

Optimization of Carbon Capture Systems Using Surrogate Models of Simulated Processes

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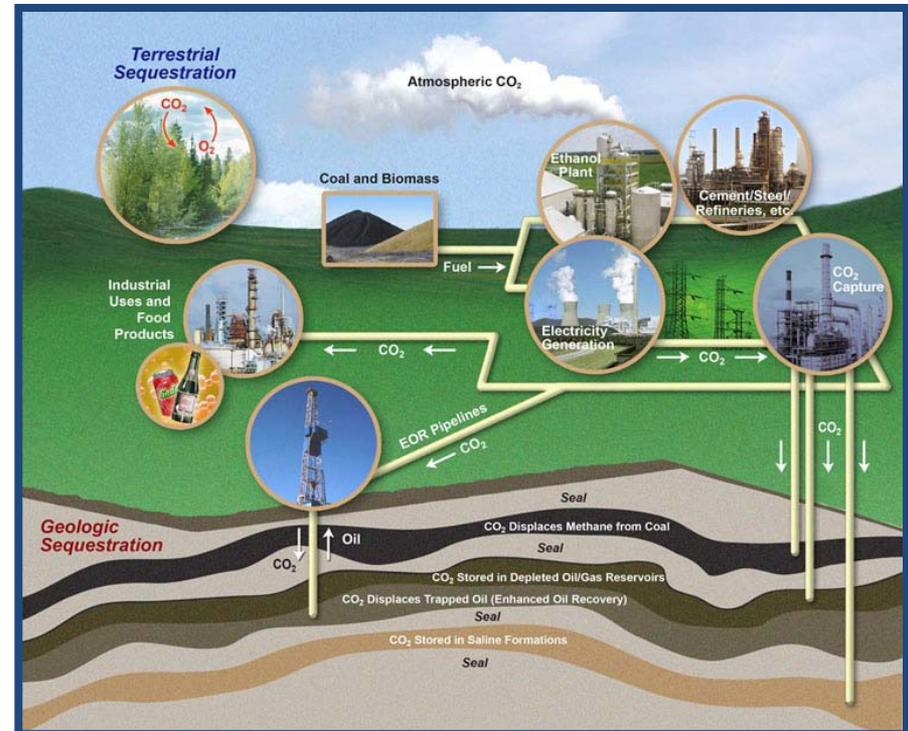
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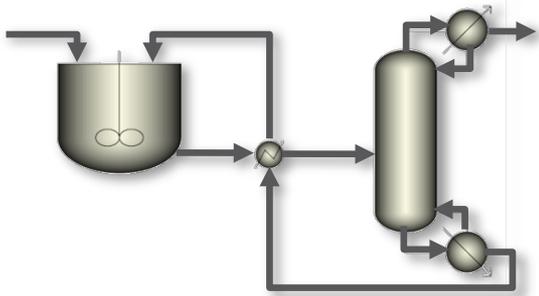
- One-third of U.S. CO₂ emissions come from power plants and other point sources
- Available carbon capture technologies would increase electricity costs
 - Pulverized coal plants
 - *Currently: 75% increase*
 - *Goal: <30% increase*



http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/carbon_seq/index.html

OBJECTIVE: PROCESS SYNTHESIS

Process simulation



Ideally

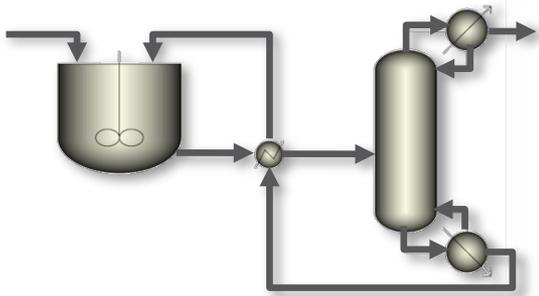
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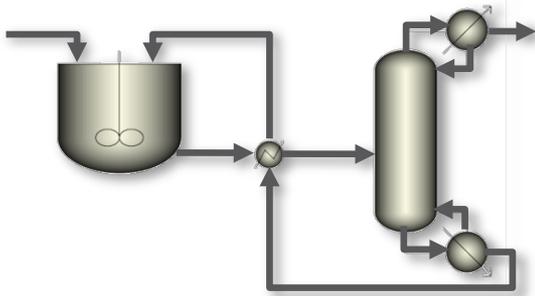
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- Lack of an algebraic models
- Computationally costly simulations
- Scarcity of fully robust simulations

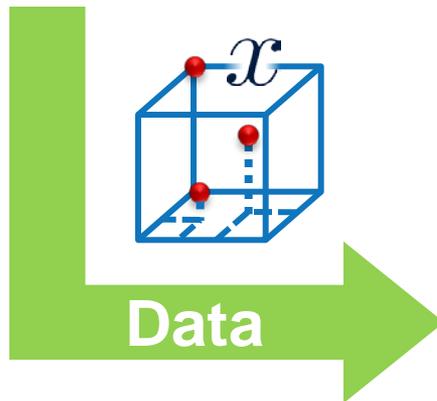
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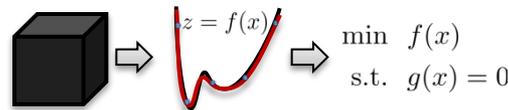


Derivative-based optimization

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g(x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$



ALAMO
Automated Learning of Algebraic
Models for Optimization



$$z_1 = g_1(x)$$

$$z_2 = g_2(x)$$

...

$$z_k = g_k(x)$$

Models



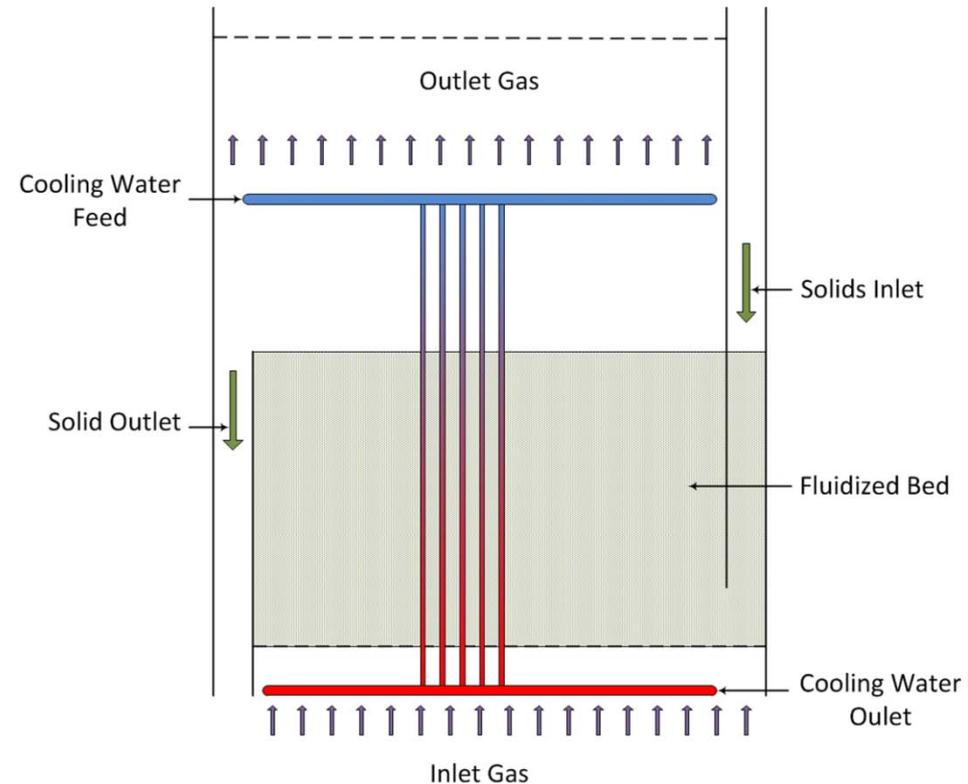
SOLID SORBENT CARBON CAPTURE

- **Solid sorbent processes**

- Fast fluidized bed
- Pneumatic conveyer
- Moving/Fixed bed
- **Bubbling fluidized bed**

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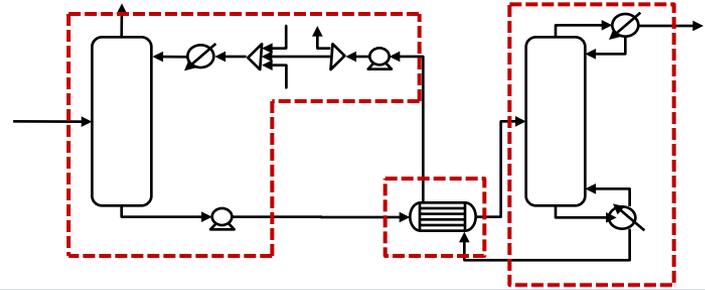
- 1D model
- Modeled in Aspen Custom modeler
- Differential model
- **Uses Aspen Properties package**



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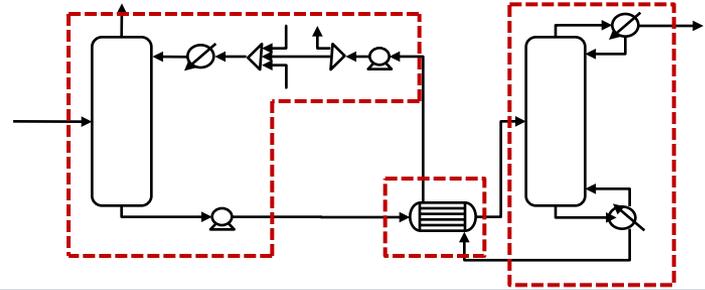
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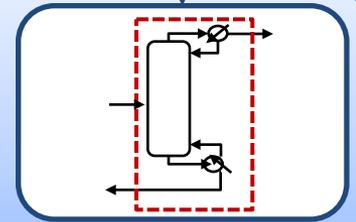
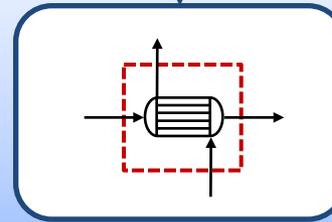
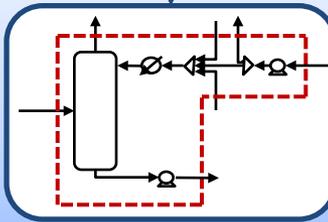


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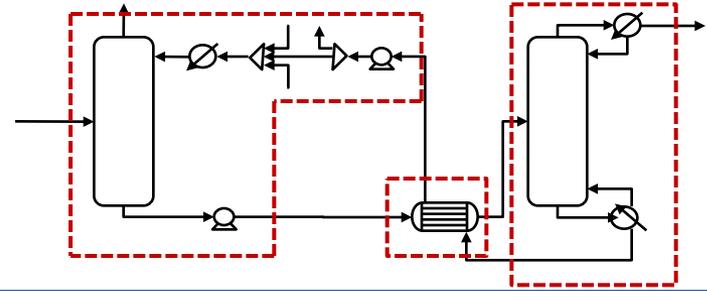


Disaggregated blocks of process unit(s)

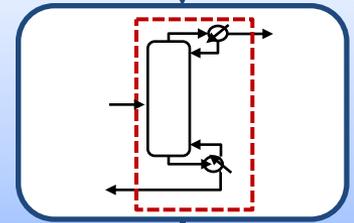
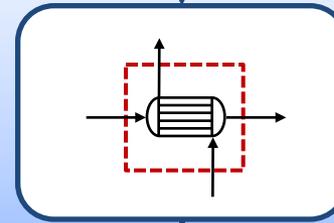
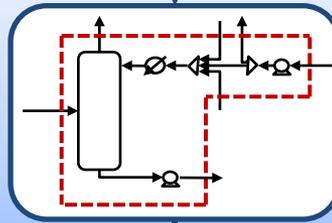


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Surrogate models of blocks

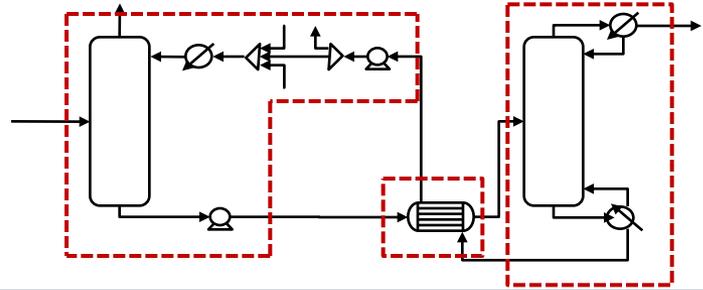
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$$f_2(x)$$

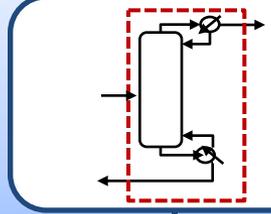
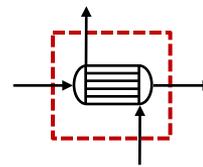
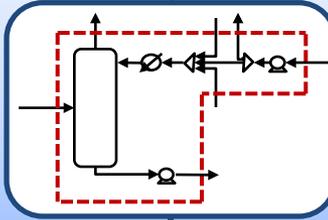
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$$f_3(x)$$

Algebraic constraints

Mass balances

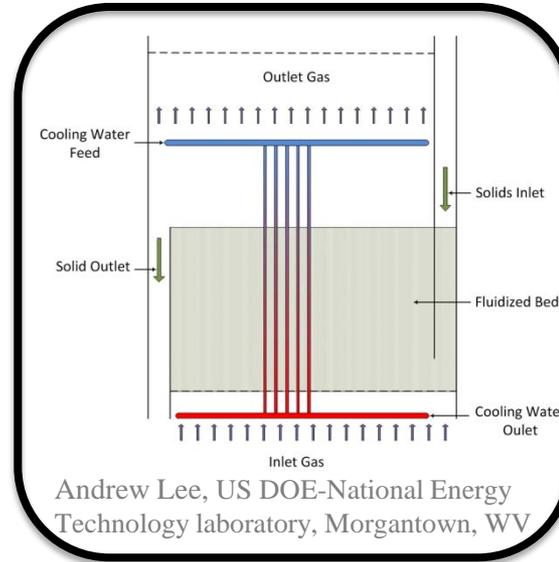
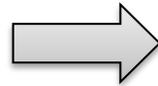
Design specs

Nonlinear program

Algebraic model for optimization

NOTATION

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^D$$
$$x^l \leq x \leq x^u$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \\ \vdots \\ x_D \end{pmatrix}$$



$$z \in \mathbb{R}^K$$
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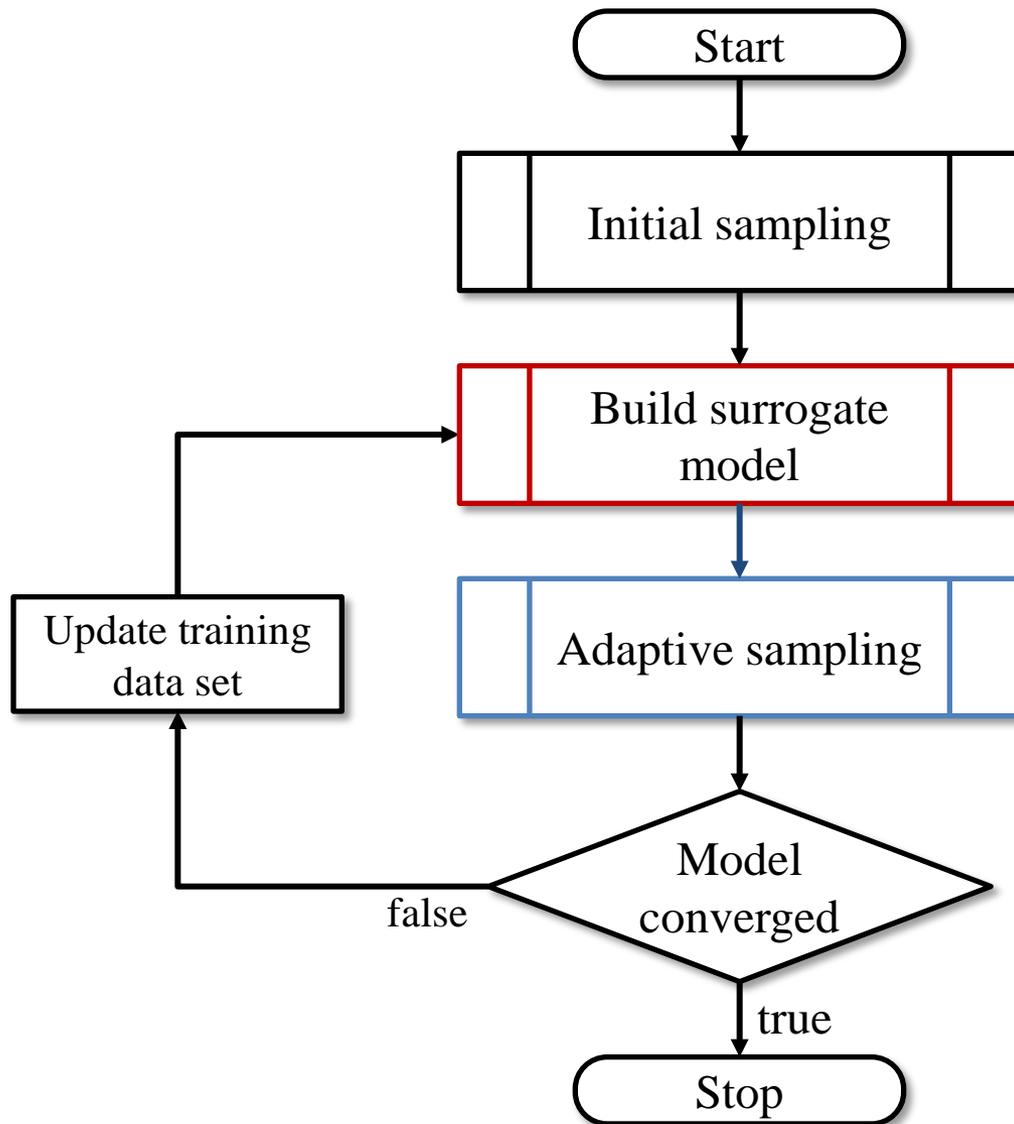
Independent variables, x

- Geometry
- Operating conditions
- Inlet flow conditions

Dependent variables, z

- Geometry required
- Operating condition required
- Outlet flow conditions
- Design constraints

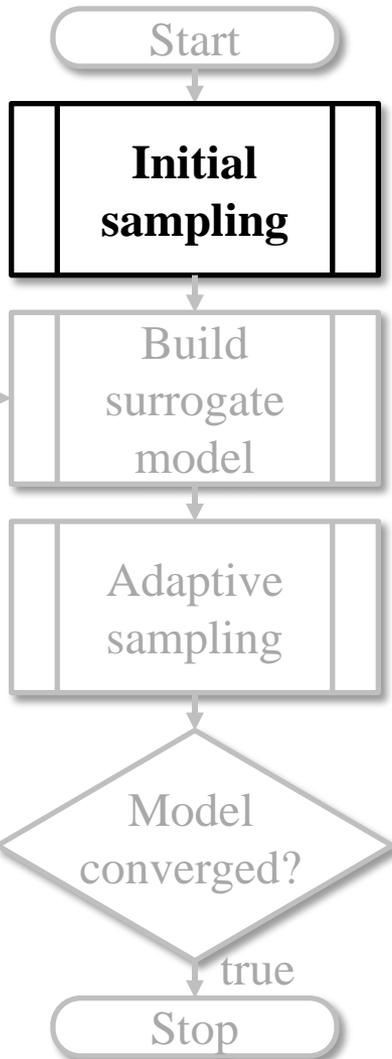
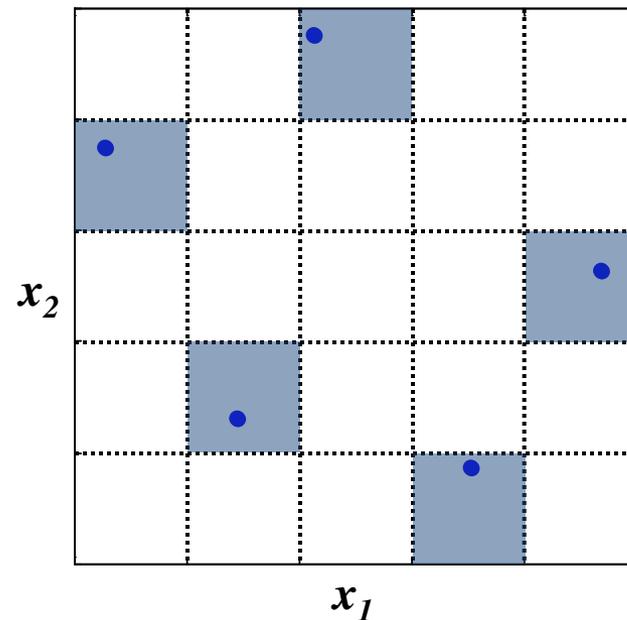
SURROGATE MODEL GENERATION



SAMPLE PROBLEM SPACE

Design of experiments

1. Random points sampling
2. Factorial design
3. **Latin hypercube design**
 - *Space-filling design*



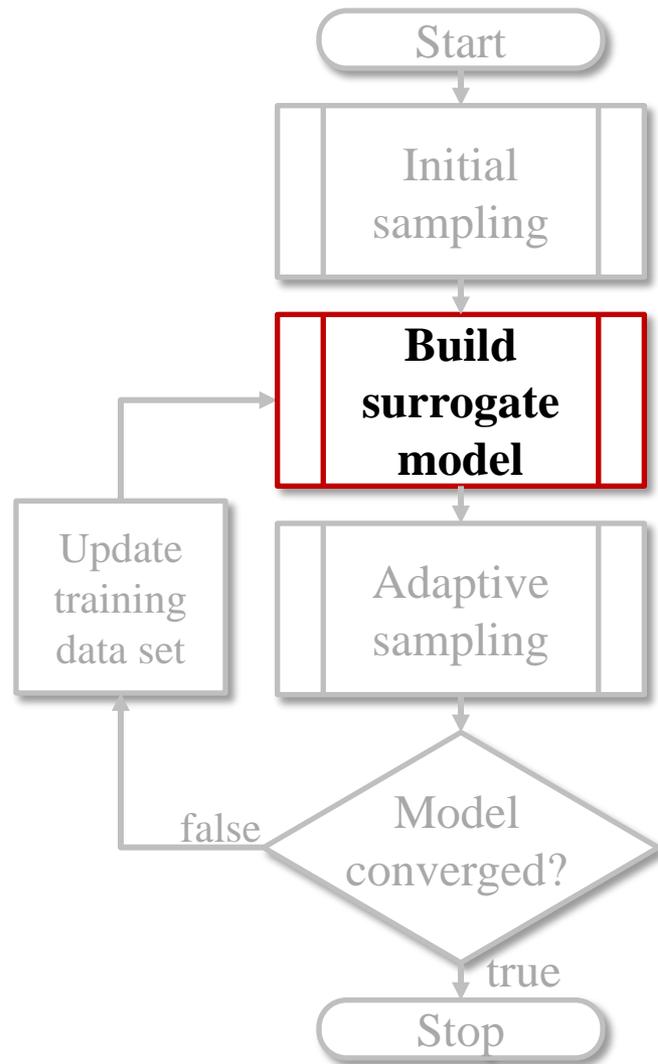
MODEL BUILDING

- Identify the **functional form** and **complexity** of the surrogate models

$$z = f(x)$$

- Functional form:**
 - Combine **simple basis functions**

Category	Basis function
Polynomial	$(x_d)^\alpha$
Multinomial	$\prod_{d=1}^m (x_d)^{\alpha_d}$, for $m = 1, 2, \dots$
Exponential and logarithmic forms	$\exp\left(\frac{x_d}{\gamma}\right)^\alpha$, $\log\left(\frac{x_d}{\gamma}\right)^\alpha$
Expected bases	From experience, simple inspection, etc.



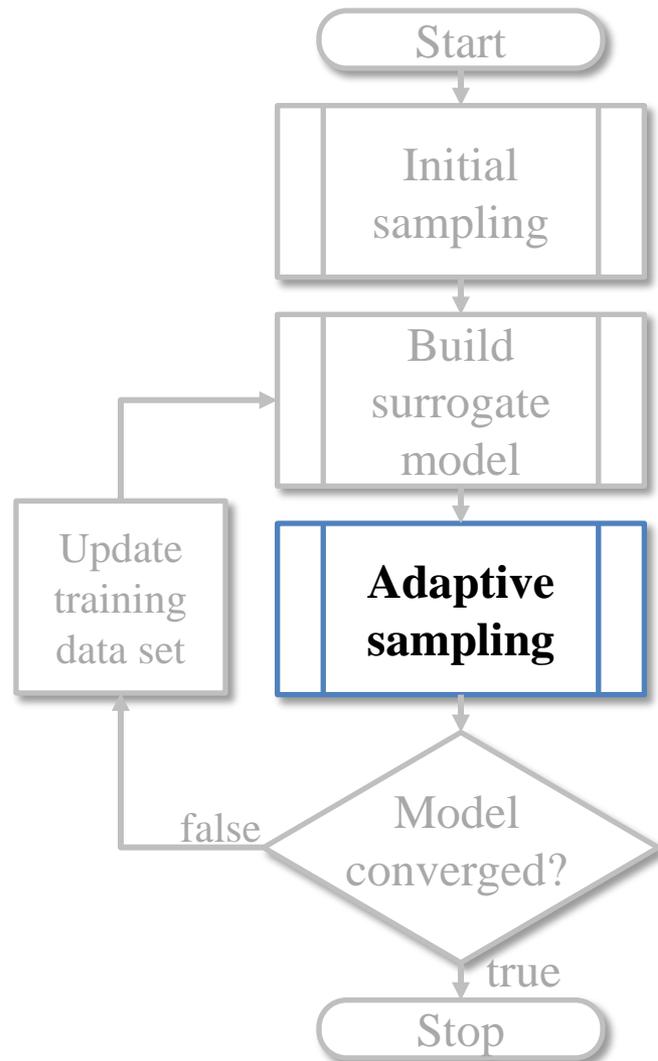
ADAPTIVE SAMPLING

- Goal: Search the problem space for areas of model inconsistency or **model mismatch**
- More succinctly, we are trying to find points that **maximize the model error** with respect to the independent variables

Surrogate model

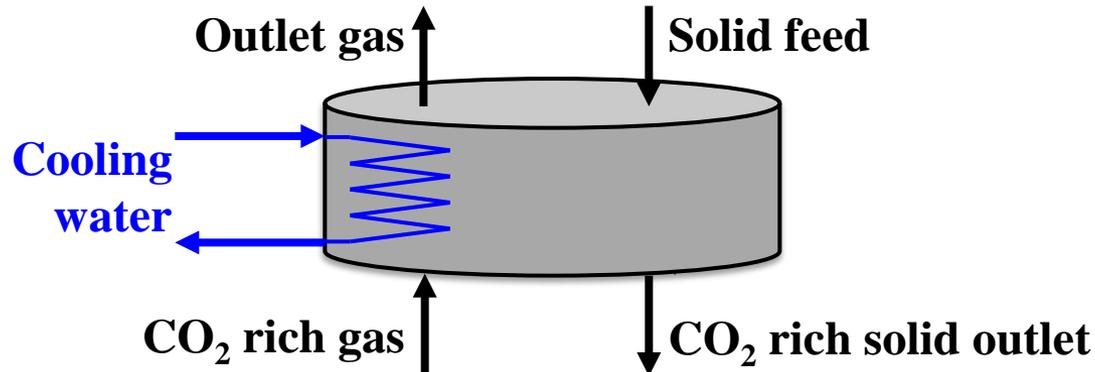
$$\max_x \left(\frac{z(x) - \hat{z}(x)}{z(x)} \right)^2$$

- Maximize the relative model error using a derivative-free solver (SNOBFIT):



BUBBLING FLUIDIZED BED

Bubbling fluidized bed adsorber diagram



- **Model inputs (14 total)**

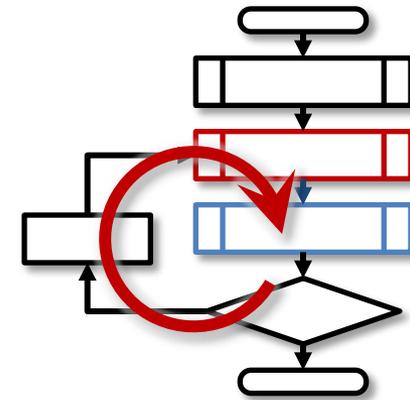
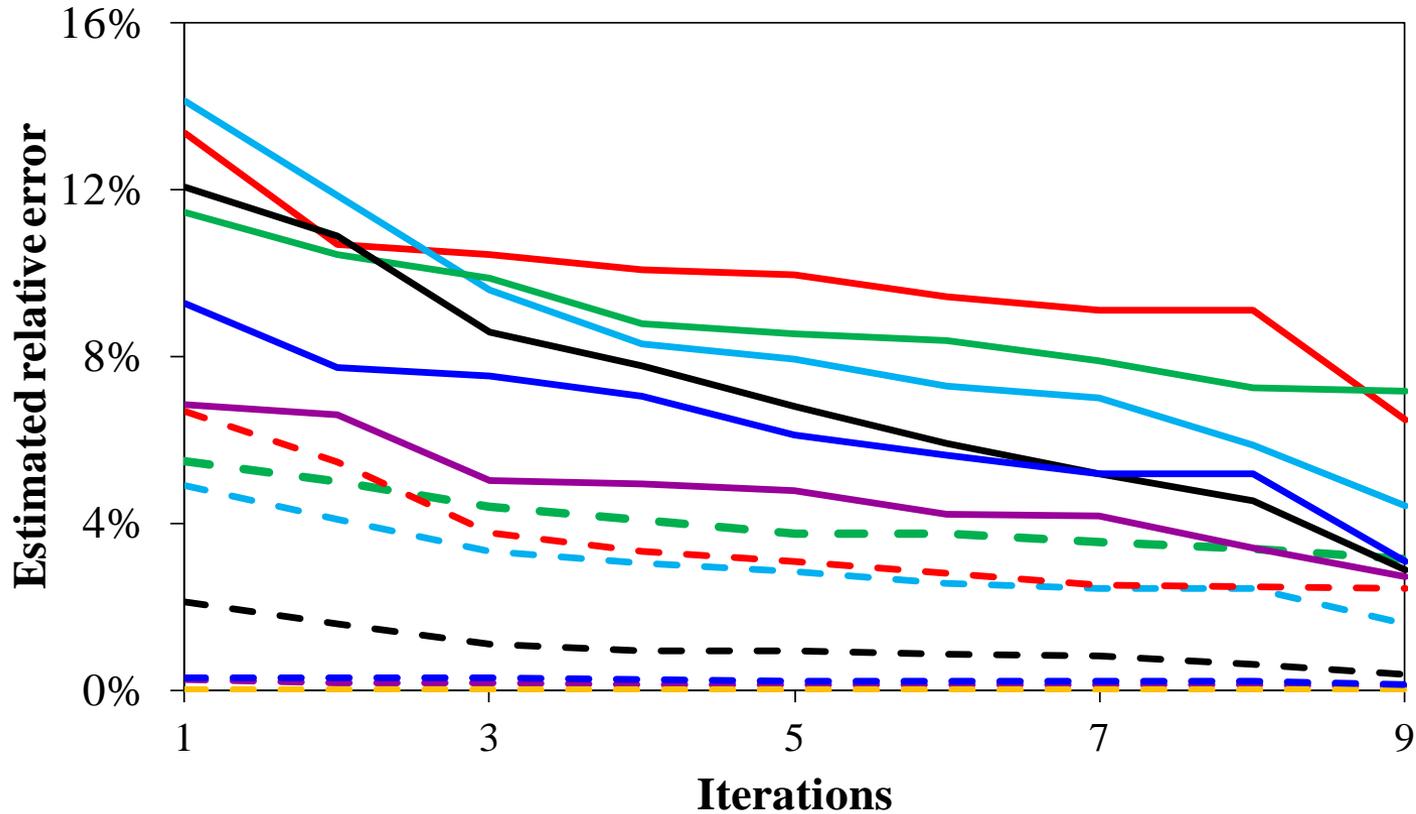
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- Operating conditions (4)
- Gas mole fractions (2)
- Solid compositions (2)
- Flow rates (4)

- **Model outputs (13 total)**

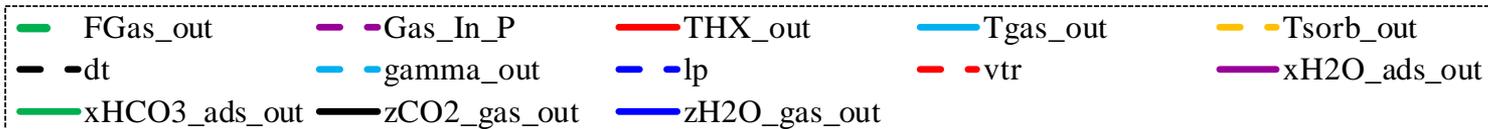
- Geometry required (2)
- Operating condition required (1)
- Gas mole fractions (2)
- Solid compositions (2)
- Flow rates (2)
- Outlet temperatures (3)
- Design constraint (1)

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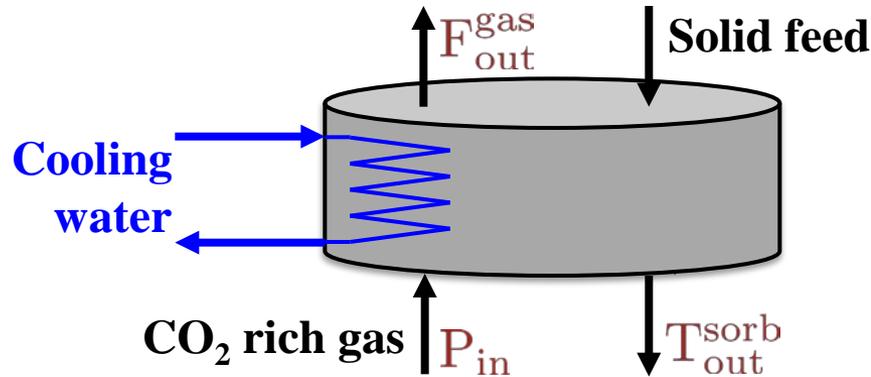
Progression of mean error through the algorithm



Initial data set:
137 pts
Final data set:
261



EXAMPLE MODELS

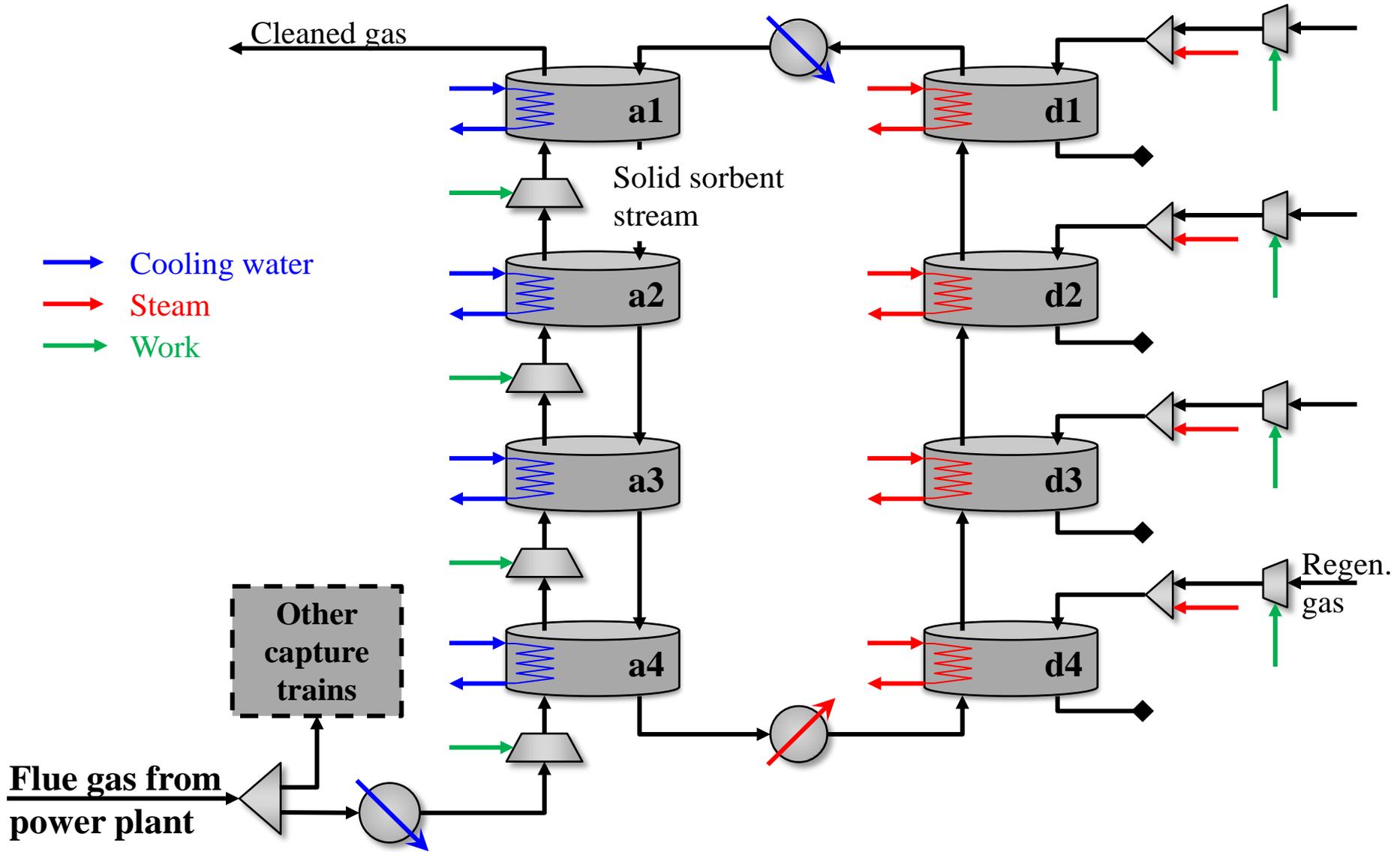


$$P_{in} = \frac{1.0 P_{out} + 0.0231 L_b - 0.0187 \ln(0.167 L_b) - 0.00626 \ln(0.667 v_{gi}) - 51.1 xHCO_3_{in}^{ads}}{F_{in}^{gas}}$$

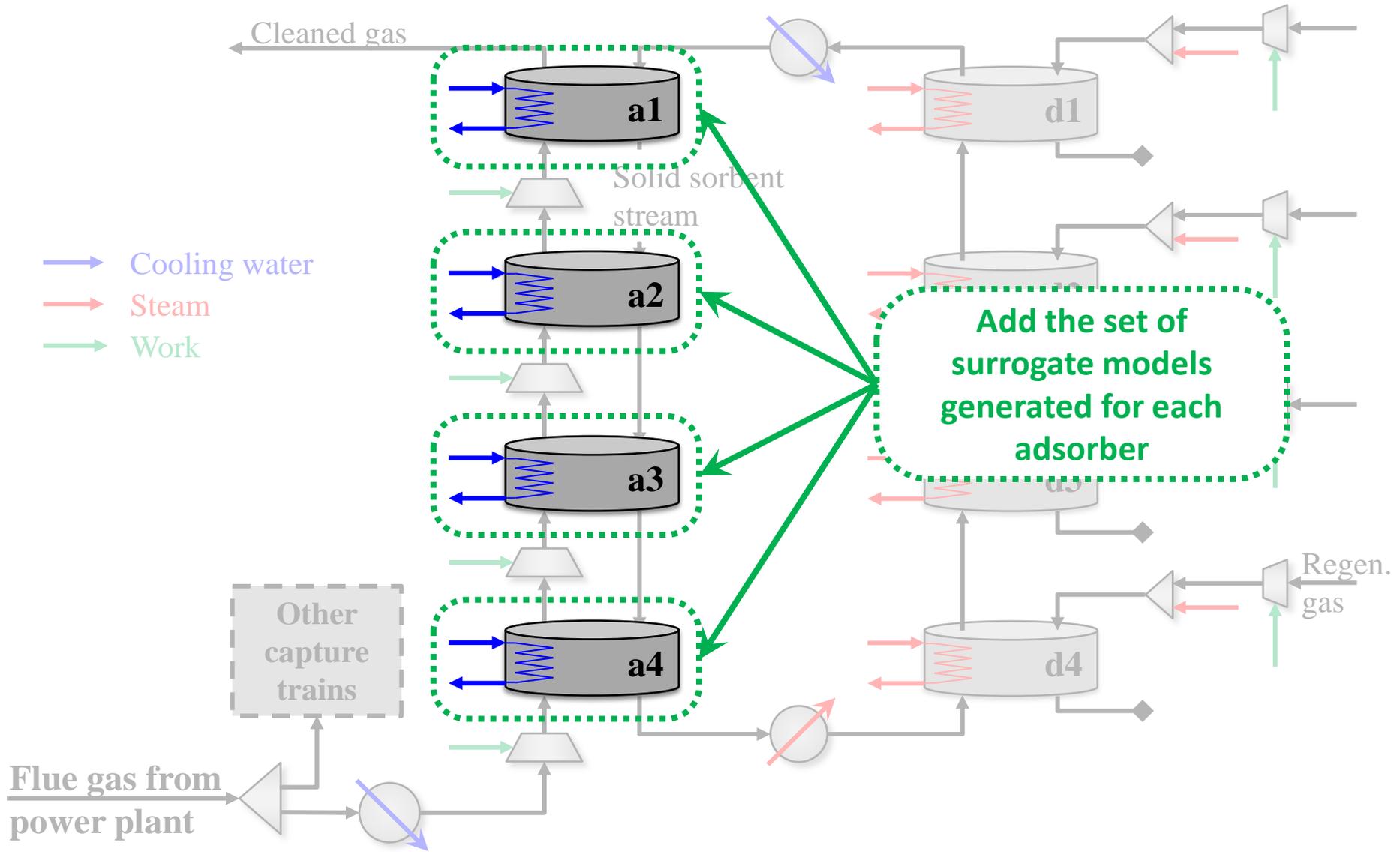
$$T_{out}^{sorb} = 1.0 T_{in}^{gas} - \frac{(1.77 \cdot 10^{-10}) NX^2}{\gamma^2} - \frac{3.46}{NX T_{in}^{gas} T_{in}^{sorb}} + \frac{1.17 \cdot 10^4}{F^{sorb} NX xH_2O_{in}^{ads}}$$

$$F_{out}^{gas} = \frac{0.797 F_{in}^{gas} - \frac{9.75 T_{in}^{sorb}}{\gamma} - 0.77 F_{in}^{gas} xCO_2_{in}^{gas} + 0.00465 F_{in}^{gas} T_{in}^{sorb} - 0.0181 F_{in}^{gas} T_{in}^{sorb} xH_2O_{in}^{gas}}{1}$$

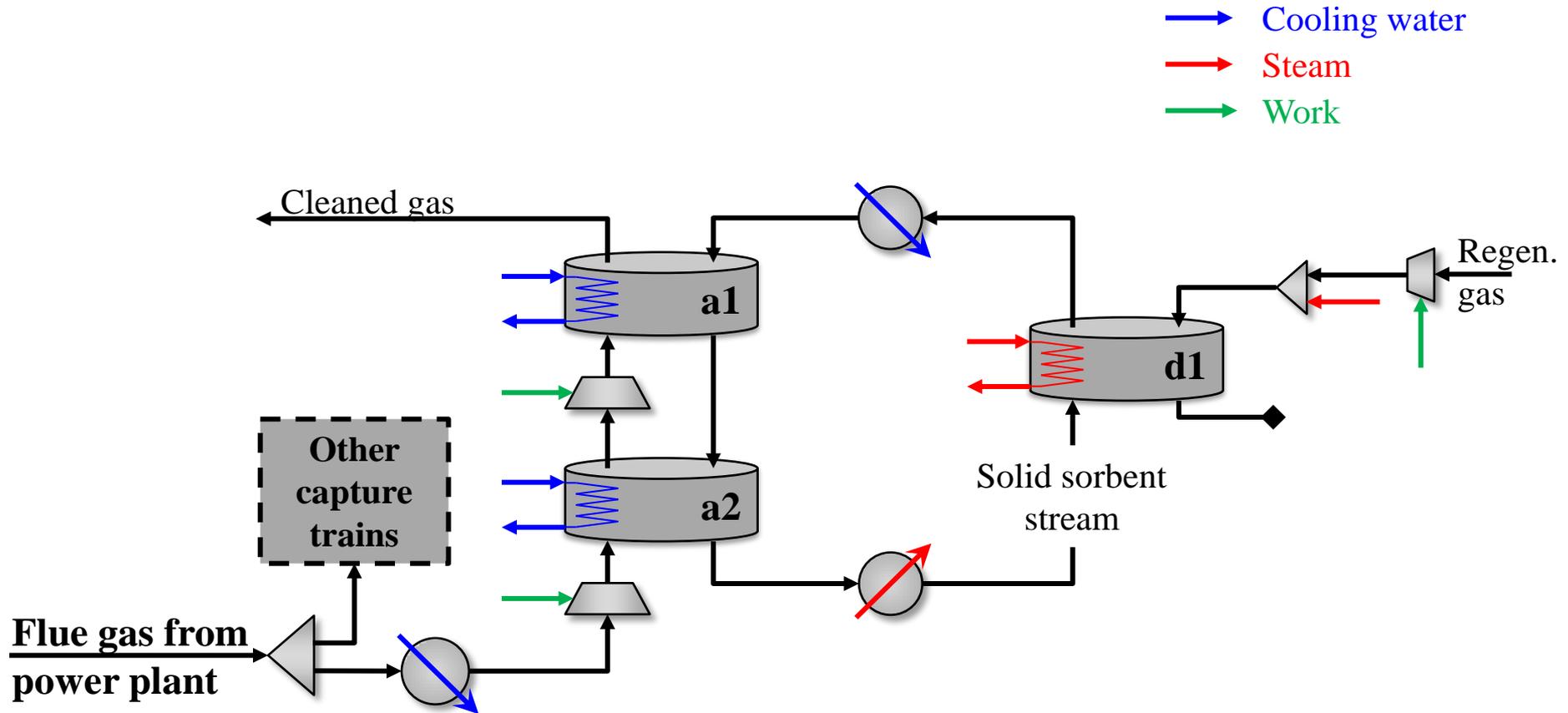
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PRELIMINARY RESULTS



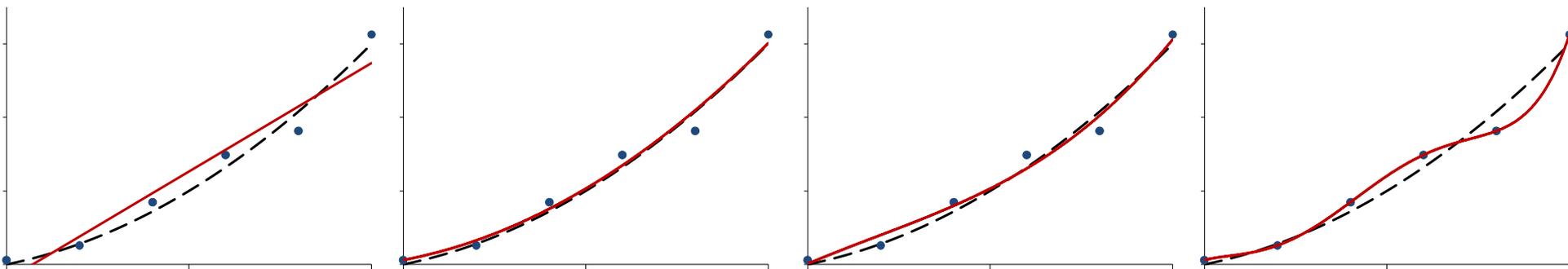
CONCLUSIONS

- Using the our method, we were able to link detailed simulations of solid sorbent carbon capture processes with advanced derivative-based optimization software
- The resulting set of surrogates have been used to define a superstructure model that suggests a series of two adsorbers

- For more information about,
 - The effort by the Carbon Capture and Simulation Initiative (CCSI) recently formed by the Department of Energy
 - *Synthesis of Optimal Adsorptive Carbon Capture Processes*. Y. Chang, et al (Given by D. Miller)
 - *Tuesday, October 18, 2011: 1:20 PM, 209 A/B*
 - The algorithm used to generate surrogate models
 - *Learning Surrogate Models of Processes From Experiments or Simulations*. A. Cozad, N. Sahinidis, D. Miller
 - *Thursday, October 20, 2011: 12:30 PM, 101 I*

AVOID OVERFITTING THE DATA

Increasing model complexity



Linear

Quadratic

Cubic

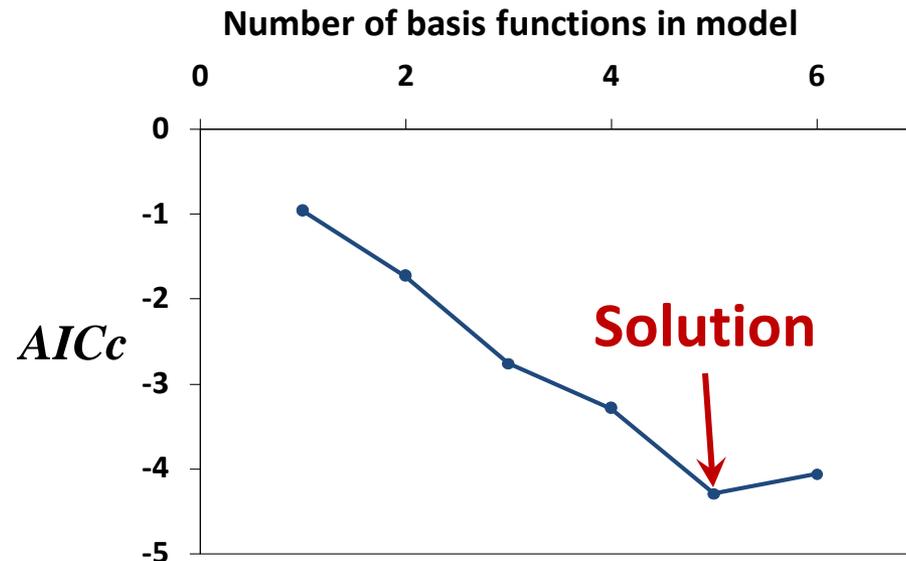
5th Order

- True Function
- Data Points
- Model

HOW TO PICK THE BEST SUBSET

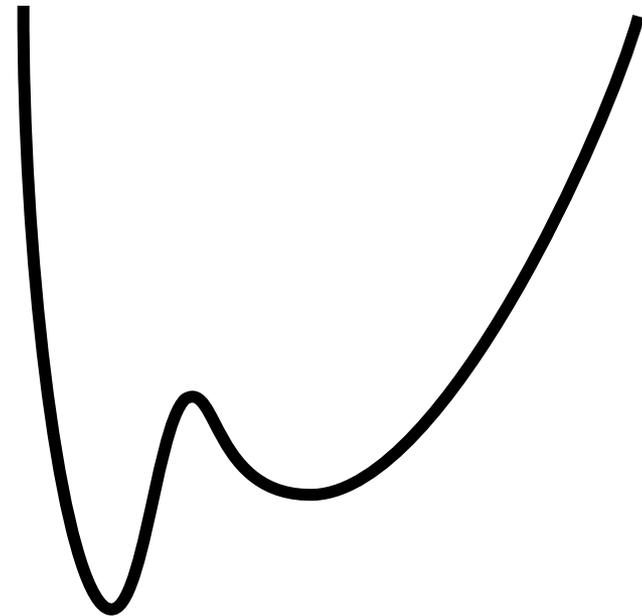
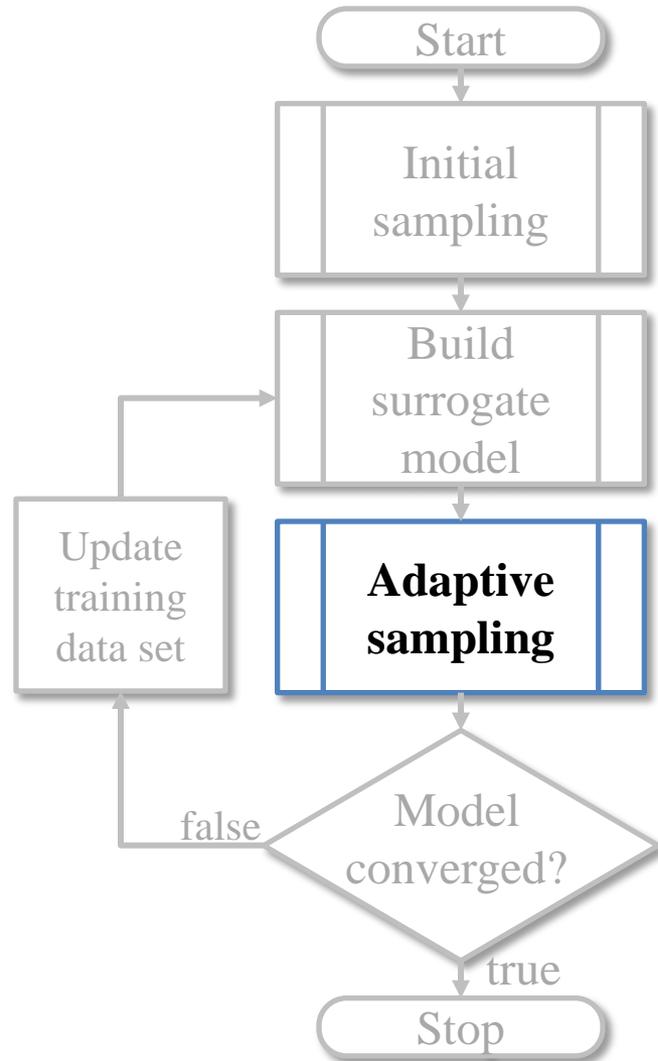
- **Corrected Akaike Information Criterion (AIC_c)**
 - Gives an estimate of the difference between a model and the true function

$$AIC_c = \underbrace{N \log \left(\frac{SSE}{N} \right)}_{\text{Accuracy}} + \underbrace{2T + \frac{2T(T+1)}{N-T-1}}_{\text{Complexity}}$$



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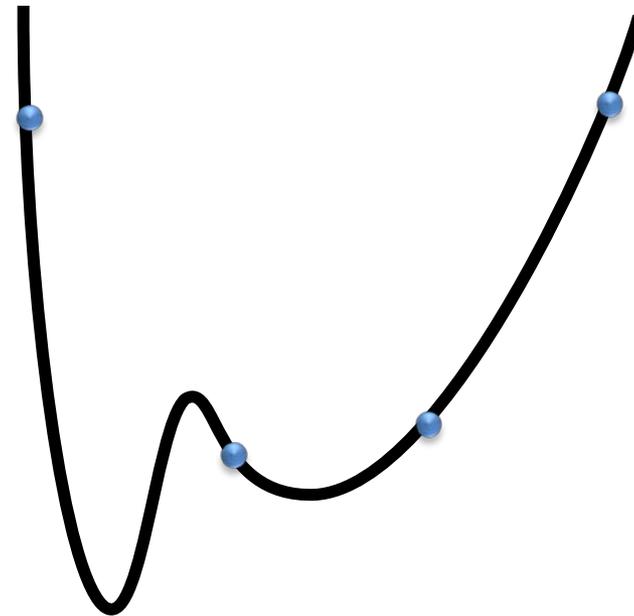
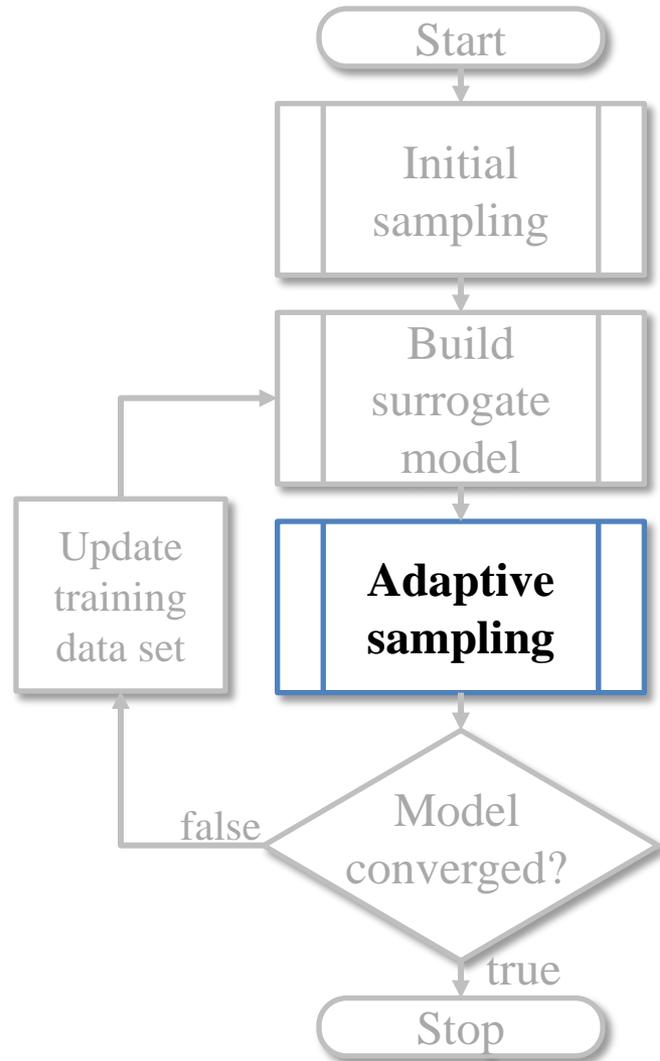
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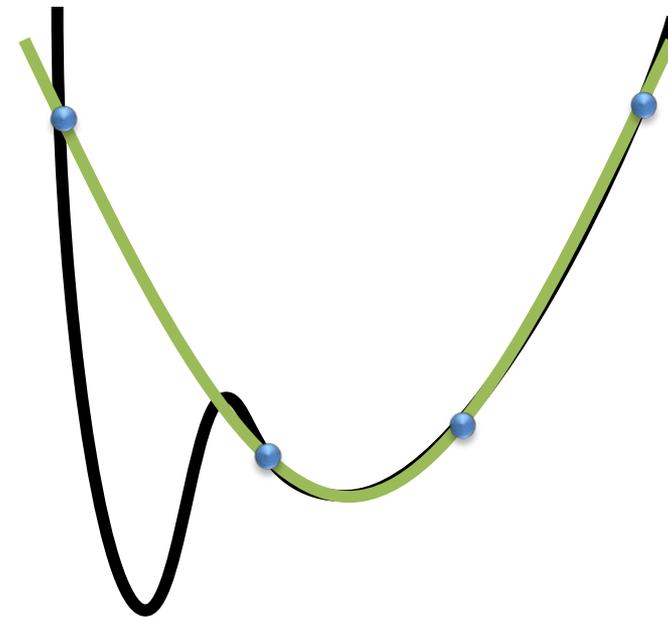
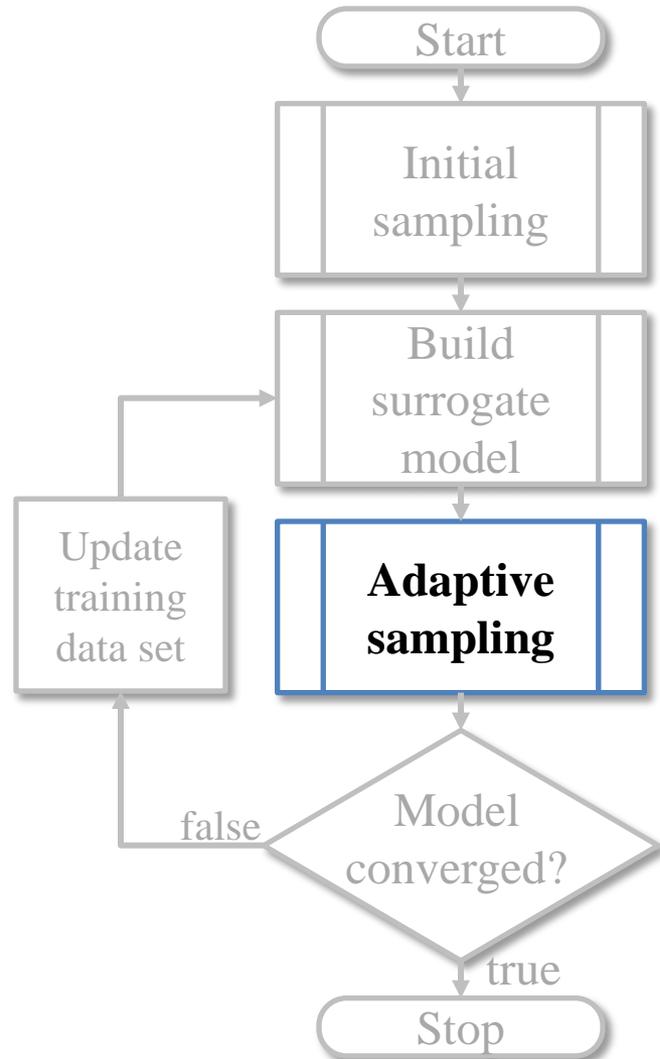
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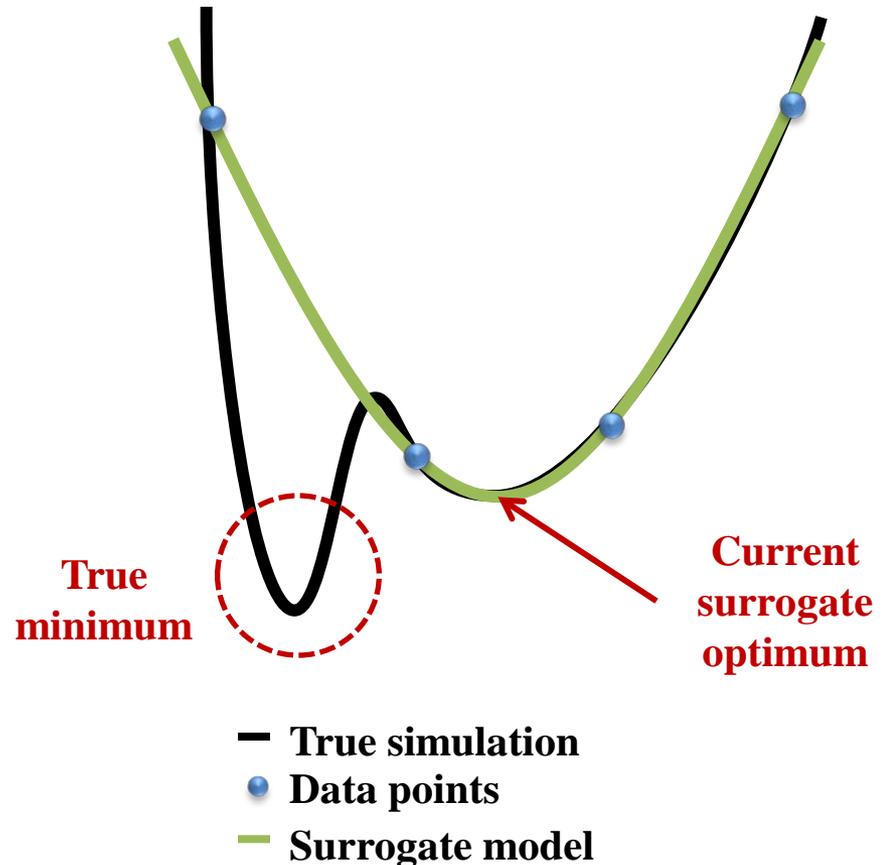
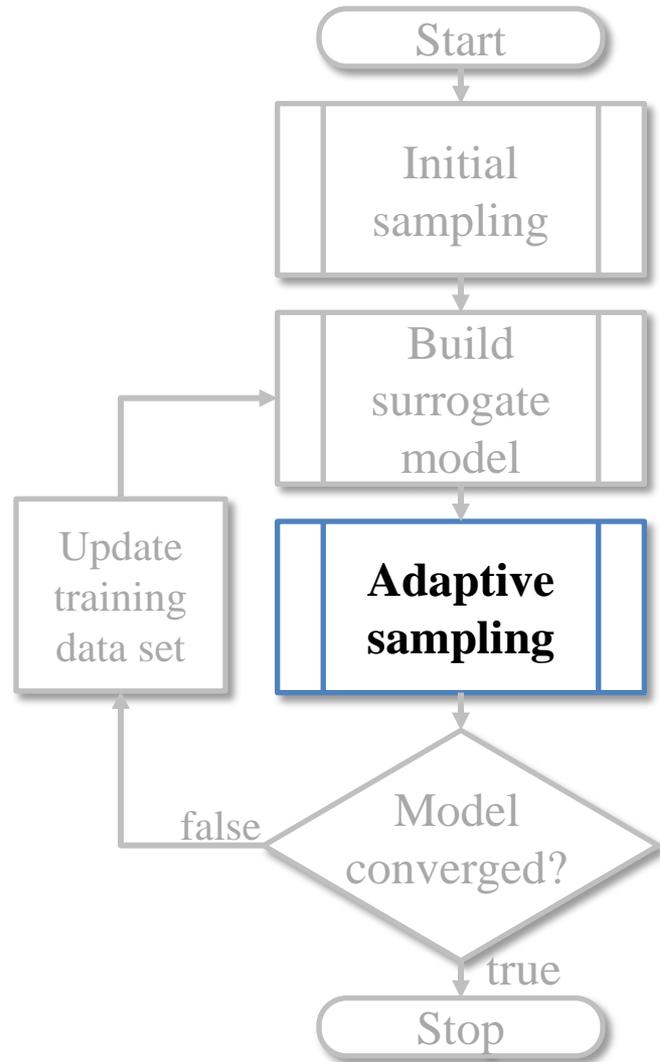
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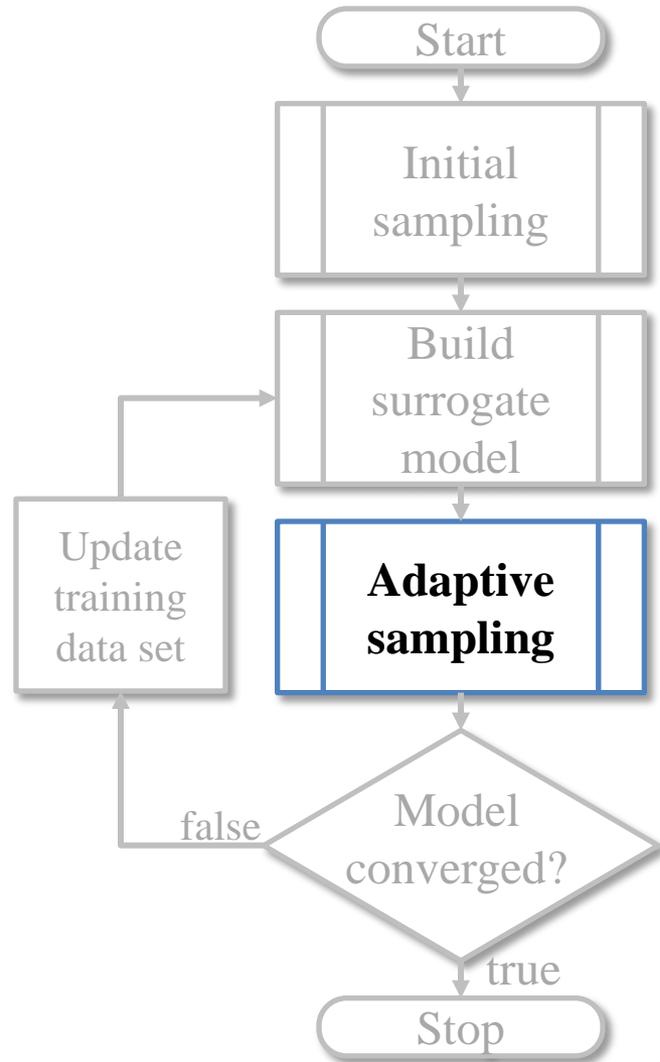
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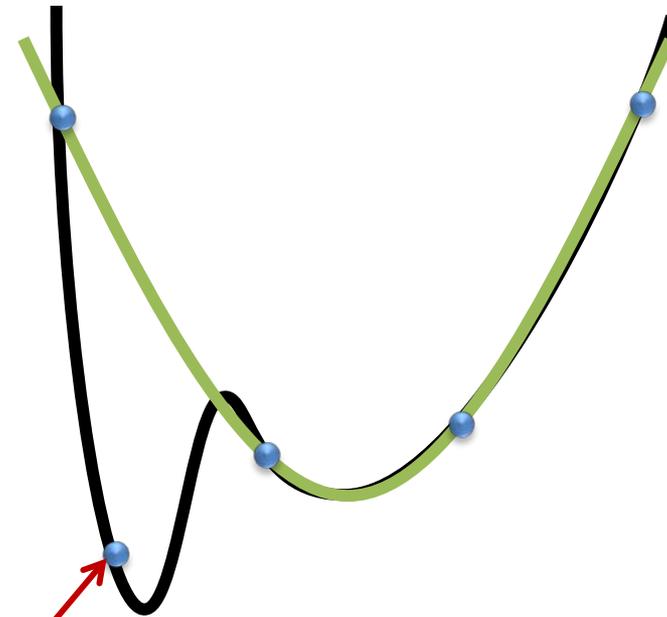


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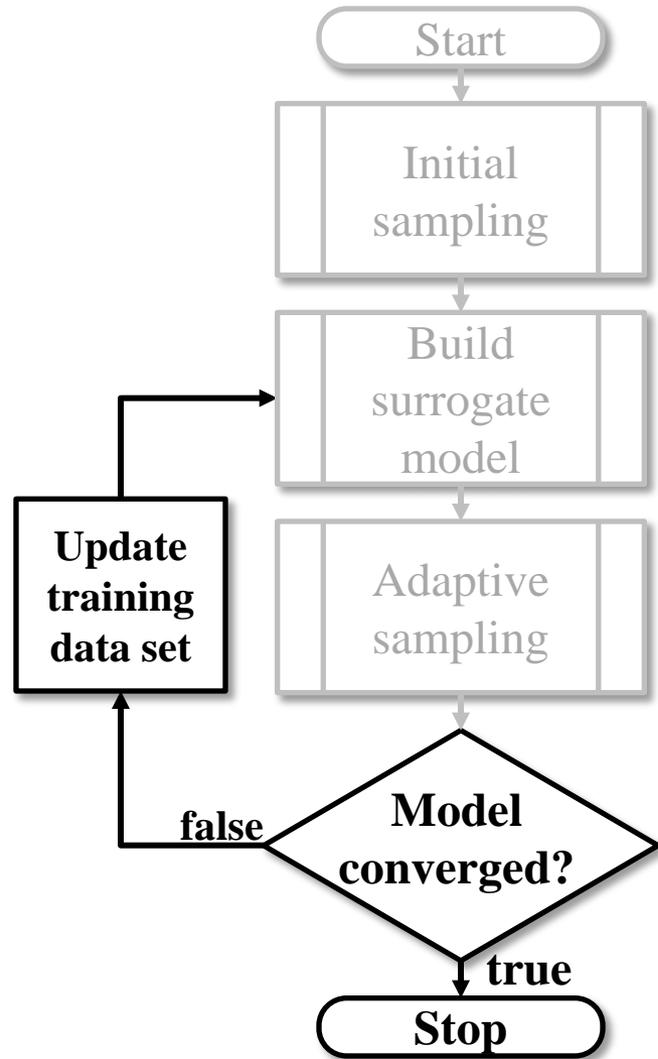
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