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Global Sensitivity Analysis for Large Eddy Simulation Models

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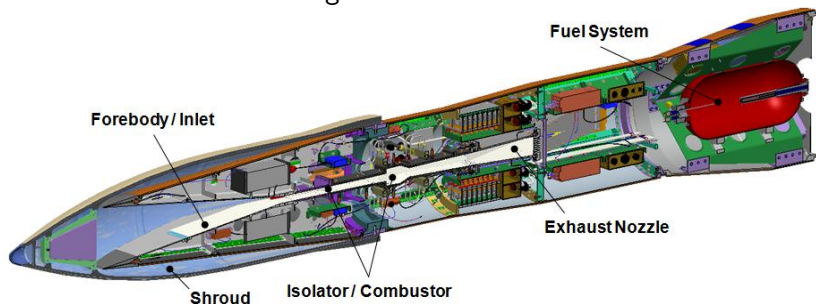
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HIFiRE SCRAMJET

Development of SCRAMJET² engine involves

- flow simulations
- uncertainty quantification (UQ)
- design optimization

We focus on the HIFiRE³ configuration:



²Supersonic Combustion RAMJET

³Hypersonic International Flight Research and Experimentation

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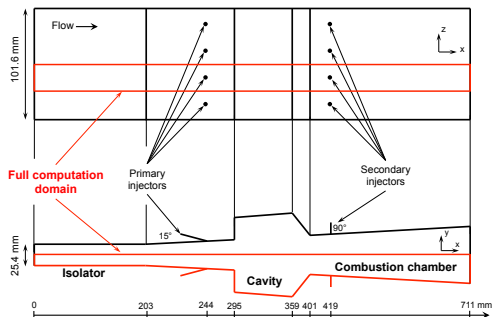
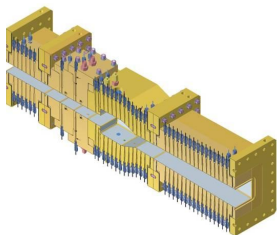
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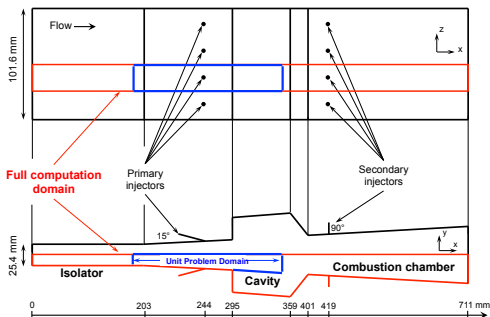
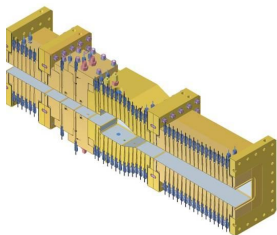


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RAPTOR: internal Sandia LES code by Oefelein *et al.* [Oefelein 06]

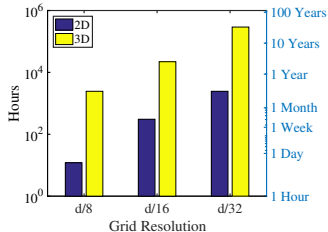
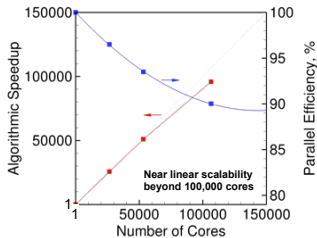
Theoretical:

- Fully-coupled, compressible conservation equations
- Real-fluid equation of state
- Detailed thermodynamics, transport and chemistry
- Multiphase flow, liquid injection and sprays

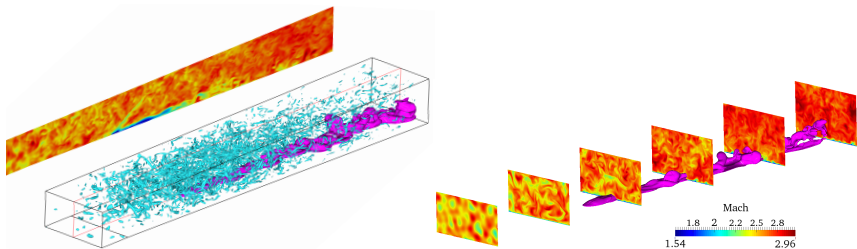
Numerical:

- Staggered finite-volume differencing
- Dual-time stepping with generalized preconditioning
- Complex geometry treatment

Highly-scalable but still **very expensive**



Sample solutions of unit problem



Fuel	purple iso-contour
Turbulence	blue iso-contour
Mach	cutting planes

High dimensional challenge for UQ

A **major challenge**: for uncertainty quantification

- Many uncertain parameters (high stochastic dimension)

Examples:

Inflow boundary conditions		
Inlet (supersonic airflow)	$p_0 = 1.48\text{MPa} \pm 5\%$	Stagnation pressure
	$T_0 = 1550\text{K} \pm 5\%$	Stagnation temperature
	$M_0 = 2.51 \pm 10\%$	Mach number
	$\delta_a = (4.0 \pm 2.0)\text{mm}$	Boundary layer thickness
	$I_a = [0.0 - 0.05]$	Turbulence intensity: $I_a = u' / U_a$
	$Le_a = [0.0 - 8.0]\text{mm}$	Turbulence length scale
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Turbulence model parameters		
Static Smagorinsky	$C_R = [0.01 - 0.06]$	Modified Smagorinsky constant
	$Pr_t = [0.5 - 1.7]$	Turbulent Prandtl number
	$Sc_t = [0.5 - 1.7]$	Turbulent Schmidt number

UQ often involves some forms of “exploring” this parameter space (e.g., Monte Carlo, quadrature): *many* runs $\mathcal{O}(n^d)$ needed—**intractable!**

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Find the important parameters

Possible approaches:

- Fast flow simulations (coarser grids, low-fidelity models/surrogates)
- Efficient “exploration” (adaptive sparse quadrature, QMC, MLMC)
- **Dimension reduction** (GSA, PCA, active subspace, manifolds)

Intuition: Not all parameters uncertainties are important

Question: Can we identify and retain only the important parameters?

Global sensitivity analysis (GSA) [Saltelli 04, Saltelli 08]

- For a given quantify of interest (QoI)
- Variance of QoI decomposed into contributions from each parameter
- Sobol sensitivity indices ranks parameters by their contribution magnitudes [Sobol 03]

Sobol sensitivity indices

$$\text{Main effect} \quad S_i = \frac{\text{Var}_{\lambda_i} (\mathbb{E}_{\lambda_{\sim i}} [f(\lambda)|\lambda_i])}{\text{Var} (f(\lambda))}$$

$$\text{Joint effect} \quad S_{ij} = \frac{\text{Var}_{\lambda_{ij}} (\mathbb{E}_{\lambda_{\sim ij}} [f(\lambda)|\lambda_{ij}])}{\text{Var} (f(\lambda))} - S_i - S_j$$

$$\text{Total effect} \quad S_{T_i} = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{\lambda_{\sim i}} [\text{Var}_{\lambda_i} (f(\lambda)|\lambda_i)]}{\text{Var} (f(\lambda))}$$

- Small S_{T_i} : low impact \Rightarrow fix parameter, stochastic dim. eliminated
- Efficient Monte Carlo estimators [Sobol 90, Saltelli 02, Saltelli 10], but still prohibitive for LES model
- Plan: construct computationally-affordable surrogate model via polynomial chaos expansion (PCE)

Polynomial chaos expansions

Any random variable of finite variance can be expanded as follows

$$\lambda(\omega) = \sum_{|\beta|_1=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{\beta} \Psi_{\beta}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots) \approx \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} \lambda_{\beta} \Psi_{\beta}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n_s})$$
$$\Psi_{\beta}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots) = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \psi_{\beta_j}(\xi_j)$$

- $\lambda_{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}$
- ξ_j is a basis random variable that is easy to sample from
- Entries of β are the orders of ψ_{β_j}
- ψ_{β_j} is the β_j th order univariate orthogonal polynomial with respect to the PDF of ξ_j
- Series truncated to finite terms ($n_s \sim \#$ stochastic d.o.f.)

Polynomial chaos expansions: construction

For a QoI:
$$f(\lambda) = \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}} c_{\beta} \Psi_{\beta}(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{n_s})$$

Non-intrusive approach to compute expansion coefficients

- Projection (e.g., with sparse quadrature):

$$c_{\beta} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[f(\lambda)\Psi_{\beta}]}{\mathbb{E}[\Psi_{\beta}^2]} = \frac{\int_{\Xi} f(\lambda(\xi)) \Psi_{\beta}(\xi) p(\xi) d\xi}{\int_{\Xi} \Psi_{\beta}^2(\xi) p(\xi) d\xi}$$

- Regression $Gc = f$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Psi^{(1)}(\xi^{(1)}) & \dots & \Psi^{(M)}(\xi^{(1)}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \Psi^{(1)}(\xi^{(M)}) & \dots & \Psi^{(M)}(\xi^{(M)}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{\beta^1} \\ \vdots \\ c_{\beta^N} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f(\lambda(\xi^{(1)})) \\ \vdots \\ f(\lambda(\xi^{(M)})) \end{bmatrix}$$

Polynomial chaos expansions: extract Sobol indices

Can extract Sobol indices directly from the PCE coefficients:

$$S_i = \frac{1}{\text{Var}(f(\lambda))} \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{J}_{S_i}} c_\beta^2 \mathbb{E}[\Psi_\beta^2], \quad \mathcal{J}_{S_i} = \{\beta \in \mathcal{J} : \beta_i > 0, \beta_k = 0, k \neq i\}$$

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QoI variance:
$$\text{Var}(f(\lambda)) = \sum_{0 \neq \beta \in \mathcal{J}} c_\beta^2 \mathbb{E}[\Psi_\beta^2]$$

- Small number of LES evaluations available
- Large number of polynomial PCE basis
(p-3 20-d: total order 2925 terms, tensor-product 1.1×10^{12} terms)
- Extremely under-determined
- One approach: reduce the number of bases via sparsity
- Discover and retain only basis terms with high magnitude coefficients using **compressed sensing**

Different variants of the CS problem:

$$\min_c \|c\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad Gc = f$$

$$\min_c \|c\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|Gc - f\|_2^2 < \epsilon$$

$$\min_c \|Gc - f\|_2^2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|c\|_1 < t$$

$$\min_c \frac{1}{2} \|c\|_1 + \tau \|Gc - f\|_2^2,$$

Many algorithms available: e.g., LARS, OMP, FPC, *ℓ*₁-magic

Observation: with few data, solution often overfitted, not useful for interpolation

Current research: mitigate overfitting through Bregman inverse scale space (ISS) methods, and problem reformulations

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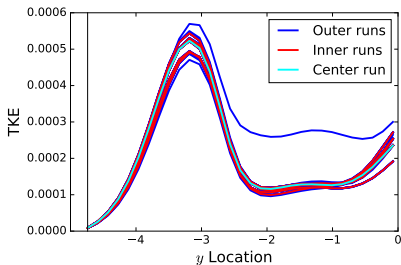
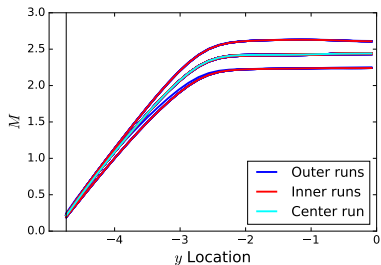
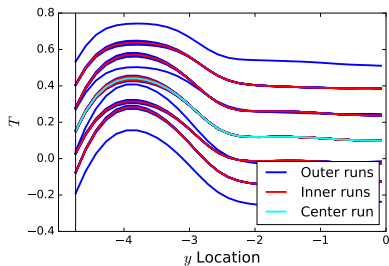
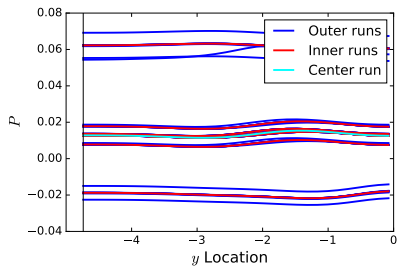
Initial study: 6 parameters

An initial 6 parameter study to exercise mechanics and verify our intuition

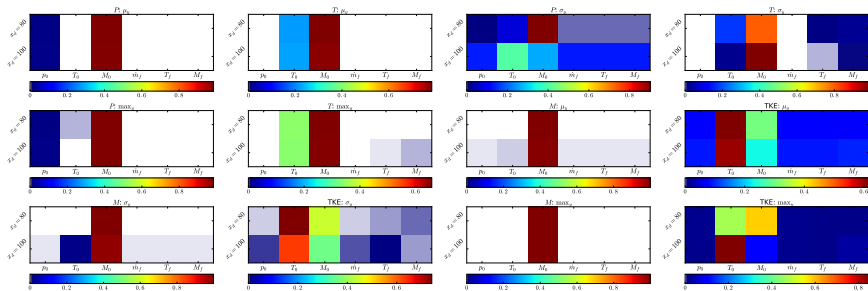
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<i>Fuel injection (1st row)</i> JP-7 surrogate (36% CH_4 + 64% C_2H_4)	$\dot{m}_f = 7.37 \times 10^{-3}\text{kg/s} \pm 10\%$	Mass flux
	$T_f = 300.0\text{K} \pm 5\%$	Static temperature
	$M_f = 1 \pm 5\%$	Mach number

- 3D $d/8$ -grid LES solves
- 73 runs at quadrature points
- 2nd order PCE

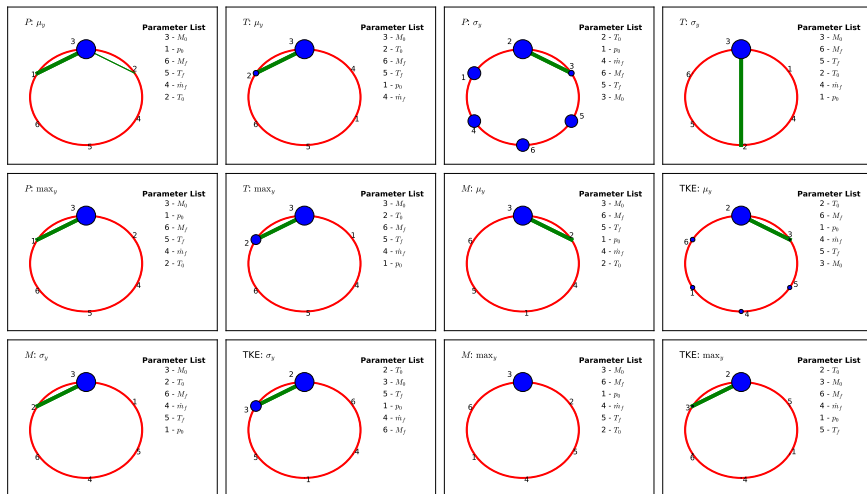
Solution profiles



Total sensitivity indices



Joint sensitivity indices



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Conclusions:

- Demonstrated global sensitivity analysis framework
 - based on Sobol indices
 - applied to expensive LES simulations of SCRAMJET design
- Enabled tractable GSA computations with polynomial chaos expansions
- Verified highest sensitivity in initial non-combustion unit problem is to inlet Mach number

Future work:

- A 24-dimensional problem is in progress
- Employ compressed sensing
- Leverage different models/resolutions via multi-fidelity
- Full geometry with cavity
- Enabled combustion reactions (many more parameters!)

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