

## **Introduction and fundamentals of Bayesian decision analysis**

- Prior, Pre-posterior and Posterior decision analysis
- Quantification of utilities

## **Value of Information analyses and decision analysis types**

- Types of Value of Information analyses
- Decision analyses types
- Derivation of decision rules

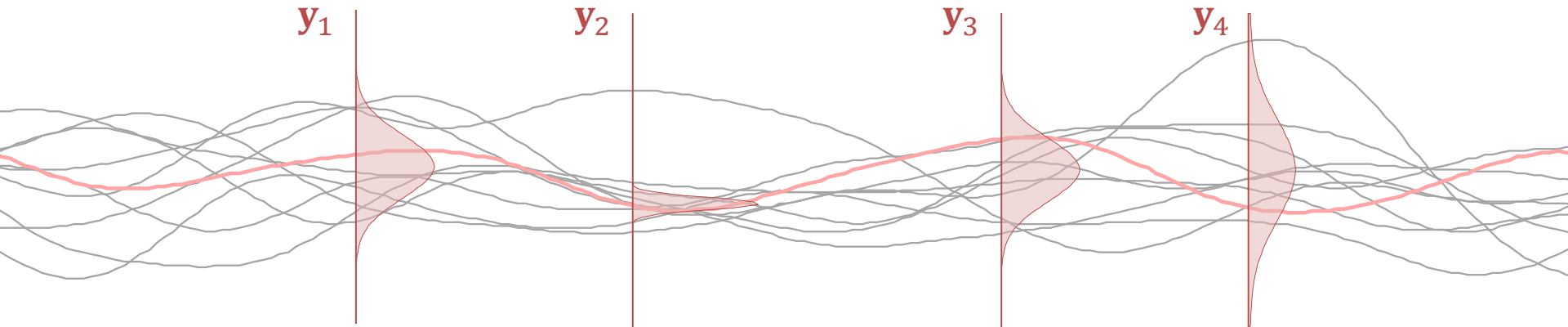
## **Value of Information analyses cont.**

- Introduction to Gaussian random field models
- Evaluation of Value of Information in Gaussian random fields
- Optimal sensors placement and inspection scheduling using Value of Information

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*decision analysis types and  
value of information analyses – part 2*

Vol in spatially distributed systems

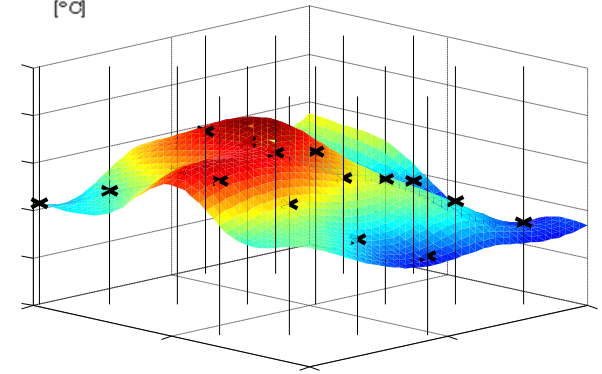
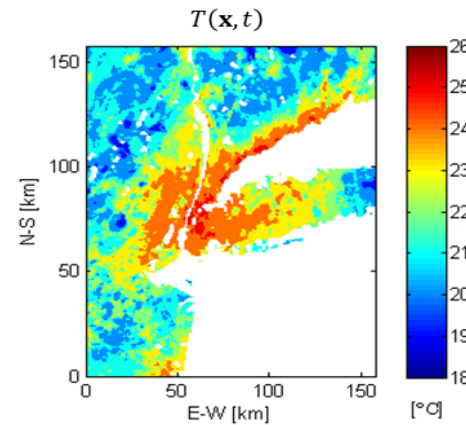


# Outline

- **Random Field Models**
  - Conditional probability and Bayesian updating
  - Introduction to Gaussian random field models
- **Value of Information in Random Field Models**
  - Efficient evaluation of value of information in Gaussian Random fields
  - Sensor placement optimization using value of information
- **Extension to Spatio-Temporal Systems**
  - Value of Information for sequential decision-making
  - Optimal placement and scheduling of measurements

# Gaussian Fields for Spatially Distributed Phenomena

- seismic demand
- temperature prediction
- corrosion of concrete slabs
- permeability in soil
- ...
- *any spatially distributed phenomena*
- ...
- supervise learning in Machine Learning, non-linear fitting
- related to stochastic processes in time and space domain, e.g. in random vibration analysis



# Distributions for Continuous Variables

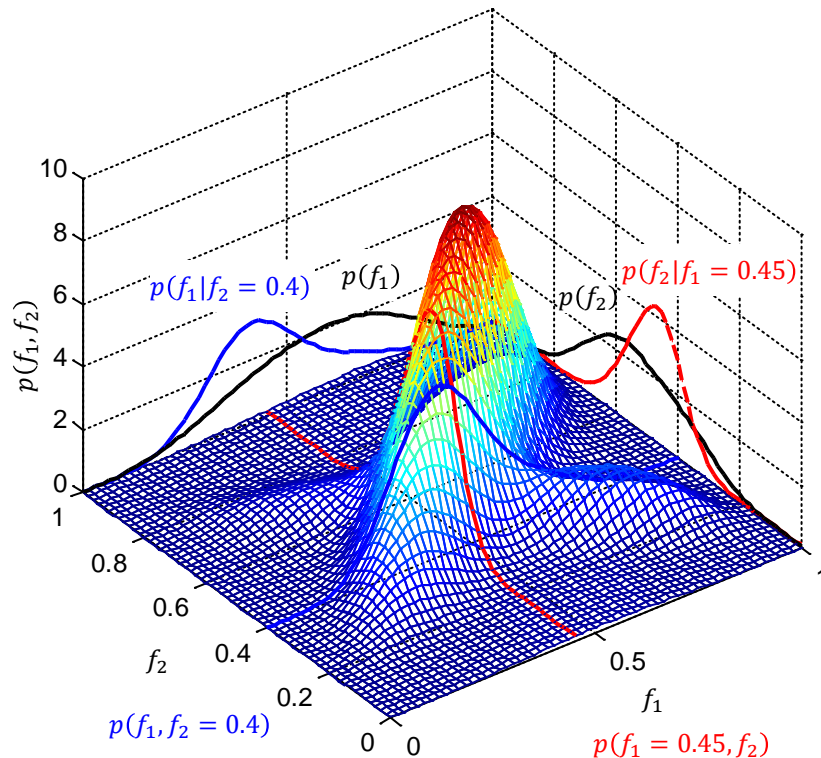
joint distribution:

$$p(f_1, f_2)$$

$$p(f_1, f_2) \geq 0$$

*positive*  
*normalized*

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(f_1, f_2) df_1 df_2 = 1$$



marginal distributions:

$$p(f_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(f_1, f_2) df_2$$

$$p(f_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(f_1, f_2) df_1$$

conditional:

$$p(f_1|f_2) = \frac{p(f_1, f_2)}{p(f_2)}$$

$$p(f_2|f_1) = \frac{p(f_1, f_2)}{p(f_1)}$$

# Bayesian Inference for Continuous Variables

model the “whole world”

$$p(f_1, f_2)$$

observe something

$$f_2 = \tilde{f}$$

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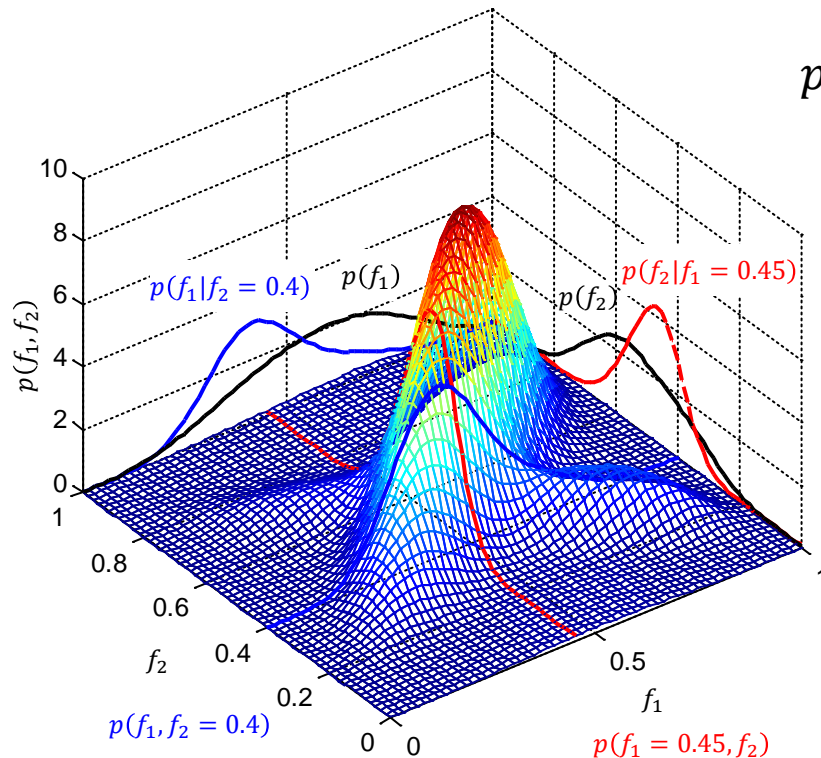
$$\begin{cases} f_2 = \tilde{f} \text{ not a rand. var. anymore} \\ p(f_1 | f_2 = \tilde{f}) \end{cases}$$

$$p(f_1 | f_2 = \tilde{f}) = \frac{p(f_1, f_2 = \tilde{f})}{p(f_2 = \tilde{f})}$$

$$p(f_2 = \tilde{f}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(f_1, f_2 = \tilde{f}) df_1$$

inference is relevant only for  
dependent variables

$$\exists f_2: p(f_1 | f_2) \neq p(f_1)$$



# Bayesian Inference for Independent Variables

model the “whole world”

$$p(f_1, f_2)$$

observe something

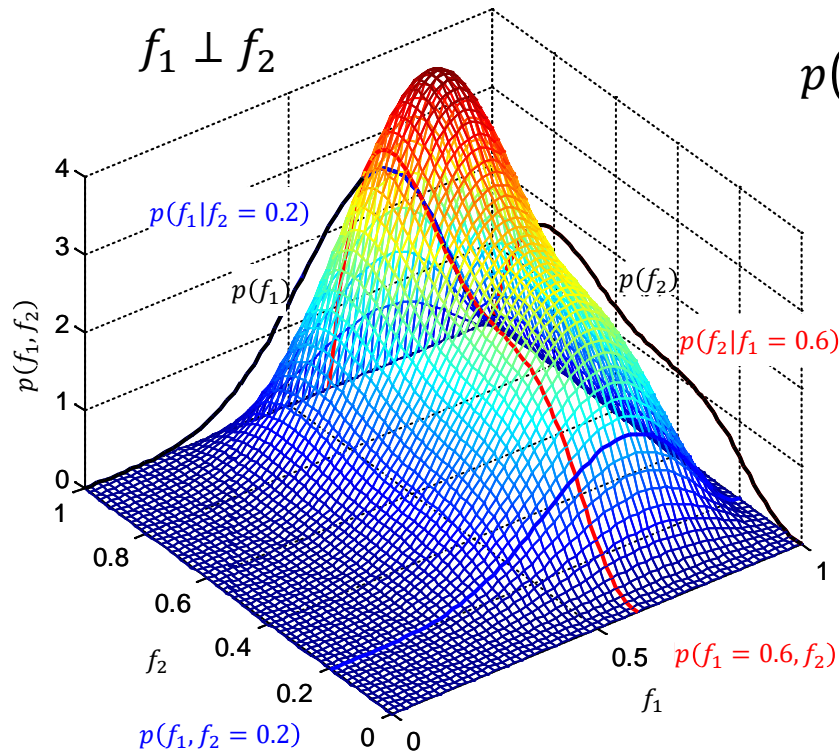
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$$f_1 \perp f_2$$

$$p(f_1|f_2) = p(f_1)$$

no updating

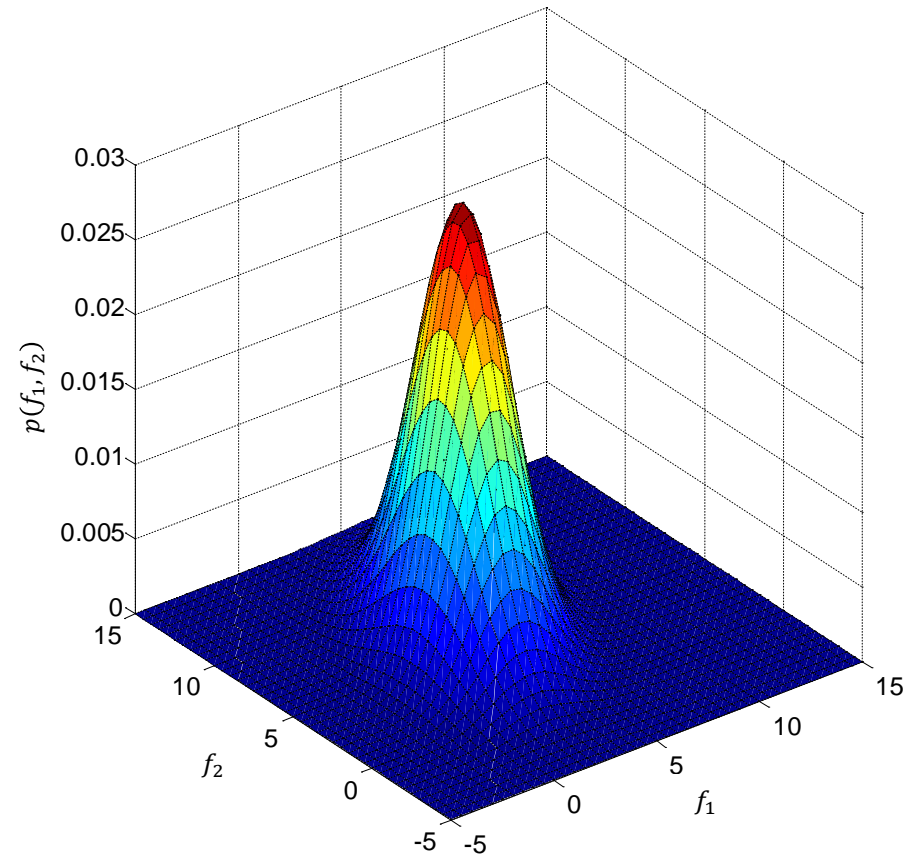
$$\begin{aligned} p(f_1, f_2) &= p(f_2|f_1)p(f_1) \\ &= p(f_2)p(f_1) \end{aligned}$$

# Multivariate Normal Distribution

pdf:  $\mathbf{f} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} \sqrt{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|}} \cdot \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{f} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{f} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right] \quad \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

vector of random variables    mean vector    covariance matrix

$$\mu_1 = 4 \quad \mu_2 = 6 \quad \sigma_1 = 2 \quad \sigma_2 = 3 \quad \rho_{12} = 0.4$$



- the joint probability is completely defined by **mean vector** and **covariance matrix**, which are the **parameters** of the distribution.
- the **conditional** distribution, given any subset of variables, is also jointly **normal**.
- each subset of  $\mathbf{f}$  is jointly normally distributed, and **marginalization** is computationally trivial (just copy part of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ ).
- any **linear transformation** of the variables is jointly **normal**.



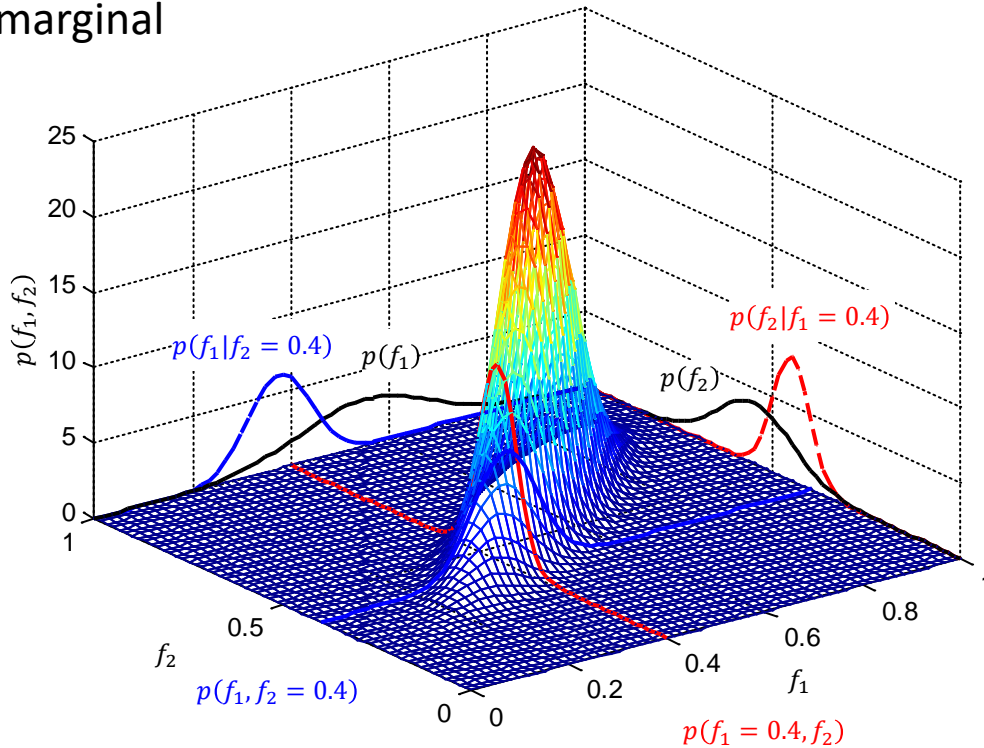
# Normal Model

joint conditional

$$p(f_1, f_2) = \mathcal{N} \rightarrow p(f_1, f_2 = \tilde{f}) \propto \mathcal{N} \rightarrow p(f_1 | f_2 = \tilde{f}) = \frac{p(f_1, f_2 = \tilde{f})}{p(f_2 = \tilde{f})} = \mathcal{N}$$

$$p(f_2 = \tilde{f}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(f_1, f_2 = \tilde{f}) df_1 \propto \mathcal{N}$$

marginal



Normal joint density

- Normal marginal density
- Normal conditional density

# Bayesian Updating in Normal Models

*perfect observations*

prior prob.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_1 \\ \mathbf{f}_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{F_1} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{F_2} \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_1, F_1} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_1, F_2} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_2, F_1} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_2, F_2} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

conditional after observing  $\mathbf{f}_2$

$$\mathbf{f}_1 | \mathbf{f}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{F_1 | \mathbf{f}_2}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_1 | F_2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{F_1 | \mathbf{f}_2} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_{F_1} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_1, F_2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_2, F_2}^{-1} (\mathbf{f}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{F_2}) \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_1 | F_2} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_1, F_1} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_1, F_2} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_2, F_2}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F_2, F_1} \end{aligned}$$

*imperfect observations*

prior prob.      linear observation

$$\mathbf{f} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_F, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F) \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\epsilon, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\epsilon)$$

joint distribution

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{y} \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_F \\ \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\mu}_F + \boldsymbol{\mu}_\epsilon \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F \mathbf{R}^T \\ \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F & \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F \mathbf{R}^T + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\epsilon \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_Y, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_Y)$$

posterior  $\mathbf{f} | \mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{F | Y}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F | Y})$

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{F | Y} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_F + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F \mathbf{R}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_Y^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_Y) \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{F | Y} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F \mathbf{R}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_Y^{-1} \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F \end{aligned}$$

e.g.  $y_1$  measures  $f_1 + f_3$  with noise  $\sigma_{\epsilon_1}$   
 $y_2$  measures  $1/3 f_2 + 5$  with noise  $\sigma_{\epsilon_2}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{\epsilon_1}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_{\epsilon_2}^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

for normal vars. inference can be performed in closed-form

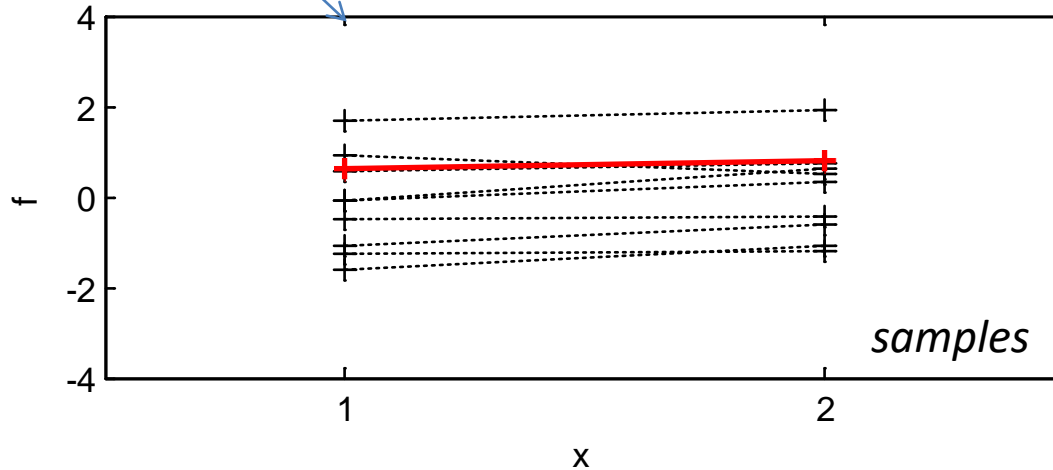
# Temperature in Two Rooms

room 1  
 $f_1 = f(x_1)$

room 2  
 $f_2 = f(x_2)$

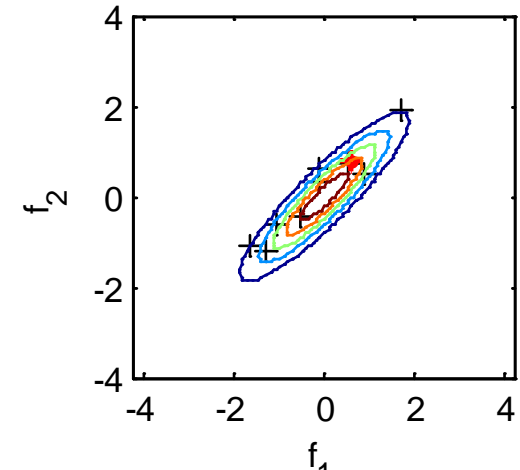
samples:

$\lambda = 5, \rho = 90.5\%$

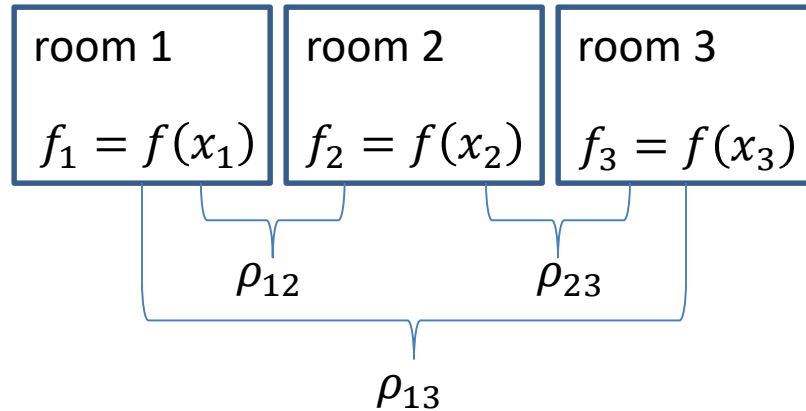


same marginal:  $i = 1, 2: f_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_f^2)$   
 $\mu_i = 0; \sigma_i = 1$

joint probability  
 $p(f_1, f_2)$



# Temperature in Three Rooms



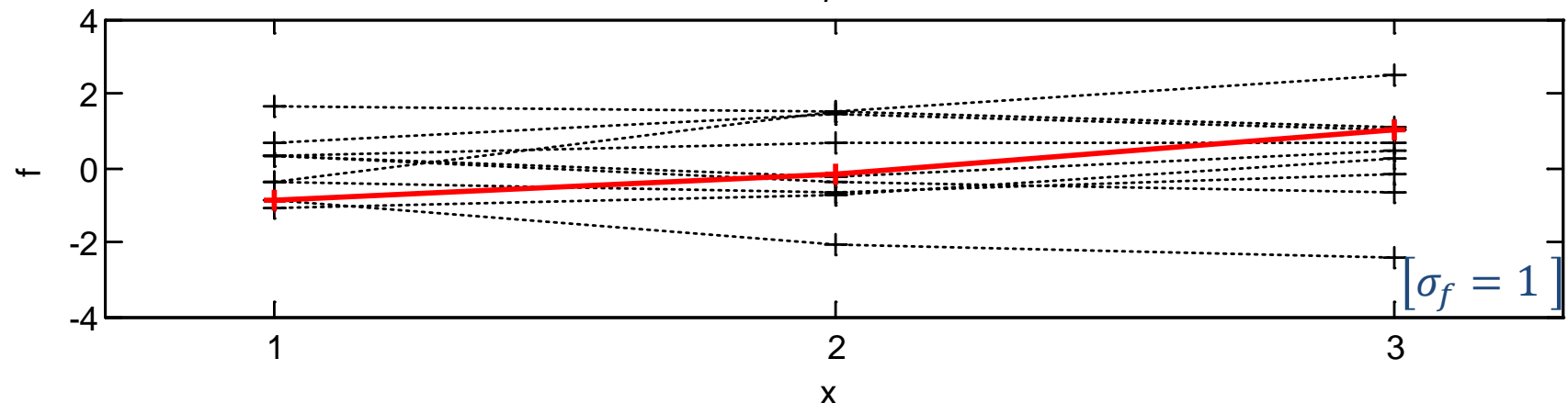
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$\mathbf{R}$  : correlation matrix

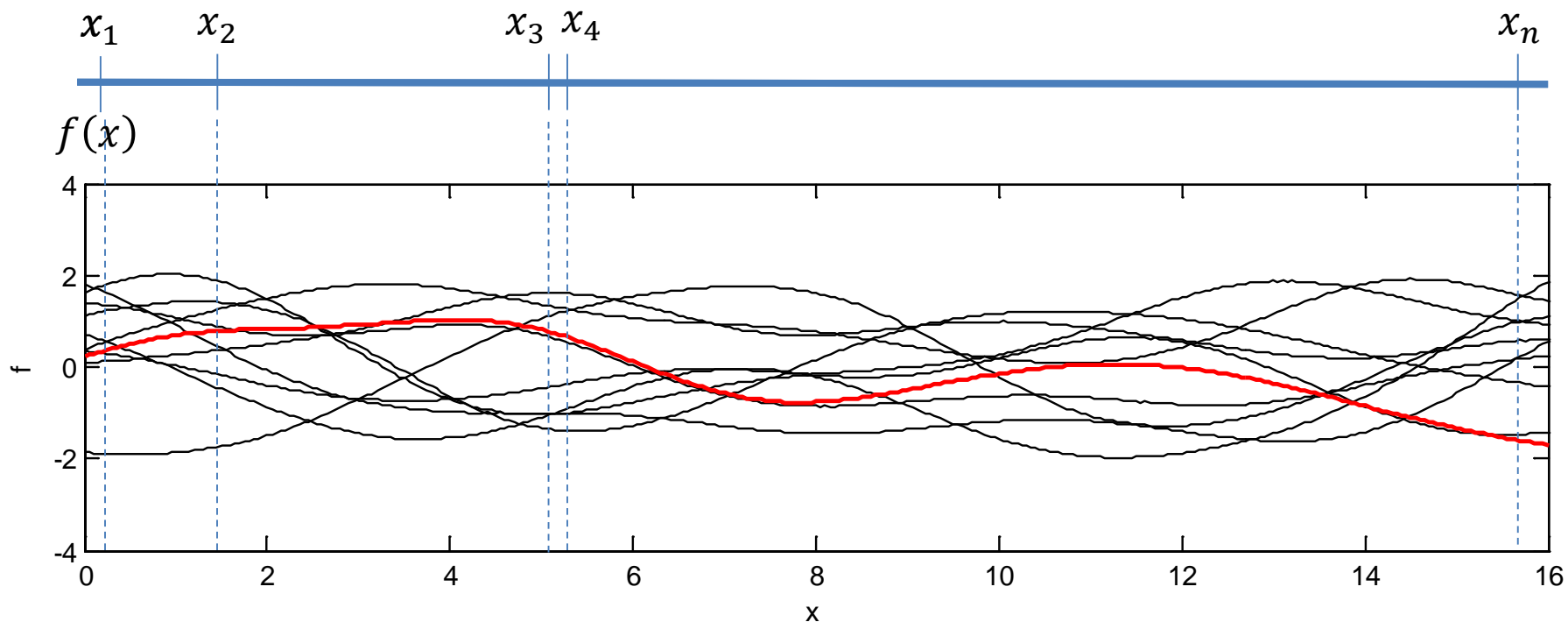
$$\mathbf{f} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}) \quad \mathbf{\Sigma} = \sigma_f^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho_{12} & \rho_{13} \\ \rho_{12} & 1 & \rho_{23} \\ \rho_{13} & \rho_{23} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\rho_{12}, \rho_{23}$  : high because temperature in rooms places side-by-side is similar, e.g. 75%

$\rho_{13}$  : lower. e.g. 33%



# Temperature Along a Hall: “Continuous” Case



we can plot a function that looks continuous by including a thin grid in the analysis.

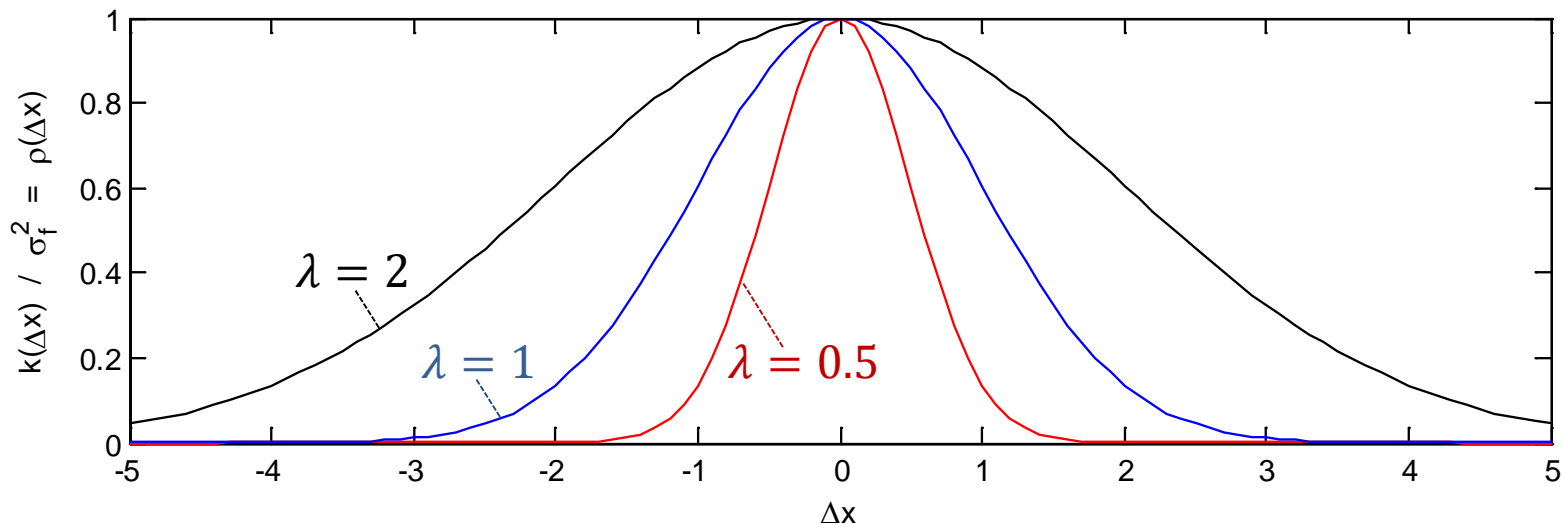
Again, if we are only interested in  $n$  points, all others are irrelevant: we can include them or not in our analysis.

# Covariance Function: squared exponential

$$p(\mathbf{f}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{f}; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}) \quad \mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x})$$

$$\sigma_{ij}^2 = \sigma_f^2 \rho_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j) = k(\|x_i - x_j\|) = \sigma_f^2 \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\lambda^2} (x_i - x_j)^2 \right]$$

$\Delta x = x_i - x_j$   
 $\lambda$  is the length-scale  
 $\rho(\lambda) = e^{-1/2} = 60.6\%$



$\sigma_{ij}^2$  is always positive for this model, it decays with  $\left(\frac{\Delta x}{\lambda}\right)^2$ .

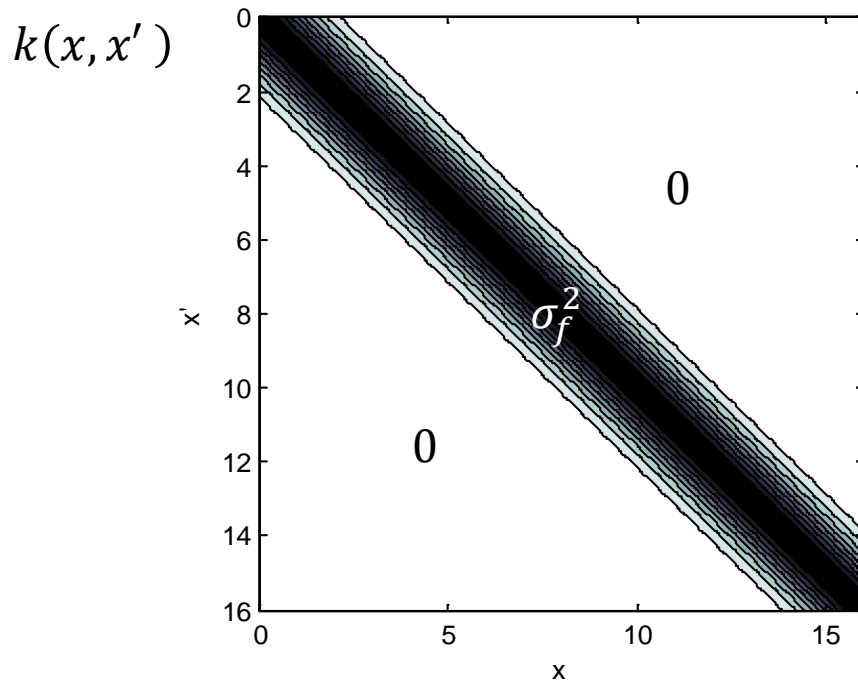
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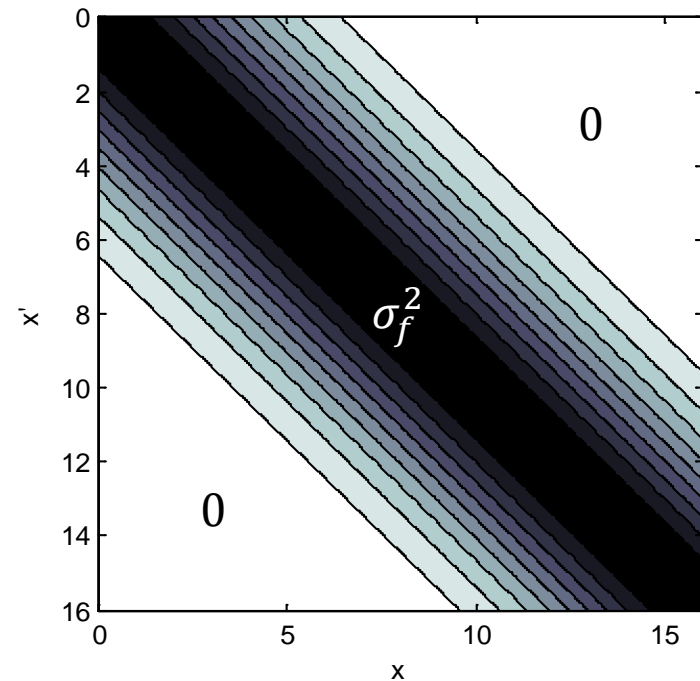
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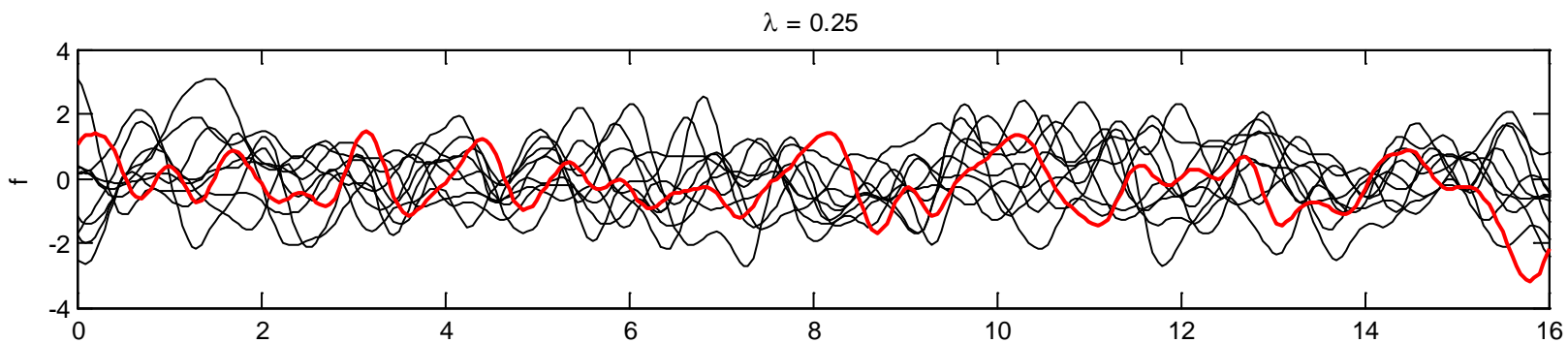
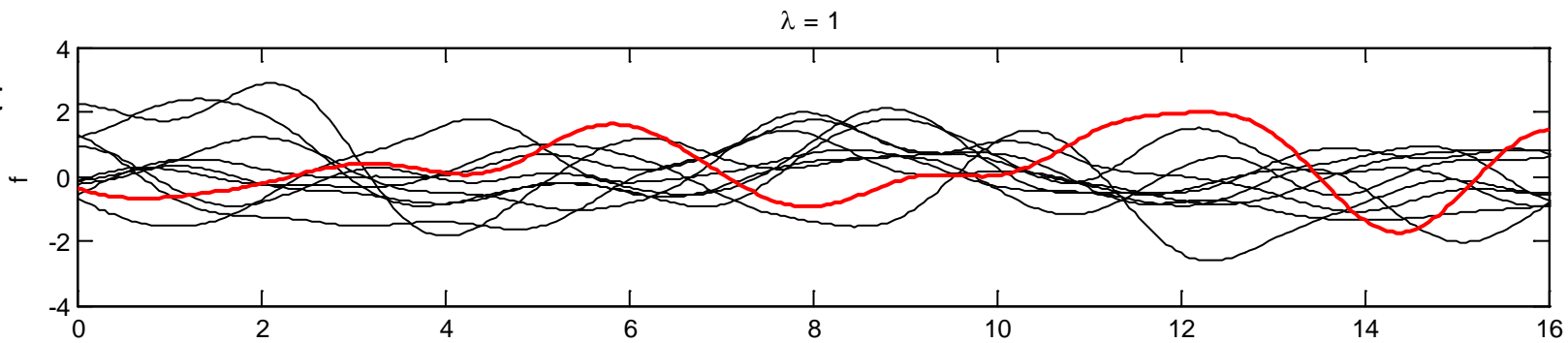


$\lambda = 3$

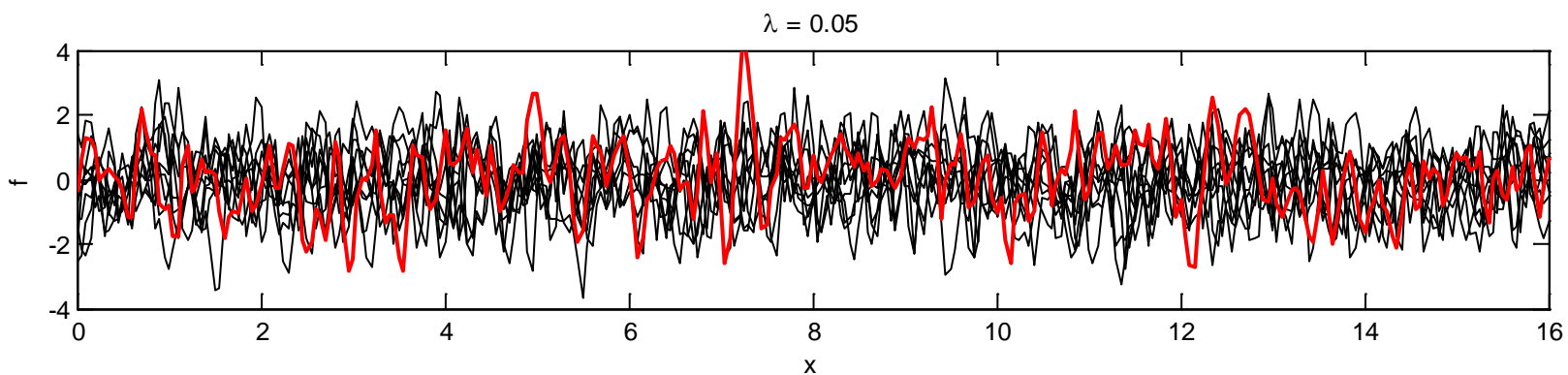


# The Role of Correlation Length

$\lambda \rightarrow \infty$   
constant  
value

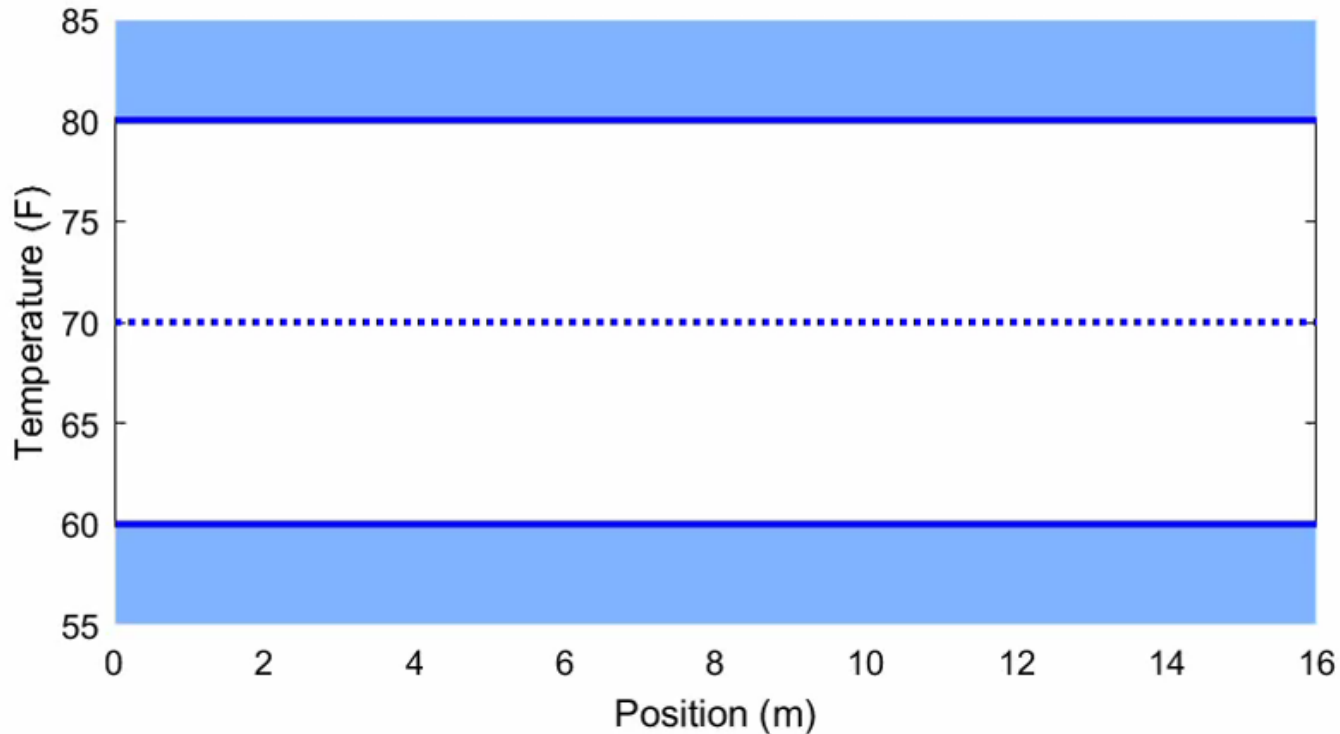


$\lambda \cong 0$   
white  
noise





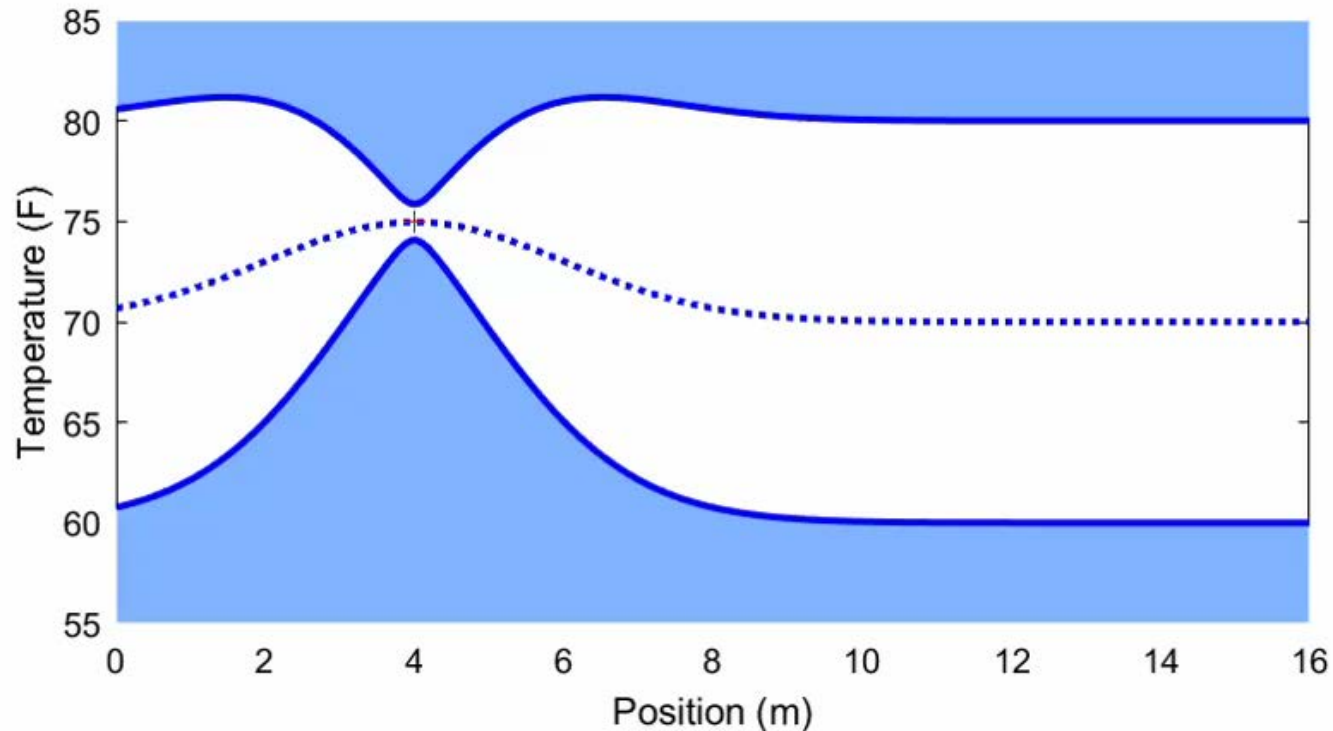
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*example:* ambient  
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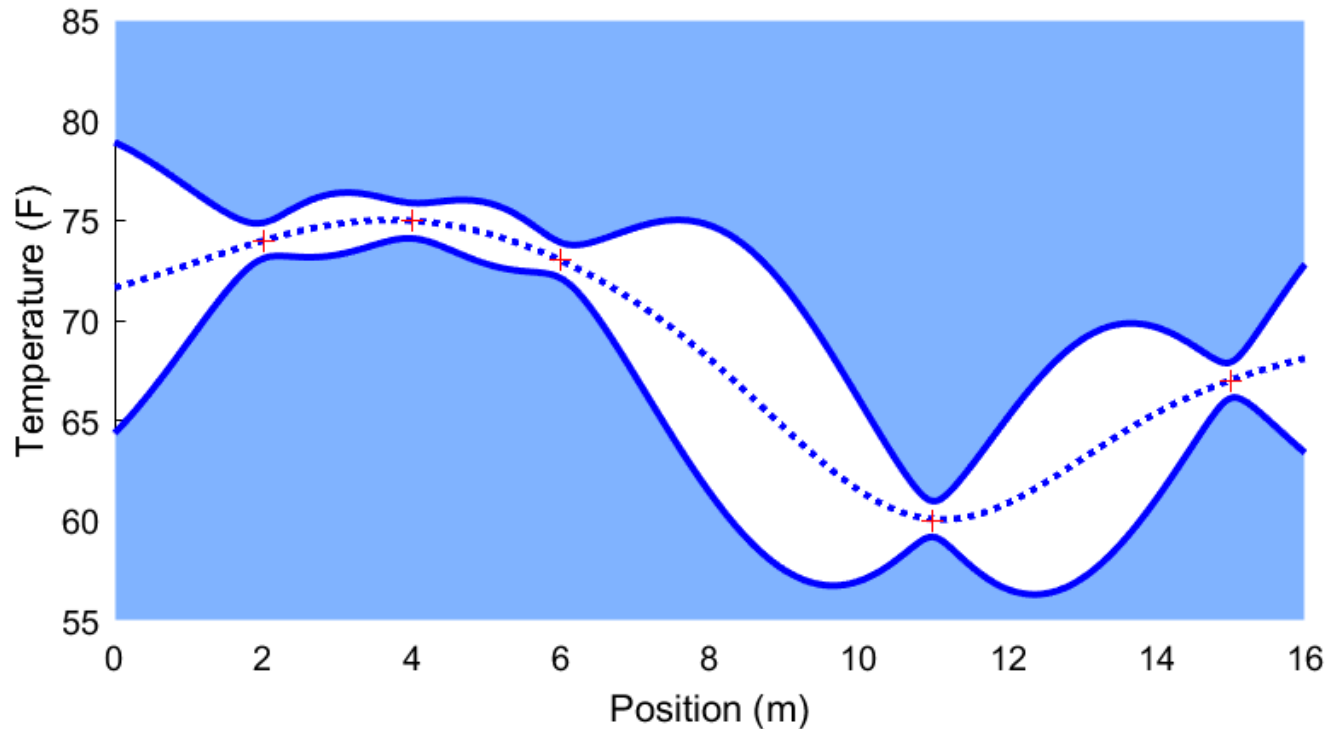
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# 2-D Gaussian Random Field

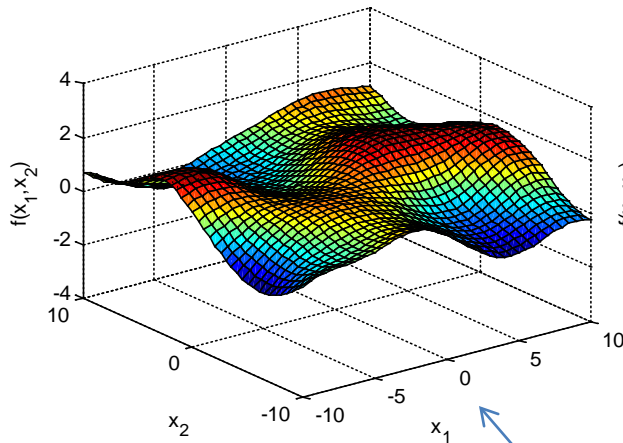
Physical quantities in 2-d or 3-d:  
we define a covariance matrix on a  
grid in higher dimensions.

zero-mean GP with squared exp. cov. funct.

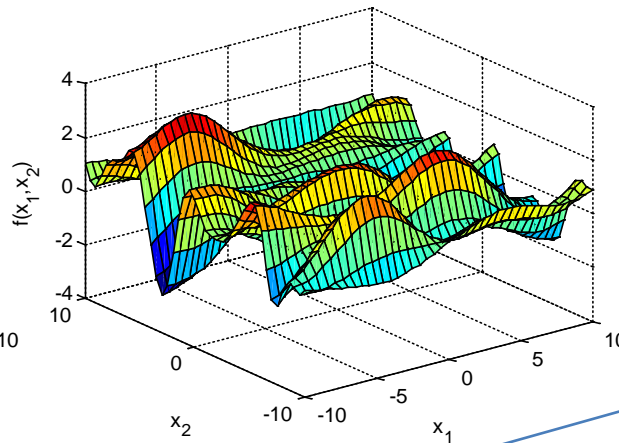
$$f(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP} \left( \mathbf{0}, \sigma_f^2 \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{x} \right] \right)$$

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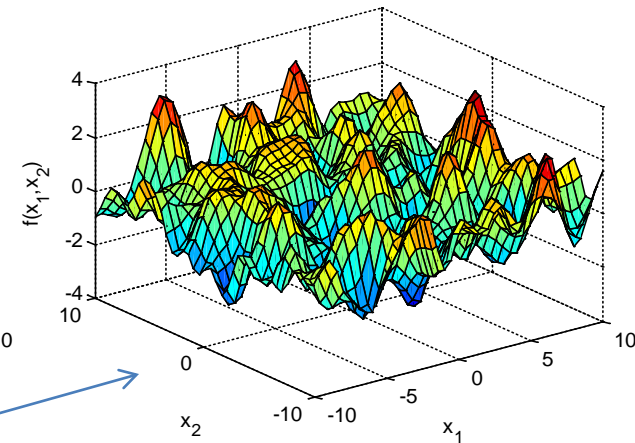
$$\lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = 4$$



$$\lambda_1 = 4, \lambda_2 = 1$$



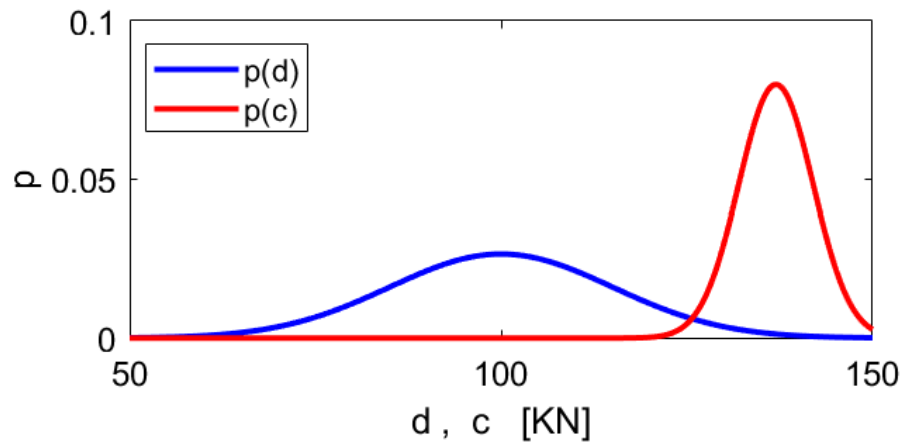
$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 1$$



isotropic field

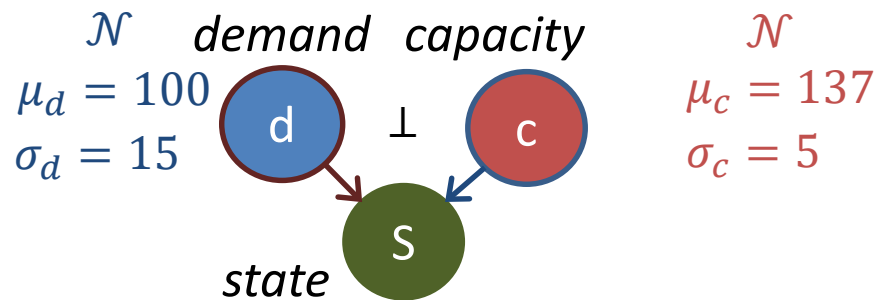
Computation cost grows with number of points, not with number of dimensions.

# Gaussian Variables and Decision-Making

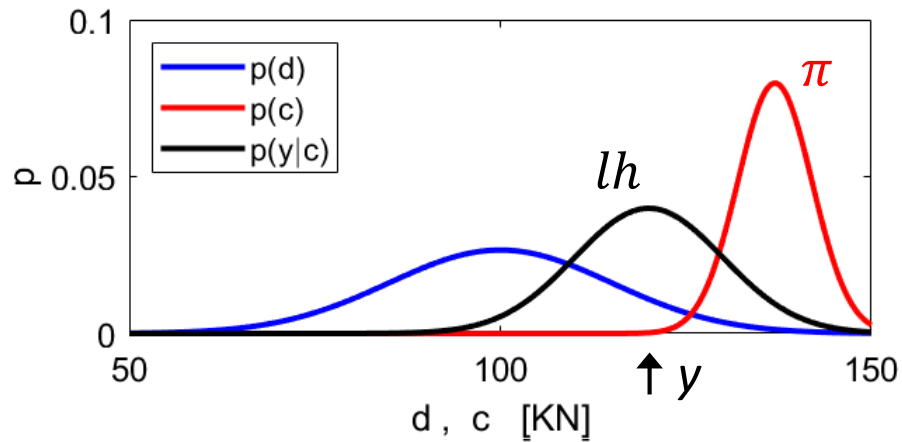


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[ Failure iff  $d > c$  ]

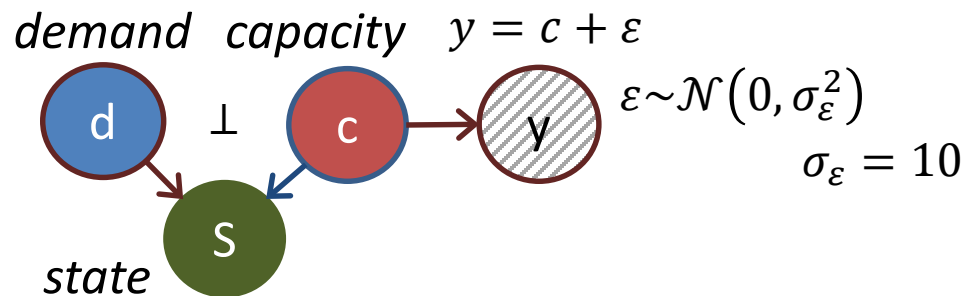


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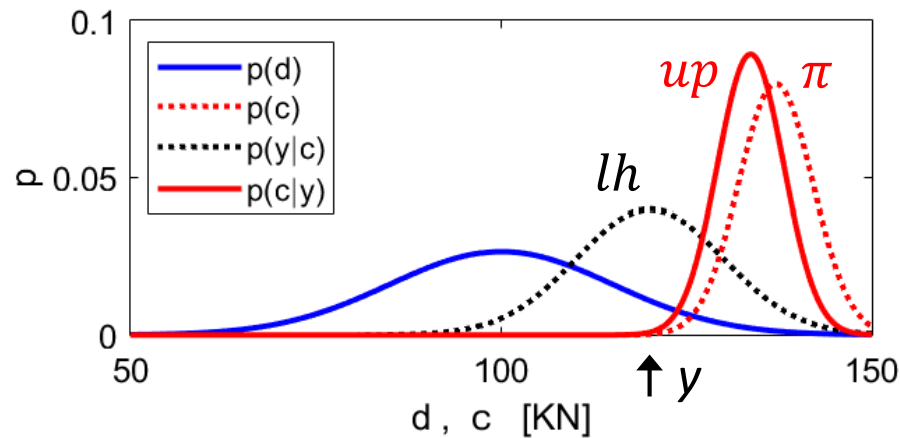


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[ Failure iff  $d > c$  ]



# Gaussian Variables and Decision-Making



$$P_F = 0.96\% \longrightarrow$$

Do Nothing

$$P_{F|y} = 1.55\% \longrightarrow$$

Repair

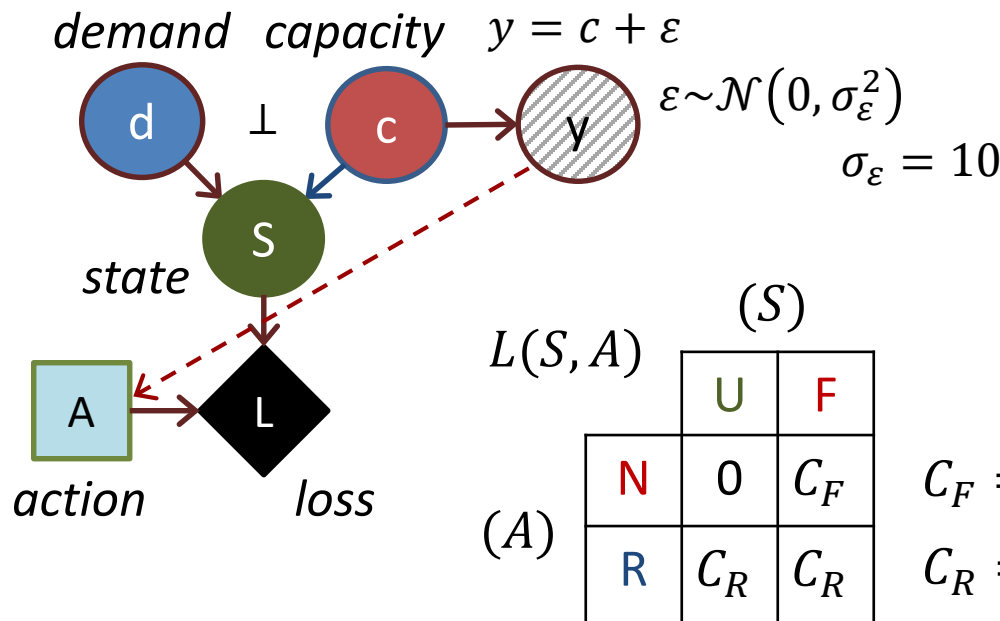
Bayes' rule:  $up \propto \pi \cdot lh$

optimal expected loss

$$L^* = \min_A L(S, A) = \min\{C_R, P_F C_F\}$$

optimal policy

$$\text{Repair iff } P_F > P^* = \frac{C_R}{C_F} = 1\%$$



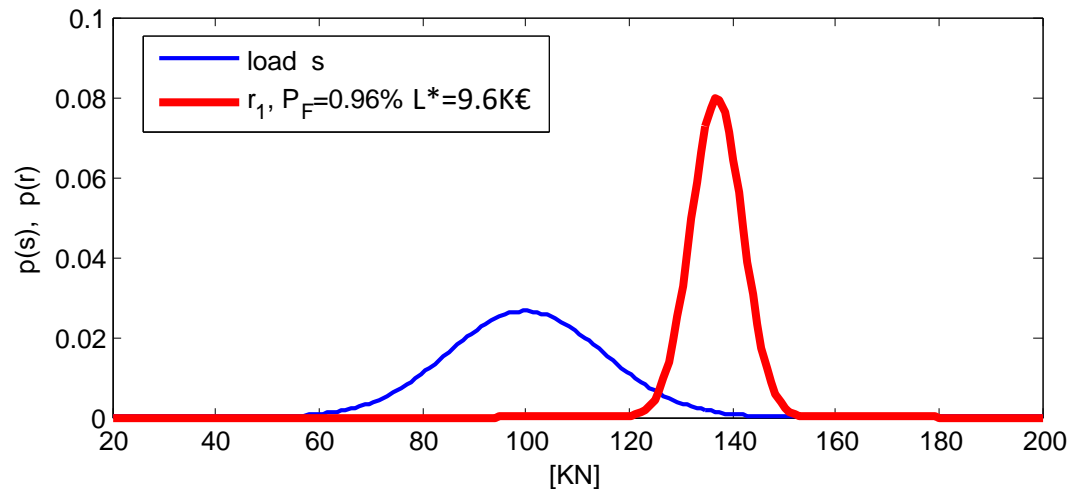
$$C_F = 1\text{M}\text{€}$$

$$C_R = 10\text{K}\text{€}$$

# Value of Information with Gaussian Variables

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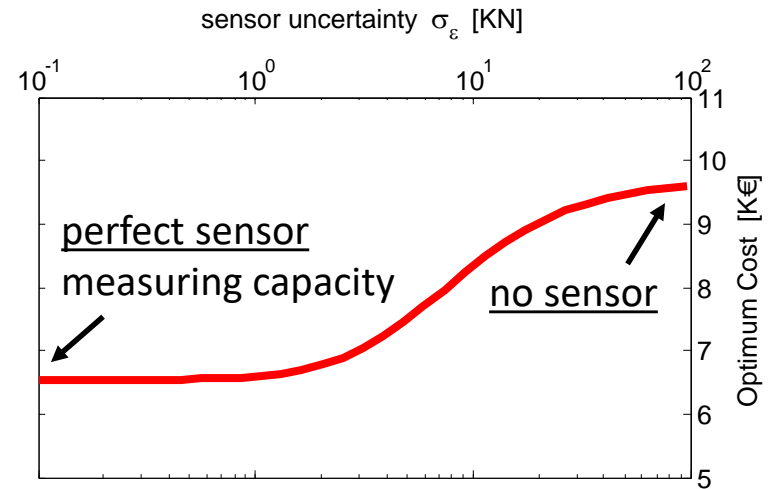
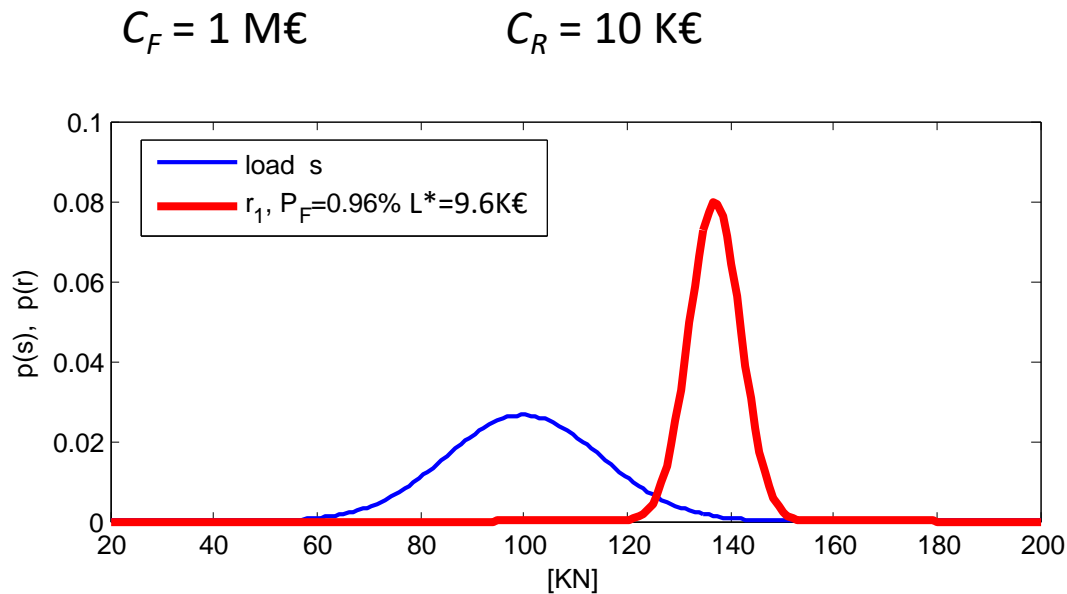
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$P_F = 0.96\% \rightarrow A^*: \text{do nothing, } L^* = 9.6 \text{ K€}$



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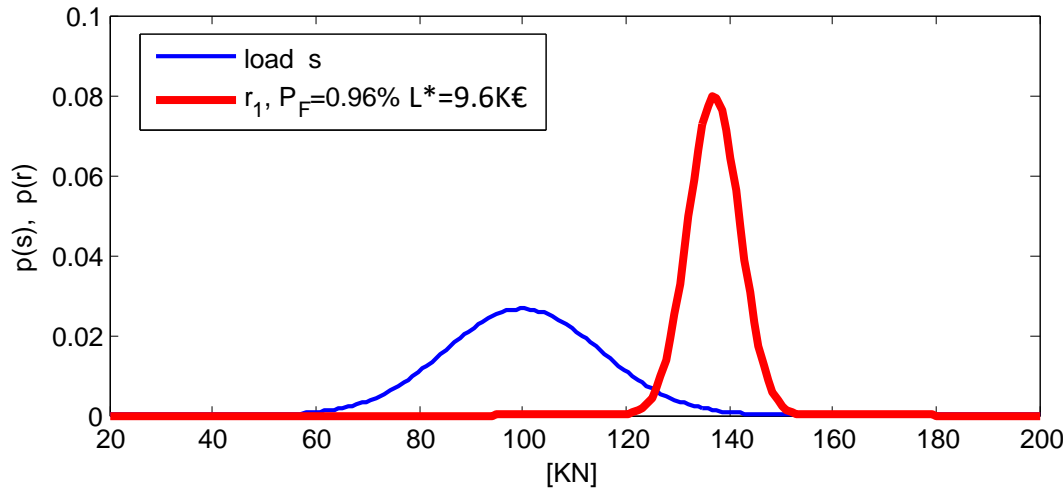


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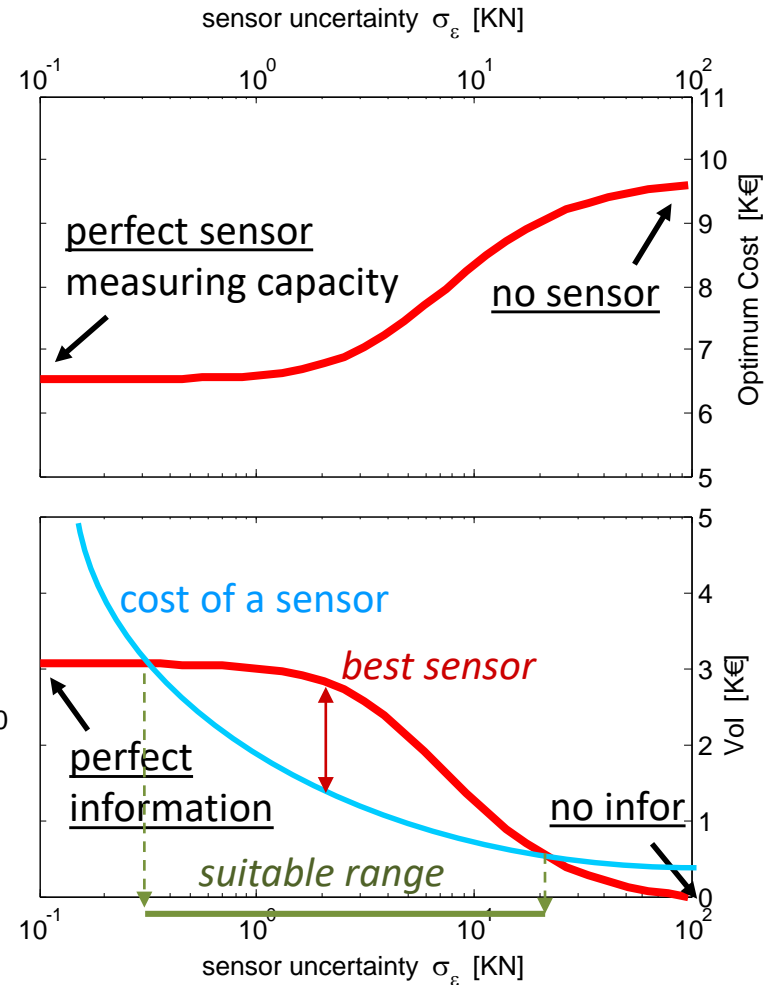
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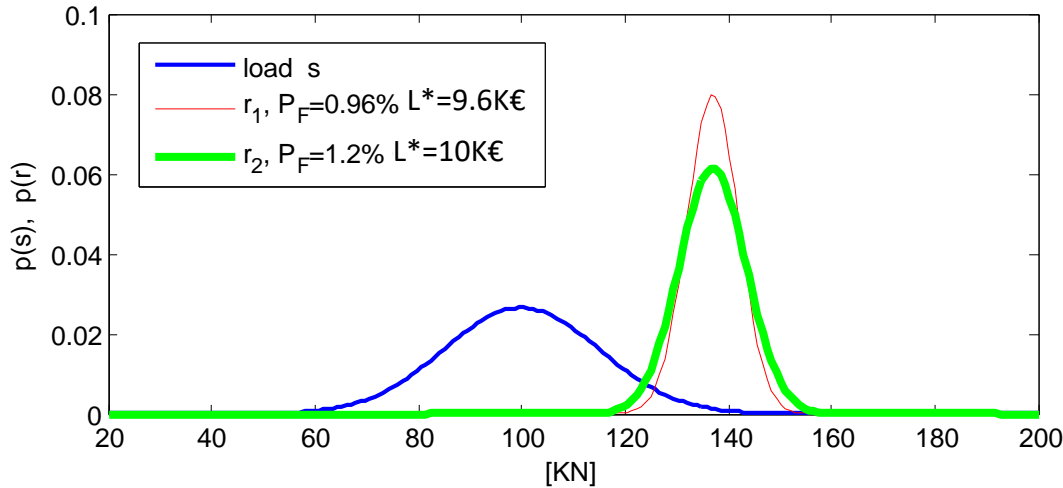


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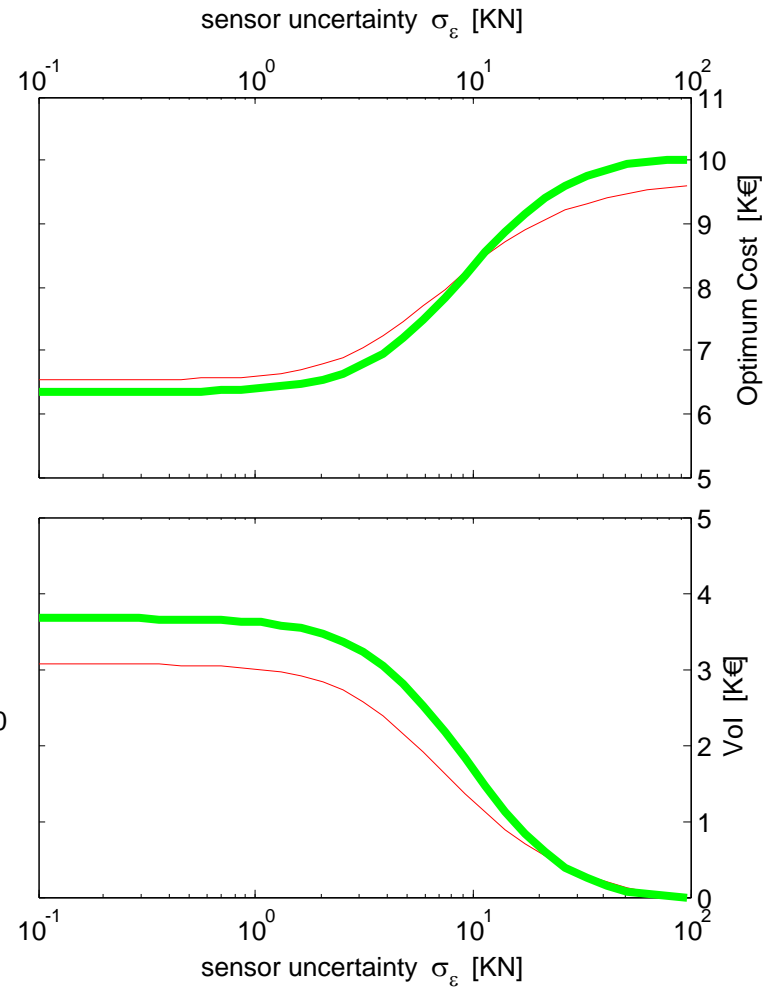
Increasing prior uncertainty

$C_F = 1 \text{ M€}$

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$P_F = 1.20\% \rightarrow A^*: \text{repair}, L^* = 10 \text{ K€}$

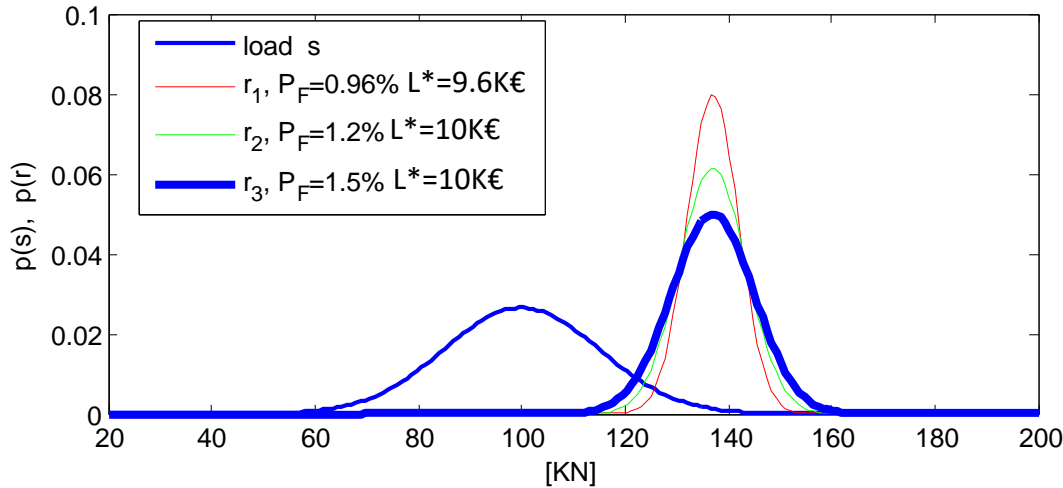


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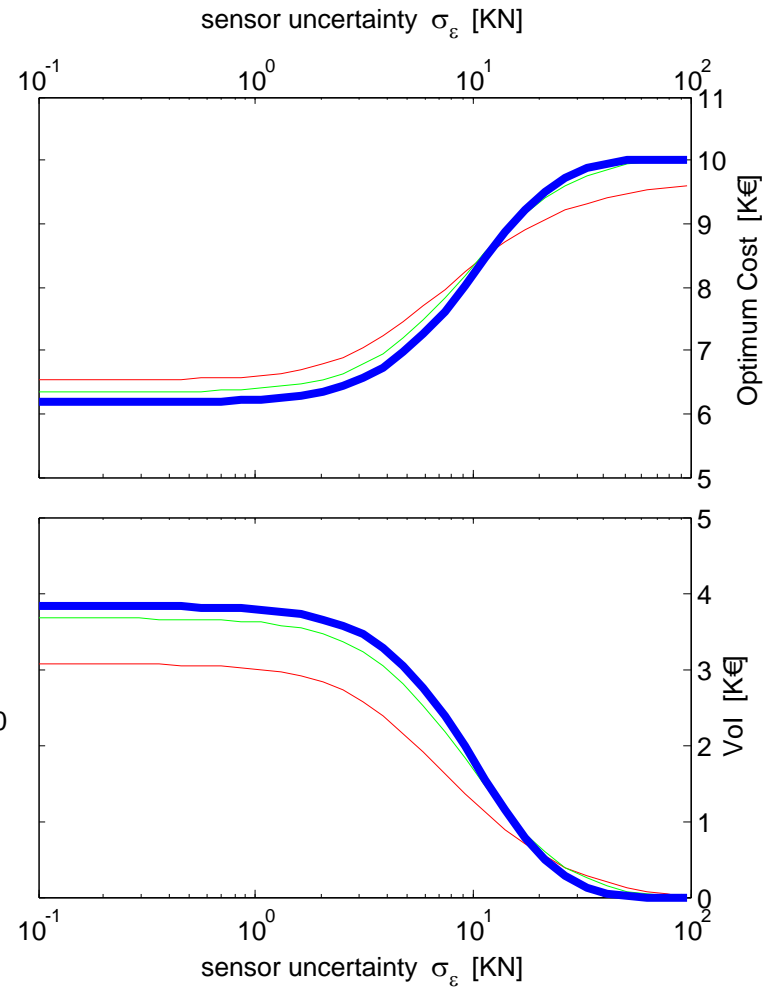
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$C_F = 1 \text{ M€}$

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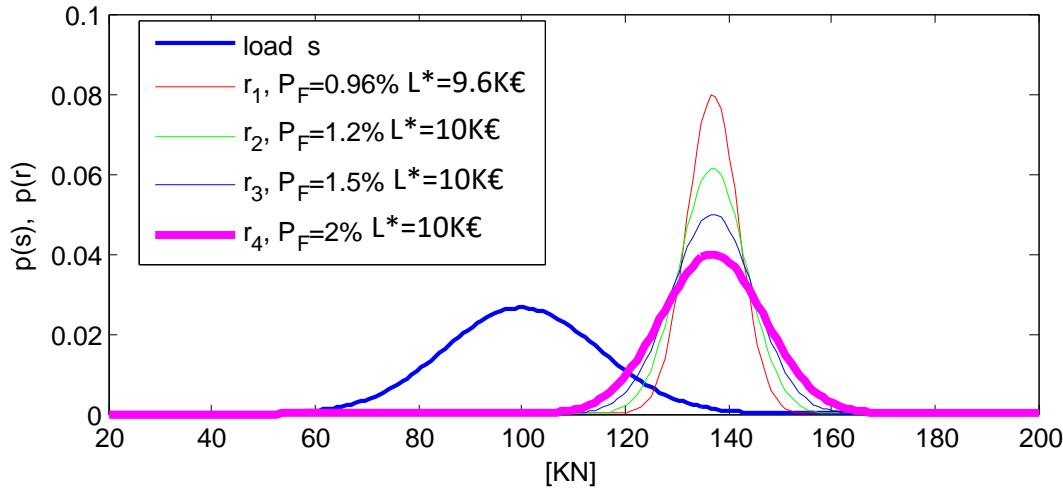


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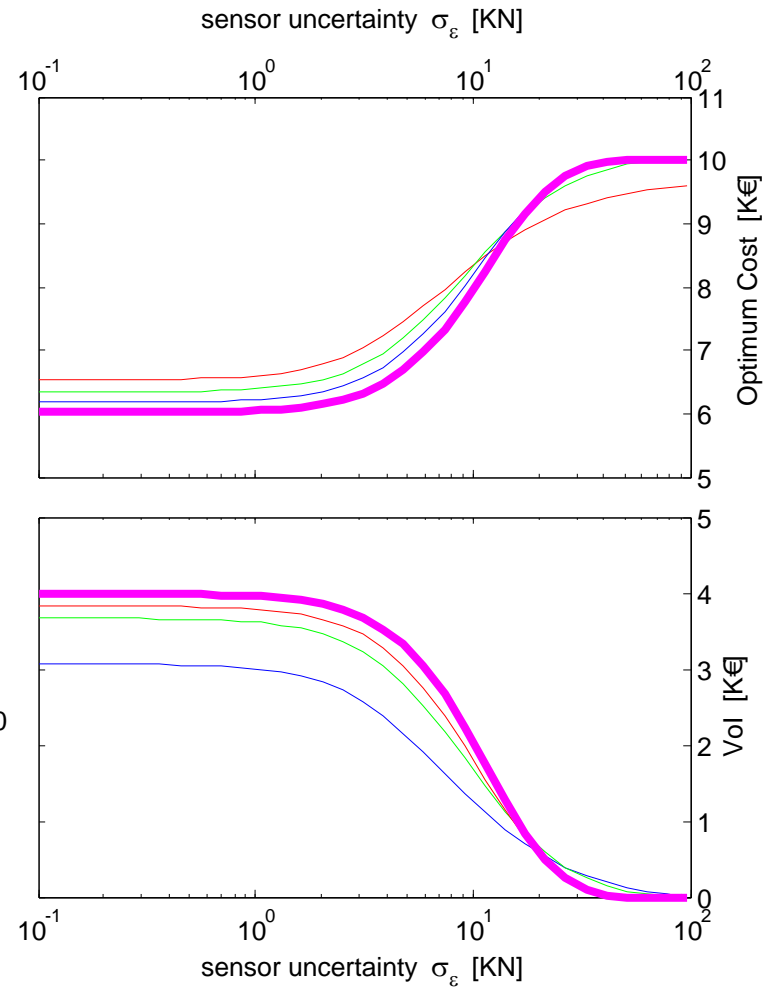
Increasing prior uncertainty

$C_F = 1 \text{ M€}$

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$P_F = 2.05\% \rightarrow A^*: \text{repair}, L^* = 10 \text{ K€}$

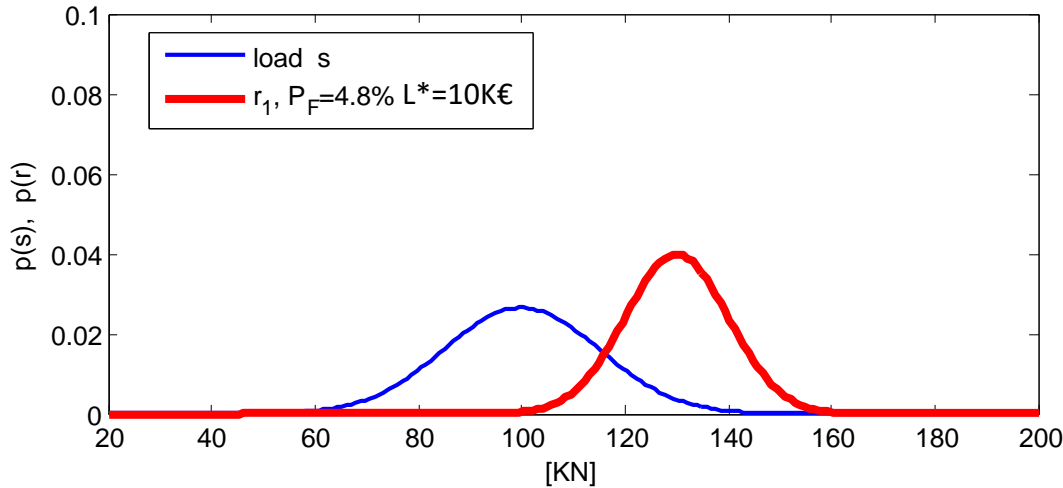


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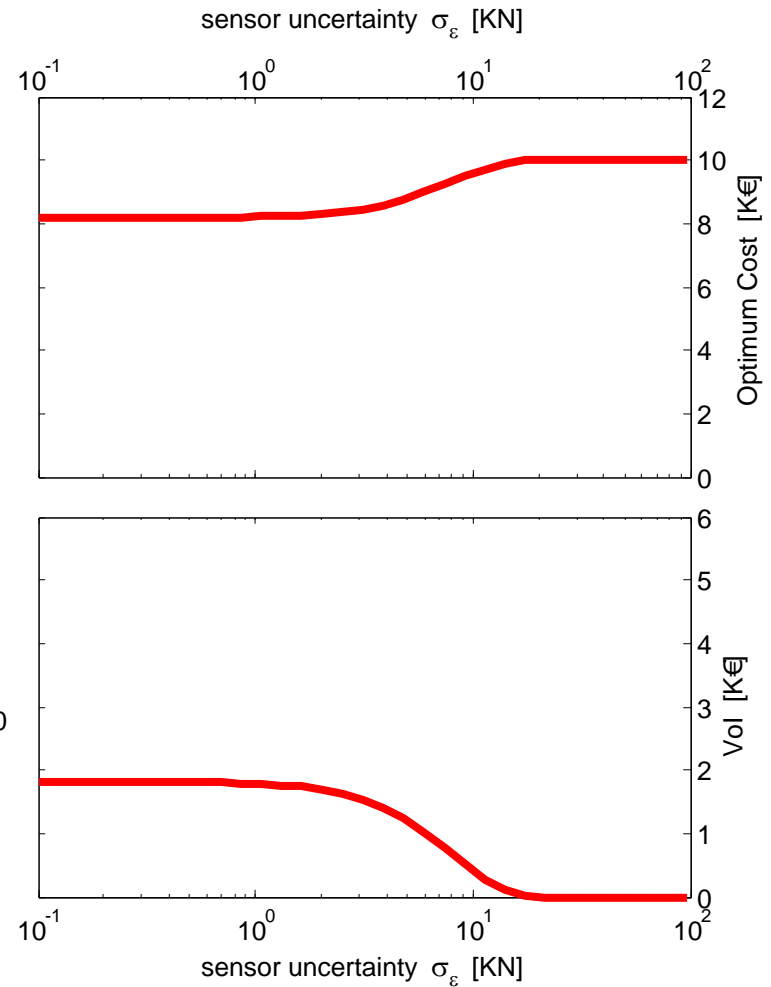
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$C_F = 1 \text{ M€}$

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$P_F = 4.81\% \rightarrow A^*: \text{repair}, L^* = 10 \text{ K€}$

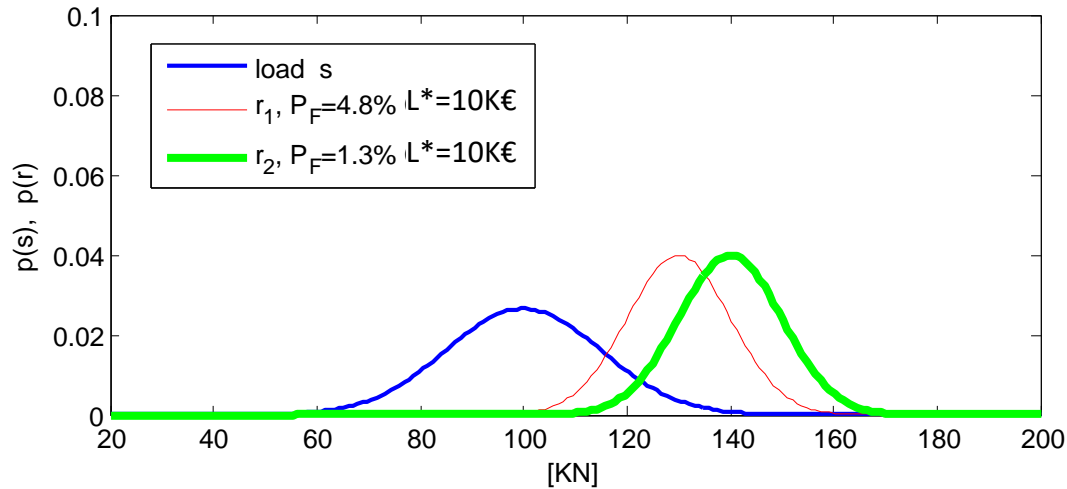


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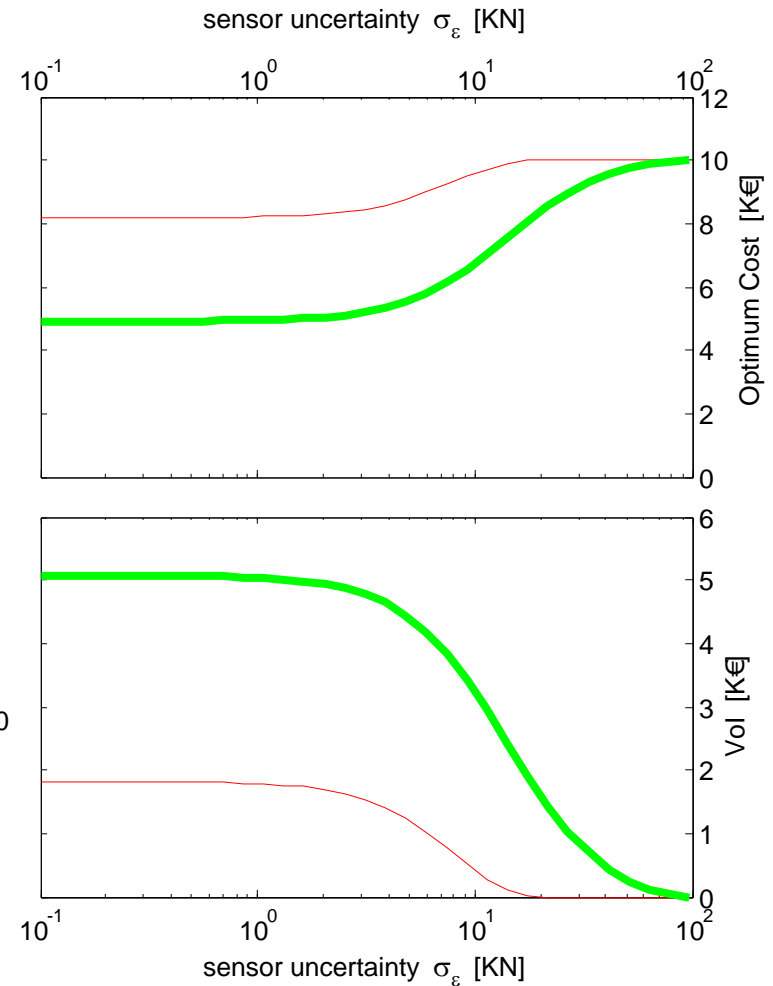
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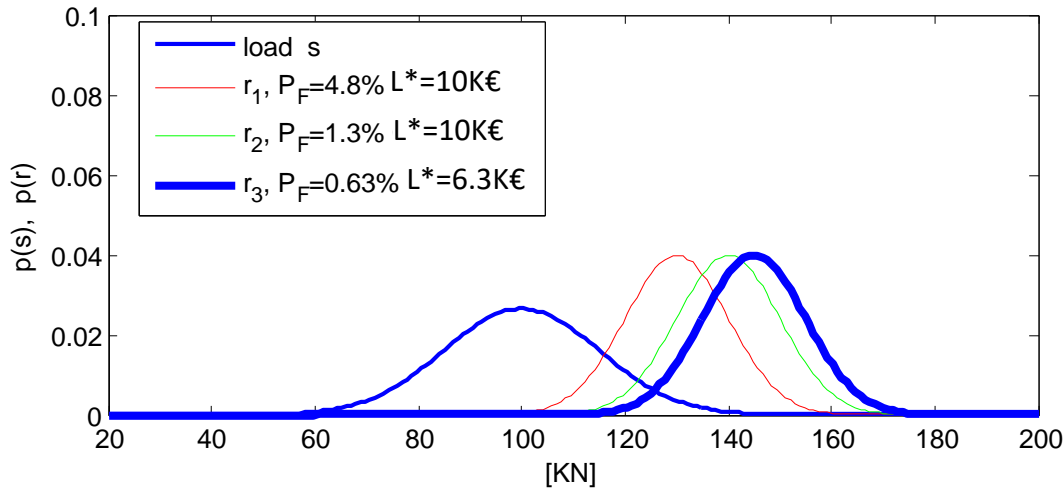


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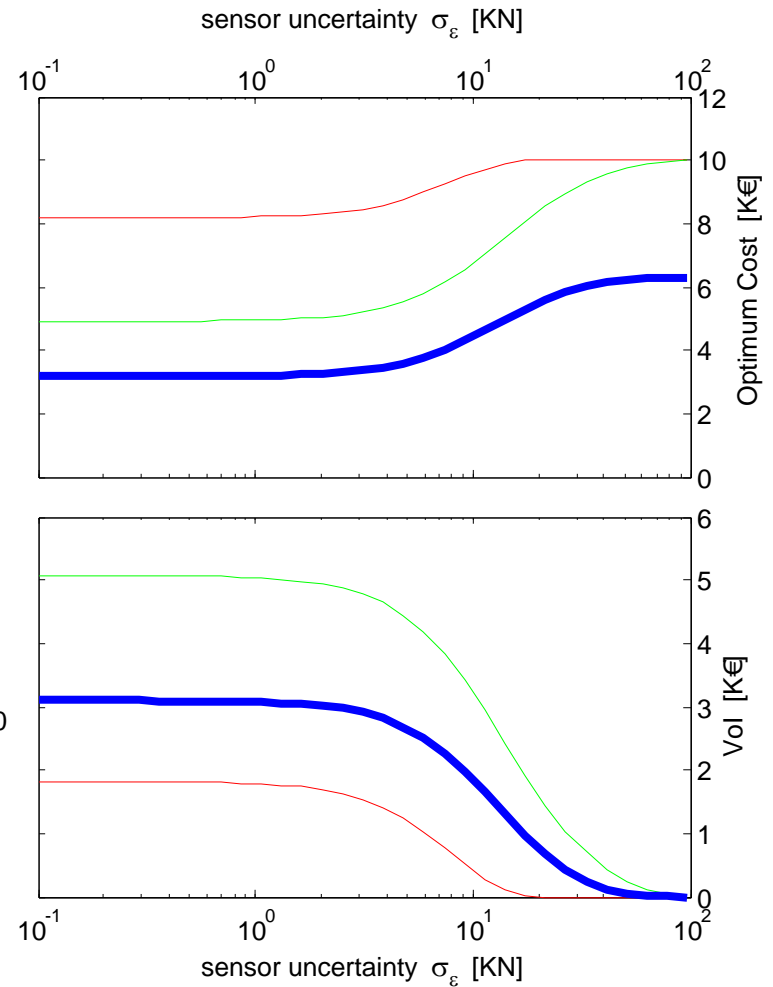
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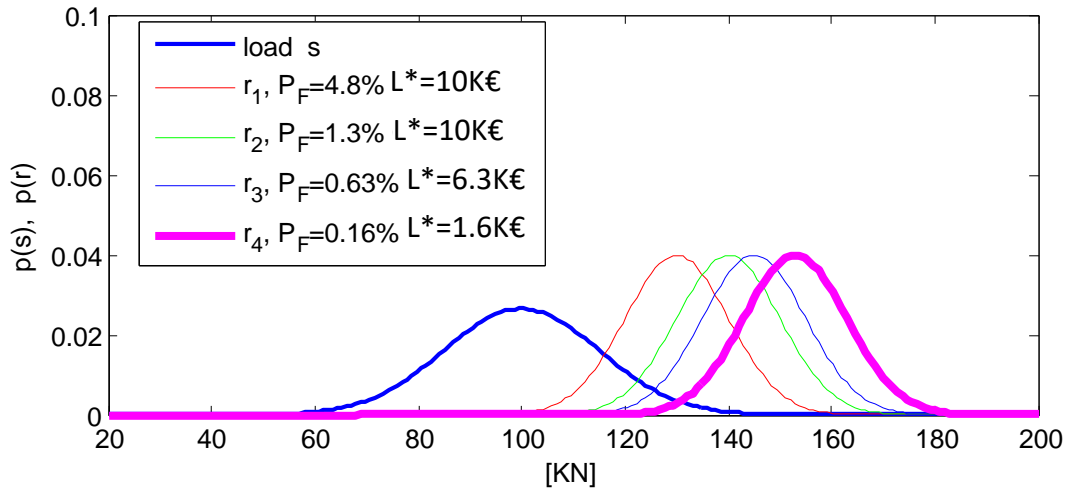


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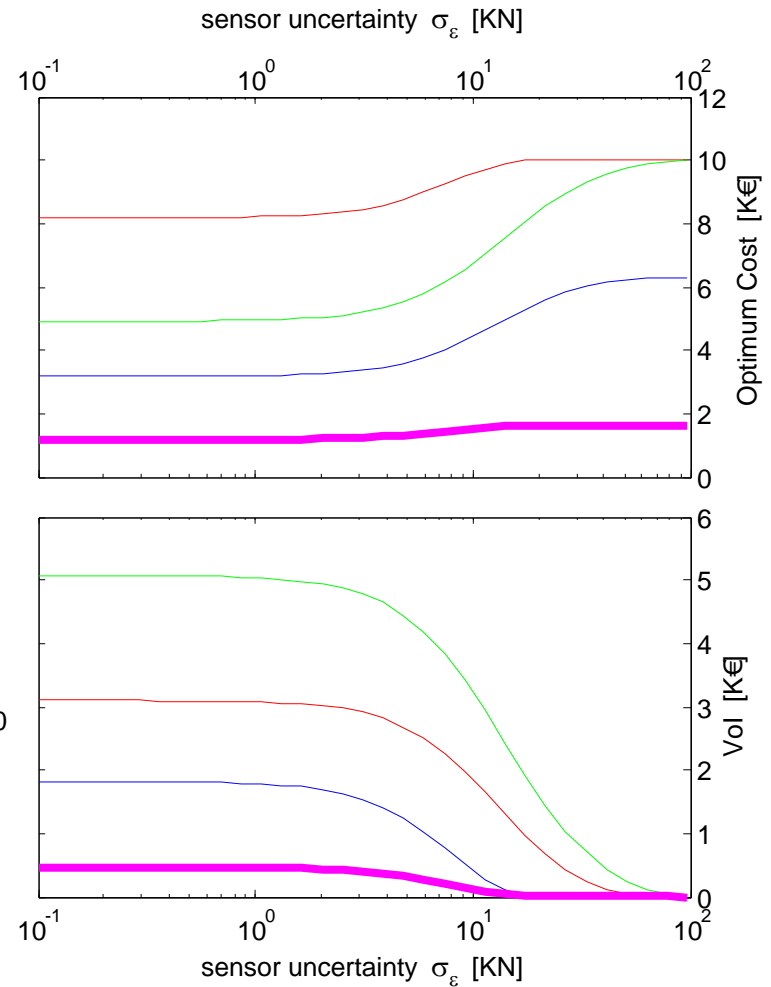
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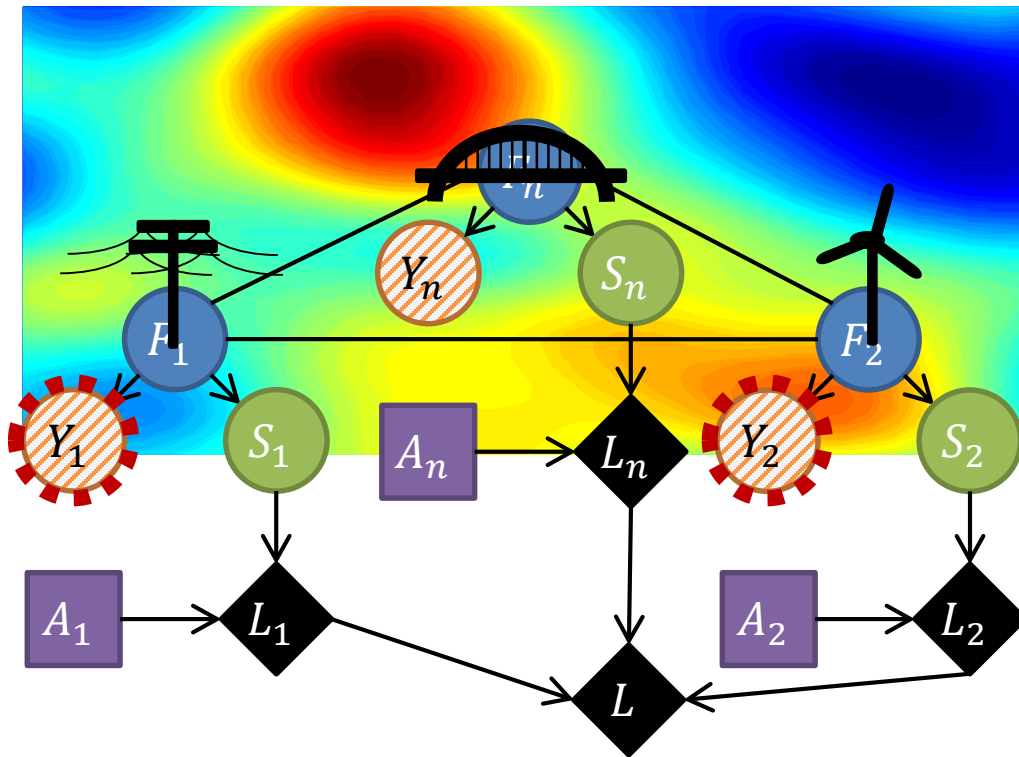


$P_F = 0.16\% \rightarrow A^*: \text{do nothing, } L^* = 1.6 \text{ K€}$



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Random Field Models  
(e.g. event, load, capacity)

Measurement Models  
(e.g. strain gauge)

Structural & Limit State Models  
(e.g. FEM analysis)

Decision Models  
(e.g. repair, replace)

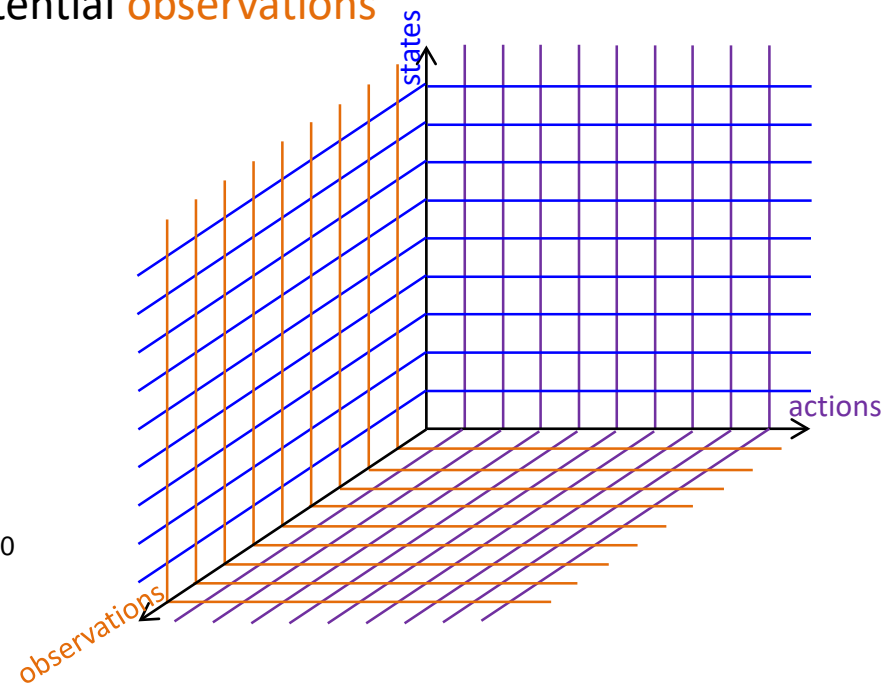
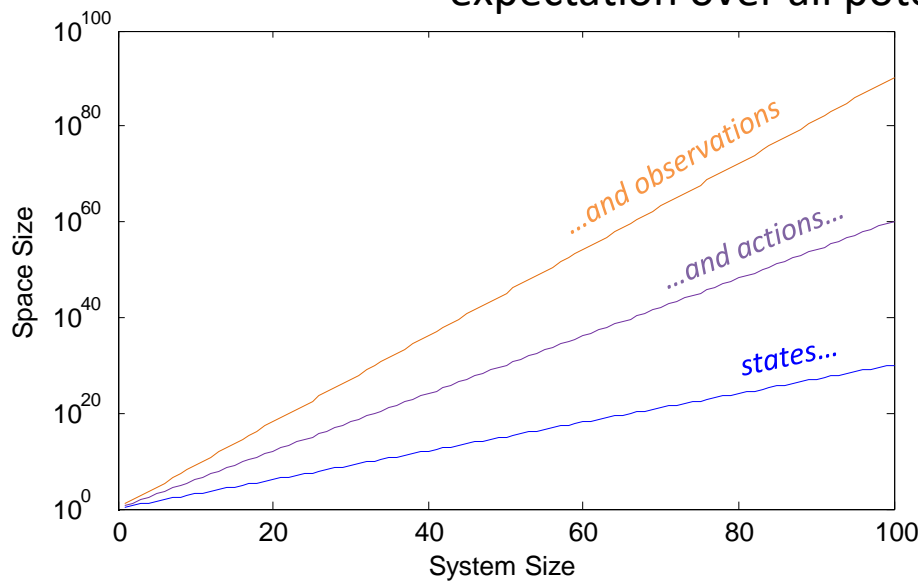
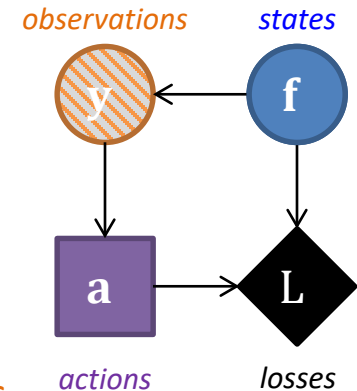
Consequence Models  
(e.g. failure, loss of function)

Measurement Optimization  
(e.g. Vol Analysis)

# Computational Complexity in Large Systems

$$\mathbb{E}L(Y) = \mathbb{E}_Y \min_A \mathbb{E}_{F|y} L(f, a)$$

expectation over all joint **states**  
 minimization over all joint **actions**  
 expectation over all potential **observations**



# Cumulative System Assumption

Local loss is a function of **local actions** and **local states**

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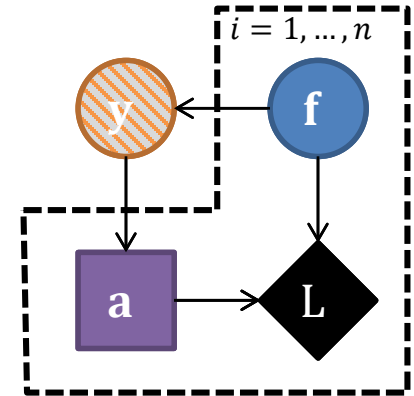
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$$\mathbb{E}L(\emptyset) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{\emptyset} \min_{A_i} \mathbb{E}_{F_i|\emptyset} L_i(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{a}_i)$$

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$$\text{Vol}_i(Y) = \min_{A_i} \mathbb{E}_{F_i} L_i(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{a}_i) - \mathbb{E}_Y \min_{A_i} \mathbb{E}_{F_i|Y} L_i(\mathbf{f}_i, \mathbf{a}_i)$$

$$\text{Vol}(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Vol}_i(Y)$$

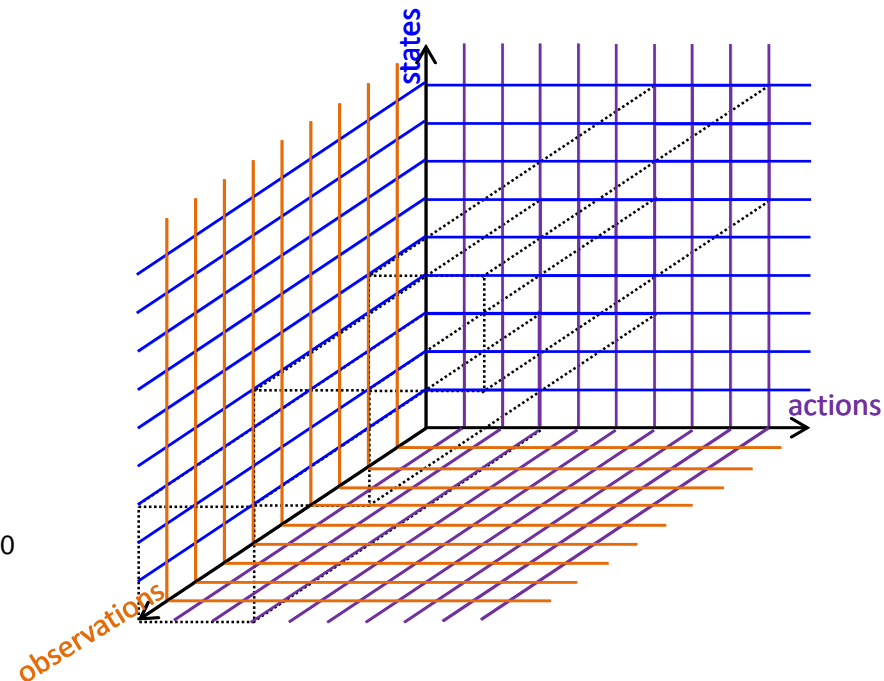
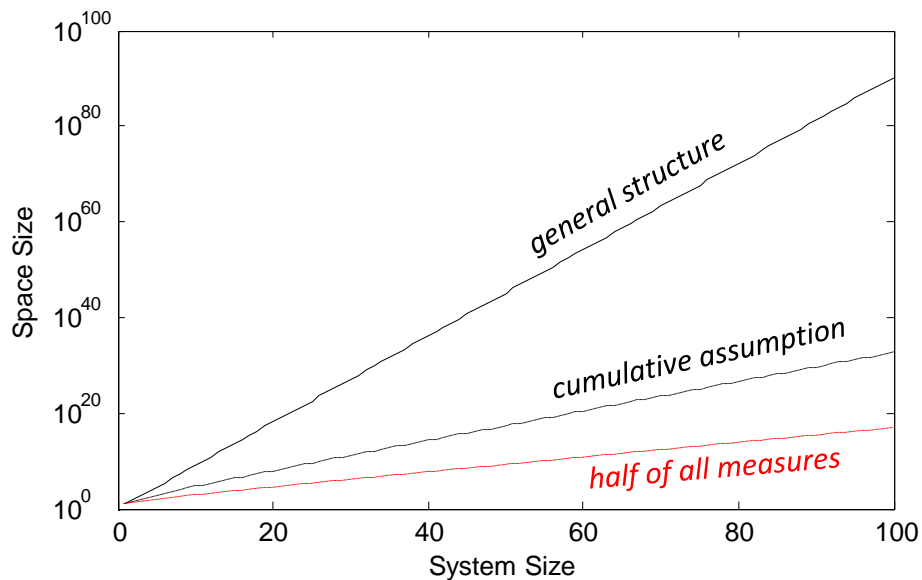
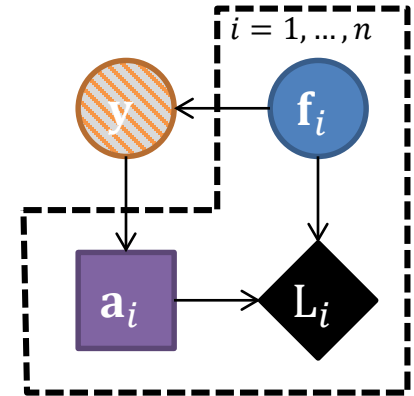


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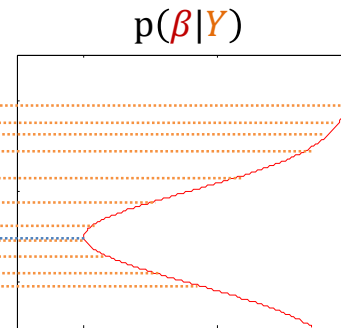
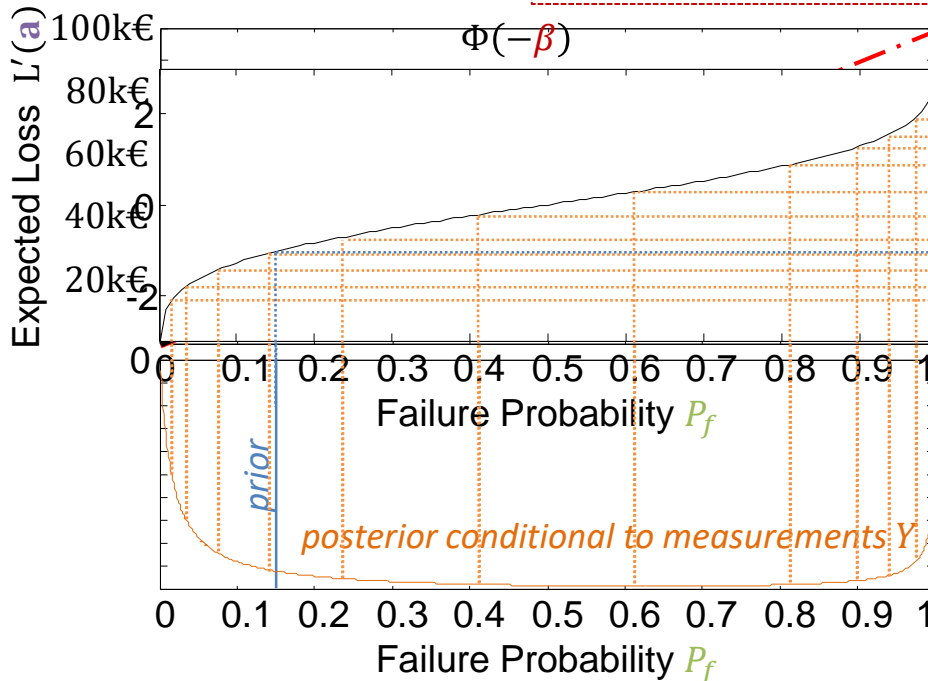
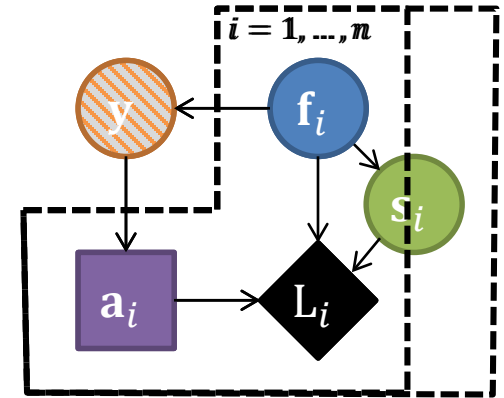
# Value of Information with Gaussian Random Variables

$$\mathbf{f} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_F, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_F)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{R}_Y \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\epsilon, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\epsilon) \quad \mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_Y, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_Y)$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbb{I}(\boldsymbol{\Xi} \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\xi} \geq 0)$$

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State (s)	State (s)	
	operational	failed
0	0	100k€
25k€	25k€	25k€

$$\text{EL}(\emptyset) = L^*(P_{f,\text{prior}})$$

$$\text{EL}(Y) = \mathbb{E}_Y L^*(P_f | Y)$$

$$\beta = -\Phi^{-1}(P_f)$$

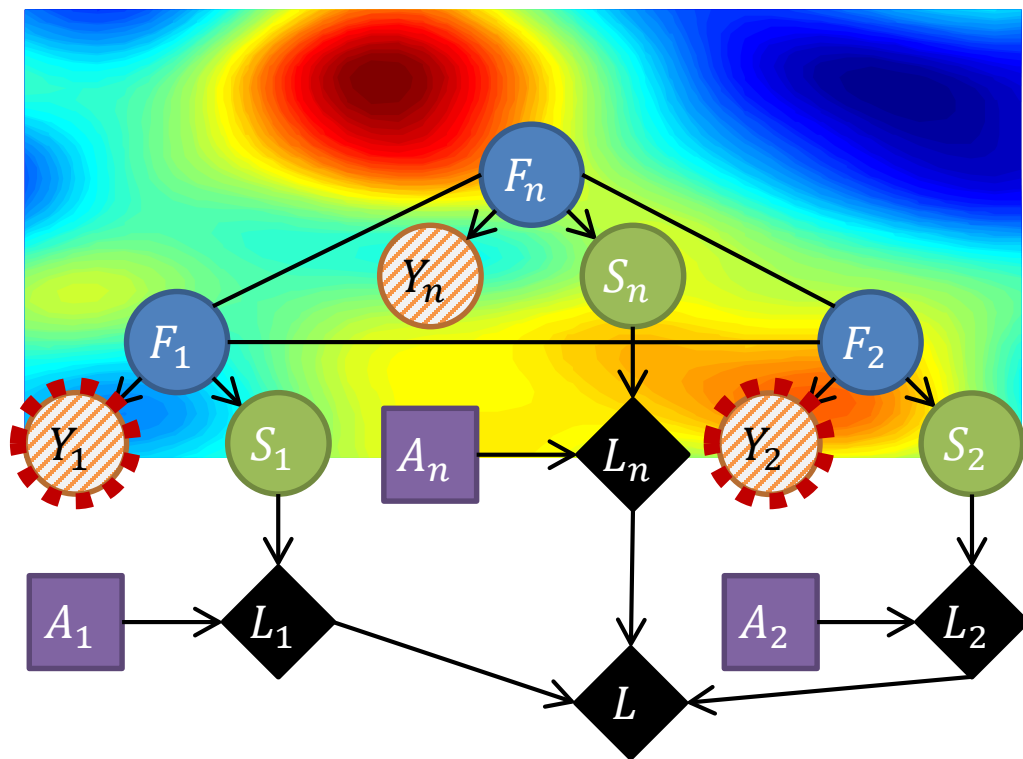
$$\beta | Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\beta|Y}, \sigma_{\beta|Y}) \text{ if } \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}$$

$$\text{EL}(Y) = \mathbb{E}_{\beta|Y} L^{**}(\beta)$$

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Under the **cumulative system** assumption and in **Gaussian random fields**, value of information can be efficiently evaluated to compare potential sensing schemes.



Observation Model:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{R}_Y \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\epsilon)$$

State Model:

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbb{I}(\mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{f} \geq \mathbf{0})$$

Loss Model:

$$L(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) = \sum_{i=1}^n L_i(s_i, a_i)$$

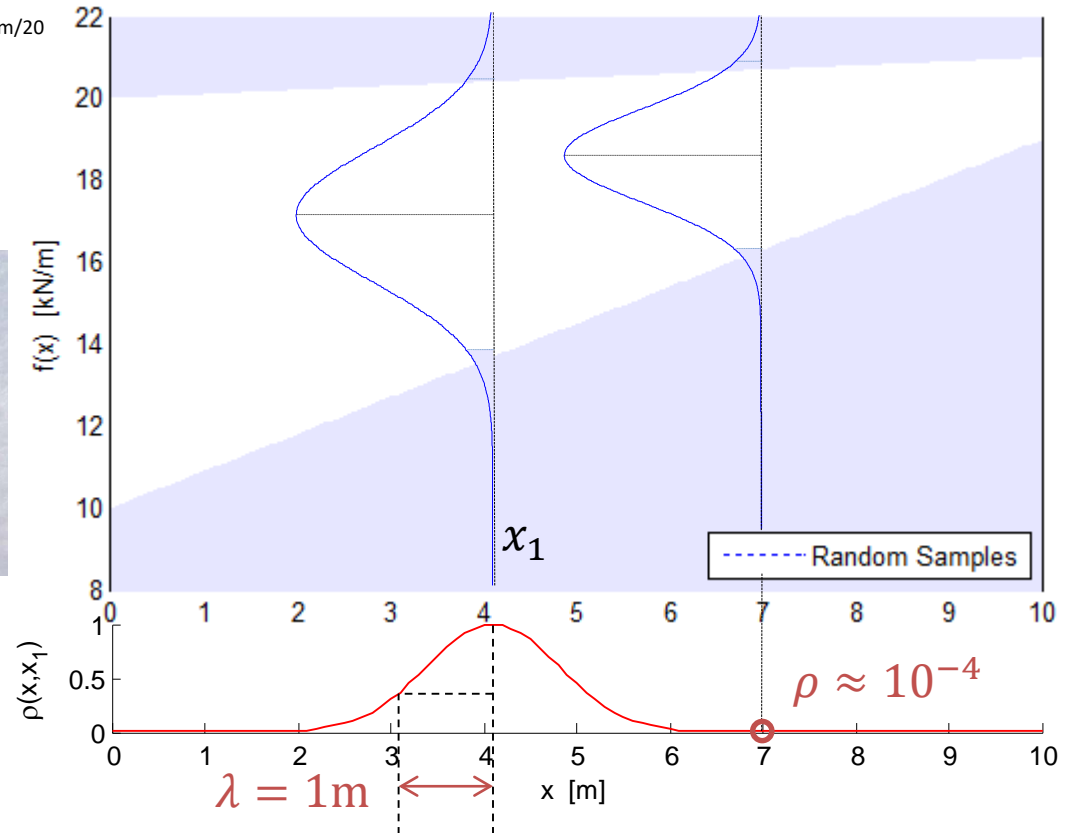
# Gaussian Loading Model



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## Gaussian Random Field

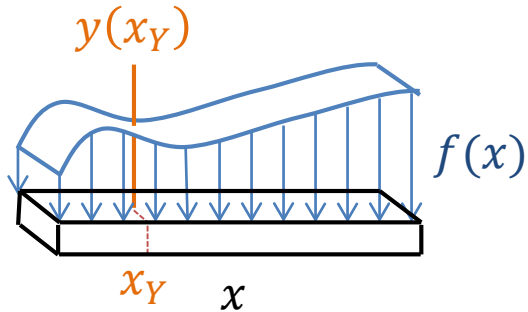
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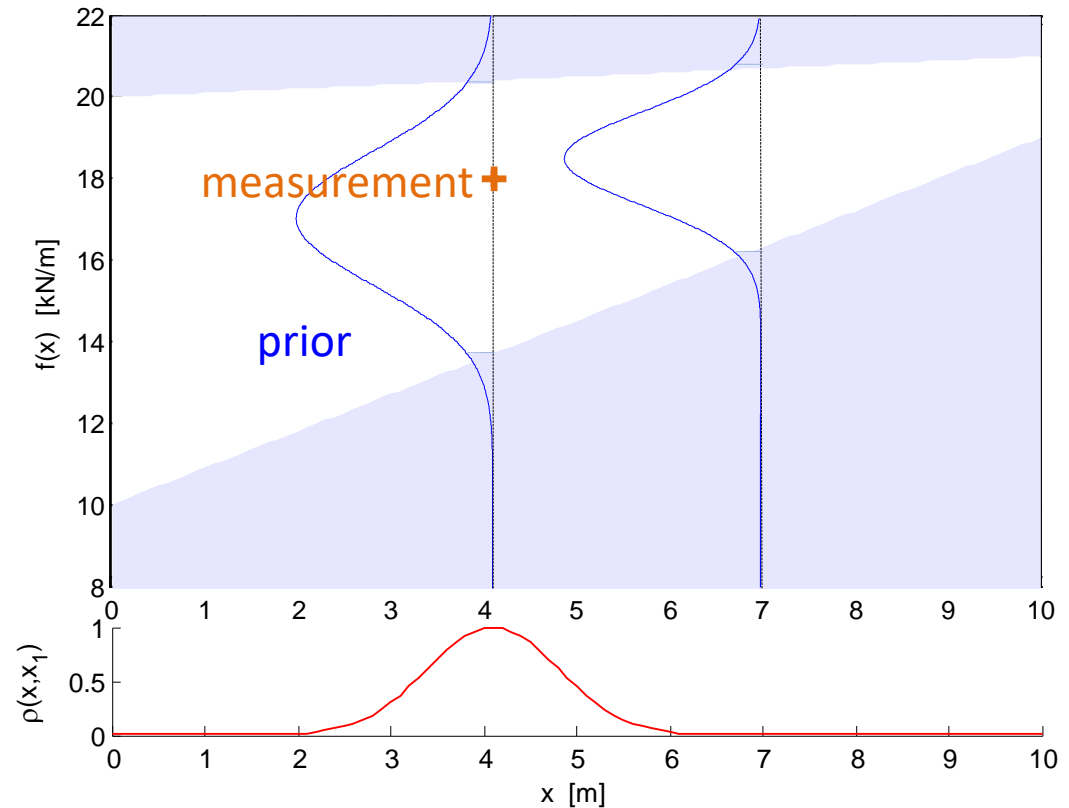
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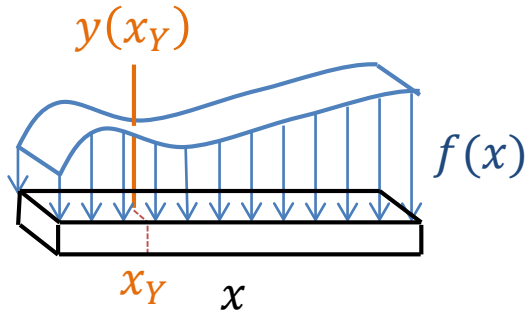
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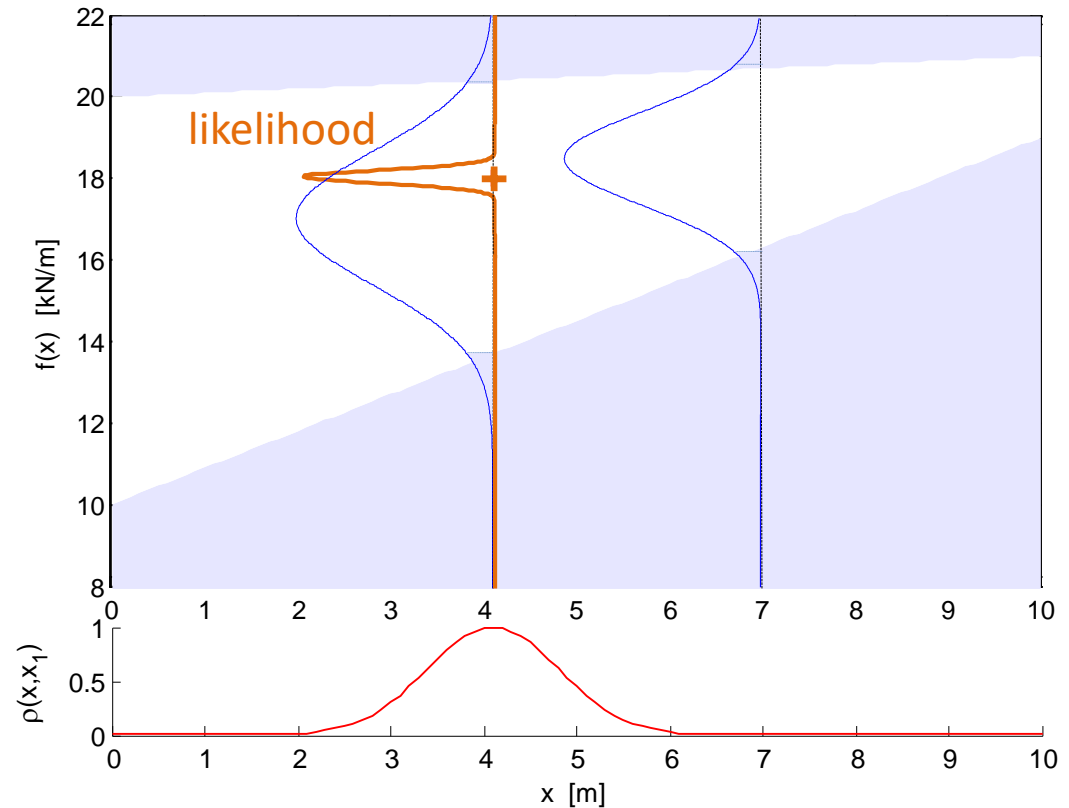
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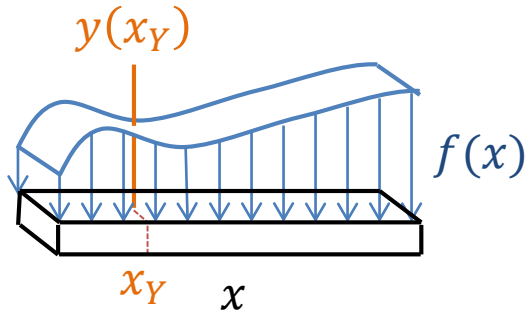
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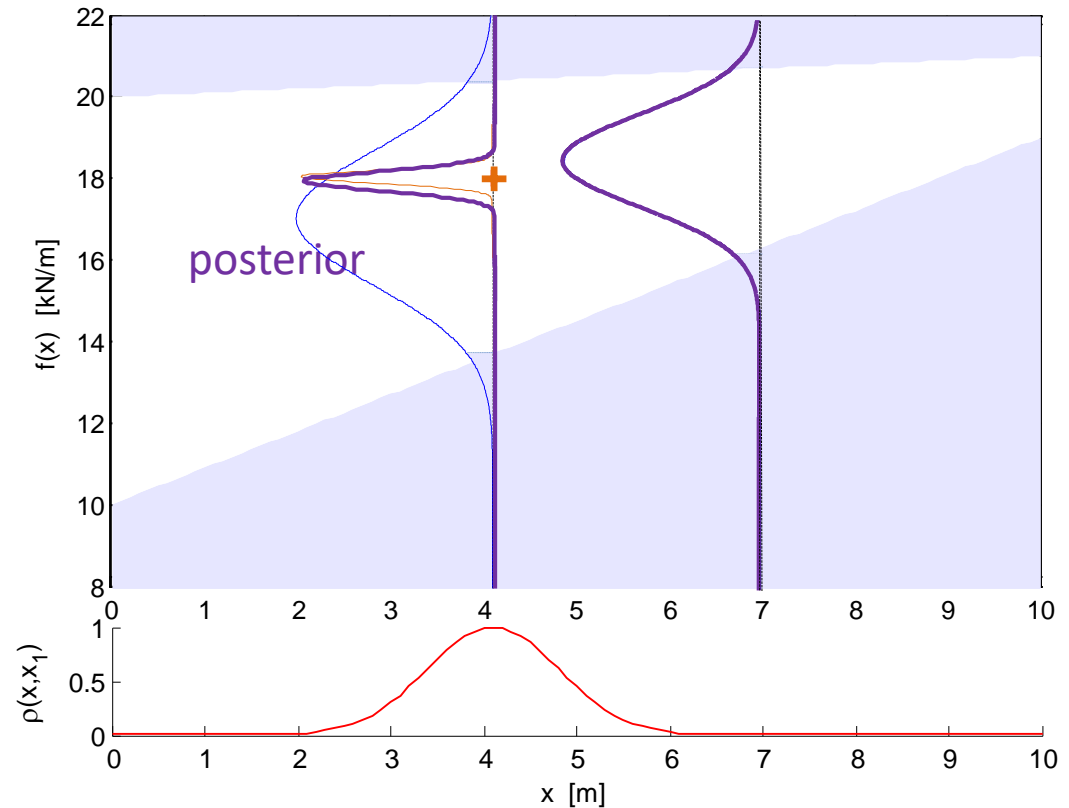
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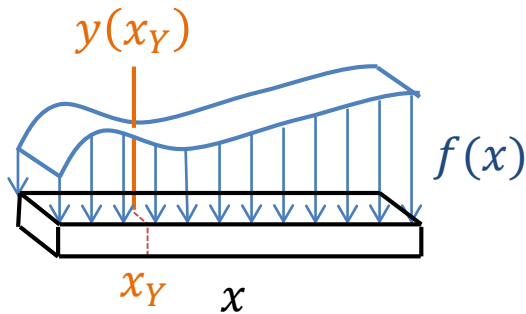
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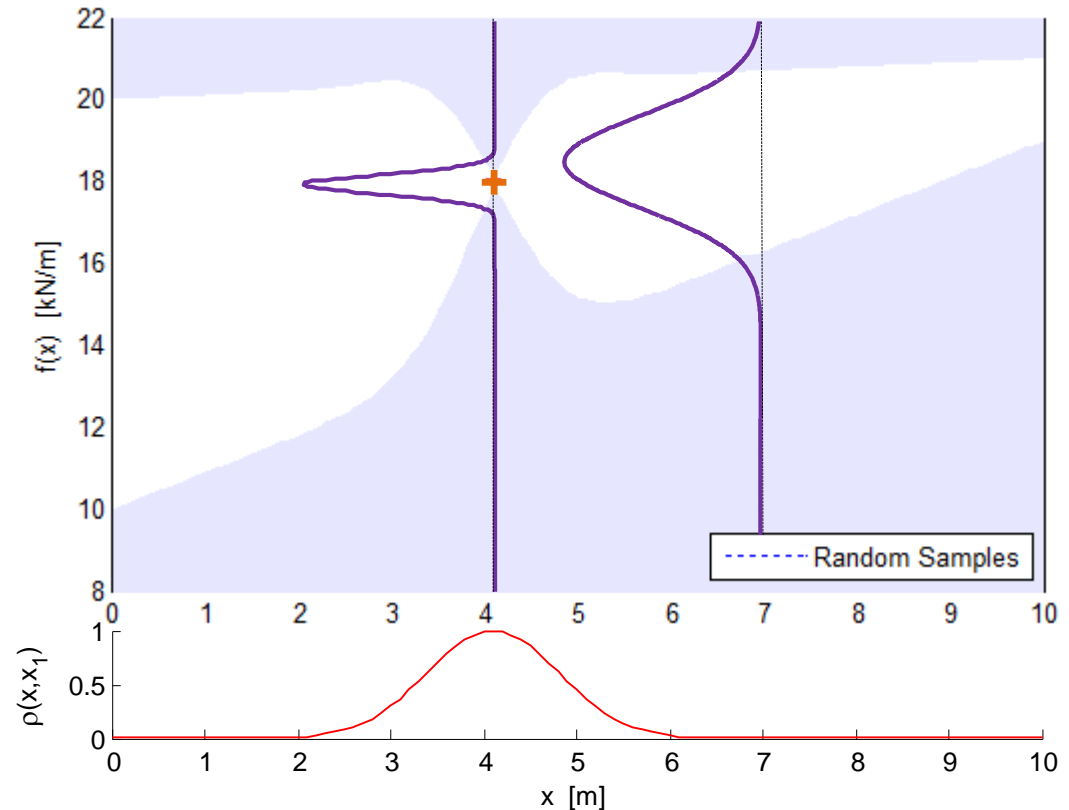
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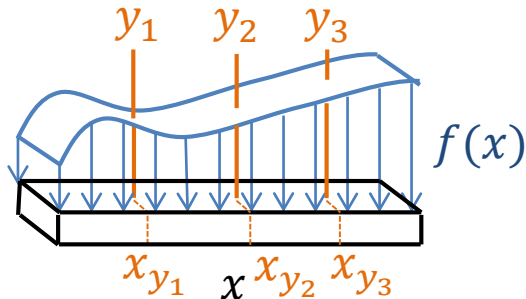
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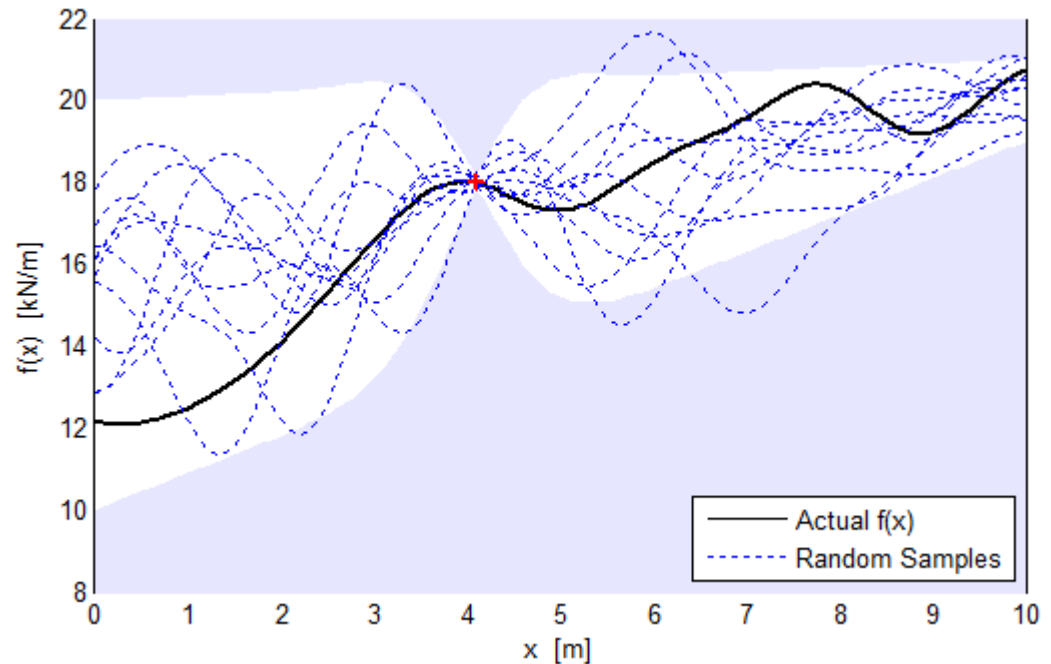
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(multiple measures improve prediction)

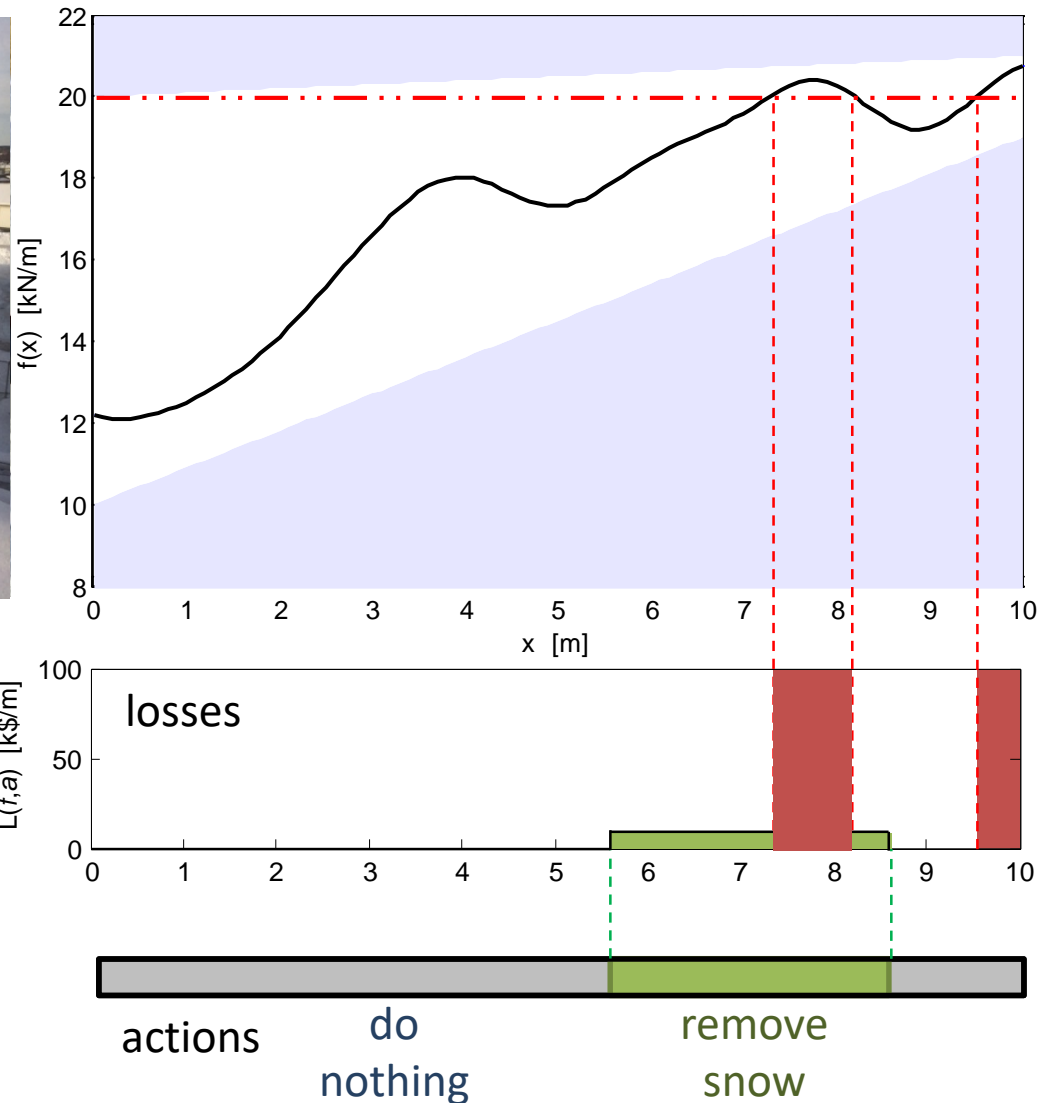
# Vol for Decision Support: Local Failure



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## Effects of management actions

- Several actions possible
- Management loss depends on selected actions  $a$  and random field  $f$ :  $L(f, a)$

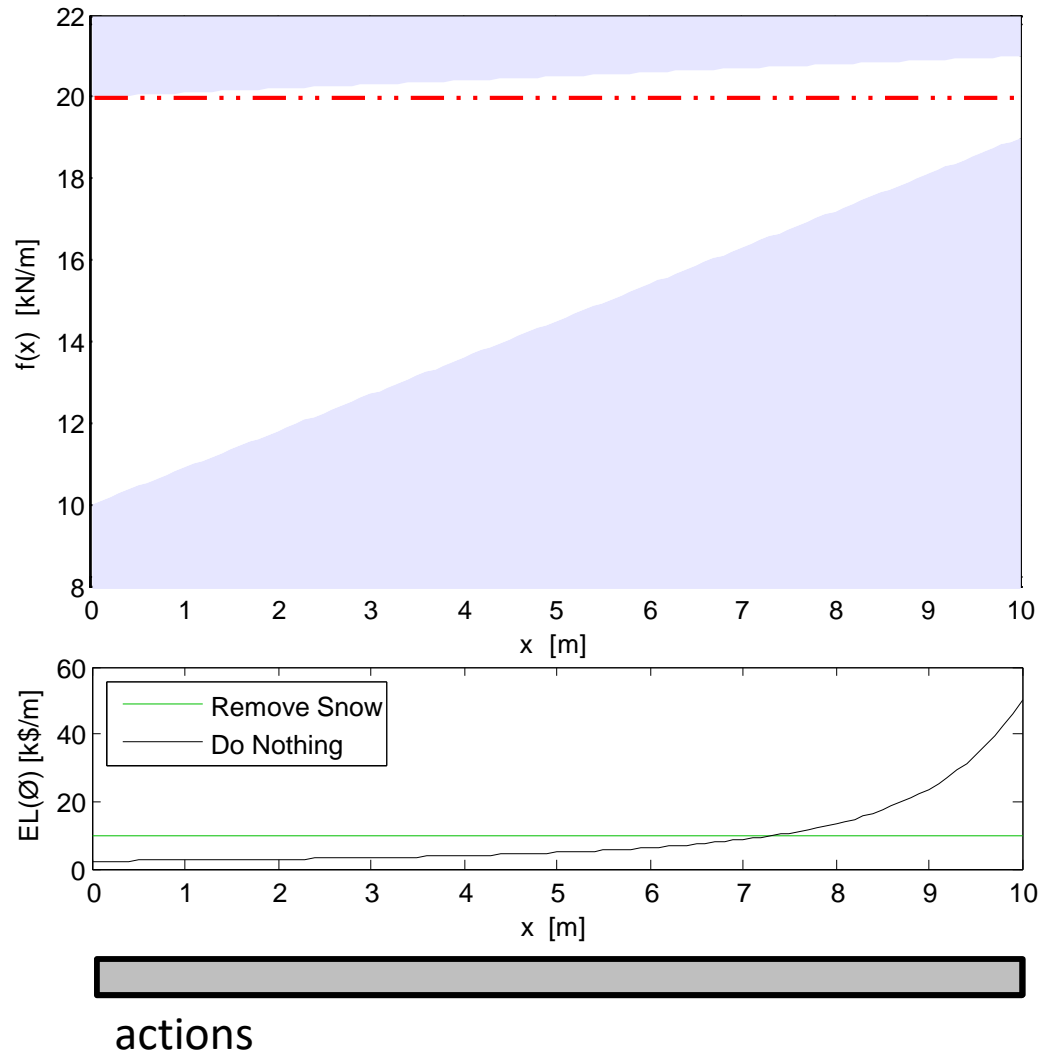


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		$(f)$		
		S	F	
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	R	$C_R$	$C_R$	10K\$/m

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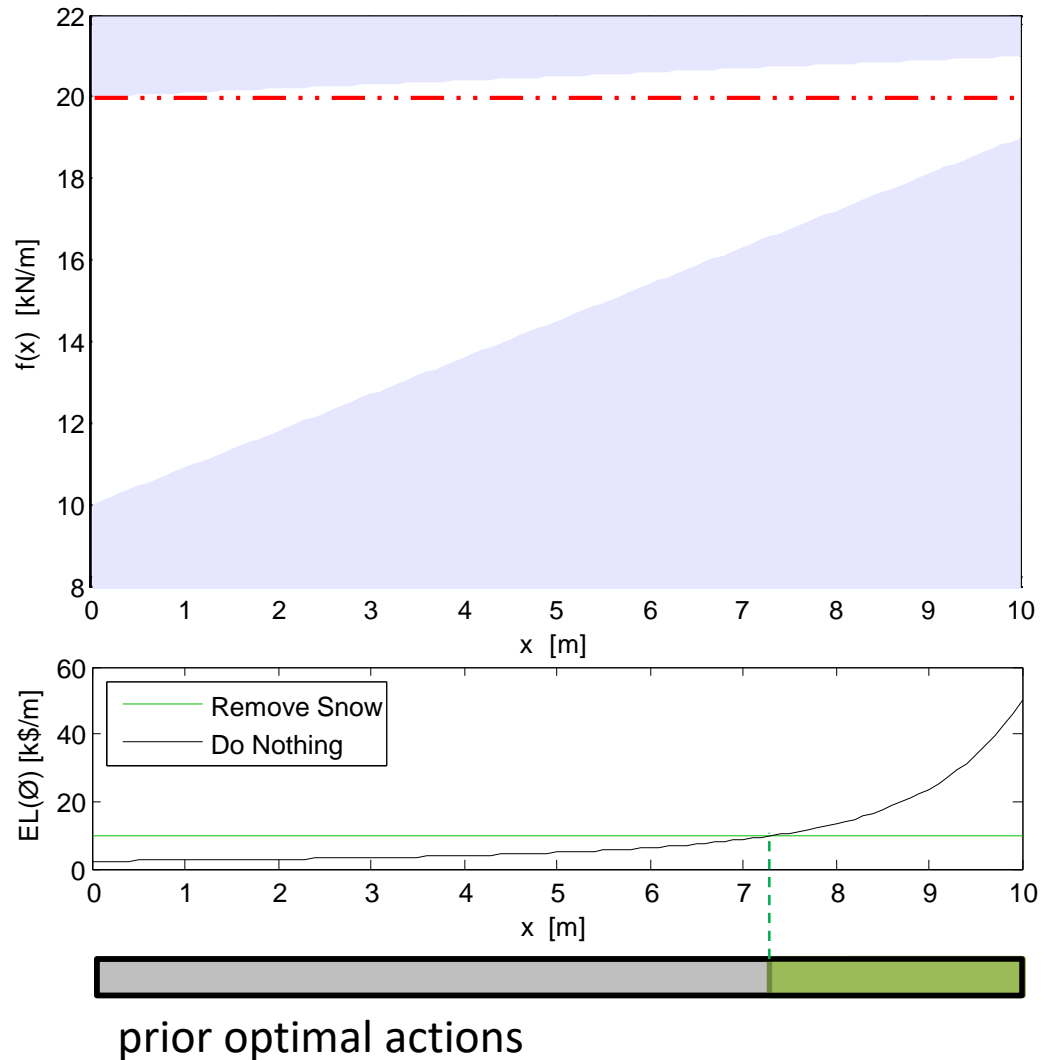


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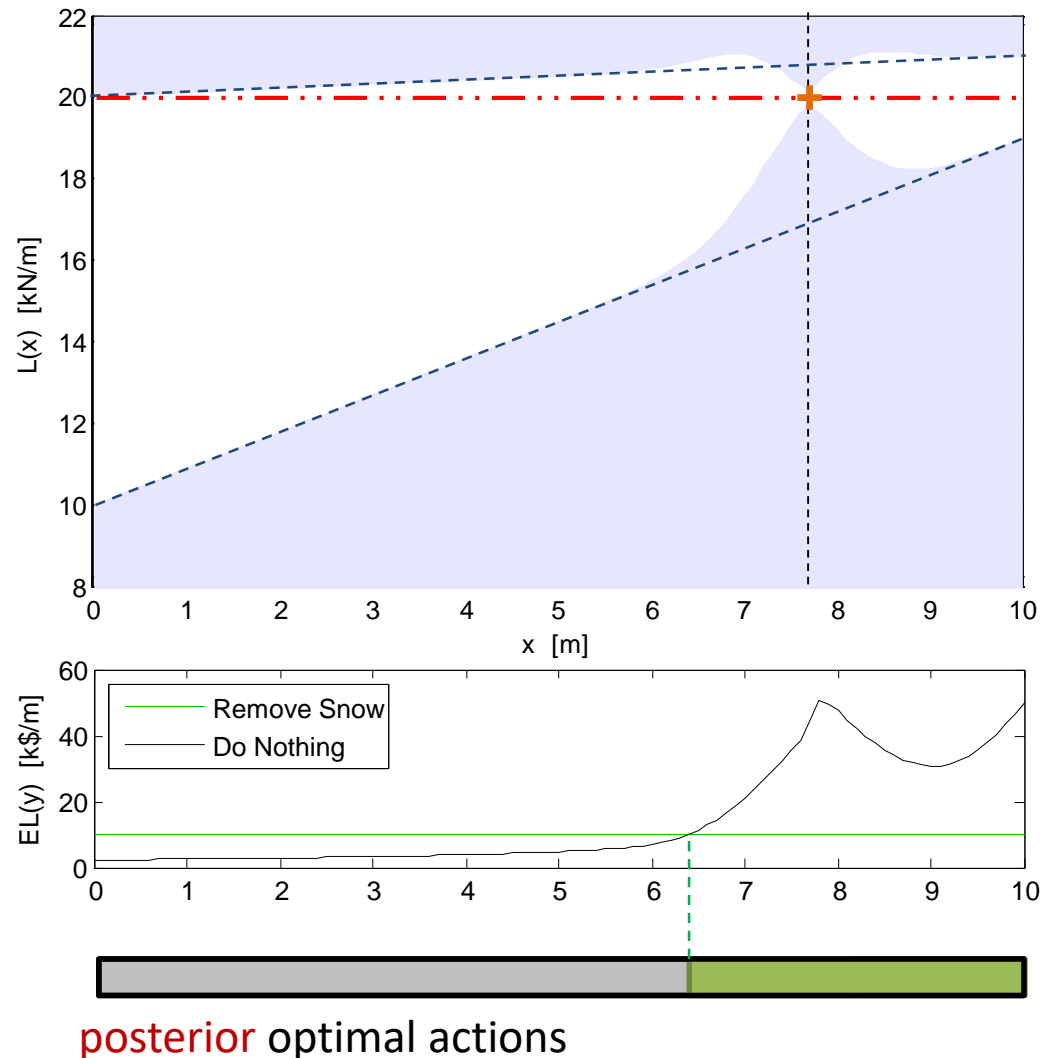


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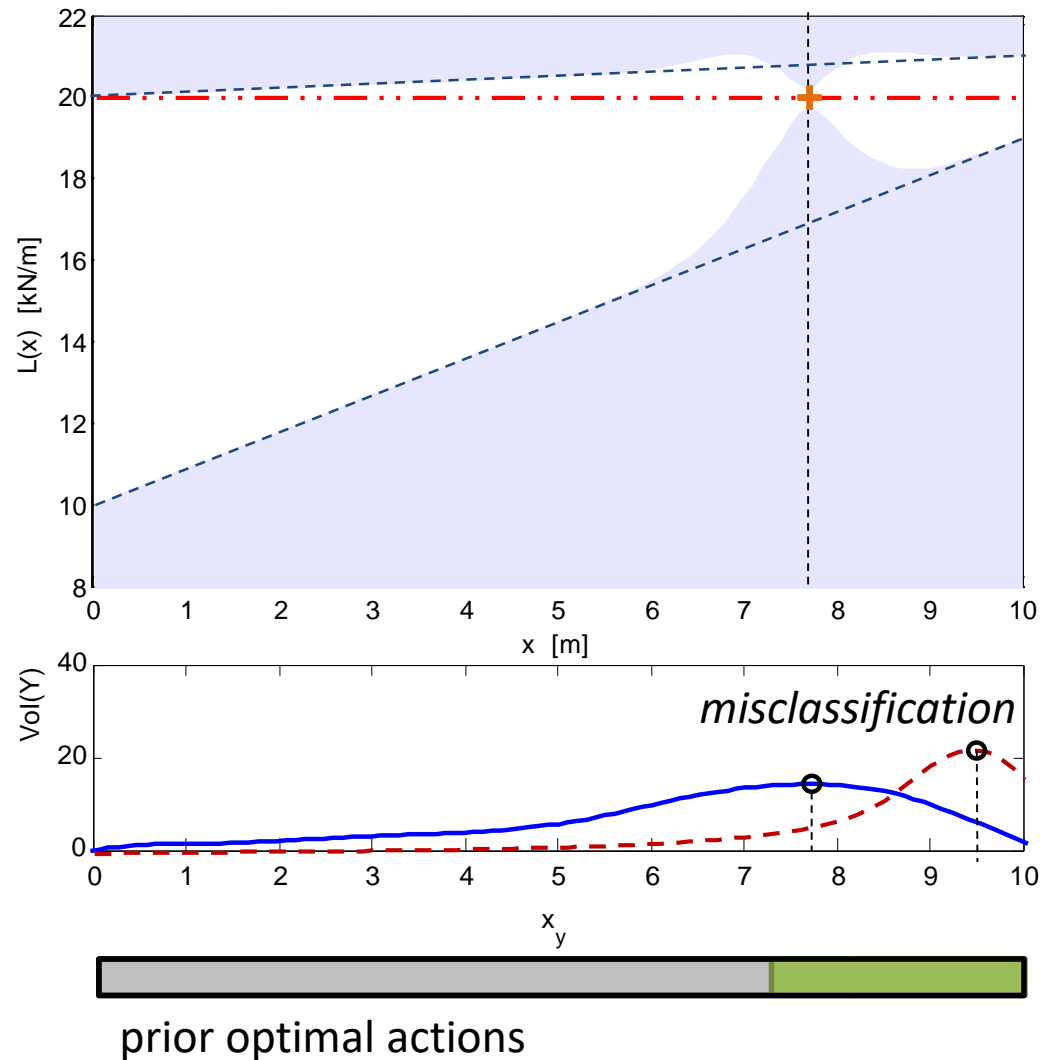
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misclassification:  $C_F = 2C_R$

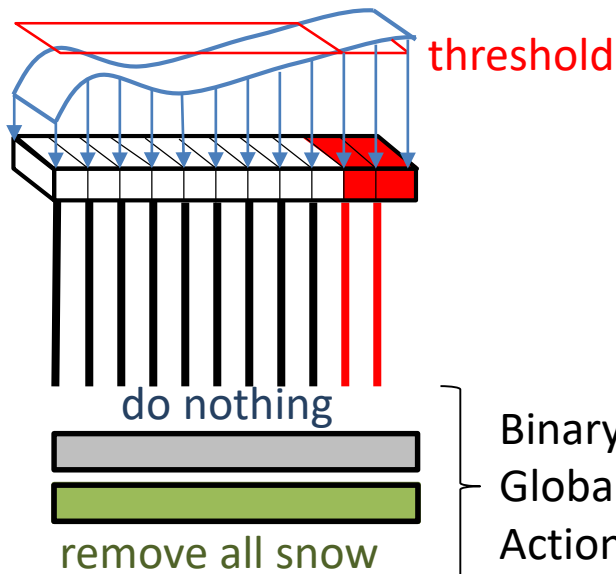
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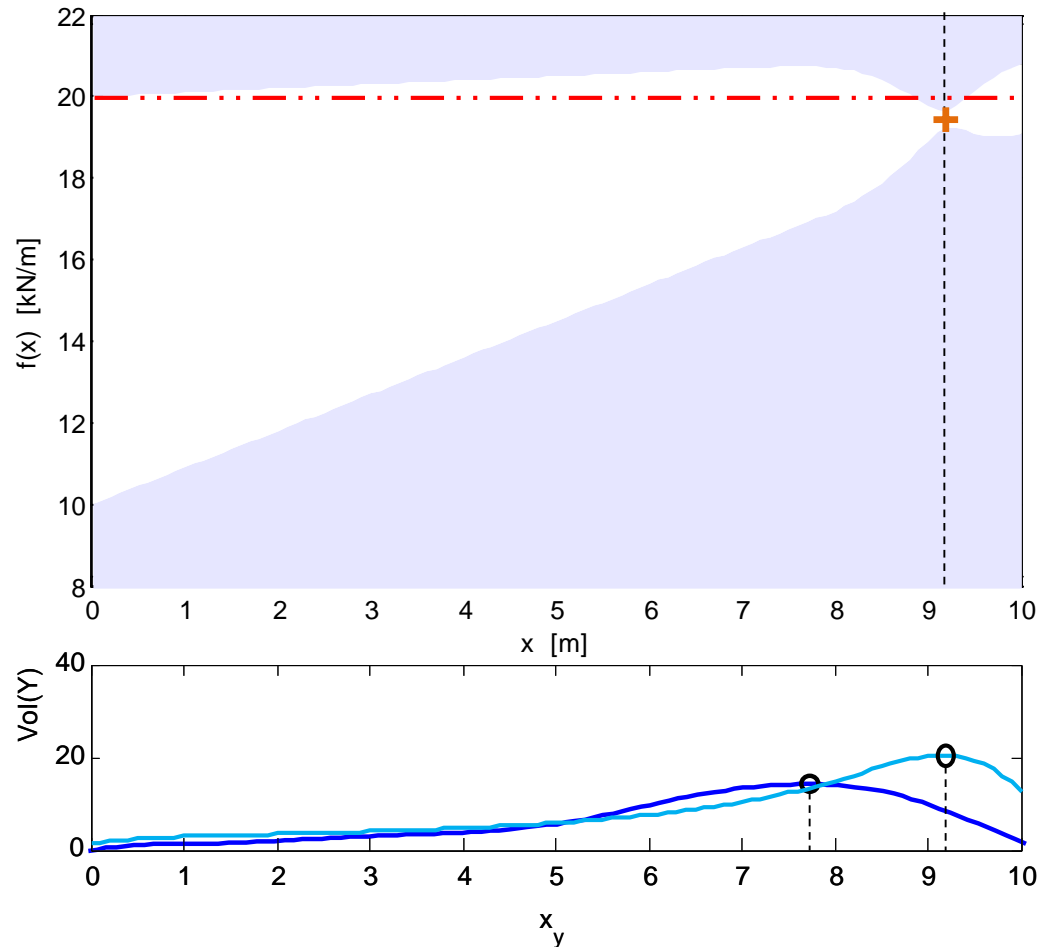
# Vol for Decision Support: Global Actions

localized failures



## Global Actions

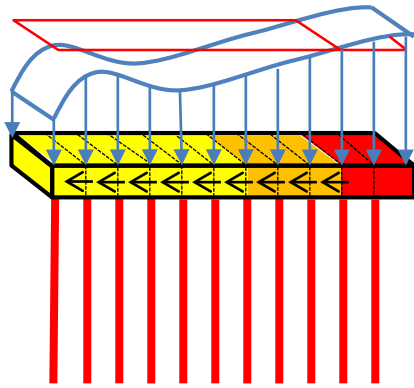
- Couple decision-making at system level
- No longer a cumulative system
- Increase computational demand



observe higher-risk areas – if no danger is observed, “do nothing” is likely best

# Vol for Decision Support: Series System

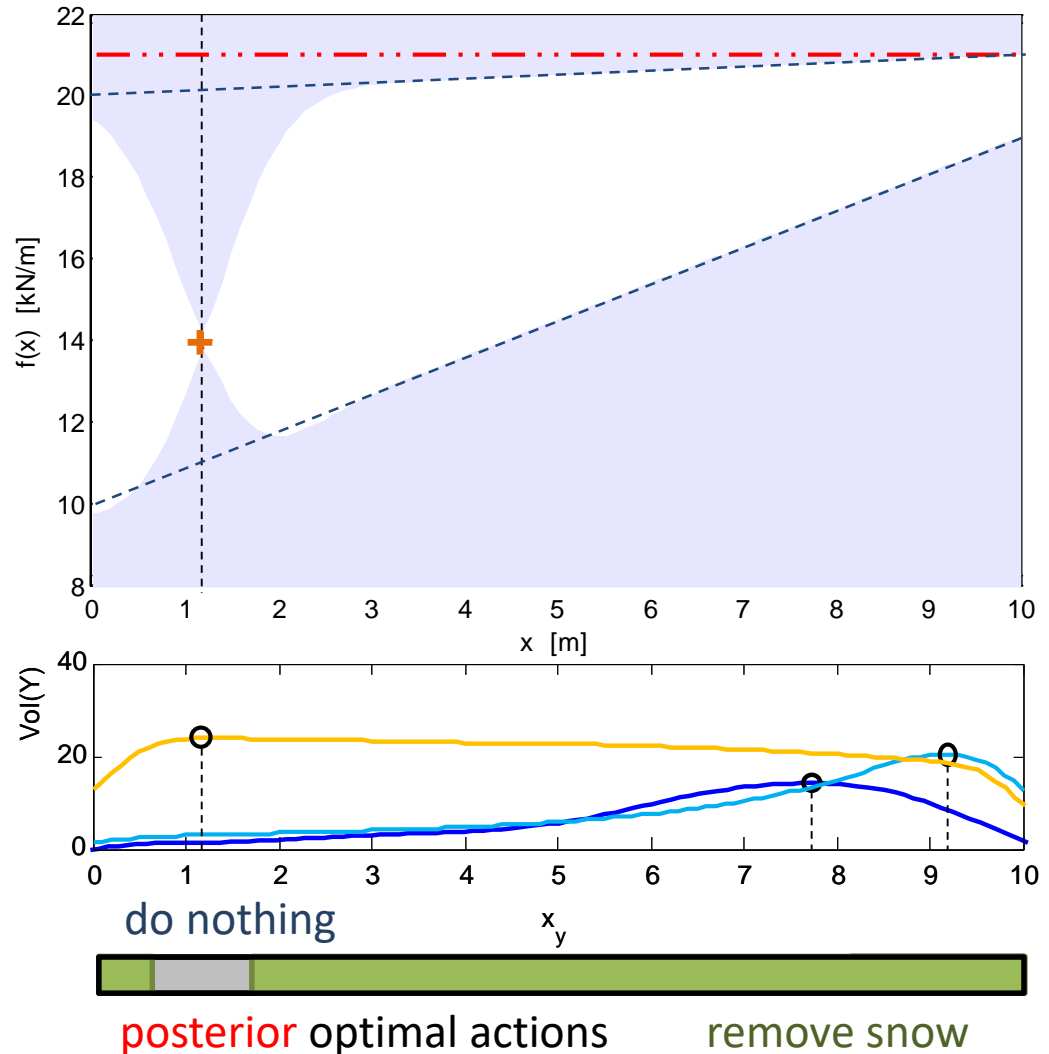
progressive collapse



$$\max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} f(x_i) > T \rightarrow \text{Failure}$$

## System Topology Effects

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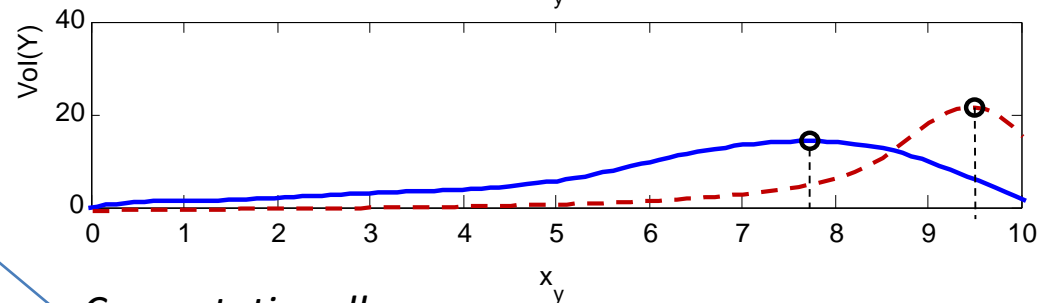
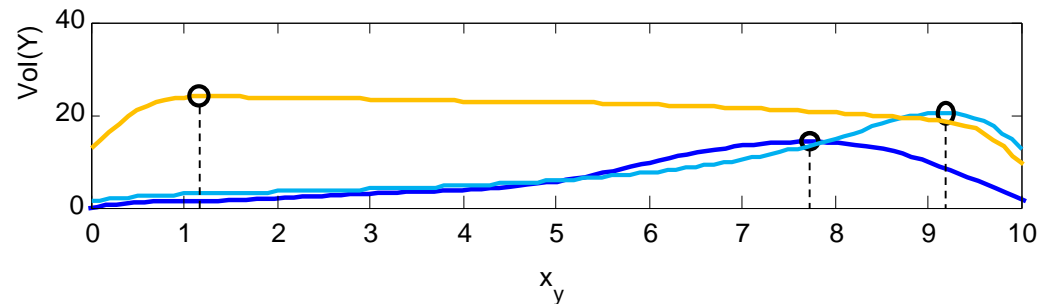
# Vol: Sensor Placement with Gaussian Models

Efficient evaluation of Vol is possible in **cumulative systems** with **Gaussian variables**.

Optimal placement strongly **depends on loss and actions**.

Vol **computational complexity** strongly depends on the decision making problem, specially when the number of sensors to be placed is high.

Complexity grows significantly when **system functionality** is included.



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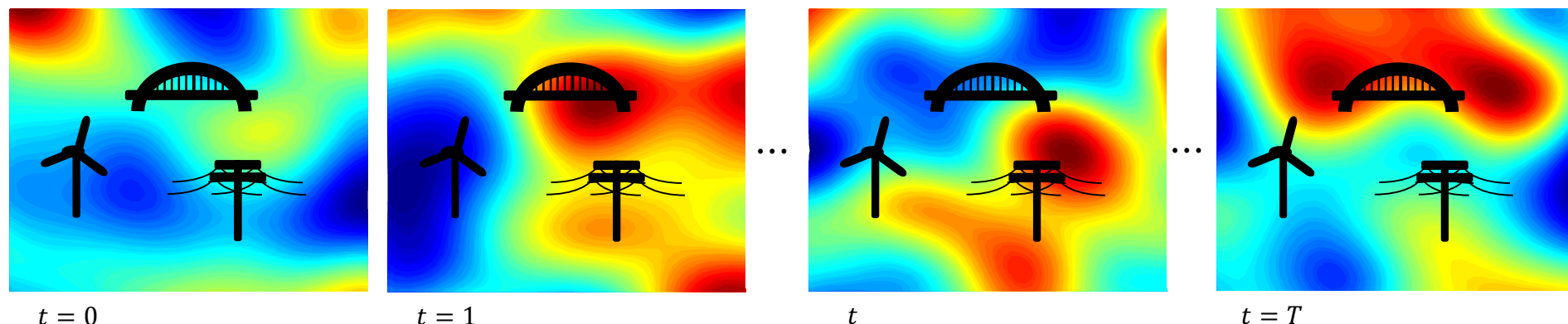
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*Computationally efficient formulation for local failures.*

# Spatio-Temporal Random Fields

Random variables distributed over **space and time** can be modeled as a **spatio-temporal random field**, e.g. a Gaussian spatio-temporal random field.

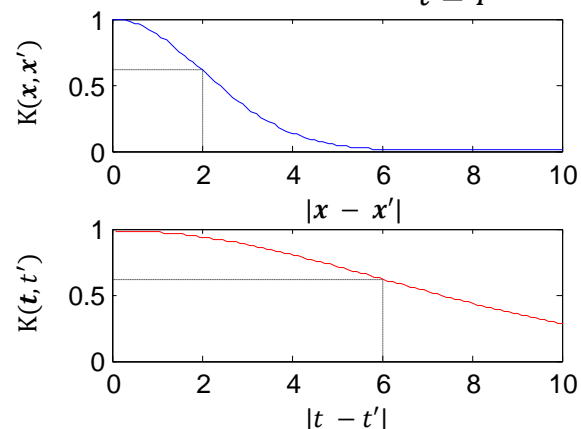
Similarities in variables are modeled via **spatial and temporal covariance functions**, e.g. assuming separability.



$$f(\mathbf{x}, t) \sim \mathcal{GP}(M(\mathbf{x}, t), K(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t'))$$

e.g. separable spatio-temporal covariance

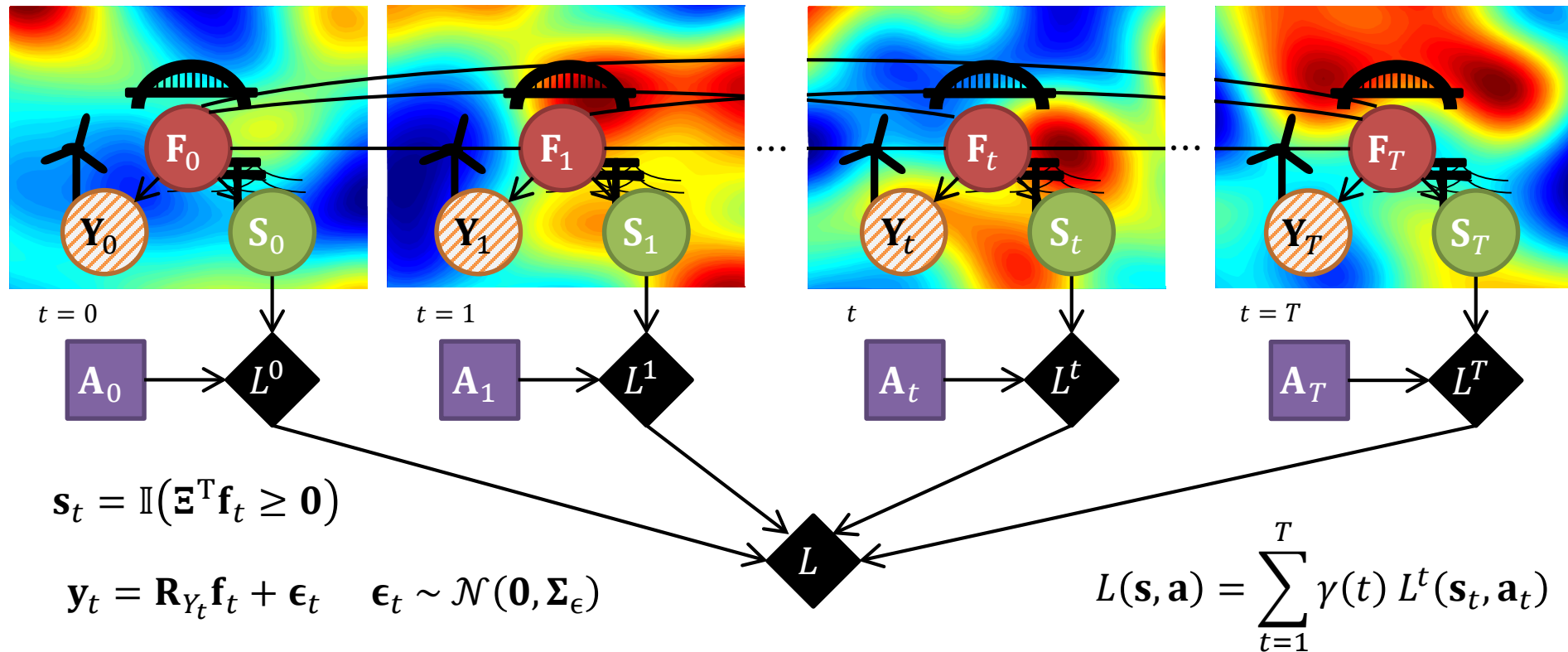
$$K(\mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{x}', t') = K_X(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')K_T(t, t')$$



# Spatio-Temporal Random Field Models

The **spatio-temporal random field model** is combined with observation, state, action, and loss models for the entire time-horizon of the management problem.

This model captures information gathering and decision-making **over time** as the system changes in response to the evolving spatio-temporal random field.



# Value of Information in Spatio-Temporal Systems

Key difference from spatial case: spatio-temporal Vol can only be evaluated using information collected **before a decision is made**.

*spatial case*

$$\mathbb{E}L(Y) = \mathbb{E}_Y \left[ \min_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbb{E}_{S|Y} L(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) \right]$$

*spatio-temporal case*

$$\mathbb{E}L(Y) = \mathbb{E}_{S,Y} L(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}^*(\mathbf{y}))$$

$$\mathbf{a}^*(\mathbf{y}) = \{\mathbf{a}_1^*(\mathbf{y}_1^-), \dots, \mathbf{a}_t^*(\mathbf{y}_t^-), \dots, \mathbf{a}_T^*(\mathbf{y}_T^-)\}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_t^- = \{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{t-1}\}$$

for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, T$  :

$$\{\mathbf{a}_t^*(\mathbf{y}_t^-), \dots\} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\{\mathbf{a}_t, \dots, \mathbf{a}_T\}} \mathbb{E}_{S|\mathbf{y}_t^-} L(\mathbf{s}, \{\mathbf{a}_1^*(\mathbf{y}_1^-), \dots, \mathbf{a}_t, \dots, \mathbf{a}_T\})$$

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*temporal decomposability*

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**temporal decomposability** →  
Vol can be evaluated as a  
(temporally) **local quantity**

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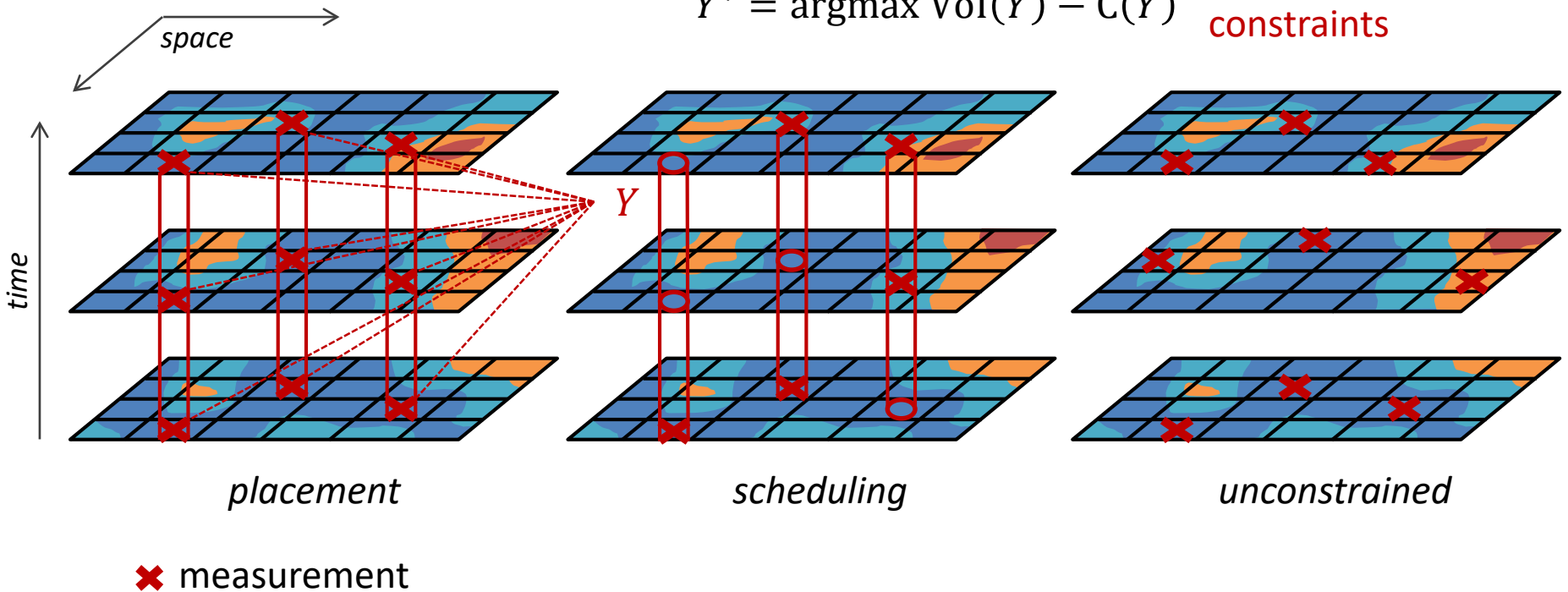
# Sensor Placement and Scheduling

The problems of **sensor placement** and **sensor scheduling** represent different **constraints** on the general problem of selecting the optimal subset locations and times to measure in the spatio-temporal random field problem.

Optimal Sensing Objective:

$$Y^* = \operatorname{argmax} \operatorname{Vol}(Y) - C(Y)$$

cost function encodes constraints





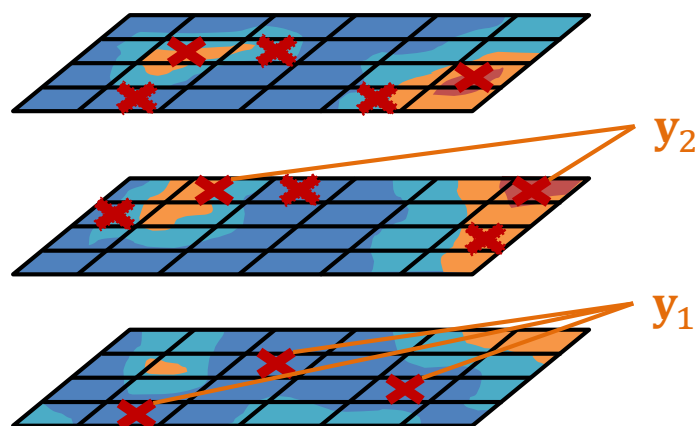
# Sensor Placement and Scheduling: Online v. Offline

**Offline:** measure selection is performed before any information is gathered.

**Online:** gathered information supports future measure selection.

The **online** case can be treated as **iterated offline** placement

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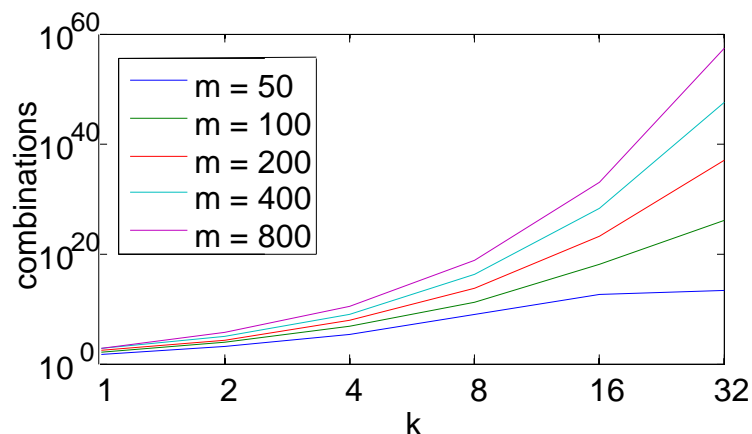
1. Observe  $Y_1$
  2. Update model using  $y_1$
  3. Re-evaluate  $Y^*$  (keeping  $Y_1$  fixed)
  4. Observe  $Y_2$
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# Sensor Placement and Scheduling: Greedy Optimization

Selecting an optimal sensing set is a problem in **combinatorial optimization**.

With many possible observations, **exact optimization is intractable**.

An approximate method, such as **greedy optimization**, can be applied.



$$Y^* = \operatorname{argmax} \operatorname{Vol}(Y) - C(Y)$$

candidate measures:  $m = |Tn|$

number of sensors:  $k = |Y|$

combinations:  $\binom{m}{k}$

**greedy algorithm:**

Initialize  $Y = \emptyset$

Repeat:  $y^* = \operatorname{argmax} \operatorname{Vol}(y \cup Y) - C(y \cup Y)$   
 $Y \leftarrow y^* \cup Y$

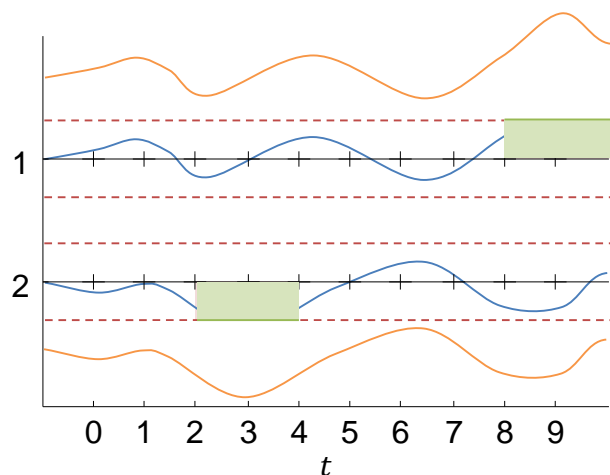
Until the maximum net Vol is achieved.

# of computations:  
 $mk$  instead of  $\binom{m}{k}$

# Shortcomings of Greedy Optimization

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## Example

- **Two components** (described with two variables) evolving in time
- **Failure** if absolute value exceeded
- **Mitigation** actions possible
- **Biased** measurements possible
- Same cost per measurement

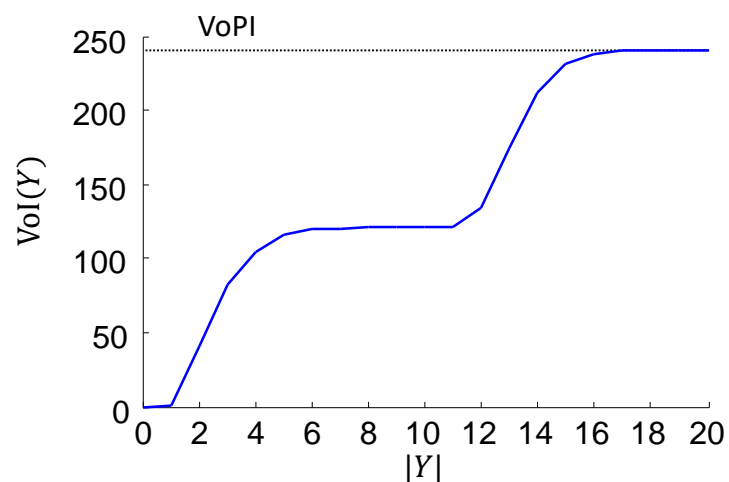
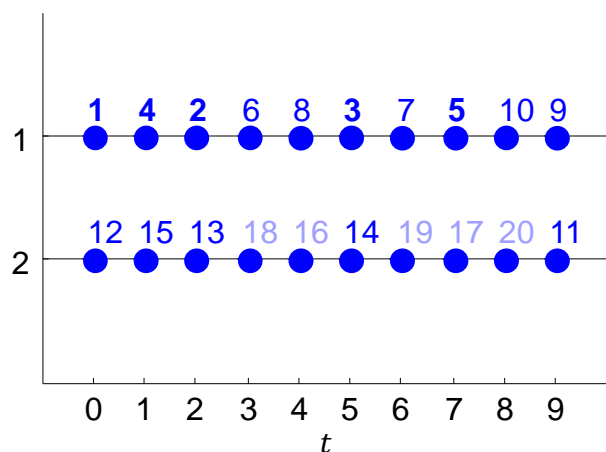
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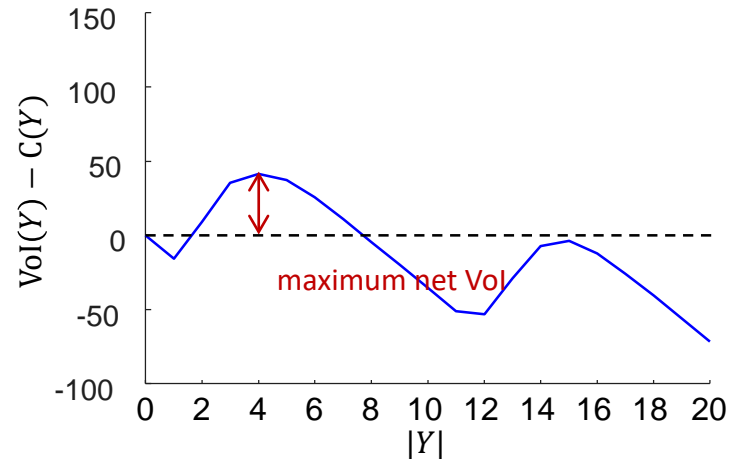
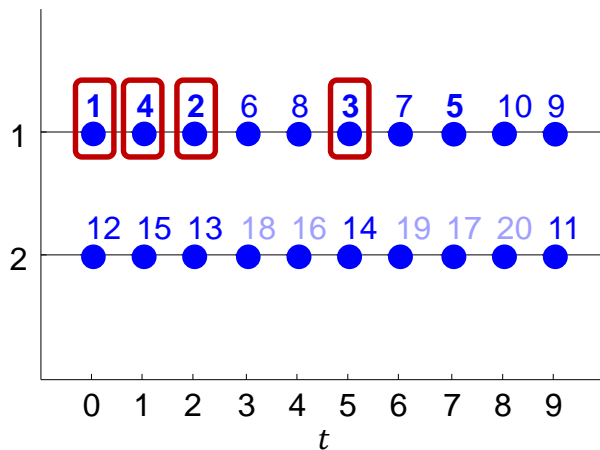
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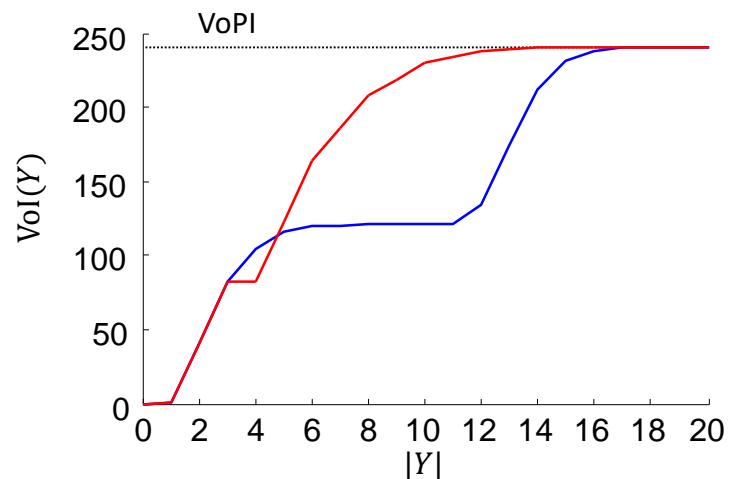
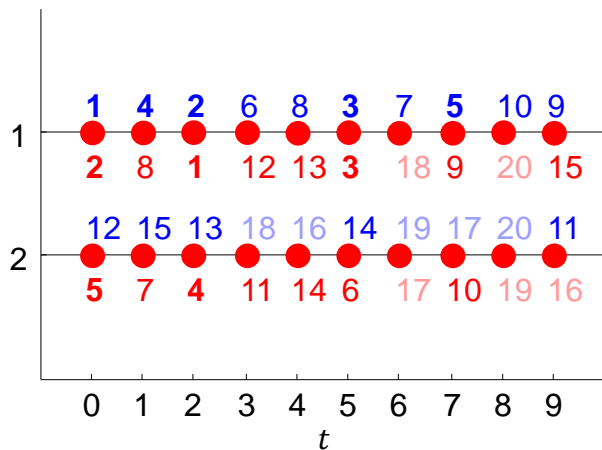
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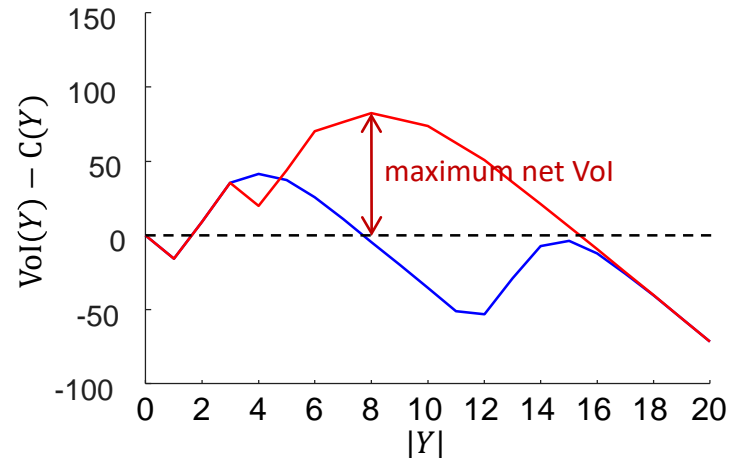
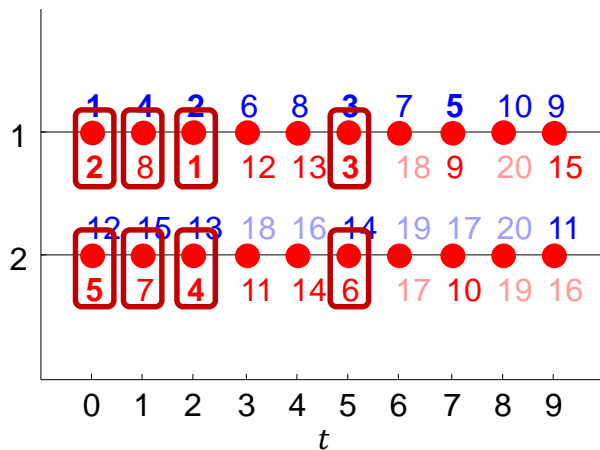
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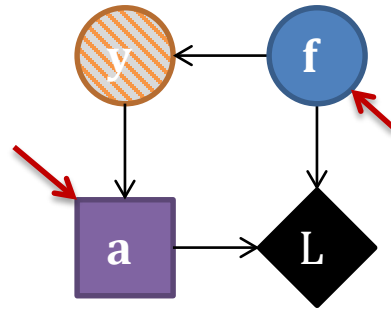
Value of Information

Prediction Error

$$\text{VoI}(Y) = \mathbb{E}L(\emptyset) - \mathbb{E}L(Y)$$

emphasizes loss reduction

non-submodular



$$\Delta\text{Err}(Y) = \text{tr}(\Sigma_f) - \text{tr}(\Sigma_{f|Y})$$

emphasizes uncertainty reduction

submodular

## Proposed Heuristic Greedy Approach

begin by optimizing  $\text{VoI}(Y)$

return to optimizing  $\text{VoI}(Y)$

when VoI growth stalls, optimize  $\Delta\text{Err}(Y)$

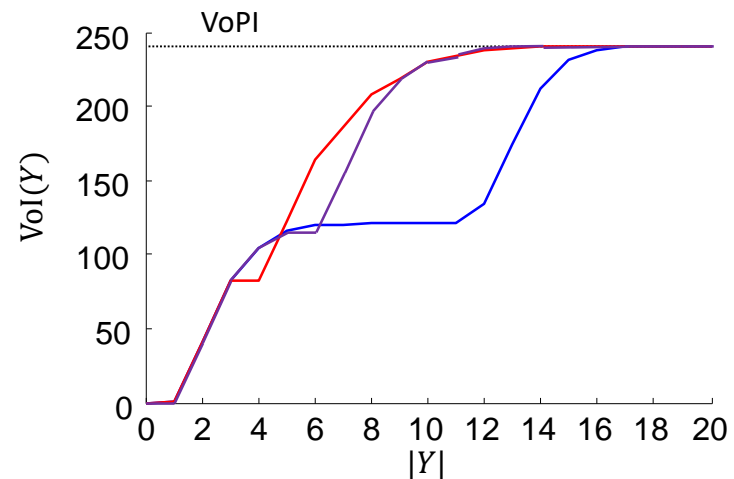
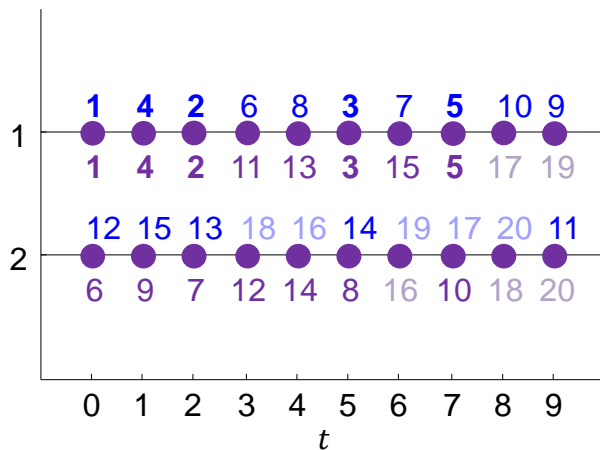
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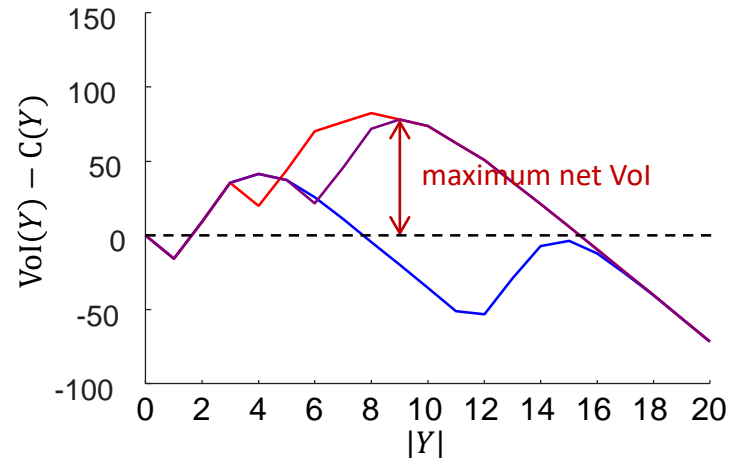
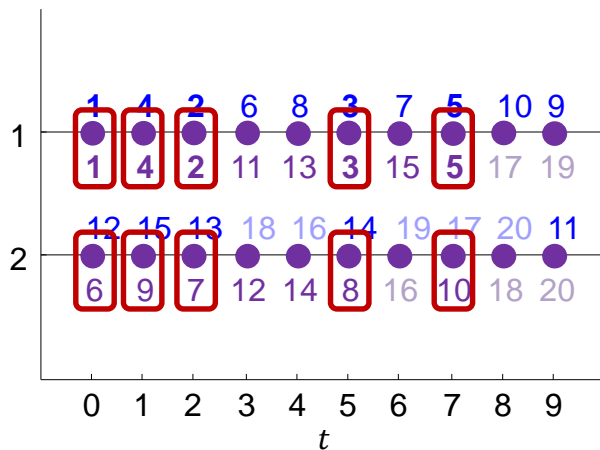
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# Summary and Conclusions

**Value of information** represents an important tool for optimizing measurement selection and inspection planning to **support decision-making** and system management.

However, the computational cost of its implementation depends on the size of the problem, in terms of number of possible **states, actions, observations, and future steps**.

Assumptions about the **system functionality** and the **decision-making problem structure** can be made which can reduce the computational cost.

**Gaussian random fields** are special class of system model for which Bayesian updating and computation is particularly easy.

For performing inference on a more general class, we need to adopt a numerical scheme, such as **Markov Chain Monte Carlo**.

To include **model uncertainty** into the Vol analysis is **a challenging task** still to be explored...

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*thanks for your attention!*

# Backup Materials

# Terminology of Bayesian Inference

prior  
distribution

$$\pi(f) \triangleq p(f)$$

$$\pi(f) \geq 0; \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \pi(f) df = 1$$

likelihood function, for  
observation  $y = \tilde{y}$

$$lh(f) \triangleq p(y = \tilde{y}|f)$$

$$lh(f) \geq 0; \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} lh(f) df$$

*not necessary one*

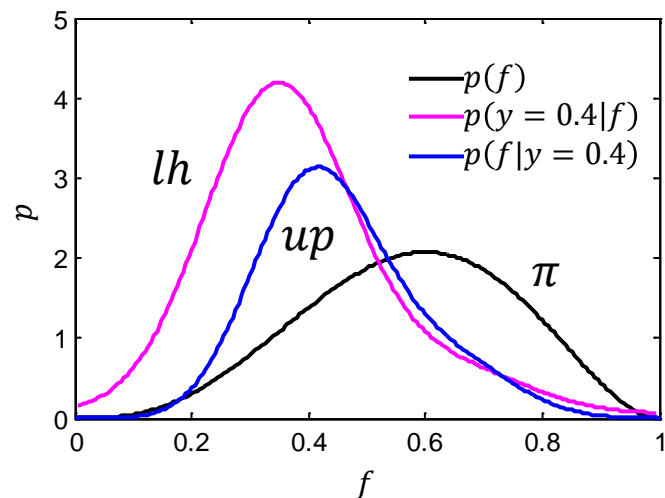
posterior distribution

$$up(f) \triangleq p(f|y = \tilde{y})$$

$$up(f) \geq 0; \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} up(f) df = 1$$

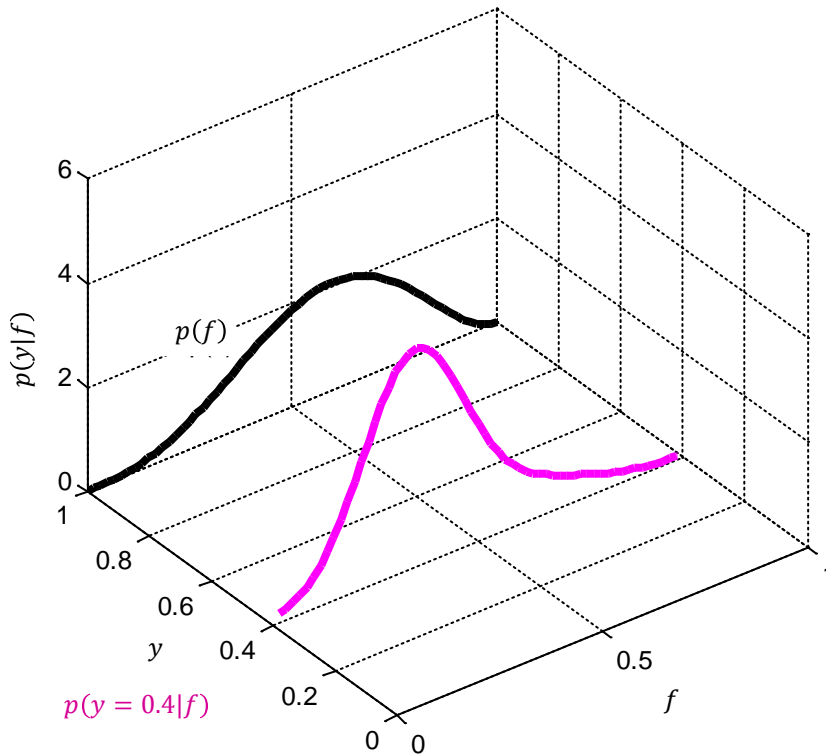
Bayes' formula

$$up(f) \propto \pi(f)lh(f)$$



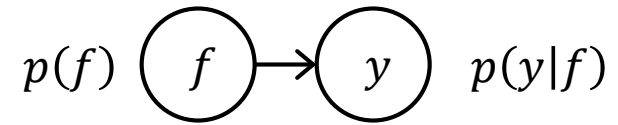
# Processing Observation $y$

Assumptions on  $p(f)$  and  $p(y|f)$   
are sufficient to define joint probability:



chain rule

$$p(f, y) = p(f) p(y|f)$$



Likelihood  $p(y|f)$  defines  
observation  $y$  for any value of  $f$ .

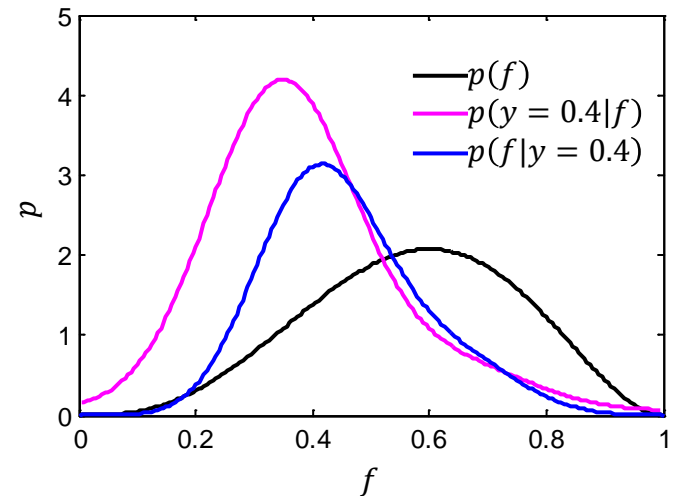
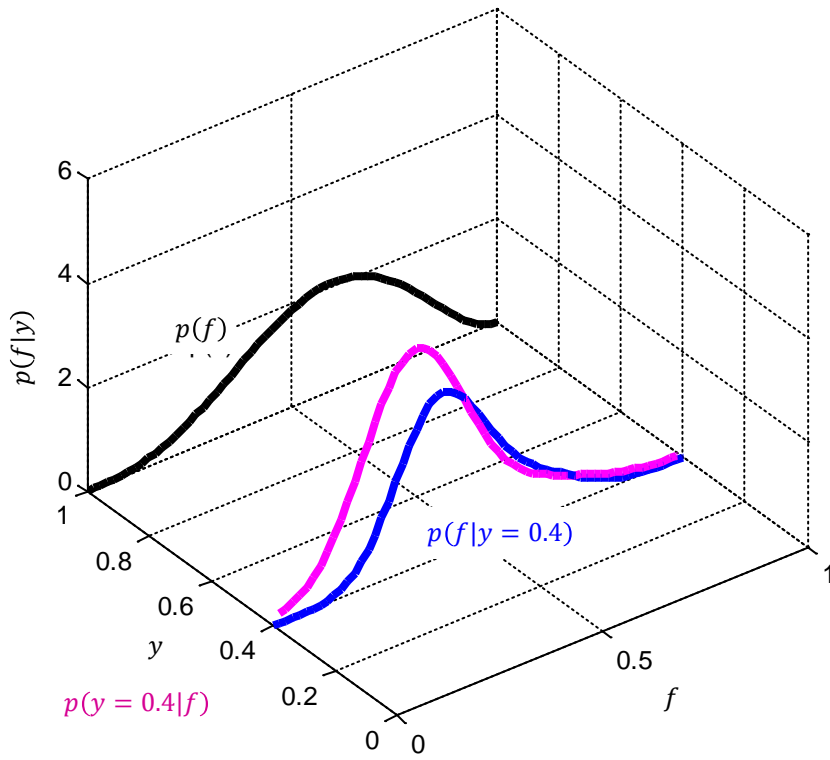
Suppose to observe  $y = \tilde{y}$ :

Only univariate (likelihood)  
function  $p(y = \tilde{y}|f)$  is relevant.



# Bayes' Formula

posterior probability: 
$$p(f|y = y') = \frac{p(f|y = y')p(f)}{\int_f p(f|y = y')p(f)df}$$



# Multiplication of Normal Distributions

prior distribution  $\pi(f) = \mathcal{N}(f; \mu_\pi, \sigma_\pi^2)$

likelihood function  $lh(f) \propto \mathcal{N}(f; \mu_{LH}, \sigma_{LH}^2)$

posterior (updated) distribution  $up(f) \propto \pi(f)lh(f) = \mathcal{N}(f; \mu_{up}, \sigma_{up}^2)$

*the family of normal distributions is closed with respect to the product*

parameters of the updated distribution:

$$\sigma_{up}^2 = (\sigma_\pi^{-2} + \sigma_{LH}^{-2})^{-1} \quad \frac{1}{\sigma_{up}^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_\pi^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{LH}^2}$$

*perfect information*      *perfect measure*

$$\sigma_\pi = 0 \text{ or } \sigma_{LH} = 0 \Rightarrow \sigma_{up} = 0$$

*posterior uncertainty only depends on the variance of prior and LH func.*

*independent measure: irrelevant*

$$\sigma_{LH} \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \sigma_{up} = \sigma_\pi$$

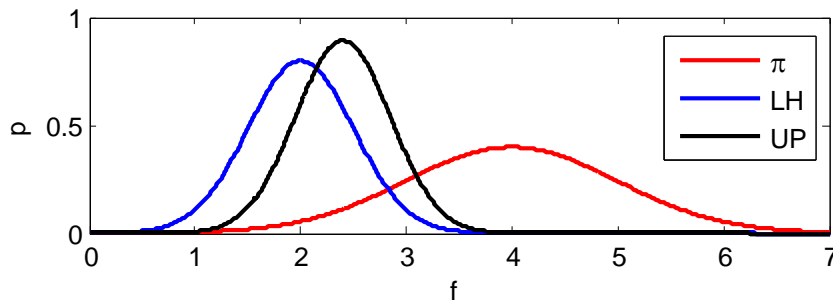
*no prior information:*

*the posterior is equal to the LH*

$$\sigma_\pi \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \sigma_{up} = \sigma_{LH}$$

*general case: reduction of uncertainty*

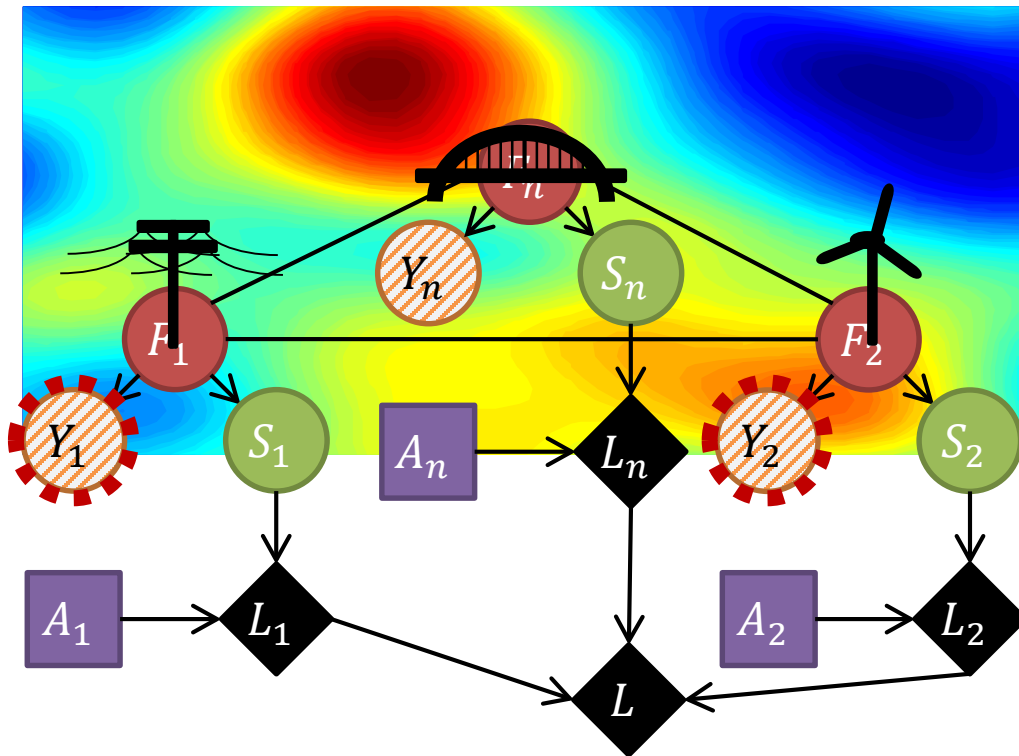
$$\sigma_{up} \leq \min(\sigma_\pi, \sigma_{LH})$$



# Value of Information in Gaussian Random Fields

A model for system performance and decision-making combines the **probabilistic random field model** for the spatially distributed system ( $F$ ) with models for **observations** ( $Y$ ), components **states** ( $S$ ), managing **actions** ( $A$ ), and **losses** ( $L$ ).

Under the **cumulative system** assumption and in **Gaussian random fields**, value of information can be efficiently evaluated to compare potential sensing schemes.



Observation Model:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{R}_Y \mathbf{f} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_\epsilon)$$

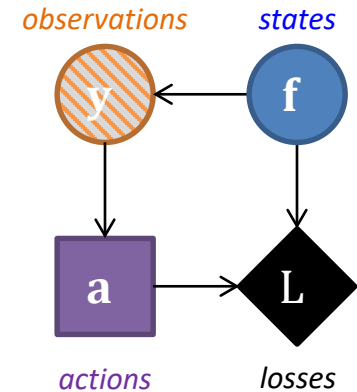
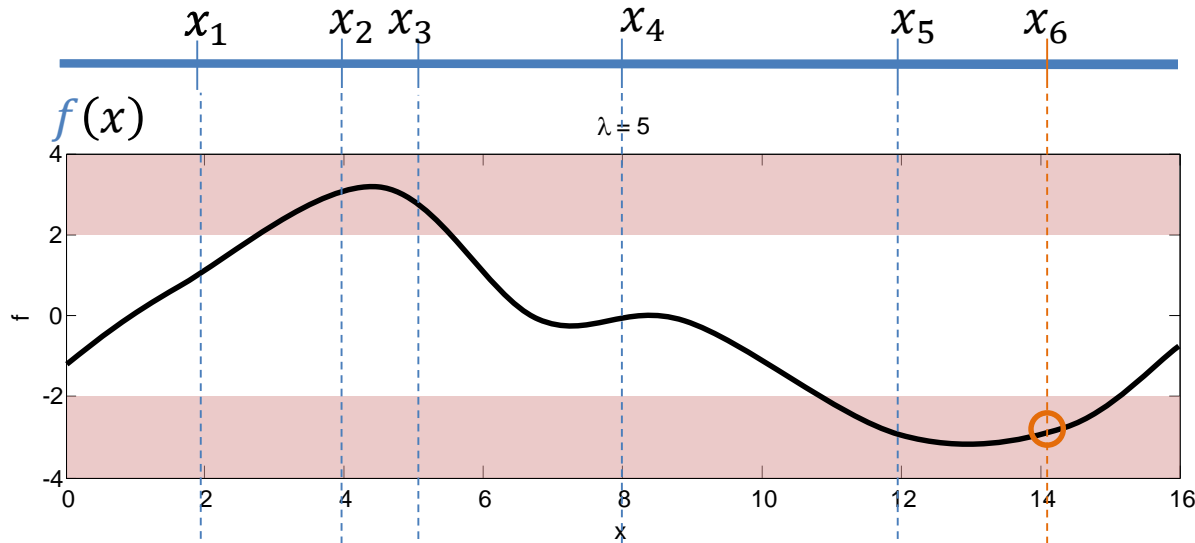
State Model:

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbb{I}(\mathbf{E}^T \mathbf{f} \geq \mathbf{0})$$

Loss Model:

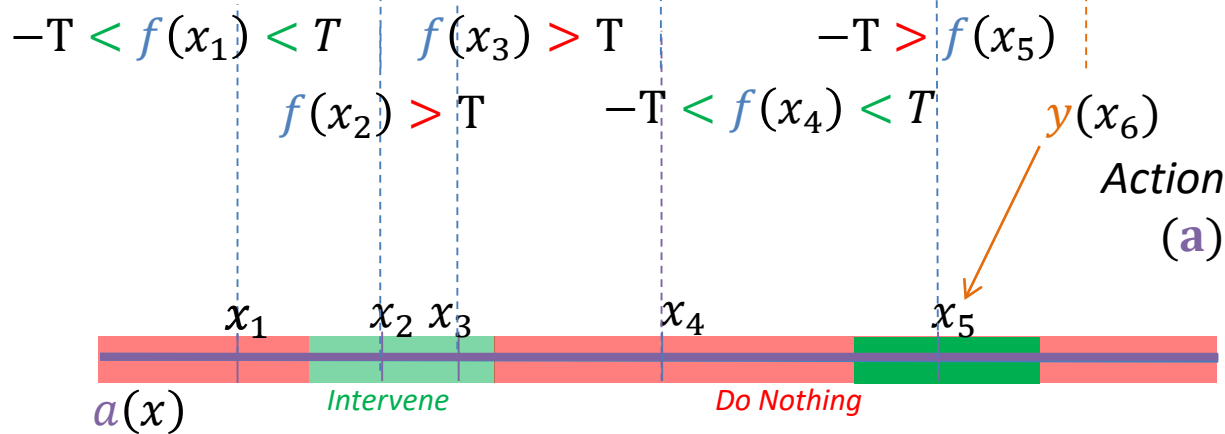
$$L(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{a}) = \sum_{i=1}^n L_i(s_i, a_i)$$

# Gaussian Random Field System Models



State ( $f$ )

Loss $L(f, a)$	Safe	Unsafe
Do Nothing	0	$C_f$
Intervene	$C_I$	$C_I$



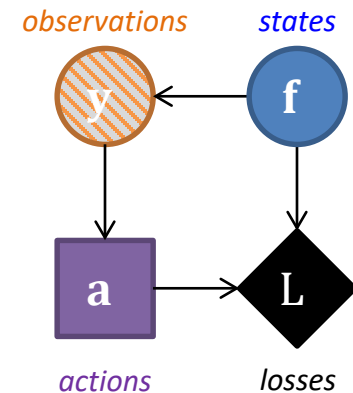
# Value of Information

Quantification of **loss reduction** resulting from availability of **additional information** to support decision-making

$$\mathbb{E}L(\emptyset) = \min_A \mathbb{E}_F L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a})$$

$$\mathbb{E}L(Y) = \mathbb{E}_Y \min_A \mathbb{E}_{F|y} L(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{a})$$

$$\text{VoI}(Y) = \mathbb{E}L(\emptyset) - \mathbb{E}L(Y)$$



## Value of Information at System-Level

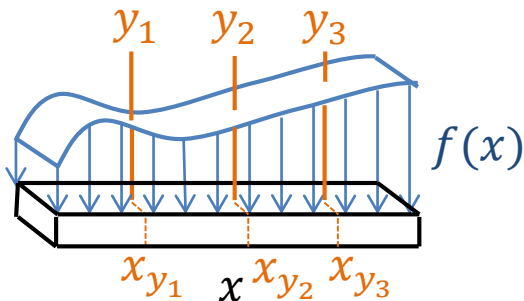
- **Multiple components** within the system can be in several states
- **Multiple actions** can be taken to manage components across the system
- Observations can provide information about single components, multiple components, or other variables related to component performance, i.e. **information is shared** across the system

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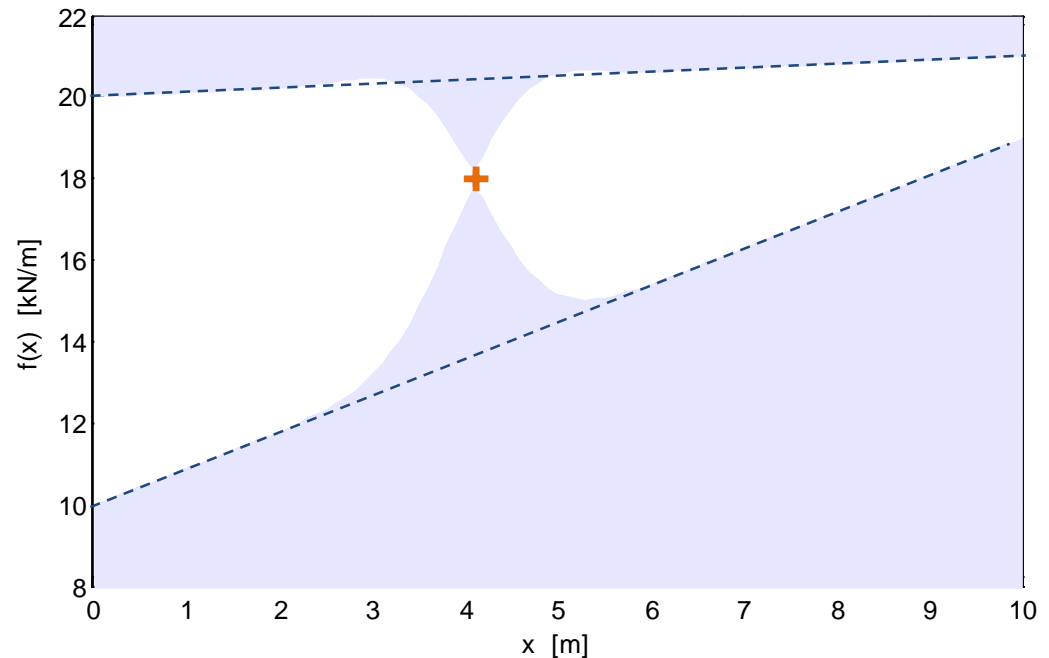
# Sensor Placement

$$f(x) \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu(x), K(x, x'))$$

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}(X_Y), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{f(X_Y)} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\epsilon})$$



$$f|\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{f|\mathbf{y}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{f|Y})$$



what is the best location to place a sensor?

- sensor reduces uncertainty
- they help in making decisions
  
- Optimal location depends on loss and actions!

# Vol for Uncertainty Reduction: Random Field Prediction

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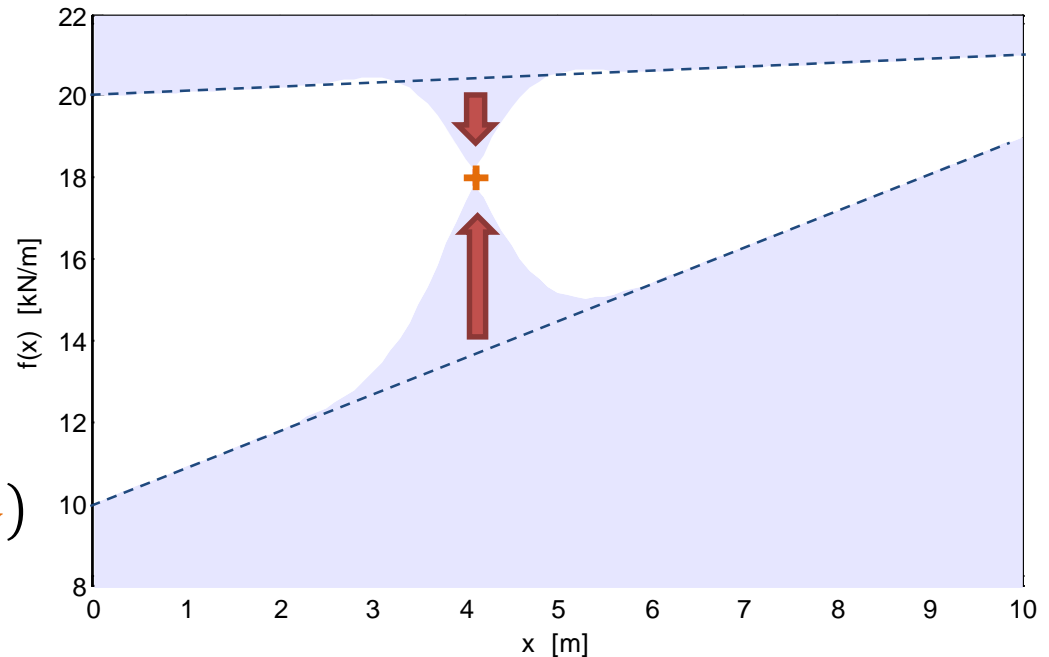
$$\min_a \mathbb{E}_f l(f(x), a(x)) = \text{Var}[f(x)]$$

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## Uncertainty Reduction

- Uncertainty is reduced through sensing
- Place sensors to **maximize uncertainty reduction**
- Measure uncertainty using L-2 Norm error
- For Gaussian models, this metric has a closed-form expression

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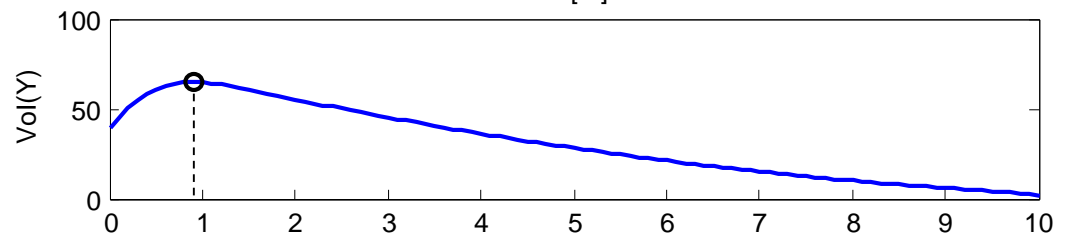
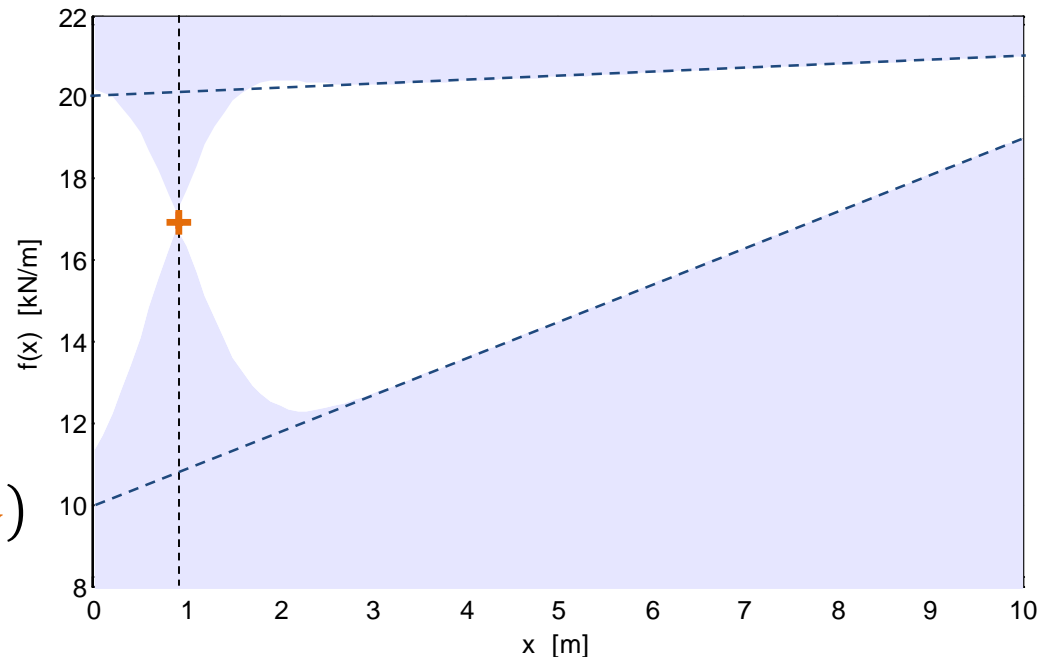
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## Uncertainty Reduction

- Optimal location on left side
- **Targets most uncertain areas**
- Uncertainty in adjacent areas is also reduced





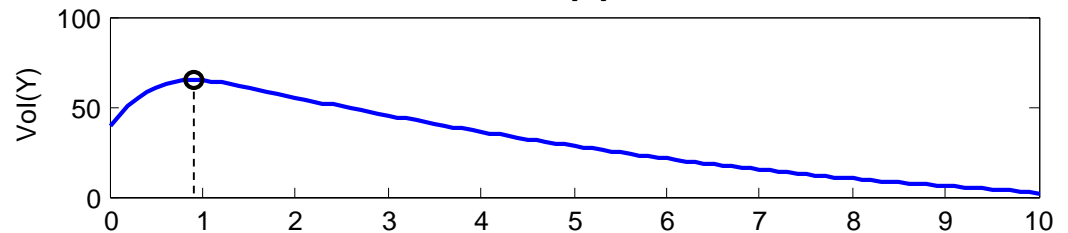
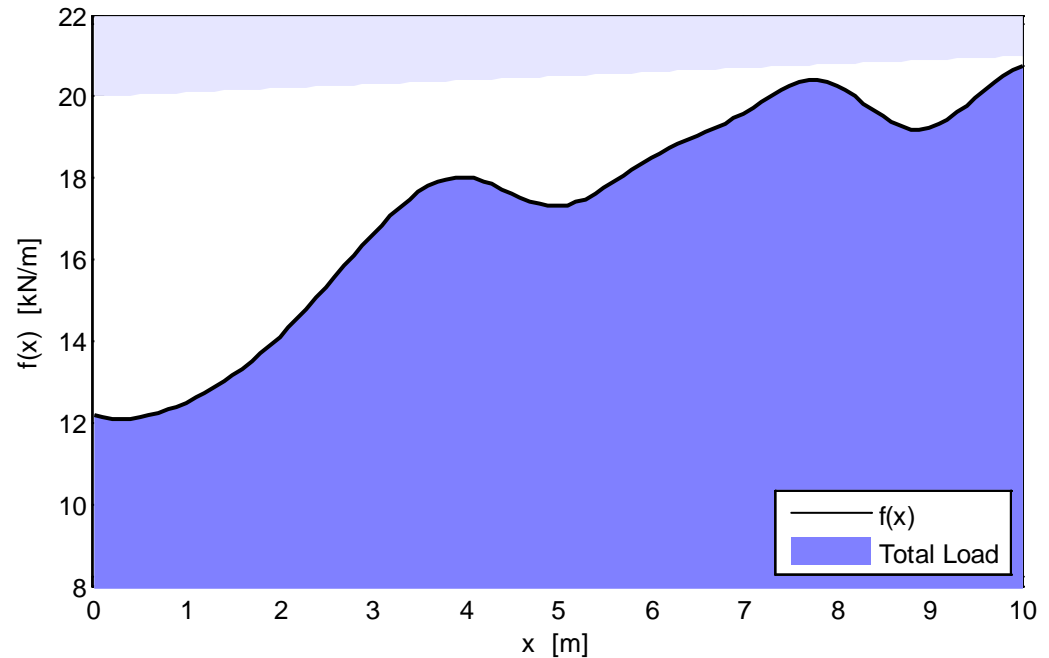
# Vol for Uncertainty Reduction: Global Load

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Global loading

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- Sum of local loads



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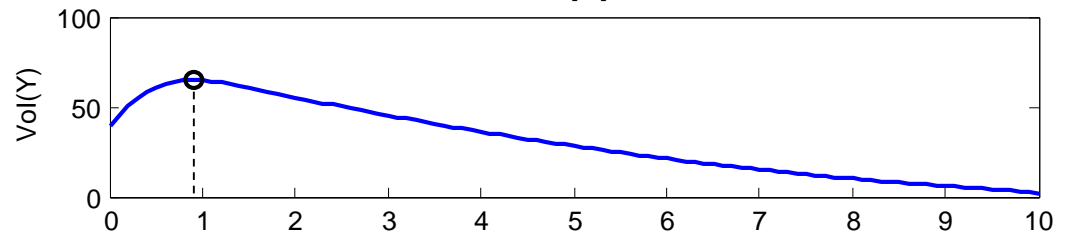
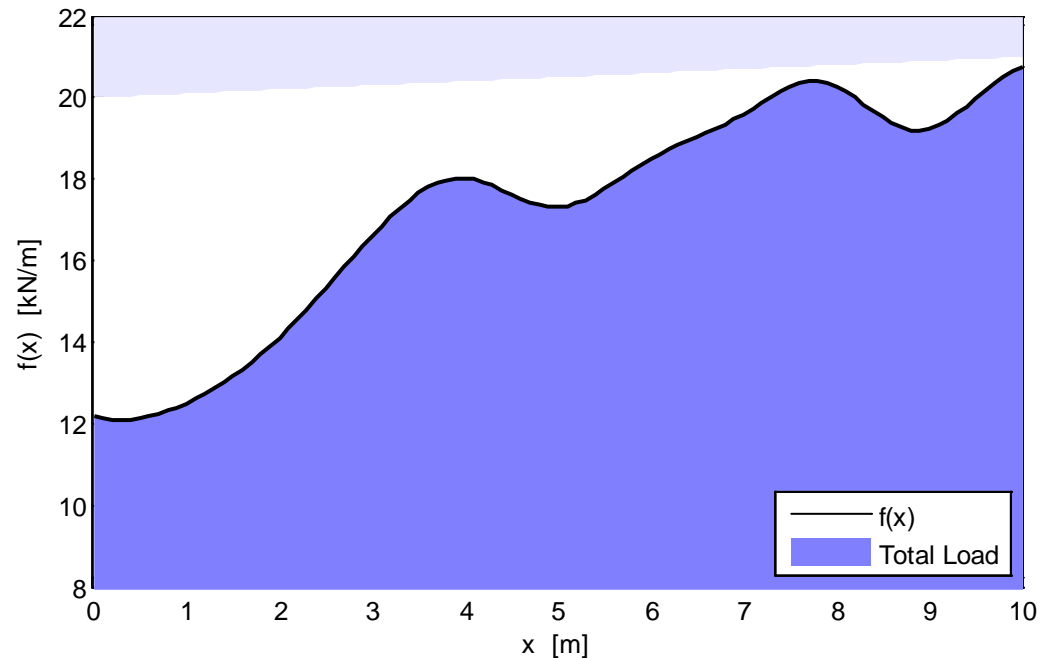
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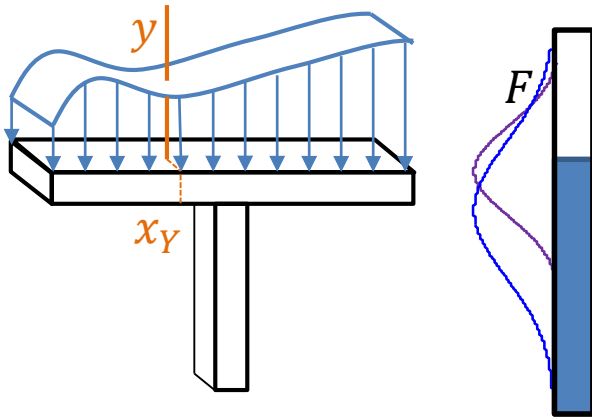
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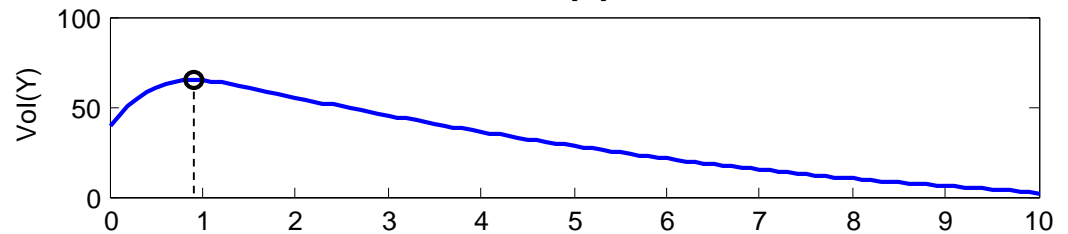
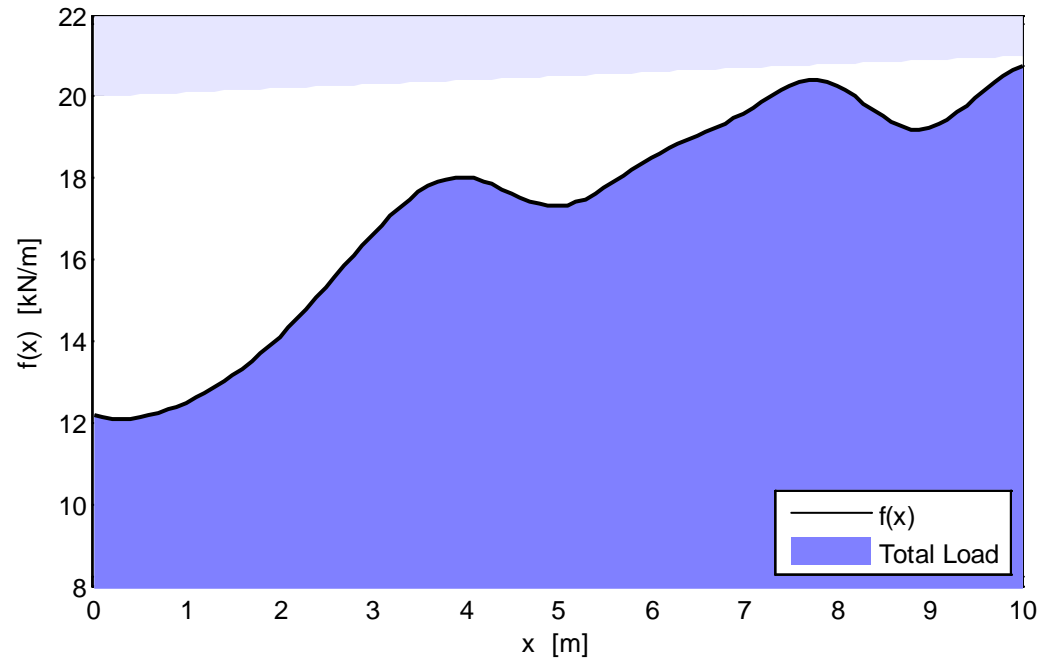
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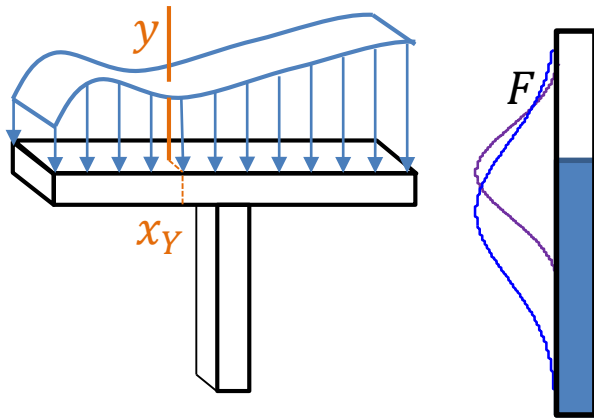
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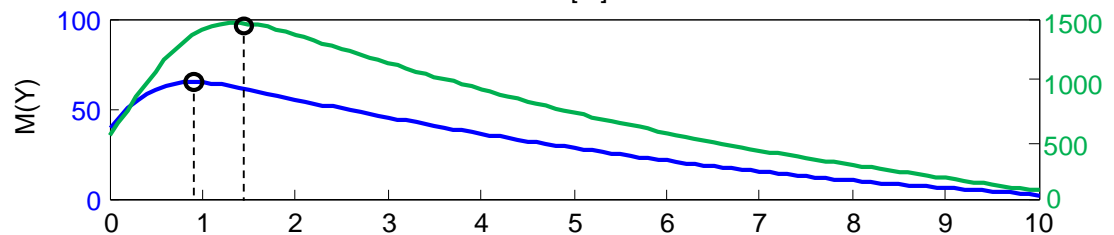
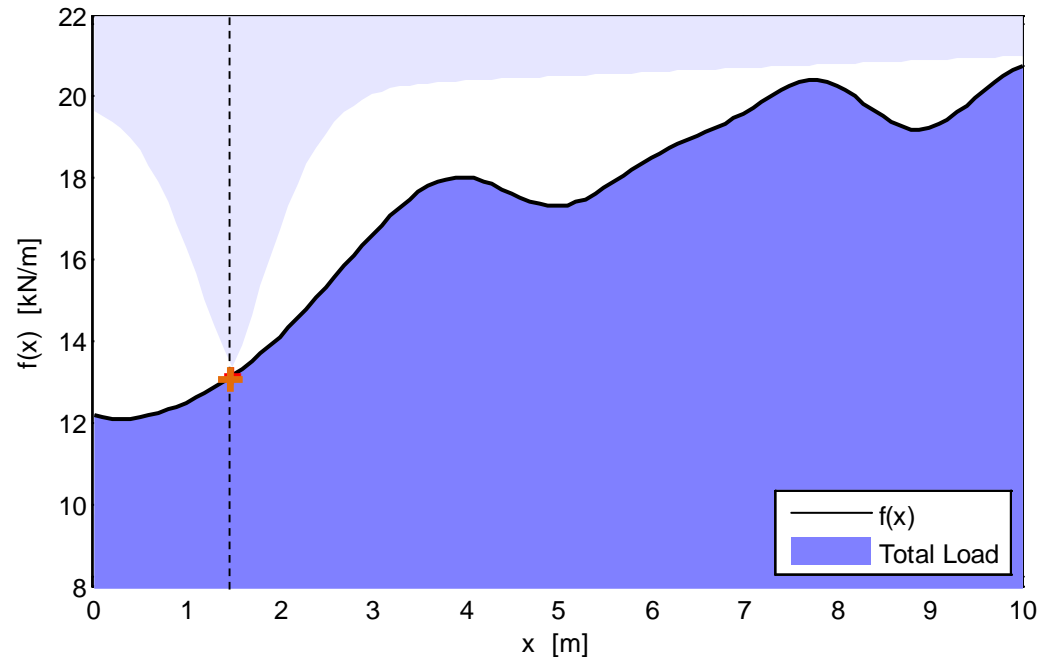
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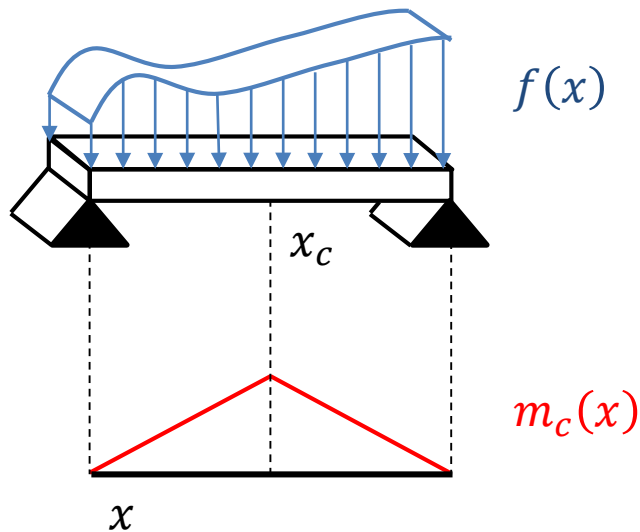
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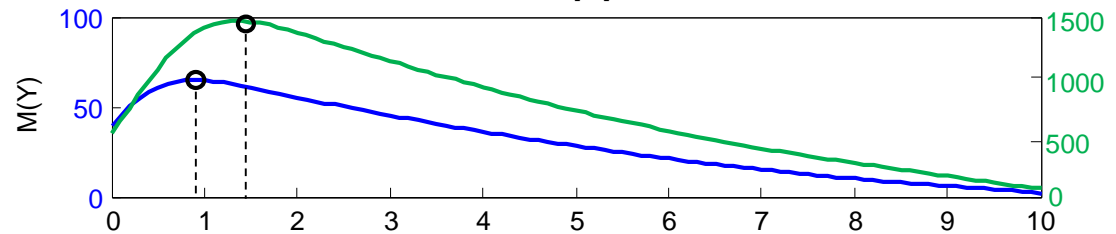
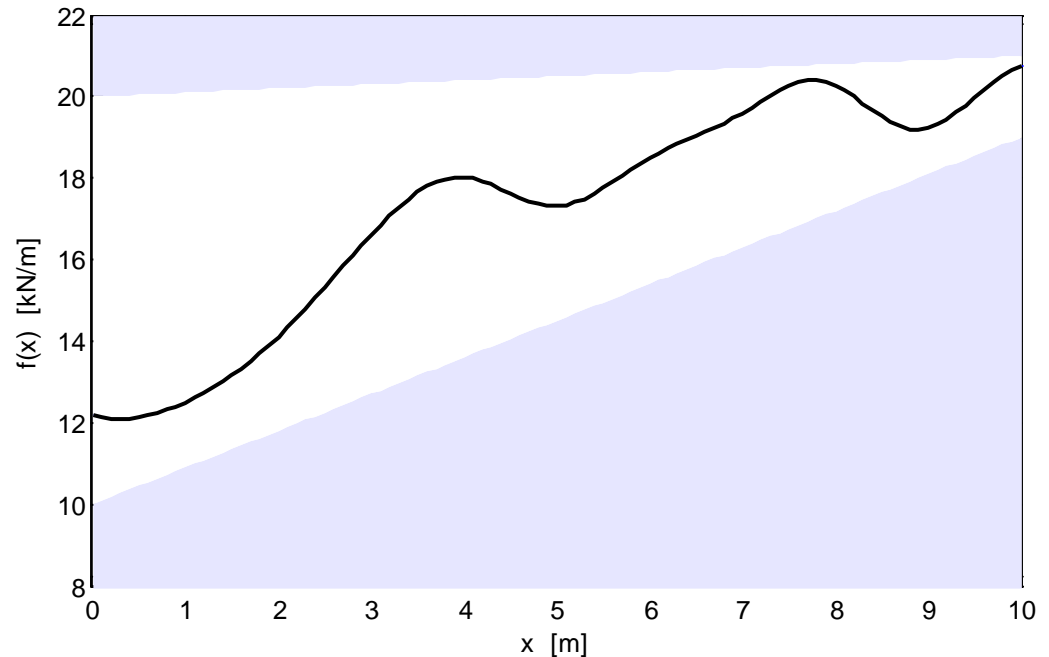
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# Vol for Uncertainty Reduction: Critical Moment



## Influence Lines

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- ex. moment at center of simply supported beam.

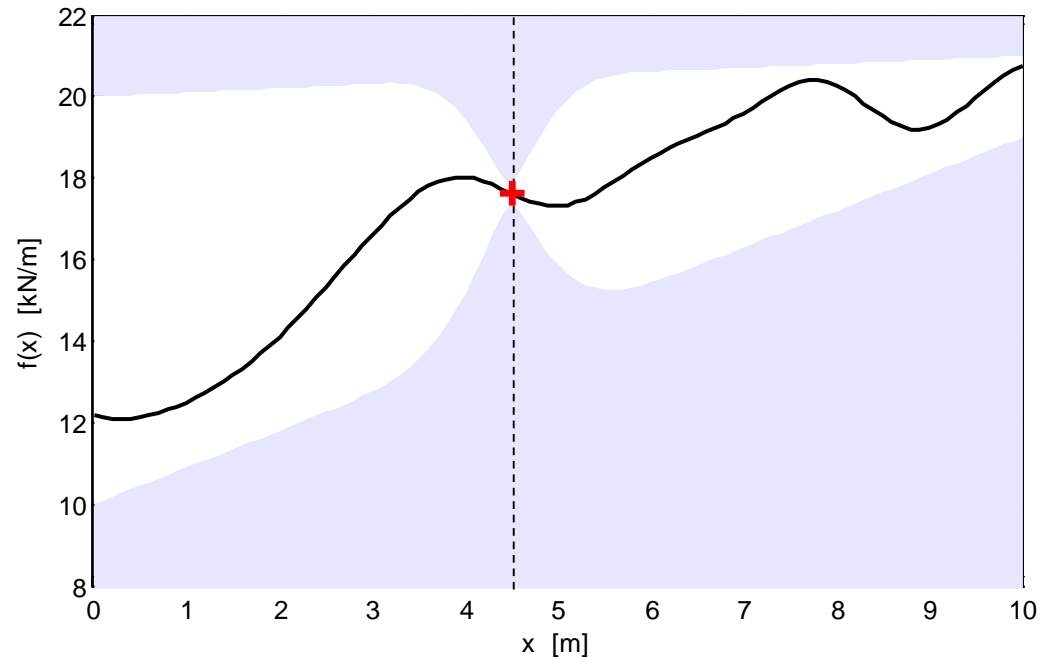
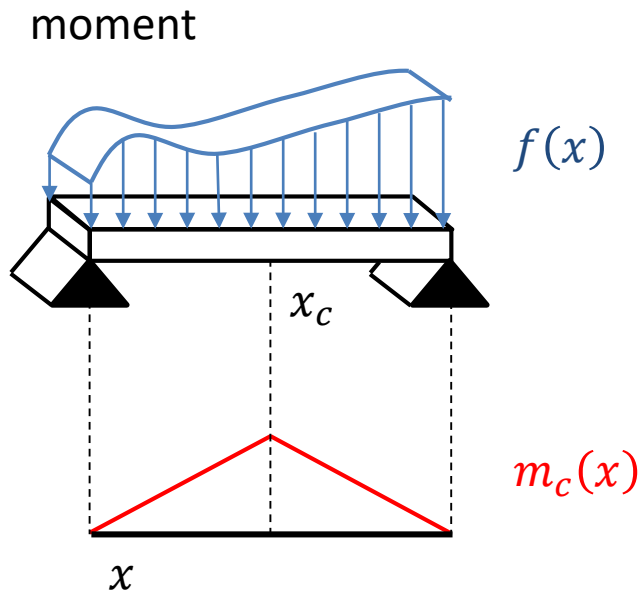


$$Moment_c = \mathbf{m}_c^T \mathbf{f}$$

$$Var[Moment_c] = \mathbf{m}_c^T \Sigma_f \mathbf{m}_c$$

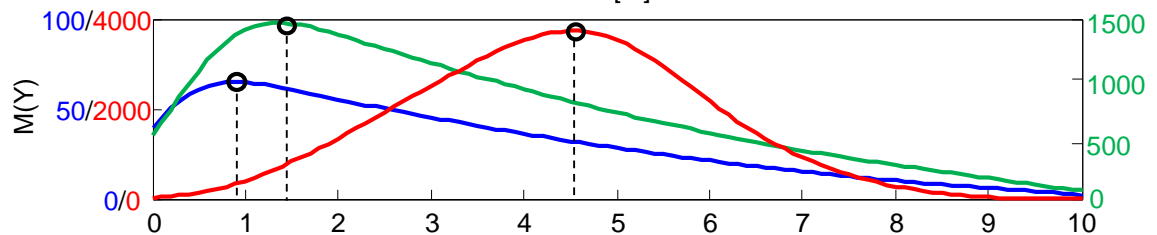
$$Vol_{Moment}(Y) = \mathbf{m}_c^T \Sigma_f \mathbf{m}_c - \mathbf{m}_c^T \Sigma_f |Y \mathbf{m}_c$$

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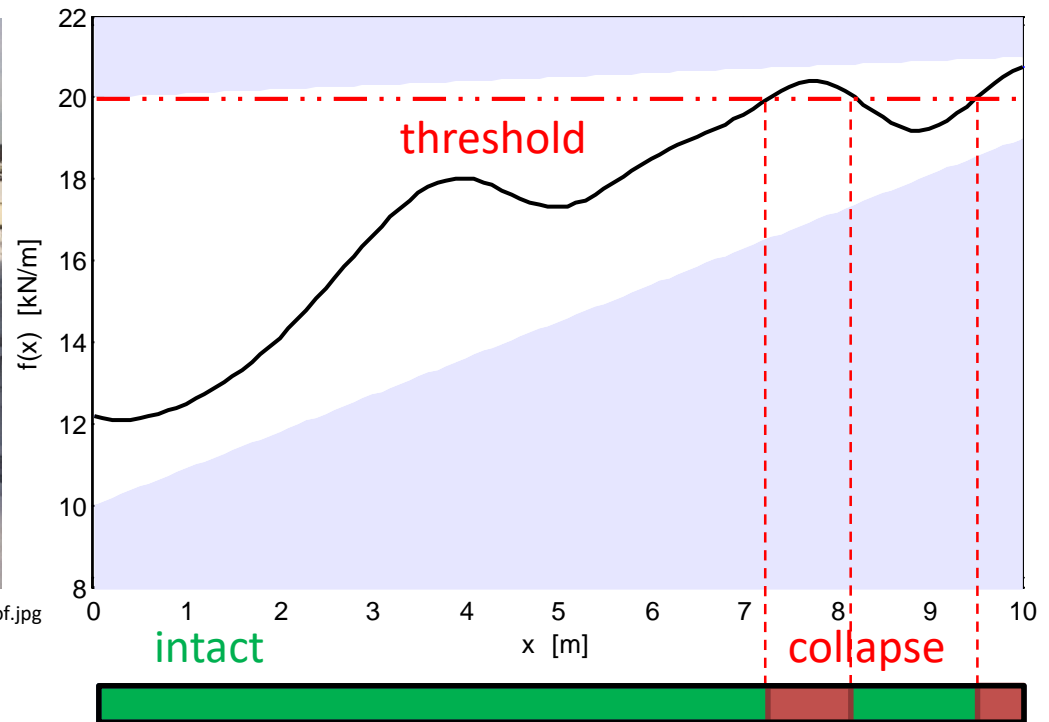
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# Vol for Uncertainty Reduction: Local Failure



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## Threshold Classification

- Threshold levels distinguish **discrete system states**
- Example: loading exceeding roof capacity causes collapse
- Reducing uncertainty in some areas is more “important” than others

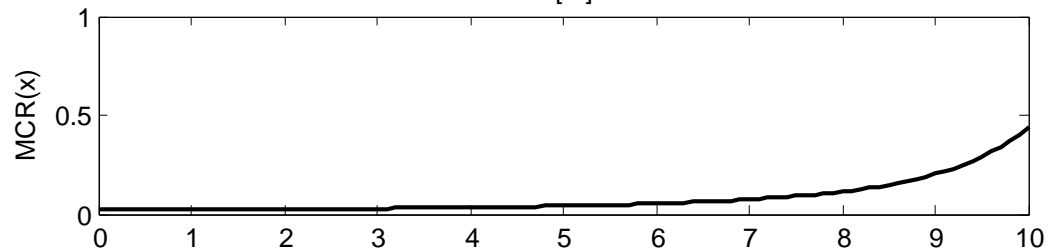
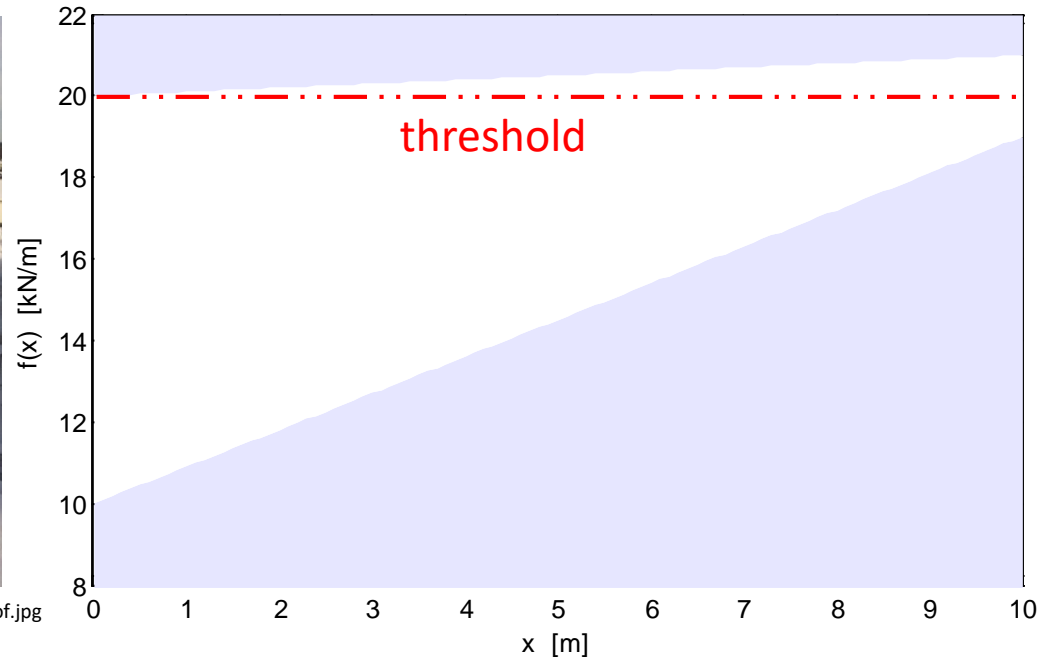
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## Threshold Classification

- Loss : **Misclassification Rate**
- State: above/below threshold
- Action: prediction of state

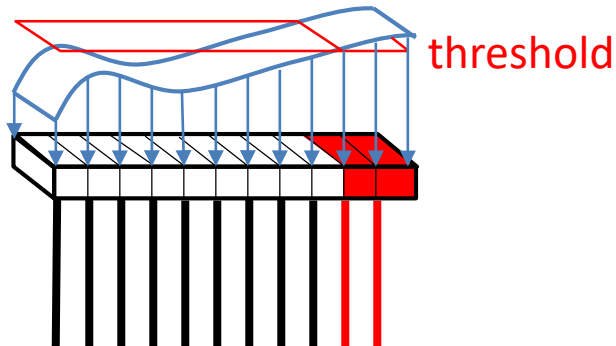


$$l(f(x), a(x)) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } f(x) \leq T \text{ and } a(x) = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } f(x) > T \text{ and } a(x) = 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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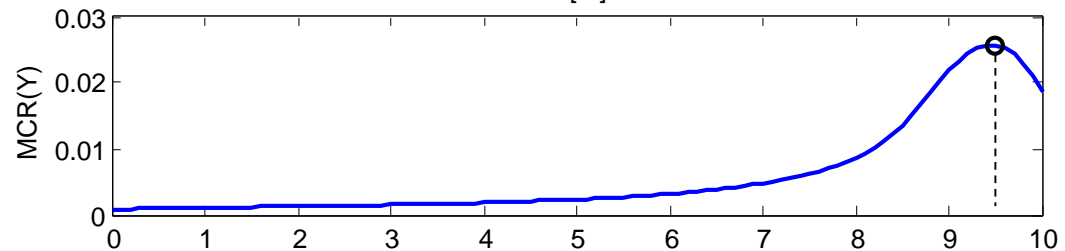
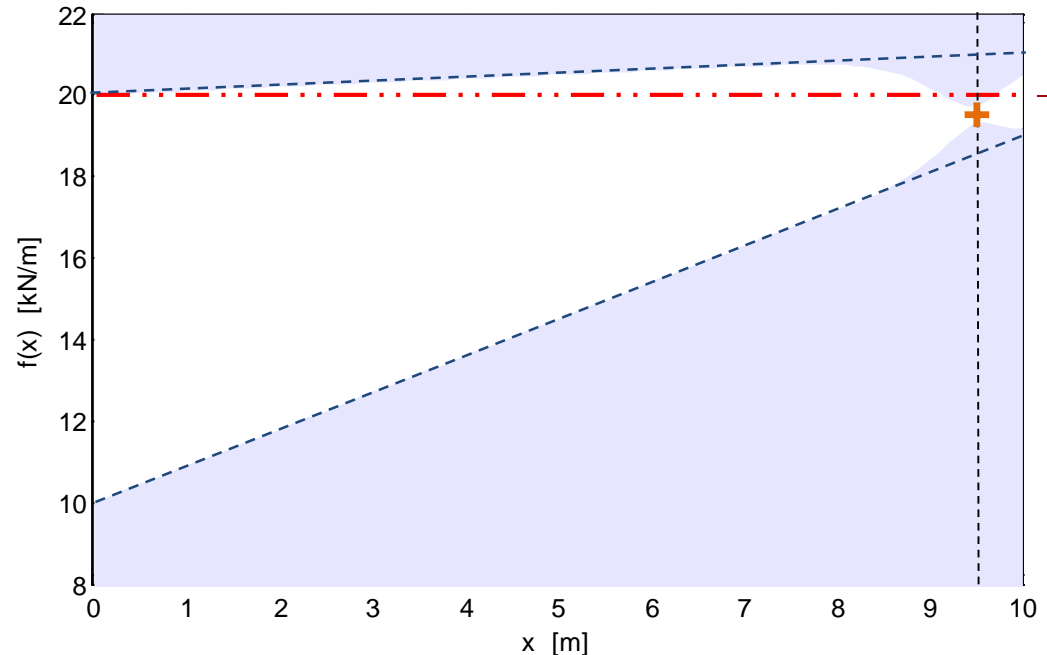
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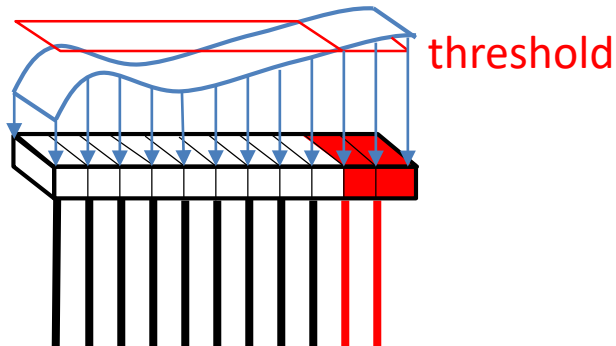
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