

BATMAN: Statistical analysis for expensive computer codes made easy

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Summary

Bayesian Analysis Tool for Modelling and uncertAinty quaNtification (batman) is an open source Python package dedicated to statistical analysis based on non-intrusive ensemble experiment.

Numerical software has reached a sufficient maturity to represent physical phenomena. High fidelity simulation is possible with continuous advances in numerical methods and in High Performance Computing (HPC). Still, deterministic simulations only provide limited knowledge on a system as uncertainties in the numerical model and its inputs translate into uncertainties in the outputs. Ensemble-based methods are used to construct a numerical or experimental dataset from which statistics are inferred.

batman library provides a convenient, modular and efficient framework for design of experiments, surrogate model and uncertainty quantification. batman relies on open source python packages dedicated to statistics (openTURNS and scikit-learn (Baudin et al. 2015, Pedregosa et al. (2011))). It also implements advanced methods for resampling, robust optimization and uncertainty visualization (???).

batman handles the workflow for statistical analysis. It makes the most of HPC resources by managing asynchronous parallel tasks. The internal parallelism of each task does not conflict with batman's parallel environment.

batman analysis is launched from a command line interface and a setting file. batman functionalities can also be accessed through an API. batman has been successfully used for geosciences and turbomachinery Computational Fluid Dynamics applications (???, (???), (???)).

batman is CECILL-B licensed; it is actively developed and maintained by researchers at CERFACS.

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