

# ROBUST DESIGN OF OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTS CONSIDERING CONSECUTIVE RE-DESIGNS

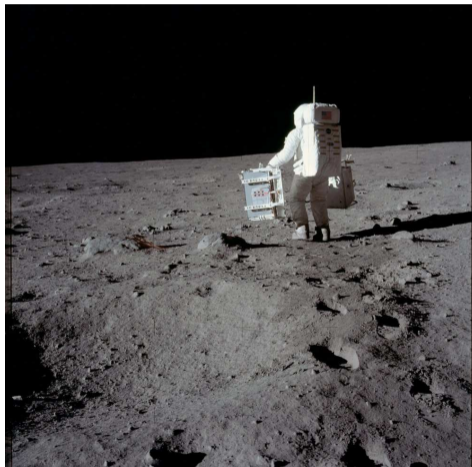
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# MODELING IS . . .

. . . exploring behavior of the system → model structure



# MODELING IS . . .

. . . conducting **good** experiments → accurate model parameters



# MODELING IS . . .

. . . a continuous (and eternal) struggle.

## Simon's 2-Stage Design



Simon's Design is 2-stage design with early futility stopping

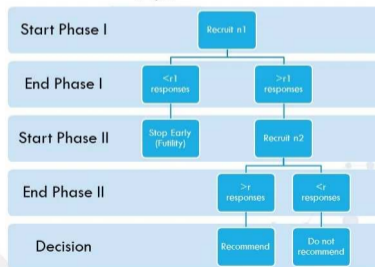
Tests null “poor” response vs alternative “good” response

- 2 Common Criteria for Design
- Optimal: Minimise expected N (ESS)
- Minimax: Minimise maximum N

Analysis & SSD based on exact binomial results for “response”

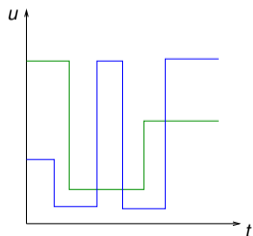
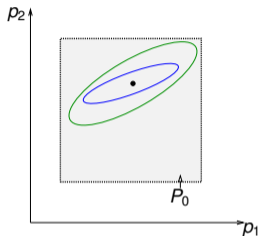
- Get # responses for test failure/success

$$B(r_1; p, n_1) + \sum_{x=r_1+1}^{\min\{n_1, r\}} b(x; p, n_1) B(r-x; p, n_2),$$



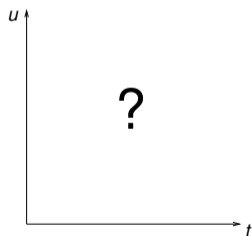
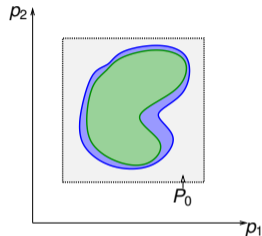
# MOTIVATION

## Linear Confidence Regions



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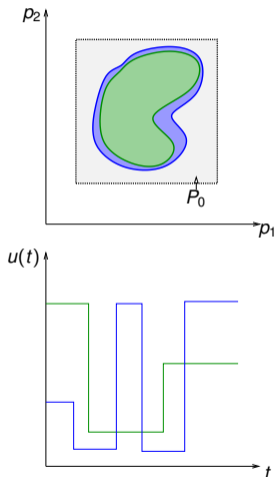
# MOTIVATION

- Design of Optimal Experiments (DoE) with exact confidence regions presented in

*Gottu Mukkula & Paulen: Optimal Experiment Design in Nonlinear Parameter Estimation with Exact Confidence Regions, Journal of Process Control 2019*

- Inherent to DoE with linear confidence regions, the optimal design strongly depends on the expected values of parameters
- **How to find robust design of experiments?**
- **How to ideally use consecutive re-designs?**

## Exact Confidence Regions



## Design of Optimal Experiments

# FROM DATA TO MODEL

- 1 Select the model structure.

Dynamic model or spatially discretized PDEs:

$$\hat{y} = F(u, p) \begin{cases} \text{state equation:} & \dot{x} = f(x, u, p), \quad x(0) = g(u, p) \\ \text{output equation:} & \hat{y} = h(x, p) \end{cases}$$

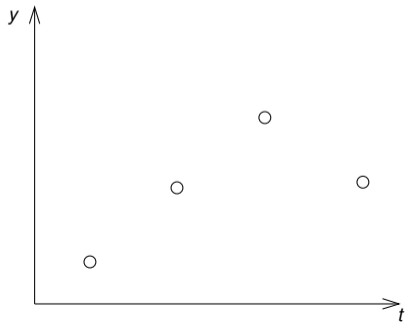
Steady-state or discretized model:

$$\hat{y} = F(u, p) \begin{cases} \text{state equation:} & 0 = f(x, u, p) \\ \text{output equation:} & \hat{y} = h(x, p) \end{cases}$$

$\hat{y}$  - outputs;  $p$  - parameters;  $u$  - experimental conditions;  $x$  - states

# FROM DATA TO MODEL

- 2 Perform experiments. Gather data.

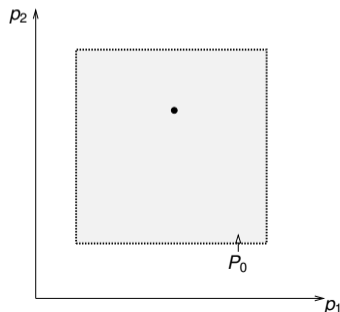
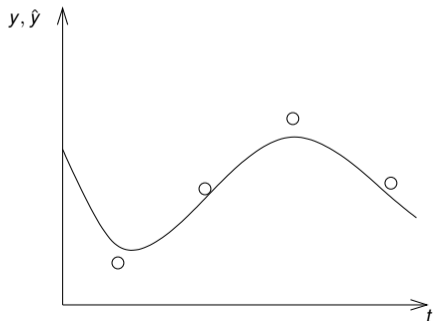




# FROM DATA TO MODEL

- 3 Estimate unknown parameters.

$$\hat{p} = \arg \min_{p \in P_0} J(p) = \arg \min_{p \in P_0} \|y - \hat{y}\|_2^2$$
$$\text{s.t. } \hat{y} = F(u, p)$$

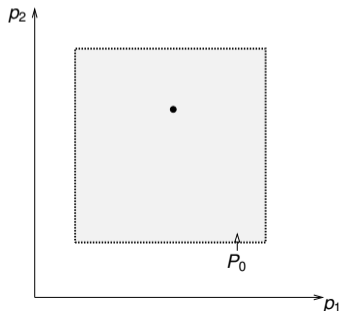
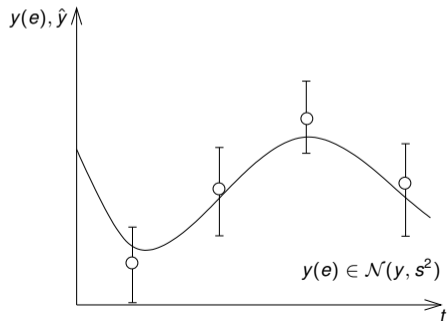


# FROM DATA TO MODEL

- Analyze the quality of estimates.

$$\hat{p} = \arg \min_{p \in P_0} J(p) = \arg \min_{p \in P_0} \|y(e) - \hat{y}\|_2^2$$

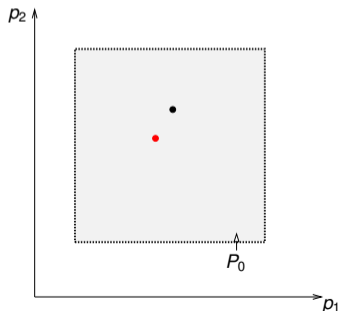
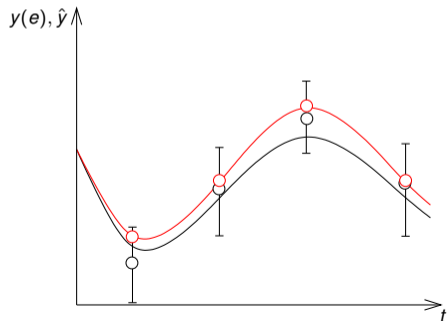
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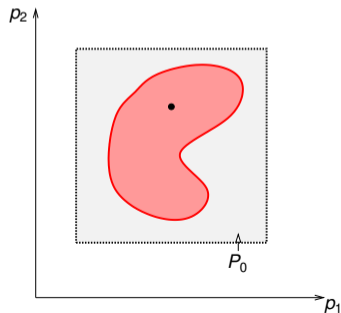
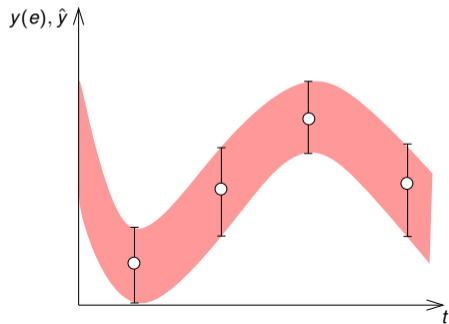
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# FROM DATA TO MODEL

- Analyze the quality of estimates. (Exact confidence regions)

$$J(p) - J(\hat{p}) \leq n_p s^2 \mathcal{F}_{n_p, N-n_p, \alpha}$$



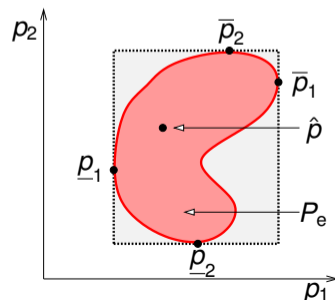
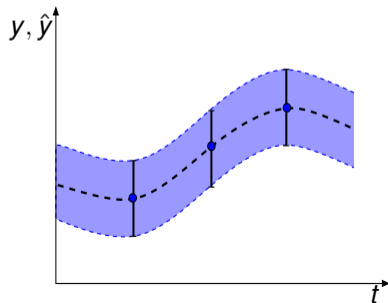
# DESIGN OF OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTS (DOE)

- 1 Find an over-approximation of the exact confidence region

$$\max_{\underline{p}, \bar{p}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} \bar{p}_j - \underline{p}_j$$

$$\text{s.t. } \hat{y} = F(u, \pi), \quad \forall \pi \in \{\hat{p}, \underline{p}, \bar{p}\}$$

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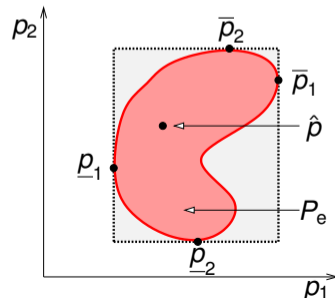
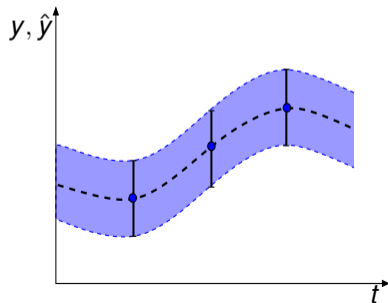
# DESIGN OF OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTS (DOE)

- 2 Optimize over the over-approximation of the exact confidence region

$$\min_u \max_{\underline{p}, \bar{p}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} \bar{p}_j - \underline{p}_j$$

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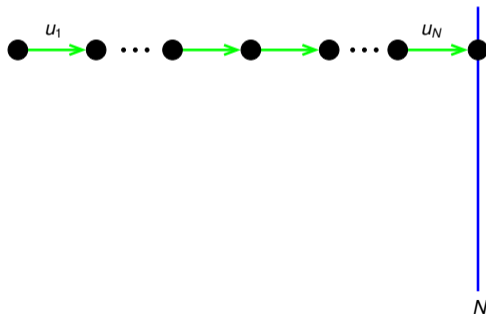
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# ROBUST DoE: NOMINAL APPROACH

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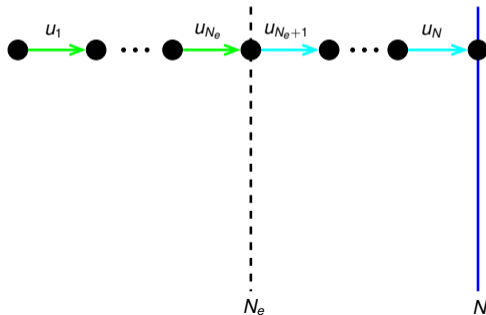
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  - 2 Take measurements, obtain new  $\hat{\rho}$  and go to step 1.

# ROBUST DOE: SEQUENTIAL APPROACH

$$\min_u \max_{\underline{p}, \bar{p}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} \bar{p}_j - \underline{p}_j$$

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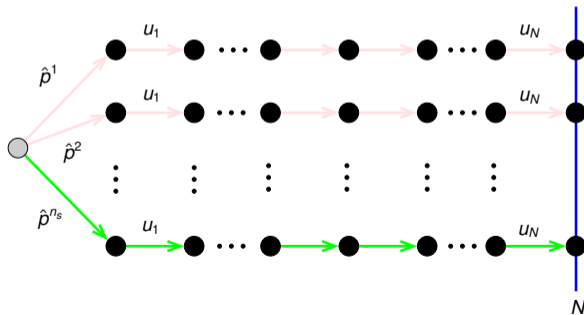
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# ROBUST DOE: MIN-MAX APPROACH

$$\min_u \max_{\underline{p}, \bar{p}} \max_k \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} \bar{p}_j^k - \underline{p}_j^k$$

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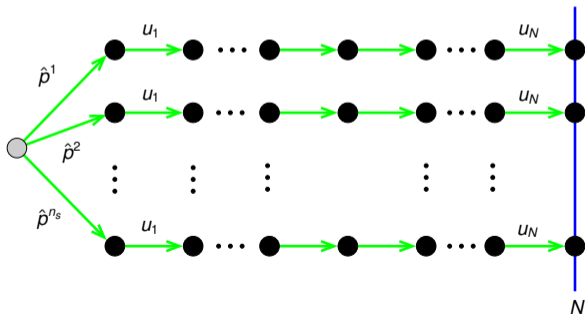
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# ROBUST DOE: SCENARIO-BASED DESIGN

$$\min_u \max_{\underline{p}, \bar{p}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_s} \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} \bar{p}_j^k - \underline{p}_j^k$$

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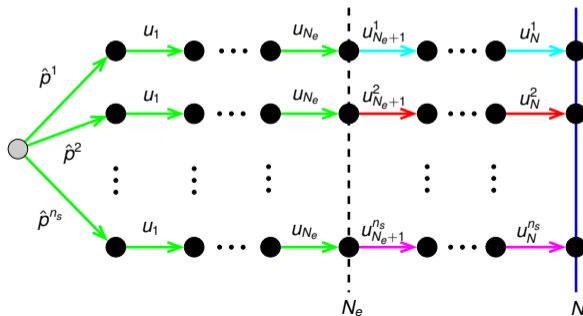
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- Multi-stage design (this talk, idea from Garstka and Wets, 1974)
  - Find the best design for the mean realization of  $\hat{\rho}$ , but take the future estimation into account.

# ROBUST DOE: MULTI-STAGE APPROACH

$$\min_u \max_{\underline{p}, \bar{p}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_s} \sum_{j=1}^{n_p} \bar{p}_j^k - \underline{p}_j^k$$

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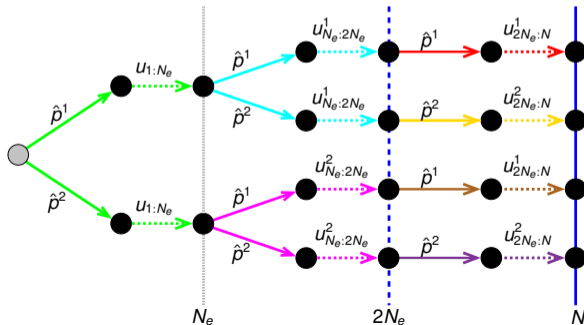


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# ROBUST DoE: 1D TOY EXAMPLE

- Model

$$\hat{y}(p, u) = 1 - \exp(-pu)$$

- Uncertainty Level

$$\Delta p = 0.5$$

- Experiment Setup

$$N_e = 1, N = 2$$

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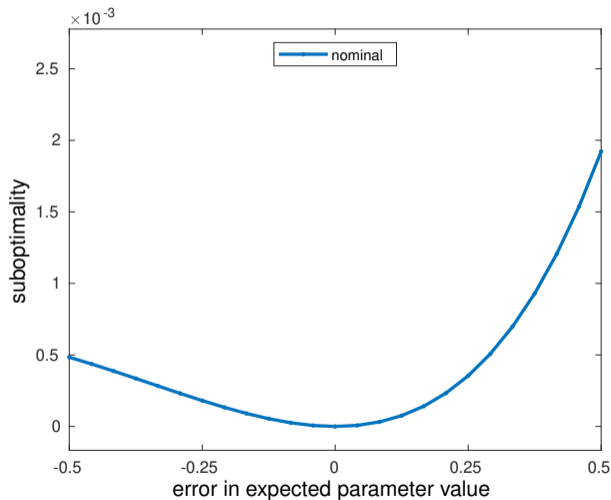
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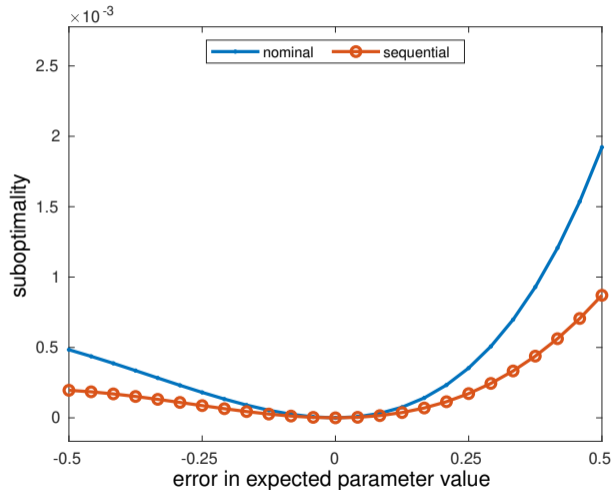
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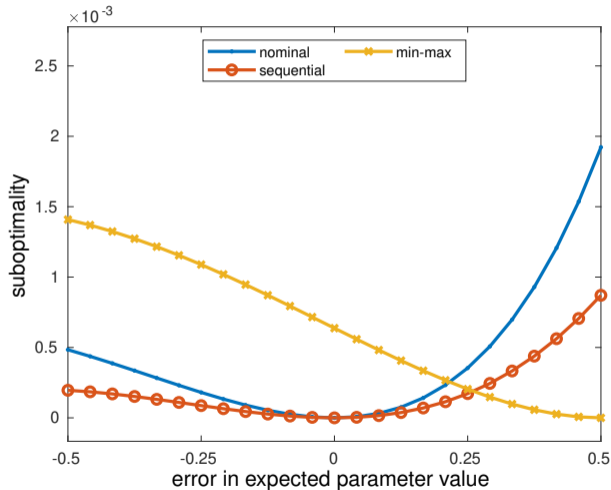
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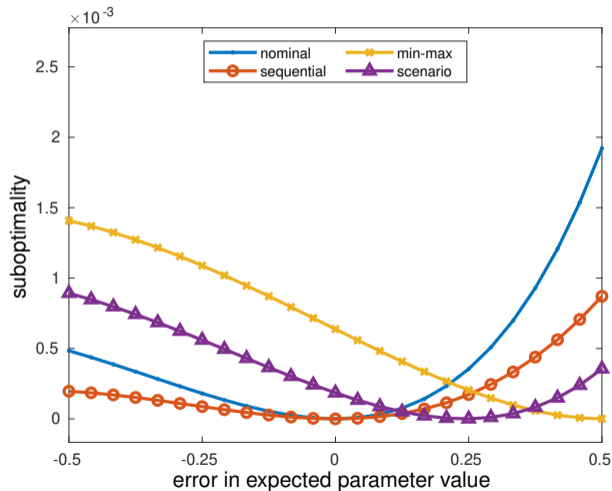
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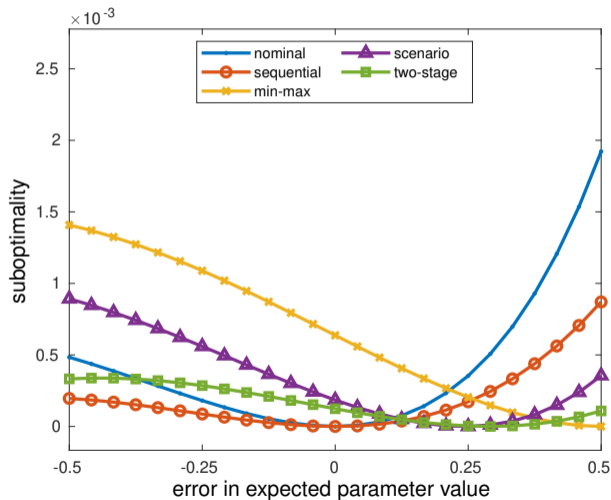
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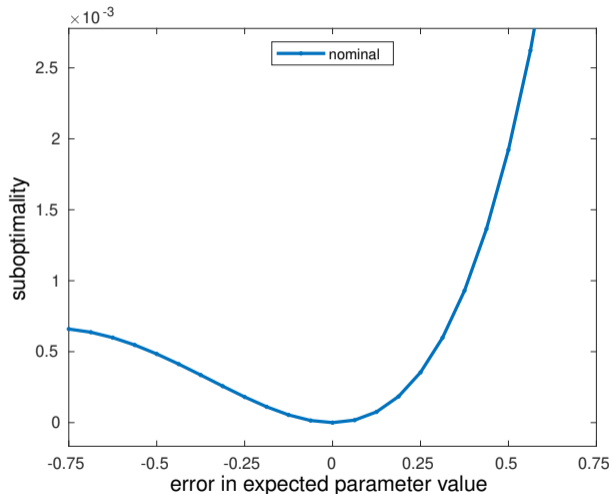
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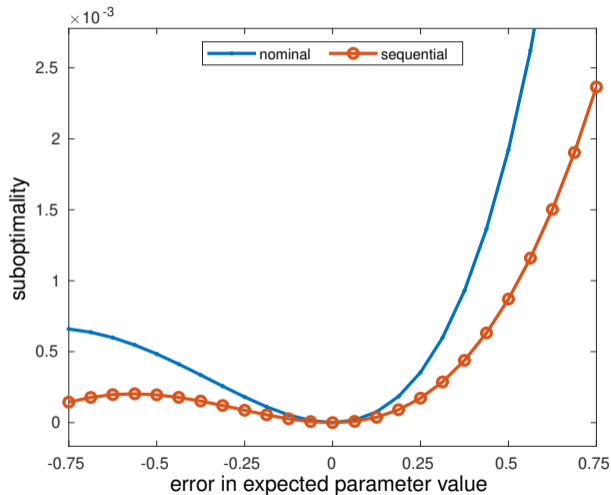
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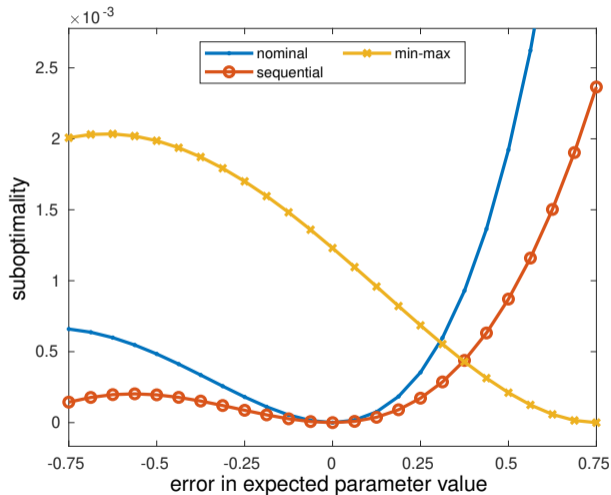
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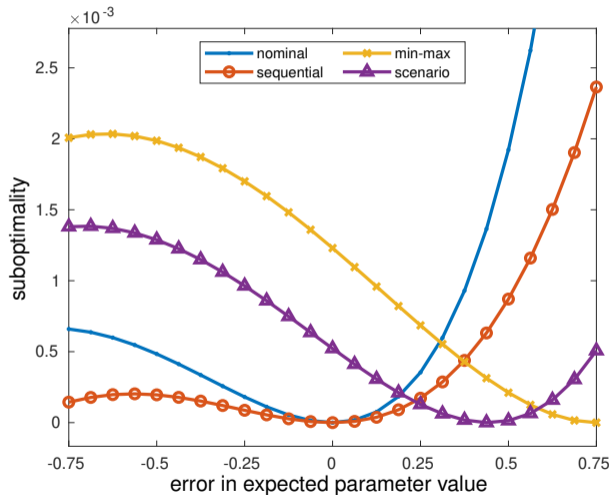
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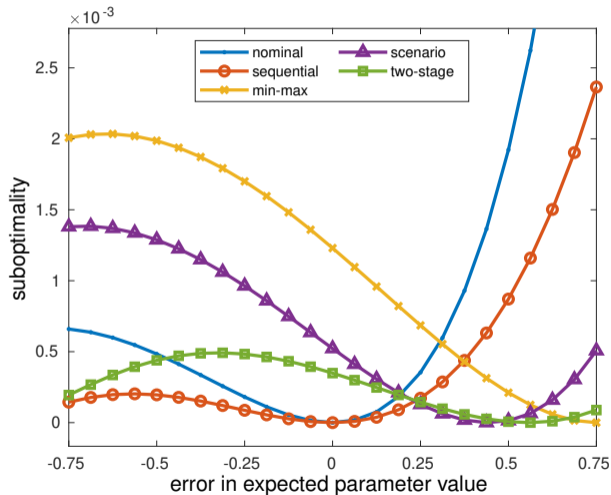
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# ROBUST DoE: 2D EXAMPLE IN REACTION KINETICS

- Model

$$\hat{y}(p, u) = \frac{p_1}{p_1 - p_2} (e^{-p_2 u} - e^{-p_1 u})$$

- Uncertainty Level

$$\Delta p = 0.5$$

- Experiment Setup

$$N_e = 2, N = 4$$

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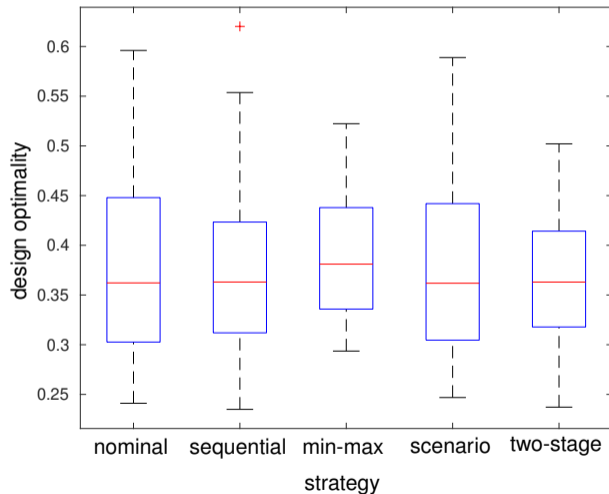
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- Experiment Setup

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# ROBUST DOE: 4D EXAMPLE IN MICROBIAL GROWTH KINETICS

- Model

$$\hat{y}(p, \tau) = p_1 \left[ 1 - \frac{(u_\tau - p_2)^2}{(u_\tau - p_2)^2 + u_\tau(p_3 + p_4 - u_\tau) - p_3 p_4} \right]$$

- Uncertainty Level

$$\Delta p = 0.5$$

- Experiment Setup

$$N_e = 4, N = 6$$



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- Experiment Setup

$$N_e = 4, N = 6$$

Approach	Suboptimality
nominal	614 %
sequential	179 %
min-max	134 %
scenario-based	148 %
two-stage	95 %

# CONCLUSIONS

- Robust approaches for the design of optimal experiments using exact confidence regions
- Approach is based on bi-level programming
- Computationally intensive problem but tractable for small- to medium-scale cases
- The robust design based on multi-stage decision making proposed
- Modelling of possible re-design via multi-stage approach shows promising performance
  
- Future work: application to high-dimensional systems; modelling of dynamic problems
- Extension to classical linear confidence regions:

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# SOLVING THE BI-LEVEL PROGRAM

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_x f(y) \\ & \text{s.t. } \max_y g(y) \text{ s.t. } 0 = h(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

- KKT-based reformulation in the lower level (non-convexity  $\rightarrow$  infeasibility)

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{x, y, \lambda} f(y) \\ & \text{s.t. } 0 = \nabla_y g(y) + \nabla_y h(x, y) \lambda, \quad 0 = h(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

- Using alternating approach (local optimality)

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Big|_{y^*} \frac{\partial y^*}{\partial x} \Big|_{x_k} \quad \begin{matrix} x_{k+1}(y^*), y^*(x_k) \\ \longleftrightarrow \end{matrix} \quad y^* = \arg \max_y g(y) \text{ s.t. } 0 = h(x_k, y)$$