

Uncertainty Analysis for Complex Systems: Algorithms and Data -- II

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Overview

- **Uncertainty quantification and stochastic modeling**
- **Algorithms: Uncertainty propagation**
 - Generalized polynomial chaos (gPC)
 - Aleatory and epistemic uncertainty
- **Data: Any data can be helpful**
 - Parameter estimation: inverse inference
 - Uncertainty in models: data assimilation
 - gPC based “free” algorithms
- **Key Issues:**
 - **Efficiency**
 - **Curse of dimensionality**

Uncertainty Propagation: Setup

- **Stochastic PDE:**

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x, Z) = \mathcal{L}(u) \quad + \text{ boundary/initial conditions}$$

- Uncertain inputs are characterized by n_z random variables Z

- **Input parameterization:**

- Random parameters
- Random processes/fields: KL expansion etc.

- **Aleatory uncertainty:**

- Distribution of Z is known $F_Z(s) = \Pr(Z \leq s), \quad s \in \mathbb{R}^{n_z}$
- Independence requirement (can be relaxed)

- **Epistemic uncertainty:**

- Distribution of Z is not fully known
- Incomplete PDF, correlation, dependence, etc.
- *Jakeman, Eldred, Xiu, J. Comput. Phys., vol. 229, 2010*

Epistemic Uncertainty: Setup

• **Governing Equation:**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(t, x, Z) = \mathcal{L}(v), & D \times (0, T] \times I_Z \\ \mathcal{B}(v) = 0, & \partial D \times [0, T] \times I_Z \\ v = v_0, & D \times \{t = 0\} \times I_Z \end{array} \right.$$

$$v(x, t, Z) : \bar{D} \times [0, T] \times I_Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad I_Z \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$$

• **Epistemic uncertainty:**

- Distribution of Z is not fully known

• **“Some” prior knowledge:**

$$I_{Z_i} = [\alpha_i, \beta_i], \quad -\infty \leq \alpha_i < \beta_i \leq \infty$$

$$I_Z \subseteq \prod_{i=1}^d I_{Z_i}$$

- **Remark:** Z_i can be dependent, and I_Z can be much smaller.

Range Estimation

- **Goal:** To “encapsulate” each epistemic variable
- **Overwhelming probability condition:**

For each $I_{Z_i} = [\alpha_i, \beta_i]$, $\alpha_i < \beta_i$, find a bounded interval

$$I_{X_i} = [a_i, b_i], \quad -\infty < a_i < b_i < \infty,$$

such that

$$\Pr(Z_i \in I_i^-) \leq \delta_i,$$

where $\delta_i \geq 0$, and I_i^- is the difference set

$$I_i^- = I_{Z_i} \Delta I_{X_i} = (I_{Z_i} \cup I_{X_i}) \setminus (I_{Z_i} \cap I_{X_i})$$

- If Z_i is bounded, it is “easier” to do
- If Z_i is unbounded, X_i needs to be “big” enough

Range Estimation (cont'd)

- For each variable: $I_{Z_i} = [\alpha_i, \beta_i], \quad -\infty \leq \alpha_i < \beta_i \leq \infty$

$$I_{X_i} = [a_i, b_i], \quad -\infty < a_i < b_i < \infty$$

$$\Pr(Z_i \in I_i^-) \leq \delta$$

- For all variables: $I_Z \subseteq \prod_{i=1}^d I_{Z_i}$

$$I_X = \prod_{i=1}^d I_{X_i} = \prod_{i=1}^d [a_i, b_i]$$

$$I^+ = I_Z \cup I_X, \quad I^o = I_Z \cap I_X$$

$$I^- = I_Z \Delta I_X = I^+ \setminus I^o \text{ (difference set)}$$

- Overwhelming probability condition:

$$\Pr(Z_i \in I^-) \leq \delta, \quad \delta = 1 - (1 - \delta_i)^d$$

- **Reminder:** I_X may not overlap I_Z

Encapsulation Problem

• **Original Problem:**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(t, x, Z) = \mathcal{L}(v), & D \times (0, T] \times I_Z \\ \mathcal{B}(v) = 0, & \partial D \times [0, T] \times I_Z \\ v = v_0, & D \times \{t = 0\} \times I_Z \end{array} \right.$$

• **Encapsulation Problem:**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x, X) = \mathcal{L}(u), & D \times (0, T] \times I_X \\ \mathcal{B}(u) = 0, & \partial D \times [0, T] \times I_X \\ u = v_0, & D \times \{t = 0\} \times I_X \end{array} \right.$$

○ Solution in a hypercube: $u(x, t, X) : \bar{D} \times [0, T] \times I_X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$I_X = [a_i, b_i]^d (= [-1, 1]^d, = [0, 1]^d)$$

• **Assumption:**

$$u(\cdot, \xi) = v(\cdot, \xi), \quad \forall \xi \in I^o$$

Solution Strategy of the Encapsulation Problem

- **Encapsulation Problem:**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x, X) = \mathcal{L}(u), & D \times (0, T] \times I_X \\ \mathcal{B}(u) = 0, & \partial D \times [0, T] \times I_X \\ u = v_0, & D \times \{t = 0\} \times I_X \end{array} \right.$$

- **Solution strategy: Controllability on point-wise error**

$$\varepsilon_n = \| u - u_n \|_{L^\infty(I_X)} \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

- u_n is a good approximation in the entire domain I_X (hypercube)
 - Can “sample” u_n accurately for all realizations
 - No probability distribution is assigned in I_X .
 - Convergence is a mathematical preference, not a practical necessity
- Requirement on error control is strong but achievable
 - Sparse grid collocation (with sufficient regularity)
 - Most stochastic Galerkin methods are possible
 - Without sufficient regularity --- multi-element collocation

Solution “Statistics”

- Solution of the original problem:

$$v(\cdot; Z) : I_Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \qquad \mu = \int_{I_Z} v(s) \rho_Z(s) ds$$

- Solution in the hypercube:

$$I^o = I_Z \cap I_X$$

$$u_n(\cdot; X) : I_X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \qquad \mu_n = \int_{I^o} u_n(s) \rho_Z(s) ds$$

Theorem: Assume $v(Z)$ is bounded and let $C_v = \|v\|_{L^\infty(I_Z)}$. Let u_n be an approximation to the solution of the encapsulation problem $u(X)$, s.t.,

$$\varepsilon_n = \|u - u_n\|_{L^\infty(I_X)}.$$

Then the approximation of the mean solution satisfies

$$|\mu - \mu_n| \leq \varepsilon_n + C_v \cdot \delta$$

Mixed Aleatory and Epistemic Uncertainty

• **Original Problem:**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}(t, x, Y, Z) = \mathcal{L}(v), \quad D \times (0, T] \times I_Y \times I_Z \\ \mathcal{B}(v) = 0, \quad \partial D \times [0, T] \times I_Y \times I_Z \\ v = v_0, \quad D \times \{t = 0\} \times I_Y \times I_Z \end{array} \right.$$

Y : random variables with known distribution $F_Y(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y)$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^{n_Y}$

Z : n_Z random variables with unknown distribution

• **Two encapsulation choices:** I_{X_i} encapsulates I_{Z_i} with overwhelming probability

○ Separate construction: $I_X = \times_{i=1}^d I_{X_i} = \times_{i=1}^d [a_i, b_i]$

$$u_n(X, Y) = \hat{u}_m(X) \otimes \tilde{u}_k(Y)$$

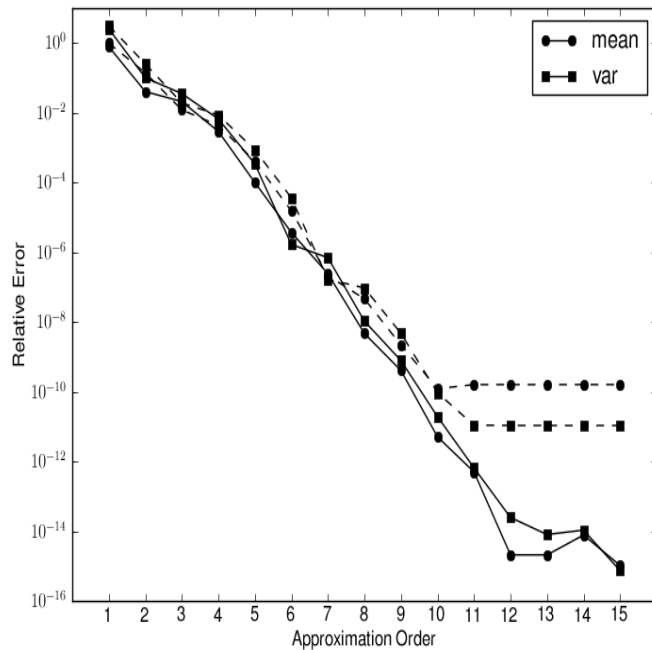
○ Simultaneous construction:

$$I_X = \left(\times_{i=1}^{N_Y} I_{Y_i} \right) \times \left(\times_{i=1}^{N_Z} I_{X_i} \right)$$

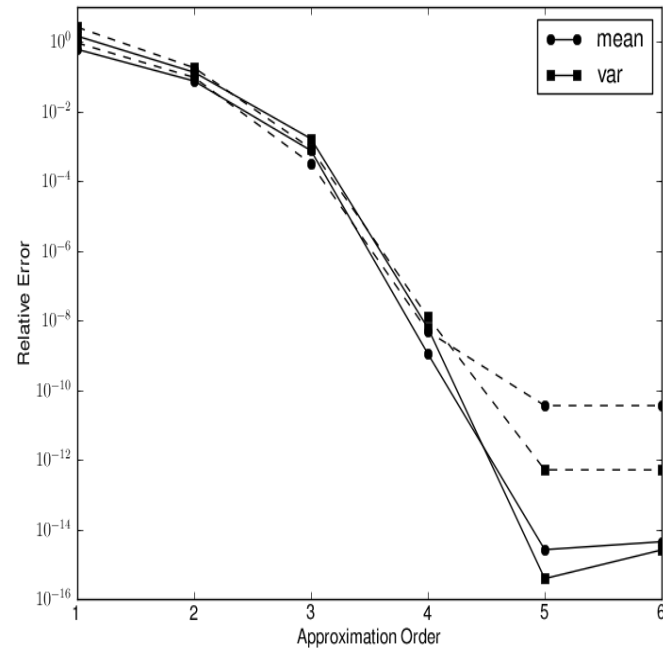
Numerical Examples: ODE

- **Original Problem:** $\frac{dv}{dt}(t) = -Z_1 v, \quad v(0) = Z_2 \quad v(t, Z) = Z_2 \exp(-Z_1 t)$
- **Encapsulation Problem:** $\frac{du}{dt}(t) = -X_1 u, \quad u(0) = X_2, \quad X = (X_1, X_2) \in [-1, 1]^2$

$Z_1, Z_2 \sim \text{beta}(0, 1, 1, 1)$, i.i.d. (solid lines) $I_Z = [0, 1]^2$
 $Z_1 \sim \text{beta}(0, 1, 2, 5), Z_2 \sim \text{beta}(0, 1, 1, 1)$ independent (dashed lines)



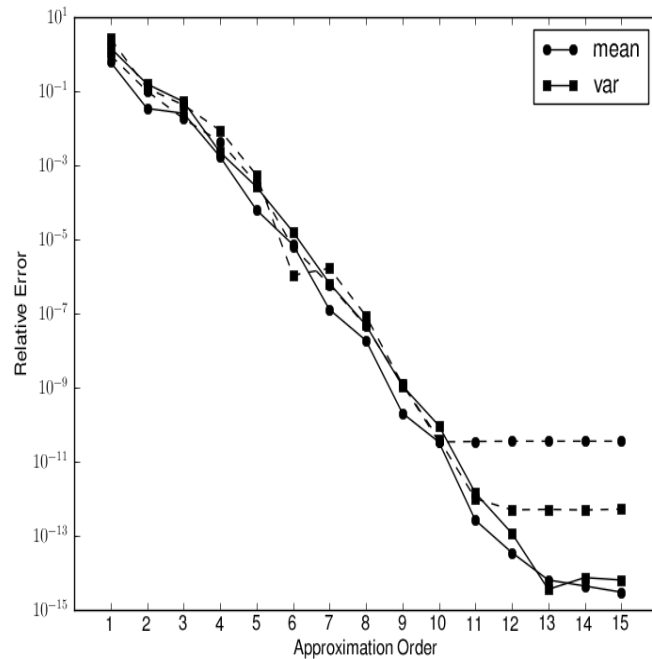
Galerkin with Legendre basis



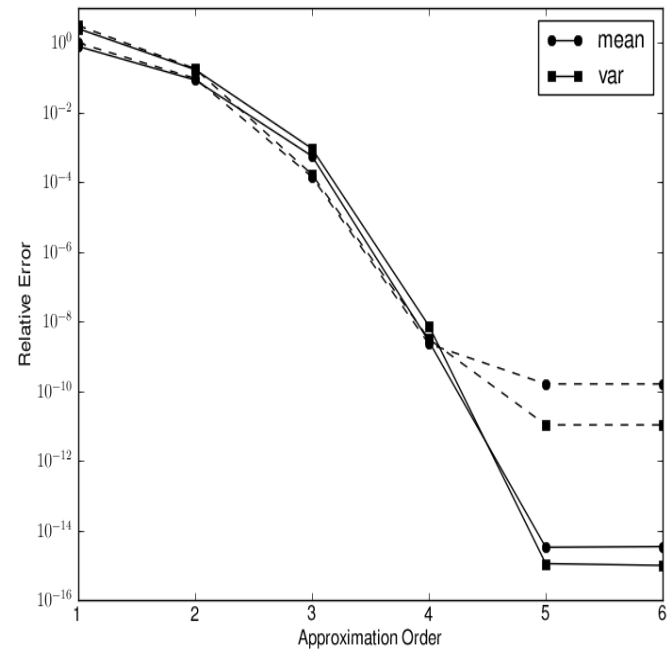
Sparse grid collocation

- Z_1 and Z_2 are dependent. In fact, let $Z_2=Z_1$. Then $I_Z=[0,1]$

$Z_1 = Z_2 \sim \text{beta}(0,1,1,1)$ (solid lines) $Z_1 = Z_2 \sim \text{beta}(0,1,2,5)$ (solid lines)



Galerkin with Legendre basis



Sparse grid collocation

$$I_X = [-1, 1]^2$$

A Slighted More Complicated Example

- **Original Problem:**

$$\frac{d^2v}{dt^2}(t, Z) + \gamma \frac{dv}{dt} + kv = f \cos(\omega t), \quad v(0) = v_0, \quad \frac{dv}{dt}(0) = v_1$$

$$Z = (\gamma, k, f, \omega, v_0, v_1) \in \mathbb{R}^6$$

- **Encapsulation Problem:**

$$\frac{d^2u}{dt^2}(t, X) + X_1 \frac{du}{dt} + X_2 u = X_3 \cos(X_4 t), \quad u(0) = X_5, \quad \frac{du}{dt}(0) = X_6$$

$$X = (X_1, \dots, X_6) \in [-1, 1]^6$$

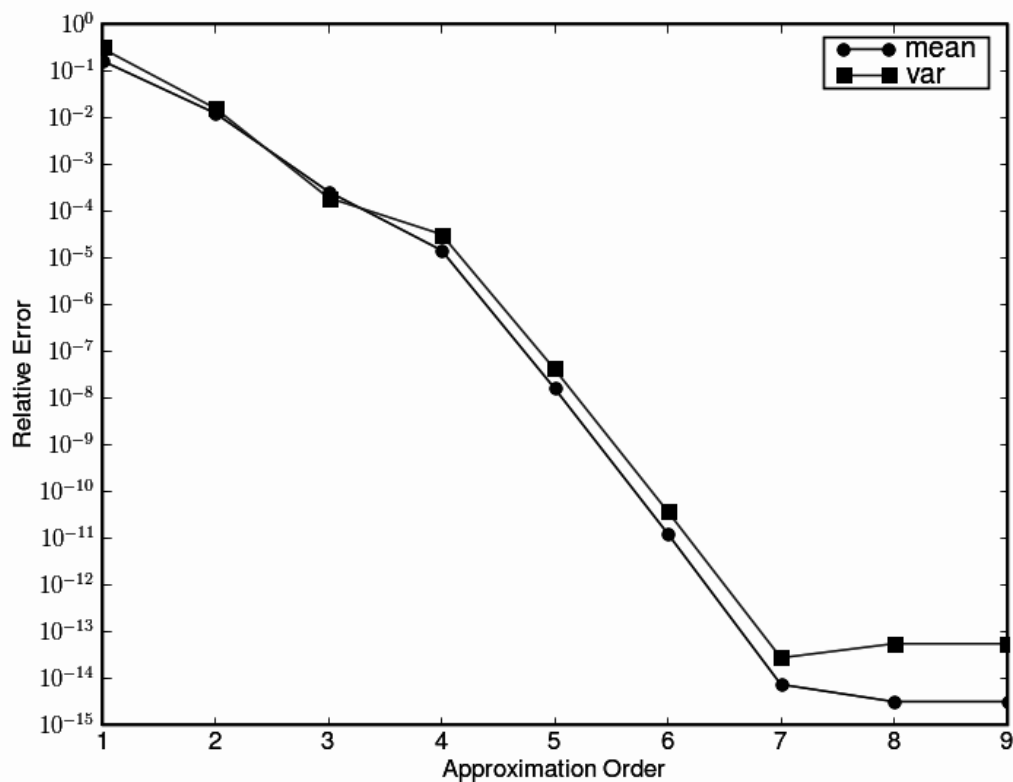
- Solved by 6-dimensional sparse grid collocation for $t=20$

Dependent Inputs

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2}(t, Z) + Z_1 \frac{du}{dt} + Z_2 u = Z_3 \cos(Z_4 t), \quad u(0) = Z_5, \quad \frac{du}{dt}(0) = Z_6$$

$Z_1 \sim \text{beta}(0.08, 0.12, 3, 2)$, $Z_3 \sim \text{beta}(0.08, 0.1, 1, 1)$, $Z_5 \sim \text{uniform}(0.45, 0.55)$, independent

$$Z_2 = Z_1^2 / 4 + 0.01, \quad Z_4 = 10Z_3, \quad Z_6 = (Z_5 - 0.5)$$

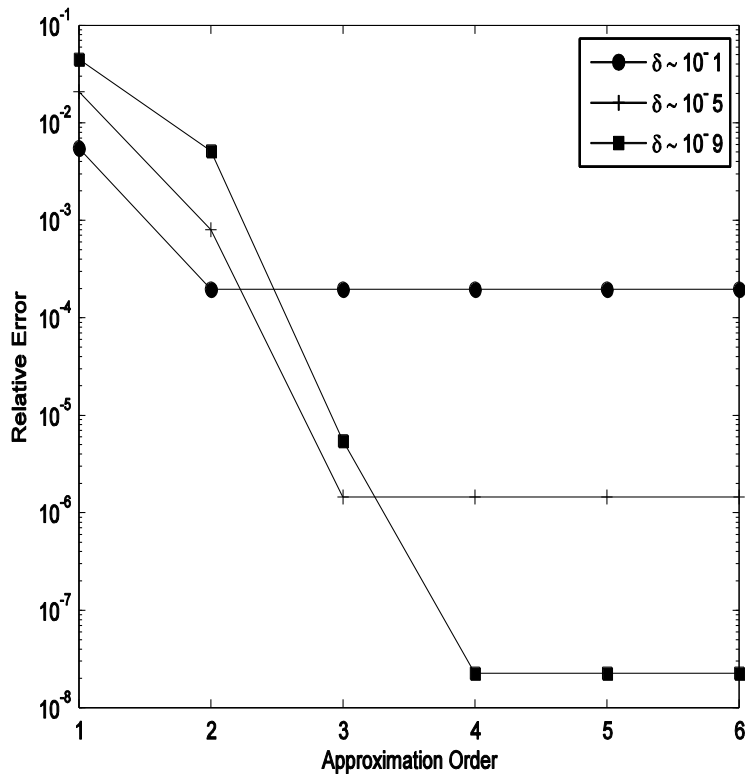


Unbounded Inputs

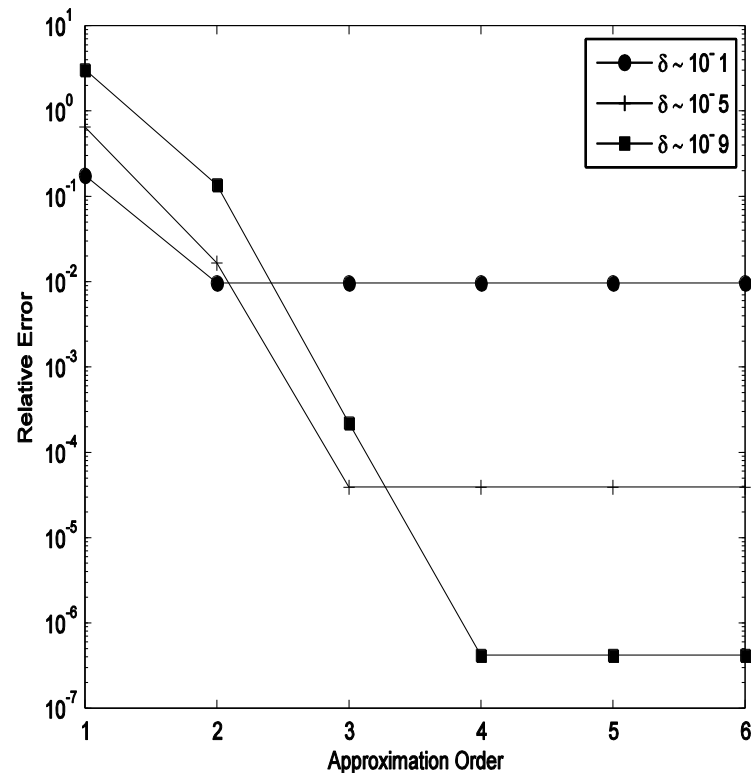
$$\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2}(t, Z) + Z_1 \frac{du}{dt} + Z_2 u = Z_3 \cos(Z_4 t), \quad u(0) = Z_5, \quad \frac{du}{dt}(0) = Z_6$$

Gaussian: $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C})$, $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times 6}$ is the covariance matrix

$$I_Z = \mathbb{R}^6, \quad I_X = [-a, a]^6, \quad \text{then } \delta > 0$$



Mean

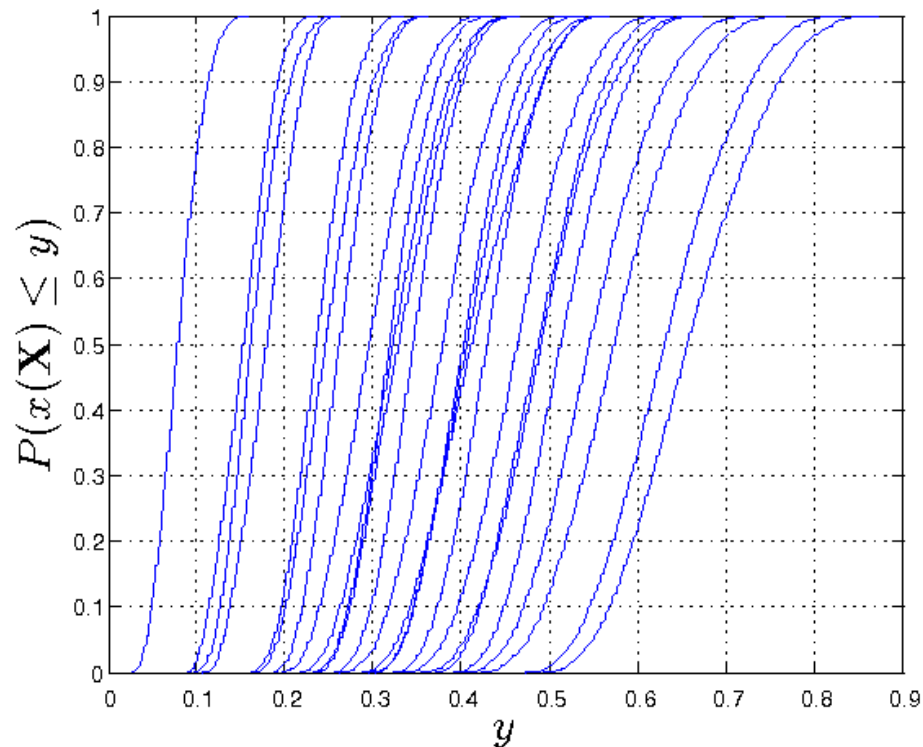


Variance

Mixed Aleatory and Epistemic Case

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2}(t, Z) + Z_1 \frac{du}{dt} + Z_2 u = Z_3 \cos(Z_4 t), \quad u(0) = Z_5, \quad \frac{du}{dt}(0) = Z_6$$

- Aleatory: $Z_1 \sim \text{beta}(0,1,0,0)$, $Z_2 = Z_1^2 / 4 + 0.01$, $Z_3 \sim \text{beta}(0,1,1,1)$, $Z_5 \sim \text{beta}(0,1,2,1)$
- Epistemic: $Z_4 \in [0.8, 1.2]$, $Z_6 \in [-0.05, 0.05]$



CDF of the aleatory RVs at 25 prescribed values of the epistemic variables

- Solution obtained by sparse grid collocation via simultaneous construction (5-d)

Stochastic Diffusion Equation

$$-\frac{d}{dx} \left[a(x, Z) \frac{dv}{dx}(x, Z) \right] = f, \quad (x, Z) \in (0, 1) \times I_Z$$

$$a(x, Z) = 1 + \sigma \sum_{k=1}^d \frac{1}{k^2 \pi^2} \cos(2\pi kx) Z_k$$

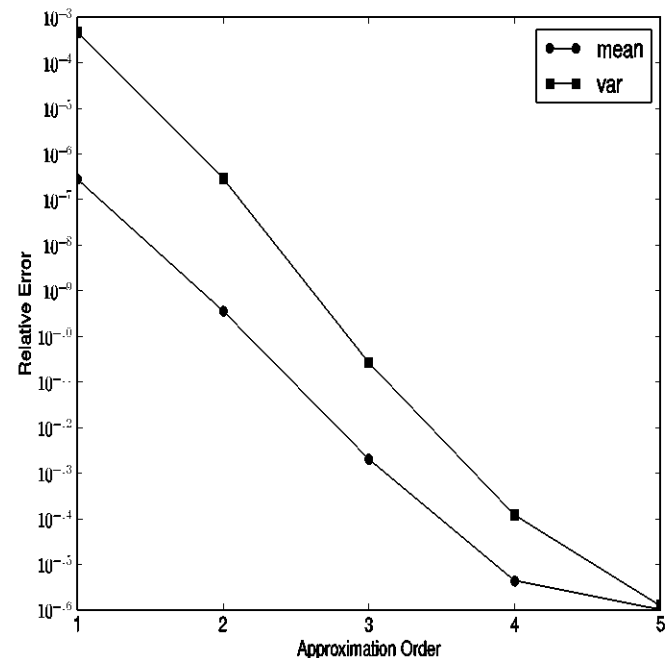
- All Z 's are epistemic $\sigma = 4$

$Z_1 \sim \text{beta}(0, 1, 3, 2)$, $Z_3 \sim \text{beta}(-1, 0, 1, 1)$, $Z_5 \sim \text{beta}(-0.5, 0.5, 0, 0)$

$Z_2 = Z_1 Z_5$, $Z_4 = (Z_1^2 + 1) Z_3$, $Z_6 = -Z_5$

- Solution obtained by Legendre-Galerkin

$$X \in [-1, 1]^6$$



Data Driven Uncertainty Analysis

- Experimental data:

- Expensive, inflexible
- Scarce, incomplete



USE THEM!

- Measurements:

- System parameters → to characterize inputs
- Solutions → to further refine predictions
- Other indirect quantities → can still be helpful

Data: Inverse Parameter Estimation

• **Stochastic PDE:**

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x, Z) = \mathcal{L}(u), & (0, T] \times D \times \mathbb{R}^{n_z} \\ \mathcal{B}(u) = 0, & [0, T] \times \partial D \times \mathbb{R}^{n_z} \\ u = u_0(x, Z), & \{t = 0\} \times D \times \mathbb{R}^{n_z} \end{cases}$$

• **Solution:**

$$u(t, x, Z) : [0, T] \times \bar{D} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_z} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{n_u}$$

• **Prior distribution:**

$$\pi_Z(z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n_z} \pi_i(z_i)$$

- Estimation of the prior distribution
 - Requires direct measurements of the parameters
 - No/not enough direct measurements? (Use experience/intuition ...)
 - How to take advantage of measurements of other variables?

Bayesian Inference for Parameter Estimation

- **Available information:**

- **Prior distribution** of the parameters Z (based on assumptions)
- Simulation of measurable variables: $G(Z)$ – *forward problem*
- Measurement of computable variables --- **data d**

$$d = G(Z) + e, \quad e \in \mathbb{R}^{n_d} \text{ is i.i.d.}$$

- **Goal:** To estimation the distribution of Z --- posterior distribution

- **Posterior distribution:**

$$\pi(Z | d) \propto \pi(d | Z)\pi(Z)$$

- **Likelihood function:**

$$\pi(d | Z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n_d} \pi_{e_i}(d_i - G_i(Z))$$

- **Notes:**

- Difficult to manipulate
- Classical sampling approaches can be time consuming (MCMC, etc)

gPC Based Algorithm

$$\pi(Z | d) \propto \pi(d | Z)\pi(Z) \quad \pi(d | Z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n_d} \pi_{e_i}(d_i - G_i(Z))$$

- **Fast gPC algorithm:** (*Marzouk, Najm, Rahn, JCP, 07*)
 - Replace the forward problem G with a gPC solution G_N
 - Sampling of the gPC solution for an arbitrarily large number of times

$$\pi_N(Z | d) \propto \pi_N(d | Z)\pi(Z) \quad \pi_N(d | Z) = \prod_{i=1}^{n_d} \pi_{e_i}(d_i - G_{N,i}(Z))$$

- **Properties:**
 - Allows direct sampling in term of Z with arbitrarily large samples
 - No additional simulations – forward problem solver only (“Free lunch”)

Convergence of gPC Bayesian Inference

- **Kullback-Leibler divergence:** $D(\pi_1 \parallel \pi_2) \triangleq \int \pi_1(z) \log \frac{\pi_1(z)}{\pi_2(z)} dz$
- **Observation error:** $e \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \mathbb{I}),$ i.i.d. Normal

Theorem. If the gPC expansion G_N converges to G in $L^2_{\pi_z}$, then the posterior density π_N^d converges to π^d in the sense

$$\left| D(\pi_N^d \parallel \pi^d) \right| \rightarrow 0, \quad N \rightarrow \infty.$$

Moreover, if

$$\left\| G_i(Z) - G_{N,i}(Z) \right\|_{L^2_{\pi_z}} \leq CN^{-\alpha}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n_d, \alpha > 0, C \text{ independent of } N,$$

then for sufficiently large N ,

$$\left| D(\pi_N^d \parallel \pi^d) \right| \lesssim N^{-\alpha}.$$

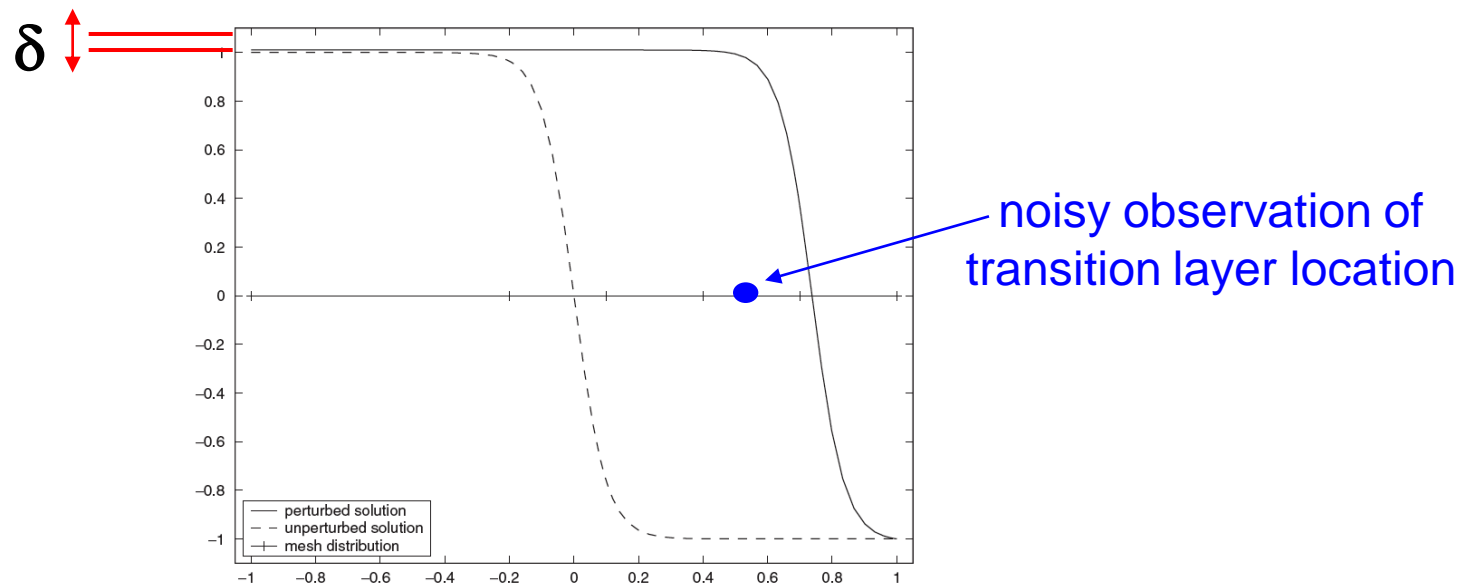
- **Notes:**

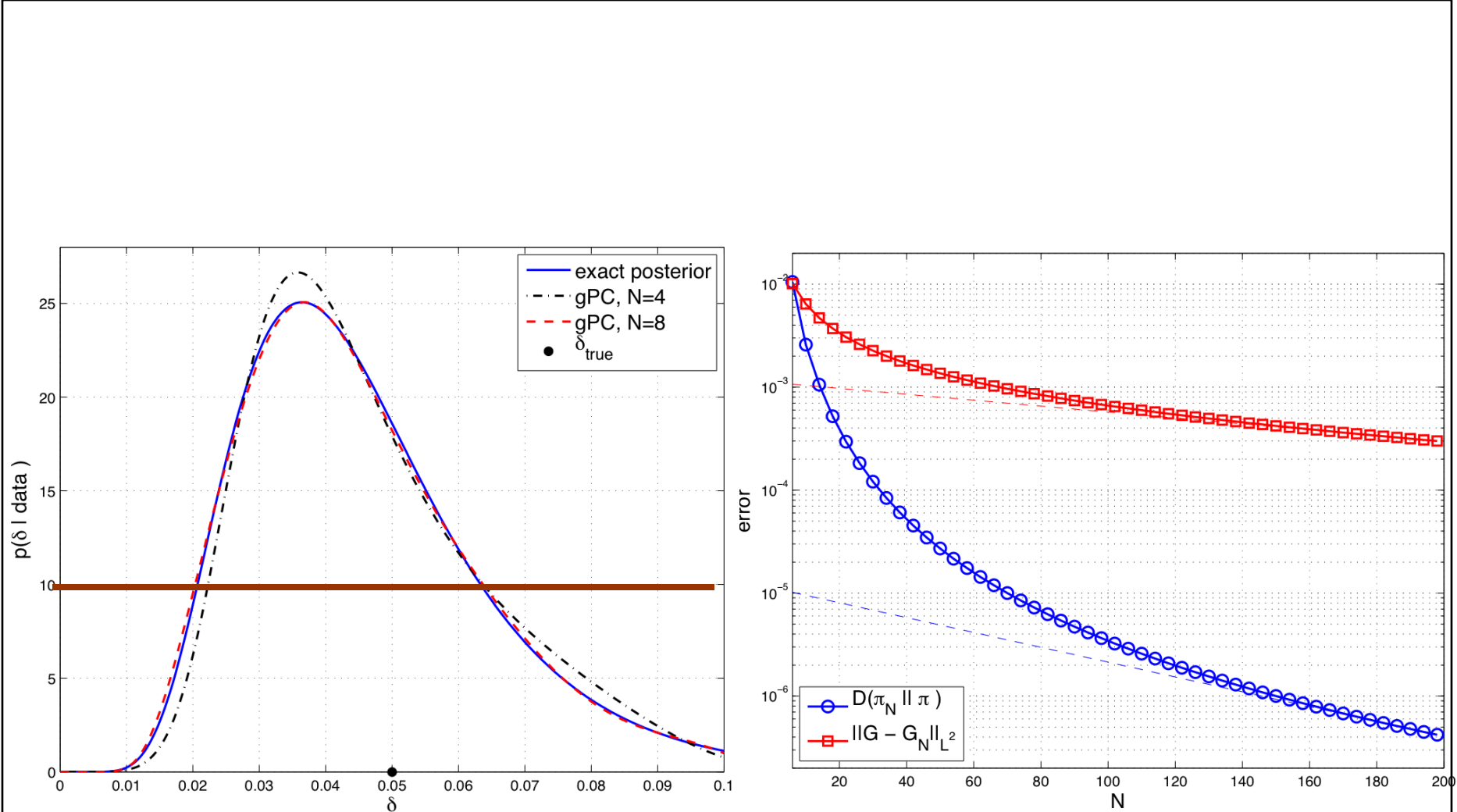
- Fast (exponential) convergence rate is retained

Parameter Estimation: Supersensitivity Example

- Burgers' equation :
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \nu \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad x \in -1,1$$

- Boundary conditions : $u(-1) = 1 + \delta(Z); \quad u(1) = -1; \quad 0 < \delta \ll 1$



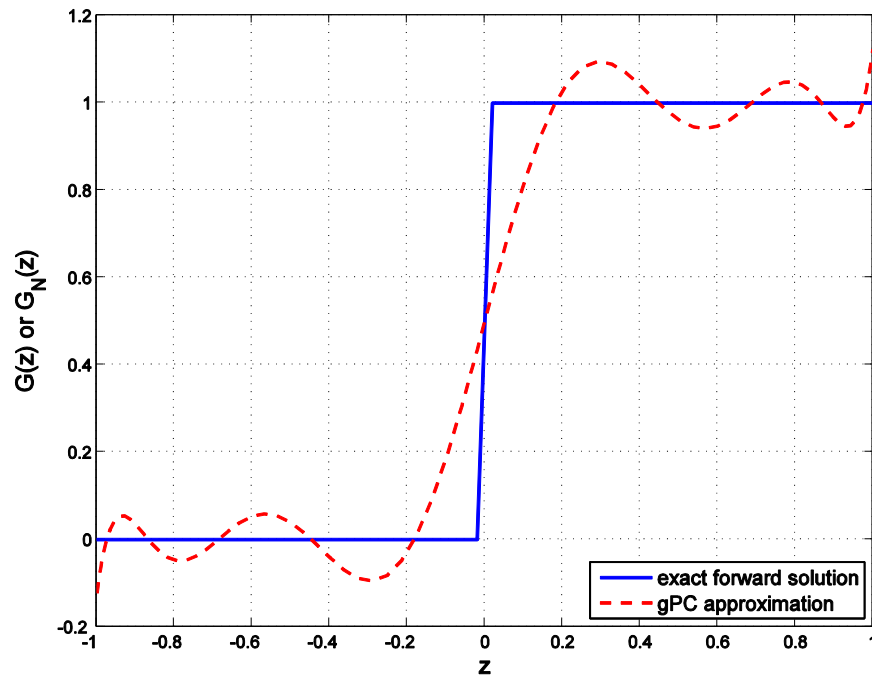


Prior distribution is uniform $Z \sim (0, 0.1)$

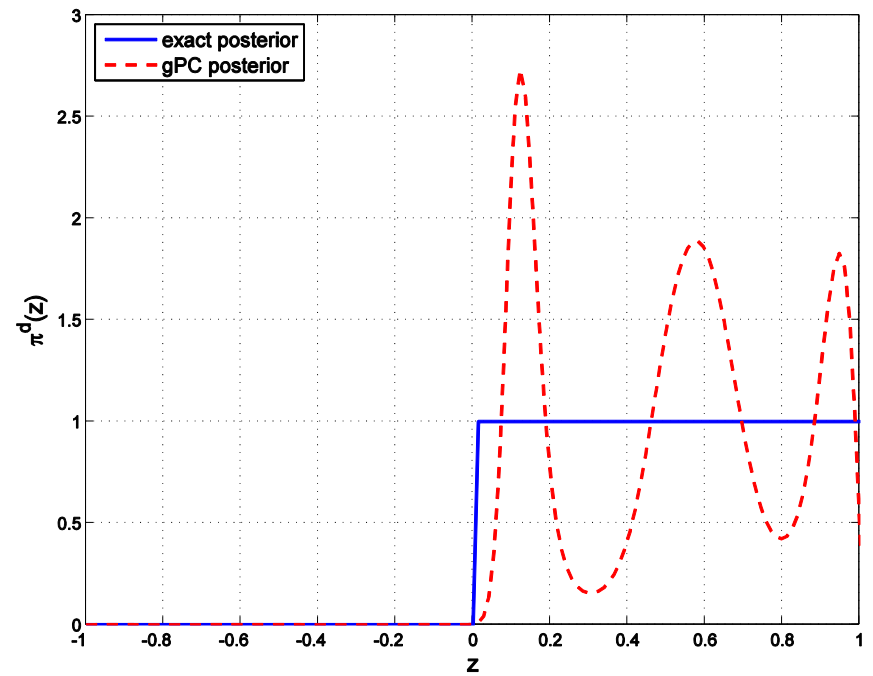
Measurement noise: $e \sim N(0, 0.05^2)$

Parameter Estimation: Step Function

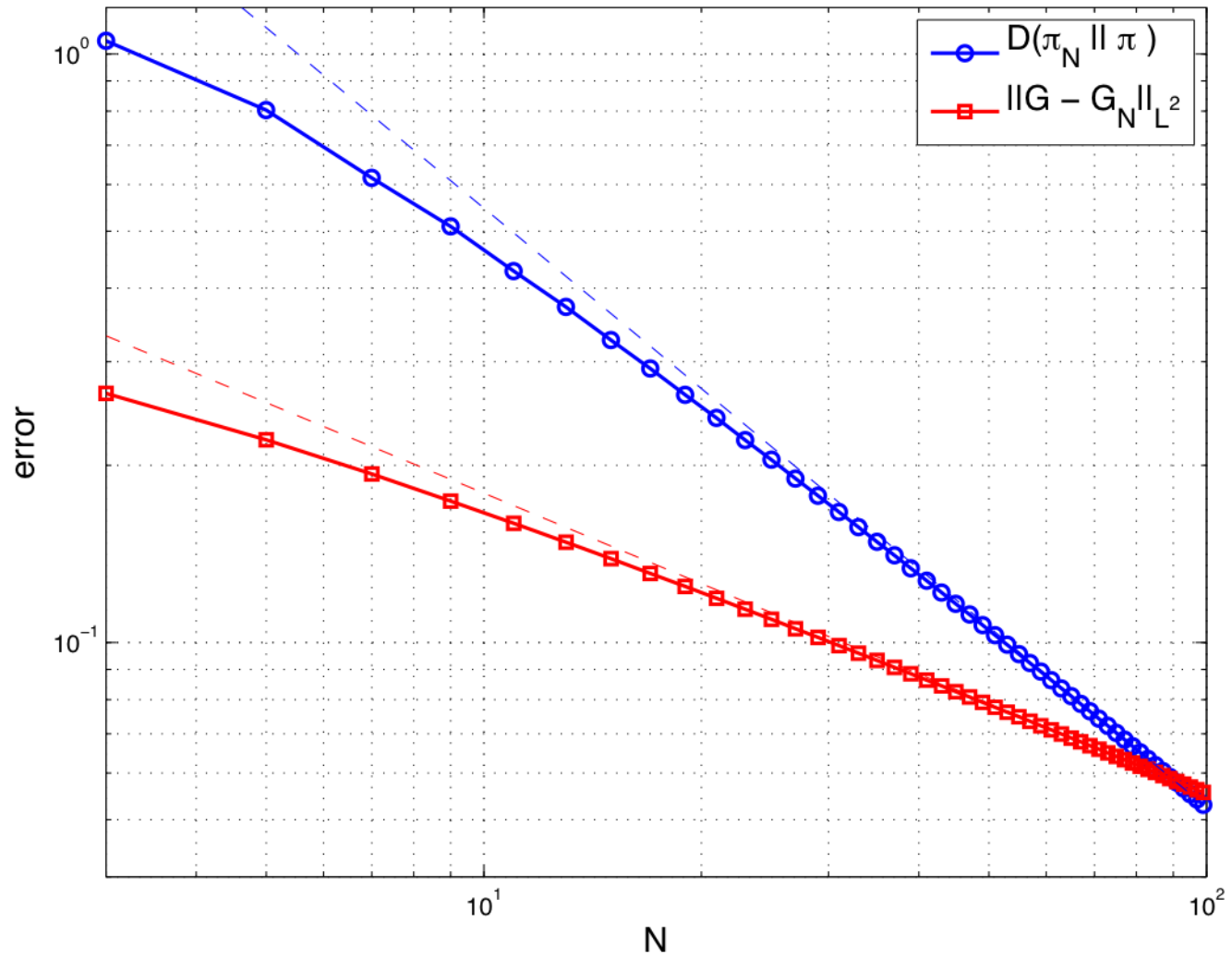
- Assume the forward model is a step function
- Posterior distribution is discontinuous
- Gibb's oscillations exist
- Slow convergence with global gPC basis functions



Forward model and its approximation



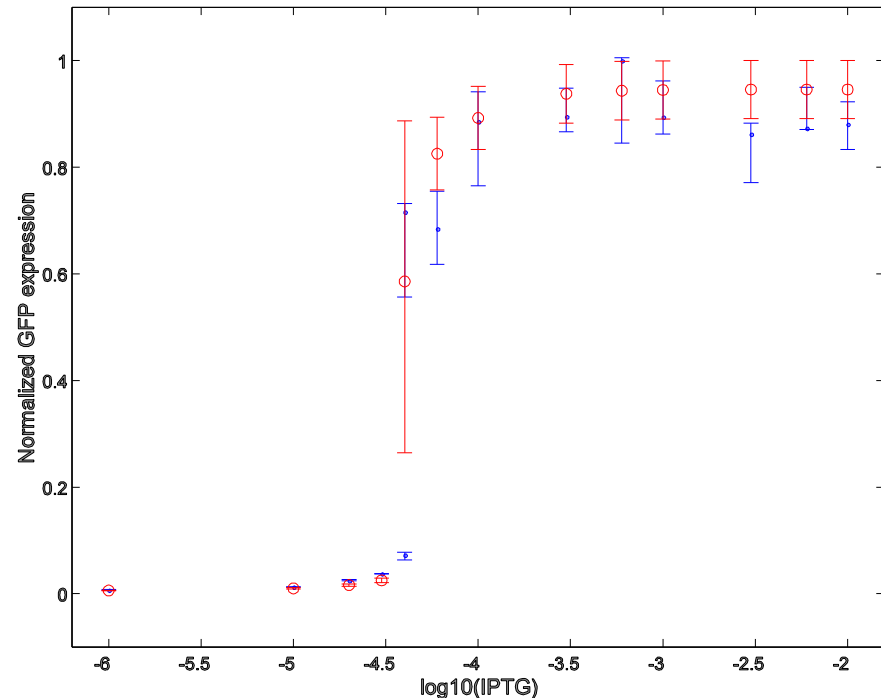
Posterior distribution and its approximation



Stochastic collocation

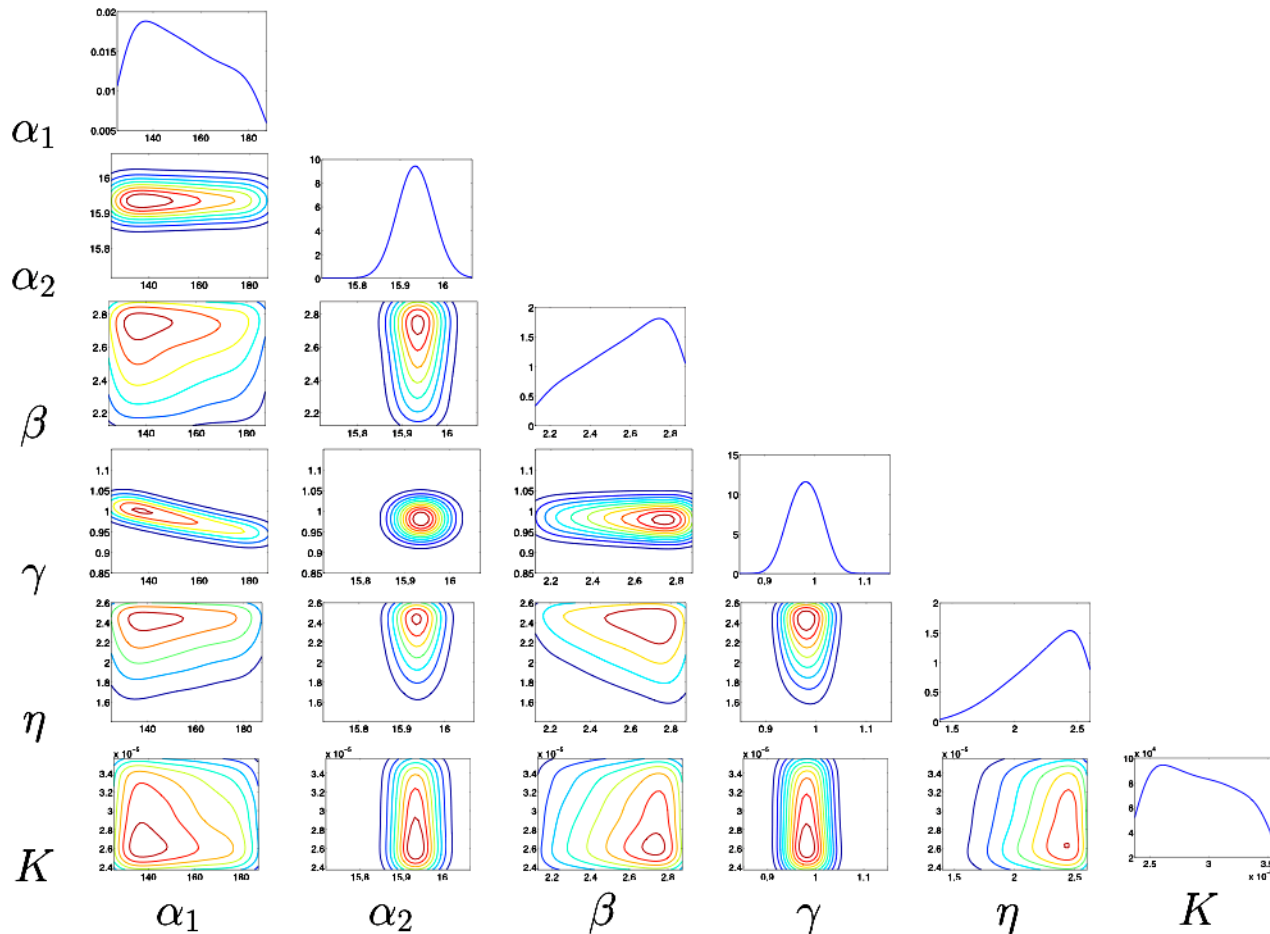
- **Example:** estimate kinetic parameters in a *genetic toggle switch*
 - Differential-algebraic equations model from [Gardner *et al*, Nature, 2000]
 - **Real experimental data:** steady-state expression levels of one gene (v)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du}{dt} &= \frac{\alpha_1}{1 + v^\beta} - u \\ \frac{dv}{dt} &= \frac{\alpha_2}{1 + w^\gamma} - v \\ w &= \frac{u}{(1 + [IPTG]/K)^\eta}\end{aligned}$$



- 6 uncertain parameters
- Assumed to be independent and uniform in the forward problem
- Good agreement with measurement --- but let's now **use the data again**

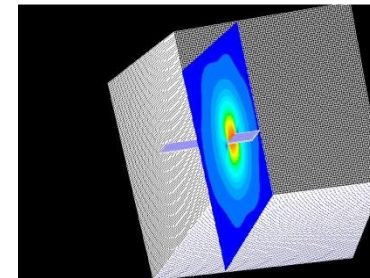
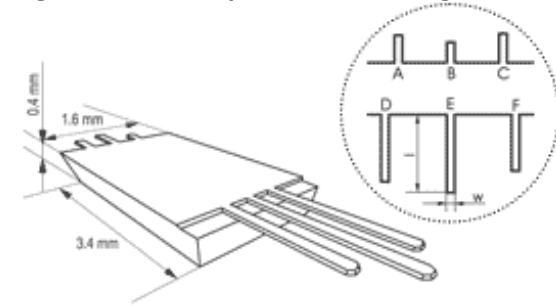
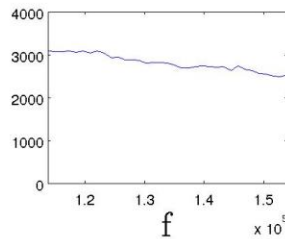
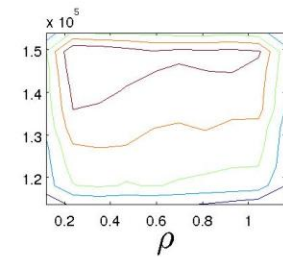
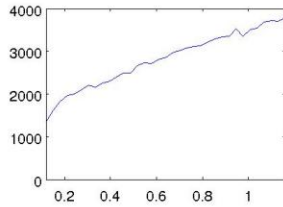
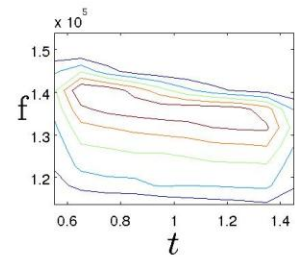
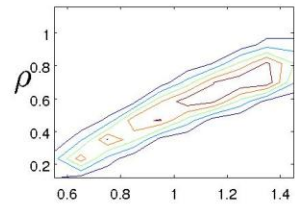
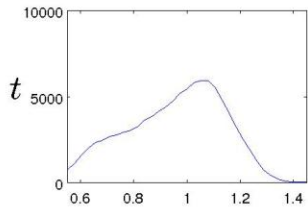
Using the Data Twice – Parameter estimation



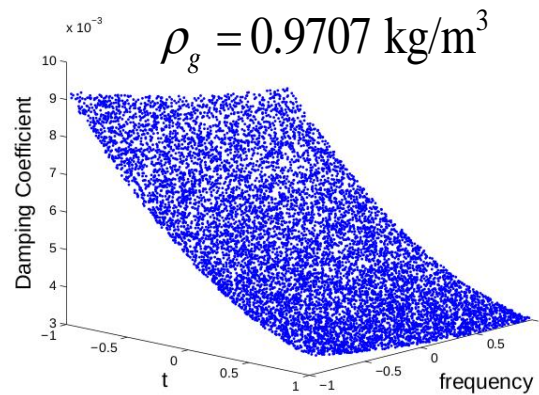
1-parameter and 2-parameter marginal posterior densities
($dim = 6$, $N = 4$, 6-level **sparse grid** forward problem solver)

Bayesian Inverse Estimation for Free-Cantilever Damping

Gas damping of freely-vibrating cantilever



MEMOSA
for
damping
simulation



3-parameter marginal posterior densities
Level 2 sparse grid in thickness, gas density and frequency

Summary

- **Uncertainty Analysis:** To provide improved prediction
 - Input characterization
 - Uncertainty propagation
 - Post processing

- **Generalized polynomial chaos (gPC)**
 - Multivariate approximation theory

- **The “*Freebies*” of gPC**
 - Parameter estimation
 - Data assimilation: Kalman filter
 - Distributional sensitivity analysis
 - Epistemic uncertainty

- **Data, any data, could help**