

Derivative-Free Optimization Enhanced-Surrogate Models for Energy Systems Optimization

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

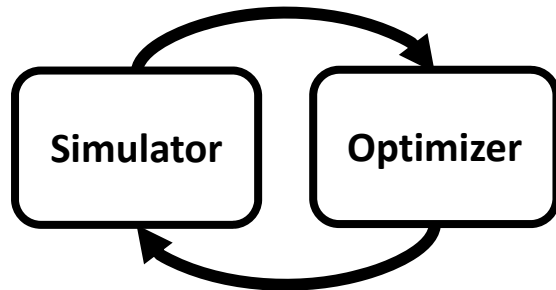
$$\begin{array}{ll} \min & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & g(x) = 0 \end{array}$$



- **Challenges:**
 - Lack of an algebraic model
 - Computationally costly simulations
 - Often noisy function evaluations
 - Scarcity of fully robust simulations

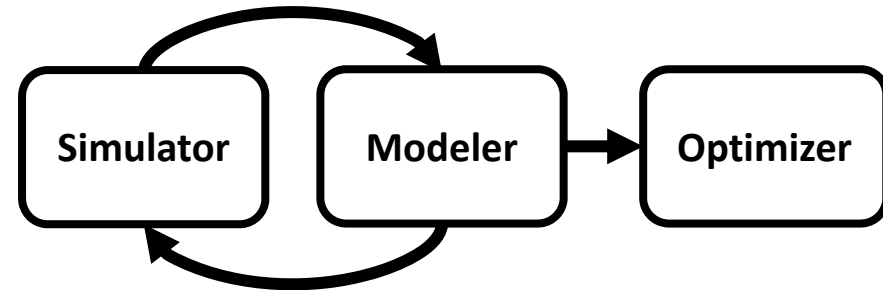
SIMULATION-BASED METHODS

Direct methods



- **Estimated gradient based**
 - Finite element, perturbation analysis, etc.
- **Derivative-free optimization (DFO)**
 - Local/global
 - Stochastic/deterministic

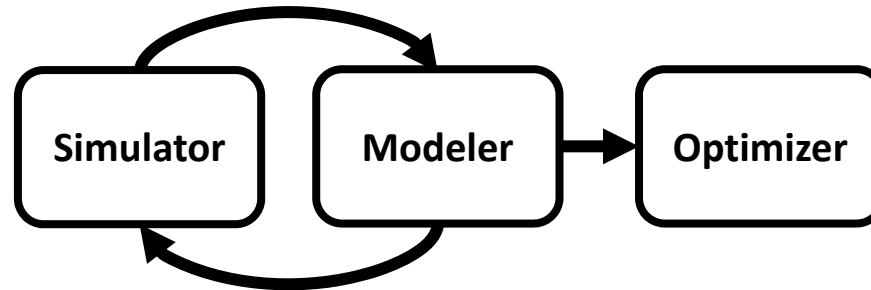
Indirect methods



- **What is modeled?**
 - Objective, objective + constraints, disaggregated system
- **Type of model**
 - Linear/nonlinear
 - Simple/Complex
 - Algebraic/black-box
- **Optimizer**
 - Derivative/derivative-free

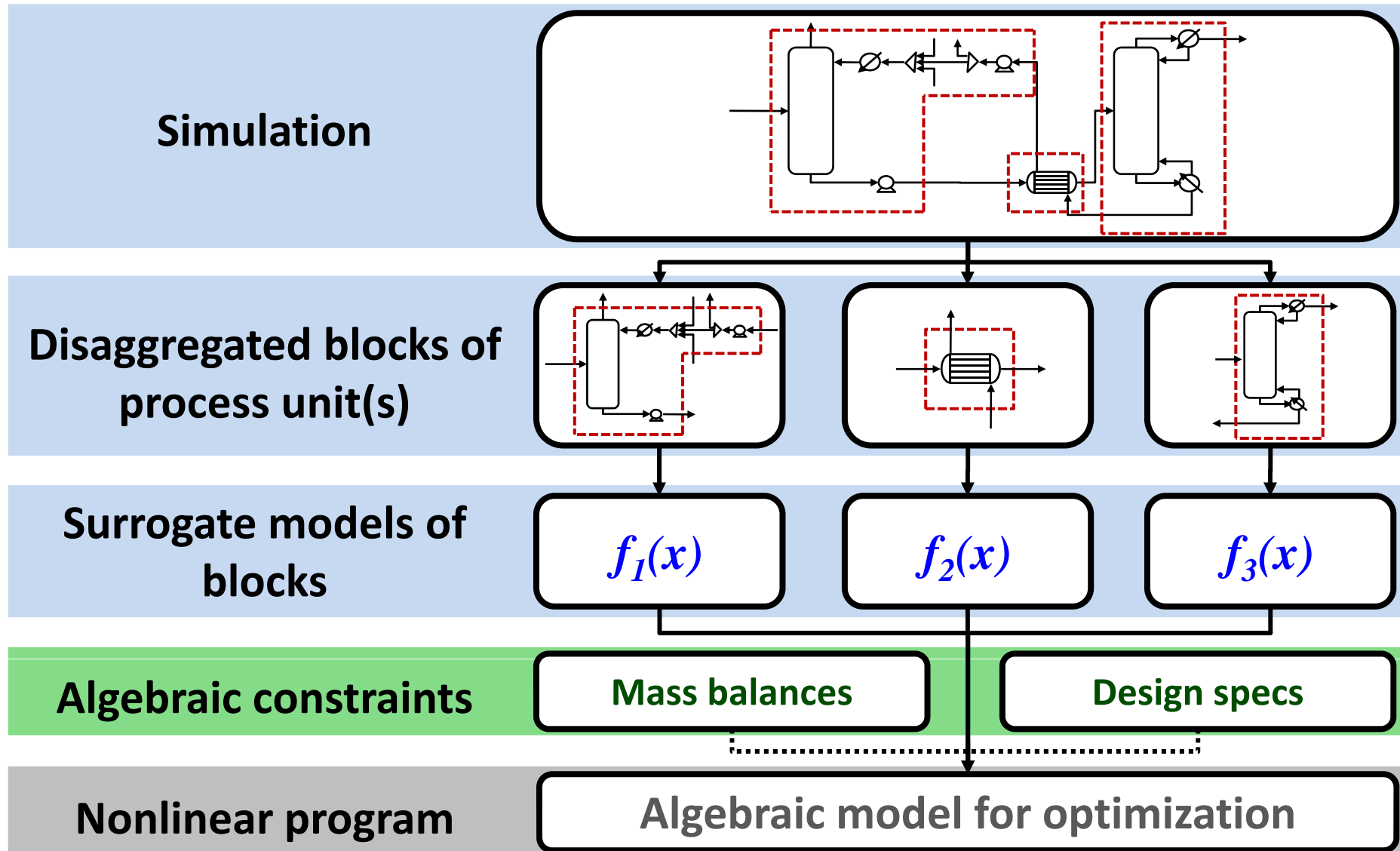
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Indirect methods



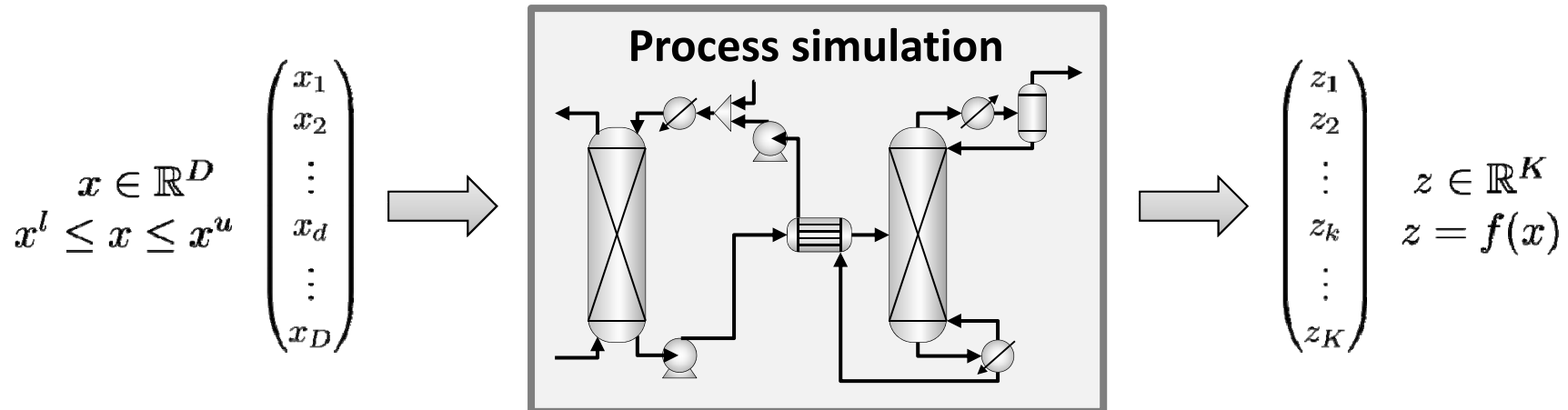
	Kriging	Neural nets	Other
Full process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palmer and Realff, 2002 Huang et al., 2006 Davis and Ierapetritou, 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michalopoulos et al., 2001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palmer and Realff, 2002
Disaggregated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caballero and Grossmann, 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Henao and Maravelias, 2011 	

PROCESS DISAGGREGATION



MODELING PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Build a model of output variables z as a function of input variables x over a specified interval



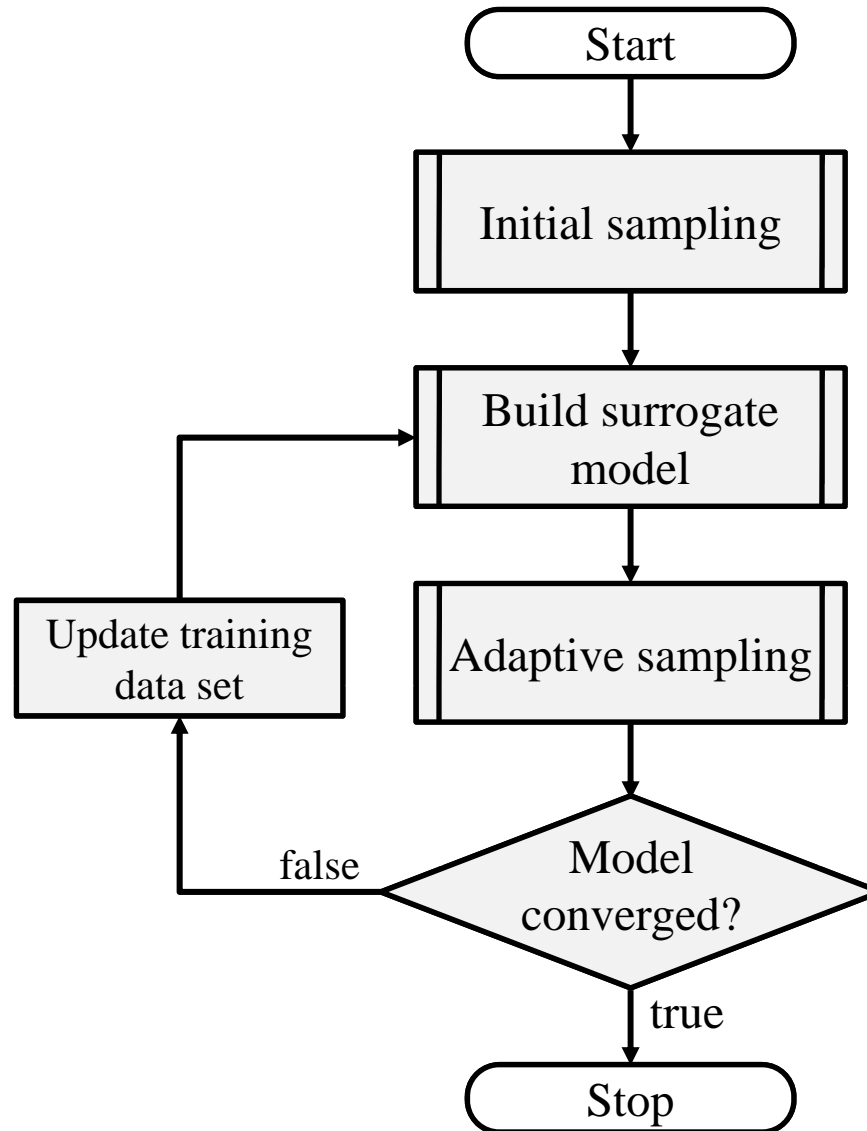
Independent variables:
Operating conditions, inlet flow
properties, unit geometry

Dependent variables:
Efficiency, outlet flow conditions,
conversions, heat flow, etc.

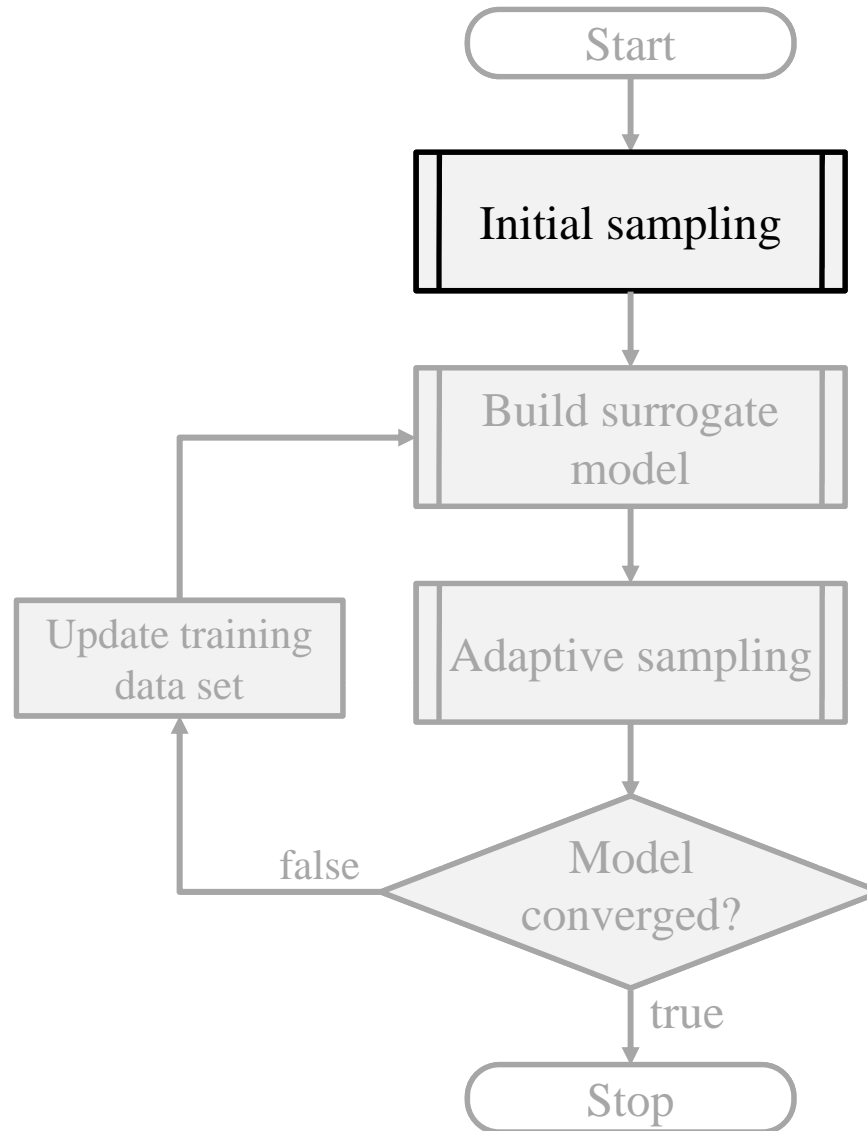
MODELING PROBLEM STATEMENT

- **Model questions:**
 - What is the functional form of the model?
 - How **complex** of a model is needed?
 - Will this be tractable in an algebraic optimization framework?
- **Sampling questions:**
 - How many sample points are needed to define an accurate model?
 - Where should these points be sampled?
- **Desired model traits:**
 - ✓ Accurate
 - ✓ Tractable in algebraic optimization: **Simple functional forms**
 - ✓ Generated from a minimal data set

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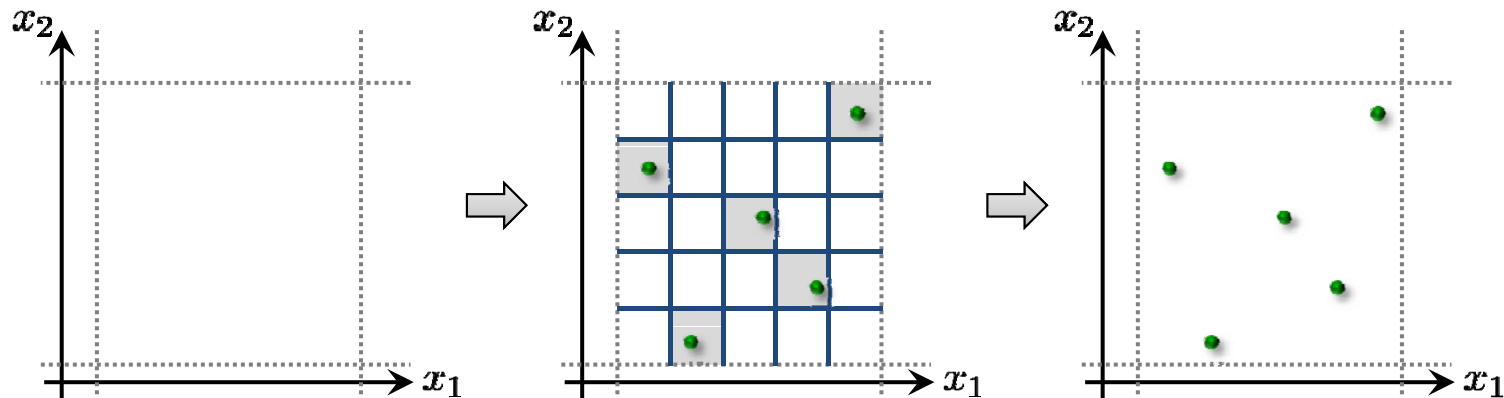


DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS

- Goal: To generate an initial set of input variables to evenly sample the problem space

$$x = (x^1 \quad x^2 \quad \dots \quad x^i \quad \dots \quad x^N)$$
$$x^i = \begin{pmatrix} x_1^i \\ x_2^i \\ \vdots \\ x_d^i \\ \vdots \\ x_D^i \end{pmatrix}$$

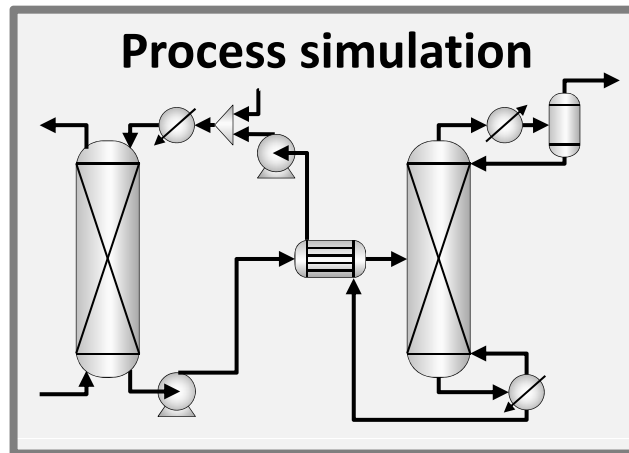
- Latin hypercube design of experiments [McKay et al., 79]



INITIAL SAMPLING

- After running the design of experiments, we will evaluate the black-box function to determine each z^i

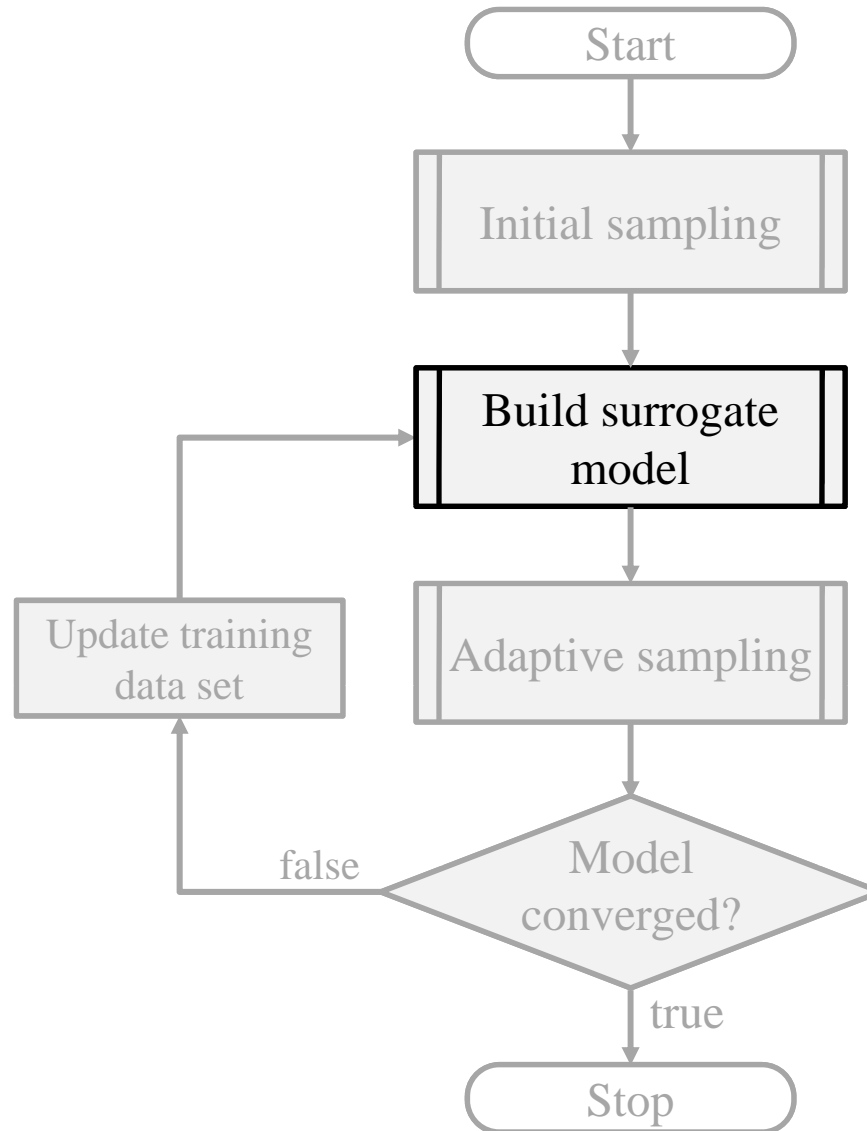
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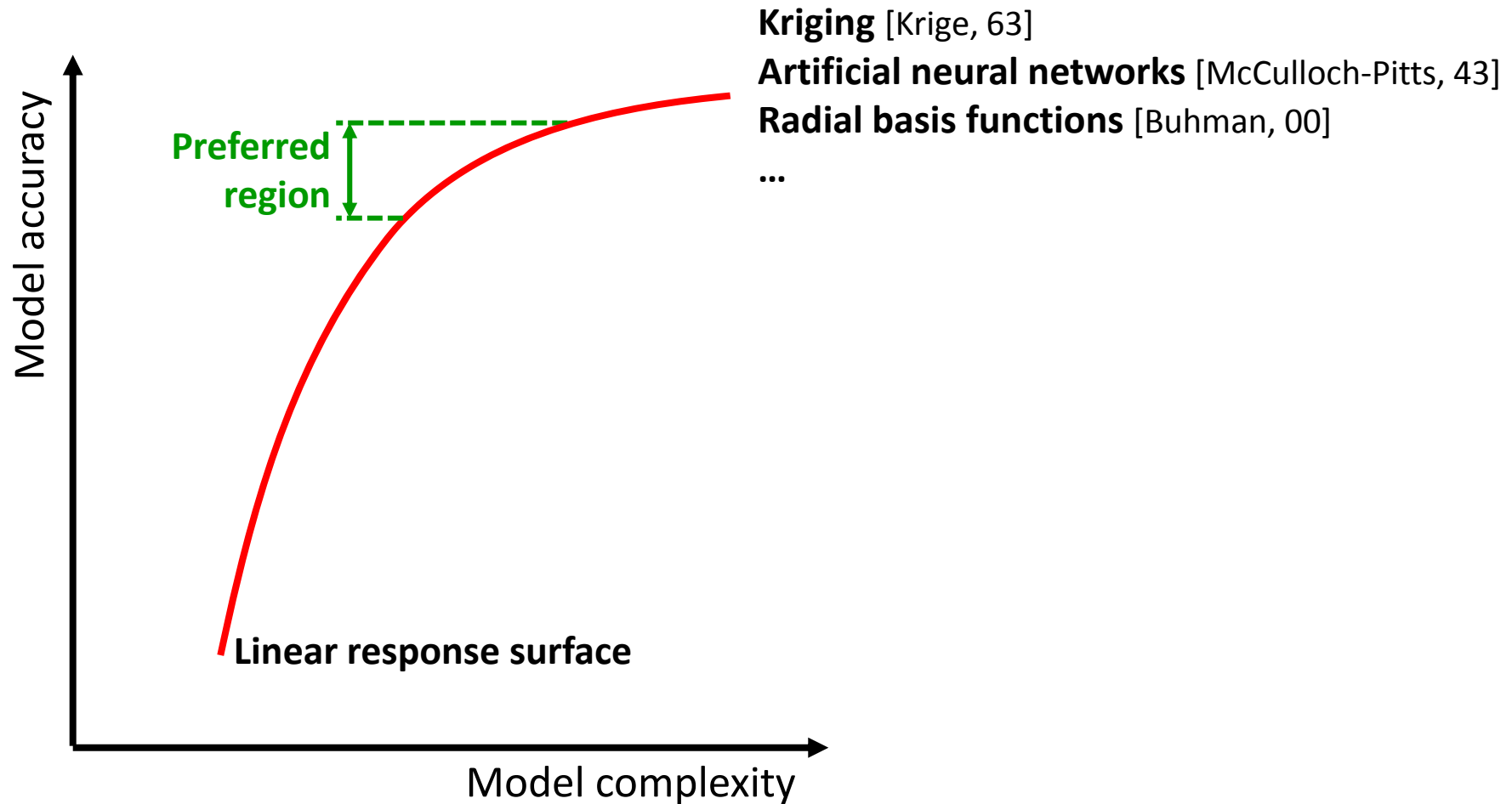
$$z = (z^1 \quad z^2 \quad \dots \quad z^i \quad \dots \quad z^N)$$

**Initial
training
set**

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MODEL COMPLEXITY TRADEOFF



MODEL IDENTIFICATION

- Goal: Identify the **functional form** and **complexity** of the surrogate models $z = f(x)$
- Functional form:
 - General functional form is unknown: Our method will identify models with combinations of **simple basis functions**

Category	$X_j(x)$
I. Polynomial	$(x_d)^\alpha$
II. Multinomial	$\prod_{d \in \mathcal{D}' \subseteq \mathcal{D}} (x_d)^{\alpha_d}$
III. Exponential and logarithmic forms	$\exp\left(\frac{x_d}{\gamma}\right)^\alpha, \log\left(\frac{x_d}{\gamma}\right)^\alpha$
IV. Expected bases	From experience, simple inspection, physical phenomena, etc.

SURROGATE MODEL

- Surrogate model can have the form

$$\hat{z} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} \beta_j X_j(x)$$

- Low-complexity desired surrogate form

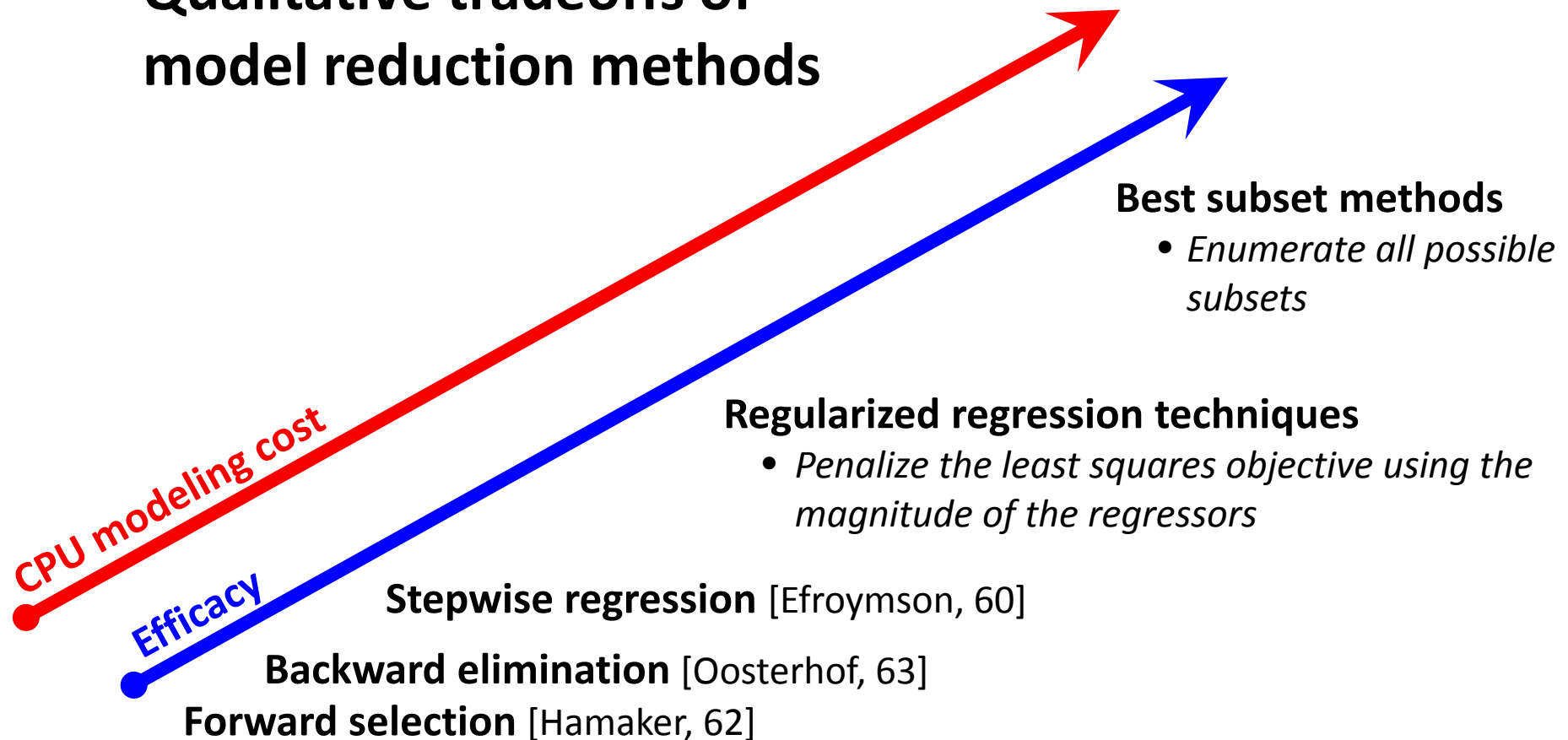
$$\hat{z} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{S}} \beta_j X_j(x)$$

where $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$

- \mathcal{S} is chosen to
 - Reduce overfitting
 - Achieve surrogate simplicity for a tractable final optimization model

MODEL REDUCTION TECHNIQUES

- Qualitative tradeoffs of model reduction methods



BEST SUBSET METHOD

- Generalized best subset problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{S}, \beta} \quad & \Phi(\mathcal{S}, \beta) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \end{aligned}$$

where $\Phi(\mathcal{S}, \beta)$ is a goodness of fit measure for the subset of basis function, \mathcal{S} , and regression coefficients, β .

BEST SUBSET METHOD

- Surrogate subset model:

$$\hat{z}(x) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{S}} \beta_j X_j(x)$$

- Mixed-integer surrogate subset model:

$$\hat{z}(x) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} (y_j \beta_j) X_j(x) \quad \text{such that} \quad \begin{array}{ll} y_j = 1 & j \in \mathcal{S} \\ y_j = 0 & j \notin \mathcal{S} \end{array}$$

- Generalized best subset problem mixed-integer formulation:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\beta, y} & \Phi(\beta, y) \\ \text{s.t.} & y_j \in \{0, 1\} \end{array}$$

NESTED MIXED-INTEGER PROBLEM

- **Corrected Akaike information criterion (AICc)** [Hurvich and Tsai, 93]

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{T \in \{1, \dots, T^u\}} && N \log \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(z_i - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} (y_j \beta_j) X_{ij} \right)^2 \right) + 2T + \frac{2T(T+1)}{N-T-1} \\ & \text{s.t.} && \\ & && \min_{\beta, y} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(z_i - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} \beta_j X_{ij} \right)^2 \\ & && \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} y_j = T \\ & && \beta^l y_j \leq \beta_j \leq \beta^u y_j \quad j \in \mathcal{B} \\ & && y_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad j \in \mathcal{B} \end{aligned}$$

a) **Model sizing**

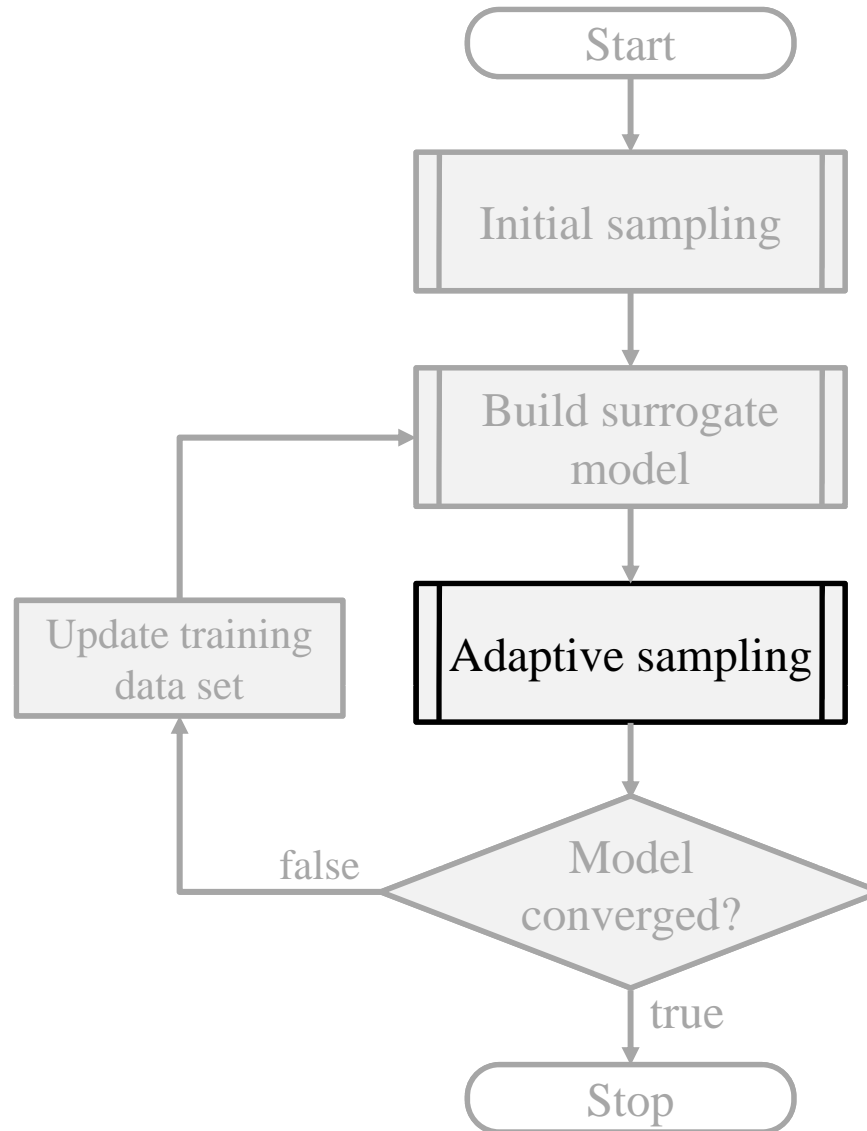
b) **Basis and coefficient selection**

FINAL BEST SUBSET MODEL

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & SE = \sum_{i=1}^N \left| z_i - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} \beta_j X_{ij} \right| \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} y_j = T \\ & -U(1 - y_j) \leq \sum_{i=1}^N X_{ij} \left(z_i - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{B}} \beta_j X_{ij} \right) \leq U(1 - y_j) \quad j \in \mathcal{B} \\ & \beta^l y_j \leq \beta_j \leq \beta^u y_j \quad j \in \mathcal{B} \\ & y_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad j \in \mathcal{B} \\ & \beta_j \in [\beta_j^l, \beta_j^u] \quad j \in \mathcal{B} \end{aligned}$$

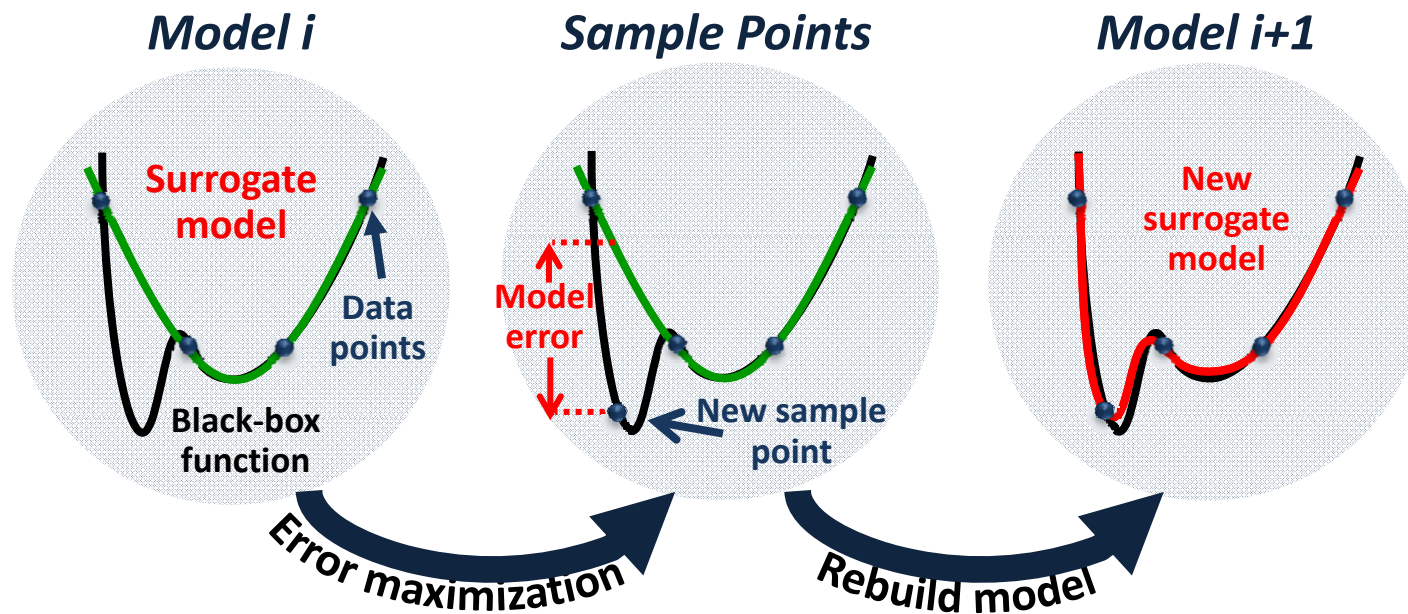
- This model is solved for increasing values of T until the $AICc$ worsens

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ADAPTIVE SAMPLING

- Goal: Search the problem space for areas of model inconsistency or **model mismatch**
- More succinctly, we are trying to find a point that **maximizes the model error** with respect to the independent variables



ERROR MAXIMIZATION SAMPLING

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- More succinctly, we are trying to find a point that **maximizes the model error** with respect to the independent variables

$$\max_x \left(\frac{z(x) - \hat{z}(x)}{z(x)} \right)^2$$

Surrogate model

- Optimized using a black-box or derivative-free solver (SNOBFIT) [Huyer and Neumaier, 08]

ERROR MAXIMIZATION SAMPLING

- **Information gained using error maximization sampling:**
 1. **New data point locations that will be used to better train the next iteration's surrogate model**
 2. **Conservative estimate of the true model error**
 - *Defines a stopping criterion*
 - *Estimates the final model error*

COMPUTATIONAL TESTING

- Surrogate generation methods have been implemented into a package:

ALAMO

(Automated Learning of Algebraic Models for Optimization)

- Modeling methods compared
 - MIP – Proposed methodology
 - EBS – Exhaustive best subset method
 - *Note: due to high CPU times this was only tested on smaller problems*
 - LASSO – The lasso regularization
 - OLR – Ordinary least-squares regression
- Sampling methods compared
 - DFO – Proposed error maximization technique
 - SLH – Single Latin hypercube (no feedback)

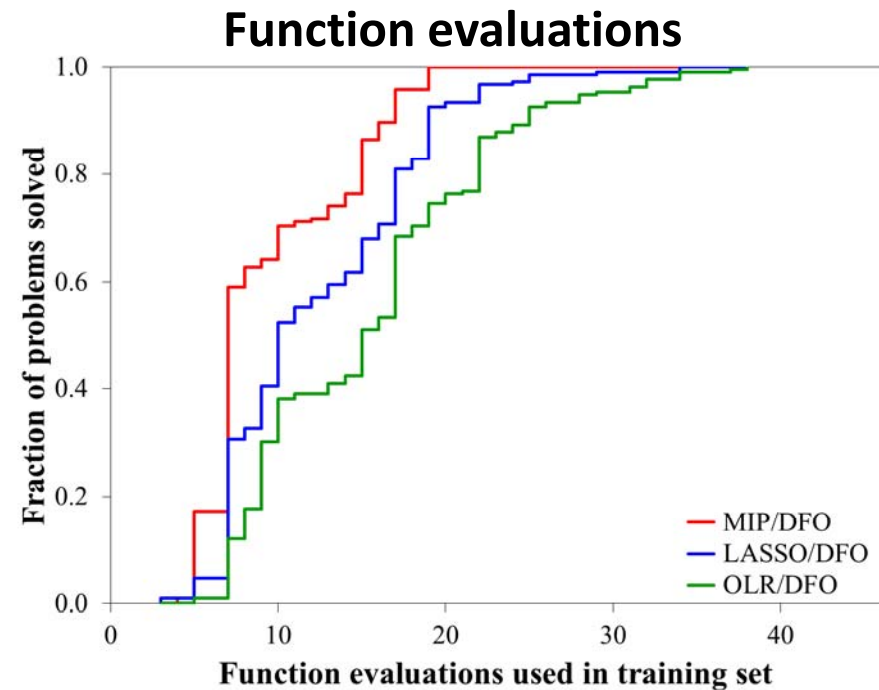
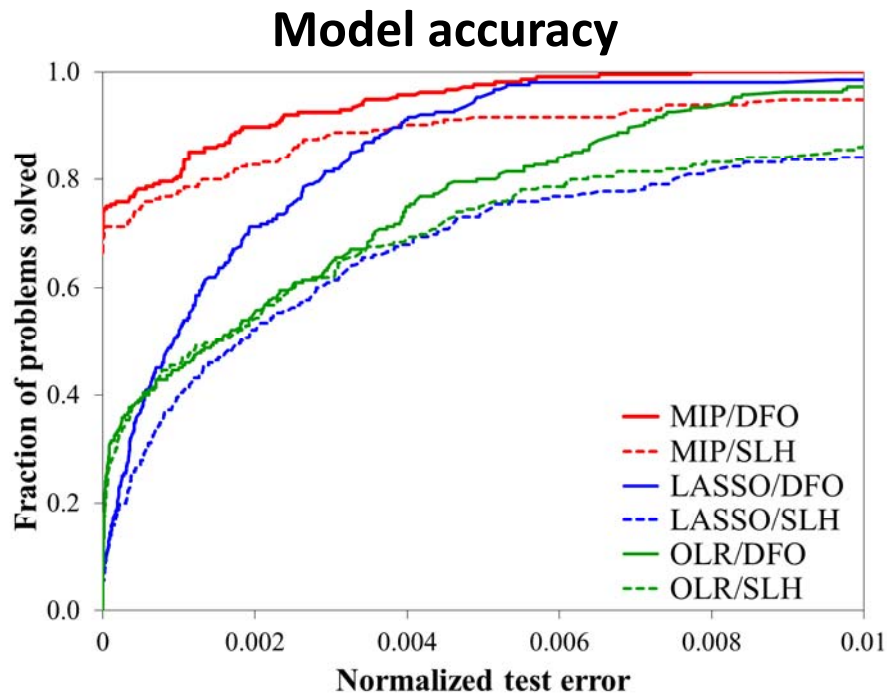
DESCRIPTION – TEST SET A

- Two- and three-input black-box functions randomly chosen basis functions available to the algorithms with varying complexity from 2 to 10 terms
- Basis functions allowed:

Category	$X_j(x)$	Parameters used
I. Polynomial	$(x_d)^\alpha$	$\alpha = \{\pm 3, \pm 2, \pm 1, \pm 0.5\}$
II. Multinomial	$\prod_{d \in \mathcal{D}' \subseteq \mathcal{D}} (x_d)^{\alpha_d}$	for $ \mathcal{D}' = 2$ $\alpha = \{\pm 2, \pm 1, \pm 0.5\}$ for $ \mathcal{D}' = 3$ $\alpha = \{\pm 1\}$
III. Exponential and logarithmic forms	$\exp\left(\frac{x_d}{\gamma}\right)^\alpha, \log\left(\frac{x_d}{\gamma}\right)^\alpha$	$\alpha = 1, \gamma = 1$

True basis function coefficients were randomly chosen from a uniform distribution where $\beta \in [-1, 1]$.

RESULTS – TEST SET A



45 test problems, repeated 5 times, tested against 1000 independent data points

MODEL COMPLEXITY – TEST SET A

No. in-puts	No. true terms	MIP/DFO	MIP/SLH	EBS/DFO	EBS/SLH	LASSO/DFO	LASSO/SLH	OLR/DFO	OLR/SLH
2	2	2	[2, 2]	2	2	[6, 8]	[6, 11]	[12, 15]	[12, 15]
2	3	3	3	3	3	[5, 12]	[5, 10]	[12, 14]	[12, 14]
2	4	[3, 4]	[3, 4]	[3, 4]	[3, 4]	[8, 11]	[8, 10]	[11, 12]	[11, 12]
2	5	[2, 4]	[2, 4]	[2, 5]	[2, 5]	[3, 12]	[4, 11]	[10, 16]	[10, 16]
2	6	[5, 6]	[6, 6]	[5, 6]	[6, 6]	[7, 10]	[6, 7]	[11, 13]	[11, 13]
2	7	[4, 6]	[4, 6]	[4, 7]	[4, 7]	[7, 11]	[6, 12]	[8, 13]	[8, 13]
2	8	[4, 5]	[5, 6]	[4, 5]	[5, 6]	[6, 8]	[6, 9]	[10, 15]	[10, 15]
2	9	[4, 6]	[4, 6]	NA	NA	[6, 14]	[7, 12]	[10, 17]	[10, 17]
2	10	[4, 8]	[4, 8]	NA	NA	[5, 14]	[7, 14]	[10, 14]	[10, 14]
3	2	[2, 3]	[2, 3]	NA	NA	[6, 12]	[7, 13]	[27, 29]	[27, 29]
3	3	[3, 3]	[3, 3]	NA	NA	[8, 16]	[7, 15]	[19, 22]	[19, 22]
3	4	4	[3, 4]	NA	NA	[10, 13]	[9, 10]	[16, 21]	[16, 21]
3	5	5	5	NA	NA	[11, 17]	[9, 15]	[15, 23]	[15, 23]
3	6	[5, 6]	[6, 6]	NA	NA	[9, 18]	[10, 13]	[15, 26]	[15, 26]
3	7	7	[7, 8]	NA	NA	[10, 22]	[10, 22]	22	22

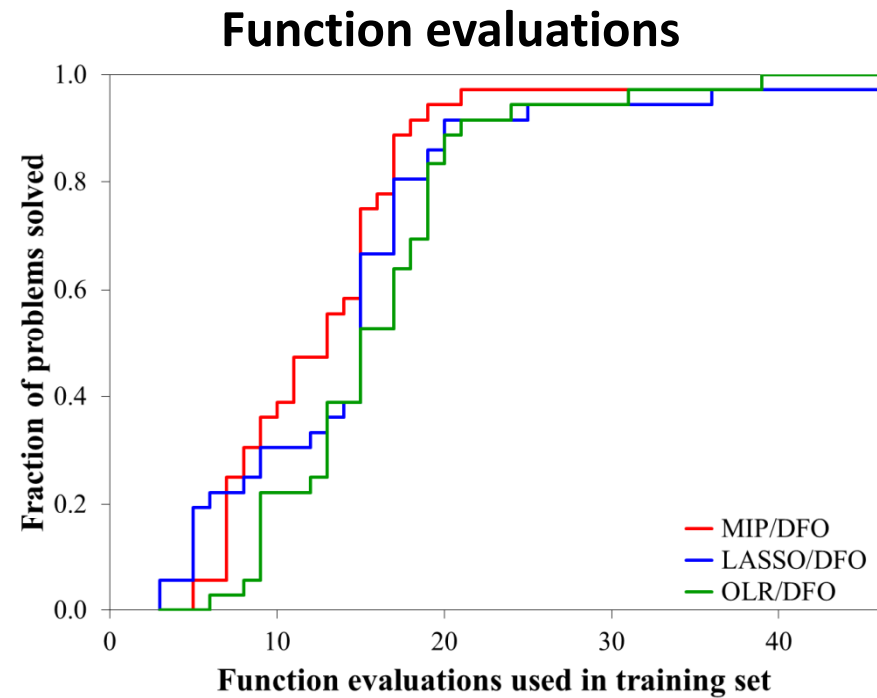
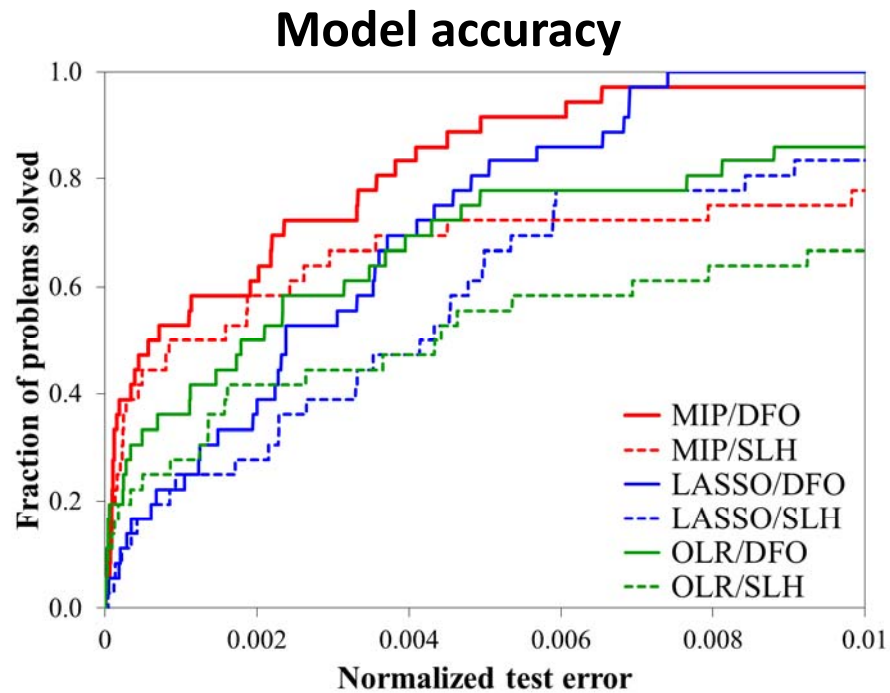
DESCRIPTION – TEST SET B

- Two-input black-box functions with basis functions unavailable to the algorithms with

Function type	Functional form
I	$z(x) = \beta x_i^\alpha \exp(x_j)$
II	$z(x) = \beta x_i^\alpha \log(x_j)$
III	$z(x) = \beta x_1^\alpha x_2^\nu$
IV	$z(x) = \frac{\beta}{\gamma + x_i^\alpha}$

with true parameters chosen from a uniform distribution where $\beta \in [-1, 1]$, $\alpha, \nu \in [-3, 3]$, $\gamma \in [-5, 5]$, and $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$.

RESULTS – TEST SET B

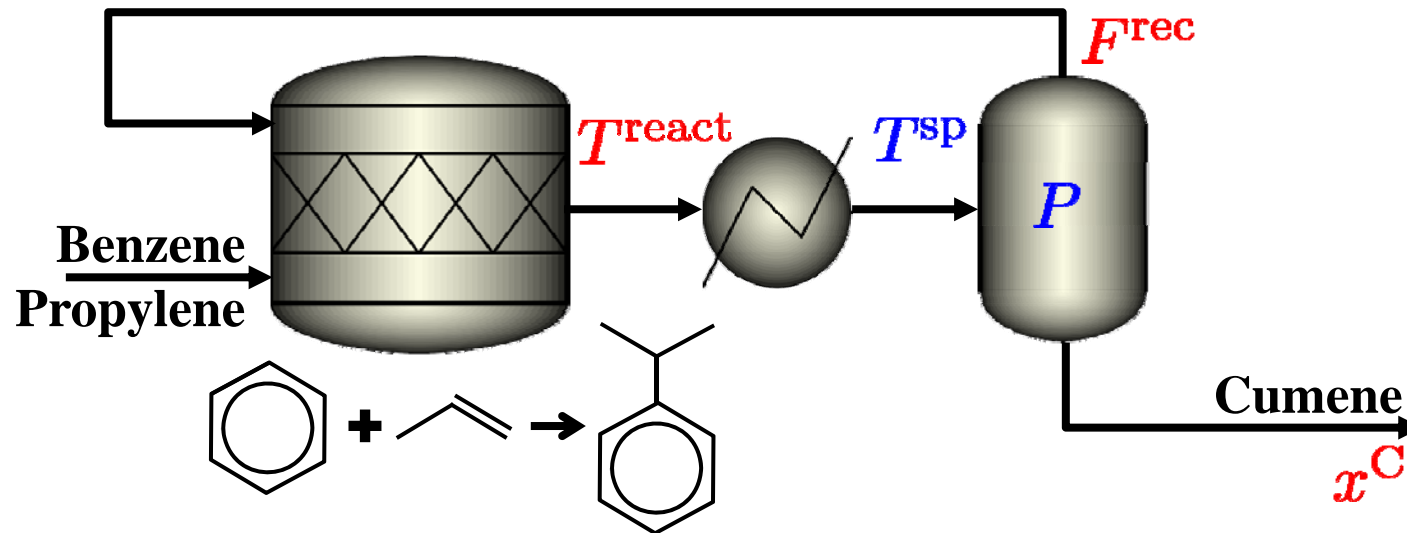


12 test problems, repeated 5 times, tested against 1000 independent data points

MODEL COMPLEXITY – TEST SET B

True function type	Function ID	MIP/ DFO	MIP/ SLH	LASSO/ DFO	LASSO/ SLH	OLR/ DFO	OLR/ SLH
I	a	5	5	[3, 5]	[4, 9]	[6, 17]	[6, 17]
I	b	[4, 10]	[4, 10]	[10, 14]	[5, 8]	[8, 17]	[8, 17]
I	c	[3, 10]	[6, 9]	[8, 9]	[4, 10]	[13, 17]	[13, 17]
II	a	[4, 6]	[4, 10]	[8, 15]	[7, 9]	[15, 19]	[15, 19]
II	b	[1, 7]	[1, 9]	[13, 16]	[11, 17]	[13, 30]	[13, 30]
II	c	[5, 12]	[5, 12]	[9, 13]	[9, 16]	[9, 19]	[9, 19]
III	a	[3, 4]	[1, 4]	[2, 5]	[2, 5]	[9, 20]	[9, 20]
III	b	4	[1, 4]	5	5	[9, 20]	[9, 20]
III	c	[3, 4]	[3, 4]	[5, 8]	[5, 9]	[18, 24]	[18, 24]
IV	a	[7, 8]	[4, 10]	[8, 17]	[11, 18]	[13, 19]	[13, 19]
IV	b	[8, 9]	[9, 10]	[8, 12]	[10, 14]	[9, 17]	[9, 17]
IV	c	[6, 9]	[9, 10]	[5, 13]	[4, 12]	[13, 15]	[13, 15]

TEST CASE: CUMENE PRODUCTION



Generate Models:

$$x^C(T^{sp}, P) = f_1(T^{sp}, P)$$

$$T^{react}(T^{sp}, P) = f_2(T^{sp}, P)$$

$$F^{rec}(T^{sp}, P) = f_3(T^{sp}, P)$$

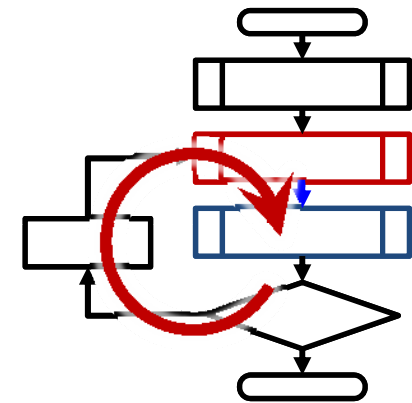
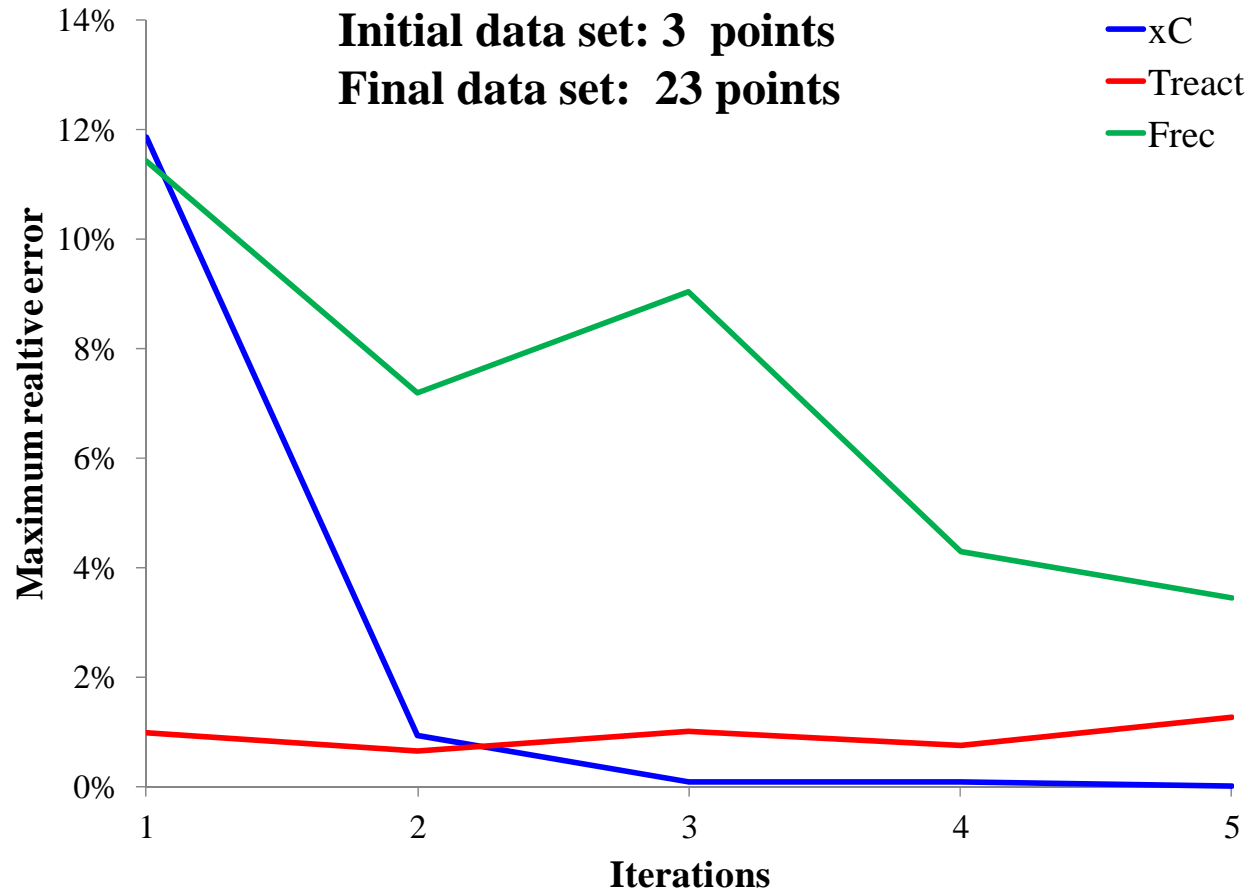
Over the Range:

$$100^\circ F \leq T^{sp} \leq 250^\circ F$$

$$0.82 \text{ atm} \leq P \leq 1.36 \text{ atm}$$

Cumene production simulation is form the Aspen Plus® Library

GENERATING THE SURROGATES

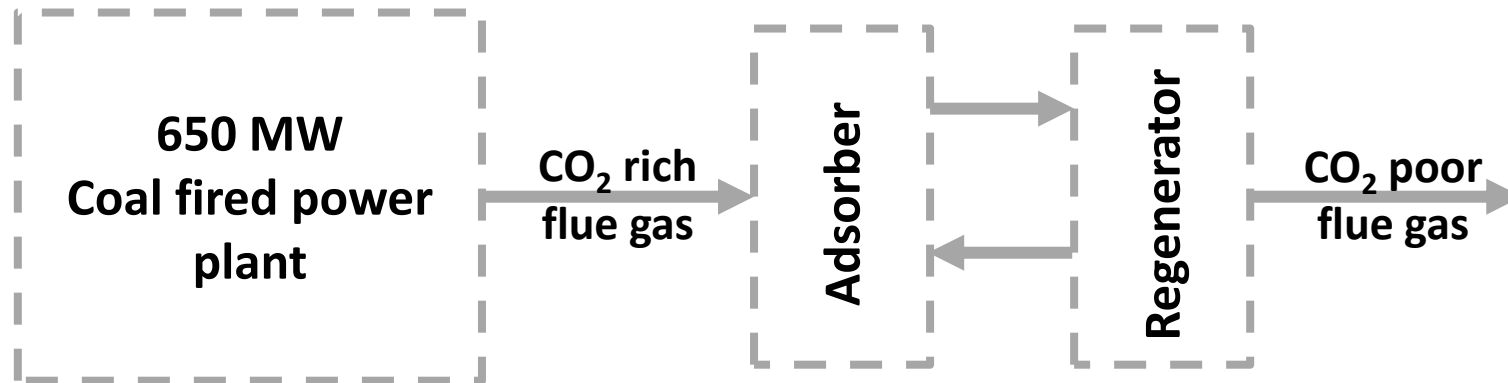


- **Maximum error found at each iteration may increase**
 - Due to the derivative-free solver is given more information at each iteration

CARBON CAPTURE OPTIMIZATION

- Problem statement:

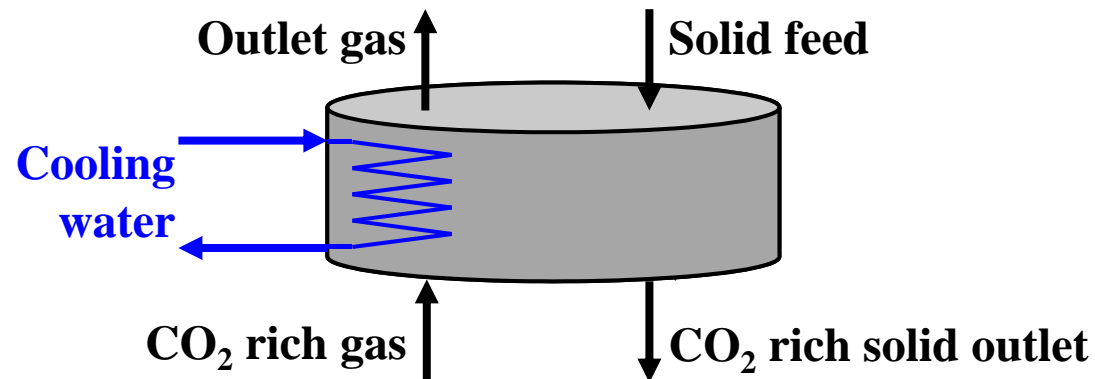
Capture **90% of CO₂** from a 350MW power plant's post combustion flue gas with **minimal increase in the cost of electricity**



- Design considerations:

- Capture technology
 - *Bubbling fluidized bed, moving bed, fast fluidized bed, transport bed, etc.*
- Number of reactors
- Reactor configuration and geometry
- Operating conditions

BUBBLING FLUIDIZED BED



- **Model inputs (14 total)**

- Geometry (3)
- Operating conditions (4)
- Gas mole fractions (2)
- Solid compositions (2)
- Flow rates (4)

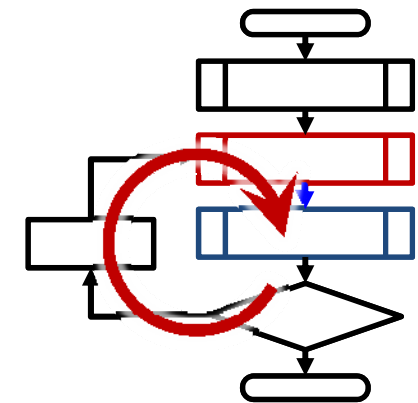
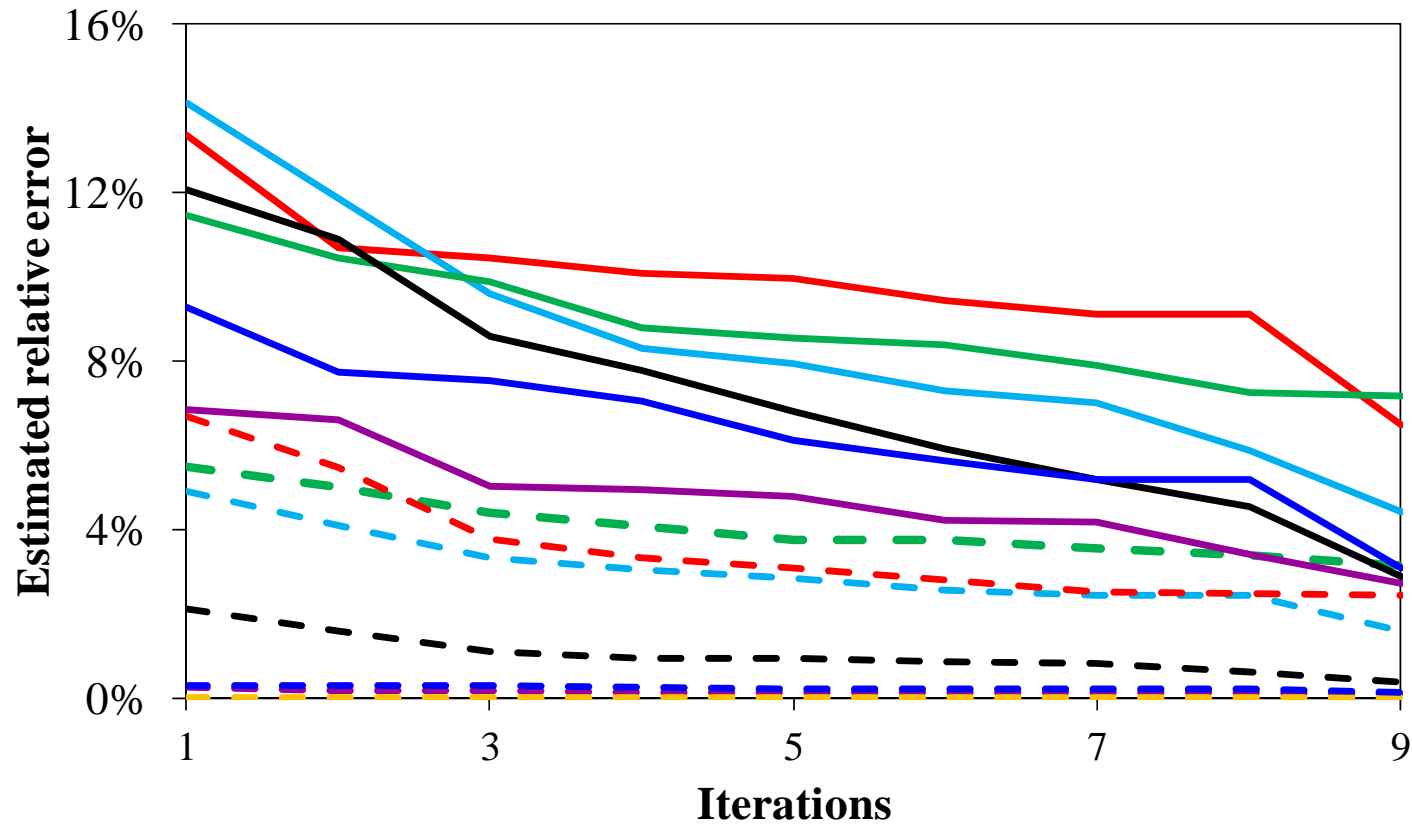
- **Model outputs (13 total)**

- Geometry required (2)
- Operating condition required (1)
- Gas mole fractions (2)
- Solid compositions (2)
- Flow rates (2)
- Outlet temperatures (3)
- Design constraint (1)

Model created by Andrew Lee at the National Energy and Technology Laboratory

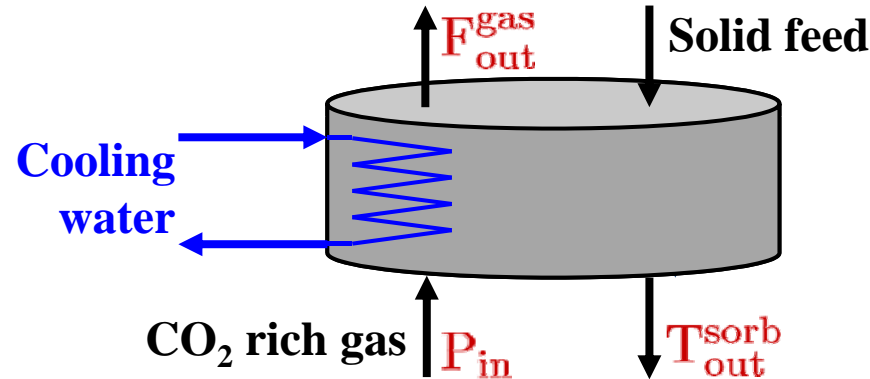
ADAPTIVE SAMPLING

Progression of mean error through the algorithm



Initial data set:
137 pts
Final data set:
261

EXAMPLE MODELS

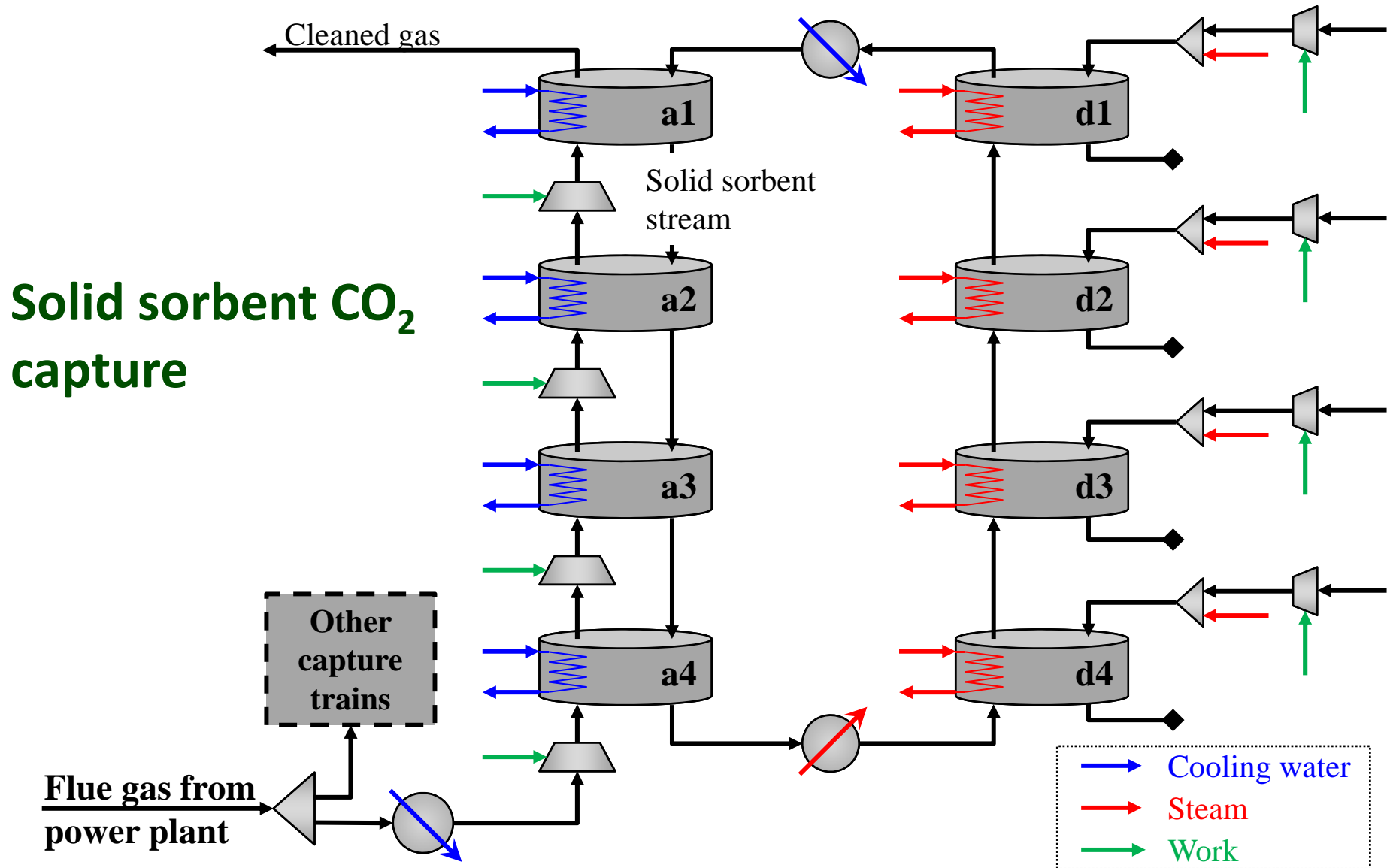


$$P_{in} = 1.0 P_{out} + 0.0231 L_b - 0.0187 \ln(0.167 L_b) - 0.00626 \ln(0.667 v_{gi}) - \frac{51.1 xHCO3_{in}^{ads}}{F_{in}^{gas}}$$

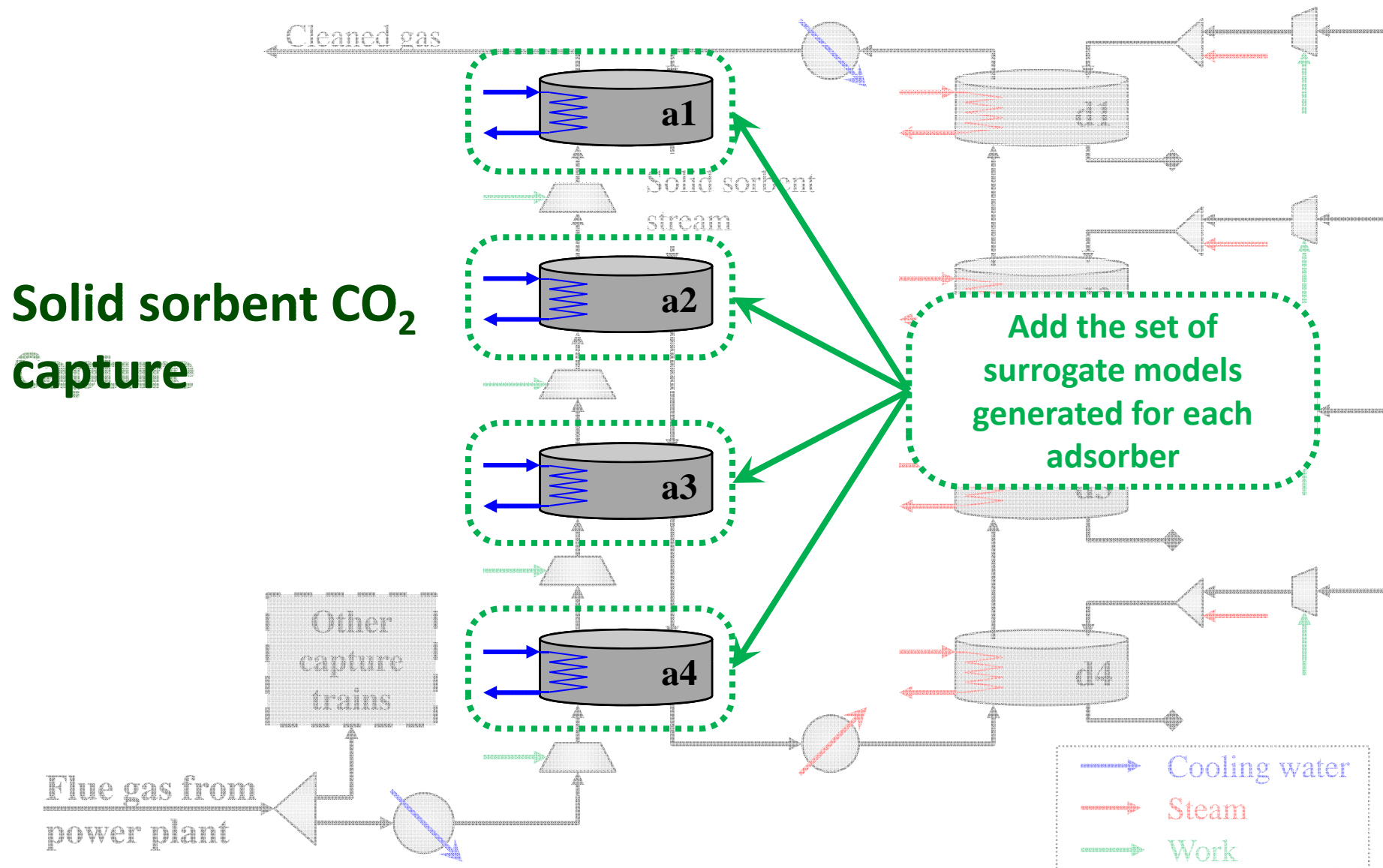
$$T_{out}^{sorb} = 1.0 T_{in}^{gas} - \frac{(1.77 \cdot 10^{-10}) NX^2}{\gamma^2} - \frac{3.46}{NX T_{in}^{gas} T_{in}^{sorb}} + \frac{1.17 \cdot 10^4}{F_{sorb} NX xH2O_{in}^{ads}}$$

$$F_{out}^{gas} = 0.797 F_{in}^{gas} - \frac{9.75 T_{in}^{sorb}}{\gamma} - 0.77 F_{in}^{gas} xCO2_{in}^{gas} + 0.00465 F_{in}^{gas} T_{in}^{sorb} - 0.0181 F_{in}^{gas} T_{in}^{sorb} xH2O_{in}^{gas}$$

SUPERSTRUCTURE OPTIMIZATION

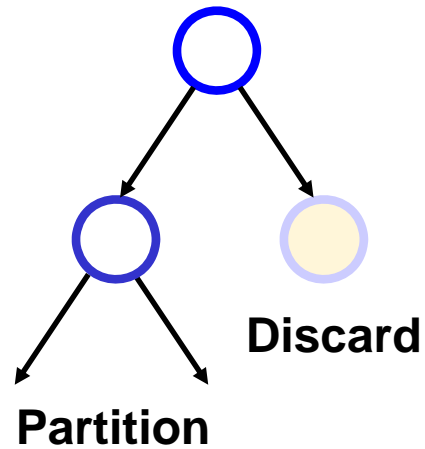


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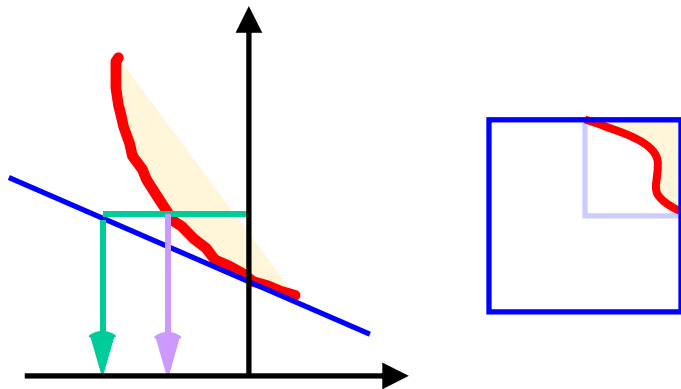


BRANCH-AND-REDUCE

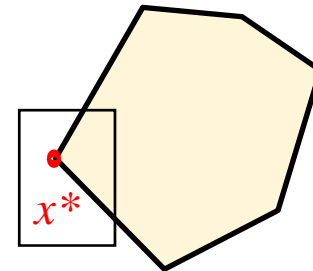
Search Tree



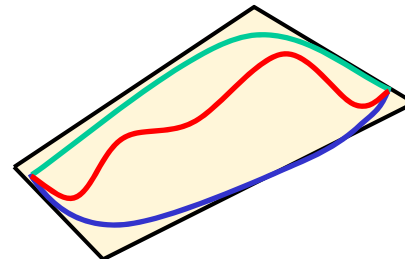
Range Reduction



Finiteness



Convexification



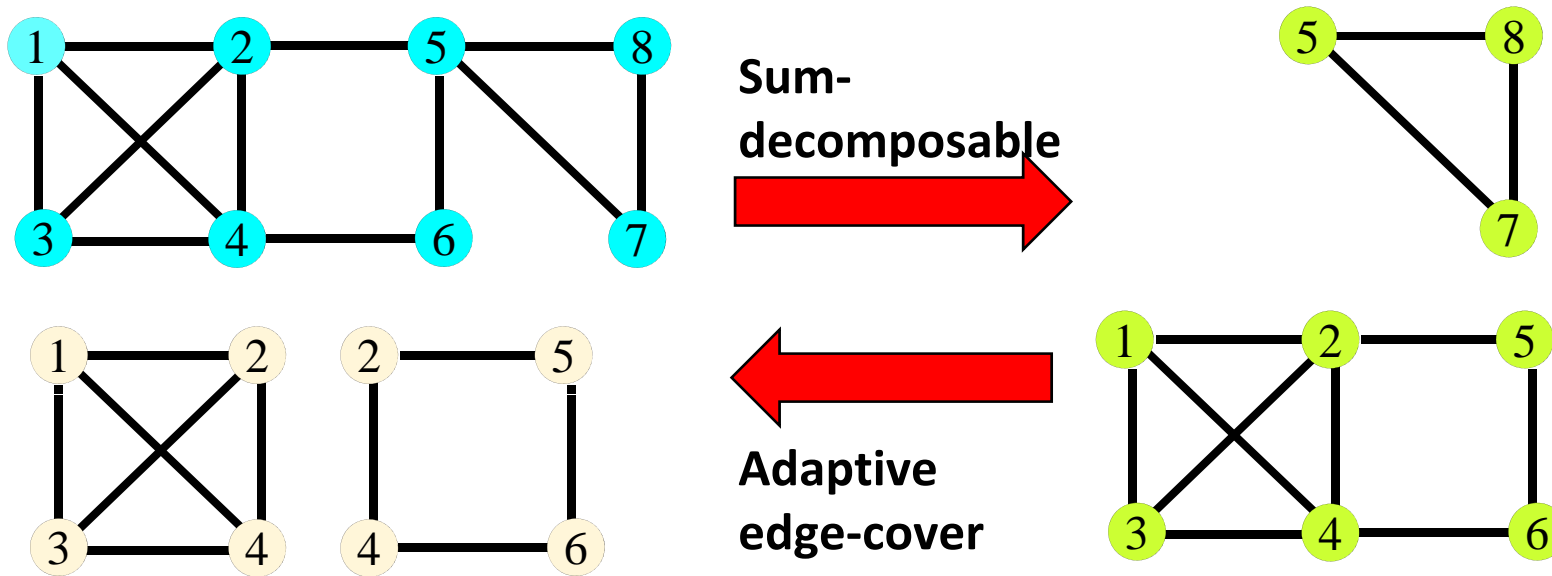
BARON HISTORY

1991-93	Duality-based range reduction Nonlinear constraint propagation
1994-95	Branch-and-bound system Finite algorithm for separable concave minimization
1996-97	Parser for factorable programs; nonlinear relaxations Links to MINOS and OSL
1997-98	Polyhedral relaxations ; Link to CPLEX Compressed data storage, tree traversal, ...
2002	Under GAMS
2004	Branch-and-cut
2005-07	Local search; memory management, ...
2009	Multi-term envelopes
2010-11	Multi-variate and multi-constraint envelopes/relaxations Links to CLP and IPOPT

CONVEXIFICATION OF MULTILINEARS

Decompose multilinear functions into **low-dimensional dense components** that are convexified individually

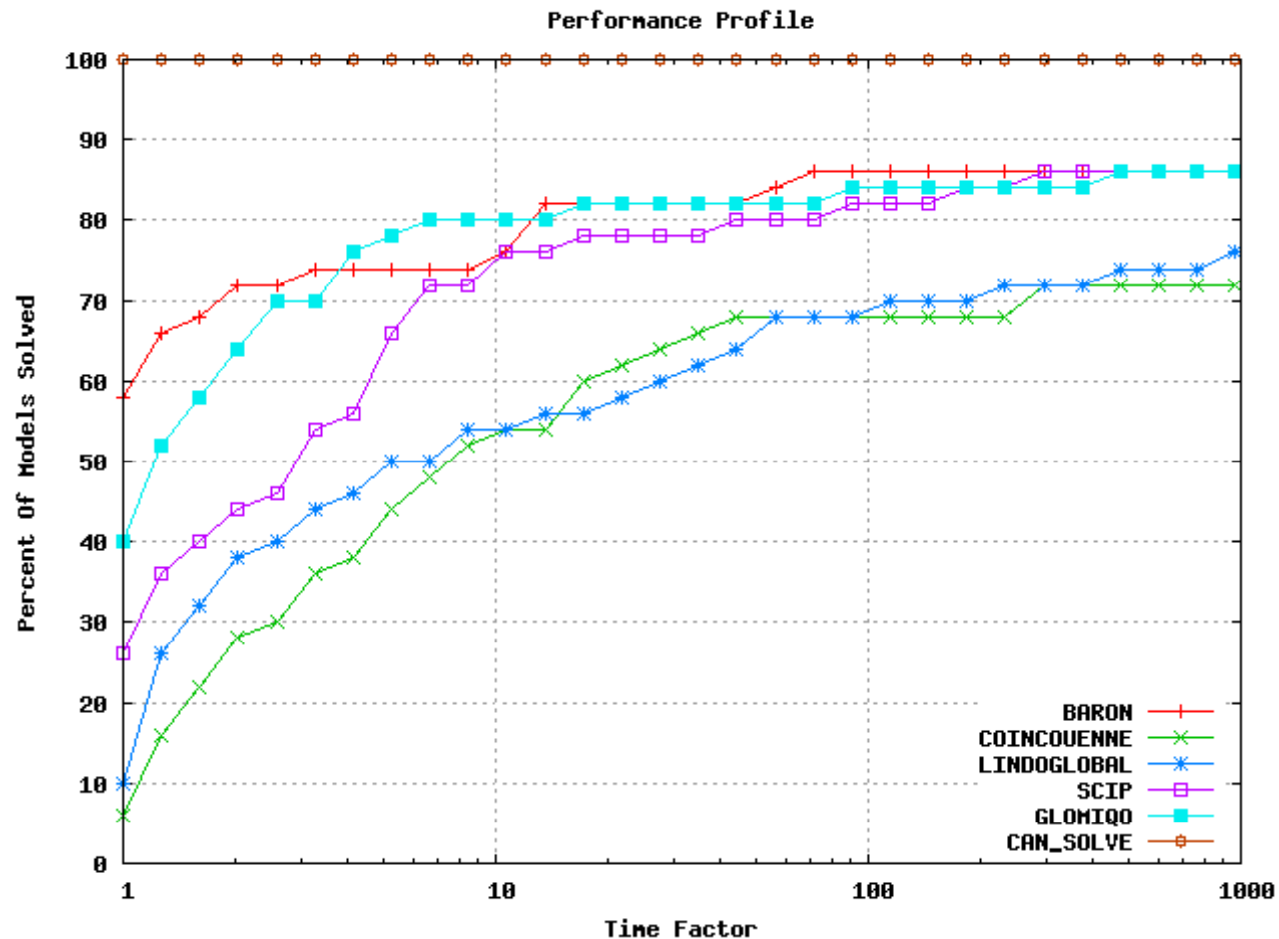
$$L(x) = x_1x_2 + x_1x_3x_4 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 + x_2x_5 + x_4x_6 + x_5x_6 + x_5x_7x_8$$



$$L_1(x) = x_1x_2 + x_1x_3x_4 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_4$$

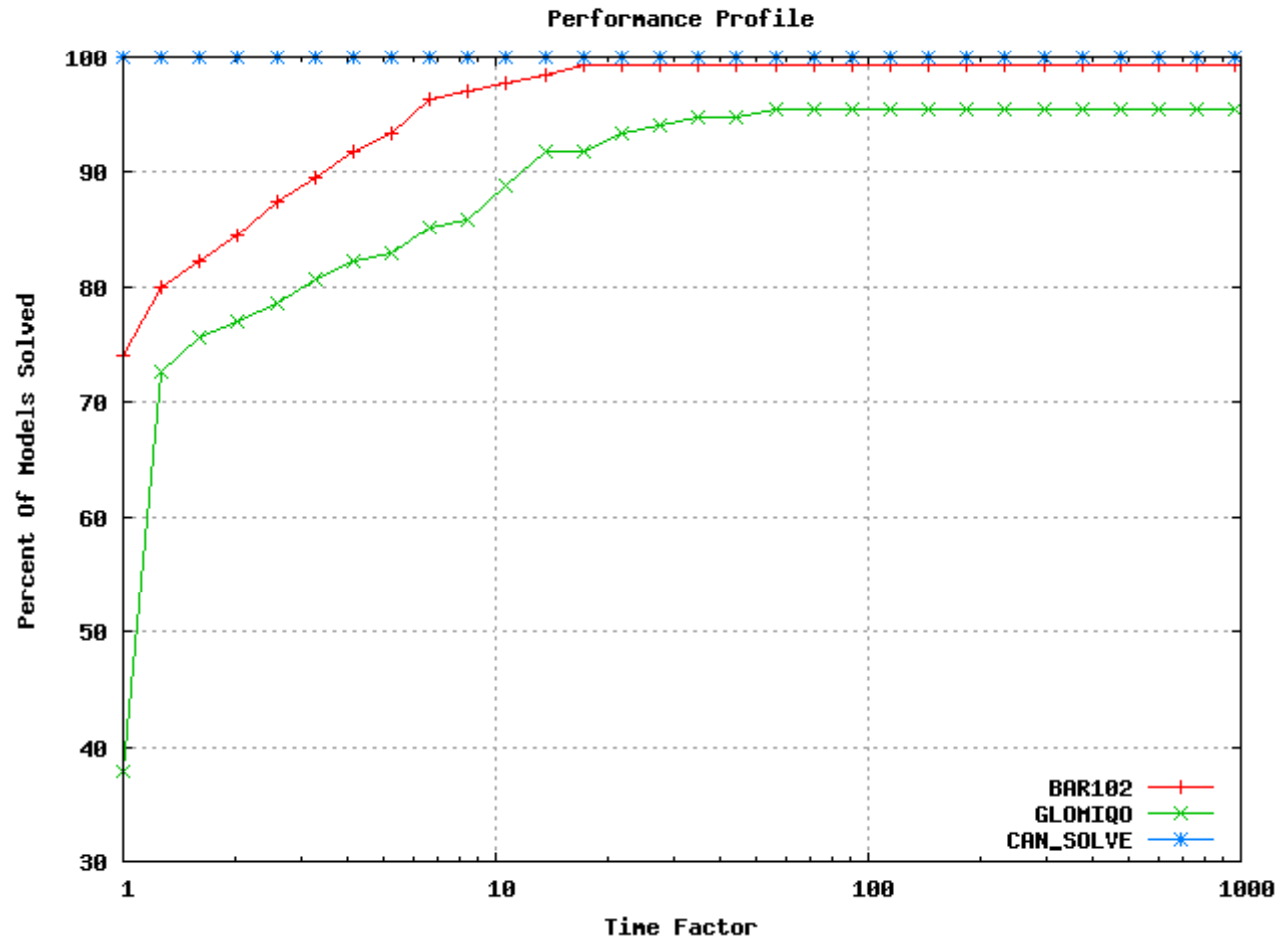
$$L_2(x) = x_2x_4 + x_2x_5 + x_4x_6 + x_5x_6, \quad L_3(x) = x_5x_7x_8$$

COMPARISONS WITH OTHER CODES



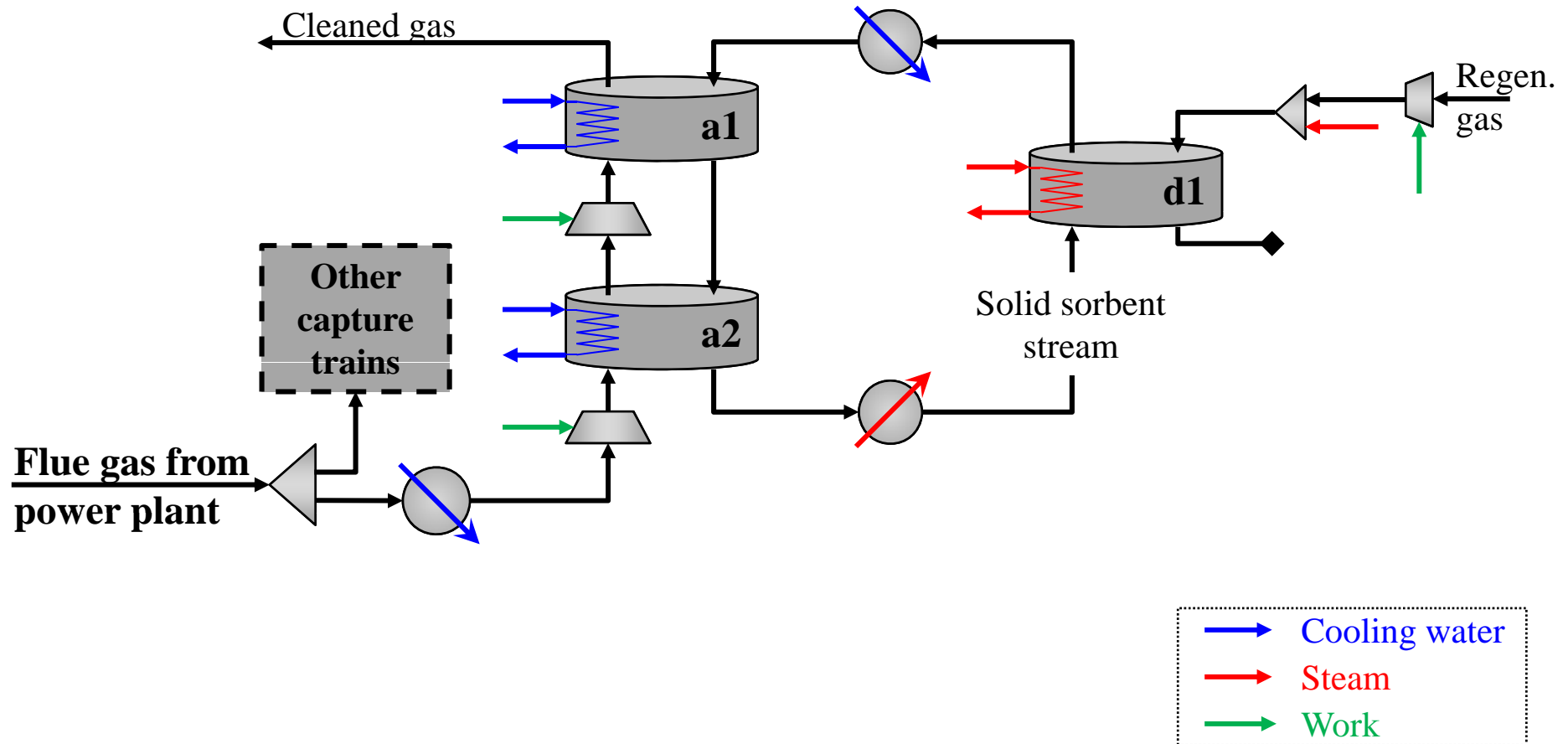
Test problems from
http://helios.princeton.edu/GloMIQO/test_suite.html#Computational%20Geometry

COMPARISONS WITH GLOMIQO ON 136 QCQPs



Test problems from Bao et al. (2009)

PRELIMINARY RESULTS ON MINLP



CONCLUSIONS

- The algorithm we developed is able to model black-box functions for use in optimization such that the models are
 - ✓ Accurate
 - ✓ Tractable in an optimization framework (low-complexity models)
 - ✓ Generated from a minimal number of function evaluations
- Surrogate models can then be incorporated within a optimization framework **flexible objective functions** and **additional constraints**

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