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Flatness-Based Model Selection of Benzaldehyde Lyase Catalysed Biochemical Reaction Network

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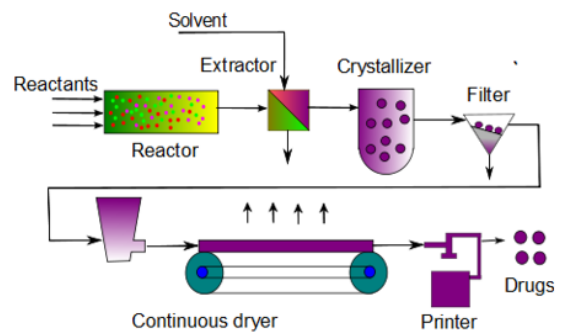
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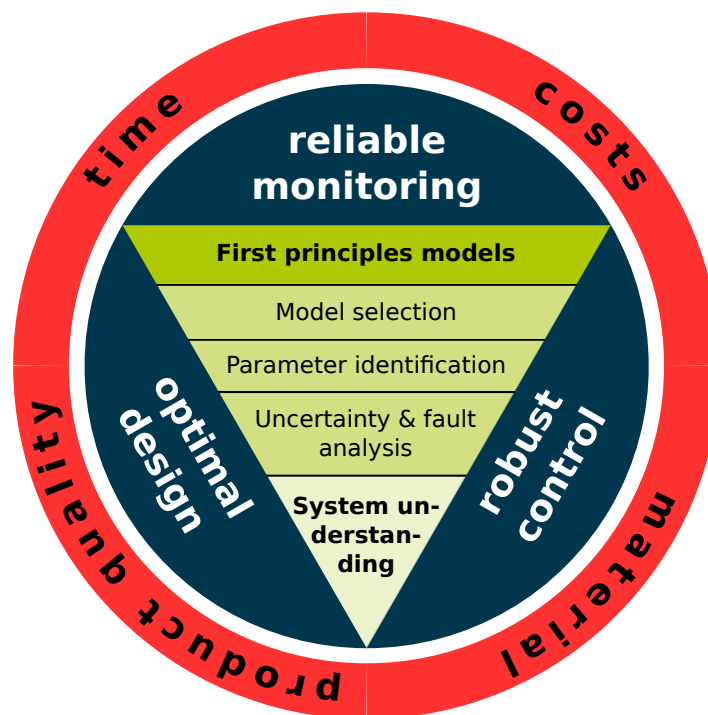
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- interdisciplinary collaboration
- low-cost and effective APIs
- personalised therapy with individualised drug products



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Agenda

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- Results and challenges

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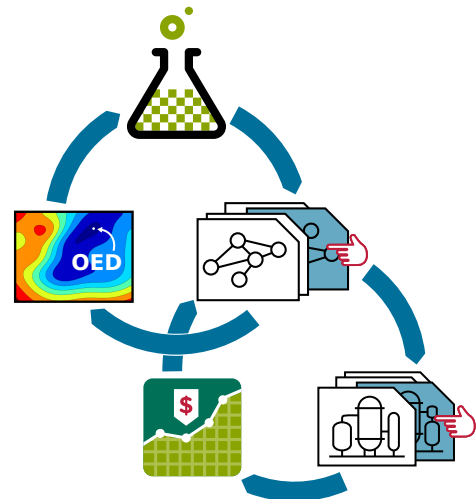
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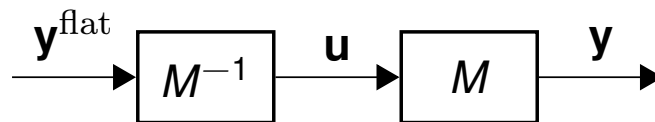
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Concept of flatness

\mathbf{x} : state variables, \mathbf{u} : inputs, \mathbf{y} : outputs

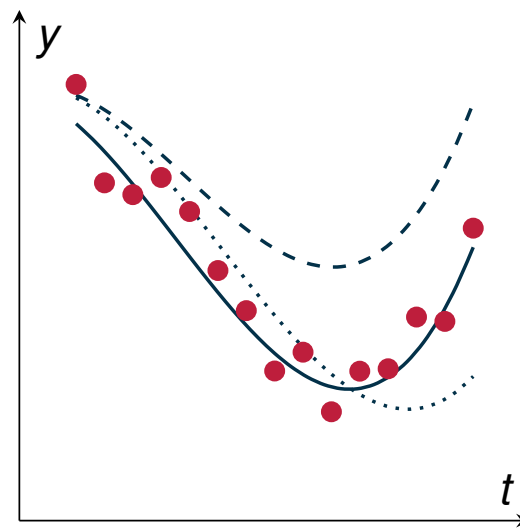
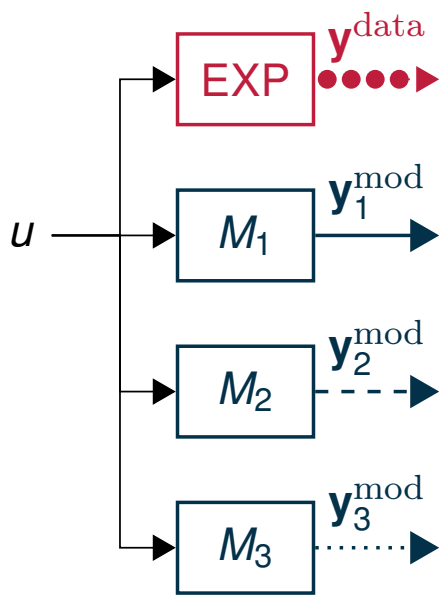
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$\mathbf{y}^{\text{flat}} = \mathbf{f}^{\text{flat}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \dot{\mathbf{u}}, \dots)$ and its derivatives fully describe dynamic behaviour of the system.

Model discrimination

$$\max_{\check{y}^{\text{flat}}} D(\check{y}^{\text{flat}}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\Delta u\| < \epsilon \quad \rightarrow \text{shape functions for } \check{y}^{\text{flat}}$$



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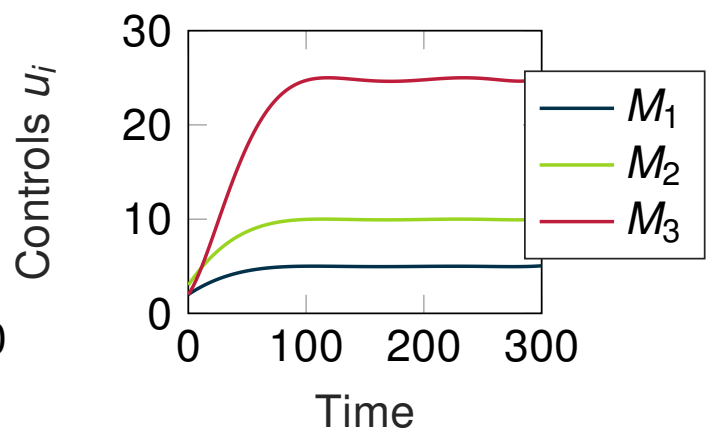
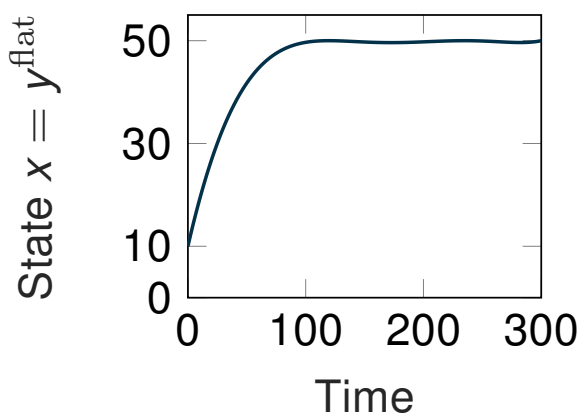
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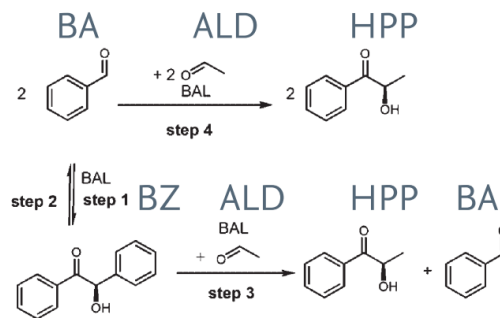
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$$y^{\text{flat}}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^6 C_i t^i$$

D increases as $y^{\text{flat}} = x$ incr.
 → optimisation as expected

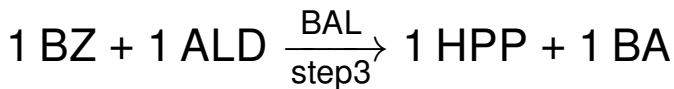
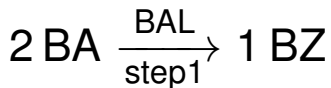
Case study 2: BAL catalysed reaction network

Symbol	Derivative
BA	benzaldehyde
ALD	acetaldehyde
BZ	benzoin
HPP	hydroxy-phenyl-propan



Reaction network [1]

Mechanistics



Dynamic system

$$\text{BA} : \dot{x}_1 = -2v_{\text{step1}} + v_{\text{step3}} + u_1$$

$$\text{ALD} : \dot{x}_2 = -v_{\text{step3}} + u_2$$

$$\text{BZ} : \dot{x}_3 = v_{\text{step1}} - v_{\text{step3}}$$

$$\text{HPP} : \dot{x}_4 = v_{\text{step3}}$$

[1] Falk Hildebrand et al. en. In: *Biotechnology and Bioengineering* 96.5 (Apr. 2007), pp. 835–843.

Case study 2: Model candidates

Candidates (kinetics)

M_1 : Michaelis-Menten with inhibition

M_2 : Michaelis-Menten (set $K_{I,2} = \infty$)

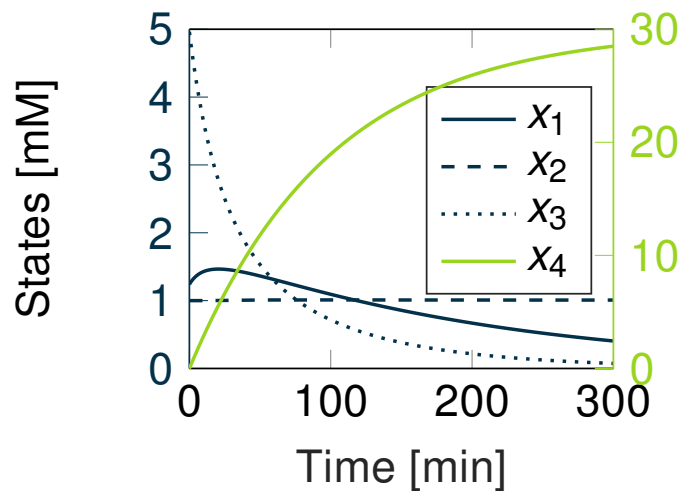
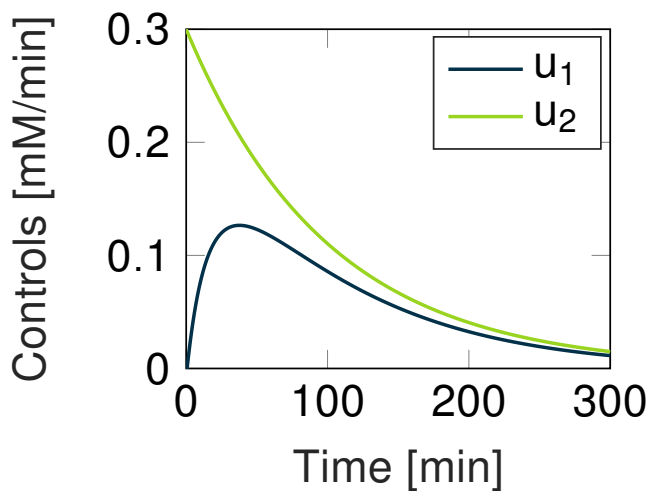
M_3 : Power law

$$M_1, M_2 \begin{cases} v_{\text{step1}} &= [E] V_{\text{max},1} \left(\frac{x_1}{K_{M,BA} (1 + x_2/K_{I,2}) + x_1} \right)^2 \\ v_{\text{step3}} &= [E] V_{\text{max},3} \frac{x_3}{K_{M,BZ} (1 + x_2/K_{I,2}) + x_3} \end{cases}$$
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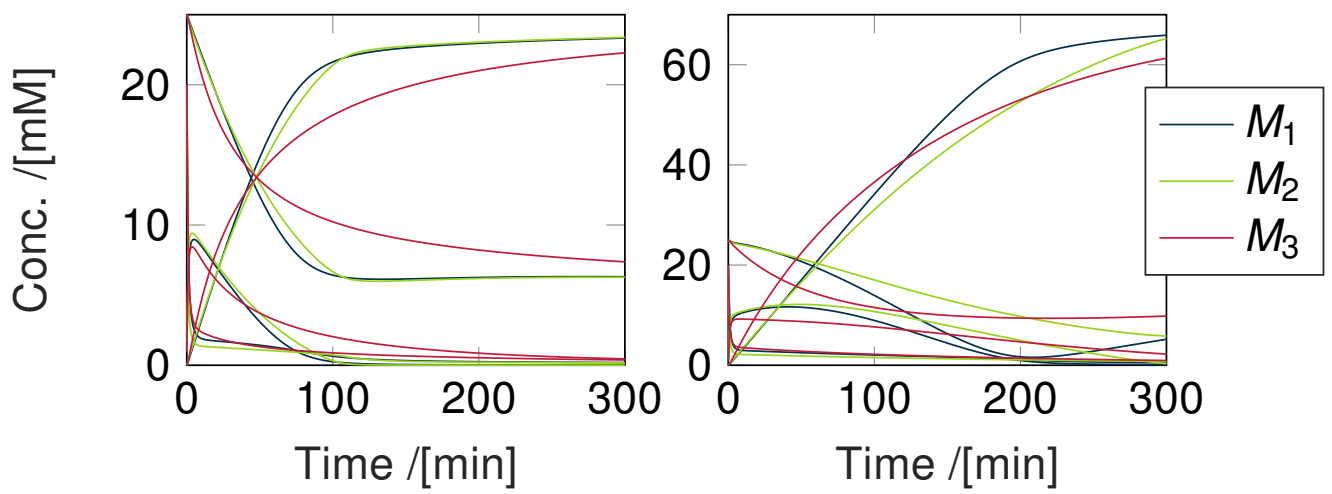
Results: System trajectories

$$\text{Model 2: } \mathbf{y}^{\text{flat}} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 30(1 - \exp[-t/100]) \end{pmatrix}$$

Flat outputs \rightarrow controls \rightarrow states



Case study 2: Optimisation

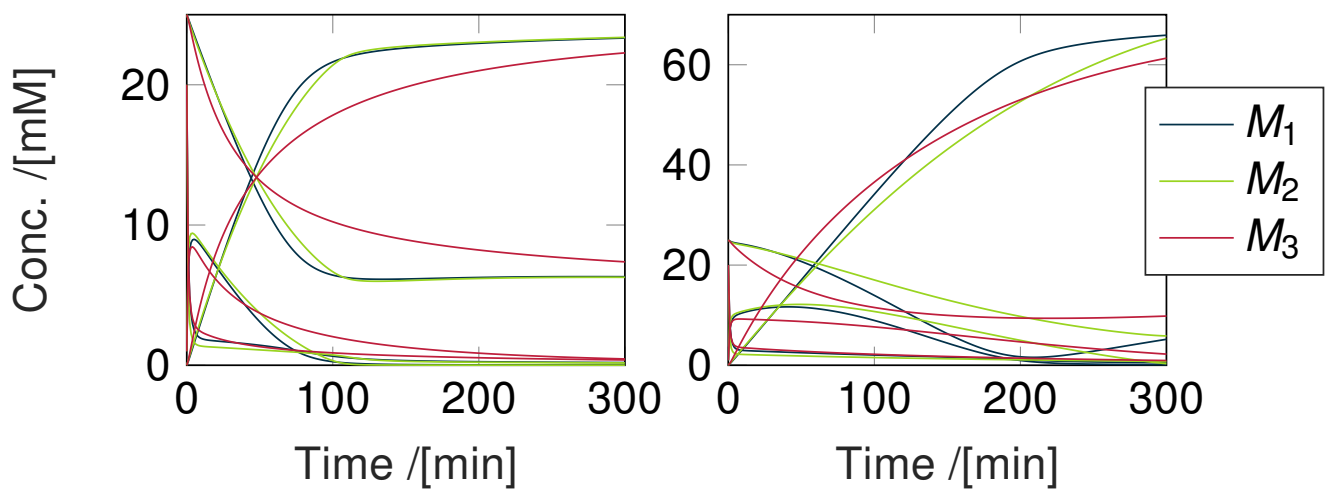


Controls 1



Controls 2

Case study 2: Optimisation



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Is this the optimal discriminating input?

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Outlook: Splines (increasing degrees of freedom)

Thanks for your attention!

