

Model Validation & Course Summary

AE4320 System Identification of Aerospace Vehicles

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Course Outline

- **Lecture 1: (dr.ir. Coen de Visser)**
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 - Introduction to System Identification
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 - System Identification Experiments
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 - State estimation & Sensor Fusion
- **Lecture 7,8: (dr.ir. Erik-Jan van Kampen)**
 - Advanced identification approach: Neural networks
 - Advanced identification approach: Interval Analysis

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- **Lecture 9,10: (dr.ir. Coen de Visser)**
 - Model structure selection
 - Model parameter estimation
- **Lecture 11,12: (dr.ir. Coen de Visser)**
 - Advanced identification approach: Multivariate B-Splines
- **Guest Lecture 13: (ir. Henry Tol)**
 - Active Flow Control using Multivariate B-Splines
- **Lecture 14: (dr.ir. Coen de Visser)**
 - Model validation, course conclusion

Goals of this Lecture

Questions that will be answered during this lecture:

1. *What is model validation and why is it important?*
2. *What are the different methods for model validation?*
3. *How should I decide if a model is 'good' or 'bad'?*

4. *What assignments are available and which should I choose?*

SysID High Level Overview

Where we are now in the System Identification Cycle:

Experiment phase

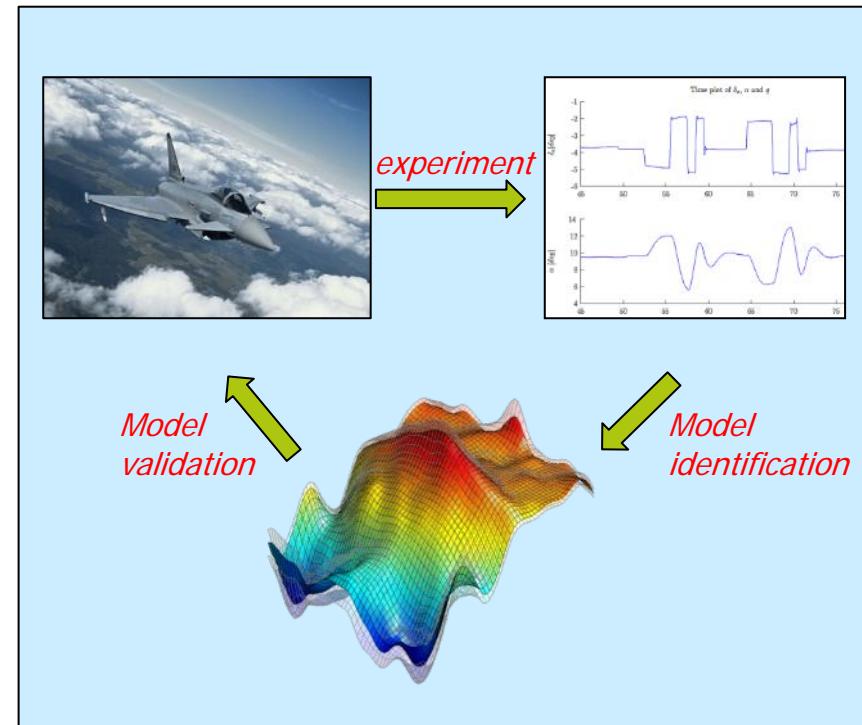
- Plant analysis
- Experiment design and execution
- Data logging and pre-processing

Model identification phase

- State estimation
- Model structure definition
- Parameter estimation

Model validation phase

- Model validation

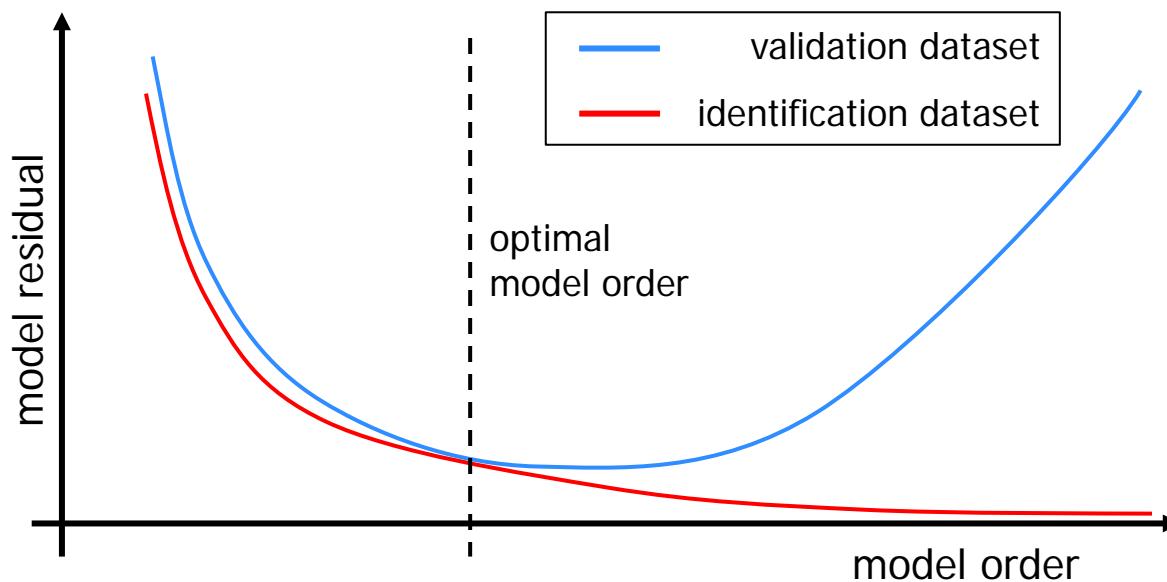


Model Validation

How do we validate a model?

Data **must** be split into a separate **identification** and **validation** datasets.

- Identification of a model performed using the identification dataset.
- The identified model is then tested against the validation dataset.



Model Validation

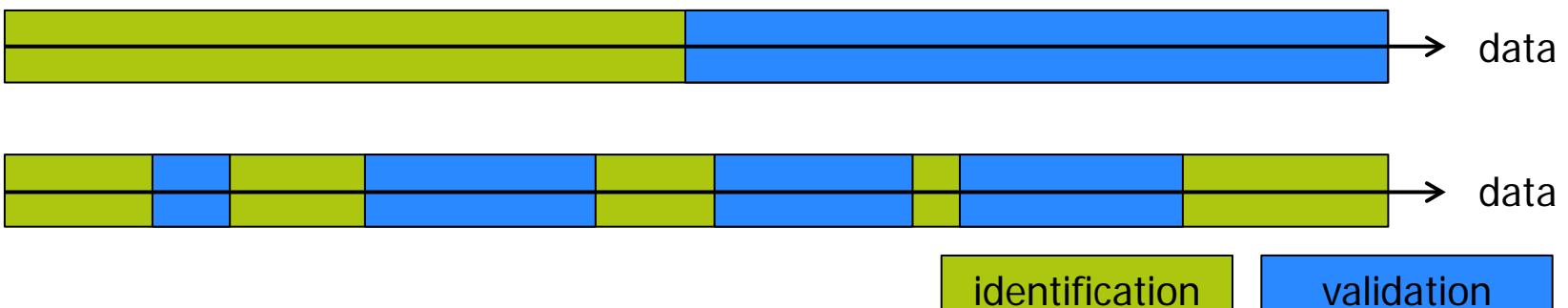
Identification & Validation datasets.

Splitting the dataset into identification and validation sets can be done in many different ways.

In general we want to have a **validation** dataset that is **as large as possible!**

In any case, try to divide into a identification set containing at least 50% of the data, and a validation set containing 50% of the data. Make sure the validation **set contains sufficient dynamics!**

There are many different strategies for splitting the dataset:



Model Validation

Methods for model validation

The following model validation methods can be used:

1. Analysis of model residuals: zero mean white noise?

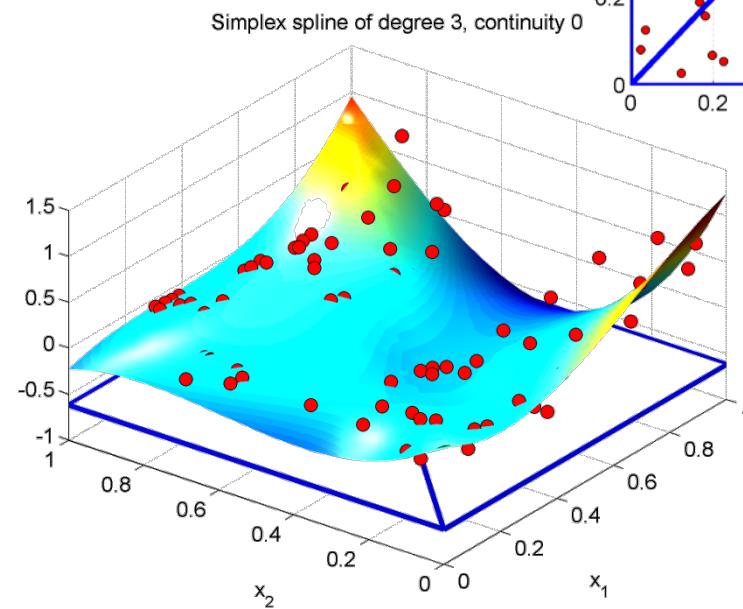
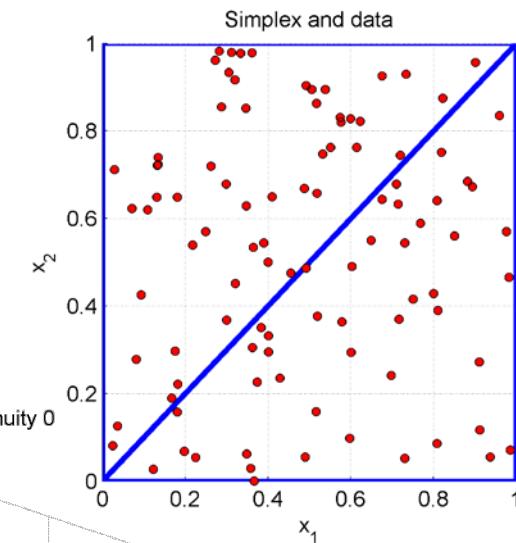
$$\varepsilon = p(x, \hat{\theta}) - Y$$

2. Parameter (co)variances

$$\text{Cov}\{\hat{\theta}\}$$

3. Spline specific:
B-coefficient bounds

$$p(x) = \{\min(\hat{c}), \max(\hat{c})\}$$



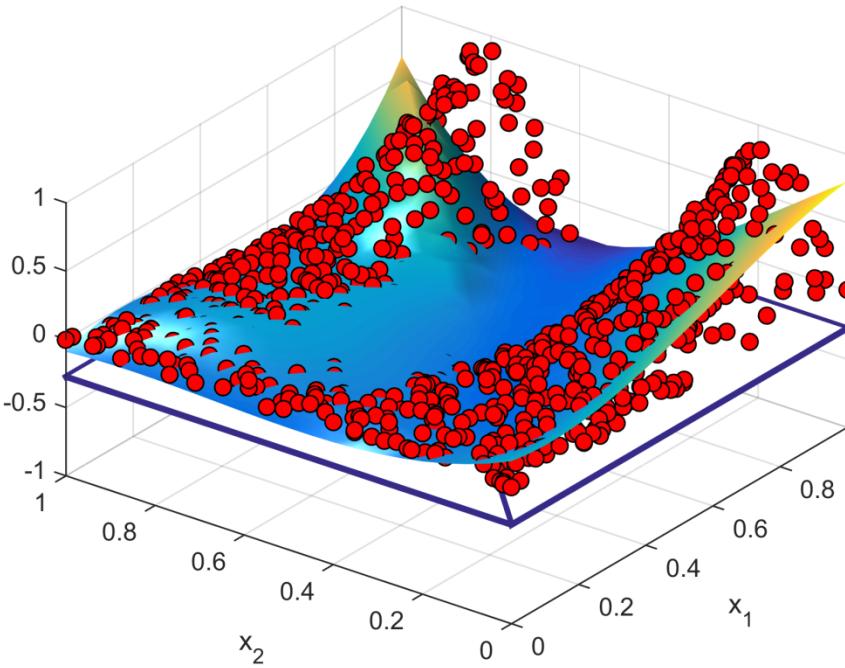
Simplex Spline Model Validation

Model residual analysis:

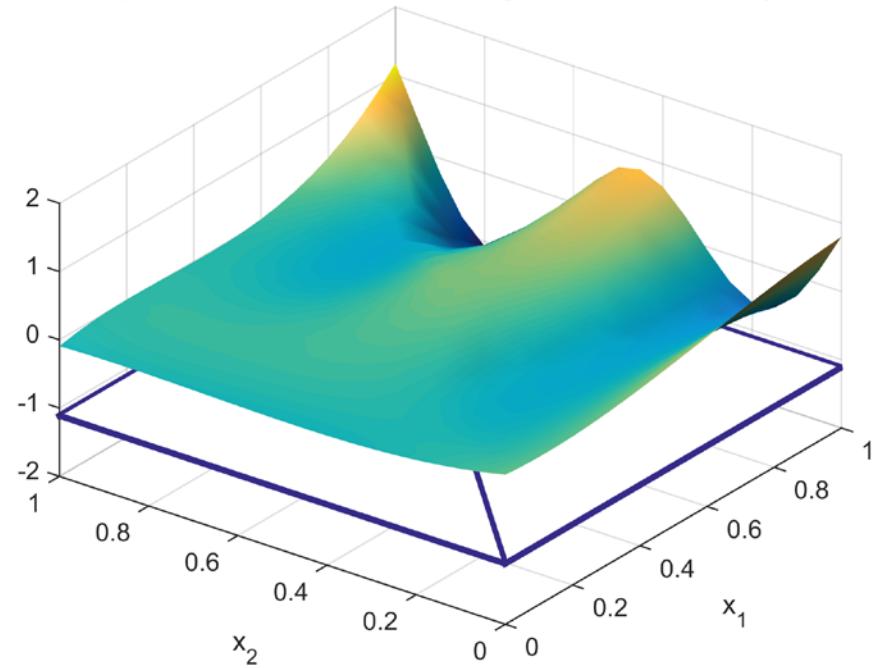
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$$= s_0^3(x) - Y$$

Simplex spline of degree 3, continuity 0

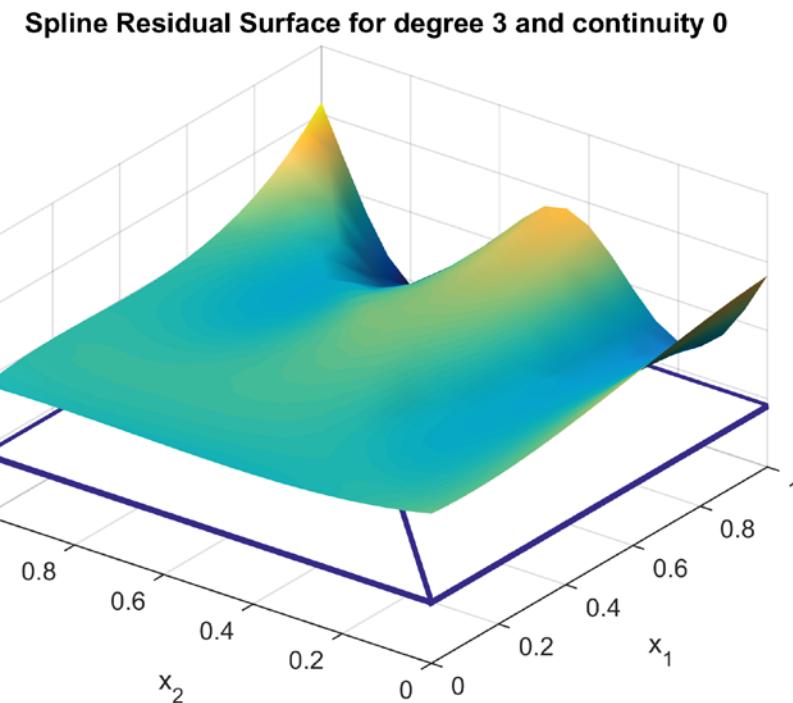
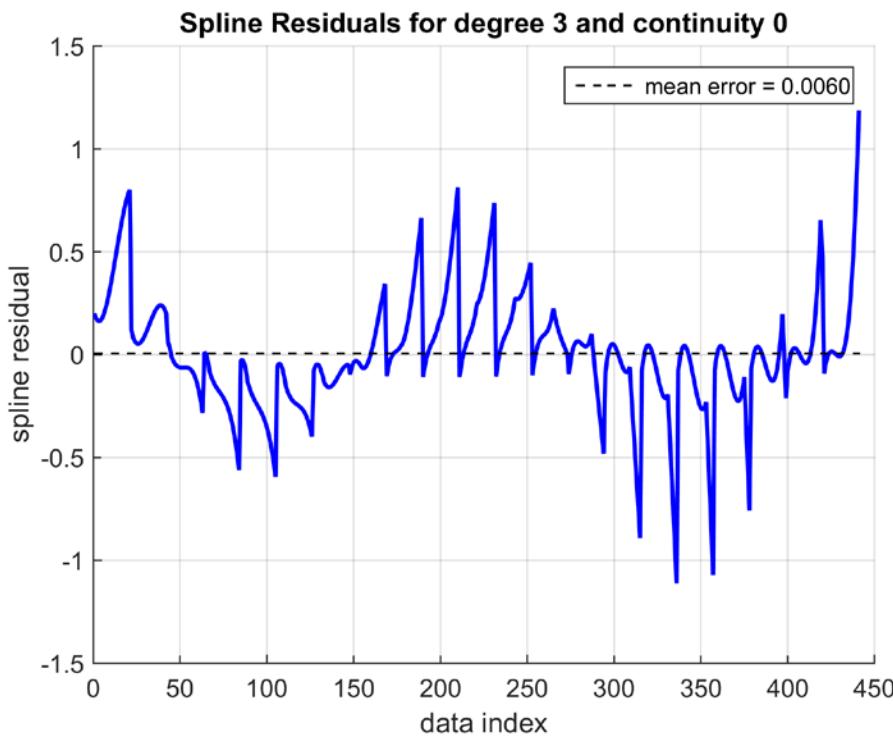


Spline Residual Surface for degree 3 and continuity 0



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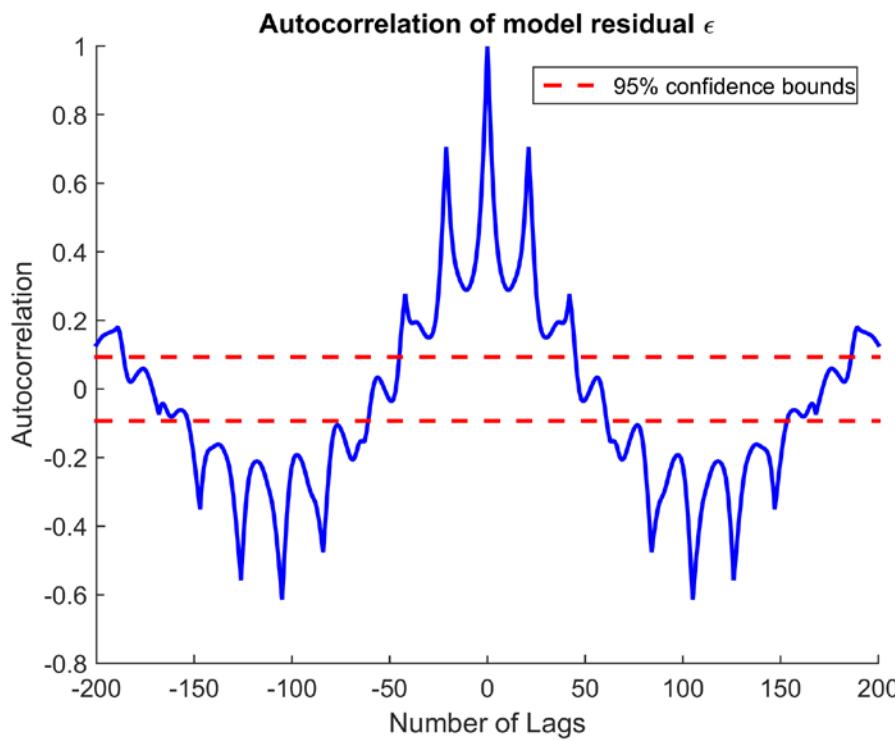
Model residual analysis: Zero mean uncorrelated residual?



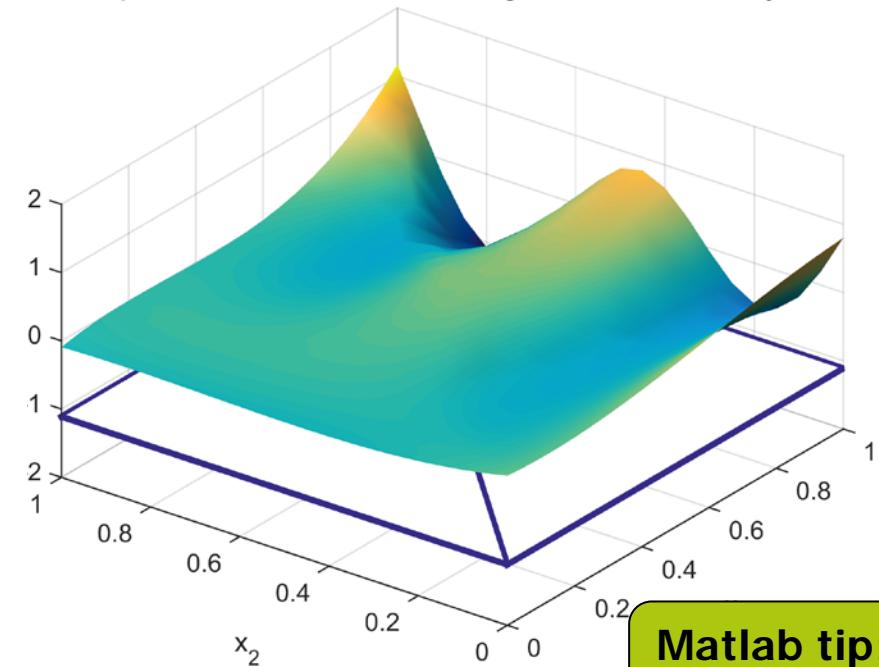
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Model residual analysis: Whiteness of residual

Calculated using autocorrelation function: $\gamma(l) = \sum_{i=-N}^N \varepsilon(i)\varepsilon(i+l)$
95% confidence bounds: $conf = 1.96 / \sqrt{N}$



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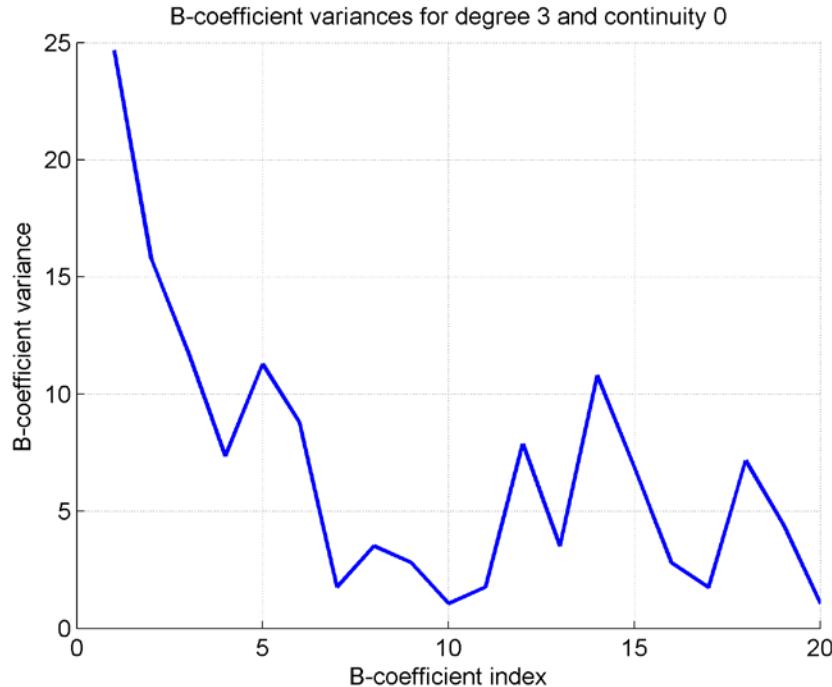


Matlab tip:
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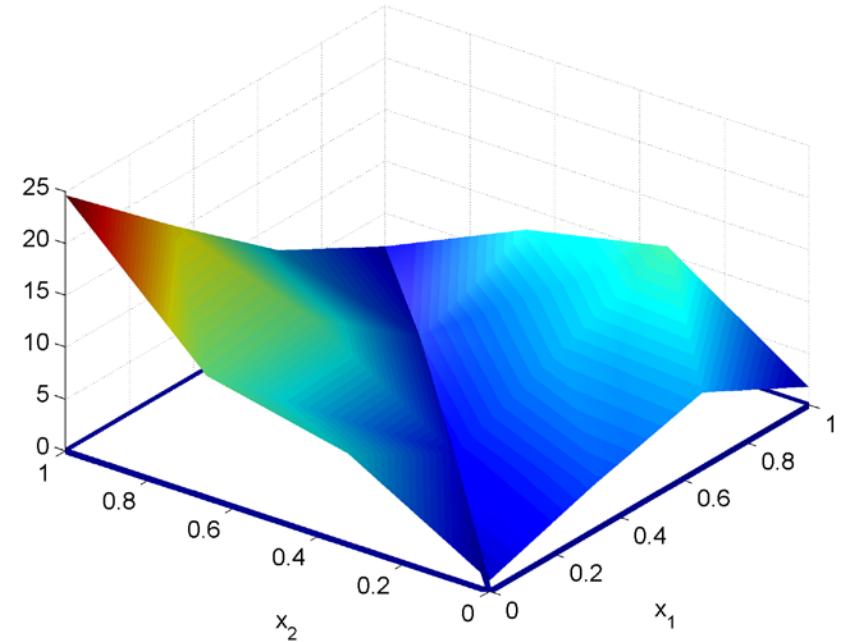
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Statistical analysis

B-coefficient variances are given by: $Cov\{\hat{c}\}$



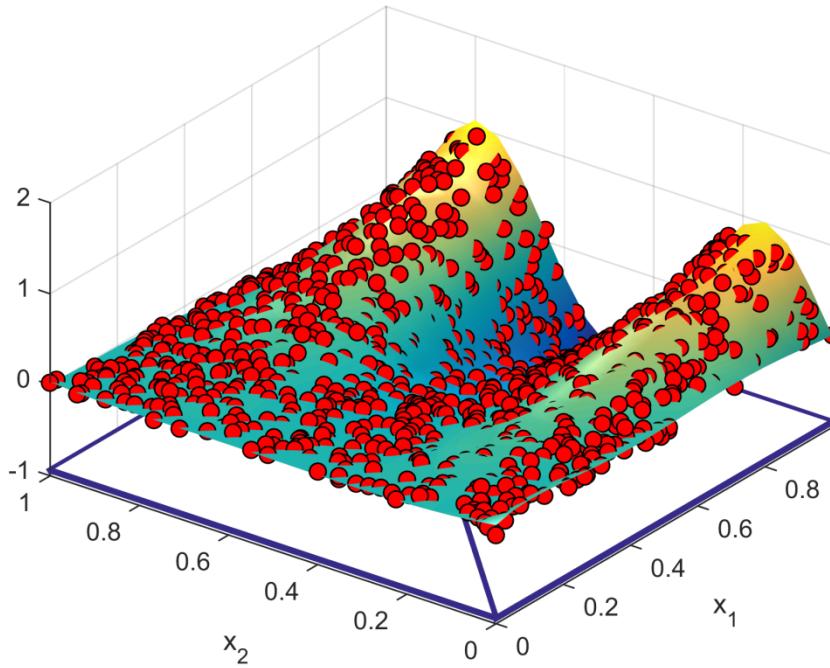
B-coefficient variance surface for degree 3 and continuity 0



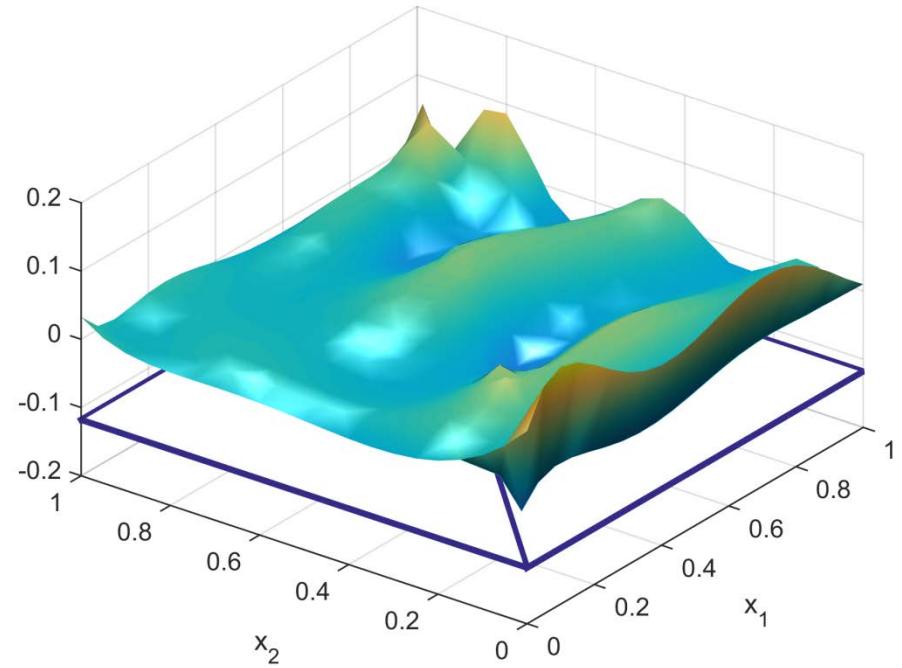
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High order spline model residual analysis: $\varepsilon = s_0^6(x) - Y$

Simplex spline of degree 6, continuity 0

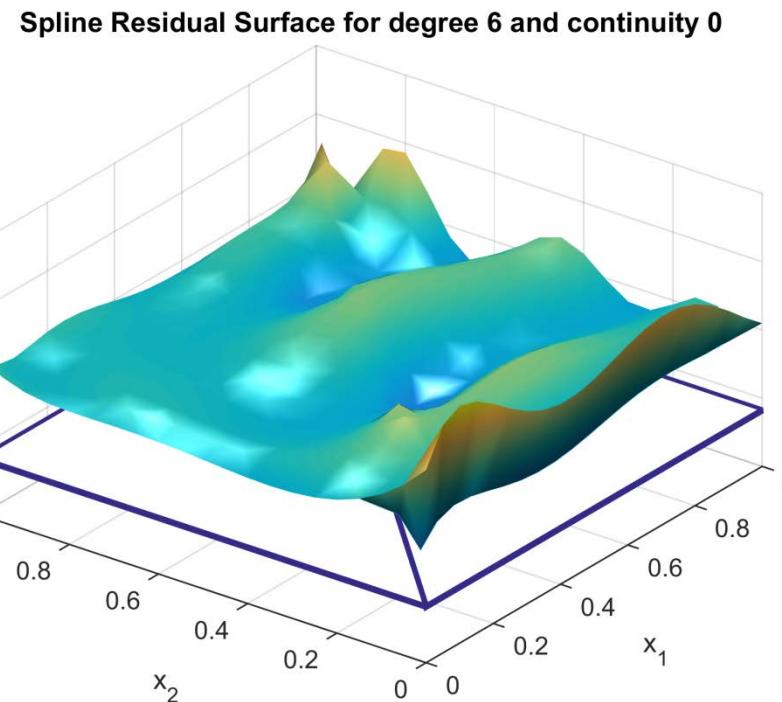
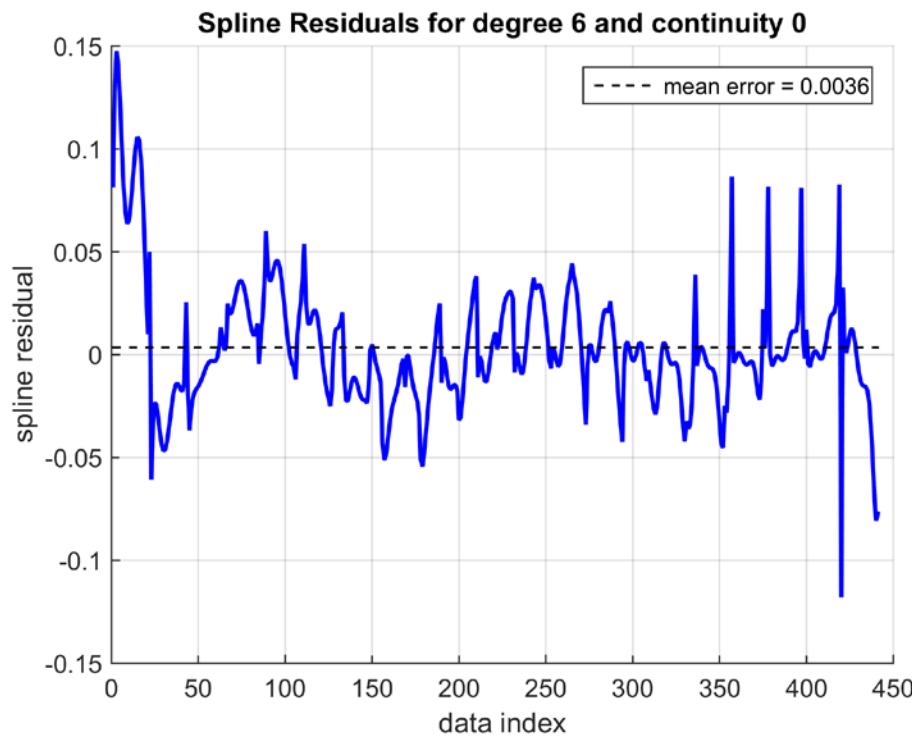


Spline Residual Surface for degree 6 and continuity 0



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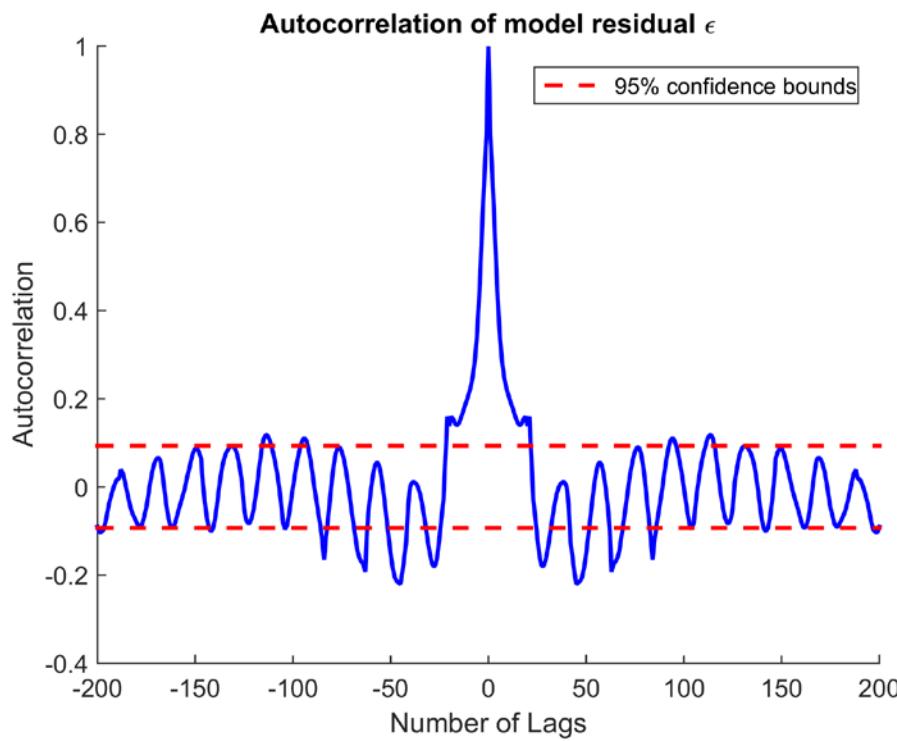
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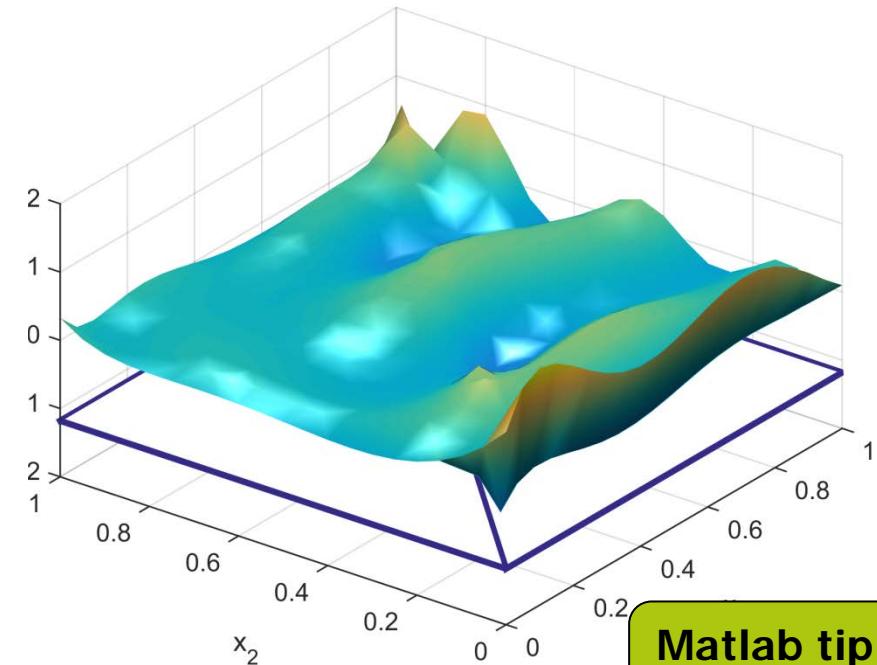
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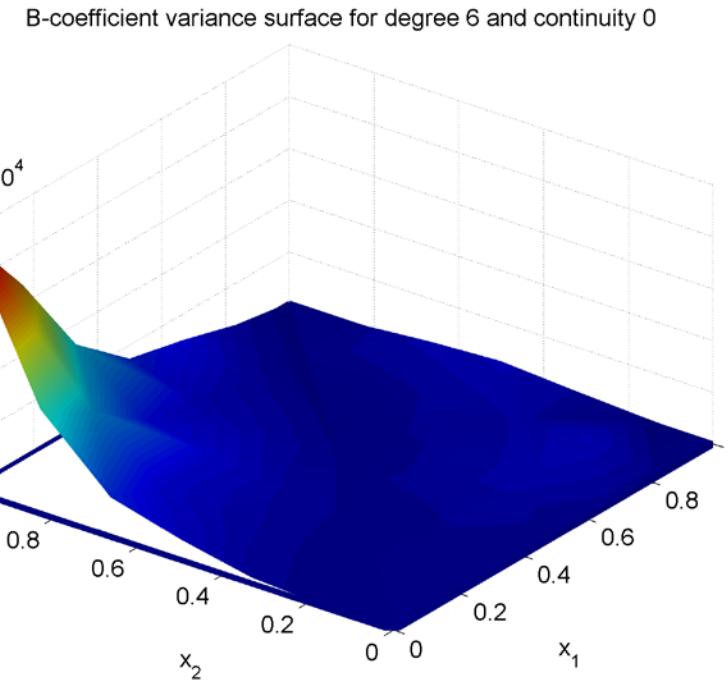
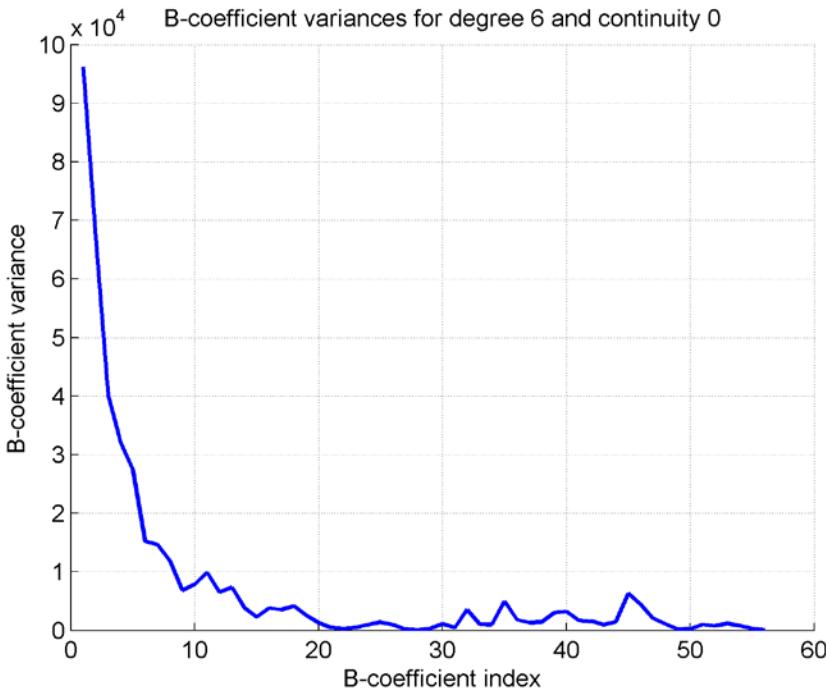


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B-coefficient variance surfaces

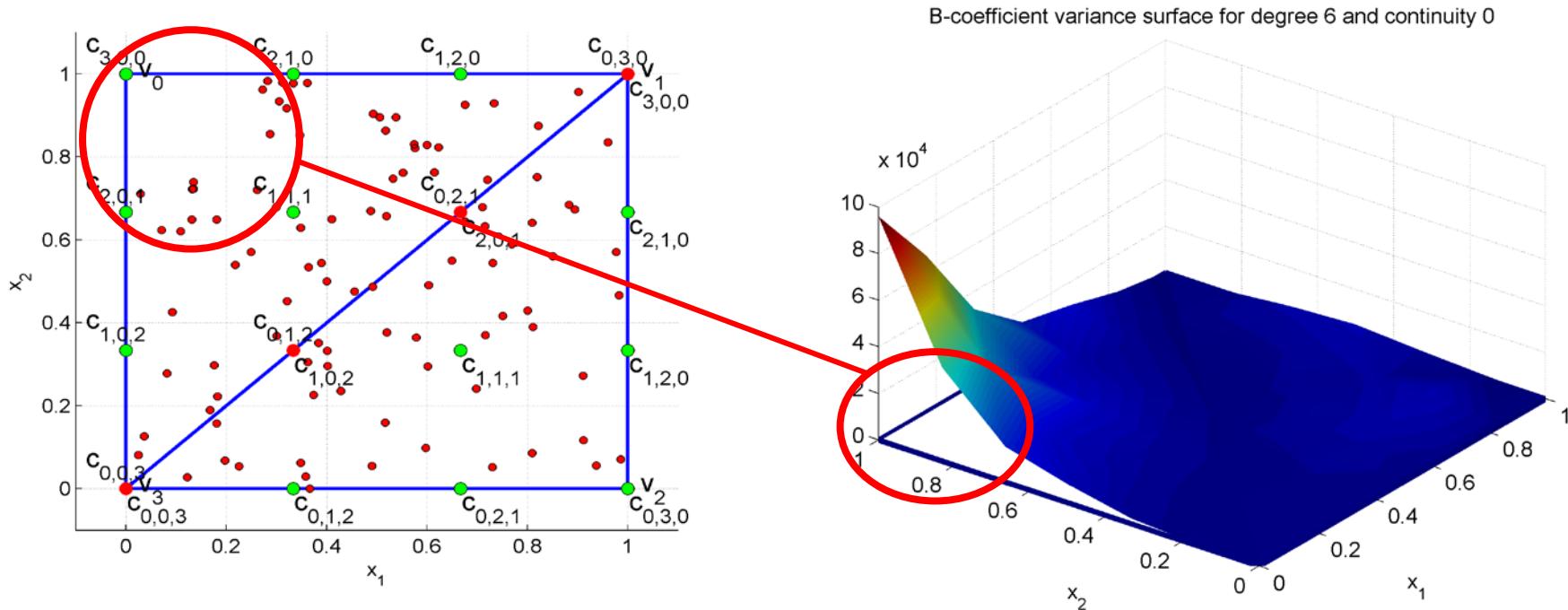
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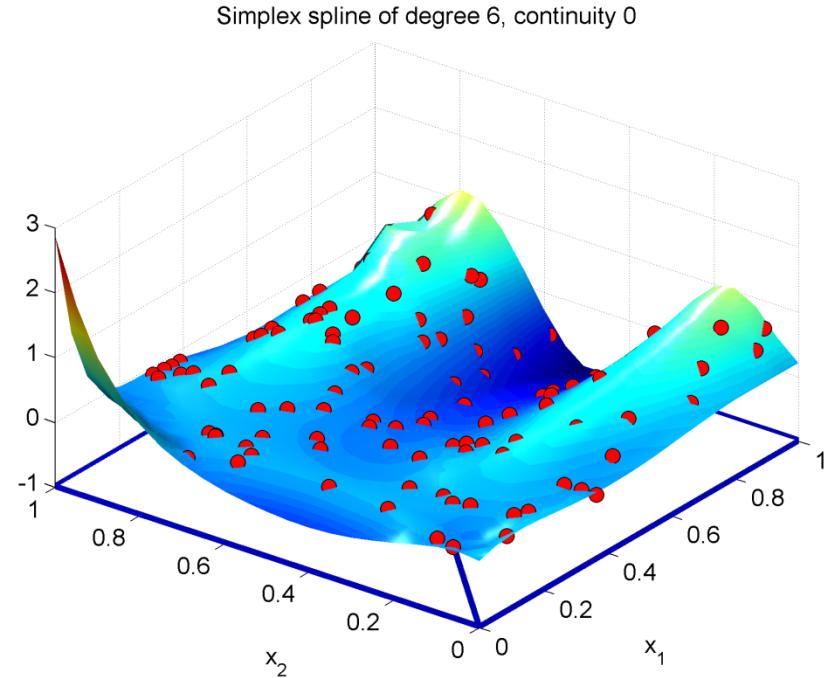
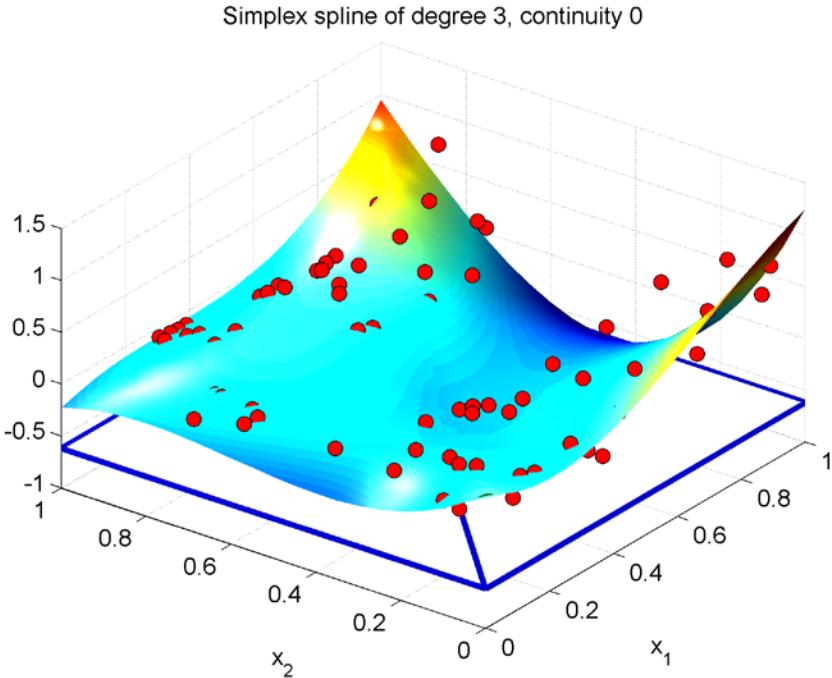
B-coefficient variance surfaces provide a mechanism to pinpoint local estimator failure to specific parts of the model. This in turn may point to inadequate local data coverage/conditioning, or incorrect model structures.



Simplex Spline Model Validation

B-coefficient bounds

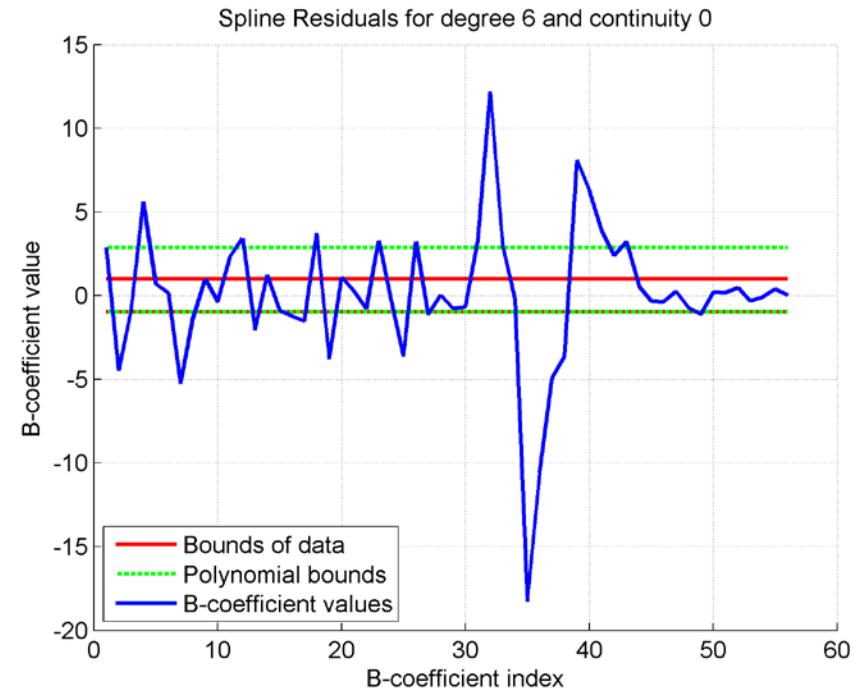
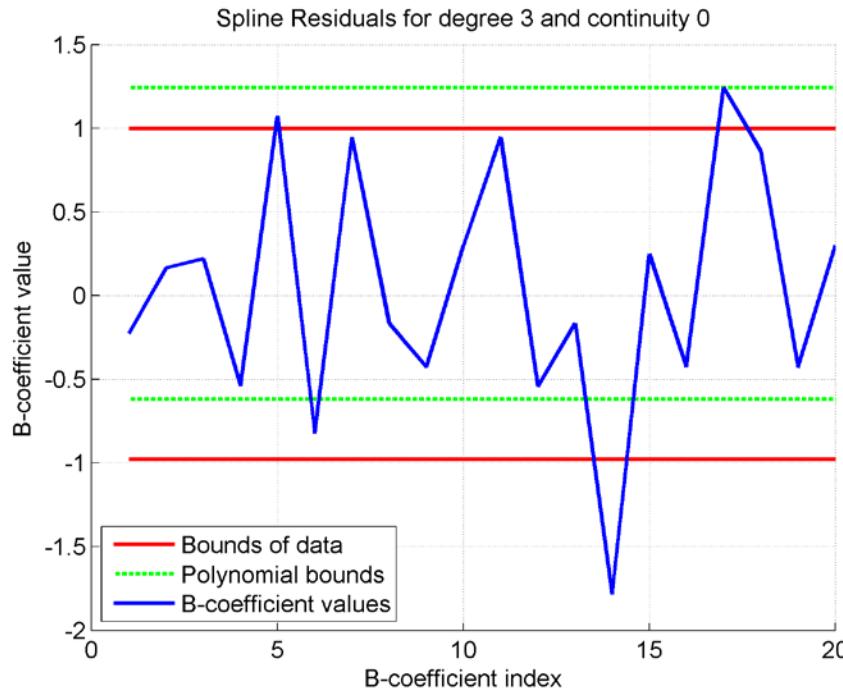
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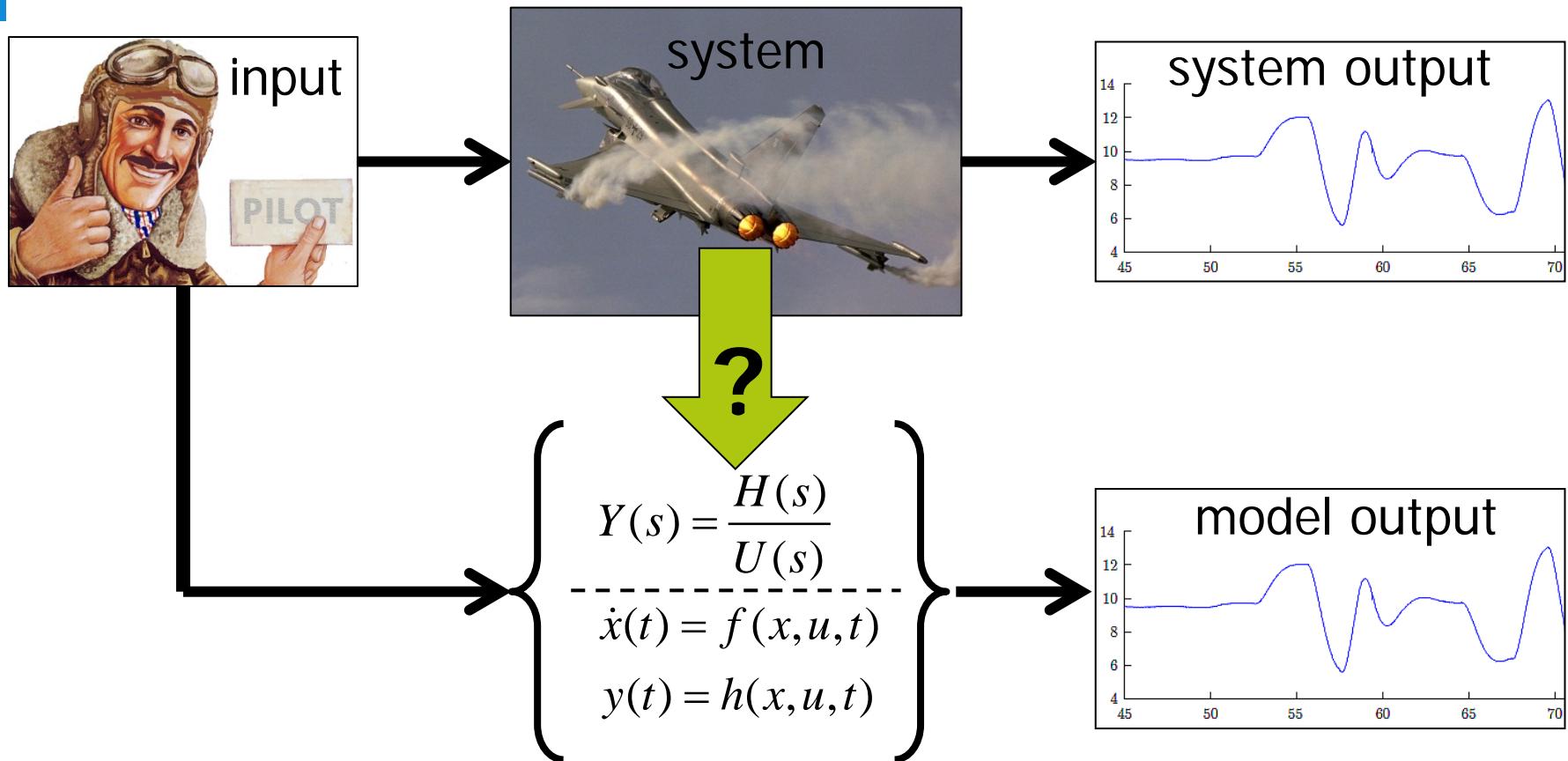
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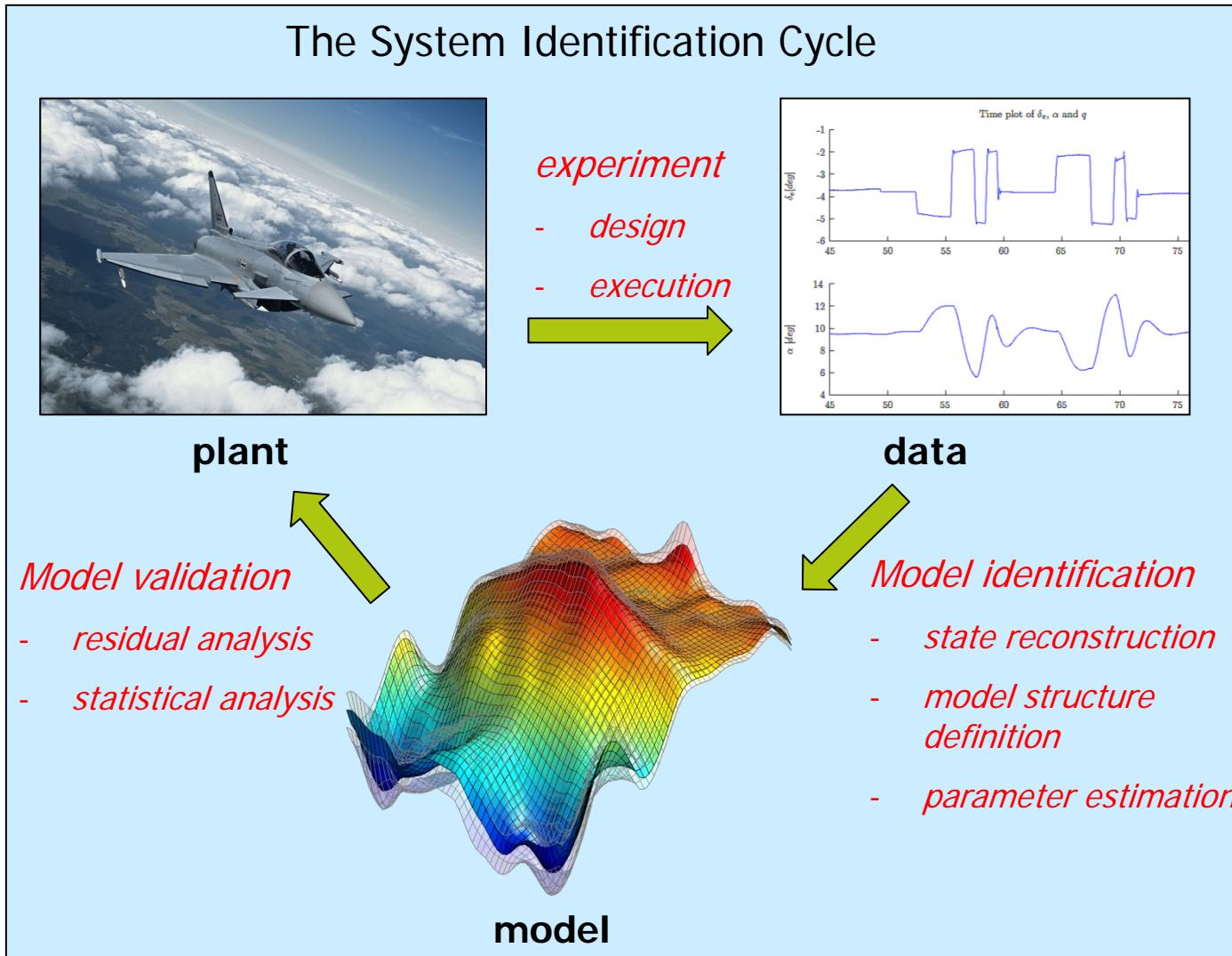
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Main course goal:

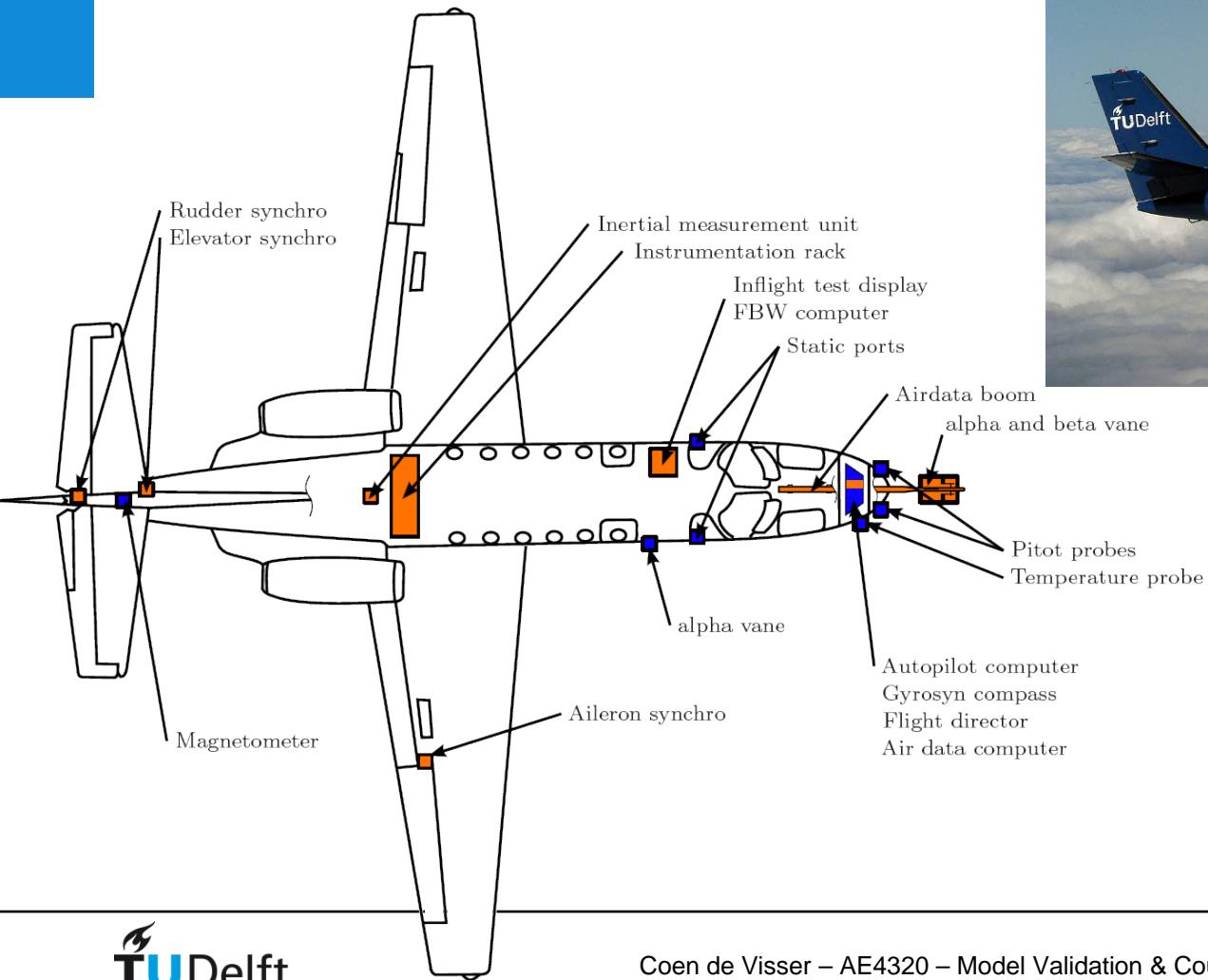
To provide tools and theory for creating and validating models of dynamic systems.



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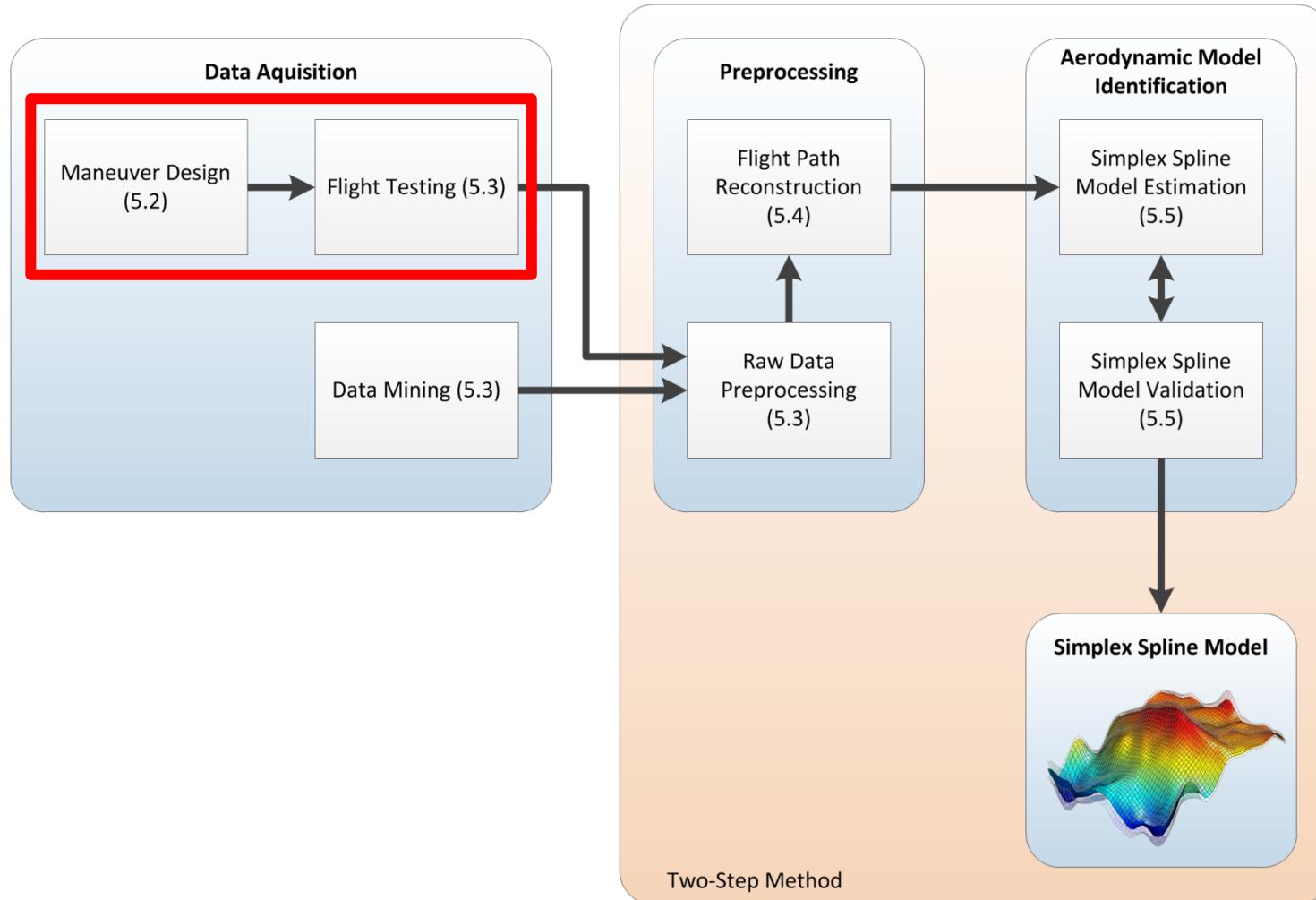


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The procedure for AMI



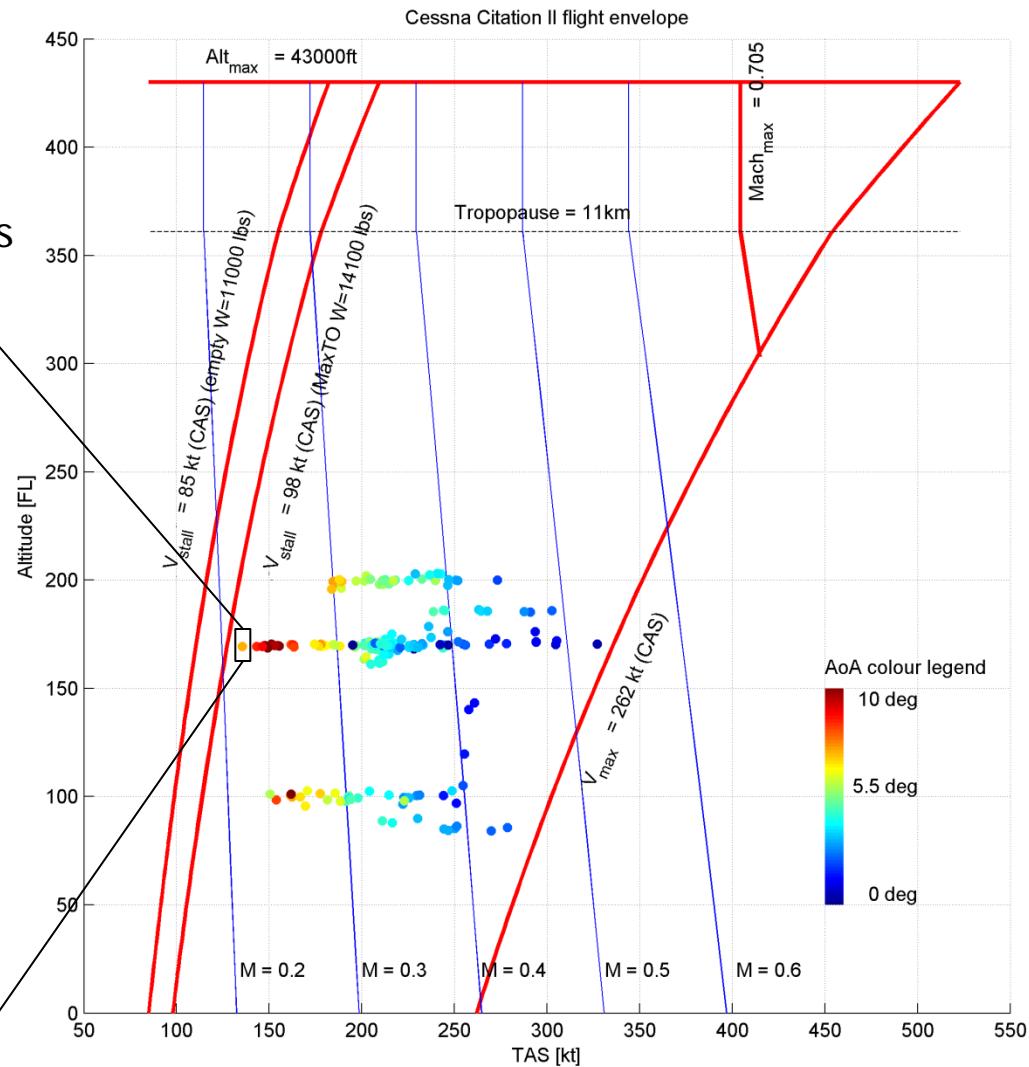
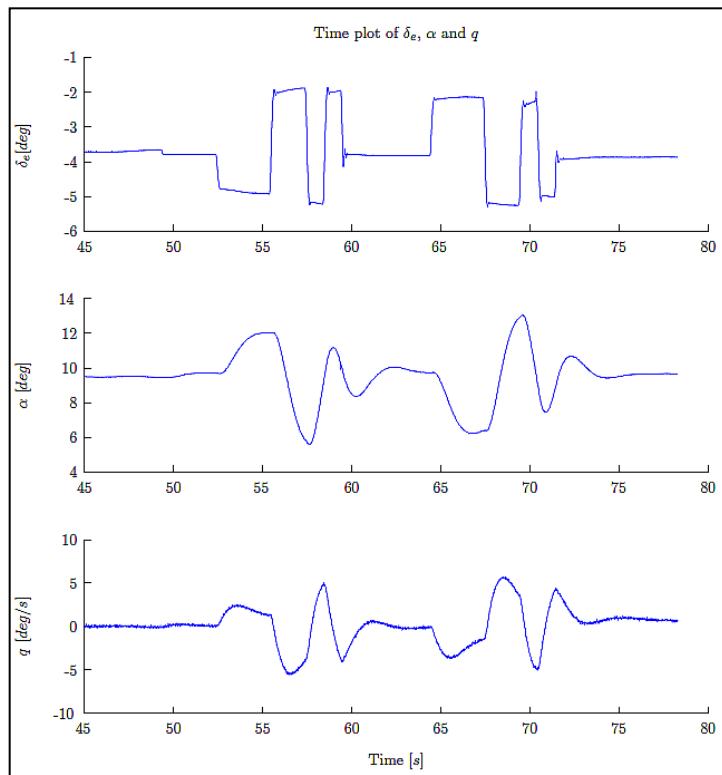
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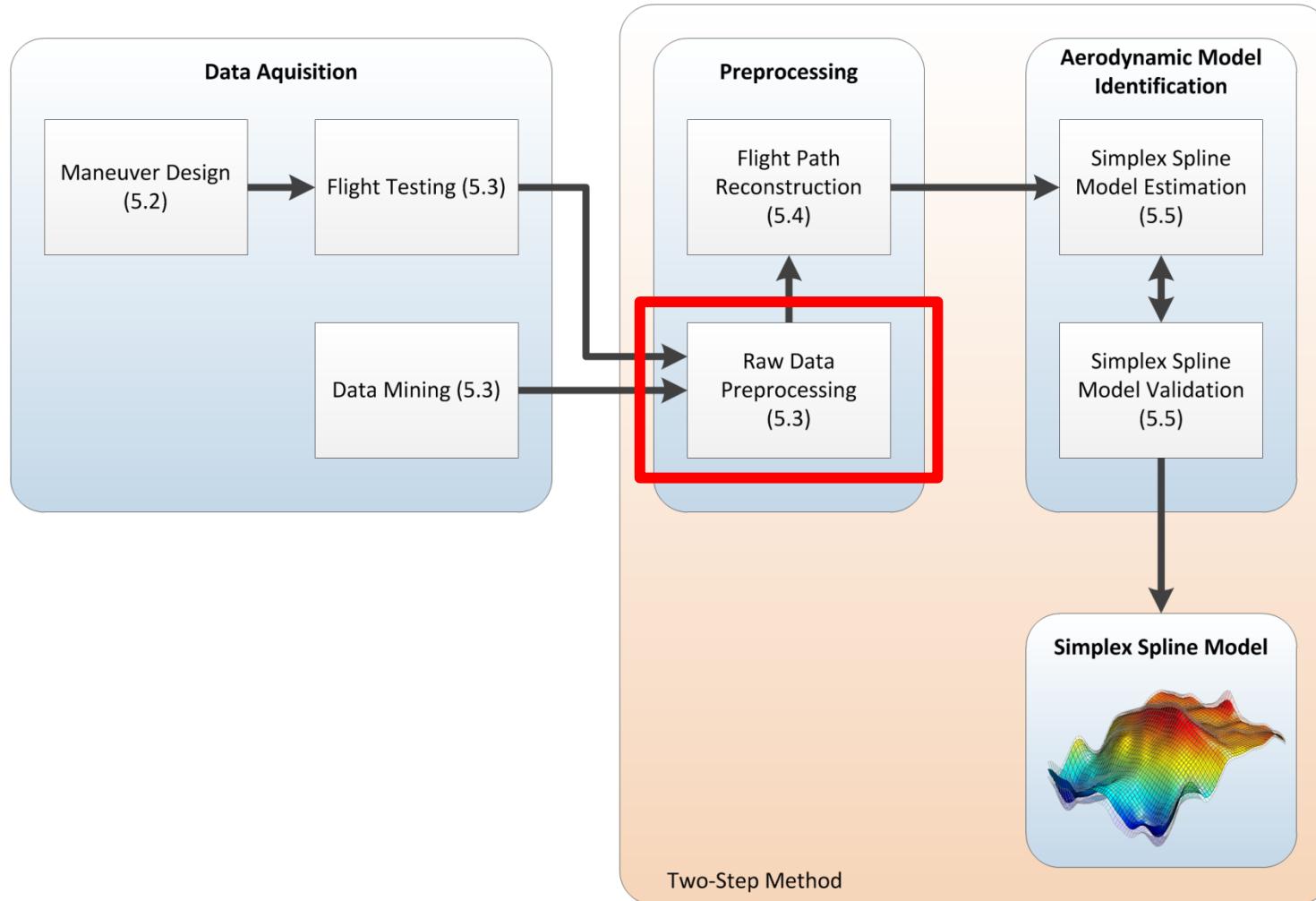
Experiment setup:

- 7 test flights
- 248 flight test maneuvers
- 5+ million measurement points



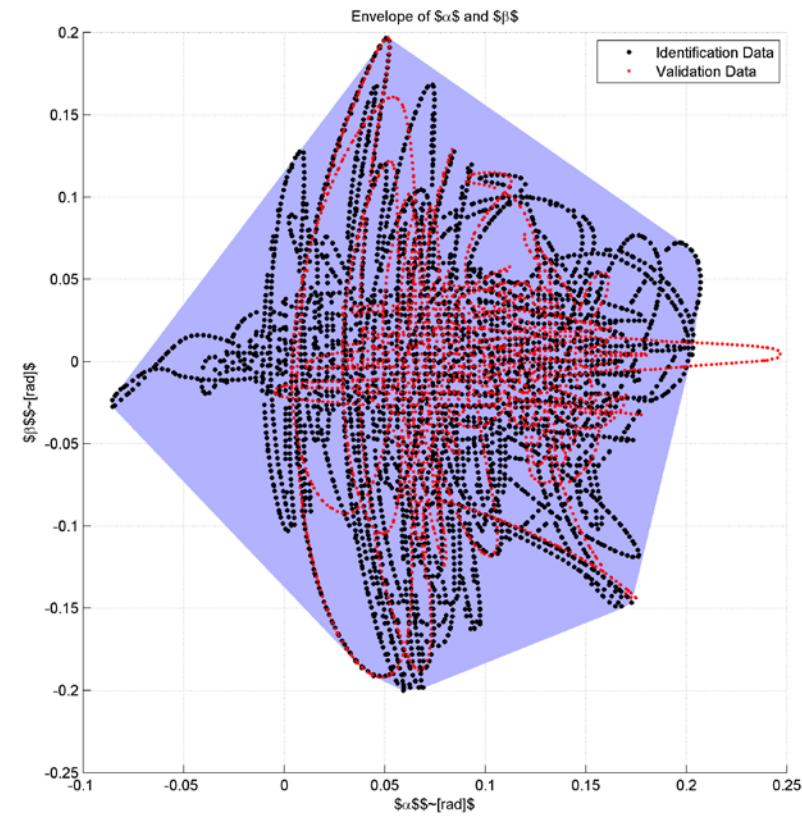
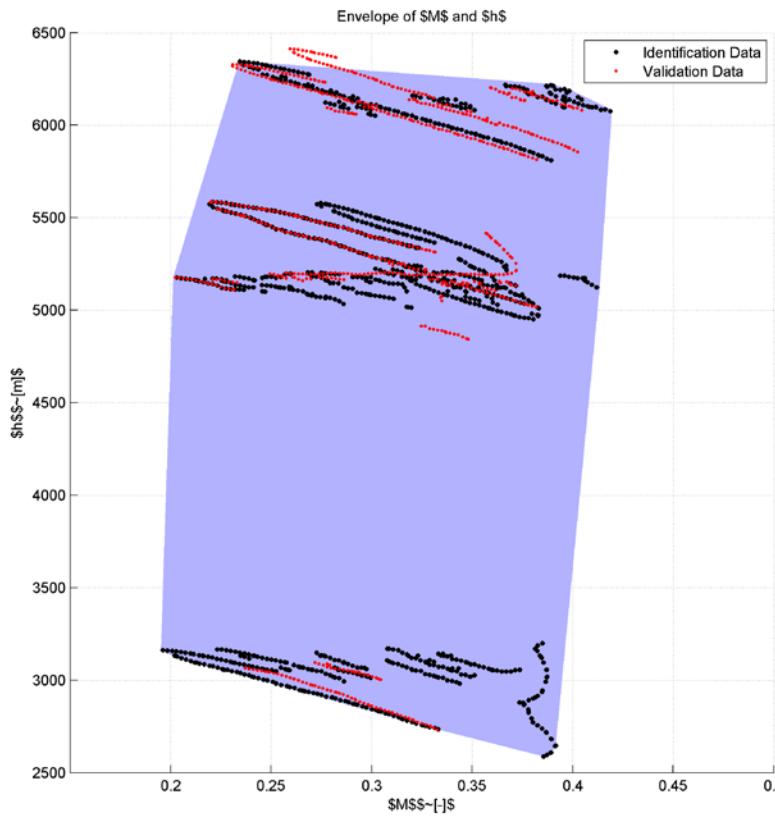
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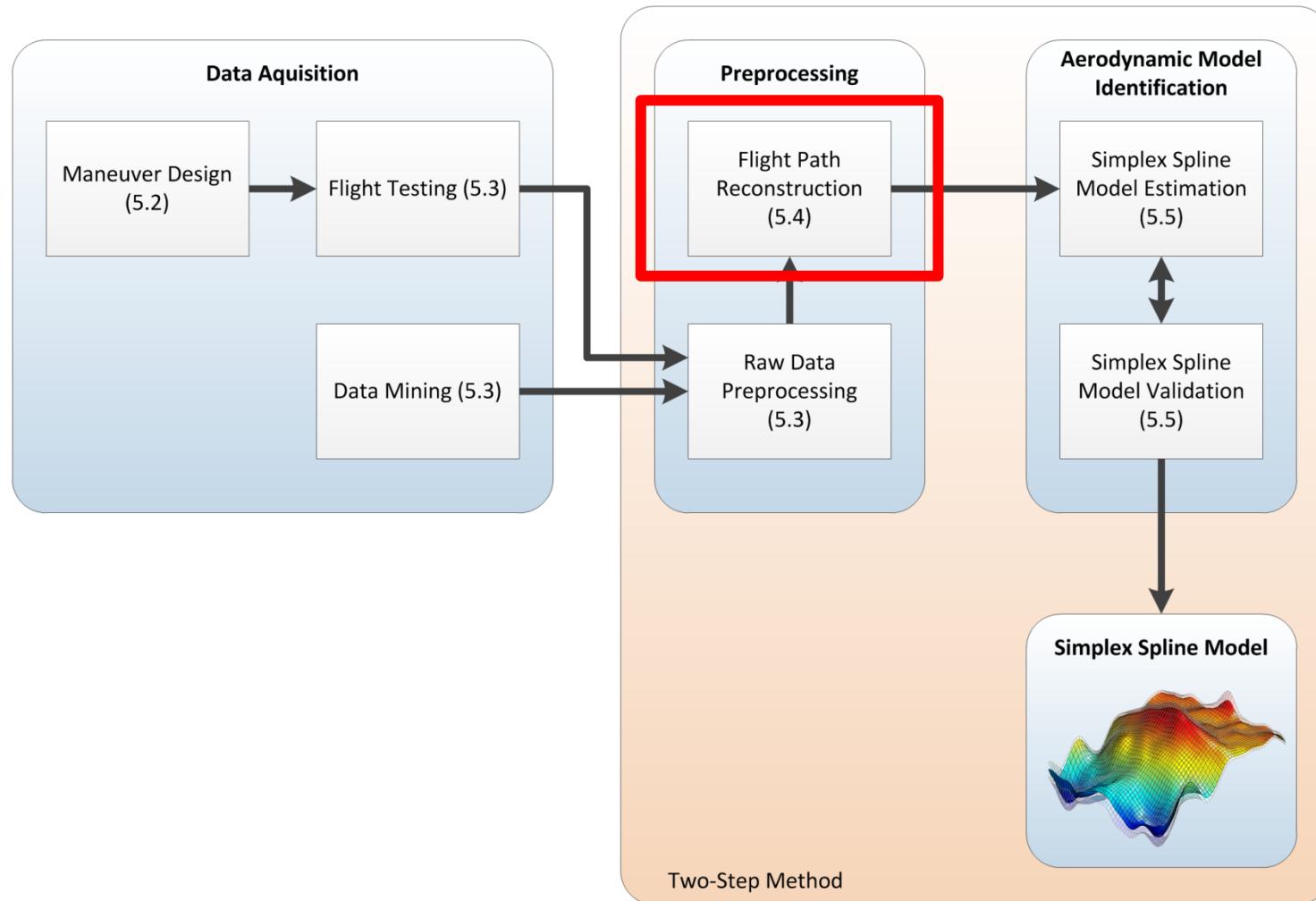
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Envelope of the Flight Data



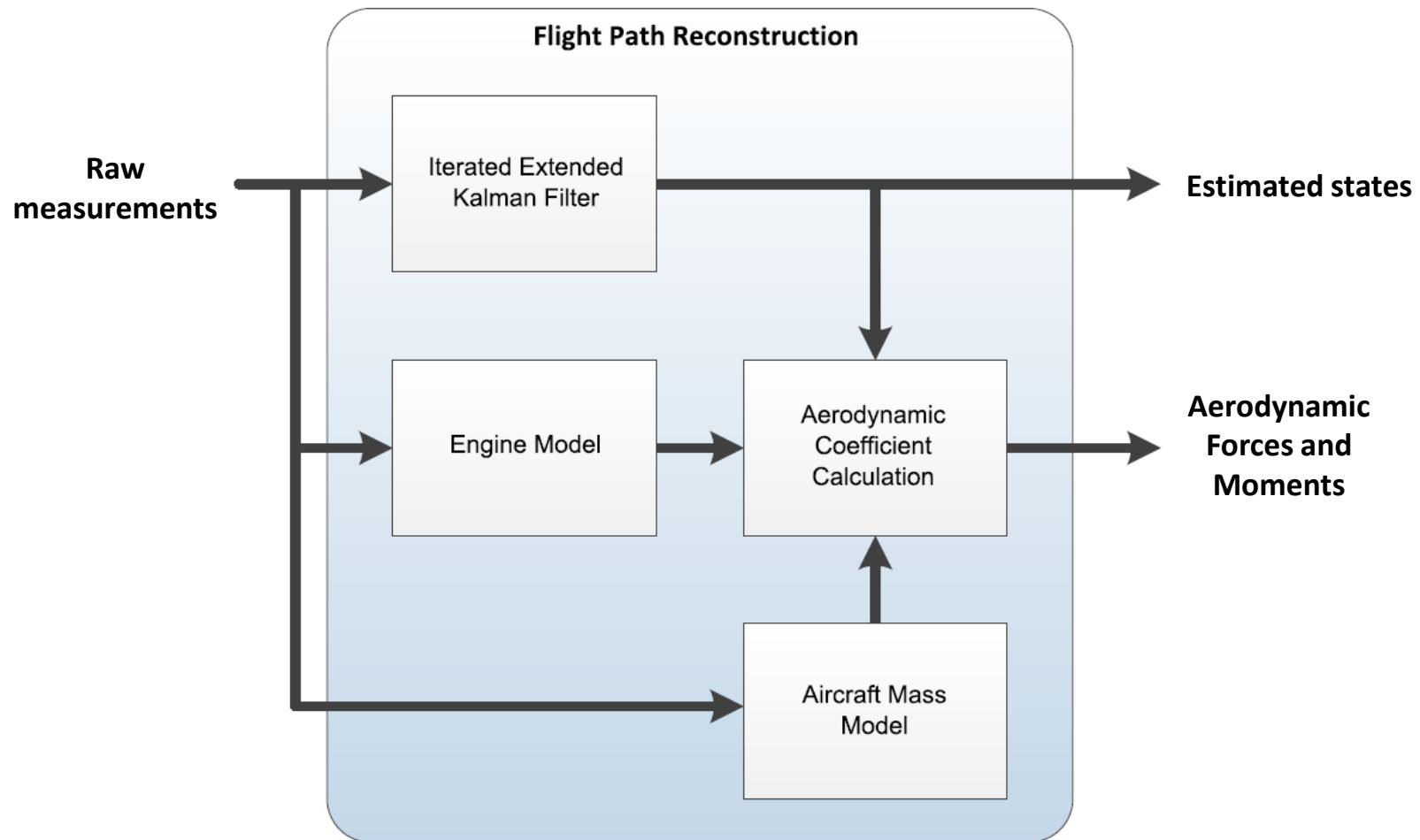
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Flight path reconstruction using IEKF



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Define (observable) augmented state vector:

$$\mathbf{x}_m = \begin{bmatrix} u & v & w & \phi & \theta & \psi & z & \lambda_x & \lambda_y & \lambda_z & \lambda_p & \lambda_q & \lambda_r & C_{\alpha_{up}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Define state dynamics:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}}_m &= f(\mathbf{x}_m(t), \mathbf{u}_m(t), \mathbf{w}(t), t) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_x + \lambda_x - g \sin(\theta) - w(\lambda_q + q) + v(\lambda_r + r) \\ A_y + \lambda_y + w(\lambda_p + p) - u(\lambda_r + r) + g \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi) \\ A_z + \lambda_z - v(\lambda_p + p) + u(\lambda_q + q) + g \cos(\phi) \cos(\theta) \\ \lambda_p + p + (\lambda_r + r) \cos(\phi) \tan(\theta) + (\lambda_q + q) \sin(\phi) \tan(\theta) \\ (\lambda_q + q) \cos(\phi) - (\lambda_r + r) \sin(\phi) \\ (\lambda_r + r) \cos(\phi) \sec(\theta) + (\lambda_q + q) \sin(\phi) \sec(\theta) \\ w \cos(\phi) \cos(\theta) - u \sin(\theta) + v \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi) \\ \mathbf{0}_{7 \times 1} \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

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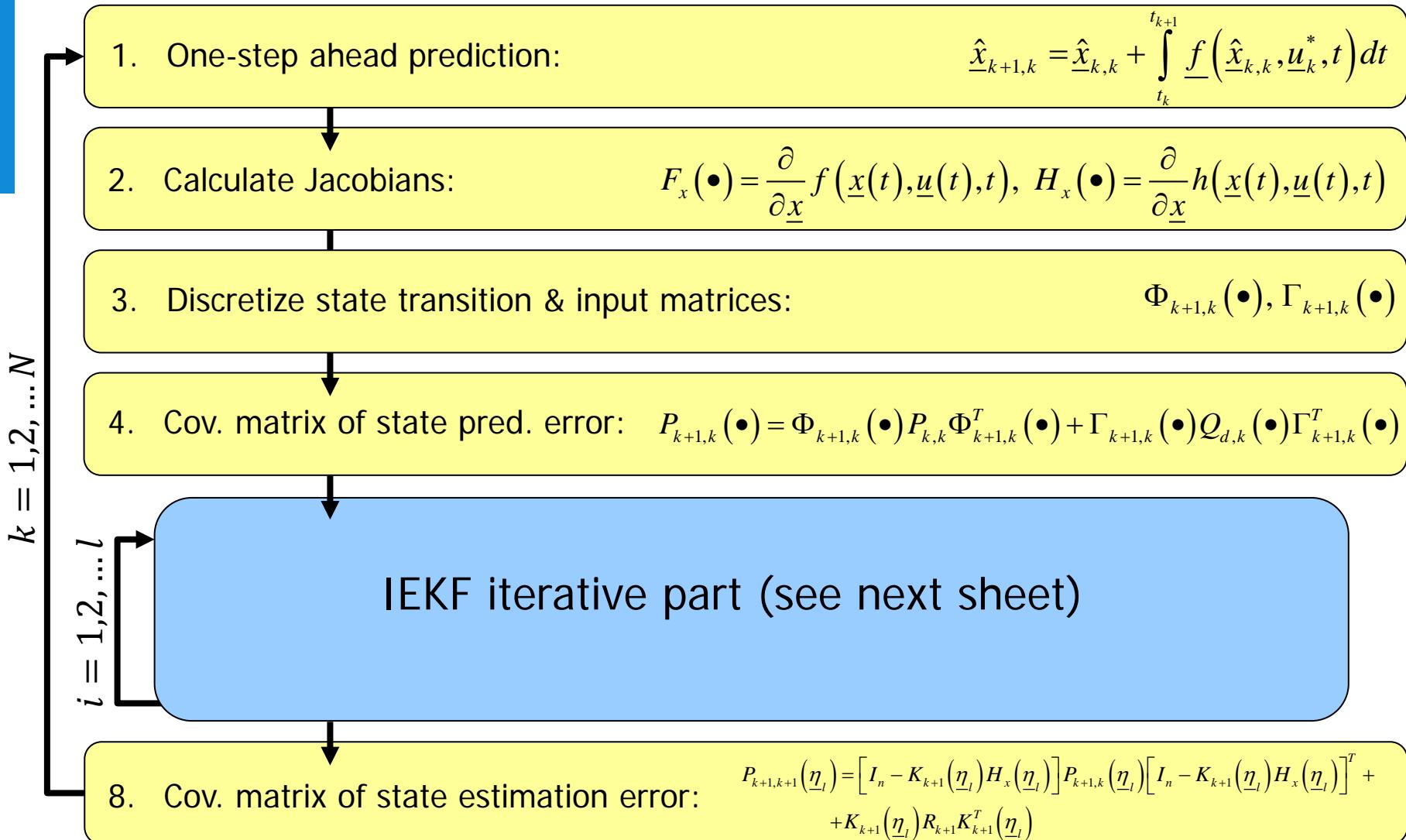
Define observation vector:

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi & \theta & \psi & V & \alpha_v & \beta_v & z \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

Define observation equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_m &= h(\mathbf{x}_m(t), \mathbf{u}_m(t), \mathbf{v}(t), t) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \phi \\ \theta \\ \psi \\ \sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + w^2} \\ (1 + C_{\alpha_{up}}) \arctan \left(\frac{w}{u} \right) + \frac{(q + \lambda_q)x_{v_\alpha}}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + w^2}} + \\ \arctan \left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{u^2 + w^2}} \right) - \frac{(r + \lambda_r)x_{v_\beta}}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + w^2}} + \frac{(p + \lambda_p)z_{v_\beta}}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + w^2}} \\ h - h_0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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IEKF iterative part

$i = 1, 2, \dots, l$

5. Measurement equation Jacobian recalculation:

$$H_x(\underline{\eta}_i) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} h(\underline{\eta}_i, \underline{u}(t), t)$$

6. Kalman gain recalculation:

$$K_{k+1}(\underline{\eta}_i) = P_{k+1,k}(\bullet) H_x^T(\underline{\eta}_i) \left[H_x(\underline{\eta}_i) P_{k+1,k}(\bullet) H_x^T(\underline{\eta}_i) + R_{k+1} \right]^{-1}$$

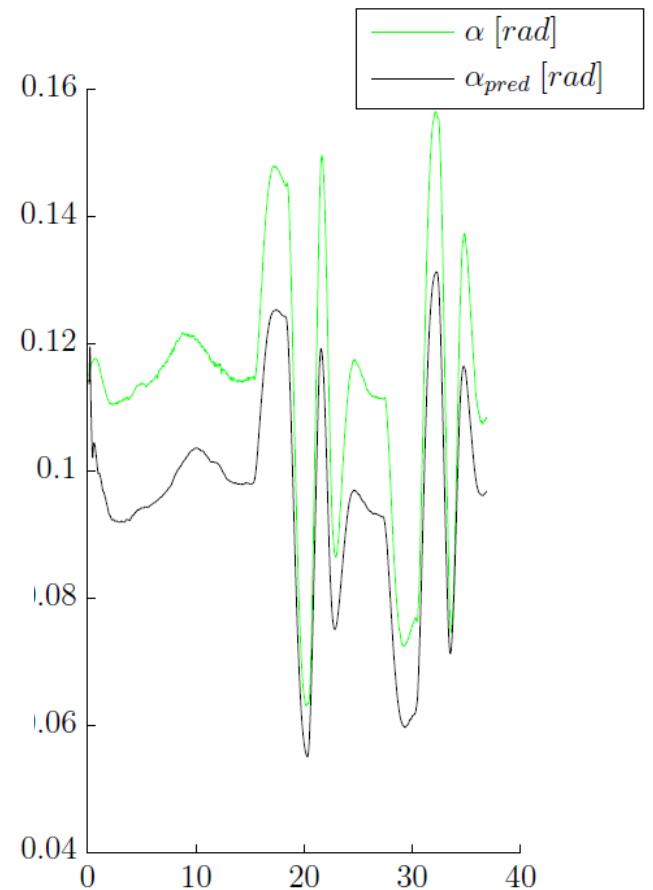
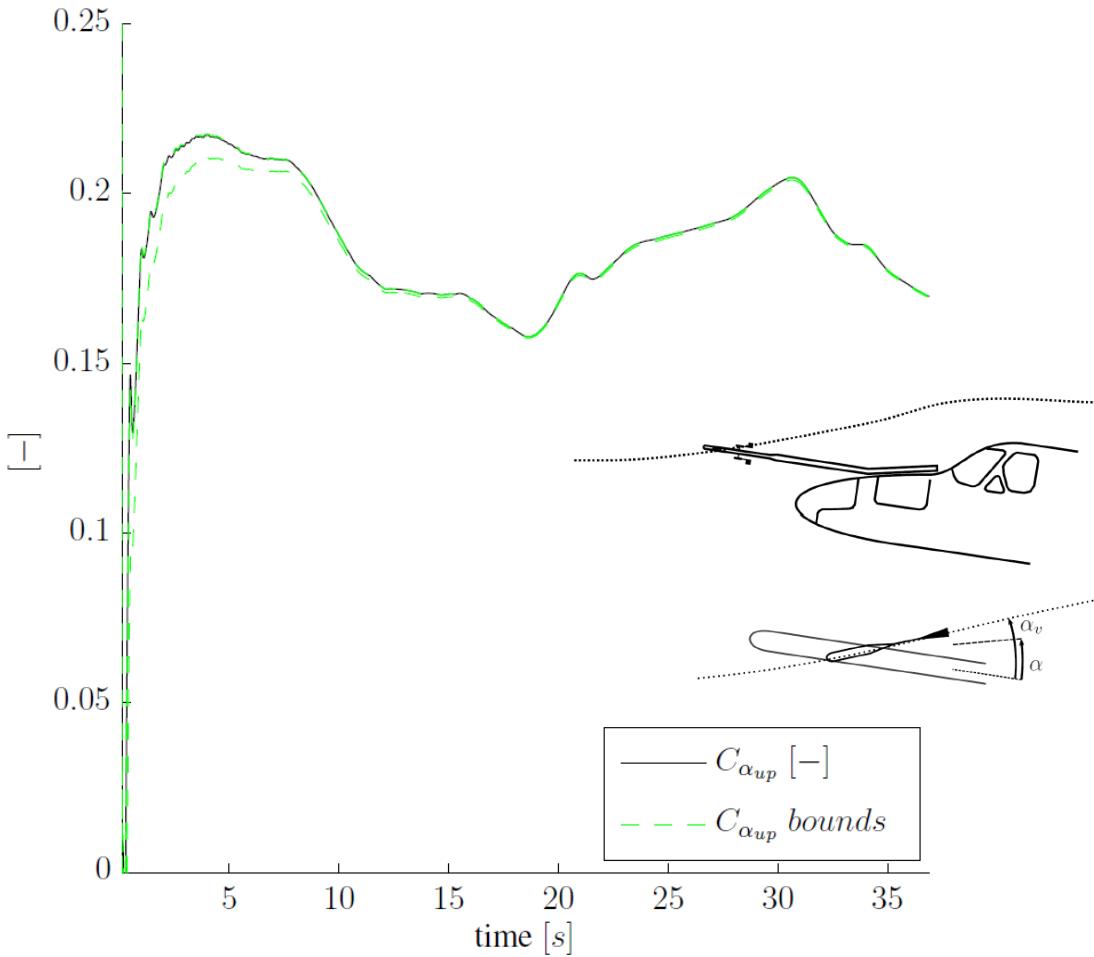
7. Measurement update,
update state estimate :

$$\underline{\eta}_{i+1} = \hat{x}_{k+1,k} + K_{k+1}(\underline{\eta}_i) \left(\underline{z}_{k+1} - h(\underline{\eta}_i, \underline{u}_{k+1}) - H_x(\underline{\eta}_i) (\hat{x}_{k+1,k} - \underline{\eta}_i) \right)$$

$$\hat{x}_{k+1,k+1} = \underline{\eta}_l$$

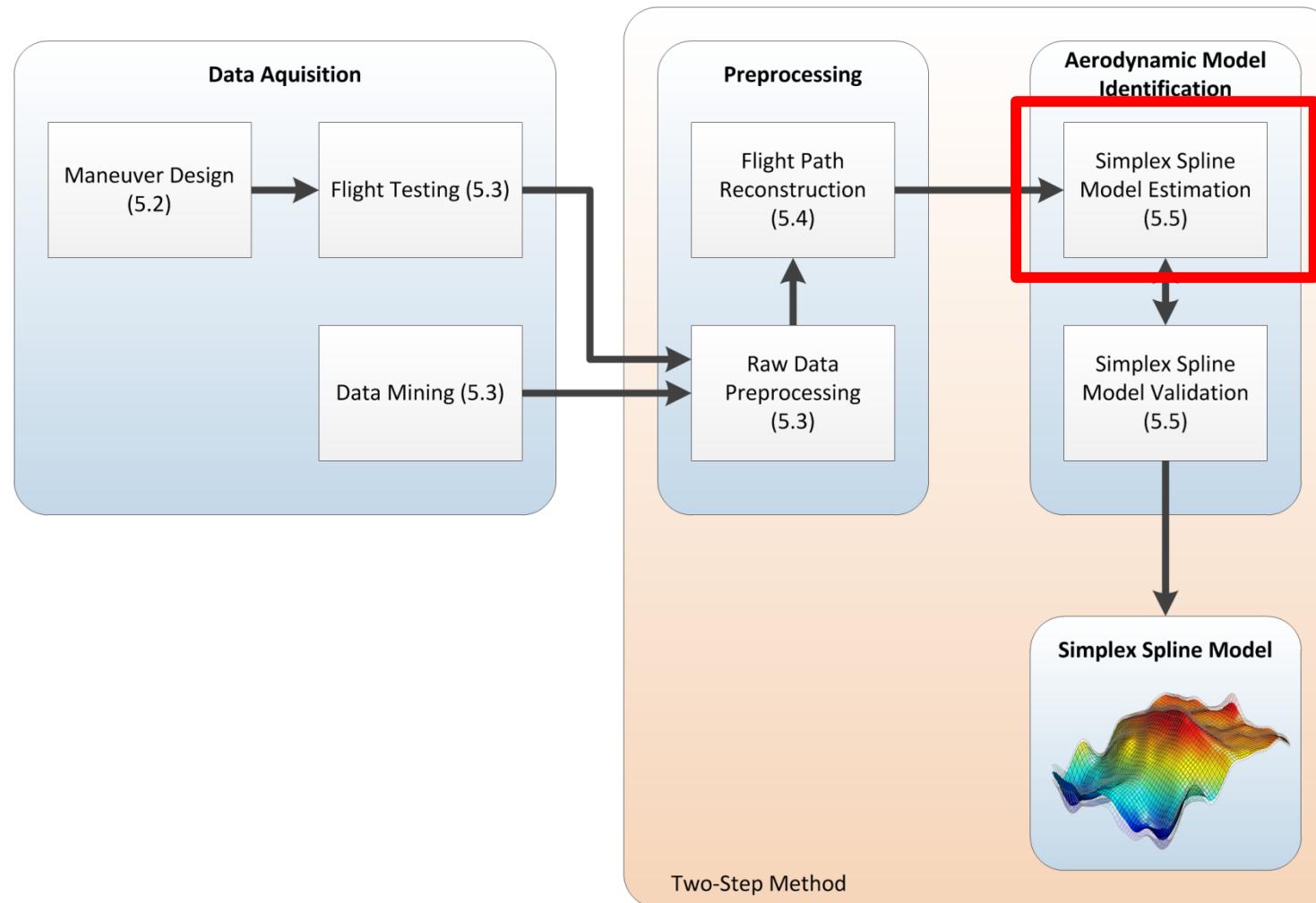
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Example: estimation of upwash coefficient



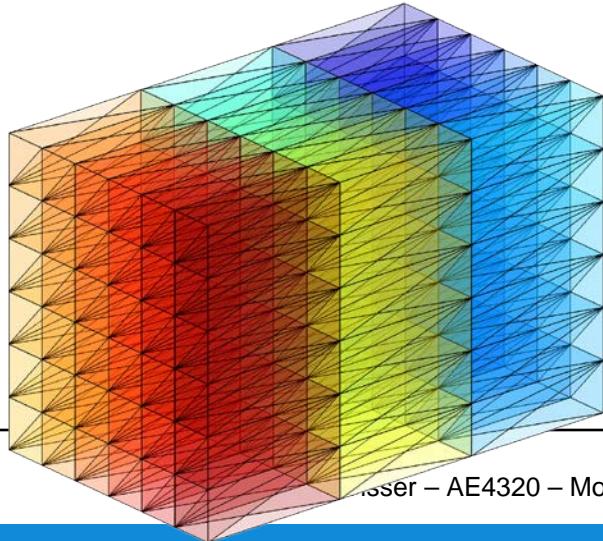
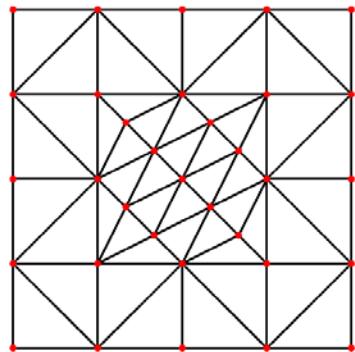
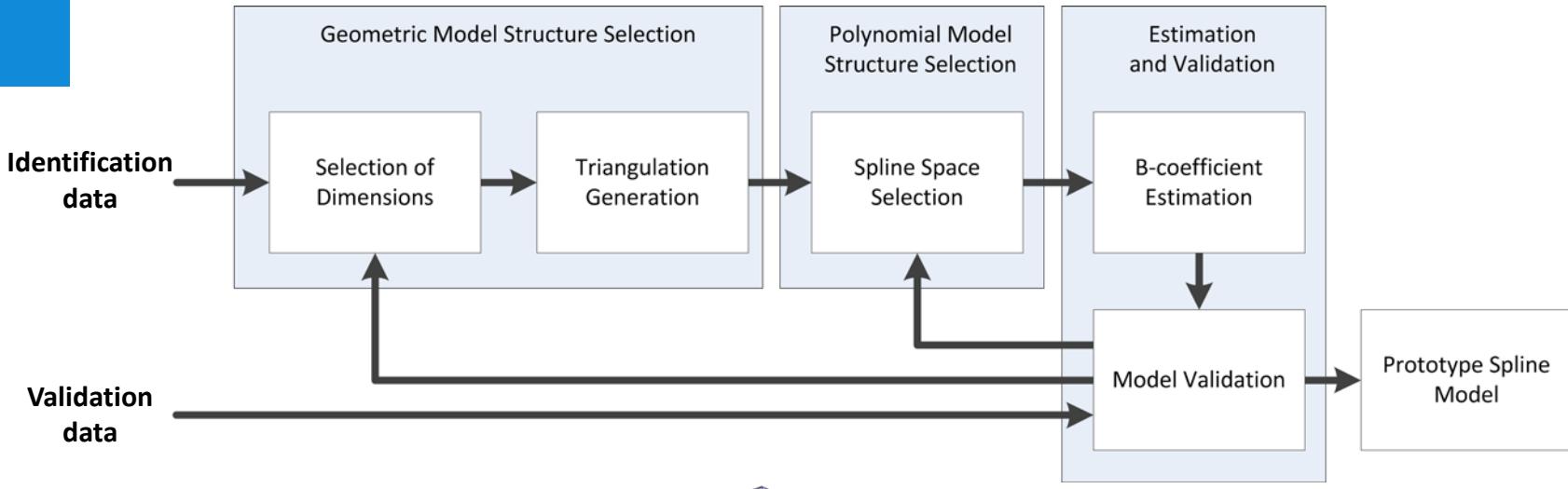
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Simplex Spline Model Estimation



$$p(x, c) = B^d(x) \cdot c$$

$$\hat{c}_{OLS} = \arg \min \left[\frac{1}{2} (Y - B \cdot c)^T (Y - B \cdot c) \right]$$

subject to $H \cdot c = 0$

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Model structure selection procedure for modeling C_m

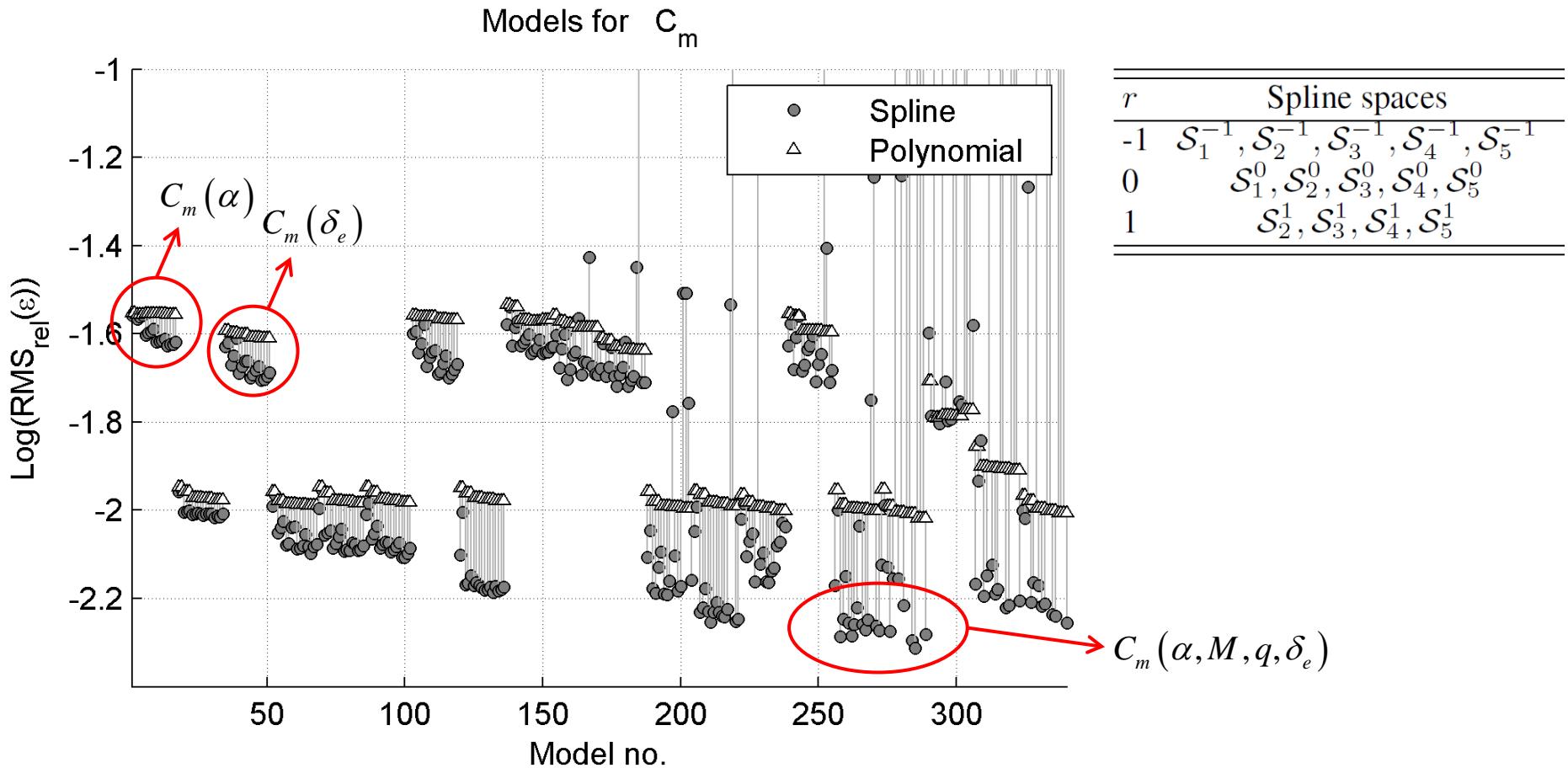
Model structure selection procedure

1. Based on expert knowledge, define sets of candidate dimensions
2. Create spline functions for each set of candidate dimensions
3. Calculate performance and select optimal candidate dimension set

	C_m
1	δ_e
2	$(\alpha, \delta_e), (\hat{q}, \delta_e)$
3	$(\alpha, \hat{q}, \delta_e), (\alpha, M, \delta_e), (\alpha, \beta, \delta_e), (\alpha, \delta_e, T_e), (\alpha, M, \delta_e), (\hat{q}, \delta_e, T_e), (\alpha, \dot{\alpha}, \delta_e), (\dot{\alpha}, \delta_e, T_e)$
4	$(\alpha, \hat{q}, \delta_e, T_e), (\alpha, \hat{q}, M, \delta_e), (\alpha, \dot{\alpha}, \delta_e, T_e), (\alpha, \dot{\alpha}, M, \delta_e), (\alpha, M, \delta_e, T_e), (\alpha, \beta, M, \delta_e), (\alpha, \beta, \hat{q}, \delta_e), (\alpha, \beta, \dot{\alpha}, \delta_e)$
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Prototype spline models for pitching moment coefficient C_m



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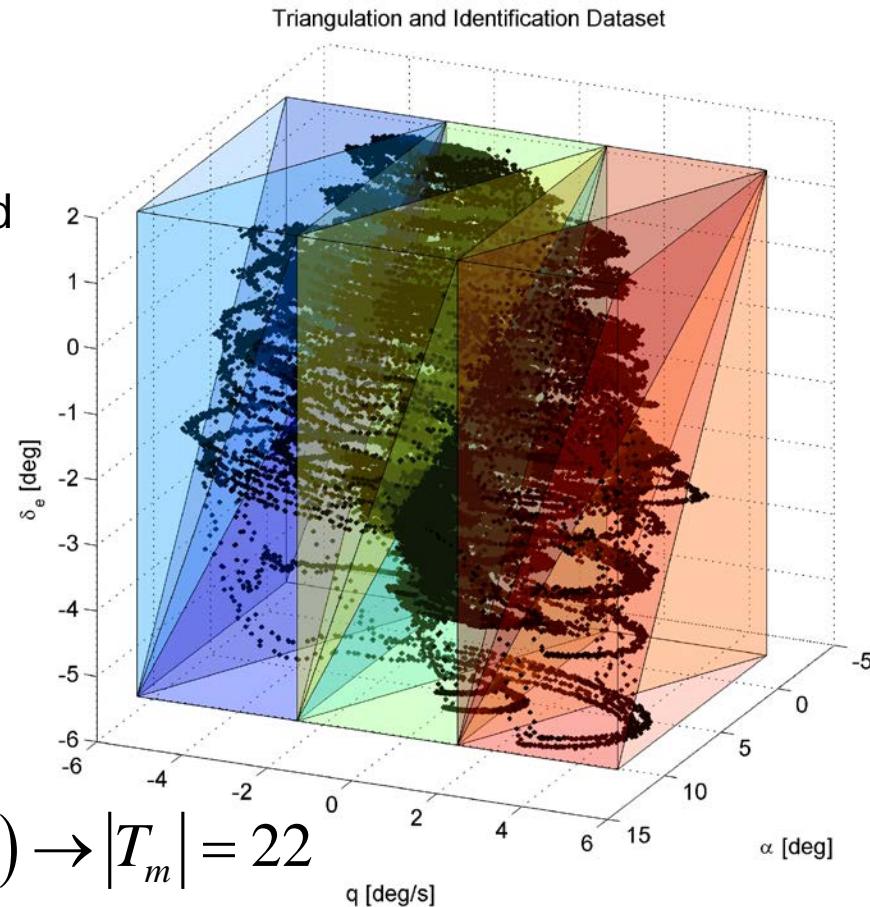
Spline model for pitching moment coefficient C_m

Selected model structure:

1. Splines defined on candidate dimension set (α, M, q, δ_e) produced the best results.
2. Spline function defined on 22 simplices (pentachorons) produced the best results (not pictured!).
3. Spline function of degree 4 and continuity order 2 produced the best results after model validation.

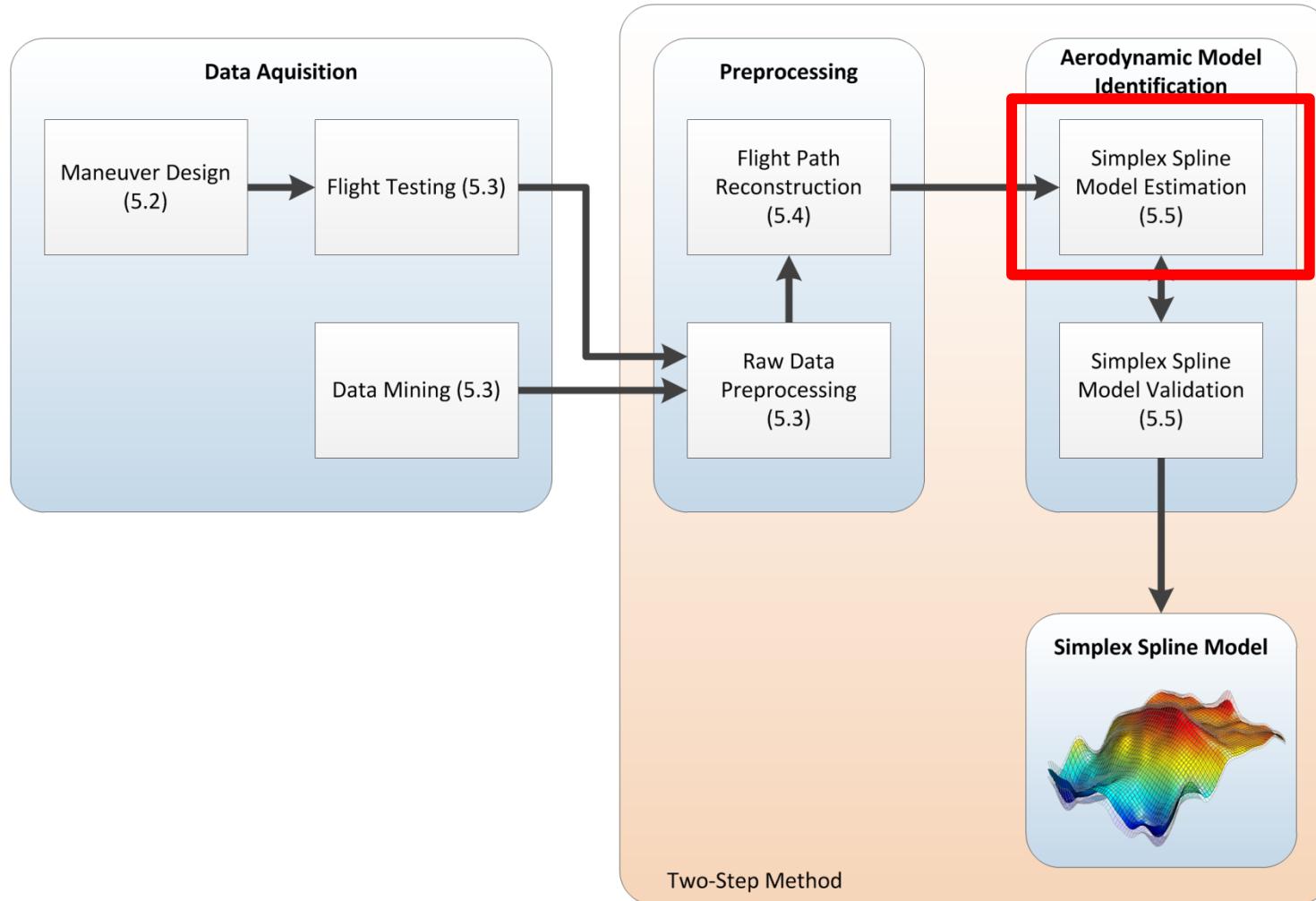
Final model structure selection:

$$s(\alpha, M, q, \delta_e) = B^4(x) \cdot c \in S_4^2(T_m) \rightarrow |T_m| = 22$$



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Equality constrained OLS estimation

The OLS cost function using the global regression matrix B and the global vector of B-coefficients c are defined for $B^4(x) \cdot c \in S_4^2(T_m)$:

$$J(c) = \frac{1}{2} (Y - B \cdot c)^T (Y - B \cdot c)$$

In this case we want to enforce 2nd order smoothness between spline pieces using the smoothness constraints $H \cdot c = 0$. Note that H is rank-deficient (i.e. $\text{rank } H < \text{row } H$) in general!

The **constrained** cost function minimum can be found as follows:

$$\hat{c} = \arg \min \left[\frac{1}{2} (Y - B \cdot c)^T (Y - B \cdot c) \right], \quad \text{subject to } H \cdot c = 0$$

This equality constrained optimization problem can be solved using **Lagrange Multiplier methods**.

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Equality constrained OLS estimation

The OLS B-coefficient / Lagrangian estimator with Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{c} \\ \hat{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B^T \cdot B & H^T \\ H & 0 \end{bmatrix}^+ \cdot \begin{bmatrix} B^T \cdot Y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is equivalent to:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{c} \\ \hat{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & C_2 \\ C_3 & C_4 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} B^T \cdot Y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The constrained OLS B-coefficient estimator is:

$$\hat{c} = C_1 \cdot B^T \cdot Y$$

With statistics:

$$Cov\{\hat{c}\} = C_1, \quad Var\{\hat{c}\} = diag(C_1)$$

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Equality constrained OLS estimation

We may also use a **much more efficient iterative solver**:

$$\text{First Iteration: } \hat{c}^{(1)} = \left(2B^T \cdot B + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} H^T \cdot H \right)^{-1} \cdot \left(2B^T \cdot Y - H^T \cdot \hat{\lambda}^{(0)} \right), \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$$

$$\text{Next Iteration: } \hat{c}^{(k+1)} = \left(2B^T \cdot B + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} H^T \cdot H \right)^{-1} \cdot 2B^T \cdot B \cdot \hat{c}^{(k)}, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$$

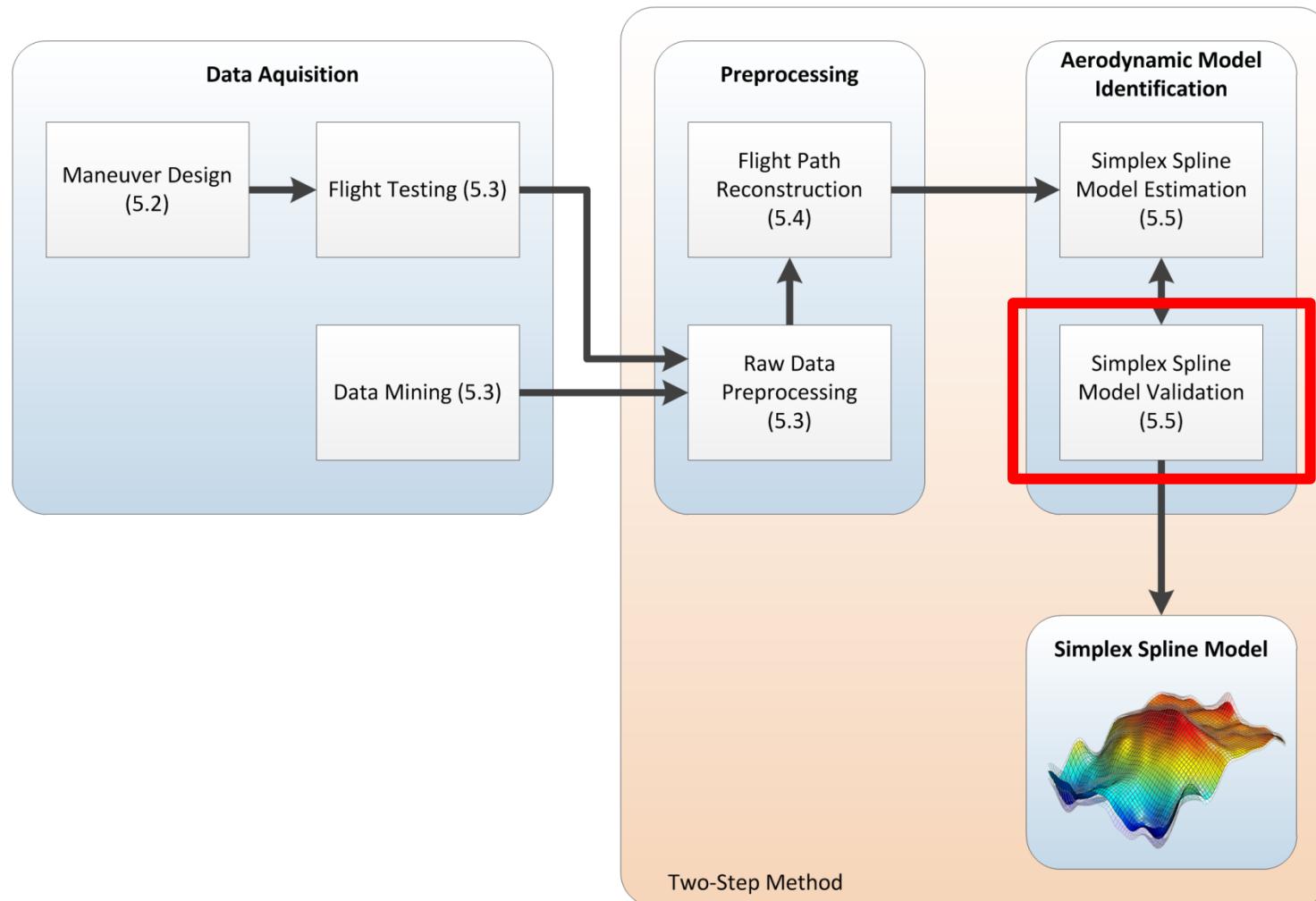
With ε a small number (e.g. 10^{-6}), and with $\hat{\lambda}^{(0)}$ an initial estimate for the Lagrange multipliers (e.g. $\hat{\lambda}^{(0)} = 0$).

The B-coefficient covariance matrix is approximated by:

$$Cov(\hat{c}) \approx \left(2B^T \cdot B + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} H^T \cdot H \right)^{-1}$$

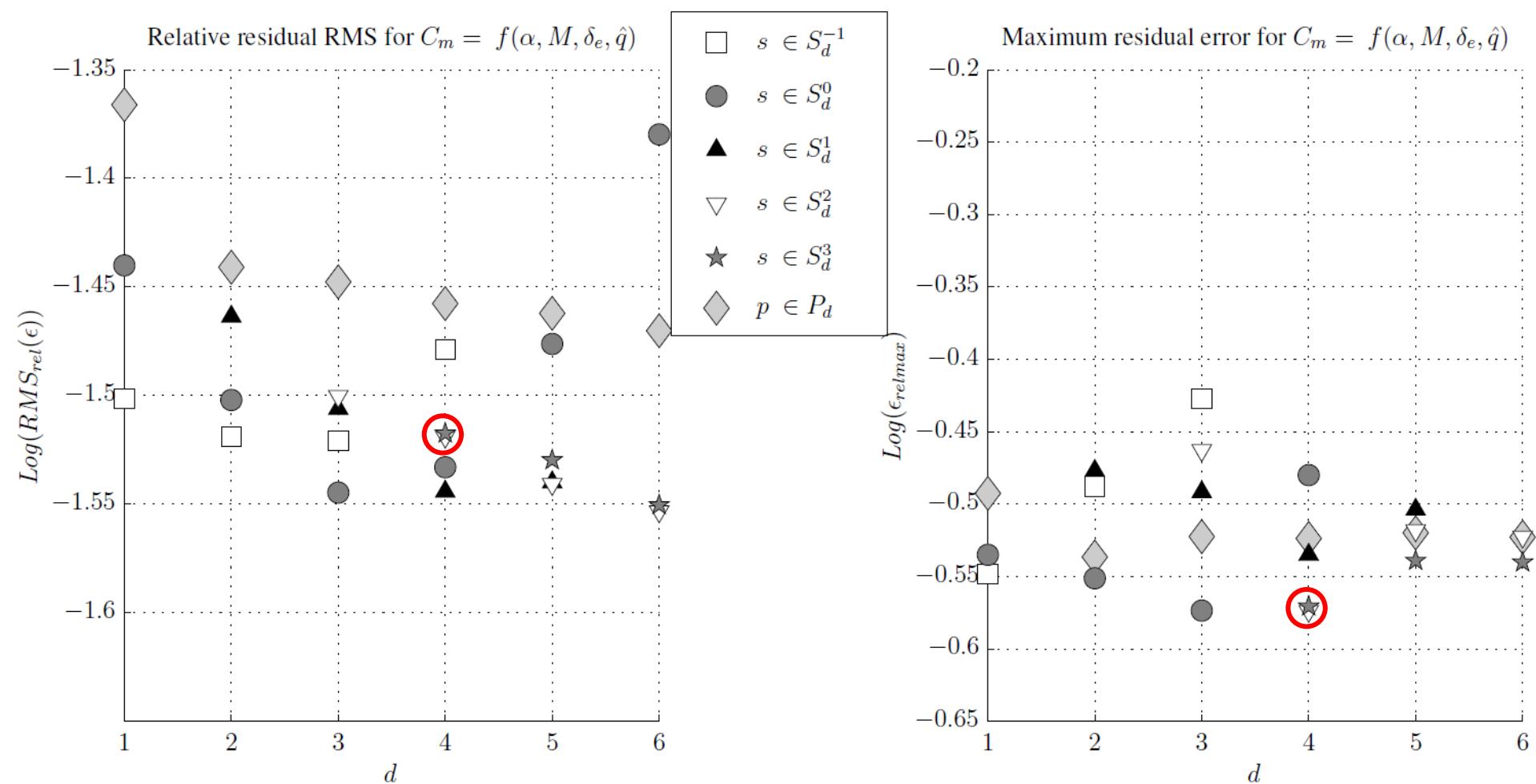
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The procedure for AMI



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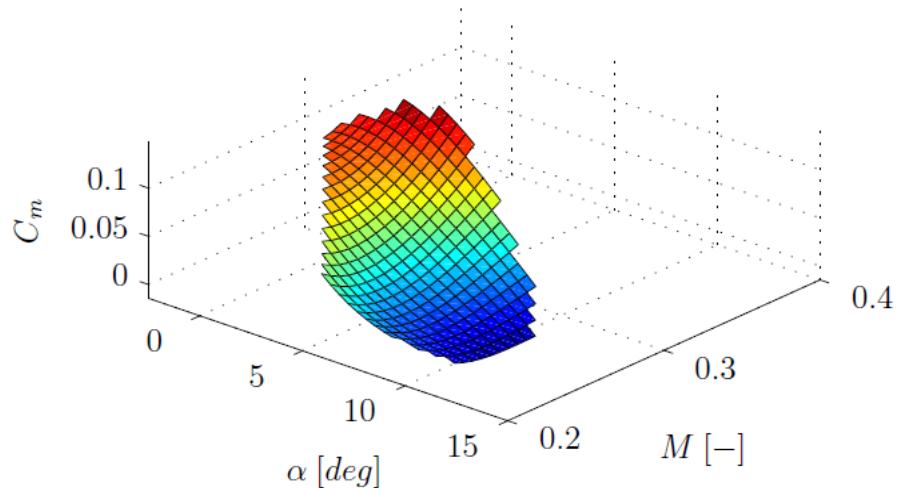
Spline model for Pitching Moment Coefficient



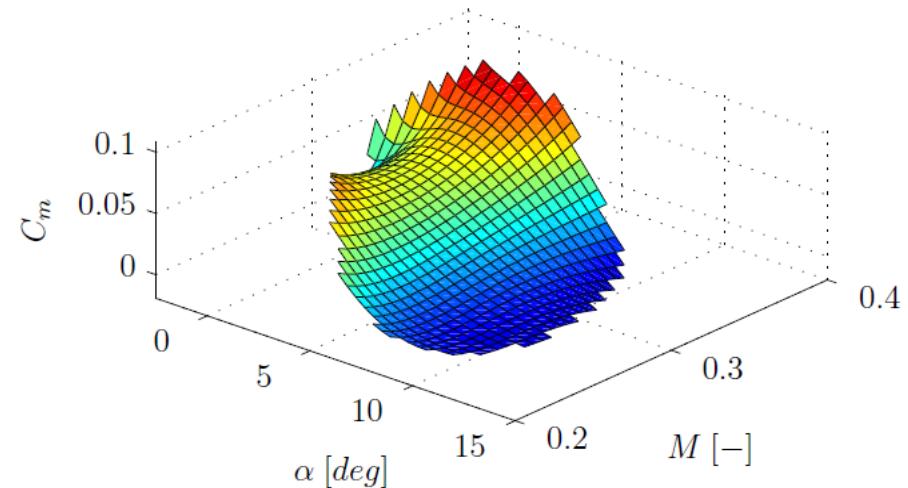
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Spline model for Pitching Moment Coefficient (slices from 4D model)

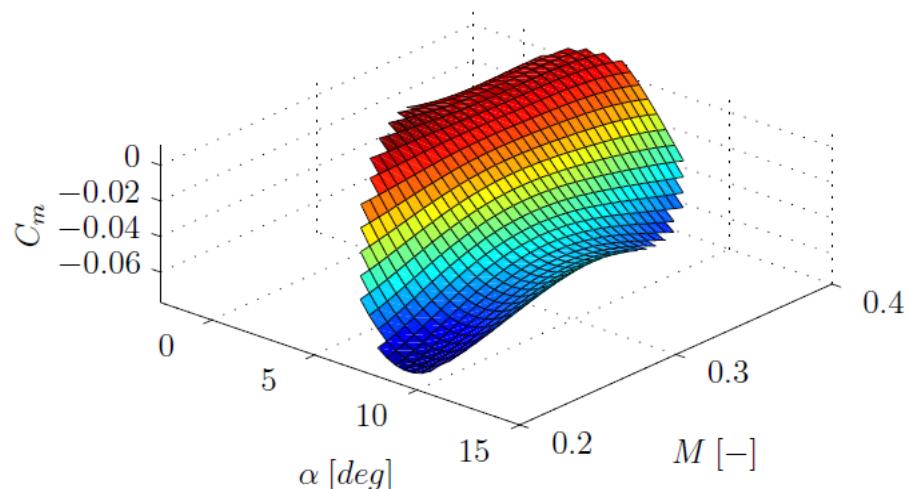
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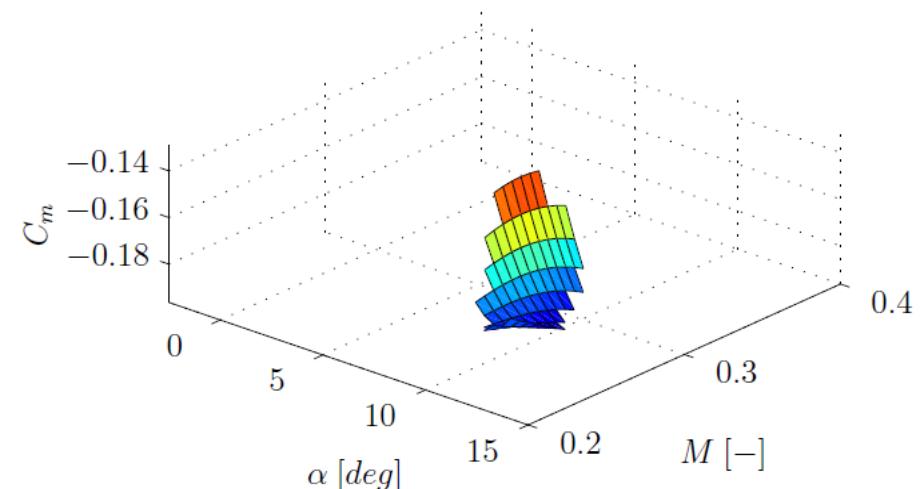
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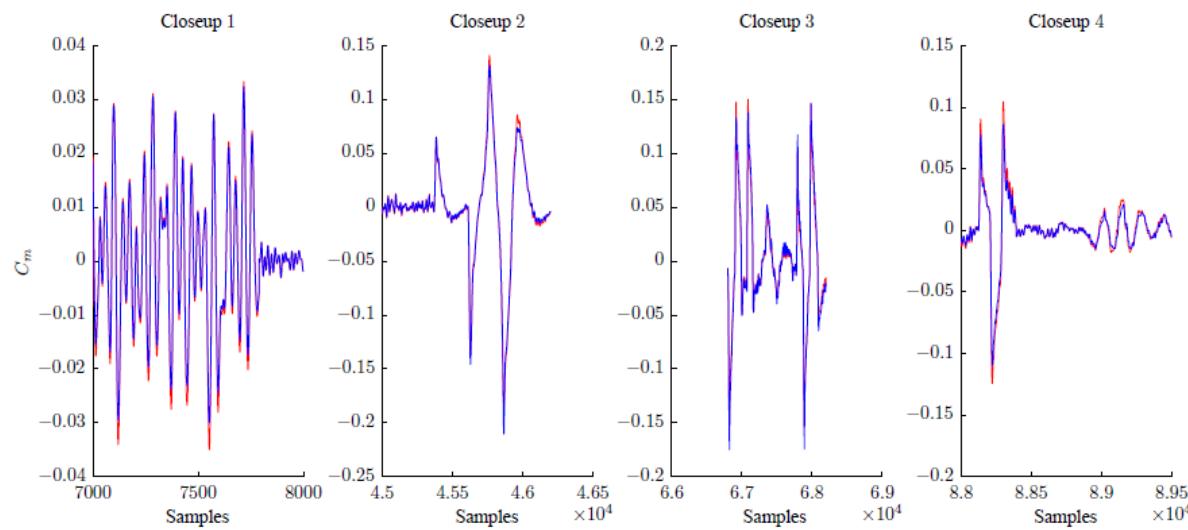
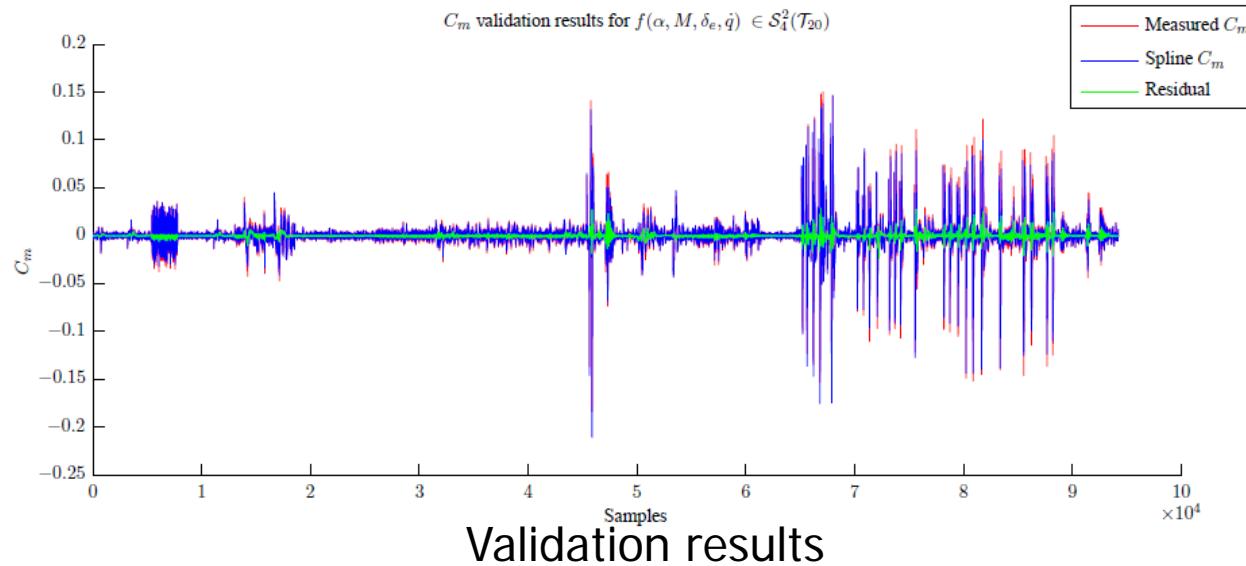
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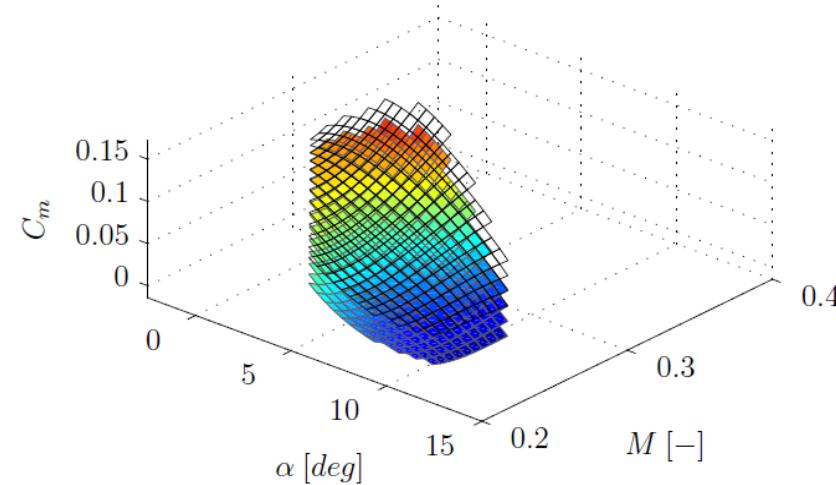
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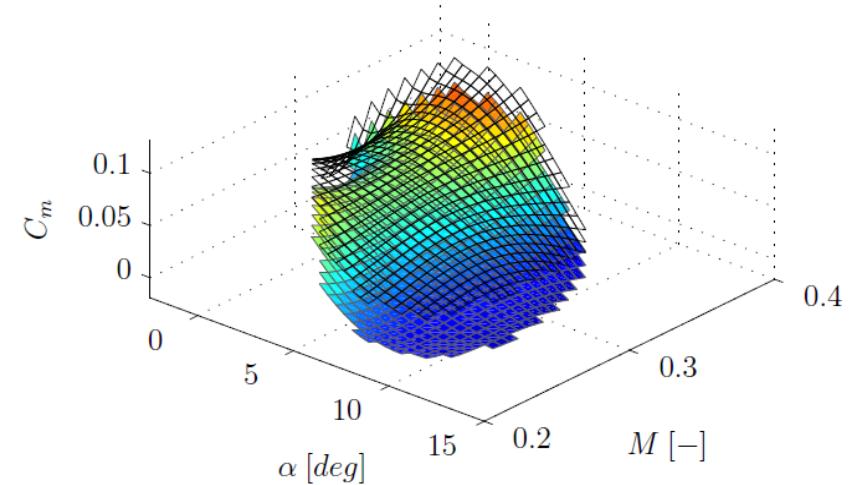
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Spline model with 97% confidence bounds from model residuals

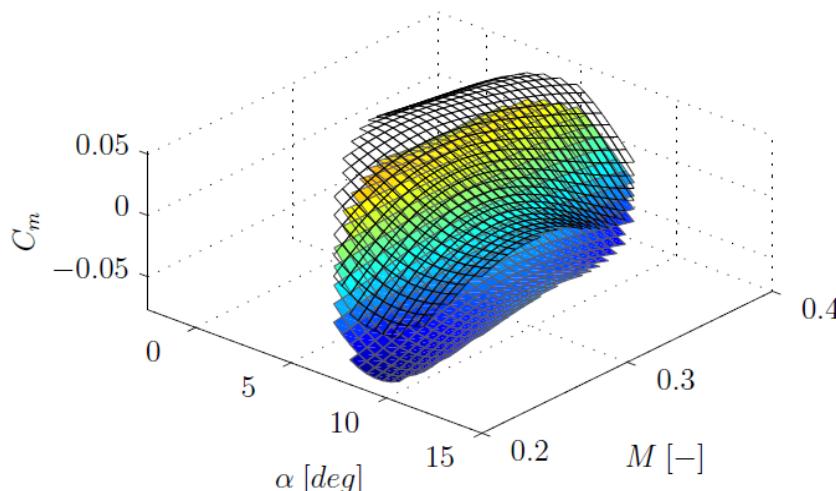
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confidence companion spline model:

$$s_c = \sum_{|\kappa|=d} \tau_\kappa^{t_j} B_\kappa^d(\mathbf{b}), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, J,$$

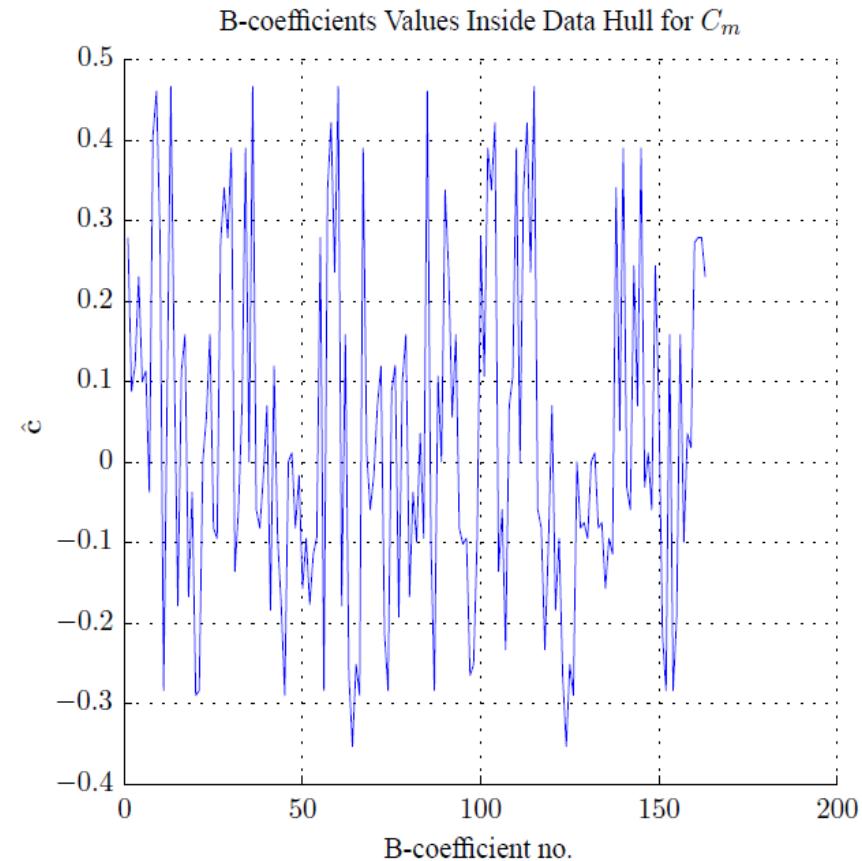
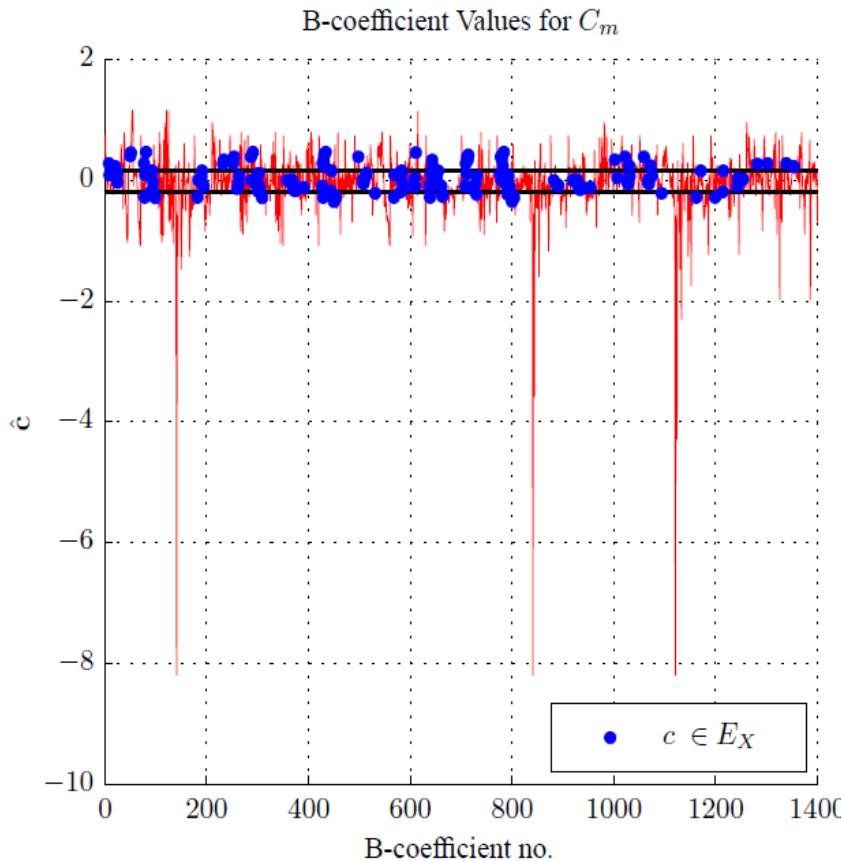
with coefficients:

$$\tau_\kappa^{t_j} = t_{\frac{\alpha}{2p}, N-p} \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{c}_\kappa^{t_j})}$$

with $t_{\frac{\alpha}{2p}, N-p}$ the student-T the Student's t distribution with $N - p$ degrees of freedom, significance level $\frac{\alpha}{2p}$, and with $p = J\hat{d}$.

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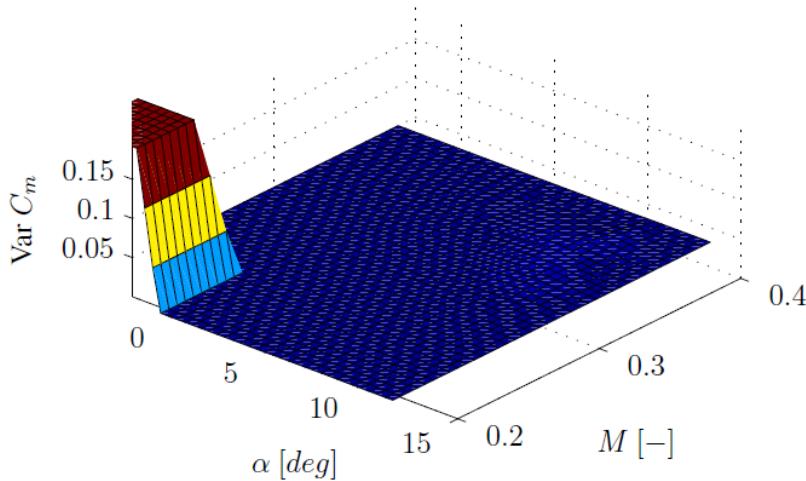
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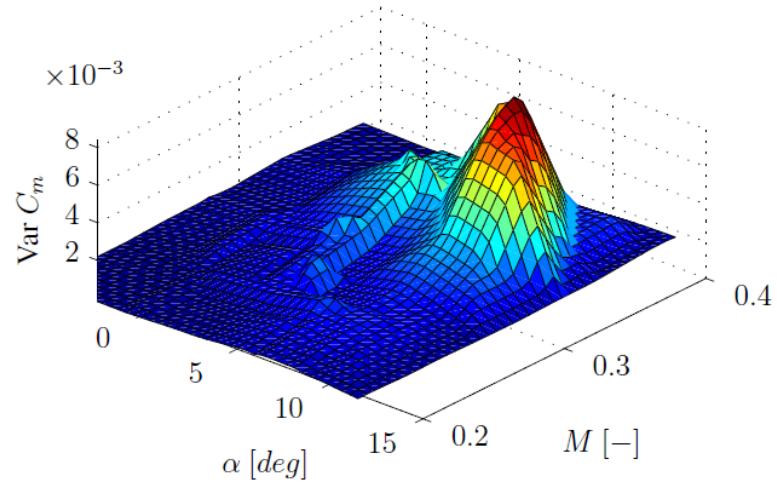
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Variance surfaces of spline model

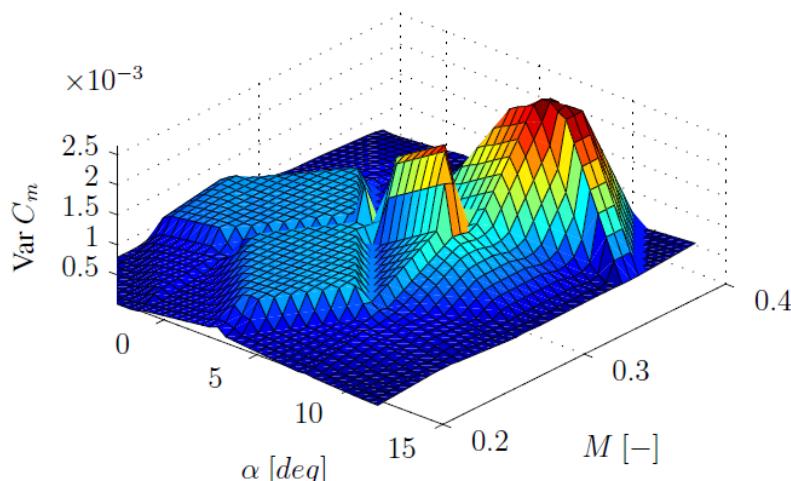
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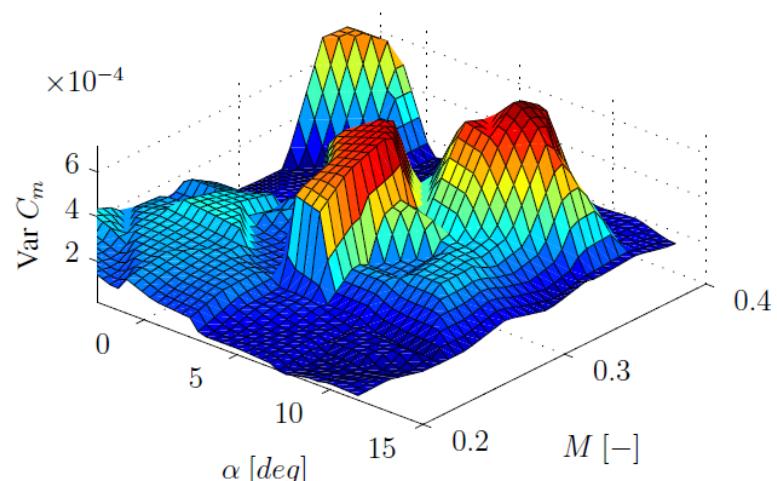
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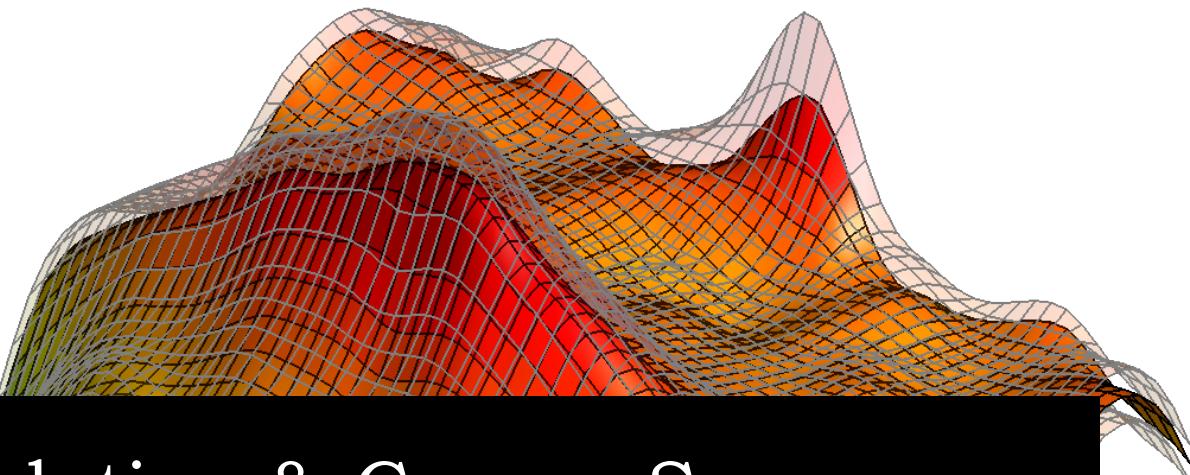
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Final results for all spline models:

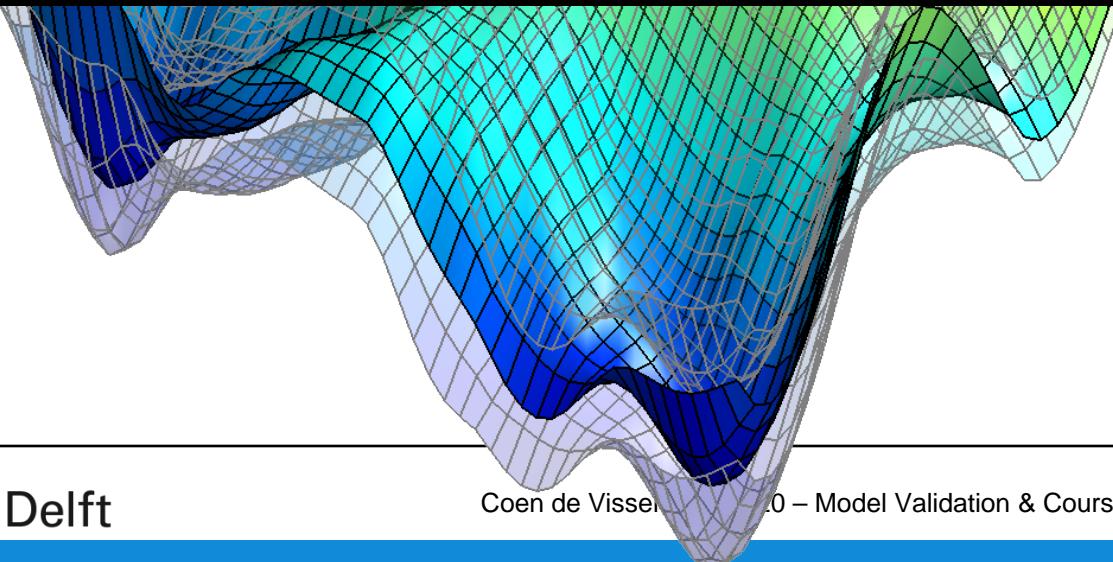
	C_X	C_Y	C_Z	C_l	C_m	C_n
Dimensions	(α, M, δ_e)	$(\beta, \delta_r, \hat{r})$	$(\alpha, M, \delta_e, \hat{q})$	$(\beta, \delta_a, \dot{p})$	$(\alpha, M, \delta_e, \hat{q})$	$(M, \beta, \delta_r, \hat{r})$
Triangulation	\mathcal{T}_6	\mathcal{T}_6	\mathcal{T}_{22}	\mathcal{T}_6	\mathcal{T}_{22}	\mathcal{T}_{22}
Spline Space	\mathcal{S}_4^2	\mathcal{S}_3^1	\mathcal{S}_4^2	\mathcal{S}_4^2	\mathcal{S}_4^2	\mathcal{S}_4^2
RMS _{rel} ϵ	4.79%	7.18%	3.6%	1.73%	3.03%	2.55%
ϵ_{relmax}	30.61%	37.91%	20.90%	22.32%	26.68%	28.76%
R^2	87.07%	41.59%	90.78%	56.34%	64.44%	63.99%



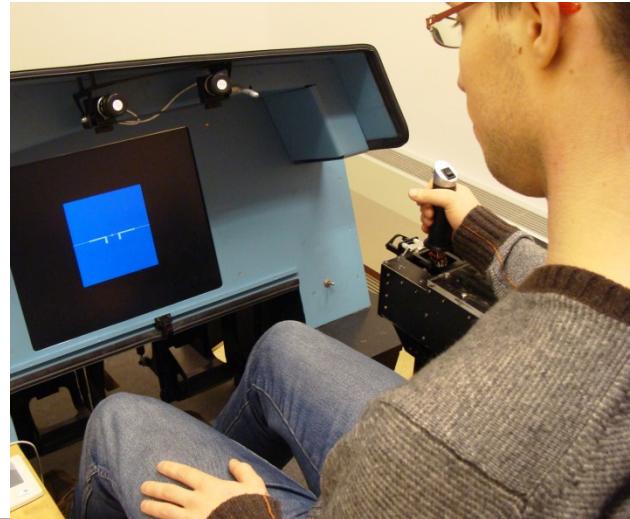
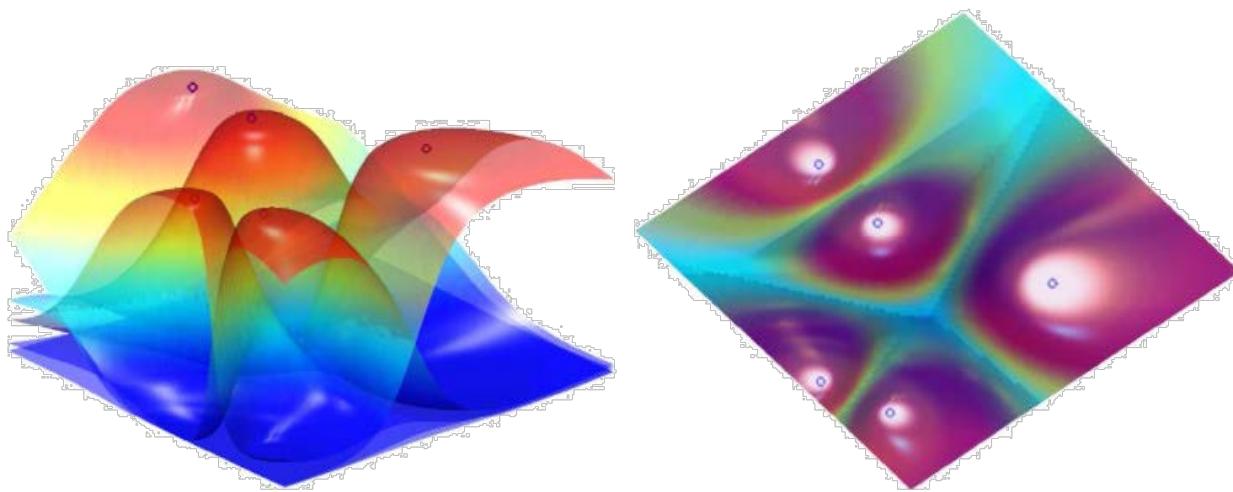
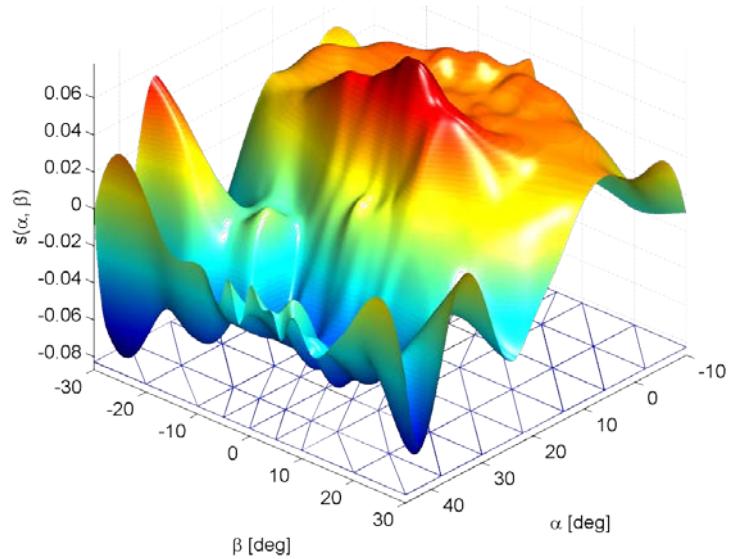
Model Validation & Course Summary

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Description of Assignments



Assignment 1: Kalman Filter

Assignment:

This assignment concerns the aircraft aerodynamic model identification using flight test data with the two-step approach learnt in the lecture.

Accurate estimation of aircraft position, airspeed body components and attitude with a GPS/IMU/Airdata integrated system with wind will be performed in the first step of the two-step approach applying the Extended or Iterated Extended Kalman Filters EKF/IEKF).

After this, a least squares parameter estimator for a standard polynomial model will be developed.

Finally, the estimated model will be validated using a subset of the test data.

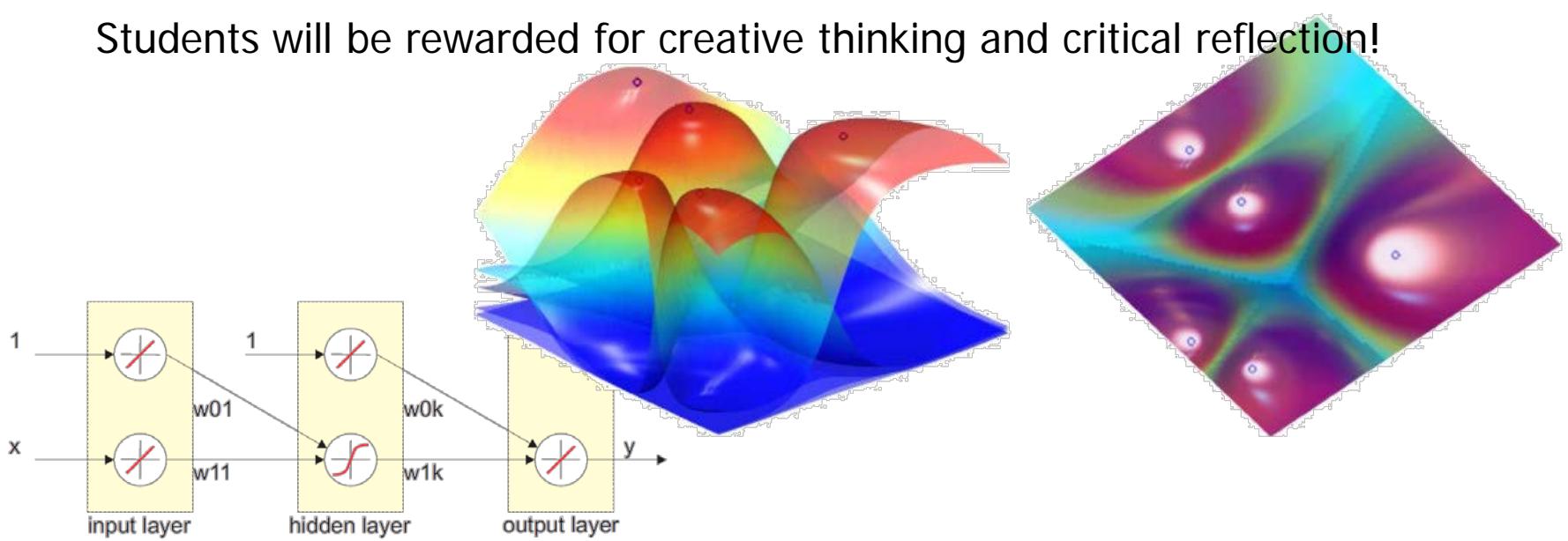
Assignment 2: Neural Networks

Assignment:

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Both feed-forward and RBF networks are used to model the dataset.

Students will be rewarded for creative thinking and critical reflection!



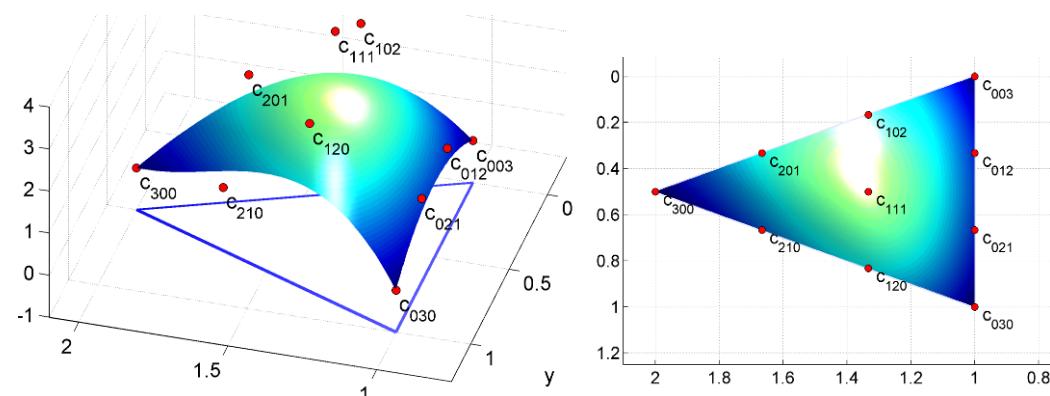
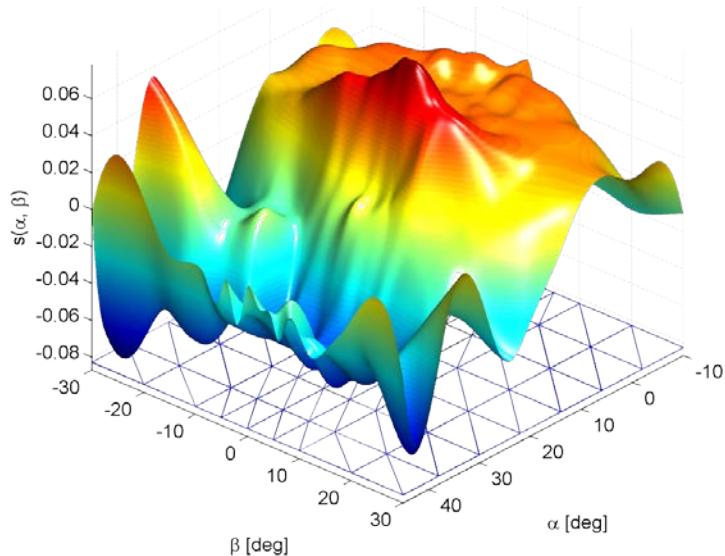
Assignment 3: Multivariate Splines

Assignment:

This assignment focusses on a promising new class of function approximator: the multivariate simplex B-spline.

The assignment concerns the creation of a multivariate simplex B-spline model using a highly nonlinear and noisy wind tunnel dataset of the F-16.

Students will be rewarded for creative thinking and critical reflection!



Assignment 4: Pilot Identification

Assignment:

This assignment concerns the identification of unknown pilot dynamics using black-box system identification techniques.

You are asked to select the best possible model for describing the pilot dynamics and fit this model to your provided dataset.

Students will be rewarded for creative thinking and critical reflection on their selected model!

