

ERCOFTAC Uncertainty Quantification in Industrial Analysis and Design – SIG 45

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- HSL areas of interest
- Examples of our previous sensitivity and uncertainty analyses
- What we would like to achieve with SIG45 (and ideas for potential funding proposal)
- Possible case study



Occupational exposure to contaminants



Experiments to demonstrate problems with general extract ventilation and identify need for LEV



Hazards from toxic/flammable releases







Experiments and CFD used to develop new guidance on area classification of low pressure natural gas releases



Incident Investigation: e.g. Buncefield





- 11 December 2005
- Storage tank over-filled during pipeline transfer
- 180 tonnes of petrol released over 23 minutes
- Vapour cloud approx. 500m × 400m × 2 m high
- Cost of damage from explosion and fire estimated at €1.2 billion



Incident: Buncefield explosion



• Explosion registered 2.4 on Richter scale

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Reasons for work



Incident: Buncefield dispersion CFD



- How far did the cloud spread?
- How did the damage correlate to cloud depth?
- What are suitable inputs for explosion models?

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Research: determine source from tank overfilling releases

Liquid storage tank





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Reasons for work



Support: dense gas dispersion model evaluation



Uncertainty analysis



- One at a time
- Toxicology
- Consequence modelling
- Nuclear





Local sensitivity analysis



Toxicology

- Physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK)
- Global sensitivity analysis







Toxicology

- Morris test (screening)
- eFAST (variance based, main and total effects)



Consequence modelling



- Phast, DNV
- Integral model



- Global sensitivity analysis
- GEM (Gaussian Emulation Machine)

Consequence modelling



 Mean, main effects and interactions



Variance, main and total effects



Nuclear



- Graphite moderator brick cracking
- Graphite bricks are also structural core components
- Finite Element Analysis model of brick cracking
- Bayesian emulator
- Calibration and Global sensitivity analysis

Nuclear



- Sensitivity analysis,
 - important calibration parameters
- Calibration



Analysis performed



	Analysis	Model	BC	Propagation	
		uncertainty	uncertainty	Approach	Invasive
One at a time	Local	Yes	Yes	Simulator	No
	sensitivity				
Toxicology	Global	Yes	?	Simulator	No
	sensitivity				
Consequence	Global	?	Yes	Emulator	No
	sensitivity				
Nuclear	Calibration	Yes	Yes	Emulator	No
	Global				
	sensitivity				



	What we can do	To do
Sensitivity	Identification of important parameters	Probabilistic SA Switches Discontinuities
Uncertainty		95 th percentiles Outputs in terms of inputs
Validation	Validate against measurements	Effect and representation of uncertainties on quantities of interest
Calibration	Calibrate an expensive model using emulators	



- Non-invasive
- Gaussian emulators
 GEM (GEM-2)
- Available
- Practical





Consequence Test Case





- Thorney Island trials: dense gas dispersion
 - Field scale experiments
 - Wind-tunnel experiments (multiple repeats)
- Dispersion models (Phast, CFD, DNS?)
- BC uncertainties, Propagation