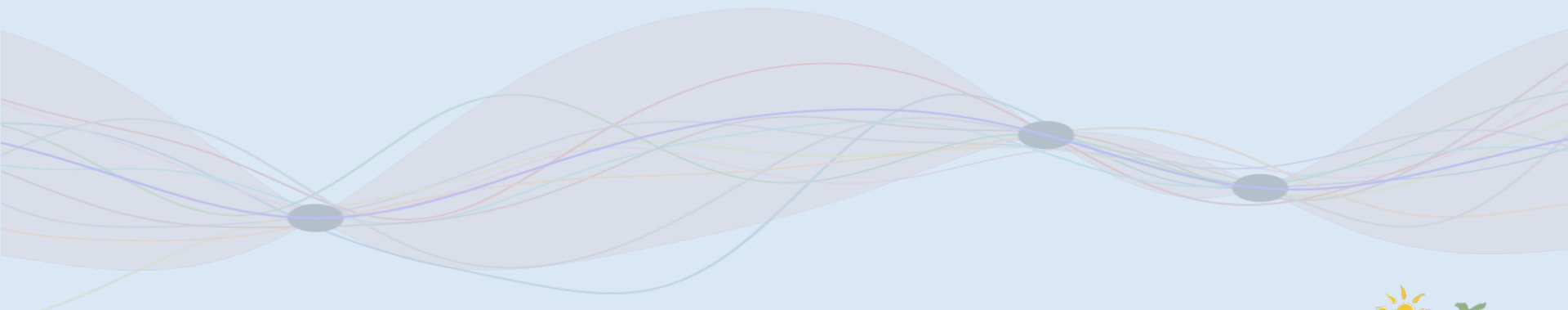


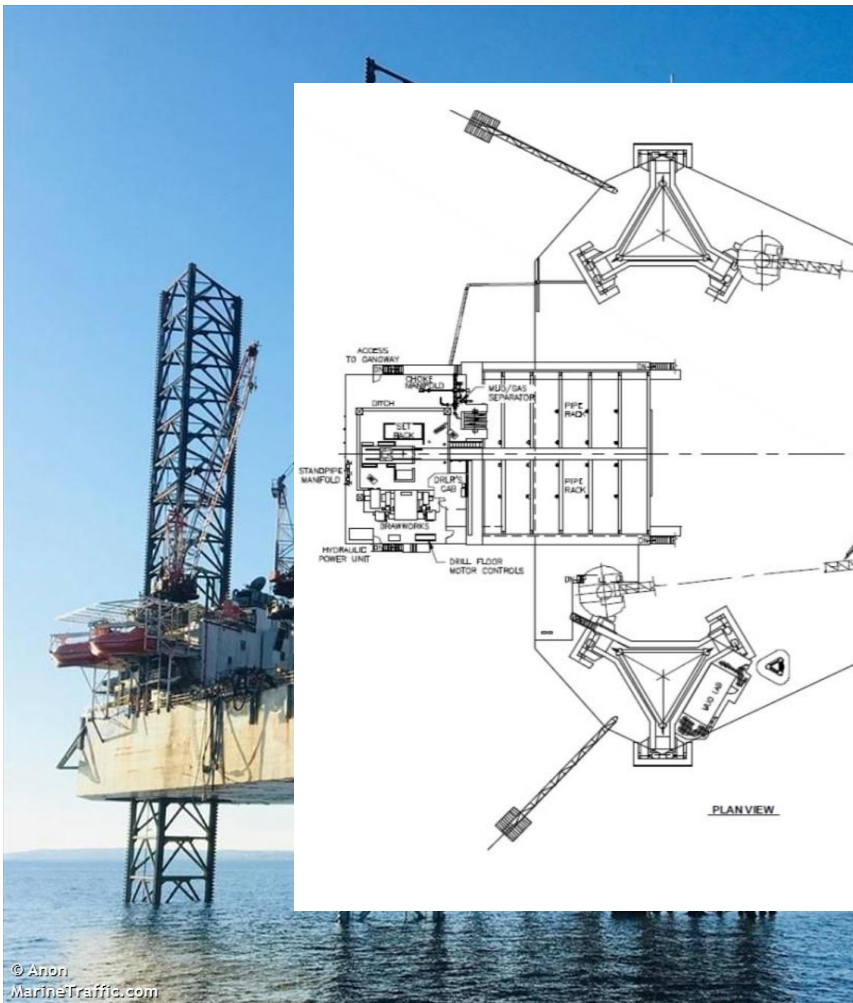
Deep Gaussian processes

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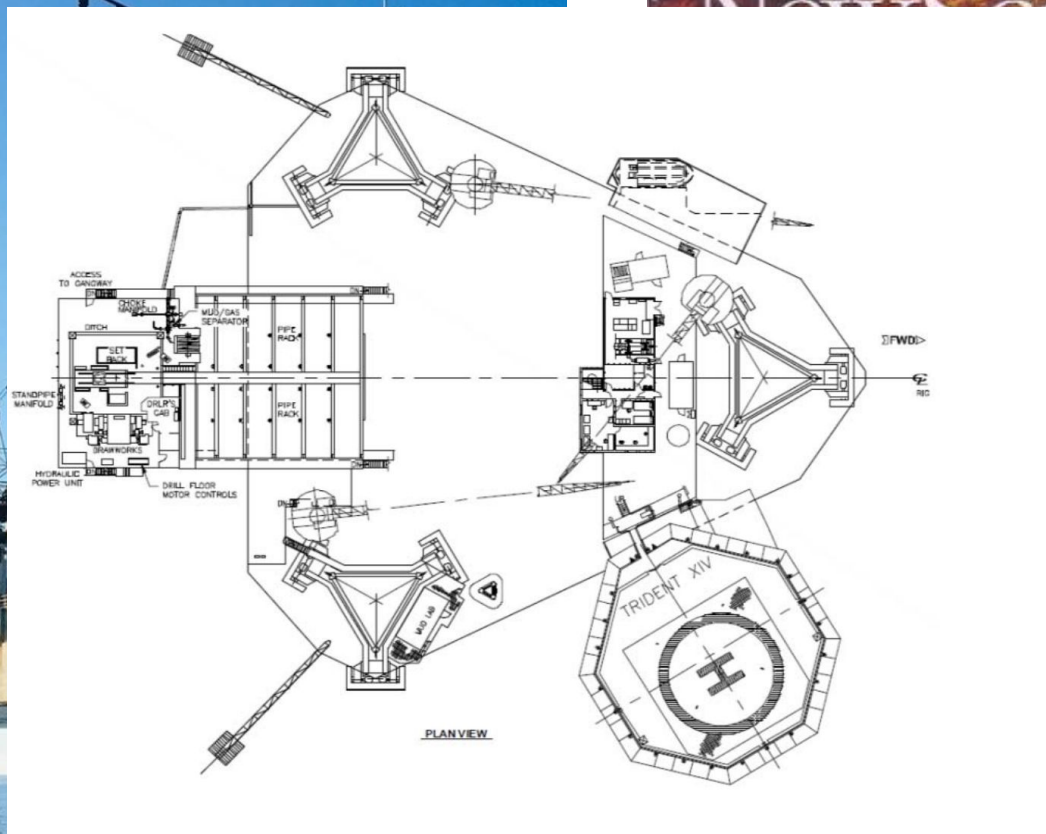
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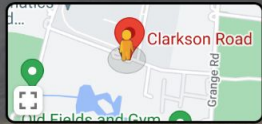
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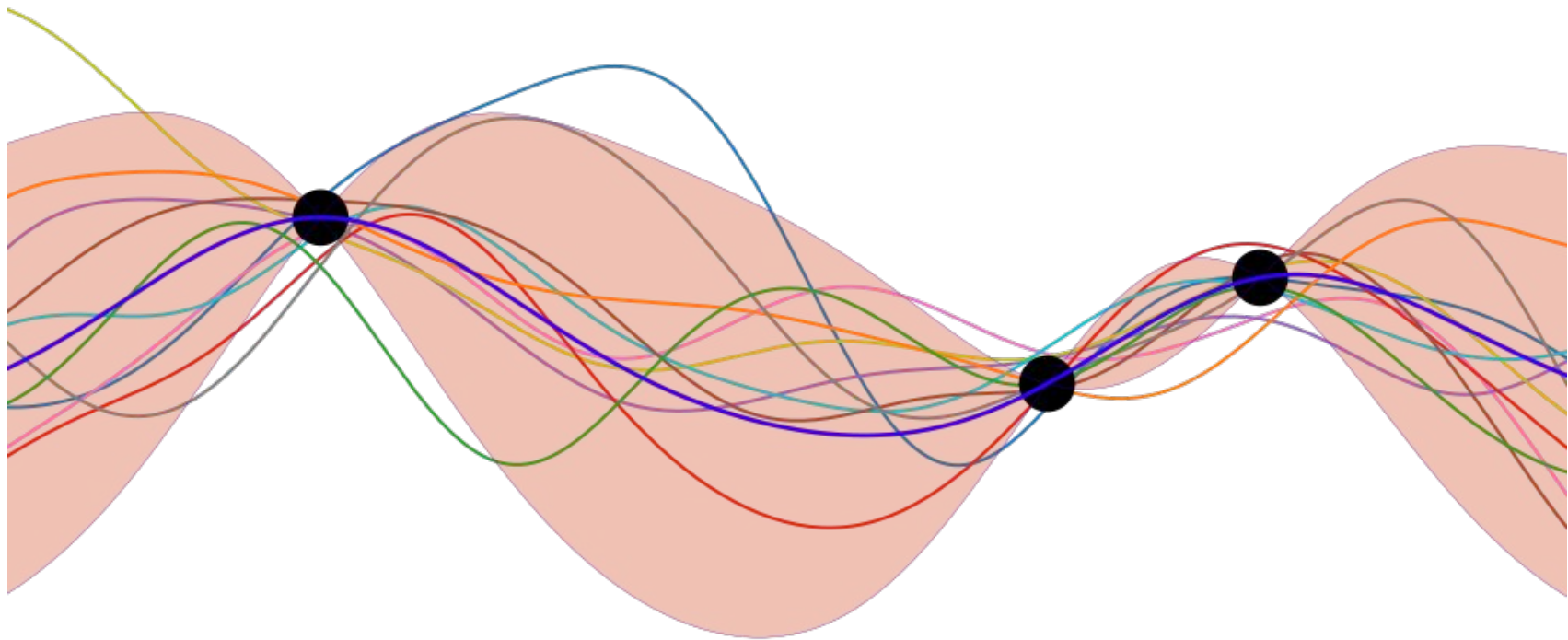
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direction for further research.

11.1. HAVE WE THROWN THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATH WATER?

According to the hype of 1987, neural networks were meant to be intelligent models which discovered features and patterns in data. Gaussian processes in contrast are simply smoothing devices. How can Gaussian processes possibly replace neural networks? What is going on?

I think what the work of Williams and Rasmussen (1996) shows is that many real-world data modelling problems are perfectly well solved by sensible smoothing methods. The most interesting problems, the task of feature discovery for example, are not ones which Gaussian processes will solve. But maybe multilayer perceptrons can't solve them either.

On the other hand, it may be that the limit of an infinite number of

Gaussian Processes in Practice Workshop

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Bletchley Park, U.K.
12 - 13 June 2006



Workshop Now Over

Post-proceedings deadline for submissions is 15th September 2006. See [this page for details](#) . The slides presented at the workshop are available from the [schedule page](#) .

Breaking News

Note: Accommodation in Milton Keynes is filling up fast due to rock concerts and the British Grand Prix.

There has been a recent upsurge in interest in Gaussian processes for solving a variety of machine learning problems. Simultaneously there have been recent rapid developments in efficient approximation techniques for Gaussian processes and novel unifying theories of existing approximation techniques.

This workshop will bring experts in Gaussian processes together with individuals who are using Gaussian processes at the forefront of research in their fields. We will start with a set of talks that will relate the latest developments in Gaussian processes (speakers include Chris Williams, Carl Rasmussen, David MacKay and Ed Snelson) while the second portion of talks will discuss application fields where Gaussian processes are being applied as state-of-the-art technologies: Robotics, Graphics and Vision (speakers include Brian Ferris, Aaron Hertzmann and Raquel Urtasun).

Gaussian Processes for
Machine Learning



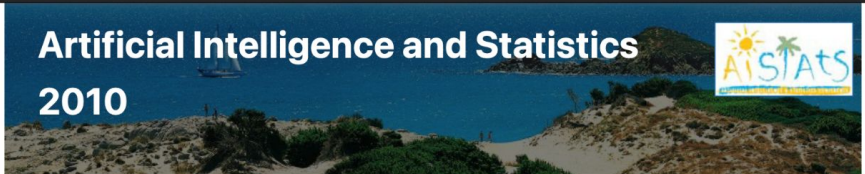
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Artificial Intelligence and Statistics 2010



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The [Proceedings of AISTATS 2010](#) are now available.

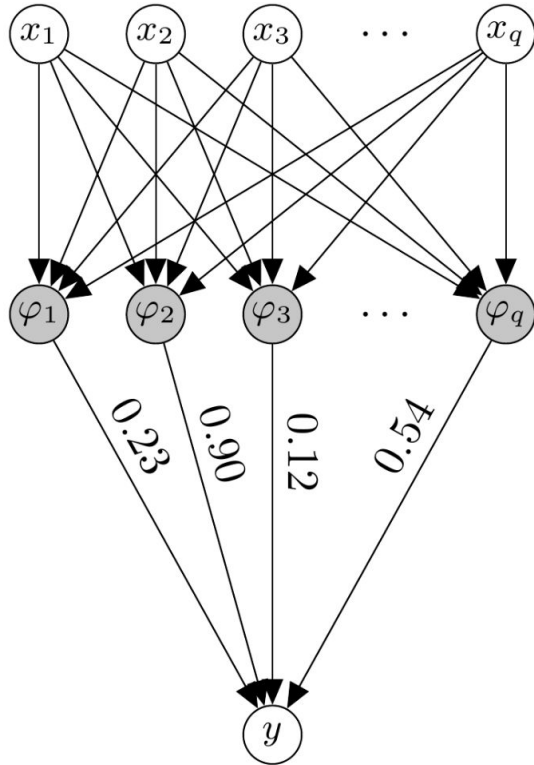
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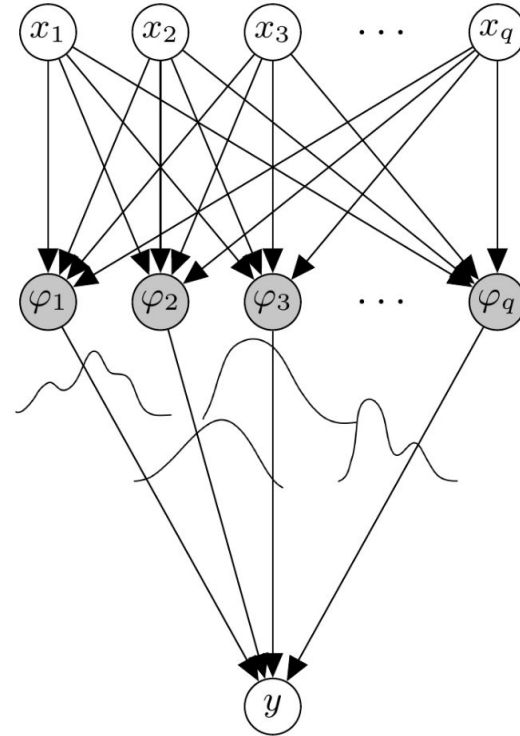
This webpage acts as a record of the program and talks given.

Bayesian Neural Network



Neural Network

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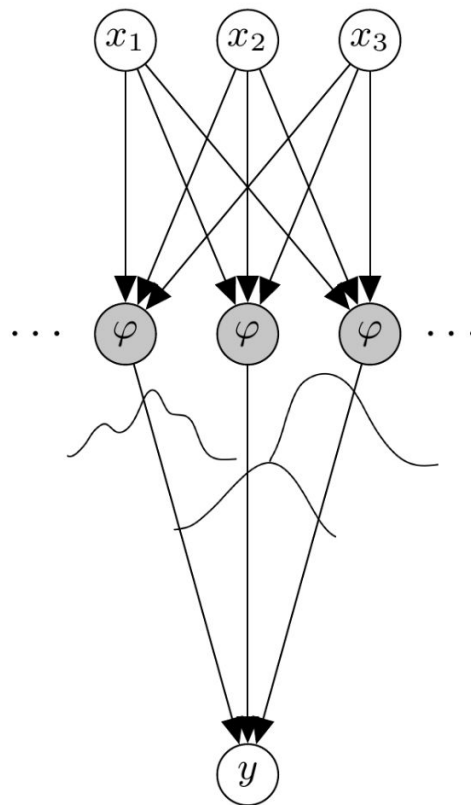
Bayesian Neural Network

From NN to GP

- In the limit of infinite units we obtain a GP [1].
- Think of a function as an infinite dimensional vector.

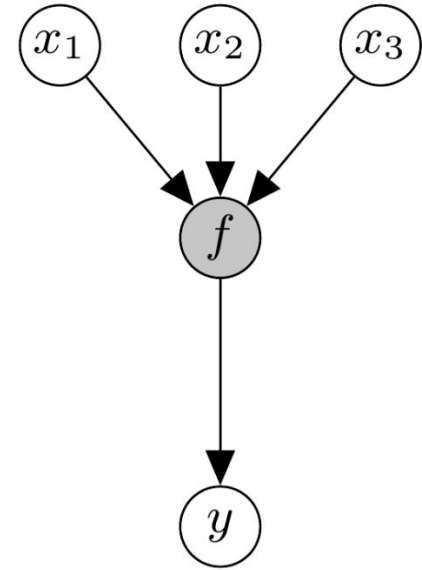
$f \sim \mathcal{GP}(0, k(x, x'))$. f is stochastic!

- A GP is a distribution over functions (inference directly in function space).

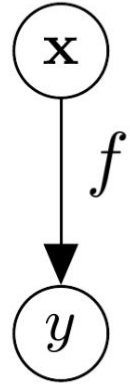


[1] Radford Neal. *Bayesian learning for neural networks*. 1995

From NN to GP



From NN to GP



Deep GP

- Define a recursive stacked construction

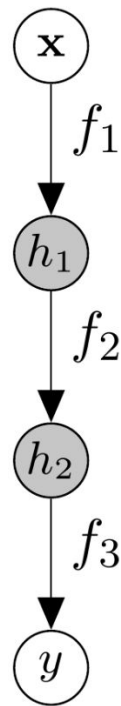
$$f(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \text{GP}$$

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Compare to:

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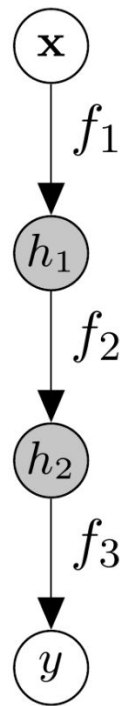
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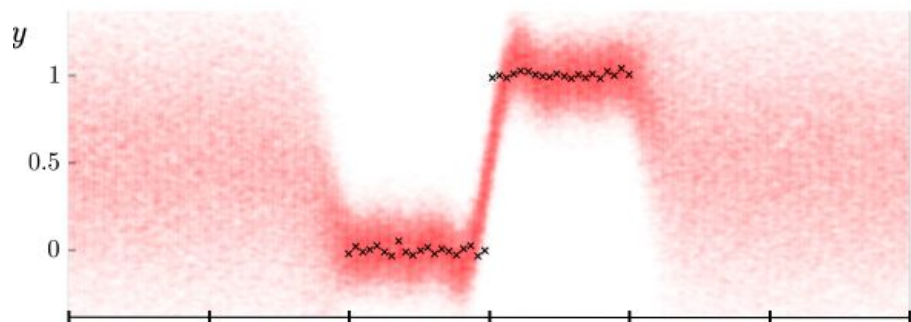


Damianou & Lawrence, AISTATS 2013

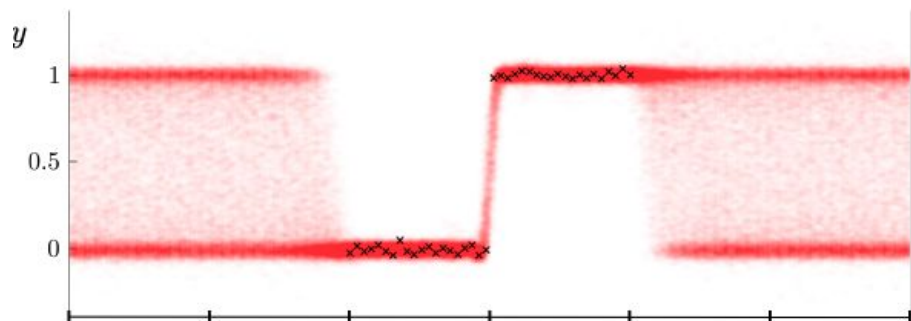
Relax the assumption of global smoothness

Deep GP

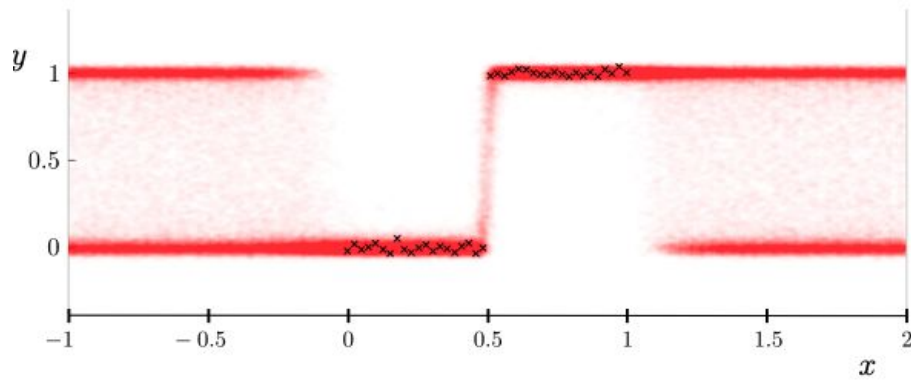
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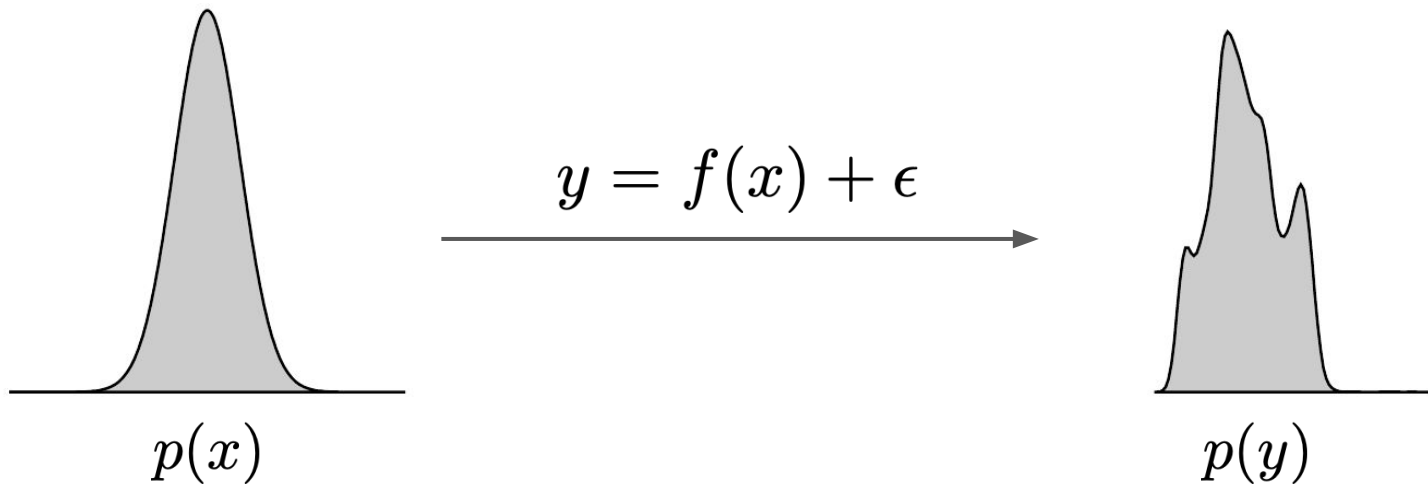
DGP
1 layer



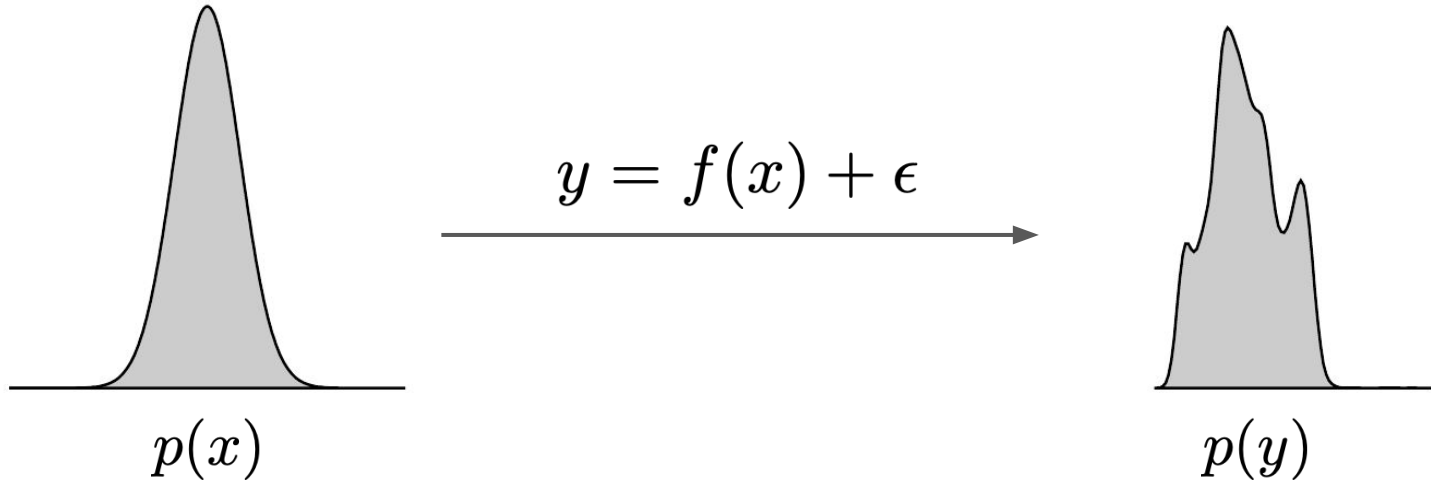
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Propagating uncertainty through non-linearities



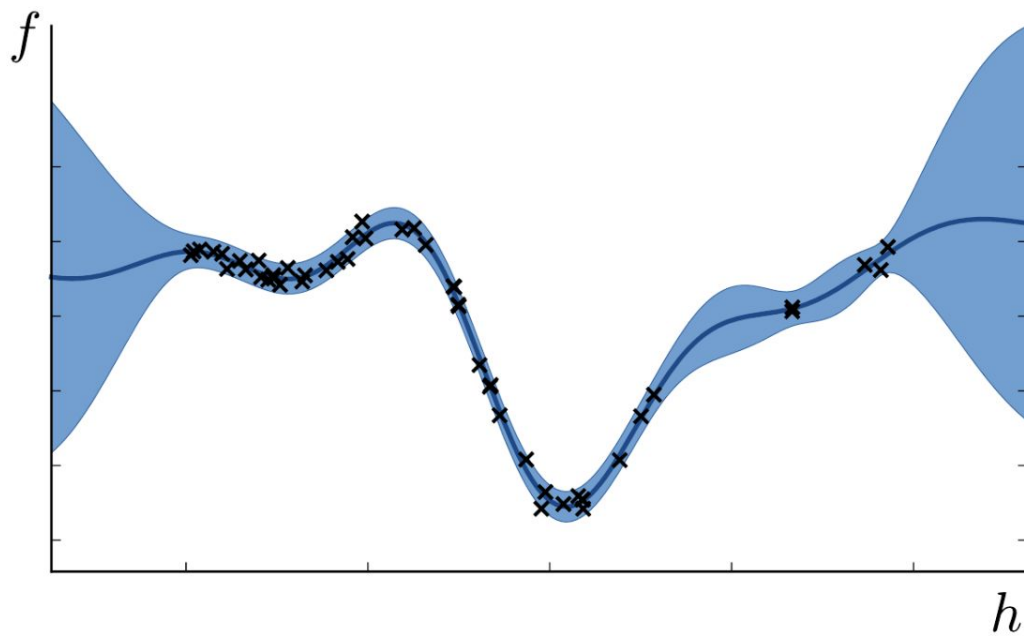
Propagating uncertainty through non-linearities



Without uncertainty propagation I can't have a DGP (I lose the stochasticity).

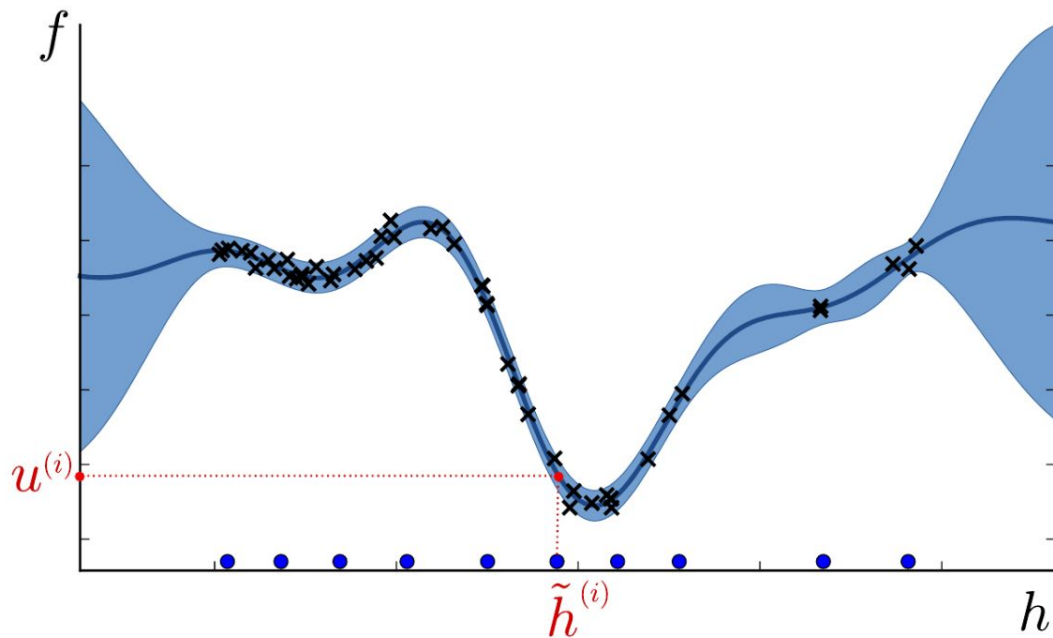
Inducing points in Gaussian processes

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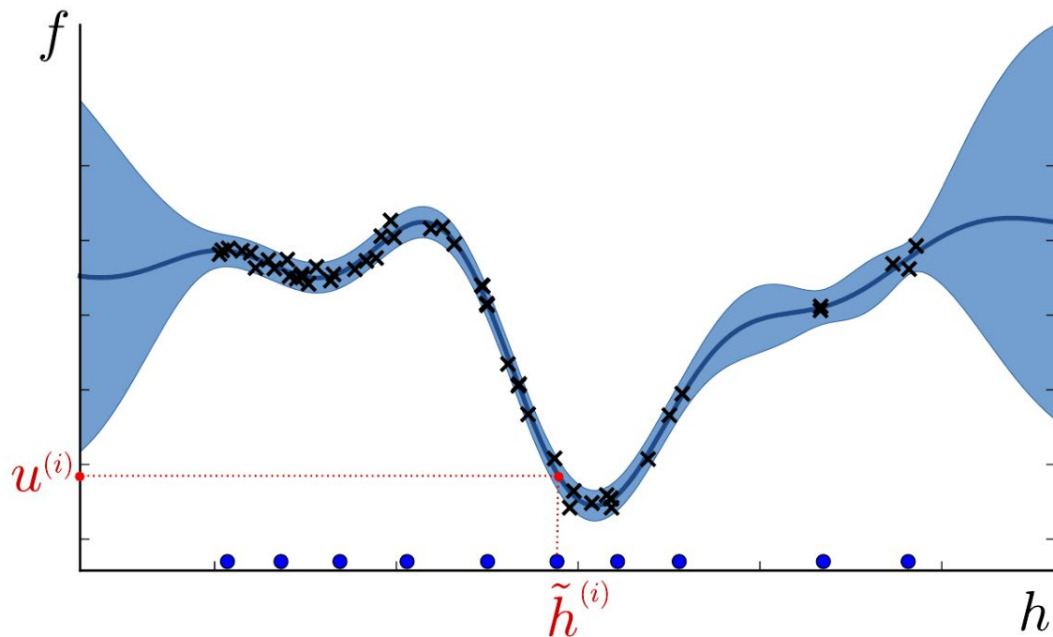
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- Inducing points originally introduced for faster **(sparse) GPs**
- We can also use them to **induce tractability**: the information in $f = f(h)$ is compressed in u independently of h , allowing for the uncertainty of h to be propagated through the nonlinearity

[Titsias & Lawrence 2010, Damianou & Lawrence 2013, Hensman & Lawrence 2014].



Two lines of work converging: modeling & approximations

2003: **Warped GP**
(Snelson et al.)

2004:
GP-LVM
(Lawrence)

2007: **Hierarchical GP-LVM**
(Lawrence & Moore)

2011: **Latent GP inputs
with GP prior (VGPDS)**
(Damianou et al.)

May other works focusing
on: scalability,
approximations, analysis,
extensions...

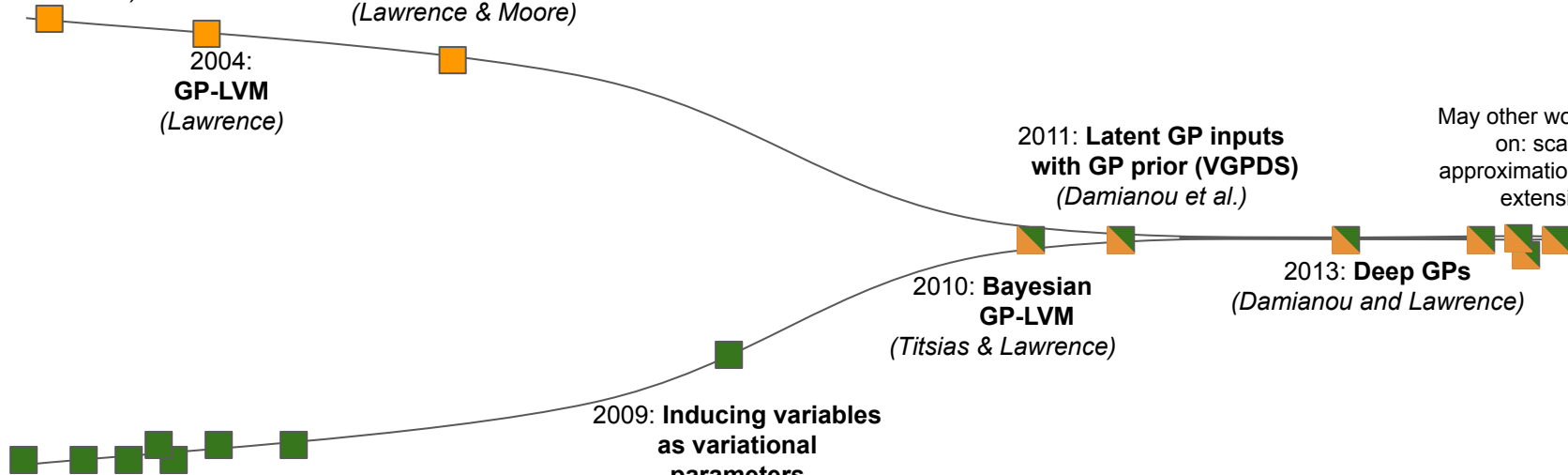
2010: **Bayesian
GP-LVM**
(Titsias & Lawrence)

2013: **Deep GPs**
(Damianou and Lawrence)

2009: **Inducing variables
as variational
parameters**
(Titsias)

Inducing points for Sparse GPs

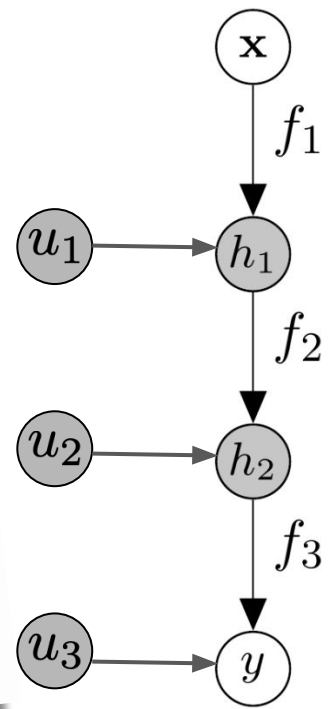
(Williams and Seeger, 2001; Smola and Bartlett, 2001;
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and Ghahramani, 2006; Quinónero-Candela and
Rasmussen, 2005)



Different treatments of the inducings \rightarrow different properties

Depending on how we treat the variational distribution on u , we can have:

- Distributed computations [*Gal et al. 2014, Dai et al. 2014*], or
- Fully parallel inference in the style of SVI-GP [*Hensman et al. 2013, Hensman et al. 2014*]



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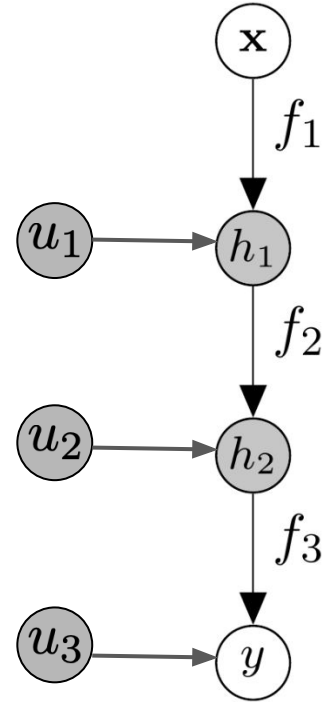
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Different treatments of the inducings \rightarrow different properties

The following distributions are involved in a variational approximation:

$$q(h_1, h_2, \dots), q(u_1, u_2, \dots)$$

They're treated differently depending on the particular method.



Various Deep GP approximations

NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST

- Mean-field, re-parameterized [*Damianou & Lawrence '13, Damianou '15*]
- Amortized with NNs [*Dai et al. '14*]
- Approximate scalable EP [*Bui et al. '16*]
- Projected $q(h)$ distribution in nested variational inference. [*Hensman & Lawrence '14*]
- Sample through the $q(f_{1:L})$ chain to maintain layer coupling [*Salimbeni & Deisenroth '17*]
- Sampling + FITC + MAP for inducing variables [*Vafa '16*]
- Approximate kernel's spectral density + VI [*Cutajar et al. '17*]
- DeepGPs & NN regularization connections [*Gal & Ghahramani '15; Louizos & Welling '16*]
- Variational distribution with correlation across layers [*Ustyuzhaninov et al. '20*]

See also: Keynote @ NeurIPS workshop on Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference, A. Damianou, 2017

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Doubly Stochastic Variational Inference for Deep Gaussian Processes

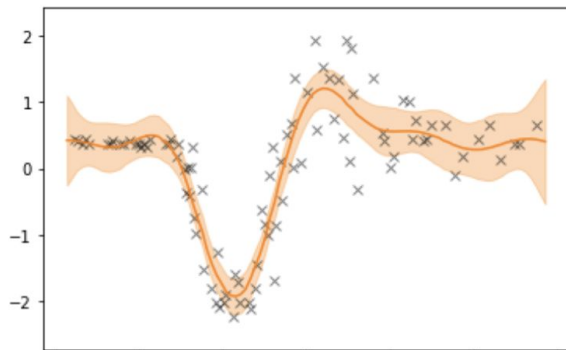
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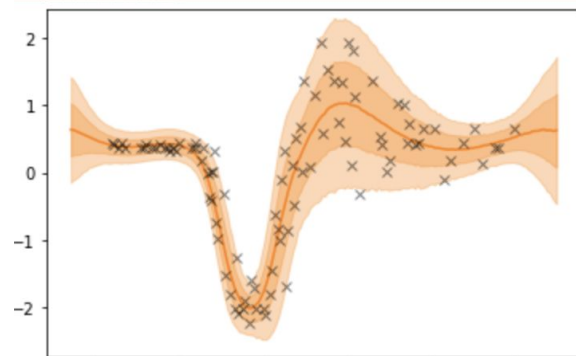
Doubly stochastic VI for DGPs [Salimbeni & Deisenroth 2017]

$$q(\{f_l, u_l\}_{l=1}^L) = \prod_{l=1}^L p(f_l | u_l; f_{l-1}) q(u_l)$$

No “bottleneck” layers (noise corrupted intermediate outputs)



Doubly-stochastic VI



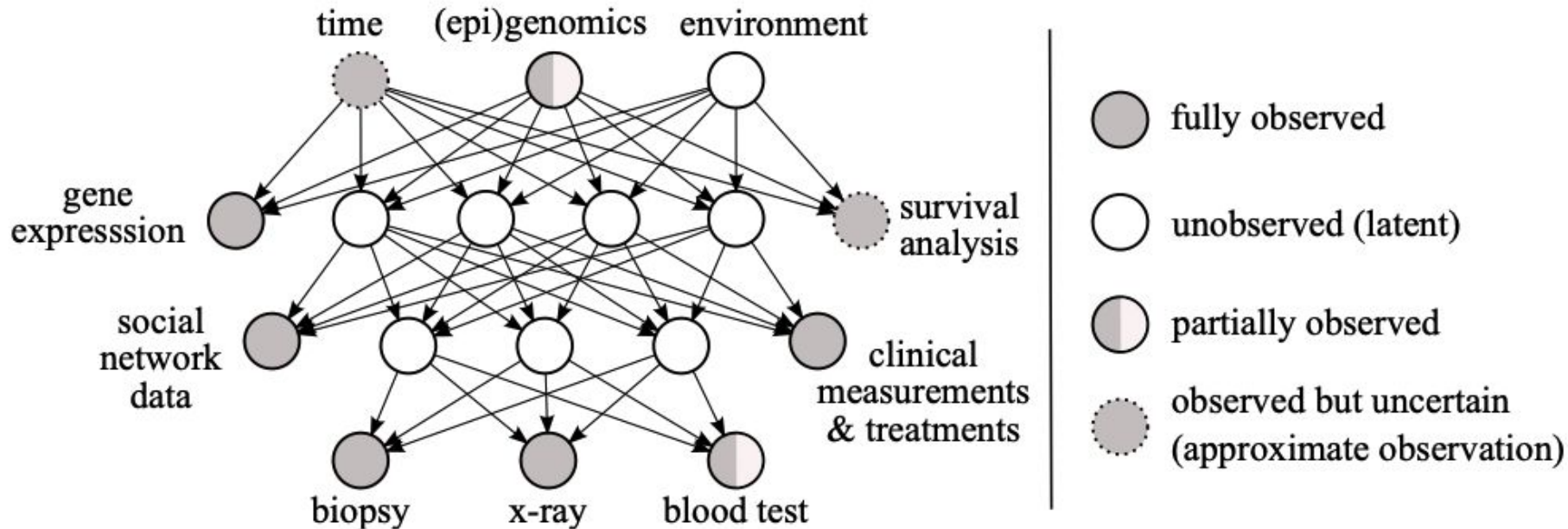
Mean-field VI

* Img from GPflux.
Thanks to Vincent
Dutordoir for the insights.

This can *sometimes* have trouble with modeling heteroscedastic noise.

But! It makes the model more practical: No “bottleneck” layers h , no need to worry about initializing them!
Very popular approximation choice in DGP software.

Emphasis on latent variable or function learning?



A deep, non-linear, non-parametric multi-view extension of factor analysis.

See [Manifold Relevance Determination](#) [Damianou et al. 2012], [Damianou et al. 2016]

Software for DGPs

- **GPflux**: A library for DGPs. [\[Dutordoir et al. 2021\]](#) Based on GPflow and Tensorflow.
- Bayesian Layers (based on **Edward** prob. programming); [\[Tran et al. 2019\]](#)
- **MXFusion** based on MXnet prob. programming [\[Dai et al. 2018\]](#)

- **GPyTorch** [\[Gardner et al. 2018\]](#) (focus on conj. gradients for scalability)
- **GPy** (PyDeepGP)
- **MATLAB deepGP** [\[Damianou et al. 2013\]](#)

- Others (see Appendix A from GPflux library)



Deep Gaussian process regression for lithium-ion battery health prognosis and degradation mode diagnosis

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MEMES: Machine learning framework for Enhanced Molecular Screening^{†‡}

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A Deep Gaussian Process-Based Flight Trajectory Prediction Approach and Its Application on Conflict Detection

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Empirical Assessment of Deep Gaussian Process Surrogate Models for Engineering Problems

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Gait Prediction and Variable Admittance Control for Lower Limb Exoskeleton With Measurement Delay and Extended-State-Observer

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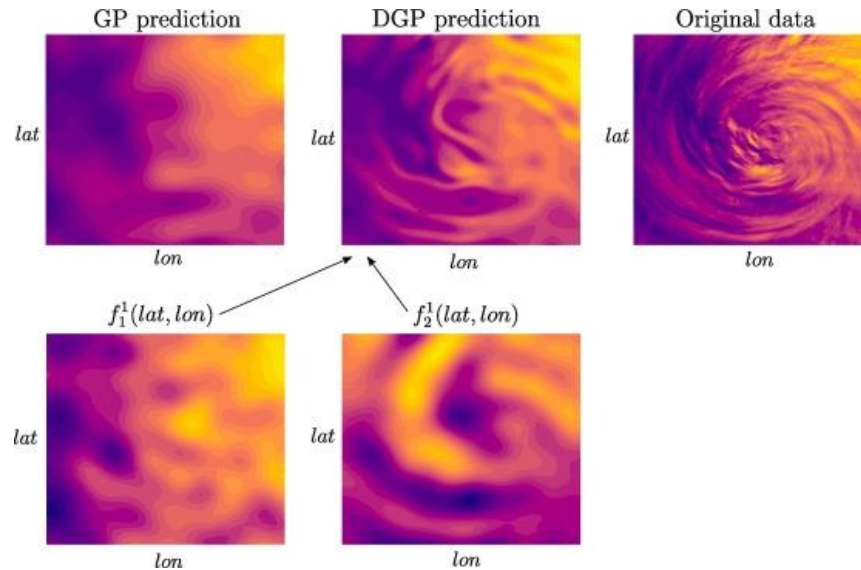


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- **Speech synthesis** [[Koriyama and Kobayashi, 2019](#); [Mitsui et al. 2021](#)]
- **Novelty detection** [[Domingues et al., 2018](#)]
- **(Inverse) RL** [[Jin et al., 2015](#); [Gadd et al. 2020](#)]
- **Transfer learning** [[Kandemir, 2015](#)]
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Hurricane structure modeling with DGPs

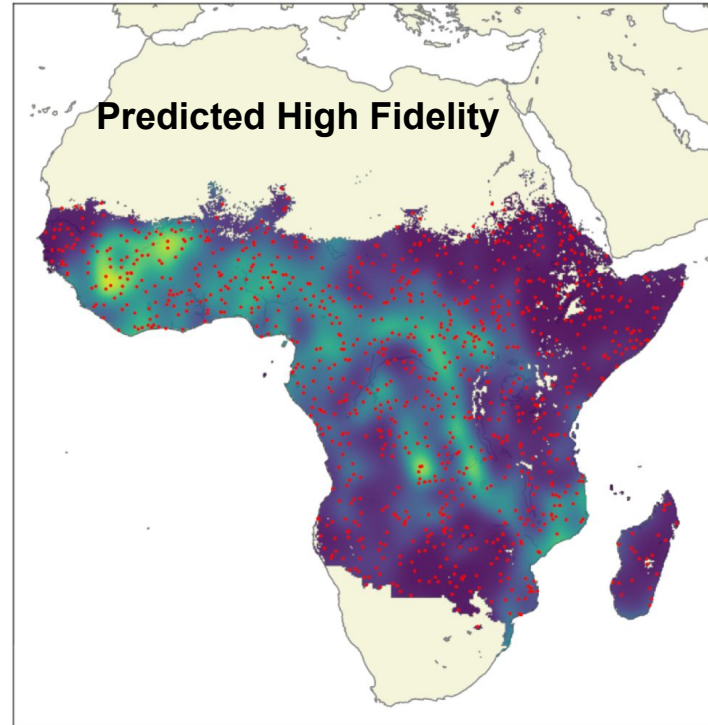
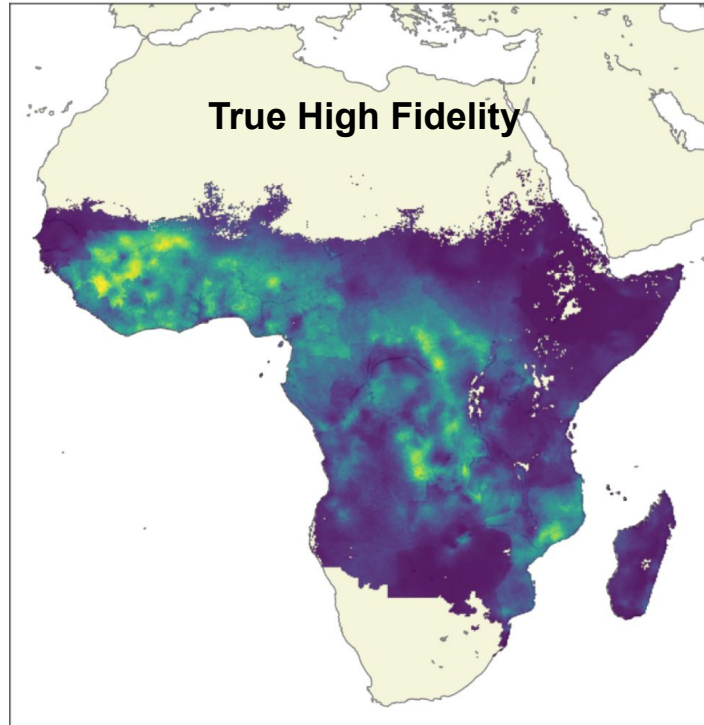
The models to be inverted are highly hierarchical and modular, calling for a layered approach.



Layer 1 captures low frequencies; layer 2 focuses on the hurricane structure. A single GP layer leads to a too blurry prediction, unable to capture the whirl structure.

[Svendsen et al. 2020]

DGP Multi-fidelity modeling *for infection rates of plasmodium falciparum*



- **High fidelity:** Few samples from left figure (2015 data).
- **Low fidelity:** Many samples from 2005 data.

[Cutajar et al. 2018, Perdikaris et al. 2017]

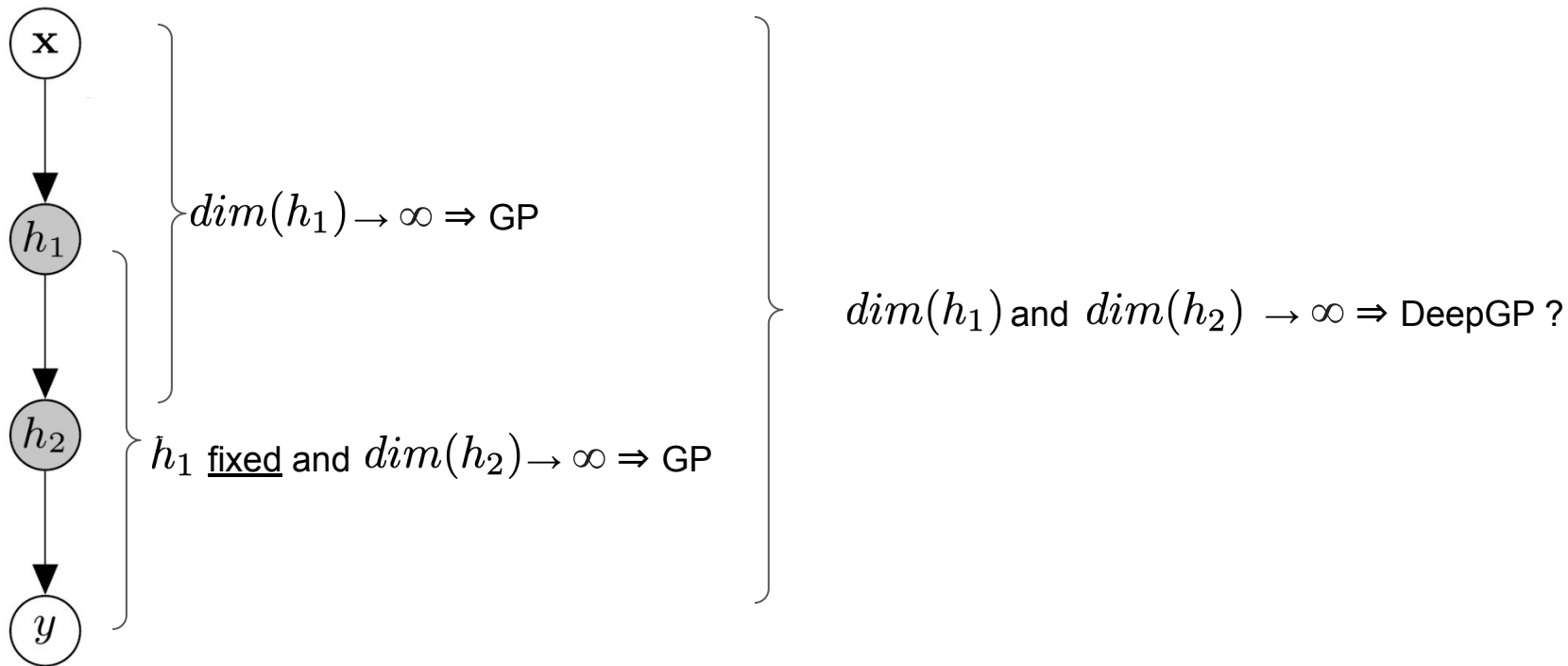
Derivative and related models

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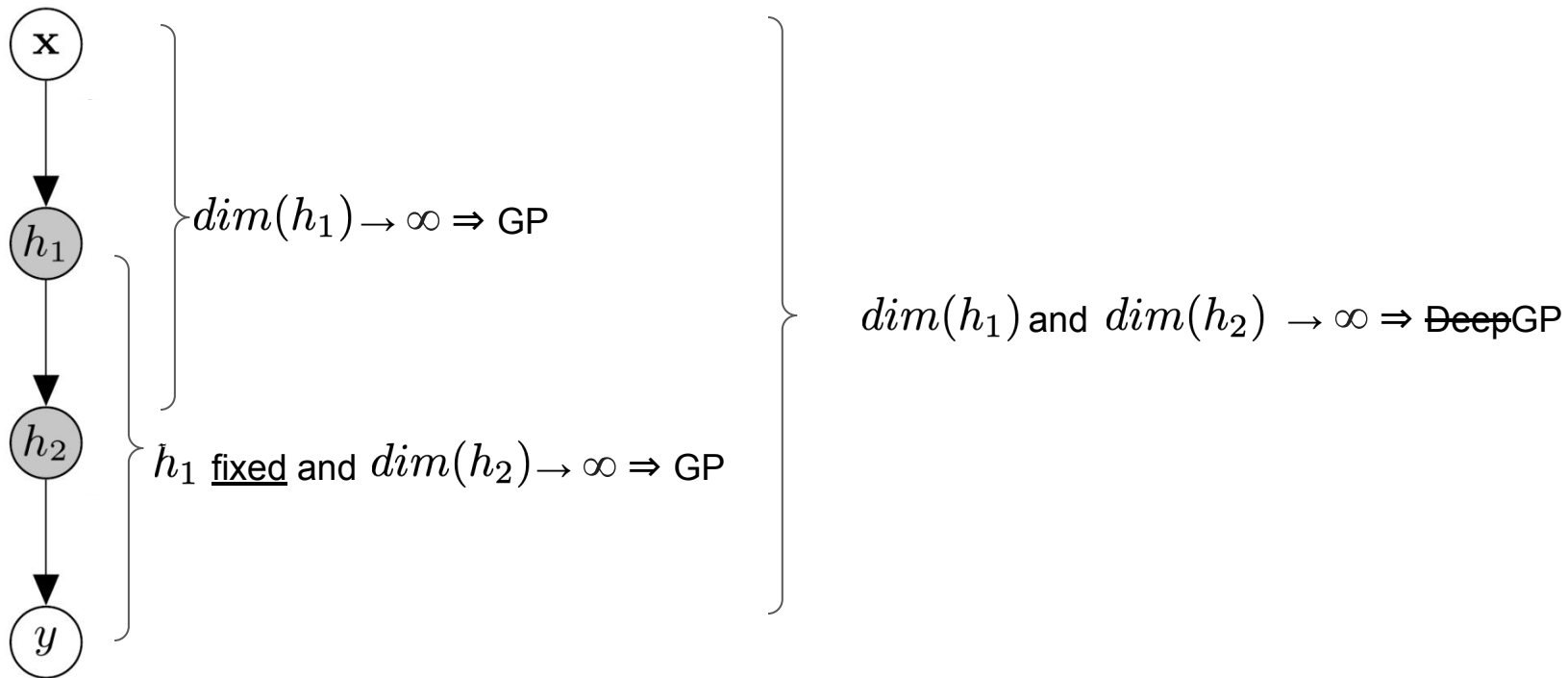
- **Deep kernel GP** [\[Wilson et al. 2015\]](#)
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- **State-space DGP** [\[Zhao et al. 2021\]](#)
- **DGPs over Graphs** [\[Li et al. 2020, Opolka and Lió 2022, Jiang et al. 2022\]](#)
- **Connections of DGPs to Transformers** [\[Chen et al. 2023\]](#)

Limit properties

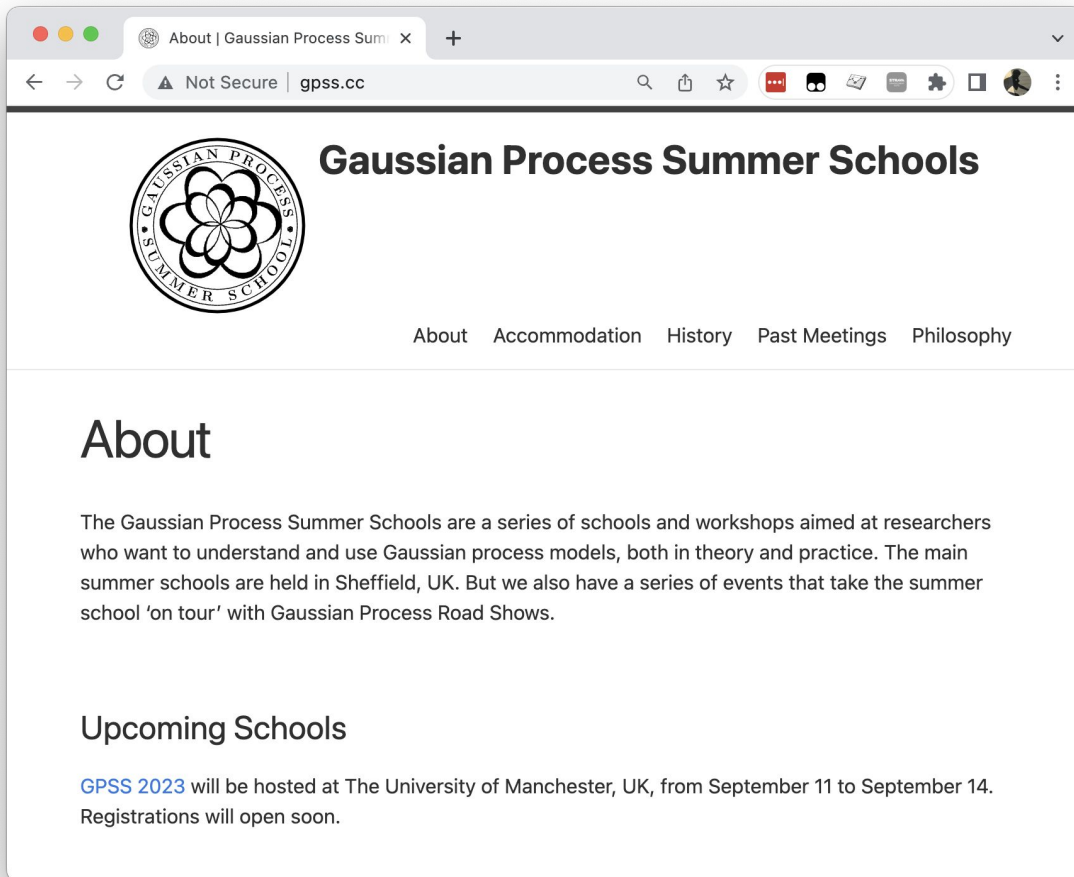


Limit properties



Theoretical analysis of DGPs


- **Degrees of freedom** reduces across layers for *very deep networks* [Duvenaud et al., 2014, Dunlop et al. 2018]. But this can be fixed in the DGP case:
 - Connect inputs to every layer [Duvenaud et al. 2014].
 - Identity mean function [Salimbeni & Deisenroth 2017].
 - Increase width of bottleneck layers [Dunlop et al. 2018].
- **Ergodicity analysis** (DGP samples form a Markov chain across layers) [Dunlop et al. 2018]
 - Convergence analysis and effect of numbers of layers
- **PAC-Bayesian bounds** for (some) DGP models [Föll et al. 2019]
- **DGPs** \longleftrightarrow **DNNs** [Dutordoir et al. 2021]: Build a DGP layer with mean that resembles a NN layer



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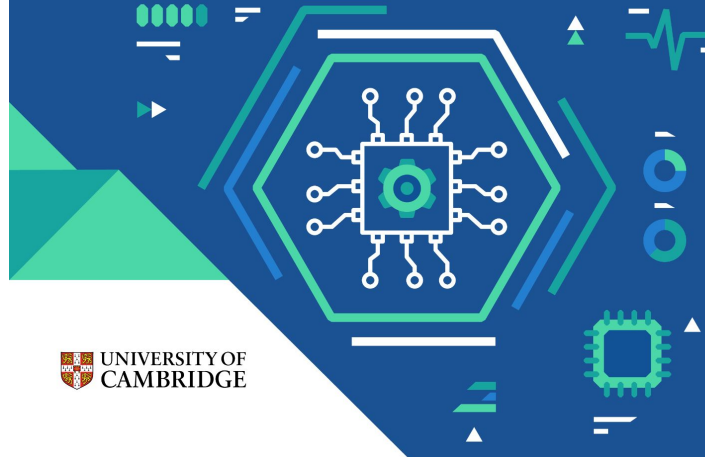
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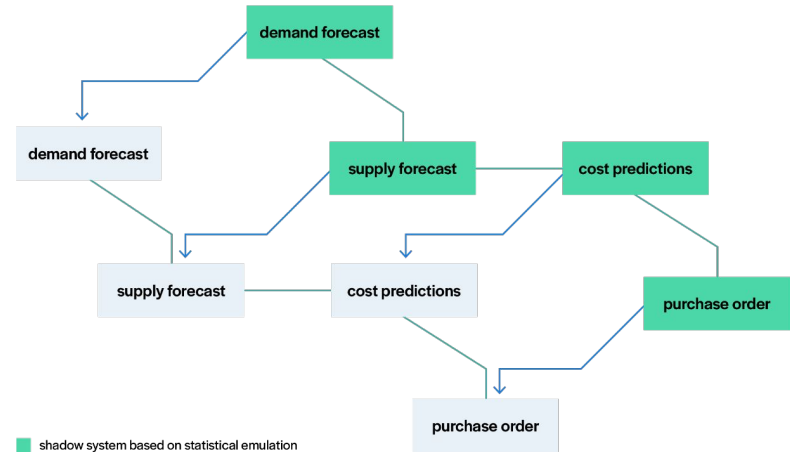
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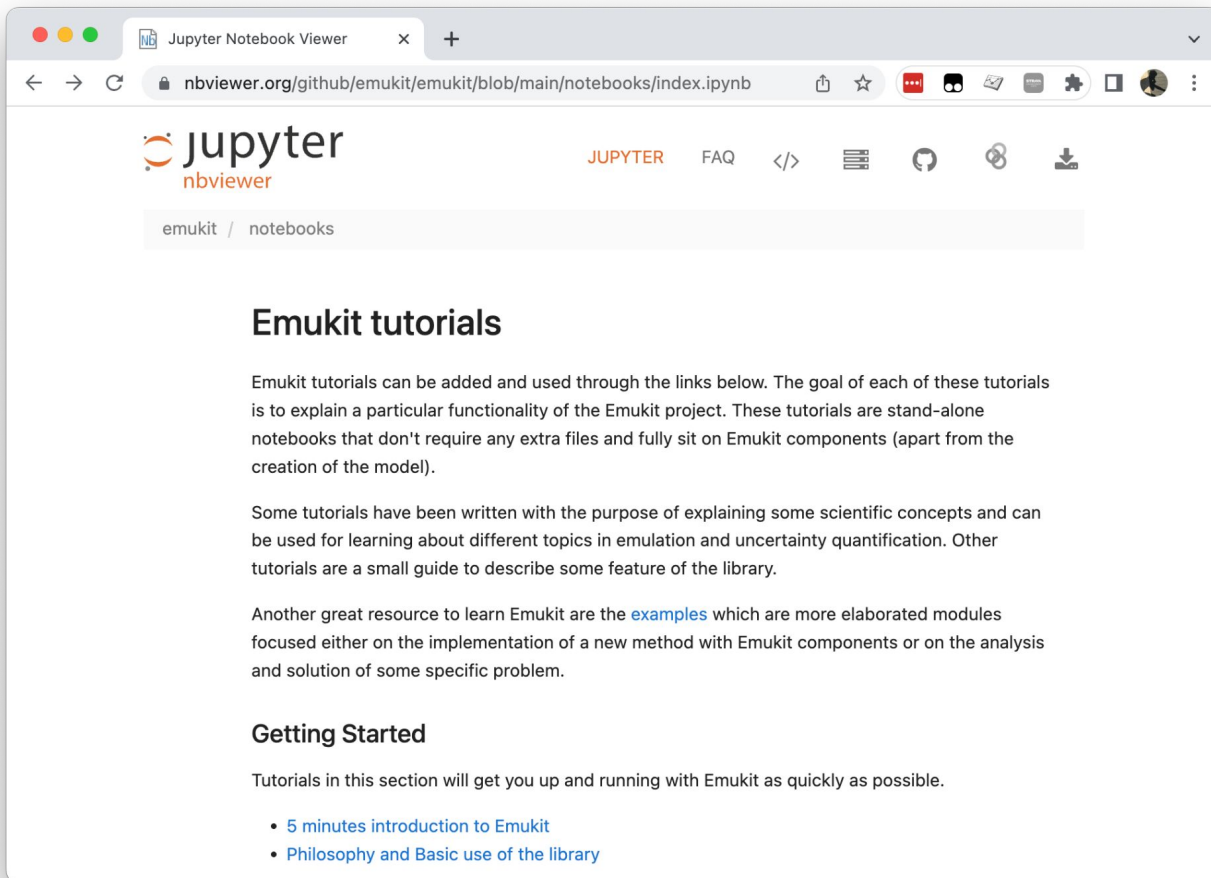
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Figure 4

A potential path of models in a machine learning system



Careful design of emulators to answer a given question leads to efficient diagnostics and understanding of the system, but in a complex interacting system an exponentially increasing number of questions can be asked. This calls for a system of automated construction of emulators which selects the right structure and redeploys the emulator as necessary. Automatically deploying these families of emulators for full system understanding requires advances in engineering infrastructure, emulation and Bayesian optimisation.



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Emukit tutorials

Emukit tutorials can be added and used through the links below. The goal of each of these tutorials is to explain a particular functionality of the Emukit project. These tutorials are stand-alone notebooks that don't require any extra files and fully sit on Emukit components (apart from the creation of the model).

Some tutorials have been written with the purpose of explaining some scientific concepts and can be used for learning about different topics in emulation and uncertainty quantification. Other tutorials are a small guide to describe some feature of the library.

Another great resource to learn Emukit are the [examples](#) which are more elaborated modules focused either on the implementation of a new method with Emukit components or on the analysis and solution of some specific problem.

Getting Started

Tutorials in this section will get you up and running with Emukit as quickly as possible.

- [5 minutes introduction to Emukit](#)
- [Philosophy and Basic use of the library](#)

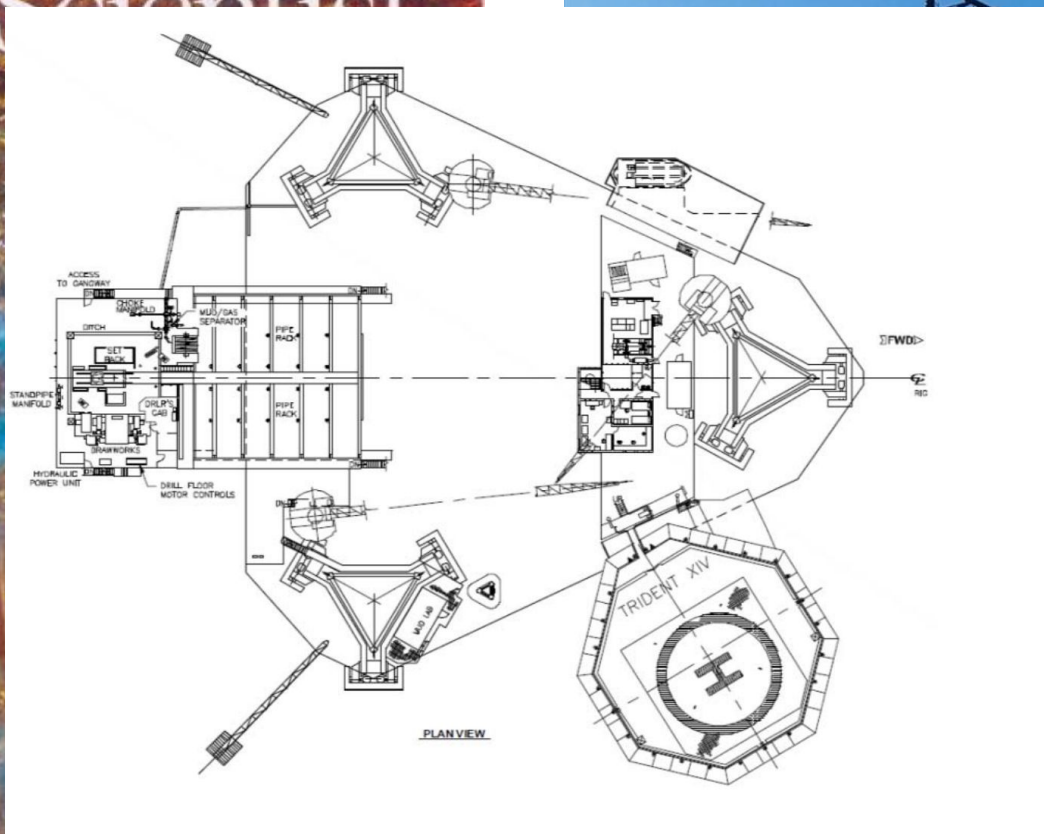
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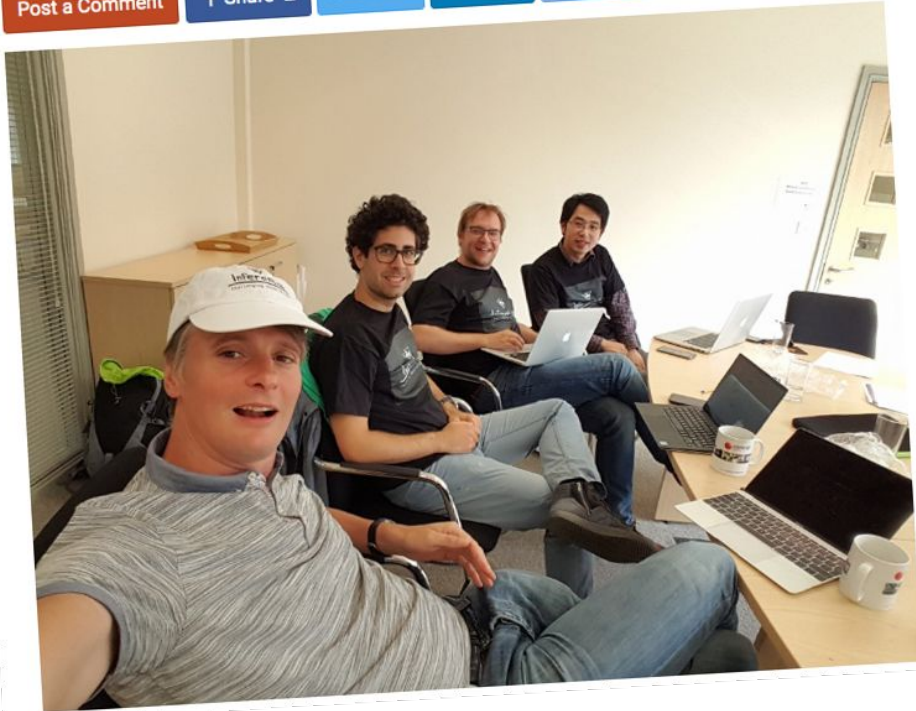
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