

Efficient uncertainty quantification methods for flood modelling

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Uncertainty quantification



Inputs:

- Inflow discharges
- Manning coefficient
- Ground elevation (DEM)

Outputs:

- Water depth (*h*)
- Velocity field (*v*)

Quantities of interest:

- Flood extent
- Hazard rates (*HR*=(*V*+0.5) × *h*)
 - \circ HR_{ave}

UK Environment agency

 \circ HR_{max}

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Purpose

• Standard Monte Carlo (SMC)



$$\text{Error} \sim N_s^{-1/2}$$

Purpose: Finding the best alternative to SMC
Any type of the histogram
Smaller sample size than SMC (within 10% error)



Alternative UQ methods

Random sampling methods





✓ Adaptive Stratified sampling (ASS)



Deterministic realisation methods ✓ Quasi Monte Carlo (QMC)



✓ Haar Wavelet expansion (HWE)



Benchmarking test cases





Uncertainty propagation



Response in the 2D (straight lines) and 3D cases (broken lines)



2D: errors and speedups



Average Speedups N_s^{SMC}/N_s^{method} to achieve an error range between 5% and 10%

✓LHS	1.27
✓ ASS	1.30
✓QMC	5.57
✓HWE	8.10

2D: selected sample sizes

t = 162 (sec)

10.6

10.4





2D: sampled histograms





3D: errors and speedups



Average	Speedups
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✓LHS	1.00
✓ASS	1.02
✓QMC	1.59
✓HWE	1.19



3D: selected sample sizes





3D: sampled histogram





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2D: sampled histograms





3D: sampled histograms



Time = 0.75 hrs

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5D: histograms

