A comparison of surrogate modeling techniques for global sensitivity analysis in hybrid simulation

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Abstract

Hybrid simulation is a method used to investigate the dynamic response of a system subjected to a realistic loading scenario. The system under consideration is divided into multiple individual loading-rate-sensitive substructures, out of which one or more are tested physically, whereas the remaining are simulated numerically. The coupling of all substructures forms the so-called hybrid model. Although hybrid simulation has been extensively used across various engineering disciplines, it is often the case that the hybrid model and related excitation is conceived as deterministic. However, associated uncertainties are present whilst simulation deviation due to their presence could be significant. To this regard, global sensitivity analysis based on Sobol' indices can be used to determine the sensitivity of the hybrid model response due to the presence of the associated uncertainties. Nonetheless, estimation of the Sobol' sensitivity indices requires unaffordable amount of hybrid simulation evaluations. Therefore, surrogate modeling techniques are used to alleviate this burden. In this paper, three different surrogate modeling methods are examined, namely polynomial chaos expansion, Kriging and polynomial chaos Kriging. A case study encompassing a virtual hybrid model is employed and hybrid model response quantities of interest are selected. Their respective surrogates are developed using all three aforementioned techniques. The Sobol' indices obtained utilizing each examined surrogate are compared with each other and results highlight potential deviations.

Keywords: real-time hybrid simulation, surrogate modeling, polynomial chaos expansion, Kriging, polynomial chaos Kriging, global sensitivity analysis, Sobol' indices, uncertainty quantification.

1 Introduction

- ² Hybrid simulation (HS), also known as Hardware-in-the-Loop (HiL) or model-based
³ system testing, is a method used to investigate the dynamic response of a system

subjected to a realistic loading scenario. The system under consideration is divided into multiple individual loading-rate-sensitive substructures, out of which one or more are tested physically, and thus correspond to the physical substructures (PS), whereas the remaining substructures are simulated numerically, namely the numerical substructures (NS). The coupling of PS and NS forms the so-called hybrid model. The response of the latter is obtained from a step-by-step numerical solution of the equations governing the motion of the underlying hybrid model, combined with measurements acquired from the PS. Therefore, the calculation of the next HS time step is computed online. An arrangement of transfer systems, e.g. servo-controlled motors or actuators, is used to deliver the motion between NS and PS. The employed transfer system accounts for the substructure coupling and hence for synchronizing their dynamic boundary conditions in every time step of the HS. From the coupling of substructures, several challenges arise, e.g. time delays due to inherent transfer system dynamics or due to computational power needed to compute the NS response. Advance control techniques [1, 2] and model order reduction methods [3, 4] have been used to tackle such issues. Albeit the challenges, the HS approach is beneficial since it can be used to experimentally study the inner workings of specific substructures over their linear regime and hence acquire realistic results but without constructing the entire considered system nor risking damaging it. A detailed overview of HS can be found in the report by Schellenberg and Mahin [5].

HS has been widely used across different engineering disciplines [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]. However, it is often the case that the hybrid model and related excitation are conceived as deterministic. Nonetheless, this assumption does not reflect to real-world structures and systems as loading is stochastic whereas hybrid model parameters may be highly uncertain. A thorough investigation of all possible parameter and excitation variations is not feasible considering the cost related to an individual HS evaluation. Still, uncertainties are present whilst simulation deviation due to their presence could be significant.

In this regard, surrogate modeling has been proposed to perform global sensitivity analysis (GSA) of a quantity of interest (QoI) hybrid model response with respect to a set of input parameters originating from both substructures and excitation [11, 12]. GSA aims to quantitatively determine the degree each input parameter affects the selected QoI of the hybrid model response. Sobol' indices is a popular methodology to perform variance-based GSA, in which the variance of the response QoI is decomposed as a sum of contributions related to each input variable or combination with each other [13]. Monte Carlo simulations can be used to estimate the Sobol' indices. Nonetheless, for each index estimation, $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$ model evaluations would be required [11]. To alleviate this burden, surrogate models of the QoI response can be developed. Surrogates (a.k.a. metamodels) are used to substitute an expensive-to-compute model with an inexpensive-to-compute surrogate. Therefore, Monte Carlo simulations using the developed surrogates can be performed at affordable cost and Sobol' indices estimation becomes easier to compute. Especially, for the case that a polynomial chaos expansion (PCE) has been constructed, then the Sobol' indices can be computed analytically at no additional cost [14, 15].

In this study, three different surrogate modeling methods, namely PCE, Kriging and polynomial chaos Kriging (PCK), are used to perform GSA via Sobol' indices in HS.

50 A case study encompassing a virtual hybrid model is employed and specific QoI of the
 51 hybrid model response are selected. Surrogates for the selected QoI are constructed
 52 and their performance is evaluated. Sobol' indices are computed using each developed
 53 surrogate and comparison with each other is made to highlight potential deviations.
 54 Results demonstrate the effectiveness of each examined surrogate modeling method.

55 This paper is organized as follows. Sections 2 and 3 present the background of
 56 the examined surrogate modeling methods as well as the GSA with Sobol' indices.
 57 Section 4 presents the case study with the virtual hybrid model and Section 5 discusses
 58 the respective results. Finally, Section 6 presents the overall conclusions of this study.

59 2 Surrogate modeling methods

60 Considering an input vector $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ and a computational model $\mathbf{Y} =$
 61 $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$ with $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, machine-learning data-driven regression algorithms formu-
 62 late a map $\mathcal{M}^s : \mathbf{X} \mapsto \mathbf{Y}$ based on an obtained sample set of input points $\mathbf{X} =$
 63 $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}^T$ and of the respective output values, i.e. model evaluations or ex-
 64 perimental measurements, $\mathbf{Y} = \{\mathbf{y}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(N)}\}^T$. The set of $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}$ realizations
 65 corresponds to the so-called experimental design (ED).

66 2.1 Polynomial chaos expansion

67 PCE is a well-known uncertainty quantification spectral method used to substitute the
 68 dynamics of an expensive-to-compute numerical model with an inexpensive-to-compute
 69 surrogate (a.k.a. metamodel), representing the outputs of the model by a polynomial
 70 function of its inputs [16, 17]. It is proven to be a powerful surrogate technique used in
 71 a wide variety of engineering contexts, to replicate the dynamic response of complex
 72 high-dimensional models [11, 18, 19].

73 In more detail, given a random input vector $\mathbf{X}$ with independent components
 74 expressed by the joint PDF $f_{\mathbf{X}}$ and a finite variance computational model $\mathbf{Y} = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$,
 75 such that $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}^2] = \int_{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbf{X}}} \mathcal{M}^2(\mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} < \infty$, the PCE of $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$ follows:

$$Y = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}) \approx \mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^N} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}). \quad (1)$$

76 The PCE function is built on the $\Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$ multivariate orthonormal polynomial basis
 77 with respect to the input vector $f_{\mathbf{X}}$. The degree of the Ψ_{α} polynomials components
 78 is identified by the $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^N$ multi-index for each of the input
 79 variables, while y_{α} corresponds to the polynomial coefficients.

80 2.1.1 Polynomial basis

81 The multivariate polynomials are constructed as a tensor product of their univariate
 82 orthonormal polynomials $\phi_k^{(i)}(x^{(i)})$, such that:

$$\Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \phi_{\alpha_i}^{(i)}(x^{(i)}). \quad (2)$$

83 The latter meets the orthonormality criteria:

$$\left\langle \phi_j^{(i)}(x^{(i)}), \phi_k^{(i)}(x^{(i)}) \right\rangle = \int_{\mathcal{D}_{X_i}} \phi_j^{(i)}(x^{(i)}) \phi_k^{(i)}(x^{(i)}) f_{X_i}(x^{(i)}) dx_i = \delta_{jk}, \quad (3)$$

84 where i corresponds to the input variable, j and k to the polynomial degree, $f_{X_i}(x^{(i)})$
 85 to the i^{th} -input marginal PDF and δ_{jk} to the Kronecker symbol. The selection of the
 86 univariate orthonormal polynomial families depends on the marginal PDF of each input
 87 variable to which they are orthogonal, e.g. if an input variable follows the uniform/
 88 Gaussian distribution then the Legendre/ Hermite orthogonal polynomial family is used
 89 respectively for this specific input variable [17, 20].

90 2.1.2 Truncation schemes

91 Once the univariate polynomials families are selected for each input variable, the next
 92 step is the construction of the PCE following Eq. (1). However, because the sum of
 93 Eq. (1) consists of infinite terms, it is often truncated to a finite number of terms for
 94 practical reasons. Hence, the truncated basis is defined as $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{N}^N$ and the PCE of
 95 $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$ admits:

$$\mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}). \quad (4)$$

96 The performance of PCE is closely connected with the truncation scheme used. Un-
 97 derfitting or overfitting is possible to occur when too many terms are discarded or
 98 introduced respectively [19]. In the standard basis truncation scheme [17] the maxi-
 99 mum degree $p \in \mathbb{N}^+$ is defined, such that the degree of each polynomial is capped by
 100 this value. Therefore, the standard basis truncation scheme consists of $\binom{N+p}{p} = \frac{(N+p)!}{N! p!}$
 101 elements and follows:

$$\mathcal{A}^{N,p} = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^N : |\alpha| \leq p\}, \quad (5)$$

102 where N corresponds to the number of input variables of $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$ and $|\alpha| = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i$
 103 to the total degree of all polynomials in Ψ . To further reduce the polynomial basis size,
 104 additional truncation schemes have been developed, namely the maximum interaction
 105 and hyperbolic truncation scheme.

106 In the maximum interaction truncation scheme [20], the basis of Eq. (5) is reduced
 107 such that the α indices to include at most r non-zero components and thus the rank of
 108 α is decreased [20]. Accordingly, Eq. (5) is written as:

$$\mathcal{A}^{N,p,r} = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}^{N,p} : \|\alpha\|_0 \leq r\}, \quad (6)$$

109 where $\|\alpha\|_0 = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}_{\{\alpha_i > 0\}}$ and $\mathbb{1}_{\{\alpha_i > 0\}}$ is the indicator function.

110 The hyperbolic (a.k.a. q-norm) truncation scheme [21] reforms the basis of Eq. (5)
 111 such that:

$$\mathcal{A}^{N,p,q} = \{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathcal{A}^{N,p} : \|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_q \leq p\}, \quad (7)$$

112 where $\|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_q = \left(\sum_{i=1}^N a_i^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$ and $q \in (0, 1]$.

113 2.1.3 PCE coefficient calculation

114 Once the truncation scheme is determined, the next step is the calculation of coefficients
 115 $\mathbf{y} = \{y_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}, \boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathcal{A}\}$ of Eq. (4). Various methods have been developed to do this [20].
 116 One of these techniques is the least-squares minimization [22]. This is a non-intrusive
 117 method, meaning that the coefficients are obtained after post-processing the ED points.
 118 More specifically, Eq. (4) is reformed as:

$$\mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{j=0}^{P-1} y_j \Psi_j(\mathbf{X}) + \varepsilon_P = \mathbf{y}^T \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\mathbf{X}) + \varepsilon_P, \quad (8)$$

119 where $\mathbf{y} = (y_0, \dots, y_{P-1})^T$ denote the PCE coefficients, ε_P the truncation error,
 120 $\boldsymbol{\Psi}(\mathbf{X}) = \{\Psi_0(\mathbf{X}), \dots, \Psi_{P-1}(\mathbf{X})\}^T$ the multivariate orthonormal polynomials, and
 121 $P = \binom{N+p}{p}$. Then, the PCE coefficients are obtained by solving:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{A}|}} \mathbb{E} \left[(\mathbf{y}^T \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}))^2 \right]. \quad (9)$$

122 The solution of Eq. (9) is attained by Ordinary Least-Squares (OLS) and follows:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{Y}, \quad (10)$$

123 where the experimental matrix is $A_{ij} = \Psi_j(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$ with $i = 1, \dots, N$ and $j =$
 124 $0, \dots, P-1$.

125 However, for $N < P-1$ the $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ matrix is non-invertible and thus the OLS
 126 problem cannot be solved [19, 23]. Nonetheless, through sparse regression accurate
 127 surrogates can be constructed with fewer coefficients. A way to achieve sparse regres-
 128 sion in high-dimensions is by a modification of the least-squares minimization method.
 129 In more detail, a penalty term is introduced in Eq. (9) and the latter is modified as:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{A}|}} \mathbb{E} \left[(\mathbf{y}^T \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\mathbf{X}) - \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X}))^2 \right] + \lambda \|\mathbf{y}\|_1, \quad (11)$$

130 where $\|\mathbf{y}\|_1 = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathcal{A}} |y_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}|$ and λ a parameter of the penalty term. This penalty
 131 term causes the minimization to facilitate sparse solutions. One of the widely utilized
 132 techniques, used to solve the minimization problem of Eq. (11) is the Least Angle
 133 Regression (LAR) algorithm [21]. The latter is also employed in the case study in
 134 Section 4 for the respective PCE surrogate.

2.2 Kriging

Kriging (a.k.a. Gaussian process) is a widely used surrogate modeling method. It considers the output of a model $Y = \mathcal{M}(X)$ as a realization of a Gaussian process, with $x \in \mathcal{D}_X \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ and follows [24, 25]:

$$\mathcal{M}^{Krig}(x) = \beta^T f(x) + \sigma^2 Z(x, \omega), \quad (12)$$

where $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_P)$ and $f(x) = (f_1(x), \dots, f_P(x))$ are coefficients and regression functions, respectively. The product of the latter two corresponds to the mean values of the Gaussian process, i.e. the Kriging trend, while σ^2 to its variance. $Z(x, \omega)$ is a stationary Gaussian process with zero mean and unit variance, defined by an autocorrelation function $R(x, x'; \theta)$ and its hyperparameters θ . The coefficients β are computed from the generalized least-square solution following:

$$\beta = (F^T R^{-1} F)^{-1} F^T R^{-1} Y, \quad (13)$$

where $F_{ij} = f_j(x^{(i)})$ and $R_{ik} = R(x^{(i)}, x^{(k)}; \theta)$ the correlation matrix with $i, k = 1, \dots, N$ and $j = 1, \dots, P$.

In Kriging, the model Y and surrogate $\hat{Y}(x) = \mathcal{M}^{Krig}(x)$ response is assumed to have a joint Gaussian distribution and therefore the mean value and variance of the prediction $\hat{Y}(x)$ read [24, 26]:

$$\mu_{\hat{Y}}(x) = f(x)^T \beta + r(x)^T R^{-1} (Y - F\beta), \quad (14)$$

$$\sigma_{\hat{Y}}^2(x) = \sigma^2 \left(1 - r(x)^T R^{-1} r(x) + u(x)^T (F^T R^{-1} F)^{-1} u(x) \right), \quad (15)$$

where $r_i(x) = R(x, x^{(i)}; \theta)$ consists of the cross-correlations between predictions x and sample points $x^{(i)}$ with $i = 1, \dots, N$ and $u(x) = F^T R^{-1} r(x) - f(x)$.

2.2.1 Trend families

The first step in constructing a Kriging surrogate is to determine its trend family. Three common family types can be found in the literature [26, 27], namely the simple Kriging expressed by $\beta^T f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^P f_j(x)$, the ordinary with $\beta^T f(x) = \beta_0$ and the universal which follows $\beta^T f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j f_j(x)$. The latter is a generic type admitting a variety of formations, e.g. multivariate polynomials (see Section 2.3).

2.2.2 Autocorrelation functions

The autocorrelation functions used in Kriging metamodeling represent the relative position of two input sample points x and x' . Some common autocorrelation function families [26, 27] are the linear:

$$R(x, x'; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N \max \left(0, 1 - \frac{|x^{(i)} - x'^{(i)}|}{\theta_i} \right), \quad (16)$$

162 the exponential:

$$R(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \exp \left(- \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{|x^{(i)} - x'^{(i)}|}{\theta_i} \right), \quad (17)$$

163 the Gaussian:

$$R(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \exp \left(- \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{|x^{(i)} - x'^{(i)}|}{\theta_i} \right)^2 \right) \quad (18)$$

164 and the Matérn:

$$R(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; \boldsymbol{\theta}, v) = \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2^{v-1} \Gamma(v)} \left(2\sqrt{v} \frac{|x^{(i)} - x'^{(i)}|}{\theta_i} \right)^v \mathcal{K}_v \left(2\sqrt{v} \frac{|x^{(i)} - x'^{(i)}|}{\theta_i} \right), \quad (19)$$

165 where $v \geq 1/2$ corresponds to the shape parameter, Γ is the Euler Gamma function and
166 $\mathcal{K}_v$ is the modified Bessel function of the second kind.

167 2.2.3 Hyperparameters estimation

168 Following the selection of trend and autocorrelation family, the next step in building the
169 Kriging surrogate consists of estimating the unknown hyperparameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. One of the
170 existing methodologies is the maximum-likelihood estimation. The goal of the latter is
171 to maximize the likelihood of model evaluations $\mathbf{Y}$ by determining the appropriate set
172 of the Kriging parameters $\boldsymbol{\beta}$, σ^2 and $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. The likelihood function of $\mathbf{Y}$ admits:

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2, \boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{(\det \mathbf{R})^{-1/2}}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} \exp \left(- \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\beta})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{F}\boldsymbol{\beta}) \right). \quad (20)$$

173 The hyperparameters $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ are computed by solving the optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\theta} &= \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathcal{D}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} (- \log \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{Y})) \\ &= \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathcal{D}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} \frac{1}{2} (\log(\det \mathbf{R}) + N \log(2\pi\sigma^2) + N). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

174 For a more detailed description of the derivation of Eq. (21) along with additional
175 methods for hyperparameter estimation, e.g. cross-validation estimation, the reader
176 should refer to [24, 27].

177 2.2.4 Optimization methods

178 The solution of Eq. (21) is obtained by employing an optimization algorithm. Two
179 main categories of such algorithms are the local, e.g. gradient-based, and global,

180 e.g. evolutionary algorithms, methods. Local methods need less objective functions
 181 evaluations and can converge faster. However, their performance may be comprised
 182 due to multiple local minima. Integrating characteristics from both local and global
 183 methods, results in a third category, the hybrid methods. Such a method is for example
 184 the hybrid genetic algorithm [26, 28].

185 The Kriging surrogate used later in the case studies of this chapter is of the ordinary
 186 trend type using the Matérn autocorrelation function family, while the hyperparameters
 187 are estimated with the maximum-likelihood method and optimized using the hybrid
 188 genetic algorithm method.

189 2.3 Polynomial chaos Kriging

190 PCK is another surrogate modeling method that combines features from PCE and
 191 Kriging into one. In more detail, PCK is a Kriging model with a universal trend type.
 192 Its trend though is formulated from sparse orthogonal polynomials. The output of PCK
 193 combines Eq. (4) and Eq. (12) and follows [29, 30, 31]:

$$\mathcal{M}^{PCK}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}) + \sigma^2 Z(\mathbf{x}, \omega). \quad (22)$$

194 The first term, $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})$, is the trend of the Kriging model as described in
 195 Section 2.2 and is computed from sparse PCE as described in Section 2.1. The second
 196 term of Eq. (22) corresponds to the variance of the Gaussian process σ^2 and $Z(\mathbf{x}, \omega)$
 197 is a stationary Gaussian process with zero mean and unit variance as of Eq. (12).

198 Therefore, building a PCK involves a step of constructing the PCE and an additional
 199 one to determine the Kriging model, i.e. to estimate its parameters. Two ways of
 200 combining the above two steps are the so-called sequential and optimal approaches
 201 [29, 30, 32].

202 The PCK surrogate used later in the case studies of this chapter is developed using
 203 the optimal approach and the Matérn autocorrelation function family is used along
 204 with the maximum-likelihood estimation and the hybrid genetic algorithm optimization
 205 method.

206 2.4 Leave-one-out cross-validation error

207 To assess the performance of the developed surrogates the leave-one-out (LOO) cross-
 208 validation error is used, defined by:

$$\varepsilon_{LOO} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) - \mathcal{M}^{s \setminus i}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \right)^2, \quad (23)$$

209 where $\mathcal{M}^{s \setminus i}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$ corresponds to the surrogates developed from the subset of the ED,
 210 acquired by removing the $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ point.

3 Global sensitivity analysis with Sobol' indices

Broadly speaking, GSA aims to quantitatively identify the level each input variable in $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}^T$, $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{D}_X \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ affects the response of $Y = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$, $Y \in \mathbb{R}$. As mentioned previously, in this dissertation, the Sobol' indices are used for GSA. It should be noted that this method is only valid for independent input variables.

3.1 Sobol'-Hoeffding decomposition

For $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{D}_X \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ with independent components, $Y = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$ with $\text{Var}[Y] < +\infty$ can be rewritten as [33, 11]:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^s(\mathbf{X}) &= \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{M}_i(x^{(i)}) + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq N} \mathcal{M}_{ij}(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)}) + \dots + \mathcal{M}_{1,2,\dots,N}(\mathbf{X}) \\ &= \mathcal{M}_0 + \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{u} \subset \{1,\dots,N\} \\ \mathbf{u} \neq \emptyset}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}}), \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where $\mathcal{M}_0$ is constant and denotes the mean value of Y , $\mathbf{u} \neq \emptyset$, $\mathbf{u} \subset \{1, \dots, N\}$ and $\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}}$ is a sub-vector of $\mathbf{X}$, including the $\mathbf{u}$ -indexed elements. The summands in the latter equation corresponds to $2^N - 1$ terms. The elementary functions are defined by conditional expectations:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}}) = \sum_{\mathbf{v} \subset \mathbf{u}} (-1)^{|\mathbf{u}| - |\mathbf{v}|} \mathbb{E}[Y \mid \mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{v}}], \quad (25)$$

where $|\mathbf{u}|$ gives the cardinality of $\mathbf{u}$. When the following holds:

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}_{X_m}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}}) f_{X_m}(x_m) dx_m = 0, \text{ if } m \in \mathbf{u}, \quad (26)$$

the Sobol'-Hoeffding decomposition of Eq. (24) is unique. Due to this uniqueness, the orthogonality property:

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}}) \cdot \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{v}})] = 0, \text{ if } \mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{v}, \quad (27)$$

also holds. Because of Eq. (26) and (27) the total variance of $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$ decomposes as:

$$D = \text{Var}[\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})] = \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{u} \subset \{1,\dots,N\} \\ \mathbf{u} \neq \emptyset}} D_{\mathbf{u}}, \quad (28)$$

where

$$D_{\mathbf{u}} = \text{Var}[\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}})] = \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}^2(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}})], \quad (29)$$

corresponds to the partial variance.

3.2 Sobol' indices

The Sobol' index S_u is determined as the ratio between the partial and total variance that represents the u -indexed set of input variables and follows:

$$S_u = \frac{D_u}{D}. \quad (30)$$

For $|\mathbf{u}| = 1$, the separate impact of each input variable $x^{(i)}$ to the response $Y = \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$ is described by the indices respective to this specific variable, namely the first-order indices $S_i^{(1)} = D_i/D$. The impact originating from the interaction of pairs of the input variables $(x^{(i)}, x^{(j)})$ and not already accounted in the S_i, S_j is described by the second-order indices $S_{ij}^{(2)} = D_{ij}/D$. The impact from interaction of a larger set of input variables is described from the higher-order indices. Total indices S_{T_i} describe the overall impact of each input variable, considering its first-order index and all interactions with the other input variables and admit:

$$S_{T_i} = 1 - S_{-i}, \quad (31)$$

where S_{-i} denotes the sum of all S_u of u but i . It follows that $\sum_{u \neq \emptyset} S_u = 1$.

3.3 Sobol' indices estimation

3.3.1 Monte Carlo-based estimation

The variances of Eq (28) and (29) can be obtained by estimators from Monte Carlo simulations. These read [34]:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{M}}_0 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{M}^s(x^{(i)}) \\ \hat{D} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{M}^s(x^{(i)})^2 - \hat{\mathcal{M}}_0^2 \\ \hat{D}_u &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{M}^s(x_n^{(i)}, x_{\sim n}^{(i)}) \mathcal{M}^s(x_n^{(i)}, x_{\sim n}'^{(i)}) - \hat{\mathcal{M}}_0^2, \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where $x_{\sim n}^{(i)}$ denotes the i -th realization of x that does not involve the n input variable and x' corresponds to a realization of $\mathbf{X}$ which is independent of $x = (x_n^{(i)}, x_{\sim n}^{(i)})^T$. Once the total and partial variance estimators are computed, the Sobol' indices can be derived from Eq. (30) and (31).

3.3.2 Sobol' indices from polynomial chaos expansion

Recall from Eq. (4), that the PCE of $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{X})$ admits:

$$\mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_\alpha \Psi_\alpha(\mathbf{X}). \quad (33)$$

Due to the orthonormality of the PCE basis, the mean and variance of $\mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X})$ can be computed analytically from the $\mathbf{y}$ coefficients at no extra cost and follow [15]:

$$\hat{\mu} = \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X})] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X})\right] = y_0 \quad (34)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \text{Var}[\mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X})] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X}) - y_0\right)^2\right] = \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} \\ \alpha \neq 0}} y_{\alpha}^2. \quad (35)$$

The above equations hold since $\Psi_0 \equiv 1$. Therefore, for the case that a PCE of Y is already constructed, the Sobol'-Hoeffding decomposition of Eq. (24) can be rewritten as:

$$\mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X}) = y_0 + \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{u} \subset \{1, \dots, N\} \\ \mathbf{u} \neq \emptyset}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}}), \quad (36)$$

where $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{u}} = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} : \alpha_m \neq 0 \text{ if and only if } m \in \mathbf{u}\}$ corresponds to the set of multi-indices including only $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}}) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{u}}} y_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\mathbf{X}_{\mathbf{u}})$, as of Eq. (33). Thus, because the Sobol'-Hoeffding decomposition is unique, there exists an analytical representation of $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}^{PCE}$ [14]. Accordingly to Eqs. (34), (35), the total and partial variances of $\mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X})$ admit:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \text{Var}[\mathcal{M}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X})] = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha}^2 \\ D_{\mathbf{u}} &= \text{Var}[\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{u}}^{PCE}(\mathbf{X})] = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{u}}} y_{\alpha}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Hence, the first-order and total Sobol' indices are obtained from:

$$\begin{aligned} S_i^{(1)} &= \frac{\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_i} y_{\alpha}^2}{\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha}^2}, \quad \mathcal{A}_i = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} : \alpha_i > 0, \alpha_{i \neq j} = 0\} \\ S_{T_i} &= \frac{\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_i^T} y_{\alpha}^2}{\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} y_{\alpha}^2}, \quad \mathcal{A}_i^T = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{A} : \alpha_i > 0\}, \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

respectively. Therefore, the Sobol' indices can be obtained as a by-product of the PCE coefficients at no extra cost [14].

4 Case study

This case study employs a virtual hybrid model to conduct the respective RTHS. Therefore, a virtual PS (vPS) is utilized instead of physical specimen and the overall RTHS is performed numerically, resulting thus in a virtual RTHS (vRTHS).

268 The hybrid model represents a prototype motorcycle. It consists of one vPS, the
 269 electronically-controlled continuously variable transmission (eCVT) of the motorcycle,
 270 and four NS, namely i) the engine, ii) the motorcycle body dynamics, iii) the rear wheel
 271 braking system and iv) the front wheel braking system. Figure 1 depicts how the NS
 272 and vPS are interconnected, forming the hybrid model.

Figure 1. Motorcycle hybrid model block diagram.

273 The eCVT vPS is a multiple-input-multiple-output (MIMO) model including two
 274 sets of one input and one output each. The first set is interconnected to the motorcycle
 275 engine NS, which simulates the dynamics of the combustion engine, while the second
 276 set to the motorcycle body NS. The latter connection represents the motorcycle's trans-
 277 mission output shaft. The motorcycle body NS includes the motorcycle's body/chassis
 278 dynamics along with the dynamics of the wheels, tires and suspensions. The profile of
 279 the road as well as the environmental driving conditions are also included in this NS.
 280 The engine NS is expressed by a multiple-input-single-output (MISO) model. Its inputs

are the throttle percentage thr and the angular velocity of the engine ω_{en} , whereas its output is the torque of the engine τ_{en} . The motorcycle body NS is expressed by a MIMO model, which includes three sets of one input and one output each. The first set of input/output is the torque τ_{vd} and angular velocity ω_{vd} of the transmission output shaft, respectively. The last two sets are connected to the rear and front wheel braking systems NS, respectively. The latter NS are both MISO models. In detail, the inputs of the rear wheel braking system NS are the angular velocity of the rear wheel ω_{rw} and the applied force on the brake pedal $F_{br_{rw}}$, whereas its output is the braking torque of the rear wheel τ_{rw} . Accordingly, the inputs of the front wheel braking system NS are the angular velocity of the front wheel ω_{fw} and the applied force on the brake lever $F_{br_{fw}}$, whereas its output is the braking torque of the front wheel τ_{fw} . The aforementioned substructures are developed using the multi-physics simulation software *Simcenter Amesim*. The report of [35] provides a detailed description of the development of these substructures, explaining the equations that govern their motion. Figure 2 depicts the real eCVT PS, located at the testing facilities of Siemens Industry Software, that would be utilized in a non-virtual RTHS.

To examine the performance of the motorcycle prototype, testing of its virtual hybrid model under predefined driving, road and wind scenarios takes place. To co-simulate the employed substructures and to coordinate the overall RTHS algorithm, the *Simcenter real-time platform* was utilized. For the time integration scheme of the RTHS, the fourth-order Runge–Kutta (RK4) method is used with a fixed time-step of 0.1 msec.

The simulation duration of the case study is 45 sec long, on a given driving scenario and wind/road conditions. In particular, the driving scenario is defined by the variations of the throttle thr and of the forces applied to the brakes. It is assumed that the force applied in the brake lever is equal to the force applied in the brake pedal of the motorcycle in each time-step of the RTHS, namely $F_{br_{rw}} = F_{br_{fw}}$. Eqs. (39) and (40) describe the values that the throttle and braking forces obtain, in each time-step of the simulation, while Figure 3 illustrates their variations in time. It should be noted that the maximum applied throttle is 0.5 (50%), which corresponds to a half-open throttle, and the braking forces are expressed in Newton. Eq. (41) describes the road profile, namely the height of the ground, that is assumed in this case study. It is expressed by the sinusoidal function $h(x)$, where x denotes the current position of the motorcycle in meters. Additionally, the ambient wind velocity is considered to be zero.

$$thr(t) = \begin{cases} 0.125t & , 5 \leq t < 9 \\ 0.5 & , 9 \leq t \leq 13 \\ -0.125t & , 13 < t \leq 17 \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad (39)$$

$$F_{br_{rw}}(t) = \begin{cases} 10t & , 20 \leq t < 25 \\ 50 & , 25 \leq t \leq 32 \\ -10t & , 32 < t \leq 37 \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0.02 \left(\cos \left(\frac{2\pi x}{3} \right) - 1 \right) & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad (41)$$

Figure 2. The eCVT test bench at the testing facilities of Siemens Industry Software.

Figure 3. Case study driving scenario.

For the GSA, two hybrid model response QoI are selected, namely the maximum $v_{\max}$ and mean v_{mean} values of the motorcycle velocity. Both QoI are expressed in km/h. Scalar quantities from the dynamic response of the motorcycle's velocity were chosen in particular, since the latter is a global response parameter that can characterize the overall dynamic behavior of the hybrid model of the prototype motorcycle. In addition, the input variables to GSA are the 11 parameters which are listed in Table 1. The probability distributions that are assigned to each parameter along with their respective moments are also presented in Table 1. The bounds of each parameter were identified from [36, 37, 38] to reflect a range of possible parameter variations of the corresponding motorcycle components. According to the notation presented in Sections 2 and 3, the experimental design (ED) vectors for this case study follow:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X} &= \{K_{rt}, Z_{rt}, K_{ft}, Z_{ft}, K_{rs}, Z_{rs}, K_{fs}, Z_{fs}, M, J, \mu\} \\ \mathbf{Y} &= \{v_{\max}, v_{\text{mean}}\}, \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

From the input parameters of Table 1, 50 points were generated using the Latin hypercube sampling (LHS) method [39] and accordingly 50 vRTHS were conducted, collecting the QoI values in the $\mathbf{Y}$ vector of Eq. 42. With the obtained data in $\text{ED}\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}$, a PCE, a Kriging and a PCK surrogate was developed for each QoI, as described in Sections 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3, respectively. Figure 4 illustrates a sample RTHS time history response of the hybrid model, indicating the QoI of the case study, which are highlighted in red color. Additionally, Figure 5 depicts some indicative dynamic responses of the variables that couple the substructures in the virtual hybrid model. The responses in the latter two figures are obtained using the mean values of Table 1, while the hybrid model is excited with the driving scenario and the road profile and wind conditions that are described by Eqs. (39)-(41).

Param.	Prob. Distrib.	Mean Value	Stand. Dev.	CV (%)	Parameter Description	Units
K_{rt}	Unif.	58570	11714	20	Vertical stiffness rear tire	$\frac{N}{m}$
Z_{rt}	Unif.	11650	3495	30	Vertical damping rear tire	$\frac{Ns}{m}$
K_{ft}	Unif.	25000	5000	20	Vertical stiffness front tire	$\frac{N}{m}$
Z_{ft}	Unif.	2134	640.2	30	Vertical damping front tire	$\frac{Ns}{m}$
K_{rs}	Unif.	125000	25000	20	Stiffness rear suspension	$\frac{N}{m}$
Z_{rs}	Unif.	10000	3000	30	Damping rear suspension	$\frac{Ns}{m}$
K_{fs}	Unif.	19000	3800	20	Stiffness front suspension	$\frac{N}{m}$
Z_{fs}	Unif.	1250	375	30	Damping front suspension	$\frac{Ns}{m}$
M	Unif.	300	15	5	Motorcycle mass	Kg
J	Unif.	0.0115	0.0023	20	Engine moment of inertia	Kgm ²
μ	Unif.	0.0012	0.00018	15	Engine coefficient of viscous friction	$\frac{Nm}{rev/min}$

Table 1. Input variables of the hybrid model for GSA and their probability distributions.

In addition, the time history responses of Figures 4 and 5 can be intuitively interpreted. Figure 5b shows the response of the front wheel braking torque τ_{fw} , generated by the utilized driving scenario. Recall from Figure 3 and Eq. (40), that the brakes of the motorcycle are enabled in the time interval between the 20th and 37th second of the simulation and as a result the braking torques are non-zero only then. According to Figure 3 and Eq. (39), the throttle applied in the motorcycle's engine in the five first seconds of the simulation is zero and therefore its velocity is also zero (Figure 4). In

Figure 4. Sample RTHS time history response of the motorcycle prototype hybrid model, using the mean values of Table 1. The QoI are highlighted in red color.

the time interval between the 5th and 17th second of the simulation, the throttle starts to increases and hence the motorcycle starts to accelerate. From Figure 4 it can be seen that the velocity is also increasing. After the 20th second of the simulation the braking is starting (Eq. (40)) and as a result, the velocity of the motorcycle begins to decrease, while it is brought to almost a full stop in the 45th second of the simulation.

5 Results and discussions

Figure 6 displays the convergence of the LOO errors of the PCE, PCK and Kriging surrogates for both QoI. The LOO errors are computed using EDs of increasing size from 2 to 50 samples. From Figure 6, it can be appreciated that the LOO errors of PCE and PCK are quite close, while the error of Kriging is slightly larger. Yet, all the errors are negligibly small as they converge to values in the magnitude of 10^{-3} or smaller. The satisfying performance of the surrogates can be also confirmed from Figure 7, which illustrates validation scatter plots by comparing the measurements of the two QoI with the respective predictions from the corresponding PCE, PCK and Kriging surrogates. In more detail, for each QoI, the surrogates are trained on 40 samples of the ED and the remaining 10 samples are used to validate them.

In addition, Figures 9 and 10 depict the convergence plots of the PCE-based moments estimates, i.e. mean, standard deviation and CV values, for both QoI. Evidently, each PCE-based moment estimate is converging in a stable manner for EDs larger than 20 samples. Recall that the PCE-based moments estimates can be computed from the PCE coefficients as post-process at no additional computational cost [14]. However, the latter is not a feature of Kriging or PCK. Thus, Figures 9 and 10 do not include moments estimates from these two surrogates. However, to further evaluate the performance of the developed surrogates, Figure 8 compares the prediction PDF of each surrogate

368 against the histograms of the measurements for each QoI. The surrogate predictions are
369 evaluated based on 50 random samples, generated from the distributions described in
370 Table 1 using the LHS method. From Figure 8 it can be acknowledged that all three
371 developed surrogates can capture quite well both the mean value and the variance of
372 the corresponding measurements.

373 From Figures 6, 7 and 8 it can be appreciated that the performance and accuracy
374 prediction of PCE, PCK and Kriging are similar. However, it should be noted that
375 the computational time associated to train each surrogate differs. For the case of
376 PCE and Kriging, the training computational time was approximately 1.3 and 1.6 sec,
377 respectively. Nevertheless, for the case of PCK, it was approximately 12.7 sec. The
378 latter finding can be intuitively interpreted as in the PCK case, the training phase
379 consists of two steps; one constructing the PCE and a second one to determine the
380 Kriging model. Note that these timings depend heavily on the ED sample size as well
381 as on the settings each surrogate is developed.

382 Once the surrogates of each QoI are developed, the Sobol' indices can be computed.
383 For the case of PCE, the Sobol' indices are computed analytically at no extra cost [14],
384 as described in Section 3.3.2. For the case of PCK and Kriging though, this is not
385 possible and thus the Sobol' indices are computed using Monte Carlo evaluations of the
386 surrogate response QoI, as described in Section 3.3.1. It should be noted that more than
387 10^4 Monte Carlo evaluations of the Kriging and PCK surrogates are needed to ensure
388 convergence of the Sobol' indices. In this case study, 10^5 evaluations of the response
389 QoI of the Kriging and PCK surrogates were performed to compute the respective
390 Sobol' indices. However, it is worth mentioning that the computational cost of running
391 these evaluations was negligibly small (≈ 1 sec for each surrogate).

392 In Figure 11 the first-order and total Sobol' indices for both QoI $v_{\max}$ and v_{mean}
393 are reported. Clearly, both first-order and total Sobol' indices computed utilizing the
394 different examined surrogates are admittedly close with each other. This confirms
395 that the indices obtained from the PCK and Kriging converge to the analytical values
396 computed from the PCE coefficients. From Figure 11 it can be stated that the input
397 variables related to the motorcycle mass M as well as to the engine coefficient of
398 viscous friction μ , are the most sensitive variables for both QoI. In particular, for the
399 QoI related to the maximum motorcycle velocity, namely $v_{\max}$, the motorcycle mass
400 has a greater effect than the engine friction coefficient. Whereas, for the QoI related to
401 the mean motorcycle velocity, namely v_{mean} , the engine friction coefficient contributes
402 more than the motorcycle mass. On the contrary, the remaining input variables, namely
403 the stiffness and damping of the front and rear tire and suspension as well as the engine
404 moment of inertia, do not affect the selected QoI. Furthermore, since the first-order and
405 total Sobol' indices for both QoI are quite close, it can be noticed that the effect from
406 high-order interactions between the input variables is negligible.

407 Finally, as mentioned before, in this case study surrogates with negligible small
408 validation error were developed with ED size larger than 20 samples. However, it should
409 be noted that the investigated case study was numerical and hence no measurement noise
410 was present in the results. As reported in [11], for the case that large measurement noise
411 is present in the obtained data, it is possible that ED of larger size would be needed to
412 train surrogates with an accepted validation error.

413 The development and implementation of the surrogate modelling, as well as the

414 GSA, was performed with the UQLab software framework developed by the Chair of
415 Risk, Safety and Uncertainty Quantification in ETH Zurich [40].

416 **6 Conclusions**

417 This paper serves as a survey of investigating how different surrogate modeling methods
418 can be used to perform global sensitivity analysis via Sobol' indices in hybrid simu-
419 lation. Global sensitivity analysis using Sobol' indices is established as a powerful
420 tool to unveil the sensitivity of a structural system subjected to parameter and loading
421 variations. However, estimation of the Sobol' indices through Monte Carlo simulations
422 of the original hybrid model is rarely affordable, since several hybrid model evaluations
423 are essential, while each evaluation relies on a single hybrid simulation. To alleviate
424 this burden surrogate models of selected hybrid model response quantities of interest
425 can be constructed and used to estimate the Sobol' indices at much lower cost. A case
426 study encompassing a virtual hybrid model is employed to investigate this approach
427 by using a variety of different surrogate modeling techniques. In this regard, polyno-
428 mial chaos expansion, Kriging (a.k.a Gaussian process) and polynomial chaos Kriging
429 are used to develop surrogates of the selected quantities of interest. For the case of
430 polynomial chaos expansion, the Sobol' indices are computed as a by-product of the
431 polynomial coefficients and hence no additional computational cost is required. How-
432 ever, the latter is not a feature of Kriging and polynomial chaos Kriging. Therefore,
433 Monte Carlo simulations using these surrogates are performed to estimate the Sobol'
434 indices. Performance comparisons between each developed surrogate indicated that
435 the respective validation errors were similar. Additionally, negligibly small deviations
436 were observed in the Sobol' indices that were obtained using the different surrogate
437 modeling techniques. Future work aims at adaptive sampling of the input parameter
438 space of the hybrid model to minimize the experimentation cost necessary to compute
439 an accurate surrogate model for global sensitivity analysis.

440 **7 Data Availability Statement**

441 All data and code that support the findings of this study are available from the corre-
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Figure 5. Indicative hybrid model responses, using the mean values of Table 1: **(a)** angular velocity of the rear wheel, **(b)** braking torque of the rear wheel, **(c)** angular velocity of the transmission output shaft, **(d)** torque of the transmission output shaft, **(e)** torque of the engine and **(f)** angular velocity of the engine.

Figure 6. Convergence of LOO error estimates of (a) $v_{\max}$ and (b) v_{mean} surrogates.

Figure 7. Comparison between QoI measurements and corresponding surrogate predictions for (a) $v_{\max}$ and (b) v_{mean} .

(a)

(b)

Figure 8. Comparison between histogram measurements and corresponding surrogate estimates for (a) v_{max} and (b) v_{mean} .

Figure 9. Convergence of PCE-based moments estimates of (a) mean, (b) standard deviation and (c) CV of QoI $v_{\max}$.

Figure 10. Convergence of PCE-based moments estimates of (a) mean, (b) standard deviation and (c) CV of QoI v_{mean} .

Figure 11. First-order and total Sobol' indices for (a-b) $v_{\max}$ and (c-d) v_{mean} .