

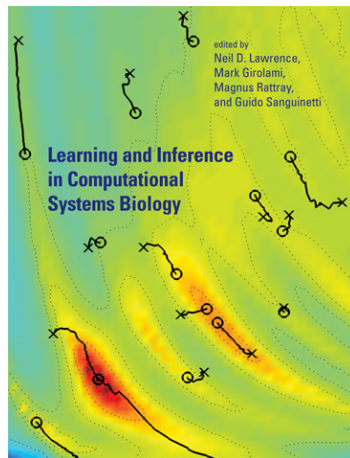
# Multioutput Gaussian Processes

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# Simple Markov Chain

- Assume 1-d latent state, a vector over time,  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \dots x_T]$ .
- Markov property,

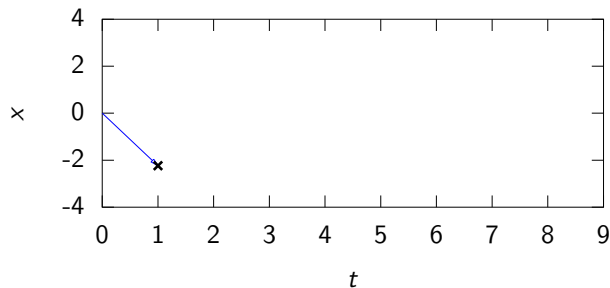
$$\begin{aligned}x_i &= x_{i-1} + \epsilon_i, \\ \epsilon_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha) \\ \implies x_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(x_{i-1}, \alpha)\end{aligned}$$

- Initial state,

$$x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha_0)$$

- If  $x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha)$  we have a Markov chain for the latent states.
- Markov chain it is specified by an initial distribution (Gaussian) and a transition distribution (Gaussian).

# Gauss Markov Chain

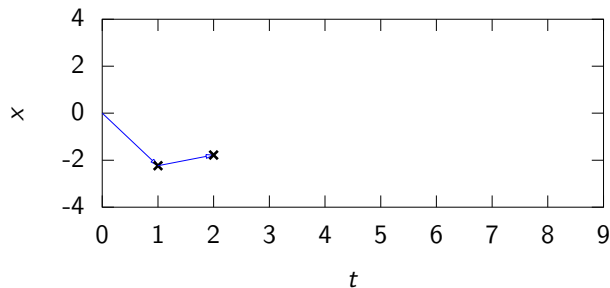


$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$x_0 = 0.000, \quad \epsilon_1 = -2.24$$

$$x_1 = 0.000 - 2.24 = -2.24$$

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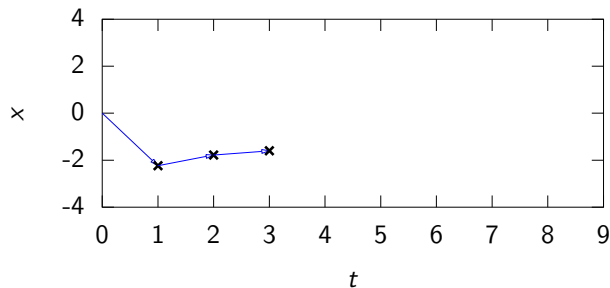


$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$x_1 = -2.24, \quad \epsilon_2 = 0.457$$

$$x_2 = -2.24 + 0.457 = -1.78$$

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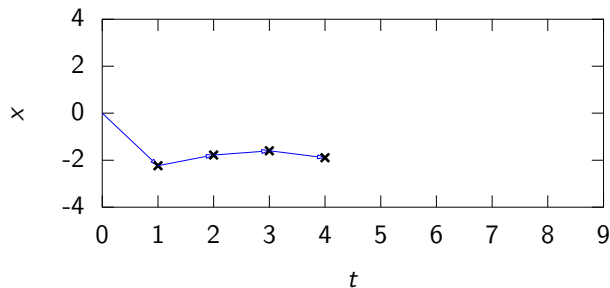
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$$x_2 = -1.78, \quad \epsilon_3 = 0.178$$

$$x_3 = -1.78 + 0.178 = -1.6$$



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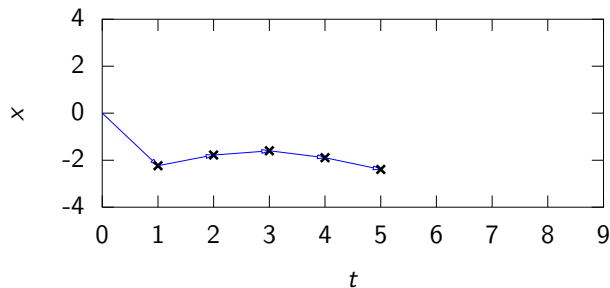


$$x_0 = 0, \quad \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

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$$x_4 = -1.6 - 0.292 = -1.89$$

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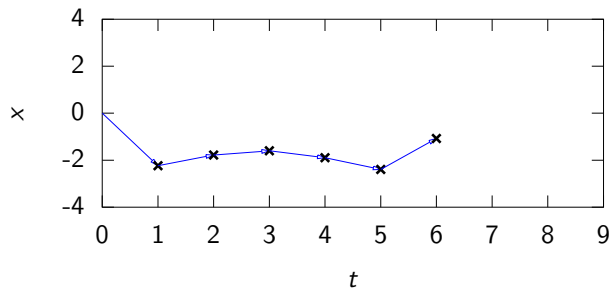


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$$x_5 = -1.89 - 0.501 = -2.39$$

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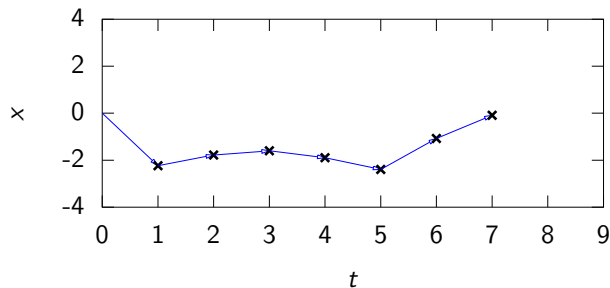


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$$x_6 = -2.39 + 1.32 = -1.08$$

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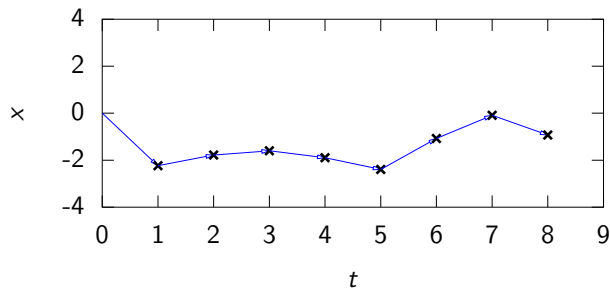


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$$x_6 = -1.08, \quad \epsilon_7 = 0.989$$

$$x_7 = -1.08 + 0.989 = -0.0881$$

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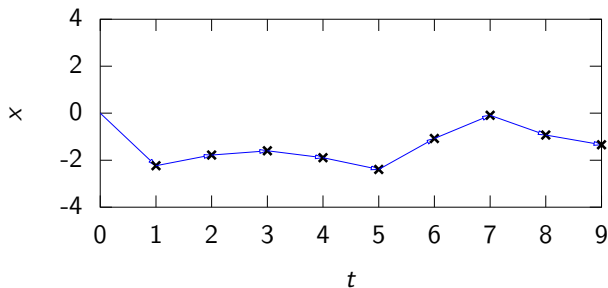


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$$x_8 = -0.0881 - 0.842 = -0.93$$

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$$x_9 = -0.93 - 0.410 = -1.34$$

# Multivariate Gaussian Properties: Reminder

If

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{C})$$

and

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{b}$$

then

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**Simplified:** If

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# Matrix Representation of Latent Variables

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{L}_1 \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

# Multivariate Process

- Since  $\mathbf{x}$  is linearly related to  $\epsilon$  we know  $\mathbf{x}$  is a Gaussian process.
- Trick: we only need to compute the mean and covariance of  $\mathbf{x}$  to determine that Gaussian.

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# Latent Process Covariance

$$\mathbf{xx}^T = \mathbf{L}_1 \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^T \mathbf{L}_1^T$$

$$\mathbf{x}^T = \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^T \mathbf{L}^T$$

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# Covariance for Latent Process II

- Given

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \alpha \mathbf{I}) \implies \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \alpha \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{L}_1^\top).$$

Then

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Delta t \alpha \mathbf{I}) \implies \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Delta t \alpha \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{L}_1^\top).$$

where  $\Delta t$  is the time interval between observations.

## Covariance for Latent Process II

$$\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha \Delta t \mathbf{I}), \quad \mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha \Delta t \mathbf{L}_1 \mathbf{L}_1^\top)$$

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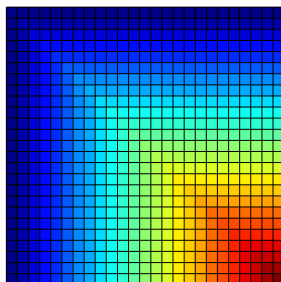
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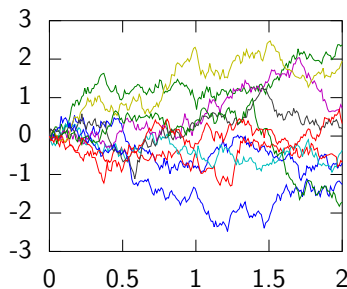
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# Coregulation of Gene Expression

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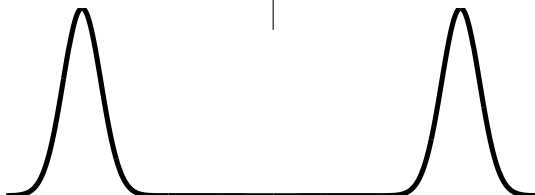
- Gene Expression to Transcriptional Regulation.
- A “data exploration” problem (computational biology/bioinformatics):
  - ▶ Use gene expression data to speculate on coregulated genes.
  - ▶ Traditionally use clustering of gene expression profiles.
- Contrast with (computational) systems biology approach:
  - ▶ Detailed mechanistic model of the system is created.
  - ▶ Fit parameters of the model to data.
  - ▶ Problematic for large data (genome wide).
  - ▶ Need to deal with unobserved biochemical species (TFs).

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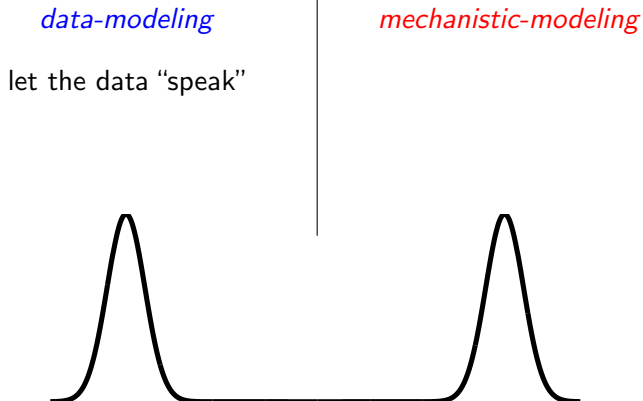
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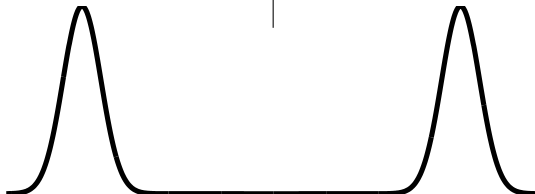
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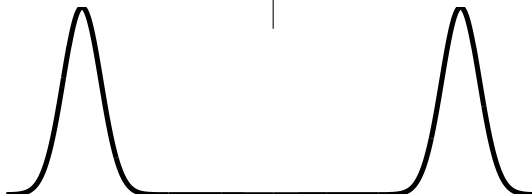
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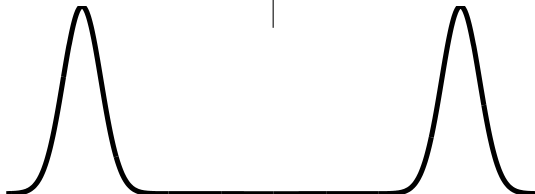
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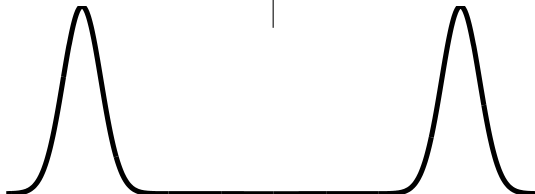
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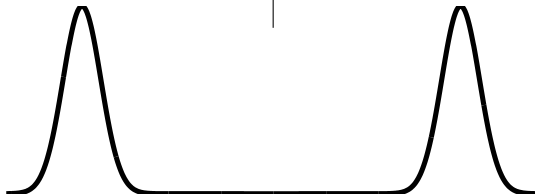
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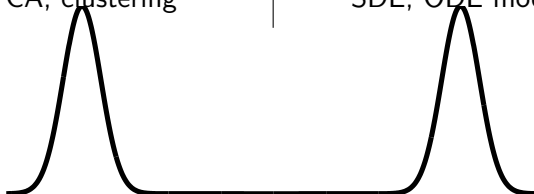
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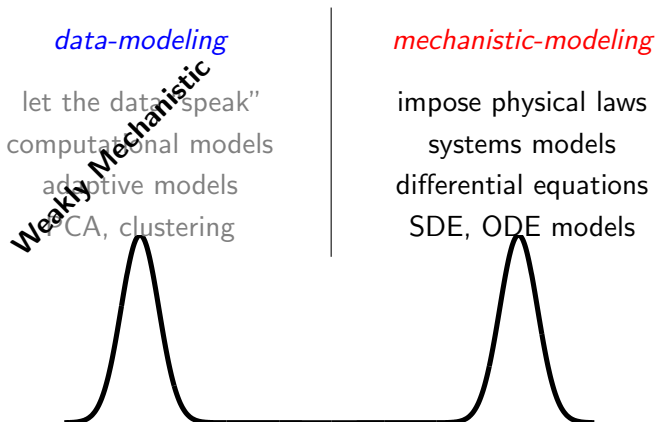
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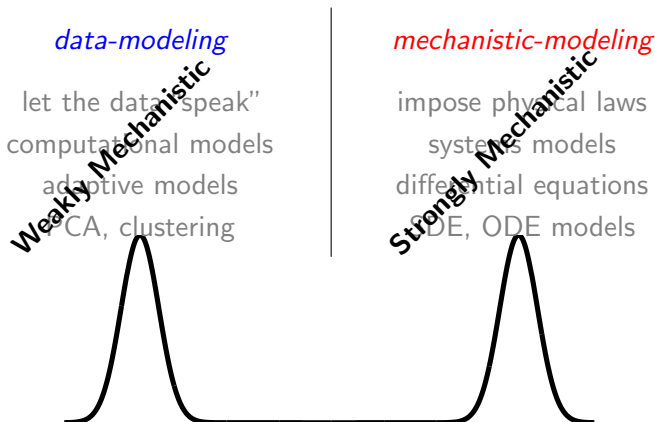
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# A Hybrid Approach

Introduce aspects of systems biology to computational models

- We advocate an approach *between* systems and computational biology.
- Introduce aspects of systems biology to the computational approach.
  - ▶ There is a computational penalty, but it may be worth paying.
  - ▶ Ideally there should be a smooth transition from pure computational (PCA, clustering, SVM classification) to systems (non-linear (stochastic) differential equations).
  - ▶ This work is one part of that transition.

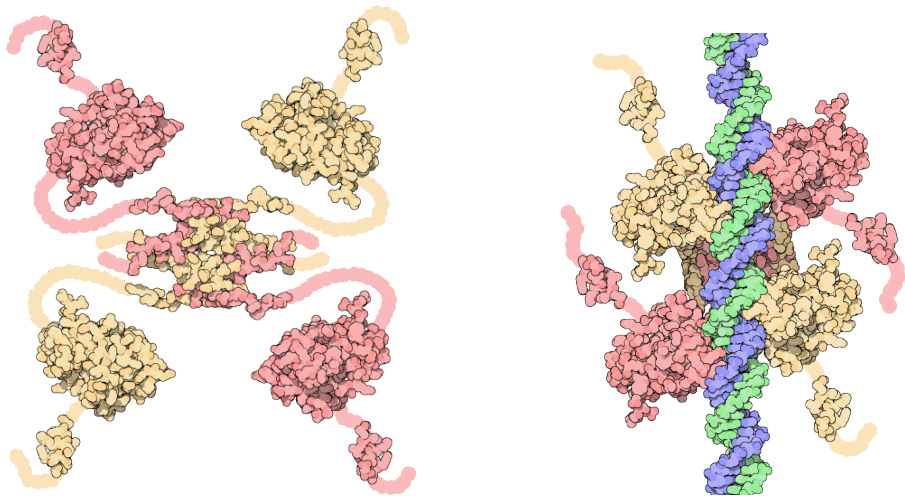
# Radiation Damage in the Cell

- Radiation can damage molecules including DNA.
- Most DNA damage is quickly repaired—single strand breaks, backbone break.
- Double strand breaks are more serious—a complete disconnect along the chromosome.
- Cell cycle stages:
  - ▶  $G_1$ : Cell is not dividing.
  - ▶  $G_2$ : Cell is preparing for meiosis, chromosomes have divided.
  - ▶ S: Cell is undergoing meiosis (DNA synthesis).
- Main problem is in  $G_1$ . In  $G_2$  there are two copies of the chromosome. In  $G_1$  only one copy.

## p53 “Guardian of the Cell”

- Responsible for Repairing DNA damage
- Activates DNA Repair proteins
- Pauses the Cell Cycle (prevents replication of damage DNA)
- Initiates *apoptosis* (cell death) in the case where damage can't be repaired.
- Large scale feedback loop with NF- $\kappa$ B.

# p53 DNA Damage Repair



**Figure:** p53. *Left* unbound, *Right* bound to DNA. Images by David S. Goodsell from <http://www.rcsb.org/> (see the “Molecule of the Month” feature).

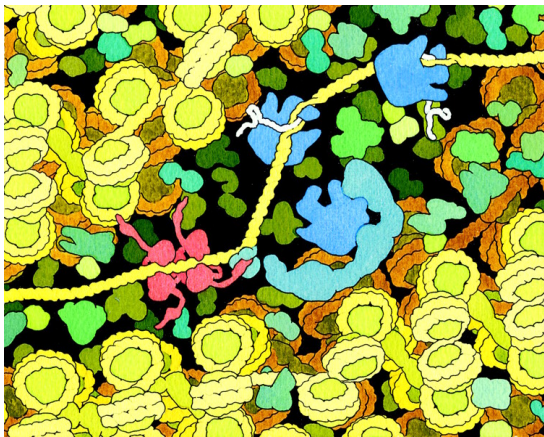


Figure: Repair of DNA damage by p53. Image from ?.

## Some p53 Targets

*DDB2* DNA Damage Specific DNA Binding Protein 2. (also governed by C/ EBP-beta, E2F1, E2F3,...).

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*hPA26/SESN1* sestrin 1 Cell Cycle arrest.

*BIK* BCL2-interacting killer. Induces cell death (apoptosis)

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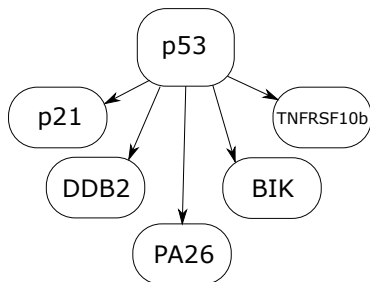


Figure: p53 SIM network motif as modelled by ?.



# Standard Approach

## Clustering of Gene Expression Profiles

- Assume that coregulated genes will cluster in the same groups.
- Perform clustering, and look for clusters containing target genes.
- These are candidates, look for confirmation in the literature etc.

Method

## **Ranked prediction of p53 targets using hidden variable dynamic modeling**

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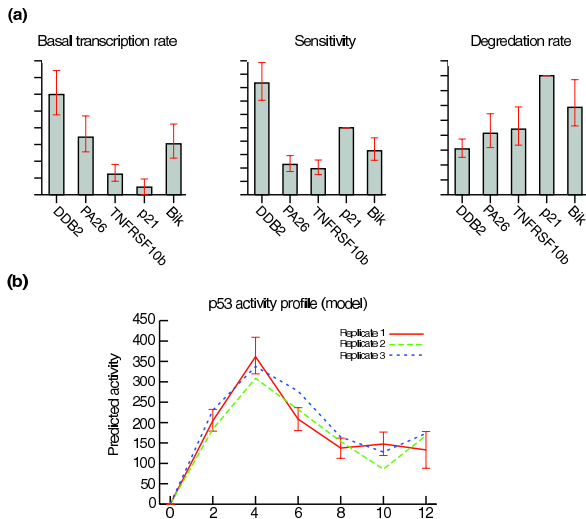
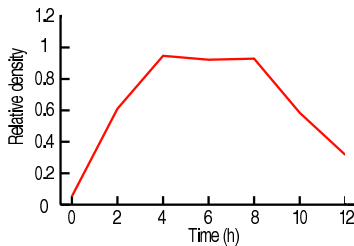
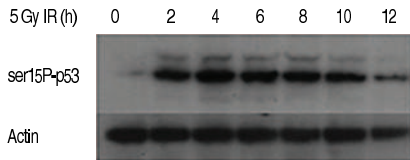


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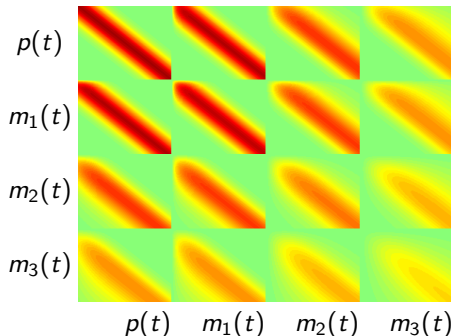
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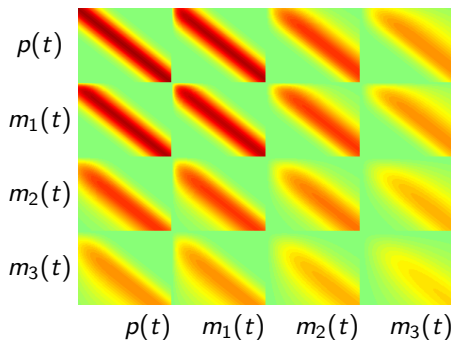
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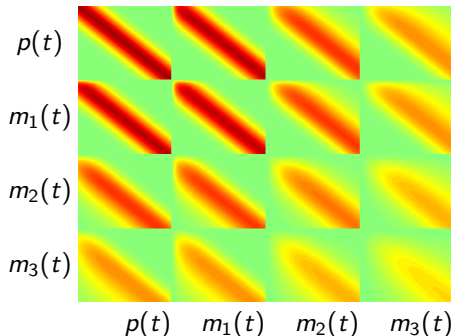
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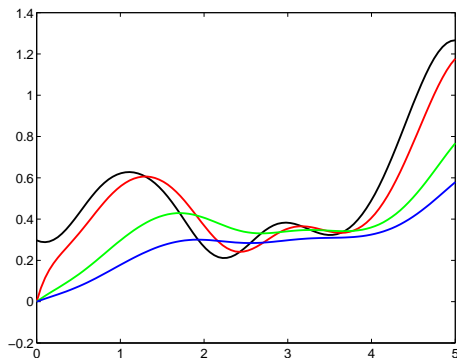


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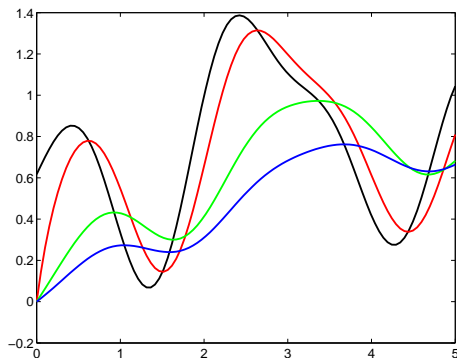


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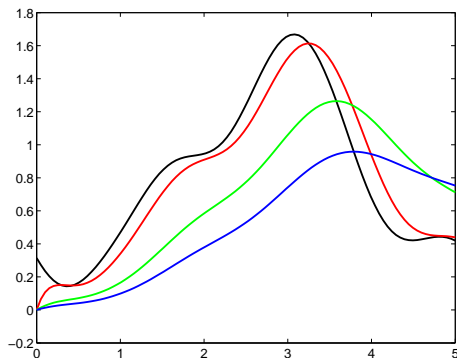


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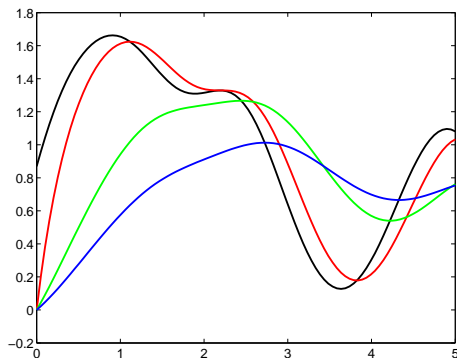
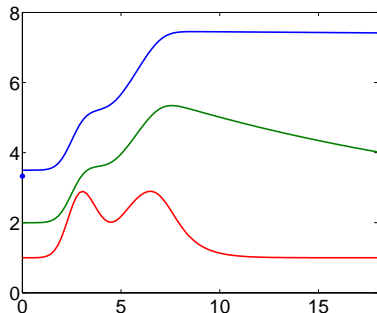


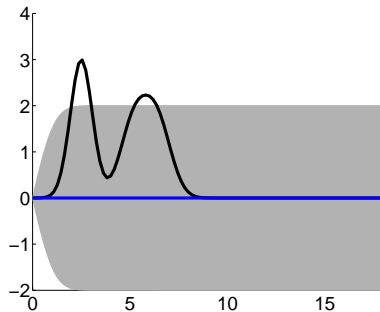
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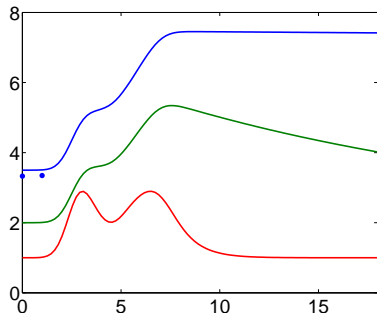
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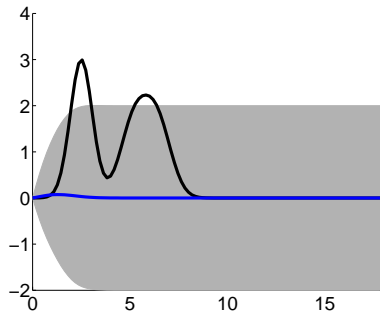
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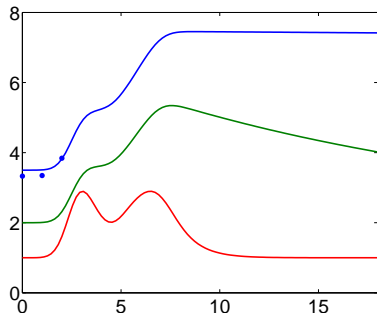
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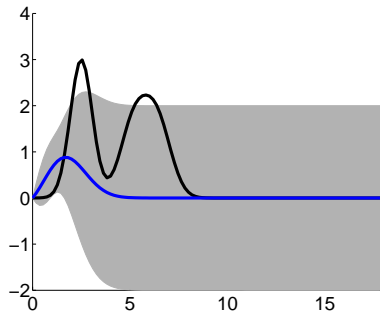
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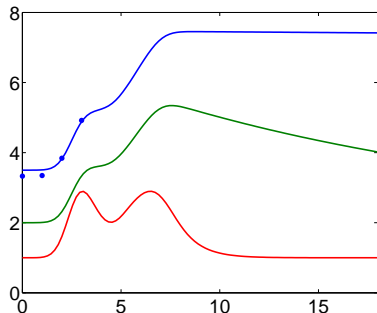
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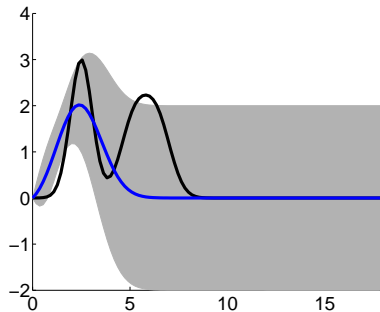
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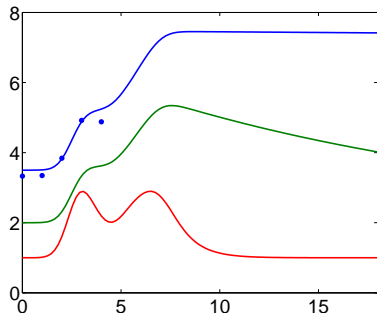
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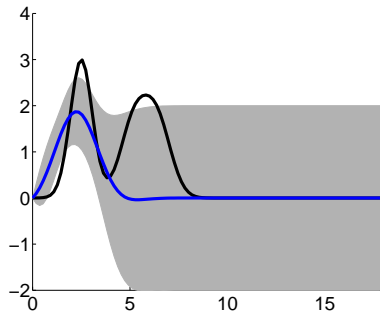
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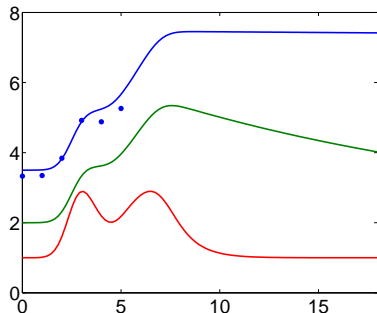
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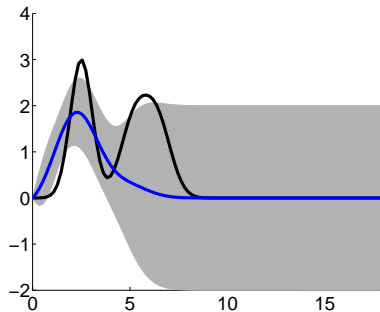
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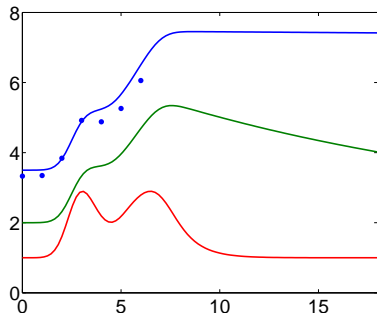
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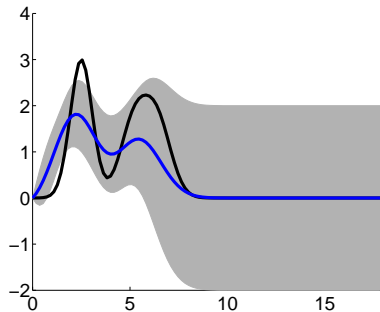
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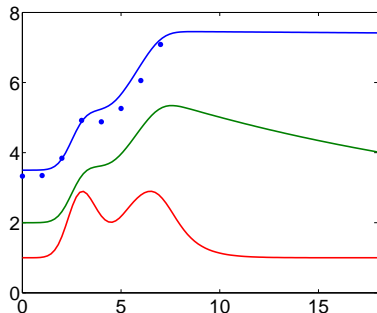


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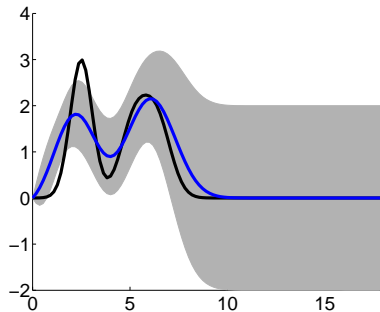


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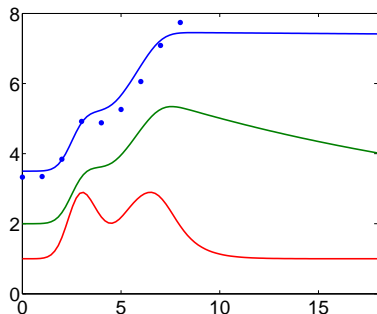
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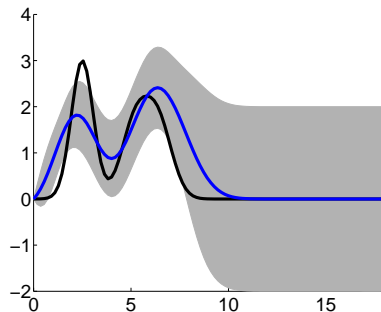
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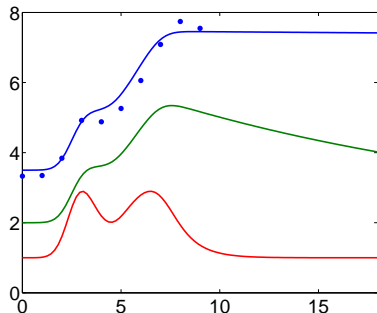
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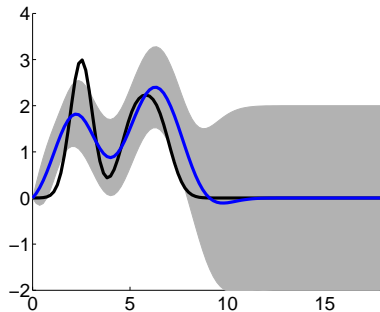
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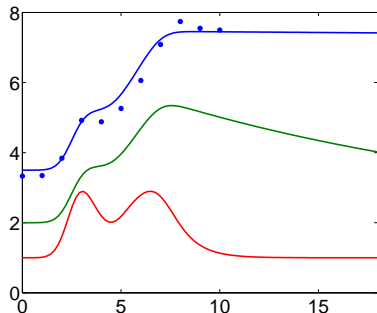
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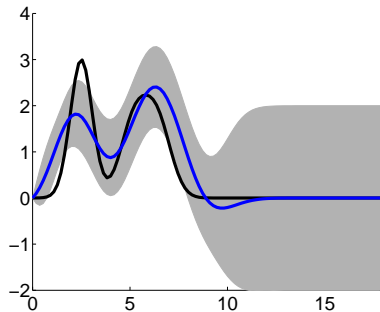
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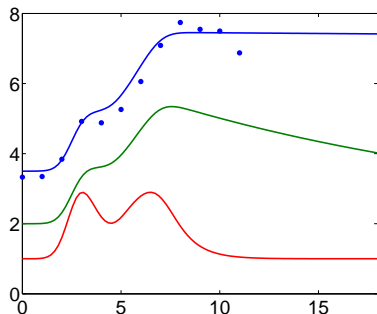
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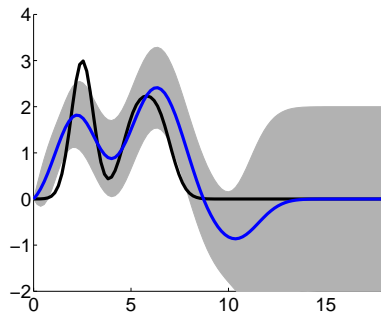
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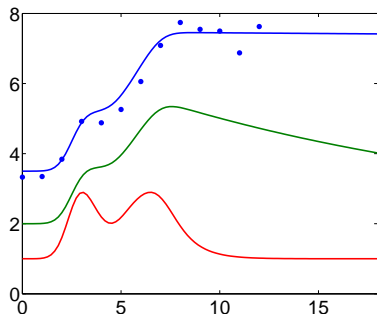
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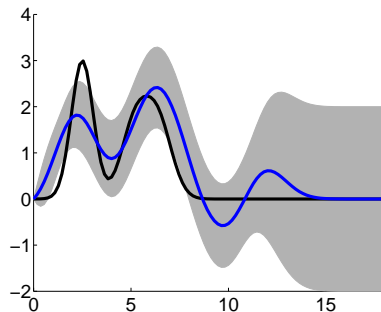
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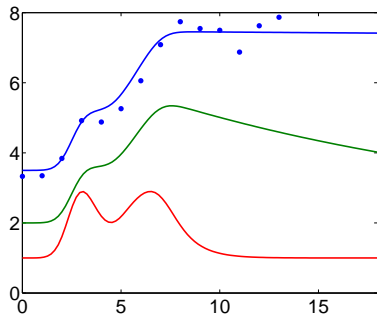
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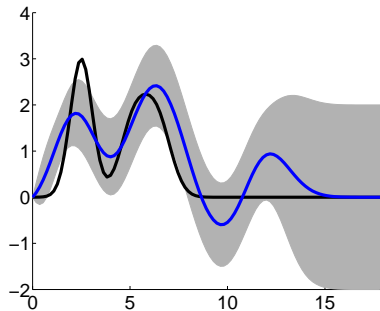
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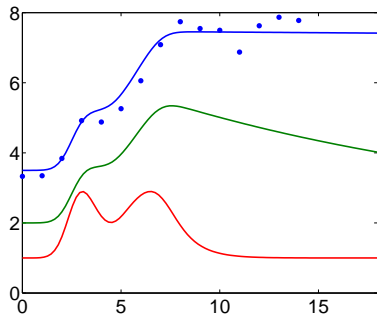
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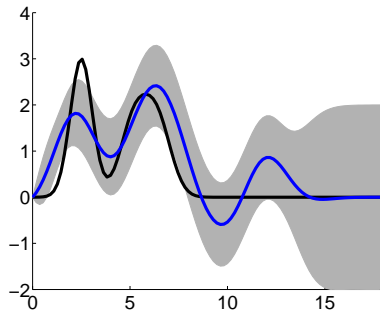
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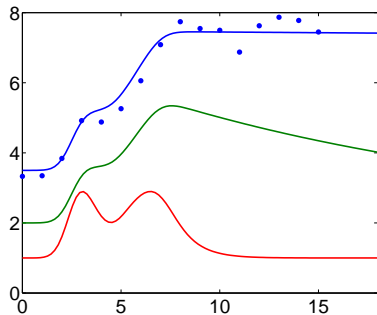


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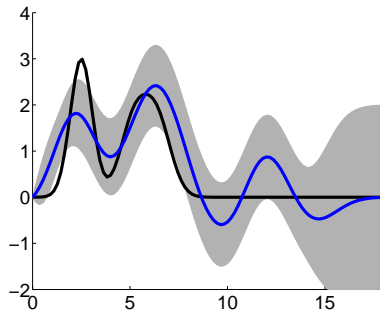


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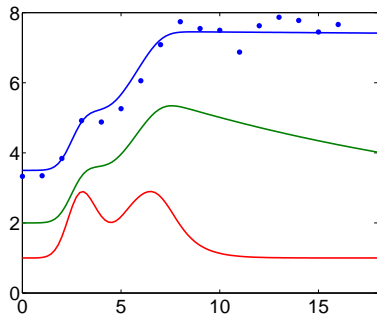
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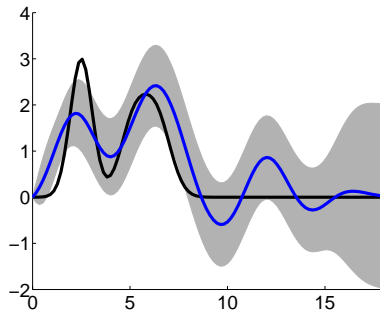
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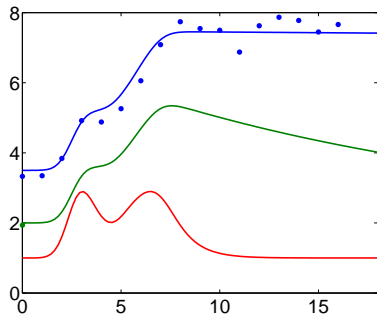
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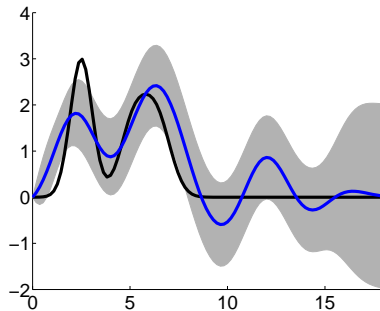
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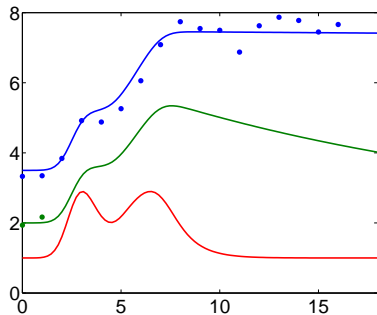
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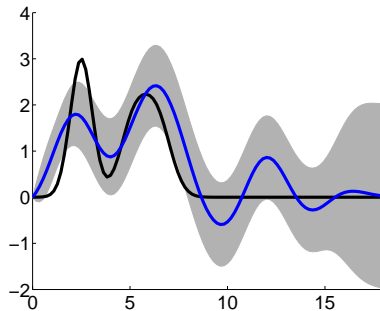
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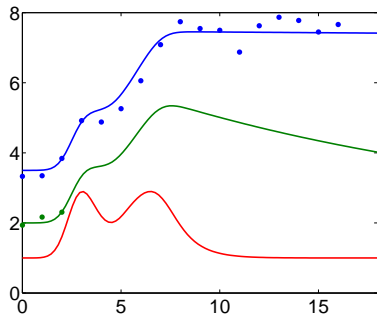
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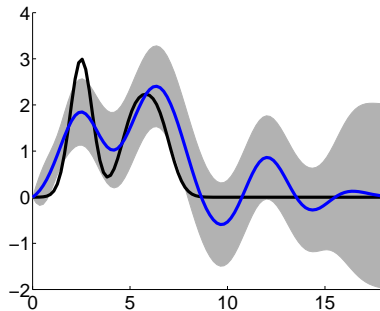
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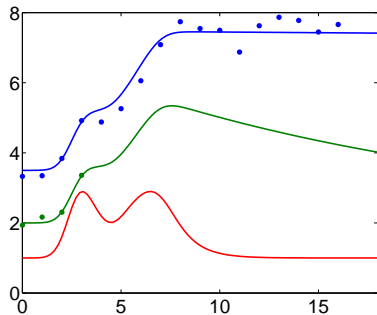
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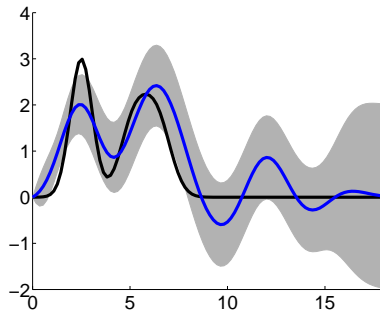
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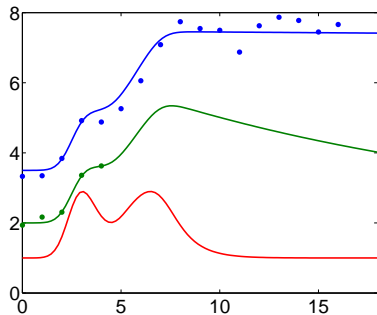
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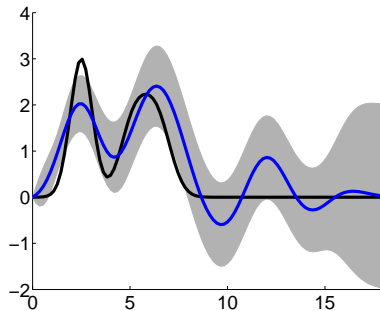
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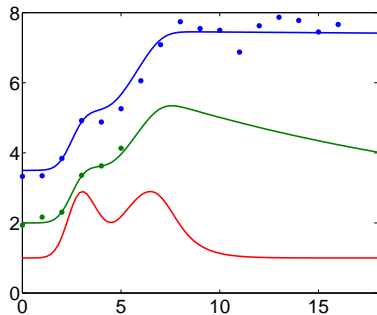
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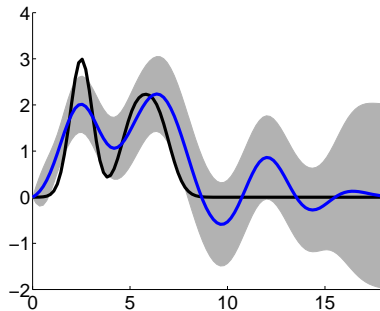
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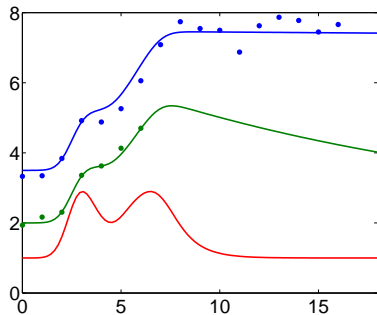


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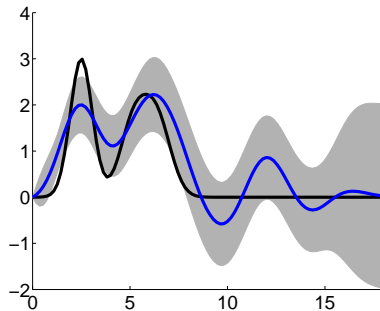


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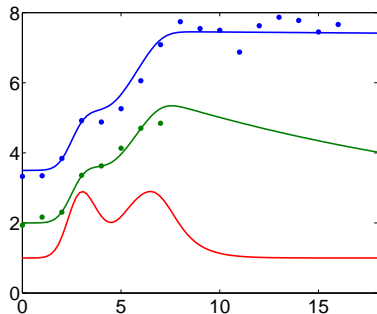
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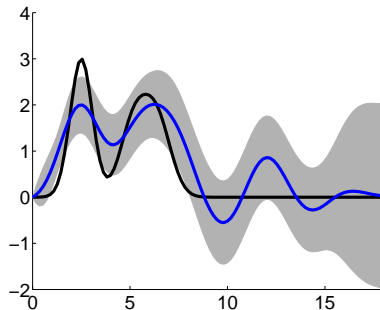
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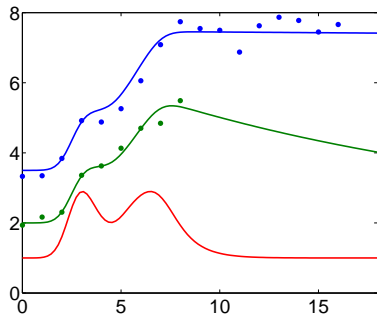
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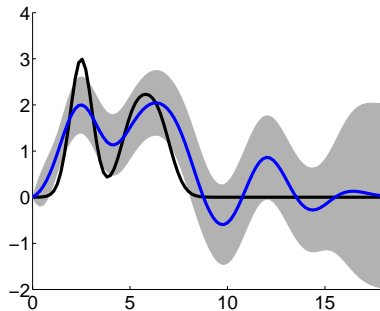
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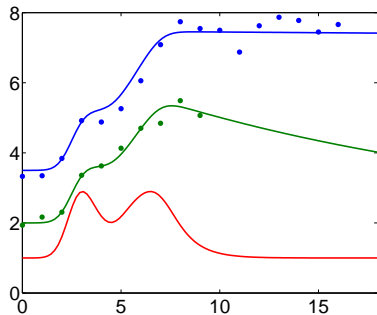
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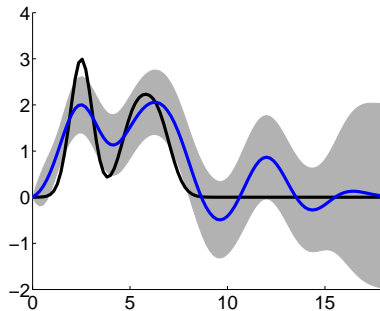
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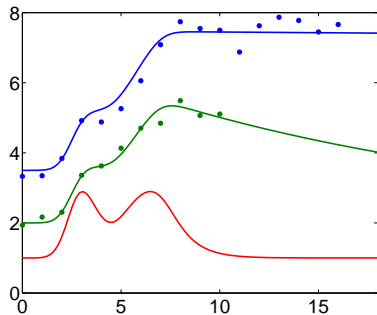
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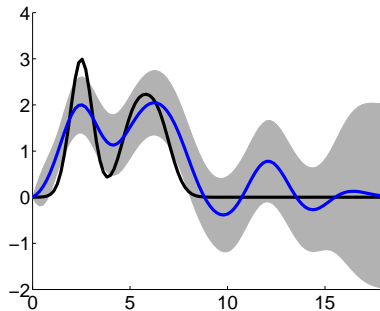
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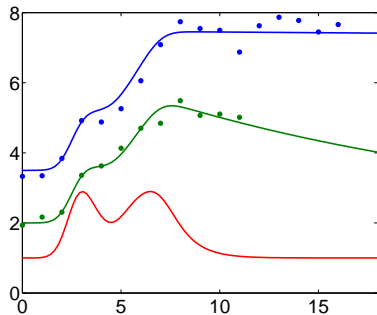
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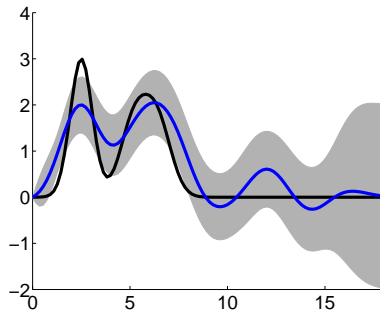
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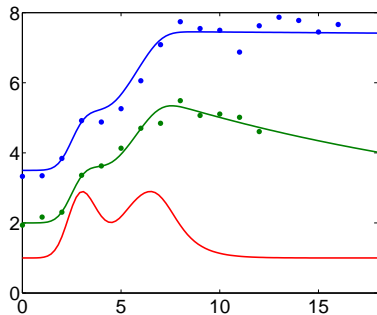
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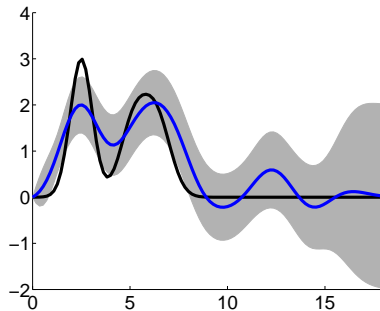
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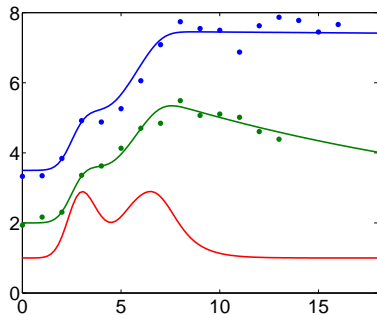
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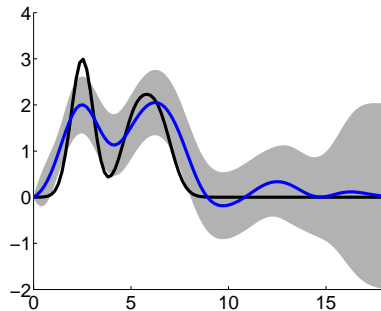
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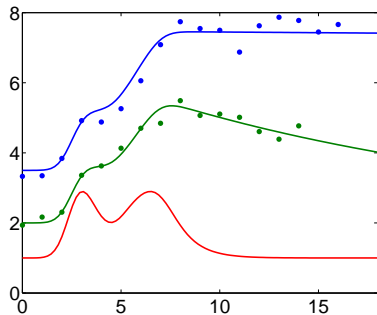


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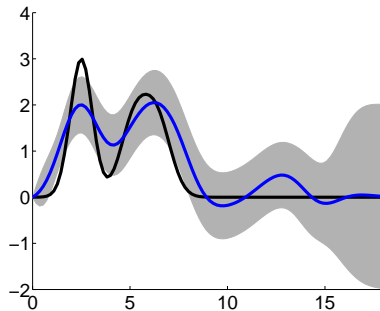


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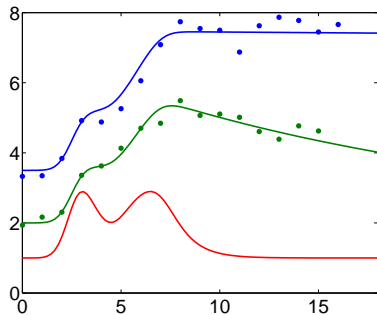
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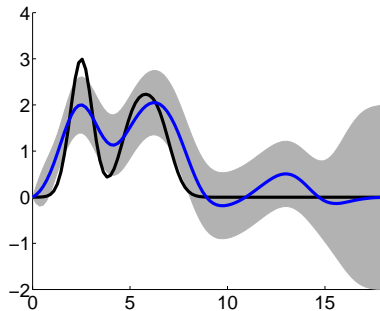
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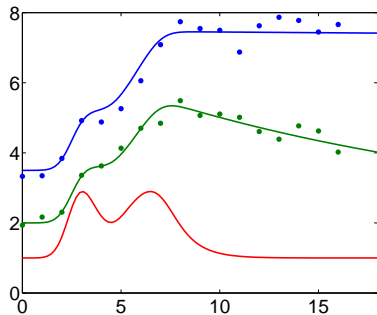
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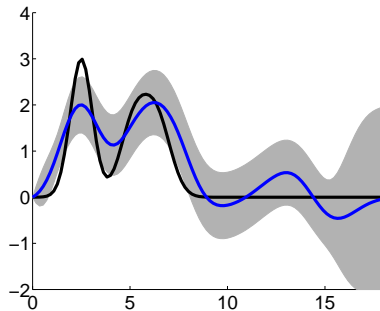
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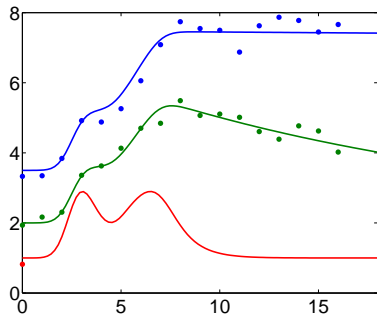
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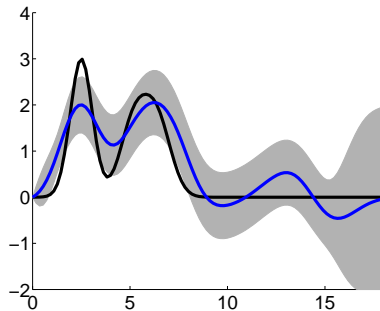
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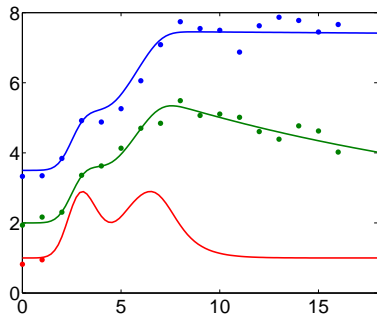
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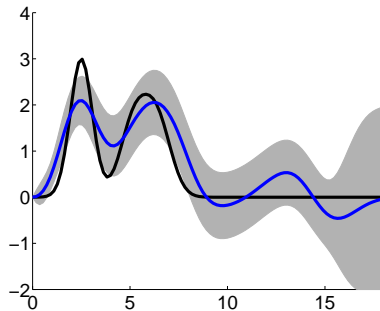
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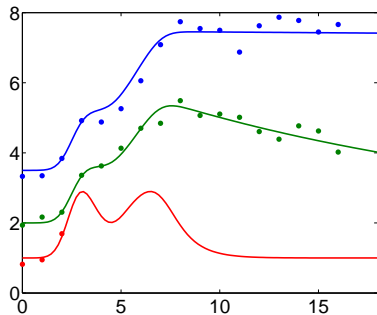
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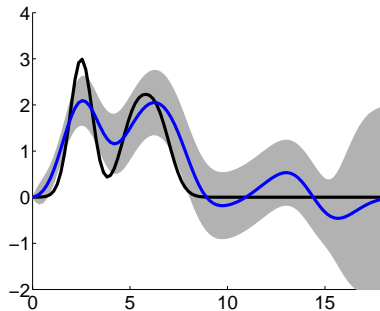
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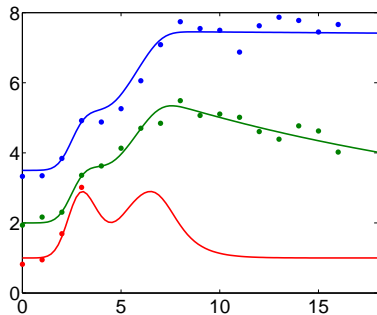
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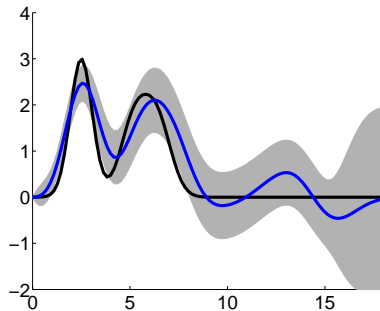
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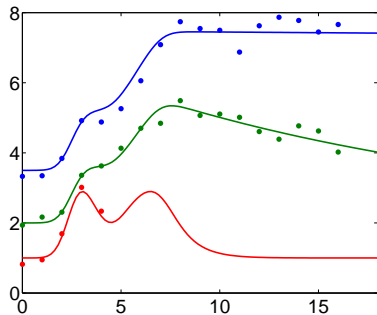
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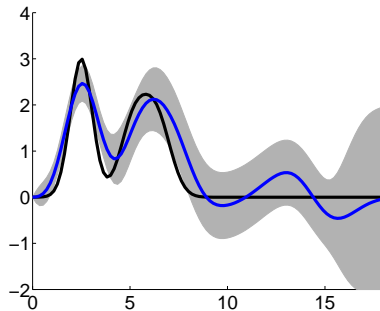
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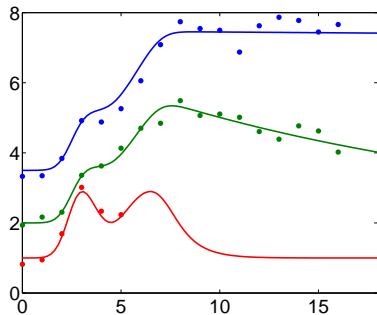


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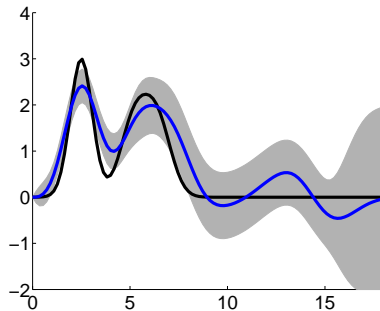


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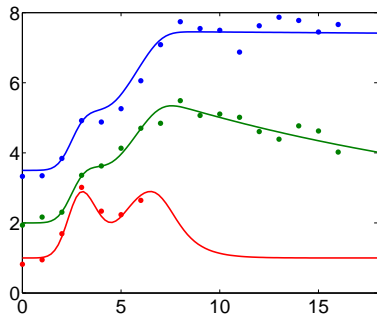
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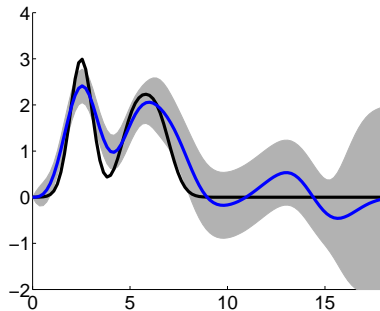
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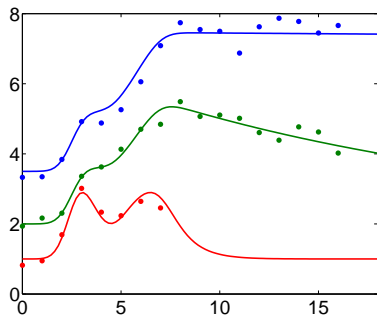
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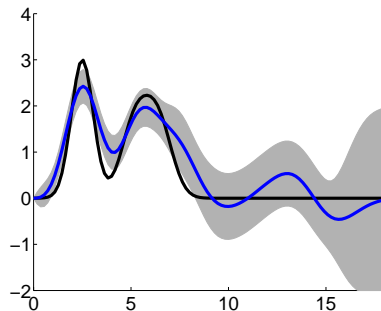
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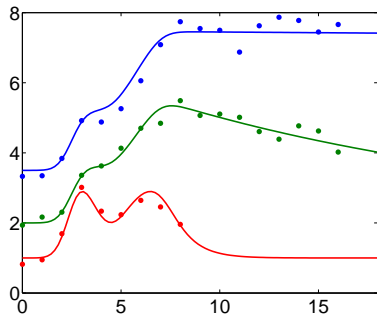
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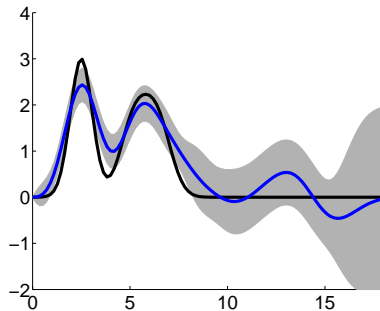
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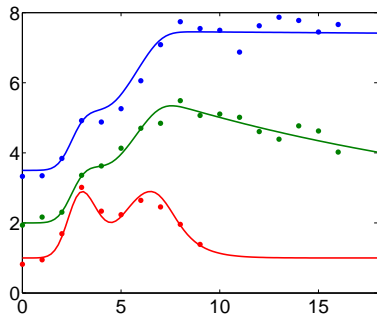
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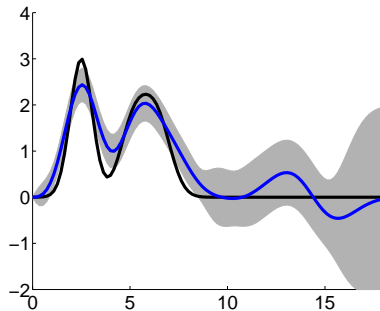
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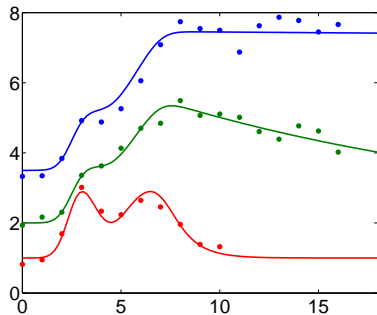
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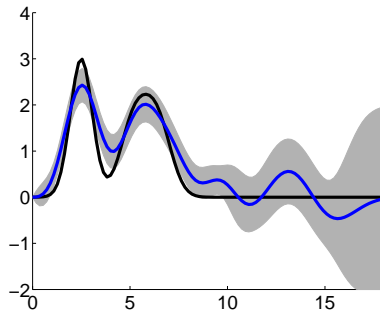
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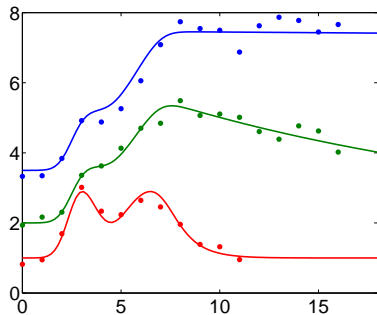
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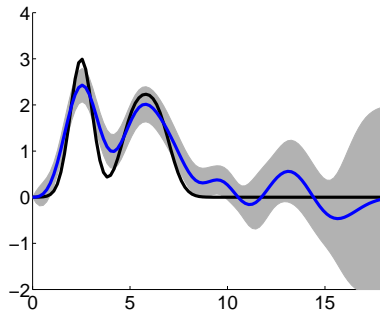
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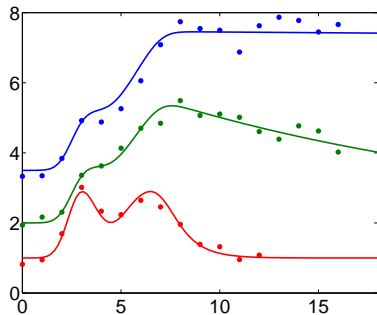
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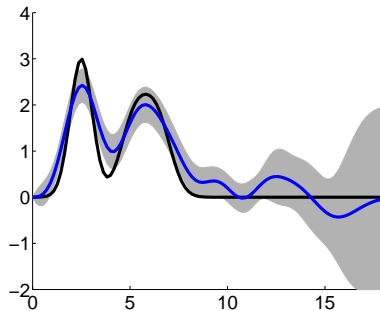
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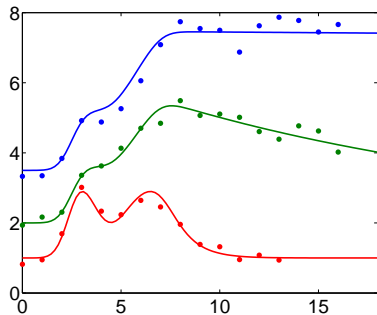


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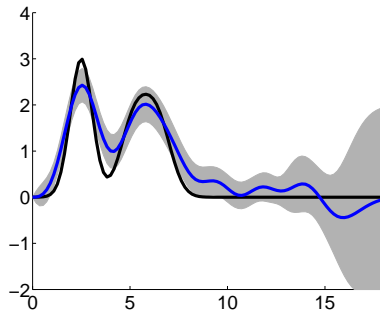


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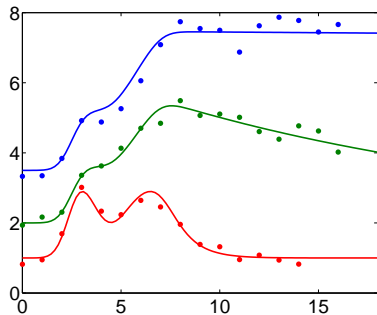
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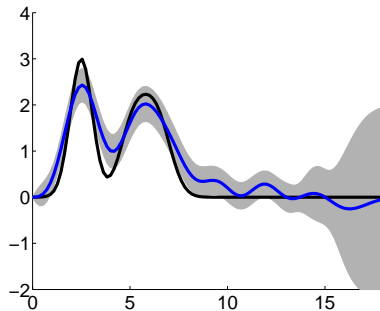
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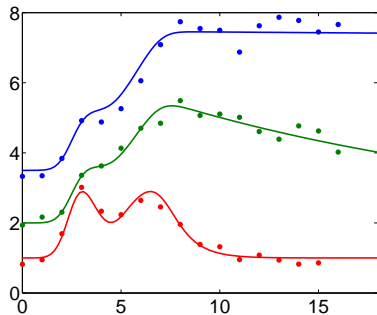
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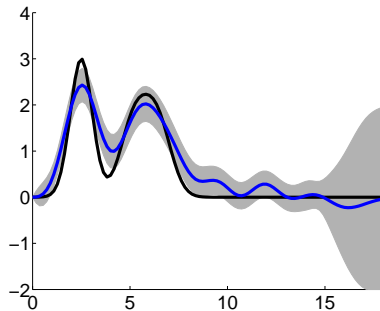
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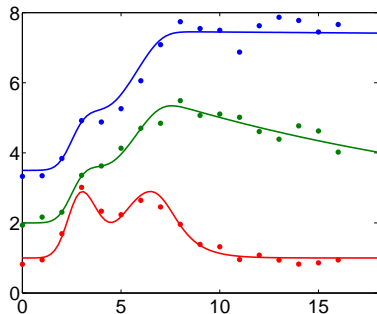
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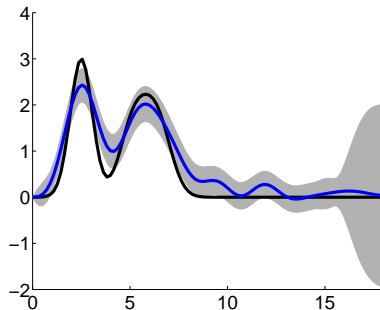
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# Gene Expression Example

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### Gaussian process modelling of latent chemical species: applications to inferring transcription factor activities

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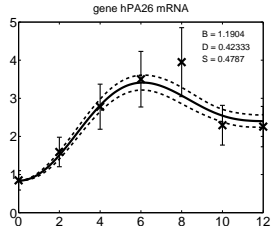
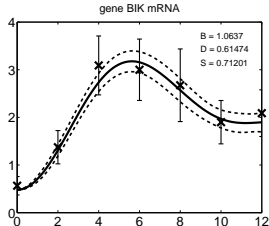
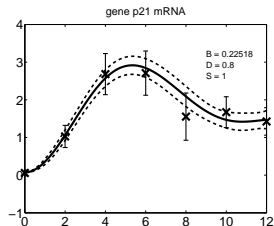
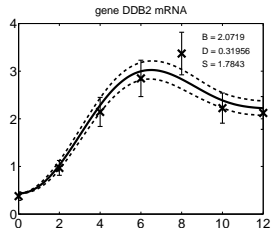
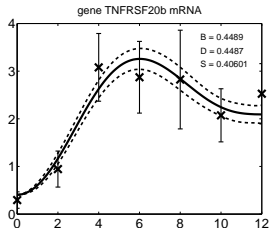
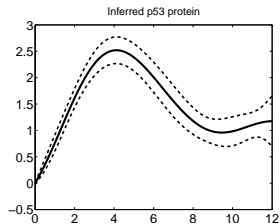
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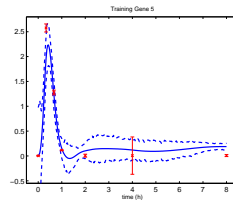
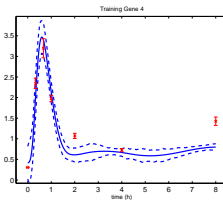
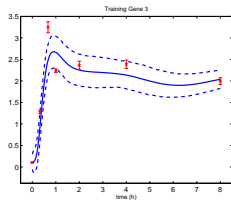
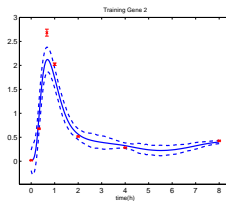
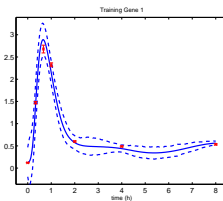
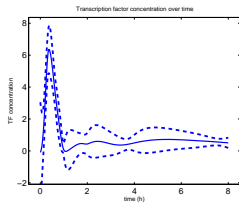
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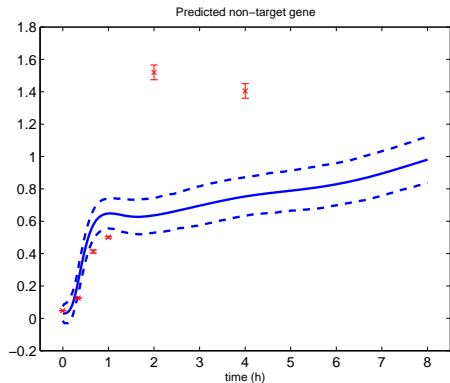
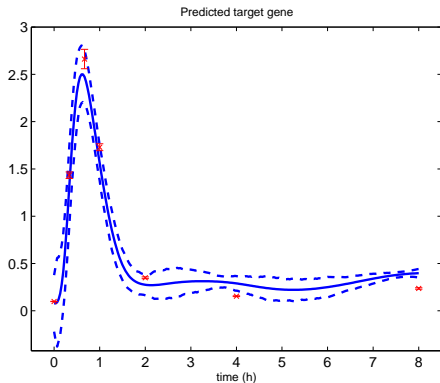
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# Elk-1 target selection

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## Model-based method for transcription factor target identification with limited data

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# Cascaded Differential Equations

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- Transcription factor protein also has governing mRNA.
- This mRNA can be measured.
- In signalling systems this measurement can be misleading because it is activated (phosphorylated) transcription factor that counts.
- In development phosphorylation plays less of a role.

# Drosophila *Mesoderm* Development

## **Collaboration with Furlong Lab in EMBL Heidelberg.**

- Mesoderm development in *Drosophila melanogaster* (fruit fly).
- Mesoderm forms in triploblastic animals (along with ectoderm and endoderm). Mesoderm develops into muscles, and circulatory system.
- The transcription factor Twist initiates *Drosophila* mesoderm development, resulting in the formation of heart, somatic muscle, and other cell types.
- Wildtype microarray experiments publicly available.
- Can we use the cascade model to predict viable targets of Twist?

# Cascaded Differential Equations

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We take the production rate of active transcription factor to be given by

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dp(t)}{dt} &= \sigma f(t) - \delta p(t) \\ \frac{dm_j(t)}{dt} &= b_j + s_j p(t) - d_j m_j(t)\end{aligned}$$

The solution for  $p(t)$ , setting transient terms to zero, is

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# Covariance for Translation/Transcription Model

## RBF covariance function for $f(t)$

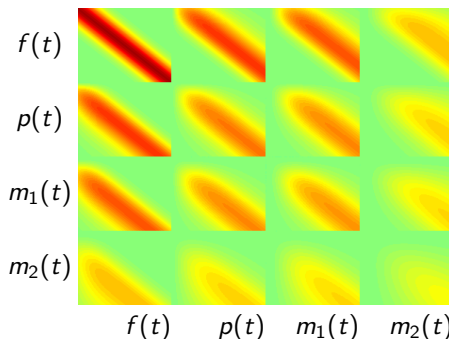
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- Here:

| $\delta$ | $d_1$ | $s_1$ | $d_2$ | $s_2$ |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
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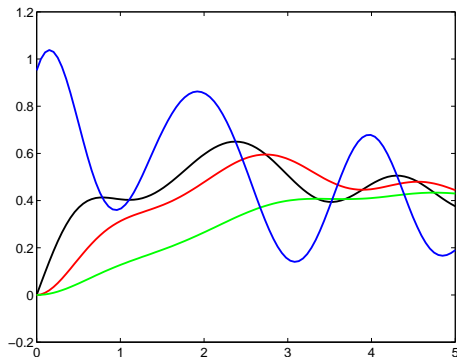


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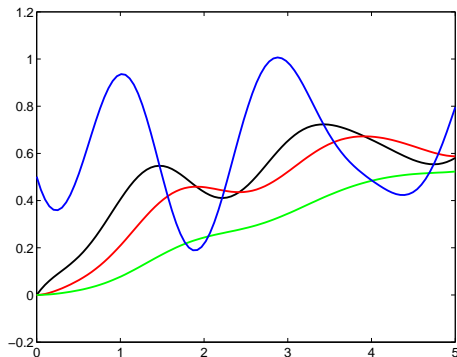


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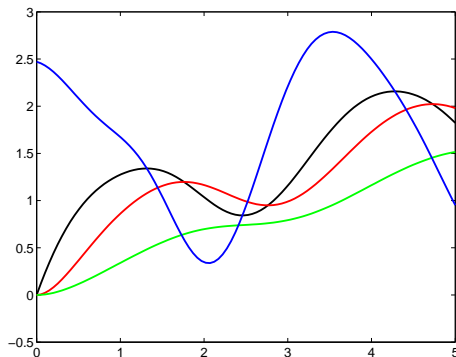


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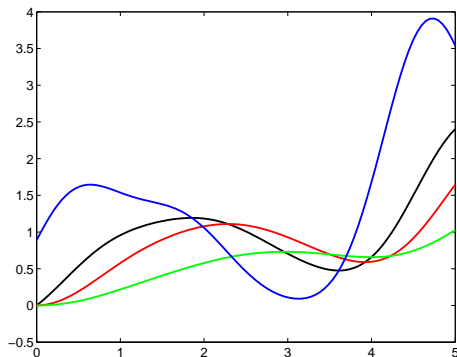


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# Twist Results

- Use mRNA of Twist as driving input.
- For each gene build a cascade model that forces Twist to be the only TF.
- Compare fit of this model to a baseline (e.g. similar model but sensitivity zero).
- Rank according to the likelihood above the baseline.
- Compare with correlation, knockouts and time series network identification (TSNI) (?).

# Results for Twi using the Cascade model

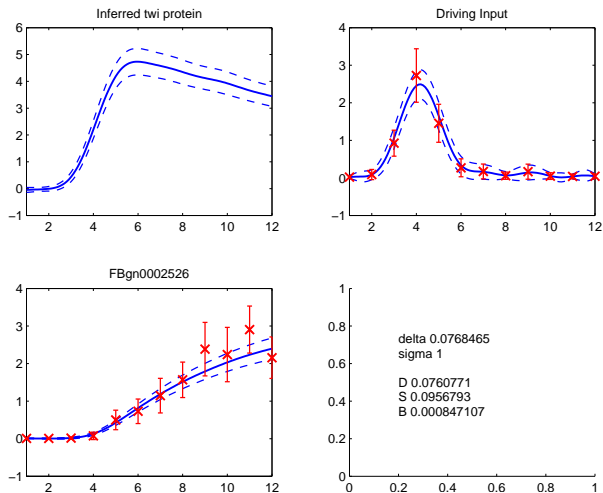


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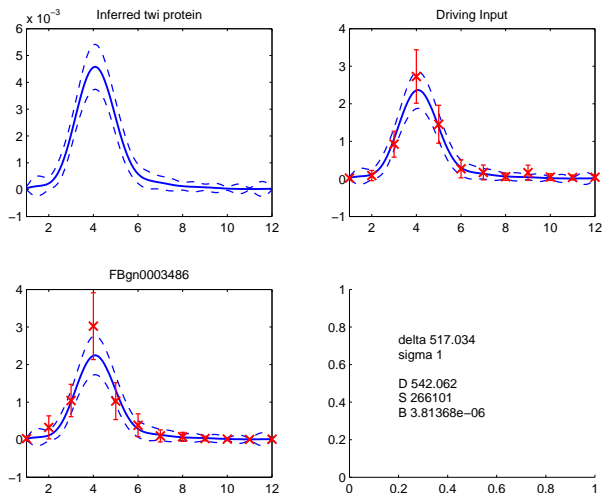


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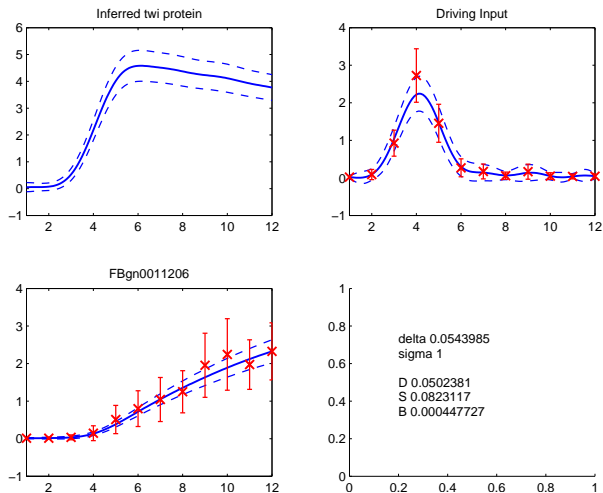


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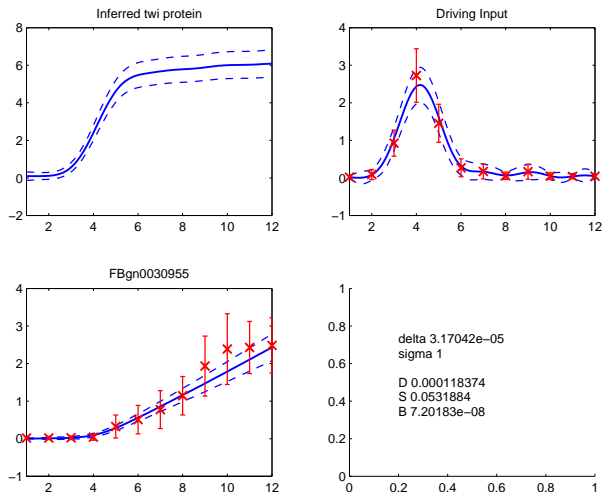


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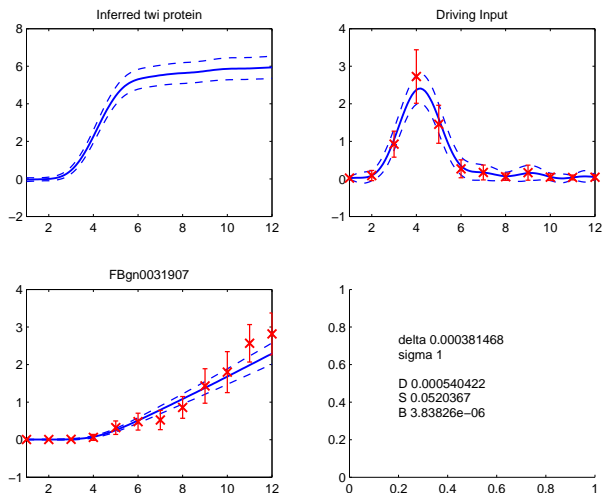


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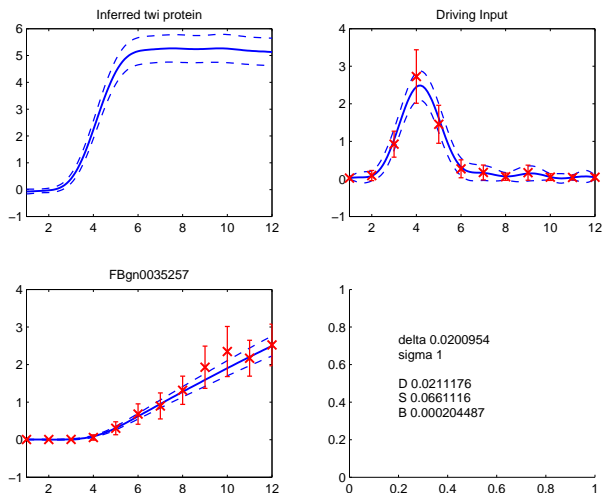


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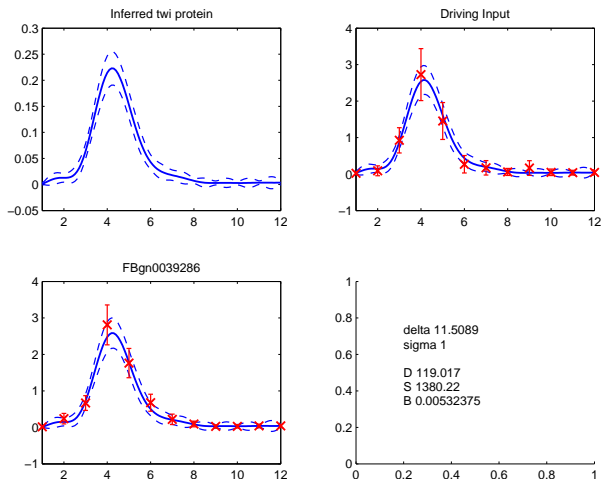
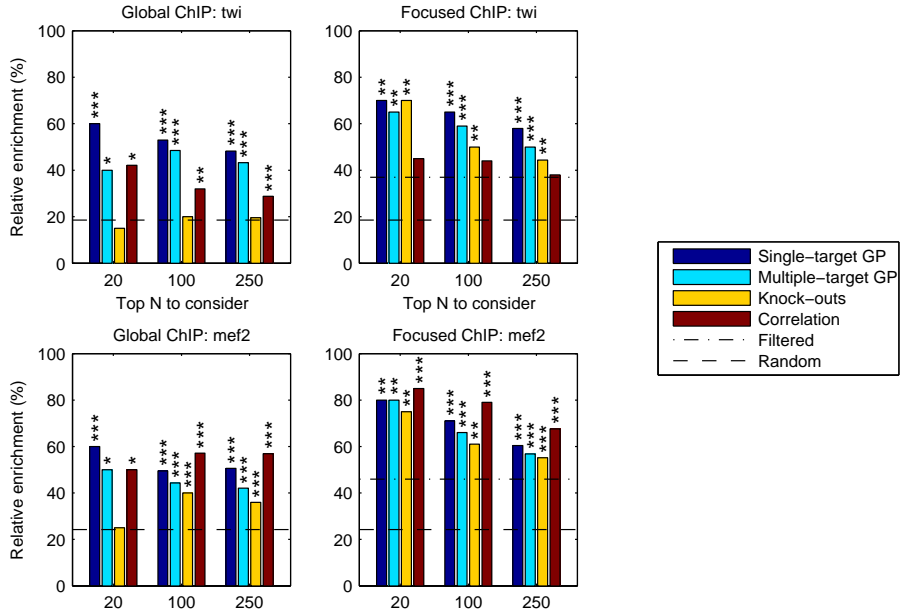


Figure: Model for flybase gene identity FBgn0039286.

# Evaluation methods

- Evaluate the ranking methods by taking a number of top-ranked targets and record the number of “positives” (?):
  - ▶ targets with ChIP-chip binding sites within 2 kb of gene
  - ▶ (targets differentially expressed in TF knock-outs)
- Compare against
  - ▶ Ranking by correlation of expression profiles
  - ▶ Ranking by  $q$ -value of differential expression in knock-outs
- Optionally focus on genes with annotated expression in tissues of interest

# Results



# Summary

- Cascade models allow genomewide analysis of potential targets given only expression data.
- Once a set of potential candidate targets have been identified, they can be modelled in a more complex manner.
- We don't have ground truth, but evidence indicates that the approach *can* perform as well as knockouts.

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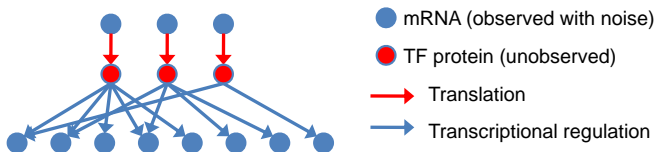
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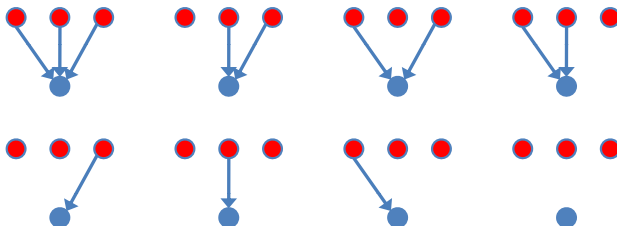
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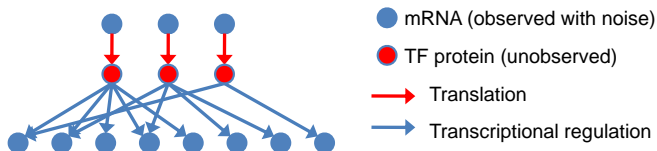


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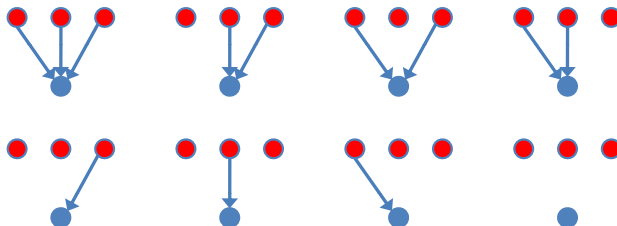
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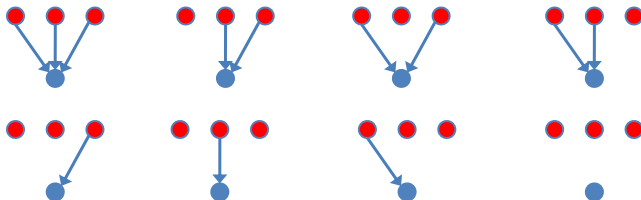
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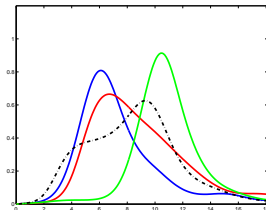
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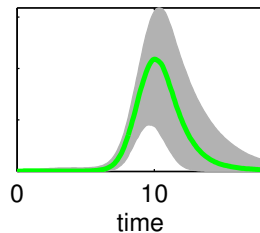
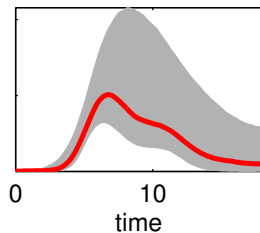
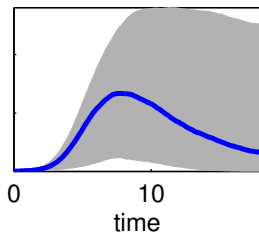
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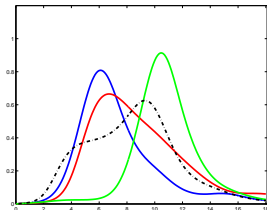


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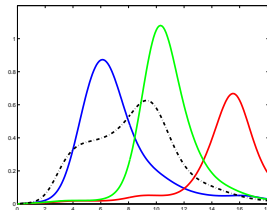


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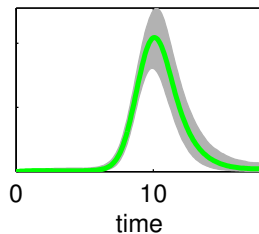
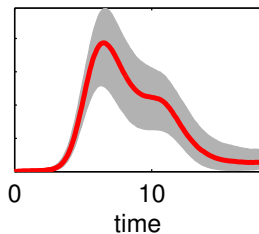
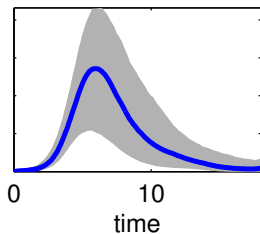
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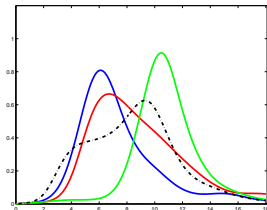
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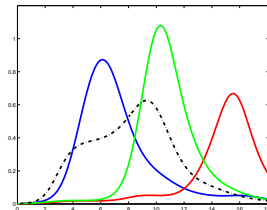


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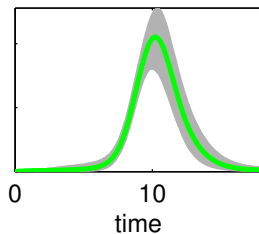
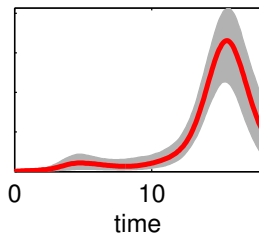
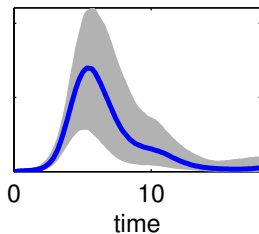
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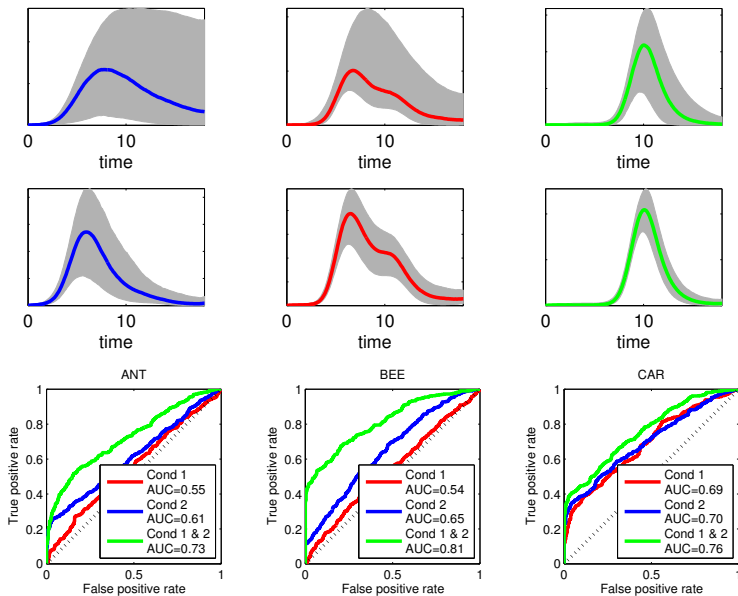
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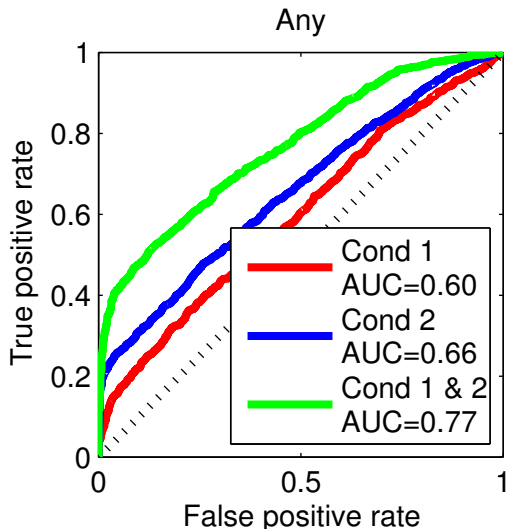
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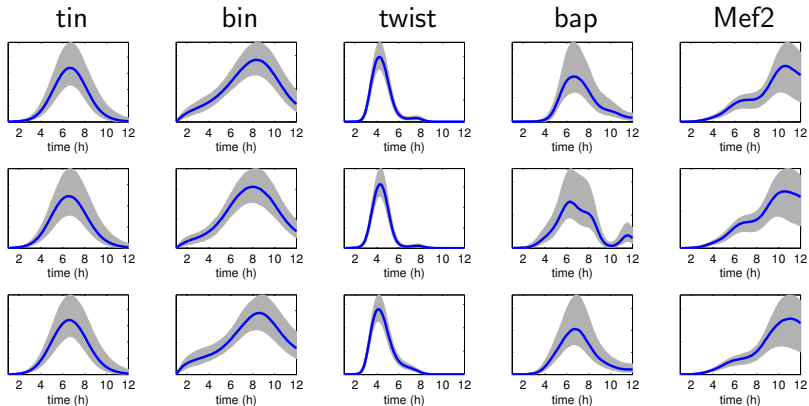


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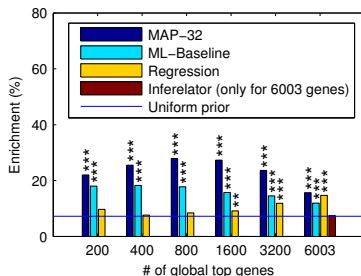
# Drosophila training

- Sub-network of 96 genes targeted by 5 TFs during Drosophila mesoderm development (?).
- Data: wild-type times series, 3 replicates (?).

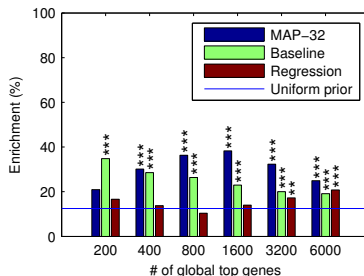


# Drosophila scanning: model ranking

- Rank target gene regulation models by their posterior probability across all  $2^5 = 32$  possible models
- Validate predicted links by enrichment for genes within 2kb of ChIP-chip TF binding predictions from ?.

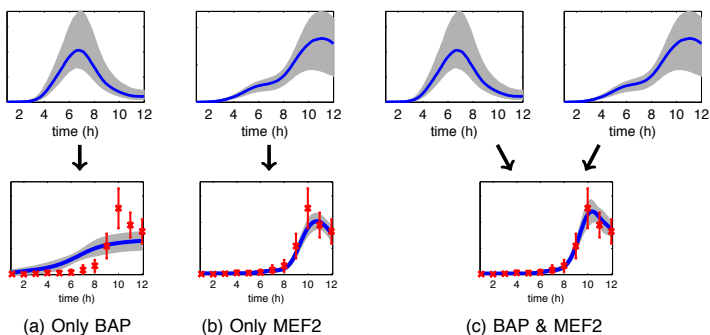


All “non-quiet” genes



All targets with in situ evidence

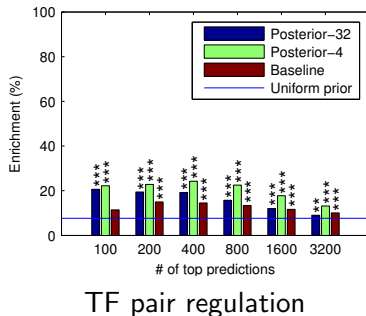
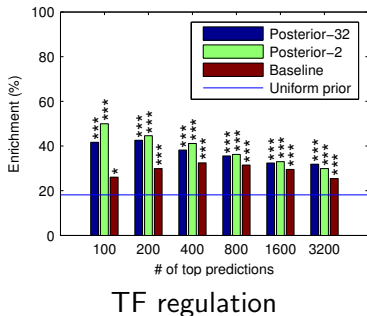
# Coregulated Target Example



A highly ranked putative joint target of BAP and MEF2. The candidate gene is confirmed as a joint target by independent ChIP-chip studies ?.

# Drosophila scanning: link ranking

- TF-target link and link-pair ranking according to posterior probability of particular single TF or double TF regulations
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# Discussion and Future Work

- Integration of probabilistic inference with mechanistic models.
- Software available through bioconductor (TIGRE Package) <http://bioconductor.org/packages/2.6/bioc/html/tigre.html>.
- Applications in modeling gene expression.
- Cascade model introduces model of translation.
- Ongoing/other work:
  - ▶ Non linear response and non linear differential equations.
  - ▶ Improving computational complexity.
  - ▶ Stochastic differential equations.

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