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Complex systems are of many types—biological (the human brain), physical (the World Trade Center collapse), social (the U.S. domestic aircraft transportation network), and informational (the Internet). Many such complex systems are successfully advanced by the judicious construction of computational models to serve as predictive surrogates for the system. The use of such models increasingly serves as the backbone for characterizing, modeling, predicting and ultimately optimizing the systems themselves.

The results of such efforts gain credence only after a proper V&V (verification and validation) of such computational models. This task itself is extremely difficult and can frequently be achieved only in a matter of degrees. In practice, an essential component in this V&V is an appropriate sensitivity analysis of the computational model. Gaining an appreciation of the dominant factors (and the ever-present interactions) of a computational model for a complex system is always an essential component in accepting/rejecting such a model, and (after acceptance) in gaining deeper insights and understanding as to what actually drives the complex system itself.

This talk describes the methodology (experiment design and statistical analysis) which was brought to bear to carry out a sensitivity analysis for computational models for a specific complex informational system (a network). Such methodology has application to assessing models of other complex system types.

NIST 5-Year Competence Project

Measurement Science for Complex Information Systems

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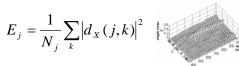
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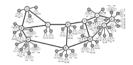
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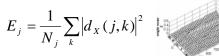






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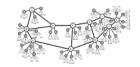
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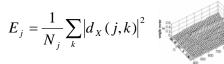
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Network Technology	Network Test Facilities	Network Science	Network Measurement
Very active	Very active	Little work	Some work
IPv6 Transition Autonomic	Emulab	Analyzing Spatiotemporal Properties	Archiving Traffic Samples
Computing	DETER	Visualizing	Visualizing
Service-Oriented Architectures	National Lamda Rail	Macroscopic Evolution	Topologies Analyzing
Mobile and Wireless Devices	TeraGrid	Predicting Phase Transitions	Self-Similarity
Peer-to-Peer Services	GENI	Controlling Global Behavior	Estimating Network Conditions

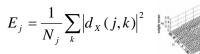
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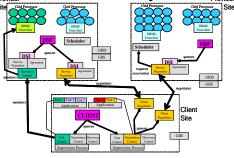
Leverage models and mathematics from the physical sciences to define a systematic method to measure, understand, predict and control macroscopic behavior in the Internet and distributed software systems built on the Internet

Technical Approach

- Establish models and analysis methods
 - Computationally tractable
 - Reveal macroscopic behavior
 - Establish predictability and causality
- Characterize distributed control techniques
 - Economic mechanisms to elicit desired behaviors
 - Biological mechanisms to organize components

Internet

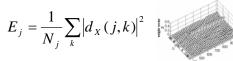
Distributed Systems











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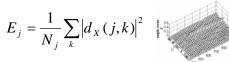
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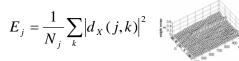


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Insight



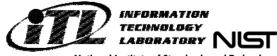




What is the global behavior of the Internet?

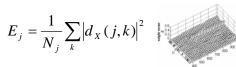
- Modeling Approach Agent Automaton
- Simulated topology
- Agent rules
 - backbone routers, backbone links, enterprise routers, receivers, sources, department routers
- Model dimensions
- Sample model measurements
- Next steps and some comparison with measurements
- Issues to consider
 - How to improve the model?
 - What analysis methods to use on the measurements?











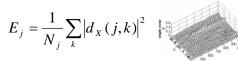
Agent Automata Model of Internet-like Network

- A network topology of routers, links and flows (source-receiver pairs)
 - Links have distances (and corresponding propagation delays)
 - Routers have (finite) queues (and thus varying queuing delays)
 - Routers have forwarding capacities (that vary with router type)
 - Assume fixed-length shortest path among routers (others assumptions possible)
 - Flows have random ON and OFF durations (various distributions possible)
 - Flows implement TCP congestion-control algorithm (others possible)
- Packets (data and acknowledgments) associated with flows progress between sources and receivers following routes through routers and links in the topology
- Every model element updated at each time step
- Measurements taken every "measurement" interval (e.g., 200 time steps)

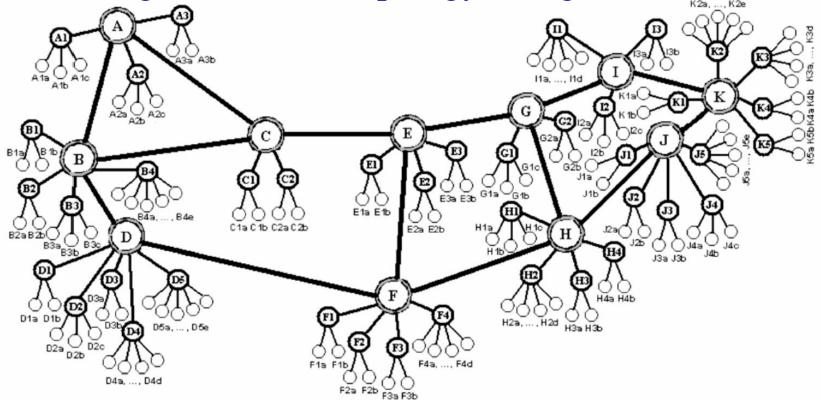








Starting with Fixed Topology – original Abilene net



Router-level network with three tiers: backbone (160 ppts), enterprise (20 ppts), department (5 ppts)

200 flow sources/department (1 ppts)

< 800 flow receivers/department (1 ppts)</p>

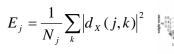
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Rules for Backbone Router Rules for Backbone Link Rules for Enterprise Router Rules for Receiver Rules for Source Rules for Department Router (outbound packet) Rules for Department Router (inbound data packet) Rules for Department Router (inbound ACK/NAK)

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 $E_{j} = \frac{1}{N_{j}} \sum_{k} \left| d_{X}(j,k) \right|^{2} \quad | \cdot |$

Rules for Backbone Router

If there are packets in the queue then lookup the next hop router If the next hop router is in the same domain lookup the enterprise router of the next hop if the queue in the enterprise router is not full then forward the packet else drop the packet endif else

lookup the backbone link on which to send the packet forward the packet on the backbone link and set the time it will be propagated

endif

Rules for Backbone Link

If the first packet on the link has been propagated if the sink backbone router for the link has room in its queue then forward the packet from the link to the sink router else drop the packet

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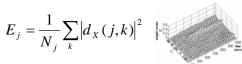
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Model Dimensions

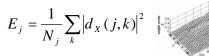
- Elements updated per time step: all backbone routers, backbone links, enterprise routers, department routers, source and active receivers

 -(11) 28 + 40 + 110 + 22,000 + 22,000 = 45,000
- Measurement interval = 200 time steps and run for 4000 measurement intervals = 800,000 time steps (other configurations possible)
- Model size is about 1100 lines of source code
 - MATLAB version (pre-project prototype) required 280 CPU hours to compute
 - SLX version (developed during project) requires < 3 CPU hours to compute</p>
 - Recently required ~16 CPU hours to simulate 7.2 million time steps with a measurement granularity of 100 times per interval (to throw away first 3.6 million time steps)
- Can model size be expanded and still execute reasonably?
 - Concatenate 10 networks (i.e., about 500,000 elements)?







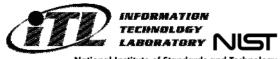


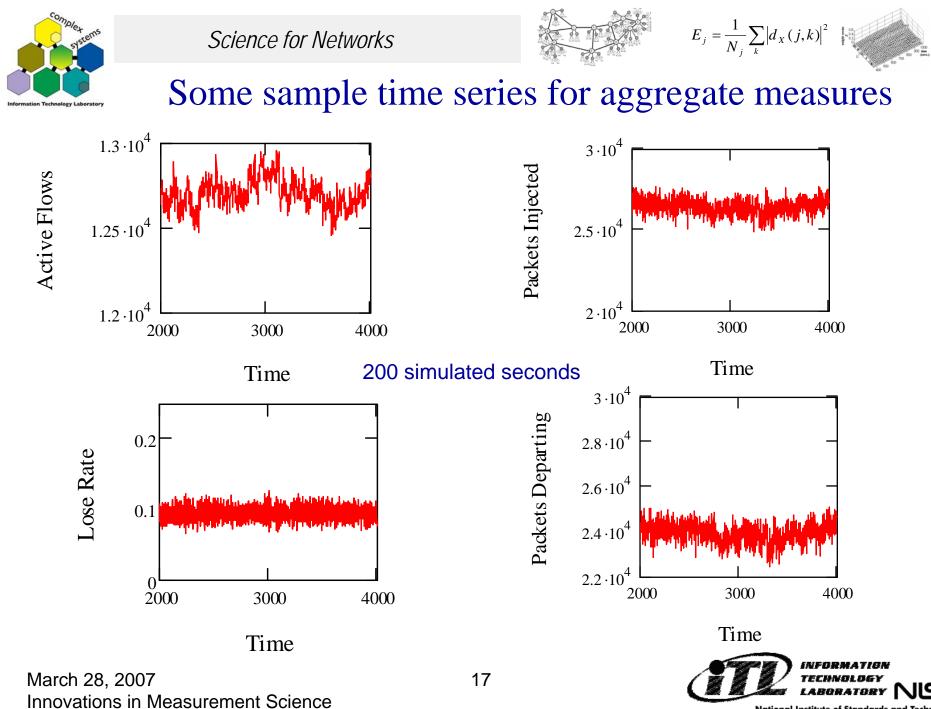


Sample measurements (per interval)

- Packets flowing(into and(out) of the network
- Count of packets bound (sort of) from domain x to leaf y
- Active flows
- Router queue size
- Network-wide loss rate
- Domain with maximum flowing heading into it and the number of flows
- Packets transiting selected monitored links
- Loss Rate = (In-Out)/In

Measurements drive memory usage ~ 100 to 200 Mbytes (depending on measurements)

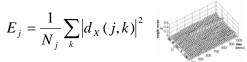




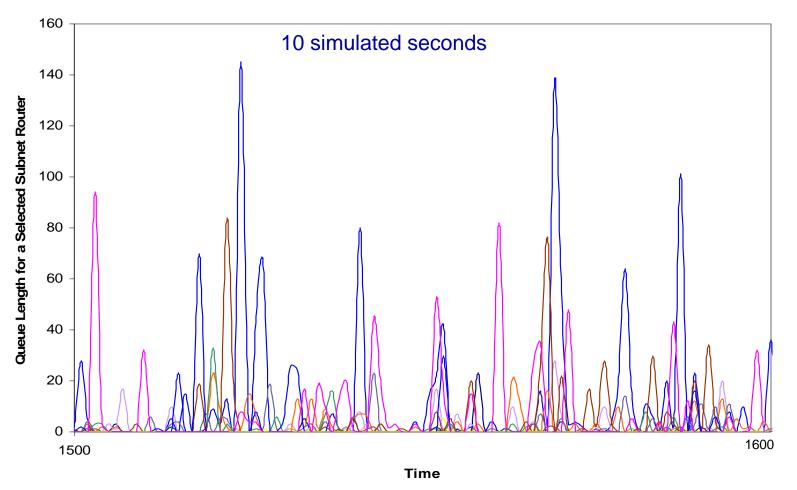


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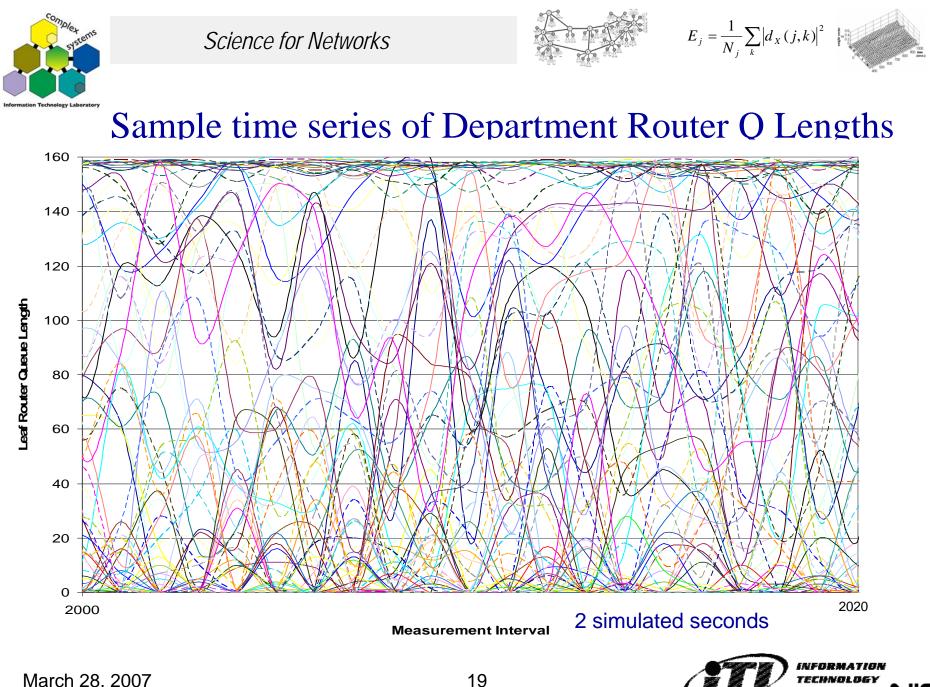
Sample time series of Enterprise Router Q Lengths



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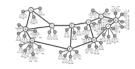


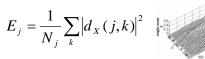
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Questions ...

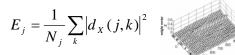
- What is a reasonable topology?
 - Selected tier 3 sites (e.g., Google, Yahoo) will provide higher capacities for expected increased load
 - Internet is a network of networks (ASes)
- Where should sources be placed relative to receivers?
 - Web surfing puts sources and receivers at different places
 - Peer-to-peer interaction provides more even distribution of sources and receivers
 - Content-distribution networks might also provide more even distribution
- What are reasonable distributions for the pattern of flows?
 - Web surfing suggests concentration of flow to selected receivers
 - Special events suggest hot spots
 - Collaborative interactions suggest peer-to-peer
- What ON/OFF regimes should flows observe and in what mix?
 - File transfers might differ from Web accesses and from interactive games and streaming voice and video
- What special techniques should simulated routers employ?
 - Random-early drop might mitigate congestion
 - Flow reservations and prioritized queues might provide varying quality of service





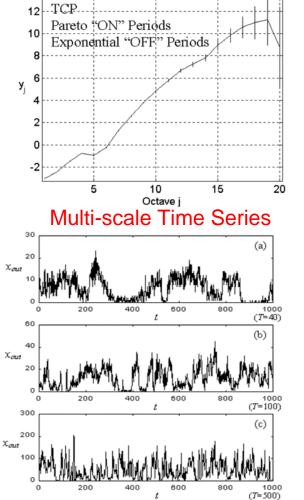
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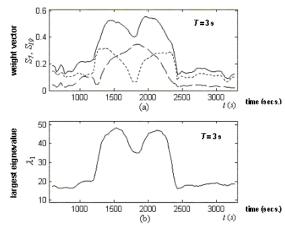


What analysis techniques will provide insight?

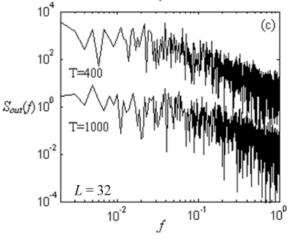
Wavelets



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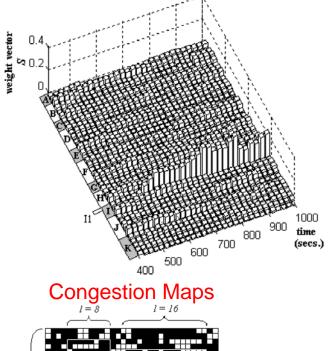


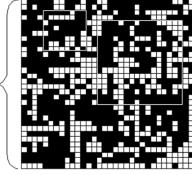




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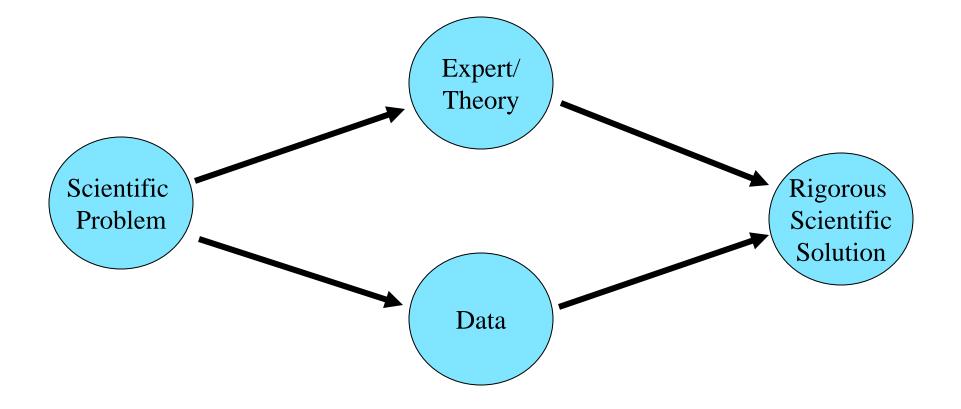
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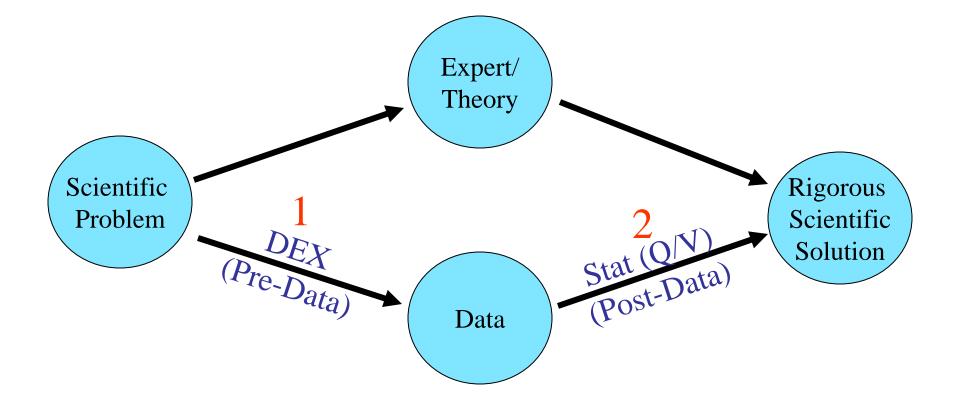


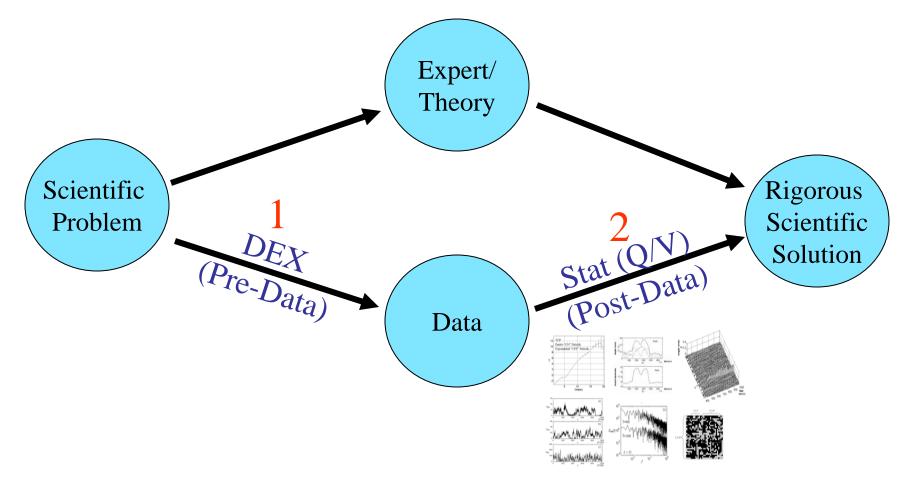


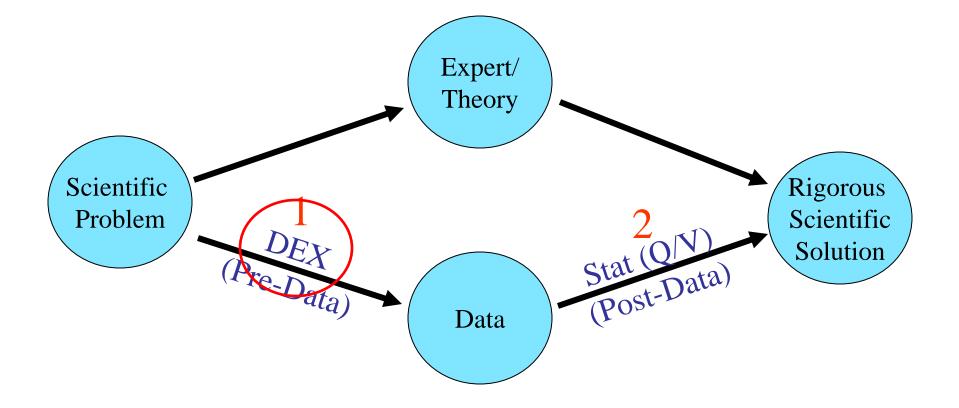
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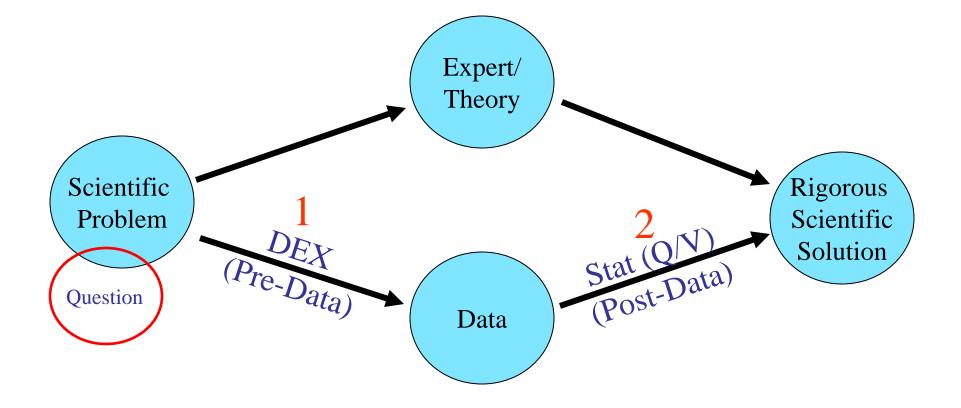


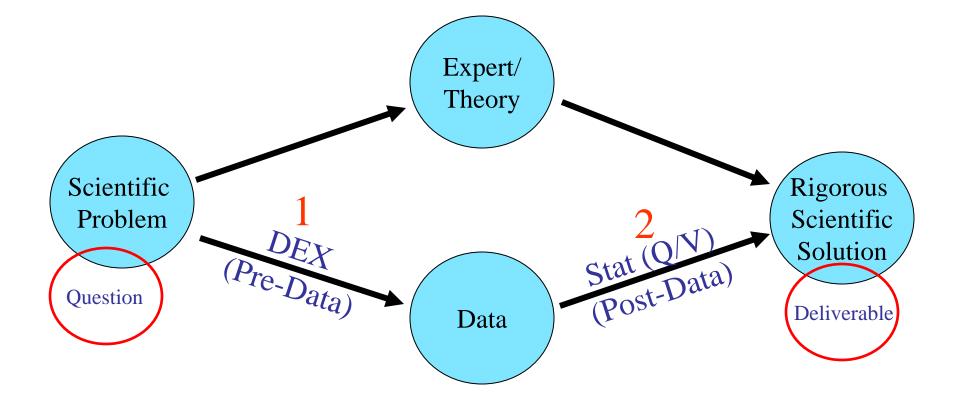


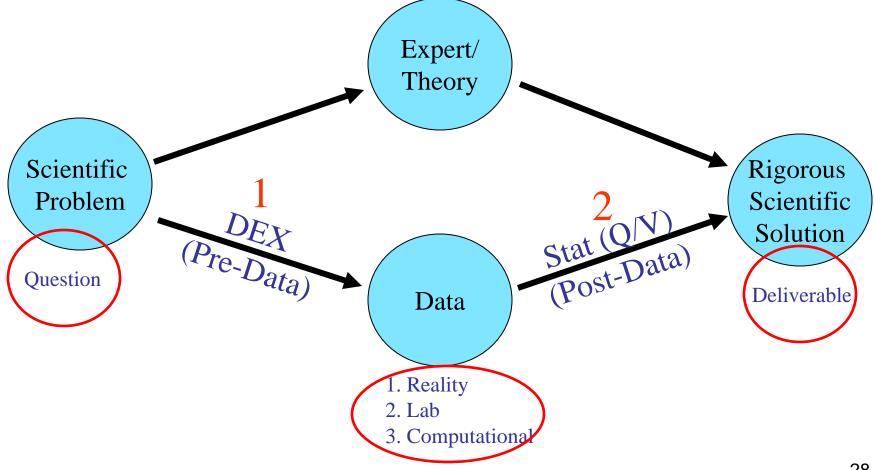


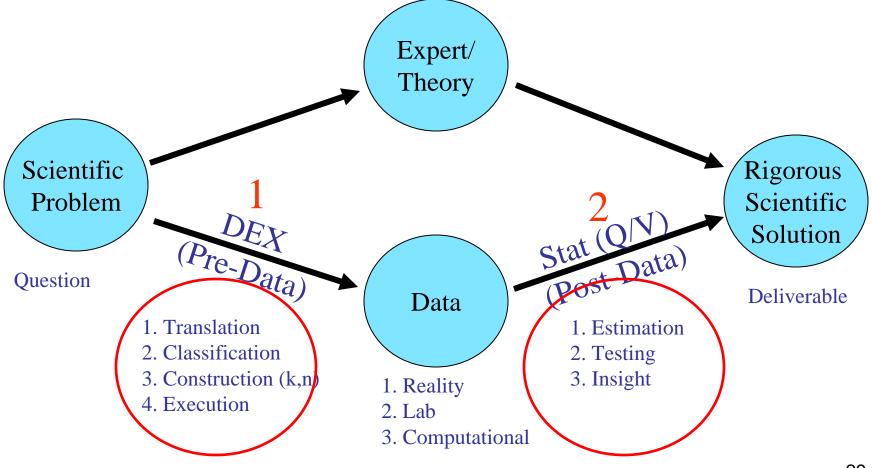


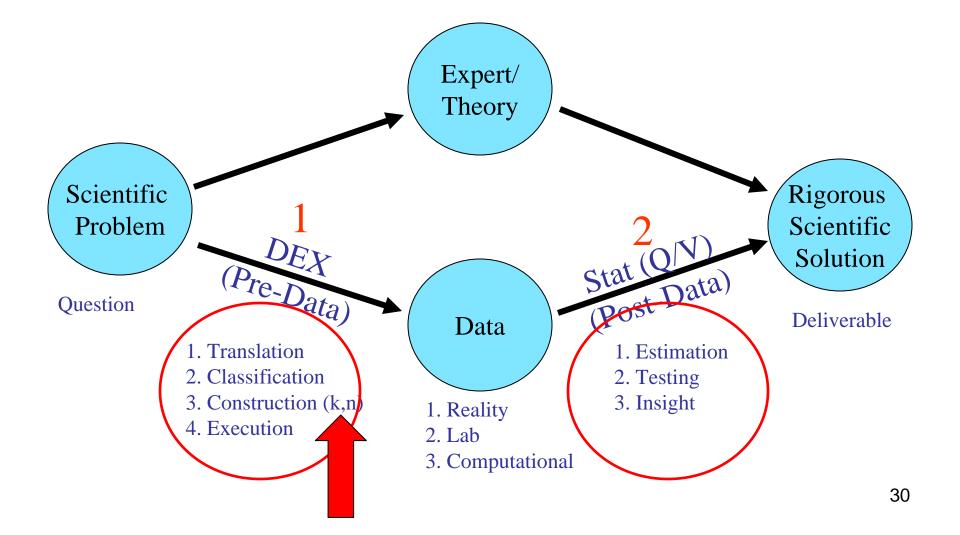


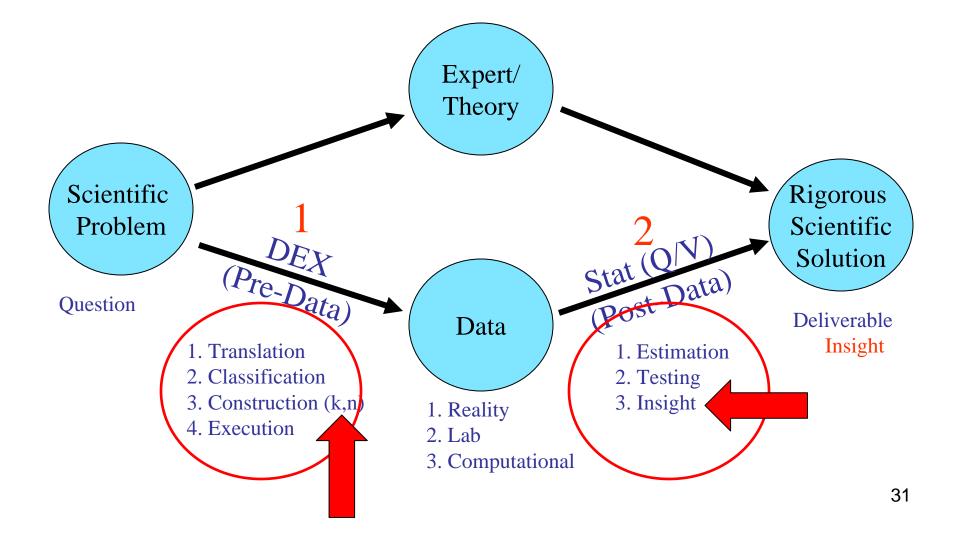


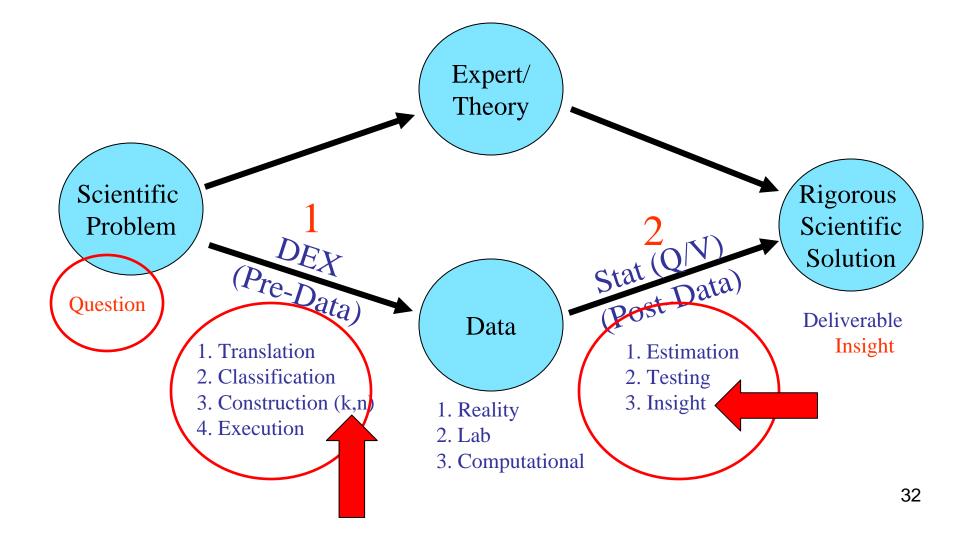


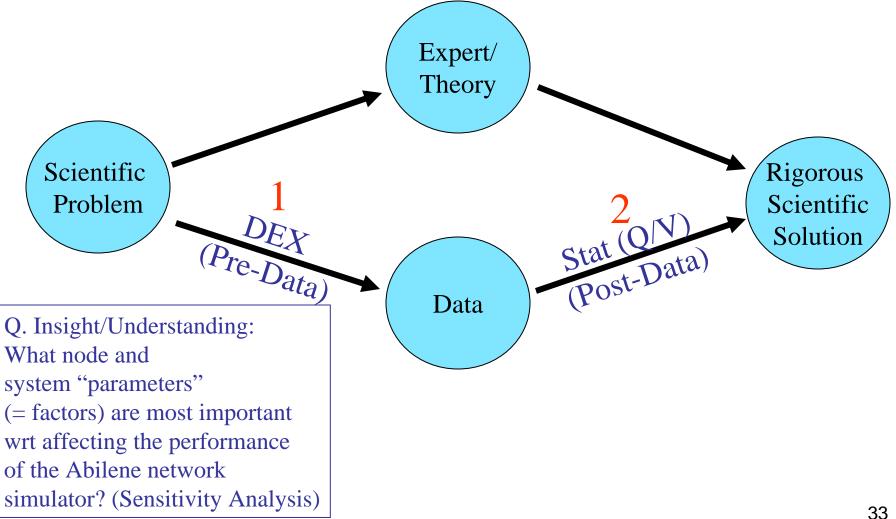


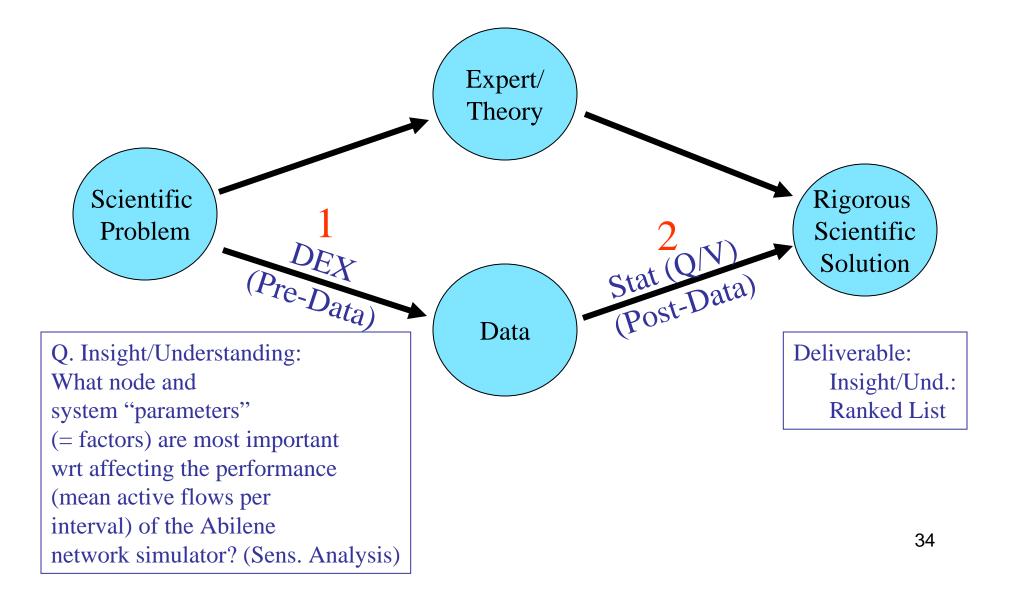












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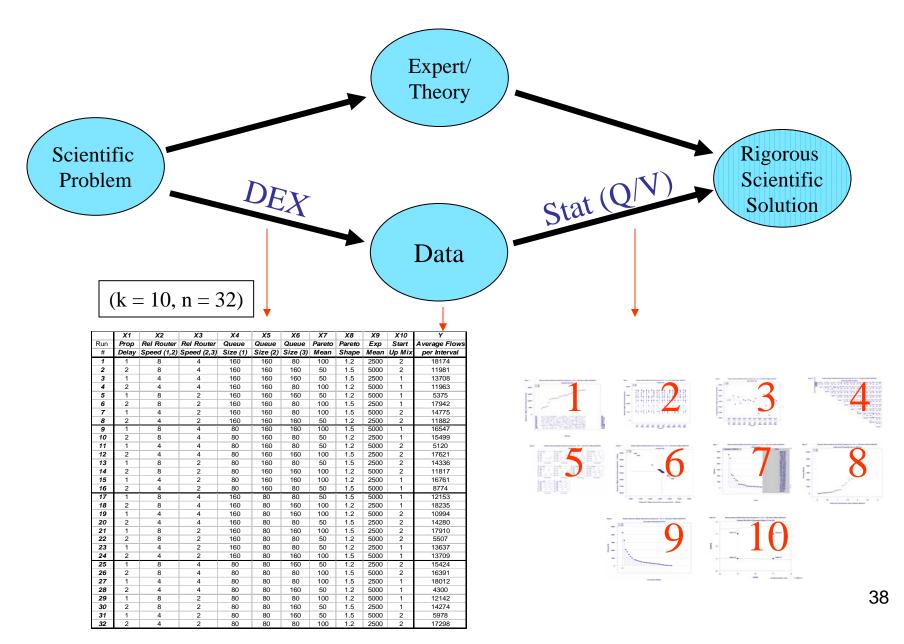
(10 hours of CPU time)
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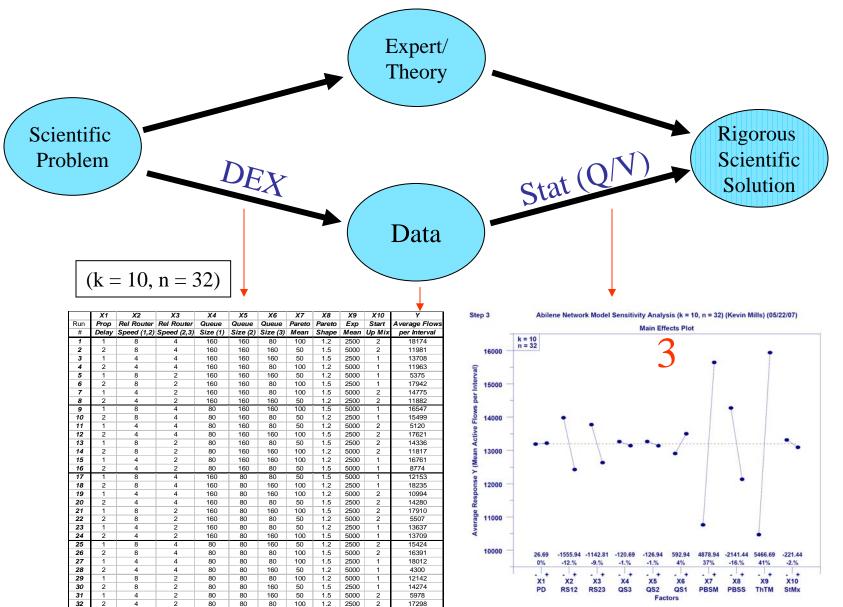
 $(k = 10, n \le 50)$ $\rightarrow 2^{10-5}$ Fractional Factorial Design (k = 10, n = 32)

1 + 10 + 45

Abilene Network Model Sensitivity Analysis



Abilene Network Model Sensitivity Analysis



The Input Data File

This is data file mills21.dat DEX #1: 2**(10-5) Kevin Mills, 05/22/07 Contents: Results of Abilene Network Designed Experiment #1 Number of observations = $32 (= 2^{**}(10-5))$ Number of variables per line image = 16 (= 6 responses + 10 factors) Order of variables on a line image: 1. Response variable 1 = Computer (= Processor) ID 2. Response variable 2 – CPU Time (hours) 3. Response variable 3 = Average active flows per interval 4. Response variable 4 = Average packets in per interval 5. Response variable 5 = Average packets out per interval 6. Response variable 6 =Average loss rate per interval 7. Factor 1 = Propagation Delay (2 levels: (-,+) = (current, 2 x current))8. Factor 2 = (L1/L2) Rel. Router Speed (2 levels: (-,+) = (8, ,4)) 9. Factor 3 = (L2/L3) Rel. Router Speed (2 levels: (-,+) = (8, ,4)) 10. Factor 4 = Level 3 Queue Size (2 levels: (-,+) = (160,80))11. Factor 5 = Level 2 Queue Size (2 levels: (-,+) = (160,80))12. Factor 6 = Level 1 Queue Size (2 levels: (-,+) = (160,80))13. Factor 7 = Packet Block Size Pareto Mean (2 levels: (-,+) = (50, 100)) 14. Factor 8 = Packet Block Size Pareto Shape(2 levels: (-,+) = (1.5, 1.2)15. Factor 9 = "Think Time" Exponential Mean (2 levels: (-,+) = (5000,2500)16. Factor 10 = Start-up Mix (2 levels: (-,+) = (100/0/0, 0/0/0/100))

To read this data file into dataplot: skip 25; read mills21.dat y1 to y6 x1 to x10 Response 1: Average Active Flows per Interval Response 2: Average Packets In per Interval Response 3: Average Packets Out per Interval Response 4: Average Loss per Interval

Experiment Design(2¹⁰⁻⁵) & Data

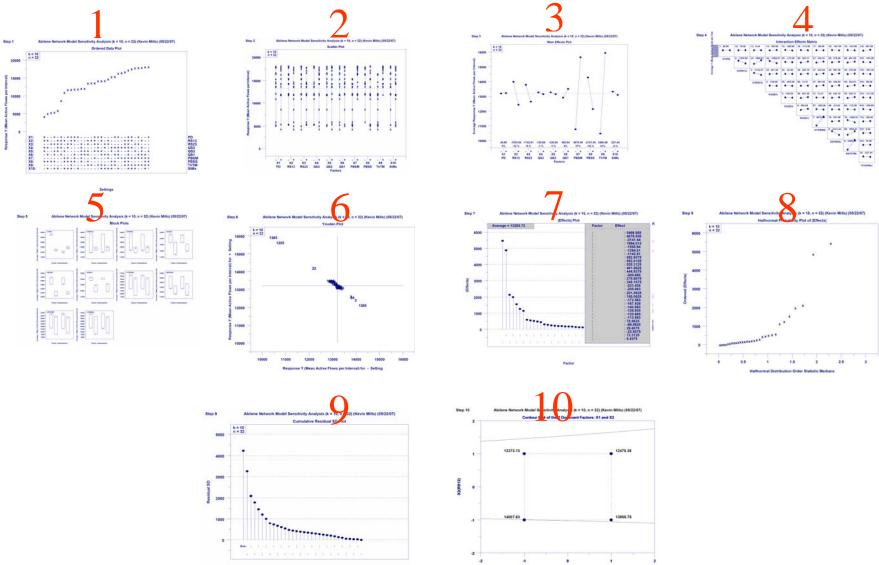
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9.	2.8	11882.	43527.	41083.	0.056	1 1 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 1 1 1
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10.	2.1	5120.	35889.	34010.	0.052	-1 1 -1 1 -1 1 -1 1 -1 1
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Response 1: Average Active Flow per Interval

Experiment Design(2¹⁰⁻⁵) & *Data*

	X1	X2	Х3	X4	X5	X6	X7	X8	X9	X10	Y
Run	Prop	Rel Router	Rel Router	Queue	Queue	Queue	Pareto	Pareto	Ехр	Start	Average Flows
#	Delay	Speed (1,2)	Speed (2,3)	Size (1)	Size (2)	Size (3)	Mean	Shape	Mean	Up Mix	per Interval
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2	2	8	4	160	160	160	50	1.5	5000	2	11981
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4	2	4	4	160	160	80	100	1.2	5000	1	11963
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6	2	8	2	160	160	80	100	1.5	2500	1	17942
7	1	4	2	160	160	80	100	1.5	5000	2	14775
8	2	4	2	160	160	160	50	1.2	2500	2	11882
9	1	8	4	80	160	160	100	1.5	5000	1	16547
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13	1	8	2	80	160	80	50	1.5	2500	2	14336
14	2	8	2	80	160	160	100	1.2	5000	2	11817
15	1	4	2	80	160	160	100	1.2	2500	1	16761
16	2	4	2	80	160	80	50	1.5	5000	1	8774
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21	1	8	2	160	80	160	100	1.5	2500	2	17910
22	2	8	2	160	80	80	50	1.2	5000	2	5507
23	1	4	2	160	80	80	50	1.2	2500	1	13637
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31	1	4	2	80	80	160	50	1.5	5000	2	5978
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10-Step Data Analysis (Dataplot Macro dexplot.dp)

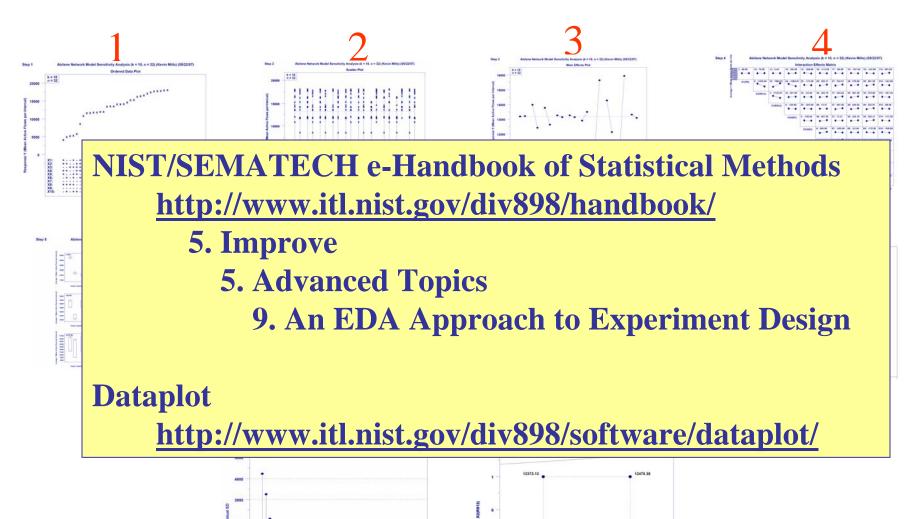


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Predicted y(0.0) = ybar

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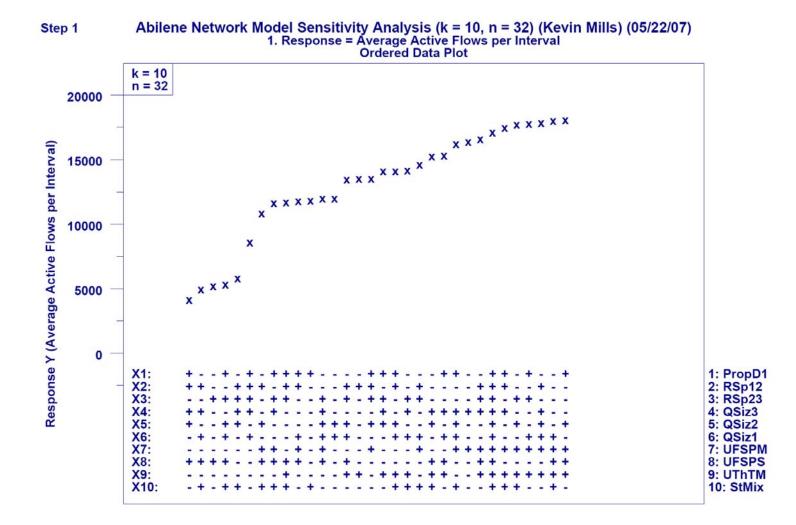
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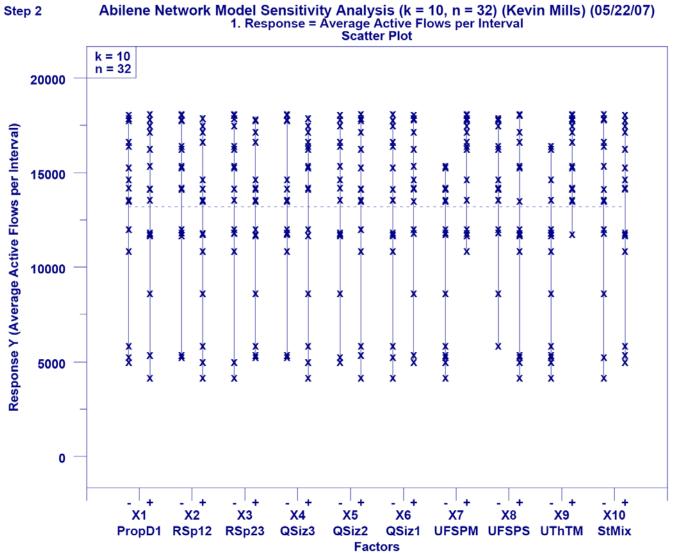
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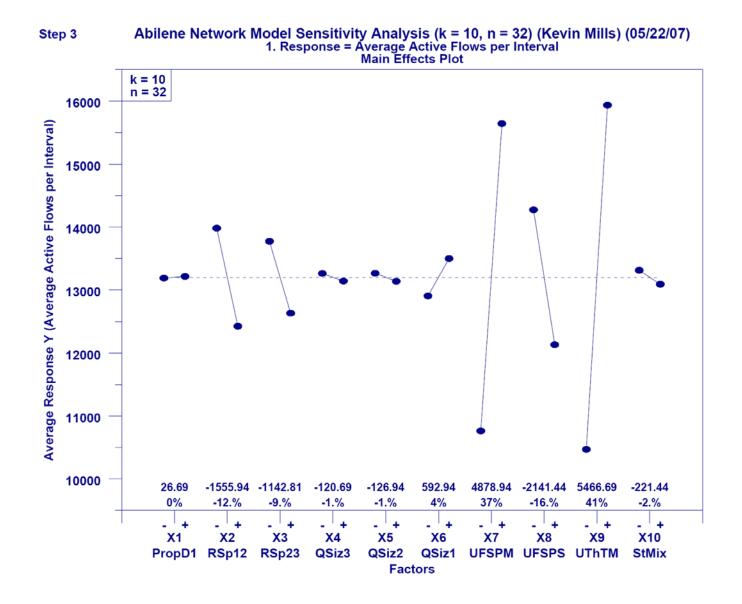
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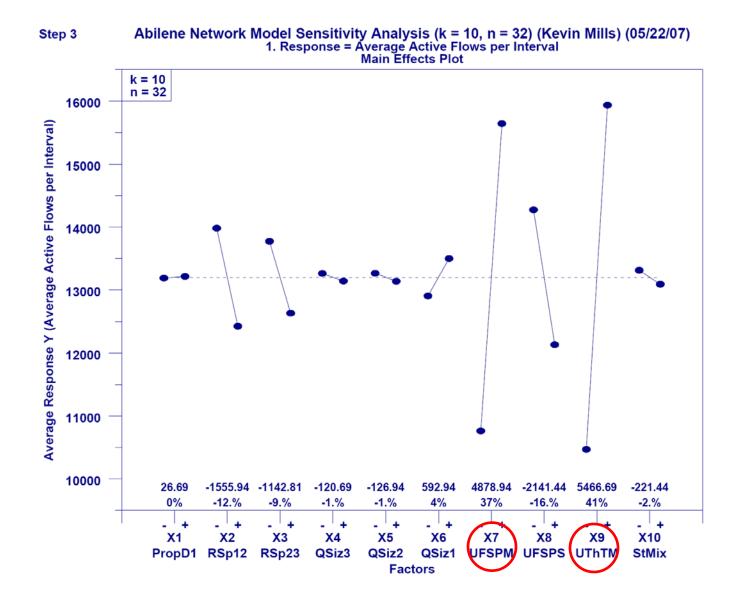
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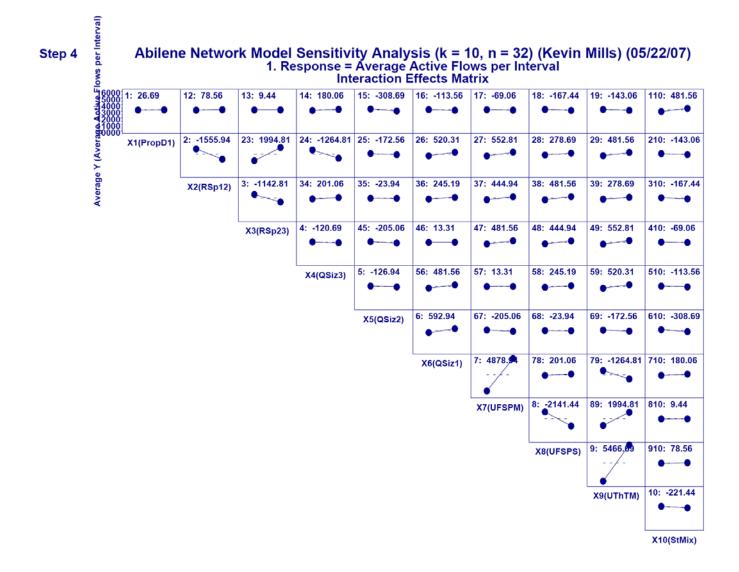


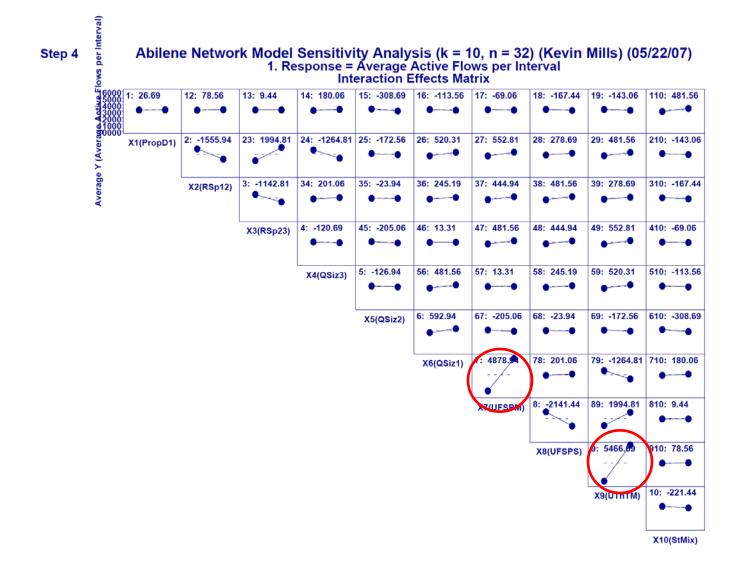
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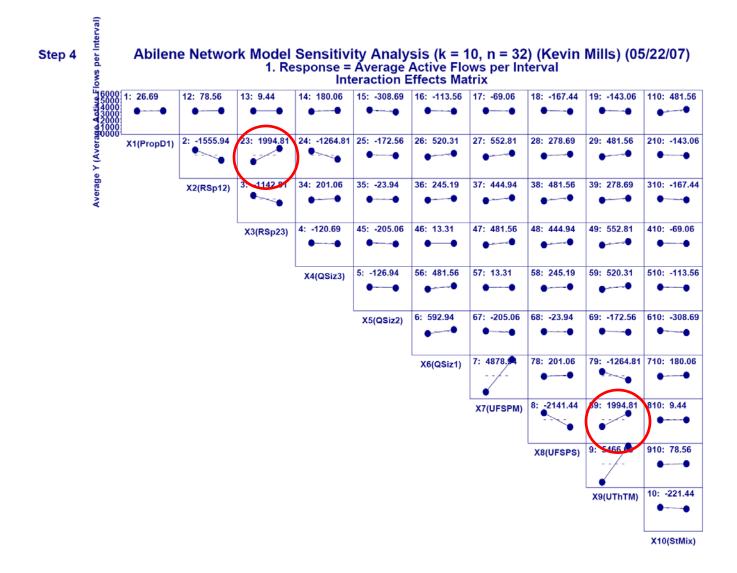




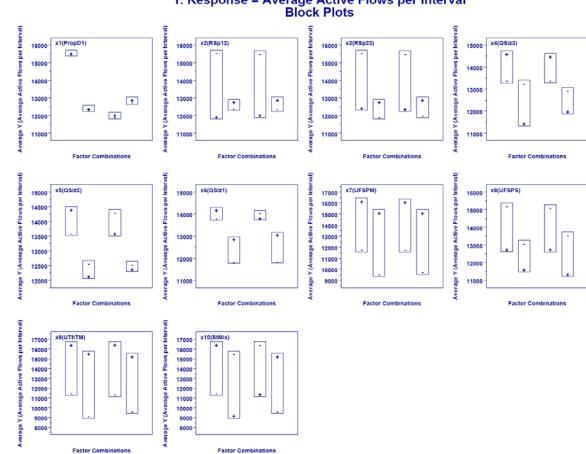






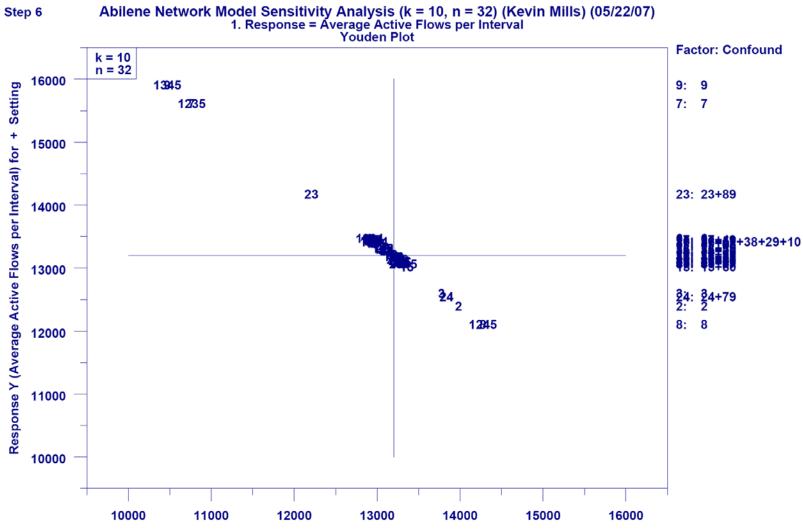




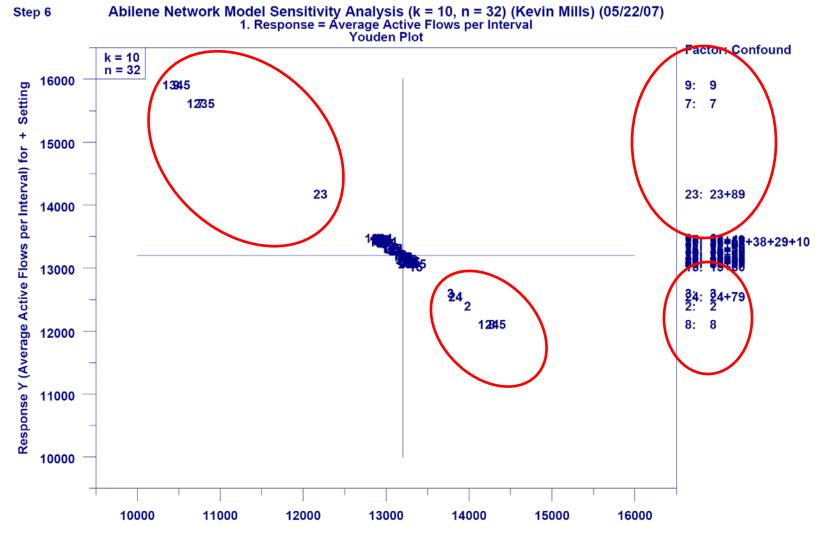


Abilene Network Model Sensitivity Analysis (k = 10, n = 32) (Kevin Mills) (05/22/07) 1. Response = Average Active Flows per Interval Block Plots

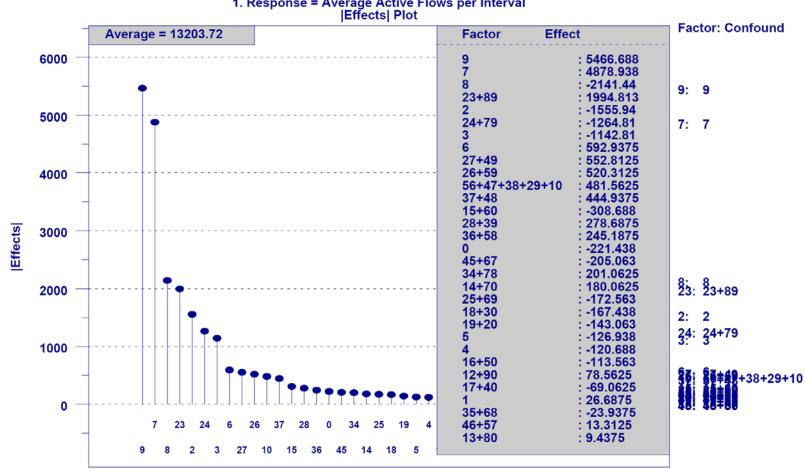
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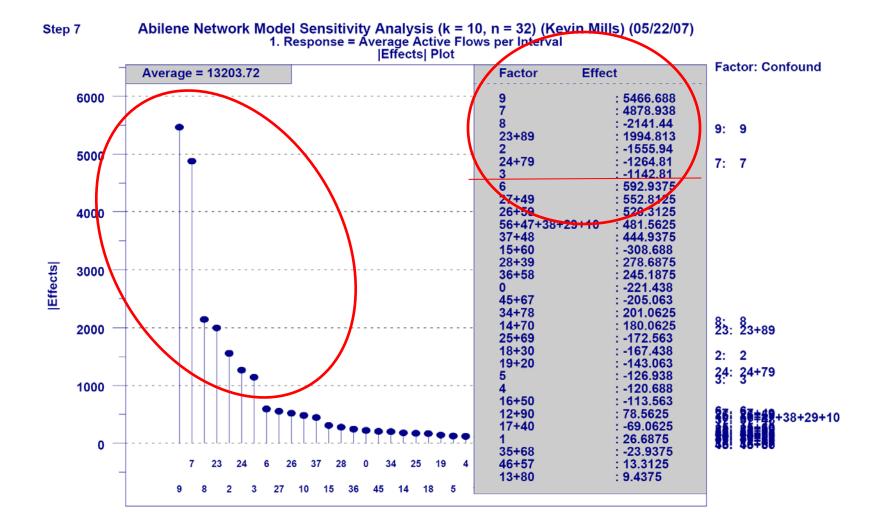


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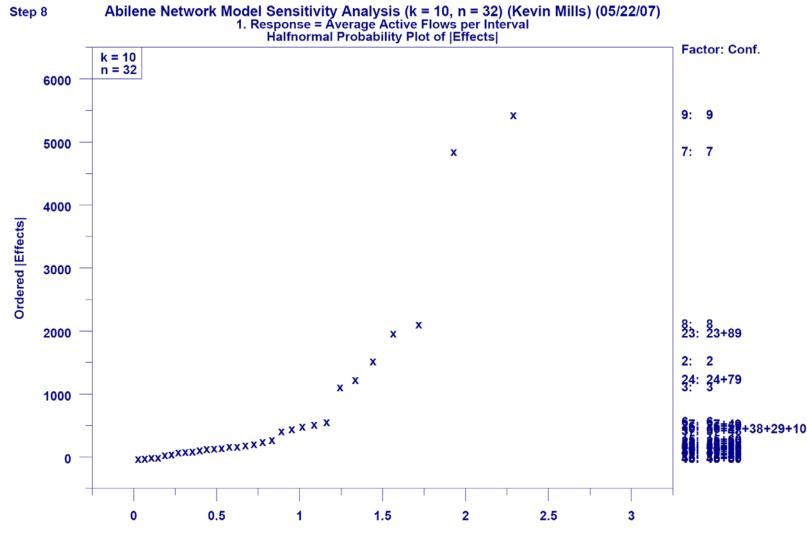


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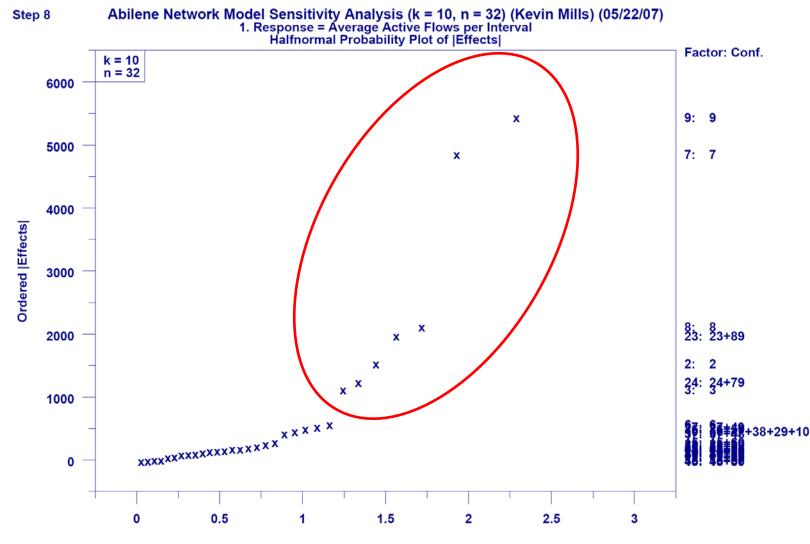


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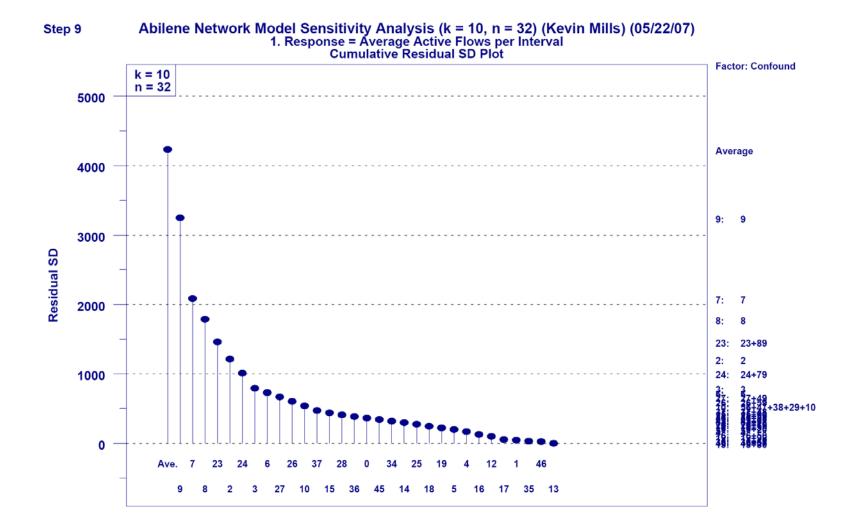
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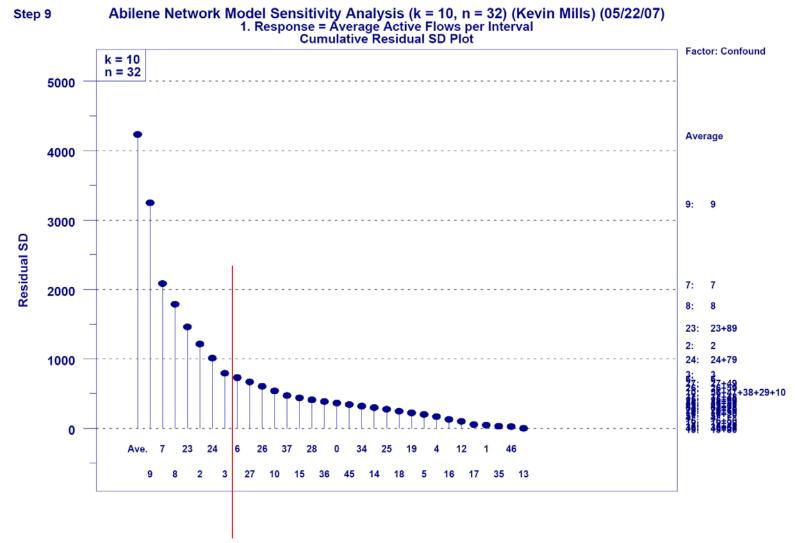


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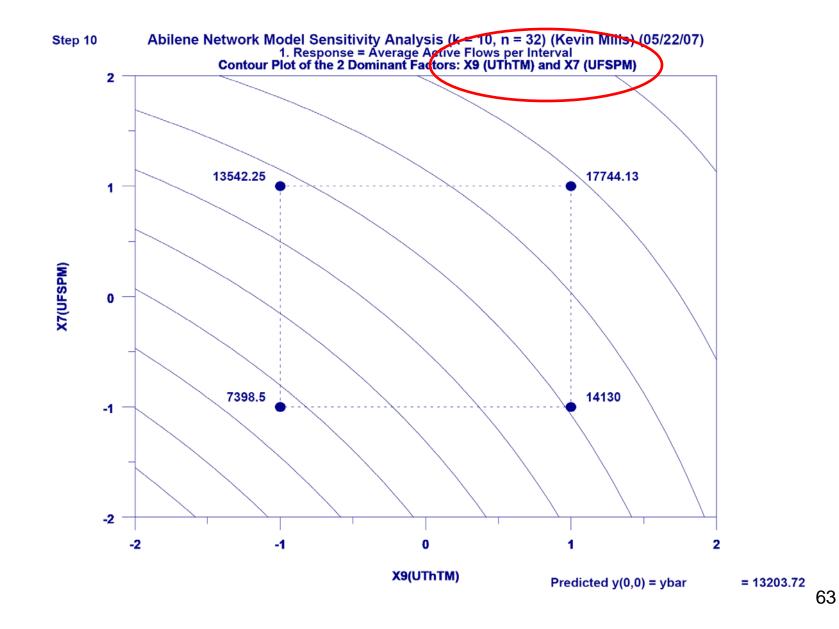
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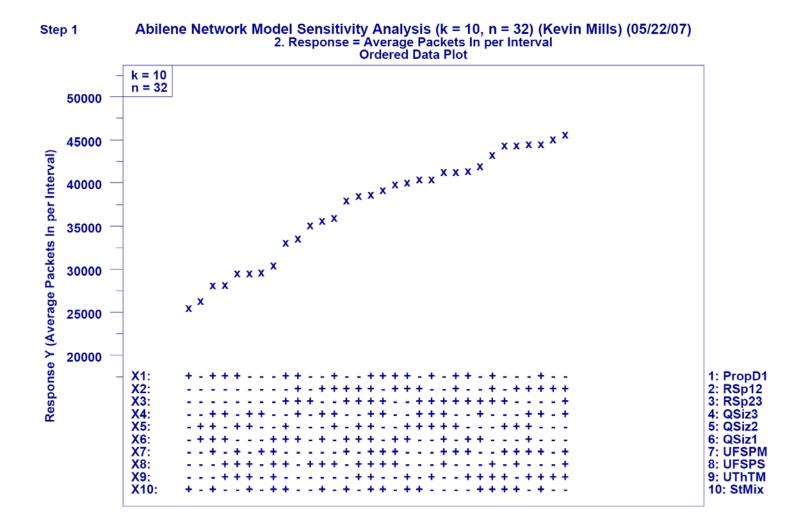
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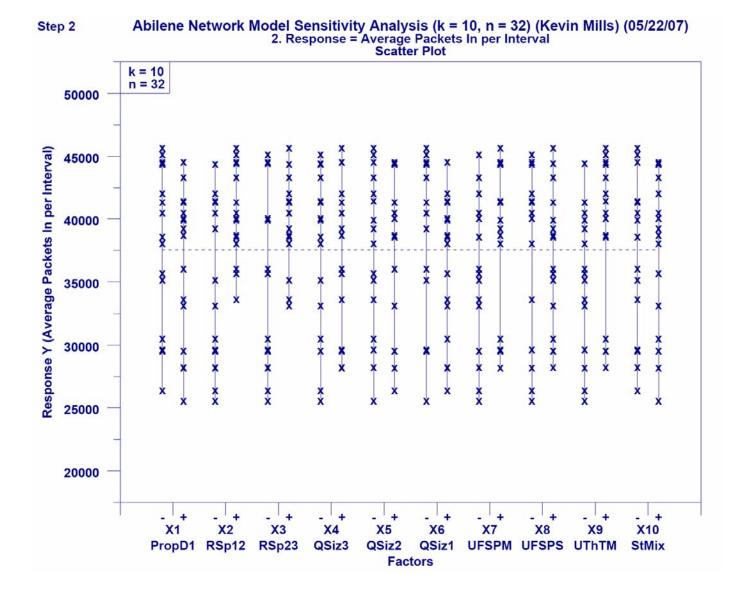
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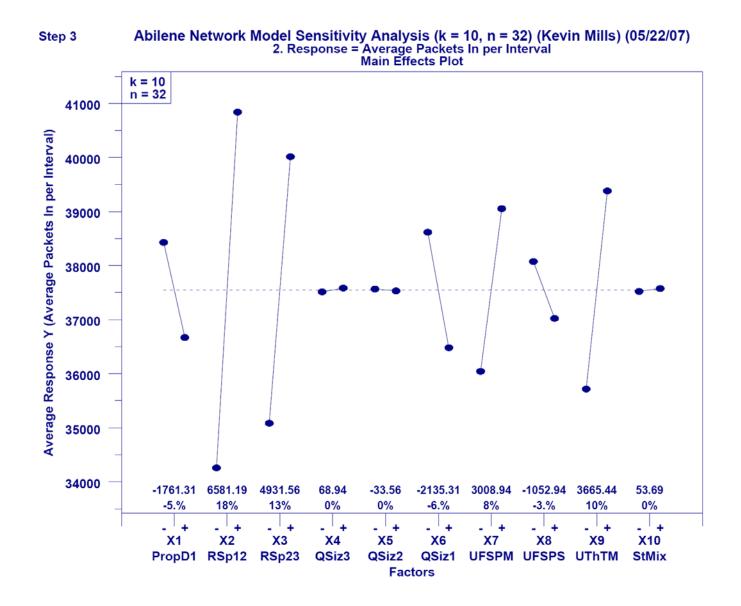


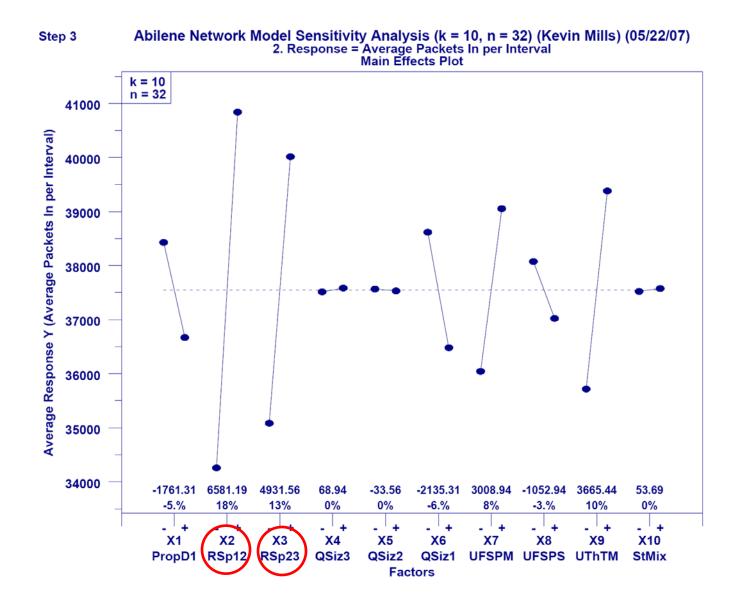
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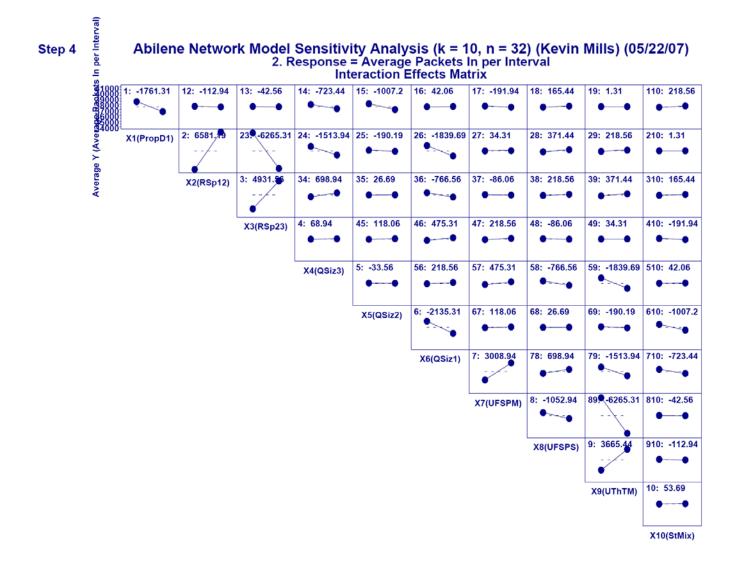


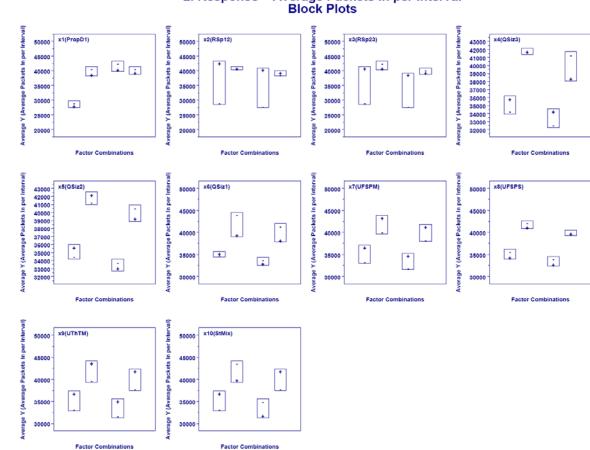
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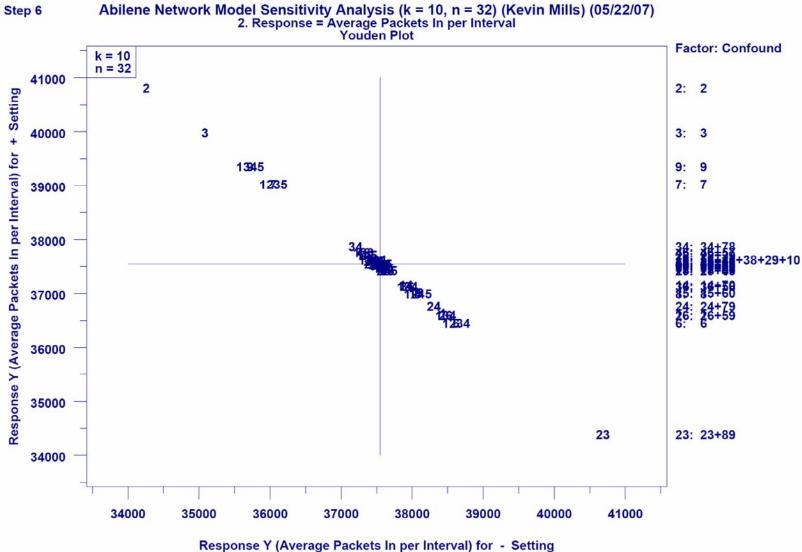


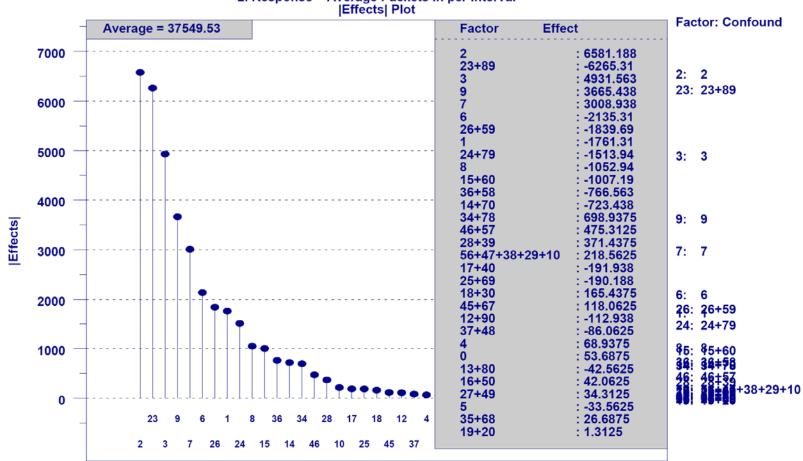




Abilene Network Model Sensitivity Analysis (k = 10, n = 32) (Kevin Mills) (05/22/07) 2. Response = Average Packets In per Interval Block Plots

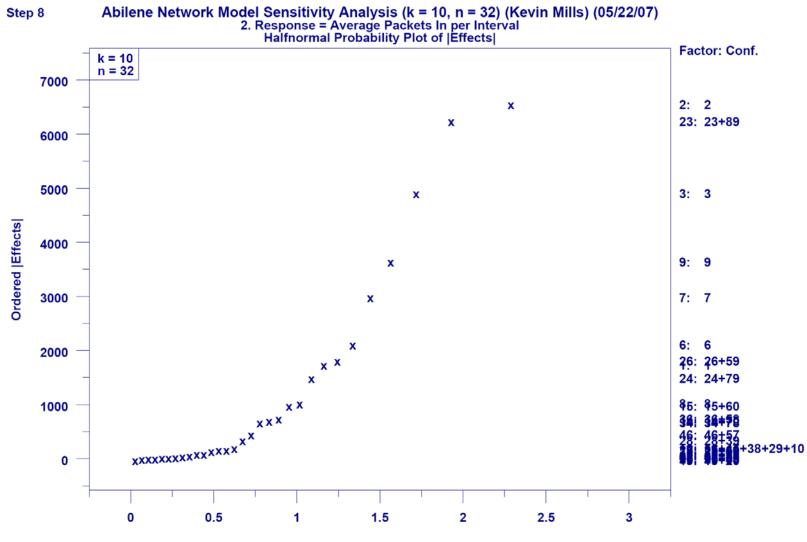
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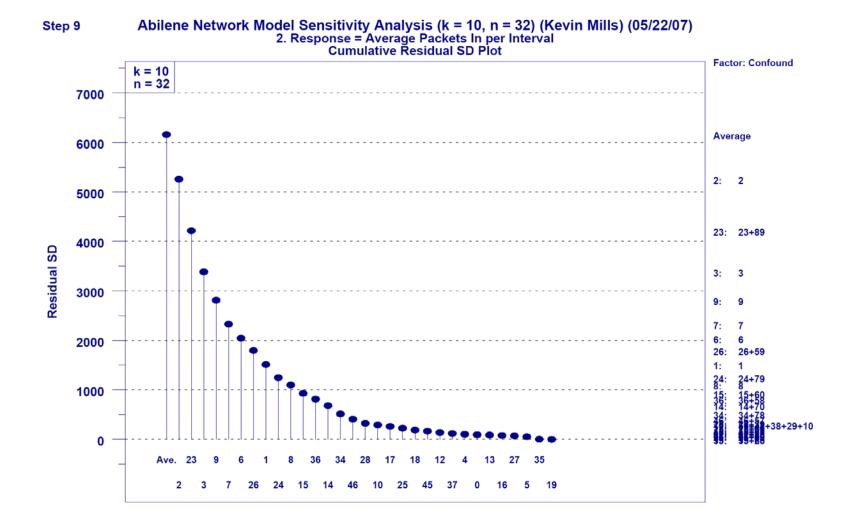


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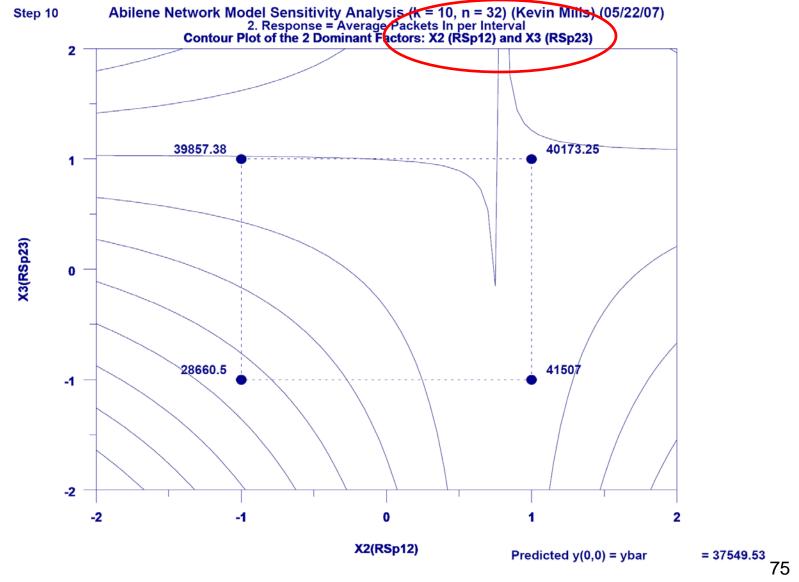
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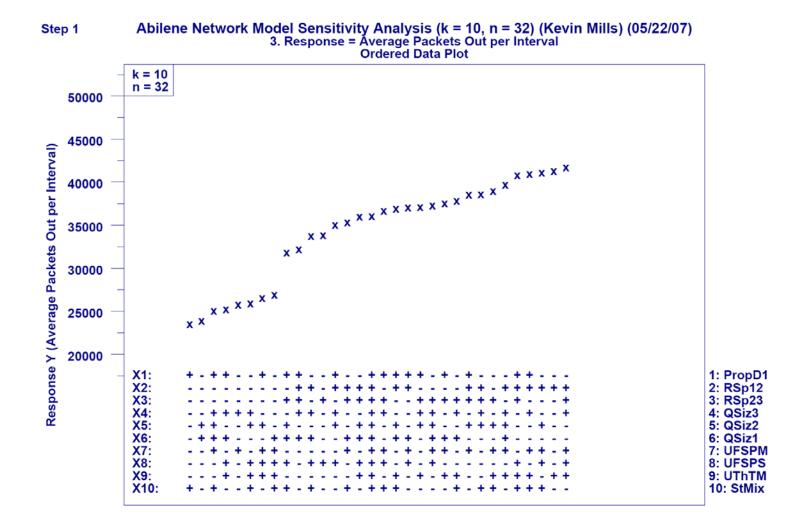
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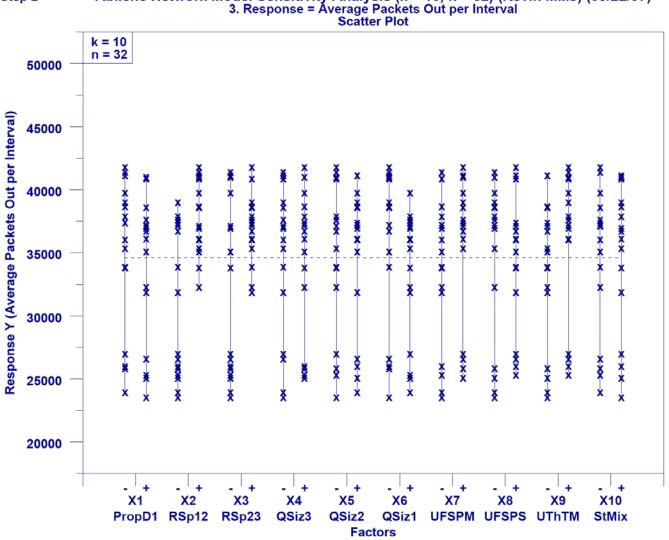
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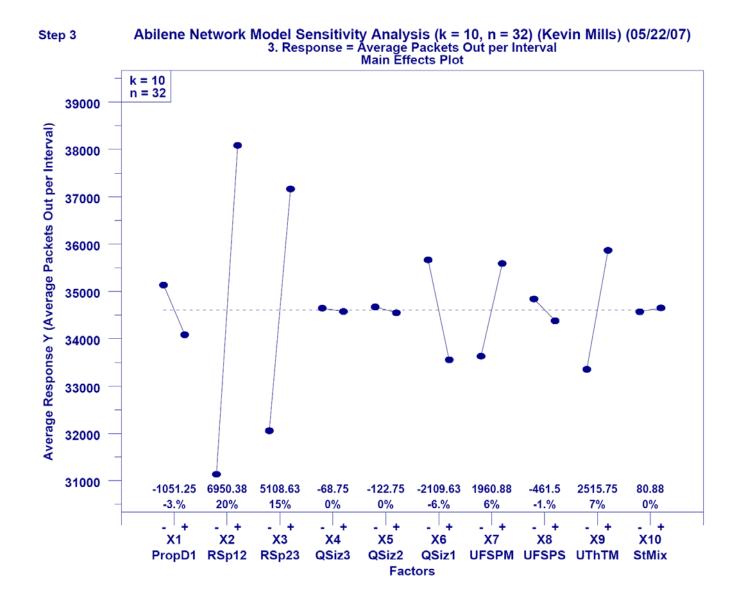
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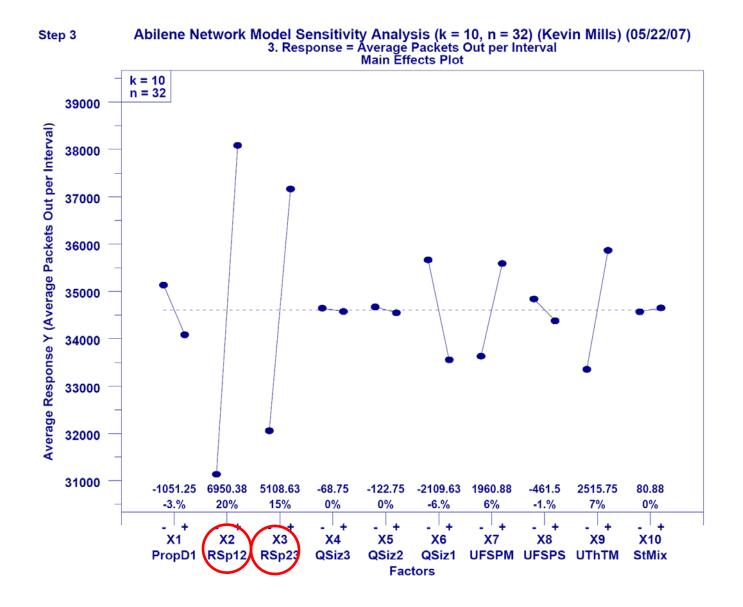


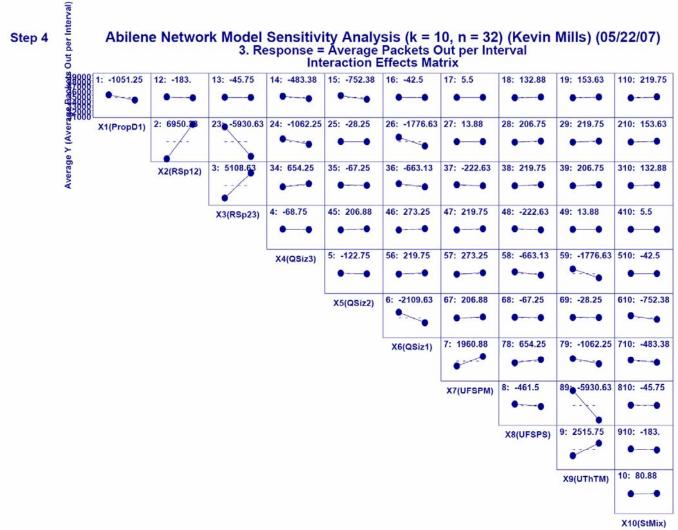
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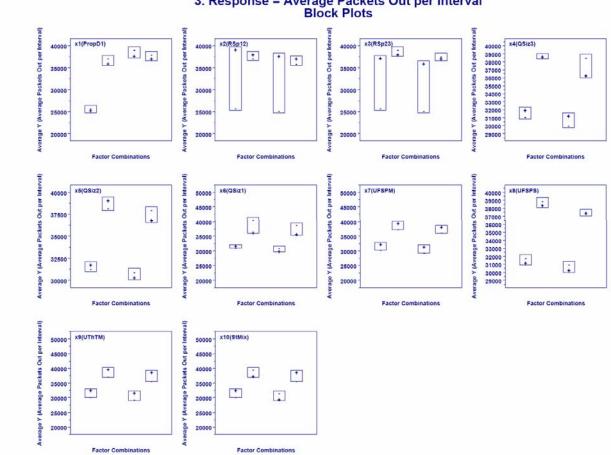


Abilene Network Model Sensitivity Analysis (k = 10, n = 32) (Kevin Mills) (05/22/07) 3. Response = Average Packets Out per Interval Scatter Plot Step 2



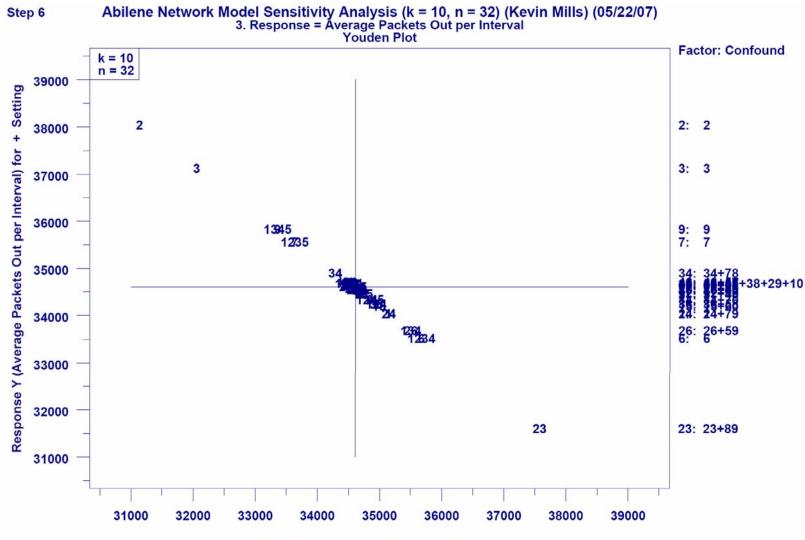




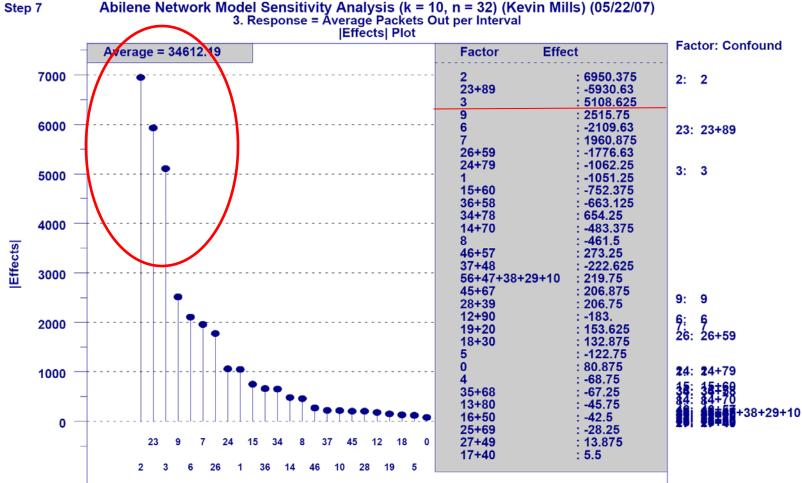


Abilene Network Model Sensitivity Analysis (k = 10, n = 32) (Kevin Mills) (05/22/07) 3. Response = Average Packets Out per Interval Block Plots

Step 5

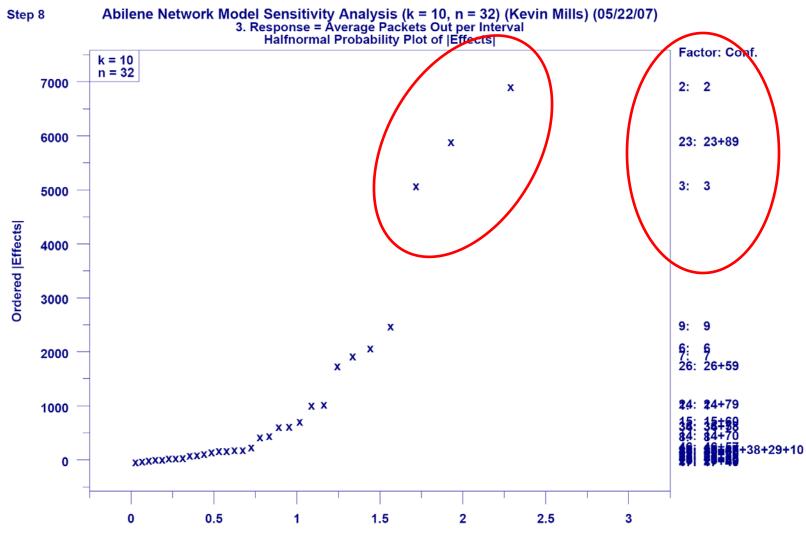


Response Y (Average Packets Out per Interval) for - Setting

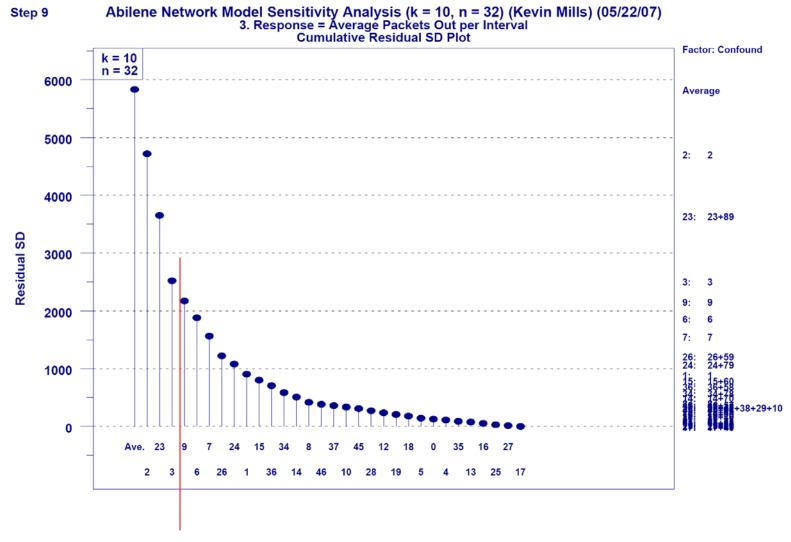


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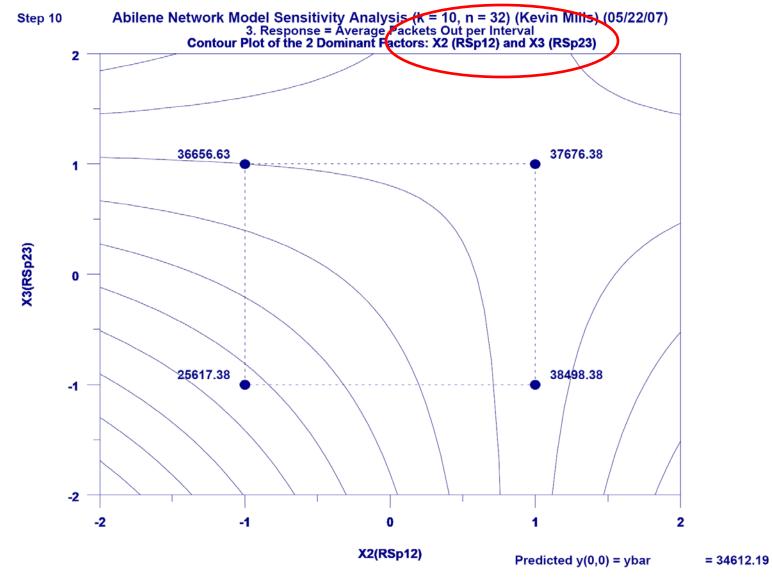
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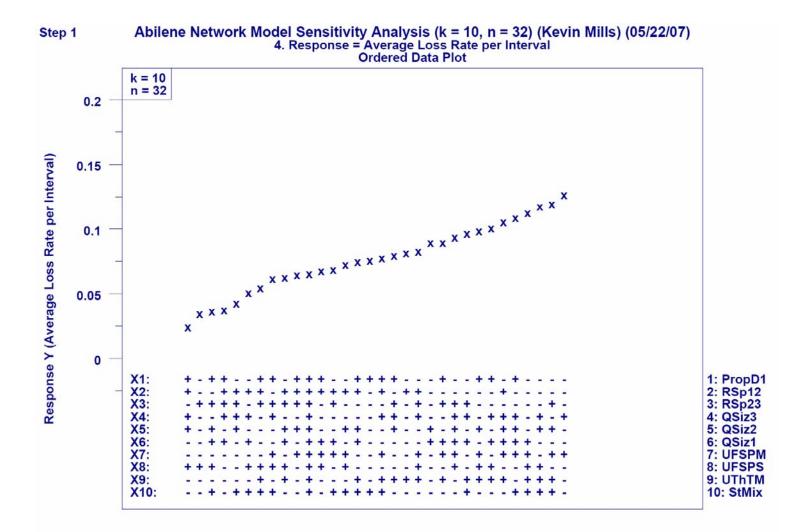
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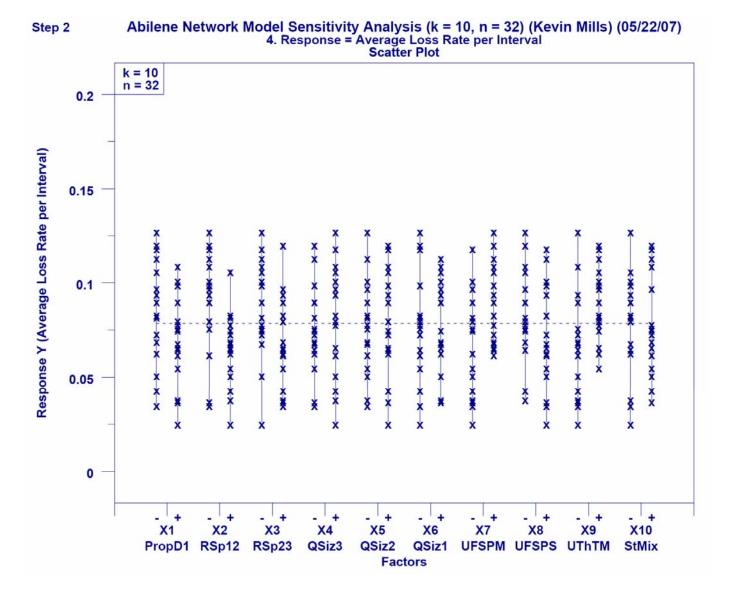
Cumulative Model

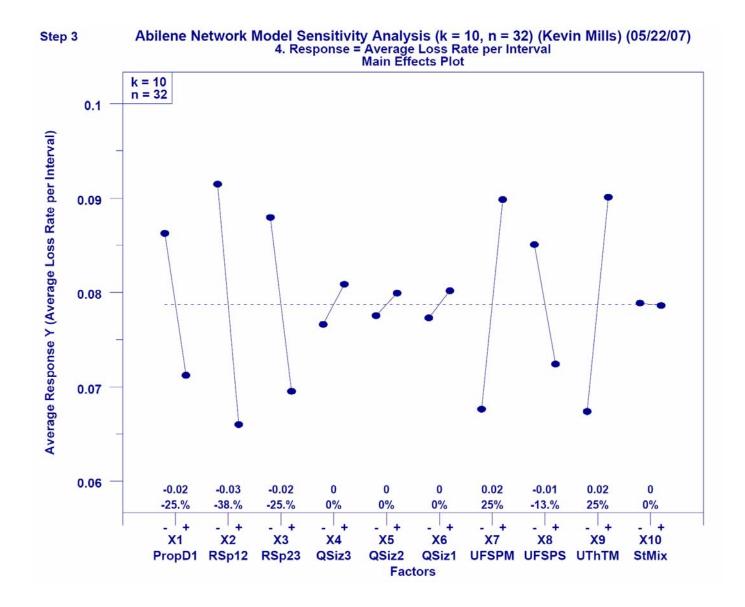


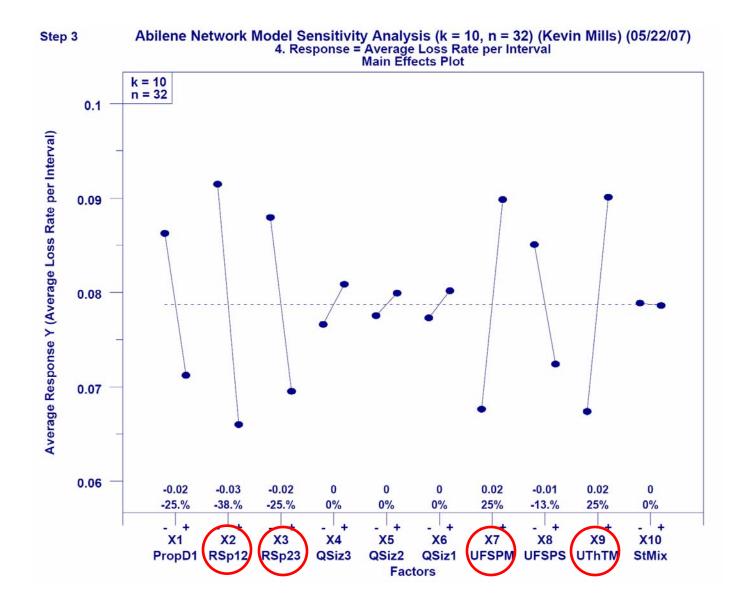
Response 4: Average Loss per Interval

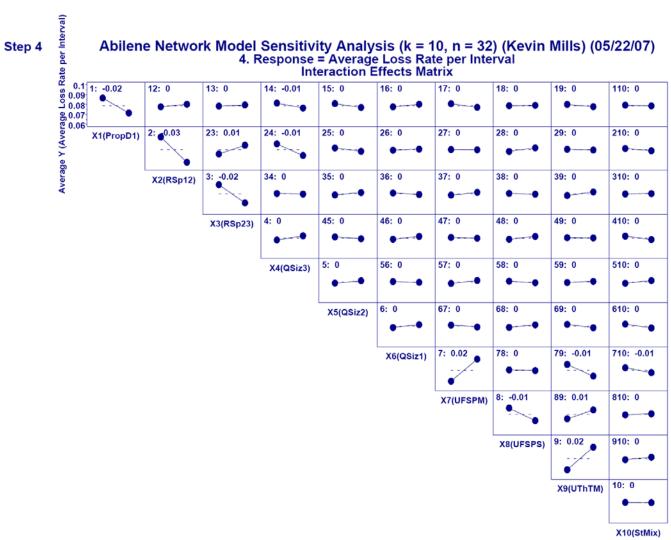


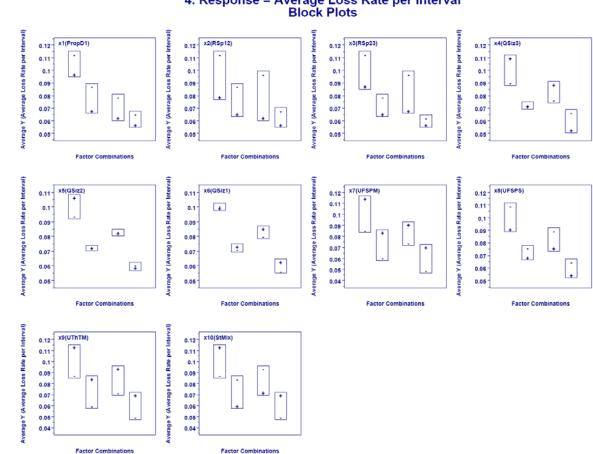
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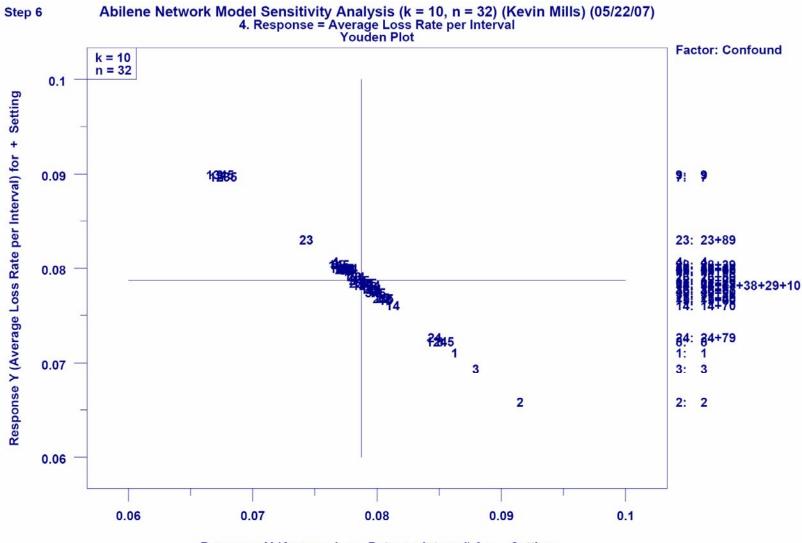




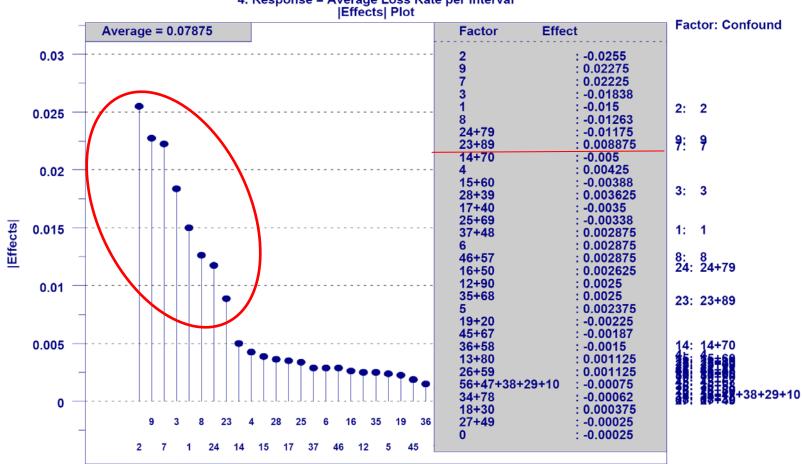


Abilene Network Model Sensitivity Analysis (k = 10, n = 32) (Kevin Mills) (05/22/07) 4. Response = Average Loss Rate per Interval Block Plots

Step 5

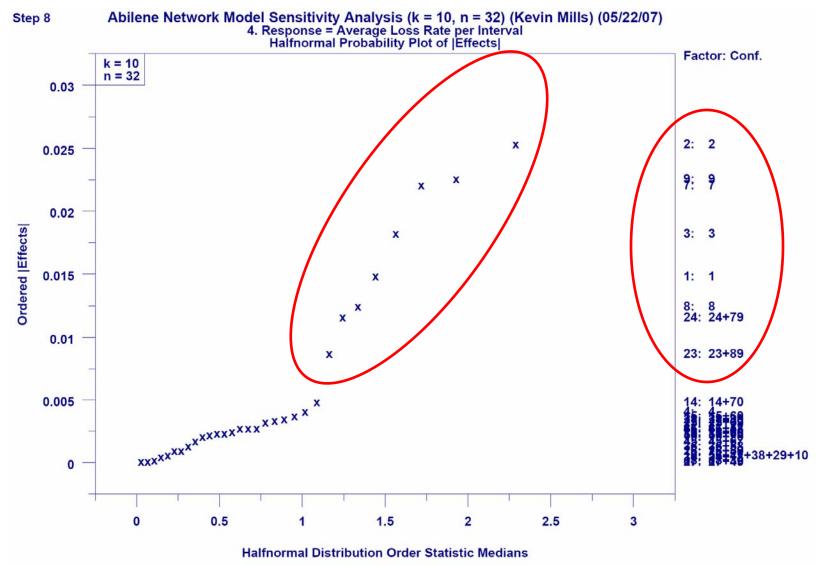


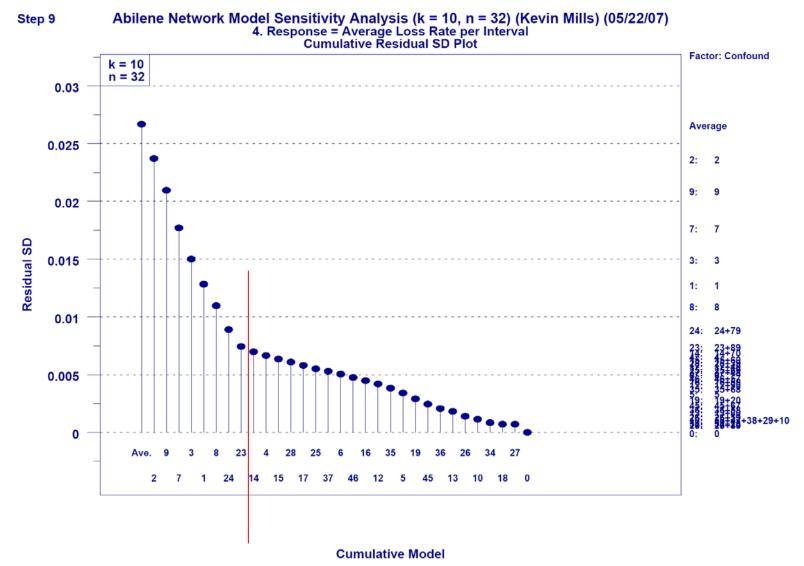
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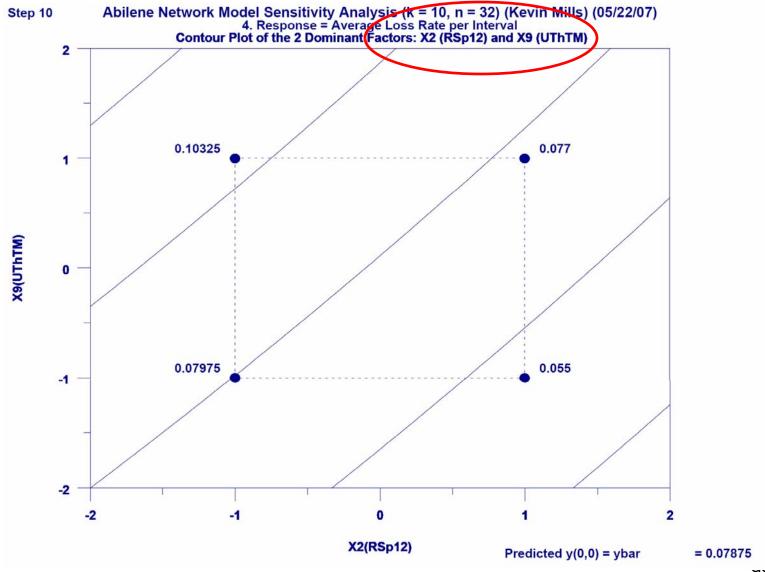


Step 7 Abilene Network Model Sensitivity Analysis (k = 10, n = 32) (Kevin Mills) (05/22/07) 4. Response = Average Loss Rate per Interval

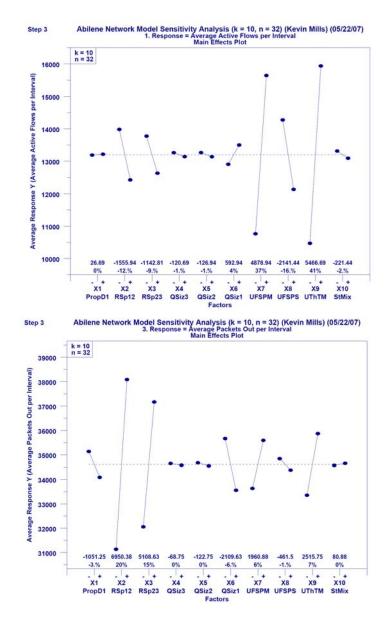
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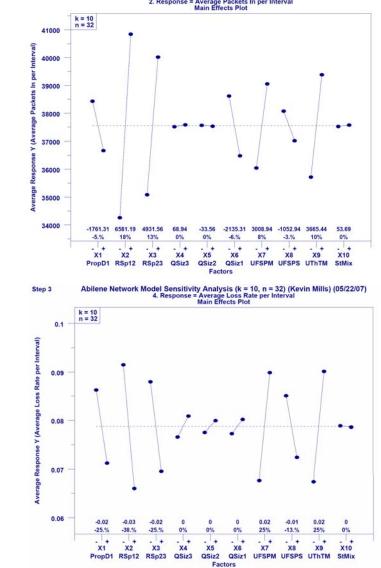




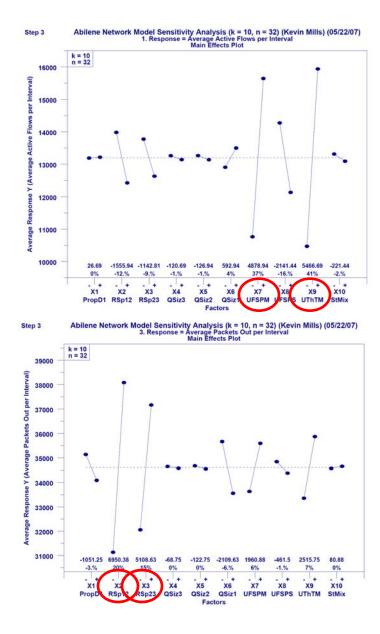


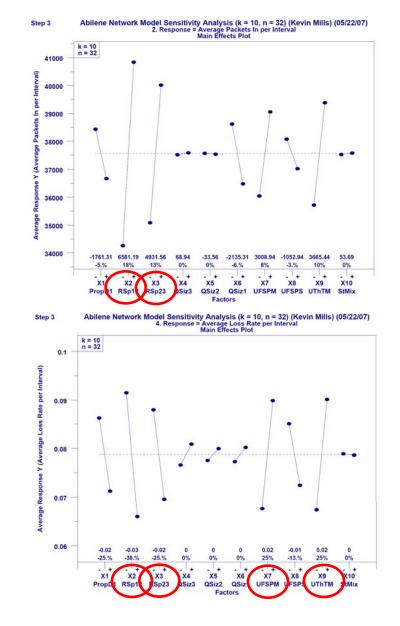
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Step 3 Abilene Network Model Sensitivity Analysis (k = 10, n = 32) (Kevin Mills) (05/22/07) 2. Response = Average Packets In per Interval Main Effects Piot





Conclusion

- 1. Network Goal: insight & understanding
- 2. Structured Stat approach provides a path for network science
- 3. DEX is critically important component
- 4. To achieve insight: Step 1= Sensitivity Analysis
- 5. 2^{k-p} fractional factorial designs potent & efficient
- 6. Insight: Flows from accompanying 10-step graphical analysis