

# Section I

## 1. Random fields/processes

- a. Field: space, process: time
- b. All aleatory (natural randomness)
- c. A collection of random variables that are correlated
- d. Two quantities for describing random processes
  - i. Autocorrelation:  $R(\tau) \sim \exp(-|\tau|^2)$  (Gaussian process)
  - ii. Power spectrum
- e. Stationary: relative location; non-stationary: absolute location
- f. Simulation of correlated RV:
  - i. T matrix: matrix of eigenvectors of  $\text{cov}(x)$
  - ii. Covariance function:  $R(\tau)^*\sigma^2$
- g. KL expansion
  - i. Used to simulate random field
$$\varpi_M(x, \theta) = \bar{\varpi}(x) + \sum_{i=1}^M \sqrt{\lambda_i} \xi_i(\theta) f_i(x)$$
- h. Polynomial chaos
  - i. Multiple forms (Hermite works best w/ normal variables)

## 2. Time-dependent Reliability Analysis

- a. Equivalent Static Method
  - i. Type I - Gaussian Process (Largest: Gumbel, Smallest)
  - ii. Type II - Lognormal (Frechet)
  - Type I and Type II: model Load, Type III: model Capacity
  - iii. Type III - Bounded process (Weibull)  
Example: Weibull - strength, time to failure
- b. Outcrossing approach  
Outcrossing event ~ Poisson Process

## 3. Surrogate models

- a. Algebraic
  - i. Polynomial chaos expansion
  - ii. Regression (least squares, ML, linear polynomial)
  - iii. Support vector machines
  - iv. Gaussian Process (GP) / Kriging
  - v. Radial Basis Function
  - vi. Neural Network (regression in multiple layers)
- b. Distribution (interested in joint dist. of input & output) -> prob. Space surrogates
  - i. Copula, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copula\\_\(probability\\_theory\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copula_(probability_theory))

- ii. Mixture models, weighted sum of individual distribution
- iii. Bayesian networks
- iv. Hidden Markov models (HMM)

### 3. Stochastic finite elements (SFEM) - handle spatial variability

- a. Intrusive approach -> you go into the code, find analytical gradients
- b. Non-intrusive “-> treat as a black box  
Adjoint Gradient or Surrogate Model

### 4. Sensitivity analysis

- a. Local (only good at that region)
  - i. FORM (approx. the limit state func. With a first order (linear) approx., gives the most sensitive input locally)
  - ii. Just the gradient of the limit state function
- b. Global (Variance-based uncertainty)
  - i. The contribution from the change of inputs to the change of outputs
  - ii. Manov's presentation pdf
  - iii. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0951832016300266> (single loop sampling -- uniform probability spacing)
  - iv. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00158-018-2077-1> (importance sampling using kernels)
  - v. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1806.06285.pdf> (derivative-based upper bound on total effects index)
  - vi. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.00955> (active subspace)

### 5. Bayesian methods (inference)

- a. Data on X -> figure out the distribution of X
  - i. Parametric: Histogram - Parametric distributions - Distribution type, Distribution parameters
  - ii. Non-parametric: numerical fit
- b. Parameter estimation
  - i. MLE (if error is normal, its same with Least square)
  - ii. LS ~ errors Normal
  - iii. Bayesian: represent your lack of knowledge with a prob. Dist.  
Construction of posterior dist:
    - 1. Conjugate dist.
    - 2. Sampling-based Methods
      - a. MCMC - generate samples based on a distribution  
(Converge samples to a target distribution)
        - i. Metropolis

- ii. Gibbs
- iii. Slice sampling
- iv. Adaptive improvements
- b. Particle-filter methods
  - i. Sequential importance re-sampling
  - ii. Rao-Blackwellization, smoothing

## Section II

### 1. Data uncertainty quantification

(x has both aleatory and epistemic uncertainties, how much does each side contribute)

- a. D: distribution type, epistemic; theta\_x: parameter(s) of the distribution, epistemic; U: auxiliary variable: aleatory
  - i. Paper: Separating the contributions of variability and parameter uncertainty in probability distributions  
(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0951832012002542>)
  - ii. Paper: Distribution type uncertainty due to sparse and imprecise data  
(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0888327012002713>)
  - iii. Paper: Reliability analysis under epistemic uncertainty  
(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0951832016301119>)
- b. How to choose a distribution D
  - i. Sum of squared (chi square - PDF)
  - ii. Max error: K-S (CDF)
  - iii. Likelihood ratio (Bayes factor)

### 2. Model uncertainties

3 sources:

- a. Model Form uncertainties
  - i. Validation
    - 1. Is the model representing the real world?
    - 2. Compare prediction vs. observation (MAE, RMSE)
  - ii. Calibration
    - iii. Fidelity (how good the physics is represented)
- b. Model parameters
  - i. Calibration (MLE, Bayesian, etc.)
- c. Numerical approximations
  - i. Verification (Numeric error quantification)
    - 1. Code verification
    - 2. Solution verification
  - ii. Resolution (eg. number of mesh)
- d. Model Discrepancy (Model Error)
  - i. Model Form Error
  - ii. Numerical solution error
    - 1. Deterministic error

- a. Discretization error (Richardson Extrapolation to quantify)
  - b. Truncation error
- 2. Stochastic error
  - a. Surrogate model error
  - b. Uncertainty propagation error
- iii.

### 3. Model verification/calibration/validation

- a. Steps
  - i. Develop a conceptual model, construct a mathematical equation
  - ii. Develop numerical solution procedure
  - iii. Verification
    - 1. Code verification
    - 2. Solution verification
  - iv. Calibration (parameter estimation)
  - v. Model Validation
    - 1. Definition: The process of determining the degree to which a model is an accurate representation of the real world from the perspective of the intended use of the model
    - 2. Paper: Quantitative model validation techniques: New insights (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0951832012002414>)
- b. Model validation metrics
  - i. Statistical confidence intervals
    - 1. Area metric
    - 2. Normalizing residuals
  - ii. Hypothesis testing based methods (Statistical)
    - 1. Classical hypothesis testing
      - a. Z test
      - b. T test
    - 2. Bayesian hypothesis testing
      - a. Bayes Factor B (>1 supports H\_0)
      - b. Confidence measure  $\Pr(H_0|y_D) = B/(B+1)$
      - c. Four scenarios: total risk (total probability rule)  
Paper: Bayesian risk-based decision method for model validation under uncertainty  
(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0951832006000718>)
    - 3. Reliability analysis based techniques (Probabilistic)
      - d. Distance metric ( $y_D - y_m$ )
      - e. Area metric
  - c. Model selection
    - i. Multi-fidelity model (tradeoff between accuracy and cost)

1. Use low fidelity model to run multiple times until error is unacceptable, and use high fidelity model to correct.

## 4. Uncertainty aggregation and reduction

- a. Roll up Sankararaman, S., and Mahadevan, S., "[Integration of calibration, verification and validation for uncertainty quantification in engineering systems](#)," *Reliability Engineering & System Safety*, Vol. 138, pp. 194-209, 2015.
- b. Uncertainty aggregation flow details: Nannapaneni, S., and Mahadevan, S., "[Reliability Analysis under Epistemic Uncertainty](#)," *Reliability Engineering & System Safety*, Vol. 155, pp. 9-20, 2016.
- c. [http://www.gdr-mascotnum.fr/media/etics2018\\_mahadevan.pdf](http://www.gdr-mascotnum.fr/media/etics2018_mahadevan.pdf)
- d. Paper: Relative contributions of aleatory and epistemic uncertainty sources in time series prediction (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0142112315002832>)

## 5. Bayesian networks for information fusion

- a. Composite distribution (use Bayes factor to calculate the weights of distribution type)
- b. Auxiliary variable: u is the same as adding model error, e\_m

## 6. UQ in multi-physics and multi-scale

## 7. Decision-making under uncertainty

- a. Only Aleatory: RBDO or RDO
  - i. Coupled
  - ii. Decoupled (OUU formulations)
    1. Decoupled: (similar to previous, reliability measure) opt. ↔ reliab.
    2. Single-loop (RBDO): Kuhn-Tucker conditions, FORM: instead of having 2 routines, built-in 1 routine for only FORM with Single-Loop (Thus, no need to calculate beta, reliability analysis) → reduce comp. Effort, inc. d.v., x\_p is not a d.v. but each x\_d, it changes
- b. Aleatory + Epistemic

i. RBDO

1. Mean value of  $P[g \leq 0]$  or  $P[P[g \leq 0] \geq Pf1] \geq Pf2 \rightarrow$   
*Product certification , Pf1 = 0.95 & Pf2 = 0.95 -> having a conf.in reliability.*
2. Dual problem: max.  $P[P[g \leq 0] \geq Pf1]$ , s.t. cost  $\leq$  target

Test Resource Allocation

Testing & Simulation Optimization

Calibration & Validation Tests (2 types)

1. Test design -> max. Info. gain -> K-L div.
2. Test selection -> meet target system-level prediction unc. -> # of tests at diff. Levels of complexity (physics, component), diff. Kinds of tests. Has to be done with synthetic data since test is not done yet!

## 7.1. System design

## 7.2. Model development (Resource alloc. usually w/ synthetic data, for unc. reduction)

### 7.2.1. Testing

- 7.2.1.1. Calibration (# of tests, test inputs, sensor placement)
- 7.2.1.2. Validation

### 7.2.2 Modeling

- 7.2.2.1 Fidelity
- 7.2.2.2 Scale
- 7.2.2.3 Resolution

*Goal: Accuracy*

*Obj.: min. Error (bias,i.e. Cross-valid., + var), s.t. cost < budget*

*To est. predic. (for other tests)*

1. Roll-up post. (post. After valid.) -> non-intrusive
2. Embedded discrepancy
3. Abhinav method (go back to govn. eq.) -> intrusive (source code is available)

7.3 Manufacturing (product quality) -> min. var(quality) ->  
bias+var. : dynamic process not like model predict.

## 7.4 Performance, Operations & Health Management:

7.4.1 Intervals/Schedule (general): how often? Where to (hotspot)? What to measure?

7.4.2 Active\passive measurement\sensing (sensor passively collects, active: you send a signal and detect)

7.4.3 Mission profile -> Resilience (to make sure system can effectively respond to an adverse event): all done under unc:

- 7.4.3.1 response -> immediate
- 7.4.3.2 rerouting/reconfig.
- 7.4.3.3 remediation
- 7.4.3.4 recovery

# 8. Non-probabilistic methods

Both 8.1. And 8.2. Do not update knowledge (unlike Bayesian framework)

## 8.1. Interval Analysis

- Only useful for forward problems.
- Inverse is done by expert.
- Correlation is an issue (w/out corr. Interval is wider)
- Non-linear func. (use opt.)
- Binary combinations of variable ( $2^n$ )

## 8.2. Fuzzy Sets/Possibility Theory

- Extension of classical set theory
- Allows ambiguity (unlike classical set) -> partial membership (in your mind)
  - Vague\not crisp info (fuzzy)
- possibility/degree of membership
- Correlation is limitation
- New info. Not updated is an issue

## 8.3. Evidence Th.

- Extension of Bayesian prob. Th.
- Basic belief (prob.) assignment (BBA)
- Allows a little more flexibility than prob. Th. to capture expert's opinion/
- Evidence Combination RUle (Dempster Rule)
  - Nothing but Bayes' Thm. in which you can only do  $x_1 \& x_2$  not ( $x_1, x_2$ )
  - Evidence Th. expends the discernment (the quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure : skill in discerning: an act of perceiving or discerning something)
- Belief (lb) vs. plausibility (ub), prob. in between

Info gap Th. (Caltech)

concentration -of-measure inequalities (Michael Ortiz)

