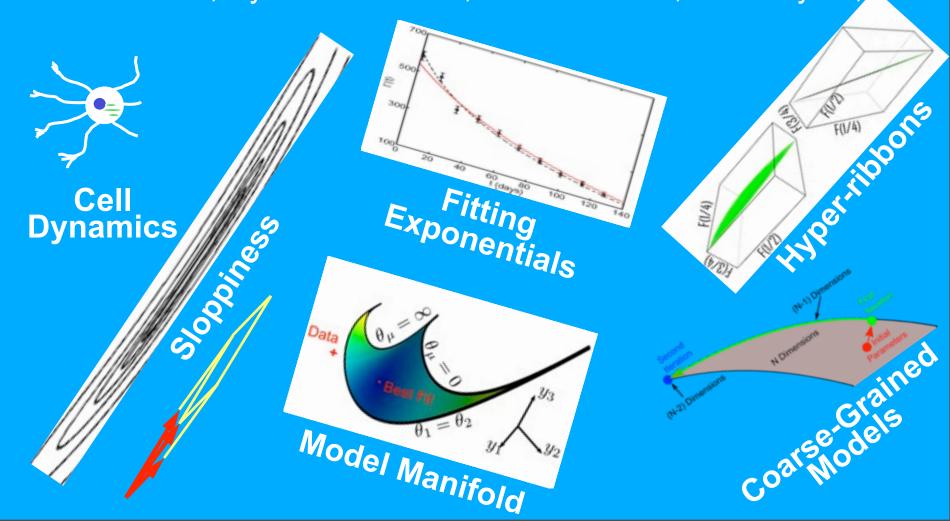
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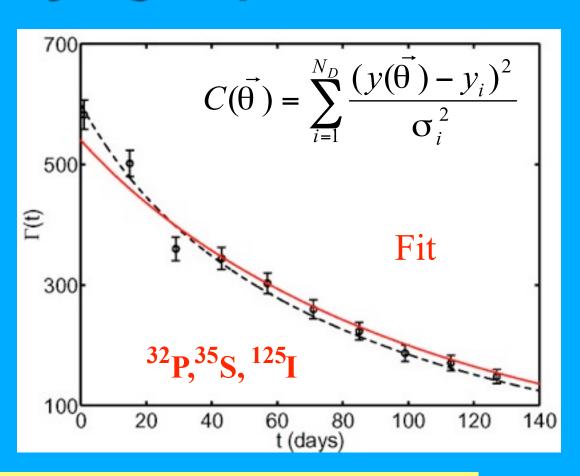
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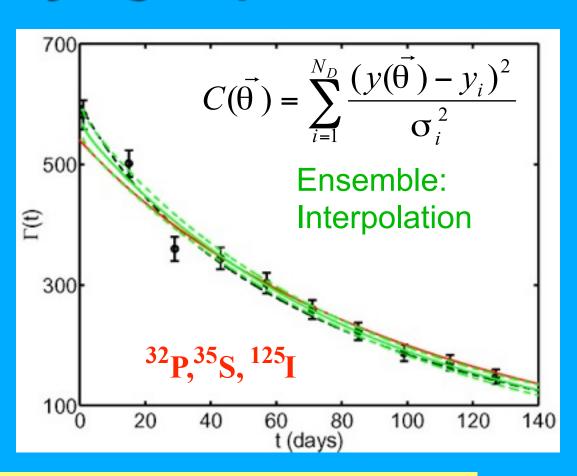


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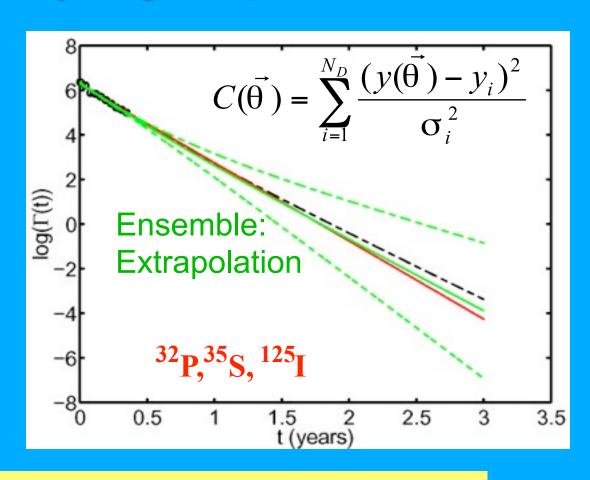


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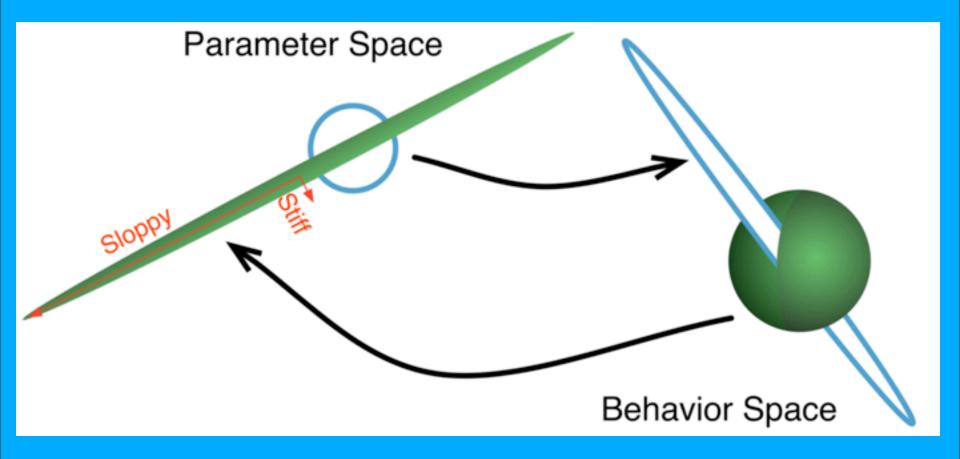
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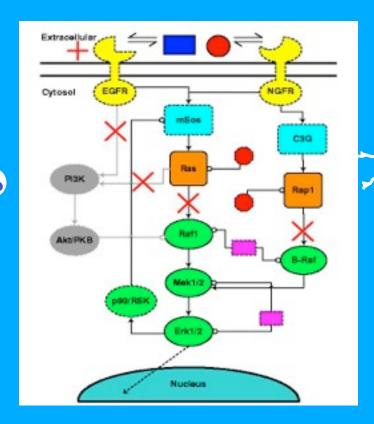
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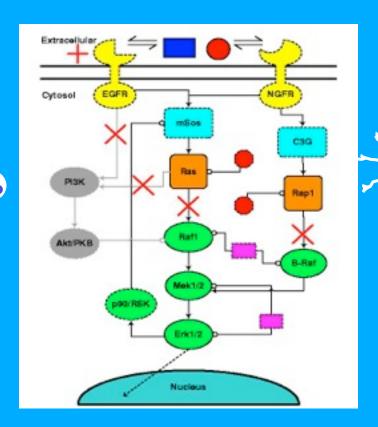


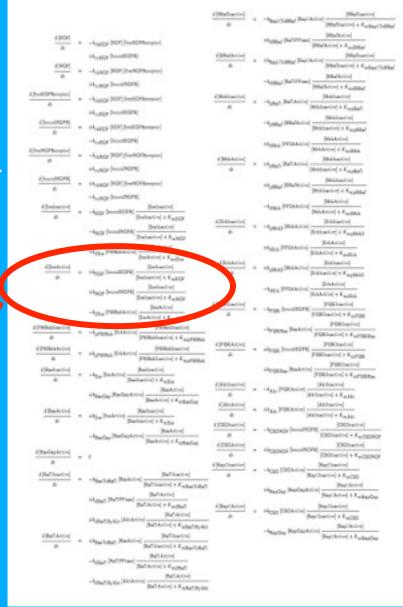
Scientific model: Predictions about behavior depend on physical constants (parameters) in the model.

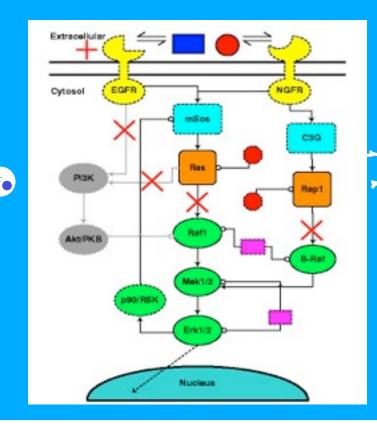
Sloppiness: the behavior only depends on a few stiff parameter combinations.







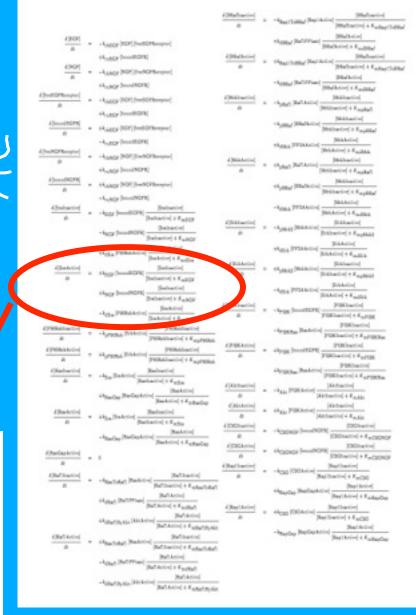


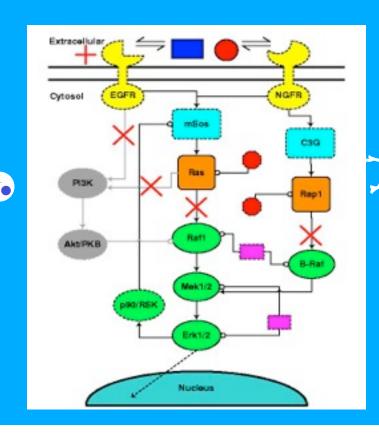


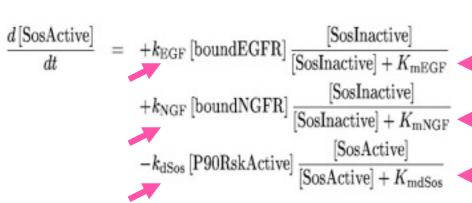
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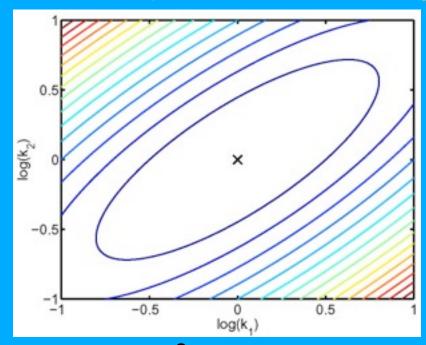




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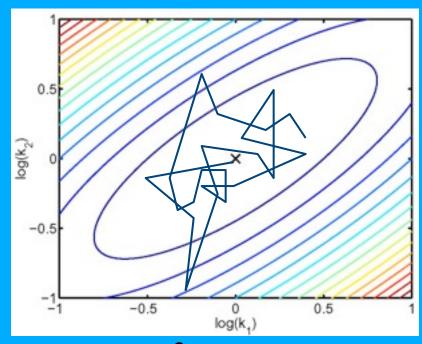
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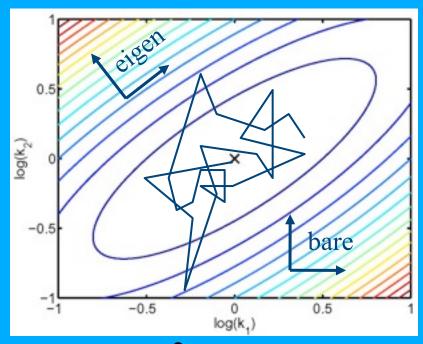
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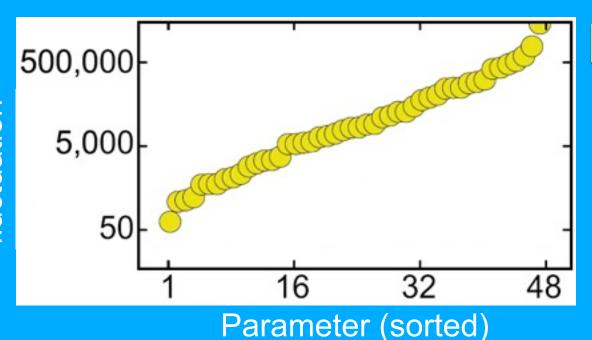
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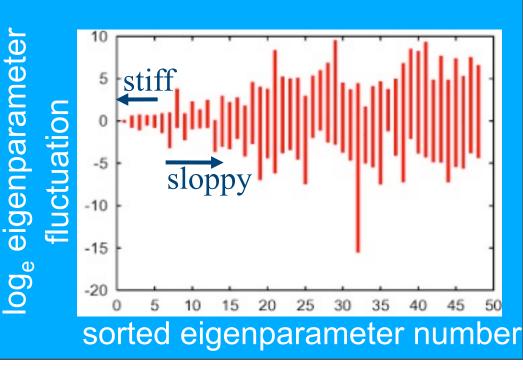
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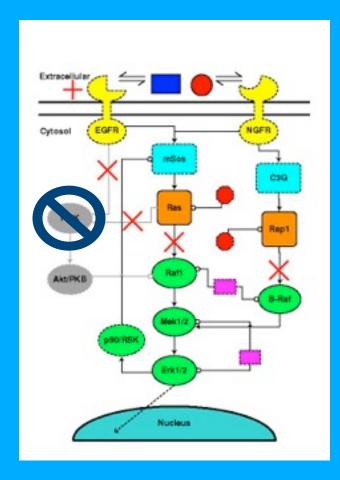
Parameters Fluctuate over Enormous Range

- All parameters vary by minimum factor of 50, some by a million
- Not robust: four or five "stiff" linear combinations of parameters; 44 sloppy

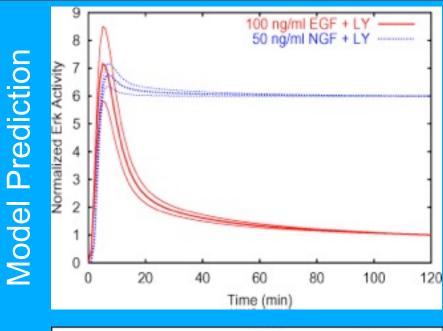
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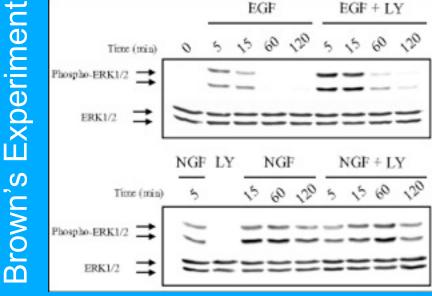


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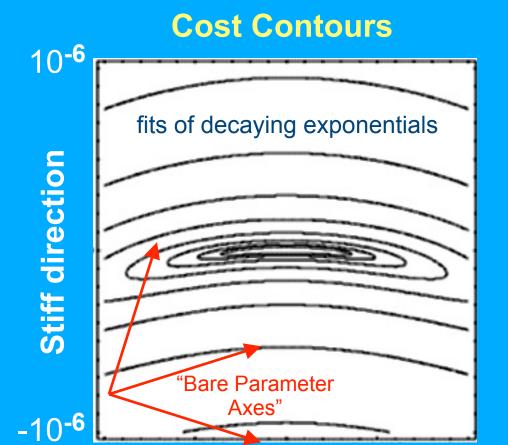
Model predicts that the left branch isn't important





Parameters fluctuate orders of magnitude, but still predictive!

Parameter Indeterminacy and Sloppiness



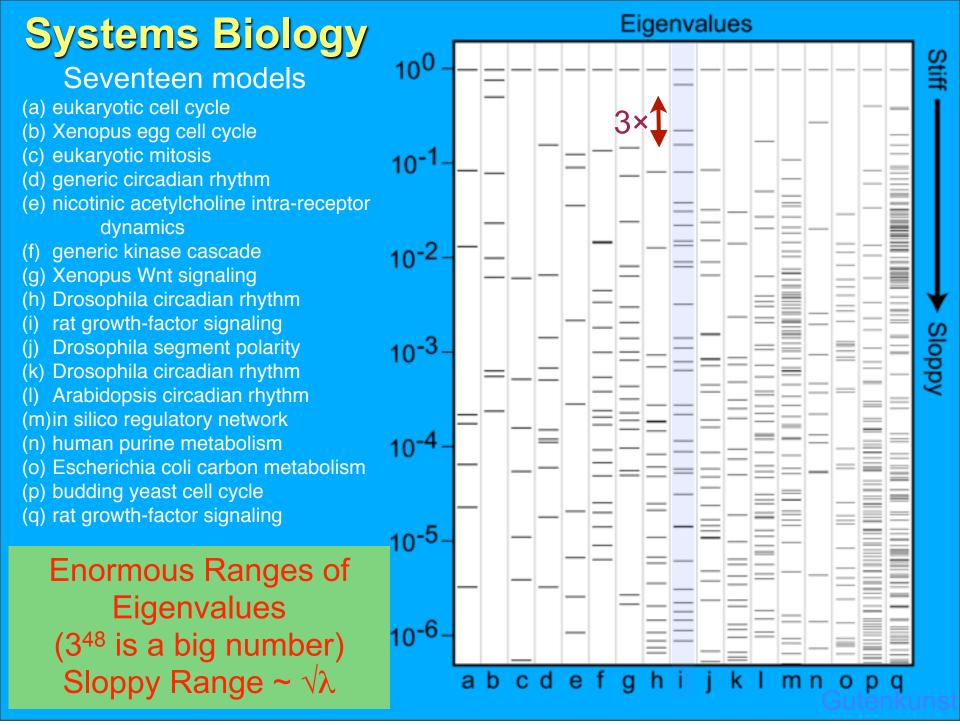
Note: Horizontal scale shrunk by 1000 times Aspect ratio = Human hair

48 parameter fits are sloppy: Many parameter sets give almost equally good fits

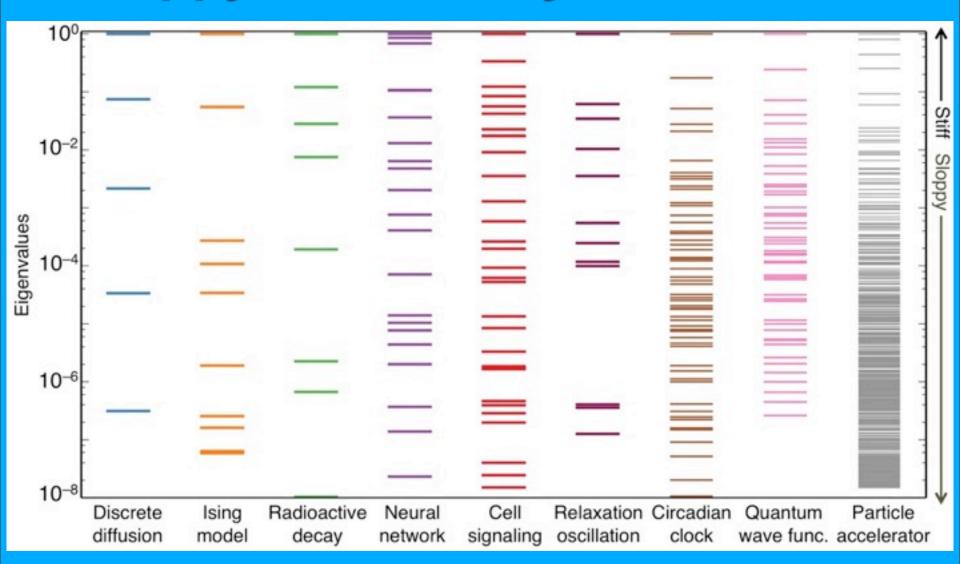
A few 'stiff' constrained directions allow model to remain predictive

-10⁻³ Sloppy direction 10⁻³

~5 stiff, ~43 sloppy directions



Sloppy Universality Outside Bio

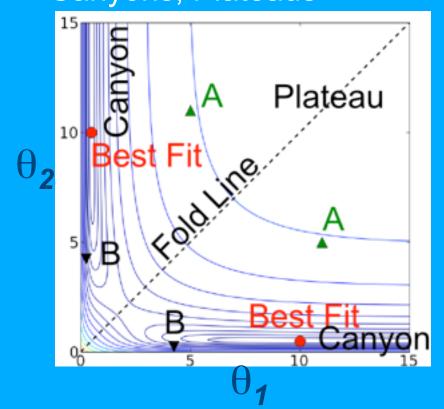


Enormous range of eigenvalues; Roughly equal density in log; Observed in broad range of systems

The Model Manifold

Two exponentials θ_1 , θ_2 fit to three data points y_1 , y_2 , y_3 $y_n = \exp(-\theta_1 t_n) + \exp(-\theta_2 t_n)$

Parameter space
Stiff and sloppy directions
Canyons, Plateaus

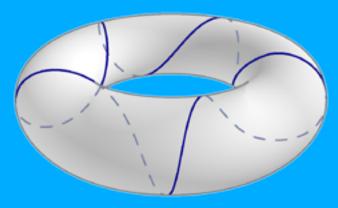




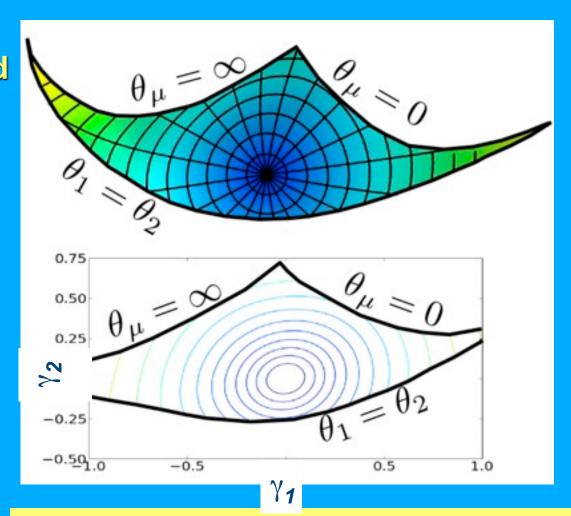
Manifold of model predictions
Parameters as coordinates
Model boundaries $\theta_n = \pm \infty$, θ_m cause Plateaus
Metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ from distance to data

Geodesics

"Straight line" in curved space
Shortest path between points



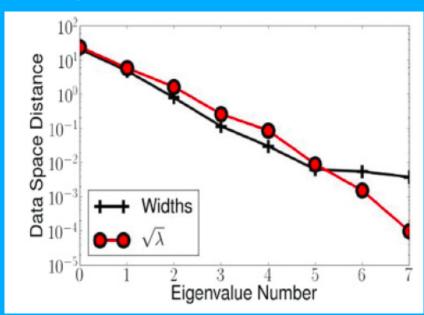
Easy to find cost minimum using polar geodesic coordinates



Cost contours in geodesic coordinates nearly concentric circles!
Use this for algorithms...

The Model Manifold is a Hyper-Ribbon

- •Hyper-ribbon: object that is longer than wide, wider than thick, thicker than ...
- •Thick directions traversed by stiff eigenparameters, thin as sloppy directions varied.



Widths along geodesics track eigenvalues almost perfectly!

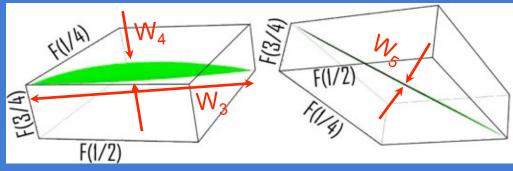
Sum of many exponentials, fit to y(0), y(1) data predictions at y(1/4), y(1/2), y(3/4)



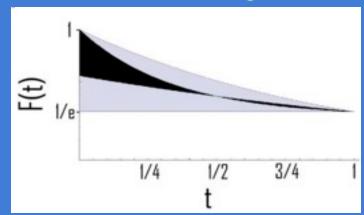


Hierarchy of widths and curvatures

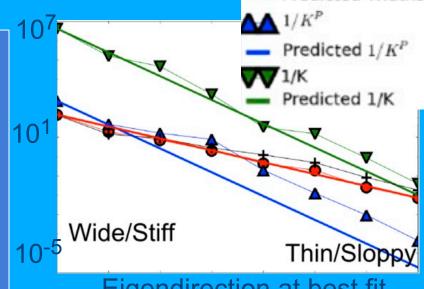
Hierarchy of widths



Cross sections: fixing f at 0, 1/2, 1



Theorem: interpolation good with many data points
Geometrical convergence



Eigendirection at best fit

Predicted Widths

Multi-decade span of widths, curvatures, eigenvalues

Widths $\sim \sqrt{\lambda}$ sloppy eigs

Parameter curvature $K^P = 10^3 \times K$

>> extrinsic curvature

Why is it so thin and flat?

Model $f(t,\theta)$ analytic:

$$f^{(n)}(t)/n! \leq R^{-n}$$

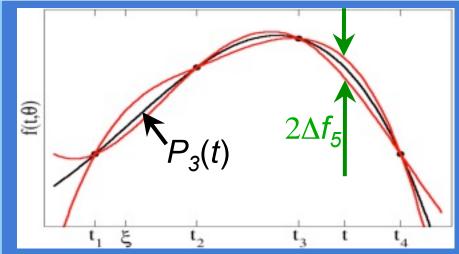
Polynomial fit $P_{m-1}(t)$

to
$$f(t_1), ..., f(t_m)$$

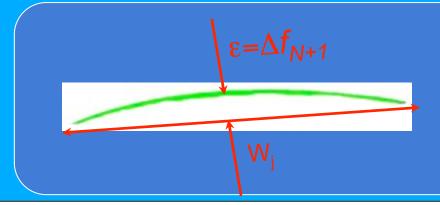
Interpolation convergence theorem

$$\Delta f_{m+1} = f(t) - P_{m-1}(t)$$
< $(t - t_1) (t - t_2) \dots (t - t_m) f^{(m)}(\xi) / m!$
< $(\Delta t / R)^m$

More than one data per R



Hyper-ribbon: Cross section constraining m points has width $W_{m+1} \sim \Delta f_{m+1} \sim (\Delta t / R)^m$

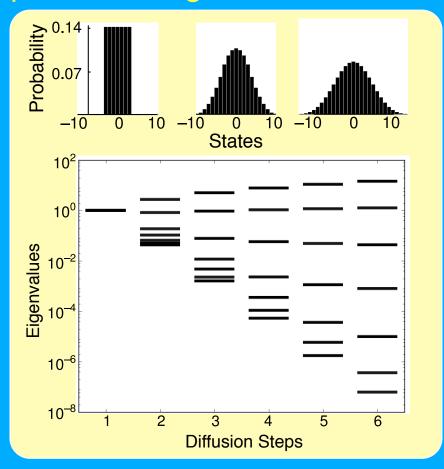


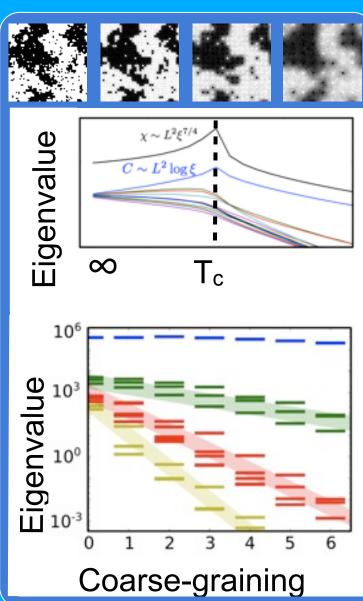
Extrinsic flatness: N=M trivially flat, extra data deviates $\varepsilon \sim \Delta f_{N+1}$, so curvature $K \sim \varepsilon / W_j^2 \sim (\Delta t / R)^{N+1-j} / W_j$

Physics: Sloppiness and Emergence

Ben Machta, Ricky Chachra

Kullback-Liebler divergence metric Sloppy after coarse graining (in space for Ising, time for diffusion)





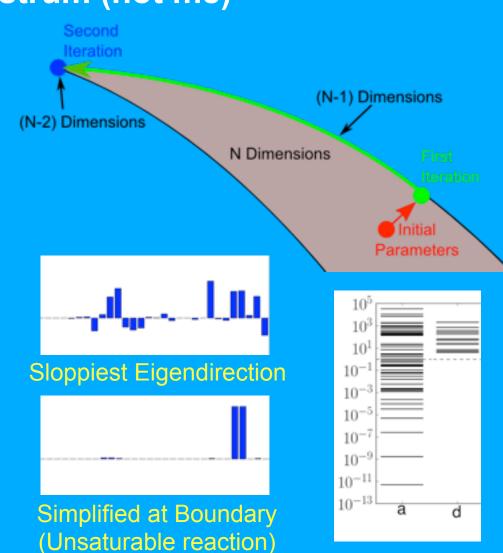
Generation of Reduced Models

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Can we coarse-grain sloppy models? If most parameter directions are useless, why not remove some?
Transtrum has systematic method!

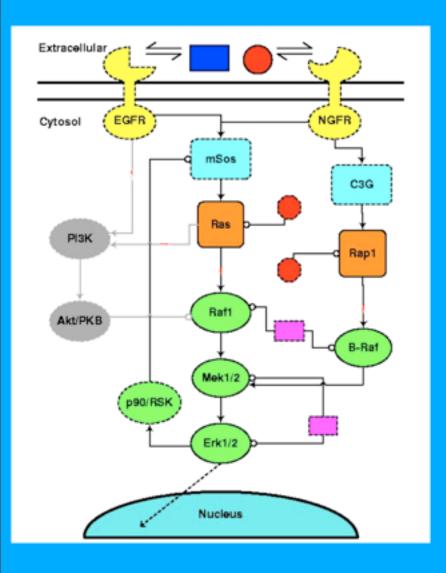
- (1) Geodesic along sloppiest direction to nearby point on manifold boundary
- (2) Eigendirection simplifies at model boundary to chemically reasonable simplified model

Coarse-graining = boundaries of model manifold.

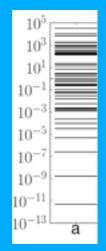


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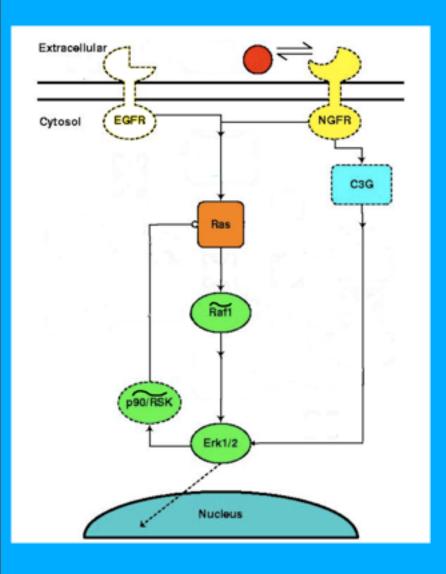
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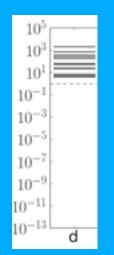


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12 params 6 ODEs



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Reduced model fits all experimental data

$$\theta_9 = \frac{[BRafI] \, kRap1toBRaf \, KmdBRAF \, kpBRaf \, KmdMek}{[PP2AA] \, [Raf1PPtase] \, kdBRaf \, KmRap1toBRaf \, kdMek}$$

Effective 'renormalized' params

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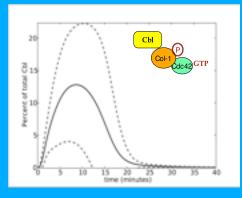
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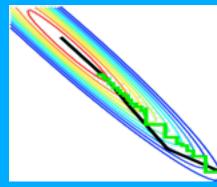
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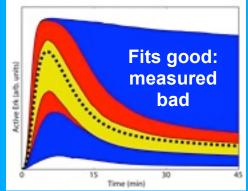


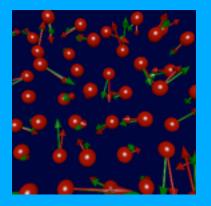
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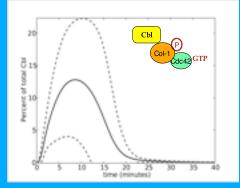
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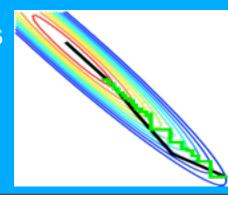


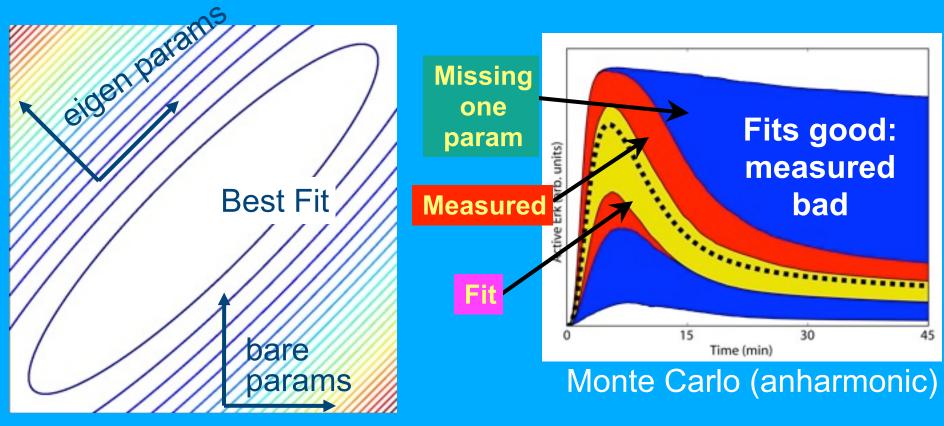
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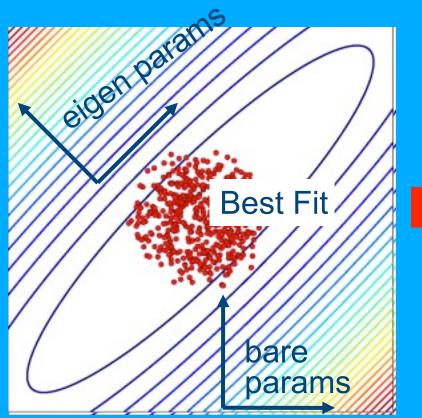
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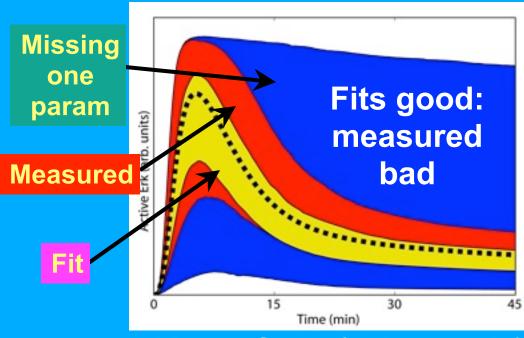
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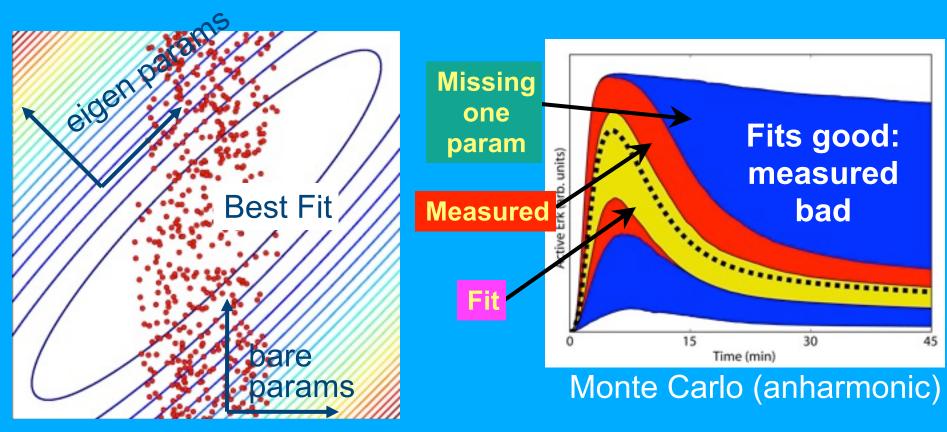
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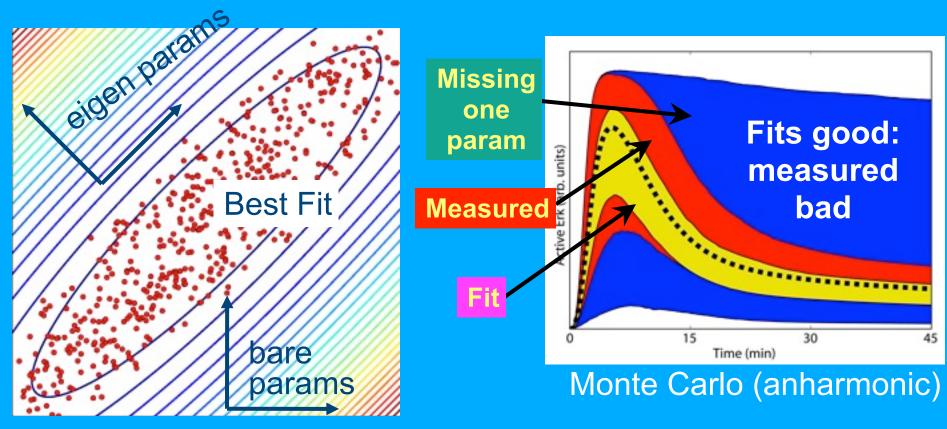


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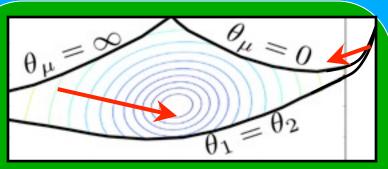


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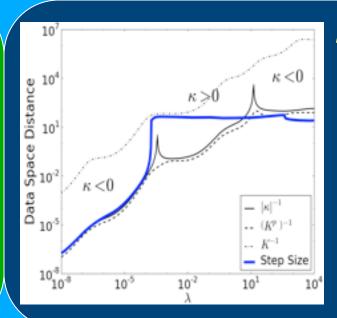
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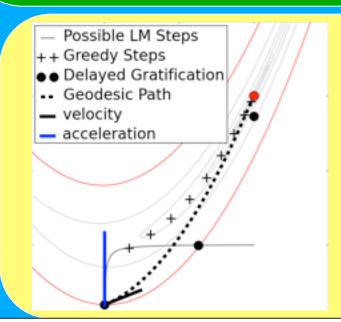


Geodesic Paths nearly circles Follow local geodesic velocity? $\delta\theta^{\mu} = -g_{\mu\nu}\nabla_{\nu}C$ $\Rightarrow \text{Gauss-Newton}$

- → Hits manifold boundary



Model Graph add weight λ of parameter metric yields Levenberg-Marquardt: Step size now limited by curvature



Algorithm	Success Rate	Mean njev	Mean nfev
${\bf Traditional~LM+accel}$	65%	258	1494
Traditional LM	33%	2002	4003
Trust Region LM	12%	1517	1649
BFGS	8%	5363	5365

Follow parabola, geodesic acceleration Cheap to calculate; faster; more success

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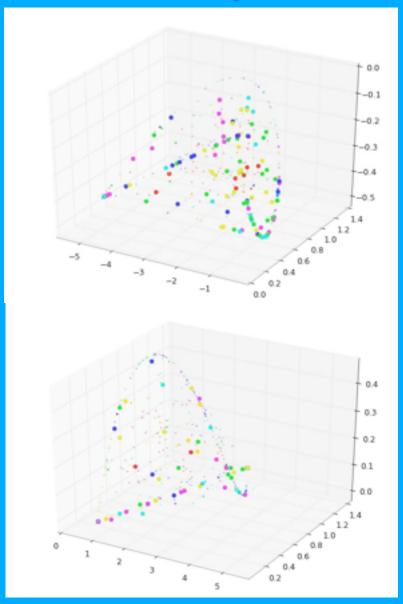
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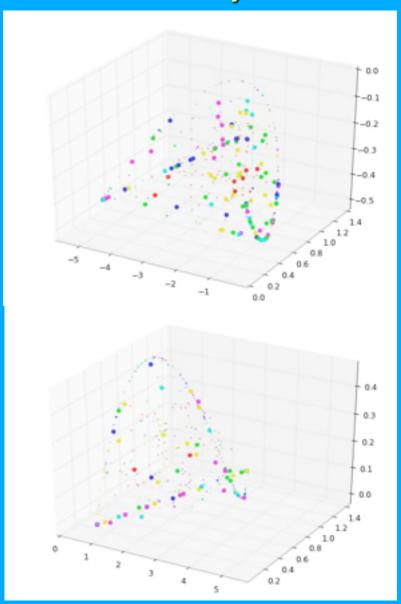
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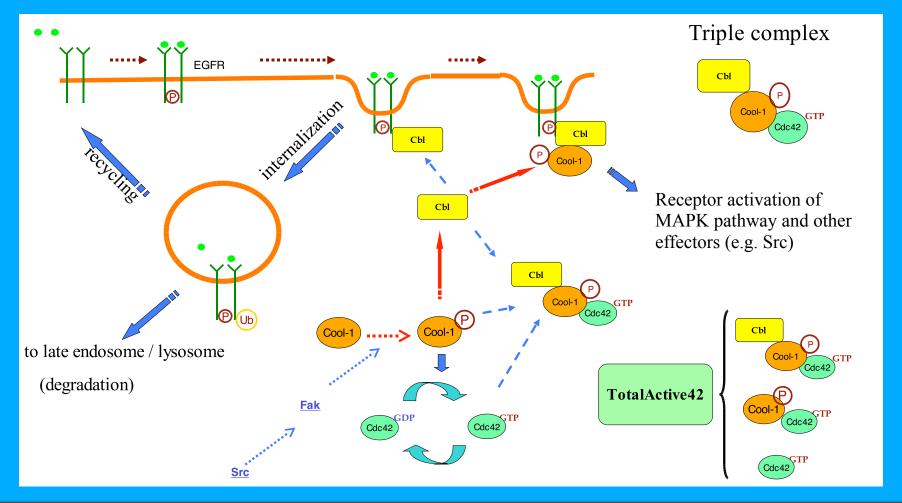
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C. EGFR Trafficking Model

Fergal Casey, Cerione lab

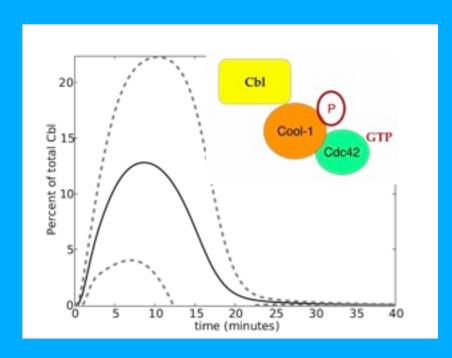
- Active research, Cerione lab: testing hypothesis, experimental design (Cool1 $\equiv \beta$ -PIX)
- 41 chemicals, 53 rate constants; only 11 of 41 species can be measured
- Does Cool-1 triple complex sequester Cbl, delay endocytosis in wild type NIH3T3 cells?

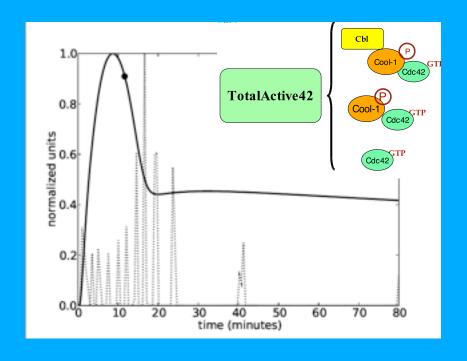


C. Trafficking: experimental design

Which experiment best reduces prediction uncertainty?

- Amount of triple complex was not well predicted
- V-optimal experimental design: single & multiple measurements
- Total active Cdc42 at 10 min.; Cerione independently concurs
- Experiment indicates significant sequestering in wild type
- Predictivity without decreasing parameter uncertainty

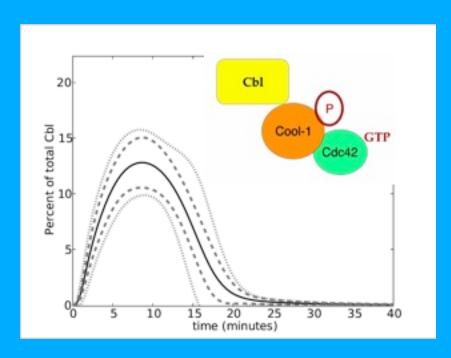


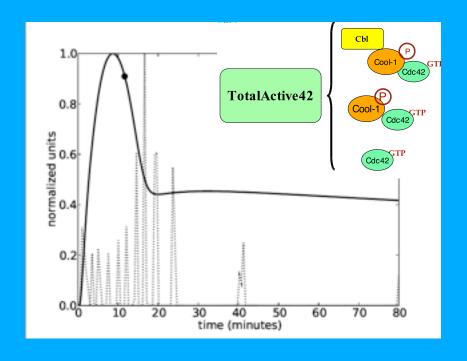


C. Trafficking: experimental design

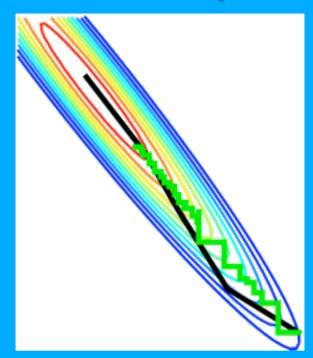
Which experiment best reduces prediction uncertainty?

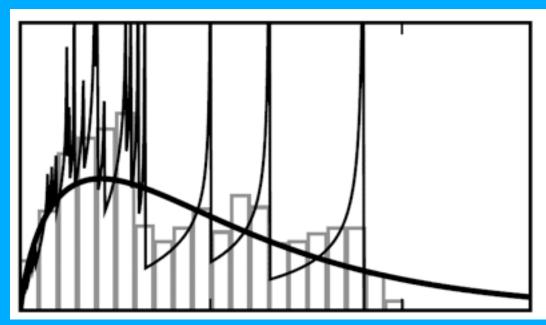
- Amount of triple complex was not well predicted
- V-optimal experimental design: single & multiple measurements
- Total active Cdc42 at 10 min.; Cerione independently concurs
- Experiment indicates significant sequestering in wild type
- Predictivity without decreasing parameter uncertainty





D. Evolution in Chemotype space Implications of sloppiness?



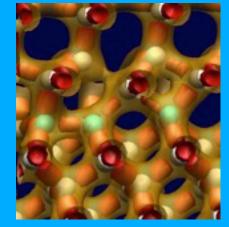


Fitness gain from first successful mutation

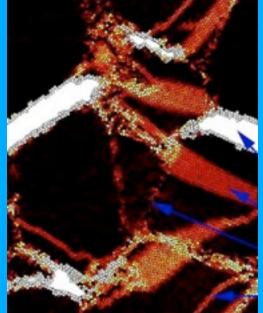
- Culture of identical bacteria, one mutation at a time
- Mutation changes one or two rate constants (no *pleiotropy*): orthogonal moves in rate constant (chemotype) space
- Cusps in first fitness gain (one for each rate constant, big gap)
- Multiple mutations get stuck on ridge in sloppy landscape

E. Bayesian Errors for Atoms

'Sloppy Model' Approach to Error Estimation of Interatomic Potentials Søren Frederiksen, Karsten W. Jacobsen, Kevin Brown, JPS



Quantum
Electronic
Structure (Si)
90 atoms (Mo)
(Arias)



Atomistic potential 820,000 Mo atoms (Jacobsen, Schiøtz)

Interatomic Potentials $V(r_1, r_2, ...)$

- Fast to compute
- Limit $m_e/M \rightarrow 0$ justified
- Guess functional form Pair potential $\sum V(\mathbf{r}_i \mathbf{r}_j)$ poor Bond angle dependence Coordination dependence
- Fit to experiment (old)
- Fit to forces from electronic structure calculations (new)

17 Parameter Fit

E. Interatomic Potential Error Bars Ensemble of Acceptable Fits to Data

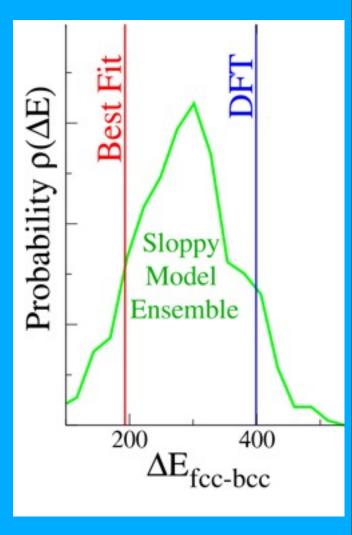
Not *transferable* Unknown errors

- 3% elastic constant
- 10% forces
- 100% fcc-bcc, dislocation core

Best fit is sloppy:
ensemble of fits
that aren't much
worse than best fit.

Ensemble in
Model Space! T_0 set by
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energy = best cost

Error Bars from quality of best fit



Green = DFT, Red = Fits

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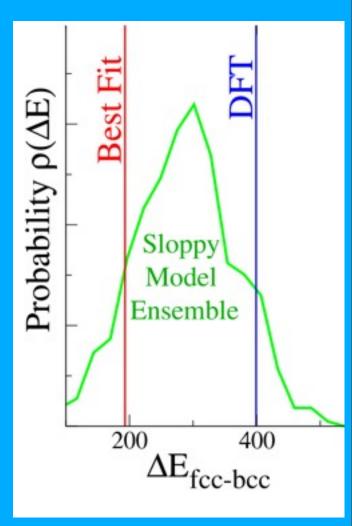
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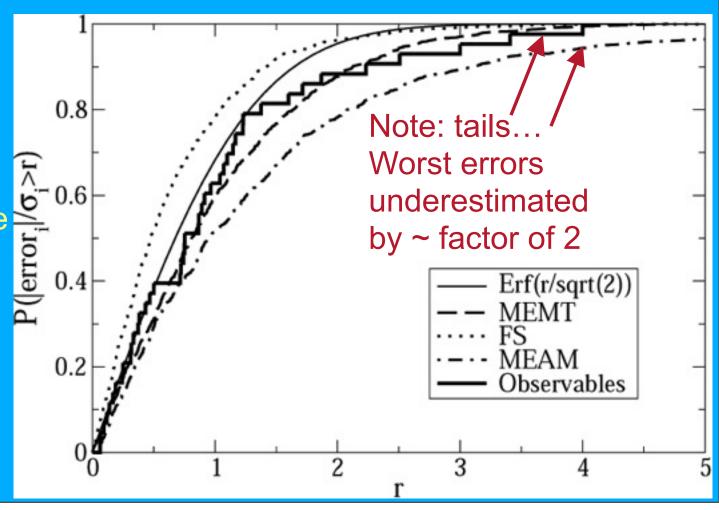
Sloppy Molybdenum: Does it Work? Estimating Systematic Errors

Bayesian error σ_i gives total error if ratio $r = \operatorname{error}_i/\sigma_i$ distributed as a Gaussian: cumulative distribution $P(r) = \operatorname{Erf}(r/\sqrt{2})$

Three potentials

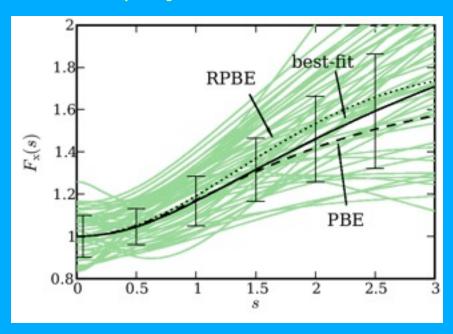
- Force errors
- Elastic moduli
- Surfaces
- Structural
- Dislocation core
- $7\% < \sigma_i < 200\%$

"Sloppy model" systematic error most of total ~2 << 200%/7%

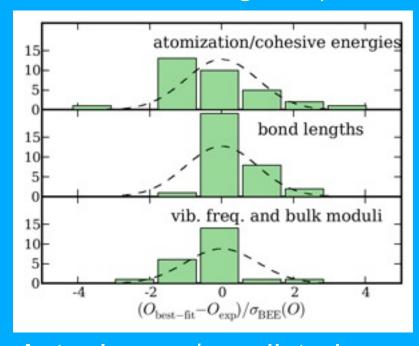


Systematic Error Estimates for DFT GGA-DFT as Multiparameter Fit?

J. J. Mortensen, K. Kaasbjerg, S. L. Frederiksen, J. K. Nørskov, JPS, K. W. Jacobsen, (Anja Tuftelund, Vivien Petzold, Thomas Bligaard)



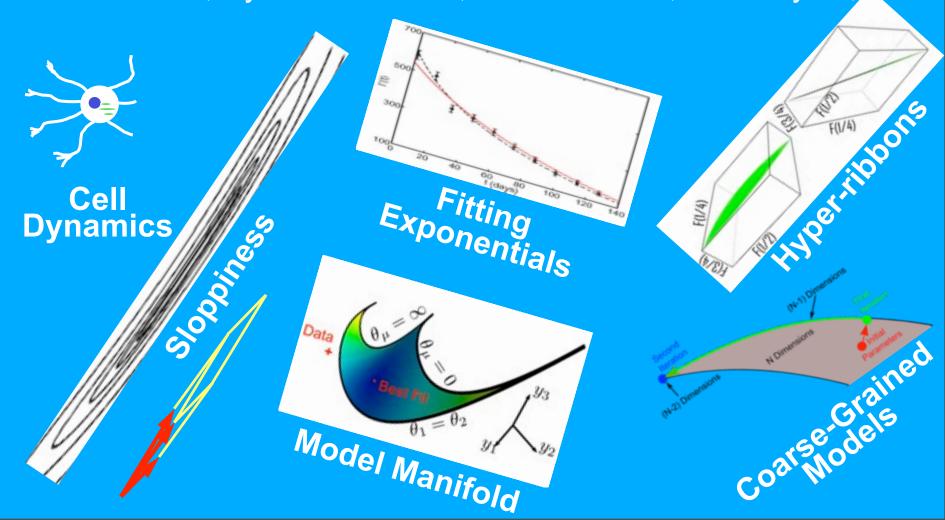
Enhancement factor $F_x(s)$ in the exchange energy E_x Large fluctuations

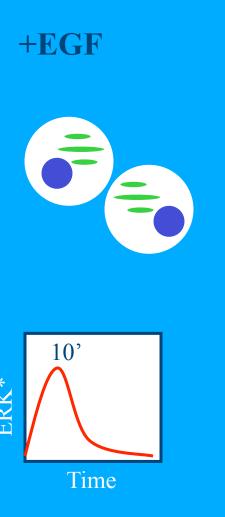


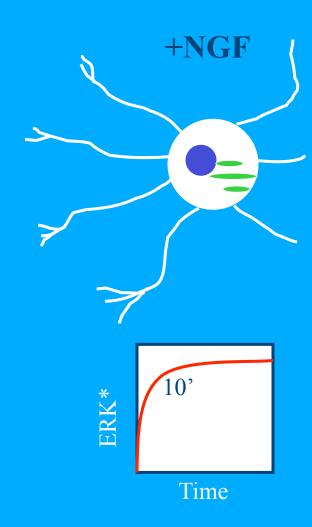
Actual error / predicted error Deviation from experiment well described by ensemble!

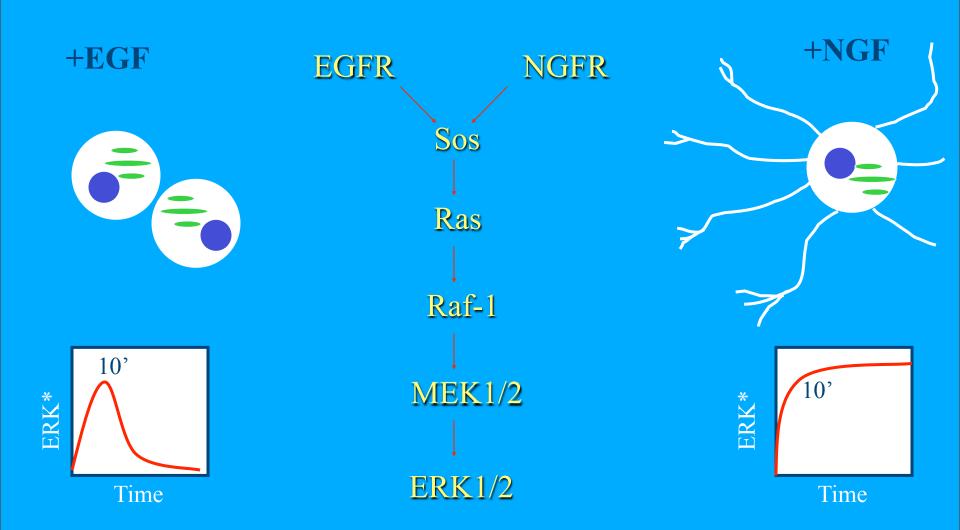
'Sloppy Model' Nonlinear Fits: Signal Transduction to Differential Geometry

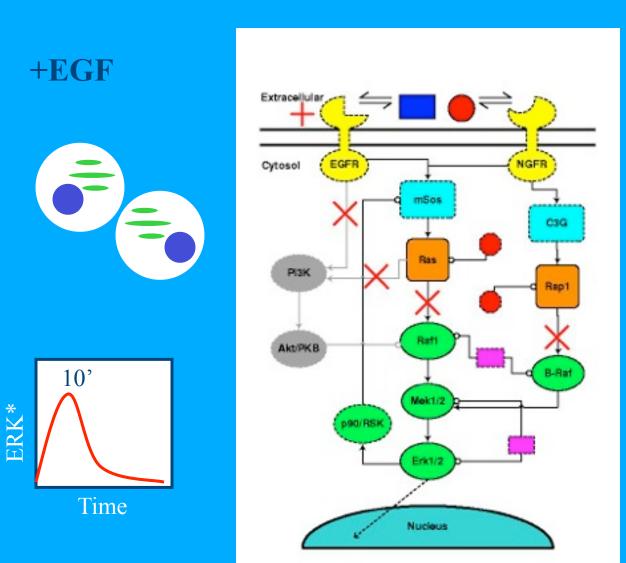
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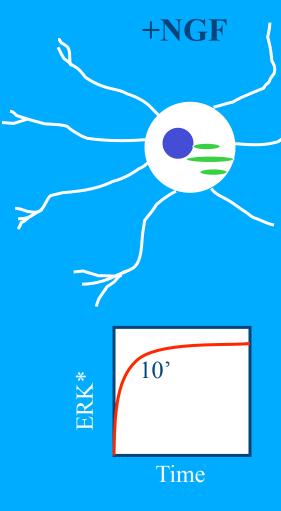


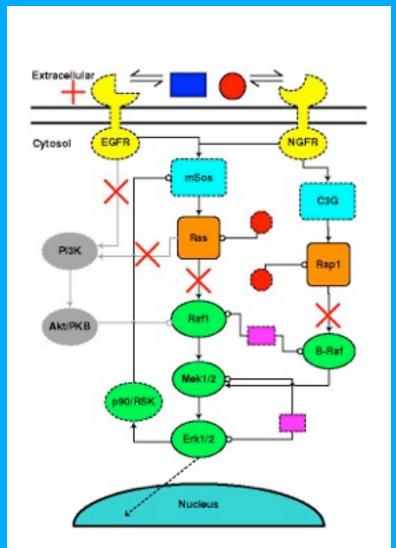


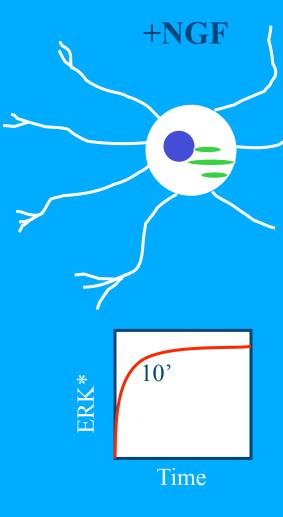










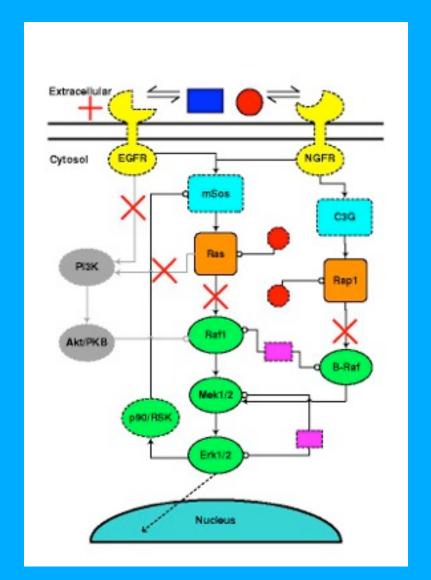


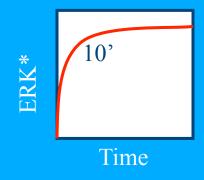
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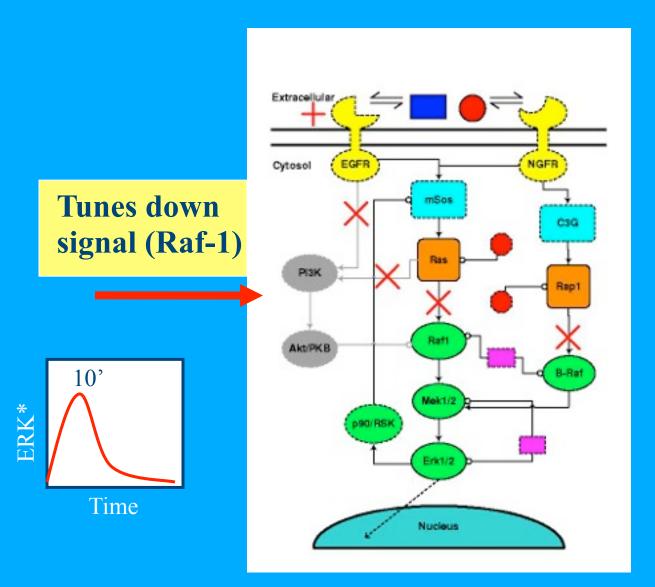


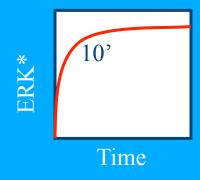
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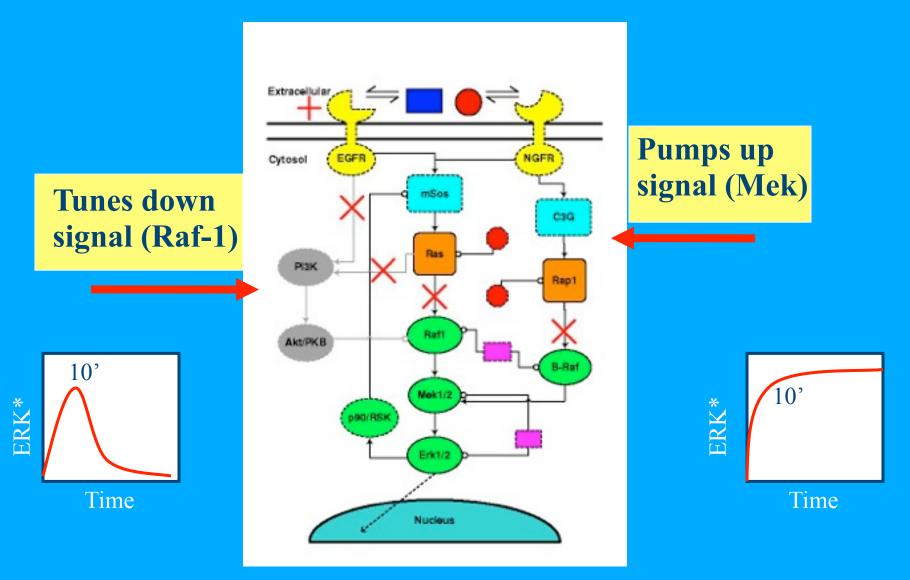
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Edges of the model manifold

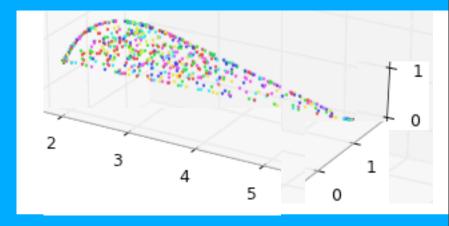
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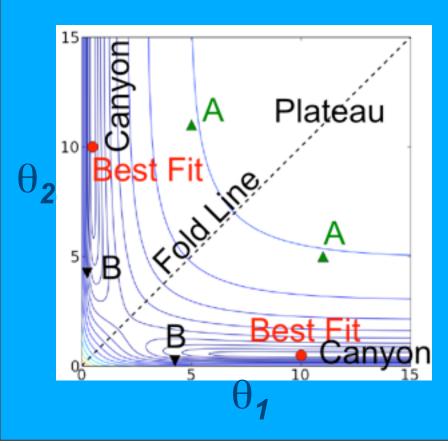
Top: Flat model manifold;

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Bottom: Stretch to uniform

aspect ratio (Isabel Kloumann)





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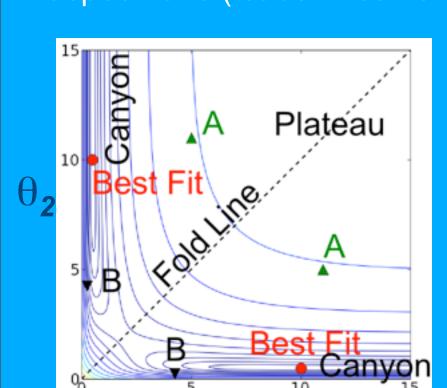
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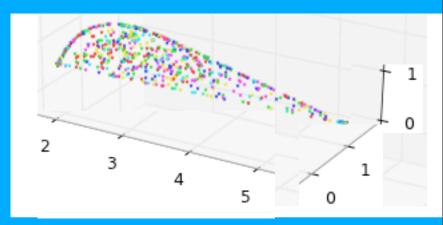
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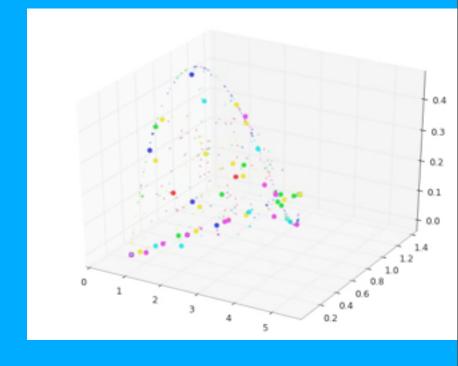
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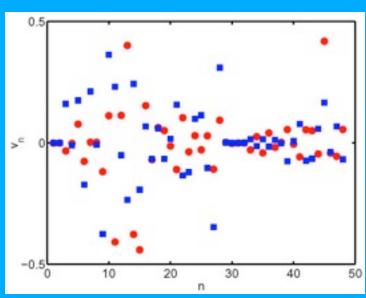
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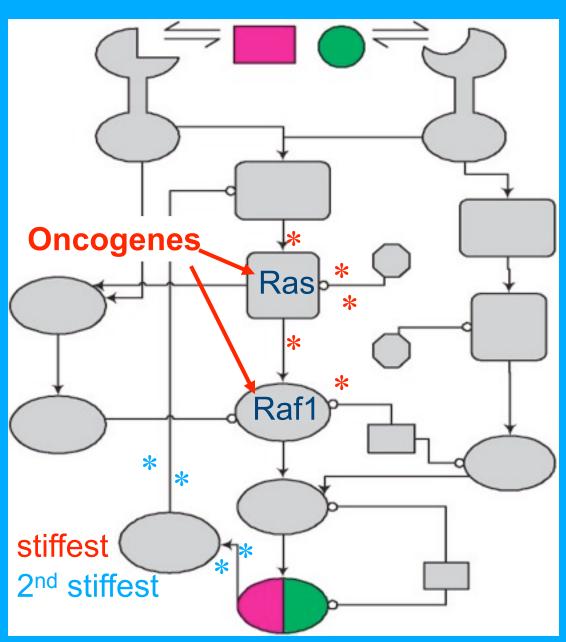




Which Rate Constants are in the Stiffest Eigenvector?



Eigenvector
components along
the bare parameters
reveal which ones
are most important
for a given
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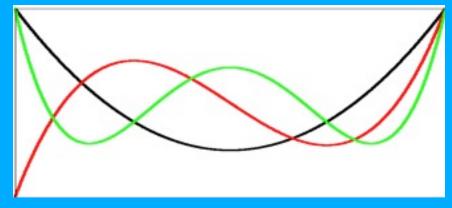


Where is Sloppiness From?

Fitting Polynomials to Data



Fitting Monomials to Data $y = \sum a_n x^n$ Functional Forms Same Hessian $H_{ij} = 1/(i+j+1)$ Hilbert matrix: famous



Orthogonal Polynomials $y = \sum b_n L_n(x)$ Functional Forms Distinct Eigen Parameters $Hessian \ H_{ii} = \delta_{ii}$

Sloppiness arises when bare parameters skew in eigenbasis

Small Determinant! $|H| = \prod \lambda_n$

Proposed universal ensemble Why are they sloppy?

Assumptions: (Not one experiment per parameter)

- i. Model predictions all depend on every parameter, symmetrically: $y_i(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = y_i(\theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_1)$
- ii. Parameters are nearly degenerate: $\theta_{i} = \theta_{0} + \epsilon_{i}$

$$H = J^{T}J = V^{T}A^{T}AV$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \epsilon_{1} & \epsilon_{2} & \cdots & \epsilon_{N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \epsilon_{1}^{d} & \epsilon_{2}^{d} & \cdots & \epsilon_{N}^{d} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Vandermonde} \\ \text{Matrix} \end{array}$$

$$\det(V) = \prod_{i < j} (\epsilon_{i} - \epsilon_{j}) \propto \epsilon^{N(N-1)/2}$$

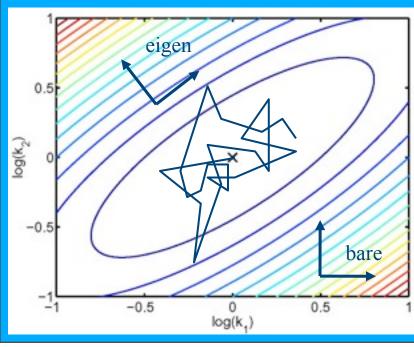
- Implies enormous range of eigenvalues
- Implies equal spacing of log eigenvalues
- Like universality for random matrices

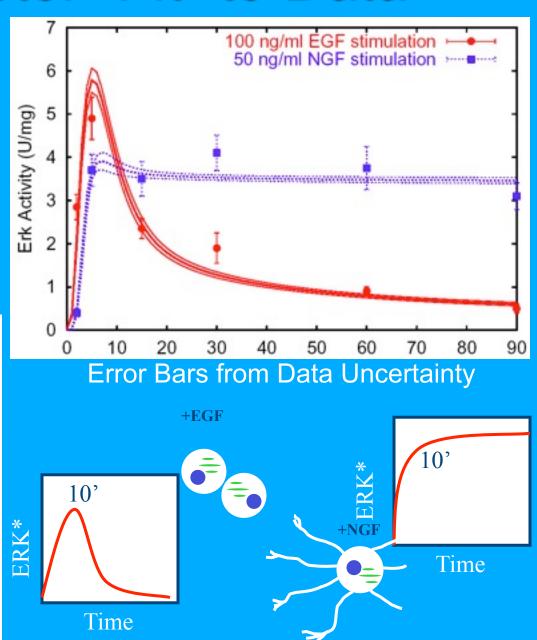
48 Parameter "Fit" to Data

Cost is Energy

$$C(\vec{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N_D} \frac{(y(\vec{\theta}) - y_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

Ensemble of Fits Gives Error Bars





Exploring Parameter Space

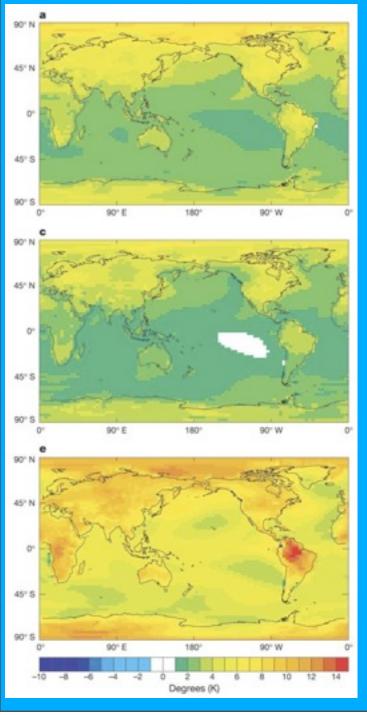
Rugged? More like Grand Canyon (Josh)

Glasses: Rugged Landscape
Metastable Local Valleys
Transition State Passes
Optimization Hell: Golf Course
Sloppy Models

Minima: 5 stiff, N-5 sloppy Search: Flat planes with cliffs







Climate Change

Climate models contain many unknown parameters, fit to data

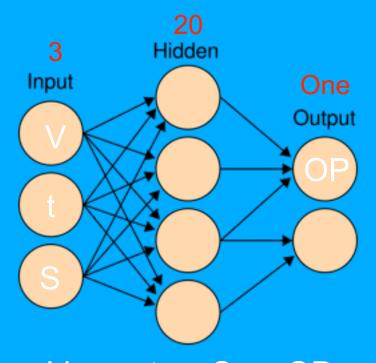
- General Circulation Model (air, oceans, clouds), exploring doubling of CO₂
- 21 total parameters
- Initial conditions and (only)6 "cloud dynamics" parameters varied
- Heating typically 3.4K, ranged from
- < 2K to > 11K

Stainforth et al., *Uncertainty* in predictions of the climate response to rising levels of greenhouse gases, **Nature 433**, 403-406 (2005)

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Neural Networks

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V t S OP 0.20 5.0 75. 25.0000 0.40 5.0 93. 7.2537 0.40 15.0 79. 21.0225 0.66 10.0 91. 10.3957

- Neural net "trained" to predict Black-Scholes output option price OP, given inputs volatility V, time t, and strike S
- Each circular "neuron" has sigmoidal response signal s_j to input signals s_i :

$$s_j = \tanh(\sum_i w_{ij} s_i)$$

- Inputs and outputs scaled to [-1,1]
- 101 parameters w_{ij} fit to 1530 data points

(http://www.scientific-consultants.com/nnbd.html)

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Curvatures

Intrinsic curvature $R^{\mu}_{\nu\alpha\beta}$

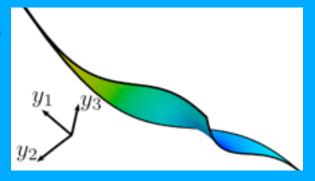
- determines geodesic shortest paths
- independent of embedding, parameters

Extrinsic curvature

- also measures bending in embedding space (i.e., cylinder)
- independent of parameters
- Shape operator, geodesic curvature

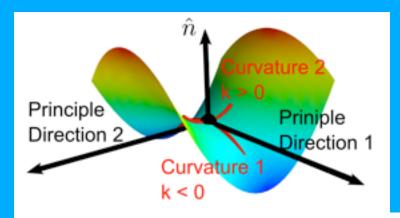
Parameter effects "curvature"

- Usually much the largest
- Defined in analogy to extrinsic curvature (projecting out of surface, rather than into)



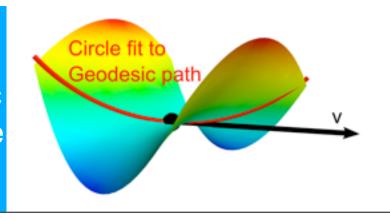
No intrinsic curvature





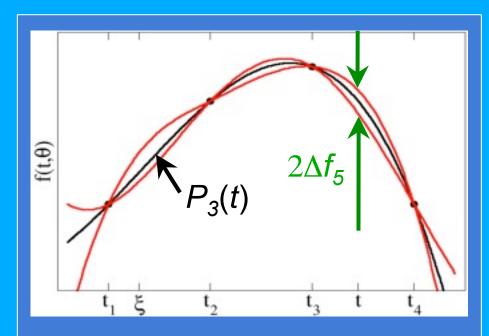
Shape Operator

Geodesic Curvature



Why is it so thin?

Model $f(t,\theta)$ analytic: $f^{(n)}(t)/n! \leq R^{-n}$ Polynomial fit $P_{m-1}(t)$ to $f(t_1), \ldots, f(t_m)$ Interpolation convergence theorem $\Delta f_{m+1} = f(t) - P_{m-1}(t)$ $< (t-t_1)...(t-t_m) f^{(m)}(\xi)/m!$ $\sim (\Delta t / R)^m$ More than one data per R

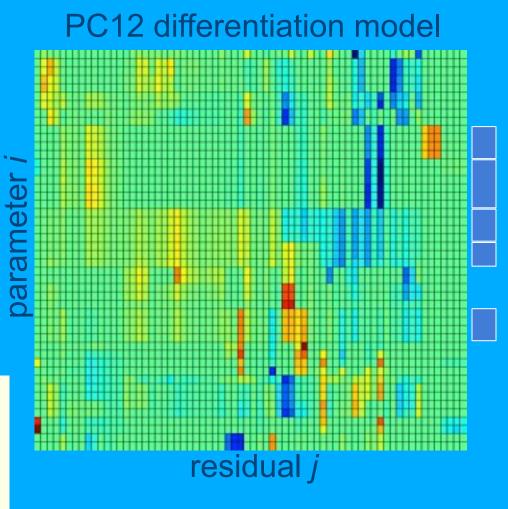


Hyper-ribbon: Cross-section constraining m points has width $W_{m+1} \sim \Delta f_{m+1} \sim (\Delta t/R)^m$

B. Finding sloppy subsystems Model reduction?

- Sloppy model as multiple redundant parameters?
- Subsystem = subspace of parameters p_i with similar effects on model behavior
- Similar = same effects on residuals r_j
- Apply clustering algorithm to rows of $J_{ij}^{T} = \partial r_i / \partial p_i$

Continuum mechanics, renormalization group, Lyapunov exponents can also be viewed as sloppy model reduction



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