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*Essentially, all models are wrong, but some are useful,* George E.P. Box, Industrial Statistician.

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# Modeling Strategy

General Strategy: Conservation of stuff

$$\begin{array}{c|c} Stuff \longrightarrow \\ x & x + \Delta x \end{array}$$

 $\frac{dStuff}{dt} = \text{Stuff in - Stuff out + Stuff created - Stuff destroyed}$ 

 Continuity Equation:

  $\frac{\partial(\rho\Delta x)}{\partial t} = \phi(t, x) - \phi(t, x + \Delta x)$ 
 $\Rightarrow \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0} \frac{\phi(t, x) - \phi(t, x + \Delta x)}{\Delta x}$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = 0$$

**Density:**  $\rho(t, x)$  - Stuff per unit length or volume

**Rate of Flow:**  $\phi(t, x)$  - Stuff per second

More Generally:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} =$$
Sources - Sinks

# **Example 1: Weather Models**

### Challenges:

- Coupling between temperature, pressure gradients, precipitation, aerosol, etc.;
- Models and inputs contain uncertainties;
- Numerical grids necessarily larger than many phenomena; e.g., clouds
- Sensors positions may be uncertain; e.g., weather balloons, ocean buoys.



- Assimilate data to quantify uncertain initial conditions and parameters;
- Make predictions with quantified uncertainties.



### **Equations of Atmospheric Physics**



Constitutive Closure Relations: e.g.,

$$S_{m_2} = S_1 + S_2 + S_3 - S_4$$

where

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### **Ensemble Predictions**

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#### **Cone of Uncertainty:**



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### **General Questions:**

90°W

• What is expected rainfall on July 31?

80°W

- What are average high and low temperatures?
- Note: Quantities are statistical in nature.

### Example 2: HIV Model for Characterization and Control Regimes

#### **HIV Model: Notes:** 21 parameters $\dot{T}_1 = \lambda_1 - d_1 T_1 - (1 - \varepsilon) k_1 V T_1$ [Adams, Banks et al., 2005, $\dot{T}_2 = \lambda_2 - d_2 T_2 - (1 - f\varepsilon) k_2 V T_2$ 2007] $\dot{T}_{1}^{*} = (1 - \varepsilon)k_{1}VT_{1} - \delta T_{1}^{*} - m_{1}ET_{1}^{*}$ $\dot{T}_{2}^{*} = (1 - f\varepsilon)k_{2}VT_{2} - \delta T_{2}^{*} - m_{2}ET_{2}^{*}$ $\dot{V} = N_T \delta(T_1^* + T_2^*) - cV - [(1 - \varepsilon)\rho_1 k_1 T_1 + (1 - f\varepsilon)\rho_2 k_2 T_2]V$ dE $\dot{E} = \lambda_E + \frac{b_E(T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_b} E - \frac{d_E(T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_d} E - \delta_E E$ Notation: $\dot{E} \equiv$ **Compartments:** d<sub>1</sub> $\begin{array}{c} \lambda_1 \\ \hline T_1 \\ \hline \rho_1 \end{array}$ m₁ λE V<sub>NI</sub> $V_{I}$ ) (1- $\varepsilon_{2}$ ) $N_{T}\delta$ ε2Ντδ Е

δ<sub>E</sub> ρ2 т2\*  $T_2$  $(1-f\epsilon_1)k_2$  $m_2$ do δ Uninfected Non-infectious Immune Effectors Infected Infectious Target Cells Target Cells Virus Virus (CTLs)

# Example: HIV Model for Characterization and Treatment Regimes

**HIV Model:** Several sources of uncertainty including viral measurement techniques **Example:** Upper and lower limits to assay sensitivity



### UQ Questions:

- What are the uncertainties in parameters that cannot be directly measured?
- What is optimal treatment regime that is "safe" for patient?
- What is expected viral load? Issue: very often requires high-dimensional integration!

• e.g., 
$$\mathbb{E}[V(t)] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{21}} V(t,q) \rho(q) dq$$

*Experimental results are believed by everyone, except for the person who ran the experiment*, source anonymous, quoted by Max Gunzburger, Florida State University.

# Steps in Uncertainty Quantification

**Note:** Uncertainty quantification requires synergy between statistics, mathematics and application area.



# Model Calibration and Uncertainty Propagation

### Sources of Uncertainty:

- Model
- Parameters
- Sensor measurements
- Initial conditions

Parameters: Reduced set

$$q = [b_E, \delta, d_1, k_2, \lambda_1, K_b]$$

**Point Estimates:** Ordinary least squares – see talk by Alun Lloyd

$$q^{0} = \arg\min_{q} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{N} [v_{j} - f(t_{j}, q)]^{2}$$

### Strategy:

- Quantify uncertainty in parameters
- Propagate uncertainty through model

# **Example:** HIV model $\dot{T}_1 = \lambda_1 - d_1 T_1 - (1 - \varepsilon) k_1 V T_1$ $\dot{T}_2 = \lambda_2 - d_2 T_2 - (1 - f\varepsilon) k_2 V T_2$ $\dot{T}_1^* = (1 - \varepsilon) k_1 V T_1 - \delta T_1^* - m_1 E T_1^*$ $\dot{T}_2^* = (1 - f\varepsilon)k_2VT_2 - \delta T_2^* - m_2ET_2^*$ $\dot{V} = N_T \delta(T_1^* + T_2^*) - cV - [(1 - \varepsilon)\rho_1 k_1 T_1 + (1 - f\varepsilon)\rho_2 k_2 T_2]V$ $\dot{E} = \lambda_E + \frac{b_E(T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_b} E - \frac{d_E(T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_d} E - \delta_E E$ f(t,q)

Note: Scaling critical since parameter values vary by 8 orders of magnitude.

### **Model Calibration and Predictions**

**Optimization Results:** 

b <sub>E</sub>	δ	<i>d</i> <sub>1</sub>	k <sub>2</sub>	$\lambda_1$	K <sub>b</sub>
0.30	0.68	$9.1  imes 10^{-3}$	$1.22  imes 10^{-4}$	$9.95  imes 10^{3}$	88.5

#### Data and Prediction of Immune Effector Response E:



**Note:** Point estimates but no quantification of uncertainty in:

- Model
- Parameters
- Data

#### **Goals:**

- Replace point estimates with distributions.
- Construct credible and prediction intervals.
- Natural in a Bayesian framework

# **Bayesian Inference: More General Model**



$$m{s}_i = m{E}m{e}_i + m{arepsilon}_i$$
 ,  $i = 1, ..., N$   
 $\hat{igsilon}_{m{arepsilon}_i} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ 



Parameter: Stiffness E

Strategy: Use model fit to data to update prior information



Non-normalized Bayes' Relation:

$$\pi(E|s) = e^{-\sum_{i=1}^{N} [s_i - Ee_i]^2/2\sigma^2} \pi_0(E)$$

# **Bayesian Inference**



- Prior Distribution: Quantifies prior knowledge of parameter values
- Likelihood: Probability of observing a data given set of parameter values.
- Posterior Distribution: Conditional distribution of parameters given observed data.

### **Problem:** Can require high-dimensional integration

- e.g., HIV Model: p = 6 23!
- Solution: Sampling-based Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithms.

• Metropolis algorithms first used by nuclear physicists during Manhattan Project in 1940's to understand particle movement underlying first atomic bomb.

Algorithm: [Haario et al., 2006] - MATLAB, Python



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### **Bayesian Model Calibration – HIV Example**

Model: 
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 $\dot{V} = N_T \delta(T_1^* + T_2^*) - cV - [(1 - \varepsilon)\rho_1 k_1 T_1 + (1 - f\varepsilon)\rho_2 k_2 T_2] V$   
 $\dot{E} = \lambda_E + \frac{b_E(T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_b} E - \frac{d_E(T_1^* + T_2^*)}{T_1^* + T_2^* + K_b} E - \delta_E E$ 

#### **Verification:** Why do we trust results??

• Compare results from different algorithms; e.g., DRAM and Gibbs

Parameter Chains and Densities:  $q = [b_E, \delta, d_1, k_2, \lambda_1, K_b]$ 



### Propagation of Uncertainty in Models – HIV Example

HIV Example: 
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#### **Parameter Densities:**



# Propagation of Uncertainty in Models – HIV Example

#### **Parameter Densities:**



#### Techniques:

- Sample from parameter densities to construct prediction intervals for Qol.
- Slow convergence rate  $O(1/\sqrt{M})$
- 100-fold more evaluations required to gain additional place of accuracy.
- Significant numerical analysis used to efficiently propagate densities.



# Use of Prediction Intervals: Nuclear Power Plant Design

**Subchannel Code (**COBRA-TF): numerous closure relations, ~70 parameters

Nu: Nusselt number  $Nu = 0.023 Re^{0.8} Pr^{0.4}$  Re: Reynolds number Pr: Prandtl number

**Industry Standard:** Employ conservative, uniform, bounds

i.e., [0, 0.046], [0, 1.6], [0,0.8]

e.g., Dittus—Boelter Relation

Bayesian Analysis: Employ conservative bounds as priors





**Note:** Substantial reduction in parameter uncertainty

# Use of Prediction Intervals: Nuclear Power Plant Design

Strategy: Propagate parameter uncertainties through COBRA-TF to

determine uncertainty in maximum fuel temperature



### Notes:

- Temperature uncertainty reduced from 40 degrees to 5 degrees
- Can run plant 20 degrees hotter, which significantly improves efficiency

Ramification: Savings of 10 billion dollars per year for US power plants Issues:

- We considered only one of many physical relations
- Nuclear regulatory commission takes years to change requirements and codes

Good News: We are now working with Westinghouse to reduce uncertainties.

# Steps in Uncertainty Quantification



Parameter Selection: Required for models with unidentifiable or noninfluential inputs

• e.g., HIV and SIR model

### **Parameter Selection Techniques**

**First Issue:** Parameters often not *identifiable* in the sense that they are uniquely determined by the data.

Example: Spring model

$$\underline{m}\frac{d^2z}{dt^2} + \underline{c}\frac{dz}{dt} + \underline{kz} = \underline{f_0}\cos(\omega_F t)$$
$$z(0) = z_0 , \ \frac{dz}{dt}(0) = z_1$$



**Problem:** Parameters  $q = [m, c, k, f_0]$  and  $q = [1, \frac{c}{m}, \frac{k}{m}, \frac{f_0}{m}]$  yield same displacements

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Solution: Reformulate problem as

 $\frac{d^2z}{dt^2} + \underline{C}\frac{dz}{dt} + \underline{Kz} = \underline{F_0}\cos(\omega_F t)$  $z(0) = z_0 , \ \frac{dz}{dt}(0) = z_1$ where  $C = \frac{c}{m}, K = \frac{k}{m} \text{ and } F_0 = \frac{f_0}{m}$ 

**Techniques for General Models:** 

- Linear algebra analysis;
  - e.g., SVD or QR algorithms
- Sensitivity analysis
- Active Subspaces

# **Global Sensitivity Analysis**

Example: Portfolio model

 $Y = c_1 Q_1 + c_2 Q_2$ 

Note:

- $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  represent hedged portfolios
- $c_1$  and  $c_2$  amounts invested in each portfolio

### **Local Sensitivities:**

$$\frac{\partial Y}{\partial Q_1} = 2$$
 ,  $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial Q_2} = 1$ 

**Conclusion:** Investment is more sensitive to Portfolio 1 than to Portfolio 2

### Limitations:

- Does not accommodate potential uncertainty in parameters.
- Sensitive to units and magnitudes of parameters.
- See talk by Pierre Gremaud.

#### Take

 $c_1 = 2, c_2 = 1$  $Q_1 \sim N(0, 1)$  $Q_2 \sim N(0, 9)$ 

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Solutions:

- Response correlation
- Variance-based methods
- Random sampling of local sensitivities

### Global Sensitivity Analysis: Variance-Based Methods

 Example: Portfolio model
 Take
  $c_1 = 2$  ,
  $c_2 = 1$ 
 $Y = c_1 Q_1 + c_2 Q_2$   $Q_1 \sim N(0, 1)$   $Q_2 \sim N(0, 9)$ 

Statistical Motivation: Consider variability of expected values  $D_i = var[\mathbb{E}(Y|q_i)]$ 



Note: Here  $D_2 > D_1$ 

### Variance-Based Methods

**Sobol Representation:** For now, take  $Q_i \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$  and  $\Gamma = [0, 1]^p$ 

Take

$$f(q) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{p} f_i(q_i) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} f_{ij}(q_i, q_j)$$

With appropriate assumptions,

$$f_0 = \int_{\Gamma} f(q) dq$$
$$f_i(q_i) = \int_{\Gamma^{p-1}} f(q) dq_{\sim i} - f_0$$

#### Variances:

$$D_i = \int_0^1 f_i^2(q_i) dq_i$$
$$D = \operatorname{var}(Y)$$

**Sobol Indices:**  $S_i = \frac{D_i}{D}$ 

Analogy: Taylor or Fourier series



**Statistical Interpretation:** 

$$D_i = \operatorname{var}[\mathbb{E}(Y|q_i)] \Rightarrow S_i = rac{\operatorname{var}[\mathbb{E}(Y|q_i)]}{\operatorname{var}(Y)}$$

### Morris Screening: Random Sampling of Approximated Derivatives

**Example:** Consider uniformly distributed parameters on  $\Gamma = [0, 1]^{\rho}$ 



**Elementary Effect:** 

$$d_i^j = rac{f(q^j + \Delta e_i) - F(q^j)}{\Delta}$$
 , *i<sup>th</sup>* parameter , *j<sup>th</sup>* sample

Global Sensitivity Measures: r samples

$$\mu_{i}^{*} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} |d_{i}^{j}(q)|$$
  
$$\sigma_{i}^{2} = \frac{1}{r-1} \sum_{j=1}^{r} \left( d_{i}^{j}(q) - \mu_{i} \right)^{2} , \quad \mu_{i} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} d_{i}^{j}(q)$$

### SIR Disease Example

#### **SIR Model:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS}{dt} &= \delta N - \delta S - \underline{\gamma k} I S &, \ S(0) = S_0 & \text{Susceptible} \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \underline{\gamma k} I S - (r + \delta) I &, \ I(0) = I_0 & \text{Infectious} \\ \frac{dR}{dt} &= rI - \delta R &, \ R(0) = R_0 & \text{Recovered} \end{aligned}$$

**Note:** Parameter set  $q = [\gamma, k, r, \delta]$  is not identifiable

#### **Assumed Parameter Distribution:**

$$\begin{split} & \gamma \sim \mathcal{U}(0,1) \ , \ k \sim \textit{Beta}(\alpha,\beta) \ , \ r \sim \mathcal{U}(0,1) \ , \ \delta \sim \mathcal{U}(0,1) \\ & \text{Infection} & \text{Interaction} & \text{Recovery} & \text{Birth/death} \\ & \text{Coefficient} & \text{Coefficient} & \text{Rate} & \text{Rate} \end{split}$$

#### **Response:**

$$y = \int_0^5 R(t,q) dt$$

### SIR Disease Example

#### **SIR Model:**





### SIR Disease Example

#### **Global Sensitivity Measures:**



**Result:** Densities for  $R(t_f)$  at  $t_f = 5$ 

**Influential Parameters** 



**Note:** Can fix non-influential parameters  $\gamma$ , *k* 

# Parameter Selection: Nuclear Power Plant Design

Subchannel Code (COBRA-TF): numerous closure relation and parameters

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

### **5 Identified Active Inputs:**

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

k\_xkwlx: Vertical liquid wall drag coefficient

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

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

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

### **Partial Correlation:**



Note: 33 initial VUQ parameters reduced to 5 via sensitivity analysis



# Steps in Uncertainty Quantification

#### Challenge:

- How do we do uncertainty quantification for computationally expensive models?
- Example:
  - We have a computational budget of 5000 model evaluations.
  - Bayesian inference and uncertainty propagation require 120,000 evaluations.

# **Uncertainty Quantification Challenges**

**Example:** MFC model – Fourth-order PDE

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 M}{\partial x^2} = f$$

$$M = -\underline{c^E} I \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} - c_D I \frac{\partial^3 w}{\partial x^2 \partial t}$$

$$- [k_1 e(E, \sigma_0) E + k_2 \varepsilon_{irr}(E, \sigma_0)] \chi_{MFC}(x)$$

#### Bayesian Inference: Took 6 days!







Macro-Fiber Composite

#### **Problem:**

 $1.2 \times 10^5$  PDE solutions

Solution: Highly efficient surrogate models

### Surrogate Models: Motivation

Example: Consider the heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = f(q)$$

Boundary Conditions Initial Conditions

with the response

$$y(q) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 u(t, x, y, z) dx dy dz dt$$



#### Notes:

- Requires approximation of PDE in 3-D
- What would be a simple surrogate?



### Surrogate Models: Motivation



# **Data-Fit Models**

### Notes:

- Often termed response surface models, surrogates, emulators, meta-models.
- Rely on interpolation or regression.
- Data can consist of high-fidelity simulations or experiments.
- Common techniques: polynomial models, Gaussian process (GP), orthogonal polynomials ('analytic' moment relations)

Strategy: Consider high fidelity model

$$y = f(q)$$

with M model evaluations

$$y_m = f(q^m)$$
,  $m = 1, \dots, M$ 

**Statistical Model:**  $f_s(q)$ : Surrogate for f(q)

$$y_m = f_s(q^m) + \varepsilon_m$$
,  $m = 1, ..., M$ 



**Note:** Employed GP surrogate of CTF to compute uncertainty in max fuel temperatures



# Gaussian Process (GP) Emulators

#### Strategy:

• Model simulator outputs  $y_m(q)$  as being generated by a Gaussian process; i.e.,

$$[y_m(q^1), \dots, y_m(q^M)] \sim MVN((\mu(q^1), \dots, \mu(q^M), \sigma^2 R))$$

Here R is constructed to model the correlation structure of simulator outputs

#### Example:

$$R(q^{i}, q^{j}) = \exp\left(-\sum_{k=1}^{p} \left|\theta_{k}(q_{k}^{i} - q_{k}^{j})\right|^{\gamma_{k}}\right) \quad \mathbf{N}$$

**lote:** Hyper-parameters  $\theta_k, \gamma_k$ tuned to achieve varying degrees of correlation



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**Note:** In absence of observation noise, GP surrogate interpolates; i.e.,

$$y_m = f_s(q^m, \beta)$$
,  $m = 1, ..., M$ 

**Uncertainty Bounds:** 



# Example: Modeling of Volcanic Pyroclastic Flows

**Authors:** Bayarri, Berger, Calder Dalbey, Lunagomez, Patra, Pitman, Spiller, Wolpert; *Technometrics*, 51(4), 2009; Gu and Berger, *The Annals of Applied Statistics*, 2016.

### **Objectives:**

- Employ simulation models and surrogates to assess risk of *rare* catastrophic events; e.g., volcanic eruption.
- Employed TITAN2D to simulate flows.
- Test Case: Soufrière Hills Volcano on Island of Montserrat.
- Use emulator to identify threshold inputs – e.g., critical flow depth – that define catastrophic event.
- Compared GP and mathematical surrogates; GP advantageous for this application.



# Example: Modeling of Volcanic Pyroclastic Flows

### **Objectives:**

 Use emulator to identify threshold inputs – e.g., critical flow depth – that define catastrophic event. Employed TITAN2D and GP surrogates.



$$q^{j} = -1 + (j-1)\frac{2}{M}, j = 1, ..., M$$







### Sparse Grid Techniques



p	$R_\ell$	Sparse Grid ${\cal R}$	Tensored Grid $R = (R_\ell)^p$
2	9	29	81
5	9	241	59,049
10	9	1581	$> 3 \times 10^9$
50	9	171,901	$> 5 \times 10^{47}$
100	9	1,353,801	$> 2 \times 10^{95}$

# **Concluding Remarks**

### Notes:

- UQ requires a synergy between engineering, statistics, and applied mathematics.
- Model calibration, model selection, uncertainty propagation and experimental design are natural in a Bayesian framework.
- Goal is to predict model responses with quantified and reduced uncertainties.
- Parameter selection is critical to isolate identifiable and influential parameters.
- Surrogate models critical for computationally intensive simulation codes.
- Codes and packages: Sandia Dakota, R, MATLAB, Python, nanoHUB.
- *Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future*, Niels Bohr.



