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Simulation in Pet Instrumentation

The sixth edition of this highly successful textbook provides a detailed introduction to Monte Carlo simulation in statistical physics, which deals with the computer simulation of many-body systems in condensed matter physics and related fields of physics and beyond (traffic flows, stock market fluctuations, etc.). Using random numbers generated by a computer, these powerful simulation methods calculate probability distributions, making it possible to estimate the thermodynamic properties of various systems. The book describes the theoretical background of these methods, enabling newcomers to perform such simulations and to analyse their results. It features a modular structure, with two chapters providing a basic pedagogic introduction plus exercises suitable for university courses; the remaining chapters cover major recent developments in the field. This edition has been updated with two new chapters dealing with recently developed powerful special algorithms and with finite size scaling tools for the study of interfacial phenomena, which are important for nanoscience. Previous editions have been highly praised and widely used by both students and advanced researchers. Deals with the computer simulation of complex physical systems encountered in condensed-matter physics and statistical mechanics as well as in related fields such as metallurgy, polymer research, lattice gauge theory and quantum mechanics. This book teaches modern Markov chain Monte Carlo (MC) simulation techniques step by step. The material should be accessible to advanced undergraduate students and is suitable for a course. It ranges from elementary statistics concepts (the theory behind MC simulations), through conventional Metropolis and heat bath algorithms, autocorrelations and the analysis of the performance of MC algorithms, to advanced topics including the multicanonical approach, cluster algorithms and parallel computing. Therefore, it is also of interest to researchers in the field. The book relates the theory directly to Web-based computer code. This allows readers to get quickly started with their

own simulations and to verify many numerical examples easily. The present code is in Fortran 77, for which compilers are freely available. The principles taught are important for users of other programming languages, like C or C++. This volume presents the application of the Monte Carlo method to the simulation of semiconductor devices, reviewing the physics of transport in semiconductors, followed by an introduction to the physics of semiconductor devices. Aimed at researchers across the social sciences, this book explains the logic behind the Monte Carlo simulation method and demonstrates its uses for social and behavioural research. In various scientific and industrial fields, stochastic simulations are taking on a new importance. This is due to the increasing power of computers and practitioners aim to simulate more and more complex systems, and thus use random parameters as well as random noises to model the parametric uncertainties and the lack of knowledge on the physics of these systems. The error analysis of these computations is a highly complex mathematical undertaking.

Approaching these issues, the authors present stochastic numerical methods and prove accurate convergence rate estimates in terms of their numerical parameters (number of simulations, time discretization steps). As a result, the book is a self-contained and rigorous study of the numerical methods within a theoretical framework. After briefly reviewing the basics, the authors first introduce fundamental notions in stochastic calculus and continuous-time martingale theory, then develop the analysis of pure-jump Markov processes, Poisson processes, and stochastic differential equations. In particular, they review the essential properties of Itô integrals and prove fundamental results on the probabilistic analysis of parabolic partial differential equations. These results in turn provide the basis for developing stochastic numerical methods, both from an algorithmic and theoretical point of view. The book combines advanced mathematical tools, theoretical analysis of stochastic numerical methods, and practical issues at a high level, so as to provide optimal results on the accuracy of Monte Carlo simulations of

stochastic processes. It is intended for master and Ph.D. students in the field of stochastic processes and their numerical applications, as well as for physicists, biologists, economists and other professionals working with stochastic simulations, who will benefit from the ability to reliably estimate and control the accuracy of their simulations. Monte Carlo methods are among the most used and useful computational tools available today, providing efficient and practical algorithms to solve a wide range of scientific and engineering problems. Applications covered in this book include optimization, finance, statistical mechanics, birth and death processes, and gambling systems. Explorations in Monte Carlo Methods provides a hands-on approach to learning this subject. Each new idea is carefully motivated by a realistic problem, thus leading from questions to theory via examples and numerical simulations.

Programming exercises are integrated throughout the text as the primary vehicle for learning the material. Each chapter ends with a large collection of problems illustrating and directing the material. This book is suitable as a textbook for students of engineering and the sciences, as well as mathematics. This book covers the techniques of computer simulations of disordered systems. It describes how one performs Monte Carlo simulations in condensed matter physics and deals with spin-glasses, percolating networks and the random field Ising model. Other methods mentioned are molecular dynamics and Brownian dynamics. Use of flow-diagrams enables the reader to grasp both the problem and its solution more readily. The book deals with highly complicated problems at a relatively simple level and will be most useful for advanced undergraduate and other courses in computational modelling. The Monte Carlo method is a numerical technique to model the probability of all possible outcomes in a process that cannot easily be predicted due to the interference of random variables. It is a technique used to understand the impact of risk, uncertainty, and ambiguity in forecasting models. However, this technique is complicated by the amount of computer time required to achieve sufficient precision in the simulations and evaluate

their accuracy. This book discusses the general principles of the Monte Carlo method with an emphasis on techniques to decrease simulation time and increase accuracy. Essentials of Monte Carlo Simulation focuses on the fundamentals of Monte Carlo methods using basic computer simulation techniques. The theories presented in this text deal with systems that are too complex to solve analytically. As a result, readers are given a system of interest and constructs using computer code, as well as algorithmic models to emulate how the system works internally. After the models are run several times, in a random sample way, the data for each output variable(s) of interest is analyzed by ordinary statistical methods. This book features 11 comprehensive chapters, and discusses such key topics as random number generators, multivariate random variates, and continuous random variates. Over 100 numerical examples are presented as part of the appendix to illustrate useful real world applications. The text also contains an easy to read presentation with minimal use of difficult mathematical concepts. Very little has been published in the area of computer Monte Carlo simulation methods, and this book will appeal to students and researchers in the fields of Mathematics and Statistics.

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Abstract: Proton therapy is one of the most precise modalities of external radiation therapy. Compared to the conventional photon therapy, due to the presence of Bragg Peak, proton therapy has a much lower entrance dose and no dose beyond the target volume. Meanwhile, due to this special feature, there is a high accuracy requirement of the treatment delivery. There are different methods for verifying the spatial distribution and the range of the delivered dose. One of these

measurement methods is using Position Emission Tomography (PET), which requires a simulation of the expected positron emitter distribution and compare it with the PET measurements during (i.e. in-beam) or after (i.e. in-room) the treatment. In this study, based on GATE (Version 6.2), running on vGATE (Version 2.1), a four-detector "in-beam" PET scanning system is evaluated using Monte Carlo Simulation methods. In addition, Oxygen-15, which is one of the positron emitting isotopes generated from proton irradiation, is also simulated. The installation of GATE is validated by comparing the simulation results to the benchmarking results provided by the code developers. After that, the technical performance characteristics of the four-detector "in-beam" PET scanning system, such as scatter fraction, random fraction, sensitivity and spatial accuracy have been evaluated and compared to another eight-detector "in-room" PET scanning system. The simulations demonstrate some determining factors, such as the diameters of the cylindrical phantom, the locations and activities of the sources, and etc., which can affect the technical performance characteristics of both the scanning systems. Subjects: Tomography, Emission Monte Carlo method This highly accessible and innovative text with supporting web site uses Excel (R) to teach the core concepts of econometrics without advanced mathematics. It enables students to use Monte Carlo simulations in order to understand the data generating process and sampling distribution. Intelligent repetition of concrete examples effectively conveys the properties of the ordinary least squares (OLS) estimator and the nature of heteroskedasticity and autocorrelation. Coverage includes omitted variables, binary response models, basic time series, and simultaneous equations. The authors teach students how to construct their own real-world data sets drawn from the internet, which they can analyze with Excel (R) or with other econometric software. The accompanying web site with text support can be found at www.wabash.edu/econometrics. When learning very formal material one comes to a stage where one thinks one has understood the material. Confronted with a "real life"

problem, the passivity of this understanding sometimes becomes painfully clear. To be able to solve the problem, ideas, methods, etc. need to be ready at hand. They must be mastered (become active knowledge) in order to employ them successfully. Starting from this idea, the leitmotif, or aim, of this book has been to close this gap as much as possible. How can this be done? The material presented here was born out of a series of lectures at the Summer School held at Figueira da Foz (Portugal) in 1987. The series of lectures was split into two concurrent parts. In one part the "formal material" was presented. Since the background of those attending varied widely, the presentation of the formal material was kept as pedagogic as possible. In the formal part the general ideas behind the Monte Carlo method were developed. The Monte Carlo method has now found widespread application in many branches of science such as physics, chemistry, and biology. Because of this, the scope of the lectures had to be narrowed down. We could not give a complete account and restricted the treatment to the application of the Monte Carlo method to the physics of phase transitions. Here particular emphasis is placed on finite-size effects. Chapter One presents a study on application of Monte Carlo simulation in reliability assessment of composite electric power systems. Chapter Two develops a PK/PD model to evaluate, by Monte Carlo simulation as a data maximisation strategy, the antiviral activity of two stavudine formulations: conventional stavudine and stavudine-gold nanoparticles (stavudine-AuNPs). In Chapter Three, the magnetic properties of the kagomé lattice is studied with RudermanKittelKasuyaYosida (RKKY) exchange interactions in a spin-7/2 and alternate mixed spin-5/2 and spin-2 Ising model on the Bethe lattice by using the Monte Carlo simulations. "The user-friendly, object-oriented programming language Python is quickly becoming the most popular introductory programming language for both students and instructors ... Building on essential concepts of computer science and offering a plentitude of real-world examples, Python programming in context, Second edition offers a thorough overview of

multiple applied areas, including image processing, cryptography, astronomy, the Internet, and bioinformatics. The text's emphasis on problem solving, extrapolation, and development of independent exploration and solution building provides students with a unique and innovative approach to learning programming." -- This updated edition deals with the Monte Carlo simulation of complex physical systems encountered in condensed-matter physics, statistical mechanics, and related fields. It contains many applications, examples, and exercises to help the reader. It is an excellent guide for graduate students and researchers who use computer simulations in their research. The Monte Carlo method is a numerical method of solving mathematical problems through random sampling. As a universal numerical technique, the method became possible only with the advent of computers, and its application continues to expand with each new computer generation. A Primer for the Monte Carlo Method demonstrates how practical problems in science, industry, and trade can be solved using this method. The book features the main schemes of the Monte Carlo method and presents various examples of its application, including queueing, quality and reliability estimations, neutron transport, astrophysics, and numerical analysis. The only prerequisite to using the book is an understanding of elementary calculus. Dealing with all aspects of Monte Carlo simulation of complex physical systems encountered in condensed-matter physics and statistical mechanics, this book provides an introduction to computer simulations in physics. This edition contains extensive new material describing numerous powerful algorithms not covered in previous editions, in some cases representing new developments that have only recently appeared. Older methodologies whose impact was previously unclear or unappreciated are also introduced, in addition to many small revisions that bring the text and cited literature up to date. This edition also introduces the use of petascale computing facilities in the Monte Carlo arena. Throughout the book there are many applications, examples, recipes, case studies, and exercises to help the reader understand the

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illustrating them through Monte Carlo simulation, Monte Carlo Simulation and Resampling Methods for Social Science, by Thomas M. Carsey and Jeffrey J. Harden, examines abstract principles, such as bias, efficiency, and measures of uncertainty in an intuitive, visual way. Instead of thinking in the abstract about what would happen to a particular estimator "in repeated samples," the book uses simulation to actually create those repeated samples and summarize the results. The book includes basic examples appropriate for readers learning the material for the first time, as well as more advanced examples that a researcher might use to evaluate an estimator he or she was using in an actual research project. The book also covers a wide range of topics related to Monte Carlo simulation, such as resampling methods, simulations of substantive theory, simulation of quantities of interest (QI) from model results, and cross-validation. Complete R code from all examples is provided so readers can replicate every analysis presented using R. Kinetic Monte Carlo (kMC) simulations still represent a quite new area of research, with a rapidly growing number of publications. Broadly speaking, kMC can be applied to any system describable as a set of minima of a potential-energy surface, the evolution of which will then be regarded as hops from one minimum to a neighboring one. The hops in kMC are modeled as stochastic processes and the algorithms use random numbers to determine at which times the hops occur and to which neighboring minimum they go. Sometimes this approach is also called dynamic MC or Stochastic Simulation Algorithm, in particular when it is applied to solving macroscopic rate equations. This book has two objectives. First, it is a primer on the kMC method (predominantly using the lattice-gas model) and thus much of the book will also be useful for applications other than to surface reactions. Second, it is intended to teach the reader what can be learned from kMC simulations of surface reaction kinetics. With these goals in mind, the present text is conceived as a self-contained introduction for students and non-specialist researchers alike who are interested in entering the field and learning about the topic from

scratch. The purpose of this book is to introduce researchers and practitioners to recent advances and applications of Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS). Random sampling is the key of the MCS technique. The 11 chapters of this book collectively illustrates how such a sampling technique is exploited to solve difficult problems or analyze complex systems in various engineering and science domains. Issues related to the use of MCS including goodness-of-fit, uncertainty evaluation, variance reduction, optimization, and statistical estimation are discussed and examples of solutions are given. Novel applications of MCS are demonstrated in financial systems modeling, estimation of transition behavior of organic molecules, chemical reaction, particle diffusion, kinetic simulation of biophysics and biological data, and healthcare practices. To enlarge the accessibility of this book, both field-specific background materials and field-specific usages of MCS are introduced in most chapters. The aim of this book is to unify knowledge of MCS from different fields to facilitate research and new applications of MCS. Particle simulation of semiconductor devices is a rather new field which has started to catch the interest of the world's scientific community. It represents a time-continuous solution of Boltzmann's transport equation, or its quantum mechanical equivalent, and the field equation, without encountering the usual numerical problems associated with the direct solution. The technique is based on first physical principles by following in detail the transport histories of individual particles and gives a profound insight into the physics of semiconductor devices. The method can be applied to devices of any geometrical complexity and material composition. It yields an accurate description of the device, which is not limited by the assumptions made behind the alternative drift diffusion and hydrodynamic models, which represent approximate solutions to the transport equation. While the development of the particle modelling technique has been hampered in the past by the cost of computer time, today this should not be held against using a method which gives a profound physical insight into individual devices and can be used to

predict the properties of devices not yet manufactured. Employed in this way it can save the developer much time and large sums of money, both important considerations for the laboratory which wants to keep abreast of the field of device research. Applying it to already existing electronic components may lead to novel ideas for their improvement. The Monte Carlo particle simulation technique is applicable to microelectronic components of any arbitrary shape and complexity. This book brings together expert researchers engaged in Monte-Carlo simulation-based statistical modeling, offering them a forum to present and discuss recent issues in methodological development as well as public health applications. It is divided into three parts, with the first providing an overview of Monte-Carlo techniques, the second focusing on missing data Monte-Carlo methods, and the third addressing Bayesian and general statistical modeling using Monte-Carlo simulations. The data and computer programs used here will also be made publicly available, allowing readers to replicate the model development and data analysis presented in each chapter, and to readily apply them in their own research. Featuring highly topical content, the book has the potential to impact model development and data analyses across a wide spectrum of fields, and to spark further research in this direction. Monte Carlo methods have been used for decades in physics, engineering, statistics, and other fields. Monte Carlo Simulation and Finance explains the nuts and bolts of this essential technique used to value derivatives and other securities. Author and educator Don McLeish examines this fundamental process, and discusses important issues, including specialized problems in finance that Monte Carlo and Quasi-Monte Carlo methods can help solve and the different ways Monte Carlo methods can be improved upon. This state-of-the-art book on Monte Carlo simulation methods is ideal for finance professionals and students. Order your copy today. Primarily an introduction to the theory of stochastic processes at the undergraduate or beginning graduate level, the primary objective of this book is to initiate students in the art of stochastic modelling. However it is motivated by

significant applications and progressively brings the student to the borders of contemporary research. Examples are from a wide range of domains, including operations research and electrical engineering. Researchers and students in these areas as well as in physics, biology and the social sciences will find this book of interest. Monte Carlo simulation is a practical tool used in determining contingency and can facilitate more effective management of cost estimate uncertainties. This paper details the process for effectively developing the model for Monte Carlo simulations and reveals some of the intricacies needing special consideration. This paper begins with a discussion on the importance of continuous risk management practice and leads into the why and how a Monte Carlo simulation is used to establish contingency. Given the right Monte Carlo simulation tools and skills, any size project can take advantage of the advancements of information availability and technology to yield powerful results. This accessible new edition explores the major topics in Monte Carlo simulation that have arisen over the past 30 years and presents a sound foundation for problem solving Simulation and the Monte Carlo Method, Third Edition reflects the latest developments in the field and presents a fully updated and comprehensive account of the state-of-the-art theory, methods and applications that have emerged in Monte Carlo simulation since the publication of the classic First Edition over more than a quarter of a century ago. While maintaining its accessible and intuitive approach, this revised edition features a wealth of up-to-date information that facilitates a deeper understanding of problem solving across a wide array of subject areas, such as engineering, statistics, computer science, mathematics, and the physical and life sciences. The book begins with a modernized introduction that addresses the basic concepts of probability, Markov processes, and convex optimization. Subsequent chapters discuss the dramatic changes that have occurred in the field of the Monte Carlo method, with coverage of many modern topics including: Markov Chain Monte Carlo, variance reduction techniques such as importance

(re-)sampling, and the transform likelihood ratio method, the score function method for sensitivity analysis, the stochastic approximation method and the stochastic counter-part method for Monte Carlo optimization, the cross-entropy method for rare events estimation and combinatorial optimization, and application of Monte Carlo techniques for counting problems. An extensive range of exercises is provided at the end of each chapter, as well as a generous sampling of applied examples. The Third Edition features a new chapter on the highly versatile splitting method, with applications to rare-event estimation, counting, sampling, and optimization. A second new chapter introduces the stochastic enumeration method, which is a new fast sequential Monte Carlo method for tree search. In addition, the Third Edition features new material on: □ Random number generation, including multiple-recursive generators and the Mersenne Twister □ Simulation of Gaussian processes, Brownian motion, and diffusion processes □ Multilevel Monte Carlo method □ New enhancements of the cross-entropy (CE) method, including the □improved□ CE method, which uses sampling from the zero-variance distribution to find the optimal importance sampling parameters □ Over 100 algorithms in modern pseudo code with flow control □ Over 25 new exercises

Simulation and the Monte Carlo Method, Third Edition is an excellent text for upper-undergraduate and beginning graduate courses in stochastic simulation and Monte Carlo techniques. The book also serves as a valuable reference for professionals who would like to achieve a more formal understanding of the Monte Carlo method. Reuven Y. Rubinstein, DSc, was Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Industrial Engineering and Management at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. He served as a consultant at numerous large-scale organizations, such as IBM, Motorola, and NEC. The author of over 100 articles and six books, Dr. Rubinstein was also the inventor of the popular score-function method in simulation analysis and generic cross-entropy methods for combinatorial optimization and counting. Dirk P. Kroese, PhD, is a Professor of Mathematics and Statistics in the School of Mathematics and

Physics of The University of Queensland, Australia. He has published over 100 articles and four books in a wide range of areas in applied probability and statistics, including Monte Carlo methods, cross-entropy, randomized algorithms, tele-traffic theory, reliability, computational statistics, applied probability, and stochastic modeling. In this book, the thermodynamic observables of the classical one- and two-dimensional ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic Ising models on a square lattice are simulated, especially at the phase transitions (if applicable) using the classical Monte Carlo algorithm of Metropolis. Finite size effects and the influence of an external magnetic field are described. The critical temperature of the 2d ferromagnetic Ising model is obtained using finite size scaling. Before presenting the Ising model, the basic concepts of statistical mechanics are recapped. Furthermore, the general principles of Monte Carlo methods are explained. In the seven years since this volume first appeared, there has been an enormous expansion of the range of problems to which Monte Carlo computer simulation methods have been applied. This fact has already led to the addition of a companion volume ("Applications of the Monte Carlo Method in Statistical Physics", Topics in Current Physics, Vol . 36), edited in 1984, to this book. But the field continues to develop further; rapid progress is being made with respect to the implementation of Monte Carlo algorithms, the construction of special-purpose computers dedicated to execute Monte Carlo programs, and new methods to analyze the "data" generated by these programs. Brief descriptions of these and other developments, together with numerous additional references, are included in a new chapter, "Recent Trends in Monte Carlo Simulations", which has been written for this second edition. Typographical corrections have been made and fuller references given where appropriate, but otherwise the layout and contents of the other chapters are left unchanged. Thus this book, together with its companion volume mentioned above, gives a fairly complete and up-to-date review of the field. It is hoped that the reduced price of this paperback edition will make it accessible to a wide range of scientists and

students in the fields to which it is relevant: theoretical physics and physical chemistry, condensed-matter physics and materials science, computational physics and applied mathematics, etc. An accessible treatment of Monte Carlo methods, techniques, and applications in the field of finance and economics Providing readers with an in-depth and comprehensive guide, the Handbook in Monte Carlo Simulation: Applications in Financial Engineering, Risk Management, and Economics presents a timely account of the applications of Monte Carlo methods in financial engineering and economics. Written by an international leading expert in the field, the handbook illustrates the challenges confronting present-day financial practitioners and provides various applications of Monte Carlo techniques to answer these issues. The book is organized into five parts: introduction and motivation; input analysis, modeling, and estimation; random variate and sample path generation; output analysis and variance reduction; and applications ranging from option pricing and risk management to optimization. The Handbook in Monte Carlo Simulation features: An introductory section for basic material on stochastic modeling and estimation aimed at readers who may need a summary or review of the essentials Carefully crafted examples in order to spot potential pitfalls and drawbacks of each approach An accessible treatment of advanced topics such as low-discrepancy sequences, stochastic optimization, dynamic programming, risk measures, and Markov chain Monte Carlo methods Numerous pieces of R code used to illustrate fundamental ideas in concrete terms and encourage experimentation The Handbook in Monte Carlo Simulation: Applications in Financial Engineering, Risk Management, and Economics is a complete reference for practitioners in the fields of finance, business, applied statistics, econometrics, and engineering, as well as a supplement for MBA and graduate-level courses on Monte Carlo methods and simulation. This book describes all aspects of Monte Carlo simulation of complex physical systems encountered in condensed-matter physics and statistical mechanics, as well as in related fields, such

as polymer science and lattice gauge theory. The authors give a succinct overview of simple sampling methods and develop the importance sampling method. In addition they introduce quantum Monte Carlo methods, aspects of simulations of growth phenomena and other systems far from equilibrium, and the Monte Carlo Renormalization Group approach to critical phenomena. The book includes many applications, examples, and current references, and exercises to help the reader. Unique coverage of Monte Carlo methods for both continuum and lattice systems, explaining particularly analysis of phase transitions. First Published in 1988, this book offers a full exploration into the applications of the Monte Carlo Simulation. Carefully compiled and filled with a vast repertoire of notes, diagrams, and references this book serves as a useful reference for Students of Radiology, and other practitioners in their respective fields. Developed from the author's course on Monte Carlo simulation at Brown University, Monte Carlo Simulation with Applications to Finance provides a self-contained introduction to Monte Carlo methods in financial engineering. It is suitable for advanced undergraduate and graduate students taking a one-semester course or for practitioners in the financial industry. The author first presents the necessary mathematical tools for simulation, arbitrary free option pricing, and the basic implementation of Monte Carlo schemes. He then describes variance reduction techniques, including control variates, stratification, conditioning, importance sampling, and cross-entropy. The text concludes with stochastic calculus and the simulation of diffusion processes. Only requiring some familiarity with probability and statistics, the book keeps much of the mathematics at an informal level and avoids technical measure-theoretic jargon to provide a practical understanding of the basics. It includes a large number of examples as well as MATLAB® coding exercises that are designed in a progressive manner so that no prior experience with MATLAB is needed.

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