

Simulator Calibration under Covariate Shift with Kernels

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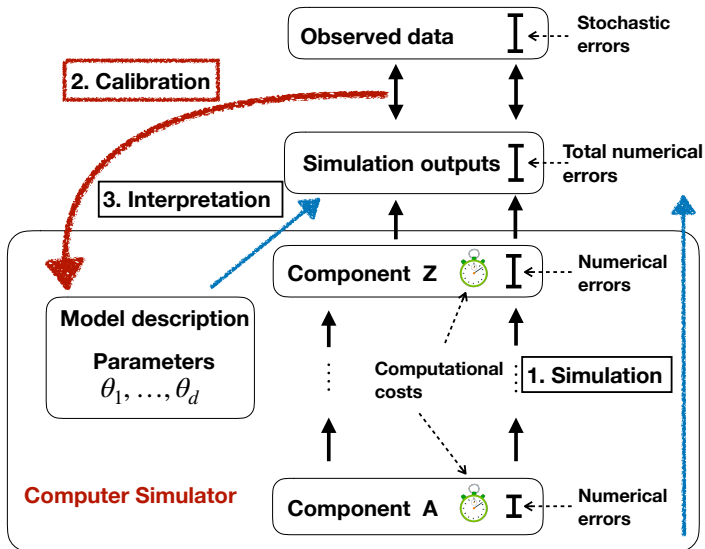
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Computer Simulation and Related Tasks



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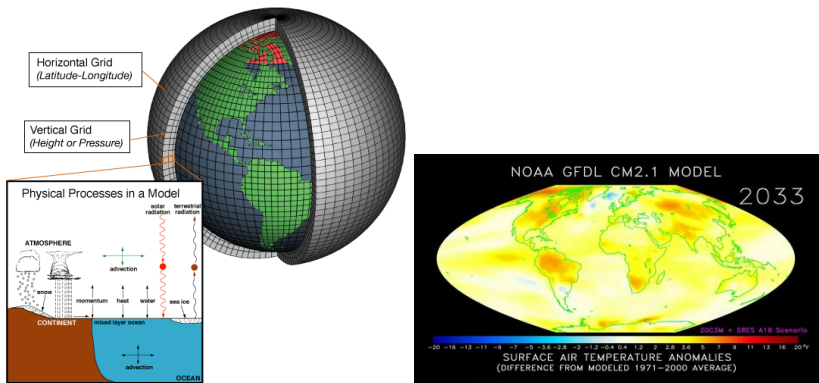


Figure 1: From Wikipedia “General circulation model”

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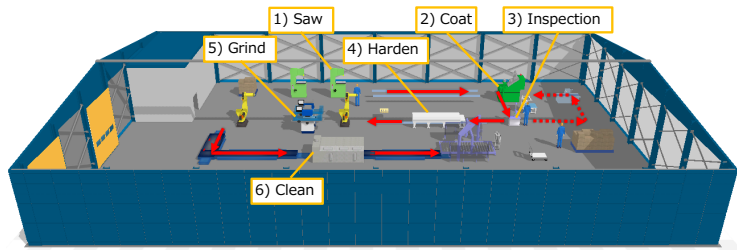


Figure 2: Simulator constructed with *WITNESS*, a popular software package for production simulation (<https://www.lanner.com/en-us/>).

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- However, simulating one output $r(x, \theta)$ for given (x, θ) may be computationally very expensive.

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- The generalization error can be approximated by weighted squares:

$$L_n(\theta) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \beta(X_i) (Y_i - r(X_i, \theta))^2.$$

because $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim q_0$.

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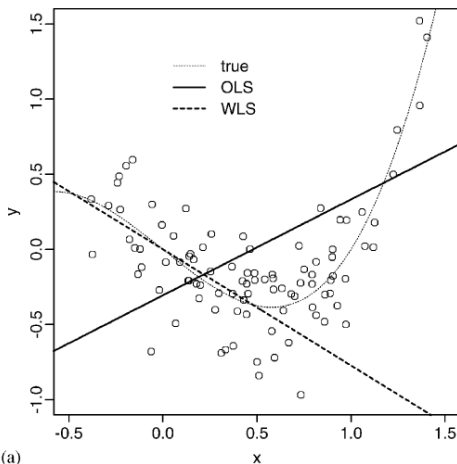
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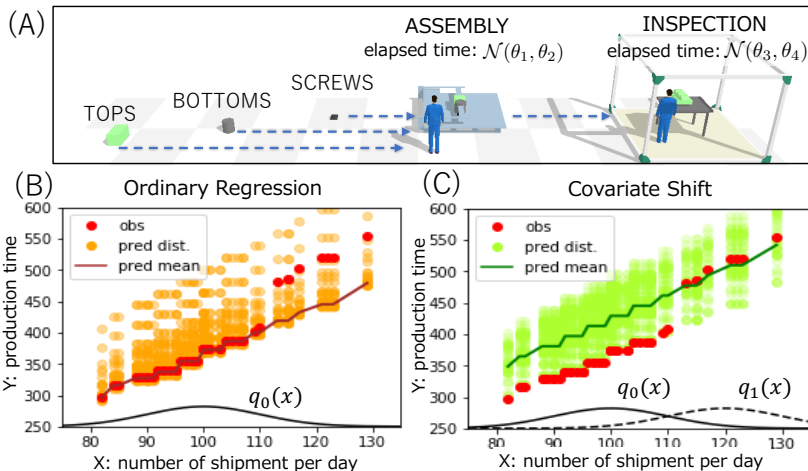
Effect of Covariate Shift under Model Misspecification

- **True** = 3rd order polynomial (curve); **OLS** = standard linear fit (solid line); **WLS** = linear with importance weighting (dotted line).
- $q_0 = \mathcal{N}(0.5, 2.5^2)$, $q_1 = \mathcal{N}(0.0, 0.3^2)$. [Shimodaira, 2000]



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Covariate Shift in Manufacturing Process Simulation



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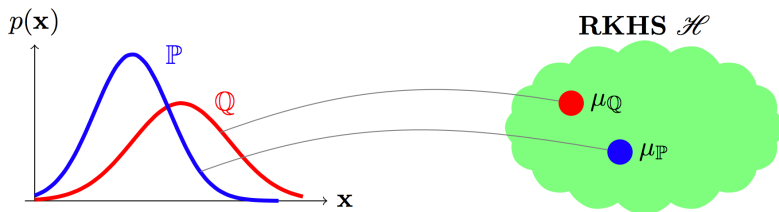


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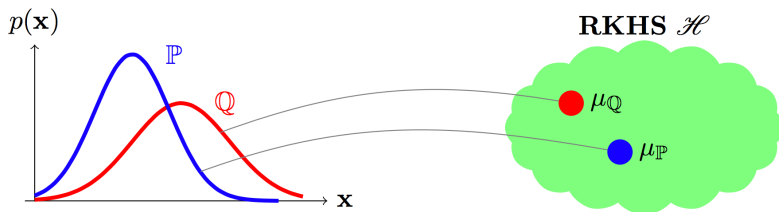


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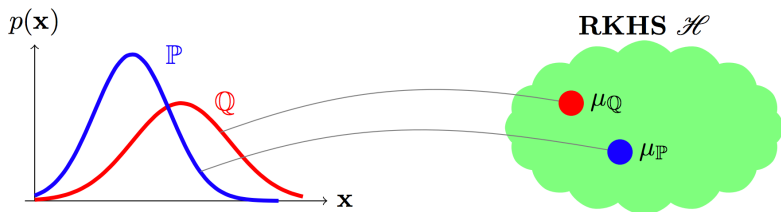


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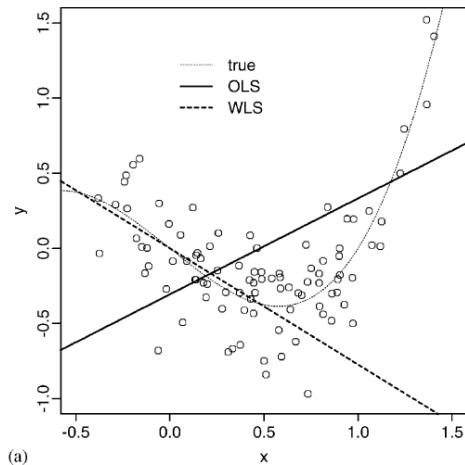


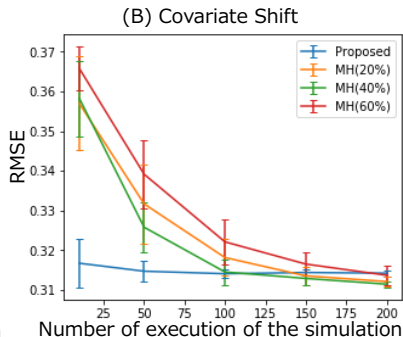
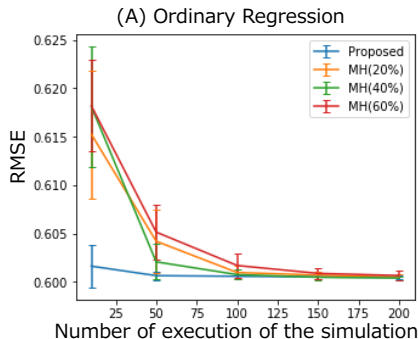
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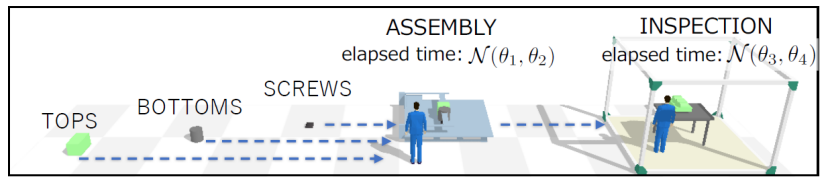
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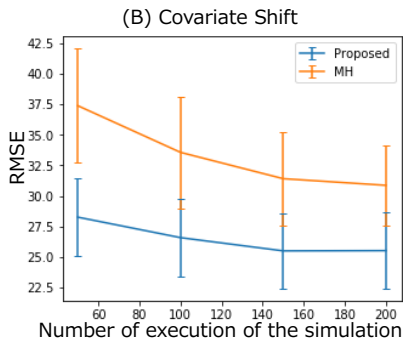
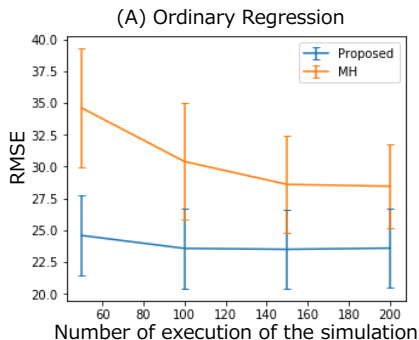
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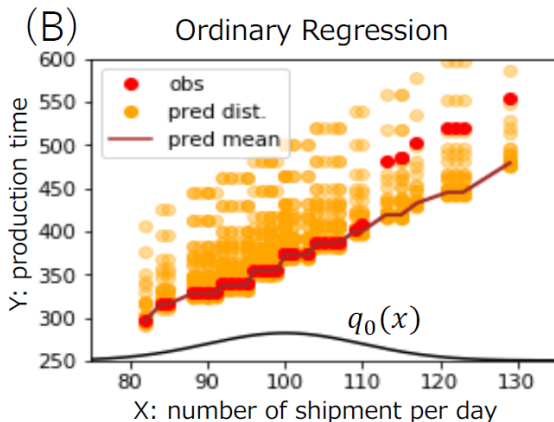
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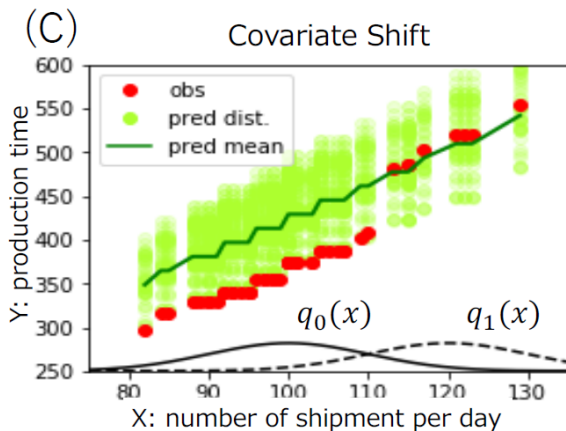
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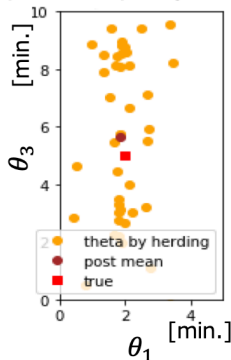
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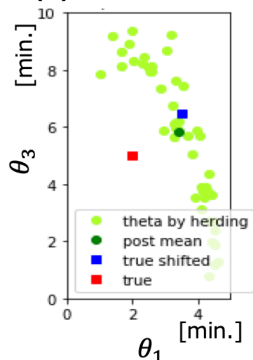
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