

Scalability of Global UQ Methods

For production UQ analyses, we prefer fast converging global methods:

- local approximate methods (reliability methods, moment-based methods) exhibit significant errors in presence of multimodal/nonsmooth/highly nonlinear responses
- MC/LHS are robust with dimension-independent convergence rates, but rates can be unacceptably slow

Spectral methods (e.g., PCE) provide a more effective balance of robustness and efficiency, especially when solution smoothness can be exploited

Exponential growth in expansion cardinality with n and p , and collocation requirements are \geq the number of terms

To mitigate the curse of dimensionality:

- *A priori* model reduction methods (e.g., POD, Karhunen-Loeve) or other surrogate techniques (e.g., multifidelity)
- Goal-oriented adaptive refinement to reduce effective dimension
- Adjoint techniques [given n (random dimension) $>$ m (response QoI)]
- Sparsity detection methods: compressive sensing, least interpolation

Primary focus is stochastic exp., but other adaptive sampling efforts are related (and can be leveraged within an abstract refinement framework: EGRA, GPAIS, k-d darts, Morse-Smale)

Non-Intrusive Stochastic Expansions: Polynomial Chaos and Stochastic Collocation

Polynomial chaos: spectral projection using orthogonal polynomial basis fns

$$R = \sum_{j=0}^P \alpha_j \Psi_j(\xi)$$

using

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_0(\xi) &= \psi_0(\xi_1) \psi_0(\xi_2) = 1 \\ \Psi_1(\xi) &= \psi_1(\xi_1) \psi_0(\xi_2) = \xi_1 \\ \Psi_2(\xi) &= \psi_0(\xi_1) \psi_1(\xi_2) = \xi_2 \\ \Psi_3(\xi) &= \psi_2(\xi_1) \psi_0(\xi_2) = \xi_1^2 - 1 \\ \Psi_4(\xi) &= \psi_1(\xi_1) \psi_1(\xi_2) = \xi_1 \xi_2 \\ \Psi_5(\xi) &= \psi_0(\xi_1) \psi_2(\xi_2) = \xi_2^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_j = \frac{\langle R, \Psi_j \rangle}{\langle \Psi_j^2 \rangle} = \frac{1}{\langle \Psi_j^2 \rangle} \int_{\Omega} R \Psi_j \varrho(\xi) d\xi$$

$$\langle \Psi_j^2 \rangle = \prod_{i=1}^n \langle \psi_{m_i}^2 \rangle$$

- Estimate α_j using regression or numerical integration: sampling, tensor quadrature, sparse grids, or cubature

Stochastic collocation: instead of estimating coefficients for known basis functions, form interpolants for known coefficients

- Global:** Lagrange (values) or Hermite (values+derivatives)
- Local:** linear (values) or cubic (values+gradients) splines

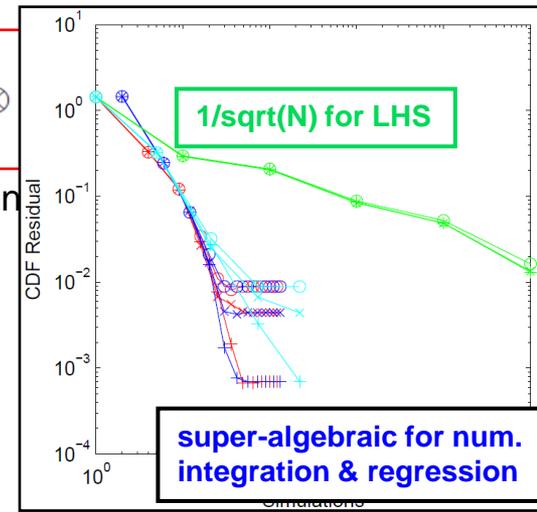
$$R = \sum_{j=1}^{N_p} r_j L_j(\xi)$$

$$L_i = \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^m \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j}$$



$$R(\xi) \cong \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_{i_1}} \cdots \sum_{j_n=1}^{m_{i_n}} r(\xi_{j_1}^{i_1}, \dots, \xi_{j_n}^{i_n}) (L_{j_1}^{i_1} \otimes \dots \otimes L_{j_n}^{i_n})$$

Sparse interpolants formed using Σ of tensor in

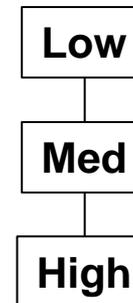


- Taylor expansion form:**
 - p-refinement: anisotropic tensor/sparse, generalized sparse
 - h-refinement: local bases with dimension & local refinement
- Method selection:** fault tolerance, decay, sparsity, error est.

Core-Enabled UQ: Multiple Model Forms

Same physics:

- a clear hierarchy of fidelity (low to high) → multifidelity UQ
- an ensemble of models that could all be credible (lacking a clear preference structure) → model form uncertainty (inadequate data), model selection (rich data)



Additional dimension(s) for multi-{physics,scale}

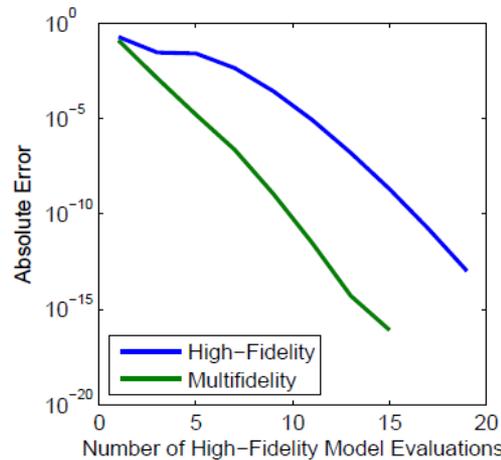
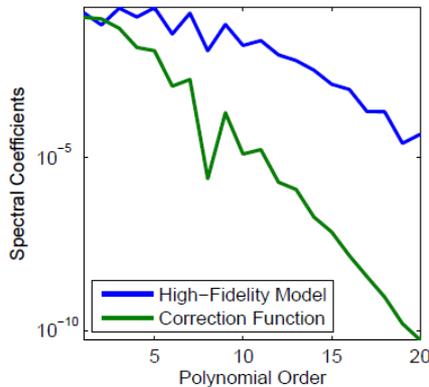
Multifidelity UQ using Stochastic Expansions

Multifidelity UQ through stochastic expansion of model discrepancy:

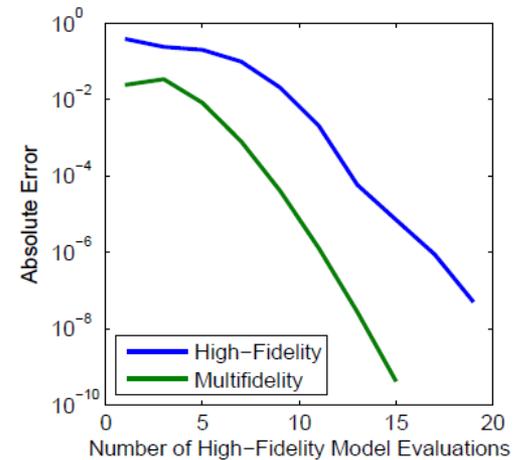
- Extension of multifidelity opt methods that converge to local HF optimum based on local corrections
- Converge to global HF statistics based on global corrections (0th/1st consistency @HF collocation pts)

$$\hat{f}_{hi}(\xi) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_{lo}} f_{lo}(\xi_j) L_j(\xi) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{hi}} \Delta f(\xi_j) L_j(\xi)$$

$$N_{lo} \gg N_{hi}$$



(a) Error in mean



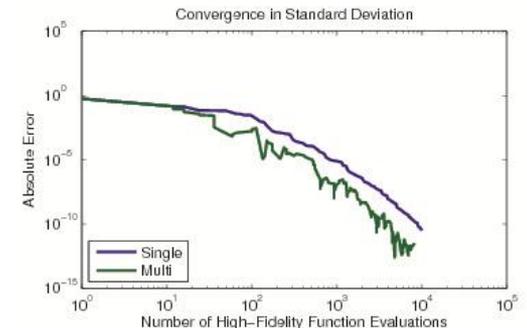
(b) Error in standard deviation

$$R_{high}(\xi) = e^{-0.05\xi^2} \cos 0.5\xi - 0.5e^{-0.02(\xi-5)^2}$$

$$R_{low}(\xi) = e^{-0.05\xi^2} \cos 0.5\xi,$$

Adaptive algorithm balances LF/HF cost and targets regions where LF predictive capabilities break down:

- Greedy selection of index sets for LF or model discrepancy based on $\Delta QOI/\Delta Cost$



Multifidelity UQ with stochastic expansions

- A hierarchical approximation: resolve expansions for LF and ≥ 1 levels of model discrepancy
 - leverage information from less expensive low & medium-fidelity models
- Adaptive multifidelity algorithm \rightarrow further generalization to generalized sparse grids
 - target regions where predictive capability of LF model breaks down
 - greedy selection of candidates that provide the greatest benefit to HF QoI per unit cost

Performance

- Ideal LF model for multifidelity UQ would result in discrepancy with the following properties:
 - discrepancy has lower complexity than HF model (spectrum of coefficients of discrepancy expansion decays more rapidly than HF expansion) \rightarrow faster convergence rate (affects exponent)
 - discrepancy has lower variance than HF model \rightarrow reduction in initial error (affects leading constant)
- Examples with good LF models \rightarrow short column R_{low1} , elliptic PDE $|x_n - L| < Cn^{-p}$
 - $\sim 80\%$ reduction in HF evals for comparable statistical accuracy
- In non-ideal cases, LF model is non-informative or omits/introduces high order information
 - horn acoustics: multifidelity performance did not degrade significantly from single-fidelity performance, as algorithm can fall back to reliance on resolving the original HF trends
- Additional directions:
 - adaptively discarding models from the hierarchy that are not providing value (low selection rate)
 - basis pursuit approaches (compressive sensing) that can directly target high-order discrepancy while benefiting from LF capture of low order trends

Current Focus: VAWT Performance Modeling

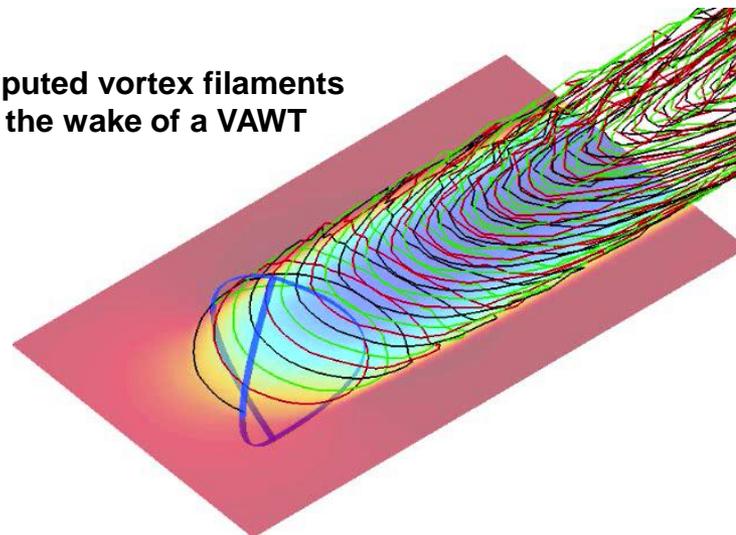
Vertical-axis Wind Turbine (VAWT)



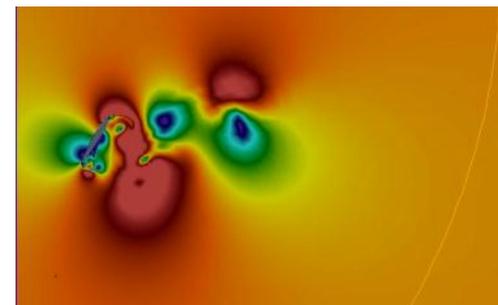
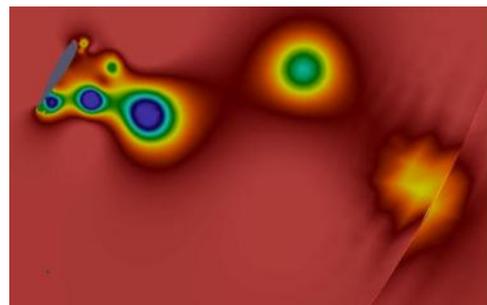
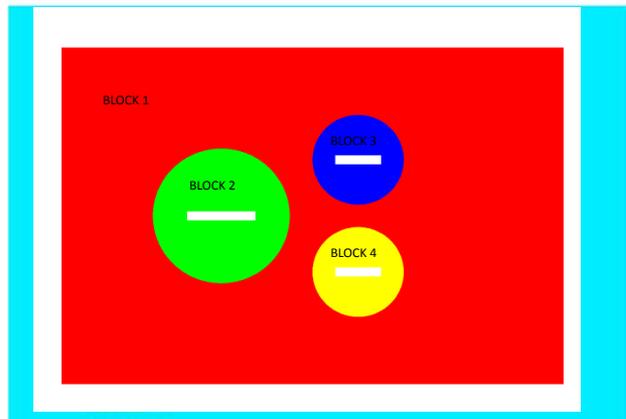
Low fidelity

CACTUS: Code for Axial and Crossflow Turbine Simulation

Computed vortex filaments
in the wake of a VAWT



High fidelity: DG formulation for LES



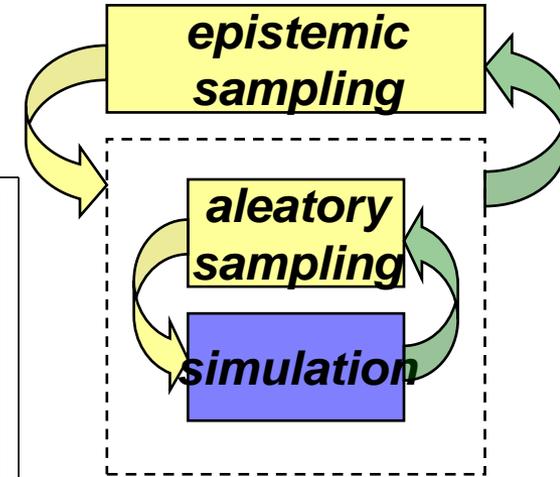
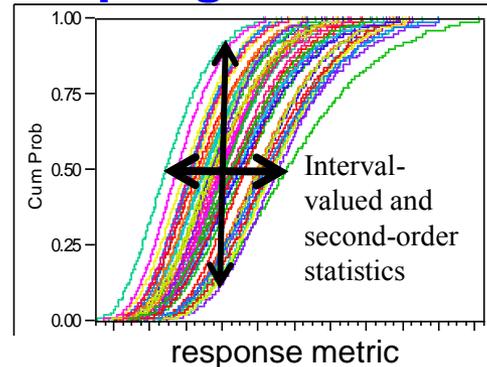
Model Form Uncertainty Propagation

Mixed Aleatory-Epistemic UQ with Discrete Epistemic Model Forms

Epistemic uncertainty (aka: subjective, reducible, lack of knowledge uncertainty): insufficient info to specify objective probability distributions

Traditional approach: nested sampling

- Expensive sims → under-resolved sampling (especially @ outer loop)
- Under-prediction of credible outcomes



Algorithmic approaches

- Interval-valued probability (IVP), aka probability bounds analysis (PBA)
- Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence (DSTE)
- Second-order probability (SOP), aka probability of frequency

Increasing epistemic structure (stronger assumptions)

Address accuracy and efficiency

- Inner loop: stochastic exp. that are epistemic-aware (aleatory, combined)
- Outer loop:
 - IVP, DSTE: opt-based interval estimation, global (EGO) or local (NLP)
 - SOP: nested stochastic exp. (nested expectation is only post-processing in special cases)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & M(s) \\ \text{subject to} & s_L \leq s \leq s_U \\ \\ \text{maximize} & M(s) \\ \text{subject to} & s_L \leq s \leq s_U \end{array}$$

Mixed Aleatory-Epistemic UQ: IVP, SOP, and DSTE based on Stochastic Expansions

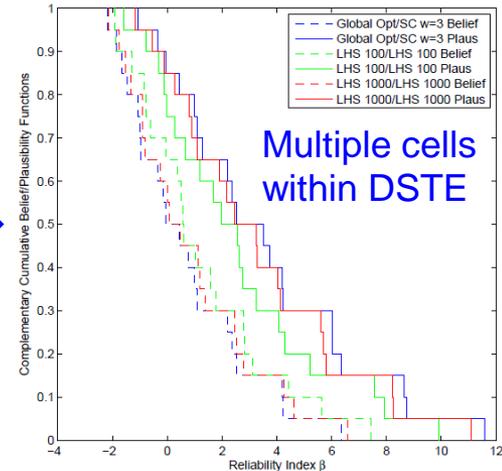
IVP SC SSG Aleatory: β interval converged to 5-6 digits by 300-400 evals

Interv Est Approach	UQ Approach	Expansion Variables	Evaluations (Fn, Grad)	Area	β
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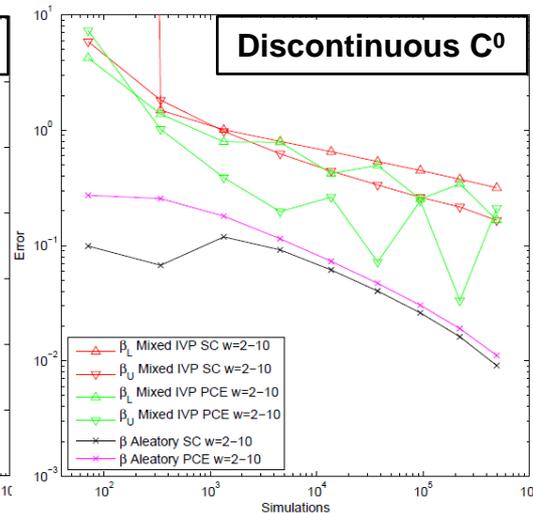
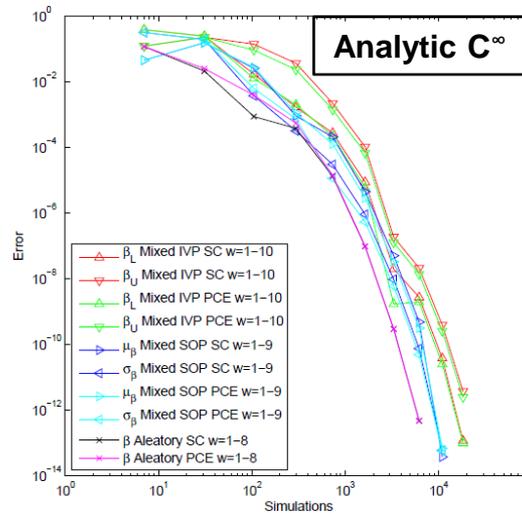
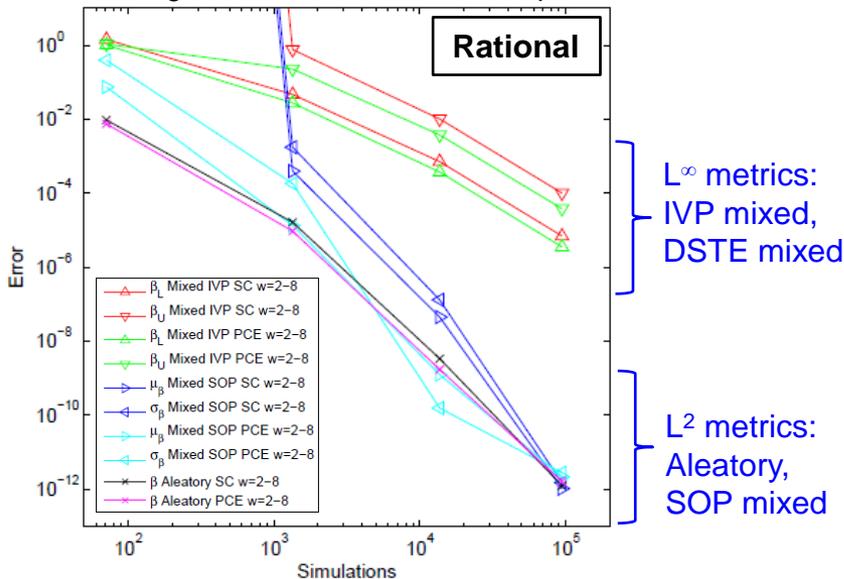
IVP nested LHS sampling: converged to 2-3 digits by 10^8 evals

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LHS 10^4	LHS 10^4	N/A	($10^8/10^8$, 0/0)	[76.4755, 373.935]	[-2.16323, 11.5593]

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Convergence rates for combined expansions



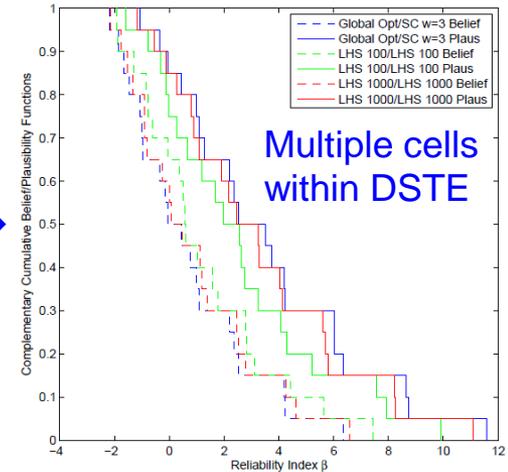
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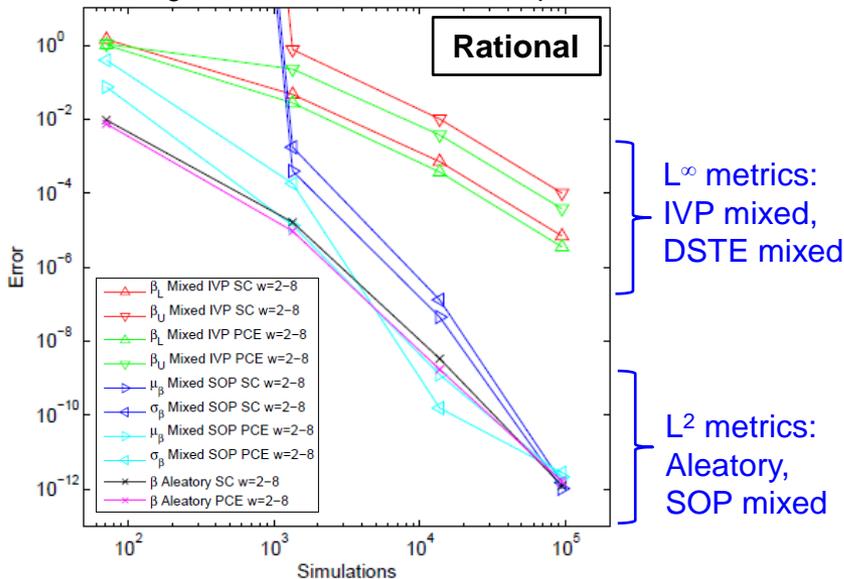
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Impact: render mixed UQ studies practical for large-scale applications

Current:

- Global or local opt. for epistemic intervals
→ accuracy or scaling w/ epistemic dimension
- Global or local UQ for aleatory statistics
→ accuracy or scaling w/ aleatory dimension

Future:

- adaptive and adjoint-enhanced global methods
→ accuracy and scaling

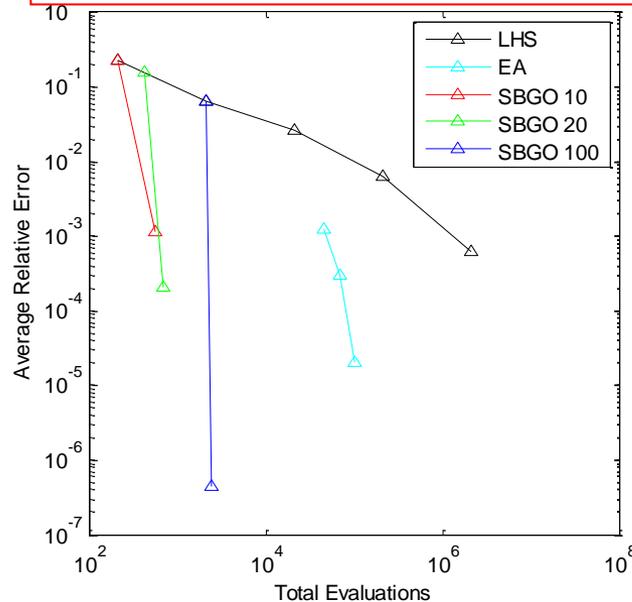
Addition of Discrete Epistemic Model Form

MINLP interval estimation approaches

- Latin hypercube sampling (LHS)
- Evolutionary algorithm (EA)
- Surrogate-based global optimization (SBGO)

$$\text{Form 1: } f_1 = 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2$$

$$\text{Form 2: } f_2 = 100(x_2 - x_1^2 + .2)^2 + (0.8 - x_1)^2$$

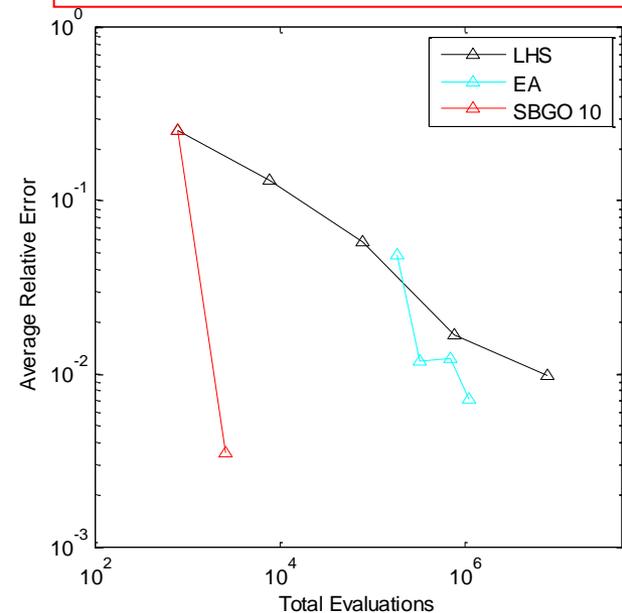


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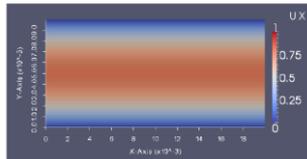
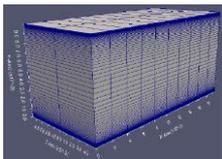
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$$\text{Form 3: } f_3 = 1 - \frac{4M}{bt^2Y} - \left(\frac{M}{bhY}\right)^2$$

$$\text{Form 4: } f_4 = 1 - \frac{4M}{bt^2Y} - \left(\frac{P}{bhY}\right)^2 - \frac{4(P-M)}{bhY}$$



Drekar RANS turbulence: Spalart-Allmaras, k-ε



Method	Outer Evals	Total Evals	μ_{ux}	$\mu_{pressure}$
LHS	10	250	[0.727604, 2.78150]	[32.6109, 282.237]
SBGO	17	425	[0.622869, 4.44624]	[21.7321, 297.957]