

## Poincaré chaos expansions for derivative-enhanced surrogate modelling and sensitivity analysis

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- Surrogate modelling  
in particular, sparse polynomial chaos  
expansions
- ...

Global sensitivity analysis using derivative-based sparse Poincaré chaos expansions, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.00394>

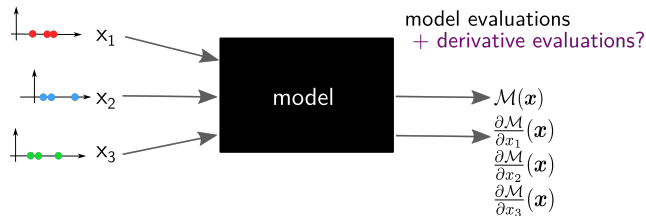
## Poincaré chaos expansions: Topics

Black-box model

Surrogate modelling

Sensitivity analysis

Using derivative information



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## Chaos expansions as surrogate models

Setting:

- Input random vector  $\mathbf{X}$  with  $d$  independent components and joint distribution  $f_{\mathbf{X}}$
- Model  $\mathcal{M} \in L^2_{f_{\mathbf{X}}}$  (square-integrable)
- Output random variable  $Y = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$

We want to model random variable  $Y$

Let  $(\psi_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a basis of  $L^2_{f_{\mathbf{X}}}$ . Then:

$$Y = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) = \underbrace{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} c_k \psi_k(\mathbf{X})}_{\text{surrogate model}}$$

For example:

- (Fourier expansion)
- Polynomial chaos expansion
- Poincaré chaos expansion

## Approximation of $Y$ by orthogonal polynomials in $X$ ( $d = 1$ )

Theorem: Density of polynomials in  $L^2_{f_X}(\mathcal{D})$

Ernst et al (2012)

Assume that  $X$  possesses finite moments of all orders, and that  $F_X$  is continuous.

If the distribution function is **uniquely defined by the sequence of its moments**, then the **polynomials are dense** in  $L^2_{f_X}(\mathcal{D})$ .

### Hermite chaos

Wiener (1938); Ghanem, Spanos (1991)

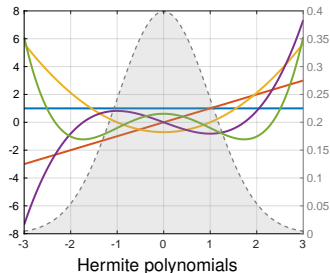
- $X$  Gaussian  $\rightarrow$  **Hermite polynomials**:

$$\psi_0(x) = 1, \psi_1(x) = x, \psi_2(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{2}, \dots$$

### Generalized chaos

Xiu, Karniadakis (2002)

- $X$  uniform  $\rightarrow$  **Legendre polynomials**
- $X$  Beta  $\rightarrow$  **Jacobi polynomials**
- $X$  Gamma  $\rightarrow$  **Laguerre polynomials**



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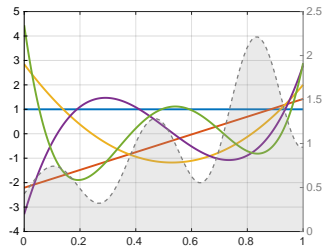
- Notable exception: **lognormal** distribution!

Arbitrary chaos [Wan and Karniadakis \(2006\)](#); [Oladyshkin and Nowak \(2012\)](#)

- One can compute an orthogonal polynomial basis for **any distribution** that fulfills the assumptions (e.g., with compact support)

By the way: the term **polynomial chaos** goes back to [Wiener \(1938\)](#)

→ Use of the word "chaos" **older than Chaos theory** in mathematics!  
(1938 vs 1977)



Orth. polynomials for arbitrary distribution

## Polynomial chaos expansion ( $d \geq 1$ )

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Output} \quad \text{Model} \quad \text{Input} \quad \text{Surrogate model} \quad \text{Coefficients} \\
 Y = \mathcal{M}(X) \approx \mathcal{M}^{\text{PCE}}(X) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} c_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha}(X) \\
 \text{Multivariate polynomial}
 \end{array}$$

with tensor product basis functions

$$\psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^d \psi_{\alpha_i}^{(i)}(x_i), \quad \text{where the multi-index } \alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d) \text{ defines the degree}$$

1D polynomial in  $x_i$  of degree  $\alpha_i$

and set of multi-indices  $\mathcal{A}$ , e.g., **total-degree basis** of degree  $p$ :

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d : \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i \leq p \right\}$$

- If for each  $X_i$  the moment problem is uniquely solvable, then the multivariate polynomials are dense in  $L^2_{f_X}(\mathcal{D})$  and this approximation converges in mean-square to  $Y$  Ernst et al (2012)



## How to compute a PCE?

$$Y = \mathcal{M}(X) \approx \mathcal{M}^{\text{PCE}}(X) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} c_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha}(X)$$

Ingredients of a PCE:

- (Basis functions  $\{\psi_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d\}$  defined by input distribution.)
- Need to decide **subset of multi-indices**  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{N}^d$
- Need to **choose points**  $x \in \mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{D}$  (**experimental design**) and collect the corresponding model evaluations  $y = \mathcal{M}(x)$
- Need to **compute the coefficients**  $c$

– Projection:

$$c_{\alpha} = \langle \mathcal{M}, \psi_{\alpha} \rangle$$

integration in  $d$  dimensions

– Regression:

$$c = \min_{c'} \left\| y - \Psi c' \right\|_2 \text{ (+ regularization)}$$

properties of  $\Psi$  are crucial

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## Sobol'-Hoeffding / ANOVA decomposition

Hoeffding (1948); Sobol (1993)

Any  $\mathcal{M} \in L^2_{f_X}$  can be **decomposed uniquely** as a sum of terms of increasing complexity

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) = m_0 + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq d} m_i(X_i) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq d} m_{i,j}(X_i, X_j) + \cdots + m_{1,\dots,d}(X_1, \dots, X_d)$$

where the terms satisfy  $\int m_I(\mathbf{X}_I) f_{X_k}(x_k) dx_k = 0$  for all  $k \in I \subset \{1, \dots, d\}$ .

### Variance decomposition

$$\text{Var}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})] = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq d} \text{Var}[m_i(X_i)] + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq d} \text{Var}[m_{i,j}(X_i, X_j)] + \cdots + \text{Var}[m_{1,\dots,d}(X_1, \dots, X_d)]$$

→ ANalysis Of VAriance decomposition

## Sobol' indices

### Variance decomposition

$$\underbrace{\text{Var}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})]}_{\substack{:= D \\ \text{total variance}}} = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq d} \text{Var}[m_i(X_i)] + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq d} \text{Var}[m_{i,j}(X_i, X_j)] + \cdots + \text{Var}[m_{1,\dots,d}(X_1, \dots, X_d)]$$

### First-order Sobol' index:

$$S_i^1 = \frac{\text{Var}[m_i(X_i)]}{D},$$

### Total Sobol' index:

$$S_i^{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{J: i \in J} \text{Var}[m_J(X_J)]$$

## PCE ♥ Sobol' indices

Sudret (2008)

The ANOVA decomposition of a PCE  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{PCE}}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^d} c_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$  is given by

$$m_I(\mathbf{X}) := \sum_{\substack{\alpha: \alpha_i > 0, i \in I, \\ \alpha_j = 0, j \notin I}} c_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$$

$\psi_{\alpha}$  constant in  $j \notin I$

From orthonormality in  $L^2_{f_{\mathbf{X}}}$  it follows that

$$\text{Var}[m_I(\mathbf{X})] = \sum_{\substack{\alpha: \alpha_i > 0, i \in I, \\ \alpha_j = 0, j \notin I}} c_{\alpha}^2$$

and the total variance and the Sobol' indices are given by

$$D = \sum_{\alpha \neq \mathbf{0}} c_{\alpha}^2, \quad S_i^1 = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{\substack{\alpha: \alpha_i > 0, \\ \alpha_j = 0, j \neq i}} c_{\alpha}^2, \quad S_i^{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{\alpha: \alpha_i > 0} c_{\alpha}^2$$

Any tensor-product orthonormal basis, made from 1D bases that each contain the constant function, allows the same construction

## Derivative-based global sensitivity measure (DGSM)

Kucherenko et al. (2009)

Another sensitivity measure: **DGSM**

$$\nu_i = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{X}) \right)^2 \right] = \int_{\mathcal{D}} \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x}) \right)^2 f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \left\| \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial x_i} \right\|^2.$$

Relation to **Sobol' indices**:

Sobol and Kucherenko (2009); Lamboni et al. (2013)

$$S_i^{\text{tot}} D \leq C_P \nu_i$$

with **Poincaré constant**  $C_P$  of measure  $f_{\mathbf{X}_i} dx_i$

→ **low-cost variable screening**

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## The Poincaré constant in 1D

**Definition:** The **Poincaré constant**  $C_P$  associated to a measure  $\mu$  is the best possible constant  $C$  with

$$\int g^2 d\mu \leq C \int (g')^2 d\mu \quad (1)$$

for all  $g \in H_\mu^1$  with  $\int g d\mu = 0$ .

“A function with a small (weak) derivative (in the sense of  $\mu$ )  
is **close to a constant function** (in the sense of  $\mu$ ).”

Useful for:

- Bounding total Sobol' indices
- Convergence rate of Markov chains
- Quantifying multimodality of  $\mu$
- ...

Lamboni et al (2013)

Pillaud-Vivien et al (2020)

In 1D,  $C_P(\mu)$  can be computed accurately for a large class of measures  $\mu$ !

Roustant, Barthe, Iooss (2017)



# Eigenproblem for Poincaré differential operator

Roustant, Barthe, Iooss (2017)

## Assumption

Assume that  $f_X$  is **supported on a bounded interval**  $(a, b)$  and that  $f_X(x) = e^{-V(x)}$  with  $V$  continuous and piecewise  $C^1$  on  $[a, b]$ .

## Theorem: 1D Poincaré basis

Under this assumption, for the solutions of the **eigenproblem**

$$\begin{aligned} L\psi &:= \psi'' - V'\psi' = -\lambda\psi, \\ \psi'(a) &= \psi'(b) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

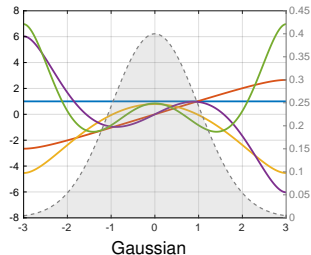
it holds that

- The eigenfunctions  $(\psi_k)_{k \geq 0}$  form an **orthonormal basis** of  $L^2_{f_X}$
- Eigenvalues:  $0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \dots \rightarrow \infty$
- $\lambda_0 = 0$  and  $\psi_0(x) = 1$
- $C_P(f_X) = \frac{1}{\lambda_1}$ , and  $\psi_1$  attains equality in Eq. (1)

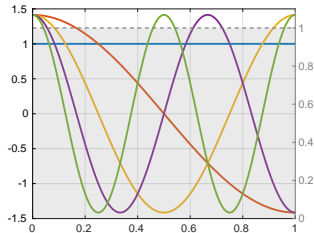
## Poincaré basis (1D)

- In general **not polynomial**
  - Exception:  $f_X$  Gaussian  $\rightarrow$  **Hermite polynomials**
  - $f_X$  uniform leads to cosine basis functions (**Fourier basis**)
- Behavior **similar to polynomials**:
  - $\psi_k$  has  $k$  zeros, i.e., higher-order functions oscillate more
- If  $f_X \in C^m$ ,  $\psi_k \in C^{m+1}$  ( $f_X \in C^0$  by assumption)

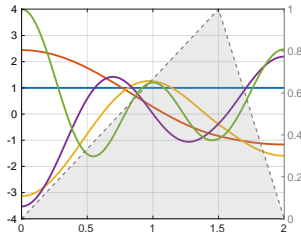
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Gaussian

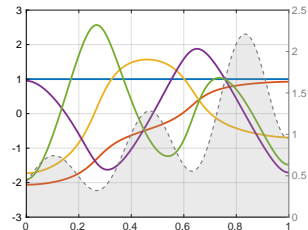


Uniform



Triangular

Poincaré chaos expansions



Custom

## Poincaré basis (1D)

### Special property

$$\langle g', \psi'_k \rangle_{f_X} = \lambda_k \langle g, \psi_k \rangle_{f_X} \text{ for all } g \in H_{f_X}^1$$

- Consequence: the derivatives of the Poincaré basis form **again an orthogonal basis of  $L_{f_X}^2$** , i.e., an orthogonal system that is **dense** in  $L_{f_X}^2$ :

$$\langle \psi'_j, \psi'_k \rangle_{f_X} = \lambda_k \langle \psi_j, \psi_k \rangle_{f_X} = \begin{cases} \lambda_k, & \text{if } j = k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

→ Well suited for dealing with derivatives.

- The Poincaré basis is **the only** basis with this property!

Lüthen et al (2021, preprint)

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## Poincaré chaos expansion ( $\geq 1D$ )

Roustant, Gamboa, Iooss (2020)

Define the **Poincaré chaos expansion (PoinCE)** by

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) \approx \mathcal{M}^{\text{PoinCE}}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} c_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$$

with  $(\psi_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$  tensorized Poincaré basis associated to  $f_{\mathbf{X}} = \prod_{i=1}^d f_{X_i}$

- Basis for  $L^2_{f_{\mathbf{X}}}(\mathcal{D}) \rightarrow$  **chaos expansion** just like PCE
- In particular, coefficients of PoinCE yield **moments and Sobol' sensitivity indices**
- **Partial derivatives** of multivariate basis functions are **orthogonal**: for all  $g \in H^1_{f_{\mathbf{X}}}$ ,

$$\left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \psi_{\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} g \right\rangle_{f_{\mathbf{X}}} = \lambda_{i, \alpha_i} \langle \psi_{\alpha}, g \rangle_{f_{\mathbf{X}}}$$

# Computation of DGSM from Poincaré coefficients

Lüthen et al (2021, preprint)

## Proposition: DGSM formula for Poincaré chaos

Let  $\mathcal{M} = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha}$  be the expansion of  $\mathcal{M} \in H_{f_X}^1$  in the **Poincaré basis**. Then the **DGSM index of  $\mathcal{M}$**  with respect to  $X_i$  is

$$\nu_i = \sum_{\alpha: \alpha_i > 0} \lambda_{i, \alpha_i} (c_{\alpha})^2$$

This is an extension of a previous result for Hermite PCE.

Sudret and Mai (2015)

We obtain lower and upper bounds to **total partial variances**:

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}: \alpha_i > 0} (c_{\alpha})^2 \leq S_i^{\text{tot}} D \leq C_P(f_{X_i}) \nu_i = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{N}^d: \alpha_i > 0} \frac{\lambda_{i, \alpha_i}}{\lambda_{i, 1}} (c_{\alpha})^2.$$

## Poincaré derivative expansion

Roustant, Gamboa, Iooss (2020)

### PoinCE

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} c_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})$$

An **alternative way** to compute the coefficients  $(c_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}}$ : Make use of **model partial derivatives**

### PoinCE-der

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha_i > 0} \tilde{c}_{\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x})$$

- Theoretically  $c_{\alpha} = \tilde{c}_{\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\alpha_i > 0$
- In practice (when **computed from data**) they are not equal!
- Terms with  $\alpha_i = 0$  vanish when differentiated w.r.t.  $x_i$ 
  - + **Fewer coefficients to estimate** from same number of data points!
  - Some coefficients **cannot be estimated** from a single partial derivative expansion: unnormalized Sobol indices can be computed, but not e.g. variance
- **Aggregate** the coefficients from the partial derivative expansions to get the full picture

# Poincaré derivative expansion: Aggregation of coefficients

Lüthen et al (2021, preprint)

PoinCE-der- $i$ 

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \mathcal{M}(x) \approx \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha_i > 0} \tilde{c}_{\alpha}^{\partial, i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \psi_{\alpha}(x)$$

- PoinCE-der- $i$  computes the coefficients corresponding to the multi-indices  $\{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}, \alpha_i > 0\}$
- For each multi-index  $\alpha \neq 0$ , **average** over all **active variables**:

$$\tilde{c}_{\alpha}^{\partial, \text{avg}} = \frac{1}{\underbrace{\#\{i : 1 \leq i \leq d, \alpha_i > 0\}}_{\psi_{\alpha} \text{ is not constant in } x_i}} \sum_{\substack{i: 1 \leq i \leq d, \\ \alpha_i > 0}} \tilde{c}_{\alpha}^{\partial, i}$$

- The coefficients  $(\tilde{c}_{\alpha}^{\partial, \text{avg}})_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \setminus 0}$  can be used for **computing total variance** and **sensitivity indices**
- For surrogate modelling: Compute the remaining coefficient  $\tilde{c}_0^{\partial, \text{avg}}$  of the **constant term** by OLS on the residual



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## Application to dyke cost toy model

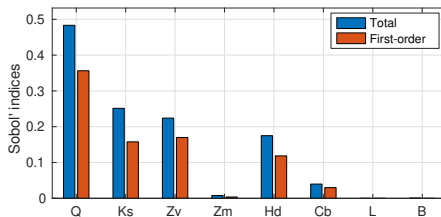
The model describes the **cost in million euros** given by

$$Y = \mathbb{1}_{S>0} + \left[ 0.2 + 0.8 \left( 1 - \exp^{-\frac{1000}{S^4}} \right) \right] \mathbb{1}_{S \leq 0} + \frac{1}{20} (8 \mathbb{1}_{H_d \leq 8} + H_d \mathbb{1}_{H_d > 8})$$

where  $H_d$  is the **dyke height** and  $S$  is the **maximal annual overflow** given by

$$S = \left( \frac{Q}{BK_s \sqrt{\frac{Z_m - Z_v}{L}}} \right)^{0.6} + Z_v - H_d - C_b$$

$Q$	Maximal annual flowrate	truncated Gumbel
$K_s$	Strickler coefficient	truncated Gaussian
$Z_v$	River downstream level	Triangular
$Z_m$	River upstream level	Triangular
$H_d$	Dyke height	Uniform
$C_b$	Bank level	Triangular
$L$	Length of river stretch	Triangular
$B$	River width	Triangular



## Methods for estimating sensitivity indices

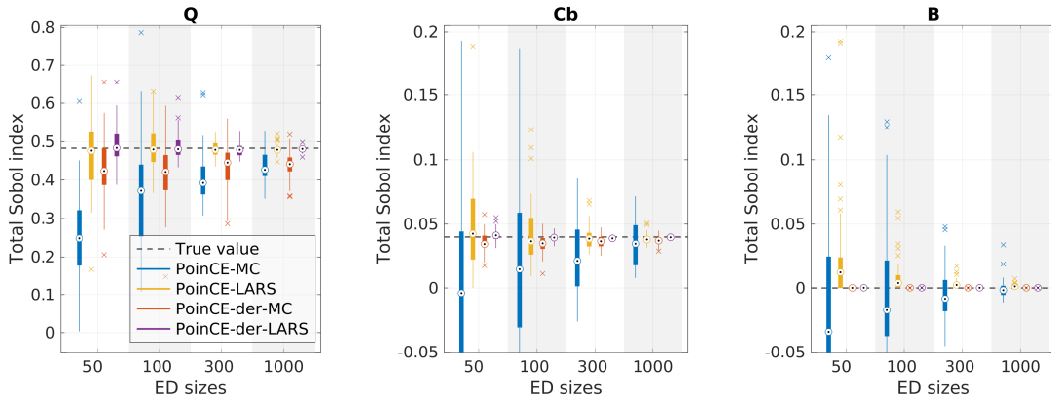
### Sobol' indices

- Sample-based estimation Janon et al (2014)
- Through ANOVA decomposition
  - Poincaré basis, coefficients computed through MC-projection Roustant, Gamboa, Iooss (2020)
  - ————— **sparse regression** Lüthen et al (2021, preprint)
  - Poincaré derivative basis, coefficients computed through MC-projection Roustant, Gamboa, Iooss (2020)
  - ————— **sparse regression, aggregated** Lüthen et al (2021, preprint)
  - **PCE basis**, coefficients computed through sparse regression

### DGSM indices

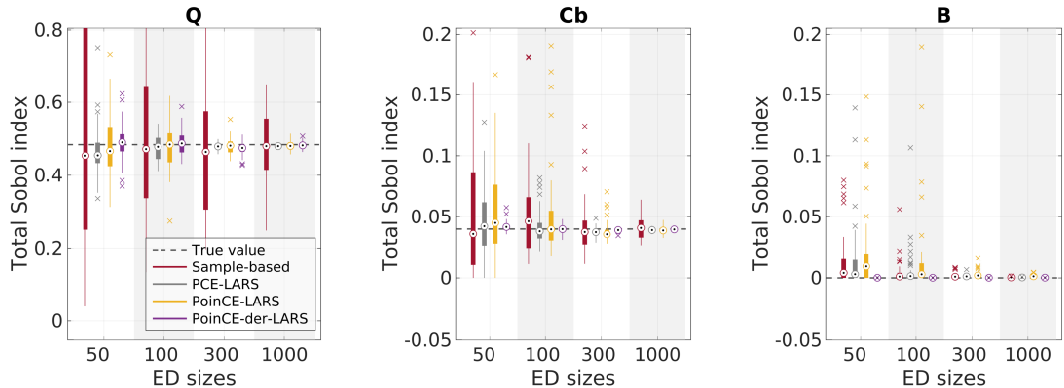
- Sample-based estimation Kucherenko et al (2009)
- Analytical computation from Poincaré derivative basis, coefficients computed through **sparse regression** Lüthen et al (2021, preprint)

## Results: Sobol' indices – MC-projection vs sparse regression



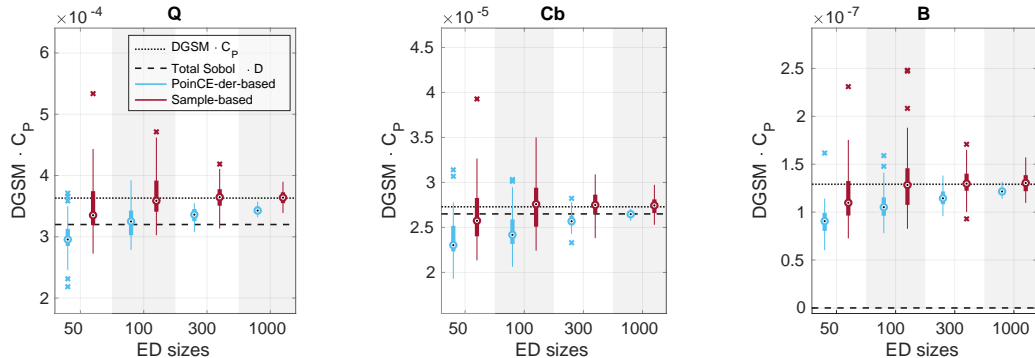
- Projection **underestimates** the Sobol' index, sparse regression gives **more accurate estimates**
- PoinCE-der estimates have a **smaller variance** than PoinCE estimates

## Results: Sobol' indices – PoinCE vs PCE and sample-based



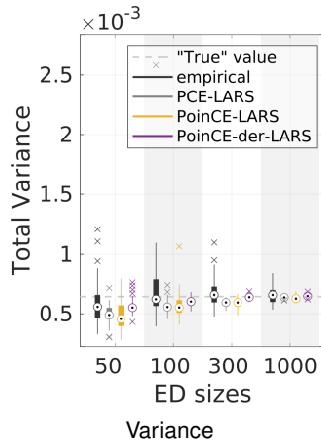
- PoinCE-der outperforms PCE especially for **low-importance variables** (→ screening)
- Sample-based estimation shows **large variability** for important variables

## Results: DGSM indices



- Poincaré-based estimate for DGSM **underestimates** the true value ( $C_{PV_i} = \sum_{\alpha: \alpha_i > 0} \frac{\lambda_{i, \alpha_i}}{\lambda_{i, 1}} (c_\alpha)^2$ )
- Sample-based DGSM **more accurate**

## Results: Total variance

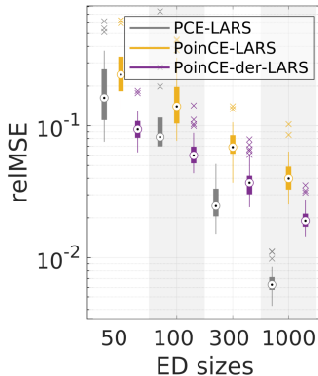


- PoinCE-der (aggregated coefficients) estimates the variance well

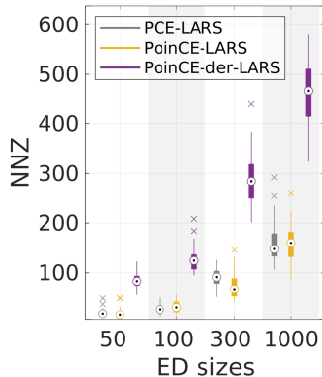
## Results: Performance as global surrogate model

Relative mean squared error

$$= \frac{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}} \left[ \left( \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) - \hat{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbf{X}) \right)^2 \right]}{\text{Var} [\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})]}$$



Relative mean-squared error



Number of nonzeros in expansion

- PoinCE-der estimates the **variance** well, but PCE gives a better approximation in terms of  $L^2_{f_{\mathbf{X}}}$ -error



## Conclusion

- Poincaré chaos expansions (PoinCE) are like PCE, but with a different basis consisting of the eigenfunctions of the Poincaré differential operator
- Sobol' indices and DGSM can be computed analytically from the PoinCE coefficients
- The Poincaré basis is the only orthogonal basis for  $L^2_{f_{\mathbf{X}}}(\mathcal{D})$  for which the partial derivatives form again an orthogonal basis for the same space
- PoinCE is well suited to sensitivity analysis and to utilizing derivatives

### Outlook:

- Work in progress: Use model evaluations and derivatives at once for computing the coefficients (in the spirit of gradient-enhanced PCE)
- Non-polynomial basis with special derivative property – usefulness for UQ in practice?

Thank you for your attention!

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