

# Chance constrained PDE-constrained optimal design strategies under high-dimensional uncertainty

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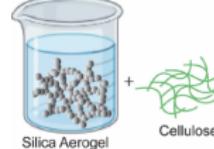
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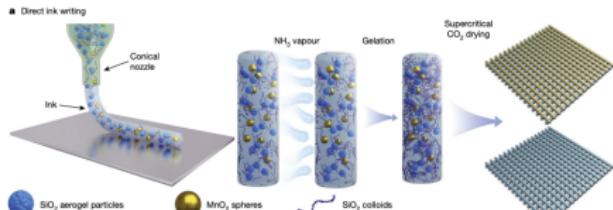
# Motivation

**Silica Aerogel:** High-performance materials for next-generation building insulation.



Paper making  
Cellulose  
Silica Aerogel  
Cellulose-aerogel gradient composite

Synthesis of aerogel-cellulose composite <sup>1</sup>



Additive manufacturing by direct ink writing <sup>2</sup>

**Thermal breaks:** insulating components for **Net-Zero buildings**.



Effect of thermal break <sup>3</sup>

**Design problem:** finding optimal spatial distribution of materials under uncertainty

<sup>1</sup> Sarkar, Singh, Zhu, Faghihi, Ren, 2024, ACS Appl. Energy Mater

<sup>2</sup> Zhao, Siqueira, Drdova, 2020, Nature .

<sup>3</sup> Susorova et al., Buildings, 2016

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# Forward Model

**Thermomechanical continuum model:**

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{u}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\zeta}) = 0$$

Mechanical Model

Thermal Model

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_s \phi_s c_s \frac{\partial \theta_s}{\partial t} &= \nabla \cdot (\phi_s \kappa_s \nabla \theta_s) - h(\theta_s - \theta_f) \\ \rho_f \phi_f c_f \frac{\partial \theta_f}{\partial t} &= \nabla \cdot (\phi_f \kappa_f \nabla \theta_f) + h(\theta_s - \theta_f)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\textcolor{red}{C} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_s) - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{k} \nabla p &= 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}_s(\mathbf{u}_s) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\mathbf{T}_s = -\phi_s p \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{T}'_s$$

$$\mathbf{T}'_s = 2 \mu \mathbf{E}_s + \lambda \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{E}_s) \mathbf{I}$$

States  $\mathbf{u} = (\theta_s, \theta_f, \mathbf{u}_s, p) \rightarrow$  solid/fluid temperature, solid displacement, fluid pressure

Parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\kappa_s, \kappa_f, h, k, C, \mu, \lambda) \rightarrow$  determine from experimental data

Design variables  $\boldsymbol{\zeta} = (\phi_s, \phi_f) \rightarrow$  determined to optimize component performance

**Sources of uncertainty in  $\boldsymbol{\zeta}$ :**

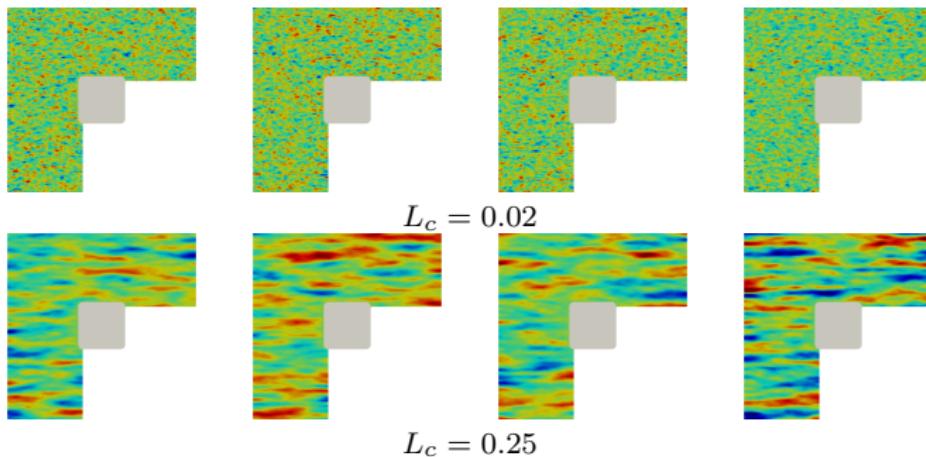
- Limited precision in manufacturing
- Layer-by-layer deposition

# Design under Uncertainty

## Spatially correlated uncertain parameter $m(\mathbf{x})$

- Gaussian random fields  $m \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{m}, \mathcal{C})$
- Matérn covariance kernel  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{A}^{-2}$

$$\mathcal{A}m = \begin{cases} \gamma \nabla \cdot (\Theta \nabla m) + \delta m & \text{in } \Omega \\ (\Theta \nabla m) \cdot \mathbf{n} + \frac{\sqrt{\delta\gamma}}{1.42} m & \text{on } \Gamma \end{cases}$$



## Design parameter $d(\mathbf{x})$

- Blue:  $d = 0 \rightarrow$  porosity  $\phi_f = 90\%$  weaker but more insulating aerogel
- Red:  $d = 1 \rightarrow$  porosity  $\phi_f = 10\%$  stronger but less insulating aerogel

# Design under Uncertainty

## Risk-averse optimal design statement:

$$\min_d \mathcal{J}(d) = \mathbb{E}[Q(m, d)] + \beta_V \mathbb{V}[Q(m, d)] + \beta_R R(d)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{u}, m, d) = 0$$

$$P(\mathbf{f}(m, d) \geq 0) \leq \alpha_c \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

**Design objectives:** Thermal compliance

$$Q = -\left( \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=s,f} \langle \phi_i \kappa_i \nabla \theta_i, \nabla \theta_i \rangle_\Omega + \sum_{i=s,f} \langle \phi_i h_{air}(\theta_i - \theta_{amb}), \theta_i \rangle \right).$$

**Chance constraint:** Avoid stress concentration

$$\mathbf{f} = T_{cr} - \mathbf{T}_{pn},$$

$\mathbf{T}_{pn}$  is the p-norm of the Von Mises stress and  $T_{cr}$  is the limiting critical stress.

$$\mathbf{T}_{pn} = \left( \int_\Omega T_{VM}^p d\Omega \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

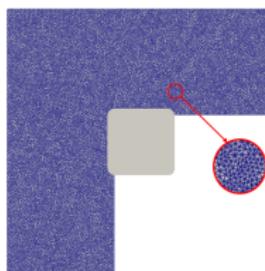
$$P(f(m, d) \geq 0) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{I}_{[0, \infty]}(f(m, d))]$$

$$\mathbb{I}_{[0, \infty]}(f(m, d)) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(m, d) \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } f(m, d) < 0 \end{cases}$$

# Design under Uncertainty

## Computational Challenges:

- High-Dimensional parameter space  $d(\mathbf{x}), m(\mathbf{x})$



27079 elements

- Computing mean and variance of the design objective  $Q$

- Monte Carlo approach, for  $N$  samples, Convergence rate of  $\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}})$

$$\mathbb{E}[Q] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Q(\mathbf{m}^{(i)}), \quad \mathbb{V}[Q] \approx \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Q^2(\mathbf{m}^{(i)}) \right) - \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N Q(\mathbf{m}^{(i)}) \right)^2$$

- Chance constraint
  - Non-differentiability of the discontinuous indicator function.
  - Approximation of constraint function requires large number of PDE solves.

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# Scalable Algorithm: Taylor approximation

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$$\text{s.t. } \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{u}, m, d) = 0$$

$$P(\mathbf{f}(m, d) \geq 0) \leq \alpha_c \quad \text{in } \Omega$$

## Mean and Variance

- Taylor approximation of  $Q$  at mean of uncertain parameter  $\bar{m}$  truncated with  $K$  terms

$$T_K Q(m, d) = \sum_{k=0}^K \partial_m^k Q(\bar{m}, d) (m - \bar{m})^k$$

- Quadratic  $K = 2$ , with the objective, gradient and Hessian w.r.t.  $m$ , evaluated at mean  $\bar{m}$ , denoted as  $\bar{Q}$ ,  $\bar{Q}_m$  and  $\bar{Q}_{mm}$ , and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the inner product

$$T_2 Q(m) = \bar{Q} + \langle \bar{Q}_m, m - \bar{m} \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle \bar{Q}_{mm} (m - \bar{m}), m - \bar{m} \rangle$$

- Approximated mean and variance <sup>4</sup>

$$\mathbb{E}[T_2 Q] = Q(\bar{m}, d) + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathcal{C} \bar{Q}_{mm}), \quad \mathbb{V}[T_2 Q] = \langle \bar{Q}_m, \mathcal{C} \bar{Q}_m \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}((\mathcal{C} \bar{Q}_{mm})^2)$$

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<sup>4</sup>Alexanderian, Petra, Stadler, Ghattas, 2017, SIAM Journal on Uncertainty Quantification

# Scalable Algorithm: Taylor approximation

## Trace estimator

- Generalize eigenvalues of  $(\bar{Q}_{mm}, \mathcal{C}^{-1})$

$$\langle \bar{Q}_{mm} \psi_n, \phi \rangle = \lambda_n \langle \mathcal{C}^{-1} \psi_n, \phi \rangle \quad \forall \phi \in X, n \geq 1$$

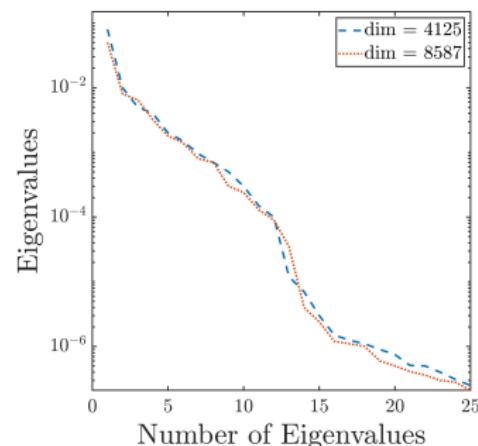
where  $(\psi_n)_{n \geq 1} \in X$  are the generalized eigenfunctions,  $N_{eig}$  are number of dominant eigenvalues and  $N_o$  is the oversampling factor.

- Randomized Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) algorithm

- If eigenvalues decays rapidly, use  $N_{eig}$  dominant eigenvalues<sup>5</sup>

$$\text{tr}\left(\mathcal{C} \bar{Q}_{mm}\right) \approx \sum_{n=1}^{N_{eig}} \lambda_n$$

$$\text{tr}\left((\mathcal{C} \bar{Q}_{mm})^2\right) \approx \sum_{n=1}^{N_{eig}} \lambda_n^2$$



<sup>5</sup>Peng, Villa, Ghattas, 2019, Journal of Computational Physics

# Scalable Algorithm: Control Variate

## Mean correction:

The Monte Carlo correction for the mean for Scalable Solution can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[Q] = & \mathbb{E}[T_2 Q] + \mathbb{E}[Q - T_2 Q] \approx \hat{Q} := \bar{Q} + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathcal{C} \bar{Q}_{mm}) \\ & + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \left( Q(m_i) - \bar{Q} - \langle m_i - \bar{m}, \bar{Q}_m \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle m_i - \bar{m}, \bar{Q}_{mm} (m_i - \bar{m}) \rangle \right).\end{aligned}$$

## Variance correction:

The variance can be computed as,

$$\mathbb{V}[Q] = \mathbb{E}[(T_2 Q - \bar{Q})^2] + \mathbb{E}[(Q - \bar{Q})^2 - (T_2 Q - \bar{Q})^2] - \left( \mathbb{E}[T_2 Q - \bar{Q}] + \mathbb{E}[(Q - \bar{Q}) - (T_2 Q - \bar{Q})] \right)^2$$

The above expression for variance can be approximated as,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{V} := & \langle \mathcal{C} \bar{Q}_m, \bar{Q}_m \rangle + \frac{1}{4} (\text{tr}(\mathcal{C} \bar{Q}_{mm}))^2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathcal{C} \bar{Q}_{mm}^2) \\ & + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M \left( (Q(m_i) - \bar{Q})^2 - \left( \langle m_i - \bar{m}, \bar{Q}_m \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle m_i - \bar{m}, \bar{Q}_{mm} (m_i - \bar{m}) \rangle \right)^2 \right) \\ & - \left( \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathcal{H}) + \frac{1}{M} \left( Q(m_i) - \langle m_i - \bar{m}, \bar{Q}_m \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle m_i - \bar{m}, \bar{Q}_{mm} (m_i - \bar{m}) \rangle \right) \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

# Scalable Algorithm

## Chance constraint

- Scalable Solution of constraint at  $\bar{m}$

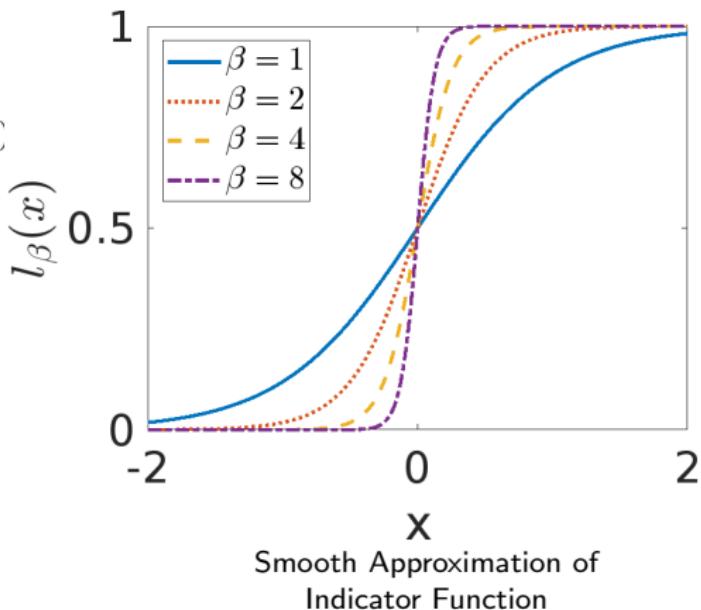
$$P(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{d}) \geq 0) \approx \frac{1}{M_f} \mathbb{I}_{[0, \infty)}(T_2 \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{m}_i, \mathbf{d}))$$

- Smooth approximation and quadratic penalty for chance constraint function<sup>6</sup>

$$\mathbb{I}_{[0, \infty]}(x) \approx l_\beta(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-2\beta x}},$$

$$S_\gamma(x) = \frac{\gamma}{2} (\max\{0, x\})^2$$

$$\min_d \mathcal{J}_d + S_\gamma(x)(\mathbb{E}[l_\beta(\mathbf{f})] - \alpha_c)$$



<sup>6</sup>Chen and Ghattas, 2021, SIAM Journal of Uncertainty Quantification

# Scalable Algorithm

## Lagrangian formulation

Analytical derivatives via Lagrange Formalism

The weak form can be written as,

$$r(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, m, d) = v \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{u}, m, d) \rangle_{\mathcal{V}'}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, m, d) = Q(\mathbf{u}, m, d) + r(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, m, d),$$

State $\mathbf{u} = \{\theta_s, \theta_f, \mathbf{u}_s, p\}$	Adjoint $\mathbf{v}$
$D_{\mathbf{v}} \mathcal{L}(\bar{m}) = 0$	State problem $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{v}}, \partial_{\mathbf{v}} \bar{r} \rangle = 0$
$D_{\mathbf{u}} \mathcal{L}(\bar{m}) = 0$	Adjoint problem $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \partial_{\mathbf{u}} \bar{r} \rangle = -\langle \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \partial_{\mathbf{u}} \bar{Q} \rangle$
$D_m \mathcal{L}(\bar{m}) = 0$	$m$ -gradient $\langle \tilde{m}, \partial_m Q(\bar{m}) \rangle = \langle \tilde{m}, \partial_m \bar{r} \rangle$
$D_m f(\bar{m}) = 0$	$m_f$ -gradient $\langle \tilde{m}, \partial_m f(\bar{m}) \rangle = \langle \tilde{m}, \partial_m \bar{r} \rangle$

# Scalable Algorithm

## Lagrangian formulation

Analytical derivatives via Lagrange Formalism

$$\mathcal{L}^H(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, m, d; \hat{\mathbf{u}}, \hat{\mathbf{v}}, \hat{m}) = \langle \hat{m}, \partial_m \bar{r} \rangle + \langle \hat{\mathbf{v}}, \partial_{\mathbf{v}} \bar{r} \rangle + \langle \hat{\mathbf{u}}, \partial_{\mathbf{u}} \bar{r} + \partial_{\mathbf{u}} \bar{Q} \rangle$$

State $\mathbf{u}$ Adjoint $\mathbf{v}$	Incremental State $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ Incremental Adjoint $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$
$D_{\mathbf{v}} \mathcal{L}^H(\bar{m}) = 0$	Incremental State problem $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{v}}, \partial_{\mathbf{v}\mathbf{u}} \bar{r} \hat{\mathbf{u}} \rangle = -\langle \tilde{\mathbf{v}}, \partial_{\mathbf{v}m} \bar{r} \hat{m} \rangle$
$D_{\mathbf{u}} \mathcal{L}^H(\bar{m}) = 0$	Incremental Adjoint problem $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \partial_{\mathbf{u}\mathbf{v}} \bar{r} \rangle = -\langle \tilde{\mathbf{u}}, \partial_{\mathbf{u}u} \bar{r} \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \partial_{\mathbf{u}u} \bar{Q} \hat{\mathbf{u}} + \partial_{\mathbf{u}m} \bar{r} \hat{m} \rangle$
$D_m \mathcal{L}^H(\bar{m}) = 0$	$m$ -Hessian $\langle \tilde{m}, \partial_{mm} Q(\bar{m}) \hat{m} \rangle = \langle \partial_{mm} \bar{r} \hat{m} \rangle$ $+ \langle \tilde{m}, \partial_{mv} \bar{r} \hat{\mathbf{v}} \rangle + \langle \partial_{mu} \bar{r} \hat{\mathbf{u}} \rangle + \langle \partial_{mm} \bar{Q} \hat{m} + \partial_{mu} \bar{Q} \hat{\mathbf{u}} \rangle$
$D_m f(\bar{m}) = 0$	$m_f$ -Hessian $\langle \tilde{m}, \partial_{mm} f(\bar{m}) \hat{m}^f \rangle = \langle \partial_{mm} \bar{r} \hat{m}^f \rangle$ $+ \langle \tilde{m}, \partial_{mv} \bar{r} \hat{\mathbf{v}}^f \rangle + \langle \partial_{mu} \bar{r} \hat{\mathbf{u}}^f \rangle + \langle \partial_{mm} f(\bar{m}) \hat{m} + \partial_{mu} \bar{f} \hat{\mathbf{u}}^f \rangle$

# Scalable Algorithm

## Quadratically Approximated Cost Function

$$\begin{aligned} \min_d \mathcal{J}_{\text{quad}}(d) &= \left( \bar{Q} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \geq 1}^{N_{\text{eig}}} \lambda_j \right) + \beta_V \left( \langle \bar{Q}_m, \mathcal{C} \bar{Q}_m \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \geq 1}^{N_{\text{eig}}} \lambda_j^2 \right) + \beta_R R(d) \\ \text{s.t. } &\frac{1}{M_f} \sum_{i=1}^{M_f} \mathbb{I}_{[0, \infty)}(T_2 f(m_i, d)) \leq \alpha_c \quad \text{in } \Omega \end{aligned}$$

## Quadratically Approximation as Control Variate

$$\begin{aligned} \min_d \mathcal{J}_{\text{quad}}^{CV}(d) &= \hat{Q} + \beta_V \hat{V} + \beta_R R(d) \\ \text{s.t. } &\frac{1}{M_f} \sum_{i=1}^{M_f} \mathbb{I}_{[0, \infty)}(T_2 f(m_i, d)) \leq \alpha_c \quad \text{in } \Omega \end{aligned}$$

Mean:  $\hat{Q} \approx \mathbb{E}[T_2 Q] + \mathbb{E}[Q - T_2 Q]$

Variance:  $\hat{V} \approx \mathbb{E}[(T_2 Q - Q(\bar{m}))^2] - (\mathbb{E}[T_2 Q - Q(\bar{m})])^2$

Newton Conjugate Gradient is used as optimizer through computation of design gradients.

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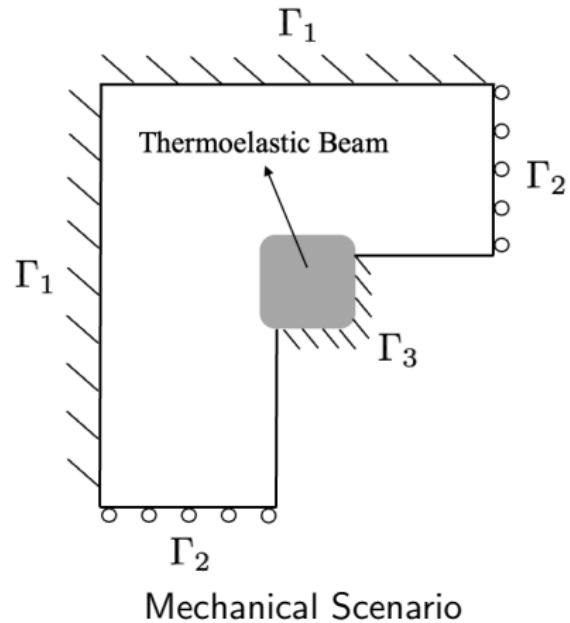
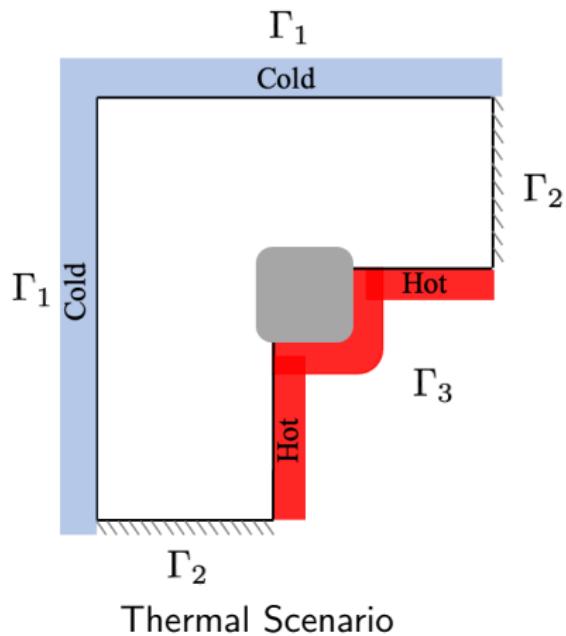
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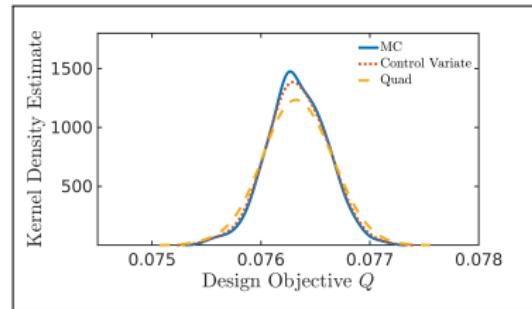
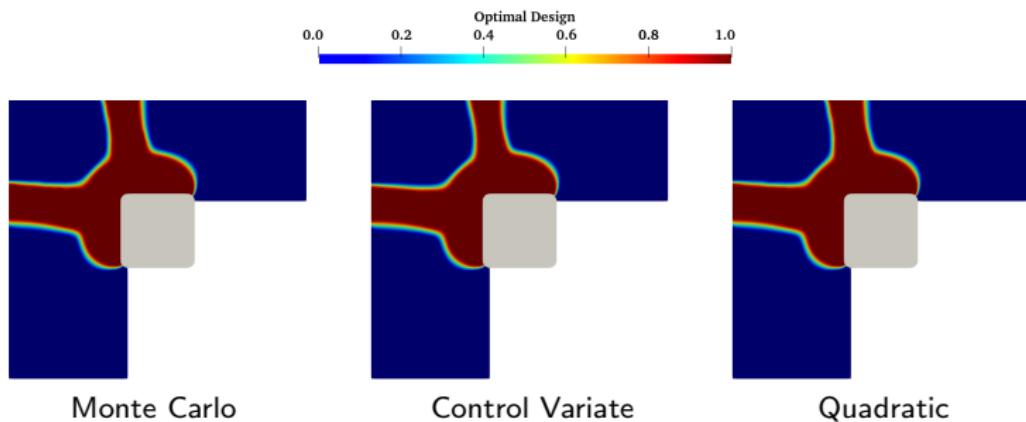
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# Results: Beam-Insulator System

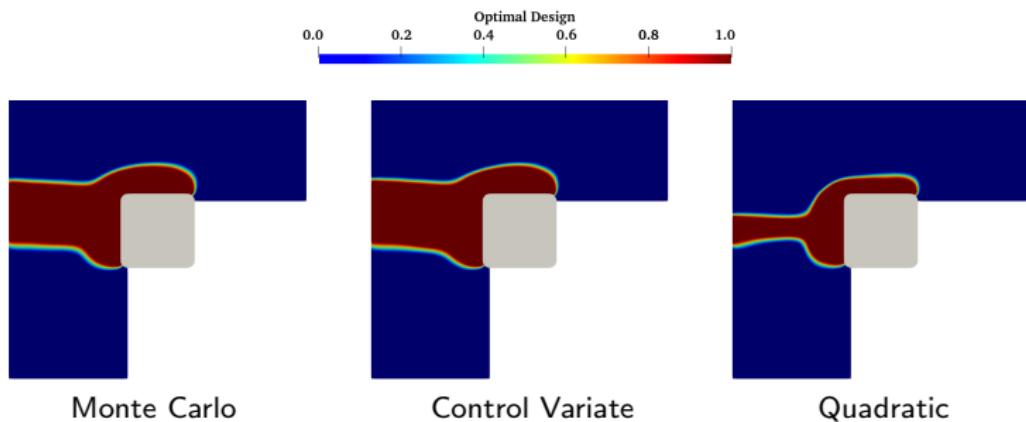


# Results: Comparison



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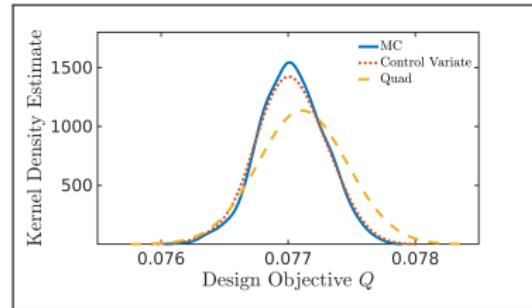
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Monte Carlo

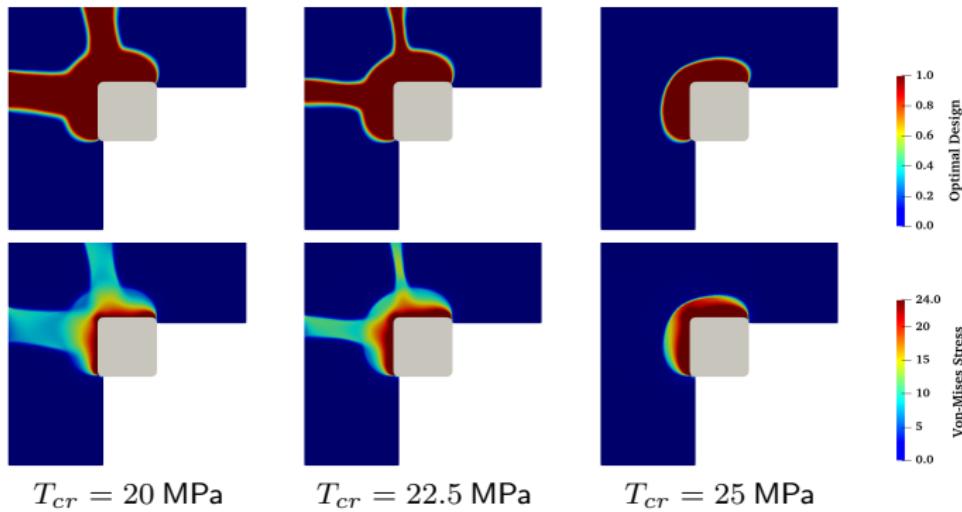
Control Variate

Quadratic



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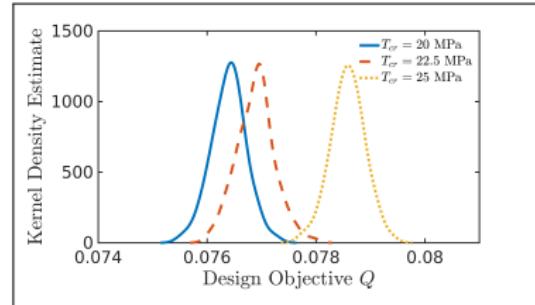
# Results: Effect of critical stress



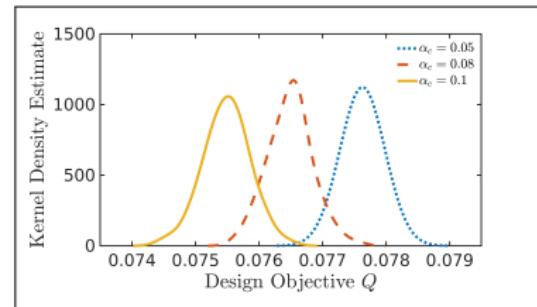
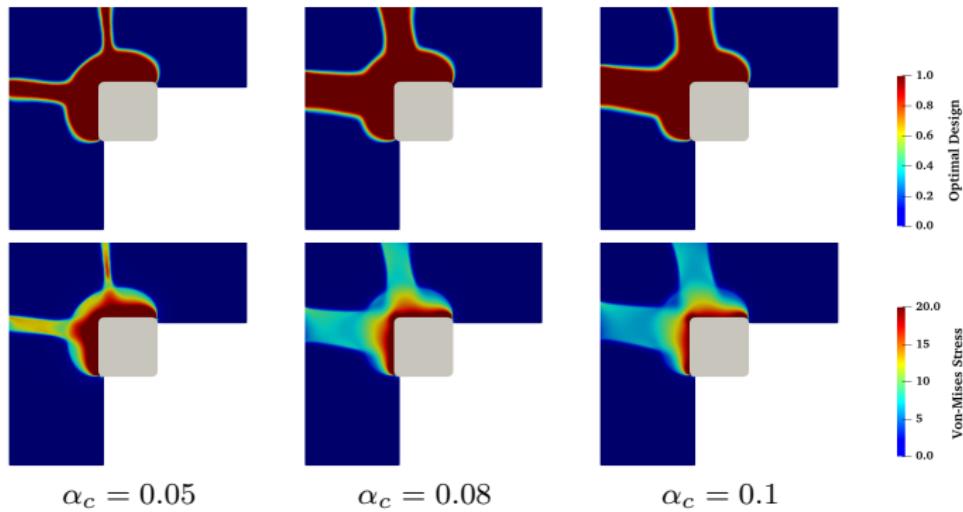
$T_{cr} = 20 \text{ MPa}$

$T_{cr} = 22.5 \text{ MPa}$

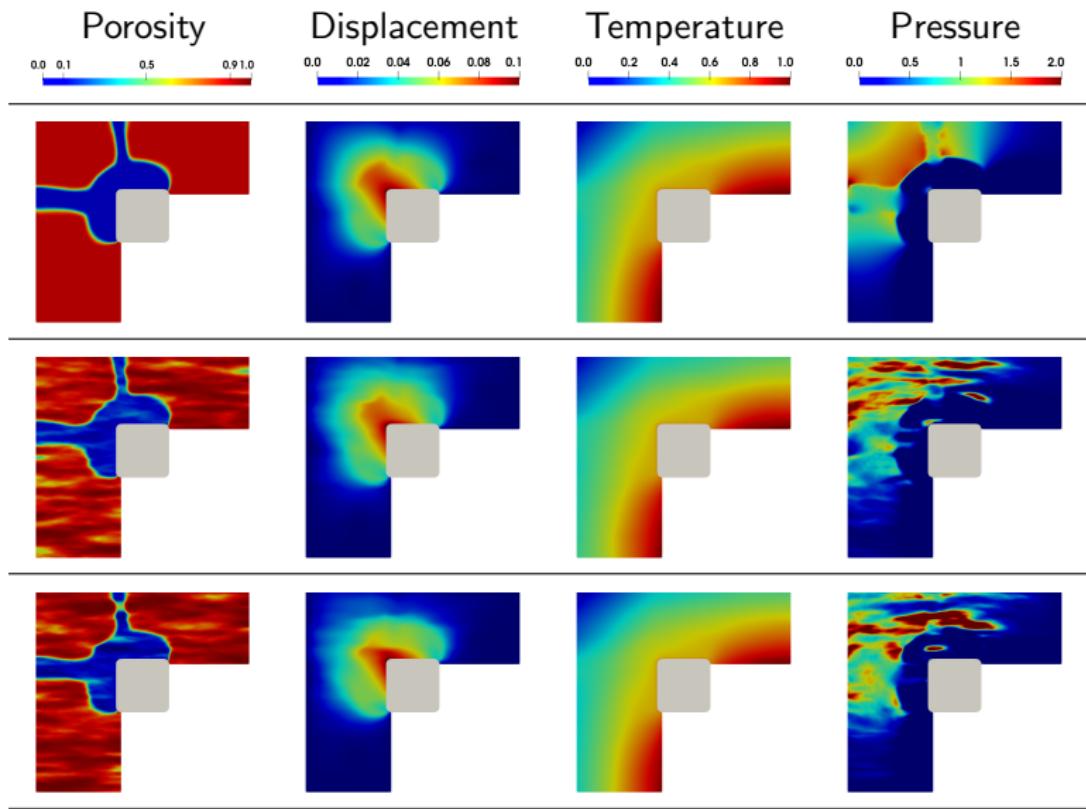
$T_{cr} = 25 \text{ MPa}$



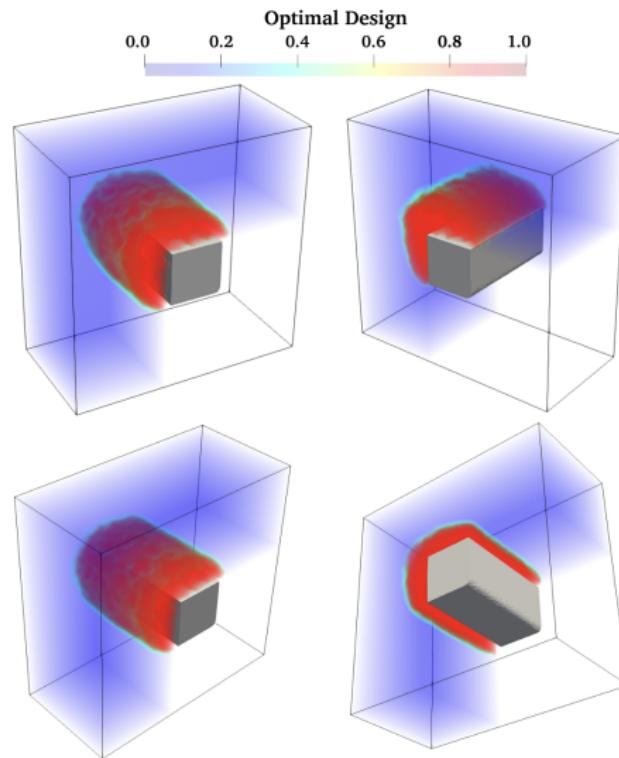
# Results: Effect of critical chance



# Results: State Plots



# Results: 3D Scenario



Optimal design obtained for a dimension of 100559 design parameters

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# Conclusions

An efficient framework is introduced for optimal design governed by PDEs including chance constraint under high-dimensional and spatially correlated uncertainty.

- Quadratic Taylor approximation for estimating the mean and variance of the design objective with respect to uncertain parameters.
- Chance constraints are implemented using the Von-Mises criterion to avoid stress concentration within the beam-insulator system.
- Efficient trace estimation of the covariance-preconditioned Hessian using a randomized algorithm for solving generalized eigenvalue problems.
- Control variate is implemented to reduce variance under high uncertainty with the implementation of Monte-Carlo correction.

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