

# Towards autonomous chemistry with Bayesian optimization

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# Lecture outline

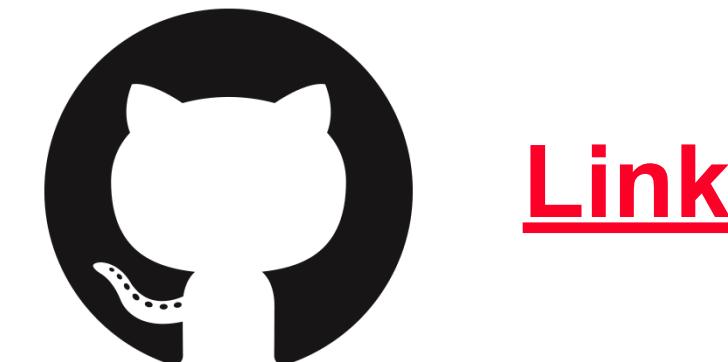
## Lecture component

- Overview of self-driving labs/autonomous science
- Gaussian processes (surrogate models)
- Bayesian optimization
  - Parameter spaces
  - Acquisition functions
  - Popular software packages
- Advanced topics in Bayesian optimization
  - Multi-objective optimization
  - Robust optimization
  - Multi-fidelity optimization
- Prototypes of self-driving labs
- Outlook

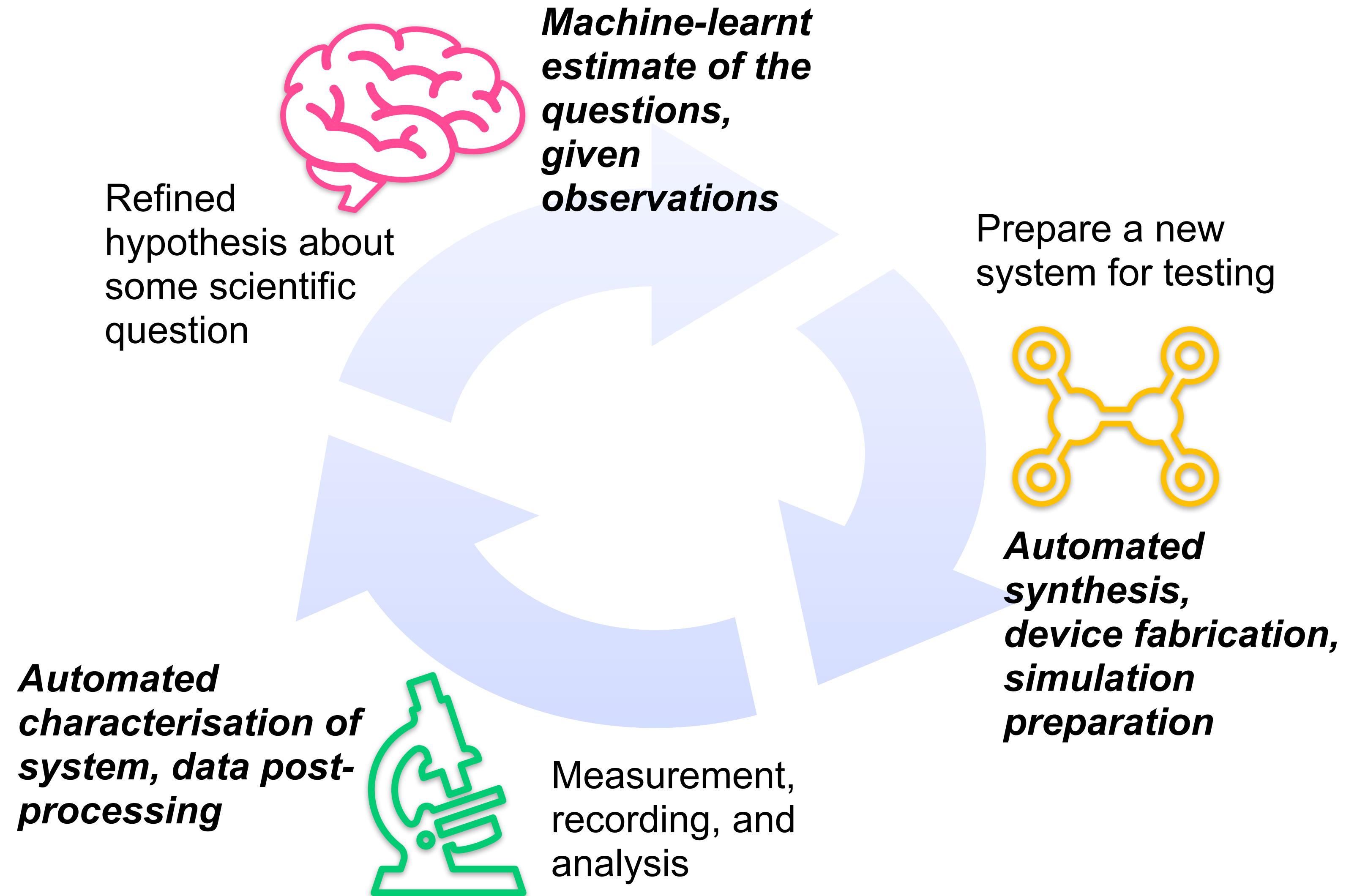
## Programming component

Code-along tutorial session in [Google colaboratory](#)

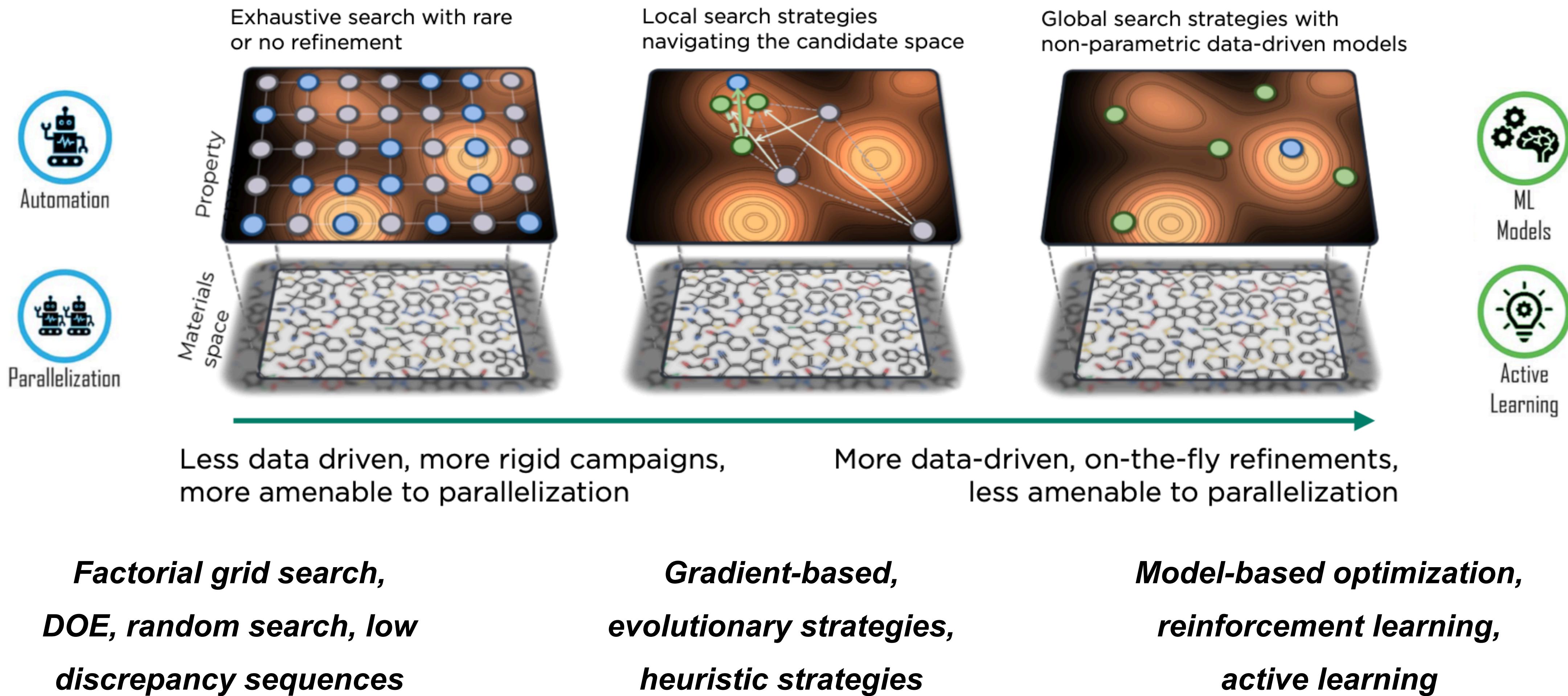
1. Build and test a vanilla Bayesian optimizer using *BoTorch* + *Olympus* (continuous, categorical and mixed parameter spaces)
2. Extend our optimizer to multi-task setting



# Automating the scientific method



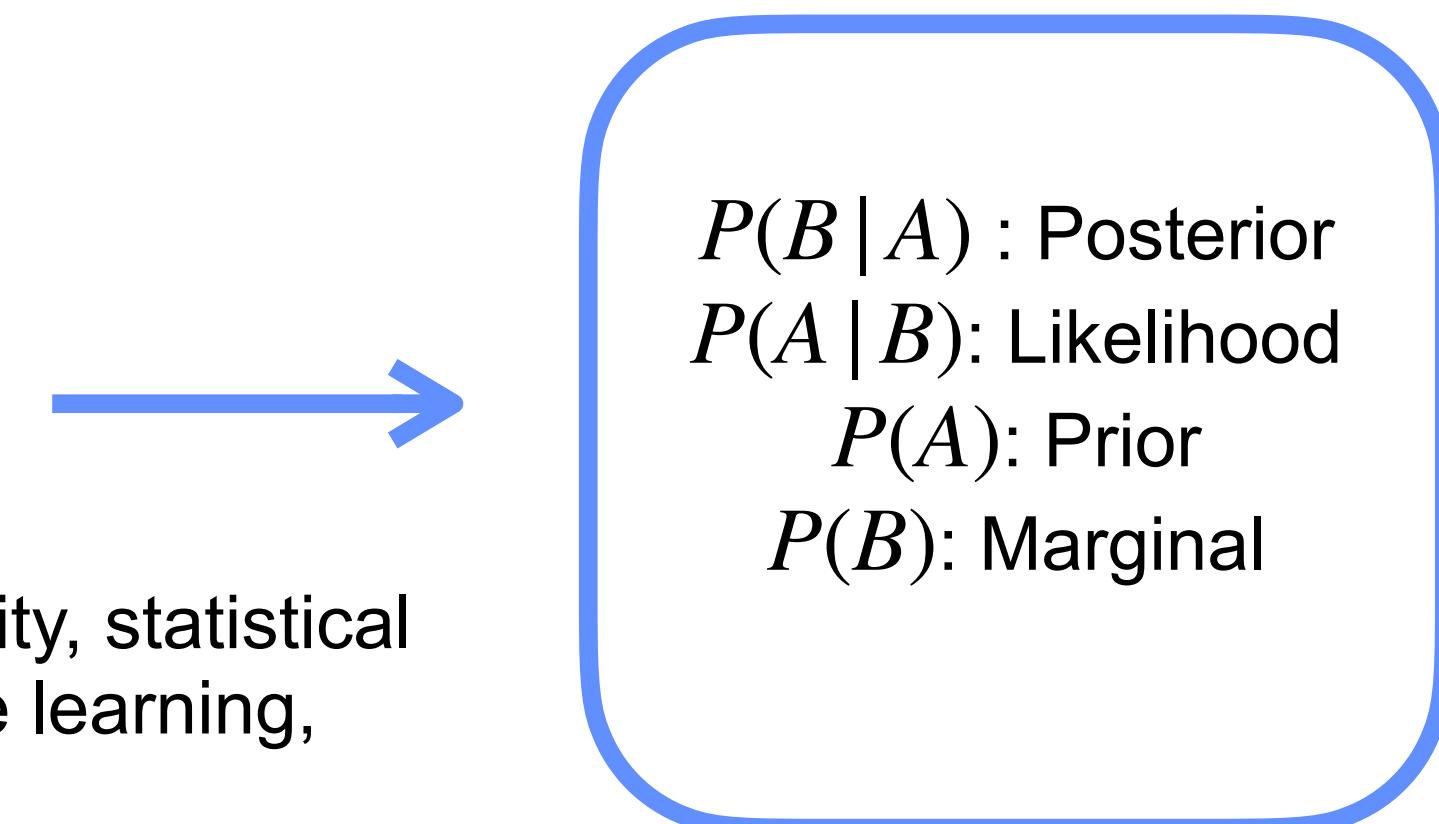
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## Bayes Theorem

$$P(B|A) = \frac{P(A|B) P(A)}{P(B)}$$



Useful for understanding probability, statistical modelling and inference, machine learning, uncertainty quantification

Reformulating in terms of the scientific method ...

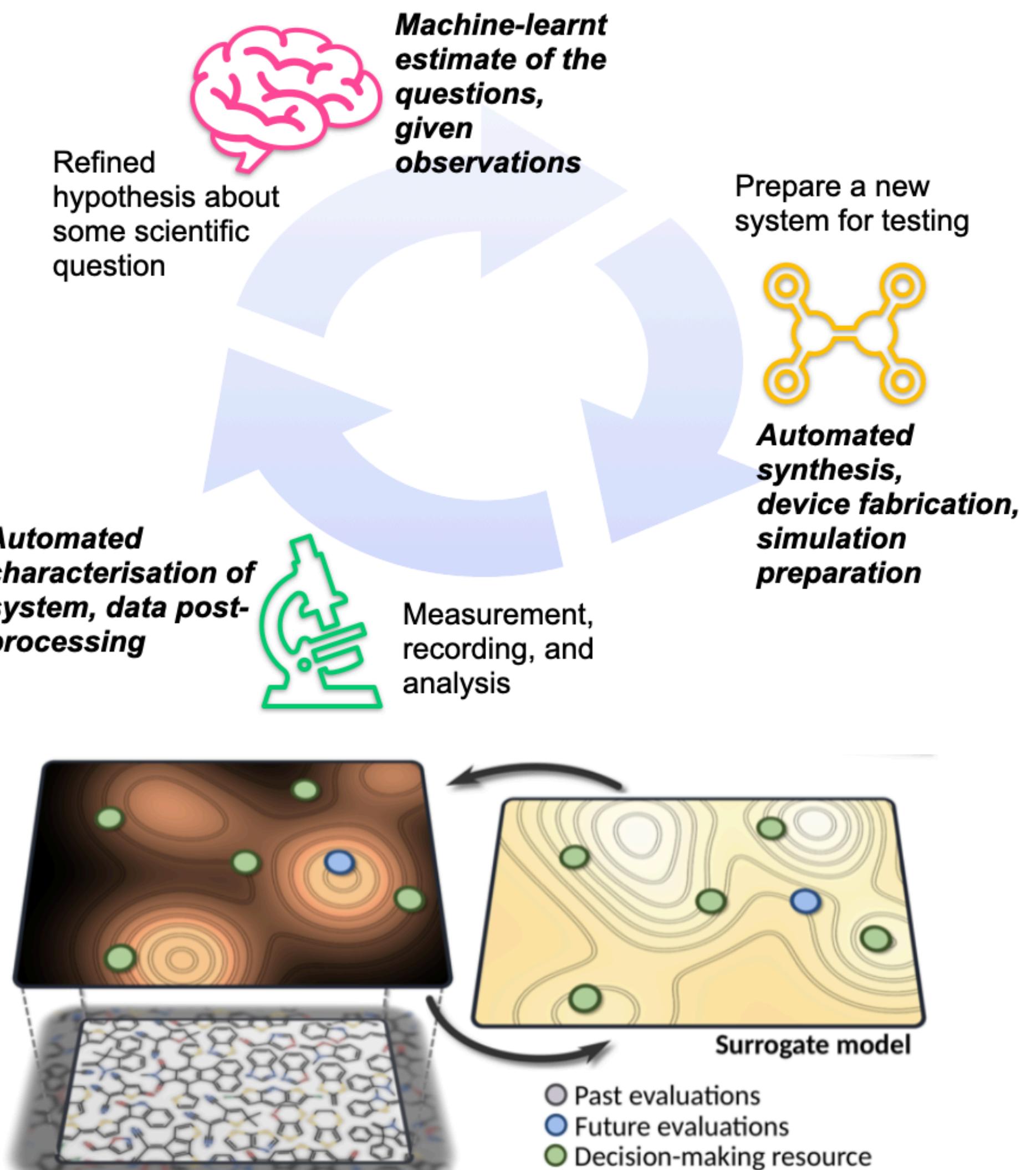
$$P(\text{Hypothesis}|\text{Evidence}) = \frac{P(\text{Evidence}|\text{Hypothesis}) P(\text{Hypothesis})}{P(\text{Evidence})}$$

Posterior inferred by our ML “surrogate model”

So, what type of probabilistic ML models can we use for our surrogate model?

Many!

- **Gaussian processes**
- Tree-based models
- Neural networks
- Kernel smoothing



# What is a Gaussian process?

**“A GP is any distribution over functions such that any finite set of function values has a joint Gaussian distribution”**

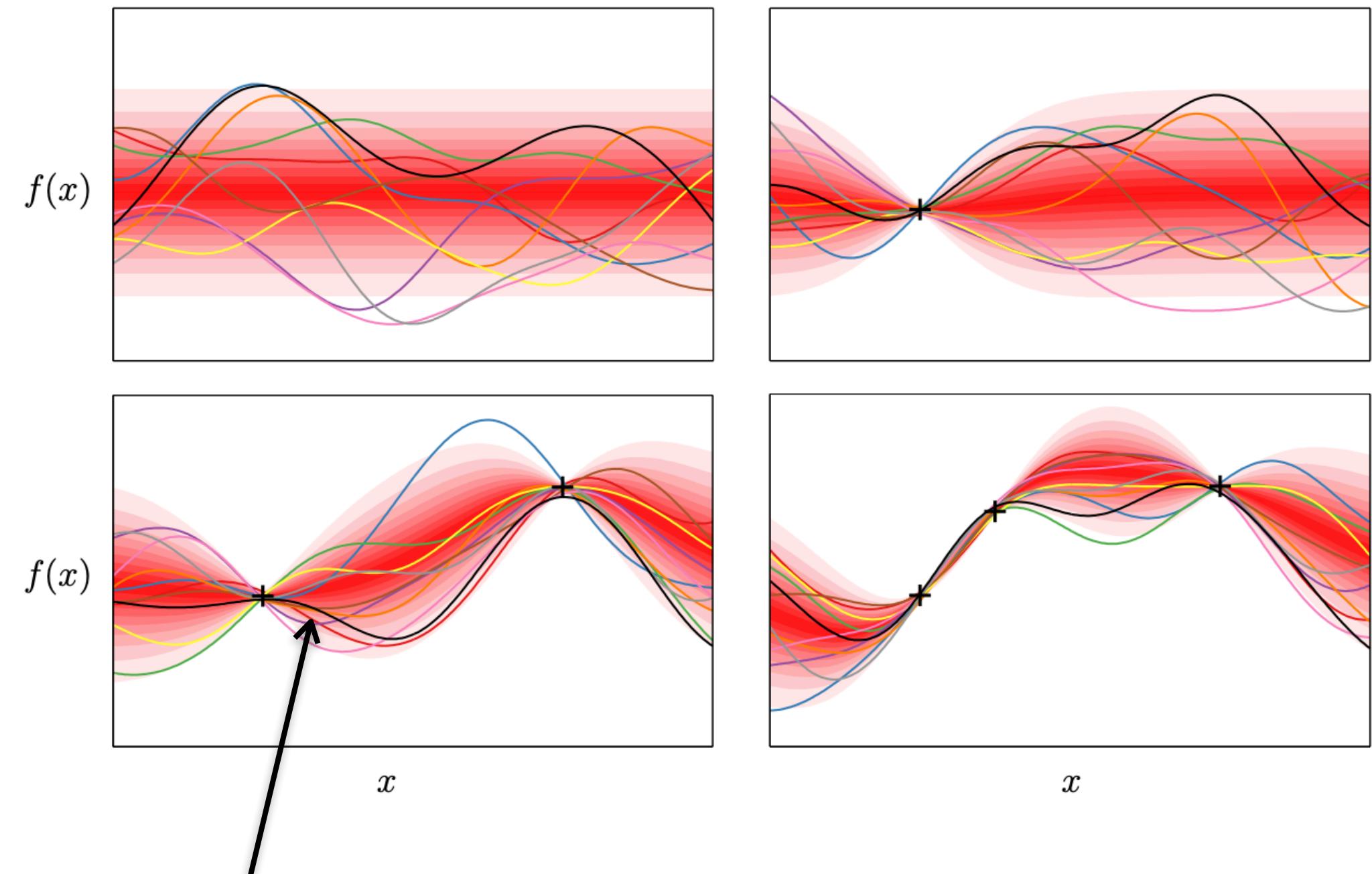
- Before conditioning on data, GP model is specified by a **mean** and **covariance** function (or *kernel*)

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x})] = \mu(\mathbf{x})$$

Mean function commonly set to zero everywhere

$$\text{Cov}[f(\mathbf{x}), f(\mathbf{x}')] = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$$

The form of the kernel determines which *classes* of functions the GP can capture

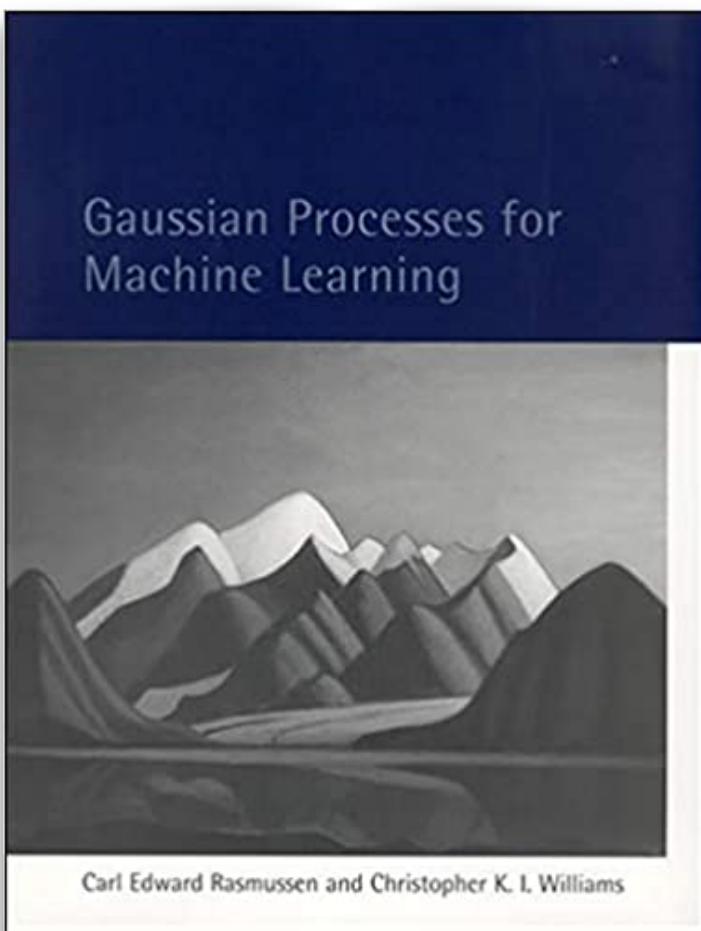


At some *query* parameter location,  $\mathbf{x}_*$ , one can ask the model for likely function values given past observations  $\mathbf{y}$

$$p(f(\mathbf{x}_*) | \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}), \mathbf{X}, \mu(\cdot), k(\cdot, \cdot)) = \mathcal{N}(f(\mathbf{x}_*) | \hat{\mu}(\mathbf{x}_*), \hat{\sigma}^2(\mathbf{x}_*))$$

$$\hat{\mu}(\mathbf{x}_*) = \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{X})(\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) + \alpha_0 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2(\mathbf{x}_*) = k(\mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{x}_*) - \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x}_*, \mathbf{X})(\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}) + \alpha_0 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{x}_*)$$

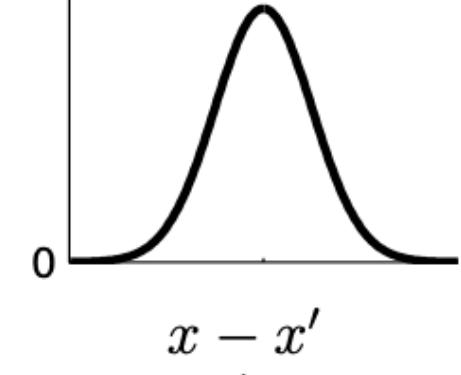
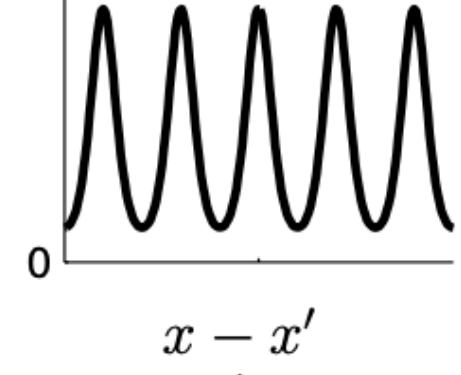
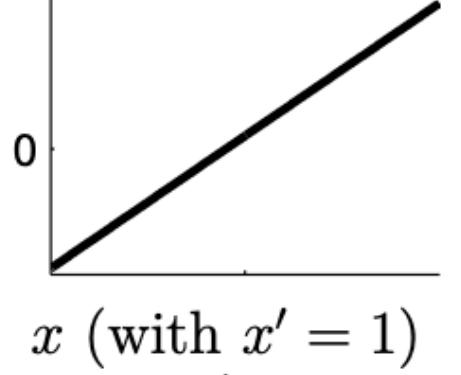
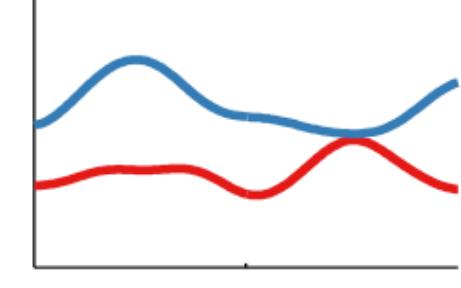
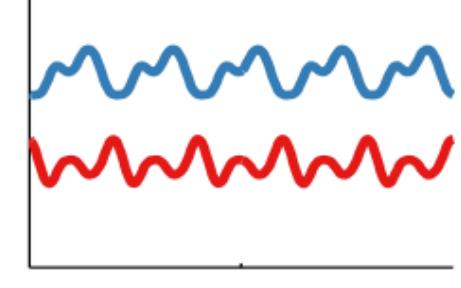
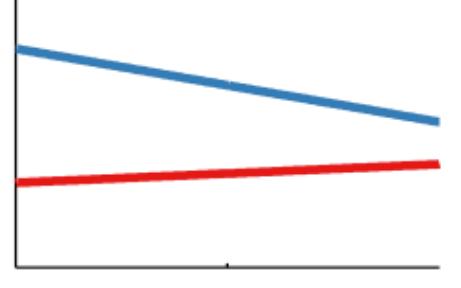


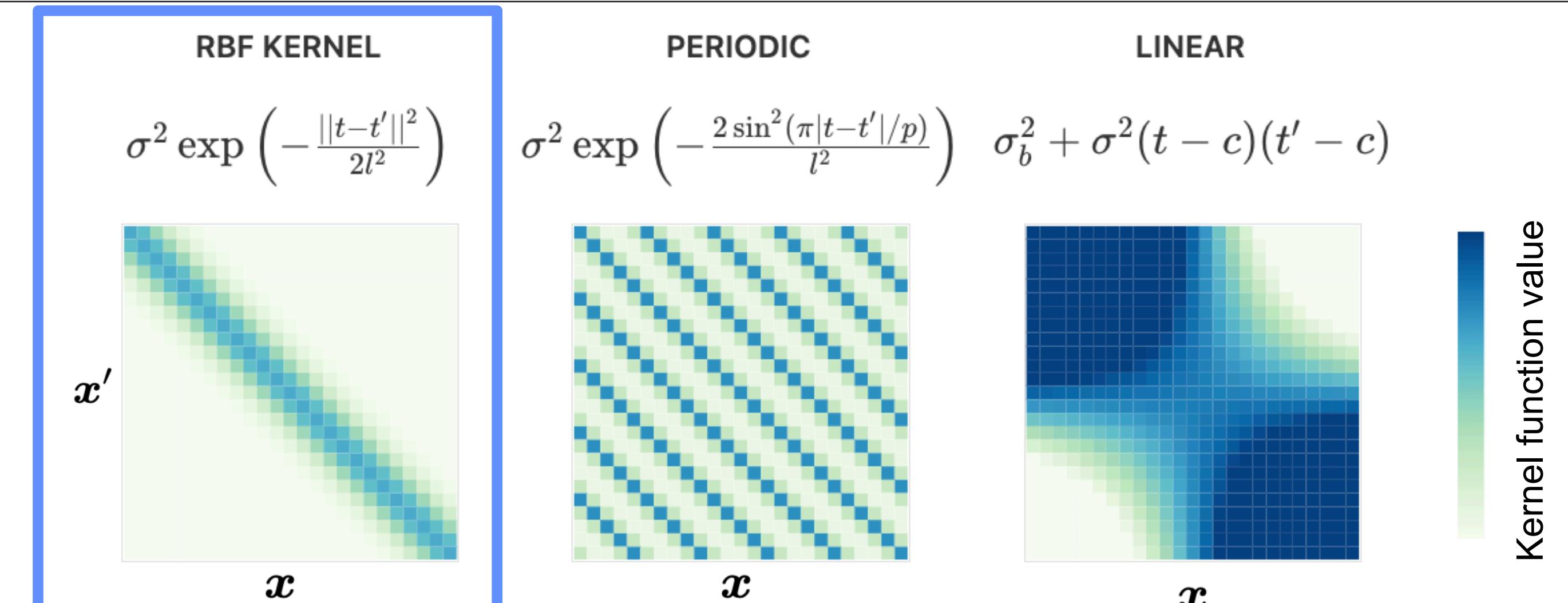
# The kernel function

$$\text{Cov}[f(\mathbf{x}), f(\mathbf{x}')] = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$$

The form of the kernel determines which *classes* of functions the GP can capture

It measures the *similarity* of two function values , which specifies which type of functions are likely under the prior  
 Popular choices are linear, square exponential (RBF), Matérn and periodic

Kernel name:	Squared-exp (SE)	Periodic (Per)	Linear (Lin)
$k(x, x')$ :	$\sigma_f^2 \exp\left(-\frac{(x-x')^2}{2\ell^2}\right)$	$\sigma_f^2 \exp\left(-\frac{2}{\ell^2} \sin^2\left(\pi \frac{x-x'}{p}\right)\right)$	$\sigma_f^2 (x - c)(x' - c)$
Plot of $k(x, x')$ :			
Functions $f(x)$ sampled from GP prior:			
Type of structure:	local variation	repeating structure	linear functions



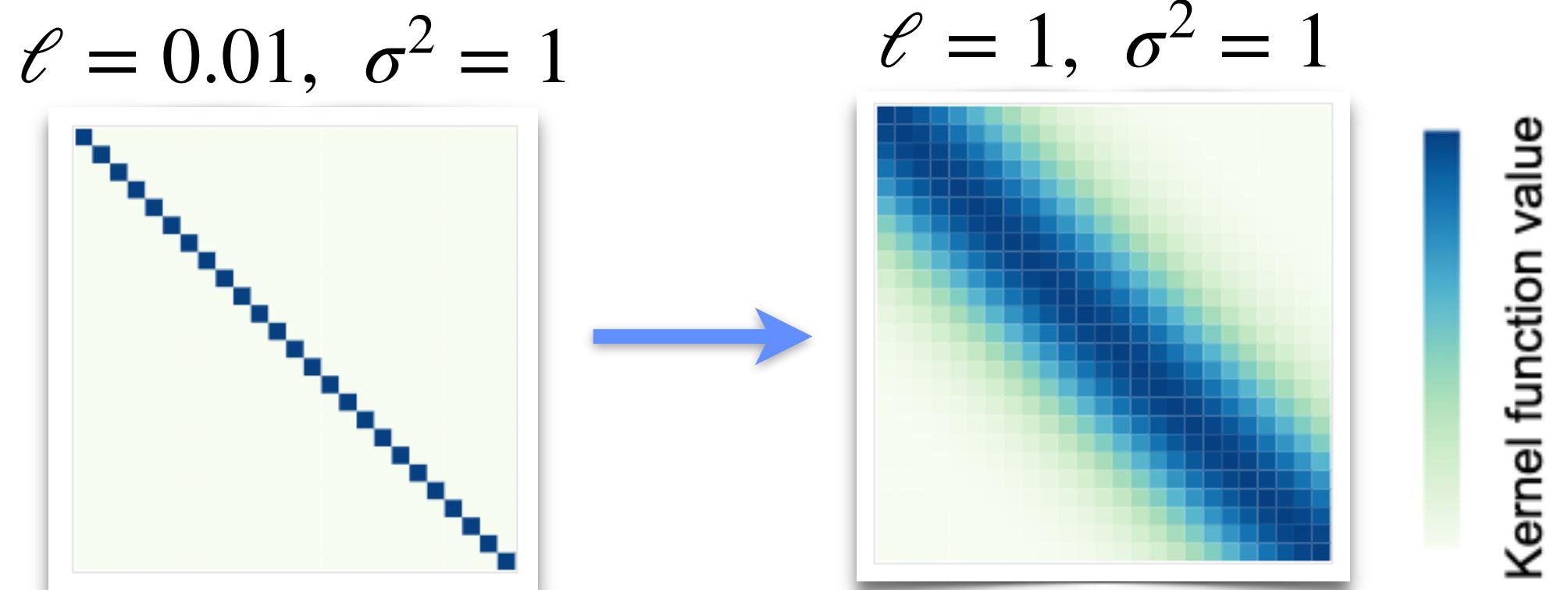
Parameters in the kernel function are called *hyperparameters*

For example, the RBF kernel has a kernel variance,  $\sigma^2$ , and lengthscale  $\ell$

Hyperparameters can have great effect on GP performance, we need to optimize them, but how?

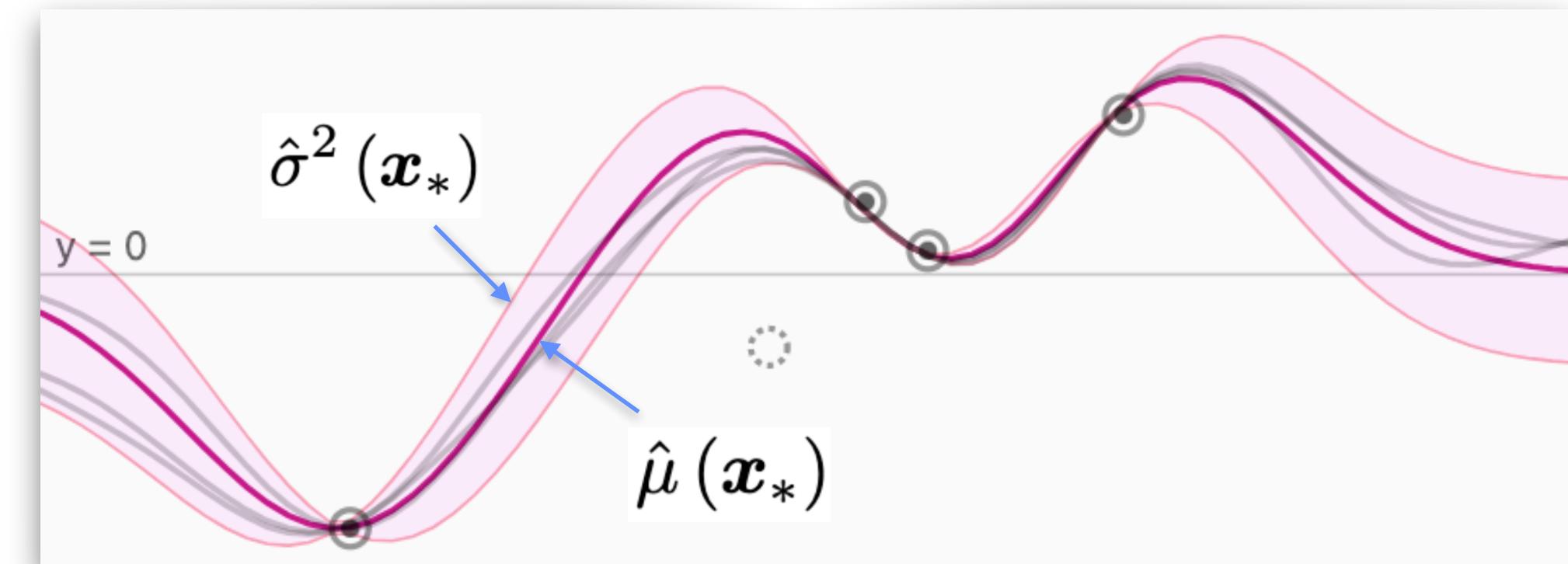
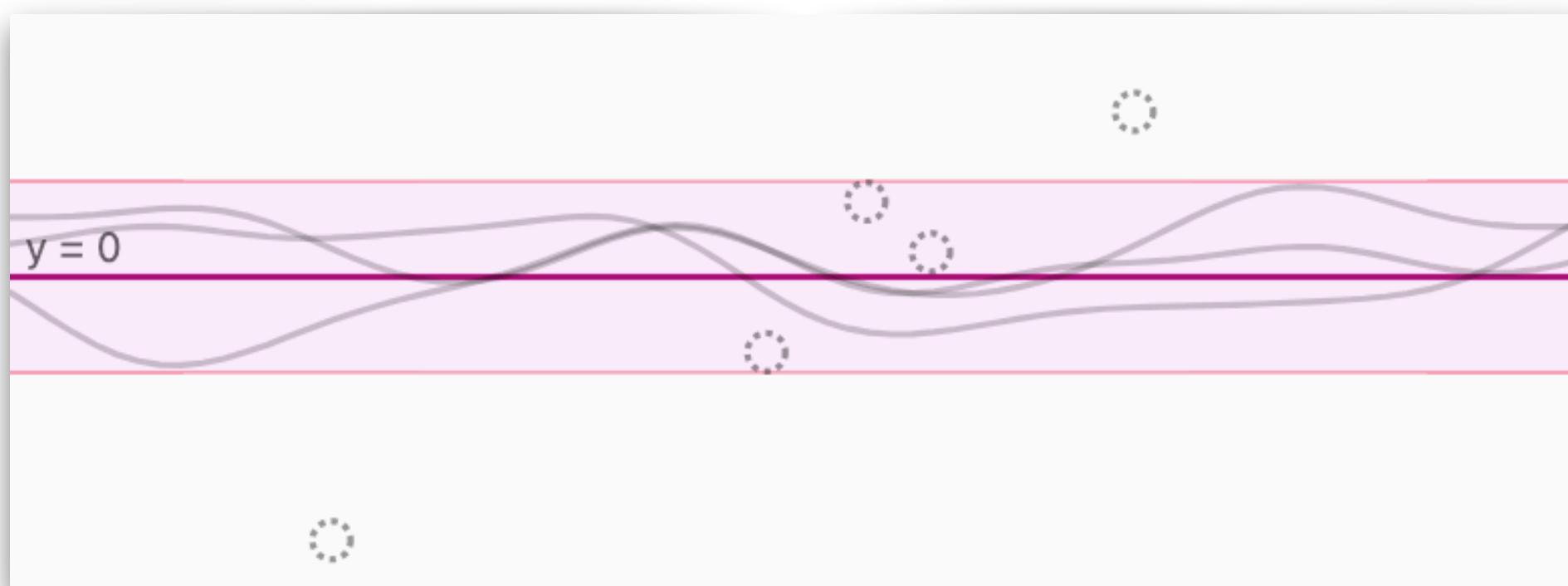
# GP model selection

- Can compute *marginal likelihood* or *evidence* of the model given some data
- This will let us construct models automatically by maximizing (or minimizing its negative) this value using a (usually gradient-based optimizer)



$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X})|\mathbf{X}, \mu(\cdot), k(\cdot, \cdot)) &= \mathcal{N}(\mu(\mathbf{X}), k(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi^N |k(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})|}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}) - \mu(\mathbf{X}))^T k(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X})^{-1} (\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}) - \mu(\mathbf{X})) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

controls model capacity                          encourages fit with data



# Strengths and weaknesses of Gaussian processes



## Strengths

- *Analytic inference*: predictive posterior distribution can be written in closed form
- *Expressivity*: can model a rich class of functions
- *Closed-form predictive distribution*: simply a multivariate Gaussian distribution!
- *Easy to analyze*: simple models with intuitive parameters

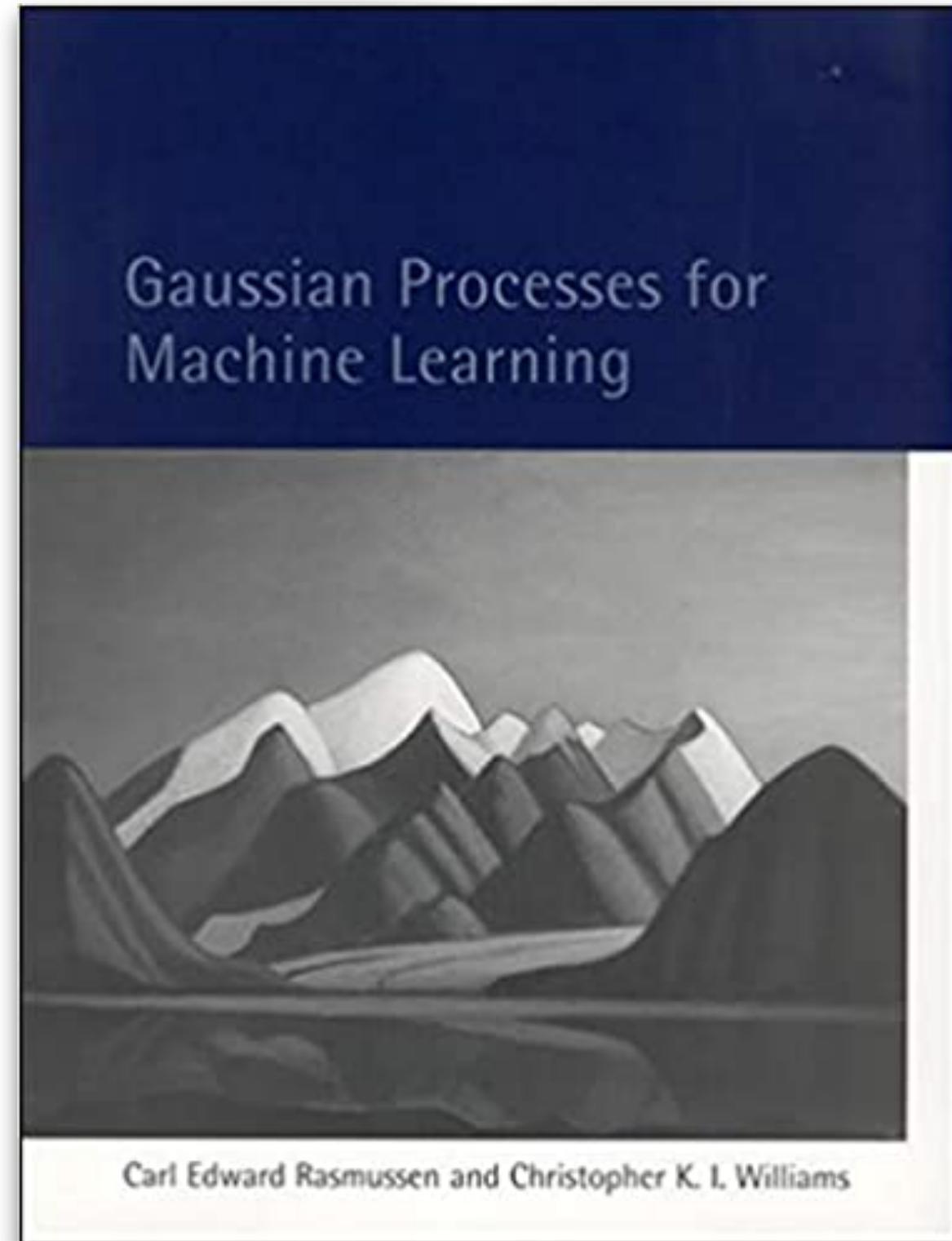
## Weaknesses

- *Costly inference*,  $\mathcal{O}(N^3)$ : prohibitively slow for more than a few thousand points
- *Need to choose an expressive kernel*: which kernel to use for a given problem?
- *Approximate inference needed for non-Gaussian likelihoods*: e.g. Bernoulli likelihood for binary classification

# Resources and software for GPs

## Resources

- Visual exploration  
[Distill article](#)
- GP book by Rasmussen [1]
- New BayesOpt book by Roman Garnett [2]



## Software

- [GPFlow](#) (Google, Tensorflow)
- [GPyTorch](#) (Meta, PyTorch)
- [PyMC3](#)
- [GPy](#)
- [scikit-learn](#)
- [Wikipedia article](#) comparing GP softwares



# Bayesian optimization

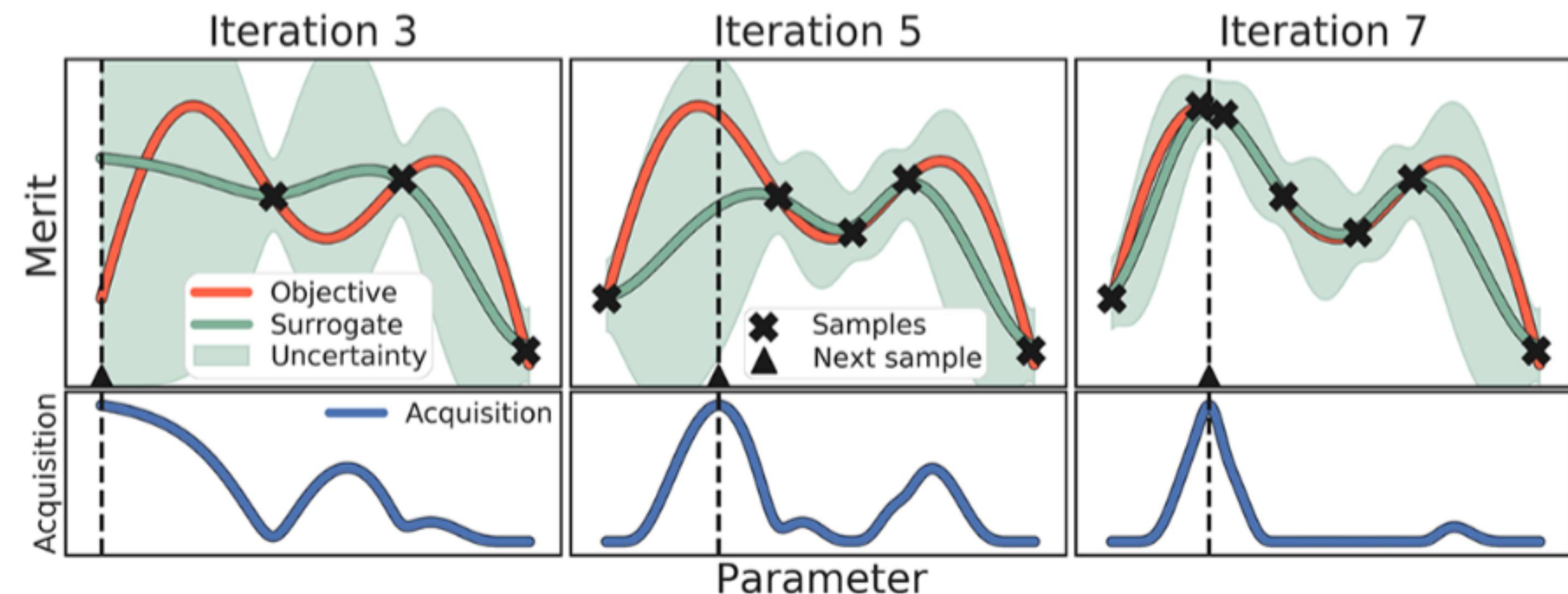
- Gold-standard in sample efficiency for global optimization
- Usually targeting noisy, expensive-to-evaluate, black-box functions (*i.e.* do not have gradient information)
- Train ML “**surrogate**” model on all available observations at each iteration
- Compute **acquisition function** from surrogate model (trade off between exploitation and exploration)
- Many surrogate models have been considered (GP, RF, NN, kernel smoothing)

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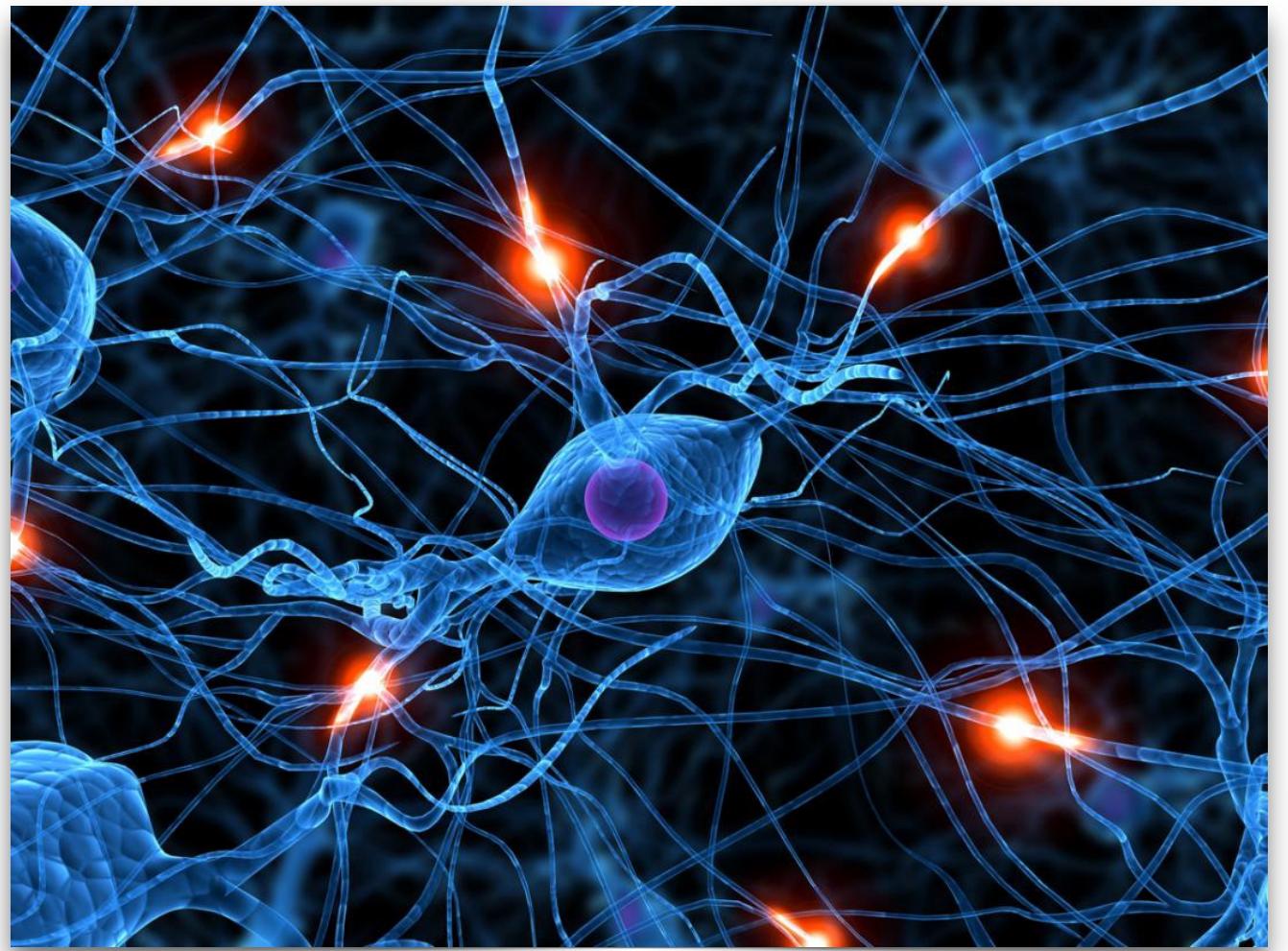
**Algorithm:** Bayesian optimization

**Result:** Optimize **objective function**,  $f(\mathbf{x})$   
**while**  $i < budget$  **do**  
 build **surrogate model** ;  
 compute **acquisition function**,  $a(\mathbf{x})$  ;  
 $\mathbf{x}_{\text{next}} \leftarrow \text{maximize } a(\mathbf{x})$  ;  
 evaluate  $f(\mathbf{x}_{\text{next}})$  ;  
 $i \leftarrow i + 1$ ;  
**end**

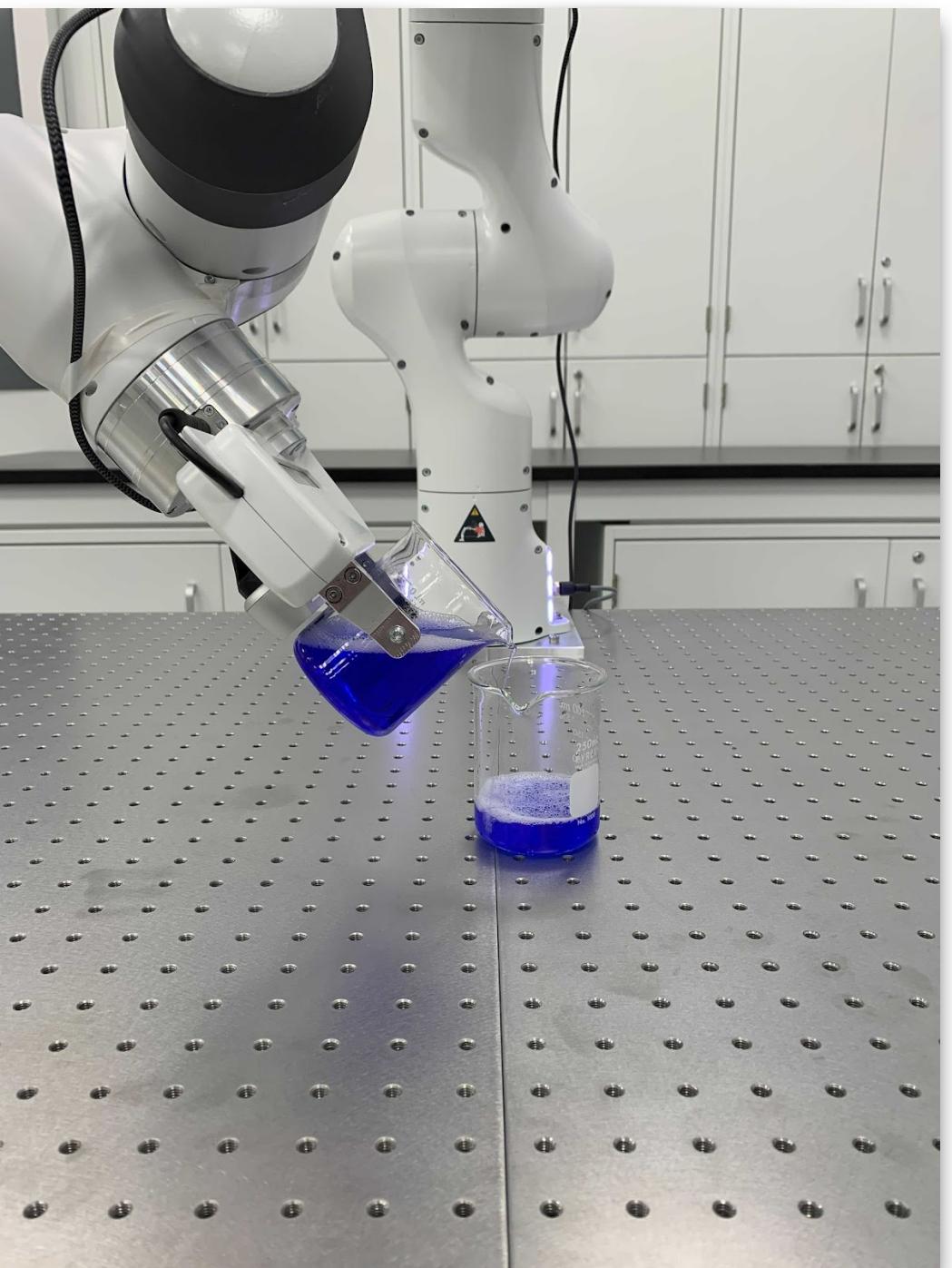
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# What is Bayesian optimization used for?



**Hyperparameter  
optimization of  
machine learning  
models**



**Control parameter  
tuning, policy  
optimization and  
structure design in  
robotics**



**Inverse design of  
parametric systems or  
models in physics,  
chemistry, electrical  
engineering, and  
biology**

**Optimization of matter  
in self-driving labs or  
materials acceleration  
platforms**



# Popular software packages for Bayesian optimization



- There are many nice existing BayesOpt software packages (focusing exclusively on *Python*)
- APIs vary from high-level (application focused) and low-level (developer focused)
- Some provide “custom” components (acq funds, surrogate models), and some focus on providing wrappers for multiple
  - [Ax/BoTorch](#) (Meta)
  - [GPyOpt](#)
  - [Dragonfly](#) (CMU)
  - [Gryffin](#) (Aspuru-Guzik group)
  - [SMAC3](#) (Freiburg-Hannover)
  - [Hyperopt](#)
  - [HEBO](#) (Huawei)



# Parameter spaces

- The parameter space or domain  $\mathcal{X}$  is the space which the optimizer can traverse
- There are several different flavours of parameters, but we will consider only three main types

## Continuous parameters

Continuously varying parameters, specified by an *upper* and *lower* bound on their range



Naïve categorical encodings, we will use kernel based on Hamming distances

## Discrete parameters

Discretized continuous space, specified by an *upper* and *lower* bound on their range and a *stride* or *interval*



$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \exp(-\text{dist}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')/\ell)$$

$$\text{dist}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \begin{cases} 0 & \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}' \\ 1 & \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{x}' \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} f(\mathbf{x})$$

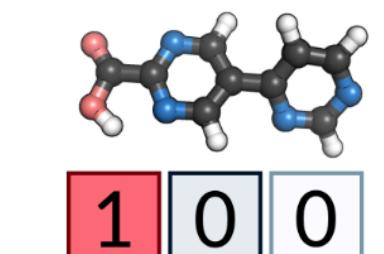
## Categorical parameters

Parameters *without* natural ordering between their options

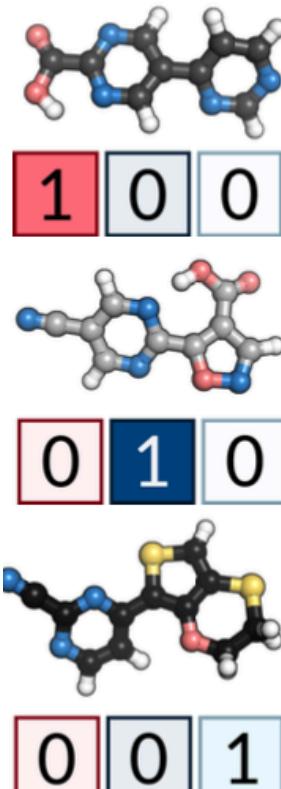
Most commonly (in chemistry) molecules, fragments, R-groups

Usually represented as one-hot-encoded vectors

Possible to use descriptors of each option to introduce notion of similarity

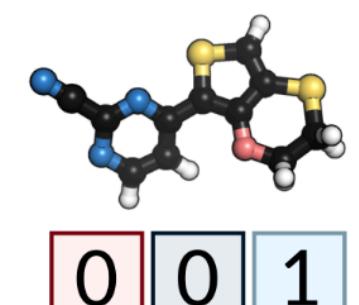
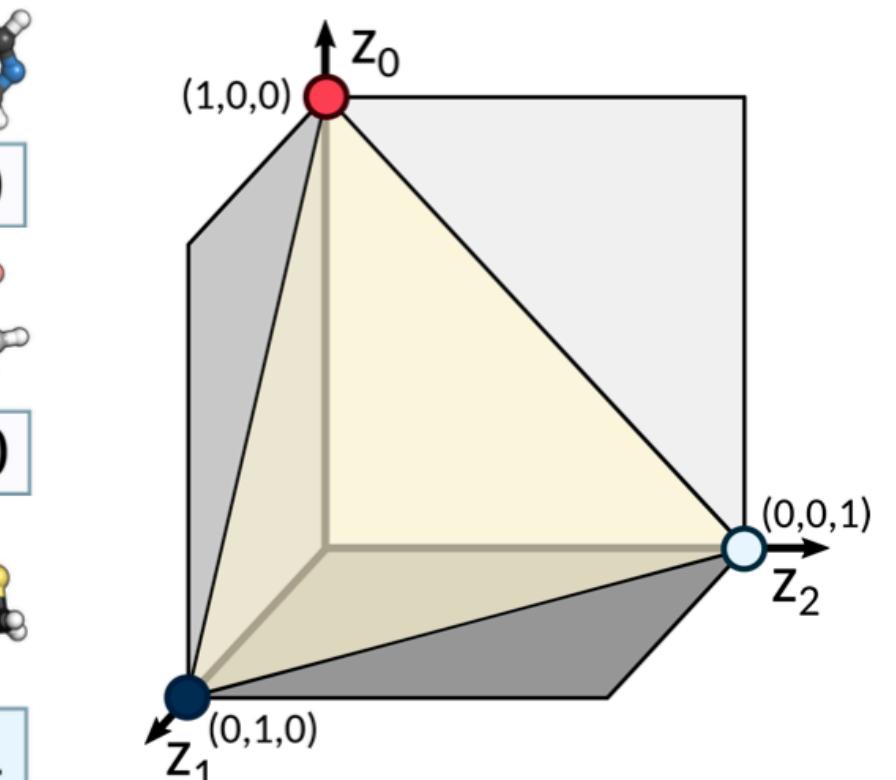


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LUMO: -3.84 eV



HOMO: -5.18 eV  
LUMO: -3.24 eV

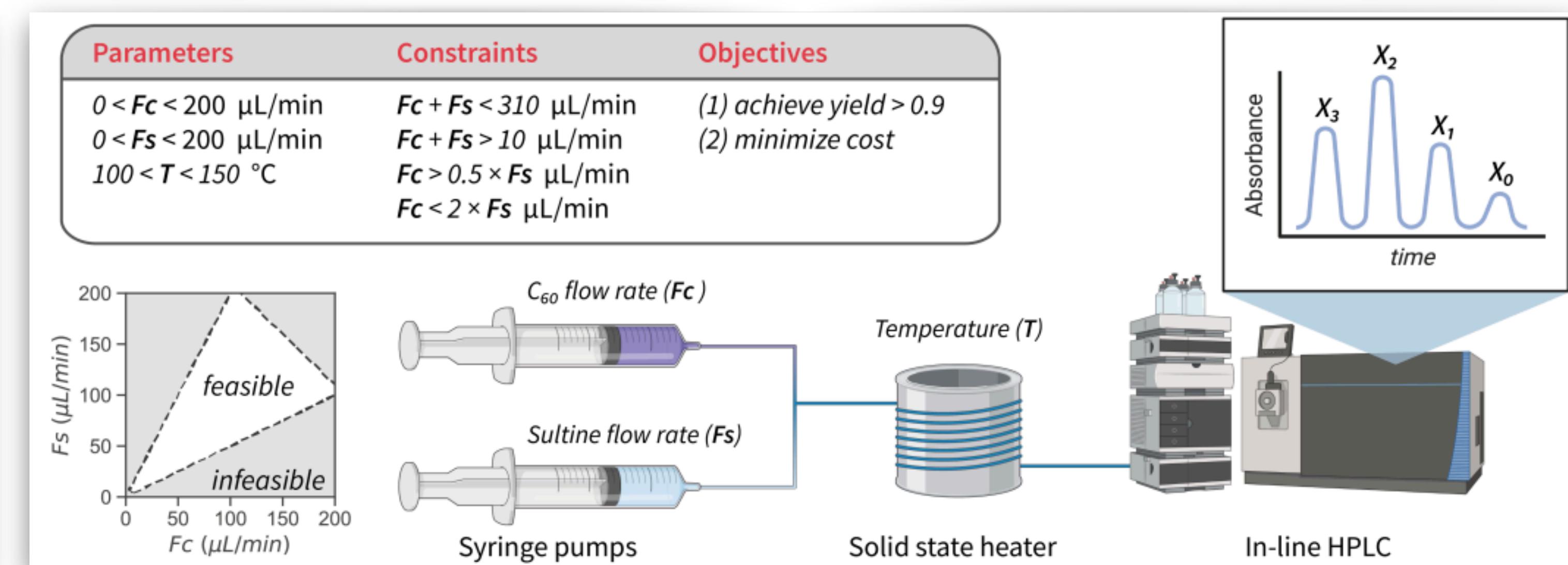
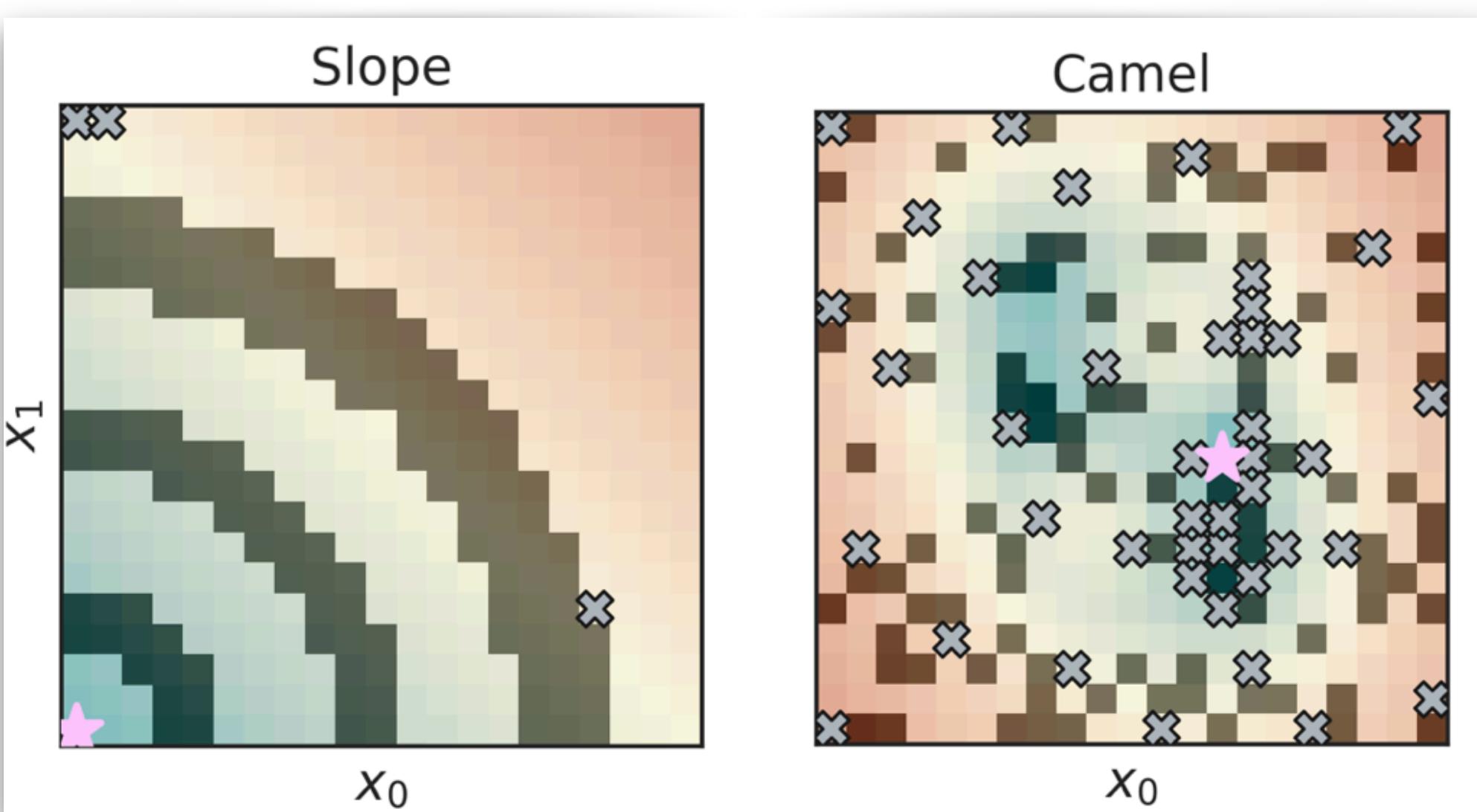
$$\zeta \in \partial \Delta^{n-1} = \left\{ \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^n | \zeta_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n \zeta_i = 1 \right\}$$



HOMO: -6.40 eV  
LUMO: -4.10 eV

# Parameter spaces

- The parameter space  $\mathcal{X}$  can also have constraints!
- A constraint function  $c(x)$  determines for which parameter settings the objective function  $f(x)$  can be measured
- $c(x)$  could be *a priori* known, or *a priori* unknown, and can be interdependent, non-linear and can lead to non-compact optimization domains



# Acquisition functions

- An acquisition function,  $\alpha(\mathbf{x})$ , evaluates candidate parameter points based on their expected informativeness and performance
- Most acquisition functions maintain a “tradeoff” between *exploitation* and *exploration*
- An important subroutine of Bayesian optimization is the optimization of the acquisition function. Its argmin/argmax corresponds to the parameter point to measure next

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{next}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \alpha(\mathbf{x})$$

- Some common acquisition functions include *probability of improvement* (PI), *upper confidence bound* (UCB) and *expected improvement* (EI)

## Upper confidence bound (UCB)

UCB computes utility by trading off the models mean and variance using a parameter  $\beta > 0$

$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{\mu}(\mathbf{x}) - \beta \hat{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})$$

## Expected improvement (EI)

EI proposes to evaluate the objective where we expect the greatest improvement over current best point  $f'$

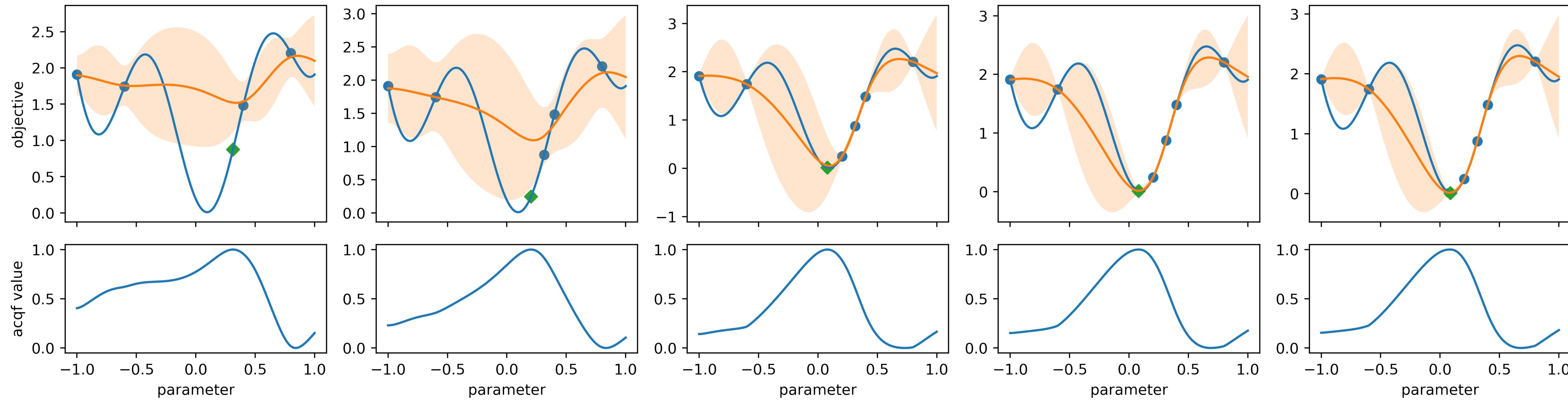
$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\mathbf{x}) &= (\hat{\mu}(\mathbf{x}) - f' - \xi) \Phi(Z) + \hat{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}) \phi(Z) \\ Z &= \frac{\hat{\mu}(\mathbf{x}) - f' - \xi}{\hat{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})}. \end{aligned}$$

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# Metrics for assessing the performance of Bayesian optimization



- Bayesian optimizers seek to identify promising target property values more efficiently (i.e. with fewer evaluations) than other strategies
- One can use several metrics to compare optimization performance, depending on parameter space and objective

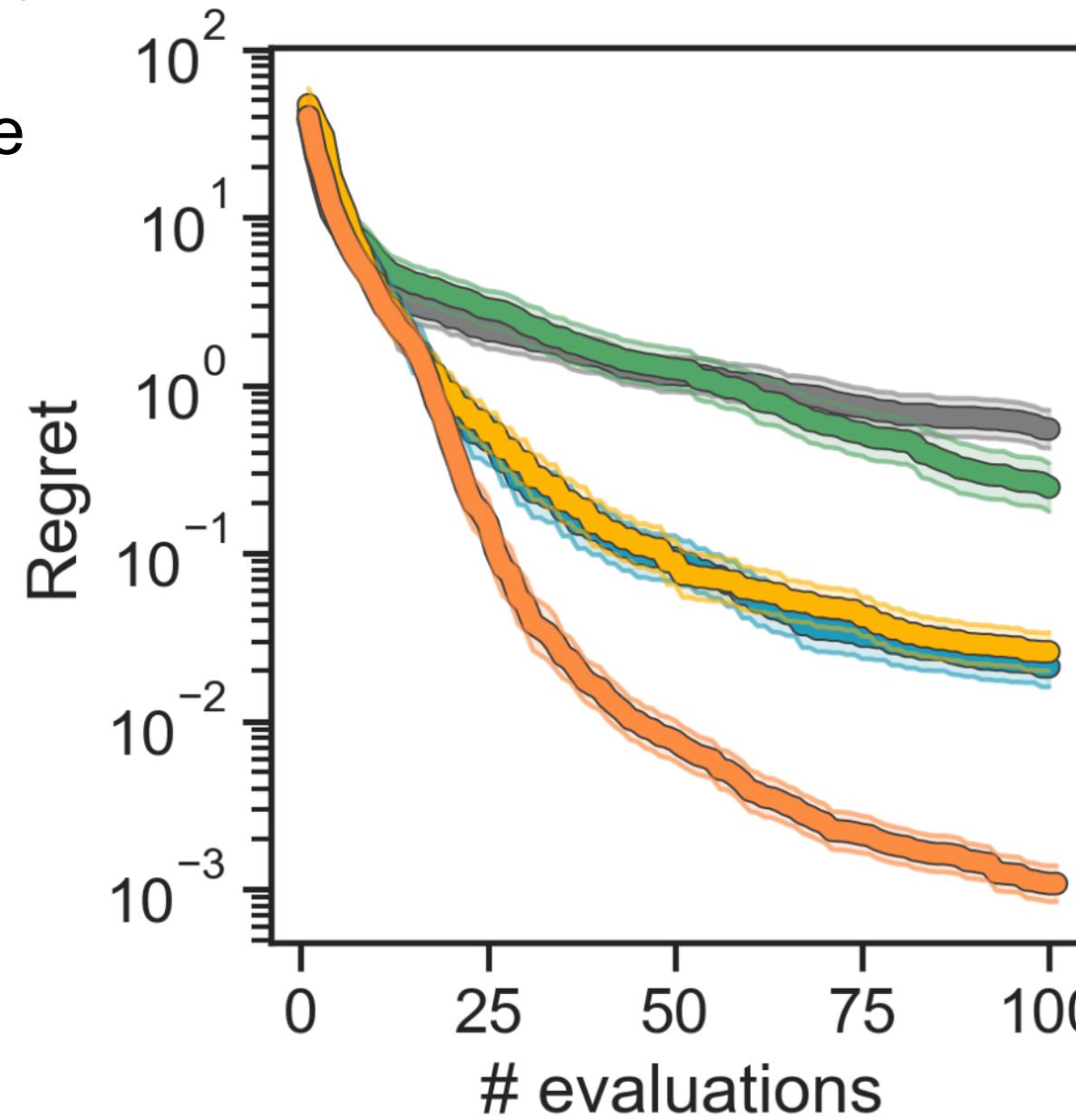
## Continuous-valued parameters

*Regret* measures the instantaneous distance between best observed objective and global optimum value

$$r_k = |f(\mathbf{x}^*) - f(\mathbf{x}_k^+)|$$

*Cumulative regret* sums all regret values over the entire optimization campaign (with budget  $K$ )

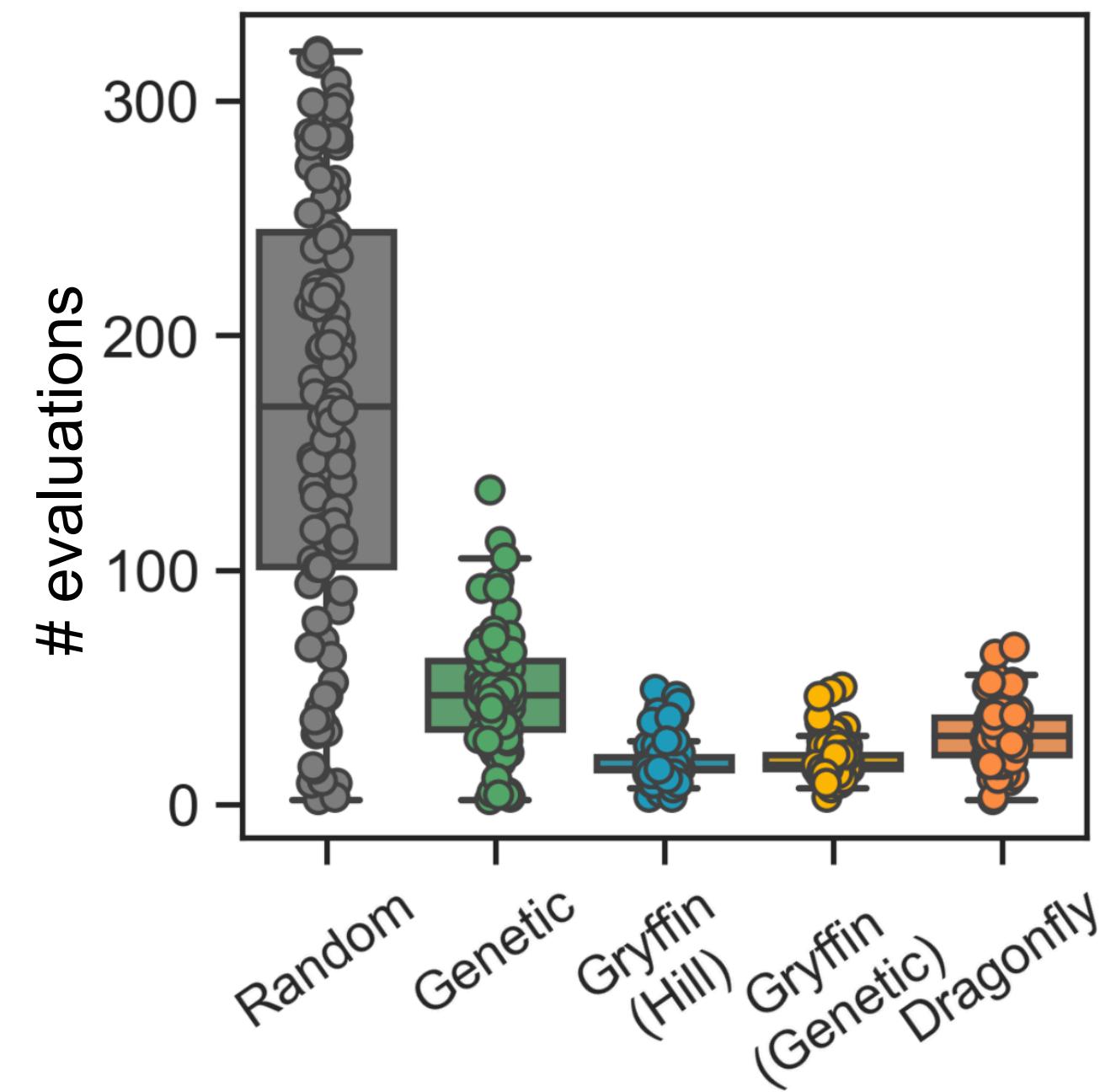
$$C_K = \sum_{k=1}^K r_k$$



## Categorical-valued parameters

Could also use regret metrics, but now we have a discrete option that is the global optimum. Here I plot number of evaluations needed to identify that option

If you like traces, you can also plot the cumulative best rank achieved at each iteration to highlight differences in small objective function differences

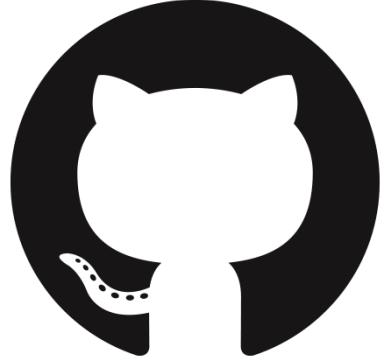


# Putting it all together

Now that we have seen the machinery behind Bayesian optimization, let's code up a Bayesian optimizer wrapper using *BoTorch* and *Olympus* and test it on some chemistry/materials science problems!



[Link](#)



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## What will our optimizer look like?

- Will build it using the *Olympus* API, as a *CustomPlanner*
- Will have an ask-tell interface (ask planner for parameters, tell planner about measurements)
- Will handle continuous, categorical, and mixed parameter spaces
- Will use a Gaussian process surrogate model
- Will use expected improvement acquisition function

## Problems for testing

1. Optimization of the yield of a Suzuki reaction (fully continuous, 4 parameters, 1 objective)  
[1]
2. Design of hybrid organic-inorganic perovskite materials (fully categorical, with/without descriptors, 3 parameters, 1 objective) [2]

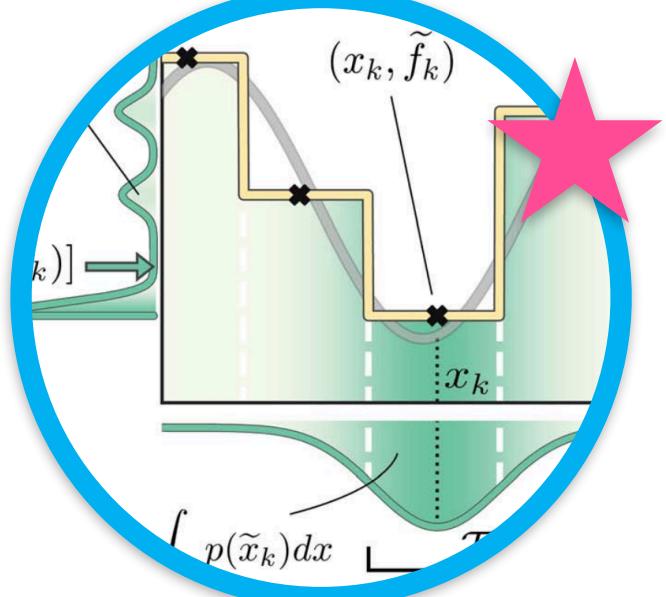
# First coding session



# Advanced Bayesian optimization topics



**Golem** Robust optimization to input parameter noise



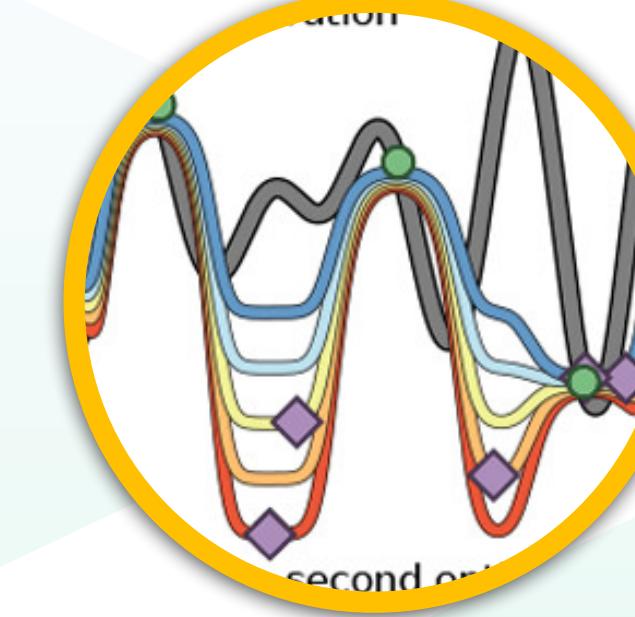
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**Olympus** Community accessible benchmarking of experiment planning strategies



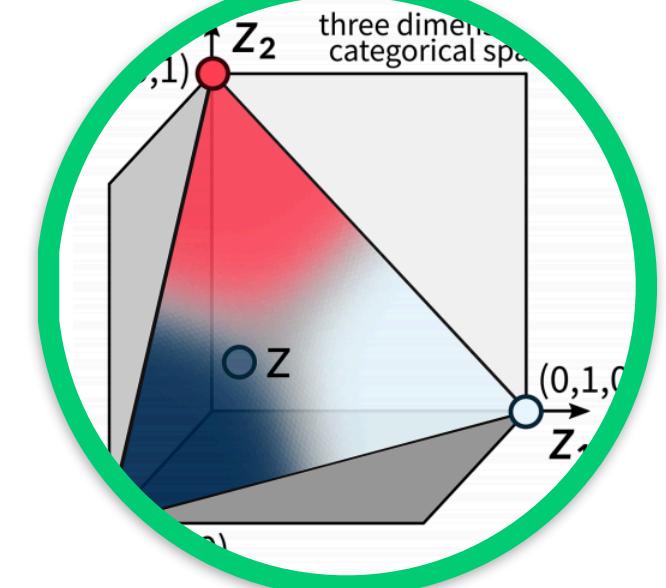
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**Phoenics** KDE BayesOpt for continuous parameters



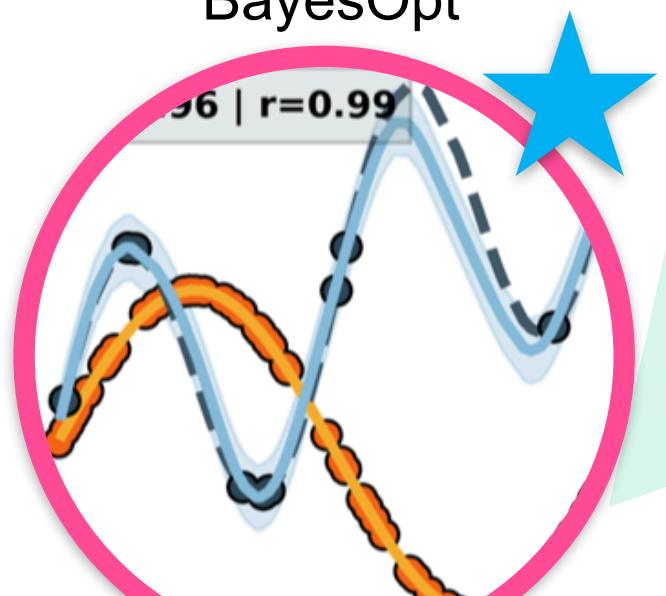
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**Gryffin** KDE BayesOpt for categorical parameters



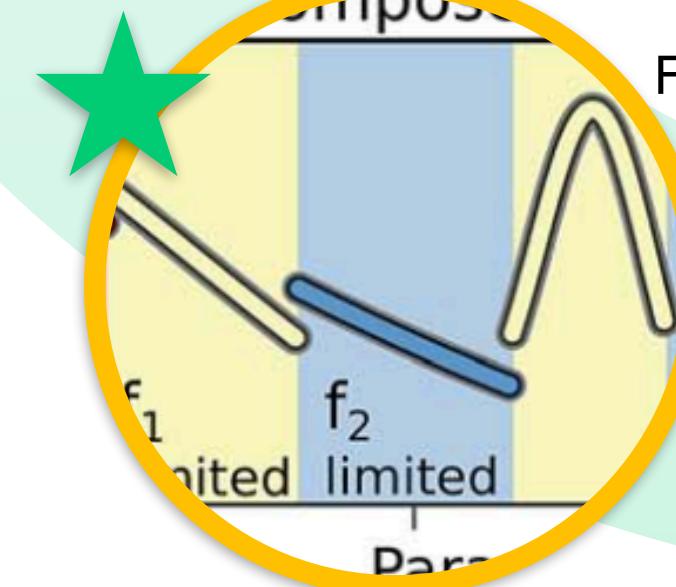
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*Appl. Phys. Rev.* **8**, 031406 (2021)

**Gemini** Scalable multi-fidelity prediction and BayesOpt



**RJH**, et al. arXiv:2103.03391 [stat.ML] (2021)

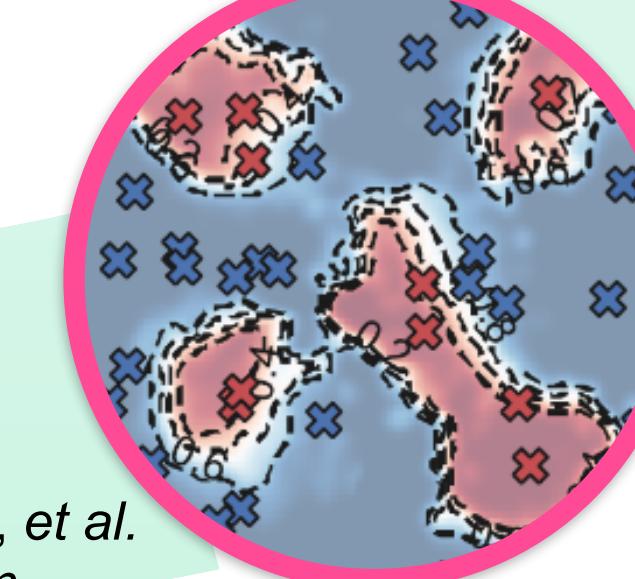
**Chimera** Hierarchy-based multi-objective optimization



F. Häse, et al. *Chem. Sci.* **9**, 7642–7655 (2018)

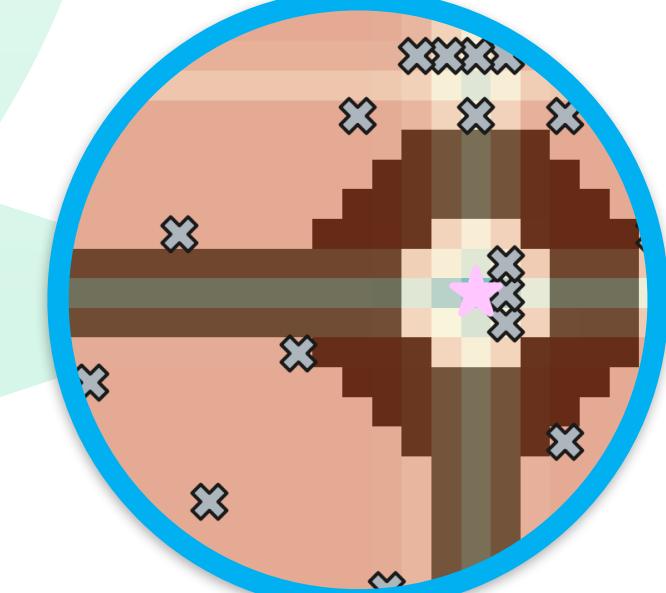
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**Unknown constraints** *A priori* unknown parameter constraints



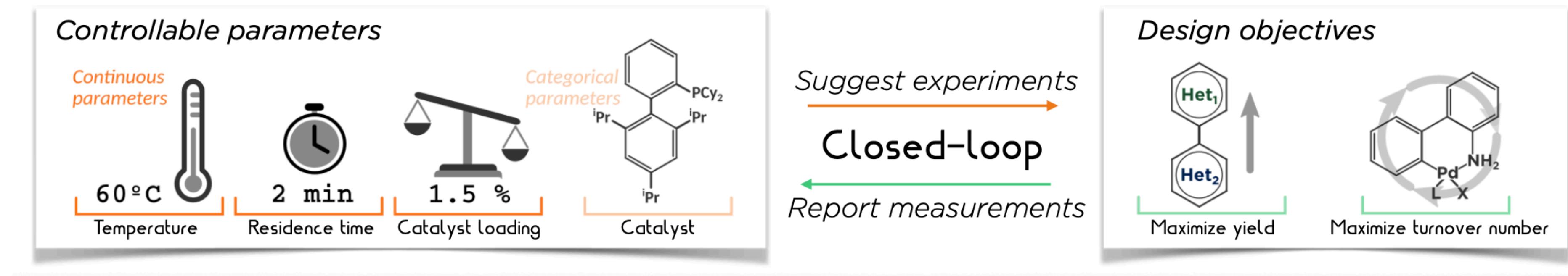
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**Known constraints** *A priori* known parameter constraints

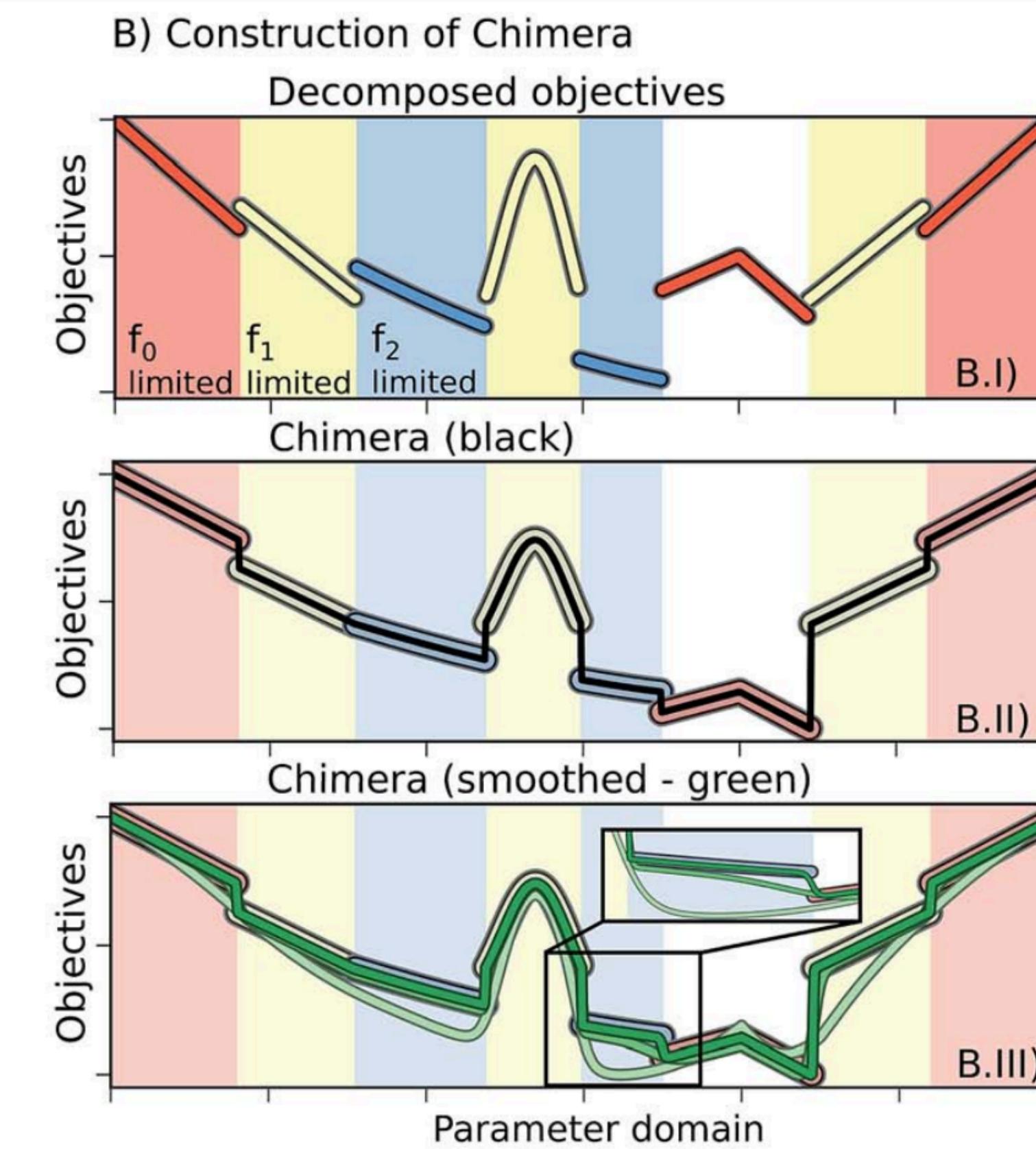
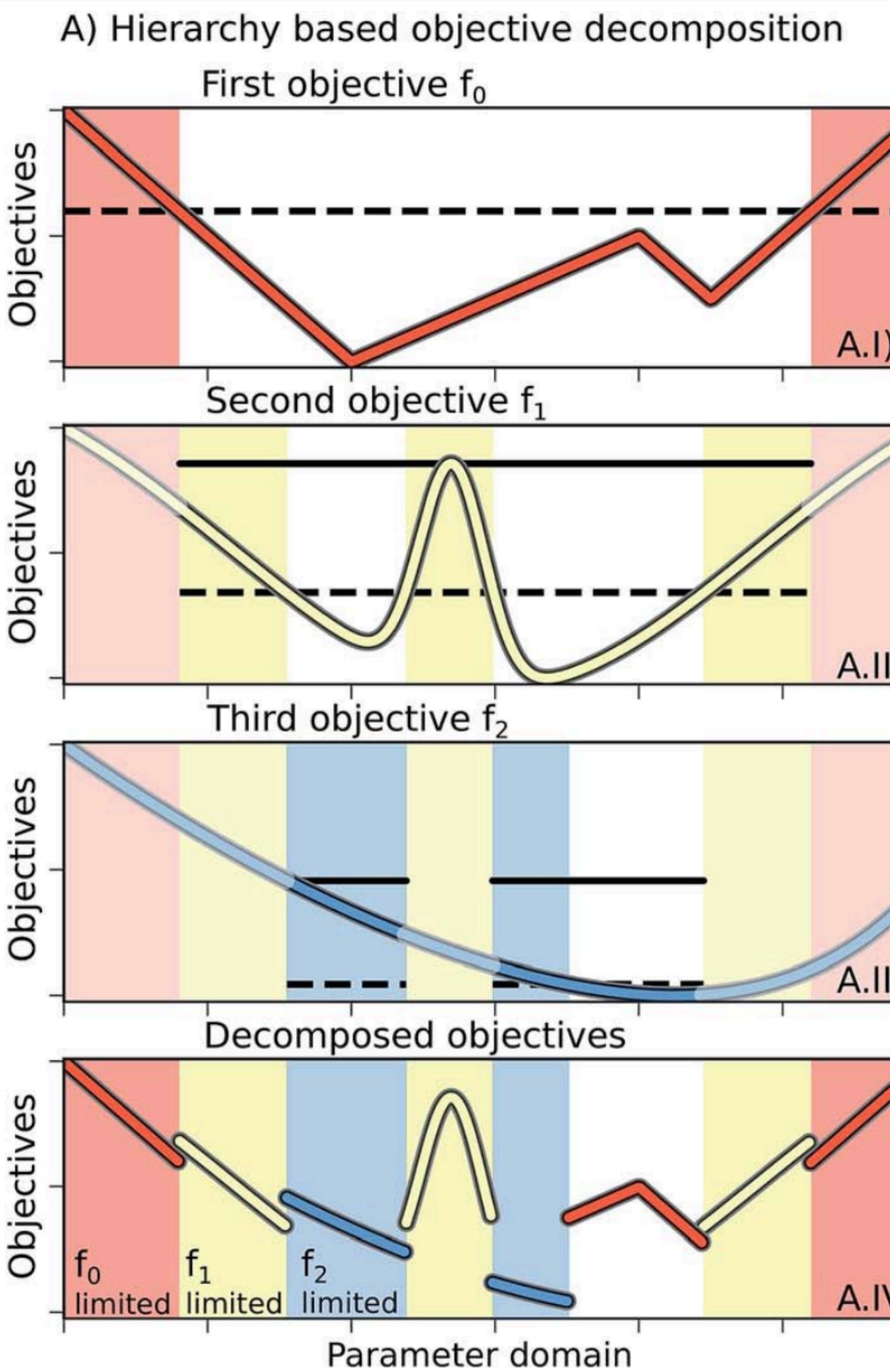


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arXiv:2203.17241 [math.OC] (2022)

# Multiobjective optimization



# Multiobjective optimization



C) Pseudo code representation

**function**  $\chi(\mathbf{x}, \mathcal{Y})$

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 $f_0^{\min} \leftarrow \min_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{Y}} f_0(\mathbf{x}_i)$ 
 $f_1^{\min} \leftarrow \min_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{Y}_0} f_1(\mathbf{x}_i)$ 
 $f_2^{\min} \leftarrow \min_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{Y}_1} f_2(\mathbf{x}_i)$ 

if  $f_0(\mathbf{x}) \leq f_0^{\text{tol}}$  then
   $y_1 \leftarrow f_1(\mathbf{x}) - f_0^{\min}$ 
  if  $f_1(\mathbf{x}) \leq f_1^{\text{tol}}$  then
     $y_2 \leftarrow f_2(\mathbf{x}) - f_1^{\min}$ 
    if  $f_2(\mathbf{x}) \leq f_2^{\text{tol}}$  then
       $y_0 \leftarrow f_0(\mathbf{x}) - f_2^{\min}$ 
      return  $y_0$ 
    else
      return  $y_2$ 
  else
    return  $y_1$ 
else
  return  $f_0(\mathbf{x})$ 

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D) Analytic form of Chimera (B.II) for three objectives (A.I to A.III)

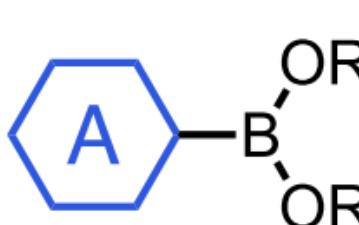
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# Design of organic laser molecules with targeted photophysical properties

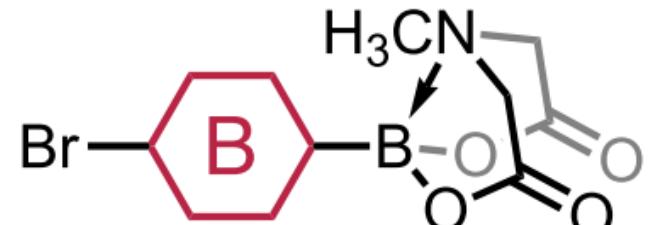
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- RouteScore metric: mixed automated/manual synthetic efficiency score
- Multi-objective optimization of organic laser molecules for targeted photophysical properties with synthetic efficiency considered

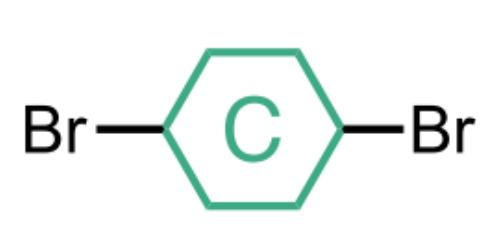
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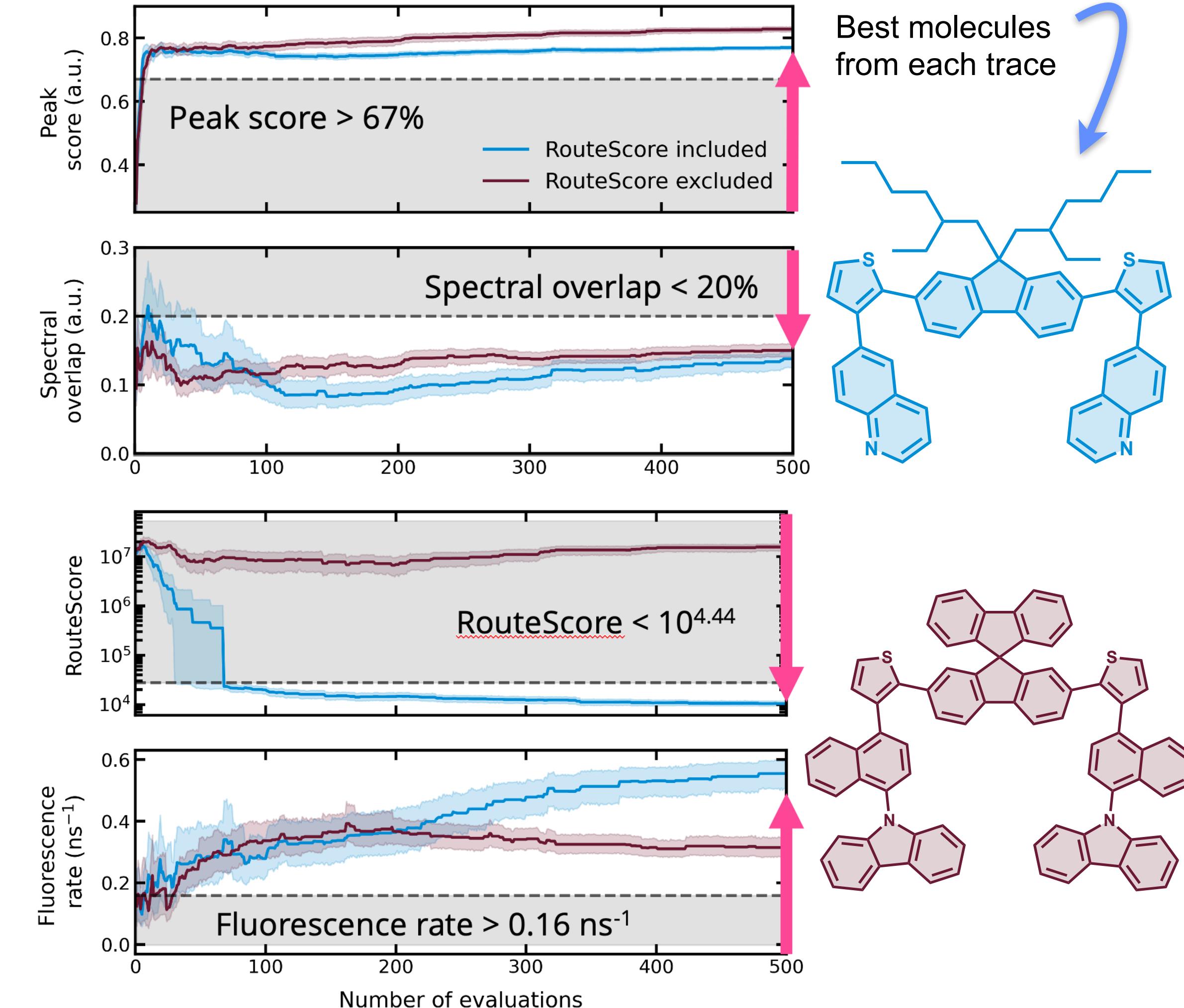
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19 “cores”

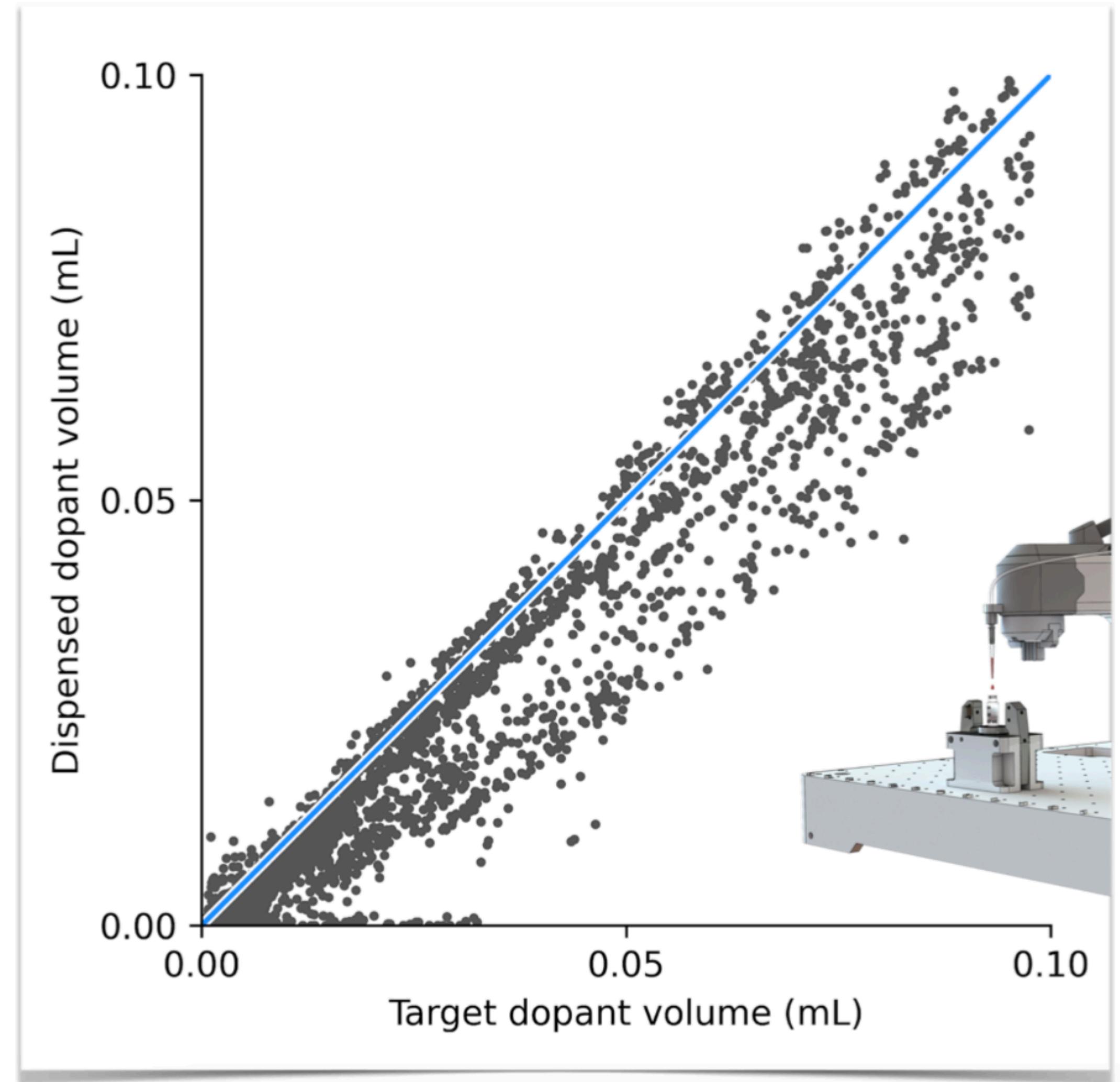


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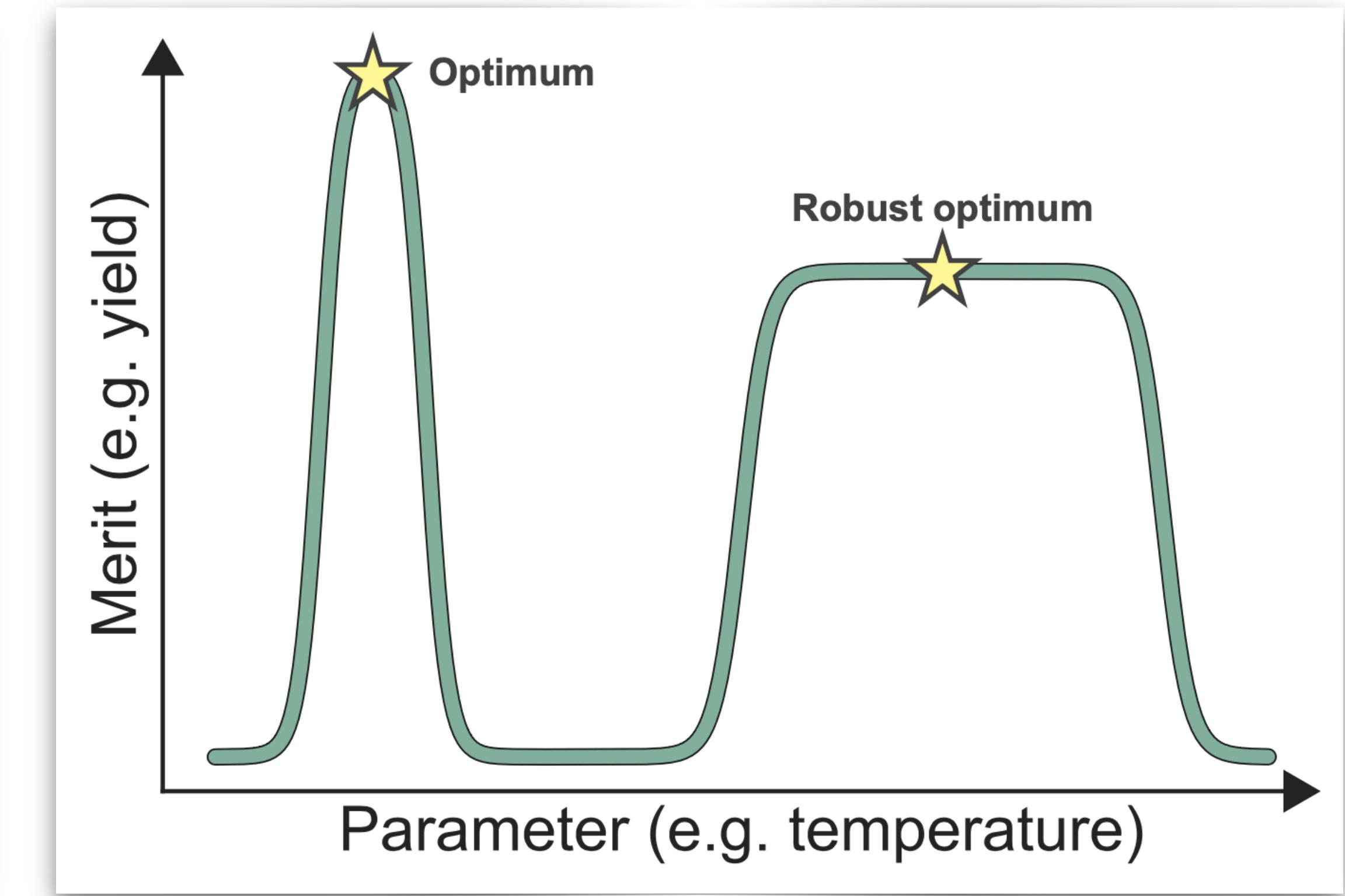
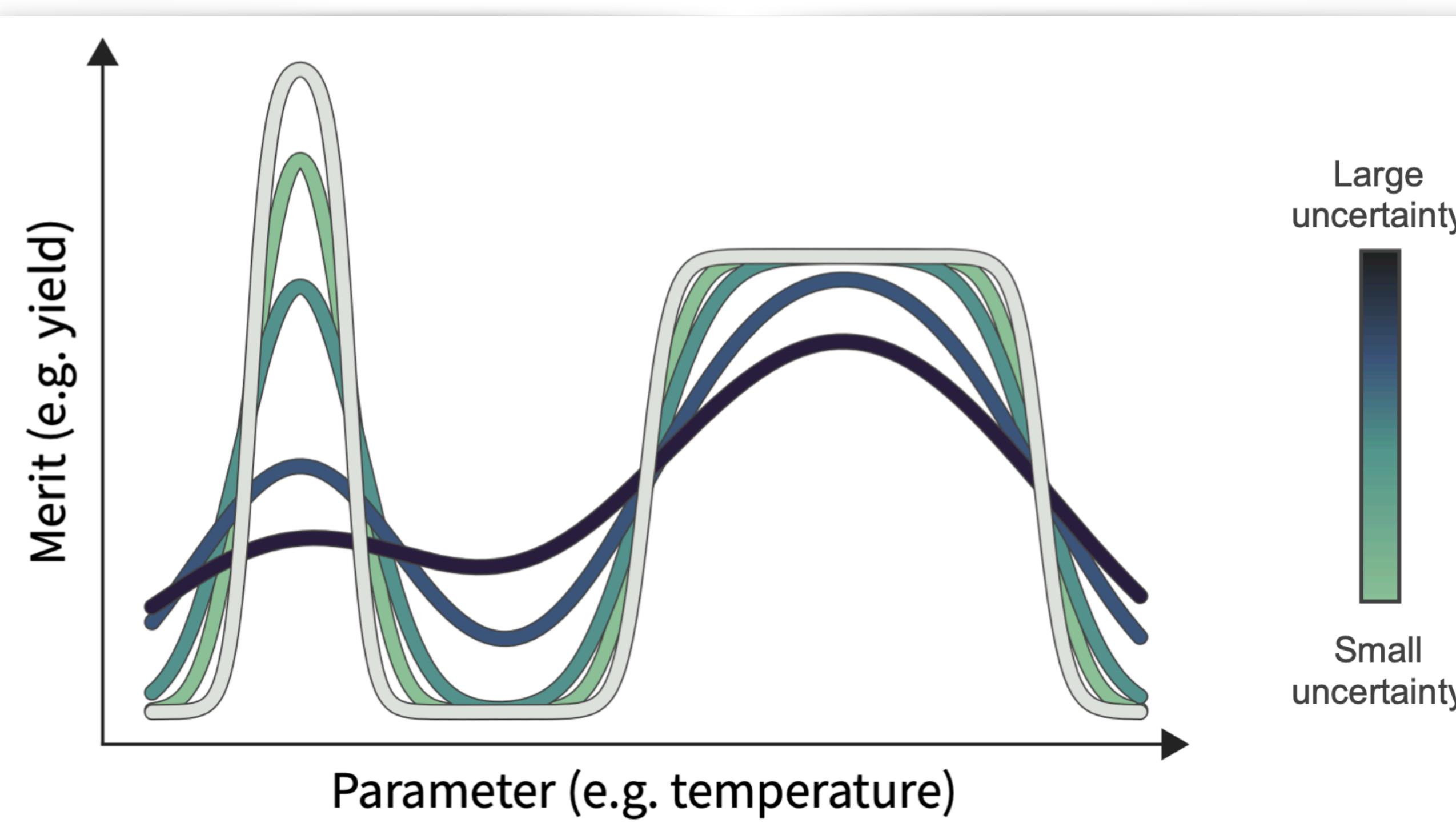


# Robust optimization with Golem

- Most experiment planning algorithms assume exact control over input parameters
- In reality, this is often not the case
- Noisy experimental conditions
- Operational variability in manufacturing
- “Hidden” input parameters varying between laboratories (ambient pressure, temperature)



# Robust optimization with Golem



$$g(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x})] = \int f(\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\delta}) p(\boldsymbol{\delta}) d\boldsymbol{\delta}$$

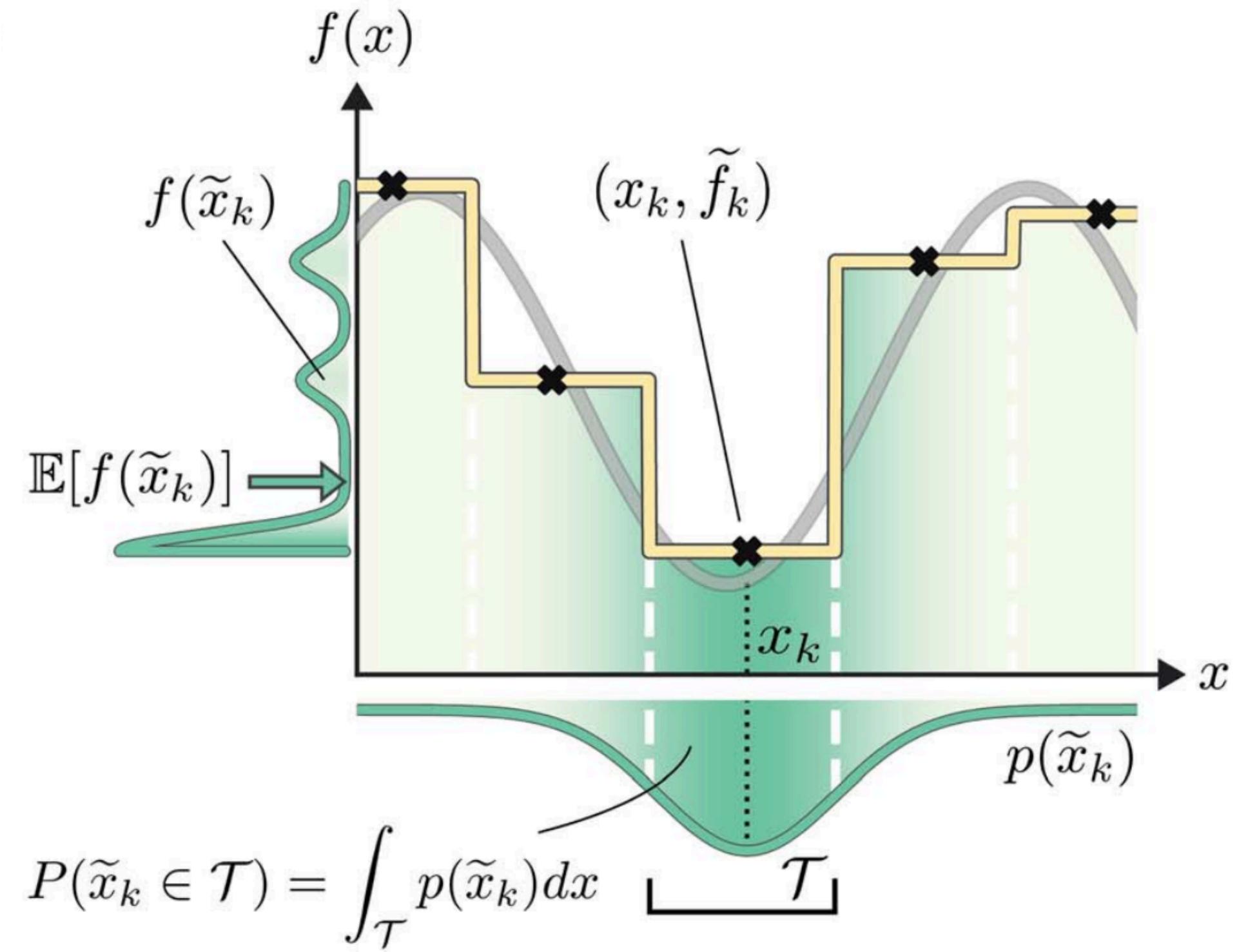
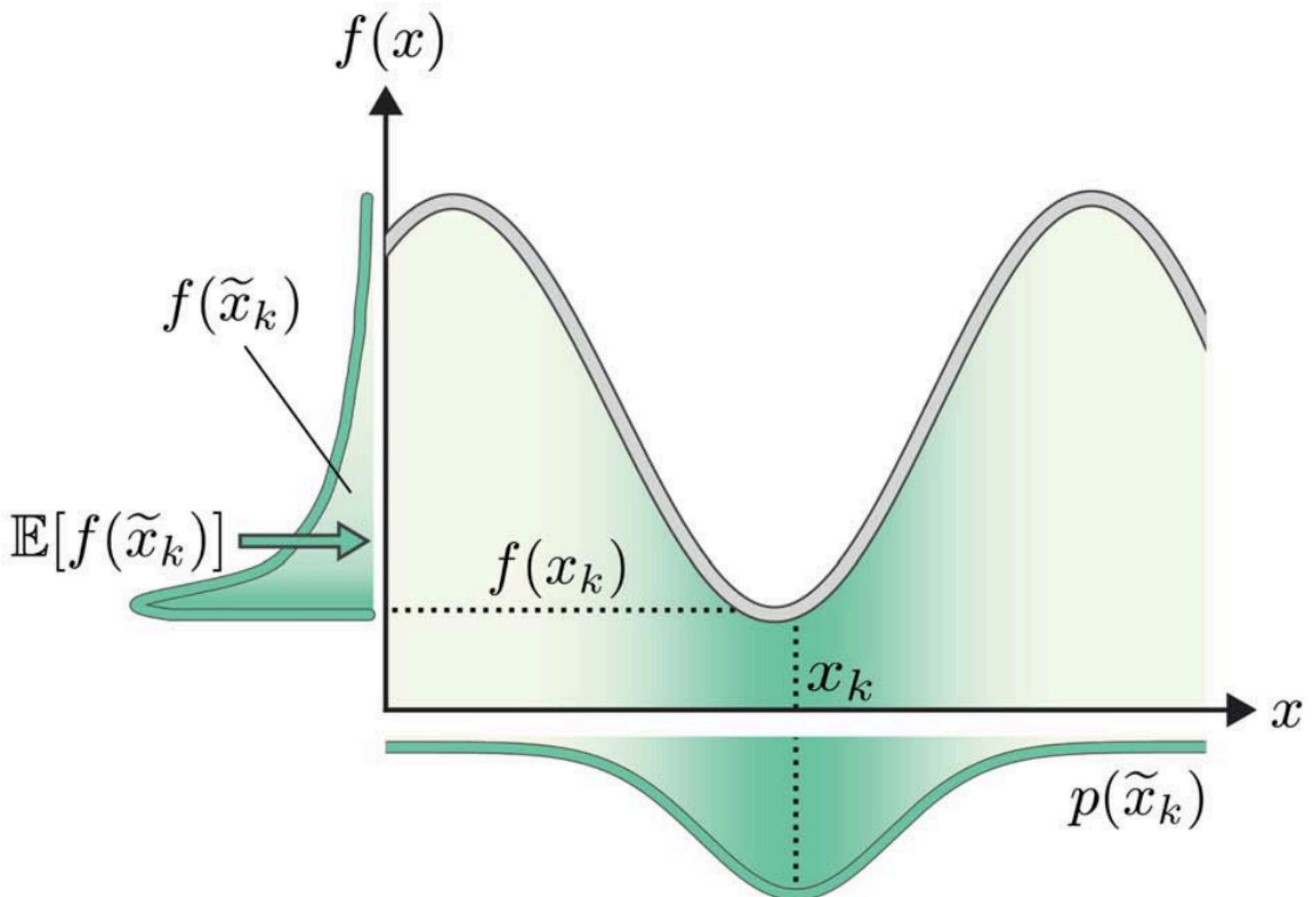
$$\mathbf{x}^* = \underset{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}}{\operatorname{argmin}} g(\mathbf{x})$$

# Robust optimization with Golem

- use tree-based ML method to model  $f(x)$  so integral  $\int f(x)p(x)dx$  can be discretized for *any*  $p(x)$

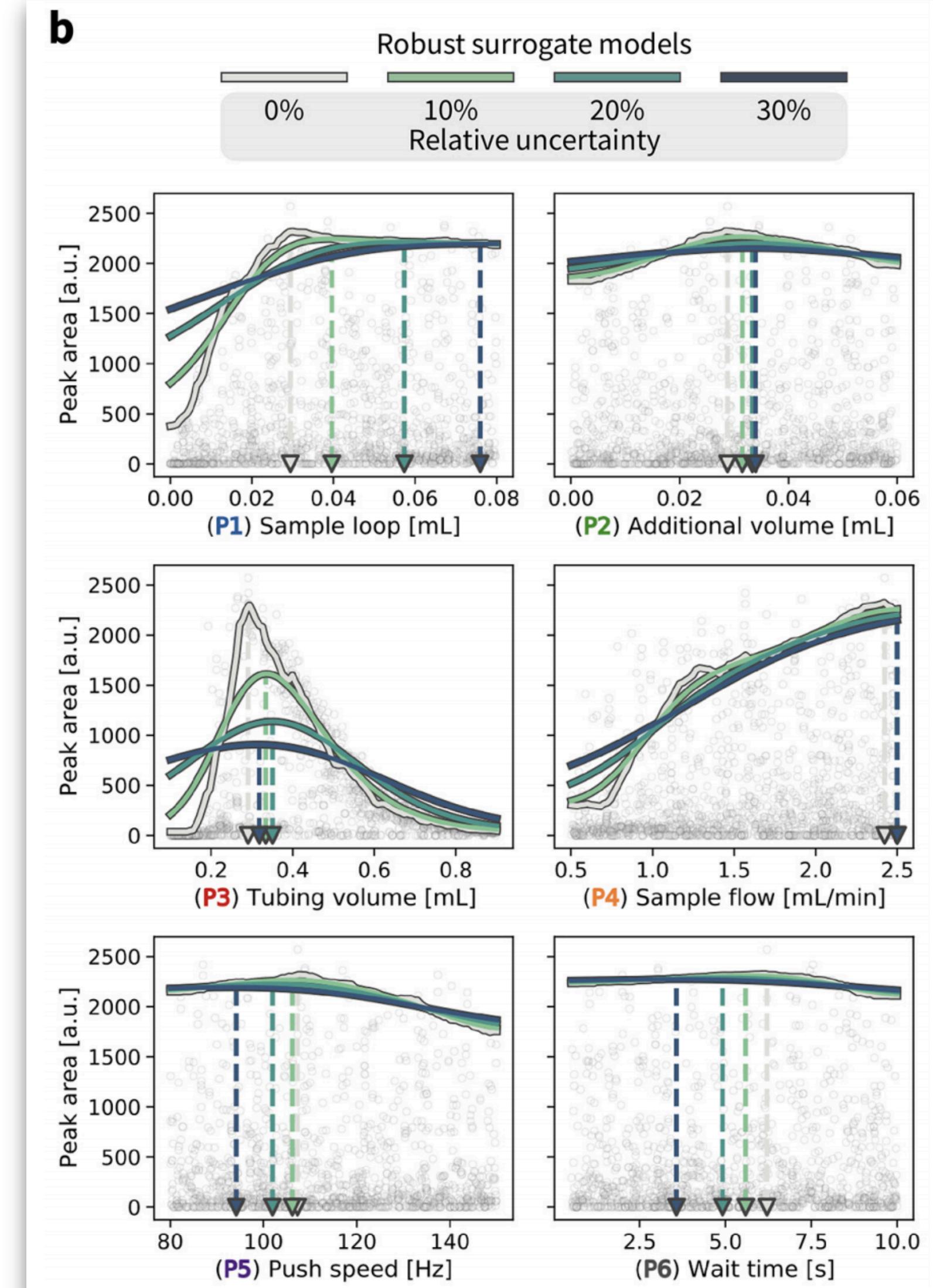
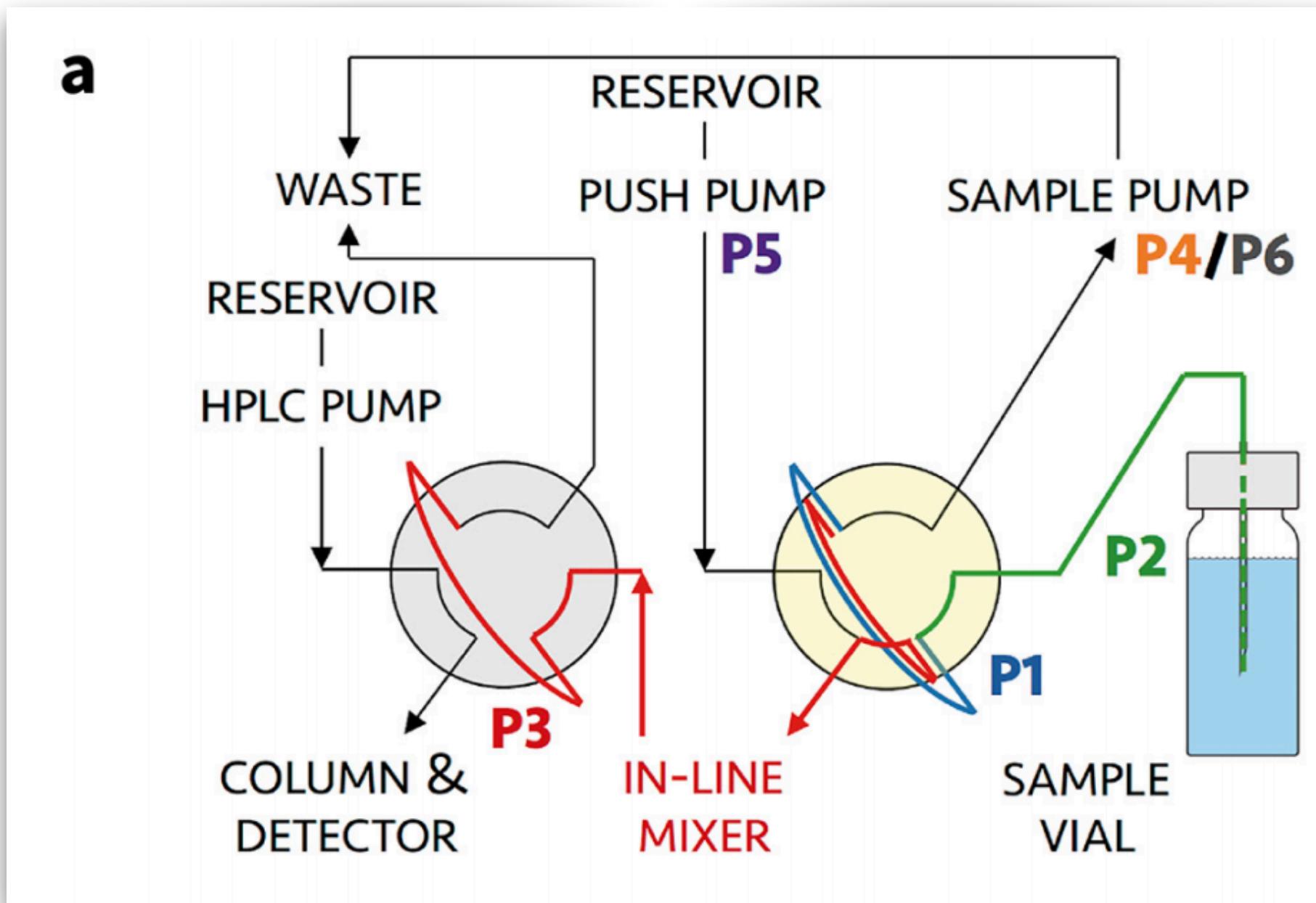
$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{x})] = \sum_{m=1}^M f_m P(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{T}_m)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \underset{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}}{\operatorname{argmin}} g(\mathbf{x})$$



# HPLC calibration application

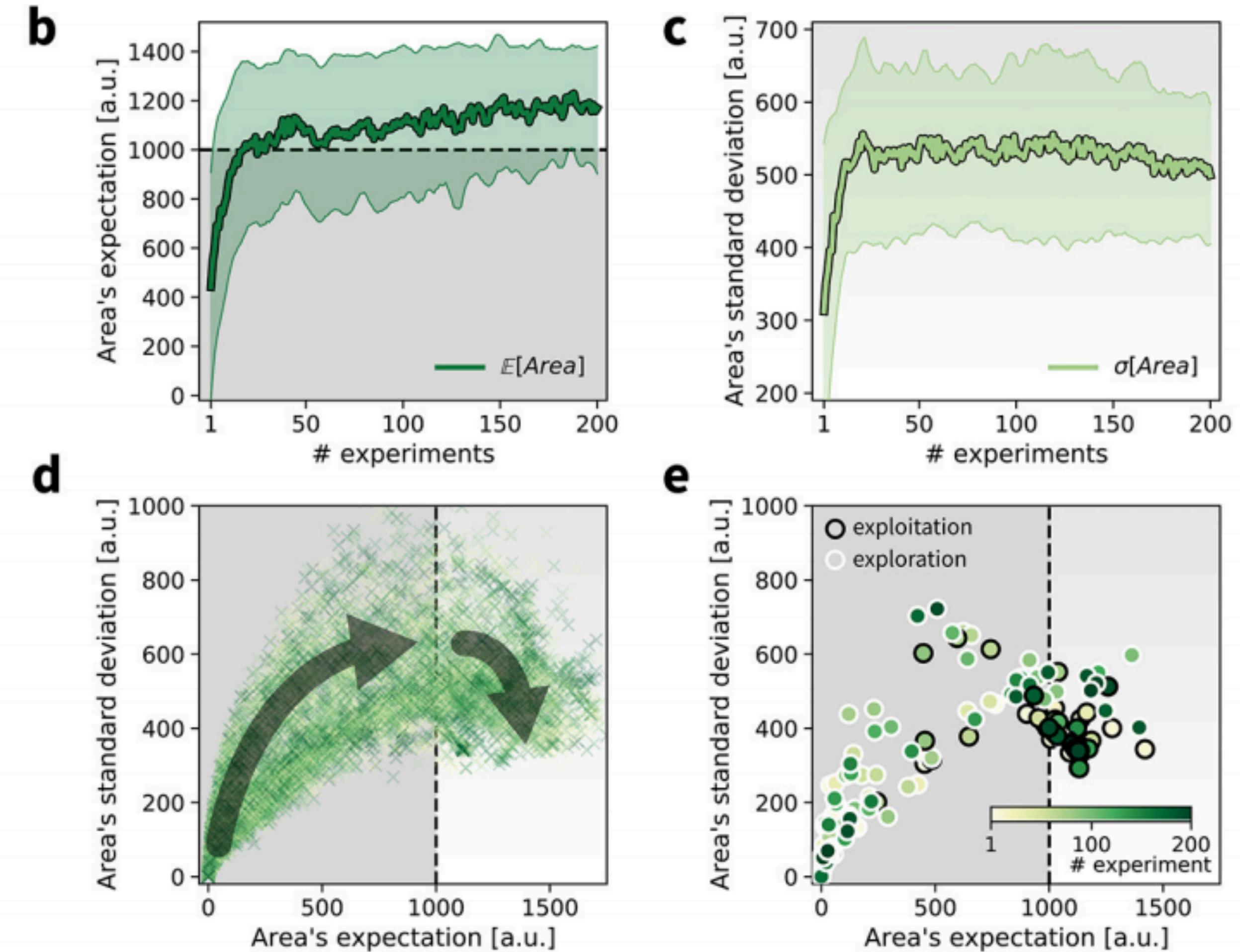
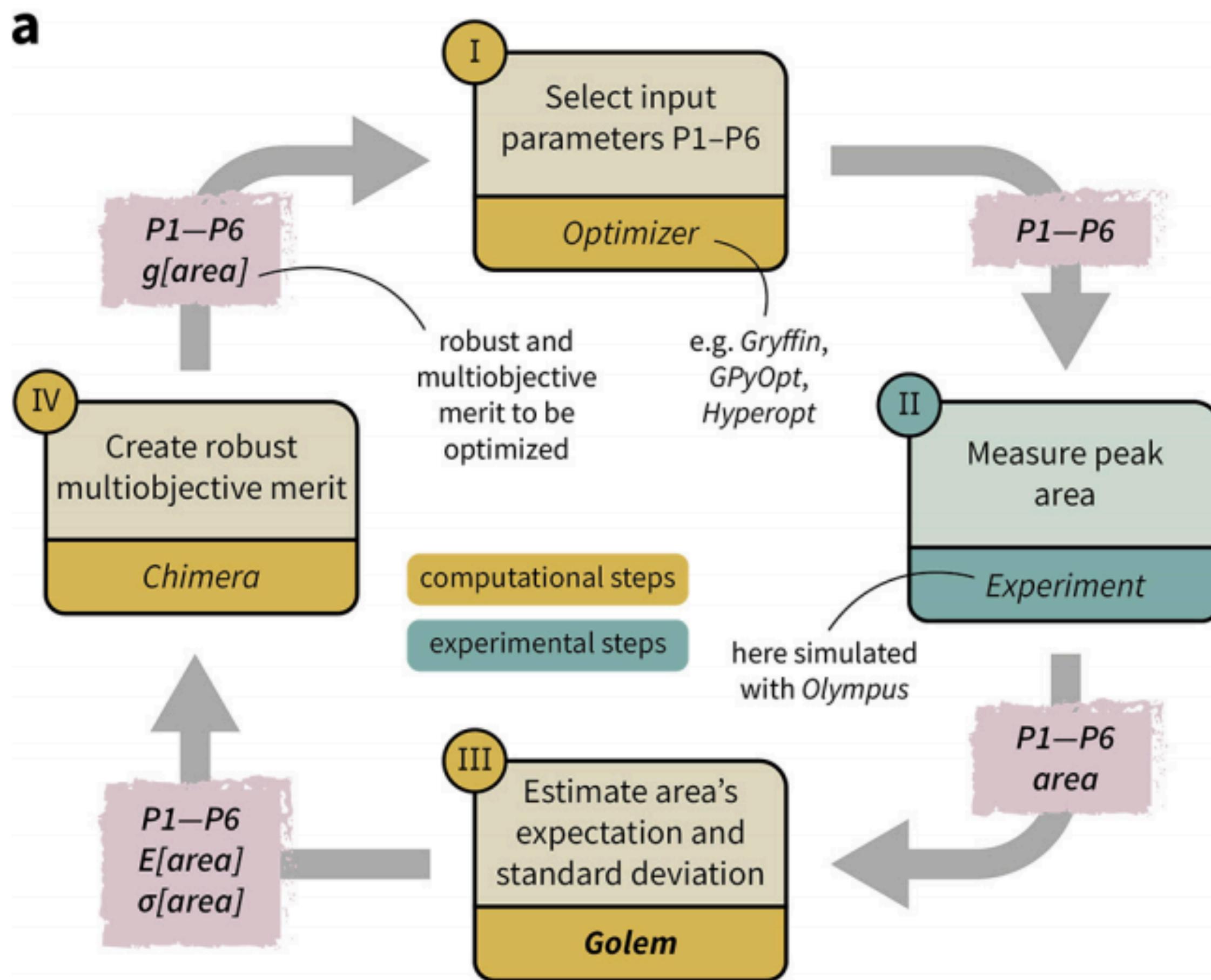
- 6 parameters
- Objective is peak area maximization
- 1386 randomly collected samples



*A posteriori* noise analysis

# HPLC calibration application

Maximize  $\mathbb{E}[Area]$ , minimize  $\sigma[Area] \rightarrow$  GOLEM + CHIMERA  $\rightarrow$  scalar-valued robust objective  $g[Area]$



# Multi-fidelity prediction and optimization

## What is “heterogenous” data?

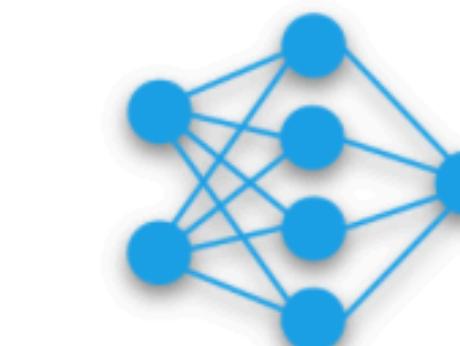
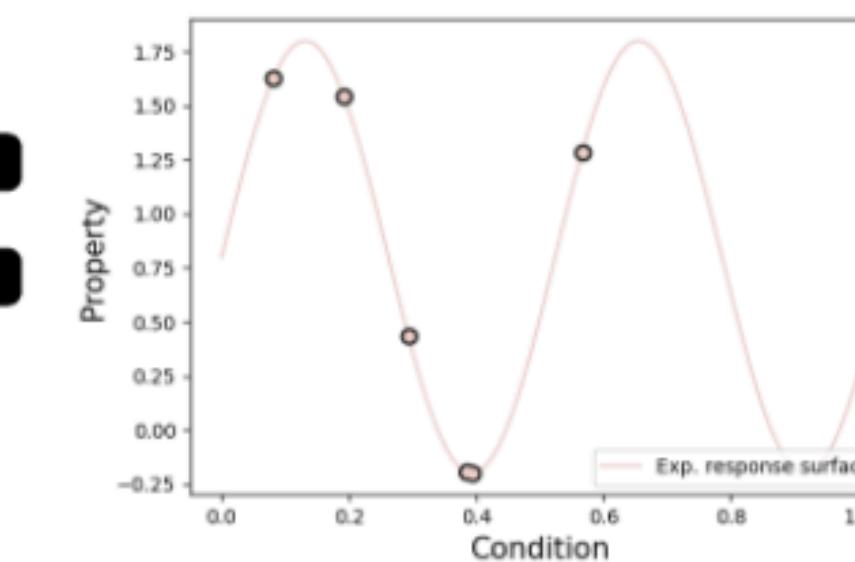
*Great question! It can be defined in an application specific manner*  
i.e. monetary cheap vs expensive, fast vs slow, high vs low fidelity,  
toxic vs non-toxic, environmentally friendly vs harmful, rare vs abundant, ...

Can we use **cheap, less accurate** measurements to enhance the prediction of the outcomes of **slow, more accurate** measurements?

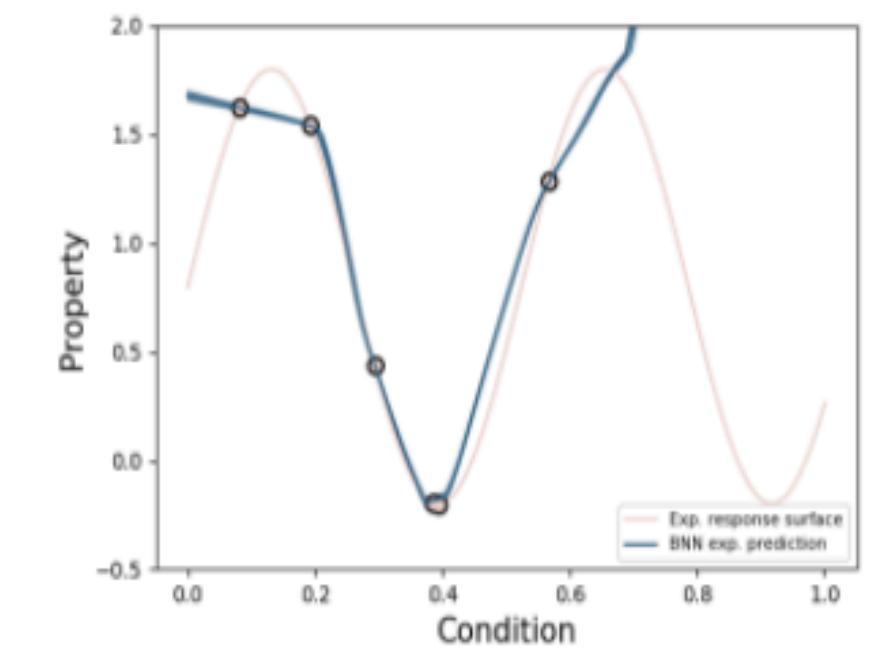
Expensive measurement



Single response surface



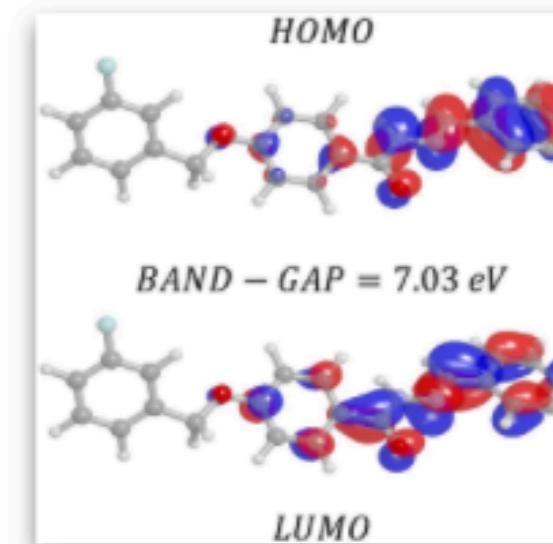
Poor prediction using ML



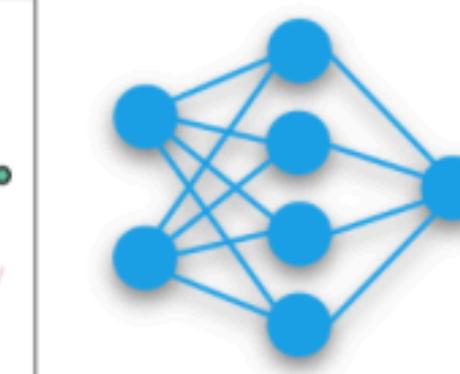
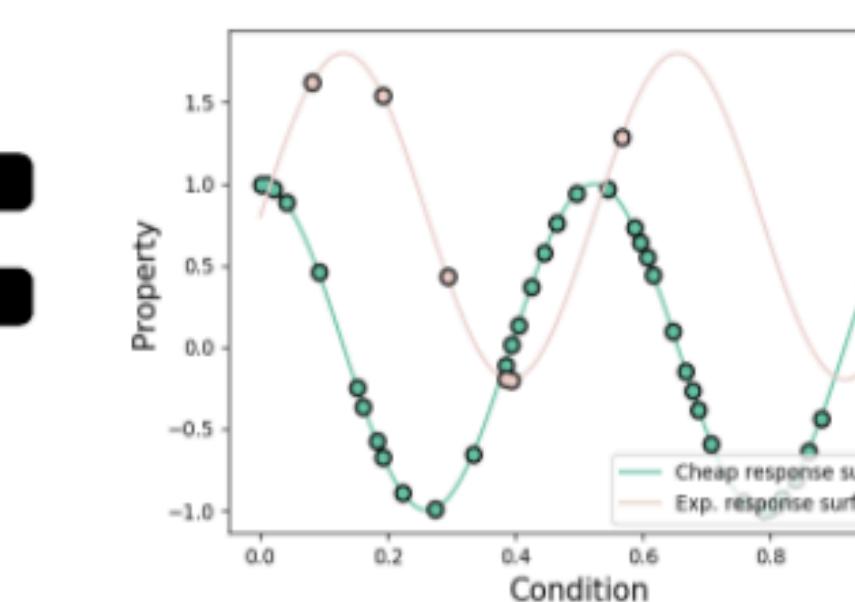
Expensive measurement



Cheap measurement



Two response surfaces



More accurate prediction?



# Multi-task Gaussian processes

- Lets start from the beginning, with the multi-task Gaussian process model for BayesOpt, as implemented by Swersky *et al.* in 2013
- There have been many multi-fidelity strategies introduced since, including deep GPs, NN-based models, autoregressive GPs, to name a few

Assume we have  $T$  tasks, each with  $N_t$  observations, we then have the datasets

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\mathcal{D}_t\}_{t=1}^T$$

$$\mathcal{D}_t = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, f(\mathbf{x}_i))\}_{i=1}^{N_t}$$

$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$  

Single task

$$k_{\text{multi}}((\mathbf{x}, t), (\mathbf{x}', t')) = k_t(t, t') \otimes k_x(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$$

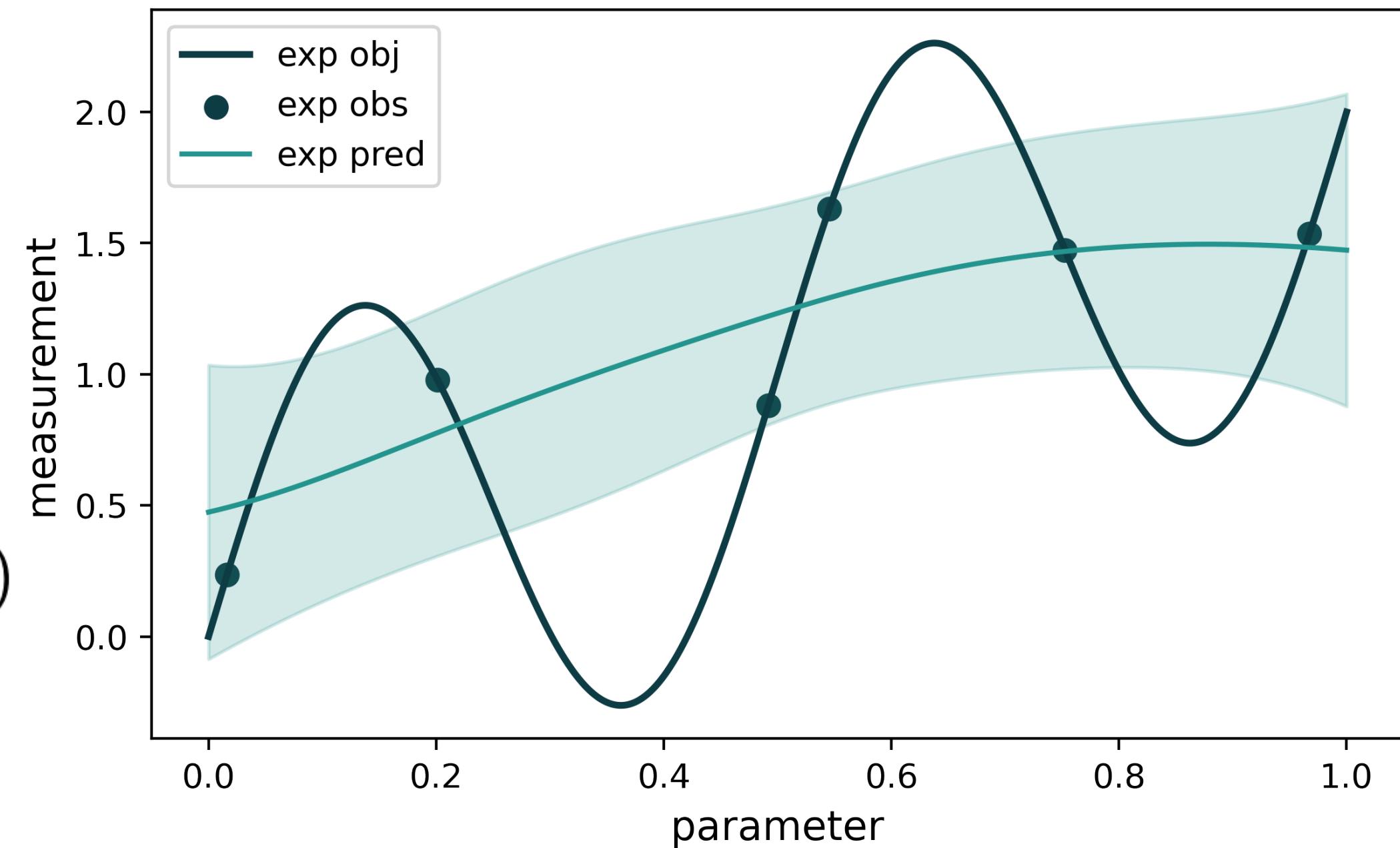
Multi-task

Synthetic example

$$y_{\text{exp}} = \sin(4\pi x_{\text{exp}}) + 2x_{\text{exp}}$$

$$y_{\text{cheap}} = \frac{1}{2} \sin(4\pi x_{\text{cheap}})$$

Single task prediction



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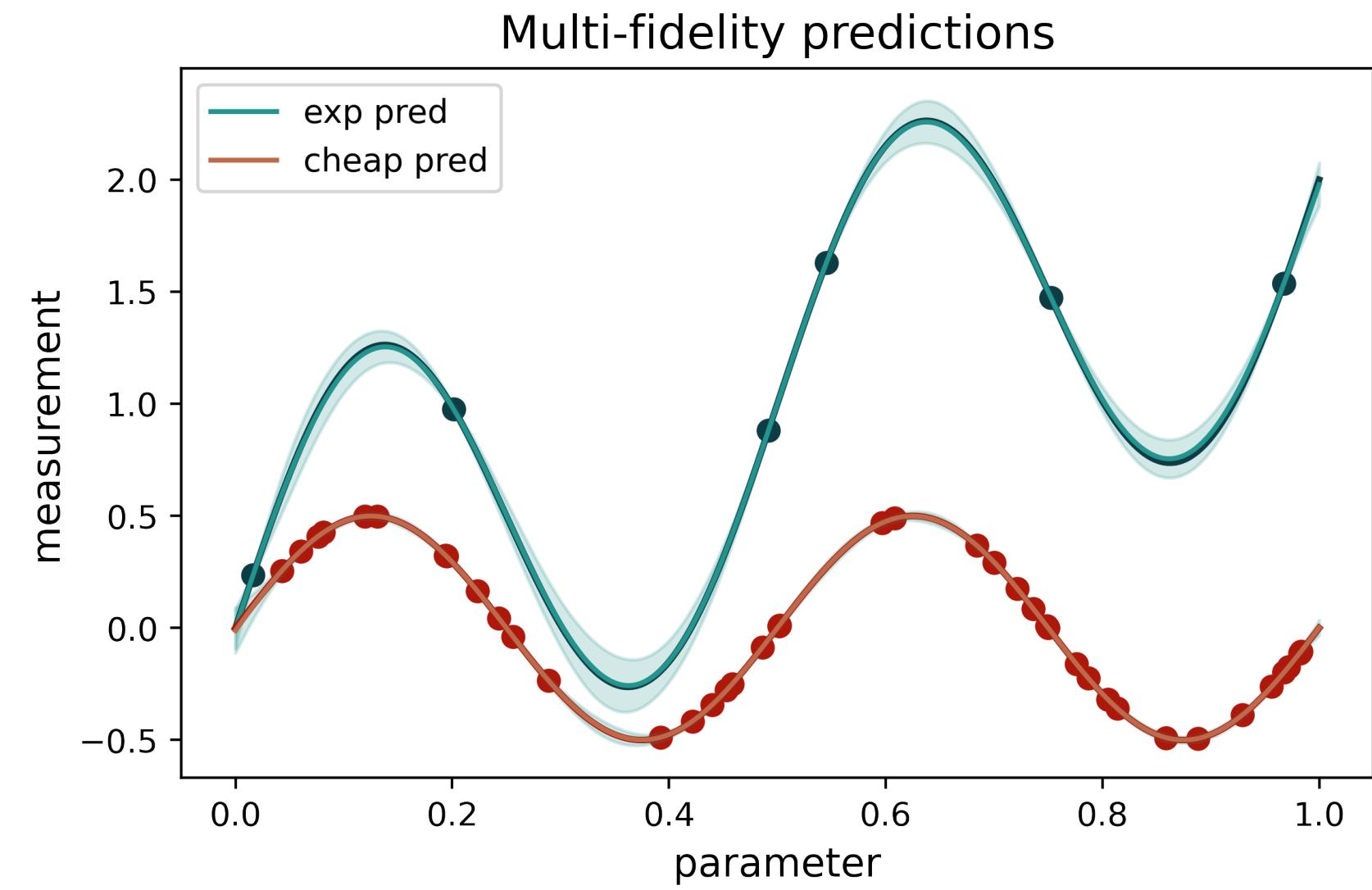
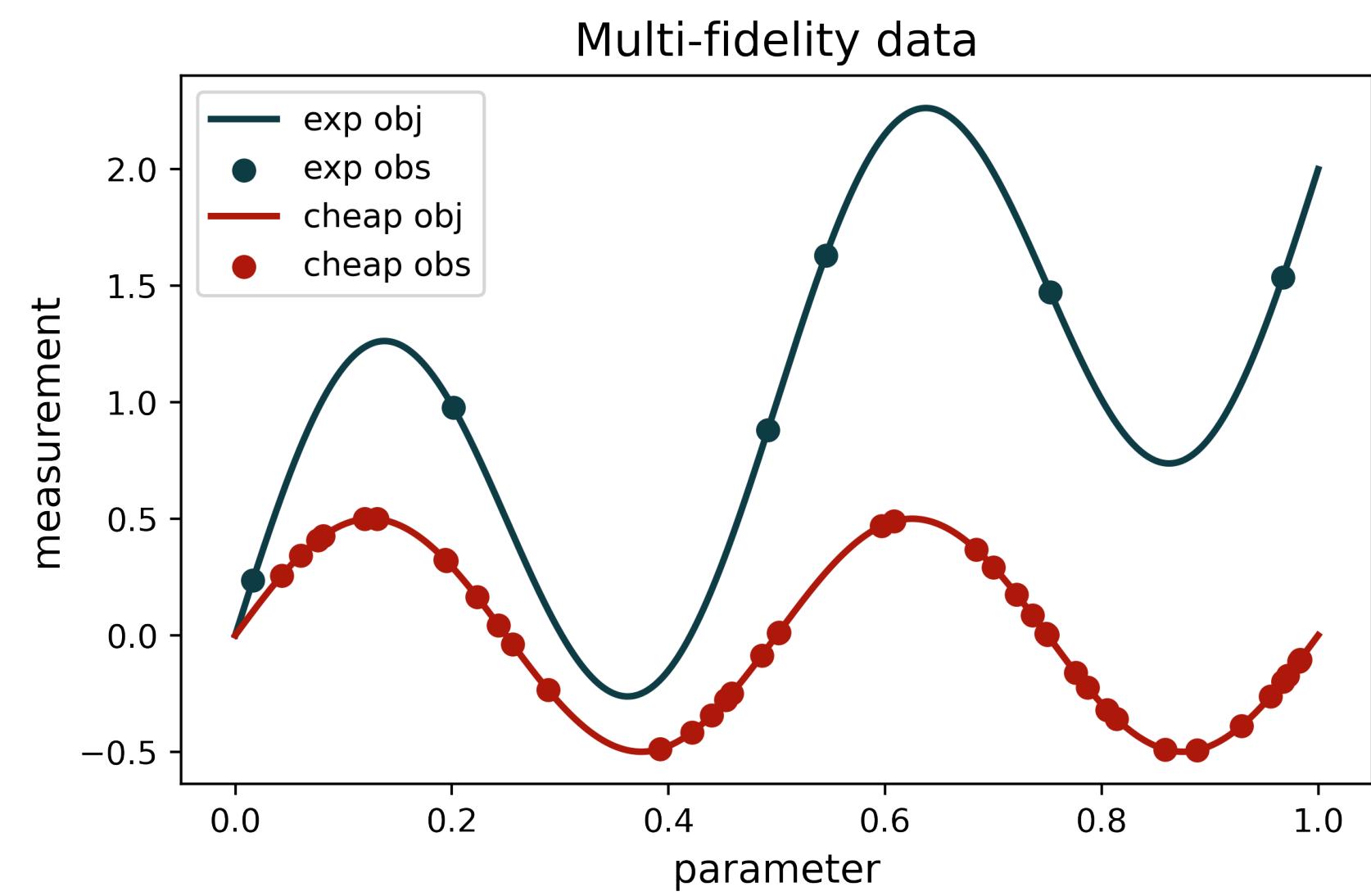
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Single task

Multi-task



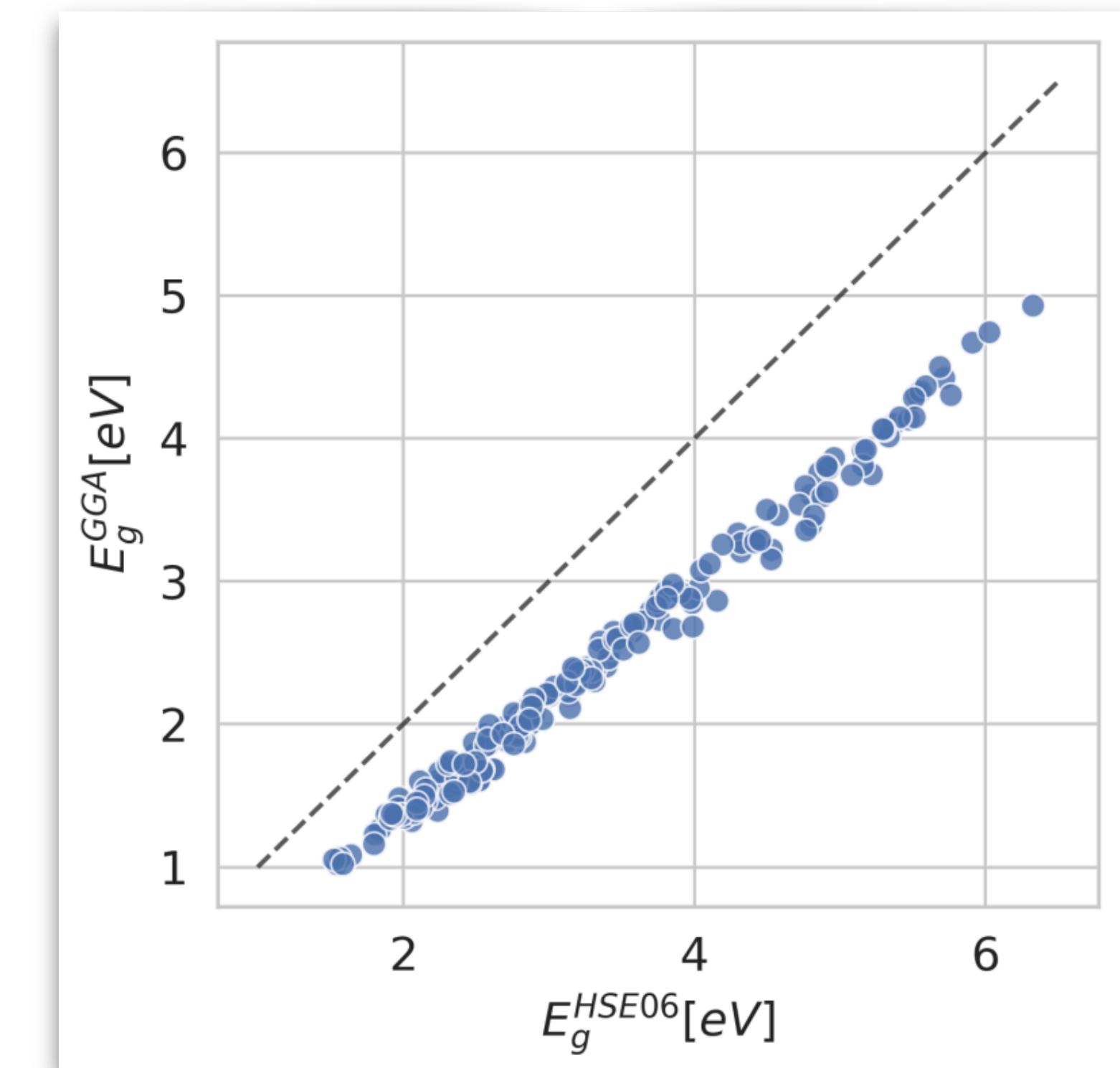
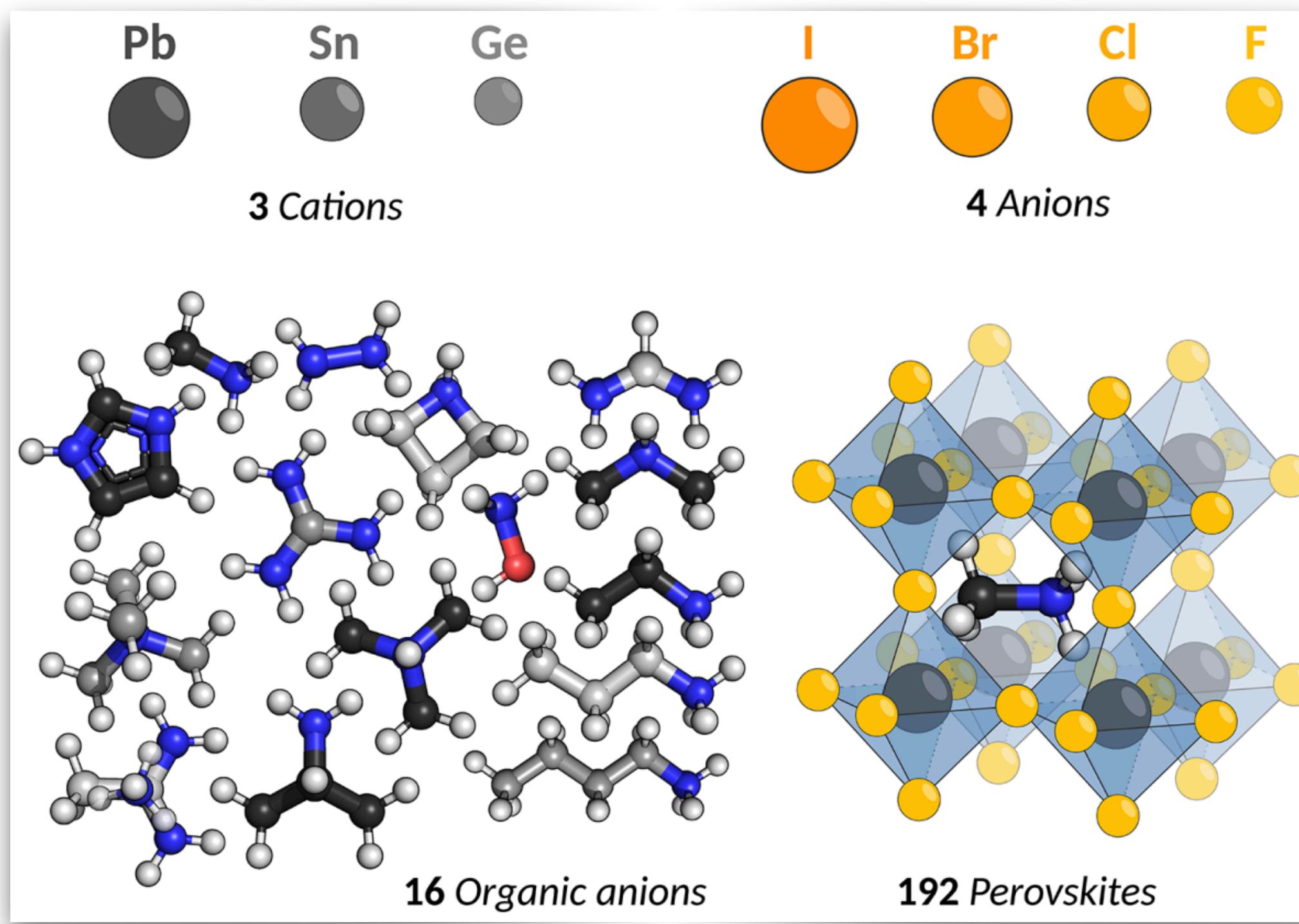
# Multi-fidelity prediction/optimization of bandgaps of hybrid organic-inorganic perovskites



- Lets put together everything we learned so far and extend our Bayesian optimization code to handle multi-fidelity optimization
- We'll re-use the perovskites data, only this time, we'll include a second dataset obtained using a much less expensive computational method

Measurement fidelity levels

- low fidelity: GGA bandgaps ( $E_g^{GGA}$ )
- high fidelity: HSE06 bandgaps ( $E_g^{HSE06}$ )

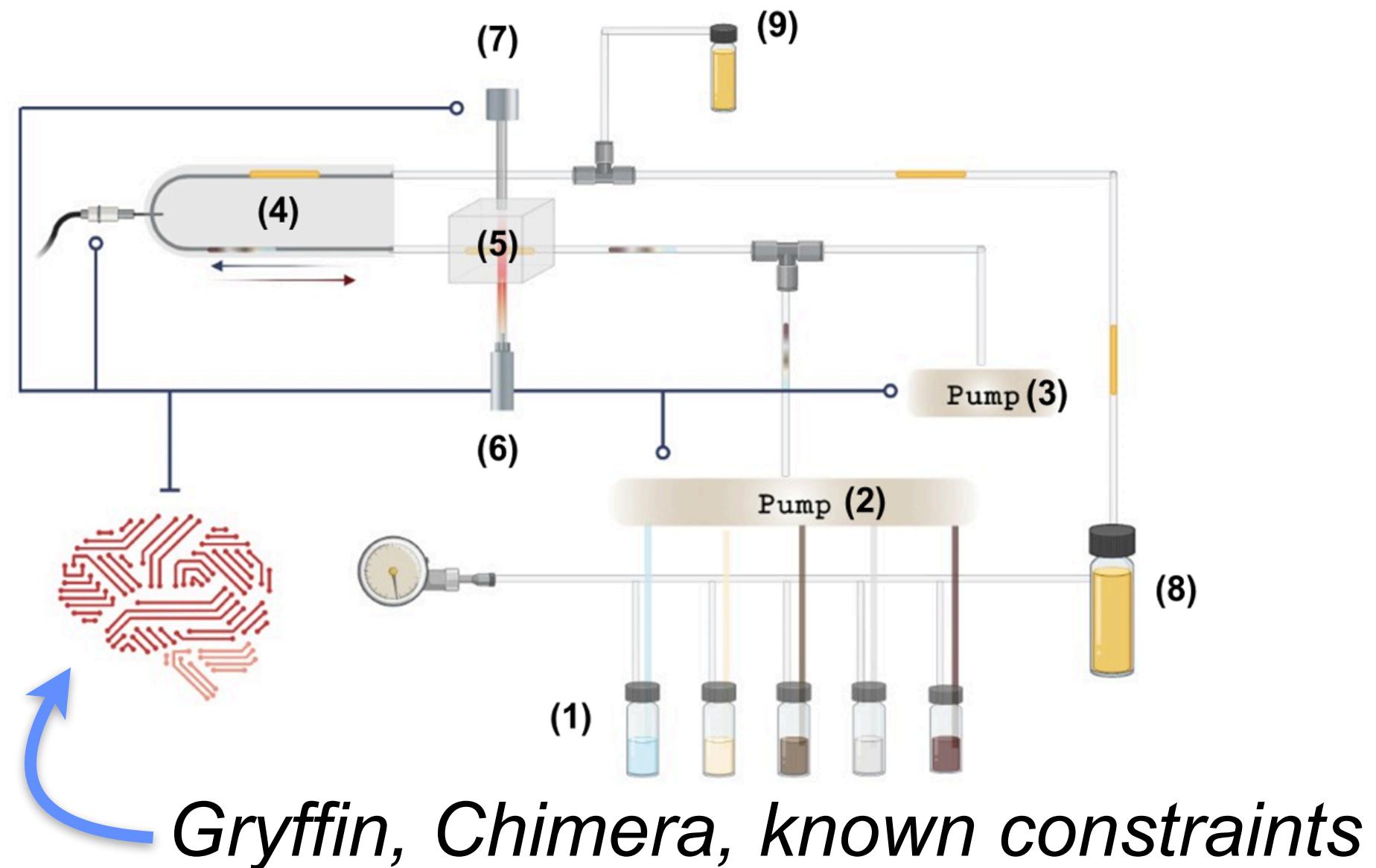
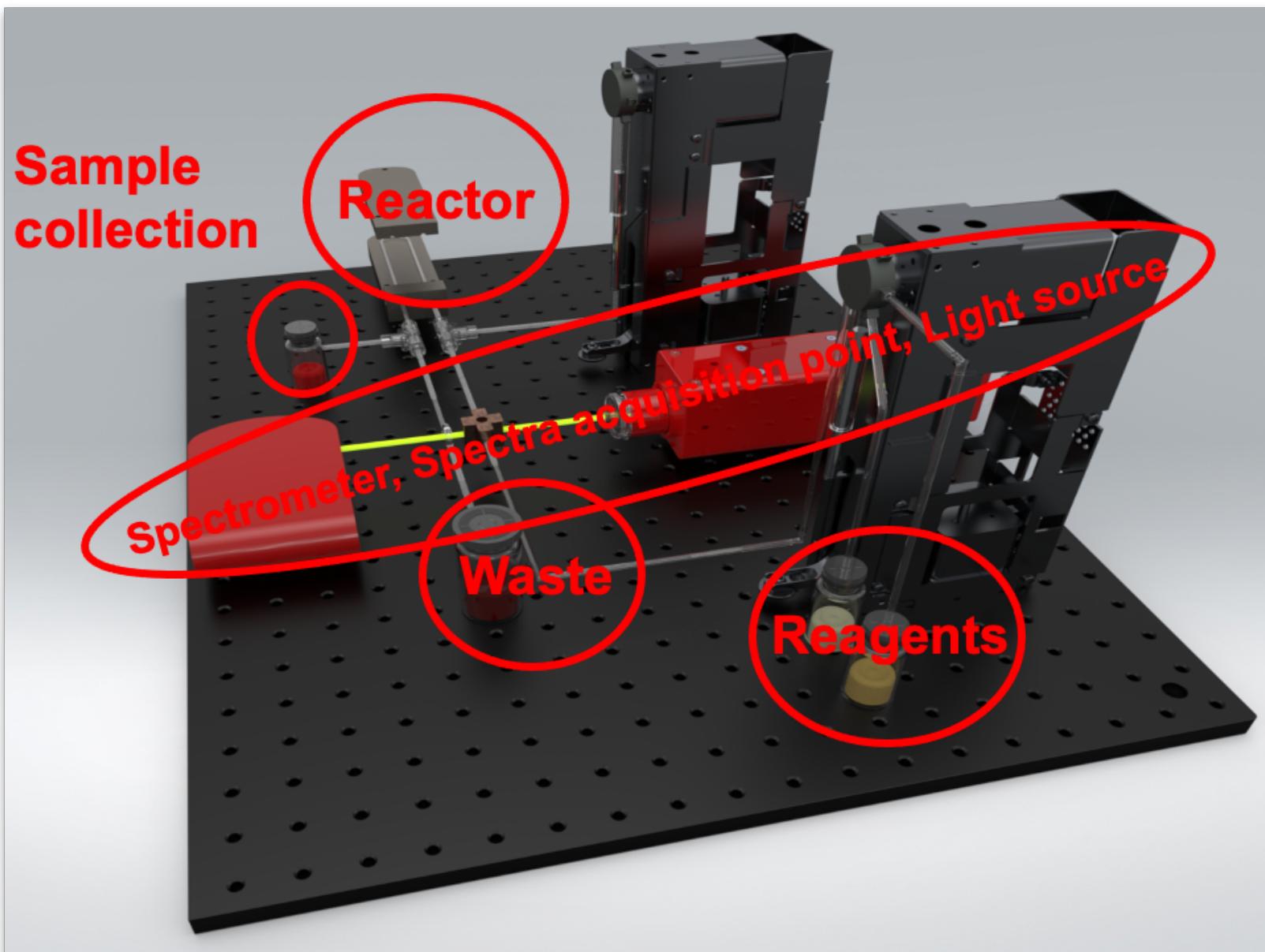


# Second coding session



# Seedless photoinitiated nanoparticle synthesis

- design of gold nanoparticles with targeted spectroscopic properties
- integration of BayesOpt tools with automated microfluidic reactor and characterization, fully automated self-driving lab (MF-ML platform)



(1) Reagents (2) Dispenser (3) Oscillator (4) Reactor (5) Flow cell (6) Light source (7) Spectrometer (8) Waste (9) Sample collection outlet

## Parameters (7)

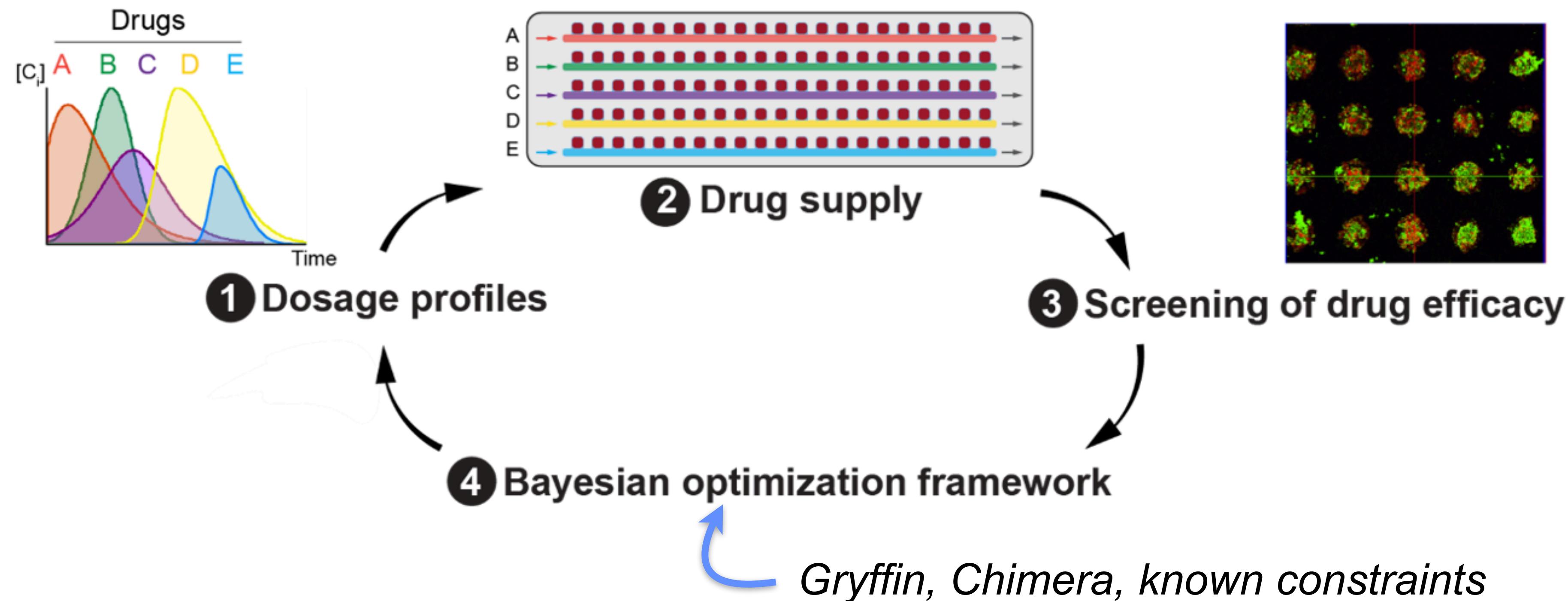
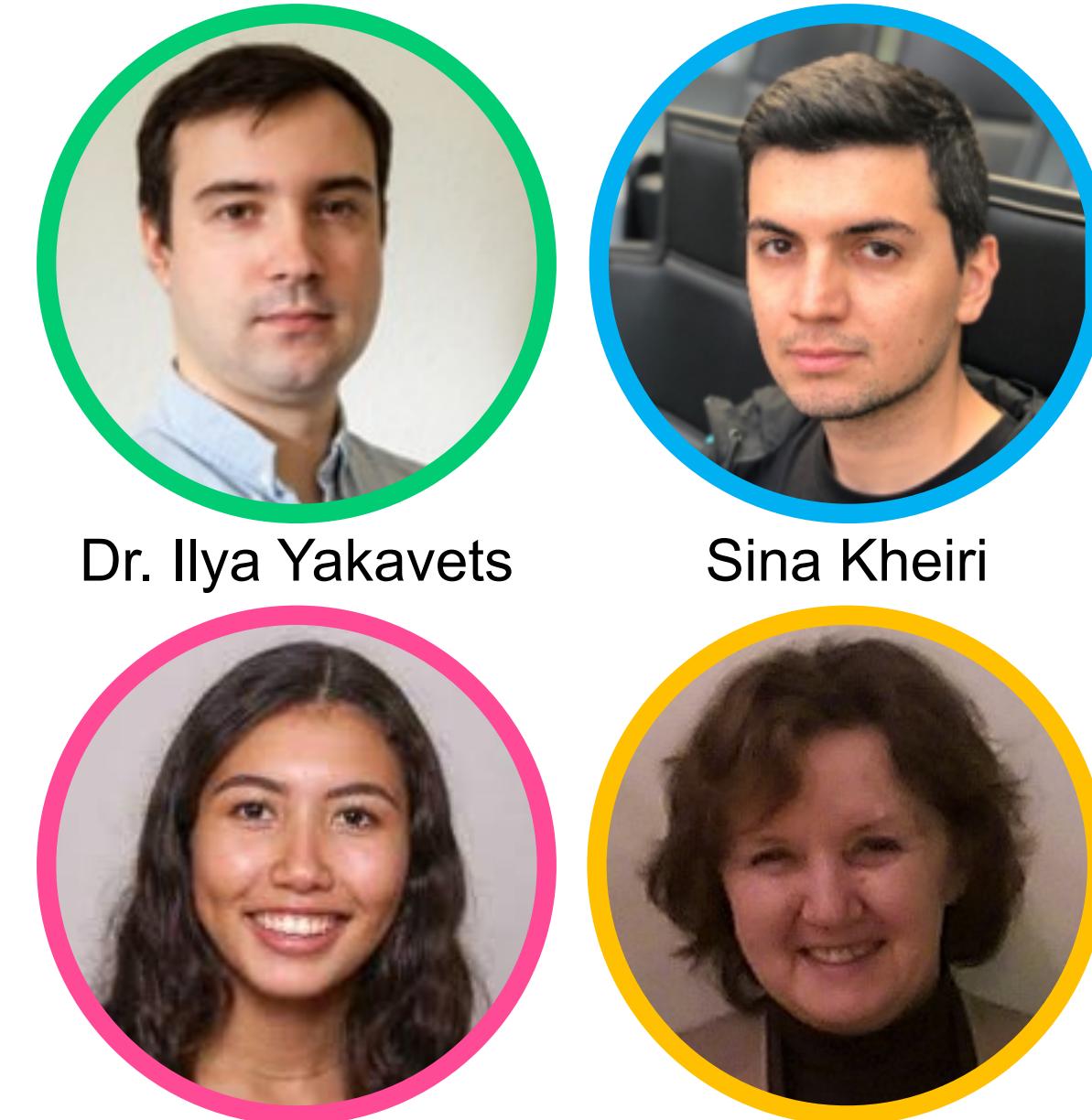
- concentration of reagents
- reaction time
- UV intensity
- mixing rate

## Objectives (4)

- spectroscopic characteristics of NPs

# *in vitro* design of combination cancer therapies

- Optimize for synergistic effects of multi-drug combinations (common breast cancer chemotherapy regime)
- Breast cancer spheroids subject to drugs in microfluidic array
- Treatment efficiency evaluated with live/dead assays based on fluorescence imaging



## Parameters (5)

- drug doses (concentration)
- dose time
- dose duration

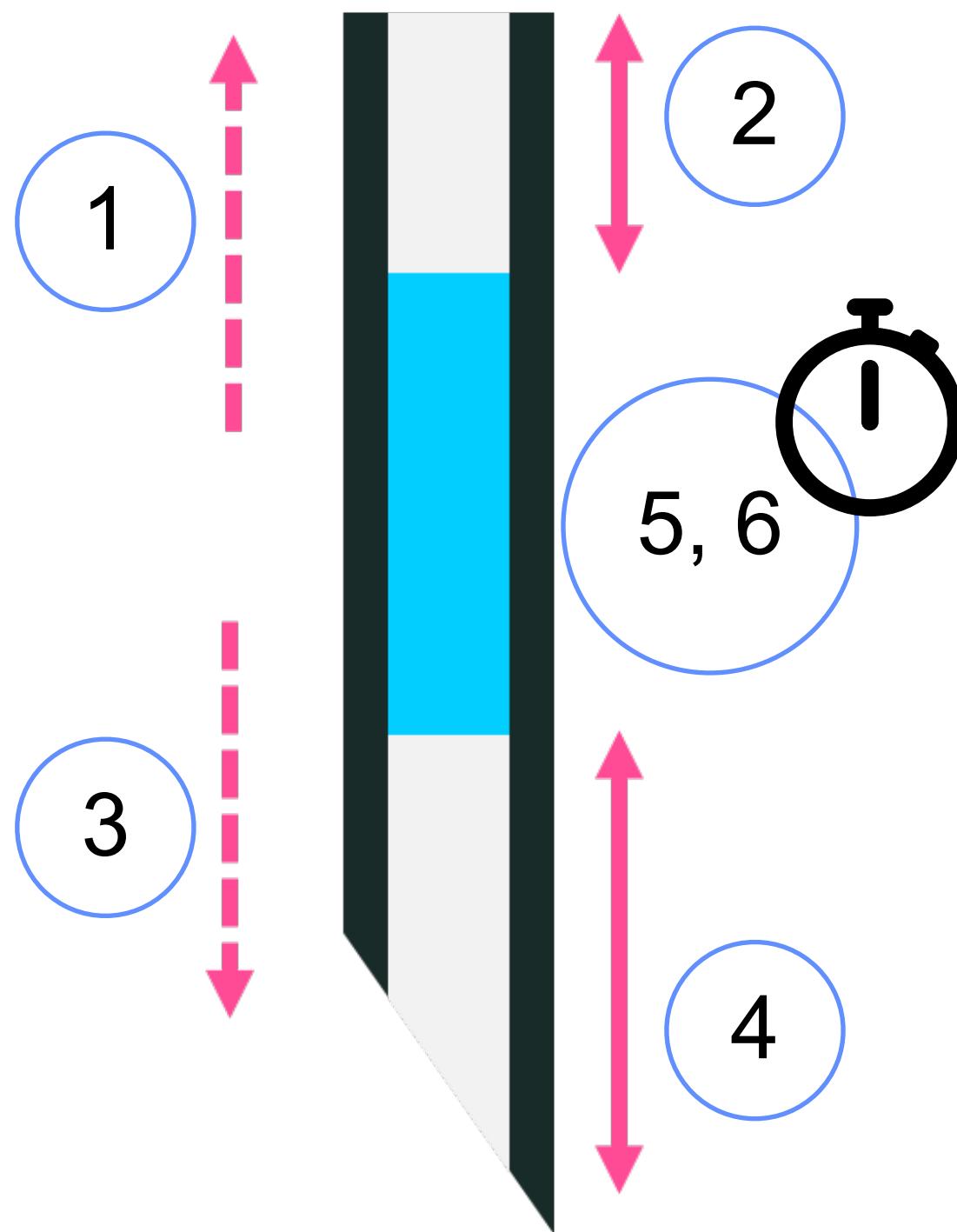
## Objectives (2)

- combination index
- cell viability

# Optimization of process parameters for accurate liquid dispensing with Chemspeed

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- Determine liquid specific process parameters for accurate and precise dispensing with Chemspeed robot
- BayesOpt framework interfaced with Python Chemspeed control
- Fully automated workflow enabled by balance placed inside Chemspeed



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Ella Rajaonson



Dr. Tony Wu

## Parameters (6)

1. Aspiration speed (source)
2. Airgap volume
3. Dispense speed (destination)
4. Post-airgap volume
5. Equilibration time (source)
6. Equilibration time (destination)

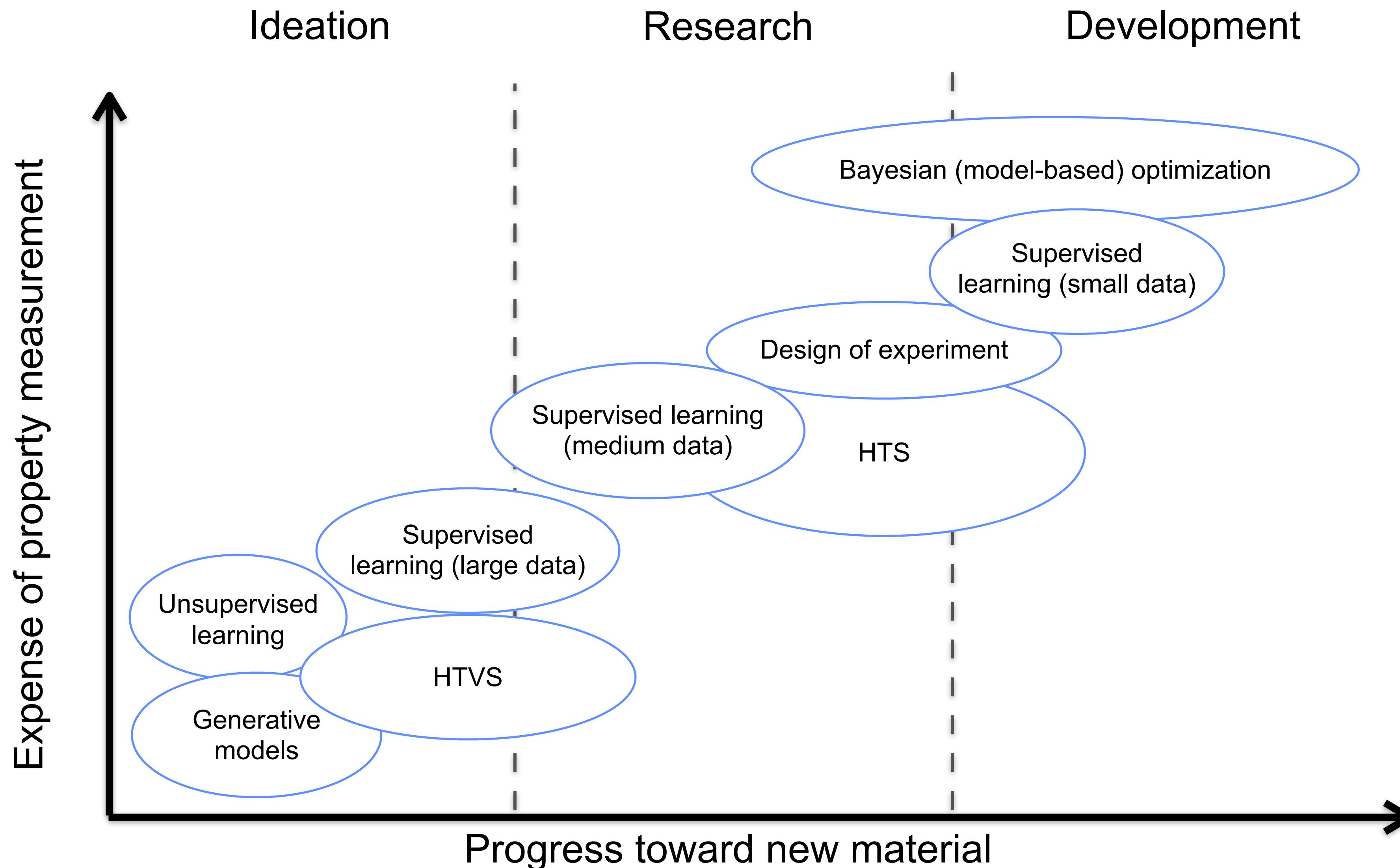
## Objectives (2)

1. Minimize mean relative error
2. Minimize standard deviation

**Thank you for your attention!  
Questions?**

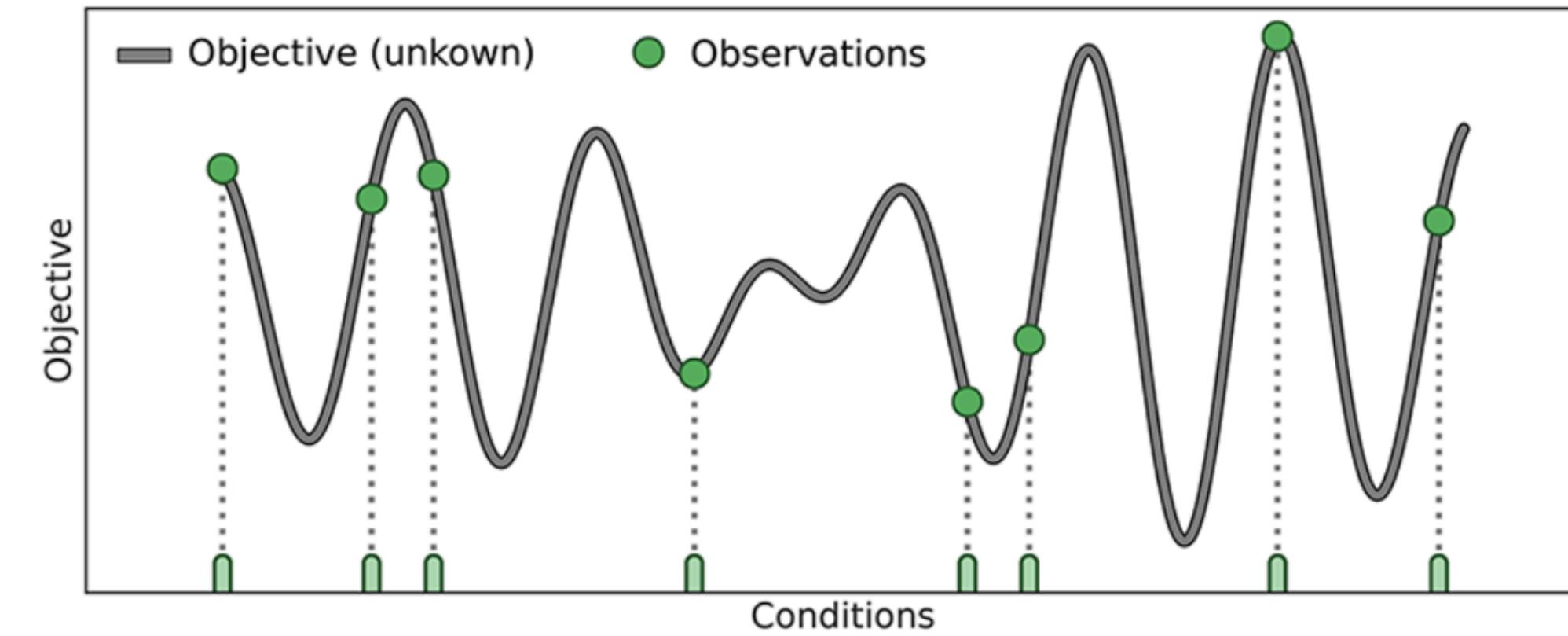
# Backup slides

# Tools for data-driven scientific innovation

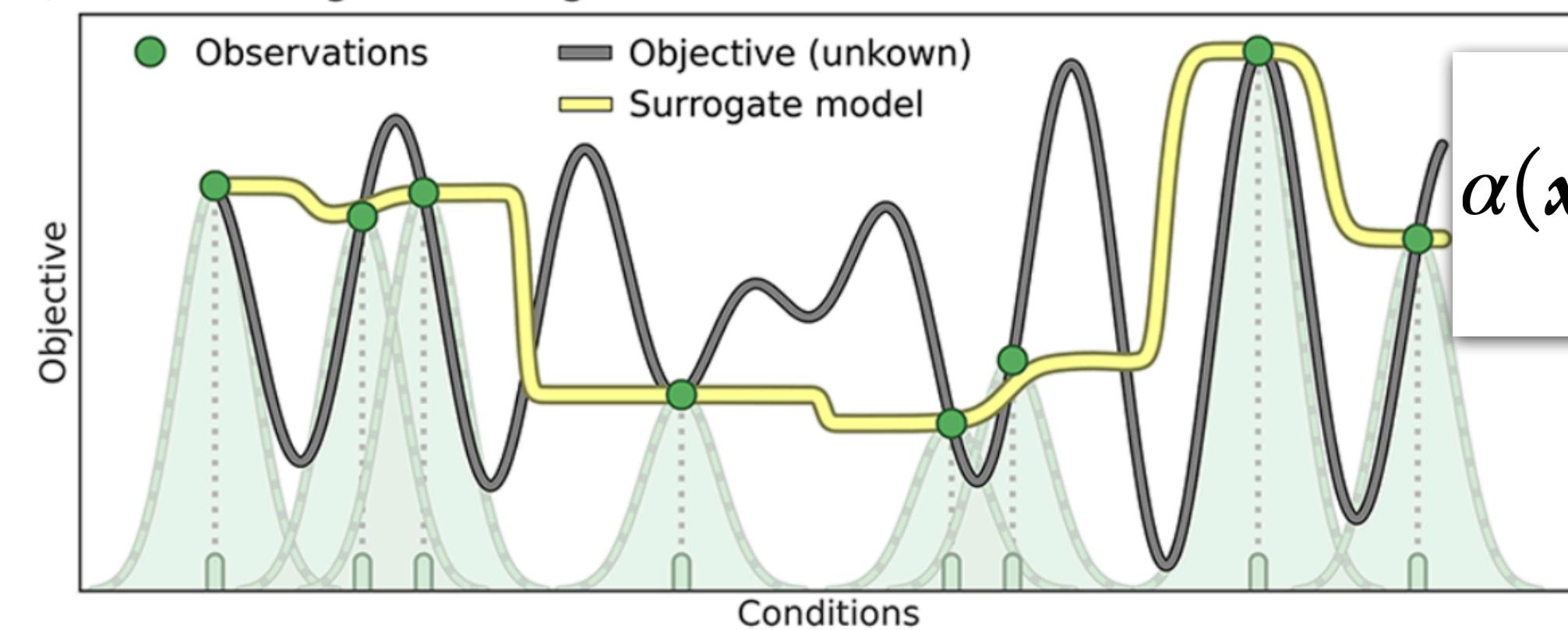


# Phoenics: Continuous-valued parameters

A) Available observations and unknown objective



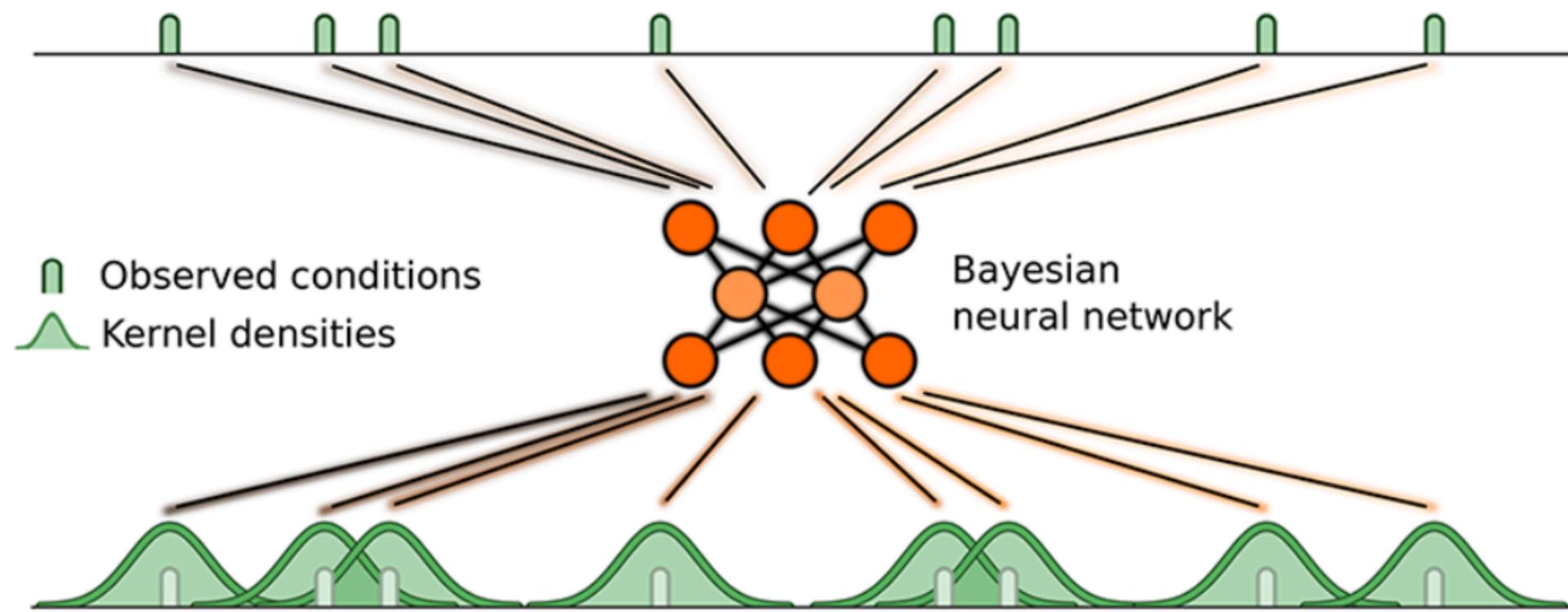
C) Constructing the surrogate model from the kernel densities



**Surrogate**

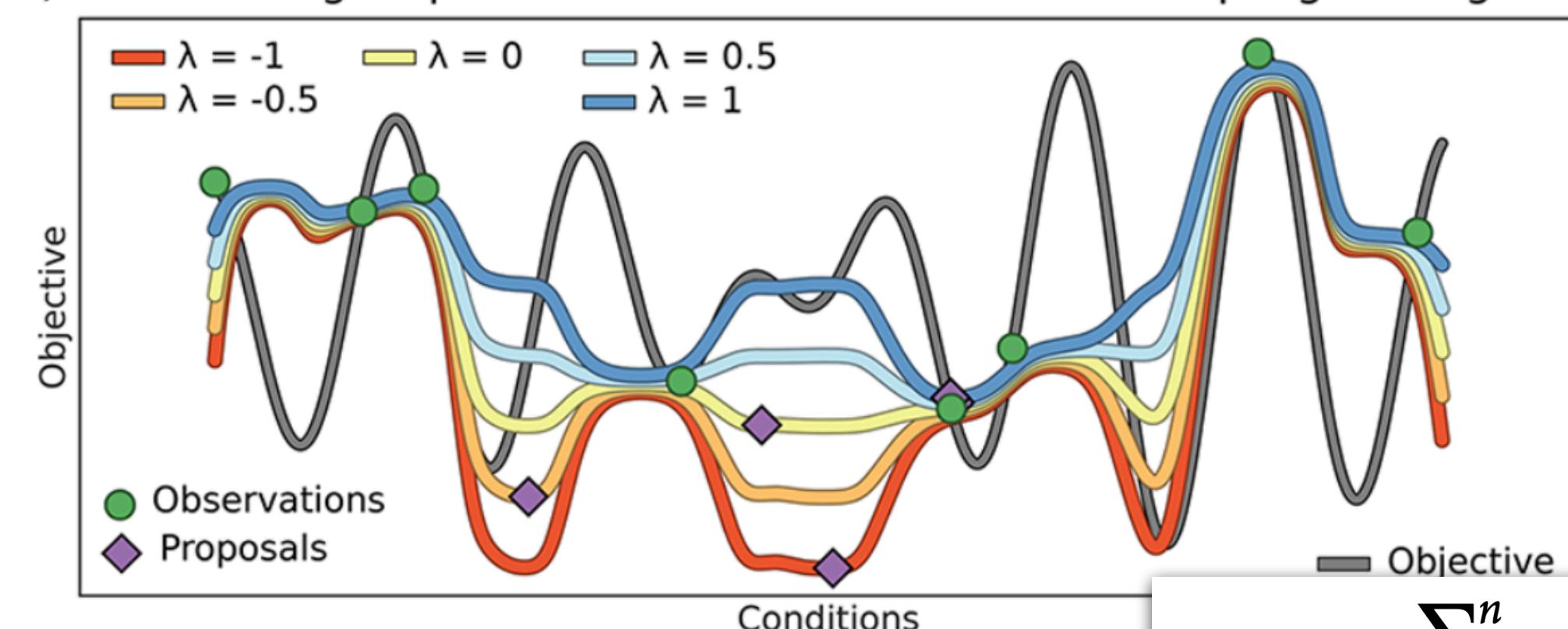
$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n f_k p_k(\mathbf{x})}{\sum_{k=1}^n p_k(\mathbf{x})}$$

B) Estimation of kernel densities



$$p_k(\mathbf{x}) = \left\langle \sqrt{\frac{\tau_n}{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{\tau_n}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{\text{pred}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{x}_k))^2\right] \right\rangle_{\text{BNN}}$$

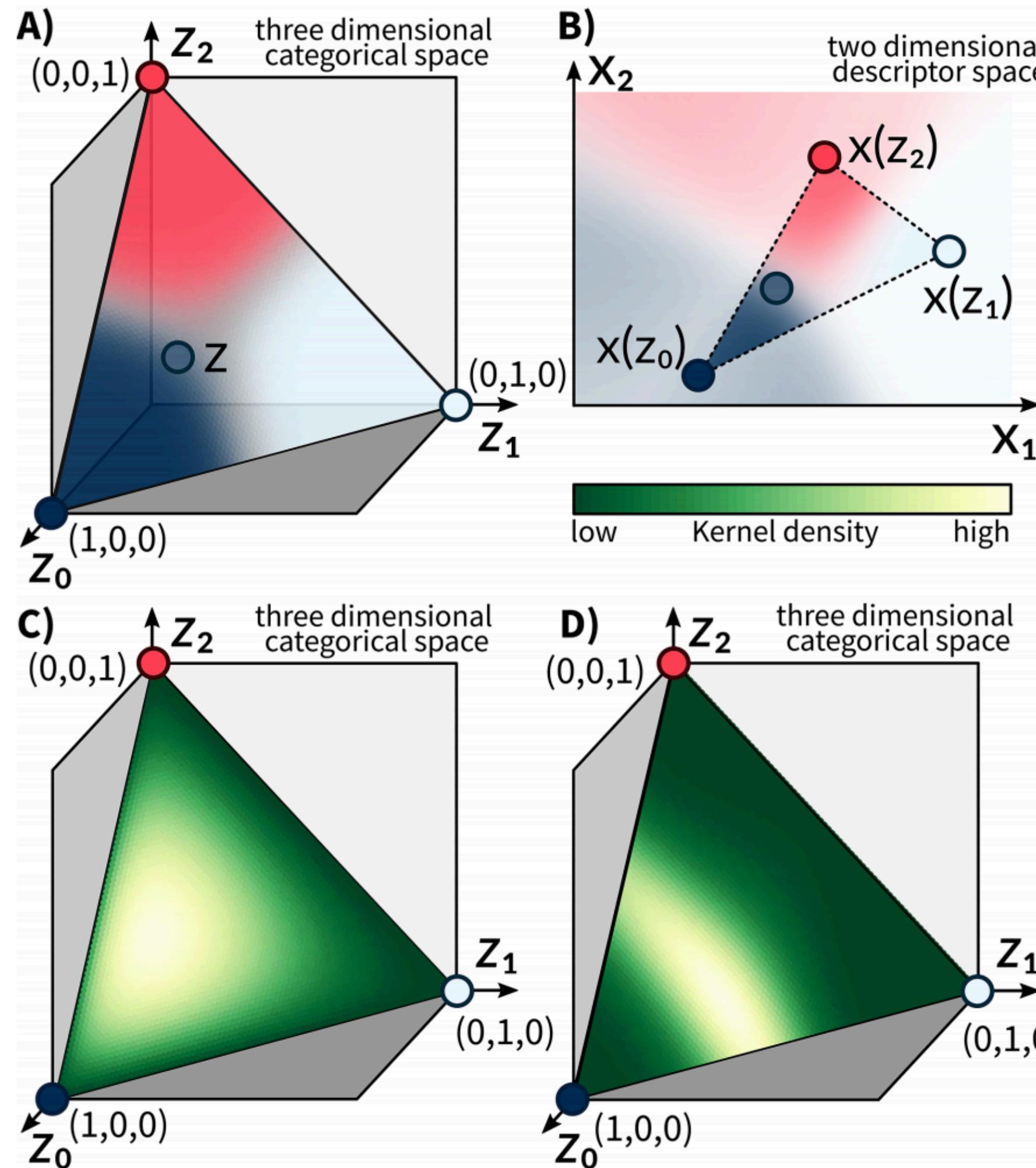
D) Constructing acquisition functions with different sampling strategies



**Acquisition**

$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n f_k p_k(\mathbf{x}) + \lambda p_{\text{uniform}}(\mathbf{x})}{\sum_{k=1}^n p_k(\mathbf{x}) + p_{\text{uniform}}(\mathbf{x})}$$

# Gryffin: Categorical-valued parameters



## Probability density

$$p_{\pi, \tau}(\mathbf{z}) = \Gamma(n)\tau^{n-1} \prod_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{\pi z_k^{-\tau-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \pi z_i^{-\tau}} \right)$$

## Sampling

$$z_k = \frac{\exp((\log \pi + g_k)/\tau)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \exp((\log \pi + g_k)/\tau)}$$

## Acquisition

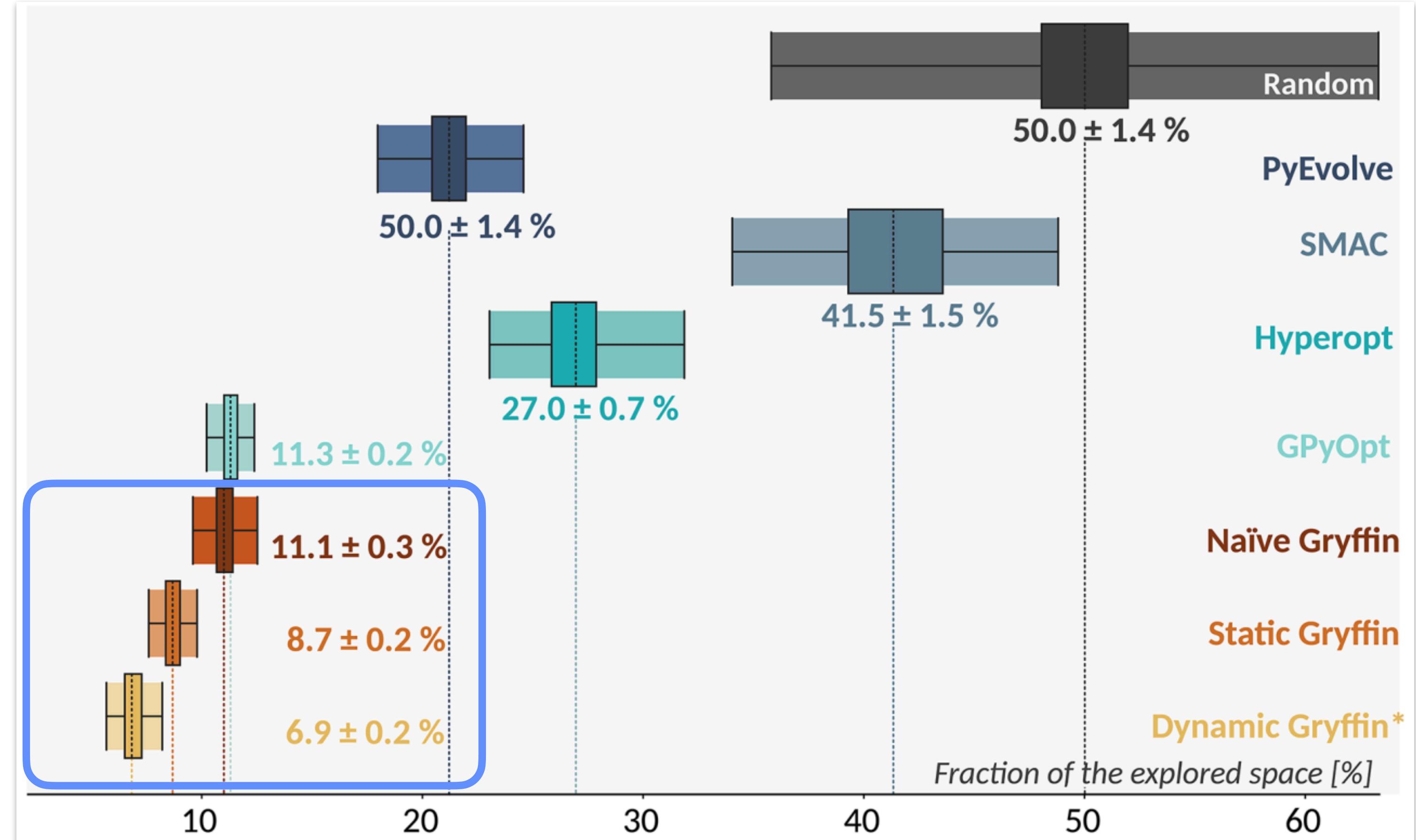
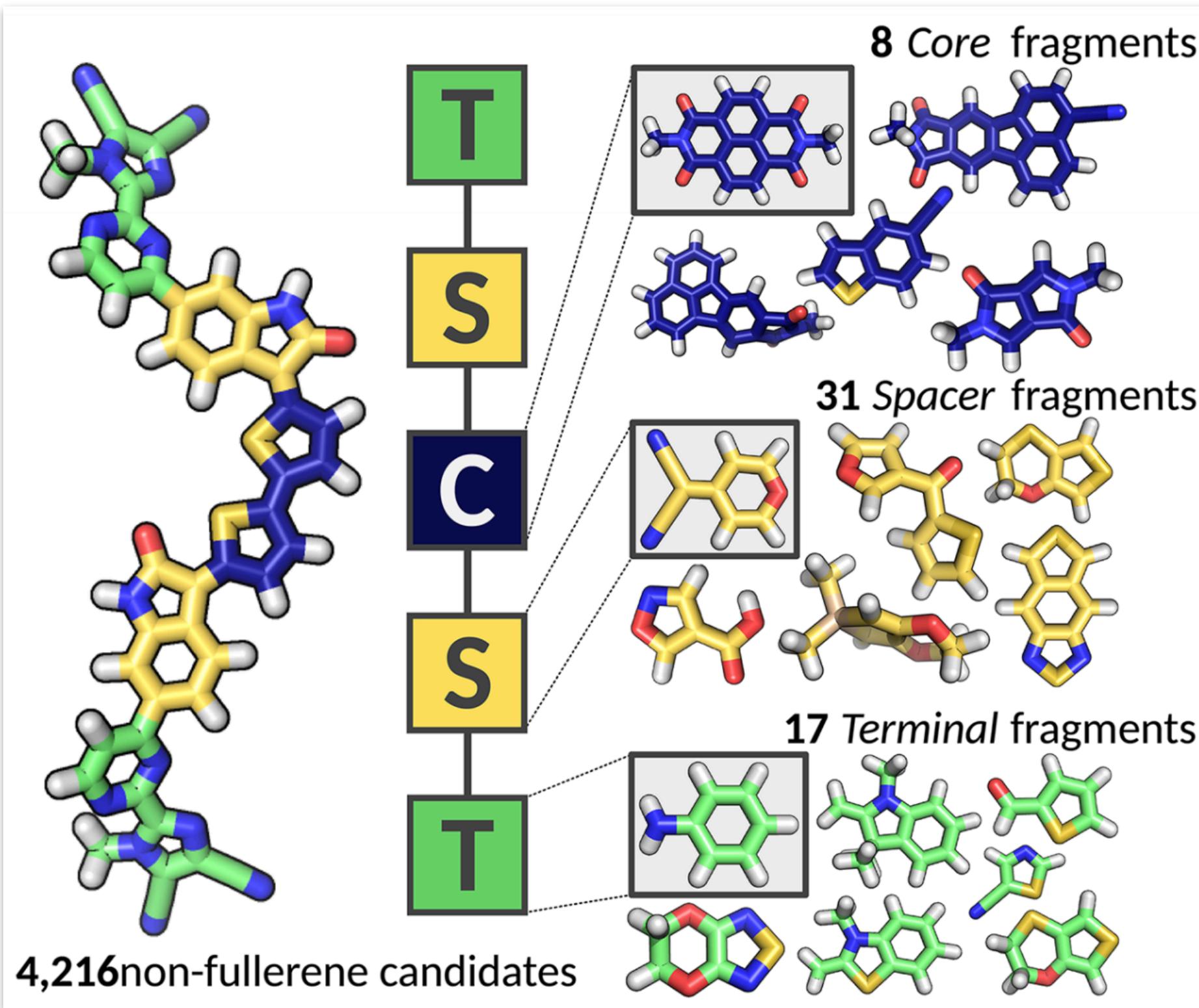
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**Naive Gryffin:** Equal covariances between options

**Static Gryffin:** Refined metric using descriptors

**Dynamic Gryffin:** Refined descriptors using perceptron

# Gryffin: Opt. of PCEs of non-fullerene acceptors



# “Known” and “unknown” constraints

## ***Known constraints***

- constraints on parameters known *a priori* by the scientist
- physical constraints on implementation, safety considerations, user preference, prior knowledge, etc.

E.g.

- glassware has max volume, s.t.  $\text{vol}(A) + \text{vol}(B) < 20 \text{ mL}$
- temperature bounds depend on solvent identity,  $10 < T < 100^\circ\text{C}$  if  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $10 < T < 66^\circ\text{C}$  if THF

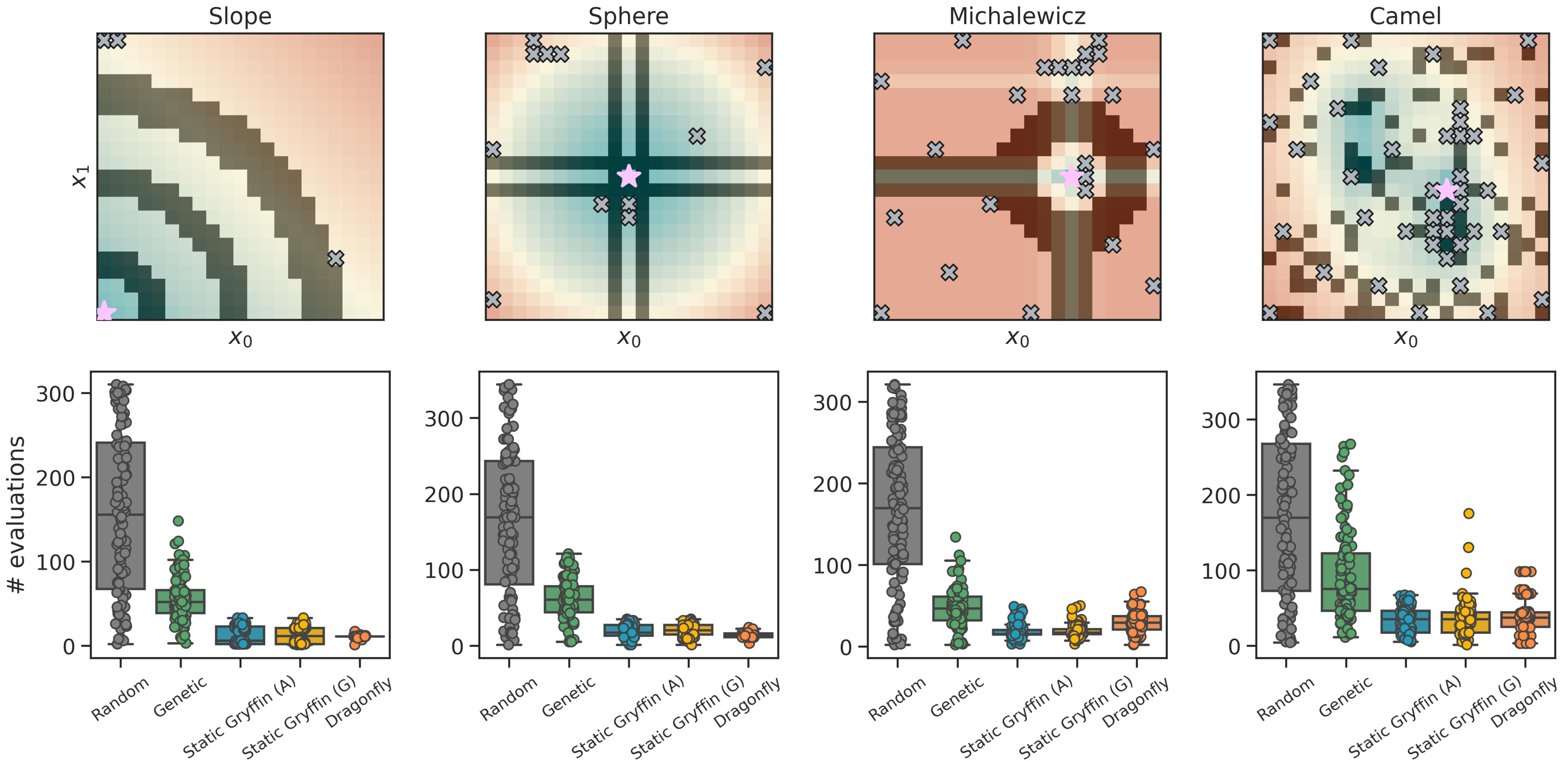
## ***Unknown constraints***

- unexpected parameter constraints that are identified “on-the-fly”
- parameter settings that essentially return “NaN” values

E.g.

- unexpected experimental failures
- “abandoned” syntheses
- unstable molecules or materials
- insufficient conditions for property measurements

# Known constraints: Synthetic tests



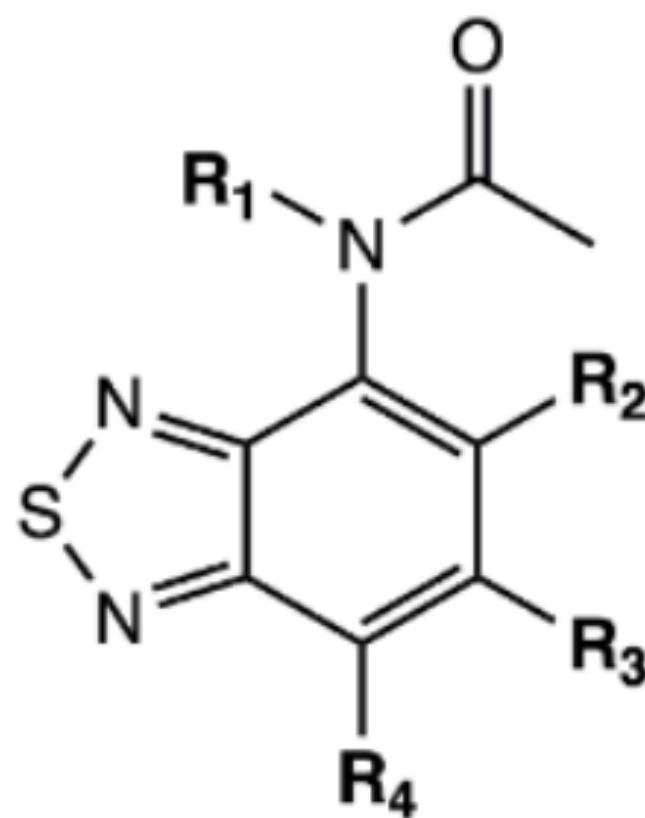
# Known constraints: Design of redox-active materials for flow batteries



- Design of redox-active materials for flow batteries with synthetic accessibility constraints

## a Design space

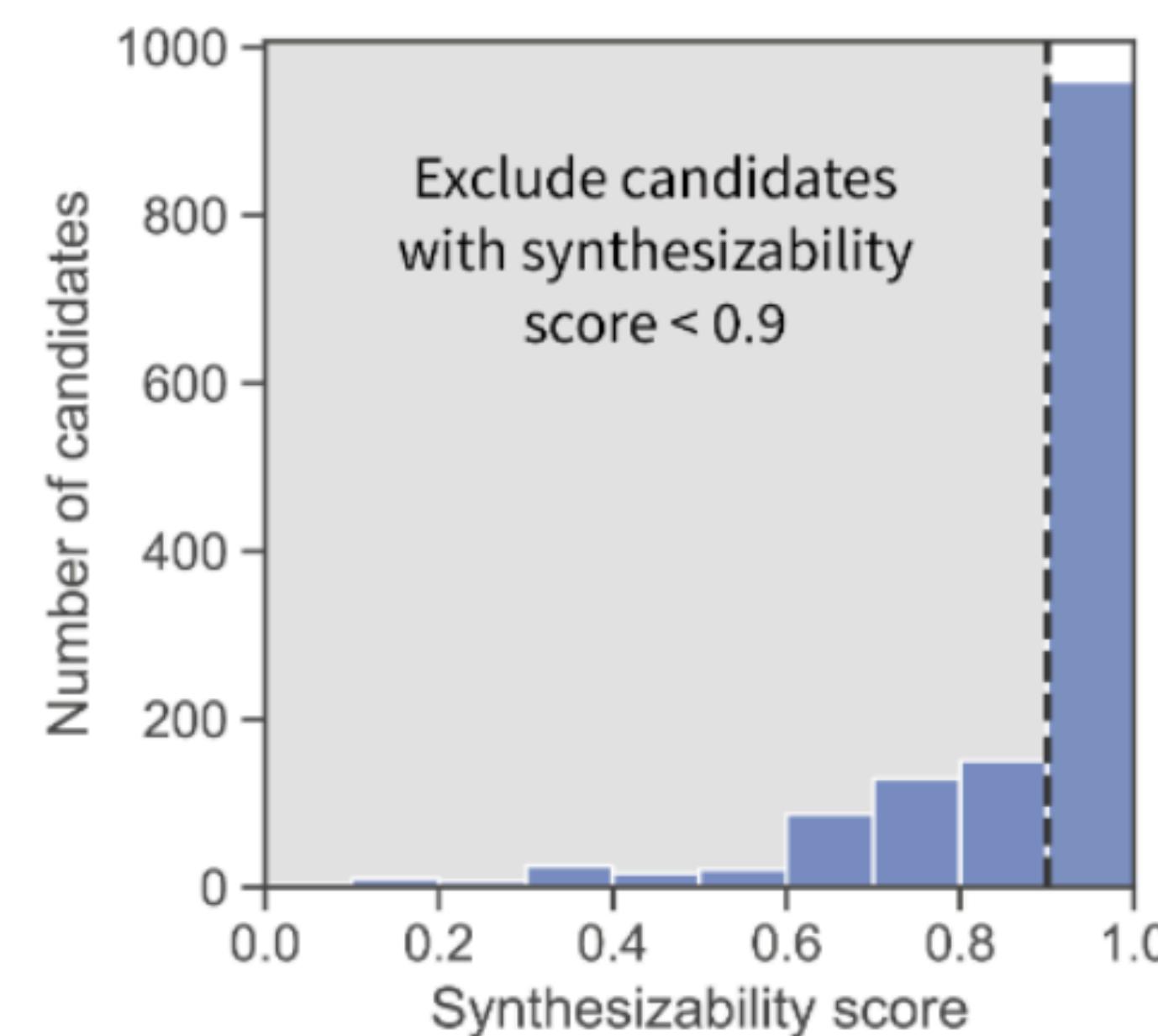
$2 R_1 * 8 R_2 * 8 R_3 * 12 R_4 = 1408$  candidates



**R<sub>1</sub>** = -CCOC, -CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>  
**R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>** = -CH<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -CN,  
-OCH<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, -SCH<sub>3</sub>,  
-SCF<sub>3</sub>, -N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>  
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-SCF<sub>3</sub>, -N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, -NO<sub>2</sub>,  
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Agarwal et al. *Chem. Mater.* **33**, 8133-8144 (2021)

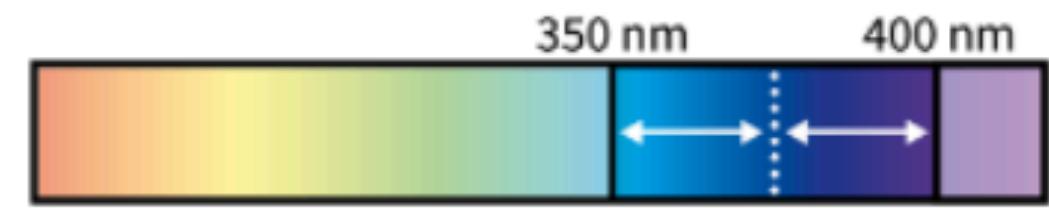
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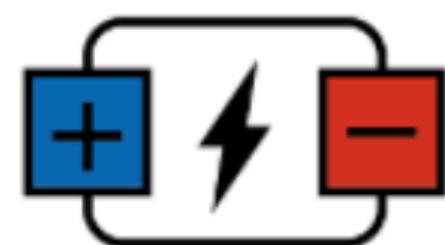
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## c Objectives

1 Achieve absorption wavelength ( $\lambda^{\text{abs}}$ ) in 350-400 nm range



2 Achieve reduction potential ( $E^{\text{red}}$ ) < 2.04 V

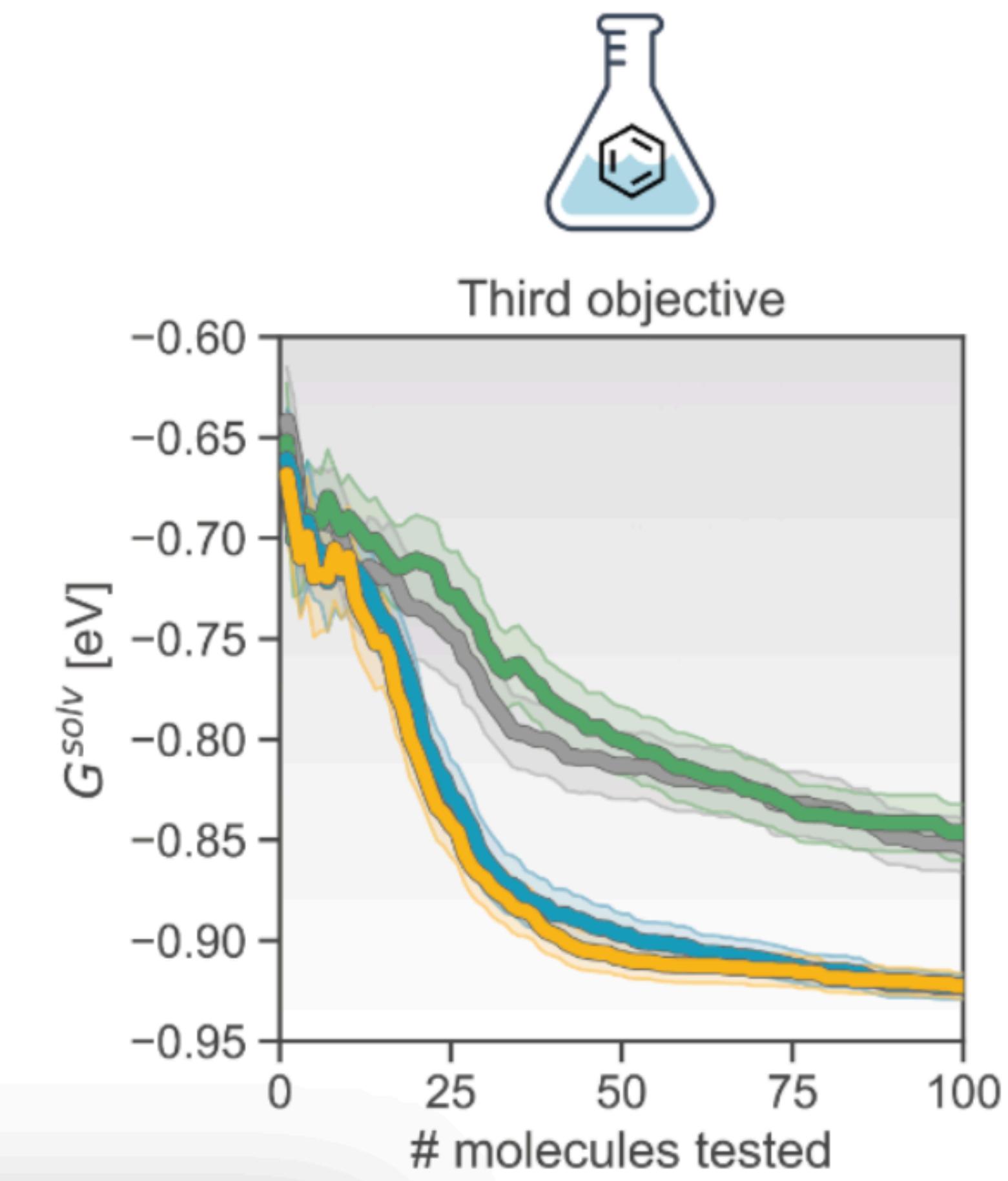
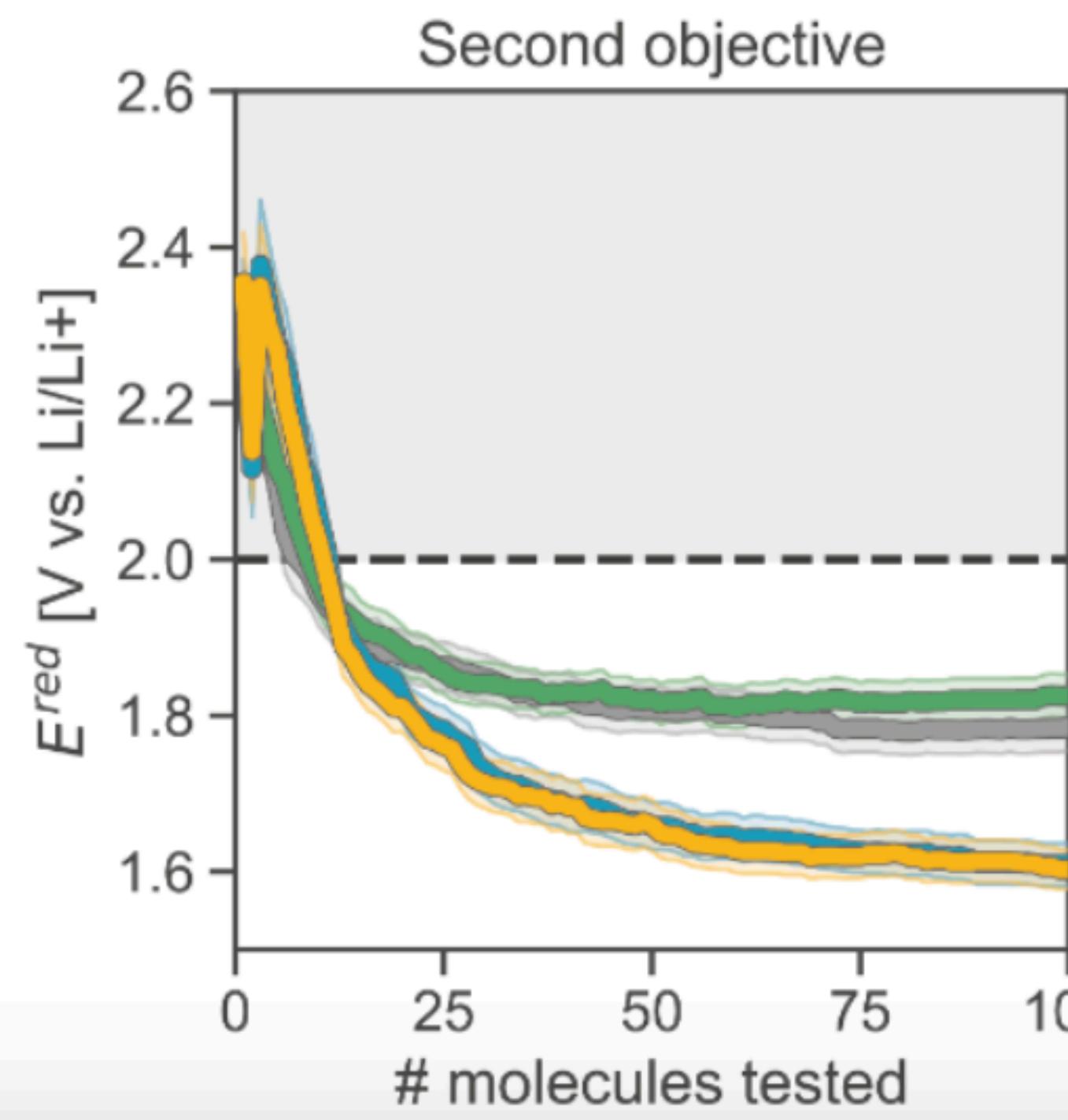
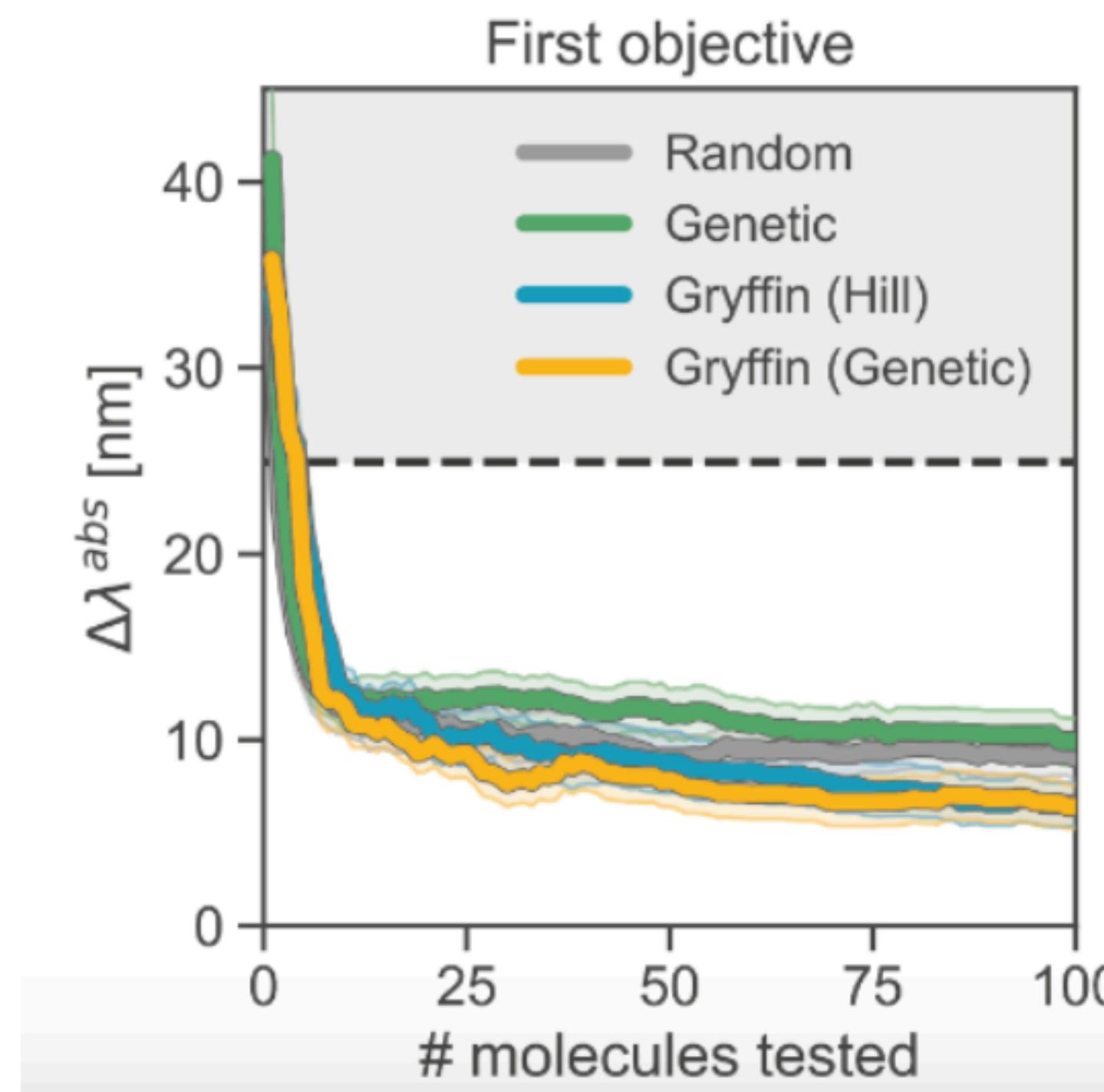
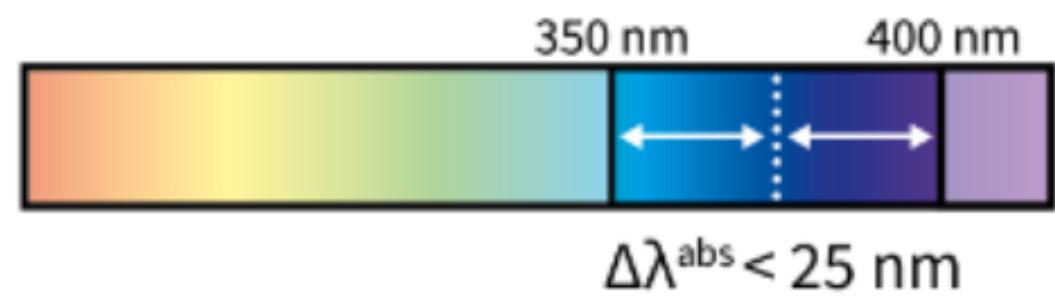


3 Minimize solvation free energy ( $G^{\text{solv}}$ )



# Known constraints: Design of redox-active materials for flow batteries

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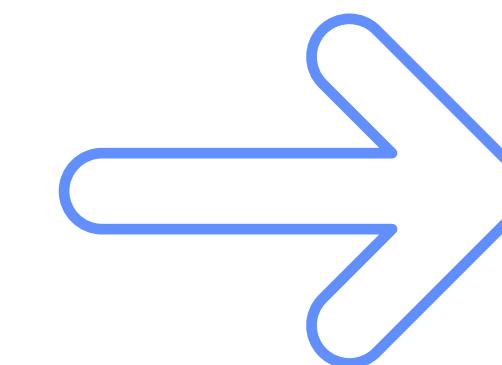
# Unknown constraints: Inferring the constraint function on-the-fly



- constraint function,  $c(x)$ , is now *a priori* unknown
- $c(x)$  must be resolved by sequential measurement, much like objective function  $f(x)$
- Approach: construct a Bayes classifier based on *Gryffin* (Gumbel-softmax) *Phoenics* (Gaussian) kernel densities
- Model  $f(x)$  and  $c(x)$  at the same time, then combine their contributions into a single acquisition function

## Bayes' theorem

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A) P(A)}{P(B)}$$



## Bayes classifier

$$P(\text{feasible}|\boldsymbol{x}) \propto P(\boldsymbol{x}|\text{feasible}) P(\text{feasible})$$

*Prior*, fraction of feasible samples observed  

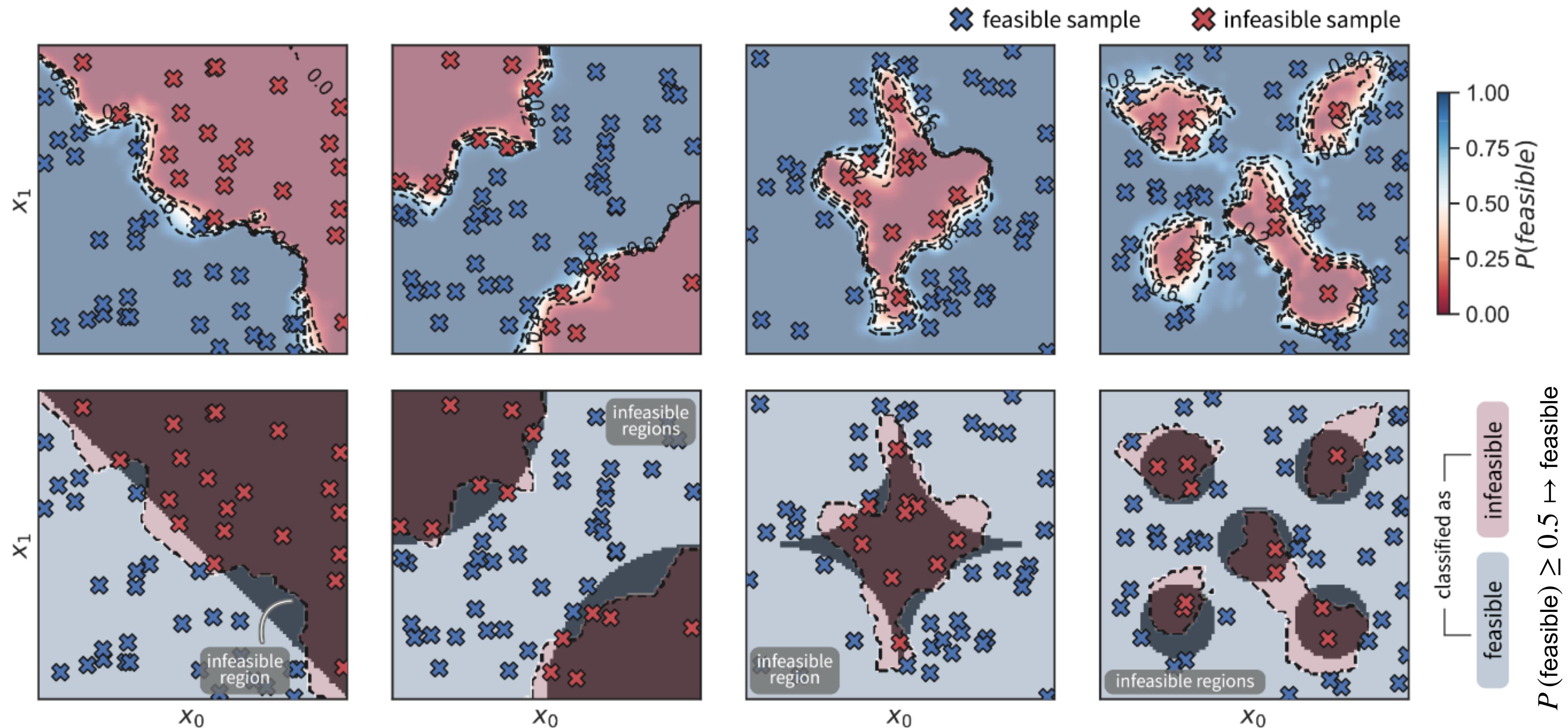



*Likelihood*, from kernel density estimate

# Unknown constraints: Inferring the constraint function on-the-fly



- Demonstration of Bayes classifier learning constraints on 2-dimensional surfaces



# Unknown constraints: Feasibility aware acquisition functions



- Model  $f(x)$  and  $c(x)$  at the same time, then combine their contributions into a single acquisition function
- Testing 3 distinct approaches for combined acquisition functions

## Feasibility-weighted acquisition (FWA)

$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}) \times P(\text{feasible}|\mathbf{x})$$

R. B. Gramacy, et al. arXiv:11004.402 [stat.ME] (2010)

M. A. Gelbart, et al. arXiv:1403.5607 [stat.ML] (2014)

## Feasibility-interpolated acquisition (FIA)

$$(1 - c^t) \times \alpha(\mathbf{x}) + c^t \times P(\text{feasible}|\mathbf{x})$$

$$c = N_{\text{infeas}} / N_{\text{tot}} ; \quad t \in \mathbb{R}_+$$

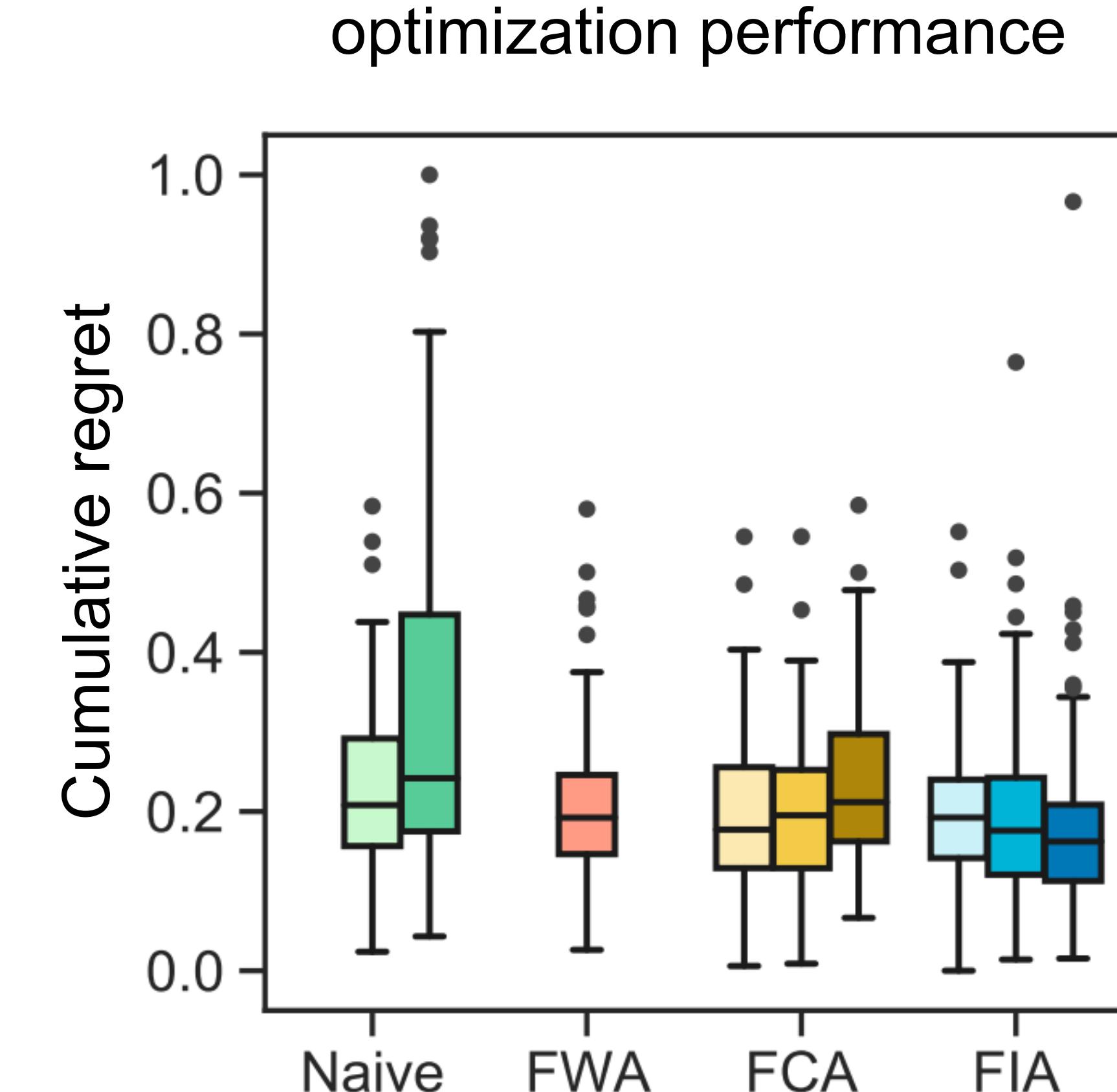
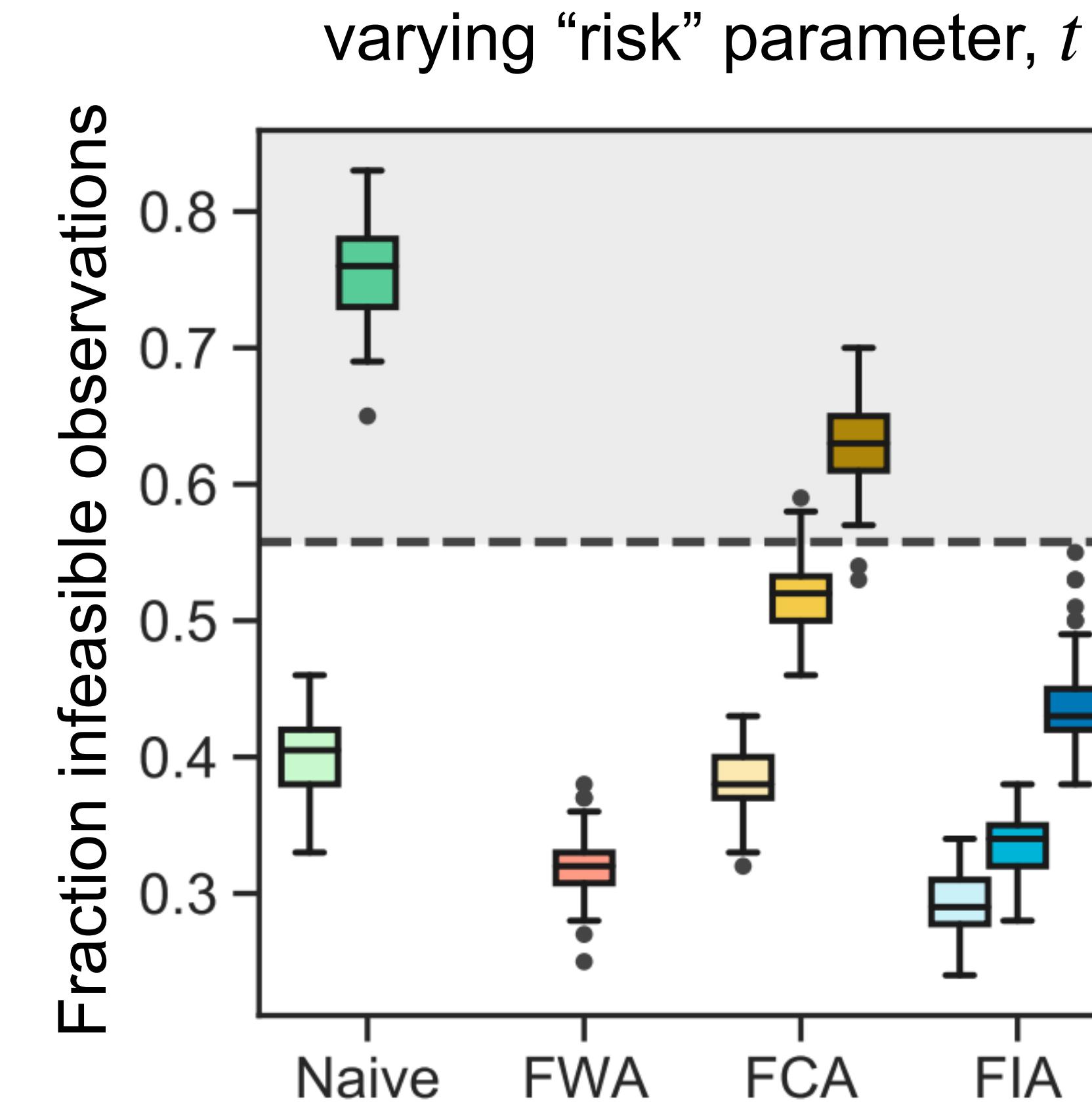
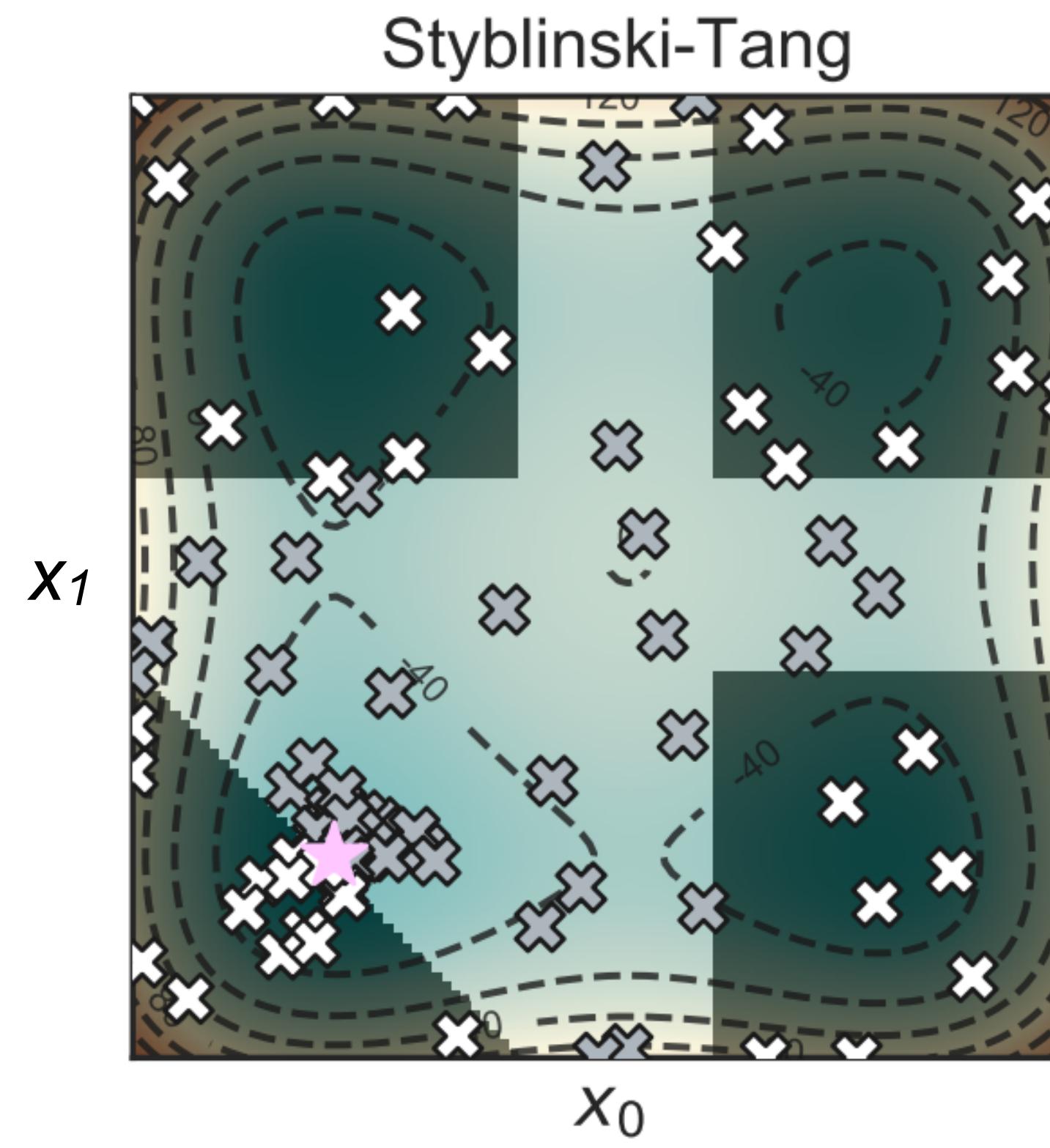
## Feasibility-constrained acquisition (FCA)

$$\alpha(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{s.t. } P(\text{feasible}|\mathbf{x}) > t ; \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

A. Candelieri, *J. Glob. Optim.* **79**, 281-303 (2019)

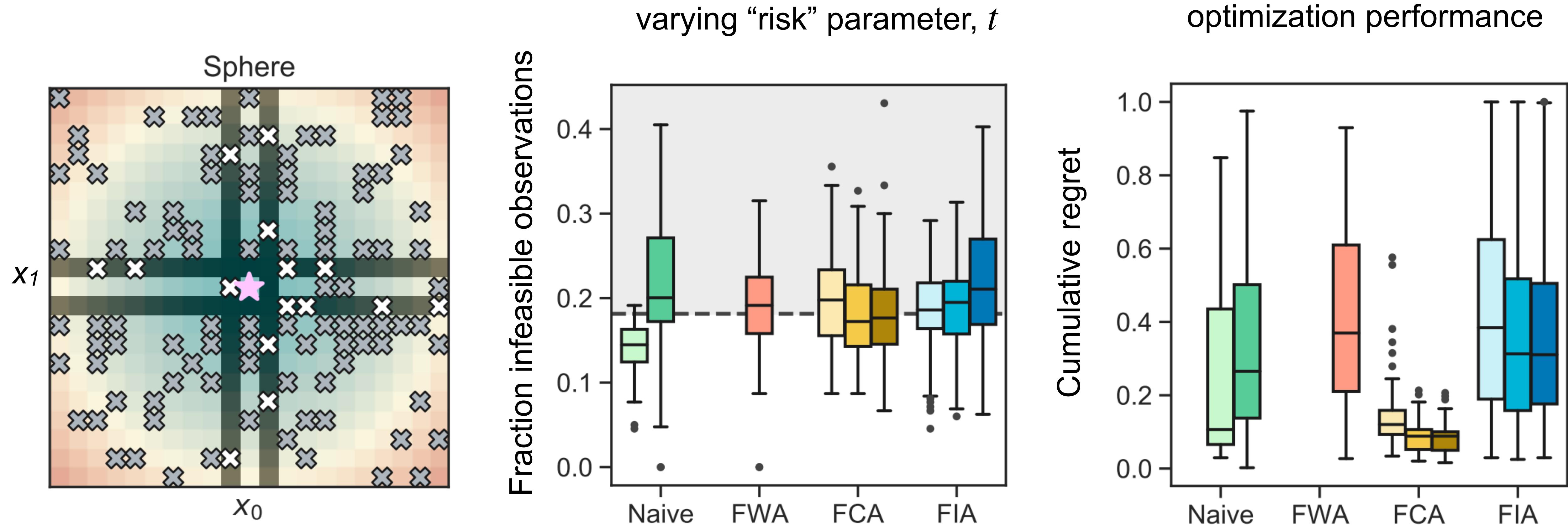
# Unknown constraints: Synthetic tests (continuous parameters)



FCA (left to right):  $t = \{0.8, 0.5, 0.2\}$

FIA (left to right):  $t = \{0.5, 1, 2\}$

# Unknown constraints: Synthetic tests (categorical tests)



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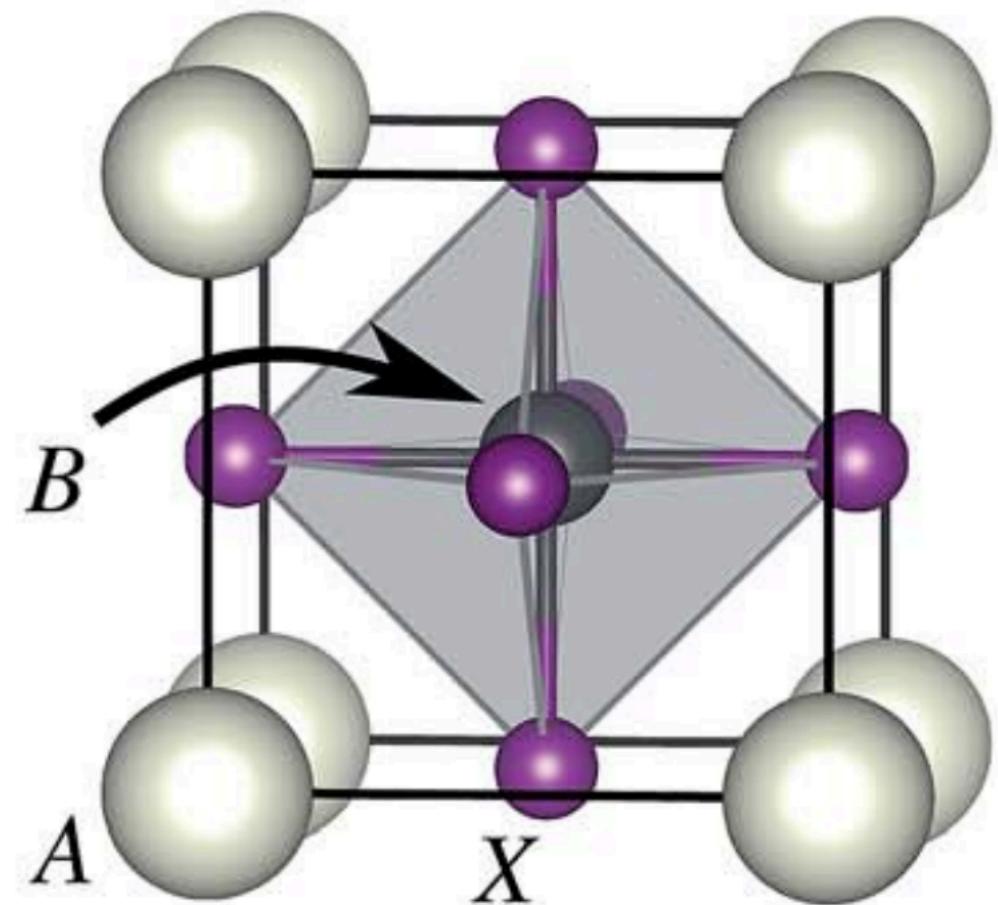
# Unknown constraints: Computational design of stable HOIP perovskites



## Stable hybrid organic-inorganic halide perovskites for photovoltaics from *ab initio* high-throughput calculations<sup>†</sup>

Sabine Körbel, <sup>‡a</sup> Miguel A. L. Marques <sup>b</sup> and Silvana Botti <sup>\*ac</sup>

111/1276 stable  
 $A^+B^{2-}X_3^-$  materials



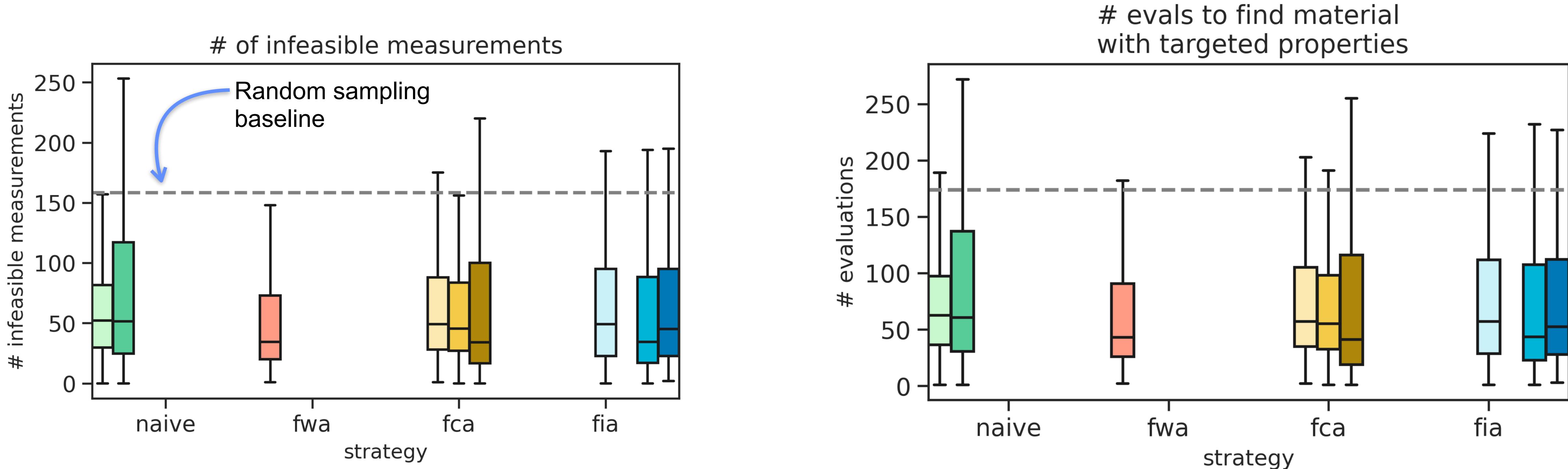
### Parameters

- molecular organic cation, A (11 options)
- divalent metal, B (29 options)
- halogen, X (4 options)

### Objectives

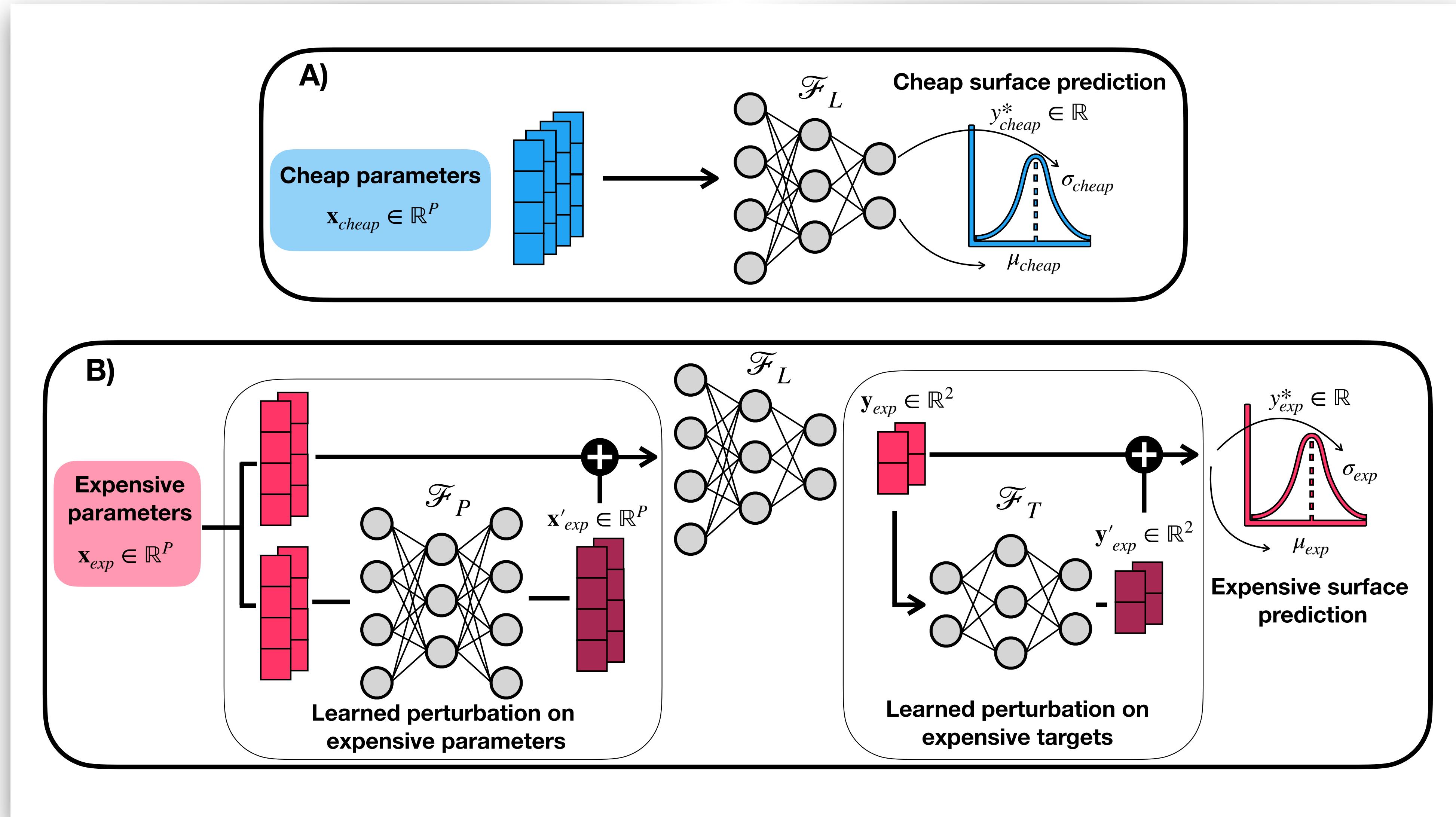
- Achieve bandgap of  $1.25 \pm 0.5$  eV
- Minimize effective mass (threshold of 4.0)
- **9/1276** materials that are stable and satisfy both objectives

# Unknown constraints: Computational design of stable HOIP perovskites



-	Random	N-0	N-FIA-1000	FWA	FCA-0.2	FCA-0.5	FCA-0.8	FIA-0.5	FIA-1	FIA-2
# nans	$158.5 \pm 0.7$	$51.5 \pm 0.9$	$52.0 \pm 0.5$	$34.5 \pm 0.8$	$34.0 \pm 1.0$	$45.5 \pm 0.5$	$49.0 \pm 0.6$	$49.0 \pm 0.8$	$34.5 \pm 0.6$	$45.0 \pm 0.6$
# evals	$174.0 \pm 0.7$	$62.5 \pm 0.6$	$60.5 \pm 1.0$	$43.0 \pm 0.8$	$41.0 \pm 1.2$	$55.0 \pm 0.6$	$57.0 \pm 0.6$	$57.0 \pm 0.9$	$43.5 \pm 0.7$	$52.5 \pm 0.7$

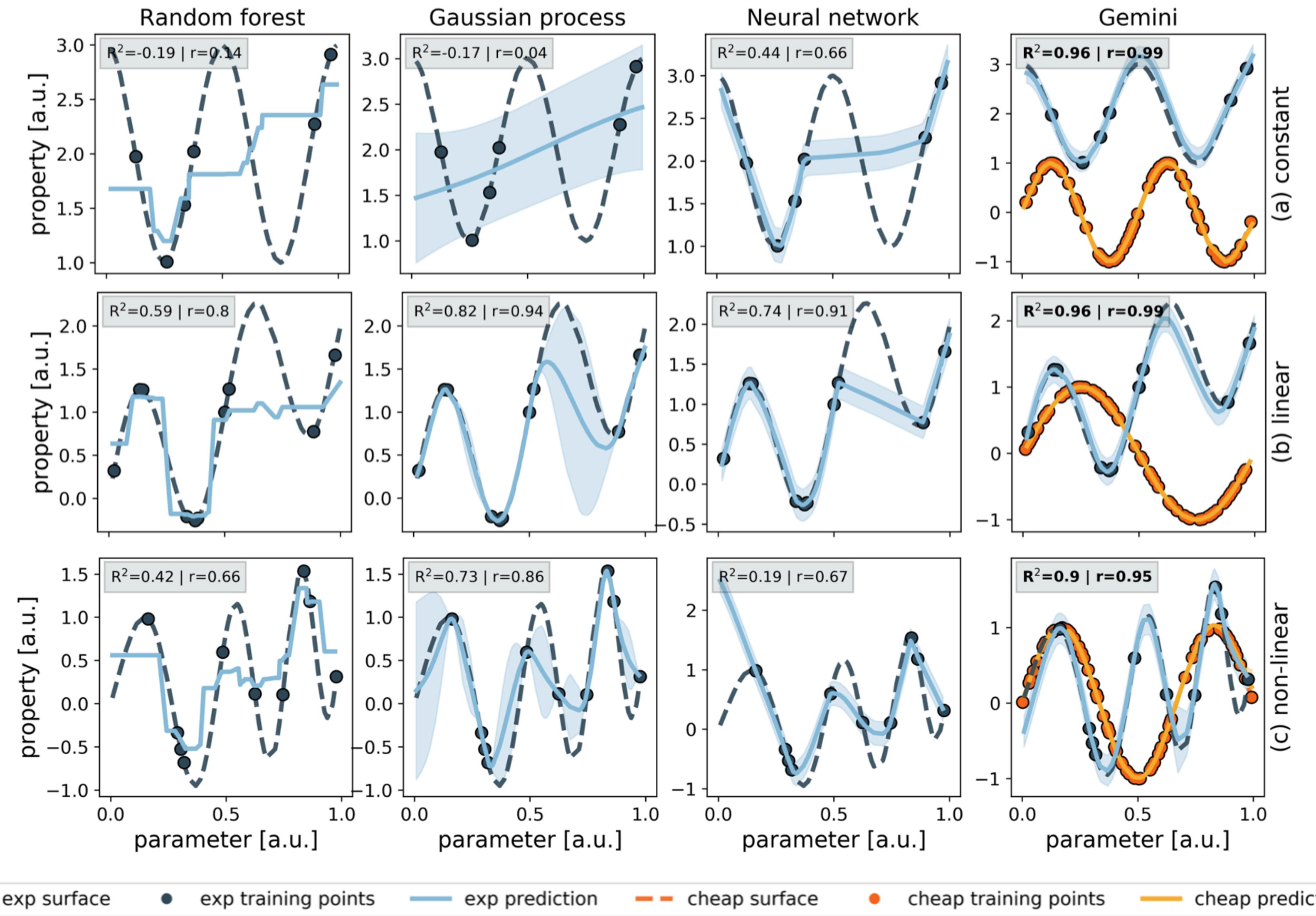
# Gemini: Model architecture



# Gemini: 1-dimensional function regression



- “Single task” ML models compared to Gemini with access to “cheap” and “expensive” data
- “cheap” and “expensive” surfaces differ by constant, linear and non-linear biases
- Gemini reconstructs “expensive” surface with greater accuracy than the single task models



# Gemini: Closed-loop workflow

*Gemini* can inform the acquisition function of *Gryffin*.  
 $\rho$  provides a measure of *trust* or *anti-trust* in the predictive model

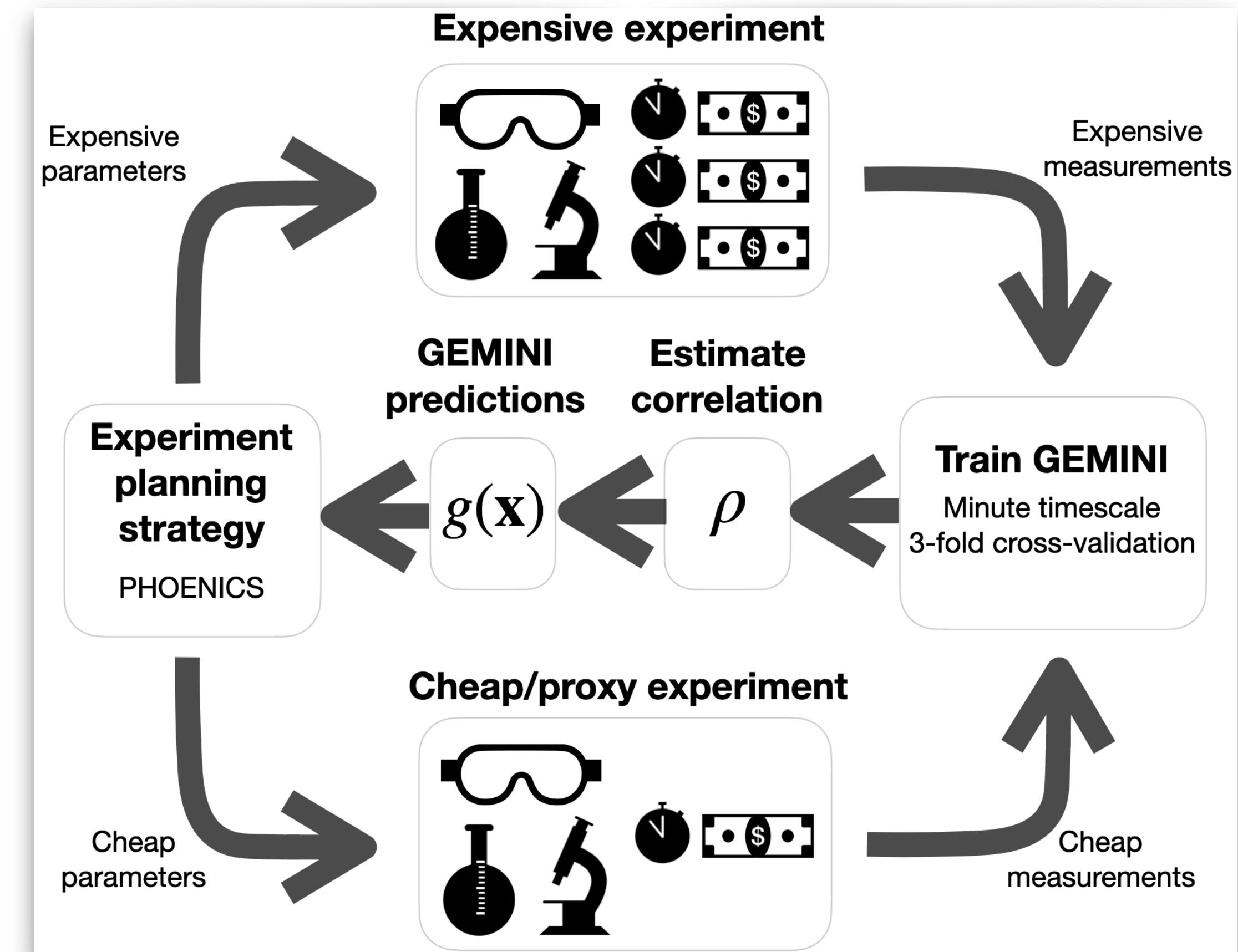
## GRYFFIN only

$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n f_k p_k(\mathbf{x}) + \lambda p_{\text{uniform}}(\mathbf{x})}{\sum_{k=1}^n p_k(\mathbf{x}) + p_{\text{uniform}}(\mathbf{x})}$$

## GRYFFIN + GEMINI

$$\alpha_g(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n f_k p_k(\mathbf{x}) + \lambda p_{\text{uniform}}(\mathbf{x}) + \rho g(\mathbf{x})}{\sum_{k=1}^n p_k(\mathbf{x}) + p_{\text{uniform}}(\mathbf{x}) + 1}$$

## Combined workflow for GEMINI + GRYFFIN



# Augmenting Gryffin with Gemini



## Beginner users

### Scalable multi-fidelity Bayesian optimization

Gemini's predictions of expensive-to-evaluate objective functions can be used to reduce the number of expensive black-box evaluations necessary to achieve a desired target value.

The deep Bayesian optimizer Gryffin currently supports Gemini as a built-in predictive model. After installing Gemini and Gryffin,

```
from gryffin import Gryffin

# instantiate Gryffin
gryffin = Gryffin('config_file.json')

# optimization loop
while num_eval < budget:

    samples = gryffin.recommend(observations,
                                proxy_observations)
```

The Gryffin config file must include a section specifying the predictive model, i.e.

```
...
"predictive_model": {
    "model_kind": "gemini"
},
...
```

## Expert users

Alternatively, you can train Gemini in an external manner, this gives the user greater flexibility in their experiment. Gryffin allows for the optional passing of a callable object to its `recommend` method.

```
from gryffin import Gryffin
from gemini import GeminiOpt as Gemini

# instantiate Gryffin
gryffin = Gryffin('config_file.json')

# instantiate Gemini
gemini = Gemini()

# optimization loop
while num_eval < budget:

    if len(observations) >= 2 and len(proxy_observations) >= 2:

        # construct training set with current observations
        training_set = gryffin.construct_training_set(observations, proxy_observations)

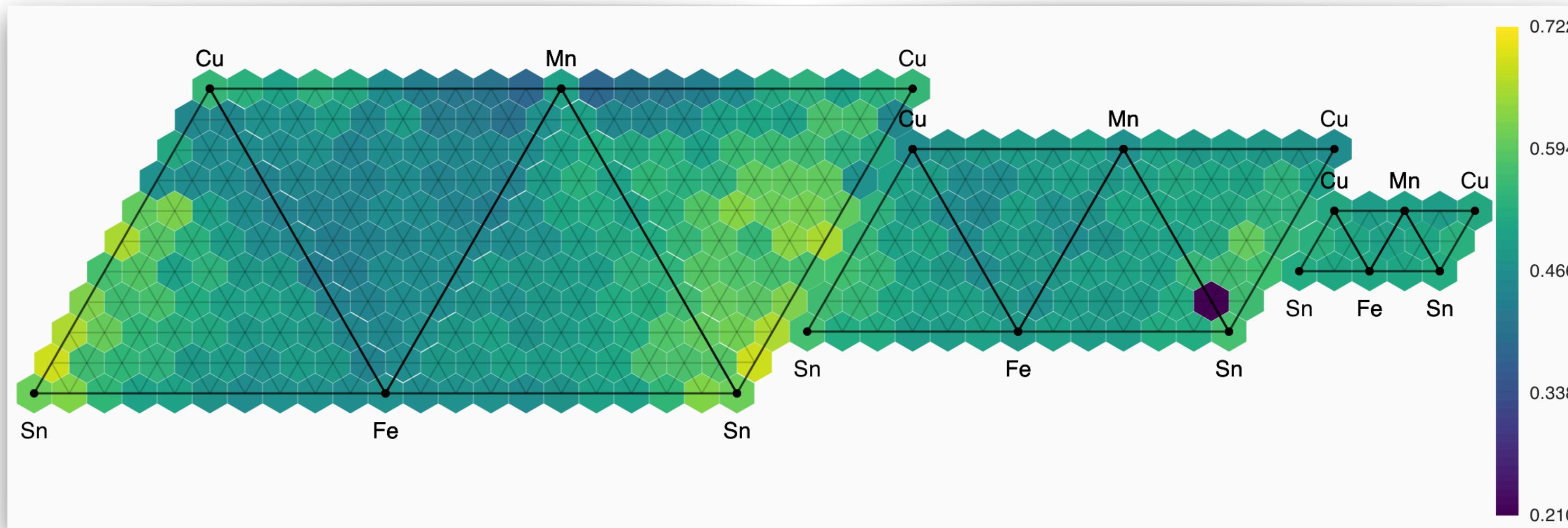
        # train Gemini
        gemini.train(training_set['train_features'], training_set['train_targets'],
                     training_set['proxy_train_features'], training_set['proxy_train_targets'],
                     num_folds=3)

    # pass callable when asking Gryffin for new samples
    samples = gryffin.recommend(observations,
                                predictive_model=gemini)
```

In this external trianing case, you need only provide a Gryffin config file (i.e. no predictive model entries)

# Gemini: Augmenting

Group of John Gregoire report overpotential composition spaces (6 metals total)



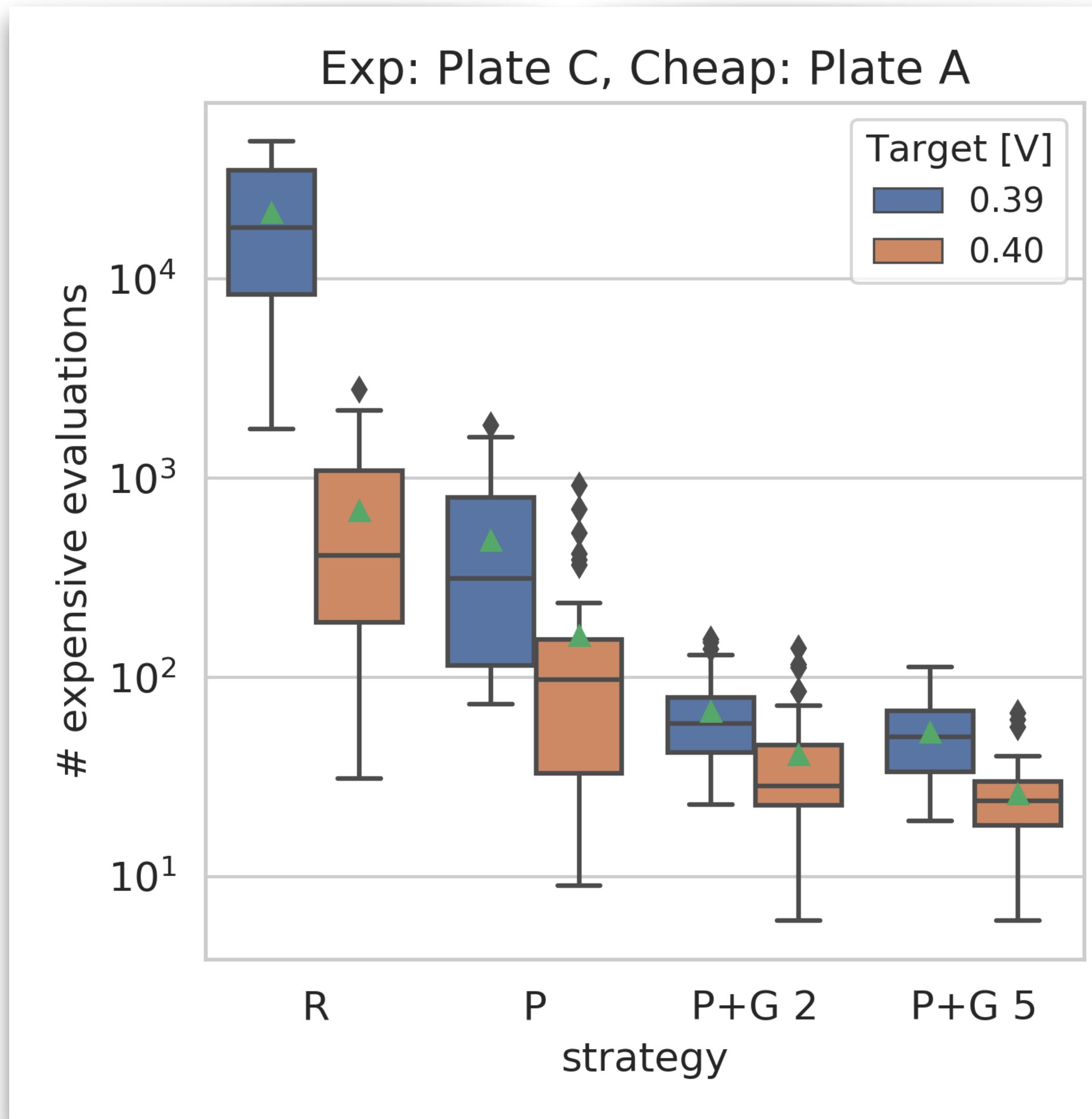
Each composition system comes with some cost...

Label	Composition system	Price [USD/g]
A	Mn-Fe-Co-Ni-La-Ce	0.06
B	Mn-Fe-Co-Ni-Cu-Ta	0.37
C	Mn-Fe-Co-Cu-Sn-Ta	0.37
D	Ca-Mn-Co-Ni-Sn-Sb	0.08

<https://data.matr.io/>

**Our goal:** optimize the C composition space (expensive) with proxy-measurements from the A composition space (cheap)

# Gemini: Perovskites application



Strategy	Target overpotential	
	0.39 V	0.40 V
Random sampling	21157 $\pm$ 2456	618 $\pm$ 106
PHOENICS only	486 $\pm$ 78 ( $1.7 \times 10^{-8}$ )	161 $\pm$ 33 ( $8.6 \times 10^{-5}$ )
PHOENICS + GEMINI $r = 2$	67 $\pm$ 6 ( $6.7 \times 10^{-7}$ )	41 $\pm$ 5 ( $2.2 \times 10^{-4}$ )
PHOENICS + GEMINI $r = 5$	<b>53 <math>\pm</math> 4</b> ( $1.8 \times 10^{-2}$ )	<b>26 <math>\pm</math> 2</b> ( $6.9 \times 10^{-3}$ )

# Olympus: Benchmarking experiment planning algorithms



<https://aspuru-guzik-group.github.io/olympus/>

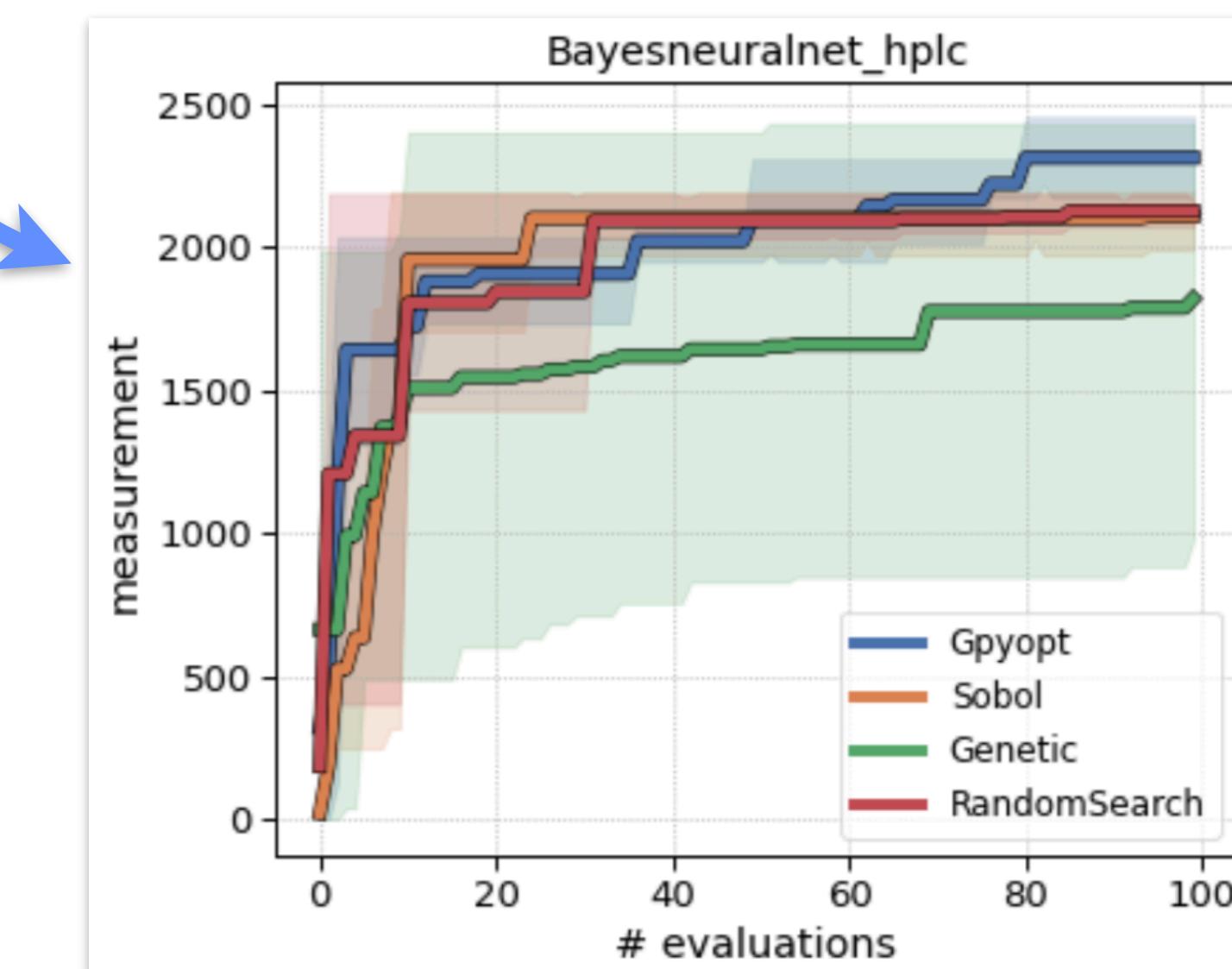
- 18 experiment planning algorithms
- 10 BNN emulated datasets from chemistry and materials science
- 23 synthetic surfaces
- Standardized benchmarks
- Custom planners, datasets, emulators
- Plotting
- Analysis

```
from olympus import Campaign

DATASET = 'hplc'
NUM_REPETITIONS = 3
PLANNERS = ['Gpyopt', 'Sobol', 'Genetic', 'RandomSearch']

for PLANNER in PLANNERS:
    for repetition in range(NUM_REPETITIONS):

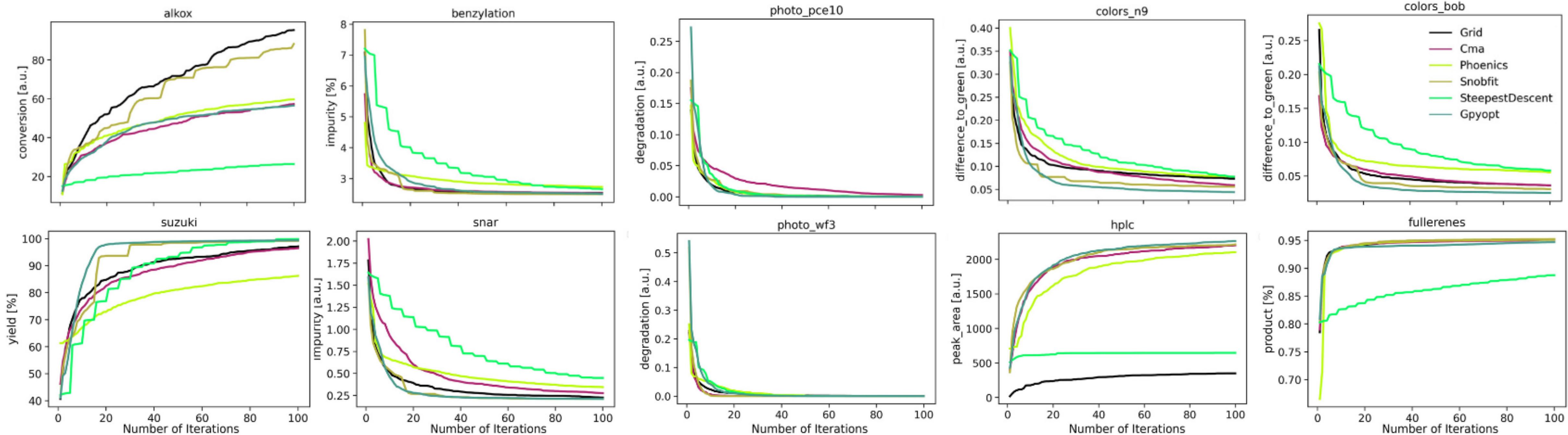
        olymp.run(
            planner=PLANNER,           # run simulation with <PLANNER>,
            dataset=DATASET,           # on emulator trained on dataset <DATASET>;
            campaign=Campaign(),       # store results in a new campaign,
            num_iter=100,               # run benchmark for 100 iterations
        )
```



# olympus: Benchmarking experiment planning algorithms



Priyansh Parakh



# Previous applications

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

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## Self-driving laboratory for accelerated discovery of thin-film materials

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## Self-Driving Platform for Metal Nanoparticle Synthesis: Combining Microfluidics and Machine Learning

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## Routescore: Punching the Ticket to More Efficient Materials Development

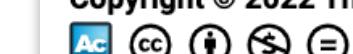
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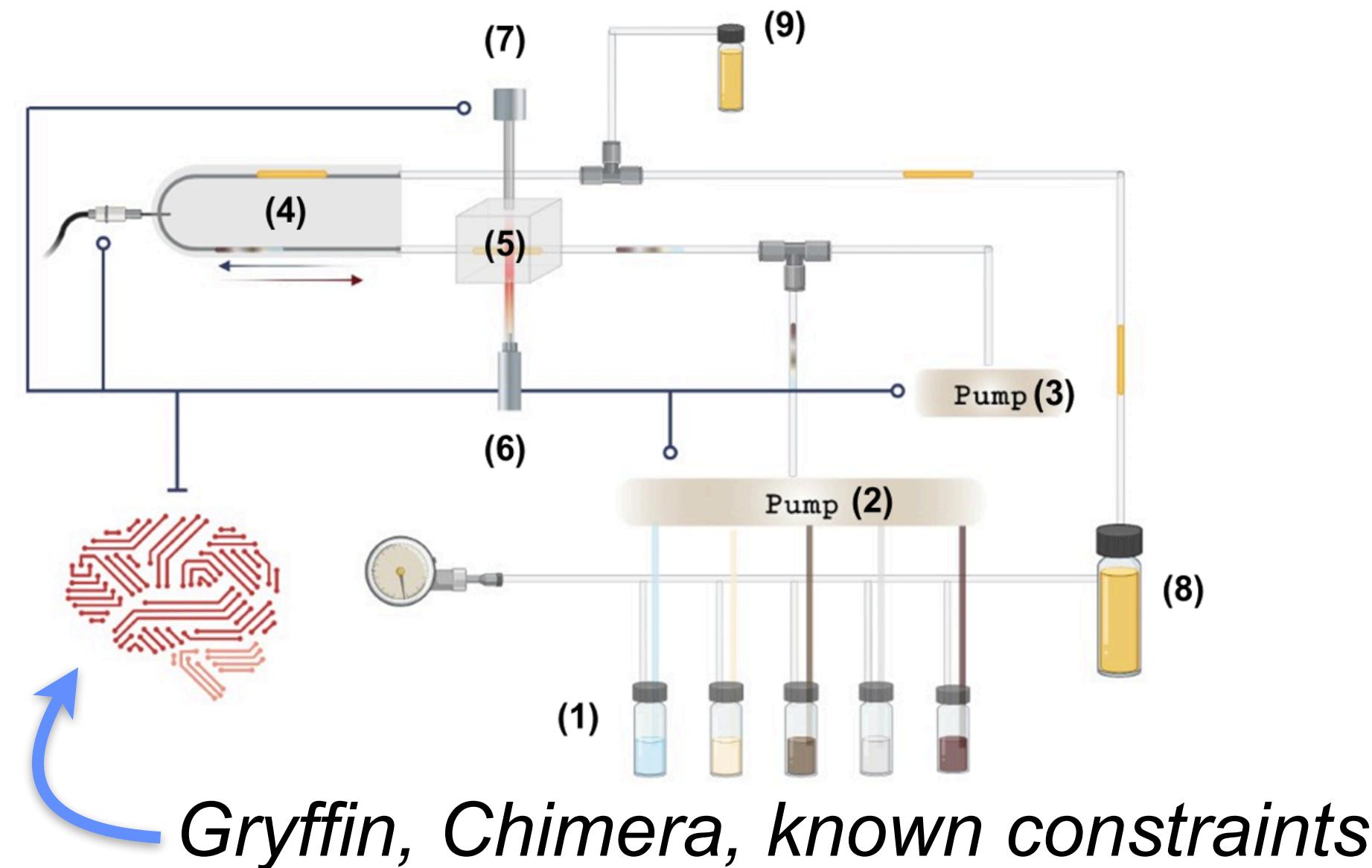
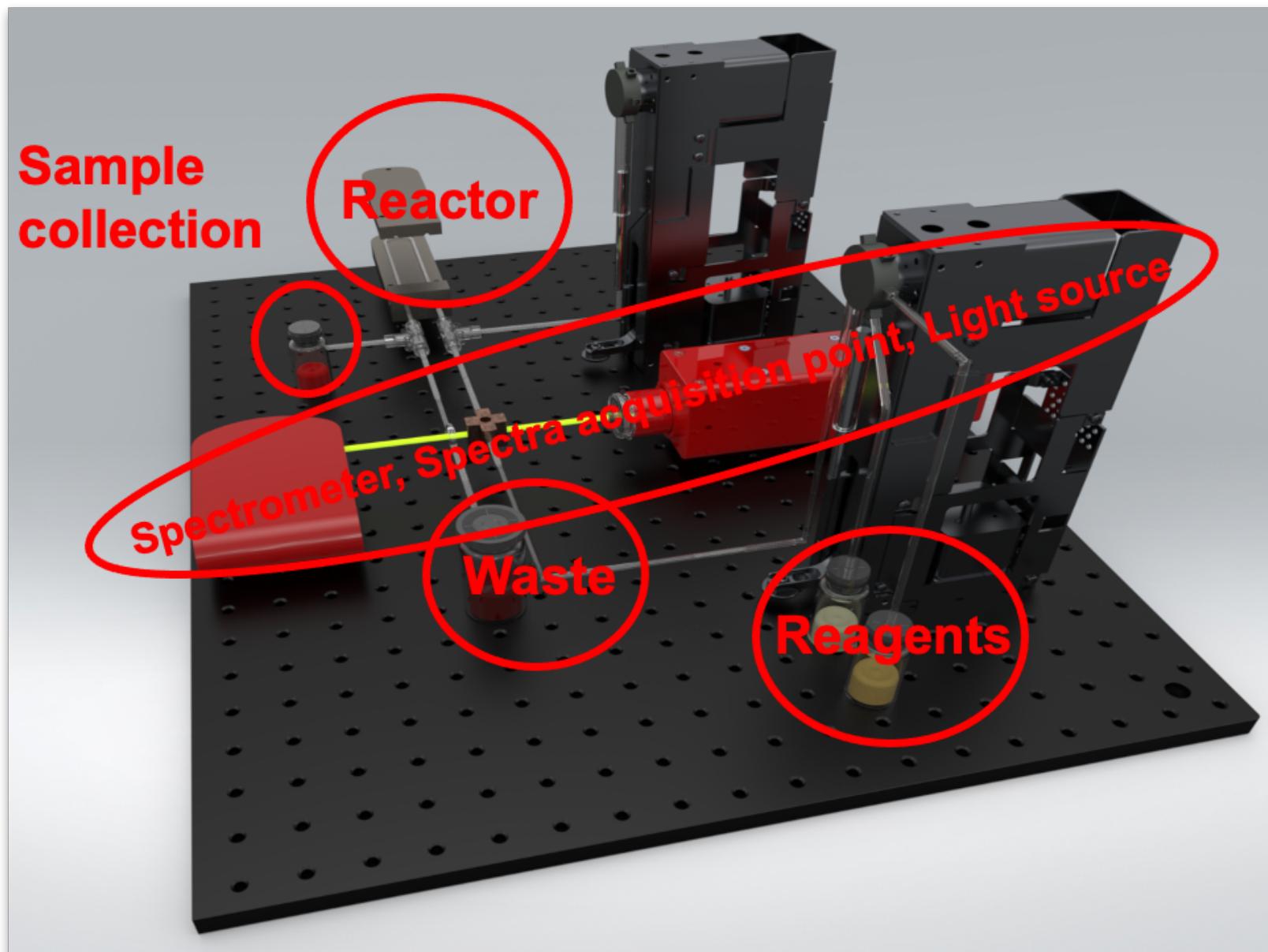
# Seedless photoinitiated nanoparticle synthesis

- design of gold nanoparticles with targeted spectroscopic properties
- integration of BayesOpt tools with automated microfluidic reactor and characterization, fully automated self-driving lab (MF-ML platform)



Taylor Wu

Prof. Kumacheva



## Parameters (7)

- concentration of reagents
- reaction time
- UV intensity
- mixing rate

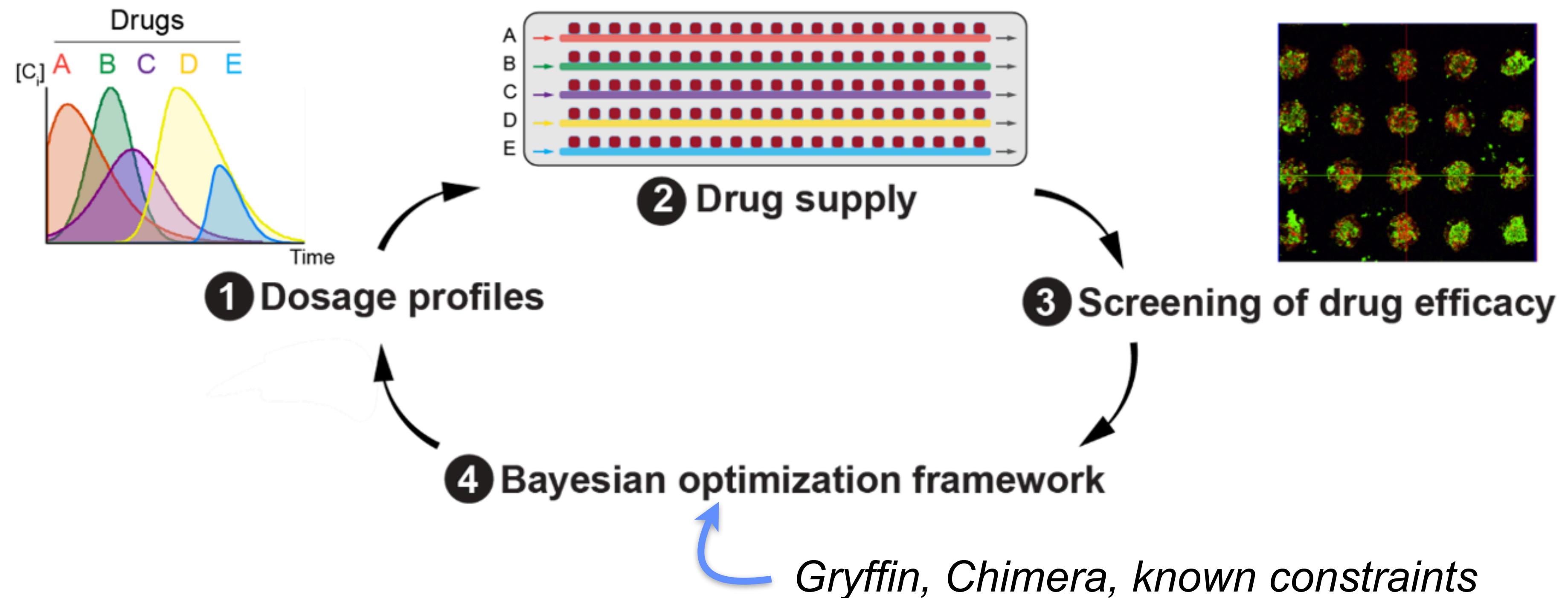
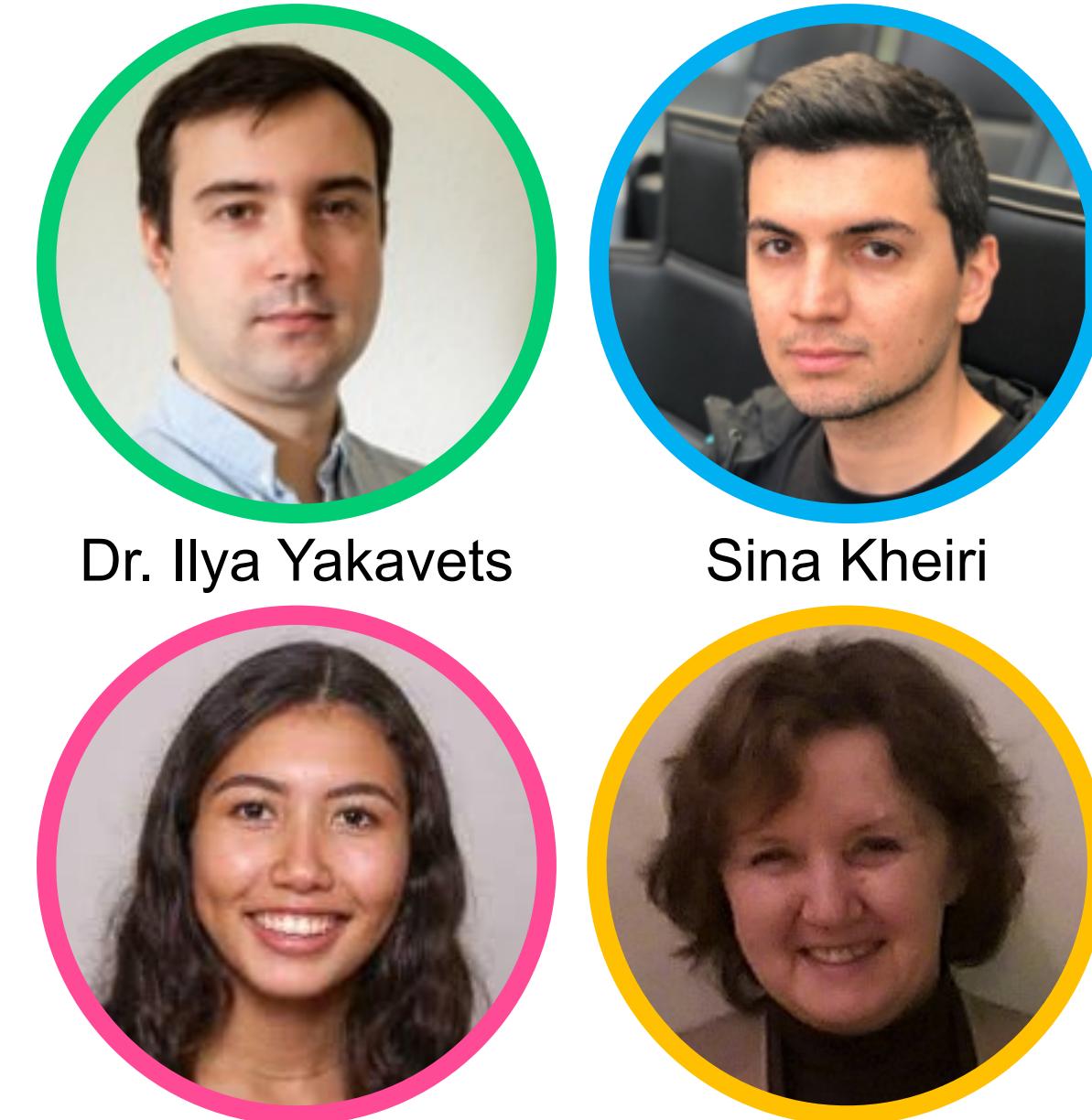
## Objectives (4)

- spectroscopic characteristics of NPs

(1) Reagents (2) Dispenser (3) Oscillator (4) Reactor (5) Flow cell (6) Light source (7) Spectrometer (8) Waste (9) Sample collection outlet

# *in vitro* design of combination cancer therapies

- Optimize for synergistic effects of multi-drug combinations (common breast cancer chemotherapy regime)
- Breast cancer spheroids subject to drugs in microfluidic array
- Treatment efficiency evaluated with live/dead assays based on fluorescence imaging



**Parameters (5)**

- drug doses (concentration)
- dose time
- dose duration

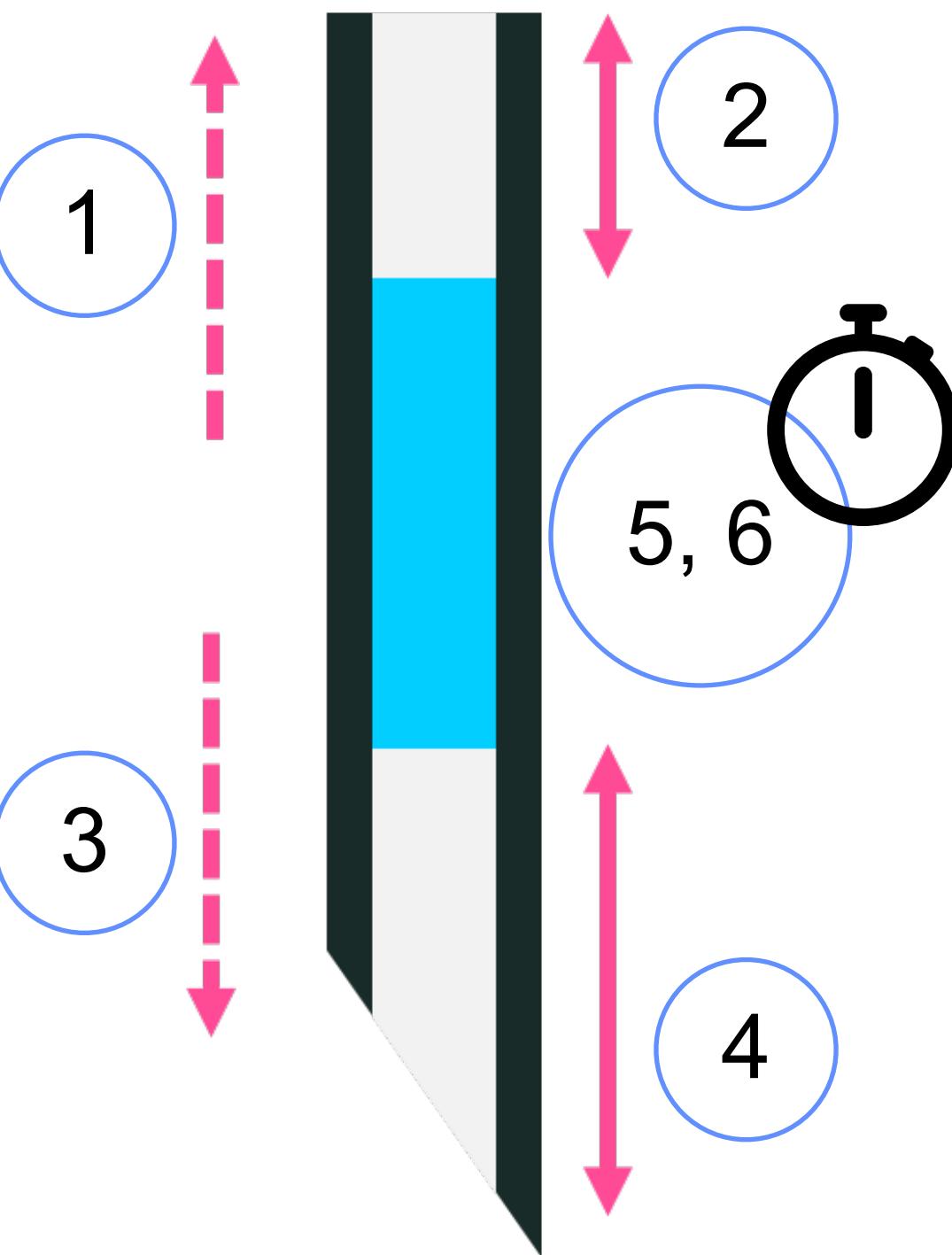
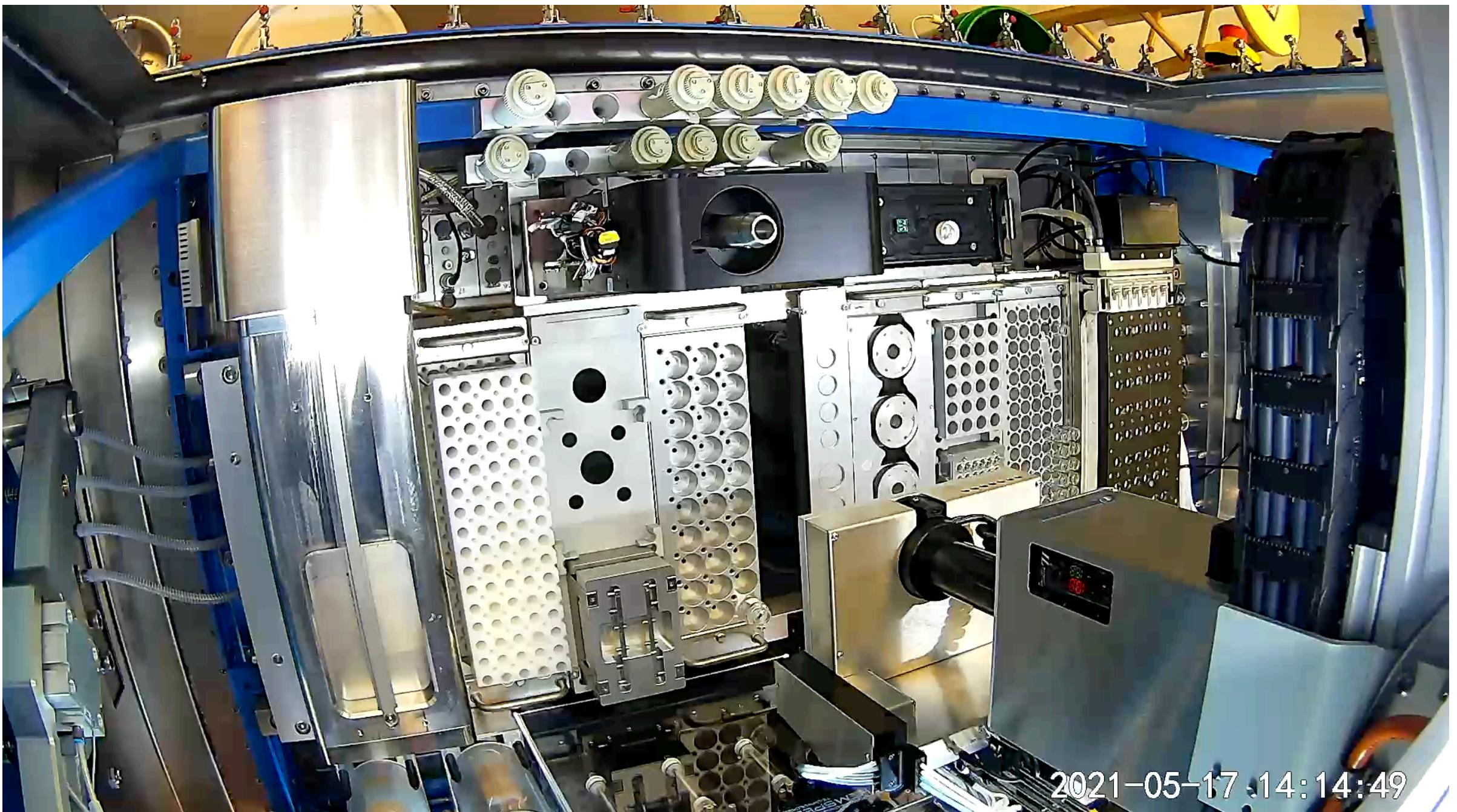
**Objectives (2)**

- combination index
- cell viability

# Optimization of process parameters for accurate liquid dispensing with Chemspeed



- Determine liquid specific process parameters for accurate and precise dispensing with Chemspeed robot
- BayesOpt framework interfaced with Python Chemspeed control
- Fully automated workflow enabled by balance placed inside Chemspeed



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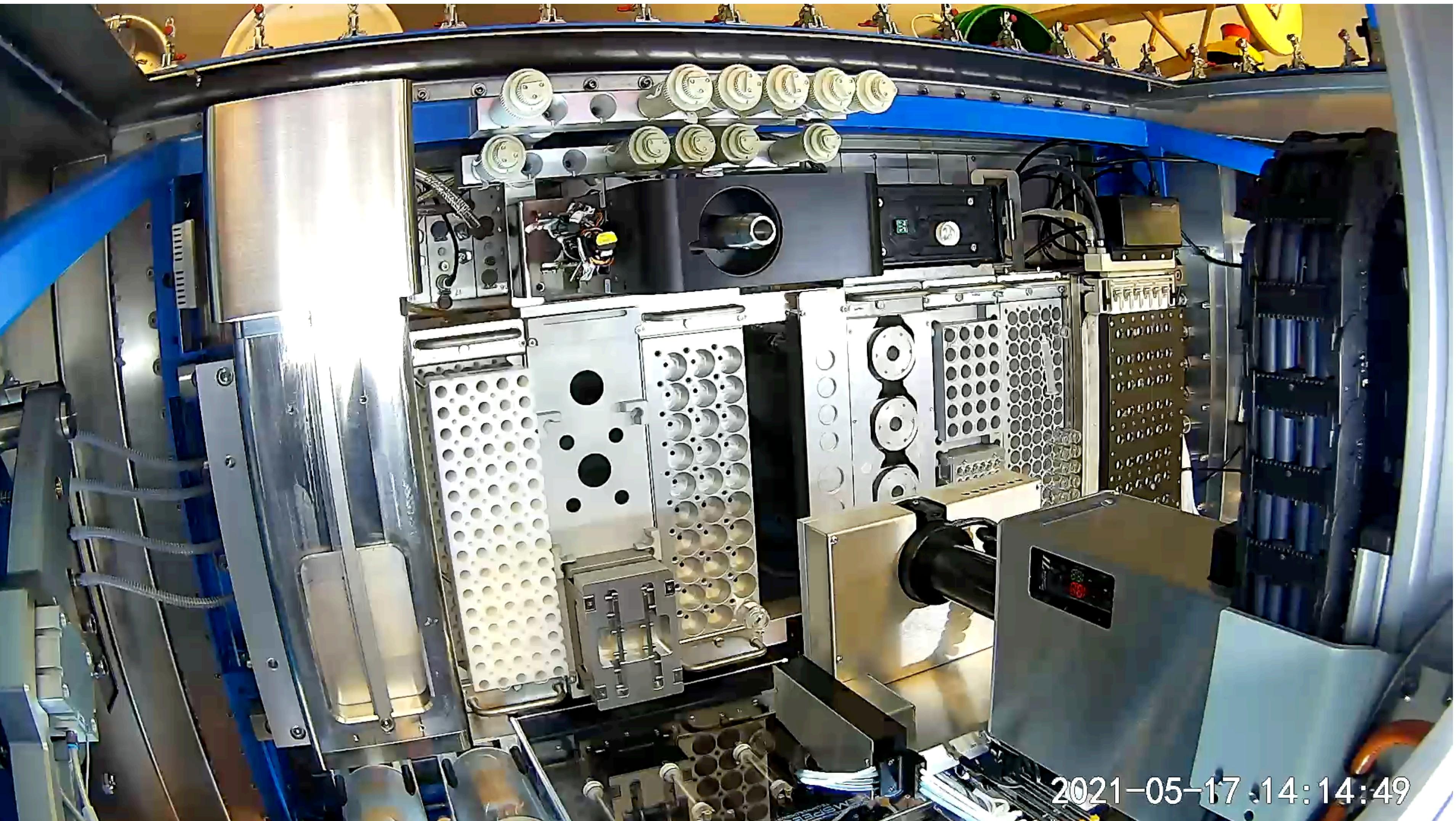
## Parameters (6)

1. Aspiration speed (source)
2. Airgap volume
3. Dispense speed (destination)
4. Post-airgap volume
5. Equilibration time (source)
6. Equilibration time (destination)

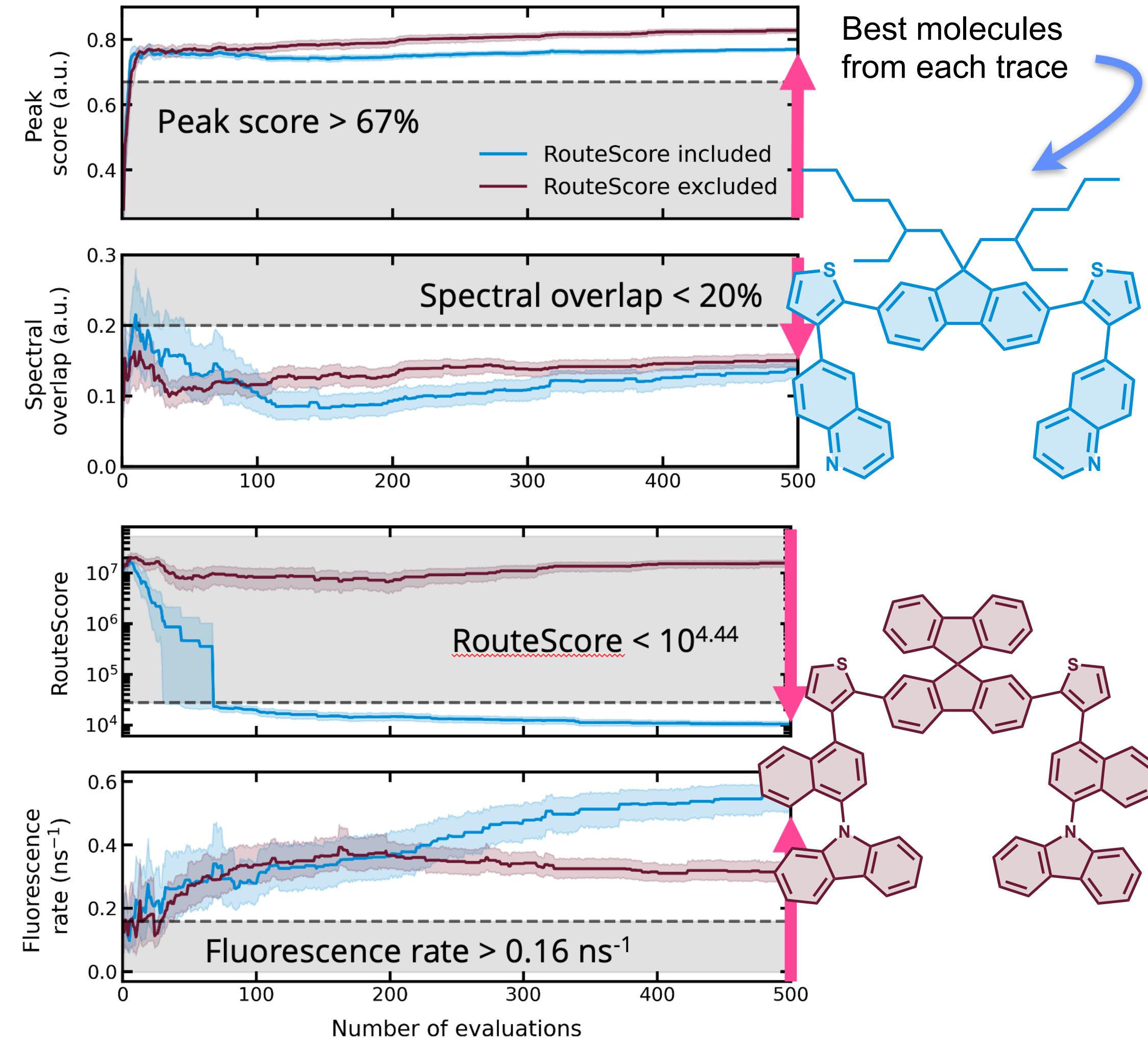
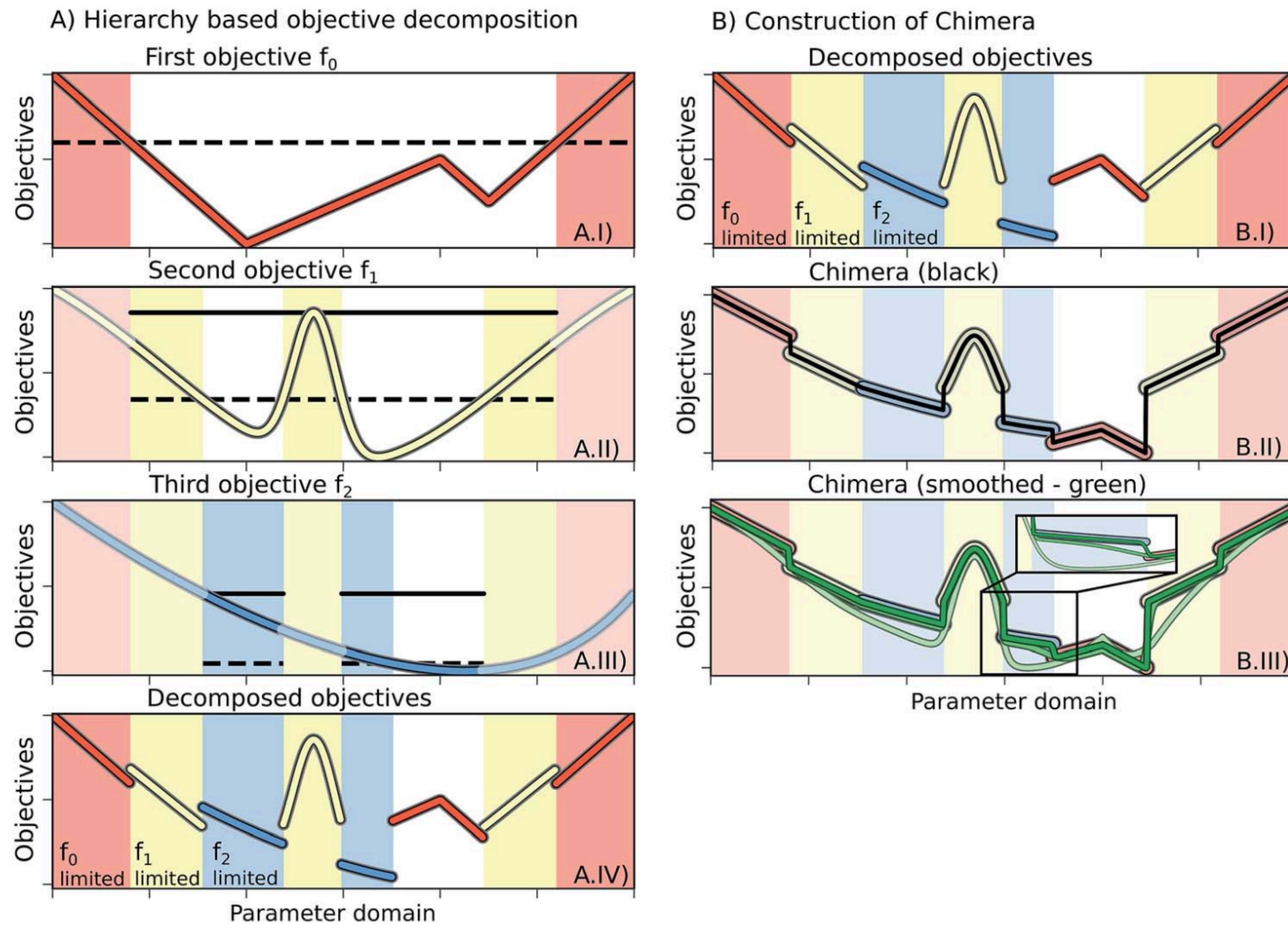
## Objectives (2)

1. Minimize mean relative error
2. Minimize standard deviation

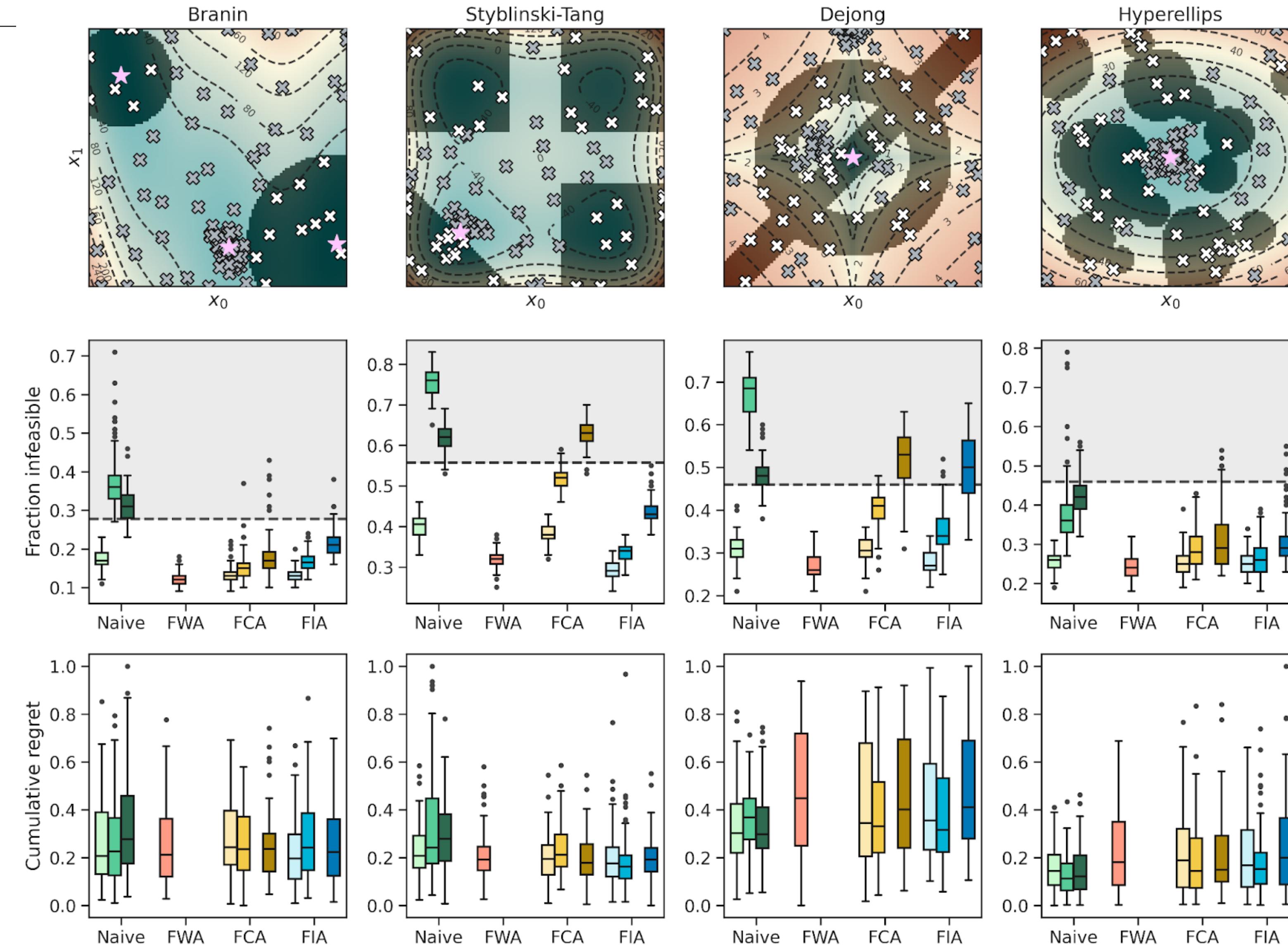
# Optimization of process parameters for liquid dispensing with Chemspeed



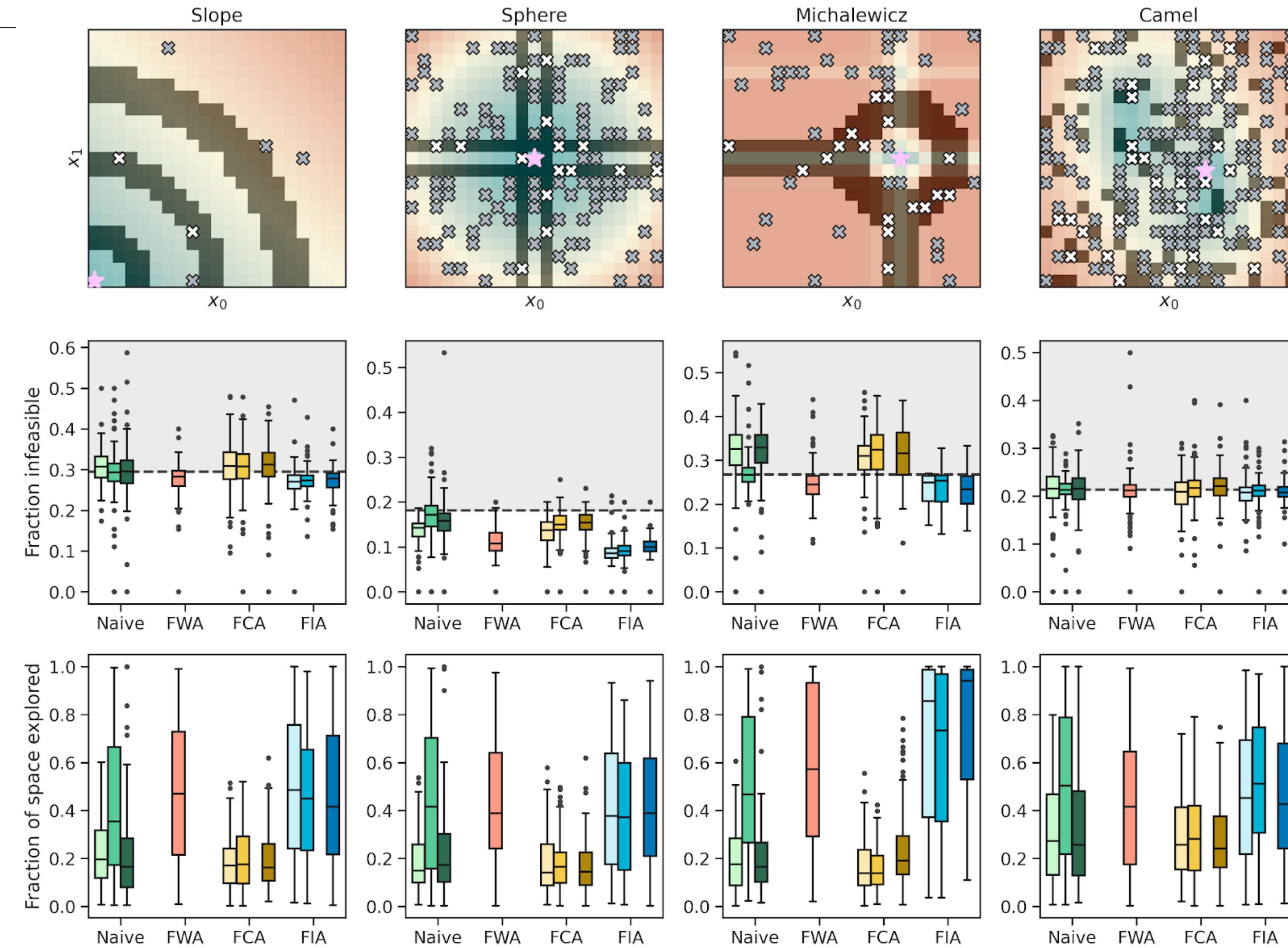
# Chimera: Hierarchical scalarizing for MOO



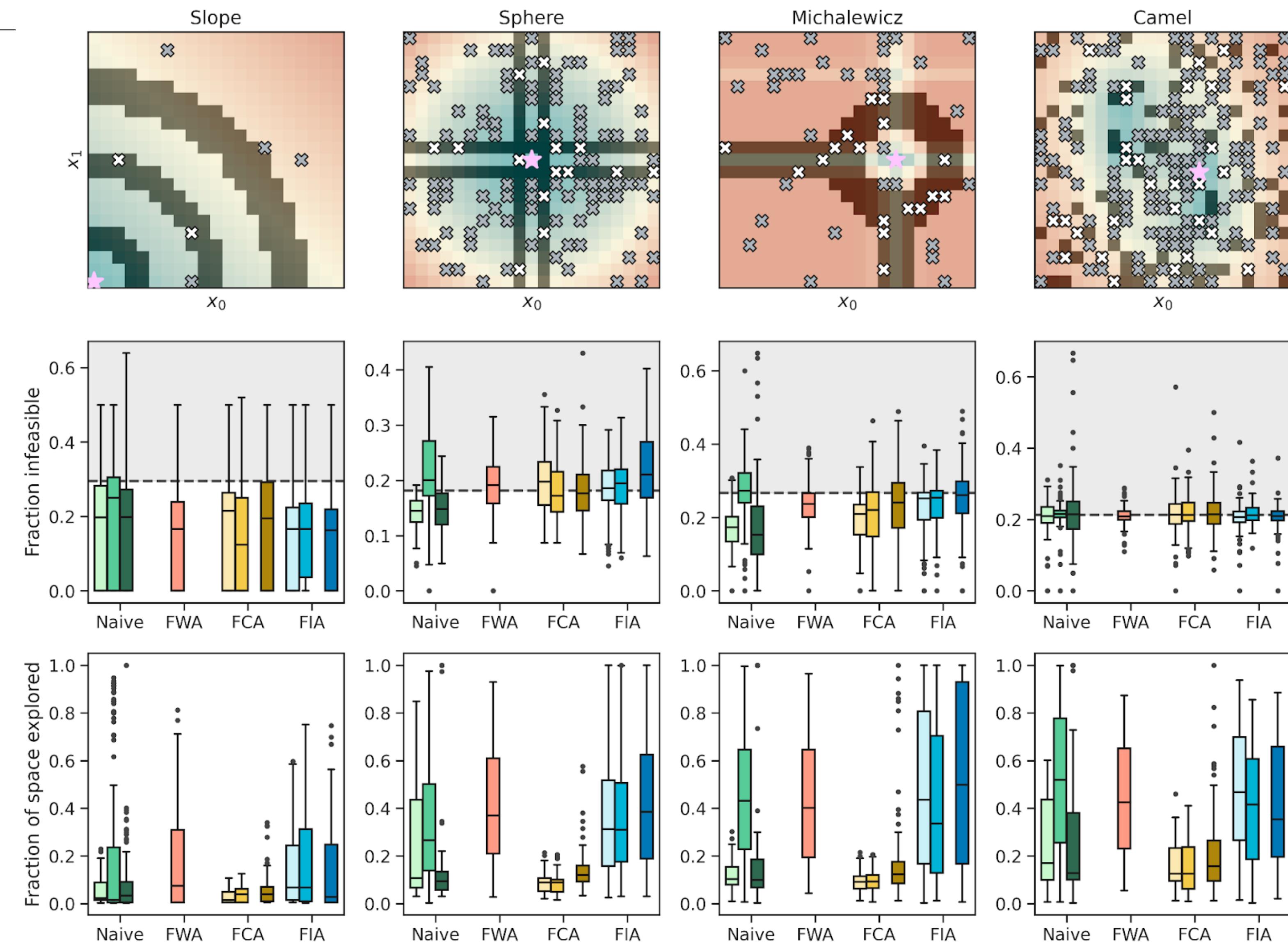
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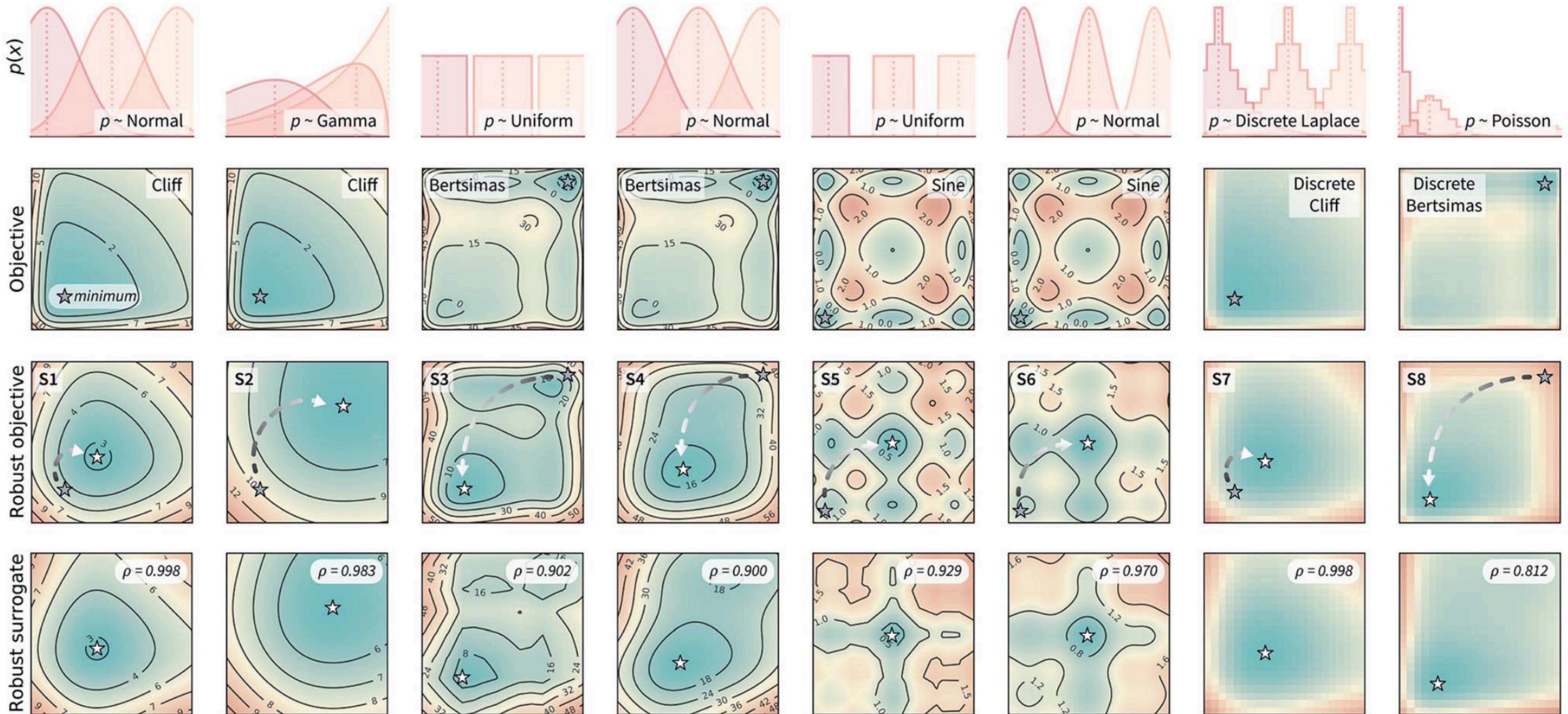


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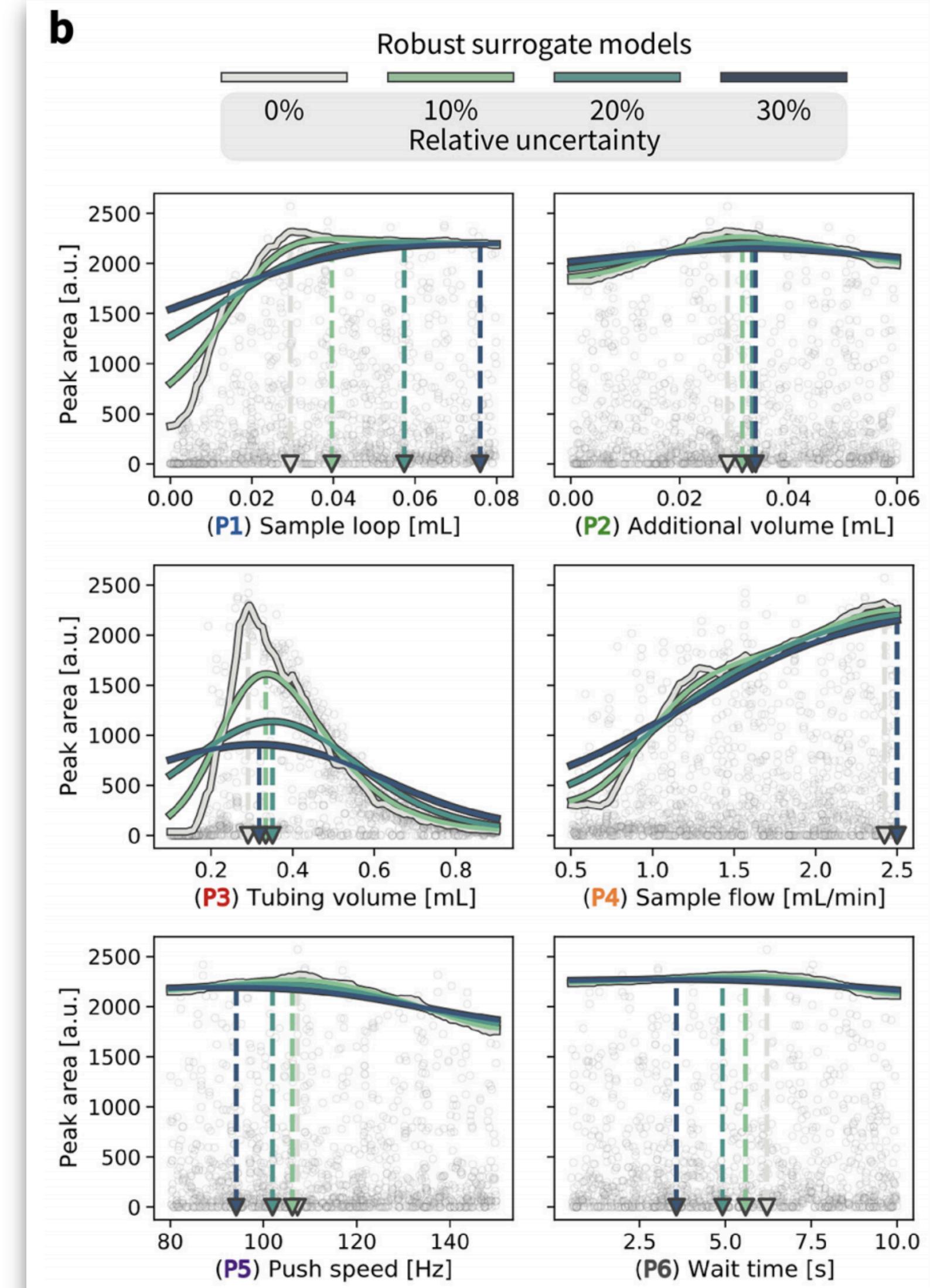
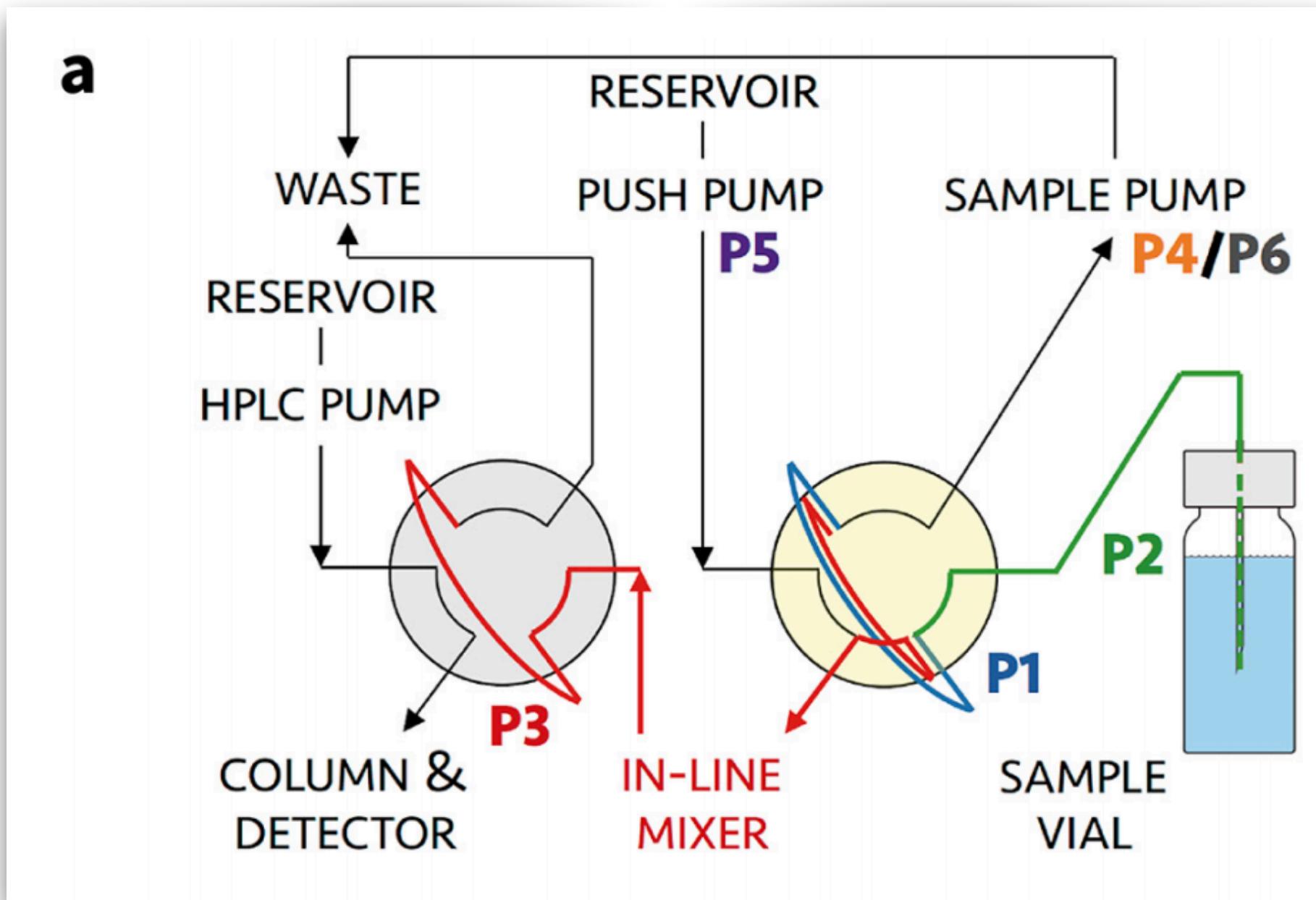
# Golem: Synthetic surfaces with input parameter noise

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matter lab



# Golem: HPLC calibration application

- 6 parameters
- Objective is peak area maximization
- 1386 randomly collected samples



A posteriori noise analysis

# Limitations/difficulties

- One size does not fit all on algorithm level and laboratory level
- Parameter space is usually fixed *a priori*! How do chose a good search space is an open (and puzzling) question
- Humans still play an indispensable role in “autonomous” science! (infusing expert intuition into an experiment planning algorithm is incredibly difficult)
- Interpretability: how can deliver understandable messaged to humans?

## Automation isn't automatic



Check for updates

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