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# Practical Bayesian optimization

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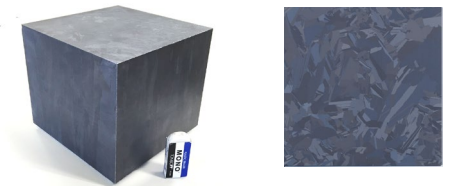
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## Research Interest

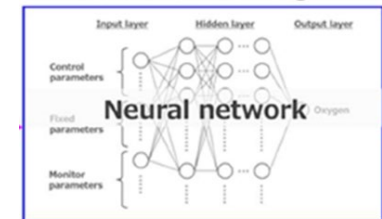
Application of informatics to crystal engineering



Crystal growth and characterization  
of mc-Si for solar cells



Applied informatics



# Outline

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## 1. Introduction of Bayesian optimization

## 2. Applications to crystal engineering

- ✓ 2D spatial mapping of micro-beam XRD
- ✓ Hydrogen plasma treatment
- ✓ Grinding process of SiC
- ✓ Epitaxial growth of Si
- ✓ Short summary

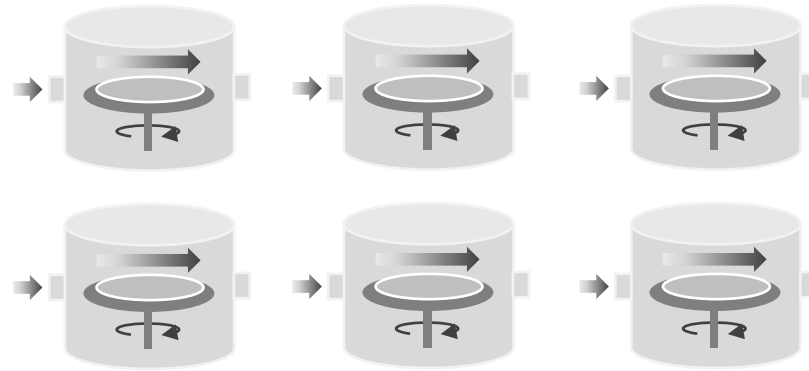
## 3. Tutorial

- ✓ 1D Bayesian optimization
- ✓ 2D Gaussian process regression
- ✓ 2D Bayesian optimization

## 4. Summary

# Inverse problem

Data



Training a model



Input

## Process conditions

- Temperature
- Pressure
- Gas flow
- Position and rotation
- Equipment design
- etc

$f(x)$



Output

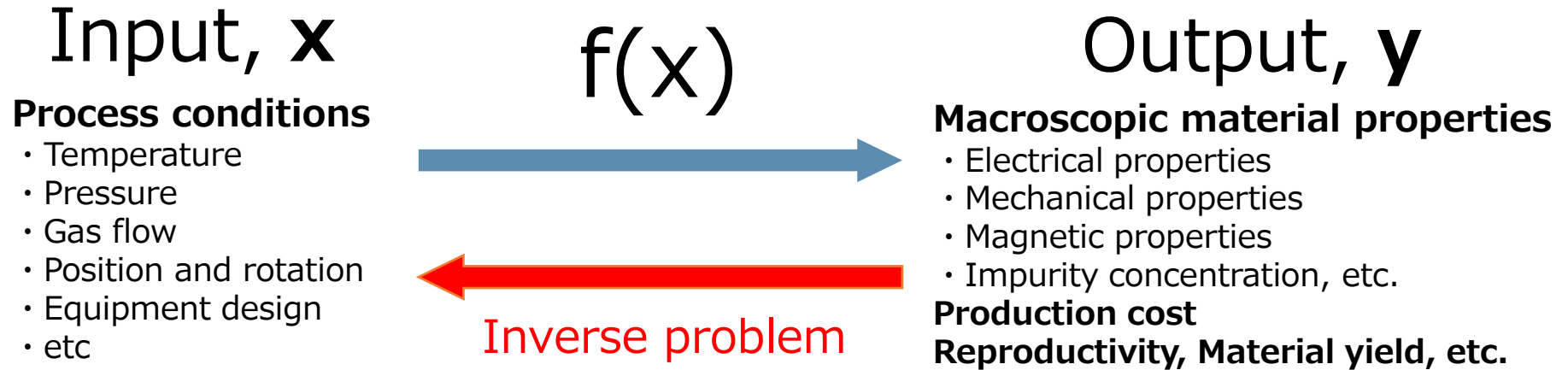
## Macroscopic material properties

- Electrical properties
- Mechanical properties
- Magnetic properties
- Impurity concentration, etc.

## Production cost

**Reproductivity, Material yield, etc.**

# Inverse problem



We want to know the process condition that minimize (maximize) the properties.

**$x$**

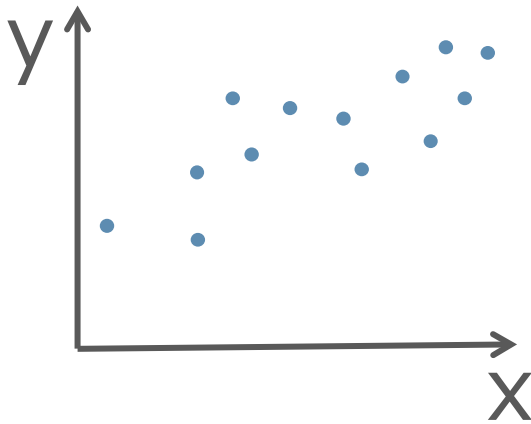
**$y$**

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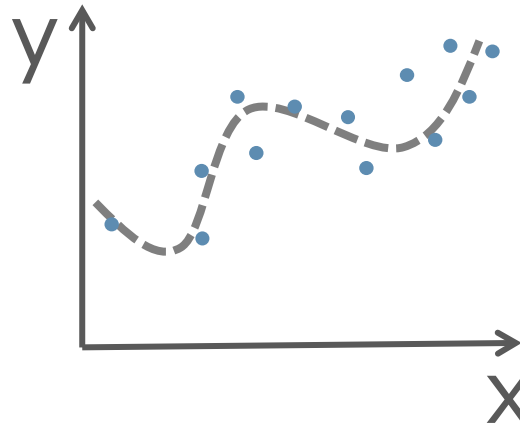
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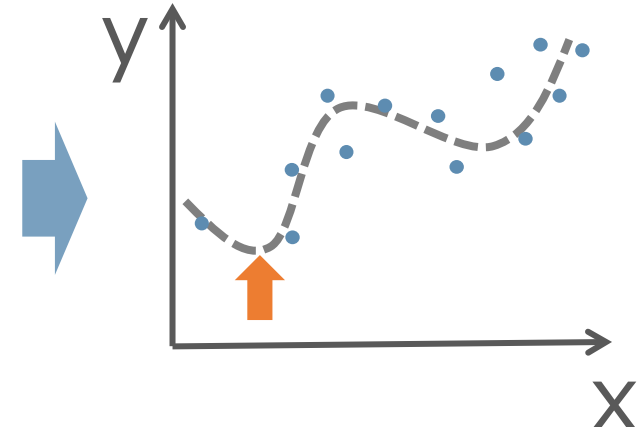
Data



Regression



Optimization

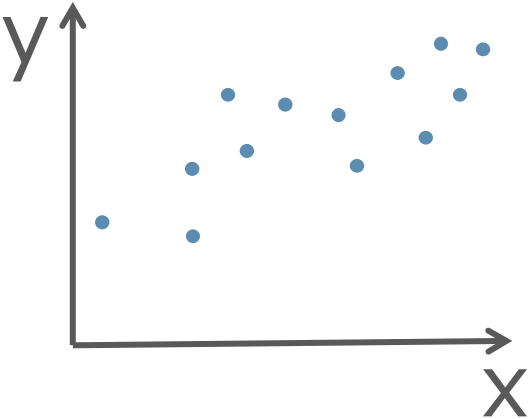


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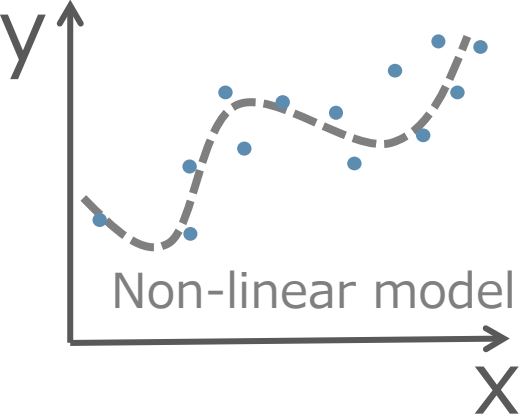
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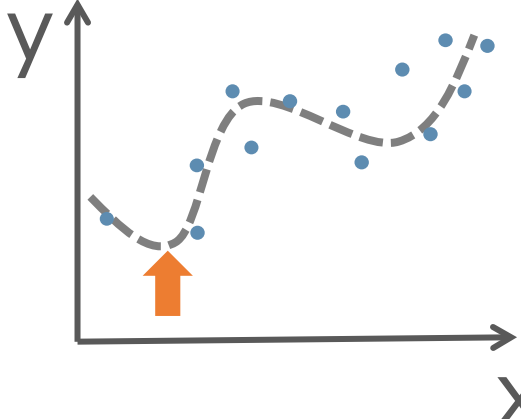
Data



Regression

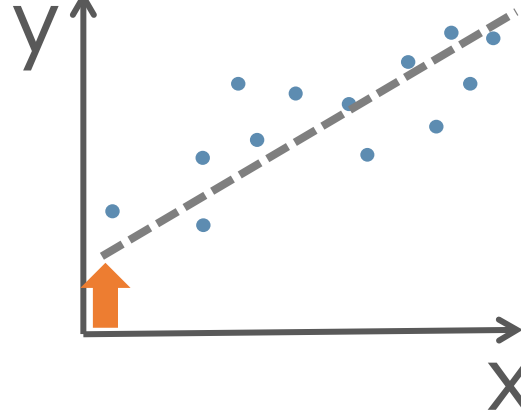
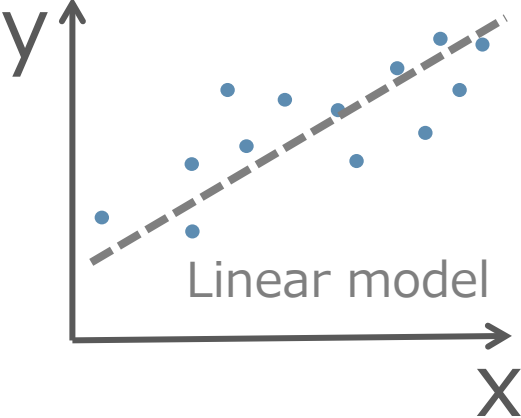


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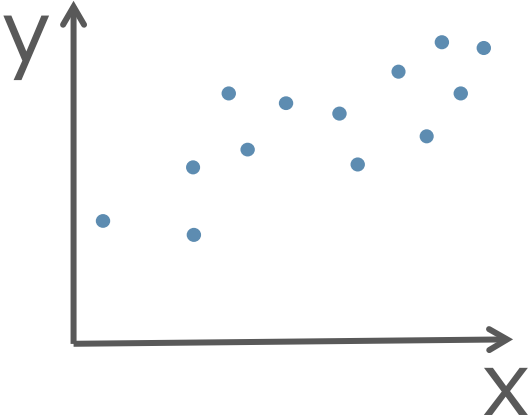
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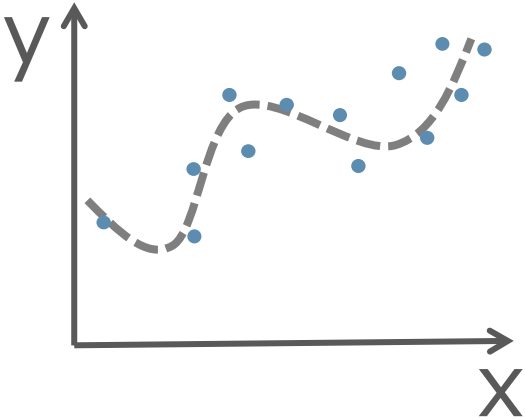
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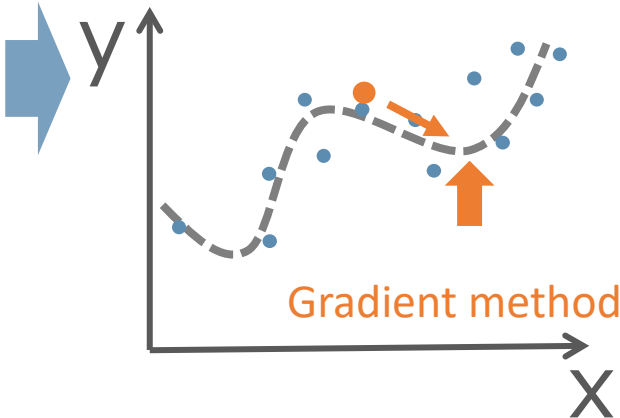
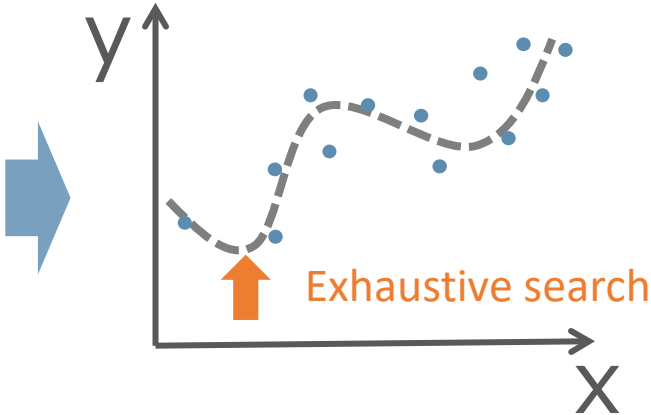
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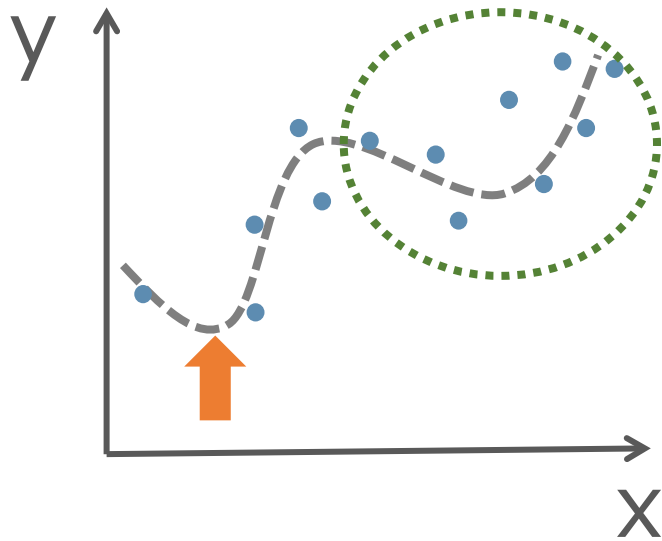


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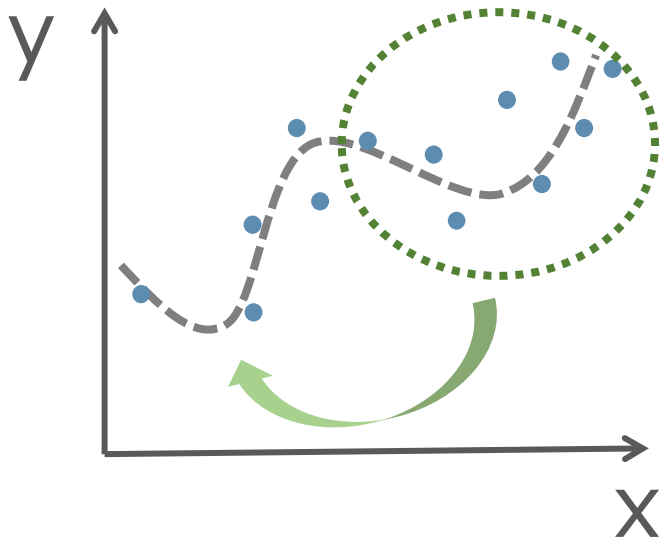
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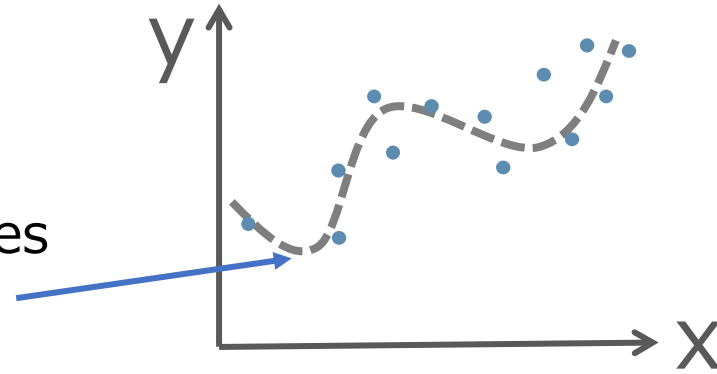


Sequential optimization

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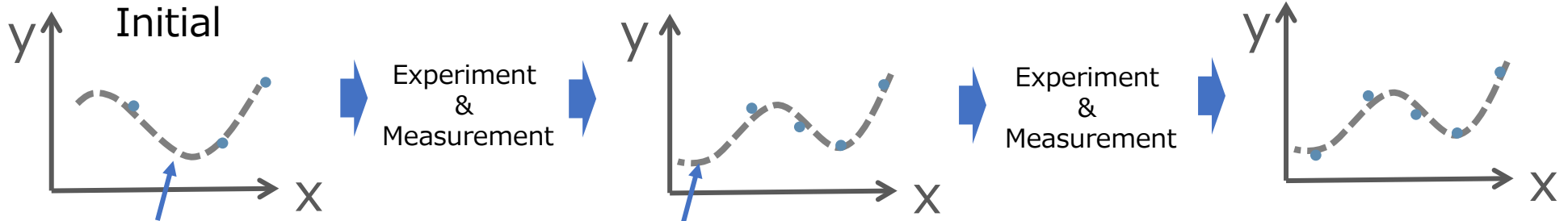
## One-time optimization (sufficient amount of data)

Here is the  $x$  that gives  
the smallest  $y$ .



## Sequential optimization (small data)

Alternating regression & optimization and experiment & measurement



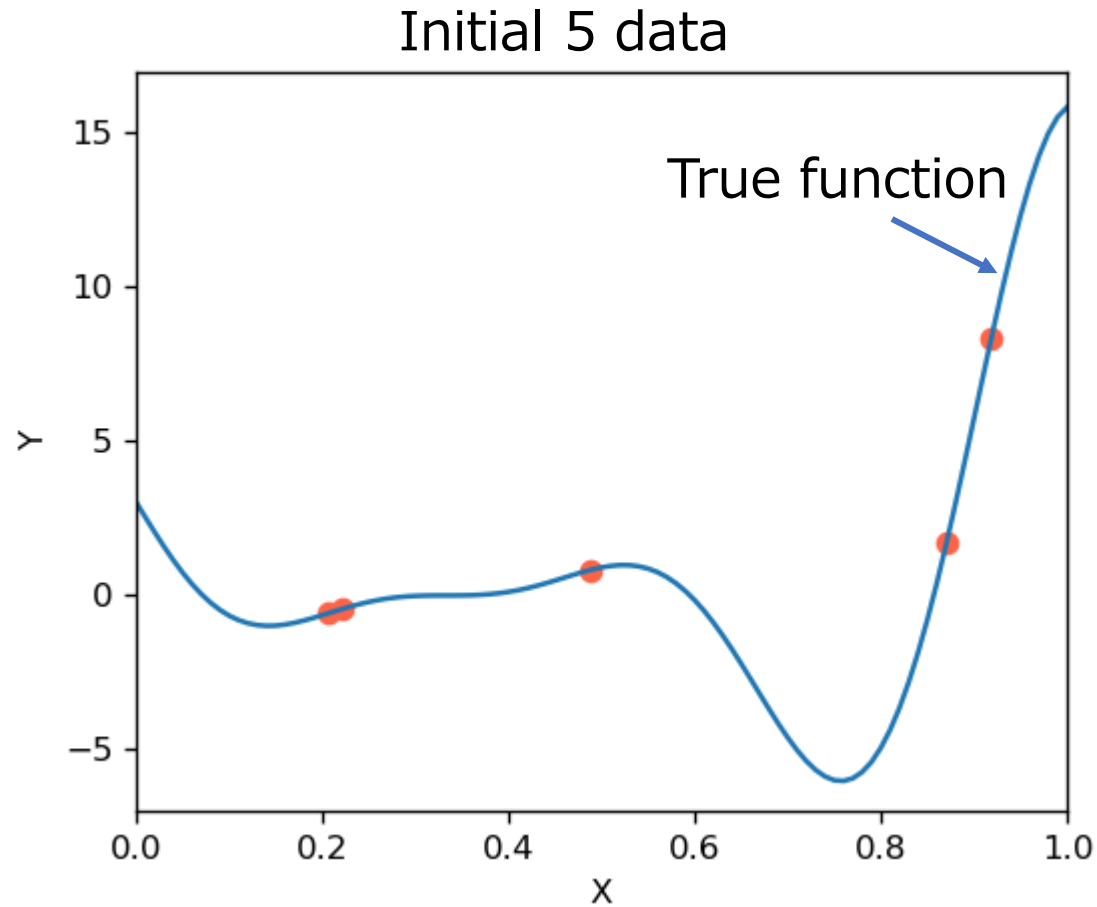
Here may be low.

Next, here may be low.

Global optimization  
with small number of  
experiments  
→ Bayesian optimization

# Bayesian optimization

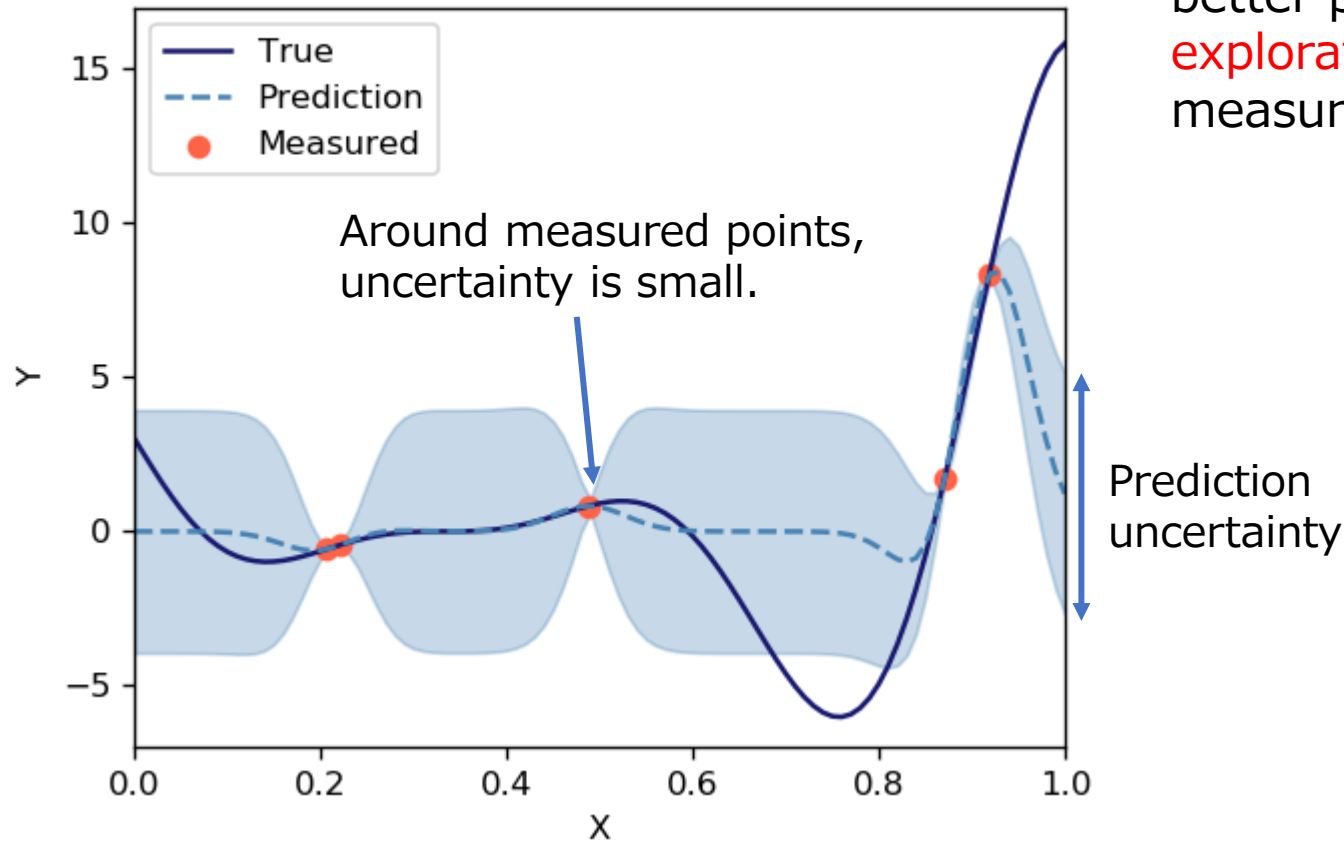
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# Bayesian optimization

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Gaussian process regression



Bayesian optimization

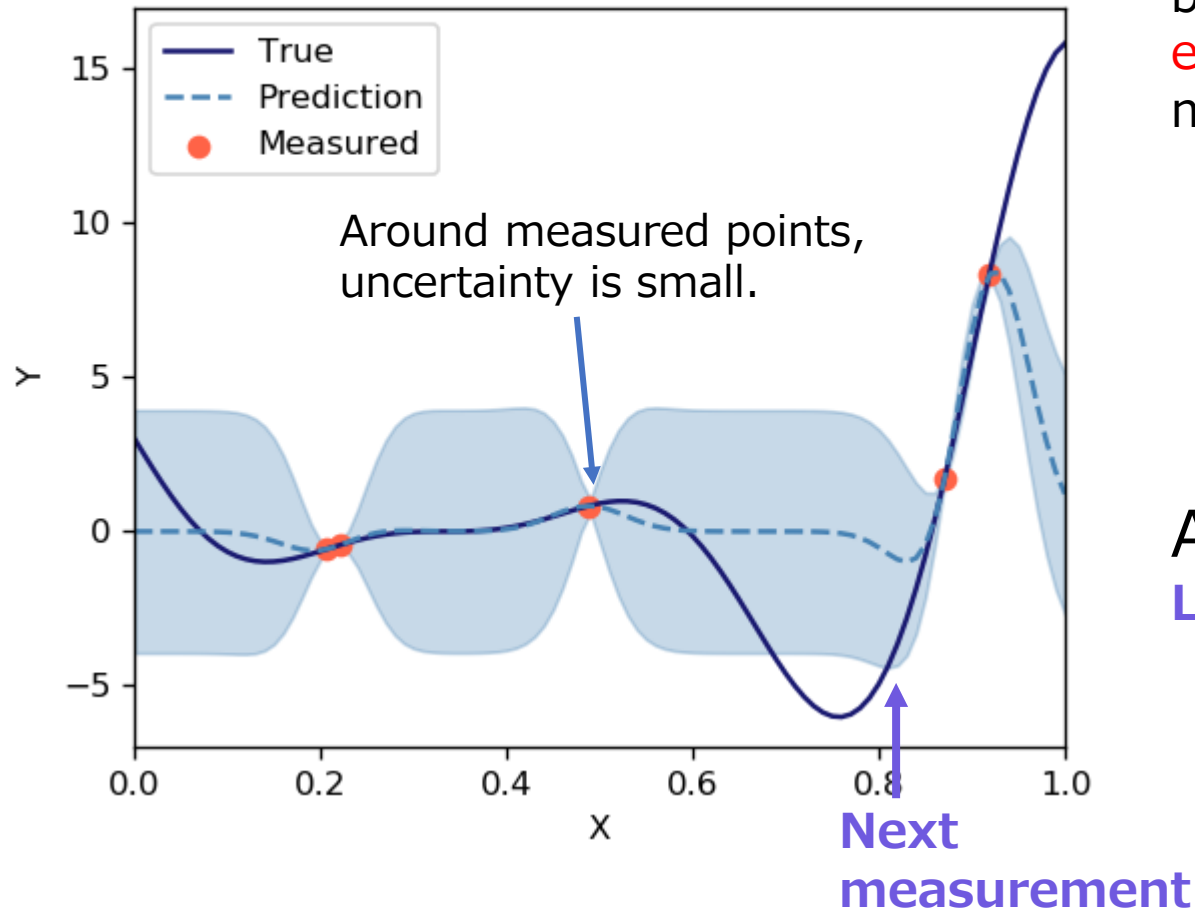
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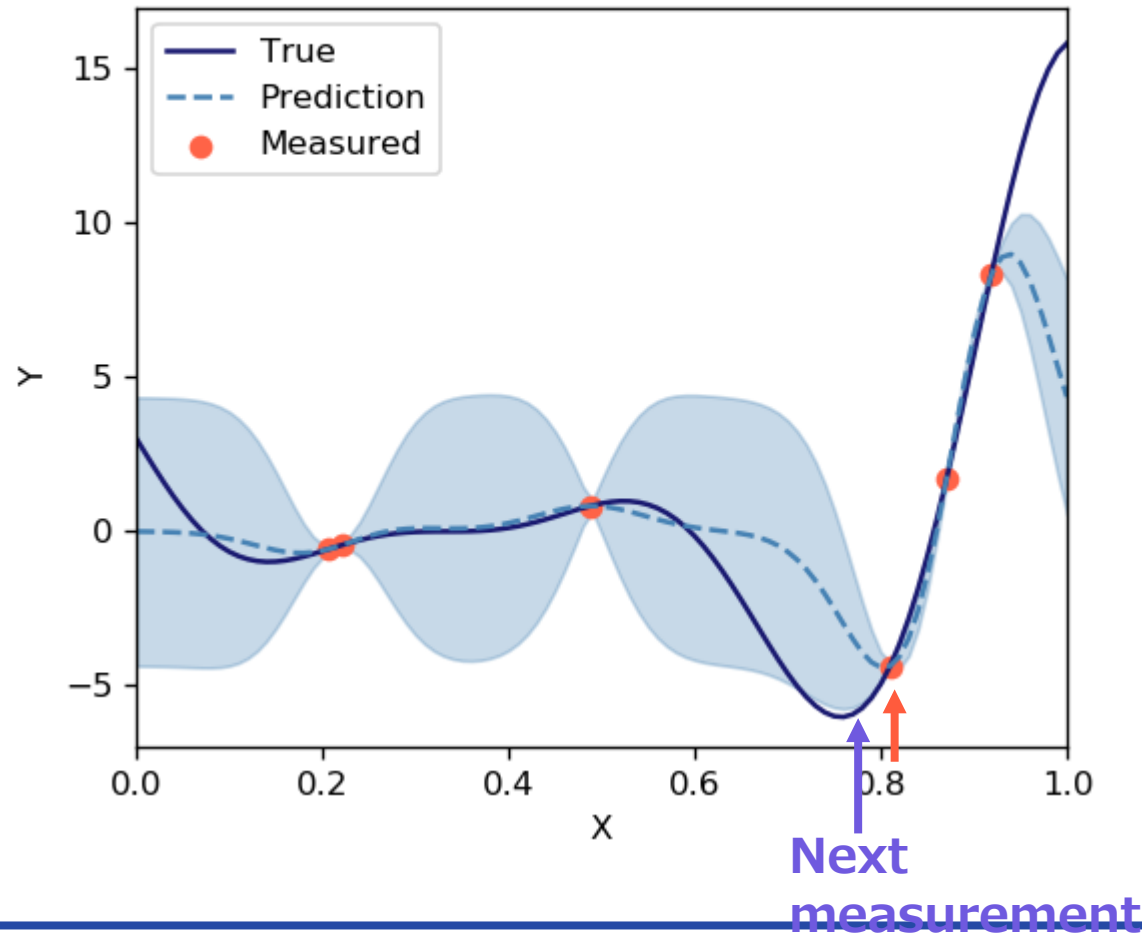
Acquisition function

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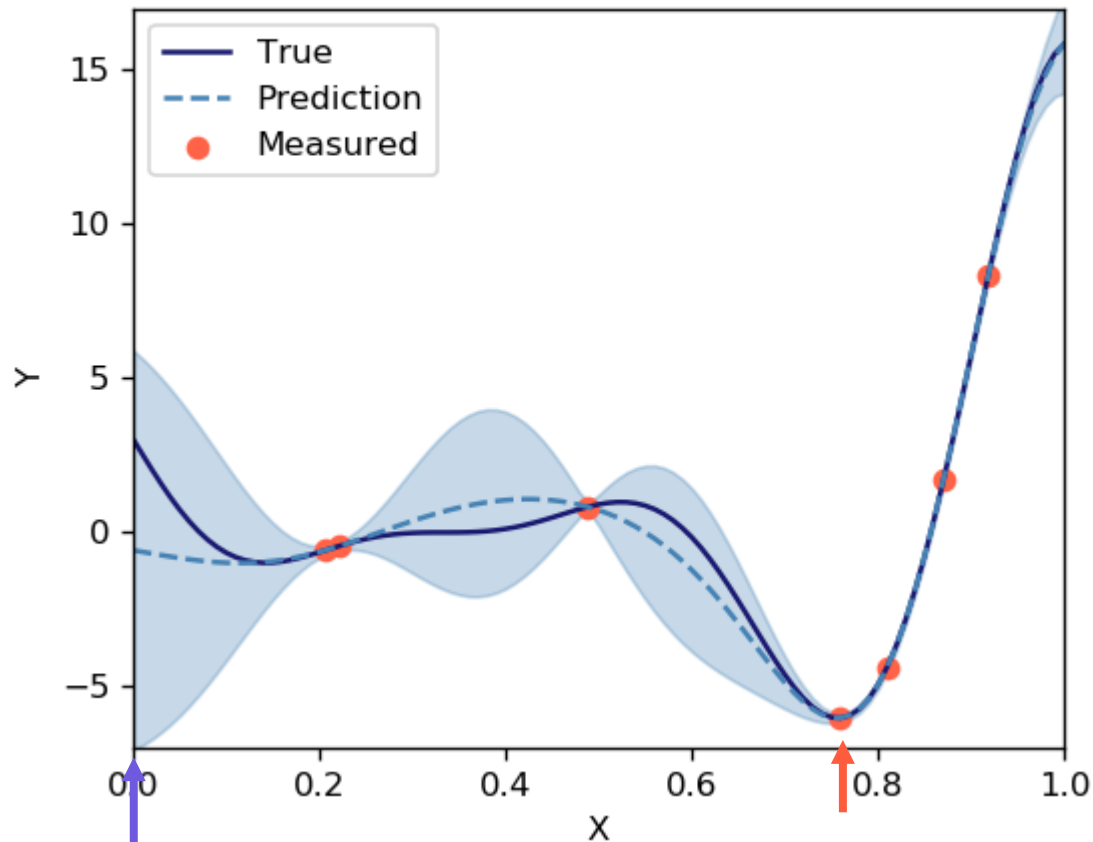
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Next measurement

Bayesian optimization

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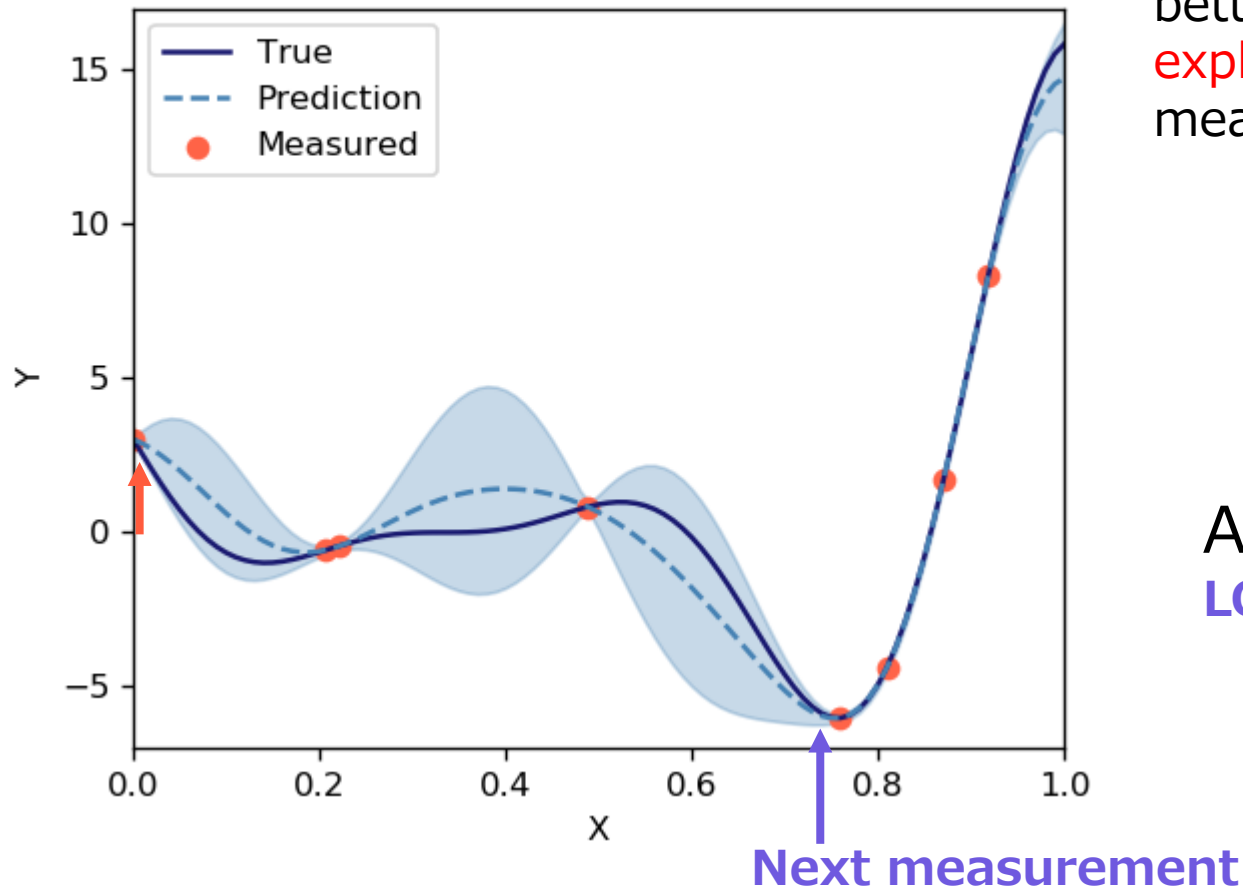
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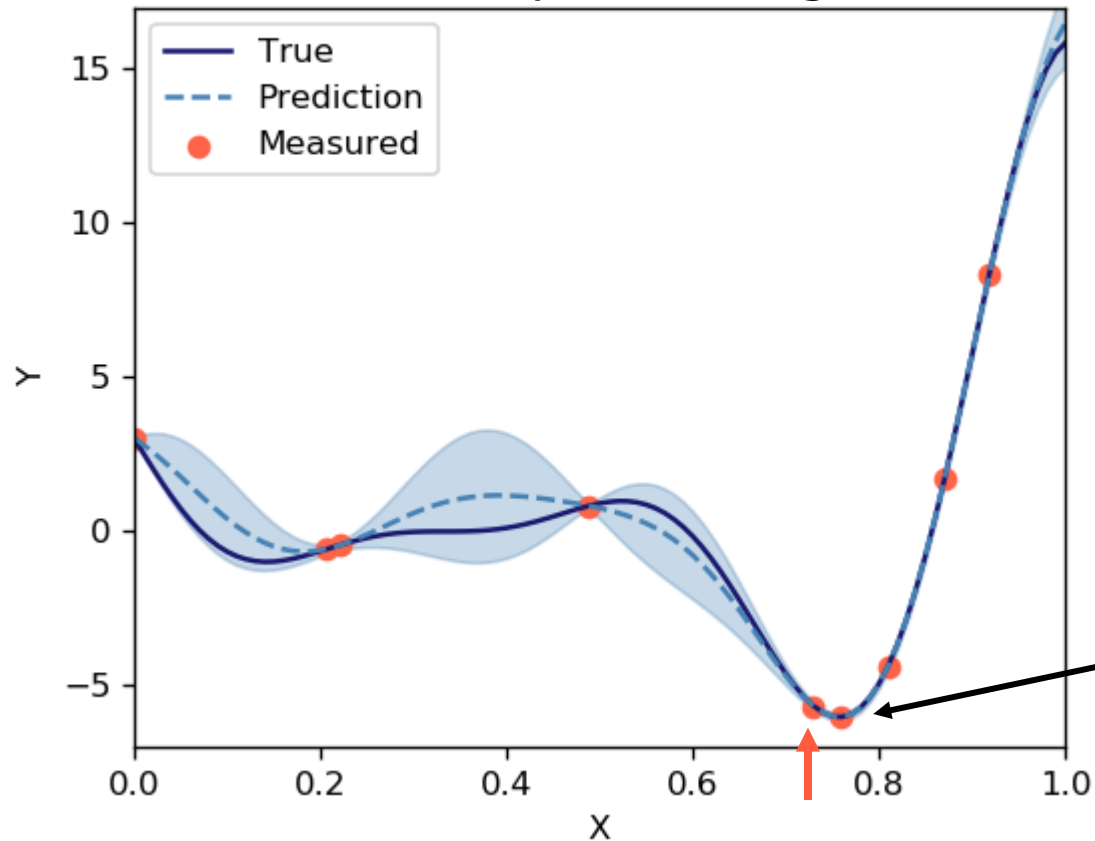
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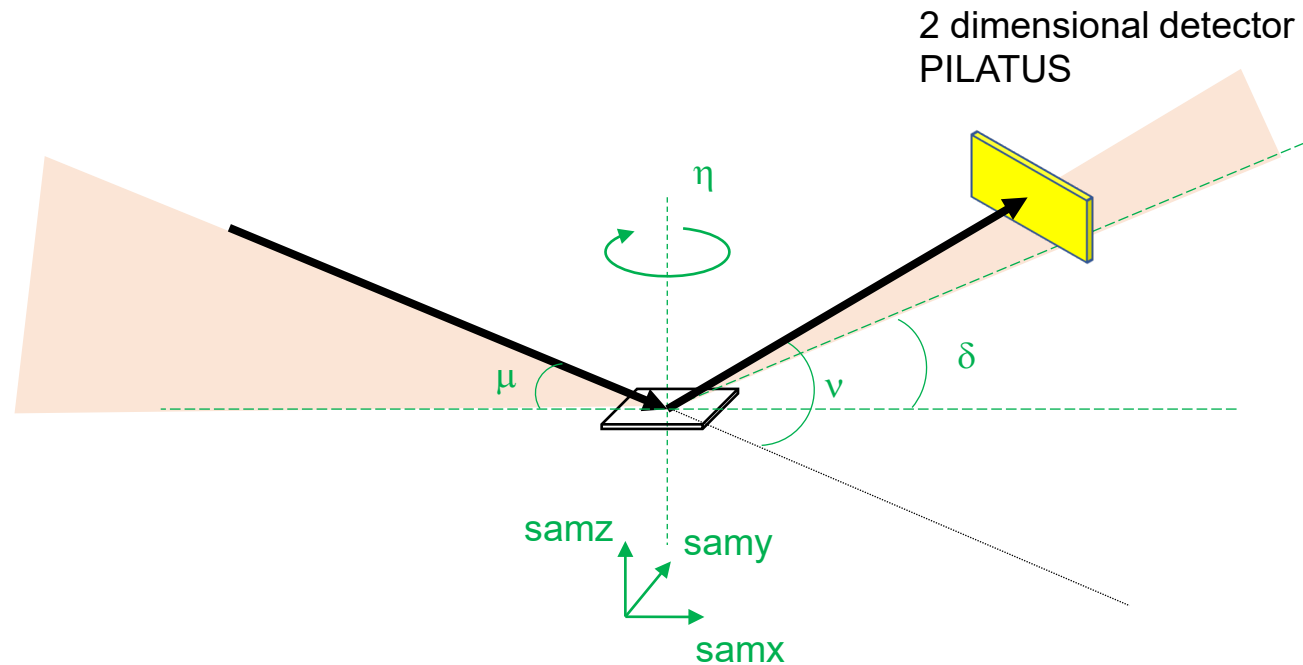
**We have found the condition that minimize  $Y$ .**

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# Application to 2D spatial mapping of micro-beam XRD

# Spatial mapping of diffraction pattern

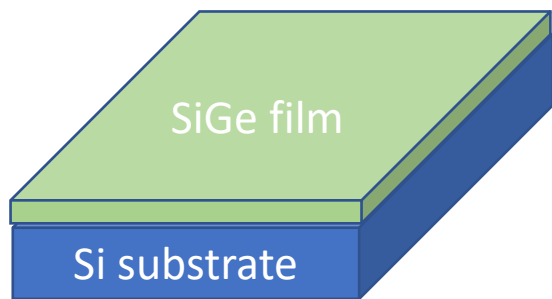
## Optical system



Spot size :  $\Phi$  1  $\mu\text{m}$

# Sample and diffraction pattern

## Sample

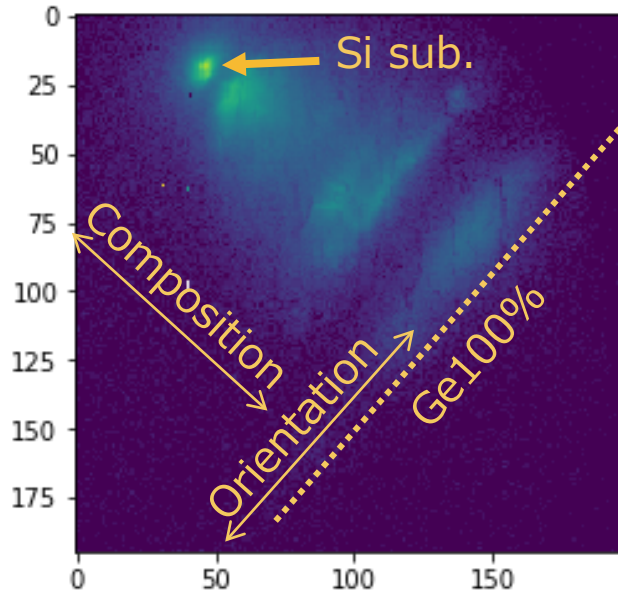


Large variation in crystal orientation and composition of  $\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x$



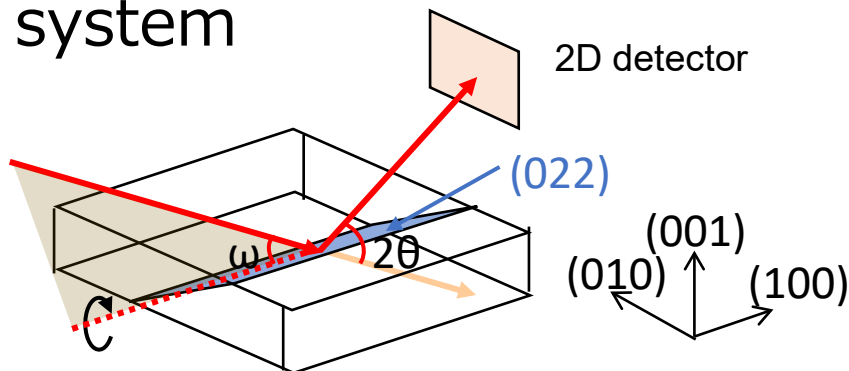
Spatial mapping

## Average diffraction pattern



**Target**  
Find the most tilted position

## Optical system



# Bayesian optimization: Find the most tilted position

## Sequential optimization

Measurement of diffraction pattern



Calculation of tilt angle

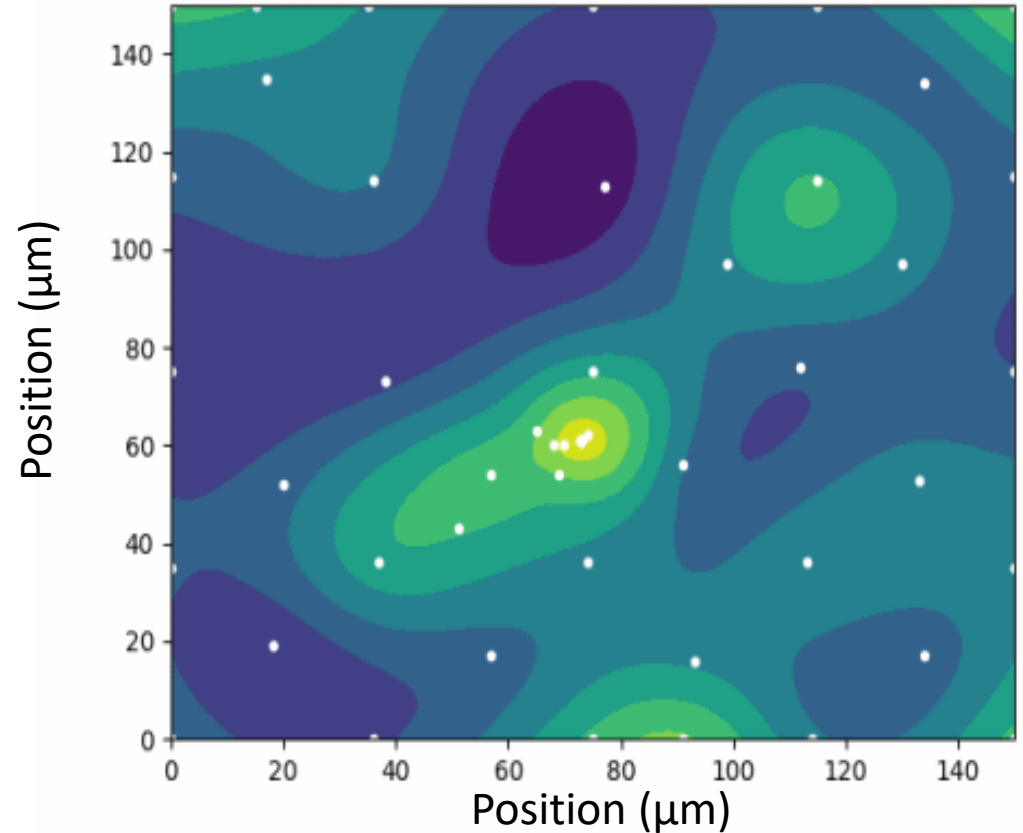


Bayesian optimization



Suggestion of next position with highest expected improvement

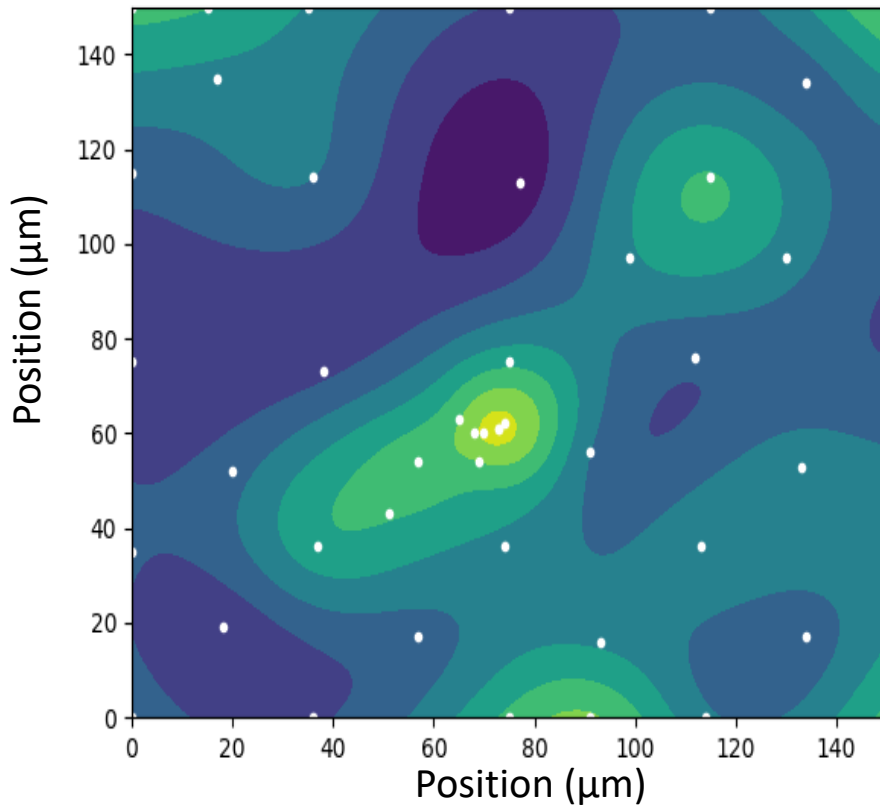
Predicted crystal orientation distribution



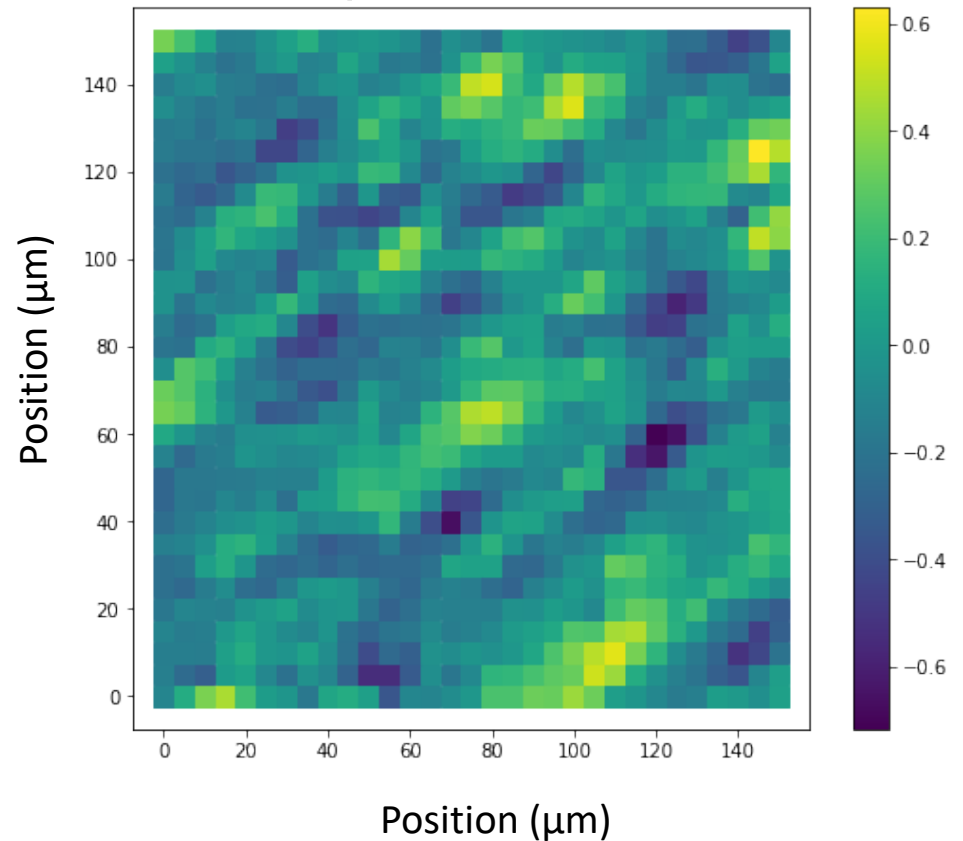
# Bayesian optimization

Search for the most tilted position

Crystal orientation distribution predicted with 48 points



Crystal orientation distribution with 961 points



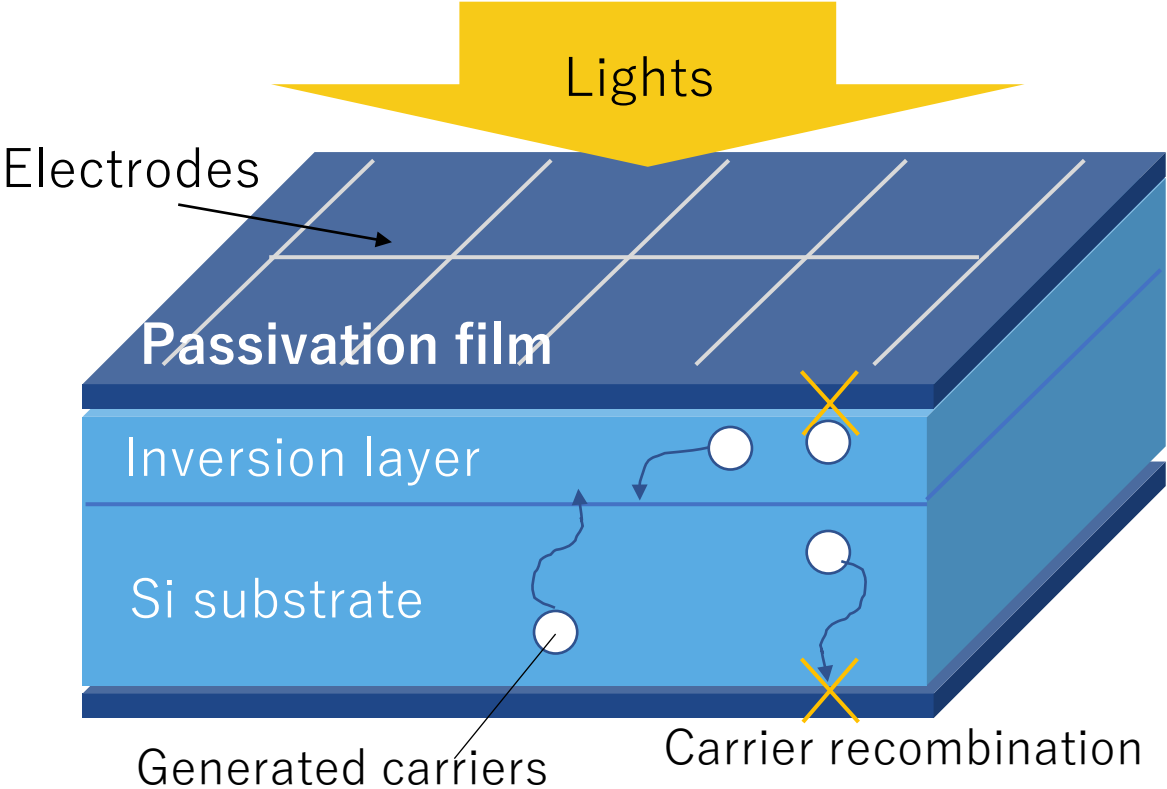
The most tilted position was obtained with small number of measurement.

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# Application to hydrogen plasma treatment

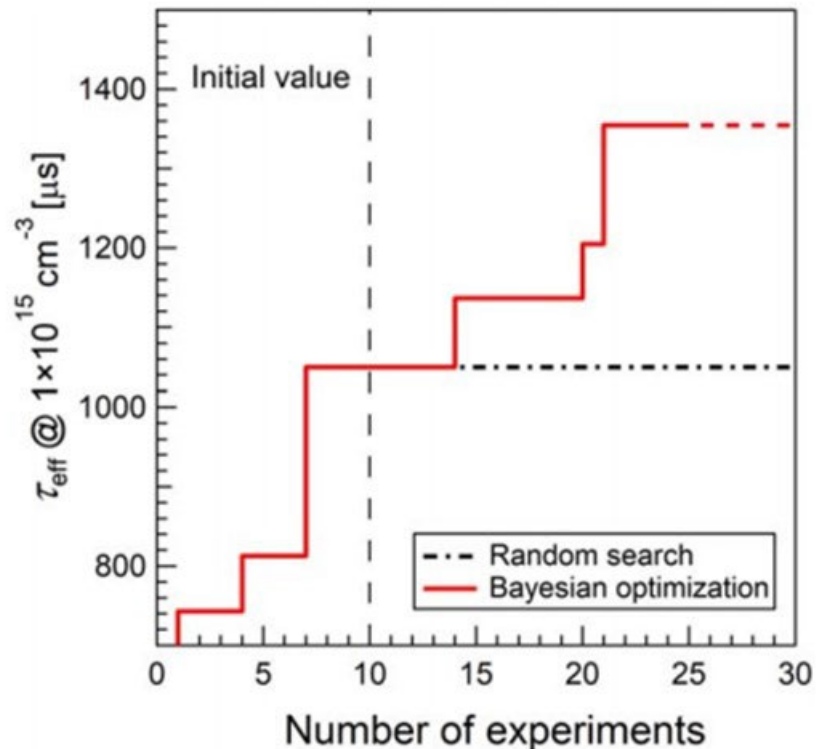
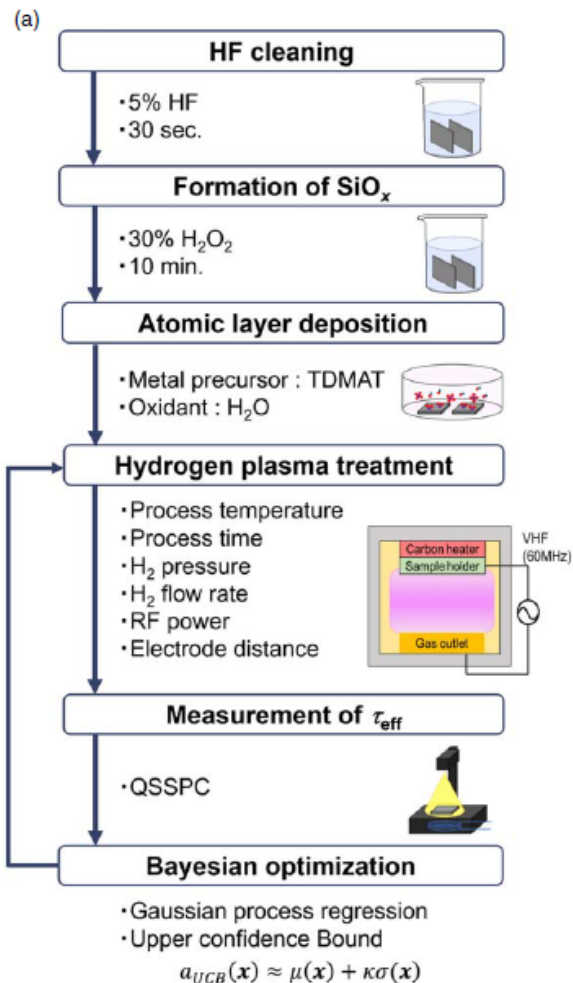


# Solar cells and Hydrogen plasma treatment



# Bayesian optimization for hydrogen plasma treatment

## Surface passivation in TiO<sub>x</sub>/SiO<sub>y</sub>/c-Si heterostructure by hydrogen plasma treatment

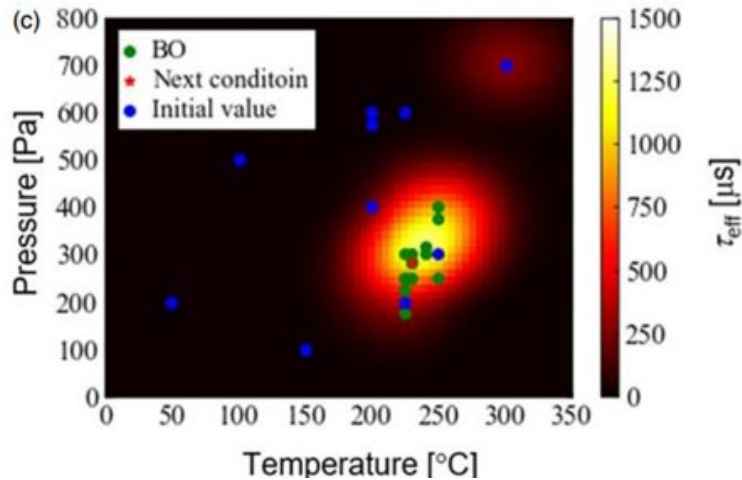
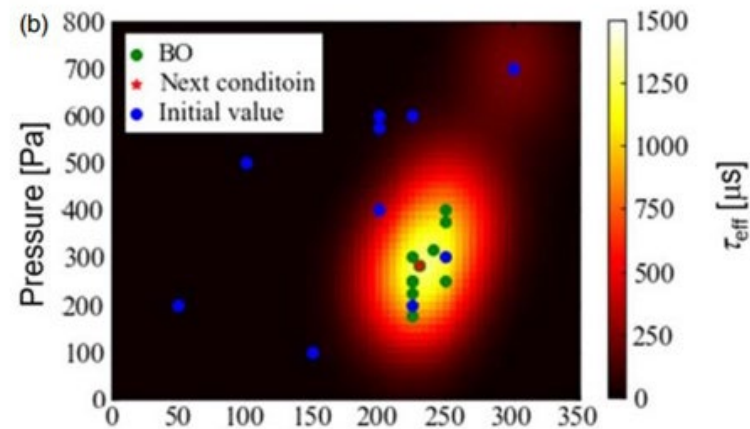
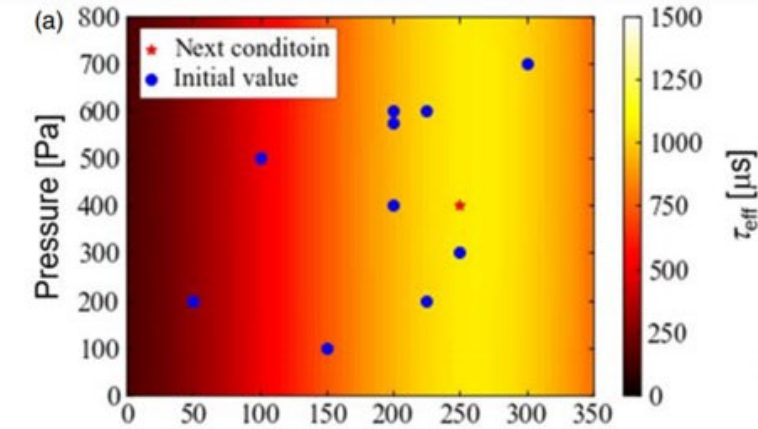


Carrier lifetime 436.3  $\mu\text{s}$   $\rightarrow$  1354.6  $\mu\text{s}$   
by 25 experiments.

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# Bayesian optimization for hydrogen plasma treatment

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Response surface of carrier lifetime after (a) 10, (b) 20, and (c) 25 cycles

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# Application to grinding process of SiC

# Optimization of grinding process

## Process parameters

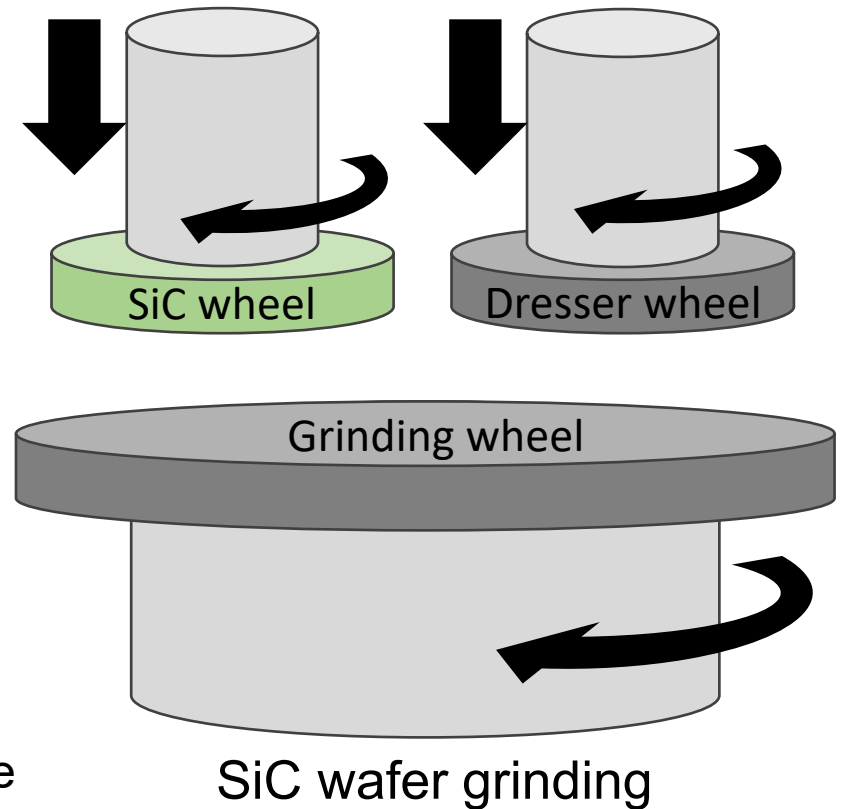
**SiC wheel · Dresser wheel :**  
Rotation rate, Moving speed

**Grinding wheel :**  
Rotation rate,  
Hardness, Roughness

## Objective parameters

Processing speed, Surface roughness

**Difficulty:** Complicated relationship between the process parameters and object parameters



**We performed Bayesian optimization on grinding process.**

# Experimental flow chart

**Initial data: 27 experiments at random condition**



**Bayesian optimization**

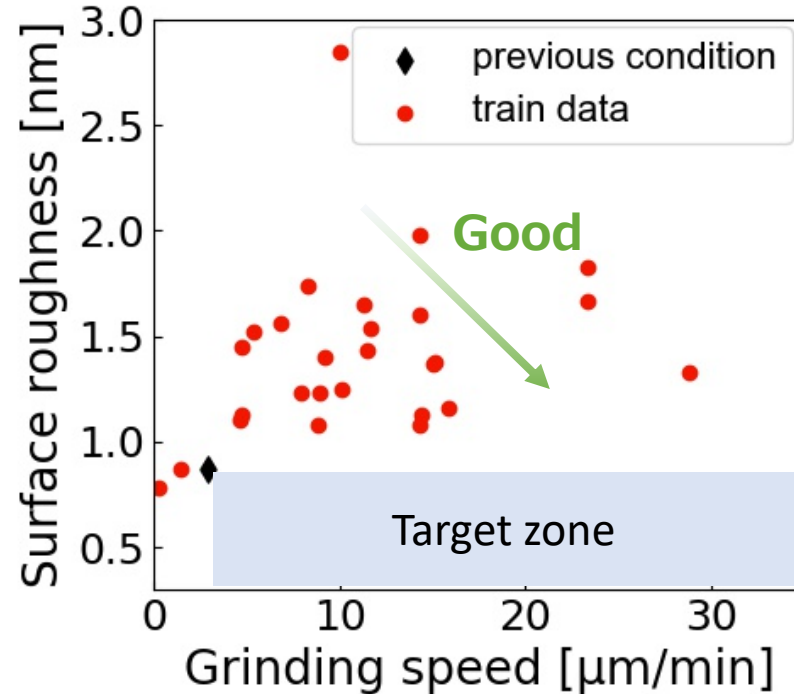


- 1. Gaussian process regression for processing speed, Surface roughness**
- 2. Calculate EI (expected improvement)**
- 3. Suggest next condition by maximize EI**
- 4. Experiments with the suggested condition**
- 5. Add new data points to the training data**

**×32**

# Bayesian optimization of grinding process

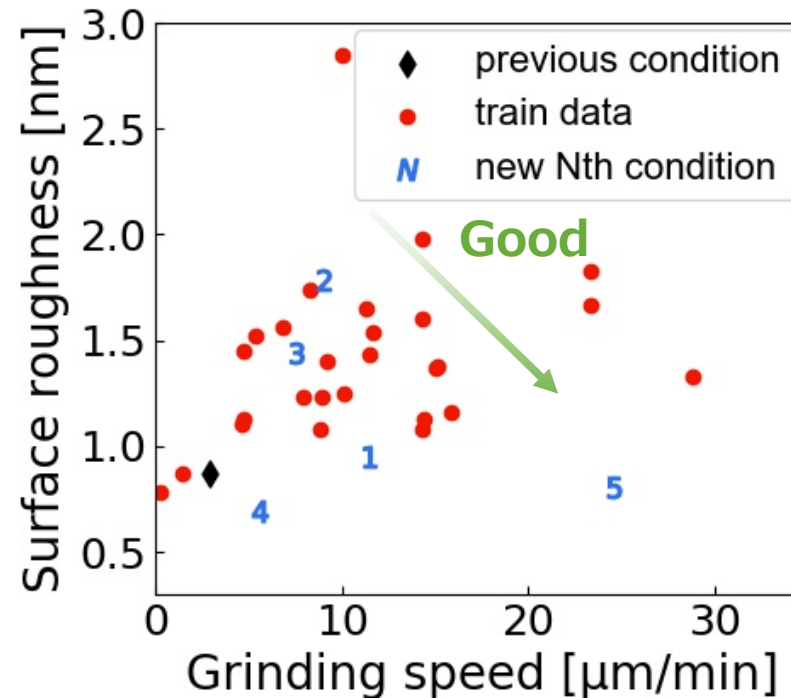
## Initial data



There are no data in the target zone in the initial data.  
→ It is difficult to find appropriate condition by random search.

# Bayesian optimization of grinding process

## Bayesian optimization

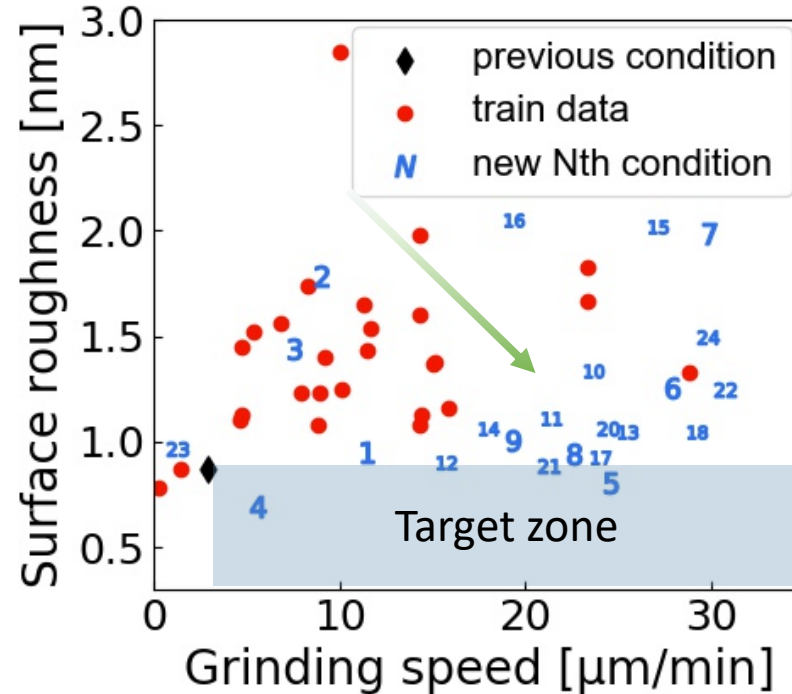


At the fifth experiment, grinding speed was significantly improved while maintaining the surface roughness.



# Bayesian optimization of grinding process

## Bayesian optimization



Also in the following experiments, appropriate conditions were obtained.

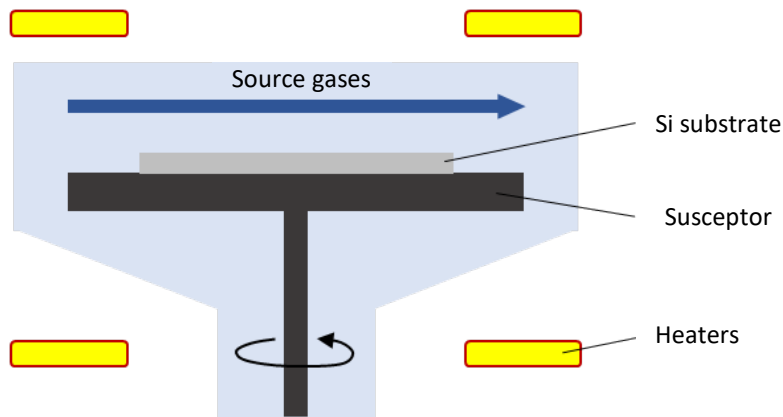
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# Application to epitaxial growth of Si

# Bayesian optimization for epitaxial growth of Si

Maximize the **growth rate** while maintaining the **5 quality parameters**

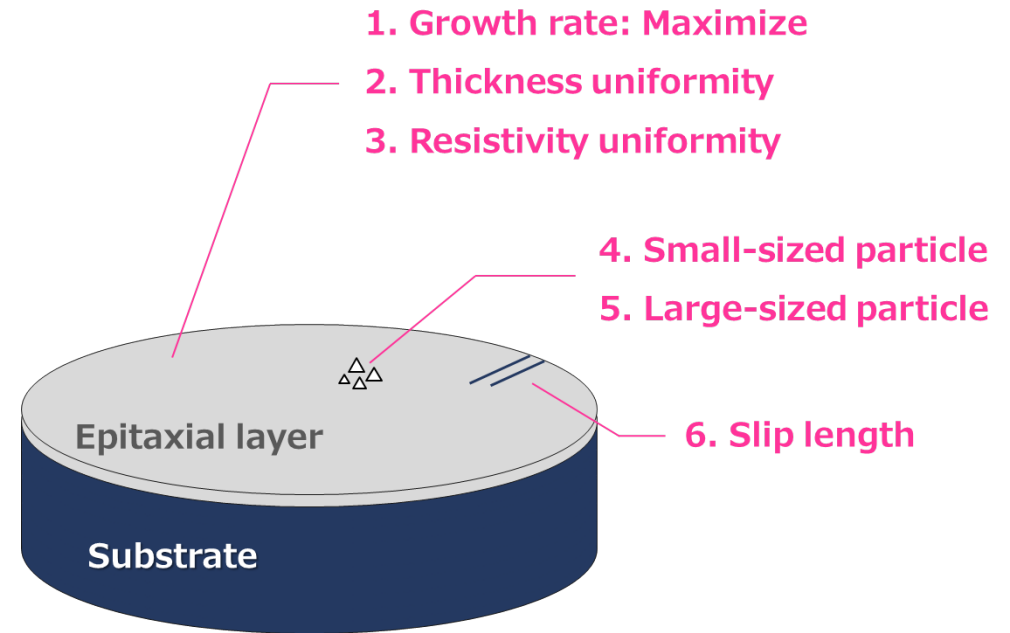
## Epitaxial growth of Si (CVD method)



### Process parameters (X: 12 parameters)

- ★ Temperatures (Substrate, Heaters, etc.)
- ★ Gases (Flux of source gases, etc.)
- ★ Configurations (Position, Rotation, etc.)

## Growth rate and quality parameters



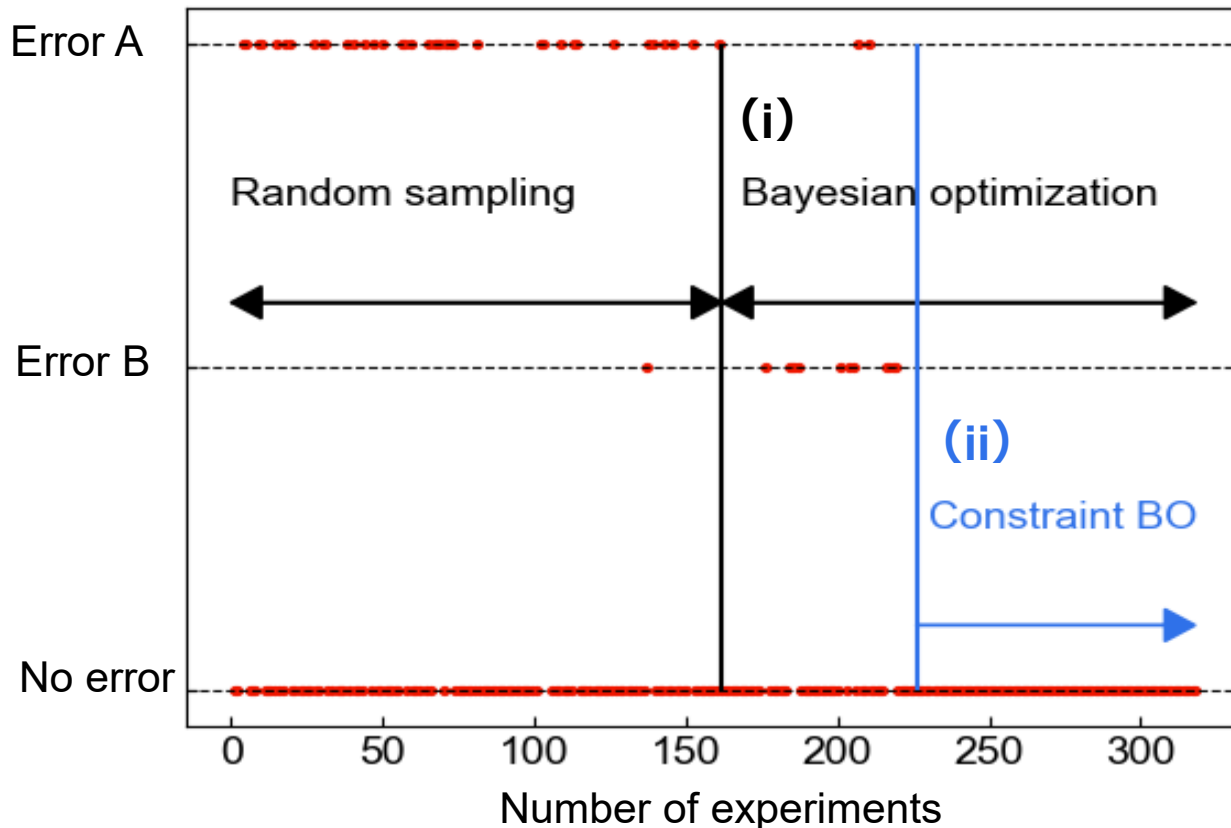
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# Bayesian optimization for epitaxial growth of Si

BO → Explore new experimental conditions → Unexpected error

(i) **Error A** : Limit the x parameter range.

(ii) **Error B** : Make a prediction model for the parameter related to error B and use it as a constraint.



**Suppression of errors by constraint BO**

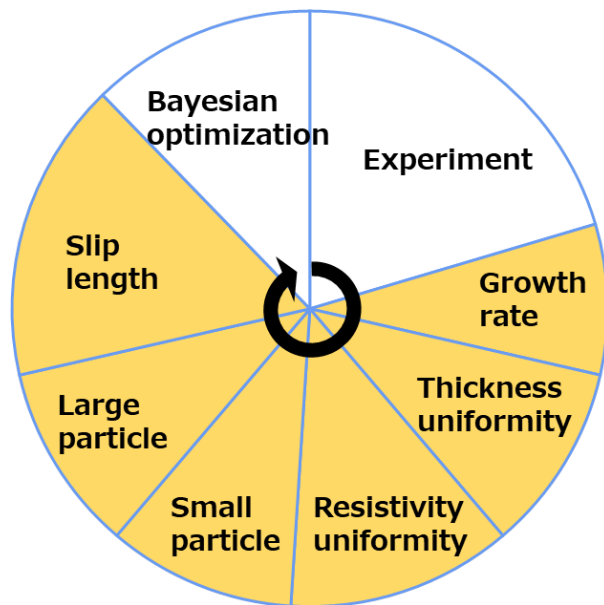
# Bayesian optimization for epitaxial growth of Si

General BO: Number of experiments is limited.

This study: The time period for the optimization is limited.

→ Increase the number of data is effective.

Process times in 1 BO cycle



Characterizations

Objective function	Evaluation cost	Importance
1. Growth rate	Low	High
2. Thickness uniformity	Low	High
3. Resistivity uniformity	High	Low
4. Small particle	Low	Low
5. Large particle	Low	Low
6. Slip length	High	High

★Procedure 1: Consider only **2 parameters** (growth rate and thickness uniformity)

★Procedure 2: Consider **all the parameters**

# Bayesian optimization for epitaxial growth of Si

## Acquisition functions

**Procedure1:** Single Quality Constraint Bayesian Optimization (SQCBO)

$$x^* = \underset{x}{\operatorname{argmax}} E_f[\max\{f(x) - f^*, 0\}] \times E_g[\max\{g_{\text{threshold}} - g(x), 0\}]$$

**Procedure2:** Multi Quality Constraint Bayesian Optimization (MQCBO)

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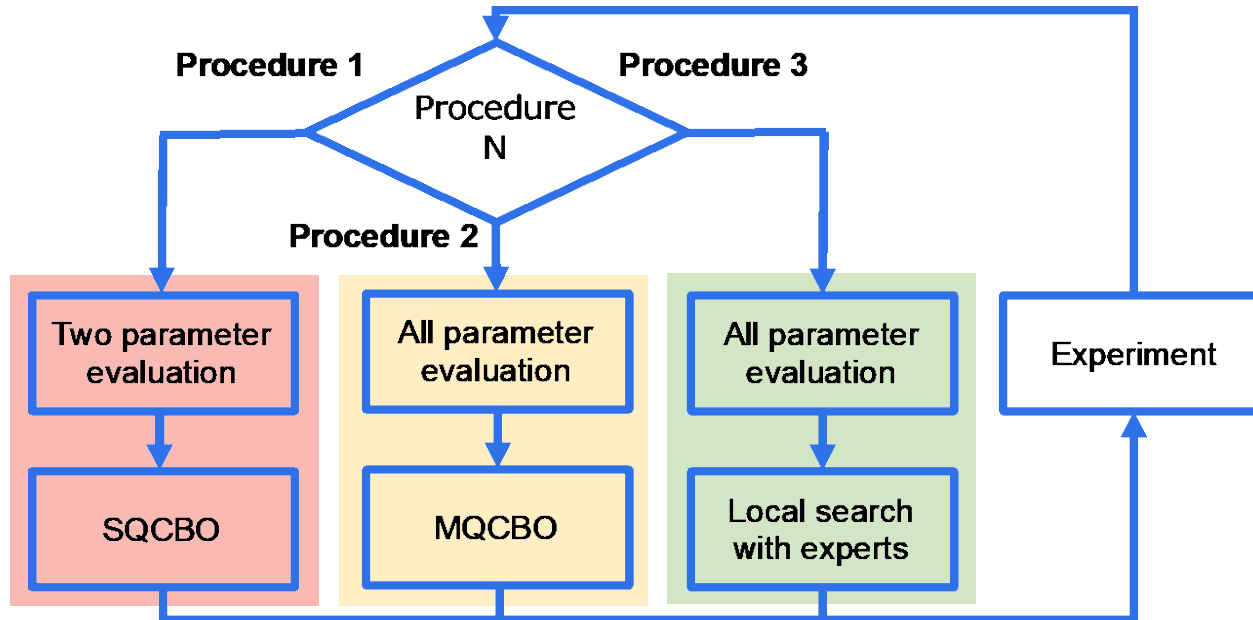
s.t.  $E_{\text{threshold}} - E_g[\max\{g_{\text{threshold}} - g(x), 0\}] \leq 0$

$E[\cdot]$  : Expected value calculation operator  
 $f^*$  : Maximum value of growth rate in the measured data

$g_{\text{threshold}}$  : Threshold for quality parameters

$E_{\text{threshold}}$  : Threshold fo EI

# Bayesian optimization for epitaxial growth of Si



Flowchart of the adaptive constraint BO

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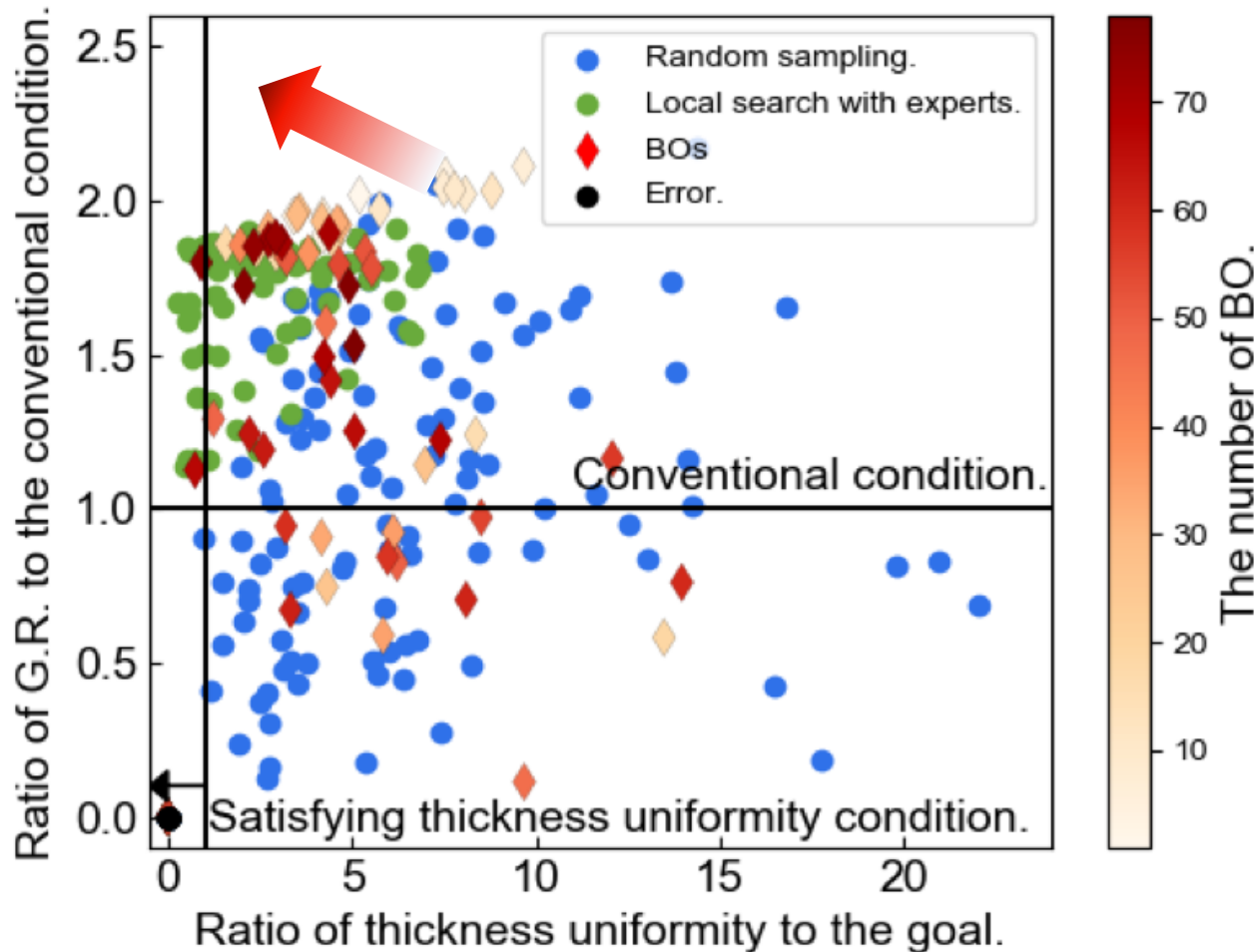
Procedure 1 : SQCBO: Single Quality Constraint Bayesian Optimization

Procedure 2 : MQCBO: Multi Quality Constraint Bayesian Optimization

Procedure 3 : **Local search with experts.**

# Bayesian optimization for epitaxial growth of Si

## Growth rate v.s. Thickness uniformity



**1.8 times higher** growth rate was achieved while maintaining the quality parameters within the requirements.

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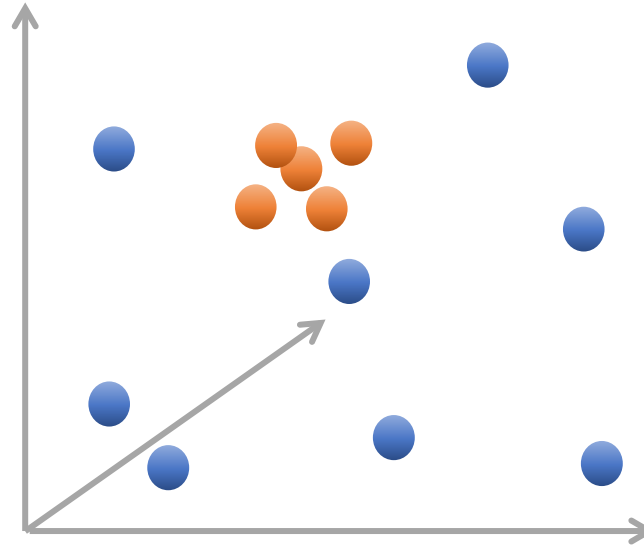
Using Bayesian optimization,

- ✓ **The most tilted position** in XRD measurement of SiGe film.
- ✓ **High passivation performance** in TiO<sub>x</sub>/SiO<sub>y</sub>/c-Si heterostructure by hydrogen plasma treatment
- ✓ **Significantly improved condition** in grinding of SiC wafer
- ✓ **1.8 times higher growth rate** in epitaxial growth of Si was obtained with a small number of experiments.

# Summary

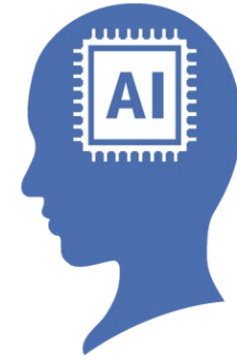
## Scientists, Engineers

- ✓ Low dimensional space
- ✓ Domain knowledge
- ✓ Local optimization



## Machine learning (Bayesian opt.)

- ✓ High dimensional space
- ✓ Global optimization



Collaboration between scientists and machine learning  
➔ Further development in the science and technology.

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# Tutorial

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Please learn about

- × How to write python codes
- How incorporate your **scientific domain knowledge** into the machine learning model and optimization flow

# White box optimization

We can incorporate our scientific domain knowledge.



Black box  
optimization

White box  
optimization

Automatic optimization libraries  
(Gpyopt, Optuna, etc.)

Automatic optimization

Further reduction of the number of experiments

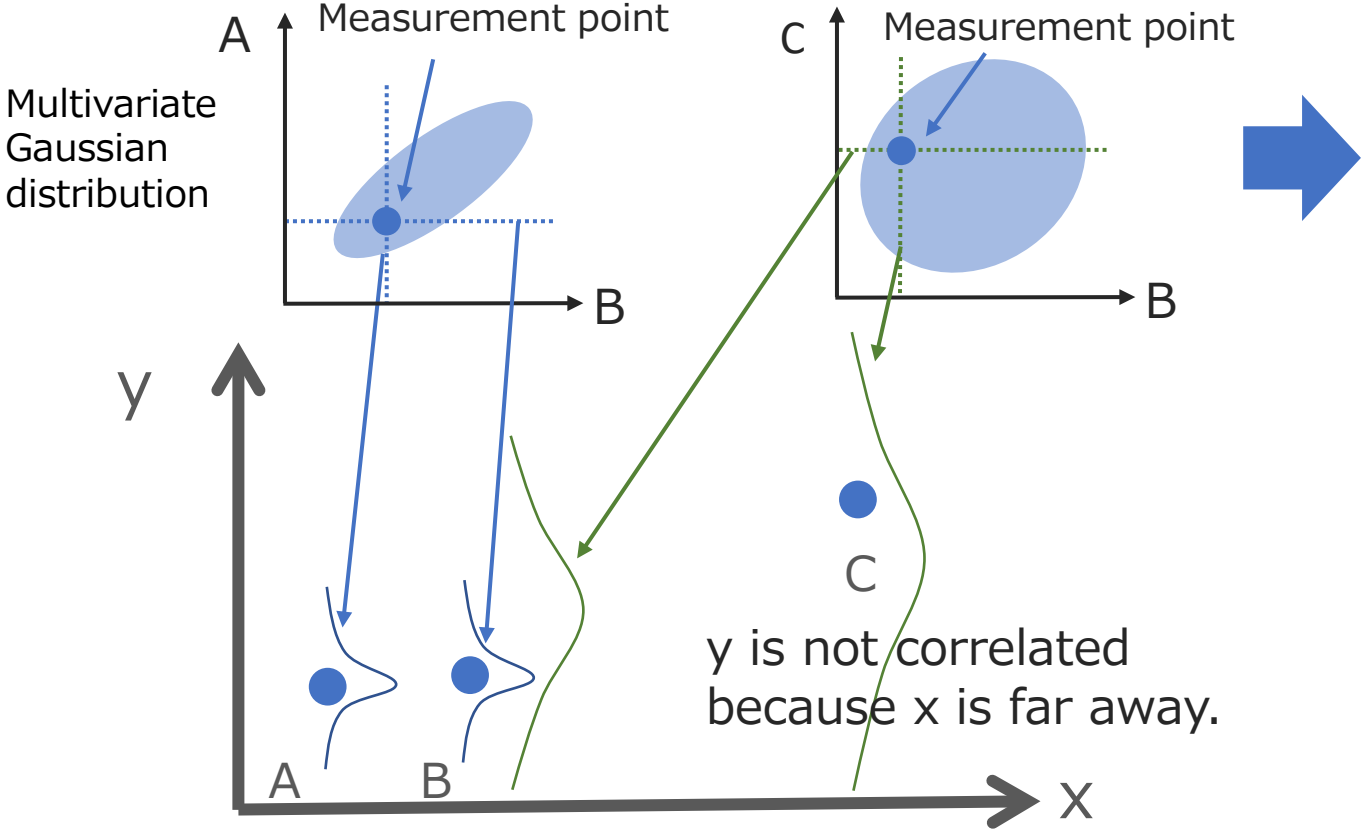
We can understand the reason why BO  
suggested this next condition.

We can overcome some BO trouble.

# Gaussian process regression (GPR)

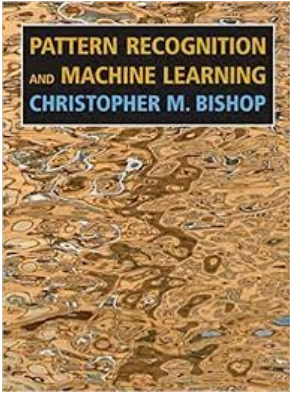
Basic idea: if  $x$  is similar,  $y$  should be similar.

→ Gaussian process: consider the data points to be slices of an infinite-dimensional multivariate Gaussian distribution.



Do this operation between all observation points including  $x$  you want to estimate → Gaussian process regression

Please refer to this textbook for details.



# Gaussian process regression (GPR)

Kernel function: a function that gives the degree of similarity (covariance) of data

Gaussian kernel (RBF kernel)

$$k(x, x') = \theta_1 \exp\left(-\frac{|x - x'|^2}{\theta_2}\right)$$

Hyper parameters

**Constant term**  
(Effects similar to amplitude)

**Length scale**  
(Effects similar to wave length)



Gaussian process regression adjusts these hyperparameters like weights in other regressions to get a regression result that fits the data.



# Acquisition function

Acquisition function: index for determining the next experimental condition

PI : Probability of improvement  $\alpha_{\text{PI}}(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{D}_n) := \mathbb{P}[v > \tau] = \Phi\left(\frac{\mu_n(\mathbf{x}) - \tau}{\sigma_n(\mathbf{x})}\right)$

EI : Expected improvement  $\alpha_{\text{EI}}(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{D}_n) := \mathbb{E}[I(\mathbf{x}, v, \theta)]$

$$= (\mu_n(\mathbf{x}) - \tau)\Phi\left(\frac{\mu_n(\mathbf{x}) - \tau}{\sigma_n(\mathbf{x})}\right) + \sigma_n(\mathbf{x})\phi\left(\frac{\mu_n(\mathbf{x}) - \tau}{\sigma_n(\mathbf{x})}\right),$$

UCB : Upper Confidence Bound  $\alpha_{\text{UCB}}(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{D}_n) := \mu_n(\mathbf{x}) + \beta_n\sigma_n(\mathbf{x})$

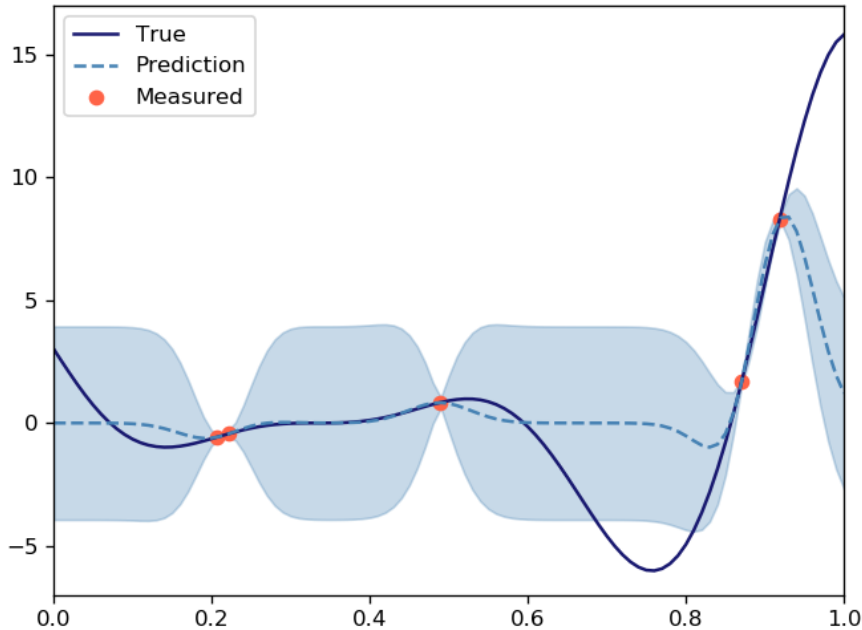
In the tutorial, we use lower confidence bound (LCB).

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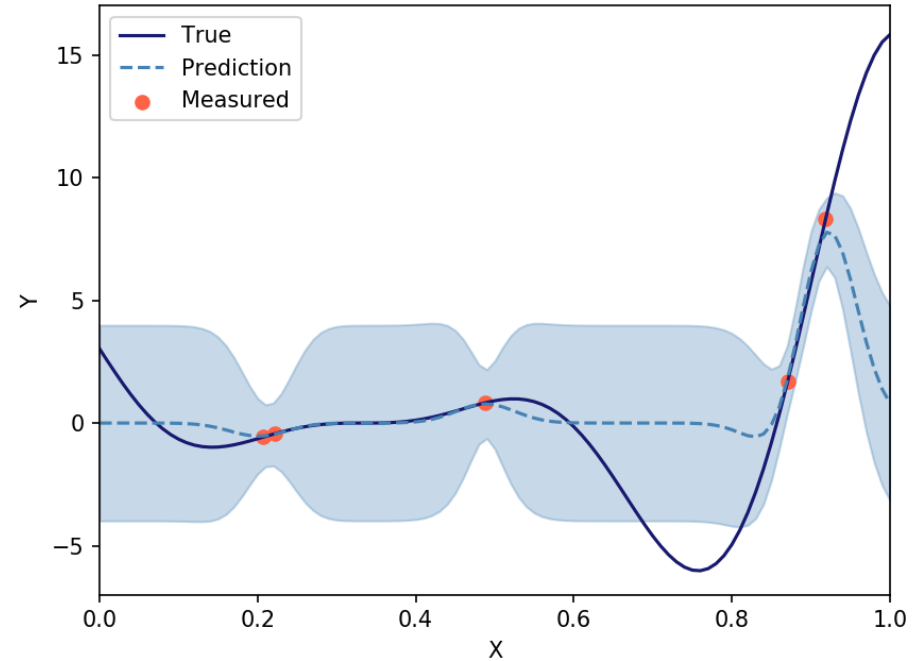
# GPR : Influence of hyperparameter range

White noise range

WhiteKernel range:  $1E-2 \sim 1E2$



WhiteKernel range: Set to 1

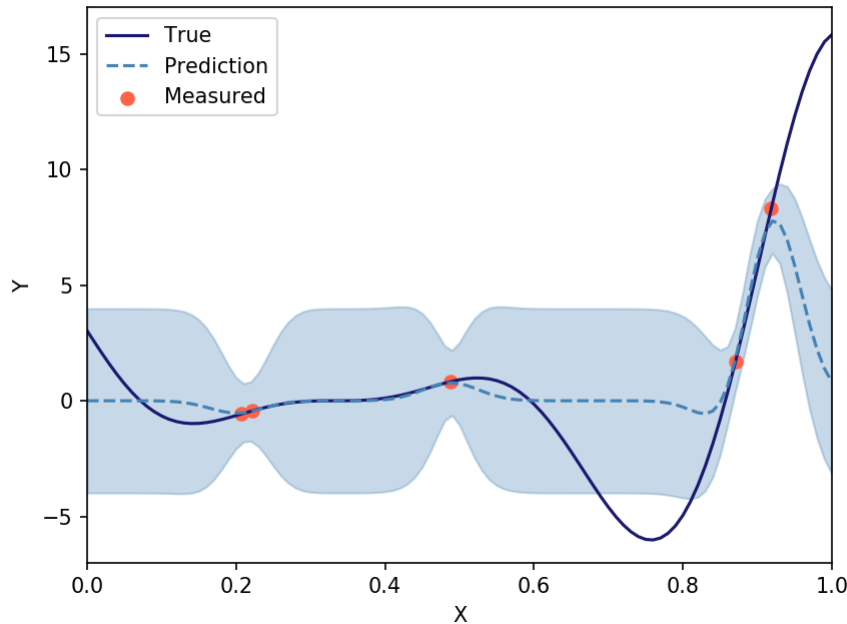


Noise level constraints experimentally obtained or based on expert knowledge lead to more reasonable regression.

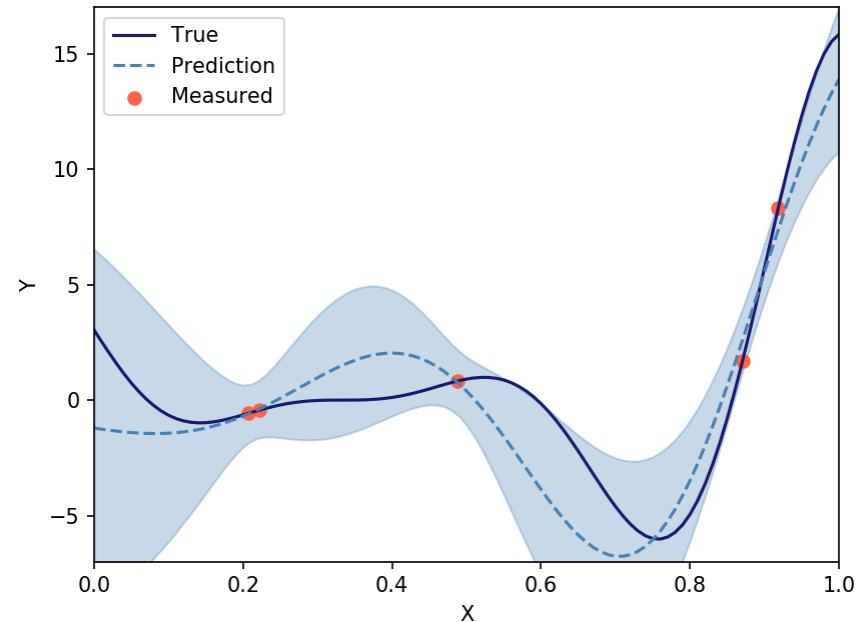
# GPR : Influence of hyperparameter range

## Length scale range

RBF range :  $1E-2 \sim 1E2$



RBF range :  $2E-1 \sim 1E2$



Length scale constraints based on expert knowledge lead to more reasonable regression.

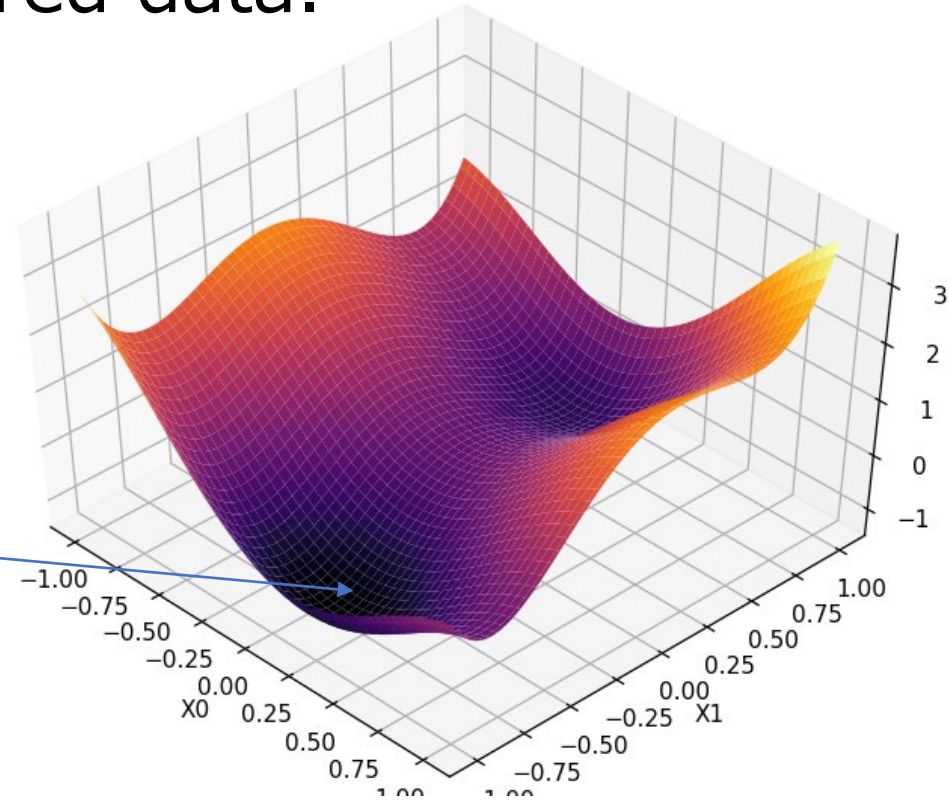
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# 2D Gaussian process regression

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Find the combination of  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  that gives the minimum  $y$  using the measured data.

Find this position



Benchmark function

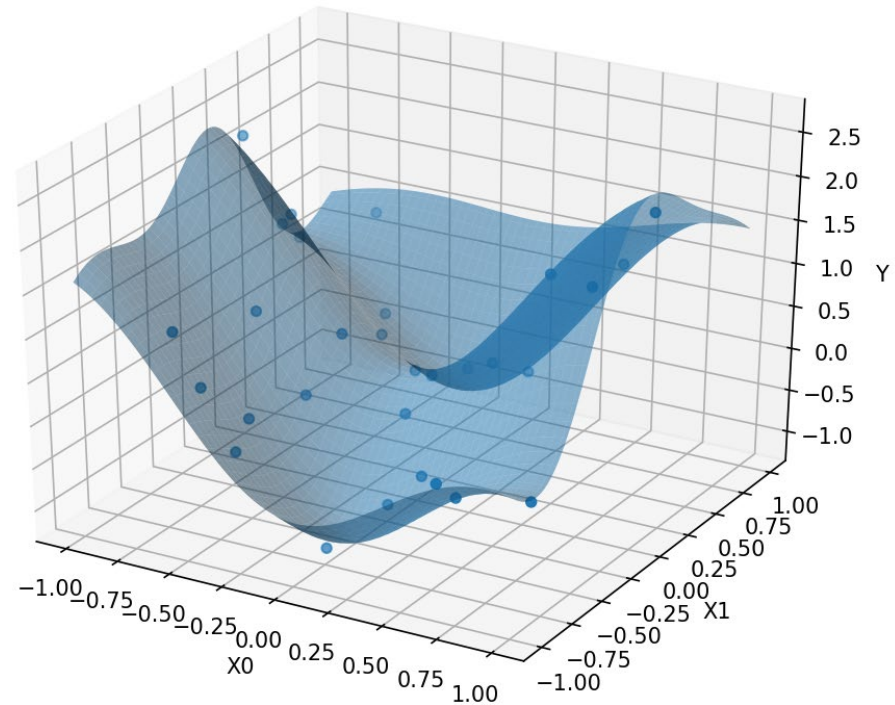
# 2D Gaussian process regression

## High expression ability

Regression of complex surfaces with high nonlinearity

## Important points

1. Does not regress well on high dimensional inputs.
2. The number of computations increases with the cube of the number of data.



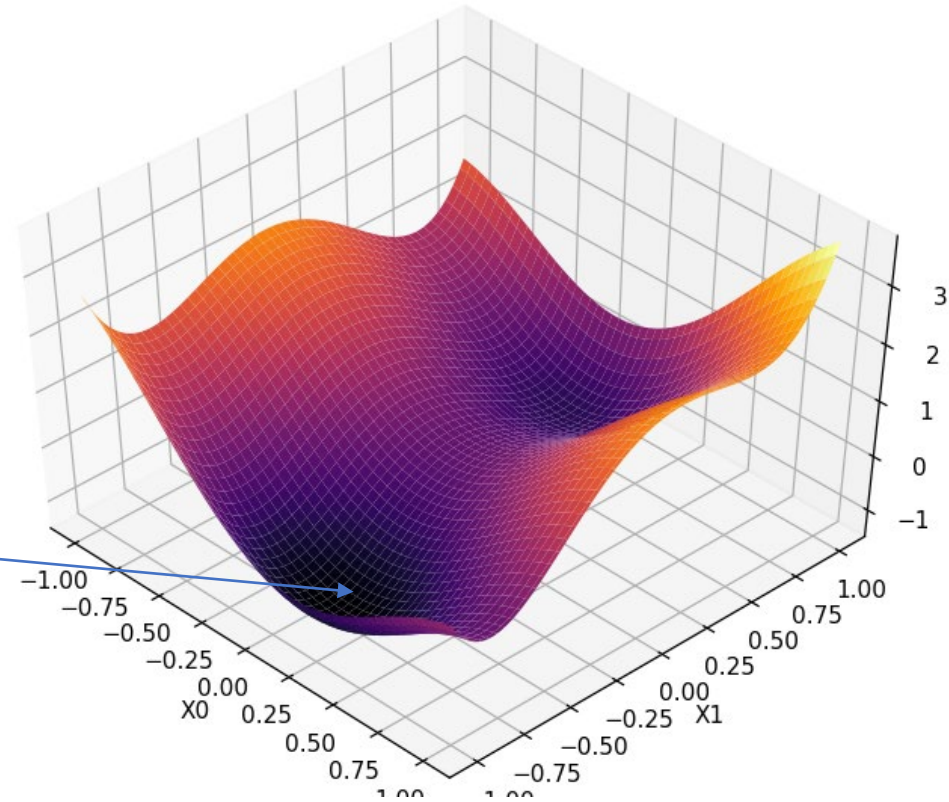
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# 2D Bayesian optimization

# 2D Bayesian optimization

Find the combination of  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  that gives the minimum  $y$  using sequential optimization starting from 5 data.

Find this position

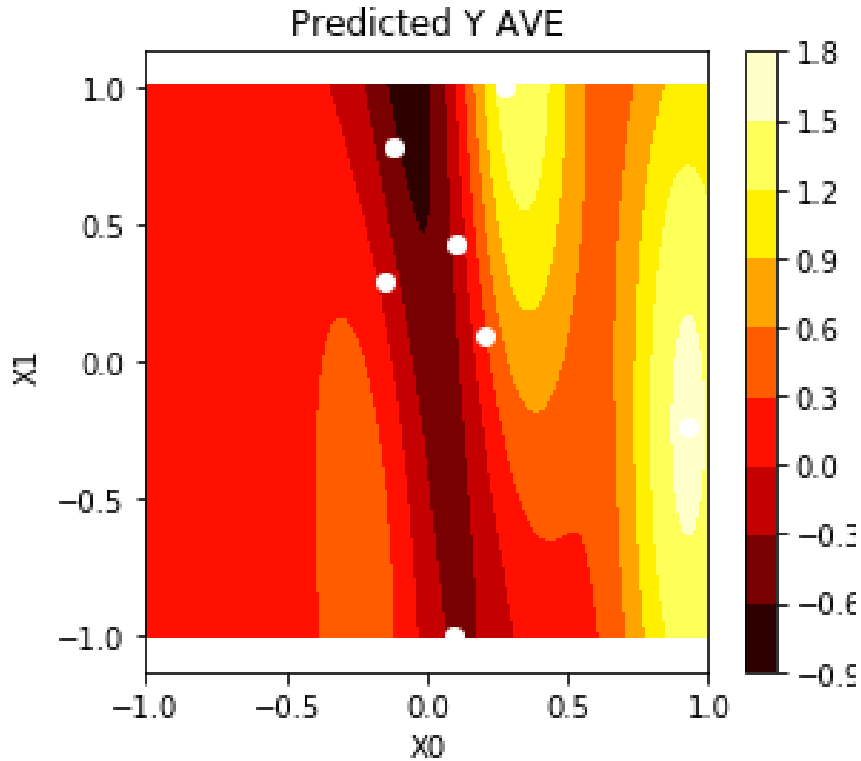


Benchmark function

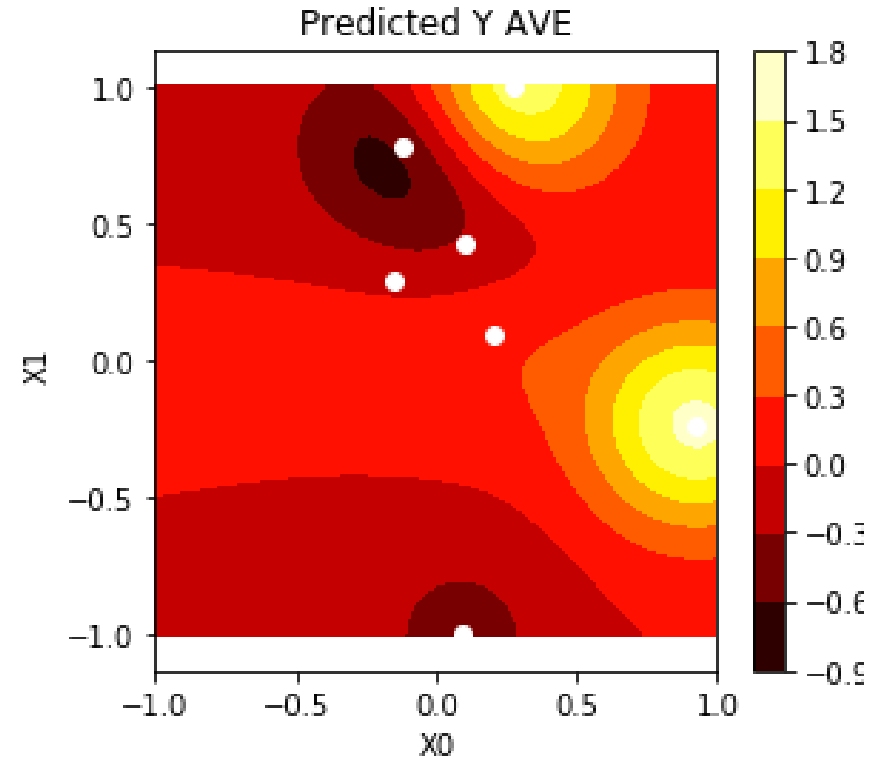


# GPR : Influence of anisotropy

With spatial anisotropy



Without spatial anisotropy



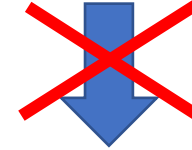
Whether  $X_0$  and  $X_1$  share the RBF length scale or not

# Important points: Parameter settings

**Scientific knowledge**



Ideal result you want



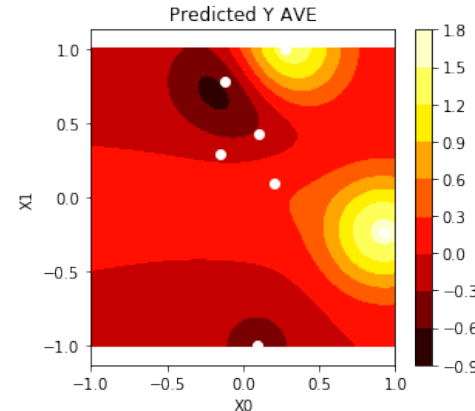
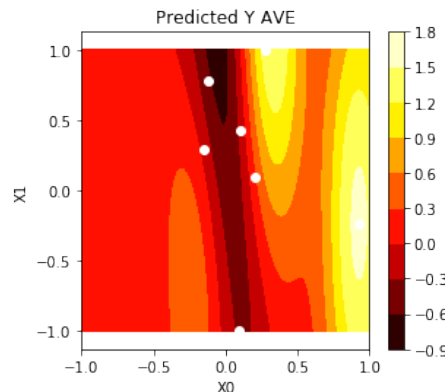
Lead to forgery

**Hyperhyperparameters:**

Length scale range, Noise level range, Anisotropy, etc.

**Hyperparameters:**

$\kappa$  in UCB, normalization of  $x$  and  $y$ , etc.

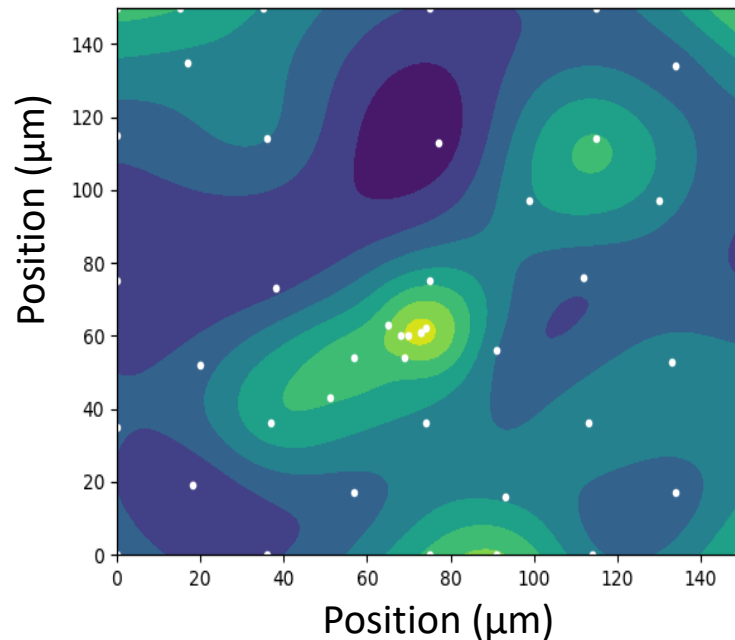


# Important points: Global prediction

Bayesian optimization is an optimization method and **NOT** global prediction method.

We cannot use GPR model obtained through BO for global prediction.

Crystal orientation distribution predicted with 48 points



Crystal orientation distribution with 961 points

