

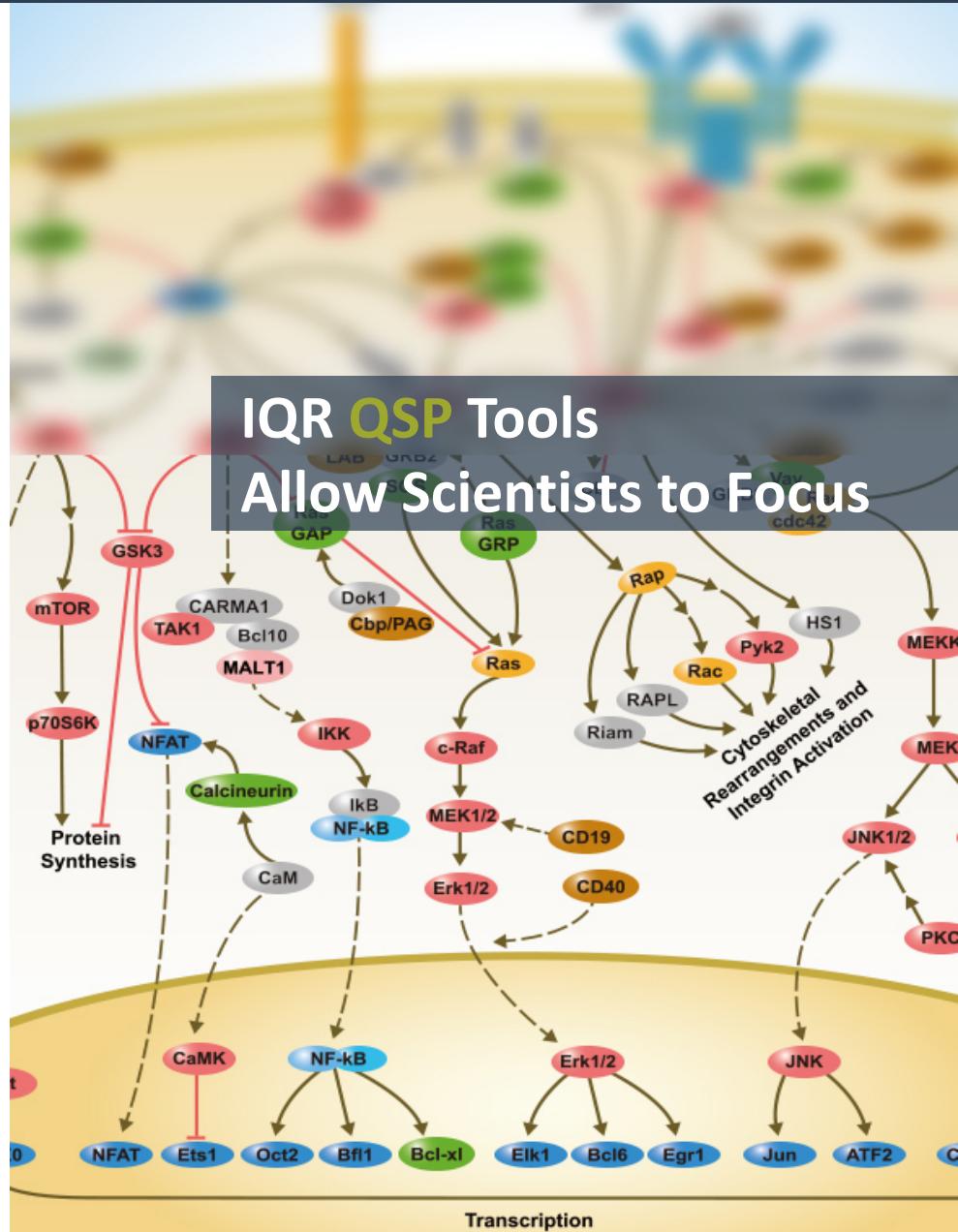
WORKSHOP

Introduction to

Advanced QSP

Modeling in R

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ABOUT INTIQUAN

- **Swiss Modeling & Simulation consulting company**
- **Founded in 2015**
- **Main working areas**
 - **Pharmacometric modeling & simulation**
 - Preclinical to submission
 - Oncology, infectious diseases, respiratory, immunology
 - Pediatric analyses
 - QSP
 - **R based tools and workflow approaches supporting Modeling & Simulation**
 - Data standards & preparation of datasets
 - Data analysis (exploration, NCA)
 - Efficient modeling workflows (PK, PKPD, QSP)
 - Seamless Word reporting

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WORKSHOP OUTLINE

- Introduction
- Models and their Simulation (ODE / BC syntax)
- Linking Models and Data
- Parameter Estimation

Coffee Break

- Can I trust my model? Informing needed experiments
- Hands-On Session
- Special Workflow Topics
 - Reuse of models from model databases – import of SBML models
 - QSP going NLME
 - Full NLME
 - Evaluation of hybrid models (NLME+QSP)
 - Generalized dataset format

End of Workshop

- Available for Q&A after Workshop

WORKSHOP GOALS

You will have learned to

- Write your own mechanistic QSP models in ODE or biochemical format
- Simulate models
- Setup data used for estimation and its exploration
- Performing powerful parameter estimation with and without consideration of parametric variability
- Use model-based information to better inform the design of new experiments, increasing mechanistic understanding and trust in your model

INTRODUCTION

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY QSP MODELING? MODELS AND RELATED CHALLENGES

The Models

- Typically non-linear ODE based models of medium to large complexity

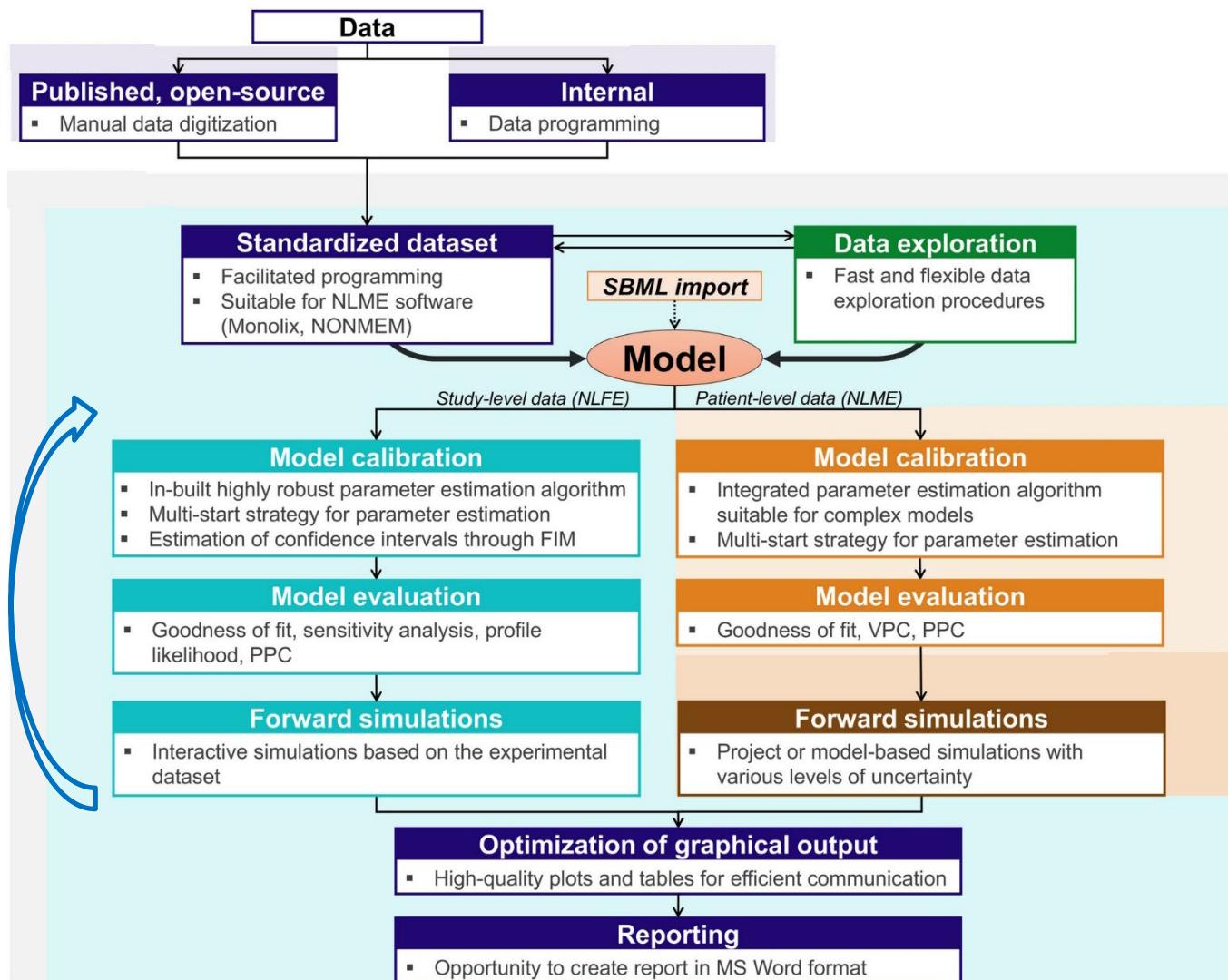
The Challenges

- Finding user-friendly and powerful tools supporting the user in efficient modeling and simulation
 - Numerically accurate and stable parameter estimation methods for complex systems
 - Fast numerical solution, allowing seamless and cheap parallelization
 - Ease of handling of large amounts of heterogenous experimental data
 - Integration of clinical data (with variability) and mechanistic modeling
 - Same platform, allowing for fully reproducible and workflow-based approaches

Profile likelihood?

Fix one parameter and estimate the posterior.. => computational demand high

AN EFFICIENT QSP WORKFLOW AND USER-FRIENDLY TOOLS ARE CRITICAL FOR MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF DRUG DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS



- Handling of
- Heterogenous data
 - Summary data (no variability)
 - Individual data (variability)

TYPICALLY TOOL LANDSCAPE RESULTS IN A FRAGMENTED MODELING WORKFLOW



Various formats
Manual documentation

Re-coding on
project basis

Switching
between tools

Re-coding of models

Cumbersome
simulation & analysis

Copy/paste of results
to report

Limited reproducibility

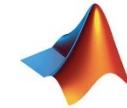
WHAT ARE YOUR EXPERIENCES & EXPECTATIONS?



2005-2015: MATLAB BASED SBTOOLBOX(2)

Systems Biology Toolbox for MATLAB: a computational platform for research in systems biology FREE

Henning Schmidt ✉, Mats Jirstrand



<http://www.sbtoolbox2.org>

Bioinformatics, Volume 22, Issue 4, 15 February 2006, Pages 514–515,

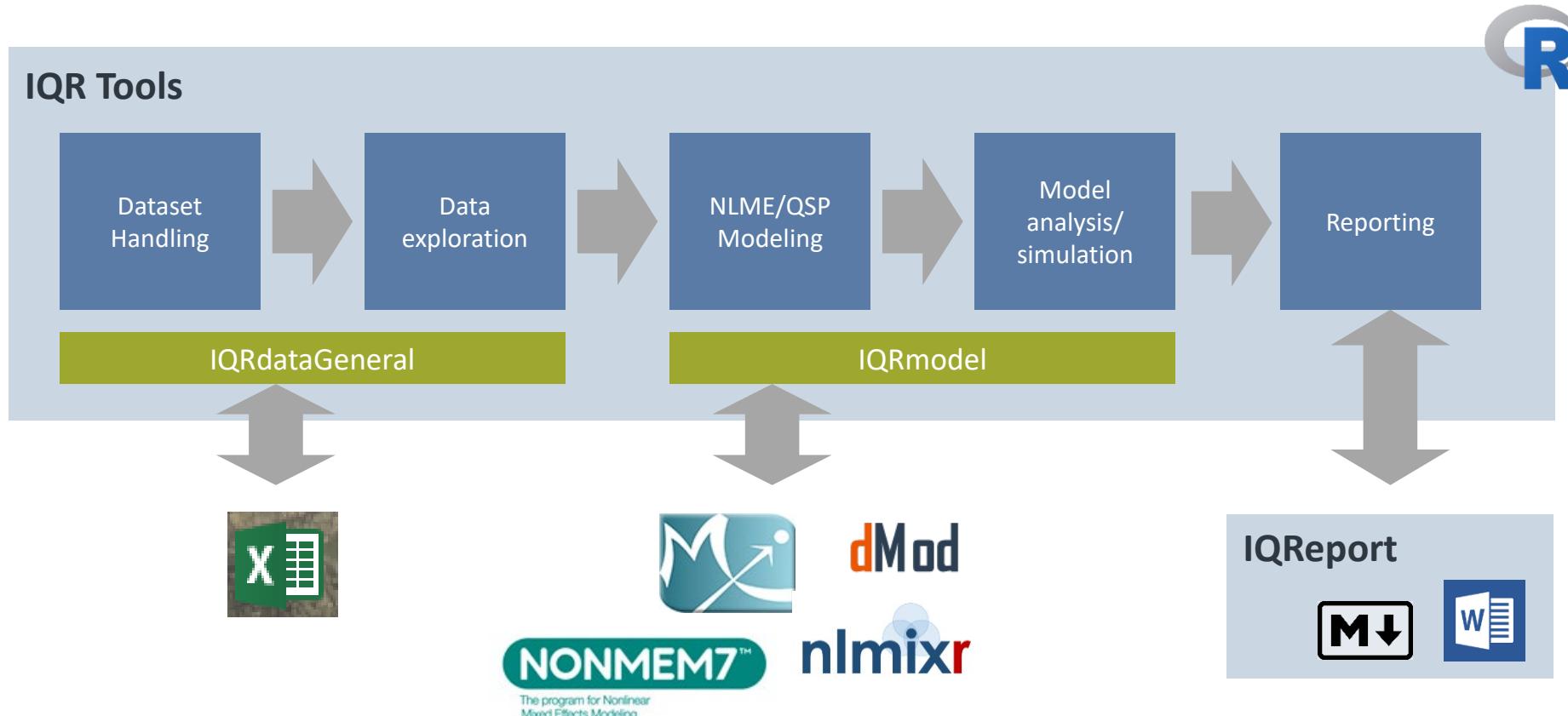
<https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/bti799>

Published: 29 November 2005 Article history ▾

- Already in 2006
 - SBTOOLBOX provided 100-1000x faster simulation than SimBiology (Nowadays speed difference should be smaller)
 - Allowed to consider multi experiment parameter estimation considerably facilitating SysBio and QSP type of modeling
- 2009-2015
 - Seamless interfaces to NLME tools were added, making SBTOOLBOX2 the first tool covering the full range from early mechanistic to full NLME modeling
 - Used also for regulatory submissions
- 2016
 - Transition to R
- 2017-2019
 - Working over the QSP modeling part



WE INTEGRATED ALL STEPS IN AN R-BASED WORKFLOW => IQR TOOLS



Script and function-based workflow based on tool-independent data format and model definition - covering Systems Biology, **Systems Pharmacology**, and **Pharmacometrics**

IQR TOOLS COMES WITH A DETAILED DOCUMENTATION, PROVIDING PLENTY OF EXECUTABLE EXAMPLES

IntiQuan

Modeling & Simulation in R

Preface

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<https://iqrtools.intiquan.com/doc/book/>

Modeling & Simulation in R

Supporting Efficient Model Informed Drug Development with IQR Tools

IntiQuan GmbH

27 November 2018

Preface

Welcome to the official documentation of the IQR Tools R package!

A lot of material is contained already and we are heavily working on extending the documentation. With the fantastic bookdown R package we now have finally found the right documentation approach.

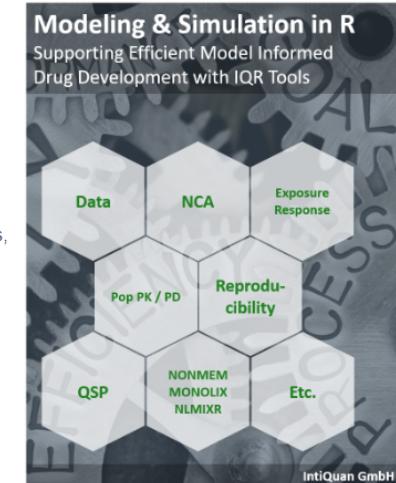
Who this book is for

This book is for people who want to efficiently perform Modeling & Simulation tasks related to Pharmacometrics, Quantitative Systems Pharmacology, and/or Systems Biology in the R environment.

- Modeling & Simulation experts in the pharma industry
- Academic researchers and students
- Scientists who want to use the right tool for the available task

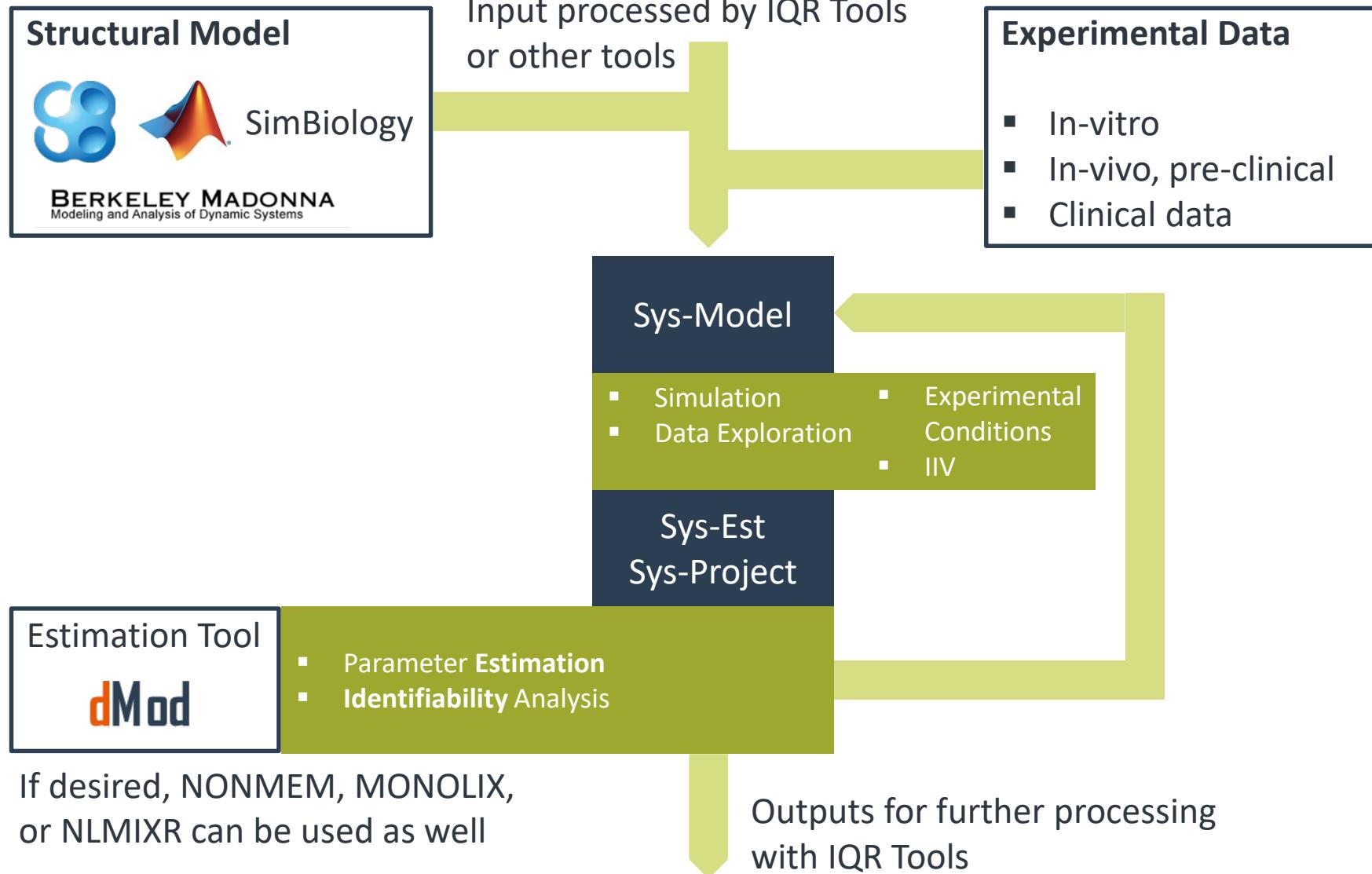
To get a quick overview of the IQR Tools capabilities, have a quick look at the provided Case Studies.

How to read this book



IntiQuan

QUICK OVERVIEW OF QSP SPECIFIC COMPONENTS IN IQR TOOLS



SETTING UP THE WORKSHOP MATERIAL

STEP1 – Workshop material provided on USB stick

USB:

- Copy IntiQuan.zip to your home folder

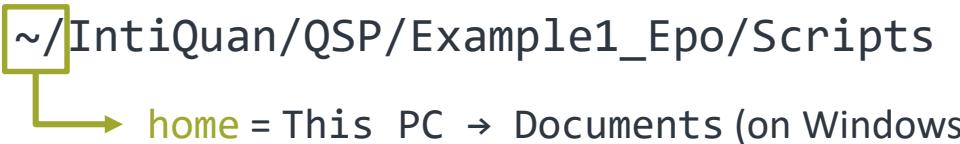


Windows: The "home" folder is the "Documents" folder.

STEP2 – Extract the IntiQuan.zip file "here"



LET'S START

- The example code is available in


~/IntiQuan/QSP/Example1_Epo/Scripts
home = This PC → Documents (on Windows)
- In RStudio (recommended), go to above directory and set as working directory



- It is recommended to execute the code in parallel to the presentation on the slides

TEST LOADING OF IQR TOOLS

```
> library(IQRtools)
```

IQRtools: The solution for Modeling & Simulation across Systems Pharmacology, Systems Biology, and Pharmacometrics.

Version: 1.0.8

Licensed to: henning (henning@intiquan.com)

Expiration date: 27-February-2027

NEW: Support Forum on <https://support.intiquan.com/>

If you see such a message with version number $\geq 1.0.8$ all is fine!

Otherwise execute:

```
source("https://iqrtools.intiquan.com/install.R")
installVersion.IQRtools()
```

TESTING THE INSTALLATION

- Execute the following:

```
library(IQRtools)  
test_IQRtools()
```

- If you see the following - then all is fine

```
> library(IQRtools)           I  
> test_IQRtools()  
TIME Cyclin     YT      PYT      PYTP      MPF Cdc25P Wee1P      IEP APCstar      k2      kwee      k25      R1      R2      R3      R4      R5  
1   1 0.0172 0.0116 0.000900 0.0198 0.073 0.95 0.95 0.242 0.313 0.0817 0.0595 0.162 0.01 0.00141 0.0086 0.000292 0.000690  
2   2 0.0172 0.0116 0.000882 0.0198 0.073 0.95 0.95 0.242 0.313 0.0817 0.0595 0.162 0.01 0.00141 0.0086 0.000292 0.000689  
R6      R7      R8      R9      R10     R11     R12     R13     R14     R15     R16     R17     R18     R19  
1 0.00742 0.000948 0.000146 0.000576 7.36e-05 7.92e-05 0.00434 0.00321 0.00162 0.00597 -5.13e-05 -5.13e-05 5.13e-05 3.33e-06  
2 0.00741 0.000947 0.000143 0.000565 7.21e-05 7.92e-05 0.00435 0.00321 0.00162 0.00597 -1.39e-05 -1.39e-05 1.01e-04 1.30e-05  
IQRsimres object>
```

MODELS AND THEIR SIMULATION (ODE / BC SYNTAX)

Example0_Models/Scripts/SCRIPT_01_models.R

Getting started: A first ODE model

```
R> new_IQRmodel()
```

***** MODEL NAME

Model identifier

***** MODEL NOTES

Provide detailed description of the model

***** MODEL STATES

ODEs and initial values

$$\frac{d}{dt}(X_1) = -R_1, \quad X_1(0) = 1$$

***** MODEL PARAMETERS

Parameter values

$$\frac{d}{dt}(Y_1) = R_1, \quad Y_1(0) = 0$$

$$k = 0.1$$

***** MODEL VARIABLES

Auxiliary variables

$$\text{Total} = X_1 + Y_1$$

***** MODEL REACTIONS

Reactions (fluxes)

$$R_1 = k * X_1$$

***** MODEL FUNCTIONS

Auxiliary functions

***** MODEL EVENTS

Discrete state events

LOADING AN ODE MODEL INTO R, SIMPLE SIMULATION, AND PLOTTING

Example0_Models/Scripts/SCRIPT_01_models.R

```
#####
# Basic model simulation
#####

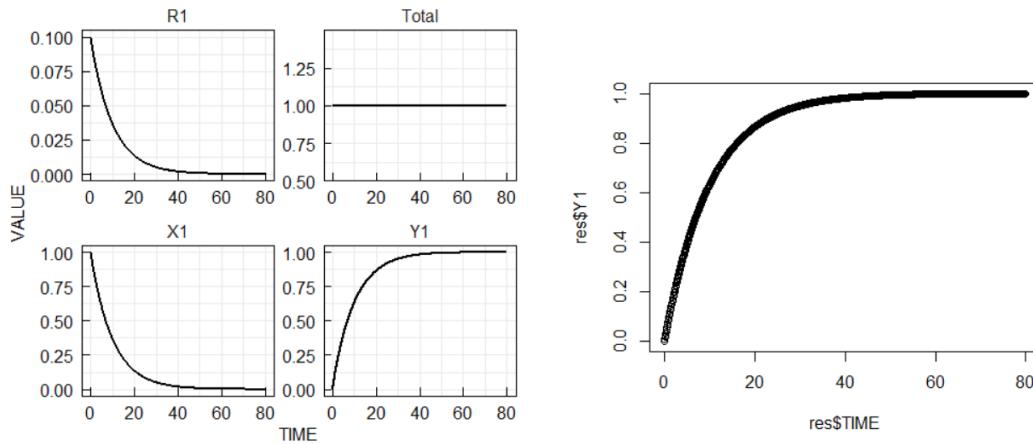
# Look at the model file
file.edit("firstmodel.txt")

# Load the model from text file into R as an object
model <- IQRmodel("firstmodel.txt")

# Simulate the model (parameters and initial conditions
# as defined in the model file)
res <- sim_IQRmodel(model,simtime=80)

# Plot results
plot(res)

# Plot specific output
plot(res$TIME,res$Y1)
```



firstmodel.txt

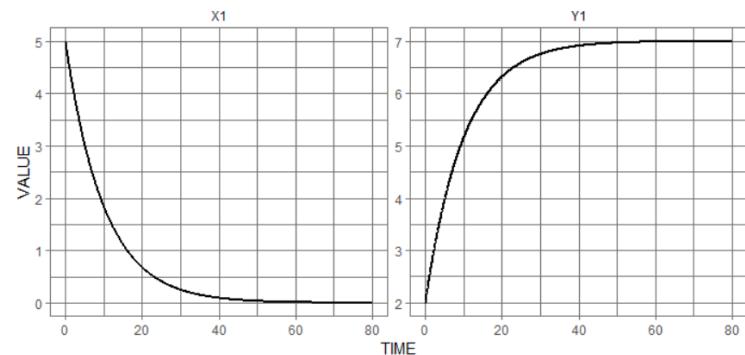
```
***** MODEL NAME
Provide Model Name
*****
***** MODEL NOTES
Provide Model Information
*****
***** MODEL STATES
d/dt(X1) = -R1
d/dt(Y1) = R1
X1(0) = 1
Y1(0) = 0
*****
***** MODEL PARAMETERS
k = 0.1
*****
***** MODEL VARIABLES
Total = X1 + Y1
*****
***** MODEL REACTIONS
R1 = k*X1
*****
***** MODEL FUNCTIONS
*****
***** MODEL EVENTS
```

CHANGING PARAMETERS AND INITIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE SIMULATION

```
#####
# Simulation with changed initial conditions
#####

# IC for X1=5, IC for Y1=2
res <- sim_IQRmodel(model,simtime=80,IC = c(X1=5,Y1=2))

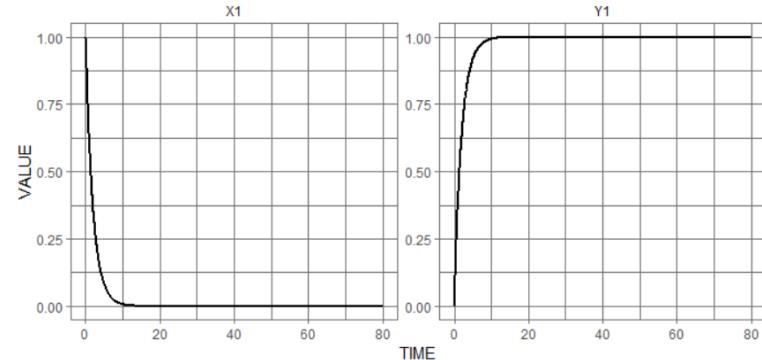
# Plotting only subset and not all elements
plot(res[,c("TIME","X1","Y1")])
```



```
#####
# Simulation with changed parameters
#####

# Setting k to 0.5
res <- sim_IQRmodel(model,simtime=80,parameters = c(k=0.5))

# Plotting only subset and not all elements
plot(res[,c("TIME","X1","Y1")])
```



EXPORTING A MODEL AND BIOCHEMICAL EQUATION NOTATION

```
# Exporting as ODE model  
export_IQRmodel(model,filename = "modelexported.txt")  
  
# Exporting as BC model  
export_IQRmodel(model,filename = "modelexportedBC.txt",FLAGbc = TRUE)
```

ODE Notation

```
1 ***** MODEL NAME  
2  
3 Provide Model Name  
4  
5 ***** MODEL NOTES  
6  
7 Provide Model Information  
8  
9 ***** MODEL STATES  
10  
11 d/dt(X1) = -R1  
12 d/dt(Y1) = R1  
13  
14 X1(0) = 1  
15 Y1(0) = 0  
16  
17 ***** MODEL PARAMETERS  
18  
19 k = 0.1  
20  
21 ***** MODEL VARIABLES  
22  
23 Total = X1 + Y1  
24  
25 ***** MODEL REACTIONS  
26  
27 R1 = k*X1  
28  
29 ***** MODEL FUNCTIONS  
30  
31  
32 ***** MODEL EVENTS
```

modelexported.txt

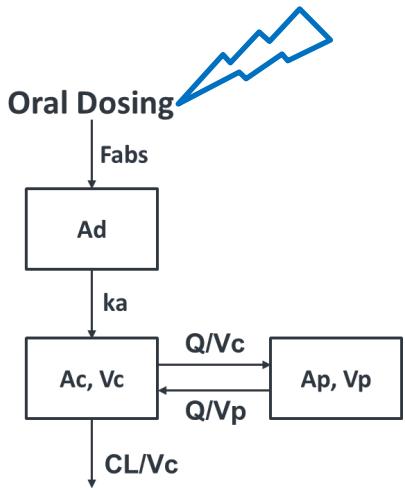
BC Notation

```
1 ***** MODEL NAME  
2  
3 Provide Model Name  
4  
5 ***** MODEL NOTES  
6  
7 Provide Model Information  
8  
9 ***** MODEL STATE INFORMATION  
10  
11  
12 X1(0) = 1  
13 Y1(0) = 0  
14  
15 ***** MODEL PARAMETERS  
16  
17 k = 0.1  
18  
19 ***** MODEL VARIABLES  
20  
21 Total = X1 + Y1  
22  
23 ***** MODEL REACTIONS  
24  
25 X1 => Y1 : R1  
26 vf = k*X1  
27  
28 ***** MODEL FUNCTIONS  
29  
30  
31 ***** MODEL EVENTS
```

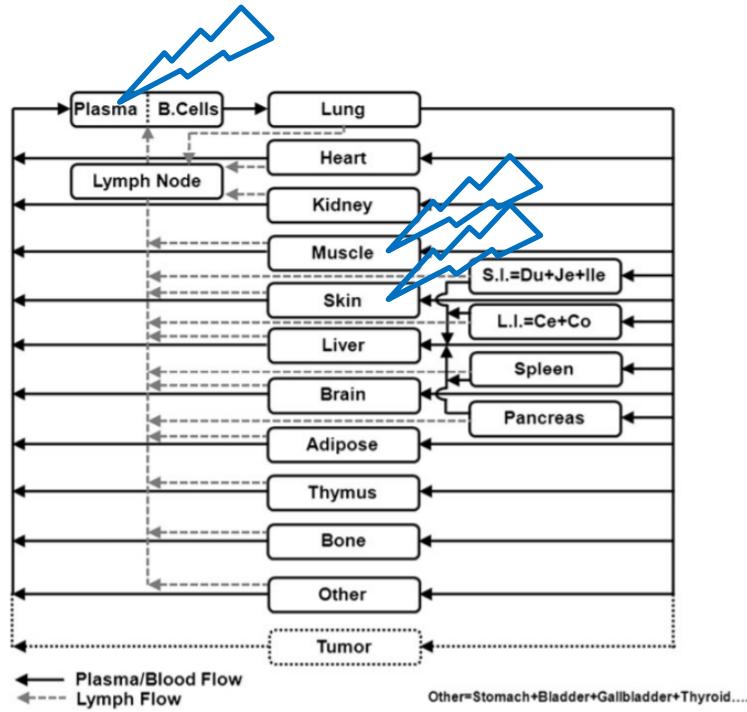
modelexportedBC.txt

$$A + B \Rightarrow C : R_1$$
$$V_f = k_1 \cdot A_1 \cdot B_1$$

DOSING INPUTS TO MODELS



$X_1 \Rightarrow Y_1$



Dosing information consists of:

- Dosing time(s)
- Amount(s)
- Location(s)
- Duration(s)
- Potential repetition(s) (number and interval)

DOSING INPUTS TO MODELS

firstmodel_dosing.txt

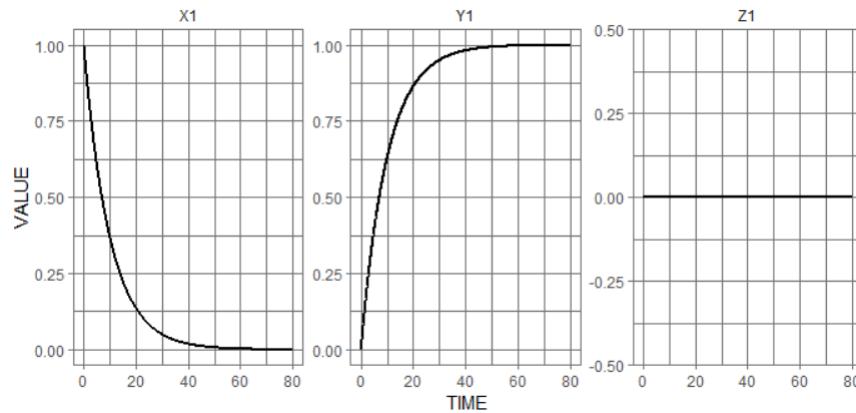
```
1 ***** MODEL NAME
2
3 Simple example with dosing input
4
5 ***** MODEL NOTES
6
7 Provide Model Information
8
9 ***** MODEL STATES
10
11 d/dt(X1) = -R1 + INPUT1
12 d/dt(Y1) = R1
13
14 d/dt(Z1) = -k*Z1 + factor*INPUT2
15
16 X1(0) = 1
17 Y1(0) = 0
18 Z1(0) = 0
19
20 ***** MODEL PARAMETERS
21
22 factor = 0.5
23 k = 0.1
24
25 ***** MODEL VARIABLES
26
27 Total = X1 + Y1
28
29 ***** MODEL REACTIONS
30
31 R1 = k*X1
32
33 ***** MODEL FUNCTIONS
34
35
36 ***** MODEL EVENTS
37
```

- A dosing input to a model is defined by
- The keyword "INPUT*" where "*" is 1, 2, 3, 4, ...
 - The term is added to a differential equation
 - By default INPUT* is assumed to be 0

```
# Load the model from text file into R as an object
model <- IQRmodel("firstmodel_dosing.txt")

# Simulate the model (parameters and initial conditions
# as defined in the model file)
res <- sim_IQRmodel(model,simtime=80)

# Plot results
plot(res[,c("TIME","X1","Y1","Z1")])
```

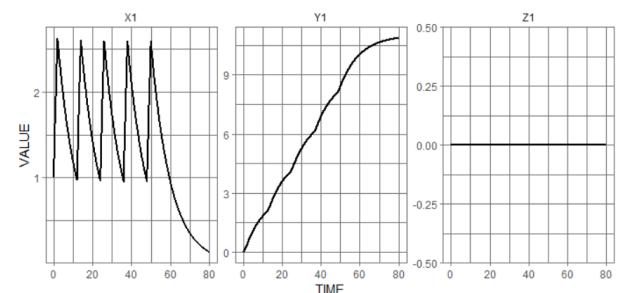


DEFINITION OF A DOSING OBJECT AND USE IN SIMULATION OF MODEL

```
81 #####  
82 # Definition of a dosing object  
83 #####  
84  
85 dosing <- IQRdosing(  
86   TIME = 0, # Time of dosing (required)  
87   AMT = 2, # Amount of dosing (required)  
88   ADM = 1, # Location of administration 1=>INPUT1, 2=>INPUT2, ... (required)  
89   TINF = 2, # Duration of administration (optional. default: 0)  
90   ADDL = 4, # Number of additional repeated doses (optional. default: 0)  
91   II = 12 # Dosing interval (required if ADDL is defined)  
92 )  
93 dosing  
94 #####
```

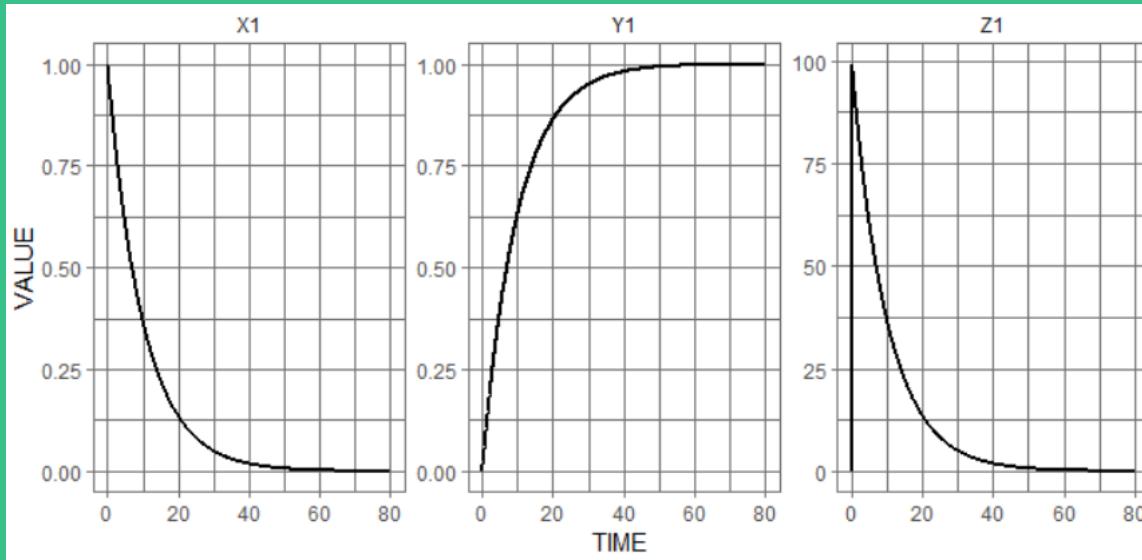
```
> dosing  
  TIME ADM AMT TINF  
1    0   1   2   2  
2   12   1   2   2  
3   24   1   2   2  
4   36   1   2   2  
5   48   1   2   2  
  
IQRdosing object  
Number of inputs: 1
```

```
#####  
# Simulation of model with dosing object  
#####  
  
# Load the model from text file into R as an object  
model <- IQRmodel("firstmodel_dosing.txt")  
  
# Simulate the model with the dosing object  
res <- sim_IQRmodel(model,simtime=80,dosingTable = dosing)  
  
# Plot results  
plot(res[,c("TIME","X1","Y1","Z1")])
```



HANDS-ON EXCERCISE

- Simulate a single dose (bolus: TINF=0) of 200 into INPUT2
- Plot the results



```
> dosing
  TIME ADM AMT  TINF
1     0   2 200 1e-04
IQRdosing object
Number of inputs: 1
```

TINF=0 implemented as 1e-4 as Bolus as a Dirac pulse with infinite height numerically not feasible

ESSENTIALLY NO LIMIT IN MODEL COMPLEXITY - AS LONG AS IT IS BASED ON ODES

Example

[Journal of Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics](#)

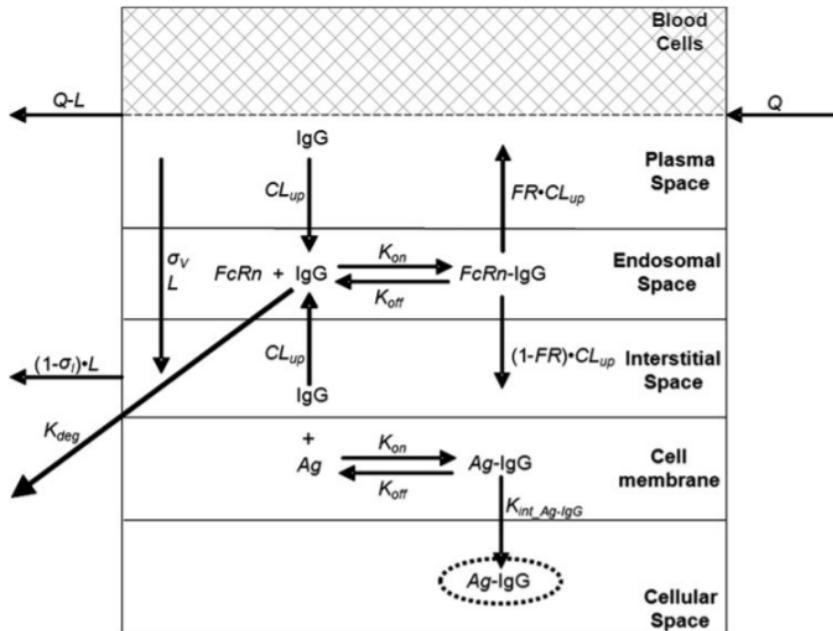
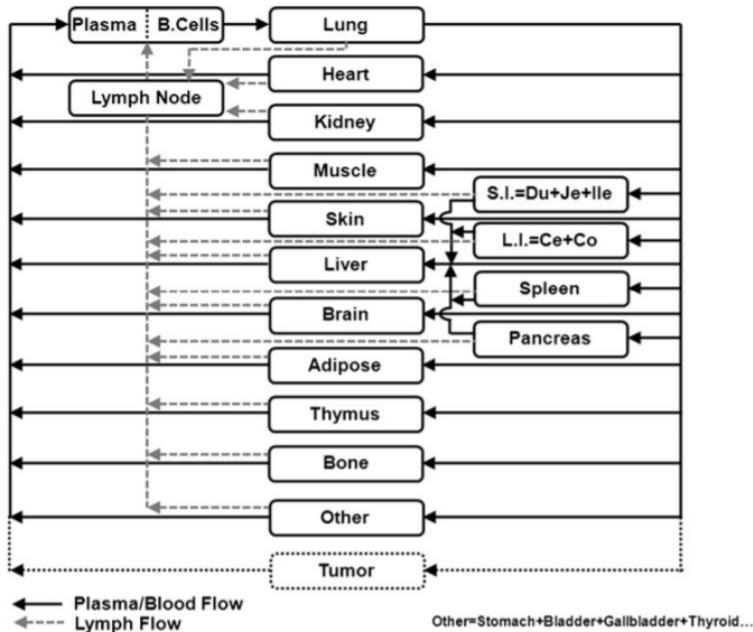
February 2012, Volume 39, Issue 1, pp 67–86 | [Cite as](#)

Towards a platform PBPK model to characterize the plasma and tissue disposition of monoclonal antibodies in preclinical species and human

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COMPARISON OF MODEL IMPLEMENTATION BASED ON ODES AND BIOCHEMICAL REACTION NOTATION

ODE based model code

Hard to edit and expand the model

Prone to mistakes

```
27 ***** MODEL STATES
28
29 # PLASMA
30 # -----
31 # IV dosing assumed into plasma compartment. Scaling done from mg to M
32 # mg/1000 -> g * MW -> mol / volume -> molar
33
34 d/dt(CPL_Exo1M) = ((TUMOR_PLQ-TUMOR_LF)*CTUMOR_V_Exo1M)/PL_V)+((HE_PLQ-HE_LF)*CHE_V_Exo1M)/PL_V)+((KI_PLQ-KI_LF)
 )*(CKI_V_Exo1M)/PL_V)+((MU_PLQ-MU_LF)*CMU_V_Exo1M)/PL_V)+((SK_PLQ-SK_LF)*CSK_V_Exo1M)/PL_V)+((BR_PLQ-BR_LF)
 )*CBR_V_Exo1M)/PL_V)+((AD_PLQ-AD_LF)*CAD_V_Exo1M)/PL_V)+((TH_PLQ-TH_LF)*CTH_V_Exo1M)/PL_V)+(((LIV_PLQ-LIV_LF)
 )+(SI_PLQ-SI_LF)*(LT_PLQ-LT_LF)+(SP_PLQ-SP_LF)+(PA_PLQ-PA_LF))*CLIV_V_Exo1M)/PL_V)+((BO_PLQ-BO_LF)*CBO_V_Exo1M
 )/PL_V)+((OTLN_PLQ-OT_LF)*COT_V_Exo1M)/PL_V)-(((LU_PLQ+LU_LF)*CPL_Exo1M)/PL_V)+(LN_LF*CLN_Exo1M)/PL_V + 1/(1000*MW
 *PL_V)*INPUT1
35
36
37 # BLOOD CELL
38 # -----
39 d/dt(CBC_Exo1M) = ((TUMOR_BCQ*CTUMOR_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V)+((HE_BCQ*CHE_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V)+((KI_BCQ*CKI_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V
 )+((MU_BCQ*CMU_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V)+((SK_BCQ*CSK_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V)+((BR_BCQ*CBR_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V)+((AD_BCQ*CAD_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V
 )+((TH_BCQ*CTH_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V)+((BO_BCQ*CBO_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V)+((OTLN_BCQ*COT_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V)+(((LIV_BCQ+SI_BCQ+LT_BCQ
 +SP_BCQ+PA_BCQ)*CLIV_BC_Exo1M)/BC_V)-((LU_BCQ*CBC_Exo1M)/BC_V)
40
41
42 # LUNG
43 # -----
44
45 # Vascular
46 d/dt(CL_U_V_Exo1M) = (((LU_PLQ+LU_LF)*CPL_Exo1M)/LU_VV)-(((LU_PLQ)*CLU_V_Exo1M)/LU_VV)-(((1-LU_VRC)*LU_LF*CLU_V_Exo1M
 )/LU_VV)-((LU_CL_UP*CLU_V_Exo1M)/LU_VV)+((LU_CL_UP*FR*CLU_E_B_Exo1M)/LU_VV)
47
```

```
695 # -----
696 # HEART
697 # -----
698 # Connecting flows Lung / Plasma
699 # -----
700 A_LU_V => A_HE_V : VA_LU_HE
701 vf = HE_PLQ*C_LU_V
702
703 A_HE_V => A_PL : VA_HE_PL
704 vf = (HE_PLQ-HE_LF)*C_HE_V
705
706 # -----
707 # Connecting flows blood cells
708 # -----
709 A_HE_BC => A_BC : VA_HE_BC_BC
710 vf = HE_BCQ*C_HE_BC
711
712 A_BC => A_HE_BC : VA_BC_HE_BC
713 vf = HE_BCQ*C_LU_BC
714
715 # Vascular (same for all tissues)
716 # -----
717 A_HE_V => A_HE_I : VA_HE_V_I
718 vf = (1-HE_VRC)*HE_LF*C_HE_V
719
720 A_HE_V => A_HE_E_U : VA_HE_V_E_U
721 vf = HE_CL_UP*C_HE_V
722
723 A_HE_I => A_HE_E_U : VA_HE_I_E_U
724 vf = HE_CL_UP*C_HE_I
725
726 A_HE_I => A_LN : VA_HE_I_LN
727 vf = (1-HE_ISRC)*HE_LF*C_HE_I
728
729 # Interstitial (same for all tissues)
730 # -----
731 A_HE_I => A_HE_E_B : VA_HE_E_B
732 vf = HE_CL_UP*C_HE_E_B
733
734 A_HE_E_B => A_HE_V + A_HE_FCRN : VA_HE_E_B_V
735 vf = HE_CL_UP*FR*C_HE_E_B
736
737 A_HE_E_B => A_HE_I + A_HE_FCRN: VA_HE_E_B_I
738 vf = HE_CL_UP*(1-FR)*C_HE_E_B
739
740 A_HE_E_B => A_HE_I + A_HE_FCRN: VA_HE_E_B_I
741 vf = HE_CL_UP*(1-FR)*C_HE_E_B
742
743 A_HE_E_B => A_HE_I + A_HE_FCRN: VA_HE_E_B_I
744 vf = HE_CL_UP*(1-FR)*C_HE_E_B
745
746 A_HE_E_B => A_HE_I + A_HE_FCRN: VA_HE_E_B_I
747 vf = HE_CL_UP*(1-FR)*C_HE_E_B
748
```

BC equation-based model code

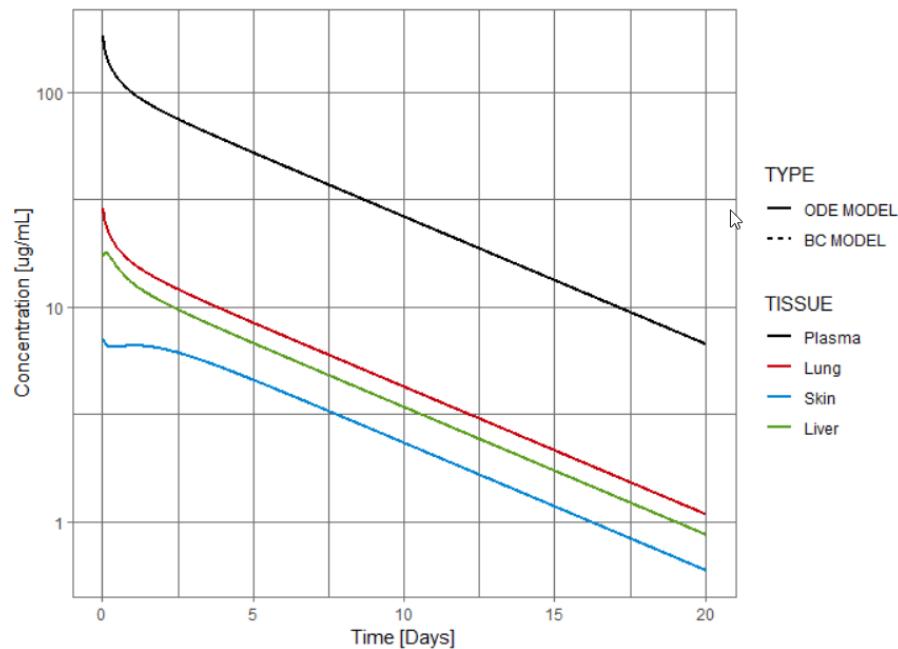
Easy to understand and edit

Easy to add new reactions / mechanisms as desired

SIMULATION OF BC BASED MODELS WORKS IDENTICALLY TO SIMULATION OF ODE BASED MODELS

```
125 ######
126 # Simulate more complex model
127 #####
128
129 file.edit("Shah mAb PBPK.txt")
130 file.edit("Shah mAb PBPK BC.txt")
131
132 modelODE <- IQRmodel("Shah mAb PBPK.txt",FLAGsym=FALSE)
133 modelBC <- IQRmodel("Shah mAb PBPK BC.txt",FLAGsym=FALSE)
134
135 # Simulate IV Single Dose 1 mg/kg ----
136
137 dosing <- IQRdosing(TIME=0,AMT=0.028*1,ADM=1) # (mg) 1 mg/kg Mouse: 0.028 kg assumed weight
138
139 resmodelODE <- sim_IQRmodel(model = modelODE,
140                               dosingTable = dosing,
141                               simtime = 20*24,
142                               opt_abstol = 1e-15,
143                               opt_reltol = 1e-15,
144                               opt_maxstep = 0.05)
145
146 resmodelBC <- sim_IQRmodel(model = modelBC,
147                               dosingTable = dosing,
148                               simtime = 20*24,
149                               opt_abstol = 1e-15,
150                               opt_reltol = 1e-15,
151                               opt_maxstep = 0.05)
152
```

Example0_Models/Scripts/SCRIPT_01_models.R



MORE INFORMATION ON THE MODEL DEFINITION SYNTAX AND SIMULATION AVAILABLE AS ONLINE AND OFFLINE DOCUMENTATION

The screenshot shows the left sidebar of the IQR Tools documentation. The sidebar has a light gray background and a vertical scroll bar. At the top, there are links for 'Analysis dataset preparation' and 'Model definition'. Under 'Model definition', several sections are listed: 'Model definition basics', 'Dosing representation', 'Advanced model definition' (which is highlighted in green), 'Example', 'Lagtimes', 'Mathematical functions', 'Implementing conditional...', 'Interpolation functions', 'MODEL FUNCTIONS se...', 'MODEL EVENTS section', 'Handling of models in R', 'PK model library', 'Example models', 'Simulation of models', 'NLME Modeling (IQRnlme)', and 'QSP Modeling'. Below the sidebar, the main content area has a title '7 Model definition' and a sub-section '7.1 Model definition basics'.

This screenshot shows the main content area of the IQR Tools documentation. It features a biochemical reaction diagram where a 'Substrate' and an 'Enzyme' combine to form a 'Complex'. Below the diagram, the text states: 'The basics of model representation in IQR Tools is illustrated for a model describing the (irreversible) formation of a complex C between a substrate A and an enzyme B (see Figure below). These types of processes are common as motifs in larger models of signaling pathways.' To the right of the diagram, a sidebar lists various simulation topics: 'Dosing events', 'Parameter sensitivities', 'Integrator in C', 'NLME Modeling (IQRnlme)', 'QSP Modeling', 'Model evaluation', 'Advanced modeling workflows', 'Population simulations', 'Experimental design', 'Exposure response analysis', 'Non-compartmental analysis', 'Reporting in Microsoft Word', and 'Manuals'.

Online documentation:

<https://iqrtools.intiquan.com/doc/book/>

8 Simulation of models

IQR Tools allows to perform simple simulation and even the most complicate clinical trial simulation. All in an intuitive manner. In this chapter the focus is on simple simulations, illustrated using various examples:

- Basic simulation and result visualization
- Modifying basic simulation settings
 - Simulation time
 - Model parameters
 - Initial conditions
 - Simulation of outputs only
- Dosing scenarios
- Additional result exploration: Sensitivities w.r.t. to the model parameters
- Technical reference `sim_IQRtools` (with description of advanced arguments for simulation settings)

8.1 Simulation

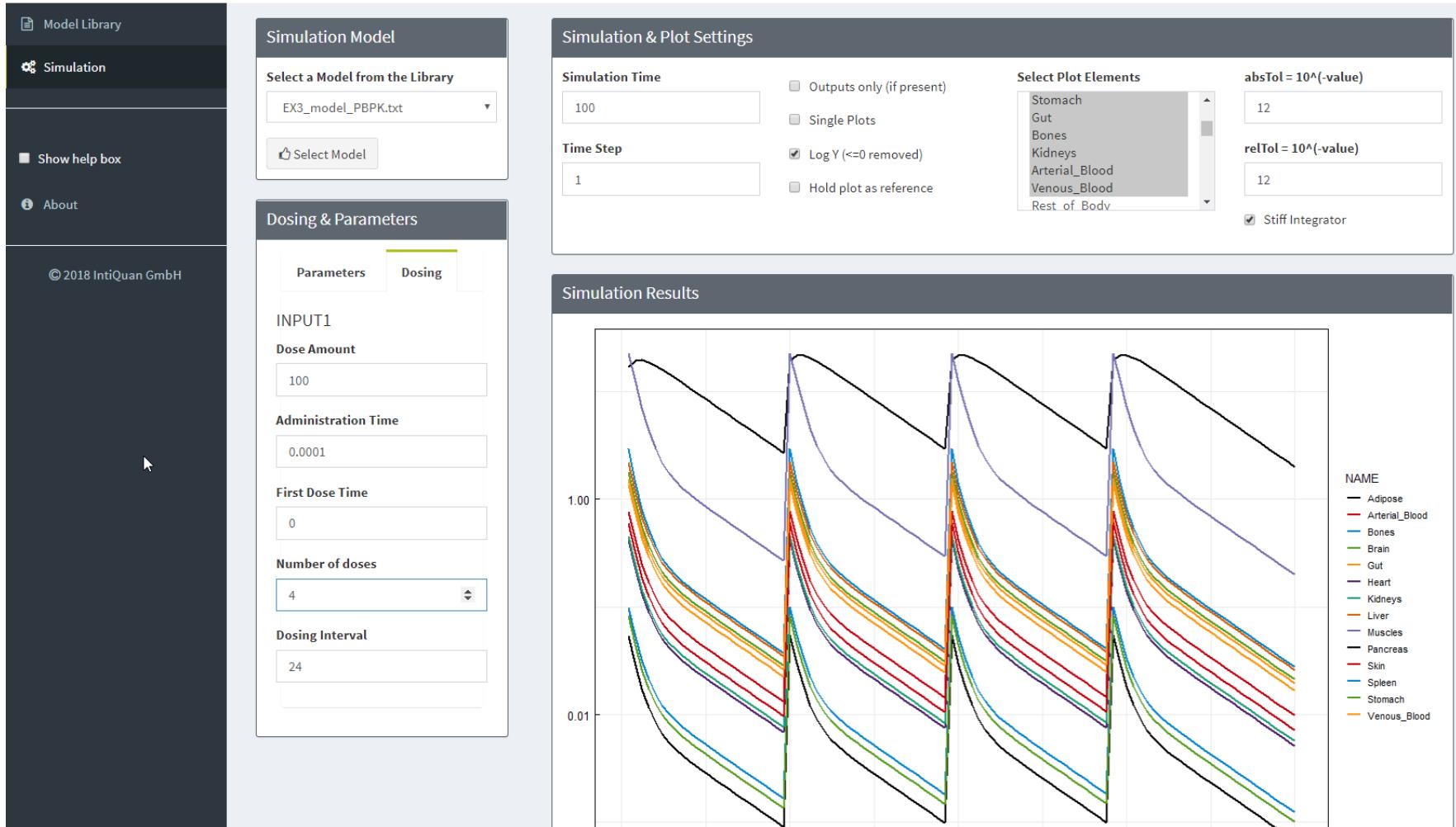
Basic simulation and result visualization are illustrated for a model implementing the irreversible reaction of a substrate and an enzyme to form a complex. We first import the model using the `iQRmodel()` function.

Offline documentation: `doc_IQRtools()`

SIMULATION SHINY APP

IQRsim: Very basic simulation interface for IQRmodels

IntiQuan



Start by executing
install_IQRsim()
run_IQRsim()

IQRsim ALSO CONTAINS A MODEL EDITOR AND MODEL LIBRARY

IQRsim: Very basic simulation interface for IQRmodels

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The screenshot shows the IQRsim Shiny App interface. On the left is a sidebar with icons for Model Library, Simulation, Show help box, and About, along with the copyright notice © 2018 IntiQuan GmbH. The main area has two tabs: Model Editor and Model Information. The Model Information tab is active, showing a code editor with the following content:

```
***** MODEL NAME
EX4_model_Neutropenia

***** MODEL NOTES
Example neutropenia model

Dose: mg
Output: 10^9 cells/L
Time: hours

***** MODEL STATES

# Differential equations PK model
d/dt(A_centr) = - CL/Vc*A_centr - Q/Vc*A_centr + A_periph*Q/Vp + INPUT1
d/dt(A_periph) = Q/Vc*A_centr - A_periph*Q/Vp

# Differential equations Friberg model
d/dt(A_prol) = KTR*A_prol*(1-SLOPU*CONC)*(CIRC0/A_circ)^GAMMA - KTR*A_prol
d/dt(A_tr1) = KTR*A_prol - KTR*A_tr1
d/dt(A_tr2) = KTR*A_tr1 - KTR*A_tr2
d/dt(A_tr3) = KTR*A_tr2 - KTR*A_tr3
d/dt(A_circ) = KTR*A_tr3 - KTR*A_circ

# Initial conditions
A_prol(0) = CIRC0
A_tr1(0) = CIRC0
A_tr2(0) = CIRC0
A_tr3(0) = CIRC0
A_circ(0) = CIRC0

***** MODEL PARAMETERS

# Define parameters
CIRC0 = 7.21 # Baseline circulating neutrophils (10^9 cells/L)
MTT = 124 # Mean transit time (hours)
SLOPU = 28.9 # Slope of drug effect (mL/ug)
GAMMA = 0.239 # Exponent (.)

# Define regression parameters
Vp = 1 # Peripheral volume (L)
Vc = 1 # Central volume (L)
CL = 1 # Clearance (L/hour)
Q = 1 # Intercompartmental clearance (L/hour)
```

A red box highlights the status message "Model not compiled". To the right is a Model Import section with a "Load IQRmodel file" button and a "Select *.txt model file" input field. Below it is a Model Library section with a "Save Model" button, a list of models (including EX4_model_Neutropenia.txt which is selected), and "Load Model" and "Delete Model" buttons.

`run_IQRsim(model)` adds an IQRmodel to the library and starts the Shiny App

IntiQuan

HANDS-ON EXERCISES

- Opening the IQR Tools documentation page
`R> doc_IQRtools()`
- Execution of an example in the documentation
`R> examples_IQRtools()`
- Write your own model
 - With a dosing input
 - Or get a model from SimBiology into IQR Tools
- Simulate that model
 - With a defined dosing scheme
 - For different parameters

THE WORKSHOP EXAMPLE

EPO DEGRADES UPON RECEPTOR BINDING AND INTERNALIZATION

REPORTS

Covering a Broad Dynamic Range: Information Processing at the Erythropoietin Receptor

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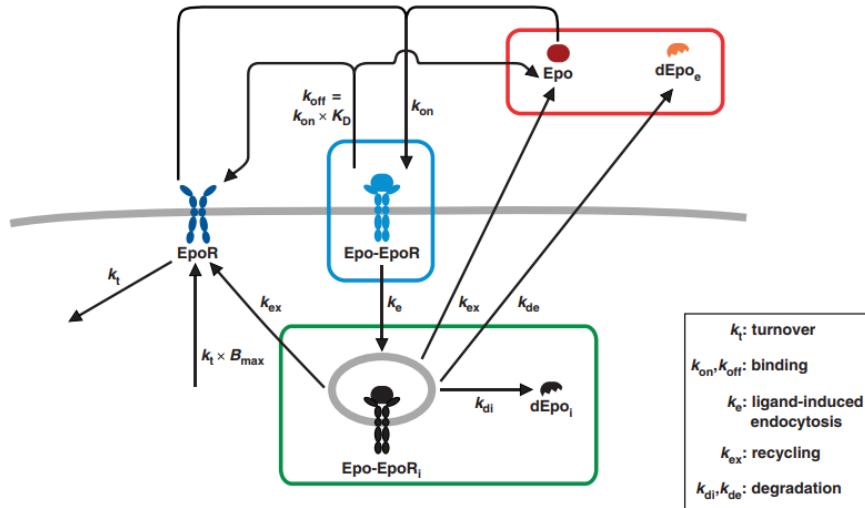
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- EpoR is newly synthesized ($k_t B_{max}$)
- EpoR is internalized (k_t)

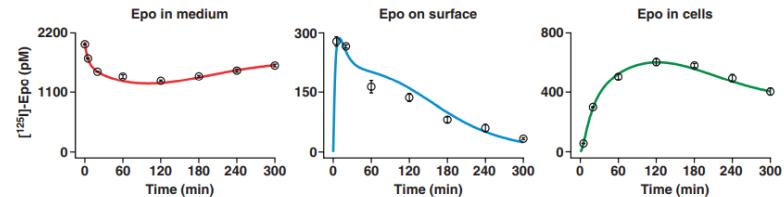
- Epo binds to EpoR (k_{on})
- Epo-EpoR dissociate ($k_{off} = k_{on} K_D$)
- Epo-EpoR internalizes (k_e)

- Epo-EpoR_i recycles into EpoR + Epo (k_{ex})
- Epo degrades and stays in intracellular compartment (k_{di})
- Epo degrades and is released to extracellular compartment (k_{de})

A Mathematical core model



B Model calibration



WE WILL LEARN HOW TO ...

Based on the publication

- Implement the model in IQR Tools
- Import the published data
- Estimate parameters
- Analyze identifiability of estimated parameters via the profile likelihood

Based on simulated data

- Introduce the concept of "conditions"
(here: different Epo preparations with different receptor binding affinity)
- Jointly estimate parameters from multi-condition data

MODELING AND SIMULATION

Example1_Epo/Scripts/SCRIPT_01_simulation.R

SETTING UP THE MODEL DESCRIPTION (ODES)

See: Example1_Epo/Scripts/Resources/model.txt

***** MODEL STATES

```
d/dt(Epo)      = initEpo*INPUT1 + EpoEpoRi*kex + EpoEpoR*koff - Epo*EpoR*kon  
d/dt(EpoR)     = EpoEpoRi*kex + EpoEpoR*koff - EpoR*kt + initEpo*initEpoRrel*kt - Epo*EpoR*kon  
d/dt(EpoEpR)   = Epo*EpoR*kon - EpoEpoR*koff - EpoEpR*ke  
d/dt(EpoEpRi)  = EpoEpoR*ke - EpoEpRi*kdi - EpoEpRi*kde - EpoEpRi*kex  
d/dt(dEpoi)    = EpoEpRi*kdi  
d/dt(dEpoe)   = EpoEpRi*kde
```

```
Epo(0)        = 0  
EpoR(0)       = initEpo*initEpoRrel  
EpoEpR(0)     = 0  
EpoEpRi(0)    = 0  
dEpoi(0)      = 0  
dEpoe(0)      = 0
```

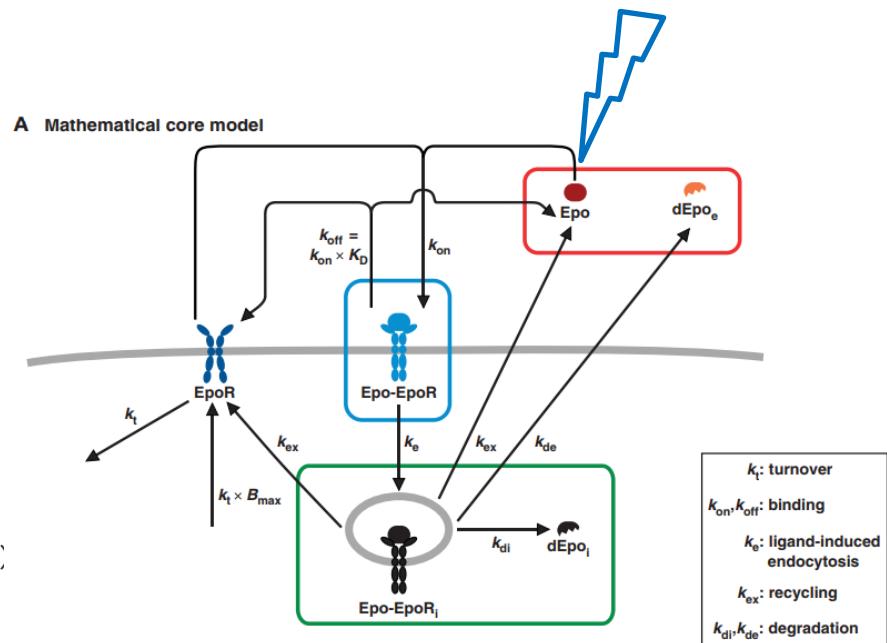
***** MODEL VARIABLES

```
Epoext = Epo + dEpoe  
Epoint = EpoEpRi + dEpoi
```

```
Epoextcpm = log10(offset + (Epoext*scale)/initEpo)  
Epomemcpm = log10(offset + (EpoEpR*scale)/initEpo)  
Epointcpm = log10(offset + (Epoint*scale)/initEpo)
```

OUTPUT1 = Epoextcpm
OUTPUT2 = Epomemcpm
OUTPUT3 = Epointcpm

Epo can be administered ("dosing input")



Keyword for outputs/observations - which will be used to link the model to the data for estimation and comparison

IQRsysModel() TRANSLATES THE MODEL FILE INTO AN R OBJECT FOR QSP MODELING

```
R> # Create sysModel object  
R> sysobj <- IQRsysModel("Resources/model.txt")  
  
R> # Get basic information  
R> print(sysobj)  
R> sysobj
```

```
--- IQRsysModel object - basic information: -----  
Model:      model.txt  
Dosing:    No dosing.  
Data:      No data  
Specs:     No model specification  
  
Conditions: BASE  
  
--- Additional information stored: -----  
  
Multistart estimation results: no  
Profile likelihood analysis: no
```

IQRsysModel(model, ...)

- Contains at least the **structural model** and the default **parameter values**
- Elements of the object can be accessed, manipulated and added:
 - Parameters, simulations, optimization results, etc.

- More elements for a modeling project can be added:
 - Dosing
 - Data
 - Model specifications

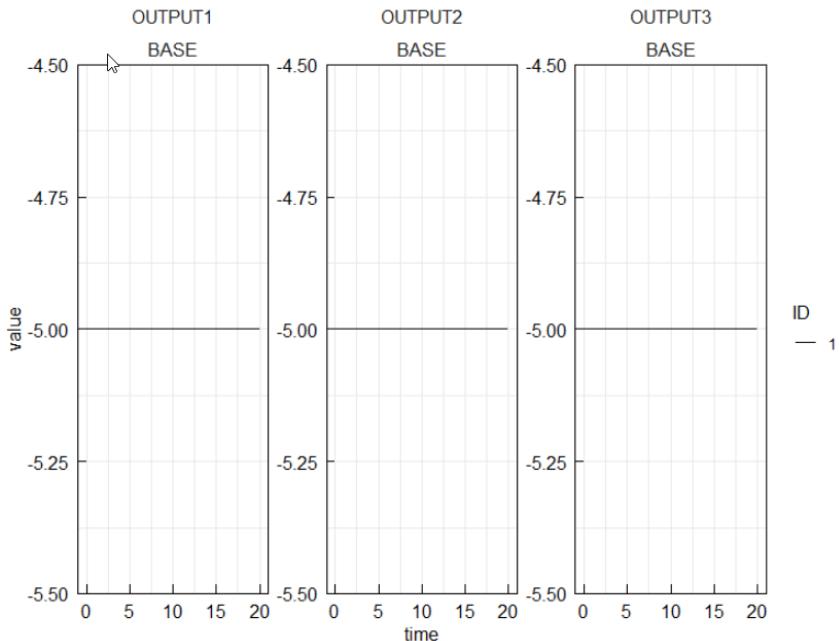
sim_IQRsysModel() LETS YOU PERFORM MODEL SIMULATION

```
R> # Add simulation to the sys object and plot  
R> sysobj <- sim_IQRsysModel(sysobj)  
  
R> plot_IQRsysModel(sysobj)
```

Explore further options with
`?sim_IQRsysModel()`

Examples:

- `simtime = seq(1, 20, .1)`
- `FLAGoutputsOnly = TRUE`



Pretty trivial simulation result ...

USE THE **dosing** ARGUMENT OF **IQRsysModel()** TO DEFINE MODEL INPUTS/DOSING/STIMULUS

Basic dosing is defined via **IQRdosing()**

ADM which INPUT

TIME begin of dosing

TINF duration of dosing

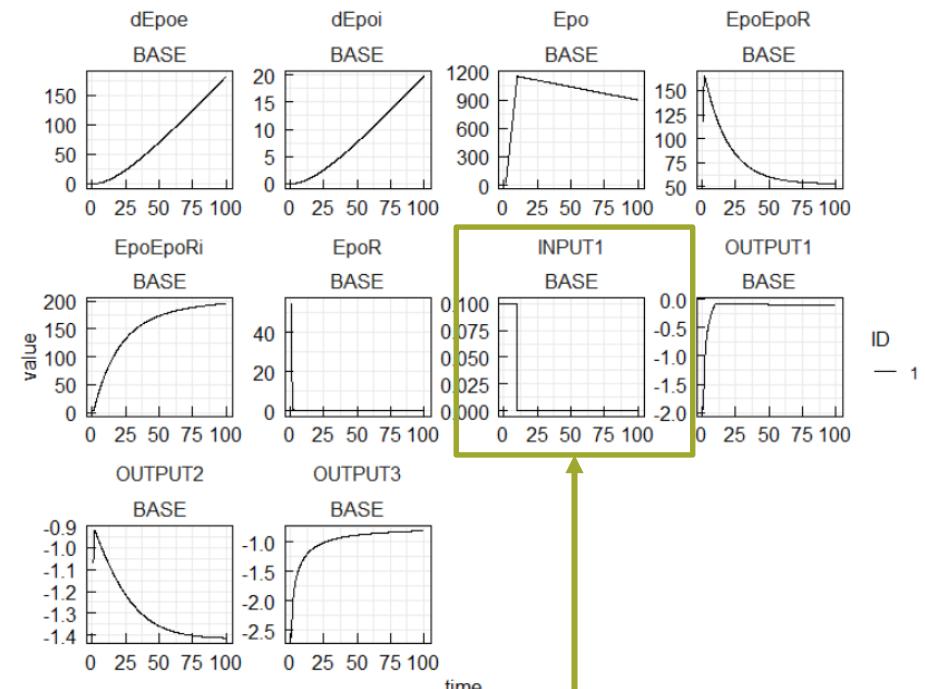
AMT amount

```
R> # Define dosing
R> mydosing <- IQRdosing(TIME = 0,
                           ADM = 1,
                           TINF = 10,
                           AMT = 1)
```

```
R> # Provide dosing information to the sysModel
R> sysobj <- IQRsysModel("Resources/model.txt",
                           dosing = mydosing)
```

```
R> # Create output
```

```
R> sysobj <- sim_IQRsysModel(sysobj, simtime = seq(1, 100, .1), FLAGoutputsOnly = FALSE)
R> plot_IQRsysModel(sysobj)
```



getPars_IQRsysModel() LETS YOU PRINT AND ACCESS MODEL PARAMETERS

```
R> # Get parameter information of the model  
R> getPars_IQRsysModel(sysobj)
```

```
R> # Store parameter values in vector  
R> mypars <- getPars_IQRsysModel(sysobj)  
R> mypars
```

```
R> # Selectively get parameters  
R> mypars <- getPars_IQRsysModel(sysobj,  
           "kde", "ke", "kon")  
R> mypars
```

--- Global parameters -----		
Parameter	Value	Estimate
Error model		
error_ADD1	1	+L
error_ADD2	1	+L
error_ADD3	1	+L
Fixed effects		
initEpo	1350	-
initEpoRel	0.129	-
kde	0.012	-
kdi	0.0013	-
ke	0.055	-
kex	0.00058	-
koff	0.081	-
kon	0.15	-
kt	0.016	-
offset	1e-05	-
scale	0.98	-
--- No local parameters defined -----		
Values rounded to 4 significant digits. Estimated/fixed parameters (+/-) Estimation on (N) natural / (L) log / (G) logit scale.		

setPars_IQRsysModel() LETS YOU CHANGE MODEL PARAMETERS

```
R> # Selectively set parameters
R> sysobj <- setPars_IQRsysModel(sysobj,
  kde = 0.05,
  ke  = 0.1,
  kon = 0.21)
```

--- Global parameters -----		
Parameter	Value	Estimate
Error model		
error_ADD1	1	+L
error_ADD2	1	+L
error_ADD3	1	+L
Fixed effects		
initEpo	1350	-
initEpoRrel	0.129	-
kde	0.05	-
kdi	0.0013	-
ke	0.1	-
kex	0.00058	-
koff	0.081	-
kon	0.21	-
kt	0.016	-
offset	1e-05	-
scale	0.98	-

--- No local parameters defined -----

Values rounded to 4 significant digits.
Estimated/fixed parameters (+/-)
Estimation on (N) natural / (L) log / (G) logit scale.

CONDITION-SPECIFIC PARAMETERS ARE TYPICAL FOR QSP APPLICATIONS

Example 1: Inhibitor

- inhibited reactions have smaller rate constant

CONDITIONS = (base, inhibitor)

Example 2: Knock-out

- affected targets have zero/small initial values

CONDITIONS = (base, target1, target2, ...)

Here: Different Epo preparation

- receptor-binding rate can be affected

CONDITIONS = (Epo_Human, Epo_Recombinant)

HANDS-ON EXERCISES - CONDITIONS

- Can you think of other examples where condition specific (local) parameters are important to consider?
- Have you experienced this need in your own projects?
- **Conditions are related to categorical covariates**

USE THE `modelSpec` ARGUMENT OF `IQRsysModel()` TO DEFINE MULTI-CONDITIONAL MODELS

```
R> # Create sysModel with local parameters
R> sysobj <- IQRsysModel(
  model = "Resources/model.txt",
  dosing = IQRdosing(TIME = 0, ADM = 1, AMT = 1),
  modelSpec = list(
    LOCmodel = list(
      kon = c("Epo_Human", "Epo_Recombinant")
    ),
    LOCvalues = list(
      kon = c(Epo_Human = 1.5, Epo_Recombinant = 0.15)
    )
  )
)
```

define which parameters have specific values for specific conditions

predefine values for local parameters

```
R> # Basic print-out shows conditions
R> sysobj
```

```
> sysobj
--- IQRsysModel object - basic information: ----

  Model:      Resources/model.txt
  Dosing:     IQRdosing object
  Data:       No data
  Specs:      Model was specified.

  Conditions: Epo_Human
               Epo_Recombinant

--- Additional information stored: ----

  Multistart estimation results: no
  Profile likelihood analysis: no
```

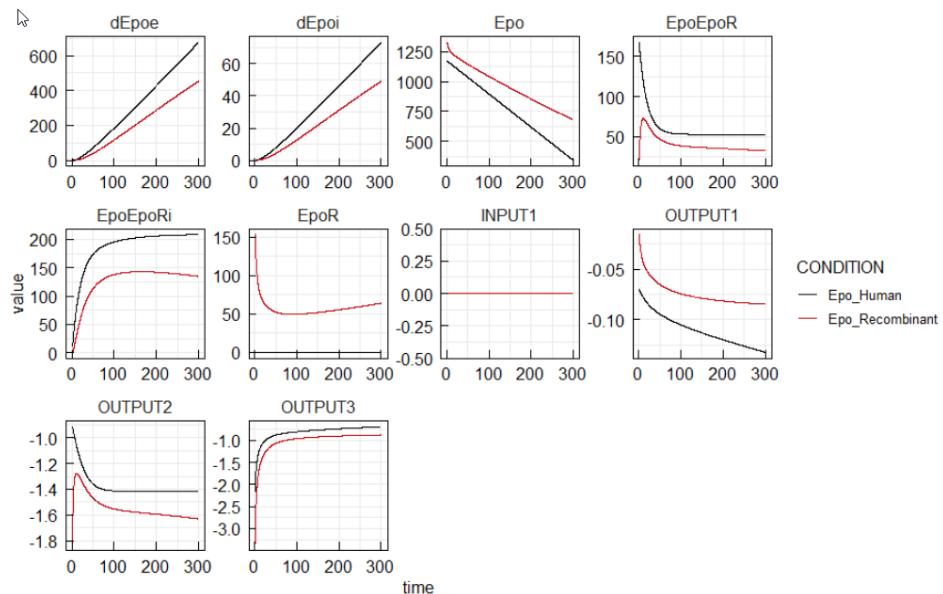
setPars_IQRsysModel() AND sim_IQRsysModel()

FOR MULTI-CONDITIONAL MODELS

```
R> # Set condition-specific parameter values (2 equivalent ways)
R> sysobj <- setPars_IQRsysModel(sysobj, kon_Epo_Recombinant = 1e-5)
R> sysobj <- setPars_IQRsysModel(sysobj, kon = c(Epo_Recombinant = 1e-4))

R> # Create output, same dosing applied for all conditions
R> sysobj <- sim_IQRsysModel(sysobj,
                               simtime = seq(1, 300, .1),
                               FLAGoutputsOnly = FALSE)

R> plot_IQRsysModel(sysobj,
                     group = "CONDITION")
```



USE THE **dosing** ARGUMENT OF **IQRsysModel()** TO IMPLEMENT CONDITION-SPECIFIC DOSING

```
R> # Create sysModel with local dosing and parameters  
R> sysobj <- IQRsysModel(  
  model = "Resources/model.txt",
```

```
  dosing = list(  
    Epo_Human = IQRdosing(TIME = 0, ADM = 1, AMT = 1, TINF = 0),  
    Epo_Recombinant = IQRdosing(TIME = 0, ADM = 1, AMT = 2, TINF = 10)  
)
```

```
modelSpec = list(  
  LOCmodel = list(  
    kon = c("Epo_Human", "Epo_Recombinant")  
  LOCvalues = list(  
    kon = c(Epo_Human = 1.5, Epo_Recombinant = 1e-4)  
)  
)
```

- List of IQRdosing objects
- Refer to condition by name

Only single dose shown here - multiple dose used as example in script

HANDS-ON EXERCISES

- Perform a simulation and plot the result
- Change the dosing and re-simulate and plot

LINKING MODELS AND DATA

Example1_Epo/Scripts/SCRIPT_02_exploration.R

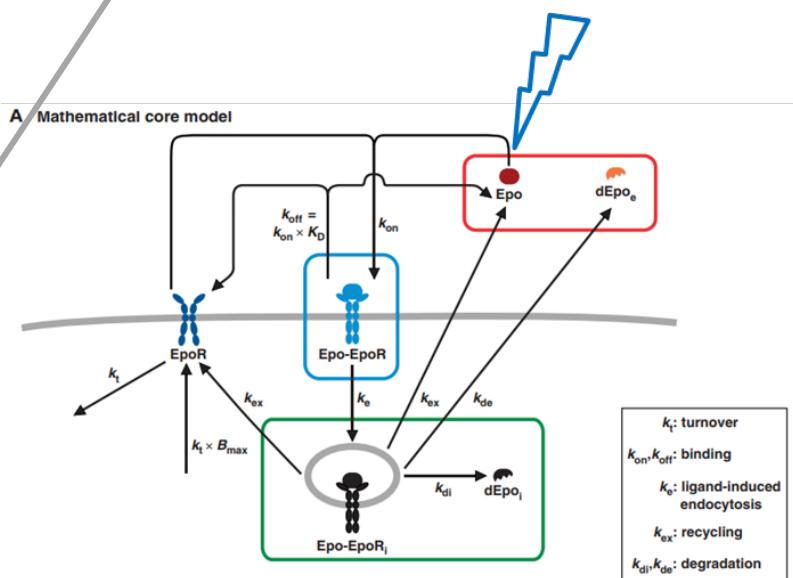
WORKSHOP EXAMPLE DATA

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
1	ID	CONDITION	NAME	TIME	DV	YTYPE	ADM	AMT	TINF
2	1	Experiment_1	Epo_Input	0		0	1	1	0
3	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	0.82	-0.020931791	1			
4	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	0.82	-0.026385465	1			
5	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	0.82	-0.024223047	1			
6	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	5.82	-0.084467631	1			
7	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	5.82	-0.08214924	1			
8	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	5.82	-0.088621051	1			
9	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	20.82	-0.150362274	1			
10	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	20.82	-0.152233487	1			
11	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	20.82	-0.153436851	1			
12	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	60.82	-0.170195393	1			
27	1	Experiment_1	Epo_mem_cpm	0.82	-1.429135175	2			
28	1	Experiment_1	Epo_mem_cpm	0.82	-1.316224534	2			
29	1	Experiment_1	Epo_mem_cpm	0.82	-1.358778455	2			
30	1	Experiment_1	Epo_mem_cpm	5.82	-0.882141109	2			
31	1	Experiment_1	Epo_mem_cpm	5.82	-0.894373495	2			
32	1	Experiment_1	Epo_mem_cpm	5.82	-0.857377813	2			
33	1	Experiment_1	Epo_mem_cpm	20.82	-0.905144715	2			
51	1	Experiment_1	Epo_int_cpm	0.82	-3.185133265	3			
52	1	Experiment_1	Epo_int_cpm	0.82	-2.877880297	3			
53	1	Experiment_1	Epo_int_cpm	0.82	-3.087418117	3			
54	1	Experiment_1	Epo_int_cpm	5.82	-1.560285508	3			
55	1	Experiment_1	Epo_int_cpm	5.82	-1.577874104	3			
56	1	Experiment_1	Epo_int_cpm	5.82	-1.56562894	3			
57	1	Experiment_1	Epo_int_cpm	20.82	-0.846271858	3			
58	1	Experiment_1	Epo_int_cpm	20.82	-0.847746989	3			

OUTPUT1 = Epoextcpm
OUTPUT2 = Epopmemcpm
OUTPUT3 = Epointcpm

Single Epo dose

Measurements



HOW TO ORGANIZE DATA FOR MODELING?

APPROACH IN IQR TOOLS

Use same data format across QSP and NLME modeling

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1	CONDITION	ID	TIME	DV	YTYPE	AMT	ADM	TINF	NAME	IXGDF	USUBJID	MDV	EVID	CENS	RATE	TIMEPOS	TAD
2	Experiment_1	1	0.	.	1	1	0	Epo_Input	1	SJ1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-0.020931791	1.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	2	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82	0.82
4	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-0.026385465	1.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	3	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82	0.82
5	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-0.024223047	1.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	4	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82	0.82
6	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-1.429135175	2.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	26	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82	0.82
7	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-1.316224534	2.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	27	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82	0.82
8	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-1.358778455	2.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	28	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82	0.82
9	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-3.185133265	3.	.	.	Epo_int_cpm	50	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82	0.82
10	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-2.877880297	3.	.	.	Epo_int_cpm	51	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82	0.82
11	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-3.087418117	3.	.	.	Epo_int_cpm	52	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82	0.82
12	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.084467631	1.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	5	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82	5.82
13	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.08214924	1.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	6	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82	5.82
14	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.088621051	1.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	7	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82	5.82
15	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.882141109	2.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	29	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82	5.82
16	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.894373495	2.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	30	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82	5.82
17	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.857377813	2.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	31	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82	5.82
18	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-1.560785508	3.	.	.	Epo_int_cpm	53	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82	5.82

- Row based format with a single "event" in each row
- An event can be a dosing or an observation
- Additional columns can be added as covariates and/or for documentation and annotation of the data
- The "ID" column allows differentiation between subjects / experiments

This format is most flexible and covers all type of data that typically is considered in Pharmacometric and QSP modeling

IQRsysData() READS DATA IN THE NATURAL FORMAT USED BY IQRTTOOLS FOR MODELING

```
R> dataSys <- IQRsysData("../Data/dataSYS.csv")  
R> dataSys
```

	CONDITION	ID	TIME	DV	YTYPE	AMT	ADM	TINF	NAME	IXGDF	USUBJID	MDV	EVID	CENS	RATE	TIMEPOS	TAD
1	Experiment_1	1	0.00	NA	NA	1	1	0	Epo_Input	1	SJ1	0	1	0	0	0.00	0.00
2	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-0.02093179	1	NA	NA	NA	Epo_ext_cpm	2	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
3	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-0.02638547	1	NA	NA	NA	Epo_ext_cpm	3	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
4	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-0.02422305	1	NA	NA	NA	Epo_ext_cpm	4	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
5	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-1.42913517	2	NA	NA	NA	Epo_mem_cpm	26	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
6	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-1.31622453	2	NA	NA	NA	Epo_mem_cpm	27	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82

- **CONDITION** condition identifier (character)
- **ID** subject identifier (integer) (here: **1-to-1 relation between CONDITION and ID**)
- **TIME** time since first dose (numeric)
- **DV** observed value (numeric), NA or 0 for doses, LLOQ value if CENS = 1
- **YTYPE** number of the output (integer, 1 for OUTPUT1, 2 for OUTPUT2, etc.)
- **AMT** dose amount (numeric)
- **ADM** number of input (integer, 1 for INPUT1, 2 for INPUT2, etc.)
- **TINF** infusion time (numeric)
- **NAME** description of the record (character)
- **IXGDF** index number of the record (integer)
- **USUBJID** unique subject ID (character)
- **MDV** missing data flag (1-records will be removed for parameter estimation)
- **EVID** Event ID (0 for observations, 1 for dosing records)
- **CENS** censoring flag (0 for uncensored, 1 for censored (below lower limit of quantification))
- **RATE** only used by NONMEM
- **TIMEPOS** time from first event per subject (numeric)
- **TAD** time after previous dose

DEFINING DOSING IN THE DATA

CONDITION	ID	TIME	DV	YTYPE	AMT	ADM	TINF	NAME	IXGDF	USUBJID	MDV	EVID	CENS	RATE	TIMEPOS	TAD
		10	NA	NA	1	1	0				1	1	0	0	0	0



Dosing columns:

- **TIME** time of dosing (first dose in subject has TIME=0)
- **AMT** dose amount
- **ADM** number of input (1 for INPUT1, 2 for INPUT2, etc.)
- **TINF** duration of dosing / infusion time



Derived columns:

- set **NA** for **DV** (data value) and **YTYPE** (output identifier)
- **MDV = 1** (treated like missing data value)
- **EVID = 1** (means dosing event)
- **CENS = 0** (no censoring)
- **RATE = 0** (not used by IQRsysModel)
- **TIMEPOS = 0** (time since first event in ID, depends on other events)
- **TAD = 0** (time since last dose, which for a dose always is 0)



Other columns:

- Set according to CONDITION, ID, USUBJID of the subject
- NAME: informative name for dosing record, e.g. "Epo Dose"

DEFINING OBSERVATIONS IN THE DATA

CONDITION	ID	TIME	DV	YTYPE	AMT	ADM	TINF	NAME	IXGDF	USUBJID	MDV	EVID	CENS	RATE	TIMEPOS	TAD
		0.82	2.1	1	NA	NA	NA				0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82



Data/Observation columns:

- **TIME** time of observation relative to time of first dose in subject (0)
- **DV** numeric observation value. If value below the LLOQ then set DV=LLOQ and CENS=1
- **YTYPE** number of output (1 for OUTPUT1, 2 for OUTPUT2, etc.)



Derived columns:

- set **NA** for **AMT**, **ADM** and **TINF** (dosing columns)
- **MDV = 0** data value 0 if not missing, 1 if missing or not to be considered
- **EVID = 0** (observation event)
- **CENS = 0** (0 if observation above LLOQ. Set to 1 if observation below LLOQ)
- **RATE = 0** (not used by IQRsysModel)
- **TIMEPOS** time since first event in subject
- **TAD** time since previous dose



Other columns:

- Set according to CONDITION, ID, USUBJID of the subject
- NAME: informative name for dosing record, e.g. "Epo Dose"

DEFINING BLOQ OBSERVATIONS IN THE DATA

BLOQ: BELOW LIMIT OF QUANTIFICATION

CONDITION	ID	TIME	DV	YTYPE	AMT	ADM	TINF	NAME	IXGDF	USUBJID	MDV	EVID	CENS	RATE	TIMEPOS	TAD
		9.82	0.1	1	NA	NA	NA				0	0	1	0	0.82	0.82



Data/Observation columns:

- **TIME** time of observation relative to time of first dose in subject (0)
- **DV** set data value to the **lower limit of quantification (LLOQ)**
- **YTYPE** number of output (1 for OUTPUT1, 2 for OUTPUT2, etc.)
- **CENS = 1** (indicate that data point is censored -> will use BLOQ estimation method)



Derived columns:

- set **NA** for **AMT**, **ADM** and **TINF** (dosing columns)
- **MDV = 0** (data value not missing)
- **EVID = 0** (means **no** dosing event)
- **RATE = 0** (not used by IQRsysModel)
- **TIMEPOS** time since first event in subject
- **TAD** time since previous dose



Other columns:

- Set according to CONDITION, ID, USUBJID of the subject
- NAME: informative name for dosing record, e.g. "Epo Dose"

STANDARDIZED GENERAL DATA FORMAT APPLICABLE TO BOTH QSP AND NLME MODELING FACILITATES DATA PROGRAMMING AND GENERATION OF QSP AND NLME MODELING DATASETS

<https://iqrtools.intiquan.com/doc/book/GenDatFormat.html>

The screenshot shows the 'General Dataset Format' chapter from the iQRTools documentation. The left sidebar contains a table of contents with sections like 'QSP Modeling', 'Model evaluation', 'Advanced modeling workflows', etc., and a 'Manuals' section with 'General Dataset Format'. The main content area is titled '18 General Dataset Format'. It discusses the need for a general dataset format in model-based drug development, mentioning requirements for redundancy and information typically found in traditional pharmacometric analysis datasets. A sidebar on the right lists 'Installation', 'Examples in this Book', 'Reproducibility of Results', and 'Validation'.

More about it later

6 Analysis dataset preparation

IQR Tools implements functionality to facilitate the creation of analysis or modeling datasets based on a general dataset format. The general dataset format aims to at least contain a minimum of information required and - at the same time - to be flexible to store all information that is relevant for the analysis.

The functions provided by IQRTools enable a traceable programming of the analysis data set. Metadata (e.g., covariate value units, or covariate category labels) is retained and available for documentation and producing meaningful graphs and tables. When manipulating the data for a particular task, e.g., removal of outliers, imputing covariates, log files are written.

In a first section ([Example workflow](#)) of this chapter a basic example for establishing an analysis dataset in the following steps is given:

- Dataset specification of origin
 - Import to the IQRdataGENERAL format
 - Graphical data exploration
 - Cleaning the data to establish analysis dataset
 - Export to .csv and .xpt

The second section, ([Further options](#)) discusses more features for the following steps with which the basic workflow can be customized.

<https://iqrtools.intiquan.com/doc/book/analysis-dataset-preparation.html>

IQRdataGENERAL() OR import_IQRsysData() HELP TO SIMPLIFY DATA PREPARATION

1. Embedding in IQR Tools

- IQR QSP tools are embedded in IQR tools
- IQR tools provided **general dataset format** via IQRdataGENERAL()
- exportSYS_IQRdataGENERAL() exports general data set to modeling data set

2. Perform standard imputation

- Many columns can be imputed automatically (MDV, EVID, etc.)
- Only define absolutely necessary columns
- Use import_IQRsysData() to import as IQRsysData object
- Clinical data often contains repeated doses - they can be efficiently coded in the dataset in a single row - import_IQRsysData() will expand these for further processing

ID	CONDITION	NAME	TIME	DV	YTYPE	ADM	AMT	TINF
1	1	Experiment_1	Epo_Input	0.00	NA	0	1	1
2	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	0.82	-0.02093179	1	NA	NA
3	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	0.82	-0.02638547	1	NA	NA
4	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	0.82	-0.02422305	1	NA	NA
5	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	5.82	-0.08446763	1	NA	NA
6	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	5.82	-0.08214924	1	NA	NA

HANDS-ON EXERCISES

Example1_Epo/Scripts/SCRIPT_02_exploration.R

- Exercise: Have a look at "../Data/dataRAW.csv", import with `import_IQRsysData()` and compare output to raw dataset.

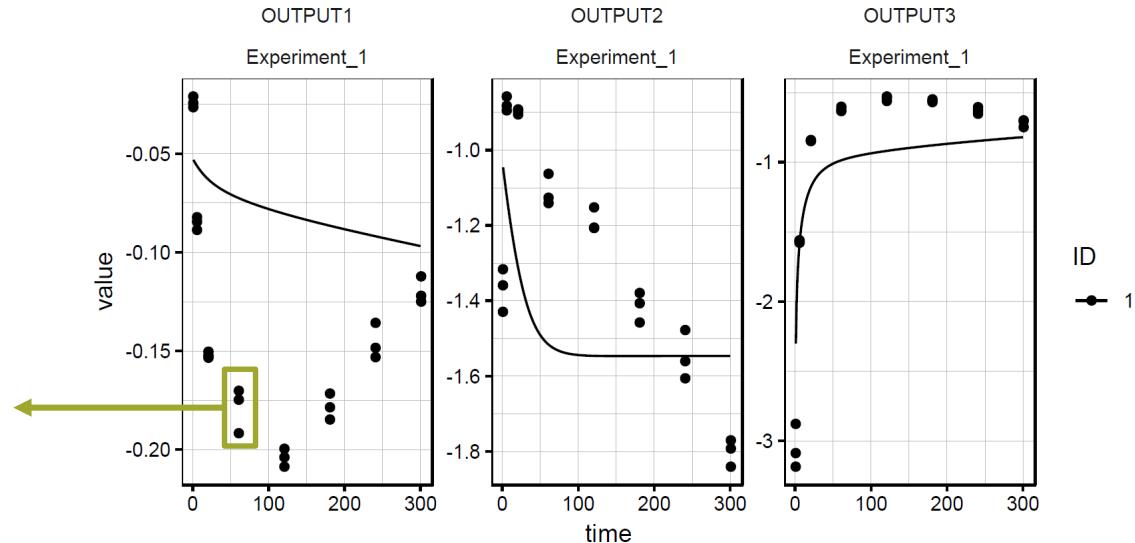
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	ID	CONDITION	NAME	TIME	DV	YTYPE	ADM	AMT	TINF	
2	1	Experiment_1	Epo_Input		0		0	1	1	0
3	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	0.82	-0.020931791	1				
4	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	0.82	-0.026385465	1				
5	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	0.82	-0.024223047	1				
6	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	5.82	-0.084467631	1				
7	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	5.82	-0.08214924	1				
8	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	5.82	-0.088621051	1				
9	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	20.82	-0.150362274	1				
10	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	20.82	-0.152233487	1				
11	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	20.82	-0.153436851	1				
12	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	60.82	-0.170195393	1				
13	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	60.82	-0.191715048	1				
14	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	60.82	-0.174728994	1				
15	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	120.82	-0.199590556	1				
16	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	120.82	-0.203916678	1				
17	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	120.82	-0.208689945	1				
18	1	Experiment_1	Epo_ext_cpm	180.82	-0.178569866	1				

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1	CONDITION	ID	TIME	DV	YTYPE	AMT	ADM	TINF	NAME	IXGDF	USUBJID	MDV	EVID	CENS	RATE	TIMEPOS	TAD
2	Experiment_1	1	0	.	.	1	1	0	Epo_Input	1	SJ1	1	1	0	0	0	0
3	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-0.020931791	1	.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	2	SJ1	0	0	0	0.82	0.82	
4	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-0.026385465	1	.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	3	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
5	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-0.024223047	1	.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	4	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
6	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-1.429135175	2	.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	26	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
7	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-1.316224534	2	.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	27	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
8	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-1.358778455	2	.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	28	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
9	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-3.185133265	3	.	.	.	Epo_int_cpm	50	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
10	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-2.877880297	3	.	.	.	Epo_int_cpm	51	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
11	Experiment_1	1	0.82	-3.087418117	3	.	.	.	Epo_int_cpm	52	SJ1	0	0	0	0	0.82	0.82
12	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.084467631	1	.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	5	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82
13	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.08214924	1	.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	6	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82
14	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.088621051	1	.	.	.	Epo_ext_cpm	7	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82
15	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.882141109	2	.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	29	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82
16	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.894373495	2	.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	30	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82
17	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-0.857377813	2	.	.	.	Epo_mem_cpm	31	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82
18	Experiment_1	1	5.82	-1.560285508	3	.	.	.	Epo_int_cpm	53	SJ1	0	0	0	0	5.82	5.82

USE THE **data** ARGUMENT OF **IQRsysModel()** TO LINK MODEL TO A DATA SET

```
R> # Load the model + data  
R> sysobj <- IQRsysModel("Resources/model.txt",  
                           data = list(datafile = "../Data/dataSYS.csv"))  
  
R> # Simulate with user-defined time points  
R> sysobj <- sim_IQRsysModel(sysobj, simtime = 1:300)  
  
R> # Plot model + data  
R> plot_IQRsysModel(sysobj)
```

- data:
- measured triplicates per time point



GOING TOWARDS ESTIMATION WITH `as_IQRsysEst()`

```
R> est <- as_IQRsysEst(sysobj,  
+ modelSpec = list(  
+   POPestimate = c(  
+     initEpo      = 0,  
+     initEpoRrel = 1,  
+     kde          = 1,  
+     kdi          = 1,  
+     ke           = 1,  
+     kex           = 1,  
+     koff          = 1,  
+     kon           = 1,  
+     kt            = 1  
+   ))  
)
```

until now contained information about

- model, error model
- parameter values (= initial guesses)
- data

did not contain information about

- which parameters to consider for estimation
- on which scale (log assumed if not explicitly states)

```
R> # Print information collected in the estimation object  
R> print(est)
```

ROBUST PARAMETER ESTIMATION

Example1_Epo/Scripts/SCRIPT_03_estimation.R

modelSpec REVISITED (SEE ?IQRn1meEst())

QSP essential (same for NLME) QSP extended (same for NLME) QSP (no NLME)

```
modelSpec = list(  
  
  # Population level  
  POPvalues0      = Parameter values / initial guesses  
  POPestimate     = Estimate or not  
  # Individual level  
  IIVdistribution = Parameterize on log/normal/logit scale  
  IIVvalues0       = SD of individual parameter values  
  IIVestimate      = Estimate SD?  
  # Residual error level  
  errorModel       = Error model for each model output  
  # Covariate level  
  covariateModel   = Which parameter is affected by which covariate  
  covariateModelValues = Effect size parameter  
  COVestimate      = Estimate covariate effect or not  
  COVcentering     = Reference values for covariates  
  # Condition-Specific level  
  LOCmodel         = Which parameter is condition-specific  
  LOCvalues0        = Values per condition for specific parameters  
  LOCestimate       = Estimate or not
```

)—————> Provide to **IQRsysModel()** or **as_IQRsysEst()**

USE `IQRsysProject()` AND `run_IQRsysProject()` TO CREATE AND RUN ESTIMATION PROJECTS

```
R> # Load the model
R> sysobj <- IQRsysModel(
  model = "Resources/model.txt",
  data = list(datafile = "../Data/dataSYS.csv"),
  modelSpec = list(
    POPvalues0 = c(
      initEpo = 1350,           initEpoRel = 0.01,           kde = 0.01,
      kdi     = 0.01,           ke     = 0.01,           kex = 0.01,
      koff    = 0.01,           kon     = 0.01,           kt   = 1
    ),
    errorModel = list(
      OUTPUT1 = c("abs", 0.1),  OUTPUT2 = c("abs", 0.1),  OUTPUT3 = c("abs", 0.1)
    )
  )
)

R> # Create estimation object
R> est <- as_IQRsysEst(sysobj)

R> # Create project on hard disk
R> proj <- IQRsysProject(est,
  projectPath = "../Models/RUN1",
  opt.nfits = 1)

R> # Run the project
R> optsys <- run_IQRsysProject(proj, ncores = 1)
```

The diagram illustrates the workflow for creating and running an estimation project. It consists of three main sections:

- Top Section (Yellow Box):** Contains the R code for creating an estimation object (`est`) from the `sysobj`. This section is highlighted with a yellow border.
- Middle Section (Yellow Box):** Contains the R code for creating a project (`proj`) on the hard disk using the `est` object. This section is also highlighted with a yellow border.
- Bottom Section:** Contains the R code for running the project (`optsys`) using the `proj` object.

A yellow arrow points from the bottom of the middle section's yellow box down to the start of the bottom section's code, indicating the sequential flow of the process.

- estimation object
- path information
- integrator options
- optimizer options
- optimization settings (bounds, spread)

THE BIG PICTURE OF THE **IQRsysModel** WORKFLOW

- Load model, data and parameter information into IQRsysModel object

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- **Manipulate** the model object:

```
sysobj <- setPars_IQRsysModel(sysobj, ...)  
sysobj <- sim_IQRsysModel(sysobj, ...)
```

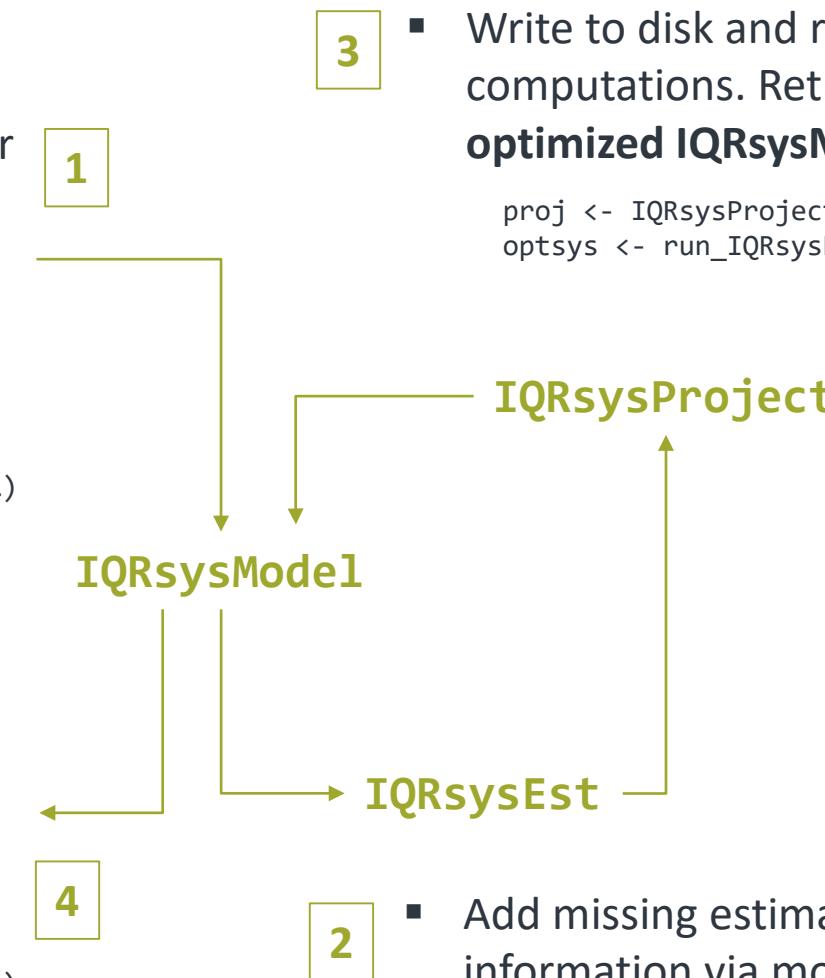
- Access information about estimated parameters and plot results
- **Manipulate** the model object:

```
optsys <- profile_IQRsysModel(optsys, ...)  
optsys <- switchOpt_IQRsysModel(optsys, ...)
```

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- Write to disk and run all computations. Return as **optimized IQRsysModel**.

```
proj <- IQRsysProject(estobj, ...)  
optsys <- run_IQRsysProject(proj, ...)
```

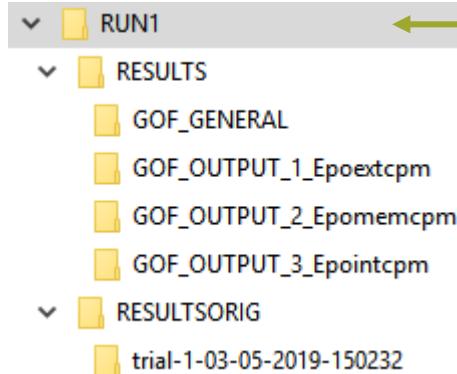


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- Add missing estimation information via modelSpec

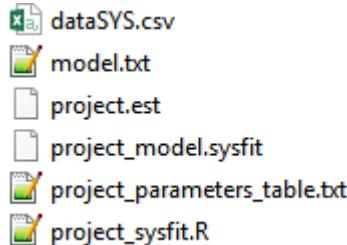
```
estobj <- as_IQRsysEst(sysobj, ...)
```

THE IQRsysProject FOLDER STRUCTURE



Project folder

- Results (output of IQRtools)
 - Goodness of Fit (GOF) plots
 - Output-specific GOF plots
- Original Results (output of estimation tool)



- Dataset
- Model file
- Estimation object
- Estimation tool generated object
- Estimation outcome (parameter values)
- Execution script to run the estimation

run_IQRsysProject() RETURNS AN OPTIMIZED IQRsysModel

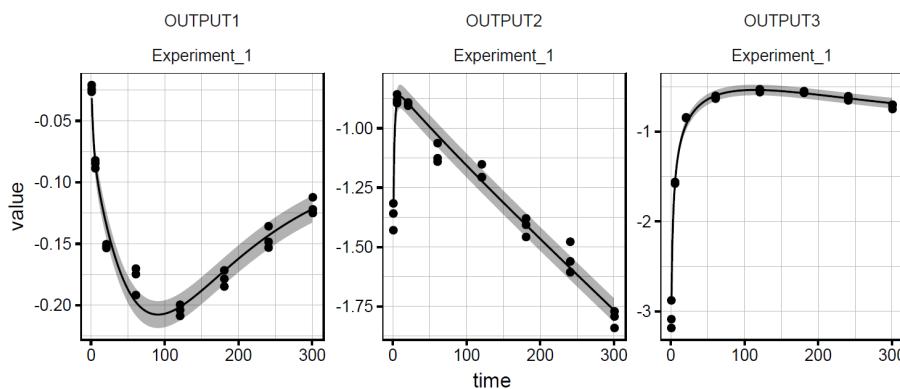
```
R> # Inspect estimated parameters and fit  
R> getPars_IQRsysModel(optsys)
```

--- Global parameters ---			
Parameter	Value	Estimate	RSE (%)
Error model			
error_ADD1	0.01088	+L	14.56
error_ADD2	0.04966	+L	14.59
error_ADD3	0.0583	+L	14.7
Fixed effects			
initEpo	466.7	+L	578.2
initEpoRel	0.03863	+L	564.5
kde	0.01233	+L	4.641
kdi	0.002077	+L	16.42
ke	0.05406	+L	3.536
kex	0.001498	+L	37.34
koff	0.3053	+L	27.61
kon	0.003457	+L	578.2
kt	50.88	+L	686.4
offset	1e-05	-	--
scale	0.98	-	--

--- No local parameters defined ---

Values rounded to 4 significant digits.
Estimated/fixed parameters (+/-)
Estimation on (N) natural / (L) log / (G) logit scale.

```
R> # Simulate model excluding t = 0  
R> optsys <- sim_IQRsysModel(optsys, simtime = 1:300)  
R> plot_IQRsysModel(optsys)
```



Is this the best we can get?

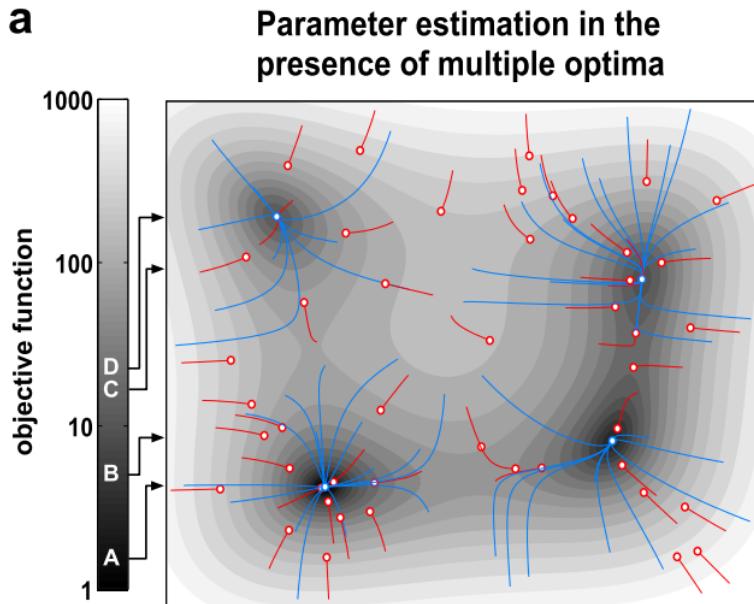
OPTIMIZER IN IQR TOOLS DETECTS LOCAL OPTIMA

Maximum-likelihood estimation:

objective function

$$l(\theta) = -2 \log L(\theta) = \sum_i \left[\left(\frac{y_i(\theta) - y_i^D}{\sigma_i} \right)^2 + \log(2\pi\sigma_i^2) \right]$$

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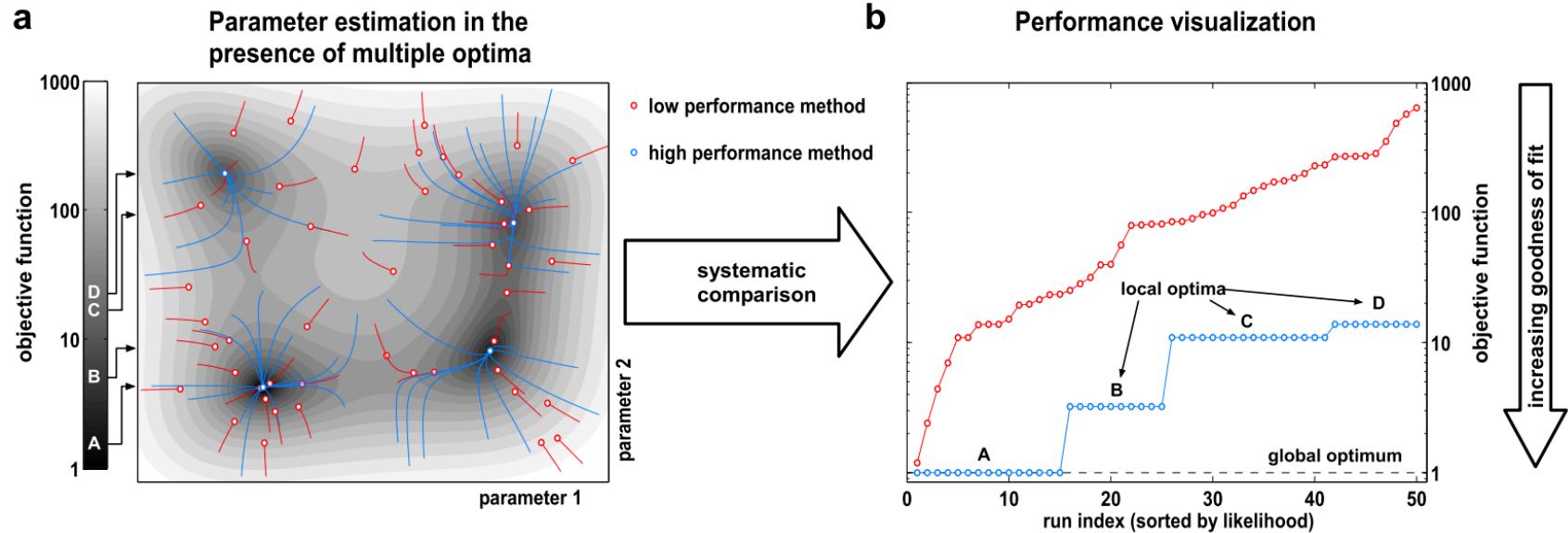


Raue, Andreas, et al. "Lessons learned from quantitative dynamical modeling in systems biology." *PLoS one* 8.9 (2013): e74335.

Example with two parameters:

- Contour plot shows 4 minima
- **blue:** optimizer starts from different positions and converges to one of the local optima
→ good optimizer
- **red:** optimizer stops prematurely
→ bad optimizer

KNOW WHEN YOU CAN TRUST YOUR MODEL



Benefits of thorough optimization:

- Allows assessment if data could be explained in multiple different ways (#optima)
- Trust your model

CREATE MULTI-START PROJECT WITH `as_IQRsysProject(..., opt.nfits, opt.sd)`

```
R> proj <- IQRsysProject(est, ".../Models/RUN2",
```

opt.nfits = 36,  Schedule 36 fits from random positions in parameter space

opt.sd = 3)  Sample random parameters from normal distribution:

$$N(t(\text{POPvalues}0), \text{opt}.sd^2)$$

`t()`: transformation (no, log, logit)

More optimizer options:

`opt.iterlim` maximal number of iterations

`opt.parlower` lower parameter bound (e.g. error parameters)

`opt.parupper` upper parameter bound

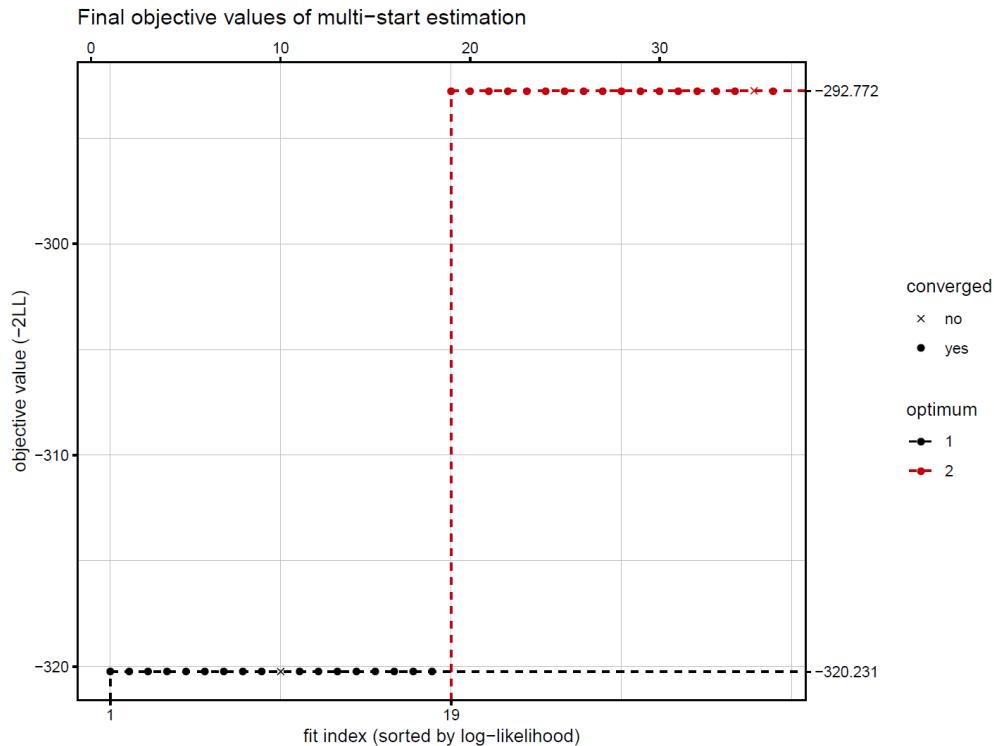
```
R> optsys <- run_IQRsysProject(proj,  
                              ncores = 8)
```



Use 8 cores in parallel (one fit runs on one core)

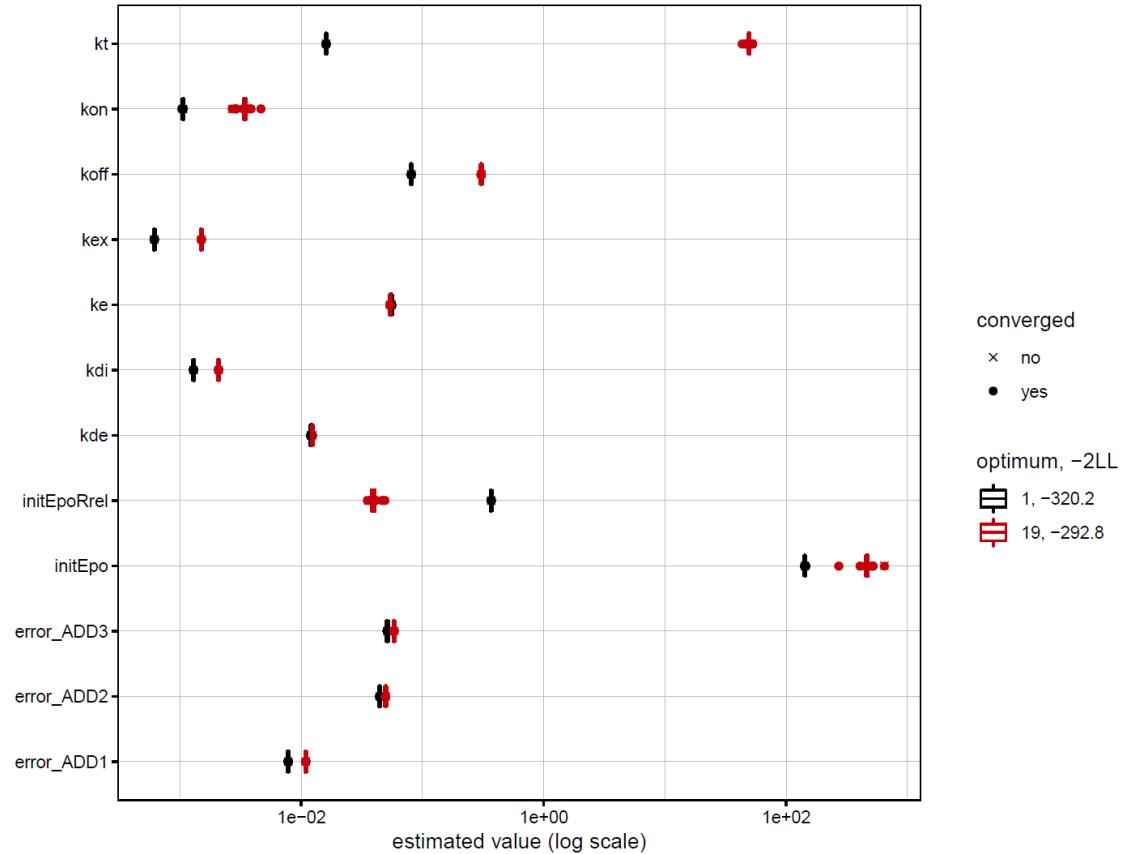
plotWaterfall_IQRsysModel(optsys) SHOWS SORTED OBJECTIVE VALUES OF ALL FITS

- Shows the obj. value of each fit
- Sorts fits by obj. value
- Detects local optima by jumps in obj. value
- Highlights local optima by color
- Highlights fit index of local optima
- Highlights obj. values of local optima



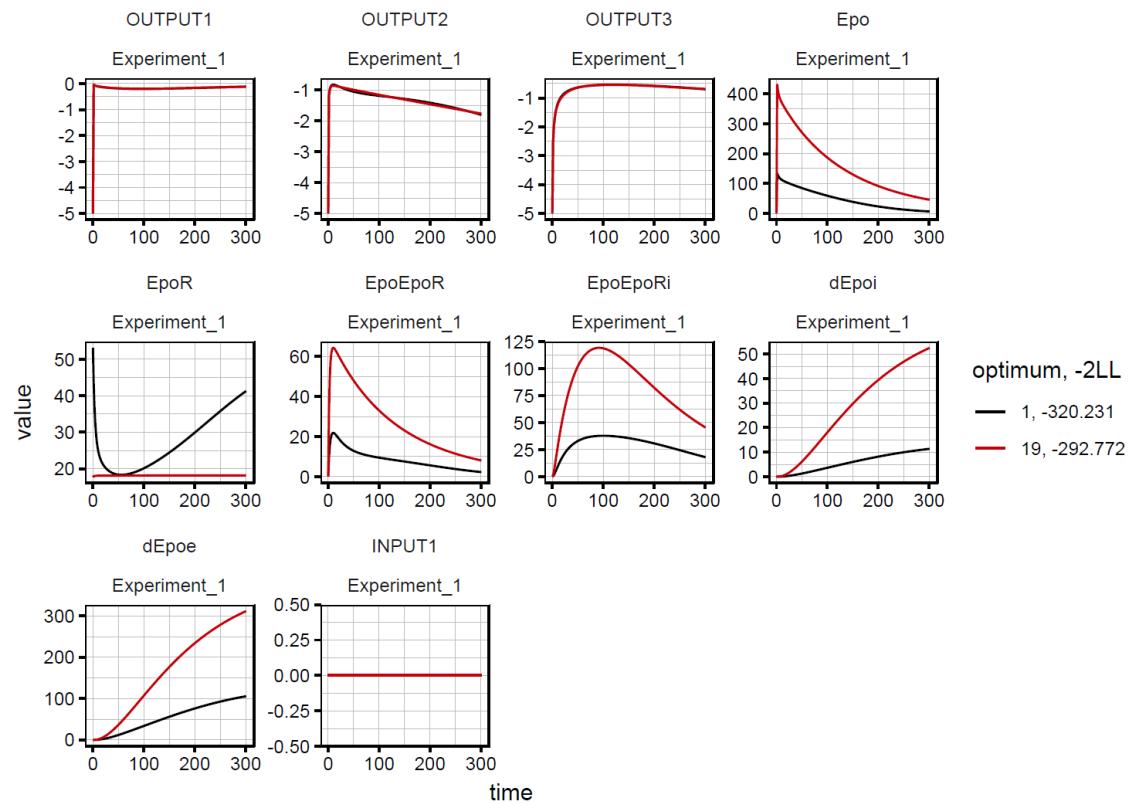
plotPars_IQRsysModel(optsys) SHOWS PARAMETER ESTIMATES FOR ALL FITS

- Shows the estimated parameters of each fit as **dots and boxplot**
- Detects local optima by jumps in obj. value
- Highlights local optima by color
- Highlights fit index of local optima
- Highlights obj. values of local optima

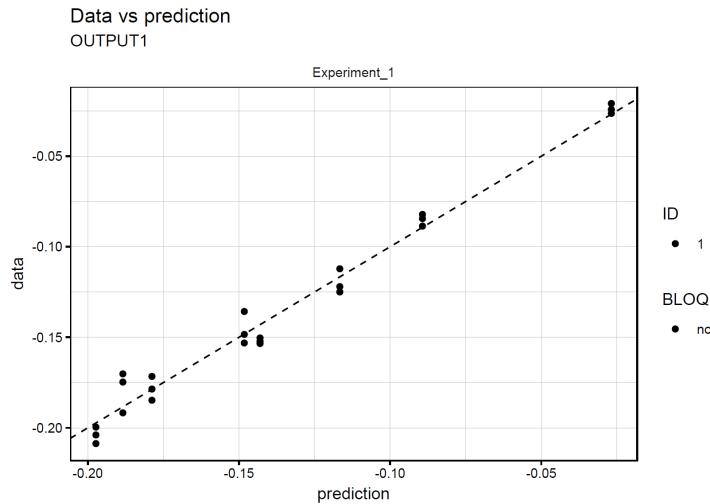
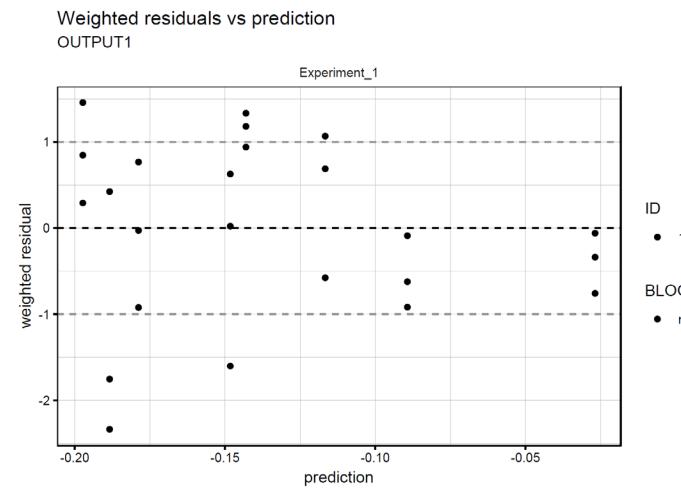
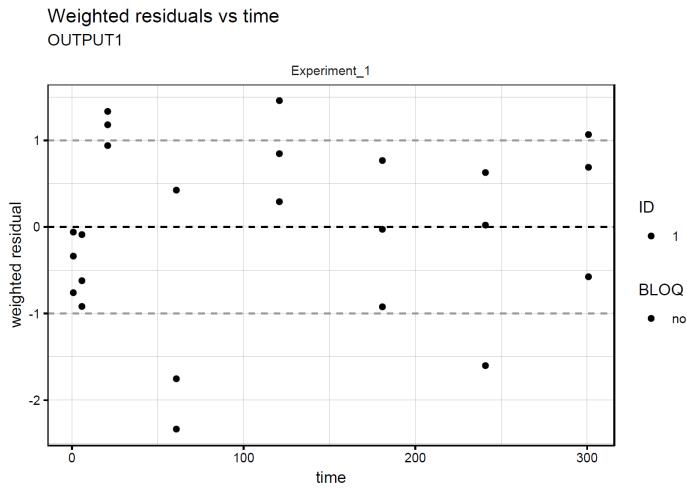


plotPred_IQRsysModel(optsys) SHOWS MODEL TRAJECTORIES FOR ALL (DISTINCT) FITS

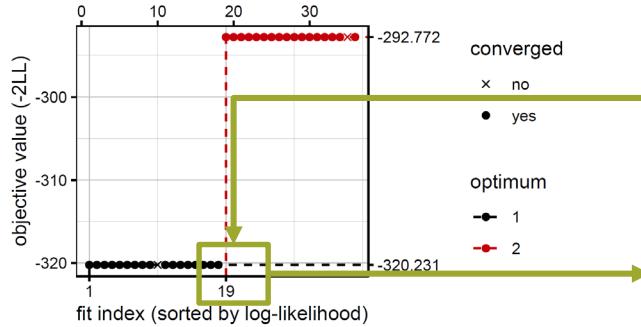
- Shows the estimated prediction of each unique fit
- Detects local optima by jumps in obj. value
- Highlights local optima by color
- Highlights fit index of local optima
- Highlights obj. values of local optima



OTHER DIAGNOSTIC PLOTS: `plotWRES_IQRsysModel(optsys)` AND `plotDVPRED_IQRsysModel(optsys)`



switchOpt_IQRsysModel() LETS YOU TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT LOCAL OPTIMA



```
R> # Produce waterfall plot  
R> plotWaterfall_IQRsysModel(optsys)
```

```
R> # Switch to another local optimum  
R> optsys <- switchOpt_IQRsysModel(optsys, optimum = 19)
```

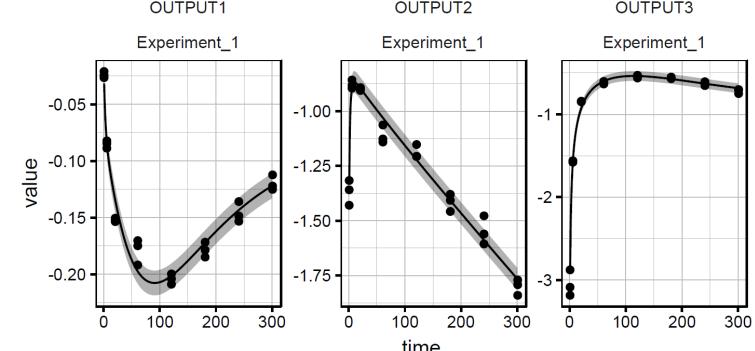
```
R> # Print parameters of the selected optimum  
R> getPars_IQRsysModel(optsys)
```

Selected optimum: 19

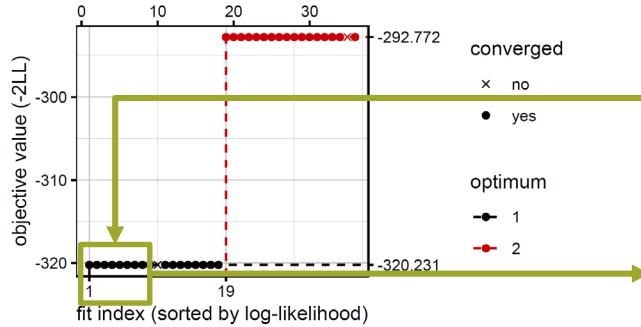
Global parameters

Parameter	Value	Estimate	RSE (%)
Error model			
error_ADD1	0.01088	+L	14.55
error_ADD2	0.04967	+L	14.6
error_ADD3	0.0583	+L	14.7
Fixed effects			
initEpo	463.5	+L	578.1
initEpoRel	0.0392	+L	564
kde	0.01233	+L	4.646
kdi	0.002077	+L	16.42
ke	0.05406	+L	3.536
kex	0.001498	+L	37.35
koff	0.3055	+L	28
kon	0.003433	+L	578.2
kt	49.23	+L	685.1
offset	1e-05	-	--
scale	0.98	-	--
--- No local parameters defined ---			
Values rounded to 4 significant digits. Estimated/fixed parameters (+/-) Estimation on (N) natural / (L) log / (G) logit scale.			

```
R> # Simulate for the selected optimum and plot  
R> optsys <- sim_IQRsysModel(optsys, simtime = 1:300)  
R> plot_IQRsysModel(optsys)
```



switchOpt_IQRsysModel() LETS YOU TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT LOCAL OPTIMA



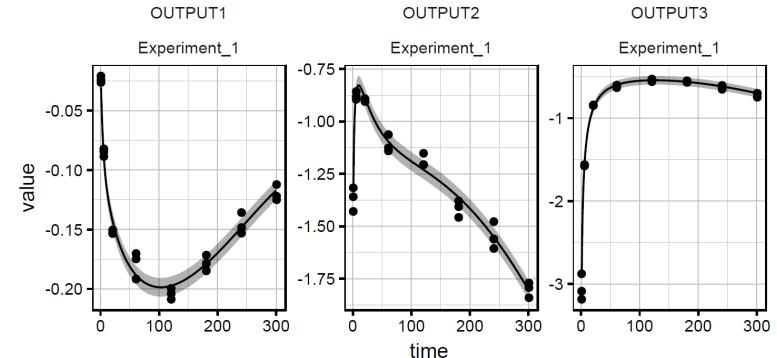
```
R> # Produce waterfall plot  
R> plotWaterfall_IQRsysModel(optsys)
```

```
R> # Switch to another local optimum  
R> optsys <- switchOpt_IQRsysModel(optsys, optimum = 1)
```

```
R> # Print parameters of the selected optimum  
R> getpars_IQRsysModel(optsys)
```

Selected optimum: 1			
Global parameters			
Parameter	Value	Estimate	RSE (%)
Error model			
error_ADD1	0.007795	+L	14.68
error_ADD2	0.04428	+L	15.01
error_ADD3	0.0513	+L	14.62
Fixed effects			
initEpo	143.9	+L	500
initEpoRel	0.3691	+L	7.846
kde	0.01201	+L	4.636
kdi	0.00129	+L	25.69
ke	0.05556	+L	3.684
kex	0.000613	+L	95.88
koff	0.08085	+L	20.38
kon	0.001048	+L	500.2
kt	0.01604	+L	7.623
offset	1e-05	-	--
scale	0.98	-	--
--- No local parameters defined ---			
Values rounded to 4 significant digits. Estimated/fixed parameters (+/-) Estimation on (N) natural / (L) log / (G) logit scale.			

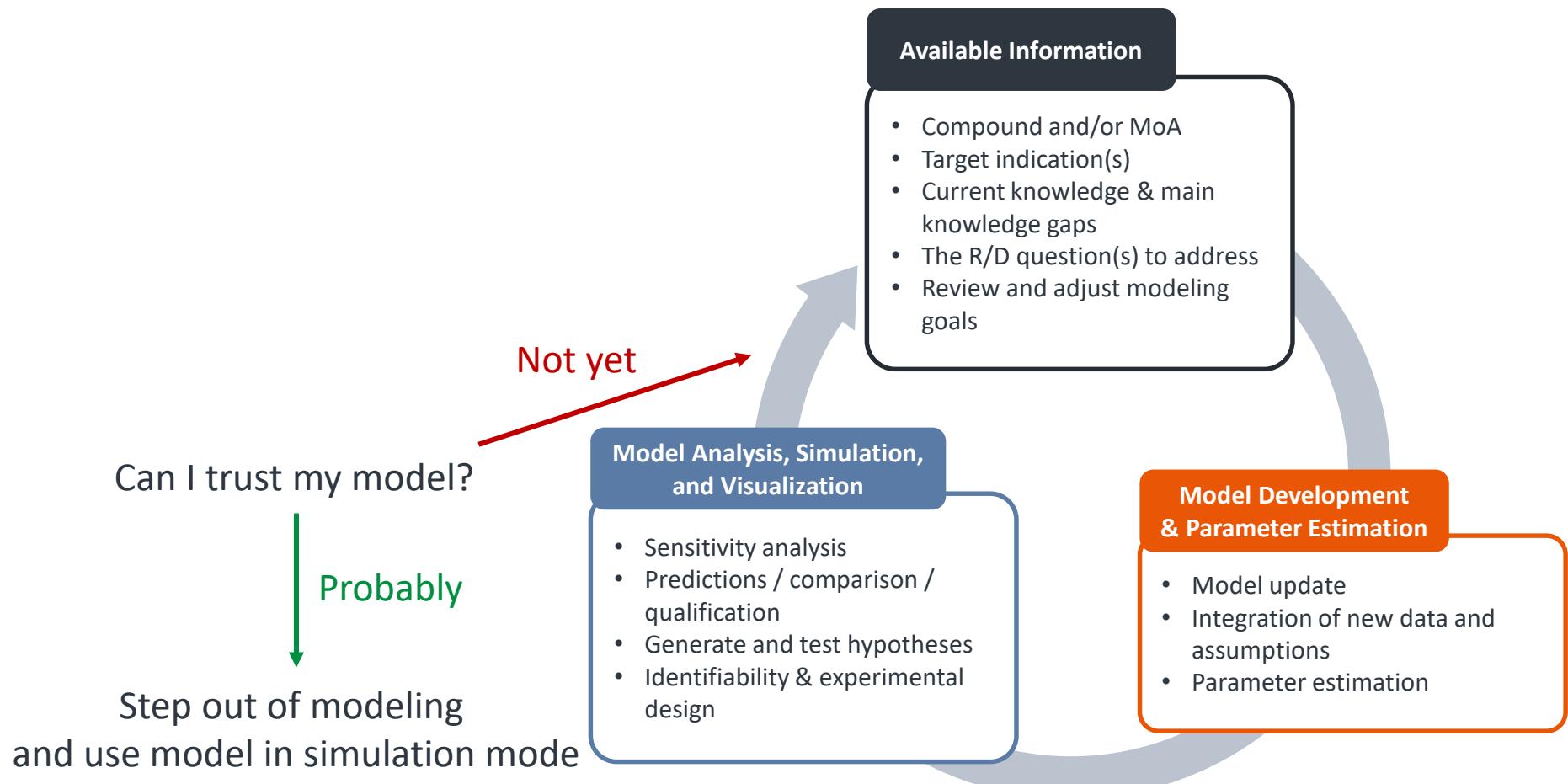
```
R> # Simulate for the selected optimum and plot  
R> optsys <- sim_IQRsysModel(optsys, simtime = 1:300)  
R> plot_IQRsysModel(optsys)
```



Coffee Break

CAN I TRUST MY MODEL? INFORMING NEEDED EXPERIMENTS

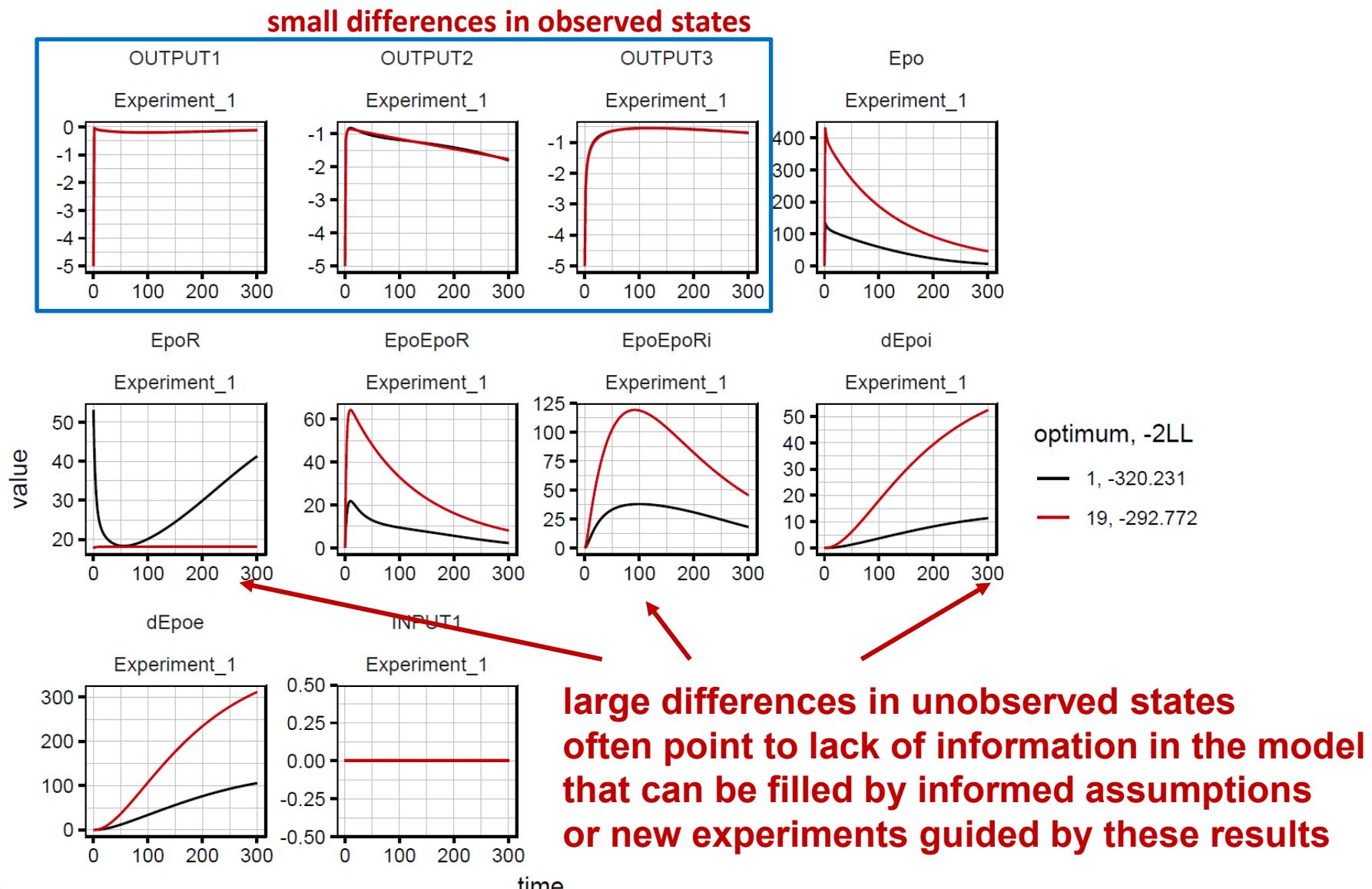
ITERATIVE PROCESS WITH THE AIM TO OBTAIN A FIT-FOR-PURPOSE MODEL



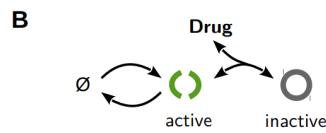
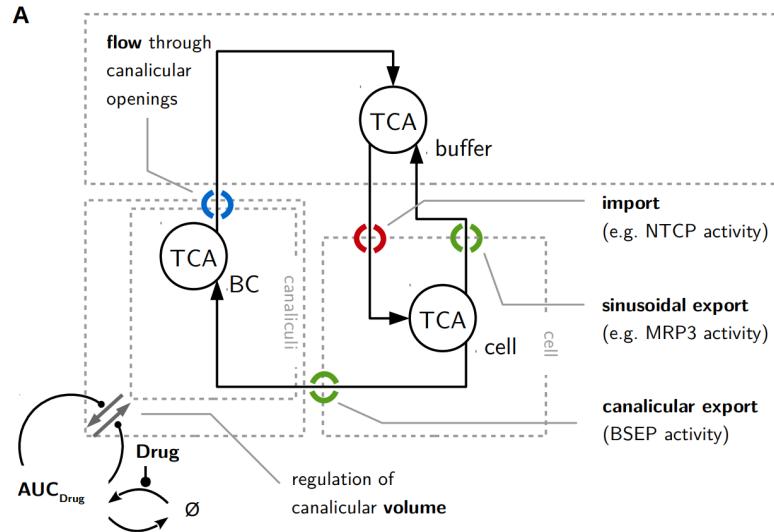
How would you define "Trust" in a model?

INFORMATION IN LOCAL MINIMA

DIFFERENT LOCAL MINIMA CAN REPRESENT DIFFERENT MECHANISTIC HYPOTHESES BASED ON OBJECTIVE FUNCTION A DISCRIMINATION MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE



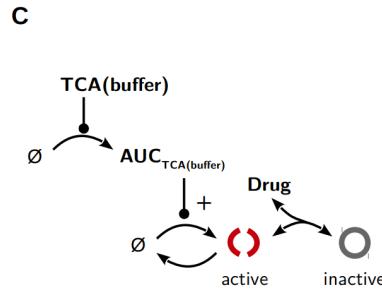
ANOTHER EXAMPLE MODEL



TOXICOLOGICAL SCIENCES, 161(1), 2018, 48–57
doi:10.1093/toxsci/kfx239
Advance Access Publication Date: September 18, 2017
Research Article

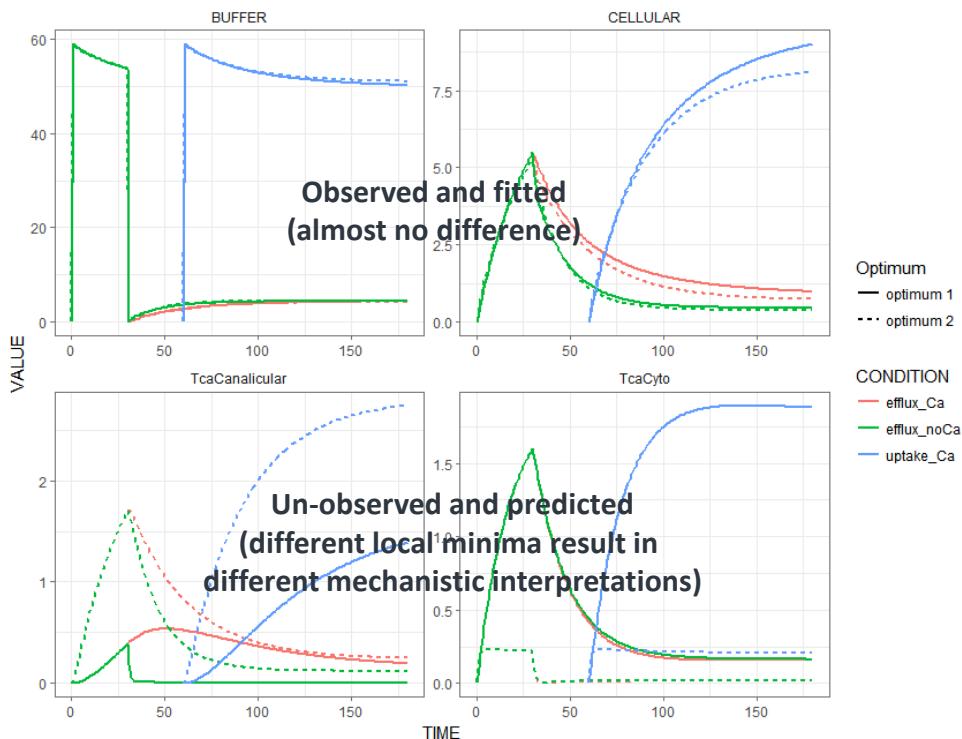
A Dynamic Mathematical Model of Bile Acid Clearance in HepaRG Cells

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- **A:** Bile acid (here TCA) is transported between buffer, cytoplasm of liver cells and canaliculi
- **B, C:** Interaction between drug and transporter modeled by reaction network

MAIN LOCAL MINIMA RESULT IN DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION, REQUIRING ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTS TO ENSURE MECHANISM IDENTIFICATION



Observables

- BUFFER and CELLULAR very similar

Optimum 1:

- TCA mainly taken up in cytoplasm

Optimum 2:

- TCA mainly taken up in canaliculi

Previously available experiments: uptake of TCA

New defined experiments: efflux of TCA through buffer replacement

UNCERTAINTY ANALYSIS

Example1_Epo/Scripts/SCRIPT_04_uncertainty.R

IQR TOOLS PROVIDES CONFIDENCE INTERVALS

Parameter	Value	Estimate	RSE (%)
<hr/>			
Error model			
error_ADD1	0.007799	+L	14.69
error_ADD2	0.0443	+L	15.02
error_ADD3	0.05132	+L	14.63

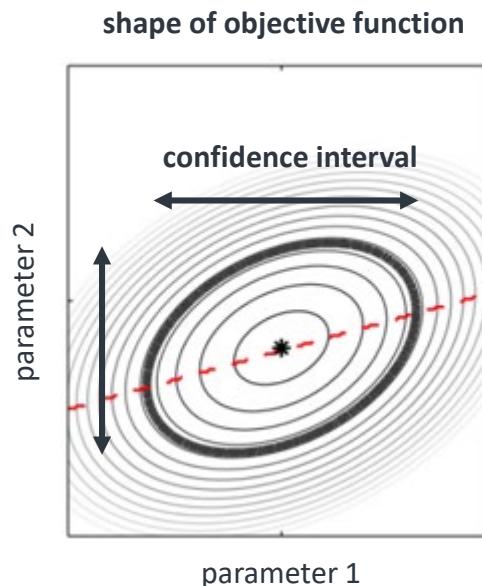
Why to look at confidence intervals:

- precision of your parameter estimates
- model can be trusted

Source of parameter uncertainty:

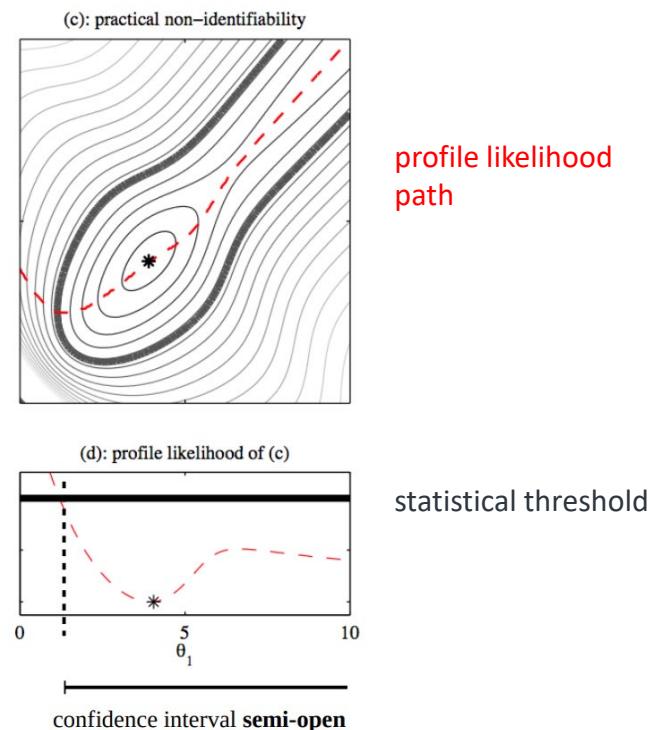
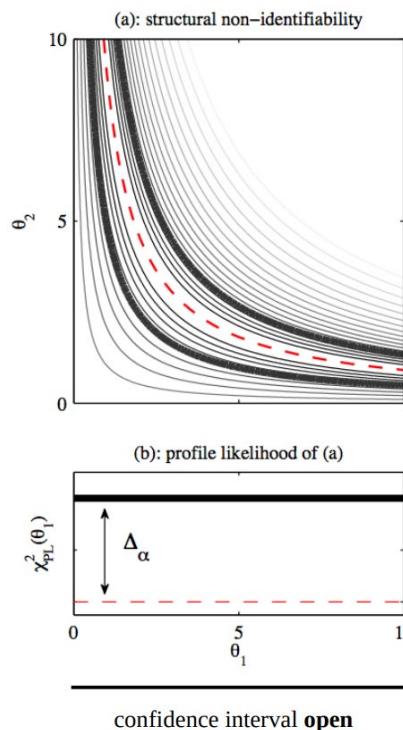
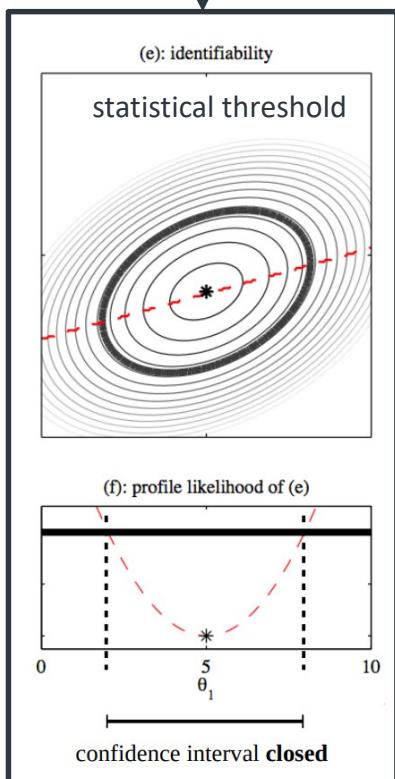
- data is inherently variable/noisy

Shape of the objective function contains the information about the confidence intervals



SHAPE OF THE LOG-LIKELIHOOD DETERMINES CONFIDENCE INTERVALS

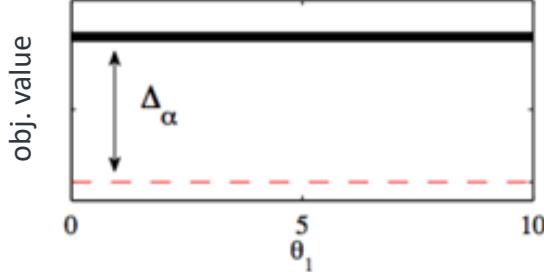
- **Asymptotic:** quadratic around optimum
- **Not asymptotic:** non-trivial shape



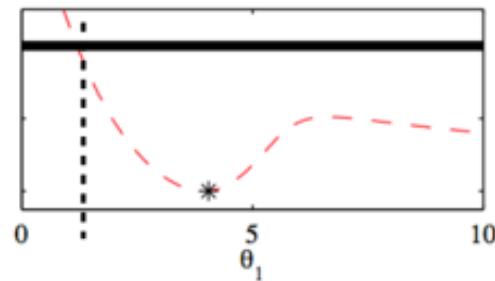
Raue, Andreas, et al. "Structural and practical identifiability analysis of partially observed dynamical models by exploiting the profile likelihood." *Bioinformatics* 25.15 (2009): 1923-1929.

PROFILE LIKELIHOOD ALLOWS DETECTION OF IDENTIFIABILITY ISSUES

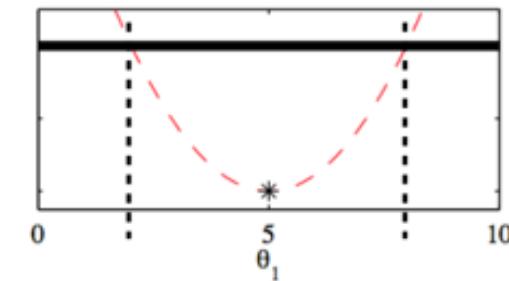
- Likelihood contour plots only for two parameters
- Profile likelihood available for unlimited number of parameters



Structural non-identifiability
(maximal uncertainty)



Practical non-identifiability
(finite confidence interval
only for low conf. level)



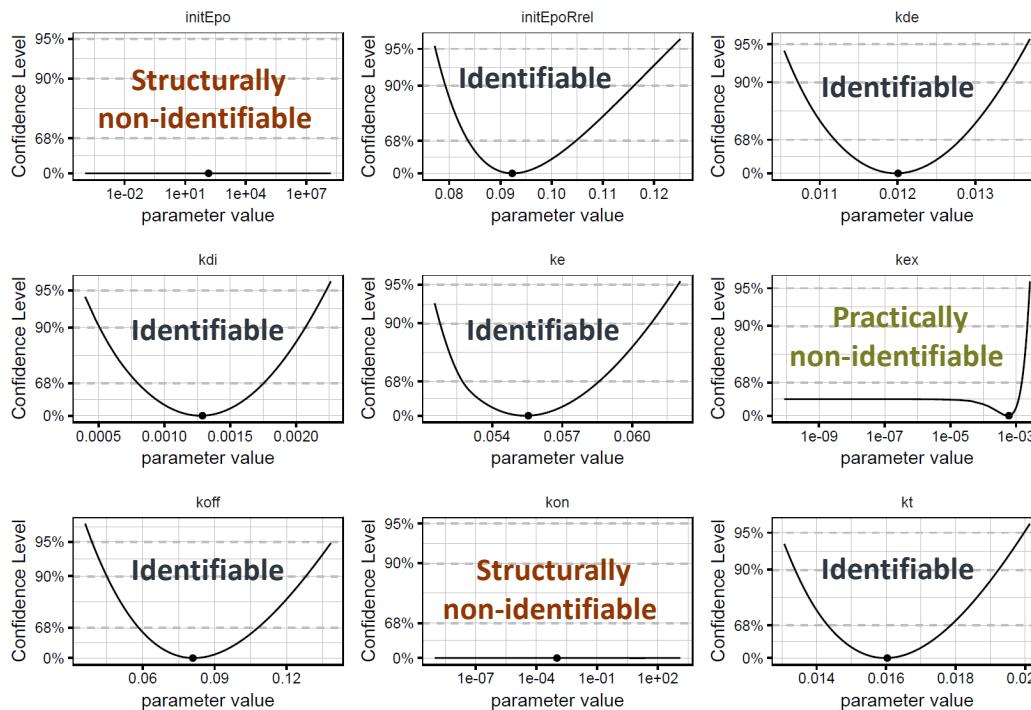
Identifiable
(finite confidence interval)

profile_IQRsysModel() ADDS PROFILE LIKELIHOOD TO OPTIMIZED SYSMODEL

```
R> optsys <- profile_IQRsysModel(optsys,  
ncores = 8)
```

```
R> plotProfile_IQRsysModel(optsys)  
R> getPars(optsys)
```

Use 8 cores in parallel (one parameter profile runs on one core)



DESIGN OF NEW EXPERIMENTS OR INCORPORATION OF INFORMED ASSUMPTIONS BASED ON PROFILE LIKELIHOOD EVALUATION

Example1_Epo/Scripts/SCRIPT_04_uncertainty.R

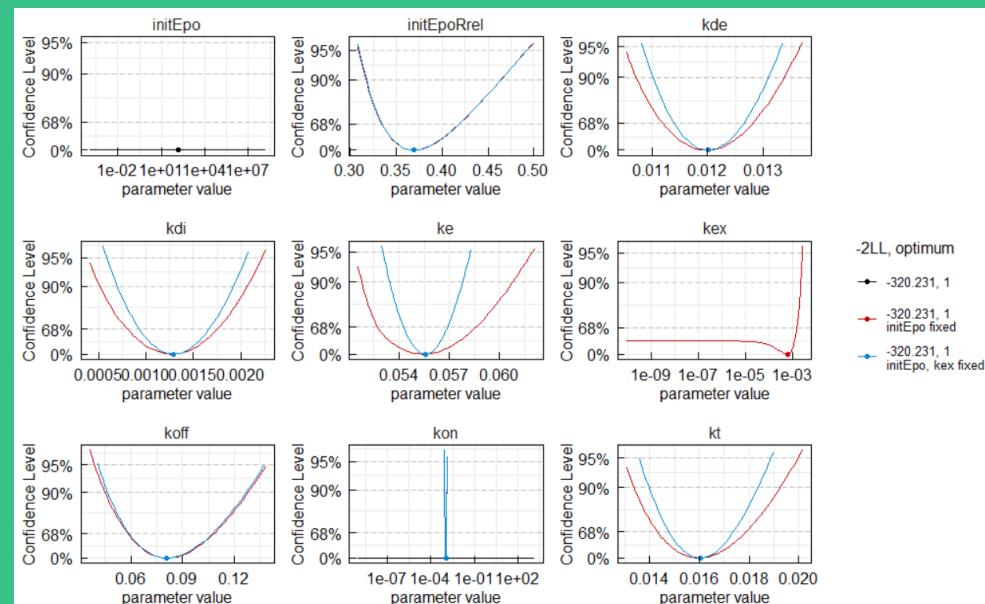
Exercise:

1. Assume initEpo (and kex) to be correct as estimated - how does it impact the parametric uncertainty?

```
R> optsys <- profile_IQRsysModel(optsys, ncores = 8,  
+                                   fixed = c("initEpo", "kex"))  
R> plotProfile_IQRsysModel(optsys)
```

initEpo and kex fixed to last estimated values

=> all other parameters become identifiable



DESIGN OF NEW EXPERIMENTS OR INCORPORATION OF INFORMED ASSUMPTIONS BASED ON PROFILE LIKELIHOOD EVALUATION

Example1_Epo/Scripts/SCRIPT_04_uncertainty.R

Exercise:

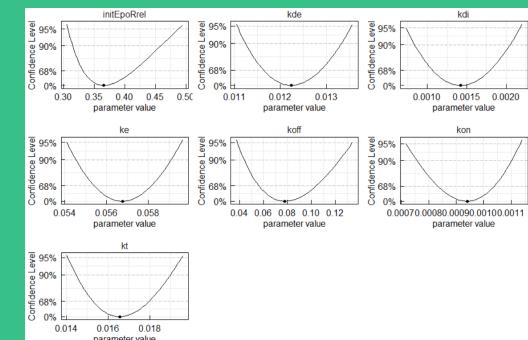
2. Assume initEpo measured in experiment and kex assumed to be known (*agreed by all team members*)

=> New values need to be set in estimation object and fixed
=> New estimation needs to be performed
=> Profile LL calculated again

```
# -----#
# initEpo: lets assume it was subsequently measured to be 160
# kex:      lets assume the whole team agreed that kex=0.001 is the correct value
# -----#
# Convert previous model into an estimation object
# and set parameters according to new information - fix them and do not estimate them
newest <- as_IQRsysEst(
  sysModel = optsys,
  modelSpec = modelSpec_IQRest(
    POPvalues0 = c(kex = 0.001, initEpo=160),
    POPestimate = c(kex = 0,      initEpo=0)
  )
)
newest

# Generate and run the parameter estimation
proj <- IQRsysProject(newest, projectPath = ".../Models/RUN3_kexfixed", opt.nfits = 24)
optsys2 <- run_IQRsysProject(proj)

# Generate new profiles
optsys2 <- profile_IQRsysModel(optsys2, ncores = 8)
plotProfile_IQRsysModel(optsys2)
```



IT'S YOUR TURN - HANDS ON

Excercise1_Epo/Scripts/SCRIPT_01.R

Solution in: Solution1_Epo/Scripts/SCRIPT_01.R
(one of all possible solutions)

Alternatives:

1. **Exercise2_Phototransduction (solution provided as well)**
Some slides with project background in the Exercise folder

2. **Or take one of your own models and implement it in IQR Tools**

EXERCISE 1 – EXPLORE DIFFERENT BINDING AFFINITIES

Problem:

New experimental data will be provided that contains Epo measurements for a different Epo preparation. Based on the current fitted model, how would Epo time courses look like for higher/lower Epo binding affinity?

Instructions:

- Simulate and plot the "model.txt" for the estimated parameter values, changing "kon"

— or —

- Define an IQRsysModel with conditions "Epo_Low", "Epo_Control", and "Epo_High" and set different "kon" values for each condition

EXERCISE 2 – TUNING BY HAND

Problem:

The new experimental data has arrived ("../**Data**/dataRAW_TwoPreps.csv"). Can you guess the binding affinity from the some of the data?

Instructions:

- Import the new raw data as IQRsysData object and write to file "../**Data**/dataSYS_TwoPreps.csv"
- Create an IQRsysModel including the new data and condition-specific "kon"
- Plot only the data and try to guess the correct "kon" value for the new experiment
- Plot prediction and data for your guess

EXERCISE 3 – JOINT PARAMETER ESTIMATION

Problem:

Estimate all model parameters (except for "initEpo") and condition-specific "kon" values from the new data set. Choose a relative error model for OUTPUT1 and an absolute-proportional error model for OUTPUT2 and OUTPUT3.

Instructions:

- Create an IQRsysModel with the appropriate modelSpec and error model
- Run 36 fits and compute the profile likelihood
- Have a look at the goodness of fit plots
- Compare the profile likelihood between the old data (one condition) and new data (two conditions) side-by-side.

EXERCISE 4 – EXPLORATION OF LOCAL OPTIMA

Problem:

Parameter estimation reveals the existence of local optima. What is the difference between the best and second best optimum?

Instructions:

- Identify the parameters with the largest differences between first and second optimum based on `plotPars_IQRsysModel()`
- Compute the profile likelihood for these parameters for both optima (use `switchOpt_IQRsysModel()`) and see what happens when you use `plotProfile_IQRsysModel()`
- Create plots with `plot_IQRsysModel()` for both local optima

SPECIAL WORKFLOW TOPICS

REUSE OF MODELS FROM MODEL DATABASES IMPORT OF SBML MODELS

Example3_SBML/Scripts/SCRIPT_01_SBML2R.R

IMPORTING AN SBML MODEL TO IQR TOOLS

- Limitation: supported on Windows only
- Requires installed IQRsbml (<https://www.intiquan.com/iqrsbml/>)
- Handles SBML Level 1 and 2 (Version 1-4)

SELECTING 2 MODELS FROM THE BIOMODELS.NET DATABASE

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11538-019-00591-3>

<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels/MODEL1112110004>

Bulletin of Mathematical Biology
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11538-019-00591-3>



Modeling Pancreatic Cancer Dynamics with Immunotherapy

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Abstract

We develop a mathematical model of pancreatic cancer that includes pancreatic cancer cells, pancreatic stellate cells, effector cells and tumor-promoting and tumor-suppressing cytokines to investigate the effects of immunotherapies on patient survival. The model is first validated using the survival data of two clinical trials. Local sensitivity analysis of the parameters indicates there exists a critical activation rate of pro-tumor cytokines beyond which the cancer can be eradicated if four adoptive transfers of immune cells are applied. Optimal control theory is explored as a potential tool for searching the best adoptive cellular immunotherapies. Combined immunotherapies between adoptive ex vivo expanded immune cells and TGF- β inhibition by siRNA treatments are investigated. This study concludes that mono-immunotherapy is unlikely to control the pancreatic cancer and combined immunotherapies between anti-TGF- β and adoptive transfers of immune cells can prolong patient survival. We show through numerical explorations that how these two types of immunotherapies are scheduled is important to survival. Applying TGF- β inhibition first followed by adoptive immune cell transfers can yield better survival outcomes.

Keywords Pancreatic cancer · Immunotherapy · Cytokine · Ordinary differential equations

Mathematics Subject Classification 92D25 · 92B05

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<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels/BIOMD0000000792>

QUANTITATIVE CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

An Integrated Model for Glucose and Insulin Regulation in Healthy Volunteers and Type 2 Diabetic Patients Following Intravenous Glucose Provocations

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An integrated model for the regulation of glucose and insulin concentrations following intravenous glucose provocation in healthy volunteers and type 2 diabetic patients was developed. Data from 72 individuals were included. Total glucose, labeled glucose, and insulin concentrations were determined. Simultaneous analysis of all data by nonlinear mixed effect modeling was performed in NONMEM. Integrated models for glucose, labeled glucose, and insulin were developed. Control mechanisms for regulation of glucose production, insulin secretion, and glucose uptake were incorporated. Physiologically relevant differences between healthy volunteers and patients were

identified in the regulation of glucose production, elimination rate of glucose, and secretion of insulin. The model was able to describe the insulin and glucose profiles well and also showed a good ability to simulate data. The features of the present model are likely to be of interest for analysis of data collected in antidiabetic drug development and for optimization of study design.

Keywords: Glucose homeostasis; hot glucose; IVGTT; NONMEM

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EXAMPLE3_SBML/SCRIPTS/SCRIPT_01_SBML2R.R

```
#####
# First model - Silber2007_IntravenousGlucose_IntegratedGlucoseInsulinModel
#####

# Download SBML model from biomodels.net
URL <-
"https://wwwdev.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels/model/download/MODEL1112110004.2?filename=MOD
EL1112110004_url.xml"
download.file(URL,"silber.xml")

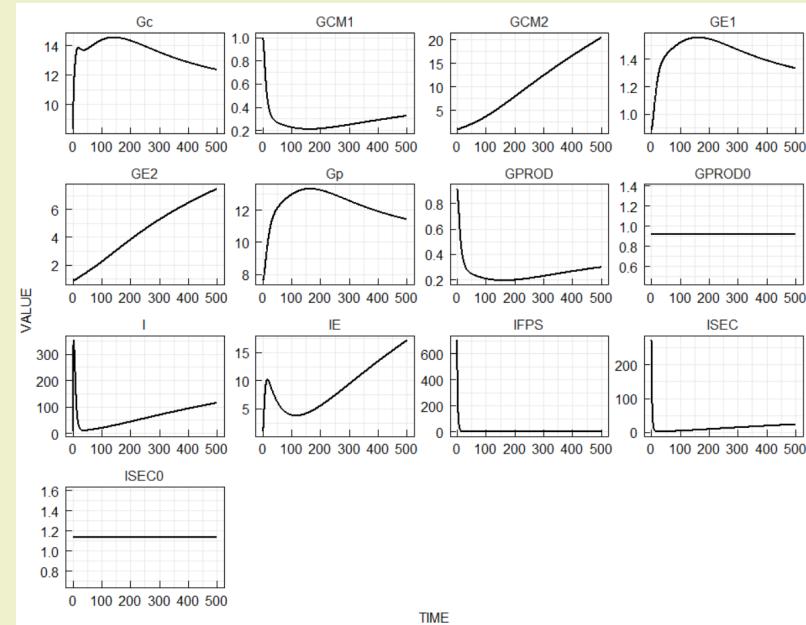
# Looking at the SBML file
file.edit("silber.xml")

# Import as IQRmodel
model <- IQRmodel("silber.xml",FLAGsym=FALSE)

# Simulate and plot results
plot(sim_IQRmodel(model,simtime=500))

# Exporting IQRmodel as ODE based text file
export_IQRmodel(model,"silber.txt")

# Looking at the exported file
file.edit("silber.txt")
```



EXAMPLE3_SBML/SCRIPTS/SCRIPT_01_SBML2R.R

```
#####
# Second model - Hu2019 - Modeling Pancreatic Cancer Dynamics with Immunotherapy
#####

# Download SBML model from biomodels.net
URL <-
"https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biomodels/model/download/BIOMD0000000792.2?filename=Hu2019
.xml"
download.file(URL,"HU2019.xml")

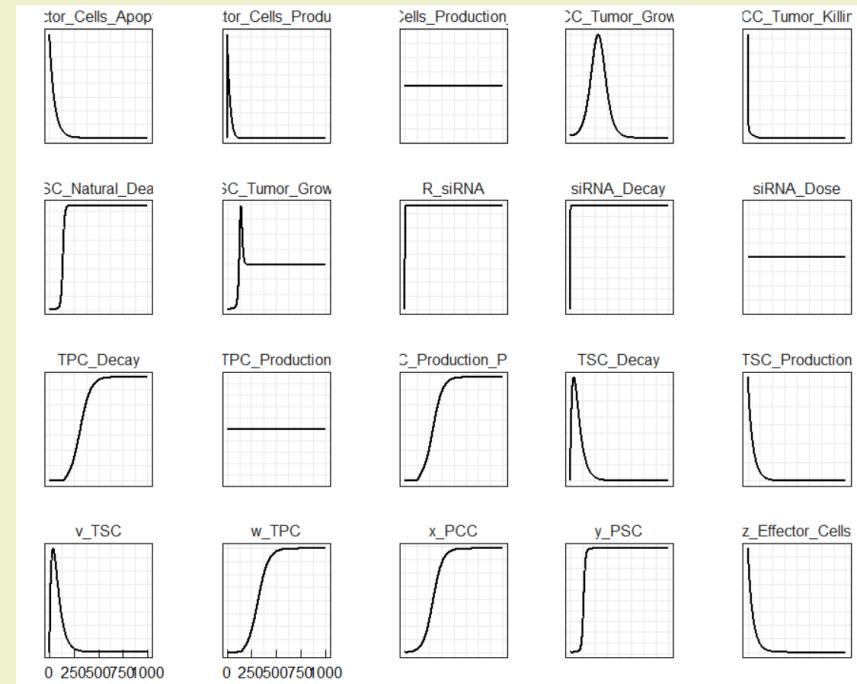
# Looking at the SBML file
file.edit("HU2019.xml")

# Import as IQRmodel
model <- IQRmodel("HU2019.xml",FLAGsym=FALSE)

# Simulate and plot results
plot(sim_IQRmodel(model,simtime=1000))

# Exporting IQRmodel as ODE based text file
export_IQRmodel(model,"HU2019.txt")

# Looking at the exported file
file.edit("HU2019.txt")
```



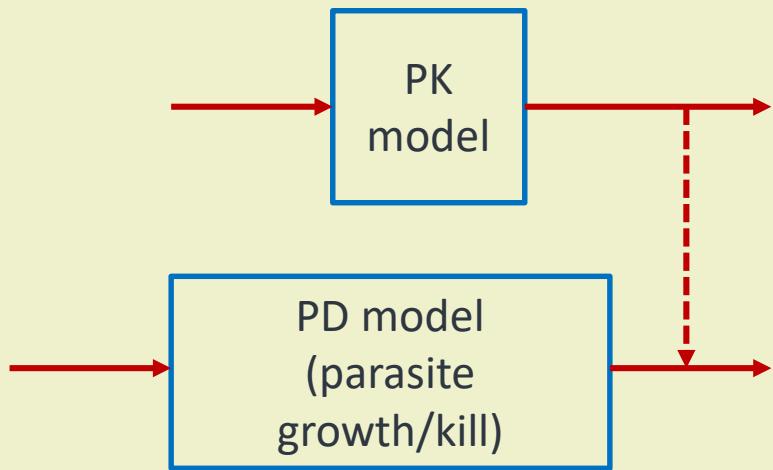
HANDS-ON EXERCISE

- Select another SBML model and import it to R
- Simulate it
- Plot results

QSP GOING NLME

Example2_Malaria/Scripts/SCRIPT_01_estimation.R

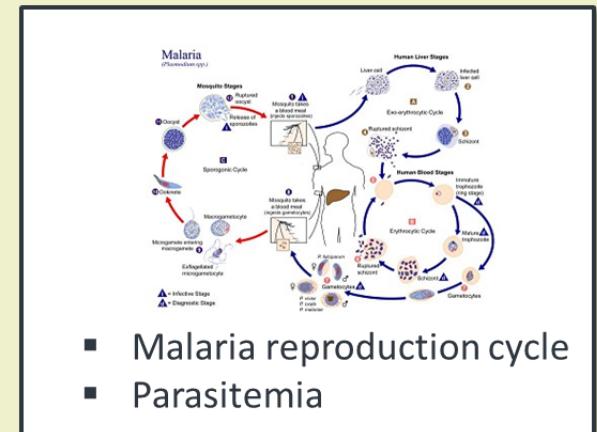
BACKGROUND



Step 1: Population PK modeling used to establish individual subject PK parameters

Step 2: Using individual PK parameters for simulation of PK, estimating the PD parameters

- Different tested PD models
- Not really suitable for modeling with NONMEM nor MONOLIX
- Still variability needs to be taken into account



EXAMPLE: MALARIA PD MODEL ESTIMATION BASED ON MONOLIX POPULATION PK MODEL

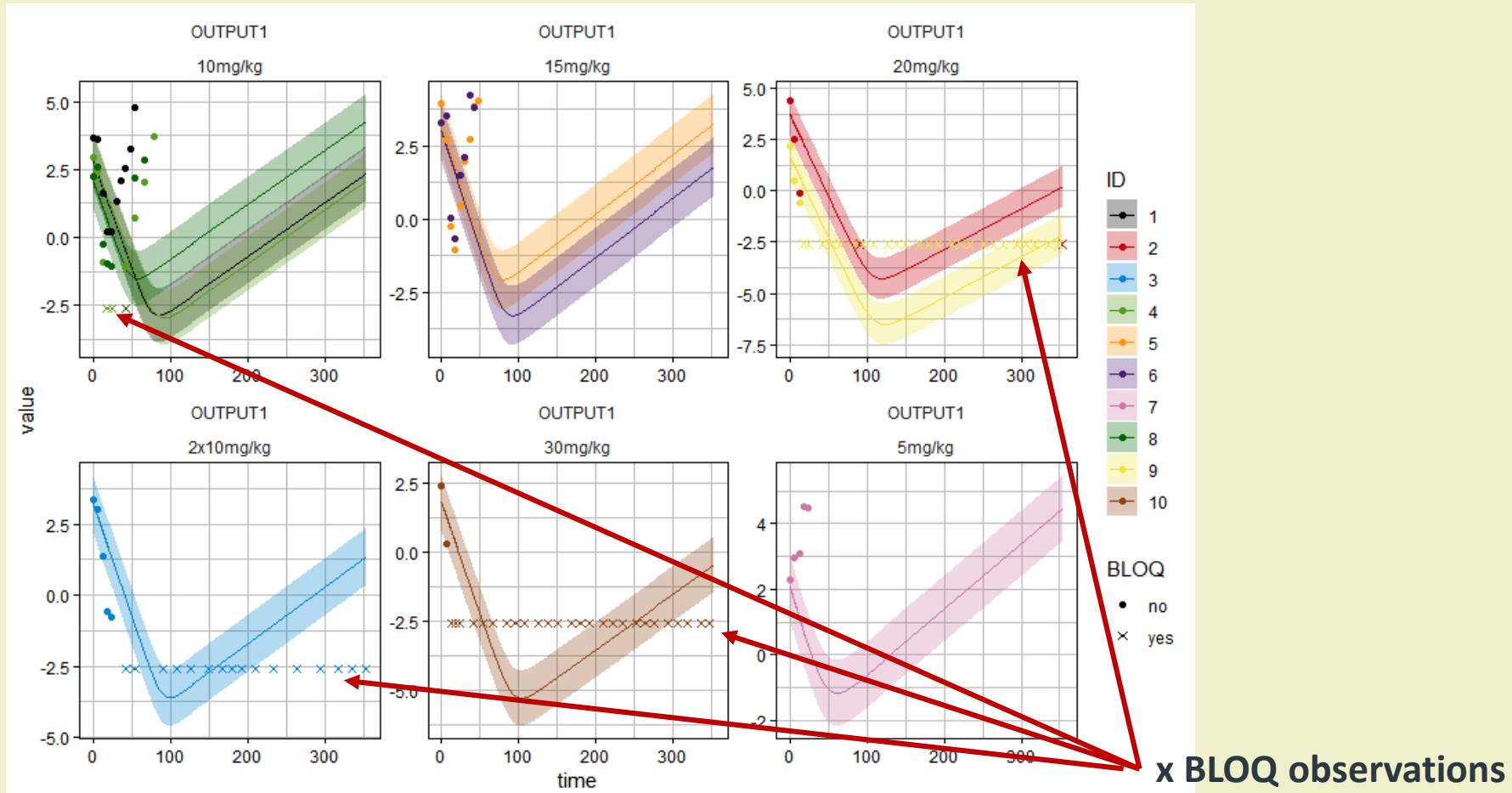
- Malaria PD model

```
sysobj <- IQRsysModel(  
  
  # Model  
  model = "Resources/model.txt",  
  
  # Data  
  data = list(  
    datafile = "../Data/data.csv",  
    regressorNames = c("Fabs1", "ka", "CL", "Vc",  
                      "Q1", "Vp1", "Tlag1", "PLbase")  
  ),  
  
  # Specs  
  modelSpec = list(  
    POPvalues0      = c(GR = 0.02 , hill = 4,  
                        EMAX = 0.1, EC50 = 0.01),  
    POPestimate     = c(GR = 1      , hill = 1,  
                        EMAX = 1    , EC50 = 1),  
    errorModel = list(  
      OUTPUT1 = c(type = "abs", guess = 1)  
    )  
  )  
)
```

- Model specification

CHECKING THE INITIAL GUESS

plot(sysobj)



RUN POOLED ESTIMATION (GLOBAL PD PARAMETERS)

```
# Estimate population parameters
est <- as_IQRsysEst(sysobj)
proj <- IQRsysProject(est,
                      projectPath = "../Models/01_NoIIV",
                      opt.nfits = 24,
                      opt.sd = 2,
                      opt.parupper = c(hill = 10),
                      opt.parlower = c(hill = 1))

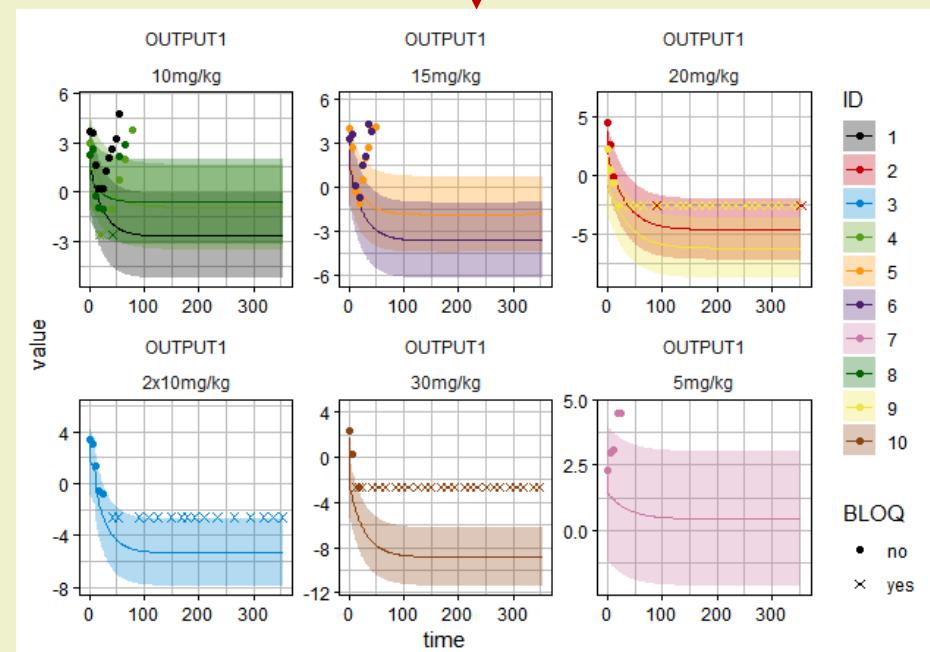
optsys <- run_IQRsysProject(proj, ncores = 8, FLAGgof = FALSE)

# Plot best fit
```

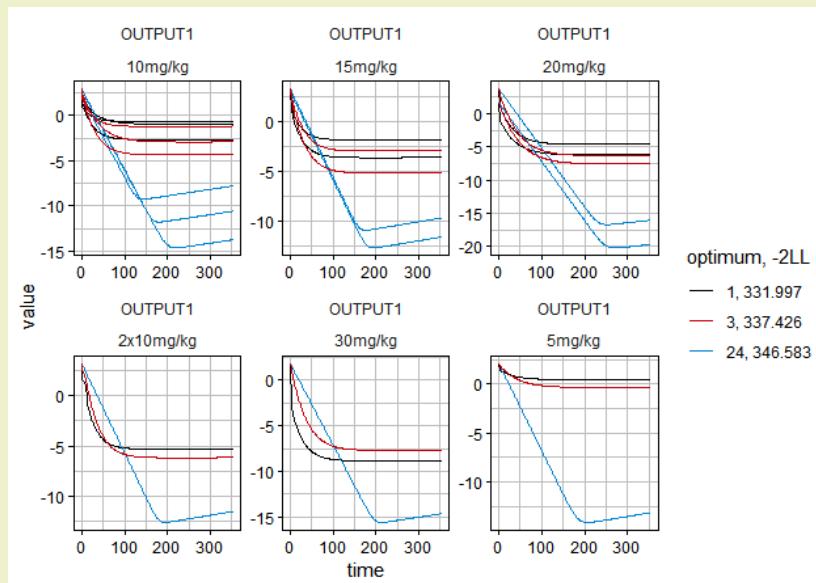
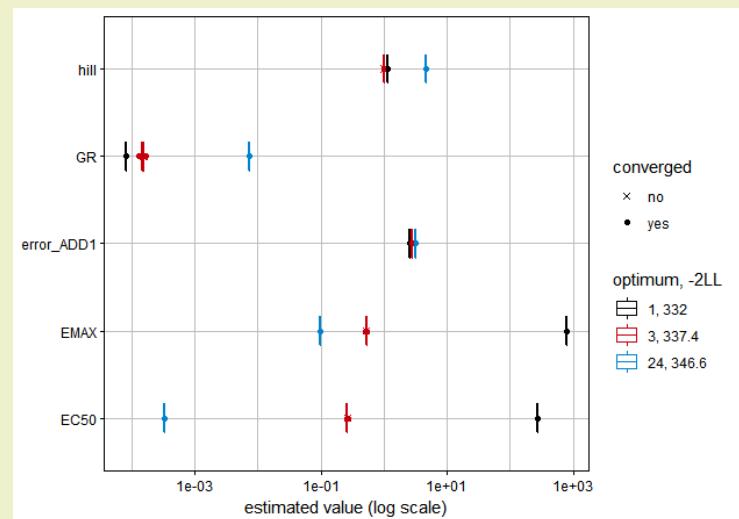
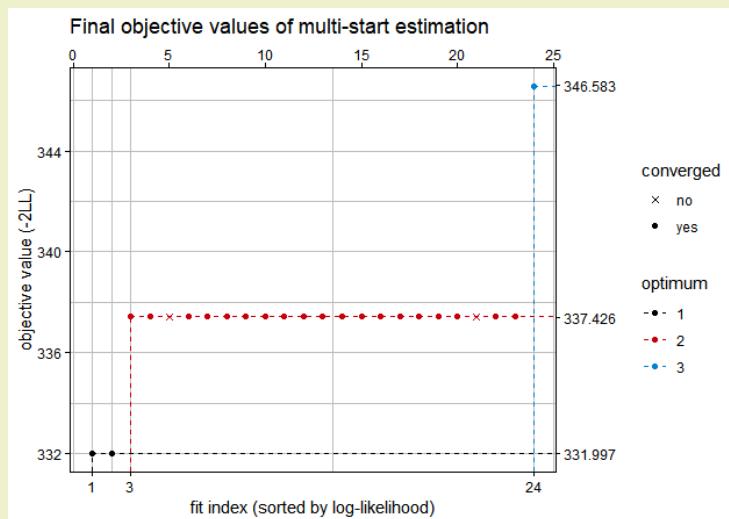
plot(optsys)

Bad fit? What about local optima?

```
plotWaterfall_IQRsysModel(optsys)
plotPars_IQRsysModel(optsys)
plotPred_IQRsysModel(optsys,
                     states = "OUTPUT1")
```



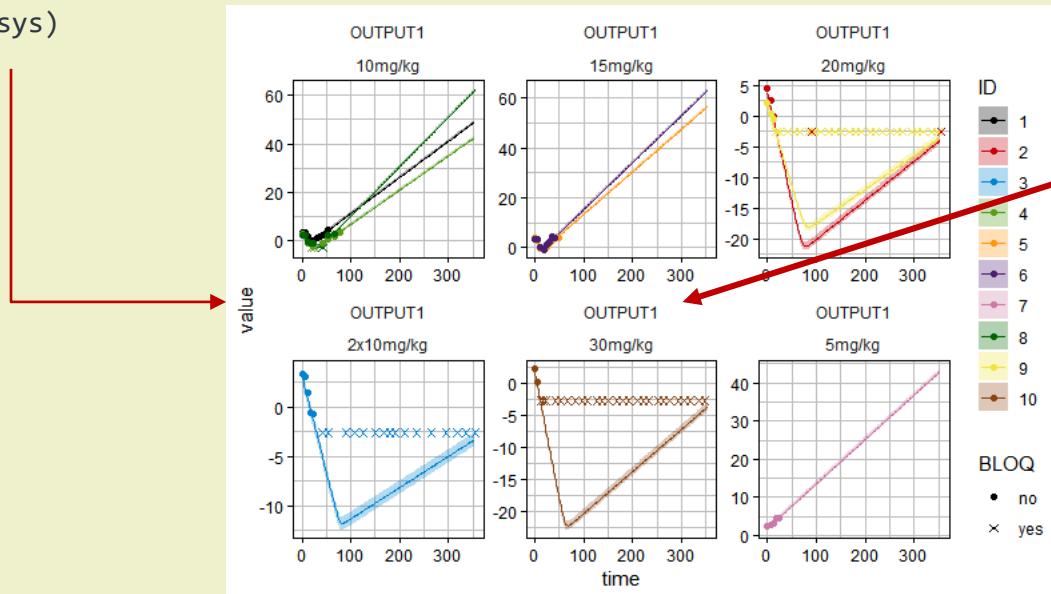
NONE OF THE LOCAL OPTIMA DESCRIBES THE DATA



The data cannot be consistently described by the PD model with population parameters alone.

ESTIMATE WITH INTER-INDIVIDUAL VARIABILITY

```
# Estimate population parameters + IIV
est <- as_IQRsysEst(sysobj,
                      modelSpec = list(
                        IIVvalues0      = c(GR = 0.5, EMAX = 0.5, EC50 = 0.5),
                        IIVestimate     = c(GR = 2 , EMAX = 2 , EC50 = 2 )
                      ))
proj <- IQRsysProject(est,
                      projectPath = "../Models/02_IIV",
                      opt.nfits = 24,
                      opt.sd = 2,
                      opt.parupper = c(hill = 10),
                      opt.parlower = c(hill = 1))
optsys <- run_IQRsysProject(proj, ncores = 8, FLAGgof = TRUE)
plot(optsys)
```



IQR Tools QSP parameter estimation allows to consider random effects / inter-individual variability on parameters

Leading to an adequate description of observed data

WHY WOULD YOU PREFER IQR QSP TOOLS OVER MONOLIX/NONMEM

- Models under development frequently have non-identifiable parameters
 - NONMEM with FOCE(I) methods have difficulties to converge
 - SAEM method converge but final objective values will show stochastic fluctuations
 - SAEM method "requires" random effects on all parameters
 - IQR Tools **robustly converges** and returns the **precise objective value**
- IQR Tools provides structural insights via the profile likelihood method
 - traditional profile likelihood: 1 point of the profile \sim 1 fit
=> Computationally badly tractable
 - our fast profile likelihood: 1 profile \sim 1 fit
=> Computationally reasonable
- IQR Tools "runs 30 fits in the time Monolix runs 1 fit"
 - faster execution time allows exploration of parameter space / mechanisms

FULL NLME

IQR TOOLS ALLOWS FULL NLME MODELING THROUGH SEAMLESS INTERFACES TO NONMEM AND MONOLIX

The screenshot shows a web-based documentation interface. On the left, there is a sidebar titled "II Case Studies" containing a list of chapters: 6 Analysis dataset preparation, 7 Model definition, 8 Simulation of models, 9 NLME Modeling (IQRnlme), 9.1 Longitudinal Models, 9.1.1 Required data format, 9.1.2 Structural models, 9.1.3 Linear vs. nonlinear mod..., 9.1.4 Time varying covariates, 9.1.5 Basic PK model, 9.1.6 Tabular results, 9.1.7 General diagnostics, 9.1.8 Output diagnostics, 9.1.9 Lagtime and FOCEI, 9.1.10 Zero-order absorption, 9.1.11 NLME model settings, 9.1.12 Sequential PK/PD, 9.1.13 Regression parameters, 9.1.14 Error models, 9.1.15 Multiple outputs, 9.1.16 Basic covariate models, 9.1.17 Covariate plots, 9.1.18 Complex covariates, and 9.1.19 Covariance. The chapter "9 NLME Modeling (IQRnlme)" is currently selected, indicated by a mouse cursor icon over its title. The main content area displays the title "9 NLME Modeling {IQRnlme}" and a detailed description of NLME modeling. It explains that NLME is a standard method for pharmacometric analyses, involving fixed effects (population parameters and covariates) and random effects (residual random variability between individuals). It highlights the IQR Tools framework, which provides a user-friendly interface for switching between NONMEM and MONOLIX. The text also notes the recent development of NL MIXR and its integration with IQR Tools. A section on longitudinal models is introduced, defining three types: longitudinal models (general NLME models with one or more doses and observed variables), time-to-event models (fully parametric survival models), and joint models (mixed longitudinal and event models). Below this, the first section of the chapter, "9.1 Longitudinal Models", is listed.

<https://iqrtools.intiquan.com/doc/book/nlme-modeling-iqrnlme.html>

- Separate installation of NONMEM or MONOLIX required
- Same dataset format as for QSP modeling
- Same model syntax, etc.

EVALUATION OF HYBRID MODELS (NLME+QSP)

EVALUATION OF HYBRID MODELS (NLME+QSP) MANY COMBINATIONS AND FEW LIMITATIONS

- Example: Sequential NLME / QSP estimation for Malaria example
- Can be used in estimation or simulation

GENERALIZED DATASET FORMAT

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tools related (exception: ADDL and II). Modeling tool related columns will be added by IQRtools upon import of the dataset (`IQRdataGENERAL()`) but can also be present in the dataset file before import. These additional columns are documented in the next section.

- **REQUIRED columns for IQR Tools are marked in red**
- Since datasets for pharmacometric analyses typically are comma-separated-files, no field in the general dataset is allowed to contain commata

Column Name	Column Content	Default content	Description	Type
General				
IXGDF	Index of record in dataset. Starting from 1, then 2, 3, etc. until last record/row number	1,2,3, etc.	This index is kept during post processing of the general dataset format. When rows/records are removed, the kept ones will keep the index in IXGDF. In this way contents of derived datasets can always be compared to contents of the general dataset format.	Numeric
IGNORE	Reason/comment related to exclusion of the observation or dose from the analysis	NA		String
Identification of subject				
USUBJID	Unique subject identifier			String
CENTER	Center number	NA		Numeric
SUBJECT	Subject number	USUBJID	If defined, cannot be left empty	String
INDNAME	Indication name	UNKNOWN	Populated from the protocol or the provided specifications.	String
IND	Numeric indication flag	1-N for INDNAME in alphabetic order	Numeric indication flag (unique for each entry in INDNAME)	Numeric
Study information				
COMPOUND	Name of the investigational compound	UNKNOWN	Populated from the source data or protocol or provided specifications.	String
STUDY	Short study name/number	UNKNOWN	Populated from the source data.	String
STUDYN	Numeric study flag	1-N for STUDY in alphabetic order	Numeric study flag (unique for each entry in STUDY)	Numeric
STUDYDES	Study title, short description	STUDY	Populated from the protocol title.	String

<https://iqrtools.intiquan.com/doc/book/GenDatFormat.html>

GENERALIZED DATASET FORMAT

- Representation of (pre-)clinically relevant information
- Humanly readable
- Easy to program from source data
- Able to capture all types of data typically informing QSP, Sysbio, and Pharmacometric modeling efforts
- Automatic conversion to NLME / QSP modeling datasets

CONCLUDING REMARKS

WHY WOULD YOU PREFER IQR QSP TOOLS OVER SIMBIOLOGY?

- You would not ...
 - Both tools are highly synergistic
 - **SimBiology allows nice graphical representation**
 - Useful for discussion with biologists and the team
 - **IQR Tools allows powerful parameter estimation and fast simulation**
 - On a recent customer project the speed difference in simulation was **~45 fold** in favor of IQR Tools
 - Seamless NLME interface
 - ...
 - **It is straight forward to convert a SimBiology model to an IQRmodel**

SUMMARY

IQR QSP Tools

- **powerful**
 - fast simulation
 - accurate parameter estimation
 - user-friendly syntax
- **versatile**
 - mechanistic modeling
 - population modeling
 - combination of both
- **etc**
 - constantly improved
 - new features
 - fit for use in a regulatory context
 - script based approach leads to 100% reproducibility

WORKSHOP GOALS - CHECK

You should now be able to

- Write your own mechanistic QSP models in ODE or biochemical format
- Simulate models
- Setup data used for estimation and its exploration
- Performing powerful parameter estimation with and without consideration of parametric variability
- How to use model-based information to better inform the design of new experiments, increasing mechanistic understanding and trust in your model

(guided by the detailed documentation)

The screenshot shows a documentation page for 'Modeling & Simulation in R'. The left sidebar contains a table of contents with sections like Preface, Introduction, Case Studies, Manuals, and Appendix. The main content area features a title 'Modeling & Simulation in R', a subtitle 'Supporting Efficient Model Informed Drug Development with IQR Tools', the publisher 'IntiQuan GmbH', the date '18 Juni 2019', and a 'Preface' section. A welcome message in the preface says: 'Welcome to the official documentation of the IQR Tools R package! A lot of material is contained already and we are heavily working on extending the documentation. With the fantastic bookdown R package we now have finally found the right documentation approach.' Below the preface is a section 'Who this book is for' and a note 'This book is for people who...'. At the bottom of the page is a URL: <https://iqrtools.intiquan.com/doc/book/>. To the right of the main content is a decorative graphic featuring hexagonal tiles with various pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic terms.

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