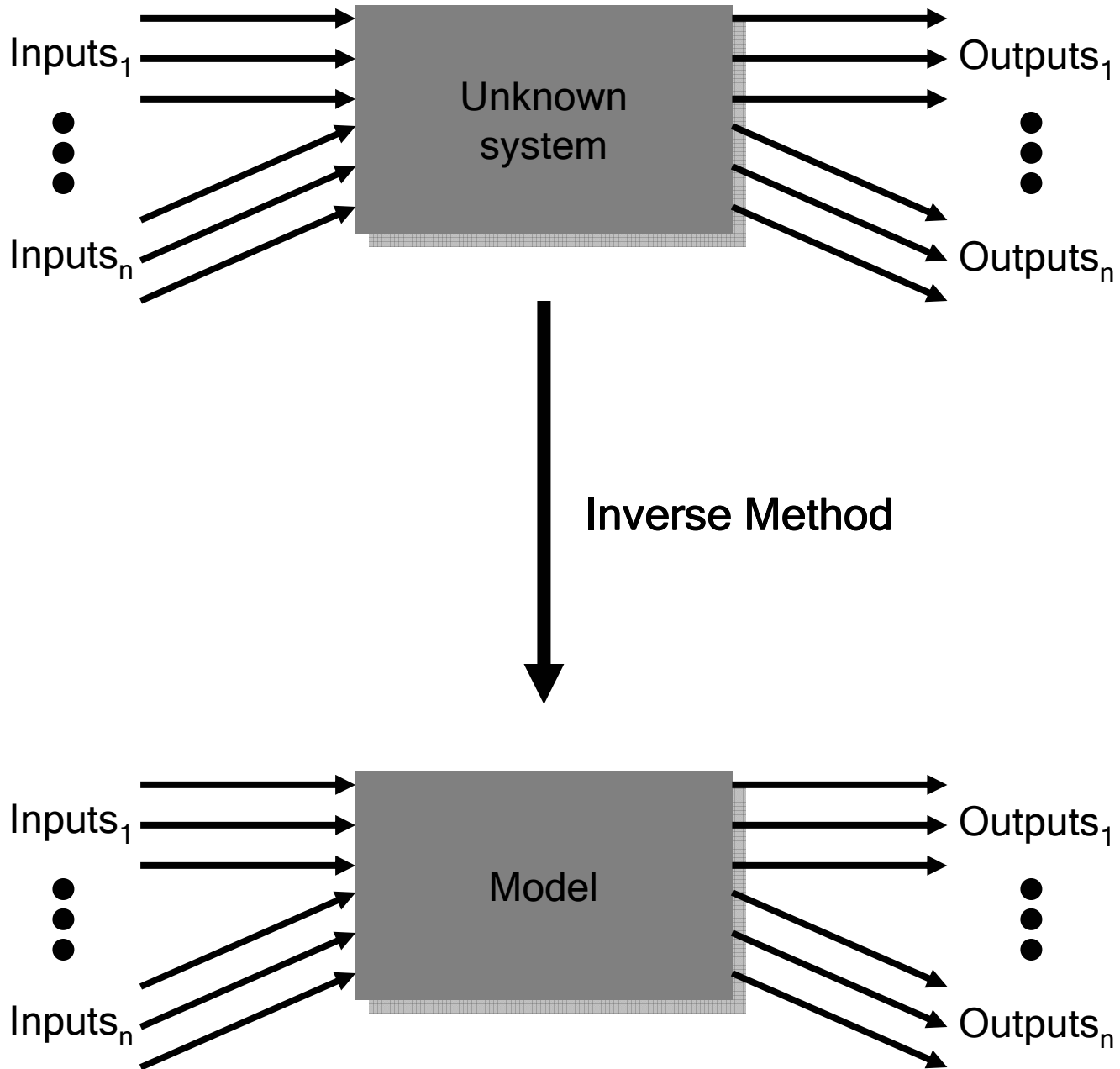


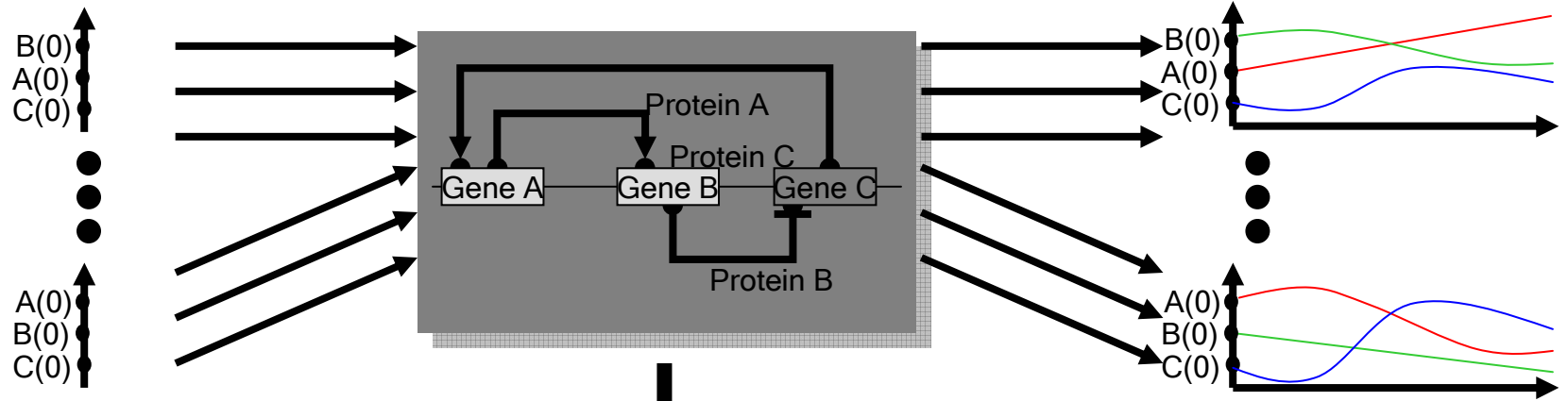
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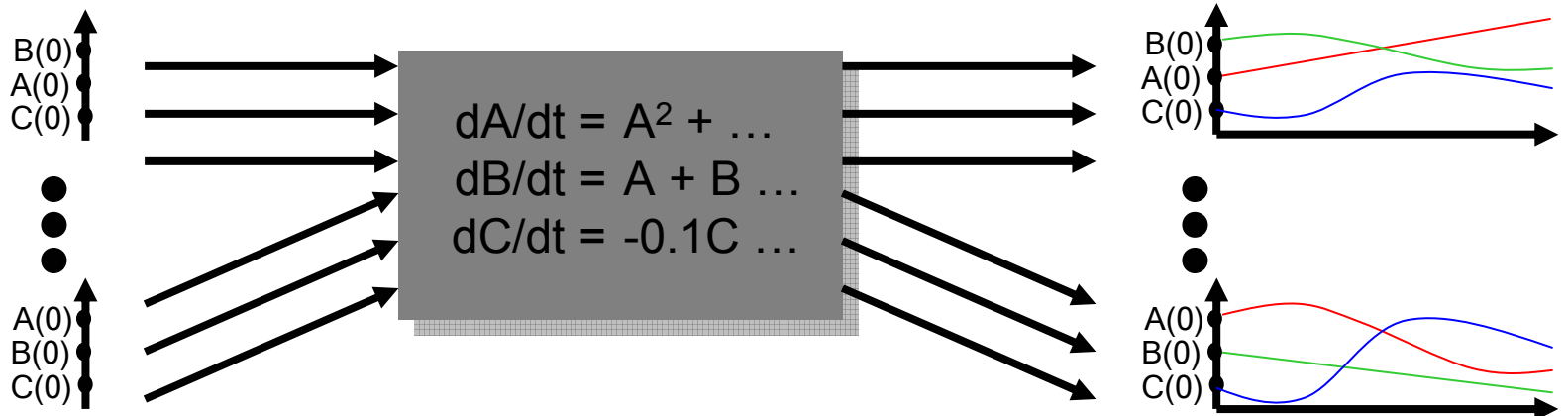
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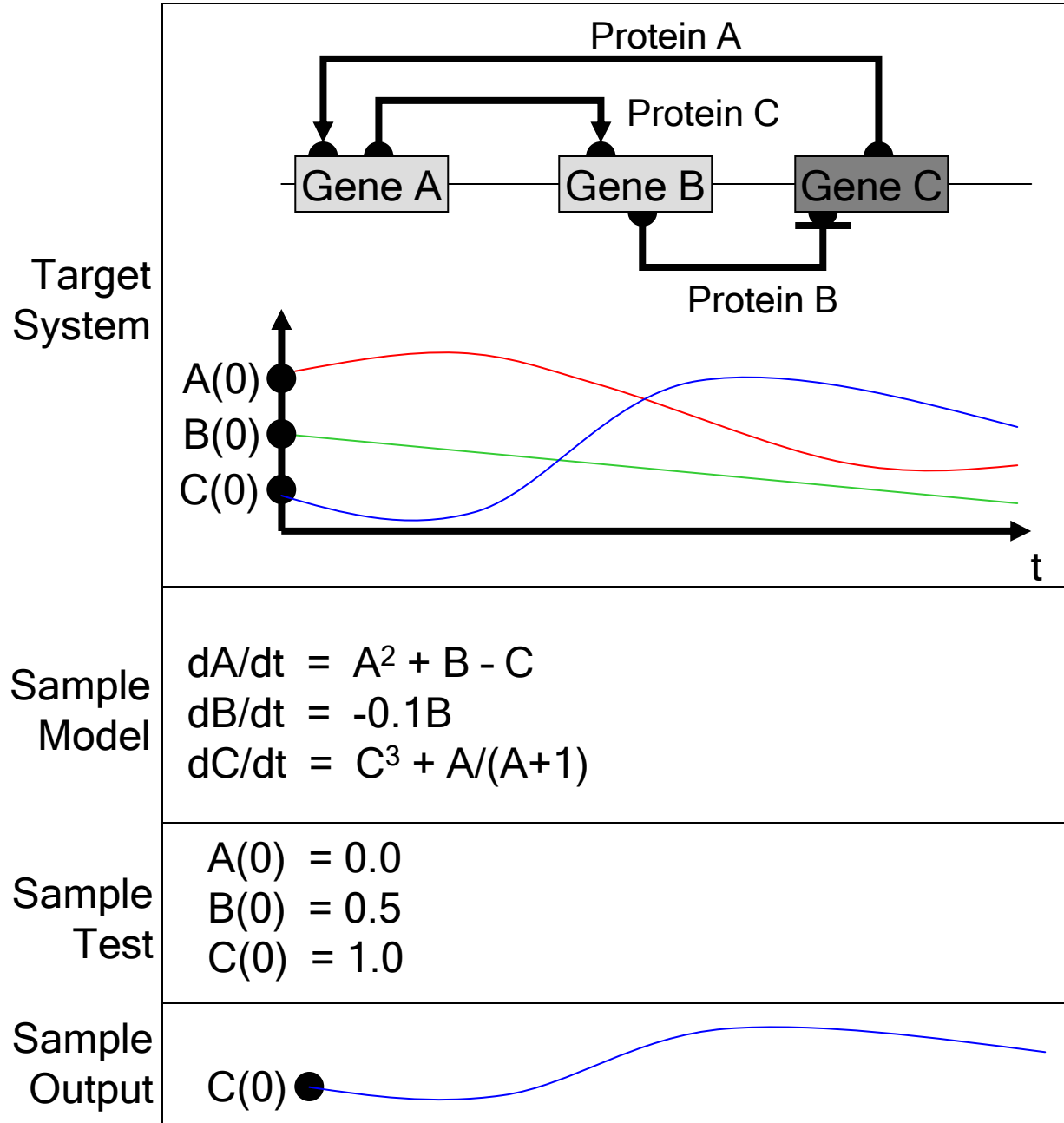
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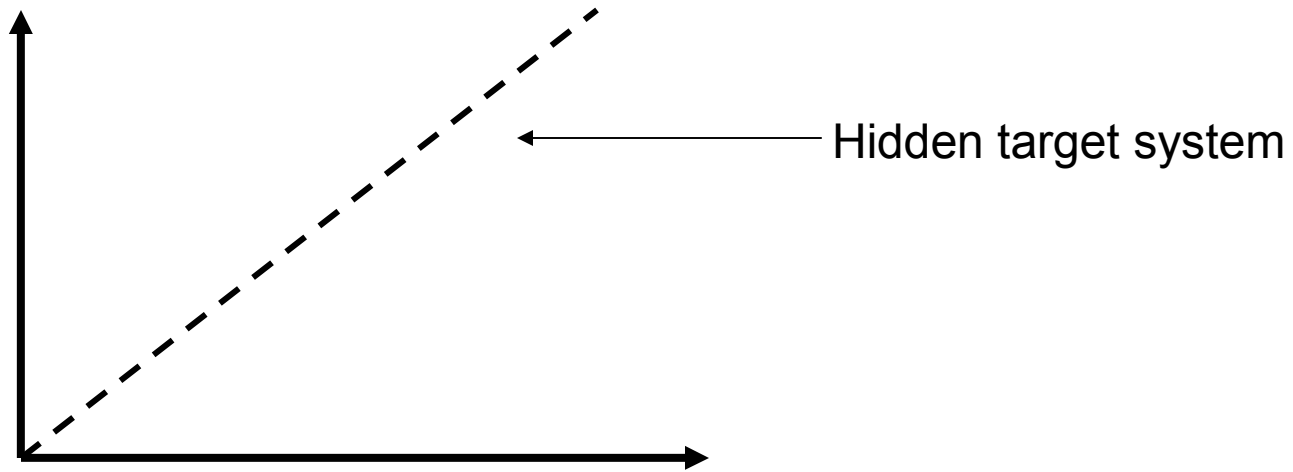


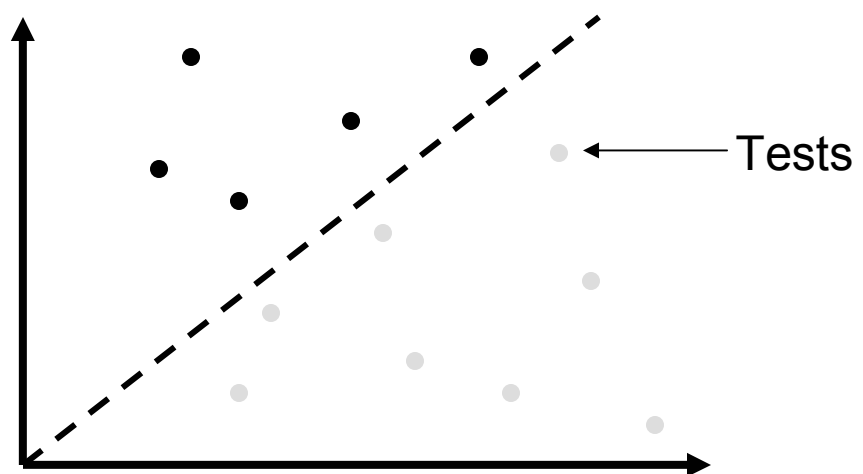


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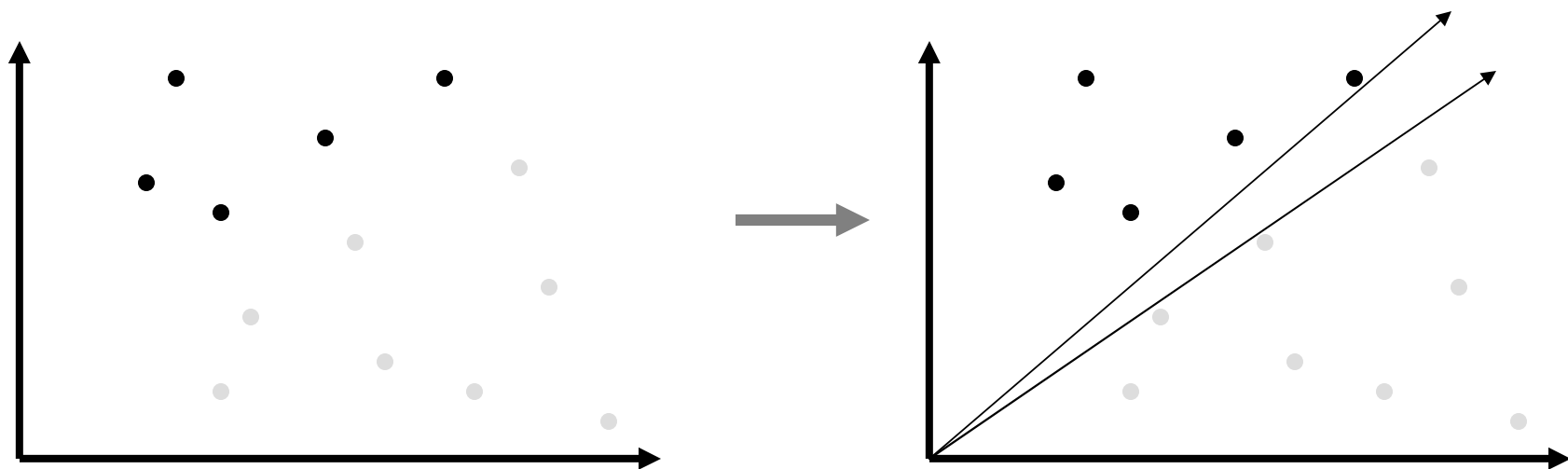




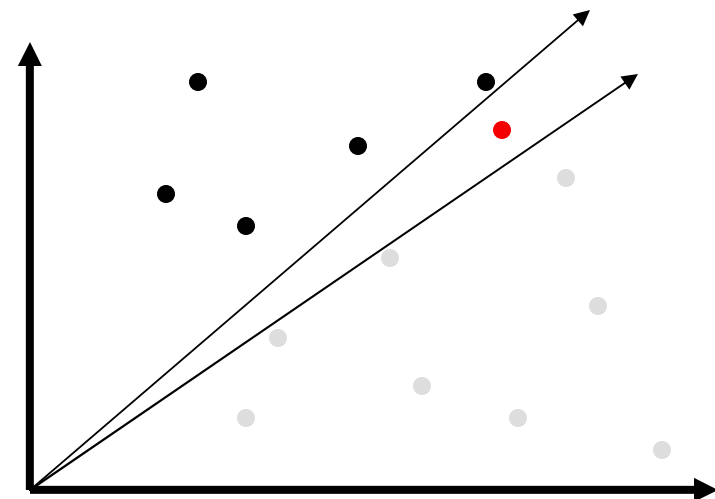
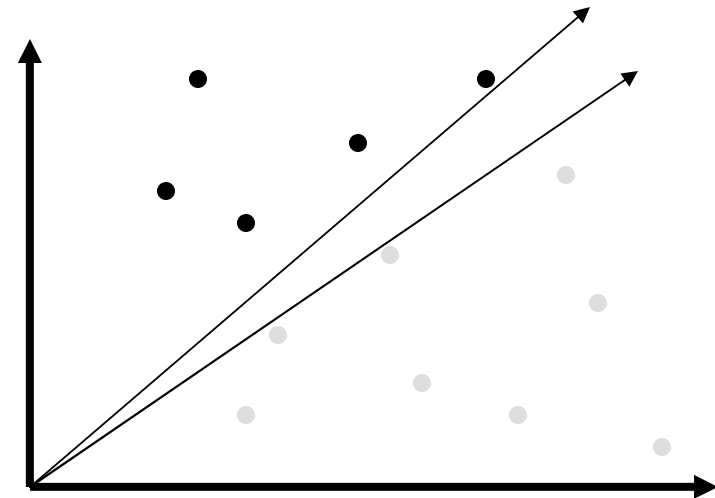
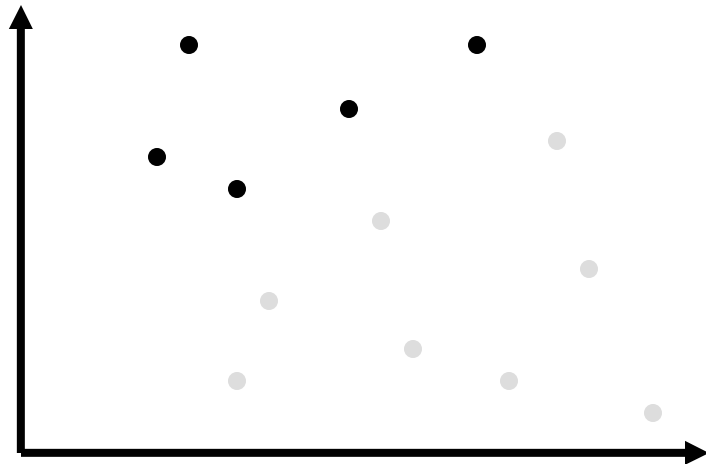




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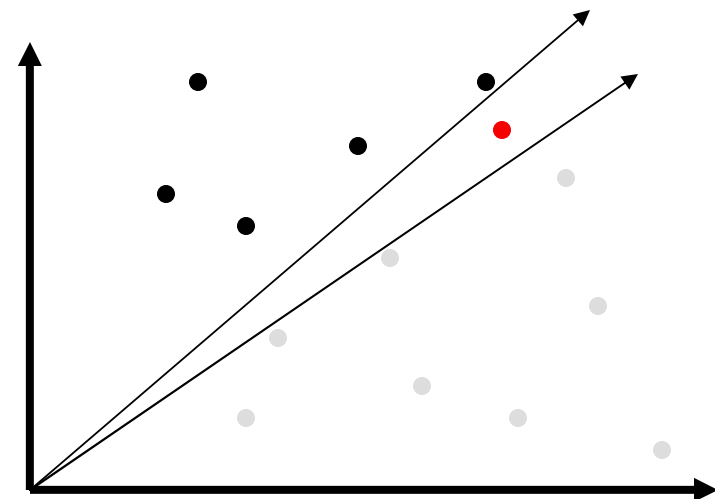
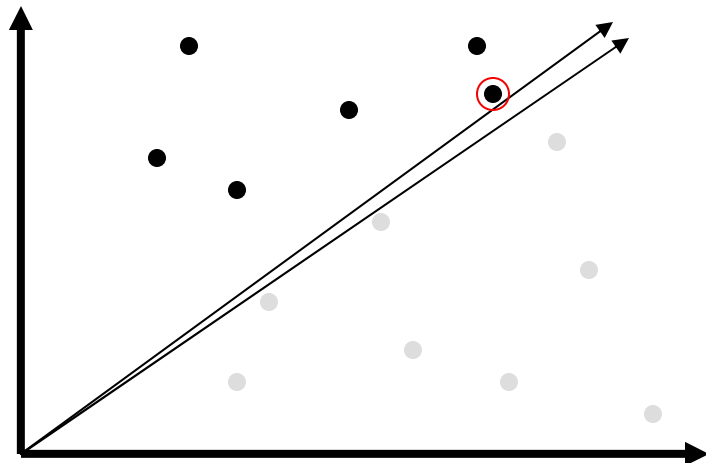
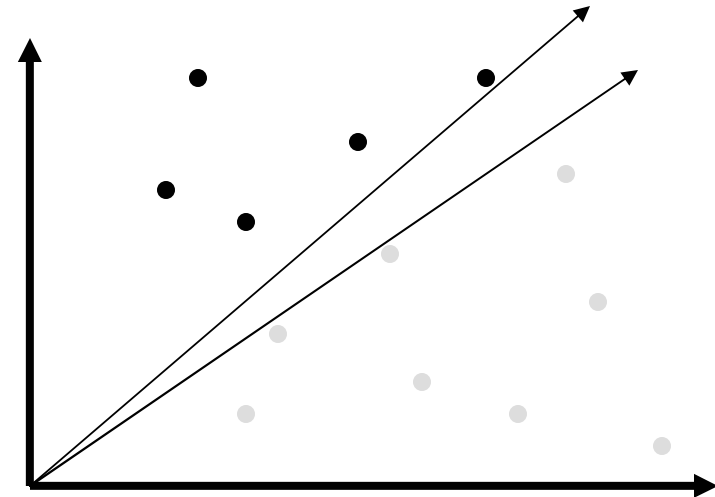
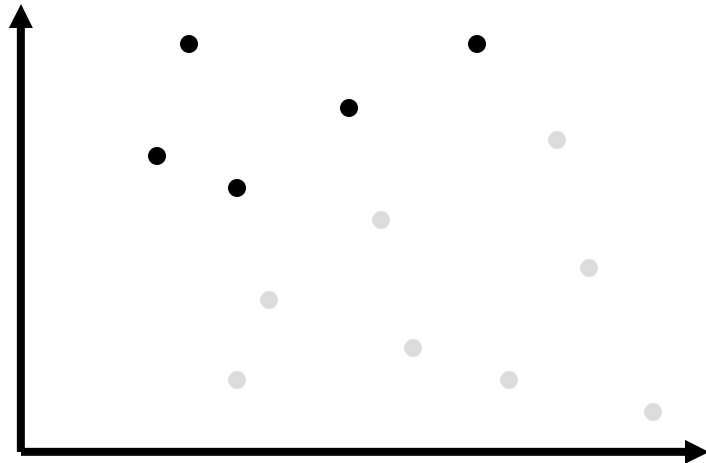


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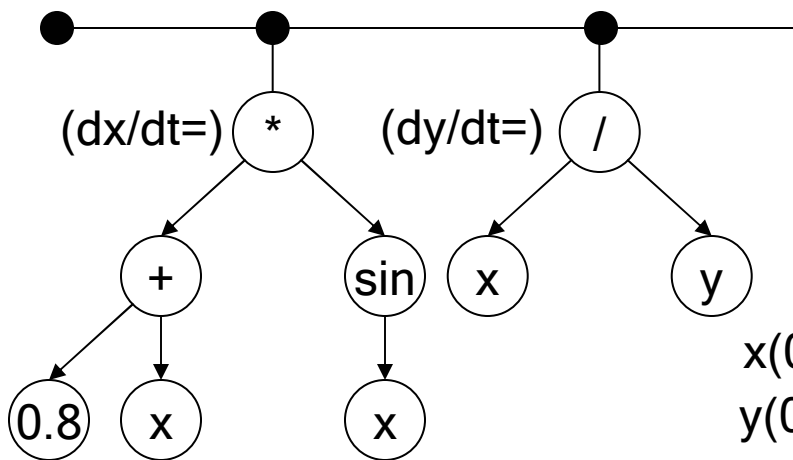




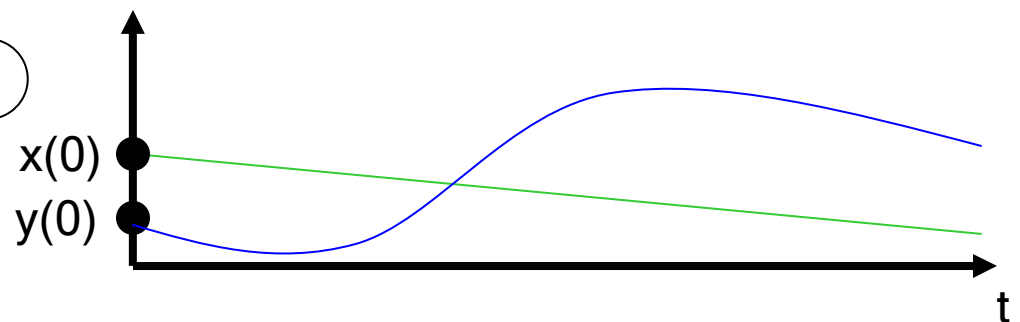
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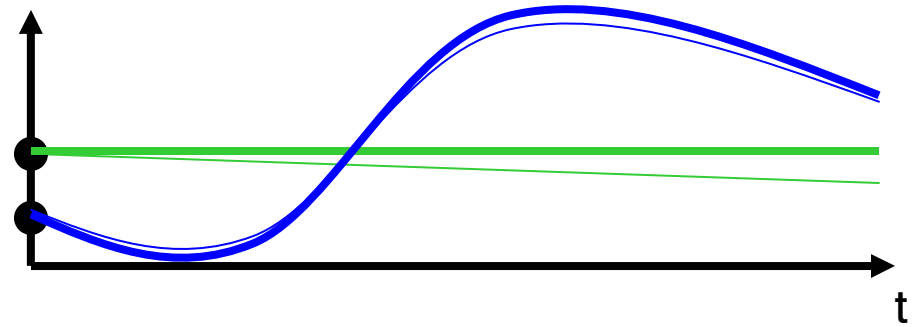
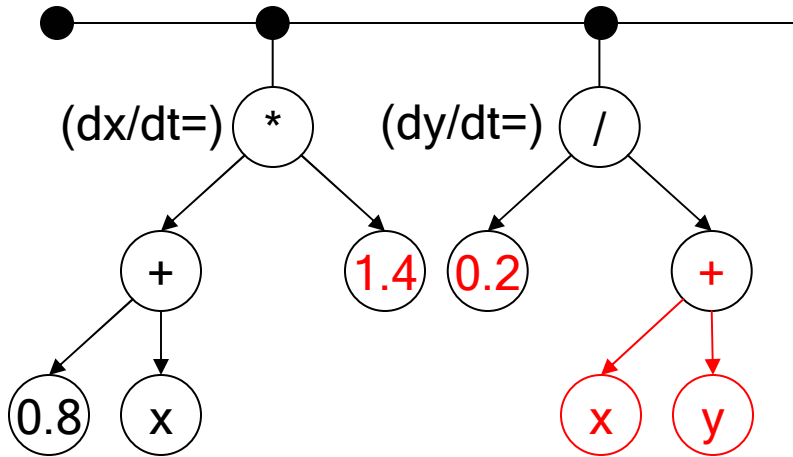


<b>Possible branch nodes:</b>	sin(a) cos(a) plus(a,b) minus(a,b) mult(a,b) div(a,b) pow(a,b) Hill(a,b,c)
<b>Possible terminal nodes</b>	x,y,... 0.1,-3.0,...

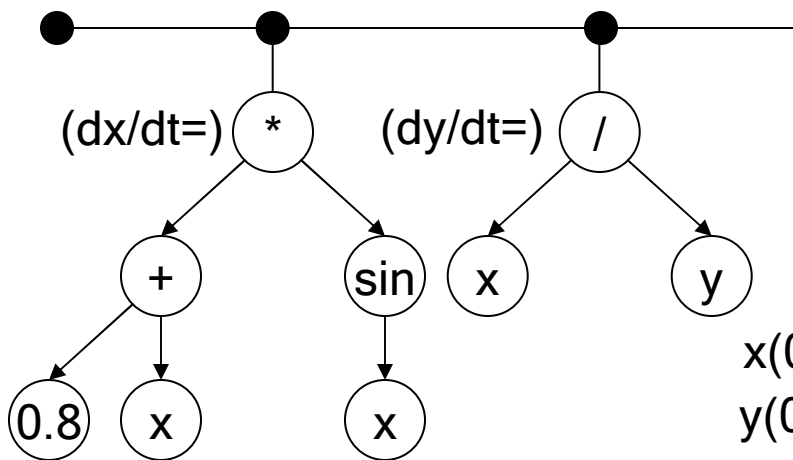


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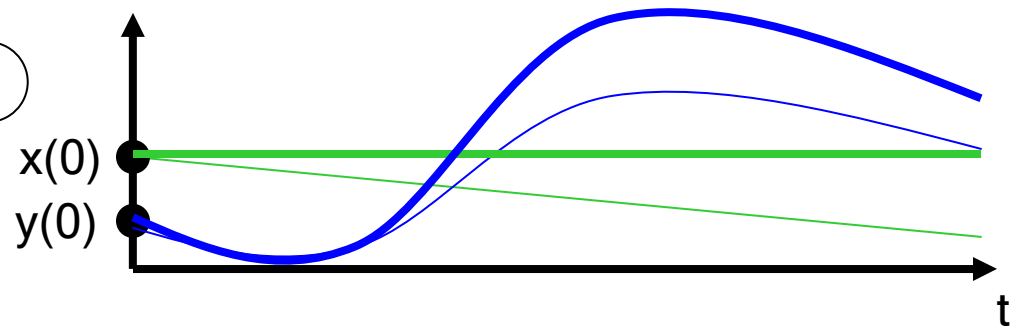


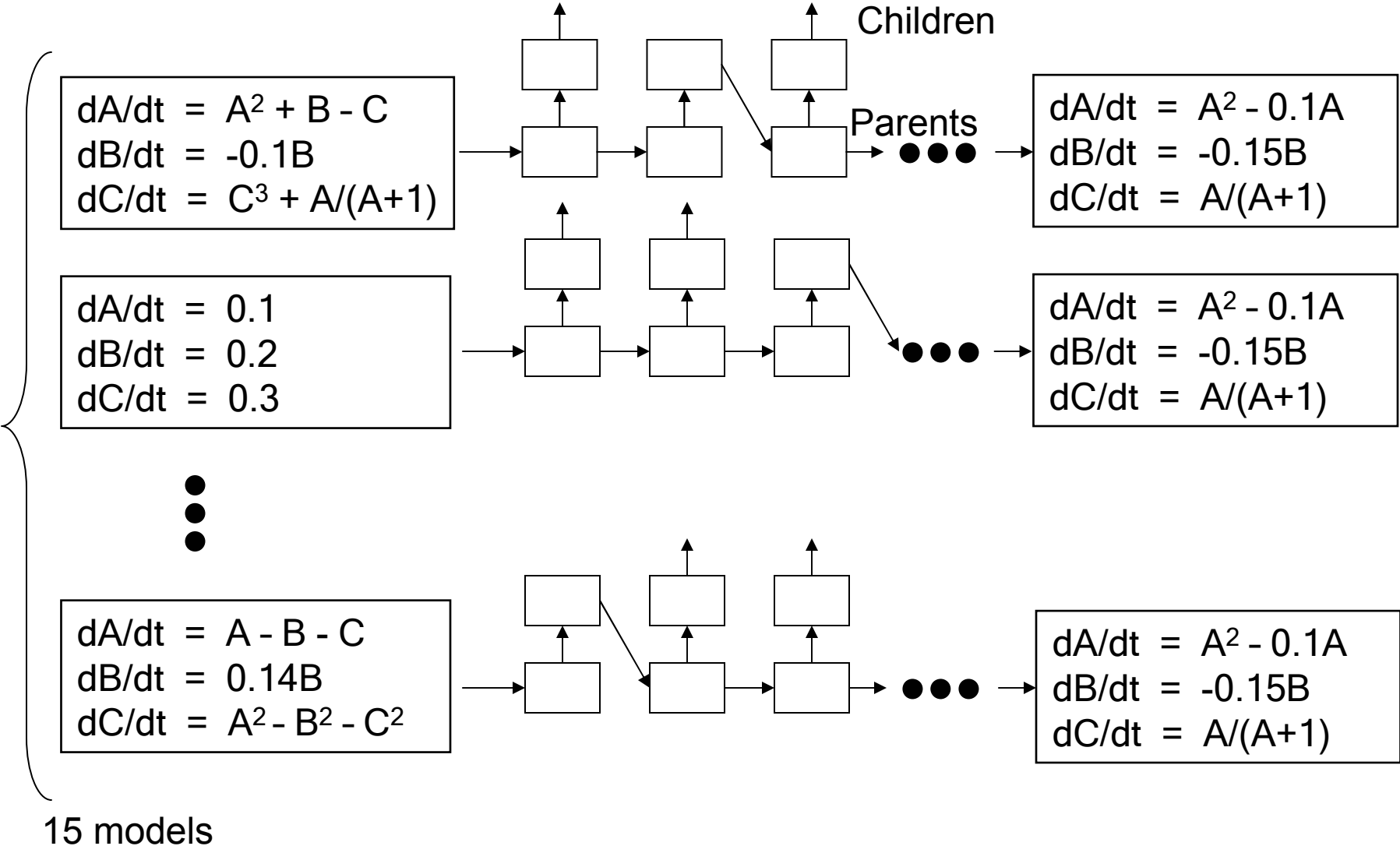


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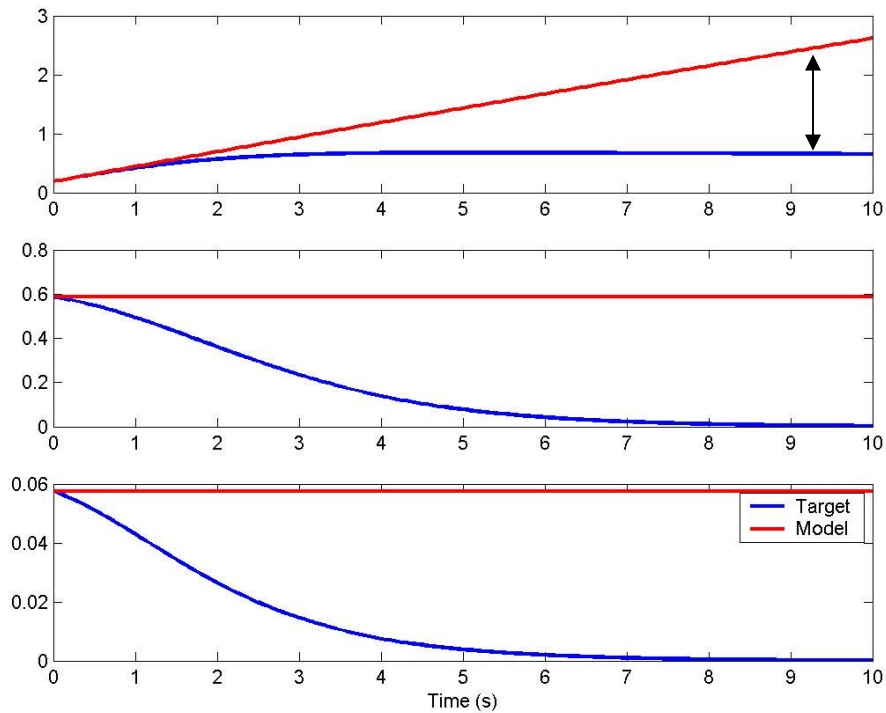


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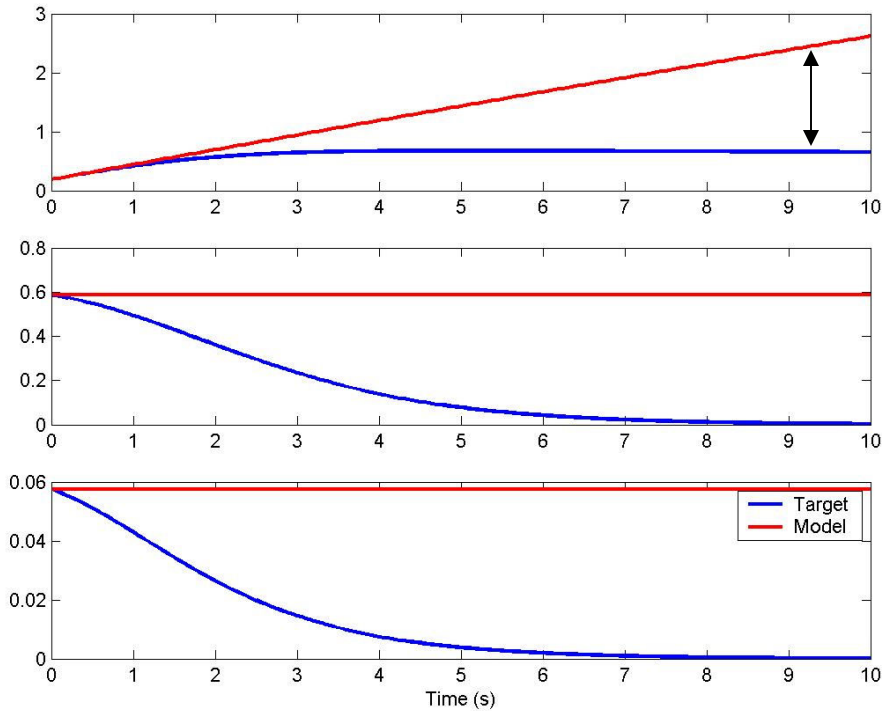
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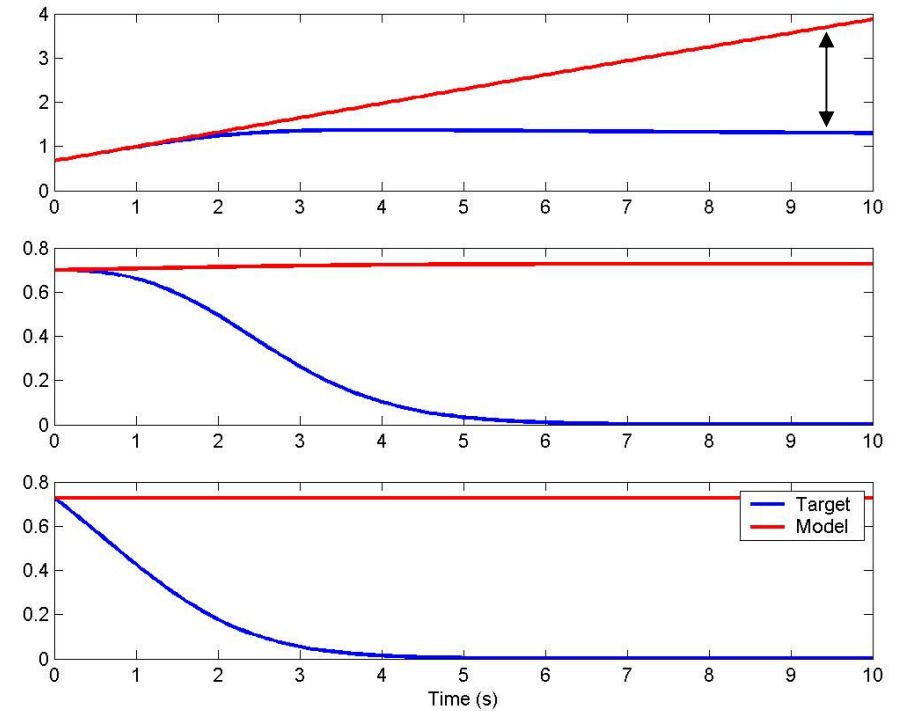
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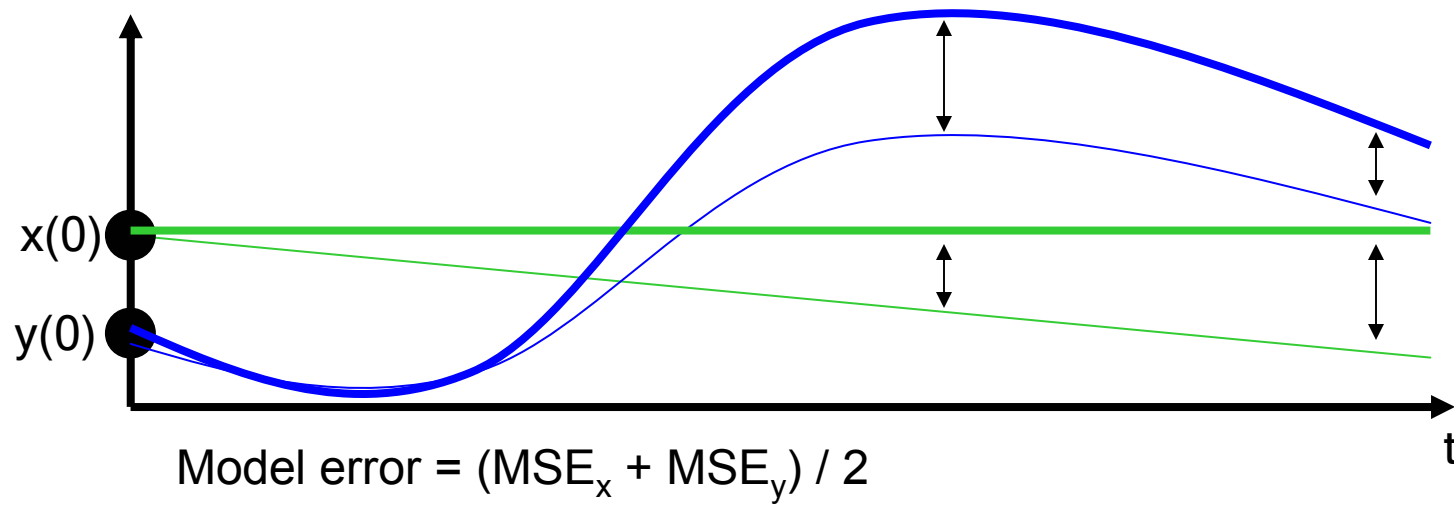
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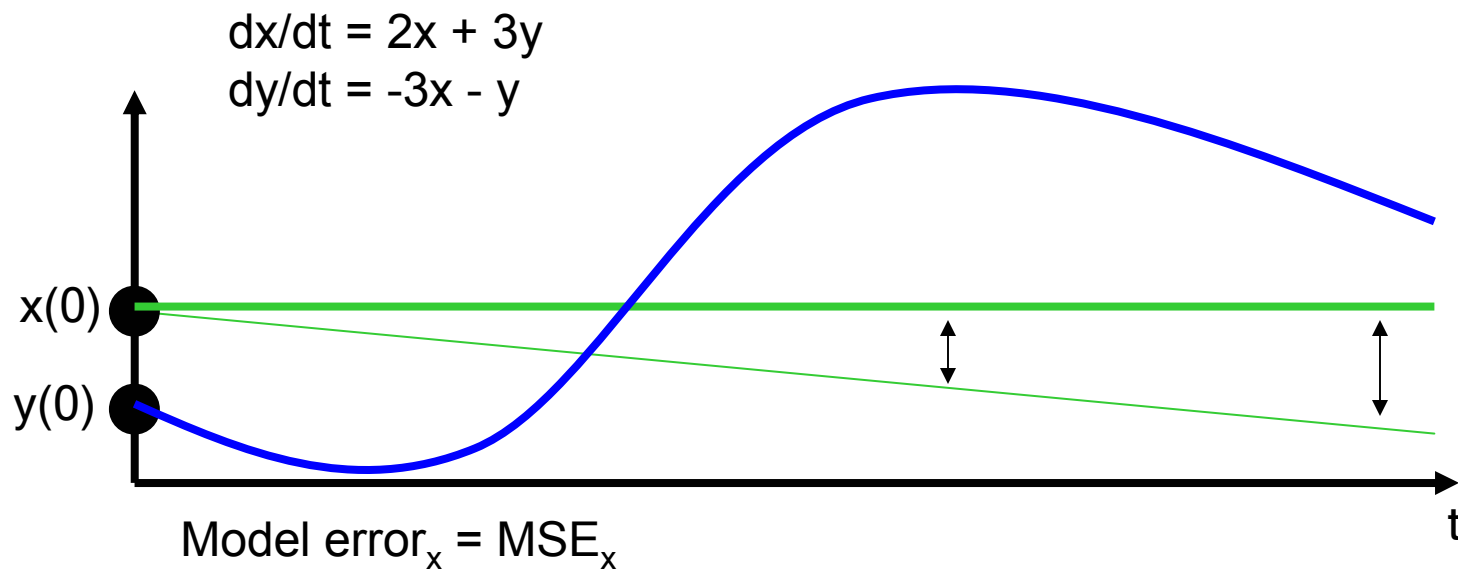
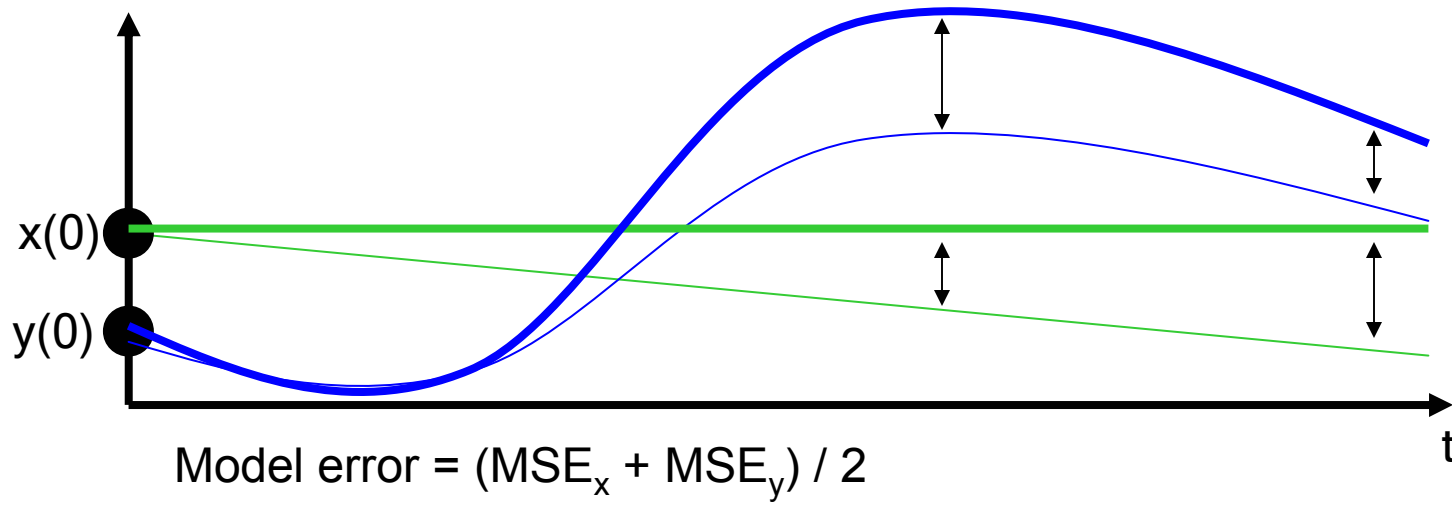
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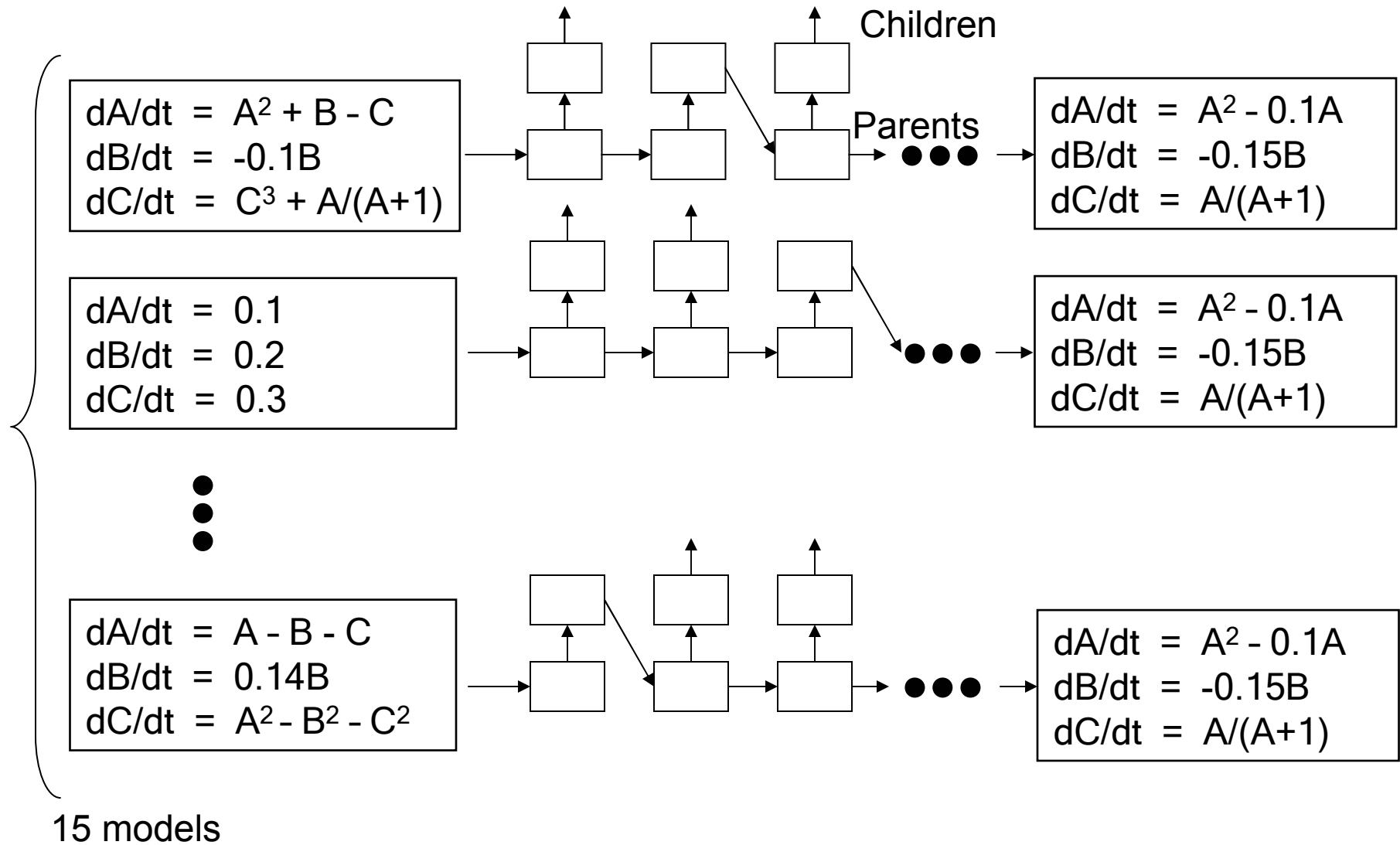
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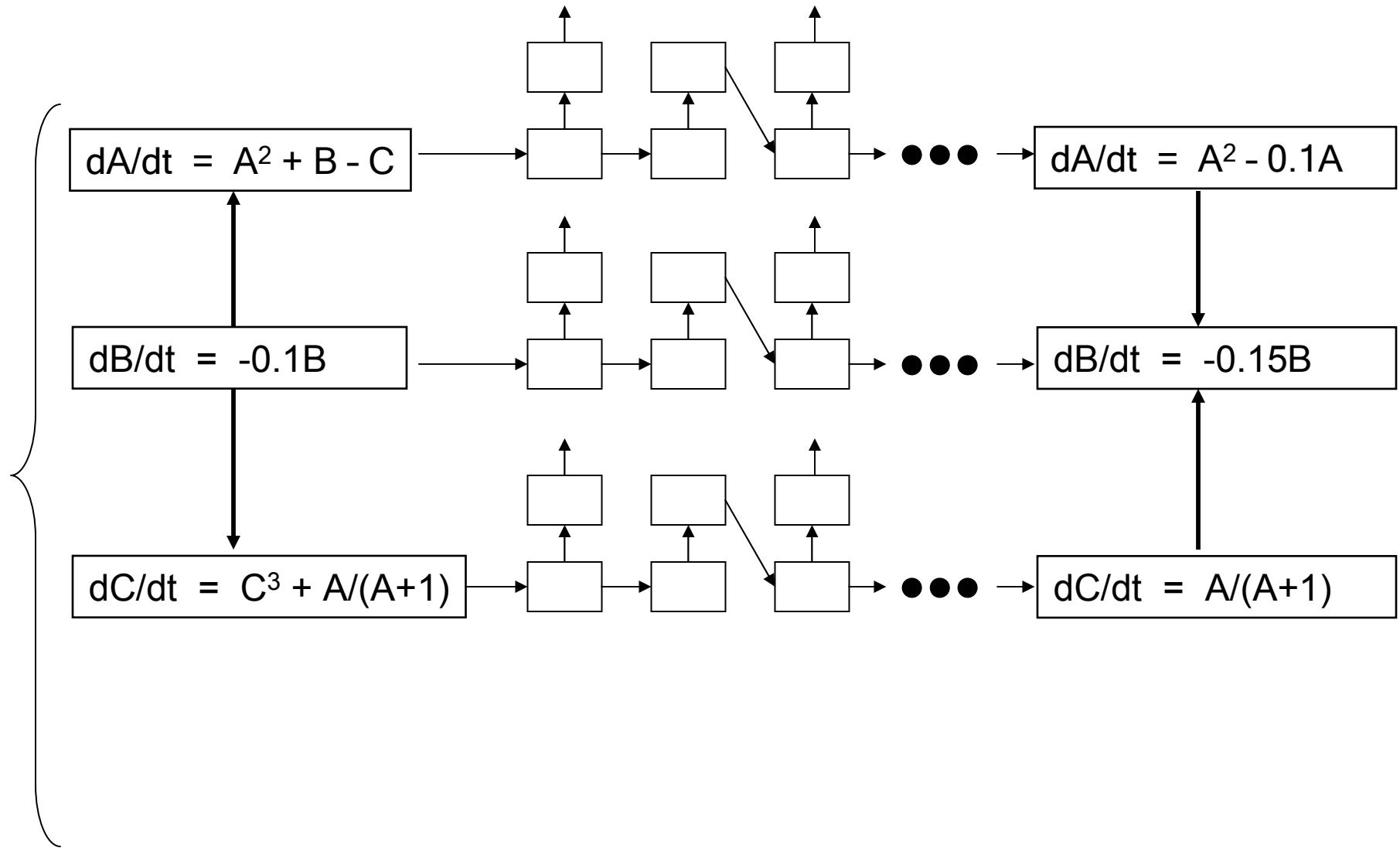


$$\begin{aligned} dx/dt &= 2x + 3y \\ dy/dt &= -3x - y \end{aligned}$$

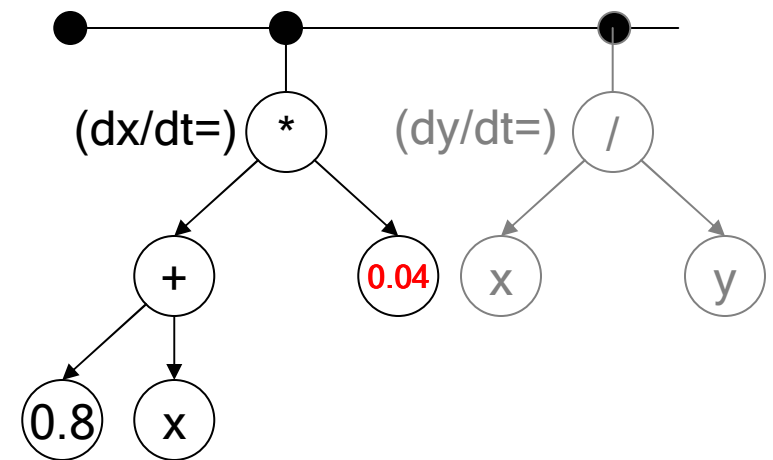
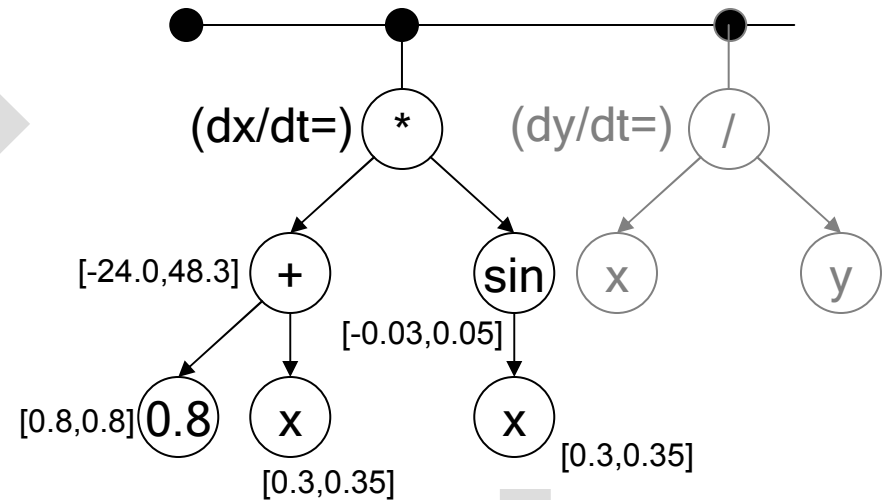
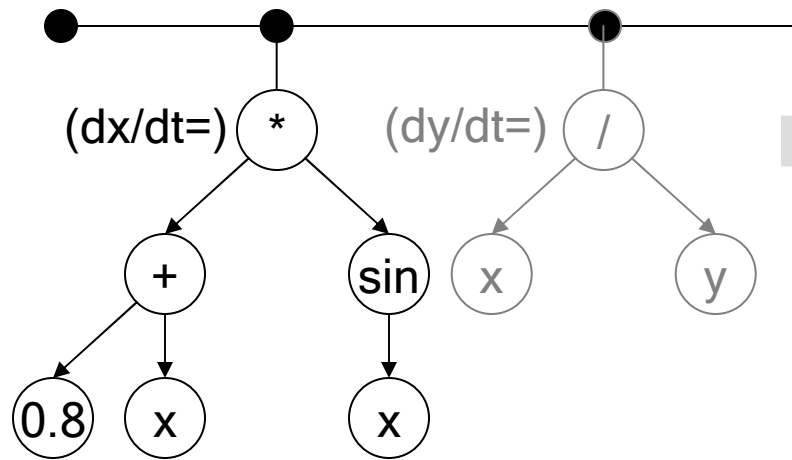








15x3 = 45 models



Ronald Fisher:  
population biology,  
modern statistics:

*The Genetical Theory  
of Natural Selection* (1930):

“Probability of a mutation  
being favorable is inversely  
proportional to its magnitude.”

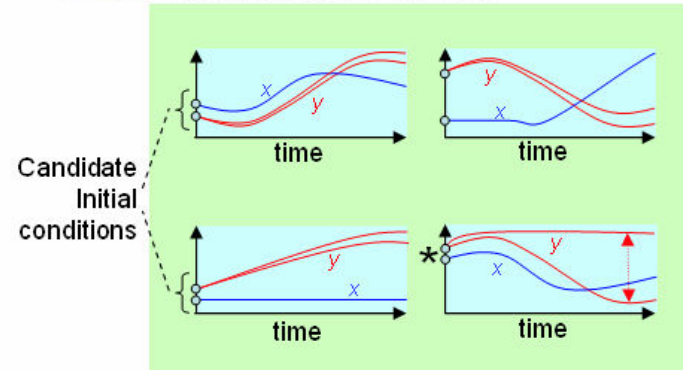
## Candidate models

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -2y^2 + \log x \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -x + \frac{y}{6} \end{cases} \quad ? \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -\sqrt{y} + \frac{x}{5} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -\sin y \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -3\frac{y+1}{y-1} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{x^2}{x^2+1} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -y^{1.8} + \log x \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -x + \frac{y}{4x} \end{cases}$$

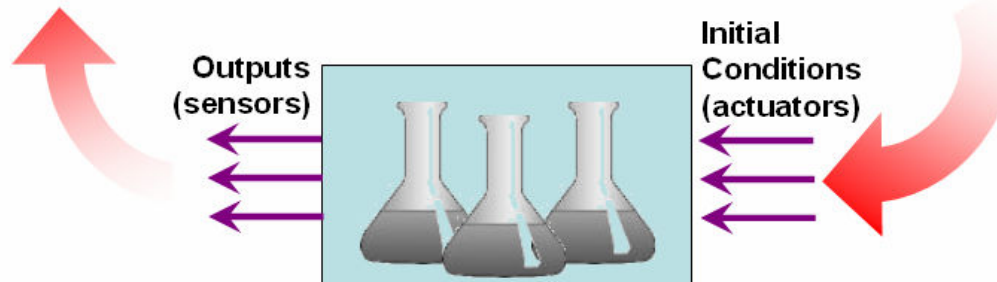
**b** The inference process generates several *different* candidate symbolic models that match sensor data collected while performing previous tests. It does not know which model is correct.

## Candidate tests



**c** The inference process generates several possible new candidate tests that disambiguate competing models (make them disagree in their predictions).

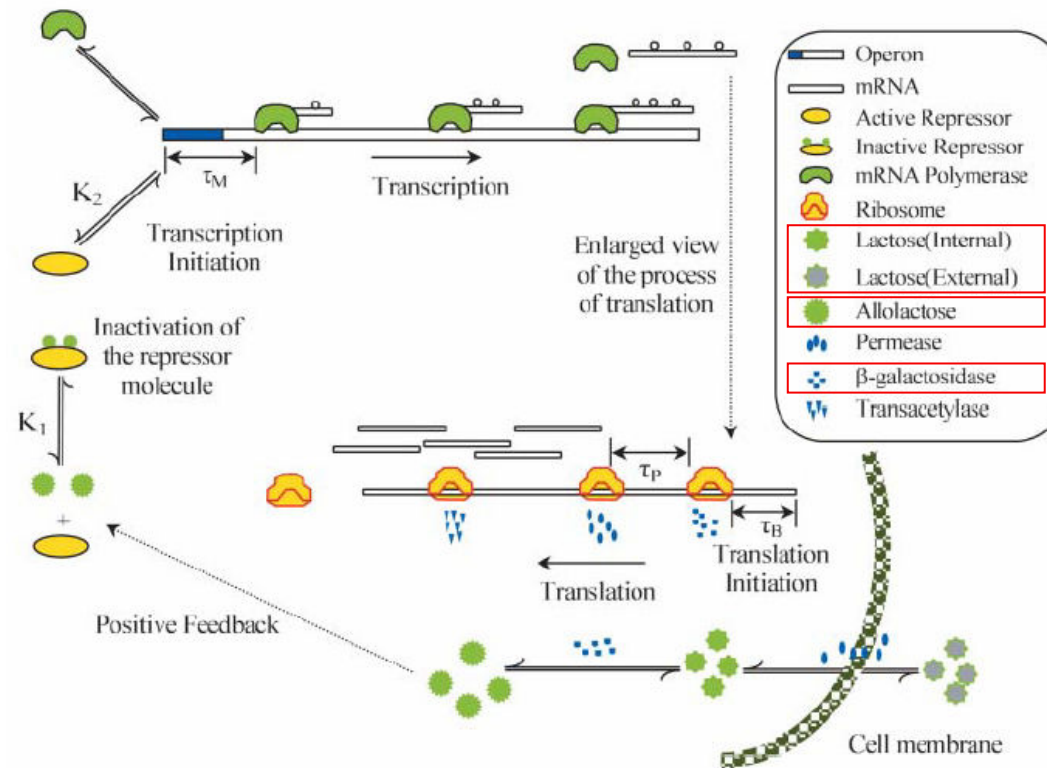
## Inference Process



**a** The inference process physically performs an experiment by setting initial conditions, perturbing the hidden system and recording time series of its behavior. Initially, this experiment is random; subsequently, it is the best test generated in step c.

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# Application: *lac* operon in *E. coli*



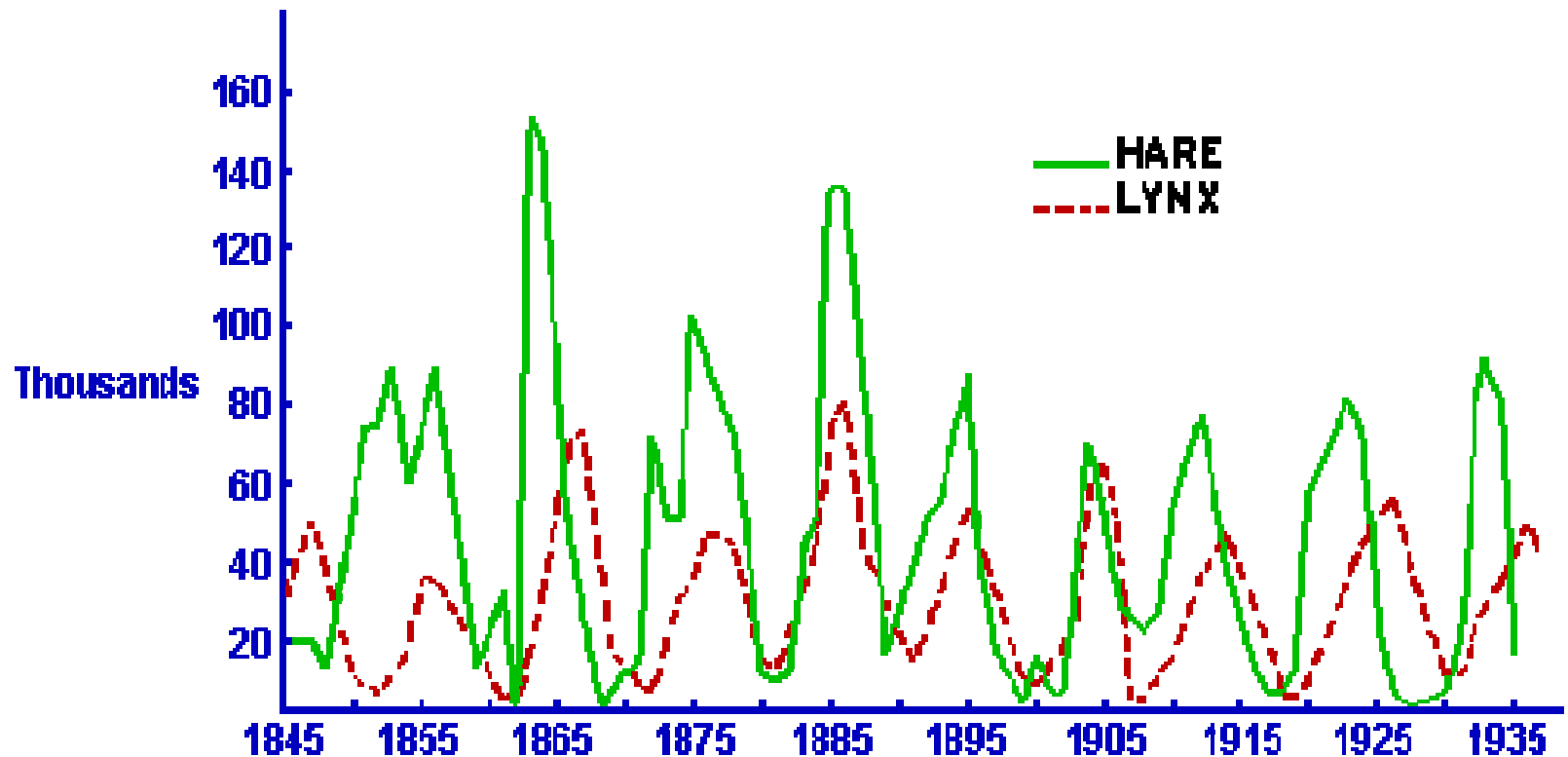
## The *lac* operon from *E. coli*

(G = concentration of beta-galactosidase; A = allolactose; L = lactose)

<b>Target system</b>	$\frac{dG}{dt} = \frac{A^2}{A^2+1} - 0.01G + 0.001$ $\frac{dA}{dt} = G \left( \frac{L}{L+1} - \frac{A}{A+1} \right)$ $\frac{dL}{dt} = -GL/(L+1)$
<b>Best model</b>	$\frac{dG}{dt} = \frac{0.96A^2}{0.96A^2+1}$ $\frac{dA}{dt} = G \left( \frac{L}{L+1} - \frac{A}{A+1} \right)$ $\frac{dL}{dt} = -GL/(L+1)$

Historical data reporting approximated populations of snowshoe hare ( $H$ ) and Canadian lynx ( $L$ )

Target System



Best model

$$\begin{aligned} dH/dt &= 3.42 \times 10^6 - 67.82H - 10.97L \\ dL/dt &= 3.10 \times 10^5 + 32.66H - 63.16L \end{aligned}$$



# Application: Mechanical pendulum



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$$\begin{aligned}d\theta/dt &= 1.004\omega + 0.0001 \\d\omega/dt &= -19.43\sin(1.104\theta+0)\end{aligned}$$



$-1.57\text{rad}$

$$\begin{aligned}d\theta/dt &= 1.008\omega + 0.0028 \\d\omega/dt &= -19.43\sin(1.0009\theta-1.575)\end{aligned}$$



$-2.67\text{rad}$

$$\begin{aligned}d\theta/dt &= 1.0039\omega - 0.0003 \\d\omega/dt &= -22.61\sin(1.101\theta-2.673)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}d\theta/dt &= \omega \\d\omega/dt &= -9.8L\sin(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

Idealized model for a single pendulum with no friction



(a)  $d\theta/dt = 0.45 \cdot -7.63$   
 $d\omega/dt = \sin(\theta - \omega) - \cos(\theta) / (\omega / t)$

(b)  $d\theta/dt = -3.23$   
 $d\omega/dt = \cos(\sin(\omega))^{-3.6\omega} / \cos(\theta) / -2.09 / \omega$

(c)  $d\theta/dt = 1.14\omega$   
 $d\omega/dt = \cos(\sin(\omega))^{(\omega + \theta\omega)^{-3.97t\theta - \omega}} / \omega$

(d)  $d\theta/dt = \omega - (((0.33 + \theta) / \omega) / \omega) + 6.78t$   
 $d\omega/dt = \sin(\omega + (\theta - 0.26) / (t + 2.04) + 8.94)$

(e)  $d\theta/dt = \omega - (0.33 + \theta / \omega) / (\omega + 6.78t)$   
 $d\omega/dt = \sin(\omega + (\theta - 0.27) / (t + 2.04) + 8.94)$

(f)  $d\theta/dt = \omega - (3.08 / 2t^{\cos(\theta)} + 3.89t + t)$   
 $d\omega/dt = \sin(\omega + (\theta + t) / (t + 2.04) + 8.94)$

(g)  $d\theta/dt = \omega$   
 $d\omega/dt = -5.78 \sin(\sin(\theta)) - \theta$

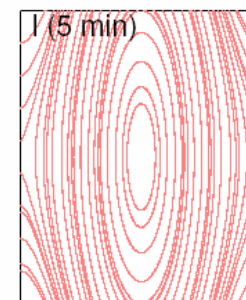
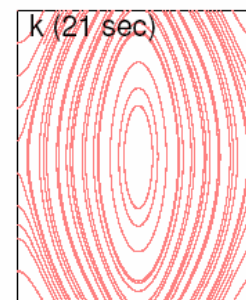
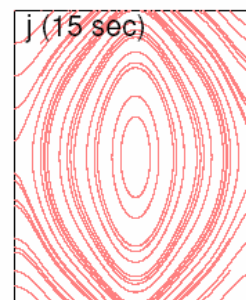
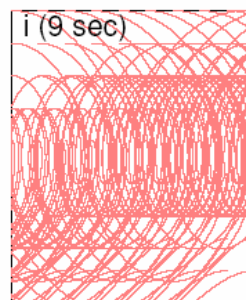
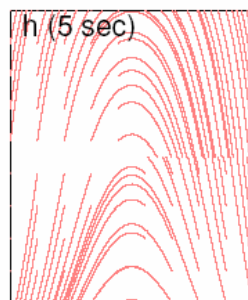
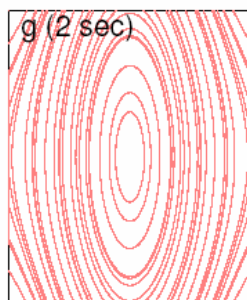
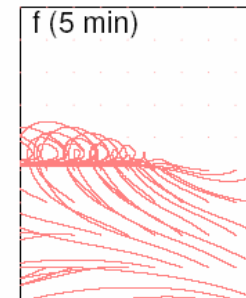
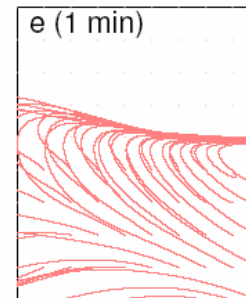
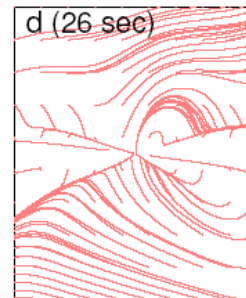
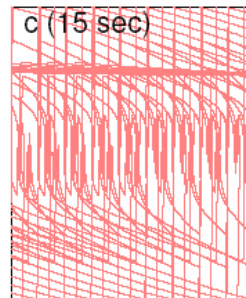
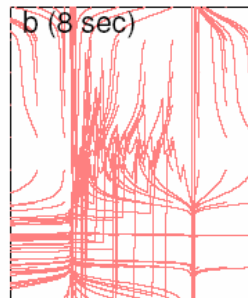
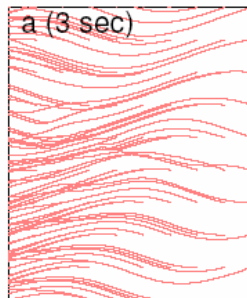
(h)  $d\theta/dt = \omega$   
 $d\omega/dt = -1.54 \theta \sin(0.58\omega) / 0.38$

(i)  $d\theta/dt = \omega$   
 $d\omega/dt = \sin(-13.37 / 7.85 / t) / 0.38$

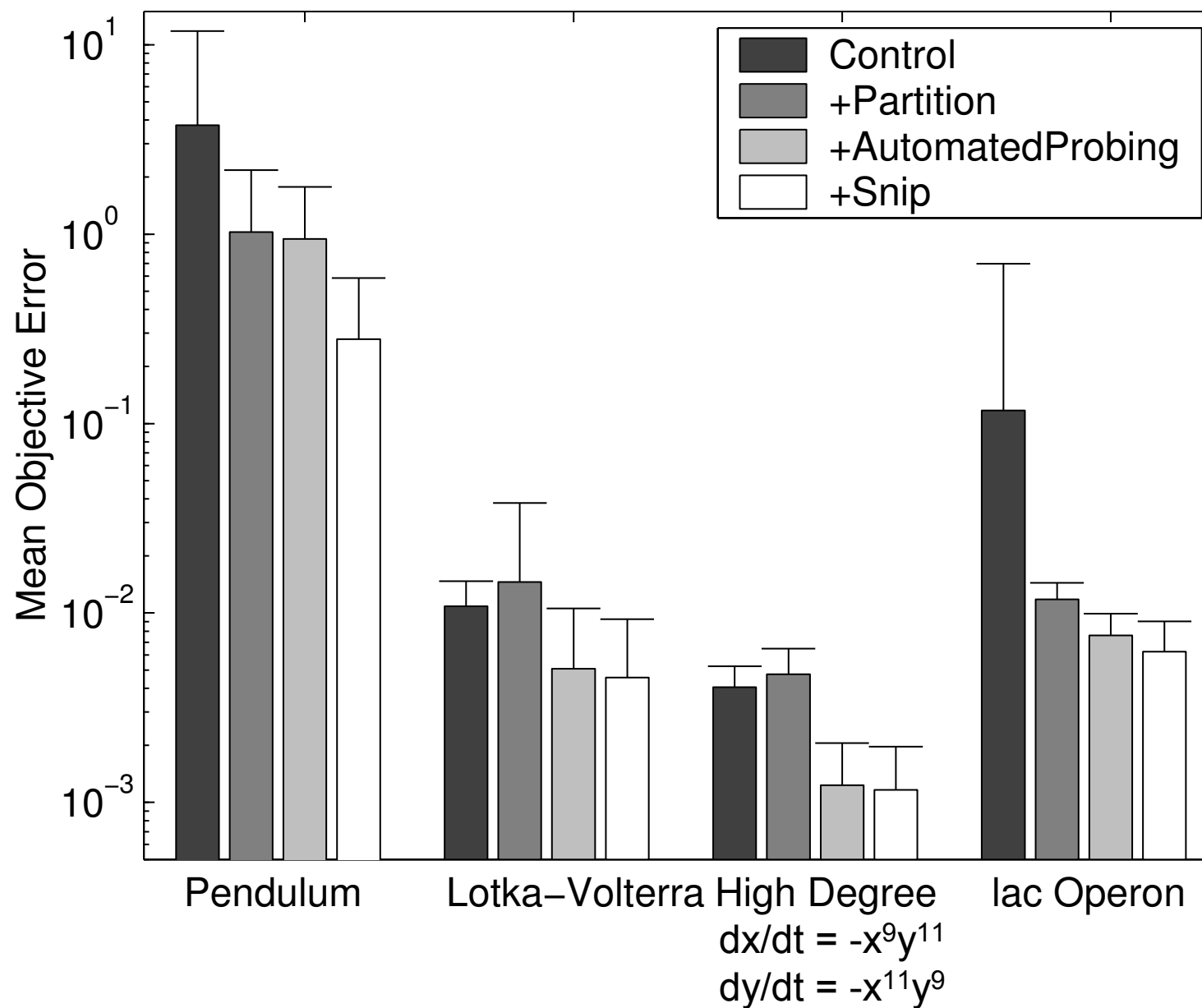
(j)  $d\theta/dt = \omega + t - t$   
 $d\omega/dt = \sin(-16.3 / 7.85 / \sin(\theta)) / 0.38$

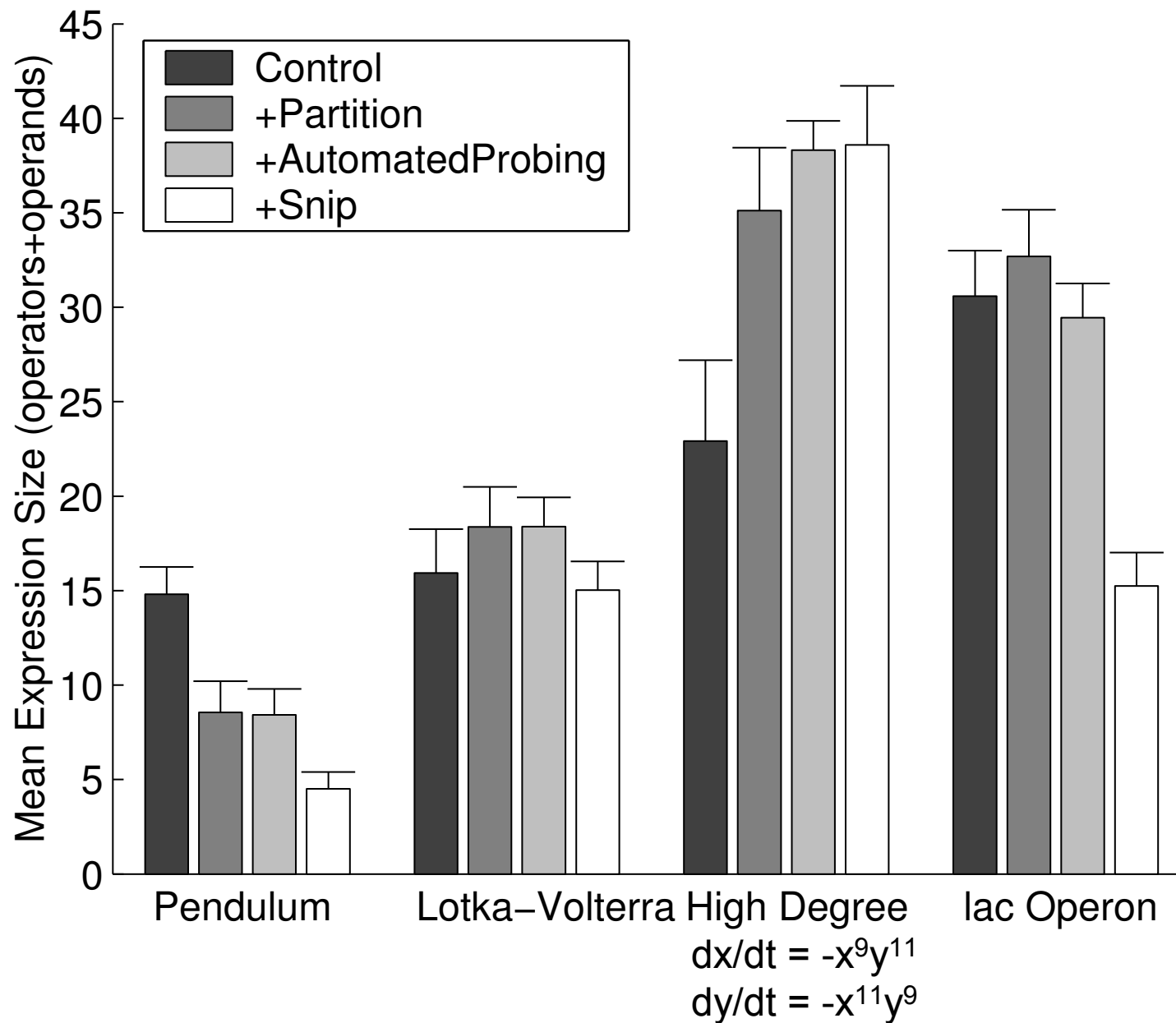
(k)  $d\theta/dt = \omega$   
 $d\omega/dt = \sin(-16.26 / 8.3 / \sin(\theta)) / 0.21$

(l)  $d\theta/dt = \omega$   
 $d\omega/dt = \sin(t - t) - 9.79987 \sin(\theta)$



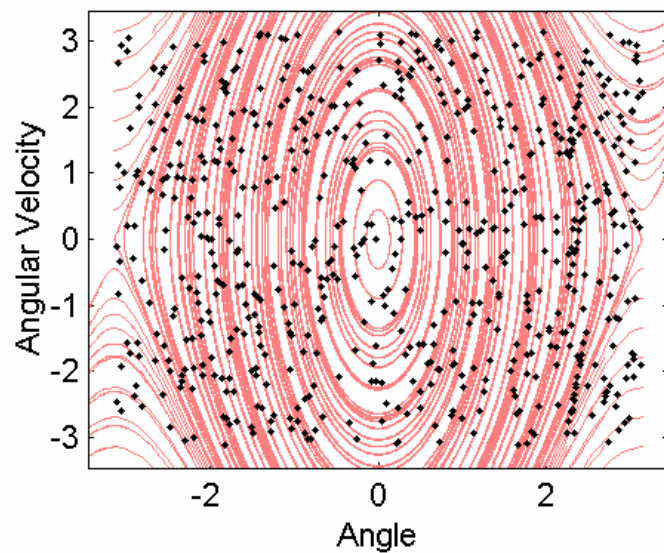




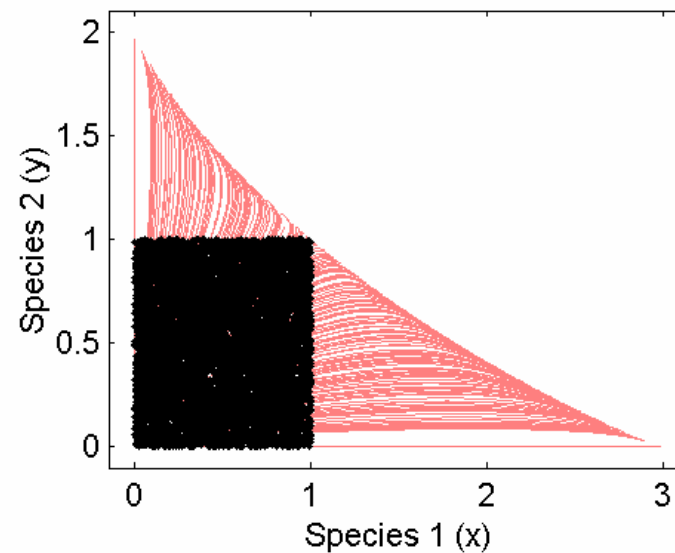


	System 1	System 2	System 3
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<b>Success rate</b>	20% (no partitioning) 100% (partitioning)	0% (no partitioning) 96.7% (partitioning)	0% (no partitioning) 100% (partitioning)
<b>3 variables</b>	$dx_1/dt = -3x_1x_3 - 2x_2x_3 - 3x_3x_3$ $dx_2/dt = -3x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 - 3x_2x_3$ $dx_3/dt = 3x_1x_2 + 3x_1x_3 - x_2x_3$	$dx_1/dt = -x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 - x_2x_3$ $dx_2/dt = x_1x_1 + 2x_1x_2 + 2x_2x_3$ $dx_3/dt = -2x_1x_1 + x_1x_2 - 3x_2x_3$	$dx_1/dt = -3x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 - x_3x_3$ $dx_2/dt = -2x_1x_3 + 3x_2x_3 + 3x_3x_3$ $dx_3/dt = 2x_1x_2 - 2x_1x_3 - 2x_2x_3$
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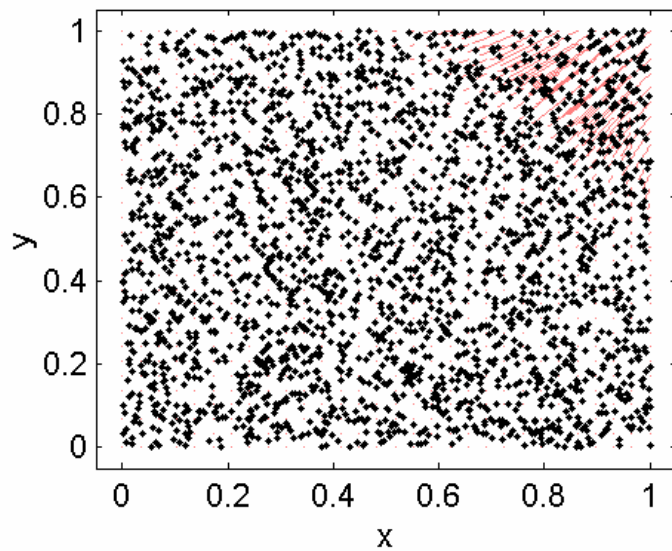
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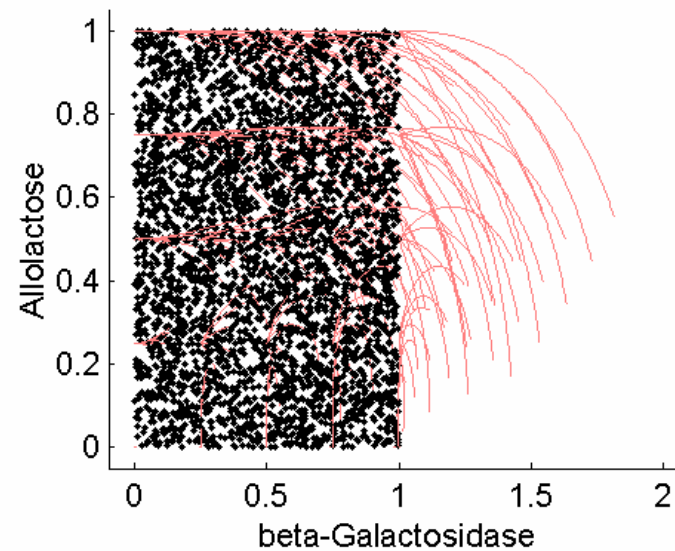
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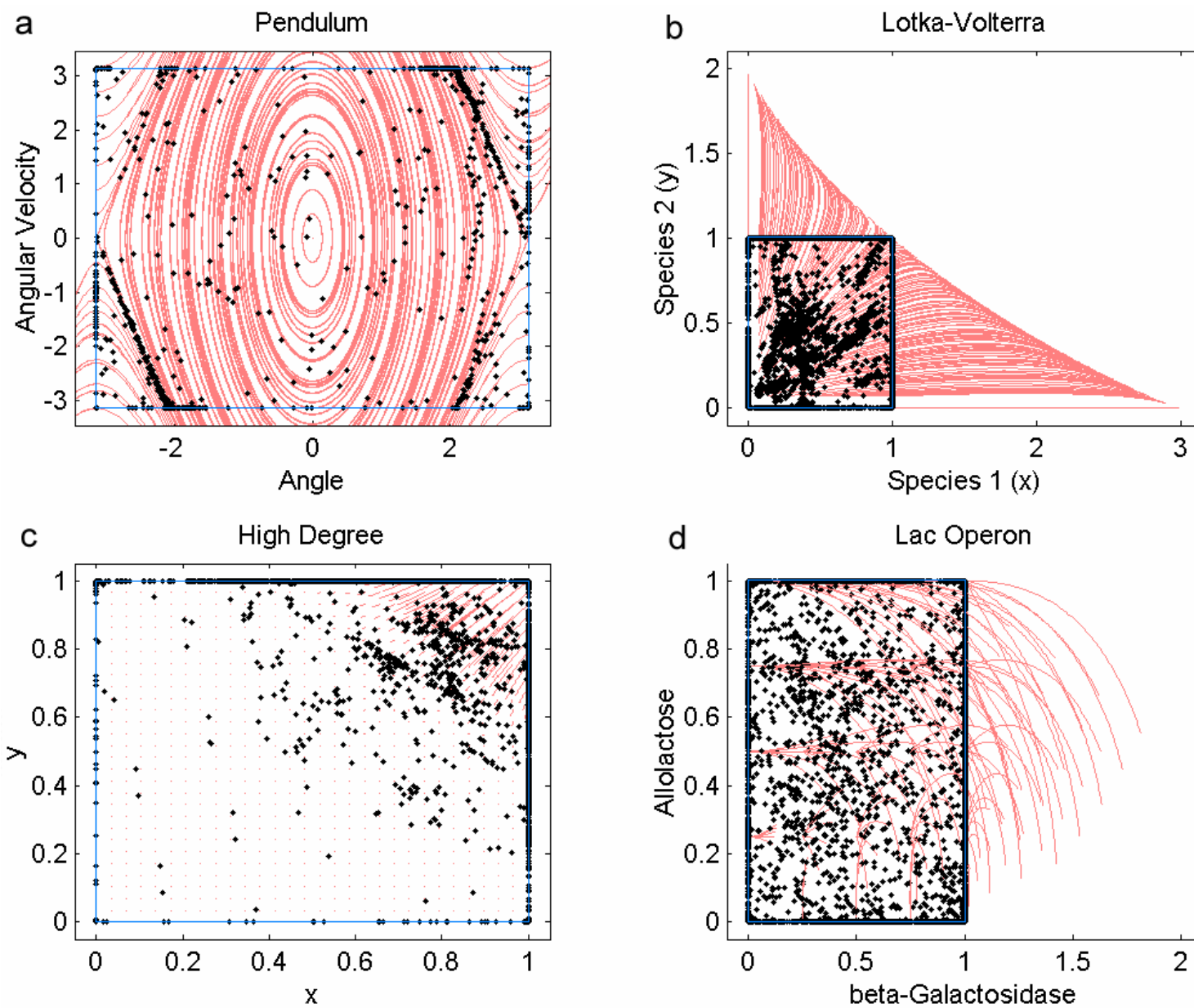


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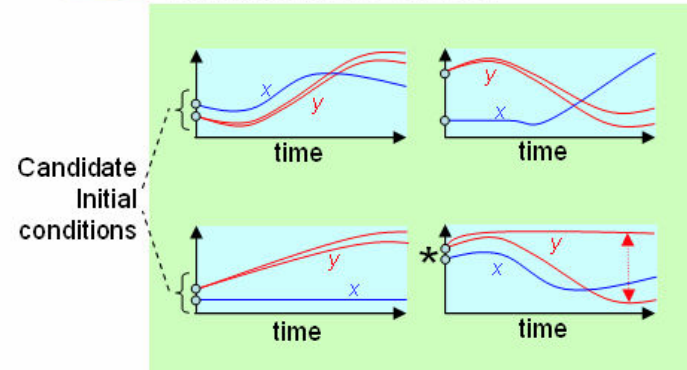
## Candidate models

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -2y^2 + \log x \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -x + \frac{y}{6} \end{cases} \quad ? \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -\sqrt{y} + \frac{x}{5} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -\sin y \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -3\frac{y+1}{y-1} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{x^2}{x^2+1} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -y^{1.8} + \log x \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -x + \frac{y}{4x} \end{cases}$$

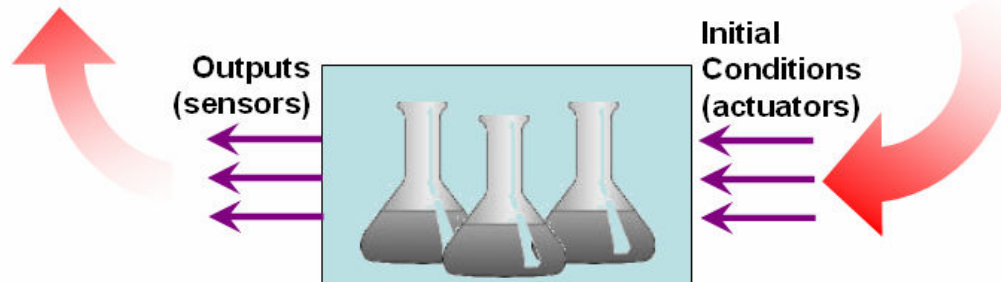
**b** The inference process generates several *different* candidate symbolic models that match sensor data collected while performing previous tests. It does not know which model is correct.

## Candidate tests



**c** The inference process generates several possible new candidate tests that disambiguate competing models (make them disagree in their predictions).

## Inference Process

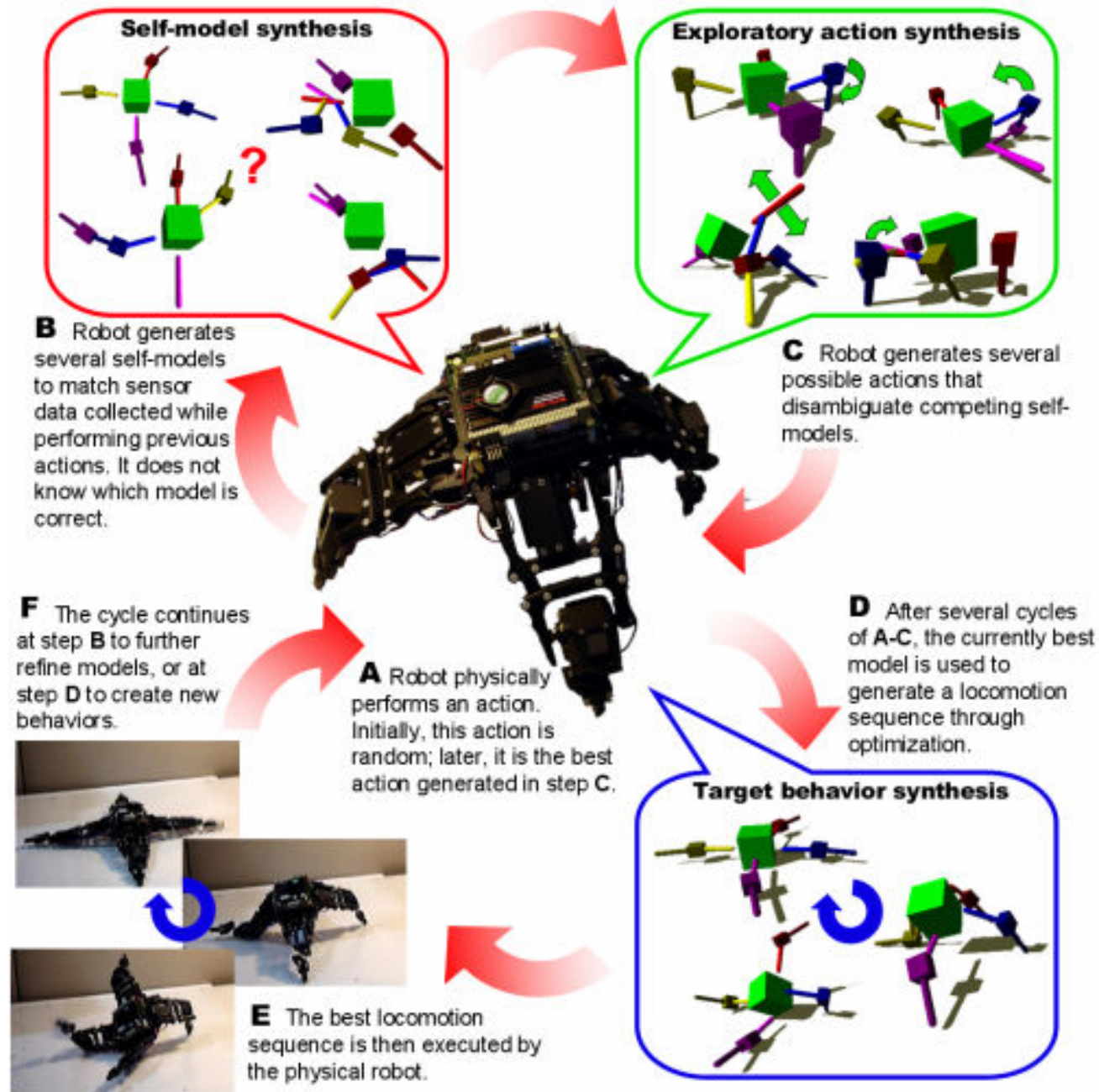


**a** The inference process physically performs an experiment by setting initial conditions, perturbing the hidden system and recording time series of its behavior. Initially, this experiment is random; subsequently, it is the best test generated in step c.

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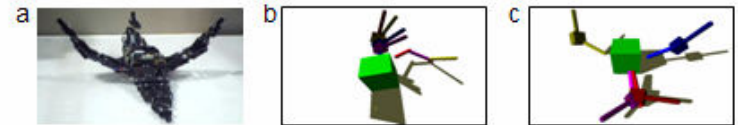


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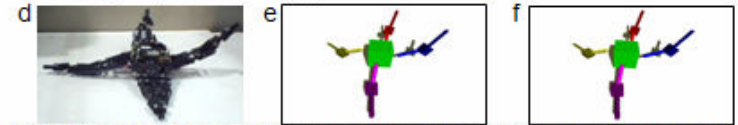
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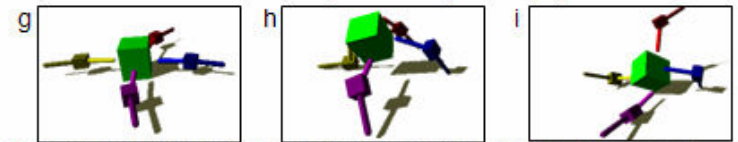
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The robot performs a random action (a). A set of random models (one of which is shown in b) is synthesized into approximate models (one of which is shown in c).



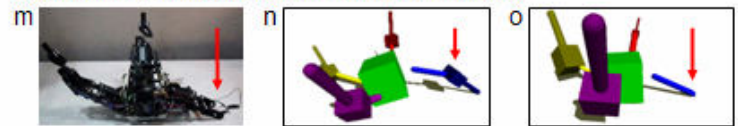
A new action is then synthesized to create maximal model disagreement and is performed by the physical robot (d), after which further modeling ensues. This cycle continues until no further model improvement is possible (e-f).



The best model is then used to synthesize a behavior (in this case, forward locomotion, the first few movements of which are shown in g-i).



This behavior is then executed by the physical robot (j-l).



The robot then suffers damage (the lower part of the right leg breaks off, m). Modeling then recommences with the best model so far (n), and using the same process of modeling and experimentation, eventually discovers the damage (o).



The new model is then used to synthesize a new behavior (p-r), which is executed by the physical robot (s-u), allowing it to recover functionality despite this unanticipated change.

Bongard, J., V. Zykov and H. Lipson (2006) Resilient Machines Through Continuous Self-Modeling, *Science*, 314: 1118-1121.



The Estimation-Exploration Algorithm (EEA) generates sets of differential equations directly from time-series data.

Assumes all variables are observable.

Uses three new methods:

*Active probing*

generate new experiments to try based on current set of models

*Partitioning*

dissociate coupled variables, and approximate them separately

*Snipping*

Replace existing model with a similar, smaller model

Results

Can create models independent of domain (ecological, mechanical, etc.)

Active probing, partitioning and snipping improve modeling

Tests focus on bifurcations and extremal regions of the target system.