

# Non-Parametric Bayesian Methods for Linear System Identification

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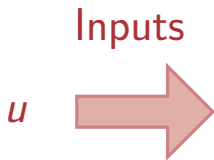
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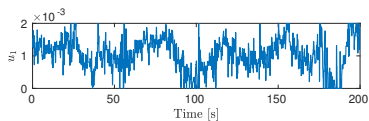
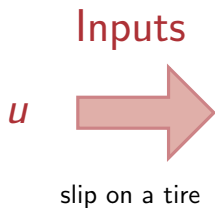
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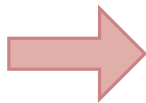
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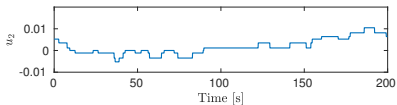
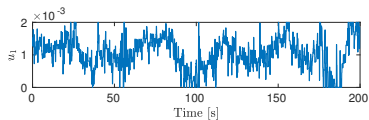
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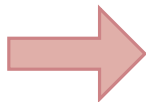
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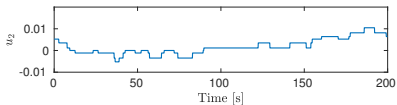
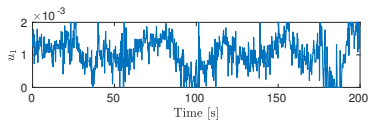
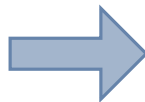


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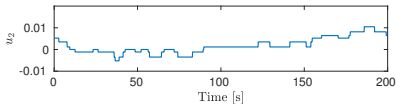
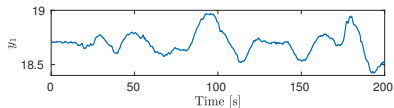
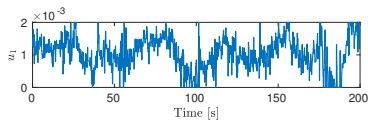
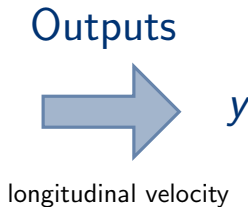
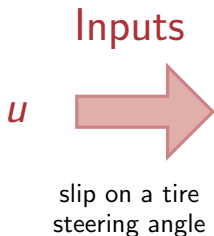


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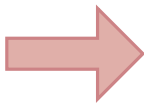
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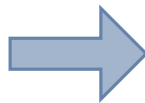


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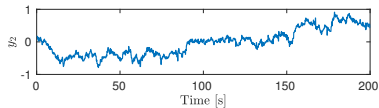
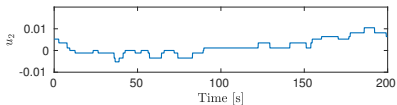
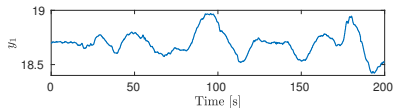
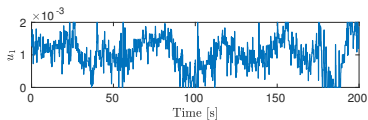


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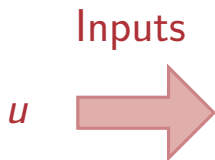


longitudinal velocity  
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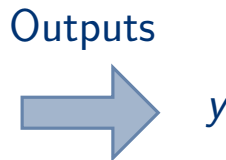


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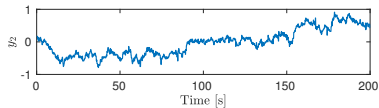
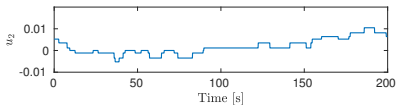
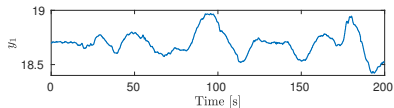
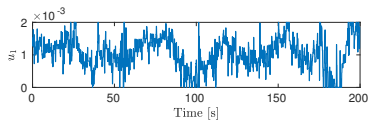


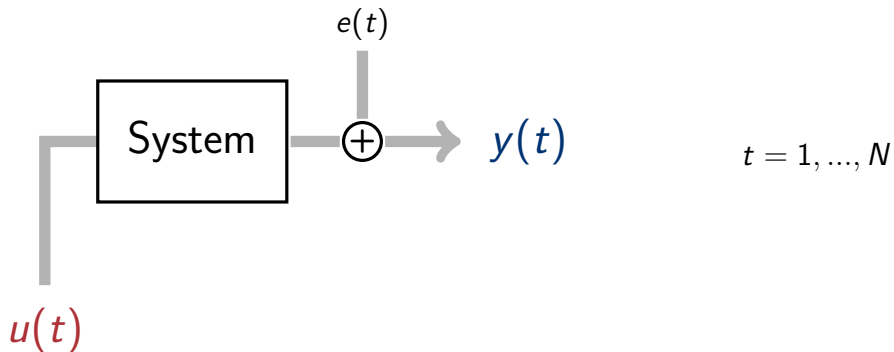
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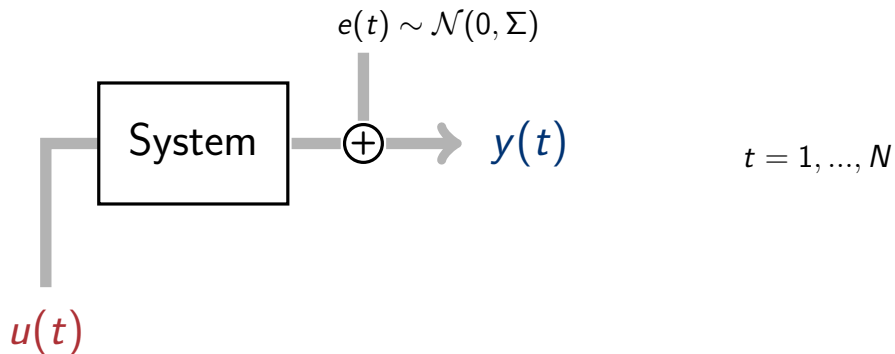
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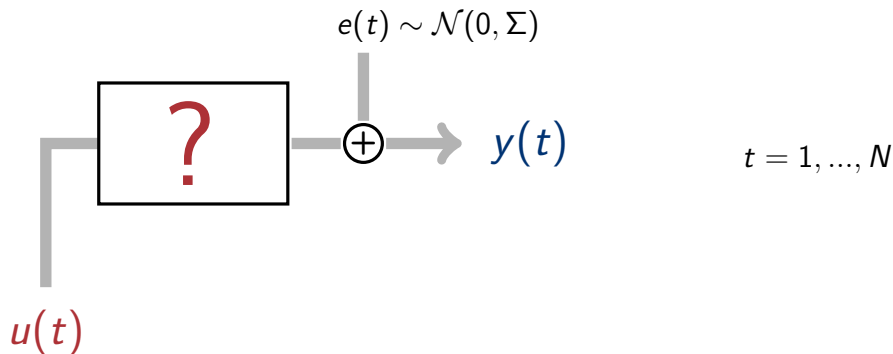


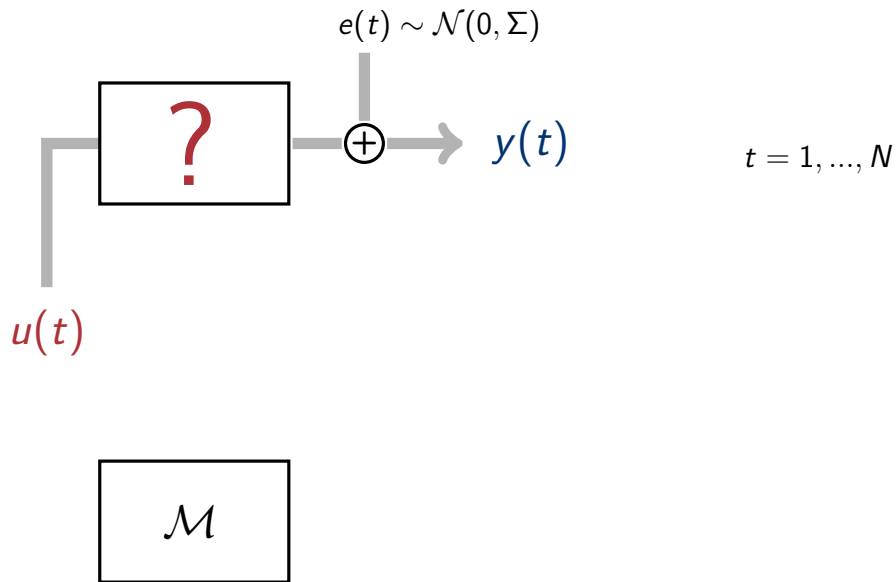
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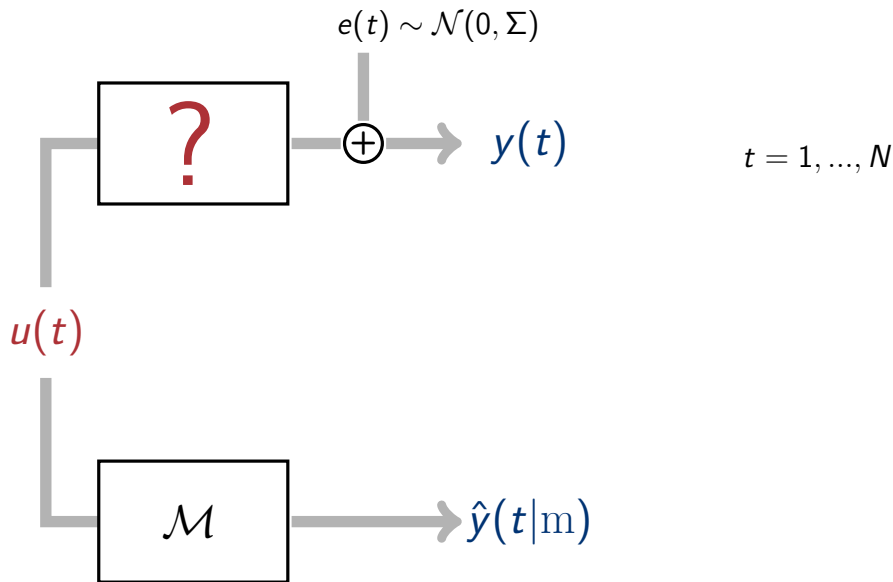


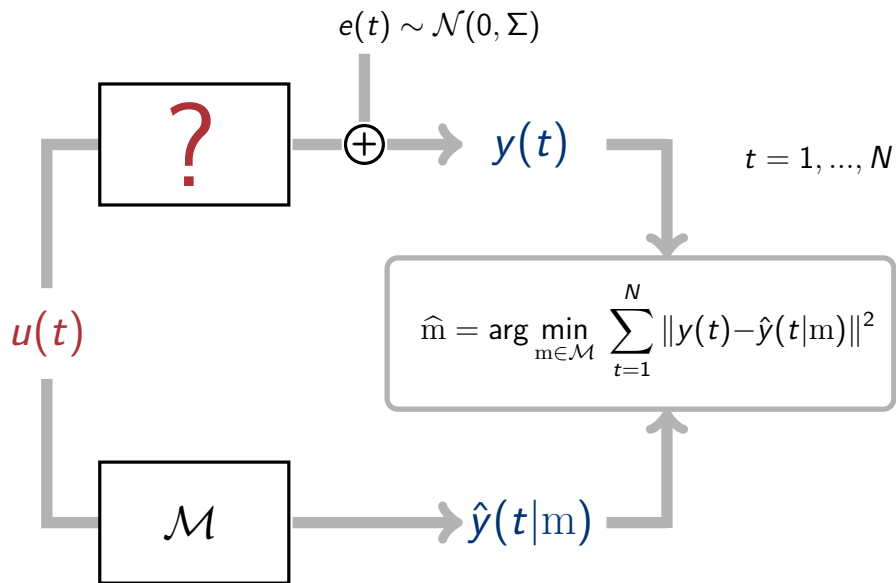












# Two families of methods

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Non-Parametric



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- Exploit the Bayesian setting to include a-priori information

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- Minimum variance estimator
- Analytically intractable  
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Approximations required

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Comparison of 2 approximations:

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- Full Bayes (using sampling methods)

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## Online Re-formulation:

Update the estimate  
as soon as  
new data arrive

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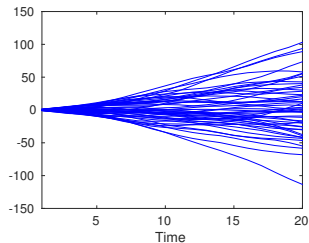
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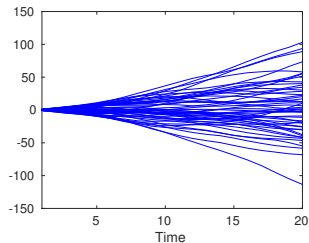


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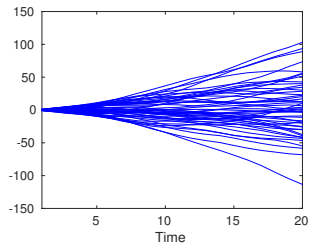
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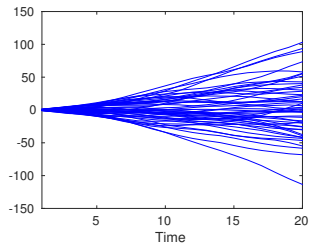
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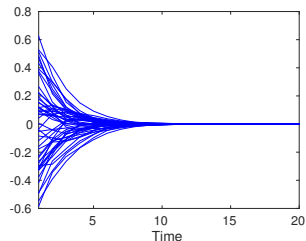


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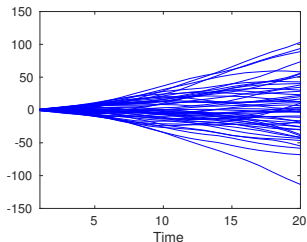


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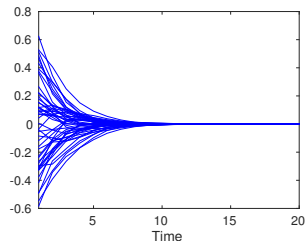


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**Remark:** Stable spline kernels don't account for model complexity

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 $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}(h)) = Mc$  Millan degree of the system with impulse response  $h$

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With a properly designed matrix  $Q_\alpha$

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$$p_\eta(h) \propto \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda_S}{2} h^\top K_\rho^{-1} h - \frac{\lambda_H}{2} h^\top P^\top (Q_\alpha \otimes I) P h \right)$$

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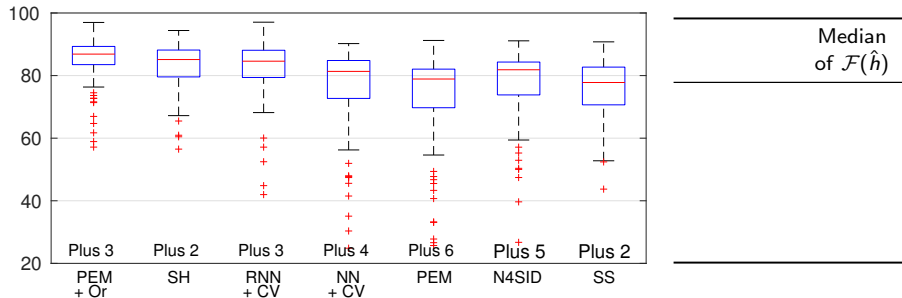
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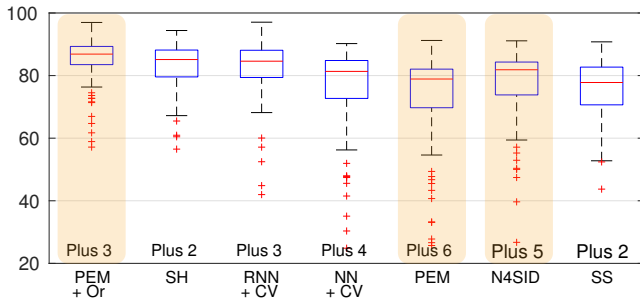


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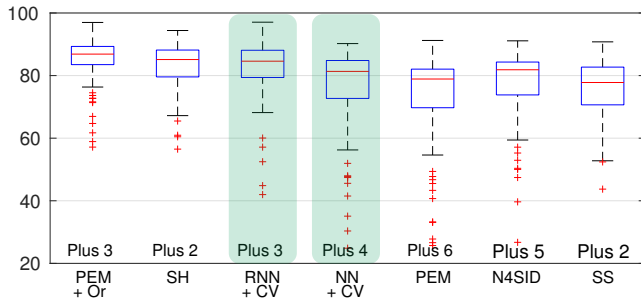
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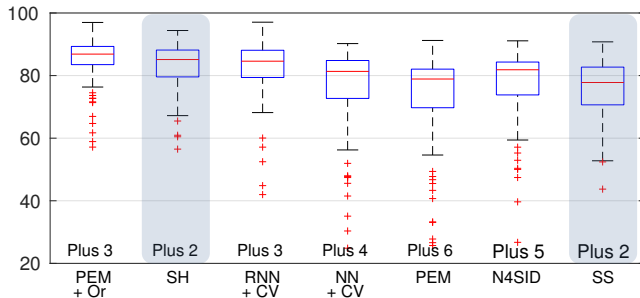
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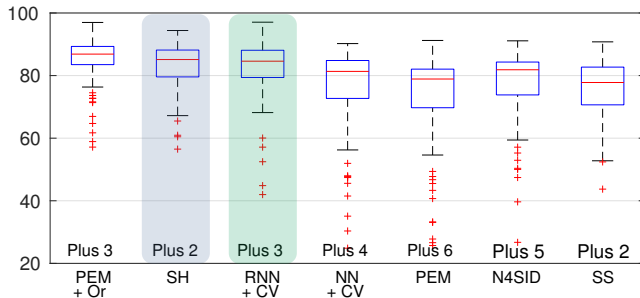
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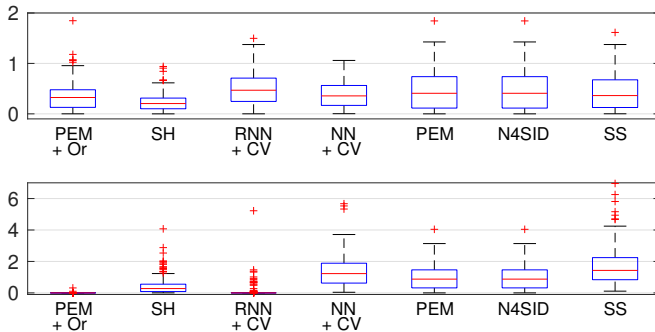


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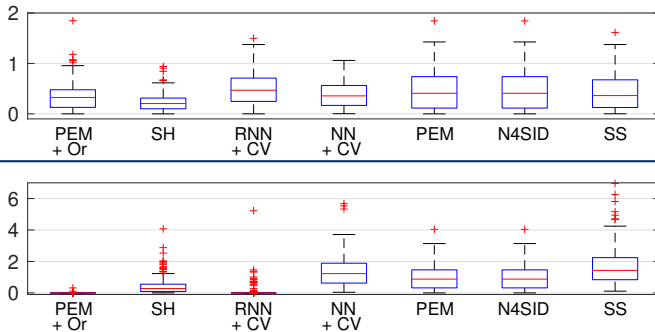




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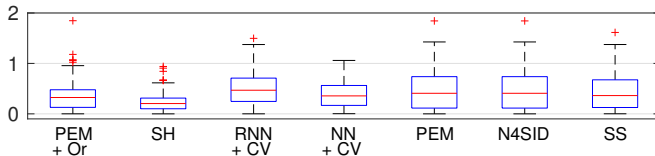
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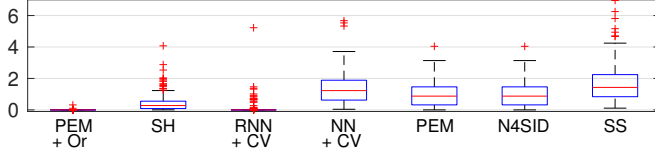


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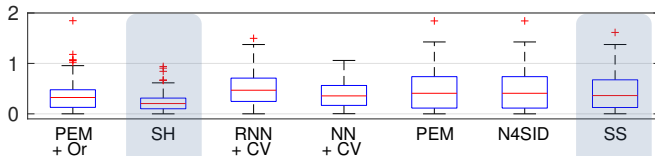
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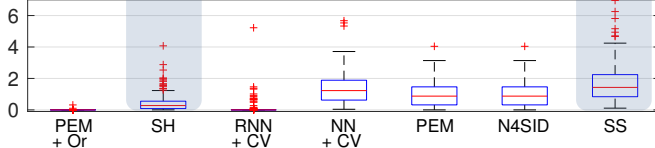
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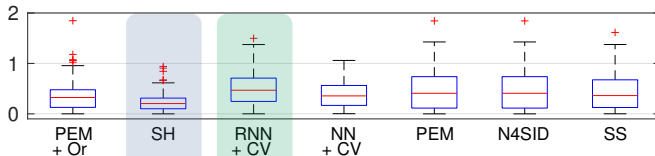
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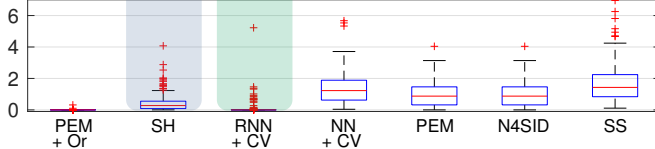
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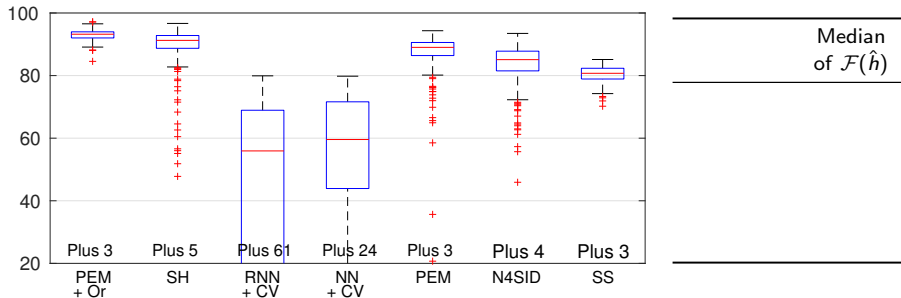
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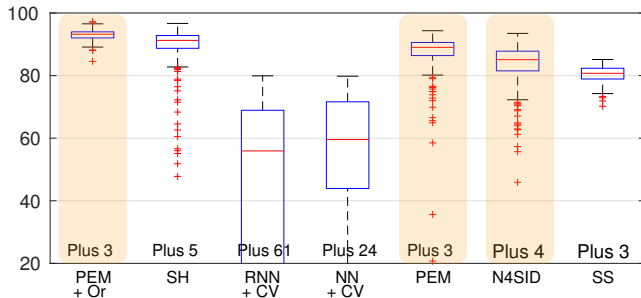


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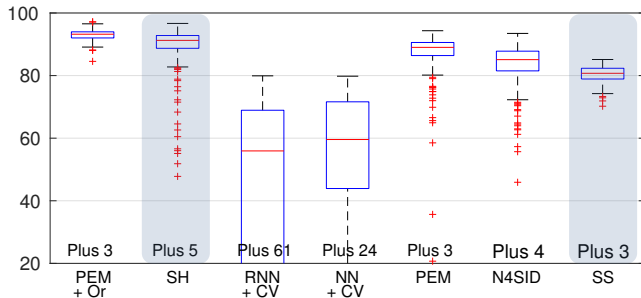


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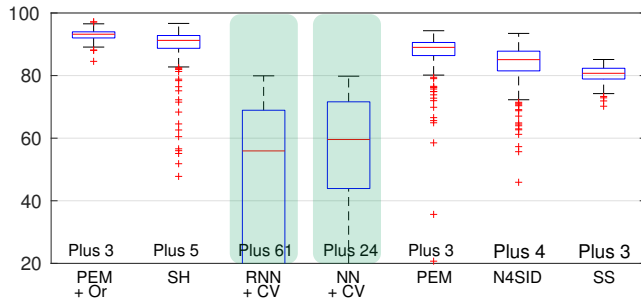
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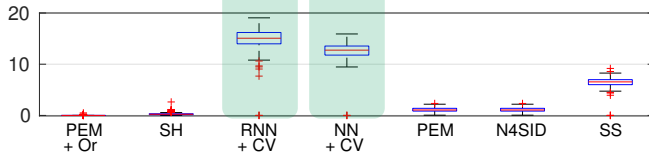
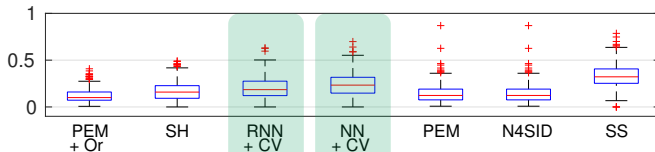
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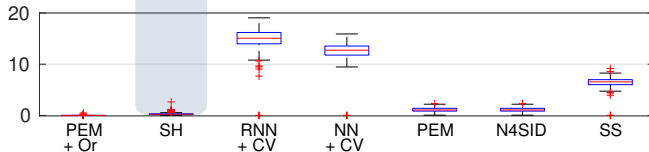
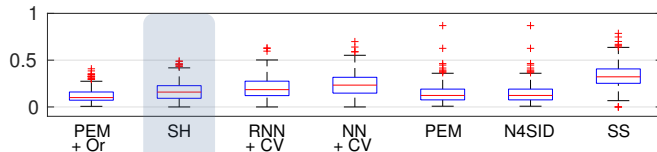
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