

Transfer Learning for Improving Model Predictions in Highly Configurable Software

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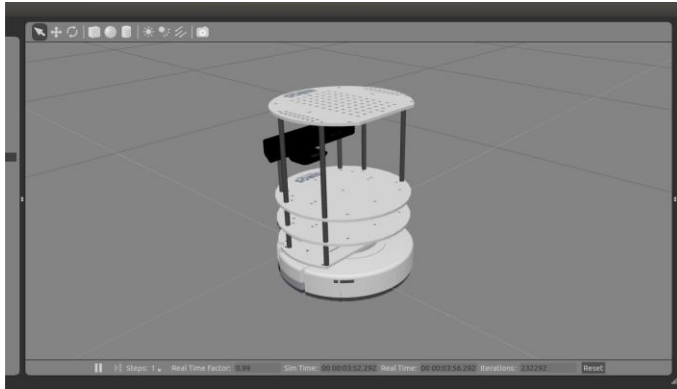


Performance Influence of Configuration Parameters

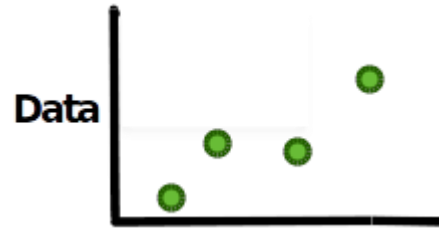


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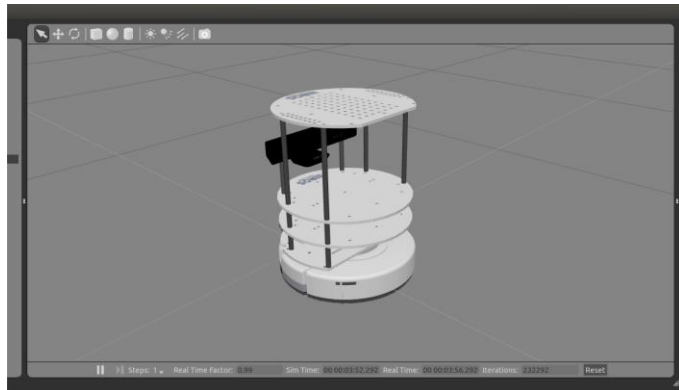
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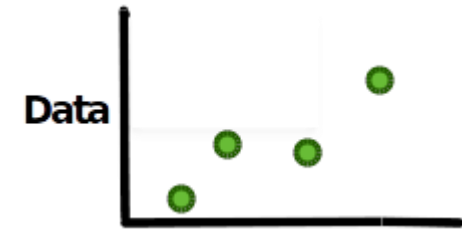
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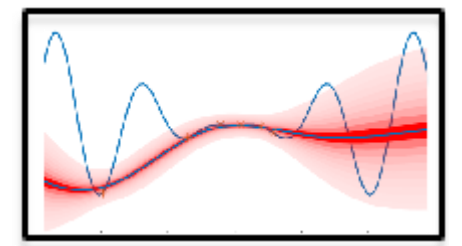
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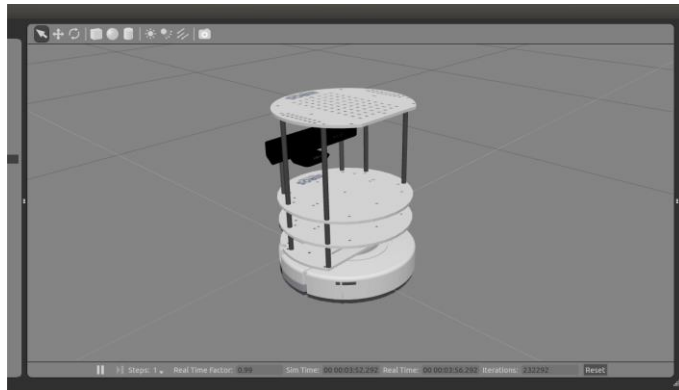


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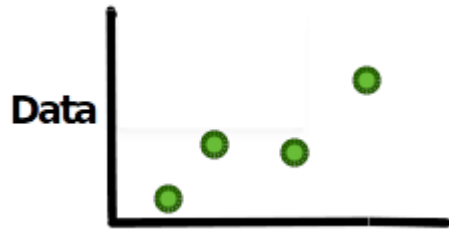


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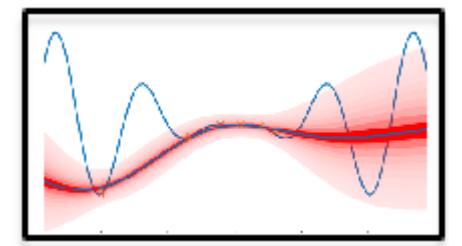
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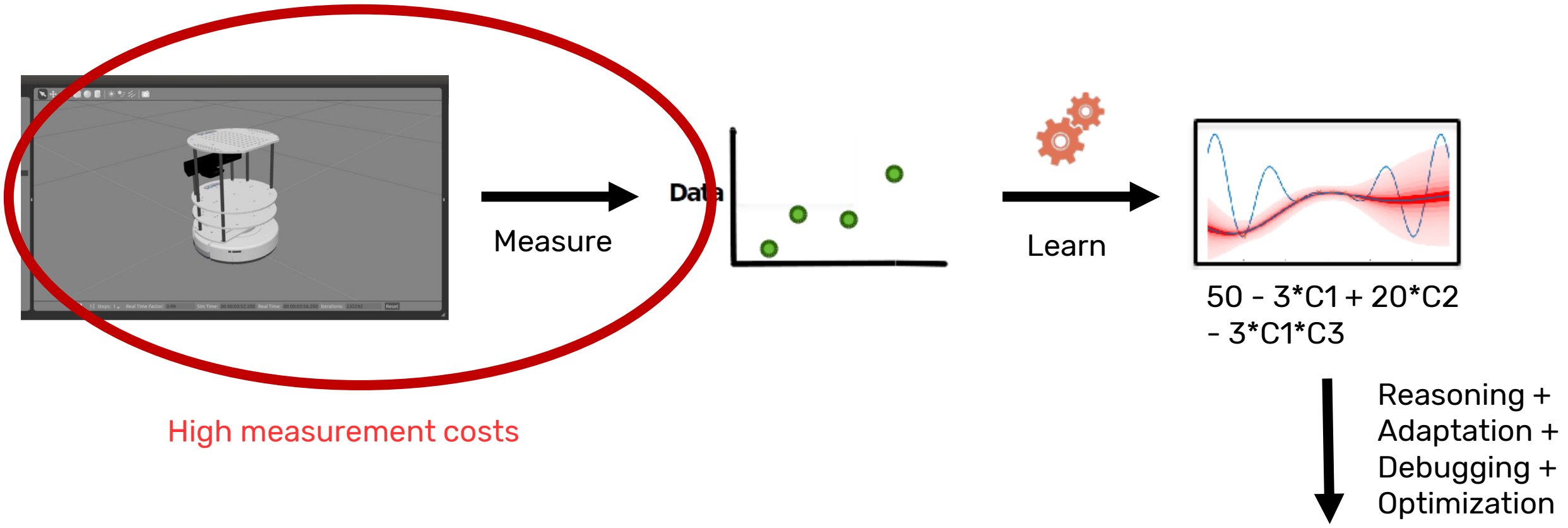
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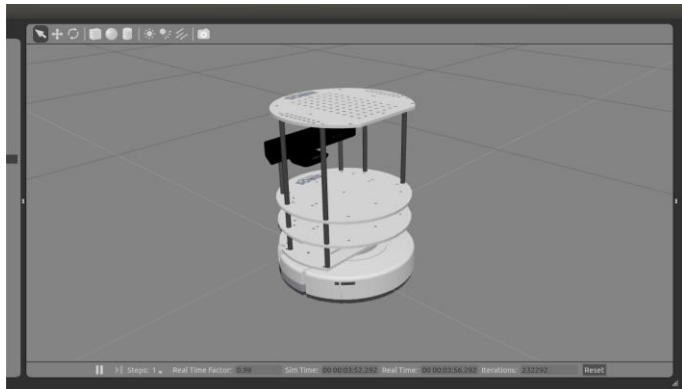
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Debugging +
Optimization

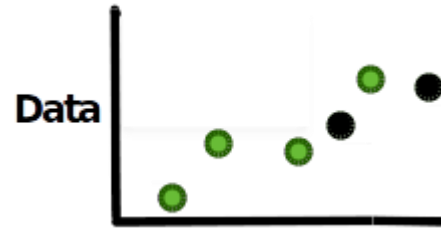
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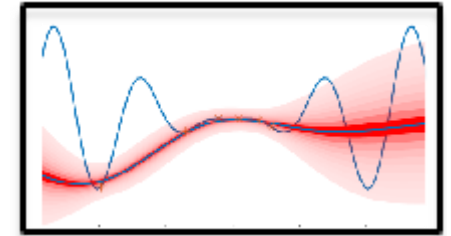
Idea: Transfer Learning



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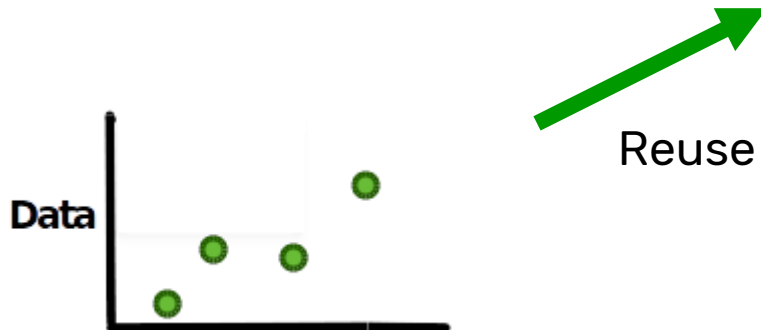


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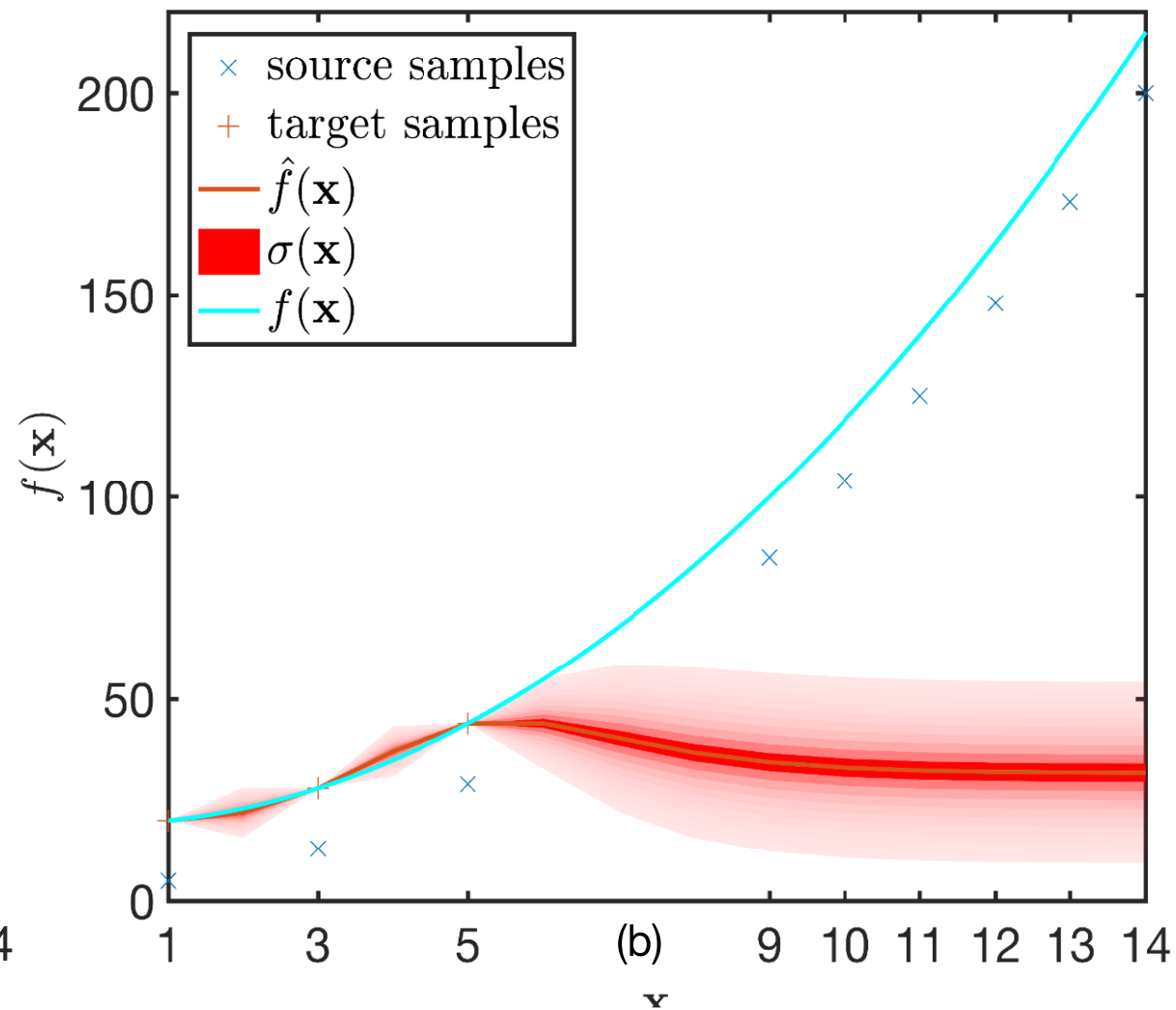
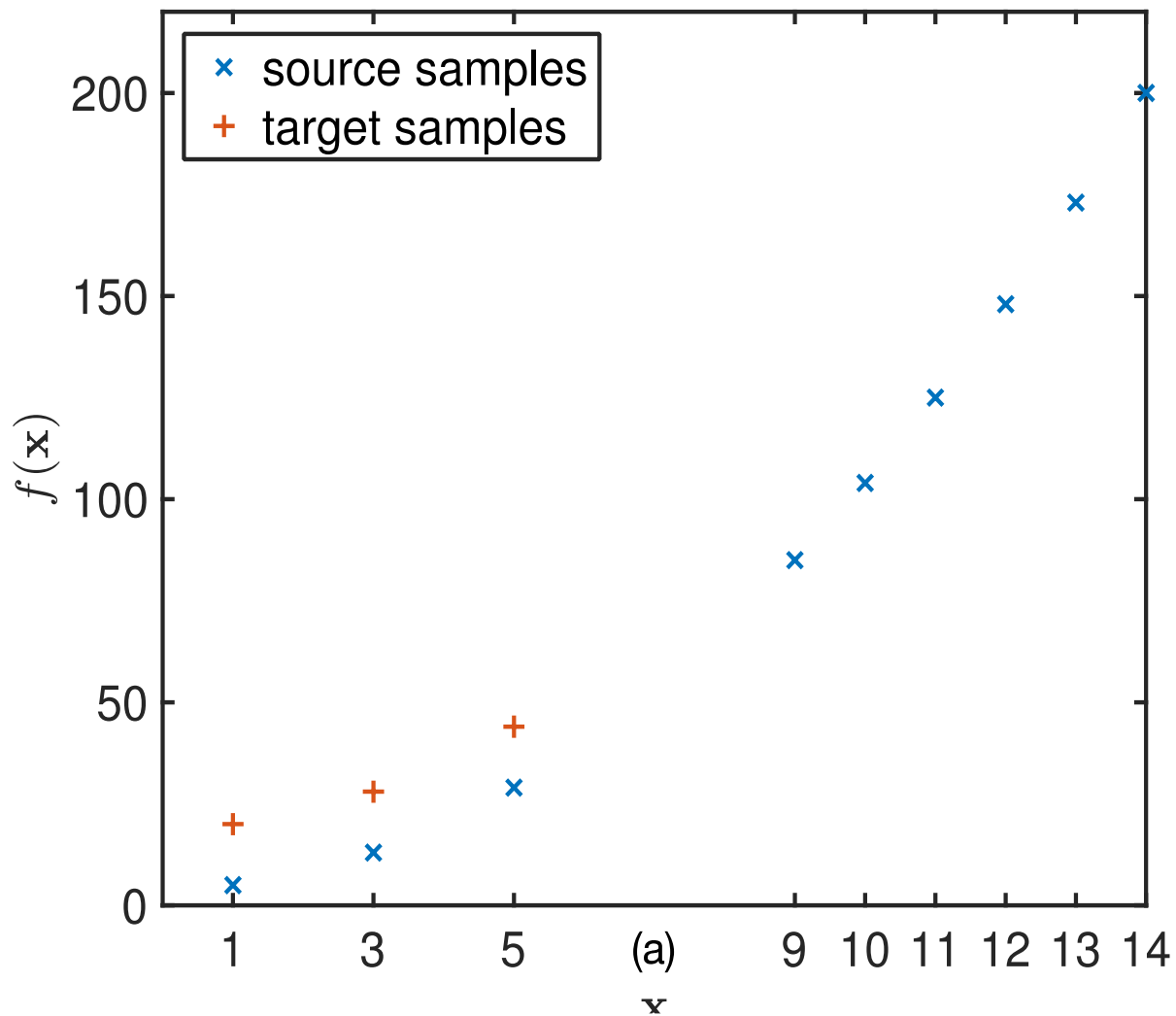


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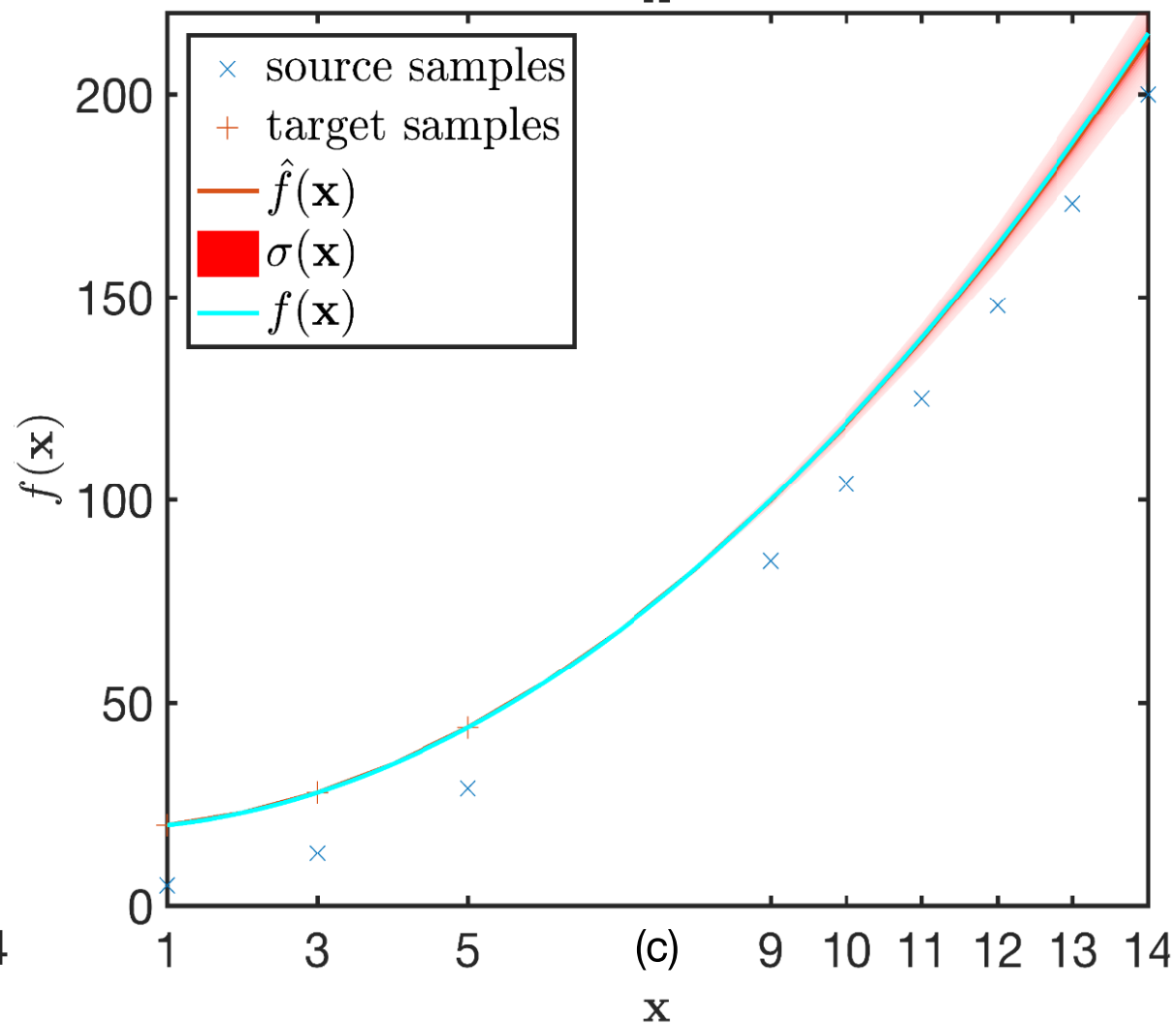
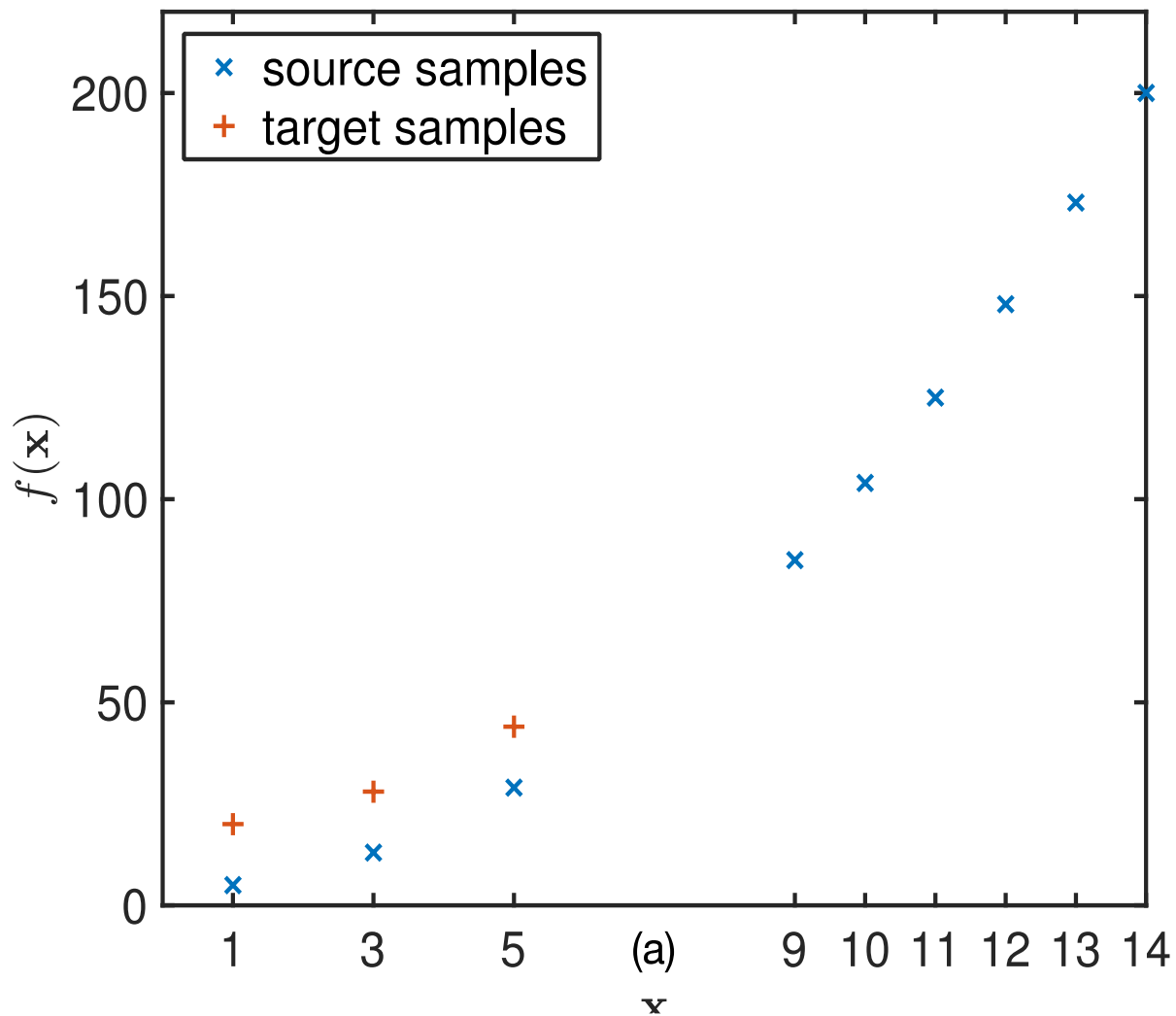
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Exploiting Similarity



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GP for modeling black box response function

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathcal{GP}(\mu(\mathbf{x}), k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')),$$

$$\mu_t(\mathbf{x}) = \mu(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})^\top (\mathbf{K} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

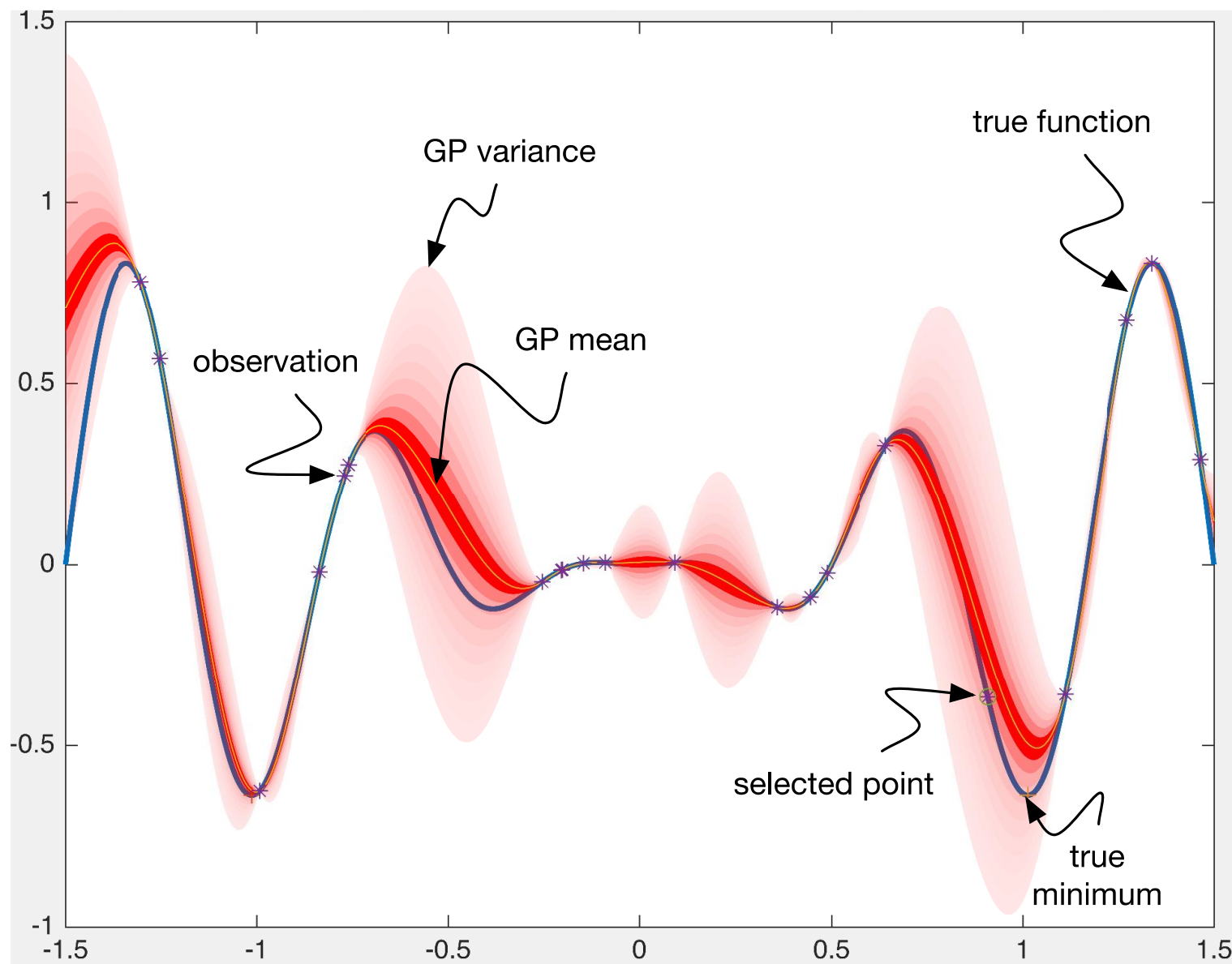
$$\sigma_t^2(\mathbf{x}) = k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})^\top (\mathbf{K} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{x})$$

Motivations:

- 1- mean estimates + variance
- 2- all computations are linear algebra
- 3- good estimations when few data

$$\mathbf{K} := \begin{bmatrix} k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_1) & \dots & k(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_t) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ k(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_1) & \dots & k(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{x}_t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$k(f, g, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = k_t(f, g) \times k_{xx}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'),$$



Scenarios and Assumptions

Environment change (configuration option vs. environment change)

Different benchmark/workload

Different program version

Different hardware

Shape of old and new model similar



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Some Results (“it works”)

First Feasibility Demonstration

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Case study & controlled experiments

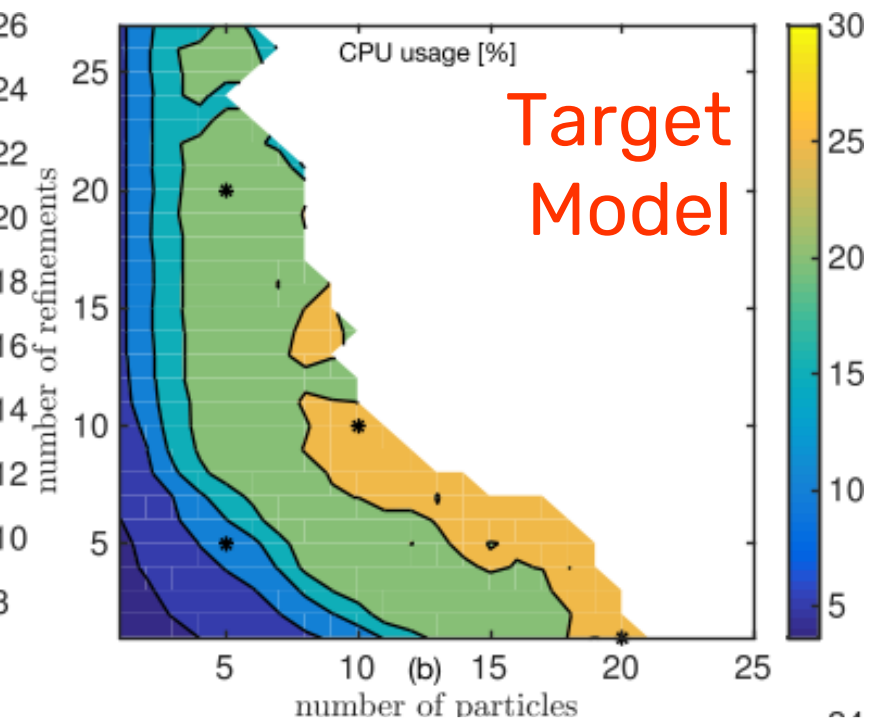
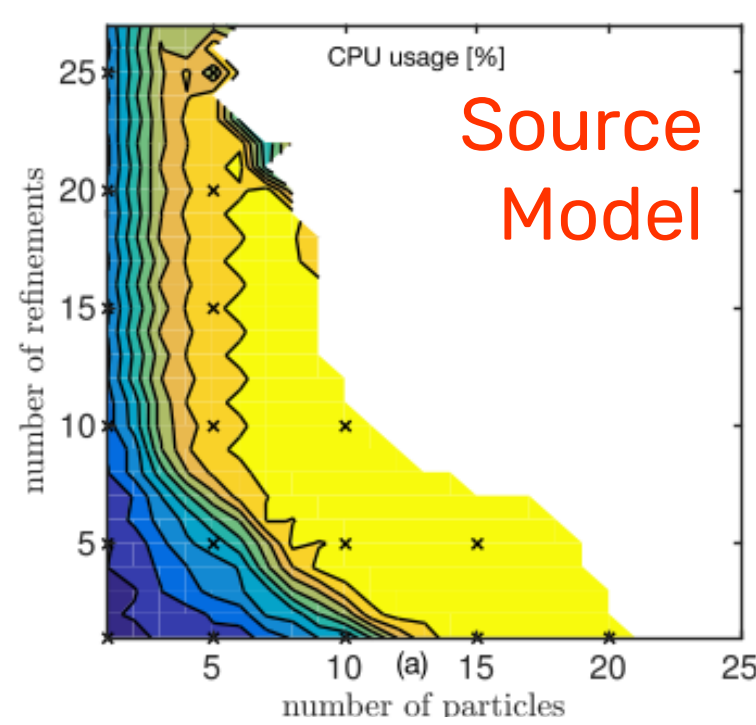
Can we improve prediction accuracy?

Tradeoffs among #source and #target samples?

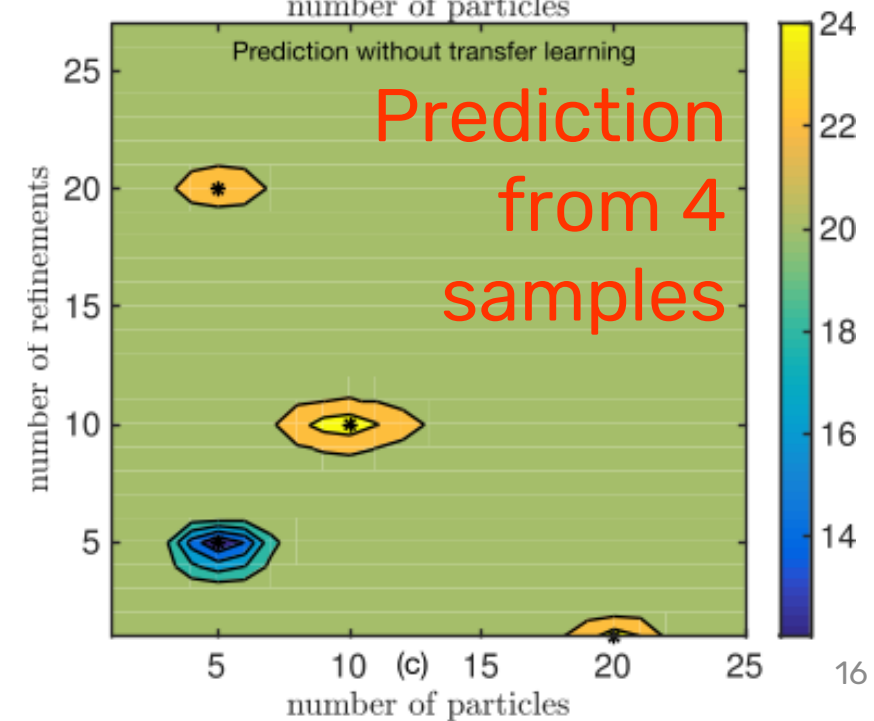
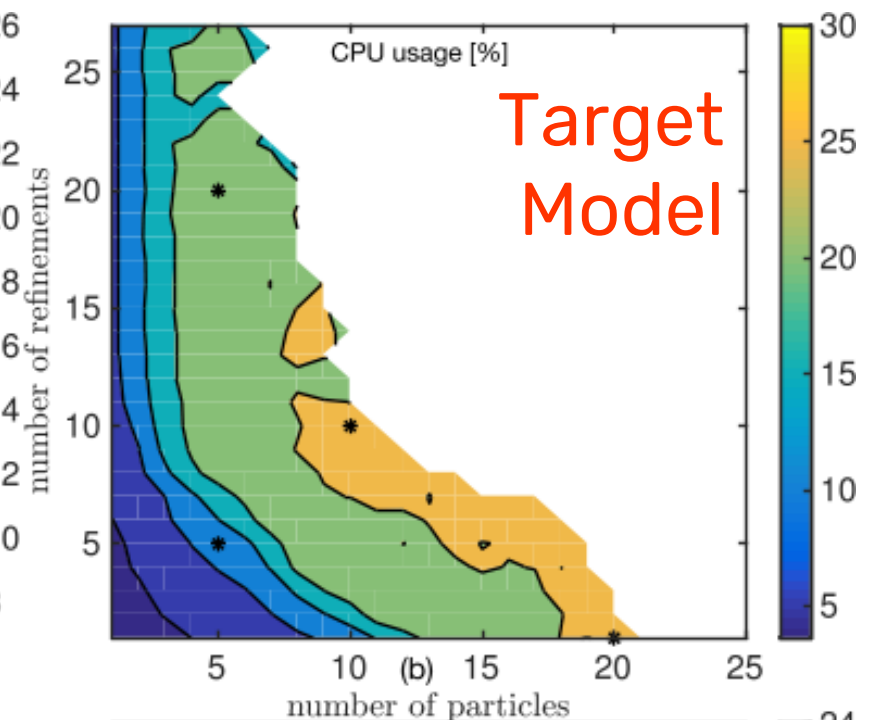
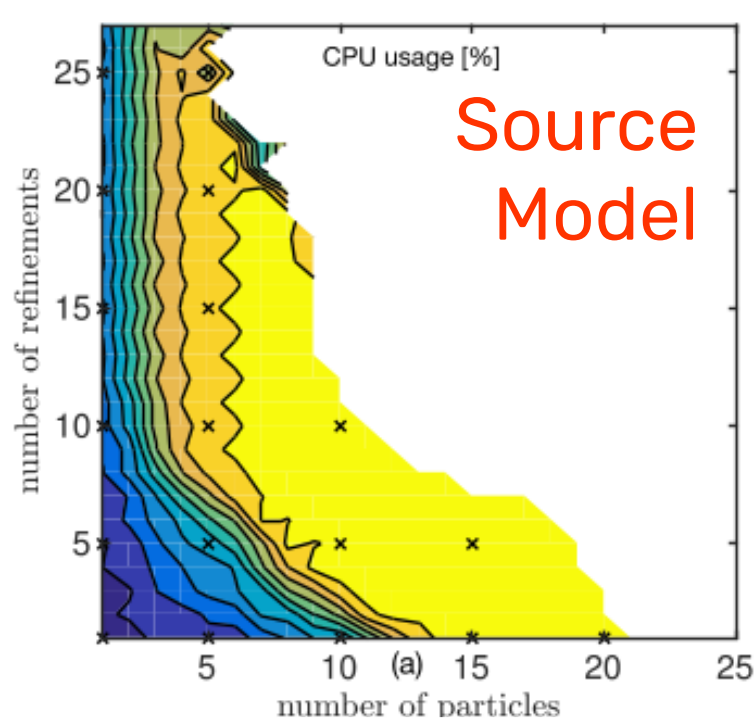
Fast enough?

Subject sys.: Cobot, Apache Storm, Cassandra

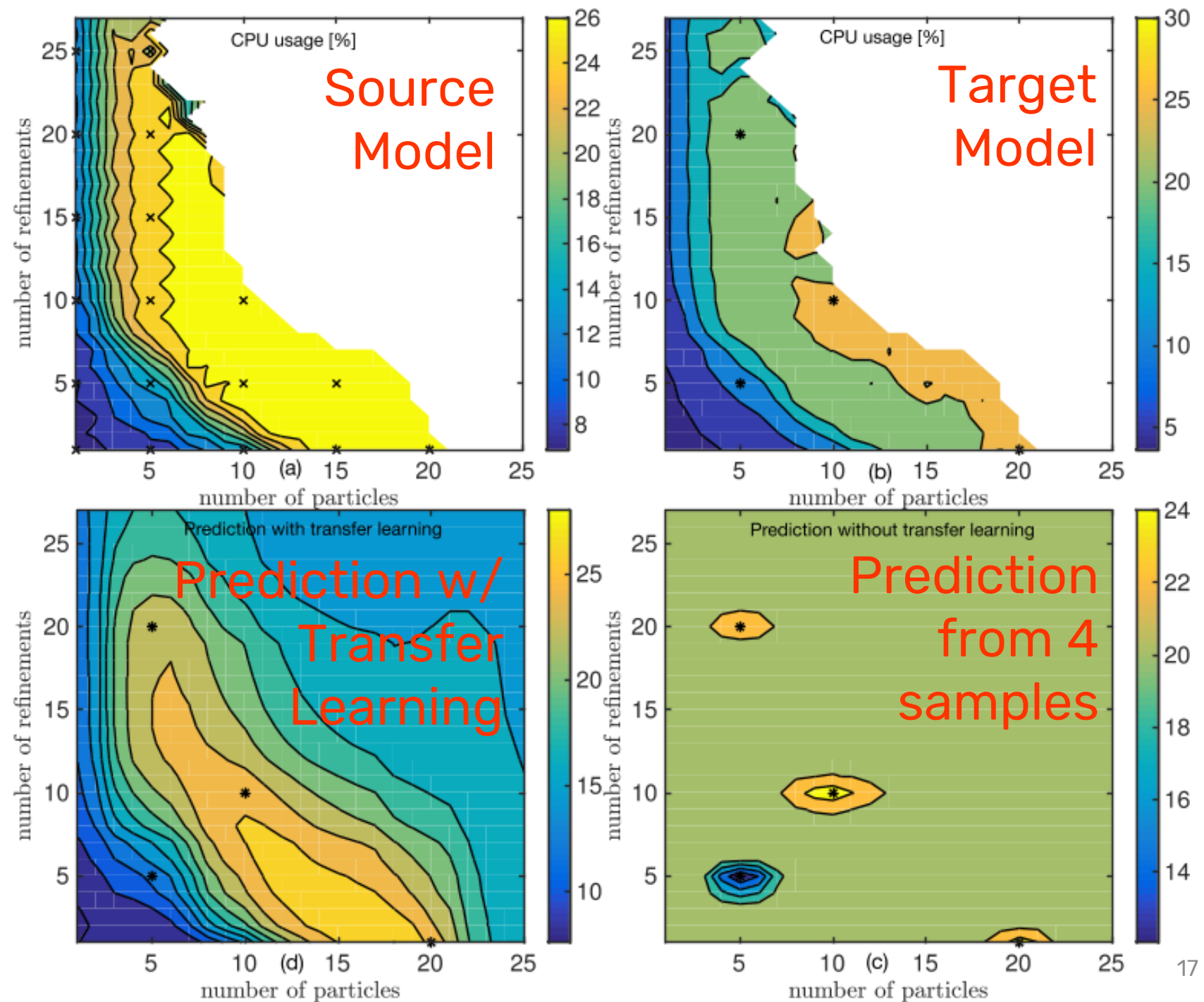
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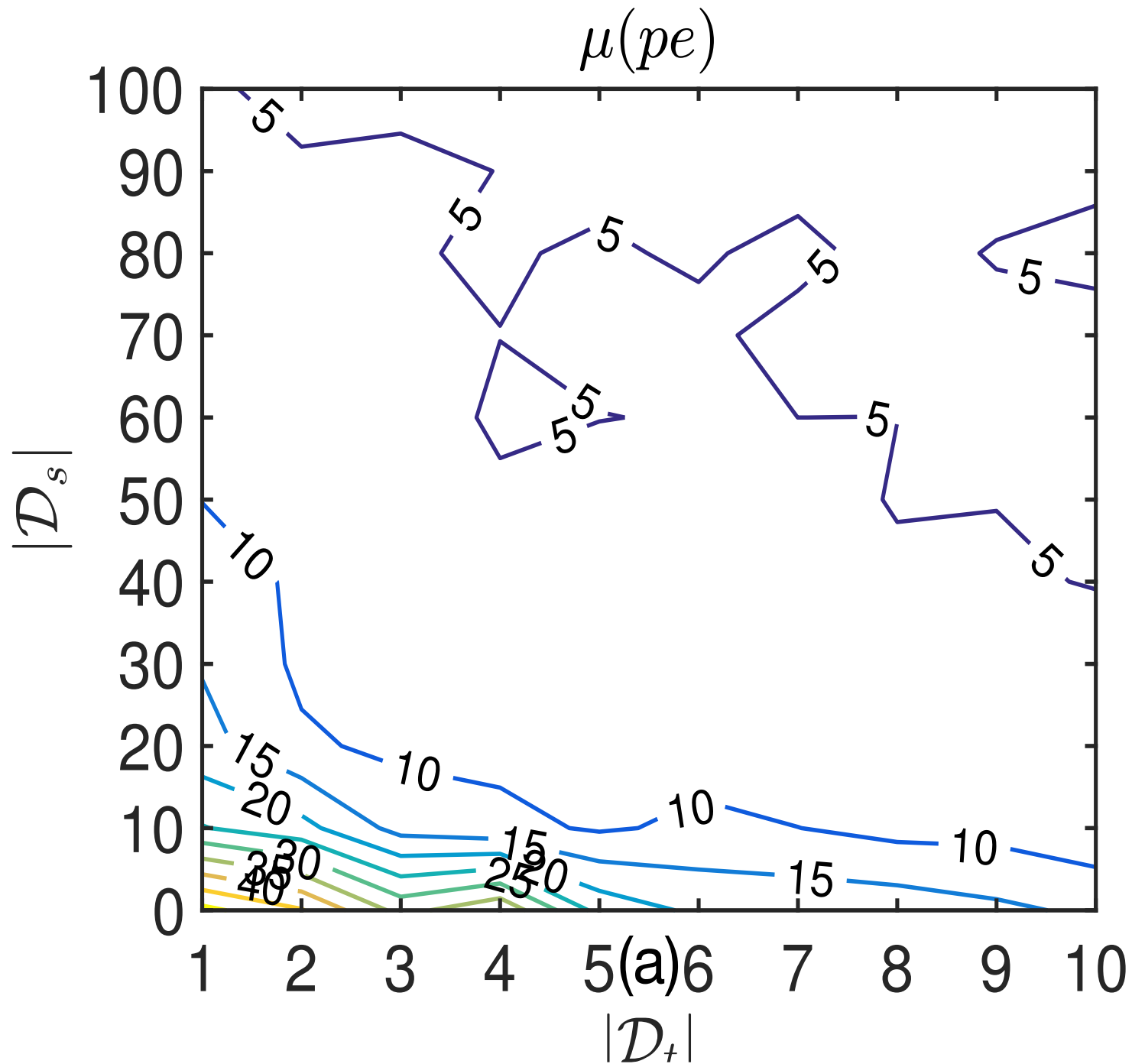
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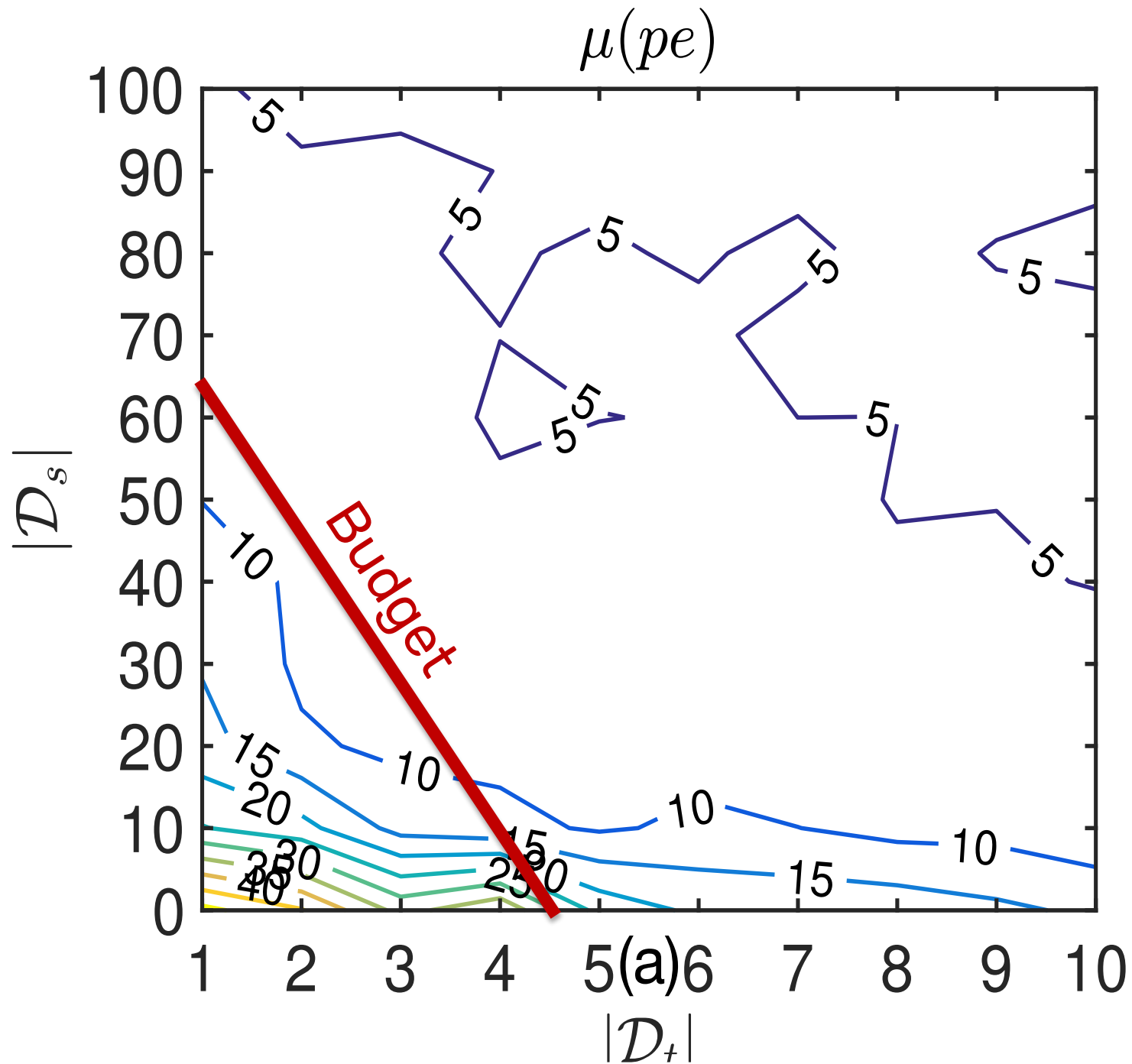
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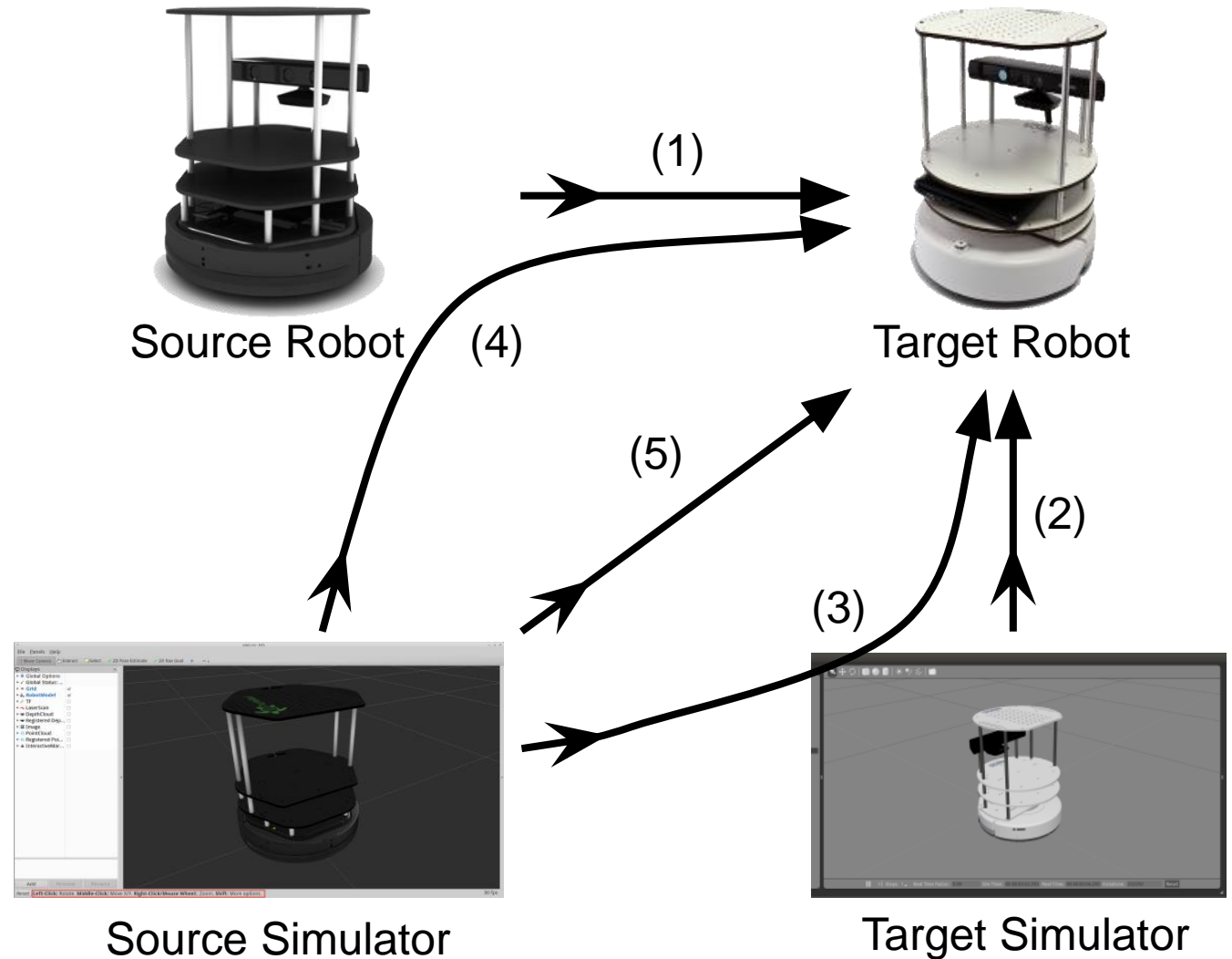




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Future work, insights and ideas

Selecting from Multiple Sources (Cost Model)



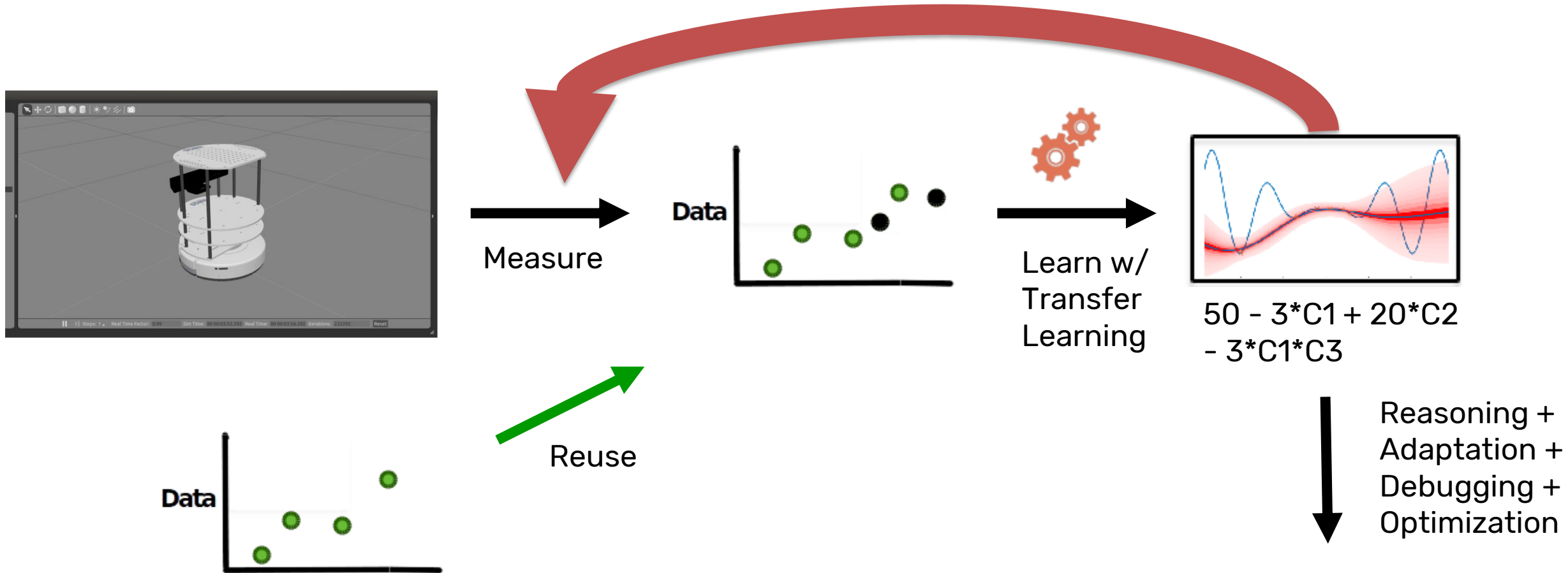
Checking Assumptions

How similar are source and target models for real environment changes (workload/infrastructure/code changes)?

Expected similarities:

- Constant
- Constant / proportional shift
- More noise but similar trends
- Many features and interactions with similar impact
- Many important features and interactions remain important

Active learning + transfer learning



Goal: find best sample points iteratively by gaining knowledge from source and target domain

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Improves the model accuracy up to several orders of magnitude

Is able to trade-off between different number of samples from source and target enabling a cost-aware model

Exploring similarity across environment changes and active learning

