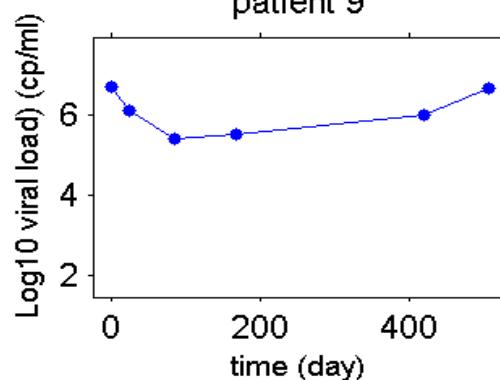
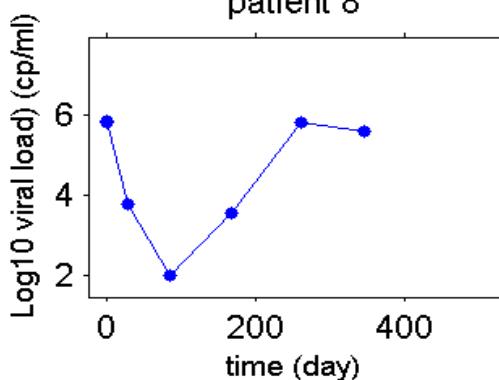
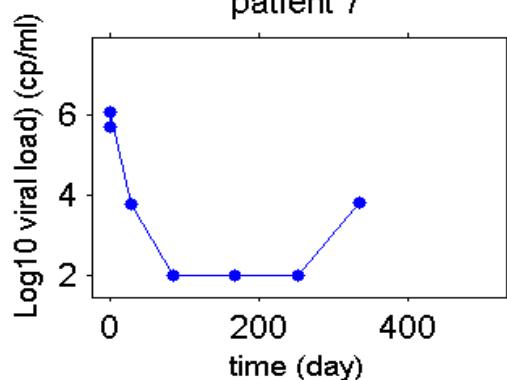
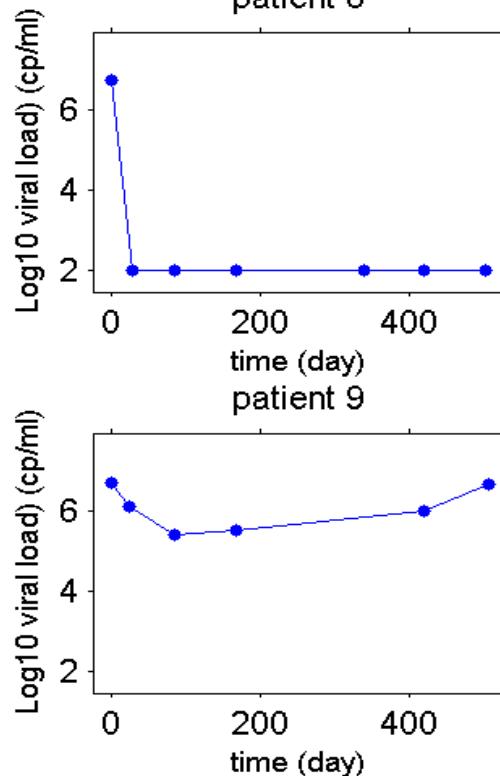
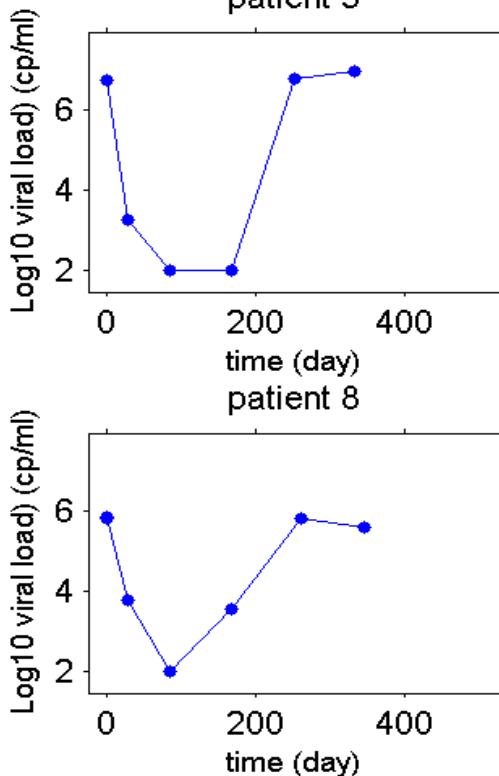
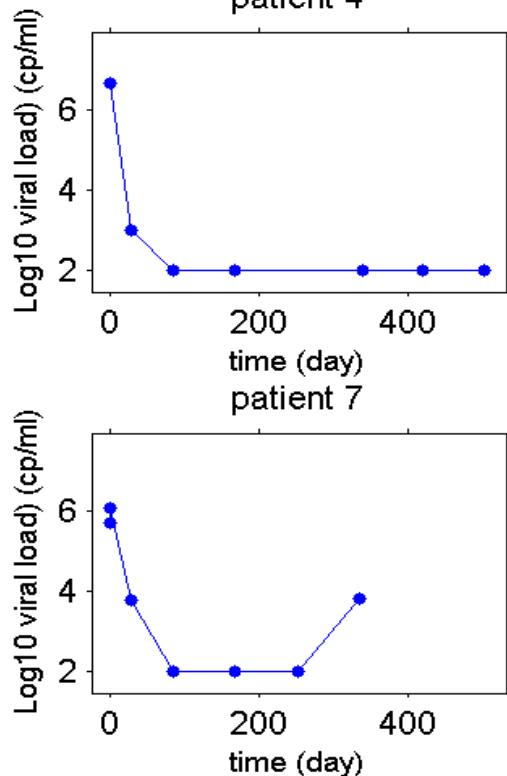
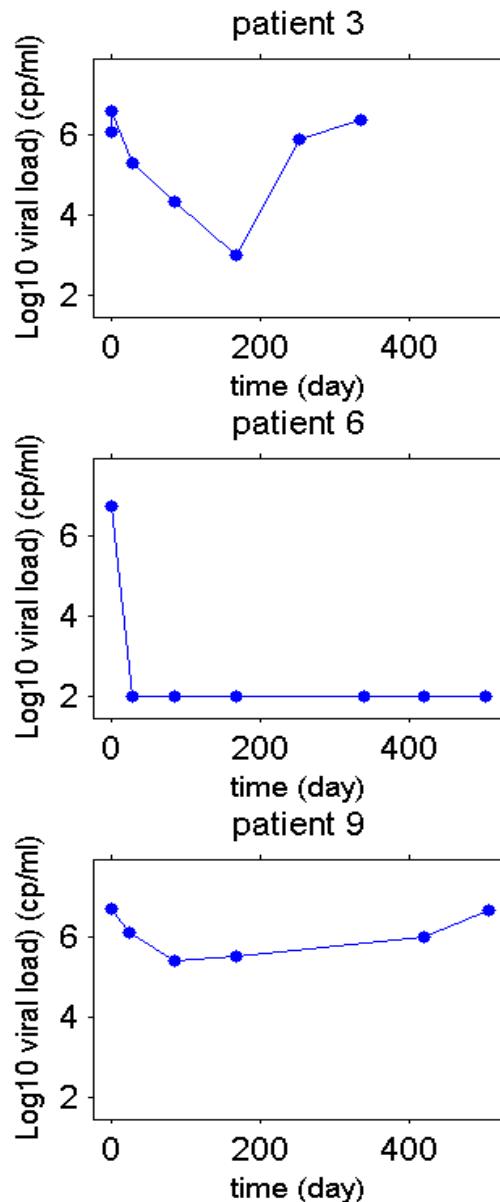
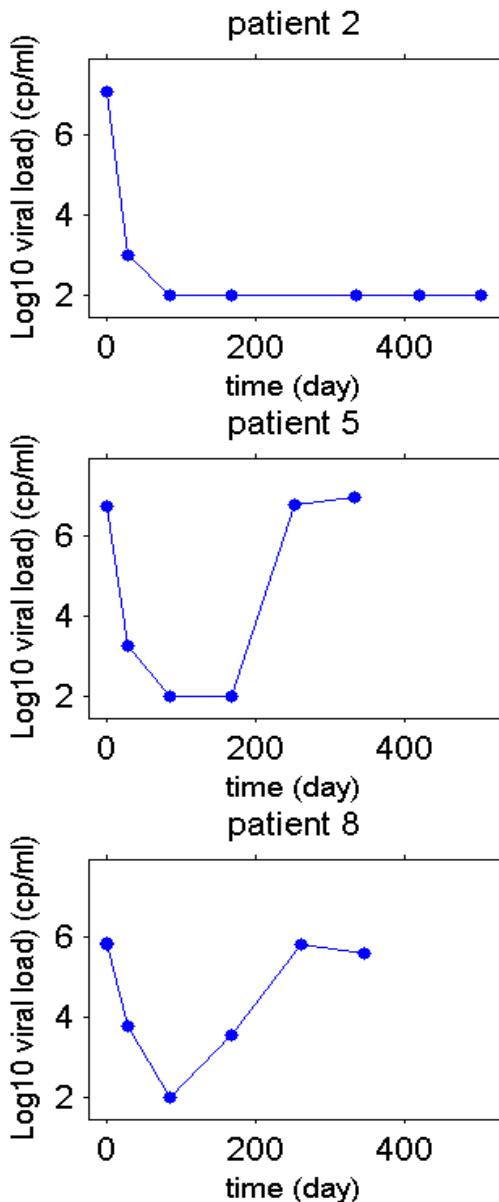
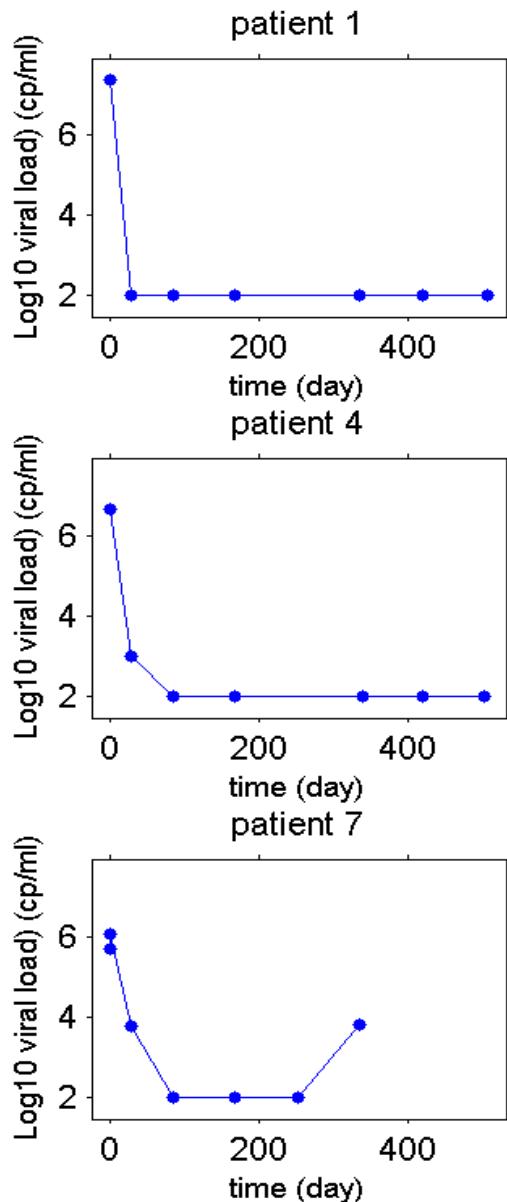


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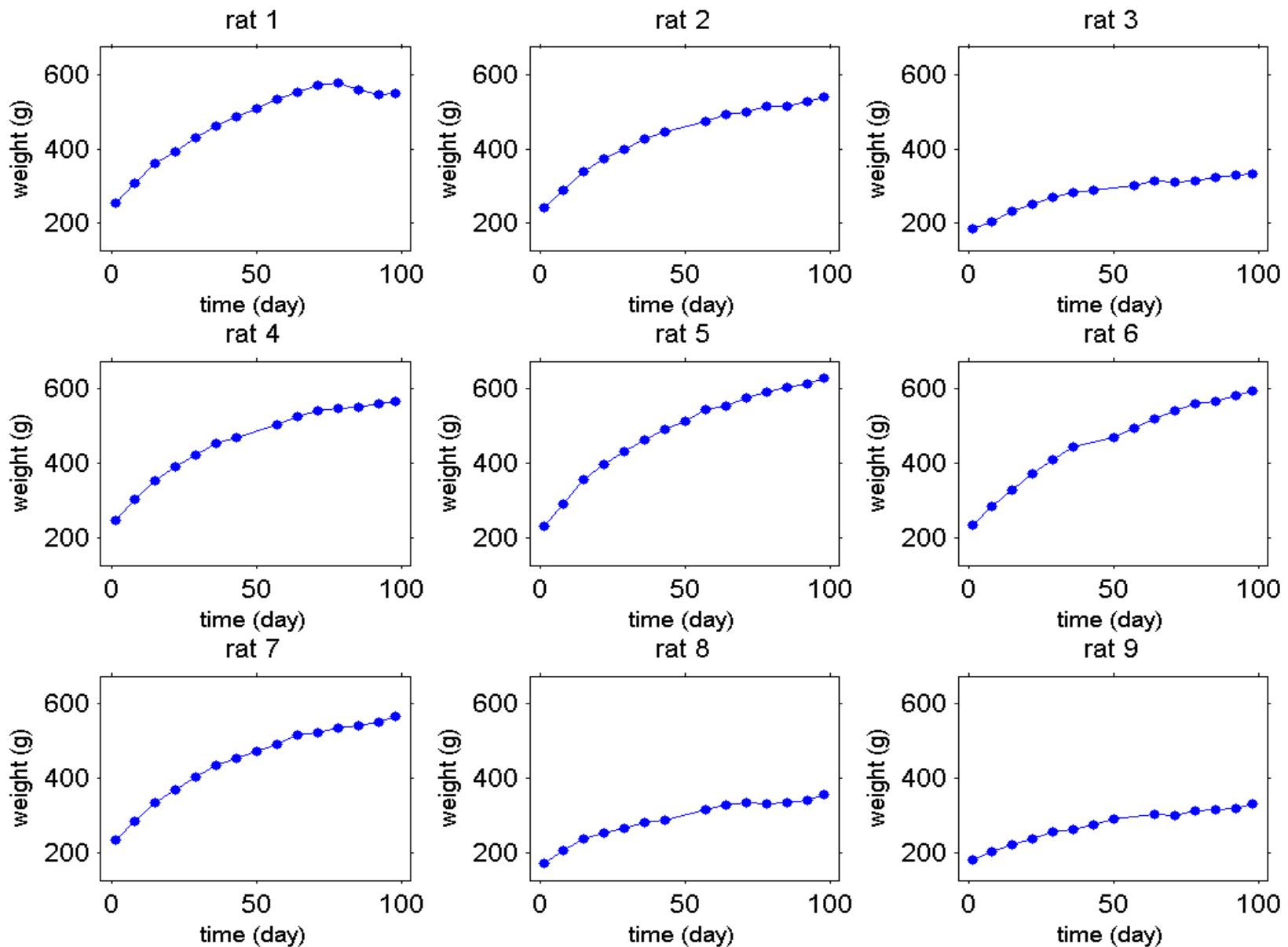
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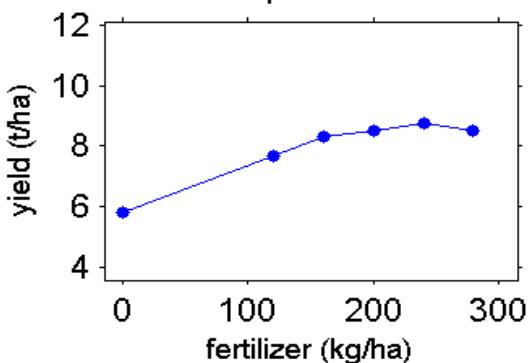
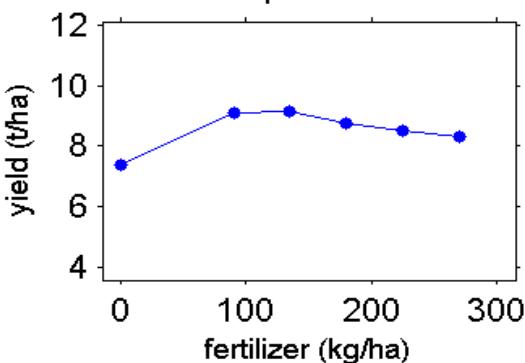
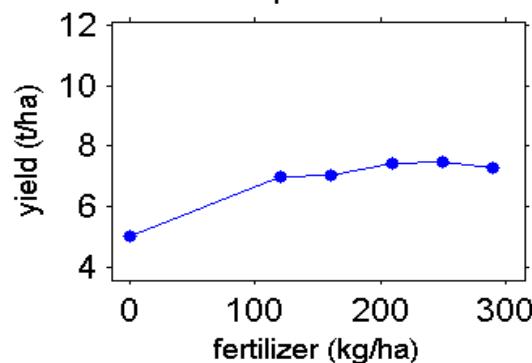
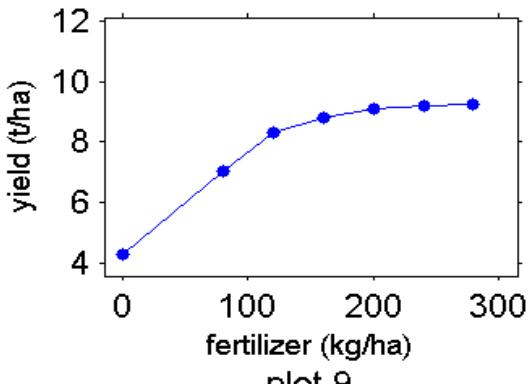
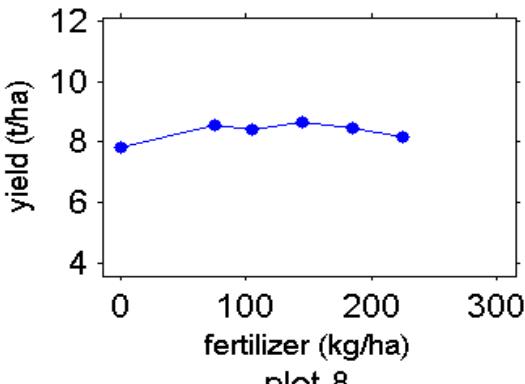
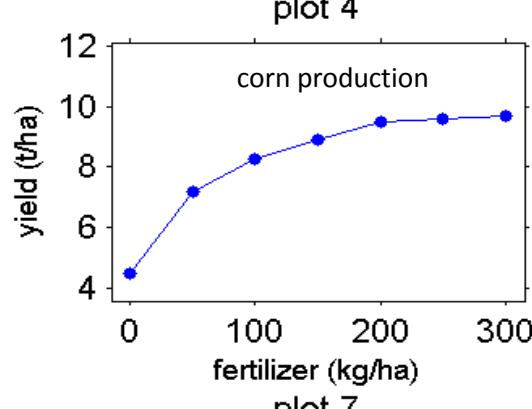
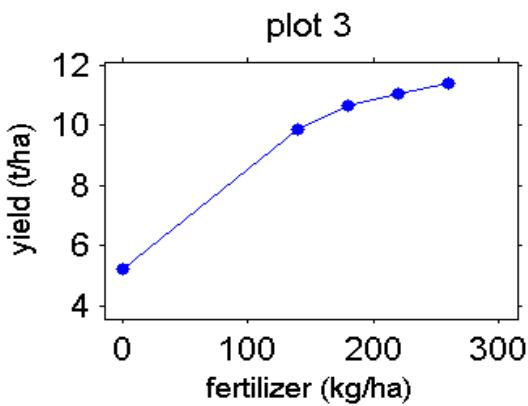
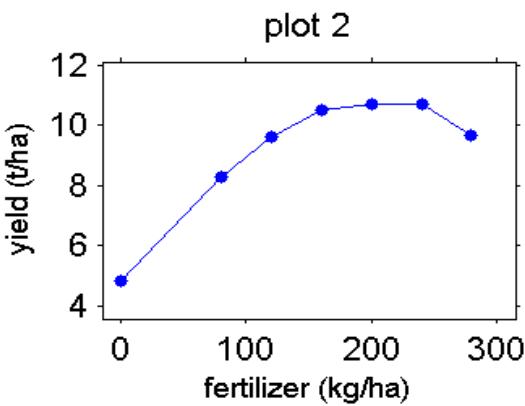
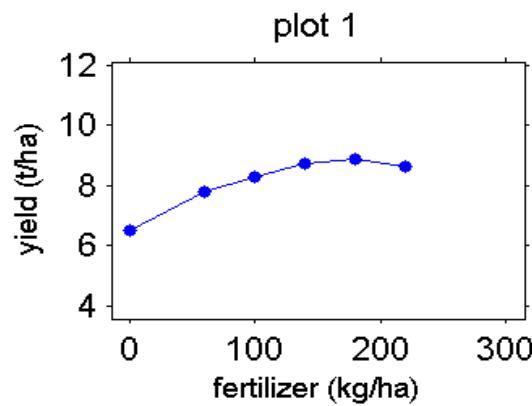
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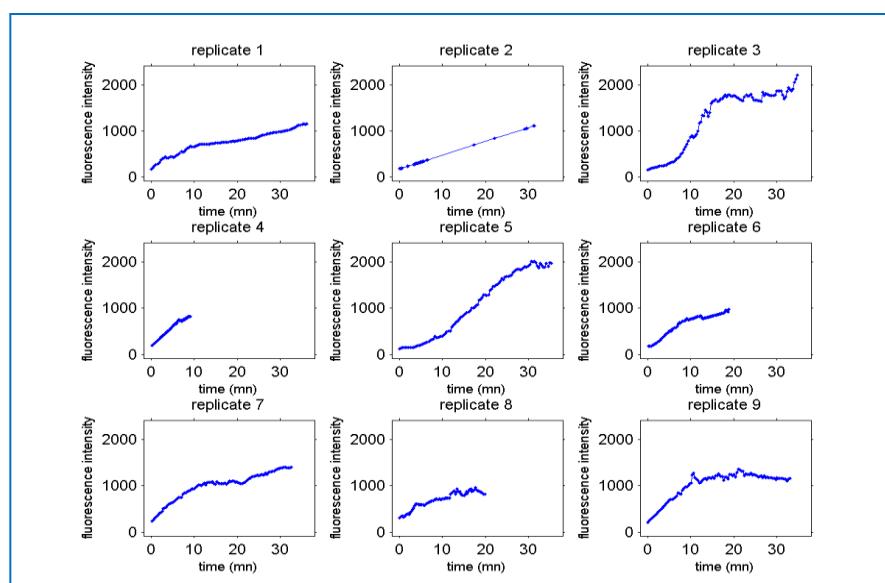
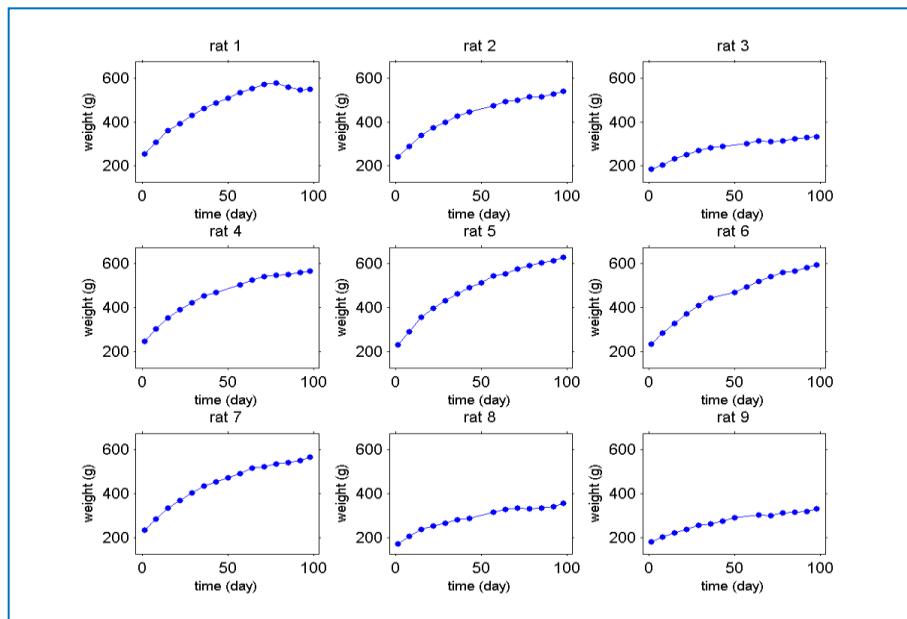
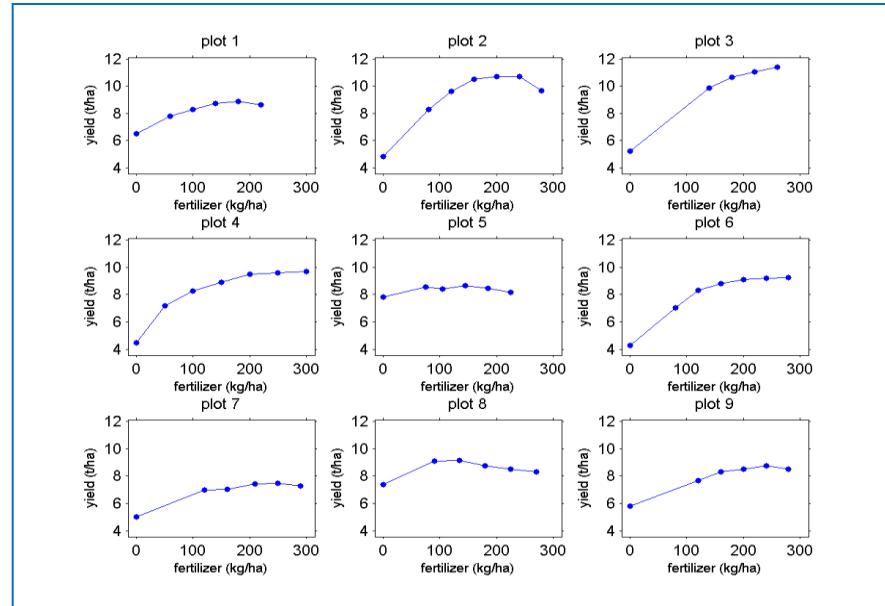
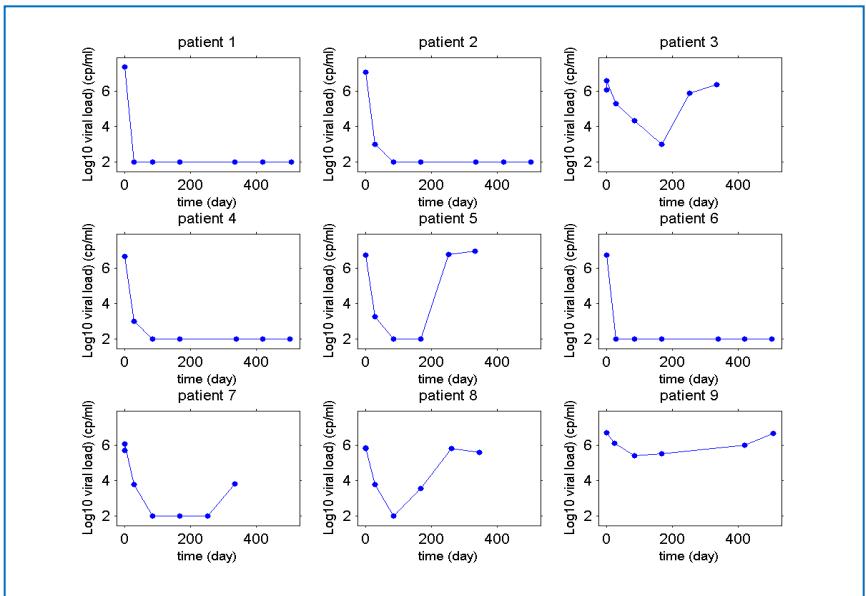


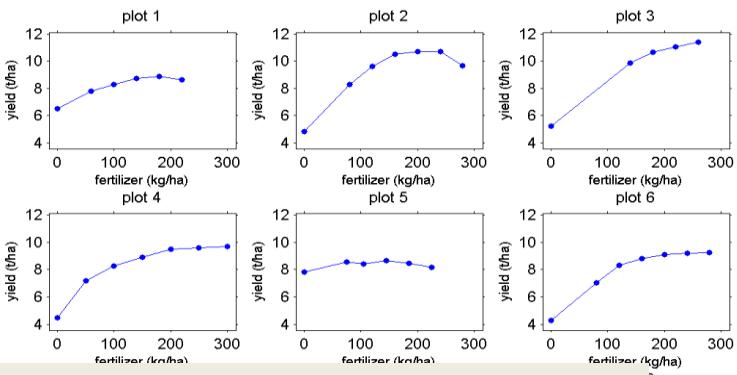
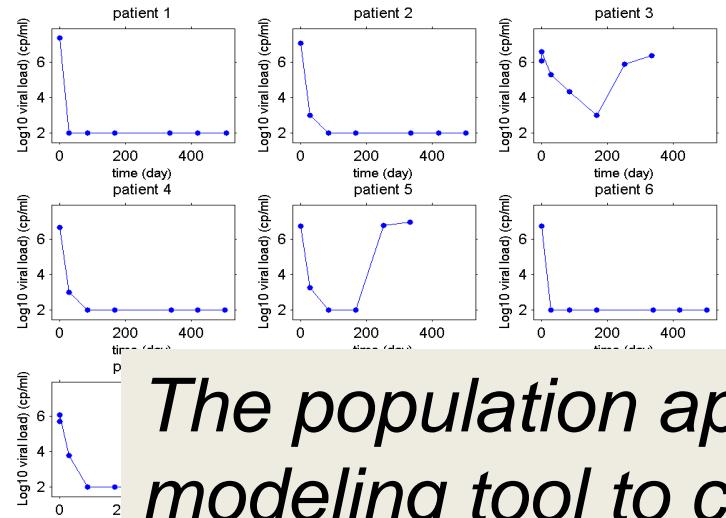
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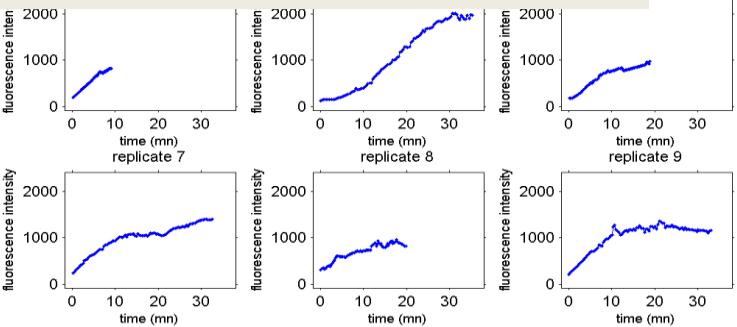
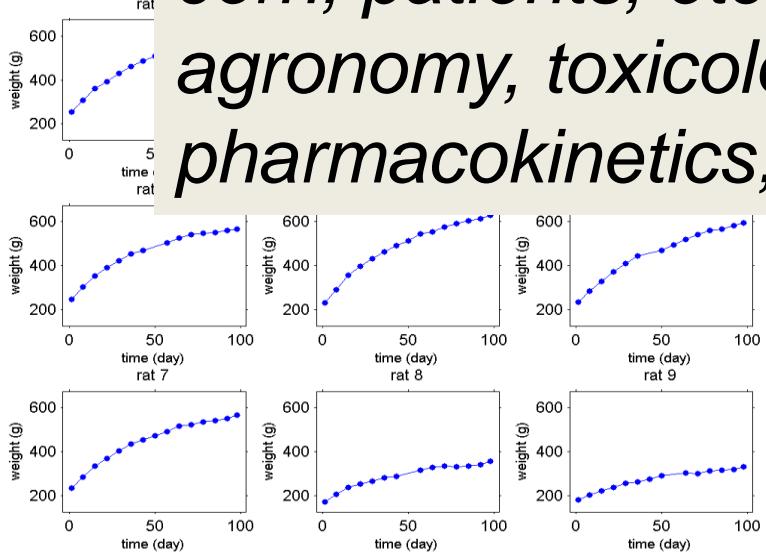
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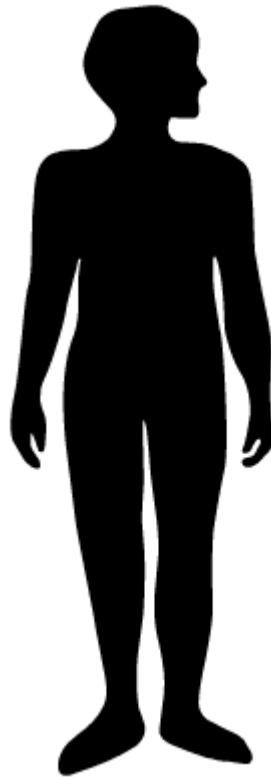


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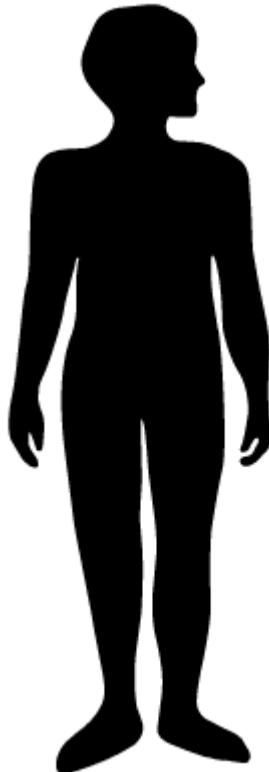


# Introduction: A pharmacokinetics example

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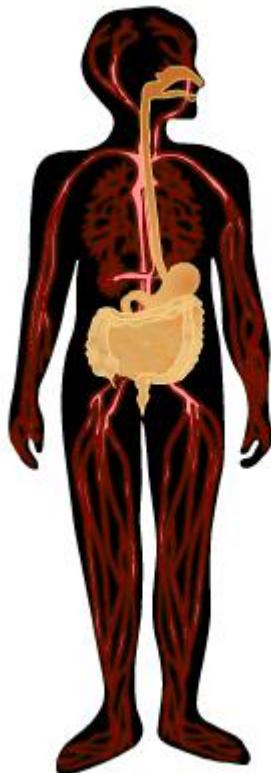


**warfarin**



anticoagulant used  
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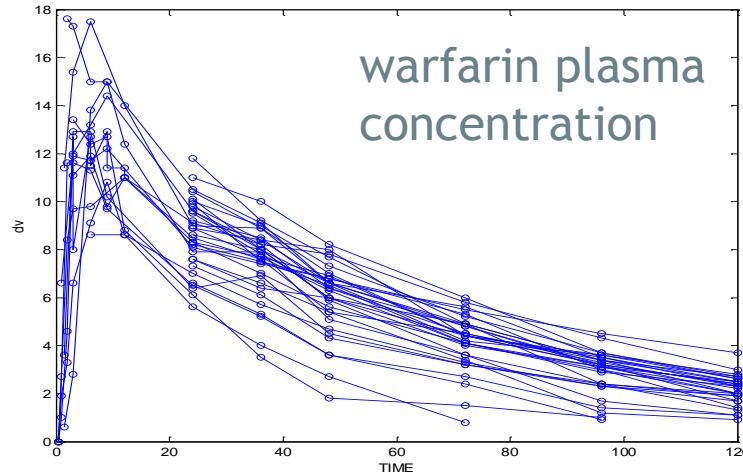
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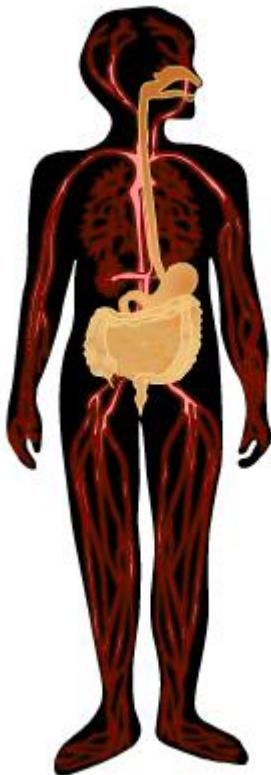
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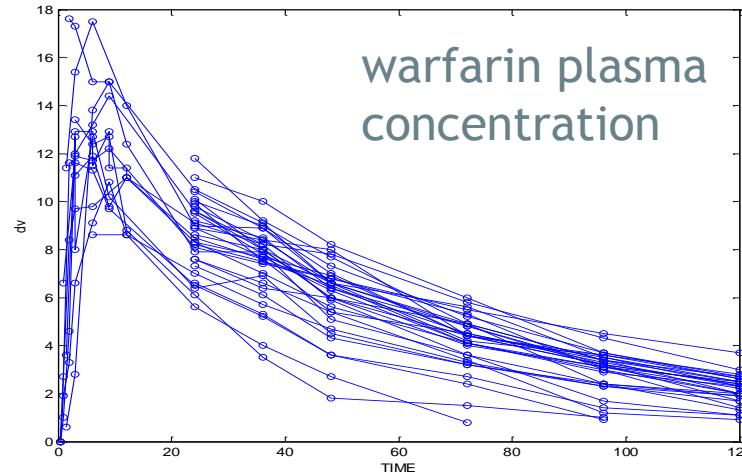


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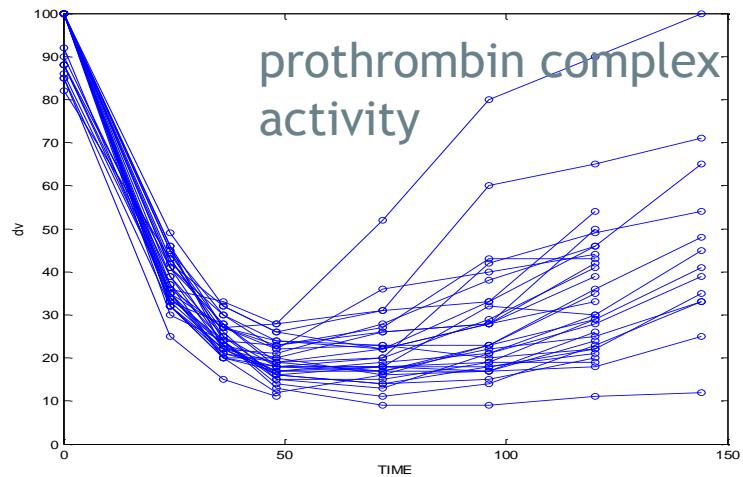
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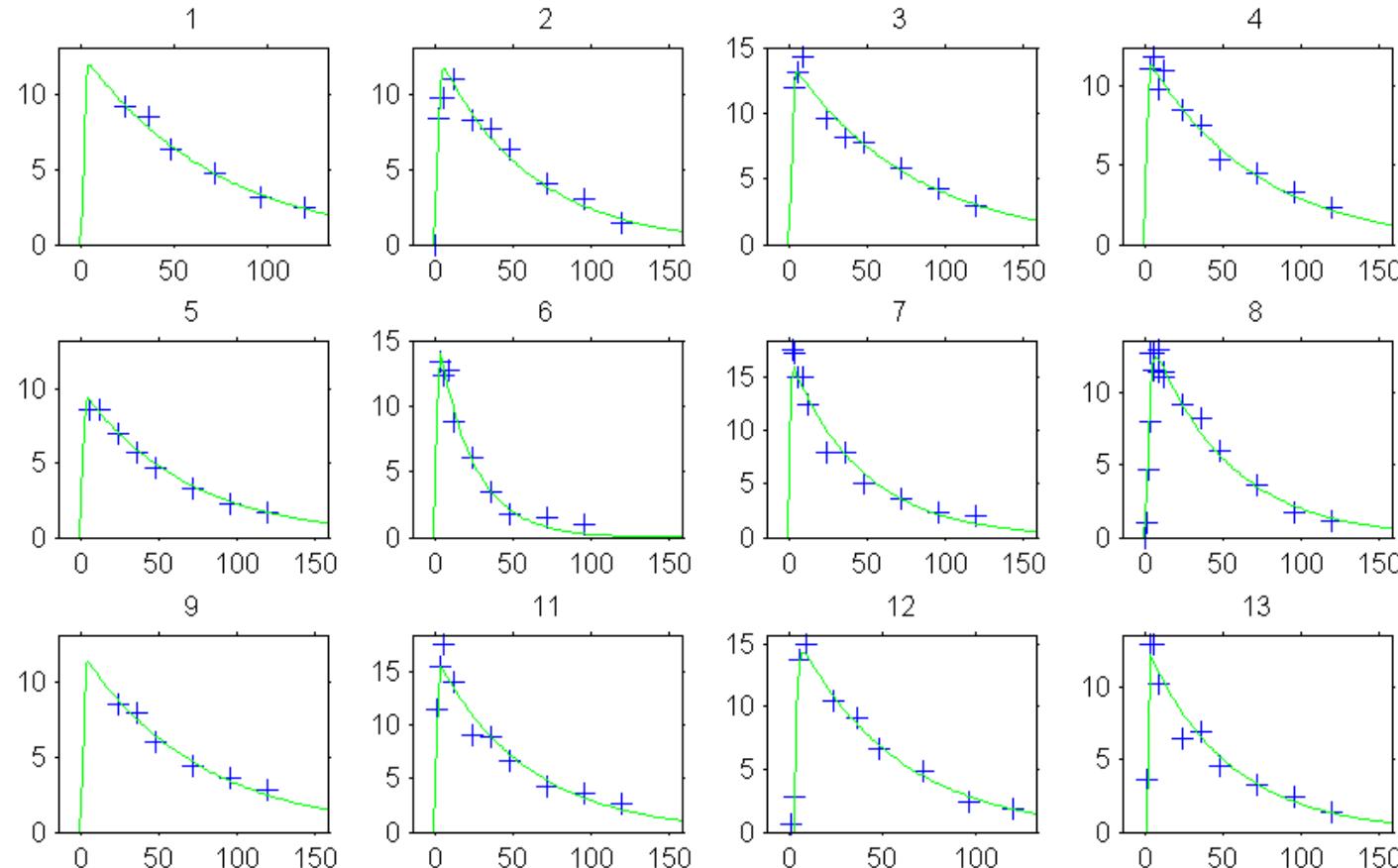


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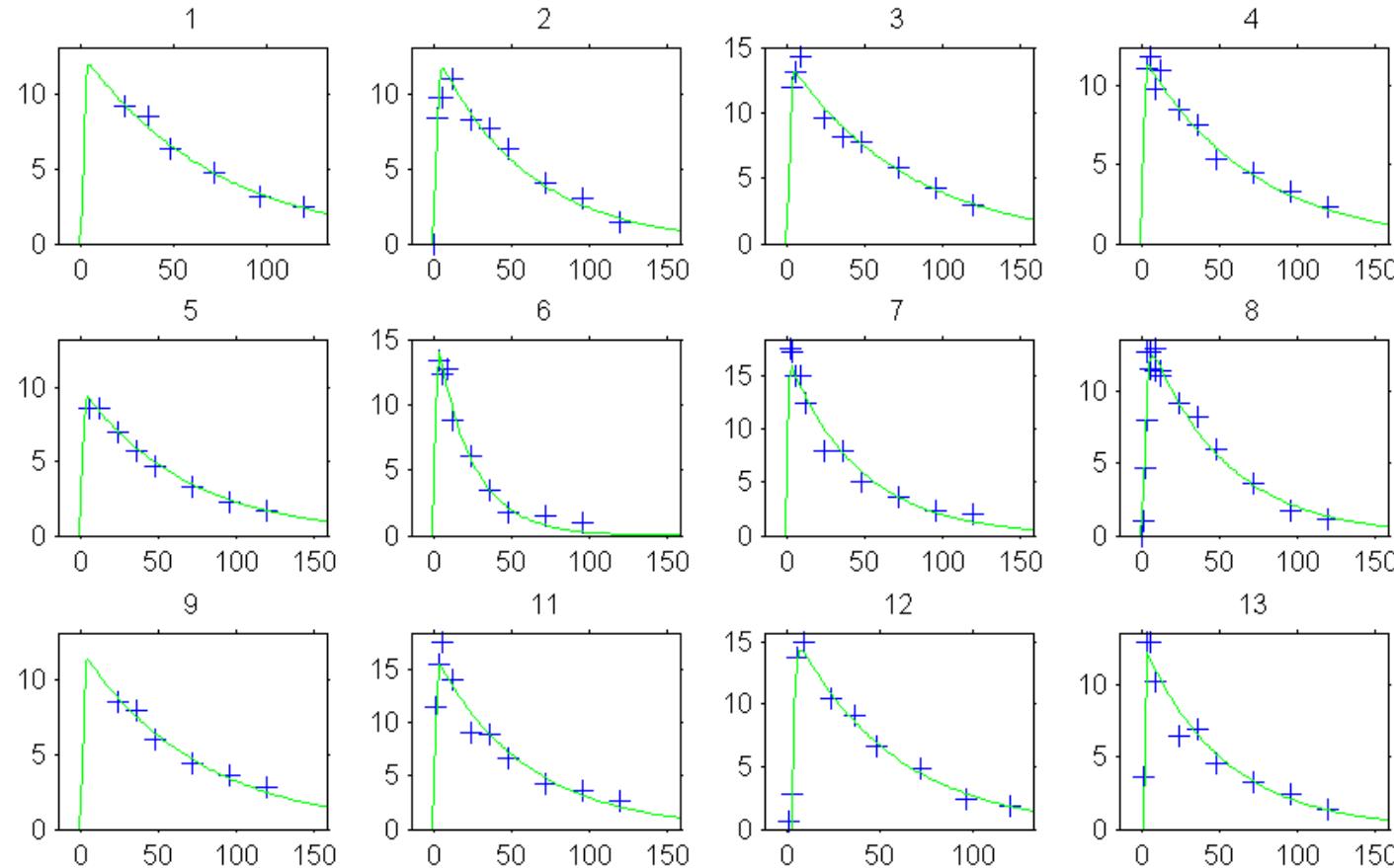
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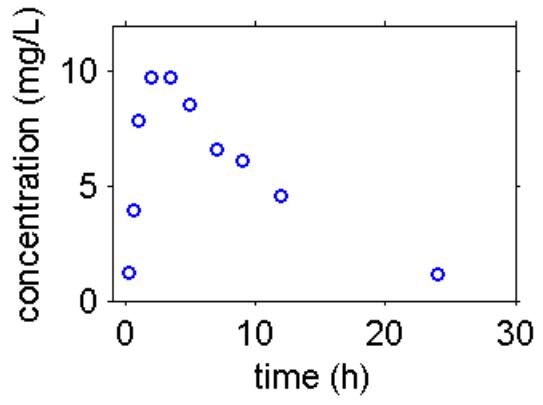


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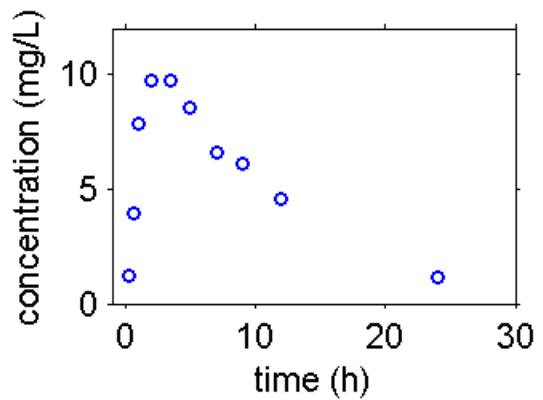


**Model = pharmacological model + statistical model**

# The individual approach

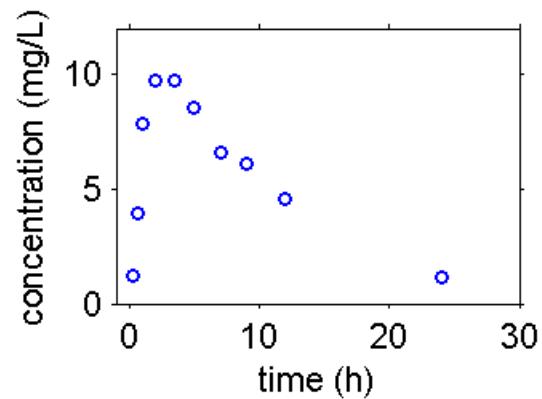


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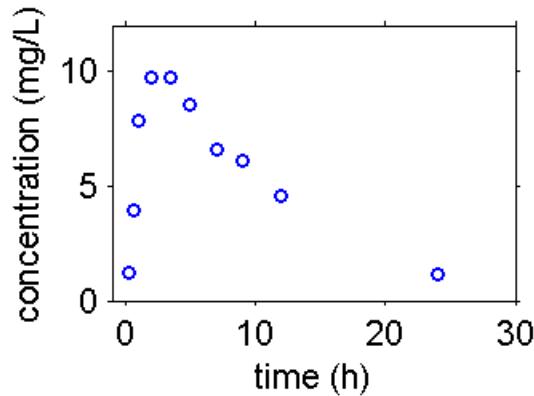
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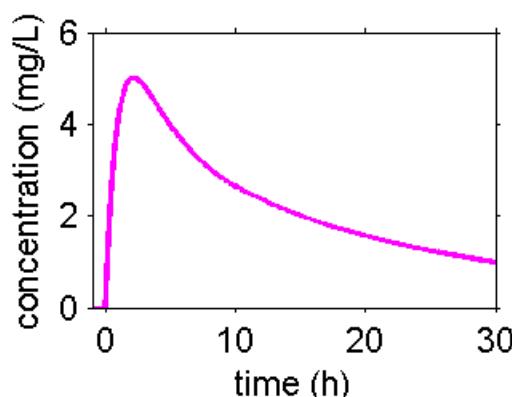
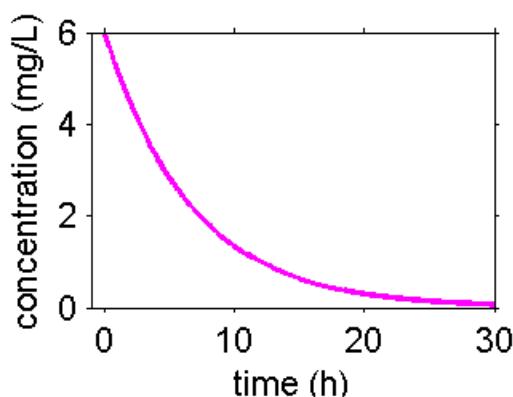
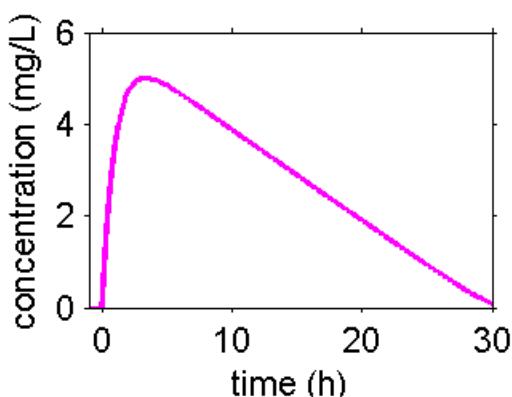
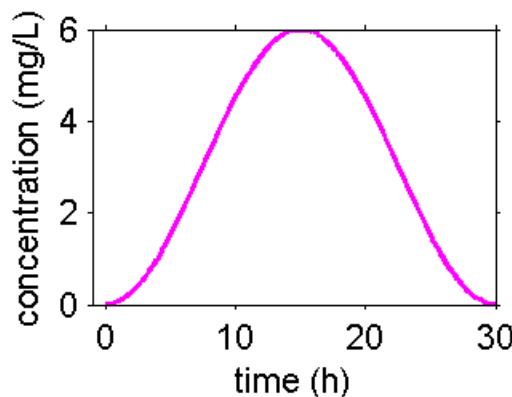
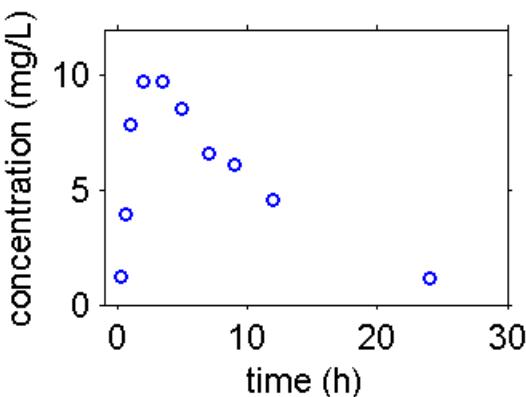
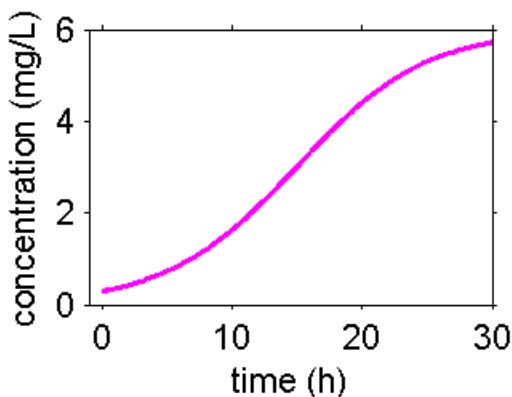
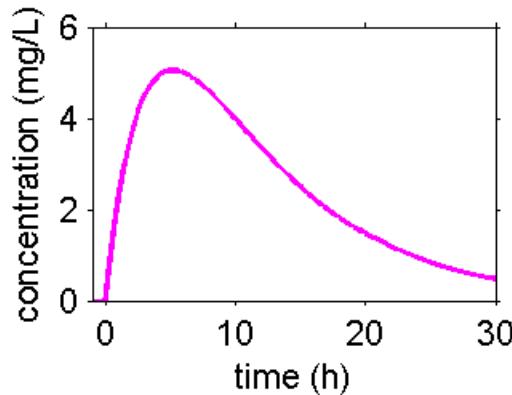
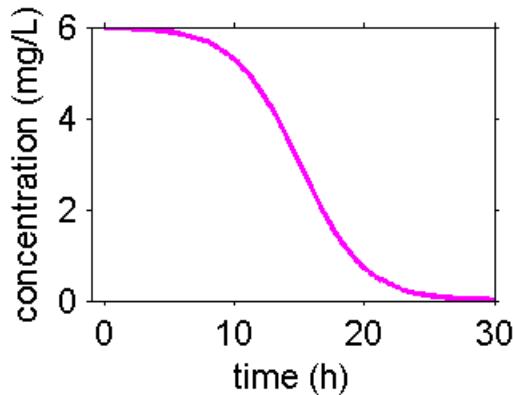
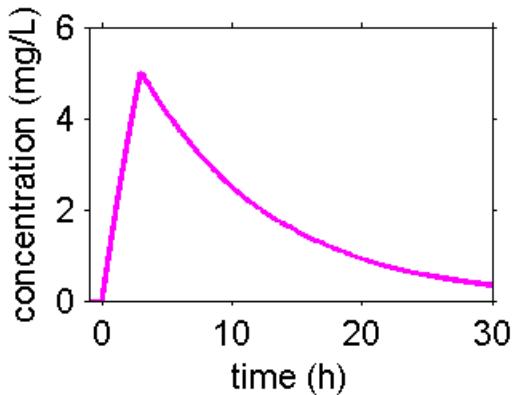
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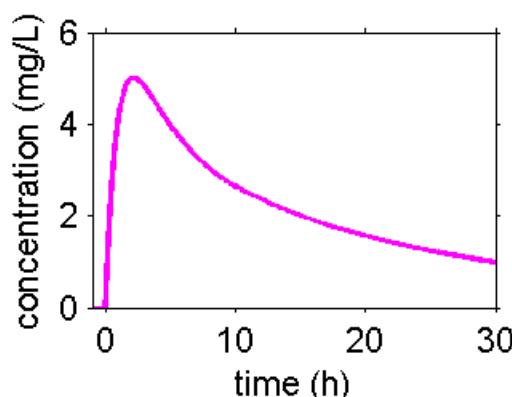
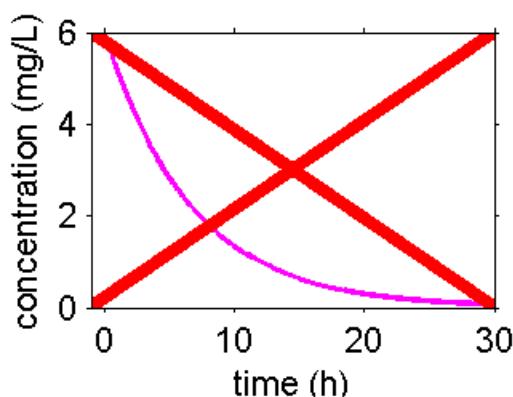
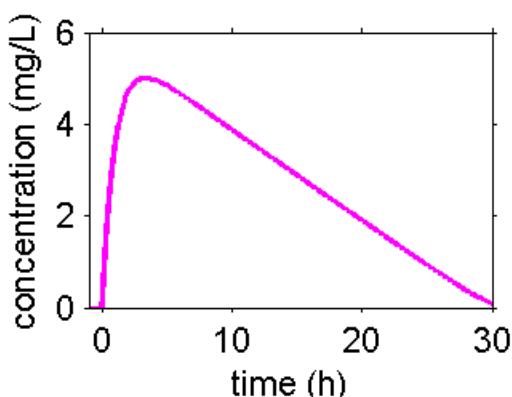
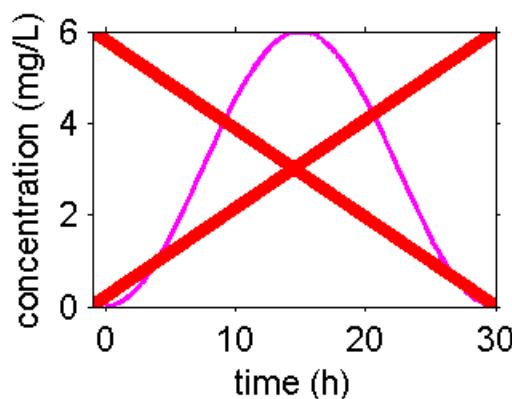
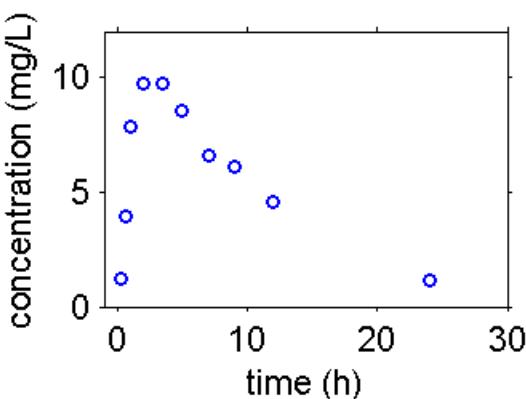
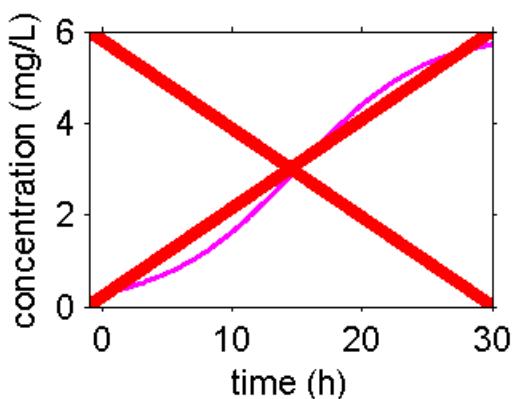
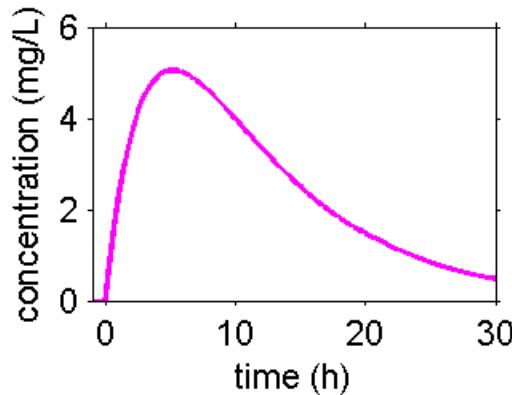
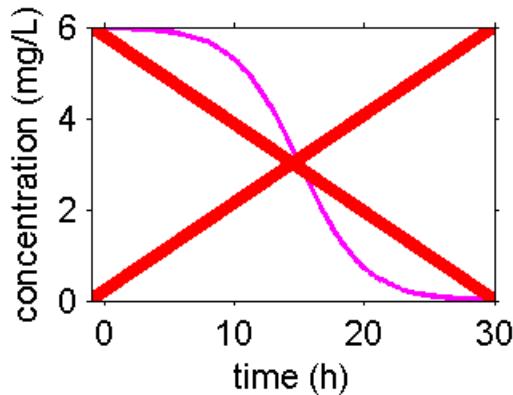
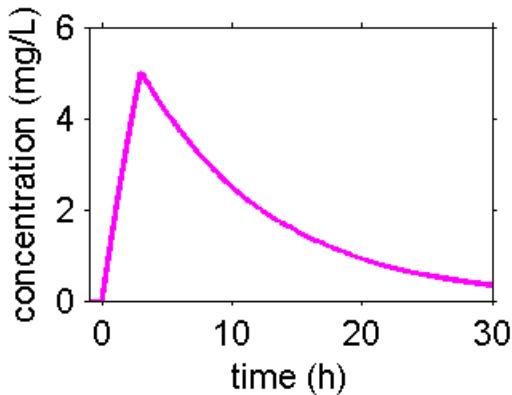
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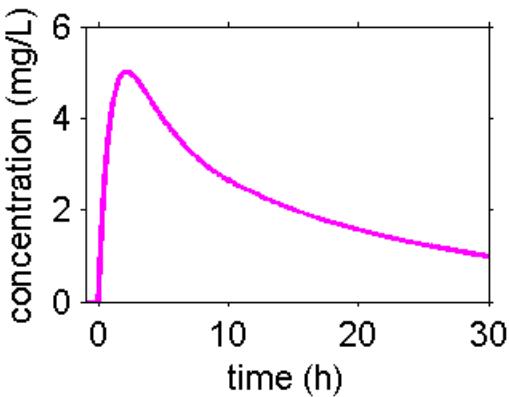
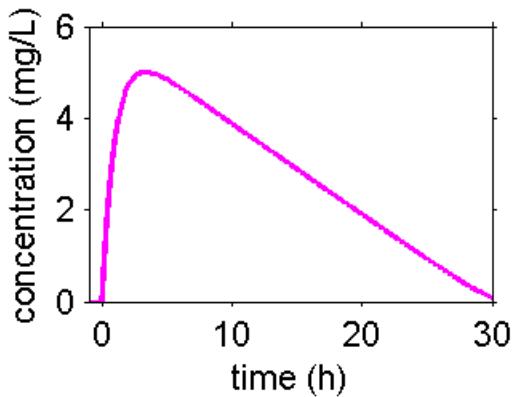
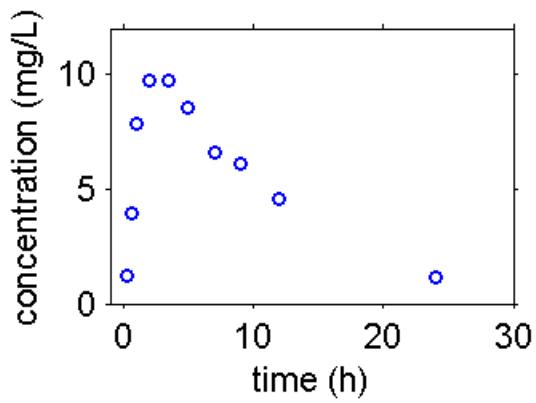
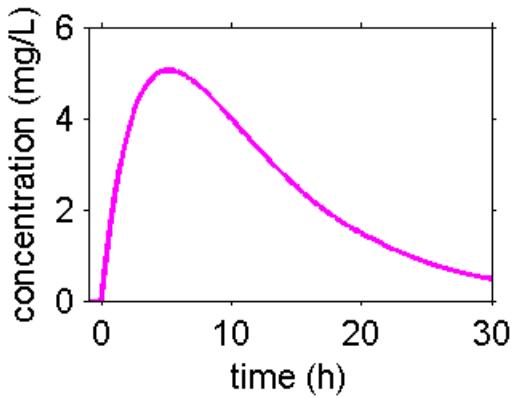
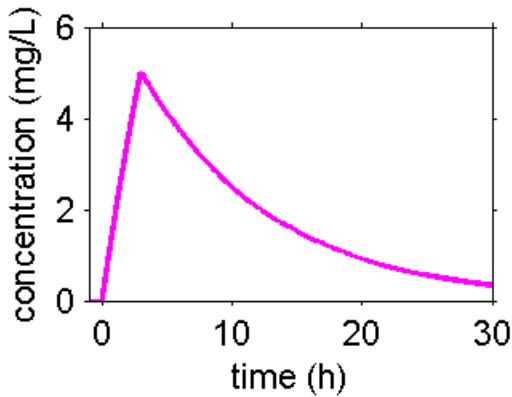


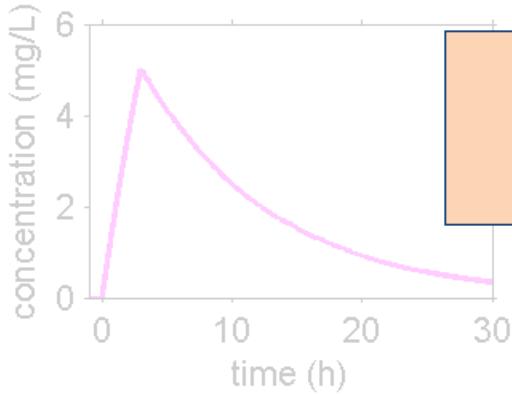
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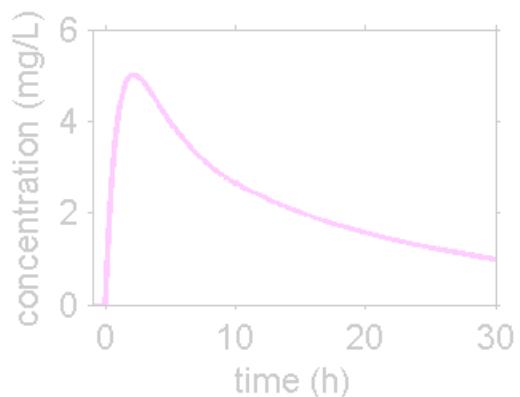
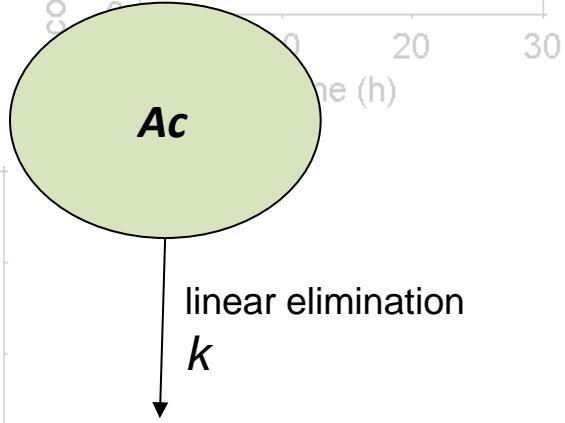
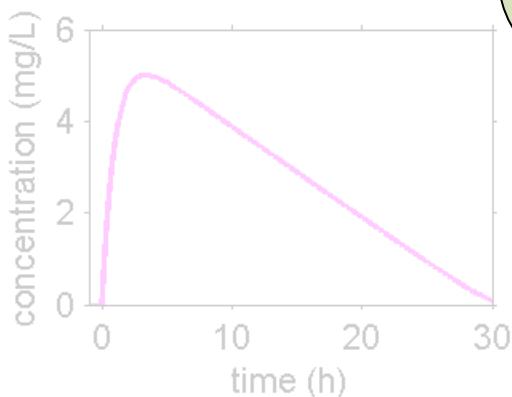
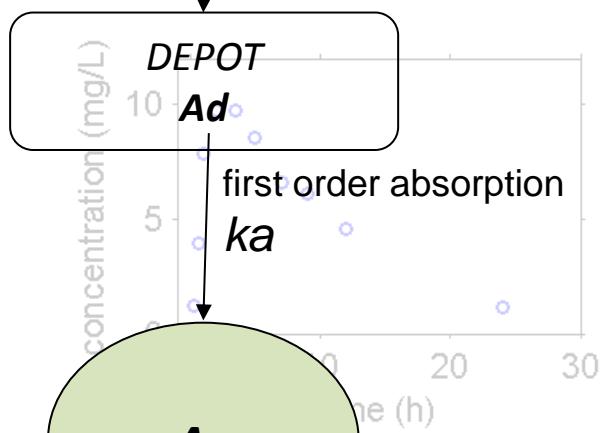
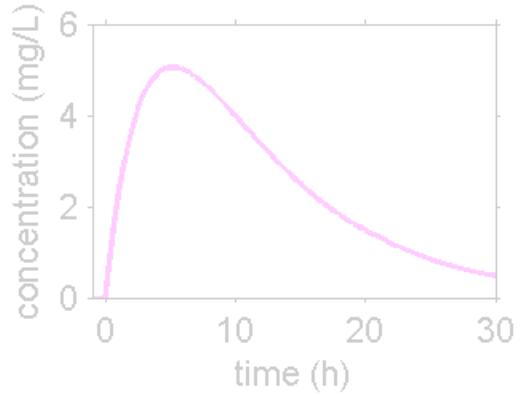


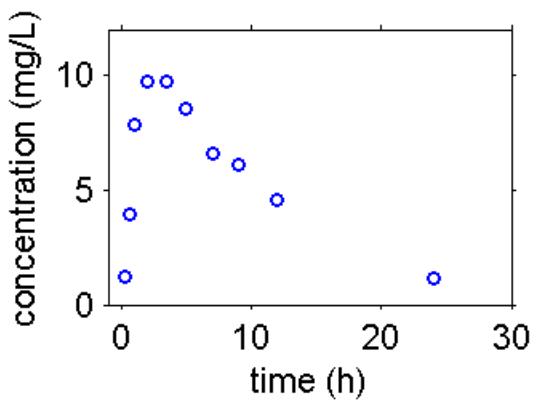
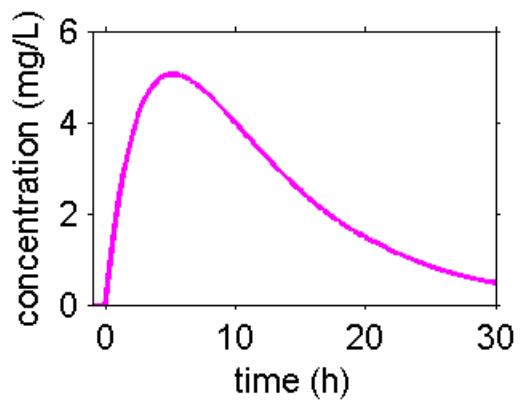




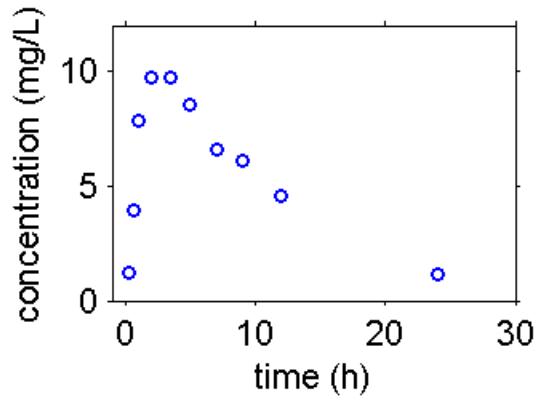


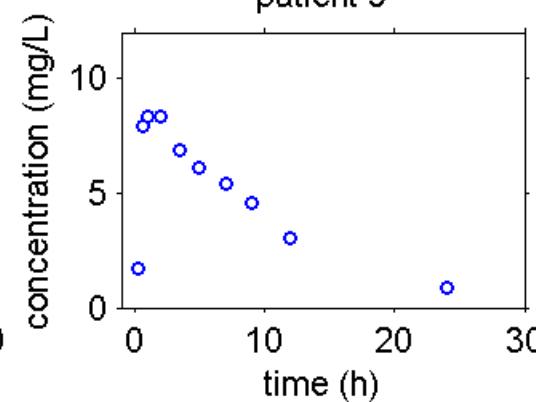
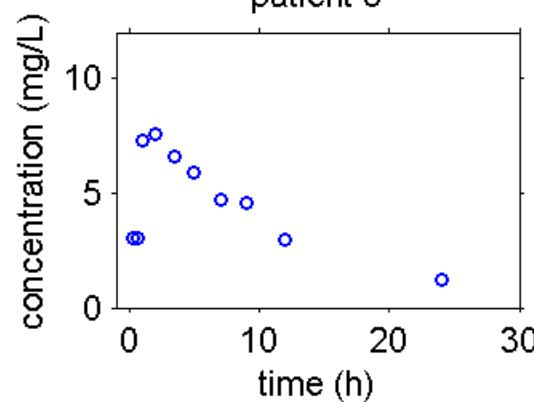
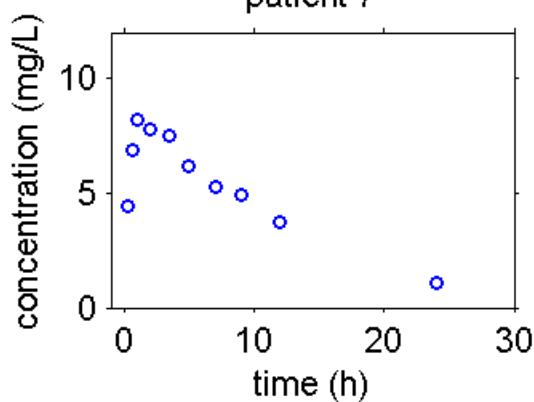
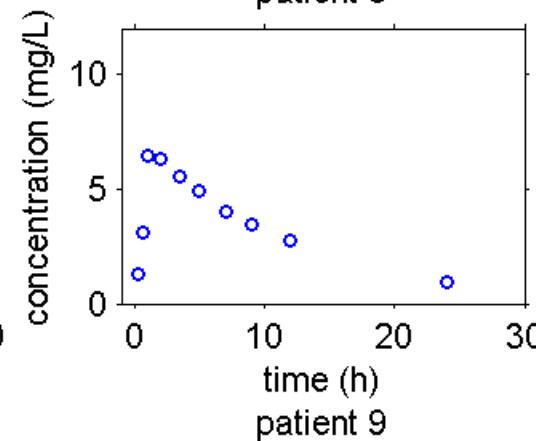
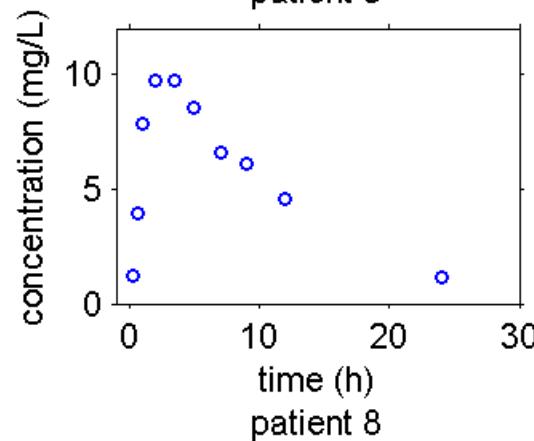
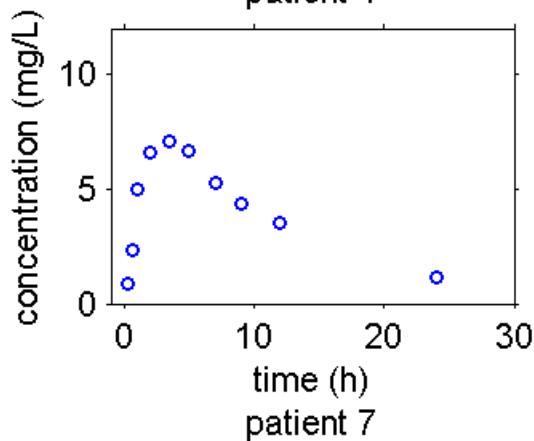
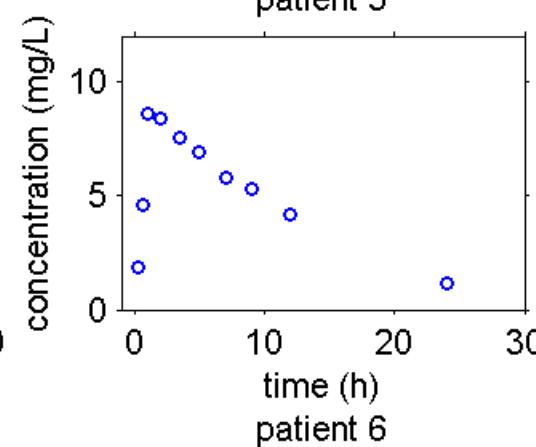
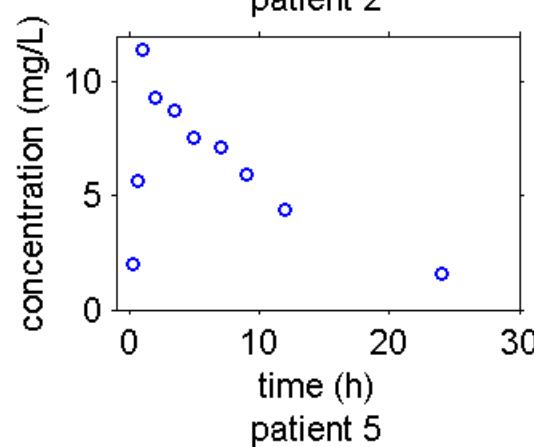
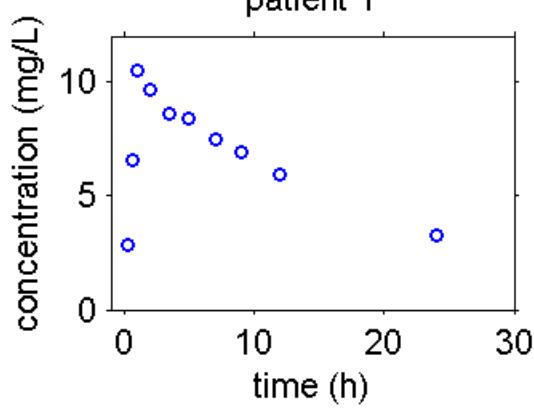
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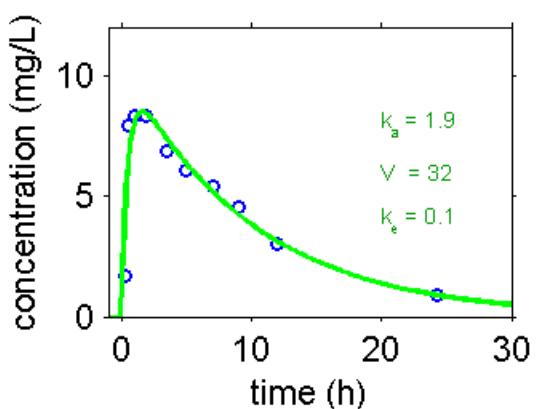
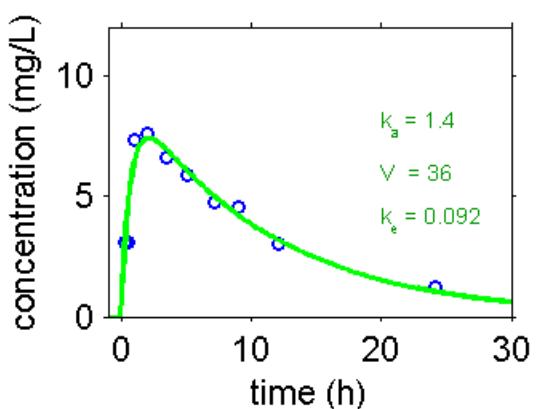
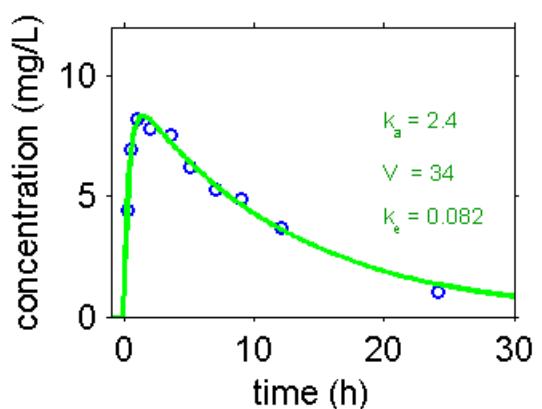
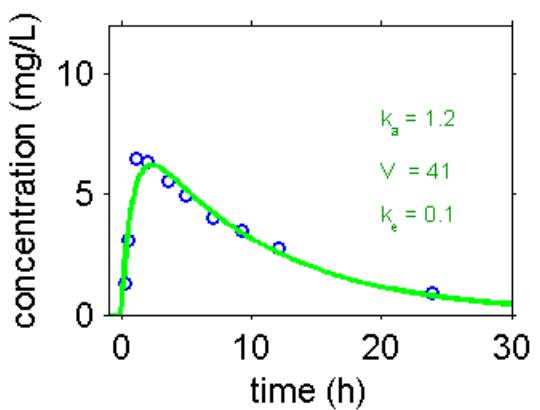
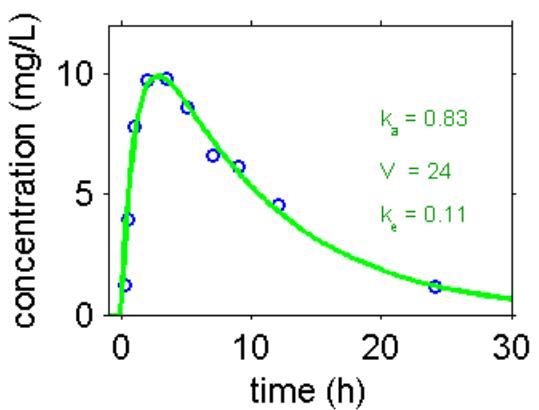
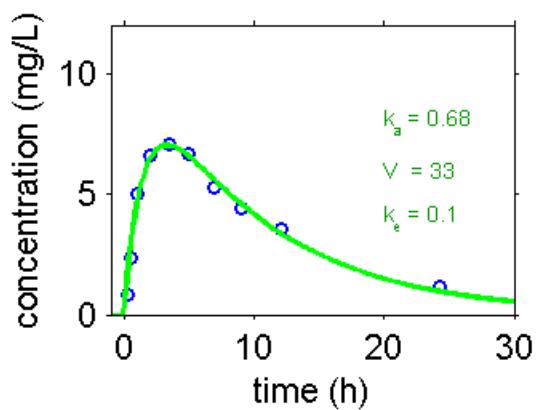
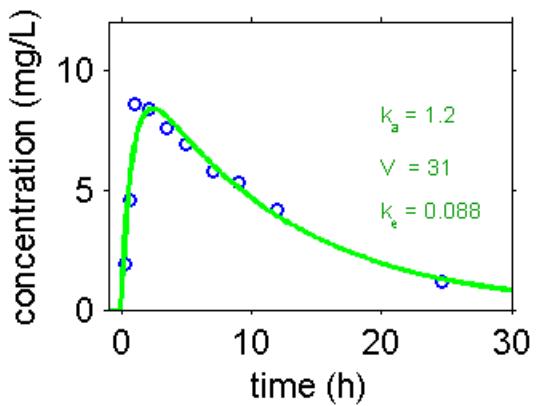
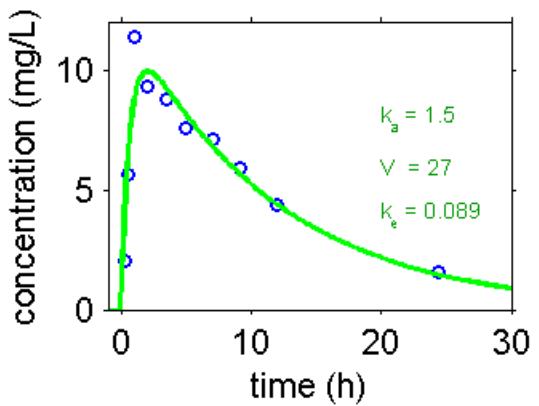
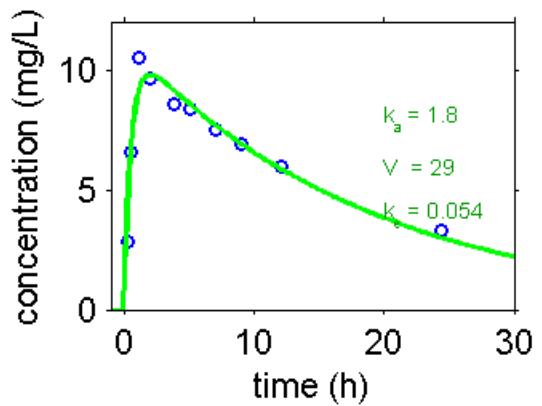


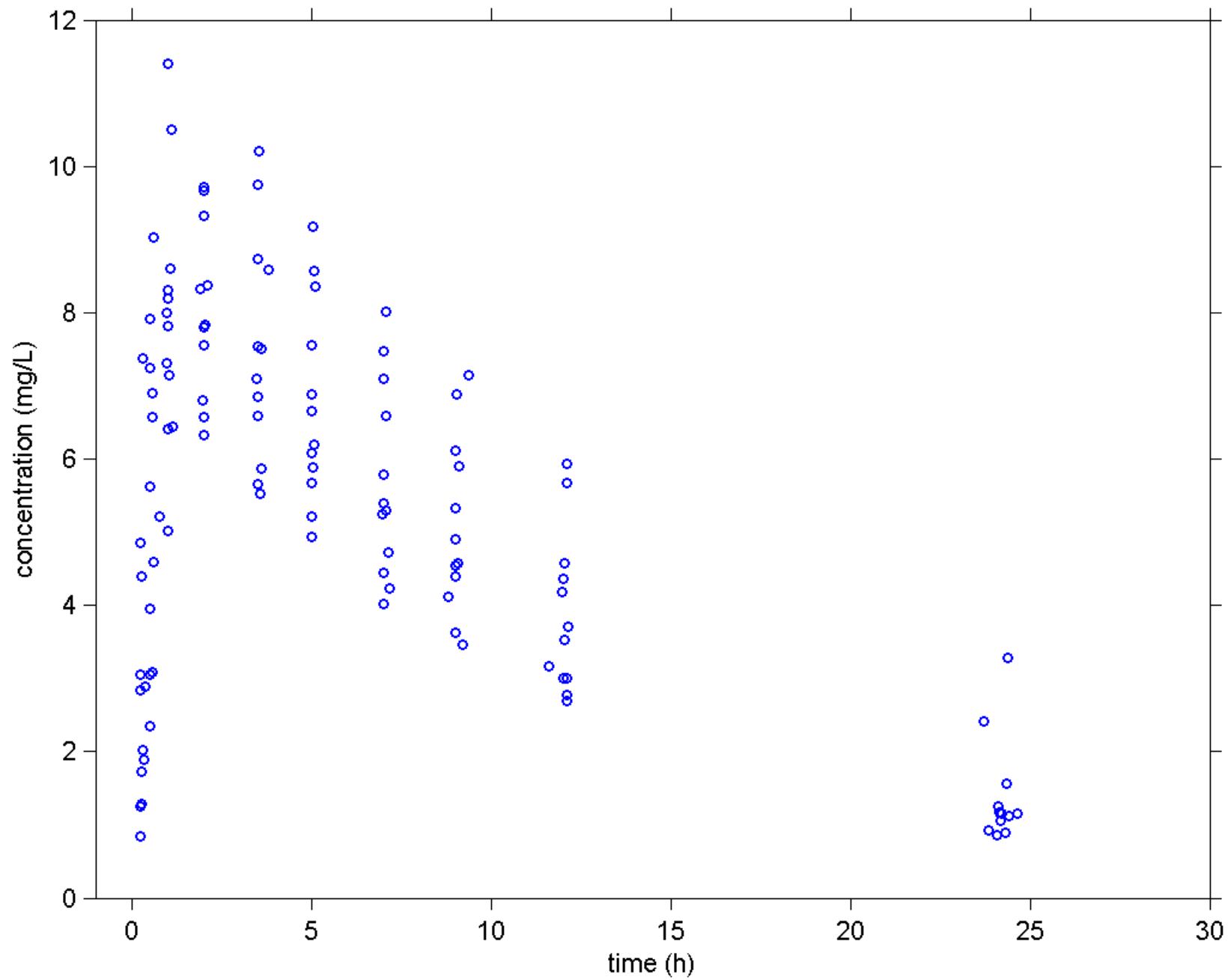


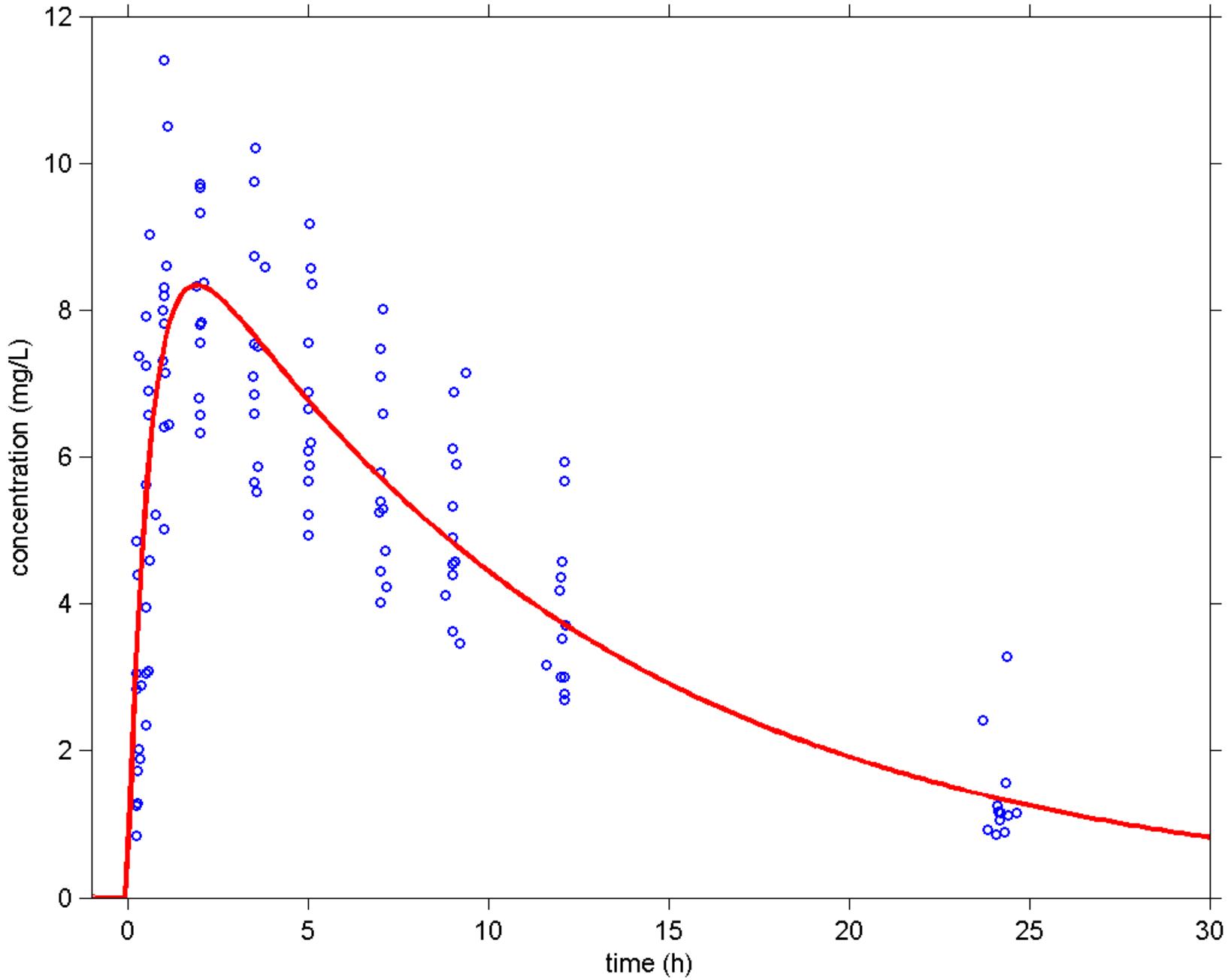
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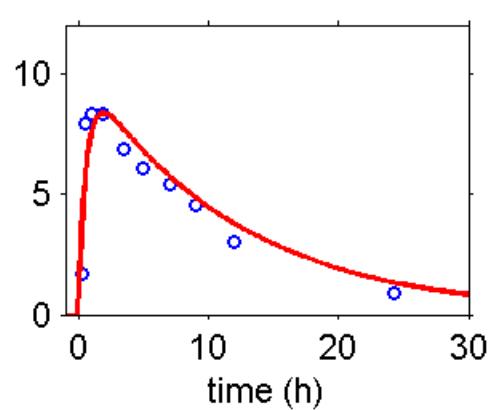
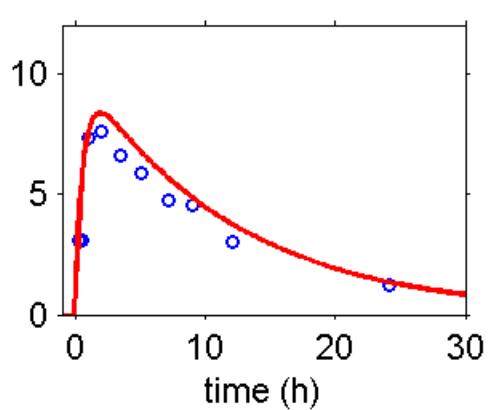
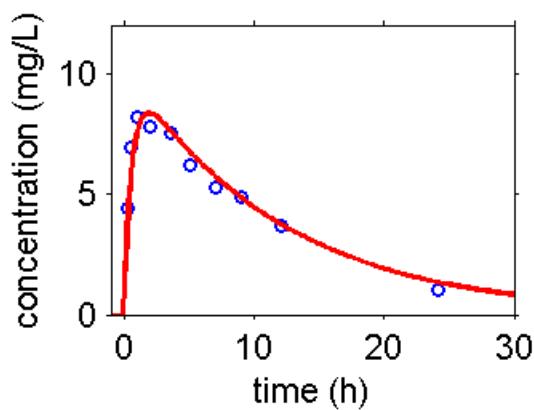
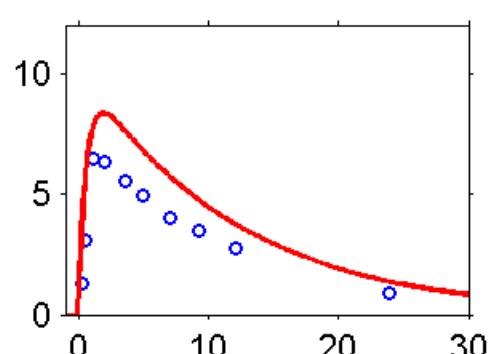
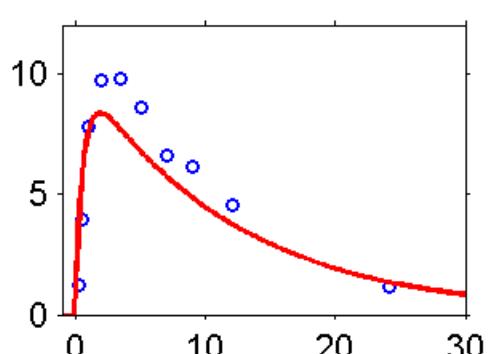
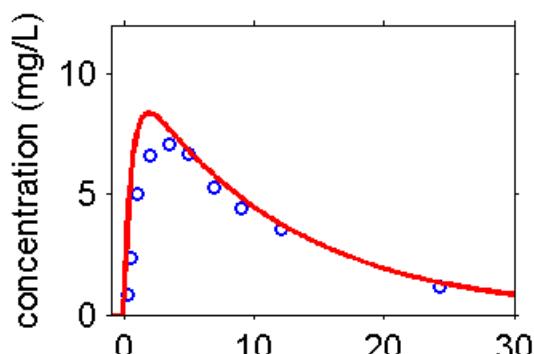
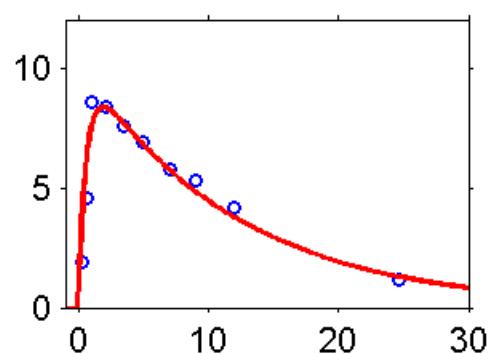
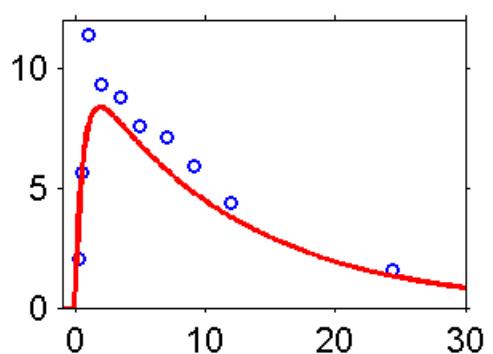
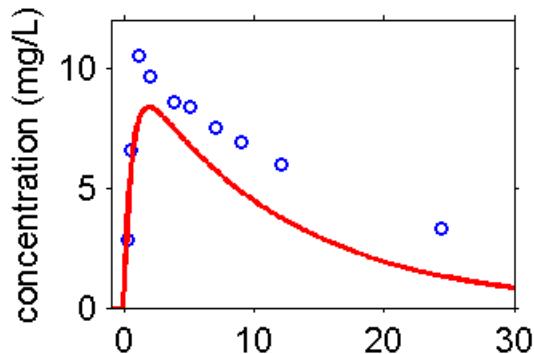


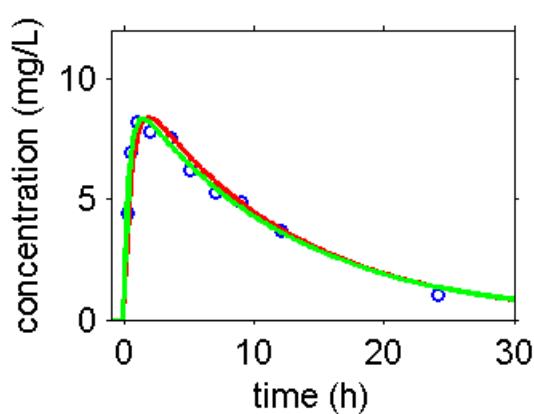
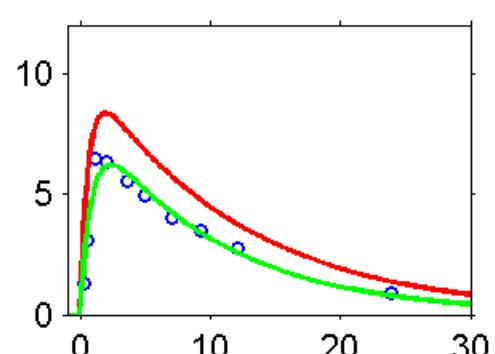
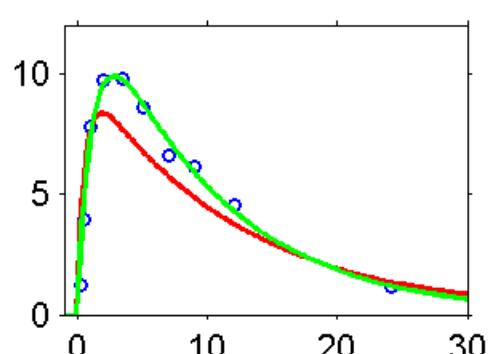
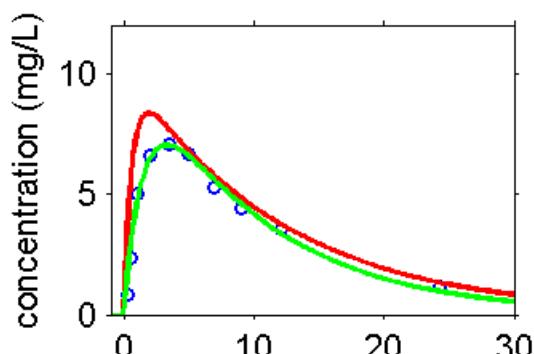
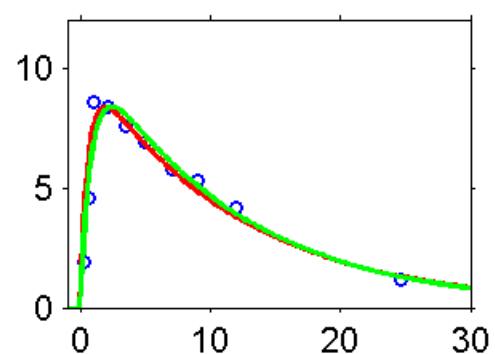
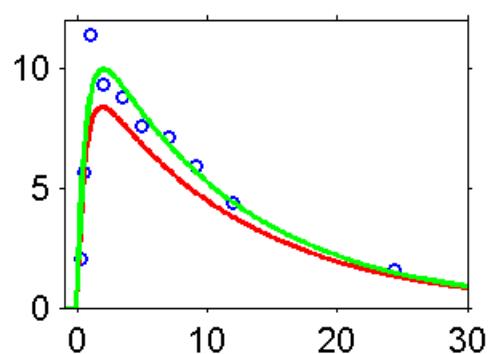
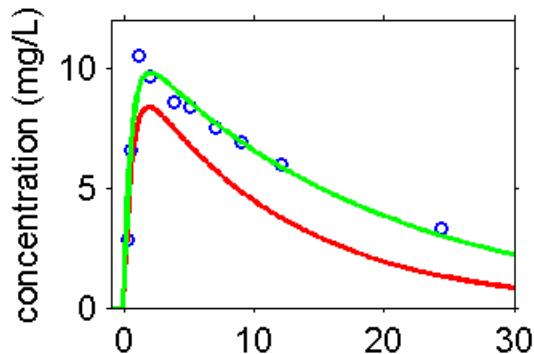












# Introduction to the population approach

- $N$  subjects
- $y_i = (y_{ij}, 1 \leq j \leq n_i)$  : measurements for subject  $i$  (observed)

$$y_i \sim h(\cdot; \psi_i)$$

- $\psi_i$  : individual parameters for subject  $i$  (not observed)

$$\psi_i \sim \pi(\cdot; \theta)$$

- $\theta$  : population parameters of the model (unknown)

# Some tasks to perform

$$y_i \sim h(\cdot, \psi_i)$$

$$\psi_i \sim \pi(\cdot; \theta)$$

## 1 Model exploration

- sensitivity analysis,
- visual exploration,

## 2 Parameter estimation

- population parameters  $\theta$ ,
- Fisher Information matrix,
- individual parameters  $(\psi_i)$ ,

## 3 Model evaluation

- model diagnostic,
- model selection,

## 4 Simulation

- clinical trial simulation

# Some Methods & Algorithms

# Some Methods and Algorithms for Mixed Effects Models

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# Outline

- 1 Estimation of the population parameters (SAEM)**
- 2 Estimation of the conditional distributions (MCMC)**
- 3 Estimation of the observed likelihood (Importance Sampling)**

## Preliminary remark

If  $\psi$  was observed, maximum likelihood estimation of  $\theta$  would be “easy”:

$$p(y, \psi; \theta) = p(y|\psi)\pi(\psi; \theta)$$

Then,

$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{Arg} \max_{\theta} \pi(\psi; \theta)$$

Example:

$$\psi_i = \psi_{pop} + \eta_i \quad , \quad \eta_i \sim N(0, \Omega)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\psi}_{pop} &= \bar{\psi} \\ \hat{\Omega} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\psi - \hat{\psi}_{pop})(\psi - \hat{\psi}_{pop})'\end{aligned}$$

# SAEM1: A first version of SAEM

Unfortunately,  $\psi$  is not observed... then, simulate it!

Iteration  $k$  of the algorithm:

- *Simulation*: draw the non observed individual parameters  $\psi^{(k)}$  with the conditional distribution  $p(\psi | y; \theta_{k-1})$
- *Estimation*: update the estimation of  $\theta$

$$\theta_k = \text{Argmax } p(y, \psi^{(k)}; \theta)$$

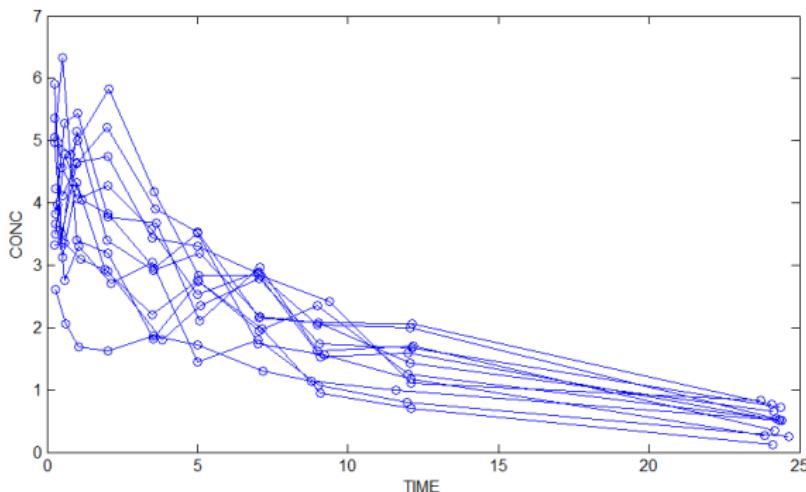
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A PK example:

$$y_{ij} = \frac{4}{V_i} e^{-\frac{Cl_i}{V_i} t_{ij}} + \varepsilon_{ij} ; \quad \sigma_\varepsilon = 0.2$$

$$\log(V_i) \sim N(\log(V_{pop}), \omega_V) ; \quad V_{pop} = 1, \omega_V = 0.2$$

$$\log(Cl_i) \sim N(\log(Cl_{pop}), \omega_{Cl}) ; \quad Cl_{pop} = 0.1, \omega_{Cl} = 0.2$$



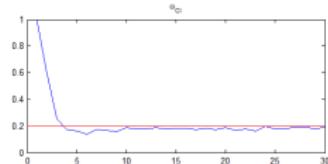
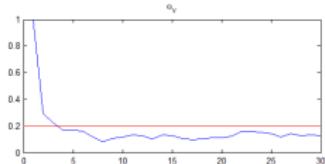
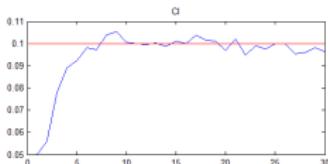
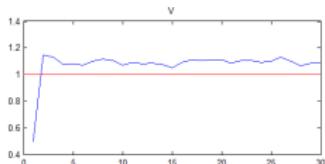
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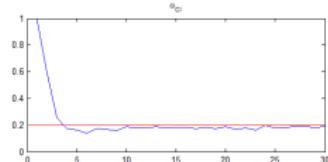
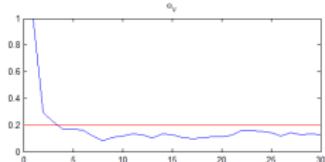
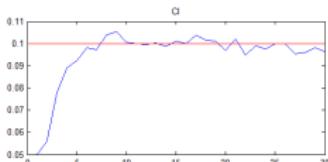
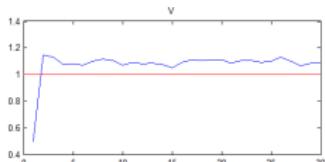
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- The sequence  $(\theta_k)$  converges very quickly to a neighborhood of the “solution”,
- The sequence  $(\theta_k)$  is a homogeneous Markov Chain that does not converge to some  $\hat{\theta}$ .

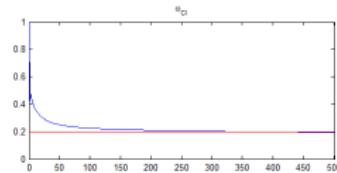
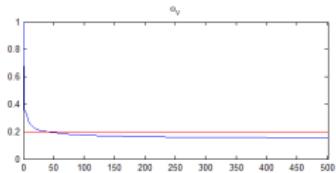
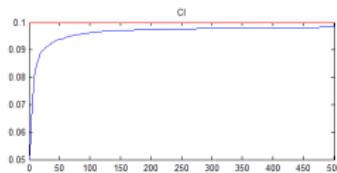
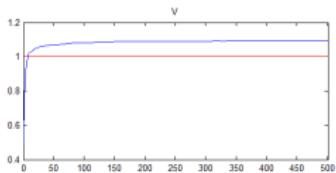
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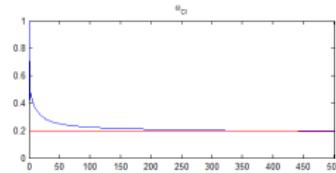
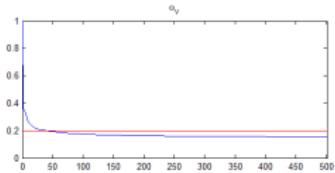
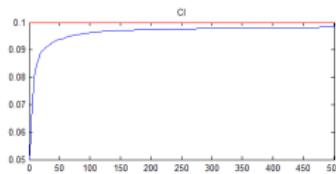
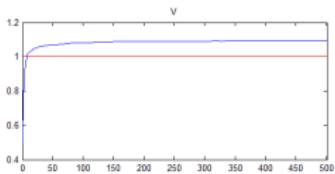
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- Convergence is very slow.

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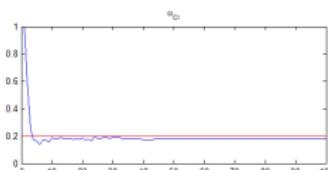
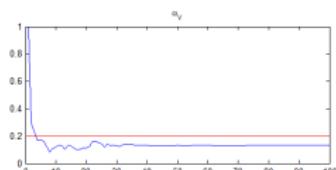
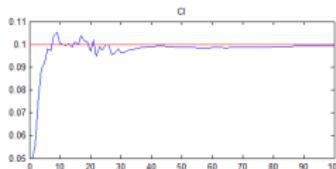
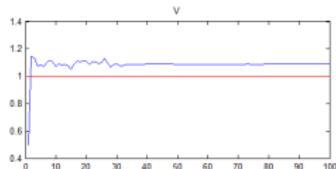
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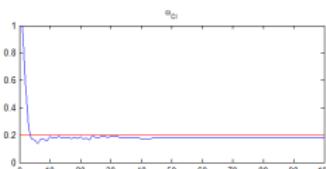
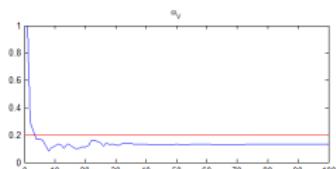
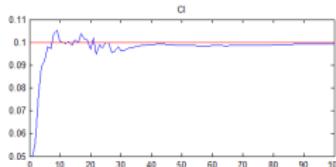
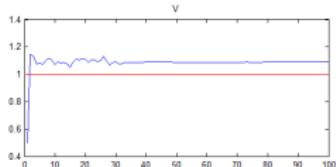
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(Dempster, Laird et Rubin, JRSSB, 1977)

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The expectation cannot be computed in a closed form: it can be approximated using simulations.

# EM v.s. SAEM

## E-step:

EM

$$Q_k(\theta) = E(\log p(y, \psi; \theta) | \theta_{k-1})$$

SAEM

during  $K_1$  iterations:

$$Q_k(\theta) = \log p(y, \psi^{(k)}; \theta)$$

during  $K_2$  iterations:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_k(\theta) &= \frac{1}{k - K_1} \sum_{k=K_1+1}^k \log p(y, \psi^{(k)}; \theta) \\ &= Q_{k-1}(\theta) + \frac{1}{k - K_1} (\log p(y, \psi^{(k)}; \theta) - Q_{k-1}(\theta)) \end{aligned}$$

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# Convergence of SAEM

## Theorem

*Under very general technical conditions, the SAEM sequence  $(\theta_k)$  converges a.s. to some (local) maximum of the observed likelihood  $p(y; \theta)$ .*

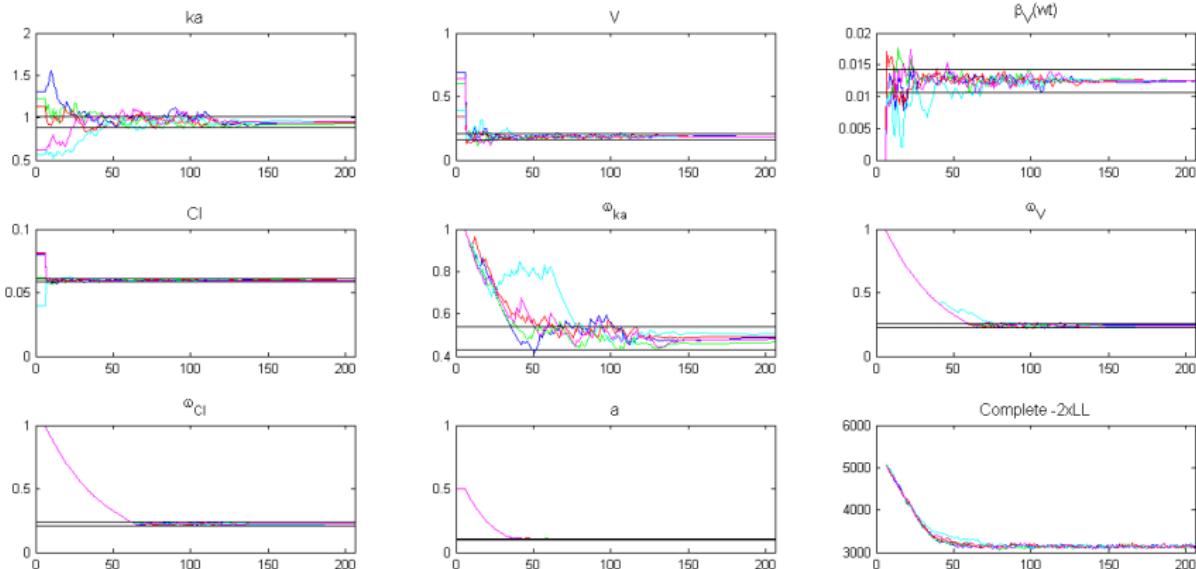
## Proof.

1. Delyon, Lavielle & Moulines *The Annals of Statistics* (1999)  
**Exact simulation assumed**, compactness of  $(\psi_i^{(k)})$  not required
2. Kuhn & Lavielle *ESAIM P&S* (2004)  
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3. Allassonnière, Kuhn & Trouvé *Bernoulli* (2010)  
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# Convergence assessment of SAEM

5 runs of SAEM with different initial values

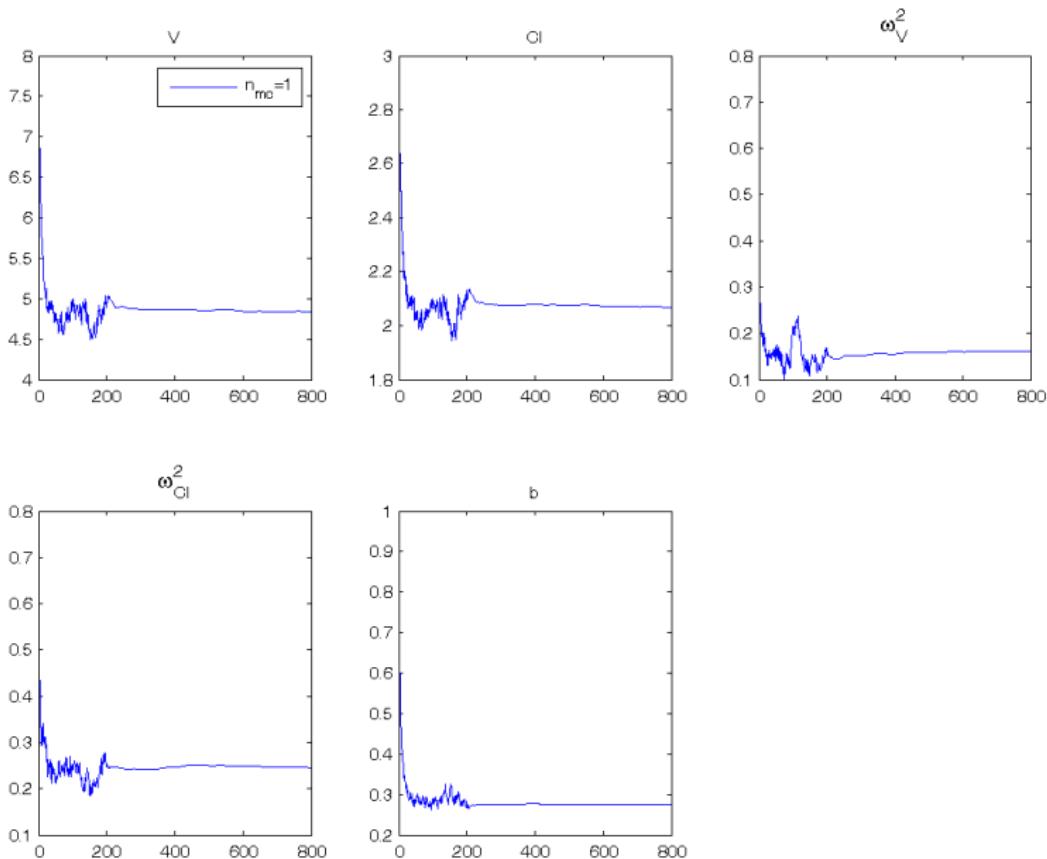


horizontal lines: confidence interval ( $\pm 1$  standard error)

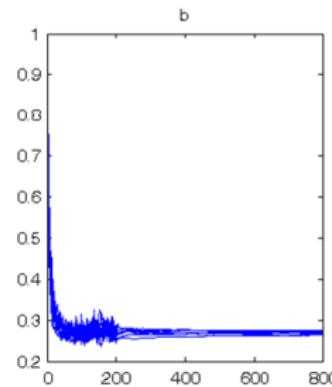
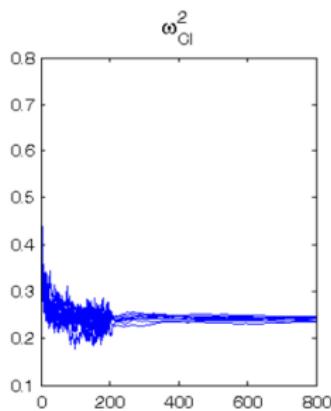
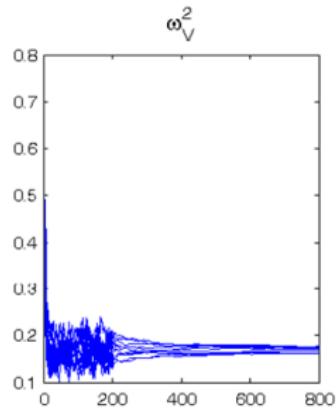
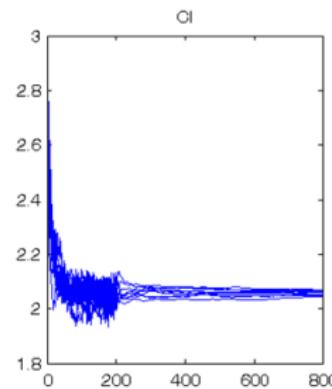
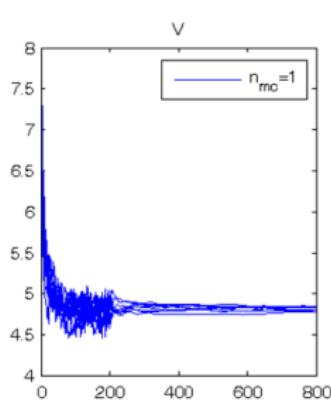
## Running several Markov chains

$$\begin{aligned}\psi^{(k,\ell)} &\sim p(\psi|y; \theta_{k-1}) \quad , \quad 1 \leq \ell \leq L \\ \theta_k &= \operatorname{Arg} \max_{\theta} \sum_{\ell=1}^L \log p(y, \psi^{(k,\ell)}; \theta) \text{ if } k \leq K_1 \\ &= \operatorname{Arg} \max_{\theta} \sum_{m=K_1+1}^k \sum_{\ell=1}^L \log p(y, \psi^{(m,\ell)}; \theta) \text{ if } k > K_1\end{aligned}$$

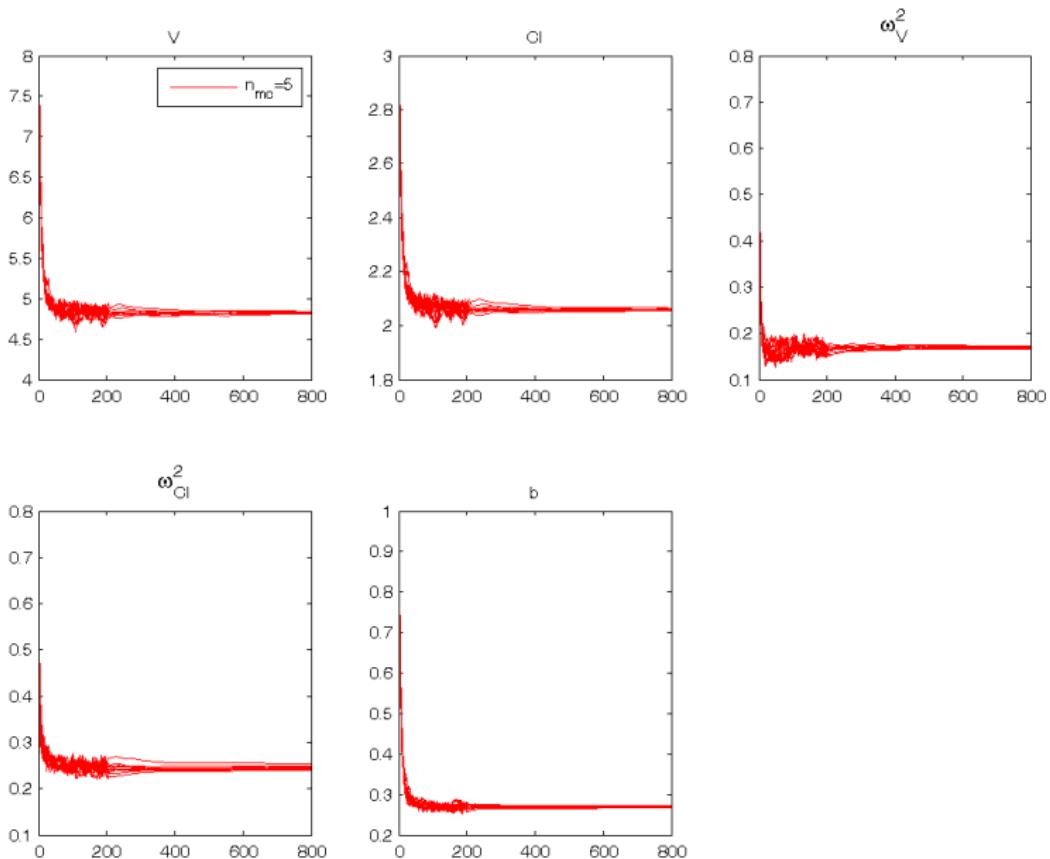
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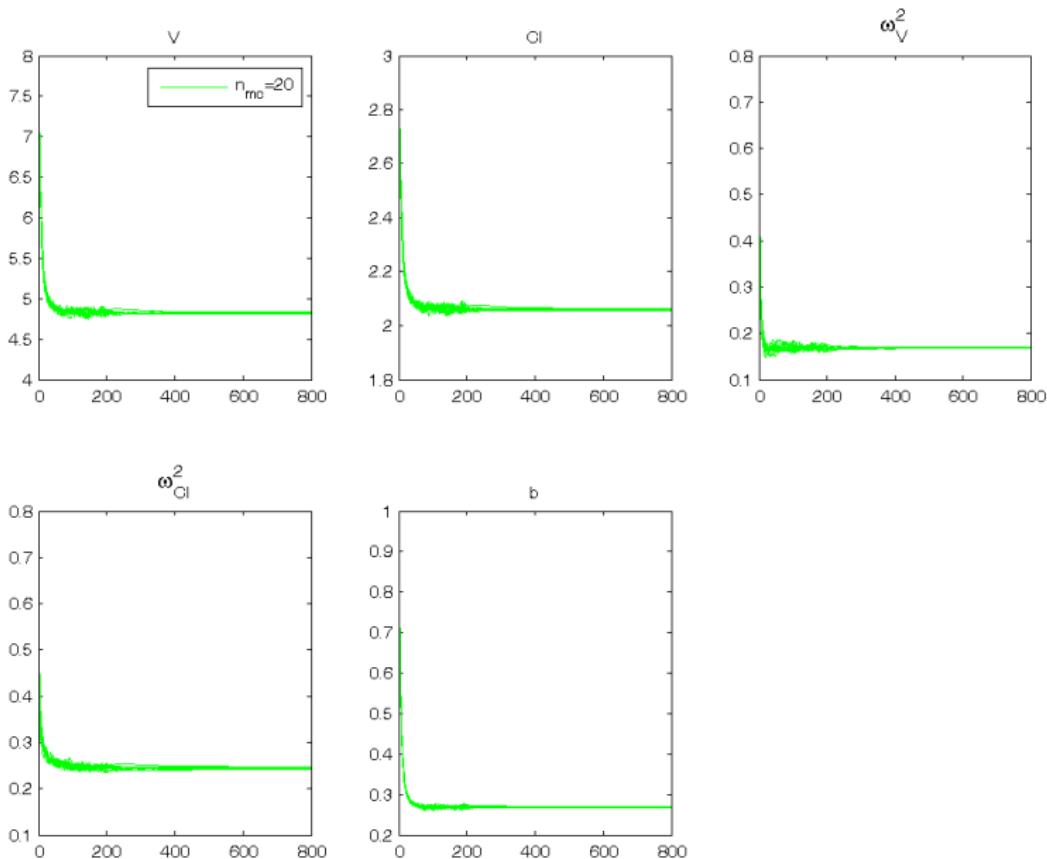
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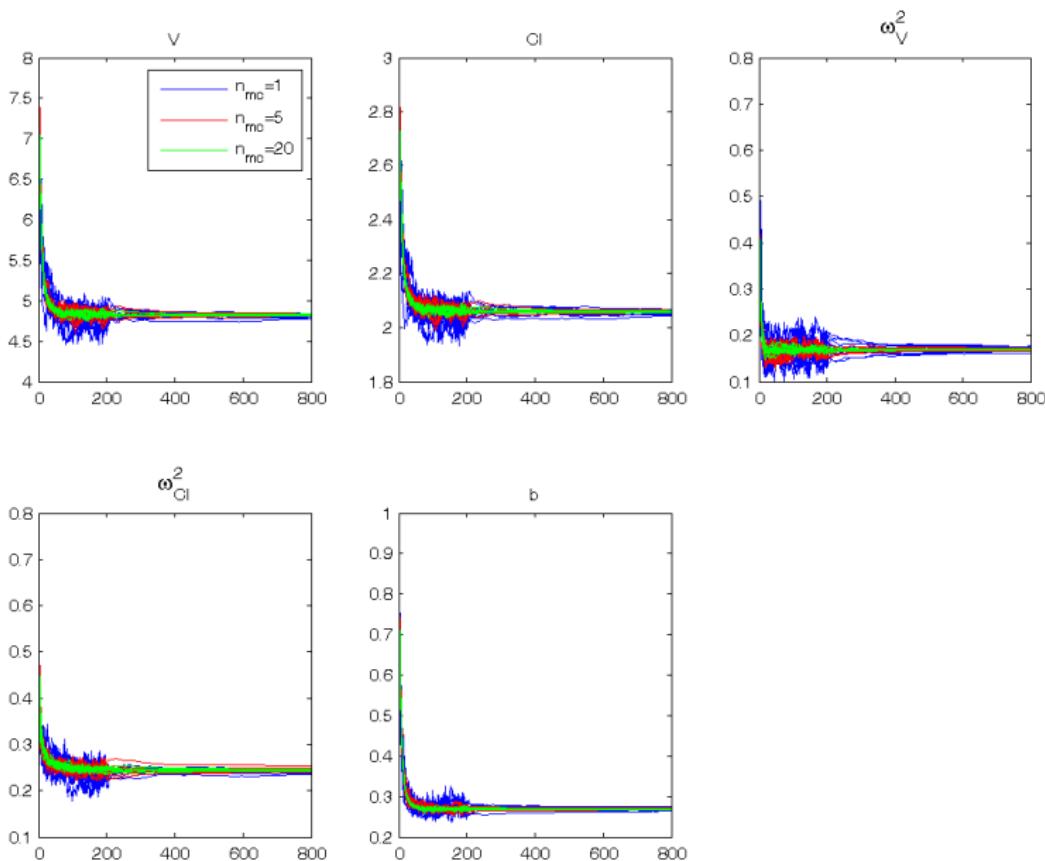
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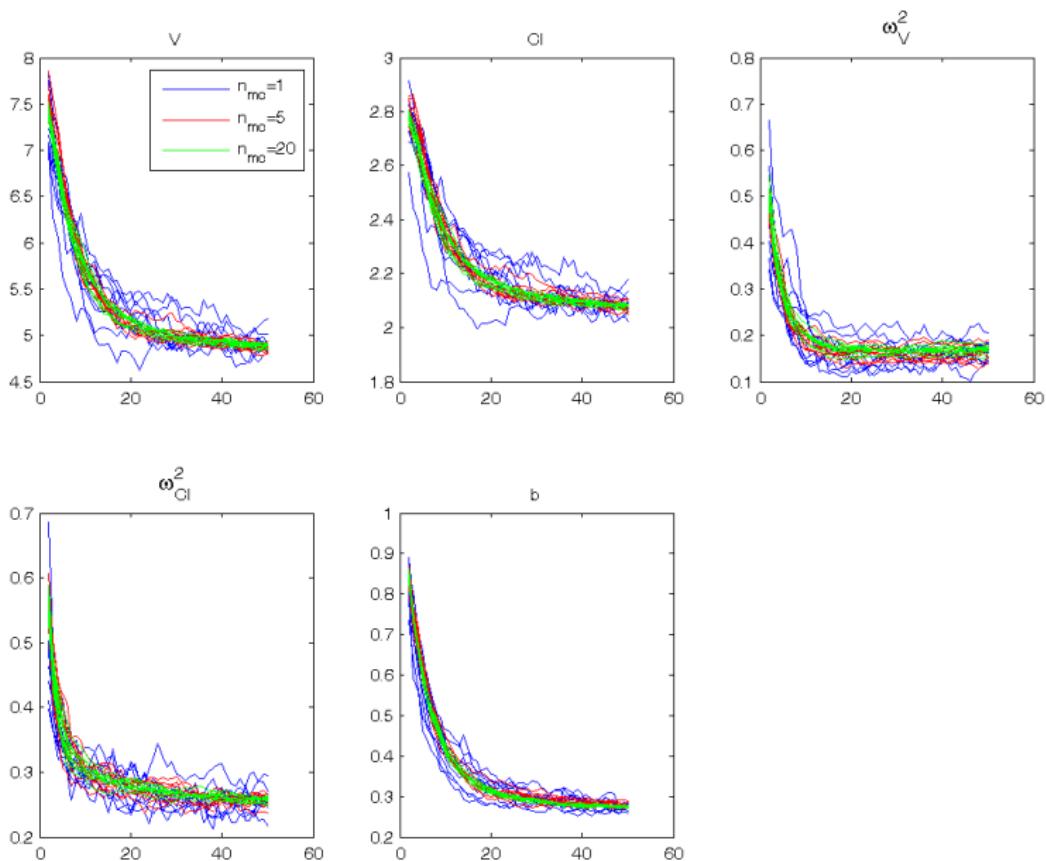
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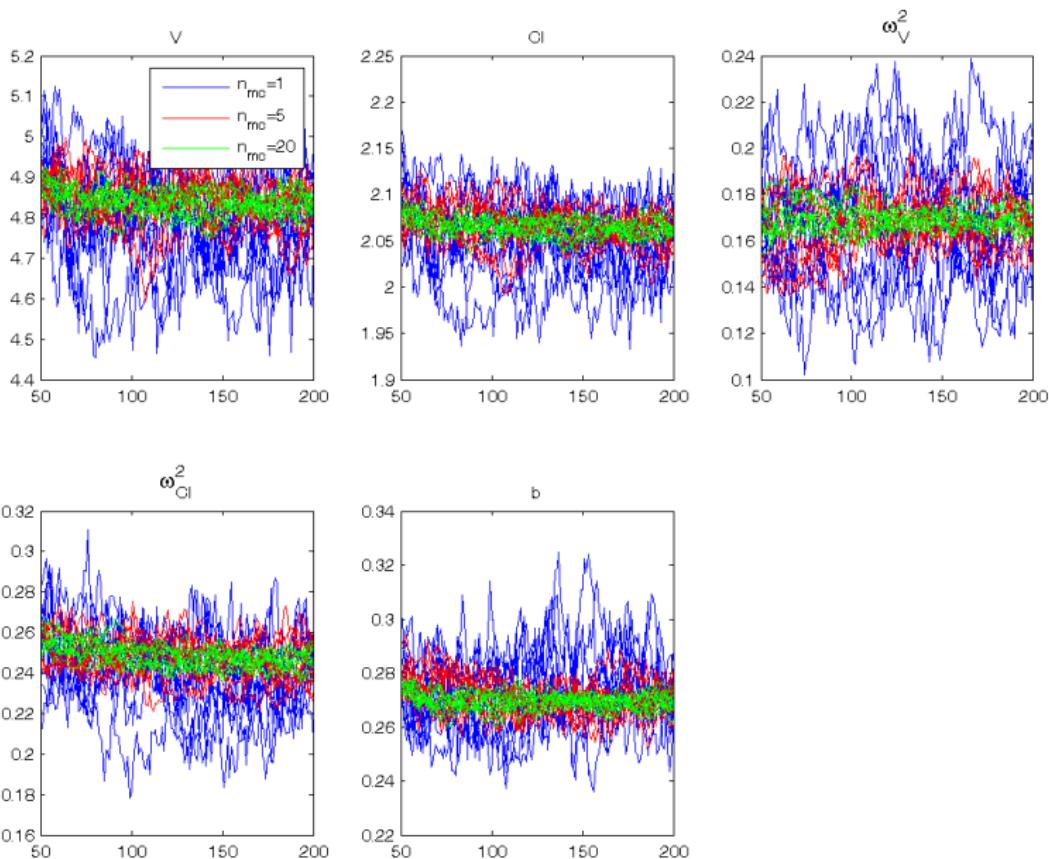
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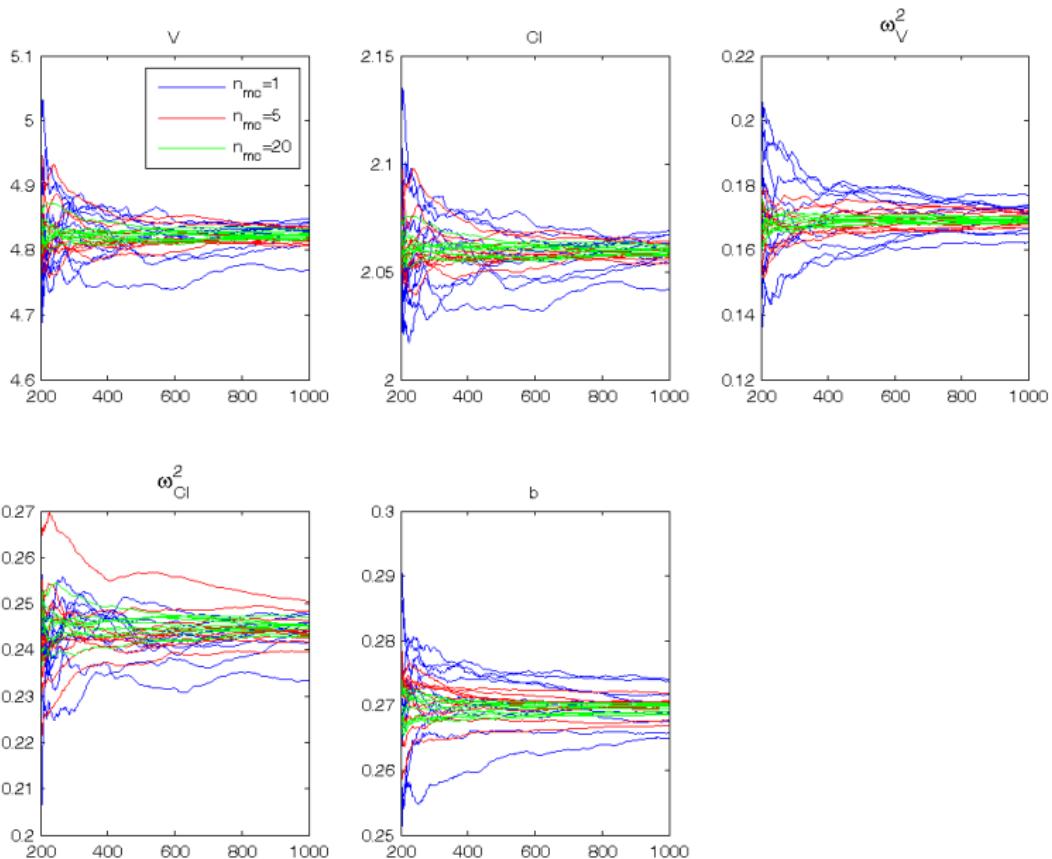
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# A Simulated Annealing version of SAEM

Conditional distribution of  $\psi$ :

$$p(\psi | y; \theta) = C(y; \theta) e^{-U(\psi, y; \theta)}$$

Temperature parameter  $T$ :

$$p_T(\psi | y; \theta) = C_T(y; \theta) e^{-\frac{U(\psi, y; \theta)}{T}}$$

Choose a decreasing Temperature sequence  $(T_k)$  converging to 1.  
Then, at iteration  $k$  of SAEM,

- E-step: draw the non observed data  $\psi^{(k)}$  running some iterations of the Metropolis-Hastings with the conditional distribution  $p_{T_k}(\cdot | y; \theta_{k-1})$
- M-step remains unchanged

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# MCMC (Markov Chain Monte Carlo)

An iterative procedure for the simulation of  $p(\psi|y; \theta)$

Let  $h$  be a transformation such that  $\phi = h(\psi)$  is normally distributed. The Metropolis-Hastings (MH) is used for simulating  $\phi$  with the conditional distribution  $p(\phi|y; \theta)$ . Then,  $\psi$  is obtained by setting  $\psi = h^{-1}(\phi)$ .

Iteration  $\ell$  of the MH algorithm for simulating  $p(\phi|y; \theta)$ :

- 1 draw a new value  $\phi^c$  with a *proposal distribution*  $q(\cdot; \phi^{(\ell-1)})$ ,
- 2 accept this new value, that is set  $\phi^{(\ell)} = \phi^c$  with probability

$$\alpha(\phi^c; \phi^{(\ell-1)}) = \frac{q(\phi^{(\ell-1)}; \phi^c)p(\phi^c|y; \theta)}{q(\phi^c; \phi^{(\ell-1)})p(\phi^{(\ell-1)}|y; \theta)}$$

In the model  $y = f(x; \psi) + g(x; \psi)\varepsilon$ , computing  $\alpha(\phi^c; \phi^{(\ell-1)})$  only requires to compute  $\psi^c = h^{-1}(\phi_c)$ ,  $f(x, \psi^c)$  and  $g(x, \psi^c)$  but not the derivatives of  $f$  and  $g$ .

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The three following proposal kernels are used for simulating  
 $p(\phi_i | y_i; \theta)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ :

- 1  $q_{\theta,i}^{(1)}$  is the marginal distribution of  $\phi_i$ , that is the Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbb{E}_\theta(\phi_i), \Omega)$
- 2  $q_{\theta,i}^{(2)}$  is the multidimensional random walk  $\mathcal{N}(\phi_i^{(\ell-1)}, \tau\Omega)$  where  $\tau$  is adjusted in order to reach an acceptance rate  $\rho^* \approx 0.3$
- 3  $q_{\theta,i}^{(3)}$  is a succession of  $d$  unidimensional Gaussian random walks: each component of  $\phi_i$  are successively updated with a acceptance rate  $\rho^* \approx 0.3$ .

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Then, the simulation-step at iteration  $k$  of SAEM consists in running for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ :

- 1  $m_1$  iterations of the Metropolis-Hastings with proposal  $q_{\theta_k, i}^{(1)}$ ,
- 2  $m_2$  iterations with proposal  $q_{\theta_k, i}^{(2)}$
- 3  $m_3$  iterations with proposal  $q_{\theta_k, i}^{(3)}$ .

The size  $\tau$  of the Gaussian random walks is updated at each iteration of SAEM in order to reach the acceptance rate  $\rho^*$ :

$$\tau_k = \tau_{k-1}(1 + a(\bar{\rho}_{k-1} - \rho^*)) \quad 0 < a < 1$$

where  $\bar{\rho}_{k-1}$  is the empirical acceptance rate at iteration  $k - 1$ .

# Outline

- 1 Estimation of the population parameters (SAEM)
- 2 Estimation of the conditional distributions (MCMC)
- 3 Estimation of the observed likelihood (Importance Sampling)

# Estimation of the observed likelihood

## A Monte-Carlo method

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\theta; y) &= p(y; \theta) \\ &= \int p(y, \psi; \theta) d\psi \\ &= \int p(y|\psi) \pi_\theta(\psi) d\psi \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta}(p(y|\psi))\end{aligned}$$

Then,  $\mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta}(h(y|\psi))$  can be estimated by Monte-Carlo:

- 1 Draw  $\psi^{(1)}, \psi^{(2)}, \dots, \psi^{(M)}$  with the marginal distribution  $\pi_\theta$ ,
- 2 Let

$$\hat{\ell}_M(\theta; y) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M p(y|\psi^{(j)})$$

Here,  $\mathbb{E}(\hat{\ell}_M(\theta; y)) = \ell(\theta; y)$  and  $\text{Var}(\hat{\ell}_M(\theta; y)) = \mathcal{O}(1/M)$

# Estimation of the observed likelihood

## An Importance Sampling method

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\theta; y) &= p(y; \theta) \\ &= \int \left( p(y|\psi) \frac{\pi_\theta(\psi)}{\tilde{\pi}_\theta(\psi)} \right) \tilde{\pi}_\theta(\psi) d\psi \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\pi}_\theta} \left( p(y|\psi) \frac{\pi_\theta(\psi)}{\tilde{\pi}_\theta(\psi)} \right)\end{aligned}$$

Then,  $\mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\pi}_\theta} (p(y|\psi))$  can be estimated by Monte-Carlo:

- 1 Draw  $\psi^{(1)}, \psi^{(2)}, \dots, \psi^{(M)}$  with the marginal distribution  $\mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\pi}_\theta} (p(y|\psi))_\theta$ ,
- 2 Let

$$\hat{\ell}_M(\theta; y) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M p(y|\psi^{(j)}) \frac{\pi_\theta(\psi^{(j)})}{\tilde{\pi}_\theta(\psi^{(j)})}$$

Again,  $\mathbb{E} (\hat{\ell}_M(\theta; y)) = \ell(\theta; y)$  and  $\text{Var} (\hat{\ell}_M(\theta; y)) = \mathcal{O}(1/M)$

# Estimation of the observed likelihood

## An Importance Sampling method

Assume that the sampling distribution  $\tilde{\pi}$  is the conditional distribution  $p(\psi|y; \theta)$ . Then, for any  $j$ ,

$$p(y|\psi^{(j)}) \frac{\pi_\theta(\psi^{(j)})}{\tilde{\pi}_\theta(\psi^{(j)})} = p(y; \psi)$$

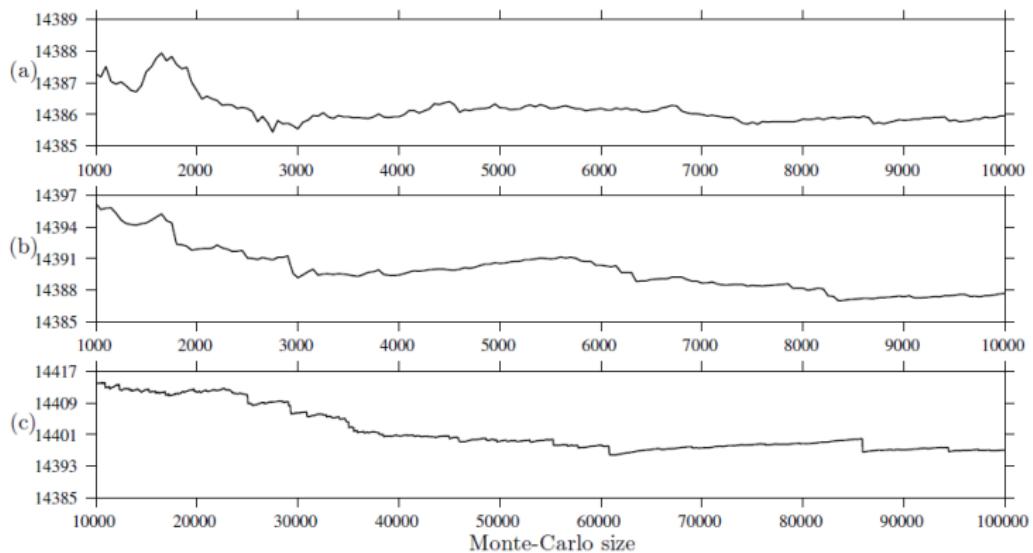
which means that only one simulation would be required since  
 $\text{Var}(\hat{\ell}_M(\theta; y)) = 0$ .

In general, the conditional distribution  $p(\psi|y; \theta)$  cannot be used “exactly”, but it can be estimated and approximated:

- 1 For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , estimate the conditional mean and variance of  $\phi_i = h(\psi_i)$  using MCMC
- 2 Use for  $\tilde{\pi}$  a decentered  $t$ -distribution with  $\nu$  d.f.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_i^{(j)} &= \mathbb{E}(\phi_i|y_i; \theta) + \text{std}(\phi_i|y_i; \theta) \times T(\nu) \\ \psi_i^{(j)} &= h^{-1}(\phi_i^{(j)})\end{aligned}$$

## Estimation of the observed likelihood



**FIGURE 9.11:** Estimation of the deviance as a function of the Monte Carlo size. The conditional distributions  $p(\psi_i | y_i; \hat{\theta})$  are estimated using the MH algorithm in (a) and (b) and the last 30 SAEM iterations in (c); non-central  $t$  distributions with 5 d.f. are used as proposal distributions in (a) and (c), normal distributions in (b).



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# Some tools for PKPD modeling

# MLXTran: a new modeling language

[LONGITUDINAL]

input = {ka, V, k}

EQUATION:

$$\text{ddt\_Ad} = -ka * Ad$$

$$\text{ddt\_Ac} = ka * Ad - k * Ac$$

$$Cc = Ac/V$$



# MLXTran: a new modeling language

## [LONGITUDINAL]

input = {ka, V, k, a}

### EQUATION:

$$ddt\_Ad = -ka * Ad$$

$$ddt\_Ac = ka * Ad - k * Ac$$

$$Cc = Ac/V$$



### DEFINITION:

Cobs = {distribution = normal, prediction = Cc, sd = a}

# MLXTran: a new modeling language

## [LONGITUDINAL]

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input = {ka, V, k}
```

## EQUATION:

```
ddt_Ad = -ka*Ad
```

```
ddt_Ac = ka*Ad - k*Ac
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```
Cc = Ac/V
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## [INDIVIDUAL]

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input = {ka_pop, V_pop, k_pop, omega_ka, omega_V, omega_k}
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## DEFINITION:

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ka = {distribution=lognormal, reference=ka_pop, sd=omega_ka}
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V = {distribution=lognormal, reference=V_pop, sd=omega_V}
```

```
k = {distribution=lognormal, reference=k_pop, sd=omega_k}
```



# Glucose insulin model

[[LONGITUDINAL]  
input={ta,tge2,tge3,GPV0,IPV0,VGPI}]

EQUATION:

t0=0

ddt\_Gs2=-Gs2/tge2

ddt\_rOGA2=-(rOGA2/ta)+Gs2/(ta\*tge2)

ddt\_Gs3=-Gs3/tge3

ddt\_rOGA3=-(rOGA3/ta)+Gs3/(ta\*tge3)

VIB=0.265

VIL=1.07

VIG=0.945

VIK=0.505

VIH=0.985

VIPV=0.735

VIPI=6.3

VIPN=0.07

QIB=0.45

QIH=3.12

QIA=0.18

QIL=0.9

QIG=0.684

QIK=0.72

QIP=1.05

QIPN=0.036

TIP=20

FPIC=0.15

FLIC=0.40

FKIC=0.30

M1=0.007968

M2=0.136495

alpha=0.048229

beta=0.93141

K=0.0079378

phi1=0.003

phi2=0.0001

gam=0.57493

lmb0=6.3294

VGBV=3.5

VGBI=4.5

VGH=13.8

VGL=23.5

VGG=11.2

VVK=6.6

VGPV=10.4

VGPN=1.6

QGB=5.9

QGH=43.7

QGA=2.5

QGL=12.6

QGG=9.6

QGK=10.1

QGP=15.1

QGPN=0.5

TB=2.1

TGP=5.0

Taul=25

TauGamma=65

rBGU=70

rRBCU=10

rGGU=20

rBPGU=35

rBHGP=155

rBHGU=20

GPI=AGPI/VGPI

MIHGP\_0=1

MIHGU\_0=1

f\_0=0

VGamma=9930

rMGammaC=910

VInc=9.930

rMIncC=0.14

TauInc=25

IncG\_0=0

AInc\_0=0

IB0=IPV0/(1-FPIC)

IH0=IB0

IL0=(IH0/QIL)\*(QIH-QIP\*(1-FPIC)-QIK\*(1-FKIC)-QIB)

IPN0=(IH0/QIPN)\*(QIH/(1-FLIC)-QIA-QIG-(1-FPIC)/(1-

FLIC)\*QIP-QIB/(1-FLIC)-QIK\*(1-FKIC)/(1-FLIC))

IK0=IH0\*(1-FKIC)

IPI0=(1-TIP\*FPIC\*QIP)/(VIPI\*(1-FPIC)))\*IPV0

IG0=IH0

IH=AIH/VIH

IB=AIB/VIB

IL=AIL/VIL

IG=AIG/VIG

IK=AIK/VIK

IPV=APIV/VIPV

IPI=AIPV/VIPI

IPN=AIPN/VIPN

rLIC=FLIC\*(QIA\*IH+QIG\*IG+QIPN\*IPN)

rKIC=FKIC\*QIK\*IH

rPIC=IPI/((1-FPIC)/(FPIC\*QIP)-TIP/VIPI)

AIH\_0=IH0\*VIH

ddt\_AIH=QIB\*IB+QIL\*IL+QIK\*IK+QIP\*IPV-QIH\*IH

INH=IH/IHO

AIB\_0=IB0\*VIB

ddt\_AIB=QIB\*(IH-IB)

AIL\_0=IL0\*VIL

ddt\_AIL=QIA\*IH+QIG\*IG-QIL\*IL+QIPN\*IPN-rLIC

INL=IL/IL0

AIG\_0=IG0\*VIG

ddt\_AIG=QIG\*(IH-IG)

AIK\_0=IK0\*VIK

ddt\_AIK=QIK\*(IH-IK)-rKIC

APIV\_0=IPV0\*VIPV

ddt\_APIV=QIP\*(IH-IPV)+(VIPI/TIP)\*(IPI-IPV)

AIPI\_0=IPI0\*VIPI

ddt\_AIPI=(VIPI/TIP)\*(IPV-IPI)-rPIC

rBPIR=IH0\*(QIH/(1-FLIC)-QIA-QIG-(1-

FPIC)/(1-FLIC)\*QIP-QIB/(1-FLIC)-QIPN-

QIK\*(1-FKIC)/(1-FLIC))

AIPN\_0=IPN0\*VIPN

IIPV=log(IPV)

IIH=log(IH)

GH0=GPV0+rBPGU/QGP

GBV0=GH0-rBGU/QGB

GBI0=GBV0-rBGU\*TB/VBI

GPI0=GPV0-rBPGU\*TGP/VGP

GK0=GH0

GG0=(GH0-rGGU/QGG)

GPN0=GHO

GL0=(1/QGL)\*(QGA\*GH0+QGG\*GG0+QGPN\*

\*GPN0+rBHGP-rBHGU)

x0=GH0^(3.267)/(131.87^(3.267)+5.932\*(GH0^(3.024)))

y0=x0^(1.1141)

GH=AGH/VGH

GBV=AGBV/VGBV

GBI=AGBI/VGBI

GG=AGG/VGG

GPN=AGPN/VGPN

GL=AGL/VGL

GK=AGK/VGK

GPV=AGPV/VGPV

MlinfHGP=1.2088-1.138\*tanh(1.669\*(INL-0.8885))

MlinfHGU=2.0\*tanh(0.549\*INL)

MGHGP=1.425-1.406\*tanh(0.6199\*(GL/GL0-0.4969))

MGHGU=5.6648+5.6589\*tanh(2.4375\*((GL/L0)-1.48))

MGPV=GPI/GPI0

MIPGV=7.035+6.51623\*tanh(0.33827\*((IPI/IP0)-5.82113))

ddt\_MIHGP=(MlinfHGP-MIHGP)/Taul

ddt\_MIHGU=(MlinfHGU-MIHGU)/Taul

rHGU=MGHGU\*MIHGU\*rBHGU

rPGU=MGPV\*rBPGU\*MIPGV

AGH\_0=GH0\*VGH

ddt\_AGH=QGB\*GBV+QGL\*GL+QGK\*GK+Q

GP\*GPV-QGH\*GH-rRBCU

GNH=GH/GHO

AGBV\_0=GBV0\*VGBV

AGBI\_0=GBI0\*VGBI

ddt\_AGBV=QGB\*(GH-GBV)-

(VGPV/TPV)\*GPV\*GPV

ddt\_AGG=rOGA3 + rOGA2 +

QGG\*(GH-GG)-rGGU

AGPN\_0=GPN0\*VGPV

ddt\_AGPN=QGPN\*(GH-GPN)

AGL\_0=GL0\*VGL

AGK\_0=GK0\*VGK

if GK<0

rKGE=0

elseif GK<460

rKGE=71+71\*tanh(0.011\*(GK-460))

else

rKGE=-330+0.872\*GK

end

ddt\_AGK=QGK\*(GH-GK)-rKGE

AGPV\_0=GPV0\*VGPV

ddt\_AGPV=QGP\*(GH-GPV)-(VGPI/TGP)\*(GPV-GPI)

AGP1\_0=GPI0\*VGPI

ddt\_AGPI=(VGPI/TGP)\*(GPV-GPI)-rPGU

IGPV=log(GPV)

IGH=log(GH)

MG=2.93-2.10\*tanh(4.18\*(GNH-0.61))

MI=1.31-0.61\*tanh(1.06\*(INH-0.47))

AGammaN\_0=VGamma

GammaN=AGammaN/VGamma

ddt\_AGammaN=rMGammaC\*(MG\*MI-GammaN)

Inc=AInc/VInc

ddt\_IncG=-IncG/TaulInc

ddt\_AInc=IncG/TaulInc-rMIncC\*Inc

X=GH^(3.267)/(131.87^(3.267)+5.9

32\*(GH^(3.024)))

Y=X^(1.1141)+phi1\*Inc

I\_0=x0

PP\_0=y0

ddt\_PP=alpha\*(Y-PP)

ddt\_I\_=beta\*(X-I)

Qi=(K\*Imb0+gam\*y0)/(M1\*y0+K)

Imb\_0=Qi

ddt\_Imb=K\*(Imb0-Imb)+gam\*PP-(M1\*Y+M2\*max(0,X-

I)+phi2\*Inc)\*Imb

S=(M1\*Y+M2\*max(0,X-

I)+phi2\*Inc)\*Imb

SBGH=(M1\*y0)\*Qi

rPIR=(S/SBGH)\*rBPIR

ddt\_AIPN=QIPN\*(IH-IPN)+rPIR

MGamma0HGP=2.7\*tanh(0.388\*Ga

mmaN)

MGammaHGP=MGamma0HGP-f

ddt\_f=((MGamma0HGP-1)/2-f)/TauGamma

rHGP=MGHGP\*MIHGP\*MGammaH

GP\*rBHP

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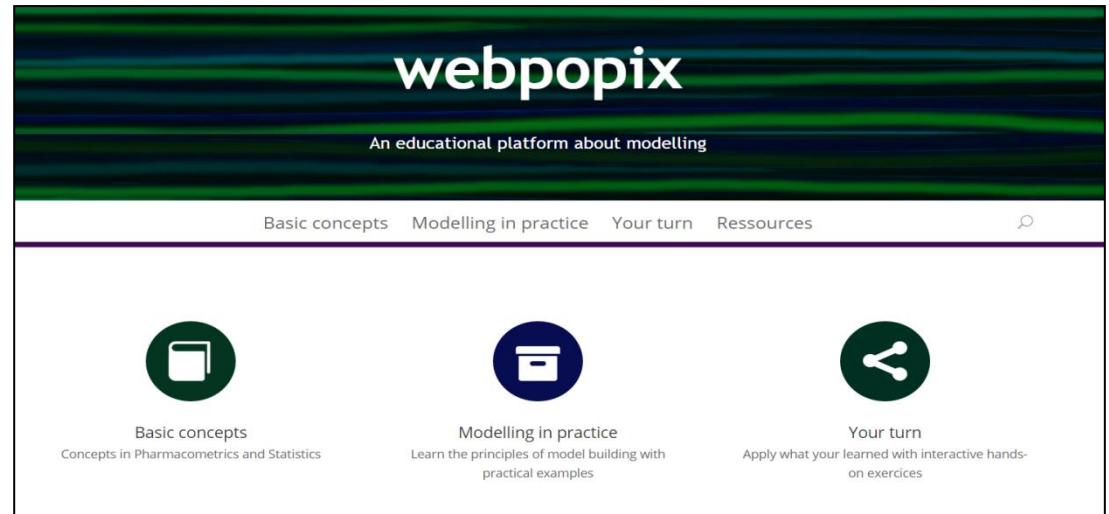
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