



# Uncertainty propagation and sensitivity analysis – Central dispersion

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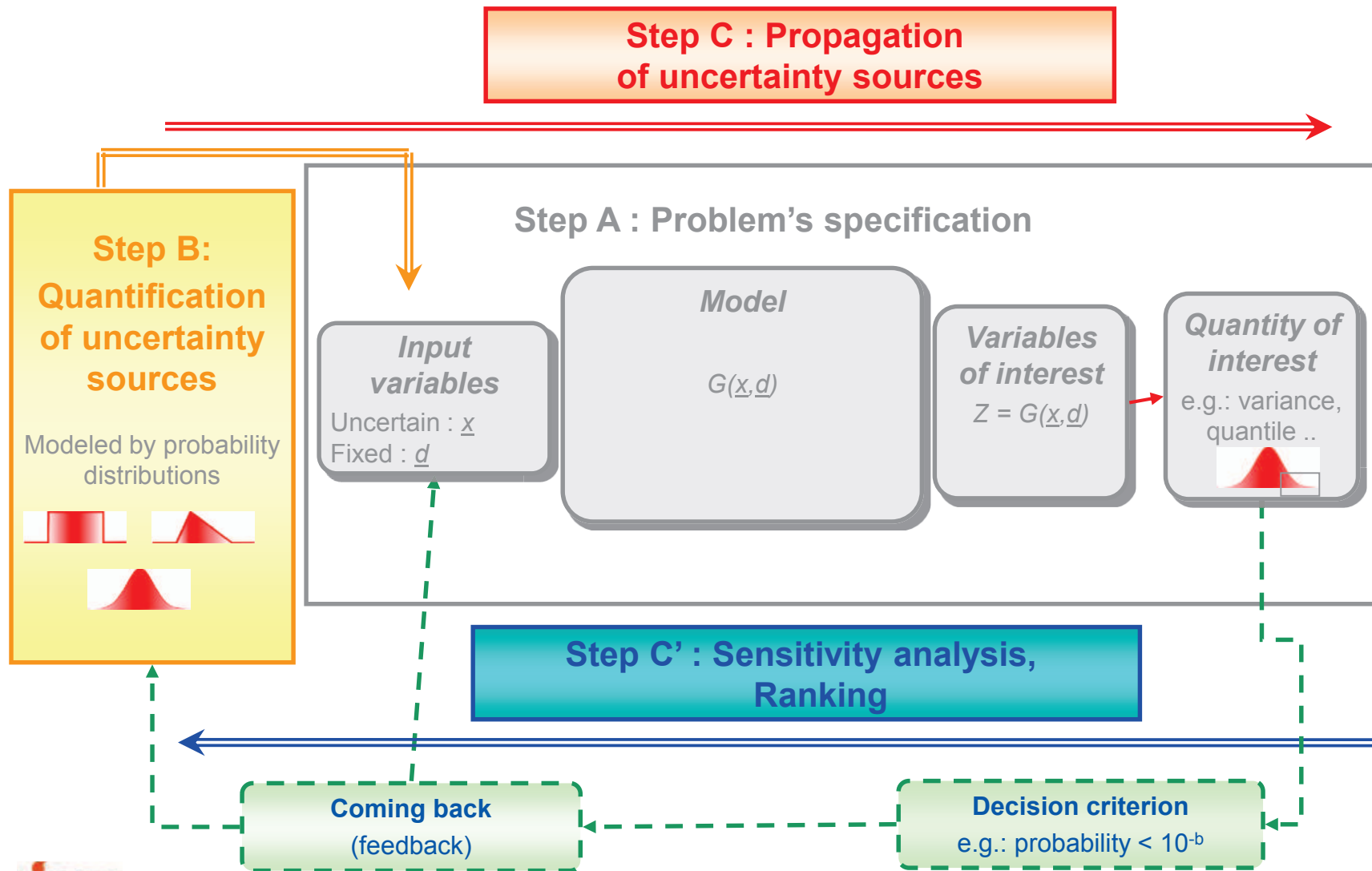
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# UNCERTAINTY MANAGEMENT - THE GLOBAL METHODOLOGY



# AGENDA

1. Taylor variance decomposition method
2. Random sampling method (Monte-Carlo)
3. Sensitivity Analysis

# Uncertainty propagation

- The quantity of interest is linked with decision stakes

- Two types of problems in uncertainty propagation :

- Central trend (ex. mean) or dispersion (variance)
  - Metrology



Analytical methods (sometimes possible)

- Extreme quantile, « failure probability »
  - « Operator » point of view → justification of a safety criterion



Numerical methods (optimization, Monte Carlo sampling)

# Taylor variance decomposition method

# Concept

**Idea :** if the input variations around nominal values (e.g. mean) are « not too important », the output can be approximated by a Taylor decomposition

**Data :**

- mean values of the inputs  $E[\underline{X}] \equiv \underline{\mu}$
- covariance matrix of the inputs

$$\text{Cov}[X_i, X_j] = E[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)] \equiv C_{ij}$$

or correlation matrix

$$\rho_{ij} = E\left[\left(\frac{X_i - \mu_i}{\sigma_i}\right)\left(\frac{X_j - \mu_j}{\sigma_j}\right)\right]$$

# Taylor response expansion

$$\begin{aligned} Z(\underline{X}) = & Z(\underline{\mu}) + \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial Z}{\partial X_i} \bigg|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}} (X_i - \mu_i) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial X_i \partial X_j} \bigg|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}} (X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j) \\ & + o\left(\|\underline{X} - \underline{\mu}\|^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

# Mean estimation

By taking the expectation of the previous formula :

First order :

$$E[Z(\underline{X})] = Z(\underline{\mu})$$

The mean of the response is equal, at the first order, to the response assessed for mean values of the inputs

Second order

$$E[Z(\underline{X})] = Z(\underline{\mu}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^p C_{ij} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial X_i \partial X_j} \bigg|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}}$$



# Variance estimation

## First order

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}[Z] &= E[(Z - E[Z])^2] = E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial Z}{\partial X_i} \bigg|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}} (X_i - \mu_i)\right)^2\right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{\partial Z}{\partial X_i} \bigg|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial X_j} \bigg|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}} E[(X_i - \mu_i)(X_j - \mu_j)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}[Z] = \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{\partial Z}{\partial X_i} \bigg|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial X_j} \bigg|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}} \rho_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

# Special case of independant variables

Mean :

$$E[Z(\underline{X})] = Z(\underline{\mu}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial X_j^2} \bigg|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}} \sigma_j^2$$

Variance : Summation in quadrature formula

$$Var[Z] = \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^p \left( \frac{\partial Z}{\partial X_i} \bigg|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}_{ij}} \right)^2 \sigma_i^2$$

Deterministic Sensitivity  
(gradient)

Variability  
of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  input

# Input ranking (independant variables)

By normalizing the previous formula :

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^p \left( \left. \frac{\partial Z}{\partial X_i} \right|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_Z} \right)^2$$

**Importance factor** of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  input :

$$\eta_i^2 = \left( \left. \frac{\partial Z}{\partial X_i} \right|_{\underline{X}=\underline{\mu}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_Z} \right)^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \eta_i^2 = 1$$

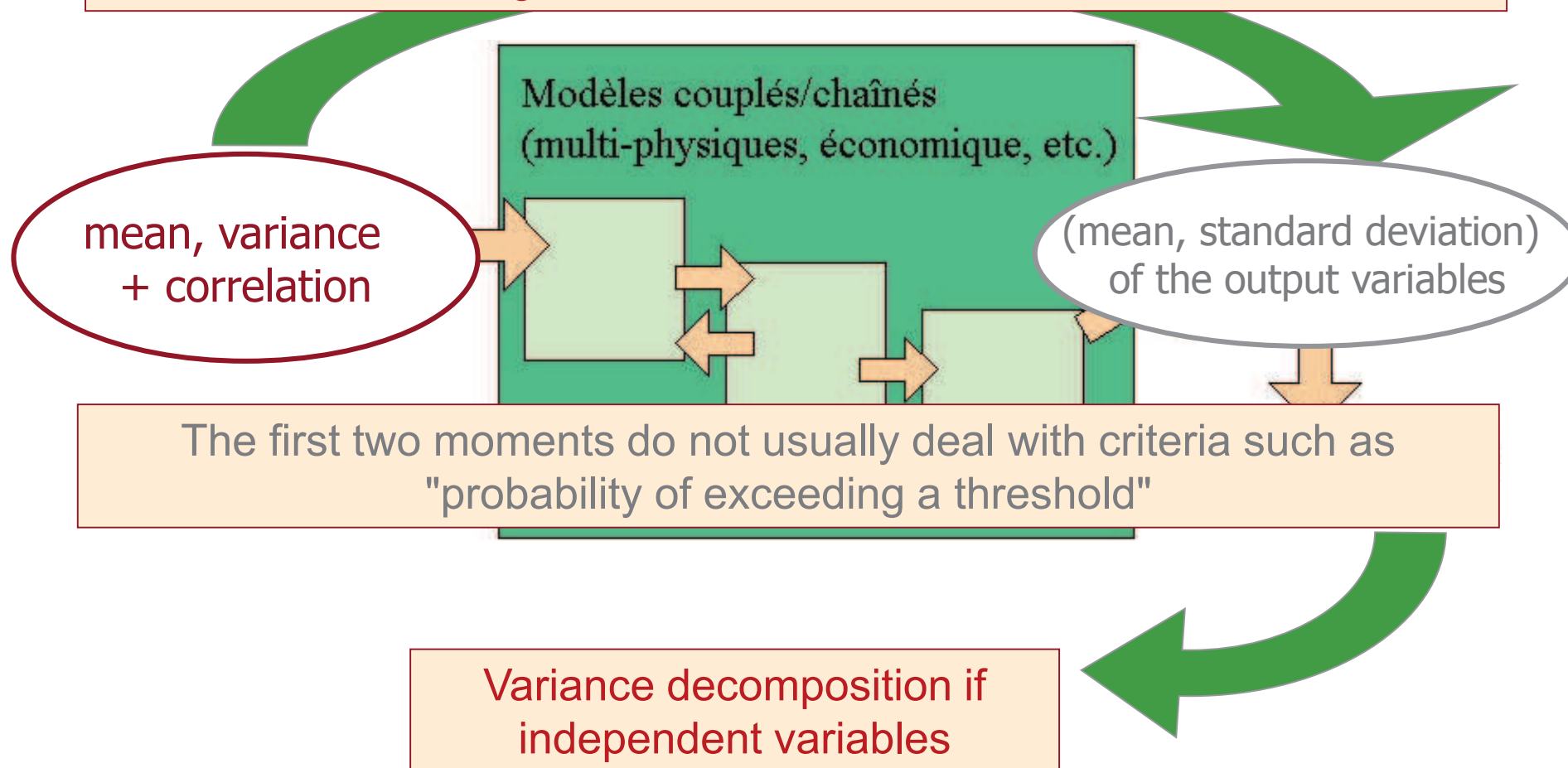
It is also possible to define them when variables are dependant but the interpretation is difficult

# Conclusions

- The **Taylor method** is based on a Taylor expansion of the model response: use of partial derivatives of the model
- It uses only the **first two moments** of the input random variables and their **correlation coefficient**
  - we can not quantify the impact of the shape of the distribution
    - **Monte Carlo Sampling**
- Correction with order 2 is necessary if the variability of the inputs is important.

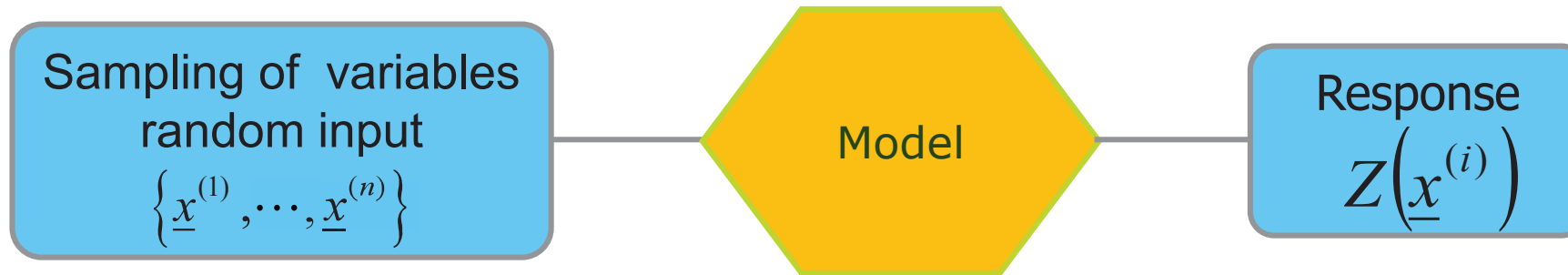
# Conclusions

First order approximation is not sufficient for highly nonlinear models in the range of variation of uncertain variables



# Random Sampling method (Monte Carlo)

# Concept



Distribution law of the response : estimation of the main characteristics

$$\hat{\mu}_Z = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z(\underline{x}^{(i)})$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_Z^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ Z(\underline{x}^{(i)}) - \hat{\mu}_Z \right]^2$$

$$\hat{P}_f = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n 1_{\{Z(\underline{x}^{(i)}) > threshold\}}$$

# How to generate a random number?

- Simulation of a uniform r.v.  $X \sim U[a,b]$

There is a generator of pseudo-random numbers  $U \sim U[0,1]$ . (ex : Mersenne-Twister – 1998)

We process to the transformation  $X = (b-a) U + a$

- Simulation of a gaussian r.v. : Box and Müller method

$$\begin{cases} X = \sqrt{-2 \ln U} \cos 2\pi V & U, V \text{ independant } U [0,1] \\ Y = \sqrt{-2 \ln U} \sin 2\pi V & X, Y \text{ independant } N(0,1) \end{cases}$$

- Simulation of a r.v.  $X$  whose cumulative distribution fonction is  $F$

- Inverse method inverse :  $F^{-1}$  can be calculated (analytically or numerically)

$$U = F(X) \sim U[0,1] \quad \longrightarrow \quad X = F^{-1}(U)$$

Example : exponential law  $F^{-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(1-x)$

- Acceptance-rejection method:  $f(x)$  is finite and has a bounded support

$f(x) \leq m$  and  $x \leq x_{\max}$  ; we sample  $U \sim U[0, x_{\max}]$  and  $V \sim U[0, m]$

If  $V < f(U)$  we accept  $U$  ; else we reject it



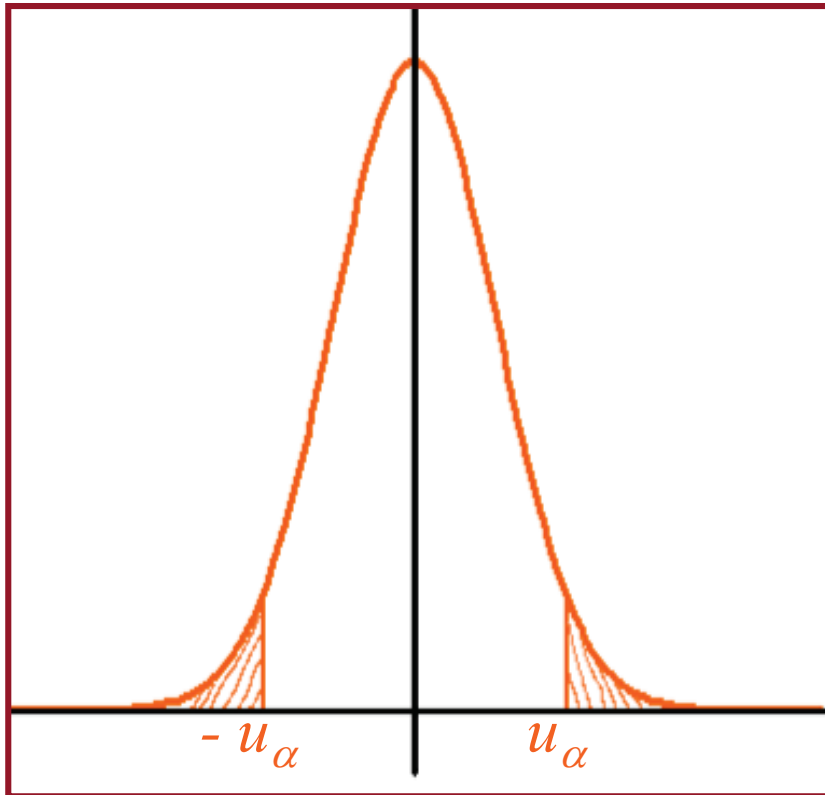
# Confidence intervals

➤ By the central limit theorem, the previous estimators follow a **Gaussian distribution** when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (in practice, when  **$n > 30$** )

➤ When  $n$  is important, the variable  $T_{n-1} = \sqrt{n-1} \frac{\hat{\mu}_Z - \mu_Z}{\hat{\sigma}_Z}$  follows approximately a centered reduced gaussian law

➤ We can then get a **confidence interval** for the estimator of the mean

# Confidence intervals



If  $\alpha$  is the chosen confidence level

We obtain :

$$u_\alpha : P(|T_{n-1}| \leq u_\alpha) = 1 - \alpha$$

$\alpha$	$u_\alpha$
10%	1,645
5%	1,960
2%	2,326
1%	2,576

# Confidence intervals

And the confidence interval at a  $1-\alpha$  level:

$$\left| \sqrt{n-1} \frac{\hat{\mu}_Z - \mu_Z}{\hat{\sigma}_Z} \right| \leq u_\alpha$$

i.e :

$$\hat{\mu}_Z - u_\alpha \hat{\sigma}_Z / \sqrt{n-1} \leq \mu_Z \leq \hat{\mu}_Z + u_\alpha \hat{\sigma}_Z / \sqrt{n-1}$$

for a  $1-\alpha$  confidence level

Usual case :  $1-\alpha = 95\% \rightarrow u_\alpha \approx 2$

$$\hat{\mu}_Z - 2 \hat{\sigma}_Z / \sqrt{n-1} \leq \mu_Z \leq \hat{\mu}_Z + 2 \hat{\sigma}_Z / \sqrt{n-1}$$

With a 95% confidence level

# Confidence intervals

Confidence interval at a  $1-\alpha$  level of a threshold exceedance probability  $P_f$  :

$$\hat{P}_f - u_\alpha \sqrt{\hat{P}_f / n - 1} \leq P_f \leq \hat{P}_f + u_\alpha \sqrt{\hat{P}_f / n - 1}$$

Heuristically: to obtain an estimator of  $P_f = 10^{-r}$  with a variation coefficient of 10%,  $N = 10^{r+2}$  simulations are required

⇒ Use of advanced methods for rare events (**FORM-SORM**, **accelerated Monte-Carlo**)

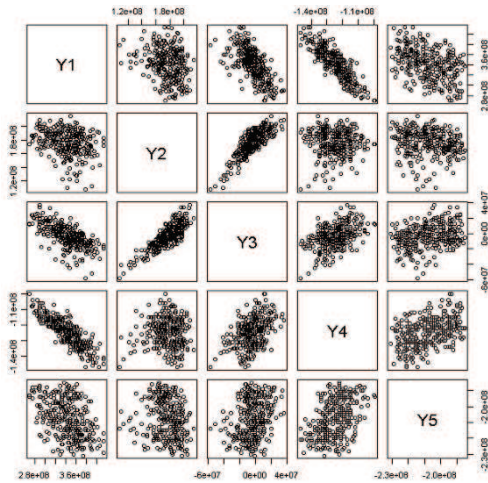
# Input ranking / Sensitivity analysis

- For each input r.v.  $X_i$  and each output  $S_j$ , we have samples :

$$\{x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,n}\}, \{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$$

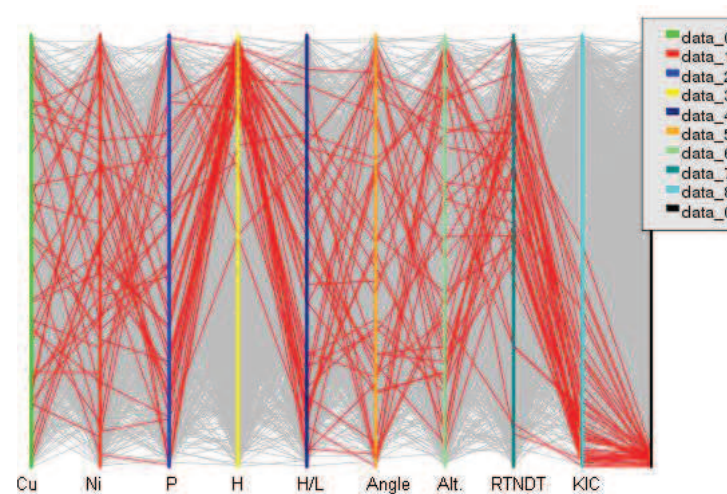
How to detect a relationship in the cloud  $\{X_i, Z\}$  ?

- First step (essential!) : graphical tools



Scatter plot

(individual effect)



Cobweb plot (interaction effect)

# CONCEPTS AND GOALS

## Two notions :

- **sensitivity** (impact of the model shape)  $\partial Z / \partial X_i$
- **contribution** = Sensitivity x importance (the variability of the input)  $\frac{\partial Z}{\partial X_i} \sigma(X_i)$

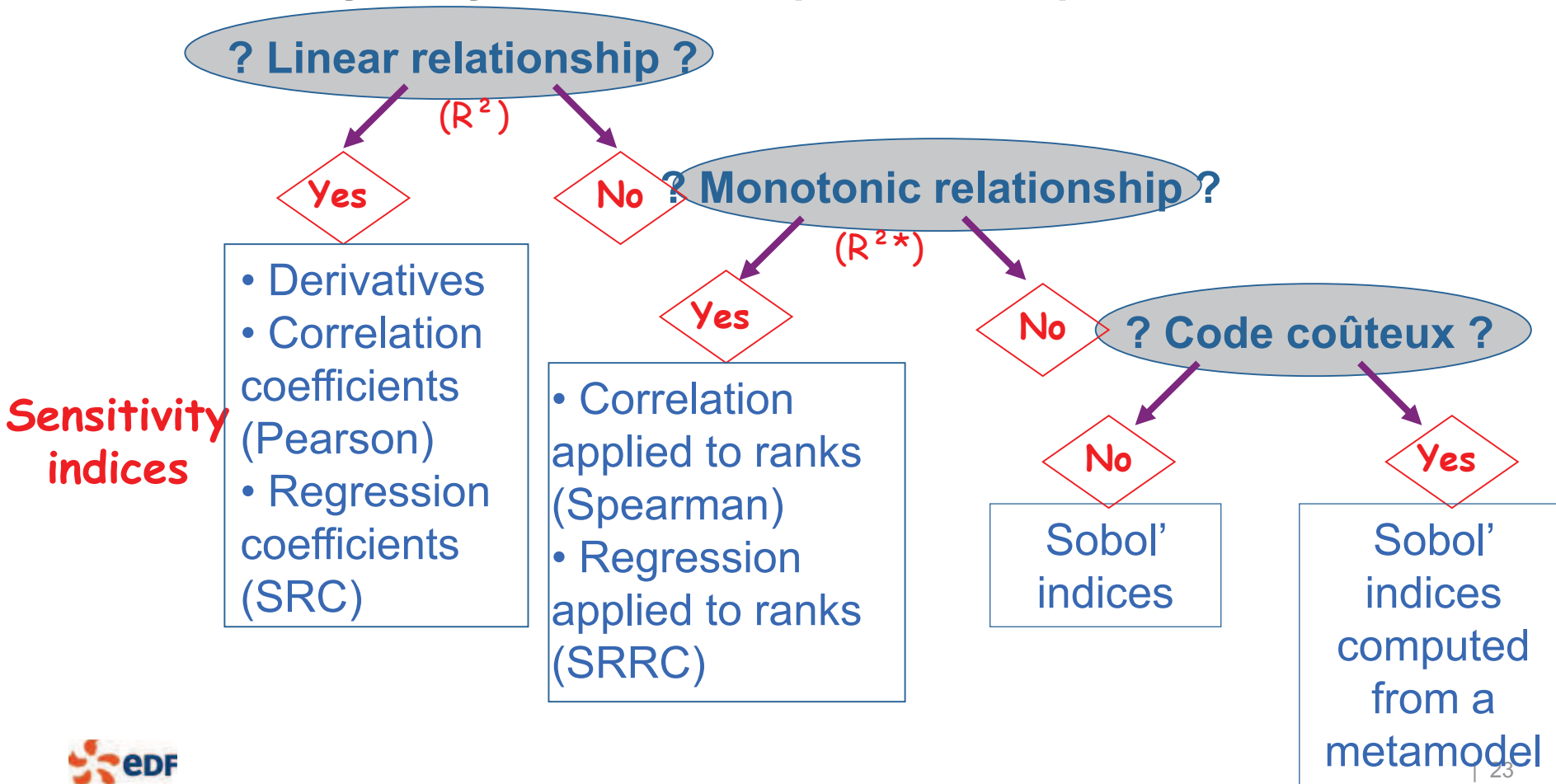
## Objectives :

- **Reduction of output uncertainty, by ranking uncertainty sources**
  - R&D prioritization
- **Simplification of the model**
  - Set the non-influential variables to decrease the problem input dimension (e.g. useful for fitting a metamodel)

# Global idea for choosing the appropriate sensitivity indices

Sample  $(\mathbf{X}, Z(\mathbf{X}))$  of size  $n > p$ , preferentially  $n \gg p$

Sensitivity analysis between inputs and output



# PEARSON CORRELATION COEFFICIENT

Pearson correlation coefficient between X et Y is defined by

$$\rho_P(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y} = \frac{E((X - E(X))(Y - E(Y)))}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

If equal to 1 or -1, it exists a linear relationship between X and Y

If equal to zero, X and Y are not correlated.

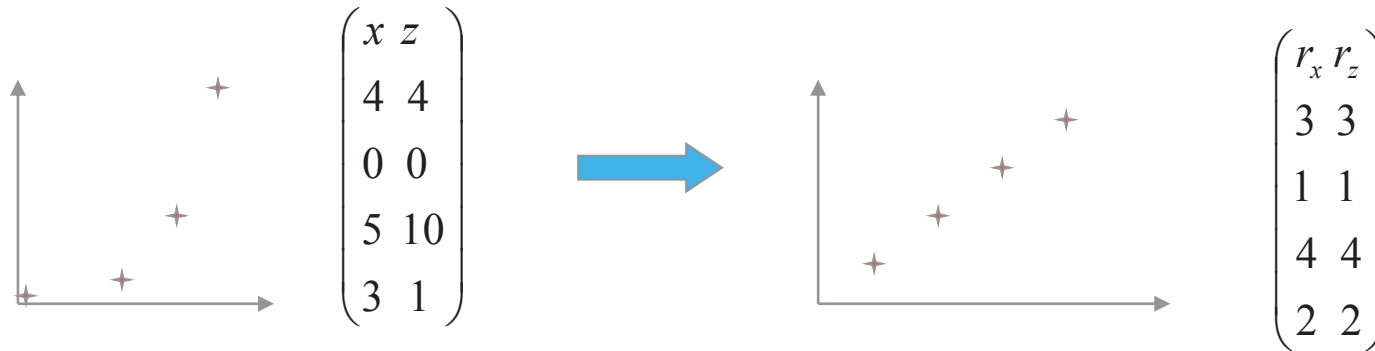
- Warning : Independance of X and Y  $\rightarrow$  non correlation between X and Y. But the inverse can be wrong !



# SPEARMAN CORRELATION COEFFICIENT

Instead of studying directly  $X_i$ , we focus on the rank of  $X_i$  in the sample

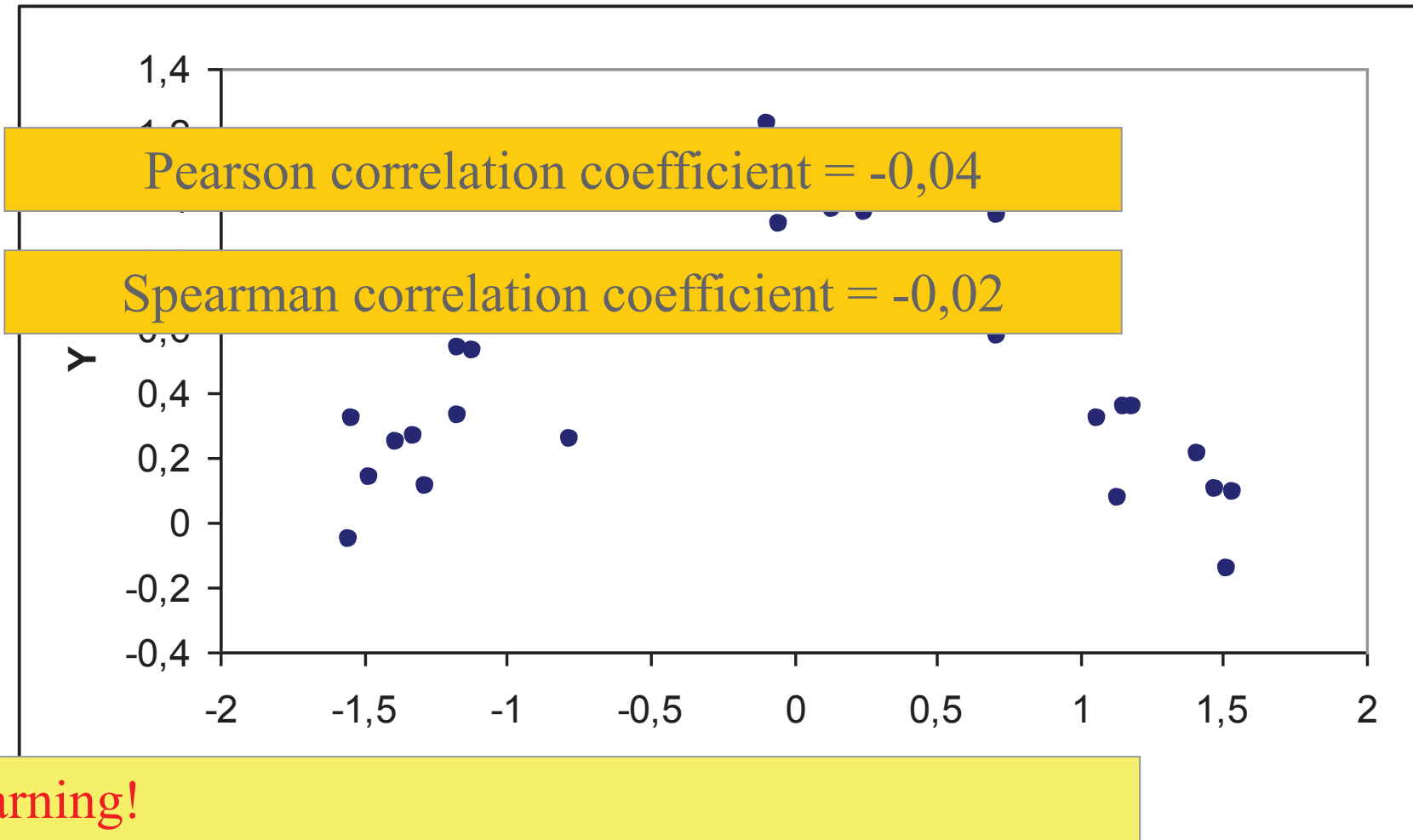
Exemple :



$$\rho_S = \frac{\text{cov}(R_X, R_Z)}{\sigma_{R_X} \sigma_{R_Z}}$$

Spearman coefficient measures the monotonicity of the relationship between  $X$  and  $Z$

## Dependances vs. Correlation



### Warning!

Independance  $\Rightarrow$  correlation coefficient equal to zero  
correlation coefficient equal to zero  $\nRightarrow$  independance

# STANDARD REGRESSION COEFFICIENTS

Model :  $Z = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \beta_4 X_4$

Parameters estimated  $\beta = (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_4)$  by least squares

Graphical analysis –  $R^2$  validation

Standard regression coefficient : 
$$SRC_i = \beta_i \frac{\sigma(X_i)}{\sigma(Z)}$$

# SOBOL' INDICES (NO HYPOTHESIS ON THE MODEL)

Functional ANOVA [Efron & Stein 81] ( $X_i$  independants) :

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^p V_i(Y) + \sum_{i < j}^p V_{ij}(Y) + \dots + V_{12\dots p}(Y)$$

where  $V_i(Y) = \text{Var}[E(Y|X_i)]$  ;  $V_{ij} = \text{Var}[E(Y|X_i X_j)] - V_i - V_j, \dots$

**Definition of Sobol' indices :**

- Sensitivity index of order 1 :  $S_i = \frac{V_i}{\text{Var}(Y)}$
- Sensitivity index of order 2 :  $S_{ij} = \frac{V_{ij}}{\text{Var}(Y)}$
- ...

Rem. : If the model is linear,  $S_i = \text{SRC}^2(X_i)$

## Some properties of Sobol' indices

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^p S_i + \sum_i \sum_j S_{ij} + \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k S_{ijk} \dots + S_{1,2,\dots,k}$$

$$\sum_i S_i \leq 1 \quad \text{Always}$$

$$\sum_i S_i = 1 \quad \text{When the model is purely additive}$$

$$1 - \sum_i S_i \quad \text{Measures the degree of interactions}$$

Total Sensitivity Index:

*[ Homma & Saltelli 1996 ]*

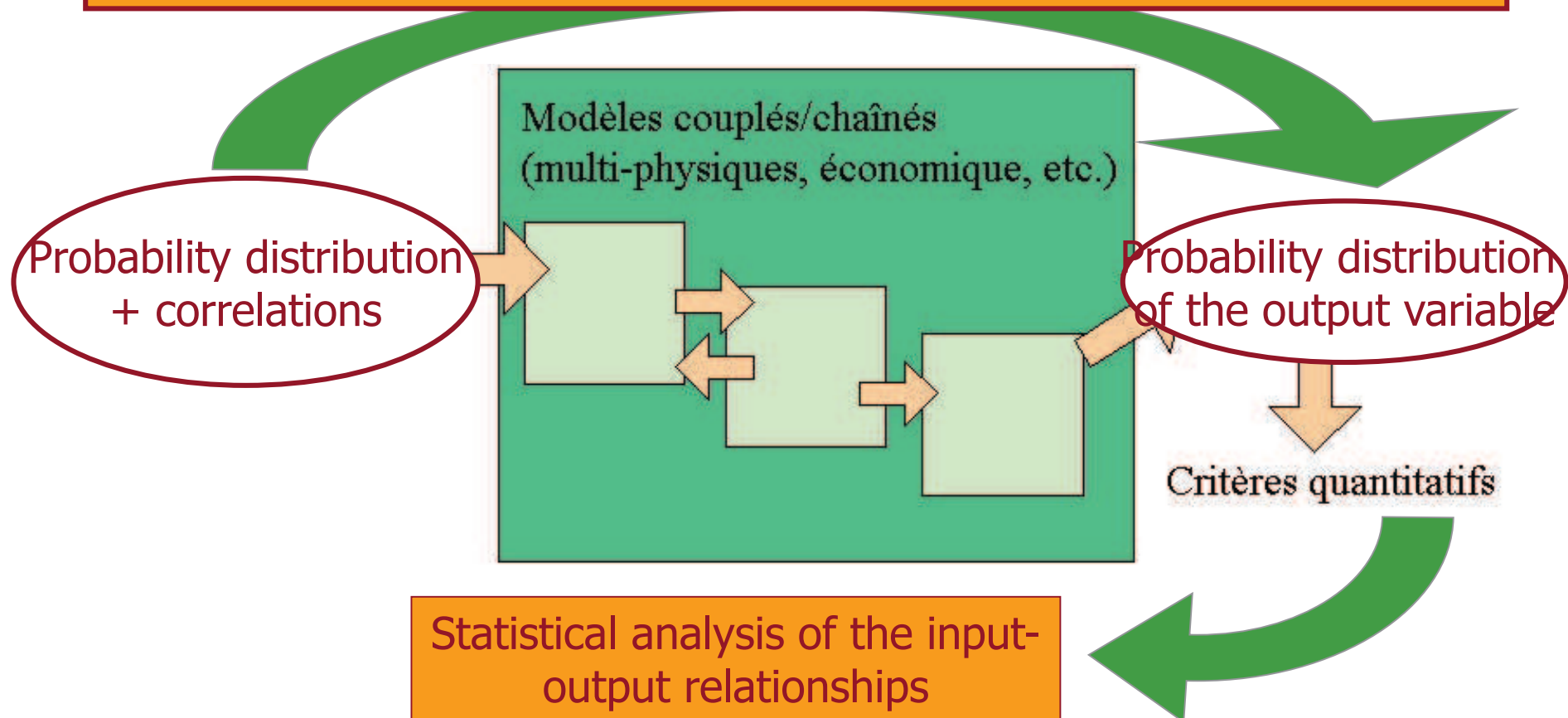
$$S_{Ti} = S_i + \sum_j S_{ij} + \sum_{j,k} S_{ijk} + \dots = 1 - S_{\sim i}$$

# Conclusions

- The Monte Carlo simulation is a **universal tool** to propagate uncertainties and perform sensitivity analyzes
- It is based on the simulation of samples (**random numbers**)
- It requires to specify the distributions of each variable and their dependance relationship
- The convergence is  $1/\sqrt{n}$ , where  $n$  is the number of values
- It allows to obtain a **confidence interval** on the result

# Conclusions sur la simulation

Number of simulations very important to understand rare events!  $\Rightarrow$  advanced propagation methods: (FORM-SORM, accelerated Monte Carlo, metamodel...)



# THANK YOU

