nacelle aerodynamic

Mono, Continuous  
 $d = 18, c = 2$



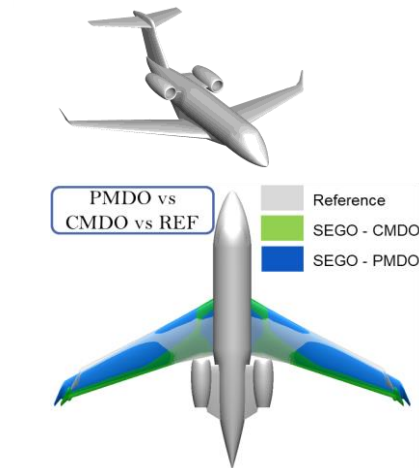
## Mach number distribution



## Bombardier Research Aircraft Configuration

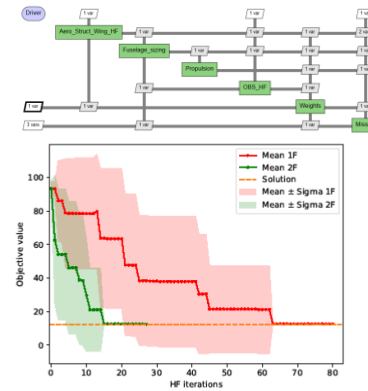
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### BOMBARDIER



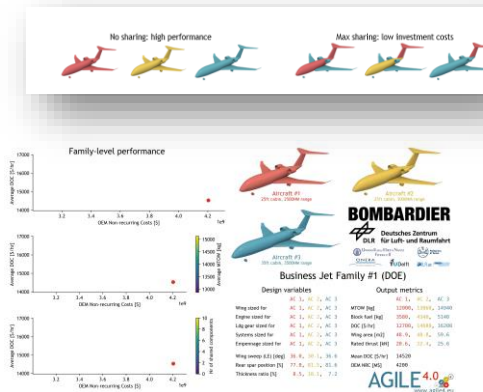
## Drone design electric aircraft

Mono, 2 fidelity levels  
 $d = 15, c = 8$



## Business jet family

Multi, Mixed  
 $d = 19, c = 2$



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# Recent methodological developments

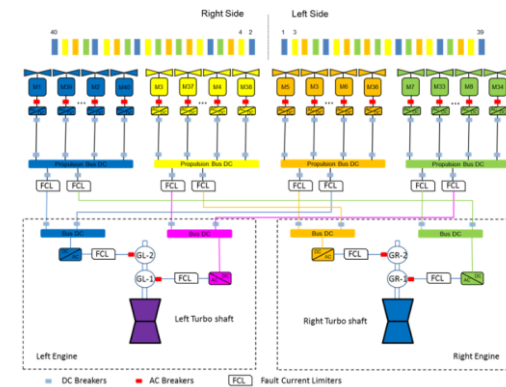
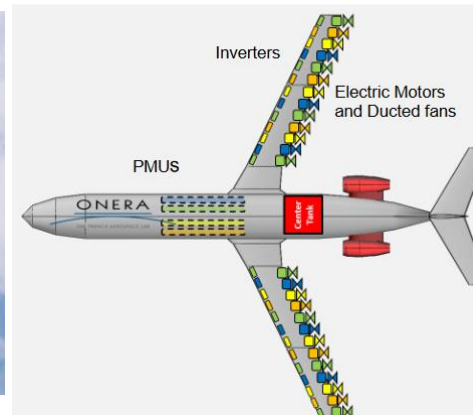
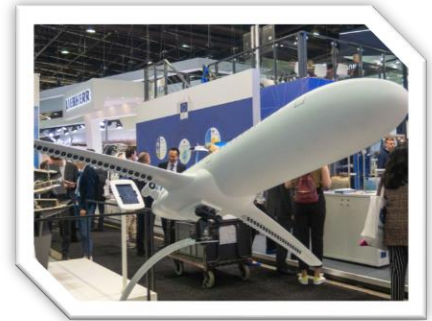
## SEGOMOE capabilities

- To handle a large number of design variables
  - ➔ KPLS based models & Cooperative approach
- To handle heterogeneous functions
  - ➔ Mixture of experts models
- To handle highly non-convex constraints
  - ➔ Adapted acquisition function
- To handle mixed integer variables
  - ➔ Continuous relaxation & KPLS models
- To handle multifidelity models
  - ➔ 2-step approach based on multifidelity Kriging
- To handle multiple objectives
  - ➔ Predicted Pareto Front approach
- To handle hidden constraints
  - ➔ Comparisons of different strategies

# Application to mixed categorical optimization problem

## DRAGON green aircraft concept

- ✓ 30% reduction of CO2 emissions by 2035
- ✓ Distributed electric propulsion aircraft: propulsive efficiency
- ✓ 150 passengers over 2750nm
- ✓ Transonic cruise speed (M0.78)



Phd P. Saves in collaboration with E. Nguyen Van, C. David, S. Defoort

P. Schmollgruber, C. Doll, J. Hermetz, R. Liaboeuf, M. Ridel, I. Cafarelli, O. Atinault, C. Francois, and B. Paluch. "Multidisciplinary Exploration of DRAGON: an ONERA Hybrid Electric Distributed Propulsion Concept". In: AIAA Scitech 2019, 2019

# DRAGON green aircraft concept

FAST ✖ OAD

Future Aircraft Sizing Tool - Overall Aircraft Design

<https://github.com/fast-aircraft-design/FAST-OAD>



	Function/variable	Nature	Quantity	Range
Minimize	Fuel mass	cont	1	
	<b>Total objectives</b>		<b>1</b>	
with respect to	Fan operating pressure ratio	cont	1	[1.05, 1.3]
	Wing aspect ratio	cont	1	[8, 12]
	Angle for swept wing	cont	1	[15, 40] (°)
	Wing taper ratio	cont	1	[0.2, 0.5]
	HT aspect ratio	cont	1	[3, 6]
	Angle for swept HT	cont	1	[20, 40] (°)
	HT taper ratio	cont	1	[0.3, 0.5]
	TOFL for sizing	cont	1	[1800., 2500.] (m)
	Top of climb vertical speed for sizing	cont	1	[300., 800.] (ft/min)
	Start of climb slope angle	cont	1	[0.075., 0.15.] (rad)
	Total continuous variables		10	
2 possibilities	Turboshaft layout	cat	2 levels	{1,2}
	Architecture_cat	cat	17 levels	{1,2,3, ..., 15,16,17}
	Number of cores	int	1	{2,4,6}
	Number of motors*	int	1	{8,12,16,20, ..., 40}
	*graph-structure dependence to the core value			
subject to	Wing span < 36 (m)	cont	1	
	TOFL < 2200 (m)	cont	1	
	Wing trailing edge occupied by fans < 14.4 (m)	cont	1	
	Climb duration < 1740 (s)	cont	1	
	Top of climb slope > 0.0108 (rad)	cont	1	
	Total constraints		5	

**Categorical  
or  
Hierarchical**

- 10 continuous design variables
- 2 categorical design variables
  - Electric propulsion Architecture: 17 choices
  - Turboshaft layout: 2 choices

→ 29 variables in relaxed dimension

→ 14 variables in relaxed dimension

- 5 inequality constraints (MC)
- Fuel mass to minimize

17x2 possibilities → 34 associated optimization problems to solve ☹

or use dedicated kernels in your GP models → 1 optimization problem to solve 😊

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# DRAGON optimization test case

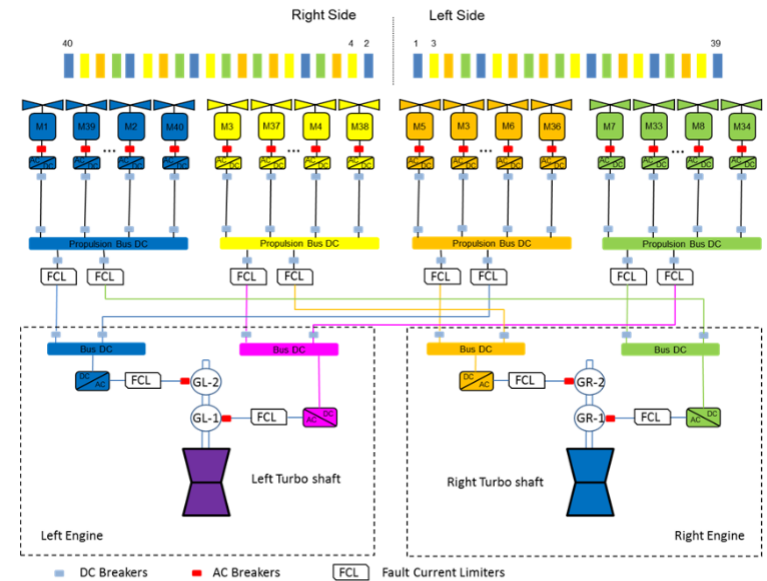
Architecture	cat	17 levels	{1,2,3, ..., 15,16,17}
Turboshaft layout	cat	2 levels	{1,2}
Total categorical variables		2	
<b>Total relaxed variables</b>		<b>29</b>	

Architecture number	number of generators	number of motors
1	2	8
2	2	12
3	2	16
4	2	20
5	2	24
6	2	28
7	2	32
8	2	36
9	2	40
10	4	8
11	4	16
12	4	24
13	4	32
14	4	40
15	6	12
16	6	24
17	6	36

Neutral

Meta

Decreed



layout	position	y ratio	tail	VT aspect ratio	VT taper ratio
1	under wing	0.25	without T-tail	1.8	0.3
2	behind	0.34	with T-tail	1.2	0.85

- 2 possibilities for dealing with categorical variables:

→ **Categorical choice:**

**29 variables** in relaxed dimension (10+17+2)

→ **Hierarchical choice:**

**14 variables** in relaxed dimension (10+2+2)

- Need dedicated kernels (with adapted distance)

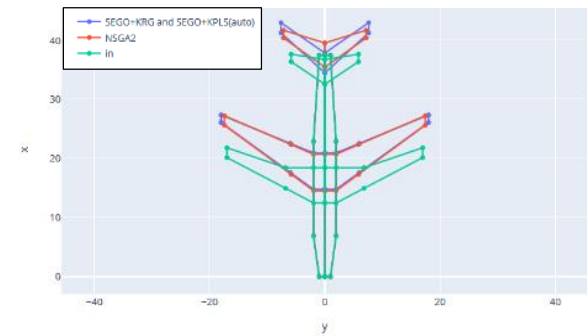
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# DRAGON optimization results

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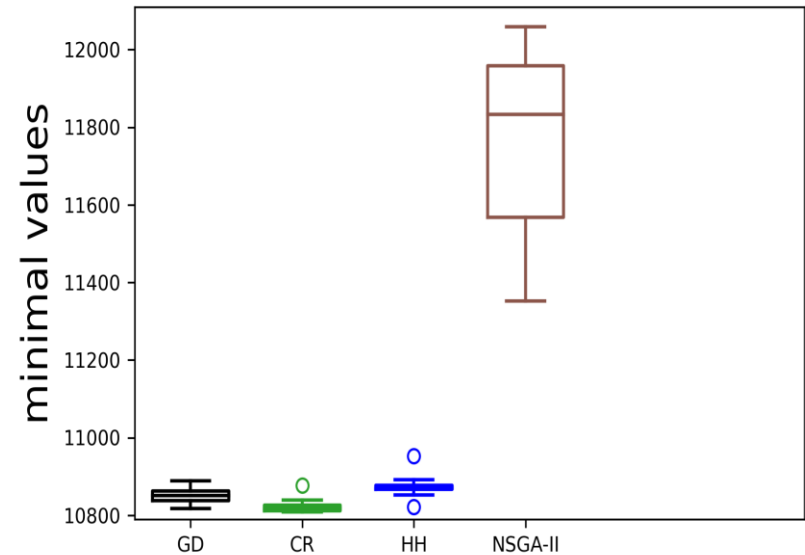
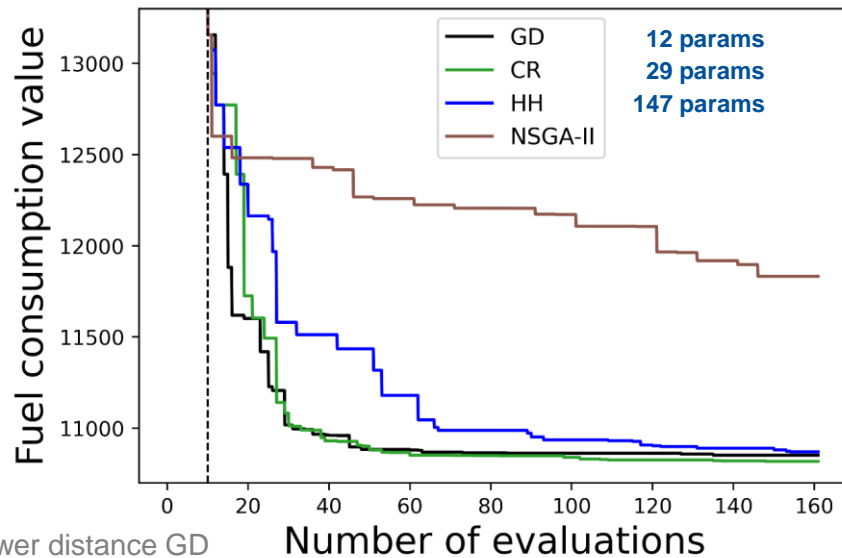
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### Convergence plots

### Categorical variants without PLS

### Boxplots after 160 evaluations



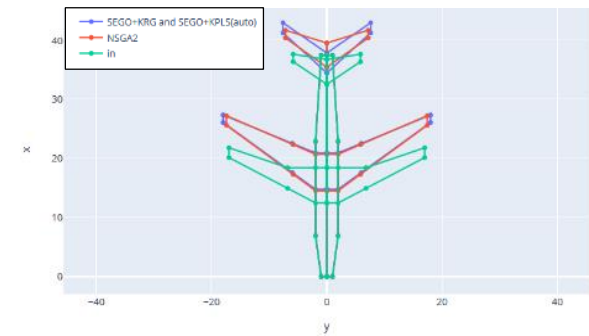
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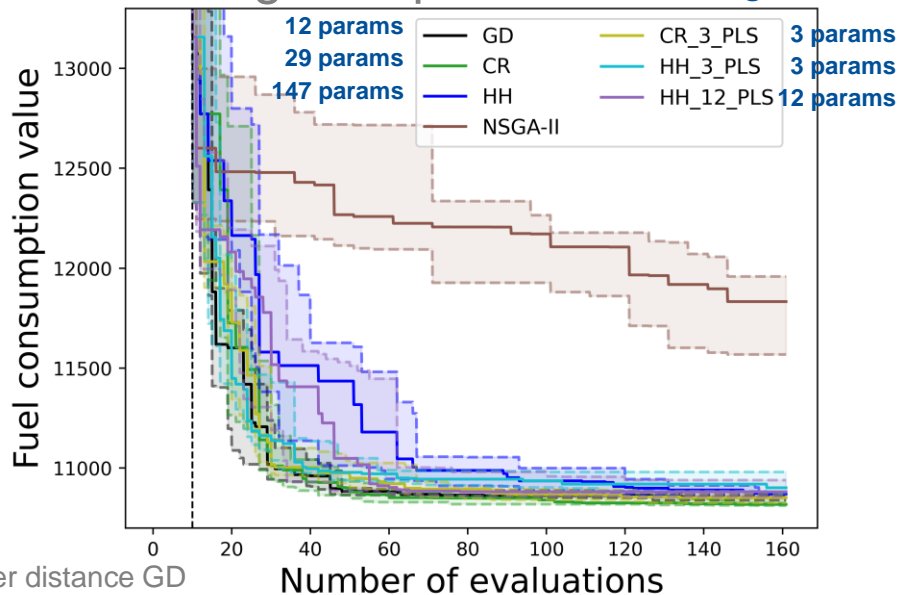
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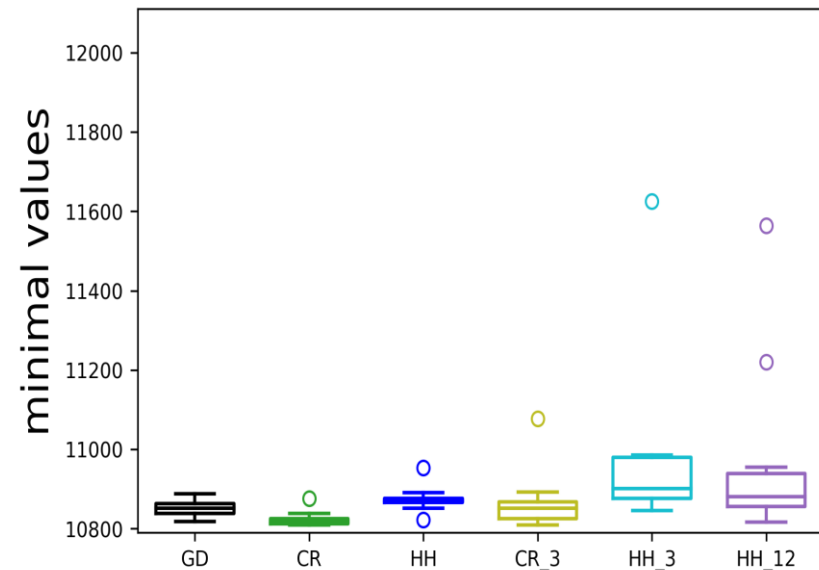
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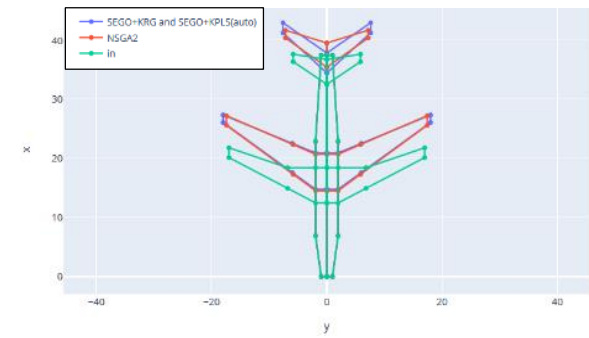
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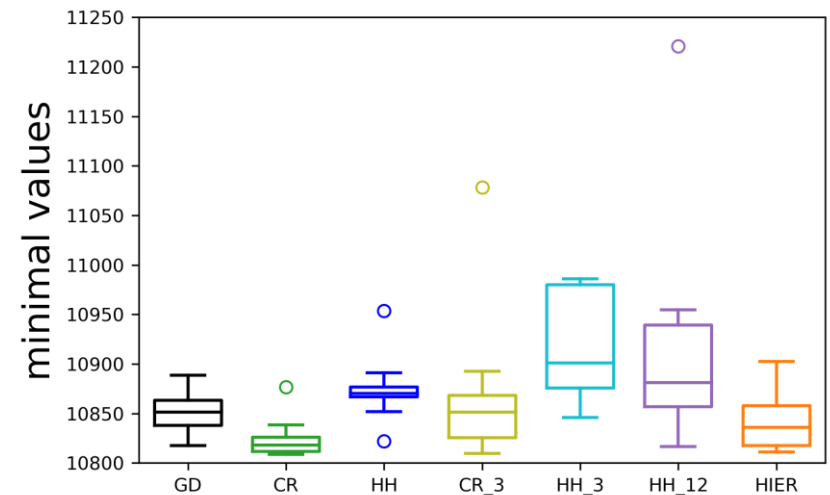
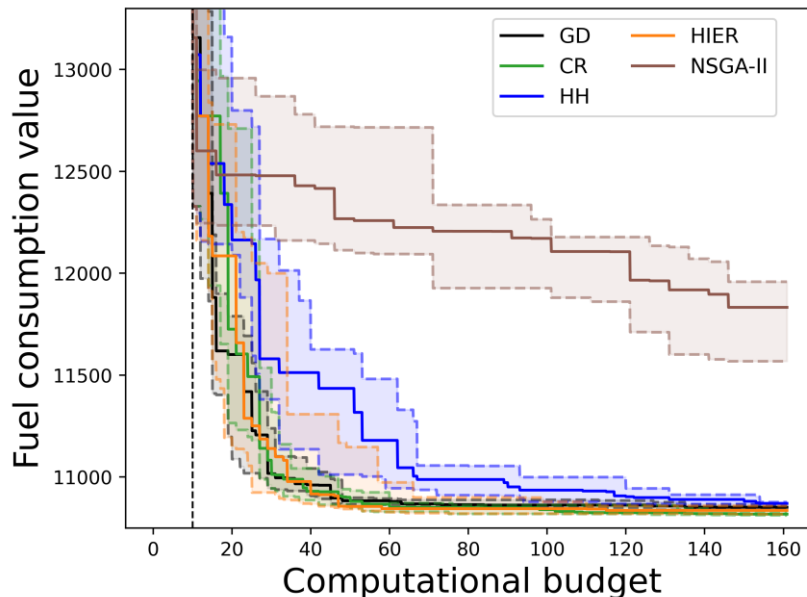
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Convergence plots

Categorical or Hierarchical variants

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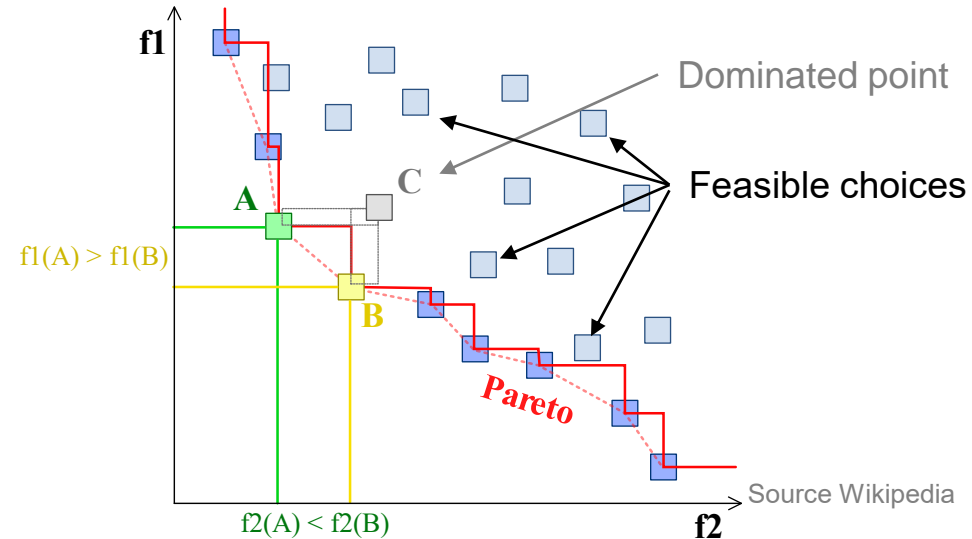


➔ Hierarchical choice: best trade off convergence & CPU time

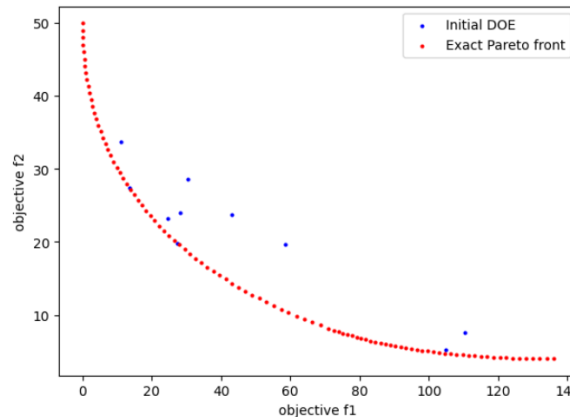
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# How to perform a multiobjective optimization?

$$\begin{cases} \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d} & \mathbf{f} = [f_1(\mathbf{x}), f_2(\mathbf{x}), \dots, f_n(\mathbf{x})] \\ \text{s.t.} & \\ c_1(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 & \\ \vdots & \\ c_m(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 & \end{cases} \quad \mathbf{n} \text{ objectives}$$



## Build a Pareto Front (non dominated points)

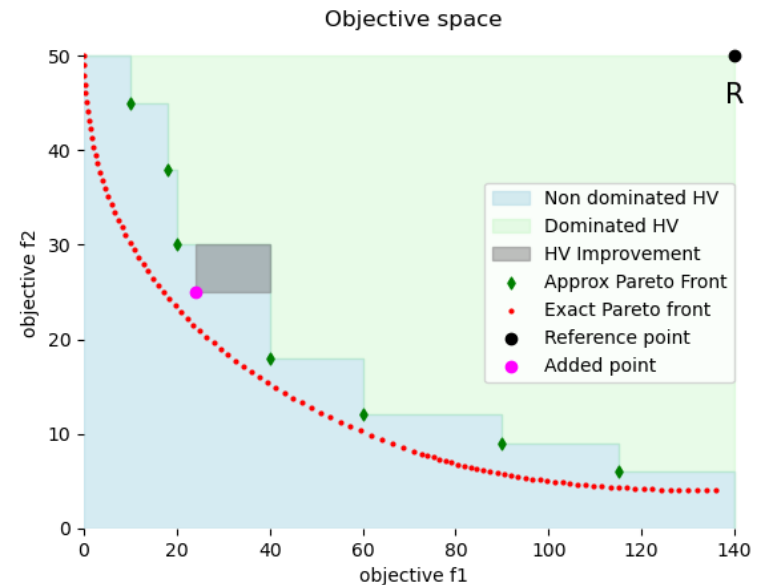
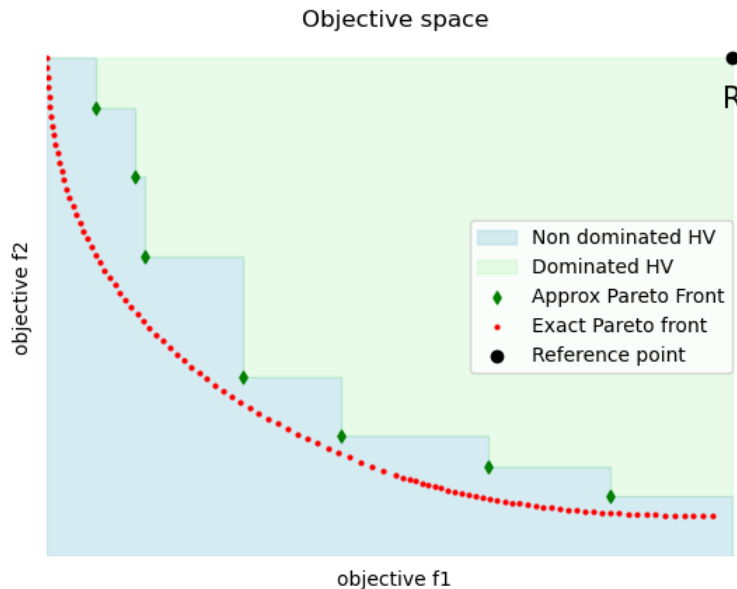
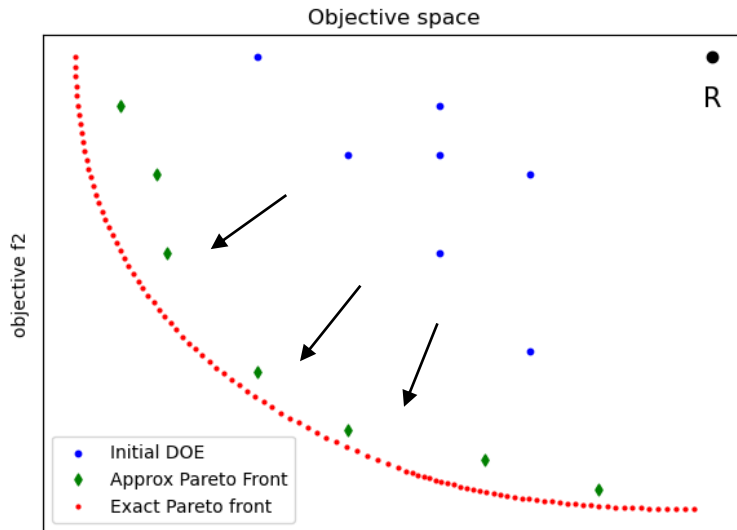


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# Multi objective: HyperVolume Improvement

From the initial DOE  
add new points in order to  
improve the Hyper Volume

Infill criterion based on Gaussian  
Process each objective  $i$ :  $\mathcal{N}(\hat{y}_i(x), s_i^2(x))$



# New infill criterion proposed for Multi-objective

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow Y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}), s^2(\mathbf{x}))$$

- Mono-objective

$$\text{WB2S}(\mathbf{x}) = s \text{EI}(\mathbf{x}) - \hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x})$$

scaling factor

- Multi-objective

$$\alpha_f^{\text{reg}}(\mathbf{x}) = \gamma \alpha_f(\mathbf{x}) - \psi(\mu_f(\mathbf{x}))$$

## Acquisition function

$$\alpha_f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{EHVI}(\mathbf{x}), \text{PI}(\mathbf{x}), \text{MPI}(\mathbf{x}), \dots$$

based on Hyper Volume Improvment

## Regularized choices

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (\text{reg} = \max) & : \quad \psi(\hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x})) = \max_{i \leq n} \hat{y}_i(\mathbf{x}) \\ (\text{reg} = \text{sum}) & : \quad \psi(\hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x})) = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{y}_i(\mathbf{x}) \end{array} \right.$$

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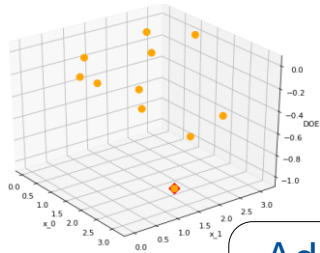
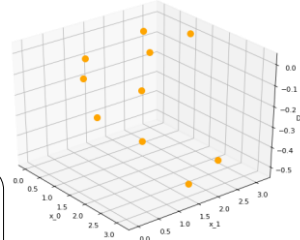
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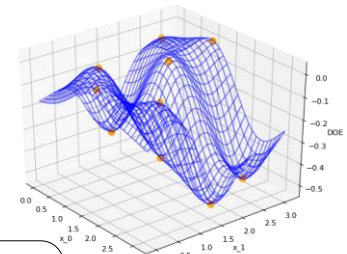
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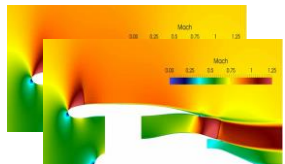
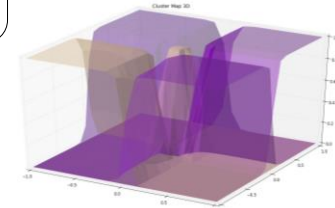


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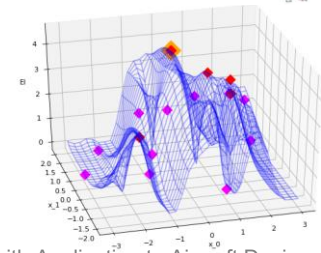


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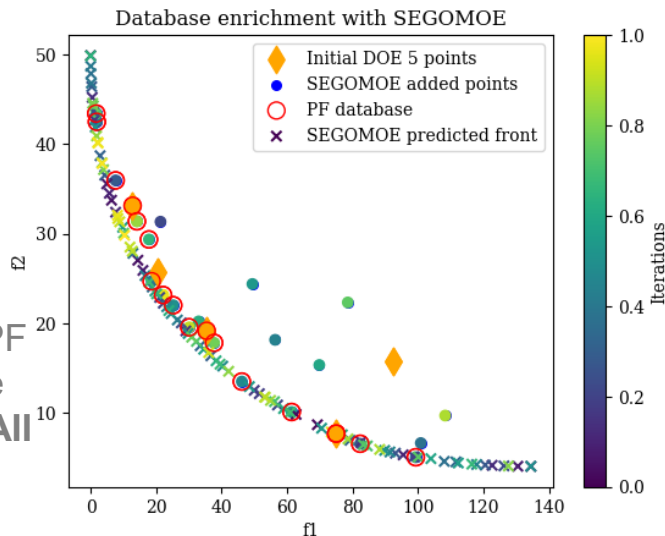
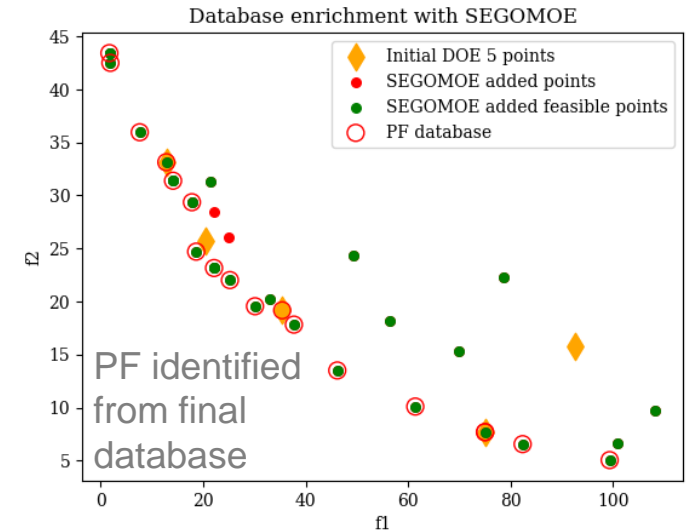


# SEGOMOE algorithm – Multi objective

*N iterations reached*

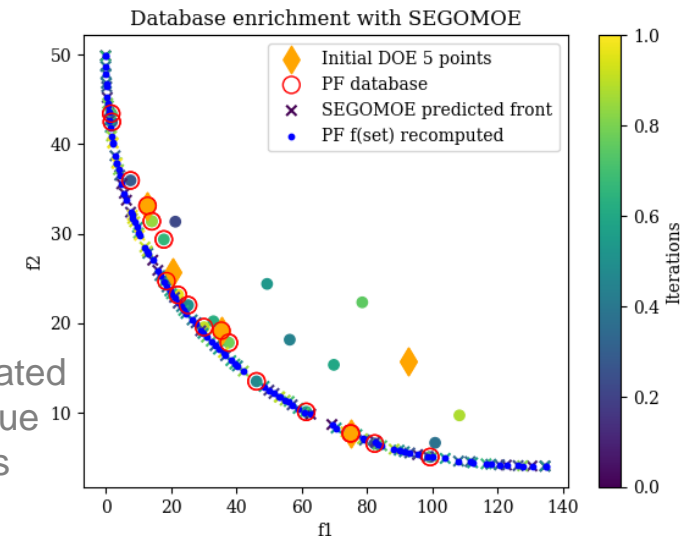
Initial DOE ( $n_{\text{DOE}}$  points)  
+ enriched database ( $N$  points)

Build final Surrogate models  
from these ( $n_{\text{DOE}} + N$ ) points



→ Predicted PF  
from surrogate  
models (NSGAI  
algo)

→ Re-evaluated  
PF from true  
functions



# SEGOMOE validation – Multi Objective applications

2 objectives  
5 variables  
3 ineq. constraints

$$\min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^5} \quad (\text{fuel mass, operating weight empty})$$

with respect to

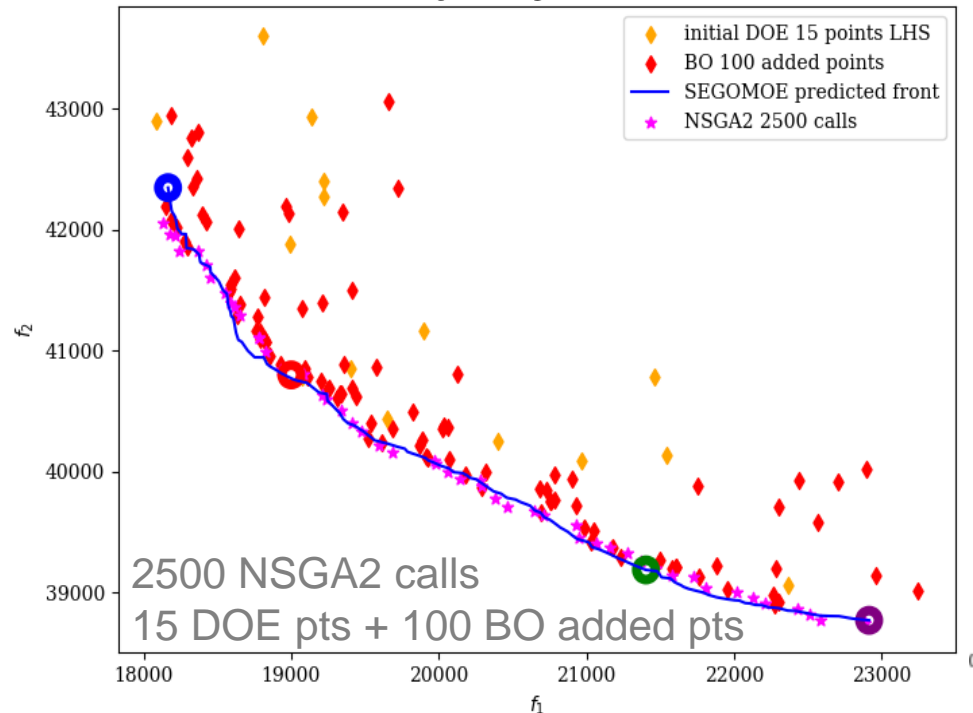
- $\text{data : geometry : wing : MAC : at25percent : x} \in [16.0, 18.0]$
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and such that

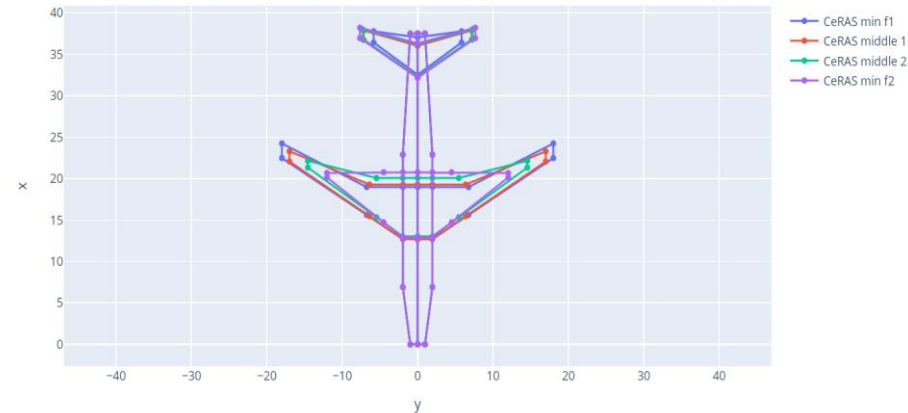
- $\text{data : handling\_qualities : static\_margin} < 0.1$
- $\text{data : handling\_qualities : static\_margin} > 0.05$
- $\text{data : geometry : wing : span} < 36$



MOO Objective space - Final DOE



Aircraft Geometry



➔ 2500 NSGA2 calls  
compared with 115 BO calls (15 DOE pts + 100 added pts)

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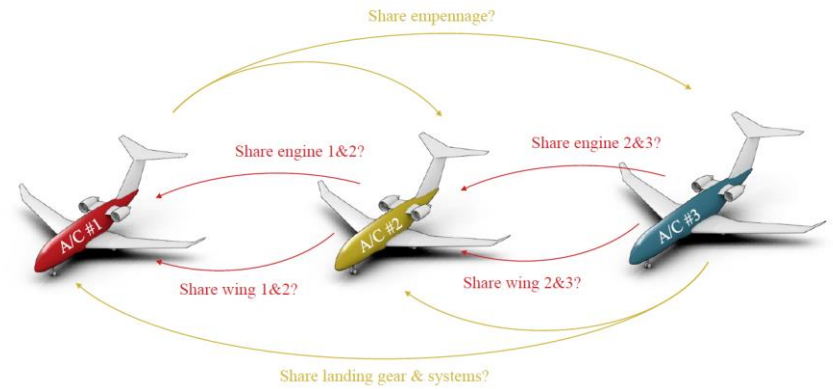
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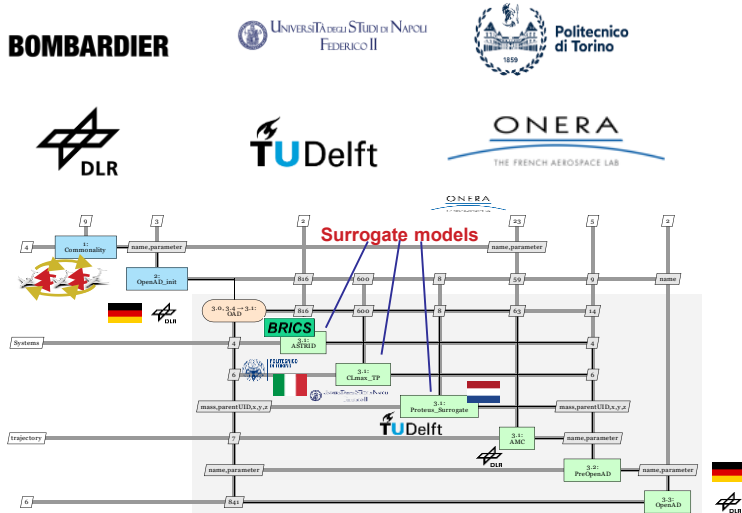
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- Tradeoff between commonality and performance
- Application: business jet family
  - Use case owner: Bombardier
  - Three 8-pax business jets
  - Variations in range and cabin length



- Share systems, landing gear, wings, engines, empennage
- One wing platform per-member basis (conforming to commonality selection)



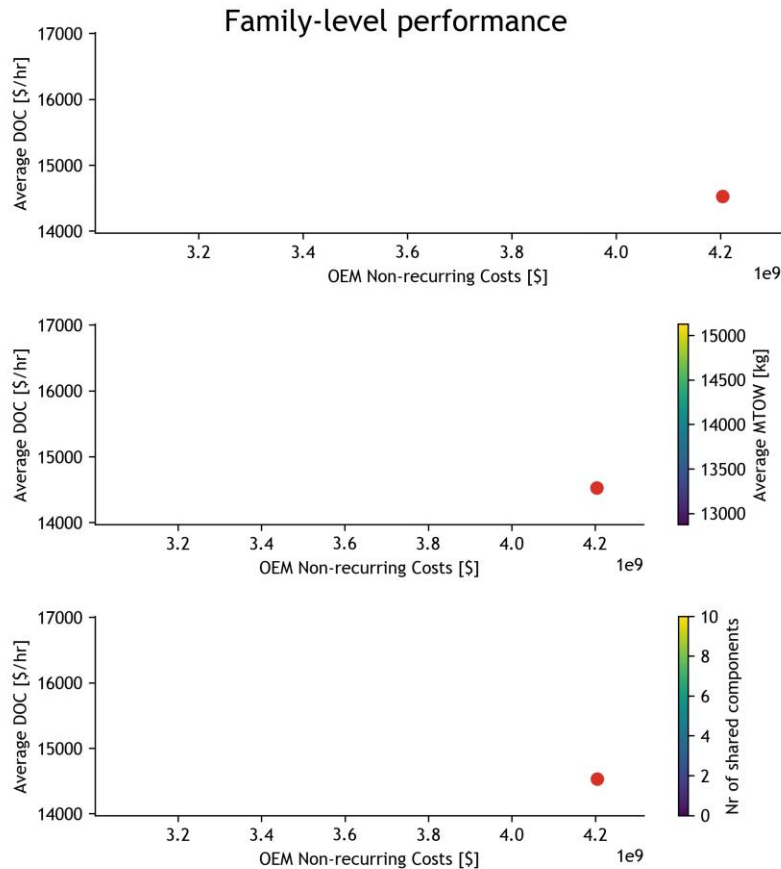
## Select the best family with commonality choices (wing, engine, empennage)

Objectives	<b>2 obj: Min</b> (Direct Operating Costs, OEM Non – Recurring Costs)
Design variables	<b>10 categorical:</b> commonality with 2 levels <b>9 continuous:</b> Leading edge sweep, rear spar location, Wing t/c for each family member
Constraints	<b>2 ineq. :</b> Balanced Field Length, Landing Field Length

MDA: 1 hour for a family

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# Family concept design



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## Business Jet Family #1 (DOE)

### Design variables

	AC 1, AC 2, AC 3
Wing sized for	AC 1, AC 2, AC 3
Engine sized for	AC 1, AC 2, AC 3
Ldg gear sized for	AC 1, AC 2, AC 3
Systems sized for	AC 1, AC 2, AC 3
Empennage sized for	AC 1, AC 2, AC 3
Wing sweep (LE) [deg]	36.0, 30.1, 36.6
Rear spar position [%]	77.0, 81.5, 81.6
Thickness ratio [%]	8.5, 10.1, 7.2

### Output metrics

	AC 1, AC 2, AC 3
MTOW [kg]	12000, 13060, 14940
Block fuel [kg]	3580, 4340, 5140
DOC [\$ /hr]	12700, 14680, 16200
Wing area [m <sup>2</sup> ]	48.9, 48.8, 59.6
Rated thrust [kN]	20.6, 22.4, 25.6
Mean DOC [\$ /hr]	14520
OEM NRC [M\$]	4200

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# Conclusions and perspectives

- Bayesian Optimization for MDO
  - **Mixed-discrete, hierarchical**, mono and **multi-objective**, constrained
  - Subject to hidden constraints (PhD A. Tfaily McGill & Bombardier 2025, PhD J. Bussemaker DLR & TUD, 2025)
  - Extension to multi-fidelity models & data fusion (PhD M. Aguirre Castano UPHF & ONERA)
- High dimensional problem
  - Linear, random or supervised embeddings (PhD A. Durand, PolyMontréal & ONERA)
  - Cooperative strategy (PhD L. Pretsch, TUM&MTU 2025) & different acquisition functions (Internship P. Dobeli 2025)

## ➔ Application to more complex problems



Wildfire fighting case



Urban air mobility



➔ Extend GP for **high dimensional** hierarchical **systems of systems** optimization

➔ Extend Bayesian optimization for high-dimensional **variable-size** multi-fidelity problems

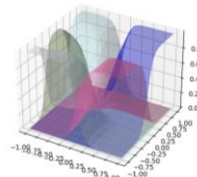
# Two frameworks



github.com/SMTorg/smt



- Open source python toolbox: surrogate modeling methods, sampling techniques, and benchmarking functions
- Focus on derivatives (training derivatives used for gradient-enhanced modeling, prediction derivatives)
- New Kriging based surrogate models for higher dimension (KPLS and KPLS-K)
- Noisy Kriging to handle uncertainties on data
- Multifidelity Kriging with or without n MFKPLS)
- Mixture of experts technique for heterogeneous functions
- Mixed integer Kriging to handle **discrete and categorical variables**



## SEGOMOE



**Mono & multi objective Bayesian optimizer**

**Mono & Multi fidelity sources**

Handling non linear objectives & constraints (black box, no derivative available)

Equality & inequality constraints  
(1 ~ 100 constraints)

Intermediate dimension problem  
(1 ~ 100 variables)

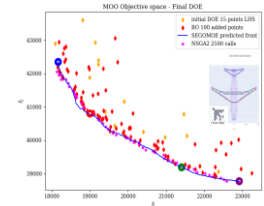
Heterogenous variables (continuous, discrete, categorical)

Costly evaluation (CFD, FEM, objective and/or constraints)

Hidden constraints

Based on SMT toolbox for surrogate models

Remote access via a **web interface**





# SEGOMOE vs EGObox

[github.com/relf/egobox](https://github.com/relf/egobox)



egobox, a Rust toolbox for efficient global optimization

Features	SEGOMOE	EGObox
EGO-like optimizer	✓	✓
Constrained optim	✓	✓
Mixture of experts	✓	✓
PLS dim reduction	✓	✓
Parallel Evaluation	✓	✓
CoEGO/CCBO	✓	✓
Mixed-variables optim	✓ (mixed-int kernels)	✓ (cont. relax. only)
Multi fidelity	✓	✗
Multi objective	✓	✗
Hierarchical variables	✓	✗
Trust-region EGO		✓
Licence	NDA	Open-source (Apache 2.0)
Language	Python	Rust + Python binding

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# Collaborative Optimization