

Prediction and Exploitation of Uncertainty in Dynamic Processes

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Outline

1 Some Practical Challenges

- Quality by Design in the Pharmaceutical Industry
- Computational Systems Biology and Synthetic Biology

2 Uncertainty Prediction

- The Role of Data
- Predicting Uncertainty in Mathematical Models

3 Uncertainty Exploitation

- Propagation of Uncertainty
- Robustness and Flexibility Analyses

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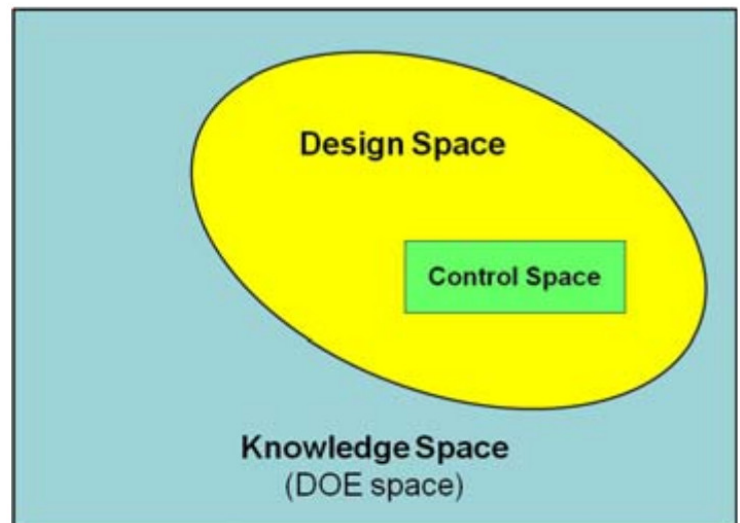
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Robust Approach:

Identify all possible combinations of process parameters that yield acceptable product quality for all possible variations in raw materials

- Carry out a well-designed set of experiments (DOE)
- Use response surface methodology



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Definition of Design Spaces Using Mechanistic Models and Geometric Projections of Probability Maps

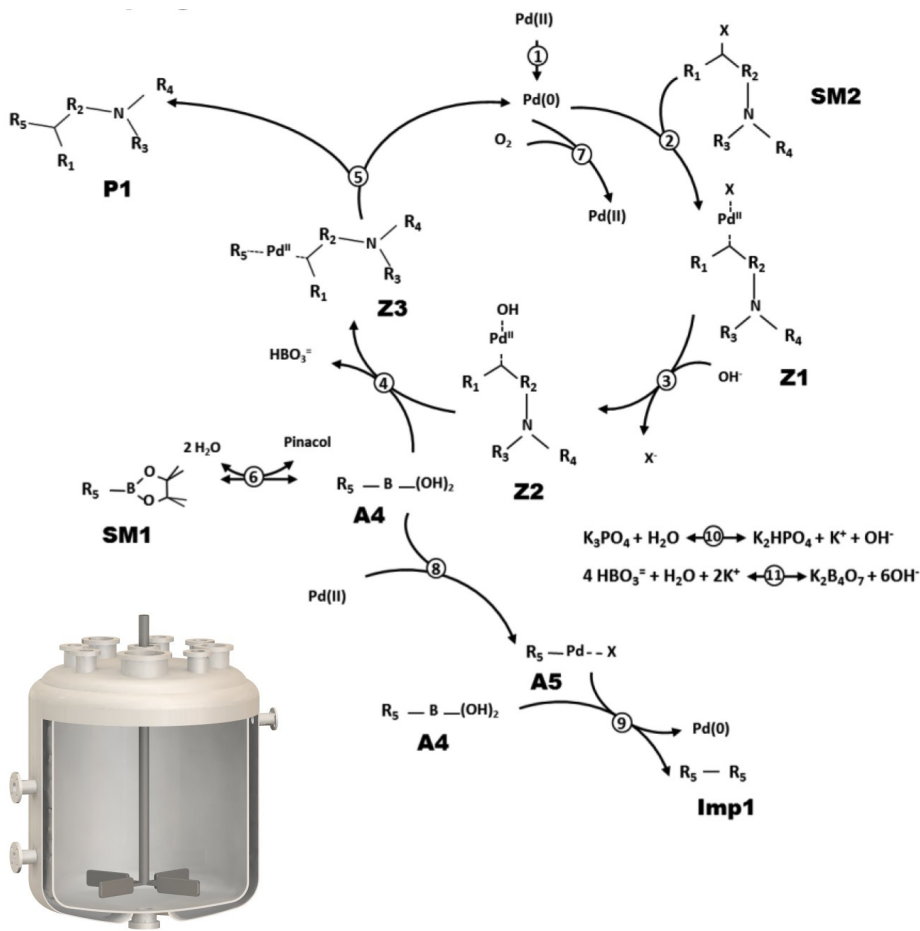
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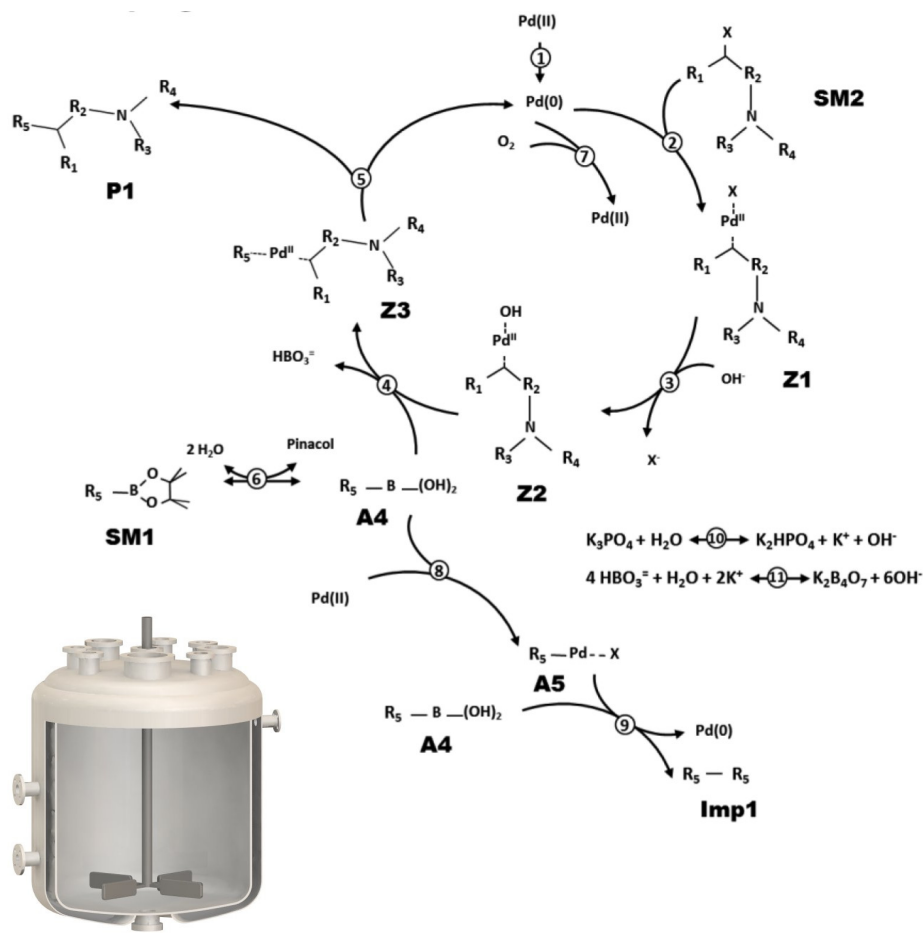
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Quality Attributes:

- Max. amount of unreacted **SM2** (reaction completion)
- Max. amount of produced **Imp1** (downstream purif.)

Process Parameters:

- ratio of starting materials
- reaction volume
- solvent composition
- reaction temperature
- catalyst loading
- initial Pd speciation
- O₂ level in head-space
- reaction time
- potassium phosphate charged amount

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Kinetic Model Formulation:

$$\frac{d\{[\text{Pd(0)}]V\}}{dt} = \{-k_{s2}[\text{Pd(0)}][\text{SM2}] - k_{s7}[\text{Pd(0)}][\text{O}_2]_L^{1/2} + k_{s9}[\text{AS}][\text{A4}] + k_{s5}[\text{Z3}]\}V \quad (1)$$

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$$y_{\text{O}_2}^{\text{P}} = [\text{O}_2]_{L,\text{sat}} \text{H}_{\text{O}_2} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{H}_{\text{O}_2} = \exp\left(\sum_{j=\text{water,THF}} x_j \ln \text{H}_{\text{O}_2,j} - x_{\text{THF}} \ln\left(\frac{\text{H}_{\text{O}_2,\text{THF}}}{\text{H}_{\text{O}_2,\text{water}}}\right) - \ln\left(x_{\text{water}} + x_{\text{THF}} \frac{\text{H}_{\text{O}_2,\text{water}}}{\text{H}_{\text{O}_2,\text{THF}}}\right)\right) \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{O}_2]_L V\}}{dt} = \{k_{s12}([\text{O}_2]_{L,\text{sat}} - [\text{O}_2]_L)\}V \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{SM2}]V\}}{dt} = \{-k_{s2}[\text{Pd(0)}][\text{SM2}]\}V \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{Z1}]V\}}{dt} = \{k_{s2}[\text{Pd(0)}][\text{SM2}]_L - k_{s3}[\text{Z1}][\text{OH}^-]\}V \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{Z2}]V\}}{dt} = \{k_{s3}[\text{Z1}][\text{OH}^-] - k_{s4}[\text{A4}][\text{Z2}]\}V \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{Z3}]V\}}{dt} = \{k_{s4}[\text{A4}][\text{Z2}] - k_{s5}[\text{Z3}]\}V \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{A4}]V\}}{dt} = \{k_{s6}[\text{SM1}] - k_{s-6}[\text{A4}] - k_{s4}[\text{A4}][\text{Z2}] - k_{s8}[\text{Pd(II)}][\text{A4}] - k_{s9}[\text{AS}][\text{A4}]\}V \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{AS}]V\}}{dt} = \{k_{s8}[\text{Pd(II)}][\text{A4}] - k_{s9}[\text{A4}][\text{AS}]\}V \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{SM1}]V\}}{dt} = \{-k_{s6}[\text{SM1}] + k_{s-6}[\text{A4}]\}V \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{Imp1}]V\}}{dt} = \{-k_{s9}[\text{A4}][\text{AS}]\}V \quad (13)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4]V\}}{dt} = \{-k_{s10}[\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4] + k_{s-10}[\text{K}_2\text{HPO}_4][\text{OH}^-]\}V \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{K}_2\text{HPO}_4]V\}}{dt} = \{k_{s10}[\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4] - k_{s-10}[\text{K}_2\text{HPO}_4][\text{OH}^-]\}V \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{d\{[\text{HBO}_3^-]V\}}{dt} = \{k_{s4}[\text{A4}][\text{Z2}] - k_{s11}[\text{HBO}_3^-] + k_{s-11}[\text{K}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7][\text{OH}^-]\}V \quad (16)$$

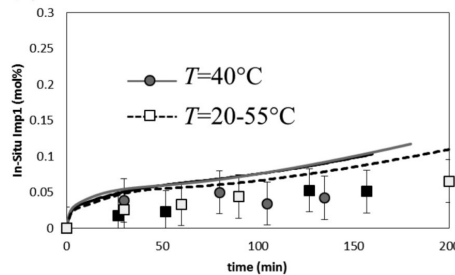
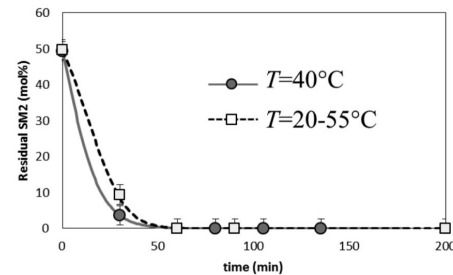
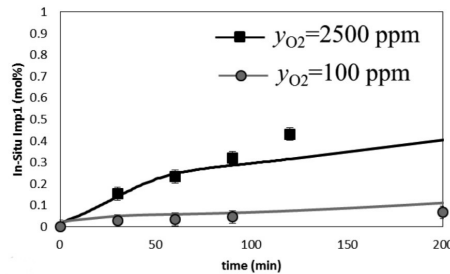
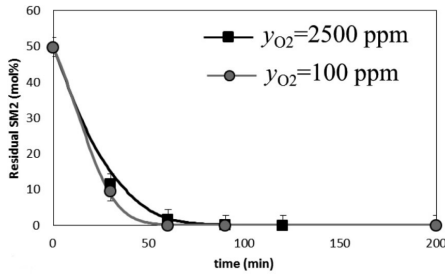
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Kinetic Model Calibration:

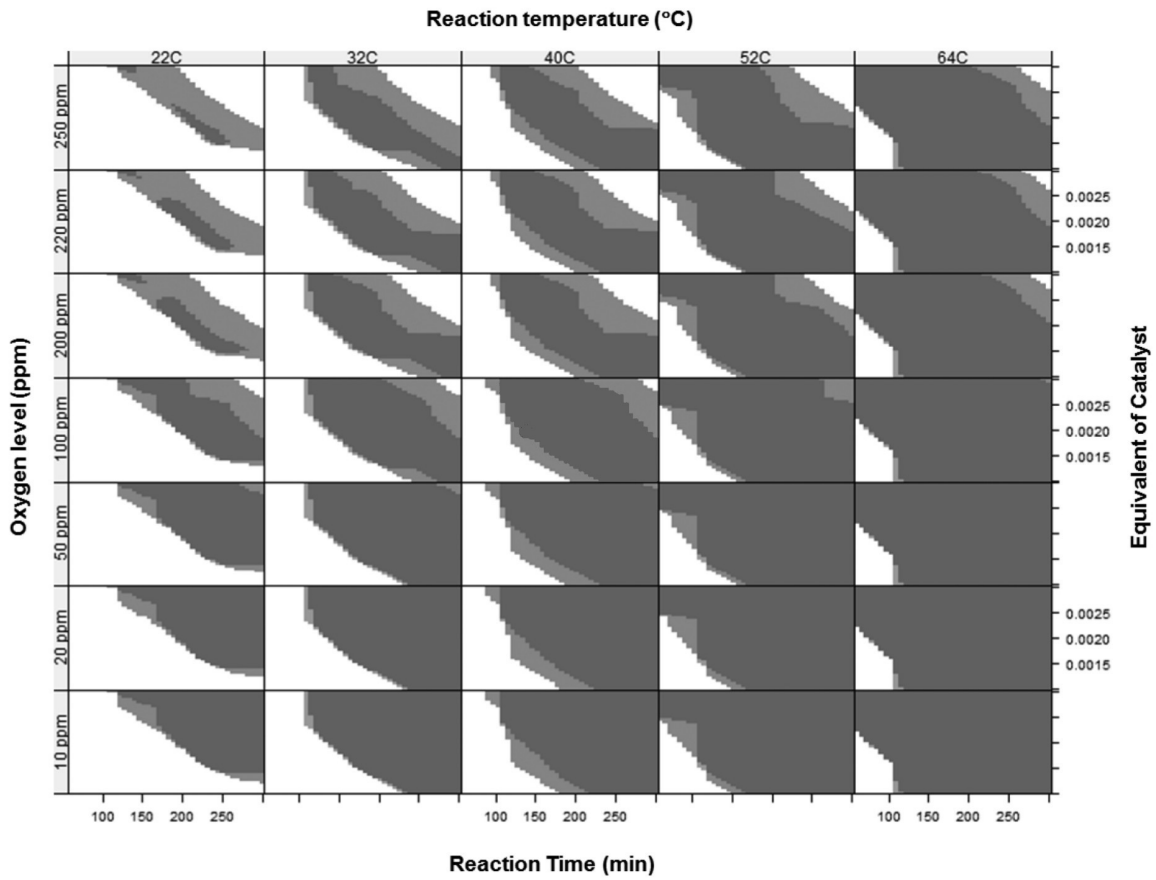


parameter	value
Suzuki Coupling ^a	
$k_{s2,ref}$ (L mol ⁻¹ min ⁻¹)	1.74×10^2
$k_{s3,ref}$ (L mol ⁻¹ min ⁻¹)	7.14×10^3
$k_{s4,ref}$ (L mol ⁻¹ min ⁻¹)	4.37×10^3
$k_{s5,ref}$ (min ⁻¹)	2.49×10^3
$k_{s6,ref}$ (min ⁻¹)	2.94
$K_{eq,6} = k_{s6,ref}/k_{s-6,ref}$ (—)	2.08
$k_{s7,ref}$ (L ^{0.5} mol ^{-0.5} min ⁻¹)	1.04×10^1
$k_{s8,ref}$ (L mol ⁻¹ min ⁻¹)	7.54
$k_{s9,ref}$ (L mol ⁻¹ min ⁻¹)	3.84×10^2
$k_{s10,ref}$ (min ⁻¹)	5.50
$K_{eq,10} = k_{s10,ref}/k_{s-10,ref}$ (L ⁻¹ mol)	3.96×10^{-2}
$k_{s11,ref}$ (min ⁻¹)	2.34
$K_{eq,11} = k_{s11,ref}/k_{s-11,ref}$ (L ⁻¹ mol)	5.00×10^{-4}
$k_{s12,ref}$	2.74×10^{-3}

^a $k_i(T) = k_{s,ref} \exp(-E_{ai}/R(1/T - 1/T_{ref}))$ with $T_{ref} = 303.15$ K; activation energies are as follows (kJ/mol): $E_{a2} = 27.4$, $E_{a3} = 0.0$, $E_{a4} = 15.3$, $E_{a5} = 22.4$, $E_{a6} = 30.0$, $E_{a,eq6} = -65$, $E_{a7} = 0.0$, $E_{a8} = 20.1$, $E_{a9} = 0.0$, $E_{a,10} = 30$, $E_{a,eq10} = 50$, $E_{a,11} = 30.0$, $E_{a,eq11} = 139.0$, and $E_{a,12} = 15.0$.

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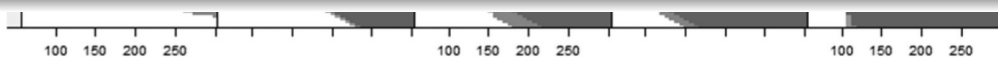
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How might we use PSE methods and tools to:

- Precisely characterize the boundary region of the design space inside the knowledge space
- Identify the largest multi-dimensional box fitting within the design space
- Be resilient to the (parametric or structural) modeling uncertainty
- Guide targeted experiments to confirm / refine the design space boundary
- ...



BIOLOGICAL ROBUSTNESS

Hiroaki Kitano

Abstract | Robustness is a ubiquitously observed property of biological systems. It is considered to be a fundamental feature of complex evolvable systems. It is attained by several underlying principles that are universal to both biological organisms and sophisticated engineering systems. Robustness facilitates evolvability and robust traits are often selected by evolution. Such a mutually beneficial process is made possible by specific architectural features observed in robust systems. But there are trade-offs between robustness, fragility, performance and resource demands, which explain system behaviour, including the patterns of failure. Insights into inherent properties of robust systems will provide us with a better understanding of complex diseases and a guiding principle for therapy design.

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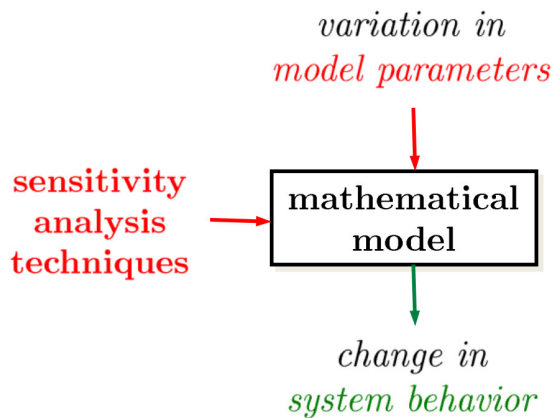
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- Identify and understand the basic architecture for a robust system, and the associated trade-offs and faults: [Reverse Engineering](#)
- Develop counter-measures, such as targets for new drugs: [Therapeutic Design](#)

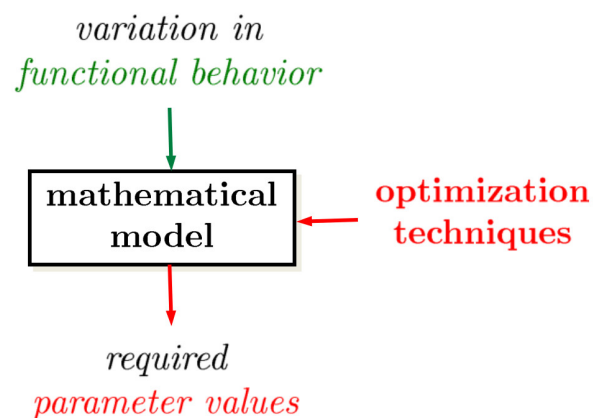
Approaches in Computational Systems Biology

How large a perturbation can a system tolerate before losing a specific behavior?

Direct Approach:



Inverse Approach:

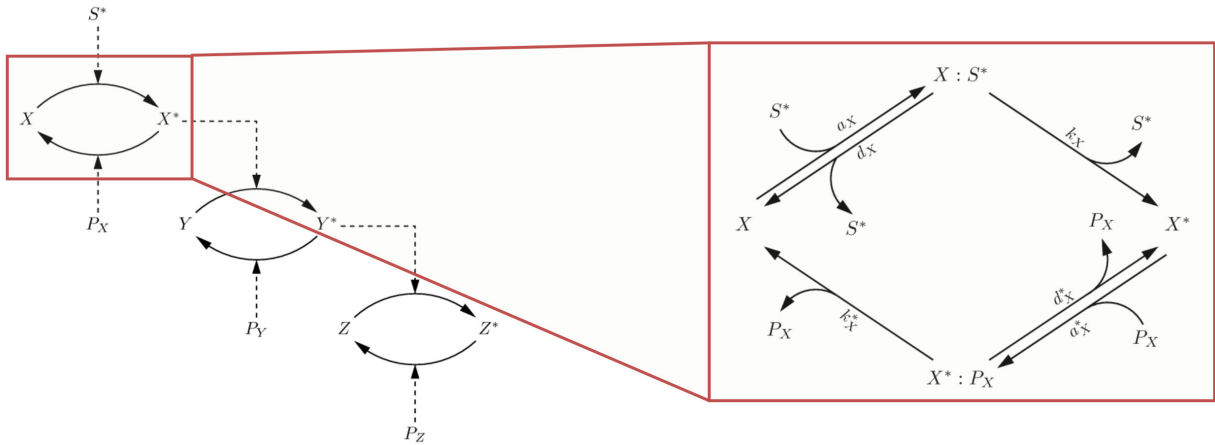


Examples of Qualitative Functional Behaviors:

Oscillation, Bistability, Switch-like activation, Perfect adaptation, Amplification, etc.

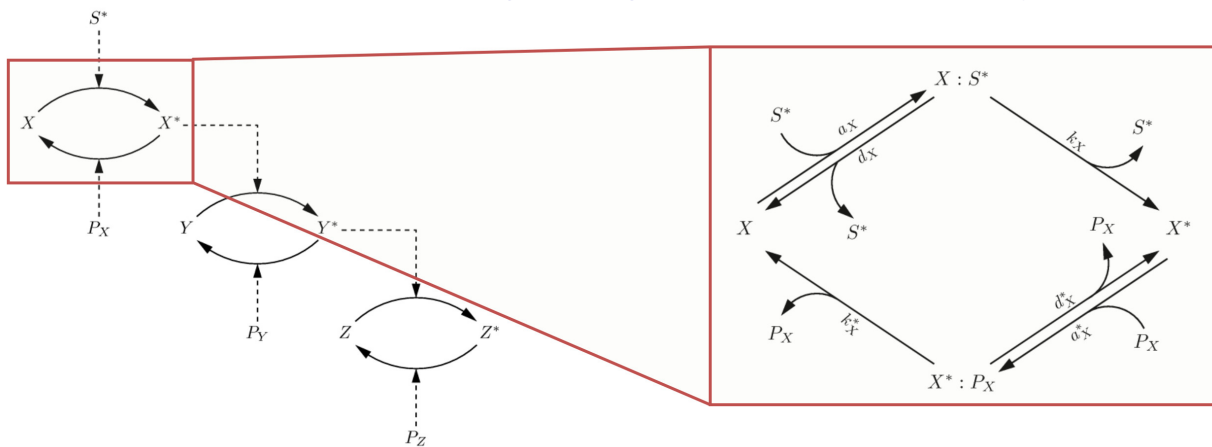
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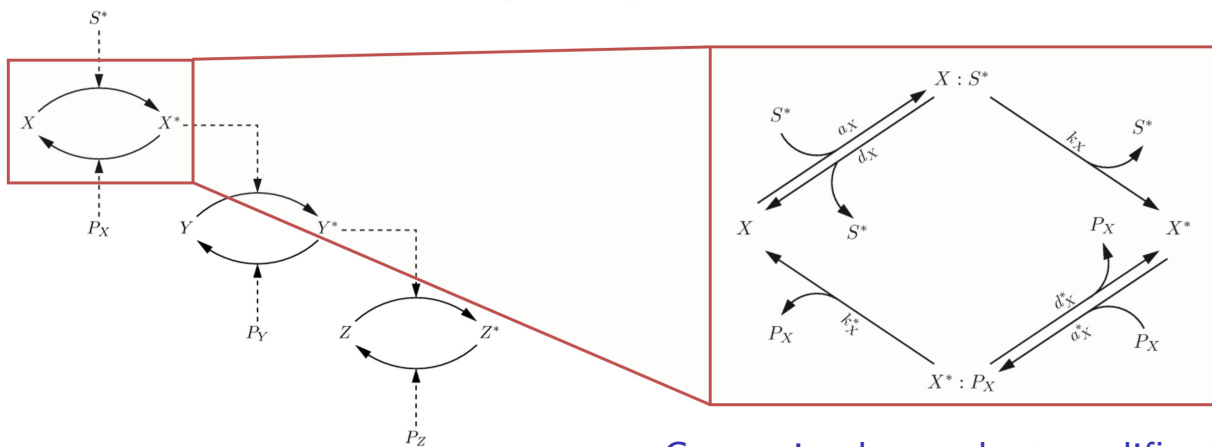


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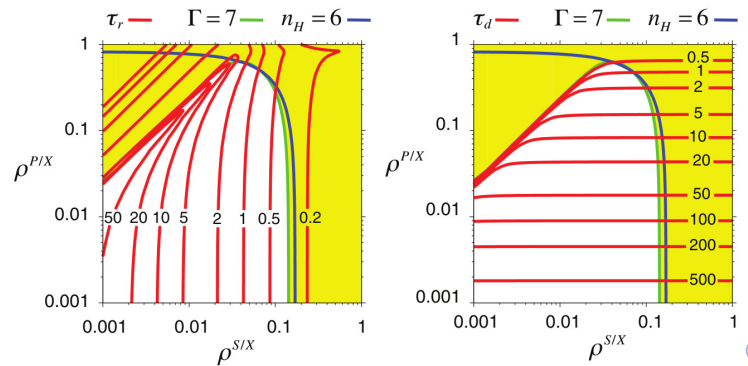
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Can a simple covalent modification cycle feature both a high gain and switch-like activation in a wide operating window?



Trends in Computational Systems Biology

The second wave of synthetic biology: from modules to systems

Priscilla E. M. Purnick and Ron Weiss

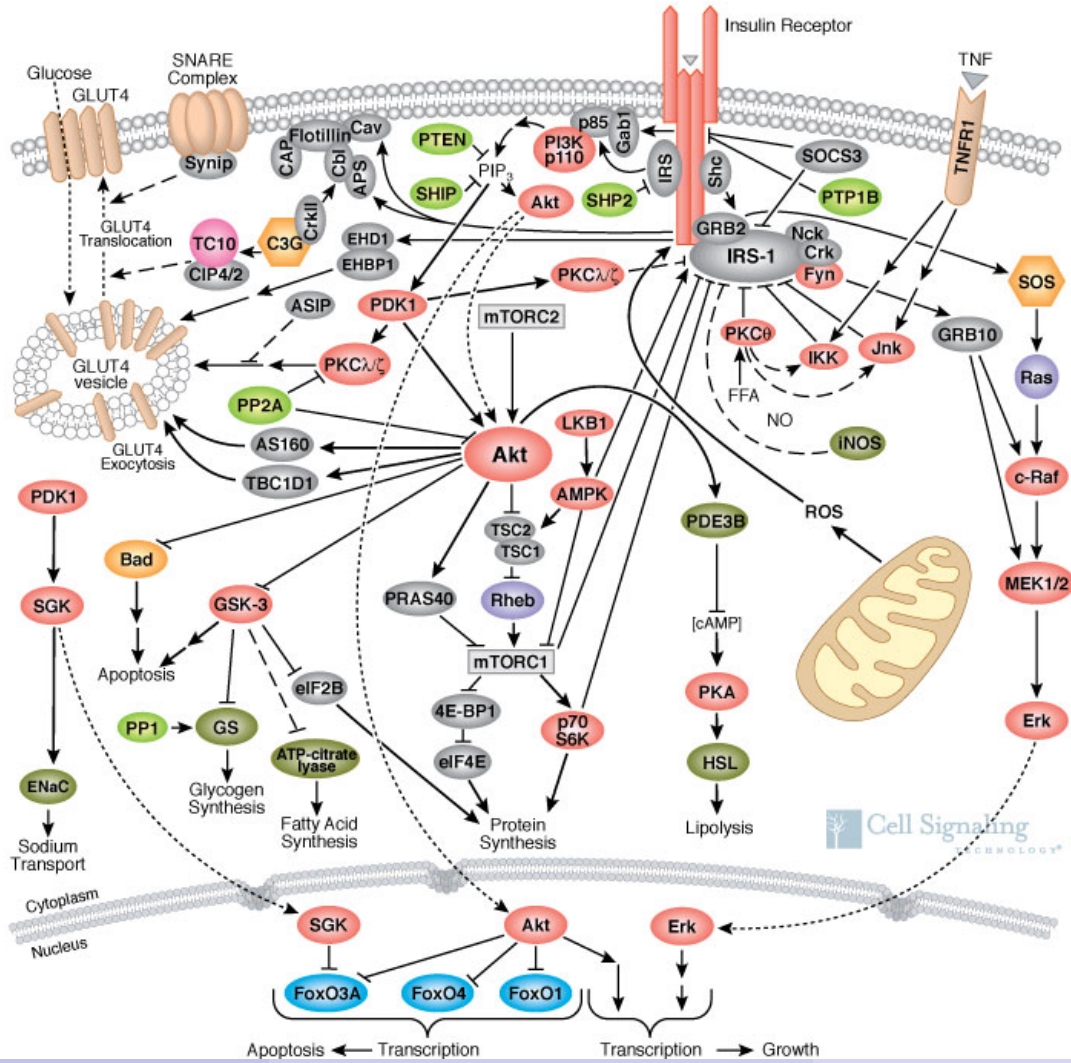
Abstract | Synthetic biology is a research field that combines the investigative nature of biology with the constructive nature of engineering. Efforts in synthetic biology have largely focused on the creation and perfection of genetic devices and small modules that are constructed from these devices. But to view cells as true ‘programmable’ entities, it is now essential to develop effective strategies for assembling devices and modules into intricate, customizable larger scale systems. The ability to create such systems will result in innovative approaches to a wide range of applications, such as bioremediation, sustainable energy production and biomedical therapies.

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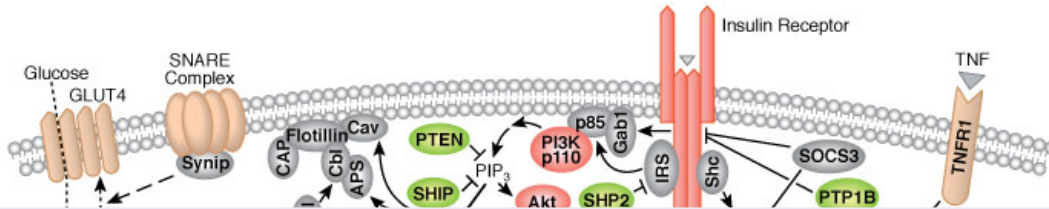
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- **First Wave** – Development and understanding of basic elements and modules
- **Second Wave** – Integration of basic elements and modules to create system-level circuitry

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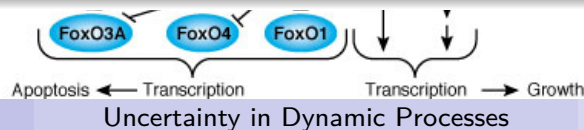


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How might we use PSE methods and tools to:

- Characterize the stability, oscillations, and other dynamical properties of such complex systems
- Control these cellular systems through drugs or genetic modifications
- Develop models with suitable algebraic forms for the reactions and values for the kinetic parameters
- Estimate time-varying internal states, such as the concentrations of proteins and other chemical substances, from input/output experiments
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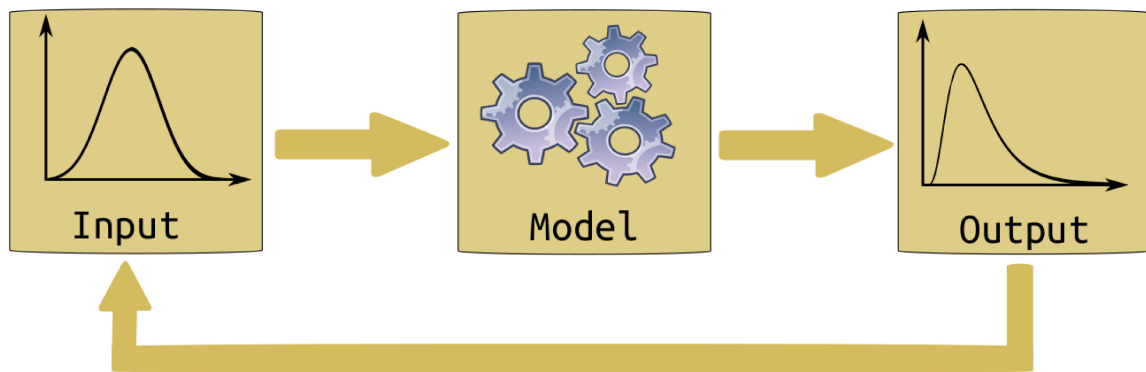


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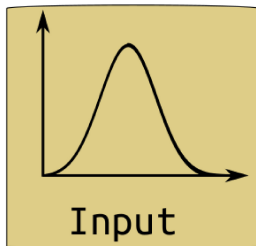
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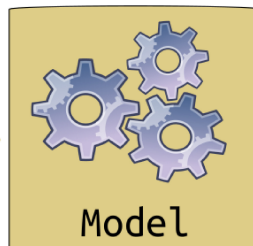
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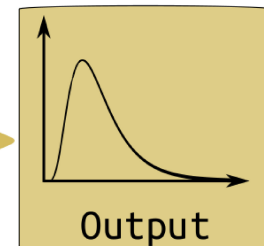
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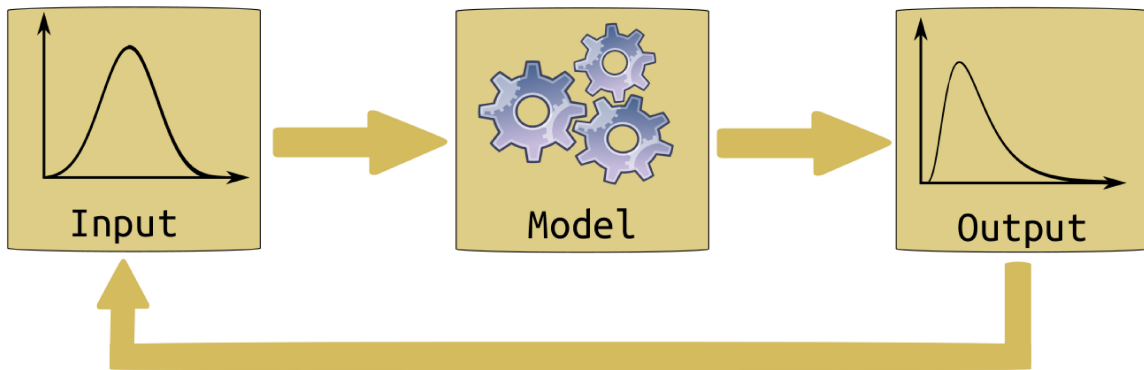
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Applying methods and tools for design and analysis of resilient systems

- uncertainty quantification; robust design; flexibility analysis; *etc*

Uncertainty Descriptions: The Role of Data

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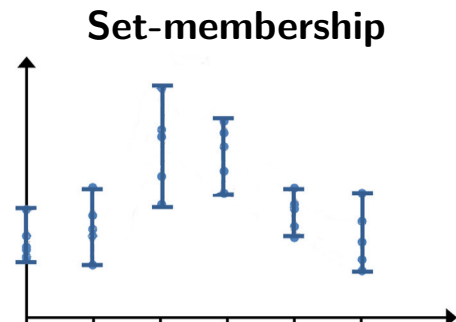
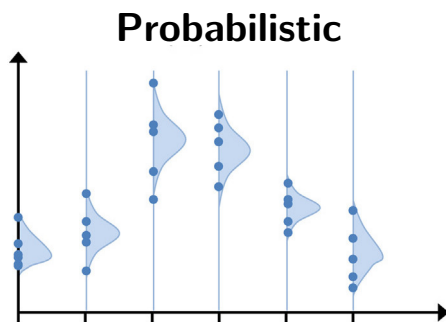
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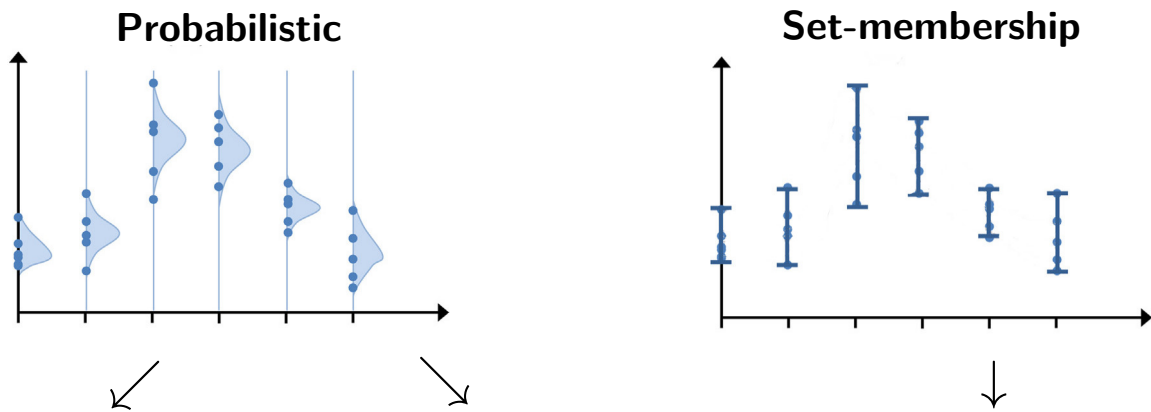


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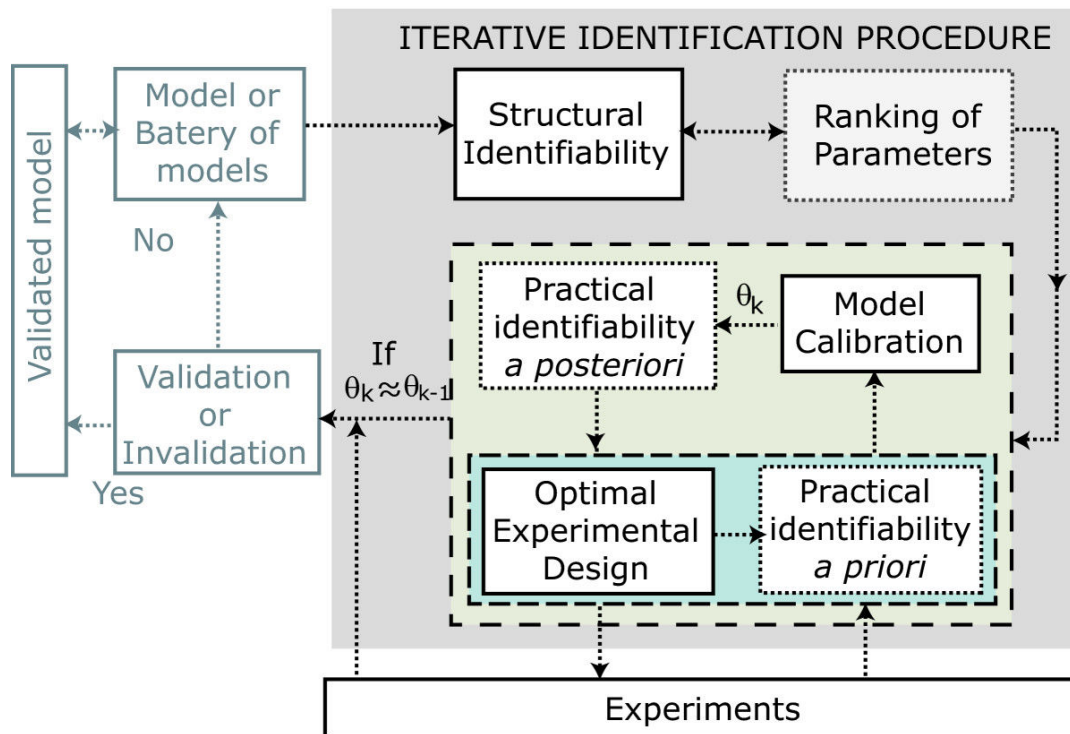
Frequentist inference
Determine a fixed value
for the parameters

Bayesian inference
Determine a probability
distribution for the
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Set-membership inference
Determine a range of
consistent parameter values

Classical Model Development Framework: Frequentism

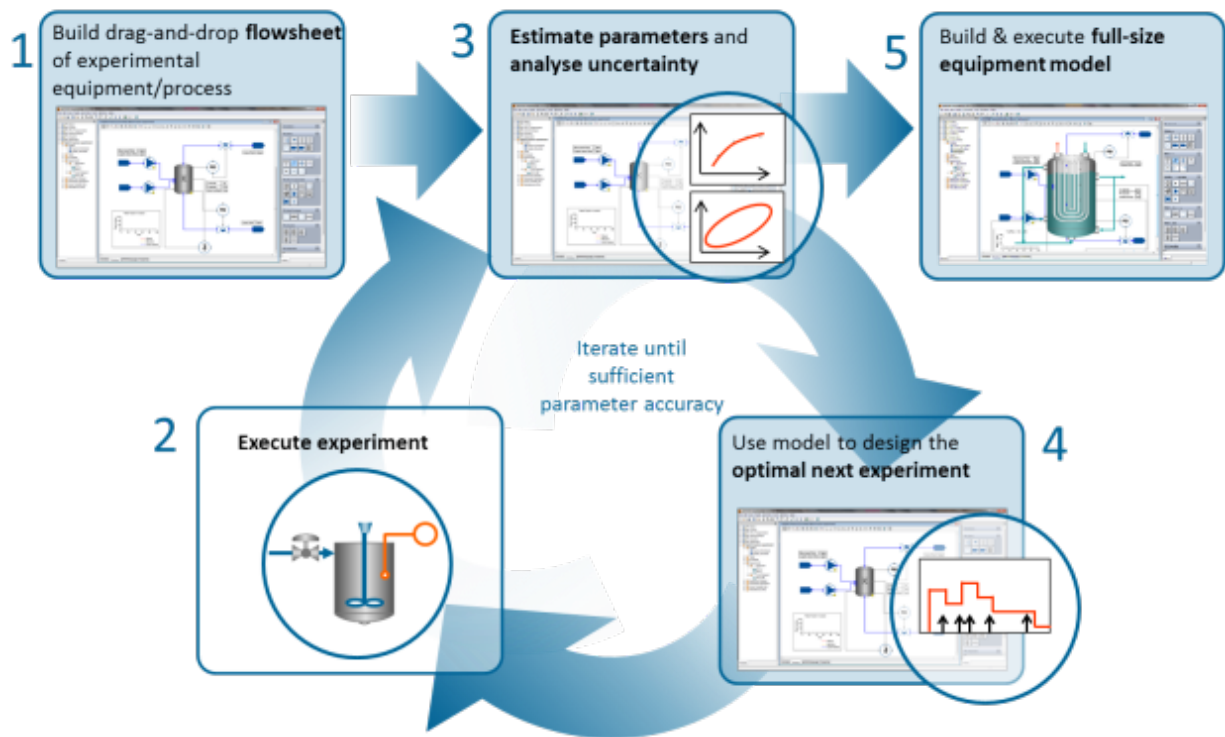
How to best use data to **validate** or **invalidate** a mathematical model?



[Balsa-Canto et al., *BMC Systems Biology*, 2010]

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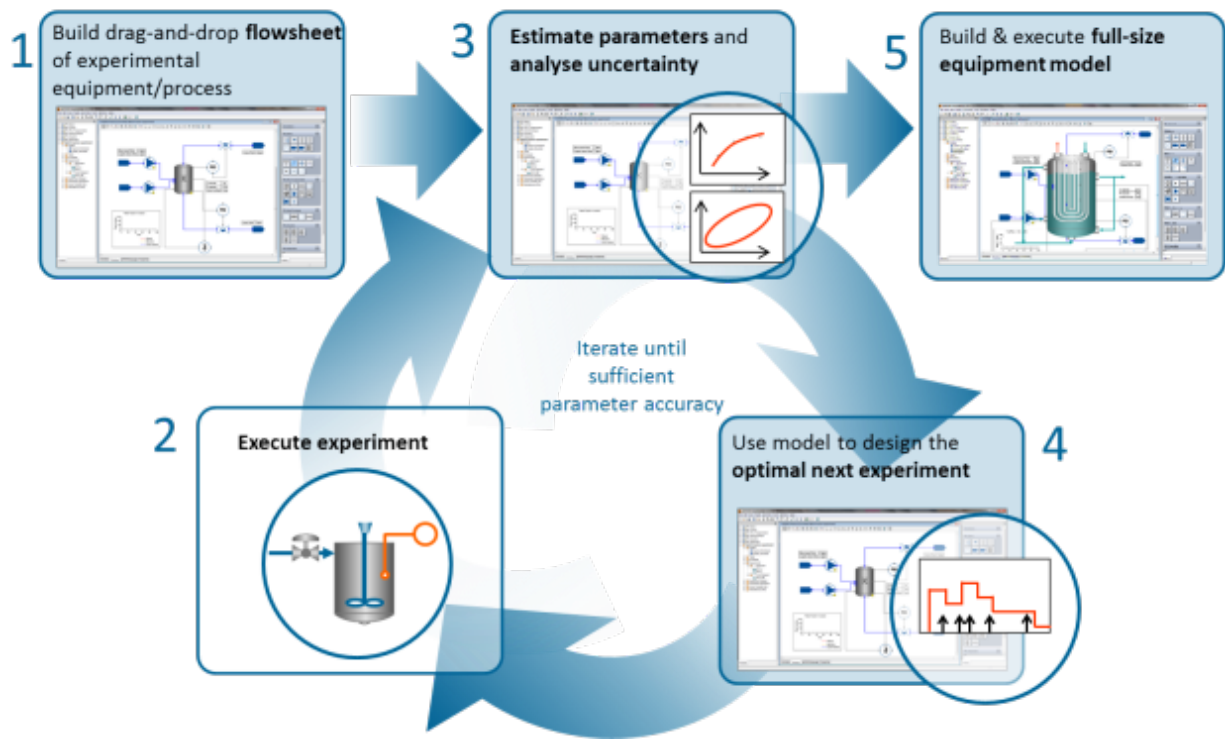
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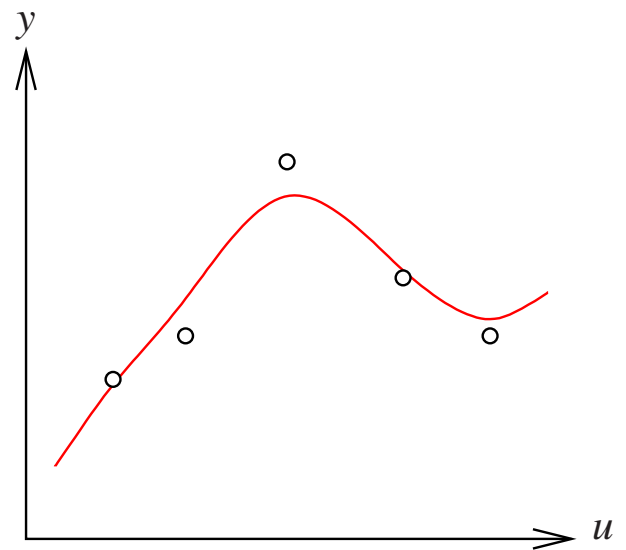
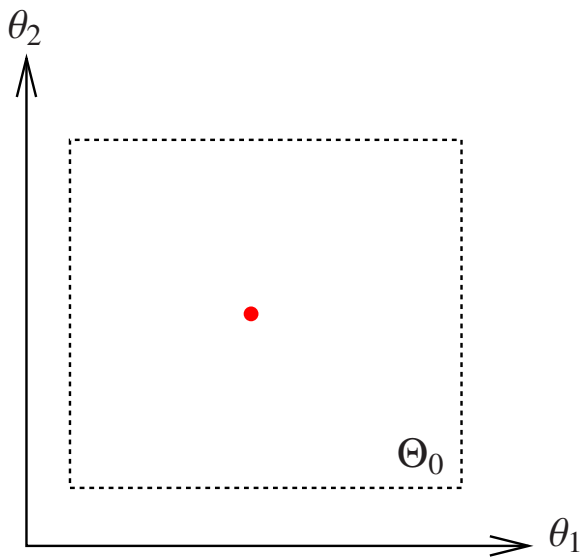
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↳ Is frequentism appropriate for model development and validation?

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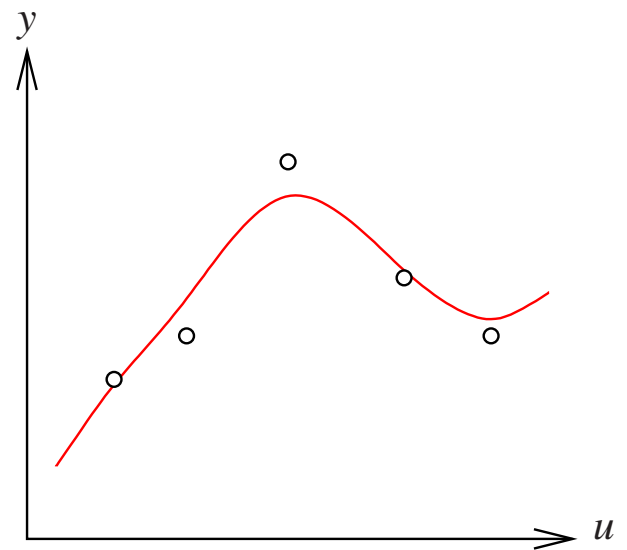
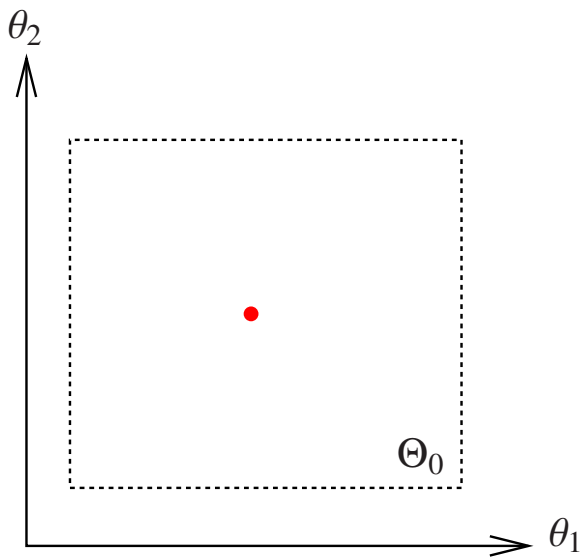
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$$\hat{\theta} \in \arg \min \sum_{k=1}^{n_m} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_u} \frac{(u_{k,i} - u_{k,i}^m)^2}{\sigma_{u_{k,i}}^2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_y} \frac{(y_i(t_k, \mathbf{u}_k, \theta) - y_{k,i}^m)^2}{\sigma_{y_{k,i}}^2} \right)$$

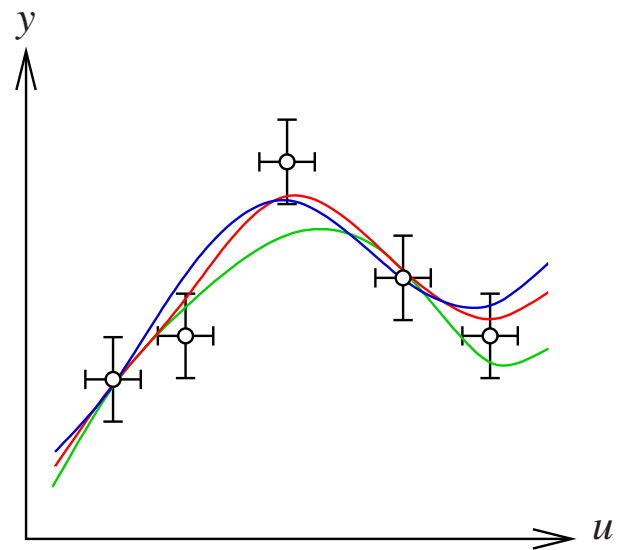
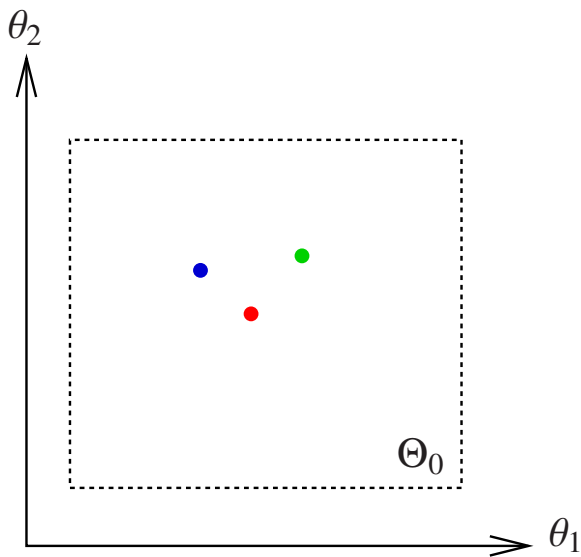


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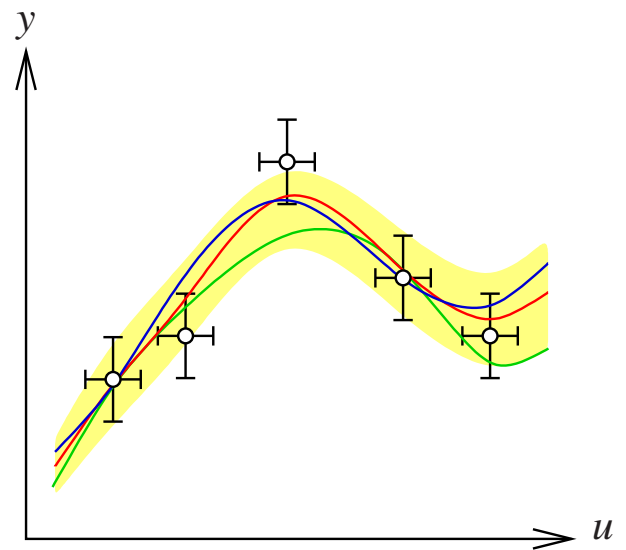
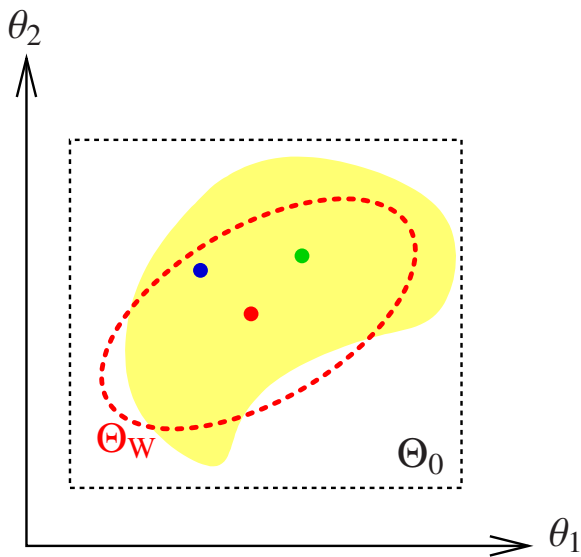
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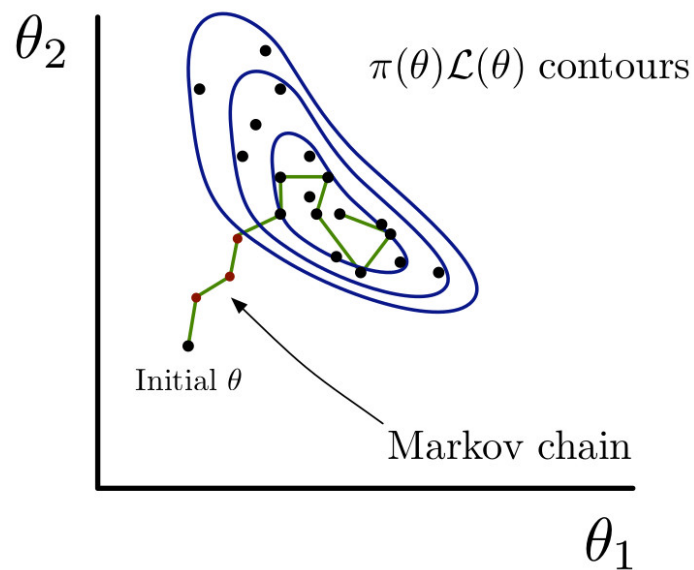
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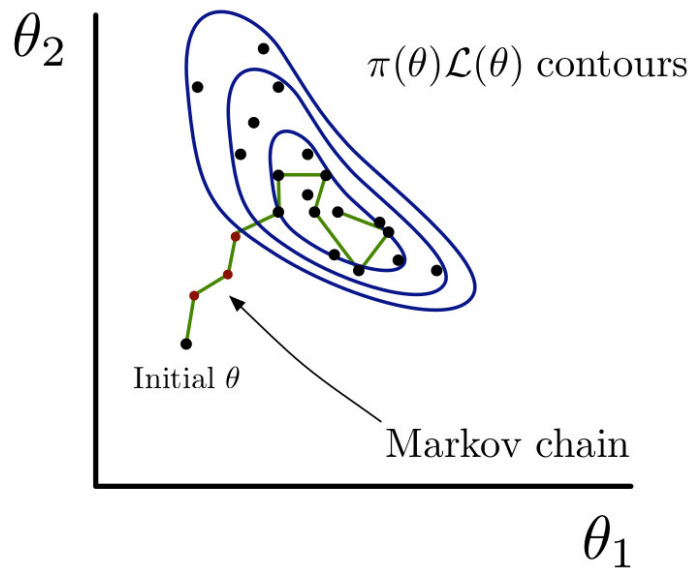
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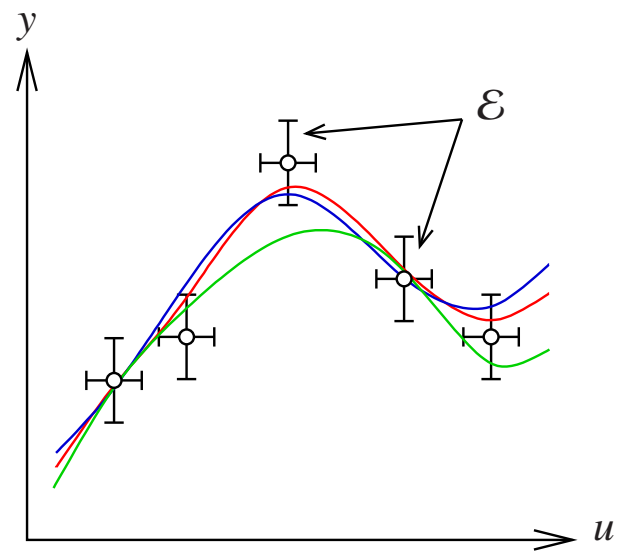
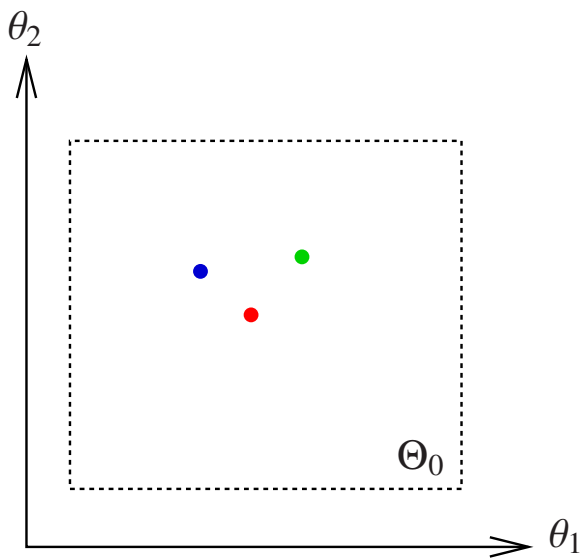
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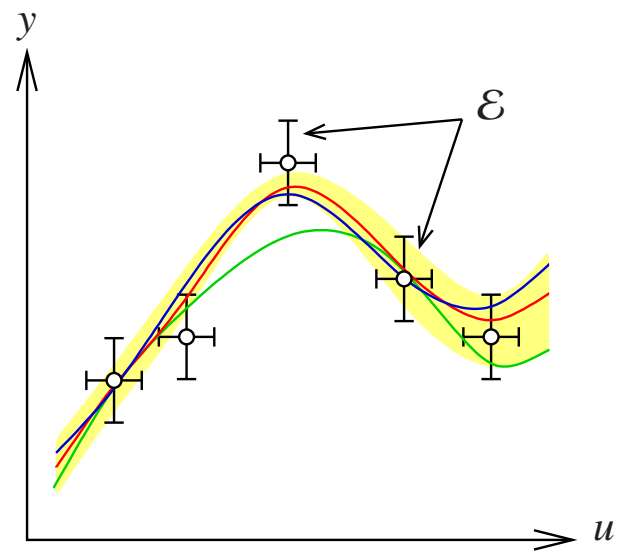
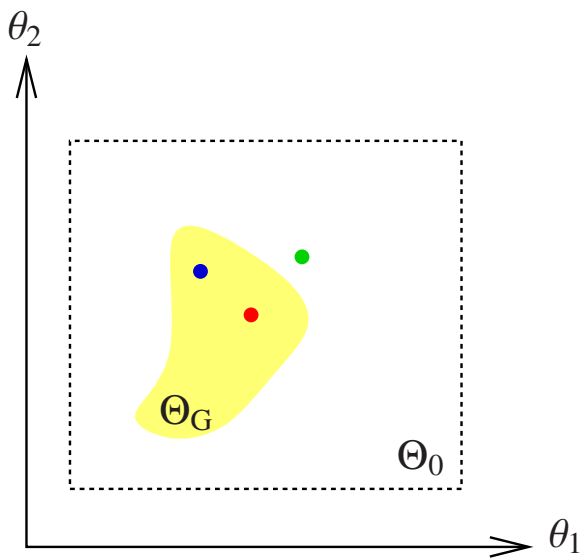
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- Parameter region very sensitive to measurement noise – risk of false conclusions

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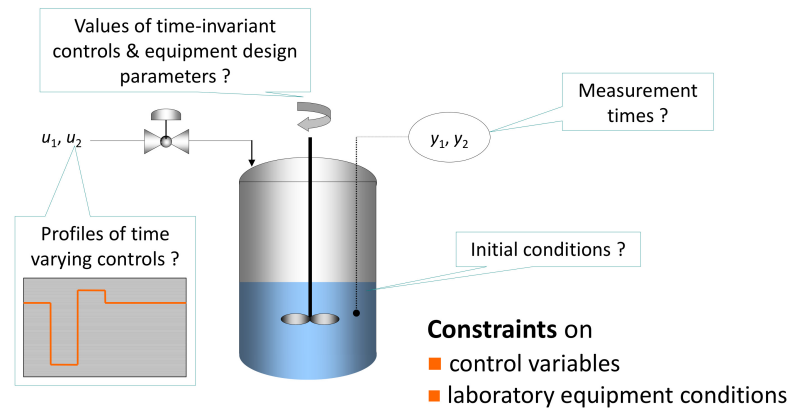
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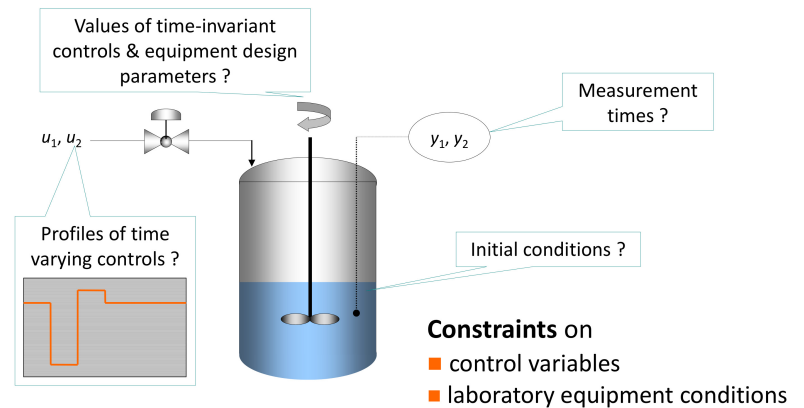
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- Optimal experiment design problems are notoriously hard to solve – complex, typically nonconvex, objectives
- “Chicken-and-egg” problem: model-based inference using an inaccurate model!
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- Bayesian and set-membership approaches to experiment design
 - ↳ Will these approaches ever be able to handle large-scale problems?

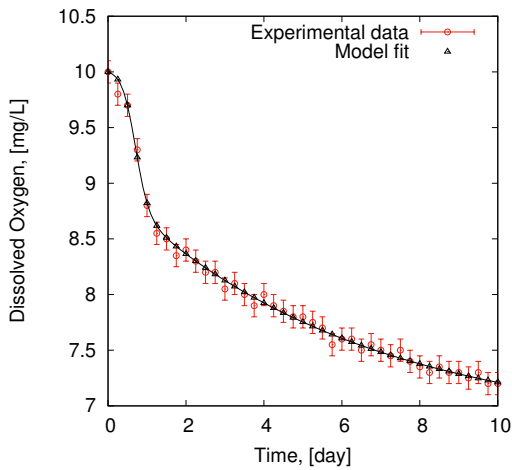
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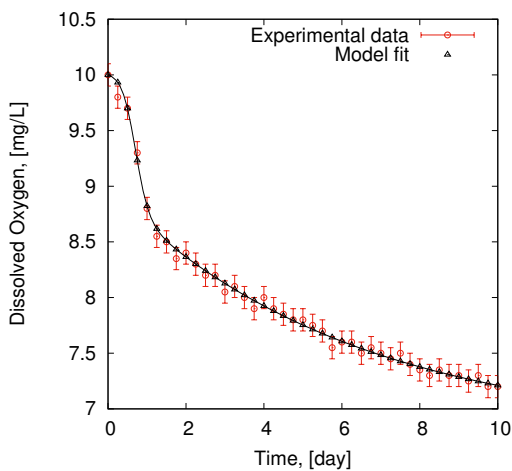
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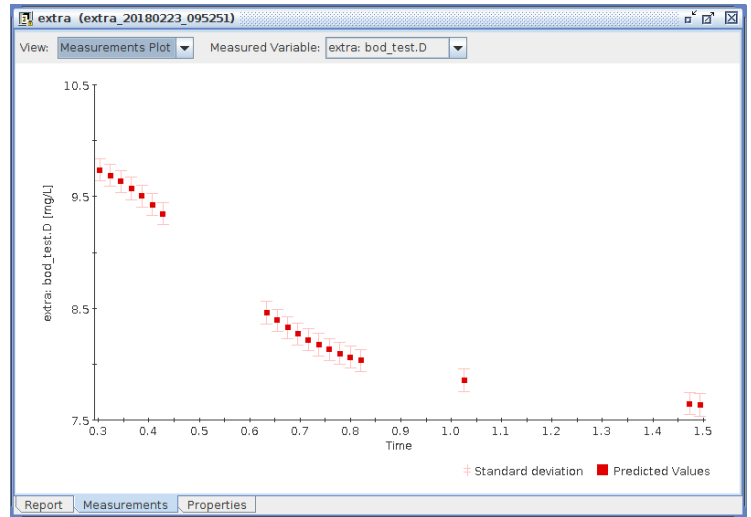
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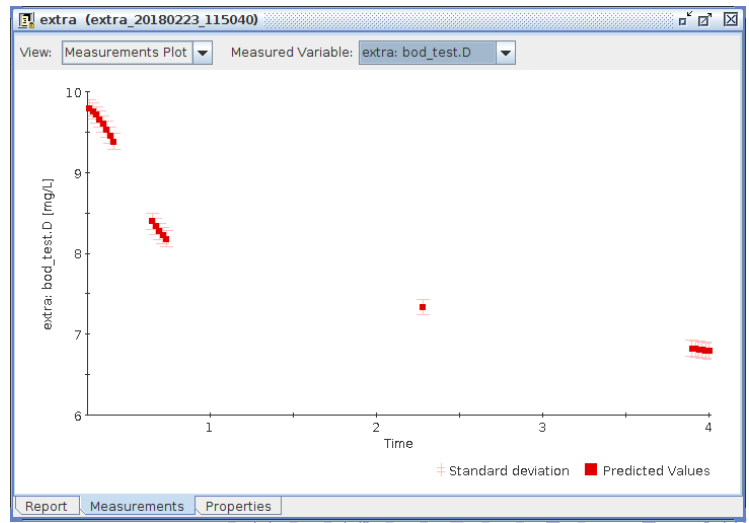
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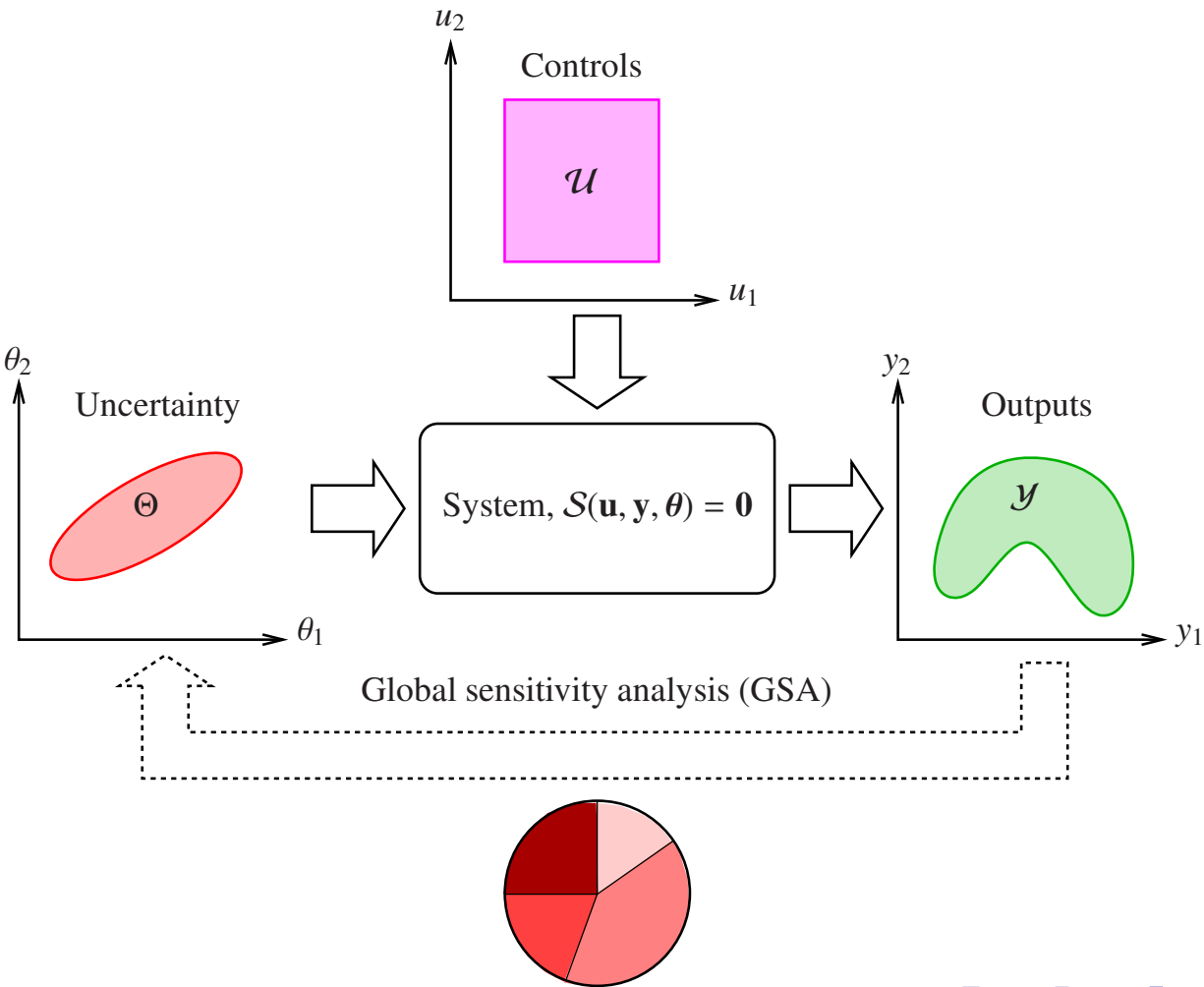
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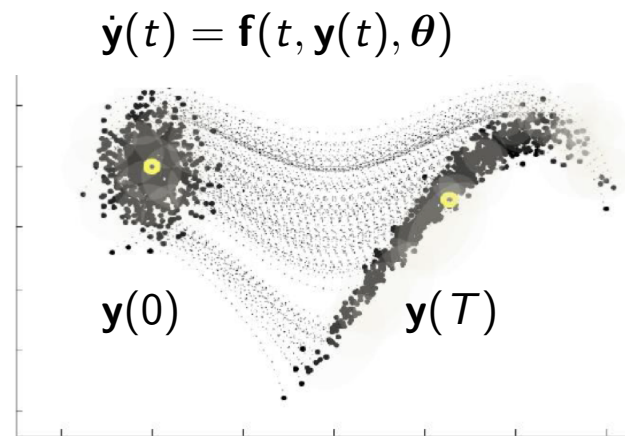
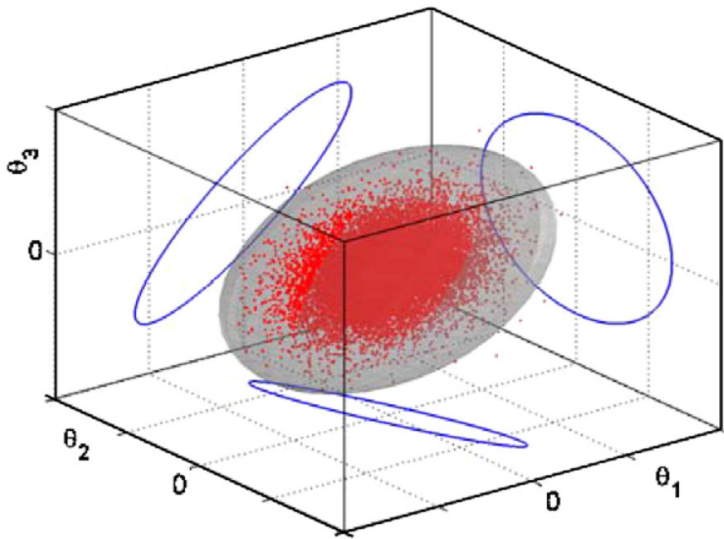


(Forward) Uncertainty Propagation



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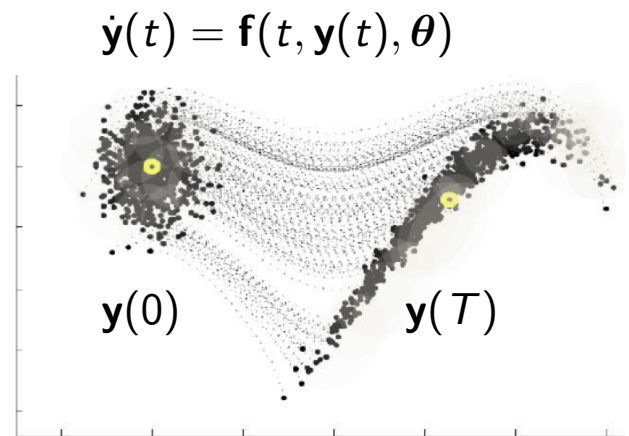
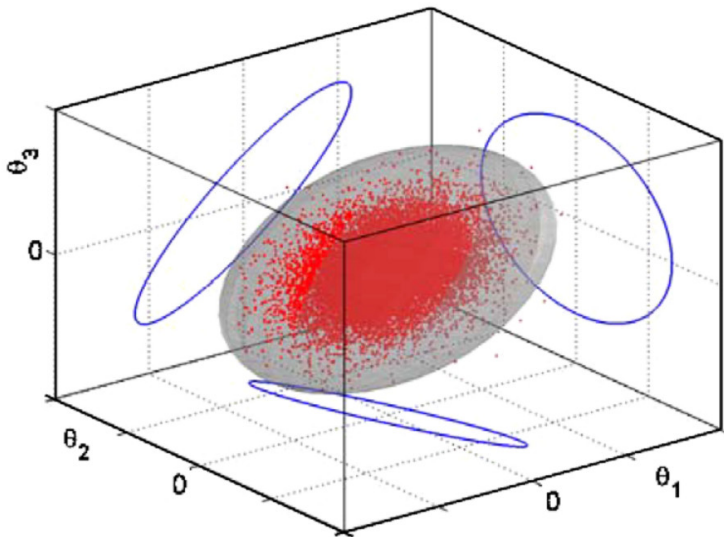
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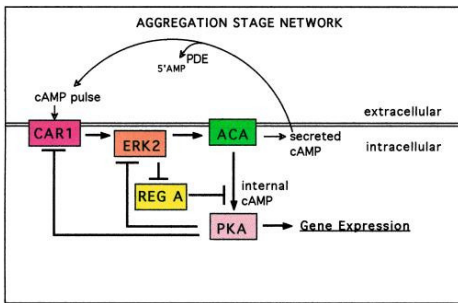
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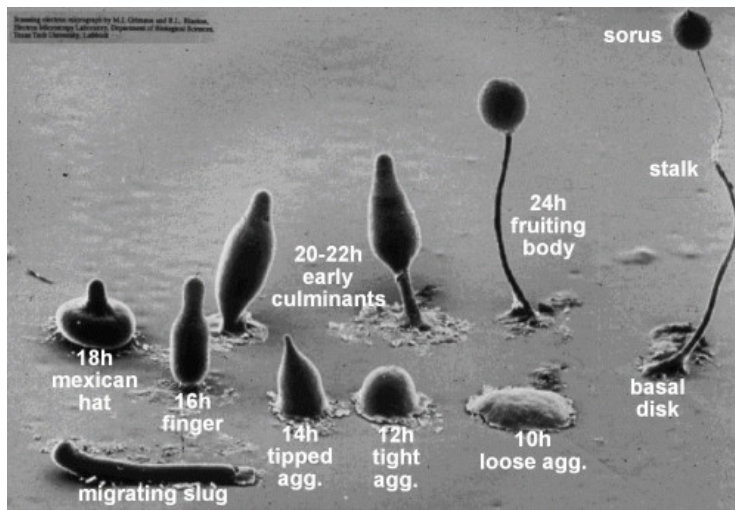
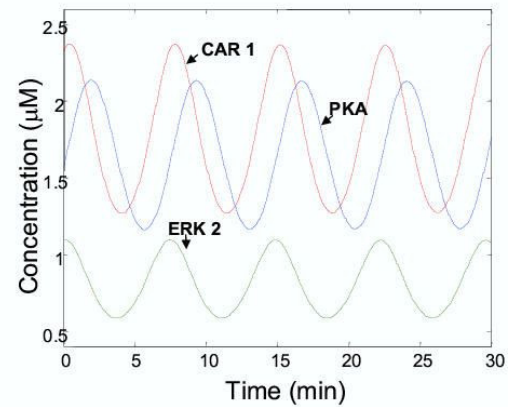
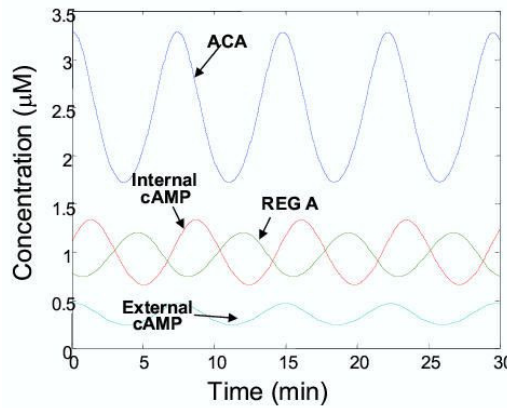
Bounds can explode in finite time

Example: cAMP Oscillations

Oscillations in cAMP observed during the early development of *D. discoideum*

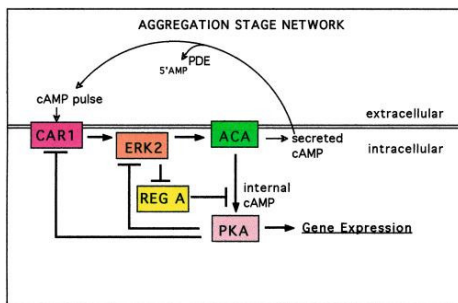


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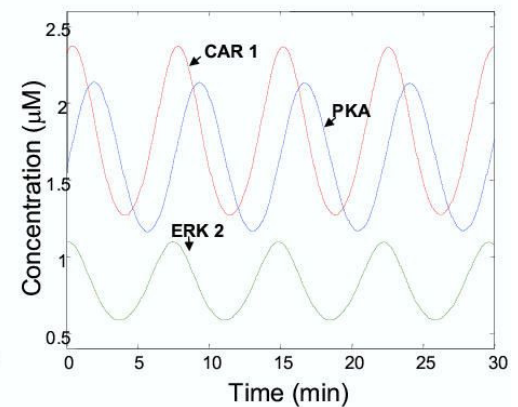
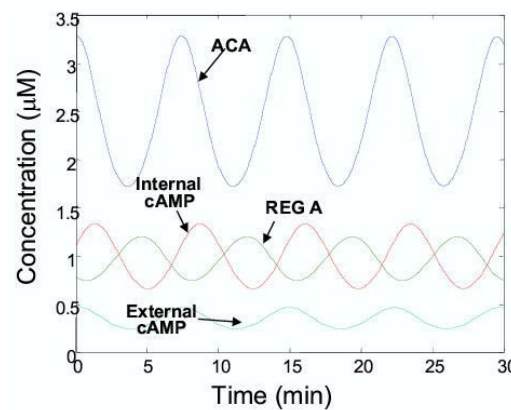


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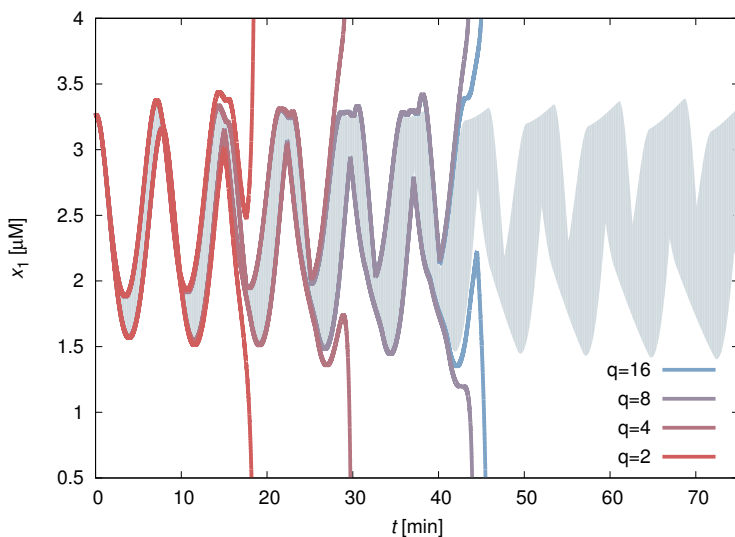
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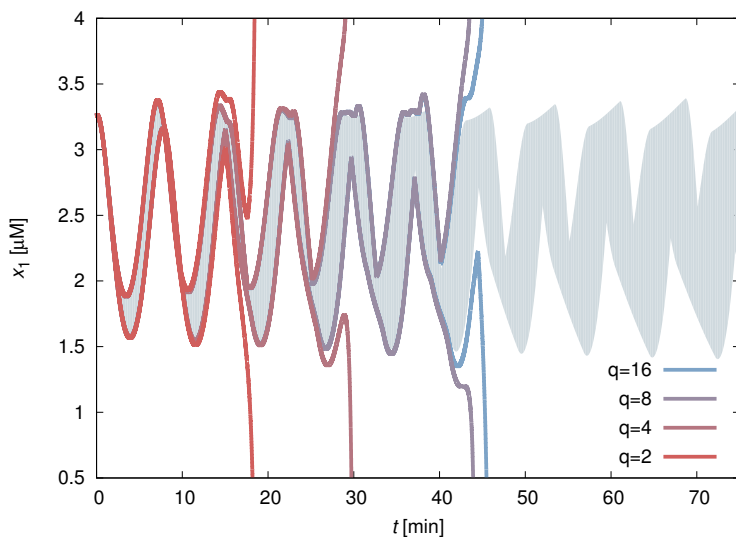
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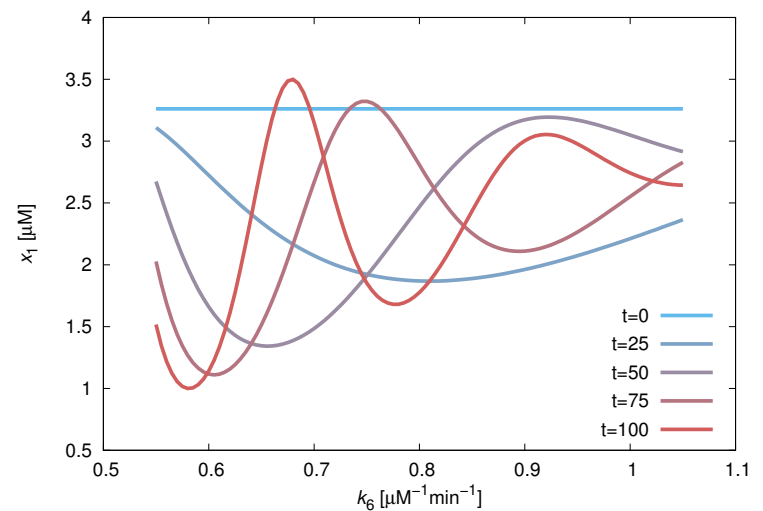
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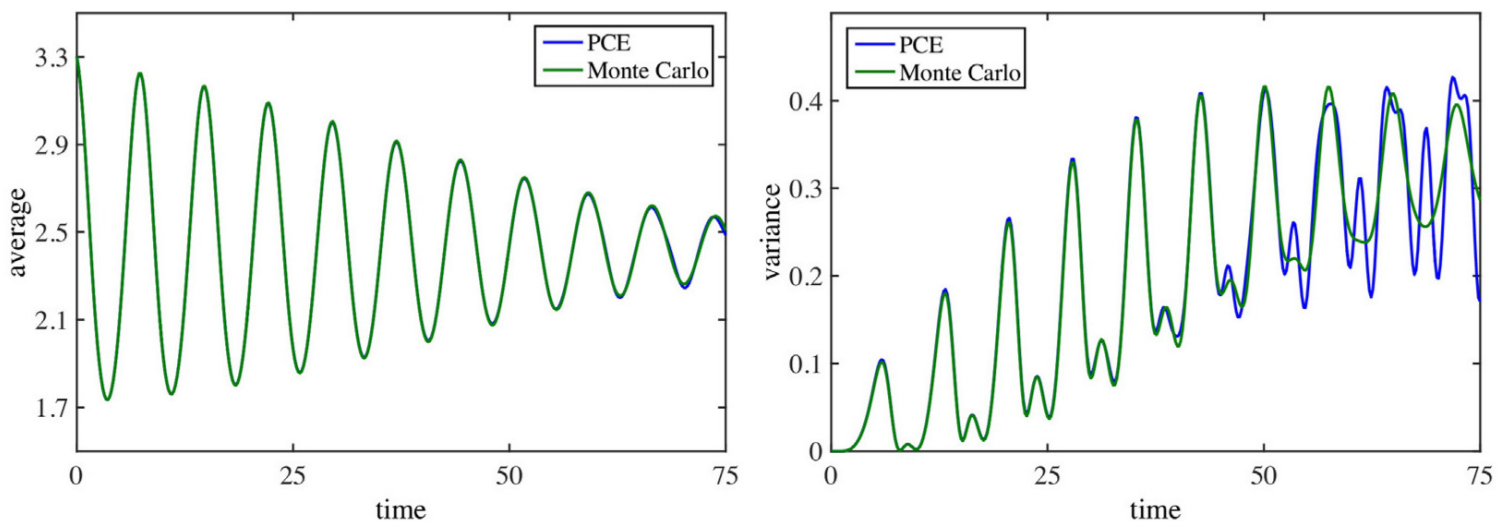
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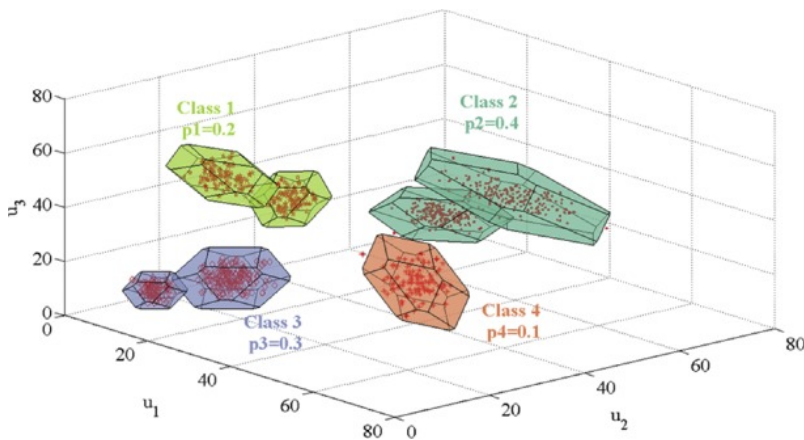
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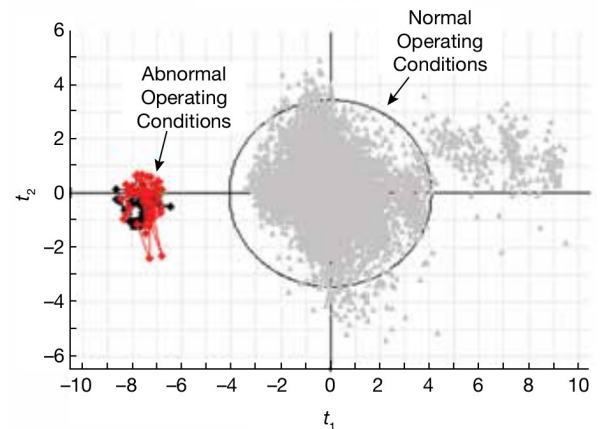
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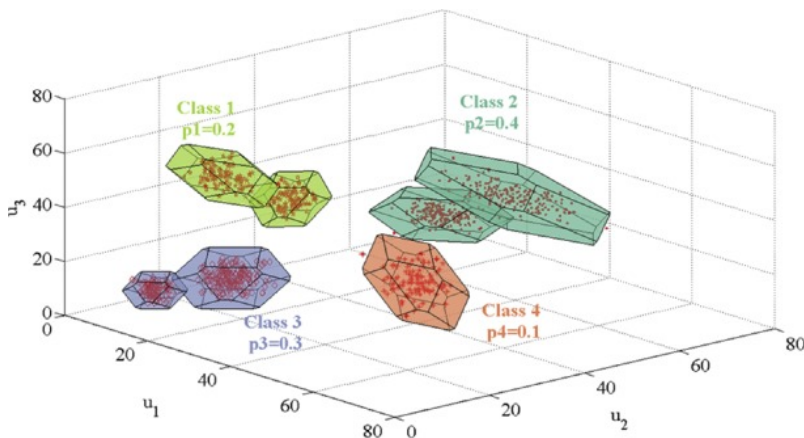
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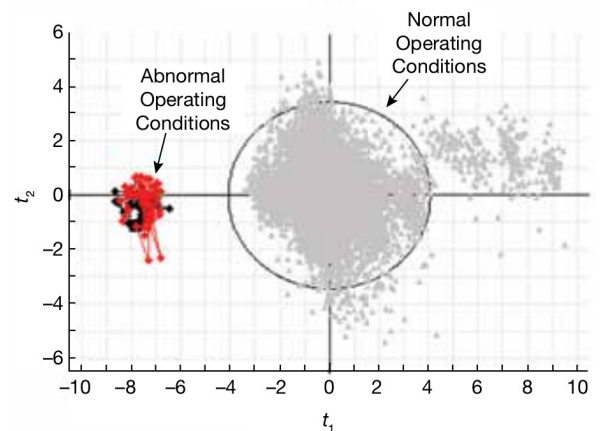
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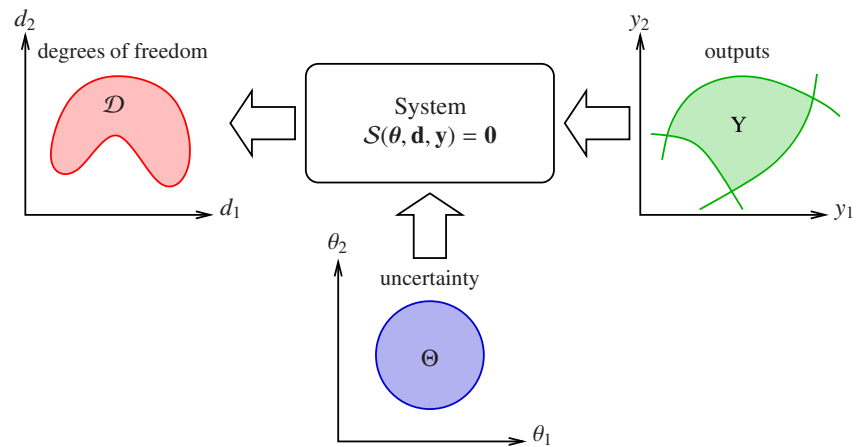
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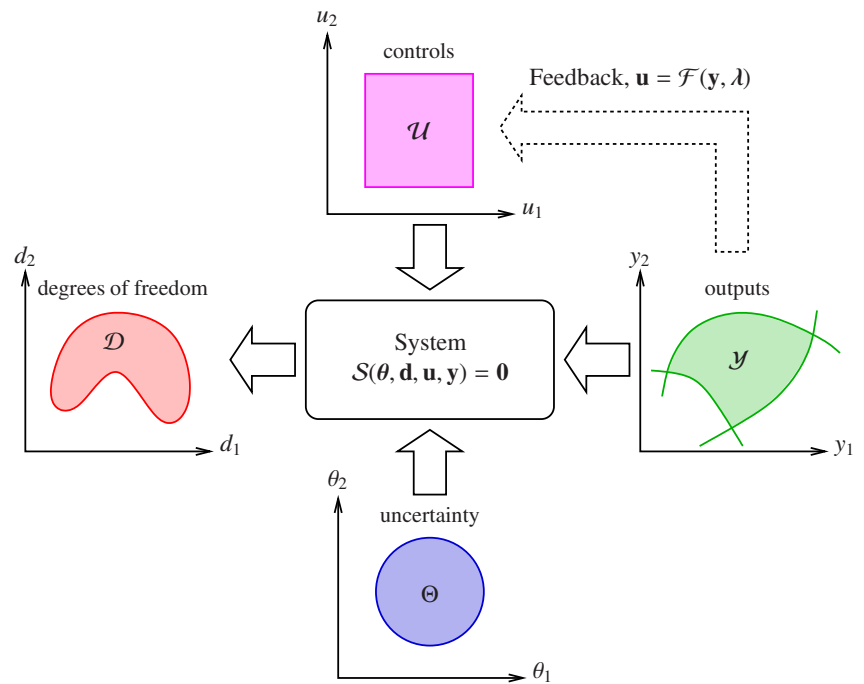
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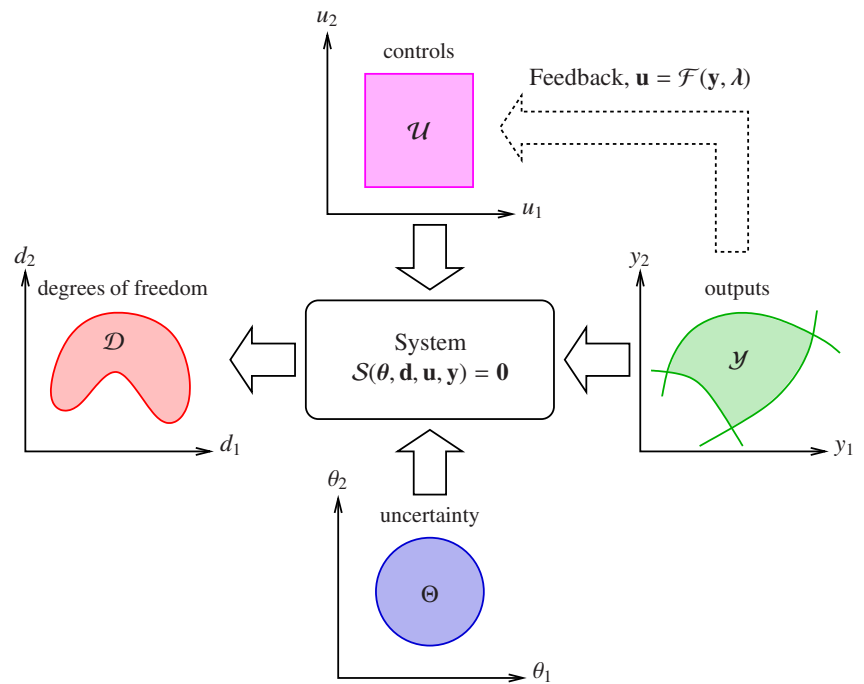
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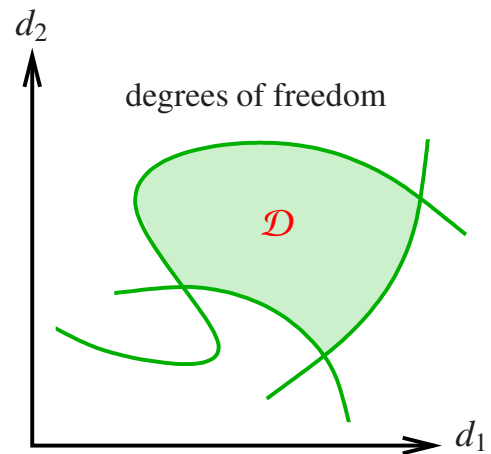
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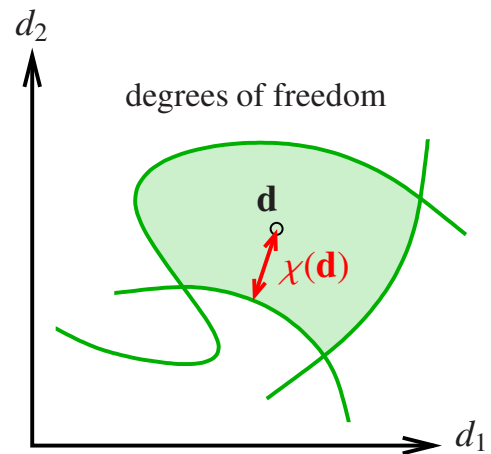
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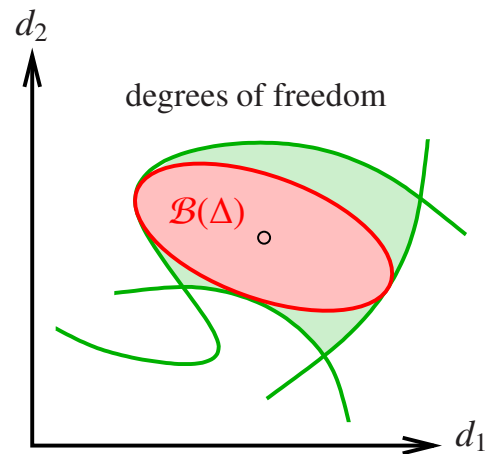
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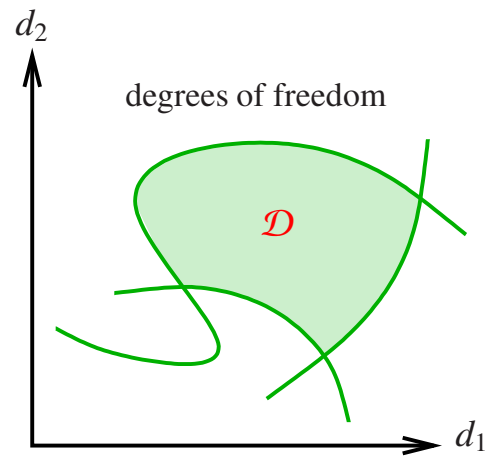
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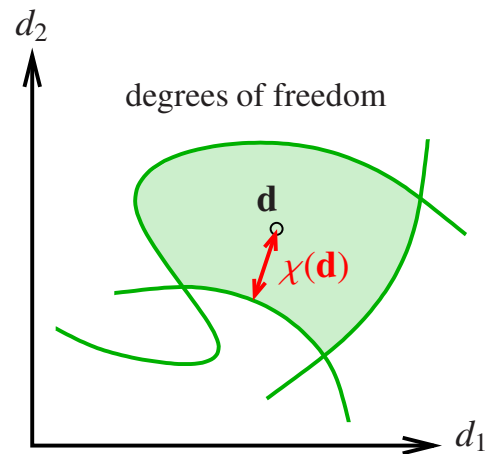
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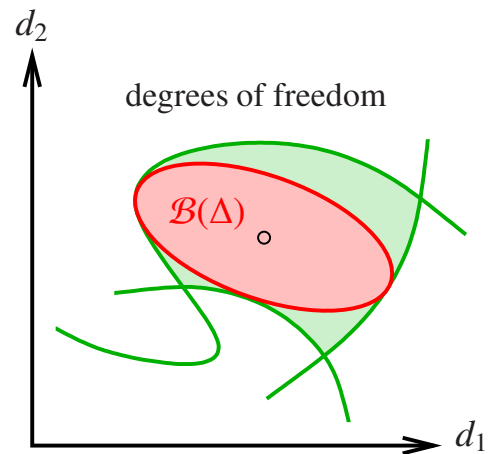
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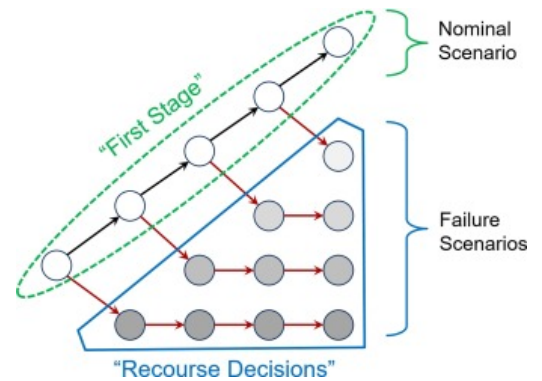
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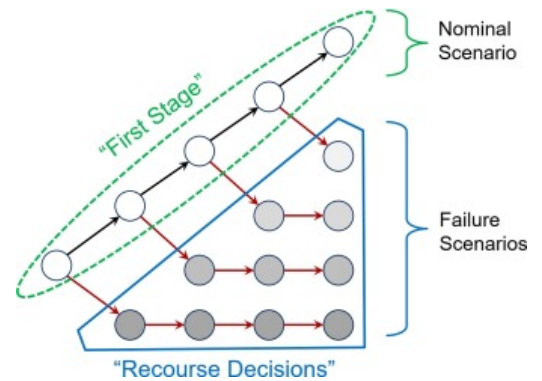
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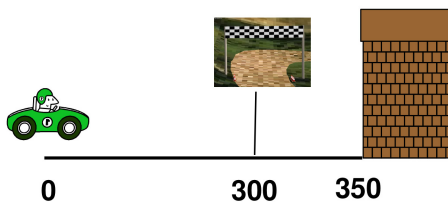
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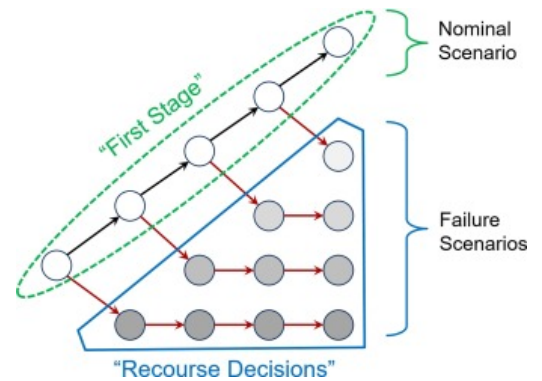
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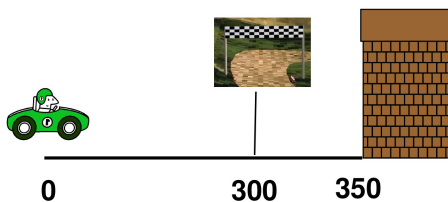
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