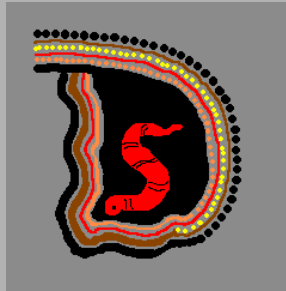


## Research Seminar

# Subspace Identification of Hammerstein and Wiener Models



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# Introduction

## □ Motivation for Nonlinear (Subspace) Identification

- Most physical processes have a nonlinear behaviour, except in a limited range where they can be considered linear.
- The performance of controllers designed from a linear approximation is strongly influenced by a change in the operating point of the system.
- Nonlinear models are able to describe more accurately the global behaviour of the system, independently of the operating point.
- Many dynamical systems can be represented by the interconnection of static nonlinearities and LTI systems. These models are called **block-oriented** nonlinear models.

- Subspace Methods have been very successful for the identification of LTI models in many practical applications.
- Although there is a well developed theory for Subspace Identification methods for LTI systems, this is not the case for nonlinear systems. Some recent contributions in this area are: (Verhaegen & Westwick, 1996) in Subspace Identification of Hammerstein and Wiener models, and (Chen & Maciejowski, 2000) and (Favoreel *et al.*, 1999) in Subspace Identification of bilinear systems.

## □ The new results (Gomez & Baeyens, 2005)

- New subspace algorithms for the simultaneous identification of the linear and nonlinear parts of **multivariable Hammerstein** and **Wiener** models are presented.
- The proposed algorithms consist basically of two steps:
  - Step 1:** a standard (linear) subspace algorithm applied to an equivalent linear system whose inputs (outputs) are filtered (by the basis functions describing the static nonlinearities) versions of the original inputs (outputs).
  - Step 2:** a 2-norm minimization problem which is solved via an SVD.
- Provided the conditions for the consistency of the linear subspace algorithm used in Step 1 are satisfied, **consistency** of the estimates can be guaranteed.

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# Subspace State-Space System Identification



## 4SID Methods

### □ Properties

- They combine tools of **System Theory**, **Numerical Linear Algebra** and **Geometry** (projections).
- They have their origin in **Realization Theory** as developed in the 60/70s (Ho & Kalman, 1966).
- They provide reliable state-space models of **multivariable** LTI systems **directly** from input-output data.
- They don't require iterative optimization procedures → no problems with local minima, convergence and initialization.

- ❑ They don't require a particular (canonical) state-space realization → numerical conditioning improves.
- ❑ They require a modest computational load in comparison to traditional identification methods like PEM.
- ❑ The algorithms can be (they have been) efficiently implemented in software like **Matlab**.
- ❑ Main computational tools are QR and SVD.
- ❑ All subspace methods compute at some stage the **subspace** spanned by the columns of the extended observability matrix.
- ❑ The various algorithms (*e.g.*, N4SID, MOESP, CVA) differ in the way the extended observability matrix is estimated and also in the way it is used to compute the system matrices.



## □ The system model

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1} &= Ax_k + Bu_k + Ke_k \\y_k &= Cx_k + Du_k + e_k\end{aligned}$$

**State-space model in  
innovation form**

## □ The identification problem

To estimate the system matrices  $(A, B, C, D)$  and  $K$ , and the model order  $n$ , from an  $(N+\alpha-1)$ -point data set of input and output measurements

$$\{u_k, y_k\}_{k=1}^{N+\alpha-1}$$

## □ Realization-based 4SID Methods

For a LTI system, a **minimal** state-space realization  $(A, B, C, D)$  completely defines the input-output properties of the system through

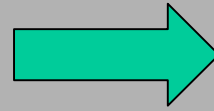
$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} h_{\ell} u_{k-\ell} \quad \text{convolution sum}$$

where the impulse response coefficients  $h_{\ell}$  are related to the system matrices by

$$h_{\ell} = \begin{cases} D & , \ell = 0 \\ CA^{\ell-1}B & , \ell > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$H_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} h_1 & h_2 & \cdots & h_j \\ h_2 & h_3 & \cdots & h_{j+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_i & h_{i+1} & \cdots & h_{i+j-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Impulse Response  
Hankel Matrix**



$$H_{ij} = \Gamma_i \mathbf{C}_j$$

**Extended  
Observability  
Matrix  
( $i > n$ )**

**Extended  
Controllability  
Matrix  
( $j > n$ )**

An estimate of the extended observability matrix can be computed by a **full rank** factorization of the impulse response Hankel matrix. This factorization is provided by the SVD of matrix  $H_{ij}$ .

$$H_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^T \\ V_2^T \end{bmatrix} \approx U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T = \underbrace{\left( U_1 \Sigma_1^{1/2} \right)}_{\hat{\Gamma}_i} \underbrace{\left( \Sigma_1^{1/2} V_1^T \right)}_{\hat{\mathbf{C}}_j}$$

**rank reduction**

In the absence of noise,  $H_{ij}$  will be a rank  $n$  matrix, and  $\Sigma_l$  will contain the  $n$  non-zero singular values → **model order is computed**. In the presence of noise,  $H_{ij}$  will have full rank and a rank reduction stage will be required for the model order determination.

**Problems:** it is necessary to measure or to estimate (for example, via correlation analysis) the impulse response of the system → **not good**

## □ Direct 4SID Methods

$$\mathbf{Y}_\alpha = \Gamma_\alpha \mathbf{X} + H_\alpha \mathbf{U}_\alpha + \mathbf{N}_\alpha \quad \text{fundamental equation} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_N \\ y_2 & y_3 & \cdots & y_{N+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ y_{\alpha-1} & y_\alpha & \cdots & y_{N+\alpha-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

### Output block Hankel matrix

(In a similar way are defined the Input block Hankel matrix  $\mathbf{U}_\alpha$  and the Noise block Hankel matrix  $\mathbf{N}_\alpha$ .)

$$\Gamma_\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ CA \\ \vdots \\ CA^{\alpha-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Extended** ( $\alpha > n$ )  
**Observability Matrix**

$$\mathbf{X} = [x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_N]$$

**State Sequence Matrix**

$$H_{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} D & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ CB & D & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ CAB & CB & D & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ CA^{\alpha-2}B & CA^{\alpha-3}B & CA^{\alpha-4}B & \cdots & D \end{bmatrix}$$

**Lower triangular block Toeplitz matrix of impulse responses (unknown).**

## □ The main idea of Direct 4SID methods

In the absence of noise ( $N_{\alpha} = 0$ ), eq. (1) becomes

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\alpha} = \Gamma_{\alpha} \mathbf{X} + H_{\alpha} \mathbf{U}_{\alpha} \quad (2)$$

and the part of the output which does not emanate from the state can be removed by multiplying (from the right) both sides of eq. (2) by the **orthogonal projection onto the null space of  $\mathbf{U}_{\alpha}$** , i.e. by

$$\Pi_{\mathbf{U}_\alpha^T}^\perp \stackrel{\Delta}{=} I - \mathbf{U}_\alpha^T (\mathbf{U}_\alpha \mathbf{U}_\alpha^T)^{-1} \mathbf{U}_\alpha \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \mathbf{U}_\alpha^\perp$$

**orthogonal projection**

such that  $\mathbf{U}_\alpha \mathbf{U}_\alpha^\perp = I$

This yields

$$\mathbf{Y}_\alpha \mathbf{U}_\alpha^\perp = \Gamma_\alpha \mathbf{X} \mathbf{U}_\alpha^\perp \quad (3)$$

**Note** that the matrix on the left depends exclusively on the input-output data. Then, a **full rank factorization** of this matrix will provide an estimate  $\hat{\Gamma}_\alpha$  of the extended observability matrix. Estimates of the corresponding system matrices can be obtained by resorting to the **shift invariance property** of the extended observability matrix, and by solving a system of linear equations in the least squares sense.

The factorization is provided by the SVD of the matrix on the left side

$$\mathbf{Y}_\alpha \mathbf{U}_\alpha^\perp = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^T \\ V_2^T \end{bmatrix} \approx U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T = \underbrace{\left( U_1 \Sigma_1^{1/2} \right)}_{\hat{\Gamma}_\alpha} \left( \Sigma_1^{1/2} V_1^T \right) \quad (4)$$

**rank reduction**  
**(model order estimation)**

(In the absence of noise  $\Sigma_2 = 0$ )

## □ Weighting Matrices

Row and column weighting matrices can be introduced in (4) before performing the SVD of the matrix in the left hand side. Any choice of positive-definite weighting matrices  $W_r$  and  $W_c$  will result in consistent estimates of the extended observability matrix.



$$W_r \mathbf{Y}_\alpha \mathbf{U}_\alpha^\perp W_c = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^T \\ V_2^T \end{bmatrix} \approx U_1 \Sigma_1 V_1^T = \underbrace{\left( U_1 \Sigma_1^{1/2} \right)}_{\hat{\Gamma}_\alpha} \left( \Sigma_1^{1/2} V_1^T \right)$$

**change of coordinates in state-space**

Existing algorithms employ the following choices for matrices  $W_r$  and  $W_c$ ,

- **MOESP** (Verhaegen, 1994):  $W_r = I$ ,  $W_c = \left( \frac{1}{N} \Phi \Pi_{U_\alpha^T}^\perp \Phi^T \right)^{-1} \Phi \Pi_{U_\alpha^T}^\perp$
- **CVA** (Larimore, 1990):  $W_r = \left( \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{Y}_\alpha \Pi_{U_\alpha^T}^\perp \mathbf{Y}_\alpha^T \right)^{-1/2}$ ,  $W_c = \left( \frac{1}{N} \Phi \Pi_{U_\alpha^T}^\perp \Phi^T \right)^{-1/2}$
- **N4SID** (Van Overschee and de Moor, 1994):

$$W_r = I, \quad W_c = \left( \frac{1}{N} \Phi \Pi_{U_\alpha^T}^\perp \Phi^T \right)^{-1} \Phi$$

## □ Computation of the system matrices

Given an estimate  $\hat{\Gamma}_\alpha$  of the extended observability matrix, estimates of the system matrices can be computed as:

- $\hat{C}$  : first row block of  $\hat{\Gamma}_\alpha$
- $\hat{A}$  : solving in the least squares sense

$$\overline{\overline{\Gamma_\alpha}} = \overline{\overline{\Gamma_\alpha}} \hat{A} \quad \text{shift-invariance property}$$

- $\hat{B}$  and  $\hat{D}$  : solving a system of linear equations

## □ Presence of noise

In the presence of noise

$$\mathbf{Y}_\alpha = \Gamma_\alpha \mathbf{X} + H_\alpha \mathbf{U}_\alpha + \mathbf{N}_\alpha$$

and

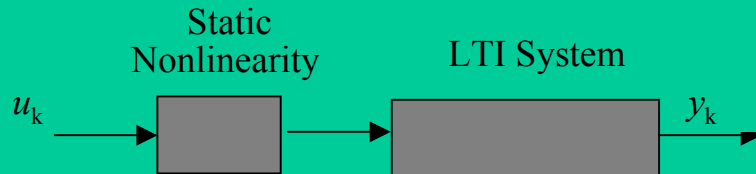
$$\mathbf{Y}_\alpha \mathbf{U}_\alpha^\perp = \Gamma_\alpha \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{N}_\alpha \mathbf{U}_\alpha^\perp$$



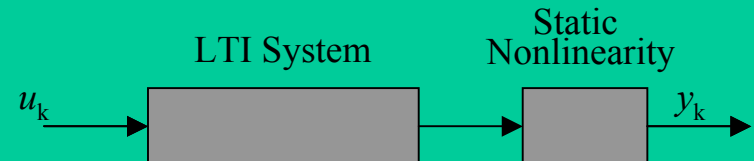
**noise term needs to be removed**

The noise term can be removed by **correlating it away** with a suitable matrix. This can be interpreted as an **oblique projection**.

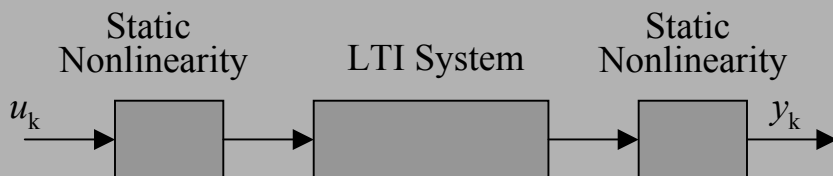
# Block-oriented Nonlinear Models



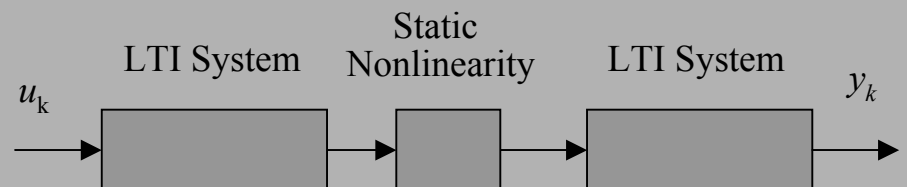
**Fig. 1: Hammerstein Model (NL)**



**Fig. 2: Wiener Model (LN)**



**Fig. 3: Hammerstein-Wiener Model (NLN)**



**Fig. 4: Hammerstein-Wiener Model (LNL)**

# Hammerstein Model Identification

## Problem Formulation

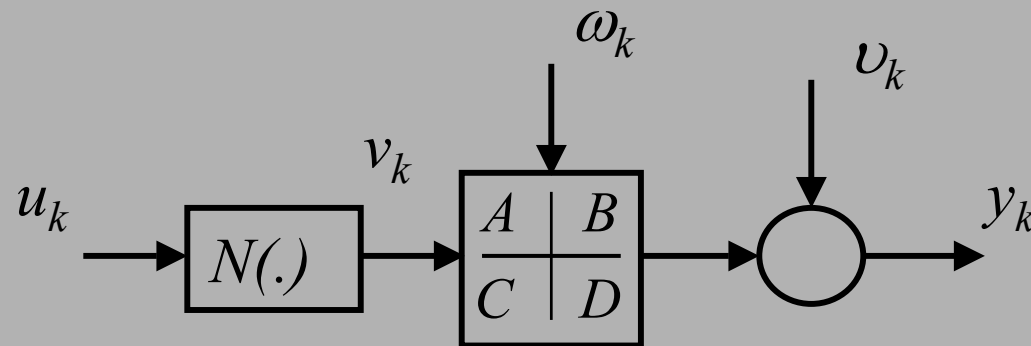


Fig. 5: Hammerstein model

### LTI subsystem

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bv_k + \omega_k \\ y_k = Cx_k + Dv_k + \nu_k \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

(2)

$$y_k \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad v_k \in \mathbb{R}^p$$

$$\omega_k \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \nu_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

### Nonlinear subsystem

$$v_k = N(u_k) = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i g_i(u_k) \quad (3)$$

$g_i(\bullet): \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, (i = 1, \dots, r)$  known basis functions

$\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p} \quad (i = 1, \dots, r)$  unknown matrix parameters

Identification problem: to estimate the unknown parameter matrices

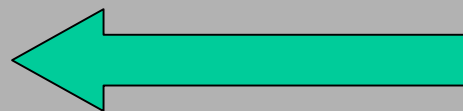
$\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ , ( $i = 1, \dots, r$ ), and  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  characterizing the nonlinear and the linear parts, respectively, and the model order  $n$ , from an  $N$ -point data set  $\{u_k, y_k\}_{k=1}^N$  of observed input-output measurements.

## Subspace Identification Algorithm

(3)  $\rightarrow$  (1), (2)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = Ax_k + \sum_{i=1}^r B\alpha_i g_i(u_k) + \omega_k \\ y_k = Cx_k + \sum_{i=1}^r D\alpha_i g_i(u_k) + v_k \end{cases}$$

**Normalization**  $\|\alpha_i\|_2 = 1$



**Identifiability problem**

Defining  $\tilde{B} \triangleq [B\alpha_1, \dots, B\alpha_r]$  ,  $\tilde{D} \triangleq [D\alpha_1, \dots, D\alpha_r]$  ,  $U_k \triangleq [g_1^T(u_k), \dots, g_r^T(u_k)]^T$

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = Ax_k + \tilde{B}U_k + \omega_k \\ y_k = Cx_k + \tilde{D}U_k + \nu_k \end{cases}$$

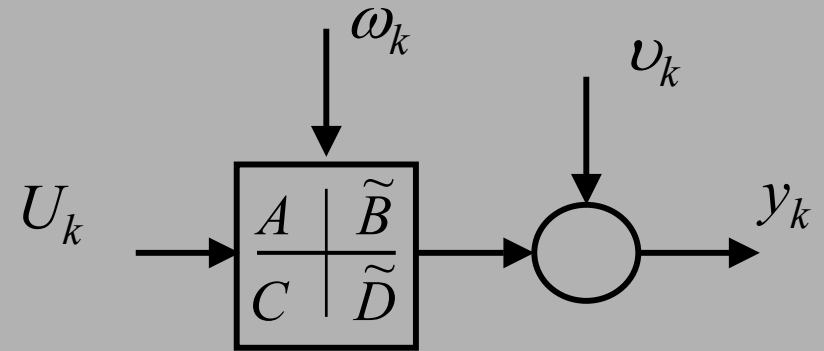
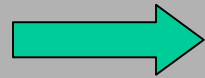
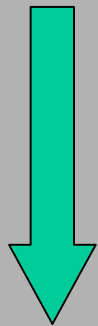


Fig. 6: Equivalent LTI system with input  $U_k$



## Linear Subspace Algorithms

(N4SID, MOESP, CVA)

**Estimates**  $\hat{A}, \hat{\tilde{B}}, \hat{C}, \hat{\tilde{D}},$  model order  $n$

Defining  $\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r]^T$ , then  $\tilde{B} = B\alpha^T$ , and  $\tilde{D} = D\alpha^T$ , so that

$$\Theta_{BD} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{B} \\ \tilde{D} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix} \alpha^T$$

The **problem** then is how to compute estimates of matrices  $B$ ,  $D$ , and  $\alpha$  from the estimate of the matrices  $\tilde{B}$ , and  $\tilde{D}$  (i.e., from an estimate of  $\Theta_{BD}$ )

It is clear that the closest, in the 2-norm sense, estimates  $\hat{B}$ ,  $\hat{D}$ , and  $\hat{\alpha}$  are such that

$$(\hat{B}, \hat{D}, \hat{\alpha}) = \underset{B, D, \alpha}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \left\| \hat{\Theta}_{BD} - \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix} \alpha^T \right\|_2^2 \right\}$$

The **solution** to this optimization problem is provided by the SVD of  $\hat{\Theta}_{BD}$ .



## Result 1

Let  $\hat{\Theta}_{BD} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+m) \times rp}$  have rank  $s > p$ , and let its economy size SVD be partitioned as

$$\hat{\Theta}_{BD} = U \Sigma V^T = \sum_{i=1}^s \sigma_i u_i v_i^T = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^T \\ V_2^T \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

with  $U_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+m) \times p}$ ,  $V_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{rp \times p}$ , and  $\Sigma_1 = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_p)$ .

Then

$$\left( \begin{bmatrix} \hat{B} \\ \hat{D} \end{bmatrix}, \hat{\alpha} \right) = \underset{B, D, \alpha}{\text{argmin}} \left\| \hat{\Theta}_{BD} - \begin{bmatrix} B \\ D \end{bmatrix} \alpha^T \right\|_2^2 = (U_1 \Sigma_1, V_1),$$

and the approximation error is given by

$$\left\| \hat{\Theta}_{BD} - \begin{bmatrix} \hat{B} \\ \hat{D} \end{bmatrix} \alpha^T \right\|_2^2 = \sigma_{p+1}^2.$$

**Normalization**  
in  $\alpha$  provided by  
the SVD

## Identification Algorithm

The subspace algorithm can be summarized as follows.

**Step 1:** Compute estimates of the system matrices  $(A, \tilde{B}, C, \tilde{D})$ , and the model order  $n$ , using any available (linear) subspace algorithm, such as N4SID, MOESP, CVA.

**Step 2:** Based on the estimates  $\hat{\tilde{B}}$  and  $\hat{\tilde{D}}$  compute an estimate  $\hat{\Theta}_{BD}$  of matrix  $\Theta_{BD}$ .

**Step 3:** Compute the SVD of  $\hat{\Theta}_{BD}$  and its partition as in (4).

**Step 4:** Compute the estimates of the parameter matrices  $B$ ,  $D$ , and  $\alpha$  as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{B} \\ \hat{D} \end{bmatrix} = U_1 \Sigma_1$$
$$\hat{\alpha} = V_1$$

respectively.

## Result 2: Consistency Analysis

Under some assumptions on **persistence of excitation** of the inputs, which depend on the particular subspace method used in **Step 1** of the algorithm, the estimates  $\left(\hat{A}, \hat{\tilde{B}}, \hat{C}, \hat{\tilde{D}}\right)$  are **consistent** in the sense that they converge to the true values when the number of data points  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

The consistency of  $\hat{\tilde{B}}$  and  $\hat{\tilde{D}}$ , implies that of  $B$ ,  $D$ , and  $\alpha$ .

# Wiener Model Identification

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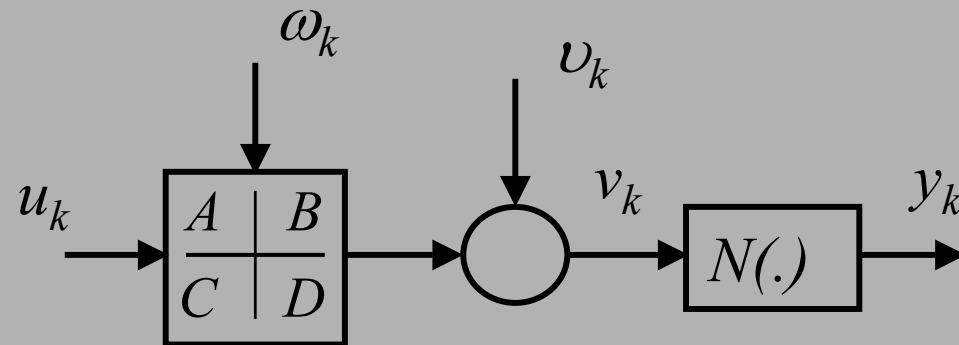


Fig. 7: Wiener model

### LTI subsystem

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + \omega_k \\ v_k = Cx_k + Du_k + \nu_k \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

(6)

$$u_k \in \mathbb{R}^p, \quad x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad v_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\omega_k \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \nu_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

### Nonlinear subsystem

$$v_k = N^{-1}(y_k) = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i g_i(y_k) \quad (7)$$

$$g_i(\bullet): \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \quad (i = 1, \dots, r) \quad \text{known basis functions}$$

$$\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \quad (i = 1, \dots, r) \quad \text{unknown matrix parameters}$$

**Identification problem:** to estimate the unknown parameter matrices

$\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ , ( $i = 1, \dots, r$ ), and  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  characterizing the nonlinear and the linear parts, respectively, and the model order  $n$ , from an  $N$ -point data set  $\{u_k, y_k\}_{k=1}^N$  of observed input-output measurements.

## Subspace Identification Algorithm

$$(7) \rightarrow (6) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + \omega_k \\ \alpha Y_k = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i g_i(y_k) = Cx_k + Du_k + v_k \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

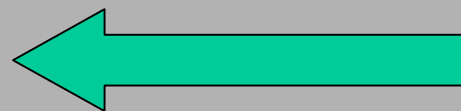
$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + \omega_k \\ Y_k = \tilde{C}x_k + \tilde{D}u_k + \tilde{v}_k \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r], \quad Y_k = [g_1^T(y_k), \dots, g_r^T(y_k)]^T$$

$$\tilde{C} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \alpha^+ C, \quad \tilde{D} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \alpha^+ D$$

**Normalization**

$$\|\alpha^+\|_2 = 1$$



**Identifiability problem**

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k + \omega_k \\ Y_k = \tilde{C}x_k + \tilde{D}u_k + \tilde{v}_k \end{cases}$$

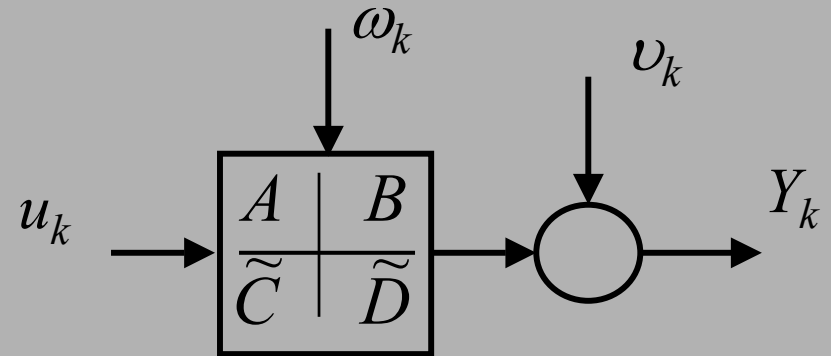
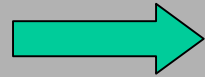
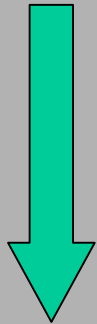


Fig. 8: Equivalent LTI model with output  $Y_k$



## Linear Subspace Algorithms

(N4SID, MOESP, CVA)

**Estimates**  $\hat{A}, \hat{B}, \hat{\tilde{C}}, \hat{\tilde{D}}$ , model order  $n$

The **problem** is how to compute estimates of matrices  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $\alpha^+$  from the estimates of the matrices  $\tilde{C}$ , and  $\tilde{D}$

Similarly to what was done for the Hammerstein model the closest, in the 2-norm sense, estimates  $\hat{C}$ ,  $\hat{D}$ , and  $\hat{\alpha}^+$  are such that

$$(\hat{C}, \hat{D}, \hat{\alpha}^+) = \underset{C, D, \alpha^+}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\tilde{C}} & \hat{\tilde{D}} \end{bmatrix} - \alpha^+ \begin{bmatrix} C & D \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 \right\}$$

The **solution** to this optimization problem is provided by the SVD of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\tilde{C}} & \hat{\tilde{D}} \end{bmatrix}$

### Result 3

Let  $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\tilde{C}} & \hat{\tilde{D}} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathfrak{R}^{mr \times (n+p)}$  have rank  $s > m$ , and let its economy size SVD be partitioned as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\tilde{C}} & \hat{\tilde{D}} \end{bmatrix} = U \Sigma V^T = \sum_{i=1}^s \sigma_i u_i v_i^T = \begin{bmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \Sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1^T \\ V_2^T \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

with  $U_1 \in \mathfrak{R}^{mr \times m}$ ,  $V_1 \in \mathfrak{R}^{(n+p) \times m}$ , and  $\Sigma_1 = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m)$ .

Then

$$\left( \hat{\alpha}^+, \begin{bmatrix} \hat{C} & \hat{D} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \underset{C, D, \alpha^+}{\text{argmin}} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\tilde{C}} & \hat{\tilde{D}} \end{bmatrix} - \alpha^+ \begin{bmatrix} C & D \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 = (U_1, \Sigma_1 V_1^T),$$

and the approximation error is given by

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\tilde{C}} & \hat{\tilde{D}} \end{bmatrix} - \hat{\alpha}^+ \begin{bmatrix} \hat{C} & \hat{D} \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 = \sigma_{m+1}^2.$$

**Normalization**  
in  $\alpha^+$  provided  
by the SVD



## Identification Algorithm

The subspace algorithm can be summarized as follows.

**Step 1:** Compute estimates of the system matrices  $(A, B, \tilde{C}, \tilde{D})$ , and the model order  $n$ , using any available (linear) subspace algorithm, such as N4SID, MOESP, CVA.

**Step 2:** Compute the SVD of  $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\tilde{C}} & \hat{\tilde{D}} \end{bmatrix}$  and its partition as in (8).

**Step 3:** Compute the estimates of the parameter matrices  $C$ ,  $D$ , and  $\alpha^+$  as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{C} & \hat{D} \end{bmatrix} = \Sigma_1 V_1^T$$
$$\hat{\alpha} = U_1^+$$

respectively.

# Simulation Examples

## Example 1: Hammerstein Model ID (“academic”)

### □ The True System

$$G(z) = \frac{z^2 + 0.7z - 1.5}{z^3 + 0.9z^2 + 0.15z + 0.002}$$

**linear subsystem**

$$N(u_k) = 0.8589 u_k + 0.0149 u_k^2 - 0.5113 u_k^3 - 0.0263 u_k^4$$

**nonlinear subsystem**

### □ The input and noise

$$u_k = \sin(0.0005\pi k) + 0.5 \sin(0.0015\pi k) + \\ + 0.3 \sin(0.0025\pi k) + 0.1 \sin(0.0035\pi k) + \gamma_k$$

**input**

(  $\gamma_k$  white noise with variance  $10^{-6}$  )

$$\Phi_v(\omega) = \frac{0.64 \times 10^{-8}}{1.2 - 0.4 \cos(\omega)}$$

**Spectrum of the zero mean coloured noise**

## □ The Estimated Nonlinear Subsystem

$$\hat{N}(u_k) = 0.8589 u_k + 0.0142 u_k^2 - 0.5113 u_k^3 - 0.0260 u_k^4$$

**Estimated nonlinear subsystem**

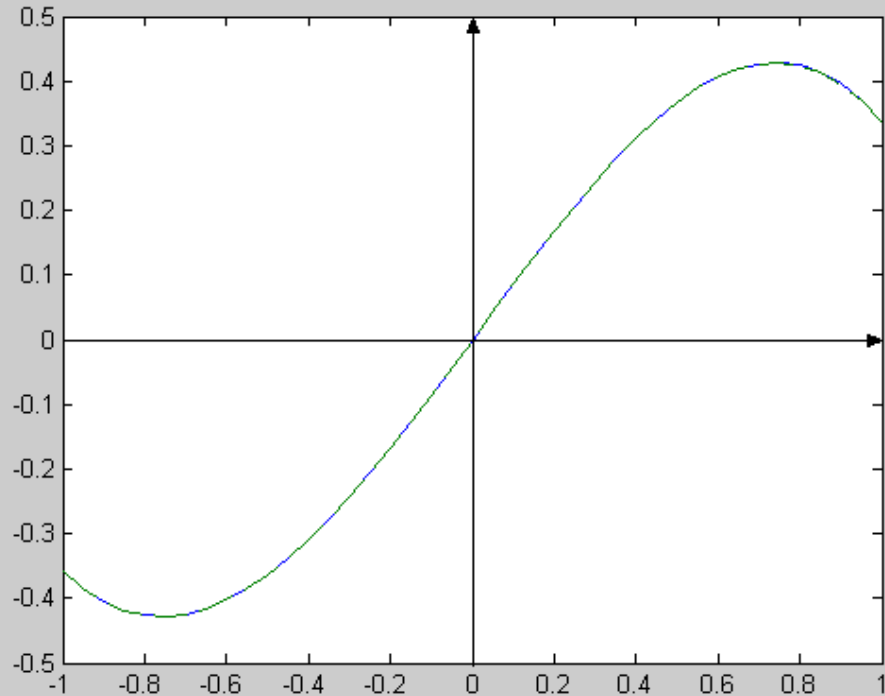


Fig.9: True (blue) and Estimated (green) nonlinear characteristic.

## □ The Estimated Linear Subsystem

$$\hat{G}(z) = \frac{0.9986z^2 + 0.6997z - 1.4984}{z^3 + 0.9002z^2 + 0.1495z + 0.0014}$$

**Estimated linear subsystem**

## □ Validation results

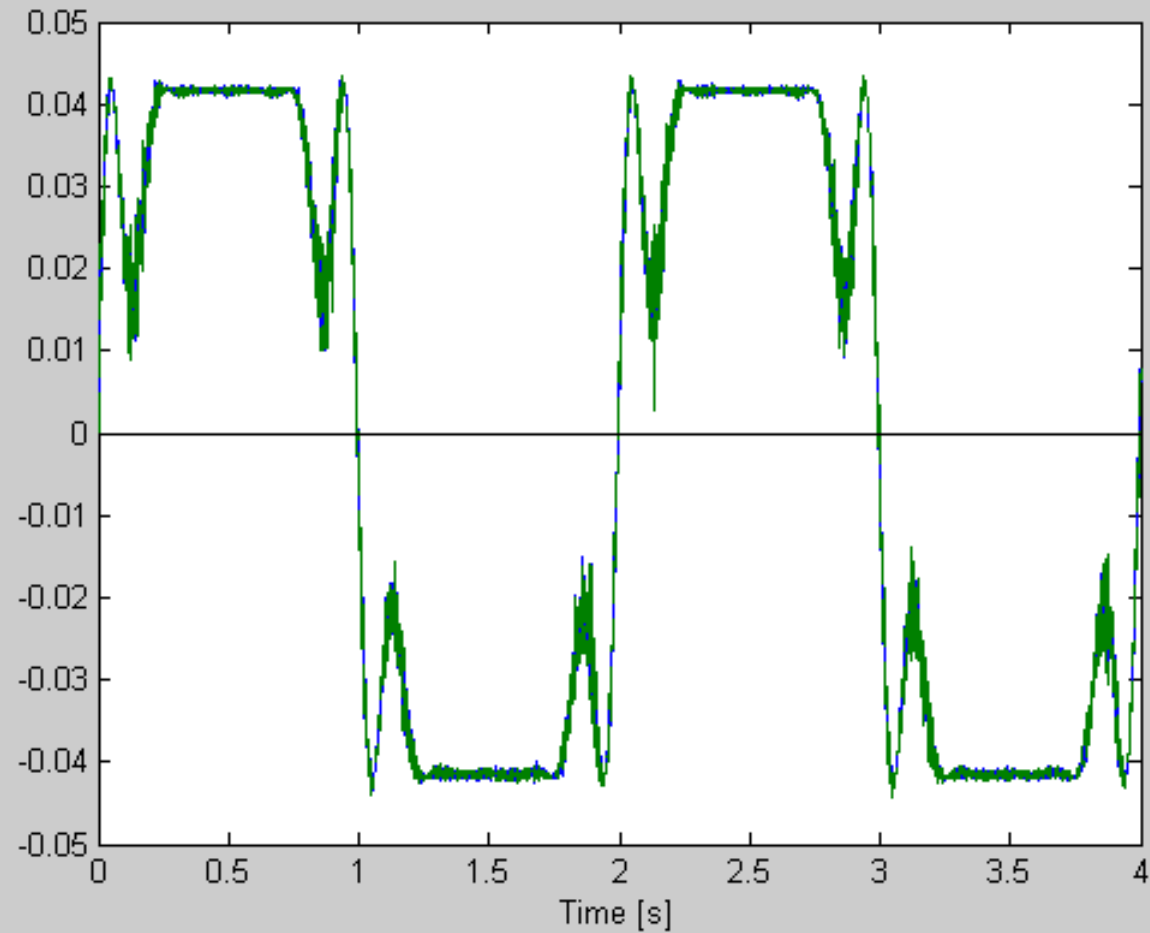
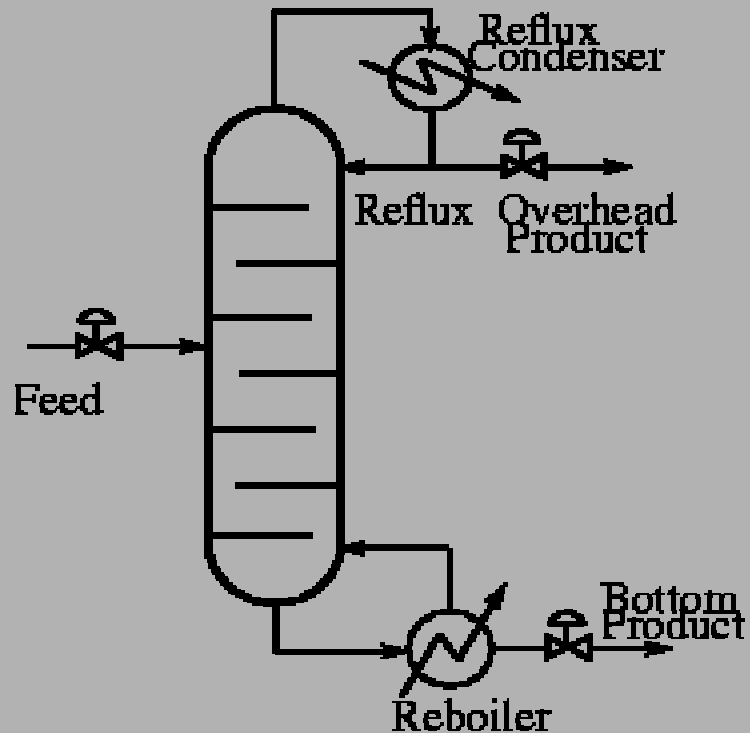


Fig. 10: True (green) and Estimated (blue) Output.

## Example 2: Hammerstein Model ID (Binary Distillation Column)



**Input:** reflux ratio ( $u$ )

**Outputs:** overhead flow rate ( $y_1$ )

overhead methanol concentration ( $y_2$ )

bottom flow rate ( $y_3$ )

bottom methanol concentration ( $y_4$ )

Fig. 11: Schematic representation of the distillation column

(Weischedel & McAvoy, 1980)

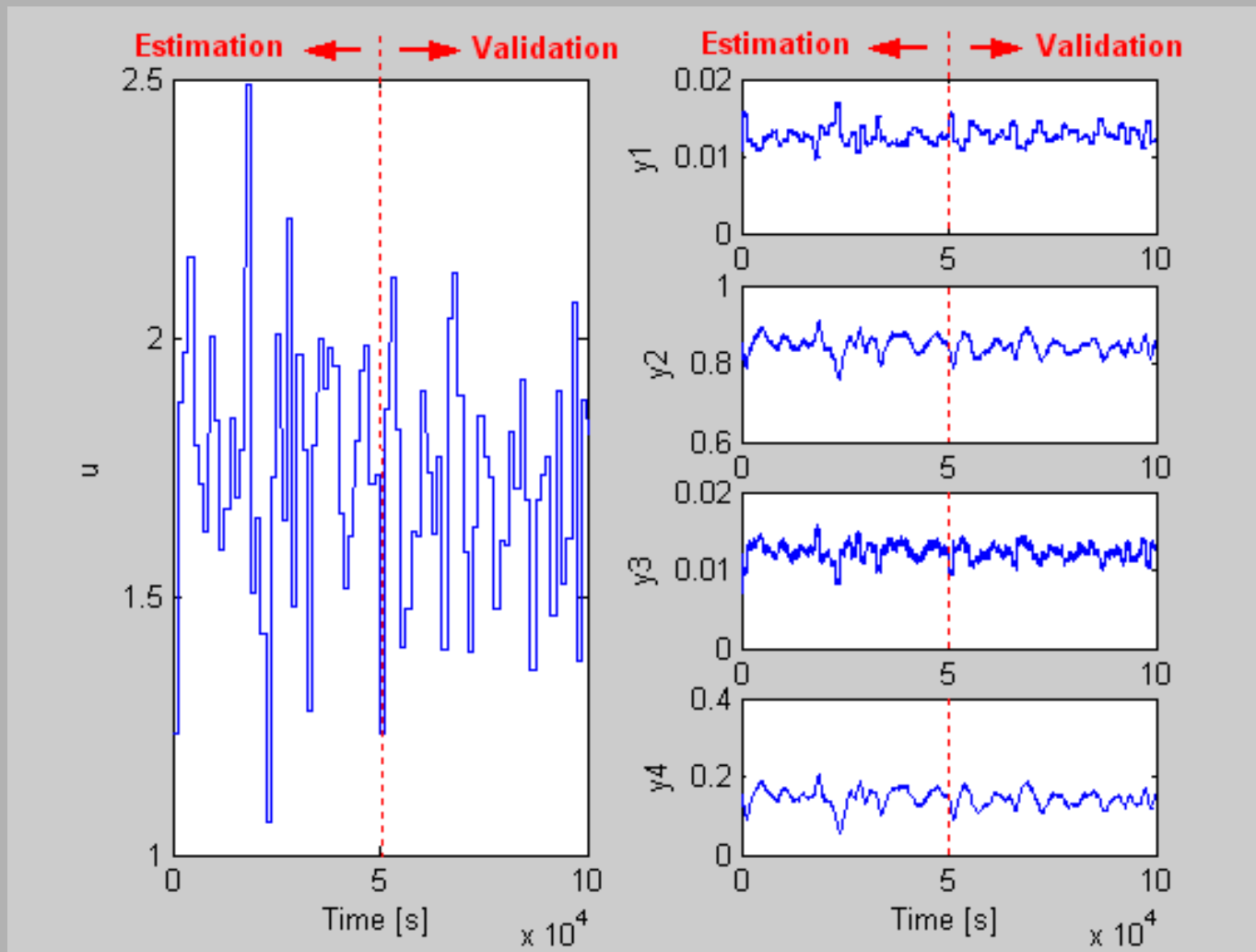


Fig. 12: Left Plot: Estimation (first 1000 points), and validation (remaining 1000 points) Input Data. Right Plot: Estimation (first 1000 points) and Validation (remaining 1000 points) Output Data.

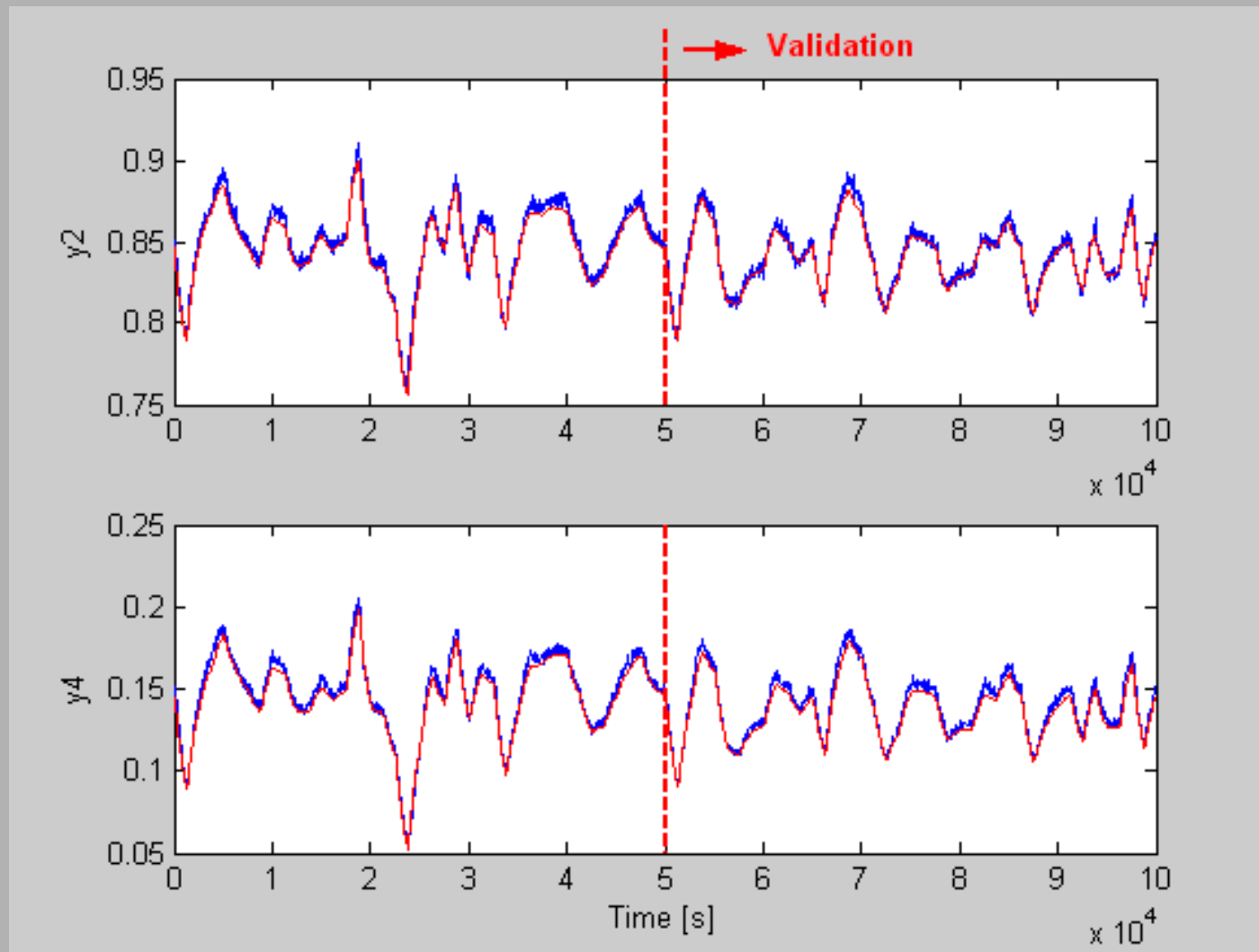


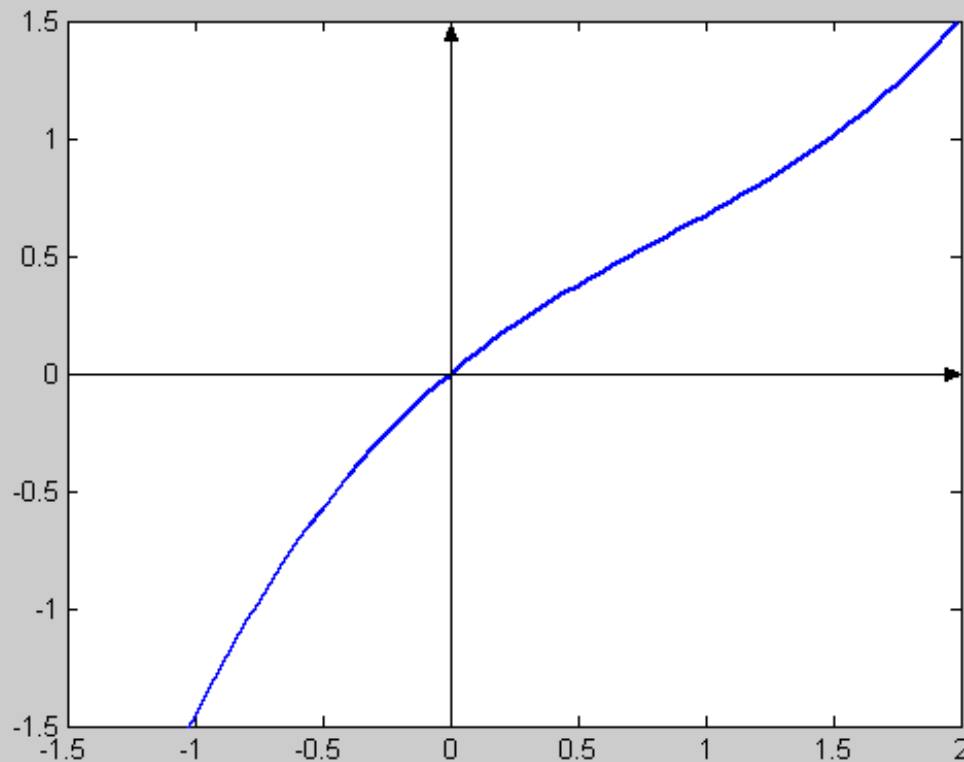
Fig. 13: True (blue) and Estimated (red) Outputs (validation data)

## □ The Estimated Linear Subsystem

Third order model with eigenvalues at

$$\{0.4916, 0.9557, 0.9726\}$$

## □ The Estimated Nonlinear Subsystem

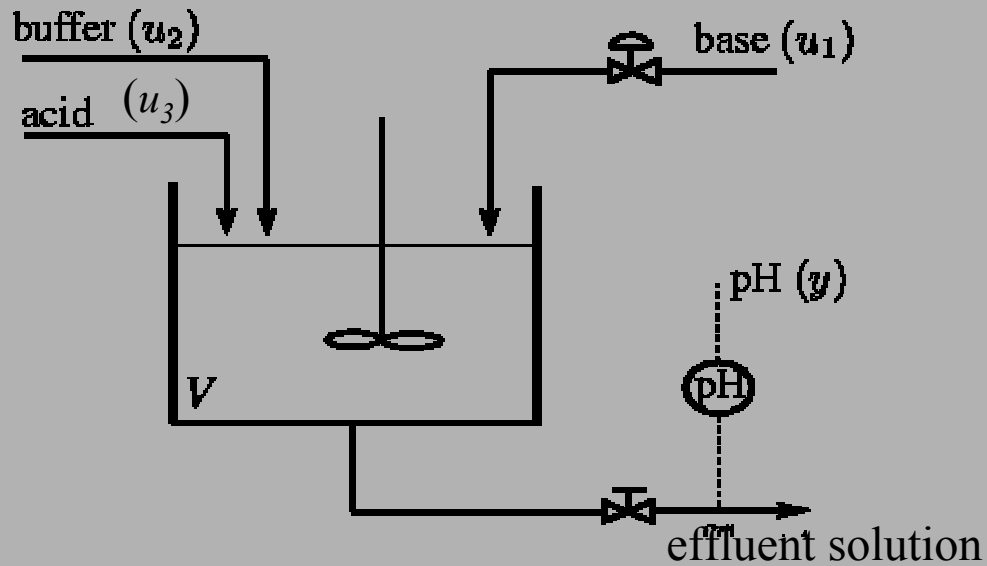


Third order polynomial

Fig. 14: Estimated Nonlinear Characteristic



## Example 3: Wiener Model ID (pH Neutralization Process)



- **base:** NaOH    **acid:** HNO<sub>3</sub>  
**buffer:** NaHCO<sub>3</sub>
- **Manipulated variable:** base flow rate ( $u_1$ )
- **Disturbances:** buffer flow rate ( $u_2$ ) and acid flow rate ( $u_3$ )
- **Output:** pH of the effluent solution ( $y$ )

Fig. 15: Schematic representation of the pH Neutralization Process  
(Henson & Seborg, 92, 94, 97)

□ **Simulation Model** based on **first principles** (introducing two reaction invariants for each inlet stream)

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u_1 + p(x)u_2$$

$$h(x, y) = 0$$

where

$$x = [x_1, x_2]^T = [W_a, W_b]^T$$

$$f(x) = \left[ \frac{u_3}{V} (W_{a3} - x_1), \frac{u_3}{V} (W_{b3} - x_2) \right]^T$$

$$g(x) = \left[ \frac{1}{V} (W_{a1} - x_1), \frac{1}{V} (W_{b1} - x_2) \right]^T$$

$$p(x) = \left[ \frac{1}{V} (W_{a2} - x_1), \frac{1}{V} (W_{b2} - x_2) \right]^T$$

$$h(x, y) = x_1 + 10^{y-14} - 10^{-y} + x_2 \frac{1 + 2 \times 10^{y-pK_2}}{1 + 10^{pK_1-y} + 10^{y-pK_2}}$$

## □ Estimation and Validation data

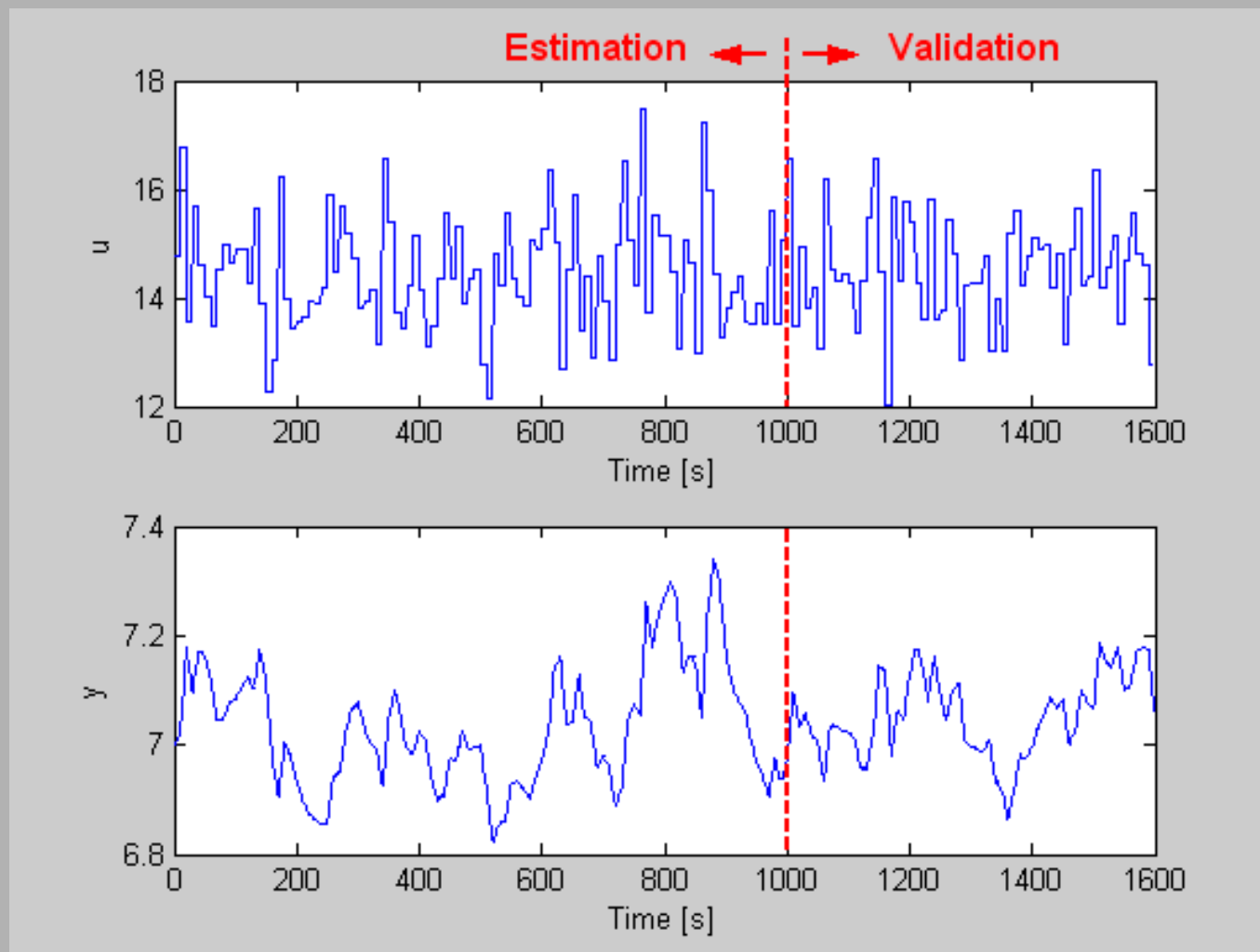


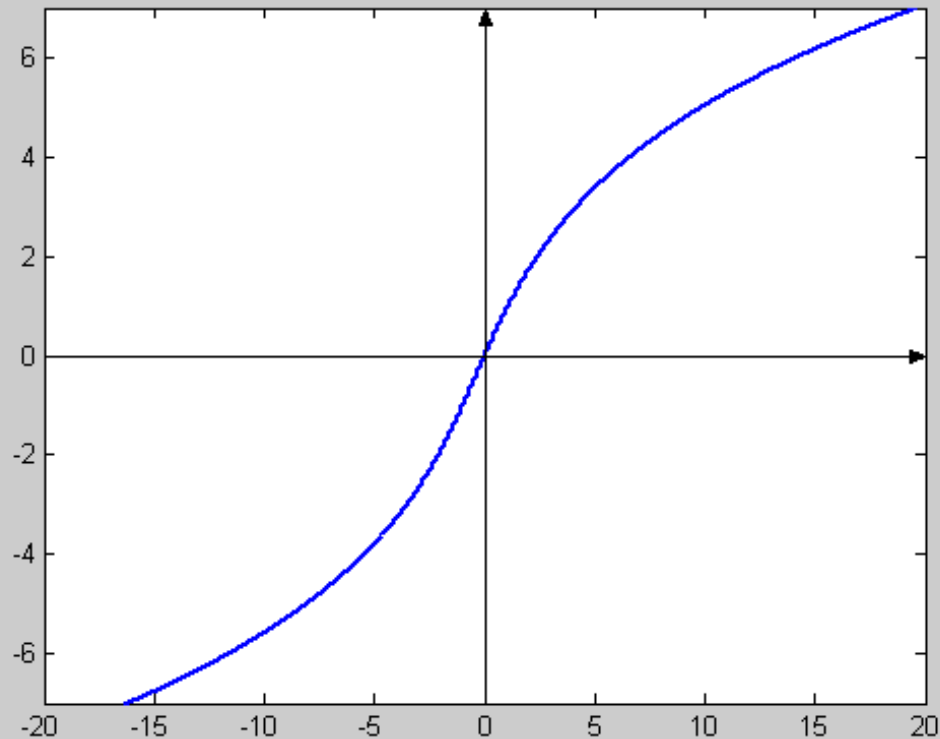
Fig. 16: Estimation (first 1000 points) and validation (remaining 600 points) input-output data.

## □ The Estimated Linear Subsystem

Third order model

$$\hat{G}(z) = \frac{0.0062z^2 - 0.0122z + 0.006}{z^3 - 2.9466z^2 + 2.8940z - 0.9474}$$

## □ The Estimated Nonlinear Subsystem



Third order polynomial

$$\hat{N}^{-1}(y_k) = 0.0319y_k^3 + 0.0358y_k^2 + 0.9989y_k$$

Fig. 17: Estimated Nonlinear Characteristic.

## □ Validation results

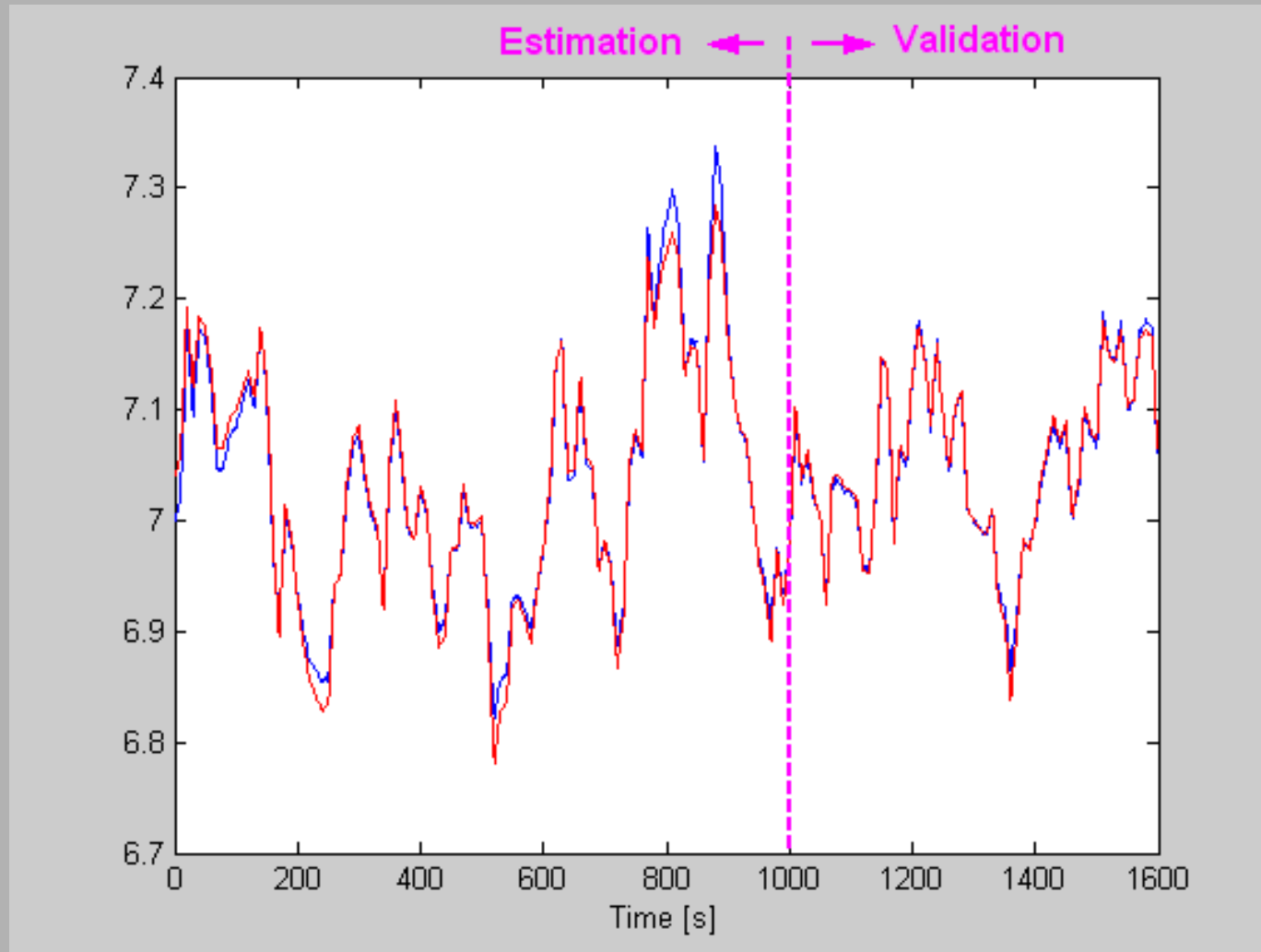


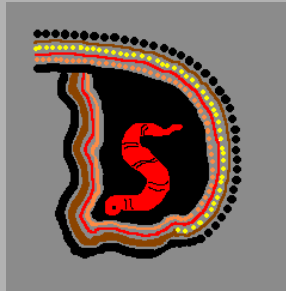
Fig. 18: True (blue) and estimated (red) Output (Estimation/Validation data).

# Conclusions

- New subspace methods for the simultaneous identification of the linear and nonlinear parts of **multivariable Hammerstein and Wiener models** have been presented.
- The proposed methods make use of a standard (linear) subspace method followed by a 2-norm minimization problem which is solved via an SVD.
- The proposed methods **generalize** all the families of linear subspace methods to this class of nonlinear models.
- The method provides **consistent estimates** under the same conditions on persistency of excitation required by the (linear) subspace method used as the first step of the algorithm.
- The estimated models are in a format which is suitable for their use in standard (linear) Model Predictive Control schemes.

## Research Seminar

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