

Evaluation of designs of experiment


to support process development and process optimization
directly in the labs and facilities


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- Frontload of the statistical support: Present and discuss the Pros&Cons of different designs before the actual use case. Inform about possible errors and pitfalls.
- Motivate to re-use DoEs (with clearly understood risks and benefits) instead of optimizing with software. (Understanding a good design is better than misuse of the “best” design.)
- Identify complex situations, where an individual design of experiments with statistical support is still the best option.

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Current Project:
Summarizing characteristics and strengths of different designs of experiment,
supported by simulation results,
in order to develop a tool for choosing appropriate DoE strategies.

Investigated designs*

- Full factorial designs
- Central composite designs
- D-, I-, A- optimal designs
- Definitive screening designs

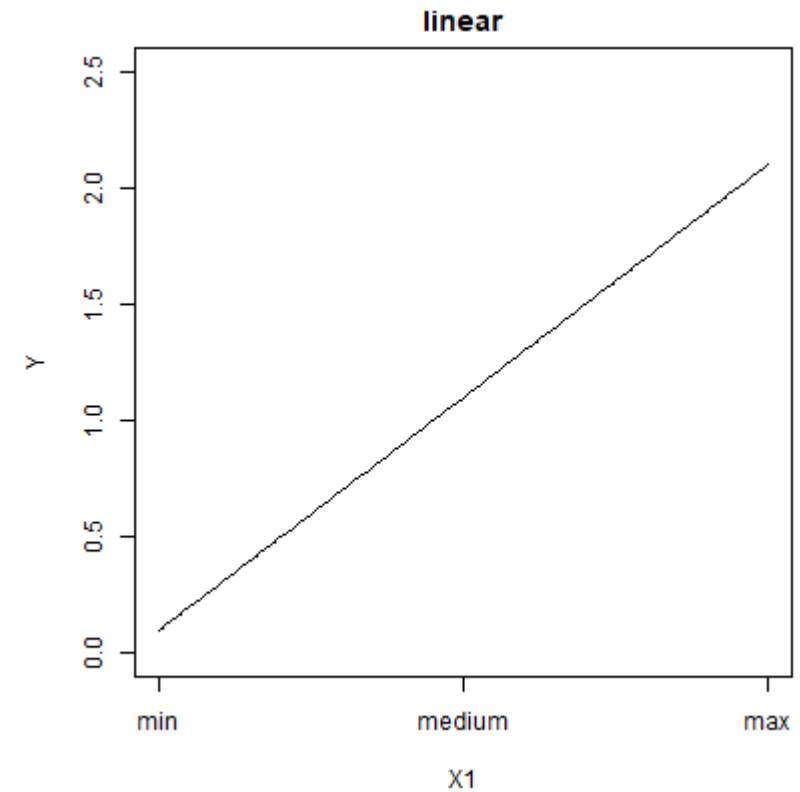
.. that are analyzed using regression models.

*Selection was motivated by what was used/misused in the labs.

Evaluation: Supported order of regression models

1. Visualization of linear, quadratic, cubic, interaction effect, as basis for discussion about expected effects.

2. Showing which designs support effects up to which order.



Evaluation: Power, optimality criteria, ...

1. The power to find the expected effects is usually the most important criteria, and well understood by non-statisticians.
→ Power calculations for effect sizes between 1 and 4 were included.

2. Optimality criteria are often used as rationale for a chosen design. However, often a different design may also be not far from optimality, while on the other hand optimal designs in one criterion might be low performer in other criteria. See for example:

MWANGI, Wangui Patrick; ANAPAPA, Ayubu; OTIENO, Argwings. **Selection of Second Order Models' Design Using D-, A-, E-, T-Optimality Criteria.**
Asian Journal of Probability and Statistics, 2019, 5. Jg., Nr. 2, S. 1-15.

Evaluation: Model Selection / AICc

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$$AIC = 2k - \ln(\hat{L})$$

k , number of parameters

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$$AICc = AIC + \frac{2k^2 + 2k}{n - k - 1}$$

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n , sample size

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 Example of possible pitfall due to model selection:

Design: 2 variables (-1,0,1)
 D-optimal design for quadratic model.
 Sample size N=9.
 True Model: $Y \sim A + B + A^2$
 Power for an effect size of 2 in the quadratic effect: >90%.

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-1.0751	0.8138	-1.321	0.24372
A	3.1130	0.5559	5.600	0.00251 **
B	1.8099	0.6304	2.871	0.03494 *
I(A^2)	2.8236	0.9856	2.865	0.03520 *

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Residual standard error: 1.362 on 5 degrees of freedom
 Multiple R-squared: 0.8998, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8397
 F-statistic: 14.97 on 3 and 5 DF, p-value: 0.006233

Model	AICc
$Y \sim A + B + A:B + A^2 + B^2$	147.7
$Y \sim A + B + A^2 + B^2$	75.7
$Y \sim A + B + A:B + A^2$	79.8
$Y \sim A + B + A:B + B^2$	88.5
$Y \sim A + B + A^2$	55.8
$Y \sim B + B^2$	63.5
$Y \sim A + B$	52.6
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$Y \sim B$	56.3
$Y \sim A$	48.4
$Y \sim 1$	52.5

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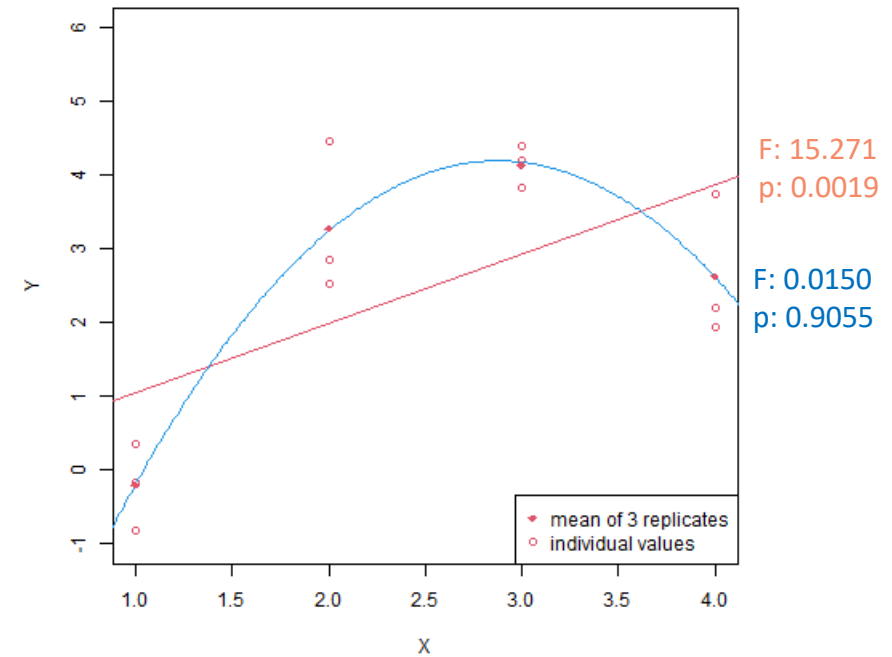
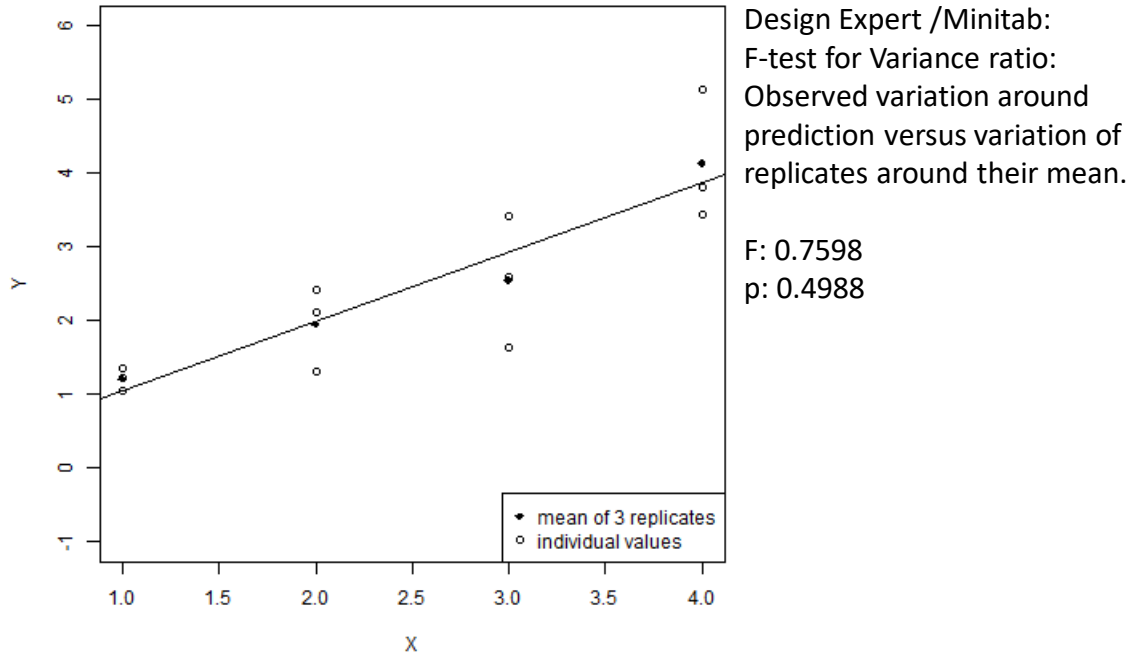
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Simulation shows that in this design model selection by best AICc misses the correct model in 77% of the runs!

Evaluation: Lack of fit test

Lack of fit tests are included in the regression analysis of most GUI software (e.g. Design Expert, Minitab).



Warning: False positive test results in unbalanced designs or under heteroscedasticity.

False negative test results in case of low number of replicates and lack of fit points.

Current presentation of results & Outlook

Information and simulation results stored in an Excel table:

Manually select similar designs to compare them (e.g. 3 variables, 21 runs):

1	2	3	Design	# variables	Sample Size	LoF Test significant				Power		
						$\Delta=2$	$\Delta=1$	$\Delta=0.5$	2FI	Lin.	Quad.	2FI
16	Central composite (radial), with 7 center poi	3	21	98%	44%	13%	25%	41%	95%	26%		
17	Central composite (k=1), with 7 center point	3	21	69%	23%	9%	25%	32%	57%	26%		
18	D-opt, 3-desr., 3 Var, Quadr, 15 Mod, 0 LOF,	3	21	24%	9%	7%	37-38%	44-46%	48%	39%		
19	D-opt, 5-desr., 3 Var, Quadr, 13 Mod, 4 LOF,	3	21	16%	9%	6%	26-28%	36-39%	54%	29%		
20	D-opt, 5-desc., 3var, Cubic, 20 Mod + 1 CP	3	21	x	x	x	31-32%	42-43%	40%	33%		
22	I-opt, 3-desr., 3 Var, Quadr, 15 Mod, 3 rep, 3	3	21	36%	12%	7%	23-24%	34-37%	56%	26%		
26	Def.Screening (max 10)	3	21	50%	14%	6%	40%	51%	32%	47%		

Future enhancements:

Add search options and filters, and additional designs.

Rshiny App that allows to upload an own design and compare the results to the designs in the table?

Provide training and Q&A.

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