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## Optimization and Control Under Uncertainty SAND2018-3851C

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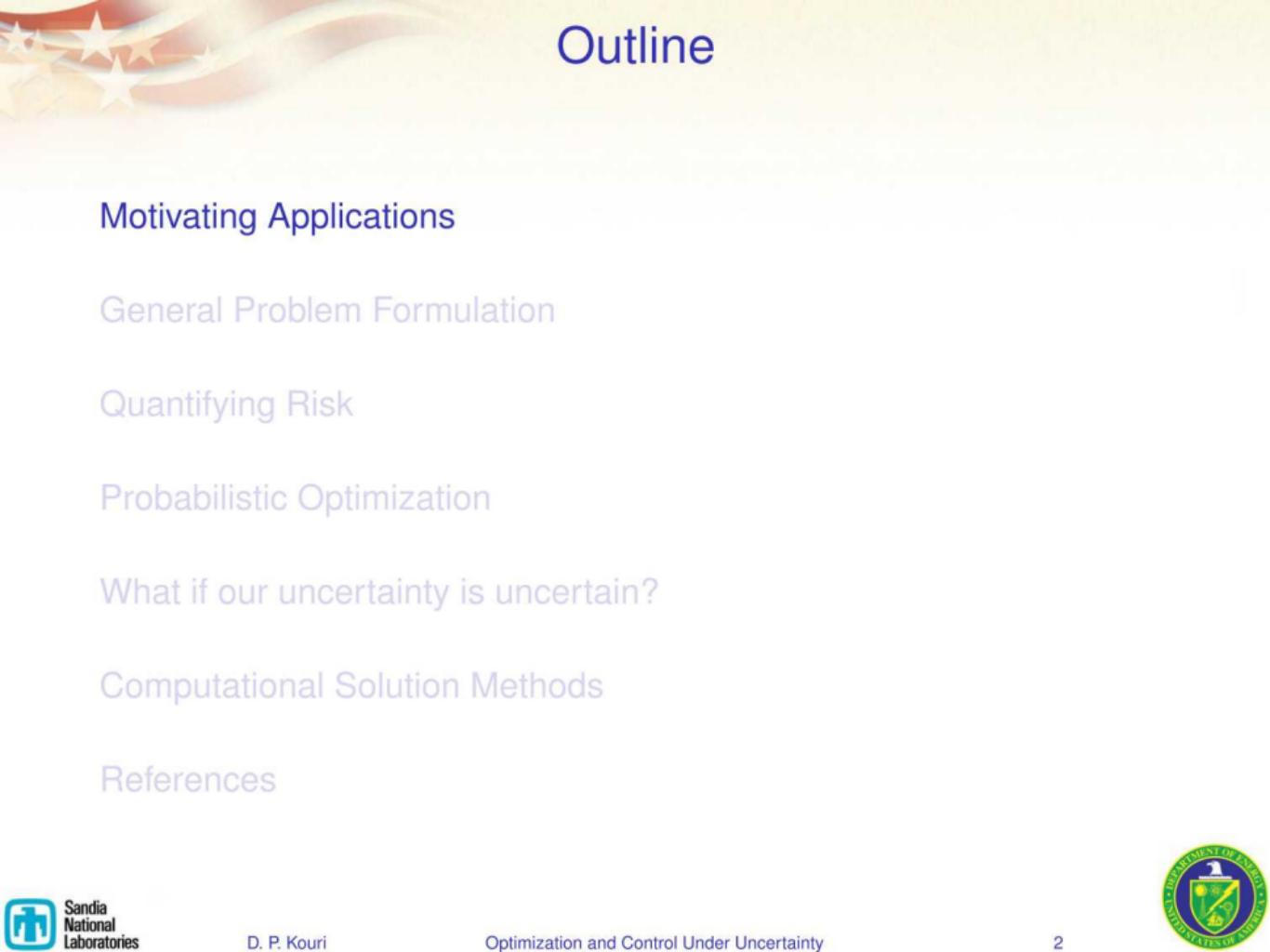
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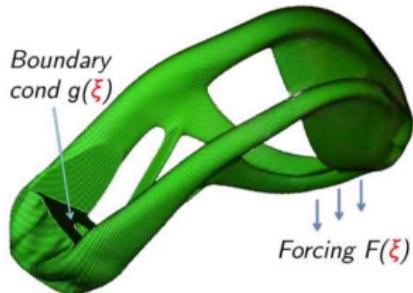
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# Topology Optimization & Additive Manufacturing

Given  $V_0 \in (0, 1)$  compute a density that solves:

$$\underset{0 \leq z \leq 1}{\text{Minimize}} \quad \mathcal{R} \left( \int_D \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{S}(z) \, dx + \int_{\Gamma_t} \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{S}(z) \, dx \right)$$

s.t.  $\int_D z(x) \, dx \leq V_0 |D|$ , where  $\mathbf{S}(z) = \mathbf{u}$  solves  
the **linear elasticity equations**



$$-\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E}(z) : \epsilon \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{F}, \quad \text{in } D, \text{ a.s.}$$

$$\epsilon \mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \mathbf{u} + \nabla \mathbf{u}^\top), \quad \text{in } D, \text{ a.s.}$$

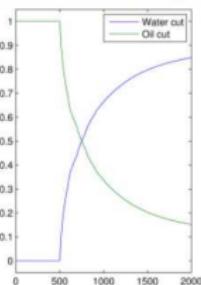
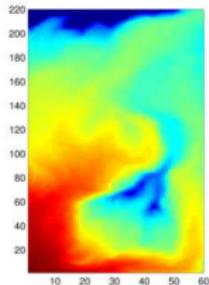
$$\epsilon \mathbf{u} \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{t}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_t, \text{ a.s.}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g}, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_d, \text{ a.s.}$$

- ▶ Uncertain external forces (loads) and boundary conditions.
- ▶ Uncertain internal forces, e.g., residual stresses due to AM.
- ▶ Uncertain material properties (porosity, etc.) due to AM.
- ▶ **Reliability formulation:** Compute light-weight designs that minimize the probability of structural failure.

# Reservoir Optimization: Secondary Oil Recovery

Given  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  and interest rate  $r \geq 0$ :



$$\underset{z = (q, \hat{q})}{\text{Minimize}} \quad \mathcal{R} \left( \int_0^T e^{rt} C([S(z)](t), z(t), t) dt \right)$$

where  $S(z) = (s, v, p)$  solves the **reservoir equations**

$$-\mathbf{K}\lambda(s)\nabla p = v, \quad \text{in } D, \text{ a.s.}$$

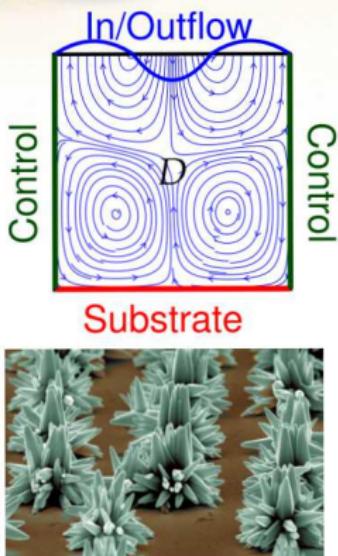
$$\nabla \cdot v = q, \quad \text{in } D, \text{ a.s.}$$

$$\phi \partial_t s + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{f}(s)v) = \hat{q}, \quad \text{in } D, \text{ a.s.}$$

(plus initial and boundary conditions).

- ▶ Porosity,  $\phi$ , and permeability,  $\mathbf{K}$ , are estimated from data (e.g., seismic inversion).
- ▶ Total mobility,  $\lambda$ , and fractional flow function,  $f$ , may be uncertain.
- ▶ **Risk-neutral formulation:** Determine injection rates that minimize cost on average.
- ▶ **Risk-averse formulation:** Determine injection rates that minimize the average of the 10% worst costs.

# Control of Chemical Vapor Deposition Reactors



Consider the optimal control problem

$$\min_z \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R} \left( \int_D (\nabla \times U(z)) \, dx \right) + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{\Gamma_c} |z|^2 \, dx$$

where  $S(z) = (U(z), P(z), T(z)) = (u, p, t)$  solves the **Boussinesq flow equations**

$$-\nu \nabla^2 u + (u \cdot \nabla) u + \nabla p + \eta t g = 0 \quad \text{in } D, \text{ a.s.}$$

$$\nabla \cdot u = 0 \quad \text{in } D, \text{ a.s.}$$

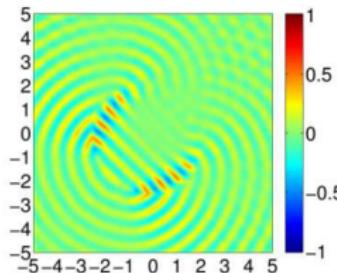
$$-\kappa \Delta t + u \cdot \nabla t = 0 \quad \text{in } D, \text{ a.s.}$$

$$\kappa \nabla t \cdot n + h(z - t) = 0 \quad \text{on } \Gamma_c, \text{ a.s.}$$

(plus additional boundary conditions).

- ▶ Uncertain viscosity, thermal conductivity, substrate temperature, etc. imply flow velocity, pressure and temperature are uncertain.
- ▶ **Risk-averse formulation:** Determine wall temperature that minimizes the average of *low-probability*, large vorticity scenarios.

# Direct Field Acoustic Testing



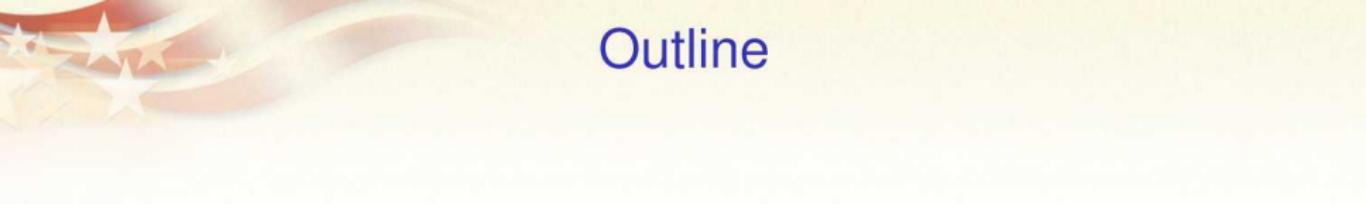
Consider the optimal control problem

$$\min_z \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R} \left( \int_{D_0} (U(z) - w) \overline{(U(z) - w)} \, dx \right) + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{D_c} |z|^2 \, dx$$

where  $U(z) = u$  solves the **Helmholtz equation**

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u - \kappa^2 (1 + \sigma \epsilon)^2 u &= \mathbb{1}_{D_c} z && \text{in } D, \text{ a.s.} \\ \nabla u \cdot n &= i \kappa u && \text{on } \partial D, \text{ a.s.} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The refractive index of the device under investigation is often uncertain.
- ▶ **Risk-neutral formulation:** Determine speaker output that produces a material response that matches a desired vibration profile on average.
- ▶ **Risk-averse formulation:** Determine speaker output that produces a response that is “good” on average for the 10% worst scenarios.



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## Deterministic PDE-Constrained Optimization:

$U$  and  $Z$  are reflexive Banach spaces,  $Z_{\text{ad}}$  is a closed convex subset of  $Z$ ,  $Y$  is a Banach space,  $J : U \times Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $c : U \times Z \rightarrow Y$ :

$$\underset{z \in Z_{\text{ad}}}{\text{Minimize}} \quad \widehat{J}(z)$$

where  $\widehat{J}(z) := J(S(z), z)$  and  $S(z) = u \in U$  solves the PDE

$$c(u, z) = 0.$$

## Stochastic PDE-Constrained Optimization:

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  is a probability space. Objective function and PDE are now **parametrized**, i.e.,  $J : U \times Z \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $c : U \times Z \times \Omega \rightarrow Y$ :

$$\underset{z \in Z_{\text{ad}}}{\text{Minimize}} \quad \mathcal{J}(z) = \mathcal{R}(\widehat{J}(z))$$

where  $\widehat{J}(z) := J(S(z), z, \cdot)$  and  $S(z) = u : \Omega \rightarrow U$  solves the PDE

$$c(u, z, \omega) = 0.$$



# Notation

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  is a measurable space

$\mathbb{P}, P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  are probability measures

- 1. Expectation:**  $\mathbb{E}_P[X] = \int_{\Omega} X(\omega) dP(\omega)$  and  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}[X]$
- 2. Variance:**  $\mathbb{V}_P[X] = \mathbb{E}_P[(X - \mathbb{E}_P[X])^2]$  and  $\mathbb{V}[X] = \mathbb{V}_{\mathbb{P}}[X]$
- 3. Standard Deviation:**  $\sigma_P[X] = \mathbb{V}_P[X]^{1/2}$  and  $\sigma[X] = \sigma_{\mathbb{P}}[X]$
- 4. Distribution:**  $F_X(x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x)$
- 5. Quantile:**  $q_{\beta}(X) = \inf \{t \in \mathbb{R} \mid F_X(x) > \beta\} = F_X^{-1}(\beta)$

# Tensor Product Function Spaces

**Lebesgue Spaces:** For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,

$$L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) := \left\{ v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid v \text{ } \mathcal{F}\text{-measurable}, \int_{\Omega} |v(\omega)|^p d\mathbb{P}(\omega) < \infty \right\},$$

$$L^{\infty}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) := \{ v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid v \text{ } \mathcal{F}\text{-measurable}, \text{ess sup } |v(\omega)| < \infty \}.$$

If  $f, g \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  then  $f = g \iff f(\omega) = g(\omega)$  for  $\mathbb{P}$  almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

**Tensor Spaces:** Given a real Banach space  $W$  then

$$L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \otimes W := \text{span} \{ vx \mid v \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}), x \in W \}.$$

Many norms exist for the vector space  $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \otimes W$  and given a norm  $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \otimes W$  is not necessarily complete.

**Bochner Spaces:** For  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $W$  a real Banach space

$$L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; W) := \left\{ v : \Omega \rightarrow W \mid v \text{ strongly } \mathcal{F}\text{-measurable}, \int_{\Omega} \|v(\omega)\|_W^p d\mathbb{P}(\omega) < \infty \right\}$$

and similarly for  $p = \infty$ .  $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; W)$  is the completion of  $L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \otimes W$  with respect to the Bochner norm

$$\|u\|_{L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; W)} := \left( \int_{\Omega} \|u(\omega)\|_W^p d\mathbb{P}(\omega) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \text{ and } \|u\|_{L^{\infty}(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; W)} := \text{ess sup } \|u(\omega)\|_W.$$

Again, if  $f, g \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; W)$  then  $f = g \iff f(\omega) = g(\omega)$  for  $\mathbb{P}$  almost all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

# Assumptions on PDE Solution Map $S(z)$

1. For each  $z \in Z$ ,  $c(u, z, \omega) = 0$  is well posed, i.e.,
  - (i)  $\exists! S(z) : \Omega \rightarrow U$  such that  $c(S(z), z, \cdot) = 0$  a.s. for all  $z$ ;
  - (ii)  $\exists 0 < c(\cdot) \in L^q(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ ,  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and an increasing function  $\rho : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  both independent of  $z$  such that

$$\|S(z)\|_U \leq c\rho(\|z\|_Z) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad \forall z \in Z_{\text{ad}}.$$

2.  $S(z)$  is strongly measurable  $\forall z \in Z_{\text{ad}} \implies S(z) \in L^q(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; U)$ .
3.  $z \mapsto S(z)$  satisfies the continuity property

$$z_n \rightharpoonup z \text{ in } Z \implies S(z_n) \rightharpoonup S(z) \text{ in } U, \text{ a.s.}$$

4.  $\exists V \supseteq Z_{\text{ad}}$ ,  $V$  open, such that  $S : V \rightarrow L^q(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; U)$  is continuously Fréchet differentiable.

**Sensitivity Equation:** To compute the sensitivity of  $S(z)$  in the direction  $h \in Z$  solve:

$$c_u(S(z), z, \cdot)S'(z)h + c_z(S(z), z, \cdot)h = 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

# Example: Linear Elliptic PDE

Let  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded Lipschitz domain,  $U = H_0^1(D)$ ,  $Y = Z = H^{-1}(D)$  and  $A : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ :

$$\langle c(u, z, \omega), v \rangle_{U^*, U} := \int_D (A(\omega) \nabla u(x)) \cdot \nabla v(x) \, dx - \langle z, v \rangle_{U^*, U} \quad \text{for } v \in H_0^1(D).$$

If  $\exists 0 < \underline{c} \leq \bar{c} < \infty$  such that

$$\underline{c} \leq \frac{\zeta^\top A(\omega) \zeta}{\zeta^\top \zeta} \leq \bar{c} \quad \text{a.s.}$$

then Lax-Milgram  $\implies$  existence of a unique solution  $u \in H_0^1(D)$  to  $c(u, z, \cdot) = 0$  for fixed  $z$  a.s. Moreover,

$$\underline{c} \|\nabla S(z)\|_{L^2(D)}^2 \leq \|z\|_{H^{-1}(D)} \|S(z)\|_{H_0^1(D)} \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Hence, Poincaré's inequality guarantees that

$$\|\nabla S(z)\|_{L^2(D)} \leq C_{d,D} \|z\|_{H^{-1}(D)} \quad \text{a.s.}$$

and  $S : H^{-1}(D) \rightarrow L^\infty(\Omega, \Sigma, \mathbb{P}; H_0^1(D))$ .

**Note:**  $S$  with domain restricted to  $L^2(D)$  is compact since  $L^2(D) \subset\subset H^{-1}(D)$ .



# Uncertain Objective Functions

## General Assumptions:

1. **Integrability:**  $\widehat{J}(z) \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  for all  $z \in Z$ ;
2. **Weak Lower Semicontinuity:** If  $z_n \rightharpoonup z$  then

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[\vartheta \widehat{J}(z_n)] \geq \mathbb{E}[\vartheta \widehat{J}(z)]$$

for all  $\vartheta \in (L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}))^*$  satisfying  $\vartheta \geq 0$  a.s.

**Compare to** *normal integrands*, i.e., the epigraph of  $\widehat{J}$  is measurable and closed valued.

# Uncertain Objective Functions

**Separable Objective Functions:**  $J(u, z, \omega) = g(u, \omega) + \varphi(z)$

1. **Carathéodory:**  $g(\cdot, \omega)$  is continuous a.s. and  $g(u, \cdot)$  is measurable  $\forall u \in U$ .
2. **Growth Condition:**

If  $q < \infty$ , then  $\exists 0 \leq a \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $c > 0$  such that

$$|g(u, \omega)| \leq a(\omega) + c\|u\|_U^{q/p} \quad \forall u \in U \text{ a.s.}$$

If  $q = \infty$ , then  $\forall c > 0 \ \exists \gamma_c \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  such that

$$|J(u, \omega)| \leq \gamma_c(\omega) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad \forall u \in U, \quad \|u\|_U \leq c.$$

3. **Convexity:**  $g(\cdot, \omega)$  is convex a.s. (optional)

# Uncertain Objective Functions

## The Separable Case

### Superposition (Nemytskii) Operator:

$\mathcal{G} : L^q(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; U) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  where  $\mathcal{G}(u) = g(u(\cdot), \cdot)$ .

1. If  $g$  is Carathéodory and satisfies the growth condition, then  $\mathcal{G} : L^q(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; U) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  is continuous.
2. If, in addition,  $g$  is convex, then  $\mathcal{G}$  is Gâteaux directionally differentiable.
3. If, in addition,  $g$  is locally Lipschitz, then  $\mathcal{G}$  is Hadamard directionally differentiable.
4. If  $g(\cdot, \omega)$  is continuously Fréchet differentiable for a.s. and there exists  $\alpha > 0$  and  $K \in L^s(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  with

$$s = \begin{cases} pq/(q - (1 + \alpha)p) & \text{if } q > (1 + \alpha)p \\ \infty & \text{if } q = (1 + \alpha)p \end{cases}$$

such that

$$\|g_u(u, \omega) - g_u(v, \omega)\|_{U^*} \leq K(\omega) \|u - v\|_U^\alpha \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Then  $\mathcal{G}$  is Fréchet differentiable.

## Example: Quadratic Objective Function

Let  $W$  be a real Hilbert space,  $w \in W$  and  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$ . Consider

$$J(u, z, \omega) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{C}u - w\|_W^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|z\|_Z^2, \quad \gamma > 0.$$

$J$  is separable with  $g(u, \omega) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{C}u - w\|_W^2$ .

1. **Carathéodory:** Satisfied since  $g$  has no dependence on  $\omega$ .
2. **Growth Condition:** Satisfied (using Young's inequality) with

$$a = \|w\|_W^2 \quad \text{and} \quad c = \|\mathbf{C}\|_{\mathcal{L}(U, W)}^2.$$

3. **Convexity:** Clearly satisfied.
4. **Differentiability:** Satisfied with  $K = \|\mathbf{C}\|_{\mathcal{L}(U, W)}^2$  and  $\alpha = 1$ .

**Result:**  $\mathcal{G} : L^q(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; U) \rightarrow L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  is continuous and Fréchet differentiable as long as  $q \geq 2p$ .

$$\mathcal{R} : L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$$

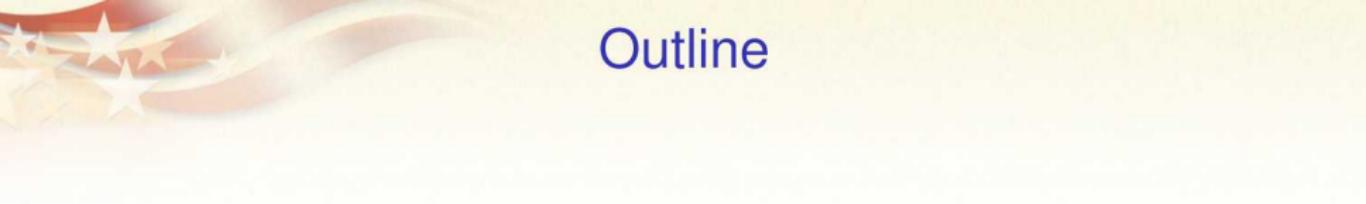
- ▶  $\mathcal{R}$  is convex and lower semicontinuous
- ▶  $\mathcal{R}$  satisfies  $\mathcal{R}(C) = C$  for all constants  $C$ ;
- ▶  $\mathcal{R}$  is monotonic, i.e., if  $X \geq X'$  a.s., then  $\mathcal{R}(X) \geq \mathcal{R}(X')$ .

**Existence:** If  $Z_{\text{ad}}$  is convex, closed and bounded, then there exists a minimizer of  $\mathcal{J}(z) = \mathcal{R}(\hat{J}(z))$  in  $Z_{\text{ad}}$ .

**Proof:** Apply the direct method of the calculus of variations.

**Note:** The same result holds if  $Z = Z_{\text{ad}}$  and  $\hat{J}(z)$  is a.s. coercive, i.e.,  $Z_{\text{ad}} = Z$  and  $\hat{J}(z)$  has the coercivity property that  $\exists r > 0$  and coercive  $\varphi : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ , such that

$$\|z\|_Z \geq r \implies \hat{J}(z) \geq \varphi(z) \text{ a.s.}$$



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# Modeling Risk Preference

**What is risk?** *Possibility of loss or injury* (Merriam Webster)

... In our optimization problem,  $J(S(z; \cdot), \cdot)$  is a **risk**!

We **cannot** directly minimize  $J(S(z; \cdot), \cdot) + \wp(z) \in \mathcal{X} := L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$

... How should we **quantify our risk**?

► **Traditional Stochastic Programming:** Minimize *on average*

$$\mathcal{R}(F(z)) = \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{F}(z)].$$

► **Risk-Averse Stochastic Programming:** Model *risk preferences*

$$\mathcal{R}(F(z)) = \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{F}(z)] + c\mathbb{E}[(\mathcal{F}(z) - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{F}(z)])_+^p]^{1/p}.$$

► **Probabilistic Optimization:** Minimize the *probability of loss*

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}(z)) = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}(z) > \tau).$$

► **Stochastic Orders:** Model risk preference with a *benchmark*  $Y$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq x) \leq \mathbb{P}(Y \leq x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

# Quantifying Risk & Controlling Uncertainty

- ▶ Reduce **variability** of optimized system:

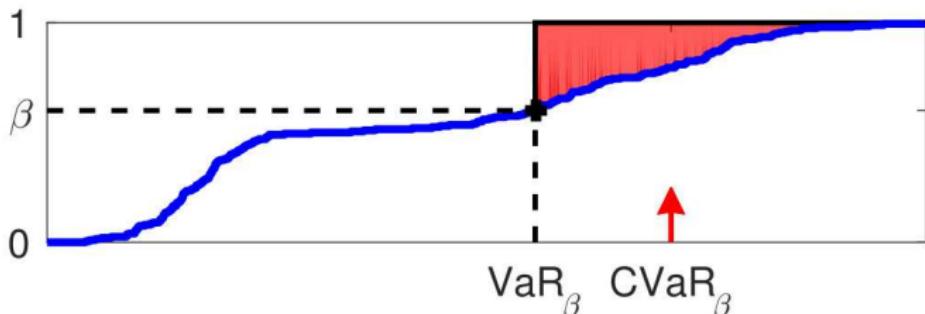
$$\mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])^2] \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])_+^p]^{1/p}$$

- ▶ Control **rare events**, reduce **failure**, and certify **reliability**:

$$\mathbb{P}(X > t) \quad \text{or} \quad q_\beta(X) = \inf \{ t \in \mathbb{R} : \mathbb{P}(X \leq t) \geq \beta \}$$

- ▶ Minimize over **undesirable events**:

$$\text{CVaR}_\beta(X) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \int_\beta^1 F_X^{-1}(\alpha) \, d\alpha \approx \mathbb{E}[X \mid X \geq q_\beta(X)]$$



# Mitigating Uncertainty by Shaping Distributions

Law Invariance & Stochastic Dominance

## Law Invariance:

- $\mathcal{R}$  is **law invariant** if

$$F_X(t) = F_{X'}(t) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \quad \implies \quad \mathcal{R}(X) = \mathcal{R}(X').$$

If  $\mathcal{R}$  is law invariant, then it is a function of distributions.

## Stochastic Dominance:

- $X$  **dominates**  $X'$  with respect to the **1<sup>st</sup> stochastic order**, denoted  $X \succeq_{(1)} X'$ , if

$$F_X(t) \leq F_{X'}(t) \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- $X$  **dominates**  $X'$  with respect to the **2<sup>nd</sup> stochastic order**, denoted  $X \succeq_{(2)} X'$ , if

$$\int_{-\infty}^t F_X(\eta) d\eta \leq \int_{-\infty}^t F_{X'}(\eta) d\eta \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$
$$\iff \mathbb{E}[(t - X)_+] \leq \mathbb{E}[(t - X')_+] \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Here,  $(x)_+ = \max\{0, x\}$ .

## Consequences:

Suppose  $\mathcal{R}$  is law invariant:

- If  $X \geq X'$  a.s. implies  $\mathcal{R}(X) \geq \mathcal{R}(X')$ , then  $X \succeq_{(1)} X'$  implies  $\mathcal{R}(X) \geq \mathcal{R}(X')$ ;
- If  $\mathcal{R}$  is lsc and convex, then  $-X' \succeq_{(2)} -X$  implies  $\mathcal{R}(X) \geq \mathcal{R}(X')$ .
- **Law invariant  $\mathcal{R}$  prefer dominated random variables!**

# Mean-Plus-Variance Risk

Markowitz, Portfolio Selection, 1952

A common risk functional in engineering application is

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X] + c\mathbb{V}[X] \quad \text{for } c > 0.$$

## Downsides:

- ▶  $\mathcal{R}$  penalizes variation **below** the mean.
- ▶  $\mathcal{R}$  is **not** monotonic.

## Example: Shapiro, Dentcheva, Ruszczynski (2014)

Suppose  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$  with associated probabilities  $\mathfrak{p} \in (0, 1)$  and  $(1 - \mathfrak{p})$ . Consider the stochastic program

$$\underset{z_1, z_2}{\text{Minimize}} \quad \mathcal{R}(-\zeta_1 z_1 - \zeta_2 z_2) \quad \text{subject to} \quad z_1 + z_2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad z_1, z_2 \geq 0$$

where  $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are

$$\zeta_1(\omega_1) = a > 0, \quad \zeta_1(\omega_2) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \zeta_2(\omega_1) = \zeta_2(\omega_2) = 0.$$

If  $\mathfrak{p} \leq 1 - (ca)^{-1}$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(-\zeta_1) = -\mathfrak{p}a + ca^2\mathfrak{p}(1 - \mathfrak{p}) > \mathcal{R}(-\zeta_2) = 0$  even though  $-\zeta_1 \leq -\zeta_2$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ .

# Coherent Risk Measures

$\mathcal{R} : L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  is **coherent** if

(R1) **Convexity:** For all  $X, X' \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and for all  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,

$$\mathcal{R}(tX + (1 - t)X') \leq t\mathcal{R}(X) + (1 - t)\mathcal{R}(X')$$

(R2) **Monotonicity:** For any  $X, X' \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  satisfying

$$X \geq X' \text{ a.s.} \implies \mathcal{R}(X) \geq \mathcal{R}(X')$$

(R3) **Translation Equivariance:** For all  $X \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\mathcal{R}(X + t) = \mathcal{R}(X) + t$$

(R4) **Positive Homogeneity:** For all  $X \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\mathcal{R}(tX) = t\mathcal{R}(X)$$

Ph. Artzner, F. Delbaen, J.-M. Eber & D. Heath, *Coherent measures of risk*. Math. Finance, 1999.

# Coherent Risk Measures

Some Good and *Not* So Good Properties?

## Biconjugate Representation:

- $\mathcal{R}$  is proper, **convex** and lsc  $\iff$

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \sup \{ \mathbb{E}[\vartheta X] - \mathcal{R}^*(\vartheta) \mid \vartheta \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{R}^*) \}.$$

- $\mathcal{R}$  is **translation equivariant** and **monotonic**  $\iff$

$$\text{dom}(\mathcal{R}^*) \subseteq \{ \vartheta \in (L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}))^* \mid \mathbb{E}[\vartheta] = 1, \vartheta \geq 0 \text{ a.s.} \}$$

- $\mathcal{R}$  is **positive homogeneous**  $\iff$

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \sup_{\vartheta \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{R}^*)} \mathbb{E}[\vartheta X].$$

**Example (Conditional Value-at-Risk (CVaR)):**  $\mathcal{R}(X) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \int_{\beta}^1 q_X(\beta) d\beta$

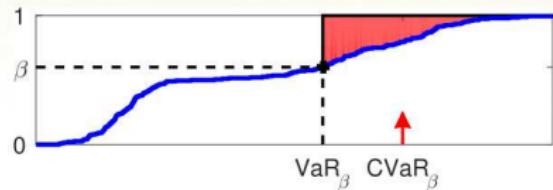
$$\text{dom}(\mathcal{R}^*) = \left\{ \vartheta \in (L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}))^* \mid \mathbb{E}[\vartheta] = 1, 0 \leq \vartheta \leq \frac{1}{1-\beta} \text{ a.s.} \right\}.$$

**Differentiability:** If  $\mathcal{R} : L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is **coherent**, then  $\mathcal{R}$  is **Fréchet differentiable**  $\iff \exists \vartheta \in (L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}))^*$  with  $\vartheta \geq 0$  a.s.,  $\mathbb{E}[\vartheta] = 1$ , and  $\mathcal{R}(X) = \mathbb{E}[\vartheta X]$  for all  $X \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ .

# CVaR and Kusuoka Representation

Let  $F_X(x) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x)$ , then CVaR is

$$\text{CVaR}_\beta(X) := \frac{1}{1-\beta} \int_\beta^1 F_X^{-1}(\alpha) d\alpha$$



In fact, all **law-invariant coherent** risk measures have the representation

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \sup_{\mu \in \mathfrak{M}} \int_0^1 \text{CVaR}_\beta(X) d\mu(\beta)$$

where  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a set of **probability measures** on  $[0, 1]$ .

**Spectral Risk Measures:** Given a probability measure  $\nu$  on  $[0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}(X) &= \int_0^1 \text{CVaR}_\beta(X) d\nu(\beta) \\ &= \int_0^1 h(\beta) F_X^{-1}(\beta) d\beta \quad \text{where} \quad h(\beta) := \int_0^\beta \frac{1}{1-\alpha} d\nu(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

**S. Kusuoka**, *On law-invariant coherent risk measures*, Advances in Math. Econ., 2001.

# Risk Measure Examples

## Risk Neutral:

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X]$$

is **law invariant** and **coherent**.

## Mean-Plus-Deviation:

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X] + c\mathbb{E}[|X - \mathbb{E}[X]|^p]^{1/p}, \quad c > 0$$

is **law invariant** and satisfies (R1), (R3) and (R4), but **not** (R2).

## Mean-Plus-Upper-Semideviation:

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X] + c\mathbb{E}[(X - \mathbb{E}[X])_+^p]^{1/p}, \quad c \in [0, 1]$$

is **law invariant** and **coherent**.

## Conditional Value-at-Risk:

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \frac{1}{1 - \beta} \int_{\beta}^1 F_X^{-1}(\eta) d\eta = \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1 - \beta} \mathbb{E}[(X - t)_+] \right\}, \quad 0 \leq \beta < 1$$

is **law invariant** and **coherent**.

## Entropic Risk:

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \lambda^{-1} \ln \mathbb{E}[\exp(\lambda X)], \quad \lambda > 0$$

is **law invariant** and satisfies (R1), (R2) and (R3), but **not** (R4).

# More Measures of Risk

One can quantify risk using the optimized certainty equivalent risk measure

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \{t + \mathbb{E}[v(X - t)]\}$$

where  $v : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex *regret* function that satisfies

$$v(0) = 0, \quad v(x) > x \quad \forall x \neq 0$$

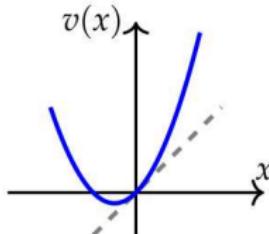
**Relation to Utility:**  $u(x) = -v(-x)$  is a *utility* function

**Properties:**  $\mathcal{R}$  is convex and translation equivariant

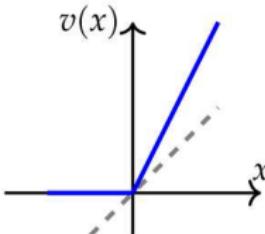
$\mathcal{R}$  is **positive homogeneous**  $\iff v$  is piecewise linear with kink at 0

$\mathcal{R}$  is **monotonic**  $\iff v$  is nondecreasing

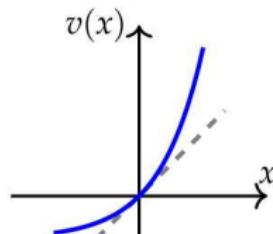
## Mean-Plus-Variance



## CVaR



## Entropic Risk



**A. Ben Tal & M. Teboulle**, *An old-new concept of convex risk measures: The optimized certainty equivalents*, Math. Finance, 2007.



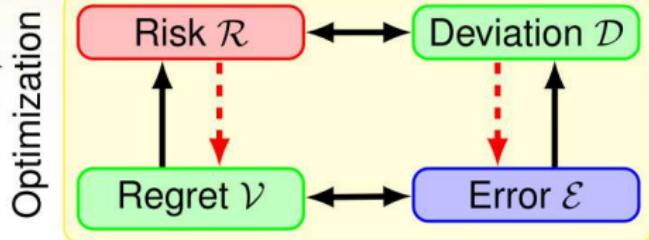
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# The Risk Quadrangle

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathcal{D}(X) \\ = \min_t \{t + \mathcal{V}(X - t)\}$$

$$\mathcal{V}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X] + \mathcal{E}(X)$$



$$\mathcal{D}(X) = \mathcal{R}(X) - \mathbb{E}[X] \\ = \min_t \mathcal{E}(X - t)$$

$$\mathcal{E}(X) = \mathcal{V}(X) - \mathbb{E}[X]$$

- $\mathcal{R}$  quantifies **hazard** — Used in optimization as objective function or constraint
- $\mathcal{E}$  quantifies **nonzeroness** — Used in regression analysis, e.g., polynomial chaos
- $\mathcal{V}$  quantifies **displeasure for positive values** — Used to define **risk** via *disutility*
- $\mathcal{D}$  quantifies **nonconstancy** — Used to define **risk** via *variability*

**Quantile Quadrangle:**  $0 < \alpha < 1$

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \text{CVaR}_\alpha(X) \quad \mathcal{D}(X) = \text{CVaR}_\alpha(X - \mathbb{E}[X])$$

$$\mathcal{V}(X) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \mathbb{E}[X_+] \quad \mathcal{E}(X) = \mathbb{E}[\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} X_+ + X_-]$$

**Safety Margins Quadrangle:**  $c > 0$

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X] + c\sigma(X) \quad \mathcal{D}(X) = c\sigma(X)$$

$$\mathcal{V}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X] + c\|X\|_2 \quad \mathcal{E}(X) = c\|X\|_2$$

$$\mathcal{S}(X) = q_\alpha(X)$$

$$\mathcal{S}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X]$$

**R. T. Rockafellar & S. Uryasev**, *The fundamental risk quadrangle in risk management, optimization, and statistical estimation*, Surveys in OR & Management Science, 2013.

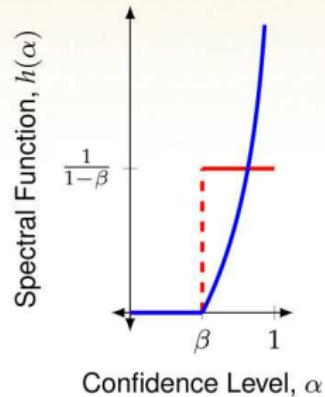
# Superquantile Quadrangle

Choosing the **uniform** probability measure on  $[\beta, 1]$ ,

$$\nu(S) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \int_S \mathbb{1}_{[\beta,1]}(\alpha) d\alpha,$$

produces the **second-order** CVaR

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \int_{\beta}^1 \text{CVaR}_{\alpha}(X) d\alpha$$



Second-order CVaR is a product of the **risk quadrangle**:

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \int_{\beta}^1 \text{CVaR}_{\alpha}(X) d\alpha \quad \mathcal{D}(X) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \int_{\beta}^1 \text{CVaR}_{\alpha}(X - \mathbb{E}[X]) d\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{V}(X) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \int_0^1 (\text{CVaR}_{\alpha}(X))_+ d\alpha \quad \mathcal{E}(X) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \int_0^1 (\text{CVaR}_{\alpha}(X))_+ d\alpha - \mathbb{E}[X]$$

$$\mathcal{S}(X) = \text{CVaR}_{\beta}(X)$$

**R. T. Rockafellar & J. O. Royset**, *Random variables, monotone relations, and convex analysis, Math. Programming*, 2014.



# Example — CVaR

Optimal Control of 1D Elliptic Equation

Let  $\gamma = 10$ ,  $D = (-1, 1)$ , and  $w \equiv 1$  and consider

$$\underset{z \in L^2(-1,1)}{\text{minimize}} \quad J(z) = \frac{1}{2} \text{CVaR}_\beta \left[ \int_{-1}^1 (S(z)(\cdot, x) - 1)^2 \, dx \right] + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_{-1}^1 z(x)^2 \, dx$$

where  $S(z) = u \in L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P}; H_0^1(-1, 1))$  solves the weak form of

$$\begin{aligned} -\partial_x (\epsilon(\omega, x) \partial_x u(\omega, x)) &= f(\omega, x) + z(x) & x \in D, \text{ a.s.}, \\ u(\omega, -1) &= 0, \quad u(\omega, 1) = 0 & \text{a.s.} \end{aligned}$$

$\Omega = [-0.1, 0.1] \times [-0.5, 0.5]$  is endowed with the uniform density, and the random field coefficients are

$$\epsilon(\omega, x) = 0.1 \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(-1, \omega_1)} + 10 \cdot \mathbb{1}_{(\omega_1, 1)}, \quad \text{and} \quad f(\omega, x) = \exp(-(x - \omega_2)^2).$$

# Example — CVaR

**Sample Approximation:** Monte Carlo with 10,000 samples.

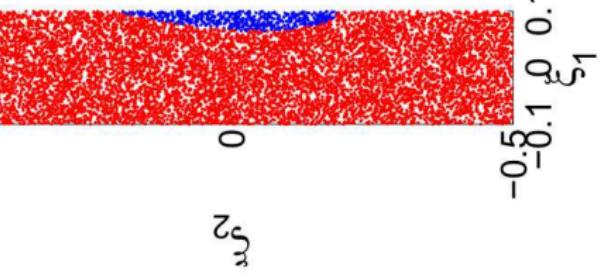
$$\beta = 0.05$$

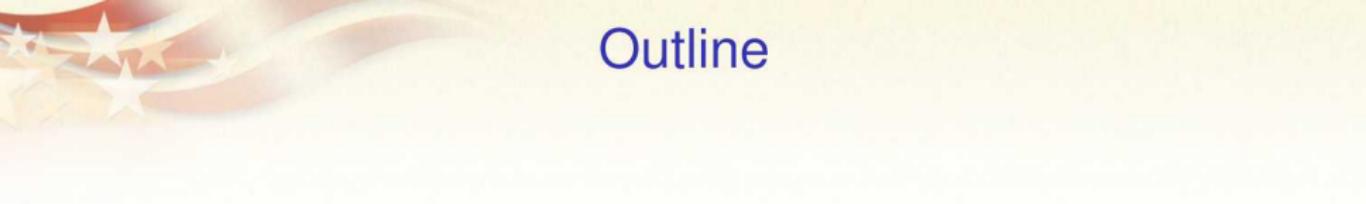


$$\beta = 0.5$$



$$\beta = 0.95$$





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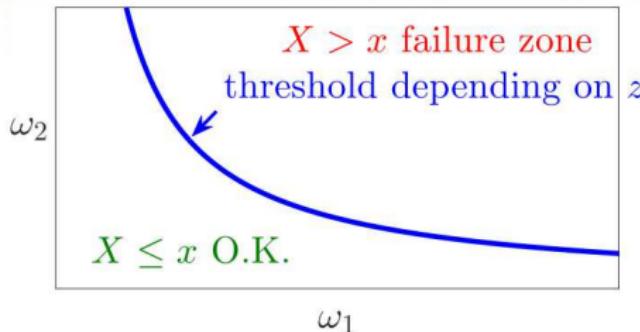
Probabilistic Optimization

What if our uncertainty is uncertain?

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References

$X = \hat{J}(z)$  = “cost” signaling “danger”



**Probability of failure:**  $\mathcal{R}(X) = p_x(X) = \mathbb{P}(X > x)$

- ▶ How to compute or at least estimate?
- ▶ How to cope with control variables  $z$  in optimization?  
**Both  $p_x(X)$  and the threshold change with  $z$ !**

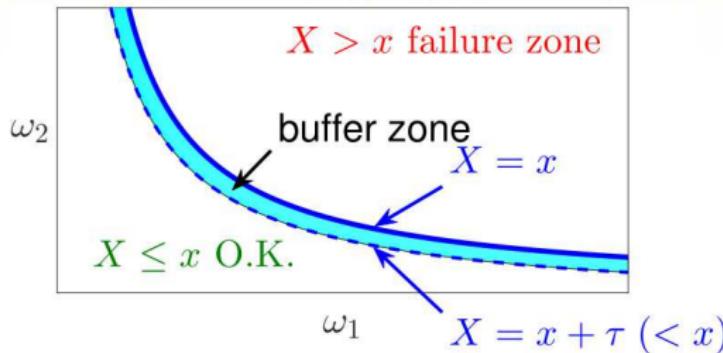
**Troubles with this concept:**

- ▶ Poor mathematical behavior is a serious handicap.
- ▶ Failure probability ignores the **degree** of failure.

# Buffered Probabilities

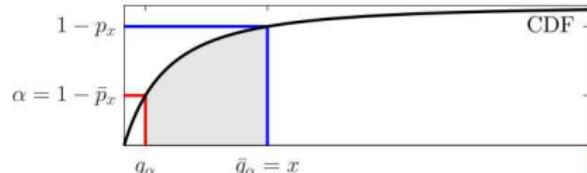
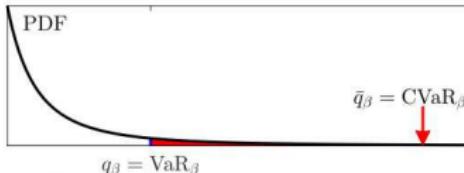
Rockafellar & Royston (2013), Mafusalov & Uryasev (2014), Norton & Uryasev (2014)

Utilizing **CVaR** in place of **quantile** in reliability



**Buffered probability of failure:**  $\mathcal{R}(X) = \bar{p}_x(X) = \mathbb{P}(X > \tau(x))$   
where  $\tau(x)$  is determined by  $\text{CVaR}_{(1-\bar{p}_x(X))}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X | X > \tau(x)] = x$ .

$\text{bPOE}_x[X] = 1 - \alpha$  where  $\alpha$  solves  $\text{CVaR}_\alpha[X] = x$ .





# Buffered Probability Properties

- ▶ Optimization representation:

$$\text{bPOE}_x[X] = \min_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{E}[(t(X - x) + 1)_+]$$

- ▶ Takes into account **values of outcomes in the distribution tail**
- ▶ Closed, quasi-convex and monotonic in random variable  $X$
- ▶ Lowest quasi-convex (in  $X$ ) upper bound of POE
- ▶ Continuous with respect to threshold  $x \in [\mathbb{E}[X], \text{ess sup } X)$
- ▶ Easy to manage (optimize with convex and linear programming)
- ▶  $\text{CVaR}_\alpha[X] \leq x \iff \text{bPOE}_x[X] \leq 1 - \alpha$

Objective function in optimization representation is **nonsmooth!**

**Question:** Is it possible to account for higher-order tail moments?

# Higher-Moment Coherent Risk Measures

Higher-Moment Coherent Risk (HMCR) measures with  $p \geq 1$  and  $\beta \in [0, 1)$

$$\text{HMCR}_{p,\beta}[X] = \inf_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ t + \frac{1}{1-\beta} \mathbb{E}[(X-t)_+^{p/1}] \right\}$$

1. As the name suggests,  $\text{HMCR}_{p,\beta}$  is **coherent** and **law invariant**
2. When  $p = 1$ , we have that  $\text{HMCR}_{1,\beta}[X] = \text{CVaR}_\beta[X]$
3.  $\text{HMCR}_{p,\beta}$  is generated from the **risk quadrangle** with regret measure

$$\mathcal{V}(X) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \mathbb{E}[(X)_+^{p/1}]$$

**Properties of HMCR:** Suppose  $X$  is not degenerate (constant)

1.  $p \mapsto \text{HMCR}_{p,\beta}[X]$  is nondecreasing
2.  $\beta \mapsto \text{HMCR}_{p,\beta}[X]$  is nondecreasing and continuous
3. In fact,  $\beta \mapsto \text{HMCR}_{p,\beta}[X]$  is strictly increasing on  $[0, 1 - \pi_X)$  with

$$\pi_X = \text{prob}(X = \text{ess sup } X)$$

4.  $\text{HMCR}_{p,0}[X] = \mathbb{E}[X]$  and  $\text{HMCR}_{p,1}[X] = \text{ess sup } X$

$\beta \mapsto \text{HMCR}_{p,\beta}[X]$  has a **nondecreasing and continuous inverse!**





# Higher-Moment bPOE Properties

Kouri (2018)

- ▶ Optimization representation:

$$\text{bPOE}_{p,x}[X] = \min_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{E}[(t(X - x) + 1)_+^p]^{1/p}$$

- ▶ Takes into account **moments** of outcomes in the distribution tail
- ▶ Closed, quasi-convex and monotonic in random variable  $X$
- ▶ Continuous with respect to threshold  $x \in [\mathbb{E}[X], \text{ess sup } X)$
- ▶ Objective function in optimization representation is **smooth** in  $X$
- ▶  $\text{HMCR}_{p,\alpha}[X] \leq x \iff \text{bPOE}_{p,x}[X] \leq 1 - \alpha$
- ▶  $\text{bPOE}_x[X] \leq (\text{bPOE}_{2,x}[X])^2 \leq \dots \leq (\text{bPOE}_{p,x}[X])^p$

## Example: Second-Moment Buffered Probability

Suppose  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  with cdf  $\Phi$  and pdf  $\phi$ . Let  $x \geq 0$  then

$$Z := (t(X - x) + 1) \sim N(1 - tx, t) \quad \forall t > 0$$

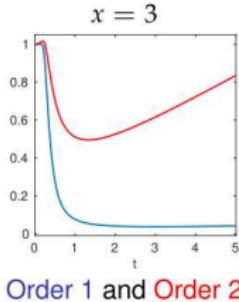
Therefore, the buffered probability of  $X$  exceeding  $x$  is

$$\text{bPOE}_x[X] = \min_{t \geq 0} \{1 - \Phi(x - 1/t) + t\phi(x - 1/t)\}$$

and the second order buffered probability of  $X$  exceeding  $x$  is

$$(\text{bPOE}_{2,x}[X])^2 = \min_{t \geq 0} \{(1 + t^2)(1 - \Phi(x - 1/t)) + (t^2 x + t)\phi(x - 1/t)\}$$

$x$	$\text{POE}_x[X]$	$\text{bPOE}_x[X]$	$(\text{bPOE}_{2,x}[X])^2$	$\text{bPOE}_{2,x}[X]$
0	0.5	1	1	1
1	0.15866	0.89894	1	1
2	0.02275	0.32584	0.99608	0.99804
3	0.00135	0.03802	0.49553	0.70394
4	0.00003	0.00150	0.12966	0.36008
5	2.87e-7	0.00002	0.01890	0.13746
6	9.87e-10	3.84e-7	0.00158	0.03973



# 3D Topology Optimization with Buffered Probability

Given compliance tolerance  $c_0$ , probability  $p_0 \in (0, 1)$ , order  $q \geq 1$ ,

$$\min_{0 \leq z \leq 1} \int_D z \, dx =: \text{vol}(z) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \text{bPOE}_{q, c_0} \left( \int_D \textcolor{red}{F} \cdot S(z) \, dx \right) \leq 1 - p_0$$

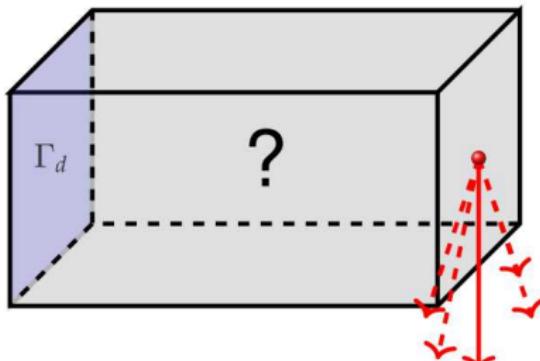
where  $S(z) = u$  solves the **linear elasticity equations**

$$-\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{E}(z) : \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}u) = \textcolor{red}{F}, \quad \text{in } D$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}u = \frac{1}{2}(\nabla u + \nabla u^\top), \quad \text{in } D$$

$$u = 0, \quad \text{on } \Gamma_D$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}u : n = 0, \quad \text{on } \partial D \setminus \Gamma_D$$



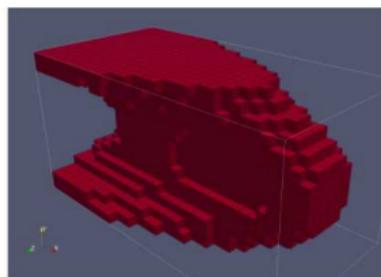
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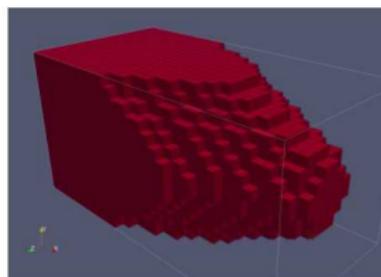
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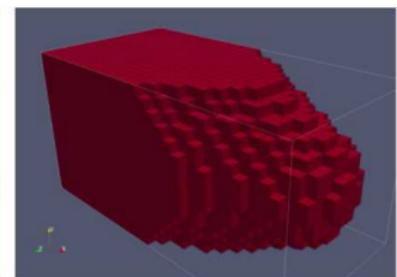
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Risk Neutral



bPOE



	MV	RN	bPOE
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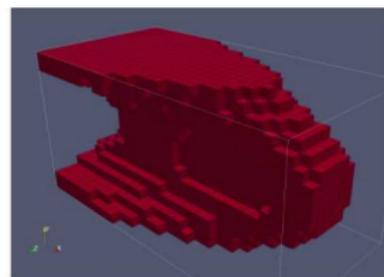
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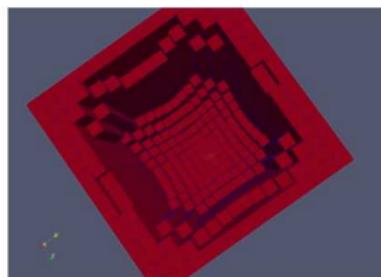
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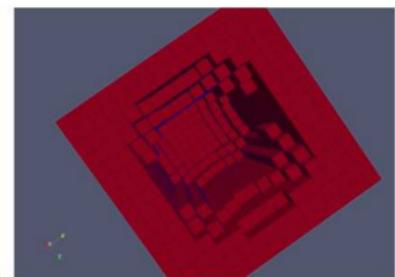
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Topology changes from beam to shell!

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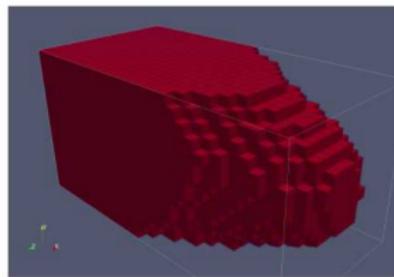
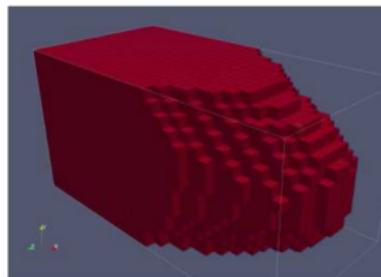
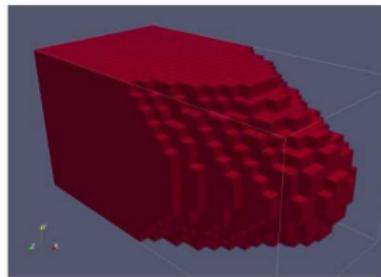
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bPOE <sub>$c_0$</sub>

bPOE <sub>$2,c_0$</sub>

bPOE <sub>$3,c_0$</sub>



Order	1	2	3
Volume Fraction	67.204%	77.369%	80.075%

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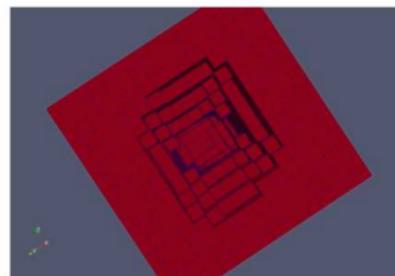
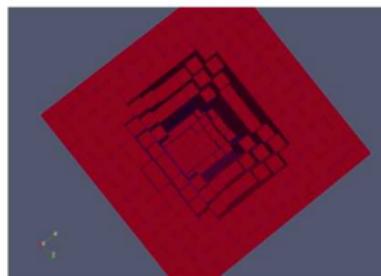
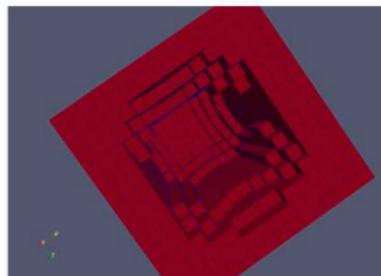
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**Topology changes from beam to shell!**

Order	1	2	3
Volume Fraction	67.204%	77.369%	80.075%



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# What if our uncertainty is uncertain?

Distributionally Robust Stochastic Programming

$(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  is a measurable space and prob. measure is *unknown*.

Consider

$$\min_{z \in Z_{\text{ad}}} \mathcal{R}(\hat{J}(z)) = \sup_{P \in \mathfrak{A}} \mathbb{E}_P[\hat{J}(z)].$$

**Ambiguity Set:**  $\mathfrak{A} \subset \{P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid P(\Omega) = 1\}$  defined by data.

For example:

- **Moment Matching:** Given generalized moment data  $m_1, \dots, m_N$ ,

$$\mathfrak{A} = \{P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid P(\Omega) = 1, \mathbb{E}_P[\psi_i] = m_i, i = 1, \dots, N\}.$$

- **$\Phi$ -Divergence (e.g., Kullback-Leibler,  $\chi^2$ , TV, Hellinger, ...):**  
Given a nominal  $P_0$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathfrak{A} = \{P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid P(\Omega) = 1, D_\Phi(P, P_0) \leq \epsilon\}.$$

- **Wasserstein Distance:** Given a nominal  $P_0$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathfrak{A} = \left\{ P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid P(\Omega) = 1, \sup_{f \in \mathcal{L}} \int_{\Omega} f(\omega) d(P - P_0)(\omega) \leq \epsilon \right\}.$$



## Example: Moment Matching

Let  $\psi_i : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $\mathcal{F}$ -measurable functions and  $m_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, N$

$$\mathfrak{A} = \left\{ P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid \begin{array}{l} P(\Omega) = 1, \\ \mathbb{E}_P[\psi_i] = m_i, i = 1, \dots, N_e \\ \mathbb{E}_P[\psi_i] \leq m_i, i = N_e + 1, \dots, N \end{array} \right\}.$$

**Theorem (Rogosinski):** If  $\mathfrak{A} \neq \emptyset$ , then for each  $z \in Z$  there exists  $\omega_i$  and  $p_i \geq 0$  with  $p_1 + \dots + p_{N+1} = 1$  such that

$$\mathcal{R}(\widehat{J}(z)) = \sup_{P \in \mathfrak{A}} \mathbb{E}_P[\widehat{J}(z)] = \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} p_i J([S(z)](\omega_i), z, \omega_i)$$

**W. W. Rogosinski**, *Moments of non-negative mass*, Proceedings of the Royal Society of London: Series A, Math. and Phys. Sciences, 1958.

# Example: $\Phi$ -Divergence

Suppose

- (i) A **nominal** probability measure  $P_0$  is given,
- (ii) The random variable  $X \in L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P_0)$ , and
- (iii)  $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is convex lower semicontinuous satisfying

$$\Phi(1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi(x) = \infty \quad \forall x < 0.$$

**Define**, for fixed  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mathfrak{A} = \{\vartheta \in (L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P_0))^* \mid \mathbb{E}_{P_0}[\vartheta] = 1, \vartheta \geq 0, \mathbb{E}_{P_0}[\Phi(\vartheta)] \leq \epsilon\}.$$

**Then**  $\mathcal{R}(X) = \sup_{\vartheta \in \mathfrak{A}} \mathbb{E}_{P_0}[\vartheta X] = \inf_{\lambda \geq 0, \mu} \{\lambda\epsilon + \mu + \mathbb{E}_{P_0}[(\lambda\Phi)^*(X - \mu)]\}$

is a **law-invariant coherent** risk measure!

**Example (Kullback-Leibler Divergence):**  $\Phi(x) = x\ln(x) - x + 1, x \geq 0$

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda c + \lambda \ln \mathbb{E}_{P_0} \left[ e^{X/\lambda} \right] \right\}.$$

**A. Ben Tal & M. Teboulle**, *Penalty functions and duality in stochastic programming via phi-divergence functionals*, Mathematics of Operations Research, 1987.

# Robust Probabilistic Optimization

Shapiro, Mafusalov, Uryasev, Kouri (2018)

When  $\mathbb{P}$  is unknown, we can similarly *robustify* the POE and bPOE.

**Probability:** In general, we have that

$$\text{POE}_x^*(X) = \sup_{P \in \mathfrak{A}} P(X > x) = \sup_{P \in \mathfrak{A}} \mathbb{E}_P[\mathbb{1}_A] = \mathcal{R}(\mathbb{1}_A)$$

where  $A = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid X(\omega) > x\}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  is a **coherent** risk measure!

**Buffered Probability:** Under mild regularity conditions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bPOE}_x^*(X) &= \sup_{P \in \mathfrak{A}} \min_{t \geq 0} \mathbb{E}_P[(t(X - x) + 1)_+] = \min_{t \geq 0} \sup_{P \in \mathfrak{A}} \mathbb{E}_P[(t(X - x) + 1)_+] \\ &= \min_{t \geq 0} \mathcal{R}((t(X - x) + 1)_+) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{R}$  is a **coherent** risk measure! For  $\Phi$ -divergence ambiguity,

$$\text{bPOE}_x^*(X) = \min_{t \geq 0, \lambda \geq 0, \mu} \{ \lambda \epsilon + \mu + \mathbb{E}_{P_0}[(\lambda \Phi)^*((t(X - x) + 1)_+ - \mu)] \}.$$

# Distributionally Robust Contaminant Mitigation

## Problem Description

Model contaminant spread by advection-diffusion on  $D = (0, 1)^2$ .

Determine controls that mitigate the contaminant

$$\min_z \mathcal{R} \left( \frac{\kappa_s}{2} \int_D S(z)^2 dx \right) + \wp(z) \quad \text{subject to} \quad 0 \leq z \leq 1$$

where  $S(z) = u : \Omega \rightarrow H^1(D)$  solves

$$\begin{aligned} -\nabla \cdot (\epsilon(\omega) \nabla u(\omega)) + V(\omega) \cdot \nabla u(\omega) &= f(\omega) - Bz, & \text{in } D, \text{ a.s.} \\ u(\omega) &= 0, & \text{on } \Gamma_d, \text{ a.s.} \\ \epsilon(\omega) \nabla u(\omega) \cdot n &= 0, & \text{on } \partial D \setminus \Gamma_d, \text{ a.s.}, \end{aligned}$$

$$Bz = \sum_{k=1}^9 z_k \exp \left( \frac{-\|x - p_k\|_2^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \wp(z) = \kappa_c \|z\|_1 = \kappa_c \sum_{k=1}^9 z_k.$$

Control	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$x_1$	0.25	0.50	0.75	0.25	0.50	0.75	0.25	0.50	0.75
$x_2$	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.75	0.75

Total of 37 random variables.

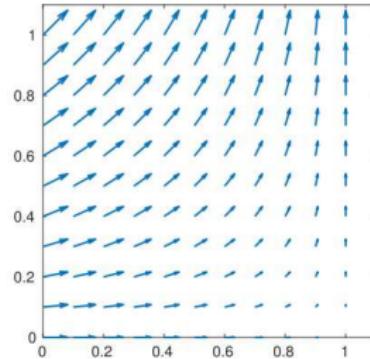
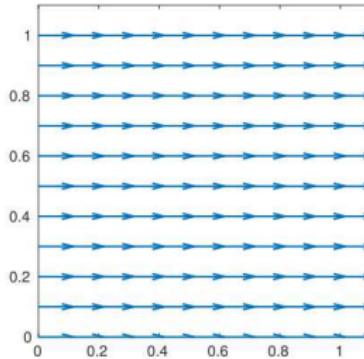
# Risk-Averse Contaminant Mitigation

**Nominal Distribution:**  $\xi_k(\omega) \sim U(-1, 1)$  with  $k = 1, \dots, 37$

**Diffusivity:**

$$\log(c\epsilon(\omega, x) - 0.5) = 1 + \xi_1(\omega) \left( \frac{\sqrt{\pi}L_c}{2} \right)^{1/2} + \sum_{n=2}^{10} \zeta_n \phi_n(x) \xi_n(\omega)$$

**Advection:**



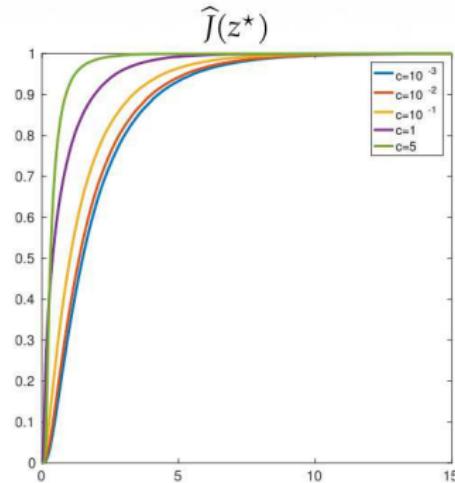
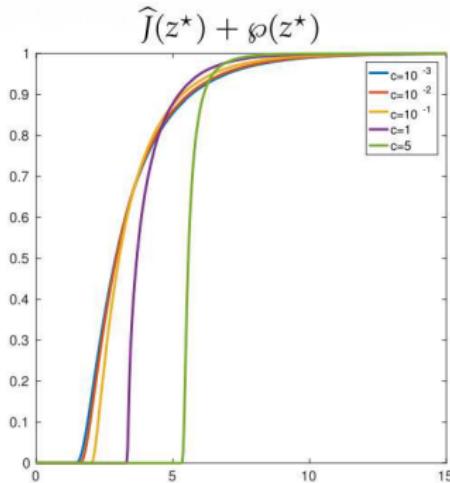
**Source:**

$$f(\omega, x) = \sum_{k=1}^5 \xi_{8+5k}(\omega) \exp \left( \frac{-(x_1 - \xi_{9+5k}(\omega))^2}{2\xi_{10+5k}(\omega)^2} \right) \exp \left( \frac{-(x_2 - \xi_{11+5k}(\omega))^2}{2\xi_{12+5k}(\omega)^2} \right).$$

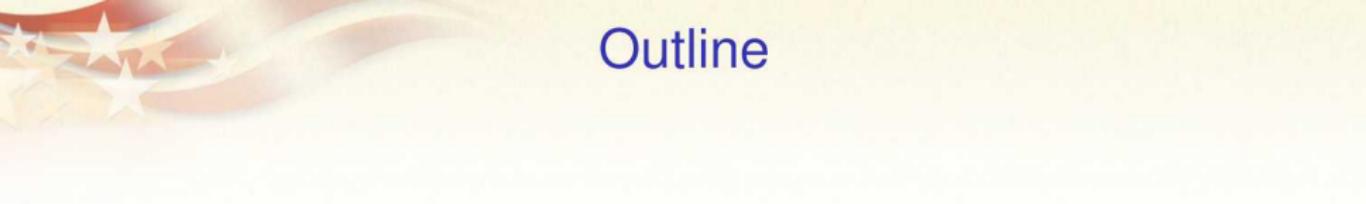
# Numerical Results

## DRO with KL-Divergence Ambiguity

$$\mathcal{R}(X) = \inf_{\lambda > 0} \left\{ \lambda c + \lambda \ln \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{X/\lambda} \right] \right\}$$



$\log_{10}(c)$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	obj
$10^{-3}$	—	0.410	—	—	1.000	—	—	—	—	3.465
$10^{-2}$	—	0.560	—	—	1.000	—	—	—	—	3.637
$10^{-1}$	—	1.000	—	—	1.000	—	—	—	—	4.186
1	—	1.000	—	0.580	1.000	0.709	—	—	—	5.939
5	1.000	1.000	0.249	1.000	1.000	1.000	—	—	—	8.124



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# Methods for Stochastic Optimization

1. **Stochastic Approximation (SA):** Stochastic subgradient descent only requires a single sample at every iteration.
2. **Progressive Hedging:** Decoupled deterministic optimization via alternating directions method of multipliers (ADMM).
3. **Sample Average Approximation (SAA):** (Quasi) Monte Carlo approximation of expected value.
4. **Adaptive Stochastic Collocation:** Deterministic quadrature approximation of expected value. Adaptivity using trust regions.

**Note:** The convergence of SA and SAA is **probabilistic!**

**Note:** Risk measures and probabilistic functionals are often nonsmooth  $\implies$  polynomial approximation and derivative-based optimization may not apply.

# The Finite Noise Assumption

Suppose there exists a random vector  $\xi : \Omega \rightarrow \Xi \subseteq \mathbb{R}^M$  and functions  $\bar{J} : U \times Z \times \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\bar{c} : U \times Z \times \Xi \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$J(u, z, \omega) = \bar{J}(u, z, \xi(\omega)) \quad \text{and} \quad c(u, z, \omega) = \bar{c}(u, z, \xi(\omega)).$$

Moreover, assume the probability law  $\mathbb{P} \circ \xi^{-1}$  has Lebesgue density  $\rho : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , i.e.,  $d\mathbb{P} \circ \xi^{-1} = \rho d\xi$ .

This permits the change of variables from  $\omega \in \Omega$  to  $\xi \in \Xi$ .  
Analysis now performed in weighted Lebesgue space

$$L_\rho^p(\Xi) = \left\{ v : \Xi \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \int_{\Xi} |v(\xi)|^p \rho(\xi) d\xi < \infty \right\}.$$

$L_\rho^\infty(\Xi)$  and  $L_\rho^p(\Xi; W)$  are similarly defined.

**Independence:** For adaptive stochastic collocation, we will assume that the components of  $\xi$  are independent and

$$\Xi = [a_1, b_1] \times \cdots \times [a_M, b_M] \quad \text{and} \quad \rho = \rho_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \rho_M.$$

# Stochastic Approximation

Set  $\widehat{J}(z) = \bar{J}(u(z), z, \cdot)$ . Let  $Z$  be Hilbert and  $Z_{\text{ad}}$  be closed convex.

Given  $z_k \in Z_{\text{ad}}$  and  $G(z_k, \xi) = G_k(\xi)$  such that  $\mathbb{E}[G_k(\xi)] \in \partial \mathbb{E}[\widehat{J}(z_k)]$ , the SA iteration is

$$z_{k+1} = \Pi_{Z_{\text{ad}}}(z_k - \mu_k G_k(\xi_k)), \quad \mu_k > 0,$$

where  $\xi_k$  for  $k = 1, \dots$  is an iid sequence of realizations and

$$\Pi_{Z_{\text{ad}}}(z) = \arg \min_{\zeta \in Z_{\text{ad}}} \|z - \zeta\|_Z.$$

**Note:**  $\Pi_{Z_{\text{ad}}}$  is (firmly) nonexpansive.

**Note:** For PDE-constrained optimization, SA requires a single **deterministic** state and adjoint solve per iteration!

**Must solve:**

$$\bar{c}(u, z_k, \xi_k) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{c}_u(u_k, z_k, \xi_k)^* \lambda = -\bar{J}_u(u_k, z_k, \xi_k).$$

**H. Robbins & S. Monro**, *A stochastic approximation method*, An. Math. Statist., 1951.

# Analysis for Linear-Elliptic Quadratic Control

**Recall: (Spaces)**  $Z = L^2(D)$  and  $Z_{\text{ad}} = \{z \in Z \mid z_a \leq z \leq z_b\}$ ,  
 $U = H_0^1(D)$ ,  $Y = H^{-1}(D)$ ,  $W$  is a Hilbert space such that  $U \hookrightarrow W$ ,

$$\bar{J}(u, z, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{C}u - w\|_W^2 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|z\|_Z^2$$

where  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{L}(U, W)$ ,  $w \in W$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , and for  $v \in U$

$$\langle \bar{c}(u, z, \xi), v \rangle_{-1,1} = \int_D (\bar{A}(\xi) \nabla u(x)) \cdot \nabla v(x) \, dx - \int_D z(x) v(x) \, dx.$$

**Note:**  $\mathcal{J}(z) = \mathbb{E}[\hat{J}(z)]$  is strongly convex with constant  $\gamma$ .

**Stochastic Approximation:** Given  $z_k \in Z$  and  $u_k \in U$  that solves  
 $\bar{c}(u_k, z_k, \xi_k) = 0$

$$G_k(\xi_k) = \gamma z_k + \lambda_k$$

where  $\lambda_k$  solves the adjoint equation

$$\int_D (\bar{A}(\xi_k) \nabla \lambda_k(x)) \cdot \nabla v(x) \, dx = -\langle \mathbf{C}u_k - w, \mathbf{C}v \rangle_W \quad \forall v \in U.$$

# Analysis for Linear-Elliptic Quadratic Control

Let  $z^* \in Z_{\text{ad}}$  minimize  $\mathcal{J}(z)$  over  $Z_{\text{ad}}$  then (since  $\Pi_{Z_{\text{ad}}}$  is nonexpansive)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\|z_{k+1} - z^*\|_Z^2] &= \mathbb{E}[\|\Pi_{Z_{\text{ad}}}(z_k - \mu_k G_k(\xi_k)) - \Pi_{Z_{\text{ad}}}(z^*)\|_Z^2] \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}[\|z_k - z^*\|_Z^2] + \mu_k^2 \mathbb{E}[\|G_k(\xi_k)\|_Z^2] - 2\mu_k \mathbb{E}[\langle G_k(\xi_k), z_k - z^* \rangle_Z]\end{aligned}$$

$z_k$  only depends on  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{k-1}$  (which are iid), thus

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\langle z_k - z^*, G_k(\xi_k) \rangle_Z] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[\langle z_k - z^*, G_k(\xi_k) \rangle_Z | \xi_1, \dots, \xi_{k-1}]] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\langle z_k - z^*, \mathbb{E}[G_k(\xi_k) | \xi_1, \dots, \xi_{k-1}] \rangle_Z] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[\langle z_k - z^*, \mathbb{E}[\nabla \bar{F}(z_k)] \rangle_Z] \\ &\geq \mathbb{E}[\langle z_k - z^*, \mathbb{E}[\nabla \bar{F}(z_k) - \nabla \bar{F}(z^*)] \rangle_Z] \\ &\geq \gamma \mathbb{E}[\|z_k - z^*\|_Z^2].\end{aligned}$$

Law of Total Exp.

Fubini's Theorem

Optimality of  $z^*$

Strong Convexity of  $\mathcal{J}$

# Analysis for Linear-Elliptic Quadratic Control

Since  $Z_{\text{ad}}$  is bounded and  $u, \lambda$  depend continuously on  $z$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\|G(z, \xi)\|_Z^2] &\leq M^2 \quad \forall z \in Z_{\text{ad}} \\ \implies \mathbb{E}[\|z_{k+1} - z^*\|_Z^2] &\leq \mathbb{E}[\|z_k - z^*\|_Z^2] + \mu_k^2 M^2 - 2\mu_k \gamma \mathbb{E}[\|z_k - z^*\|_Z^2].\end{aligned}$$

Now, set  $\mu_k = \theta/k$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\|z_{k+1} - z^*\|_Z^2] &\leq \left(1 - \frac{2\gamma\theta}{k}\right) \mathbb{E}[\|z_k - z^*\|_Z^2] + \frac{\theta^2 M^2}{k^2} \quad \text{Previous Results} \\ &\leq \frac{\max\{\theta^2 M^2 (2\gamma\theta - 1)^{-1}, \|z_1 - z^*\|_Z^2\}}{k}. \quad \text{Use Induction}\end{aligned}$$

Minimizing the right hand side with  $\theta > 0$  gives  $\theta^* = 1/\gamma$ .

**Note:** The expected decay at each iteration is  $\mathcal{O}(k^{-1})$

$\implies$  to reach tolerance  $\varepsilon$  requires  $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^{-1})$  iterations (on average)!

# Progressive Hedging

**Problem Assumptions:** Suppose  $\widehat{J}(\cdot, \xi)$  is a **convex random loss** and  $\xi$  is discretely distributed. Consider the convex program

$$\underset{z \in Z_{\text{ad}}}{\text{Minimize}} \left\{ \mathbb{E}[\widehat{J}(z, \xi)] = \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \widehat{J}(z, \xi_k) \right\}.$$

## Progressive Hedging Algorithm:

Given  $\hat{z} \in Z$  and a  $Z$ -valued r.v.  $W(\xi)$  with  $\mathbb{E}[W(\xi)] = 0$ .

1. Compute  $\zeta(\xi) \in Z_{\text{ad}}$  a.s. that approximately solves

$$\underset{z \in Z_{\text{ad}}}{\text{Minimize}} \left\{ \widehat{J}(z, \xi) + \langle W(\xi), z \rangle_Z + \frac{r}{2} \|z - \hat{z}\|_Z^2 \right\} \quad \text{a.s.}$$

2. Update  $\hat{z} = \mathbb{E}[\zeta(\xi)] = p_1 \zeta_1 + \dots + p_N \zeta_N$ .
3. Update  $W(\xi) = W(\xi) + r(\zeta(\xi) - \hat{z})$ .

**Step 1 requires solving decoupled deterministic convex opt. problems!**

**However, objective function  $\widehat{J}(\cdot, \xi)$  must be convex ...**

**R. T. Rockafellar & R. J.-B. Wets**, *Scenarios and policy aggregation in optimization under uncertainty*, Math. Oper. Res., 1991.



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# Sample Average Approximation

**Idea:** Approximate expected value in  $\mathcal{J}$  using Monte Carlo.

Let  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N$  be iid random samples of  $\xi$ , then solve

$$\underset{z \in Z_{\text{ad}}}{\text{Minimize}} \left\{ \widehat{\mathcal{J}}_N(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \widehat{J}(z, \xi_k) \right\}.$$

Apply nonlinear programming algorithms to solve numerically.

## Linear-Elliptic Quadratic Control:

- (i) Let  $z_N^* \in Z_{\text{ad}}$  minimize  $\widehat{\mathcal{J}}_N$  over  $Z_{\text{ad}}$
- (ii) Let  $z^* \in Z_{\text{ad}}$  minimize  $\mathcal{J}$  over  $Z_{\text{ad}}$ .

Strong convexity of  $\mathcal{J}$  and optimality of  $z_N^*$ ,  $z^*$  imply

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma \|z_N^* - z^*\|_Z^2 &\leq \langle z_N^* - z^*, \nabla \mathcal{J}(z_N^*) - \nabla \mathcal{J}(z^*) \rangle_Z \\ &\leq \langle z_N^* - z^*, \nabla \mathcal{J}(z_N^*) - \nabla \widehat{\mathcal{J}}_N(z_N^*) \rangle_Z \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\gamma \|z^* - z_N^*\|_Z \leq \left\| \mathbb{E}[\lambda] - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \lambda_k \right\|_Z = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\frac{1}{2}})$  **Probabilistic!**

# Stochastic Collocation

**Idea:** Approximate expected value in  $\mathcal{J}$  using quadrature.

Let  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N$  be quad. points with weights  $w_1, \dots, w_N$ , then solve

$$\underset{z \in Z_{\text{ad}}}{\text{Minimize}} \left\{ \widehat{\mathcal{J}}_N(z) = \sum_{k=1}^N w_k \widehat{J}(z, \xi_k) \right\}.$$

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Therefore,  $\gamma \|z^* - z_N^*\|_Z \leq \left\| \mathbb{E}[\lambda] - \sum_{k=1}^N w_k \lambda_k \right\|_Z = \text{Quad. Error}$

# Sparse Grids and Adaptivity

Gerstner and Griebel 2003

- ▶ **1D Operators:** For  $k = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $\mathbb{E}_k^0 \equiv 0$  and

$$\Delta_k^i \equiv \mathbb{E}_k^i - \mathbb{E}_k^{i-1} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbb{E}_k^i(g) \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Xi_k} \rho_k(\xi) g(\xi) d\xi$$

- ▶ **Sparse-Grid Operator:** For an index set  $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{N}^M$ ,

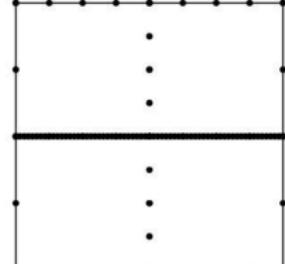
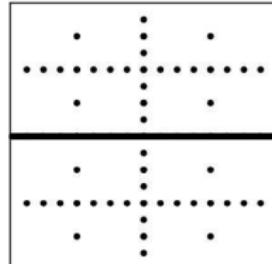
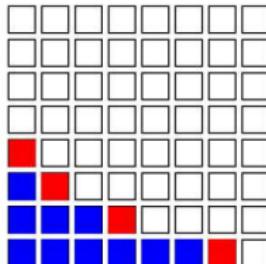
$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{I}} \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{i} \in \mathcal{I}} (\Delta_1^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \Delta_M^{i_M})$$

- ▶ **Admissibility:**  $\mathbf{i} \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathbf{i} \geq \mathbf{j} \implies \mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{I}$

- ▶ **Error:** Given the index set  $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{N}^M$ , the error is

$$\mathbb{E} - \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{I}} = \sum_{\mathbf{i} \notin \mathcal{I}} (\Delta_1^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \Delta_M^{i_M})$$

- ▶ **Adaptivity:** Pick  $\mathbf{i} \notin \mathcal{I}$  s.t.  $\mathcal{I} \cup \{\mathbf{i}\}$  admissible and  $\Delta_1^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \Delta_M^{i_M}$  “large”



# Trust-Region Algorithm

**Given:**  $z_0$ ,  $m_0(s) \approx \mathcal{J}(z_0 + s)$ ,  $\mathcal{J}_0 \approx \mathcal{J}$ ,  $\Delta_0 \geq 0$ , and  $\text{gtol} > 0$ .

**While**  $\|\nabla m_k(s)\|_{\mathcal{Z}} > \text{gtol}$

- Model Update:** Choose a new  $m_k(s) \approx \mathcal{J}(z_k + s)$ .  $\leftarrow \text{ADAPTIVITY}$
- Step Computation:** Approximate a solution,  $s_k$ , to the subproblem

$$\min_{s \in \mathcal{Z}} m_k(s) \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|s\|_{\mathcal{Z}} \leq \Delta_k.$$

- Objective Update:** Choose a new  $\mathcal{J}_k(z) \approx \mathcal{J}(z)$ .  $\leftarrow \text{ADAPTIVITY}$
- Step Acceptance:** Compute

$$\rho_k = \frac{\mathcal{J}_k(z_k) - \mathcal{J}_k(z_k + s_k)}{m_k(0) - m_k(s_k)}.$$

If  $\rho_k \geq \eta \in (0, 1)$ , then  $z_{k+1} = z_k + s_k$  else  $z_{k+1} = z_k$ .

- Trust Region Update:** Choose a new trust region radius,  $\Delta_{k+1}$ .

**EndWhile**

# Inexact Gradients and Objective Functions

Kouri, Heinkenschloss, Ridzal, and van Bloemen Waanders (2013, 2014)

## Inexact Gradients

There exists  $c > 0$  independent of  $k$  such that

$$\|\nabla m_k(0) - \nabla \mathcal{J}(z_k)\|_{\mathcal{Z}} \leq c \min\{\|\nabla m_k(0)\|_{\mathcal{Z}}, \Delta_k\}$$

(Carter 1989, Heinkenschloss and Vicente 2001).

## Inexact Objective Functions

There exists  $K > 0$ ,  $\omega \in (0, 1)$ , and  $\theta(z, s) \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |(\mathcal{J}(z_k) - \mathcal{J}(z_k + s_k)) - (\mathcal{J}_k(z_k) - \mathcal{J}_k(z_k + s_k))| &\leq K\theta(z_k, s_k) \\ \theta(z_k, s_k)^{\omega} &\leq \eta \min \{(m_k(0) - m_k(s_k)), r_k\}. \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\eta > 0$  is tied to algorithmic parameters and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} r_k = 0$ .  
(Carter 1989, Ziems and Ulbrich 2013).

- ▶ **Cannot** compute  $\mathcal{J}(z_k)$  and  $\nabla \mathcal{J}(z_k)$ ;
- ▶ Control *a posteriori* errors using **adaptive sparse grids**.

# Optimal Control of Steady Burger's Equation

Let  $\gamma = 10^{-3}$ ,  $\Omega_0 = \Omega_c = \Omega = (0, 1)$ , and  $w \equiv 1$  and consider

$$\min_{z \in L^2(0,1)} \quad \mathcal{J}(z) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \int_0^1 (u(\cdot, x; z) - 1)^2 \, dx \right] + \frac{\gamma}{2} \int_0^1 z(x)^2 \, dx$$

where  $u = S(z) \in L^3_\rho(\Xi; H^1(0, 1))$  solves the weak form of

$$\begin{aligned} -\nu(\xi) \partial_{xx} u(\xi, x) + u(\xi, x) \partial_x u(\xi, x) &= f(\xi, x) + z(x) & (\xi, x) \in \Xi \times \Omega, \\ u(\xi, 0) &= d_0(\xi), \quad u(\xi, 1) &= d_1(\xi) & \xi \in \Xi. \end{aligned}$$

$\Xi = [-1, 1]^4$  is endowed with the uniform density  $\rho(\xi) \equiv 2^{-4}$ , and the random field coefficients are

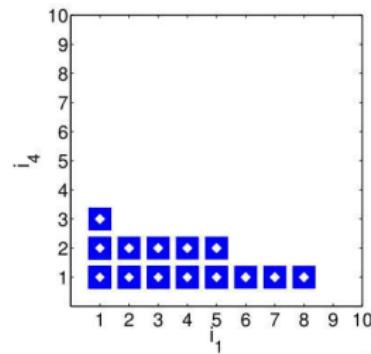
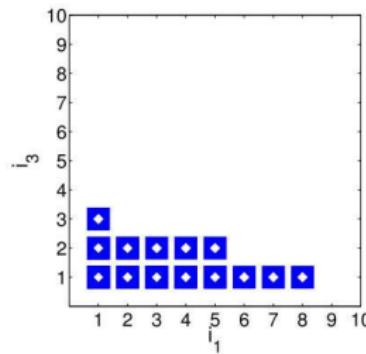
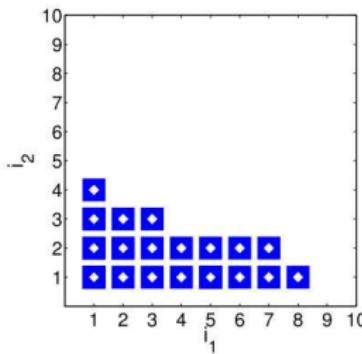
$$\nu(\xi) = 10^{\xi_1 - 2}, \quad f(\xi, x) = \frac{\xi_2}{100}, \quad d_0(\xi) = 1 + \frac{\xi_3}{1000}, \quad \text{and} \quad d_1(\xi) = \frac{\xi_4}{1000}.$$

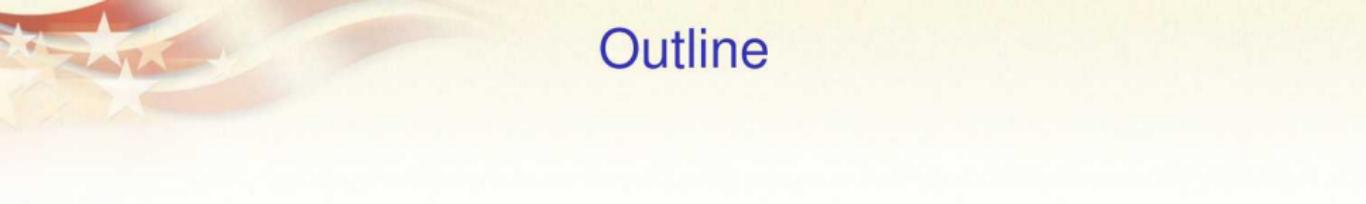
# Adaptive Sparse Grid Results

**Spatial:** Piecewise Linear Finite Elements

**Stochastic:** Maximum Level 8 Clenshaw-Curtis Sparse Grids

Algorithm	NonlinPDE	CP <sub>obj</sub>	LinearPDE	CP <sub>grad</sub>	Rel. Err.
Newton-CG	45,224 (1.0)	7,537	489,906 (1.0)	7,537	—
Grad. Adapt.	45,531 (1.0)	7,537	3,405 (143.9)	249	$2.89 \times 10^{-6}$
Full Adapt.	603 (75.0)	23	3,405 (143.9)	249	$2.89 \times 10^{-6}$





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