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Active learning for computational simulations: Application to TRISO fuel failure analysis

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Motivation: Computational Modeling and Simulations



Inverse modeling

35 measured 30 base case σ_{baw} 25 best estimate σ_{best} 60 NGR [%] Credit: Che et al. 2021 10 0 100 200300 400 500 Time [day]

Coupled modeling



Credit: Zhang 2020

Probabilistic ML: UQ + ML

- Data
 - High quality, small amount
 - o Low quality, large (or small) amount
- Computational simulations are inherently inaccurate (Hendrickson 2020 DOE ASCR@40)
 - Modeling uncertainties (known knowns)
 - o Epistemic uncertainties (known unknowns)
 - o Aleatoric uncertainties (unknown unknowns)
- Increased complexity with the use of ML to accelerate modeling and simulations
- UQ critical to assess the reliability of model predictions
- All models are wrong, but models that know when they're wrong are useful (Lakshminarayanan et al. 2021)



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Prediction

Prediction problem: ٠

$$y = f(x; \theta)$$

$$\theta^* = Argmin_{\theta} L \quad [= Argmax_{\theta} p(y|x; \theta)]$$

- **Blackbox prediction**
- Auxiliary mesh refinement: Baiges et al. 2019 Neural ٠ network correction term in linear algebraic equations
- **Constitutive relations:** Wang et al. 2019 Reinforcement ٠ Learning to combine phenomenological and data-driven relations
- **Physics in loss function:** Raissi et al. 2019 With training set loss, incorporate differential eq loss and IC/BC loss (Perdikaris 2020, LLNL seminar)
- Eighty Years of FEM by Liu, Li, and Park 2021

Fluid-structure interaction Credit: Baiges et al. 2019 2.5 fine → coarse trained 2.4 2.3 Tip displacement 2.2



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Heat eqn. Credit: Haghighat and Juanes 2019



Deterministic and Bayesian predictions

- Define $y = f(x; \theta)$
- Solve $\theta^* = Argmax_{\theta} p(y|x; \theta)$

 $heta^*$

• Predict $y = f(x; \theta^*)$



- Define $y = f(x; \theta)$
 - Solve $p(\theta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \propto p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}; \theta) p(\theta)$ [Hoff 2009]

• Predict $p(y|x) = \int p(y|x; \theta) p(\theta|x, y) d\theta$ [Do 2008]



A simple Bayesian surrogate: Gaussian Process

- Probabilities over functions: $f(\mathbf{X}) \sim \mathcal{N}(m(\mathbf{X}), k(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}'))$
- Predictive distribution:

$$p(\boldsymbol{y}_* \mid \boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{X}_*, \boldsymbol{y}) \sim \mathcal{N}\Big(k(\boldsymbol{X}_*, \boldsymbol{X}) k(\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} \boldsymbol{y},$$

 $k(\boldsymbol{X}_*, \boldsymbol{X}_*) - k(\boldsymbol{X}_*, \boldsymbol{X}) k(\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{X})^{-1} k(\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{X}_*)$

- Closed form solution; kernel params optimized using SGD
- SE kernel: Universal approximator [Micchelli et al. 2006]
- Robust UQ
- Physics in Gaussian Process: Anonymous 2021, ICLR Physics informed neural network embedded in GP kernel (technically called deep kernel learning)
- Optimal design: Viana et al. 2021 Gaussian process UQ estimate tells the next best training point

$$\int_{0}^{0} \int_{0}^{\infty} exp\left(-\frac{(x-x')^{2}}{2\ell^{2}}\right)$$

(Kernel Cookbook by Duvenaud)





Step function Credit: Wilson et al. 2016

Beyond Gaussian Processes

- GP limitations: Excessive smoothing, highdimensional data, Complexity O(n^3)
- BNN: Bayesian Neural Network

Bayesian surrogates:

GP GP GP learning with VI with SG with HMC A spectrum of Bayesian predictive models* [Dhulipala et al. 2021]

• Navier-Stokes embedded BNN: Sun and Wang 2020 Flow reconstruction from sparse and noisy data



BNN with Navier-Stokes Credit: Sun and Wang 2020



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Inference: Sampling

- Probability distributions of input parameters that cause TRISO particle failure (Jiang et al. 2021)
- Update BISON fission gas release models given experimental data (Che et al. 2021)
- Parameter distributions of a Bayesian Neural Network

 $f(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{Data})$

- Standard methods like Monte Carlo or Latin Hypercube very expensive or not applicable
- So, how do we sample efficiently from conditional distributions?



Distributions of input parameters causing TRISO particle failures

Markov Chain Monte Carlo

- Sample efficiently from conditional distributions $f(\theta | Data)$
- Dark forest: Parameter space
- Well lit camp site: Required distribution to be sampled from
- Light meter: Acceptance ratio (or transition operator)
- Metropolis-Hastings: Popular MCMC algorithm (being implemented in MOOSE)
- Does an MCMC algorithm always converge to the required distribution?
 - Neal 1993 Detailed balance sufficient condition
 - Acceptance ratio satisfies detailed balance
- Variants of MCMC exist on how acceptance ratio designed

MCMC analogy





MCMC: Applications in the Computational Sciences

 $h(x_3)$

- Rare events: Dhulipala et al. 2021 Sample from parameter spaces that causes FE model to fail (Subset Simulation)
- **Inverse analysis:** Lykkegaard et al. 2021 Update porous flow model given ground water data
- High-dimensional integration: Mancang et al. 2011 Neutron transport equation using MCNP with MCMC techniques



Beyond MCMC: Hybrid MCMC and sampling as optimization

- MCMC limitations: Poor high-dimensional scalability (convergence issues), many model evaluations required
- Hybrid MCMC (Hamiltonian Monte Carlo): Neal 2011 Hamiltonian dynamics solved to propose the next sample. Very good scalability (Current "gold standard" for Bayesian Neural Networks)

$$\boldsymbol{z}_1 = \boldsymbol{z}_0 + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \boldsymbol{I} \, \nabla H(\boldsymbol{z}) \, dt$$

• Optimization (approximate): Blei et al. 2018 Variational inference transforms sampling to optimization. A variational family of distributions is assumed (e.g., exponential family). Distribution parameters are optimized



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Active learning

Principle of active learning (Bayesian ML model preferred)



- ML model actively decides the next optimal training point
- Useful when dealing with expensive computational models or costly experiments as the ML model identifies the training point such that the information gain is optimized
- Probabilistic (Bayesian) ML preferred as it provides prediction uncertainty estimates--useful for designing learning functions

Multifidelity modeling

- TRISO model is a good example
- Pehertorfer et al. 2018 Multiple low-fidelity models can be considered
- Computational budget across multiple fidelity models constrained. Gorodetsky et al. 2020 approximate control variates framework
- · Actively decide which modeling fidelity to call





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Motivation: TRISO, a robust nuclear fuel



Fuel Kernel (UCO, UO₂)
 Porous Carbon Buffer
 Inner Pyrolytic Carbon (IPyC)
 Silicon Carbide
 Outer Pyrolytic Carbon (OPyC)

Single TRISO particle of radius ~400 μm (Davenport 2016)



Fuel compact with numerous TRISO particles (Demkowicz 2016)

- TRISO stands for TRI-structural iSOtropic particle fuel
- Proposed for use in many advanced reactor concepts like micro-reactors owing to its robustness
- Interest from the DOE, DOD, and industries like Kairos Power, Xenergy
- Fuel kernel surrounded by several protective layers
- A fuel compact can have 1000s of tiny TRISO particles
- Critical to analyze the failure rates of TRISO
 particle: Impacts to reactor operation

Motivation: Expensive models, low failure rates

Heat	Momentum	
$\rho \ C_p \ \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (-k \nabla T) - E_f \ \dot{F} = 0$	$ abla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = 0$	
	$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathcal{C} : (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_c - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t - \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i)$	

MOOSE Bison



2D model

1D representation

(Jiang et al. 2021, Dhulipala et al. 2022)

- Sophisticated material property relationships for the different protective layers in TRISO
- Numerically modeled using Bison fuel performance code based on MOOSE (Multiphysics Object Oriented Simulation Environment)
- Failure mode: SiC layer fracture most important. Caused by IPyC cracking induced stress conc.
- 1D model: Fast (~ 11 seconds), approximates SiC stress conc. due to IPyC cracking
- **2D model:** Slow (~30 minutes), models SiC stress conc. using XFEM

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• Failure rates: 1E-3 to 1E-7

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Problem statement

$$P_f = \int_{\widetilde{F}(\boldsymbol{X}) > \mathcal{F}} q(\boldsymbol{X}) \, d\boldsymbol{X} \qquad P_f \approx \hat{P}_f = \frac{1}{N_m} \, \sum \mathbf{I} \big(\widetilde{F}(\boldsymbol{X}) > \mathcal{F} \big)$$

(*F*: Failure threshold; F(X): Model output; q(X): input distributions)



Proposed algorithm

Dhulipala et al. 2021

- Rare events estimation involves computing the multidimensional integral
- Monte Carlo and variance reduction methods require prohibitively large calls to the high-fidelity (HF) model
- Multifidelity modeling: Typically make assumptions about the modeling fidelities and/or require fixing the number of HF calls
- Active learning: Can breakdown for smaller failure probabilities (1E-4 or less) and/or require large number of Gaussian Process evaluations
- Proposed: Active learning with multifidelity modeling
 - Dynamically decides the HF calls
 - Flexibility over the LF model choice
 - Capable for Smaller failure probabilities
 - Doesn't require large upfront GP evaluations

Background: Subset Simulation (variance reduction)



$$P_f = P(F_1) \prod_{i=2}^{N} P(F_i | F_{i-1})$$

Proposed by Au and Beck (2001)

- Expresses small failure probabilities as a product of larger conditional probabilities (of the order 0.1)
- Creates intermediate failure thresholds before
 the required failure threshold
- An intermediate failure threshold is defined as the (1-x) percentile value of the samples in previous conditional level
- First conditional level: Direct Monte Carlo
- Subsequent conditional levels: Markov Chain Monte Carlo (Metropolis-Hastings or other variants)

Background: Active learning with Gaussian Process



• Posterior predictive distribution:

- Both mean prediction and uncertainty quantification (quite robust under small training data)
- UQ enables the formulation of active learning functions: U-function (Echard et al. 2011), Expected Feasibility Function (Bichon et al. 2008)
- Active learning function decides when to call high-fidelity (HF) model in Monte Carlo schemes

Multifidelity active learning with Gaussian Process

Traditional U-function



Multifidelity U-function

 $\begin{aligned} y_{HF} &= F(\boldsymbol{X}_{HF}) & \text{High-fidelity model output} \\ y_{LF} &= f(\boldsymbol{X}_{LF}) & \text{Low-fidelity model output} \end{aligned} \quad \boldsymbol{X} = \boldsymbol{X}_{HF} \cup \boldsymbol{X}_{LF} \end{aligned}$

LF prediction GP correction $U = \frac{|f(X_{LF}) + \bar{\epsilon}(X) - F|}{\sigma_{\epsilon}(X)}$

- Traditional active learning functions rely on Gaussian Process predictions entirely
- Performance of active learning schemes can be improved using multifidelity modeling
- U-function is extended to a multifidelity modeling setting owing to its simplicity
- A GP learns the differences between high-fidelity (HF) and low-fidelity (LF) predictions
- GP corrects the LF predictions for every test sample
- New multifidelity U-function to decide when to call the HF model

Coupled multifidelity active learning and Subset Simulation

Subset independent multifidelity U-function



Subset dependent multifidelity U-functions



Required failure
threshold
$$\P^{MF}{}_{s} = \frac{|f(X_{LF}) + \bar{\epsilon}(X) - F|}{\sigma_{\epsilon}(X)}$$
(Final conditional level)

- Subset independent multifidelity U-function based on the required failure threshold
- Under smaller failure probabilities (~1E-5) differences between nominal model outputs and required failure threshold are large
- Active learning can breakdown as GP training is not triggered
- Subset dependent multifidelity U-functions are proposed
- Based on intermediate failure thresholds in Subset Simulation to trigger GP re-training
- Intermediate failure thresholds are estimated dynamically

Proposed active learning with multifidelity modeling



- A GP is trained to learn the differences between HF and LF models (small number of samples)
- For each model evaluation in Subset Simulation, LF model is called
- LF model output is corrected using GP difference (HF-LF)
- Subset dependent U-function is computed to evaluate if HF call is required (threshold is 2)
- If HF call is made, the GP is retrained

Proposed algorithm: Statistical estimators

$$P_1 \approx \hat{P}_1 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{P}_i \qquad \mathcal{P}_i = P(\mathbf{I}_i = 1) = \begin{cases} 1 \times \Phi_i + 0 \times (1 - \Phi_i) = \Phi_i & \text{if } \mathbf{I}_{i,LF} = 1\\ 0 \times \Phi_i + 1 \times (1 - \Phi_i) = 1 - \Phi_i & \text{if } \mathbf{I}_{i,LF} = 0 \end{cases}$$

First conditional level

$$P_{s|s-1} \approx \hat{P}_{s|s-1} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} \sum_{k=1}^{N/N_c} \mathcal{P}_{ik}^s \quad \forall 1 < s \le N_s, \ \mathcal{P}_{ik}^s = \begin{cases} 1 \times \Phi_{ik}^s + 0 \times (1 - \Phi_{ik}^s) = \Phi_{ik}^s & \text{if } \mathbf{I}_{ik,LF}^s = 1\\ 0 \times \Phi_{ik}^s + 1 \times (1 - \Phi_{ik}^s) = 1 - \Phi_{ik}^s & \text{if } \mathbf{I}_{ik,LF}^s = 0 \end{cases}$$

Subsequent conditional levels
$$\hat{\delta}_s = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \hat{P}_{s|s-1}}{N \ \hat{P}_{s|s-1}} (1 + \hat{\gamma}_s)} \quad \hat{\gamma}_s = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{N/N_c-1} \left(1 - \frac{kN_c}{N} \ \hat{\rho}_s(k)\right)$$

 $\gamma_1 \approx \hat{\gamma}_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \hat{P}_1}{\hat{P}_1 - N}}$



- Traditional Subset Simulation estimators for • conditional failure probabilities and coefficient of variations use indicator functions
- Due to reliance on a GP, these indicator • functions change to probabilities because GP can have a slight error in mis-characterizing model failures (U-function threshold is 2)
- Updated statistical estimators are derived for the proposed algorithm
- For practical cases, U-function values are significantly greater than 2. Meaning, error in mis-characterizing model failures is negligible
- So, statistical estimators tend to Subset • Simulation estimators

Input parameters (7 and 11 uncertain)



Irradiation temperatures

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Ty N	vpe = Daily varying Max. = 1226.84°C	Type = Daily varying Max. = $1281.84^{\circ}C$	Type = Constant Value = 700.0° C	Type = Constant Value = 1000.0° C
	Min. = 207.4° C	Min. = 195.84° C		



DNN (LF) + Kriging (correction)



All surrogates trained on 12 evals of 1D TRISO output



- All three strategies accurately predict the failure probabilities across the four models (COV ~0.08)
- Kriging + Kriging and DNN + Kriging require lesser calls to the 1D TRISO compared to Only Kriging
- DNN + Kriging 26% and 18% less calls than Kriging + Kriging and Only Kriging, respectively
- Possible reason for less calls: more information gain due to multifidelity models and better DNN regularization

Aspherical





Spherical

- The 1-D models approximate stresses in the SiC layer based on modification factors
- These factors are calibrated by running evals of the 2-D model
- 2-D model explicitly models cracking in IPyC layer and stress conc. in SiC layer
- More accurate, but mesh density dependent. Therefore, computationally expensive (~30 mins)
- Same random input params: geometry, material props
- Same output: SiC stress strength (> 0 failure)





- Both "data-driven" and "physics-based" strategies accurately predict the failure probabilities for two models (COV ~ 0.08)
- "Physics-based" strategy which uses 1D TRISO LF requires 16% less calls to the 2D TRISO model
- "Data-driven" strategy has lesser overall simulation time because the DNN LF predictions are instantaneous
- 1D TRISO LF still requires 11 sec for each eval

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Adaptive sampling and active learning methods in MOOSE



- MOOSE: Multiphysics Object Oriented Simulation Environment (<u>https://mooseframework.i</u> <u>nl.gov/</u>)
- Massively parallel, modular development, used for many applications
- Adaptive and active learning Monte Carlo algorithms in MOOSE Stochastic Tools Module

Monte Carlo with Hamiltonian Neural Networks



 Sampling from complex distributions can be performed more reliably with Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (HMC)

$$\boldsymbol{z}_1 = \boldsymbol{z}_0 + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \boldsymbol{I} \, \nabla H(\boldsymbol{z}) \, dt$$

- But gradient evaluations are computationally expensive!!
- Hamiltonian Neural ODEs learn the Hamiltonian dynamics and side-step gradient evaluations in HMC
- In addition, they conserve the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{L}_{HNN} = \left\| \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{\theta}}{\partial \mathbf{p}} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial t} \right\|_{2} + \left\| - \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{\theta}}{\partial \mathbf{q}} - \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial t} \right\|_{2}$$

Useful for sampling from complex distributions
 efficiently

Thank you! (Som.Dhulipala@inl.gov)



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