



Rigorous Uncertainty Quantification with Focus on Material Uncertainty

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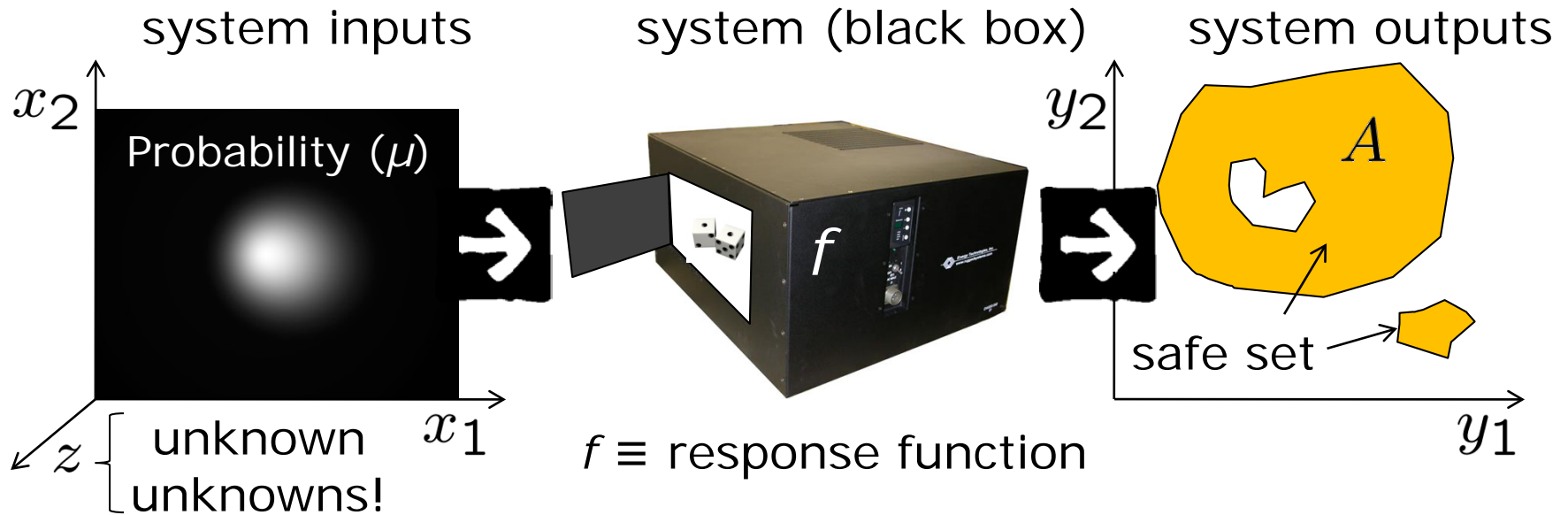
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UQ and safe design



- Safe design: PoF of the system below tolerance,

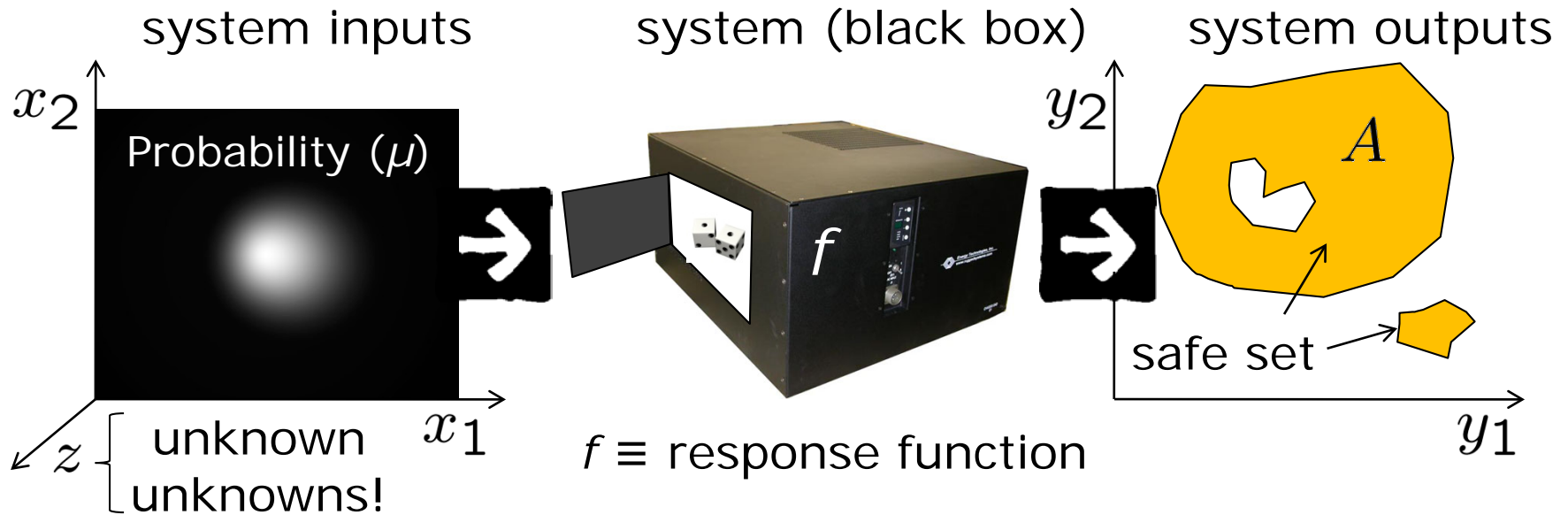
$$\mathbb{P}[\text{failure}] = \mathbb{P}[Y \notin A] \leq \epsilon$$

- Exact probability of failure:

$$\mathbb{P}[\text{failure}] = \int \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0, & \text{if } f(x) \in A \\ 1, & \text{if } f(x) \notin A \end{array} \right\} d\mu(x)$$



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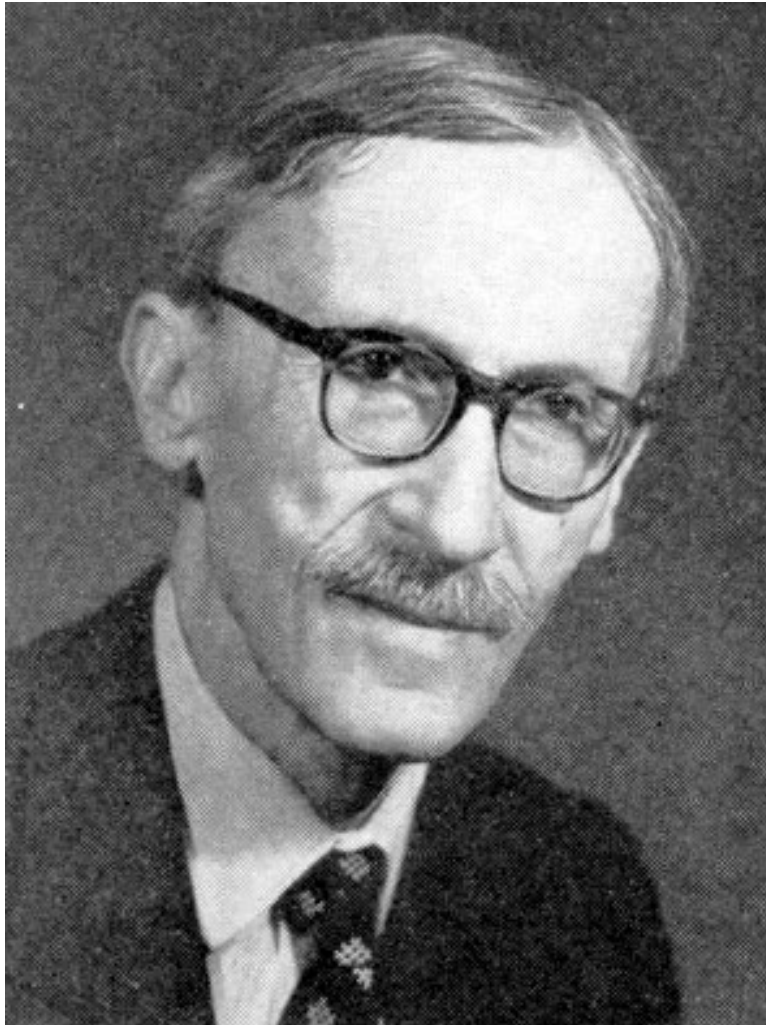


- Conservative design: **Upper bound** on the PoF of the system below tolerance,

$$\mathbb{P}[\text{failure}] = \mathbb{P}[Y \notin A] \leq \text{upper bound} \leq \epsilon$$

- Objective: Obtain tight (optimal?) PoF **upper bounds** from all known information about the system. . .

Concentration of Measure PoF bounds



Paul Pierre Levy (1886-1971)

- *CoM* (Levy, 1951): Functions over high-dimensional spaces with small local oscillations in each variable are almost constant
- Example of CoM: *Law of large numbers*
- *Blessing of dimensionality!*
- CoM gives rise to a class of probability-of-failure inequalities that can be used for rigorous UQ and *conservative design*

McDiarmid's inequality

ON THE METHOD OF BOUNDED DIFFERENCES

Colin McDiarmid

(1.2) Lemma: Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent random variables, with X_k taking values in a set A_k for each k . Suppose that the (measurable) function $f: \prod A_k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies

$$(1.3) \quad |f(\underline{x}) - f(\underline{x}')| \leq c_k \quad \leftarrow \quad \boxed{D_k = \min c_k \text{ (} x_k\text{-diameter)}}$$

whenever the vectors \underline{x} and \underline{x}' differ only in the k th co-ordinate. Let Y be the random variable $f[X_1, \dots, X_n]$. Then for any $t > 0$,

$$P(|Y - E(Y)| \geq t) \leq 2 \exp \left[-2t^2 / \sum c_k^2 \right]$$

$$\boxed{D^2 = \sum D_k^2 \text{ (total diameter)}}$$

McDiarmid, C. (1989) "On the method of bounded differences". In J. Simmons (ed.), *Surveys in Combinatorics: London Math. Soc. Lecture Note Series 141*. Cambridge University Press.

McDiarmid's inequality

Theorem [McDiarmid] *Suppose that:*

- i) $\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$ are independent random variables,*
- ii) $f : E \subset \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ integrable, $Y = f(X_1, \dots, X_N)$.*

Then, for every $r \geq 0$

$$\mathbb{P}[|Y - \mathbb{E}[Y]| \geq r] \leq \exp\left(-2\frac{r^2}{D^2}\right),$$

where D is the diameter of f over E .

- Bound does not require distribution of inputs
- Bound depends on two numbers: Function *mean* and function *diameter*!

McDiarmid's inequality and safe design

Corollary *A conservative safe-design criterion is:*

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{P}[Y \geq a]}_{\text{Probability of failure}} \leq \underbrace{\exp \left(-2 \frac{(a - \mathbb{E}[Y])_+^2}{D^2} \right)}_{\text{Upper bound}} \underbrace{\leq \epsilon}_{\text{Failure tolerance}},$$

Probability of failure Upper bound Failure tolerance

- Equivalent statement (confidence factor CF):

$$\text{CF} \equiv \frac{M}{U} \equiv \frac{(a - \mathbb{E}[Y])_+}{D} \geq \sqrt{\log \sqrt{\frac{1}{\epsilon}}} \Rightarrow \text{safe design!}$$

- Rigorous definition of design margin (M)
- Rigorous definition of uncertainty ($U = D$)

Extension to empirical mean

Theorem [Lucas, Owhadi, MO] *With probability $1 - \epsilon'$,*

$$\mathbb{P}[Y \geq a] \leq \exp \left(-2 \frac{(a - \langle Y \rangle - \alpha)_+^2}{D^2} \right),$$

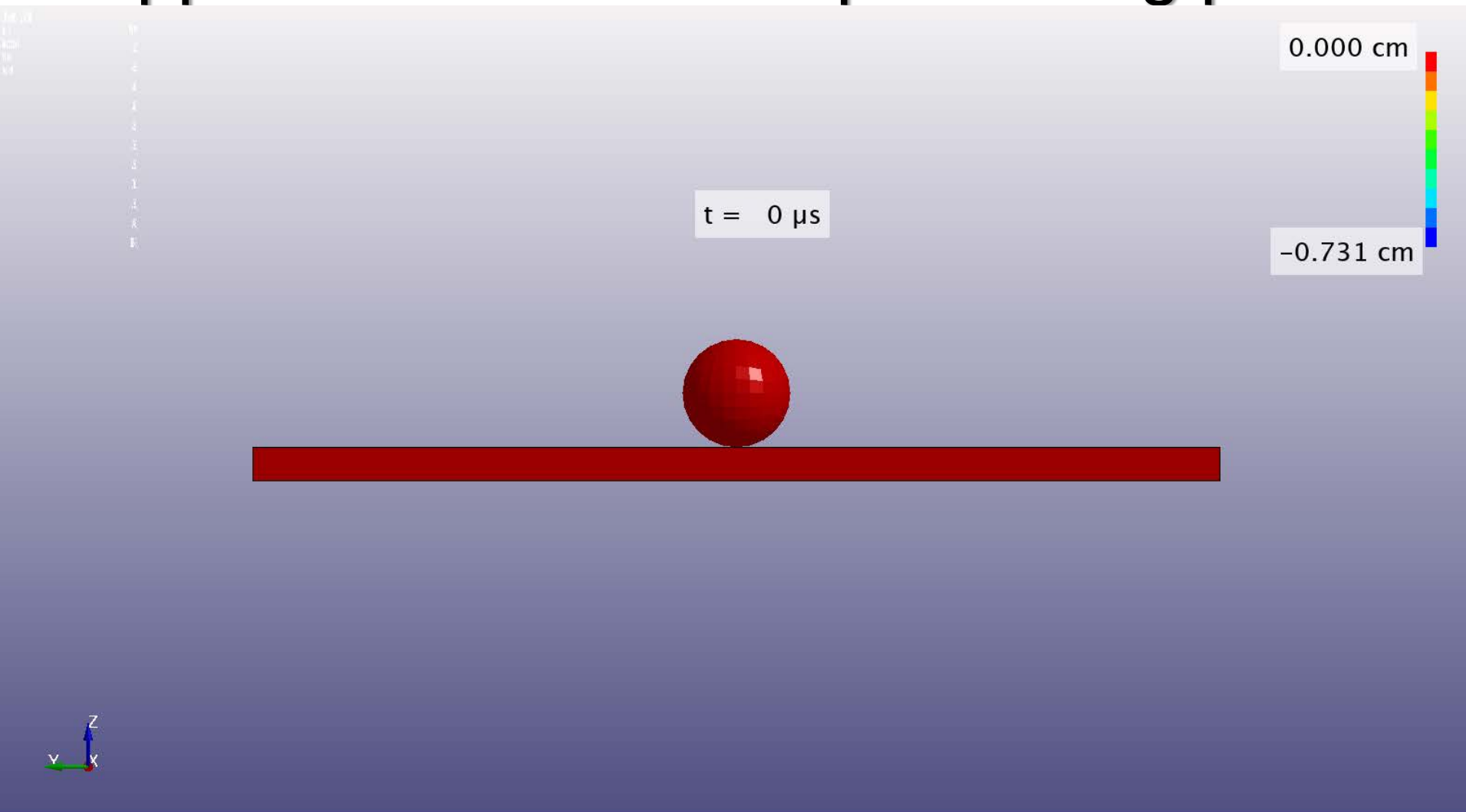
where $\langle Y \rangle = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m Y_i$ and $\alpha = D m^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-\log \epsilon')^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

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- Use of empirical mean results in margin hit! (α)
- Uncertainty remains unchanged ($U = D$)

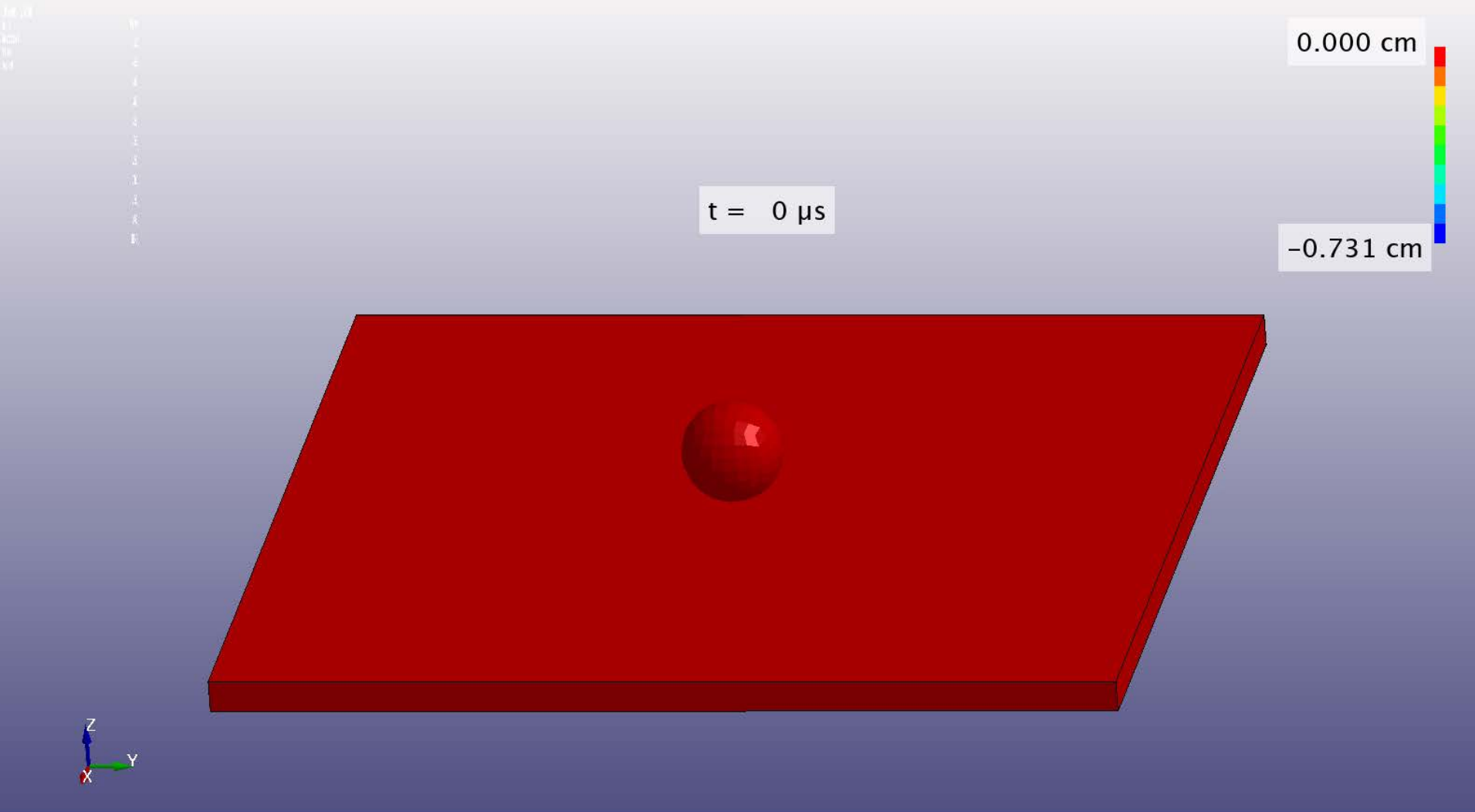
Application: Ballistic impact of Mg plates



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striking a 10cm x 10cm x 0.35 cm Mg plate at 150 m/s

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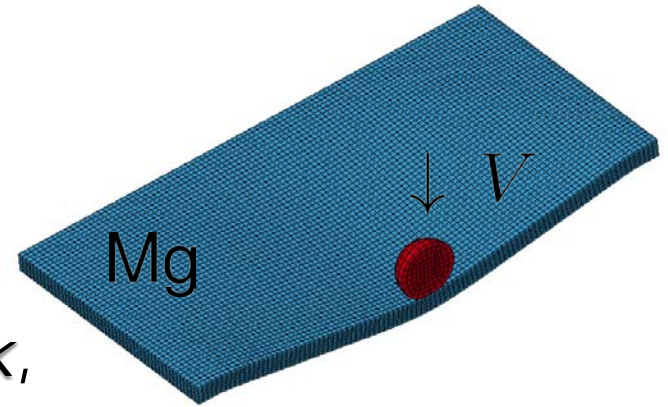


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- Objective: Safe design of *protective Mg plates* against (sub)ballistic threats
- Material model: *Johnson-Cook*,

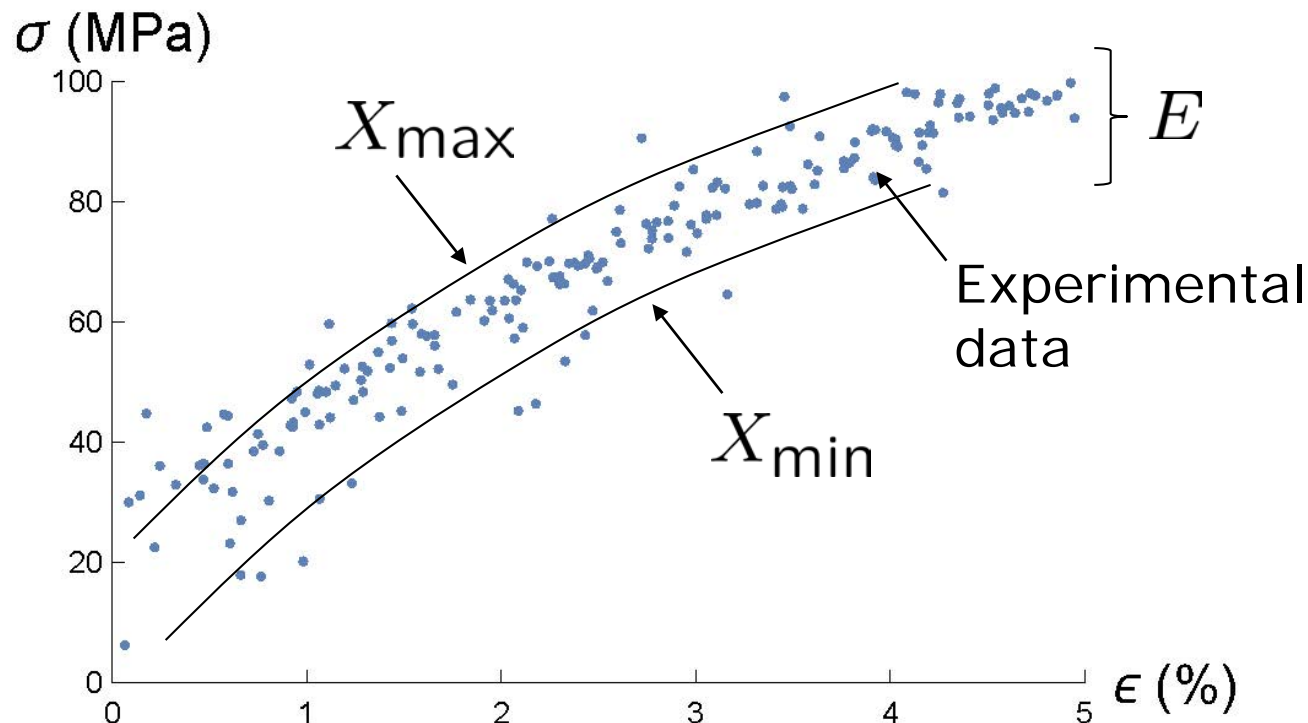


$$\sigma = (A + B \varepsilon_p^n)(1 + C \ln \dot{\varepsilon}^*)(1 - T^{*m})$$

- Design criterion: *Indentation < allowable*
- Assumption: *Material behavior is the main source of uncertainty*, all other parameters are deterministic (projectile mass, impact velocity...)
- Uncertain parameters: A, B, n, C, m (at all material points in the plate)
- Solvers: *LS-Dyna, Dakota 4.0* (Sandia)

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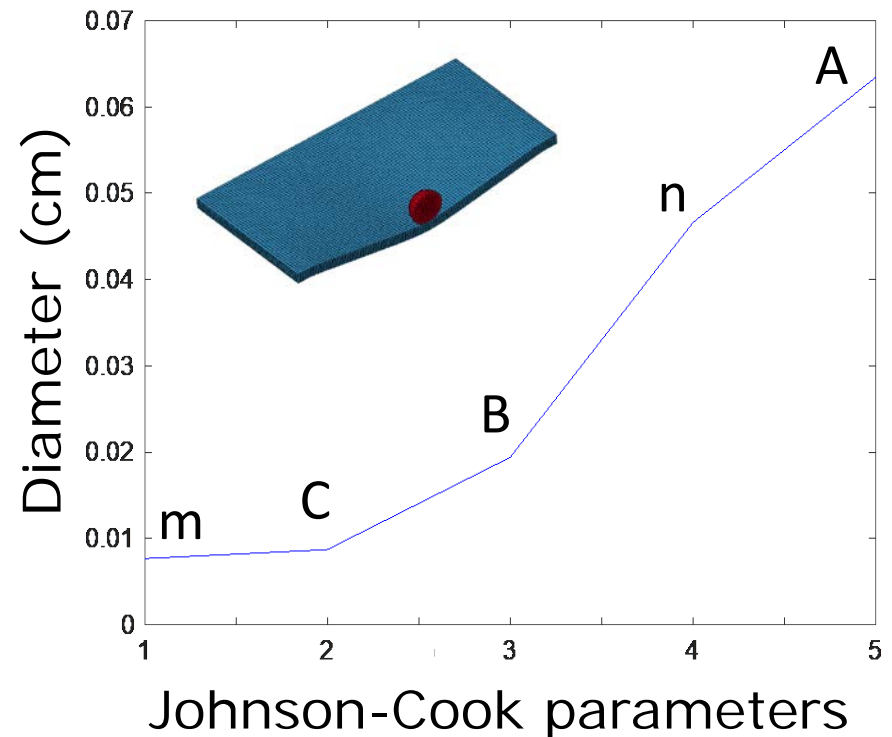
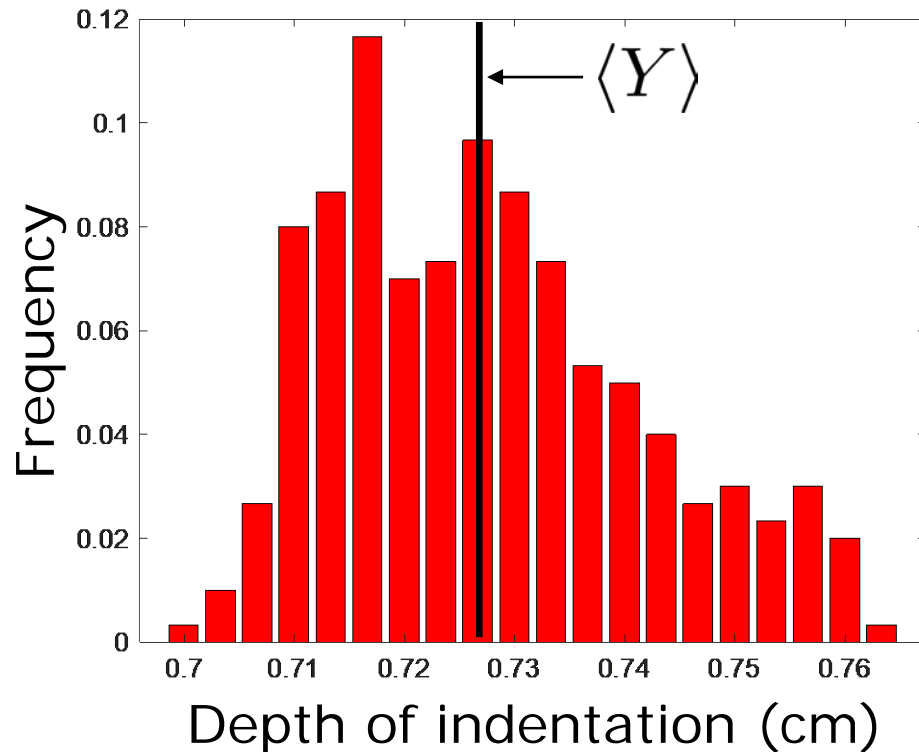
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Parameter	Estimate	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Uncertainty
A [MPa]	225.171	200.372	249.970	+/- 11.01 %
B [MPa]	168.346	150.682	186.010	+/- 10.49 %
n	0.242	0.160	0.324	+/- 33.88 %
C	0.013	0.012	0.014	+/- 7.69 %
m	1.550	1.523	1.577	+/- 1.74 %
R ²		0.896	$\epsilon'' = 0.05$	

D. Hasenpouth, 2010,
Tensile High Strain Rate Behavior of AZ31B Mg Alloy Sheet,
MS thesis, University of Waterloo.

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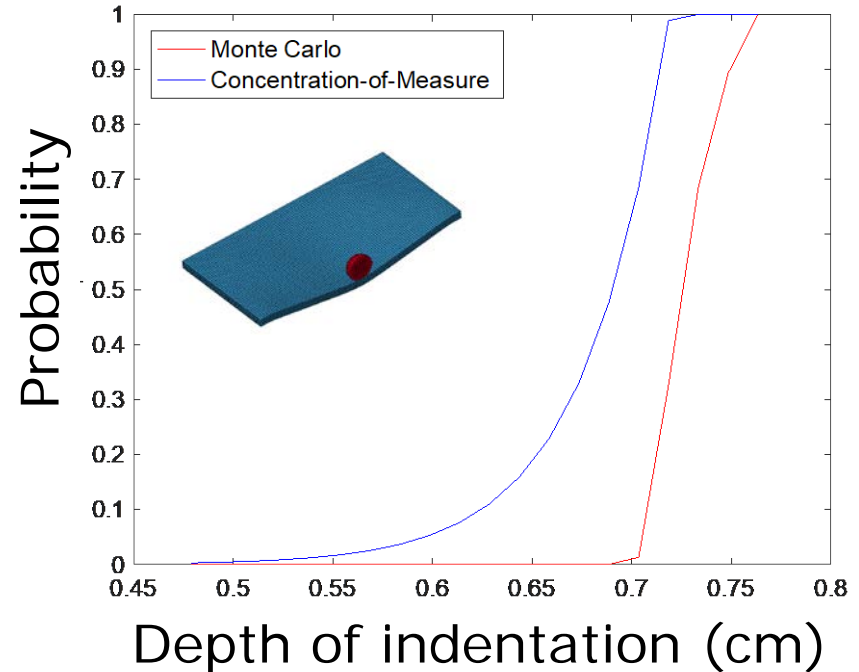
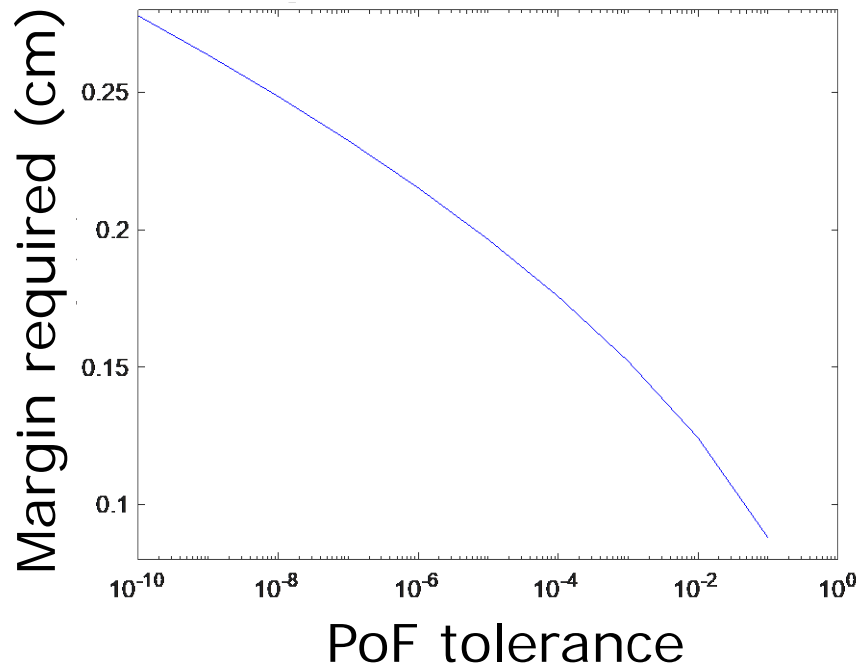
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Sample size (m)	300
Empirical mean ($\langle Y \rangle$)	0.72761 cm
Total diameter (D)	0.81912 mm

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- *Margin requirement* increases (decreases) with uncertainty, sampling confidence (sample size)
- CoM does indeed supply an *upper bound on PoF*, *conservative safe-design criterion*

Concluding remarks

- Concentration of Measure (CoM) bounds supply computable, practical, *rigorous upper bounds* on probability of failure (PoF) of complex systems
- CoM PoF bounds result in *conservative designs*
- CoM Uncertainty Quantification (UQ) is *non-intrusive*, can be implemented as a *wrapper* around *standard solvers* (e.g., LS-Dyna...)
- *Uncertainties in material behavior* can be *managed effectively and safely through UQ*
- Outlook: Going forward,
 - *Parametric studies (velocity, mass, thickness...)*
 - *Tighter PoF bounds: Optimal UQ¹ (best bounds)*
 - *Machine learning of data sets, optimal ranges*

¹Owhadi, H. *et al.*, “Optimal UQ”, *SIAM Review*, **55**(2) (2013) 271-345.

Concluding remarks

Thank you!