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1 Problem Statement

The challenge: build a surrogate $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}$ that emulates the response of a complex time-dependent system \mathcal{M} over long time periods:

$$y(t) = \mathcal{M}(x(\mathcal{T} \leq t)) \approx \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(x(\mathcal{T} \leq t))$$

- Discretized time axis $\mathcal{T} = \{0, \delta t, 2\delta t, \dots, (N-1)\delta t\}$
- System response $y : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- High-dimensional exogenous excitation $x : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$

Our approach: Automated incremental construction of an exogenous input manifold suitable for autoregressive surrogates

2 Autoregressive Modelling

Nonlinear AutoRegressive with eXogenous input (NARX) models account for both the temporal coherence of the output and exogenous input:

$$y(t) = \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\varphi(t), \mathbf{c})$$

Where:

- \mathbf{c} is a finite set of model parameters/coefficients
- $\varphi(t)$ collects current and past exogenous inputs and past outputs:

$$\varphi(t) = \{y(t - \ell_1^y), y(t - \ell_2^y), \dots, y(t - \ell_{n_y}^y), \\ x_1(t - \ell_1^{x_1}), x_1(t - \ell_2^{x_1}), \dots, x_1(t - \ell_{n_{x_1}}^{x_1}), \\ \dots, \\ x_{M_x}(t - \ell_1^{x_{M_x}}), x_{M_x}(t - \ell_2^{x_{M_x}}), \dots, x_{M_x}(t - \ell_{n_{x_{M_x}}}^{x_{M_x}})\}$$

- Autoregressive lags $\ell_i^y \in \{\delta t, 2\delta t, \dots, (N-1)\delta t\}$
- Exogenous input lags $\ell_i^{x_j} \in \{0, \delta t, 2\delta t, \dots, (N-1)\delta t\}$

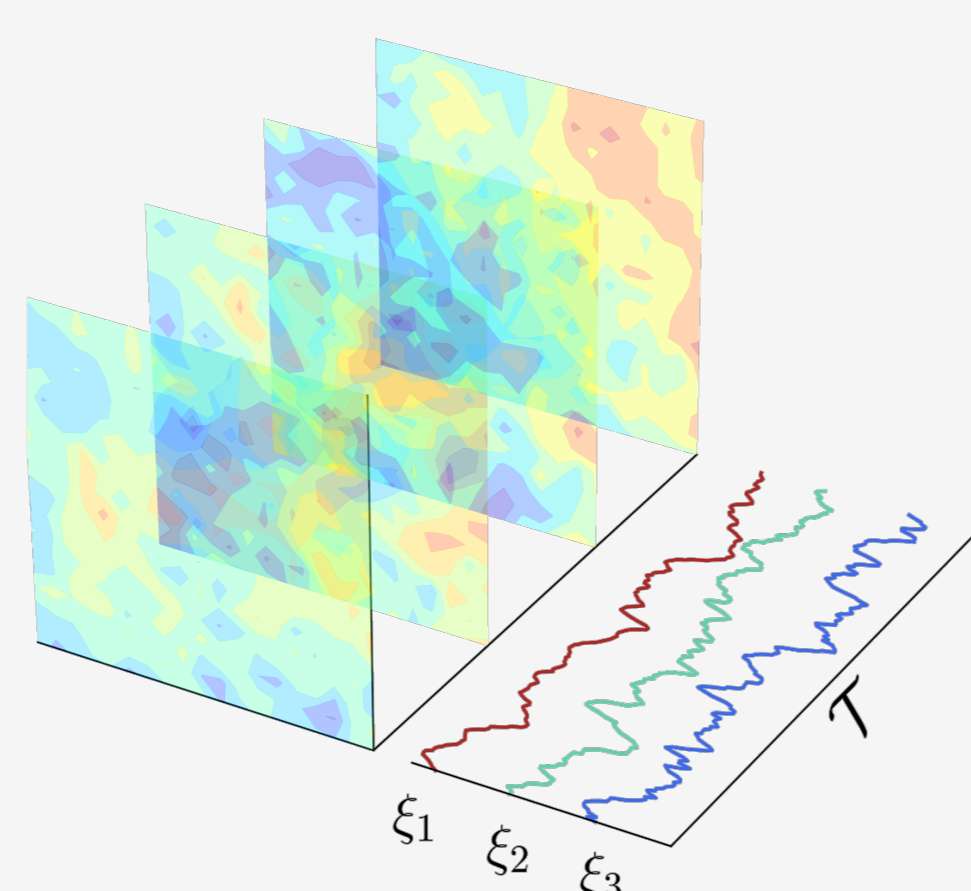
3 Exogenous input Manifold

Dimensionality reduction

Compression of high-dimensional exogenous input $x : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$ in its non-temporal coordinates:

$$\xi = \mathcal{G}(x)$$

- $\xi : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ such that $m \ll M$
- \mathcal{G} preserves the original time scale



Manifold construction

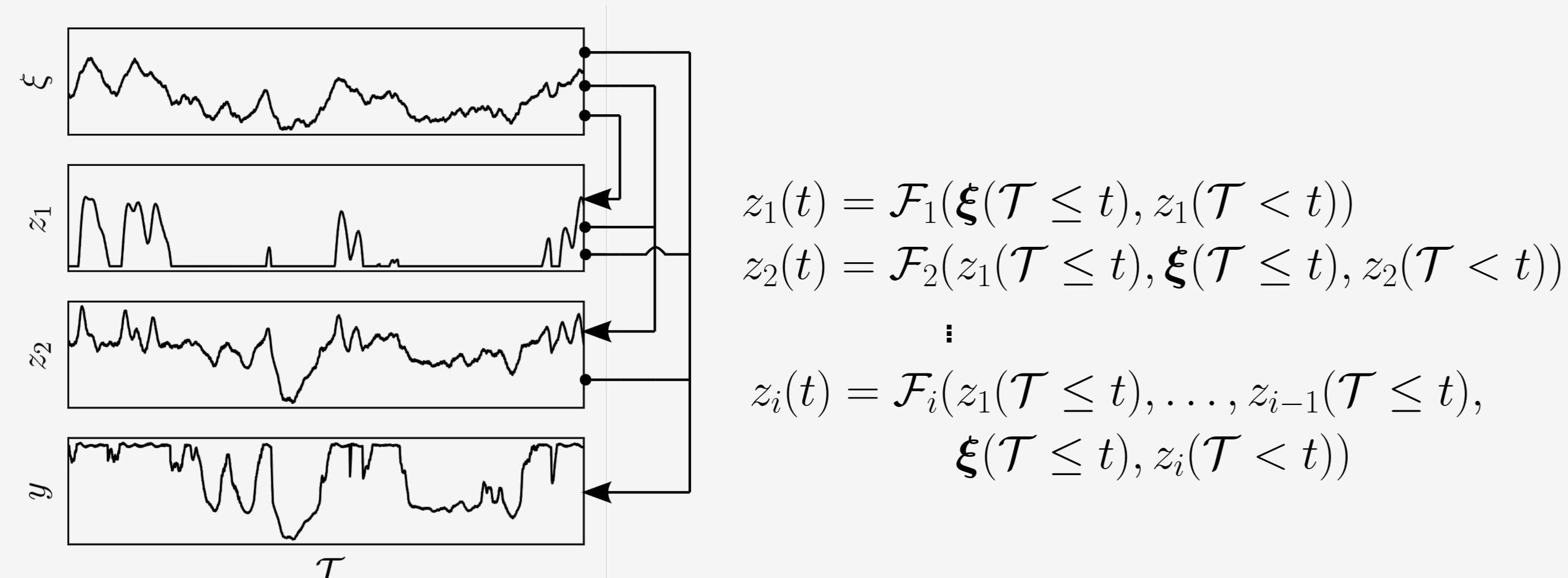
1. Collection of existing and derived time-dependent features $\{z_1 \dots z_n, z_i : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$, based on prior knowledge about the system
2. Feature selection based on a measure of association $\rho > \theta$, e.g. $\theta = 0.05$:

$$\rho_{z_i} = \mathcal{Z}(z_i, \mathbf{y}), \quad \rho_{z_i} \in \mathbb{R}$$

3. Construction of NARX model onto exogenous input manifold ζ :

$$\hat{y}(t) = \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(\zeta(\mathcal{T} \leq t), \hat{y}(\mathcal{T} < t)), \quad \zeta = \{z_i \mid \rho_{z_i} > \theta, \xi_i \mid \rho_{\xi_i} > \theta\}$$

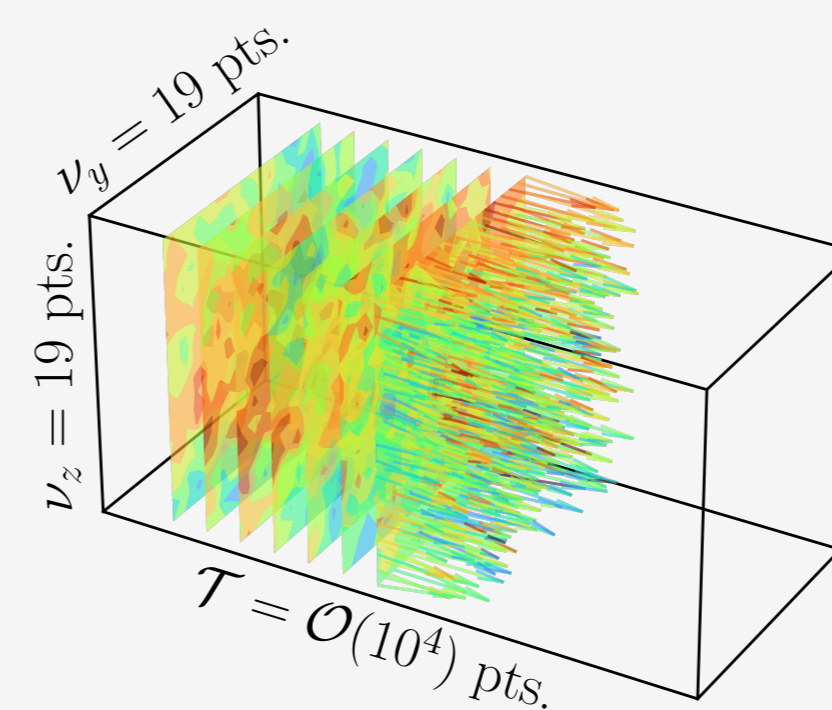
4. Incremental construction of auxiliary quantities during prediction phase:



4 Case study

Complex **onshore wind turbine simulator** with control systems

- High-dimensional turbulent wind input: $v : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3 \times \nu_y \times \nu_z}$
- Quantity of interest: Power output $P : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$



Computational model

Turbine	NREL 5-MW
Type	Onshore
Controller	ROSCO
Simulator	OpenFAST



- Fast-to-construct and evaluate **polynomial NARX model**

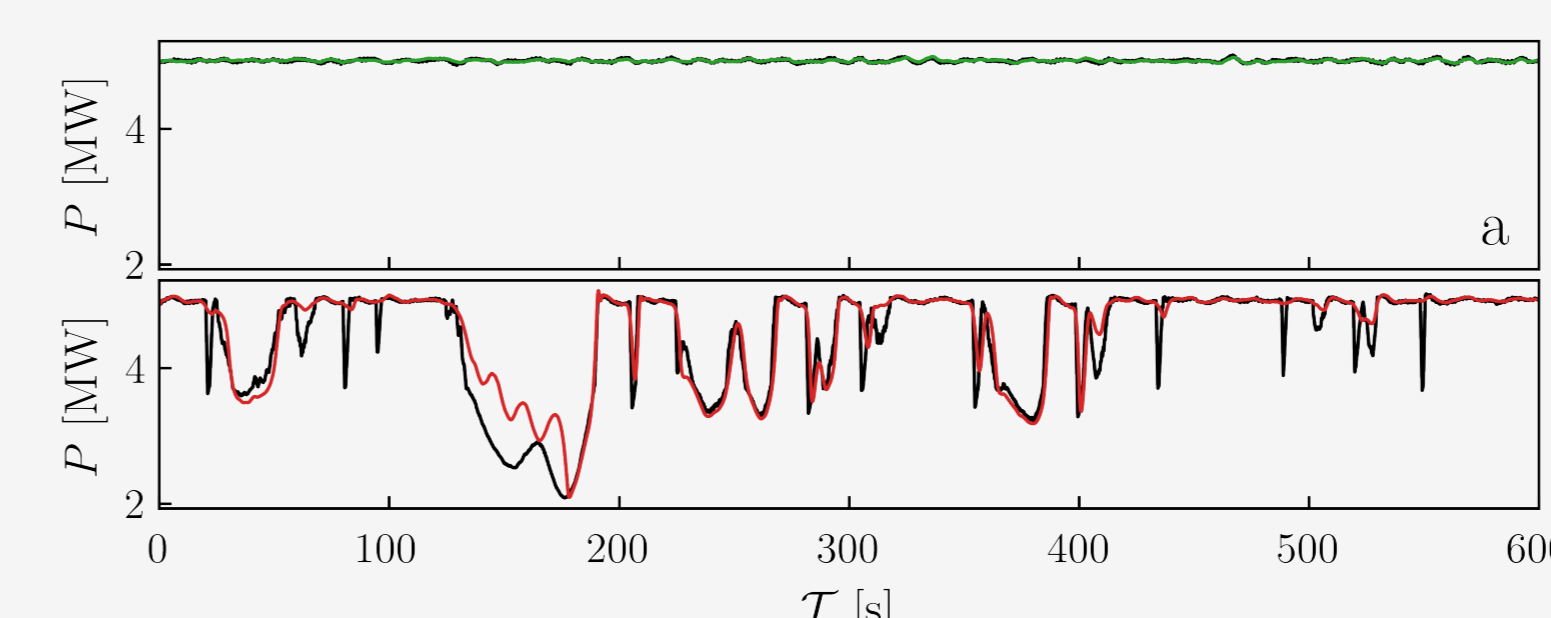
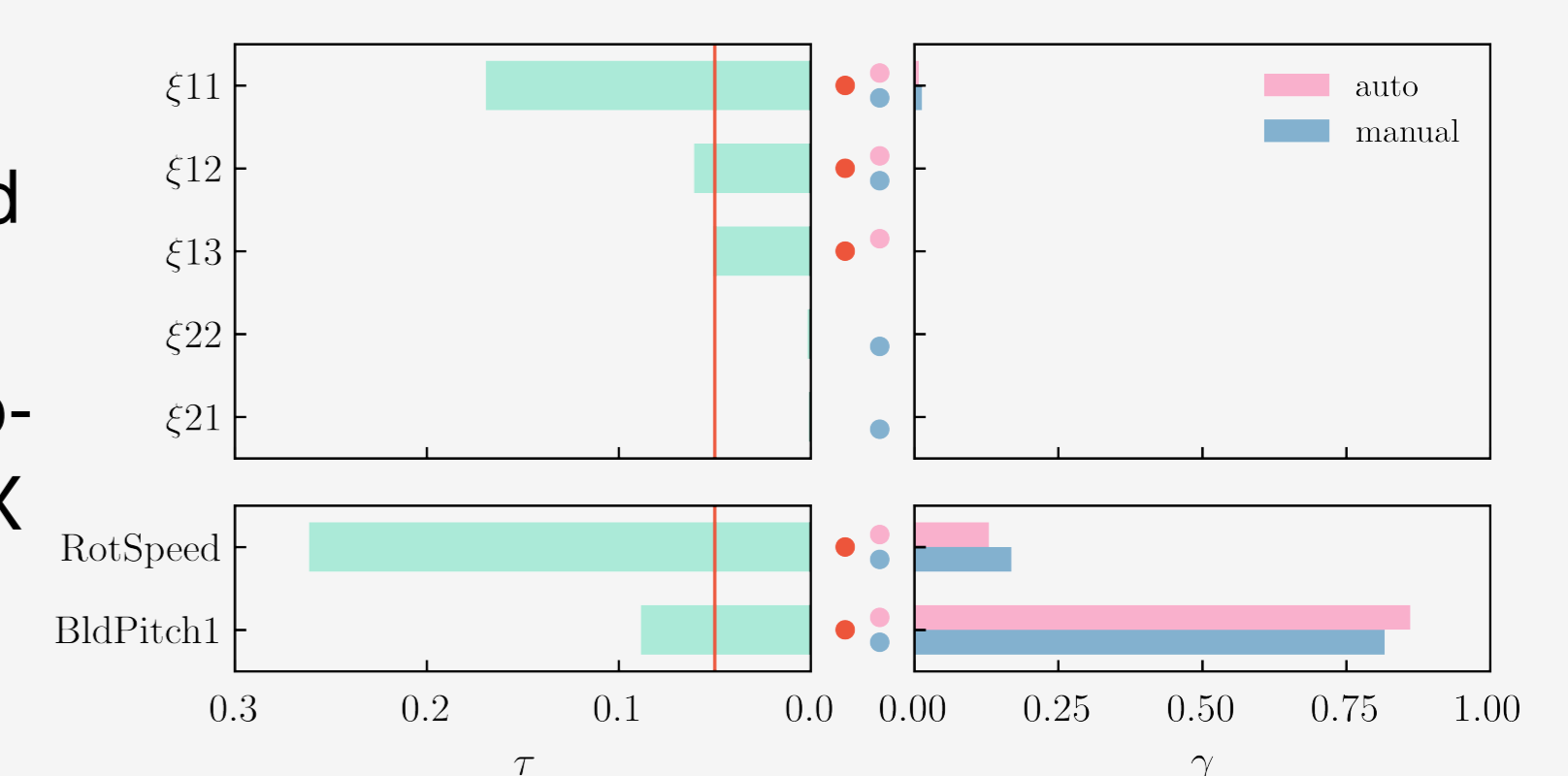
$$y(t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}} c_{\alpha} \mathcal{P}_{\alpha}(\varphi(t)), \quad \mathcal{P}_{\alpha}(\varphi(t)) = \prod_{i=1}^{M_{\varphi}} \varphi_i(t)^{\alpha_i},$$

where the output is represented as sum of monomials \mathcal{P} weighted by real-valued coefficients c_{α}

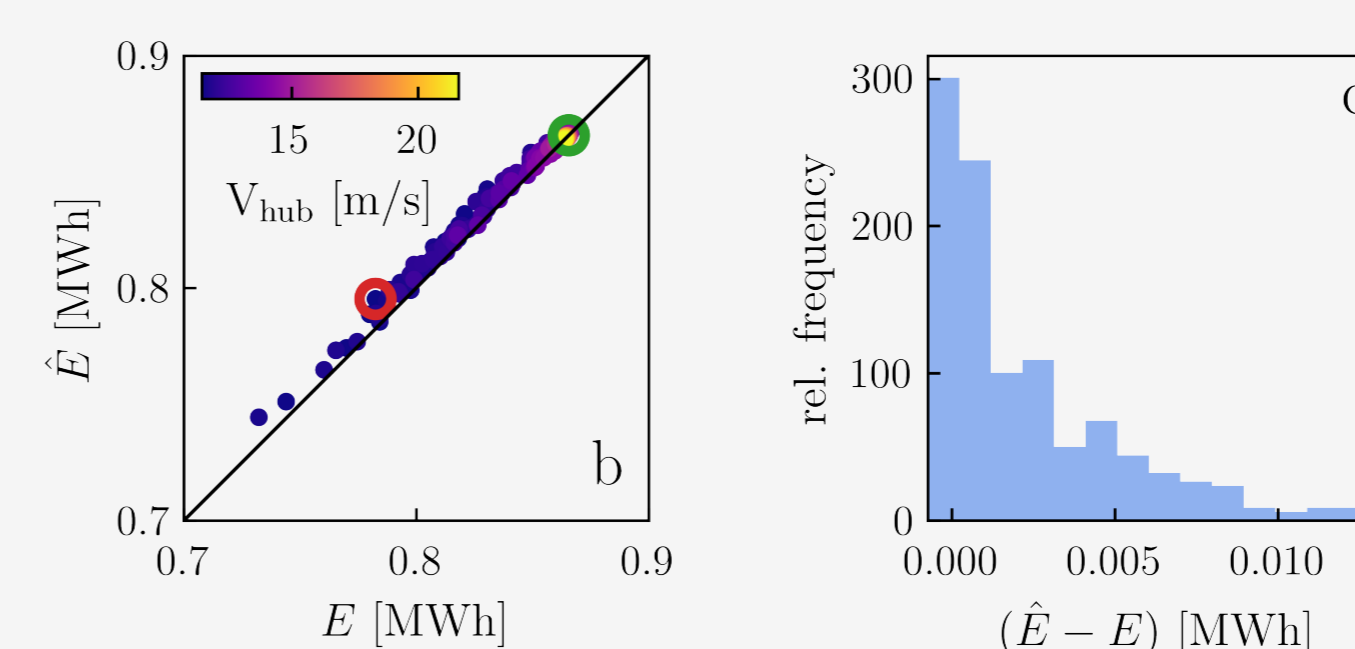
- **Compression** of longitudinal wind speeds into spectral coefficients ξ
- Identification of **important features** with Kendall's τ measure of association

5 Results

- Left: Kendall's τ of manually and automatically selected features
- Right: Corresponding relative coefficient magnitude of the NARX surrogate



- a. Simulated power output (black) vs. the emulated one (colored)
- a. **Most accurate and least accurate prediction**



- b. Produced energy computed from simulator output (E) and emulated response (\hat{E})
- c. Discrepancy in the produced energy ($\hat{E} - E$)

6 Discussion and Outlook

Discussion

- Multistep approach allows accurate emulation of complex dynamical systems
- Relevant features can be automatically selected using a measure of association

Outlook

- Not only select important features but also determine ideal construction order
- Application to a broader range of problems

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