

# Variational Bayesian strategies for high-dimensional, stochastic design problems

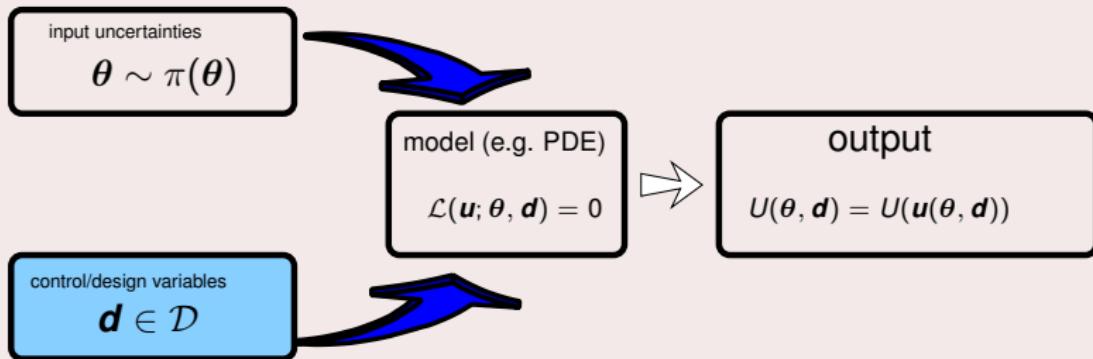


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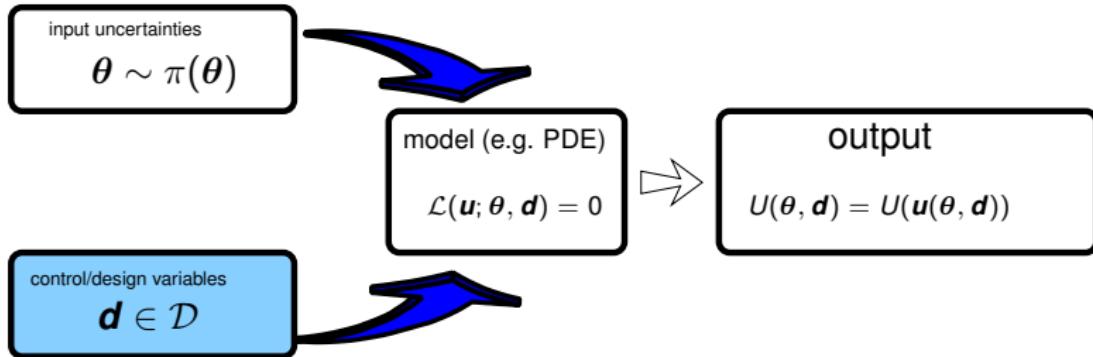
## Uncertainty quantification



- uncertainties  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\theta}$ ,  $n_\theta \gg 1$
- design/control variables  $d \in \mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_d}$ ,  $n_d \gg 1$
- Goal - Stochastic Optimization: Can we *efficiently* optimize w.r.t  $d$  and some output utility  $U(\theta, d)$ :

$$V(d) = \int U(\theta, d) \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

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## Big Data Challenges

- Solve model (e.g. PDE) to obtain:  $u(\theta, d), \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial d}$ 
  - ✓ High-dimensional
  - ✓ Complex
  - ✓ Structured
  - ✗ *Very Expensive*: The cost of the data is a major factor in the overall efficiency

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Stochastic, model-based design/optimization: Find the design  $\mathbf{d}$  that “on average” will perform the closest to the desired/target response  $\mathbf{u}_0$

$$\max_{\mathbf{d}} \quad V(\mathbf{d}) = \int U(\theta, \mathbf{d}) \pi(\theta) \, d\theta$$

$$\text{where: } U(\theta, \mathbf{d}) = e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} ||\mathbf{u}_0 - \mathbf{u}(\theta, \mathbf{d})||^2}$$

Desiderata - The proposed scheme should be able to:

- handle high-dimensional uncertainties  $\theta$  (e.g  $O(dim(\theta)) = 1000$ )
- handle high-dimensional design spaces  $\mathbf{d}$  (e.g  $O(dim(\mathbf{d})) = 1000$ )
- assess the sensitivity of the objective to design features (robustness)
- require the least possible evaluations of  $\mathbf{u}(\theta, \mathbf{d})$  (and its derivatives)

## Deterministic optimization

- There is a wealth of techniques adapted to PDE-settings (e.g. adjoint formulations)
- Their direct transition to the stochastic setting is infeasible/impractical.

## Stochastic Approximation (Robbins & Monro 1951)

- Perform gradient ascent i.e.:

$$\mathbf{d}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{d}^{(k)} + \alpha_k \hat{\mathbf{J}}(\mathbf{d}^{(k)})$$

where:

- $\alpha_k > 0$ ,  $\alpha_k \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k = +\infty$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k^2 < +\infty$ .
- $\hat{\mathbf{J}}(\mathbf{d}^{(k)})$  = unbiased estimator of  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial \mathbf{d}} = \int \frac{\partial U(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{d})}{\partial \mathbf{d}} \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}$  (e.g. with Monte Carlo and a single  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ -sample)

Surrogate Models (e.g. gen. Pol. Chaos, Multi-dimensional Gaussian Processes):  $\hat{u}(\mathbf{d}, \theta) \approx u(\mathbf{d}, \theta)$

- Not competitive when  $\dim(\theta), \dim(\mathbf{d}) \gg 1$
- Accuracy can also be poor in such settings.

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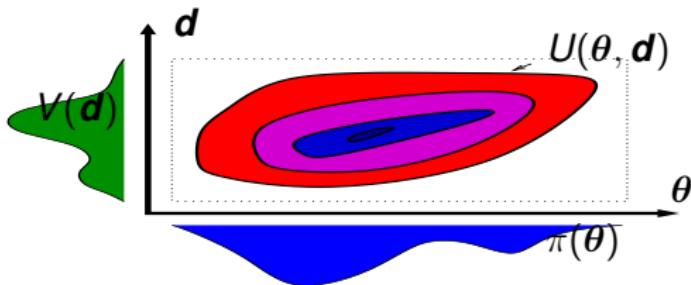
Optimize the *expected utility*  $V(\mathbf{d})$ :

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We adopt a *probabilistic inference* approach (Müller 1999) in the joint  $\theta \times \mathbf{d}$  space <sup>a</sup>:

$$p(\theta, \mathbf{d}) \propto U(\theta, \mathbf{d}) \pi(\theta)$$

Note that the  $\mathbf{d}$ -coordinates of  $(\theta, \mathbf{d})$  samples from  $p(\theta, \mathbf{d})$  will concentrate on the maxima of  $V$ .



<sup>a</sup>  $U(\theta, \mathbf{d})$  is assumed positive or in general bounded from below

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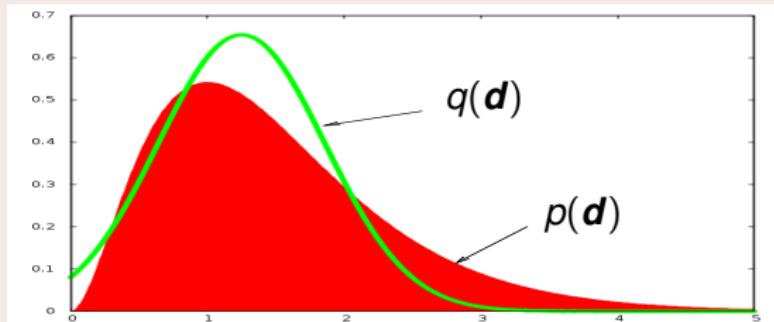
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# Variational Inference & Learning

Our goal is to infer:

$$p(\theta, \mathbf{d}) \propto U(\theta, \mathbf{d})\pi(\theta) \rightarrow p(\mathbf{d}) \propto V(\mathbf{d}) = \int U(\theta, \mathbf{d})\pi(\theta) d\theta$$

Variational inference attempts to *approximate*  $p(\mathbf{d})$  with a density  $q^*(\mathbf{d})$  (belonging to an appropriate family of distributions  $\mathcal{Q}$ ) such that (Bishop 2006):



$$q^*(\mathbf{d}) = \arg \min_{q \in \mathcal{Q}} KL(q(\mathbf{d}) || p(\mathbf{d})) = - \int q(\mathbf{d}) \log \frac{p(\mathbf{d})}{q(\mathbf{d})} d\mathbf{d}$$

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## Sparse Bayesian Learning

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{d}}_{N \times 1} = \mu_d + \underbrace{\mathbf{W}}_{N \times n} \underbrace{\mathbf{y}}_{n \times 1} + \eta_d$$

where:

- $\mathbf{W}$ : set of reduced basis/features/vocabulary ( $n \ll N$ )
- $\mathbf{y}$ : reduced-coordinates
- $\eta_d$ : remaining “noise”

# Variational Inference & Learning

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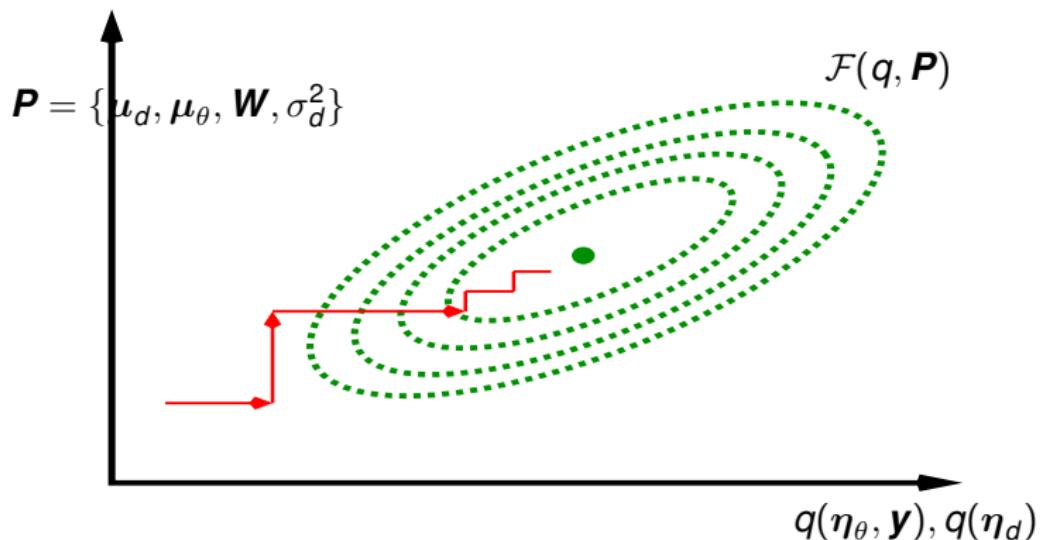


Figure : Variational Bayesian Expectation-Maximization (VB-EM, Beal & Ghahramani, 2003)

## VB-EM Algorithm:

$$\mathcal{F}(\boldsymbol{P}, q) = E_q(\log U(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\theta + \boldsymbol{\eta}_\theta, \boldsymbol{\mu}_d + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_d)) + E_q(\log \pi(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\theta + \boldsymbol{\eta}_\theta)p(\mathbf{y})p(\boldsymbol{\eta}_d)) - E_q(\log q)$$

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# Deterministic topology optimization

## Shape/topology optimization:

$$\min_d \quad |u_0 - u(d)|^2$$

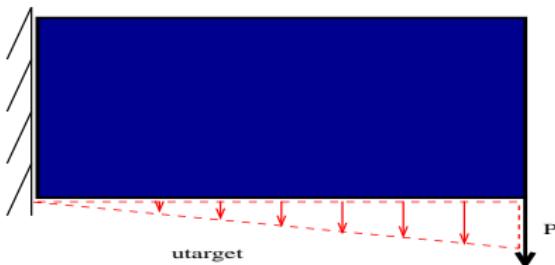
such that:

$$K(d)u(d) = b \quad (\text{governing equation})$$

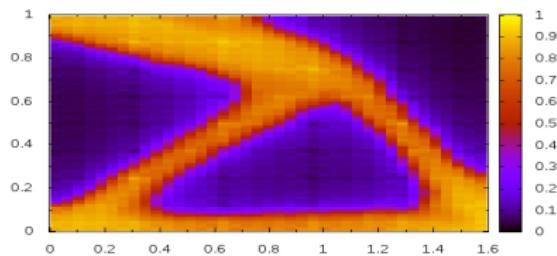
$$\int d(x) dx = V_0, \quad (\text{volume fraction})$$

$$d(x) \in [0, 1]$$

$$d(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{material} \\ 0, & \text{void} \end{cases}$$



(a) domain



(b)  $\text{compliance}(d) \approx 55$

**Figure :** Adjoint-based gradient optimization -  $O(100)$  forward runs

# Stochastic topology optimization

## Shape/topology optimization:

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{d}, \boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{d}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{b} \quad (\text{governing equation})$$

$$\int d(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x} = V_0, \quad (\text{volume fraction})$$

$$d(\mathbf{x}) \in [0, 1]$$

$$d(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{material} \\ 0, & \text{void} \end{cases}$$

$\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \quad (\text{random material properties})$

## Stochastic topology optimization

Targeted design:  $\max_{\mathbf{d}} \int e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{d}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) - \mathbf{u}_0|^2} \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}$

such that:

$$\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{d}, \boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{d}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{b} \quad (\text{governing equation})$$

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## Shape/topology optimization:

$$\min_{\mathbf{d}} \quad |\mathbf{u}_0 - \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{d})|^2$$

such that:

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- Equality constraint  $h(\mathbf{d}) = 0$ : *probabilistic enforcement*

$$\text{Target density: } p(\theta, \mathbf{d}) \propto U(\theta, \mathbf{d})\pi(\theta) e^{-\frac{h(\mathbf{d})^2}{2\epsilon^2}}, \quad \epsilon \rightarrow 0$$

- $p(\mu_d)$ : penalize jumps with ARD prior
- Use logit to convert binary to real variables

# Numerical Illustration

## Stochastic topology optimization

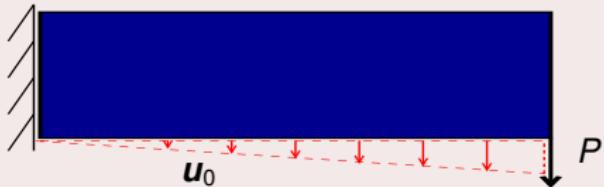


Figure : Problem Domain

- $\dim(\mathbf{d}) = 2048$  (design variables),  $\dim(\theta) = 2048$  (random variables)
- $\log \theta \sim N(\mu_\theta, \Sigma_\theta)$ 
  - $C.O.V.[\theta_i] = 0.25$
  - $\Sigma_\theta = Cov[\log \theta(\mathbf{x}_i), \log \theta(\mathbf{x}_j)] = e^{-|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j|/l_0}$
  - $l_0 = 0.1$  (correlation length)
  - target:
$$\mathbf{u}_0 = [-6, 25, -12.5, -18.75, -25., -31.25, -37.5, -43.75, -50]^T \times 10^{-3},$$

$$\sigma^2 = 5 \times 10^{-3}.$$
- Volume constraint:  $\int d(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = 0.4$

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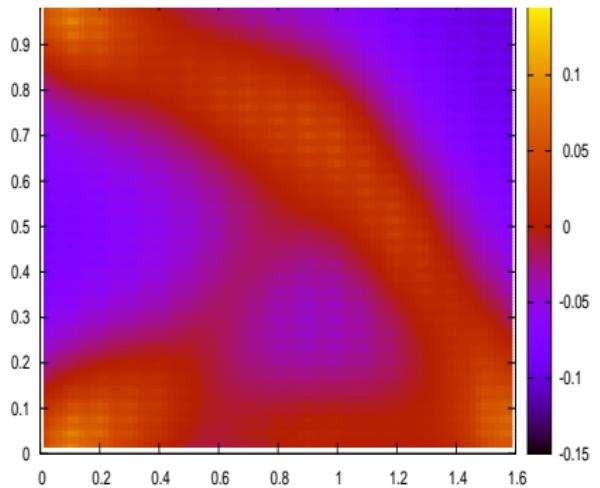
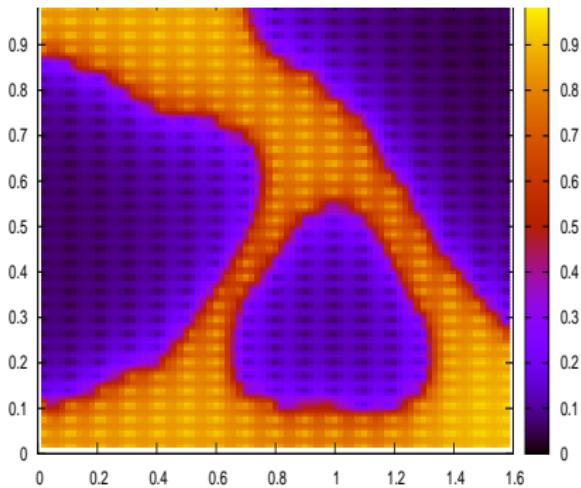
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Figure : Computational Cost: **46 forward runs** (output and gradient computation)

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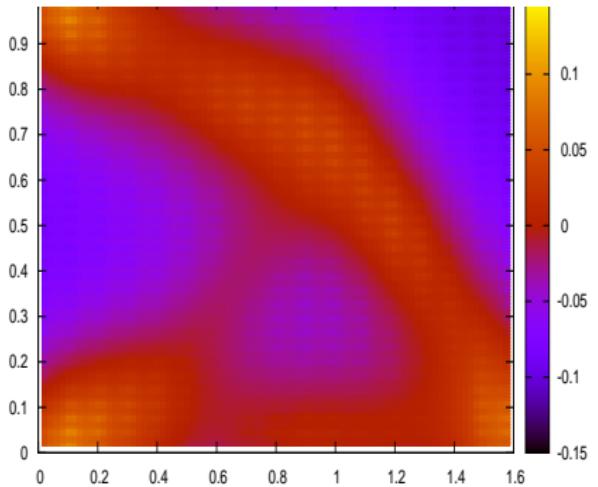
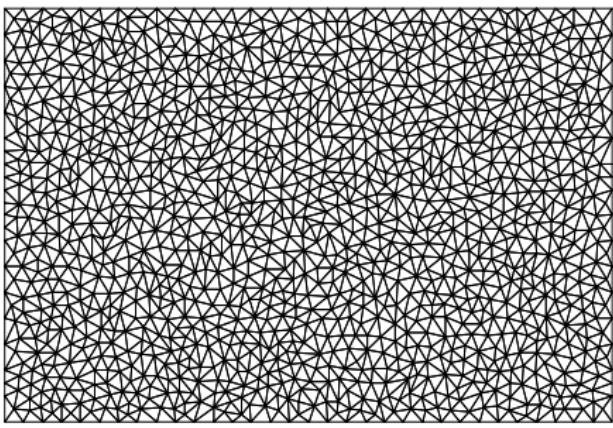
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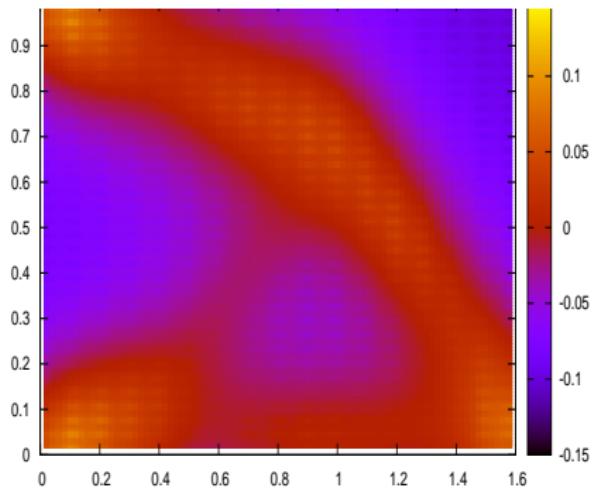
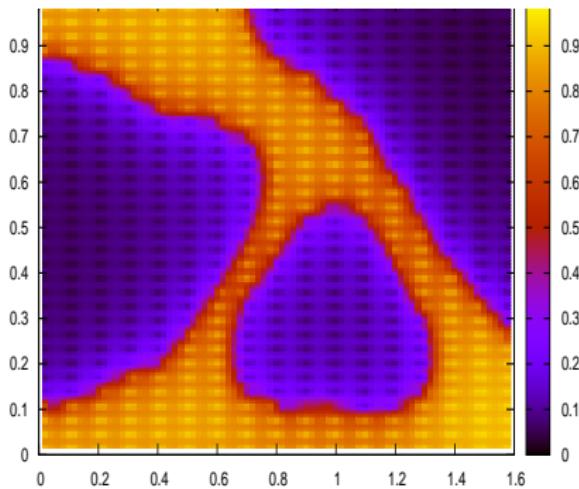
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# Numerical Illustration

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P}, q) = & -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} |\mathbf{u}_0 - \mathbf{u}(\mu_d, \mu_\theta)|^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\mu_\theta - \mu_0)^T \mathbf{S}_0^{-1} (\mu_\theta - \mu_0) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{C}| + \frac{\dim(\mathbf{d}) - \dim(\mathbf{y})}{2} \log \sigma_d^2\end{aligned}$$

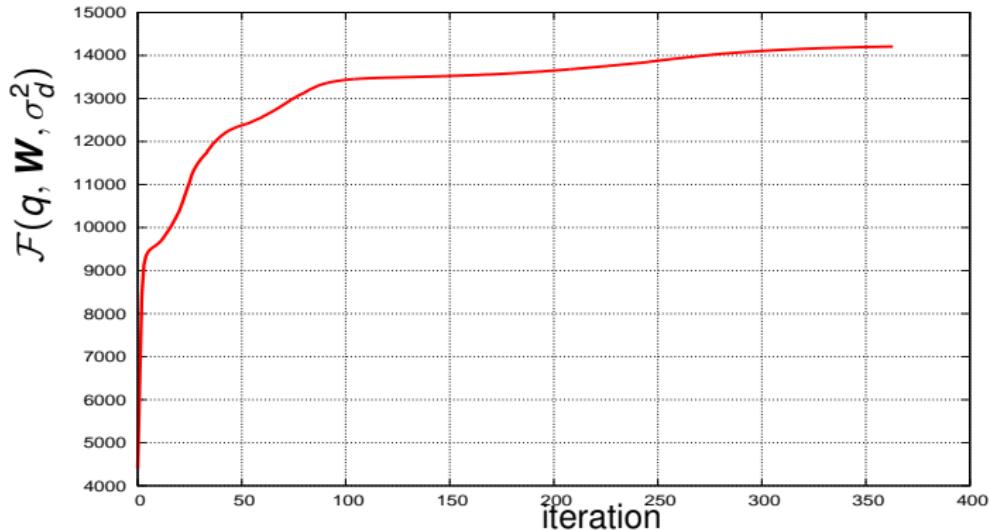


Figure : Evolution of VB lower-bound  $\mathcal{F}(q, \mathbf{W}, \sigma_d^2)$  (No forward solves)

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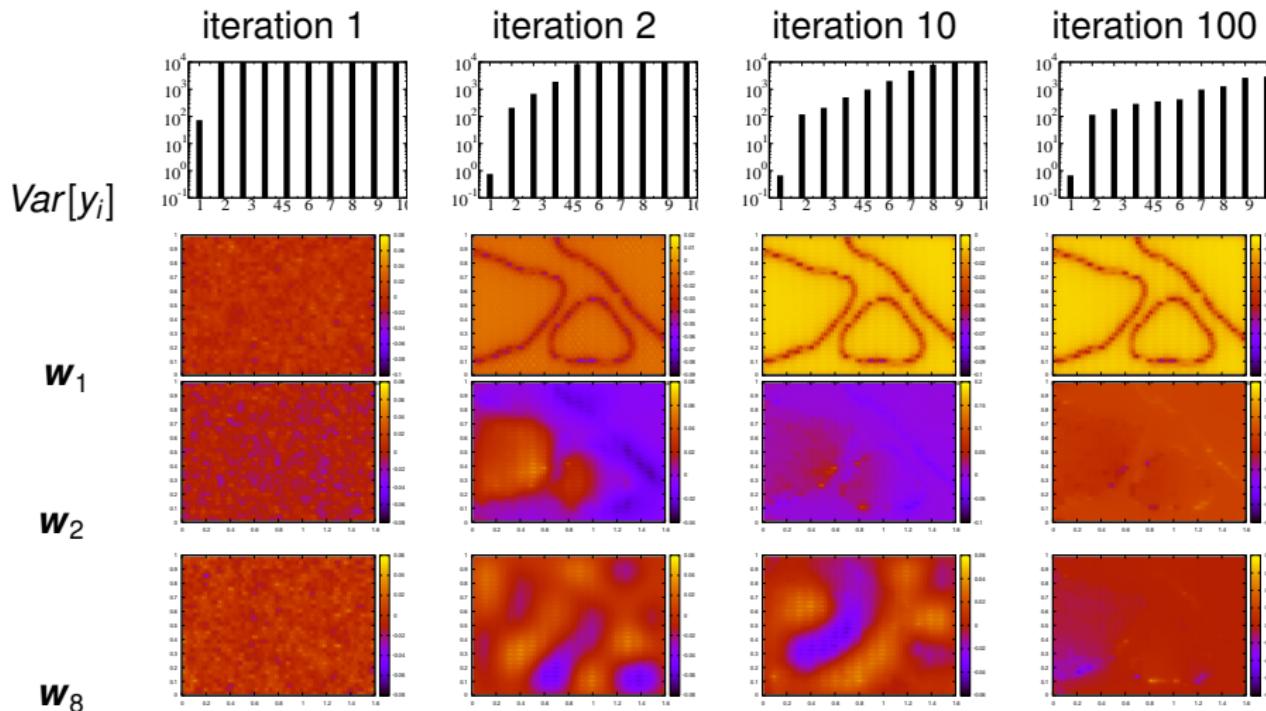
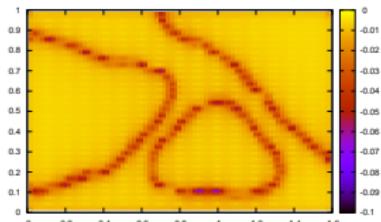


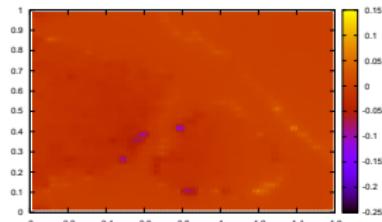
Table : Evolution of basis vectors in  $W$

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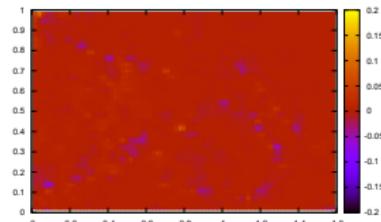
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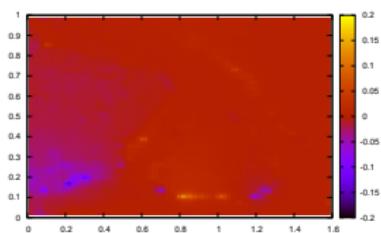
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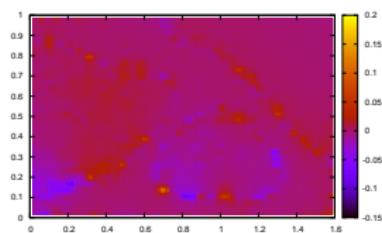
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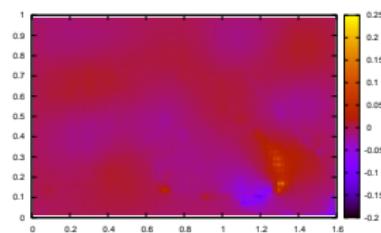
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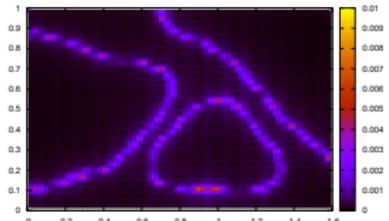


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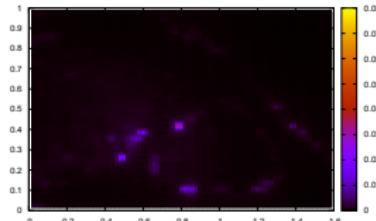
**Figure :** Learned dictionary of most sensitive directions  $\mathbf{W}$

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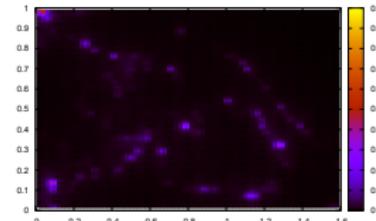
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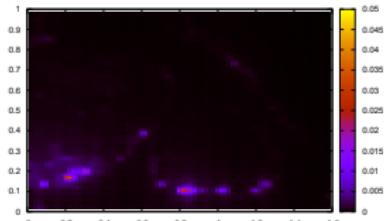
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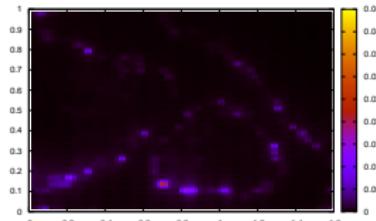
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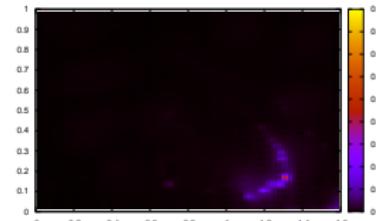
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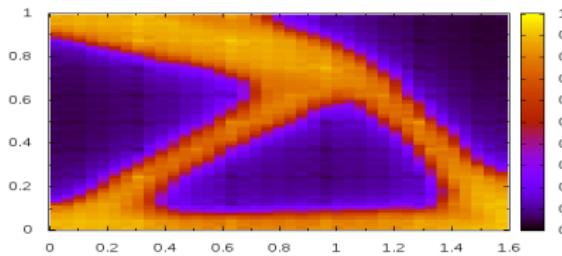
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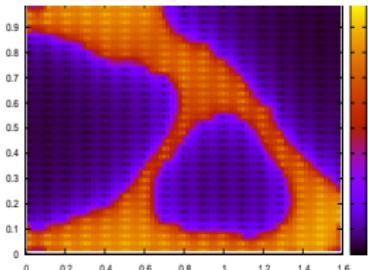
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**Figure :** Learned dictionary of most *sensitive* directions  $\mathbf{W}$ . Plotted  $\{\mathbf{W}_{i,j}^2\}_{i=1}^{2048}, j = 1 \div 20$

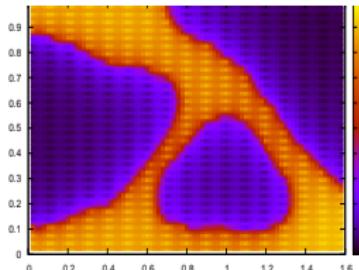
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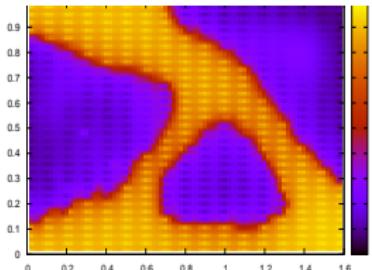
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(c) mean ( $\mu_d$ )



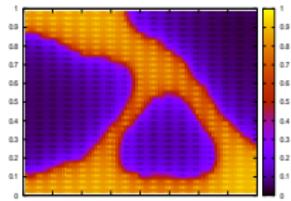
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Figure : Deterministic vs. Stochastic (Variational Bayes)

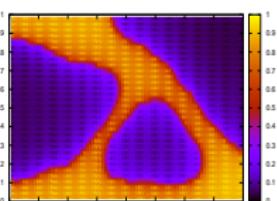
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$$\frac{V(\mathbf{d})}{V(\mathbf{d}^{opt})} = 0.95$$

Sample design 1



Sample design 2



Sample design 3

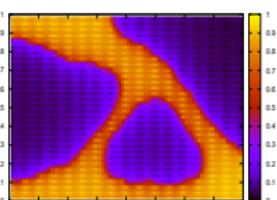
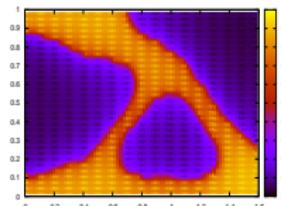


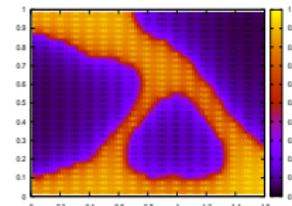
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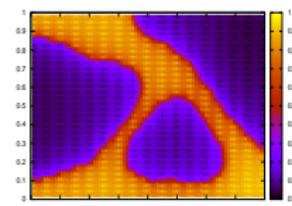
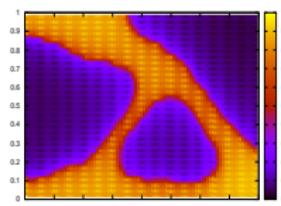
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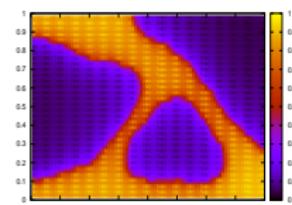
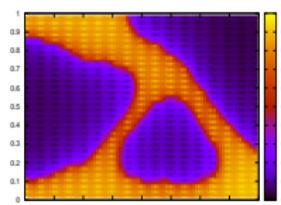
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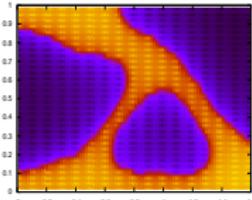


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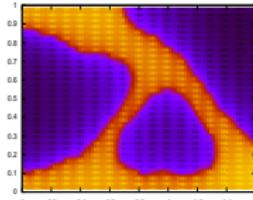
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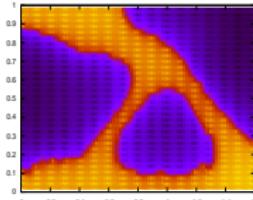
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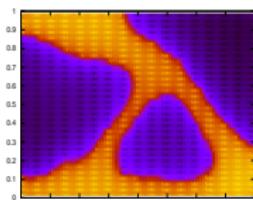
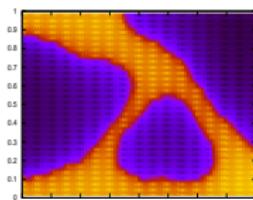
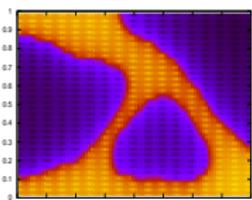
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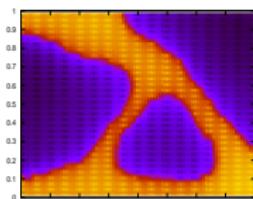
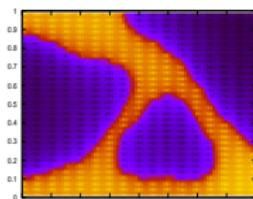
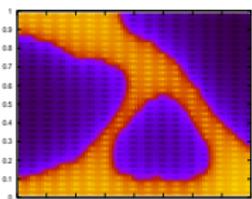
$$\frac{V(\mathbf{d})}{V(\mathbf{d}^{opt})} = 0.75$$



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Sample design 2



Sample design 3

Table : Sample Design

VB for stochastic design

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## Convergence with reduced dimension $\dim(\mathbf{y})$

$$\text{err}(\dim(\mathbf{y})) = \frac{KL(q(\mu_d + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}, \mu_\theta + \eta_\theta) || p(\mu_d + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}, \mu_\theta + \eta_\theta))}{H(q(\mu_d + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y}, \mu_\theta + \eta_\theta))}$$

$\dim(\mathbf{y})$	$\text{err}(\dim(\mathbf{y}))$
5	$5.1 \times 10^{-3}$
10	$4.5 \times 10^{-3}$
15	$2.9 \times 10^{-3}$
20	$2.7 \times 10^{-3}$

# Summary & Outlook

- Stochastic *optimization/design* poses significantly more challenges than *uncertainty propagation* when *thousands* of random and design variables are present.
- We advocate a probabilistic inference reformulation
- Variational Bayesian inference and learning techniques lead to efficient computation of approximate solutions
- Dictionary learning can lead to significant dimensionality reduction and identify most sensitive directions
- Extension: MoG to capture non-Gaussian and multi-modal design objectives