

Machine learning, ALAMO, and constrained regression

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MACHINE LEARNING PROBLEM

Build a model of output variables z as a function of input variables x over a specified interval



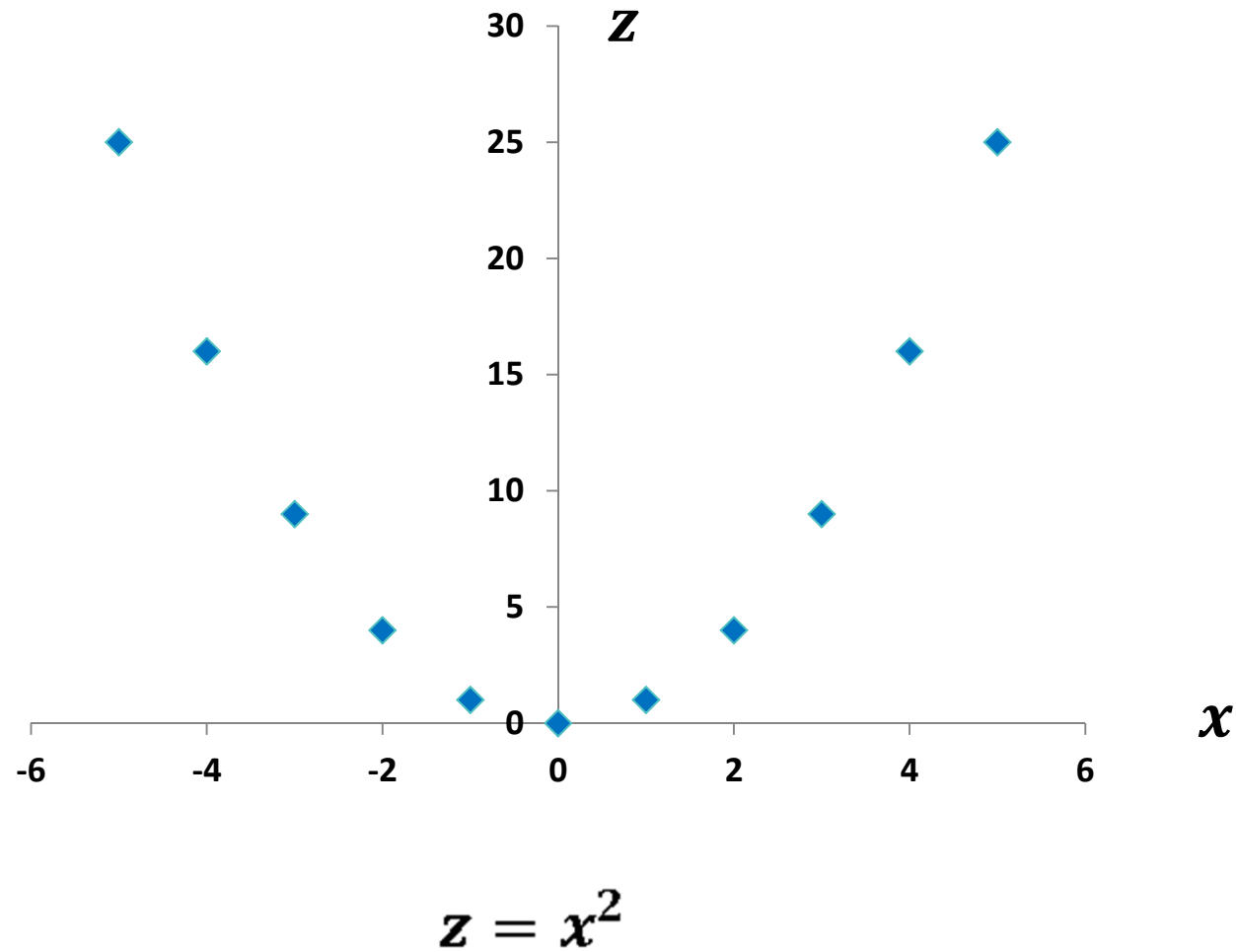
Independent variables:
Operating conditions, inlet flow
properties, unit geometry

Dependent variables:
Efficiency, outlet flow conditions,
conversions, heat flow, etc.

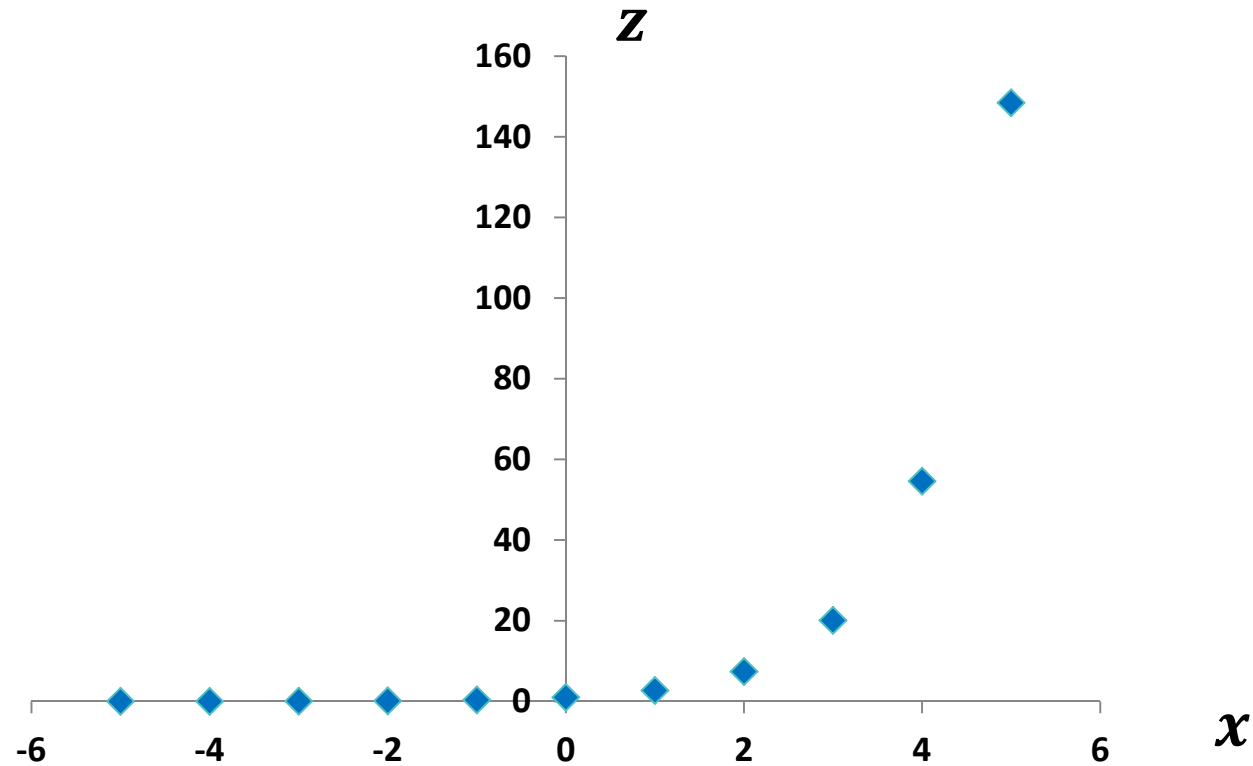
DESIRED MODEL ATTRIBUTES

- **Accurate**
 - We want to reflect the true nature of the system
- **Simple**
 - Interpretable
 - Usable for algebraic optimization
- **Generated from a minimal data set**
 - Reduce experimental and simulation requirements

FITTING MODELS TO DATA

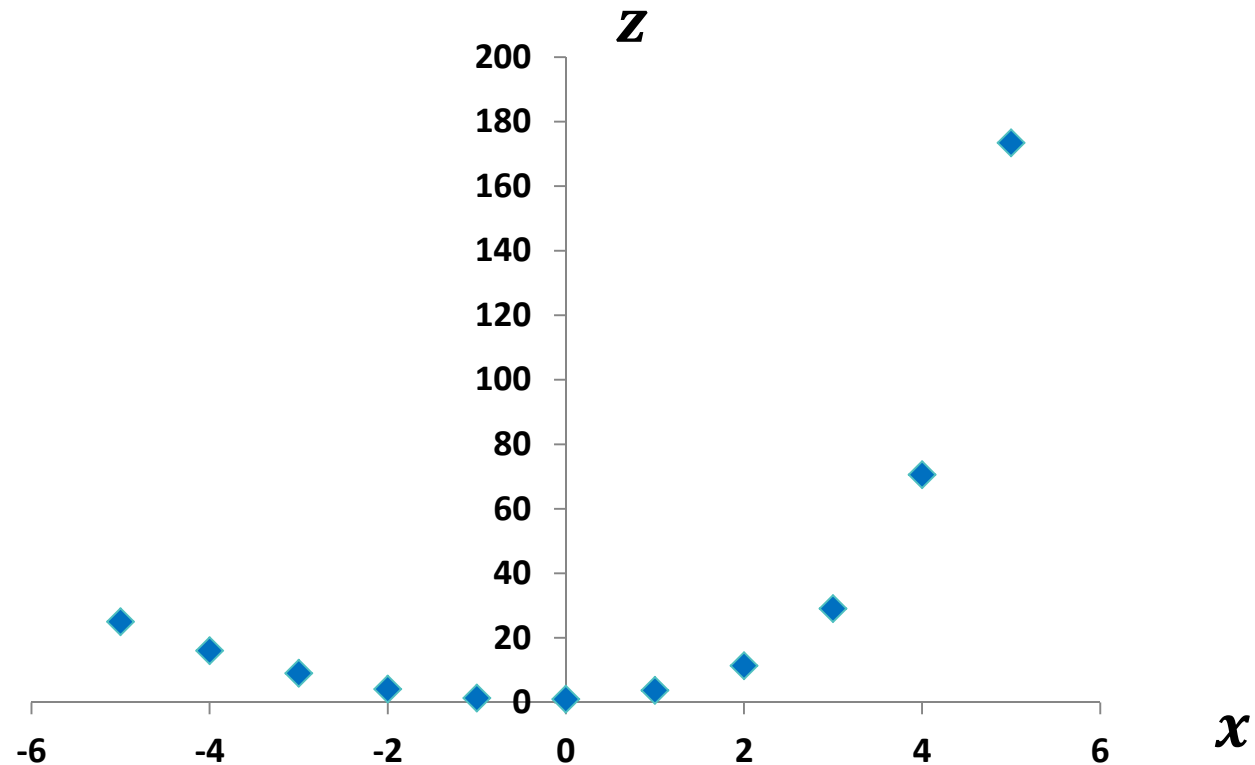


FITTING MODELS TO DATA



$$z = \exp(x)$$

FITTING MODELS TO DATA



$$z = x^2 + \exp(x)$$

EXAMPLE ALAMO INPUT FILE

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ninputs 1
noutputs 1
xmin -5
xmax 5
xlabel x
ylabel z

ndata 11

BEGIN_DATA
-5      25
-4      16
-3       9
-2       4
-1       1
0        0
1        1
2        4
3        9
4       16
5       25
END_DATA

logfcns 1
expfcns 1
sinfcns 1
cosfcns 1
monomialpower 1 2 3
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128 alternative models

ALAMO OUTPUT

Step 1: Model building using BIC

Model building for variable z

BIC = -0.100E+31 with $z = x^{**2.0}$

Calculating quality metrics on observed data set.

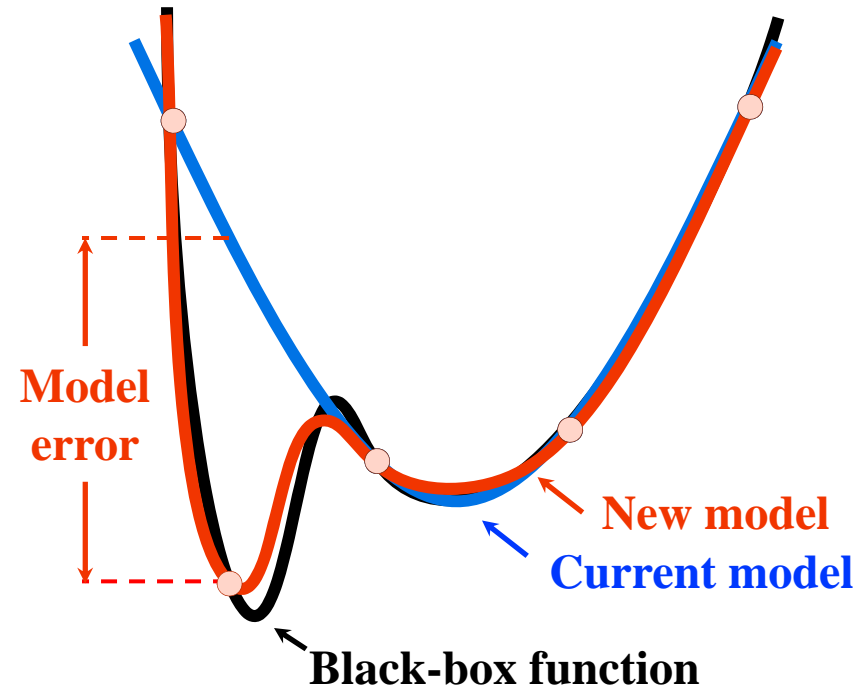
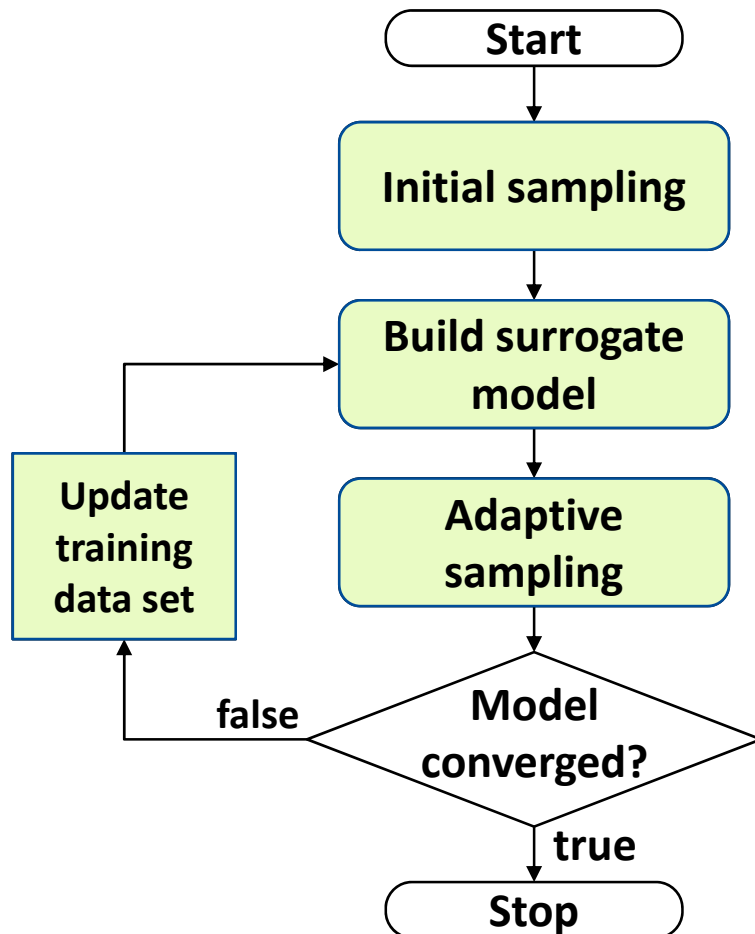
Quality metrics for output z

SSE OLR:	0.00
SSE:	0.00
RMSE:	0.00
R2:	1.00
Model size:	1
BIC:	-0.100E+31
Cp:	-9.00
AICc:	-0.100E+31
HQC:	-0.100E+31
MSE:	0.00
SSEp:	0.00
RIC:	3.89

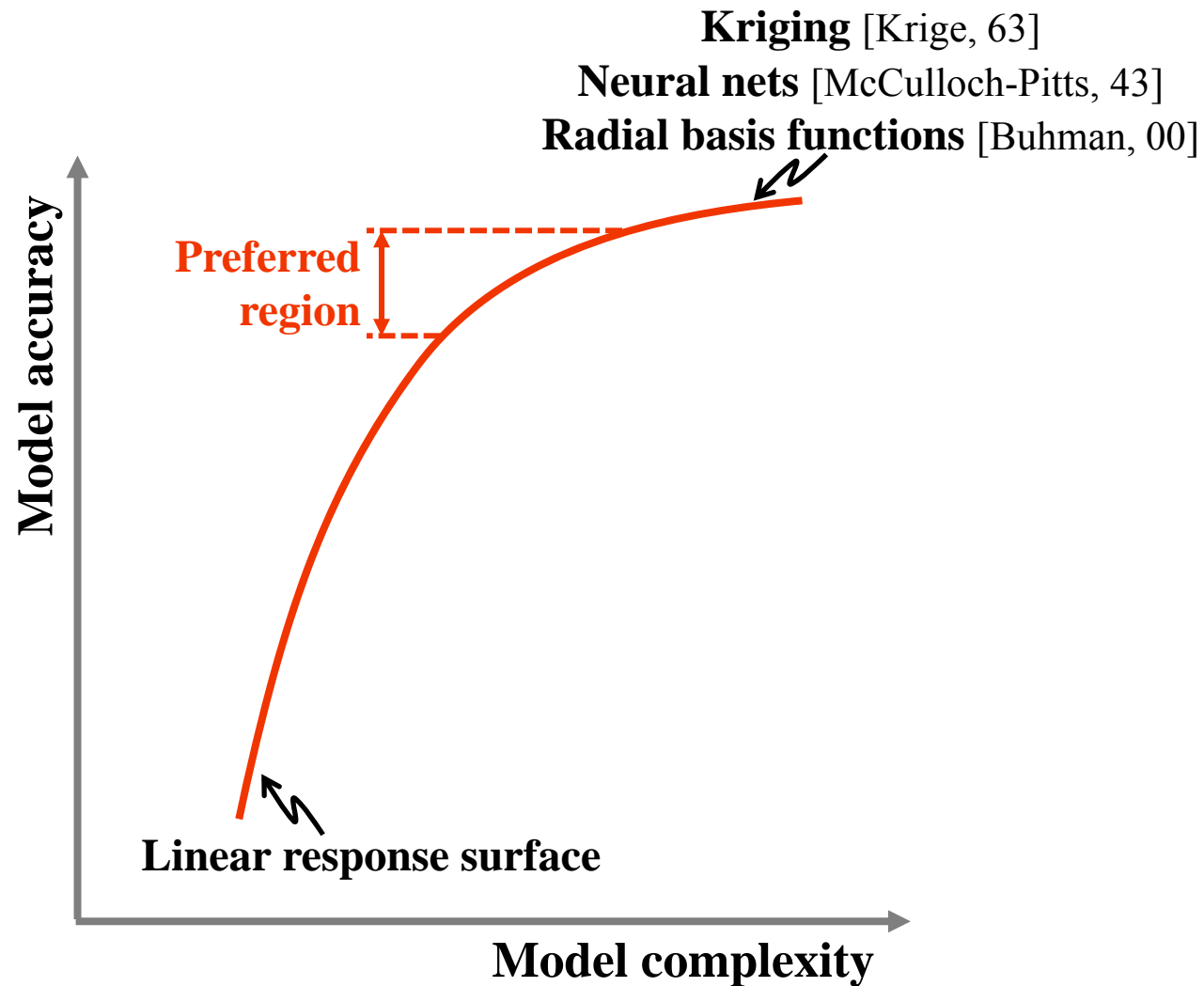
Total execution time 0.30E-02 s

ALAMO

Automated Learning of Algebraic Models



MODEL COMPLEXITY TRADEOFF



MODEL IDENTIFICATION

- Identify the **functional form** and **complexity** of the surrogate models $z = f(x)$
- Seek models that are combinations of basis functions
 1. **Simple basis functions**

Category	$X_j(x)$
I. Polynomial	$(x_d)^\alpha$
II. Multinomial	$\prod_{d \in \mathcal{D}' \subseteq \mathcal{D}} (x_d)^{\alpha_d}$
III. Exponential and logarithmic	$\exp\left(\frac{x_d}{\gamma}\right)^\alpha, \log\left(\frac{x_d}{\gamma}\right)^\alpha$

2. **Radial basis functions** for parametric regression
3. **User-specified basis functions** for tailored regression

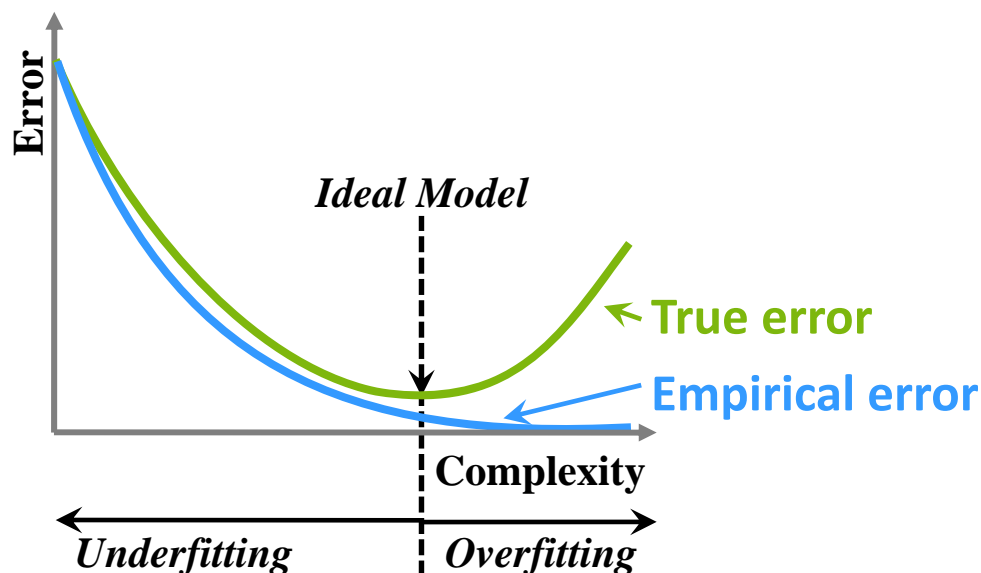
OVERFITTING AND TRUE ERROR

- **Step 1:** Define a large set of potential basis functions

$$\hat{z}(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_1 x_2 + \beta_4 e^{x_1} + \beta_5 e^{x_2} + \dots$$

- **Step 2:** Model reduction

$$\hat{z}(x) = 2 + x_2 + 5e^{x_1}$$



MODEL SELECTION CRITERIA

- Balance fit (sum of square errors) with model complexity (number of terms in the model; denoted by p)

Corrected Akaike Information Criterion

$$AIC_c = N \log \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (z_i - X_i \beta)^2 \right) + 2p + \frac{2p(p+1)}{N-p-1}$$

Mallows' Cp

$$C_p = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (z_i - X_i \beta)^2}{\widehat{\sigma}^2} + 2p - N$$

Hannan-Quinn Information Criterion

$$HQC = N \log \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (z_i - X_i \beta)^2 \right) + 2p \log(\log(N))$$

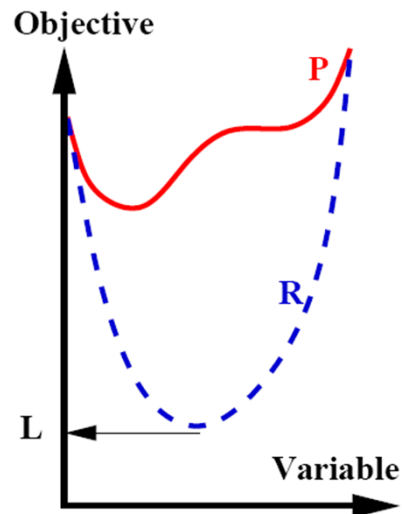
Bayes Information Criterion

$$BIC = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (z_i - X_i \beta)^2}{\widehat{\sigma}^2} + p \log(N)$$

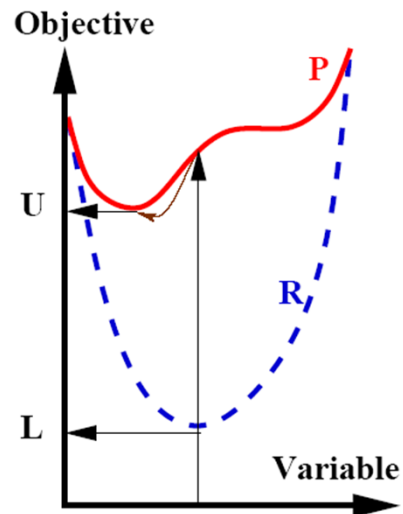
Mean Squared Error

$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (z_i - X_i \beta)^2}{N - p - 1}$$

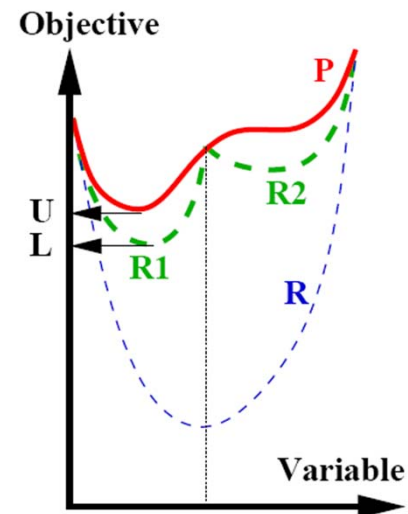
BRANCH-AND-BOUND



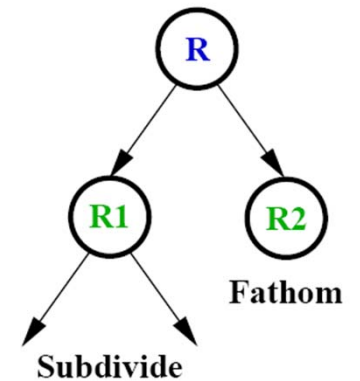
a. Lower Bounding



b. Upper Bounding



c. Domain Subdivision



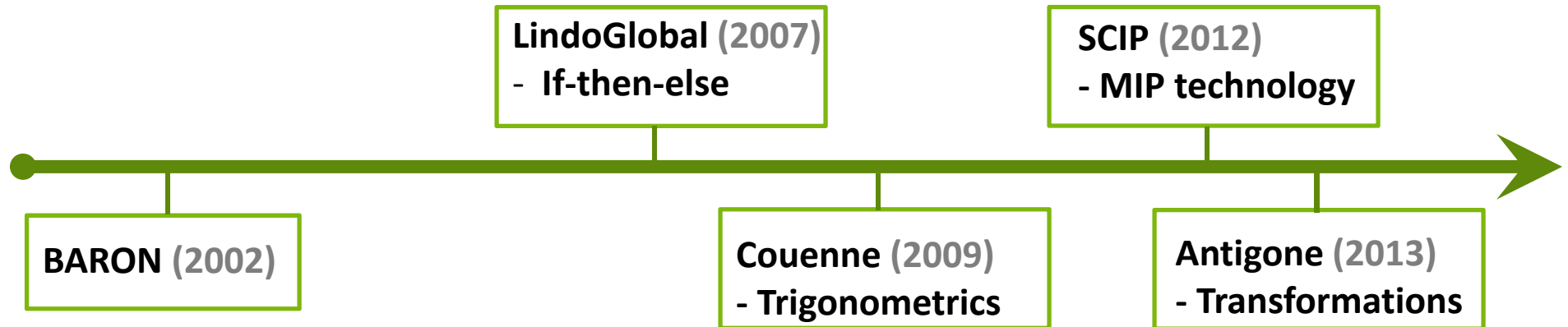
d. Search Tree

Falk and Soland, 1969; Soland 1971

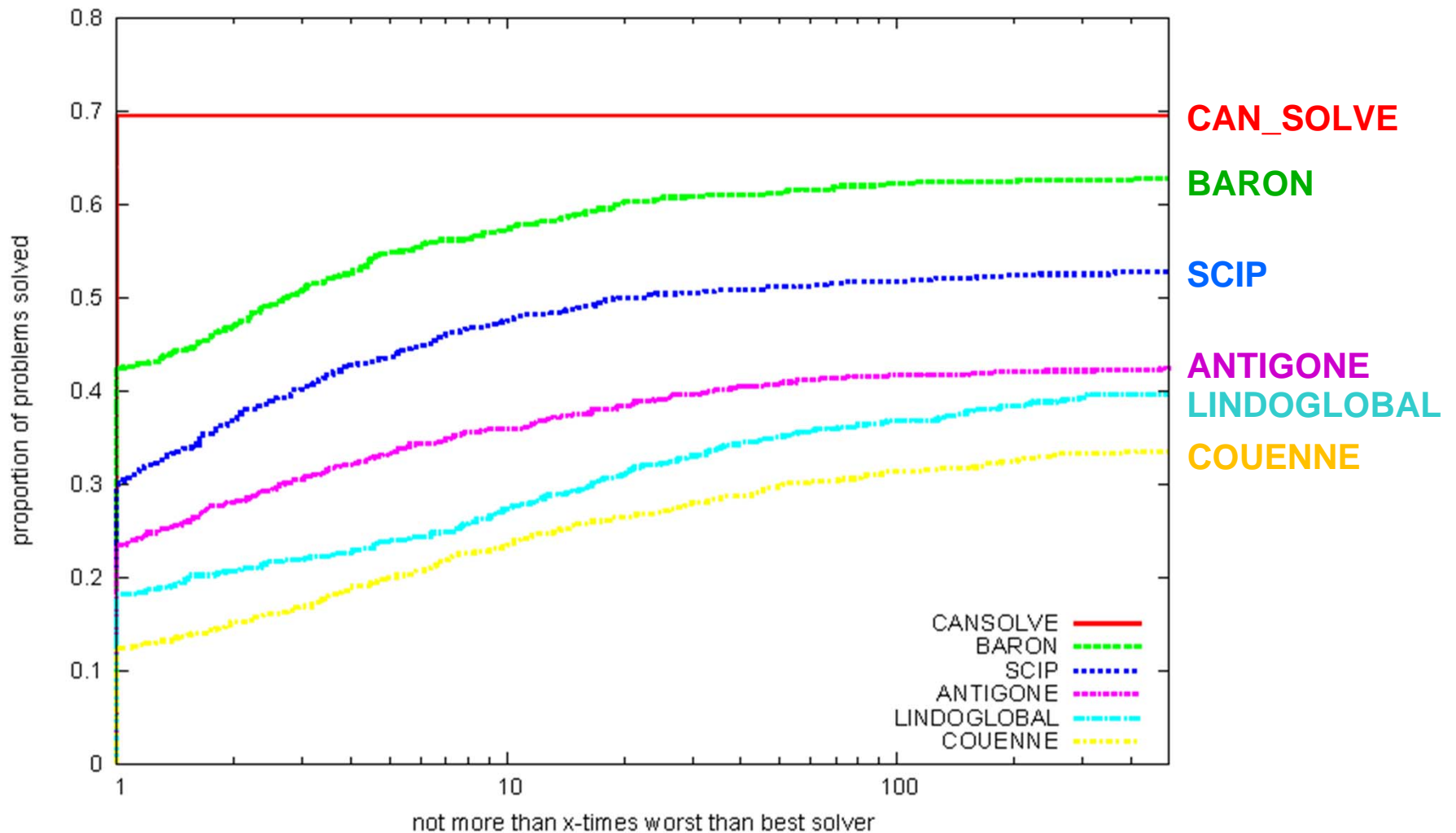
BRANCH-AND-REDUCE

- **Constraint propagation and duality-based bounds tightening**
 - Ryoo and Sahinidis, 1995, 1996
 - Tawarmalani and Sahinidis, 2004
- **Finite branching rules**
 - Sheckman and Sahinidis, 1998
 - Ahmed, Tawarmalani and Sahinidis, 2004
- **Convexification**
 - Tawarmalani and Sahinidis, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005
 - Khajavirad and Sahinidis, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016
 - Zorn and Sahinidis, 2013, 2013, 2014
- **Implemented in BARON**
 - First deterministic global optimization solver for NLP and MINLP

GLOBAL MINLP SOLVERS IN GAMS



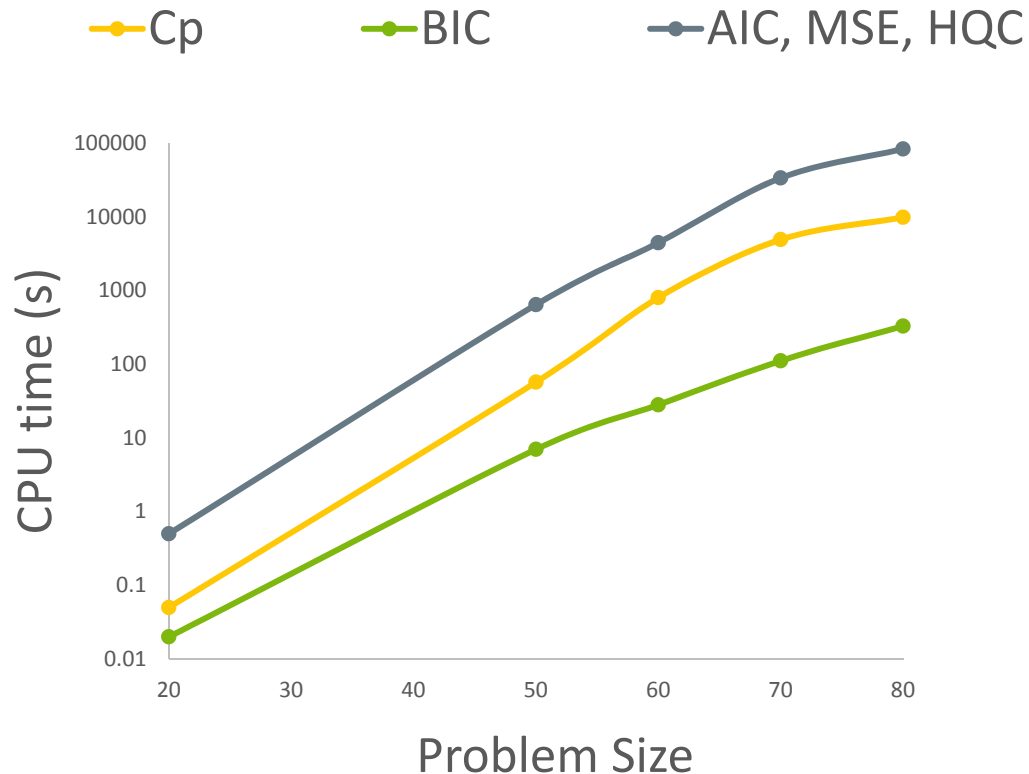
GLOBAL MINLP SOLVERS ON MINLPLIB2



Con: 1893 (1—164,321), Var: 1027 (3—107,223), Disc: 137 (1—31,824)

CPU TIME COMPARISON OF METRICS

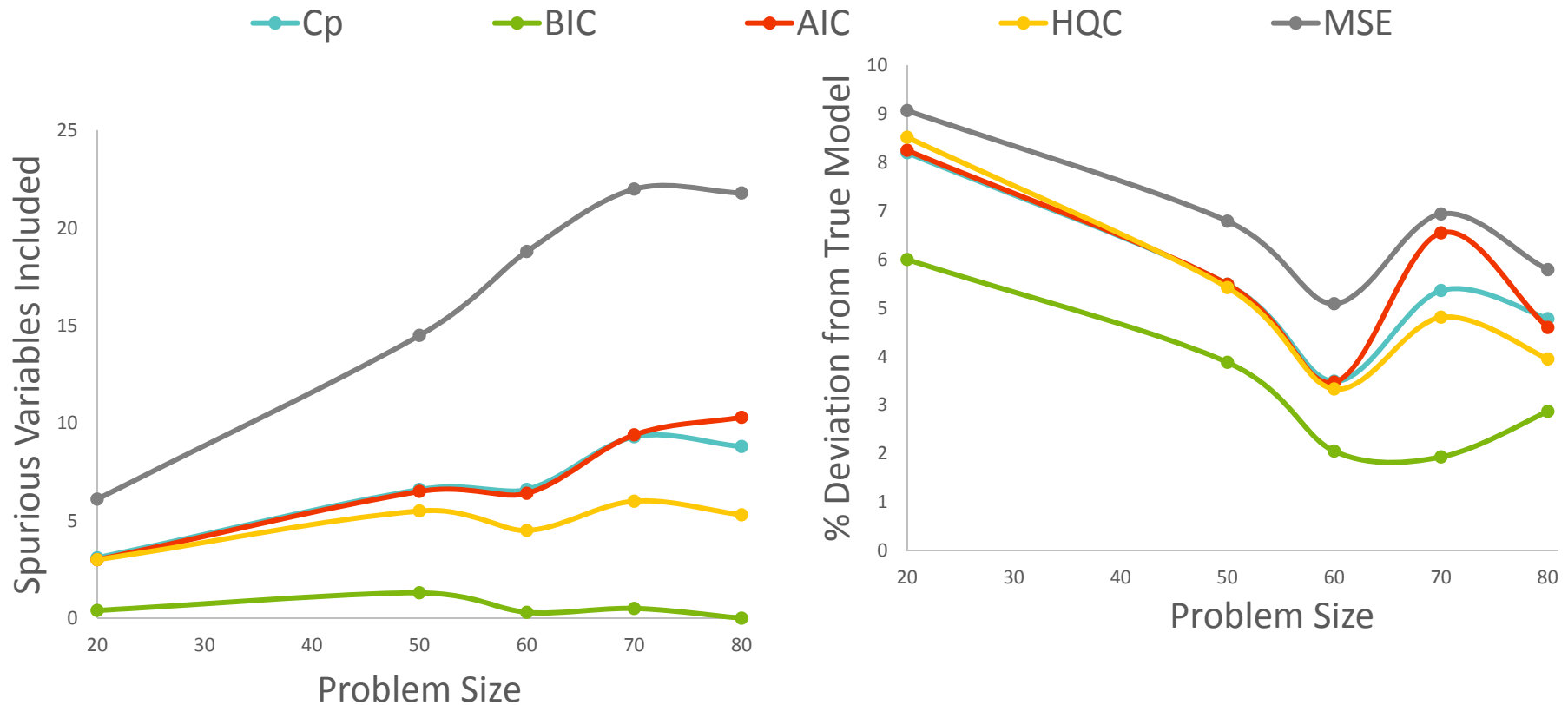
- Eight benchmarks from the UCI and CMU data sets
- Seventy noisy data sets were generated with multicollinearity and increasing problem size (number of bases)



- BIC solves more than two orders of magnitude faster than AIC, MSE and HQC
 - Optimized directly via a single mixed-integer convex quadratic model

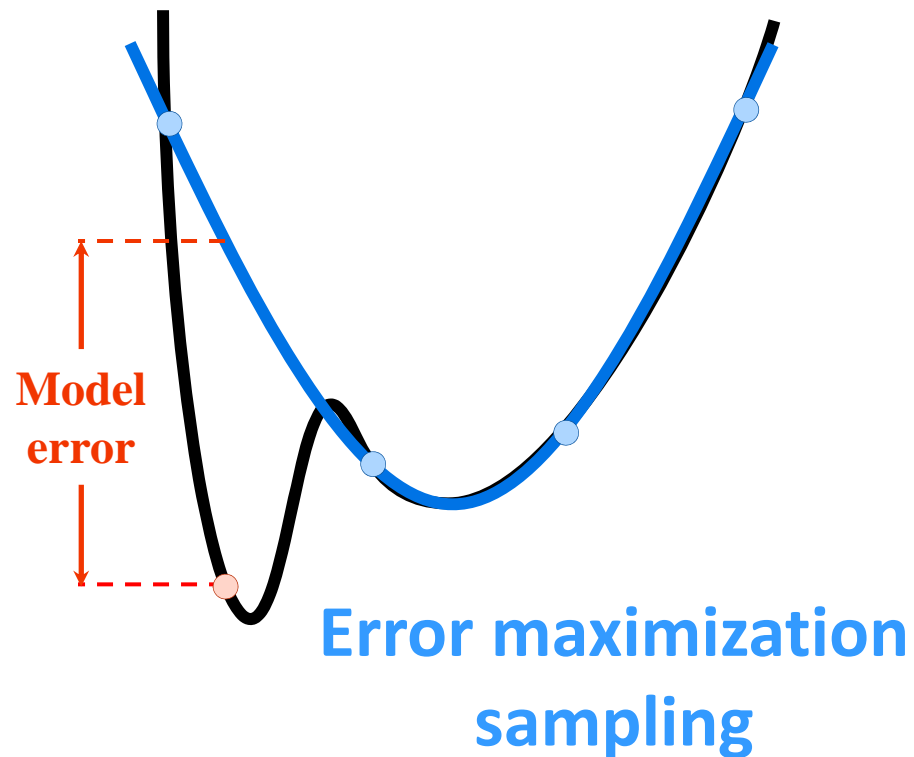
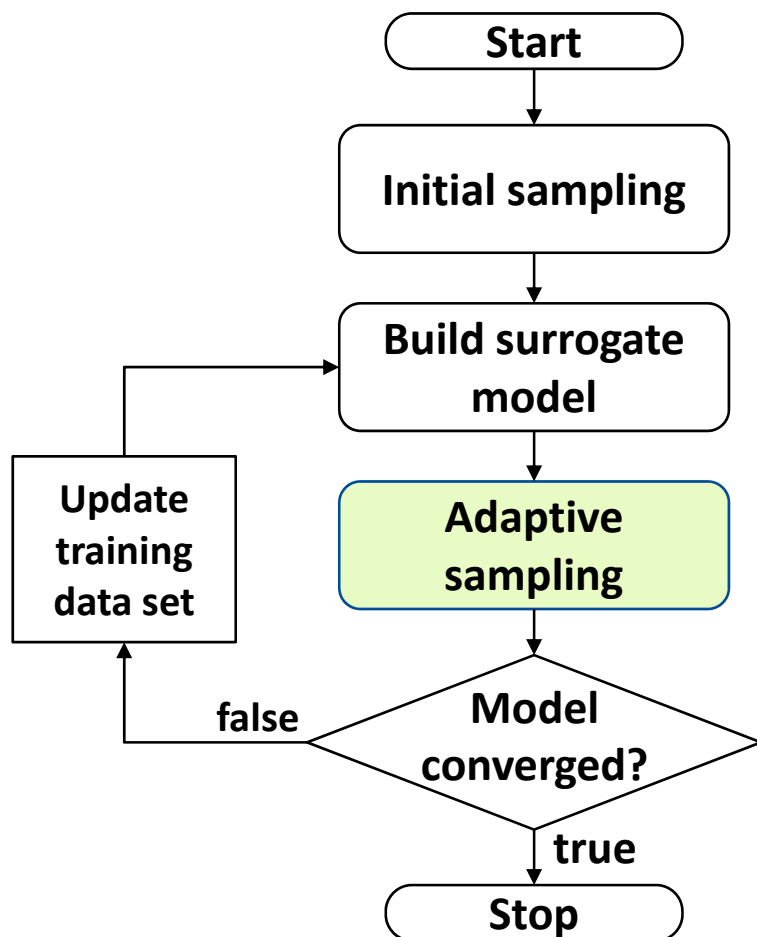
MODEL QUALITY COMPARISON

- BIC leads to smaller, more accurate models
 - Larger penalty for model complexity



ALAMO

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ERROR MAXIMIZATION SAMPLING

- Search the problem space for areas of model inconsistency or model mismatch
- Find points that maximize the model error with respect to the independent variables

$$\max_x \left(\frac{z(x) - \hat{z}(x)}{z(x)} \right)^2$$

Surrogate model



- Optimized using derivative-free solver SNOBFIT (Huyer and Neumaier, 2008)
- SNOBFIT outperforms most derivative-free solvers (Rios and Sahinidis, 2013)

COMPUTATIONAL RESULTS

- Goal – Compare methods on three target metrics

1

Model accuracy

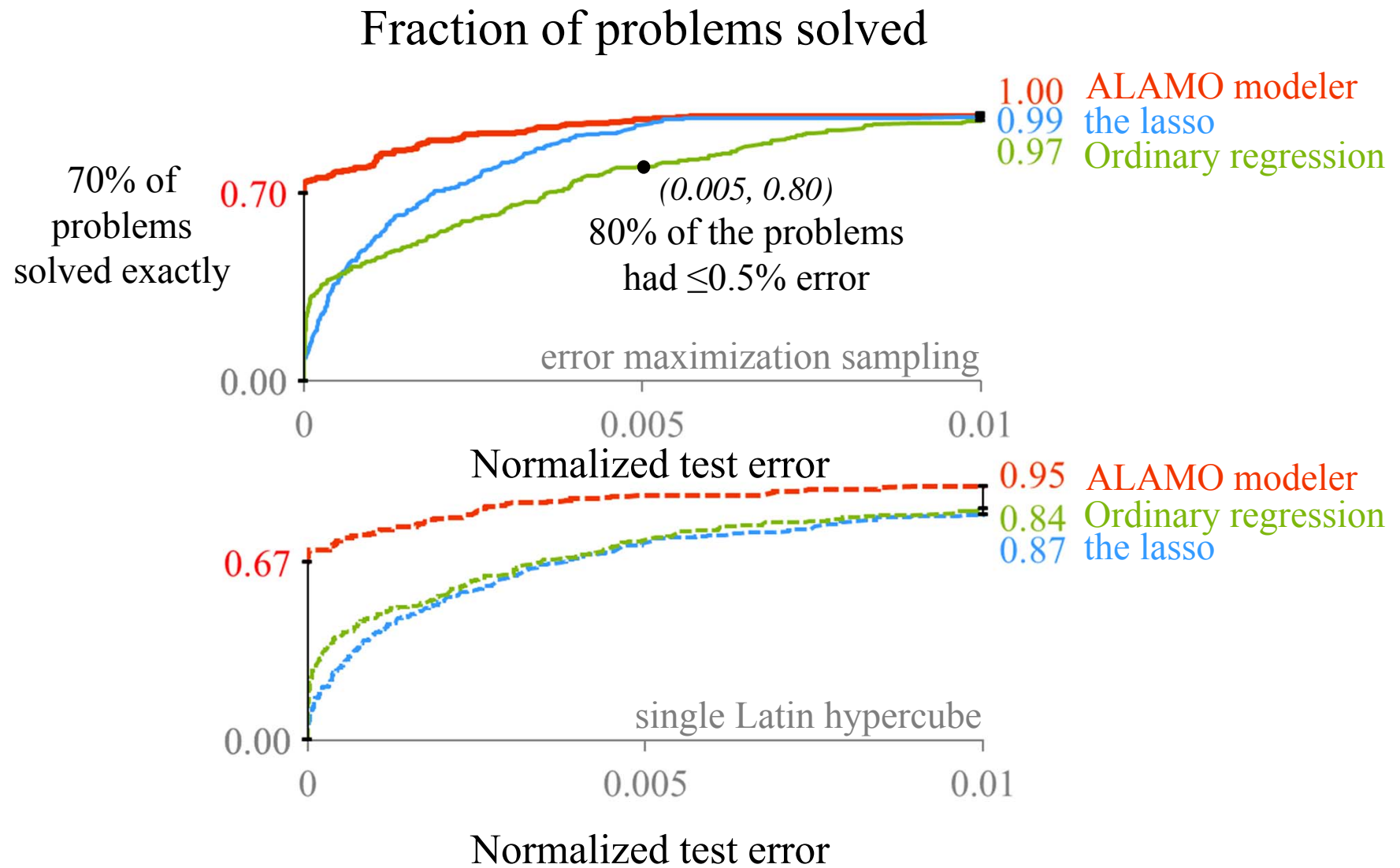
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Data efficiency

3

Model simplicity

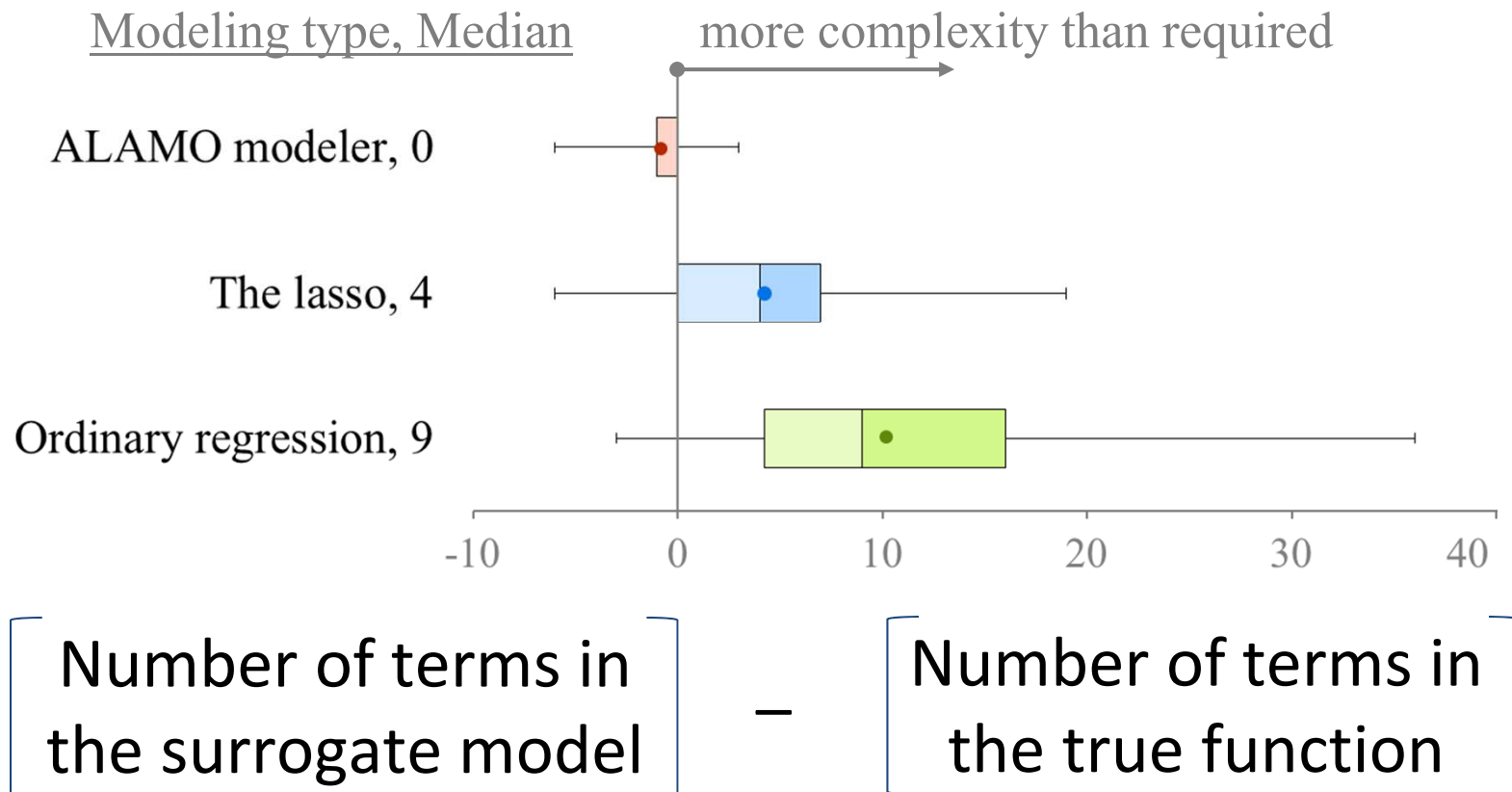
- Modeling methods compared
 - **ALAMO modeler** – Proposed best subset methodology
 - **The LASSO** – The lasso regularization
 - **Ordinary regression** – Ordinary least-squares regression
- Sampling methods compared (over the same data set size)
 - ALAMO sampler – Proposed error maximization technique
 - Single LH – Single Latin hypercube (no feedback)



1 Model accuracy

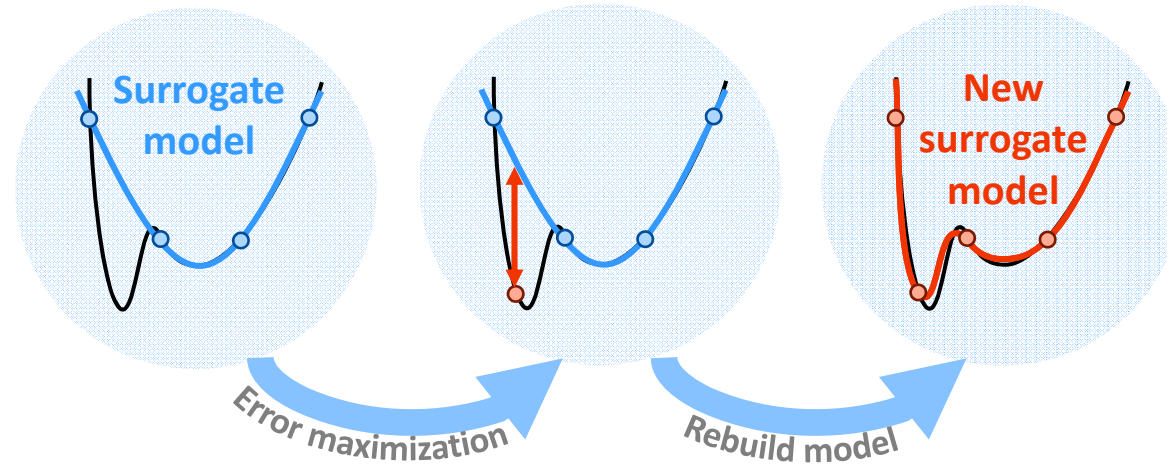
2 Data efficiency

3 Model simplicity



Results over a test set of 45 known functions treated as black boxes with bases that are available to all modeling methods.

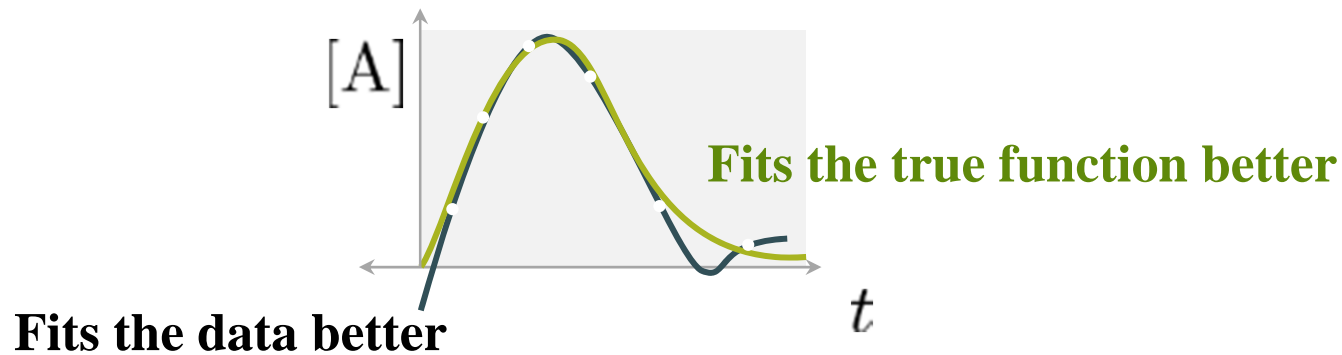
KEY INGREDIENT: OPTIMIZATION



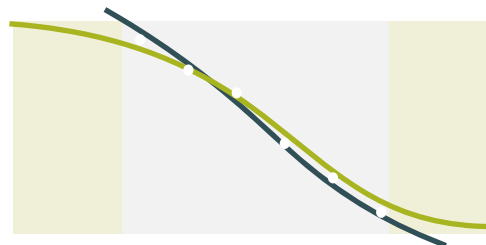
- **Surrogate model identification**
 - Simple, accurate model identification
 - Integer optimization
- **Error maximization sampling**
 - More information found per simulated data point
 - Derivative-free optimization

CONSTRAINED REGRESSION

$$0 \leq [A]_t \leq [A]^{\max}$$



Extrapolation zone



Data space

Safe extrapolation

CONSTRAINED REGRESSION

Standard regression

$$\min_{\beta_1, \beta_2} \sum_{i=1}^4 (z_i - \hat{z}(x_i; \beta_1, \beta_2))^2$$

Surrogate
model

easy

tough

Constrained regression

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\beta_1, \beta_2} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^4 (z_i - \hat{z}(x_i; \beta_1, \beta_2))^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \beta_1 \geq \beta_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\beta_1, \beta_2} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^4 (z_i - \hat{z}(x_i; \beta_1, \beta_2))^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \hat{z}(x_i; \beta_1, \beta_2) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \end{aligned}$$

- Challenging due to the semi-infinite nature of the regression constraints
- Use **intuitive** restrictions among predictor and response variables to infer **nonintuitive** relationships between regression parameters

IMPLIED PARAMETER RESTRICTIONS

Find a model \hat{z} such that $\hat{z}(x) \geq 0$ with a fixed model form:

$$\hat{z}(x) = \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^3$$

**Step 1: Formulate
constraint in z- and x-space**

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\beta_1, \beta_2} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^4 (z_i - [\beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^3])^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^3 \geq 0 \quad x \in [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

1 parametric
constraint

4 β -constraints

**Step 2: Identify a sufficient
set of β -space constraints**

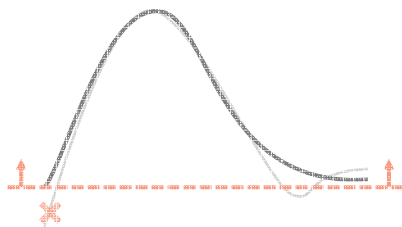
$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\beta_1, \beta_2} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^4 (z_i - [\beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^3])^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{cases} 0.240 \beta_1 + 0.0138 \beta_2 \geq 0 \\ 0.281 \beta_1 + 0.0223 \beta_2 \geq 0 \\ 0.120 \beta_1 + 0.00173 \beta_2 \geq 0 \\ 0.138 \beta_1 + 0.00263 \beta_2 \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Global optimization problems solved with BARON

TYPES OF RESTRICTIONS

Response bounds

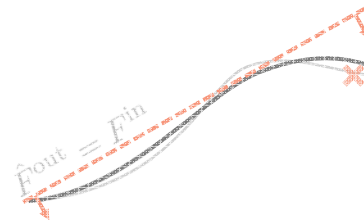
$$[\hat{A}]_t \geq 0$$



pressure, temperature,
compositions

Individual responses

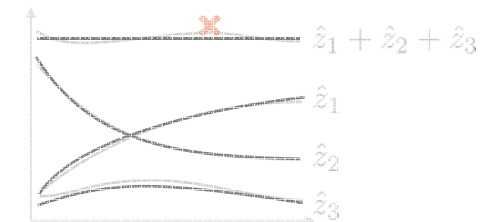
$$\hat{F}^{\text{out}}(x) \leq F^{\text{in}}$$



mass and energy balances,
physical limitations

Multiple responses

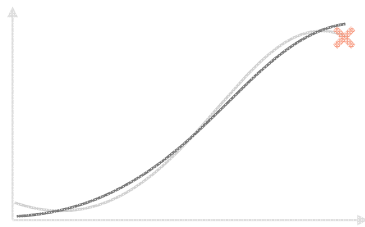
$$\hat{z}_1 + \hat{z}_2 + \hat{z}_3 = 1$$



mass balances, sum-to-one,
state variables

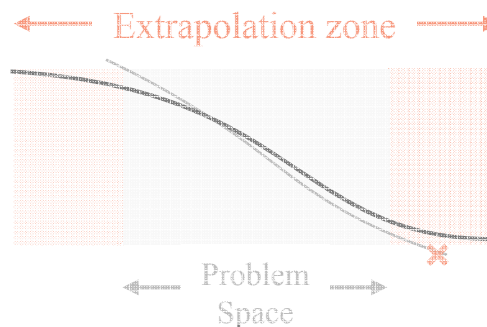
Response derivatives

$$\frac{dT}{dx} \geq 0$$



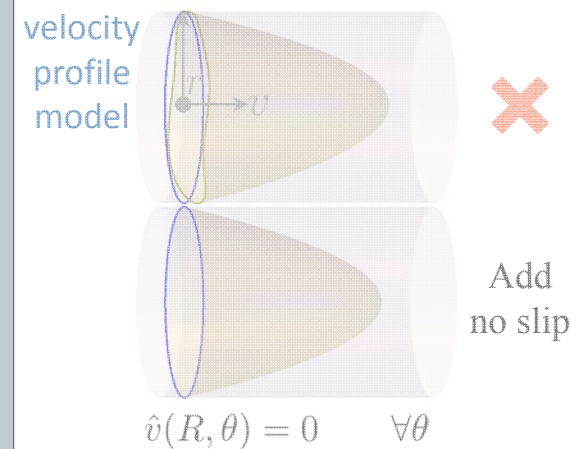
monotonicity, numerical
properties, convexity

Alternative domains

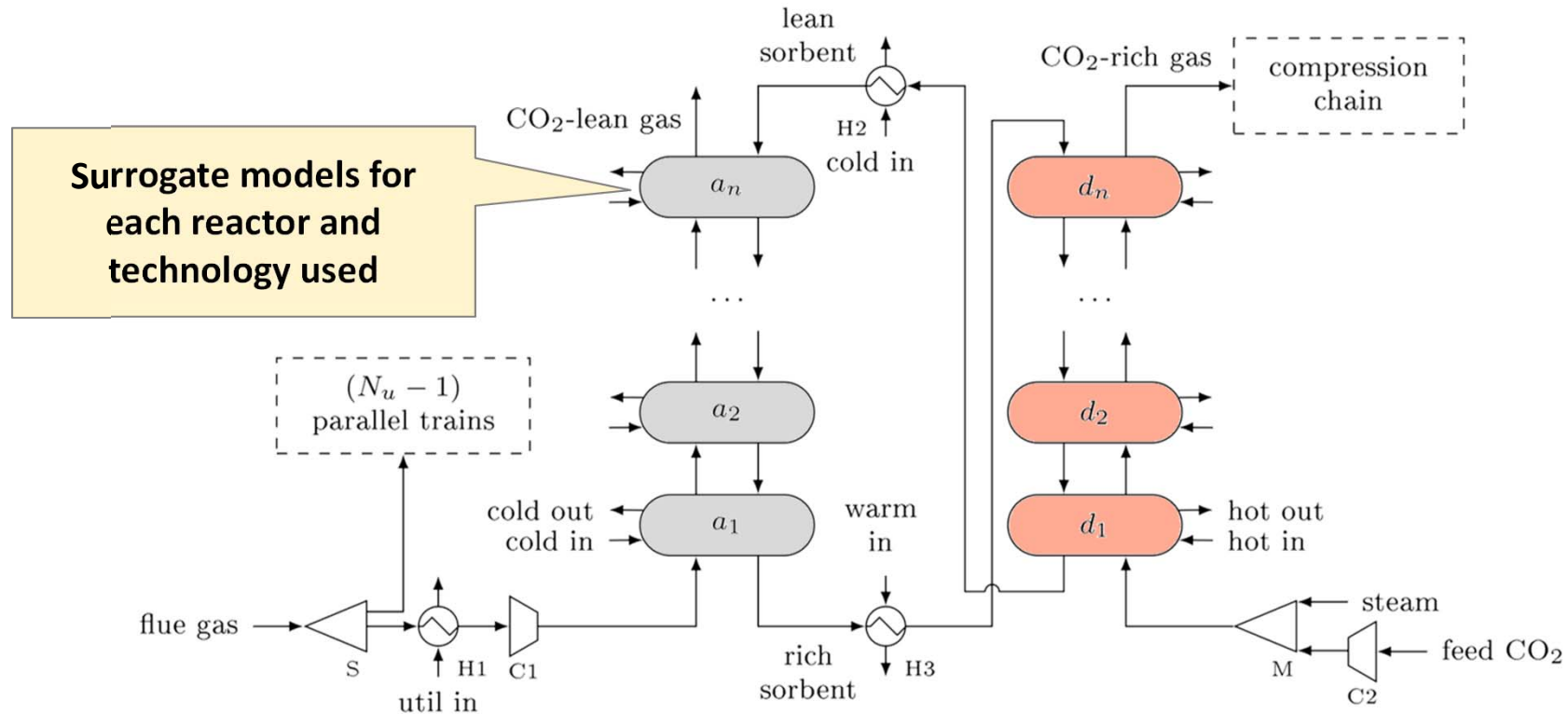


safe extrapolation,
boundary conditions

Boundary conditions



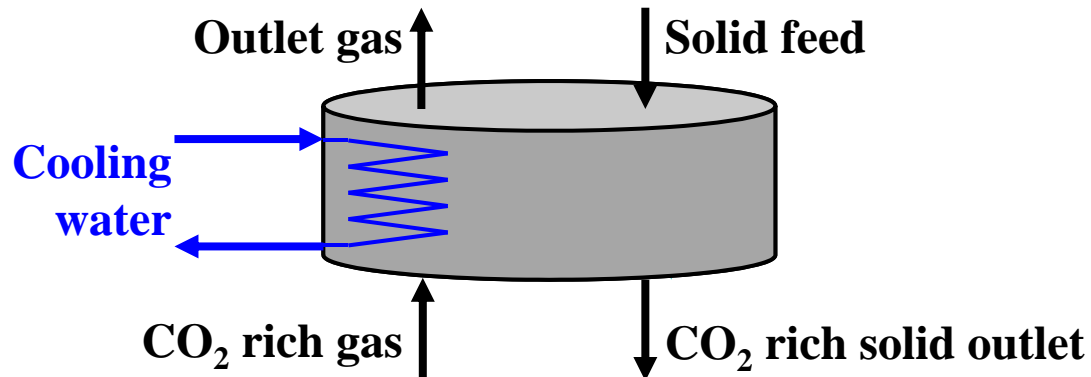
CARBON CAPTURE SYSTEM DESIGN



- **Discrete decisions:** How many units? Parallel trains?
What technology used for each reactor?
- **Continuous decisions:** Unit geometries
- **Operating conditions:** Vessel temperature and pressure, flow rates, compositions

BUBBLING FLUIDIZED BED

Bubbling fluidized bed adsorber diagram



- **Model inputs (16 total)**

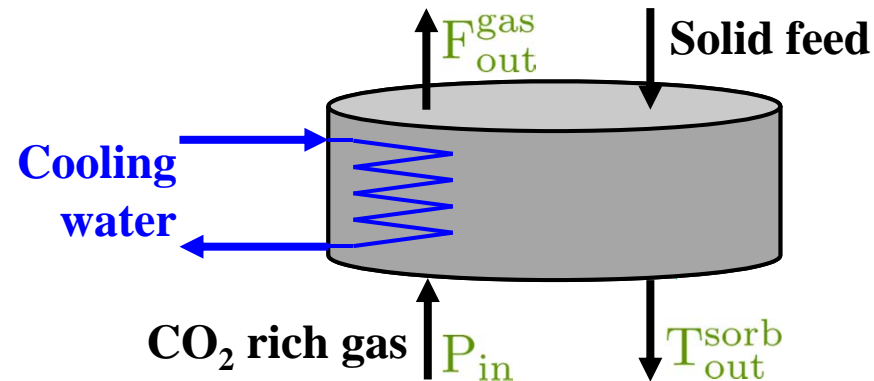
- Geometry (3)
- Operating conditions (5)
- Gas mole fractions (2)
- Solid compositions (2)
- Flow rates (4)

- **Model outputs (14 total)**

- Geometry required (2)
- Operating condition required (1)
- Gas mole fractions (3)
- Solid compositions (3)
- Flow rates (2)
- Outlet temperatures (3)

Model created by Andrew Lee at the National Energy Technology Laboratory

EXAMPLE MODELS - ADSORBER



$$P_{in} = 1.0 P_{out} + 0.0231 L_b - 0.0187 \ln(0.167 L_b) - 0.00626 \ln(0.667 v_{gi}) - \frac{51.1 xHCO_3^{\text{ads}}_{in}}{F_{in}^{\text{gas}}}$$

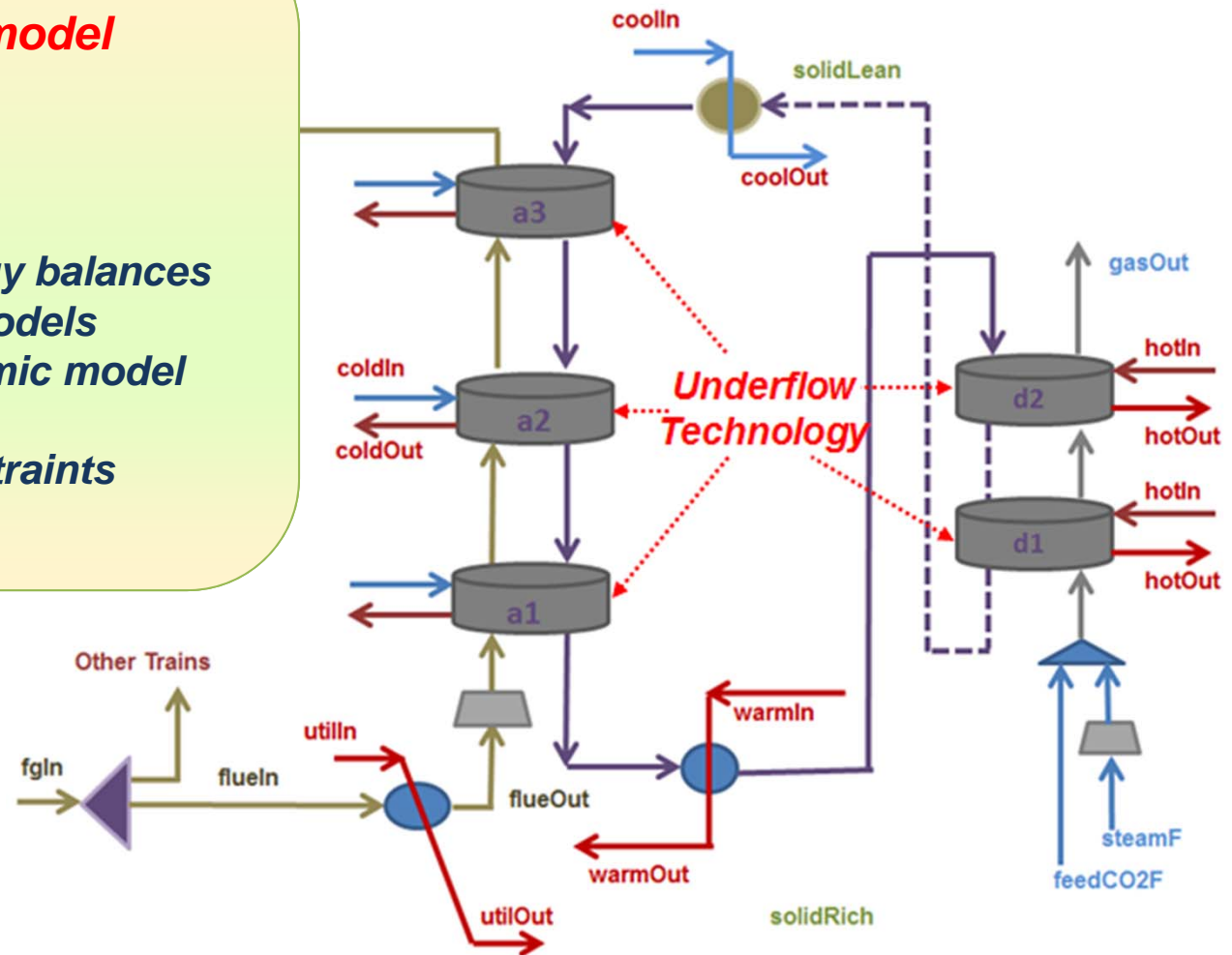
$$T_{\text{sorb out}} = 1.0 T_{in}^{\text{gas}} - \frac{(1.77 \cdot 10^{-10}) NX^2}{\gamma^2} - \frac{3.46}{NX T_{in}^{\text{gas}} T_{in}^{\text{sorb}}} + \frac{1.17 \cdot 10^4}{F_{\text{sorb}} NX xH_2O^{\text{ads}}_{in}}$$

$$F_{\text{out}}^{\text{gas}} = 0.797 F_{in}^{\text{gas}} - \frac{9.75 T_{in}^{\text{sorb}}}{\gamma} - 0.77 F_{in}^{\text{gas}} xCO_2^{\text{gas}}_{in} + 0.00465 F_{in}^{\text{gas}} T_{in}^{\text{sorb}} - 0.0181 F_{in}^{\text{gas}} T_{in}^{\text{sorb}} xH_2O^{\text{gas}}_{in}$$

SUPERSTRUCTURE OPTIMIZATION

Mixed-integer nonlinear programming model

- *Economic model*
- *Process model*
- *Material balances*
- *Hydrodynamic/Energy balances*
- *Reactor surrogate models*
- *Link between economic model and process model*
- *Binary variable constraints*
- *Bounds for variables*



MINLP solved with BARON

CONCLUSIONS

- **ALAMO provides algebraic models that are**
 - ✓ Accurate
 - ✓ Simple
 - ✓ Generated from a minimal number of data points
- **ALAMO's **constrained regression** facility allows modeling of**
 - ✓ Bounds on response variables
 - ✓ Convexity/monotonicity of response variables
 - ✓ Variable groups
- **Built on top of state-of-the-art optimization solvers**
- **ALAMO site: archimedes.cheme.cmu.edu/?q=alamo**