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# CASL's approach to multi-physics UAM

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# The Consortium for Advanced Simulation of Light water reactors (CASL)

CASL's *mission* : to provide forefront and usable modeling and simulation capabilities needed to address phenomena that limit the operation and safety performance of LWRs



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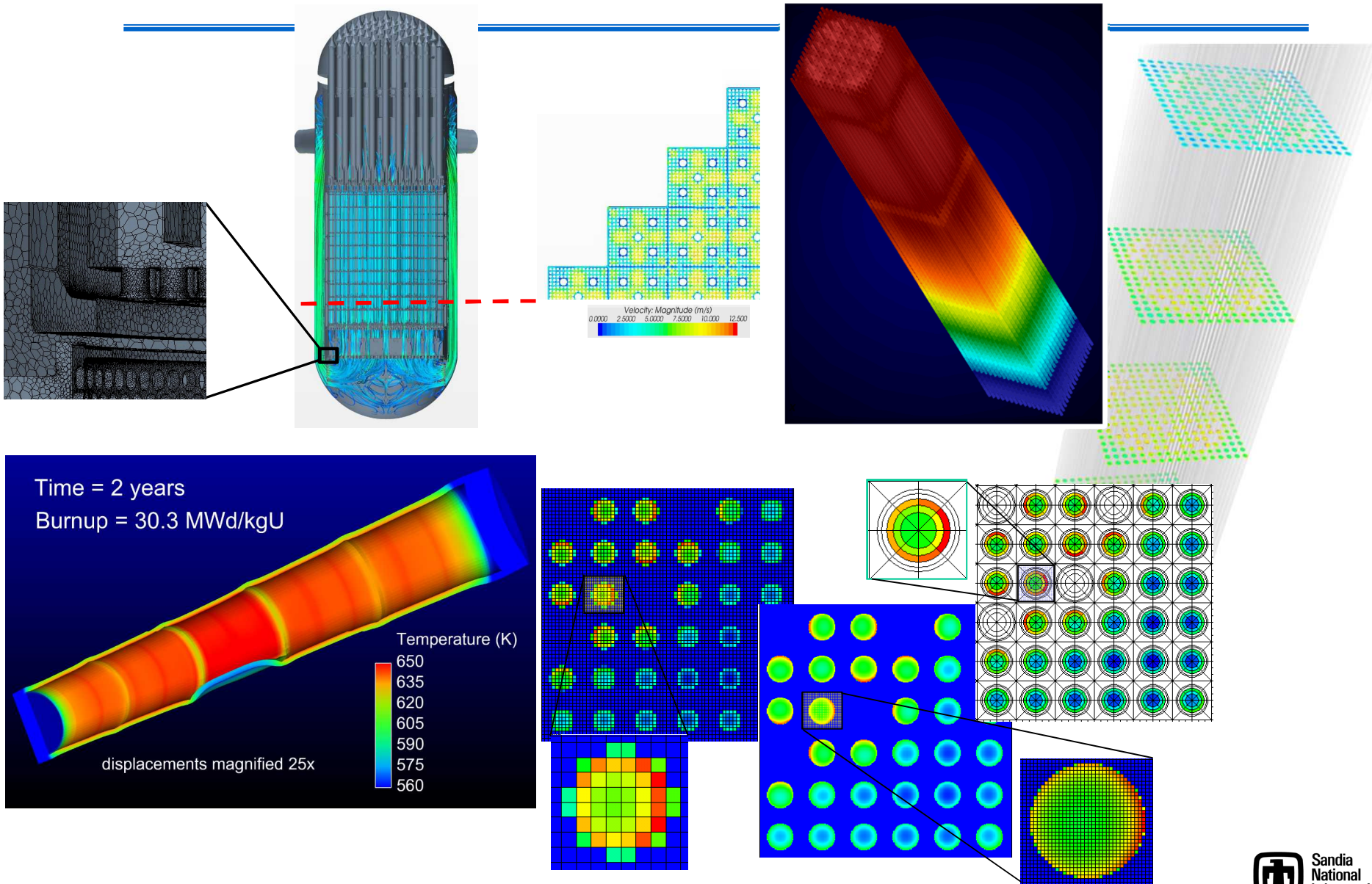
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# CASL Mod-Sim Challenges

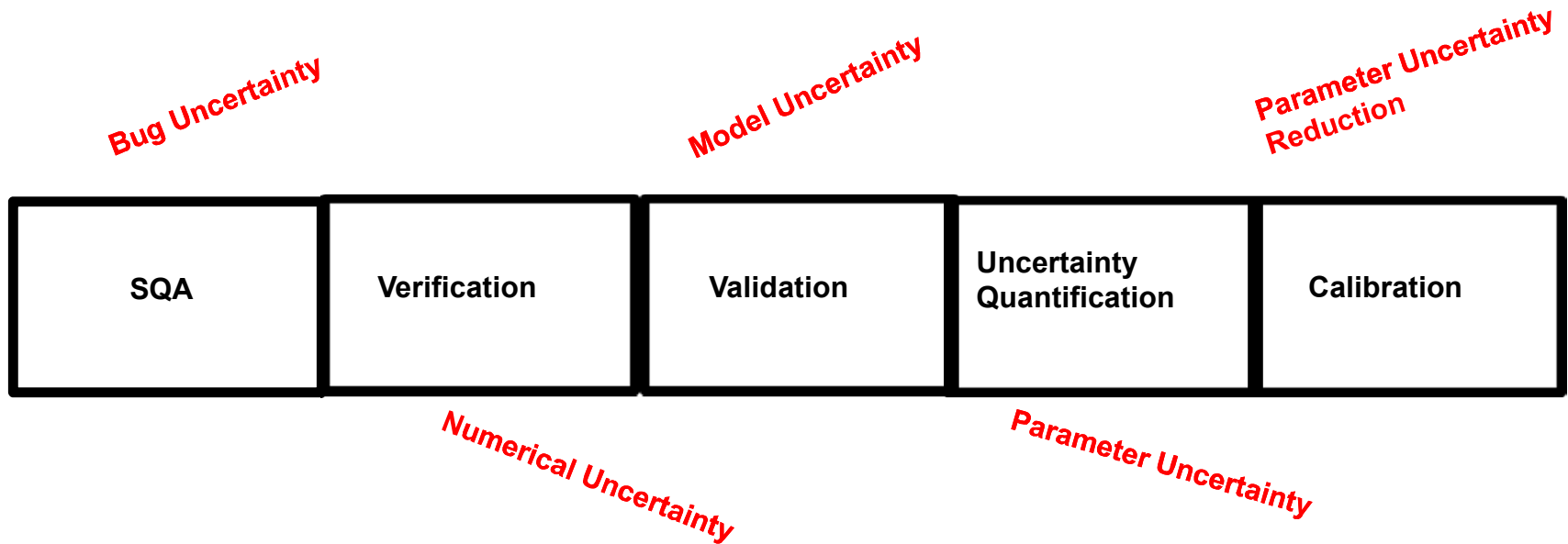
Full core to assembly to subassembly to pin/pellet





# PCMM

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- The Predictive Code Maturity Model (PCMM) is the process being employed in CASL to measure software quality and maturity.
- This is an iterative process where one continually works to increase the lowest score.



# Total Uncertainty

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- **Total uncertainty = numerical + model + parameter = verification + validation + uncertainty quantification**
- **A large uncertainty results from bad numerics, bad physical models, and/or large parameter uncertainties.**
- **It is unsafe to make assumptions about unmeasured uncertainties.**
- **Improved confidence in mod-sim capability is achieved from a quantitative-based holistic approach.**



# Common Measures of Uncertainty

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- **Verification:**  $\|QOI_{exact} - QOI_{computed}\|$
- **Validation:**  $\|QOI_{experimental} - QOI_{computed}\|$
- **Uncertainty Quantification:**  
 $\|QOI_{perturbed} - QOI_{computed}\|$

Numerical, model, and parameter uncertainty are computed in a consistent manner to allow meaningful comparisons of error and sensitivity.



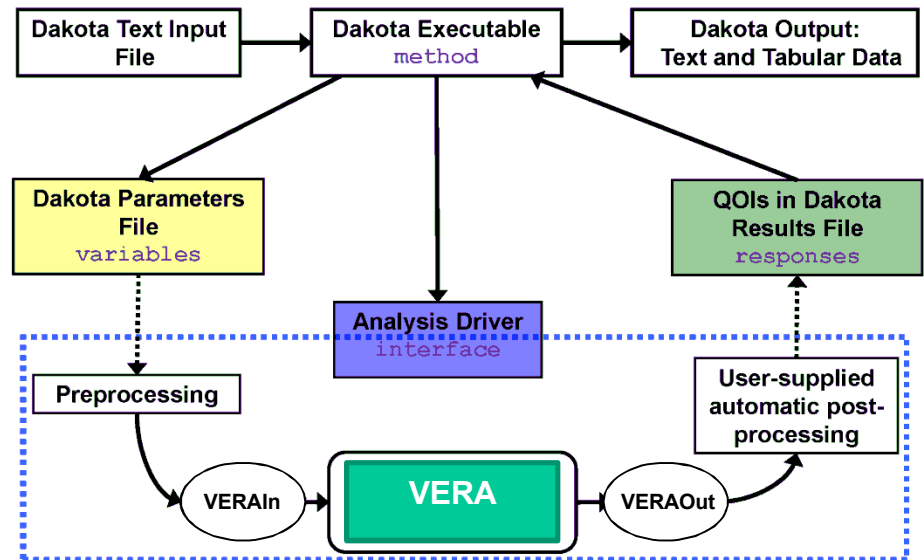
# General Strategy

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- **Quantify all modes of uncertainty**
- **Quantitatively compare the different forms of uncertainty**
- **Work to reduce the largest uncertainties**
- **Predictive Capability Maturity Model will be employed by CASL.**

# Dakota Driver

- DAKOTA is the software package that will be used to deliver tools to improve the PCMM analysis.
- DAKOTA has been strong in uncertainty quantification and calibration and **MVA1** **MVA2** are improving its ability to do verification and validation.



- Adapters to manipulate parameters in:
  - High-level user input
  - Auxiliary data, e.g., model form
  - Offline generated input data such as cross section

Dakota enables **MVA3** analyses in CASL



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**MVA2** Shoud we replace code input with "VERAIN" and code output with "VERAOUT"?

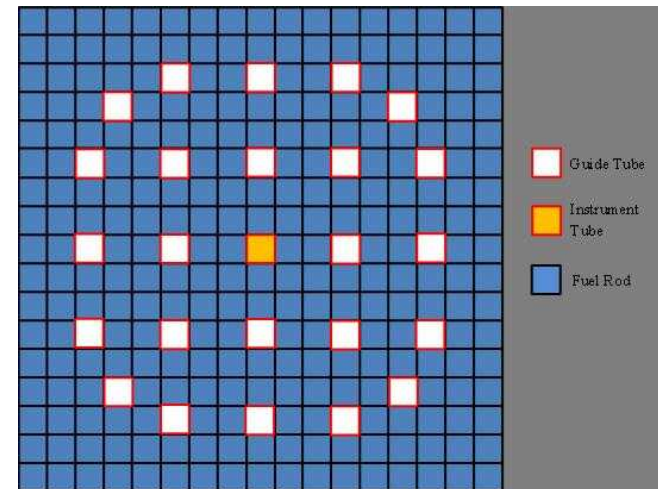
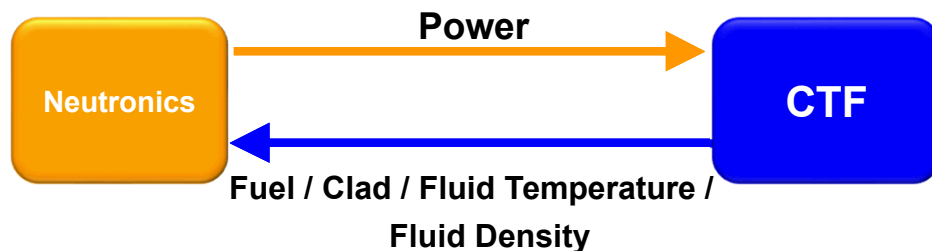
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# VUQ Analysis of Cobra-TF for Problem of Interest

- Simulation of a single PWR assembly
  - Hot Full Power, T/H feedback
  - Boron concentration of 1300 ppm, 100% power
  - Power supplied by neutronics held constant
- Dittus Bolter parameter variation
- Quantity of Interest is maximum fuel temperature
- Results are based on random samples of the parameter distributions.
- A 95% credible interval is calculated similar to Wilks<sup>MVA4</sup>



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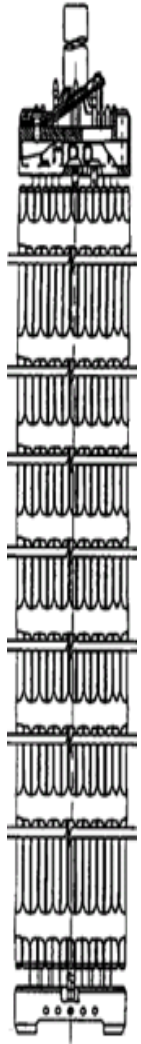
### MVA4

Compare with Wilks which most of them use.

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# Cobra-TF Solution Verification

## CTF-only: With Spacer Grids\*



\* Grid locations were shifted to produce equal mesh spacing between all grids.

Spacer  
Grid  
Challenge

$$E_{(f=1.0)} = 0.0066$$

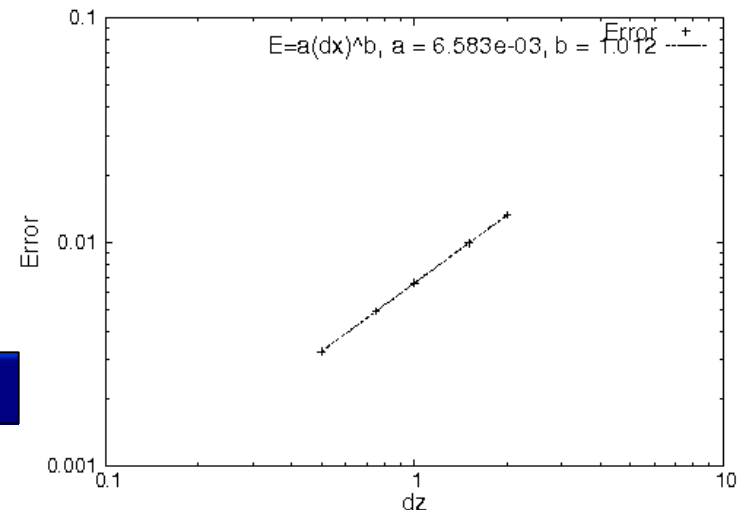
Error Model:

$$E = P - \bar{P} = a (\Delta z)^b$$

$$b = 1.012$$

**Very good agreement with theoretical 1.0**

Mesh factor, f	$\Delta z$ (cm)	#Axial elements	Tot. Press. (bar)
0.5	4.036	72	1.16843
0.75	6.054	48	1.1701
1.0	8.072	36	1.17176
1.5	12.108	24	1.17508
2.0	16.144	18	1.17845



# Coupled CTF-Neutronics Solution Verification

This research used resources of the Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which is supported by the Office of Science of the U.S. Department of Energy under Contract No. DE-AC05-00OR22725.

Progression Problem 6

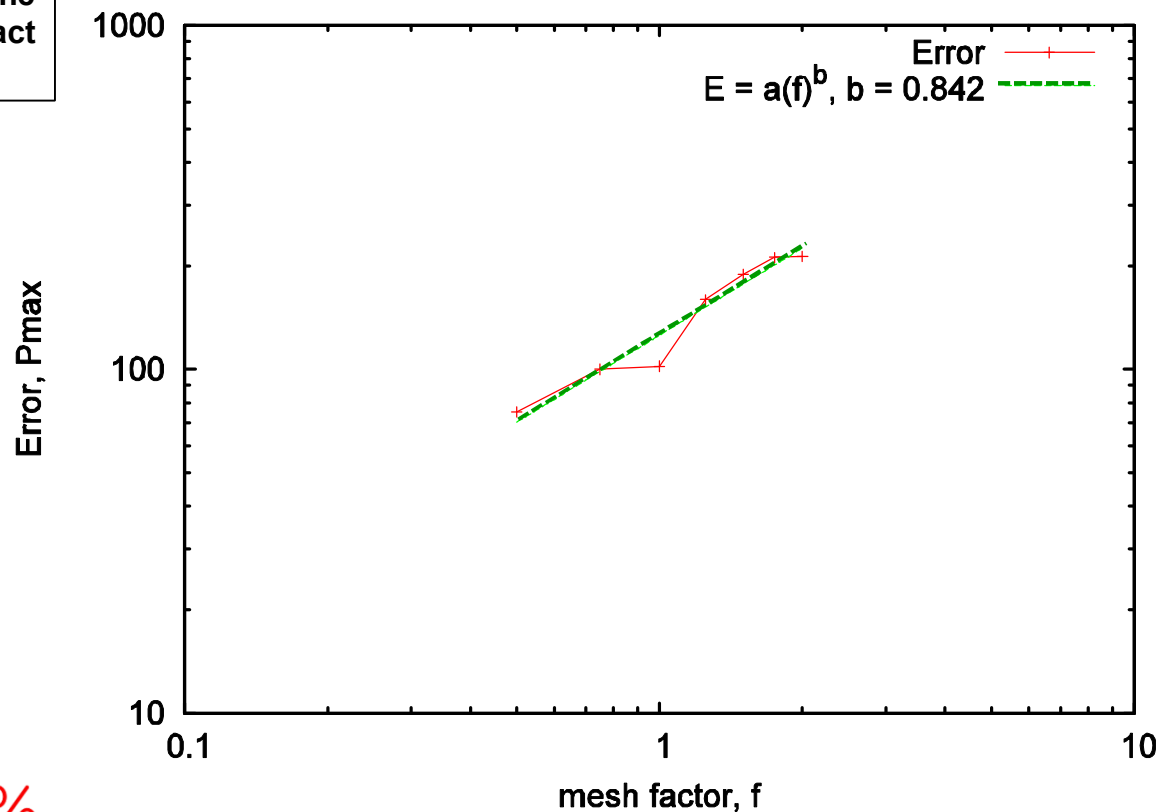
Mesh factor, f	#Axial elements	Max Power
0.5	92	27,882
0.75	65	27,907
1.0	50	27,909
1.25	43	27,966
1.5	37	27,995
1.75	35	28,018
2.0	30	28,019

$$E_{(f=1.0)} = 102 = 0.37\%$$

Error Model:  $E_{P_{\max}} = P_{\max} - \bar{P}_{\max} = a(f)^b$

$$b = 0.842$$

Each run requires ~600 cpu hours on ORNL's Titan



Degraded order-of-convergence but still usable.

## Slide 11

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**MVA5** The green line does not show up well on my monitor. You might want to change it to black.

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**MVA6** Make sure in the talk you define "FEM Error"

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# Coupled Problem Parameter Sensitivity → Downselect

Variable Description	Multiplier	Percent Difference	Physics
Gap Conductivity	0.5	21.423	Fuel
Gap Conductivity	1.5	-7.445	Fuel
Fuel Conductivity	0.9	6.807	Fuel
Fuel Conductivity	1.1	-5.405	Fuel
Fission Heat	1.05	4.436	Coupling
Fission Heat	0.95	-4.354	Coupling
Cross Sections	NA	0.739	Neutronics
Wall Heat Transfer	0.95	0.610	Thermal Hydraulics
Wall Heat Transfer	1.05	-0.495	Thermal Hydraulics
Fuel Temperature	0.95	0.254	Coupling
Fuel Temperature	1.05	-0.236	Coupling
Cross Sections	NA	-0.198	Neutronics
Moderator Density	1.05	-0.106	Coupling
<b>Mesh Spacing</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>0.050</b>	<b>Numerical</b>
Moderator Density	0.95	0.085	Coupling
Moderator Temperature	0.95	0.034	Coupling
Moderator Temperature	1.05	-0.032	Coupling

40+ initial VUQ parameters reduced to 7 via sensitivity analysis



# Dittus Boelter Uncertainty Quantification

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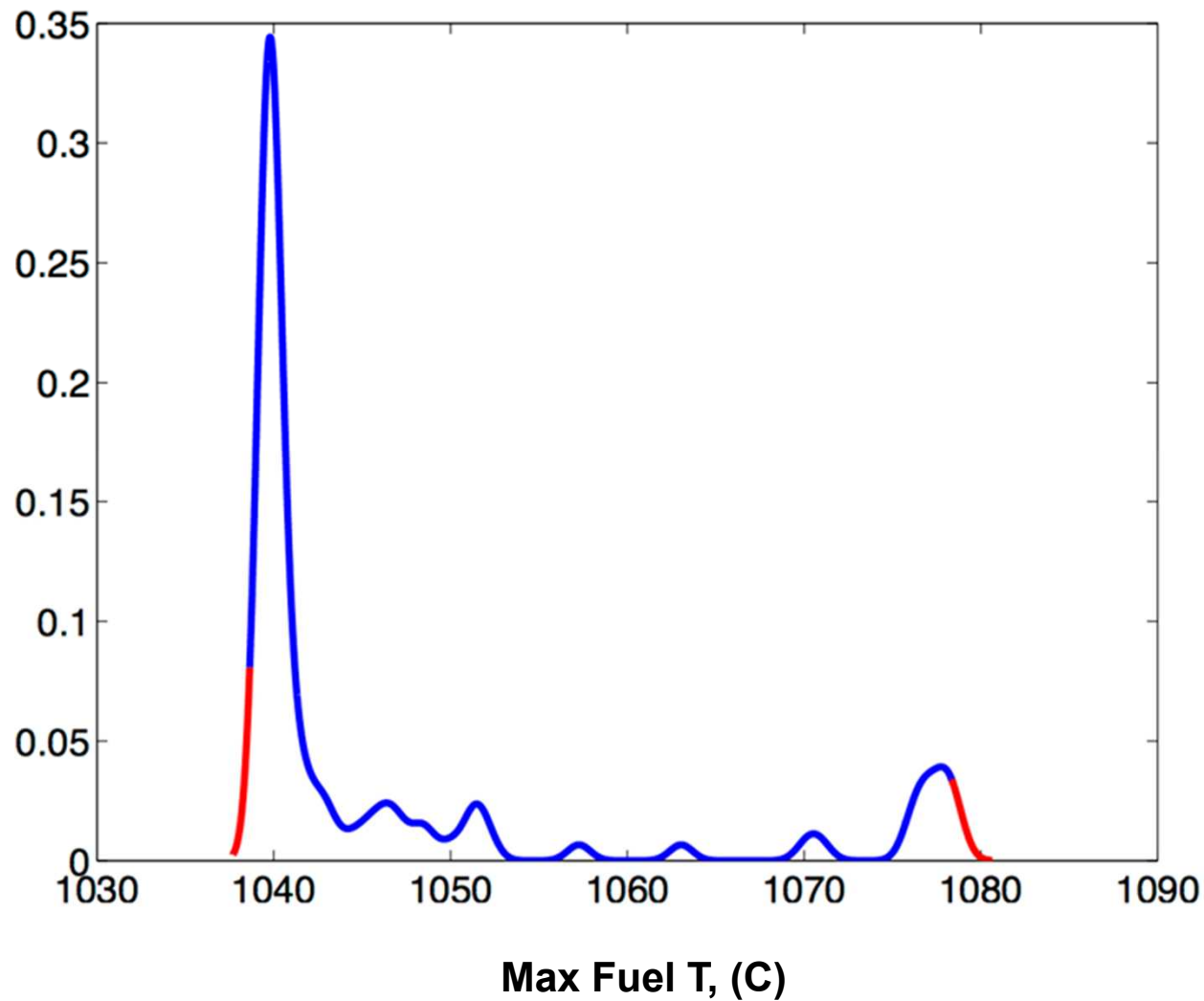
$$Nu = 0.023 Re^{0.8} Pr^{0.4} = \theta_1 Re^{\theta_2} Pr^{\theta_3}$$

- We have three parameters, lead coefficient,  $\theta_1$ , Reynolds exponent,  $\theta_2$ , Prandlt exponent,  $\theta_3$  .
- The challenge is to determine the parameter distribution for these three parameters.
- We will initially use “expert opinion” to say
$$\theta_1 \in [0.0, 0.046]$$
$$\theta_2 \in [0.0, 1.6]$$
$$\theta_3 \in [0.0, 0.8]$$
- We then assume a uniform distribution and do 93 samples to get a 95%-95% confidence interval from Wilks Formula.





# Initial Results



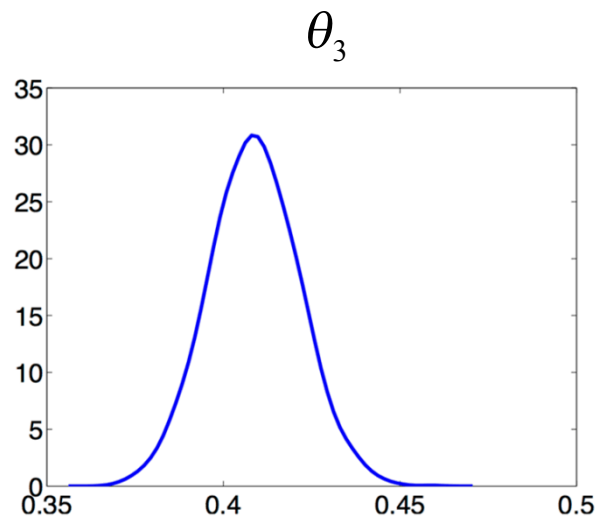
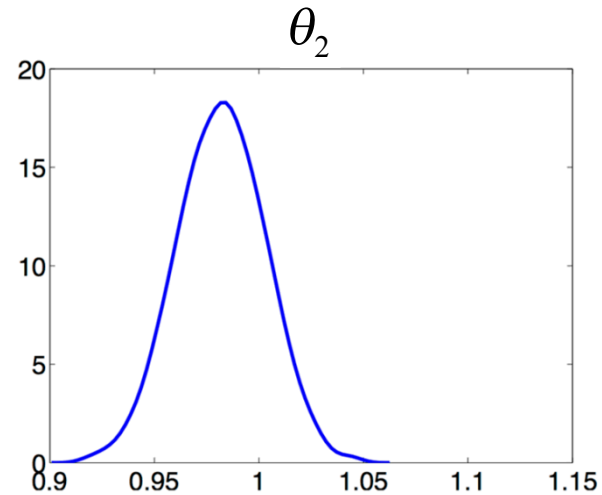
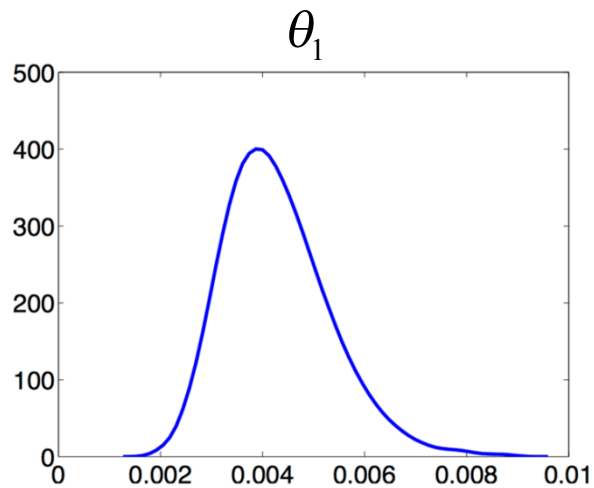


# Second Attempt

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- Dittus Boelter was based on 13 data sets, this analysis is based on one, Morris and Whitman, “Heat Transfer for Oils and Water in Pipes,” *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, **Vol. 20, No. 3**, pp.234-240, 1928.
- From this data set we can build the following parameter distributions.
- We use the Delayed Rejection Adaptive Metropolis (DRAM) algorithm.
- Given the experimental data, and the correlation, the following parameter distributions can be constructed by Bayesian analysis.

# Bayesian Based Parameter Distributions



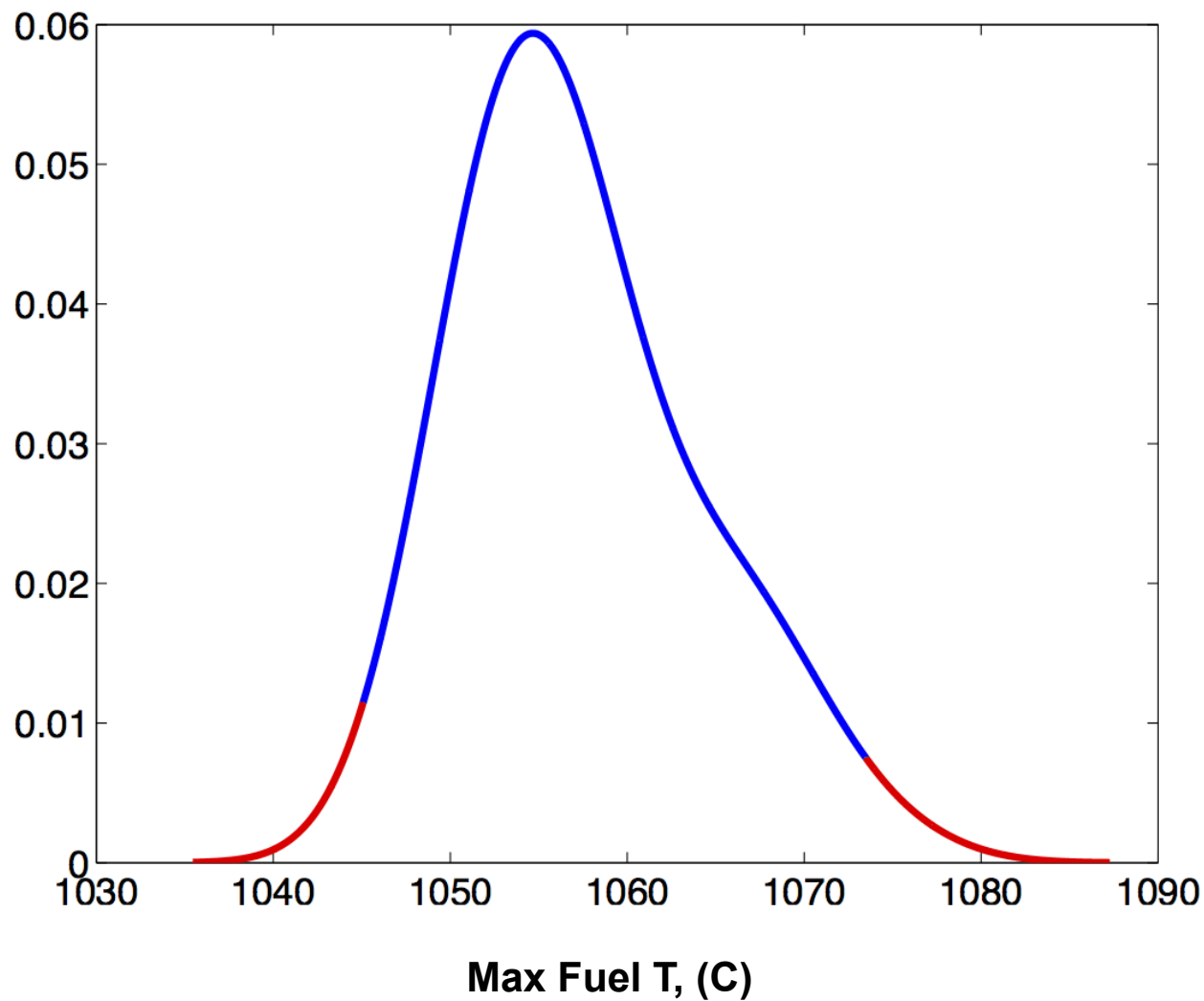


# Dittus Boelter

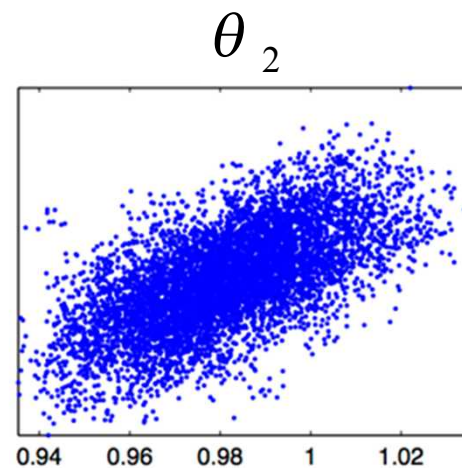
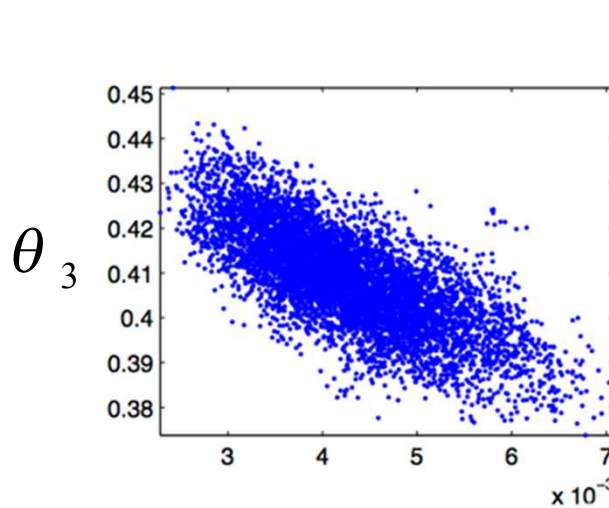
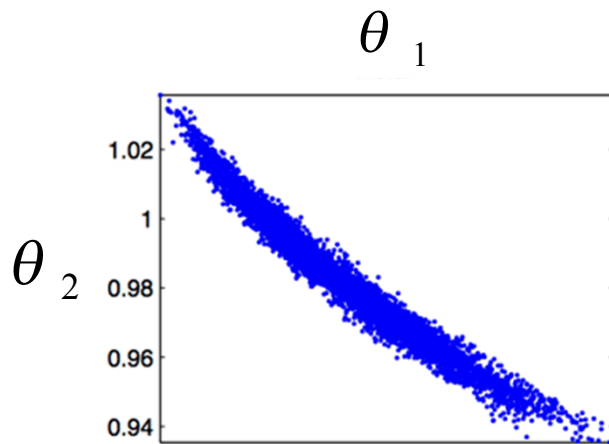
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- We note that the maximum probability for the lead coefficient (labeled  $\theta_1$ ) is now lower 0.004 from 0.023.
- The Reynolds exponent (labeled  $\theta_2$ ) is now larger 0.99 from 0.8
- The Prandtl exponent (labeled  $\theta_3$ ) is only slightly larger 0.41 from 0.4.
- These differences are because we only used 1 of the 13 data sets employed to build Dittus Boelter.
- We can then take 93 random samples from these distributions and get the following maximum fuel temperature distribution.

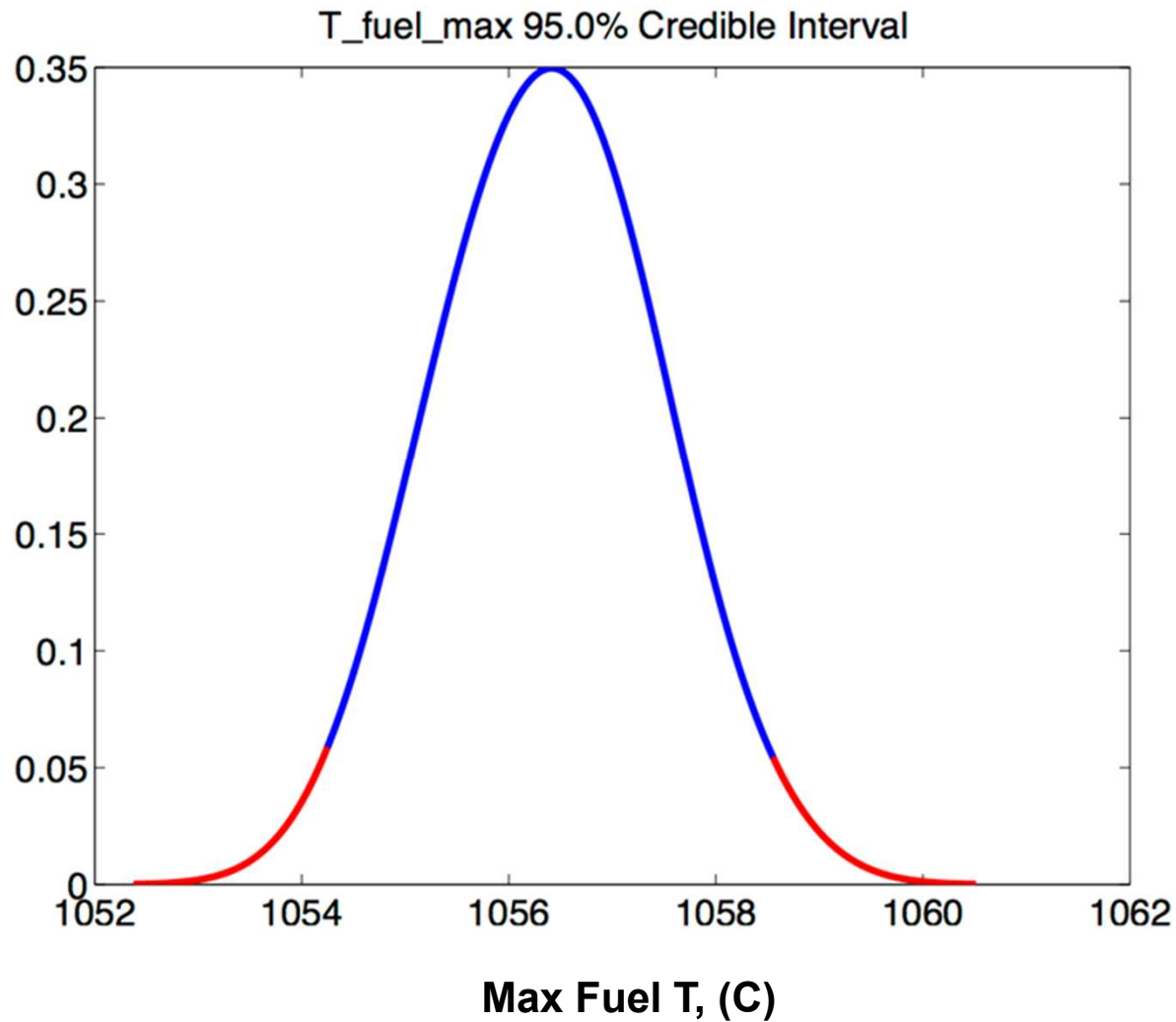
# Second Uncertainty Quantification



# Joint Samples for the Three Parameters



# Dittus Boelter Results





# Comparing the Three Results

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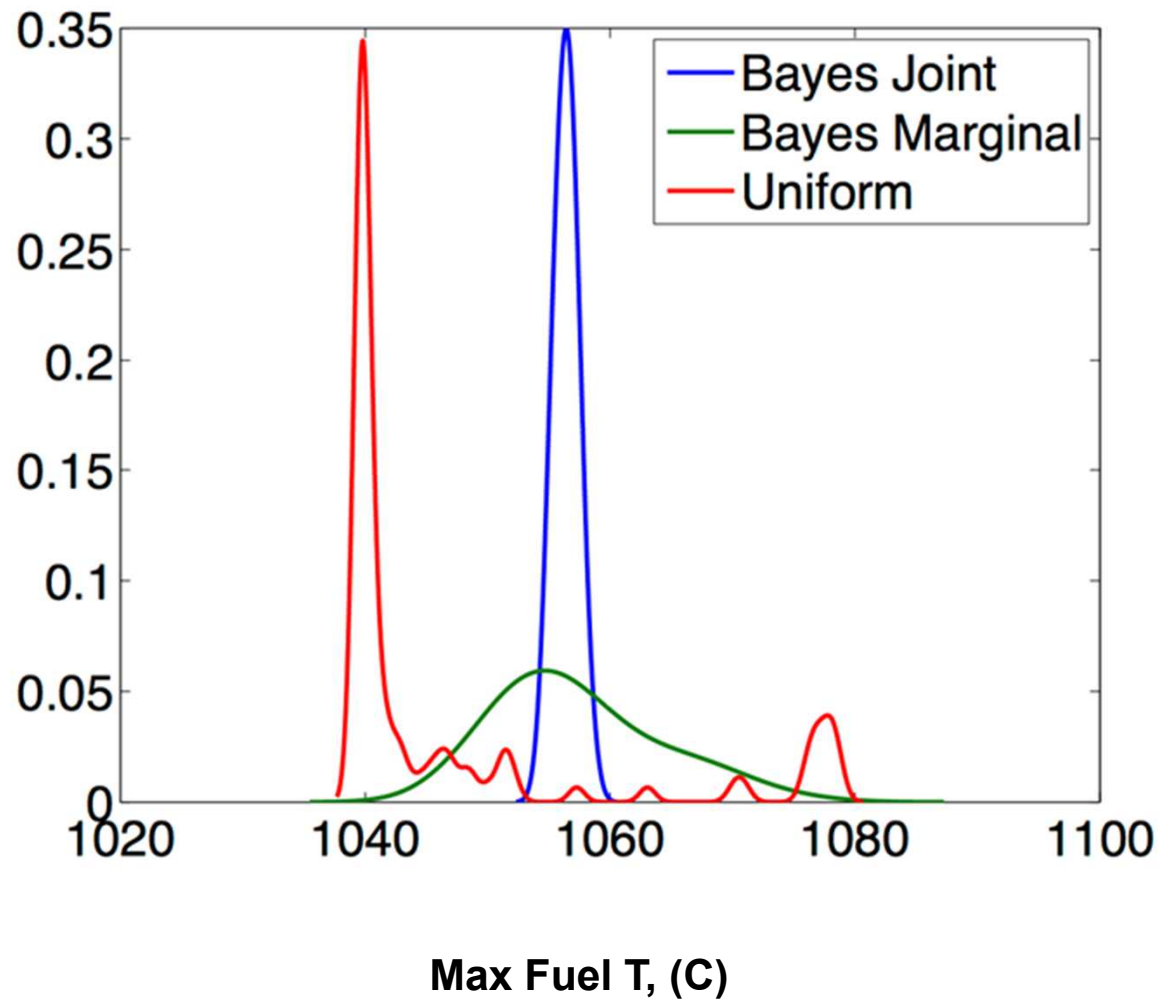
- On the next slide we will show all three maximum temperature distributions.
- The first two have very different shape but roughly the same 95% uncertainty range.
- The third one shows the improvement of recognizing the correlation between the parameters and building a single joint distribution.
- We continually make better use of the data we have.
- The final uncertainty is 5 degrees versus 40 degrees





# Comparison of Results

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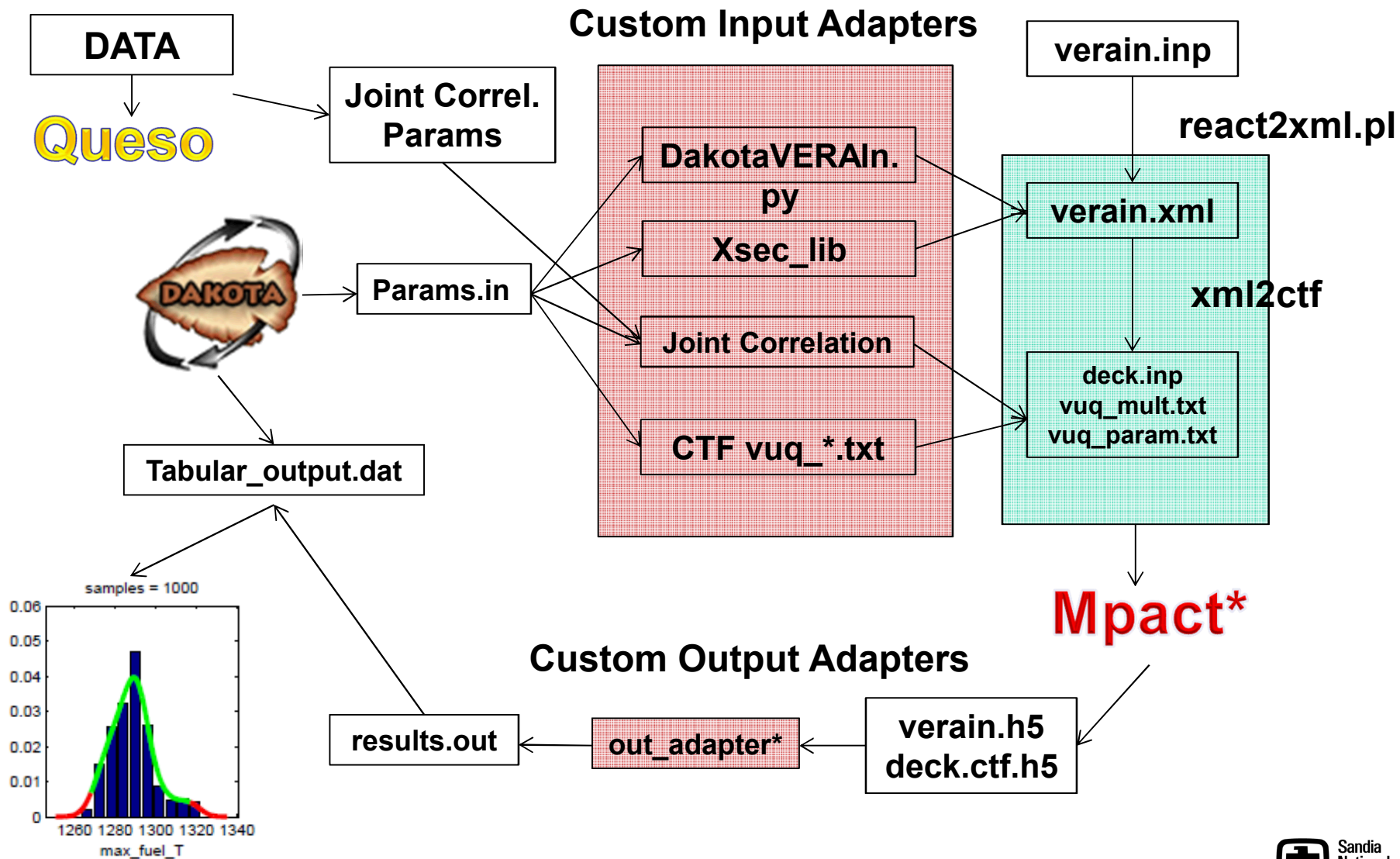


# Dittus Boelter

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- We now have a process to compute parameter distributions.
- The process depends on the experimental data used to produce the correlation.
- The process is easily defensible and does not rely on expert opinion.
- New experimental data can be easily incorporated to improve the accuracy of the new calibrated correlation.
- Future work will compare this uncertainty to expert opinion based parameter distributions employing Wilks formula.

# The Big Picture: Automated PCMM





# Conclusions

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- **The CASL project is employing a holistic view of uncertainty.**
- **Quantification of uncertainty includes**
  - numerical uncertainty quantified by verification
  - Model uncertainty quantified by validation
  - Parameter uncertainty measured by a variety of methods
- **The key to uncertainty quantification is constructing parameter distributions. We have a Bayesian method named DRAM to build these parameter distributions.**
- **This approach to uncertainty quantification is easily defensible and readily improved by incorporation of new validation data.**



# Extra Slides



# Hi2Lo

(R. Smith et al.)

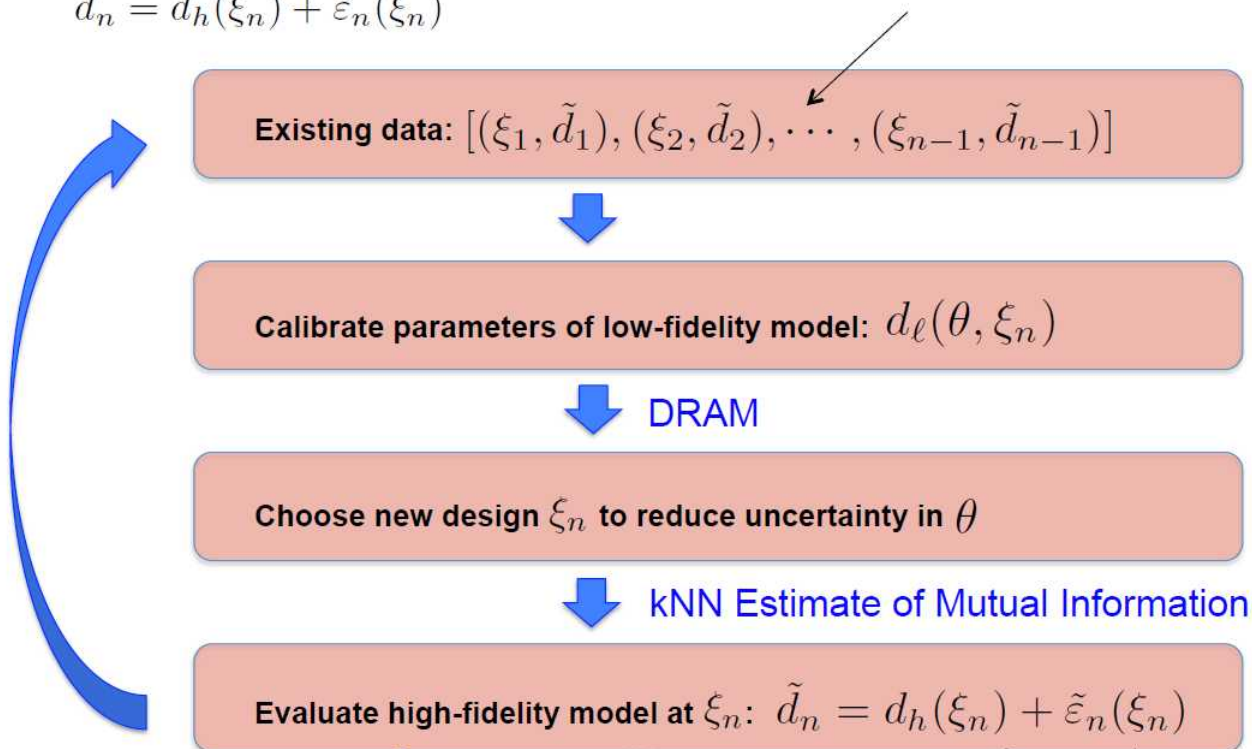
## Design Algorithm

### Statistical Model:

$$d_n = d_\ell(\theta, \xi_n) + \delta(\xi_n) + \varepsilon_n(\xi_n)$$

$$\tilde{d}_n = d_h(\xi_n) + \tilde{\varepsilon}_n(\xi_n)$$

$$D_{n-1} = \{\tilde{d}_1, \tilde{d}_2, \dots, \tilde{d}_{n-1}\}$$



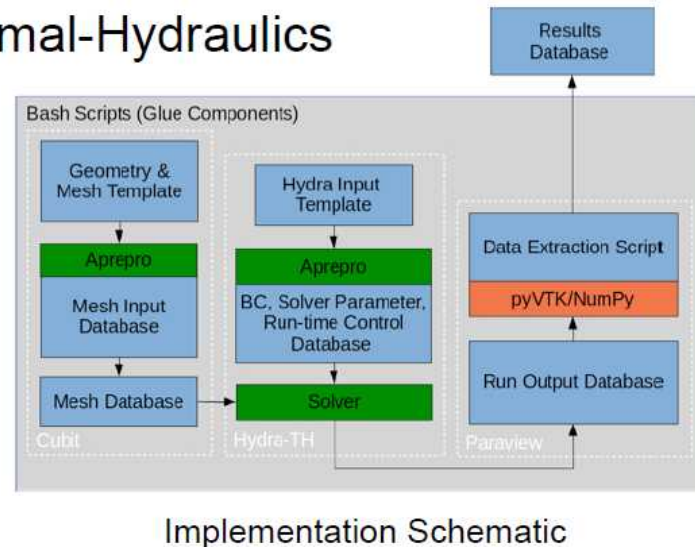
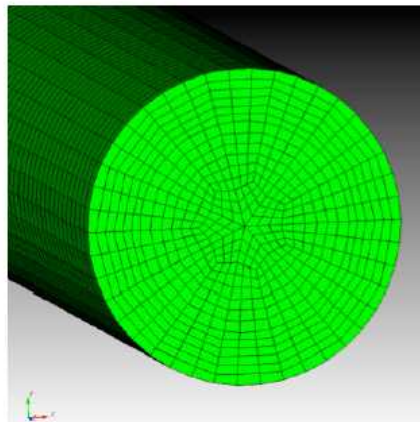


# Hi2Lo

(R. Smith et al.)

## Example Thermal-Hydraulics

**Regime:** Laminar flow in a pipe



**Poiseuille Flow:** Permits verification of CFD and low-fidelity model

$$\frac{dp}{dz} = -\frac{V^2}{2} \frac{\rho}{D} f$$

where

$$V = \frac{\text{Re} \cdot \mu}{\rho D} \quad \text{Average Velocity}$$

$$f = \frac{64}{\text{Re}} \quad \text{Friction Factor}$$

**Low-Fidelity Model:**

$$f(\theta) = a \cdot \text{Re}^b$$

**True Parameters:**  $\theta = [64, -1]$

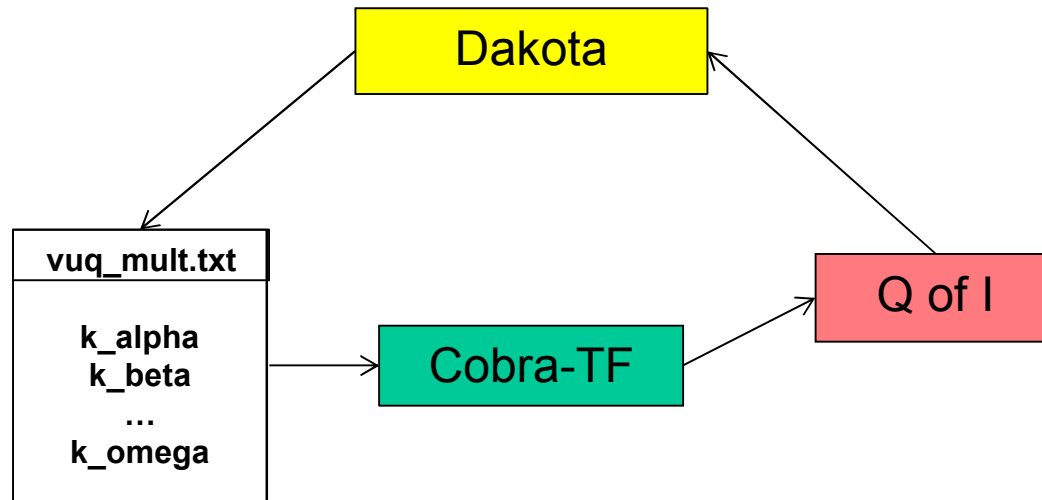
**Design Value:**  $\xi = \text{Re}$

# Cobra-TF Parameter Exposure

## with Noel Belcourt

For general parameter perturbations:

$$\alpha = k_{\alpha}\alpha_0 + s_{\alpha}$$



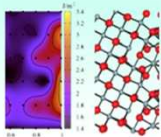
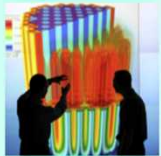
**This capability enables:**

- Sensitivity studies
- UQ studies
- Parameter optimization and calibration

**Exposure of VERA Input and Cobra-TF input parameters enables VUQ analysis**



# Parameter Uncertainty



- **Wilkes is the standard (93 runs), multivariate MC using uniform dist within best-judgment ranges**
- **Dittus-Boelter**
- **McAdams**
- **X-secs**
- **Do forward UQ using these improved parameter input distributions.**



# Summary of Current Activities Presented at PHYSOR 2016

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PHYSOR 2016, Sun Valley, ID, May 1-5, 2016

- B. Collins, R. Salko, S. Stimpson, K. T. Clarno, A. Godfrey, S. Palmtag, J. Secker, B. Kendrick, R. Montgomery, **"Simulation of CRUD-Induced Power Shift using the VERA Core Simulator and MAMBA"**
- A. Graham, T. Downar, B. Collins, R. Salko, S. Palmtag, **"Assessment of Thermal Hydraulic Feedback Models"**
- A. Godfrey, B. Collins, K.S. Kim, J. Powers, R. Salko, S. Stimpson, W. Wieselquist, K. Clarno, J. Gehin, S. Palmtag, R. Montgomery, R. Montgomery, D. Jabaay, B. Kochunas, T. Downar, N. Capps, J. Secker, **"VERA Benchmarking Results for Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 1 Cycles 1-12"**
- T. Downar, B. Kochunas, B. Collins, **"Validation and Verification of the MPACT Code"**
- A. Godfrey, M. Jessee, S. Stimpson, B. Collins, T. Evans, M. Kromar, F. Franceschini, D. Salazar **"VERA Benchmarking Results for KRSKO Nuclear Power Plant Cycle 1"**
- F. Franceschini, D. Salazar, M. Ouisloumen, A. Godfrey, S. Stimpson, B. Collins, C.Gentry, **"AP1000 PWR Cycle 1 HFP Depletion Simulations with VERA-CS"**
- S. Stimpson, B. Collins, A. Zhu, Y. Xu, **"A Hybrid Nodal P3/SP3 Axial Transport Solver for the MPACT 2D/1D Scheme"**
- S. Stimpson, J. Powers, K. Clarno, R. Pawlowski, R. Bratton, **"Assessment of Pellet-Clad Interaction Indicators in Watts Bar Unit1, Cycles 1-3 Using VERA"**
- B. Kochunas, E. Larsen, **"Fourier Analysis of Iteration Schemes for K-Eigenvalue Transport Problems with Flux-Dependent Cross Sections"**

**All Papers are Available by Request**

# Parameter Sensitivity → Downselect

parameter	partial correlation	simple correlation	morris main	morris interaction	CPS variation
k_eta	0.07	0.03			
k_gama	-0.03	0.04			
k_sent	-0.03	-0.02			
k_sdent	-0.07	-0.01			
k_tmasv	-0.03	0.00			
k_tmasl	0.11	0.00	6.48E-05	2.28E-05	medium
k_tmasg	-0.19	-0.01			
k_tmomv	-0.12	-0.01			
k_tmome	0.02	0.00			
k_tmoml	0.02	-0.02	2.23E-04	1.30E-04	medium
k_xk	0.08	-0.02			
k_xkes	-0.05	0.00			
k_xkge	-0.07	0.01			
k_xkl	0.04	-0.01			
k_xkle	-0.03	0.00			
k_xkvl	0.11	-0.01			
k_xkwvw	-0.10	0.01			
k_xkwlw	0.14	0.01			
k_xkwew	-0.01	0.03			
k_qvapf	-0.09	-0.01			
k_tnrgv	-0.03	0.00			
k_tnrgl	-0.01	0.03	9.00E-06	9.49E-06	low
k_rodqq	0.02	-0.01			
k_qradd	-0.02	0.00			
k_qradv	-0.01	0.00			
k_qliht	-0.01	0.00			
k_spts	-0.05	0.03			
k_cond	-0.04	0.00			
k_xkwvx	0.03	-0.02			
k_xkwlx	1.00	0.88	1.80E-01	7.07E-03	high
k_cd	1.00	0.46	9.59E-02	7.88E-03	high
k_cdfb	-0.02	-0.01			
k_wkr	0.02	0.02			

## 5 Active Inputs (single phase flow):

**k\_cd** : Pressure loss coefficient  
of spacer in sub-channel

**k\_xkwlx** : Vertical liquid wall drag  
coefficient

**k\_tmasl** : Loss of liquid mass due  
to mixing and void drift

**k\_tmoml** : Loss of liquid momentum  
due to mixing and void drift

**k\_tnrgl** : Loss of liquid enthalpy due  
to mixing and void drift

“User Guidelines and Best Practices for CASL UQ  
Analysis Using Dakota,” SAND2014-2864

33 initial VUQ parameters reduced to 5 via sensitivity analysis

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**MVA7**

Note single phase flow somewhere

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