



# Uncertainty and sensitivity analysis methods used at Andra

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## Scenarios Situations



**Deterministic treatment**  
(no probabilistic approach)

### Principles (Safety Guide) :

- No probabilistic approach to choose the scenarios
- No probabilistic distribution for the impact



→ **No risk analysis**

## Models



**Deterministic treatment**  
(no probabilistic approach)

## Entry data

- Stochastic (natural variability, ...)
- Epistemic uncertainty (lack of knowledge, ...)



### Different types of treatment :

- **deterministic mono /multi parametric**
- **probabilistic Monte-Carlo type** (linearity / monotonic indicators),
- **ANOVA methods** (variance analysis) (Kurtosis-skewness under developpement)
- **adjoint state** (automatic local differentiation)

### Pre-processing

- » Definition of uncertain parameters probabilities
  - types of laws =  $f(\text{number of available data})$
  - Law truncations
- » Correlations / constrains between parameters
  - Statistical correlations
  - inequalities
- » Choice of the sampling method
  - LHS (reference)
  - Random + importance (sensitivity)

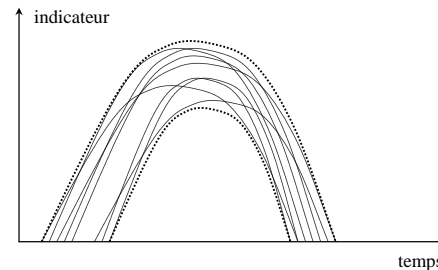
### Processing

Implementation of tools  
(Cassandra)



Results

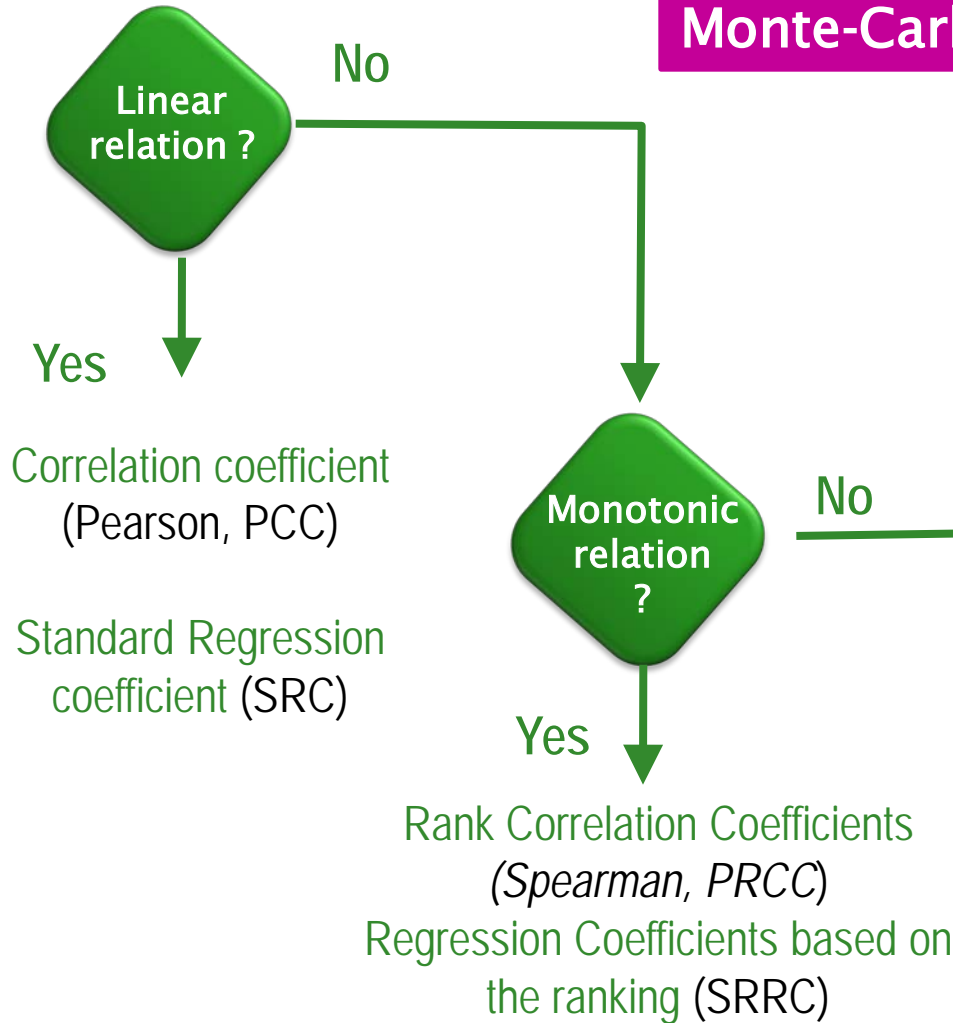
- Temporal
- maximas
- $t(\text{maximas})$



### Post-processing

- » Uncertainty analysis
  - Quantiles
  - Moments
  - Distributions
- » Sensitivity analysis
  - Scatter plots
  - linearity and monotony indicators, based on correlations and regressions

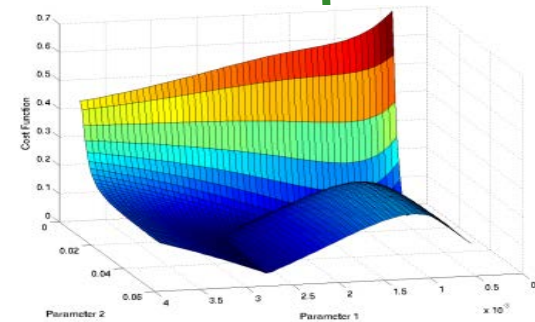
### Monte-Carlo



*Kurtosis/skewness analysis  
under developpement*

### ANOVA

Construction/validation of a response  
surface (meta-modèle)



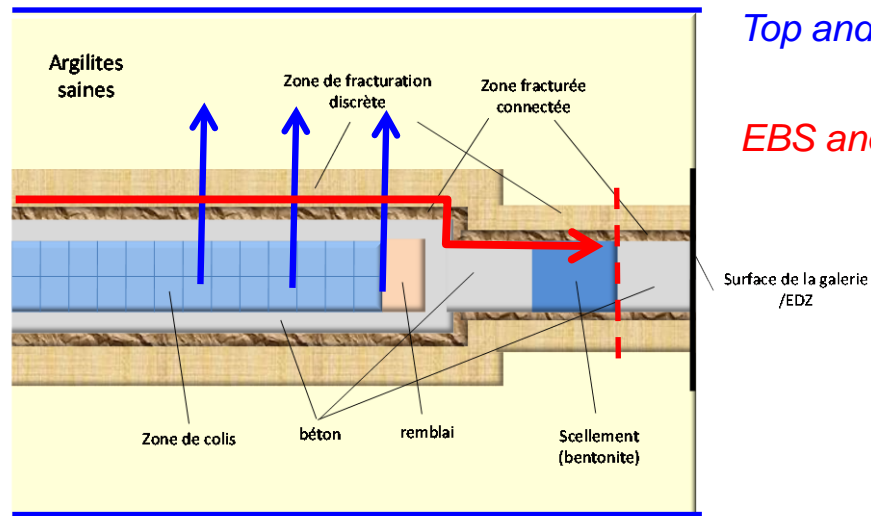
*Generation of several tens  
of thousands of results*

Sobol indicators

**Object** : sensitivity and uncertainty analysis of 129 iodine transfert inside and around an ILLW vault

**Physical indicators (quantification of the transfert paths)**

- Molar flux through geological barrier
- Molar flux through the EBS and the EDZ toward the access gallery



*Top and bottom of the COx*

*EBS and EDZ toward gallery*

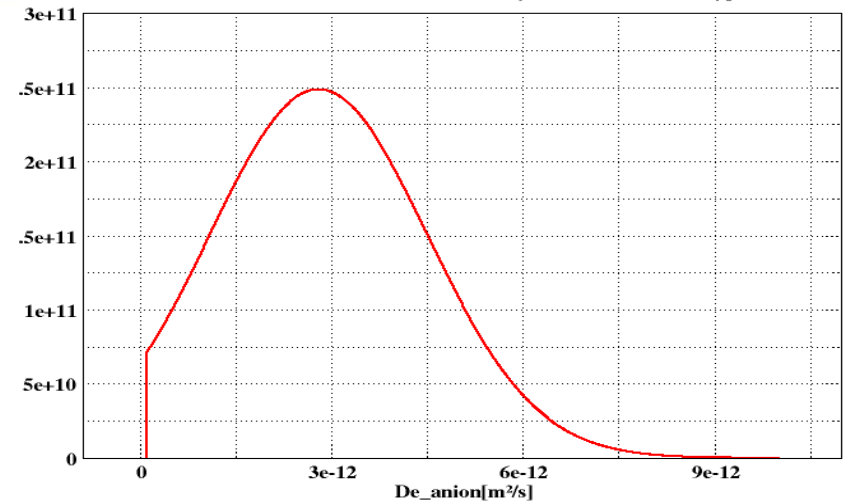
**Characteristics**

- Conceptualisation + parameters from Dossier 2009
- ~ 20 parameters uncertainties taken into account, 7 materials considered
- Correlations between parameters + inequalities
- 3D representation, 300.000 elements mesh

### » Probabilistic distribution definition

- Based on a high number of available data
- Troncation if needed

Ex : Effective diffusion coefficient distribution  
 Normal law  $m = 2,8 \cdot 10^{-12}$  ;  $\sigma = 1,7 \cdot 10^{-12}$  ;  $[10^{-13} ; 10^{-11}]$



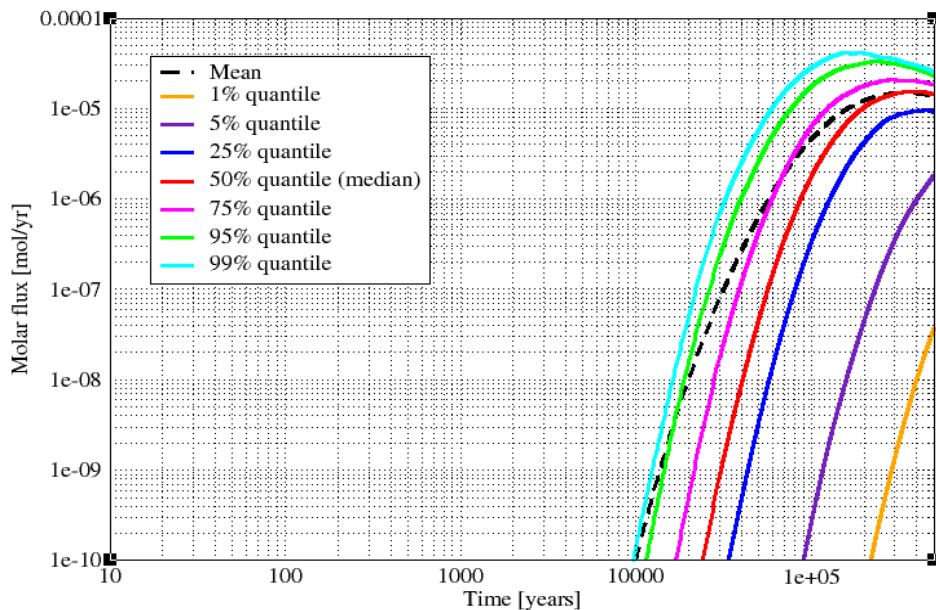
### » Taking into account statistical correlations

- Ex : correlations between permeability and effective diffusion coefficient

### » Taking into account other constrains

- Ex : Cox permeabilities  
 $K_v (\text{COX}) < K_h (\text{COX}) < K (\ll \text{discrete EDZ} \gg) < K (\ll \text{connected EDZ} \gg)$

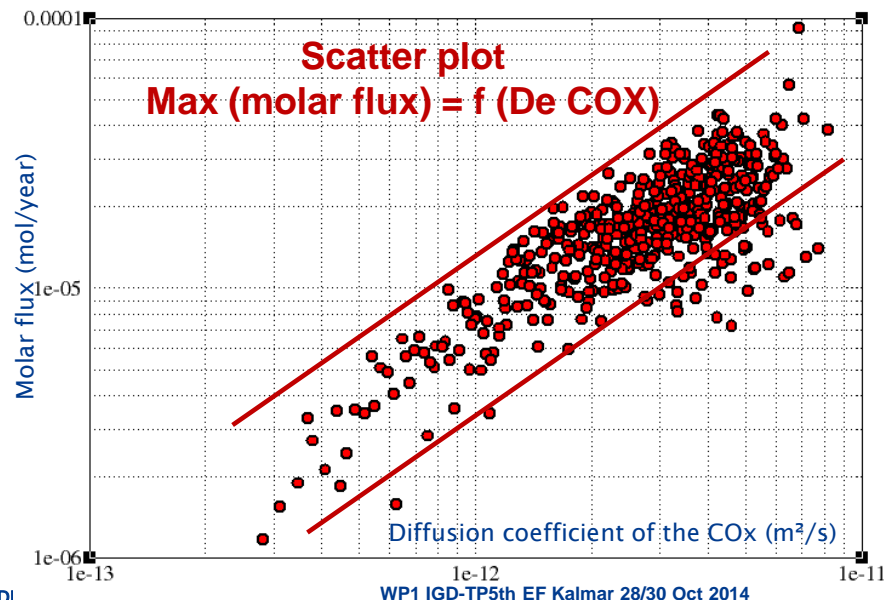
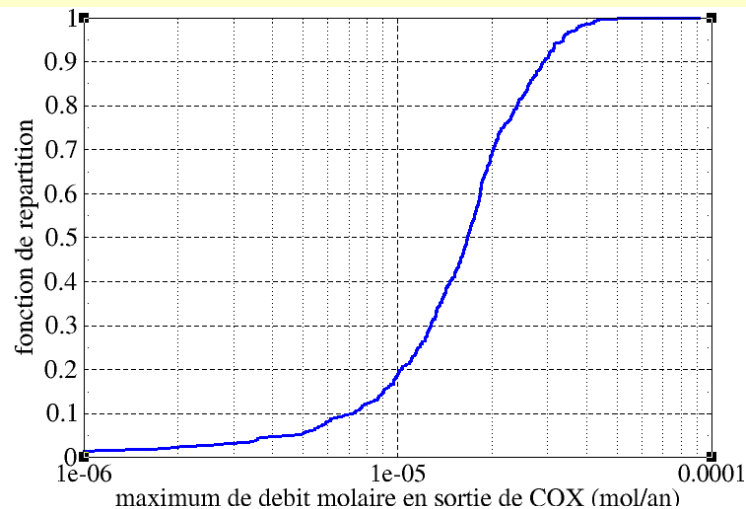
### 129 iodine molar flux evolution on top and bottom of the Cox - Quantiles



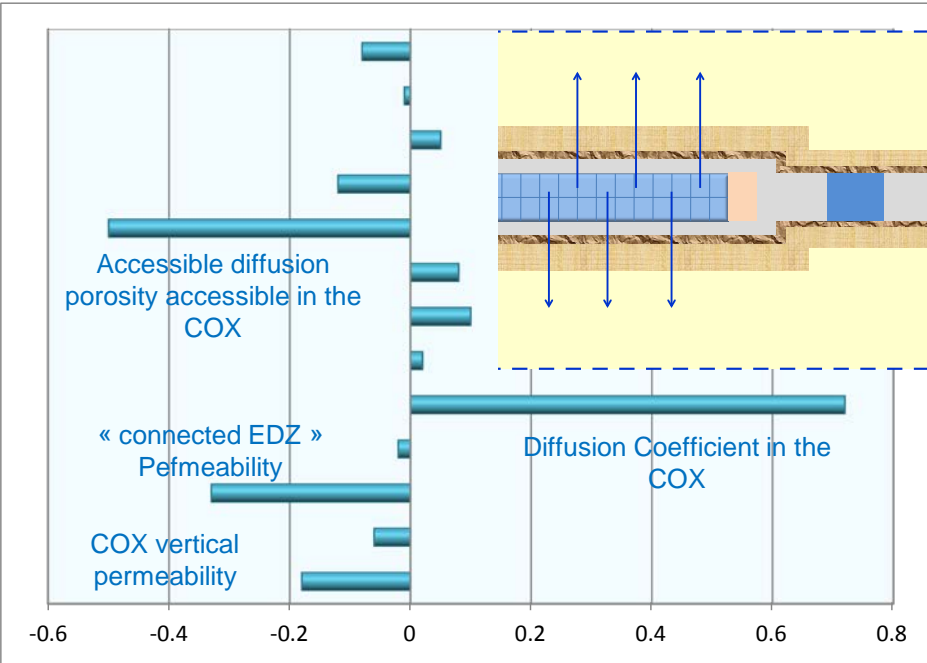
### Maximum molar flux on top and bottom of COx

- Troncation of maximas at 1<sup>e</sup>6 years for 25% of the results
- Factor 4 of variability for 75 % of the results
- Max (median) ~ Max (mean)
- High correlation between maximum of molar flux and diffusion coefficient of the COx

### Repartition function of the 129 iodine molar flux on top and bottom of the Cox



### Transfert path through the argilites



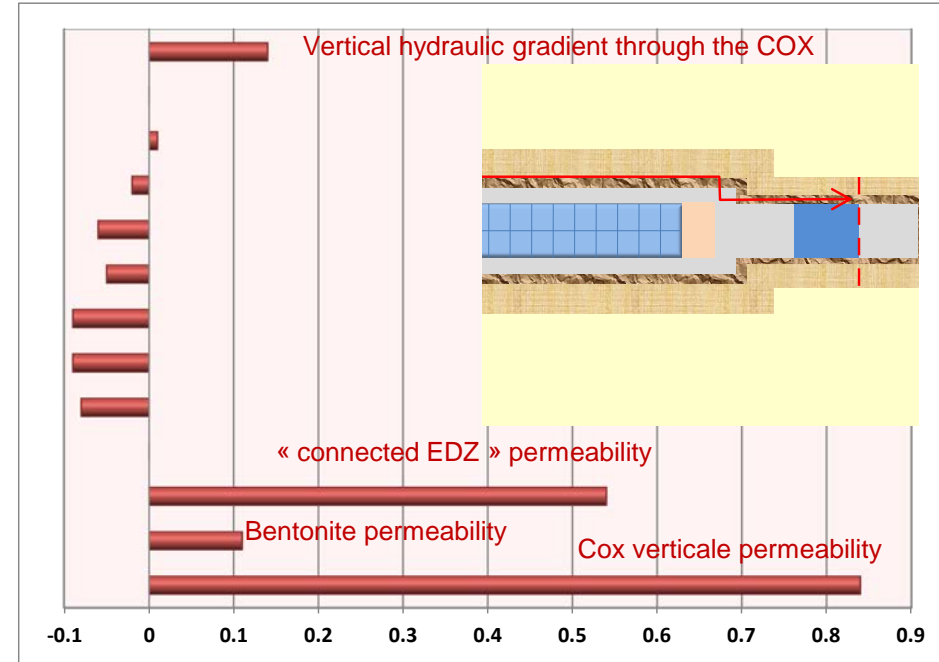
Rank correlation factors (PRCC)



#### Influential parameters ranking:

- COx Diffusion and porosity
- COx and EDZ permeability
- Other parameters are not influent

### Transfert path through the vault toward the gallery



Rank correlation factors (PRCC)



#### Influential parameters ranking:

- Cox and EDZ permeability
- Vertical hydraulic gradient
- Bentonite permeability
- Other parameters are not influent



» Object : Uncertainty and sensitivity analysis on the hydraulic-gas transient inside an ILLW vault

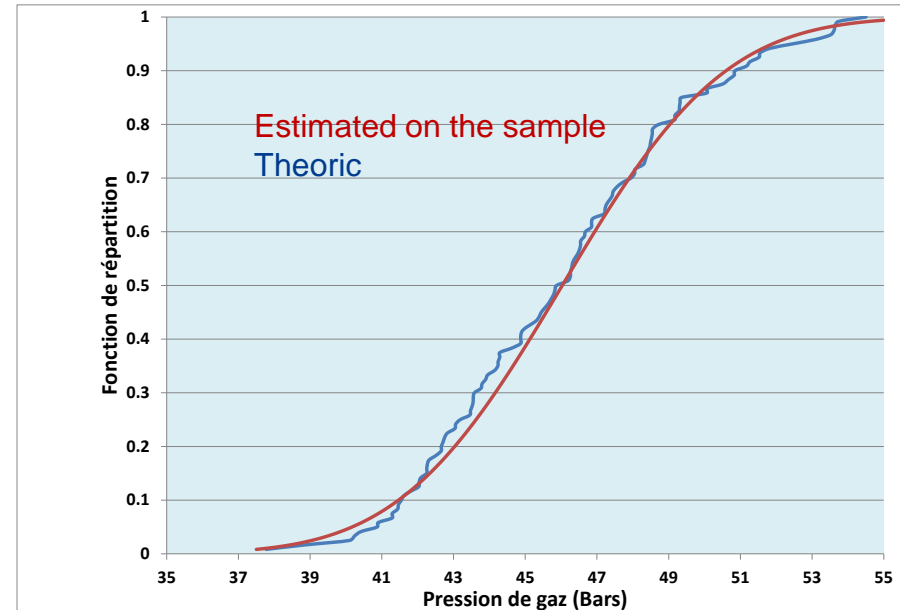
» Physical indicator:

- Maximum gas pressure

» Physical parameters

- Corrosion rate
- H<sub>2</sub> diffusion coefficient (dissolved, gas)
- Porosities
- Permeabilities
- Van Genuchten parameters
- ...

Distribution of the maximum gas pressure in the vault



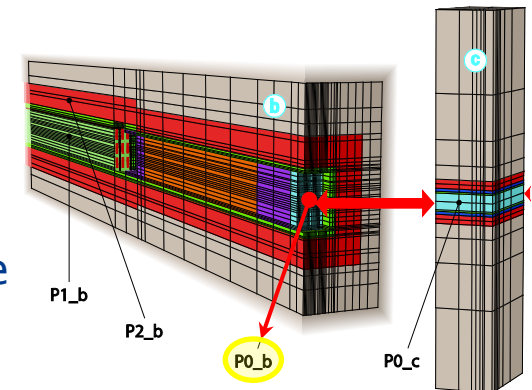
» Initial 120 numerical simulations (modèle 3D - Tough2\_MP)

- Correlation/regression analysis on values and ranks

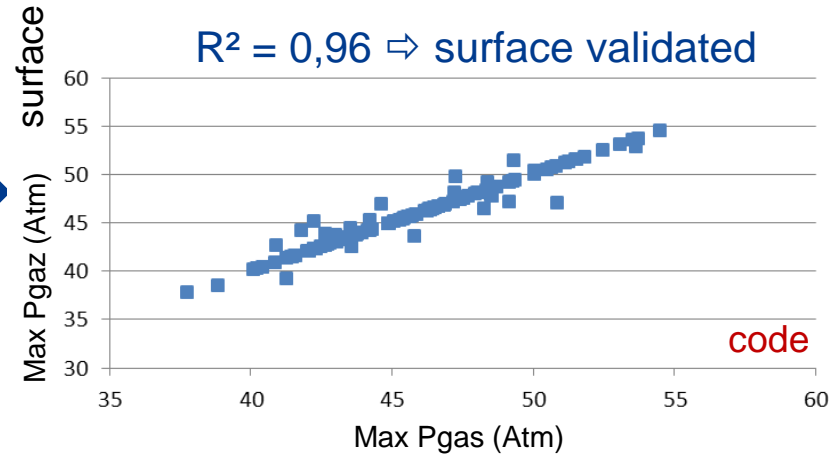
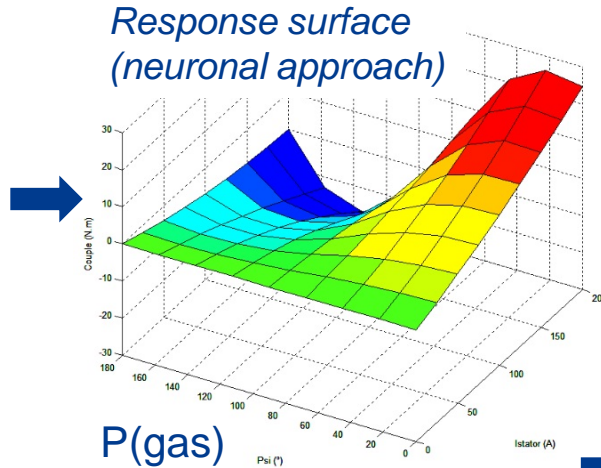
$$+ R^2(\text{values}) = 0,74 \text{ and } R^2(\text{rank}) = 0,7$$

- Non linear and non monotonic system

» Necessity to define a meta-model for the calculation of the SOBOL indices pour le

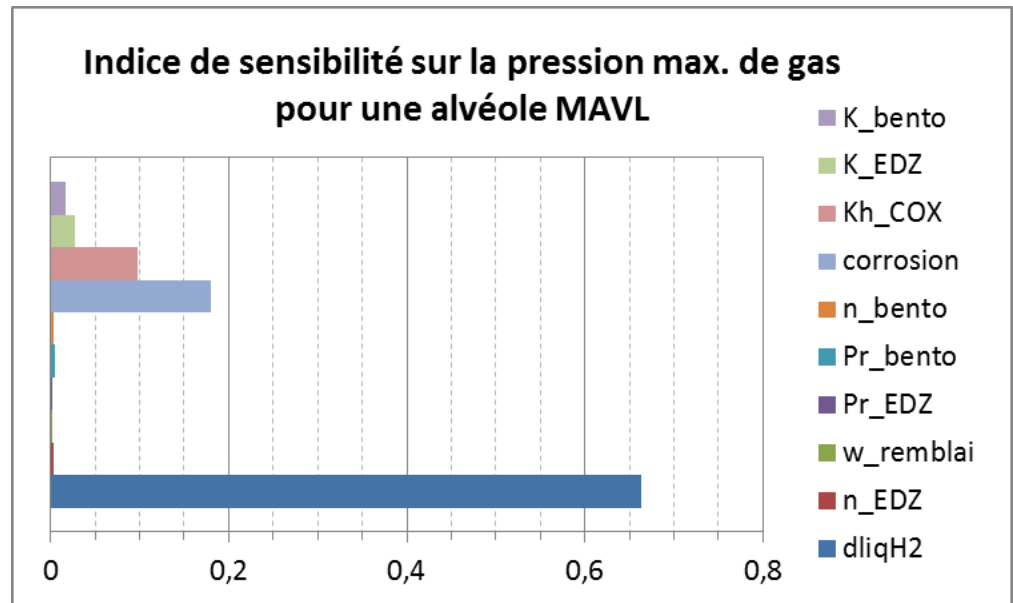


120 simulations  
(code Tough2\_MP)



50.000 simulations

- » First order Sobol indices (on variance)
- » Influential entry data ranking:
  1. Dissolved  $H_2$  diffusion coefficient,
  2. Corrosion rate,
  3. Horizontal Cox permeability.
  4. No or low influence of other parameters



## » Uncertainty methods at Andra

- ❑ Definition of scenarios : deterministic treatment
- ❑ Determination of phenomenological models : deterministic treatment
- ❑ Determination of entry data : probabilistic approach

## » Available probabilistic approach

- ❑ Monte-Carlo type probabilistic approaches : used for linear or monotonic problems
- ❑ ANOVA methods : used for highly non linear problems (highly coupled problems) in association with a response surface approach (neuronal network type)
  - + *Deterministic supplementary sensitivity analysis around operating points if needed*
- ❑ Numerical tools : plate-forme Cassandra, ModeFrontier, Traces (état adjoint)

## » R&D efforts

- ❑ Decomposition of high orders moments (skewness, kurtosis)



» Andra has all the needed tools (and skills) to fulfill uncertainty and sensitivity analysis in the context of phenomenological or safety evaluations