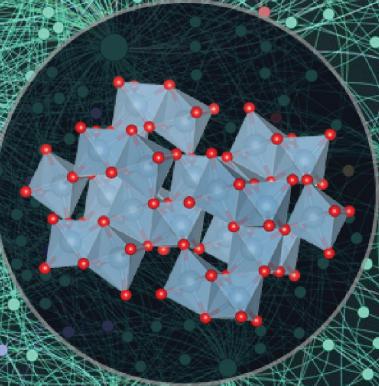
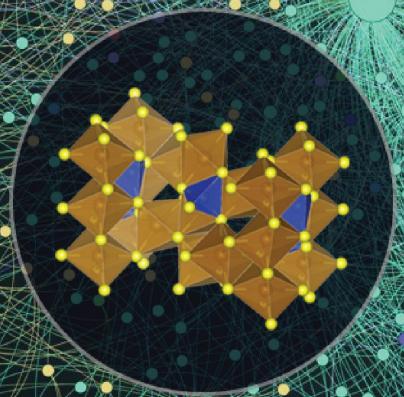
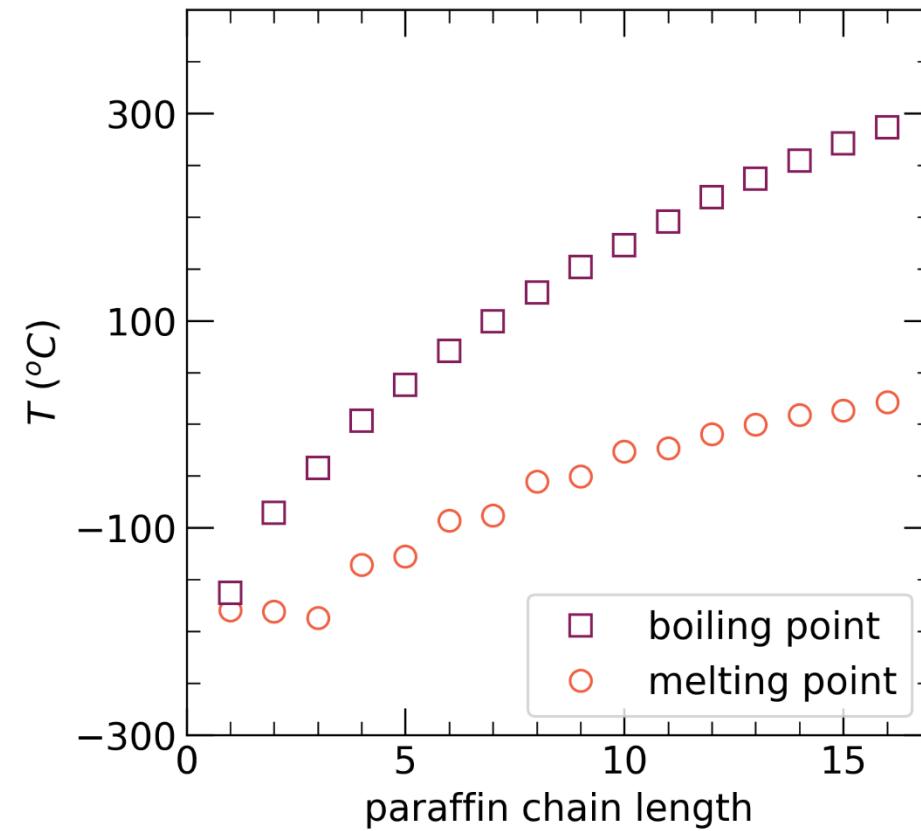
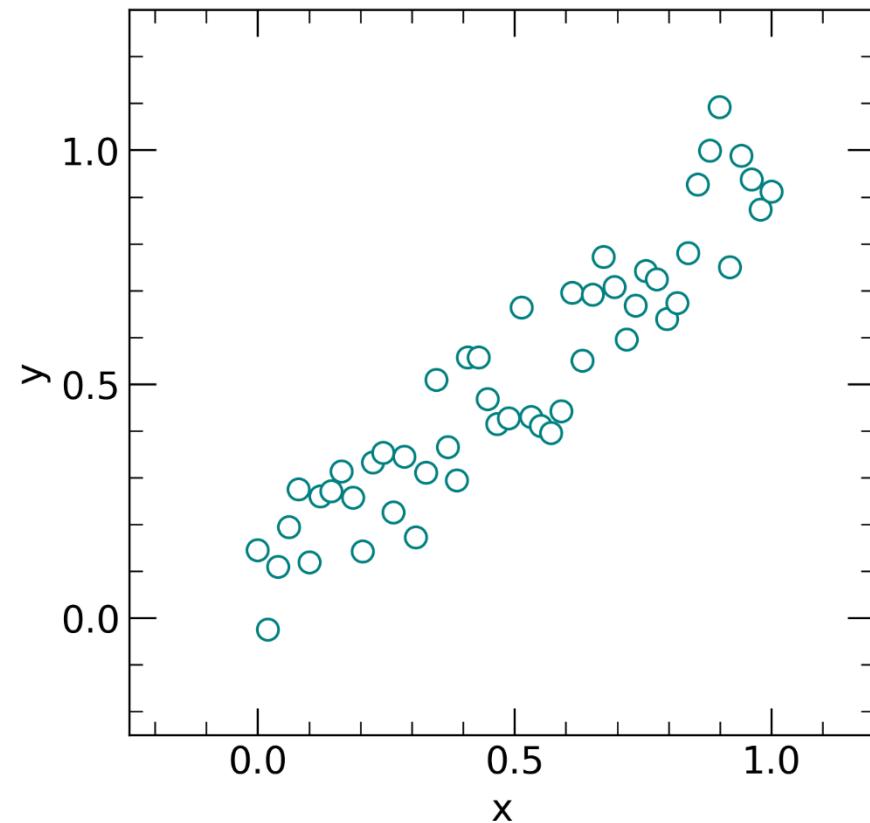


# Linear and Nonlinear models



Both linear and non-linear regression can fit curvature in data



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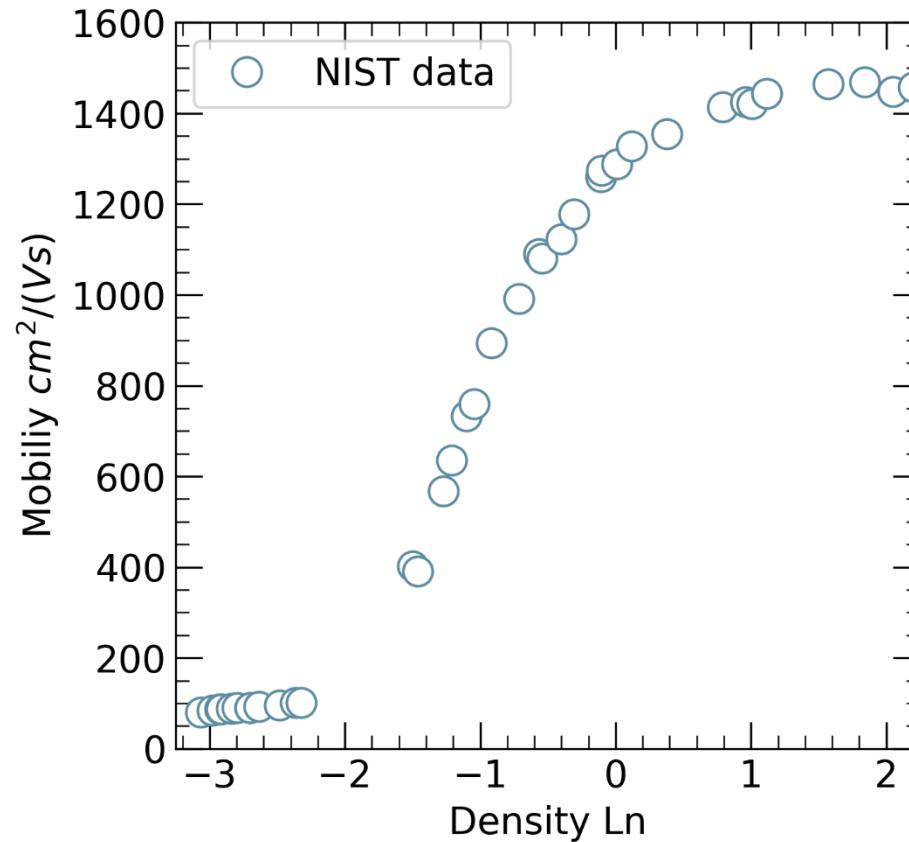
Linear models consist of sums of parameters multiplied by independent variables (IV)

Nonlinear models are anything that don't follow this form

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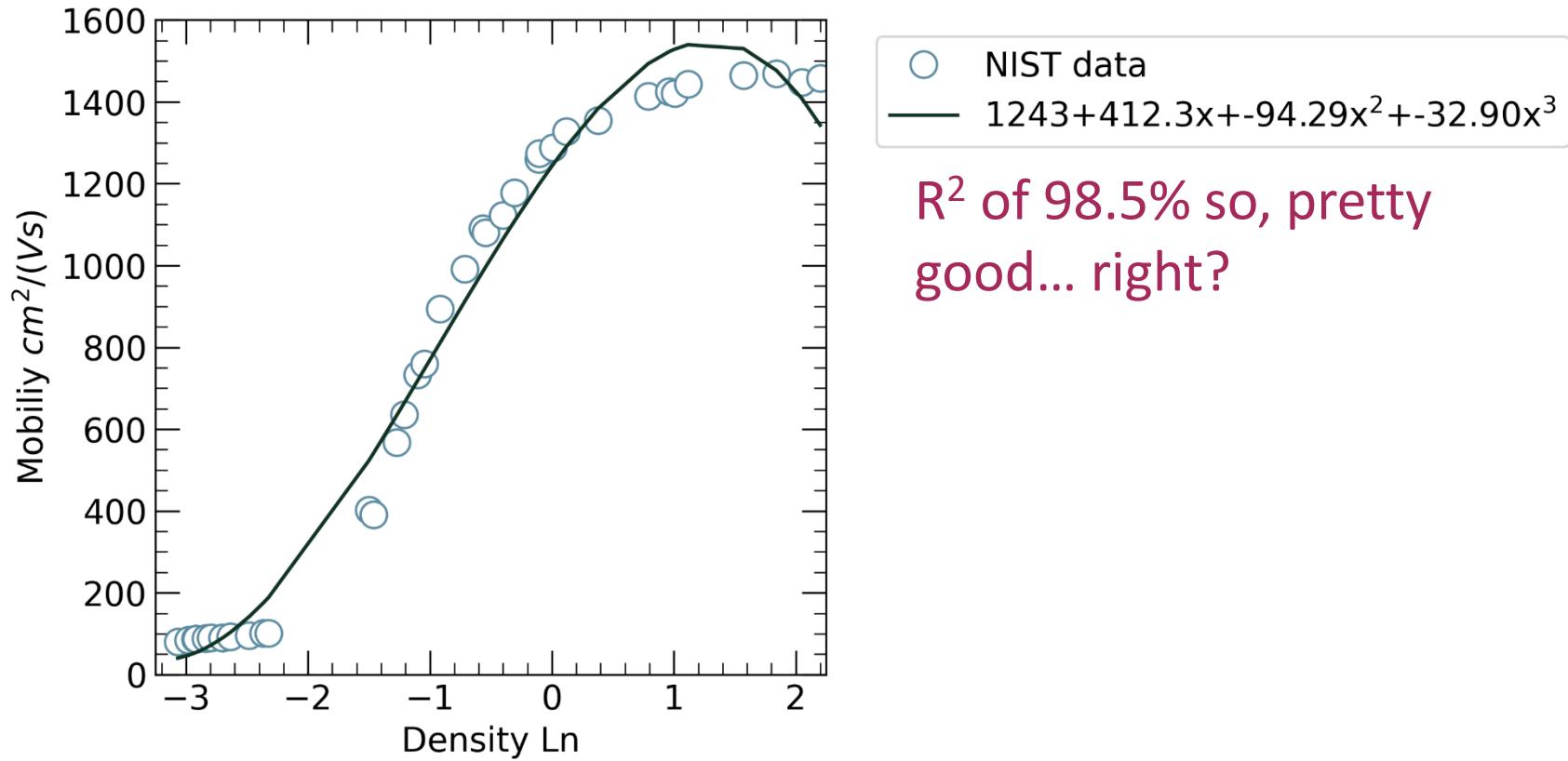
Benefits of linear models	Benefits of nonlinear models
Easy to implement	Harder to implement
Easy to interpret	Harder to interpret
Easily obtained statistics to assess model	Can fit more complicated trends in data (but this can be hard to accomplish)
	No $R^2$ , no p-values possible for the parameter estimates

Let's look at an example from materials data



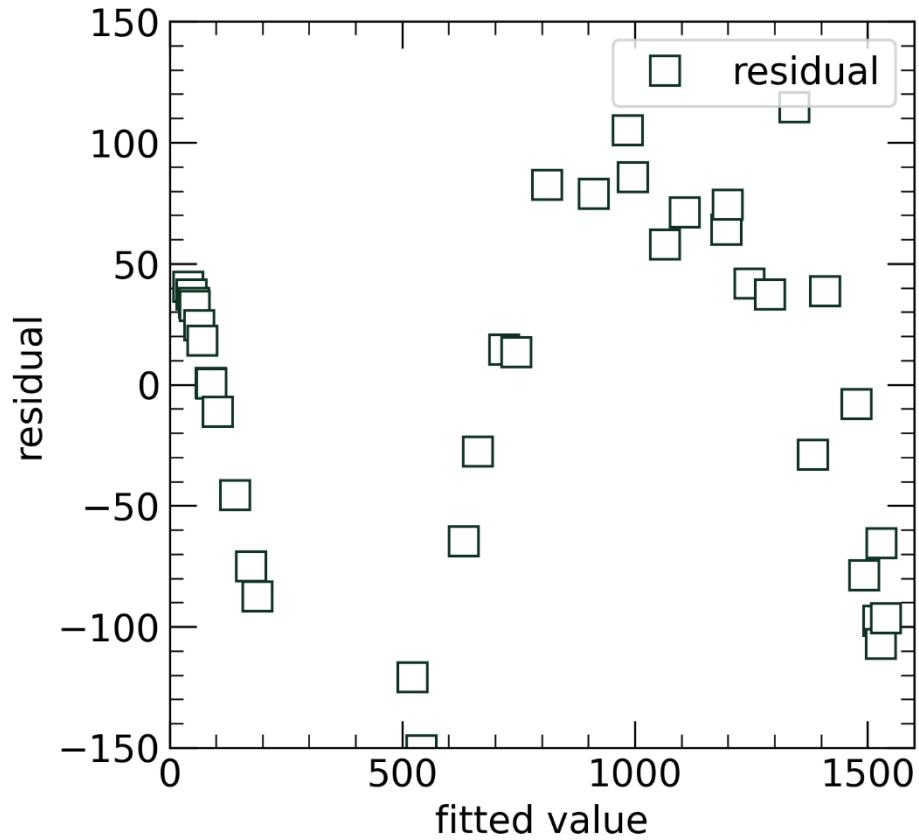
Data taken from NIST <https://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/strd/nls/data/thurber.shtml>

Data can be fit OK with a polynomial order 3 fit



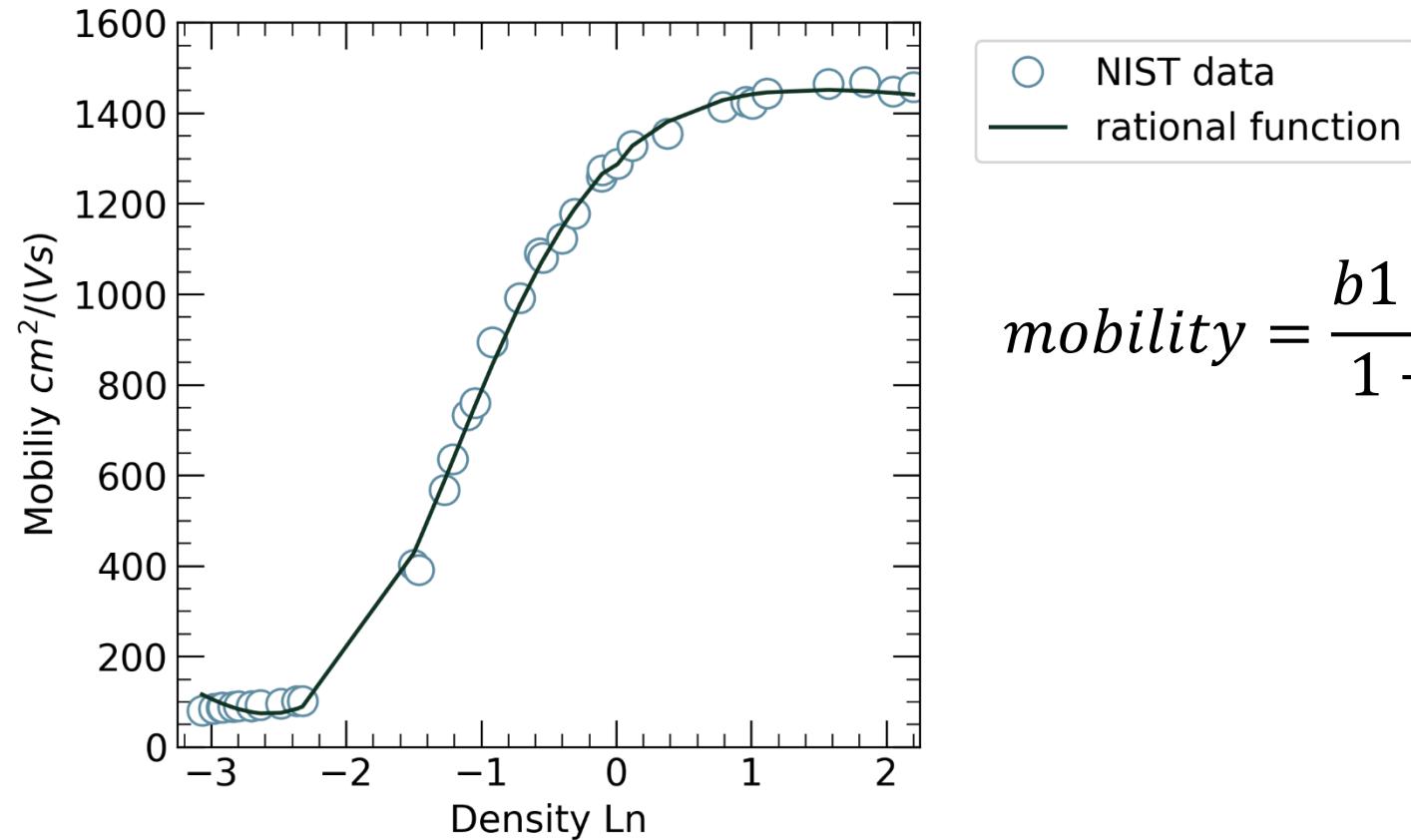
Clearly it overestimates and underestimates portions of the data in systematic (biased) ways

Examine the residual to see the bias



A model that is systematically incorrect is biased ( $R^2$  doesn't tell us the whole story!)

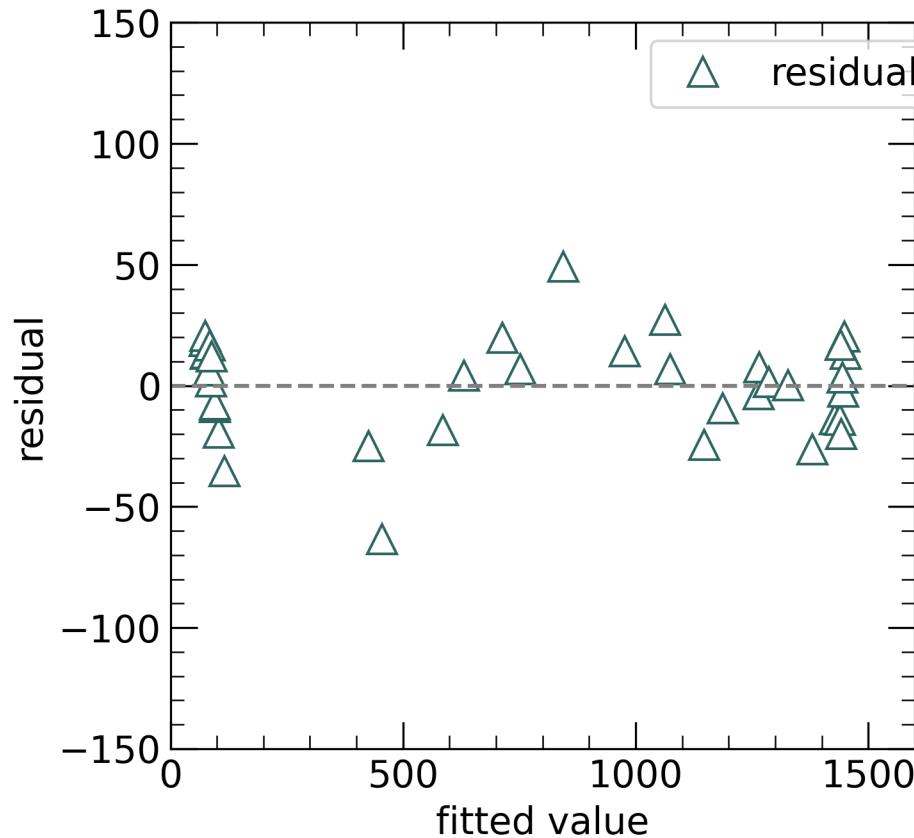
Nonlinear fit is also possible, but more challenging



$$mobility = \frac{b_1 + b_2x + b_3x^2 + b_4x^3}{1 + b_5x + b_6x^2 + b_7x^3}$$

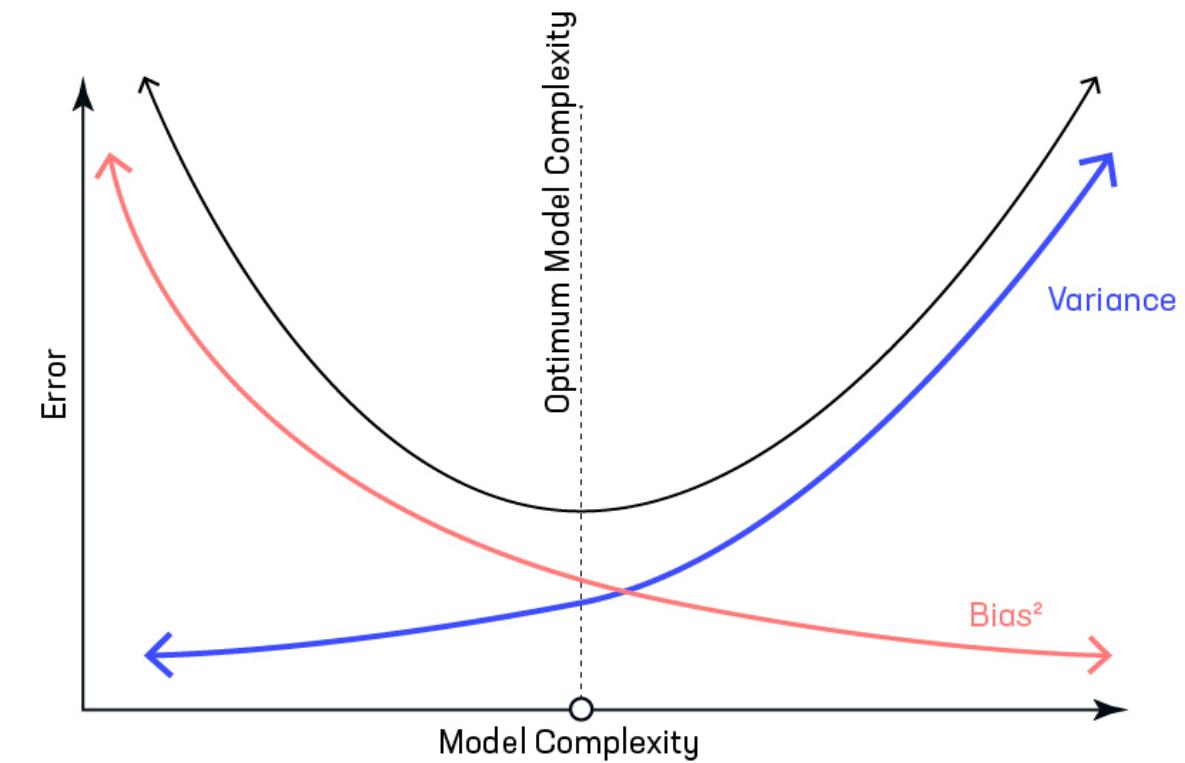
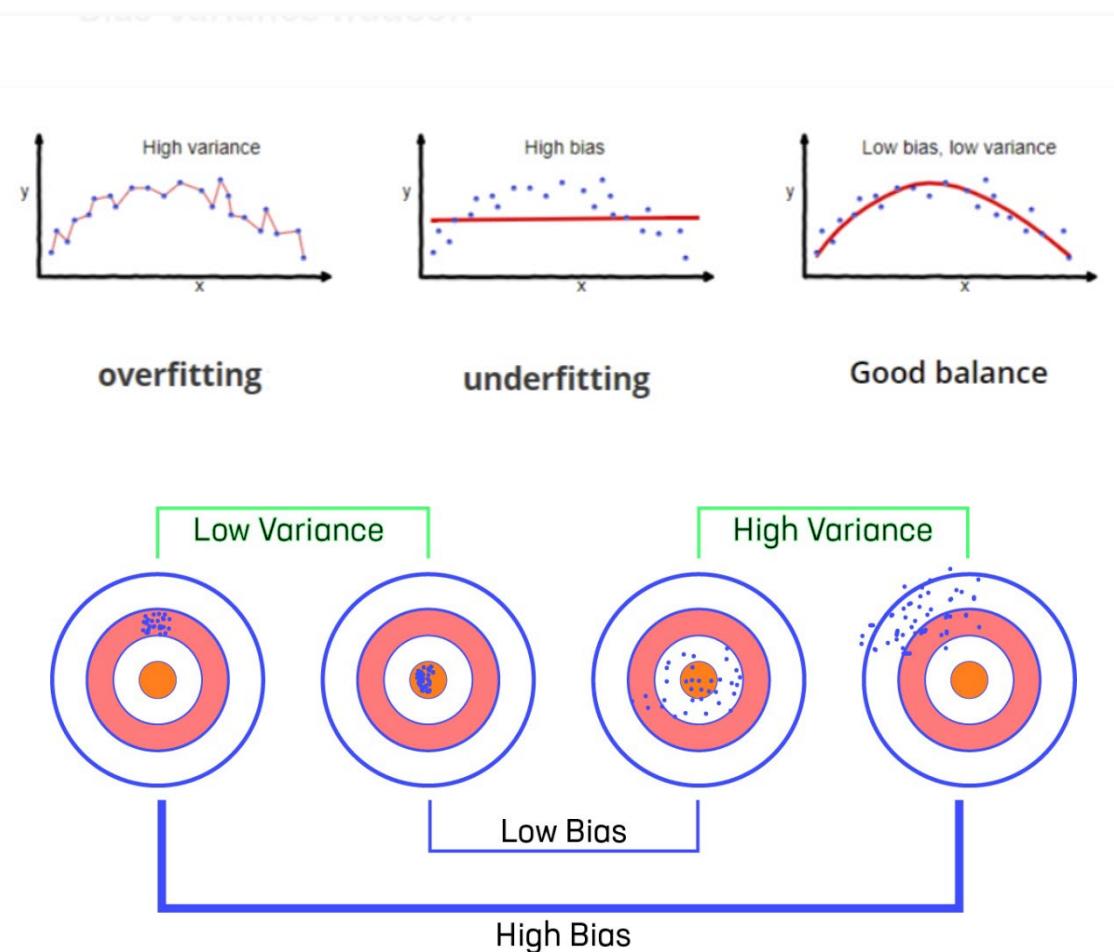
A rational function is two polynomials divided by one another  
Guessing the starting values for the fit is tricky!

Examine the residual to see the improvement on the bias



The residual from the rational function is improved and less biased  
Curve fit parameters determined by Scipy.optimize curve\_fit() method

# Regularization can (and should) be used to prevent overfitting



Ridge, Lasso, and Elastic Net are all good options for regularization

Ridge regression introduces a penalty term based on the square of the coefficients plus a coefficient to control the penalty term. AKA L2 regularization

$$L_{ridge} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} (\|Y - \beta * X\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_2^2)$$

Lasso regression introduces a penalty term based on the sum of the coefficients plus a coefficient to control the penalty term. AKA L1 regularization

$$L_{lasso} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} (\|Y - \beta * X\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1)$$

Elastic Net combines both.

# metrics and evaluation

