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# Inverse uncertainty quantification applied to thermal-hydraulic simulations

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#### Motivations for inverse UQ in TH simulations



- Best Estimate thermal-hydraulic system code developed by CEA,
- Based on six balance equations: mass, momentum and energy conservation
  - require building correlations (also called closure laws or physical models)
- Nuclear simulations with several levels of complexity:
  - Separate/Combined Effects Test (SET, CET)
    - at reduced scale, few physical phenomena
  - Integral Effect Test (IET)
    - many phenomena together.
- Simulating accidental transcients for safety analysis
- Great effort devoted to V&V implementation
  - Verification : Are the equations solved right ?
  - Validation : Are the right equations solved ?





#### **CONCEPTION OF CORRELATIONS**

ex: heat transfers (convection, condensation, etc):

 $C_{nom}(\mathbf{x}, \theta)$ 

where  $\mathbf x$  is a vector of physical variables and  $\boldsymbol \theta$  is a fitting parameter.

arameter uncertainty affecting  $\theta$  (neglected by physicists)

#### V&V IMPLEMENTATION

- Verification stage : numerical uncertainties (ex: mesh convergence)
- Validation stage : where CATHARE 2 predictions are confronted to experimental data from SET.
  - · correlation uncertainty assessed from differences between both of them
    - ⇒ inverse UQ process

#### The CIRCE method



#### MAIN ASSUMPTIONS

• Model uncertainty is multiplicative:

$$C_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{x}) = \Lambda \times C_{nom}(\mathbf{x})$$

- $\Lambda$  follows a probability distribution
- $\Lambda$  is log-Gaussian, calculated by the **CIRCE method** (De Crécy and Bazin, 2001).



CIRCE = Calcul des Incertitudes Relatives aux Corrélations Élémentaires.

#### STATISTICAL MODELING

- $z_i \in \mathbb{R}$  the QoI experimentally measured at  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- Y(.) the CATHARE 2 code (used as a black-box function)
- For  $i \in \llbracket 1; n \rrbracket$ , we assume that

$$z_i = Y(C_{\lambda_{1,i}}(\mathbf{x}_i), \cdots, C_{\lambda_{p,i}}(\mathbf{x}_i)) + \epsilon_i$$
$$= Y_{(\lambda_{1,i}, \cdots, \lambda_{p,i})}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \epsilon_i$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & - \lambda_{j,i} \sim \Lambda_j = \mathcal{LN}(m_j, \sigma_j^2), j \in [\![1; p]\!] \\ & - \alpha_{j,i} = \log(\lambda_{j,i}) \sim A_j = \mathcal{N}(m_j, \sigma_j^2), \\ & - \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\epsilon_i}^2). \end{aligned}$$

The CIRCE method consists in estimating  $m_j$  and  $\sigma_j^2$  for  $j \in \llbracket 1; p \rrbracket$ 





- One correlation per area,
- We focus on area *B* and *C*,
- Condensation higher in the area *B* than area *C*,
- $Q_i$  = condensation flow rate measurement to the edge of area C (kg/s),
- The CATHARE 2 code can predict Q by using two correlations of condensation  $C_{\lambda_1}(\mathbf{x}_i)$  (area B) and  $C_{\lambda_2}(\mathbf{x}_i)$  (area C)

■  $Q_i = Y_{(\lambda_{1,i}, \lambda_{2,i})}(\mathbf{x}_i) + \epsilon_i$ where  $\mathbf{x}_i$  includes injection pressure, injection temperature, water height in the cold led, etc.



#### OTHER ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING CIRCE:

- The factors are not correlated each other:  $Cov(\Lambda_j, \Lambda_k) = 0$ ;  $1 \le j \ne k \le p$ ,
- The experimental variances  $\sigma_{\epsilon_i}^2$  are assumed known.

#### CIRCE IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1. Linearization at  $\alpha_{nom} = \log (\lambda_{nom})$ , typically at the nominal model  $\mathbf{0}_p = \log \mathbf{1}_p$ 
  - $z_i Y_i^{nom} = h_i^T(\alpha_i \alpha_{nom}) + \epsilon_i$  with  $\alpha_i := \log \lambda_i$
  - Identifiability:  $\operatorname{rank}(H) = p$  where  $H = [h_1, \cdots, h_n]^T \in \mathcal{M}_{np}$ .
- 2. Computation of MLE estimates  $(\hat{m}_j, \hat{\sigma}_j^2)$  using an EM algorithm:
  - Both E and M steps are explicit,
  - ECME to speed up the convergence (Celeux et al., 2010).
- 3. Post treatment:
  - Statistical analysis of residuals, LOO cross validation,
  - · Check the linearity assumption on

$$\mathrm{IF}_{0.95}(A_j) = [\hat{m}_j - 1.96\hat{\sigma}_j, \hat{m}_j + 1.96\hat{\sigma}_j], \quad j \in [\![1;p]\!],$$

• Deduce the 95%-interval of  $\Lambda_j$ : IF<sub>0.95</sub> $(\Lambda_j) = [\exp(\hat{m}_j - 1.96\hat{\sigma}_j), \exp(\hat{m}_j + 1.96\hat{\sigma}_j)], \quad j \in [\![1; p]\!]$ 

#### The Bayesian counterpart of CIRCE



### The Bayesian setting

Notations:

**z** =  $[z_1, \dots, z_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the matrix of field measurements  $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n]^T \in \mathcal{M}_{np}$  the matrix of missing model log-samples: **m** =  $(m_1, \dots, m_p)^T \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and  $\sigma^2 = (\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_p^2)^T \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

#### STATISTICAL MODEL

$$z_i = h_i^T \alpha_i + \epsilon_i \text{ for } i \in [[1; n]], \bullet z_i \in \mathbb{R}^q; h_i \in \mathbb{R}^p; \alpha_i \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2) \in \mathbb{R}^p;$$

#### **POSTERIOR DISTRIBUTION**

Bayes formula gives  $[m,\sigma^2|\mathbf{z},\alpha]\propto [\mathbf{z},\alpha|\sigma^2,m][m,\sigma^2]$ 

- Likelihood:  $\mathbf{z}|\alpha, \sigma^2, m \sim \bigotimes_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(h_i^T \alpha_i, R_i),$
- Prior:  $[m, \sigma^2] = [m|\sigma^2][\sigma^2]$ 
  - Conjugate Gaussian-inverse-gamma,
  - Gaussian for  $m | \sigma^2$  along with a folded non-standardized-t for  $\sigma$  (Gelman, 2006).



#### **Prior distributions**

#### INVERSE-GAMMA $(\epsilon, \epsilon)$ FOR $\sigma_i^2$

Leads to an improper posterior as  $\epsilon \longrightarrow 0$ .

- Spiegelhalter et al. (2004) took  $\epsilon = 0.001$ ,
- Such diffuse priors cannot fix troubles with improper posteriors (Kass and Wasserman, 1996).

## FOLDED NON-STANDARDIZED STUDENT DISTRIBUTION FOR $\sigma_j$ (via the augmented model)

$$z_i = h_i^T \times (C\tilde{\alpha}_i) + \epsilon_i \text{ for } i \in \llbracket 1; n \rrbracket, \text{ with } \alpha_i = C\tilde{\alpha}_i$$

- Priors:  $C \sim \mathcal{N}(m_C, 1)$  and  $\sigma_{\alpha}^2 \sim \mathcal{IG}(0.5 \times \nu, S)$
- Thus,  $\sigma = |C|\tilde{\sigma}$  is a folded noncentral-t
  - half-t if  $m_C = 0$ ,
  - half Cauchy if  $m_C = 0$  and  $\nu = 1$  (which tends to be uniform on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  as  $S \to +\infty$ )

$$[\sigma] \propto \frac{1}{\sigma^2 + S}$$





#### SUBSTITUTION (OR DATA-AUG.) SAMPLING (Gelfand and Smith, 1990)

By following the hierarchical structure  $[m, \sigma^2, \alpha | \mathbf{z}] = [m, \sigma^2 | \alpha, \mathbf{z}] [\alpha | \mathbf{z}]$ 

- Start with a first sample  $(m_0, \sigma_0^2)$
- In a loop  $k \ge 1$ , sample until convergence :

1. 
$$\alpha_k \sim \alpha | \mathbf{z}, m_{k-1}, \sigma_{k-1}^2$$
 (Gaussian),

2.  $m_k, \sigma_k^2 \sim m, \sigma^2 | \alpha_k, \mathbf{z}$  (Gaussian-inverse-gamma).

#### GIBBS SAMPLING

Based on the full conditional posterior distributions

- Start with a first sample  $(m_0, \sigma_0^2)$
- In a loop for  $k \ge 1$ , sample until convergence :

$$\begin{array}{l} 1. \ \ \alpha_k \sim \alpha | \mathbf{z}, m_{k-1}, \sigma_{k-1}^2 \ \, \text{(Gaussian),} \\ 1. \ \ m_k \sim m | \sigma_k^2, \alpha_k, \mathbf{z} \ \, \text{(Gaussian),} \\ 2. \ \ \sigma_k^2 \sim \sigma^2 | b_k, \alpha_k, \mathbf{z} \ \, \text{(inverse-gamma),} \end{array}$$



SUBSTITUTION (OR DATA-AUG.) SAMPLING (Gelfand and Smith, 1990) Full posterior  $[\tilde{m}, \tilde{\sigma}^2, \tilde{\alpha}, C | \mathbf{z}] = [\tilde{m}, \tilde{\sigma}^2 | \tilde{\alpha}, \mathbf{z}, C] [\tilde{\alpha}, C | \mathbf{z}]$ 

- Start with a first sample  $(\tilde{m}_0, \tilde{\sigma}_0^2, C_0)$
- In a loop for  $k \ge 1$ , sample until convergence :
  - 1.  $\tilde{\alpha}_k \sim \tilde{\alpha} | \mathbf{z}, \tilde{m}_{k-1}, \tilde{\sigma}_{k-1}^2, C_{k-1}$  (Gaussian),
  - 2.  $C_k \sim C | \mathbf{z}, \tilde{\alpha}_k$  (Gaussian),
  - 3.  $\tilde{m}_k, \tilde{\sigma}_k^2 \sim \tilde{m}, \tilde{\sigma}^2 | \tilde{\alpha}_k, \mathbf{z}, C_k$  (Gaussian-inverse-gamma).

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 (Gaussian),  
2.  $C_k \sim C | \mathbf{z}, \tilde{\alpha}_k$  (Gaussian),  
3.  $\tilde{\sigma}_k^2 \sim \tilde{\sigma}^2 | \tilde{m}_k, \tilde{\alpha}_k$  (inverse-gamma),  
4.  $\tilde{m}_k \sim \tilde{m} | \tilde{\sigma}_k^2, \tilde{\alpha}_k$  (Gaussian),



The Sobol indice for Model  $A_j$  and experiment *i* quantifies the fraction of the output variance that is due to  $A_j$ .

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$$\begin{split} S_j(\mathbf{x}_i) &= \frac{\mathbb{V}[z_i] - \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{V}[z_i|A_j]}{\mathbb{V}[z_i]} = \frac{\mathbb{V}[\mathbb{E}[z_i|A_j]}{\mathbb{V}[z_i]} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_j^2 \times h_i(j)^2}{h_i^T \operatorname{diag}(\sigma^2)h_i + \sigma_{\epsilon_i}^2} \end{split}$$

Based on the marginal likelihood  $[\mathbf{z}|m,\sigma^2]$  after integrating with respect to the missing samples, we can prove that the Fisher information matrix is written as

$$I_n(m,\sigma^2) = \begin{pmatrix} I_n(m) & 0\\ 0 & I_n(\sigma^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

where

Therefore, we can get

 $I_n(\sigma_j^2) = \frac{nS_j^2}{2\sigma_i^4}$ 

and

$$I_n(m)_{j,k} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{h_i(j)h_i(k)}{h_i^T \operatorname{diag}(\sigma^2)h_i + \sigma_{\epsilon_i}^2} \quad 1 \le j,k \le p$$
$$I_n(m_j) = \frac{n\bar{S}_j}{\sigma_j^2}$$

and

$$I_n(\sigma^2)_{j,k} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{0.5 \times h_i^2(j)h_i^2(k)}{h_i^T \mathrm{diag}(\sigma^2)h_i + \sigma_{\epsilon_i}^2} \ 1 \leq j,k \leq p$$

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- The smaller the Sobol indice  $S_{\Lambda}$ , the less accurate the estimates (Celeux et al., 2010):
  - Bayesian counterpart?
    - studying the role of the prior in terms of size of credible regions.
- Well-posedness principles in inverse UQ:
  - in the Hadamard sense (condition number as low as possible)
  - in the Sobol sense:  $S_\Lambda > S_\epsilon$  (i.e. the input contribution to the randomness of Z is larger than that of the noise)
  - in the entropy sense, in the Fisher sense (Bousquet and Blazère, 2016).
- In real inverse UQ problems, the Sobol indices are unknown
  - the matrix H can provide a local sensitivity measure

Synthetic example:  $x_i \in [0.1, 1], \alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2), n = 50$ 





Comparison of marginal posterior distributions [σ<sup>2</sup><sub>j</sub>|z] according to the prior distribution in attempting to make a default Bayesian estimation:

•  $\mathcal{IG}(\epsilon, \epsilon)$  with  $\epsilon = 10^{-3}$  for  $\sigma_j^2$  vs half-Cauchy with S = 20 for  $\sigma_j$  (j = 1, 2)



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## Impact of the prior: IG( $\epsilon,\epsilon$ ) for $\sigma^2$ vs half-Cauchy for $\sigma$

- Comparison being done over 50 simulated data set:
  - credible intervals at 95% are calculated in two cases:  $\mathcal{IG}(0.001,0.001)$  vs half-Cauchy with S=20



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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Synthetic example: } x_i \in [0.1,1], \\ \alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2), \, n = 50 \\ \bullet \ z_i = x_i \alpha_{1,i} + \mathbf{1.1} \times x_i^3 \alpha_{2,i} + \epsilon_i \\ \bullet \ \bar{S}_1 = 0.67, \, \bar{S}_1 = 0.28 \text{ and} \\ \bar{S}_{\epsilon} = 0.04 \end{array}$$

Comparison of marginal posterior distributions  $[\sigma_i^2 | \mathbf{z}]$ 

• 
$$\mathcal{IG}(\epsilon, \epsilon)$$
 with  $\epsilon = 10^{-3}$  for  $\sigma_i^2$  vs half-Cauchy with  $S = 20$  for  $\sigma_j$   $(j = 1, 2)$ 



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#### A more favorable case



$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Synthetic example: } x_i \in [0.1, 1], \\ \alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2), \, n = 50 \\ \bullet \ z_i = x_i \alpha_{1,i} + \textbf{2.3} \times x_i^3 \alpha_{2,i} + \epsilon_i \\ \bullet \ \bar{S}_1 = 0.47, \, \bar{S}_1 = 0.49 \text{ and} \\ \bar{S}_{\epsilon} = 0.04 \end{array}$$

Comparison of marginal posterior distributions  $[\sigma_i^2 | \mathbf{z}]$ 

• 
$$\mathcal{IG}(\epsilon, \epsilon)$$
 with  $\epsilon = 10^{-3}$  for  $\sigma_j^2$  vs half-Cauchy with  $S = 20$  for  $\sigma_j$   $(i = 1, 2)$ 



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#### STEPS FOR BAYESIAN CIRCE:

- 1. Make linear approximation at  $\alpha_{nom} = \log \lambda_{nom}$  (begin at the nominal  $\alpha_{nom} = \mathbf{0}_p$ )
- 2. Sample the joint posterior distribution  $m,\sigma^2|\mathbf{z}$ 
  - if the MAP for m is close to  $\alpha_0$ , then go to the next step
  - else, go back to Step 1 (Iterative Bayesian Circe)
- 3. Calculate the marginal distribution of A:

$$[A] = \int [A|m,\sigma^2][m,\sigma^2|\mathbf{z}] dm d\sigma^2$$

- 4. Check the validity of the linear assumption on  $IF_{0.95}(A_j)$  for  $1 \le j \le p$ ,
- 5. Deduce IF<sub>0.95</sub>( $\Lambda_j$ ) for  $1 \leq j \leq p$ .

#### APPLICATION TO THE CONDENSATION MODELS

■ 50 tests with two output values: condensation flow rate and temperature

- $\implies n = 100$  physical measurements. Two models are considered:
  - Model  $\Lambda_1$  (flow rate on the free surface in area B)
  - Model  $\Lambda_2$  (flow rate due to the turbulent mixing in area C)



#### Results (Gibbs implemented with the ROOT library)



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#### Non linear generalization



#### Non linear setting

Instead of linearizing the computer code, we aim to tackle the exact situation where Y(.) is non-linear with respect to  $\alpha$ :

- Y(.) is thermal-hydraulic system code, moderately time-consuming (several minutes per simulation)

 $\implies$  several weeks for a converged Gibbs sampler, along with possible failed simulations.

- Emulator is needed such as Gaussian process (GP), neural networks. GP interpolates the learning simulations, which is expected for deterministic ones:
  - $\implies \tilde{\alpha}_k \sim \tilde{\alpha} | \mathbf{z}, \tilde{m}_{k-1}, \tilde{\sigma}_{k-1}^2, C_{k-1} \text{ is based on both mean and variance of the GP}$ emulator.
- How to control the gap between the GP-based posterior distribution and the actual one?
  - see Barbillon (2017) in the context of mixed models from a classic point of view (SAEM algorithm instead of MH-within Gibbs).

#### Some questions/future works



How to specify priors for scale parameters in hierarchical models when an objective Bayesian estimation is expected ?

- Should we specify a prior for the scale S of the half-Cauchy prior?
- How to measure how strong the estimation is data-dominated?
- Studying the frequentist properties of credible intervals obtained from various priors proposed in the literature including the half-Cauchy.
- Statistical modeling to carry out in future works:
  - Estimating the experimental variances  $\sigma_{e_i}^2$  when they are unknown, promoting the multidimensional version, taking into account a model  $\Lambda_k$  that is already known,
  - Assuming a functional multiplier coefficient  $\Lambda(x)$  as a log-Gaussian process (functional Bayesian CIRCE).
- Convergence diagnostics to implement for future users in CEA (I hope so !).



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