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# Model discrimination techniques with applications to polymerization reactions

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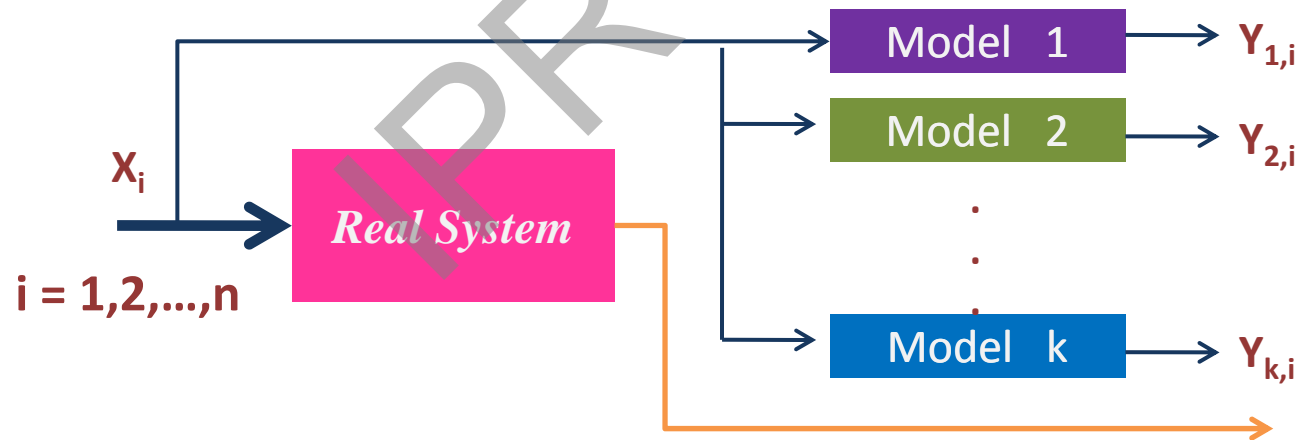


# *Outline*

- What is Model discrimination
- Model discrimination and polymerization
- Previous works in our group
- Our motivation
- Complete Model Discrimination Procedure
- Hsiang-Reilly method
- Sequential Marginal Likelihood
- Case study
- Future work
- Conclusion

# *Model Discrimination*

The problem of choosing the most appropriate model to describe the behavior of a real system in situations where more than one candidate model can be proposed to explain a process.



# *Model Discrimination*

Two class of Models

Empirical models:

Predict the response (response surface problem)

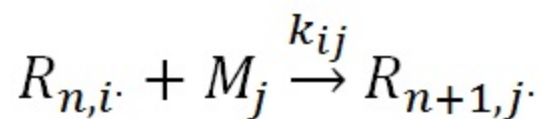
Mechanistic models:

Physical mechanisms can be suggested



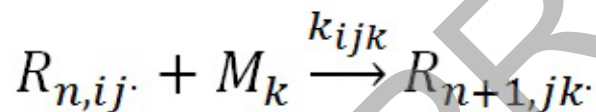
# Copolymerization

## Terminal



$$r_1 = \frac{k_{111}}{k_{112}}; \quad r_2 = \frac{k_{222}}{k_{221}}$$

## Penultimate



$$r_{11} = \frac{k_{1111}}{k_{1112}}; \quad r_{21} = \frac{k_{2111}}{k_{2112}}$$

$$r_{22} = \frac{k_{2222}}{k_{2221}}; \quad r_{12} = \frac{k_{1222}}{k_{1221}}$$

Nested models

$$\hat{r}_{11} = \hat{r}_{21}$$

$$\hat{r}_{22} = \hat{r}_{12}$$

$$\hat{s}_1 = \hat{s}_2 = 1$$

$$s_1 = \frac{k_{2111}}{k_{1111}}; \quad s_2 = \frac{k_{1222}}{k_{2222}}$$

# Application of Model Discrimination in Polymerization

•Burke, A.L., Duever, T.A. & Penlidis, A. 1994, "Model discrimination via designed experiments: discriminating between the terminal and penultimate models on the basis of composition data", *Macromolecules*.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•STY/MMA : Styrene methyl methacrylate</li><li>•STY/AN : Styrene Acrylonitrile</li><li>•STY/BA : Styrene butyl acrylate</li></ul>	<b>Real system:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Terminal</li><li>•Strong Penultimate</li><li>•Small Penultimate</li></ul>
<b>Initial Reactivity Ratio Estimates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Poor</li><li>•Neutral</li><li>•Good</li></ul>	<b>Error Level:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Low</li><li>•Medium</li><li>•High</li></ul>

# *Application of Model Discrimination in polymerization*

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## *Motivation*

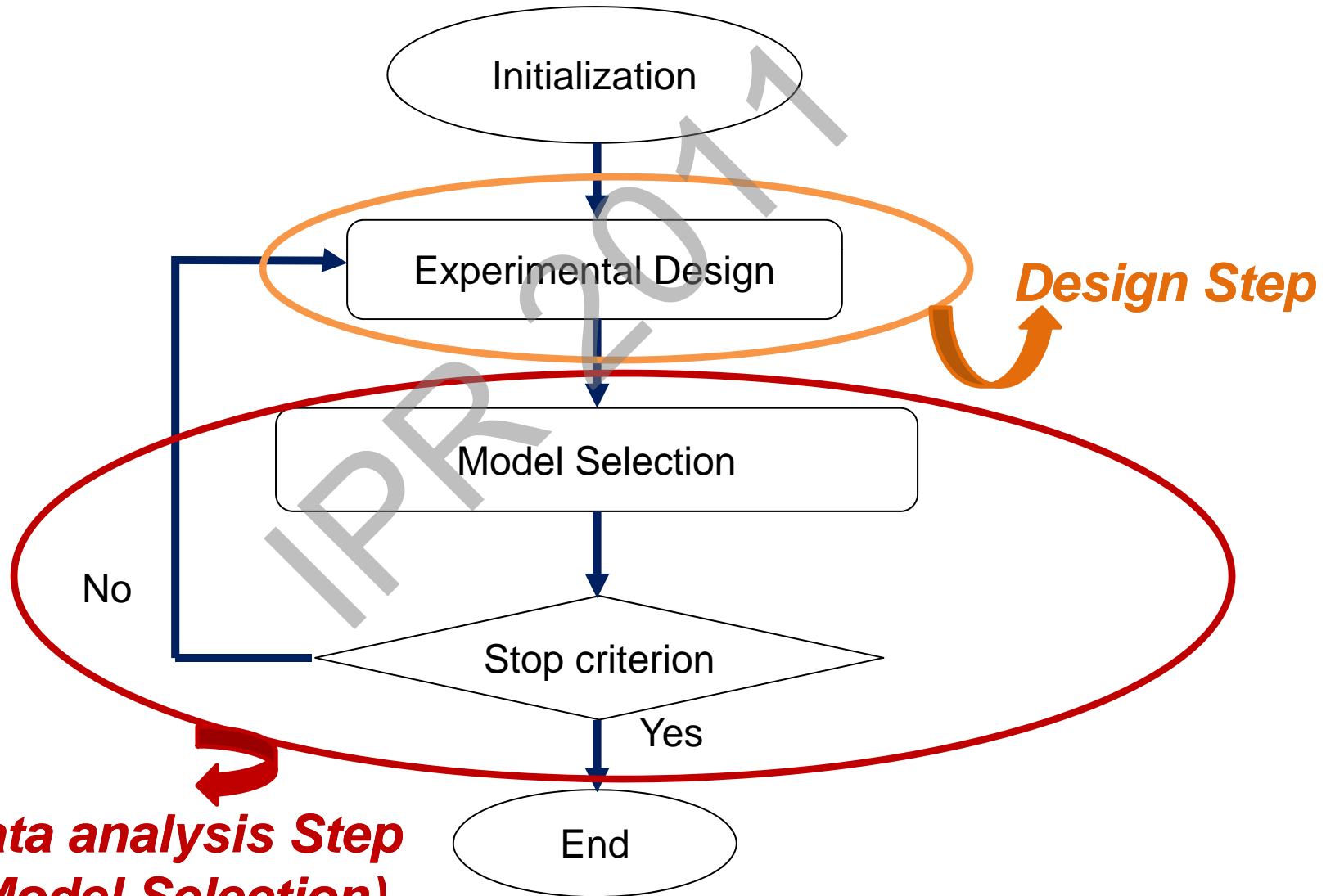
- Hsiang and Reilly method works poorly
- New Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) Methods are available



# *Objective*

- Establishing a procedure for model discrimination between nonlinear models using an MCMC based approach
  - sequential marginal likelihood
  - modified Hsiang and Reilly approach in which MCMC methods will be used
- Applying this method to polymerization case studies

# *Model Discrimination*



# Hsiang - Reilly

Hsiang and Reilly (1971)

Set Prior for models

Set Prior for parameters

Design and Perform experiment

Update Parameter Probabilities

Rescale parameter tables and update probabilities

Calculate model probabilities and check adequacy

Models probability :

$$P_1 = 0.5$$

$$P_2 = 0.5$$

*Model 1 : Parameter 1 :*

		1.5	1.85	2.15	2.5
Parameter 2 :	100	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.02
	110	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.01
	120	0.01	0.12	0.20	0.03
	130	0.02	0.14	0.032	0.01
	140	0.015	0.08	0.01	0.003

*Model 2 : Parameter 1 :*

		10	20
Parameter 2 :	1e5	0.1	0.11
	2e5	0.08	0.08
	3e5	0.12	0.13
	4e5	0.1	0.08
	5e5	0.02	0.08
	6e5	0.01	0.09

# Hsiang - Reilly

Experimental Design:

$$C(x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=i+1}^K |\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_j| [pr(M_j|y) + pr(M_i|y)]$$

$$\hat{y}_i = \sum_{\tilde{\theta}_i} f_i(x_n, \tilde{\theta}_i) pr(\tilde{\theta}_i | M_i, y)$$

# Sequential Marginal Likelihood

The posterior probability of a hypothesis is proportional to the product of the likelihood and the prior probability.

$$P(M_i|\mathbf{y}) = L(M_i|\mathbf{y}) \times \pi(M_i)$$

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Posterior
Likelihood
Prior

Following Bayes theorem, the marginal likelihood:

$$L(M_i|\mathbf{y}) = \int l_i(\theta|\mathbf{y}, M_i) \pi_i(\theta, M_i) d\theta$$

# Design Step

## Methods Based on Maximum Divergence:

Conditions where the difference between the predicted values of the rival models is maximized

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^K (\hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_j)^2$$

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^{K-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^K \frac{(\hat{y}_i(x) - \hat{y}_j(x))^2}{\text{var}(\hat{y}_i(x) - \hat{y}_j(x))}$$

Roth (1965) weighted average of the total separation between the models where weights are the Bayesian posterior probabilities

$$Z(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^K \left[ p(i, n-1) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^K |\hat{y}_{(j)}(\xi) - \hat{y}_{(i)}(\xi)| \right]$$

# *Sequential Marginal Likelihood*

## *SML*

- *Using Roth method to pick the next experiment*
- *Calculating the posterior probability of the models*

# *Case study*

## *(Order of a chemical reaction)*

• **Box and Hill (1967)**



$$f_1(t, T, A_1, E_1) = \exp[-A_1 t \exp(-E_1/T)]$$

$$f_2(t, T, A_1, E_1) = [1 + A_2 t \exp(-E_1/T)]^{-1}$$

$$f_3(t, T, A_1, E_1) = [1 + 2A_3 t \exp(-E_1/T)]^{-1/2}$$

$$f_4(t, T, A_1, E_1) = [1 + 3A_4 t \exp(-E_1/T)]^{-1/3}$$



# *Case study (Order of a chemical reaction)*

$$M_j: \ln v_i = \ln f_i(t_i, T_i, A_j, E_j) + \epsilon_i \quad \begin{array}{l} i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N \\ j = 1, 2, 3, 4 \end{array}$$

$\epsilon_i$  is the measurement error which is assumed normally distributed with mean zero and known standard deviation  $\ln(1.25)$ . So, errors on  $\ln(v_i)$  are normally distributed.

# *Case study (Order of a chemical reaction)*

Time:  $0 < t_i \leq 150$  minutes

Temperature:  $450 \leq T_i \leq 600$  Kelvin

Experimental results are simulated by assuming that the reaction is of second order, where

$$A_2 = 5000000, E_2 = 10000$$

$$0 < E_j < 25000, 10^5 \leq A_j \leq 49.6 \times 10^6$$

# *HR Method (Case study)*

<i>Experiment</i>				<i>Probability</i>			
<i>Iteration</i>	$t_i$	$T_i$	$v_i$	$\pi_1$	$\pi_2$	$\pi_3$	$\pi_4$
1	149.519	599.954	-3.18818	0.388303	0.0860234	0.270728	0.254945
2	123.252	537.307	-1.67623	3.82878e-009	0.120238	0.794711	0.0850514
3	29.3985	564.197	-1.28813	4.62886e-023	0.267502	0.732215	0.000282809
4	27.6406	560.686	-1.07611	1.19216e-040	0.567527	0.432473	1.16335e-007
5	127.683	561.647	-2.6718	7.97811e-074	0.777846	0.222154	1.60512e-008
6	120.359	571.032	-2.5703	8.12498e-117	0.999065	0.000934847	7.06358e-009

# *SML Method (Case study)*

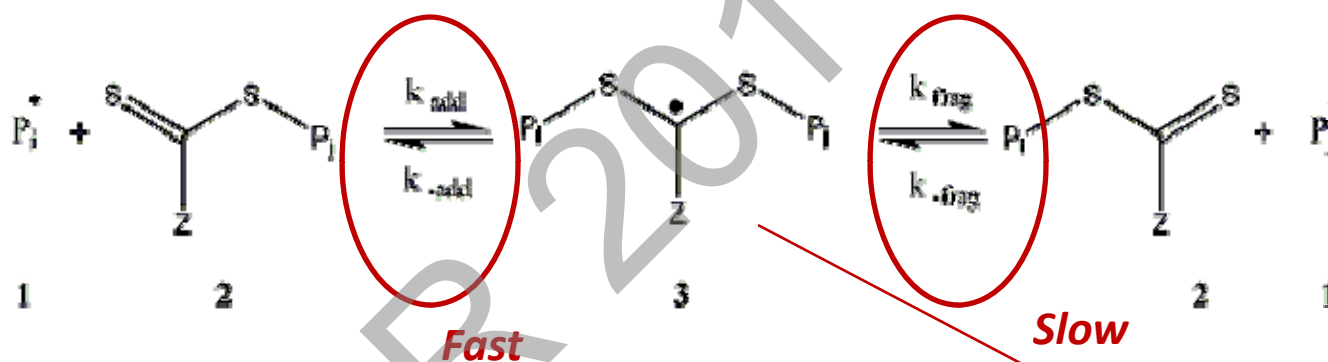
<i>Experiment</i>				<i>Probability</i>			
<i>Iteration</i>	$t_i$	$T_i$	$v_i$	$\pi_1$	$\pi_2$	$\pi_3$	$\pi_4$
1	123.202	561.702	-2.45356	1.15159e-022	0.386645	0.613355	1.97201e-022
2	106.392	499.147	-0.772253	2.98121e-024	0.608582	0.391418	7.28182e-024
3	123.138	578.132	-3.177	3.13135e-028	0.991917	0.00808252	8.82541e-029

# *Future Works*

- Modifying and finalizing of the SML procedure
- Applying the SML method in more case studies

# RAFT

The RAFT process was introduced in 1998 as a controlled/living radical polymerization method (CLRP).



✓ The irreversible termination method

✓ The slow fragmentation mechanism

Termination with other radical species, cross termination, or even self-termination

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