Calibration of a PDE system for thermal regulation of an aircraft cabin

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Installation of equipment in avionic bay requires the specification of equipment thermal environment





Figure : Aircraft & Equipment - Avionic bay

- Need to provide convection coefficients around the equipment...
- I... For a robust equipment conception



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PHASE I Model Calibration **PHASE II** Thermal Analyses



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Input/Output model view

Equation & Boundary Conditions induce an Input/Output system

 $\mathcal{H}((\tau, T_{Skin}), h_{C})$.

In particular, the post-processing providing convection coefficients is some function $h((\tau, T_{Skin}), h_C)$.



Question ?

How to estimate h_C in presence of uncertainties (τ, T_{Skin}) ?

- We need additional information (reference measures, experimental data, etc.)
- How to model the uncertainties ?
- How to take into account uncertainties in identification procedures ?

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Mathematical formalization

 Variable of interest (induced by a PDE system)
 We call a variable of interest any quantity obtained by a post-processing of some PDE equations resolution. It takes the form

$$h(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$$
 field or scalar

where

- $X \in (\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d), P_x)$ is a random vector representing the uncertainties
- $oldsymbol{ heta} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ is the vector of parameters to identify

(in our application: $\mathbf{X} = (\tau, T_{Skin}) \in (\mathbb{R}^2, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^2), P_x)$ and $\theta = h_{\mathsf{C}} \in \mathbb{R}$)

Experimental/Reference data (also called Learning data)

It is a set of points:

- $(z_i, Y_i)_{i=1,...,N} \rightarrow \text{if } h(\mathbf{X}, \theta) \text{ is a field } z \mapsto h(\mathbf{X}, \theta)[z]$
- $(Y_l)_{l=1,\ldots,N} \rightarrow \text{if } h(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \text{ is scalar}$

(Remark: a priori, **There is not** a model linking the observation Y and the simulation $h(\mathbf{X}, \theta)$. For instance, we don't have the regression framework

$$Y = h(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) + \varepsilon$$

where ε is the model error. Indeed, we don't have joint information (\mathbf{X}_i,Y_i) !)

Calibration methods

There are two calibration methods depending on the nature of the variable of interest $h(\mathbf{X}, \theta)$, scalar or field.



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Issue: Stochastic Optimization

Principle: Minimize a quantity $\rho(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}))$ (deterministic)

- Mean : $\rho(\mathcal{J}(\mathsf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathsf{X}}(\mathcal{J}(\mathsf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}))$
- Variance : $\rho(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) = \operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}))$
- Mixed : $\rho_{\lambda}(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) + \lambda \sqrt{\operatorname{Var}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\theta}))}$

etc.

Illustration

 $\theta \mapsto \rho_{\lambda}(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}, \theta)) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}, \theta)) + \lambda \sqrt{\mathsf{Var}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}, \theta))} \text{ for different } \lambda > 0$ (deterministic function $\Leftrightarrow \theta \mapsto \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}_{nom}, \theta)$, where \mathbf{X}_{nom} is the nominal value of X)





- Stochastic/Robust Optimization
 - Large literature



• Practical algorithms

Need practical and efficient algorithms ...



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Example: Maximum-Likelihood based method

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Find θ minimizing

$$\mathcal{J}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \log \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \mathcal{K}_{b}(Y_{i} - h(\mathbf{X}_{j}, \boldsymbol{\theta})) \right) , \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{K}_{b}(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} b} e^{-y^{2}/2b^{2}}$$

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Theorem (Central Limit Theorem)

In progress !



Simulation of *h* is limited !

■ Calibration may be very greedy ...

Both calibration methods may need several computations of h involving new PDE system resolutions.

- In most of our applications, one run of h (i.e numerical resolution + post-processing) \sim 6 hours
- + So for 50 calibration algorithm iterations, we have to wait \sim 13 days !

Strategy adopted:

Replace the CPU time expensive model $h(\mathbf{X}, \theta)$ by a mathematical approximation (analytical) $\tilde{h}(\mathbf{X}, \theta)$, very cheap to evaluate.



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Meta model strategy

A well adopted strategy (among others...) :

■ Sample, Build, Validate and Replace



- Different types of meta models
 - Regression-based: (Neural network, Polynomial Chaos, Least squares, etc.)
 - Interpolation-based: (Radial Basis Functions, Gaussian processes/Kriging, etc.)
- Calibration methods only involve the metamodel, i.e one calibrates the metamodel ! (no more the PDE system...)



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Summary : global process of thermal analysis



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Conclusions & Issues

- Asymptotic study of the estimator $\hat{\theta}_{N,m}$
- Mathematical study of calibration procedures induced by the Stochastic Optimization of $\theta \mapsto \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{X}, \theta)$
- Quantify the robustness of equipment specification when considering the uncertainties
- Improve existing metamodel-based algorithms (adaptive metamodelling, on-line refinement, etc.)
- HPC capabilities for metamodel constructions
- Facilitate metamodels exportation (distribution to suppliers, etc.)
- Extend the method for Multi-Fidelity learning data (varying mesh size, etc.)



Thank you for your attention !

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