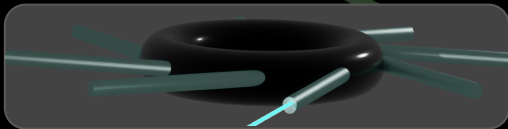


Advanced Gaussian Process Function Approximation for Uncertainty Quantification and Autonomous Experimentation

Focus: Kernel Designs and Scalability

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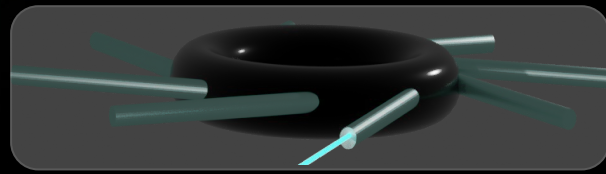
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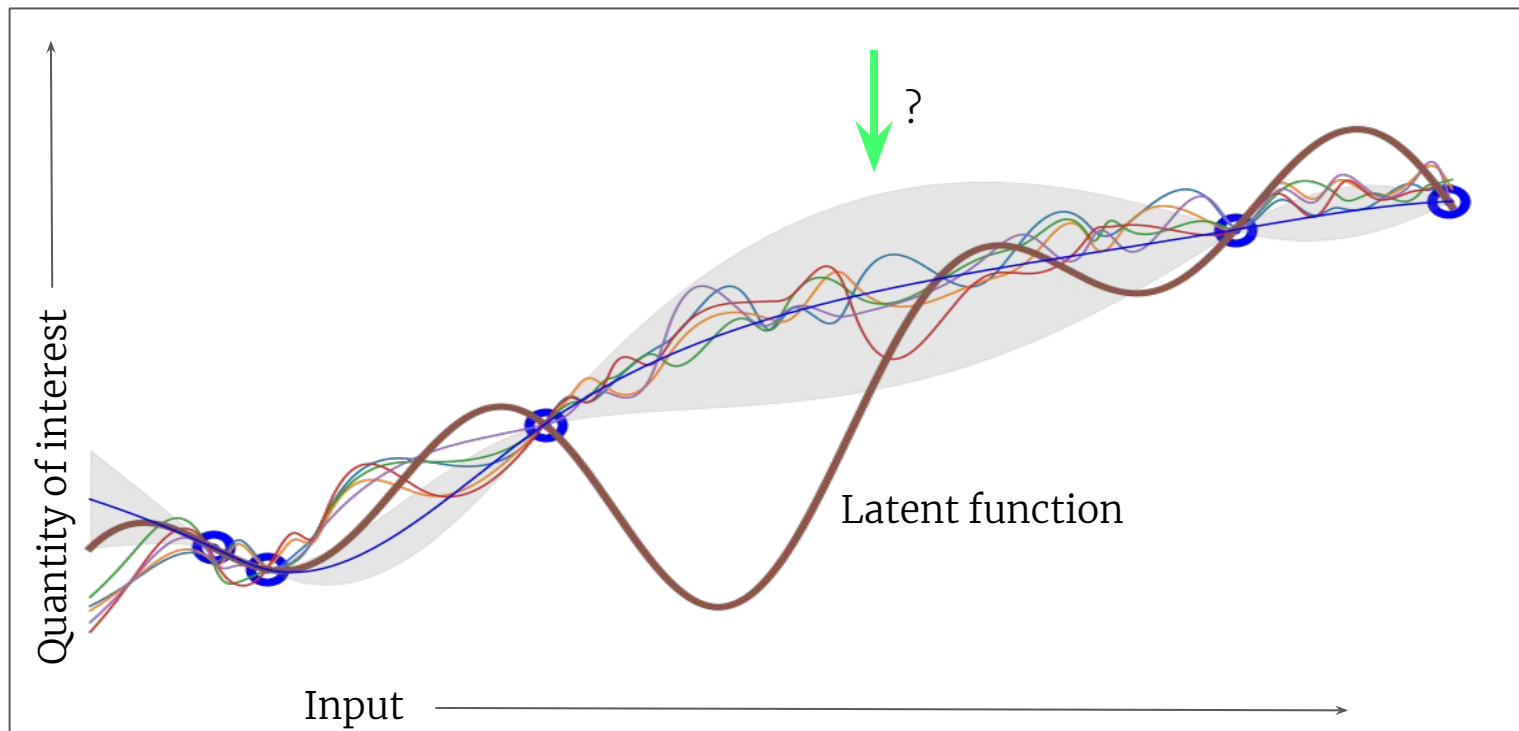
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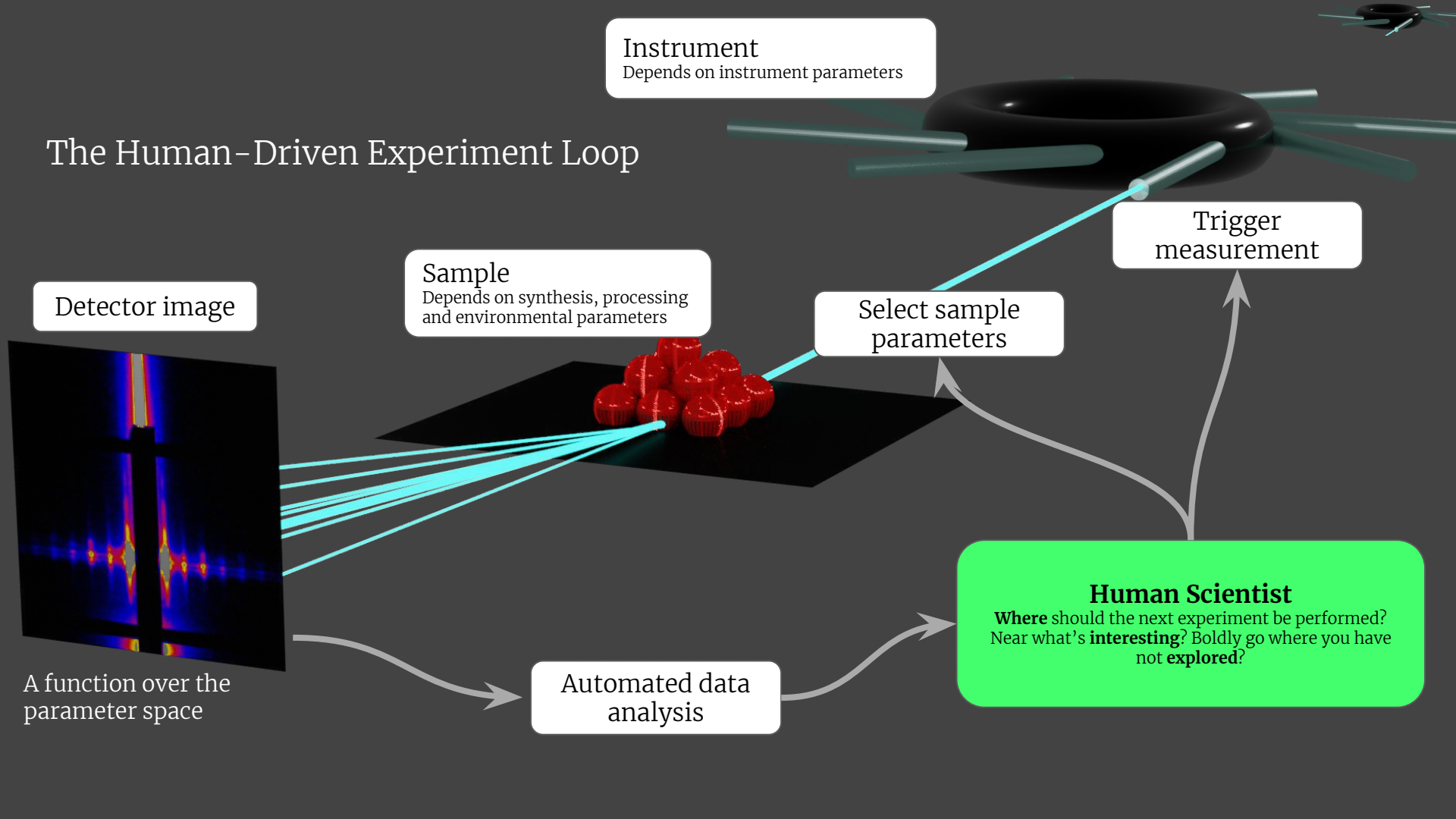
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Experimentation



The **Gaussian stochastic process** is a popular framework for function approximation from noisy data.

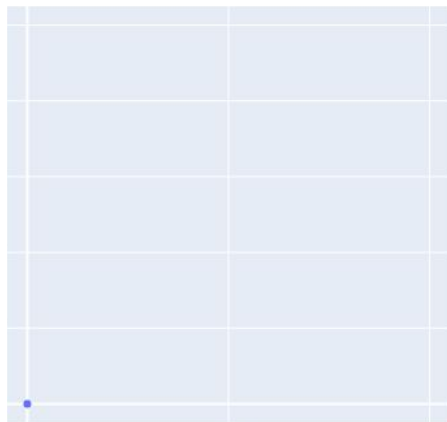


The Human-Driven Experiment Loop

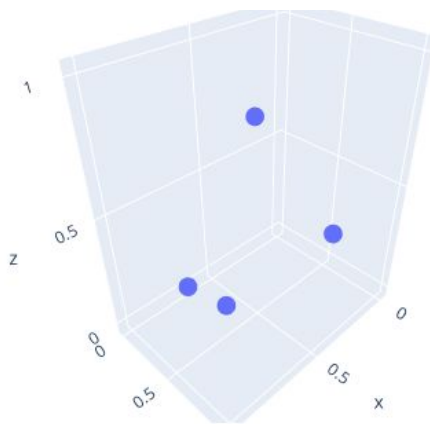




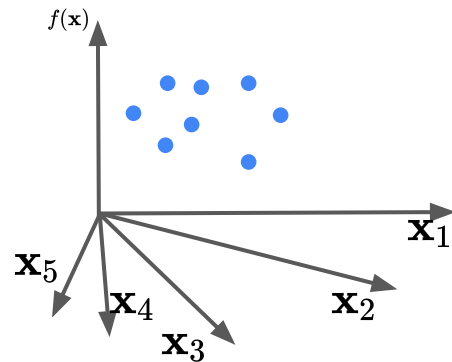
Raster scanning is collecting lots of redundant data and only works in 2d.



Random data collection might work in higher dims but is not optimal.

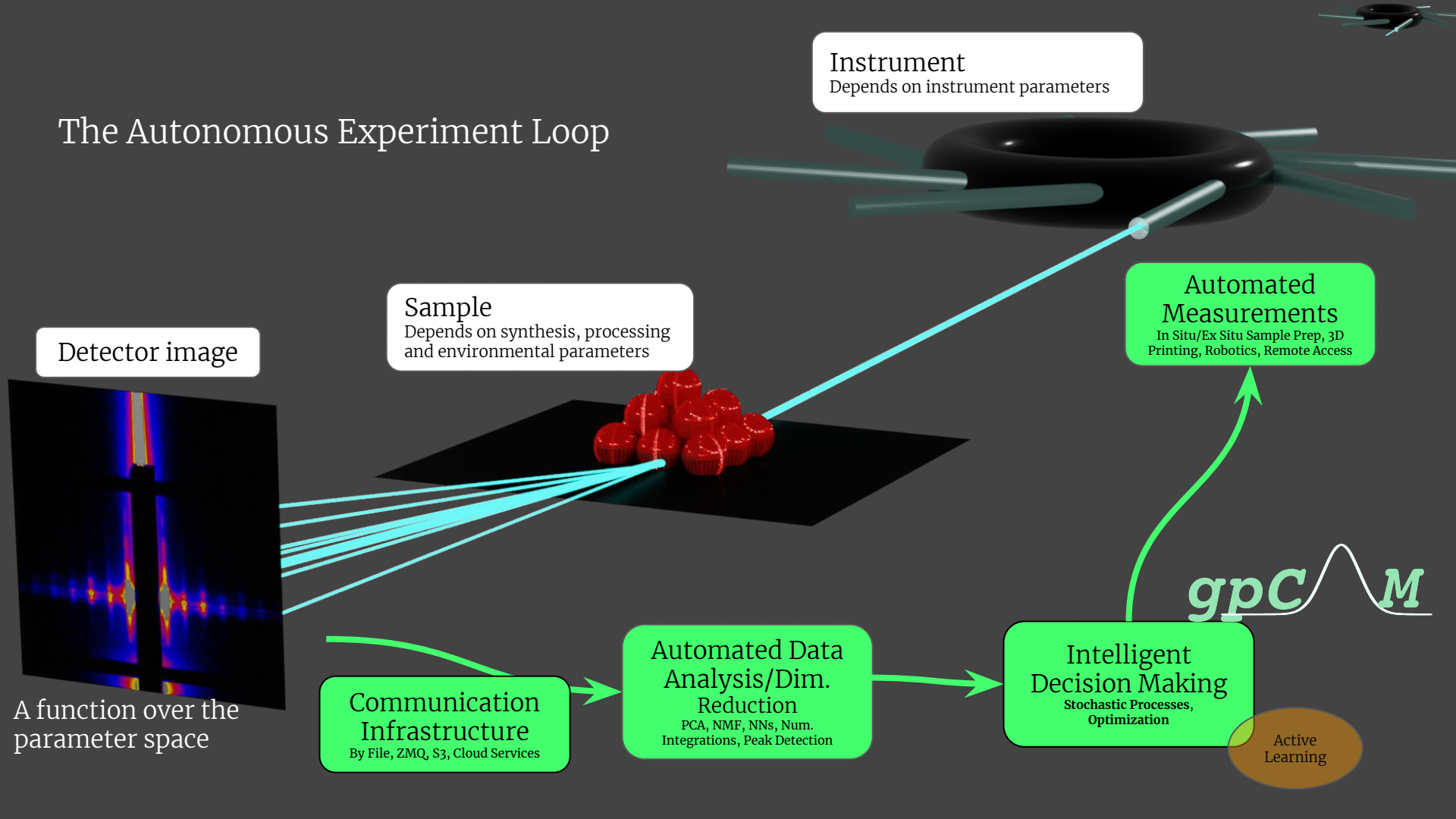


Intuitive experiment control is labor intensive and often suboptimal.



We need a way to choose optimal measurements independent of dimensionality.

The Autonomous Experiment Loop

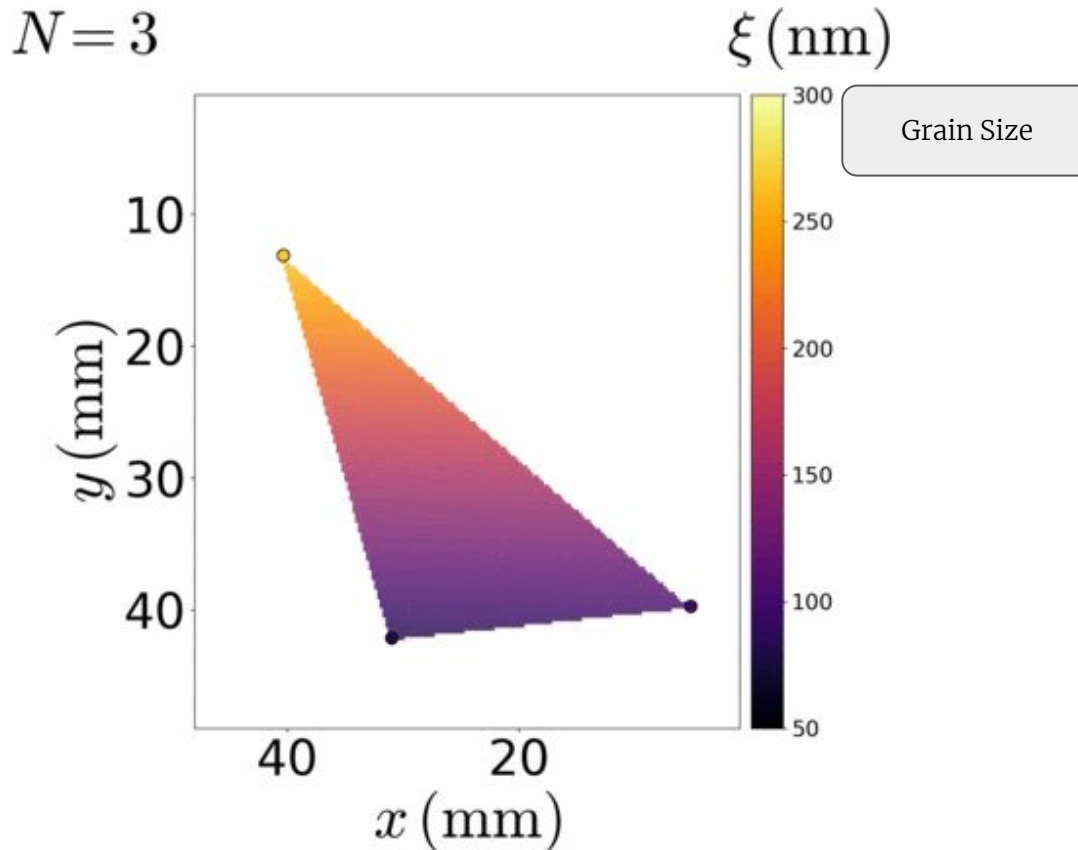




Autonomous SAXS Exploration of Nanoscale Ordering in a Blade-Coated Polymer-Grafted Nanorod Film

Facility: AFRL and NSLS II | **Technique:** SAXS | **Collabs:** Strait, Vaia, Fukuto, Yager, Li |

Achievement: 15% of data required, higher resolution in areas of interest



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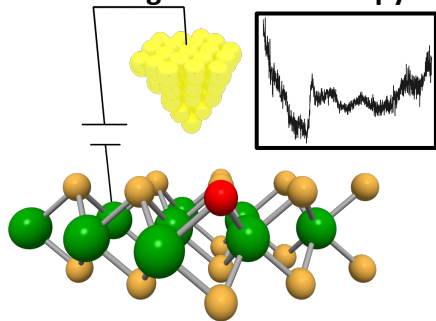
Defect Identification through Autonomous Scanning Tunneling Spectroscopy

Facility: Molecular Foundry @ LBNL | **Technique:** STS Microscopy | **Collabs:** Thomas, Rossi |

Achievement: ~4% of data required, ~35 hrs vs ~1 mo acq. Time

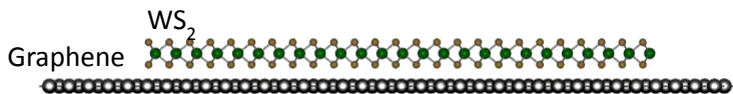
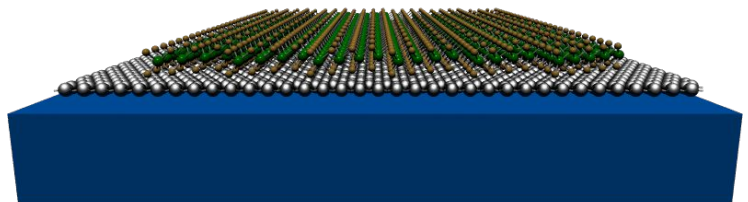


Scanning Probe Microscopy

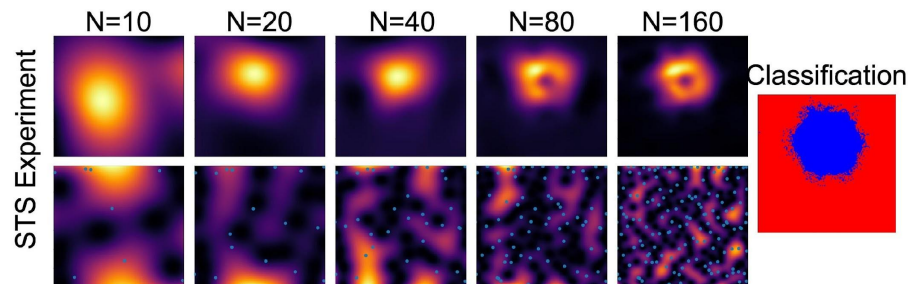
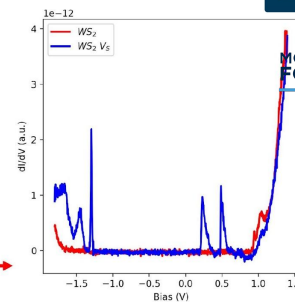
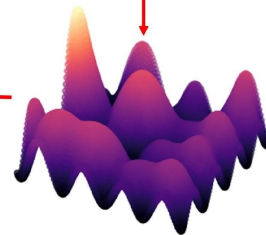
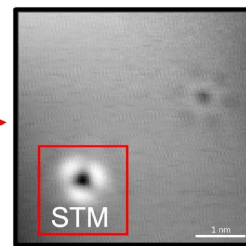


STM / STS
Structure and
electronic properties

Investigate Next
Frontiers in 2D
Quantum Materials



SiC(0001)

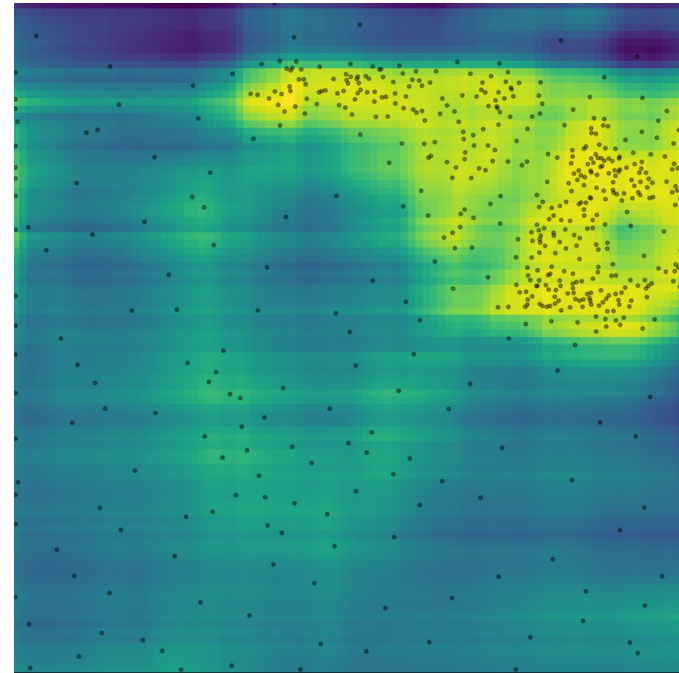
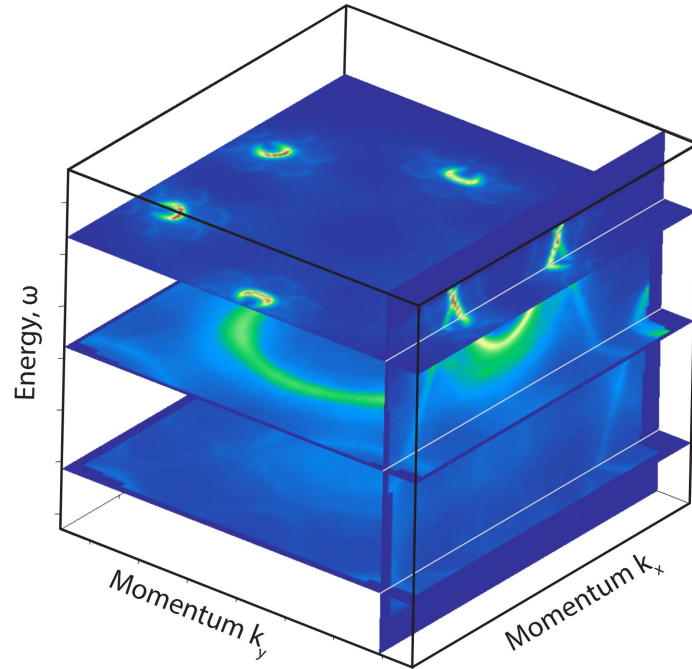


Thomas, John C., et al. "Autonomous scanning probe microscopy investigations over WS₂ and Au {111}." npj Computational Materials 8.1 (2022): 1–7.

Autonomous Steering of ARPES Data Acquisition

Facilities: ALS @ LBNL | **Technique:** ARPES | **Collabs:** Melton, Rotenberg, Zwart, Hexemer |

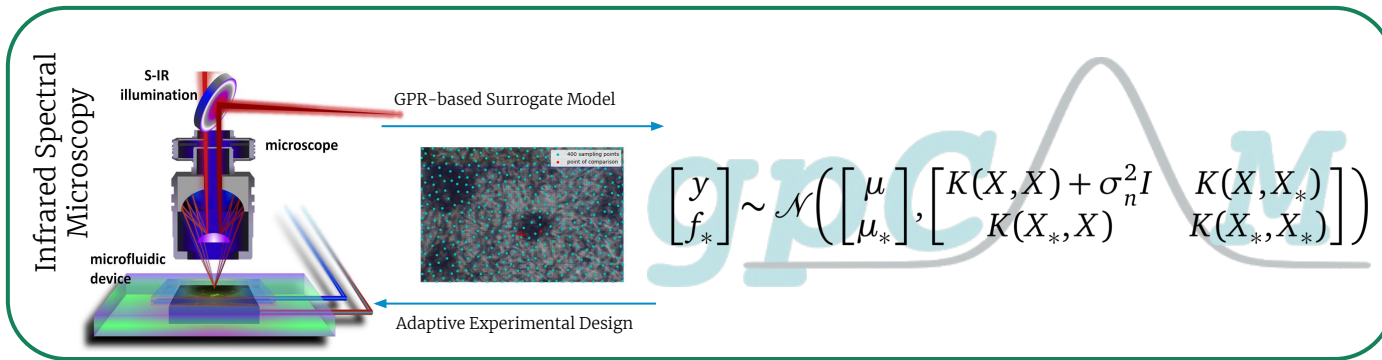
Achievement: 12% of data required



K-Means-Driven Gaussian Process Data Collection for **Angle-Resolved Photoemission Spectroscopy**,
Charles N. Melton, Marcus M. Noack, Taisuke Ohta, Thomas E. Beechem, Jeremy Robinson, Xiaotian Zhang, Aaron Bostwick, Chris Jozwiak, Roland J. Koch, Petrus H. Zwart, Alexander Hexemer, and Eli Rotenberg

Autonomous Control of Synchrotron Infrared Spectroscopy

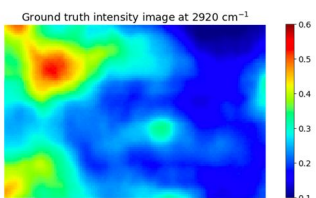
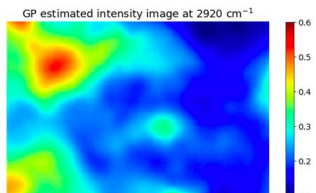
Facility: ALS @ LBNL | **Technique:** IR Spec. Micr. | **Collabs:** Holman, Zwart, Chen, Lee | **Achievement:** ~5% of data required, collected in ~10% of the time, materials targeted



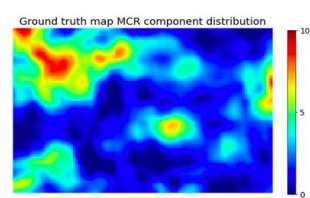
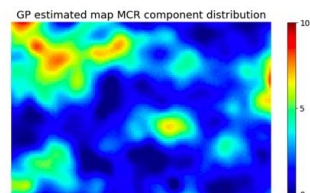
1 hour
400 sample points

9 hours
9.8K sample points

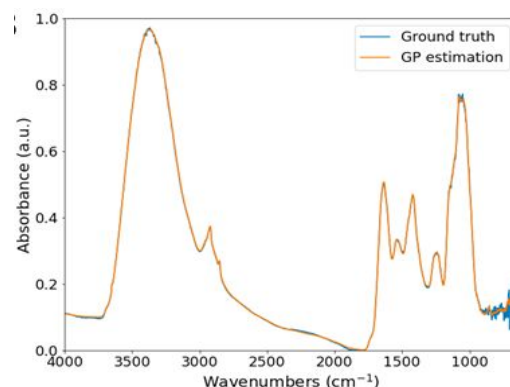
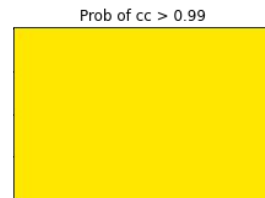
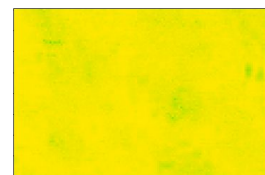
Spectral Map



MCR Component Map



Estimated Spectral Accuracy



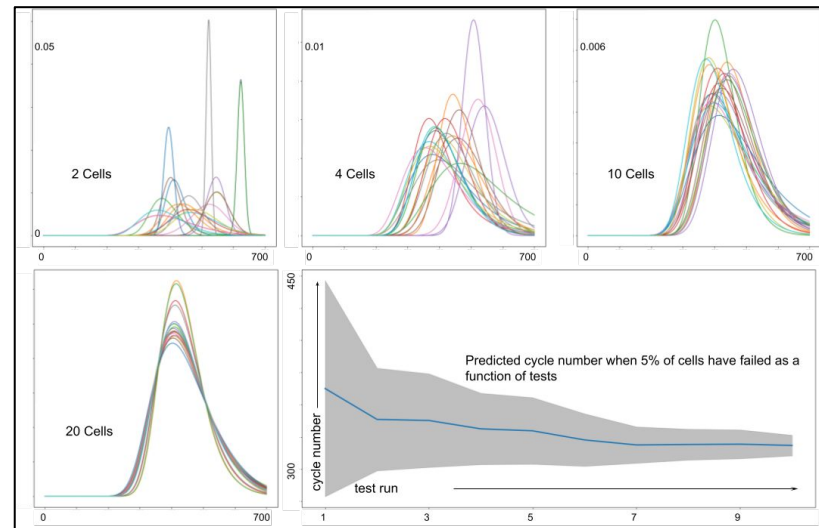
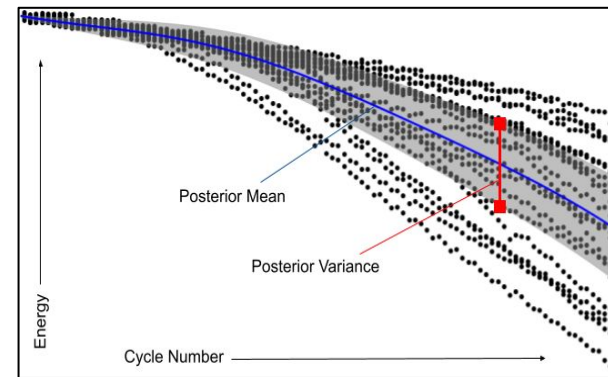
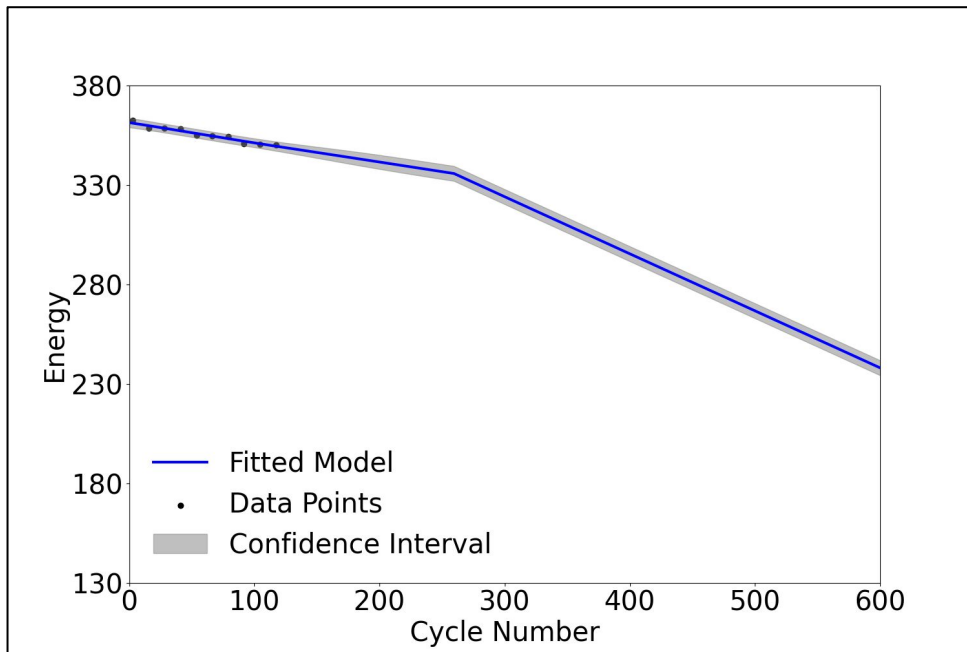


Other applied-science fields benefit from stochastic function approximations and UQ...



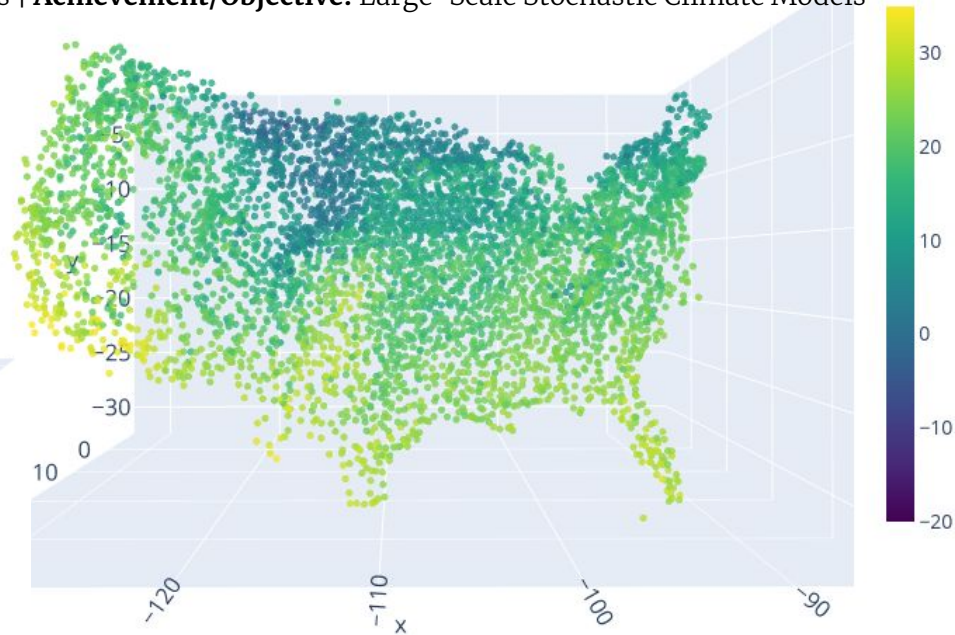
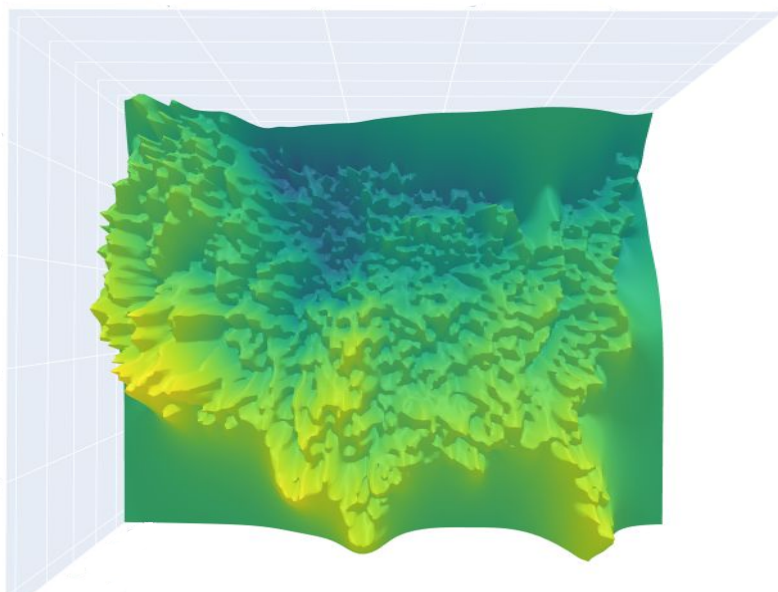
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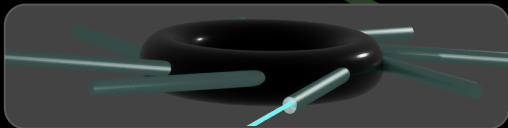
Institution: ETA @LBNL | **Collabs:** Harris, Battaglia, Bakhtian | **Achievement/Objective:** Early prediction of battery lifetime



Stochastic Climate Modeling via GPs

Institution: CASCADE @LBNL | **Collabs:** Mark Risser, Bill Collins | **Achievement/Objective:** Large-Scale Stochastic Climate Models





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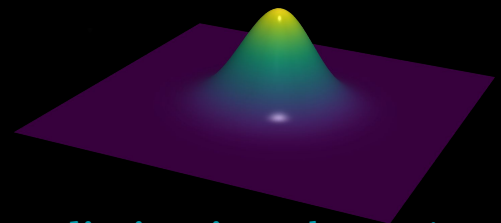
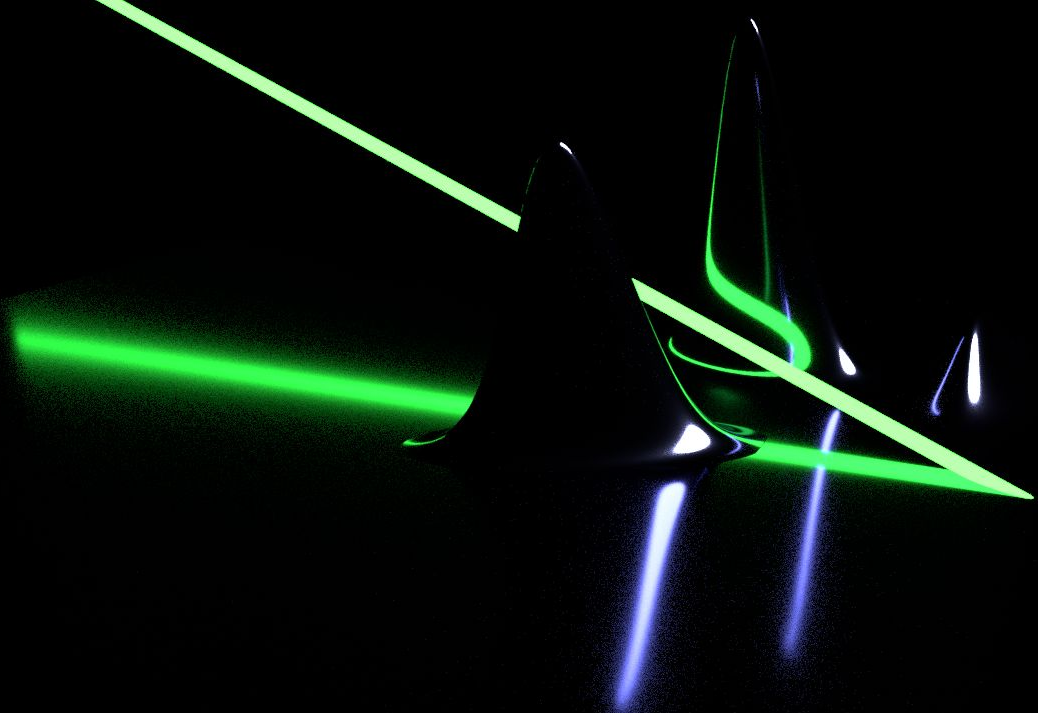
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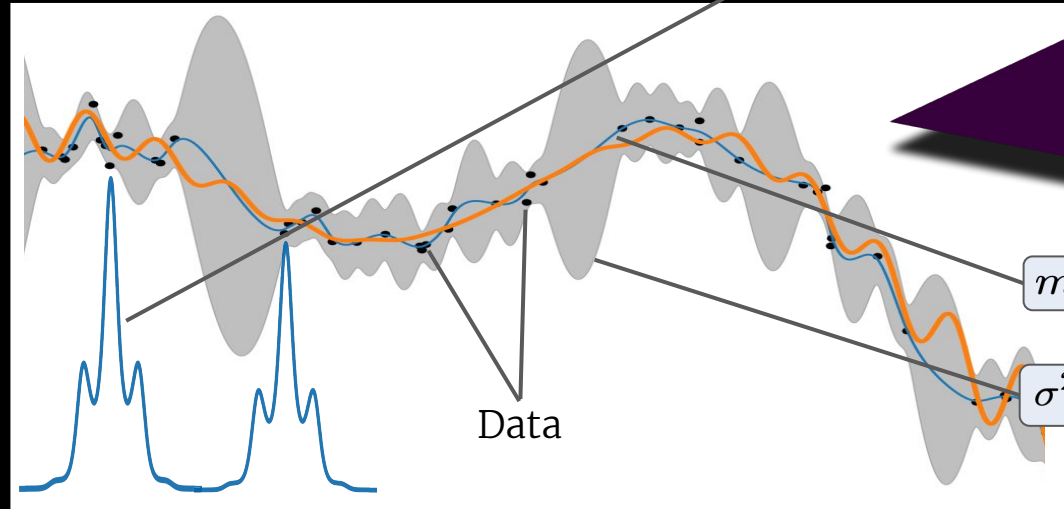


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Gaussian Processes get their name from a normal distribution over functions

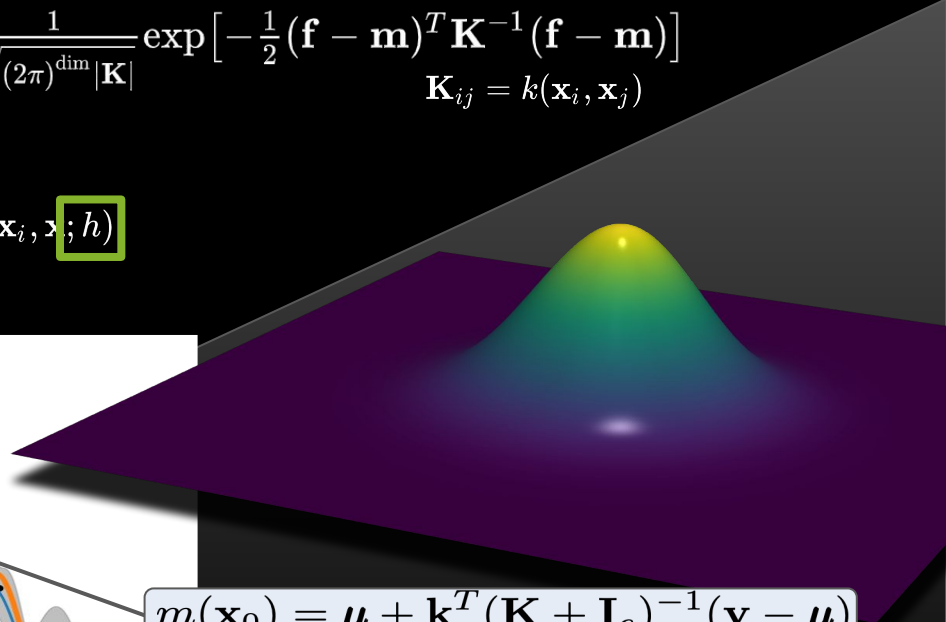
$$p(\mathbf{f}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{\dim} |\mathbf{K}|}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{m})^T \mathbf{K}^{-1} (\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{m}) \right]$$
$$\mathbf{K}_{ij} = k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum \alpha_i k(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}; h)$$



$$m(\mathbf{x}_0) = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{k}^T (\mathbf{K} + \mathbf{I}_e)^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$\sigma^2(\mathbf{x}_0) = k(\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_0) - \mathbf{k}^T (\mathbf{K} + \mathbf{I}_e)^{-1} \mathbf{k}$$

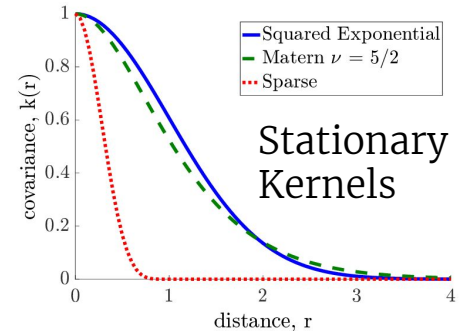
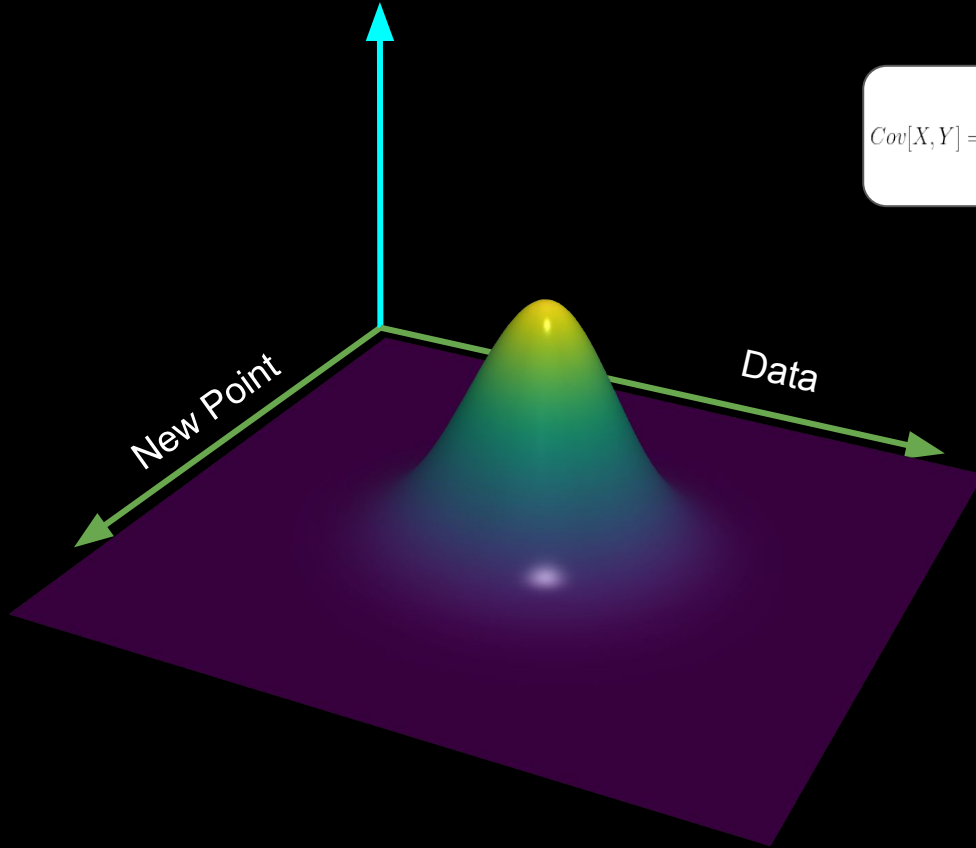


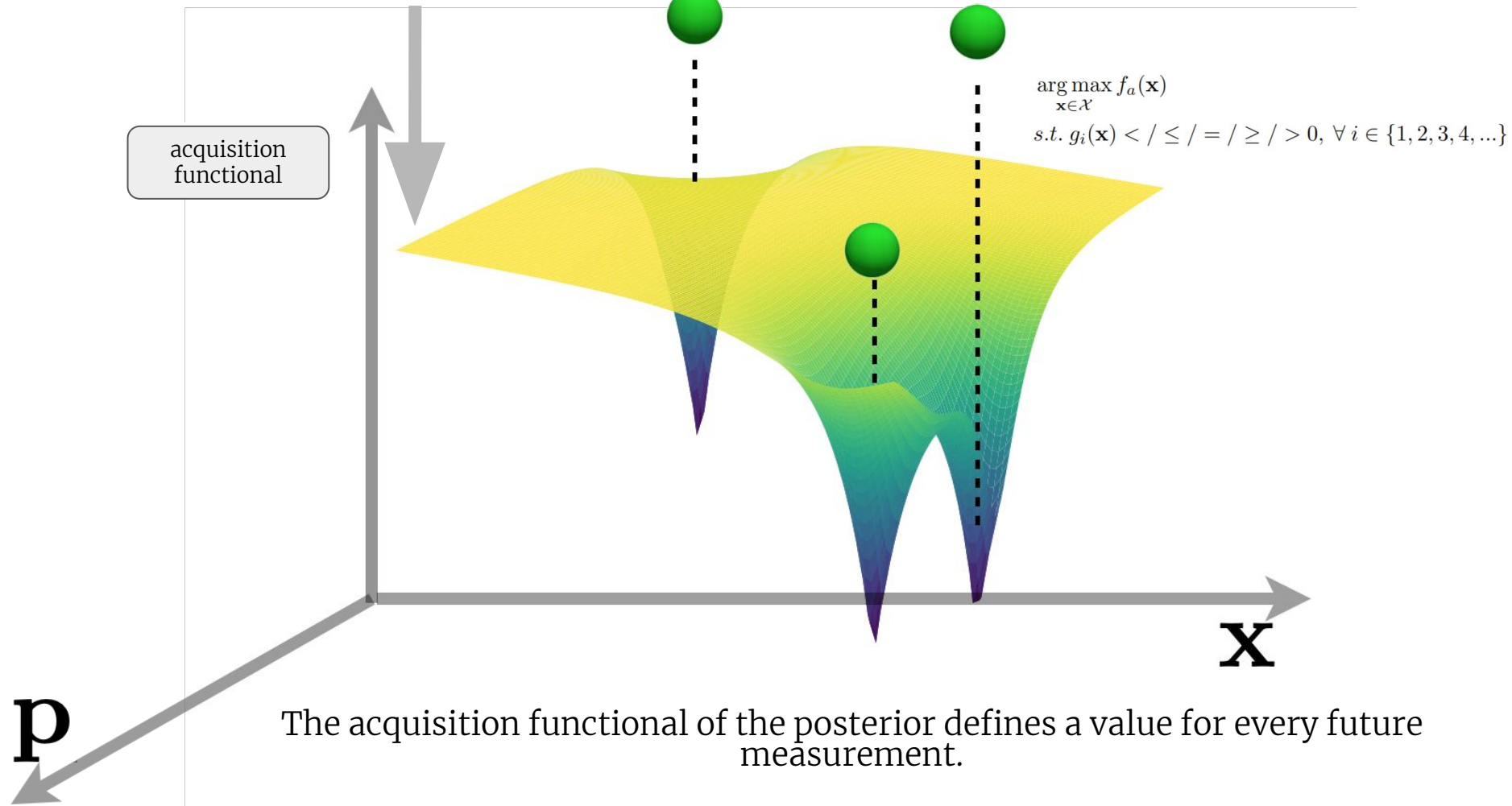
Defining the Covariance, a.k.a. the Kernel Trick

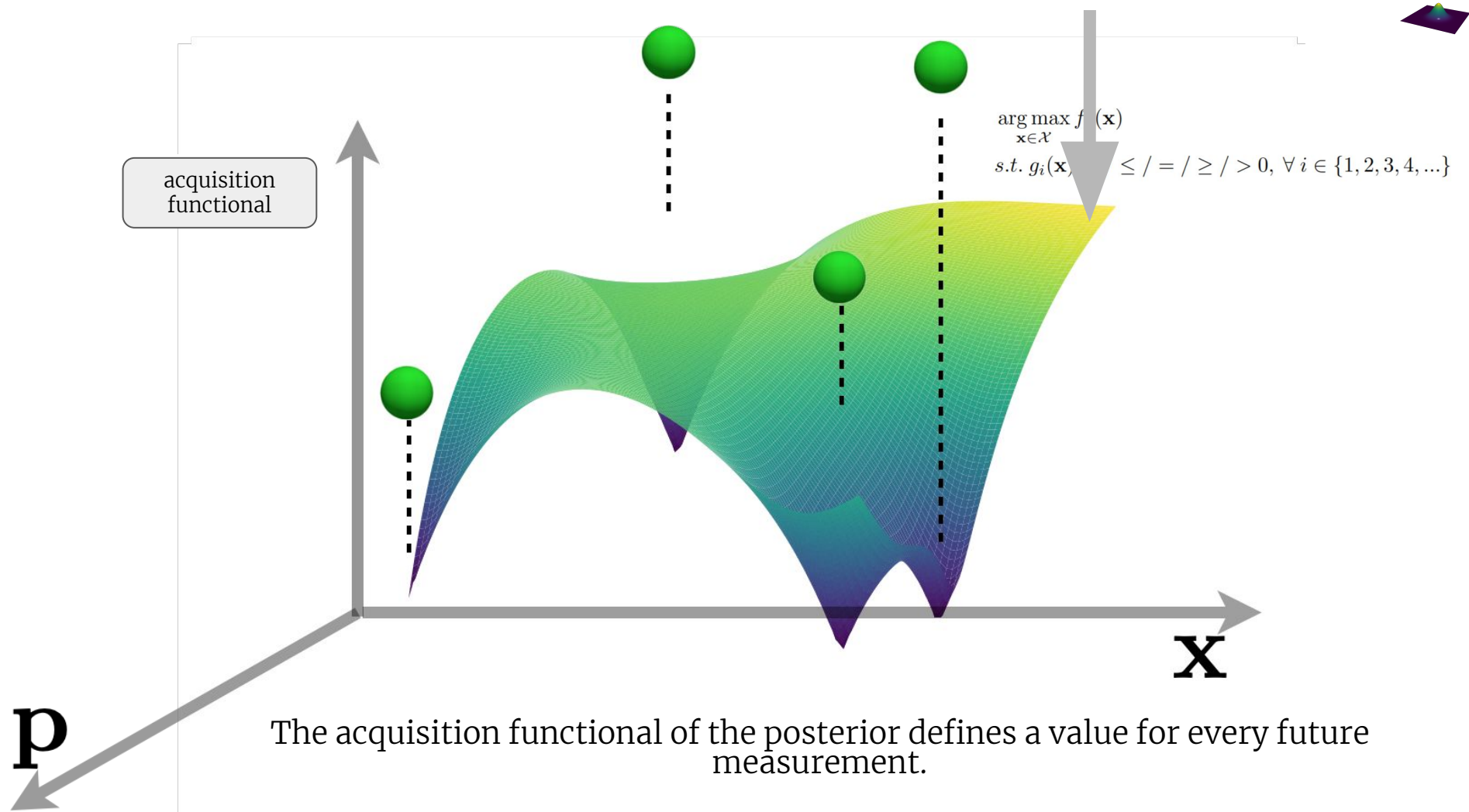
$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \begin{bmatrix} ((X_1 - E(X_1))(Y_1 - E(Y_1))) & ((X_1 - E(X_1))(Y_2 - E(Y_2))) & ((X_1 - E(X_1))(Y_3 - E(Y_3))) \\ ((X_2 - E(X_2))(Y_1 - E(Y_1))) & ((X_2 - E(X_2))(Y_2 - E(Y_2))) & ((X_2 - E(X_2))(Y_3 - E(Y_3))) \\ ((X_3 - E(X_3))(Y_1 - E(Y_1))) & ((X_3 - E(X_3))(Y_2 - E(Y_2))) & ((X_3 - E(X_3))(Y_3 - E(Y_3))) \end{bmatrix}$$

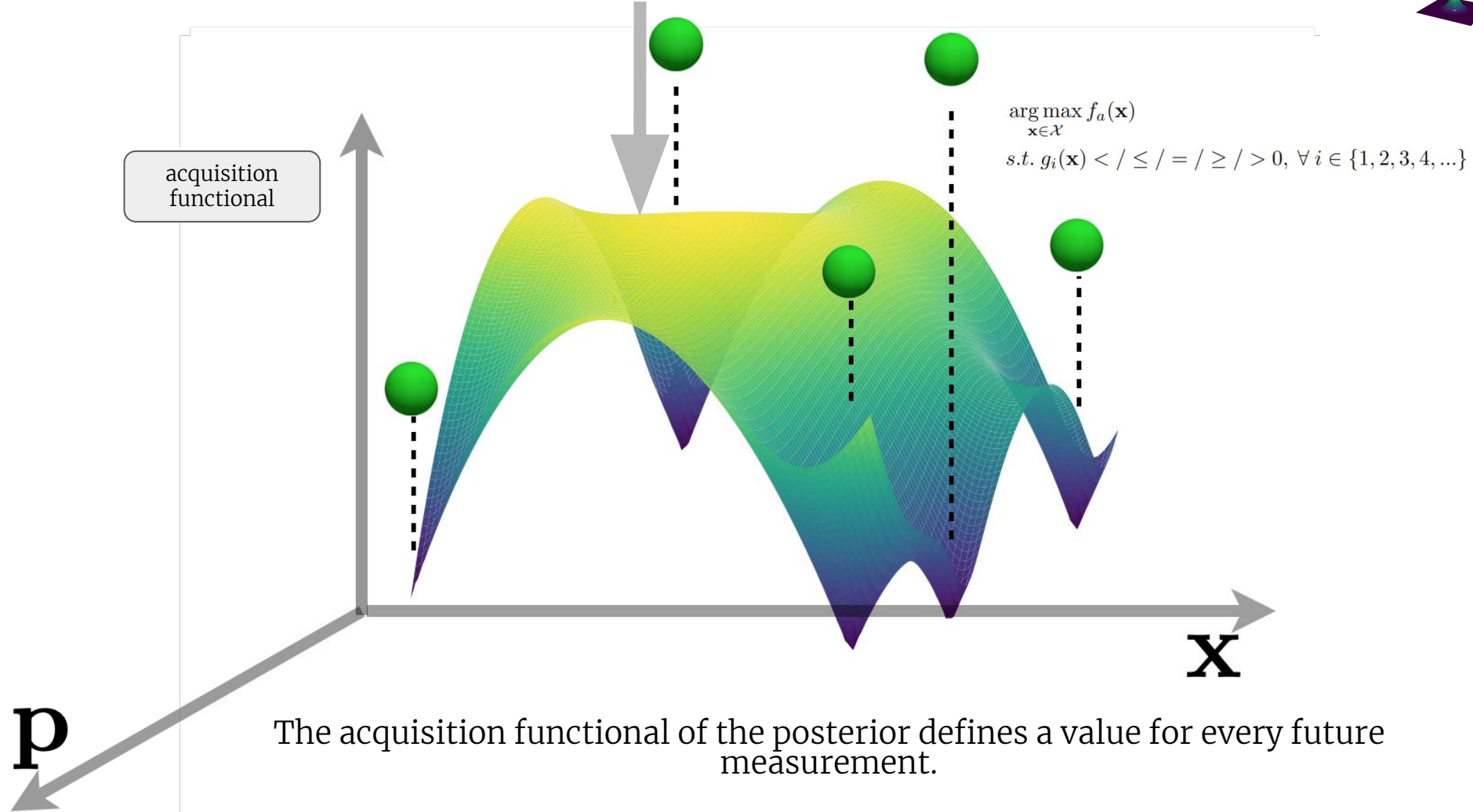
$$\text{Cov}[X, Y] = \begin{bmatrix} k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1) & k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) & k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_3) \\ k(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1) & k(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_2) & k(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3) \\ k(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_1) & k(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_2) & k(\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

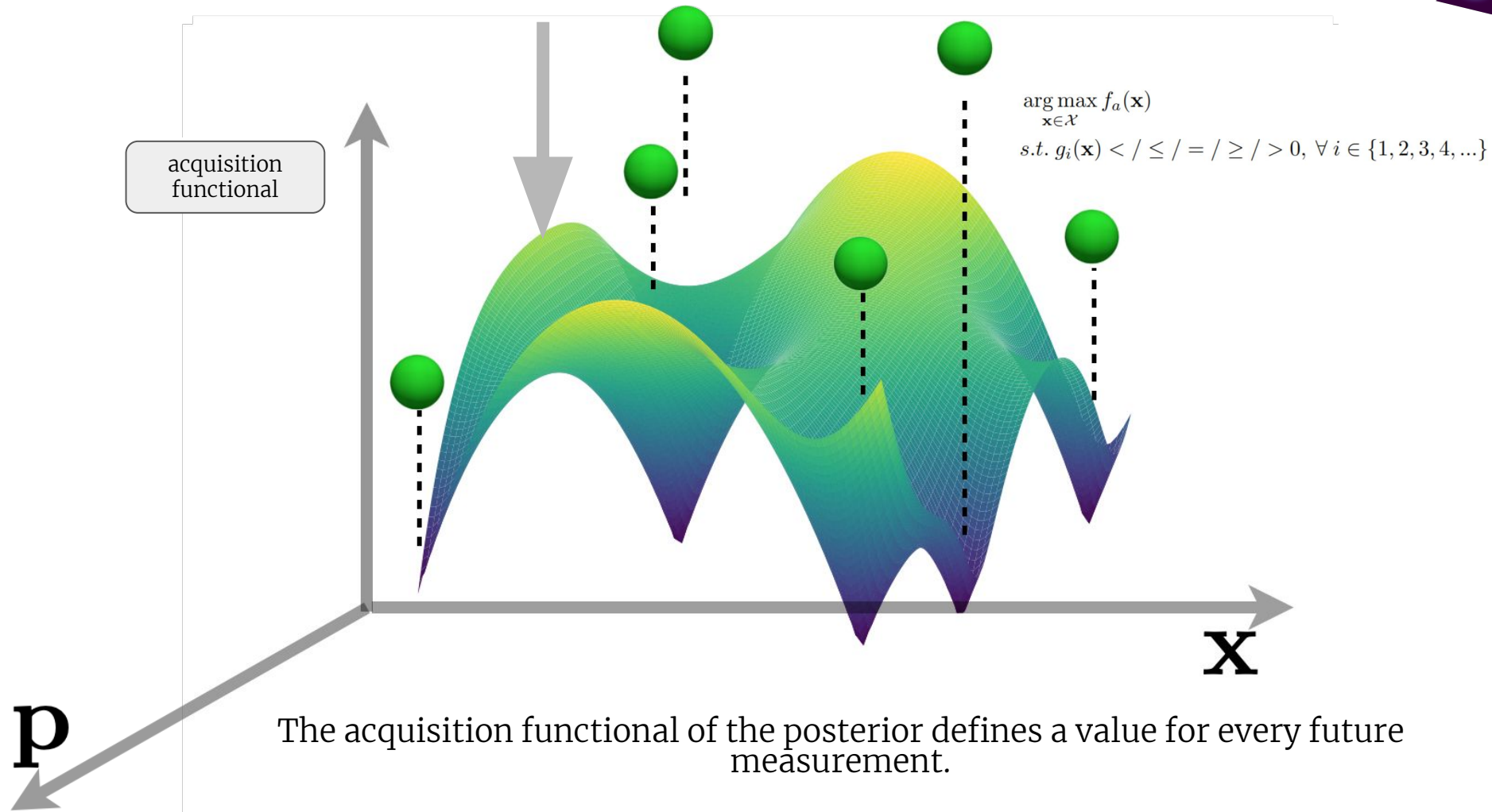
$$\sum_i^N \sum_j^N c_i c_j k(x_i, x_j) \geq 0 \quad \forall N, \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^N, \mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{R}^N$$



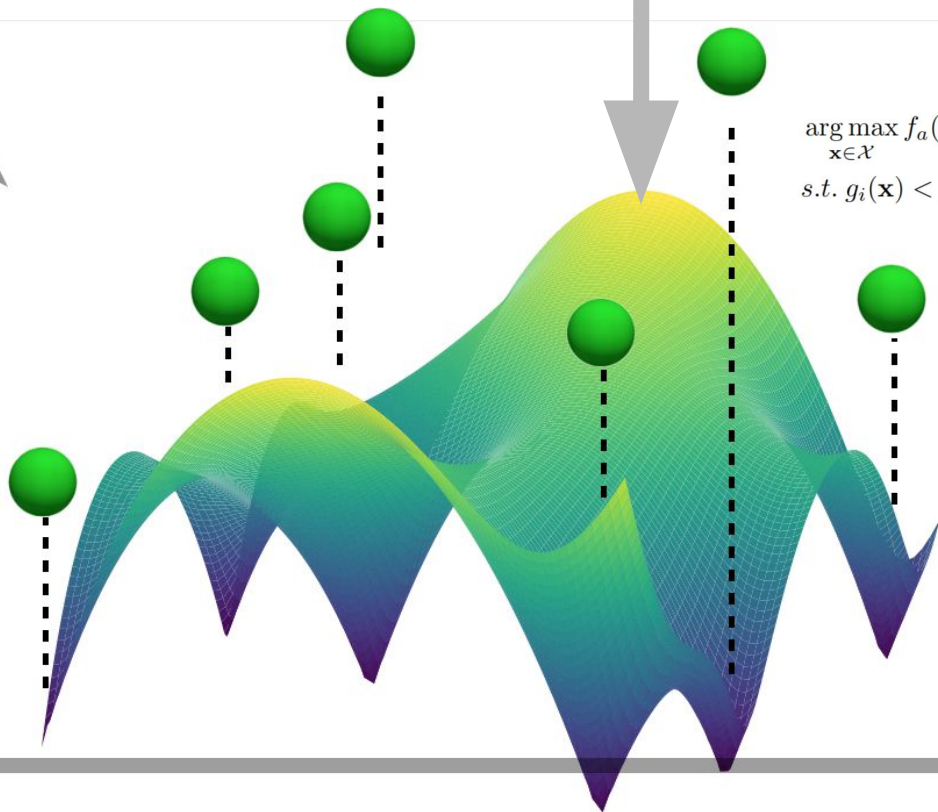








acquisition functional

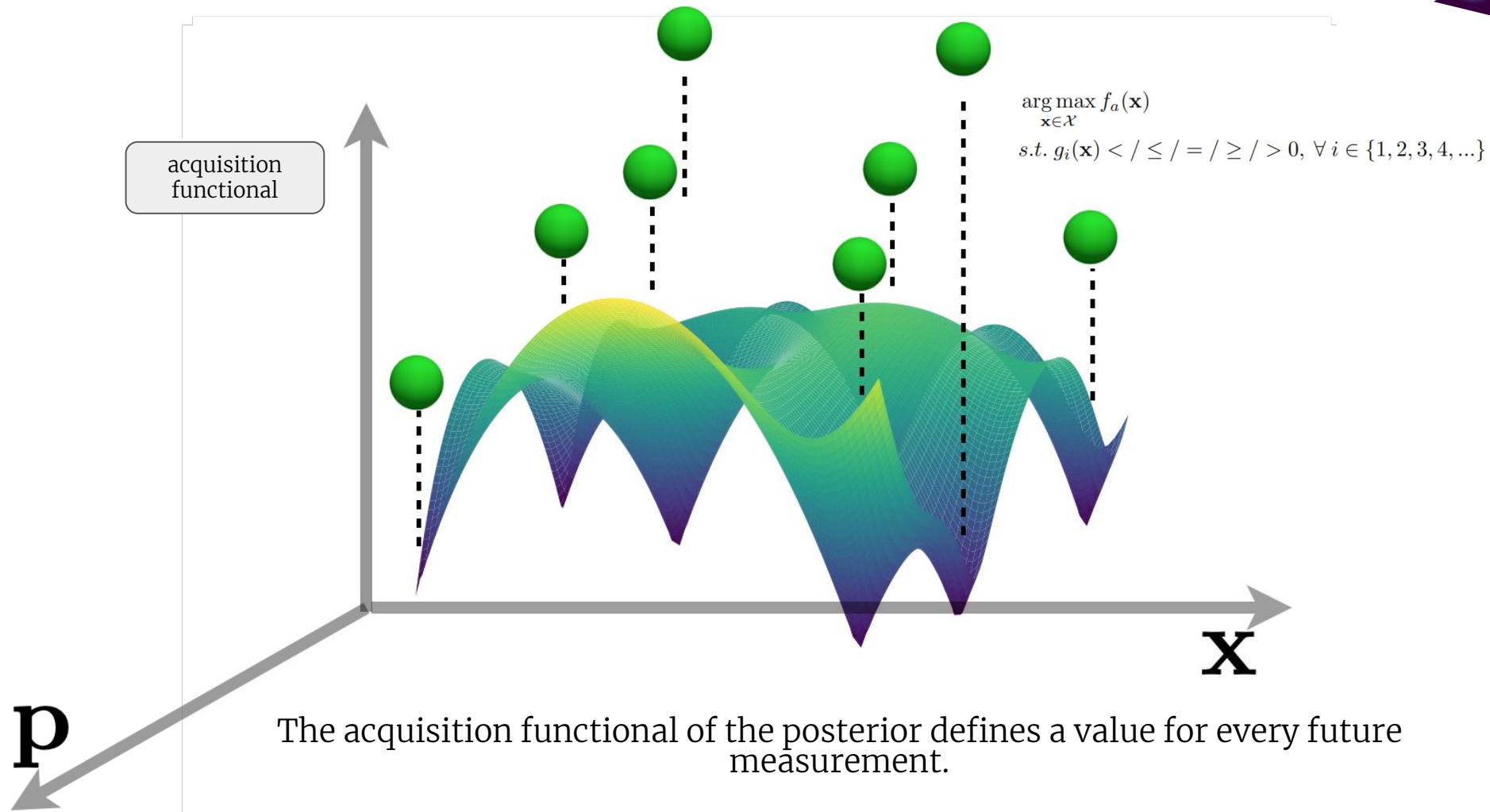


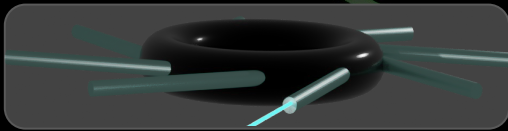
$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} f_a(\mathbf{x})$$
$$s.t. g_i(\mathbf{x}) < / \leq / = / \geq / > 0, \forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

The acquisition functional of the posterior defines a value for every future measurement.

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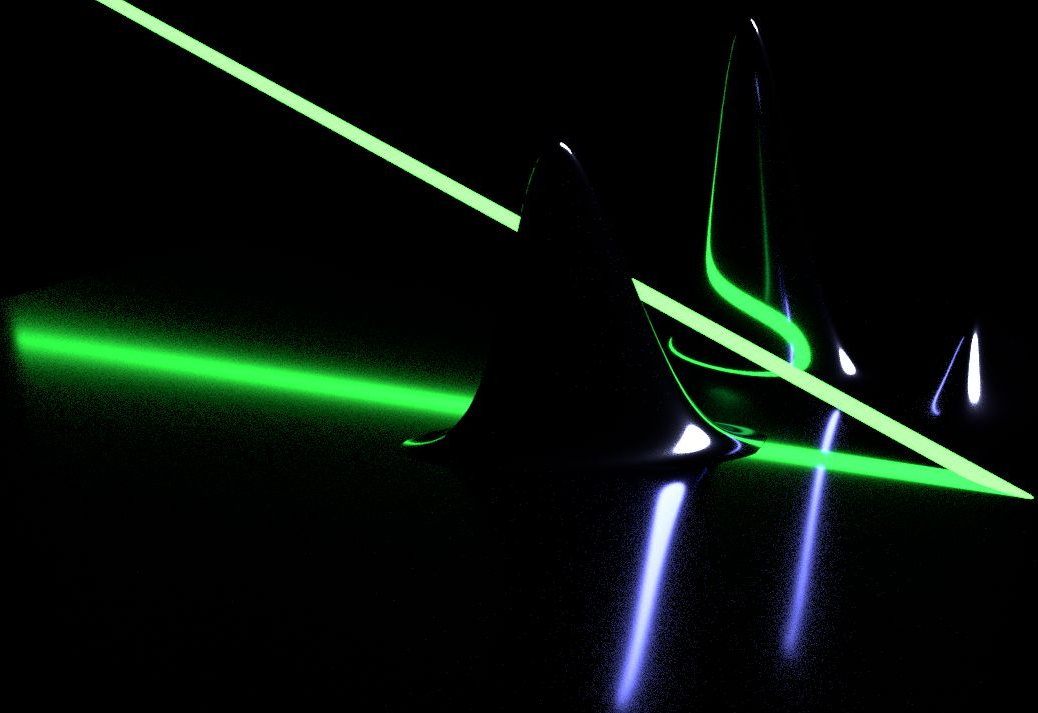
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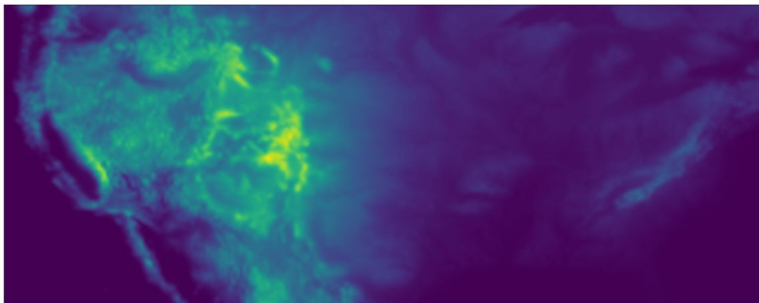
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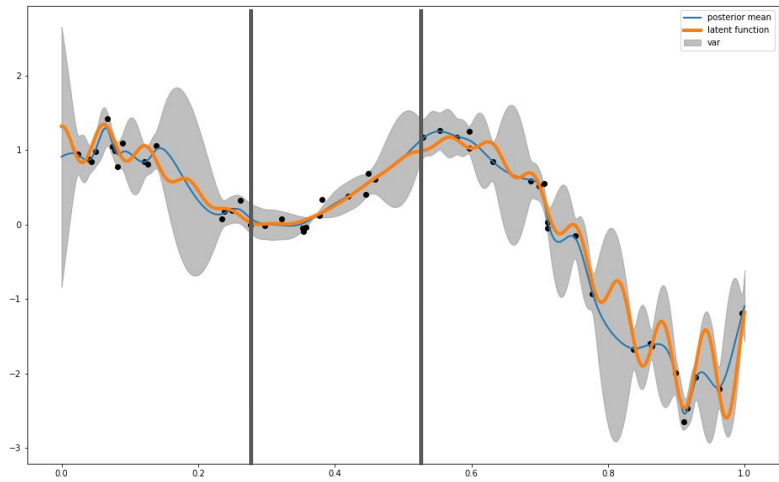
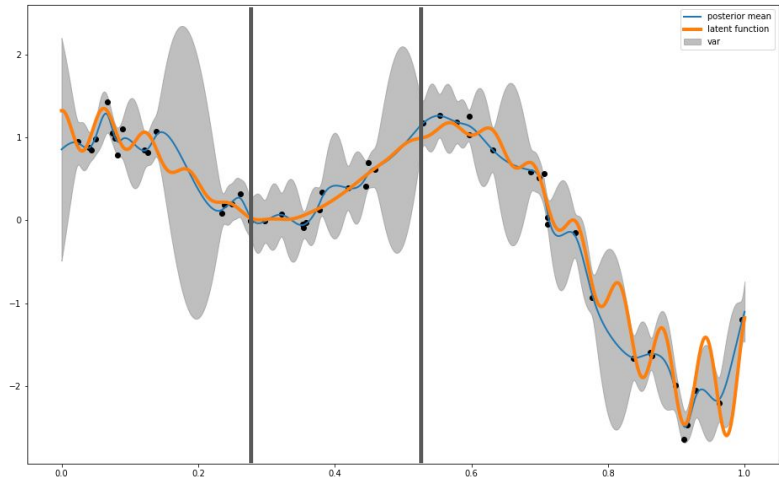
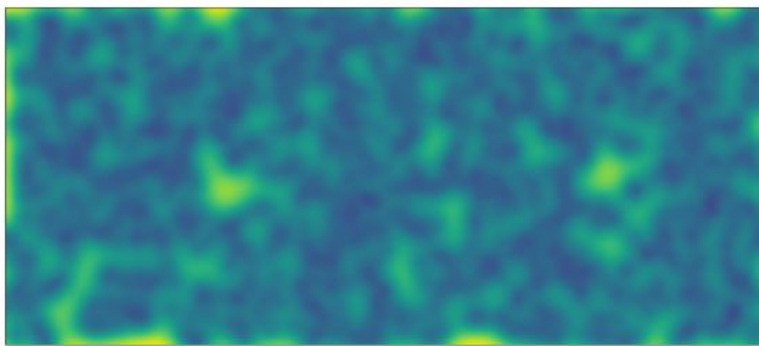
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ground truth



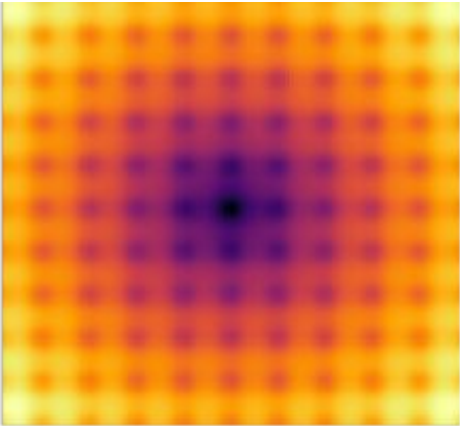
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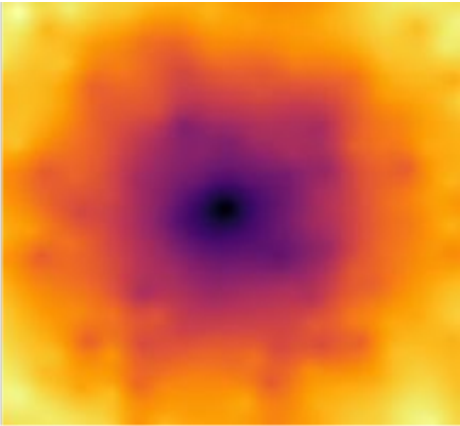


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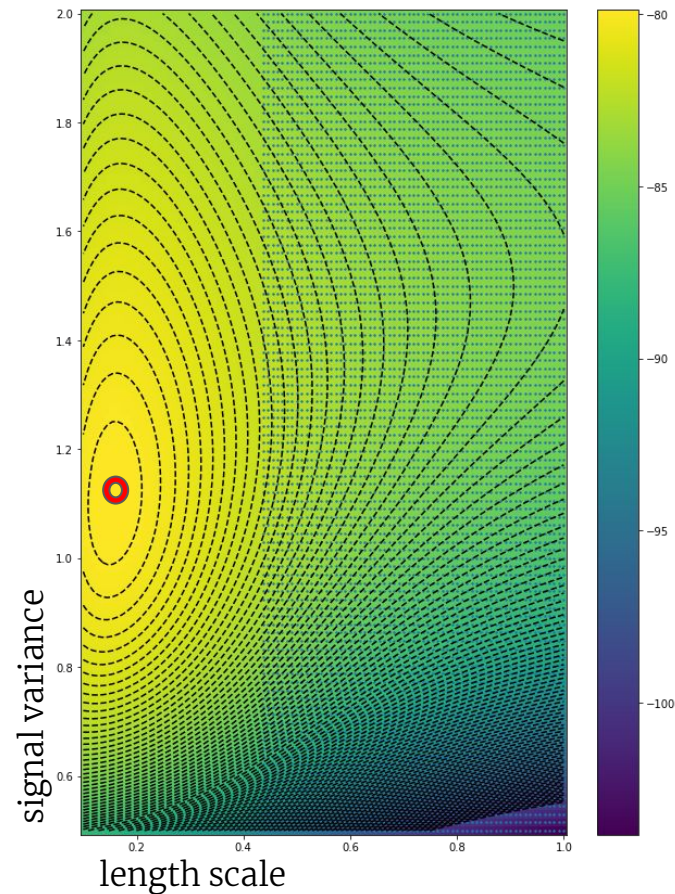
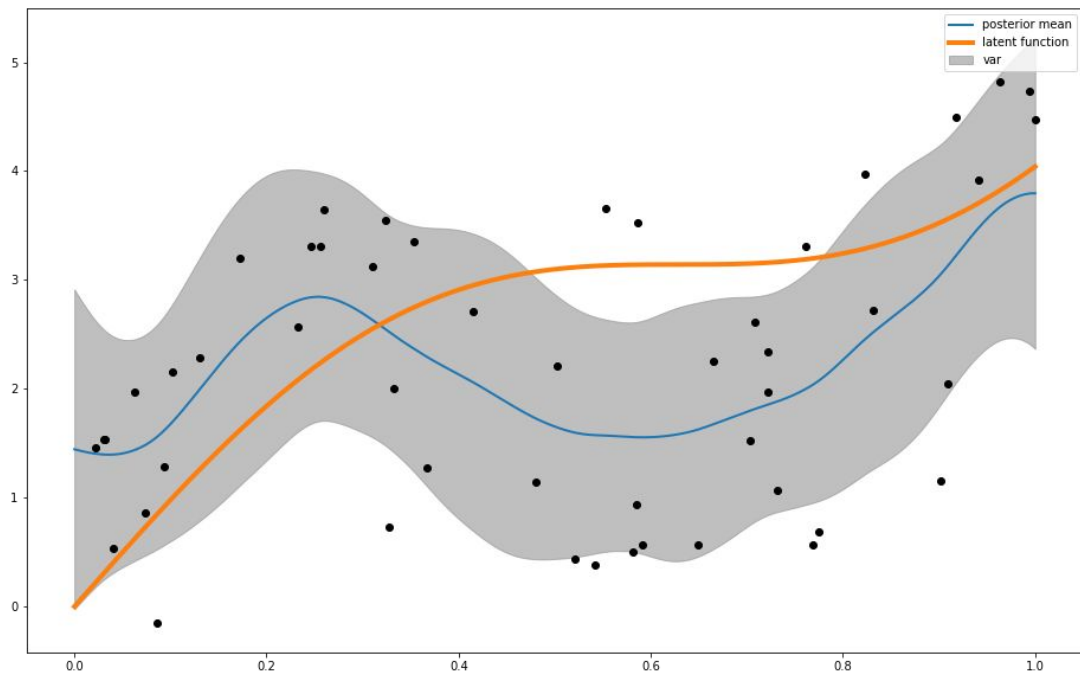
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Approximation



(3) Standard GPs might not have (optimal) solutions that satisfy optimization constraints.





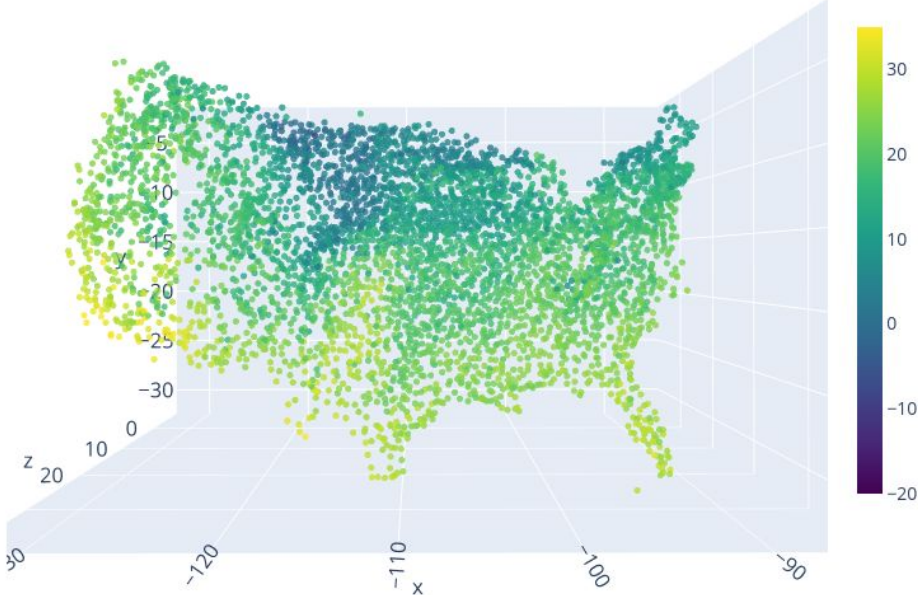
(4) GPs don't scale well.

~5000 climate stations x 10 000 days

$2.5 * 10^{15}$ floats

$2 * 10^{16}$ bytes = $2 * 10^7$ Gbytes RAM

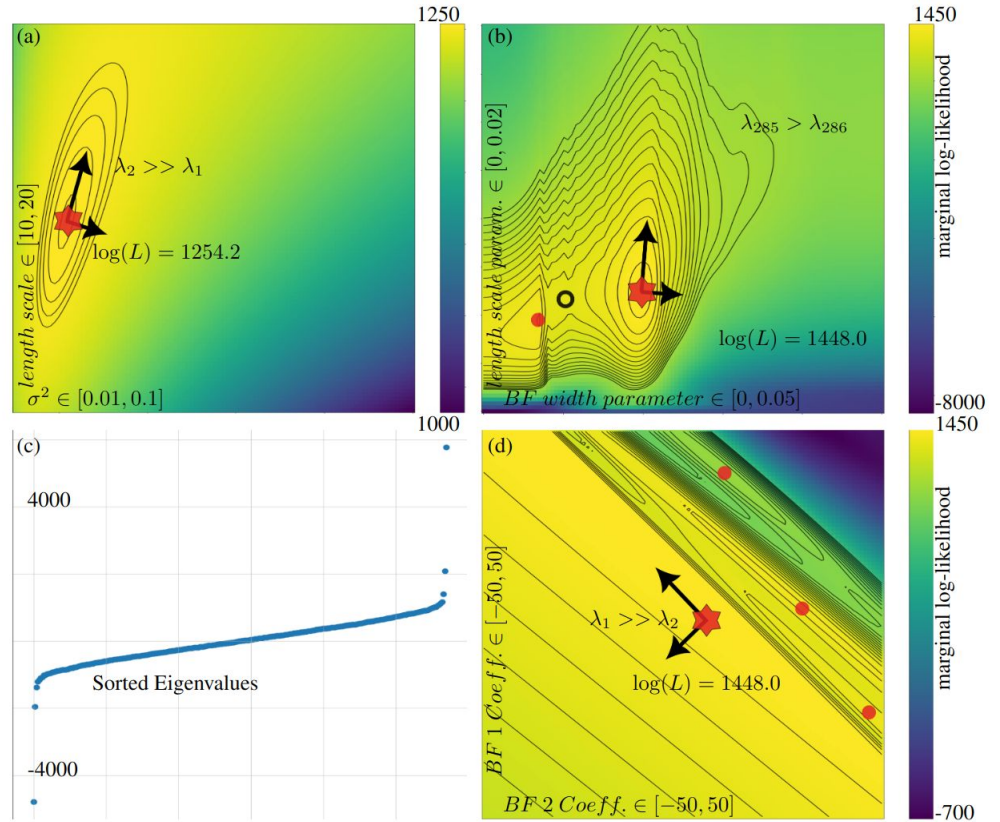
~ 625 000 desktop computers




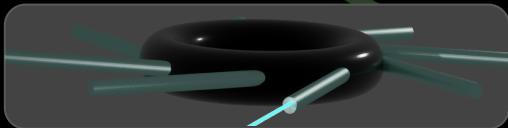


(5) Advanced GPs lead to tough optimization problems.

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \max_{\phi} \left(\log(L(D, \phi)) = \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}(\phi))(\mathbf{K}(\phi) + \mathbf{V})^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}(\phi)) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{2} \log(|\mathbf{K}(\phi) + \mathbf{V}|) - \frac{\dim(\mathbf{y})}{2} \log(2\pi) \right) \end{aligned}$$



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 - (3) Standard GPs might not have (optimal) solutions that satisfy optimization constraints.
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 - (6) Standard GPs don't work on non-linear spaces.
 - (7) Sometimes Gaussianity just doesn't cut it.



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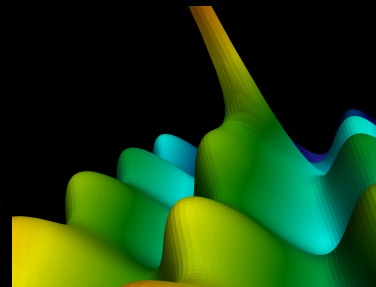
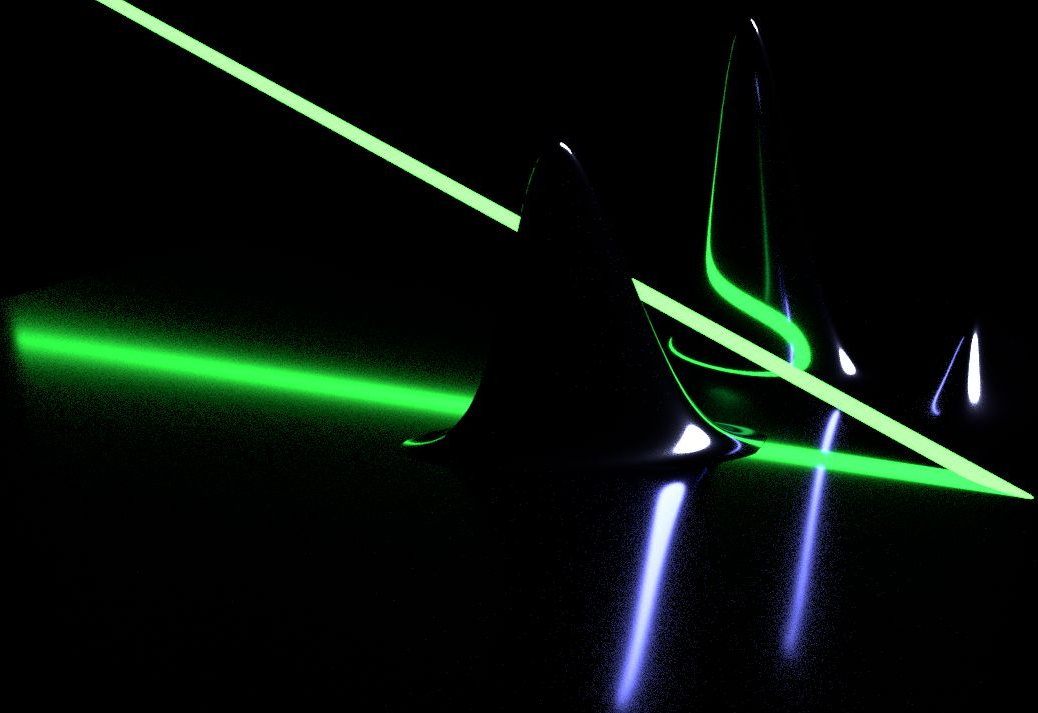
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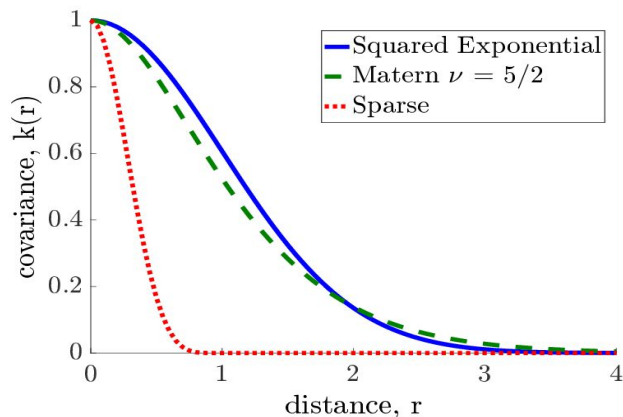


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Supported Kernel Designs

Kernels can be utilized to increase the flexibility of the function approximation and to inject domain-awareness into the model

Stationary Kernels:

Non-Stationary Kernels:



$$k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \sigma_s \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2l} \|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2\|^2\right] \quad (1)$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{\sigma_s^2(\mathbf{x}_1) \sigma_s^2(\mathbf{x}_2)}{\sqrt{\left| \frac{\Sigma(\mathbf{x}_1) + \Sigma(\mathbf{x}_2)}{2} \right|}} \mathcal{M}(\sqrt{Q(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)}) \quad (2)$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = k(g(\mathbf{x}_1), g(\mathbf{x}_2)) \quad (3)$$

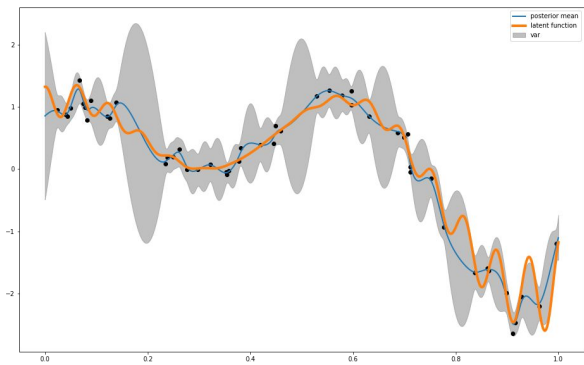
$$k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = f(\mathbf{x}_1) f(\mathbf{x}_2) \quad (4)$$

f, g can be any operator (NN, RBS, piecewise linear or constant)

Customized stationary and non-stationary kernels can give GPs superpowers ...

Non-stationary kernels can make UQ much more realistic.

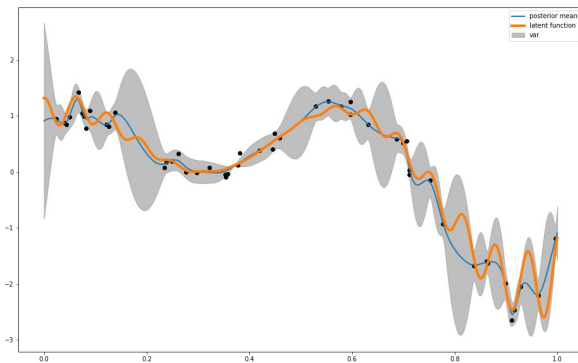
Stationary



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 l ... length scale
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Parametric Non-Stationary



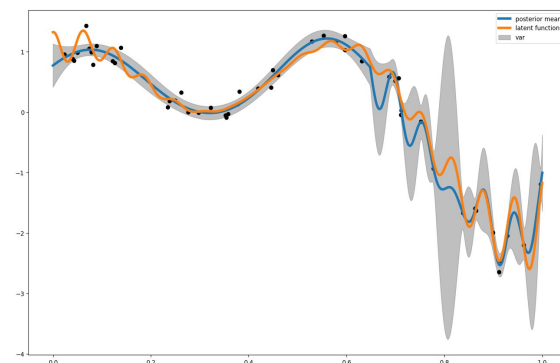
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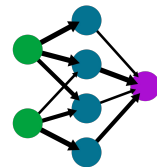
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w ... width parameter

Deep Kernel



$$k_{deep} = k_{stat}(\|g(\mathbf{x}_1) - g(\mathbf{x}_2)\|)$$



Non-stationary kernels can make UQ much more realistic.

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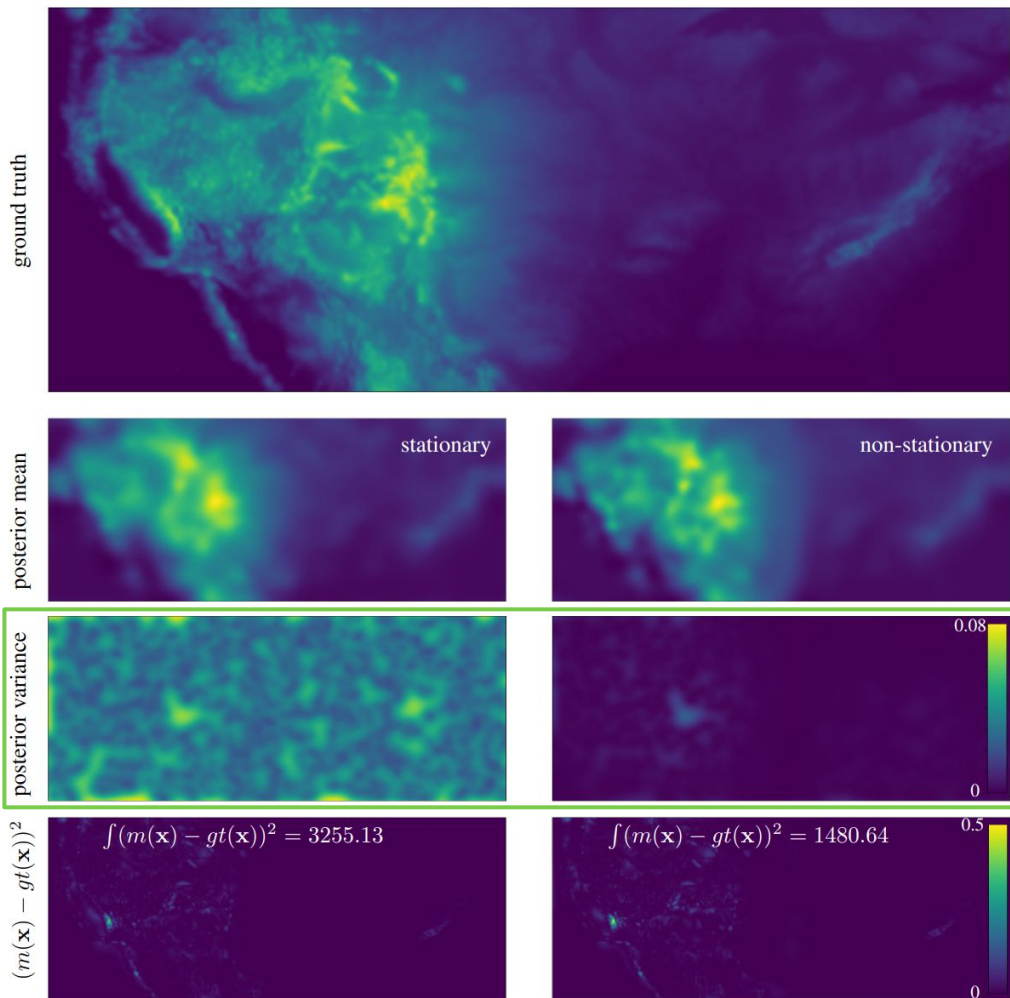
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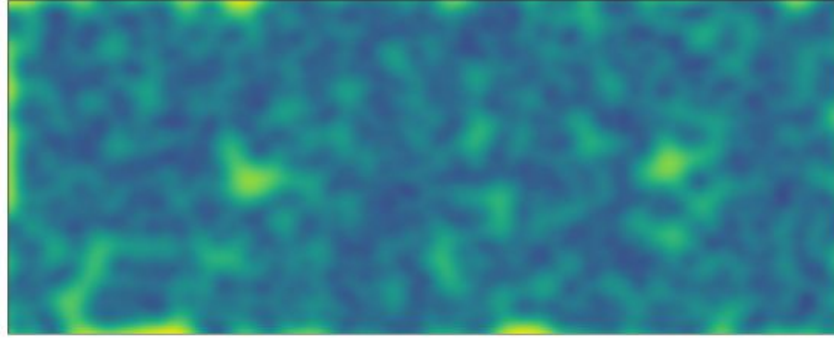
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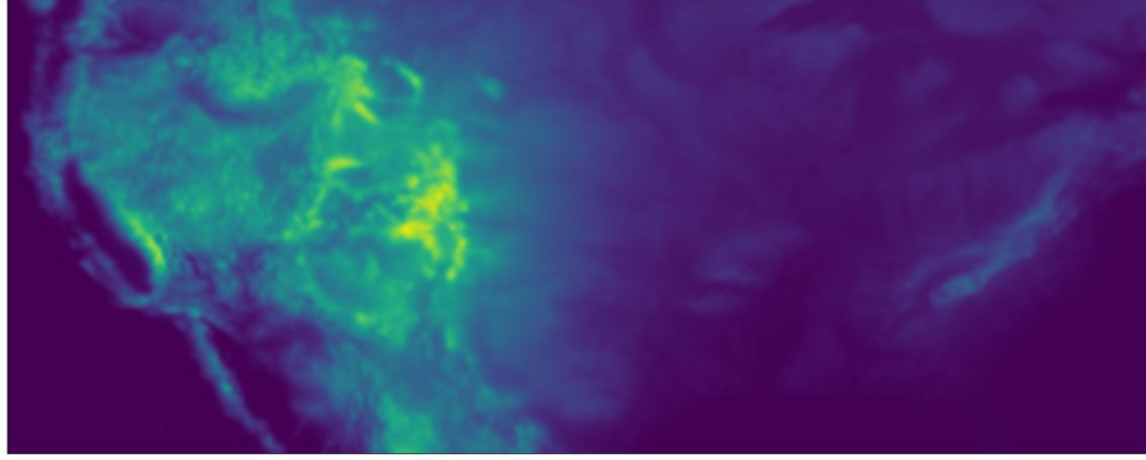
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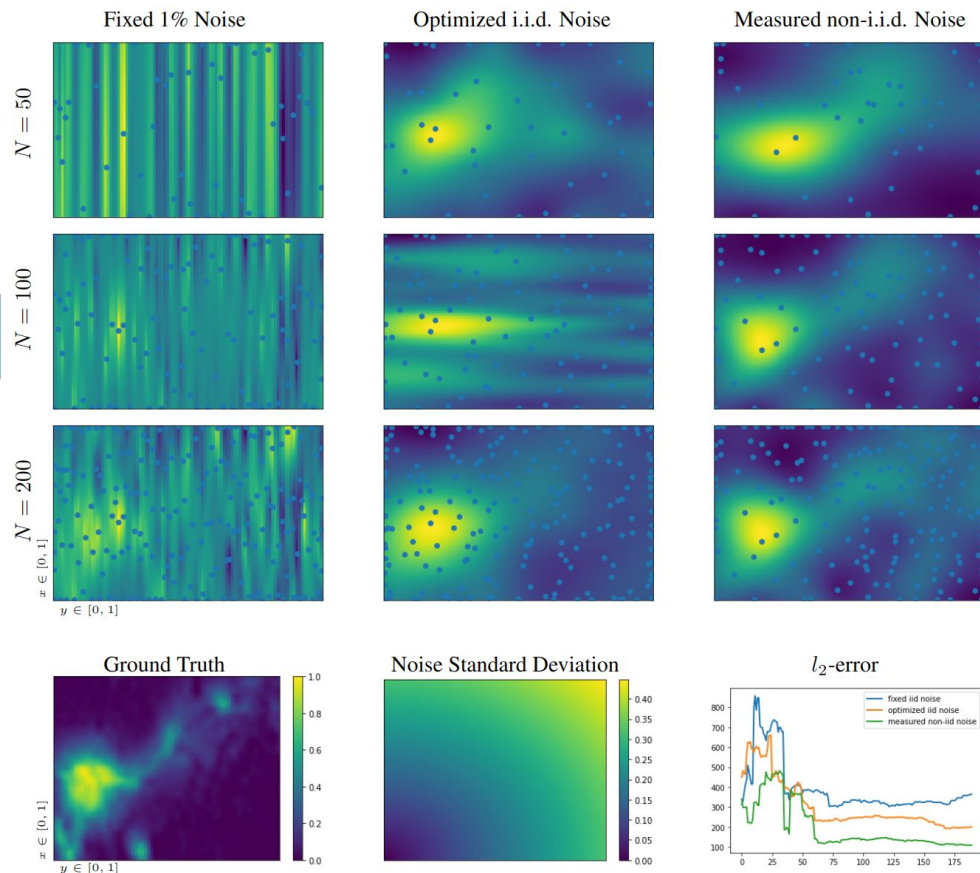



ground truth



Accurate treatment of noise is vital for a successful AE.

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{\dim|\mathbf{V}|}}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f})^T \mathbf{V}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{f}) \right]$$

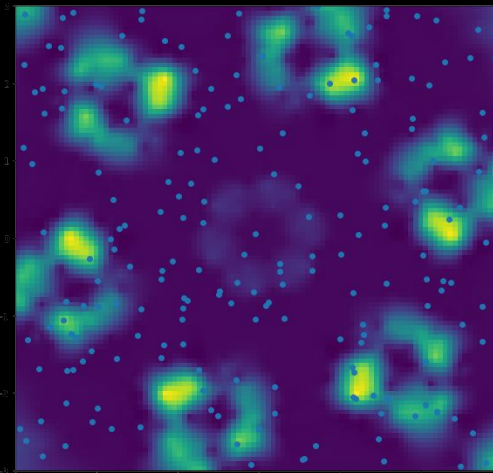
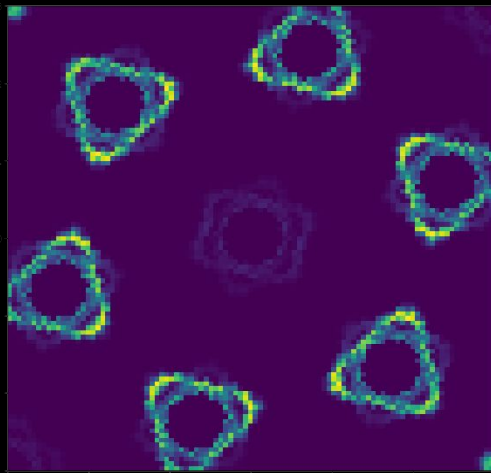
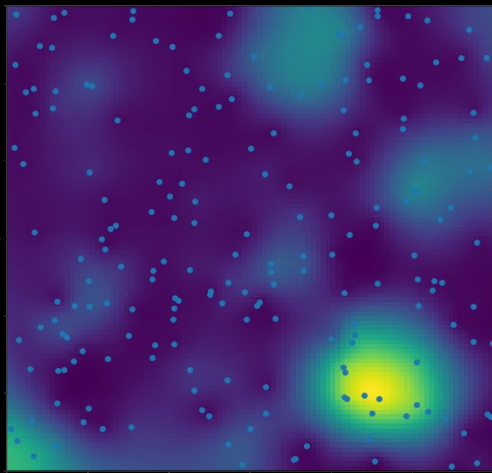


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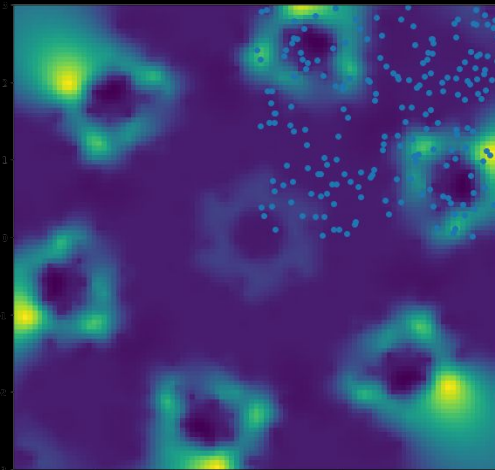
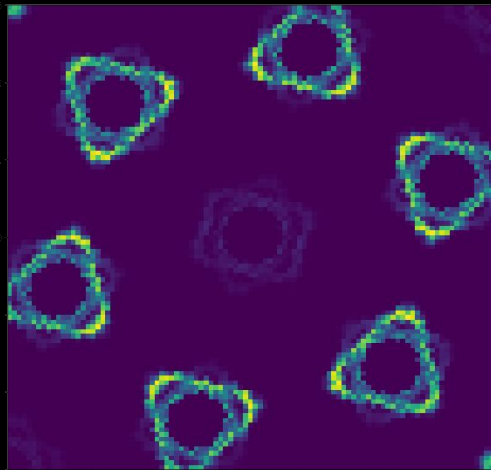
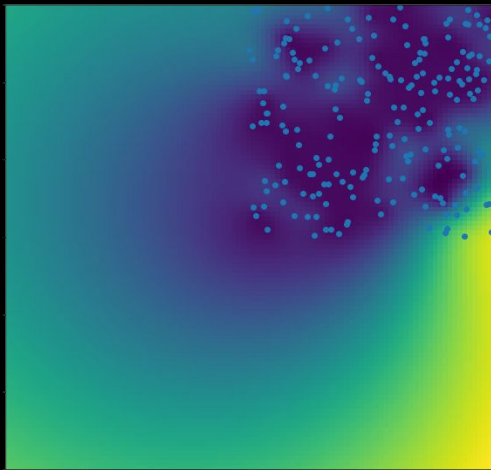
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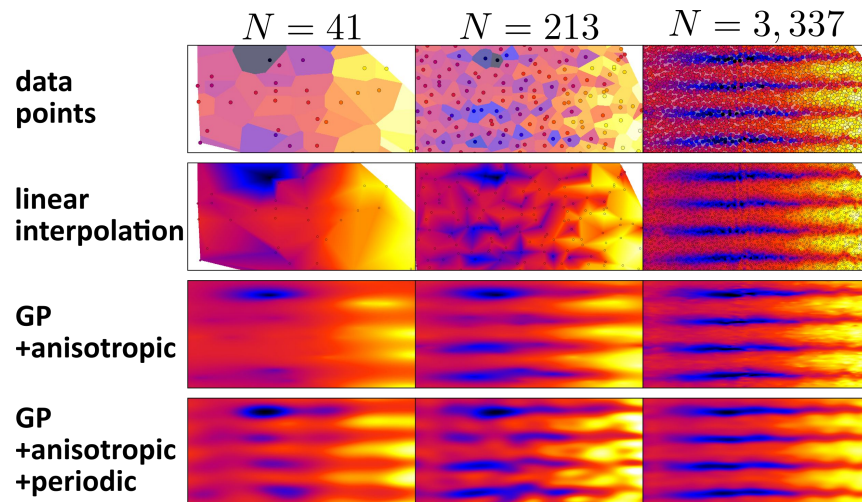
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Physics Knowledge in the Form of Periodicity for X-Ray Scattering

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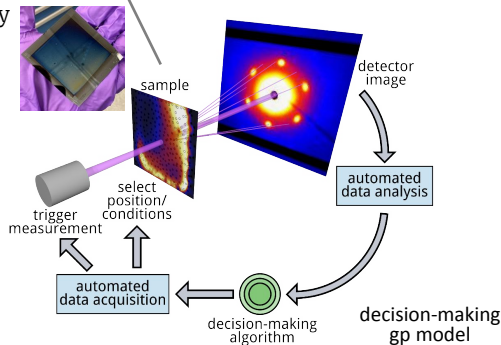
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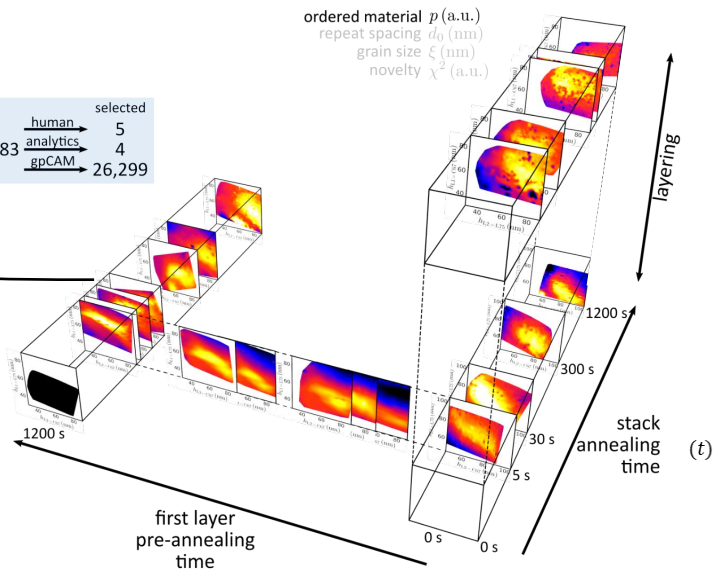
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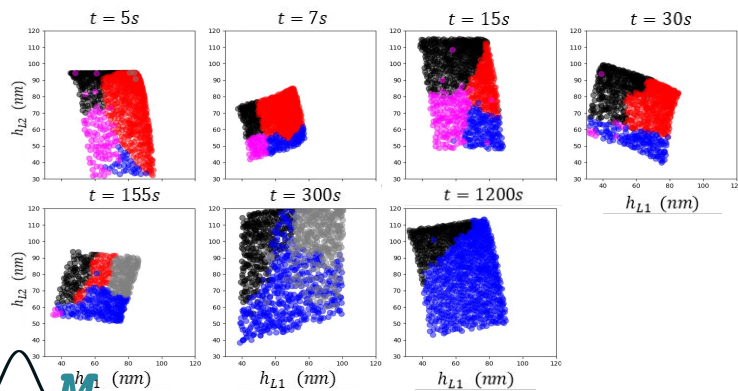
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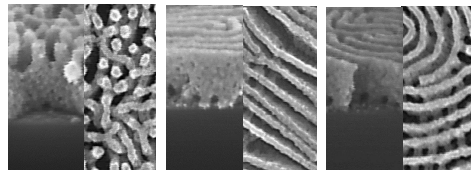
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Structural classification using semi-supervised clustering scheme



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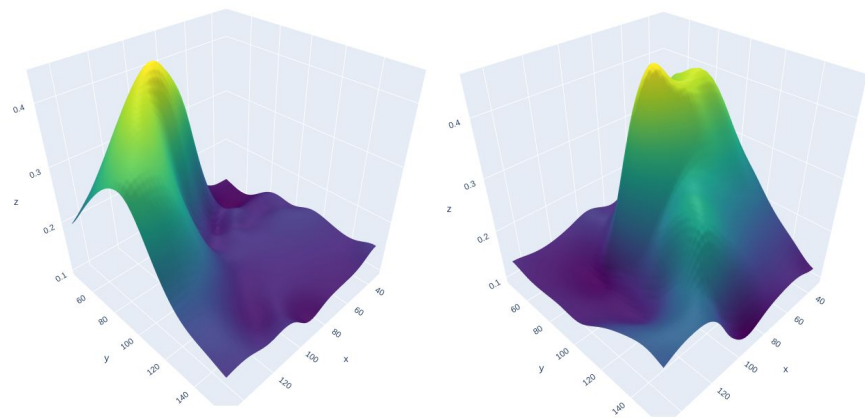
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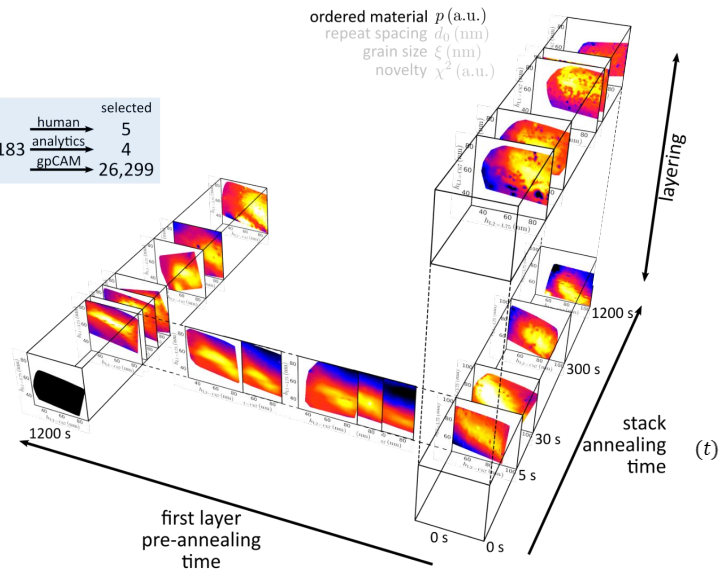
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What do we know about the physics:

1. Space distances are isotropic in 2 directions and anisotropic in time direction.
2. The model function is in [0,1].
3. The sum across all 8 tasks at any position in the input space is 1.
4. 1st order differentiability in all directions






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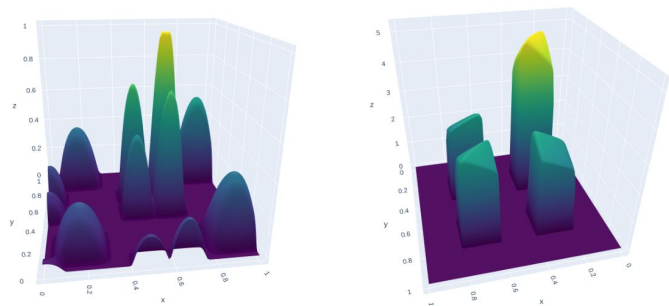


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gp2Scale: Exact Gaussian Processes on Millions of Data Points

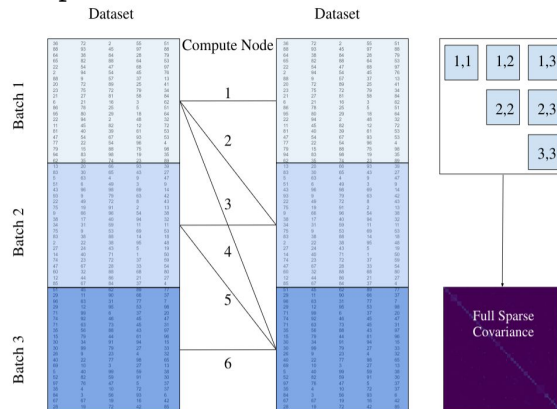
— let kernels discover, not induce, sparsity

Building Block 1: Ultra-Flexible, Compactly Supported and Non-Stationary Kernels



$$k : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Building Block 2: HPC Distributed Covariance Computation



Building Block 3: MCMC Constrained Training


$$\operatorname{argmax}_h \ln(L)$$

subject to $s < \text{sparsity requirement}$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{h,s} \left(\ln(L) + (1 - s) \ln(L) \right)$$

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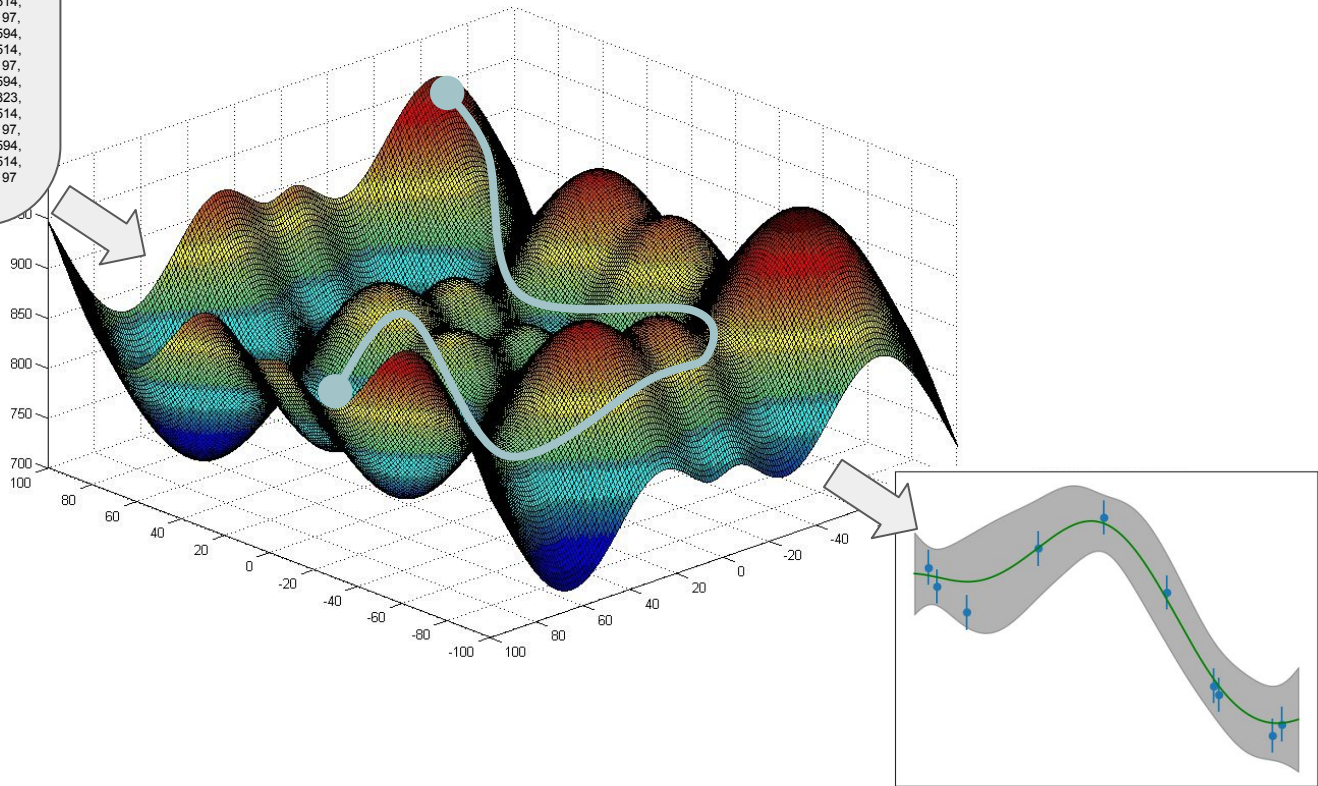
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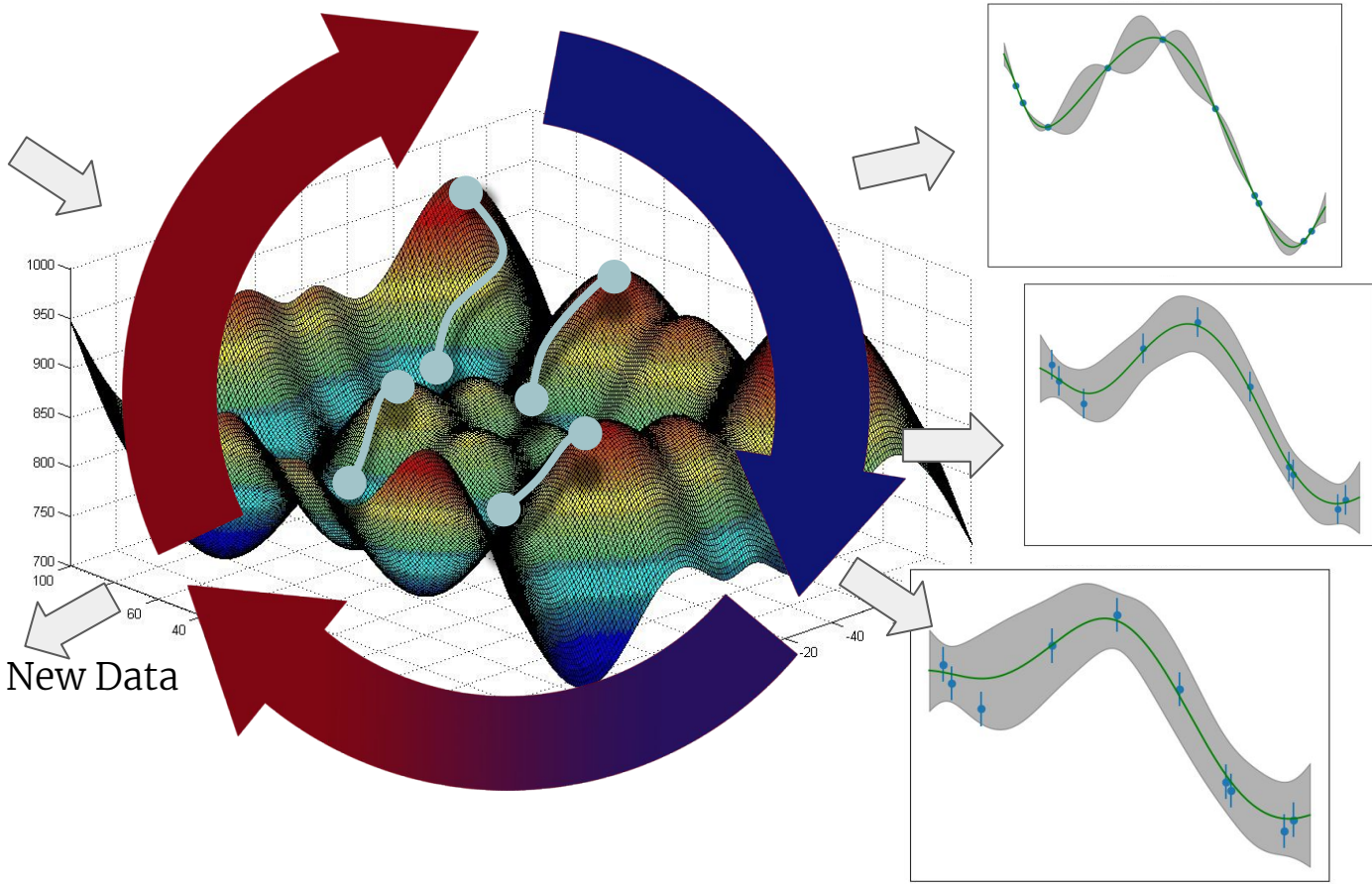
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Minimizing Number of Function Evaluations: Asynchronous Distributed Training

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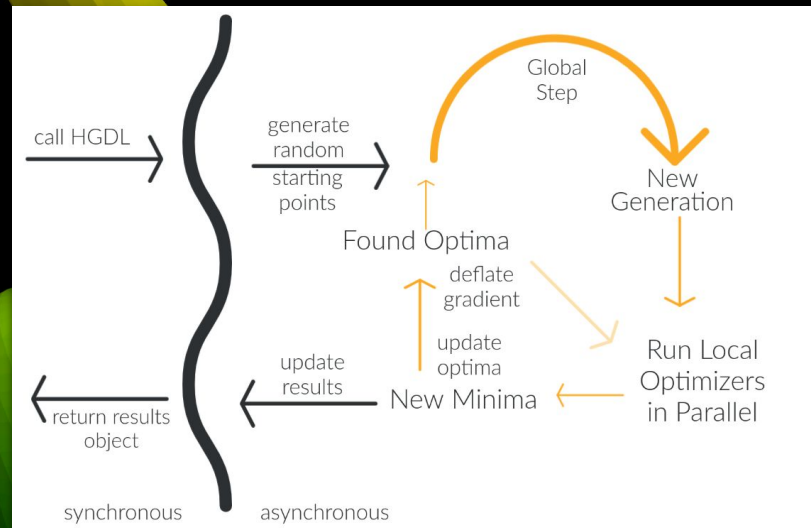
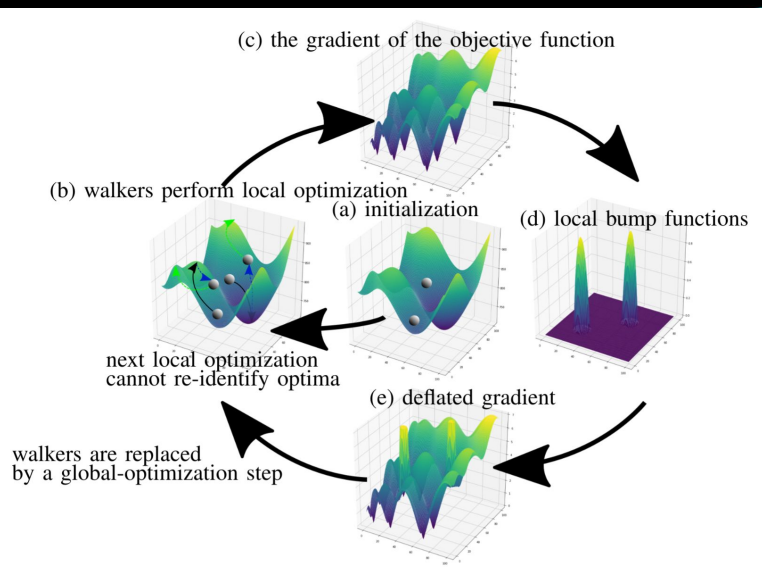
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Optimization of the Log-Likelihood with HGDL

Using High Performance Asynchronous Distributed Optimization for Robust and Efficient GP Training.

$$\log(L(\mathcal{D}; \phi, \mu)) = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x}))^T (\mathbf{K}(\phi) + \mathbf{I}_e)^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}(\mathbf{x})) - \frac{1}{2} \log(|\mathbf{K}(\phi) + \mathbf{I}_e|)$$

Optimization Challenges: Ill-Posedness, Non-Uniqueness, Costly Func. Evals + High-Dim., Blocking Execution




HGDL yields:


1. a set of unique solutions
2. HPC readiness of training and prediction
3. asynchronous training
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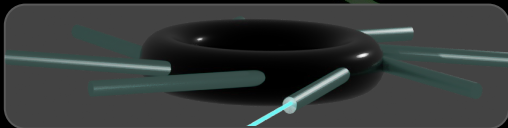
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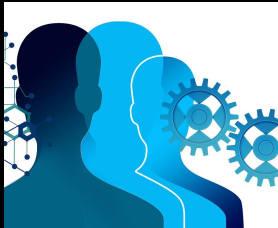
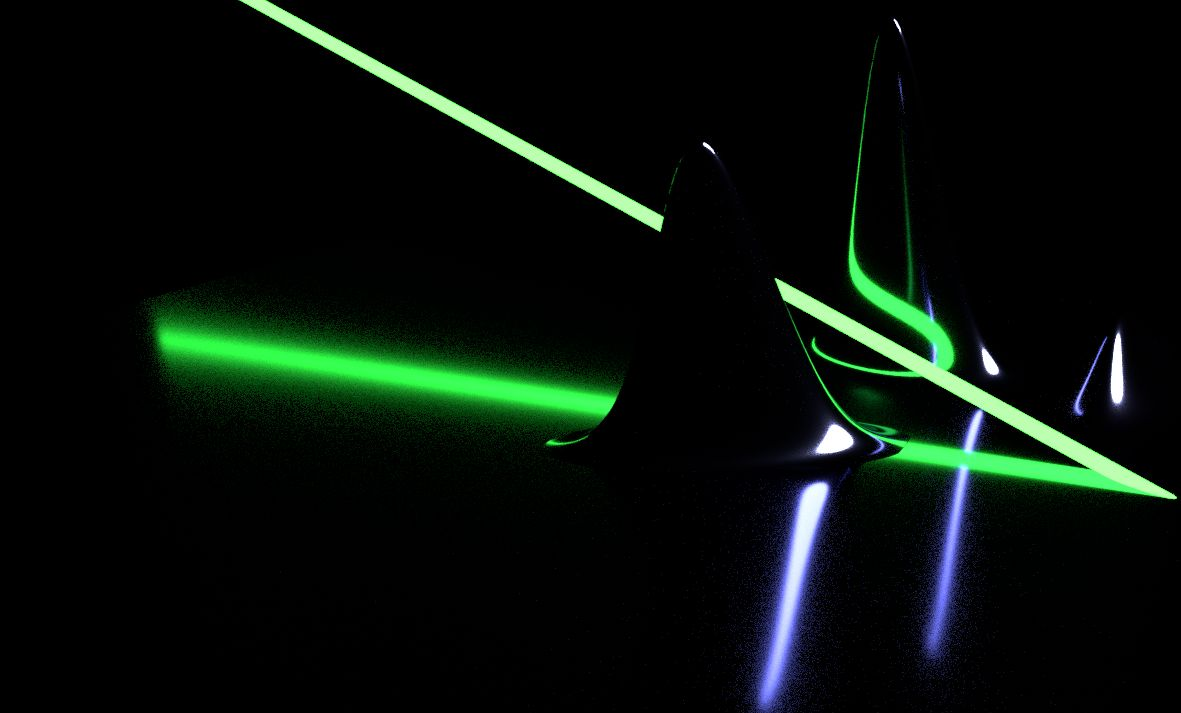
Preliminaries: The Basics of
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Challenges:
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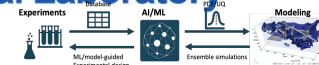
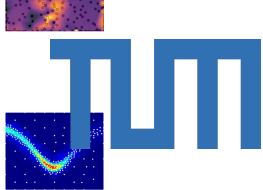
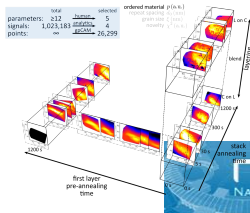
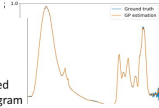
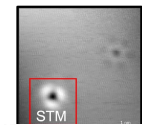


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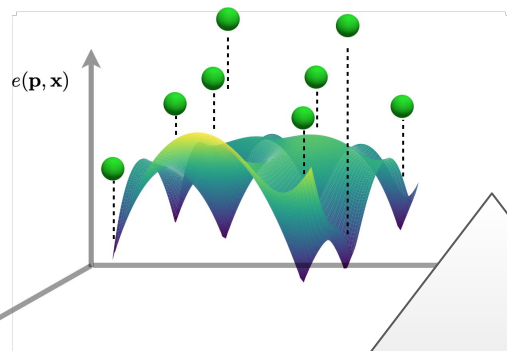
CASE: A Community for Autonomous Scientific Experimentation



Established in 2021
217+ members

<https://autonomous-discovery.lbl.gov/>

The product is three APIs



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`pip install gpcam`

**fvGP: A flexible
multi-task Gaussian
process tool**

`pip install fvgp`

**HGDL: Asynchronous Distributed
Optimizer**

`pip install hgdl`

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from gpcam.autonomous_experimenter import AutonomousExperimenterGP
from instrument import instrument
import numpy as np

parameters = np.array([[3.0, 45.8],
                       [4.0, 47.0]])
init_hyperparameters = np.array([1, 1, 1])

hyperparameter_bounds = np.array([[0.01, 100], [0.01, 100.0], [0.01, 100]])

my_ae = AutonomousExperimenterGP(parameters, instrument, init_hyperparameters,
                                   hyperparameter_bounds, init_dataset_size=10)

my_ae.train()

my_ae.go()
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def instrument(data):
    for entry in data:
        entry["value"] = np.sin(np.linalg.norm(entry["position"]))
    return data
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gpcam.lbl.gov

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21 facilities and counting
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developed by Ron Pandolfi
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