

# CLUSTERING METHODS FOR DECISION-MAKING

**APPLICATION TO NATURAL & TECHNOLOGICAL (NATECH) RISKS** 

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# DECISIONS FACING NATECH RISKS





#### **RISKS MANAGEMENT**

NATURAL AND/OR TECHNOLOGICAL (NATECH)



- Crisis situations
  - High **uncertainties** are intrinsic to accidental situations
  - **Anticipation**: numerical simulations are a mandatory to predict potential consequences and protect population
  - Strong time constraints
- **Operational** decisions
  - Need for **clear and concise** information
  - Communication of evaluation products to decision makers Orages en Corse : Météo-France invoque une should account for uncertainties situation « difficilement prévisible »

#### Crisis : quick decisions under uncertainties



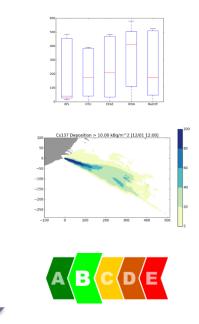
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### UNCERTAINTY ANALYSIS & INTERPRETABILITY

Uncertainty models for quantitative analysis or decision-making

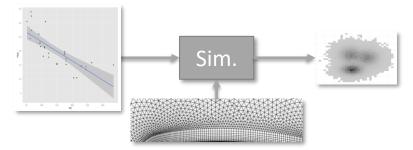
- Quantification of input / model uncertainties
- Sensitivity analyses/indices (Sobol, Shapley, HSIC, ...)
- "Envelope" of trust, probability of threshold exceedance...
- Confidence level in evaluations
- Identification of representatives/prototypes
  - ✓ Should be decision-oriented, incl. practical information (e.g. population, agriculture...)
  - ✓ If possible, avoid interpretation bias



Simplicity / Interpretability

#### **UNCERTAINTIES QUANTIZATION**

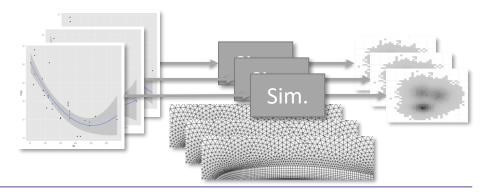
Simulations:



... a suitable support for propagation of uncertainties

Ex. :

- Monte Carlo / random sampling
- Sets
- Quantiles / delta
- [Fuzzy logic]
- [Experimental Calibration]

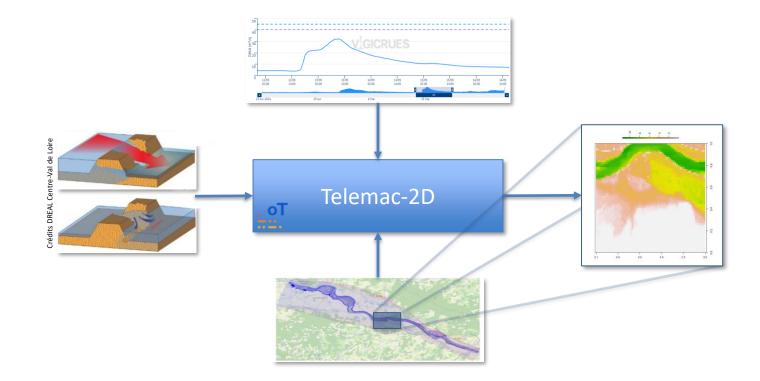




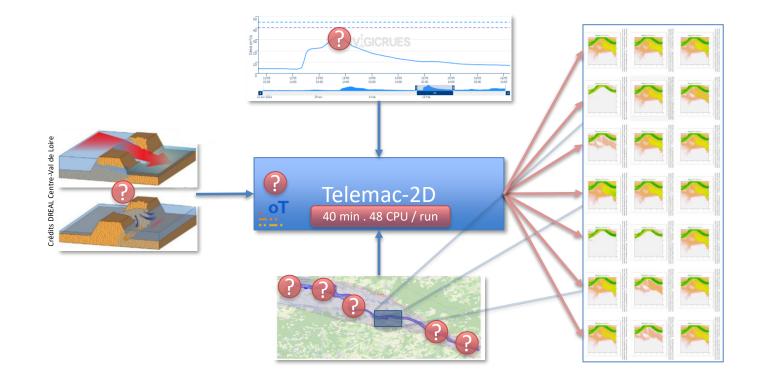
## MODELLING HIGH-DIMENSIONAL DATA



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#### How to include uncertainties in decision making ?

#### Challenge 1: high-dimension input / output

- Spatio-temporal physical fields
- Interactions / correlations between variables
- Use of appropriate dimension reduction methods

#### Challenge 2: Computational cost of physical models

Use of metamodel as surrogate model

#### Challenge 3: interpretability of output

- Postage stamp ? Too many maps , Probability maps ? Complex interpretation
- Scenario-based approach: "best estimate" vs. "worst case
- Use of clustering methods

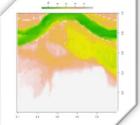
#### Challenge 4: representativity for extreme (& hopefully rare) events

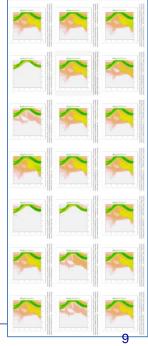
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Use controlled/weighted sampling

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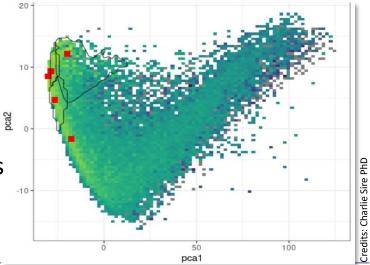
# 1. HIGH-DIM. INPUT/OUTPUT

Complex (*ie. non scalar*) numerical results:

- Physical quantities: spatial (lat,lon), temporal (t)
- Non-linear output / operational consequences

... supported by a **dimension reduction**:

- Unsupervised / ~weighted / supervised
- Non-significant "latent" space
- ...but keep some desirable math. properties

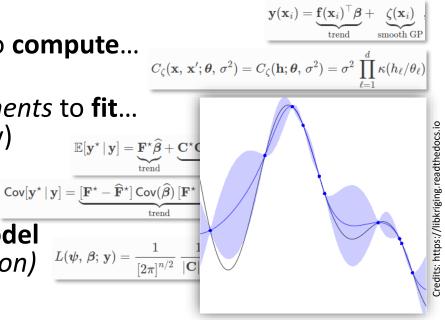




## 2. COMPUTATIONAL COST

Parametric modelling to assess physical behaviour:

- High Performance Computing to compute...
- ...a numerical *Design of Experiments* to **fit**... (but still curse of dimensionality)
- ...a response surface
- = Training of a surrogate / metamodel (ex. Gaussian Process Regression)





# 2.' METAMODELLING

#### Parametric modelling to assess physical behaviour: metamodel safety requirements

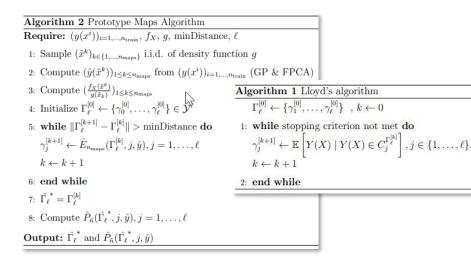
- **Compliance** with the state of the art in metamodel: learning set features, metamodel properties, targeted fitting error, training-testing-validation,
- Robustness of performance between the *learning* domain and the domain of *use* of the metamodel,
- **Explainability** that provide *understanding* of the phenomena and *completeness* of the information provided between input data and output results,
- **Transparency** to ensure that all information regarding the metamodel is accessible.

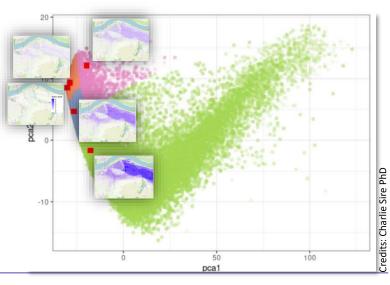


#### **3.** INTERPRETABILITY BY SPARSE SAMPLING

#### Objective: sparse & synthetic sampling

- Some prototypes / centroids (on projected output)
- Weighted / probabilistic classes (by input measure)
- "Real" <-> "Latent" space projection





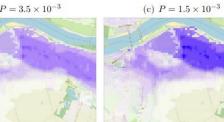
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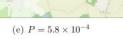
(a)  $P = 9.9 \times 10^{-1}$ 



(b)  $P = 3.5 \times 10^{-3}$ 



(d)  $P = 8.9 \times 10^{-4}$ 



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(a)  $\hat{P}_{\tilde{n}}(\hat{\Gamma_{\ell}}^{\star}, 1, \hat{y}) = 9.7 \times 10^{-1}, 1 \text{ in } 1.03$ 



(b)  $\hat{P}_{\tilde{n}}(\hat{\Gamma}_{\ell}^{*}, 2, \hat{y}) = 2.0 \times 10^{-2}, 1 \text{ in } 50 \text{ (c) } \hat{P}_{\tilde{n}}(\hat{\Gamma}_{\ell}^{*}, 3, \hat{y}) = 5.2 \times 10^{-3}, 1 \text{ in } 192$ 



(d)  $\hat{P}_{\tilde{n}}(\hat{\Gamma}_{\ell}^{\star}, 4, \hat{y}) = 6.2 \times 10^{-3}, 1 \text{ in } 161 \text{ (e) } \hat{P}_{\tilde{n}}(\hat{\Gamma}_{\ell}^{\star}, 5, \hat{y}) = 1.4 \times 10^{-3}, 1 \text{ in } 714$ 

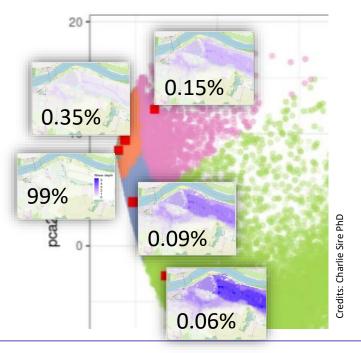


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# 4. RARE/EXTREME EVENTS SUPPORT

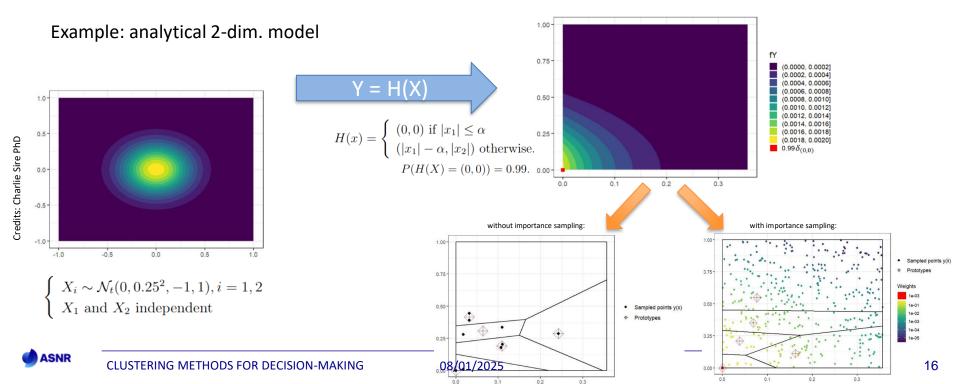
Objective: keep extreme events available to support decision

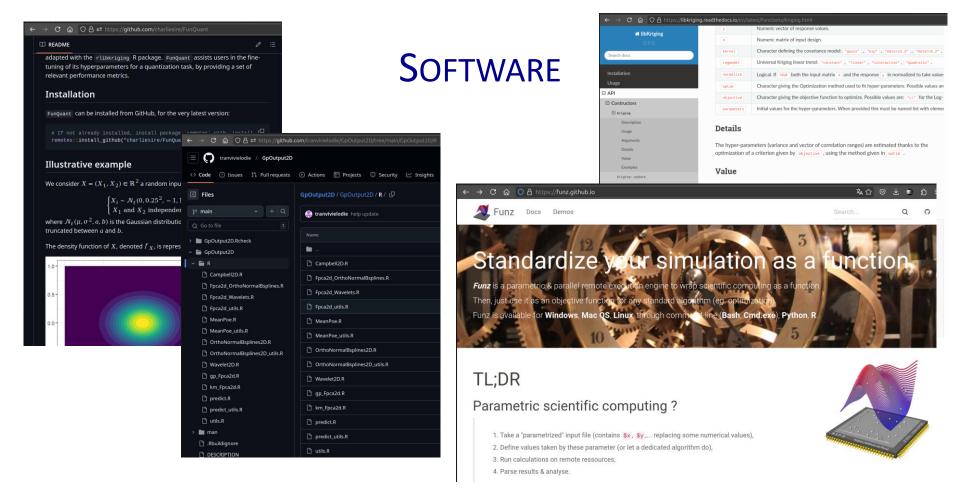
- Robust classes centroids
- Robust probability of classes
- Backward "Latent" -> "Real" space projection on input



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Objective : robust classes (centroid & probability/weight)





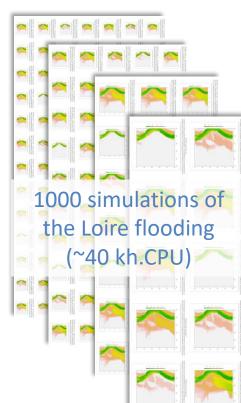
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# ... INTERPRETING FOR DECISION-MAKING

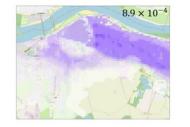


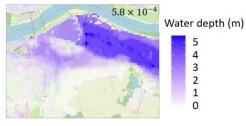
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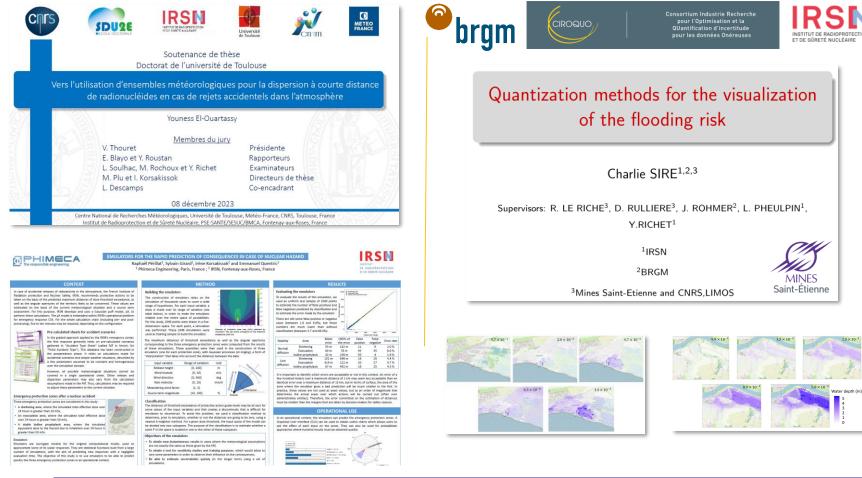




#### 5 "typical" flooding situations to manage







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# WHAT'S NEXT ?

Major challenges remain in

- application field:
  - Communicating uncertainties to decision makers
  - Integrating **operational constraints** early in expertise
- ... and (still) in math. modeling tools:
  - Draw a path toward standards in high-dim projections (ex. similar to metamodel requirements)
  - Integrate intrinsic physical properties in metamodels
    (ex. "Physics Informed \*\*", so mitigate interpret-/explain-ability tenet)

