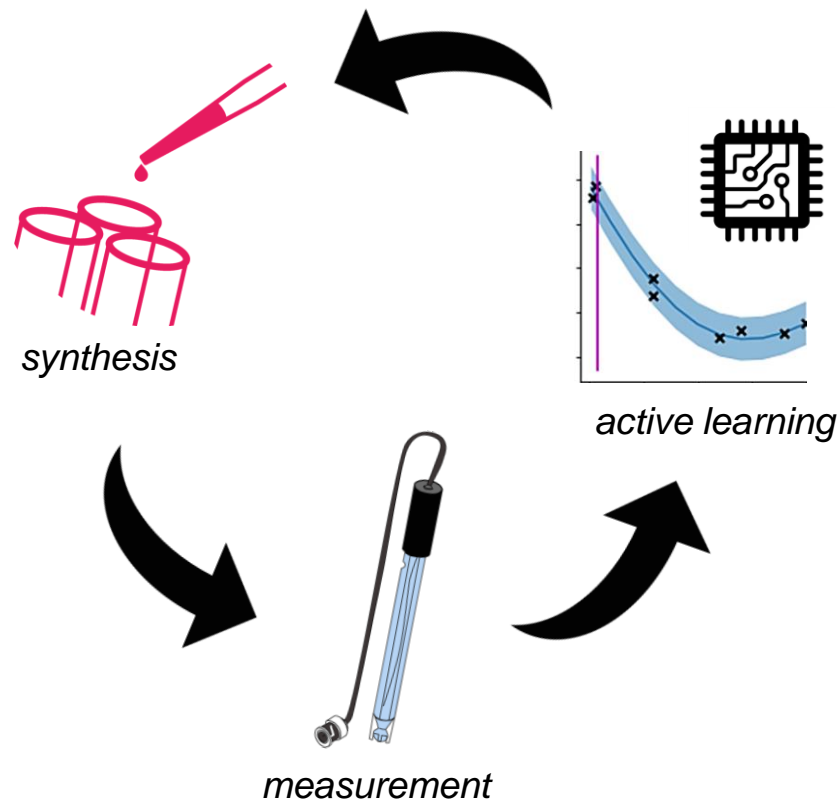


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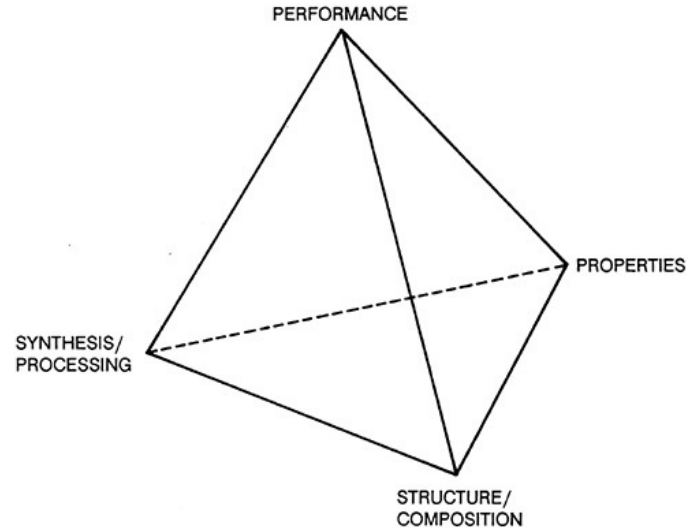
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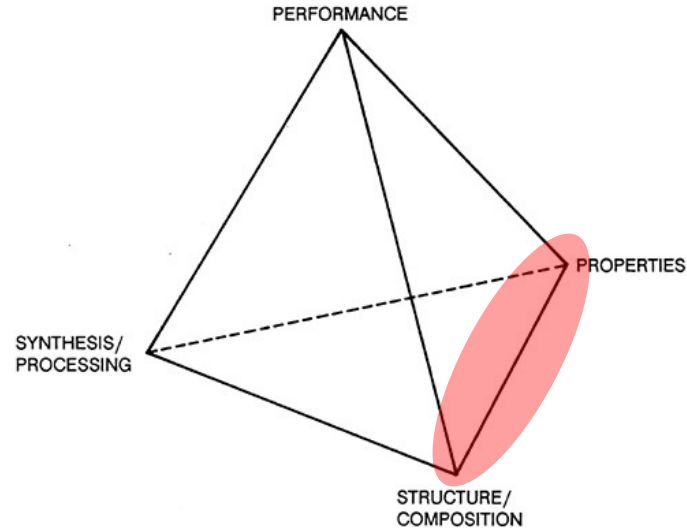
Motivation and Goals

Composition - Property Relationships



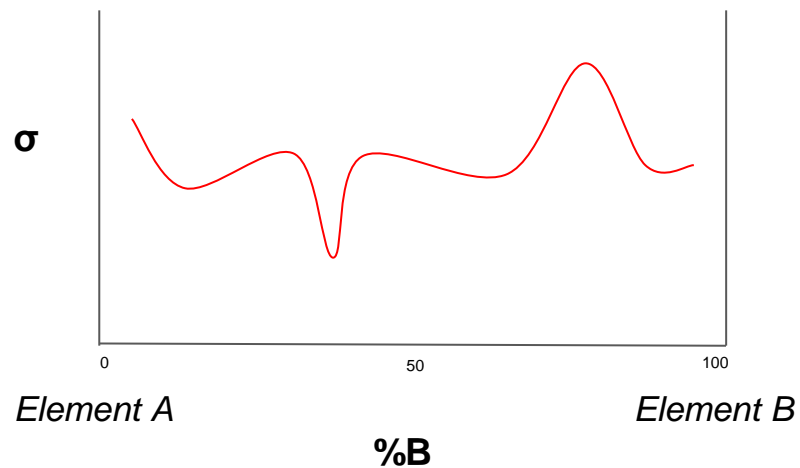
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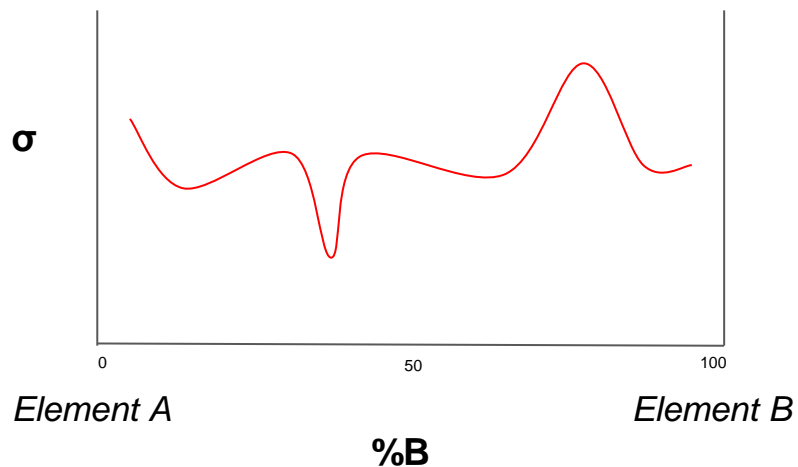
Composition - Property Relationships



Optimize Performance \rightarrow Properties \rightarrow Composition

The Large Number Problem





period

| group | 1 ⁺ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|-------|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | He |
| 2 | Li | Be | | | | | | | | | | | B | C | N | O | F | Ne |
| 3 | Na | Mg | | | | | | | | | | | Al | Si | P | S | Cl | Ar |
| 4 | K | Ca | Sc | Ti | V | Cr | Mn | Fe | Co | Ni | Cu | Zn | Ga | Ge | As | Se | Br | Kr |
| 5 | Rb | Sr | Y | Zr | Nb | Mo | Tc | Ru | Rh | Pd | Ag | Cd | In | Sn | Sb | Te | I | Xe |
| 6 | Cs | Ba | La | Hf | Ta | W | Re | Os | Ir | Pt | Au | Hg | Tl | Pb | Bi | Po | At | Rn |
| 7 | Fr | Ra | Ac | Rf | Db | Sg | Bh | Hs | Mt | Ds | Rg | Cn | Nh | Fl | Mc | Lv | Ts | Og |

lanthanoid series

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 |
| Ce | Pr | Nd | Pm | Sm | Eu | Gd | Tb | Dy | Ho | Er | Tm | Yb | Lu |

actinoid series

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 |
| Th | Pa | U | Np | Pu | Am | Cm | Bk | Cf | Es | Fm | Md | No | Lr |

Alkali metals

Alkaline-earth metals

Transition metals

Other metals

Other nonmetals

Halogens

Noble gases

Rare-earth elements (21, 39, 57–71) and lanthanoid elements (57–71 only)

Actinoid elements

*Numbering system adopted by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC). © Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc.



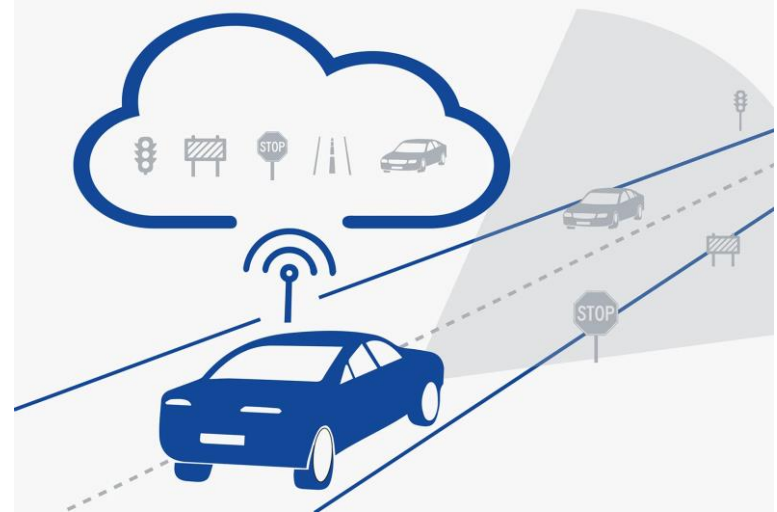
Binary: ~ 7,000
Tertiary: ~ 250,000
Quaternary: ~ 7.6 million

Automated



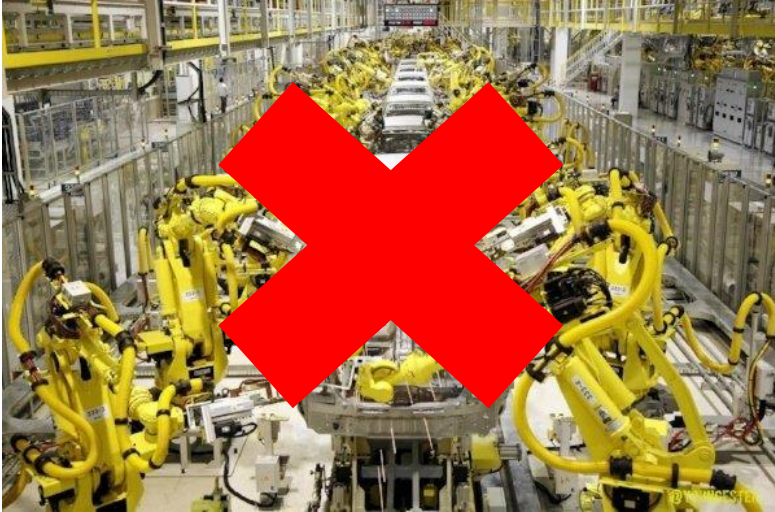
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Autonomous



Robot **reacts** to input

Automated



Robot **executes** tasks

Autonomous



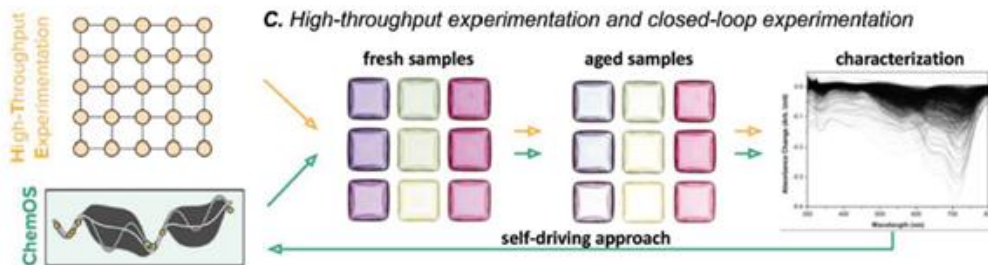
Robot **reacts** to ..
gathered data

ACTIVE LEARNING

A mobile robotic chemist

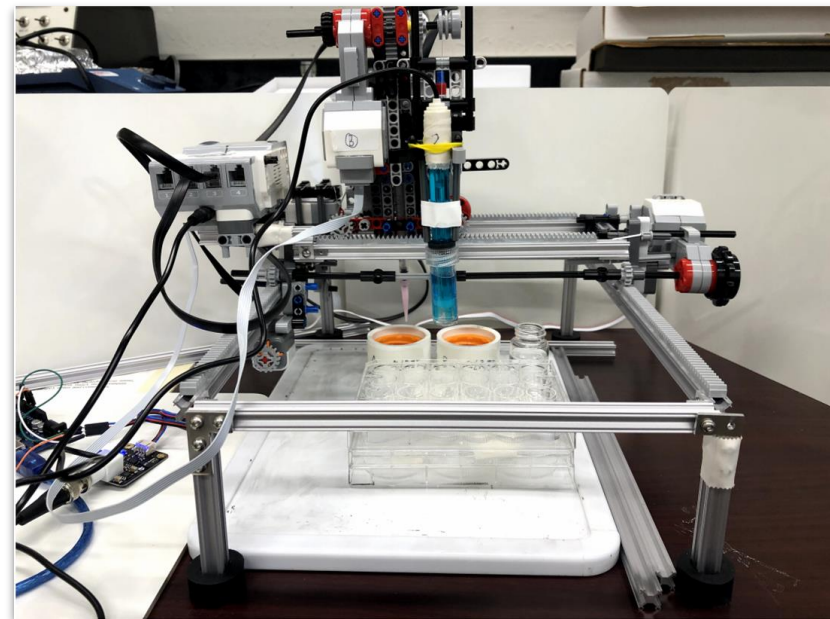
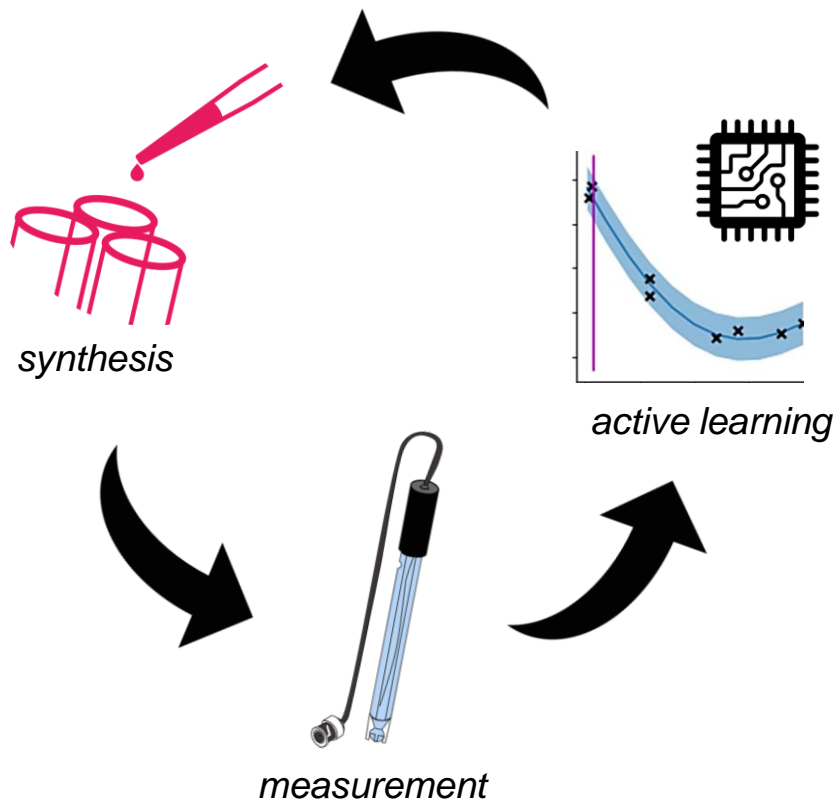
Burger et al., Nature 583, 237 (2020)

Beyond Ternary OPV: High-Throughput Experimentation and Self-Driving Laboratories Optimize Multicomponent Systems



- Blending/mixing of polymers/organic molecules
- Number of experiments can be significantly reduced

Low Cost Autonomous Physical Science System



Active Learning Closed Loop System

Our Mission

Composition Space

Weak Acid - *Acetic Acid* - 1 M

Conjugate Base - *Sodium Acetate Solution* - 1 M

Goal

Recover Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation.

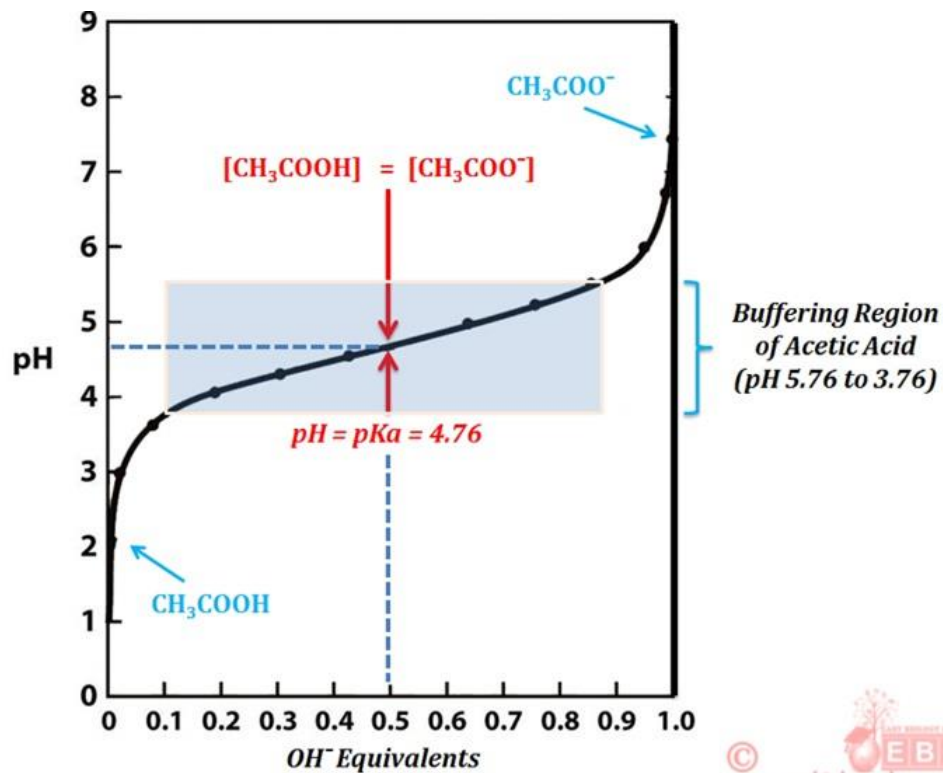
Henderson-Hasselbalch (HH) Equation:

$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log_{10} \left(\frac{[\text{Base}]}{[\text{Acid}]} \right)$$

Diagram illustrating the Henderson-Hasselbalch (HH) Equation with annotations:

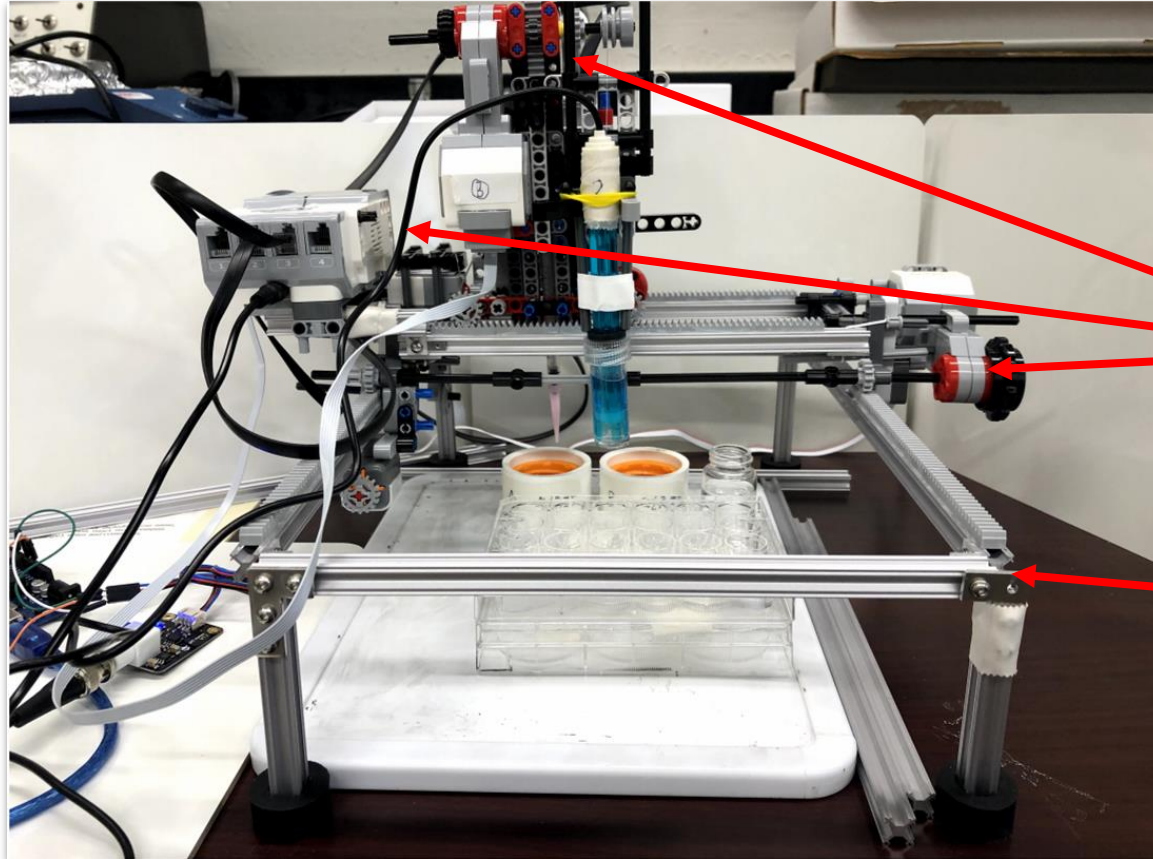
- Response Variable (measured)**: Points to pH .
- Dissociation Constant (unknown to robot)**: Points to $\text{p}K_a$.
- Our known parameters (for synthesis)**: Points to the concentration terms $[\text{Base}]$ and $[\text{Acid}]$.

Our Mission



$$\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a + \log_{10} \left(\frac{[\text{Base}]}{[\text{Acid}]} \right)$$

Active Learning Closed Loop System - Our Robot



Construction

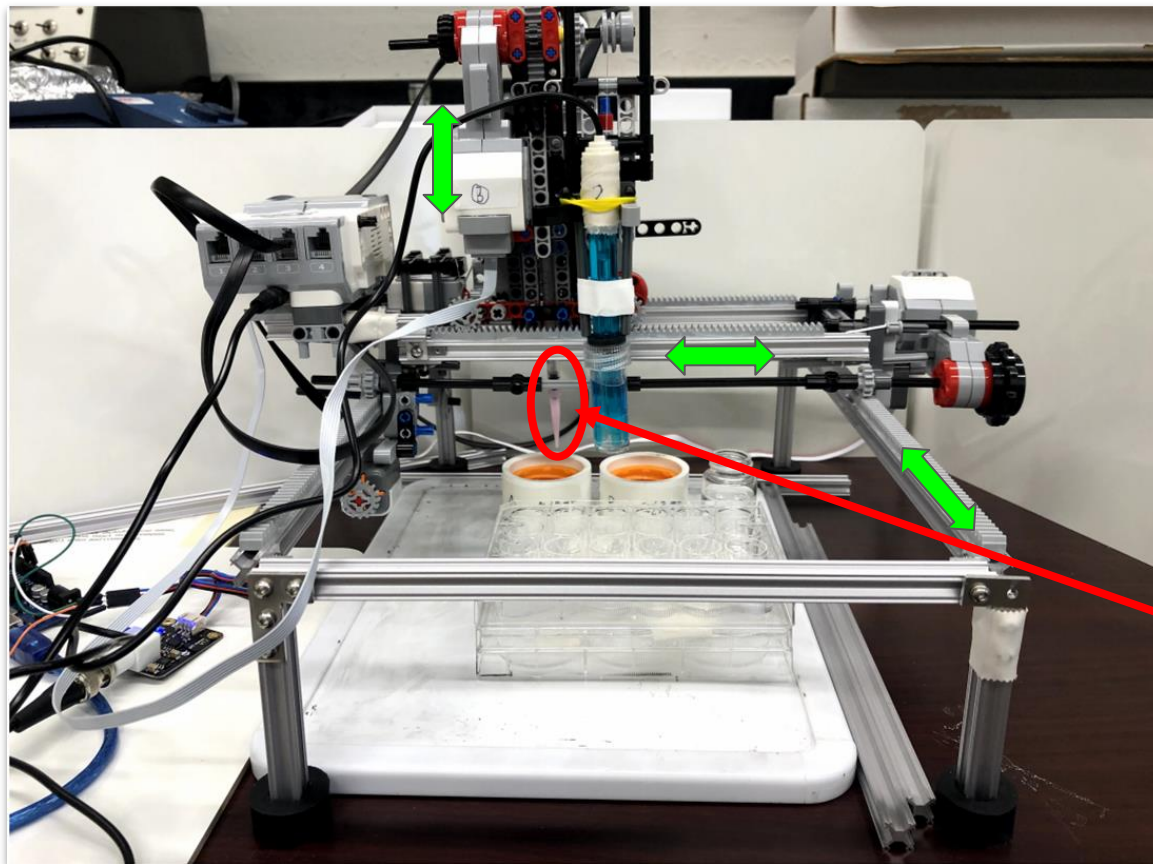
Lego Mindstorm
Components

Aluminum Frame

Active Learning Closed Loop System - Our Robot

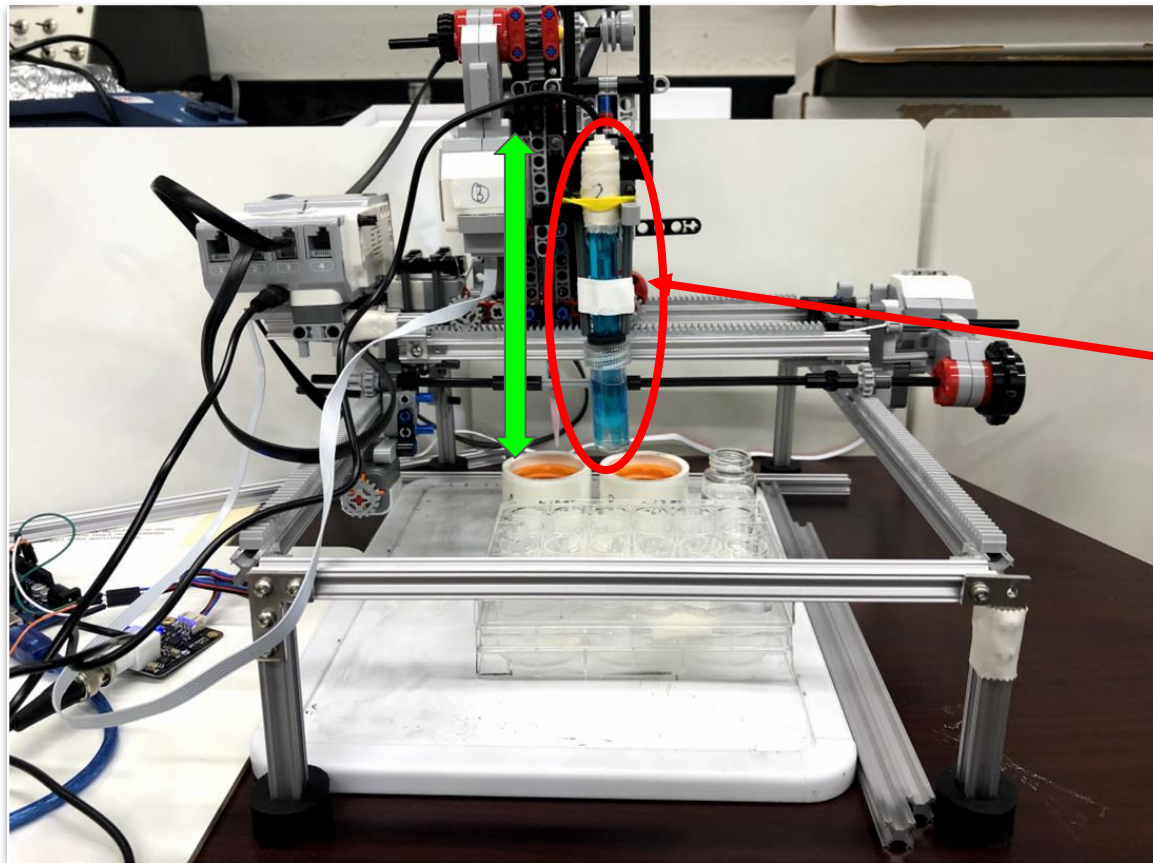
Sample Synthesis

X - Y - Z mobility



Syringe for sample
collection / deposition
(volume controlled)

Active Learning Closed Loop System - Our Robot



Measurement

Arduino electrochemical
pH probe
(voltage readings)

Active Learning Closed Loop System - Our Robot

Setup



Python Script

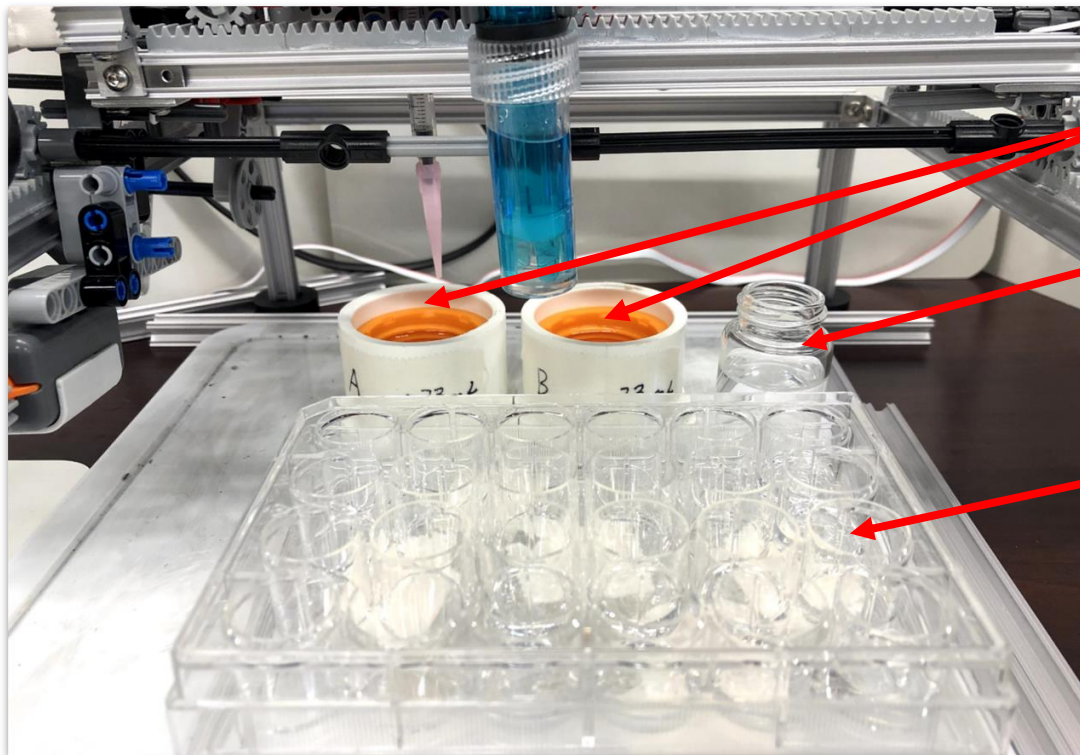
Arduino pH meter/USB



PC/Robot BT connection

Active Learning Closed Loop System - Our Robot

Process



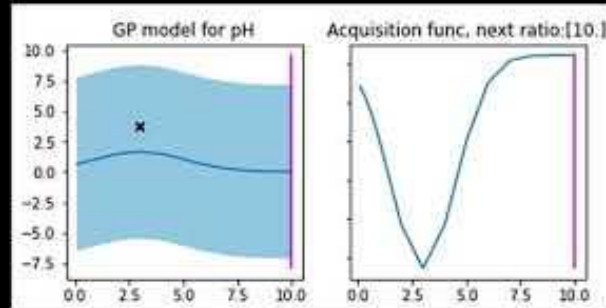
Acid and base reservoirs

DI water (probe cleaning)

Plastic sample wells

Active Learning Closed Loop System - Our Robot

The pH data gathered is inputted to a GP (shown left) that fits a model to the data. The acquisition function (right) is used to actively select the next [acid]/[base] ratio to prepare and measure by locating the point where the variance in the GP model is greatest.

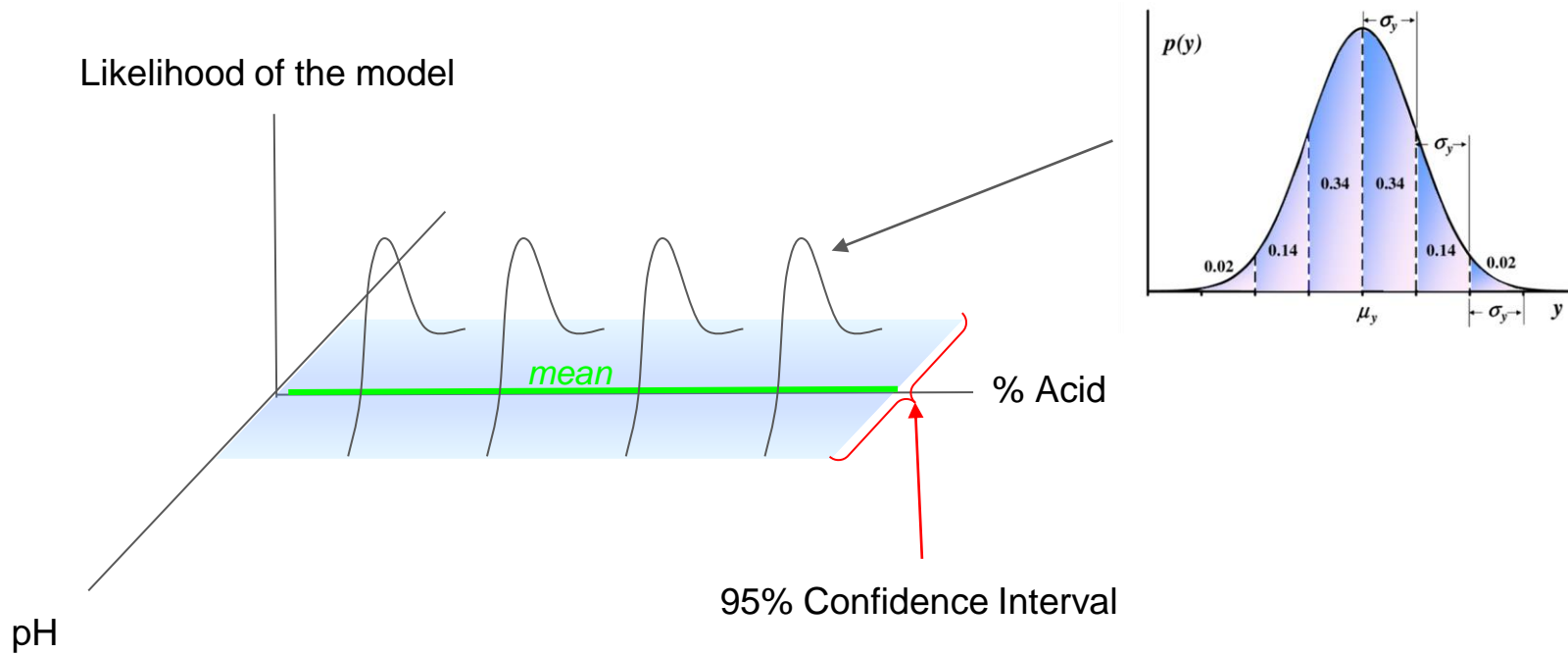


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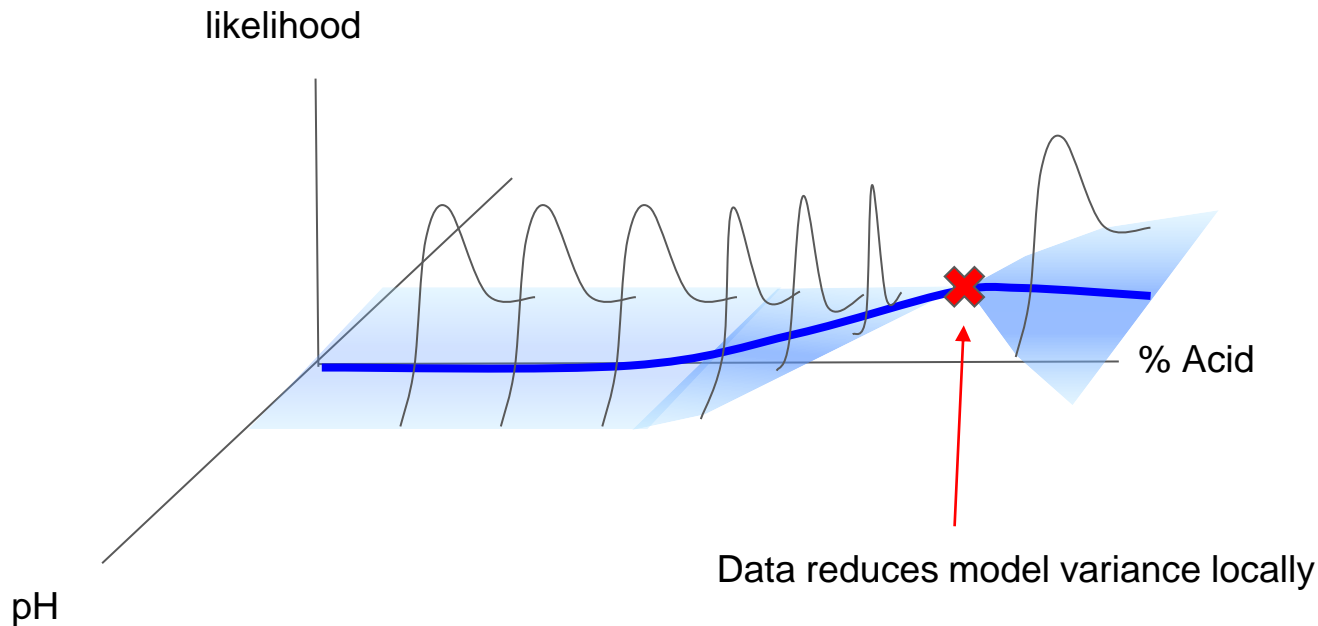
Statistical Methods and Results

Exploration Initiative - (Gaussian Process)

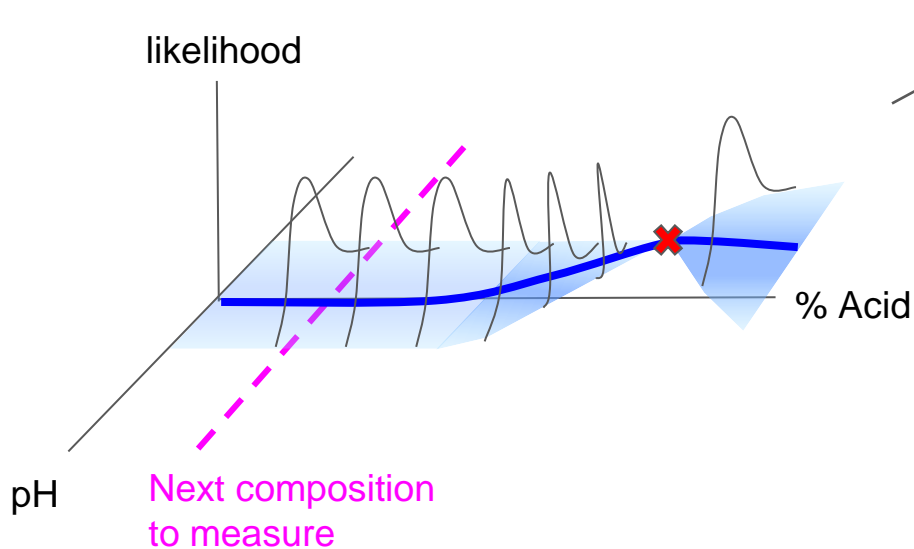
Normal distribution of predicted pH for each potential % Acid composition



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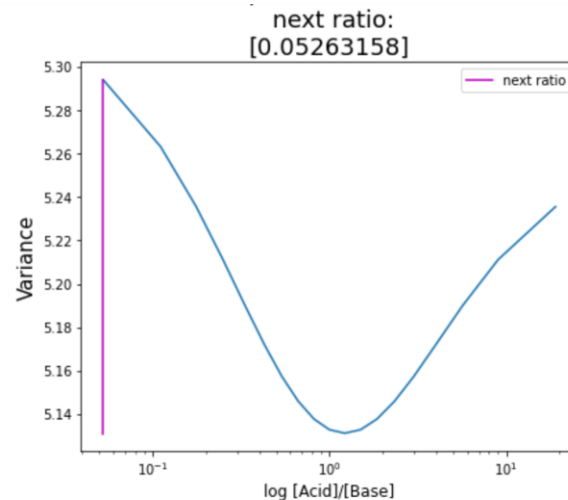


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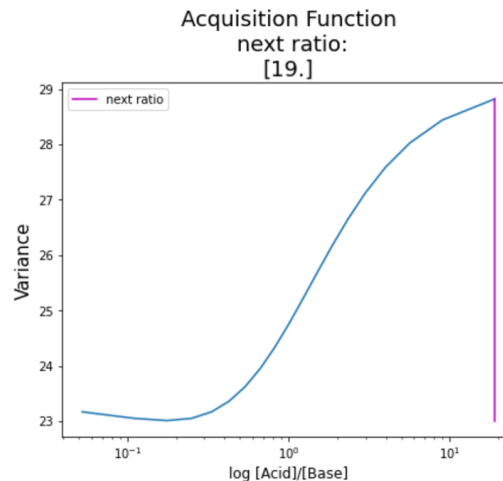
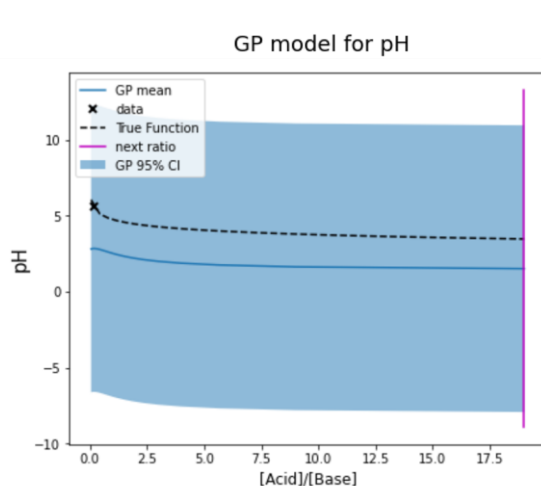
Active Learning:

- Acquisition Function
- $\text{argmax}(\text{variance})$



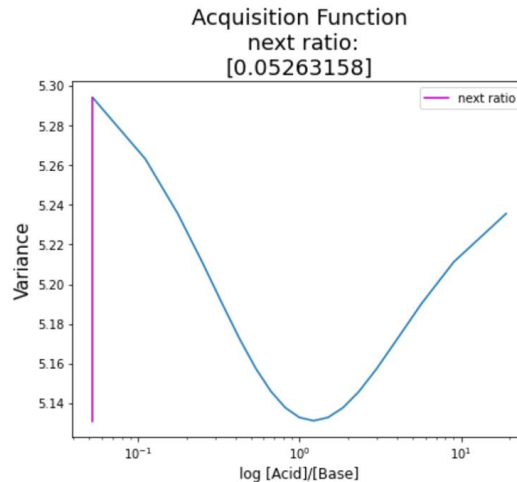
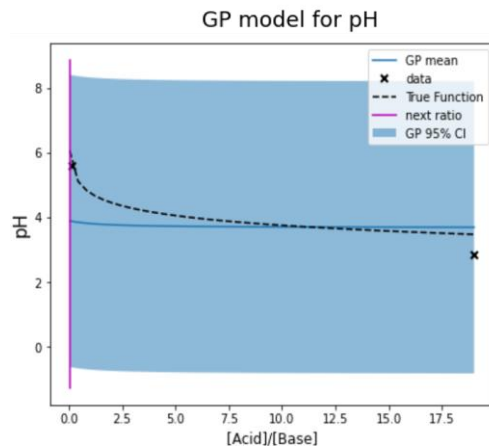
Autonomous Results - (Gaussian Process)

1 data point



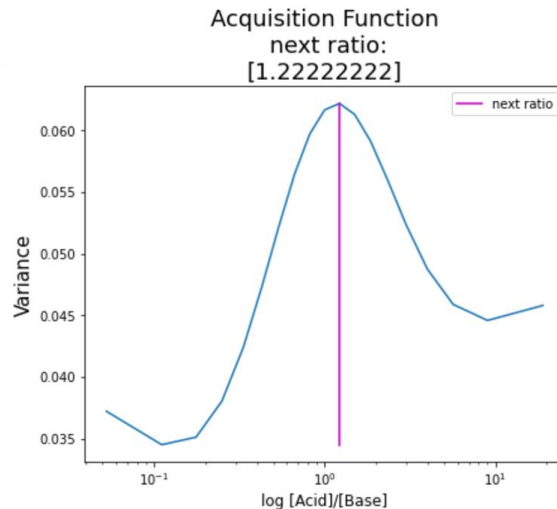
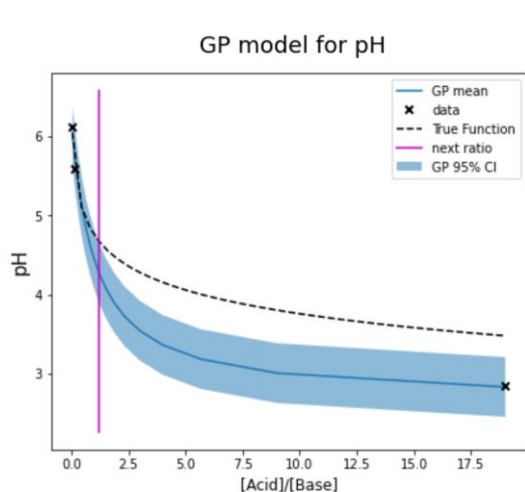
Autonomous Results - (Gaussian Process)

2 data points



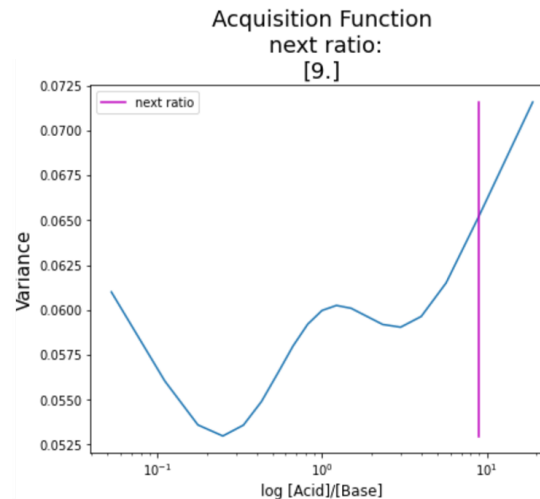
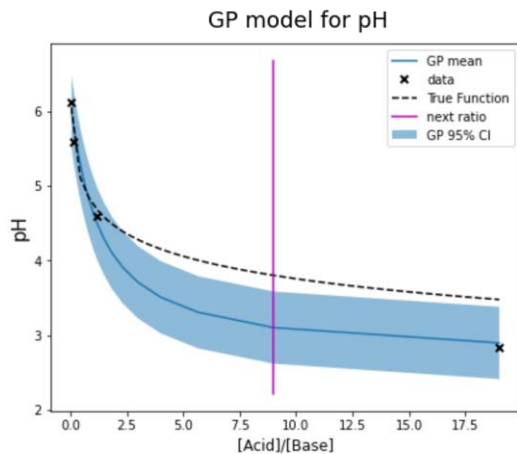
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3 data points



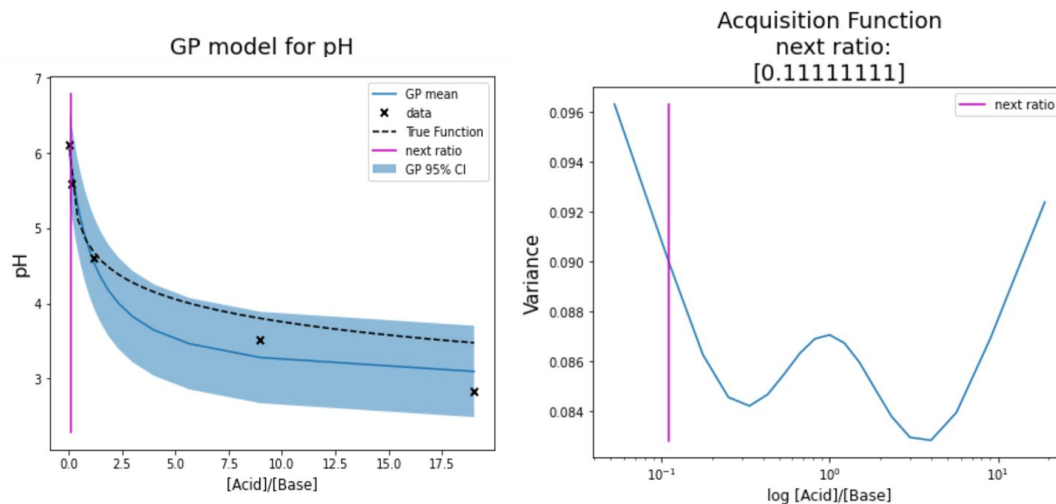
Autonomous Results - (Gaussian Process)

4 data points

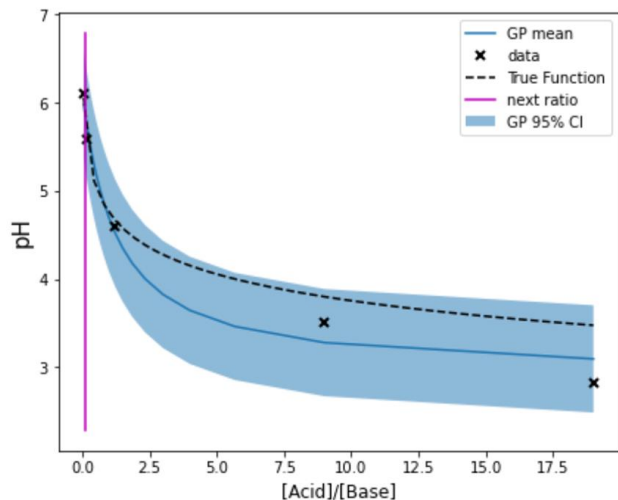


Autonomous Results - (Gaussian Process)

5 data points



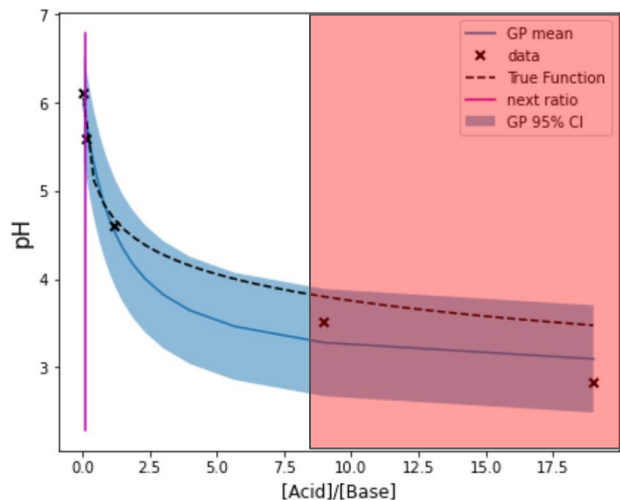
GP flexibility - (Gaussian Process)



HH equation relies on assumptions

- No self-ionization of water
- Valid only in certain composition range
- Our $pK_a \sim 4.7$

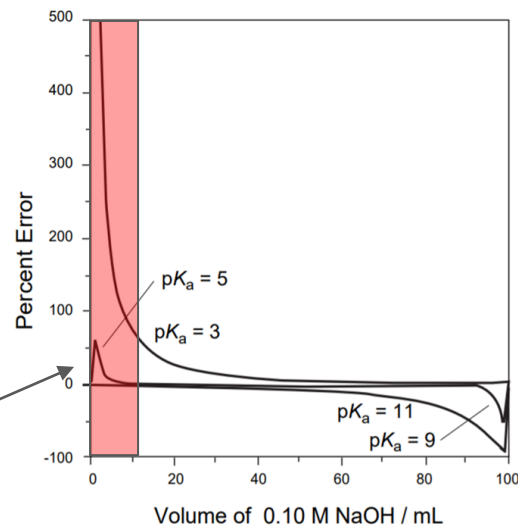
GP flexibility - (Gaussian Process)



↑↑ % error in HH simplification ...

HH equation relies on assumptions

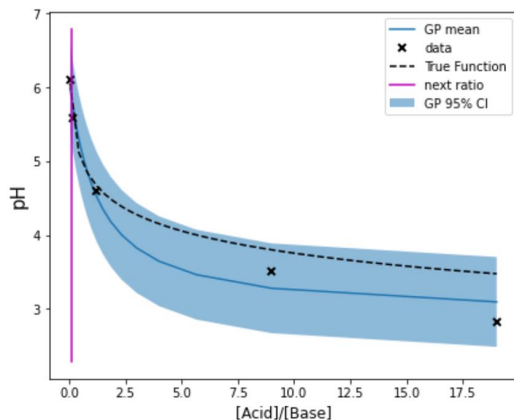
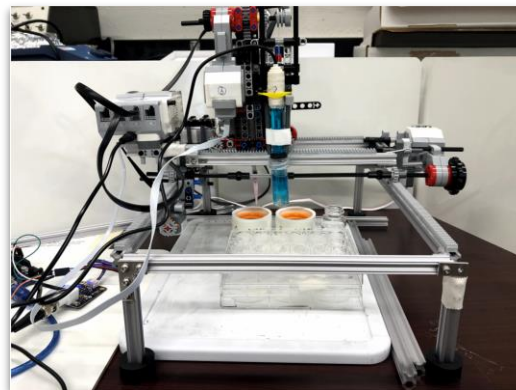
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Summary

Closed Loop Autonomous Science System

- Educational Tool
- Low-cost
- Modular
- Materials Exploration



Used Gaussian Processes to explore pH as function of composition

- Flexible model
- Explore other active learning methods ...

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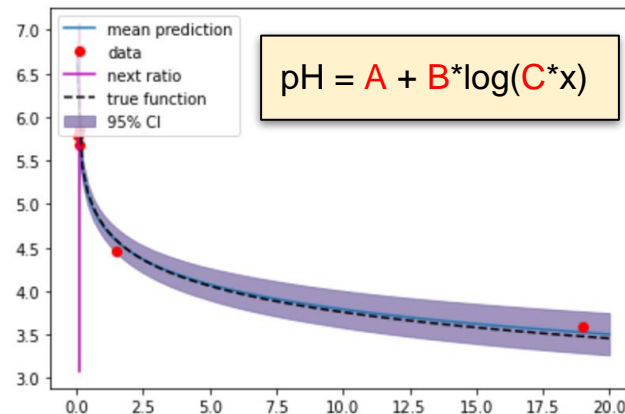
The Next Steps:

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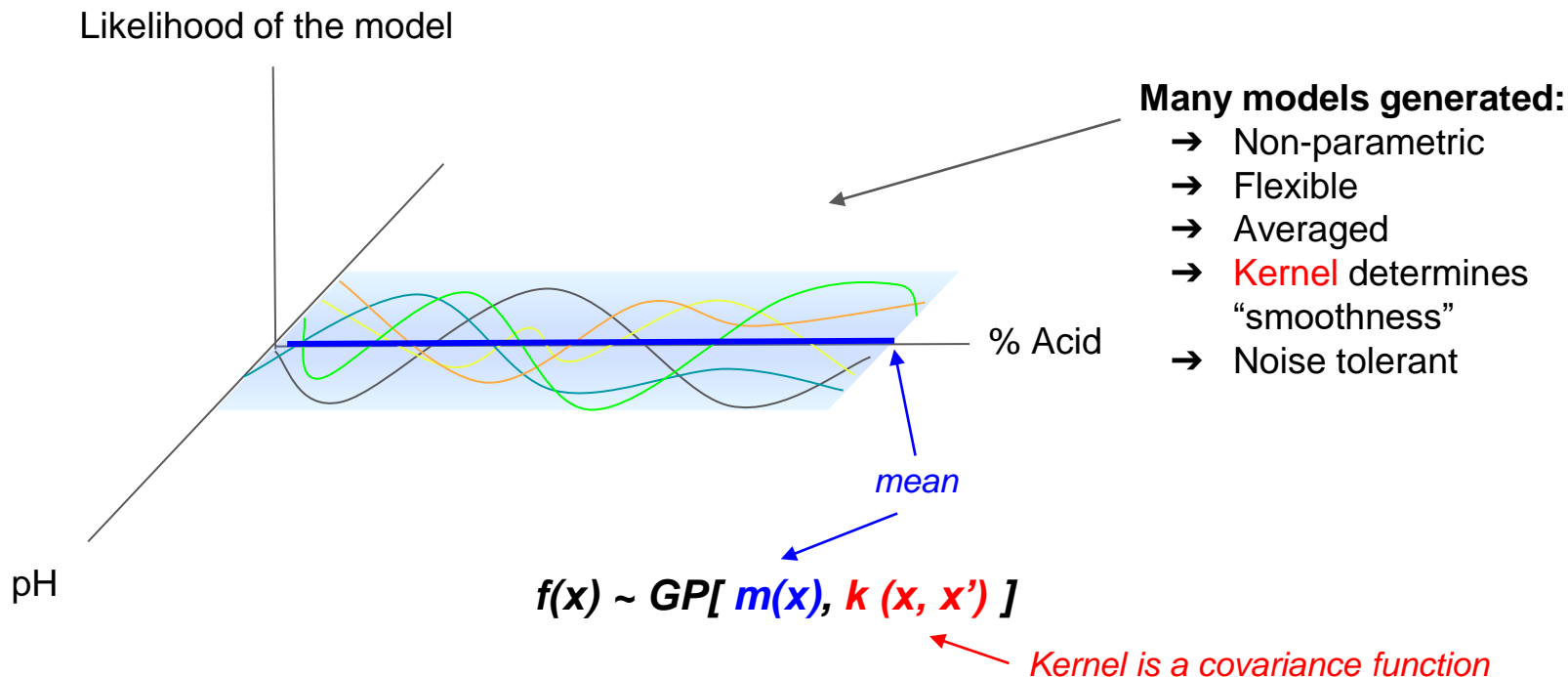
- Parameter Refinement
- Hypothesis Testing
 - Bayesian methods
 - Filter between candidate functions

Other Applications (Educational Tool)

- Camera attachment
 - ◆ Learn color mixing trends



Exploration Initiative - (Gaussian Process)



Brief Overview - Bayesian Machine Learning

Probabilistic interpretation ... quantifying **uncertainty** (how confident are we?)

Bayes Theorem

$$P(\text{model} \mid \text{data}) = \frac{P(\text{data} \mid \text{model}) P(\text{model})}{P(\text{data})}$$

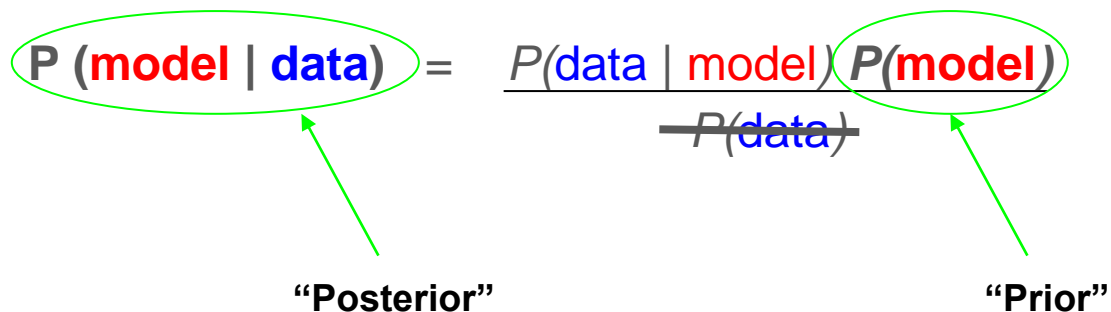
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“Posterior” **“Prior”**

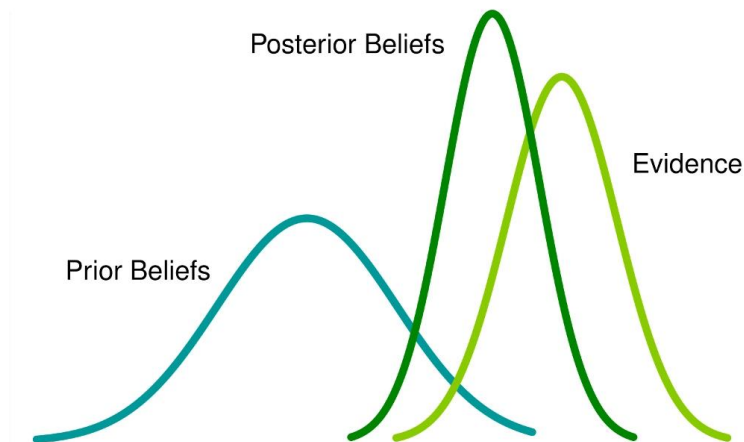


Our confidence in this model
being “correct” given the data
(what we want to know)

Our confidence in this model being
“correct” before getting data
(assumption)

Brief Overview - Bayesian Machine Learning

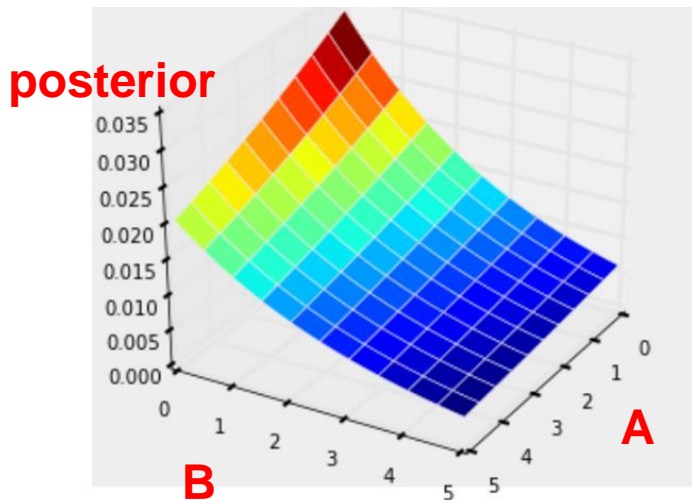
New data alters our prior beliefs \rightarrow posterior beliefs



Parameter Refinement - (Bayesian Inference)

Assume the model has a certain form

Create parametric model with **model parameters** ... (ex: model = **A** + **B** * x)



Problem: How to identify combination of parameters where posterior probability for model is greatest (i.e. best model?)

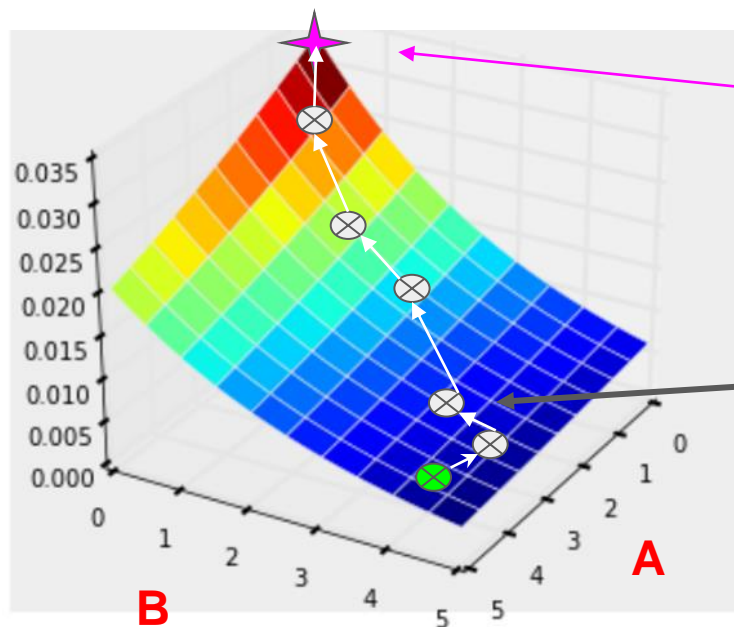
Solution: Sample posterior distribution in parameter space using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (**MCMC**) method

Parameter Refinement - (Bayesian Inference)

MCMC samples parameter space to find maxima in posterior (best model)

Example:

posterior



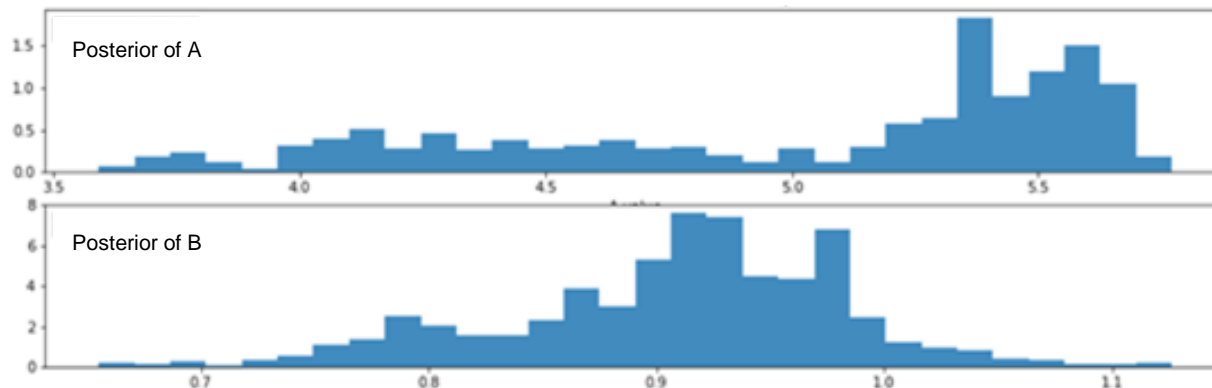
Best model

Iterative search
process

Parameter Refinement - (Bayesian Inference)

Produces **posterior distributions** for each model parameter

Example:



Represent confidence in parameter values

Active learning: [Parameter Refinement] \rightarrow $\text{argmax}(\text{variance in model})$

Parameter Refinement - (Bayesian Inference)

Prior: Assume model has logarithmic form ($\text{pH} = A + B \cdot \log(C \cdot x)$)

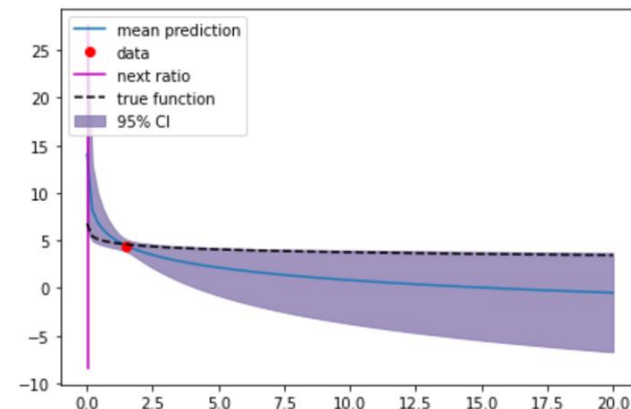
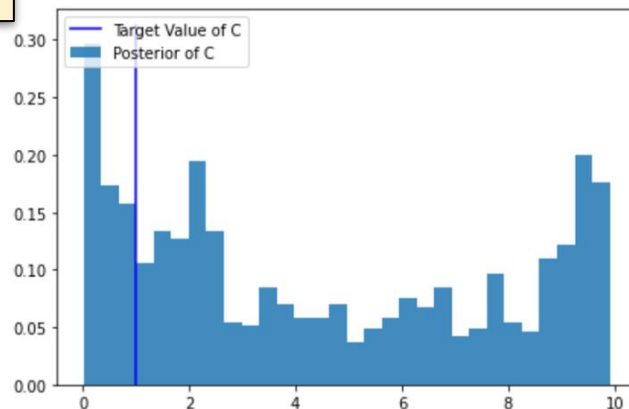
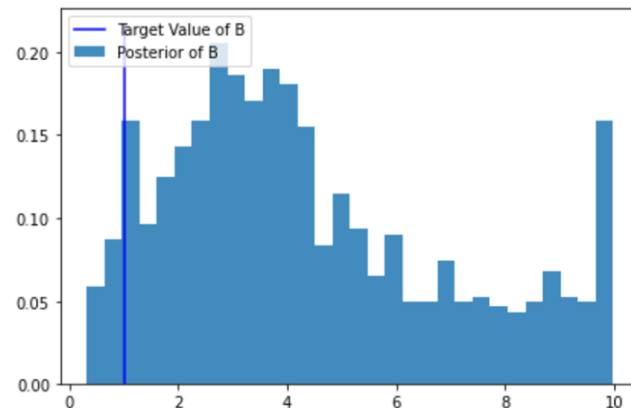
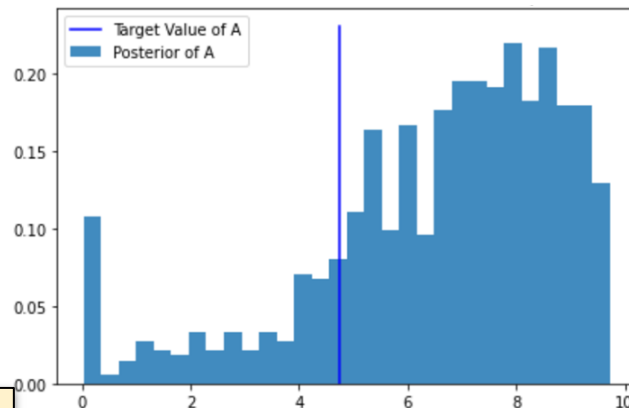
→ A, B, C are our **model parameters**

Posterior: Probability of this model and its model parameters given the data

Autonomous Results - (Bayesian Inference)

1 data point

$$\text{pH} = A + B \cdot \log(C \cdot x)$$



Autonomous Results - (Bayesian Inference)

5 data points

$$\text{pH} = A + B \cdot \log(C \cdot x)$$

