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# DAKOTA 101

## Uncertainty Quantification

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### Learning goals:

- Define uncertainty quantification and know when and why to apply it
- Run a sampling study
- Understand options for postprocessing the output uncertainty

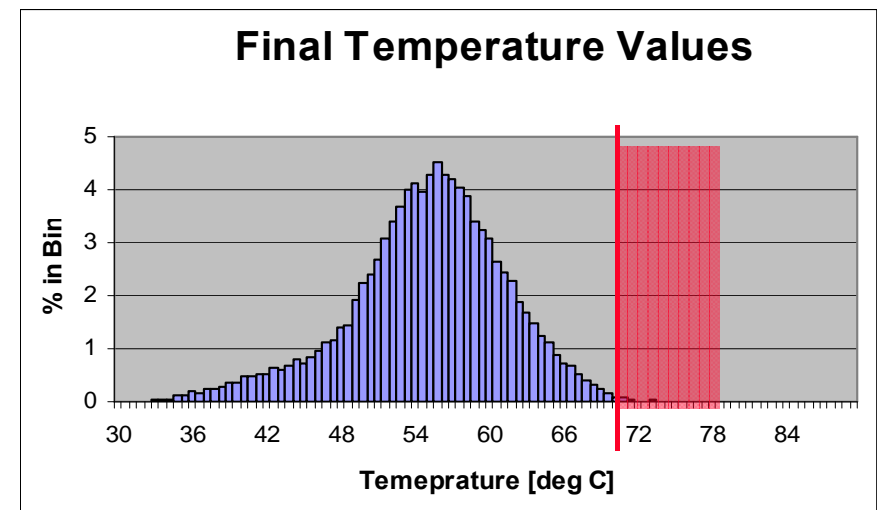
# Uncertainty Quantification Methods



- Most computer models for engineering applications are developed to help assess a design or regulatory requirement.
- **Formal DOE process for Quantification of Margins and Uncertainties (QMU):** quantifying impact of uncertainties in the decision context:  
 $\text{Prob}(\text{System Response} > T) < 0.01$

## Goals of UQ methods:

- Based on uncertain inputs (UQ), determine distribution function (uncertainty) of outputs and probabilities of failure (reliability metrics)
- Identify the mean, variance, and higher moments of the output.
- Identify inputs whose variances contribute most to output variance (global sensitivity analysis)

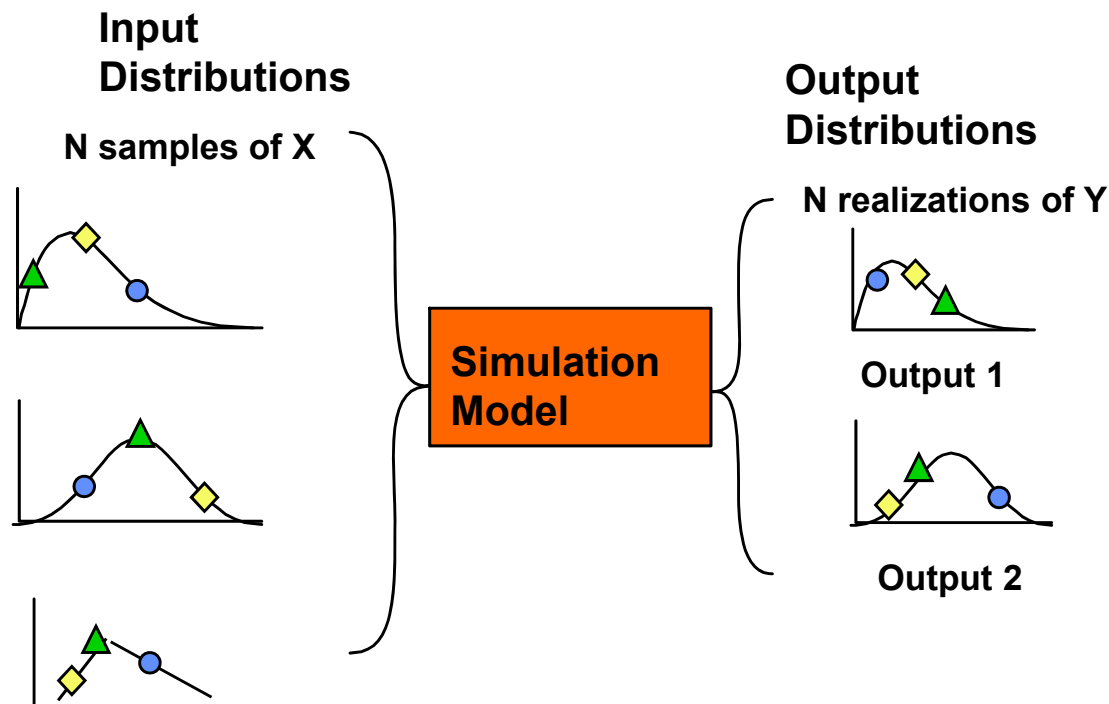


*Class UQ goals?*

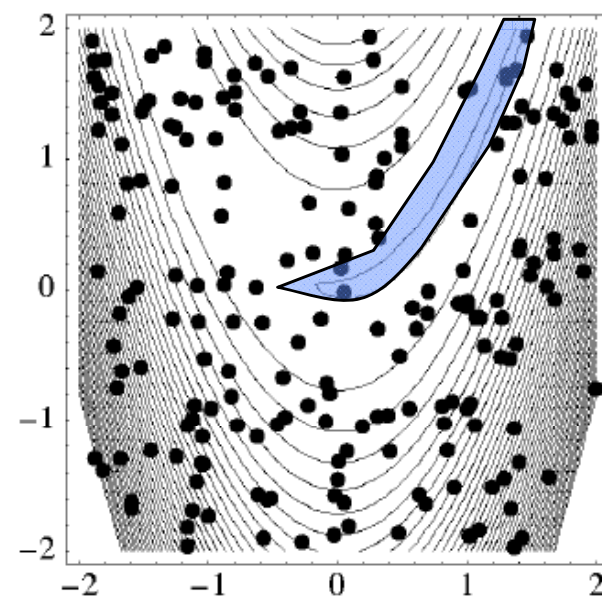
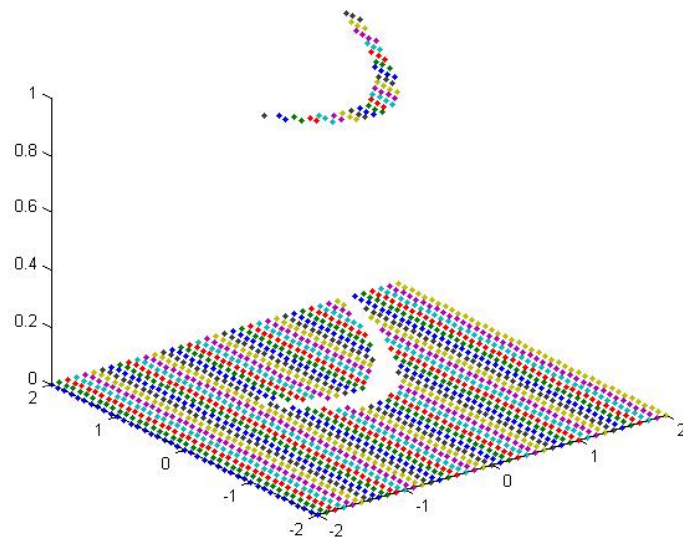
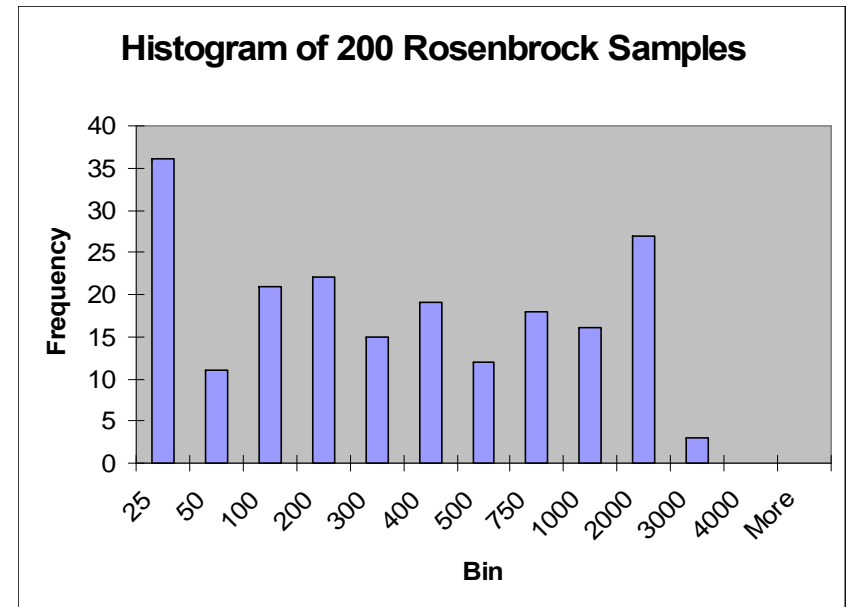
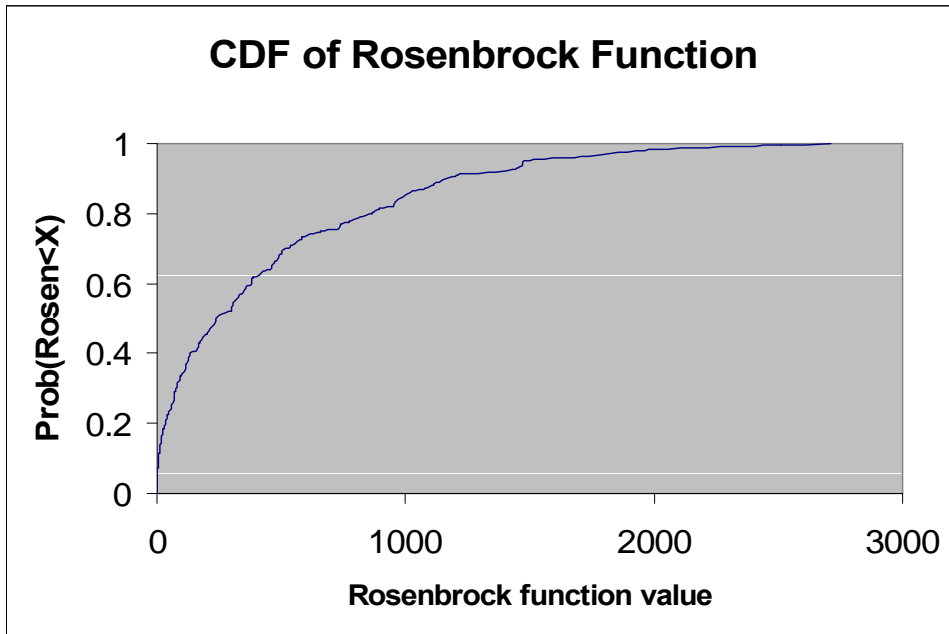
# Common UQ Method: Random Sampling



- Assume distributions on the uncertain input values
  - Sample from those distributions
  - Run the model with the sampled values
- Repeat to build up a distribution of the outputs.



# Probability of Failure, e.g., $P(\text{rosenbrock} < 3)$





# Class Exercise: UQ with Sampling

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- Recall higher level goal: determine mean system response, variability, margin to failure
- **GOAL:** Perform UQ on Rosenbrock using sampling:
  - Different seed values. *How do the failure probabilities differ?*
  - Different numbers of samples. *What happens to the confidence intervals on the mean and standard deviation as the number of samples increases or decreases from 200?*
  - Different distributions?
    - Instead of uniform on  $[-2,2]$  try a normal distribution for both variables, with mean 0 and standard deviation 0.5
    - What do you expect would happen when changing from uniform to normal?
    - What if the normal distributions have mean 1?
- **Build from scratch or see:**  
`examples/tutorial/dakota_rosenbrock_nond.in`



## Other UQ methods

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- Reliability Methods: Focus on finding the probability of failure by transforming the UQ problem to an optimization problem.

$$p_f = \int \dots \int_{g(x) < 0} f_X(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$$

- Stochastic Expansion (e.g. Polynomial Chaos)
  - Represent the uncertain output as a stochastic process, specifically as a spectral expansion in terms of suitable orthogonal polynomials

$$f(X) \approx R = \sum_{j=0}^P a_j H_j(\xi)$$

- Interval Analysis: Given interval bounds on the inputs, determine interval bounds on the outputs (optimization vs. sampling)
- Second-order Probability: Epistemic “outer loop” and aleatory “inner loop)
- Dempster-Shafer: Propagate “belief structures” on inputs to outputs



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# EXTRA SLIDES



# Example Input/Output: Sampling

```
strategy,
  single_method
  graphics
  tabular_graphics_data
```

```
method,
  nond_sampling
  samples = 200 seed = 17
  sample_type random
  response_levels = 100.0
```

```
model,
  single
```

```
variables,
  uniform_uncertain = 2
  lower_bounds -2.0 -2.0
  upper_bounds 2.0 2.0
  descriptor s 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface,
  direct
  analysis_driver = 'rosenbrock'
```

```
responses,
  num_response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

Statistics based on 200 samples:

Moments for each response function:

response\_fn\_1: Mean = 4.43855e+02 Std. Dev. = 5.88920e+02 Coeff. of Variation = 1.32683e+00

95% confidence intervals for each response function:

response\_fn\_1: Mean = ( 3.61736e+02, 5.25973e+02 ), Std Dev = ( 5.36308e+02, 6.53068e+02 )

Probabilities for each response function:

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) for response\_fn\_1:

Response Level	Probability Level	Reliability Index	General Rel Index
1.0000000000e+02	3.7000000000e-01		

Simple Correlation Matrix among all inputs and outputs:

	x1	x2	response_fn_1
x1	1.00000e+00		
x2	-4.33667e-03	1.00000e+00	
response_fn_1	6.45646e-02	-4.81363e-01	1.00000e+00

Partial Correlation Matrix between input and output:

	response_fn_1
x1	7.12791e-02
x2	-4.82094e-01

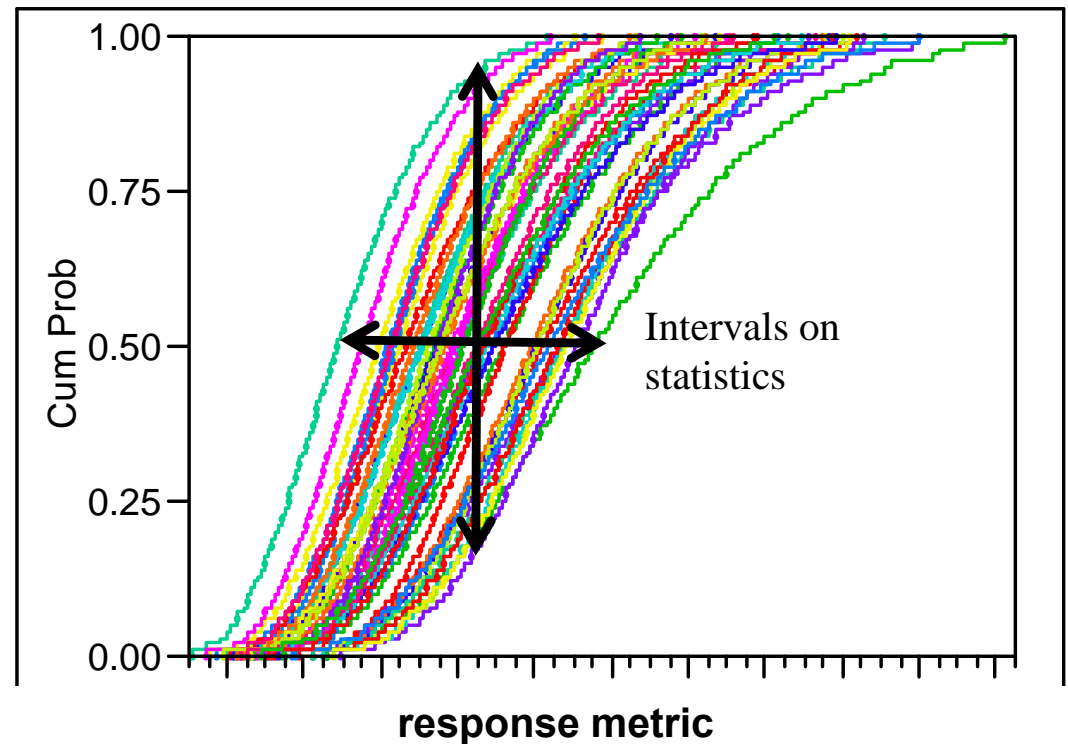
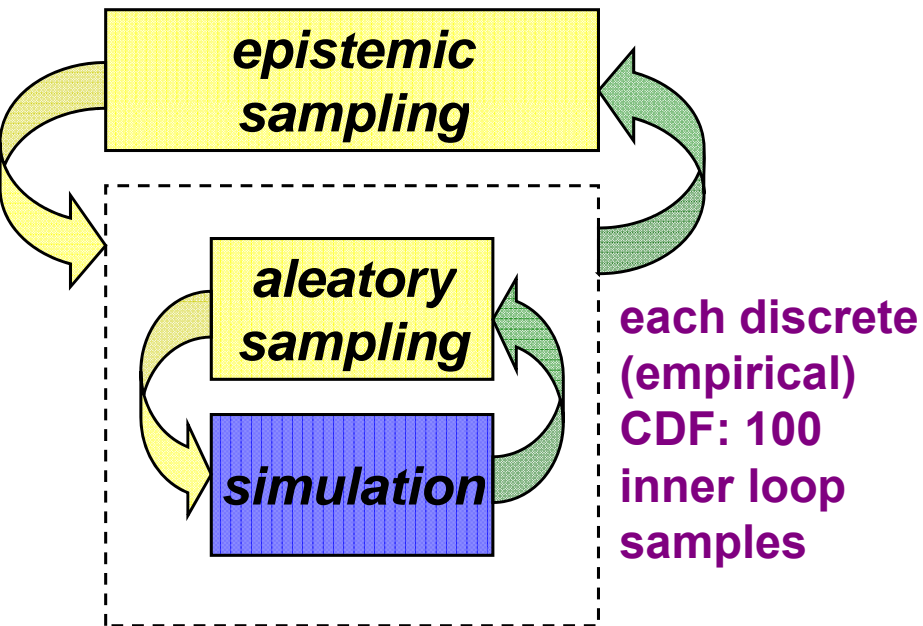
Sampling Output



# Second-order Probability

- For each outer loop sample of epistemic (interval) variables, run an inner loop UQ study over aleatory (probability) variables

50 outer loop samples  
→ 50 CDF traces



*“Envelope” of CDF traces represents response epistemic uncertainty*

# Example Input: Second-Order Probability



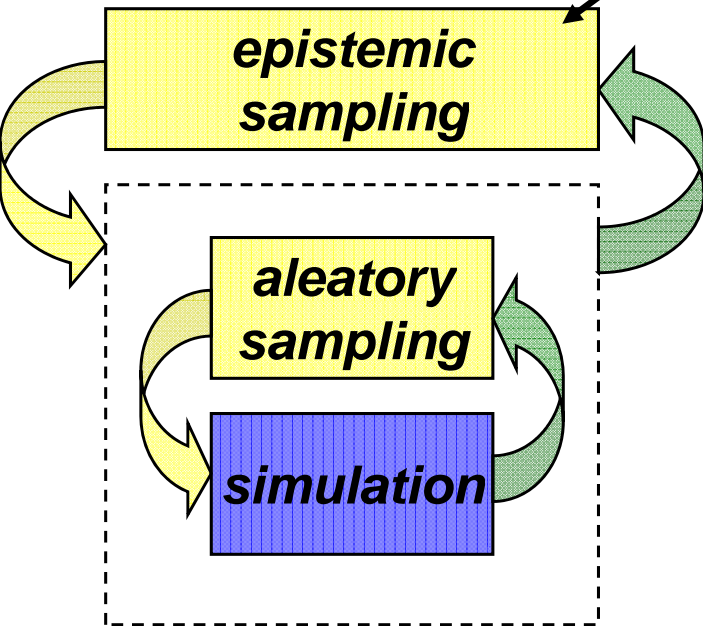
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method,
    id_method = 'EPISTEMIC'
    model_pointer = 'EPIST_M'
    nond_sampling samples = 50 seed = 12347

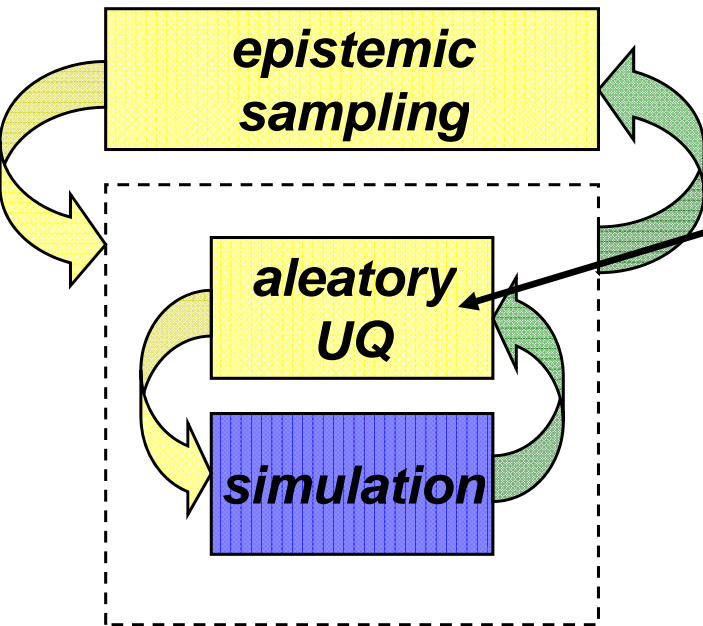
model,
    id_model = 'EPIST_M'
    nested
        variables_pointer = 'EPIST_V'
        sub_method_pointer = 'ALEATORY'
        responses_pointer = 'EPIST_R'
        primary_variable_mapping = 'X' 'Y'
        secondary_variable_mapping = 'mean' 'mean'
        primary_response_mapping = 1. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.
                                   0. 0. 0. 0. 1. 0. 0. 0. 0.
                                   0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 1.

variables,
    id_variables = 'EPIST_V'
    interval_uncertain = 2
    num_intervals = 1 1
    interval_probs = 1.0 1.0
    interval_bounds = 400. 600. 800. 1200.
    descriptors      'X_mean' 'Y_mean'

responses,
    id_responses = 'EPIST_R'
    num_response_functions = 3
    response_descriptors = 'mean_wt' 'ccdf_beta_s' 'ccdf_beta_d'
    
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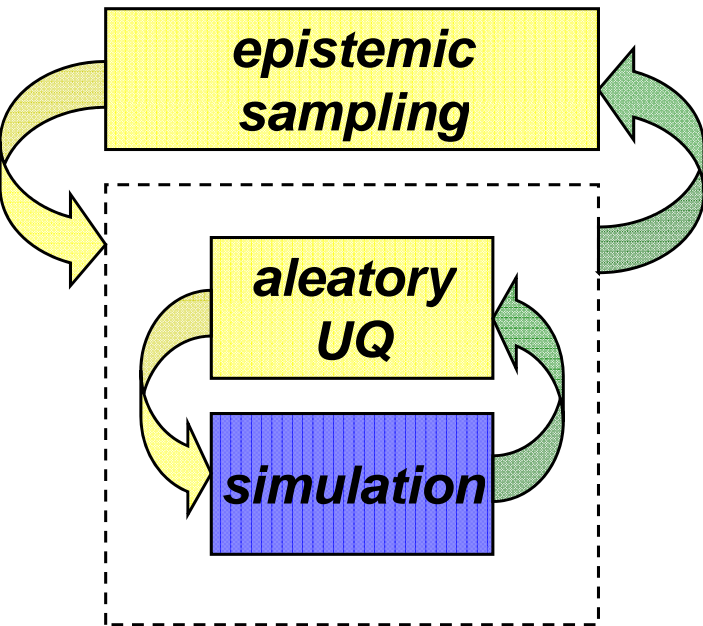


# Example Input: Second-Order Probability



```
method,  
    id_method = 'ALEATORY'  
    model_pointer = 'ALEAT_M'  
    nond_local_reliability  
    mpp_search no_approx  
    num_response_levels = 0 1 1  
    response_levels = 0.0 0.0  
    compute reliabilities complementary distribution  
  
model,  
    id_model = 'ALEAT_M'  
    single  
    variables_pointer = 'ALEAT_V'  
    interface_pointer = 'ALEAT_I'  
    responses_pointer = 'ALEAT_R'  
  
variables,  
    id_variables = 'ALEAT_V'  
    continuous_design = 2  
    initial_point 2.4522 3.8826  
    descriptors'beam_width' 'beam_thickness'  
    normal_uncertain = 4  
    means        = 40000. 29.E+6 500. 1000.  
    std_deviations = 2000. 1.45E+6 100. 100.  
    descriptors   = 'R' 'E' 'X' 'Y'  
  
responses,  
    id_responses = 'ALEAT_R'  
    num_response_functions = 3  
    response_descriptors = 'weight' 'stress' 'displ'
```

# Example Output: Second-Order Probability



```
<<<<< Iterator nond_sampling completed.  
<<<<< Function evaluation summary (ALEAT_I): 971 total (971 new, 0 duplicate)
```

Statistics based on 50 samples:

Min and Max values for each response function:

mean\_wt: Min = 9.5209117200e+00 Max = 9.5209117200e+00

ccdf\_beta\_s: Min = 1.8001336086e+00 Max = 4.0744019409e+00

ccdf\_beta\_d: Min = 1.9403177486e+00 Max = 3.7628144053e+00

Simple Correlation Matrix between input and output:

	mean_wt	ccdf_beta_s	ccdf_beta_d
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X_mean	9.40220e-16	-6.38145e-01	-9.14016e-01
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Y_mean	1.38778e-15	-7.93481e-01	-4.39133e-01
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# Reliability Analysis

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- Assume that the probability of failure is based on a specific performance criterion which is a function of random variables, denoted  $X_i$ .
- The performance function is described by  $Z$ :  
$$Z = g(X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n)$$
- The failure surface or limit state is defined as  $Z = 0$ . It is a boundary between safe and unsafe regions in a parameter space.
- Now we have a more general form of  $P_{\text{failure}}$ :

$$p_f = P(\text{failure}) = P(Z < 0)$$

$$p_f = \int \dots \int_{g() < 0} f_X(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$$



# Most Probable Point Methods

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- Transform the uncertainty propagation problem into an optimization one: first transform all of the non-normal random variables into independent, unit normal variables. Then, find the point on the limit state surface with minimum distance to the origin.
- The point is called the Most Probable Point (MPP). The minimum distance,  $\beta$ , is called the safety index or reliability index.
- $X$  is often called the original space,  $U$  is the transformed space.

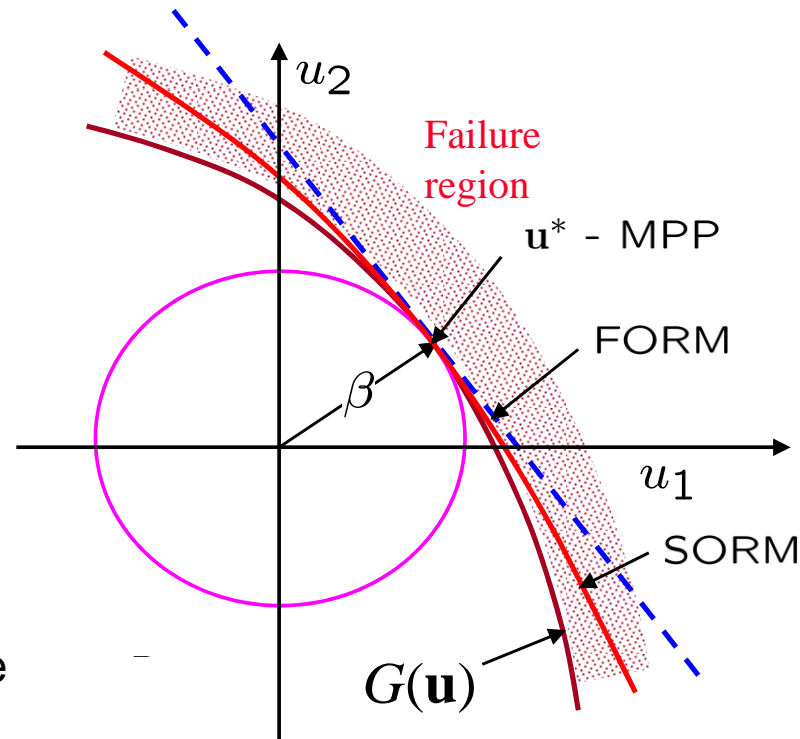
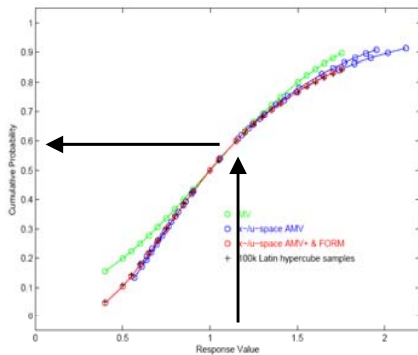


# MPP Search Methods

## Reliability Index Approach (RIA)

minimize  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u}$   
 subject to  $G(\mathbf{u}) = \bar{z}$

Find min dist to  $G$  level curve  
 Used for fwd map  $z \rightarrow p/\beta$

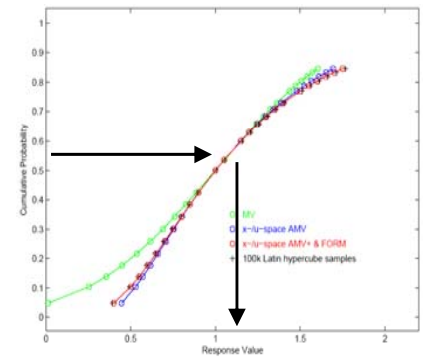


Nataf  $x \rightarrow u$ :  
 $\Phi(z_i) = F(x_i)$   
 $z = \mathbf{L}u$

## Performance Measure Approach (PMA)

minimize  $\pm G(\mathbf{u})$   
 subject to  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = \bar{\beta}^2$

Find min  $G$  at  $\beta$  radius  
 Used for inv map  $p/\beta \rightarrow z$





# Local Reliability Example

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- **Compare sampling methods to local reliability methods (modify `dakota_rosenbrock_nond.in` or see `examples/methods/dakota_uq_reliability.in`)**



# Example Input/Output: Reliability

```
strategy,
  single_method graphics

method,
  nond_local_reliability
  mpp_search no_approx
  response_levels = .4 .5 .55 .6 .65 .7 .75 .8 .85
.9 1. 1.05 1.15 1.2 1.25 1.3 1.35 1.4 1.5 1.55 1.6 1.65
1.7 1.75
```

```
variables,
  lognormal_uncertain = 2
  means = 1. 1
  std_deviations = 0.5 0.5
  descriptors = 'TF1ln' 'TF2ln'
  uncertain_correlation_matrix = 1 0.3
                                0.3 1
```

```
interface,
  system asynch
  analysis_driver = 'log_ratio'
```

```
responses,
  num_response_functions = 1
  numerical_gradients
  method_source dakota
  interval_type central
  fd_gradient_step_size = 1.e-4
```

```
<<<<< Iterator nond_local_reliability completed.
<<<<< Function evaluation summary: 657 total (561 new, 96 duplicate)
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Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) for response\_fn\_1:

Response Level Probability Level Reliability Index General Rel Index

Response Level	Probability Level	Reliability Index	General Rel Index
4.0000000000e-01	4.7624085962e-02	1.6683404020e+00	1.6683404020e+00
5.0000000000e-01	1.0346525475e-01	1.2620507942e+00	1.2620507942e+00
5.5000000000e-01	1.3818404972e-01	1.0885143628e+00	1.0885143628e+00
6.0000000000e-01	1.7616275822e-01	9.3008801339e-01	9.3008801339e-01
6.5000000000e-01	2.1641741368e-01	7.8434989944e-01	7.8434989944e-01
7.0000000000e-01	2.5803428381e-01	6.4941748143e-01	6.4941748143e-01
7.5000000000e-01	3.0020938124e-01	5.2379840557e-01	5.2379840557e-01
8.0000000000e-01	3.4226491013e-01	4.0628960782e-01	4.0628960782e-01
8.5000000000e-01	3.8365052982e-01	2.9590705956e-01	2.9590705956e-01
9.0000000000e-01	4.2393548232e-01	1.9183562480e-01	1.9183562480e-01
1.0000000000e+00	5.0000000000e-01	4.7212046773e-12	4.7212177145e-12

...

Reliability Output



# Interval Analysis

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- **Very simple approach, often used to model epistemic uncertainties (e.g. lack of knowledge uncertainties where you can only specify an upper and lower bound on the value of a variable, not a distribution)**
- **Transform the problem into two optimizations:**
  - Find min over bounded domain
  - Find max over bounded domain
- **Customized approach uses an adaptive, Gaussian process and an optimization method which exploits properties of the GP to place points where they most “inform” the optimization**



# Interval Analysis Example

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- Run `test/dakota_uq_cantilever_interval.in`
- Look at results from method `nond_global_interval_est lhs` vs. `nond_global_interval_est ego`

INTERVAL ANALYSIS based on LHS

<<<<< Function evaluation summary: 100 total (100 new, 0 duplicate)

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Min and Max estimated values for each response function:

weight: Min = 1.6910009299e+00 Max = 8.8008981270e+01

stress: Min = -9.7304216538e-01 Max = 9.0566017044e+00

displ: Min = -9.9149236815e-01 Max = 2.1569369595e+01  
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INTERVAL ANALYSIS based on EGO

<<<<< Function evaluation summary: 87 total (86 new, 1 duplicate)

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Min and Max estimated values for each response function:

weight: Min = 1.0000169352e+00 Max = 9.9999830649e+01

stress: Min = -9.7749982853e-01 Max = 2.1499428450e+01

displ: Min = -9.9315677360e-01 Max = 6.7429714485e+01  
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# Polynomial Chaos Expansions (PCE)



- Represent a stochastic process (the uncertain output  $f(X)$ ) as a spectral expansion in terms of suitable orthonormal eigenfunctions with weights associated with a particular density

$$f(X) \approx R = \sum_{j=0}^P a_j H_j(\xi)$$

- The uncertain output  $f(X)$  is approximated by finite dimensional series based on unit Gaussian distributions
- In the expansion, the  $H$  terms are Hermite polynomials (multi-dimensional orthogonal polynomials), the  $\xi$  are standard normal random variables, and the coefficients  $a_j$  are deterministic but unknown.
- The job of PCE is to determine the coefficients  $a_j$ . Then, one has an approximation that can be sampled many times to calculate desired statistics



# Example Input/Output: PCE

```
strategy,
  single_method
```

```
method,
  nond_polynomial_chaos
  expansion_order = 4 2
  quadrature_order = 5 3
  samples = 10000
  seed = 12347
  response_levels =
  .1 1. 50. 100.
  500. 1000.
```

```
variables,
  uniform_uncertain = 2
  lower_bounds = -2. -2.
  upper_bounds = 2. 2.
  descriptors = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface,
  direct
  analysis_driver = 'rosenbrock'
```

```
responses,
  num_response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

<<<<< Function evaluation summary: 15 total (15 new, 0 duplicate)

Polynomial Chaos coefficients for response\_fn\_1:

```
coefficient u1 u2
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4.5566666667e+02 P0 P0
-4.0000000000e+00 P1 P0
9.1695238095e+02 P2 P0
```

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Statistics derived analytically from polynomial expansion:

Moments for each response function:

response\_fn\_1: Mean = 4.5566666667e+02 Std. Dev. = 6.0656024184e+02 Coeff. of Variation = 1.3311490311e+00

Sensitivities for each response function evaluated at uncertain variable means:

response\_fn\_1: [ -2.0000000000e+00 2.4505397711e-13 ]

Statistics based on 10000 samples performed on polynomial expansion:

Probabilities for each response function:

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) for response\_fn\_1:

```
Response Level Probability Level Reliability Index General Rel Index
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1.0000000000e-01 1.9000000000e-03
1.0000000000e+00 1.3600000000e-02
5.0000000000e+01 2.4390000000e-01 ...
```