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Definition of Uncertainty Quantification (UQ)

UQ is the end-to-end estimation and analysis of uncertainty in:

models and their parameters

- assimilation of experimental/observational data
- model fitting and parameter estimation

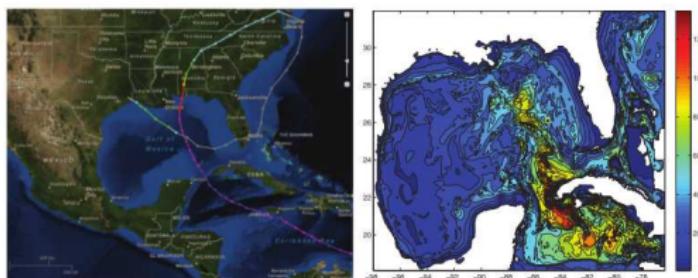
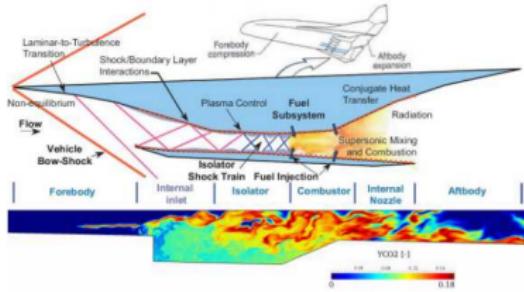
model predictions

- forward propagation of parametric uncertainty to model outputs
- Analysis, comparison and selection among alternate plausible models

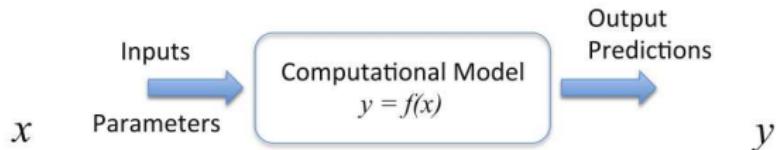
The Case for Uncertainty Quantification

UQ is needed in:

- Assessment of confidence in computational predictions
- Validation and comparison of scientific/engineering models
- Robust design optimization under uncertainty
- Use of computational predictions for decision-support
- Assimilation of observational data and model construction
- Multiscale and multiphysics model coupling

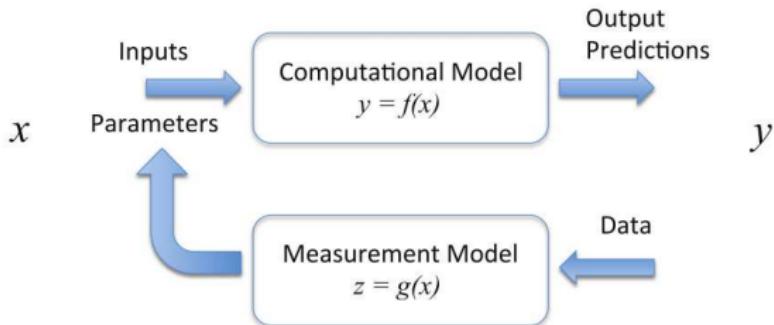


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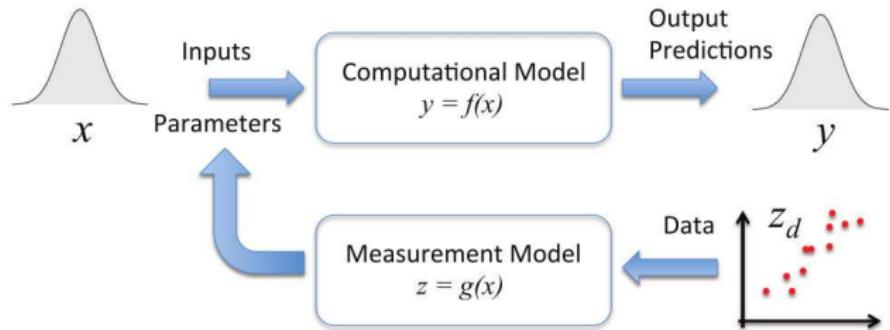
Forward problem

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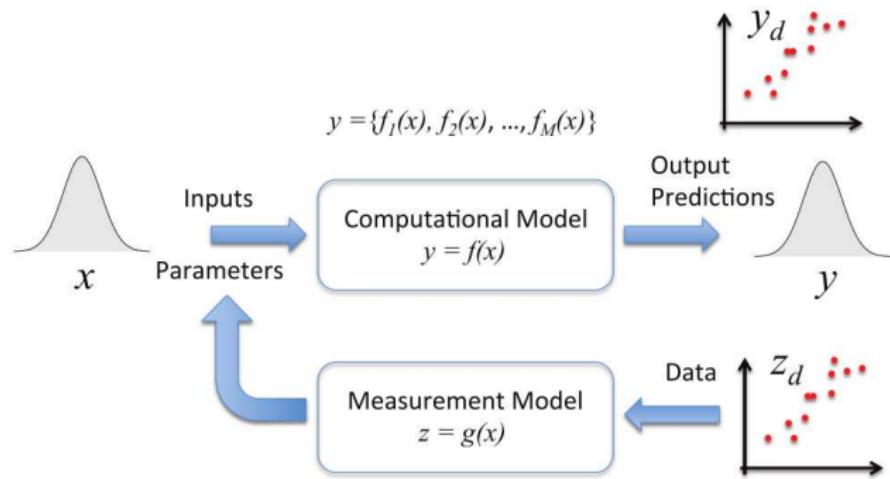
Inverse & Forward problems

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Inverse & Forward UQ

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Inverse & Forward UQ
 Model validation & comparison, Hypothesis testing

Probabilistic Forward UQ

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$$y = f(x)$$

Represent uncertain quantities using probability theory

Random sampling, Monte Carlo

- Generate random samples $\{x^i\}_{i=1}^N$ from the PDF of x , $p(x)$
- Bin the corresponding $\{y^i\}$ to construct $p(y)$
- Not feasible for computationally expensive $f(x)$
 - slow convergence of MC/QMC methods
 - ⇒ very large N required for reliable estimates

Build a cheap surrogate for $f(x)$, then use Monte Carlo/others

- Collocation – interpolants
- Regression – fitting
- Galerkin methods
 - Polynomial Chaos (PC) methods

Role of Surrogates in Probabilistic UQ

Computational forward model, parameter vector λ

$$y = f(x, \lambda)$$

Forward UQ

- Given PDF $p(\lambda)$, estimate $p(y)$ or $M_q(y) = \mathbb{E}[y^q]$
- General *non-intrusive* methods rely on sampling λ
- Require many samples $(\lambda_k, f(x, \lambda_k)), k = 1, \dots, N$

Inverse UQ

- Given data $D := \{(x_i, y_i), i = 1, \dots, M\}$, estimate $p(\lambda|D)$
- Bayesian methods often use Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
- Require many samples $(\lambda_k, f(x_i, \lambda_k)), k = 1, \dots, K, \forall i$

Require a cheap surrogate $S_\alpha(x, \lambda) \simeq f(x, \lambda), \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^L$

Challenges with Surrogate Construction

- Choice of surrogate function is informed by structure of $f(x, \lambda)$
 - Structure of $f(x, \lambda)$ not known *a priori*
 - Discontinuities, say at some $\lambda^*(x)$, require particular care
 - Local versus global surrogates
 - Nonlinearities, shape ...
 - e.g. polynomials have trouble with sigmoid response
 - Surrogate complexity can grow, requiring a large L
- High dimensionality in λ
 - Large number of uncertain parameters
 - Non-smooth random fields
- Large computational cost for $f(x, \lambda)$
 - e.g. a global climate simulation
 - Can only afford a few samples

Surrogate types

- Global vs local surrgates
- Many smooth functions have been used as surrogates in smooth regions
 - Polynomials
 - Padé approximants – Rational functions
 - Wavelets
 - Radial basis functions
 - Gaussian processes
 - Neural networks
 - etc ...
- Probabilistic structure, *i.e.* given that λ is random, motivates the use of Polynomial Chaos expansions (PCEs)
 - A PCE is an expansion in terms of orthogonal functions of simple random variables
 - A generalized fourrier series

Polynomial Chaos Expansion (PCE)

- Model uncertain quantities as random variables (RVs)
- Given a *germ* $\xi(\omega) = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$ – a set of *i.i.d.* RVs
 - where $p(\xi)$ is uniquely determined by its moments

Any RV in $L^2(\Omega, \mathfrak{S}(\xi), P)$ can be written as a PCE:

$$u(\mathbf{x}, t, \omega) = f(\mathbf{x}, t, \xi) \simeq \sum_{k=0}^P u_k(\mathbf{x}, t) \Psi_k(\xi(\omega))$$

- $u_k(\mathbf{x}, t)$ are mode strengths
- $\Psi_k()$ are multivariate functions orthogonal w.r.t. $p(\xi)$

Non-intrusive sampling-based forward UQ : $u = u(\lambda(\xi); x, t)$

$$u_k = \frac{\langle u \Psi_k \rangle}{\langle \Psi_k^2 \rangle} = \frac{1}{\langle \Psi_k^2 \rangle} \int u(\lambda(\xi)) \Psi_k(\xi) \rho(\xi) d\xi, \quad k = 0, \dots, P$$

- $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n \Rightarrow$ (at least an) n -dimensional integration problem

Use of PCE in forward UQ & surrogate construction

Strategy:

- Represent model parameters/solution as random variables

$$\lambda \equiv \lambda(\xi) = \sum_{k=0}^P \lambda_k \Psi_k(\xi) \quad (\lambda_k \text{ known})$$

- Construct PCEs for uncertain parameters

$$y \equiv y(\xi) = \sum_{k=0}^P y_k \Psi_k(\xi) \quad (y_k \text{ unknown})$$

- Evaluate PCEs for model outputs

$$y_k = \frac{\langle f \Psi_k \rangle}{\langle \Psi_k^2 \rangle} = \frac{1}{\langle \Psi_k^2 \rangle} \int_{\Xi \subset \mathbb{R}^n} f(x, \lambda(\xi)) \Psi_k(\xi) p_\xi(\xi) d\xi, \quad k = 0, \dots, P$$

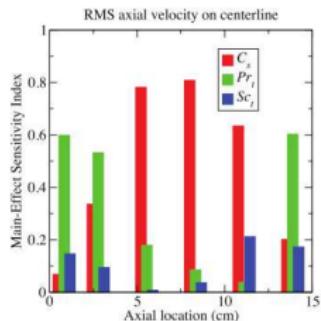
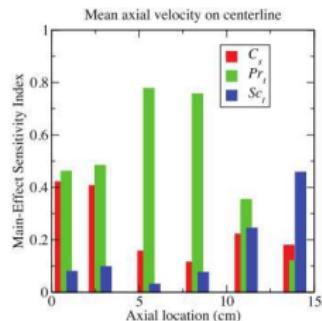
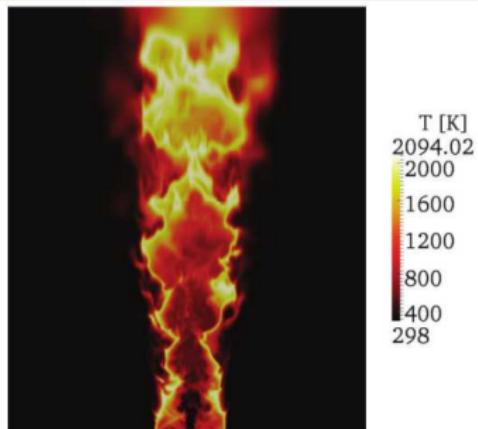
Advantages:

- Computational efficiency in low-to-moderate dimensionality
- Moments: $E(u) = u_0, \text{var}(u) = \sum_{k=1}^P u_k^2 \langle \Psi_k^2 \rangle, \dots$
- Global Sensitivities – fractional variances, Sobol' indices

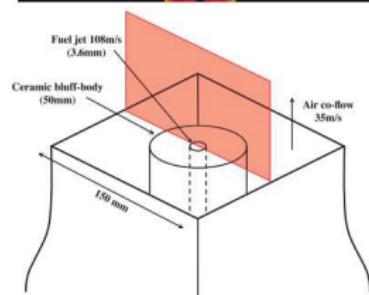
UQ in LES computations: turbulent bluff-body flame

with M. Khalil, G. Lacaze, & J. Oefelein, Sandia Nat. Labs

- $\text{CH}_4\text{-H}_2$ jet, air coflow, 3D flow
- $\text{Re}=9500$, LES subgrid modeling
- 12×10^6 mesh cells, 1024 cores
- 3 days run time, 2×10^5 time steps
- 3 uncertain parameters (C_s , Pr_t , Sc_t)
- 2nd-order PC, 25 sparse-quad. pts



Main-Effect Sensitivity Indices

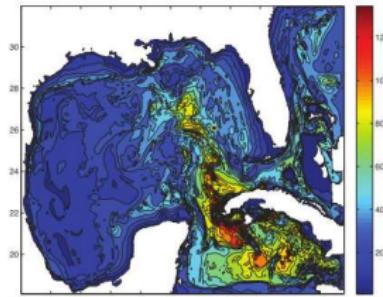
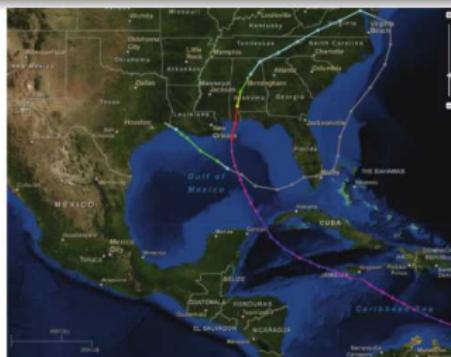


J. Oefelein & G. Lacaze, SNL

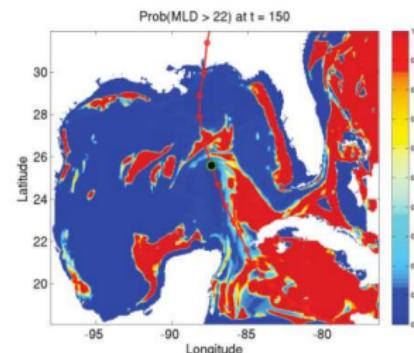
UQ in Ocean Modeling – Gulf of Mexico

A. Alexanderian, J. Winokur, I. Sraj, O.M. Knio, Duke Univ.

A. Srinivasan, M. Iskandarani, Univ. Miami; W.C. Thacker, NOAA



- Hurricane Ivan, Sep. 2004
- HYCOM ocean model (hycom.org)
- Predicted Mixed Layer Depth (MLD)
- Four uncertain parameters, *i.i.d.* U
 - subgrid mixing & wind drag params
- 385 sparse quadrature samples



(Alexanderian *et al.*, Winokur *et. al.*, *Comput. Geosci.*, 2012, 2013)

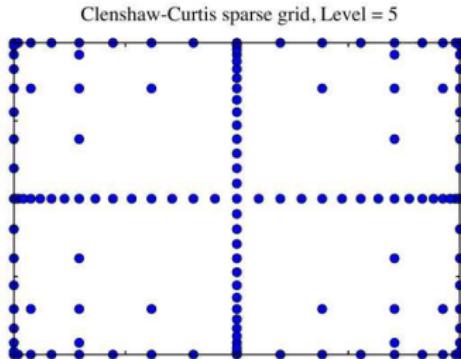
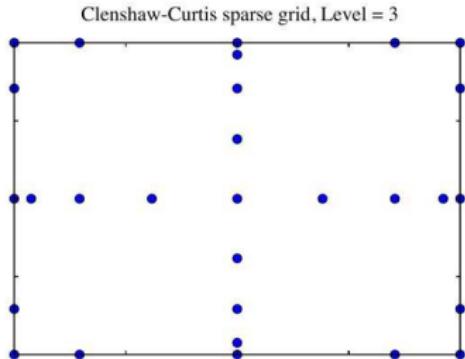
PC and High-Dimensionality

Dimensionality n of the PC basis: $\xi = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$

- $n \approx$ number of uncertain parameters
- PCE order p
- $P + 1 = (n + p)!/n!p!$ grows fast with n

Impact:

- Hi-D projection integrals \Rightarrow large # non-intrusive samples
 - Sparse quadrature methods



PC Sparse Quadrature in hiD

– Climate land model

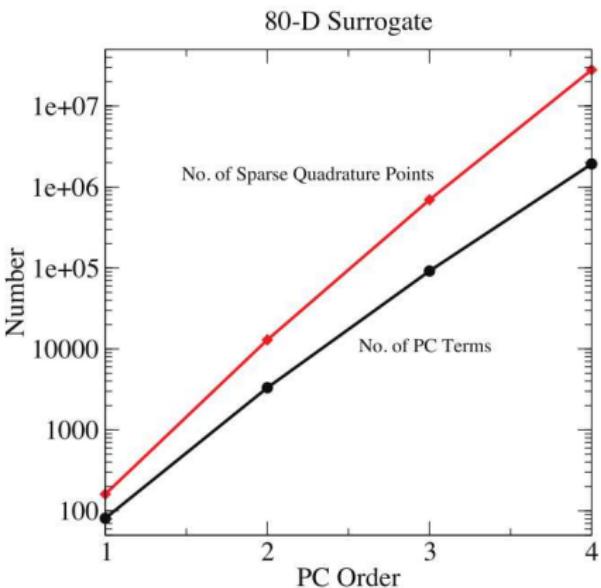
Full quadrature: $N = (N_{1D})^n$

Sparse Quadrature

- Wide range of methods
- Nested & hierarchical
- Clenshaw-Curtis: $N = \mathcal{O}(n^p)$
- Adaptive – greedy algorithms

Number of points can still be excessive in hi-D

- Large no. of terms
- Reduction/sparsity



High dimensionality is a major challenge in forward UQ

- High dimensionality is the result of
 - Large number of uncertain parameters/inputs
 - Large number of degrees of freedom in random field inputs
- Sparse-quadrature requires an unfeasible number of model evaluations for very high dimensional systems
- Monte Carlo requires similarly large number of samples when the number of important dimensions is very high
 - However, typically, physical model output quantities of interest are *smooth* \Rightarrow Only a small number of inputs are important
- In this case, the way out is:
 - Use global sensitivity analysis (GSA) with Monte Carlo to identify important parameters
 - Use polynomial Chaos expansions (PCE) with sparse quadrature on the reduced dimensional space for accurate forward UQ

Global sensitivity analysis: Sobol indices

Global sensitivity analysis (GSA) (Saltelli:2004,2008)

- For a given quantity of interest (QoI) ...
- QoI variance decomposed into contributions from each parameter
- Sobol indices rank parameters by their contributions (Sobol:2003)

Total effect

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

S_{T_i} small \Rightarrow low impact parameter \Rightarrow fix value (eliminate dimension)

How to compute?

- Monte Carlo estimators (Saltelli:2002,2010) still prohibitive if used directly for large scale computational models

Hi-dimension with large-scale computational models

When the number of feasible samples for GSA is highly limited due to computational costs:

- Reliable MC-estimation of sensitivity indices requires regularization
- Presuming smoothness, use MC samples to fit a PCE, which is subsequently used to estimate the sensitivity indices
- Employ ℓ_1 -norm constrained regression to discover a sparse PCE
 - compressive sensing
- Employ Multilevel Monte Carlo (MLMC), as well as Multilevel Multifidelity (MLMF) methods
 - Optimal combination of coarse/fine mesh and low/high fidelity models to minimize computational costs for a given accuracy

Similarly for forward PC UQ:

- Employ generalized adaptive non-isotropic sparse quadrature with MLMF methods on reduced dimensional input space

Estimation of GSA Sobol' Indices with PC regression

- When # samples is small, GSA indices can be computed with improved accuracy, relying on PC regression/smoothing
- Polynomial Chaos expansion (PCE): $u(\xi) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} c_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\xi)$
 - Germ: $\xi = \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d\}$, Multi-index $\alpha = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_d\}$,
 - Polynomials, orthogonal w.r.t. $p(\xi)$, $\Psi_{\alpha}(\xi) = \prod_{i=1}^d \psi_{\alpha_i}(\xi_i)$
- Use regression with MC samples to fit a PCE to the data

$$\underset{c_{\alpha}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{s=1}^N \left(f(\lambda(\xi^{(s)})) - \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} c_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\xi^{(s)}) \right)^2$$

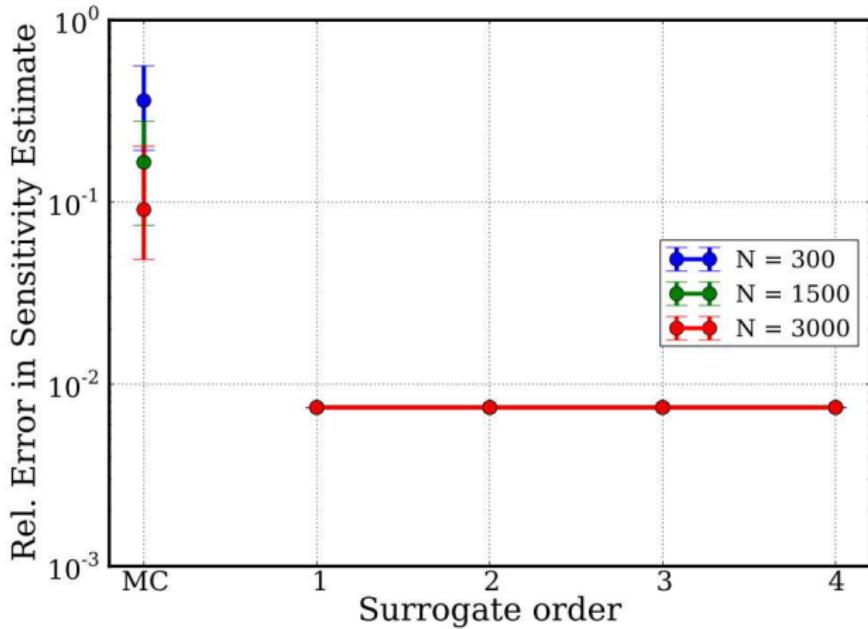
- Use PCE to evaluate Sobol indices

$$S_{T_i} = \frac{\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I} | \alpha_i > 0} c_{\alpha}^2 \langle \Psi_{\alpha}^2 \rangle}{\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I} | \alpha \neq 0} c_{\alpha}^2 \langle \Psi_{\alpha}^2 \rangle}$$

Sudret, 2008; Crestaux, 2009; Sargsyan, 2017; Ricciuto, 2018

Estimation of GSA Sobol' Indices with PC regression

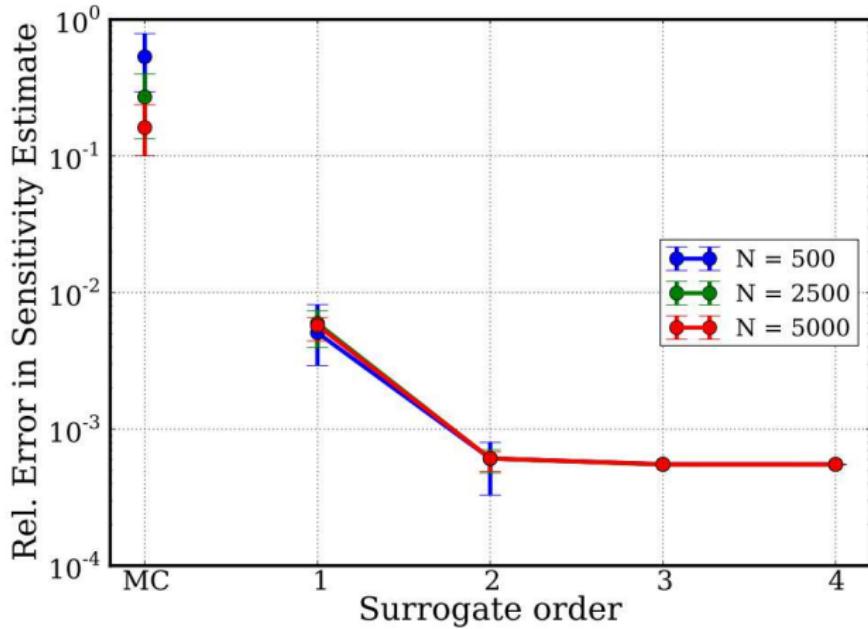
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Sargsyan, 2017

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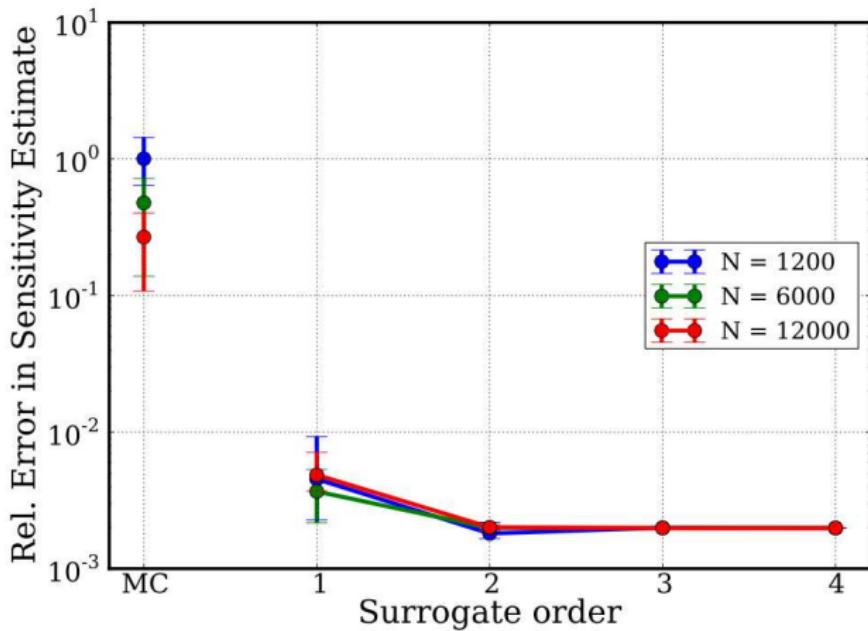
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Sargsyan, 2017

Estimation of GSA Sobol' Indices with PC regression

$$d = 10$$



Sargsyan, 2017

Sparse regression

Model:

$$y = f(\xi) \simeq \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{I}} c_{\alpha} \Psi_{\alpha}(\xi)$$

- With N samples $(\xi^1, y^1), \dots, (\xi^N, y^N)$, estimate K terms c_{α}

$$\min \|y - Ac\|_2^2$$

With $N \ll K \Rightarrow$ under-determined, need regularization

- Use ℓ_1 norm regularization to discover sparsity
- Discover a sparse fitted PCE – many zero coefficients

Compressive Sensing; LASSO; basis pursuit; etc ...

$\min \{\ y - Ac\ _2^2\}$	subject to $\ c\ _1 \leq \epsilon$	LASSO
$\min \{\ y - Ac\ _2^2 + \lambda \ c\ _1\}$		uLASSO
$\min \{\ c\ _1\}$	subject to $y = Ac$	BP
$\min \{\ c\ _1\}$	subject to $\ y - Ac\ _2^2 \leq \epsilon$	BPDN

Unconstrained LASSO (uLASSO) – Practicalities

A broad range of methods exists for solving the optimization problem:

$$\mathbf{c}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{c}} \{ \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{c}\|_1 \}$$

[l1_ls](#) (Kim 2007), [SpaRSA](#) (Wright 2009), [CGIST](#) (Goldstein 2010), [FPC_AS](#) (Wen 2010), [ADMM](#) (Boyd 2010)

- Choice of $\lambda \geq 0$ controls the degree of overfitting vs underfitting
- This choice can be viewed as a model selection problem
 - Can base the choice on Bayesian model evidence maximization
- A cross-validation (CV) λ -choice strategy: minimize K -fold CV error

$$\lambda^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\lambda \geq 0} E_{\text{cv}}(\lambda)$$

- For expensive models, also target optimal data sample size
 - Increase sample size m adaptively
 - Stop sampling when the rate of decrease of λ -optimal CV error with increasing m drops below a given threshold

[Huan, SIAM JUQ 2018](#)

Bayesian Regression

- Bayes formula

$$p(\mathbf{c}|D) \propto p(D|\mathbf{c})\pi(\mathbf{c})$$

- Bayesian regression: prior as a regularizer, e.g.

- Log Likelihood $\Leftrightarrow \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2$
- Log Prior $\Leftrightarrow \|\mathbf{c}\|_p^p$

- Laplace sparsity priors $\pi(c_k|\alpha) = \frac{1}{2\alpha}e^{-|c_k|/\alpha}$

- uLASSO (Tibshirani 1996, Van den Berg 2008) ... formally:

$$\min \{\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{c}\|_1\}$$

Solution \sim the posterior mode of \mathbf{c} in the Bayesian model

$$\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{I}_N), \quad c_k \sim \frac{1}{2\alpha}e^{-|c_k|/\alpha}$$

- Bayesian LASSO (Park & Casella 2008)

Bayesian Compressive Sensing (BCS)

- BCS (Ji 2008; Babacan 2010) – hierarchical priors:
 - Gaussian priors $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_k^2)$ on the c_k
 - Gamma priors on the σ_k^2

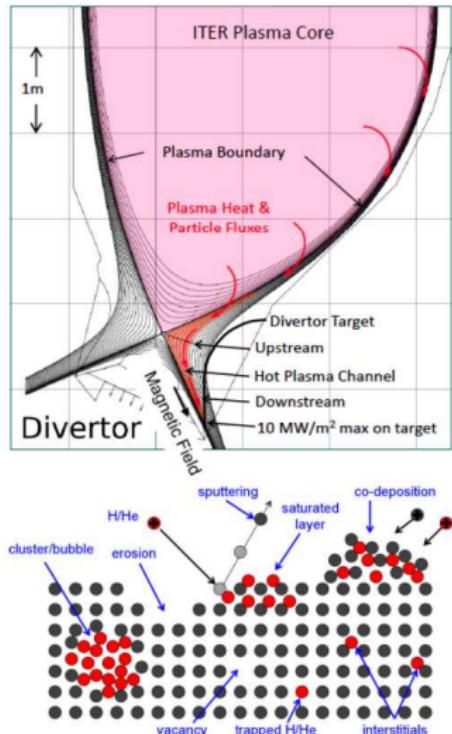
⇒ Laplace sparsity priors on the c_k
- Evidence maximization establishes maximum likelihood estimates of the σ_k
 - many of which are found $\approx 0 \Rightarrow c_k \approx 0$
 - iteratively include terms that lead to the largest increase in the evidence
- Iterative BCS (iBCS) (Sargsyan 2012):
 - adaptive iterative order growth
 - BCS on order- p Legendre-Uniform PC
 - repeat with order- $p + 1$ terms added to surviving p -th order terms

Demonstration in Cluster Dynamics Computations

- Material damage processes associated with plasma surface interactions in the ITER fusion reactor – He in W/Be
- Xe gas bubble transport in nuclear fuel rods in fission reactors
- “Xolotl” C++ cluster dynamics code for prediction of gas bubble evolution in solids
- Solves PDE (x, t) for concentration of clusters of different sizes
- 2D/3D - relies on PETSc solvers
- <https://github.com/ORNL-Fusion/xolotl>

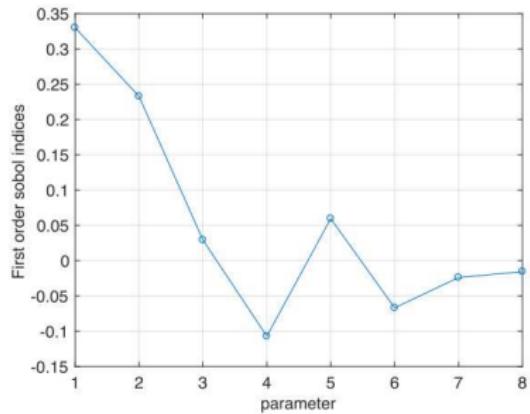
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ITER Plasma Material Interface



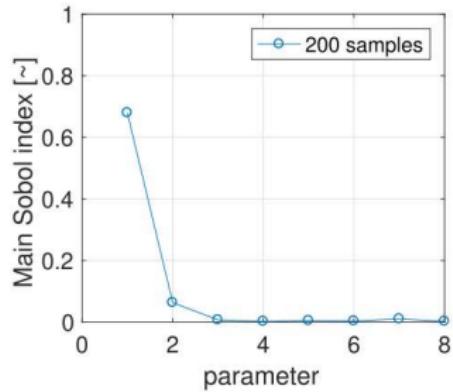
S. Blondel et al., COSIRES, 2018

GSA in Xolotl

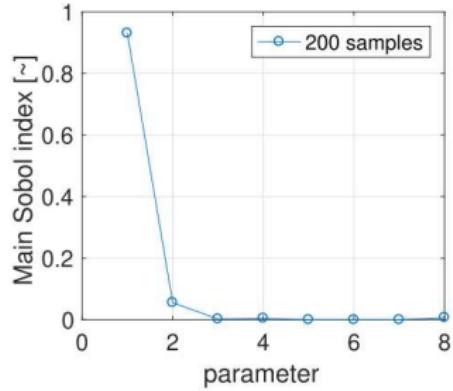


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- 8 parameters
- Noise/negativity in indices eliminated with sparse PC regression @ 200 samples

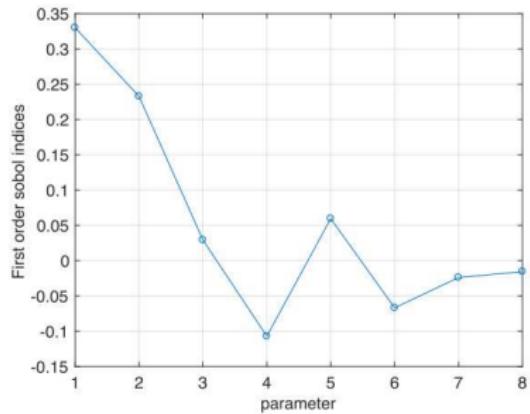
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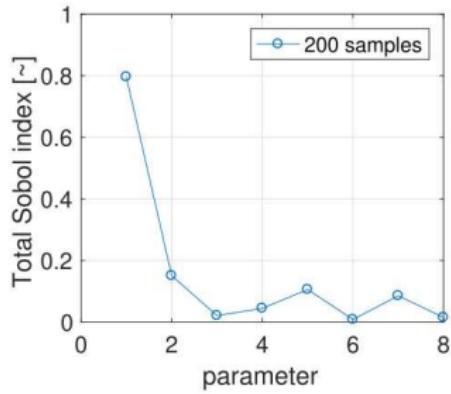


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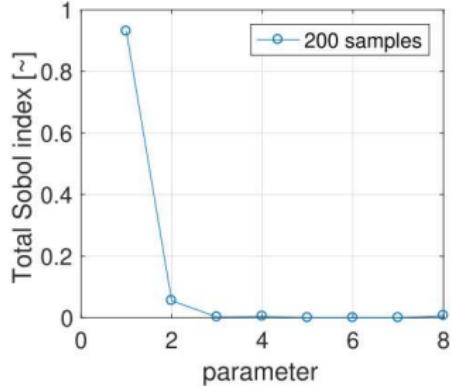


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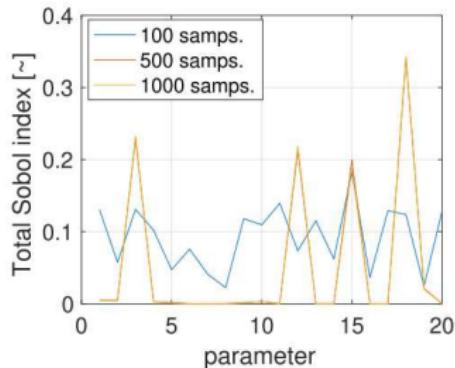
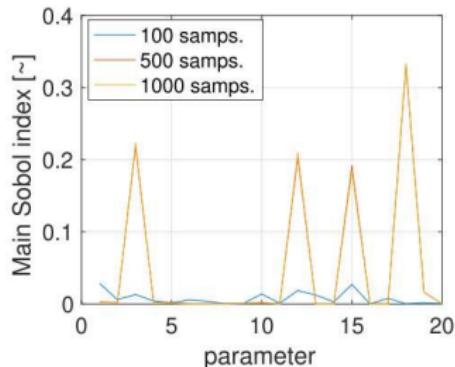
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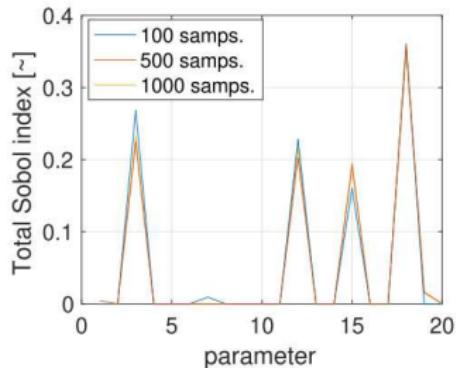
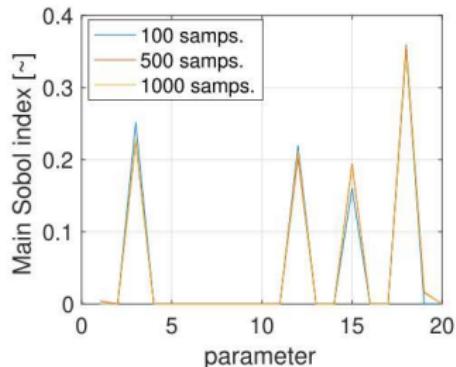
Free Energy Cluster Dynamics (FECD) computations

- FECD computes diffusivities of small gas clusters in solid matrix
 - Defect mobilities in UO_2
 - Relies on Density Functional Theory (DFT) using VASP
David Andersson, Christopher Matthews – Los Alamos National Lab
- Implemented under the MARMOT umbrella, uses the MOOSE framework
<https://moose.inl.gov/marmot>
- Involves 177 parameters
- Nominal parameter values from DFT simulations
- Uncertainties specified as upper and lower bounds from expert opinions

FECD GSA Study



LSQ-PC



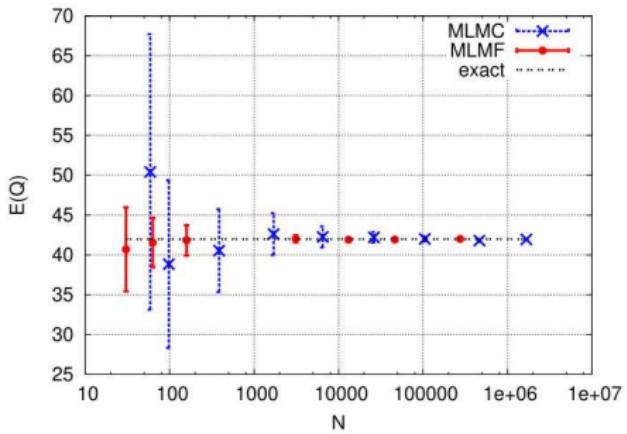
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Multilevel Multifidelity (MLMF) Methods for UQ

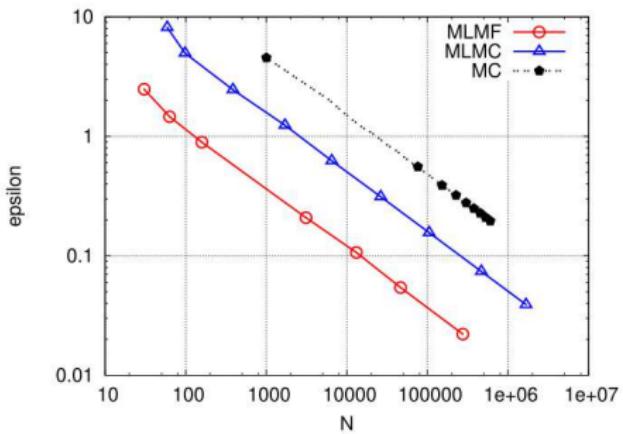
When the computational model is quite expensive, we still seek more reduction in the required number of expensive samples

- Multilevel Multifidelity (MLMF) methods allow further savings by combining information judiciously from low/high-resolution and low/high-fidelity models
- Use many low resolution/fidelity model computations and a minimal necessary number of high resolution/fidelity model computations to achieve target accuracy with MC
- Choice of how many simulations to run at low and high fidelity/resolution is done adaptively

Heat equation–MLMF vs. MLMC vs. plain MC



Expected Value

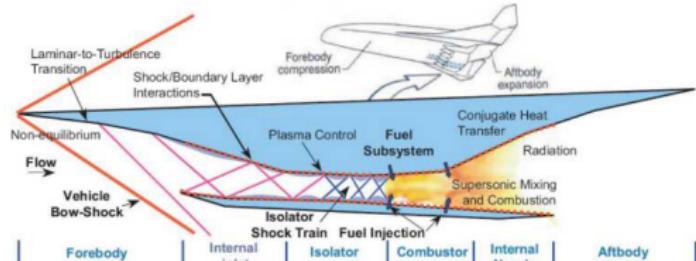


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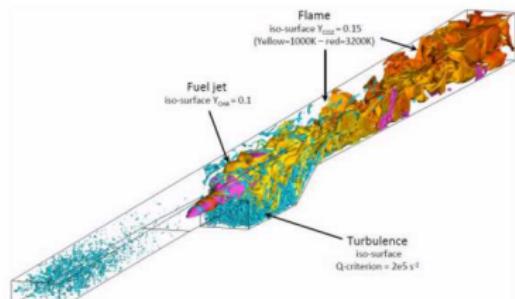
Heat equation with uncertain diffusivity and initial condition

Gianluca Geraci, Michael S. Eldred, Alex Gorodetsky and John Jakeman Sandia National Labs., 2017.

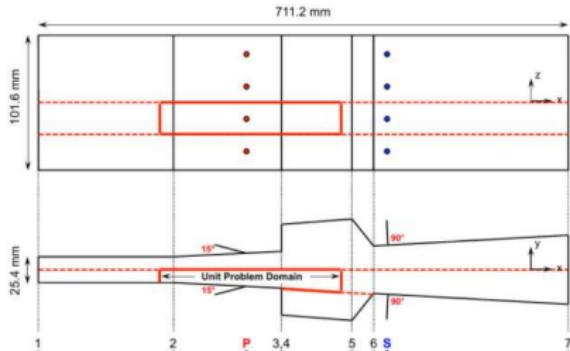
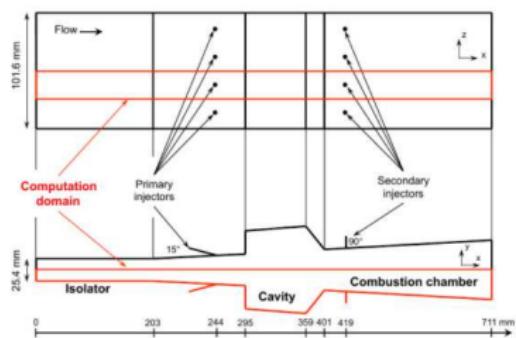
Supersonic Combusting Ramjet (scramjet)



In flight



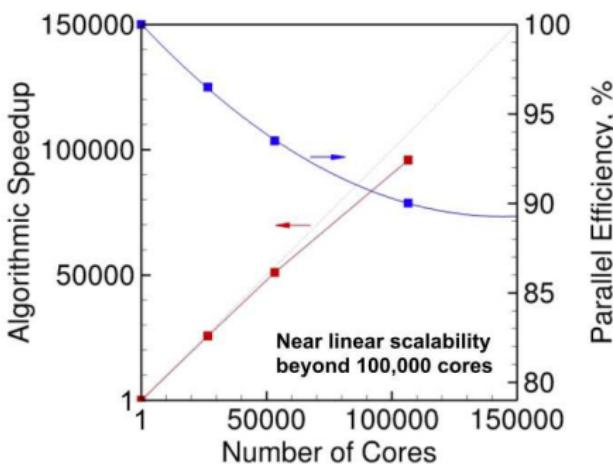
Numerical model



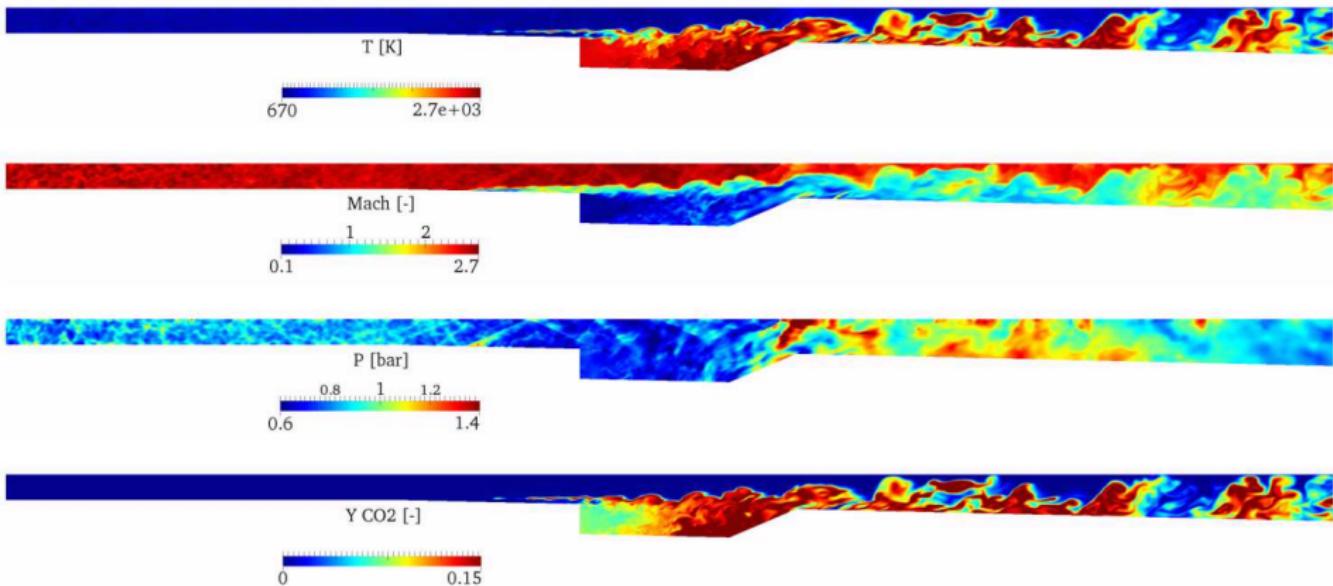
LES Performed using RAPTOR Code Framework

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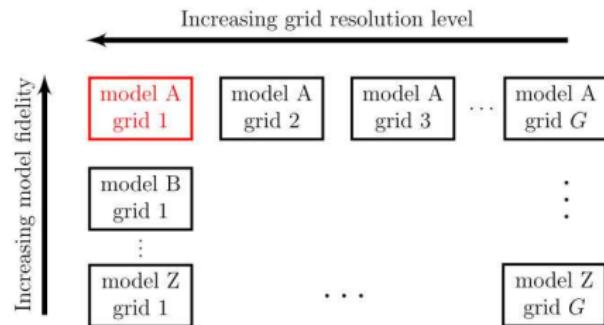
- Theoretical framework ...
(Comprehensive physics)
 - Fully-coupled, compressible conservation equations
 - Real-fluid equation of state (high-pressure phenomena)
 - Detailed thermodynamics, transport and chemistry
 - Multiphase flow, spray
 - Dynamic SGS modeling (No Tuned Constants)
- Numerical framework ...
(High-quality numerics)
 - Staggered finite-volume differencing (non-dissipative, discretely conservative)
 - Dual-time stepping with generalized preconditioning (all-Mach-number formulation)
 - Detailed treatment of geometry, wall phenomena, transient BC's
- Massively-parallel ... (**Highly-scalable**)
 - Demonstrated performance on full hierarchy of HPC platforms (e.g., scaling on ORNL CRAY XK7 TITAN architecture shown below)
 - Selected for early science campaign on next generation SUMMIT platform (ORNL Center for Accelerated Application Readiness, 2015 – 2018)



Instantaneous Flow Structure – z-inj-cut – 3D d16



Multilevel and multifidelity forms



Telescopic sum:

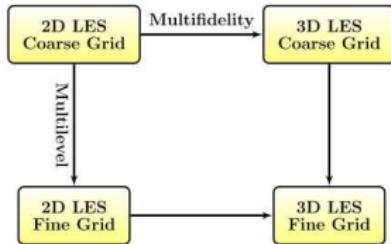
$$f_L(\lambda) = f_0(\lambda) + \sum_{\ell=1}^L f_{\Delta_\ell}(\lambda)$$

- ℓ indicates different grid levels or fidelity of models
- Δ_ℓ indicates difference between models ℓ and $\ell - 1$

Function approximation:

$$f_L(\lambda) \approx \hat{f}_L(\lambda) = \hat{f}_0(\lambda) + \sum_{\ell=1}^L \hat{f}_{\Delta_\ell}(\lambda)$$

High-D – ML/MF UQ Results



Two model forms and two mesh discretization levels

- Model form: 2D (LF) and 3D (HF) LES
- Meshes: $d/8$ and $d/16$

	2D	3D
$d/8$	1	204
$d/16$	25.5	1844

Optimize statistical accuracy given a limited number of high fidelity model evaluations by leveraging cheaper lower fidelity simulations.

The jet-in-crossflow problem (24 inputs):
Five Qols extracted over a plane at $x/d = 100$.

- $\mathbb{E}_{y,t}$ stagnation pressure ($P_{0,mean}$)
- \mathbb{E}_y RMS_t stagnation pressure ($P_{0,rms}$)
- $\mathbb{E}_{y,t}$ Mach number (M_{mean})
- $\mathbb{E}_{y,t}$ turbulent kinetic energy (TKE_{mean})
- $\mathbb{E}_{y,t}$ scalar dissipation rate (χ_{mean})

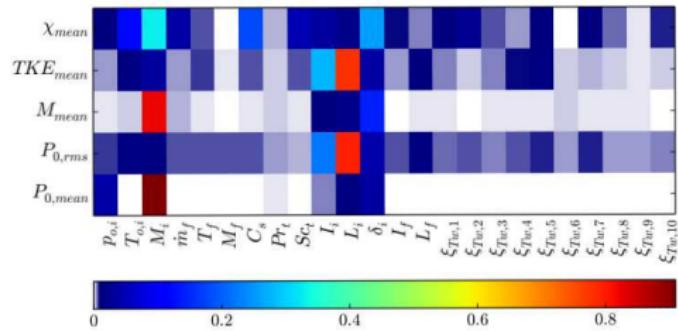
Relative computational cost for the model forms and discretization levels.

Jet in crossflow problem: 24 parameters, 3rd-order PCE

Parameter	Range	Description
Inlet boundary conditions		
p_0	[1.406, 1.554] MPa	Stagnation pressure
T_0	[1472.5, 1627.5] K	Stagnation temperature
M_0	[2.259, 2.761]	Mach number
δ_a	[2, 6] mm	Boundary layer thickness
I_i	[0, 0.05]	Turbulence intensity magnitude
L_i	[0, 8] mm	Turbulence length scale
Fuel inflow boundary conditions		
\dot{m}_f	$[6.633, 8.107] \times 10^{-3}$ kg/s	Mass flux
T_f	[285, 315] K	Static temperature
M_f	[0.95, 1.05]	Mach number
I_f	[0, 0.05]	Turbulence intensity magnitude
L_f	[0, 1] mm	Turbulence length scale
Turbulence model parameters		
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
Wall boundary conditions		
T_w	Expansion in 10 params of $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$	Wall temperature represented via Karhunen-Lo��e expansion

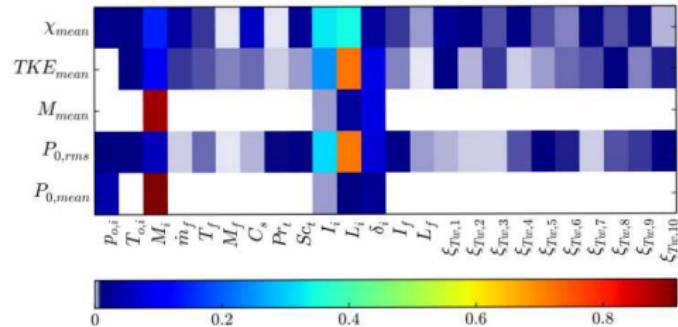
- Qols computed at $x/d = 100$, averaged over (y, t)
- 2D runs: 1939 (coarse grid), 79 (fine grid)
- 3D runs: 46 (coarse grid), 11 (fine grid)

Unit problem: total sensitivity



Multilevel expansion of:

$$\hat{f}_{2D,d/16} = \hat{f}_{2D,d/8} + \hat{f}_{\Delta_{2D,d/16-2D,d/8}}$$

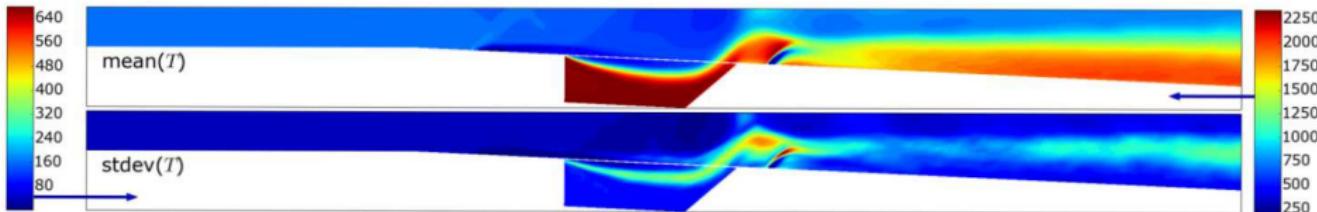


Multifidelity expansion of:

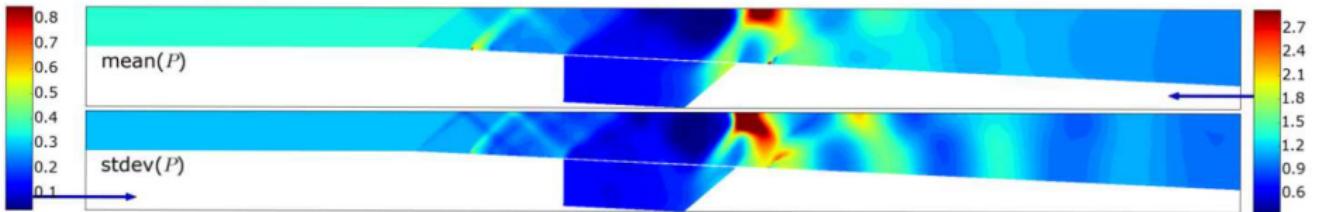
$$\hat{f}_{3D,d/8} = \hat{f}_{2D,d/8} + \hat{f}_{\Delta_{3D,d/8-2D,d/8}}$$

MC-Predicted Uncertainty in Mean Flow Quantities – 3D

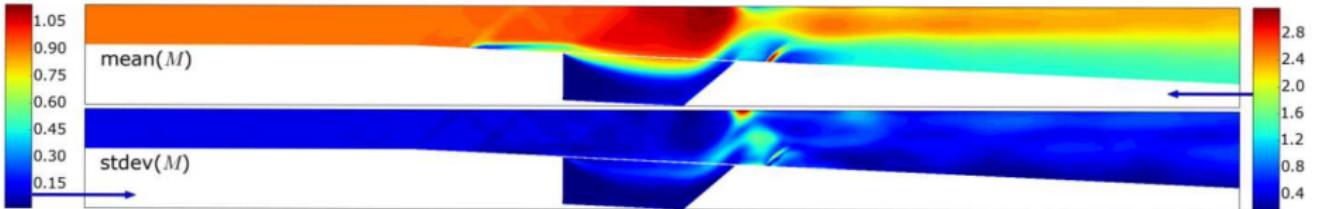
Temperature [K]



Pressure [bar]

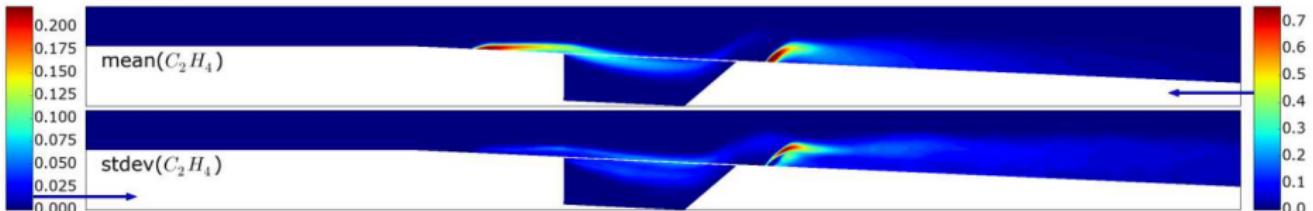


Mach Number

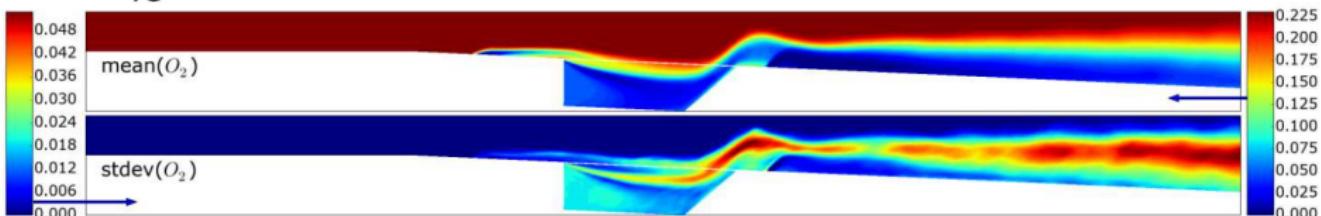


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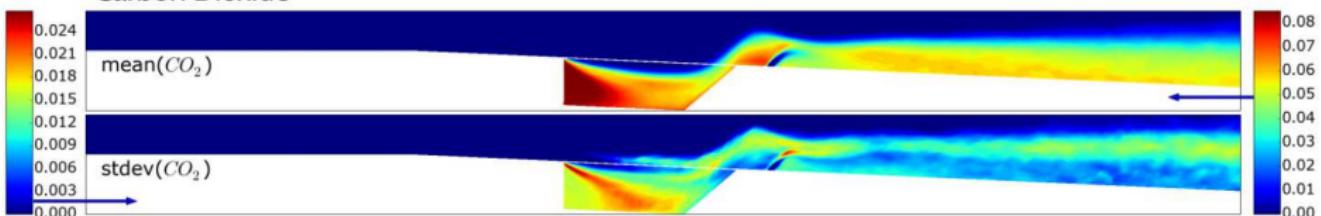
Ethane



Oxygen



Carbon Dioxide



Discussion and Closure

- Necessary workflow for UQ in large-scale computational models
 - Global sensitivity analysis to cut dimensionality, assisted by
 - Polynomial Chaos regression
 - ℓ_1 -norm regularization / compressive sensing
 - Multilevel Monte Carlo & Multifidelity
 - Adaptive sparse quadrature forward UQ on reduced dimensional space
 - Resulting PC surrogate can be used in Bayesian inference on model parameters and optimization under uncertainty
- Other avenues to re-cast the problem in low-D:
 - Basis adaptation & active subspace methods
 - Manifold discovery, e.g. via Isomap or diffusion maps
 - Low rank tensor methods, etc
- Caution: Noisy computational Qols due to finite averaging windows