

Quantification des incertitudes - Partie I

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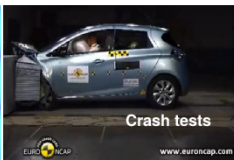
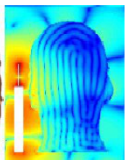
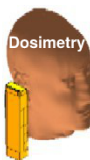
Complexity and uncertainty

*“**Complexity** lies within the entanglement that does not allow to tackle things separately, it severs what binds groups, and produces a crippled knowledge. The problem of complexity further appears since we are part of a world, which is ruled not only by determination, stability, repetitions, or cycles, but also by outbursts and renewal. Throughout complexity, there are **uncertainties**, either empirical or theoretical, but, most of the time, both.”*

Edgar Morin, Philosopher.

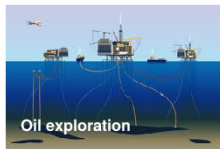
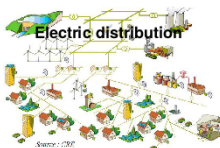
Various contexts of uncertainty

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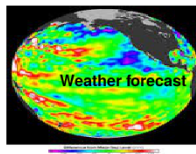
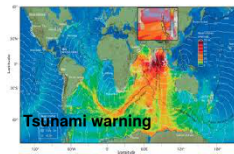
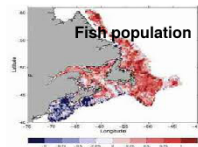
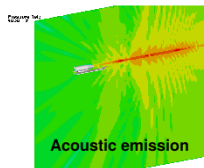
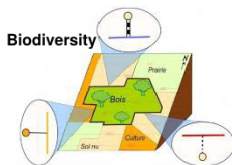
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ECONOMICAL CONTEXTS



Various contexts of uncertainty

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXTS



Several types of systems

Technical systems

Car, airplane, nuclear power plant, hydrowind farm, ...

Natural systems

Fish population, weather forecast

Hybrid systems

Internet, social network models

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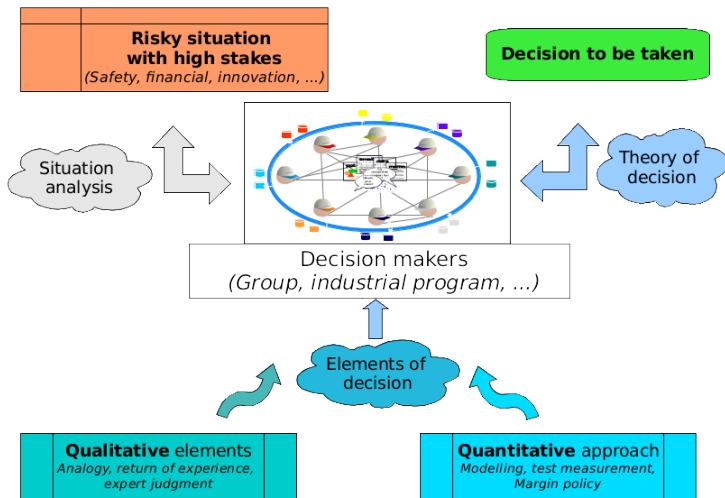
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Uncertainty analysis in a decision process



Uncertainty analysis in a decision process

Situation analysis

- Identification of constraints (applicable standards, group strategy)
- Identification of risks and opportunities
- Identification of the degrees of freedom in the situation
- Definition of the scenarii to be investigated
- Allocation of resources to undertake the analysis

Uncertainty analysis in a decision process

Technical analysis

Definition: *Technical work intended to generate and aggregate qualitative and quantitative elements within an allocated resource*

- **Qualitative approaches** refer to methods and tools that integrate past experience, intuition, return of experience, sense of analogy. They are not supported by a physical test or a numerical model at the time of their expression but they integrate engineering/expert judgement.
- **Quantitative approaches** are supported by tests or numerical models. Tests and models represent a simplified and theorized understanding of the situation. They are designed to be representative and reproducible for the situation of interest. Anyway, some problems arise when dependence is hidden between the different elements of the situation or when the cost of a test (physical or numerical) that is required is too expensive for the available budget.

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Decision

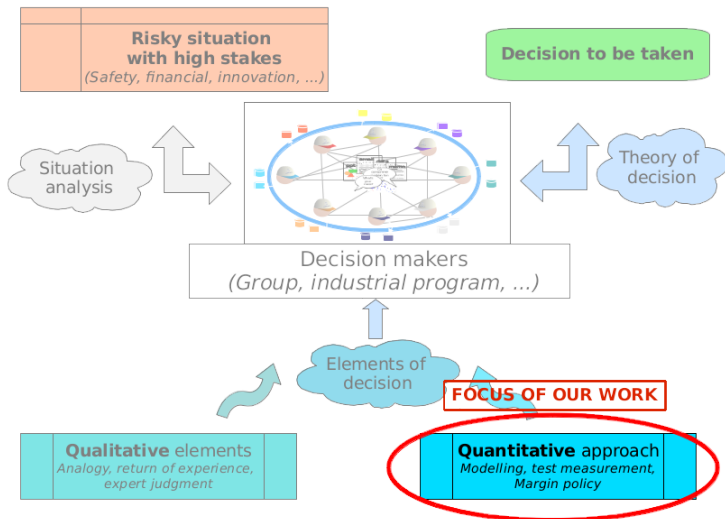
Definition: Act of deciding, responsible for the consequences in a certain context (risk adverse, knowledge and positioning of the decision maker).

- Risk adverse
- Decision under constraints

Remark

Choosing the appropriate decision criteria for decision-making under uncertainty is a large and specific domain of research: it involves in-depth understanding of the larger decision processes, and potentially a conceptual decision-theory approach to the decision-maker's preferences, attitudes towards risk and uncertainty

Scope of application of our mathematical tools

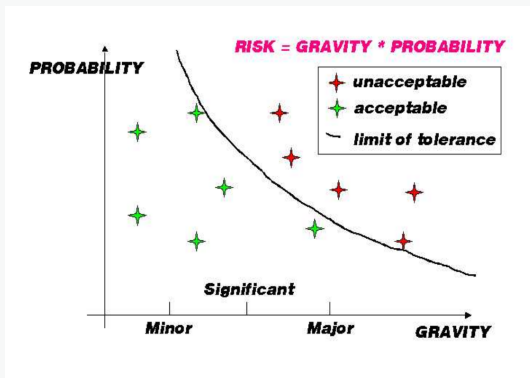


Risk and uncertainty

Risk

A risk is defined by the effect of uncertainty on specific objectives. A risk is both attached to the realization of a certain event towards its subjective scale of gravity/criticality. It is very common to define the risk by the following formula:

$$\text{Risk} = \text{probability} * \text{gravity} \quad (1)$$



Risk and uncertainty

Uncertainty

Distinction between types of uncertainties encountered in practice:

- “irreducible” or “aleatory” (or random, stochastic, objective, inherent,...) vs. “reducible” or “epistemic” (or lack of knowledge, ignorance, subjective, imprecision, ...)
- “variability” (spatial, temporal, ...) vs. “uncertainty” (lack of knowledge, measurement error etc)
- “epistemic uncertainty” (inevitable ignorance) vs. “error” (deliberate ignorance)
- uncertainty that is "parametric" (associated with model inputs according to the level of information available on those inputs) vs. "modelling uncertainty" affecting the adequacy of the model itself to reality (structure, equations, discretisation, numerical resolution etc.)

Internal/endogeneous *versus* external/exogeneous uncertainties

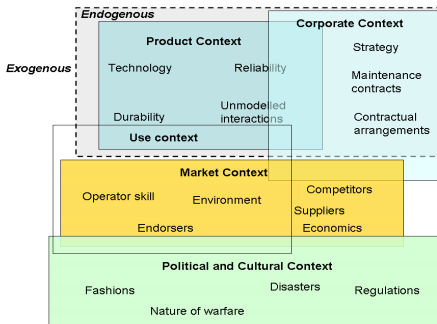


Figure : Links between uncertainties and industrial contexts

- 1 Internal/endogeneous:** Each product or system bears its own uncertainties with it, which arise primarily from the “inside”. It can be influenced by the system designer or company to a certain extent.
- 2 External/exogeneous:** Uncertainties outside the system boundary can be influenced by the designers or company to a lesser extent.

Layers of uncertainty

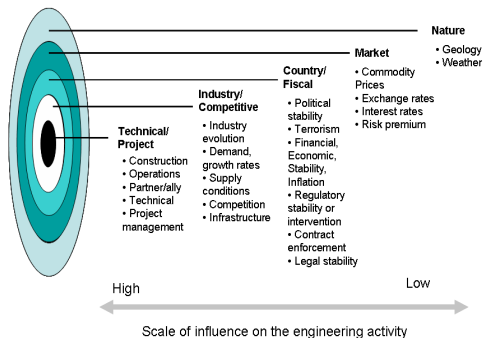


Figure : Links between uncertainties and external contexts

- The degree of influence decreases sharply from the inner to the outer layer.
- The possibility of mitigating risks or exploiting opportunities arising from these uncertainties thus also decrease.

Time scale and uncertainty management strategies

Short-term

These decisions concern immediate issues. Being limited to the available data and pre-existing models, the objective is to treat the existing information to aid the decision-maker.

Mid-term

Unlike short-term decisions, these involve situations in which a support is conceivable, such as the development of refined models or collection of additional data to improve the understanding of the global phenomenon.

Long-term

These concern long-term issues, including the influence of societal, political and market evolutions.

New opportunities to improve procedures and practices around uncertainty management

- 1** Recent conceptual reformulation: shift from “failure-driven risk approach” to “option-exploring approach” in uncertainty management.
- 2** Recognition that the performance of an engineered system has to be taken into account in its larger commercial and political environment:
 - To bullet-proof design against technical and human failure
 - To enable the system to evolve to new circumstances and usages
- 3** New advances in information technology (development of models, acquisition of computer, etc) make it possible to conceive of a much more coherent uncertainty management approach.

Standards and tools



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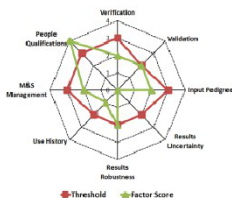
Example of Credibility Scoring – With Factor Weighting (NASA HRP Implementation)

Credibility Assessment Factors	Evidence			Technical Review		Factor Score	Weighted Subfactor Score	Overall Score	Sufficiency Threshold
	Score*	Weight†	Threshold*	Score*	Threshold*				
1 Verification	2	0.20	3	2	3	2	0.40	1.75	2.54
2 Validation	2	0.25	2	2	3	2	0.50		
3 Input Pedigree	2	0.10	3	2	3	2	0.20		
4 Results Uncertainty	0	0.10	2	0	3	0	0.00		
5 Results Robustness	2	0.10	2	2	3	2	0.20		
6 Use History	1	0.15	2	N/A	N/A	1	0.15		
7 M&S Management	2	0.05	3	N/A	N/A	2	0.10		
8 People Qualifications	4	0.05	3	N/A	N/A	4	0.20		

* Maximum = 4; where 0=insufficient evidence and 4=highest fidelity/rigor achievable

† Minimum = 0.05, maximum = 0.25 and sum of all weights must equal 1.0

Threshold: The required score agreed to by the end-user/customer and M&S provider to achieve sufficient confidence in the M&S for intended use



Subfactors	Weight
Evidence	0.7
Technical Review	0.3

Legend	
Blue	CAS Score > Threshold <i>Exceeds credibility requirements</i>
Green	Threshold ≥ CAS Score ≥ (Threshold-0.5) <i>Ready for use</i>
Yellow	(Threshold-0.5) > CAS Score ≥ (Threshold-1.0) <i>Use with caution</i>
Red	CAS Score < (Threshold-1.0) <i>Use not recommended or to be used with EXTREME CAUTION by subject matter experts only</i>

UM environment

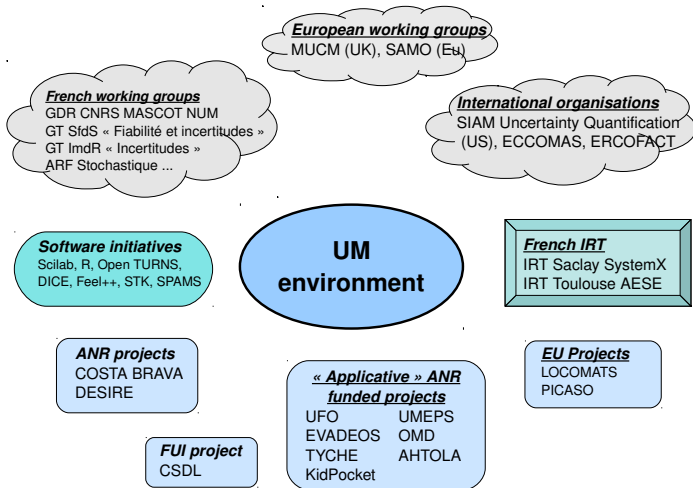


Figure : On-going initiatives in UM that I know... See for example MASCOT NUM [20] or MUCM [23]

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Two types of images of the world

- **The Empirical Image:** made of material experiments
- **The Rational Image:** essentially a theory-based image which rests on (supposed-to-be) physical models and derived codes (models are scientific images of a theory).

Examples of scientific images

- Flight of an airplane
 - Rational : use of NS equations plus turbulence models
 - Empirical : Scale model (= wind tunnel)
- Tumor growth :
 - Rational : discrete reality of interest continuously represented through a set of coupled PDE
 - Empirical : analogical model (mice = men)
- Urban gang extension :
 - Rational : individuals thought as particles submitted to simple interacting rules.
 - Empirical : polls, police reports

Link between model and reality

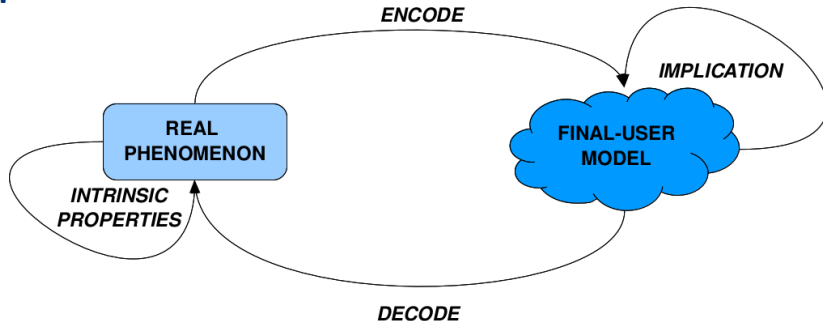


Figure : Interaction between model and reality

Simulation: A process which mimics the relevant features of a target process.

Numerical Simulation: A process is a Computer Simulation iff it is a Simulation and a computer process

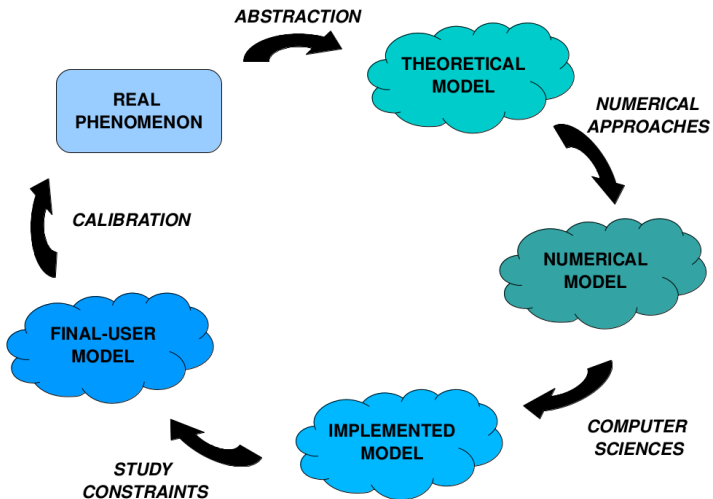


Figure : Modelling loop

Example in simulation contexts

Source	Vérification	Validation
Systems Eng. [1]	Proof of compliance with specifications. Verification may be determined by test, analysis, demonstration, and inspection.	Proof that the product accomplishes the intended purpose. Validation may be determined by a combination of test, analysis, and demonstration.
Software Eng. [2]	Software verification is a software engineering activity that demonstrates that the software products meet specified requirements.	Software validation is a software engineering activity that demonstrates that the as-built software product or software product component satisfies its intended use in its intended environment.
M&S [3]	The process of determining that a computational model accurately represents the underlying mathematical model and its solution from the perspective of the intended uses of M&S.	The process of determining the degree to which a model or a simulation is an accurate representation of the real world from the perspective of the intended uses of the model or the simulation.

[1] : *NASA systems engineering processes and requirements*, URL <http://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov>

[2] : *IEEE standard dictionary of electrical and electronics term*, ANSI/IEEE Std 100-1984 (1984)

[3] : *NASA standards for models and simulations*, NASA-STD-2009, 11 juillet 2008

Figure : Numerical Simulation contexts ([30])

Example in simulation contexts

Simulation contexts differ from a field to another

	Geology	Epidemiology	Engineering
Purpose	Understand the Chicoxulub meteorit impact	Contain the spreading of some virus (ie. H1N1 flue)	Conceive some industrial product
Goals	Was it responsible of the extinction of dinosaurs ?	Minimize the number of infected people	Maximize performances while minimizing costs
Empirical grounds	Only one observation ; deduction, hypothetizing	Real time observations of spreading evolution	Many dedicated experiments
Confirmatory experiment	I hope not!!!	The end of the infection	Many experiments
Do it again	No	No	Yes
Faith enhanced if	New discoveries confirm theoretical computations	Not assessable ^a	If experiments agree with numerical simulations
External constraints	No one	Public opinion, Media, Crisis management	Markets, consumers attitude, costs

Complexity of the physical representation

**BASIC ELEMENTS TO MEASURE
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Modelling assumptions

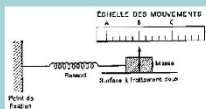
Level of detail

Linearity

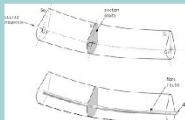
***Complexity to represent
the disciplinary problem*** →

Example

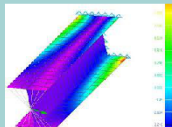
Spring



Beam

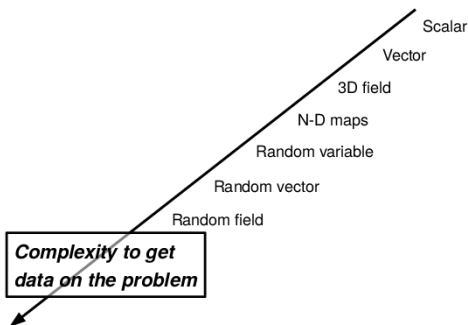


Linear elasticity



Complexity linked to the input data model

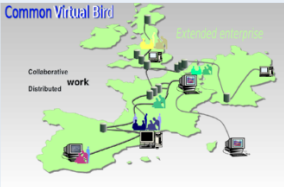
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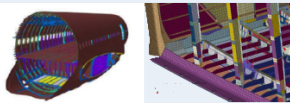
Complexity linked to the multiplicity of actors and location

BASIC ELEMENTS TO MEASURE THE COMPLEXITY OF A SIMULATION

Organisation



Size of the model



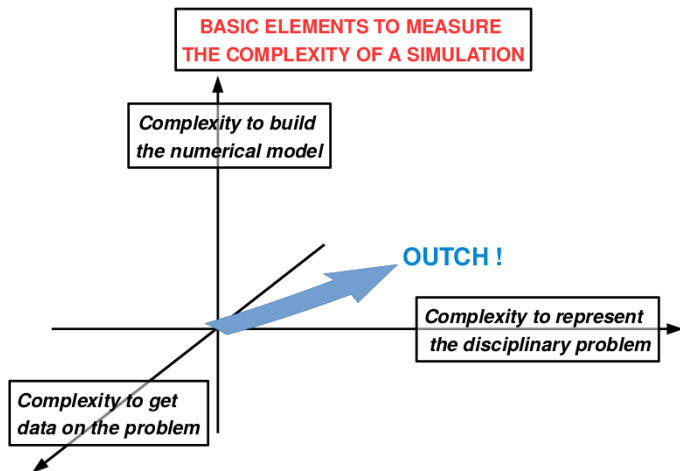
Complexity to build the numerical model

of actors to build/shape/integrate the components of the numerical model

of numerical components to build the model

of degrees of freedoms

The challenge of complexities



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