

WMT and Dakota

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Agenda

- Setup
- Uncertainty: why does it matter?
- Dakota
- Dakota in Python
- Dakota in WMT
- Summary, questions, and future work

Setup: requirements

- internet connection
- **beach** login and password
- ssh
- tutorial files:

<https://github.com/mdpiper/dakota-tutorial>

Setup: on beach

Connect to beach with ssh:

```
ssh [username]@beach.colorado.edu
```

Clone clinic files and configure environment:

```
git clone https://github.com/mdpiper/dakota-tutorial  
cd dakota-tutorial  
source scripts/setup-beach.sh
```

Uncertainty

particularly, knowledge and quantification of it,
are required to improve:

- accuracy,
- reliability, and
- accountability

in earth science models.

How can we combine knowledge of uncertainty in
data and models to improve predictions?

Dakota

is

a toolkit that provides an interface between
analysis codes and a library of iterative systems
analysis methods.

Developer	Sandia National Labs
Current release	6.2 (May 2015)
License	LGPL
Website	https://dakota.sandia.gov

Dakota

helps answer questions
such as:

What are the most influential
parameters in my model?



sensitivity
analysis

How robust and reliable is my model?



uncertainty
quantification

What is the best performing design?



optimization

What model parameter values best
match experimental data?



calibration

Dakota

has an extensive library
of analysis techniques,
including:

parameter studies	local and global reliability	gradient-based local and global optimization	nonlinear least squares
design of experiments	adaptive sampling	derivative-free local and global optimization	surrogate models
design of computer experiments	stochastic expansion		
sampling (MC or LHS)	epistemic methods		

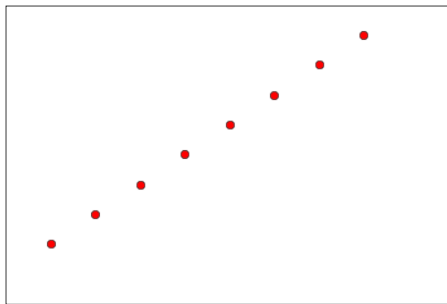
Parameter studies (PS)

are
one type of sensitivity analysis.

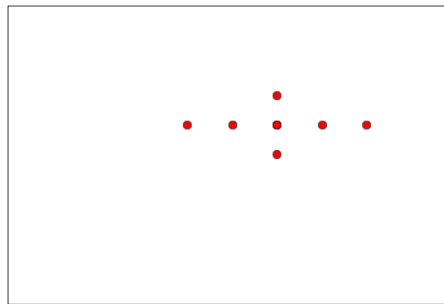
Parameter studies explore a model's response to the deterministic modification of its input parameter values.

PS methods used in this clinic:

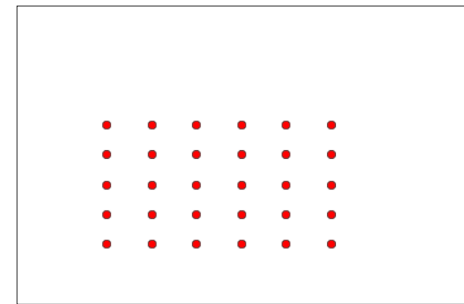
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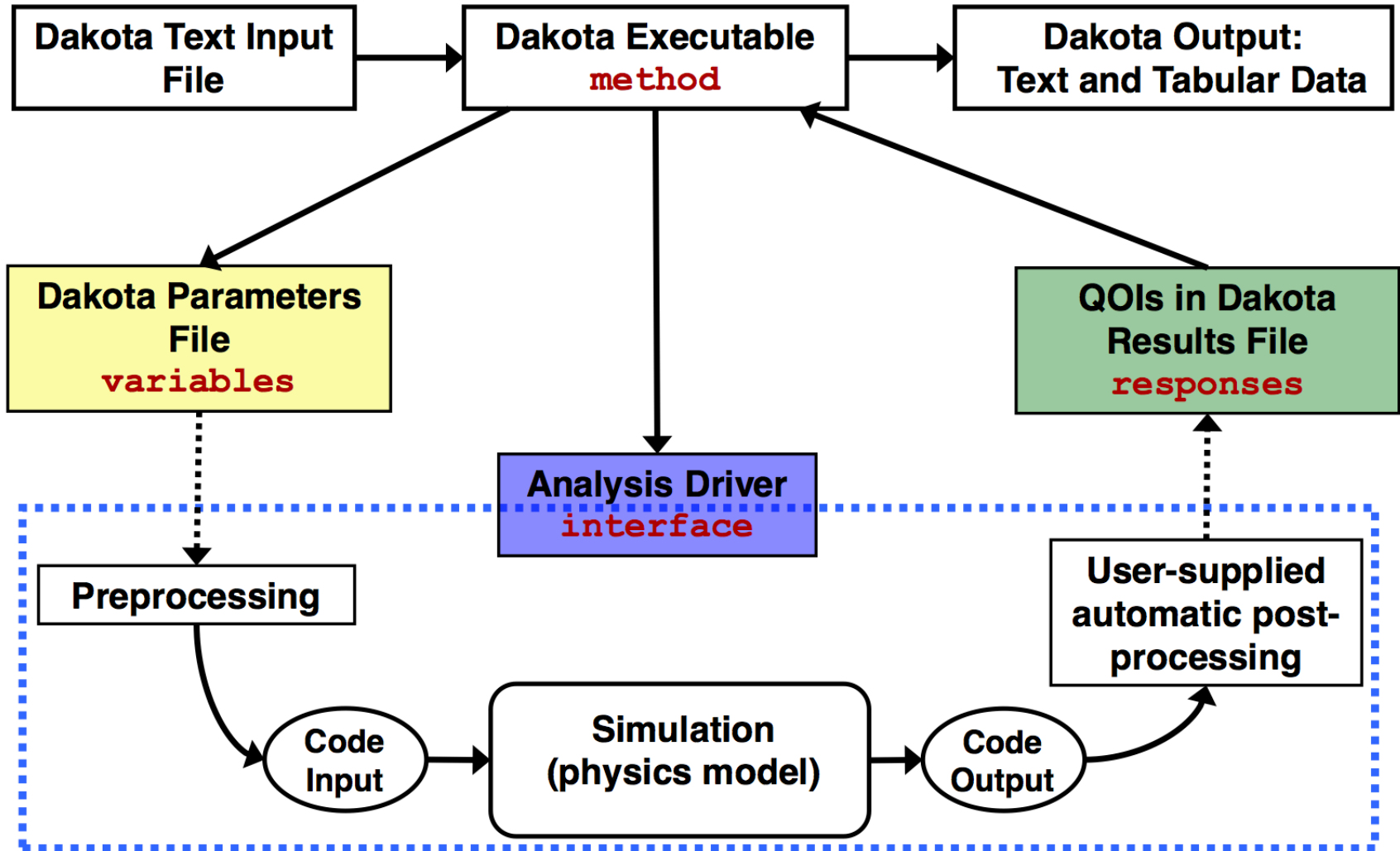
centered



multidim



Dakota execution model



Example 1

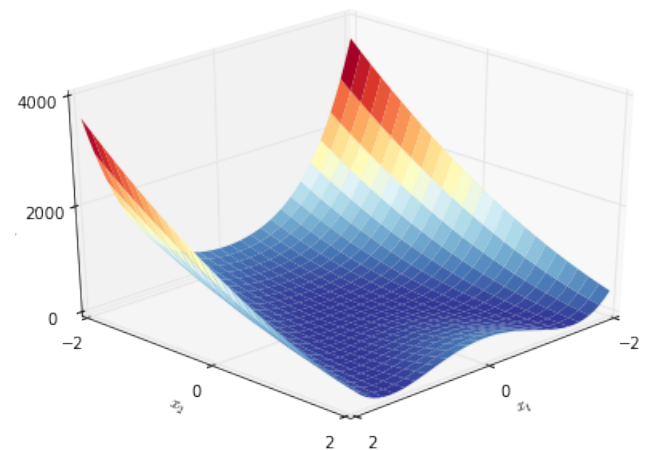
Summary: Use Dakota at the command line to minimize the Rosenbrock function

Purpose: Show the Dakota calling syntax, as well as the structure of input, output and data files

Method: Vector parameter study

Rosenbrock function

$$f(x_1, x_2) = 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2$$



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Example 2

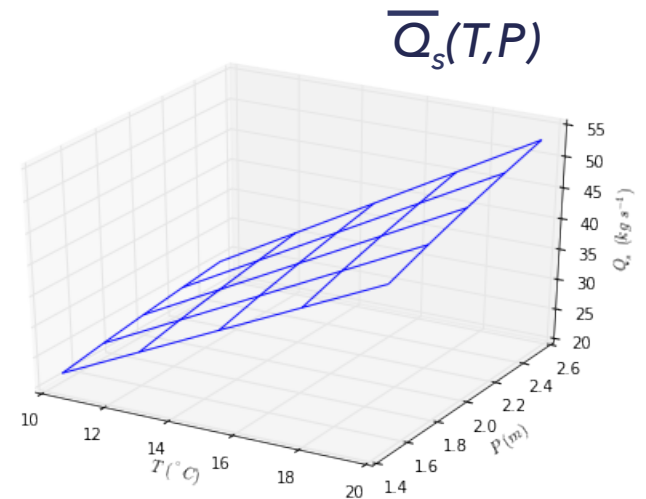
Summary: Use Dakota at the command line to explore the effects of temperature and precipitation on suspended sediment load in HydroTrend

Purpose: Show an example of an analysis driver

Method: Multidim parameter study

HydroTrend sediment load model

$$Q_s = \omega B Q^{0.31} A^{0.5} R T$$



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Dakota in Python

CSDMS is currently developing a Python interface for calling Dakota.

Why?

- Simplifies the setup of Dakota experiments
- First step in writing a BMI for Dakota

Developer	CSDMS
Current release	0.1 (May 2015)
License	MIT
Website	https://github.com/csdms/dakota

Dakota in Python

- Features:
 - ✓ writes Dakota input file
 - ✓ implements generic analysis driver
 - ✓ communicates with Dakota through auxiliary configuration file
- Drawbacks:
 - only vector, centered, and multidim parameter studies are supported (currently)
 - HydroTrend is only supported model (currently)
 - restricted to basic NumPy statistics on responses
 - not coupleable

Dakota in Python

Basic workflow:

```
from dakota.core import Dakota
d = Dakota(method='vector_parameter_study')
d.write_configuration_file()
d.write_input_file()
d.run()
```

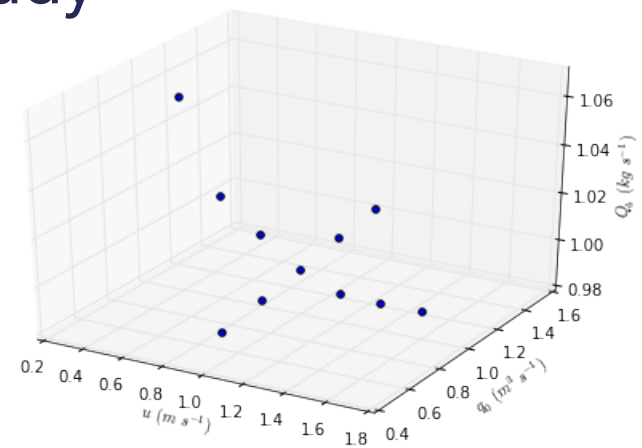
Example 3

Summary: Call Dakota from Python to explore how varying mean river velocity and constant annual base flow affect median daily bedload values in HydroTrend

Purpose: Show the syntax of configuring and running Dakota through the Python interface

Method: Centered parameter study

$$\langle Q_b(u, q_0) \rangle$$



Dakota in WMT

CSDMS is currently developing an interface for Dakota in WMT.

Try it at:

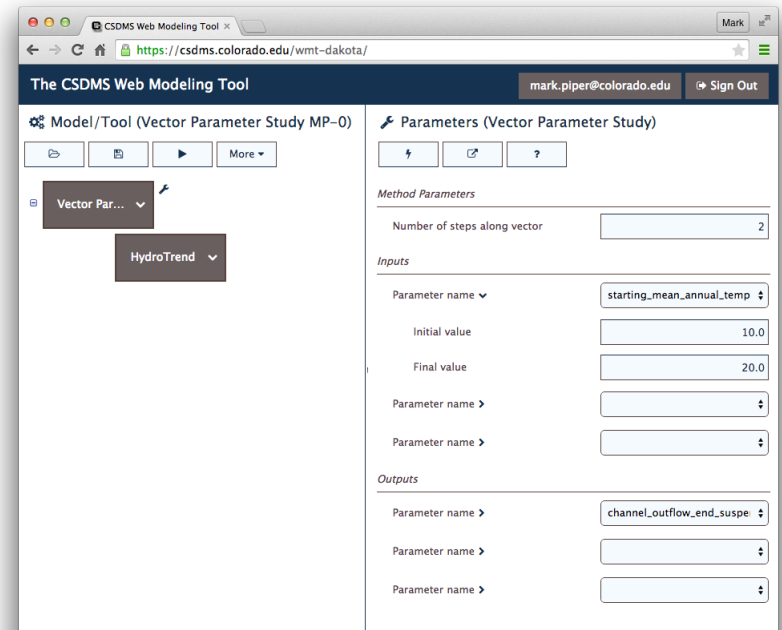
<https://csdms.colorado.edu/wmt-dakota>

Development prototype

✓ It works!

□ It's limited:

- only parameter studies
- only HydroTrend
- limited responses
- not coupleable



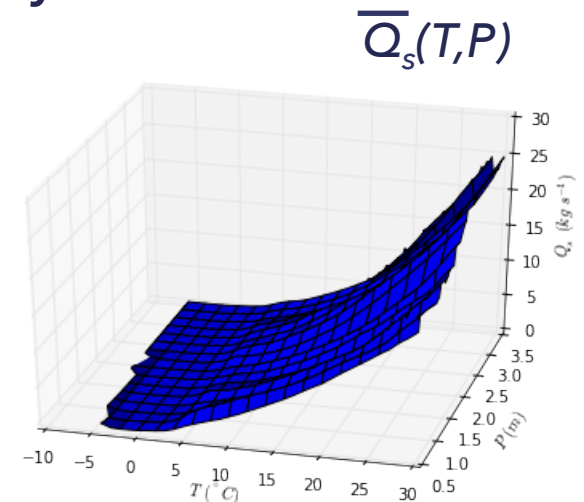
Example 4

Summary: Use Dakota in WMT to explore the effects of varying temperature and precipitation on suspended sediment load in HydroTrend

Purpose: Show how Dakota can be called through WMT

Method: Multidim parameter study

This 40 x 30 multidim parameter study
uses 1271 calls to HydroTrend!



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Summary

CSDMS has developed prototype Dakota interfaces for Python and for WMT.

- ☐ Only a few Dakota analysis methods have been implemented
- ☐ Only one CSDMS model is supported
- ☐ Responses returned to Dakota are limited
- ☐ They're not coupleable in the CSDMS framework
- ☒ They work
- ☒ They make Dakota easier to use

Future work

- Bring the Python and Dakota prototypes into the CSDMS framework
 - easier to add components
 - faster execution
- Add Dakota analysis methods
- Write documentation
- Explore Dakota library API

Thank you!

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Explore!

- Please take a few minutes to explore how Dakota works in Python and in WMT.
- Would you use these interfaces? We'd appreciate your feedback!