Applying COPASI Results

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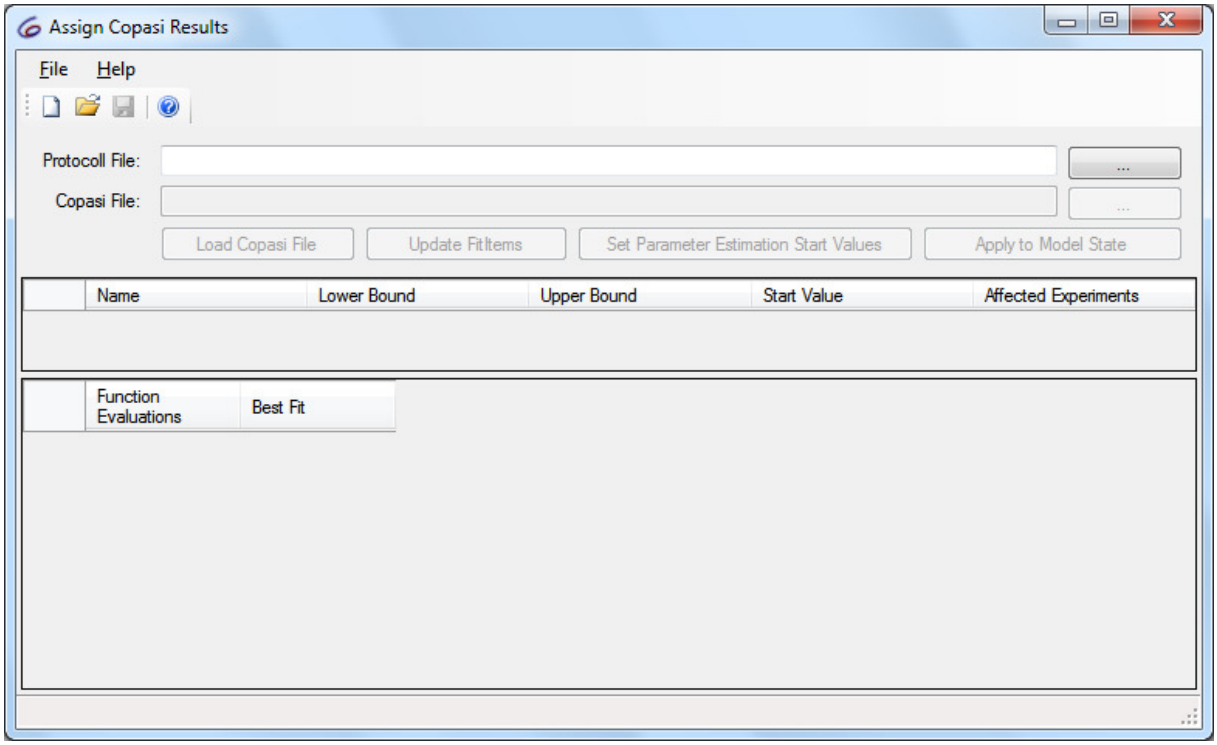
This document describes how to use the application for applying starting values for Parameter Estimation tasks from a previously recorded protocol. This is helpful if for example your parameter estimation task was cancelled for whatever reason, or you simply want to explore the parameter space visited during the fitting task at a later point in time.

The application



The main application screen is tiled into three areas:

- The area where you specify what protocol file to use and what COPASI file to load.
- The list of all currently defined parameters for the parameter estimation task
- The table of function evaluations, best fit and parameters of the protocol file.

The application is designed so as to only enable options when they are appropriate (for example you won't be able to save to a new COPASI file, before loading a protocol and selecting the new parameter set). At any point you are able to start over using File\New.

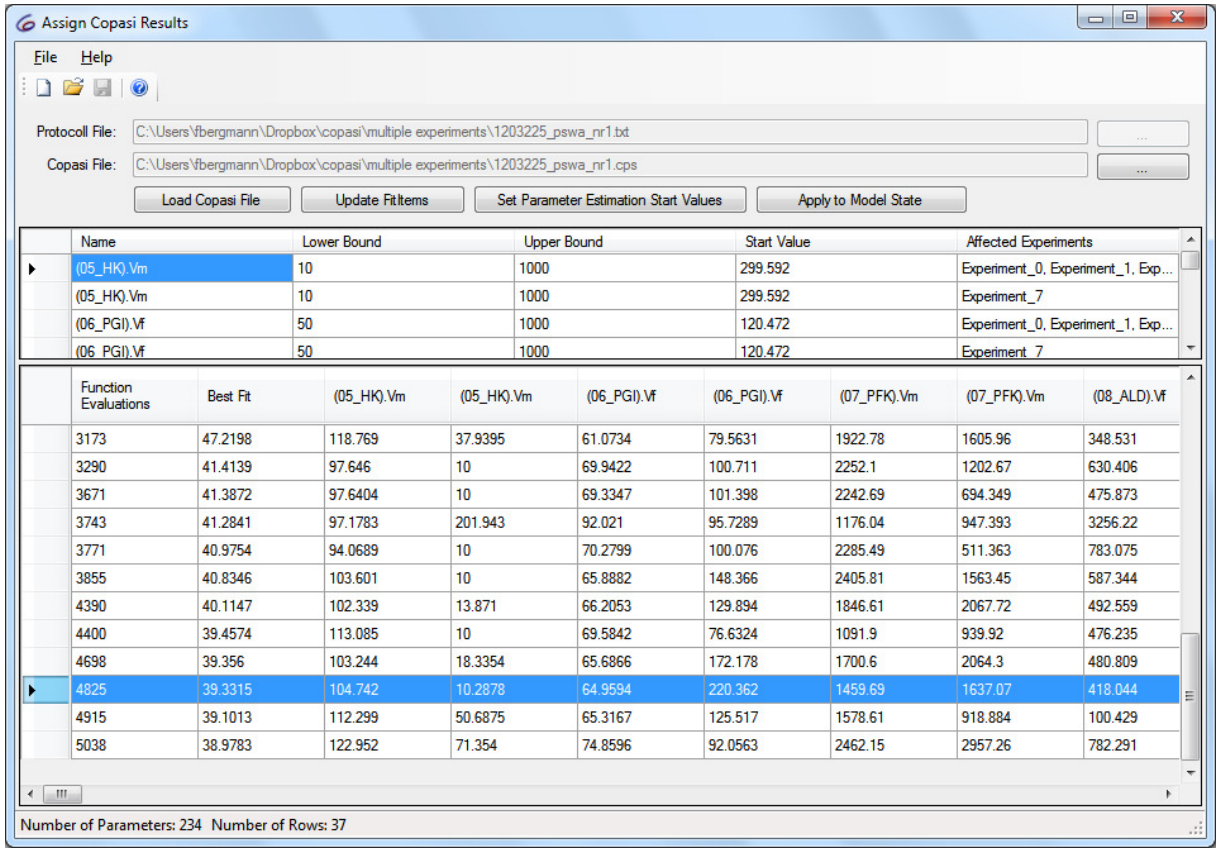
Installation

The current windows version is installed by simply double clicking the installer, and following the setup procedure.

Using the application

In order to use the application please follow the following steps:

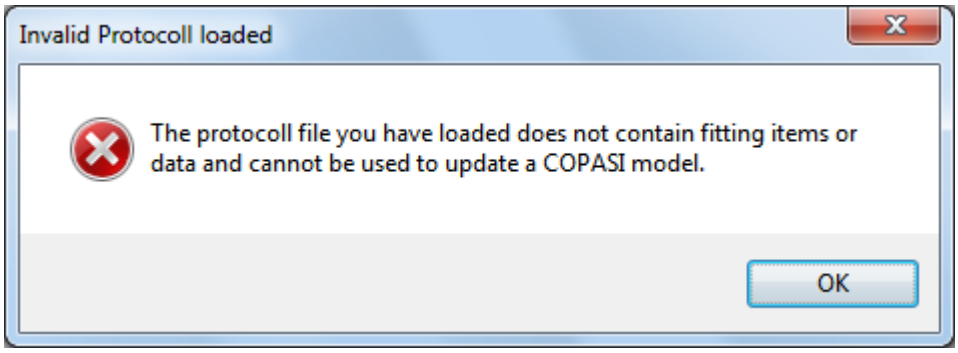
1. Start the application
2. Open the protocol file (using the three dots in the first line you get to browse the file system, or you simply specify the full path).
3. Open the COPASI file that belongs to the model.



4. At this point you would set the parameter estimation start values, by selecting first an entry from the list. Or you could apply the selected fit to the model initial state. In that case you will have to choose the priority order of the experiments used. (The parameter written to the model will be the one from the experiment with highest priority.)
5. Save the resulting COPASI file under a new filename.

Error Messages

The program will only work if the protocol file contains the fit items together with at least one recorded output step. Otherwise the following error message will be displayed:



Additionally, the COPASI file loaded has to have a parameter estimation task specified with the same number of parameters (and over the same variables). Otherwise the following error message will be displayed: