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# Constrained Gaussian Process for Signal Integrity applications using Variational Inference

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- Conclusion

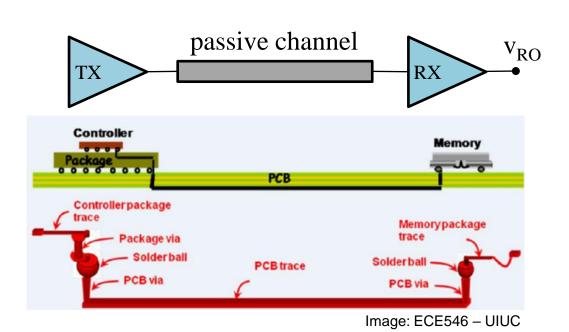


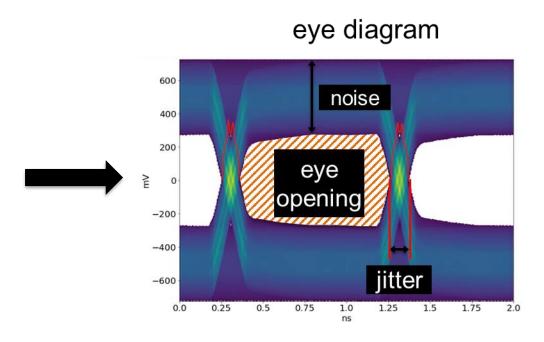


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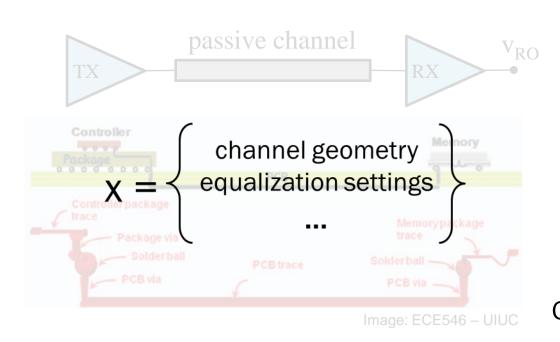


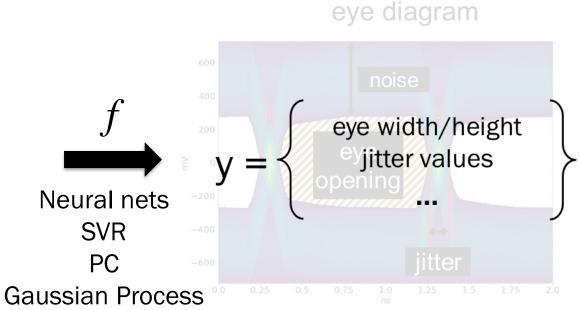


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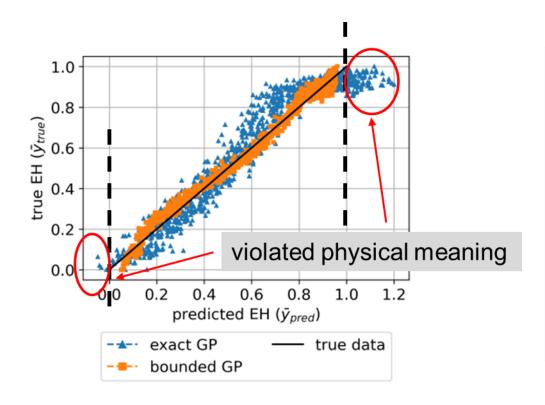


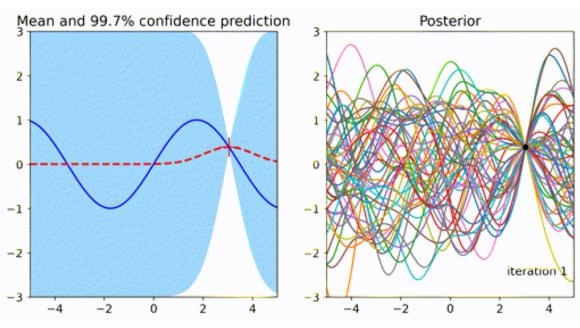






- GP is a set of points which sampled from a multi-dim Gaussian
  - $GP: f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- The need for constrained GP: outputs are bounded by physical meanings



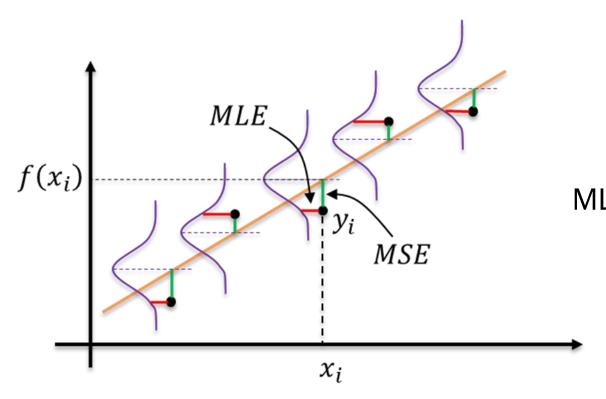


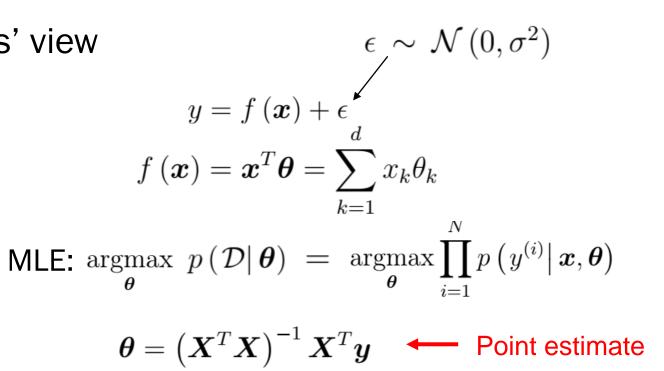






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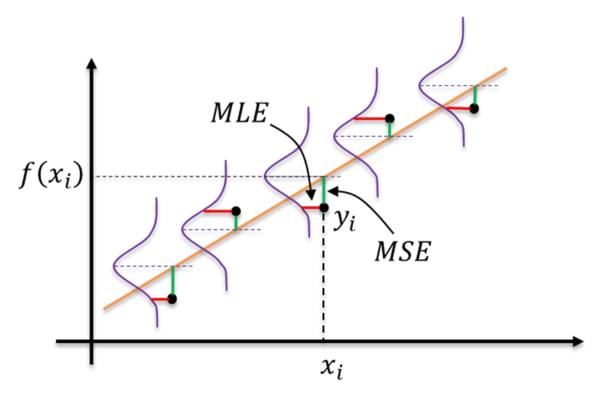








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Sample from the posterior for prediction

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- Relationship with Gaussian Process:
  - Use nonlinear mapping (feature map):  $\varphi$
  - Posterior involves the term

$$k\left(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{x'}\right) = \frac{1}{d} \boldsymbol{\varphi}\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right)^T \Sigma_{\theta} \boldsymbol{\varphi}\left(\boldsymbol{x'}\right)$$

#### **Kernel function**

for any pair of input x and x'

Mercer's theorem: choose k
 instead of φ

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(0,\sigma^2\right) \\ y &= f\left(\boldsymbol{x}\right) + \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

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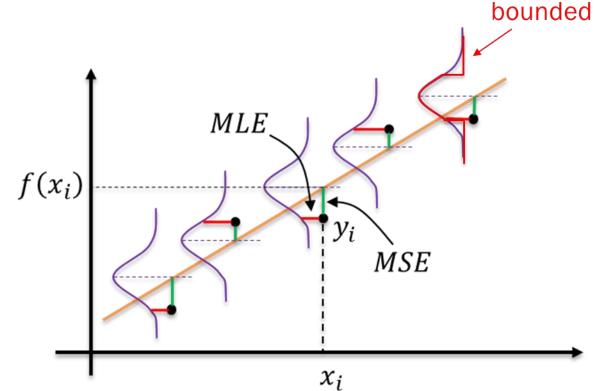
$$p\left(\left.y_{*}\right|\boldsymbol{x_{*}},\mathcal{D}\right)=\int_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}p\left(\left.y_{*}\right|\boldsymbol{x_{*}},\boldsymbol{\theta}\right)p\left(\left.\boldsymbol{\theta}\right|\mathcal{D}\right)\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\theta} \ \longleftarrow \text{A Gaussian}$$

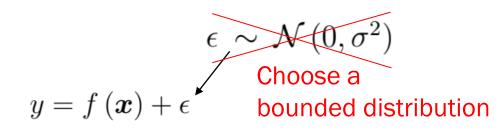






Constrained GP





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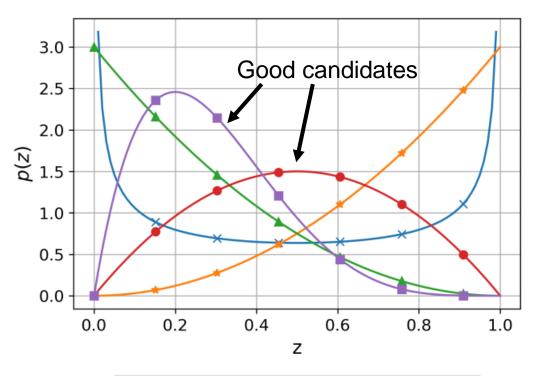


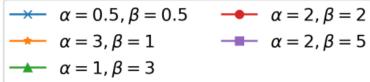


#### Constrained GP:

 Choosing a bounded likelihood: Beta distribution

$$p(z|\alpha,\beta) = Beta(\alpha,\beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} z^{\alpha-1} (1-z)^{\beta-1}$$









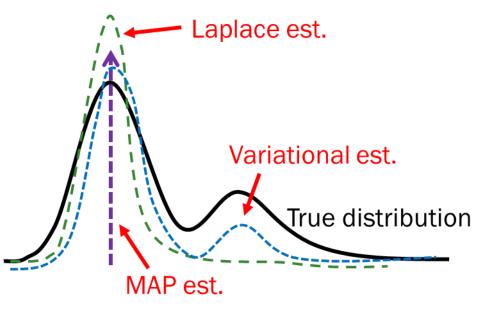


#### Constrained GP:

- 2. Approximate the posterior:
  - Laplace appr. works well for unimodal distribution only.
  - Variational approach is more powerful

#### Variational inference:

- Use a variational distribution q to approximate the true distribution
- Need to optimize some metrics: Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence
- Minimizing KL divergence is equivalent of maximizing evidence lower bound (ELBO)







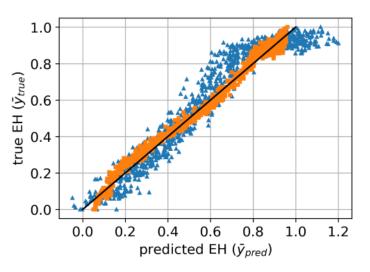


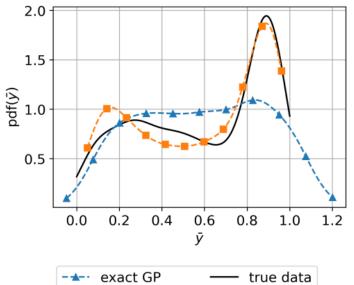
#### A D2D channel:

- Inputs: channel geometry, RX EQ
- Outputs: eye width, eye height
- SGD with Adam optimizer was used to train.
- RBF kernel, 50 training samples (uniformly sampled)

#### Result:

- Bounded GP does not violate physical meanings
- Bounded GP has lower errors, converge sooner
- Training time is only slightly longer (for the same number of epochs)





bounded GP





### Conclusion



- GP was shown to outperform other surrogate models in certain tasks in SPI/RF microwave: fewer samples, lower errors.
- Modified GP can be done to enforce physical constraints in exchange for the analytical solution. In which case, an approximate GP implementation is needed.
- Performance of multi-output bounded GP is up next.





# Linear Regression Bayes' View



Marginal likelihood (or the evidence)

$$p(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} p(y^{(i)}|\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}} \left[y^{(i)} - \left[\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right]^{T} \boldsymbol{\theta}\right]^{2}\right\}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^{2}}}\right)^{N} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[y^{(i)} - \left[\boldsymbol{x}^{(i)}\right]^{T} \boldsymbol{\theta}\right]^{2}\right\}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^{2}}}\right)^{N} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}} (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})^{T} (\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})\right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = -2\boldsymbol{X}^{T}\boldsymbol{y} + 2\boldsymbol{X}^{T}\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\theta} = 0$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{X}^{T}\boldsymbol{X})^{-1} \boldsymbol{X}^{T}\boldsymbol{y}$$



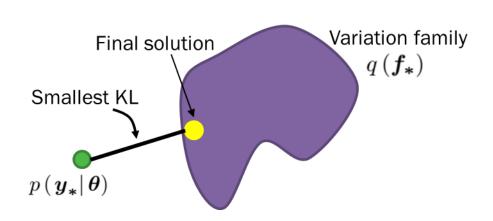


### **ELBO**



#### ELBO derivation

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \log p\left(\left.\boldsymbol{y}_{*}\right|\boldsymbol{\theta}\right) & = & \log \int p\left(\left.\boldsymbol{y}_{*},\boldsymbol{f}_{*}\right|\boldsymbol{\theta}\right)\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{f}_{*} \\ \text{Log evidence} & \geq & \int q\left(\boldsymbol{f}_{*}\right)\log\frac{p\left(\left.\boldsymbol{y}_{*},\boldsymbol{f}_{*}\right|\boldsymbol{\theta}\right)}{q\left(\boldsymbol{f}_{*}\right)}\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{f}_{*} \\ & \mathcal{L}\left(\boldsymbol{\theta}\right) \\ \text{Evidence Lower Bound} \end{array}$$



(ELBO)

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int q(\boldsymbol{f_*}) \log \frac{p(\boldsymbol{y_*}, \boldsymbol{f_*}|\boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\boldsymbol{f_*})} d\boldsymbol{f_*}$$

$$= \int q(\boldsymbol{f_*}) \log \left[ p(\boldsymbol{y_*}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \frac{p(\boldsymbol{f_*}|\boldsymbol{y_*}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\boldsymbol{f_*})} \right] d\boldsymbol{f_*}$$

$$= \log p(\boldsymbol{y_*}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \int q(\boldsymbol{f_*}) d\boldsymbol{f_*}$$

$$+ \int q(\boldsymbol{f_*}) \log \frac{p(\boldsymbol{f}|\boldsymbol{y_*}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\boldsymbol{f_*})} d\boldsymbol{f_*}$$

$$= \log p(\boldsymbol{y_*}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \left[ -\int q(\boldsymbol{f_*}) \log \frac{p(\boldsymbol{f_*}|\boldsymbol{y_*}, \boldsymbol{\theta})}{q(\boldsymbol{f})} d\boldsymbol{f} \right]$$

$$KL(q(\boldsymbol{f_*}) || p(\boldsymbol{f_*}|\boldsymbol{y_*}, \boldsymbol{\theta}))$$
Predictive posterior

