

# Statistical Surrogate Models

**Strategy:** Consider high fidelity model

$$y = f(q)$$

with  $M$  model evaluations

$$y^m = f(q^m), m = 1, \dots, M$$

**Statistical Model:**  $f_s(q)$ : Surrogate for  $f(q)$

$$y^m = f_s(q^m) + \varepsilon^m, m = 1, \dots, M$$

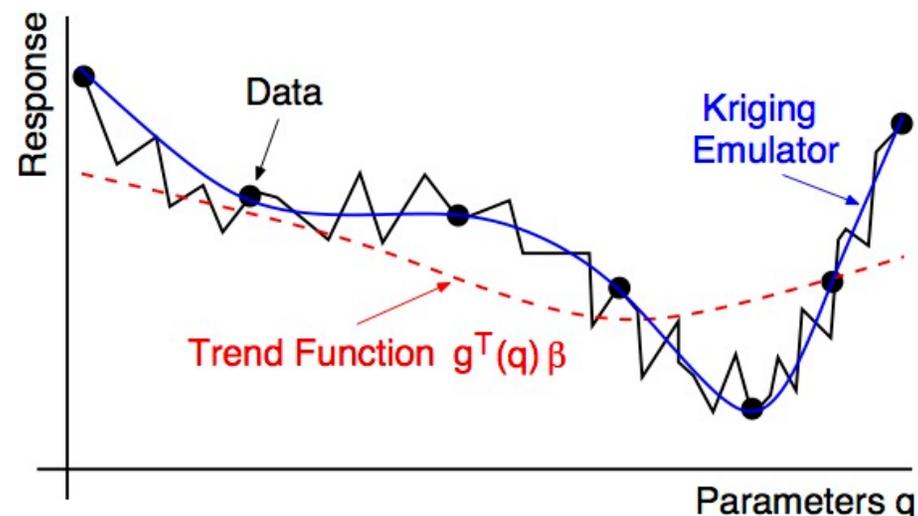
**Numerical Surrogate:** Impose *a priori* structure via basis functions  $\Psi_k(q)$

**Statistical Surrogate:** Define mean and covariance functions that define GP; i.e.,

$$f(q) \sim GP(m(q), c(q, q')) \text{ with}$$

$$m(q) = \mathbb{E}[f(q)]$$

$$c(q, q') = \mathbb{E}[(f(q) - m(q))(f(q') - m(q'))]$$



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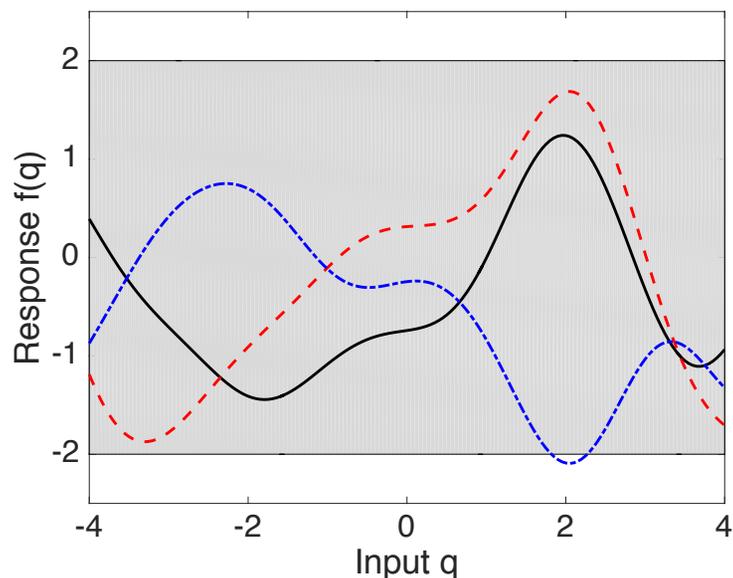
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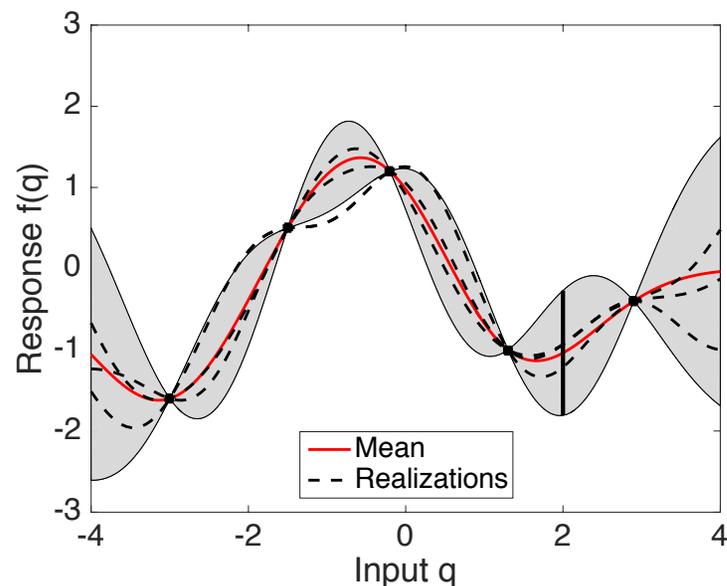
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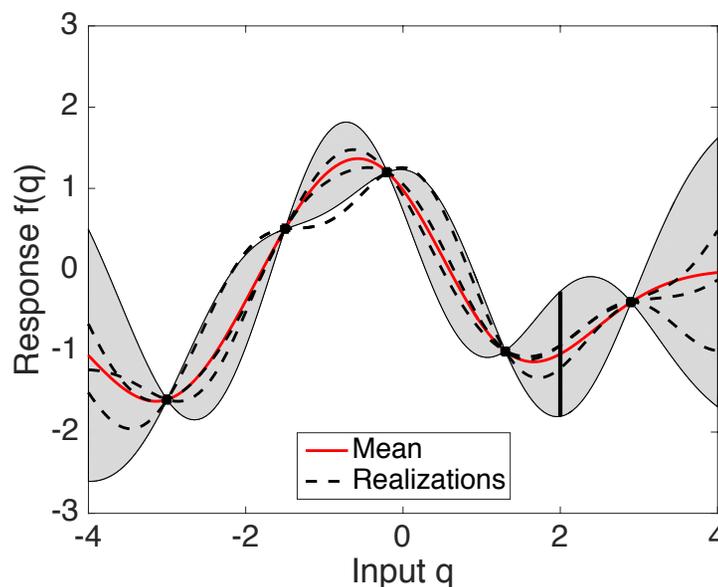
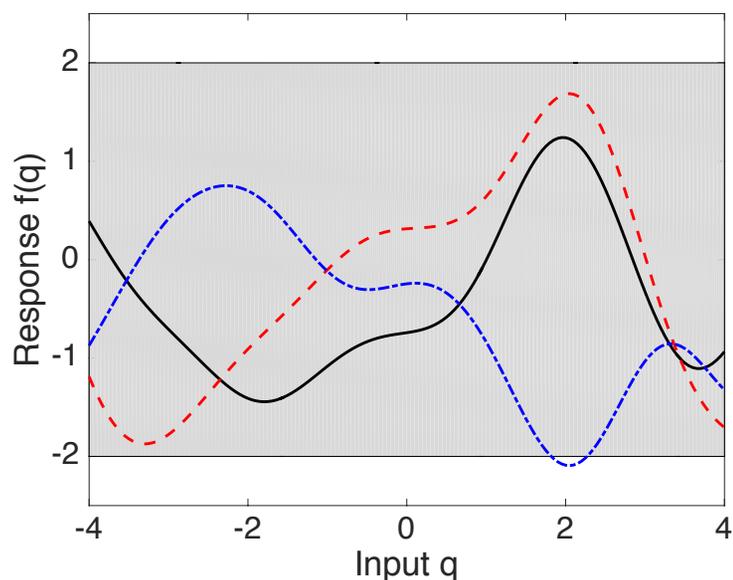
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## Issues:

- Specification of mean  $m(q)$  and covariance function  $c(q, q')$
- Inference of hyperparameters in  $m(q)$  and  $c(q, q')$ ; e.g.,  $\ell$
- Construct joint prior and conditional distributions for training and future data

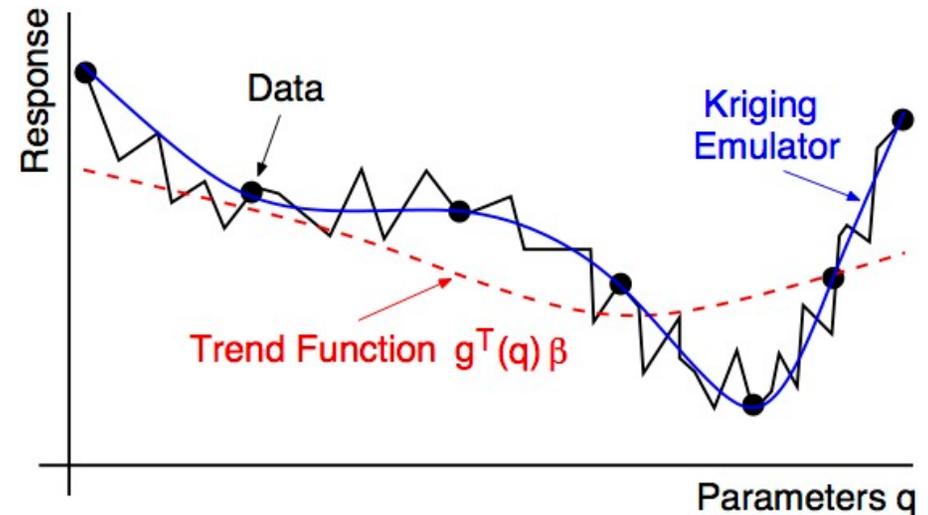
# Gaussian Process Emulator: Mean Function $m(q)$

**High Fidelity Model:**  $M$  evaluations

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**Statistical Model:**

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**Gaussian Process: Kriging**

$$f_s(q; \beta) = g^T(q)\beta + Z(q)$$

- $g^T(q)\beta$  : Trend function

Ordinary Kriging:  $g^T(q)\beta = \beta_0$

Universal Kriging:  $g^T(q)\beta = \sum_{k=0}^K \beta_k g_k(q)$

# Gaussian Process Emulator: Covariance Function $c(q, q')$

## Covariance Function:

- Incorporate correlation structure between coefficients;
- Impose regularity or properties such as periodicity;
- Consider exponential and Matérn covariance functions.

## Exponential Covariance Function: Anisotropic function

$$r(q, q') = \exp \left( - \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{1}{2\ell_k^2} |q_k - q'_k|^{\gamma_k} \right)$$

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Hyperparameters:  $\sigma^2, \ell_k, \gamma_k$

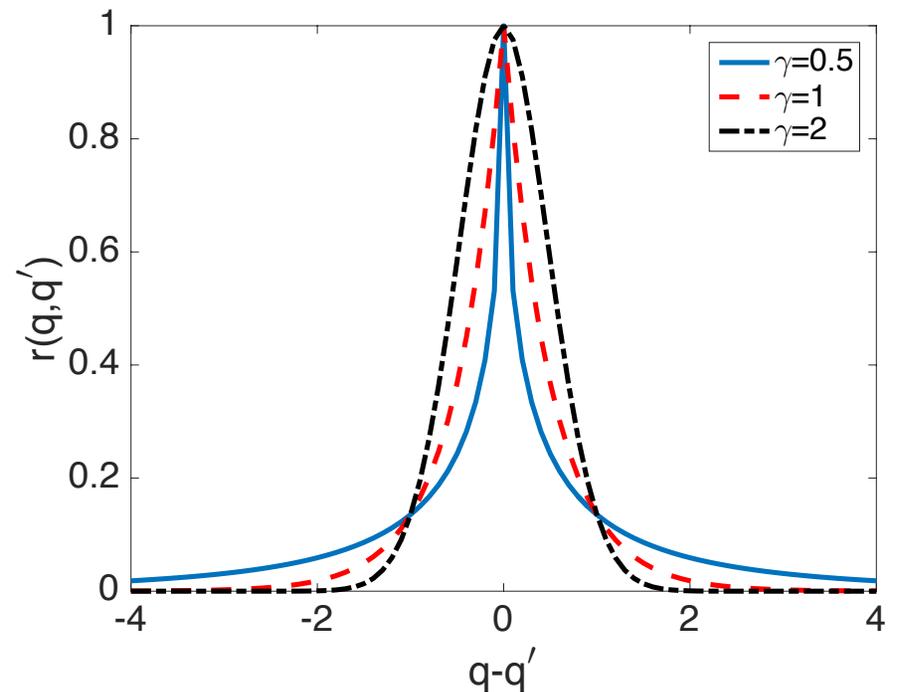
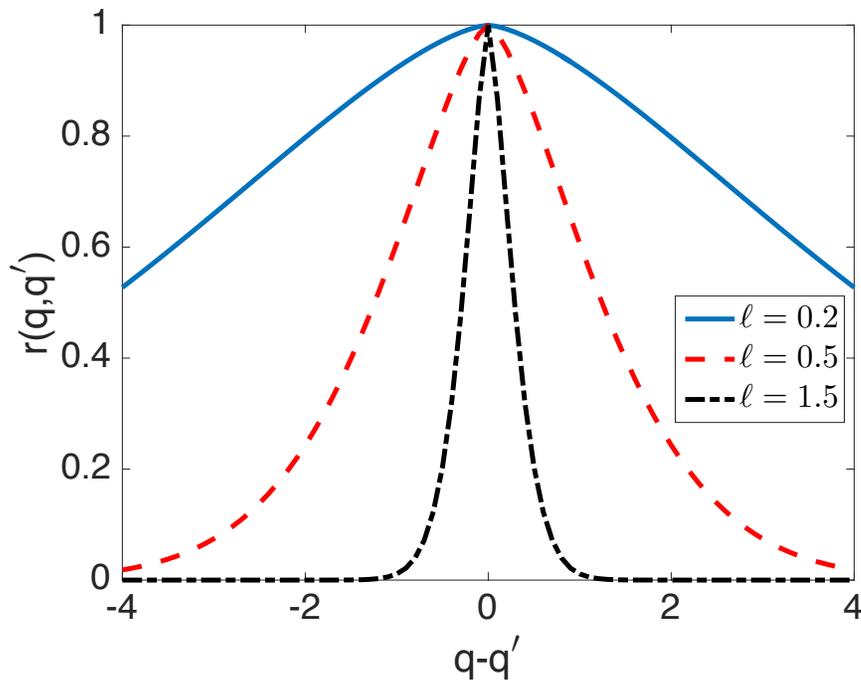
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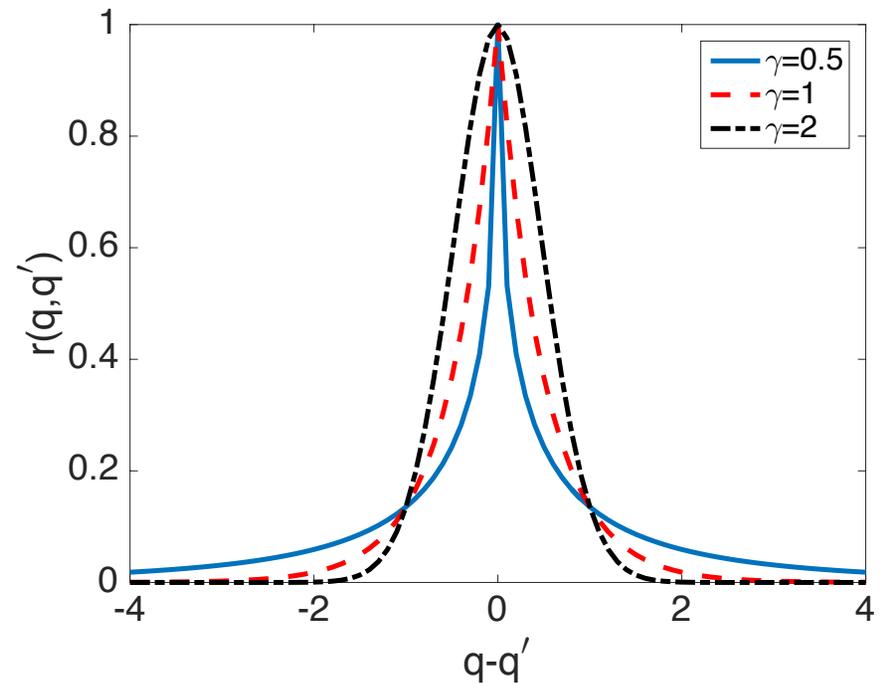
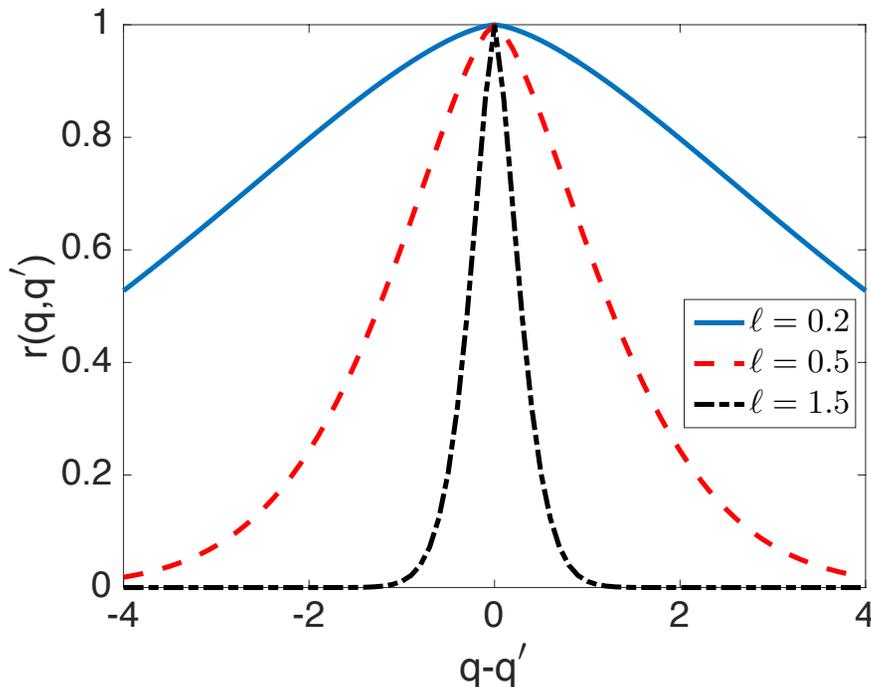
**Exponential Covariance Function:** Isotropic function -- Take  $\ell_k = \ell, \gamma_k = 2$

$$r(q, q') = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\ell^2} \sum_{k=1}^p (q_k - q'_k)^2\right)$$

or

$$r_{SE}(h) = e^{-h^2/2\ell^2}$$

where  $h = \|q - q'\|$



# Gaussian Process Emulator: Covariance Function $c(q, q')$

## Matérn Covariance Function:

$$r_M(h) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)2^{\nu-1}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2\nu} h}{\ell} \right)^\nu K_\nu \left( \frac{\sqrt{2\nu} h}{\ell} \right)$$

## Common Choices:

$$\nu = \frac{1}{2}, \quad r_{1/2}(h) = e^{-h/\ell},$$

$$\nu = \frac{3}{2}, \quad r_{3/2}(h) = \left( 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3} h}{\ell} \right) e^{-\sqrt{3} h/\ell},$$

$$\nu = \frac{5}{2}, \quad r_{5/2}(h) = \left( 1 + \frac{\sqrt{5} h}{\ell} + \frac{5h^2}{3\ell^2} \right) e^{-\sqrt{5} h/\ell}.$$

# Gaussian Process Regression

**Observation Model:** For  $m = 1, \dots, M$

$$y^m = f(q^m) + \varepsilon^m, \quad \varepsilon^m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_0^2)$$

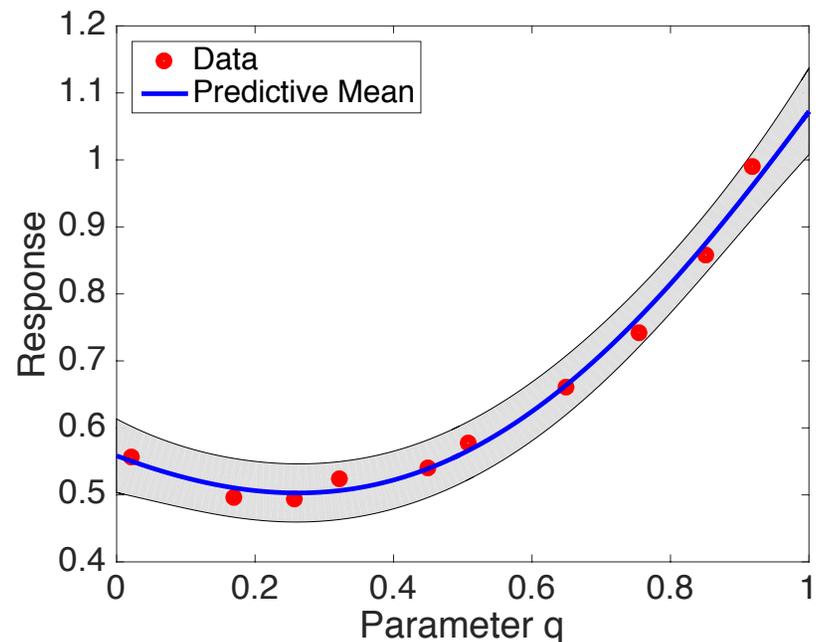
**Assumption:**  $\varepsilon^m$  independent from  $q^m$

**Result:** Error component often termed a 'nugget'

$$y = [f(q^1), \dots, f(q^M)] \sim \mathcal{N}(m, C + \sigma_0^2 I)$$

$$C_{ij} = c(q^i, q^j), \quad C = \sigma^2 R$$

**Note:** Nugget automatically incorporated in MATLAB GP package



# Gaussian Process Emulator: Inference of Hyperparameters

**Likelihood:** Take  $m = \beta_0 \mathbf{1}$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{M/2} |\mathbf{C} + \sigma_0^2 \mathbf{I}|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y} - m)^T [\mathbf{C} + \sigma_0^2 \mathbf{I}]^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - m) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{M/2} |\mathbf{R} + \delta^2 \mathbf{I}|^{1/2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1})^T [\mathbf{R} + \delta^2 \mathbf{I}]^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1}) \right] \end{aligned}$$

with  $\delta^2 = \sigma_0^2 / \sigma^2$

**Strategy:** Maximize log-likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= -\frac{M}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{M}{2} \ln(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(|\mathbf{R} + \delta^2 \mathbf{I}|) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1})^T [\mathbf{R} + \delta^2 \mathbf{I}]^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1}) \end{aligned}$$

by enforcing

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \beta_0} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \sigma^2} = 0$$

# Gaussian Process Emulator: Inference of Hyperparameters

## Maximum Likelihood Estimates:

$$\beta_{0_{MLE}}(\ell, \gamma, \delta) = \frac{\mathbf{1}^T [R(\ell, \gamma) + \delta^2 I]^{-1} \mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{1}^T [R(\ell, \gamma) + \delta^2 I]^{-1} \mathbf{1}}$$

$$\sigma_{MLE}^2(\ell, \gamma, \delta) = \frac{1}{M} [\mathbf{y} - \beta_{0_{MLE}} \mathbf{1}]^T [R(\ell, \gamma) + \delta^2 I]^{-1} [\mathbf{y} - \beta_{0_{MLE}} \mathbf{1}]$$

**Concentrated or Profile Likelihood:** Depends on  $\ell, \gamma, \delta$

$$-2\mathcal{L}(\ell, \gamma, \delta) = M \ln(\sigma_{MLE}^2(\ell, \gamma, \delta)) + \ln(|R(\ell, \gamma) + \delta^2 I|)$$

## Optimization:

- Simulated annealing, genetic algorithms or derivative-based algorithms;
- Inclusion of nugget improves conditioning

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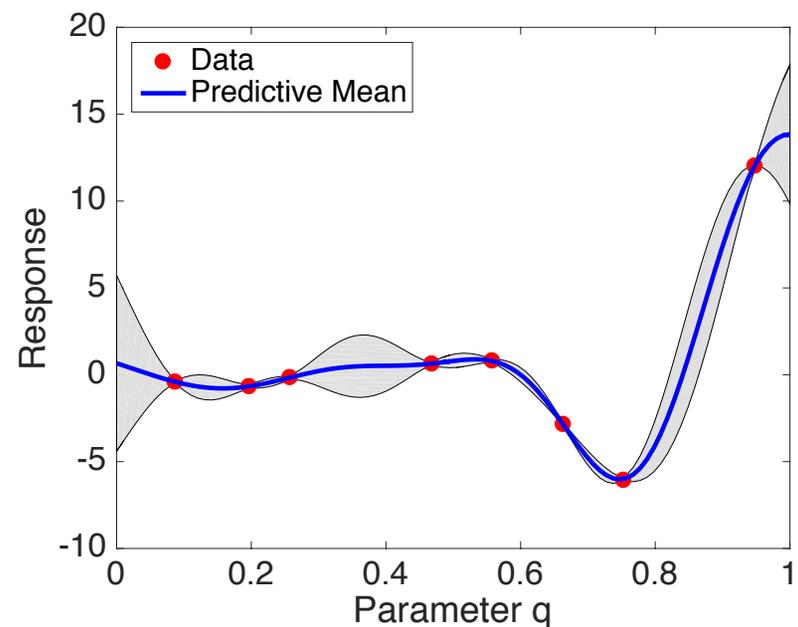
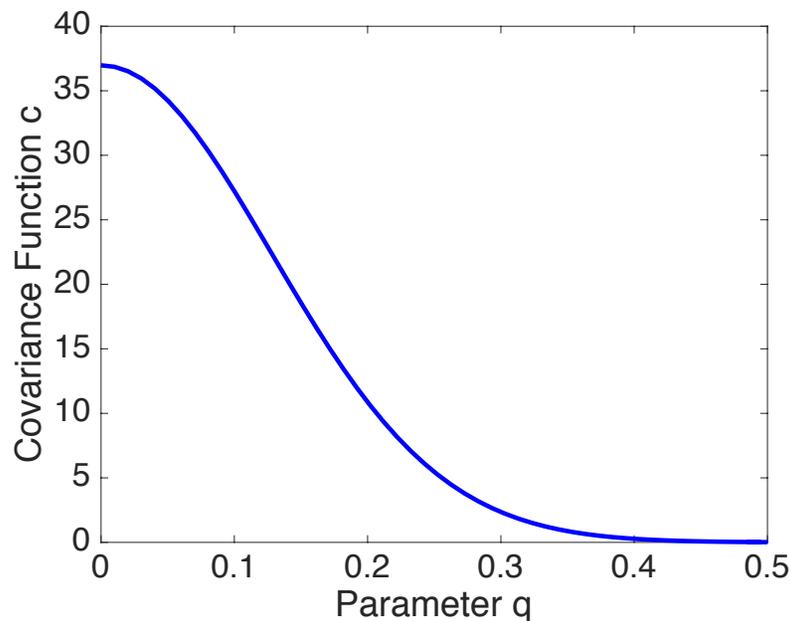
**Example:** Consider the construction of a covariance function

$$c(q, q') = \sigma^2 e^{-(q-q')^2/2\ell^2}$$

for the model

$$f(q) = (6q - 2)^2 \sin(12q - 4)$$

with  $q \in [0, 1]$



**Question:** How does one construct a predictive distribution for future observations?

# Gaussian Process Predictions

**Objective:** Compute mean and covariance structure of future predictions

**Case i:** Noise-free model  $y^* = f^*$

**Notation:**

$Q^* = [q^{*1}, \dots, q^{*M^*}]$ :  $p \times M^*$  matrix of test input values

$f^* = [f(q^{*1}), \dots, f(q^{*M^*})]$ : predicted model values

$[C_*]_{ij} = c(q^i, q^j)$ ,  $[C_{**}]_{ij} = c(q^{*i}, q^{*j})$ :  $M \times M, M^* \times M^*$  covariance matrices

$\tilde{\mathbf{c}} = \begin{bmatrix} C & C_* \\ C_*^T & C_{**} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $M^*$  test points: Augmented covariance matrix

**Single Predicted Test Input:  $q^*$**

$$c_*(q^*) = \begin{bmatrix} c(q^1, q^*) \\ \vdots \\ c(q^M, q^*) \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{c}} = \begin{bmatrix} C & c_* \\ c_*^T & c_{**} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ 1 test point,}$$

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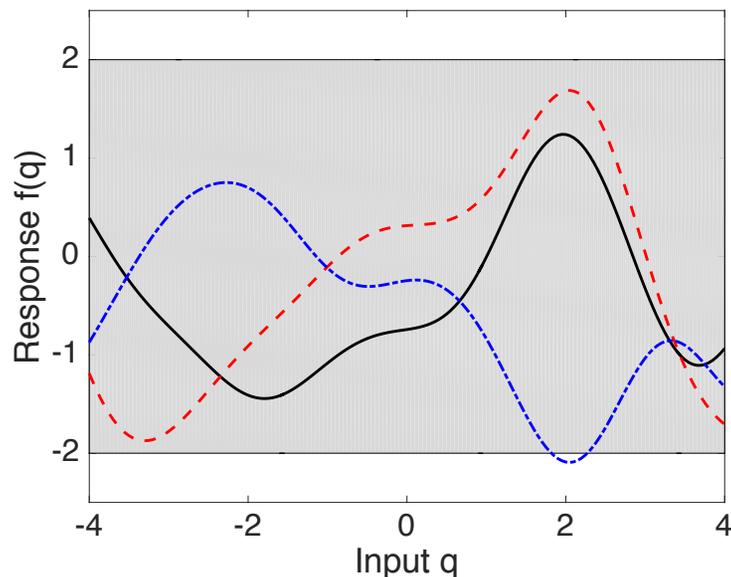
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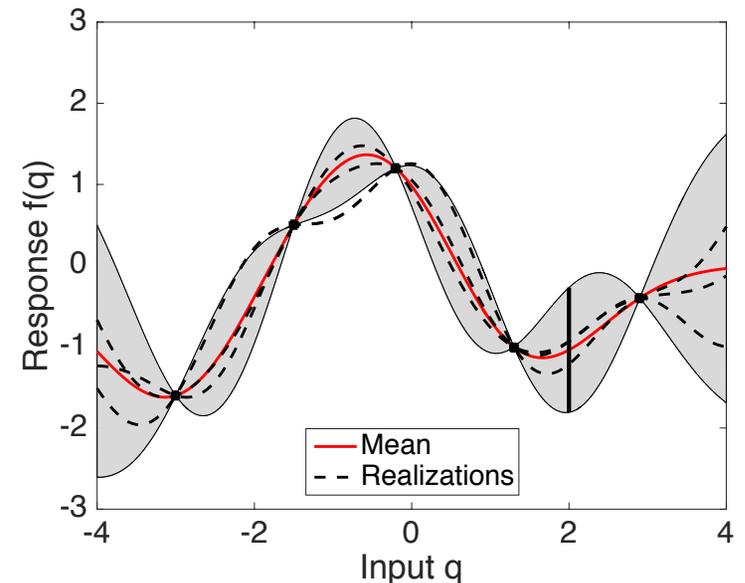
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# Gaussian Process Predictions: Bayesian Framework

**Strategy:** Generate

$$f^* \sim \mathcal{N}(\beta_0 \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{C}_{**})$$

from prior distribution. We then need to condition joint prior distribution between training responses and predictions

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ f^* \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \mathbf{1} \\ \beta_0 \mathbf{1}^* \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{C}_* \\ \mathbf{C}_*^T & \mathbf{C}_{**} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

to contain only functions that agree with training data

$$\{Q = [q^1, \dots, q^M], y = [y^1, \dots, y^M]\}$$

**Conditional Predictive Distribution:**

$$f^* | Q, Q^*, y \sim \mathcal{N} [\beta_0 \mathbf{1}^* + \mathbf{C}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (y - \beta_0 \mathbf{1}), \mathbf{C}_{**} - \mathbf{C}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_*]$$

**Note:**

$$\mathbb{E}[f^*] = \beta_0 \mathbf{1}_{M^*} + \mathbf{C}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1})$$

$$\text{cov}[f^*] = \mathbf{C}_{**} - \mathbf{C}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_*$$

# Gaussian Process Predictions: Bayesian Framework

**Note:** Consider observations  $f^* = f(q^*)$  with  $q^* = q^j$ . The  $C_*$  reduces to

$$c_*^T(q^j) = [c(q^1, q^j), \dots, c(q^M, q^j)]$$

for each training input  $q^j$ . It then follows that

$$c_*^T(q^j) C^{-1} (y - \beta_0 \mathbf{1}) = y^j - \beta_0$$

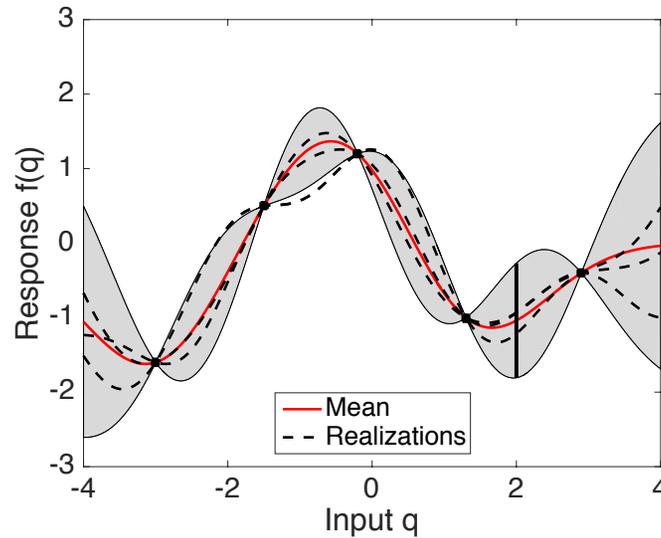
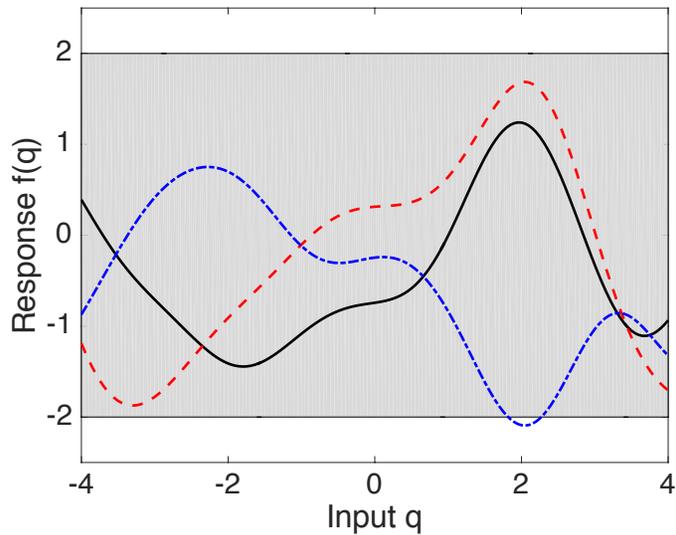
so that  $\mathbb{E}[f(q^j)] = y^j$

**Result:** Mean interpolates training data for noise-free model

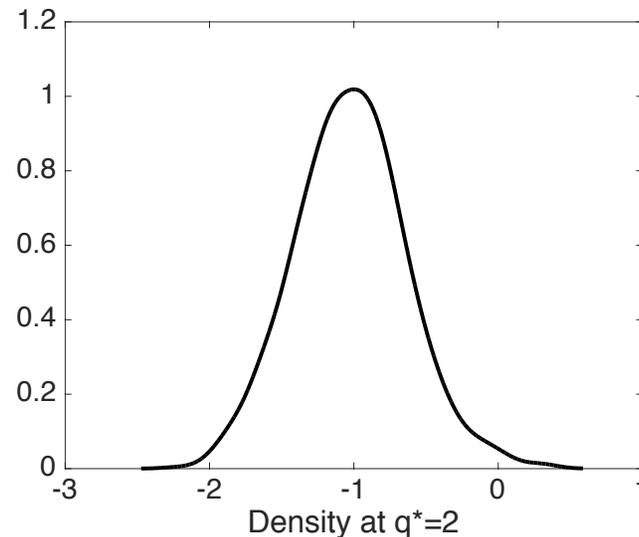
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**Note:** Similar analysis for regression using a nugget.



# Gaussian Process Predictions: Bayesian Framework

**Example:** Consider the modified Branin function

$$f(\mathbf{q}) = \left[ q_2 - \frac{5.1}{4\pi^2} q_1^2 + \frac{5}{\pi} q_1 - 6 \right]^2 + 10 \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{8\pi} \right) \cos q_1 + 1 \right] + 5q_1$$

where  $q_1 \in [-5, 10]$  and  $q_2 \in [0, 15]$ .

**Anisotropic Covariance Function:**

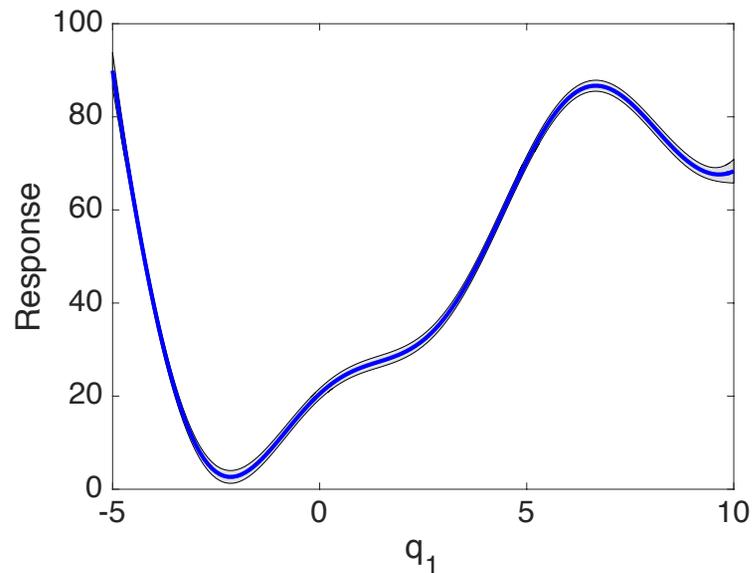
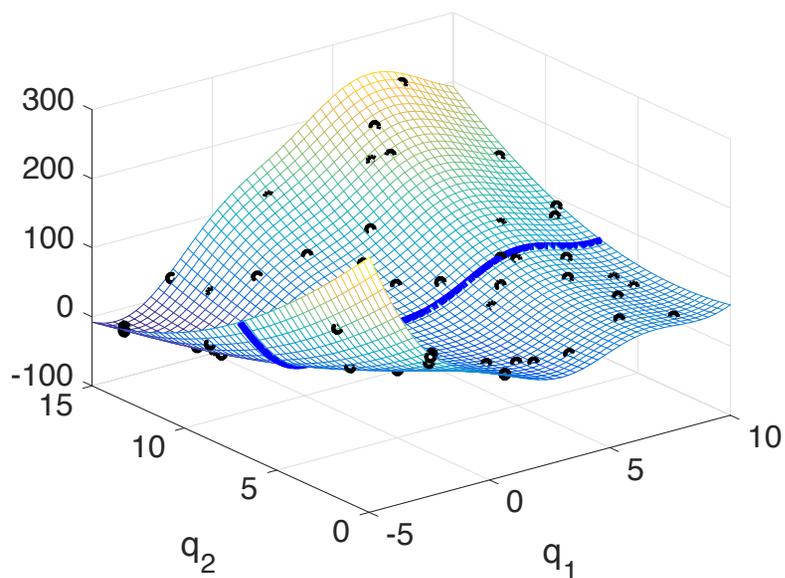
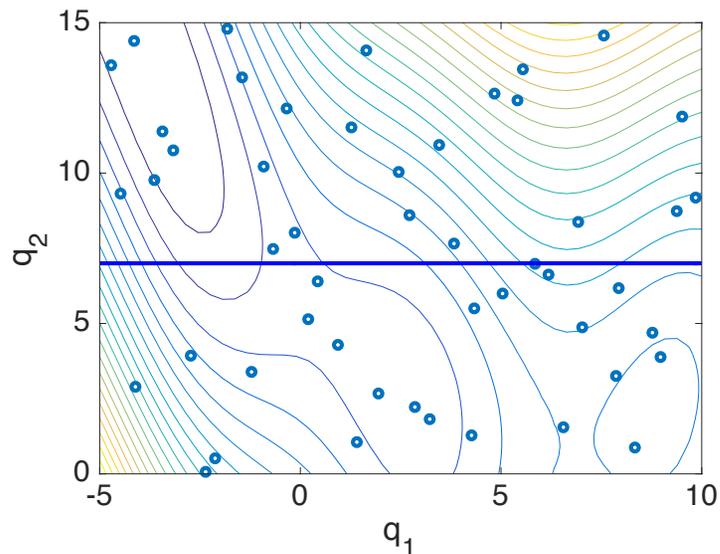
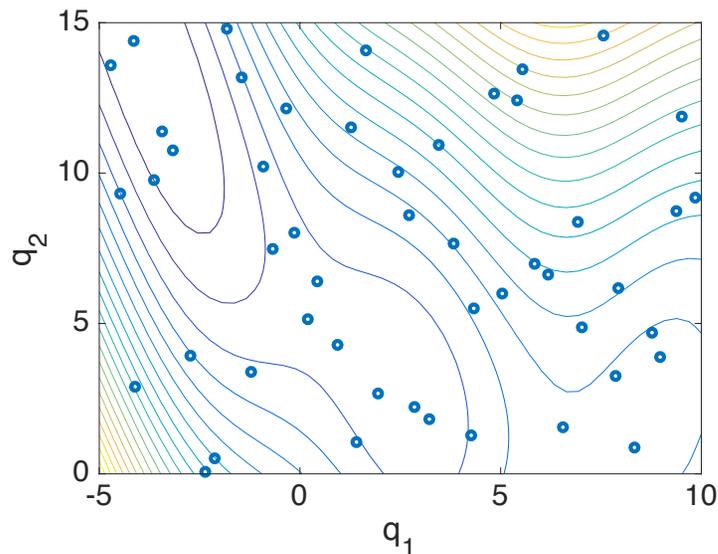
$$c(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}') = \sigma^2 \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{(q_i - q'_i)^2}{\ell_i^2} \right]$$

Hyperparameters: e.g.,  $\ell_1 = 4.21$ ,  $\ell_2 = 23.66$

Note: Employed Latin hypercube samples (LHS) for training

# Gaussian Process Predictions: Bayesian Framework

## Example: Modified Branin function



# Gaussian Process Predictions: Frequentist Framework

**Strategy:** Consider

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y^* \end{bmatrix}$$

Log-Likelihood for Augmented System:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{M}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \ln |\mathbf{C}| - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\mathbf{y}} - \beta_0 \tilde{\mathbf{1}})^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\tilde{\mathbf{y}} - \beta_0 \tilde{\mathbf{1}})$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{C}}^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}^{-1} + \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_* (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_*)^{-1} \mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} & -\mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_* (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_*)^{-1} \\ -(\mathbf{c}_{**} - \mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_*)^{-1} \mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} & (\mathbf{c}_{**} - \mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_*)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{11}^{-1} & \mathbf{C}_{12}^{-1} \\ \mathbf{C}_{21}^{-1} & \mathbf{C}_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Gaussian Process Predictions: Frequentist Framework

**Note:**

$$\begin{aligned}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}} - \beta_0 \tilde{\mathbf{1}})^T \tilde{\mathbf{C}}^{-1} (\tilde{\mathbf{y}} - \beta_0 \tilde{\mathbf{1}}) &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{y}^* - \beta_0 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{11}^{-1} & \mathbf{C}_{12}^{-1} \\ \mathbf{C}_{21}^{-1} & \mathbf{C}_{22}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{y}^* - \beta_0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= F(\mathbf{y}) + (\mathbf{y}^* - \beta_0) \mathbf{C}_{21}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1})^T \mathbf{C}_{12}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}^* - \beta_0) \\ &\quad + (\mathbf{y}^* - \beta_0)^2 \mathbf{C}_{22}^{-1} \\ &= F(\mathbf{y}) + \left[ \frac{-2\mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1})}{\mathbf{c}_{**} - \mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_*} (\mathbf{y}^* - \beta_0) + \frac{1}{\mathbf{c}_{**} - \mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{c}_*} (\mathbf{y}^* - \beta_0) \right]\end{aligned}$$

**Necessary Condition:**

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{y}^*} = 0$$

yields

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**Result:** Same as for Bayesian framework

$$y^* = \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{q}^*)] = \beta_0 + \mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1})$$

**Note:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[f^*] &= \beta_0 + \mathbf{c}_*^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1}) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K u_k \Psi_k(\mathbf{q}^*) + \beta_0 \end{aligned}$$

**Basis Functions:**

$$\Psi_k(\mathbf{q}^*) = c(\mathbf{q}^k, \mathbf{q}^*)$$

**Weights:**

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \beta_0 \mathbf{1})$$

# Example: Modeling of Volcanic Pyroclastic Flows

**Authors:** Bayarri, Berger, Calder Dalbey, Lunagomez, Patra, Pitman, Spiller, Wolpert; *Technometrics*, 51(4), 2009; Gu and Berger, *The Annals of Applied Statistics*, 2016.

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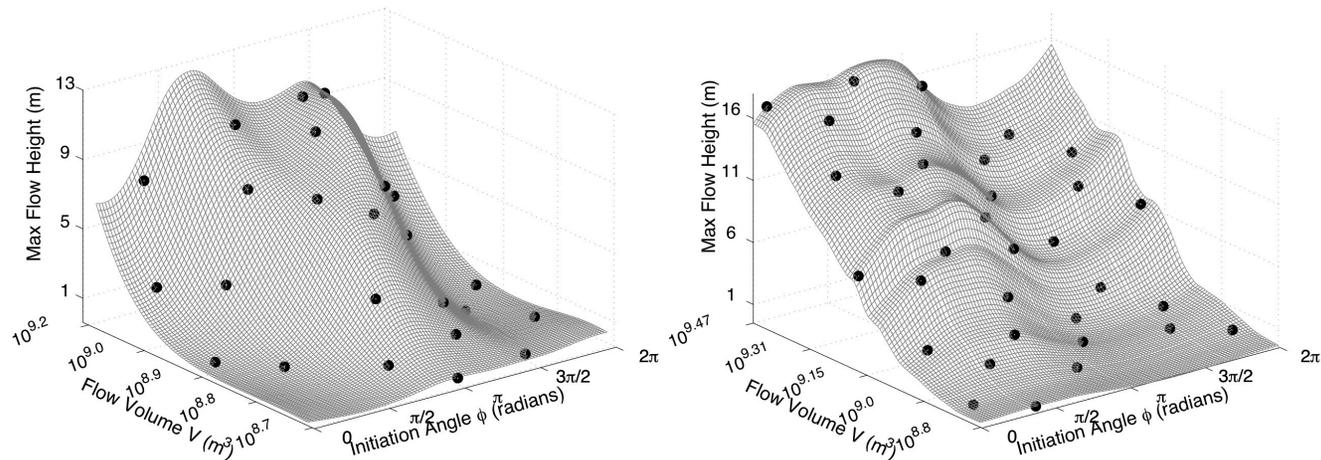
- Employ simulation models and surrogates to assess risk of *rare* catastrophic events; e.g., volcanic eruption.
- Employed TITAN2D to simulate flows.
- Test Case: Soufrière Hills Volcano on Island of Montserrat.
- Use emulator to identify threshold inputs – e.g., critical flow depth – that define catastrophic event.
- Compared GP and mathematical surrogates; GP advantageous for this application.



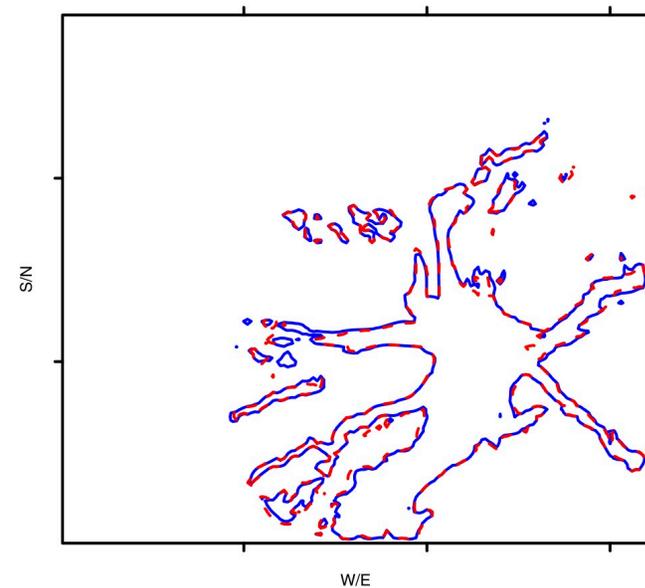
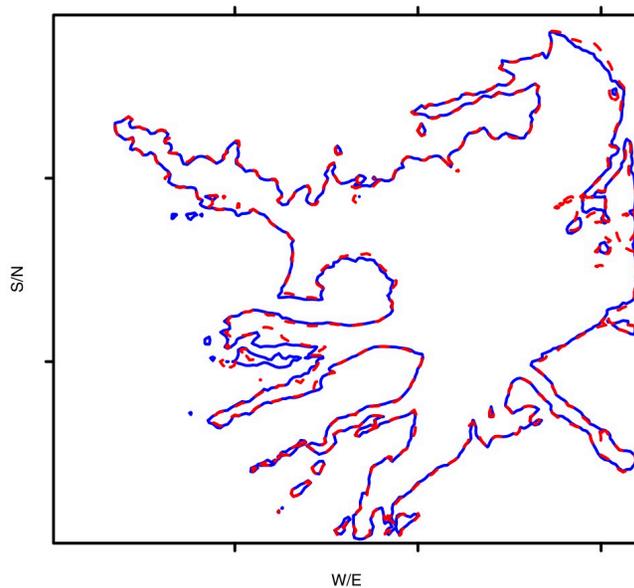
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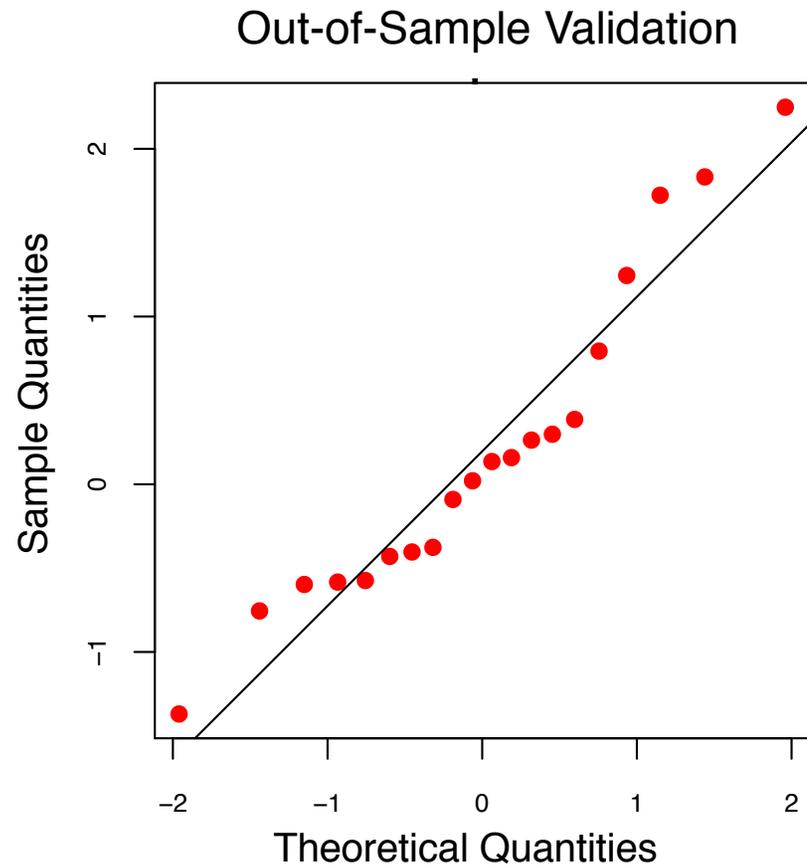
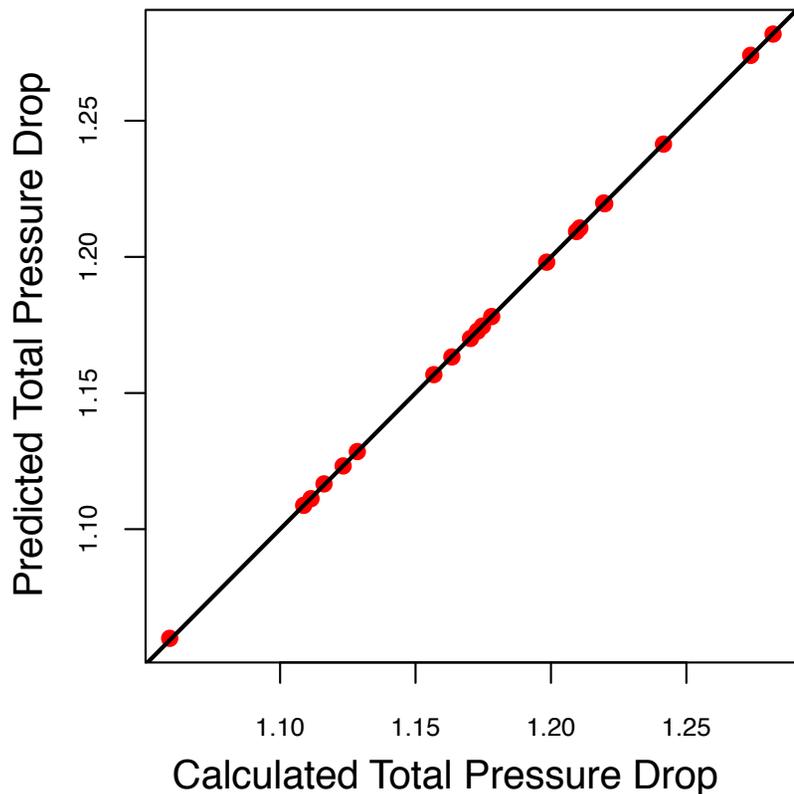


# Surrogate Construction: Nuclear Power Plant Design

**Subchannel Code (COBRA-TF):** 33 VUQ parameters reduced to 5 using SA

**Surrogate:** Total pressure drop

- GP emulator constructed using 50 COBRA-TF runs perturbing 5 active inputs.
- Use remaining computational budget to evaluate quality of surrogate using post-processed Dakota outputs.

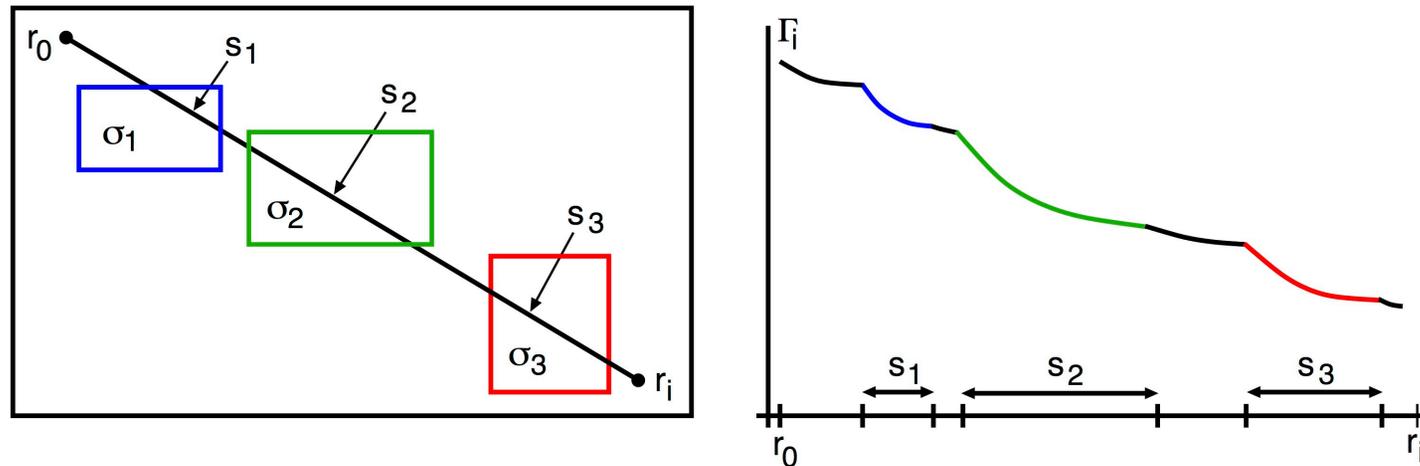


# Gaussian Process Emulators

**Example:** Radiation source localization in an urban environment

**Observation Model:**

$$y_i(q) = F_i^{MCNP}(q) + \mathbb{E}[B_i \Delta t], \quad i = 1, \dots, N_d,$$



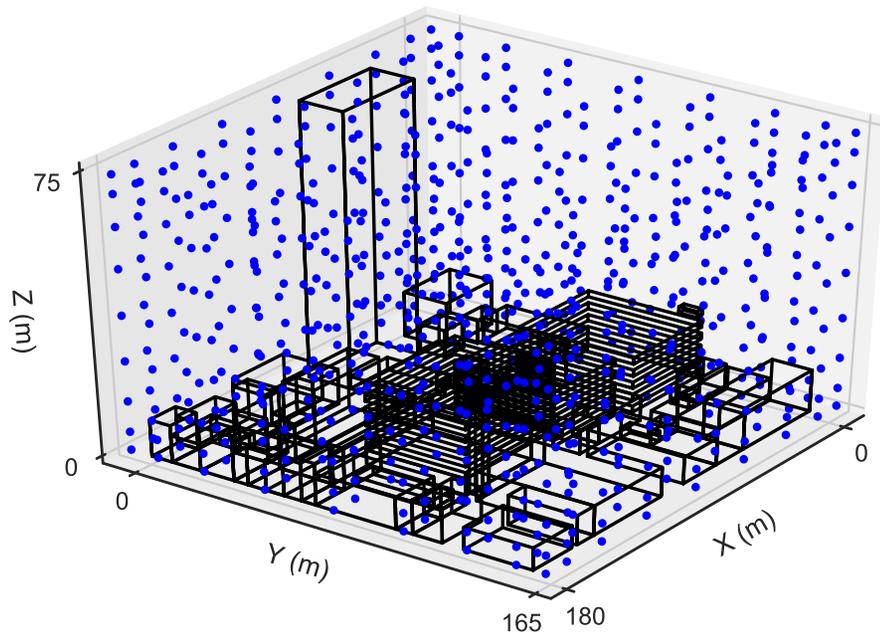
**Root Mean Square Error:**

$$nRMSE = \frac{1}{N_d} \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} nRMSE_i$$

$$nRMSE_i = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1}{M^*} \sum_{j=1}^{M^*} [F_i^{MCNP}(q^j) - F_i^{SM}(q^j)]^2}}{\frac{1}{M^*} \sum_{j=1}^{M^*} F_i^{MCNP}(q^j)}$$

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**Results:** Gaussian process (GP) versus neural net (NN)

	Surrogate	nRMSE	Training Time (s)	Eval Time (s)
Training Set 1	GP	5.14	13.1	0.052
	NN	5.17	63.4	0.049
Training Set 2	GP	2.23	915.1	0.267
	NN	3.34	198.7	0.047

# Gaussian Process Predictions

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