# Verbesserung der prädiktiven Güte endlagerrelevanter Simulationen durch optimale Datenakquise und Smart-Monitoring

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- Impact models [MBD@RWTH]
- Surrogate models [Stuttgart]
- Smart data acquisition [GIM@RWTH]
- Conclusion & next steps [all]

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# **Research objectives**





# Our knowledge of the subsurface is governed by uncertainties!

- Question: How can we disentangle uncertainties, hence manage reliability?
- Facilitate transparency and reproducibility
  Collect and integrate system uncertainty;
  analyze uncertainty impact
- Decision support for data acquisition (overarching goal)

Assess which measurement would be most beneficial to reduce uncertainty

 Decision support for monitoring radioactive waste repository

Assess which measurements would be most beneficial for reliable monitoring





# Key methodological building blocks



Impact modeling

orchestrates a workflow based on uncertainty informed geology, hydrothermal setting and impact scenario (nuclide transport)

 Optimal experimental design uses uncertainty-informed (impact) models to assess the value-add of surface probing and geophysical measurements

#### Surrogate modeling

constitutes an enabling technology for compute- intense tasks in impact modeling and optimal experimental design







### Framework





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We need material properties and uncertainties to feed into our models.



Common challenge: Data findability!



Are we managing it in the most efficient way?

What if we could seamlessly integrate this data into simulation workflows?



data is structured, accessible, and directly compatible with your simulations!





# **Core digital infrastructure**





# **Smart Data Hub: Database**







# Live Demo

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#### **Smart Data Hub: Publicly accessible via GitHub**





### Data need to be readily accessible









# **Process and Impact models**



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#### Python interface between Smart Data Hub and OGS







# Maria Fernanda Morales, Universität Stuttgart

My main points will be...

- URS needs surrogate models
  - Surrogates have their own uncertainty
- Python package for surrogate model building and UQ
- Surrogates are challenging for models
  - with many parameters
  - with many results













#### Surrogate Models in Smart Monitoring & URS



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- Surrogate model building
  - Optimizes model structure
  - Optimizes selection of original model runs (Active Learning)
- Uncertainty quantification and sensitivity analysis
- Bayesian model calibration
- Model comparison

Available in BayesValidRox 2.0

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Website with documentation



Paper in preparation



https://pypi.org/project/bayesvalidrox/









• Surrogate training needs model runs with selected parameter combinations.



- More parameters are "exponentially bad" (10, 100, 1000 parameters?)
- **Our approach**: Input dimension reduction for surrogate training
  - There is an error associated to it, which we must consider during training and use of the surrogate







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Goal: Find a smaller combination of parameters that represent most of the original parameter variability

- Examples: PCA, SVD as in PEST, VAE
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# What's the problem with "high-dimensional" OUTPUTS?



• When we have outputs on a 2D/3D grid and over time  $\rightarrow$  large number of outputs



- Potential problems:
  - Each output/cell = 1 individual surrogate
  - Computationally expensive to train and to evaluate
- For optimal experimental design you need the space/time resolution

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- **Goal**: smaller representation of our outputs (like a ZIP file):
  - Example: PCA, SVG, VAE
- Accelerate OED simulations
- See our joint poster



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Work in progress





# Nino Menzel, GIM, RWTH Aachen

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- URS needs smart monitoring strategies
- We use process-aware optimization strategies
- Survey optimization strategies are applicable to
  - surface exploration
  - subsurface exploration and process transport monitoring





#### **Smart Data Acquisition – Overall Concept**





Survey costs

- "Smart" data acquisition aims at reaching the point of maximum benefit as fast as possible
- Benefit of a survey: resulting net increase in resolution of model parameters of interest
- Overall goal: limit the amount of acquired data (and variable survey cost) without drastically reducing information content
- In our case: effective monitoring of fluid transport processes using (geo-)physical surveys

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# **Smart Data Acquisition – Workflow**











#### Inputs:

- A-priori information of the target area in the subsurface (transport process: *hydr. parameters*; geological structure: *geometrical parameters*)
- "Small" base measurement setup
  - Seismic tomography survey with 40 receivers and 5 shot points
  - Geoelectric survey using 20 electrodes
- Densest possible measurement setup (comprehensive dataset)
  - Seismic tomography survey with *n* receivers and *m* shot points
  - Geoelectric survey with *n* electrodes





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## **Smart Data Acquisition – Optimization Strategy**







# **Smart Data Acquisition – Transport Process Monitoring Example**

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- Focusing of data acquisition on area that is affected by transport process
- Include parameter uncertainties in focusing
  - Multiple model runs with different physical parameter sets
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# **Smart Data Acquisition – OED for Site Exploration**



OED can also be applied to focus surveys on static targets, e.g. geological features

- Optimize positions of sensors for surface or borehole exploration
- Optimize length and orientation of geophysical surface and borehole surveys
- Goal: increase coverage of measurements in targeted area



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#### Key takeaways:

- Smart Data Hub provides analysis-ready data with uncertainties that seamlessly integrate with simulation workflows
- Surrogate models enable uncertainty quantification for computationally expensive models
- Method-agnostic and process-aware "Smart monitoring" strategies are key for resource-efficient and reliable data acquisition.
- Surrogates enable uncertainty-aware OED methodologies, which require a large number of model runs



















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