

# **Analysis of Computer Experiment Output Having Qualitative And Quantitative Input Variables**

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## Goal And Motivating Example

- **Goal**

1. Model computer experiment output when the inputs are both quantitative and qualitative
2. Predict the unknown response

- **Motivating example** *FEA computer model of a 4-station knee wear simulator. There are **mixed inputs**.*

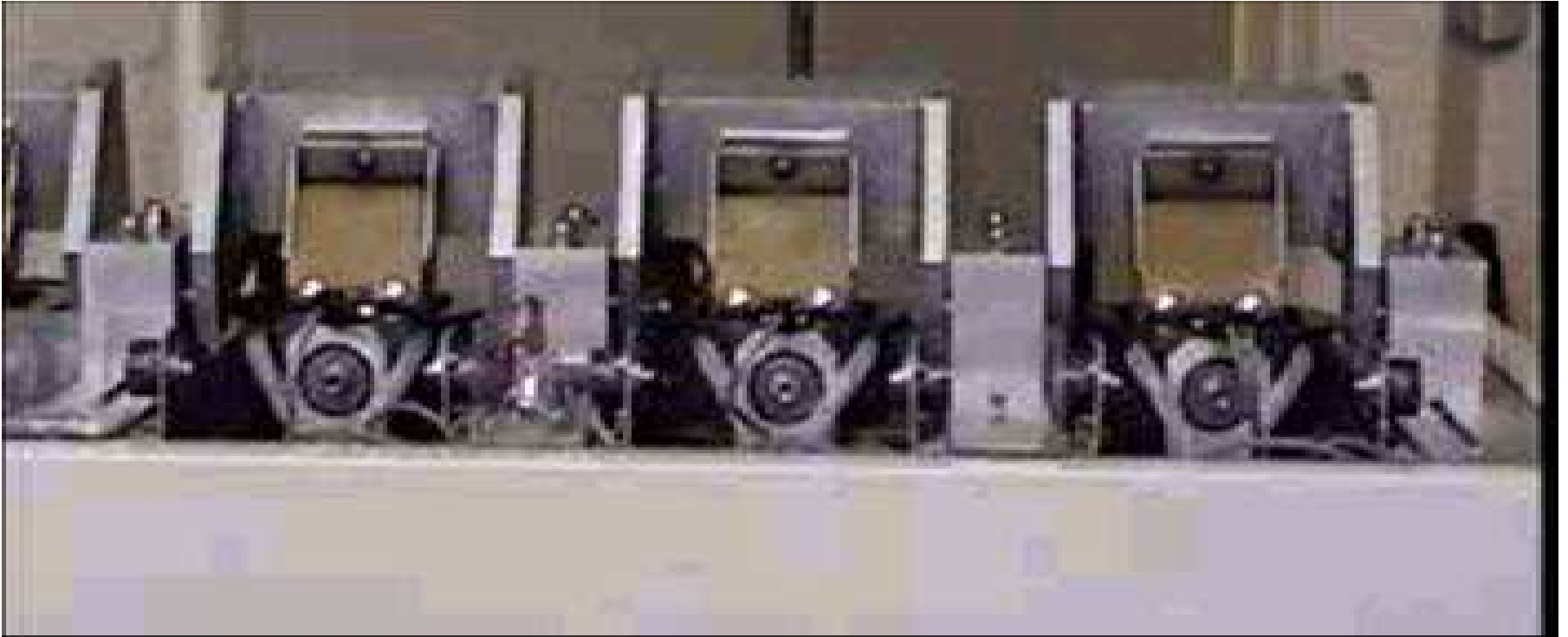
*Some qualitative input variables are*

- *Mesh Density (FEA) { 1, 1.25, 2 }*
- *Initial AP position (Simulator) { 0, 2, 4, 6 }*
- *Flexion Lag (FEA) { Yes, No }*

*Some quantitative input variables are*

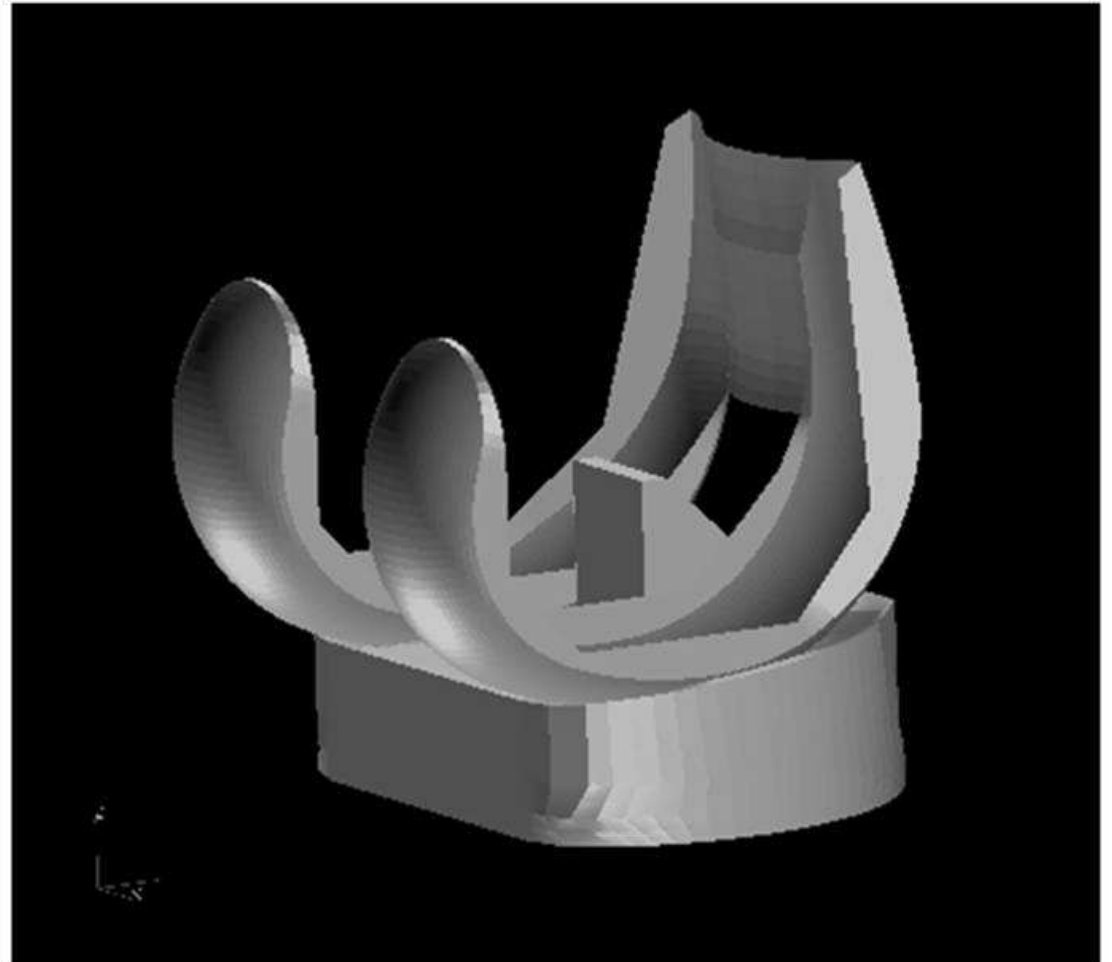
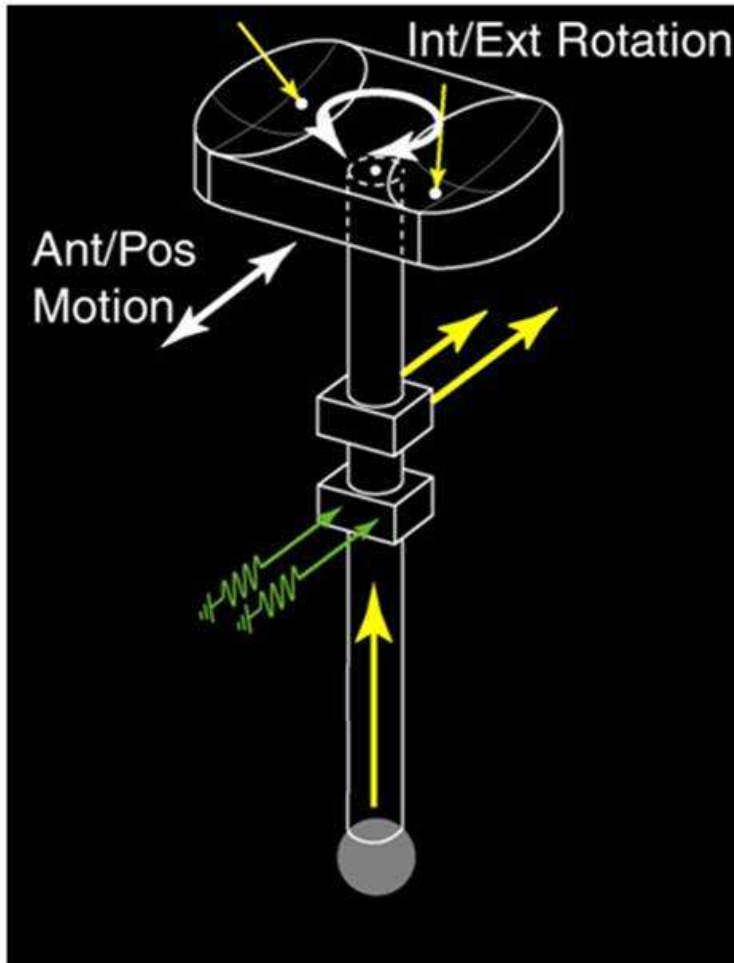
- *Spring length (FEA&Simulator) { range:[24,48] }*
- *Spring stiffness (FEA&Simulator) { range:[14.5,43.5] }*
- *Frequency (FEA) { range:[0.3, 1.4] }*

## Knee Wear Simulator

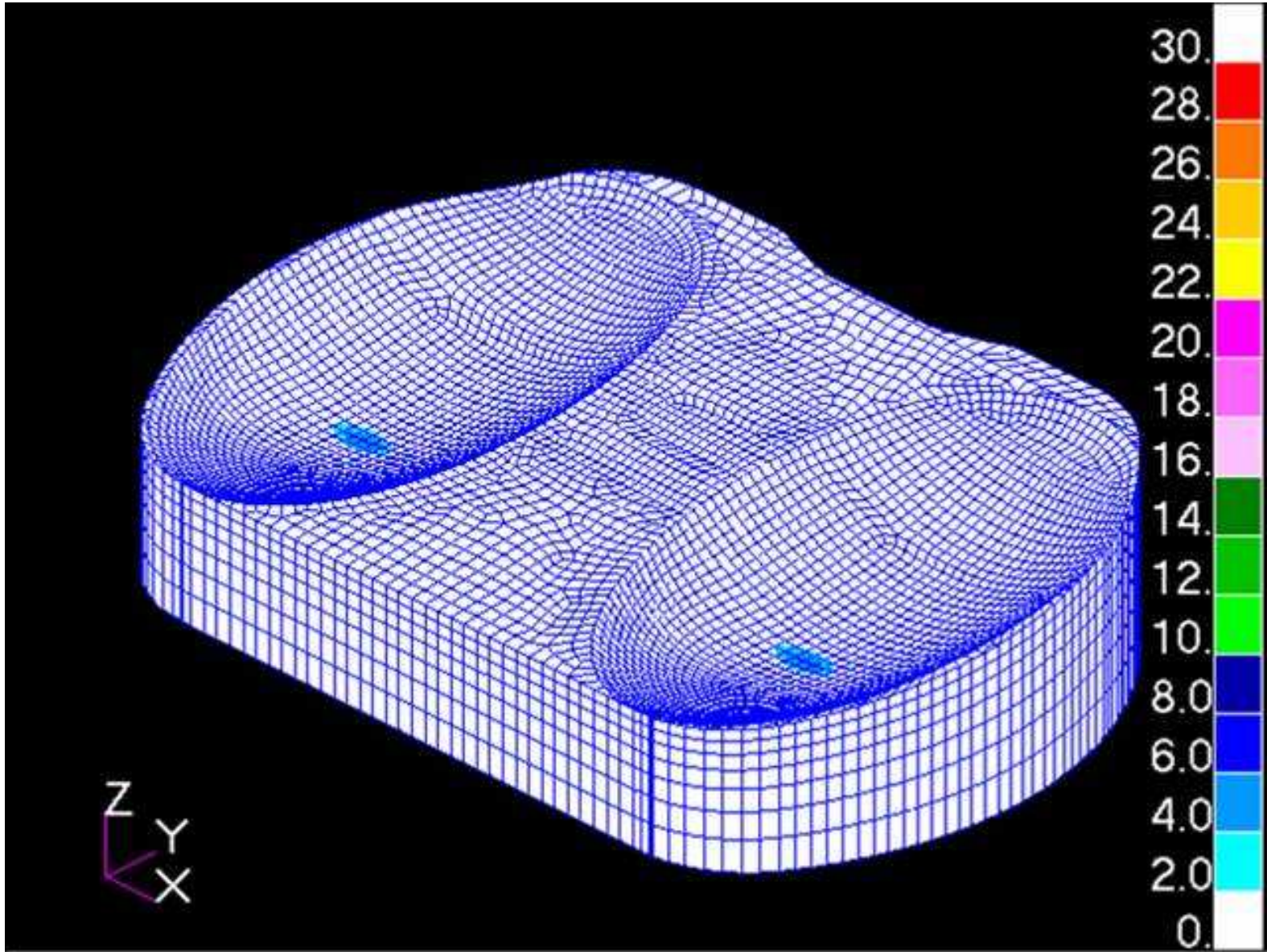


A 4 station device that mimics knee motion

# Knee Wear Simulator



# Mesh density of the FEA Simulator



## A Bayesian Model

Suppose the inputs are  $(i, \mathbf{x})$ , where  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$  is qualitative and  $\mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]^d$  is quantitative. The output is the real-valued function  $y(i, \mathbf{x})$ .

1. **An Independence Model** Model  $y(i, \mathbf{x})_x$  by  $t$  mutually independent stationary Gaussian Stochastic Processes. Fit a Bayesian model for each category separately.
2. **A Qualitative Quantitative Variable (QQV) Model**

- Given  $\{\boldsymbol{\rho}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\rho}_t\}$ ,  $\{\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_t^2\}$ , and  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_t\}_i$ ,

$$Y(i, \mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\rho}_i, \beta_i, \sigma_i^2) = \beta_i + Z_i(\mathbf{x}).$$

$Z_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, Z_t(\mathbf{x})$  are *independent* stationary Gaussian Processes with mean 0 and

$\text{cov}(Z_i(\mathbf{x}_1), Z_i(\mathbf{x}_2) | \boldsymbol{\rho}_i, \sigma_i^2) = \sigma_i^2 R(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2 | \boldsymbol{\rho}_i)$ , where

$$R(\mathbf{h} | \boldsymbol{\rho}_i) = \prod_{j=1}^d \rho_{ij}^{h_j^2}, j = \{1, \dots, d\}.$$

Here  $\boldsymbol{\rho}_i = (\rho_{i1}, \dots, \rho_{id})^T$ , and  $\mathbf{h} = (h_1, \dots, h_d)^T$ .

- Prior distribution

- $\boldsymbol{\rho}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\rho}_t$  are *independently and identically* distributed. For any  $j \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ ,  $\rho_{1j}, \dots, \rho_{tj}$  are *independently and identically* distributed as  $Beta(\alpha_j, \gamma_j)$ , where  $\alpha_j$  and  $\gamma_j$  are known.
- $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2, \dots, \sigma_t^2$  are *independently and identically* distributed.  $\frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}$  is of  $Gamma(\alpha, \gamma)$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are known.
- $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_t$  are *independently and identically* distributed,  $[\beta]$  is proportional to 1.

Notice that  $y(1, \mathbf{x}), \dots, y(t, \mathbf{x})$  in the QQV model are conditionally independent, but unconditionally dependent on each other.

## A Bayesian Method and Its Implementation

**Idea** We use the Monte Carlo Markov Chain method, the Metropolis Hastings Sampler, to draw the values of each parameter from the joint posterior distribution and to predict  $y(i_0, \mathbf{x}_0)$ , the unknown output corresponding to the inputs  $(i_0, \mathbf{x}_0)$ .

For a single generic parameter  $\delta$

- a. Initialize  $\delta^1$
- b. Given  $\delta^n$ , generate  $\delta^*$  from a symmetric distribution  $f(. | \delta^n)$ , i.e. a distribution satisfying  $f(\delta^n | \delta^*) = f(\delta^* | \delta^n)$

c. Generate

$$\delta_{new} = \begin{cases} \delta^*, & \text{with probability } \alpha \\ \delta^n, & \text{with probability } 1 - \alpha \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha = \min\left\{1, \frac{\pi(\delta^* | \tilde{Y})}{\pi(\delta^n | \tilde{Y})}\right\}.$$

## Prediction

**Goal:** Predict  $Y_0 = Y(i_0, \mathbf{x}_0)$  given output

$$\mathbf{Y}^n = (Y(i_1, \mathbf{x}_1), Y(i_2, \mathbf{x}_2), \dots, Y(i_n, \mathbf{x}_n))$$

Basis of prediction

$$[\mathbf{Y}^n | \boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \Sigma_{yn}] \sim N(\mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \Sigma_{yn})$$

and

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} Y_0 \\ \mathbf{Y}^n \end{pmatrix} | \boldsymbol{\rho}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \right] \sim N \left( \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_0^T \\ \mathbf{F} \end{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\beta}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{y0} & \Sigma_{0n}^T \\ \Sigma_{0n} & \Sigma_{yn} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

- The predictor

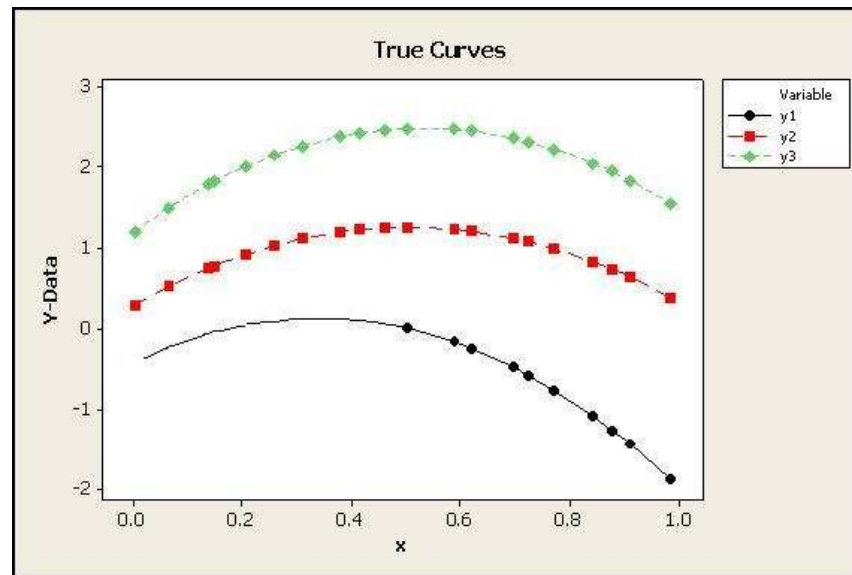
$$\rightarrow \tilde{Y}(i_0, \mathbf{x}_0) = E\{Y(i_0, \mathbf{x}_0 | \mathbf{Y}^n)\} = E\{E(Y(i_0, \mathbf{x}_0) | \mathbf{Y}^n, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\rho}, \sigma^2)\}$$

- The variance of the predictor

$$\rightarrow \text{var}(Y_0 | \mathbf{Y}^n) = \text{var}\{E(Y_0 | \mathbf{Y}^n, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\rho}, \sigma^2)\} + E\{\text{var}(Y_0 | \mathbf{Y}^n, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\rho}, \sigma^2)\}$$

## An Example

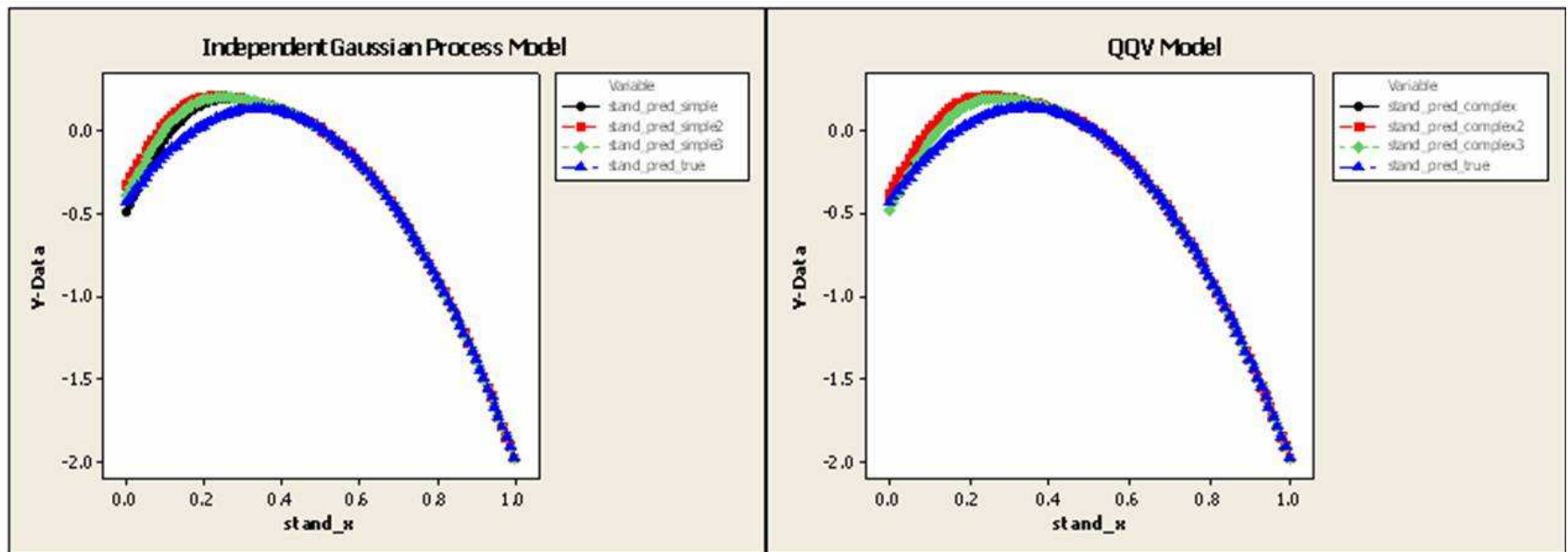
We look at a simple example. Suppose we have one qualitative and one quantitative input. The qualitative input identifies one of three quadratic curves, each a function of the quantitative input( $x$ ).



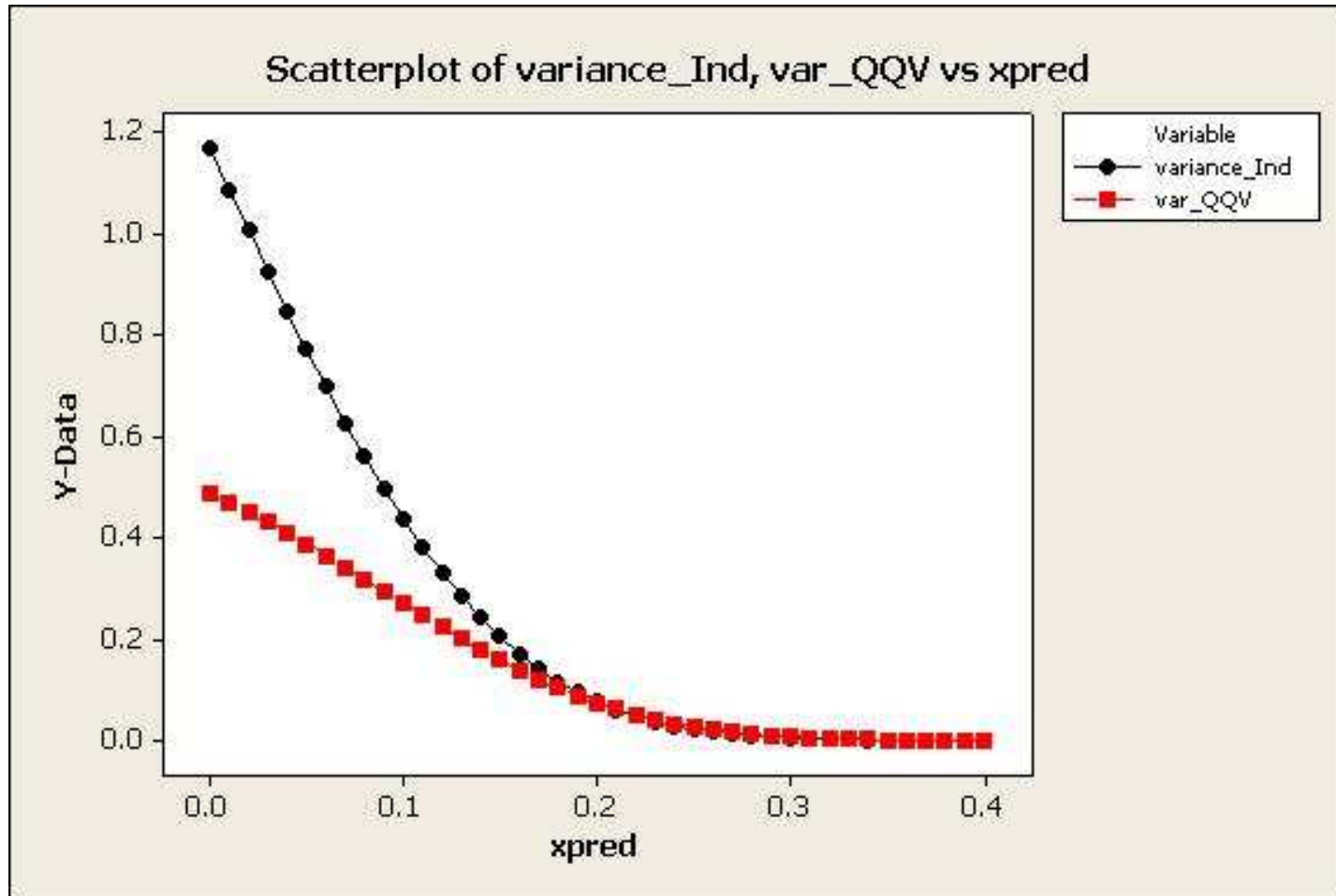
We observe the first two curves at 21 equally spaced points from 0 to 20, and the third curve only on the points 10 to 20.

Goal: predict  $y(3, x)$  over  $x \in [0, 1]$ .

For point prediction, the results were comparable when we fit three independent curves versus our QQV model.



But the QQV model has smaller prediction variance.



## Conclusion and Future work

### Conclusion

- The point predictions using either model are close.
- The QQV model has smaller model uncertainty than the Independent model. This means a curve in the QQV model can effectively borrow information from other curves.

### Future work

- Develop software for arbitrary numbers of quantitative and qualitative variables
- Additional Empirical Studies
- Optimization for outputs having quantitative and qualitative inputs

The slides of this talk can be found at

[http://www.stat.ohio-state.edu/~comp\\_exp/2005JSM/slide\\_JSM2005.pdf](http://www.stat.ohio-state.edu/~comp_exp/2005JSM/slide_JSM2005.pdf).