

Multifidelity strategies for optimization under uncertainty of wind power plants

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Motivation: Design optimization of a wind power plant

Provided by NREL



Vattenfall's Horns Rev wind farm off Denmark*

- Wake steering scenario
- Maximize total power production
- Uncertain inputs
- Black box code

*Figure from <https://www.rechargenews.com/wind/will-wind-wake-slow-industrys-ambitions-offshore-/2-1-699430>
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Multilevel MC coupling with SNOWPAC

Generic MLMC **error** estimators:

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§Delta method: $SE[f(\widehat{\theta})] \approx |f'(\widehat{\theta})| SE[\widehat{\theta}]$, $\widehat{\theta} = \widehat{\mu}_2$, $f(\widehat{\theta}) = \widehat{\theta}^{\frac{1}{2}}$
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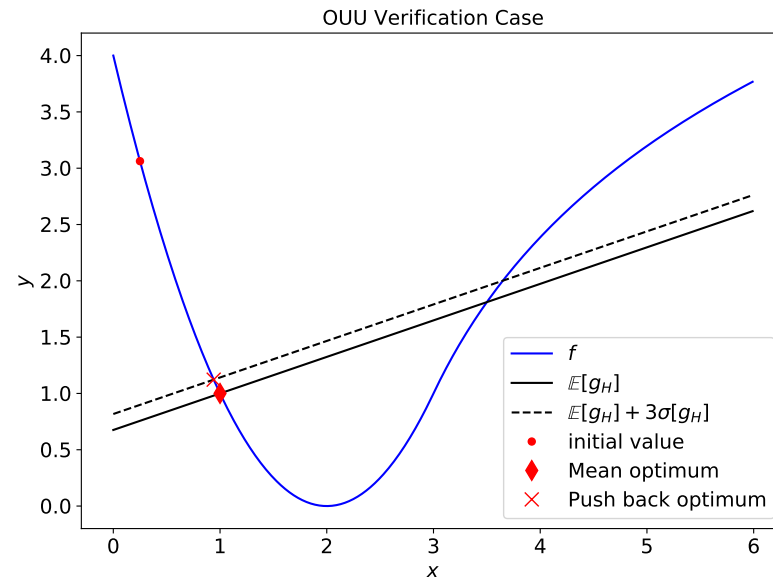
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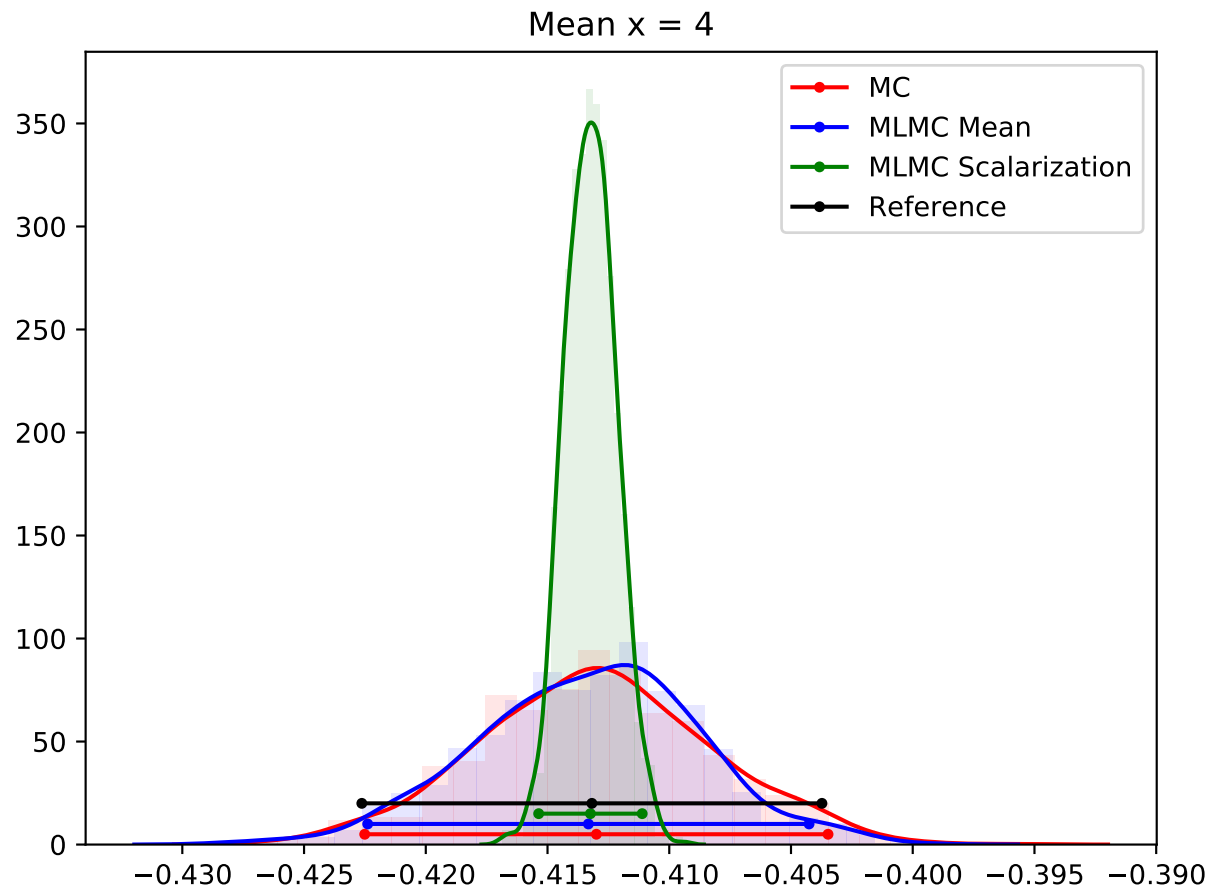
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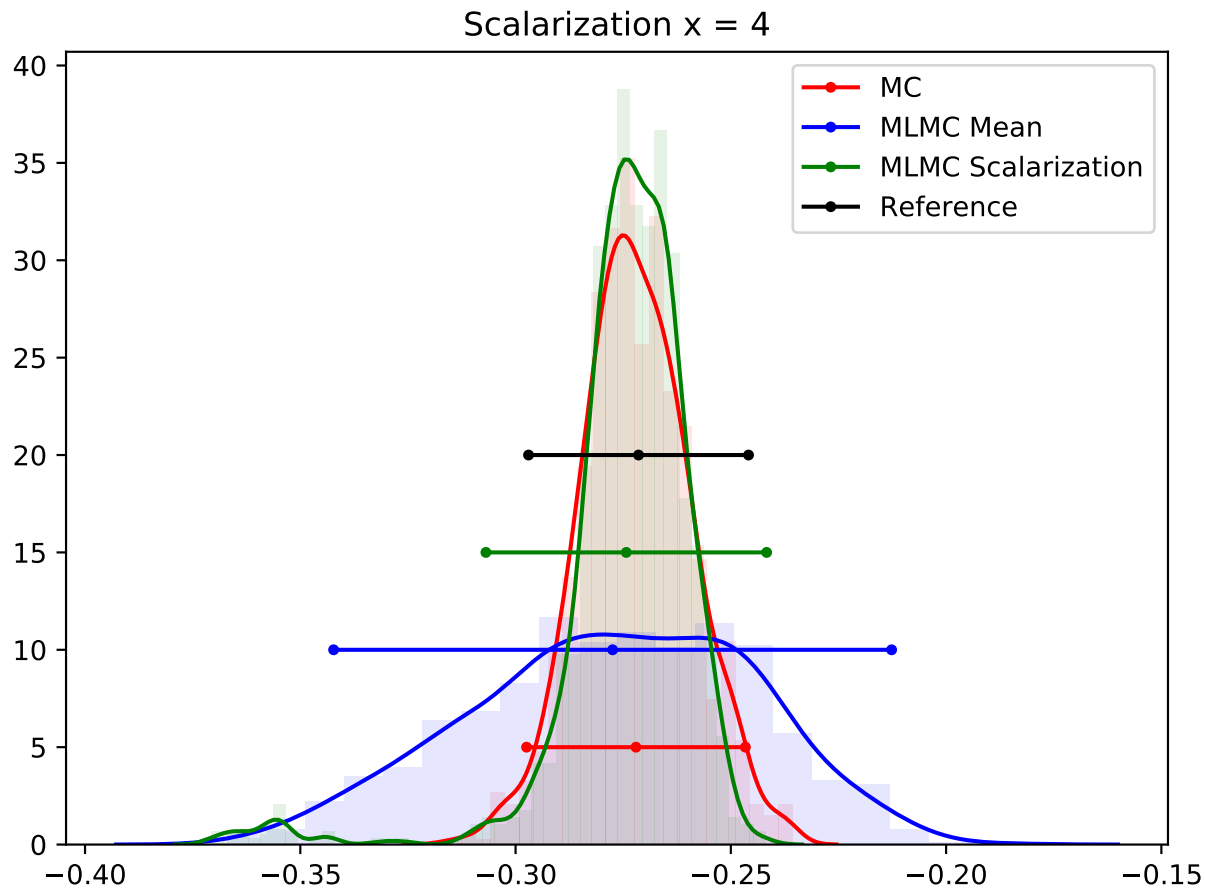
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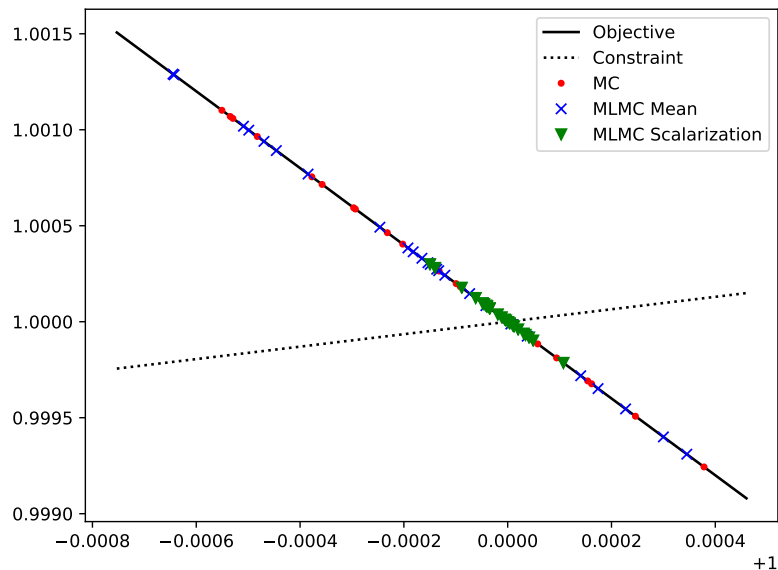
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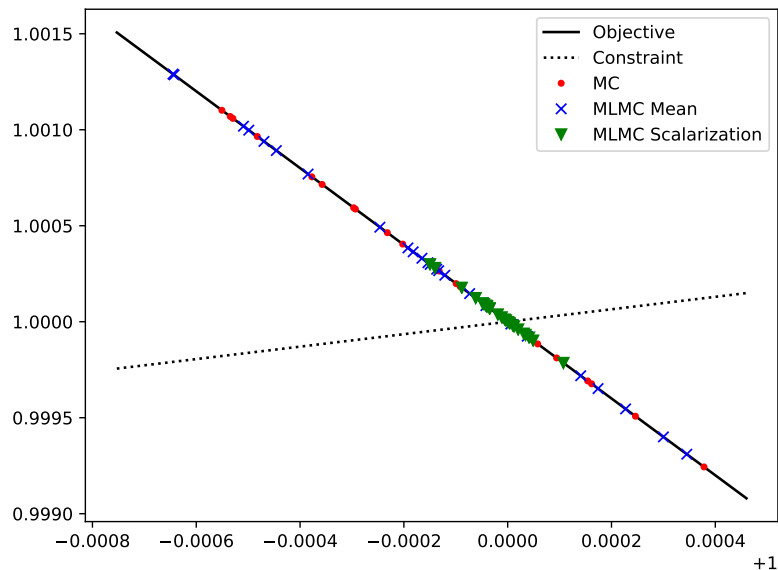
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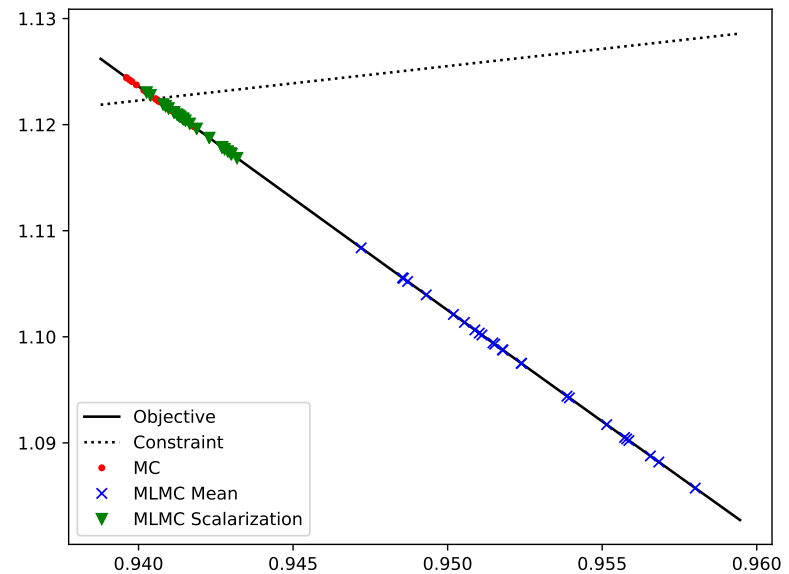
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Parameters: (Turbine $i = 1, 2, 3$)

- Yaw angle design: $\gamma_i \in [-45^\circ, 45^\circ]$
- Yaw angle noise: $\theta_{\gamma_i} \sim \mathcal{L}(0^\circ, 5^\circ)$
- Inflow wind speed: $\theta_u \sim \mathcal{N}(7.5 \frac{m}{s}, 1 \frac{m}{s})$

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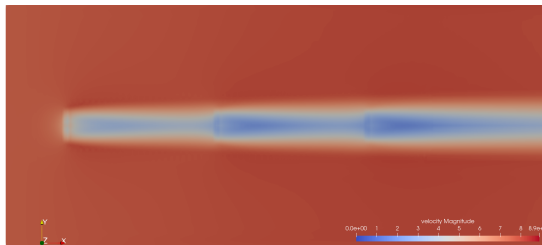
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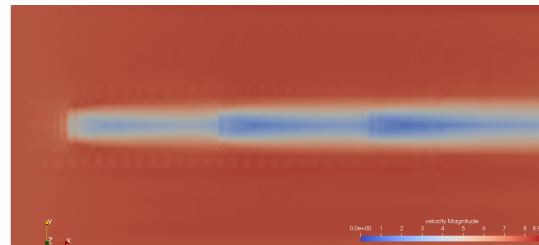
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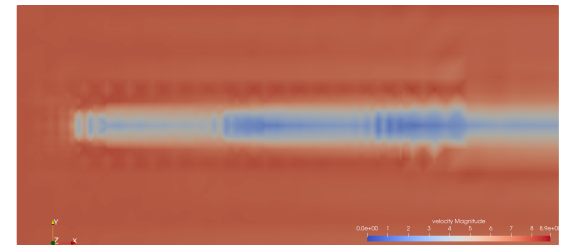
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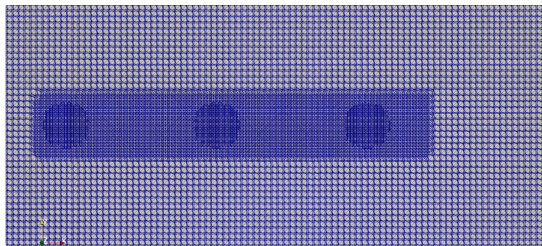
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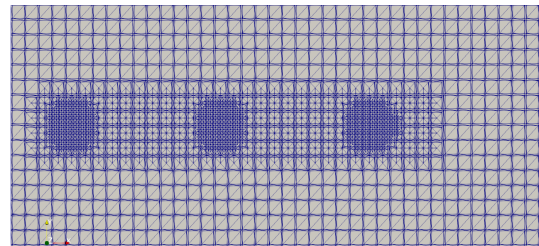
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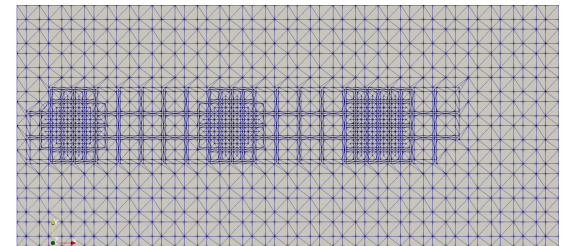
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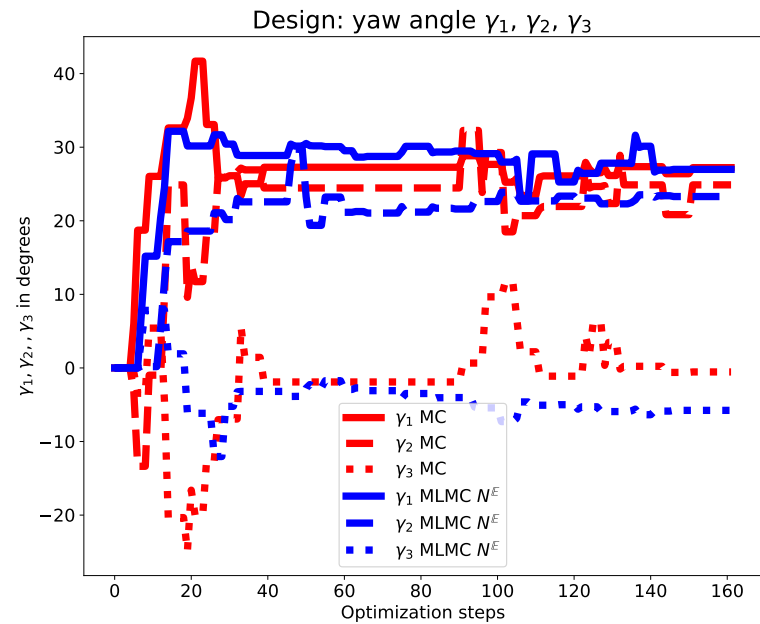
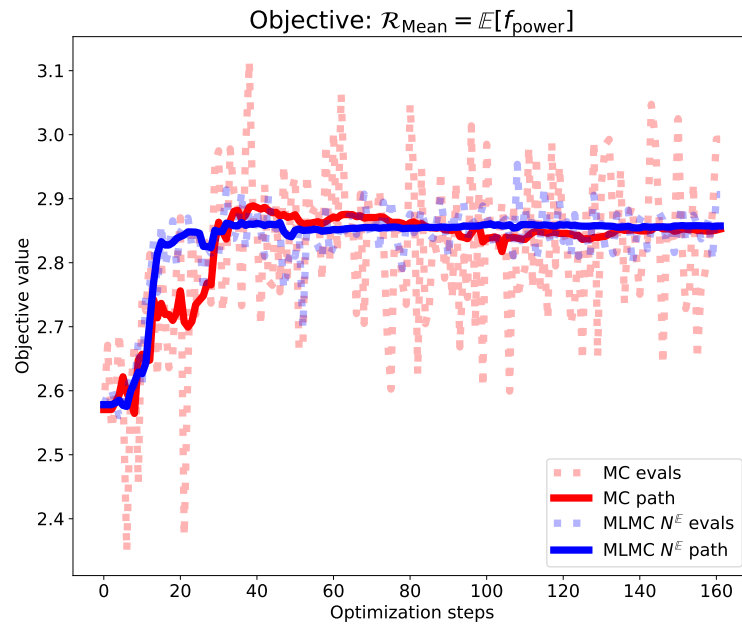
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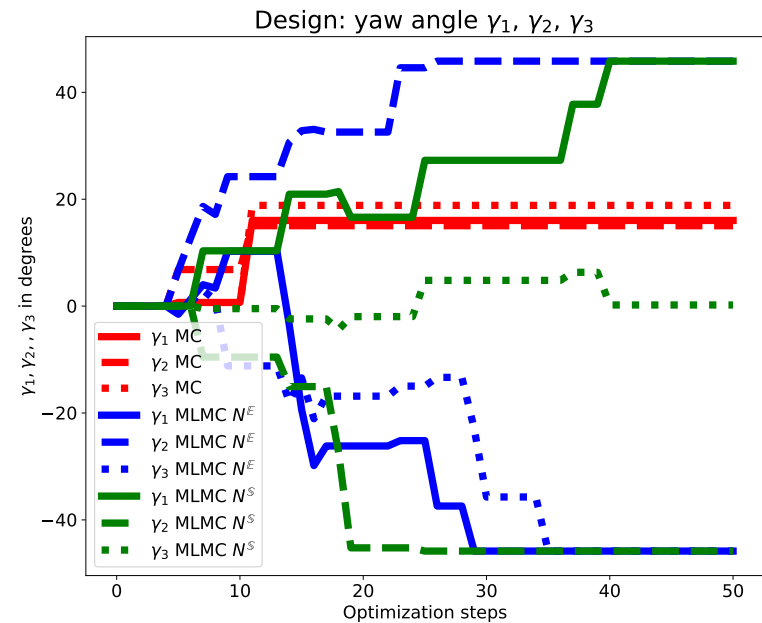
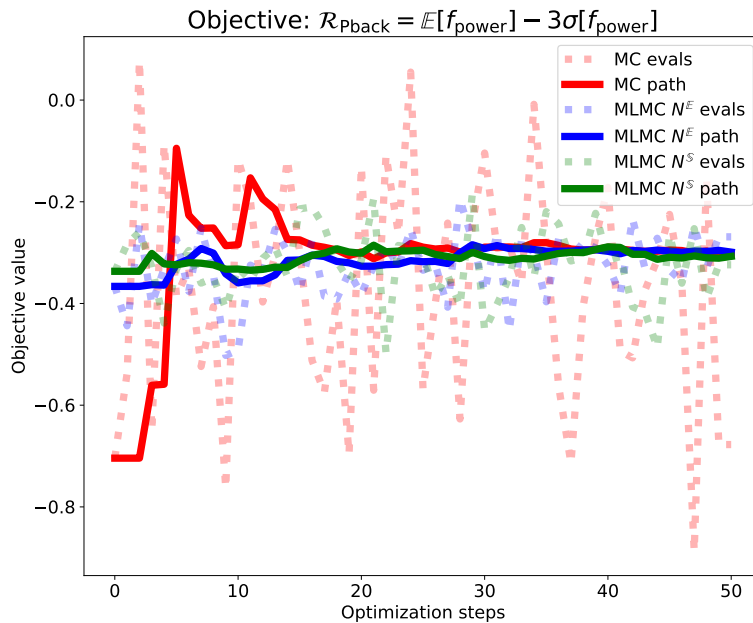
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Summary:

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 - **WindSE** – Python Package for Wind Farm Simulations
 - **DAKOTA** – Design Analysis Kit for Optimization and Terascale Applications
- ⇒ **New** MLMC estimators for Standard Deviation and Scalarization coupled with **SNOWPAC**.

Future work and open questions:

- Target different wind applications/setups
- From MLMC to MFMC

Links:

- SNOWPAC: github.com/snowpac/snowpac
- Dakota: dakota.sandia.gov
- WindSE: github.com/NREL/WindSE

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