

# Learning hidden constraints using a Stepwise Uncertainty Reduction strategy with Gaussian Process Classifiers

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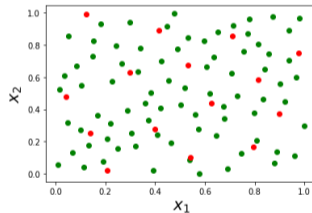
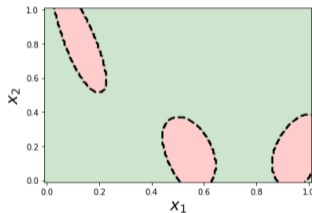
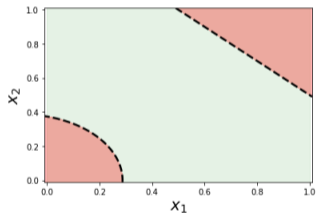
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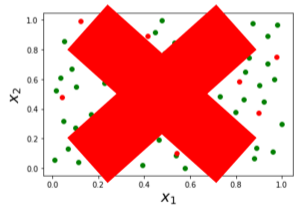
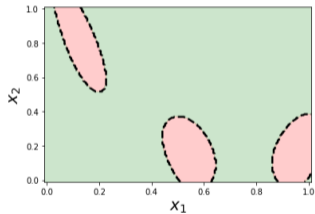
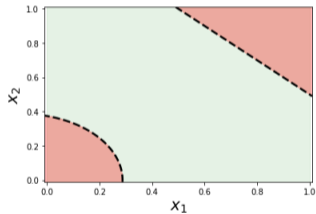
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$f$ : a computer code with inputs  $x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  with simulation failures on  $\Omega$ .

Objective: determination of the feasible set:

$$\Gamma^* = \{x \in \Omega : f(x) \neq \text{NAN}\} = \{x \in \Omega : \mathbb{1}_{f(x) \neq \text{NAN}} = 1\}$$

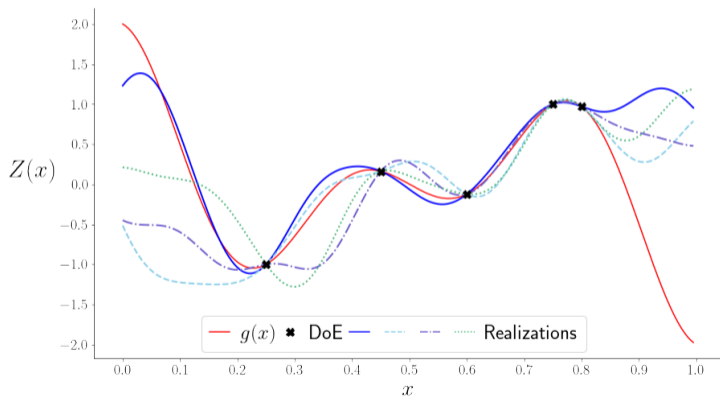
# Gaussian process based classification

Learning hidden constraint is a binary classification problem:

- We have binary observations:  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}) = (x_j, y_j)_{j=1, \dots, n}$ , with  $y_j = \mathbb{1}_{f(x_j) \neq \text{NAN}}$ .
  - Objective: predict the probability of belonging to the failure/non-failure class
- The formulation of the classification model is based on a Gaussian Process (GP) surrogate

# Function approximation by Gaussian process model

Approximation of a function  $g$  by a GP  $Z(x)$  conditioned on observations of  $g$  [Forrester et al., 2008, Rasmussen and Williams, 2006]

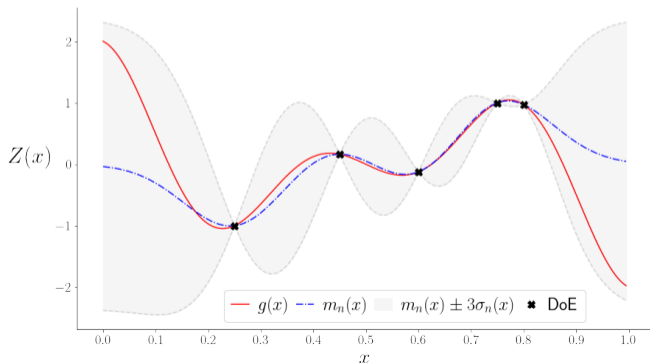


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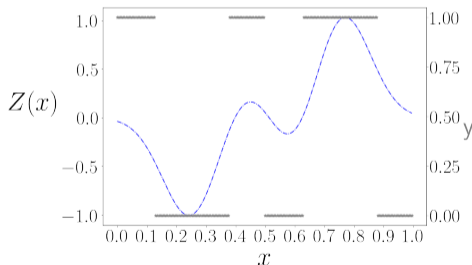
$$Z(x) \sim GP(m_n(\cdot), k_n(\cdot, \cdot))$$

$m_n(\cdot), k_n(\cdot, \cdot)$  conditioned mean and kernel of  $Z(x)$



## Gaussian process classifier (GPC) formulation

A GPC is based on a latent GP  $Z$  conditioned on observations  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}$  (as  $Z_n = (Z(x_1), \dots, Z(x_n))$  is not available).





## Gaussian process classifier (GPC) formulation

The GPC model allows to predict the probability of non failure of a simulation:

$$p_n(x) = \mathbb{P}[Y_n(x) = 1] = \mathbb{P}[Y(x) = 1 | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}]$$

This probability  $p_n(x)$  is modeled on the basis of [Bachoc et al., 2020] by using the sign of the latent process  $Z$ :

$$p_n(x) = \mathbb{P}[\mathbb{1}_{Z(x)>0} = 1 | x, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi_{\mathcal{Y}}^{Z_n}(z_n) \bar{\Phi}\left(\frac{-m_n(x, z_n)}{\sqrt{k_n(x)}}\right) dz_n$$

with  $\phi_{\mathcal{Y}}^{Z_n}(z_n)$  the conditioned p.d.f of  $Z_n$  truncated to respect  $\text{sign}(Z_n) = \mathcal{Y}$ , and:

$$\bar{\Phi}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) & \text{si } b \neq 0 \\ \mathbb{1}_{-a>0} & \text{si } b = 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\Phi$  is the c.d.f. of the normal standard distribution.

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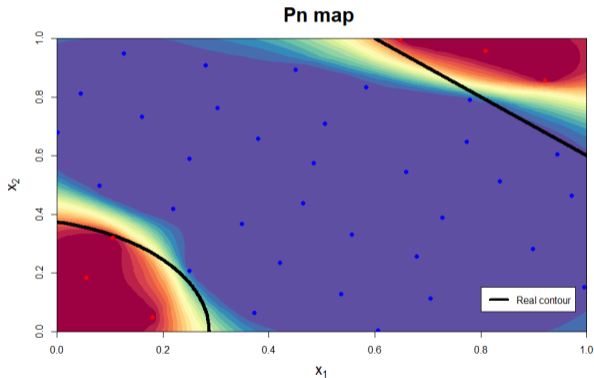
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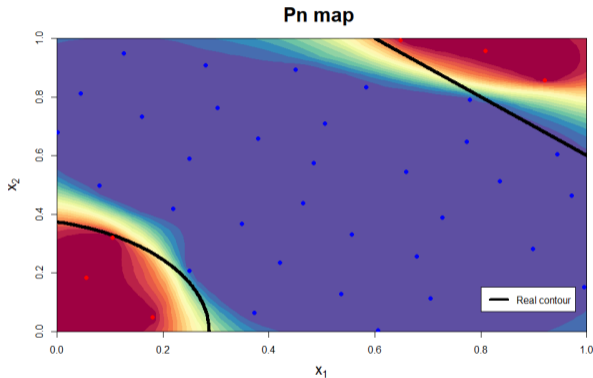
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- Generation of realizations  $z_n^{(i)}$  of  $Z_n | \text{sign}(Z_n) = \mathcal{Y}$   
→ Approximation of  $p_n(x)$ :

$$\hat{p}_n(x) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{\Phi} \left( \frac{-m_n(x, z_n^{(i)})}{\sqrt{k_n(x)}} \right)$$

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Characterisation of the feasible set:

$$Q_\alpha = \{x \in \Omega : p_n(x) \geq \alpha\}, \alpha \in (0, 1]$$

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**Idea:** draw a methodology from existing criteria in Gaussian Process Regression active learning for feasible set estimation: stepwise uncertainty reduction strategy using the notion of random set [Bect et al., 2012, Molchanov, 2005]

## Stepwise Uncertainty Reduction strategies

Let  $\mathcal{U}_n$  be a measure of uncertainty about the excursion set knowing observations at points  $\mathcal{X}$

*Stepwise Uncertainty Reduction* (SUR) strategies aim to minimize at each step:

$$J_n(x_{n+1}) = \mathbb{E}_n[\mathcal{U}_{n+1}(x_{n+1}, Z(x_{n+1}))] := \mathbb{E}_{Z(x_{n+1})}[\mathcal{U}_{n+1}(x_{n+1}) | \mathcal{X}, Z(\mathcal{X})]$$



## Stepwise Uncertainty Reduction strategy

The *Stepwise Uncertainty Reduction* strategy based on the uncertainty defined by the **vorob'ev deviation**  $Var_n(\Gamma)$  [Chevalier, 2013, El Amri et al., 2021, Vorobyev and Lukyanova, 2013] is based on the following learning criterion:

$$J_n(x_{n+1}) = \mathbb{E}_n[Var_{n+1}(\Gamma)]$$

i.e.

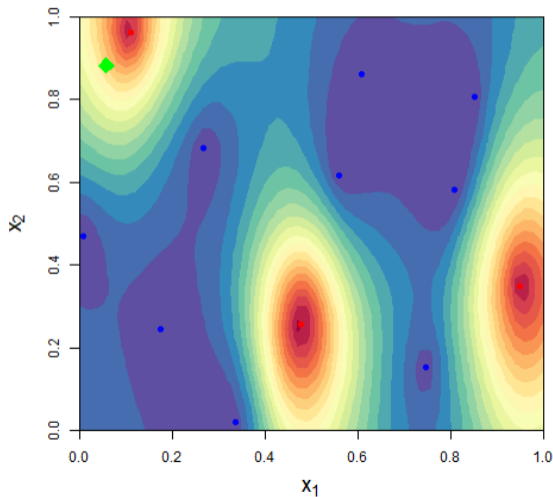
$$J_n(x_{n+1}) = \mathbb{E}_{Z(x_{n+1})} \left[ \int (1 - p_{n+1}(x)) \mathbb{1}_{p_{n+1}(x) \geq \alpha^*} \mu(dx) + \int p_{n+1}(x) \mathbb{1}_{p_{n+1}(x) < \alpha^*} \mu(dx) \right]$$

This expression can be developed using the expression of  $p_n(x)$  given for the GPC model [Bachoc et al., 2020] and GP update formulae provided in [Chevalier, 2013]

# Example - Active learning based on Vorob'ev criterion

Classification problem based on the Branin function

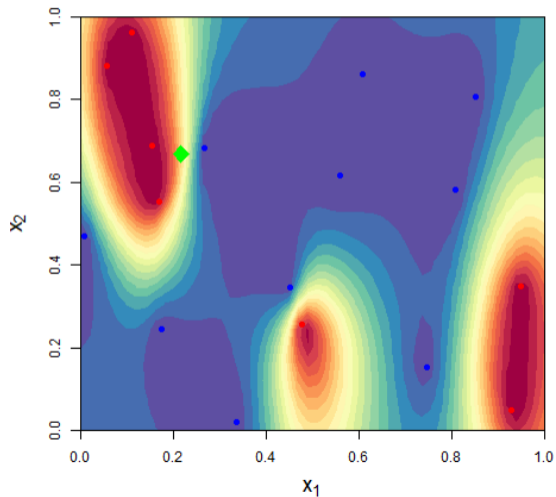
**Pn map - iteration 0**



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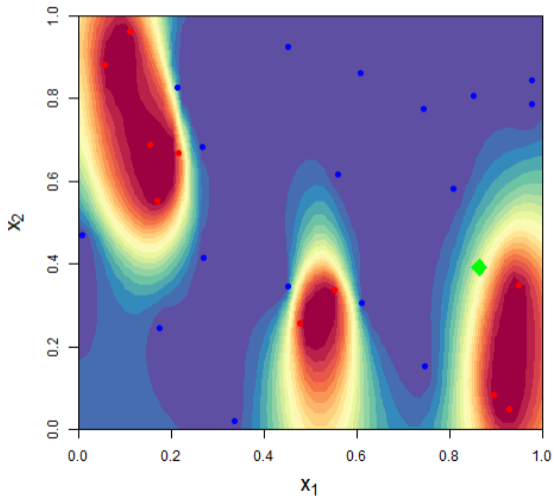
**Pn map - iteration 5**



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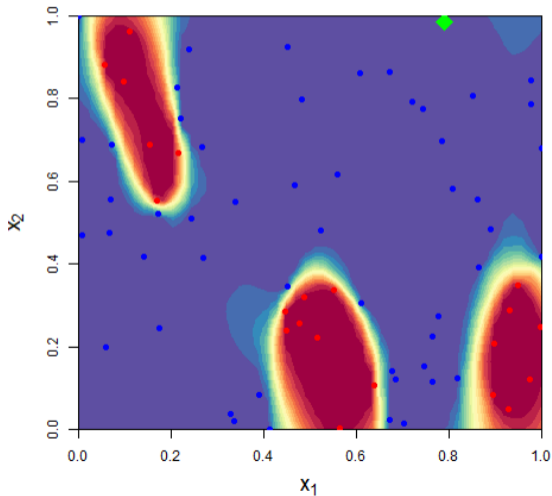
**Pn map - iteration 15**



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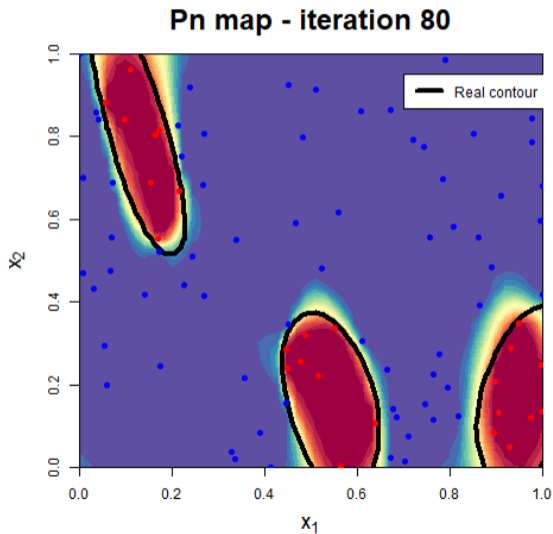
Classification problem based on the Branin function

**Pn map - iteration 60**



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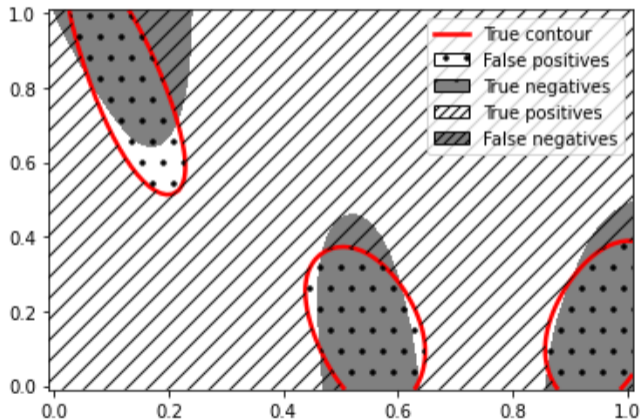
## Results: comparison of different enrichment criteria

Compared strategies:

- SUR criterion for classification
- Mixed enrichment criterion: add of the point corresponding to the maximum of the GP variance (exploration) and the one where  $p_n(x)$  value is the closest to  $\frac{1}{2}$  (exploitation) simultaneously
- SMOCU enrichment measure: Soft-MOCU (Mean Objective Cost of Uncertainty) method [Zhao et al., 2021]

## Results: comparison criteria

1 - Number of true positives ( $Q_\alpha \cap \Gamma^*$ ) and true negatives ( $\Omega \setminus (Q_\alpha \cap \Gamma^*)$ )



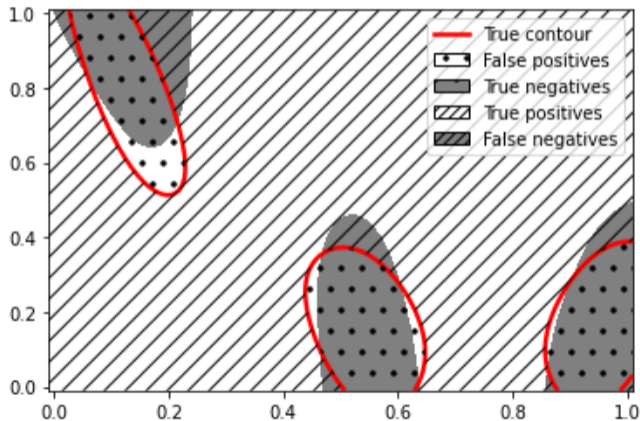
$$crit_P = \frac{TP}{P}$$

$$crit_N = \frac{TN}{N}$$



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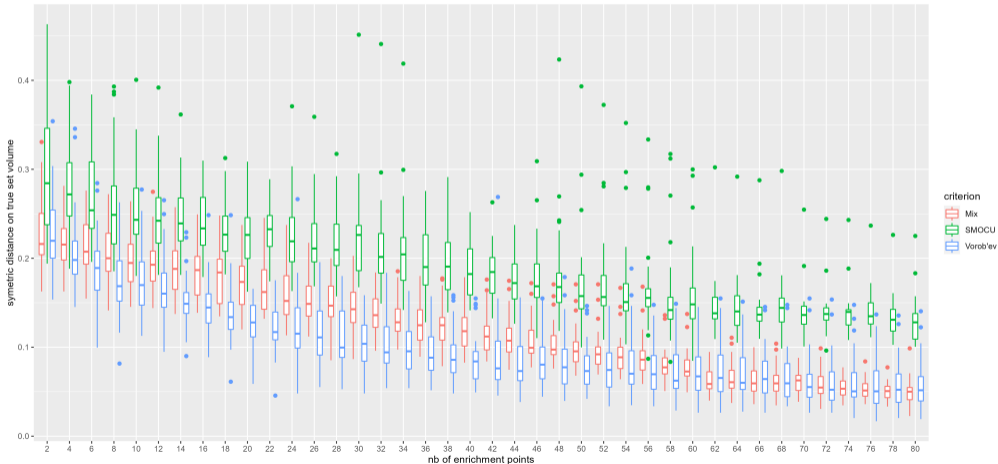
### 2 - Relative error of the feasible set estimation



$$crit_F = \frac{FN + FP}{P}$$

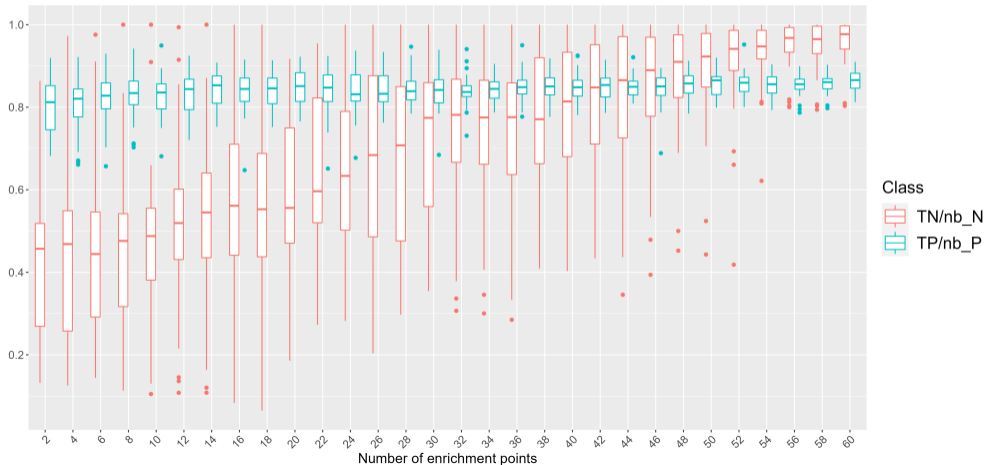
# Results on the classification problem based on Branin function

Evolution of  $crit_F$  for mixed, SMOCU and SUR criteria



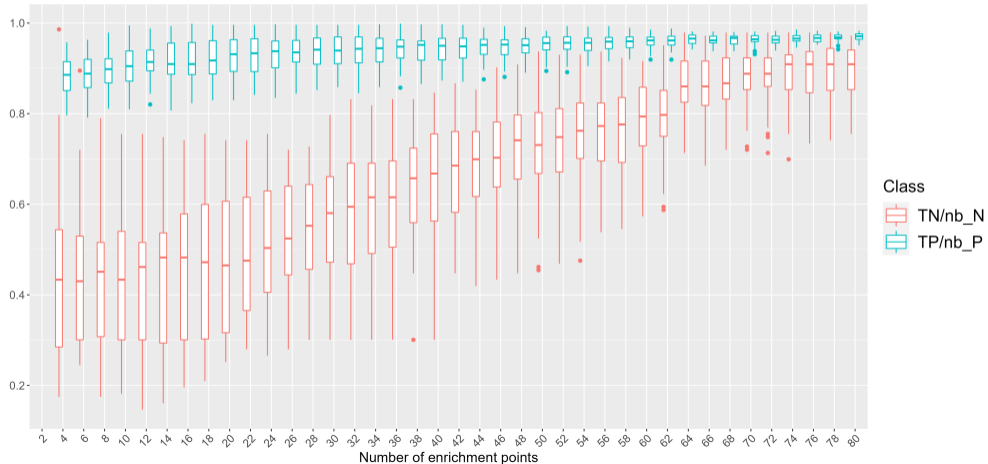
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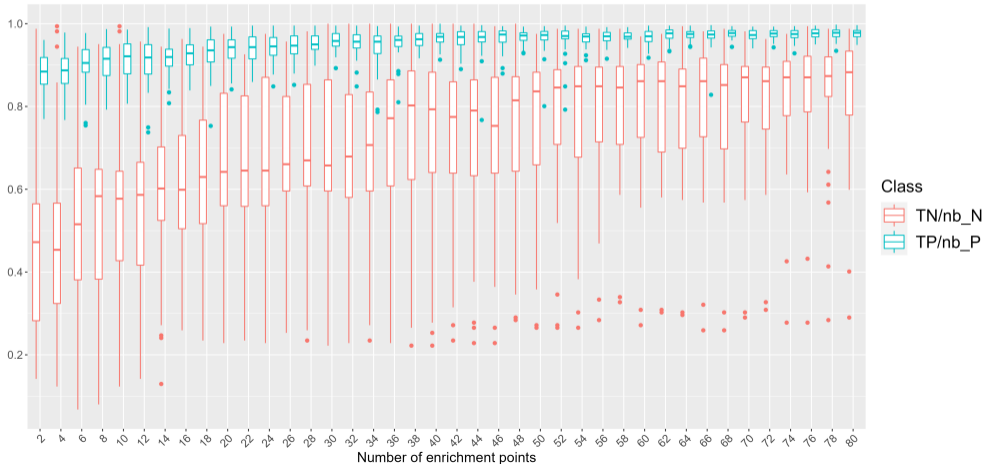
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## Example in 4 dimensions

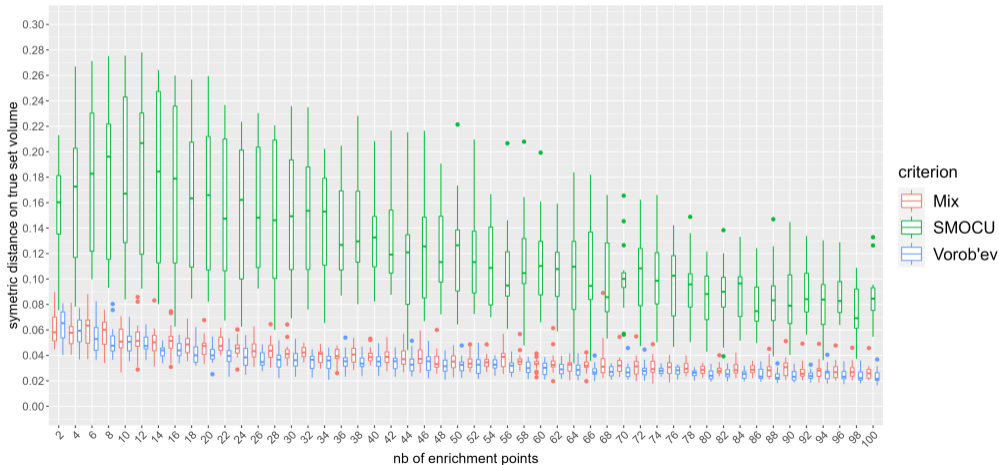
Classification problem with two constraints defined in  $[0, 1]^4$ :

$$f_1(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_2 + x_1 - 1.6 + 0.1 * x_3$$

$$f_2(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 0.15 - (x_2^2 + (x_1 + 0.1)^2)$$

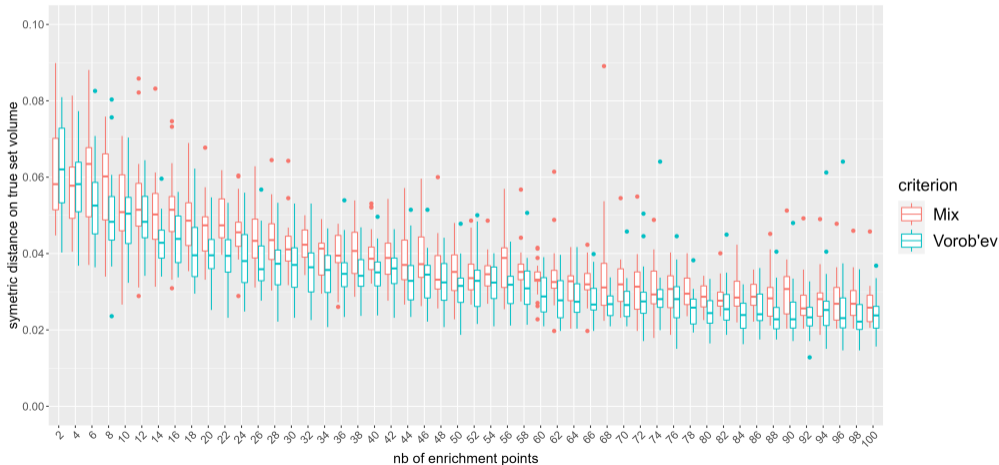
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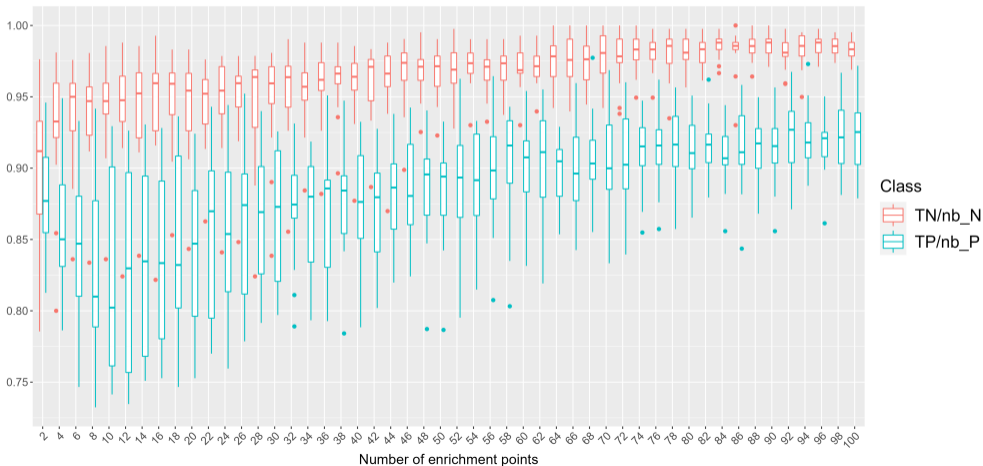
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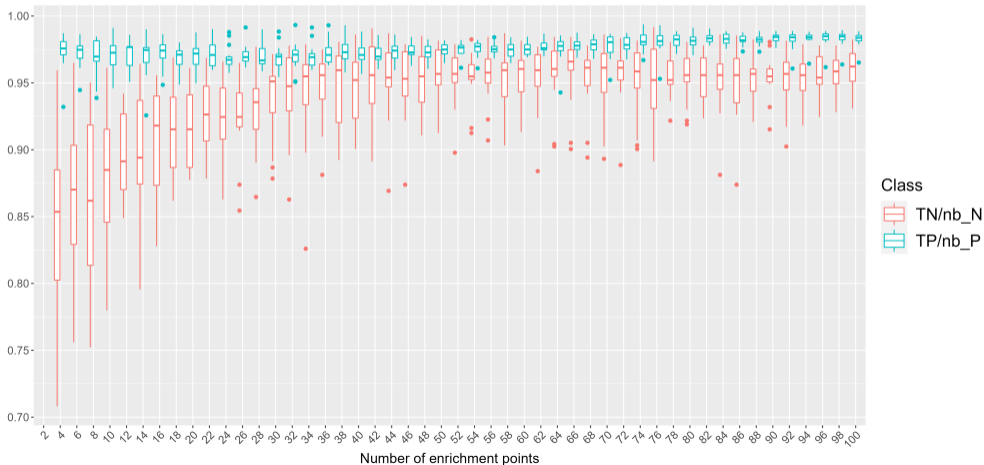
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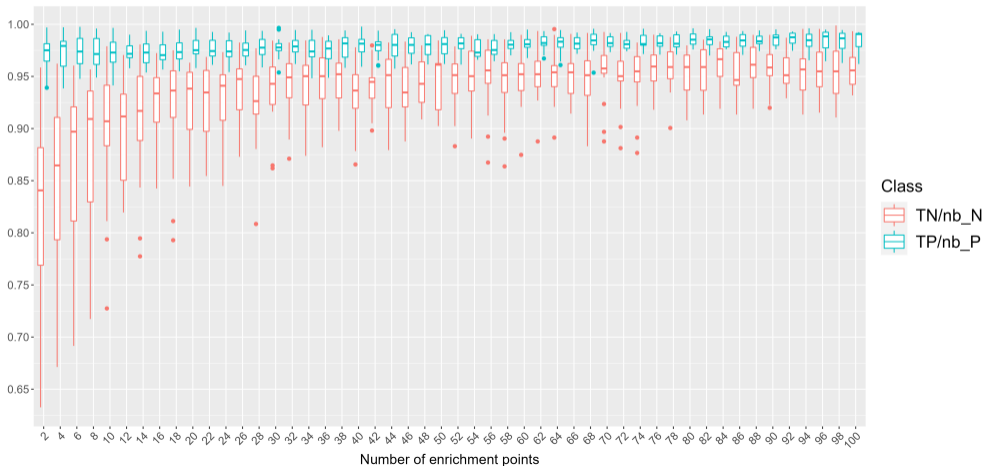
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# Conclusions and outlook

## Conclusions:

- great potential to learn feasible sets in terms of crash constraints
- drawbacks: enrichment criterion computation (integration) and optimization time in high dimension

## Perspectives:

- Coupling with an optimization → e.g. NOMAD, see session MB8: Stéphane Jacquet's presentation (at 15h30)
- Take into account the simulation robustness or convergence level (more than two classes)

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$$m_n(x, z_n^{(i)}) = \mu_Z + k_\theta^Z(x, \mathcal{X})(k_\theta^Z(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}))^{-1}(z_n^{(i)} - \mu_Z)$$

and

$$k_n(x, x') = k_\theta^Z(x, x') + k_\theta^Z(x, \mathcal{X})(k_\theta^Z(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{X}))^{-1}k_\theta^Z(\mathcal{X}, x')$$

Updated GP mean for  $r$  new points  $x^{(r)} = (x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+r})$ :

$$m_{n+r}(x) = m_n(x) + \lambda_{new}(x)^T Z_c(x^{(r)})$$

with:

- $Z_c(x^{(r)}) = Z(x^{(r)}) - m_n(x^{(r)})$  le vecteur des réponses centrées de distribution  $\mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$ , où  $\Sigma$  est la matrice de covariance de  $(Z_n(x_{n+1}), \dots, Z(x_{n+r}))$
- $\lambda_{new}(x) = K_{new}^{-T} k_n(x, x^{(r)})$  et  $K_{new} = k_n(x^{(r)}, x^{(r)})$

Updated covariance function of GP  $Z$ :

$$k_{n+r}(x, x') = k_n(x, x') - k_n(x, x^{(r)})^T K_{new}^{-1} k_n(x', x^{(r)})$$

Vorob'ev deviation can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}_n(\Gamma) &= \mathbb{E}[\mu(Q_\alpha \Delta \Gamma) | z] \\ &= \int_{Q_\alpha} (1 - p_n(x)) \mu(dx) + \int_{Q_\alpha^c} p_n(x) \mu(dx) \\ &= \int (1 - p_n(x)) \mathbb{1}_{p_n(x) \geq \alpha^*} \mu(dx) + \int p_n(x) \mathbb{1}_{p_n(x) < \alpha^*} \mu(dx) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\Delta$  such that  $A \Delta B = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$



Expression of the first term of  $J_n$  criterion in the integral on  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_n \left[ p_{n+1}(x) \mathbb{1}_{p_{n+1}(x) < \alpha^*} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_n \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \bar{\Phi} \left( \frac{-m_{n+1}(x, z_n^{(i)})}{\sqrt{k_{n+1}(x)}} \right) \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \bar{\Phi} \left( \frac{-m_{n+1}(x, z_n^{(j)})}{\sqrt{k_{n+1}(x)}} \right) < \alpha^*} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_n \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \bar{\Phi} \left( \frac{-(m_n(x, z_n^{(i)}) + \lambda_{new}(x)^T U)}{\sqrt{k_{n+1}(x)}} \right) \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{N} \sum_j \bar{\Phi} \left( \frac{-(m_n(x, z_n^{(j)}) + \lambda_{new}(x)^T U)}{\sqrt{k_{n+1}(x)}} \right) < \alpha^*} \right] \end{aligned}$$

avec  $U \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$ , où  $\Sigma$  est la matrice de covariance de  $(Z_n(x_{n+1}), \dots, Z(x_{n+r}))$ .

Remark: The realizations  $z_n^{(i)}$  are not updated because  $sign(Z(x_{n+1}))$  do not provide any information on  $Z_n$ .

The third can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}_n \left[ \mathbb{1}_{\rho_{n+q}(x) \geq \alpha^*} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_n \left[ \mathbb{1}_{\frac{1}{N} \sum_j \bar{\Phi} \left( \frac{-(m_n(x, z_n^{(i)}) + \lambda_{new}(x) T U)}{\sqrt{k_{n+q}(x)}} \right) < \alpha^*} \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Update of the realizations $z_n^{(i)}$

$$z_{n+q}^{(i)} = z_n^{(i)} + \lambda_{new}^Z(\mathcal{X})^T (Z_n(x_{new})_{real} - Z_n(x_{new})_{simu})$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z(x_1)^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ Z(x_n)^{(i)} \end{pmatrix}_{n+q} = \begin{pmatrix} Z(x_1)^{(i)} \\ \vdots \\ Z(x_n)^{(i)} \end{pmatrix}_n + \lambda_{new}^Z(\mathcal{X})^T Z_{n,c}(x_{new})$$

with  $Z_{n,c}(x_{new}) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, k^Z(x_{new}, x_{new}))$  and  
 $\lambda_{new}^Z(\mathcal{X}) = k^Z(x_{new}, x_{new})^{-T} k^Z(x_{new}, \mathcal{X})$ .

Yet:

- we do not guarantee that the signs of  $z_{n+q}^{(i)}$  correspond to the observed values  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  anymore,
- it can be verified that as for  $Z_n$ ,  $Z_{n+q}$  can be modeled by a GP with constant mean  $\mu_Z$  and a stationary covariance function  $k_\theta^Z$

Let us consider the random set:

$$\Gamma = \{x \in \Omega : Y_n(x) = 1\}$$

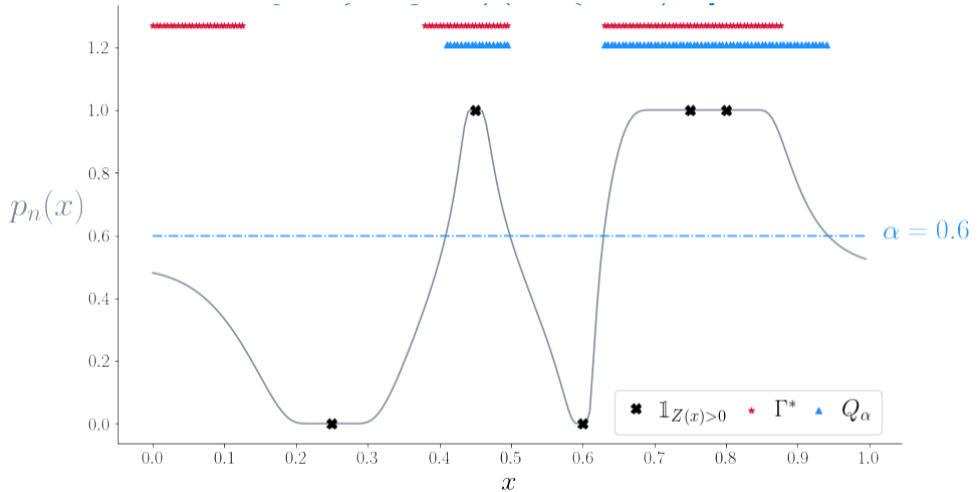
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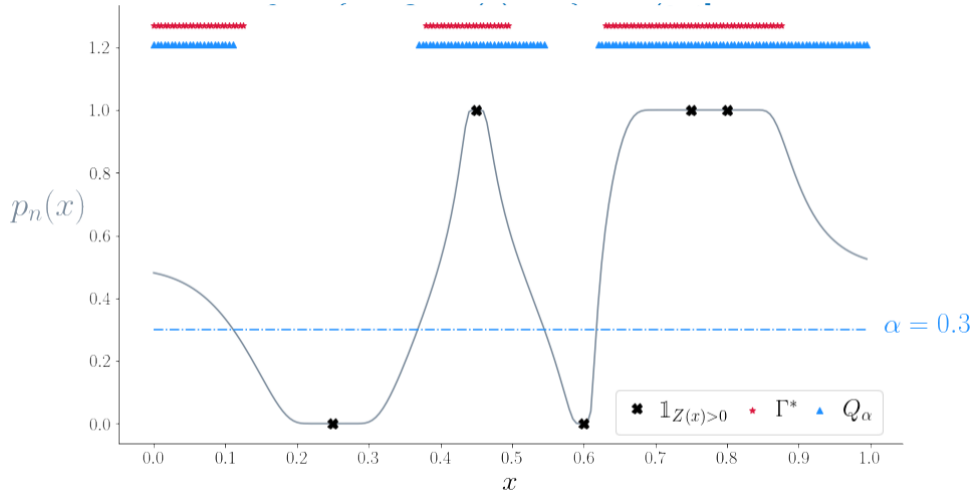
$$\begin{aligned} P_\Gamma(x) &= \mathbb{P}[x \in \Gamma] \\ &= p_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

is the cover function of  $\Gamma$  and its level sets are the  $\alpha$ -percentiles of  $\Gamma$ :

$$Q_\alpha = \{x \in \Omega : p_n(x) \geq \alpha\}, \alpha \in (0, 1]$$

# Vorob'ev expectation and deviation





## Definition

Vorob'ev expectation is defined as the  $\alpha^*$ -percentile of  $\Gamma$ , where  $\alpha^*$  is determined by:

$$\mathbb{E}[\mu(\Gamma)] = \mu(Q_{\alpha^*})$$

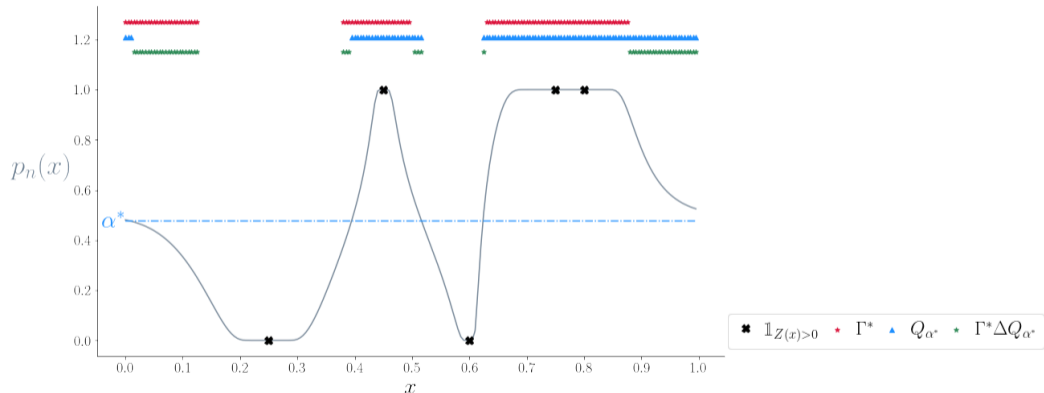
with  $\mu$  the Lebesgue measure.

Vorob'ev expectation is a global minimiser of the vorob'ev deviation  $Var_n(\Gamma)$  among closed sets of volume equal to the mean volume of  $\Gamma$ :

$$Var_n(\Gamma) = \mathbb{E}[\mu(Q_\alpha \Delta \Gamma) | \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}]$$

with  $\Gamma \Delta Q_\alpha = (\Gamma \setminus Q_\alpha) \cup (Q_\alpha \setminus \Gamma)$

$$Q_\alpha = \{x \in \Omega : p_n(x) \geq \alpha\}, \alpha \in (0, 1]$$





$$U^{MOCU}(x) = \mathbb{E}_{x_s}[\mathbb{E}_n[\max(p_{n+1}(x_s), 1 - p_{n+1}(x_s))] - \max(p_n(x_s), 1 - p_n(x_s))]$$

i.e.

$$U^{MOCU}(x) = \mathbb{E}_{x_s}[1 - \max(p_n(x_s), 1 - p_n(x_s))] - \mathbb{E}_n[\mathbb{E}_{x_s}[1 - \max(p_{n+1}(x_s), 1 - p_{n+1}(x_s))]]$$

et

$$U^{SMOCU}(x) = \mathbb{E}_{x_s}[\mathbb{E}_n[\frac{1}{k} \ln(\exp(k * p_{n+1}(x_s)) + \exp(k(1 - p_{n+1}(x_s))))] - \frac{1}{k} \ln(\exp(k * p_n(x_s)) + \exp(k(1 - p_n(x_s))))]$$