

# The interplay between random field models for Bayesian spatial prediction and the design of computer experiments

Part I: Recent Advances in Bayesian Spatial Prediction and Design

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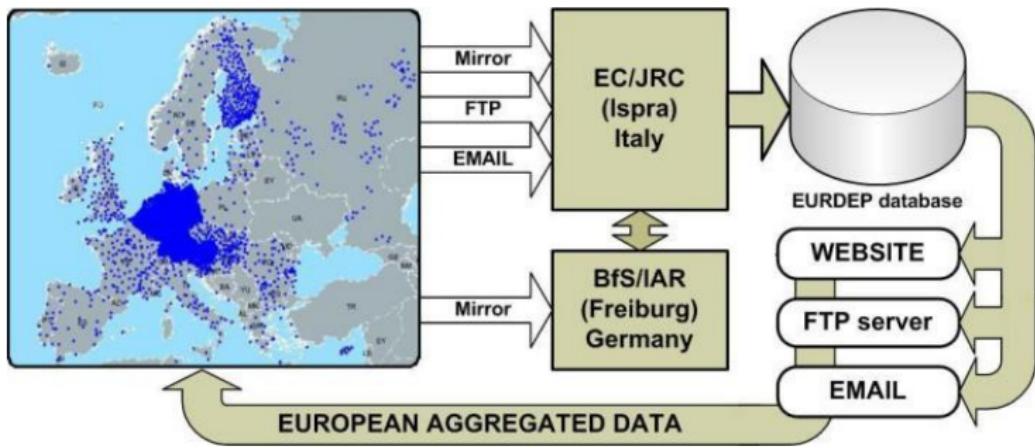


Figure: Flow of European radioactive contaminated data

# Observation of a random field

$$\begin{aligned} Z(x) &= m(x) + \varepsilon(x); \quad x \in D \subset R^d, d > 1 \\ \text{Data} &= \text{Trend} + \text{Error} \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) m(x) = E\{Z(x)|\beta, \theta\} = f(x)^T \beta$$

  
trend parameter      covariance parameter

$$(2) Cov\{(Z(x_1), Z(x_2))|\beta, \theta\} = C_\theta(x_1 - x_2) \in \mathcal{C}$$

covariance stationarity

(1) + (2) = **universal kriging** setup

Usually

- Further assumption of **isotropy**, i.e.

$$C_\theta(x_1 - x_2) = C_\theta(||x_1 - x_2||)$$

- Geostatisticians work with **Semi-variogram**

$$\gamma(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}\{Z(x_1) - Z(x_2)\}$$

instead of covariance function C and require only  
**stationarity of increments**

- Usually, "sparse" parametrization

$$C_\theta(||x_1 - x_2||) \text{ with}$$

$$\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3)$$

$$= (\text{nugget}, \text{sill}, \text{range})$$

# Weak point of kriging

BLUP-optimality rests on exact knowledge of covariance function.

In practice however: **plug-in-kriging** using

$$\hat{\gamma}(h) = \frac{1}{2N(h)} \sum_{i=1}^{N(h)} [Z(x_i) - Z(x_i + h)]^2$$

empirical moment estimator

which is then fitted to some conditionally neg. semidefinite function  
 $\gamma(h; \theta)$

⇒ Underestimation of Mean Square error of prediction.

For sensible predictions: further assumptions about the law of the R.F. are required (**Local** behaviour of the R.F. is critical)

Essential Property: **Mean square differentiability**

defined as an  $L_2$ -limit

$$(1/h_n) * (Z(||x|| + h_n) - Z(||x||)) \xrightarrow{L_2} \text{Limit}$$

$$\text{Limit} =: Z'(||x||)$$

$\forall$  sequences  $\{h_n\}$  such that  $h_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

Then  $Z$  is m.s.d.  $\longleftrightarrow |C''(0)| < \infty$

and  $Z'$  has cov.function  $-C''(\cdot)$

Accordingly:  $Z$  is m-times m.s.d. iff  $Z^{(m-1)}$  is m.s.d.

**Result:**  $Z$  is m-times m.s.d.  $\longleftrightarrow |C^{(2m)}(0)| < \infty$

Local behaviour of W.R.F.'s is best studied using

## Spectral Methods

# Spectral methods

## Bochner's Theorem:

$C(\cdot)$  is cov. function for a w.m.s.c. R.F. on  $R^d \longleftrightarrow$

$$C(x) = \int_{R^d} \exp(i\omega^T x) F(d\omega)$$



**spectral measure**

If  $F \ll$  Lebesgue measure with **spectral density**  $f$  then

$$f(\omega) = (2\pi)^{-d} \int_{R^d} \exp(-i\omega^T x) C(x) dx$$

Inversion formula (e.g. Yaglom 1987)

# Matérn class of covariance functions

$$C_\theta(h) = \sigma^2 * (\alpha|h|)^\nu \mathcal{K}_\nu(\alpha|h|)$$

$\mathcal{K}_\nu$  = modified Bessel function of order  $\nu$

$$\theta = (\sigma^2, \alpha, \nu) = (\text{sill, range, smoothness}) \in (0, \infty)^3$$

**Spectral density:**  $f_M(\omega) = \sigma^2(\alpha^2 + \omega^2)^{-\nu-d/2}$

valid for isotropic R.F.s in any dimension d!

## Result:

$Z(\cdot)$  is  $m$  times m.s.d.

$\longleftrightarrow \nu > m$

$\longleftrightarrow C_\theta(\cdot)$  is  $2m$  times differentiable

Degree of smoothness:  $s = [\nu]$

## Advantage:

Matérn model does allow for great flexibility  
in the smoothness of an R.F. (critical in interpolation)  
while still keeping the number of parameters

$\theta = (\text{nugget}, \text{sill}, \text{range}, \text{smoothness})$

manageable!

### Matern-type covariance functions

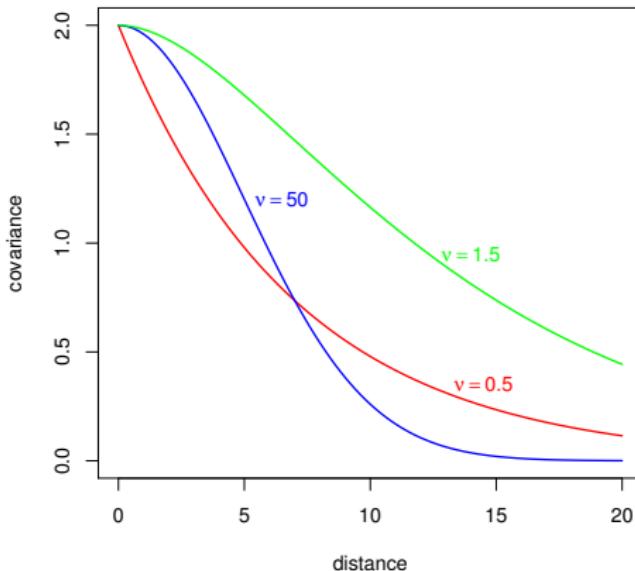


Figure : Matérn Covariance Functions

# Prediction using Likelihood Methods

Assumption:  $Z(\cdot) \sim \text{Gaussian R.F. on } R^d$

$C_\theta(h) = C_\theta(|h|)$  = Matérn cov. function

$Z = (Z(x_1), \dots, Z(x_n))^T$  = observation vector

$Z \sim N_n(F\beta, K(\theta))$  with

$F = [f(x_1) \dots f(x_n)]^T$  design matrix

$K(\theta) = (C_\theta(x_i - x_j))_{i,j=1,\dots,n} = Cov(\mathbf{Z})$

Log-Likelihood-Function:

$$I(\beta, \theta) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log \det K(\theta)$$
$$-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Z} - F\beta)^T K(\theta)^{-1} (\mathbf{Z} - F\beta)$$

For any given  $\theta$ ,  $I(\cdot, \theta)$  is maximized by

$$\hat{\beta}(\theta) = [F^T K(\theta)^{-1} F]^{-1} F^T K(\theta)^{-1} \mathbf{Z}$$

**Problem:** Maximize  $I(\hat{\beta}(\theta), \theta)$  w.r. to  $\theta$

||  
profile log likelihood for  $\theta$

## Disadvantage:

- MLE of  $\theta$  tends to underestimate the variation
- Adjustments for the bias not available

## Alternative approach: REML

consider the likelihood function of the contrasts

$$\mathbf{Y} = \left\{ I_n - F(F^T F)^{-1} F^T \right\} \mathbf{Z},$$

$\Rightarrow P_{\mathbf{Y}}$  has singular normal distribution  
**independent** of  $\beta$

REML estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  = Maximizer of  $I(\theta; \mathbf{Y})$

## **Extension to non-Gaussian R.F.s:**

Need models / computational methods  
for calculating likelihood functions

Diggle, Tawn & Moyeed (1998) made an important step in this direction:

- Model-based Geostatistics using
- MCMC methods

# Bayesian approach

**Advantage:** provides a general methodology for taking into account the uncertainty about parameters on subsequent predictions

Especially important for the Matérn class:

Large uncertainty about  $\nu$ , and the nugget effect

It is impossible to obtain defensible MSE's from the data without incorporating prior information about  $\nu$  and nugget!

**Bayesian solution:** For making inferences about  $Z(x_0) =: Z_0$ , use the **predictive density**  $p(Z_0|\mathbf{Z})$  given the data  
 $\mathbf{Z} = (Z(x_1), \dots, Z(x_n))^T$ ,

$$p(Z_0|\mathbf{Z}) = \int_{\Theta} \int_B p(Z_0|\beta, \theta, \mathbf{Z}) p(\beta, \theta|\mathbf{Z}) d\beta d\theta$$

$\downarrow$                            $\downarrow$   
trend parameter      covariance par.

where  $p(\beta, \theta|\mathbf{Z}) = \text{posterior density}$

$$= \frac{p(\mathbf{Z}|\beta, \theta)p(\beta, \theta)}{\int_{\Theta} \int_B p(\mathbf{Z}|\beta, \theta)p(\beta, \theta)d\beta d\theta}$$

$\propto$  likelihood \* prior

**Trend modelling:**  $EZ(x) = f(x)^T \beta$   
using low-order-polynomials (degree  $\leq 2$ )

**Covariance modelling:** Matérn class with  
Handcock-Wallis-parameterization

$$C_\theta(h) = \tau^2 * I(h=0) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2^{\nu-1}\Gamma(\nu)} \left( \frac{2\sqrt{\nu}}{\rho} |h| \right)^\nu \mathcal{K}_\nu \left( \frac{2\sqrt{\nu}}{\rho} |h| \right)$$
$$\theta = (\tau^2, \sigma^2, \nu, \rho) \in \Theta = (0, \infty)^4$$

Extension: Mixtures of 2 Matérn cov. functions  
(short+large scale effects)

# Prior modelling assumptions

Modelling of adequate priors for second order parameters is a difficult task!

Until recently, **reference priors** were only partially available (conditional on smoothness  $\nu$ , and nugget excluded),  
Berger et al. (JASA 2001), De Oliveira (CJS, 2007)

Some **progress**: Kazianka and Pilz (2010), (2011), (2012)  
Pilz, Kazianka and Spoeck (2012), Kazianka (2013, 2014)  
Gu (2016), Gu and Berger (2016)

**Software** implementation: Diggle & Ribeiro (geoR)  
Spoeck: spatDesign (Empirical Bayes approach)  
Kazianka: spatialCopula (Objective Bayes approach)

## Bayesian Trans-Gaussian Prediction

The transformed Gaussian Model is based on

- Observations from random field  $\{Z(x) : x \in \mathbf{X} \subset \mathcal{R}^d\}$ .
- Box-Cox family of power transformations (Box and Cox, 1964)

$$g_\lambda(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{z^\lambda - 1}{\lambda} & : \lambda \neq 0 \\ \log(z) & : \lambda = 0 \end{cases}$$

De Oliveira et al. (1997): Bayesian Transgaussian Kriging  
(BTK)

- transforms the random field  $Z(x)$  for some unknown parameter  $\lambda$  to a Gaussian one

$$Y(x) = g_\lambda(Z(x)) = \mathbf{f}(x)^T \boldsymbol{\beta} + \epsilon(x),$$

with unknown trend and unknown covariance function  $C_\theta(x_1, x_2)$ .

- Definition of prior for  $\Theta = (\lambda, \theta)$ :

$$p(\beta, \Theta) = \underbrace{p(\beta)}_{\text{normal}} * \underbrace{p(\Theta)}_{\text{simulation}}$$

- Our Empirical Bayes Kriging has recently been implemented in ESRI's **Arclnfo-Geostatistics Toolbox** 2015!

## Posterior Predictive Distribution

$$p(Z_0|\mathbf{Z}) = \int_{\Theta} p(Z_0|\mathbf{Z}, \Theta) * p(\Theta|\mathbf{Z}) d\Theta$$

where

$$p(Z_0|\mathbf{Z}, \Theta) = \mathcal{N}(BK_{Pred}, BK_{Var}) * J_{\lambda}(Z_0)$$

and

$BK_{Pred}$  = Bayesian kriging predictor of the transformed data

$BK_{Var}$  = Variance of  $BK_{Pred}$

# Implementation, Illustration

Matlab-Implementation can be found at

- [http://www.uni-klu.ac.at/guspoeck/  
spatDesignMatlab.zip](http://www.uni-klu.ac.at/guspoeck/spatDesignMatlab.zip)

Illustration: Gomel Data

- $n = 148$  measurements of Cs137
- region of Gomel (Belarus), Fall 1996
- Data  $\sim LN(\log\mu = 0.664, \log\sigma = 1.475)$   
i.e.  $\lambda = 0$  fixed

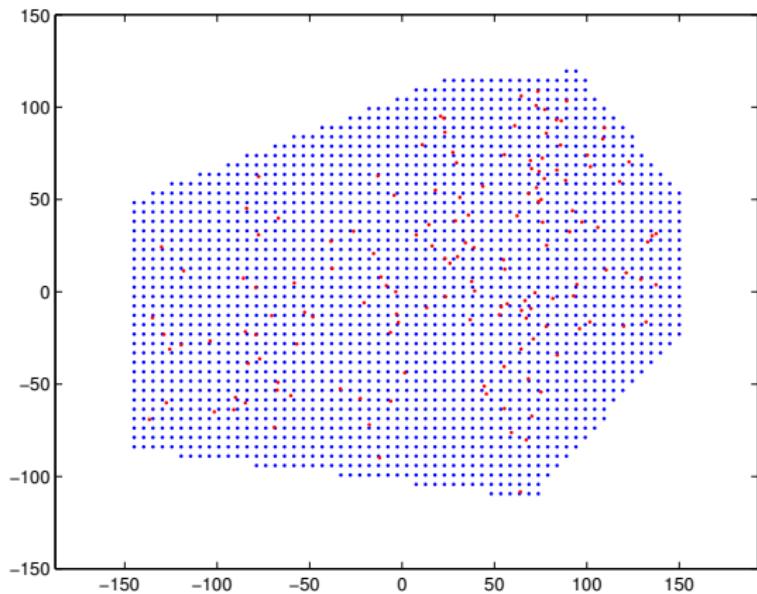


Figure : Locations given (red) and locations to be predicted (blue)

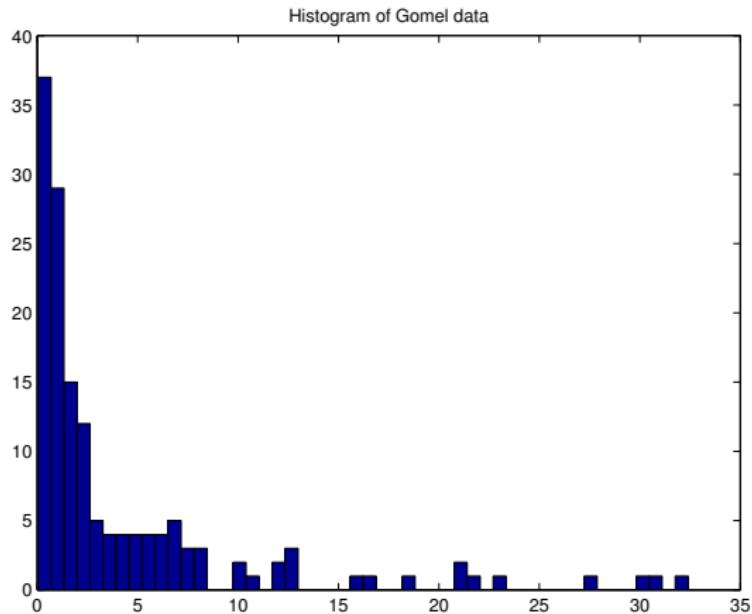


Figure : Histogram of Gomel data

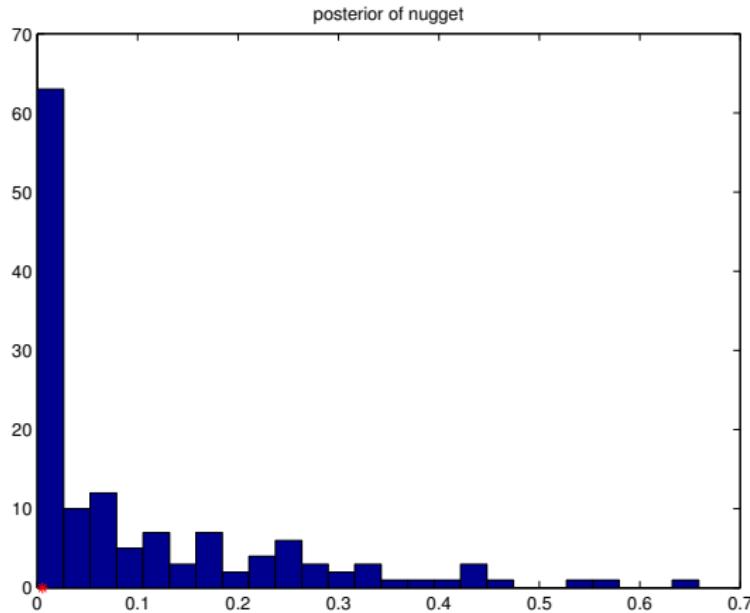


Figure : Bootstrapped nugget

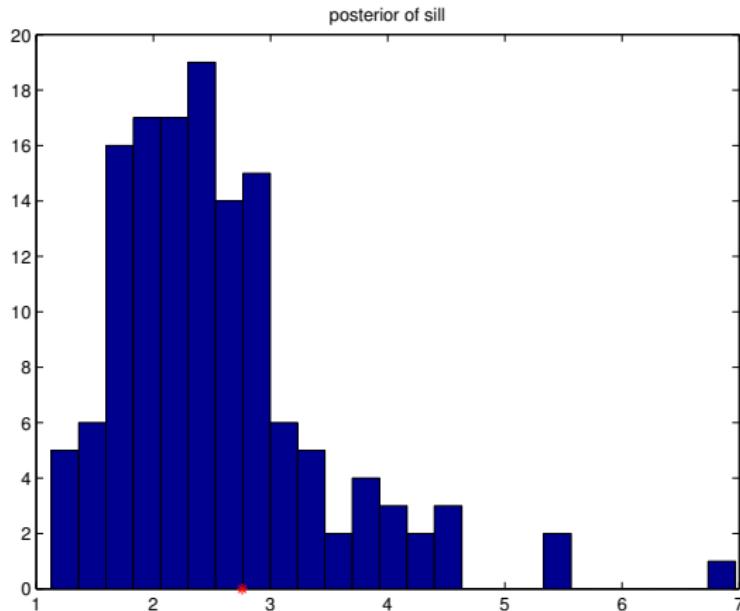


Figure : Bootstrapped sill

posterior of anisotropy axes

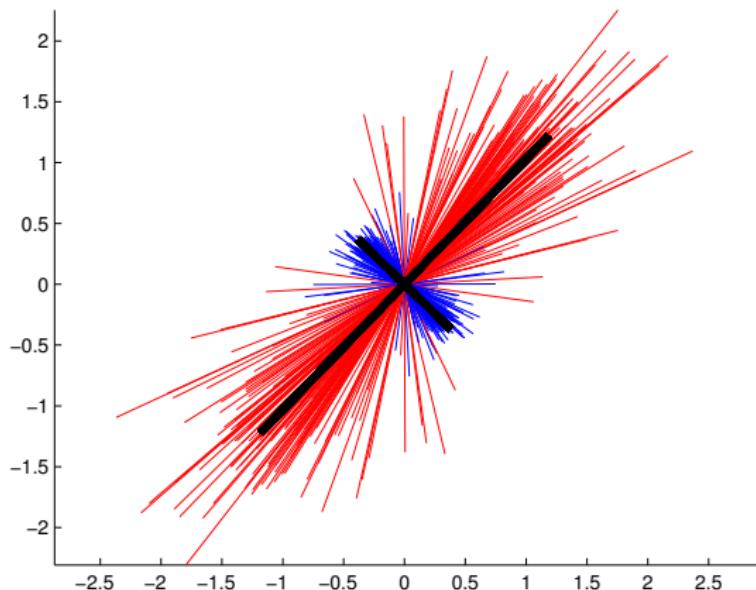


Figure : Bootstrapped anisotropy axes

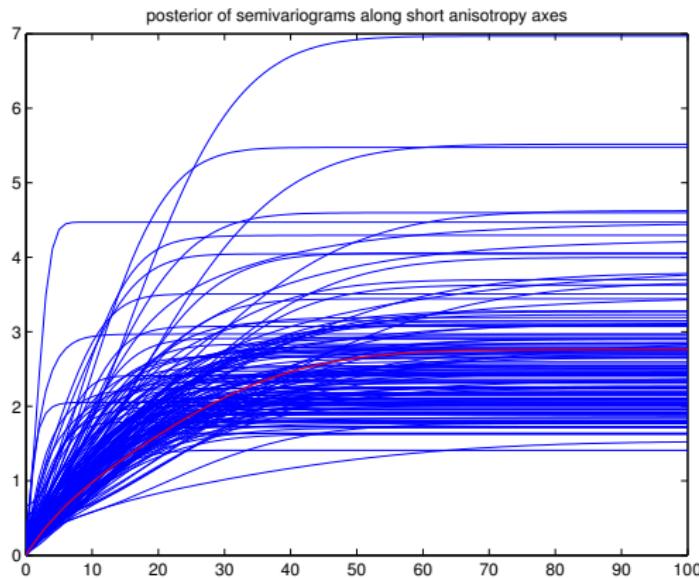


Figure : Semivariograms along short anisotropy axes

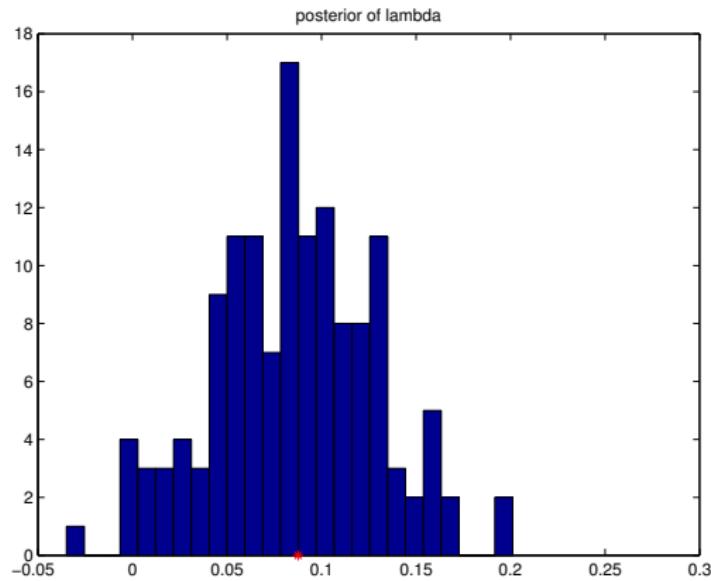


Figure : Bootstrapped Box-Cox parameter

# Advantage

Bayesian approach to Kriging provides comprehensive summary information:

- Complete probability distribution  
(not only kriged values + variances)
- we have median, quantiles, ...
  - threshold values, confidence intervals a.s.o.
  - complete means for uncertainty reporting

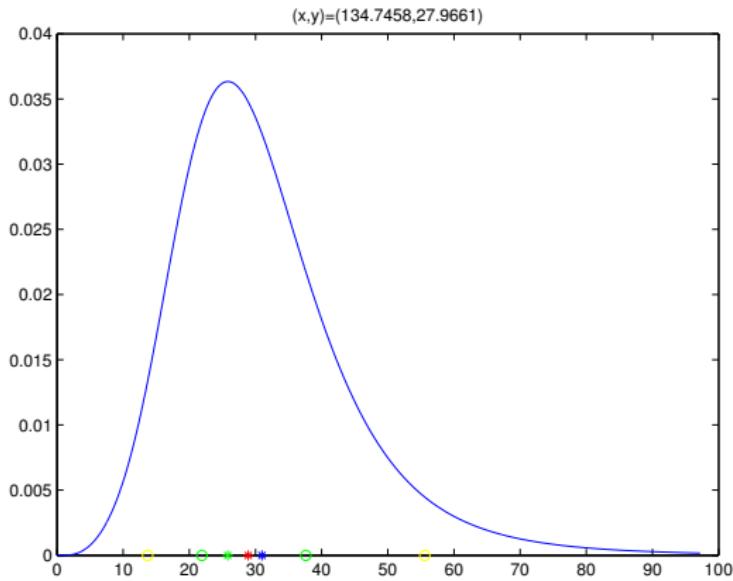


Figure : Posterior predictive distribution at (x,y)=(134.7,27.9)

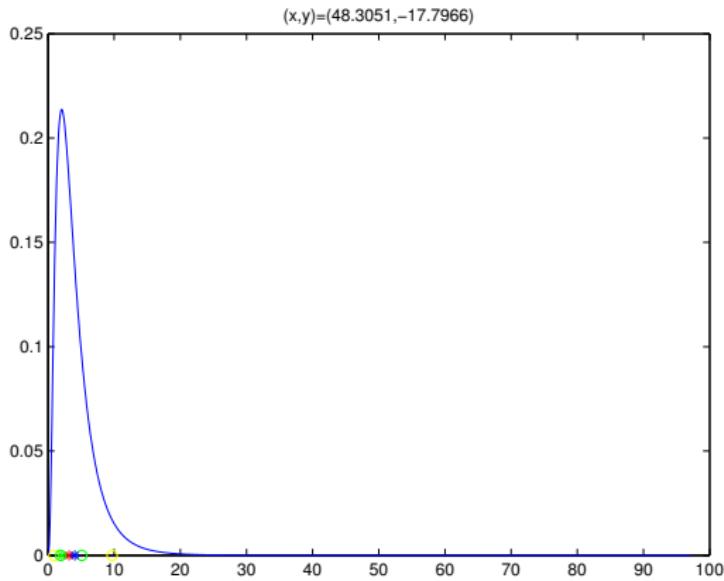


Figure : posterior predictive distribution at  $(x,y)=(48.3,-17.8)$

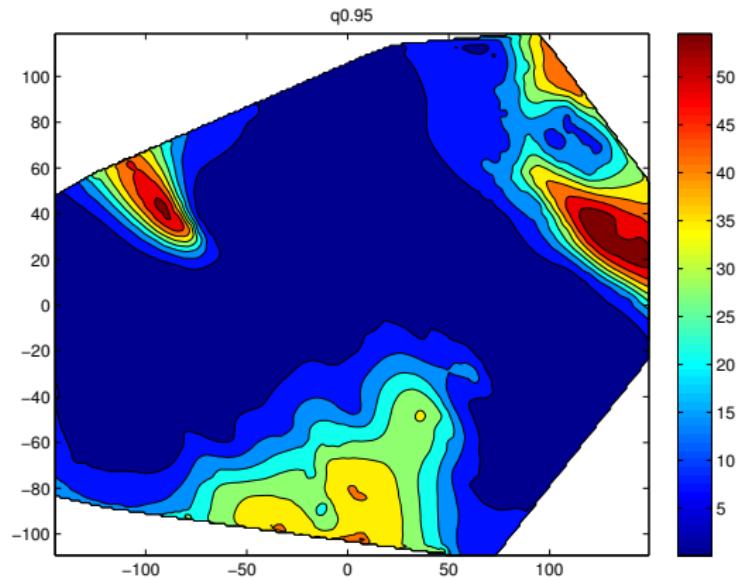


Figure : 95% posterior predictive quantile

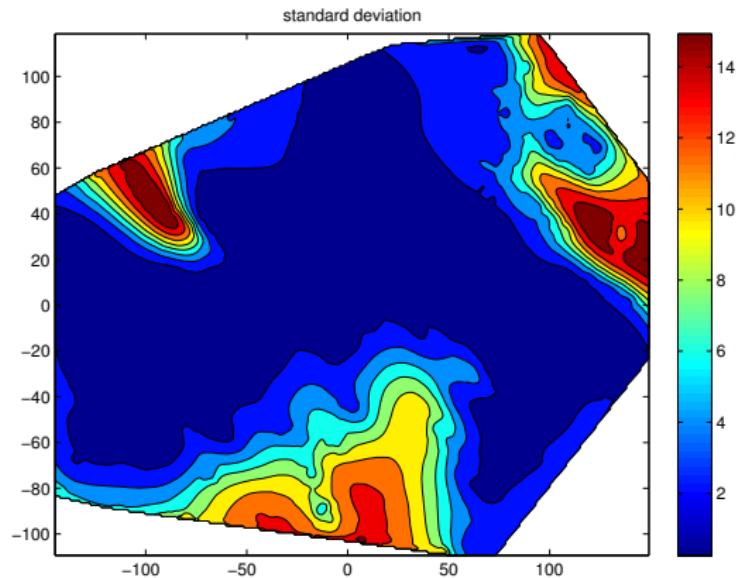


Figure : posterior predictive standard deviation

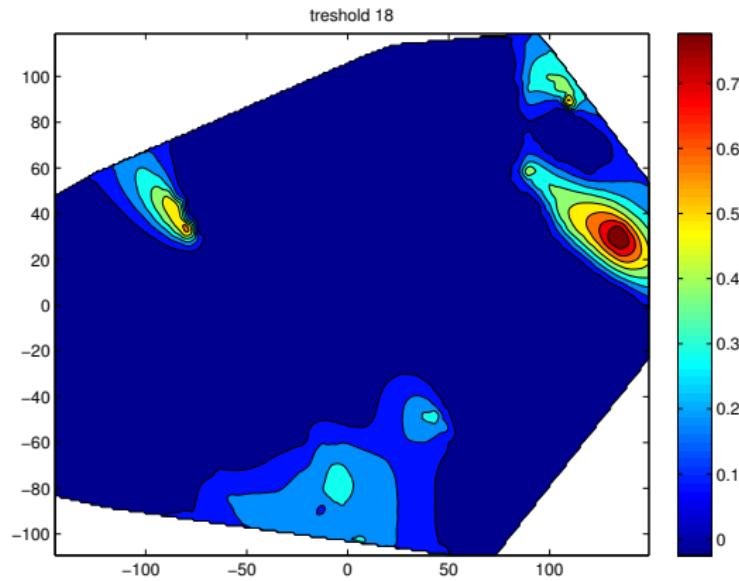


Figure : probability to be above threshold 18.0

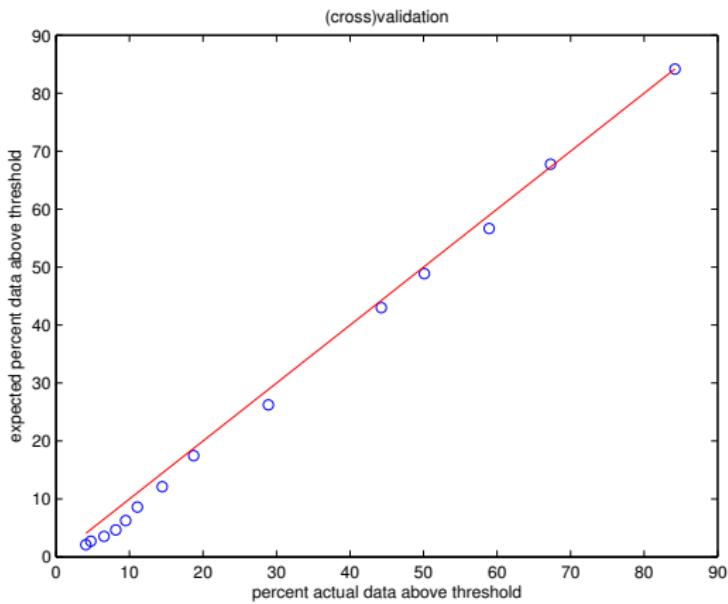


Figure : Predicted percentage versus actual percentage of data above threshold

## 2nd Extension: GLGM

- Diggle and Ribeiro (2007): Model-Based Geostatistics. Springer, NY

**Framework:** GLGM = Generalized Linear Geostatistical Model

$$g(\mu_i) = \mathbf{c}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta} + S(x_i), \text{ where}$$

$S(x_i)$  = random spatial effects

- R-Software: library(**geoR**), library(**geoRglm**)
- Bayesian Hierarchical GLM framework in Banerjee et al. (2014)

# Going beyond GLM and BHGLM

- How to proceed with distributions not covered by the GLM-framework?
- How to deal with extreme events coming from a different random process as opposed to the „background“ process?

Modelling of heavy-tailed/**extreme-value** distributions:

These are distributions which have a much slower decay of probability in the tails than the normal distribution

**GEV:**  $Z = Z(x)$  has c.d.f.

$$F(z; \mu, \sigma, \tau) = \exp \left( - \left[ 1 - \tau \left( \frac{z - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \right]_+^{-1/\tau} \right)$$

# Main challenges in the EU-Project INTAMAP

- EU-PROJECT "INTAMAP"= Interoperability and Automatic Mapping of critical environmental variables, 2008-2012
- Development of new methodology for Bayesian spatial interpolation for non-Gaussian observations, with specific attention to extreme-value distributions
- Development of new methods for characterizing spatial dependence structures (based on copulas)
- Implementation (existing + new methods) in case of non-Gaussian, skewed and heavy-tailed observations:  
**library(intamap)** = Library of R-functions
- [www.intamap.org](http://www.intamap.org)

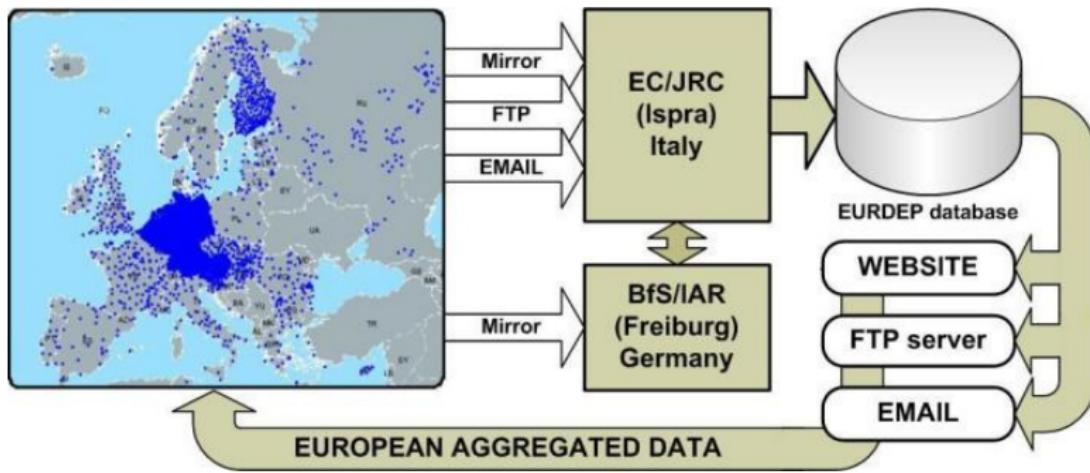


Figure : Flow of European radioactive contaminated data

# Briefly on Copulas

**Copulas:** distribution functions on the unit cube  $[0, 1]^n$  with uniformly distributed margins, introduced by Abe Sklar (1959).

**Sklar's Theorem:** Let  $H$  be an  $n$ -dimensional distribution function with margins  $F_1, \dots, F_n$ . Then there exists an  $n$ -dimensional copula  $C$  such that for all  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$H(x_1, \dots, x_n) = C(F_1(x_1), \dots, F_n(x_n)).$$

If  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  are all continuous, then  $C$  is unique. Conversely, if  $C$  is an  $n$ -copula and  $F_1, \dots, F_n$  are d. f.s, then  $H$  is an  $n$ -dimensional d. f. with margins  $F_1, \dots, F_n$ , and

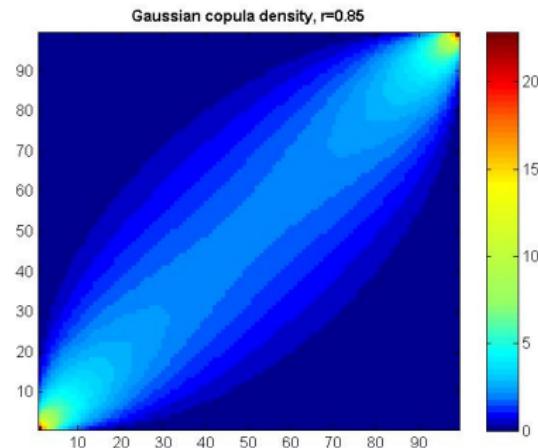
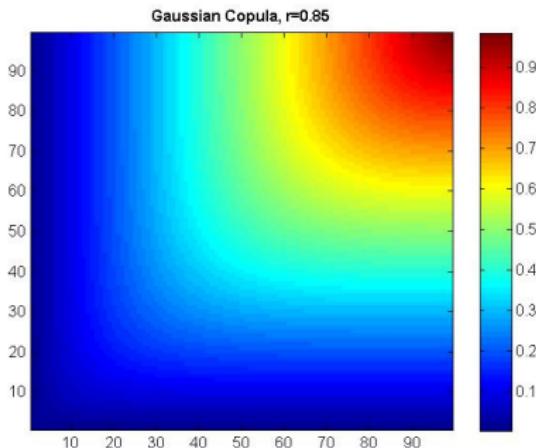
$$C(u_1, \dots, u_n) = H(F_1^{-1}(u_1), \dots, F_n^{-1}(u_n)).$$

# The Gaussian Copula

Sklar's Theorem provides a simple way of constructing copulas from multivariate distributions: Suppose  $H = \Phi_{\mathbf{0}, \Sigma}$  and  $F_1 = \dots = F_n = \Phi$ , then

$$C_{\Sigma}^G(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \Phi_{\mathbf{0}, \Sigma}(\Phi^{-1}(u_1), \dots, \Phi^{-1}(u_n))$$

is called the Gaussian copula.



# Spatial Modeling using Copulas

- Copulas are **invariant** under strictly increasing transformations of the marginals: Thus, frequently applied data transformations (e.g. square root and log transformations) do not change the copula.
- The relation between two locations separated by the vector  $\mathbf{h}$  is characterized by the bivariate distribution

$$P(Z(\mathbf{x}) \leq z_1, Z(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}) \leq z_2) = C_{\mathbf{h}}(F_Z(z_1), F_Z(z_2))$$

The copula thus becomes a function of the separating vector  $\mathbf{h}$

- Spatial copulas describe spatial dependence over the whole range of quantiles for a given separating vector  $\mathbf{h}$ , and not only the mean dependence (as the variogram does)

# Relation to Diggle's GLGM

- Copula-based spatial modeling approach is an alternative to the model-based approach of Diggle (1998, 2007)
- Their approach can be easily extended to include mixed linear effects:

$$g(\mu_i) = \mathbf{c}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta} + S(\mathbf{x}_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

where  $S(\cdot)$  is a stationary Gaussian process with mean zero, variance  $\sigma^2$  and given correlation function

- **Main difference:** in GLGM only  $\mu_i$  is modeled, whereas we build a **complete multivariate distribution** for the observed variables  $Z(\mathbf{x}_i); i = 1, \dots, n$

# Parameter Estimation for Continuous Margins

- Parameter vector  $\Theta = (\theta, \lambda, \eta)$ , where  
 $\theta$  = correlation function parameters,  $\lambda$  = copula parameters and  
 $\eta$  = parameters of the known family of univ. distributions  $F$
- Likelihood of the data  $\mathcal{D} = \{z(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, z(\mathbf{x}_n)\}$ :

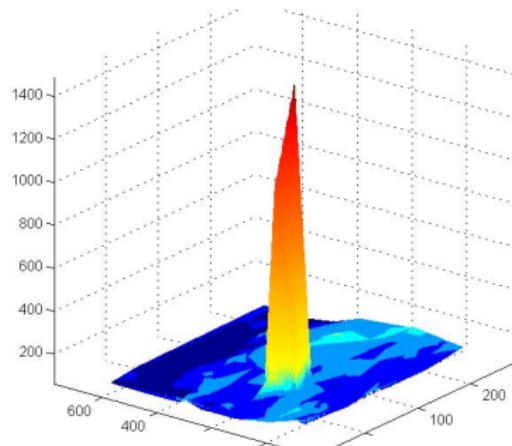
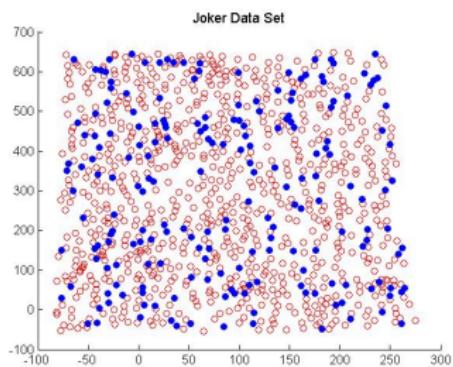
$$l(\Theta; \mathcal{D}) = c_{\theta, \lambda}(F_\eta(Z(\mathbf{x}_1)), \dots, F_\eta(Z(\mathbf{x}_n))) \prod_{i=1}^n f_\eta(Z(\mathbf{x}_i))$$

- For copulas different from the Gaussian/Student copula the evaluation of the density is infeasible in higher dimensions. Here we proceed with **composite ml** using the bivariate copula densities. (Generalization: recently developed **vine copulas**, see e.g. Graeler (2014)).

- Use a proper prior for  $\Theta$  to assure that the posterior distribution,  $p(\Theta | \mathcal{D})$ , is proper too. Otherwise, one has to prove the propriety of the posterior, which can be a difficult task
- For computation of the posterior d. of  $\Theta = (\theta, \lambda, \eta)$ , we use an MH-Algorithm
- Let  $\hat{\Theta}^{(i)} = (\hat{\theta}^{(i)}, \hat{\lambda}^{(i)}, \hat{\eta}^{(i)})$  denote the i-th sample from the posterior. The approximation to the predictive density is

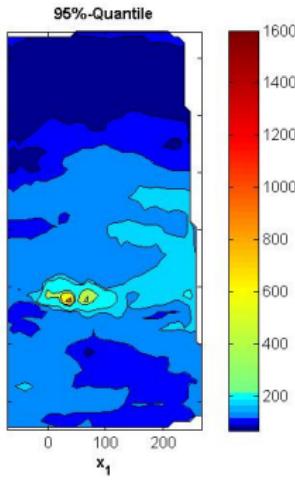
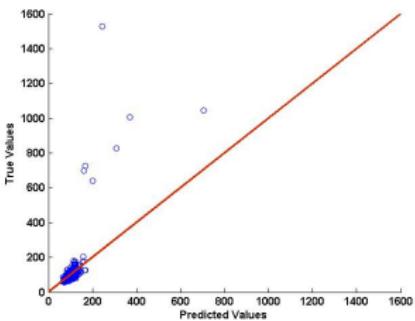
$$p(z(\mathbf{x}_0) | \mathcal{D}) \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N p\left(z(\mathbf{x}_0) | \mathcal{D}, \hat{\Theta}^{(i)}\right)$$

# SIC2004 Joker Data Set



- Data set from the Spatial Interpolation Contest 2004 (Dubois)
- 200 training data and 808 test data. The training data include two very large observations (1070.4 and 1499) and have a sample **skewness** of **9.92**
- We assume a **GEV** marginal distribution
- The marginal location parameters are specified as
$$\mu_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i}$$
- Fit a Gaussian copula with correlation function = mixture of a Gaussian and an exponential model.  
Geometric anisotropy is also considered.
- RMSE=64.47, MAE=15.83, ME=-2.56, Pearson r=0.72  
Better results than with trans-Gaussian kriging using Box-Cox or Log-Log transformation and other classical geostatistical applications.

# Spatial Interpolation of SIC2004 Joker Data



# Objective Bayesian spatial analysis

Objective Bayesian analysis is important because

- truncation of parameter space and using proper flat priors for the resulting bounded space
- using vague proper priors e.g.  $IG(\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$  for the variance parameter with  $\varepsilon$  near zero

are **questionable** and may lead to highly informative priors which are sensitive to e.g. the truncation points or the choice of  $\varepsilon$ .

Berger, De Oliveira, Sanso (2001): developed Jeffreys-rule prior for unknown regression, variance and range parameters of Gaussian random fields. They show that the uniform prior for the range parameter leads to a proper posterior only when certain constraints are satisfied.

# The Priors & Integrated Likelihood

Similar to Berger et al. (2001) we consider priors of the form

$$p(\beta, \sigma^2, \theta) \propto \frac{p(\theta)}{(\sigma^2)^a}$$

where  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)$ ;  $\theta_1 = \text{range} > 0$ ,  $\theta_2 = 1 - \tau^2/\sigma^2 \in [0, 1]$ .

## Results

- ① The posterior distribution of  $(\beta, \sigma^2, \theta)$  is improper if the flat prior  $p^U(\theta) \propto 1$  is used.
- ② With  $p^{J_1}$ , the posterior distribution of  $(\beta, \sigma^2, \theta)$  is proper whenever  $a > 2$ .
- ③ With  $p^{J_2}$ , the posterior distribution is proper whenever  $a > (p + 3)/2$ .

## Jeffreys prior in case of zero mean and unit variance

Denoting  $W_i = \frac{\partial \Sigma_\theta}{\partial \theta_i}(\Sigma_\theta^{-1})$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , the Jeffreys prior density for  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)$  given  $E(Z(x)) = 0$  and  $\text{Var}(Z(x)) = 1$  in the Gaussian spatial model can be written as

$$p^J(\theta_1, \theta_2) \propto \left\{ \text{tr}[W_1^2] \text{tr}[W_2^2] - (\text{tr}[W_1 W_2])^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

## Application to the case of a Gaussian Copula

Assume that  $Y(x)$  follows a Gaussian spatial copula model with marginal distribution  $F_\eta$  and Gaussian correlation structure. Then  $Z(x) = \Phi^{-1}(F_\eta(Y(x)))$  has Gaussian marginals with zero mean and unit variance. The Jeffreys prior for  $\theta$  given  $\eta$ , however, does not change under this transformation:

$$p^J(\theta_1, \theta_2) = p^J(\theta_1, \theta_2 | \eta)$$

# Software for Copula-based Spatial Analysis

## Matlab package spatialCopula

freely available at

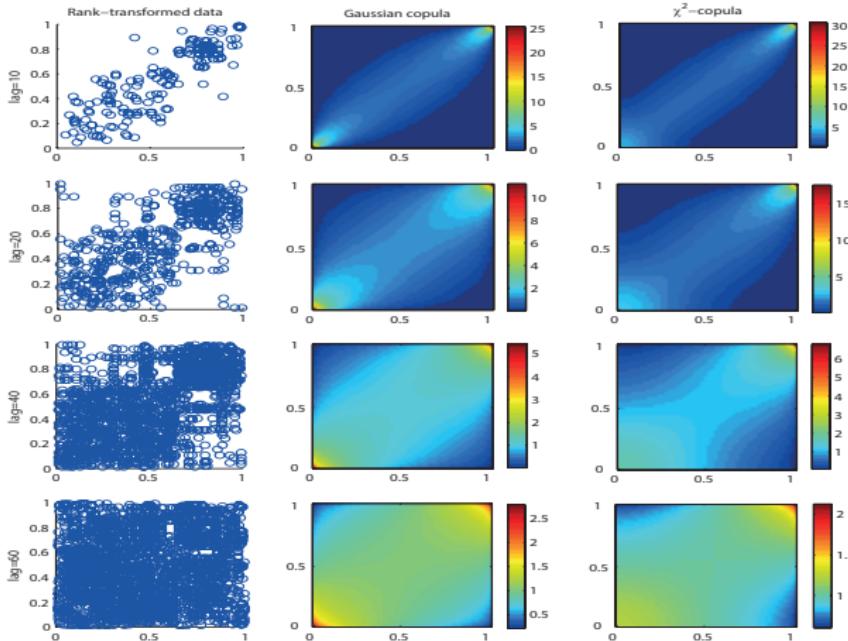
[www.uni-klu.ac.at/hakazian/spatialCopulaV1.1.zip](http://www.uni-klu.ac.at/hakazian/spatialCopulaV1.1.zip)

includes modeling of

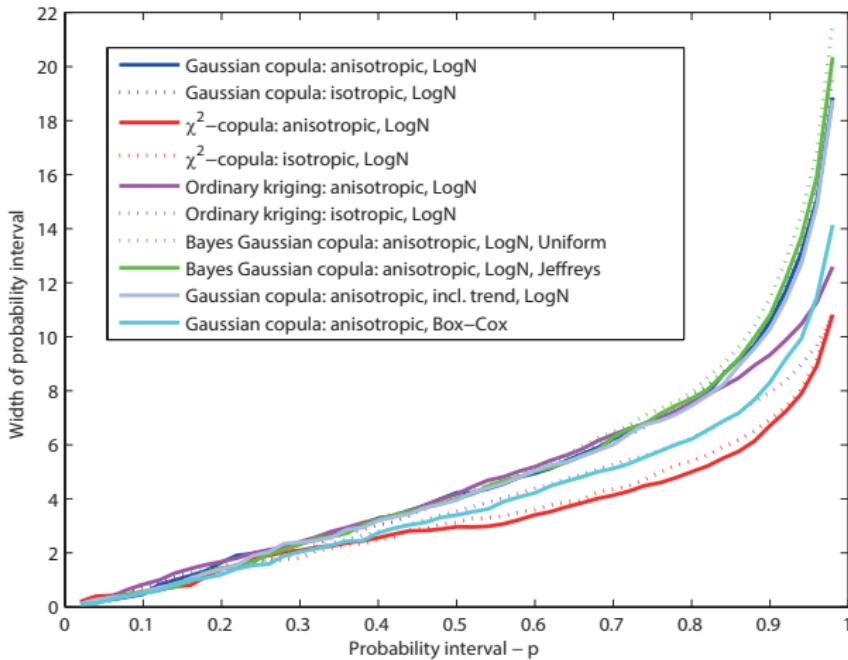
- spatial trend/covariates
- geometric anisotropy
- continuous and discrete margins

Description of the use of the package in the accompanying paper  
H. Kazianka (2013): spatialCopula: A Matlab toolbox for copula-based spatial analysis. Stoch. Envir. Res. Risk Assess. 27, 121-135

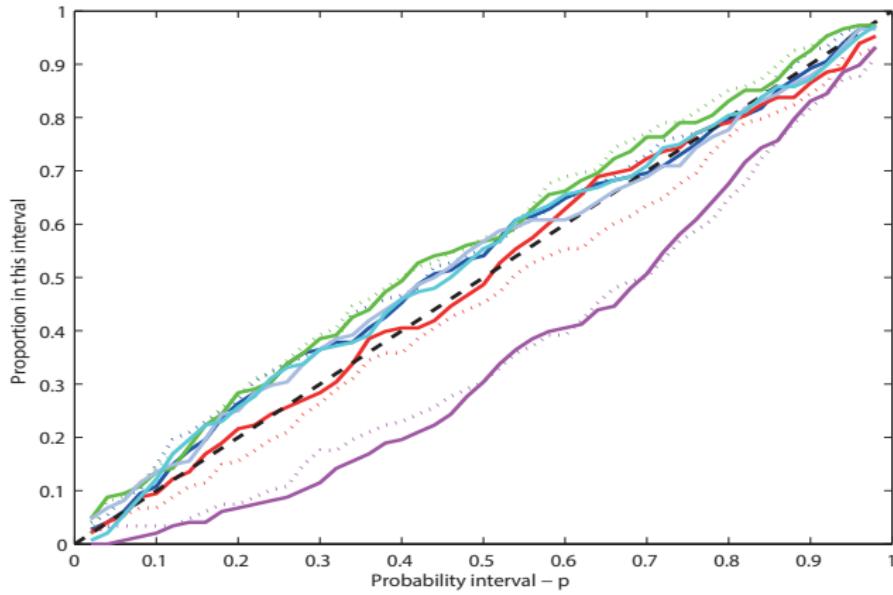
# Functionality I: comparing different copulas



# Functionality II: Displaying interval widths



# Functionality III: Displaying coverage probabilities



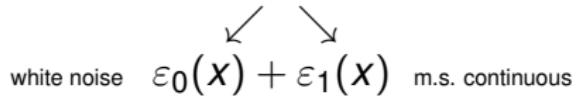
# Spatial Sampling Design

Common approach: stochastic search

**Alternative** approach: **Hilbert Space Theory** of Stochastic Processes:

- Karhunen-Loeve orthogonal decompositions of Stochastic Processes
- Spectral Representation of Isotropic Random Fields

$$Z(x) = f(x)^T \beta + \varepsilon(x), x \in D \subset R^2$$

$$\text{white noise } \varepsilon_0(x) + \varepsilon_1(x) \text{ m.s. continuous}$$


D compact  $\Rightarrow$  Karhunen-Loeve-Representation

$$\varepsilon_1(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j^{1/2} \alpha_j \psi_j(x)$$

where

$$Cov(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) = \delta_{ij}; i, j = 1, \dots$$

and  $\lambda_j, \psi_j$ : eigenvalues + eigenfunctions of  $C_{\varepsilon_1}$ :

$$C_{\varepsilon_1}(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \psi_j(x_1) \psi_j(x_2)$$

"Simplifications" for isotropic R.F's:

$$C_{\varepsilon_1}(x_1, x_2) = \int_0^{\infty} J_0(||x_1 - x_2|| \cdot \omega) dG(\omega)$$



Bessel function  
of first kind



polar spectral  
distribution function

Change to polar coordinates and approximation of  $G$  by

step function

$$\tilde{G} : \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} w_1 & w_2 & \dots & w_n \\ \delta_1 & \delta_2 & \dots & \delta_n \end{array} \right\}$$

with jumps

$$\delta_i = G(w_{i+1}) - G(w_i)$$

Approximation of integrals through finite sums yields:

$$C(\tilde{\varepsilon}_1(t_1, \varphi_1), \tilde{\varepsilon}_1(t_2, \varphi_2))$$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^M d_m \cos(m(\varphi_2 - \varphi_1)) \sum_{i=1}^n J_m(t_1 w_i) J_m(t_2 w_i) \delta_i$$

## Radial basis functions:

$$f_{mi}(t, \varphi) = \cos(m\varphi) J_m(\omega_i t)$$

$$m = 1, \dots, M; i = 1, \dots, n$$

e.g. for  $M = 25, n = 75$

$\Rightarrow k = 3774$  radial basis functions

# Consequences for Experimental Design

Use of approximations

$$Z(x) = f(x)^T \beta + \tilde{\varepsilon}(x)$$

where  $\tilde{\varepsilon}(x) = \varepsilon_0(x) + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i g_i(x)$

and  $E(\alpha) = 0$ ,  $Cov(\alpha) = \Delta$  **diagonal**

**Consequence:** original Bayes model with **correlated** errors  
turns into Bayes linear regression model with **uncorrelated** errors:

$$\tilde{Z}(x) = [f(x)^T : g(x)^T] \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} + \varepsilon_0(x)$$

$$E \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad Cov \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta \end{pmatrix}$$

## New design matrix

$$H = [F|G], \quad F = (f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n))^T \\ G = (g(x_1), \dots, g(x_n))^T$$

Bayes Kriging predictor for  $Z(x_0)$  then reads:

$$Z_B(x_0) = f(x_0)^T \mu + HKh(x_0) \\ + (\sigma^2 I_n + HKH^T)^{-1} (Z - F\mu)$$

where  $K = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta \end{pmatrix} = Cov(Z),$

$$h(x) = \begin{pmatrix} f(x) \\ g(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Design problem:** Consider TMSEP = **Bayes risk**

$$\begin{aligned} E_{(\beta, \alpha)} E\{[Z(x_0) - Z_B(x_0)]^2 | \beta, \alpha\} &= \sigma^2 + h(x_0)^T K h(x_0) \\ &\quad - h(x_0)^T K H^T (\sigma^2 I_n + H K H^T)^{-1} H K h(x_0) \end{aligned}$$

and minimize appropriate functionals, e.g.

**$C_B$ -optimality:**  $\min_{\xi} TMSEP(x_0) \longleftrightarrow \max_{\xi} \mathbf{c}^T M_B^{-1}(\xi) \mathbf{c}$

where  $\mathbf{c} = h(\mathbf{x}_0)$  and

$$M_B(\xi) = \int_D h(x) h(x)^T \xi(dx) + \frac{\sigma^2}{n} K^{-1}$$

**Bayesian information matrix**  
of design measure  $\xi$

$L_B$ -optimality: Minimize integrated TMSEP

$$\int_P TMSEP(x_0) W(x_0) dx_0$$

$$\longleftrightarrow \min_{\xi} \text{tr}[UM_B(\xi)^{-1}]$$

where  $U = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \int_P h(x)h(x)^T W(x)dx$

Classical Bayes optimal design criteria (see e.g. Chaloner (1983), Pilz (1991), Holcomb, Lin and Sedransk (2001))

**Problem:**  $k$  large, i.e.  $\dim(h(x))$ ,  $\dim(H)$  large

**Solution:** **Sparse basis** function system to reduce  
the dimensions drastically

### **Implementation:**

[www.uni-klu.ac.at/guspoeck/spatDesignMatlab.zip](http://www.uni-klu.ac.at/guspoeck/spatDesignMatlab.zip)

[www.uni-klu.ac.at/guspoeck/spatDesignOctave.zip](http://www.uni-klu.ac.at/guspoeck/spatDesignOctave.zip)

### **Description and Example in:**

Spoeck, G. & Pilz, J. (2013) Spatial sampling design based on spectral approximations of the error process. J. Mateu, W. Müller (Eds.), Spatio-temporal Design: Advances in efficient data acquisition, Wiley, New York, 2013, Ch. 4

# Advanced design criterion

Minimization of

$$(*) \int_{\mathbf{x}} E\{\text{Length of predictive interval at } \mathbf{x}\} d\mathbf{x}$$

= Average of expected lengths of  $(1 - \alpha)$  predictive intervals

Proposed by Smith & Zhu (2004)

This design criterion takes account of both **prediction accuracy** and **covariance uncertainty**

Much harder design criterion!

Optimization accomplished using spatDesign-Toolbox including NVIDIA-GPU and FFT-Kriging by W. Nowak (Univ. of Stuttgart)

# Example Data

Upper Austria Precipitation Monitoring Network

36 sampling locations

Monthly rainfall data from January 1994 .... December 2009

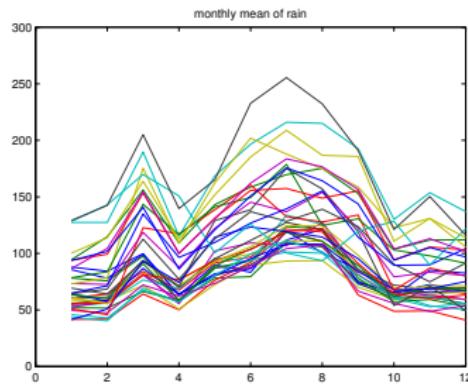
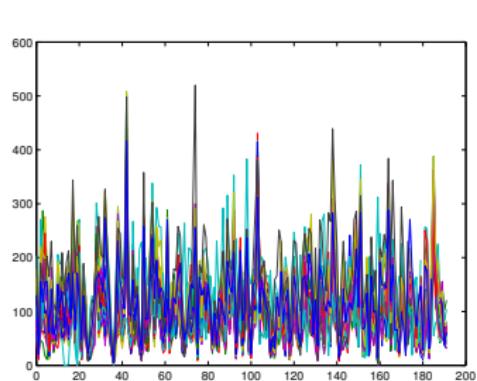


Figure: Time series and monthly means of rainfall at 36 stations

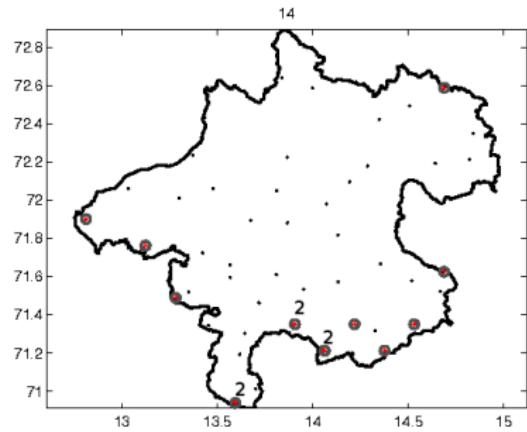
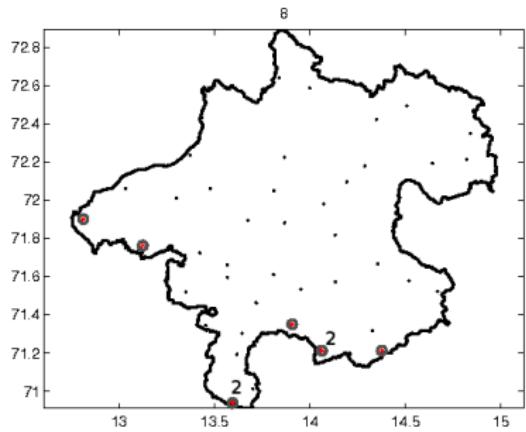


Figure: Augmented 8-point and 14-point designs

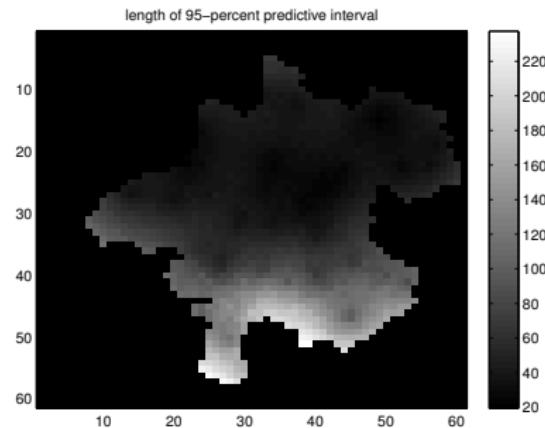
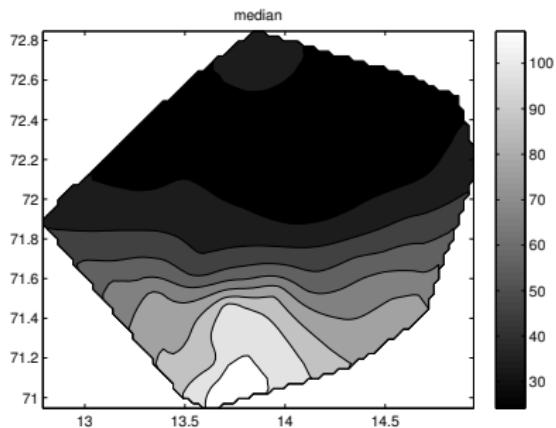


Figure: Predicted medians and lengths of prediction intervals

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