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Dakota Optimization and UQ Explore and Predict with Confidence

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SNL Mission: Advanced Science and Engineering for National Security



- Nuclear Weapons
- Defense Systems and Assessments
- Energy and Climate
- Global Security

Strong research foundations span many disciplines



Dakota Mission:

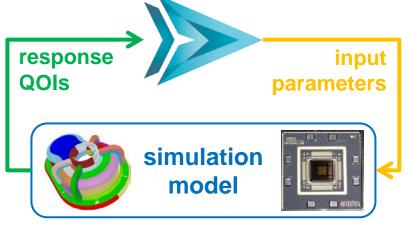
To serve Sandia's mission through state-of-the-art research and robust, usable software for optimization and uncertainty quantification.

Dakota Team: has balanced strengths in algorithm research, software design and development, and application deployment and support

Dakota: Algorithms for Design Exploration and Uncertainty Quantification



- Suite of iterative mathematical and statistical methods that interface to computational models
- Makes sophisticated parametric exploration of black-box simulations practical for a computational design-analyze-test cycle:
 - Sensitivity Analysis
 - Uncertainty Quantification
 - Design Optimization
 - Model Calibration

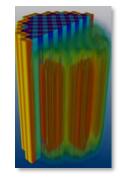


 Goal: provide scientists and engineers (analysts, designers, decision makers) richer perspective on model predictions

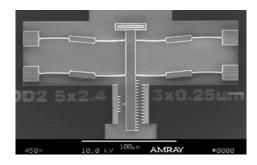
Practical Design Exploration and UQ for Diverse Simulations



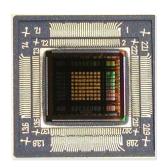
- Applied to many science and engineering domains mechanics, structures, shock, fluids, electrical, radiation, bio, chemistry, climate, infrastructure, etc.
- Diverse, often costly, simulation codes: finite element, coupled multi-physics, discrete event, Matlab, Python models



UQ and Bayesian inference for nuclear reactor core analysis



Reliability-based design optimization of micro-electromechanical systems (MEMS)



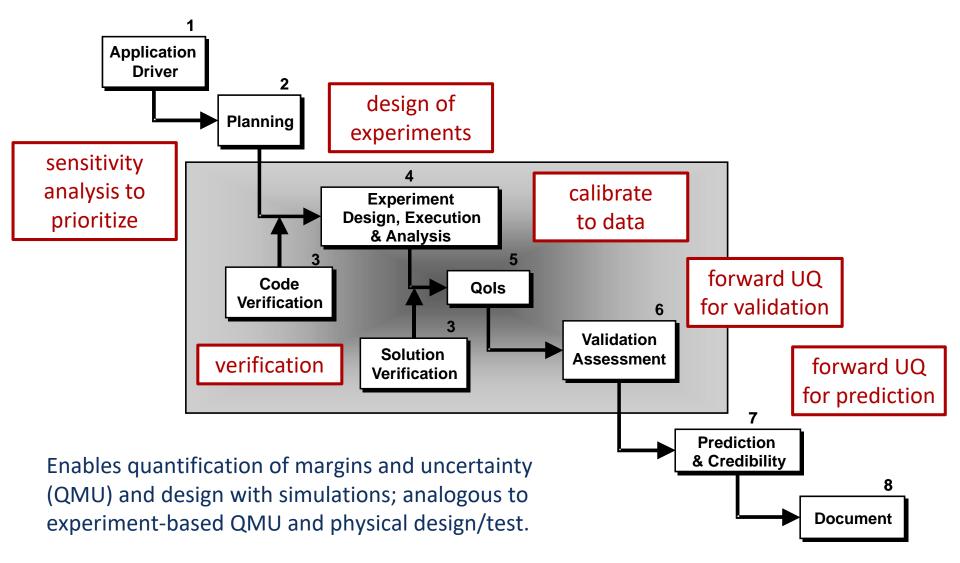
UQ for qualification of electrical circuits in harsh environments



Adjoint-based UQ for robust design of satellite radiation shields

Supports Credible Prediction





Many Methods in One Tool



Sensitivity Analysis

- Designs: param. sweeps, MC/LHS,
 DACE, sparse grid, one-at-a-time
- Analysis: correlations, scatter,
 Morris effects, Sobol indices

Uncertainty Quantification

- MC/LHS/Adaptive sampling
- Local/global reliability
- Stochastic expansions
- Epistemic and interval methods
- Multi-fidelity/multi-level

Optimization

- Gradient-based local
- Derivative-free local
- Global/heuristics
- Surrogate-based, multi-fidelity

Calibration

- Tailored gradient-based
- Use any optimizer
- Bayesian inference

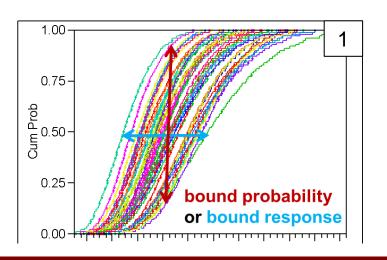
- ✓ One flexible simulation interface, many methods: once interface created, apply appropriate algorithm depending on question at hand
- ✓ Scalable parallel computing from desktop to HPC

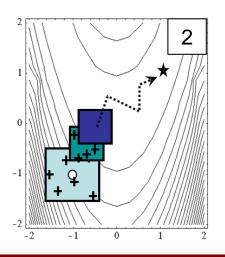
Engineering Needs Drive Dakota R&D



Advanced approaches help you solve practical problems:

- Characterize parameter uncertainty → Bayesian calibration
- Hybrid analysis goals → mix methods, surrogates, and models
- Mixed uncertainty characterizations → epistemic and mixed UQ approaches [1]
- Costly or noisy simulations → surrogate-based optimization [2] and UQ
- Build in safety or robustness → mixed deterministic/probabilistic methods [3]





min
$$f(d) + Ws_u(d)$$
s.t. $g_l \leq g(d) \leq g_u$

$$h(d) = h_t$$

$$d_l \leq d \leq d_u$$

$$a_l \leq A_i s_u(d) \leq a_u$$

$$A_e s_u(d) = a_t$$

Dakota History and Resources



- Genesis: 1994 optimization LDRD
- Modern software quality and development practices
- Released every May 15 and Nov 15
- Established user support process and mailing list





Mike Eldred, Founder

Lab mission-driven algorithm R&D deployed in production software

- Extensive website: documentation, training slides/videos, downloads
- Open source to facilitate collaboration; widely downloaded

Dakota Capability Directions





2016—2020 Strategic Plan stewards
Dakota's research program while improving
production deployment and impact

R&D Challenges



Tackle design exploration and UQ computational challenges (focusing on DOE national security mission):

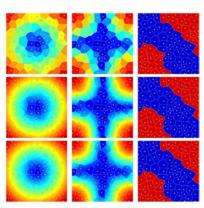
- Severely constrained simulation budgets
- High-dimensional parameter spaces
- Non-smooth, multi-modal, or unreliable quantities of interest
- Quantifying small probabilities

Active Algorithm R&D



- Core UQ: robust, scalable, adaptive sampling and stochastic expansions
- Multi-fidelity, multi-level optimization, inference, UQ methods
- Calibration: usable, robust deterministic and Bayesian methods
- Optimization: new gradient-based and discrete optimization methods
- Algorithms and interfaces that directly treat functional (time/space) data
- Scalability in number of parameters / responses and to next-generation architectures and parallelism models
- Reduced-order models: surrogates, active subspace, random field models

Discontinuity-detecting piecewise local surrogate models (Ebeida)



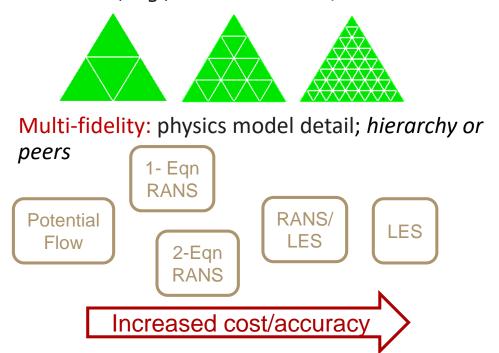
Multi-level/Multi-fidelity Methods



Goal: Use models of varying fidelities and/or levels to converge more quickly

- ML/MF sampling, stochastic expansions, optimization, calibration
- Automatically balance evaluations of each model

Multi-level: hierarchy of numerical approximation accuracies, e.g., mesh resolution, solver tolerance



	level		
fidelity	\$ 1000's	\$\$ 100's	\$\$\$ 10's
lity	\$\$ 100's	\$\$\$ 10's	\$\$\$\$ 1

See talks by Eldred, Geraci

Inference: Bayesian Calibration

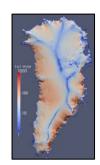


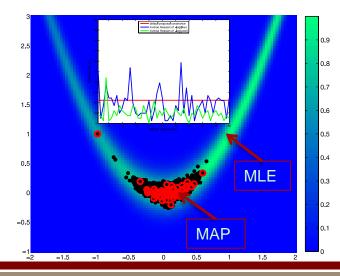
Goal: Obtain statistical characterization of parameters consistent with data

- MCMC with QUESO/DRAM and DREAM
- Adaptive, surrogate-based inference, including with ML/MF PCE
- Mutual information guided calibration of low-fi to high-fi model
- Usability: chain post-processing, statistics, credible/prediction intervals,
 KDE-smoothed posteriors, mutual information

Emerging capabilities

- Discrepancy models
- Metropolis-adjusted Langevin Algorithm
- Non-MCMC-based approaches
- Automated diagnostics and filtering
- Coupling with forward UQ methods





See talks by Jakeman, Maupin, Perego, Wildey

Random Field Modeling

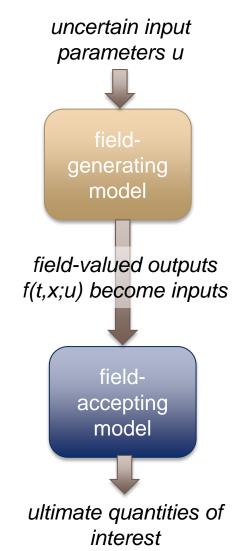


Goal: perform UQ with field-valued (time- or space-varying) input uncertainties f(t, x), e.g., boundary conditions

- Generate realizations of f(t; u): either sample the field-generating model or use offline data
- Approximate uncertainty in f(t; u), e.g., by PCA + GP, or a Karhunen–Loève expansion with normal coefficients ω

$$\hat{f}(t,\omega) = \mu_f(t) + \sum_{i=1}^{P} c_i(\omega) \, \varphi_i (t)$$

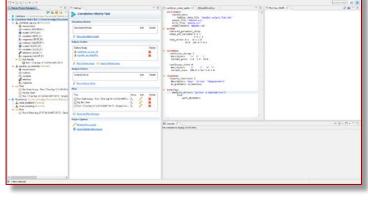
• Propagate: perform UQ over ω , generating realizations of the approximate field $\hat{f}(t,\omega)$ and propagate through the field-accepting model



Other Development Areas



- Modular architecture
 - Ease Dakota development and give greater control to advanced users
 - Example 1: Surrogate model
 - Example 2: Optimizer traits and APIs
- Usability and user resources
 - Example 1: GUI
 - Example 2: Output database
 - Example 3: dakota.interfacing Python module
 - Example 4: Examples repo
- Improved user community engagement
 - Example 1: Dakota user-stakeholder meetings
 - Example 2: Surveys and interviews







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BACKUP (ADDITIONAL DETAILS)

HPC Integration



Dakota readily integrates into HPC environments

Massively Serial

Dakota runs in parallel and drives a large number of serial simulations

Evaluation Tiling

Dakota runs serially as part of a submitted job and "tiles" intermediate-sized parallel simulations across the job

Three common use cases

- Example interface scripts provided
- Python modules in development

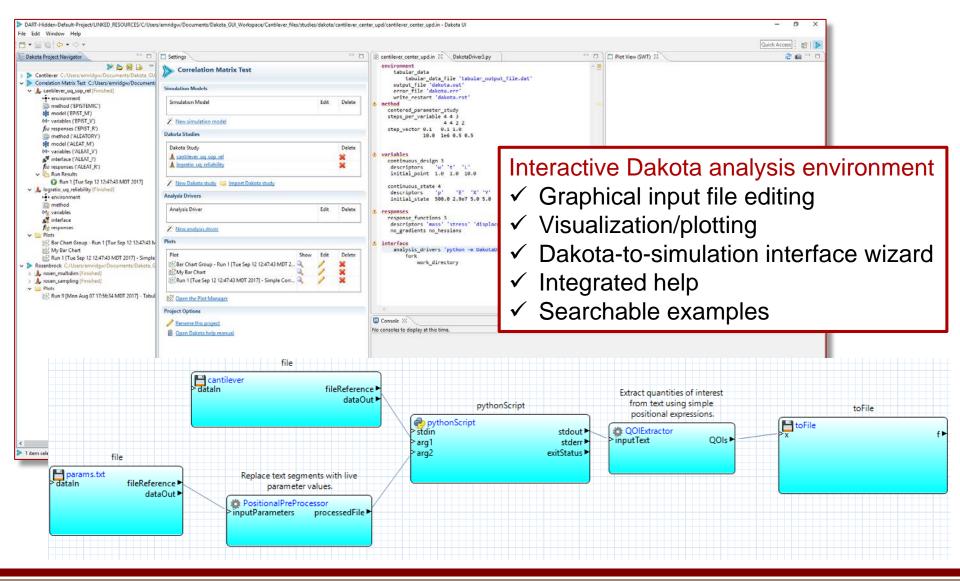
Evaluation Submission

Dakota runs serially on the login node and submits large parallel simulations as separate jobs.



Graphical User Interface



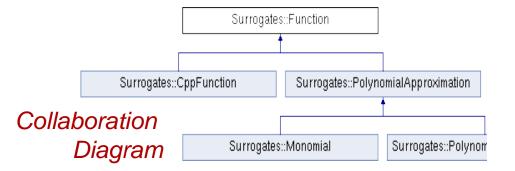


Dakota Modularization: Surrogate Model Library



Initial prototype demonstrated

- Modularize foundational utilities and surrogate models
- Progress on unifying Dakota, Surfpack, Pecos
- Increasing unit testing, coverage, and software quality
- Python interfaces to C++ components for ease of use by advanced users
- Jupyter-based interactive Python tutorial demonstrates more usable coordination of model components with Python



Building an monomial approximation of a function

Environment setup

```
In [7]: # Reload all modules (except those excluded by %aimport) every time b
```

iPython Notebook

dakota.interfacing



Tools for Python-based black-box simulation interfacing

Read params files/write results files

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env python
2
3 import dakota.interfacing as di
4 from rosenbrock import rosenbrock_function
5
6 params, results = di.read_parameters_file()
7
8 x1 = params['x1']
9 x2 = params['x2']
10
11 results['f'].function = rosenbrock_function(x1, x2)
12
13 results.write()
14 | | |
```

Evaluation tiling helper

```
#!/bin/bash

params=$1
results=$2

# For dynamic scheduling:
mpitile -np 2 text_book_simple_par $params $results
```

TODO

- □ Evaluation Submission helpers
- ☐ Template substitution
- □ Integration into GUI

Promote User and Development Community Engagement



- Web resources:
 - Interactive user forums
 - Capability maturity ratings and test linkage
 - Community repository of code, examples, scripts
- Training materials: presentations, videos, exercises
- New graphical user interface for Dakota analysis



- Improved modularity so users can extend, contribute components, e.g.,
 - Surrogate model module with Python bindings
 - More usable simulation interfacing that encourages best practices
- Communicate development practices to encourage contribution, e.g., principles, code standards, easier build/test on new platforms
- Portability to and scalability on new high-performance computers





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