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Lecture: *Design of Computer Experiments: Which simulations to run?*

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Abstract:

Experiments on computer models to help understand physical systems are ubiquitous in science. Computer experiments differ from traditional experiments in that the simulators are frequently deterministic and, though computationally costly, are cheaper than performing field trials. Similar to physical experiments, computer experiments are performed with a variety of goals in mind. Objectives include factor screening, building an efficient emulator, optimization and model calibration. The aim of this talk is to give an overview of some of the main issues and strategies for the design of computer experiments (i.e., selecting the suite of simulations to run to meet your goals).