

# Polynomial Chaos Expansion for Uncertainties Quantification and Sensitivity Analysis

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# Introduction

Uncertainties quantification in numerical simulation by Polynomial Chaos expansion is a technic which has been used recently for numerous problems.

This method can also be used in global sensitivity analysis by the approximation of sensitivity indices.

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# Uncertainty and sensitivity analysis by PC

# Uncertainty analysis

Uncertainty analysis from PC coefficients is immediate :

- The expectation and the variance of the process are given by  
 $E\{y(x, t)\} = \beta_0(x, t)$  and  
 $E\{(y(x, t) - E\{y(x, t)\})^2\} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta_k^2(x, t) \|\Psi_k\|^2.$
- Higher moments too.
- Fractiles and density estimation can be calculated by Monte-Carlo simulations of the PC surrogate model

$$y(x, t, \xi) \approx \sum_{k=0}^P \beta_k(x, t) \Psi_k(\xi)$$

(only polynomials to be computed : not the full model).

# Global Sensitivity Analysis

The computation of sensitivity indices from PC coefficients is also immediate.

Indeed we know exactly the Sobol decomposition of the PCs.

So thanks to **orthogonality** of the basis and **linearity** of the PC expansion one can immediately deduce the Sobol decomposition of the PC expansion.

# Sobol decomposition of the PC surrogate model

- For each integrable function  $f$ , there is a unique decomposition :

$$f(\xi) = \sum_{u \subseteq \{1,2,\dots,d\}} f_u(\xi_u), \quad (\text{Sobol}1993)$$

with  $f_\emptyset = f_0$ .

- The Sobol decomposition of a truncated PC expansion  $\hat{y}$  is,

$$\hat{y}(\xi) = \sum_{u \subseteq \{1,2,\dots,d\}} \hat{y}_u(\xi_u) = \sum_{k=0}^P \hat{\beta}_k \Psi_k(\xi)$$

- The terms of the decomposition are

$$\hat{y}_u(\xi_u) = \sum_{k \in K_u} \hat{\beta}_k \Psi_k(\xi)$$

with  $K = \{0, 1, \dots, P\}$ ,  $K_u := \{k \in K \mid \Psi_k(\xi) = \Psi_k(\xi = \xi_u)\}$   
and  $\hat{y}_\emptyset = \hat{\beta}_0 \Psi_0$

# Sensitivity indices

Sensitivity indices are calculated with the formula

$$S_u = \frac{\sigma_u^2}{\sigma_{\hat{y}}^2}$$

Where  $\sigma_{\hat{y}}^2$  is

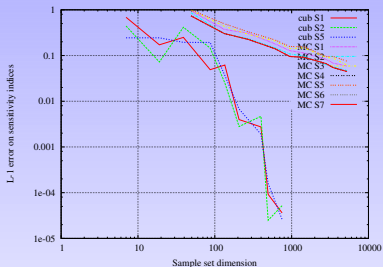
$$\sigma_{\hat{y}}^2 = \sum_{u \subseteq \{1,2,\dots,d\} \setminus \emptyset} \sigma_u^2$$

and  $\sigma_u^2$  are explicits for PC expansions

$$\sigma_u^2 = \int \hat{y}_u^2(\xi) p(\xi) d\xi = \sum_{k \in K_u} \hat{\beta}_k^2 \|\Psi_k\|^2$$

# Example : Homma-Saltelli

$$f(\xi) = \sin(\xi_1) + 7\sin^2(\xi_2) + 0.1\xi_3^4\sin(\xi_1) .$$



**FIG.:** L-1 error sensitivity indices computed by PC coefficients and Monte-Carlo simulation vs. the sample set dimension

- $\beta_k$  computed by NISP using Smolyak cubature.
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## Example : Saltelli-Sobol, non smooth function

$$g(\xi) = \prod_{i=1}^p (|4\xi_i - 2| + a_i) / (1 + a_i), a_i = (i - 1)/2, p = 5 .$$

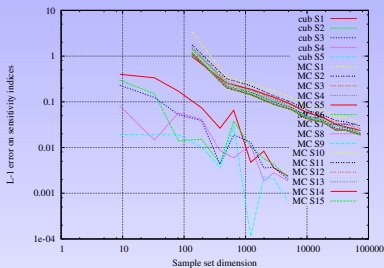


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# Application : Advection-dispersion in a porous media



# Equation of advection-dispersion

$$(1 + R)\theta \frac{\partial C}{\partial t}(z, t) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( qC(z, t) - \theta(D_0 + \lambda|q|) \frac{\partial C}{\partial z}(z, t) \right),$$

(+ Initial and boundary conditions).

## Deterministic input

- $R \geq 0$  decay rate,
- $q$  Darcy velocity,
- $\theta \in ]0, 1]$  porosity,
- $D_0$  mol. diffusivity.

## Input uncertainties

$\lambda$  hydrodynamic dispersion coefficient :

$$\lambda = a\theta^b,$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  random

$$\log(a) \sim \mathcal{U}([10^{-4}, 10^{-2}]), \quad b \sim \mathcal{U}([-3.5, -1]).$$

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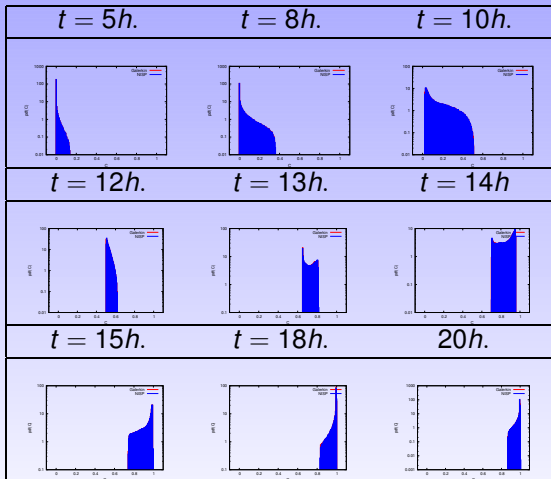


FIG.: Comparison between pdf of the concentration at  $x = 0.5$  for different times obtained by Galerkin and NISP ( $no = 6$ ).

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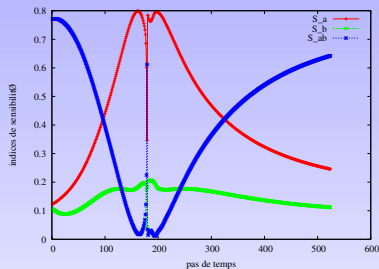


FIG.: Sensitivity indices computed thanks to the PC coefficients computed vs. time

# Conclusion

## Summary

- Alternative techniques (intrusive / non-intrusive) available for practical determination of PC coefficients ;
- PC expansion contains a great deal of information in a convenient compact format ;
- Global sensitivity analysis proceeds immediately from PC expansion ;
- Limited to low-moderate dimensionality of the input uncertainty ;
- Issues in application to non-smooth processes (remedy : use non-smooth basis).

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## Perspectives

- Improvement of non-intrusive methods (development of efficient adaptive quadrature techniques, automatic enrichment of sample sets using active learning techniques) ;
- Reduced basis approximation ;
- Application to industrial problems ;
- Application to identification and optimization problems.