



Design of Experiments

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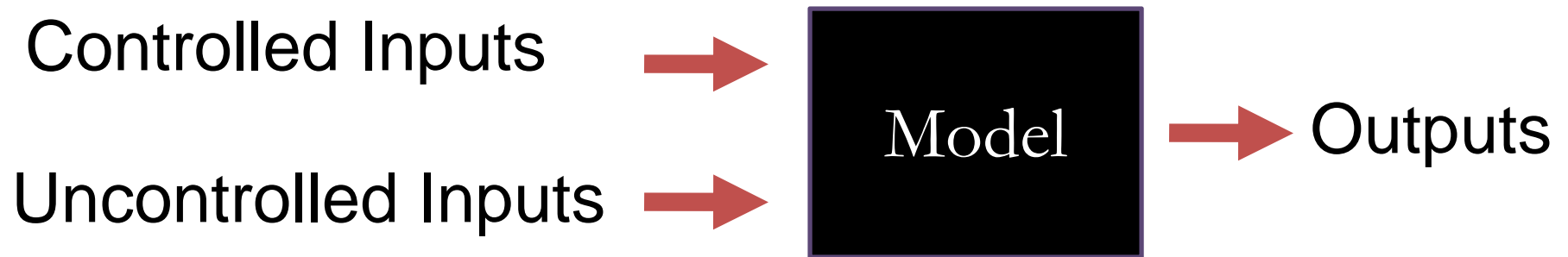


What Is a Designed Experiment?

- A designed experiment is planned, completed and analyzed using statistical considerations to increase efficiency
- Design of Experiments (DOE) has a rich history connected to agriculture, engineering and manufacturing
- Classic DOE attempted to coerce all experiments into a handful of well known, often inflexible, designs
- Modern statistics software packages allow non-experts to create flexible but sensible designs based on their own needs



Testing A Model



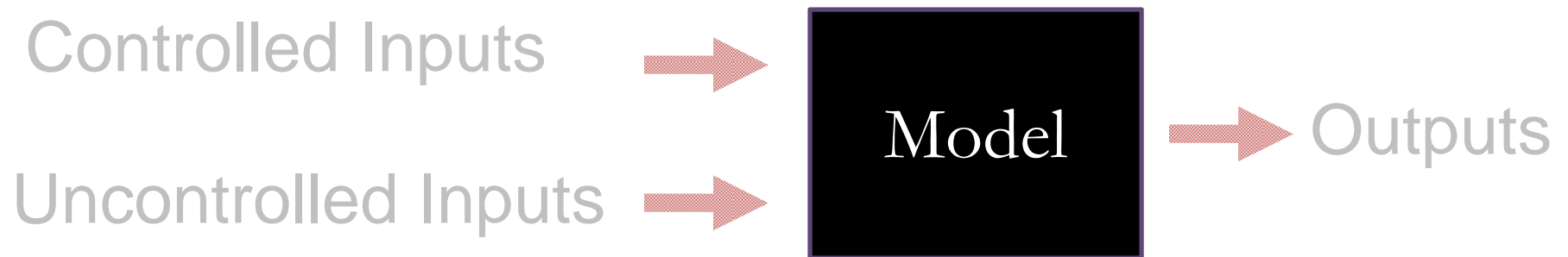
- Most scientific experiments can be visualized as a “black box” model of inputs and outputs
 - Effects of pH and temperature on protein binding yield
 - Effects of gene KO and microarray batch on gene expression



Statistical Jargon

- Model inputs are **independent** variables
 - Controlled inputs are usually called *factors*
 - Uncontrolled inputs are often called *blocking variables*, *covariates* or *nuisance variables*
 - All inputs may be called *predictor variables*, e.g. X
- Model outputs are **dependent** variables
 - Outputs are also called *response variables*, e.g. Y
- The “black box” is our statistical model
 - Linear models, nonlinear models, loglinear models, ...

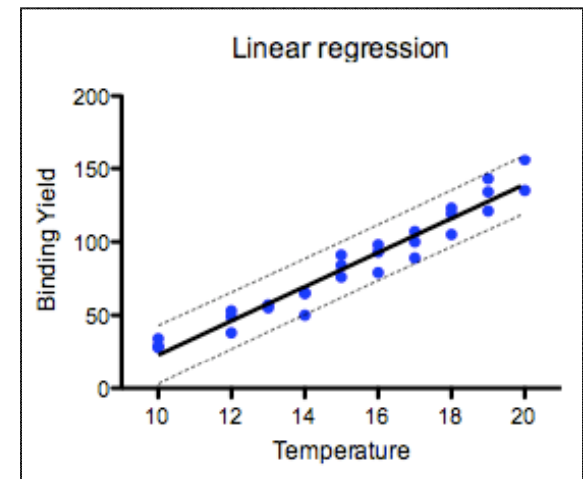
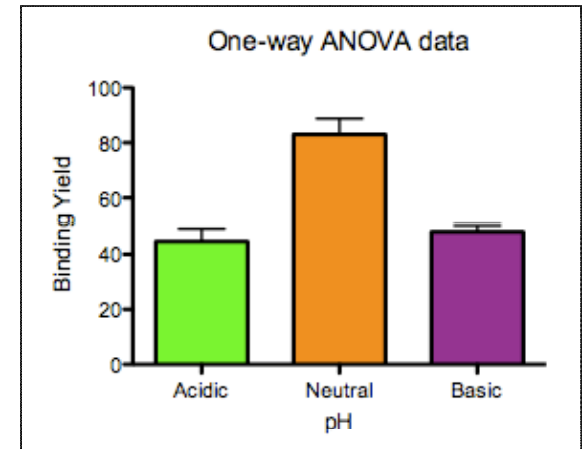
Statistical Models





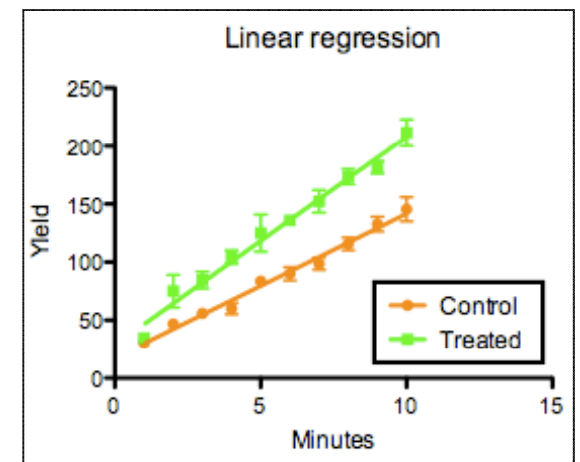
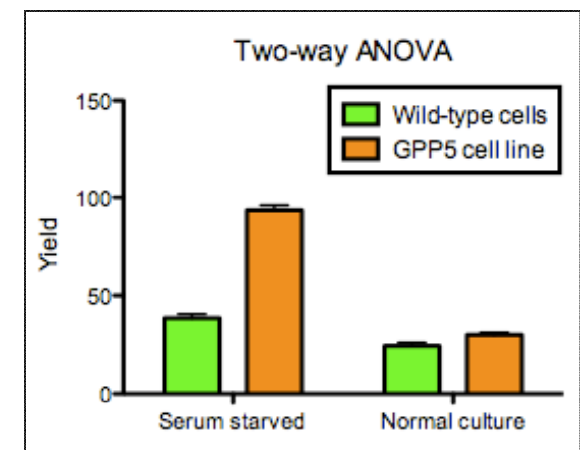
Linear Models (continued)

- One-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) and simple linear regression are two familiar kinds of linear models
- ANOVA methods are used to compare mean response levels among groups
 - E.g. neutral pH binding yield is significantly higher than acidic or basic pH binding yield
- Regression explores linear relationships between predictor and response variables
 - E.g. for every one unit increase in temperature, mean binding yield increases by 11.62 units

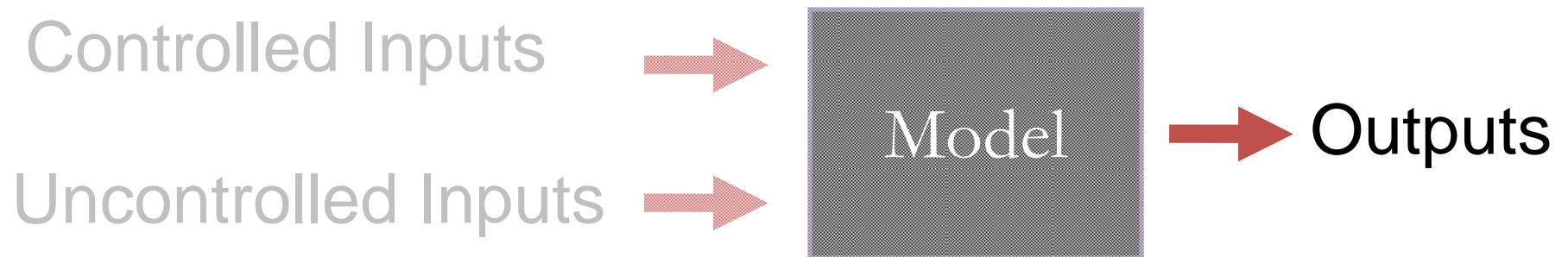


Extensions of the Linear Model

- Multifactor ANOVA compares means among 2 or more factor effects (e.g. cell line and culture)
- Multiple regression looks at the association of 2 or more continuous predictors with the response
- Analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) includes both factor effect and continuous predictor variables



Model Outputs





Response Variables

- Response variables determine the appropriate statistical model for the experiment
 - Most continuous responses use linear models (e.g. yield)
 - All categorical responses use generalized linear models
- Response measurements are taken from the units of sampled data in the experiment
 - Sample units may be selected from the population or assigned to the treatments in many different ways
 - Sample units may differ from experimental units

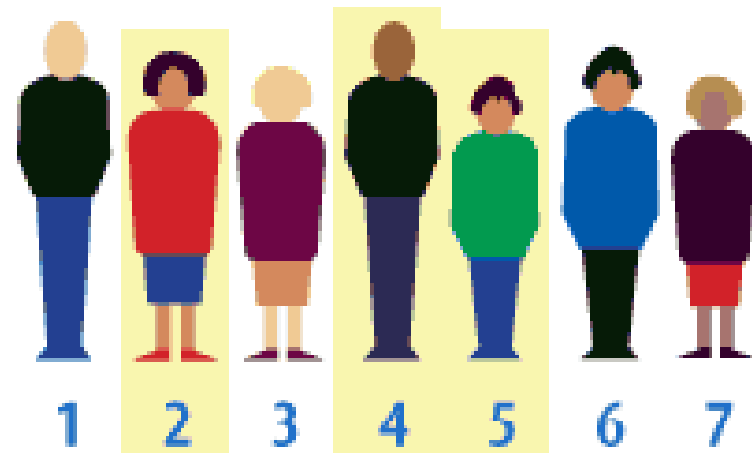


Common Sampling Methods

- Simple Random Sampling (SRS)
 - Each sample in the population has an equal probability of being selected
- Stratified Sampling
 - The population is divided into fixed groups, or strata, and a SRS is selected from each of the strata
 - E.g. stratify a population by gender, then SRS both males and females
- Cluster Sampling
 - Several clusters are randomly selected, and all individuals are sampled
 - E.g. randomly choose 10 American cities and survey all citizens
- Systematic Sampling
 - Samples are chosen using an algorithm or heuristic
 - E.g. every fourth name from the phone book is chosen

Simple Random Sampling

- Each unit in the population has an equal probability of being included in the sample
- Any differences among units will not be reflected in groups due to random sampling
- E.g. we don't want systematic differences between treatment groups to confound tests



Assign Numbers,
Auto-Generate Random
Selections

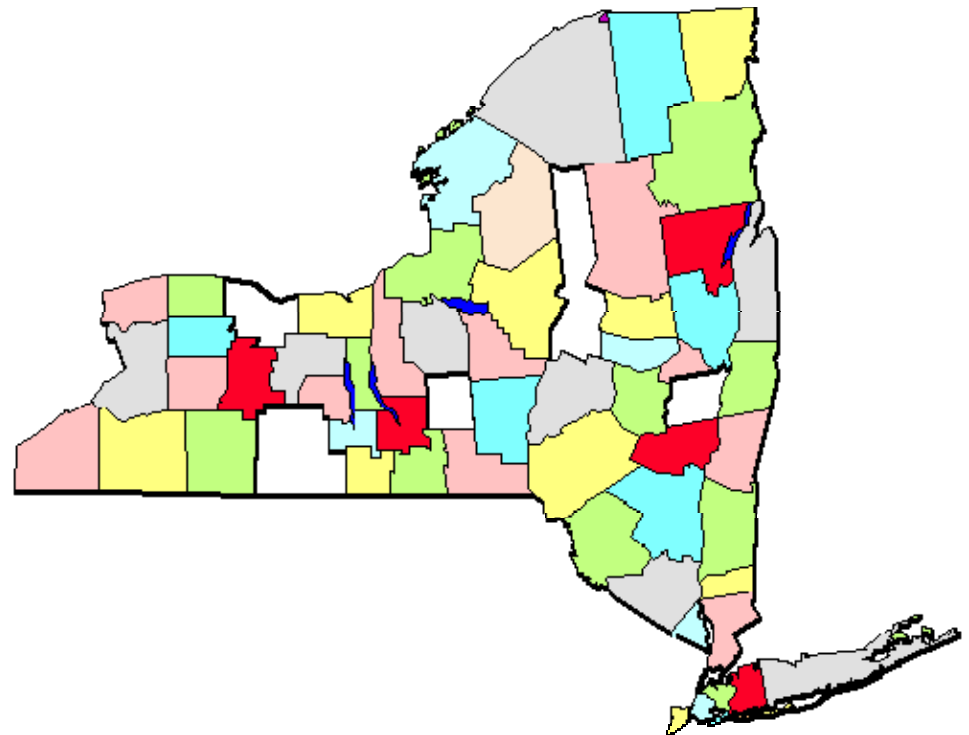
Stratified Sampling

- Want a representative sample of ALL lymphocytes in the human body
- Divide human body into several organ, tissue or cell types and SRS from each
 - E.g. T-cells, B-cells and NK-cells
 - E.g. Samples from lung, liver and gut tissue
- Ensures lymphocytes from all cell or tissue types are in the sample



Cluster Sampling

- You want to sample city hospital data in NY state
- Randomly sample 5 of the 62 counties in NY
 - Each county is a “cluster”
- Collect all the relevant data from every hospital in the 5 sample counties





Experimental Units vs. Sampling Units

- A **treatment** is a unique combination of all the factor levels from the controlled and uncontrolled inputs
- The **experimental unit** (EU) is the smallest entity that can receive or accept one treatment combination
- The **sampling unit** (SU) is the smallest entity that will be measured or observed in the experiment
- Experimental and sampling units are not always the same



Example: EU and SU are the Same

- Suppose 20 patients have the common cold
 - 10 patients are randomly chosen to take a new drug
 - 10 patients are randomly chosen for the placebo
 - Duration of their symptoms (hours) is the response variable
- EU and SU are the same in this experiment
 - Drug and placebo treatments are applied to each patient
 - Each patient is sampled to record their duration of symptoms
 - Therefore EU = patient and SU = patient



Example: EU and SU are different

- 20 flowers are planted in individual pots
 - 10 flowers are randomly chosen to receive dry fertilizer pellets
 - 10 flowers are randomly chosen to receive liquid fertilizer
 - All six petals are harvested from each flower and petal length is measured as the response variable
- EU and SU are different in this experiment
 - Fertilizer treatment is applied to the individual plant or pot
 - Measurements are taken from individual flower petals
 - Therefore EU = plant and SU = petal **(pseudo-replication)**

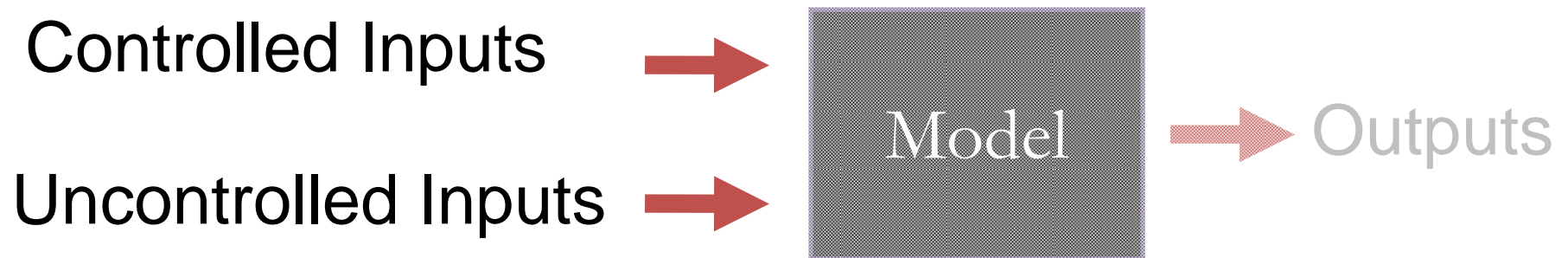


Pseudo-Replication

- Confusion between EU's and SU's can artificially inflate sample sizes and artificially decrease p-values
 - E.g. It is tempting to treat each flower petal as a unique sample ($n = 6 \times 20 = 120$), but the petals are *pseudo-replicates*
 - “Pseudoreplication and the Design of Ecological Field Experiments” (Hurlbert 1984, Ecological Monographs)
- Pooling samples can create pseudo-replication problems
 - E.g. 12 fruit flies are available for a microarray experiment, but must pool flies into 4 groups of 3 flies each to get enough RNA
 - Once data are pooled, it is not appropriate to analyze each individual separately in the statistical model



Model Inputs

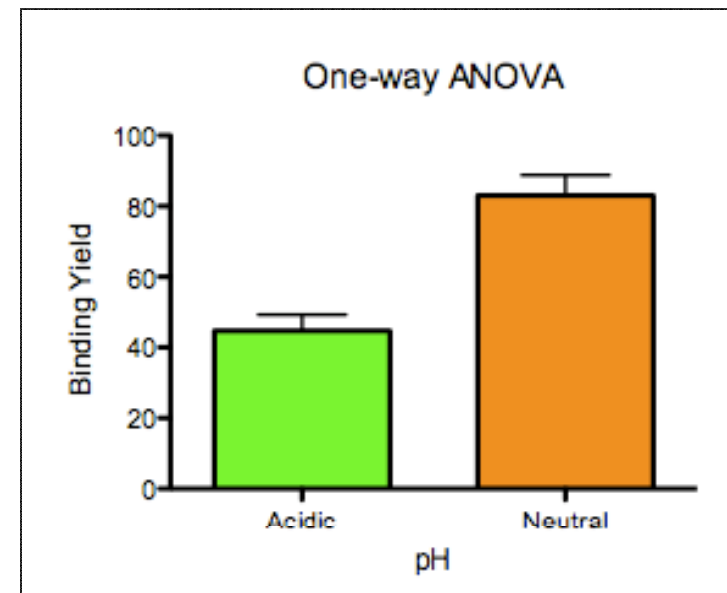
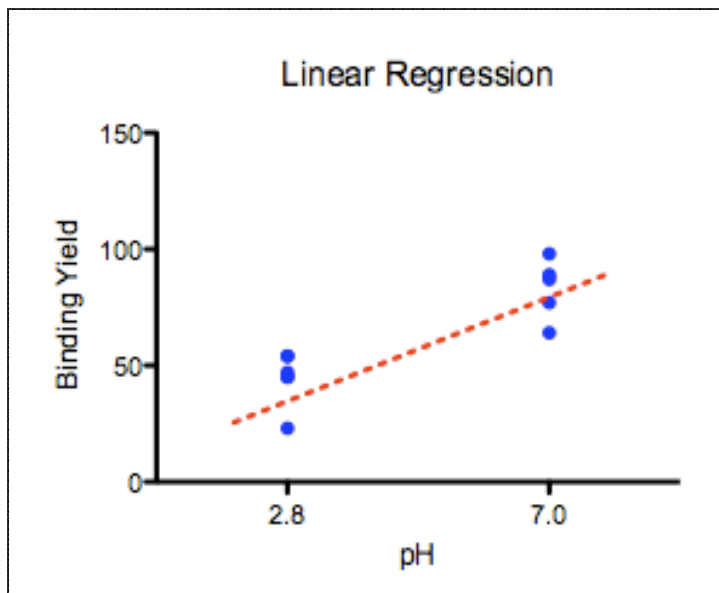




Controlled Inputs

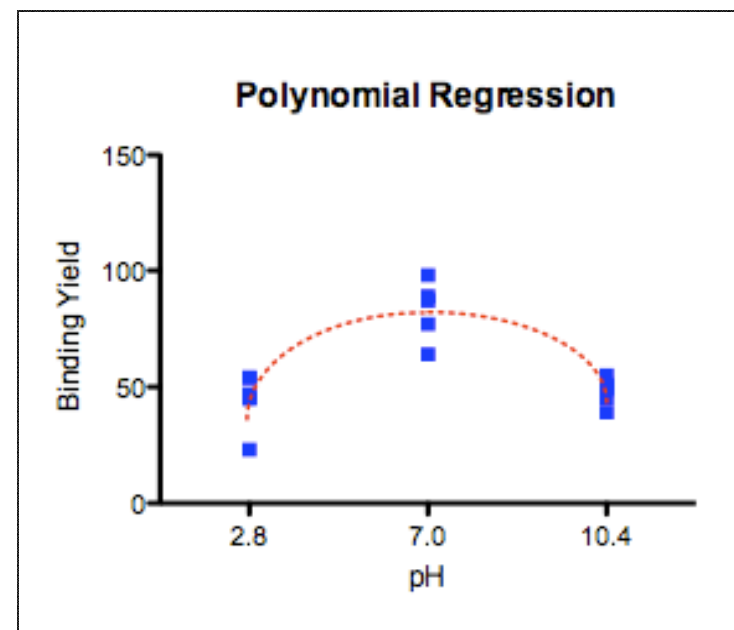
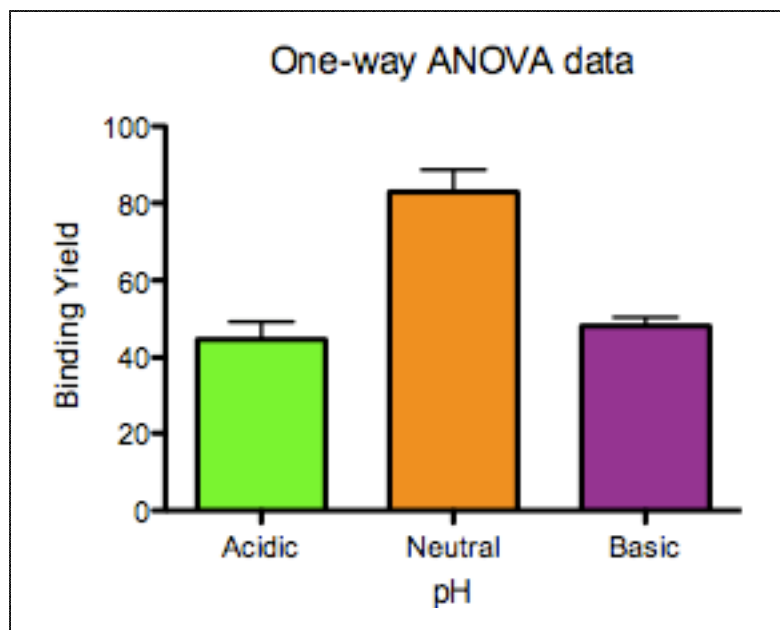
- Controlled inputs are the variables that most interest the experimenter
- Controlled inputs can be manipulated and randomly assigned by the researcher
- Controlled inputs can be treated as factor effects, even if the variable is continuous

Relationship Between Regression and ANOVA



- Continuous variables can be treated as factors, if researchers only use 2-3 replicated values

Curved Relationships



- You need at least 3 replicated **X** values or 3 factor levels to estimate a curved relationship



Uncontrolled Inputs

- Uncontrolled inputs are measurable traits of the sampling units that do not interest the researcher, but must be included in the statistical model
- Uncontrolled categorical variables are **nuisance factors**
 - E.g. gender, race, disease status, cell type, smoking status, ...
- Uncontrolled continuous variables are **covariates**
 - E.g. body mass, age, calcium intake, cigarettes per week, ...
- Uncontrolled discrete variables are **blocks**
 - E.g. agricultural plot, microarray chip, chemical batch, subject

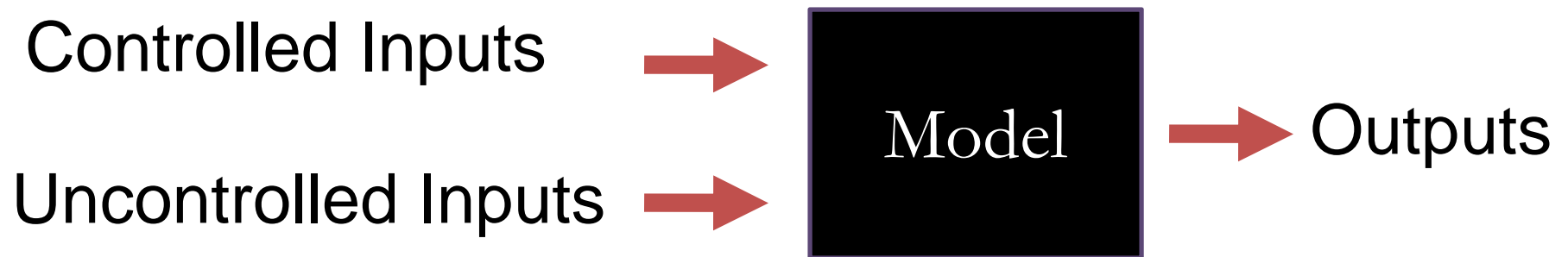


Blocking Variables

- Sometimes the phrase *block variable* is used to describe consecutive measurements from one factor level
 - E.g. We might block an experiment by the **gender** variable, if we collect all of the male and female samples separately
 - These variables may be better described as *whole plot effects*
- The phrase *block variable* can also describe categorical or discrete variables consumed during the experiment
 - E.g. If **chemical batch** is a variable in an experiment, you will only get a fixed amount of experiment runs from each batch
 - **Subject** variables are often treated as blocks, because one subject can only accept one treatment at a time



A Complete Picture of DOE





Why Use a Designed Experiment?

- You want an unbiased experiment (**Basic Designs**)
- You want to know how many samples to collect in an upcoming experiment (**Power and Sample Size**)
- You know dozens of variables *might* affect a protein binding process and you want to test them with one reasonably-sized experiment (**Screening Designs**)
- You want to optimize a fermentation experiment by controlling its duration, substrate concentration and temperature to maximize yield, minimize costs and target a specific mass (**Response Surface Designs**)



Completely Randomized Design

- The simplest type of designed experiment may be the completely randomized design (CRD)
- In the CRD, experimental units are randomly assigned to the factor level groups using simple random sampling
 - E.g. Any medical studies where all patients can be randomly assigned to drug or placebo groups might be a CRD
- Randomly assigning treatments to the SU's will eliminate biases from other correlated variables
 - E.g. biases from gender, age, weight or comorbidities in a medical study

Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD)



Four 30° C incubators with 6 trays each

Each incubator receives 3 trays from each drug

4 incubator blocks and 2 drug treatments

- Often CRD is impossible or inappropriate, so researchers must restrict randomization to control nuisance effects
 - E.g. Imagine a malaria experiment comparing the effects of two drugs on mosquitoes stored in one of four 30° C incubators with 6 trays each
- Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) experiments arrange samples into blocks by the nuisance factor(s)
 - E.g. Each incubator is a block and mosquitoes are randomly assigned to one of the two drug treatments and one of 3 trays in each of the 4 incubators



Within and Among Block Variance

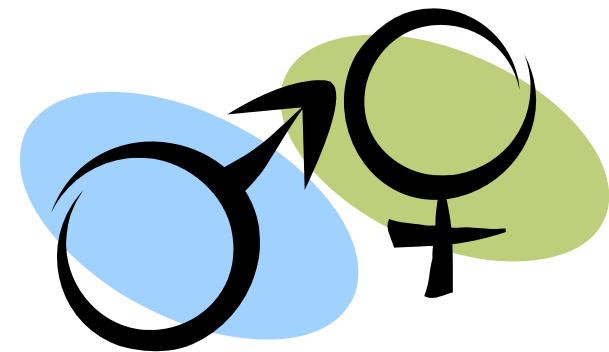
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 \text{parasite load} & & \text{intercept} & & \text{among drug} & & \text{among incubator} & & \text{within incubator} \\
 & & & & \text{treatments} & & \text{block errors} & & \text{block errors}
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- Samples from the same incubator should be correlated within one another, creating differences among incubator blocks
- RCBD experiments separate error within blocks from the error among blocks to increase statistical power
 - Differences among drug treatments are compared to the within block error
- CRD experiments ignore differences among blocks, confounding the errors within and among blocks for reduced statistical power
 - Among drug treatments are compared to within and among block error

Random vs. Fixed Effects



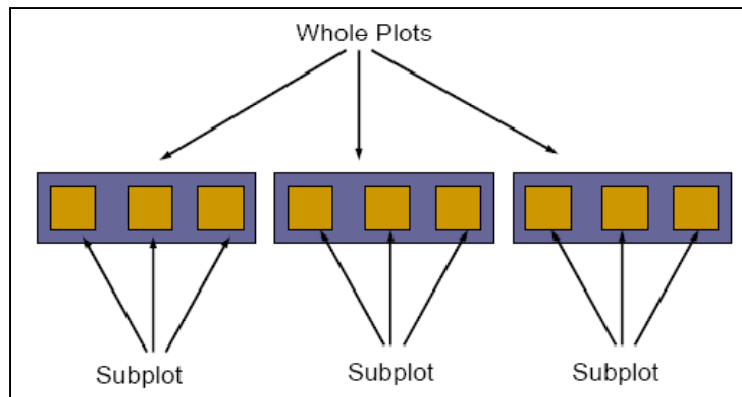
Subject effects are random



Gender effects are fixed

- Subject effects are random because the subjects in a experiment are a sample from the population of all possible subjects
- Gender effects are fixed because there are only two genders

Split-plot Design



12 mice: 6 infected, 6 uninfected

3 infected males, 3 infected females, ...

4 samples taken from each mouse

Each sample treated with one of 2 different drugs

Whole plot (mouse) EU's: Infection, gender

Subplot (sample) EU's: drug treatment

- Split-plot design experiments model experiments where whole plots and subplots represent different EUs
 - Whole plots are often locations, subjects, objects or factors that are difficult to change (e.g. temperature in an incubator)
 - Subplot effects are typically the effects of highest interest
 - Subplot effects are tested with higher power than whole plot



Multiple Variances in Split-plot Design

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 \text{Response} & & \text{intercept} & & \text{whole plot} & & \text{whole plot} & & \text{subplot} & & \text{subplot} \\
 & & & & \text{treatments} & & \text{error} & & \text{treatments} & & \text{errors}
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- Whole plot effects are tested against the whole plot standard error
 - Whole plot standard error = $\sigma_e^2 + k\sigma_b^2$, where σ_e^2 is the subplot error, σ_b^2 is the whole plot error and k is the number of subplot treatments
 - Whole plot error component is often a random subject effect
 - Tests of whole plot effects have reduced power (larger standard error)
- Subplot effects are tested against the subplot standard error
 - Subplot error = σ_e^2 usually represents the random error between samples
 - Tests of the subplot effects have the most power (smaller standard error)



Split-plot vs. RCBD

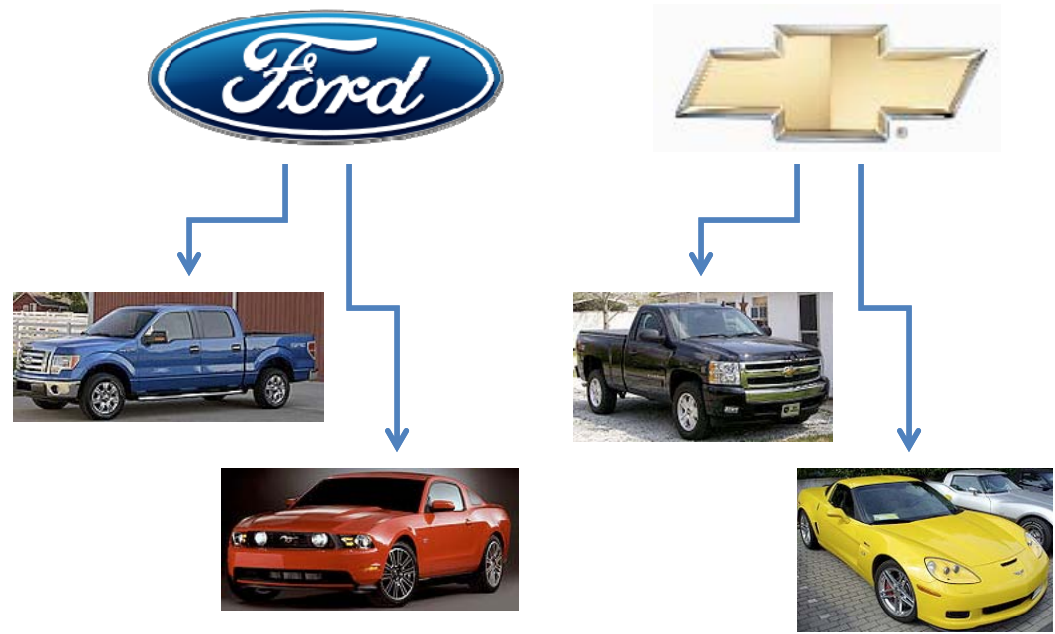
- Split-plot experiments deal with multiple EU's, while RCBD can have a single EU = SU
- Blocks in a RCBD experiment are usually nuisance variables that do not interest the experimenter
 - Blocks included to account for additional variation
 - Blocks are usually treated as random effects
- Whole-plot effects do interest experimenters
 - Whole-plot effects are often fixed effects

Crossed vs. Nested Factors

		Water levels	
		Low	High
Fertilizer	Low		
	High		



crossed factors



nested factors



Crossed and Nested Factors

- Two factors are crossed if all of their factor levels can occur together in a single experimental unit
 - E.g. Fertilizer level (high or low) and water level (high or low) are crossed because all combos are possible (LL, LH, HL, HH)
- Two factors are nested if the levels in one variable depend on the levels of the other variable for each EU
 - E.g. car manufacturer (Ford or Chevy) and car model (Mustang or F150, Corvette or Silverado) are nested factors, because there is no Chevy F150
- Need to properly specify factors as crossed or nested
 - Cannot run nested variables as crossed effects in the model
 - Subplot effect is nested within the whole plot in a split-plot model

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Power and Sample Size





How Many Samples?

- You are planning a biological experiment, but you do not know how many samples to collect
 - E.g. mouse experiments, microarray experiments, vaccine production
- One sample per group
 - Cannot computer errors, statistical tests or p -values
- Too few samples per group
 - Will I find any significant p -values?
 - Have I accurately represented my population?
- Too many samples per group
 - Did I waste time, money or other resources?
 - Are my statistical results biologically meaningful?

Two Ideologies



Karl Pearson

1857-1936

Correlation coefficient
Linear regression
Chi-square test



**Sir Ronald A
Fisher**

1890-1962

Analysis of Variance
Design of Experiments
Fisher's Exact Test

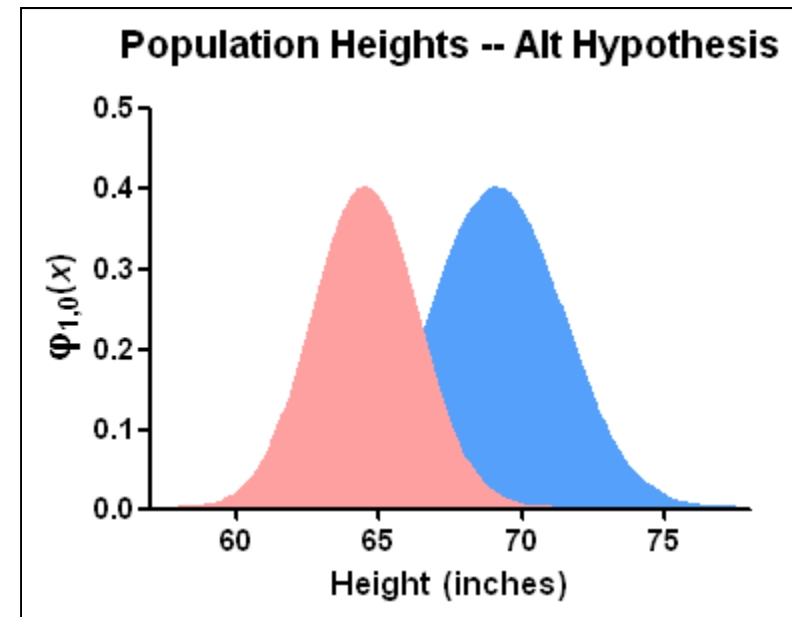
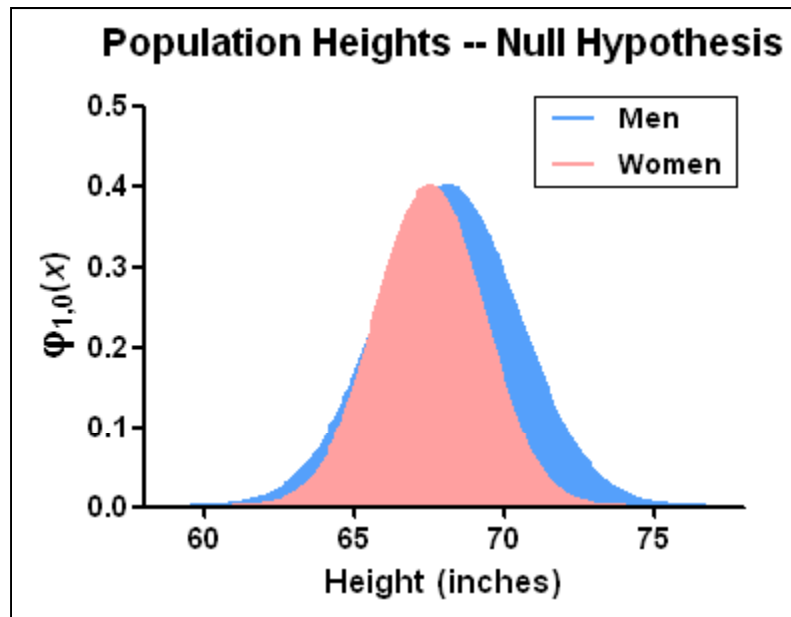
- Collect as many samples as possible (Karl Pearson)
 - More samples = more information about the population
- Collect a smaller representative sample (R.A. Fisher)
 - Detecting a significant result with a small sample produces stronger conclusions because it requires a larger effect size



Recall the Statistical Testing Process

- Formulate null and alternative hypotheses
 - E.g. (null) $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$ vs. (alternative) $H_A: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$
- Calculate the appropriate test statistic
 - E.g. Student's t-test, linear regression, ANOVA F-test, ...
- Compute the probability of observing the test statistic (i.e. your sample data) under the null hypothesis
 - I.e. Compute a p-value
- Make a statistical decision
 - Reject the null hypothesis or Fail to Reject the null hypothesis
- Make a biological conclusion
 - E.g. New drug reduces viral load, neutral pH produces highest yield, ...

Null and Alternative Hypotheses



- Men and women are equal height vs. men taller than women
- (null) $H_0: \mu_M - \mu_W \leq 0$ vs. (alternative) $H_A: \mu_M - \mu_W > 0$



What Is a Statistical Test?

$$\text{Test} = \frac{\text{Difference}}{\text{Error}} = \frac{\text{Statistic} - \text{Null Value}}{\text{Error}}$$

- Almost all tests used in inferential statistics can be generalized as the ratio of a “difference” over an “error”
 - Difference between a statistic and null value (usually 0)
 - A statistic is nothing more than a numeric summary of the experimental data with respect to the null hypothesis
 - Null value is an assumption about the population under the null hypothesis and error is estimate of the sampling distribution error

Example: Two-sample Student's T -test

$$T^* = \frac{\overline{X}_1 - \overline{X}_2 - 0}{\sqrt{\frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}}}$$

statistic \rightarrow $\overline{X}_1 - \overline{X}_2$ \leftarrow null value 0

\leftarrow standard error

- The “statistic” in a two-sample t -test is a difference between the two sample means and the null value is zero
 - The hypothesis $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ implies $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$
- The standard error is an estimate of the common variance

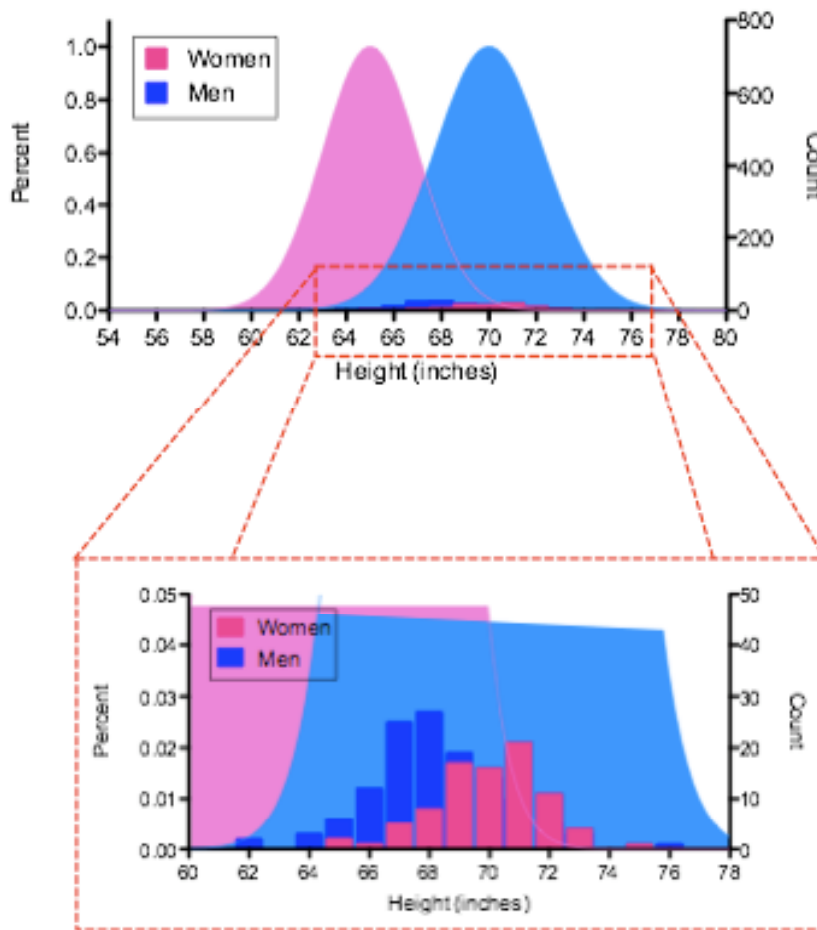


Type I and Type II Errors

		Actual population difference?	
		Yes	No
Was the difference detected by the statistical test?	Yes	OK	Type I Error (False Positive)
	No	Type II Error (False Negative)	OK

- Different types of experiments attempt to minimize Type I errors, Type II errors or both kinds of errors
 - E.g. Type II errors are more important in medical testing

Type I and Type II Errors - Example



- Suppose the average man is 5" taller than the average woman
 - Male population average 70"
 - Female population average 65"
- Samples from the population may not be representative
 - By chance we sample 120 former women's basketball players
 - By chance we sample 120 men that are shorter than average
- Type I and Type II errors reflect the imperfections of sampling



Power and Sample Size Analysis

- Power represents the probability of detecting a significant result whenever it truly occurs
- Statistical power is related to sample size and other characteristics of the experiment
- The goal is to determine the power achieved by a certain sample size or determine the sample size necessary to achieve the desired power

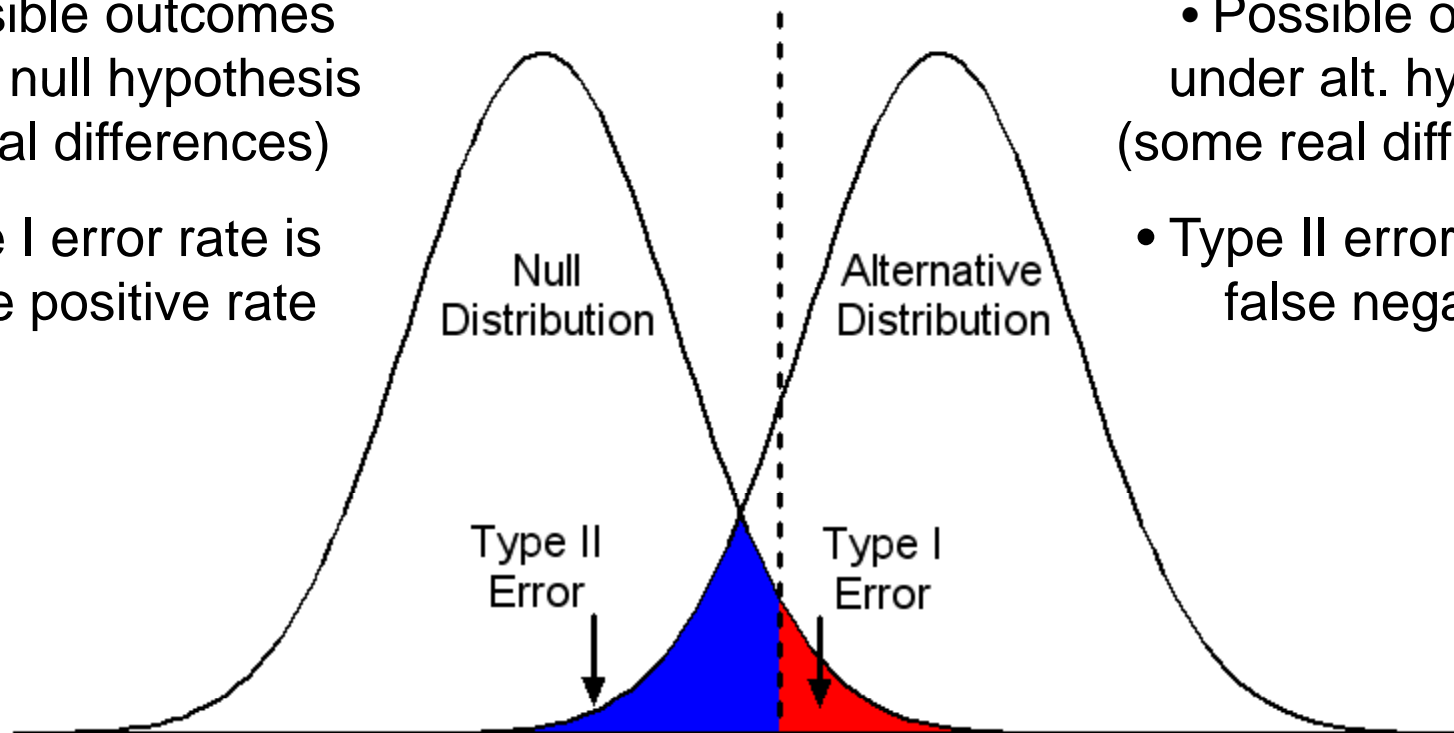
Statistical Testing

Null distribution

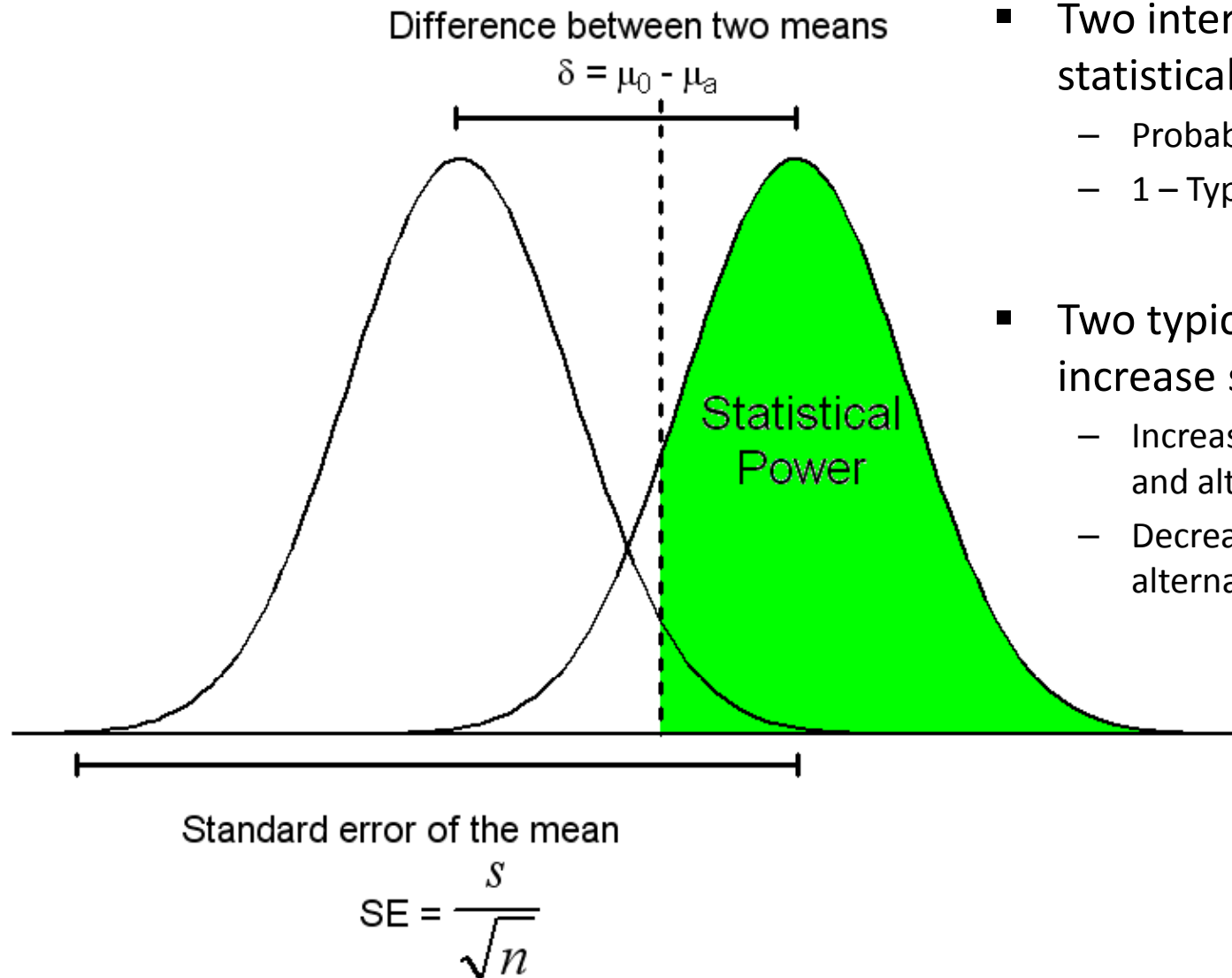
- Possible outcomes under null hypothesis (no real differences)
- Type I error rate is a false positive rate

Alt. distribution

- Possible outcomes under alt. hypothesis (some real differences)
- Type II error rate is a false negative rate

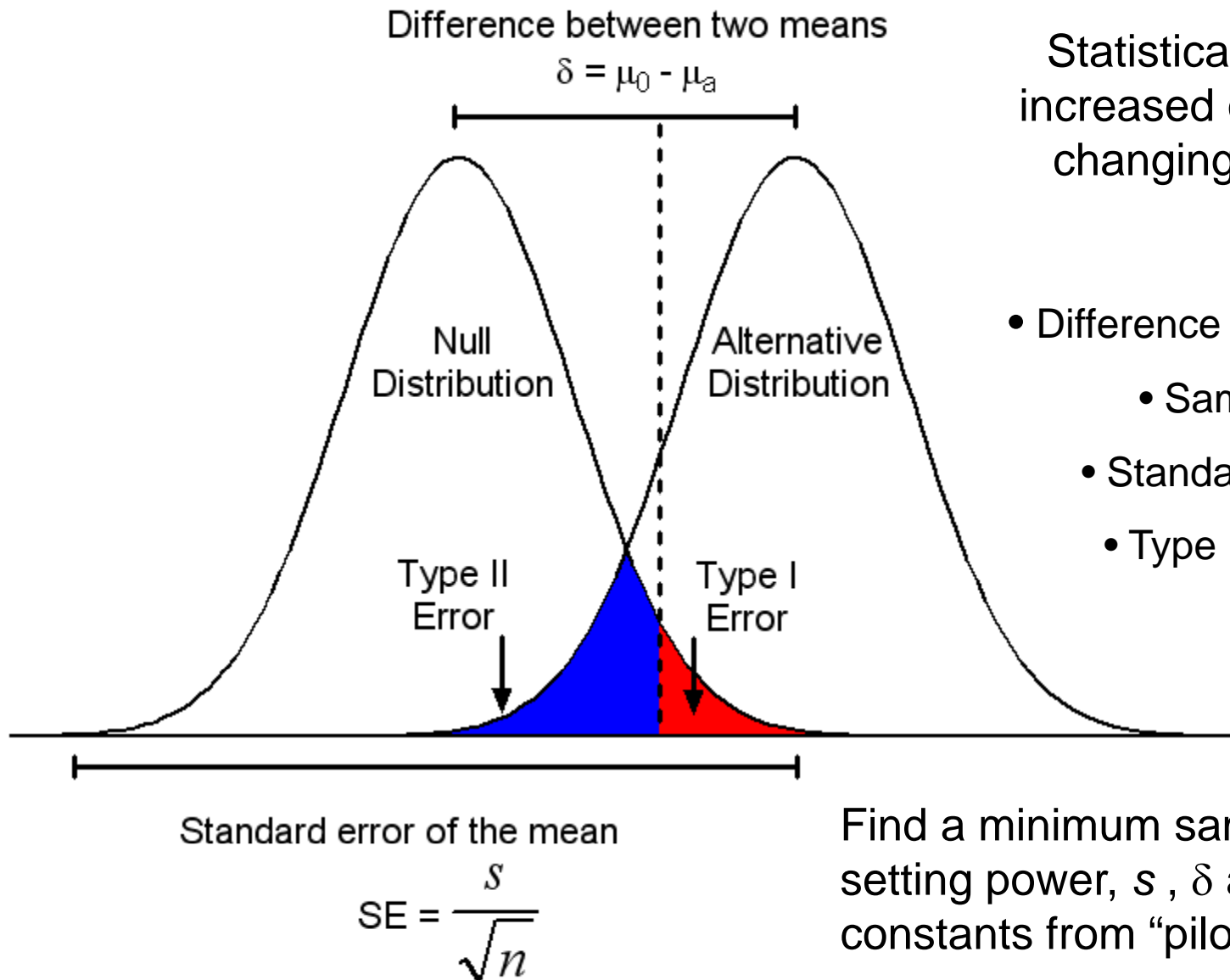


Statistical Power



- Two interpretations of statistical power:
 - Probability of a true positive
 - $1 - \text{Type II error rate}$
- Two typical methods to increase statistical power
 - Increase distance between null and alternative curves
 - Decrease the width of null and alternative curves

Estimating Power and Sample Size



Statistical power can be increased or decreased by changing the values of:

- Difference between means, δ
 - Sample size, n
- Standard deviation, s
- Type I error rate, α

Find a minimum sample size (n) by setting power, s , δ and α equal to constants from “pilot data”



Production Yield

- Suppose you believe a new method should increase yield by 20% or about 120 grams
- You want 80% power to detect a 120 gram difference in yield with a significance level of 0.05 and a std dev of 48.6 grams
 - Need $n = 8$ samples total
 - Need $n = 4$ samples per group

Sample Size and Power

Sample Size

Two Means

Testing if two means are different from each other.

Alpha

Error Std Dev

Extra Params

Supply two values to determine the third.
Enter one value to see a plot of the other two.

Difference to detect

Sample Size

Power

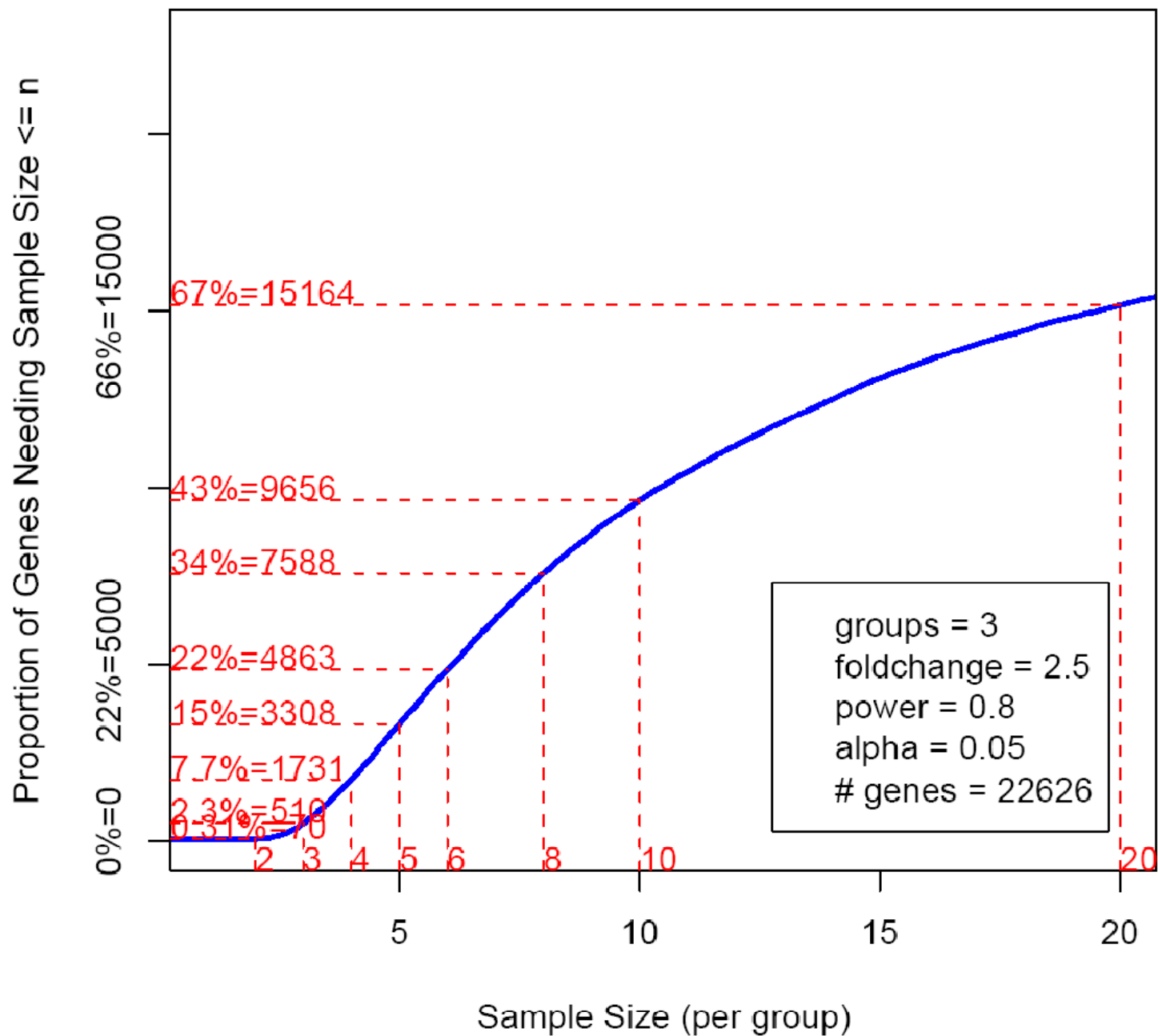
Sample Size is the total sample size; per group would be $n/2$



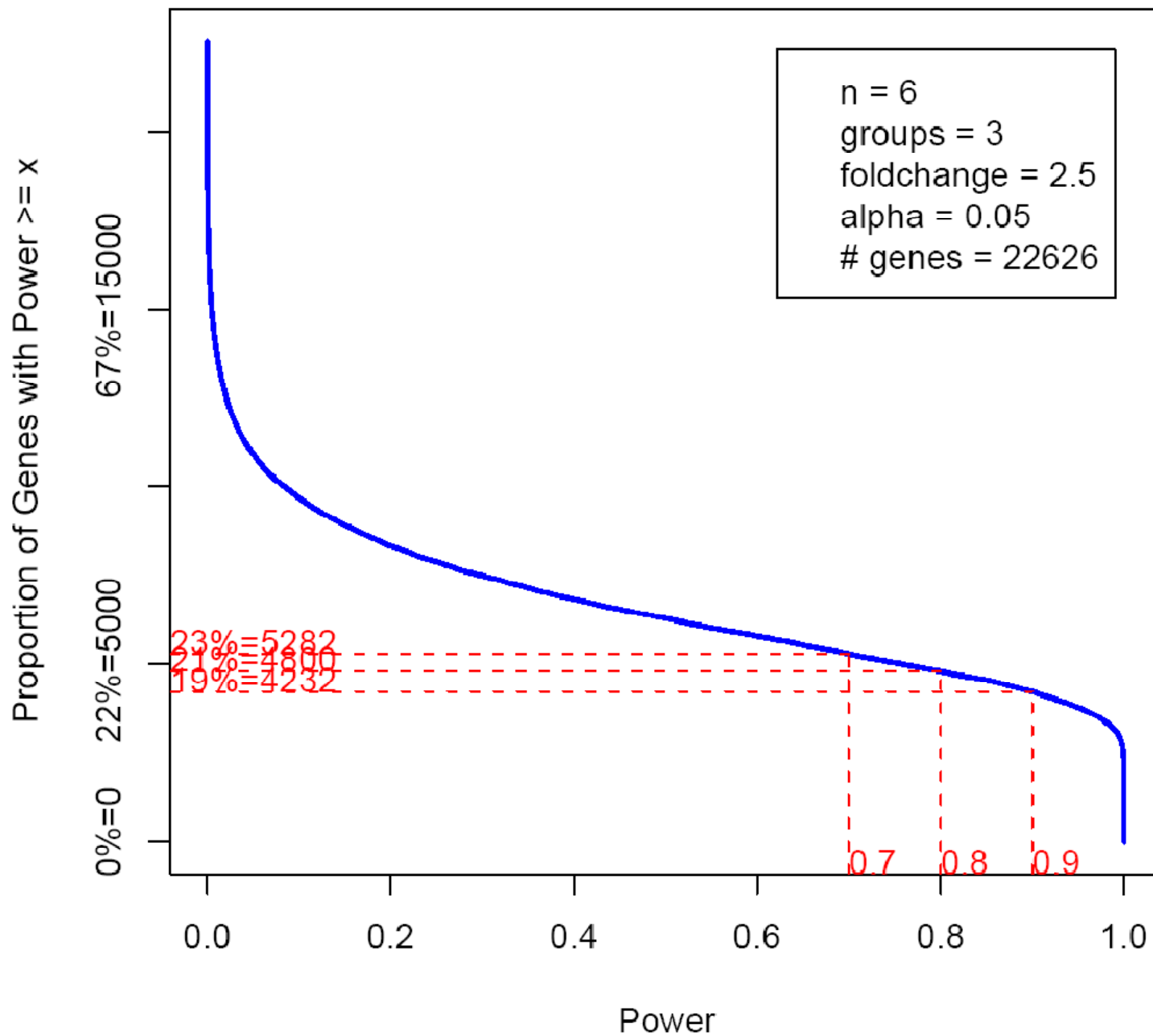
Microarray Sample Size

- Microarray experiments test thousands of hypotheses, each with a unique variance and fold-change value
- Input variance estimates for each gene and apply the Bonferroni adjustment for multiple comparisons
- Plot the proportion of genes achieving the desired power, fold-change and sample size values

Sample Size Plot for One-way ANOVA

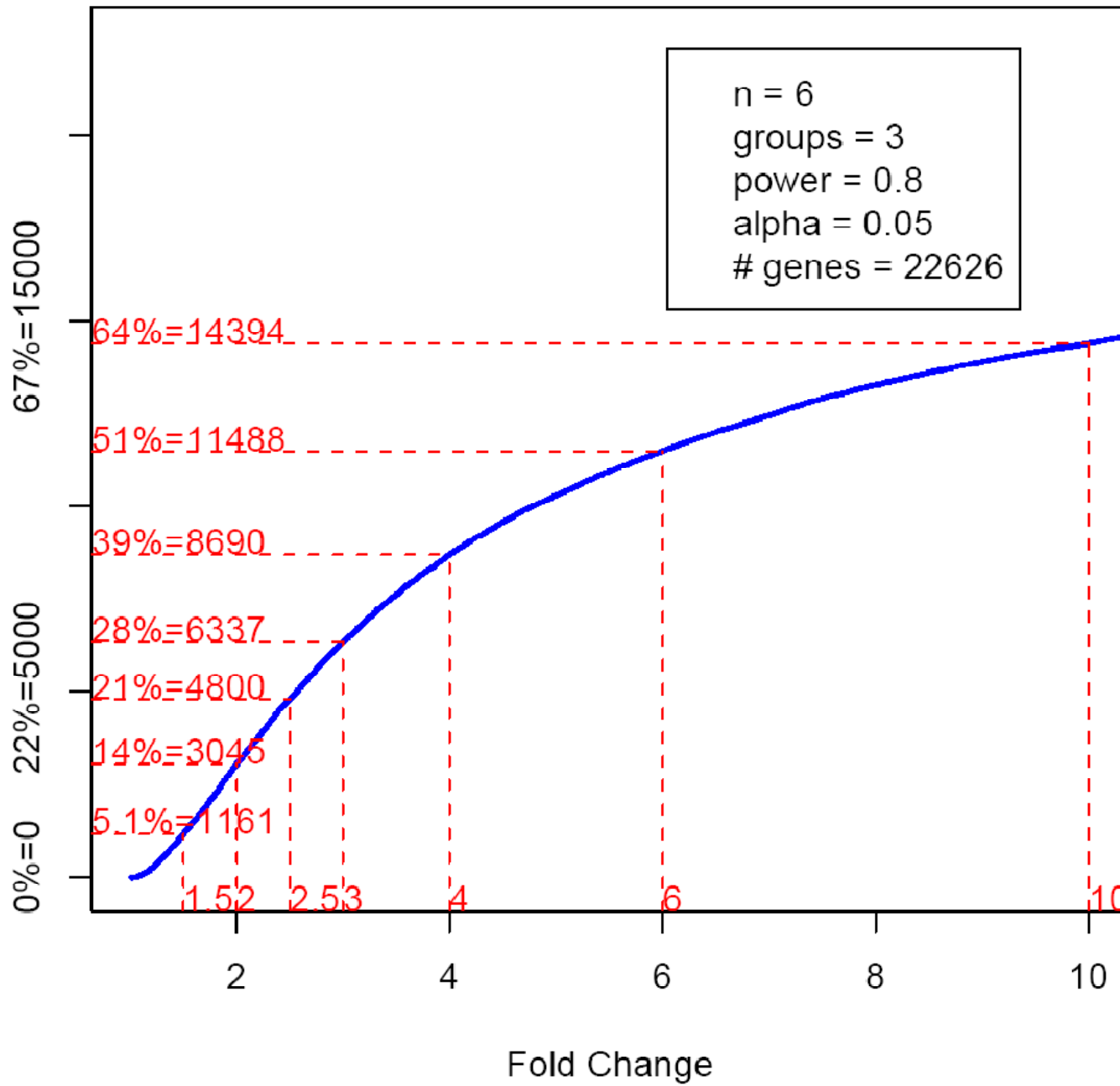


Power Plot for One-way ANOVA



Fold Change Plot for One-way ANOVA

Proportion of Genes with Power $\geq 80\%$ at Fold Change = δ





Why Use a Screening Experiment?

- One multi-factor experiment is more efficient than multiple experiments one-variable-at-a-time
 - Save time, money, materials, animals, ...
 - A single multifactor experiment can utilize larger sample sizes per group than several smaller experiments
- Multi-factor experiments allow researchers to detect important interactions between variables
 - More accurate estimation of both main effects and interactions
 - Avoid bad interpretations due to Simpson's paradox



A Simple Example

- You want to examine the effects of temperature, pH and substrate concentration on a protein binding yield
 - Each run requires 1 hour of bench time and cost \$500
- Three experiments performed one-variable-at-a-time:
 - three experiments with 10 runs each (30 runs total)
 - sample size $n = 5$ per group (e.g. 5 observations with low pH)
 - Total cost \$15,000 and 60 hours of bench time
- One designed multifactor experiment:
 - One experiment with 16 total runs ($n = 8$ per group)
 - Total cost \$8000 and 32 hours of bench time

**Almost double
the sample size
for half the cost**



A Simple Example

Run	pH
1	10
2	4
3	10
4	4
5	4
6	10
7	10
8	4
9	10
10	4

Run	Temp
1	15
2	25
3	15
4	25
5	15
6	25
7	15
8	25
9	15
10	25

Run	Conc
1	30
2	40
3	30
4	40
5	40
6	30
7	30
8	40
9	30
10	40

Run	Temp	pH	Conc
1	15	4	30
2	25	4	30
3	25	10	30
4	25	4	30
5	25	10	40
6	25	10	30
7	15	4	40
8	15	10	30
...
16	25	10	40



3 Experiments, one-variable-at-a-time



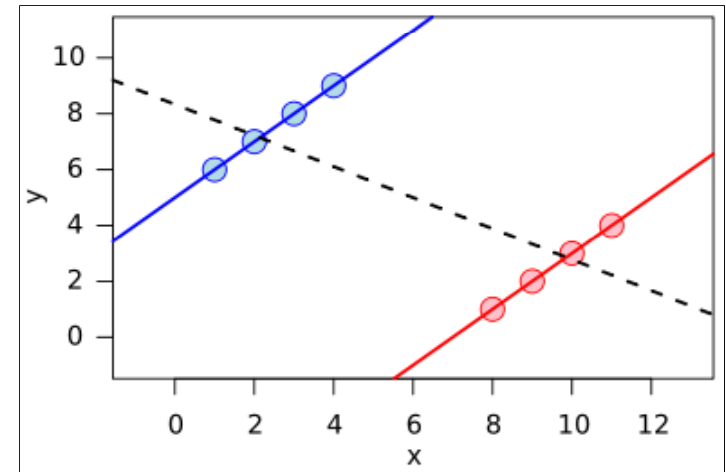
Designed Experiment



Simpson's Paradox

- Do birth control pills lower the risk of heart attack?
 - Study finds risk of heart attack is 20% lower for women on birth control pill
 - Stratify women by age (< 35 years old) and there is no relationship between heart attack risk and the pill

- Simpson's Paradox
 - Relationship between two variables changes with the presence or absence of a third variable in the model
 - Often caused by confounding variables or differences in sample size



Relationship between androgen and estrogen levels in men and women

	Tues	Wed	Total
Scott H.	63/90	2/10	65/100
Jeff S.	9/10	31/90	40/100

Difference in **Call of Duty 4** shooting accuracy between two players



Which Experimental Factors Most Affect Protein Binding?

- What do I use if I have already collected my data?
 - Stepwise regression methods
 - JMP Partitioning Platform
- What do I use if I am still planning my experiment?
 - Use traditional screening designs from a book
 - JMP DOE Screening Platform or Factorial Platform
 - JMP DOE Custom Design Platform



Stepwise Regression Methods

- Use “Stepwise” personality from the Fit Model menu
- Specify the F-to-enter and F-to-remove values
- AIC and Mallows’s C_p are reported for best subsets selection methods
- Never interpret coefficients or predictions from a model selection procedure

Stepwise F_{Print}

Response: Yield

Stepwise Regression Control

Prob to Enter: 0.150

Prob to Leave: 0.150

Direction: Mixed

Rules: Combine

Current Estimates

	SSE	DFE	MSE	RSquare	RSquare Adj	Cp	AIC
	156.99406	141	1.1134331	0.0376	0.0240	-2.896636	18.44084

Lock	Entered	Parameter	Estimate	nDF	SS	"F Ratio"	"Prob>F"
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Intercept	20.1618078	1	0	0.000	1.0000
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lab tech{Bill&Maria-Sarah&John}	-0.1455053	1	3.048739	2.738	0.1002
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lab tech{Bill-Maria}	0	1	0.753958	0.676	0.4125
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lab tech{Sarah-John}	0	1	0.43759	0.391	0.5326
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Company{Acme-Labco}	0	1	0.561686	0.503	0.4795
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Batch{1&2-3}	-0.1552816	1	3.086383	2.772	0.0981
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Batch{1-2}	0	1	0.129409	0.115	0.7345
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shift{morning&evening-afternoon}	0	1	0.250019	0.223	0.6373
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shift{morning-evening}	0	2	0.253524	0.112	0.8938
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Method{Jones-Smith}	0	1	1.893824	1.709	0.1932
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temperature	0	1	0.200745	0.179	0.6727
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	% Humidity	0	1	0.82395	0.739	0.3916
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	pH	0	1	0.373313	0.334	0.5644
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Duration	0	1	0.013384	0.012	0.9132
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agitation	0	1	0.041258	0.037	0.8481
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concentration A	0	1	1.263582	1.136	0.2883
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concentration B	0	1	1.263582	1.136	0.2883

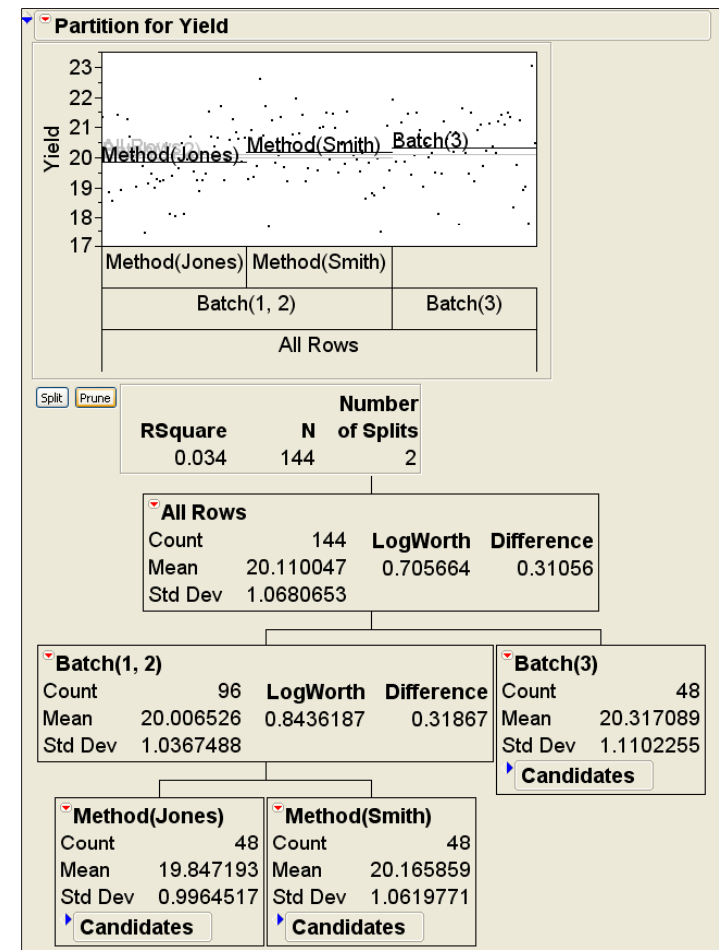
Step History

Step	Parameter	Action	"Sig Prob"	Seq SS	RSquare	Cp	p
1	pH	Entered	0.5521	0.407202	0.0025	0.0326	2
2	Batch{1&2-3}	Entered	0.0907	3.28029	0.0226	-0.79	3
3	pH	Removed	0.4672	0.601109	0.0189	-2.273	2
4	Lab tech{Bill&Maria-Sarah&John}	Entered	0.1002	3.048739	0.0376	-2.897	3



JMP Partitioning Platform

- Interactive analysis allows you to find significant regression variables using “tree” methods
- Split a branch by the most significant variables or prune the least significant variables
- Split, prune or lock specific branches of the “tree”





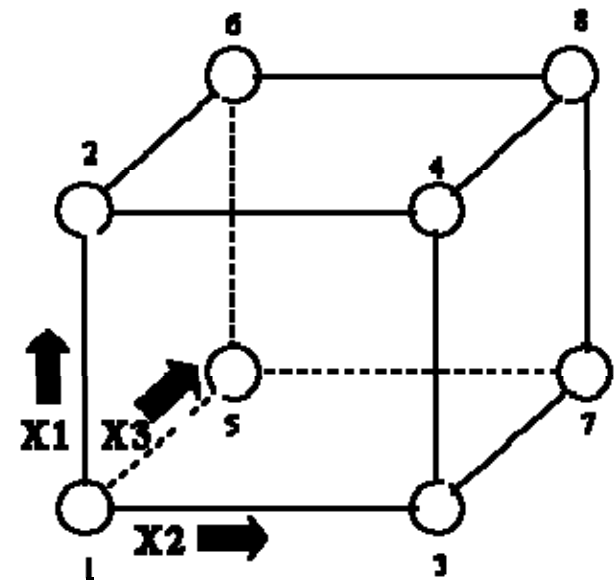
Design a Screening Experiment

- Use the traditional designs
 - Full factorial and fractional factorial designs
 - Plackett-Burman designs

- Use the JMP DOE menu
 - Screening and Full Factorial menus
 - Custom design menu (*D*-optimal)

Full Factorial Designs

- Design includes all possible combinations of effects
- Designs become very large as number of factors increases
 - Sample sizes increase more quickly when designs are replicated and center points are added
- Useful for small number of continuous or 2-level factors



Full Factorial design for three variables with 2 levels each

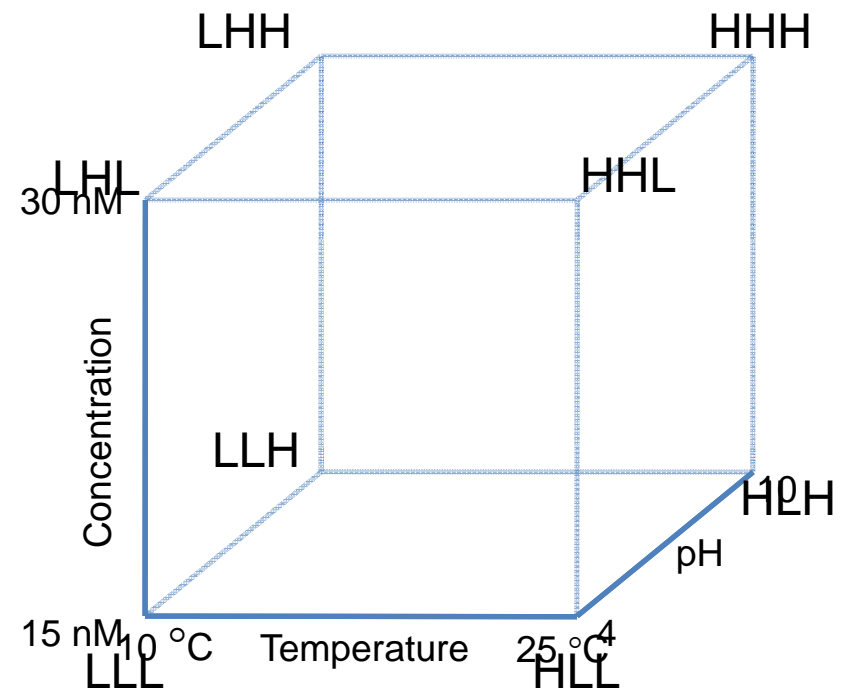
2³ Factorial design



Build a 2^k Full Factorial Experiment

- A full factorial design experiment is easy to build on paper
 - Small to medium sized factorial designs can be created graphically
 - Larger designs can be created on a spreadsheet or by computer

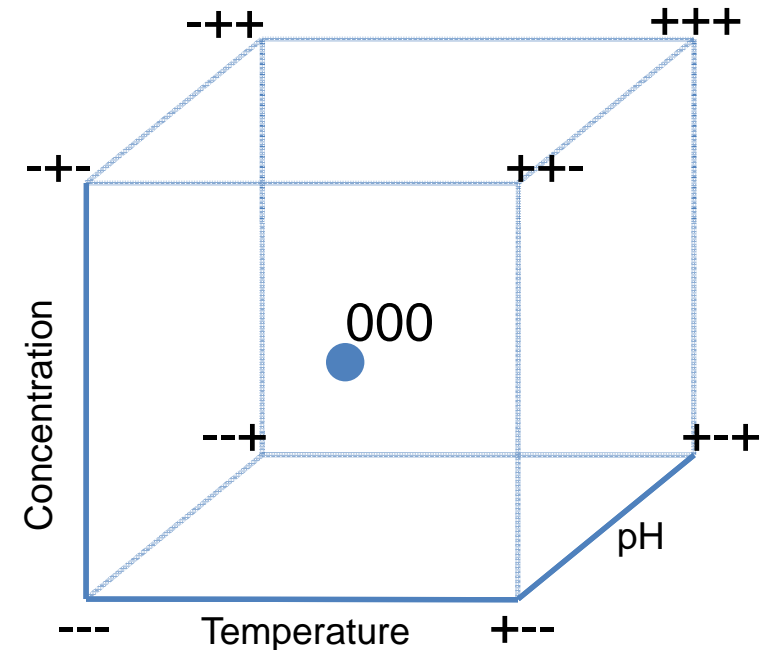
- Choose high and low values for each factor in the experiment
 - Temperature between 10 and 25 °C
 - Concentration between 15 and 30nM
 - pH between 4 and 10 pH



Low points are often marked “-1” or “-”
 High points are often marked “1” or “+”

Center Points

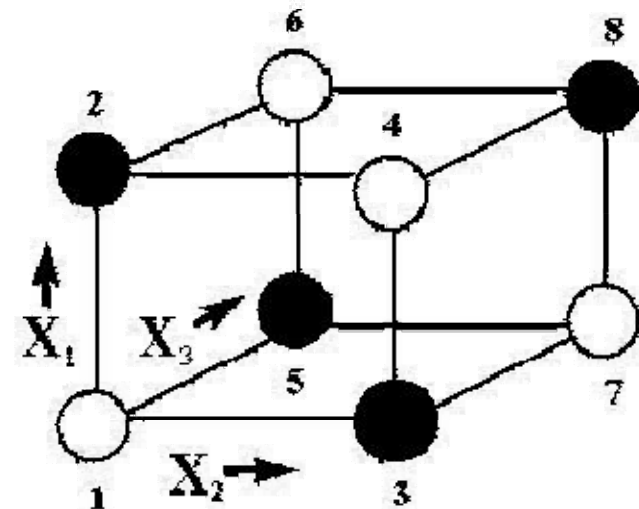
- A center point is sometimes added to a factorial design to estimate curved relationships among factors
 - Need measurements from at least three points to detect a curve
 - Regular factorial designs only use two measurements (high and low)
- A single center point is defined from middle points of each factor
 - Temperature = 17.5
 - Concentration = 22.5
 - pH = 7



Low points are often marked “-1” or “-”
High points are often marked “1” or “+”
Center points are often marked as “0”

Fractional Factorial Designs

- Certain combinations of the factors are omitted to create smaller designs
- Omitted design points cause “aliasing” of the interaction and main effects
- Fractional factorial designs exist for different numbers of factors, factor levels and different fractions
 - k = number of factors
 - I = number of factor levels
 - p = fraction of the design



Fractional factorial designs are described using I^{k-p} notation

A 2^{3-1} Fractional Factorial design is half the size of a full factorial



Plackett-Burman Designs

- Very efficient designs for testing a LARGE number of predictor variables with a small number of runs
 - Plackett and Burman. 1946. (Biometrika)
 - Based on Paley construction of Hadamard matrices
- Only allow tests of main effects, not interactions
- Significant interactions are aliased with main effects



12 Run Plackett-Burman Design

	Pattern	X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6	X7	X8	X9	X10	X11
1	+++++	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1
2	-+---+	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	+1	-1
3	--+---+	-1	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	+1
4	+---+---	+1	-1	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1
5	-+---+---	-1	+1	-1	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1
6	--+---+---	-1	-1	+1	-1	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1
7	---+---+---	-1	-1	-1	+1	-1	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1
8	+---+---+---	+1	-1	-1	-1	+1	-1	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1
9	++---+---+---	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	+1	-1	-1	+1	-1	+1
10	+++---+---+---	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	+1	-1	-1	+1	-1
11	-+++---+---+---	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	+1	-1	-1	+1
12	+---+---+---	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1	-1	+1	-1	-1

- Each column denotes a unique factor effect
- The -1 and +1 entries represent high and low values and form a Hadamard matrix
- The pattern of -1 and +1 entries represent the Paley construction
- Fewer than 11 factors can be used, if some factors are omitted

NIST/SEMATECH e-Handbook of Statistical Methods,
<http://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/>, date.





Differences Between Screening Design and Custom Design Menus

- Screening Designs Platform in JMP
 - No blocking factors, covariates or split-plot designs
 - Easy access to effect aliasing information
 - Choose from classical, “named” designs
- Custom Designs Platform in JMP
 - More possible factor types (e.g. blocks, covariates, 4+ level factors, ...)
 - Possible to define factor constraints (i.e. restricted factor combinations)
 - Easy to specify required interactions with model dialog
 - Diagnostic plots to explore prediction variance for each design



JMP Screening Design Menu

- Enter responses and factors using the menu buttons
- Responses can be maximized or minimized or targeted
 - Enter high and low values
 - Enter factor levels
- Responses and factors can be saved and loaded from the hotspot menu if needed

DOE: Screening Design

▼ Screening Design

▼ Responses

Add Response ▼ Remove Number of Responses...

Response Name	Goal	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Importance
Y	Maximize	.	.	.
<i>optional item</i>				

▼ Factors

Add Continuous

Add 2-Level Categorical

Add 3-Level Categorical

Remove Selected

Name	Role	Values	
▲ Temperature	Continuous	10	25
▲ Concentration	Continuous	15	30
▲ pH	Continuous	4	10
▣ Materials	Categorical	Acme	Lab Co
▲ X5	Continuous	-1	1



JMP Screening Design Menu

Screening Design
7 Factors
Choose a Design

Number Of Runs	Block Size	Design Type	Resolution – what is estimable
8		Fractional Factorial	3 – Main Effects Only
12		Plackett-Burman	3 – Main Effects Only
16		Fractional Factorial	4 – Some 2-factor interactions
16	8	Fractional Factorial	4 – Some 2-factor interactions
16	4	Fractional Factorial	4 – Some 2-factor interactions
16	2	Fractional Factorial	4 – Some 2-factor interactions
32		Fractional Factorial	4 – Some 2-factor interactions

Continue

- Select a screening design from the generated list
 - Use number of runs, block size and design preferences to make choice
- Resolution describes how the effects are aliased



Aliasing in Fractional Designs

- Some design choices will allow you to view the **Aliasing of Effects**
- Interactions and main effects that are aliased cannot be distinguished
- Use **Change Generating Rules** menu to generate alternative alias patterns
- Add center points and replicates then make table

Screening Design
7 Factors
Fractional Factorial
Display and Modify Design

▼ **Change Generating Rules**

Factors	Materials	X5	X6	X7
Temperature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Concentration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
pH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Apply

▼ **Aliasing of Effects**

Effects	Aliases
Temperature	= Concentration*X7 = pH*X6 = Materials*X5
Concentration	= Temperature*X7 = pH*X5 = Materials*X6
pH	= Temperature*X6 = Concentration*X5 = Materials*X7
Materials	= Temperature*X5 = Concentration*X6 = pH*X7
X5	= Temperature*Materials = Concentration*pH = X6*X7
X6	= Temperature*pH = Concentration*Materials = X5*X7
X7	= Temperature*Concentration = pH*Materials = X5*X6

▼ **Coded Design**

Output Options
Run Order: Randomize

Make JMP Table from design plus
Number of Center Points: 0
Number of Replicates: 0

Make Table



JMP Custom Design Menu

Custom Design

Responses

Add Response Remove Number of Responses...

Response Name	Goal	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Importance
Yield	None	NA	NA	NA

optional item

Factors

Add Factor Remove Add N Factors 1

Name	Role	Changes	Values
temperature	Continuous	Easy	15 27
pH	Continuous	Easy	4 10
humidity	Continuous	Hard	0.15 0.8
duration	Continuous	Easy	10 20
agitation speed	Continuous	Easy	2 5
concentration A	Continuous	Easy	100 220
concentration B	Continuous	Easy	75 160
beaker size	Categorical	Easy	small large
supplier	Blocking	Easy	2 2 3 3 4 5
technician	Blocking	Easy	3 2 3 4 5 6 7

Define Factor Constraints

Add Constraint

0 temperature + 0 pH + 0 humidity + 0 duration + 0 agitation speed + 1 concentration A + -1 concentration B \geq 0

- Choose the D-optimality criteria from the hotspot menu
- Add response(s) and factor variables to the design menus
- Define factor constraints to restrict factor level combinations



JMP Custom Design Menu

- Specify the effects you need to estimate
- Screening designs focus on main effects
- Add interaction and polynomial effects using menu buttons

Model	
Main Effects Interactions RSM Cross Powers Remove Term	
Name	Estimability
Intercept	Necessary
temperature	Necessary
pH	Necessary
humidity	Necessary
duration	Necessary
agitation speed	Necessary
concentration A	Necessary
concentration B	Necessary
beaker size	Necessary
supplier	Necessary
technician	Necessary
temperature*pH	Necessary
duration*duration	Necessary

- **Interactions** button adds all possible 2-way, 3-way or higher interaction effects
- **RSM** = Response Surface Model
- **Cross** button for individual interactions
- **Powers** button adds all possible second, third or higher degree polynomial effects



JMP Custom Design Menu

- Choose the number of runs and click ***Make Design***
- JMP will display a design table in the report window
- Click ***Make Table*** to create a JMP data table with your experimental design

Design Generation

Number of Whole Plots

Number of Runs:

Minimum 37

Default 72

User Specified

Output Options



DOE Data Table Output

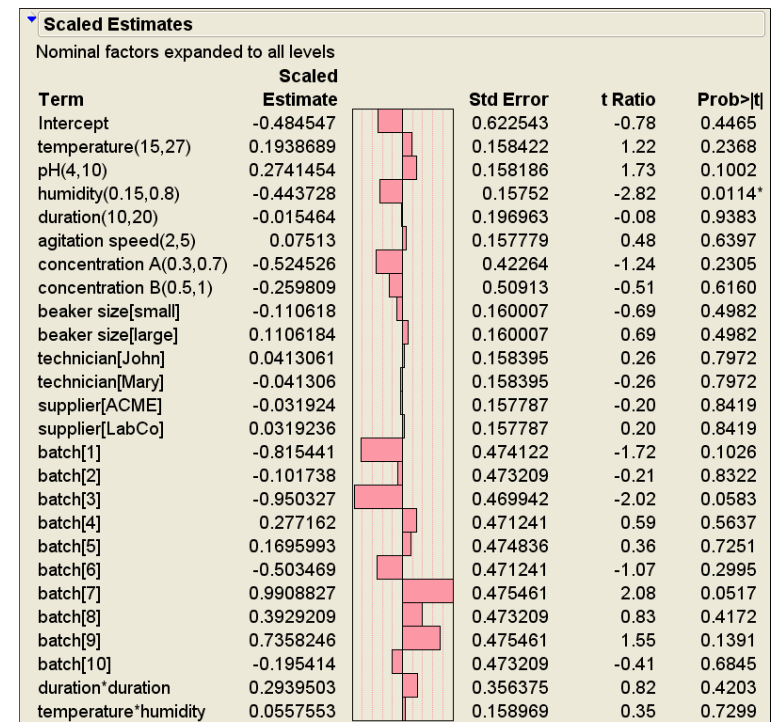
- JMP completes the data table for you
- Effect variables are randomly assigned to samples (i.e. rows)
- Complete the lab experiments and fill in the response values
- Analyze data from the *Fit Model* menu
- Fit model menu will generate effects from your specific design

	Whole Plots	temperature	pH	humidity	duration	agitation speed	concentration A	concentration B	beaker size	supplier	technician	Yield
1	1	15	4	0.8	10	5	220	75	small	11	16	.
2	1	27	10	0.8	15	2	160	160	large	12	17	.
3	2	15	10	0.15	15	5	100	75	small	5	23	.
4	2	27	4	0.15	20	5	220	75	large	6	22	.
5	3	15	10	0.8	15	5	220	160	small	14	3	.
6	3	27	10	0.8	20	2	100	75	large	17	16	.
7	4	15	4	0.15	10	5	100	75	large	8	21	.
8	4	27	4	0.15	16	2	220	160	small	17	20	.
9	5	15	4	0.8	13	2	100	75	large	4	5	.
10	5	27	10	0.8	14	2	100	100	small	16	10	.
11	6	15	10	0.15	20	2	100	75	small	7	18	.
12	6	15	4	0.15	20	5	220	160	large	13	14	.
13	7	27	10	0.8	20	2	220	75	small	9	6	.
14	7	15	10	0.8	20	2	100	100	large	10	3	.
15	8	27	10	0.8	15	5	220	160	small	4	12	.
16	8	27	4	0.8	20	2	100	75	large	15	15	.
17	9	15	10	0.8	15	5	100	75	small	15	14	.
18	9	27	10	0.8	10	2	220	75	large	18	2	.
19	10	27	10	0.15	15	5	220	160	small	7	19	.
20	10	15	4	0.15	20	2	100	75	small	14	12	.
21	11	27	4	0.8	17	5	100	75	large	13	21	.
22	11	15	4	0.8	10	2	220	160	small	5	22	.
23	12	27	4	0.8	20	2	160	160	small	8	4	.
24	12	27	10	0.8	15	5	220	75	large	2	18	.
25	13	27	10	0.15	15	5	220	75	large	12	3	.
26	13	15	10	0.15	20	2	146.490508	146.490508	large	2	13	.
27	14	27	10	0.15	20	5	160	160	large	11	5	.
28	14	27	10	0.15	10	2	220	75	small	10	3	.
29	15	15	10	0.15	10	5	220	75	large	3	6	.
30	15	15	4	0.15	15	2	100	75	large	9	4	.
31	16	15	4	0.8	15	2	100	75	small	11	11	.
32	16	15	10	0.8	10	5	160	160	small	18	8	.
33	17	15	10	0.15	14	5	100	100	large	16	2	.
34	17	27	4	0.15	20	5	220	75	large	4	10	.
35	18	15	10	0.15	10	2	220	160	large	15	9	.
36	18	27	10	0.15	20	5	100	75	small	18	11	.



Effect Screening Emphasis

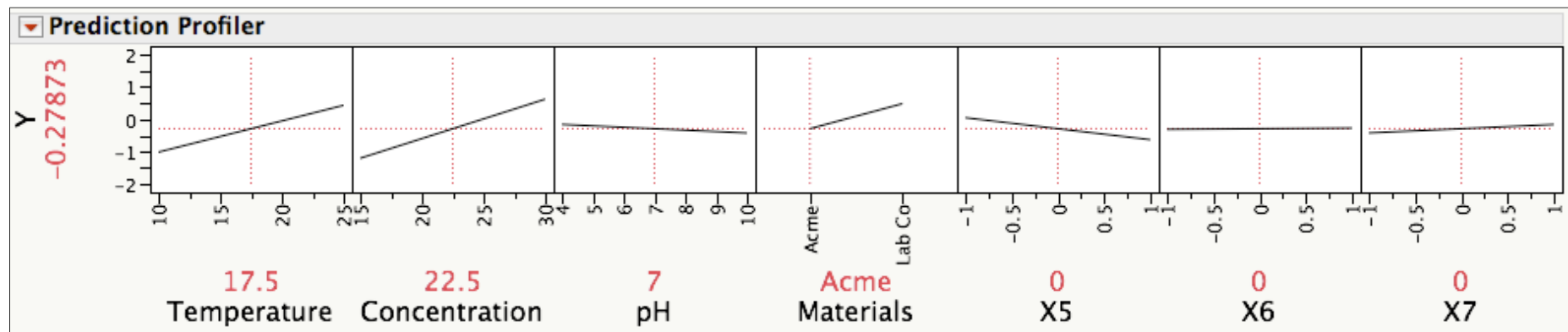
- Choose effect screening emphasis at **Fit Model** menu to generate **Scaled Estimates** report and graph
- Click “hotspot” to generate Normal, Bayes and Pareto plots
- These methods help identify the significant effects and determine the optimal number of variables to include in future experiments



Scaled estimates are centered by the mean and scaled by range / 2 for easy comparison of effect sizes



Prediction Profiler

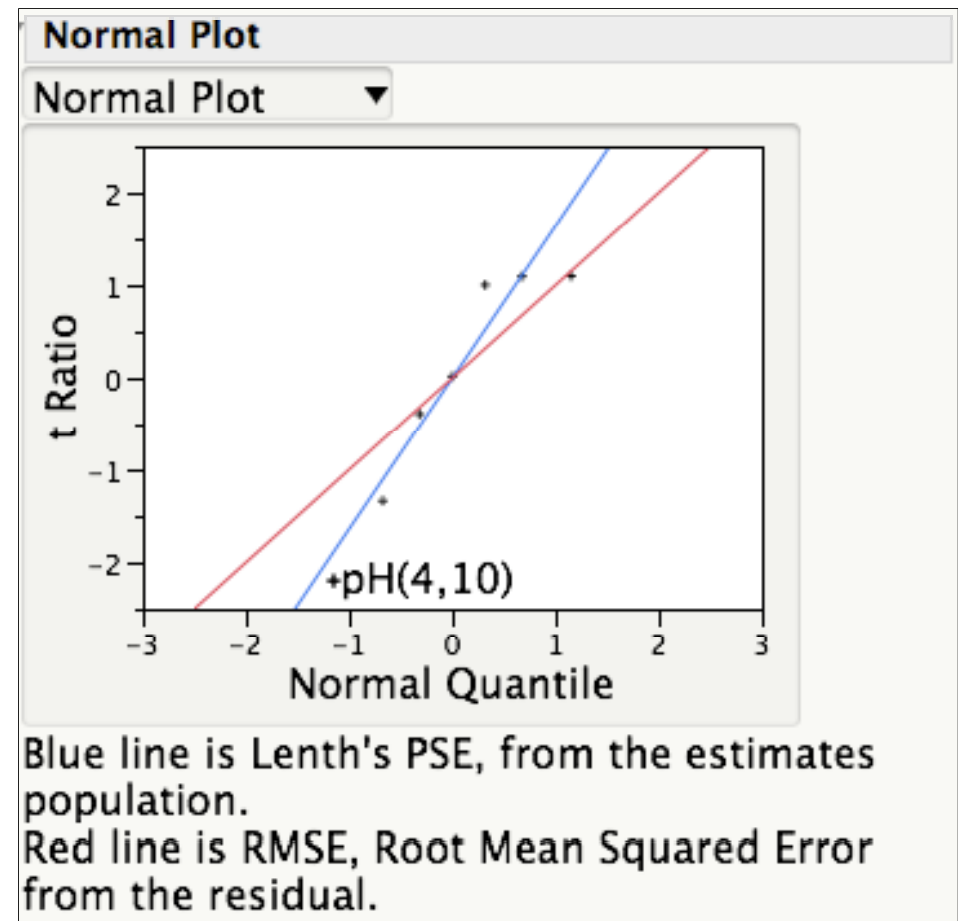


- Use the prediction profiler to explore the relationships between each factor effect and the response variable
 - Click and drag the red crosshairs to generate predictions
 - Dialogs are interactive to help you explore interaction effects
 - Strong slopes indicate significant factors or large effect sizes

Normal Plots

- If effects are equivalent to random noise, they should follow a straight line with a slope equal to the variance
 - Red line estimates σ with root mean square error (RMSE)
 - Blue line estimates σ using Lenth's PSE methods for screening design experiments
 - Half normal plot is plotted against absolute normal dist.

- Significant effects deviate from both lines and will be labeled in the normal plot

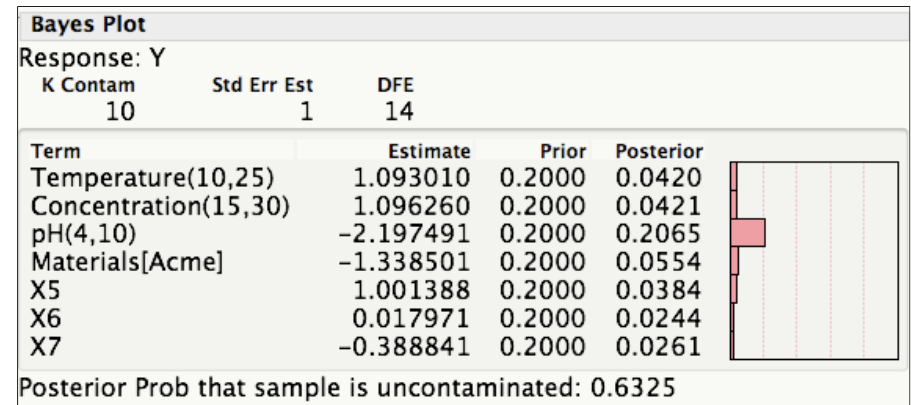




Bayes Plots

- The Bayes plot estimates the (posterior) probability that an effect is non-zero (significant)
 - Posterior probabilities near one indicate significant effects
 - Posterior probabilities near zero

- Bayes plot menu allows you to specify several initial values
 - **Estimate** is the initial value of each factor effect coefficient
 - **Prior Prob** is the initial estimate of each posterior probability
 - **K Contam** is the magnitude of the significant factor effects



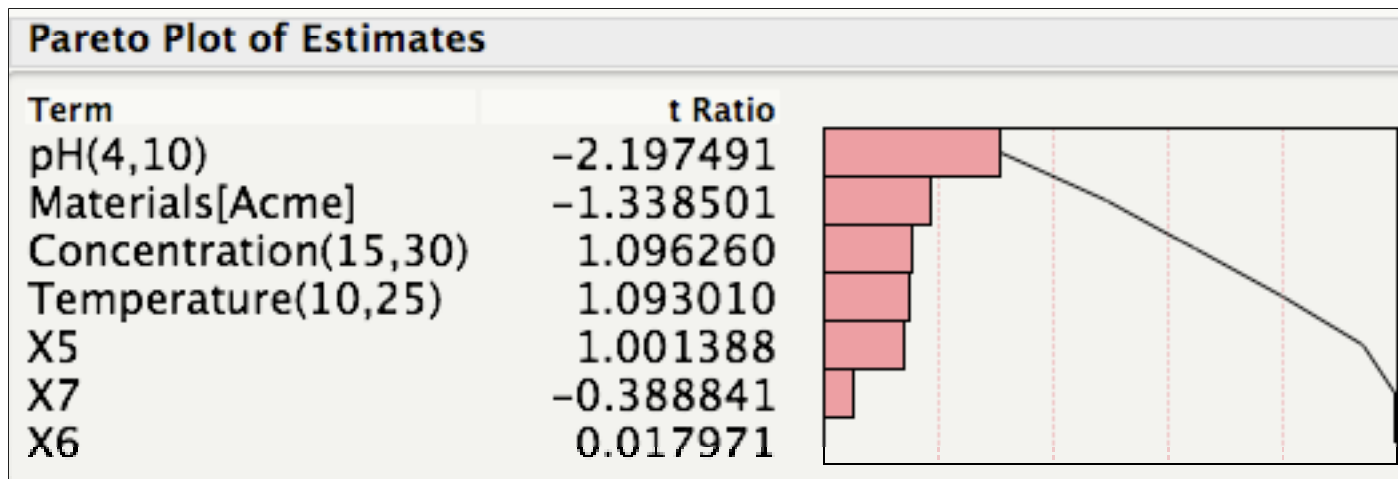
Enter Prior Prob, Contamination Coef. K, and Click Go

Response: Y

Term	Estimate	Prior Prob	K Contam	Std Err Scale	DFE
Temperature(10,25)	1.09301	0.2000	10	1	14
Concentration(15,30)	1.09626	0.2000			
pH(4,10)	-2.19749	0.2000			
Materials[Acme]	-1.33850	0.2000			
X5	1.00139	0.2000			
X6	0.01797	0.2000			
X7	-0.38884	0.2000			

Go Help

Pareto Plots



- Pareto plots display absolute values of each orthogonal effect estimates (red bars) and the sum of all effects
- Pareto plots allow you to the size of each effect to the total amount of variance explained by the model



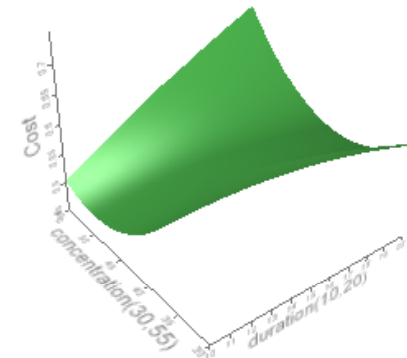
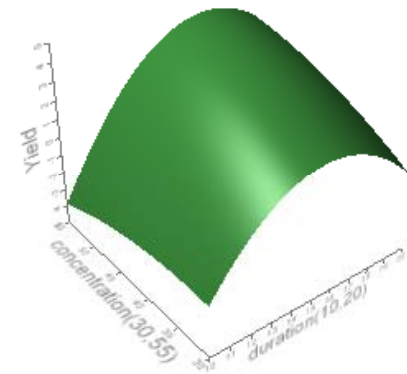
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Optimization and Response Surface Design



Why Response Surface?

- The goal is to maximize, minimize or target a certain value of the response variable(s)
- We must accurately describe the complex multidimensional relationships between the predictors and responses to optimize results
- We use main effects, two-way interactions and 2nd order polynomials to describe these relationships, because they are easiest to interpret and cover most of the relationships





Example: Fermentation Experiment

- Duration, substrate concentration and temperature are the most significant effects in a fermentation process
- Want to simultaneously maximize yield, minimize costs and target a specific mass of the fermentation product
- Need an efficient experimental design and analytical tools to optimize the fermentation process

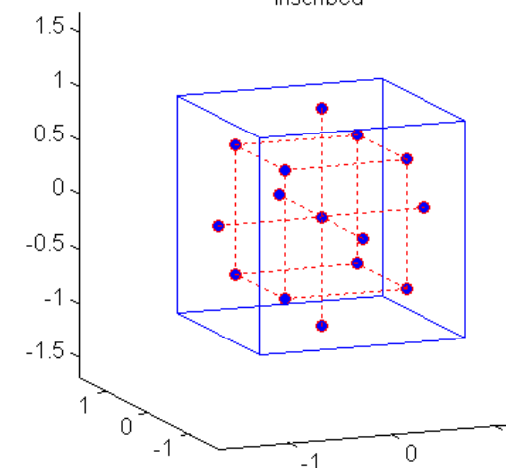
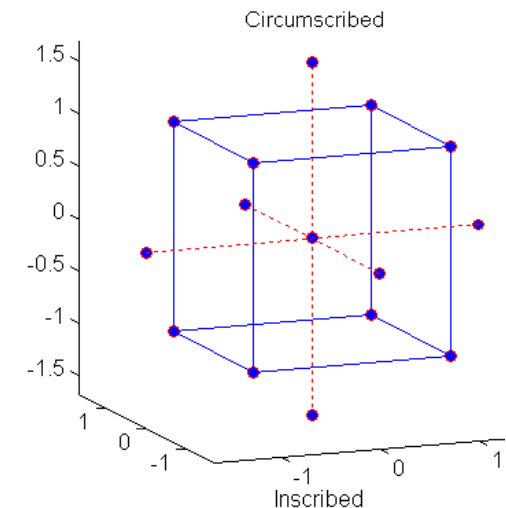


Design Response Surface Experiments

- Use the traditional designs
 - Central Composite Designs
 - Box-Behnken designs
- Use the JMP DOE menu
 - Response Surface menu
 - Custom design menu (*I*-optimal)

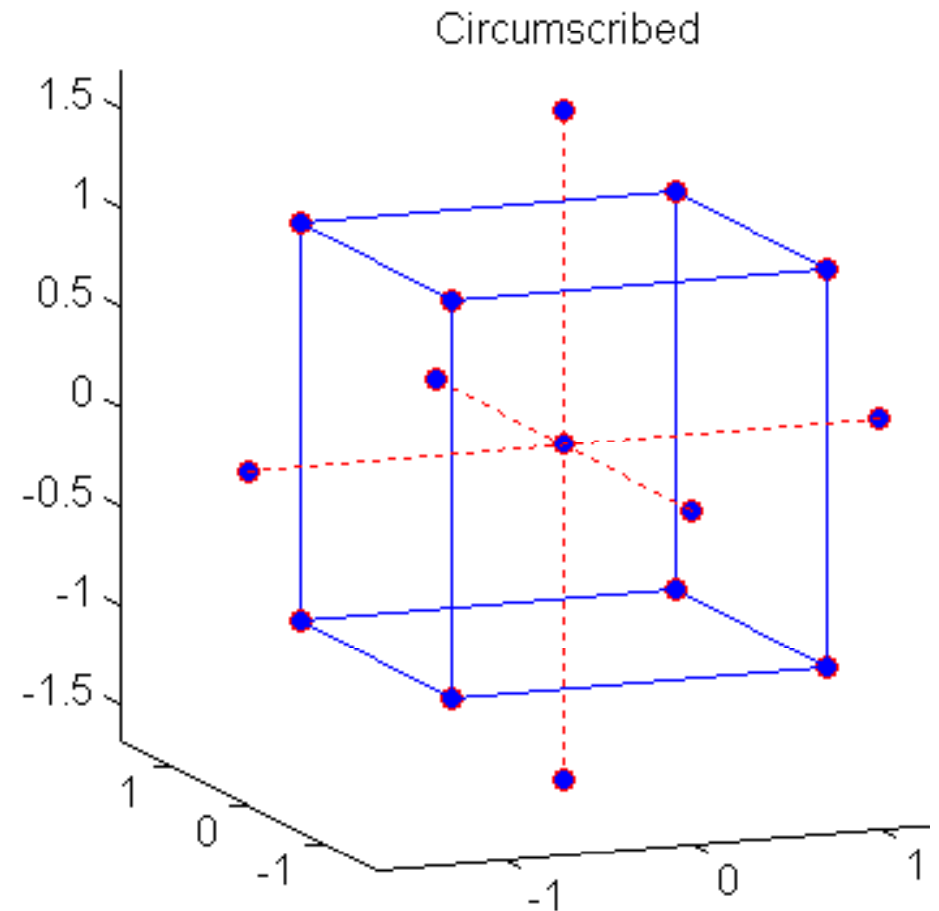
Central Composite Designs

- Central composite designs are full factorial designs augmented with center points and axial 'star' points to evaluate polynomial effects
- Three types of CC designs are distinguished by their axial points
 - Circumscribed Central Composite (CCC)
 - Inscribed Central Composite (CCI)
 - Face-centered Central Composite (CCF)



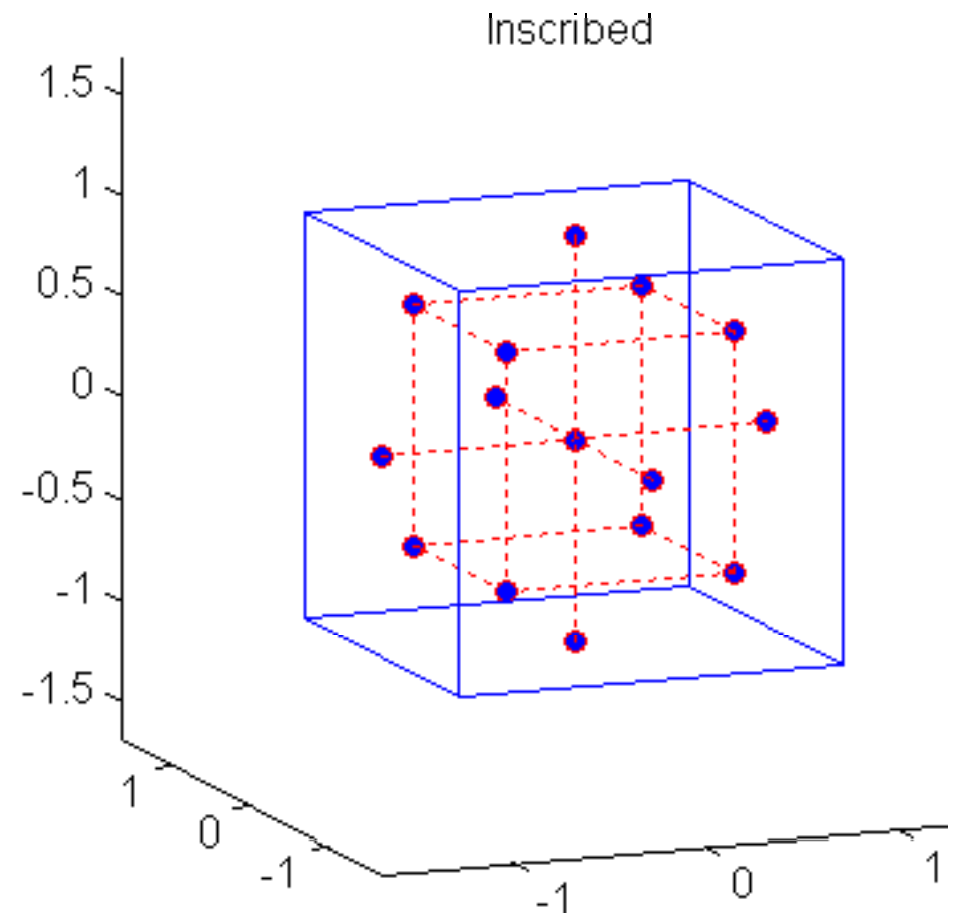
Circumscribed (CCC) Designs

- Axial points are outside the design space of a regular full factorial design experiment
- Advantages:
 - Highest quality predictions
 - Easy to create CCC design from a full factorial experiment
- Disadvantages:
 - Axial points may include some unreasonable factor values
 - E.g. if full factorial design uses pH from 4 to 10, then axial points may be pH = 2 and 12



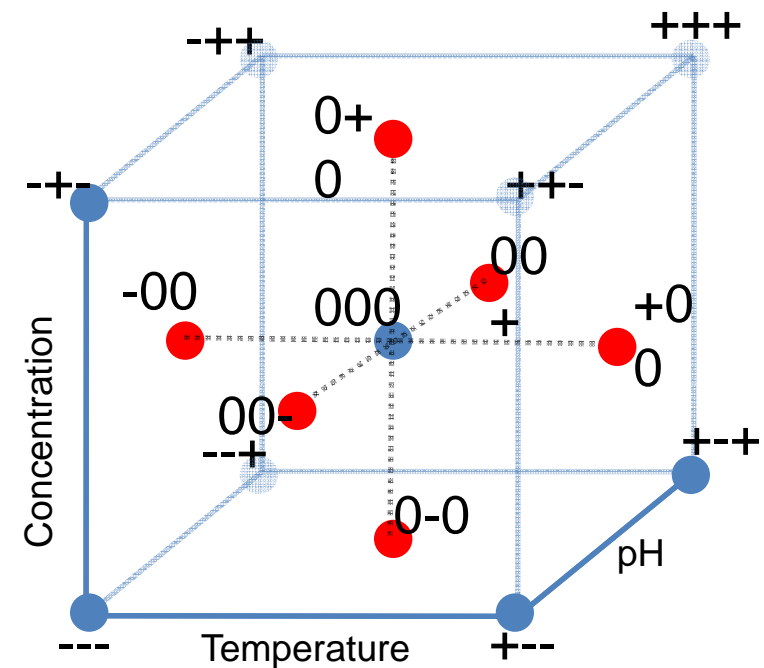
Inscribed (CCI) Designs

- Smaller range of values used in full factorial design for more reasonable axial point values
- Advantages:
 - Reasonable axial point values
 - Very high quality predictions
- Disadvantages:
 - Cannot create CCI design from an existing full factorial design
 - Slightly lower quality predictions than the CCC design due to the location of the design points



Face-Centered (CCF) Designs

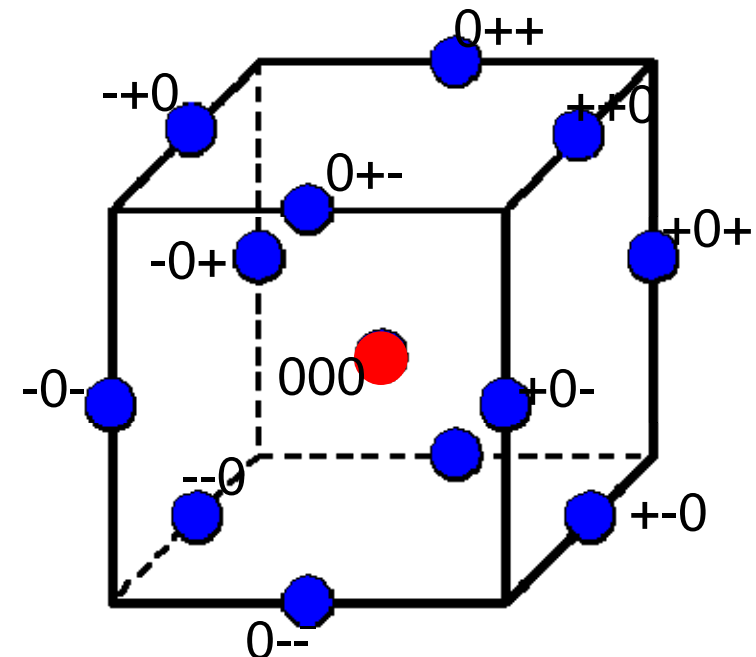
- Axial design points located on faces of the full factorial design “cube”
- Advantages:
 - Reasonable axial point values
 - Mostly high quality predictions
 - Easy to create from full factorial design
- Disadvantages:
 - Poor quality prediction of all pure quadratic effects (e.g. Temperature²)
 - Only 3 levels per factor vs. 5 levels per factor for CCC and CCI designs



Note: You can use the familiar “-”, “0” and “+” notation from full factorial designs to describe CCF designs

Box-Behnken Designs

- Full factorial design is not used, but samples are assigned to the “edges” of a full factorial design space
- Advantages:
 - Smaller samples sizes than CC designs
 - No unreasonable design points
- Disadvantages:
 - Poor predictions in the “corners” of the design space (i.e. extreme combinations)
 - Cannot create a Box-Benkin (BB) design from an existing full factorial design
 - May not be a “rotatable” design



Compare Box-Behnken designs to factorial and central composite designs

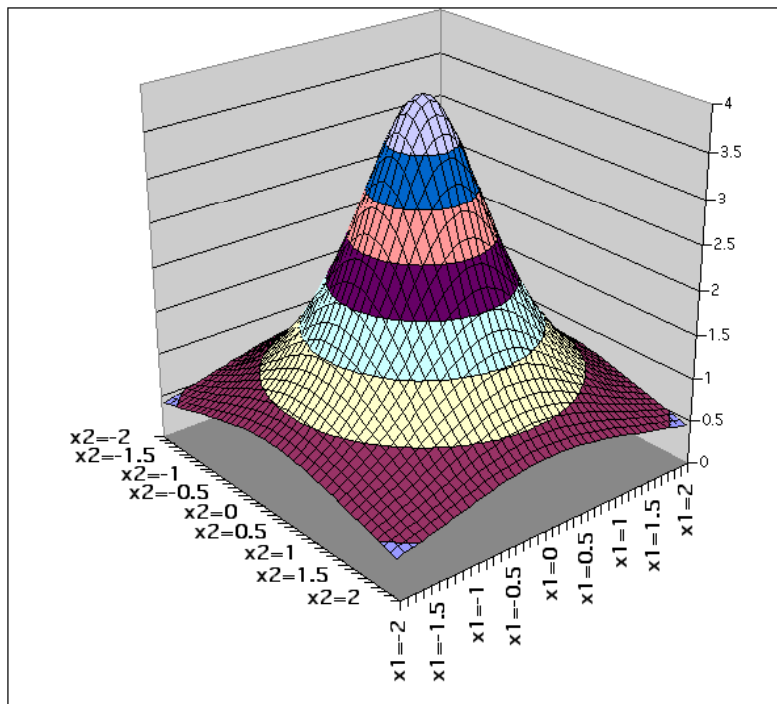
Only 3 levels per factor



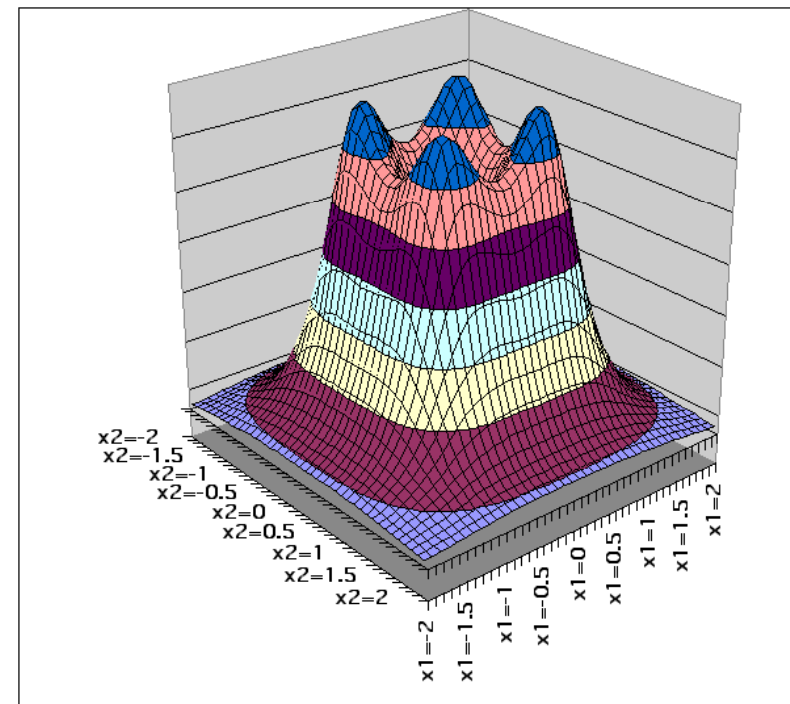
Rotatable Designs

- A designed experiment is rotatable if its prediction variances are a function of the distance from its center point, but not the direction away from center
- If a design is NOT rotatable, it will have regions of increased or decreased precision that may create biased predictions and misleading optimizations

Rotatable Designs

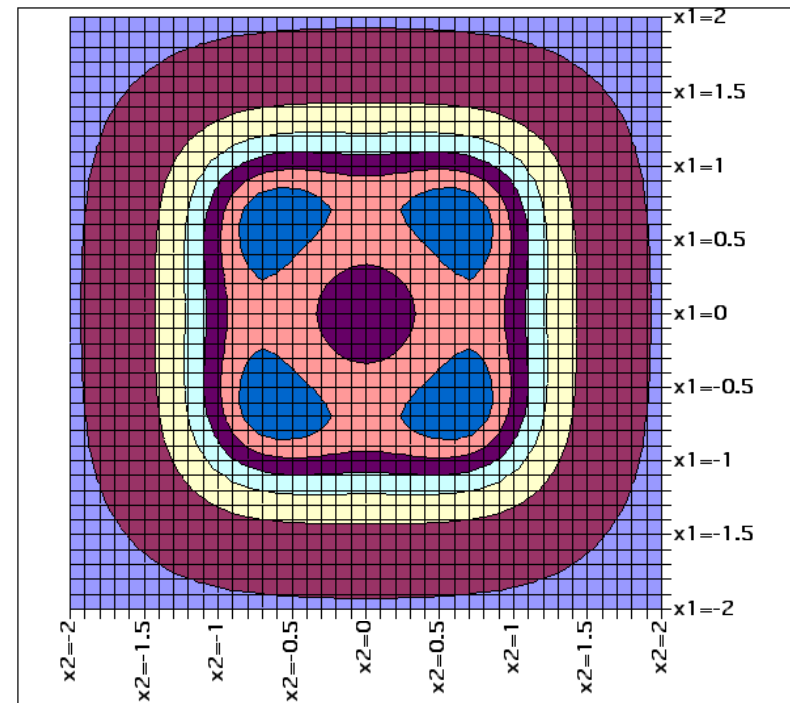
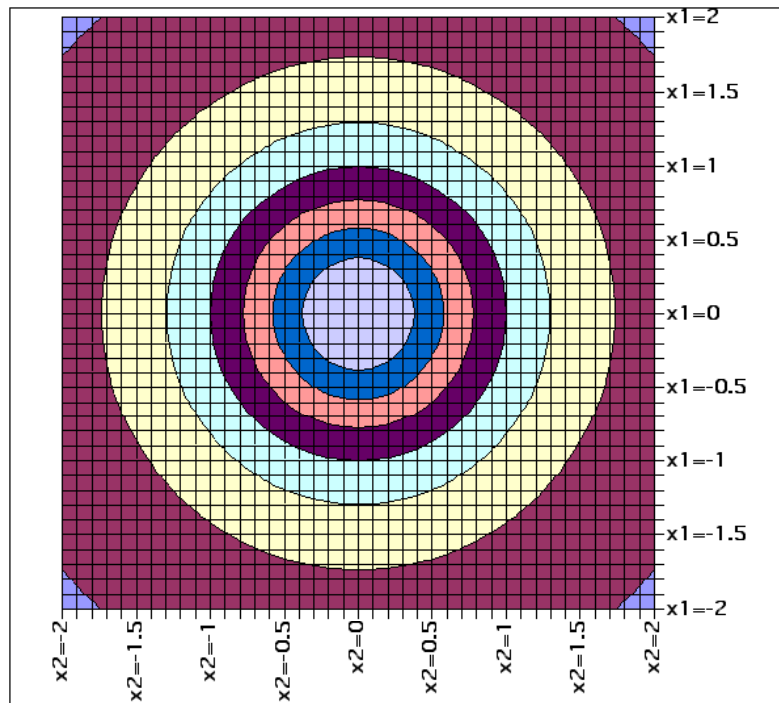


- Rotatable 2^2 design



- Non-rotatable 3^2 design

Rotatable Designs



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Orthogonal Designs

- An experimental design is orthogonal if all factor main effects and interactions are independent of each other
- Screening designs are usually not orthogonal, because their effects are typically aliased
- Want to use orthogonal designs to produce accurate estimates of coefficients and more precise optimizations in RSM analysis



Recall non-orthogonal effects are often created through poor design choices (e.g. baby gender and blanket color)

We should also be concerned about collinear predictors (e.g. two separate factors for mass and waistline)



Choosing a Known Design

Design	Pros	Cons
CCC	High quality predictions over the entire design space	Large sample sizes and axial points may include unreasonable values
CCI	High quality predictions over a slightly smaller design space. Reasonable axial point values.	Large sample sizes and slightly lower quality predictions than CCC
CCF	Relatively high quality predictions. Reasonable axial point values.	Large sample sizes and poor prediction of pure quadratic effects
BB	Smallest sample sizes, while using reasonable axial point values.	Poor predictions in "corners" of the design space. May not be rotatable.

- Choosing a known design may require some compromise
 - Modifying a full factorial screening experiment, sample size, ...
- JMP Custom Designs may provide better solutions



Design Response Surface Experiments

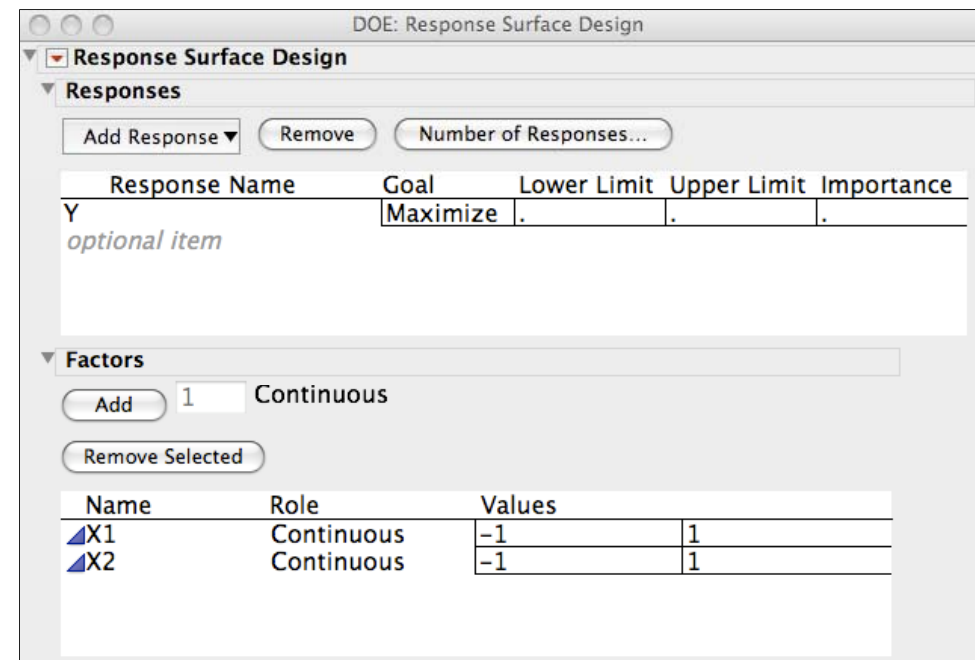
- Use the traditional designs
 - Central Composite Designs
 - Box-Behnken designs

- Use the JMP DOE menu
 - Response Surface menu
 - Custom design menu (*I*-optimal)



JMP Response Surface Menu

- Enter responses and continuous factors using the menu buttons
- Responses can be maximized, minimized or targeted
 - Use Lower Limit and Upper Limit fields to set optimization boundaries
 - Optimization goals and boundaries are used when you analyze your data
- Responses and factors can be saved and loaded from the hotspot menu if necessary



Notice there are no options to add any covariates, categorical or blocking factors



JMP Response Surface Menu

- Select a response surface design from the list
- Choose the design based on number of runs or blocking
- Understand the advantages and limitations of the designs
- Add replicates and/or center points, then make a table

Response Surface Design
3 Factors
Choose a Design

Number Of Runs	Block Size	Center Points	Design Type
15		3	Box-Behnken
16		2	Central Composite Design
20		6	CCD-Uniform Precision
20	6	6	CCD-Orthogonal Blocks
23		9	CCD-Orthogonal

optional item

Continue

Display and Modify Design

Output Options
Run Order: Randomize

Make JMP Table from design plus
Number of Center Points: 3
Number of Replicates: 0

Make Table

Back



JMP Custom Design Menu

- Add the responses, factors, constraints and model effects just as before
- Use RSM button to specify a response surface model design and analysis
- Generate the data table as before
- Complete the experiments, enter the response data into the table and click Fit Model to start the optimization

Custom Design

Responses

Add Response Remove Number of Responses...

Response Name	Goal	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Im
Yield	Maximize	70	100	.
Cost	Minimize	0	.	.
Mass	Match Target	125	140	.

Factors

Add Factor Remove Add N Factors 1

Name	Role	Changes	Values
duration	Continuous	Easy	10 20
concentration	Continuous	Easy	30 55
temperature	Continuous	Easy	15 25

Define Factor Constraints

Model

Main Effects Interactions RSM Cross Powers Remove Term

Name	Estimability
Intercept	Necessary
duration	Necessary
concentration	Necessary
temperature	Necessary

Design Generation

Group runs into random blocks of size: 2

Number of Runs:

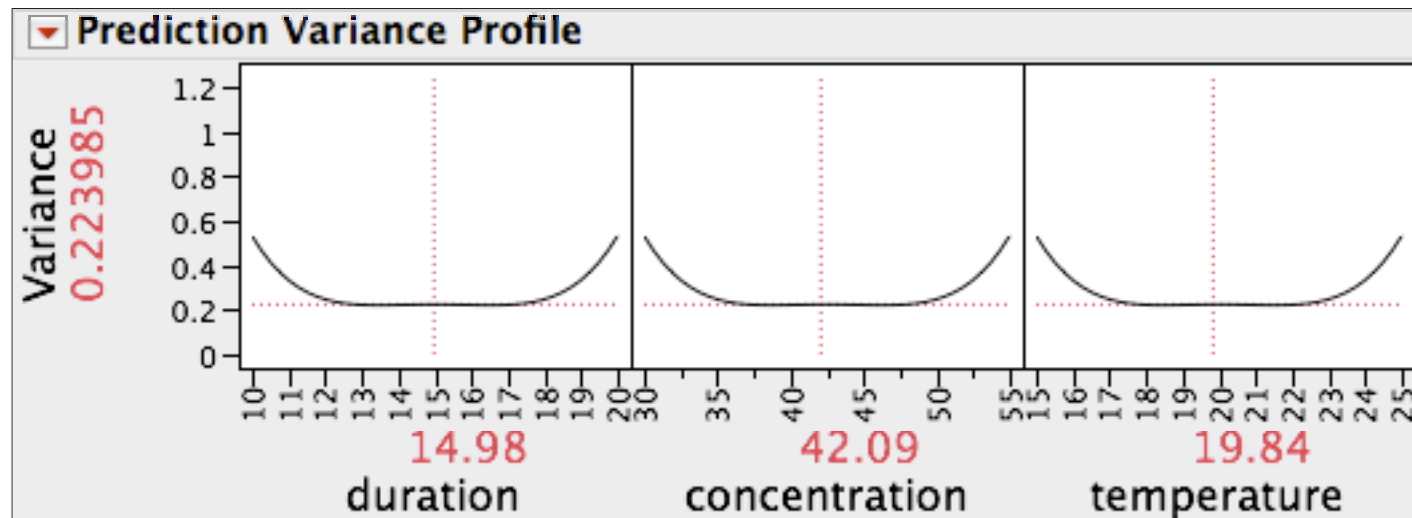
Minimum 4

Default 8

User Specified 8

Make Design

Design Variance

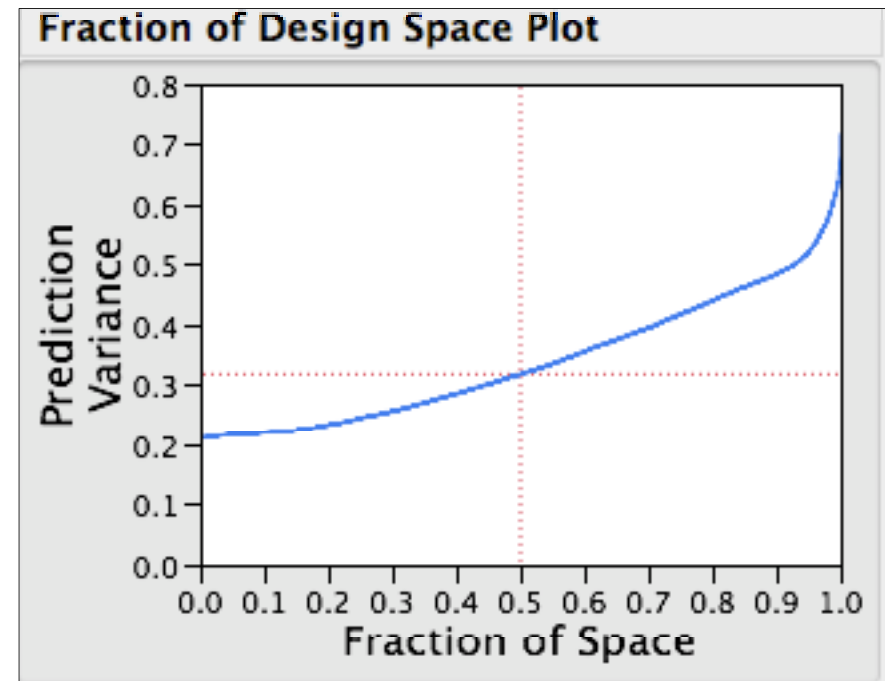


- The **Prediction Variance Profile** tool allows you to explore how the variance will change over different predictor values
- Prediction variance is reported as a fraction of the error variance, where $Variance = 1$ implies $prediction\ variance = error\ variance$



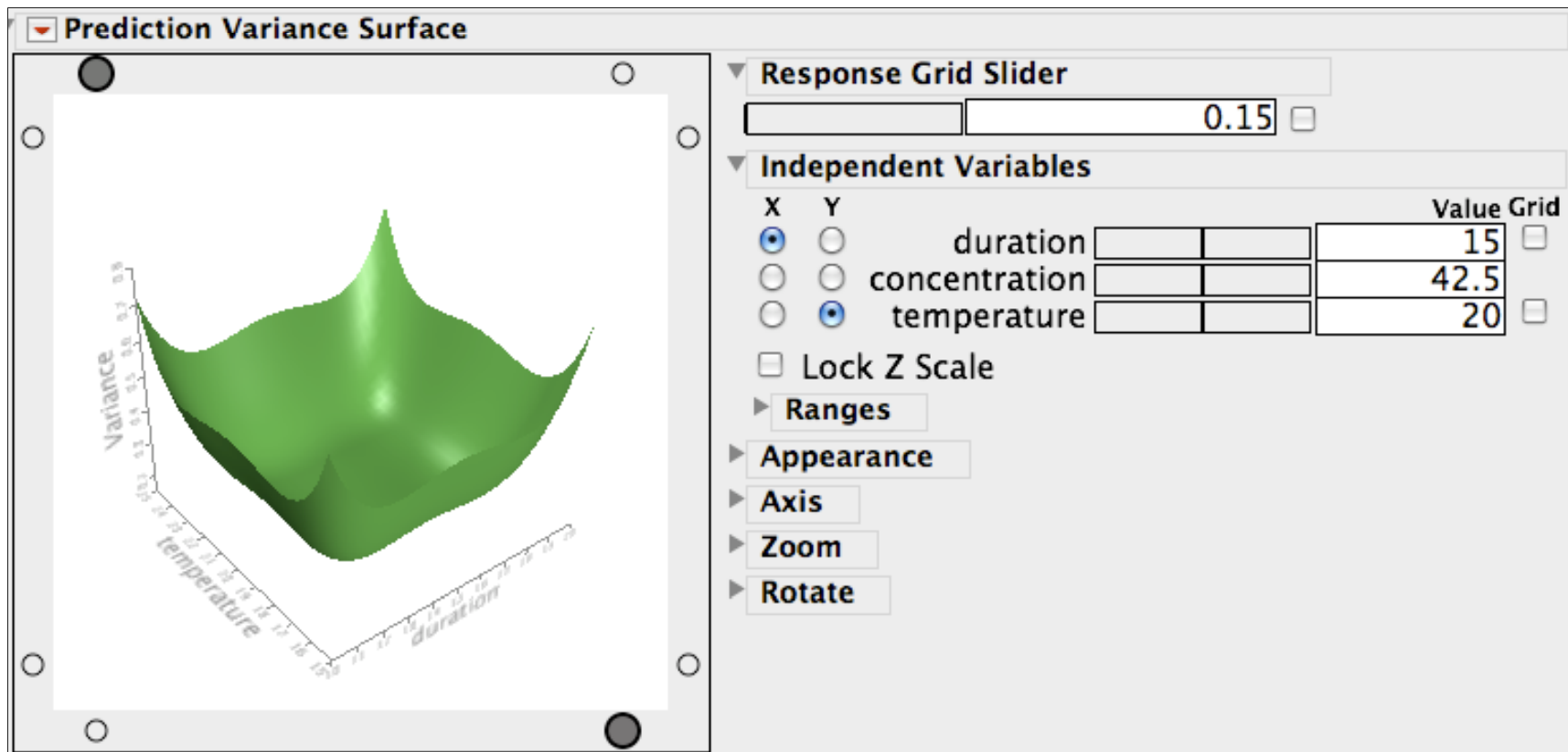
Fraction of Design Space Plot

- Fraction of design space plot displays the proportion of runs with a specific variance
 - E.g. half of all runs will have a prediction variance of 0.3
 - Want majority of runs to have small variances to ensure quality predictions in RSM analysis
- Use fraction of design space plot to assess the quality of an experimental design quickly



Compare *Fraction of Design Space* plot to *Prediction Variance Profile* plot to identify **where** the high variance points are located in the design

Prediction Variance Surface



- Explore prediction variance in 3 dimensions



Relative Variance of Coefficients

- Differences in samples size among groups can create differences in variance and power among effects
 - E.g. Generally main effects will have more power than interactions or quadratics

- Variance of Coefficients is most useful for custom designs with unequal runs among factors and levels

Relative Variance of Coefficients			
Significance Level			0.050
Signal to Noise Ratio			1.000
Effect	Variance	Power	
Intercept	0.224	0.427	
duration	0.100	0.750	
concentration	0.100	0.750	
temperature	0.100	0.750	
duration*duration	0.379	0.278	
duration*concentration	0.125	0.657	
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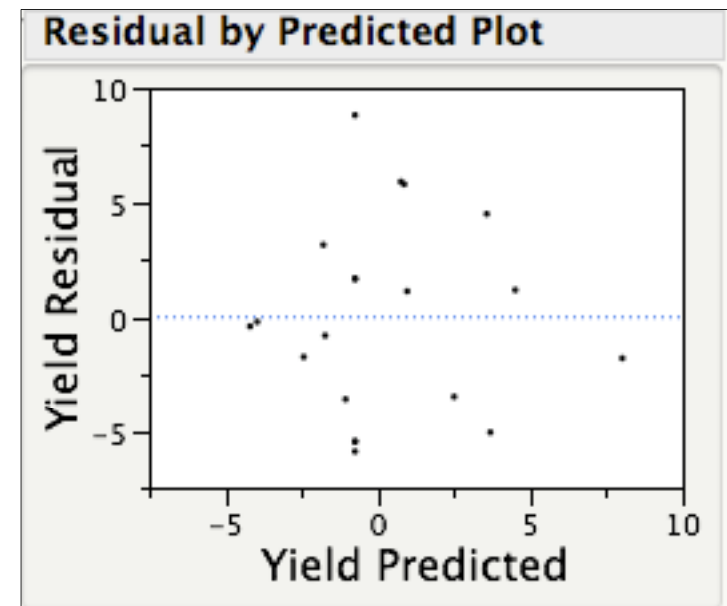
Increase Signal to Noise Ratio field to increase power if you anticipate highly significant effects when data is collected

Adjust Significance Level as needed



Analyzing a RSM Experiment

- Collect data, fill in the JMP data table and analyze with *Fit Model*
- Check usual model assumptions
 - Independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) normal random errors
 - Look for high influence points
- Improve model fit if necessary
 - Transform or remove predictors
 - Check Lack of Fit test results to see if model is missing important effects



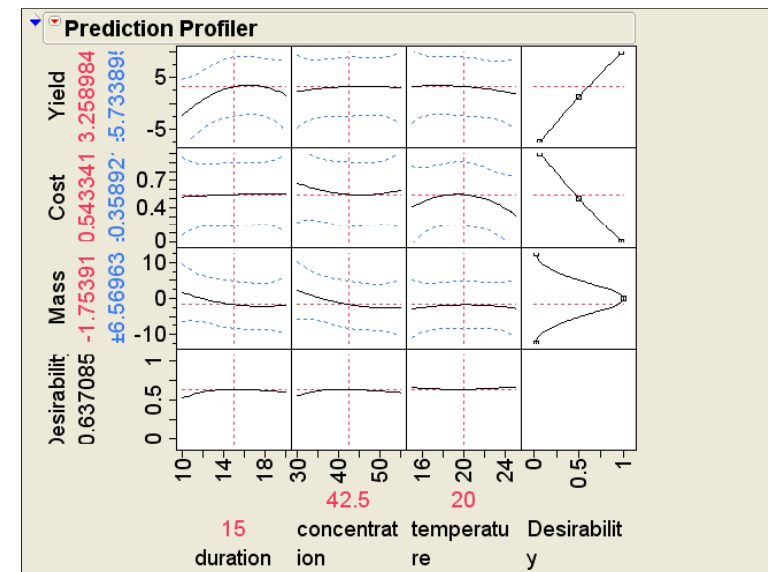
Check residual plot for curved trends or non-constant variance

Check leverage plots to look for high influence points or outliers



Prediction Profiler

- Add profiler from Least Squares or response hotspot menu
- Add desirability functions from Prediction Profiler hotspot menu
- Desirability plots describe response objectives (e.g. maximize, minimize, match a target value, ...)
- Click Maximize Desirability from hotspot menu to find the optimal levels of your predictor variables

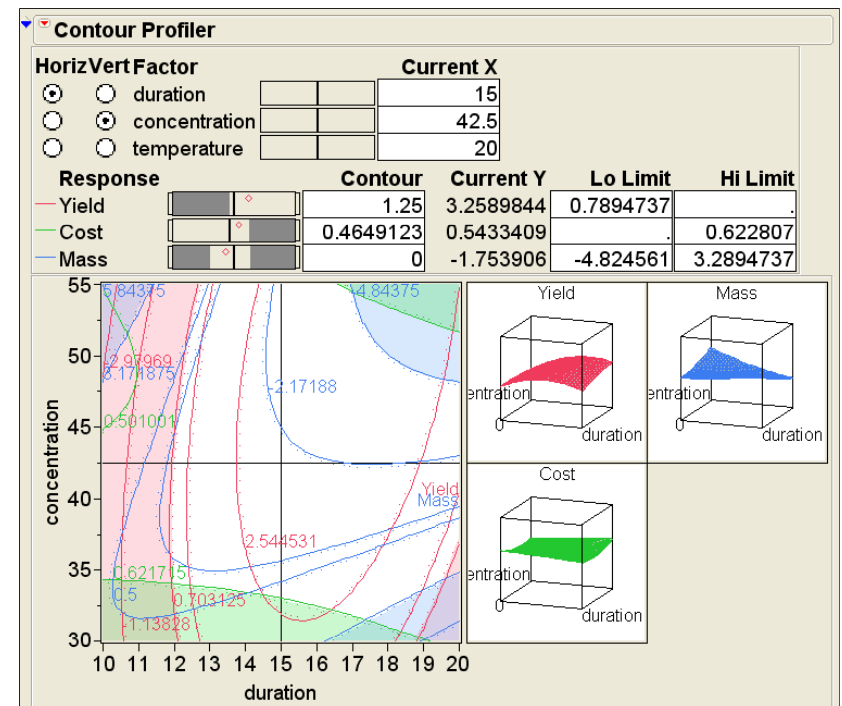


- Interactive results from prediction profiler show optimal predictor values and CI's for responses
- Click predictor levels to explore the response surface



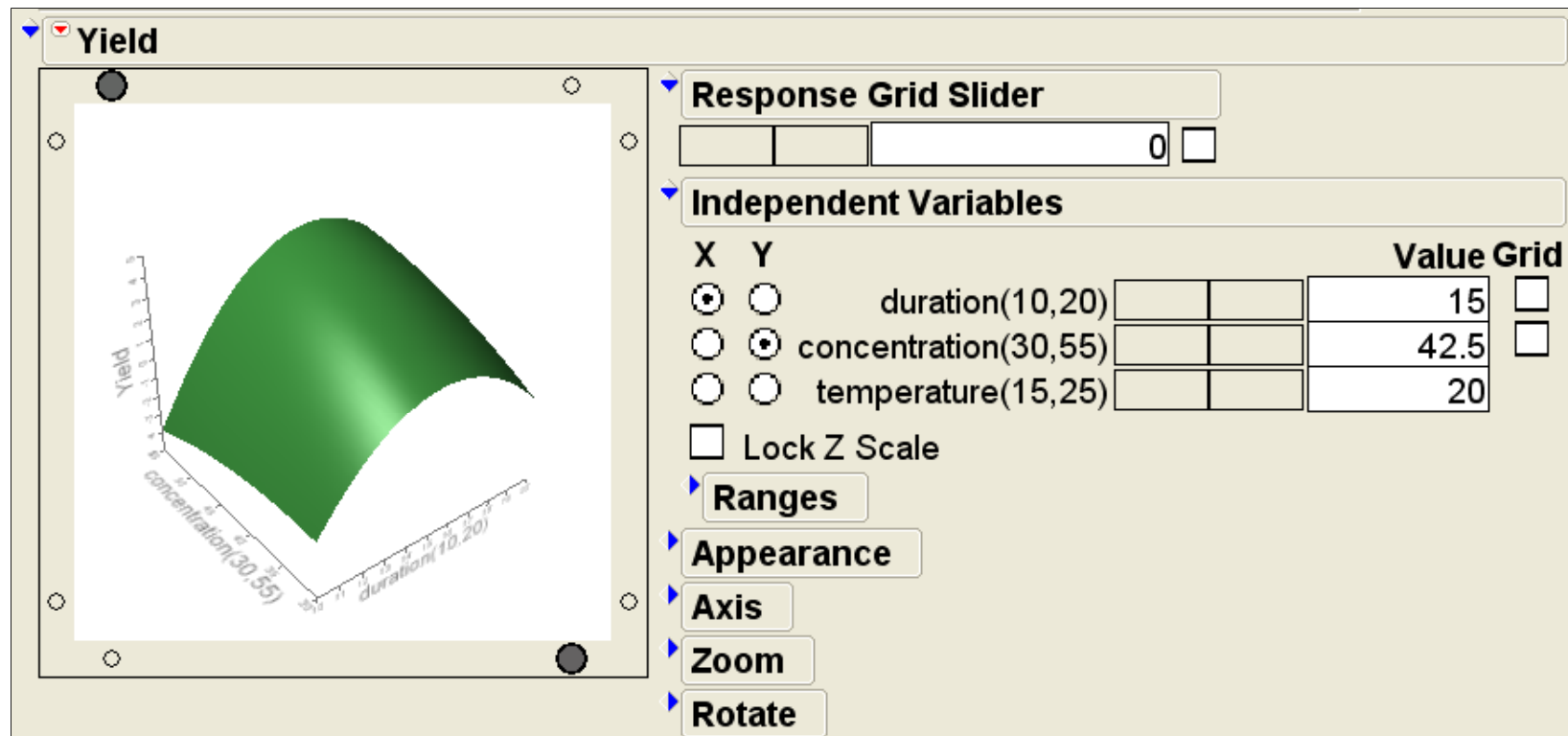
Contour Profiler

- Add contour profiler from LS or response hotspot menu
- Add contour grids for responses from contour profiler hotspot
- Add response shading from the response variable dialogues
- The white space describes optimized predictor levels



- Prediction profiler is best for point estimates of the optimal predictor levels, while the contour profiler provides a “neighborhood” of optimal predictor variable values

Surface Profiler



- Another interactive profiler to find optimal predictor variable levels from the RSM



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