





Chairs

- 1. Al for physical models with geometrical tools (Fabrice Gamboa IMT-UT3)
- 2. Data Assimilation and Machine Learning (Serge Gratton IRIT-ENSEIHT)

Covering a total of

- Permanent researchers (Inner circle only): 9
- Post Doc student: 1
- Ph. D students: 20

Publications

- Journal articles 26
- Conference proceedings 8
- Books 1



Group outlines

How we work

- 1. Recurrent meeting of the whole group, each 2-3 weeks:
 - What's up ?
 - One hour work group around a member's talk
- 2. Semester one day workshop of the group. Example: First one, June 2021 organized in Foix by P. Boudier (NVIDIA).

Scientific contours

- At the crossroads of
 - Numerical Analysis (deterministic approaches)
 - Stochastic modelling and statistics
 - Optimisation
 - Computer sciences
- Strong interactions with the industrial world (majority of the PhDs are on topics proposed by industrial partners)



Industry

- RFence (startup specializing in intrusion detection)
- EDF ("Electricité De France") and CEA ("Commisariat de l'Energie Atomique")
- ATOS (1 CIFRE on DA and 1 on robustness)
- BRLi (1 CIFRE on the prediction of floods)
- Airbus (discussion of IA for simulations)
- ▶ RENAULT, SAFRAN, LIEBHERR, CONTINENTAL, NXP, ...

International collaborations

Belgium, Columbia, Hong Kong, Ireland, Germany, Morocco, Uruguay, USA.



Sensitivity analysis and Computer code experiments

- Sensitivity analysis backgrounds for dimension reduction, interpretability and fairness
- Geometric optimisation problems for reliability of solutions produced by solvers
- Bayesian assimilation of complex computer codes
- Robustness wrt adversarial attacks

Optimization for ML

- Robust methods for stochastic problem
- Methods beyond first order
- Complexity analysis

Solving physical equations with ML

- Architectures informed by Physics
- Training constrained by Physics
- Use of tools from statistics for variable selection and model reduction
- HPC techniques for large scale problems
- Prediction in chaotic systems



People (I)

Permanent

- ▶ T. Pellegrini, R. Chhaibi, P. Boudier, S. Gurol, A. Buttari, S. Zhang, C. Lapeyre
- Associated members: A. Lagnoux, C. Pellegrini, F. Costantino, N. Savy.

Postdoc

► A. Fillion

External collaborations

- Ph.L. Toint (Namur)
- A. Kopaničáková (Brown)



People (II)

PhD students

Sensitivity Analysis and Robustness Clément Benesse Louis Berry* Virgile Foy* Faouzi Hakimi* Marouane II Idrissi* Baalu Ketema* Eva Lawrence Damien Remot* Jérôme Stenger*

≸: Lightning talk*: CIFRE. ◆: Joint.

Optimization for ML

Anirban Bose ◆ Sadok Jerad Ismail Khalfaoui Alexey Lazarev Mehdi Zouitine* Surrogates in ML

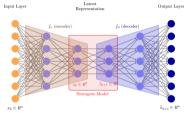
Théo Beuzeville* Valentin Mercier* Vy Nguyen*,◆ Serigne Daouda Pene* Mathis Peyron* Justin Reverdi*,◆ **≸**



- I. Optimal optimization Methods in ML
 - Fast training algorithms (OMS 2021, SIMAX 2020, SIOPT 2020)
 - Parallel solution of PDEs using physical domain decomposition techniques: improving scalability with global information exchange (*submitted*)
- II. Prediction in time dependent physical systems
 - Outperforming Data Assimilation algorithms with ML (QJRMS, 2021)
 - Beating Data Assimilation algorithms with Data driven approach with VAE (QJRMS, 2021)
- III. Fundamental and applied basis for sensitivity analysis (*IJUQ 2020, RESS 2021, Book SIAM 2021, Bernoulli 2022*)
- IV. Reinforcement learning for satellite planning (NeurIPS 2023).

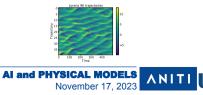


DA refers to prediction of a time dependent variable combining models and data. DA: variational (projection), (small) ensemble



- > DA crucially exploits **dimensionality reduction**.
- Use auto encoder to discover a latent geometry in the physical space
- Model reduction for DA using autoencoders and surrogate networks jointly.
- Not only exploit the latent structure, but also outperform the accuracy of the results obtained by the best DA algorithms. Results on the Lorenz-96 system of equations (Publised in QJRMS), and on the 2-layer quasi geostrophic model of an operational code (OOPS).

Name	RMSE	Inflation	$\sigma_{Q}/\sigma_{Q_\ell}$
ETKF-Q (Reference)	0.193	1.15	0.05
ETKF-Q with surrogate model	0.225	1.116	0.1
Latent ETKF-Q with AE (Ours)	0.177	1.018	5.10^{-5}
Latent ETKF-Q with PCA	0.329	1.082	0.1



ODS autonomous \Longrightarrow DA autonomous

Kalman filter analysis

The posterior mean and covariance depend on time

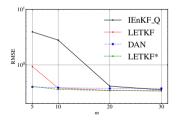
$$\begin{split} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t}^{\boldsymbol{a}} &= \left(\boldsymbol{H}^{\top}\boldsymbol{R}^{-1}\boldsymbol{H} + \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t}^{\boldsymbol{b}}\right)^{-1}\right)^{-1},\\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{t}^{\boldsymbol{a}} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_{t}^{\boldsymbol{b}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{t}^{\boldsymbol{a}}\boldsymbol{H}^{\top}\boldsymbol{R}^{-1}\left(\boldsymbol{y}_{t} - \mathscr{H}\left(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{t}^{\boldsymbol{b}}\right)\right), \end{split}$$

but the analysis transformation does not !

 $\boldsymbol{a} = \left(\mu_t^{\boldsymbol{b}}, \Sigma_t^{\boldsymbol{b}}\right), \boldsymbol{y}_t \mapsto \left(\mu_t^{\boldsymbol{a}}, \Sigma_t^{\boldsymbol{a}}\right)$

DA can be learned as a recurrent net.

$$a^{ heta} \in M \times Y \to M,$$
 (analysis)
 $b^{ heta} \in M \to M,$ (propagation)
 $a^{ heta} \in M \to \text{Gaussians}_{\times}$



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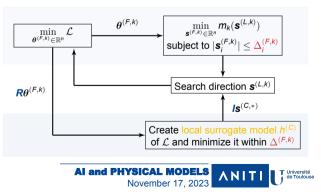
Published in Journal of Advances in Modelling Earth Sciences (JAMES).
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II. OPT(1)

We consider the unconstrained nonlinear programming problem: Given dataset $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{c}_j)\}_{j=1}^p$, find parameters θ of DDN as

 $\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \ell(\mathsf{DNN}(\boldsymbol{x}_j, \boldsymbol{\theta}), \boldsymbol{c}_j) + \mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$



Multilevel Objective Function Free Trust-Region:

- Training is typically performed using 1st-order OFFO methods, e.g. AdaGrad, Adam, ...
- We propose a class of multilevel OFFO algorithms, which contains a momentum-less Adagrad
 - OFFO: reduced sensitivity to the sub-sampling noise
 - Multi-level: reduced computational cost

II. OPT(2)

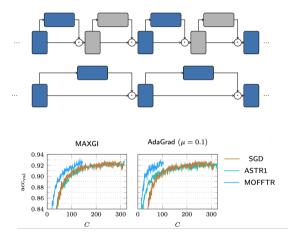
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► Step size is controlled on all levels by means of $\Delta_i^{(F,k)} := |(\nabla \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(F,k)}))_i| / \boldsymbol{w}_i^{(F,k)}$, where $\zeta_i(k+1)^{\nu} < \boldsymbol{w}_i^{(F,k)} < \kappa_w(k+1)^{\mu}$,

or

$$\boldsymbol{w}_{i}^{(k)} := \left(\zeta_{i} + \sum_{j=0}^{k} \left(\nabla \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(F,k)})\right)^{2}\right)^{\mu}$$

- Evaluation complexity (noiseless): At most O(ϵ⁻²) iterations are needed to reduce ||∇L(θ)|| below ϵ
- Numerically tested by training ResNets for supervised learning applications
- Published in SIOPT '23



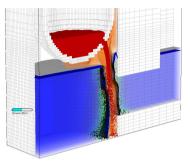
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III. GSA : (1) For understanding code failures

- Studied code: MC3D used by CEA. Simulates and computes the interaction between fuel and coolant for in severe nuclear accidents.
- Exploring the code behaviour: Runs with random samples in the input space.
- Problem: Large amount of runs (1/3) fail to converge



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Work Objective: Analyze the sampled data to understand which of the inputs have the most influence on code failures.

Two methods:

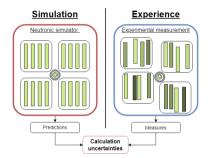
- Conditionally to code failure, goodness-of-fit tests between random input and input samples.
- Dependence measures between each input and occurrence of code failure.
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III. GSA: (2.1) Calibration of (twin of) a nuclear reactor

How to model a **digital twin** in order to realize the **experimental validation** of an industrial simulator dedicated to the design of **nuclear core**?

Problematic :

- Large dimension of the calibration problem : 1000 dimensions.
- Time-consuming computer code : Days on multiple processors



Proposition: Use of a Bayesian methodology to combine real measures and expert knowledge from simulators.

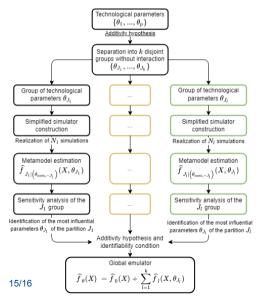
$$\mathbf{z}_{\mathbf{x}_i} = \mathbf{f}_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \delta(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

where *z* are the measurements, f_{θ} the computer code, δ the simulator error, *e* the measurement error and θ the parameters to be calibrated.



III. GSA: (2.2) Bayesian calibration of a nuclear reactor

Global emulator construction



Methodology

- Break multi-physics into smaller pieces: Emulator as a sum of sub-emulators.
- Sample recombination: Use of specific methods from neutronics leading to a significative increase of the effective training datasets.

Results

Possibility to perform the **calibration** of the **digital twin**, based on a small number of Monte-Carlo simulations using **specific neutron methods** and **experimental measurements** on already fabricated reactors.

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IV. Reinforcement Learning applied to satellite planning

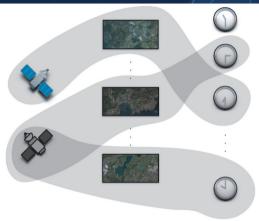


Figure: Satellite Constellation Scheduling: The objective is to match each observation with a suitable satellite and time window, while adhering to a multitude of complex constraints.

Objective

The objective is to explore deep reinforcement learning for developing heuristics for combinatorial optimization problems (COPS).

- Practical application: Satellite constellation scheduling, a complex COP.
- Alongside using Reinforcement Learning for combinatorial optimization problems, we also aim to develop tools to explain our agent's behavior (XAI).

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