

# Offline Automated Model Predictive Control of SOLPS-ITER Plasma Edge Simulations

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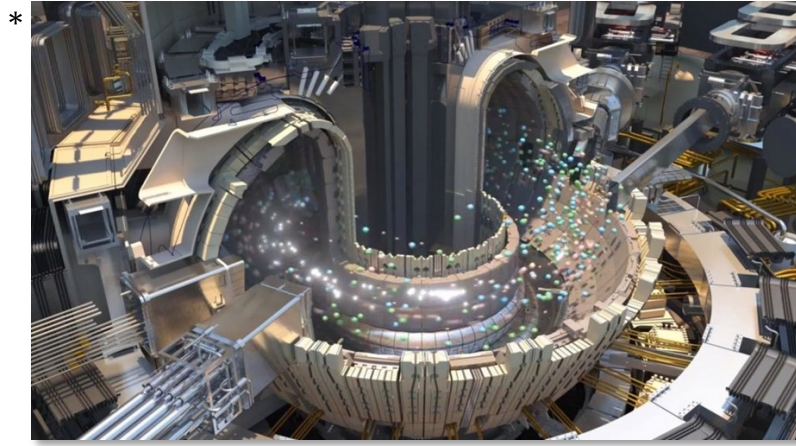
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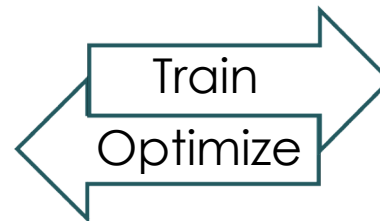
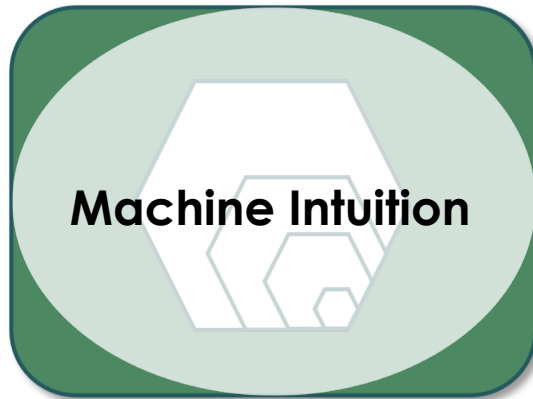
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# Connecting Two Key Ideas for ITER and Fusion Pilot Plant

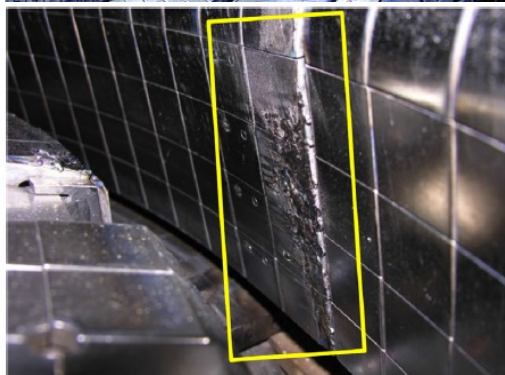
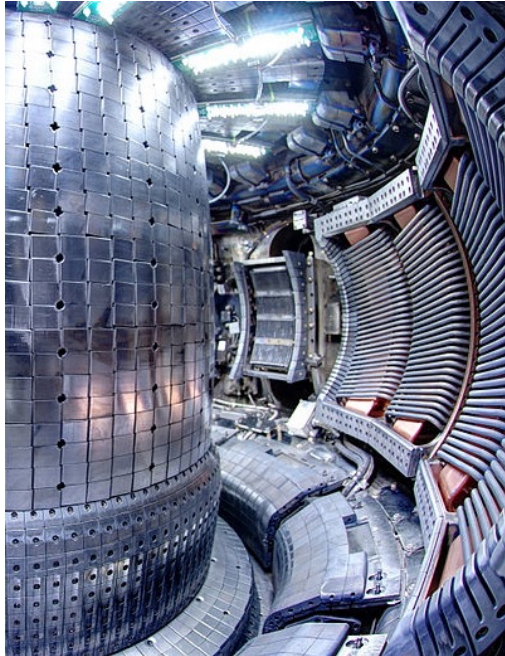


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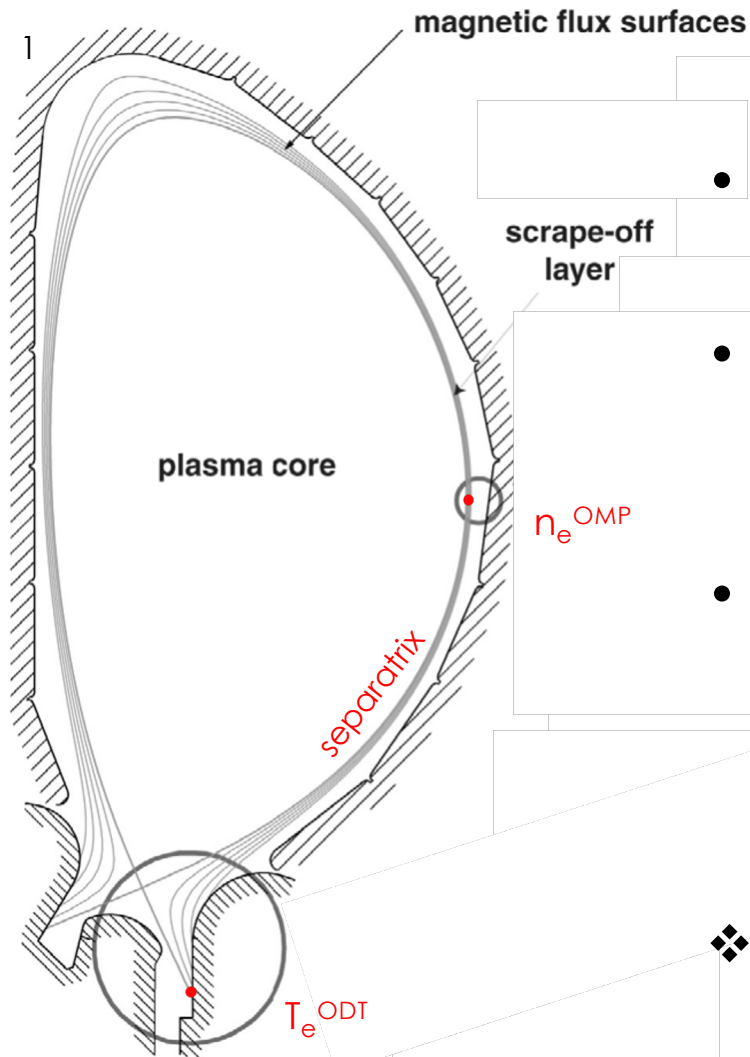
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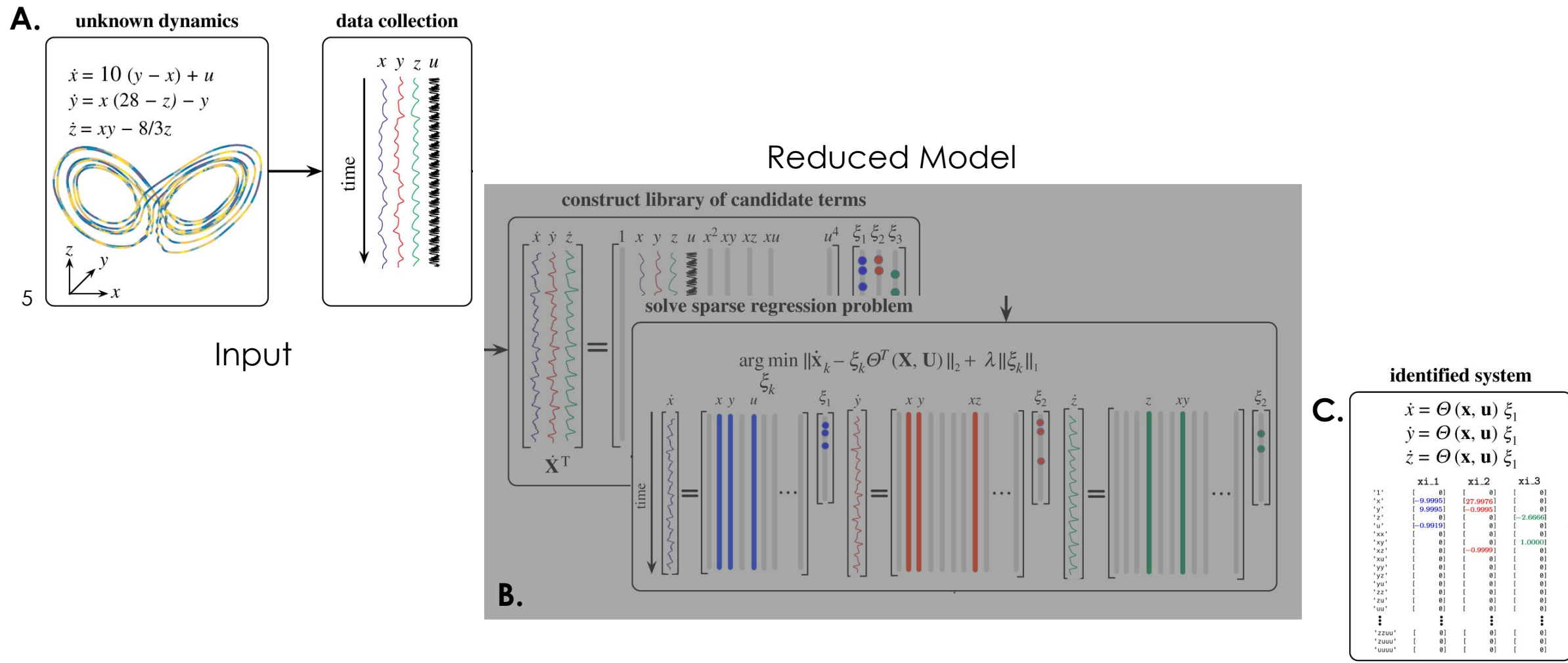
- Plasma facing components in a fusion reactor will be **destroyed** by unmitigated power and particle fluxes
- Neutral gas puff can dissipate excess fluxes by **detaching** the divertor plasma
- Actuation strategies must manage scrape-off-layer dynamics while upholding core **performance**
- ❖ Present devices employ simple controllers that are tuned on forgiving short pulses

# How Can We Ensure the Survival of Divertor Components At the Extreme Scale of Fusion Reactor Devices?



- **SOLPS-ITER** is the state-of-the-art tool for simulating the reduction of heatflux loads due to gas puff detachment<sup>2</sup>
  - Tokamak edge plasma simulations are expensive, requiring upwards of **days-weeks-months** wall clock time to converge towards a steady-state solution<sup>3</sup>
  - Data-driven sparse identification of nonlinear dynamics (**SINDy**)<sup>4</sup> provides a scheme for **real-time** reduced modeling of tokamak edge physics
- ❖ Data-driven model predictive control can be deployed on experiments to handle nonlinear dynamics

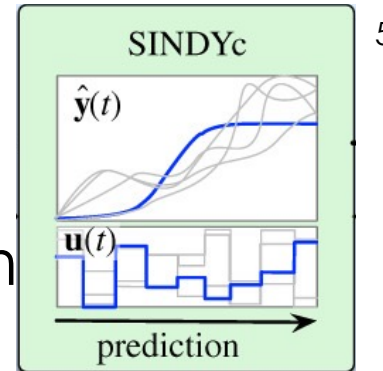
# The SINDy Gray Box Approach to Machine Learning



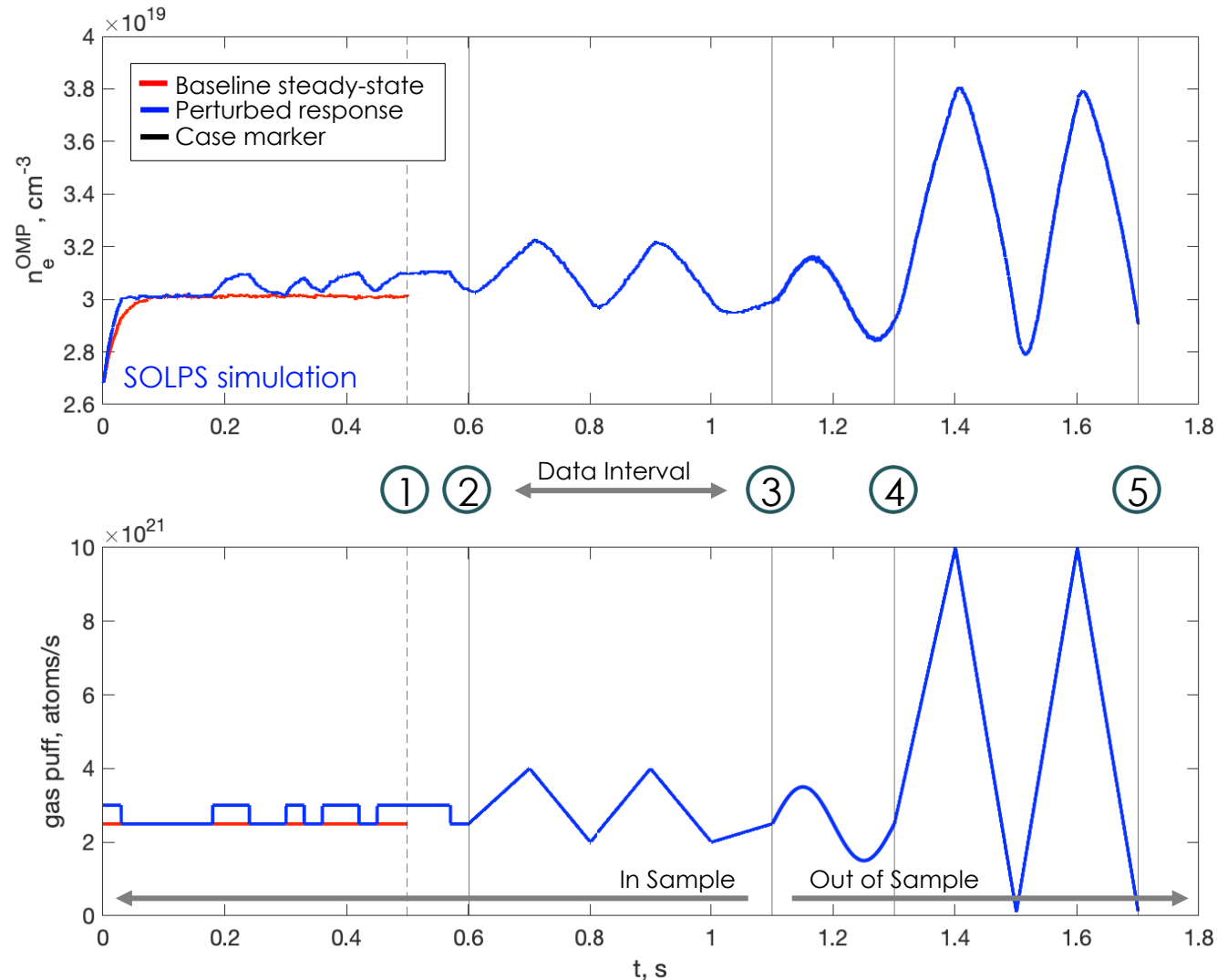
# SINDy Enables Efficient Application of Model Predictive Control Paradigm to SOLPS-ITER

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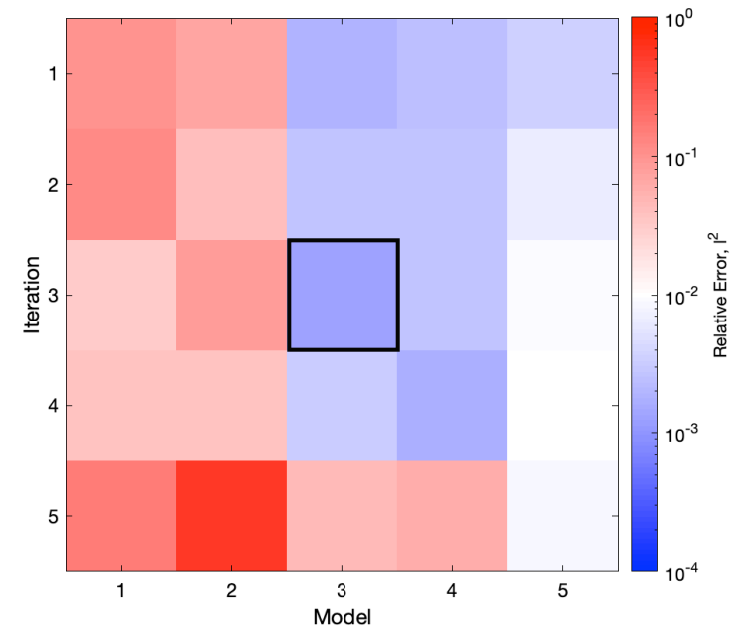
- A. Perturb dynamics around equilibrium through actuation and response



# A. Simulation Cases of Scrape-off-layer Dynamics Probe a Range of Actuation Rates and Output Variables



## 5-Fold Cross-Validation



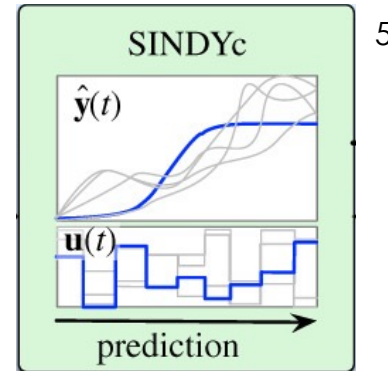
## Extracted Linear Model

$$\frac{\partial n_e}{\partial t} = -An_e + Bu + C$$

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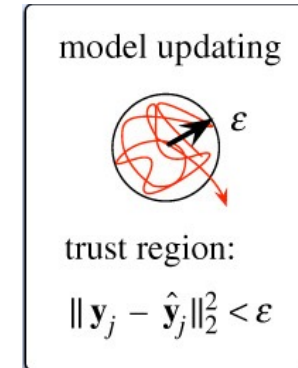
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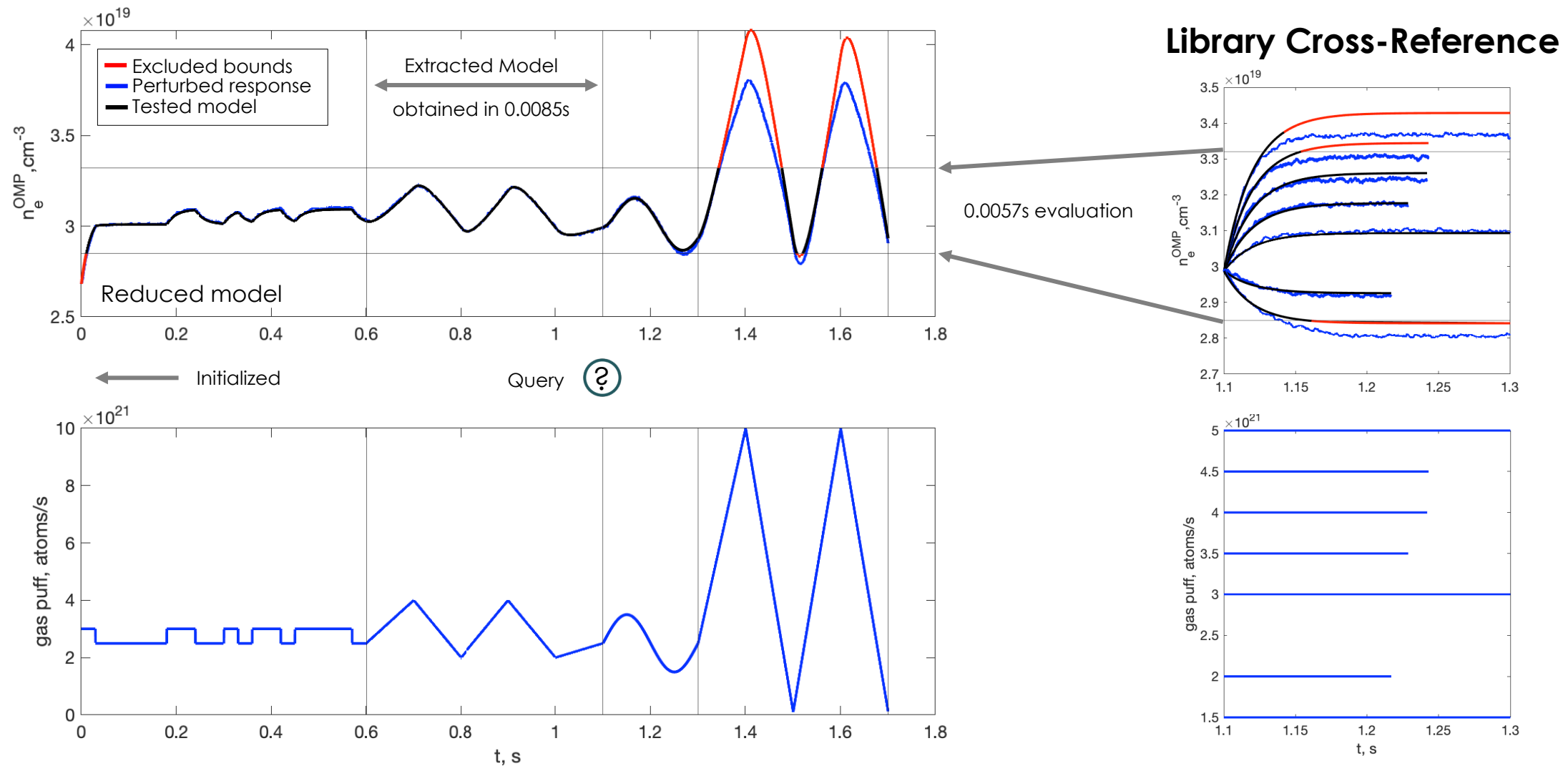
## B. Bimodal Automated Algorithm

- Prediction of timeseries evolution and confidence
- Exploration of reference runs to provide bounds

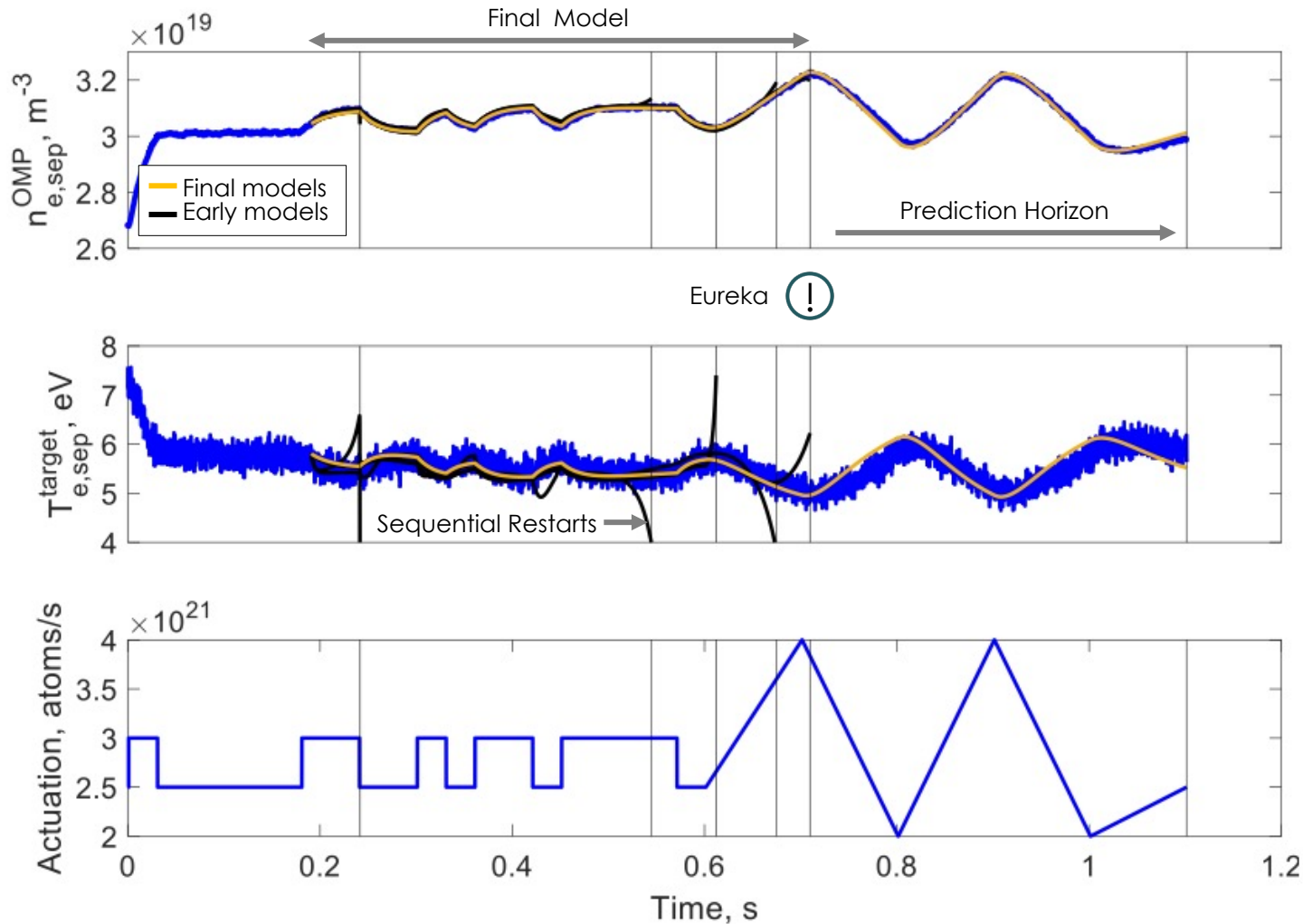




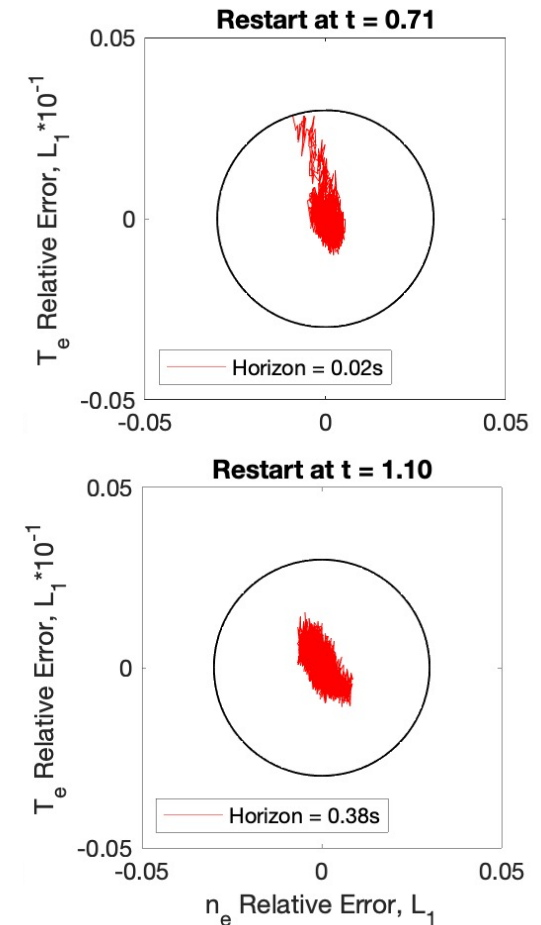
# B. Automated Algorithm Identifies Operable Limits of Extracted Model for **Out of Sample** Predictions



# B. Automated Algorithm Applies a Rolling Time Horizon to Update Model Progressively for **In Sample** Data



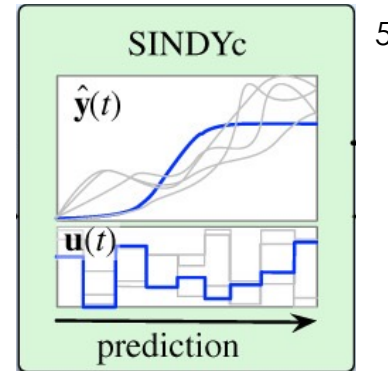
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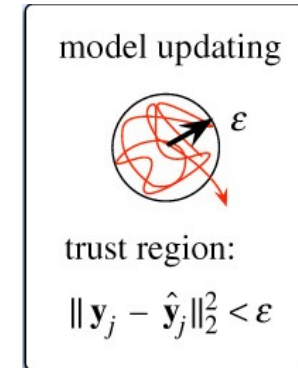
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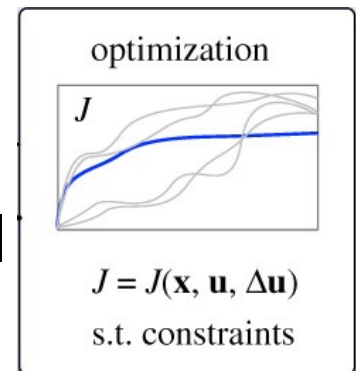
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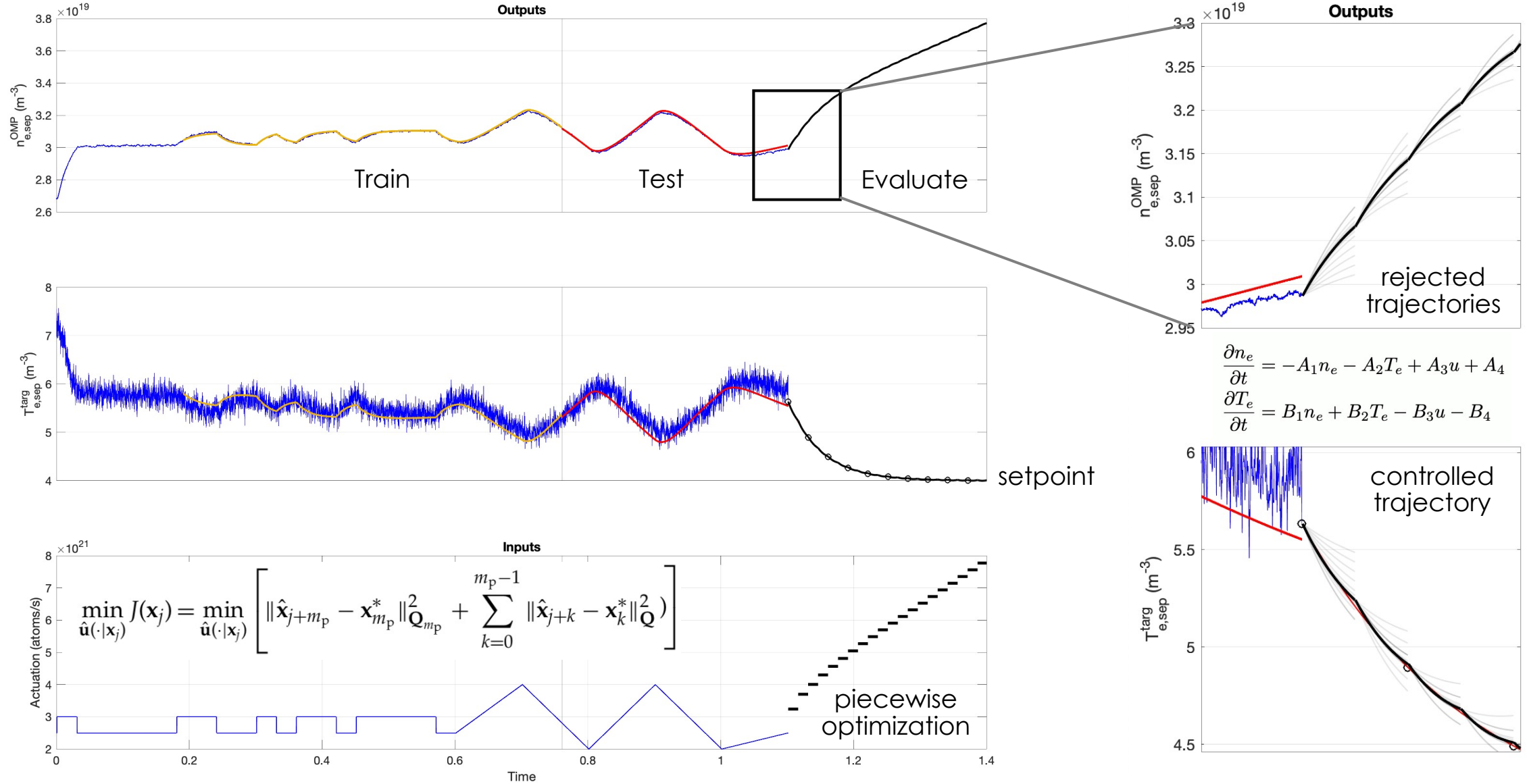


## C. Set Point Trajectory

- Control divertor target temperatures through reduced model
- Maintain fast evaluations through discretized cost function
- Evaluate performance through direct application to SOLPS-ITER

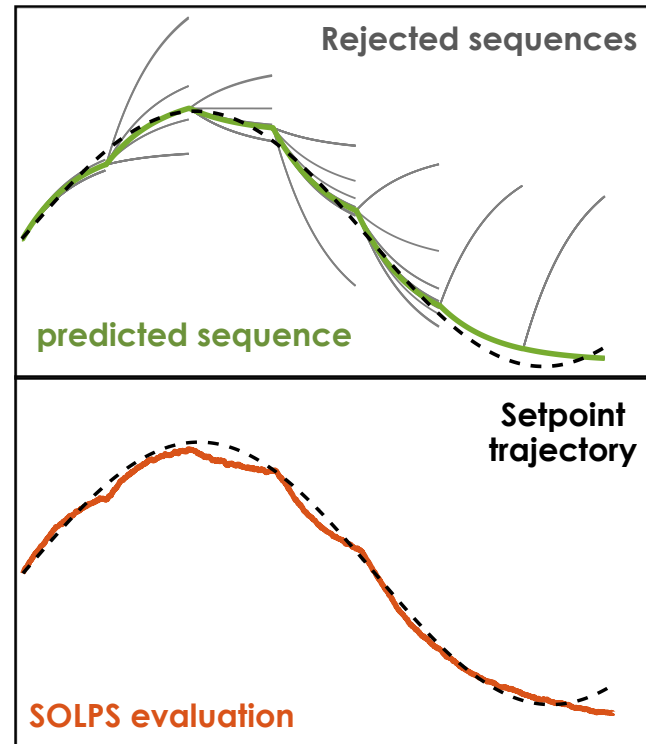


# C. Model Captures Dynamics for Target Setpoint Control



# Evaluating Offline Automated MPC for SOLPS Simulation

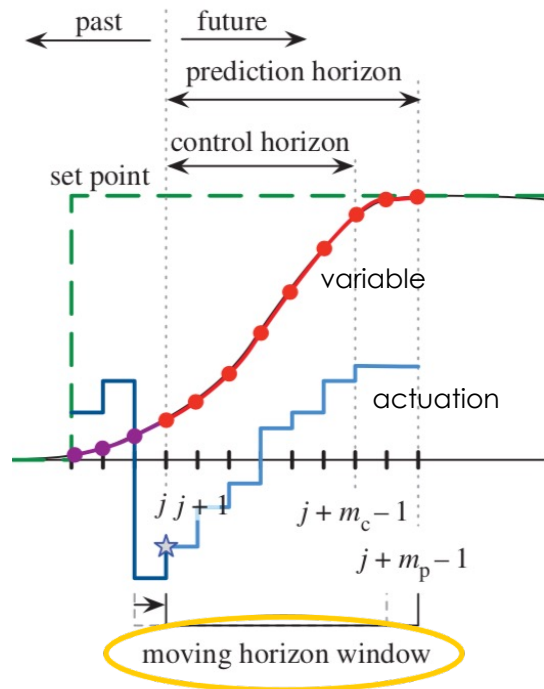
Trained in under **8 ms**



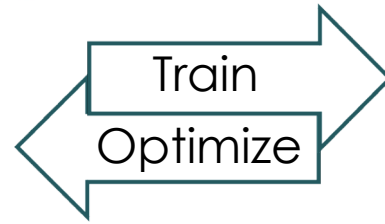
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# Connecting Two Key Ideas for Model Predictive Control

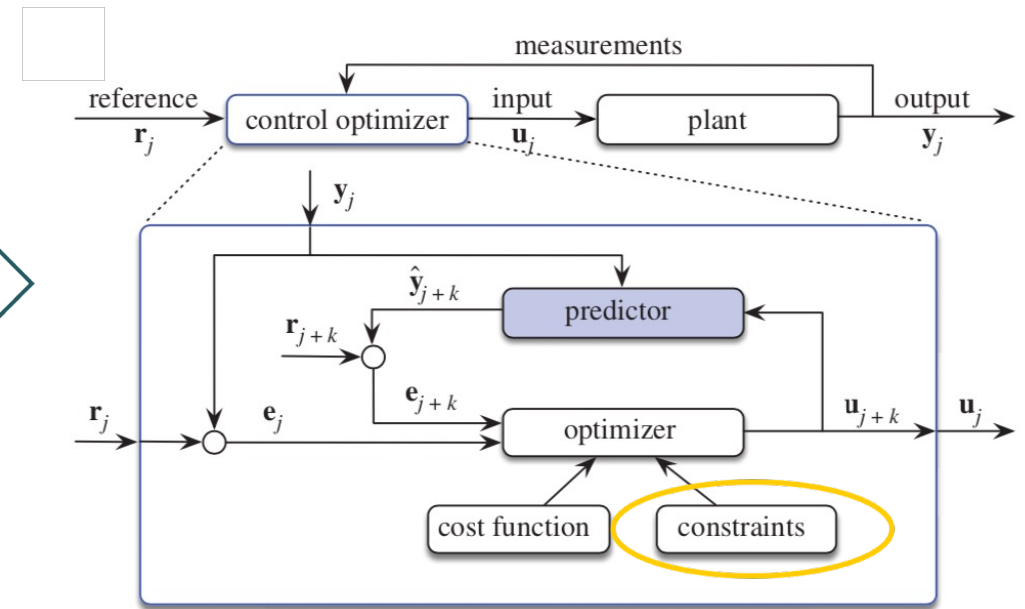
## Machine Intuition



Data reliant  
variable horizon



## Systems Analysis

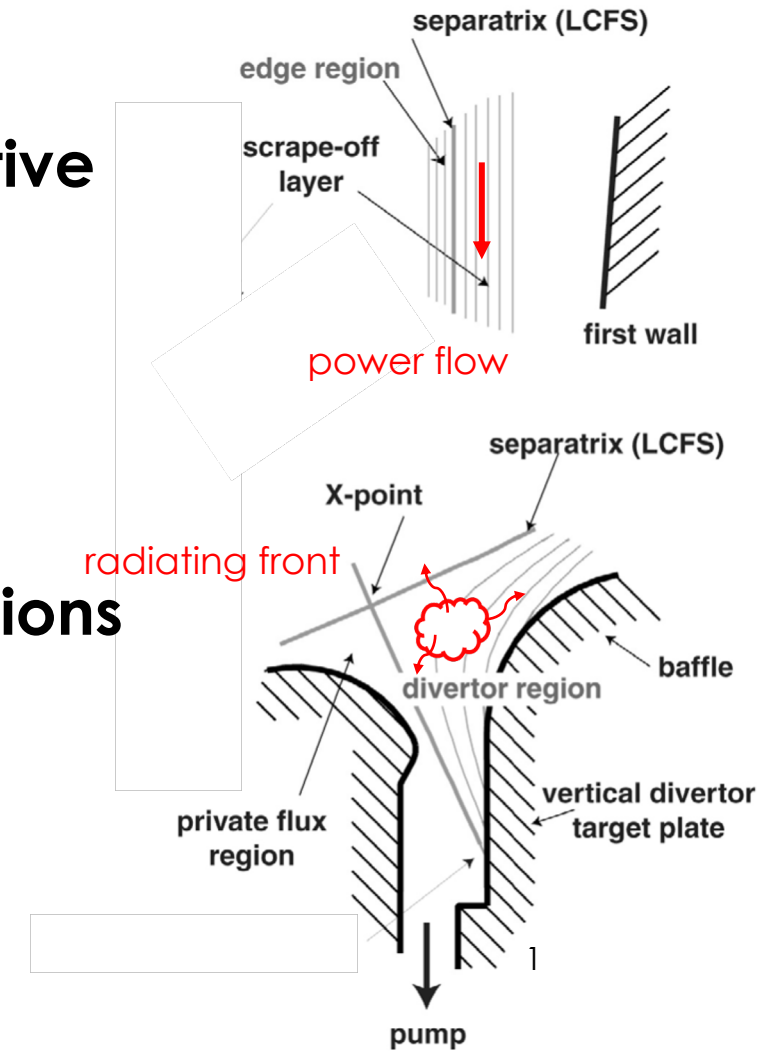


Device specific  
replaceable constraints

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# Summary – Automated Reduced Modeling is Capable of Offline Predictive Control of Divertor Target Temperatures

- Bimodal Paradigm
  - Cross-validation in and out of sample for **predictive** and **explorative** metrics of model deviation
  - Demonstrated automated algorithm over **heterogeneous** system response to actuation
- Remaining Challenges
  - Extend steady-state results to analysis of **bifurcations** and **nonlinear** parameter-sensitive regimes
  - Incorporate **impurity** seeding and divertor **detachment** physics into system identification
  - Utilize device **component** physical constraints in optimization and **experimental systems**



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