

# Numerical studies of space filling designs: optimization algorithms and subprojection properties

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# Motivating example: Uncertainties management in simulation of thermal-hydraulic accident

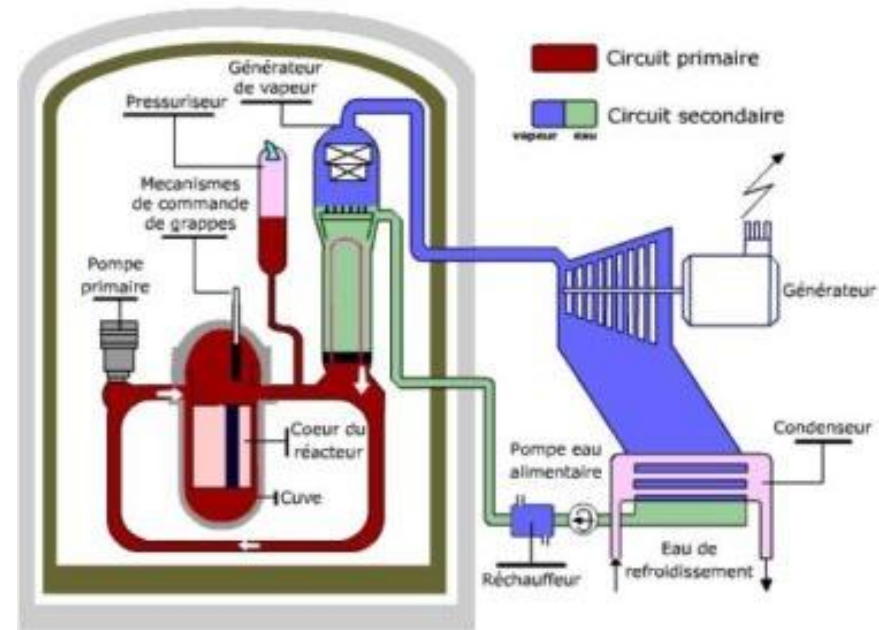
**Scenario** : Loss of primary coolant accident due to a large break in cold leg  
[ De Crecy et al., NED, 2008 ]

$p \sim 10-50$  input random variables  $X$ :  
geometry, material properties,  
environmental conditions, ...

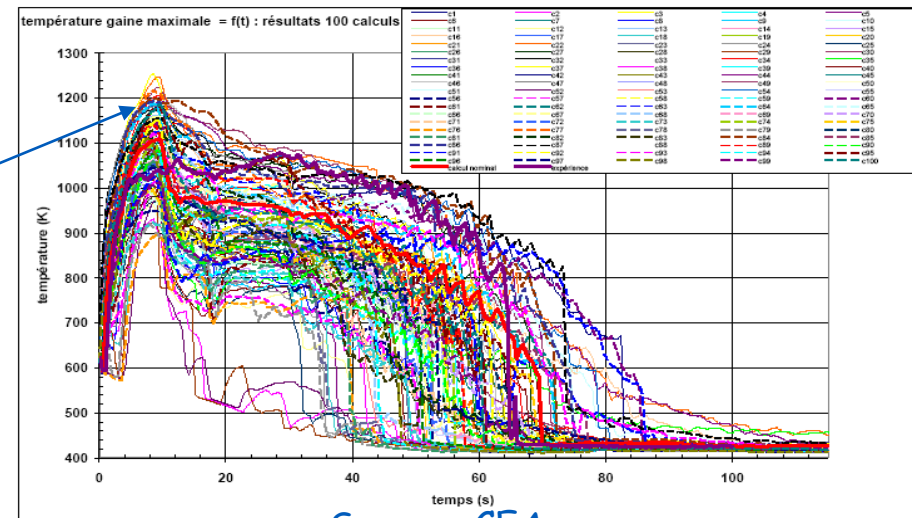
Computer code  $Y=f(X)$   
Time cost  $\sim 1-10$  h -  $N \sim 100 - 500$

**Interest output variable  $Y$**  :  
Peak of cladding temperature

**Goal**: numerical model exploration via  
space filling design, then metamodel



Pressurized water nuclear reactor



Source: CEA

# Model exploration goal

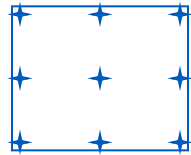
**GOAL** : explore as best as possible the behaviour of the code

Put some points in the whole input space in order to « maximize » the amount of information on the model output

Contrary to an uncertainty propagation step, it depends on  $p$

Regular mesh with  $n$  levels  $\longrightarrow N = n^p$  simulations

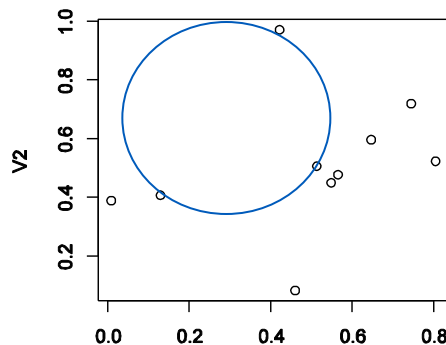
Ex:  $p = 2, n = 3$   
 $\longrightarrow N = 9$   
 $p = 10, n = 3$   
 $\longrightarrow N = 59049$



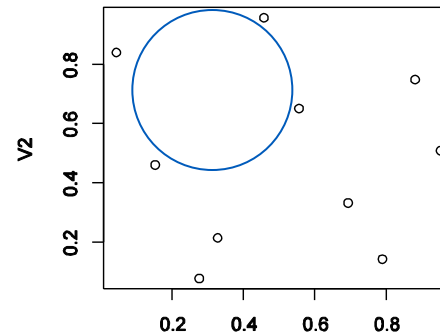
To minimize  $N$ , needs to have some techniques ensuring good « coverage » of the input space

Simple random sampling (Monte Carlo) does not ensure this

Ex:  $p = 2$   
 $N = 10$



Monte Carlo



Optimized design

# Objectives

When the objective is to discover what happens inside a numerical model (e.g. non-linearities of the model output), we want to build the design

$$\Xi^N = \left( x_j^{(i)} \right)_{i=1 \dots N, j=1 \dots p} \quad \text{while respecting the constraints:}$$

1. To « regularly » spread the  $N$  points over the  $p$ -dimensional input space  $\chi$
2. To ensure that this input space coverage is robust with respect to dimension reduction (because most of the times, only a small number of inputs are influential  $\Leftrightarrow$  low effective dimension)

Therefore, we look for some design which insures the « best coverage » of the input space (and its sub-projections)

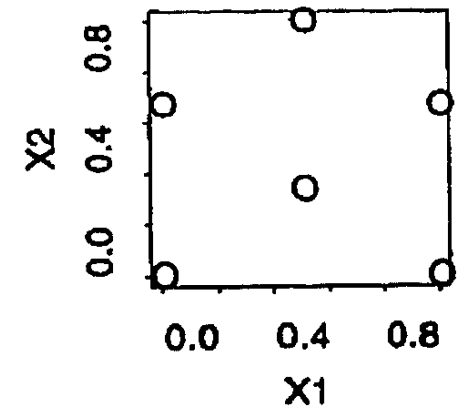
➡ The class of Space filling Design (SFD) is adequate. It can be:

- Based on an inter-point distance criterion (minimax, **maximin**, ...)
- Based on a criterion of uniform distribution of the points (entropy, various discrepancy measures, **L<sup>2</sup> discrepancies**, ...)

# 1. Two classical space filling criteria

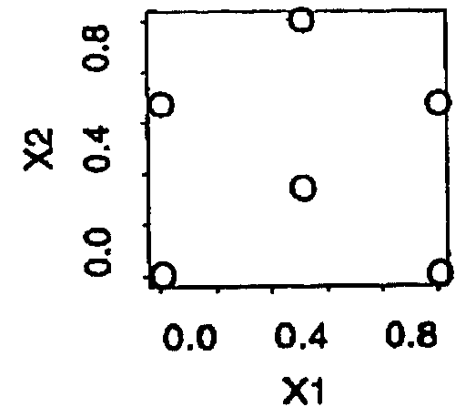
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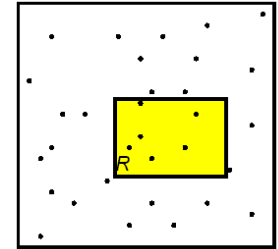
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- **Discrepancy measure:** Deviation of the sample points distribution from the uniformity

$$D^*(\Xi^N) = \sup_{\mathbf{t} \in [0,1]^p} \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N 1_{\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in Q(\mathbf{t})} - \text{Volume}(Q(\mathbf{t})) \right|$$



$L^2$  discrepancy allows to obtain analytical formulas

$$D_2^*(\Xi^N) = \left[ \int_{[0,1]^p} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N 1_{\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in Q(\mathbf{t})} - \text{Volume}(Q(\mathbf{t})) \right]^2 dt \right]^{1/2}$$

# Example of discrepancy

Various analytical formulations while considering  $L^2$  discrepancy and different kind of intervals

[ Hickernell 1998 ]

**Modified  $L_2$  discrepancy allows to take into account points uniformity on subspaces of  $[0,1]^p$**

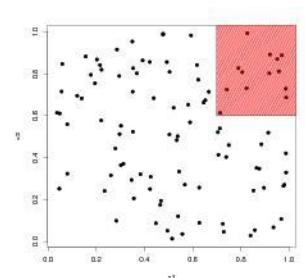
$$D_2(\Xi^N) = \left[ \sum_{u \neq \emptyset} \int_{C^u} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N 1_{\mathbf{x}_u^{(i)} \in Q_u(\mathbf{t})} - \text{Volume}(Q_u(\mathbf{t})) \right]^2 dt \right]$$

with  $u \subset \{1, \dots, p\}$

and  $Q_u(\mathbf{t})$  the projection of  $Q(\mathbf{t})$  on  $C^u$  (cube unity of coordinates in  $u$ )

Centered  $L_2$ -discrepancy (intervals with boundary one vertex of the unit cube)

$$C^2(\Xi^N) = \left( \frac{13}{12} \right)^p - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^p \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left| x_k^{(i)} - \frac{1}{2} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \left| x_k^{(i)} - \frac{1}{2} \right|^2 \right) + \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^p \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left| x_k^{(i)} - \frac{1}{2} \right| + \frac{1}{2} \left| x_k^{(j)} - \frac{1}{2} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \left| x_k^{(i)} - x_k^{(j)} \right| \right)$$



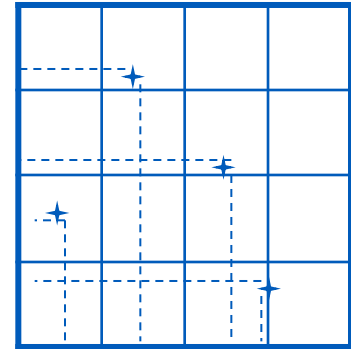
## 2. Unidim.-projection robustness via Latin Hypercube Sample

Class of LHS ensures uniform projection on margins

LHS(p,N): - Divide each dimension in N intervals

- Take one point in each stratum

- Random LHS: perturb each point in each stratum



Finding an optimal (SFD) LHS:

impossible exhaustive exploration:  $(N!)^p$  different LHS Ex:  $p=2, N=4$

Methods via optimization algo (ex: minimization of  $\phi(\cdot)$  via simulated annealing) :

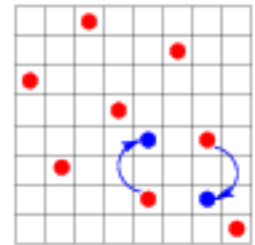
1. Initialisation of a design  $\Xi$  (LHS initial) and a temperature  $T$

2. While  $T > 0$  :

1. Produce a neighbor  $\Xi_{new}$  of  $\Xi$  (permutation of 2 components in a column)

2. replace  $\Xi$  by  $\Xi_{new}$  with proba  $\min\left(\exp\left[-\frac{\phi(\Xi_{new}) - \phi(\Xi)}{T}\right], 1\right)$

3. decrease  $T$



3. Stop criterion  $\Rightarrow \Xi$  is the optimal solution

[ Park 1993;  
Morris & Mitchell 1995 ]



# LHS maximin: regularization of the criterion

◆ **Mindist criterion :**  $\phi(\Xi^N) = \min_{x^{(1)}, x^{(2)} \in \Xi^N} d(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)})$   
(to be maximized)

◆ **Regularized mindist criterion :**  
(to be minimized) [ Morris & Mitchell 95 ]

$$\phi_q(\Xi^N) = \left[ \sum_{i,j=1, i<j}^N d(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)})^{-q} \right]^{1/q}$$

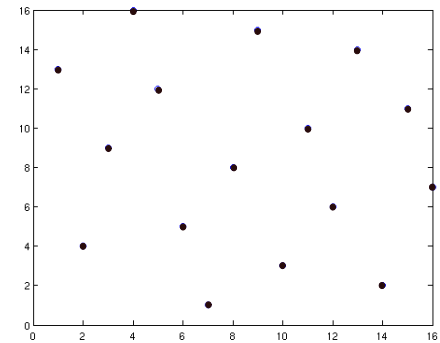
These 2 criteria are equivalent for the optimization when  $q \rightarrow \infty$

[Pronzato & Müller12]

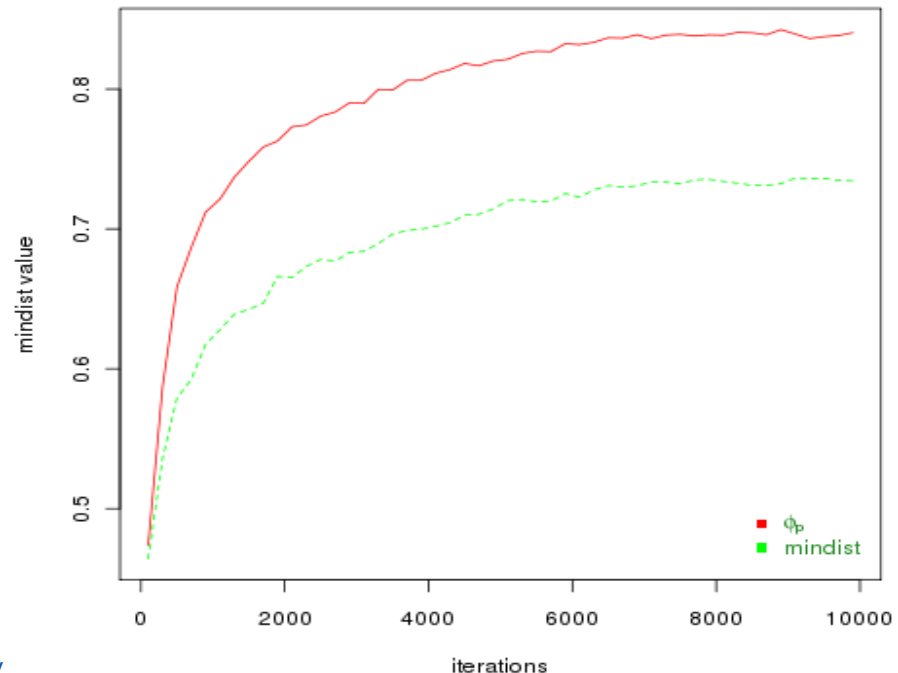
$\phi_q$  is easier to optimize than mindist

In practice, we take  $q = 50$

Example :  
Maximin LHS(2,16)



Numerical test:  $N = 100, p = 10$



# Updating criteria after a LHS perturbation

[ Jin et al. 2005 ]

Between  $\Xi$  and  $\Xi'$ , 2 point coordinates  $x^{(i_1)}$  and  $x^{(i_2)}$  are modified

- Regularized mindist criterion  
( $N(N-1)/2$  distances)  $\phi_q(\Xi) = \left[ \sum_{i,j=1, i<j}^N d(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)})^{-q} \right]^{1/q}$

⇒ Only recalculate the  $2(N-2)$  distances of these 2 points to other points

- $L^2$  discrepancy criteria (cost in  $O(pN^2)$ )

$$C^2(\Xi) = \left(\frac{13}{12}\right)^p - \frac{2}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^p \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left| x_k^{(i)} - \frac{1}{2} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \left| x_k^{(i)} - \frac{1}{2} \right|^2 \right) + \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^p \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left| x_k^{(i)} - \frac{1}{2} \right| + \frac{1}{2} \left| x_k^{(j)} - \frac{1}{2} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \left| x_k^{(i)} - x_k^{(j)} \right| \right)$$

$$C^2(\Xi) = \left(\frac{13}{12}\right)^p + \sum_{i,j=1}^N c_{ij} \quad ; \quad C^2(\Xi') = \left(\frac{13}{12}\right)^p + \sum_{i,j=1}^N c'_{ij}$$

If  $i, j \neq i_1$  and  $i, j \neq i_2$  then  $c'_{ij} = c_{ij}$

$$C^2(\Xi') = C^2(\Xi) + c'_{i_1 i_1} - c_{i_1 i_1} + c'_{i_2 i_2} - c_{i_2 i_2} + 2 \sum_{j=1, j \neq i_1, j \neq i_2}^N (c'_{i_1 j} - c_{i_1 j} + c'_{i_2 j} - c_{i_2 j})$$

Cost in  $O(pN)$

# Two different optimization algorithms

## 1 Morris & Mitchell Simulated Annealing (MMSA) [ Morris & Mitchell 1995 ]

Linear profile for the temperature decrease

(geometrical alternative:  $T_i = c^i \times T_0$ )

Temperature decreases when  $B$  new LHS do not improve the criterion

Slow convergence but large exploration space

## 2 Enhanced Stochastic Evolutionary (ESE) [ Jin et al. 2005 ]

Inner loop ( $I$  iterations):

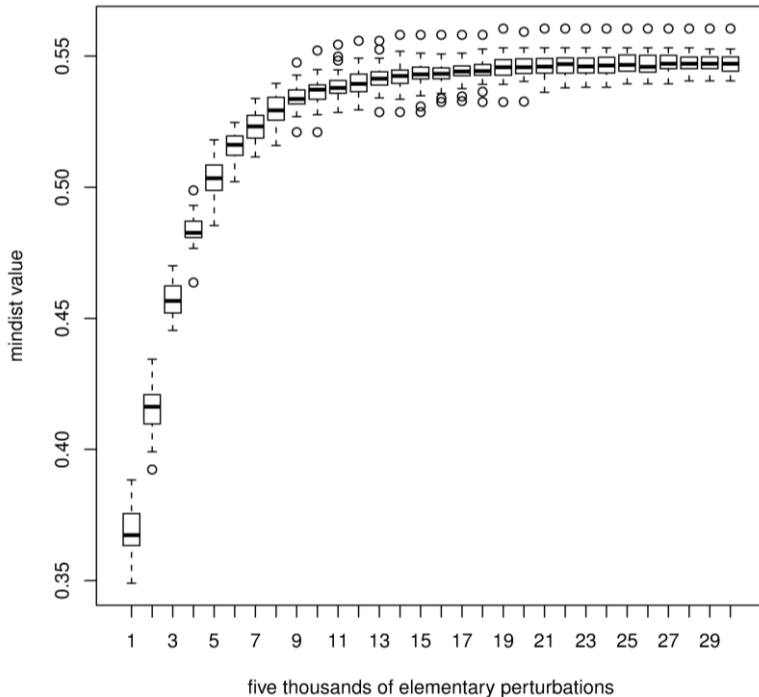
Proposition of  $M$  new perturbed LHS at each step

Outer loop to manage the temperature (can decrease or increase)

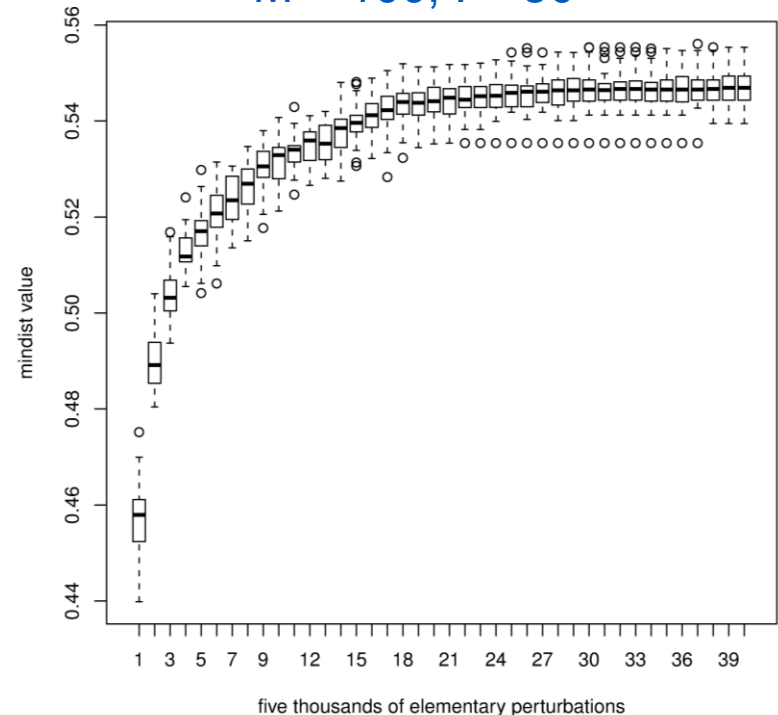
# Comparison of optimization algorithms convergence

Numerical tests:  $N = 50$ ,  $p = 5$

MMSA - linear profile  
 $T_0 = 0.1$ ,  $B = 300$ ,  $c = 0.9$



ESE  
 $M = 100$ ,  $l = 50$



Both algorithms converge slowly to the same value, after the same iteration numbers

**ESE shows a faster convergence at the first iterations than MMSA**

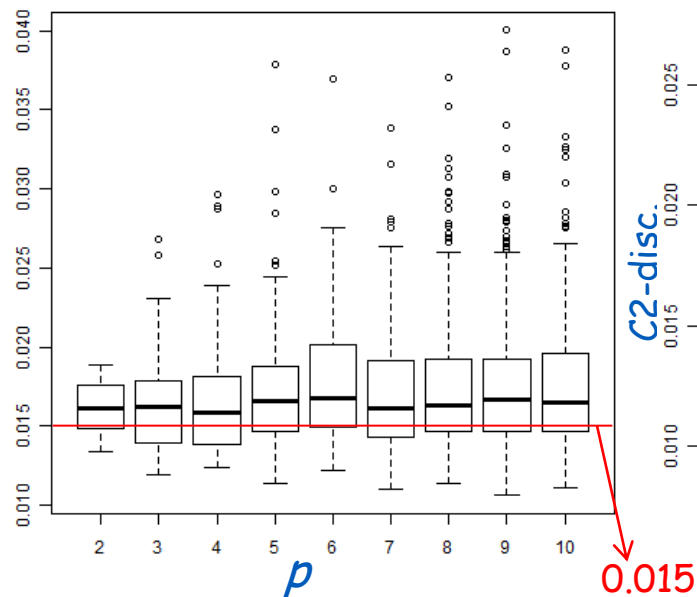
It is possible to improve this result, but at a prohibitive cost

(MMSA:  $T_0=0.01$ ,  $B=1000$ ,  $c=0.98$ ; ESE:  $M=300$ )

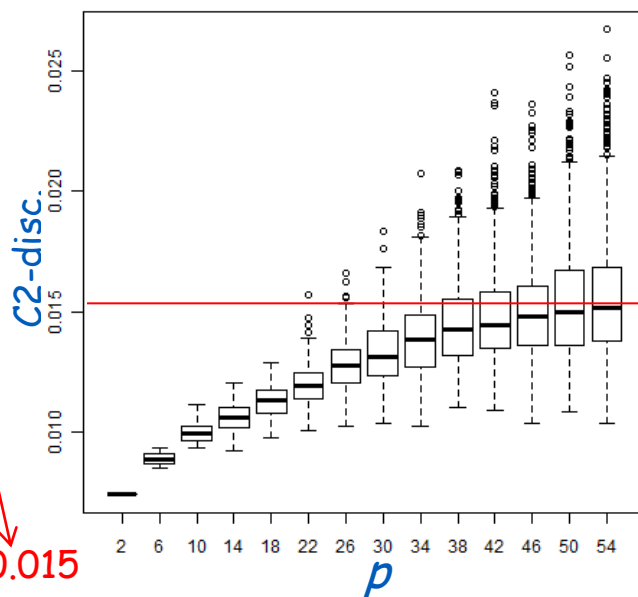
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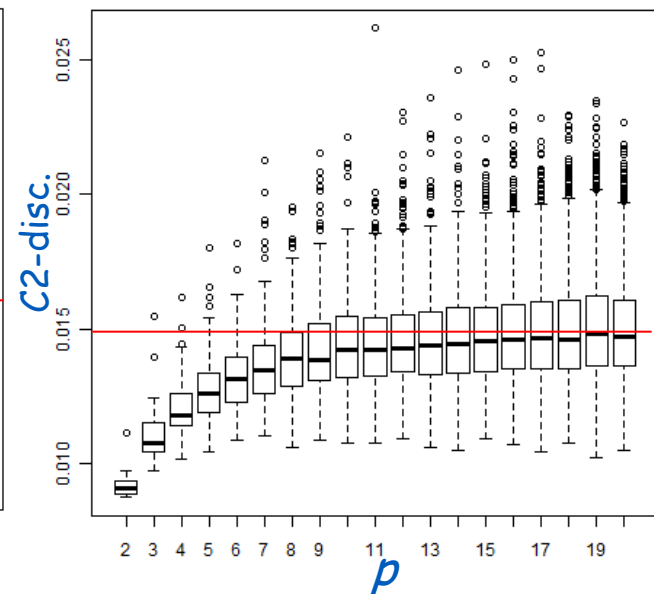
Standard LHS  
(reference)



Low  $C_2$ -discrepancy LHS  
( $C_2 = L^2$ -centered)



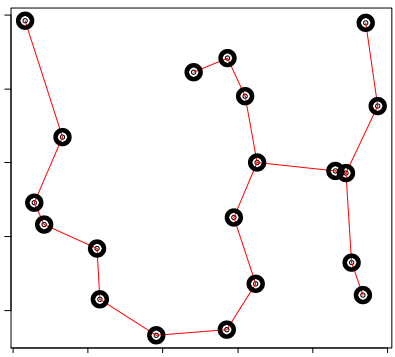
Maximin LHS



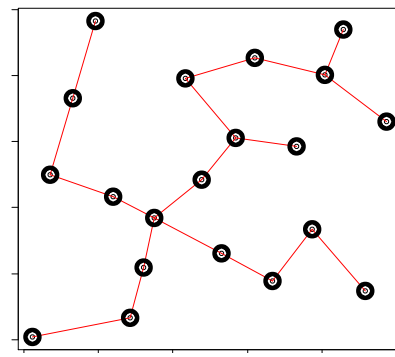
From dimension  $p=10$ , the maximin LHS behaves like a standard LHS  
From dimension  $p=40$ , the low  $C_2$ -discrepancy LHS behaves like a standard LHS  
Another test for the low  $L^2$ -star discrepancy: convergence for  $p=10$

It confirms the relevance of  $C_2$ -discrepancy criterion in terms of subprojections

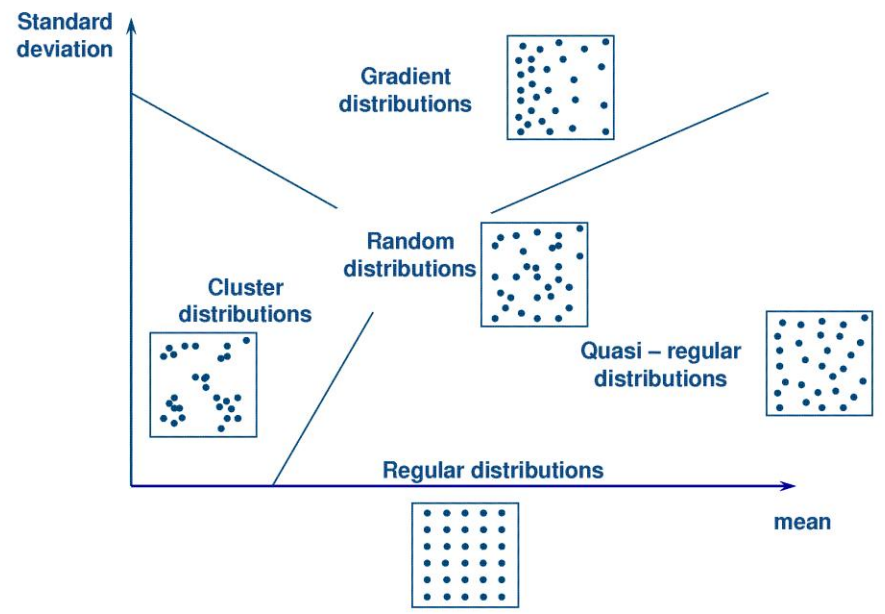
# Another space-filling criteria based on Minimal Spanning Tree



MST for random design



MST for maximin LHS



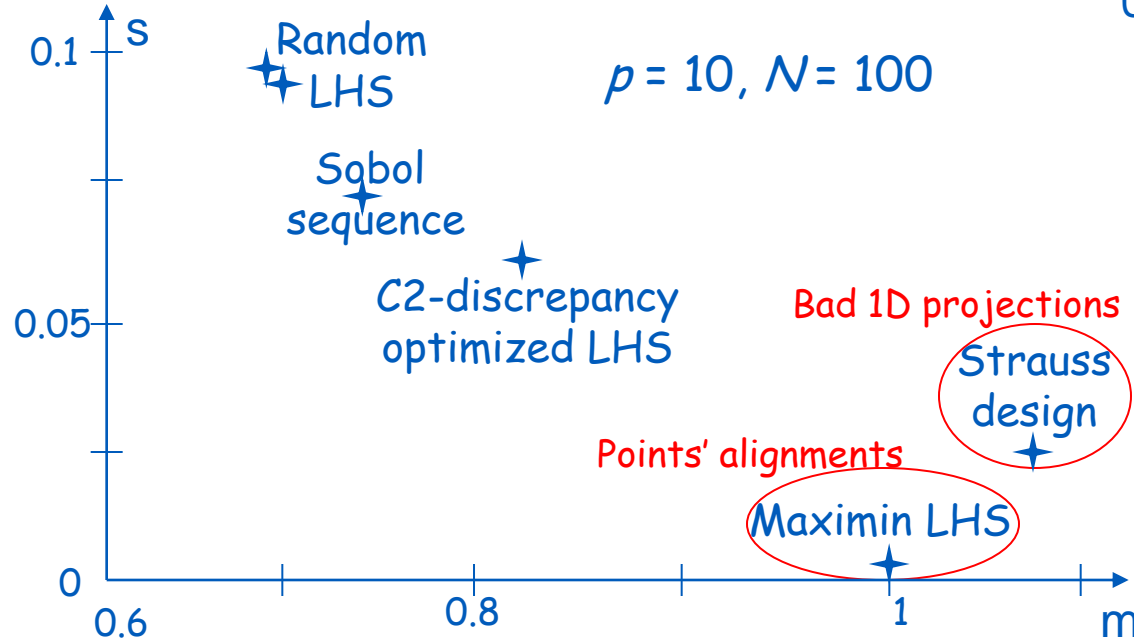
Using the Minimal Spanning Tree (MST)  
[Franco et al., Chem. Lab., 2009]

## Conclusion

This MST-based graph is a tool to compare designs in terms of regularity in the  $p$ -dimensional space

Complementarity with mindist

## Numerical tests on various SFD:

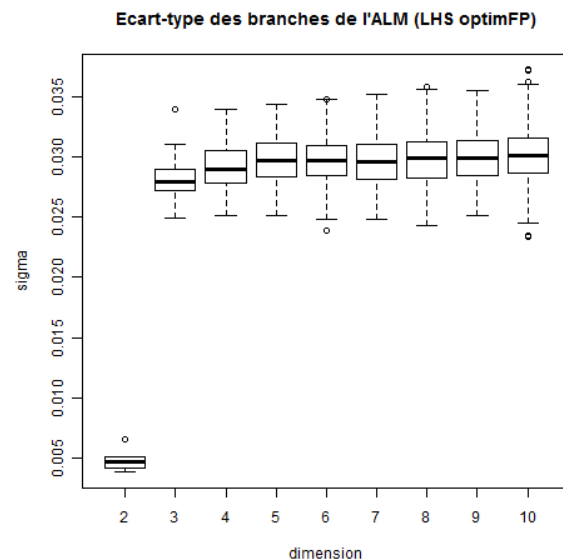
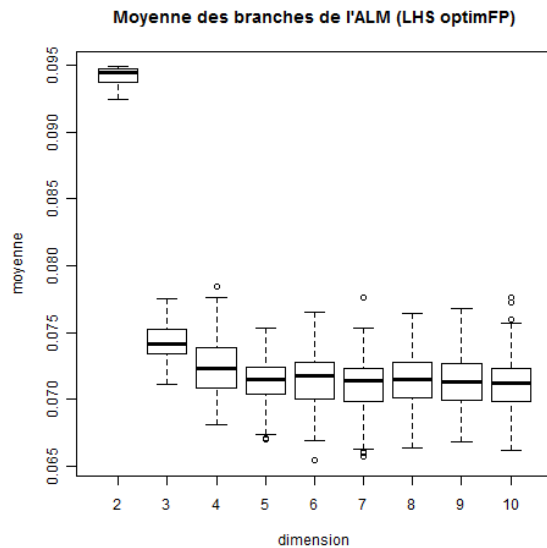


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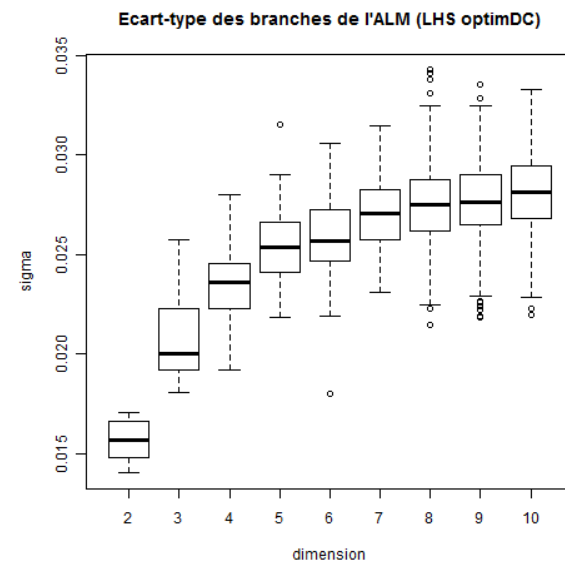
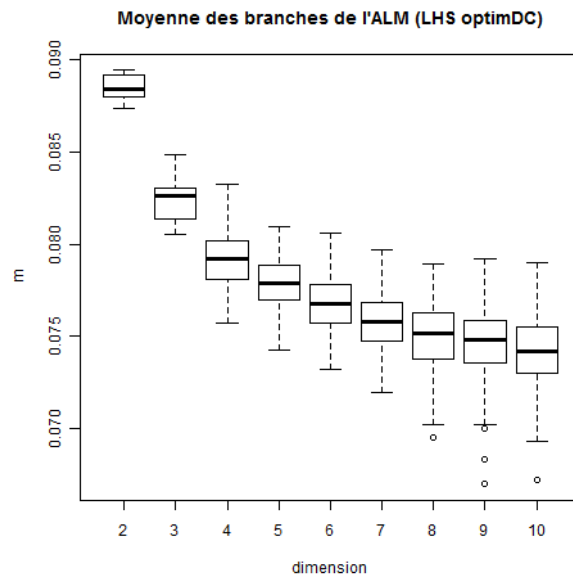
## MST criteria

$N = 100$

Maximin LHS



Low C2-discrepancy LHS



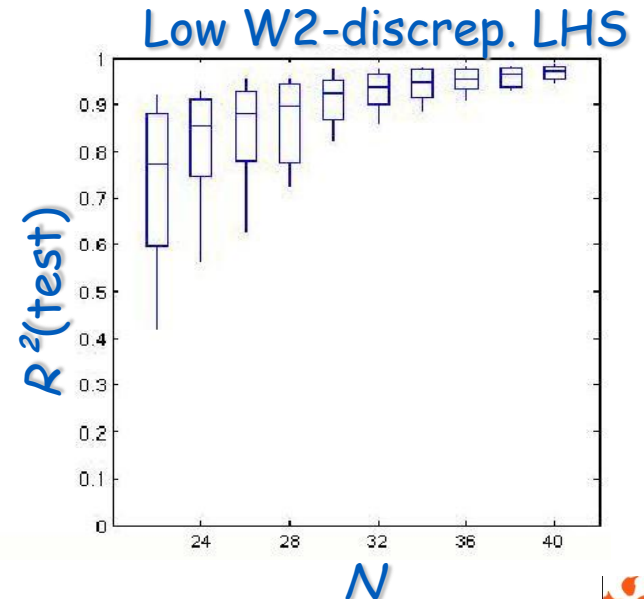
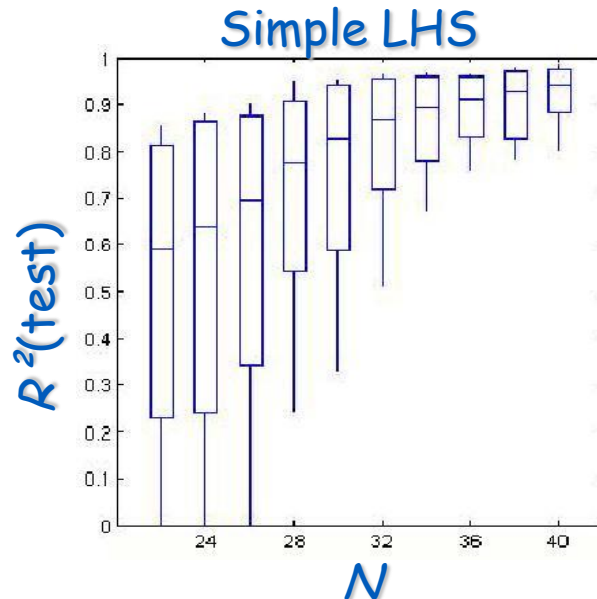
# Example: fitting a kriging metamodel



Non monotonic test function ( $p = 5$ ): g-function of Sobol

$$g(X_1, \dots, X_5) = \prod_{i=1}^5 \frac{|4X_i - 2| + a_i}{1 + a_i} \quad \text{avec } a_i = i \text{ et } X_i \sim U_{[0;1]} \text{ pour } i = 1 \dots 5$$

Metamodel  
(kriging) is built  
on a learning  
sample of sizes  
 $N = 22, \dots, 40$



[ Marrel 2008 ]



# Conclusions

1 SFD are useful in an initial exploration step, small  $N$ , large  $p$

2 Algorithms for LHS optimization: **ESE seems preferable** (faster convergence)  
Tuning parameters are difficult to fit; some recommendations are made in refs.

3 Modified  $L^2$  discrepancies take into account uniformity of the point projections on lower-dimensional subspaces of  $[0,1]^p$

**In our tests, low  $L^2$ -centered discrepancy LHS have shown the best space filling robustness on the projections over 2D subspaces (same effects on 3D subprojections)**

➡ **Important property for metamodel fitting and sensitivity indices computation**

3 Distance-based designs show stronger space filling regularity but no 2D robustness

**Challenge: Building good & robust SFD outside the LHS class**

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# Annexes

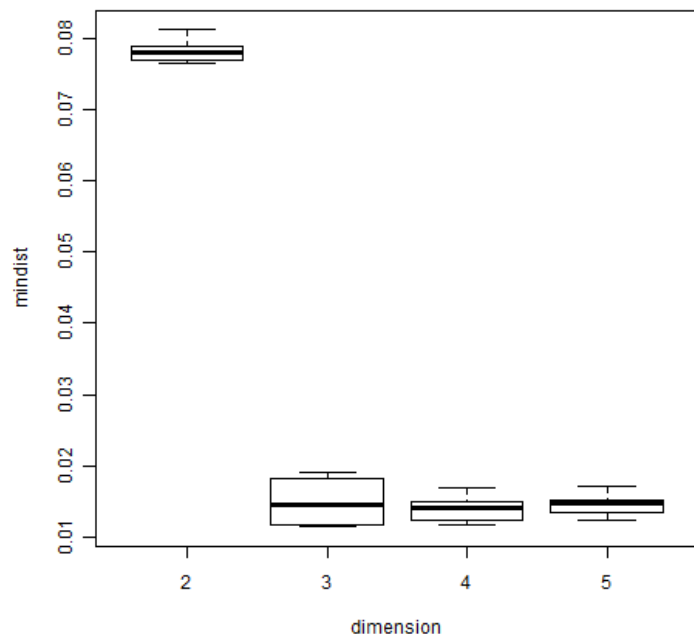
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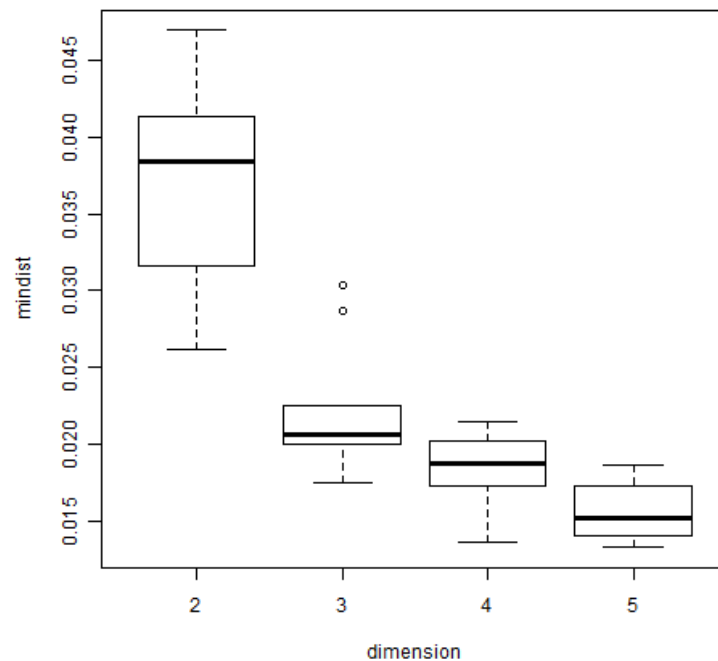
## Maximin LHS

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