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# Penalized regression on principal manifolds with application to combustion modelling

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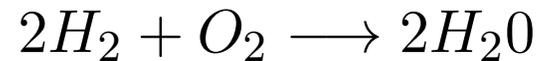
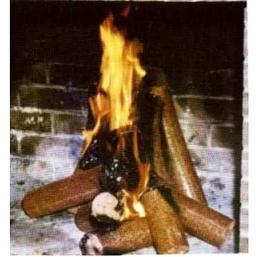
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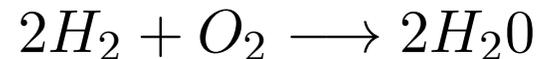
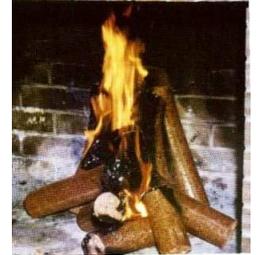
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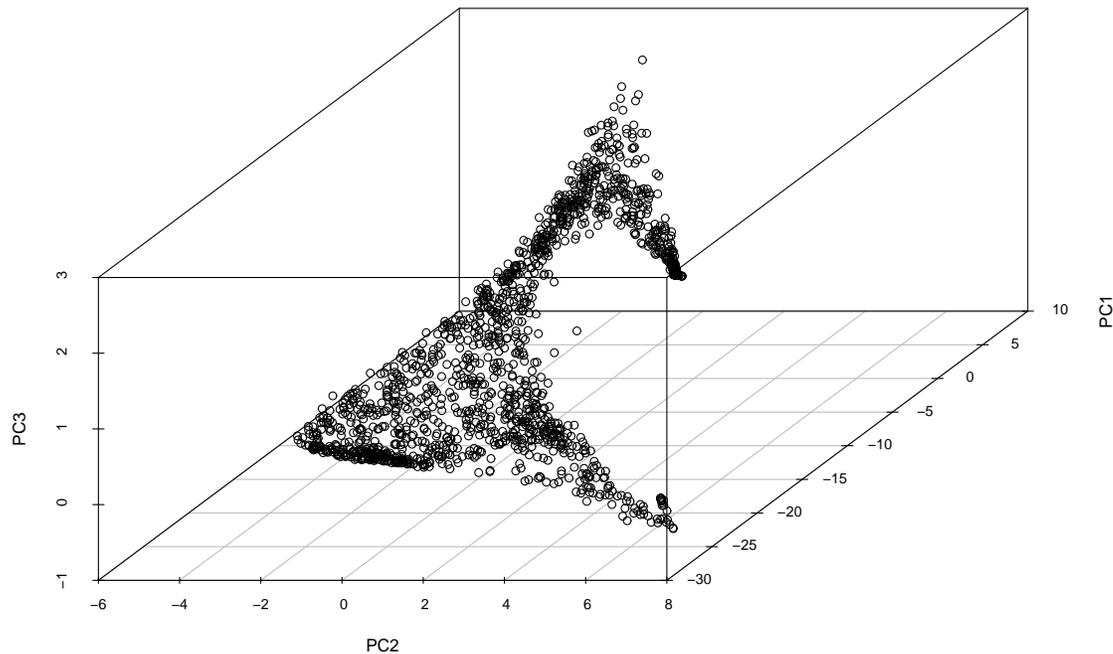
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with  $p - 1$  chemical mass fractions  $z_1, \dots, z_{p-1}$ , and temperature  $T$ .

- The (space/time) behavior of  $\Phi$  is governed by a set of  $p$  highly coupled transport equations.
- For large  $p$ , this system of equations is usually intractable.

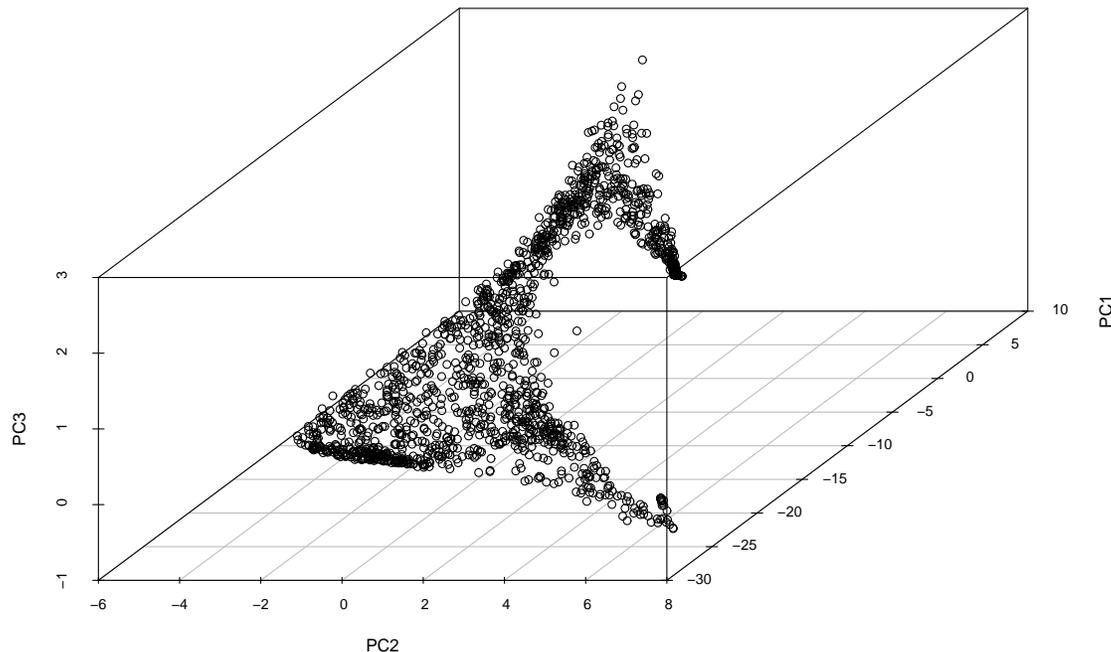
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- It is well-known that the thermochemical state space of combustion systems resides on low-dimensional manifolds.
- This is convenient, as the transport equations based on the reduced system of, say, 3 principal components *are* tractable.

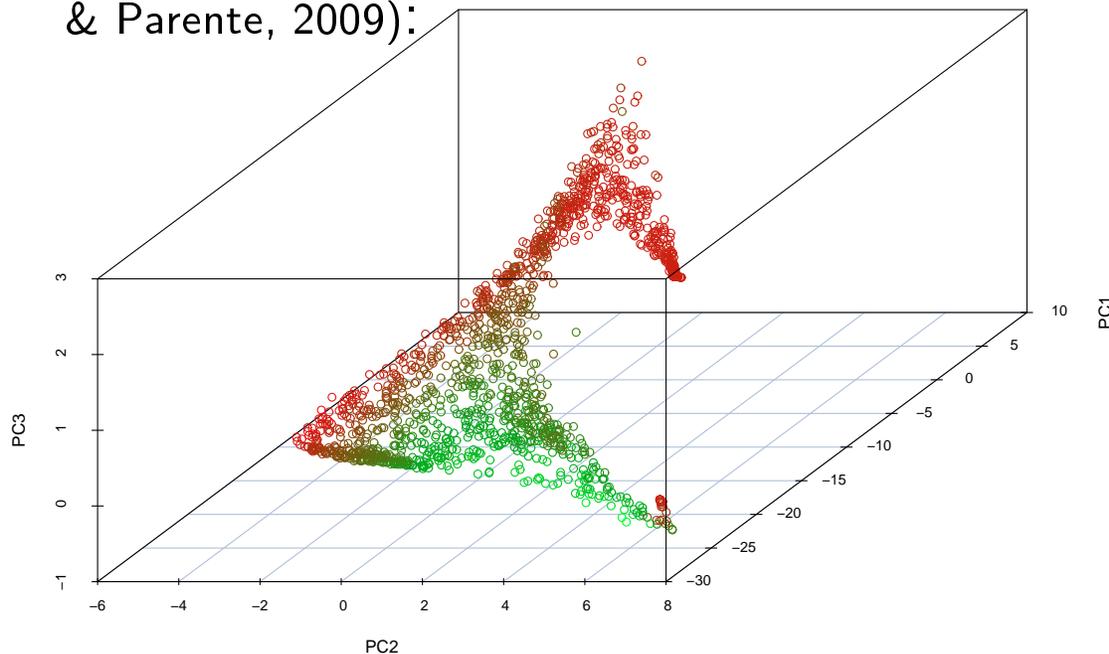
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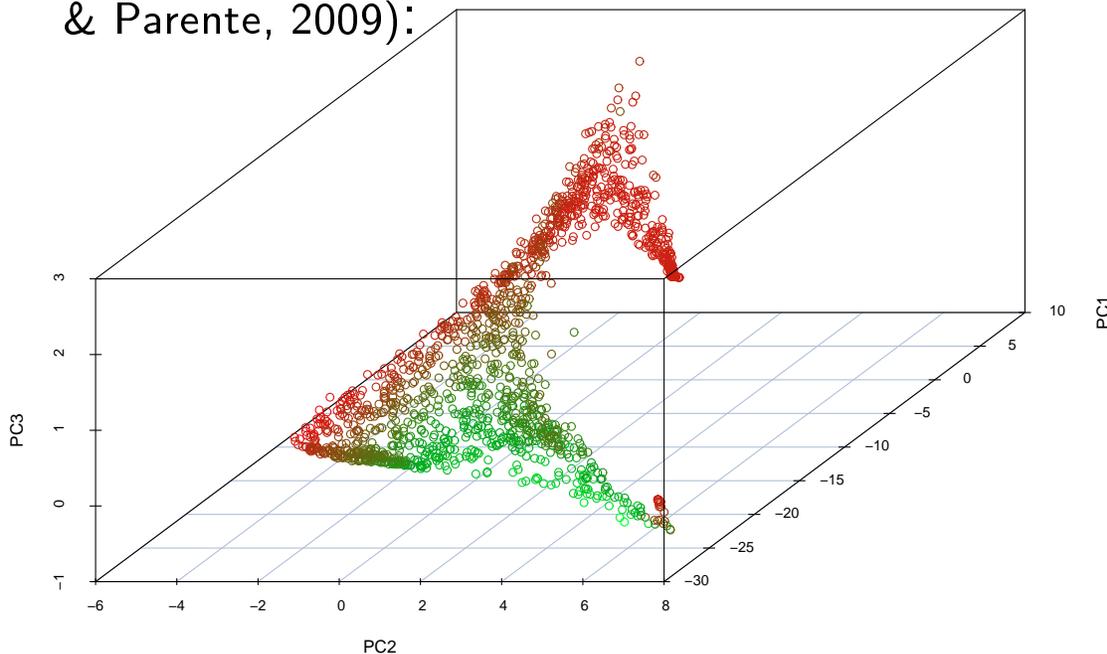
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- Clearly, the position on the manifold is informative for the source terms.

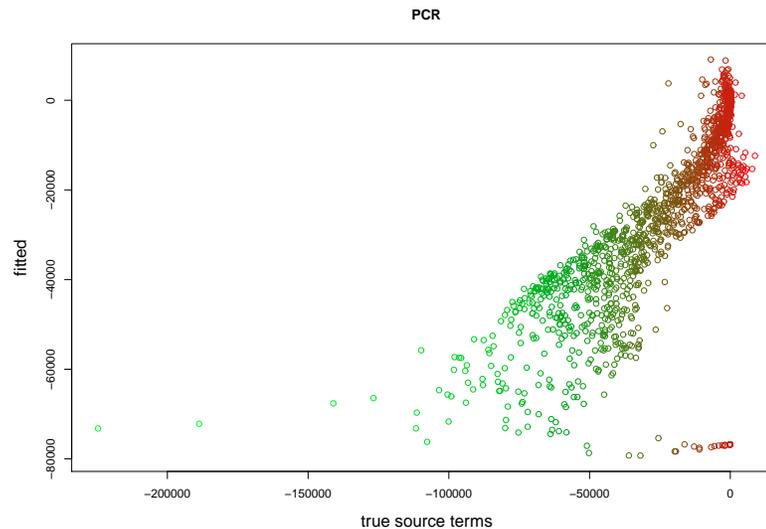
# Principal component regression

- A simple approach is to use **Principal component regression**, where the first three principal component scores serve as predictors, and the source terms,  $s$ , as response:

$$s = \beta_0 + \beta_1 PC_1 + \beta_2 PC_2 + \beta_3 PC_3 + \epsilon$$

(Sutherland & Parente, 2009).

- Fitted versus true values ( $R^2 = 0.77$ ):



- ... turns out to be not good enough!

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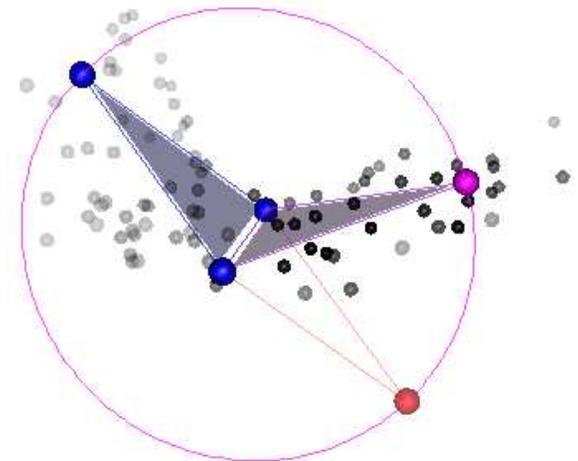
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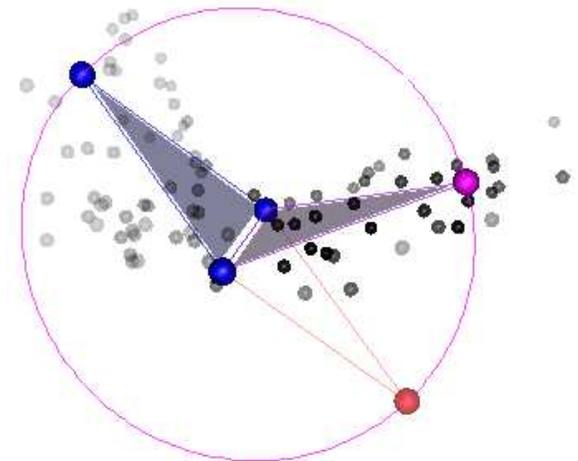
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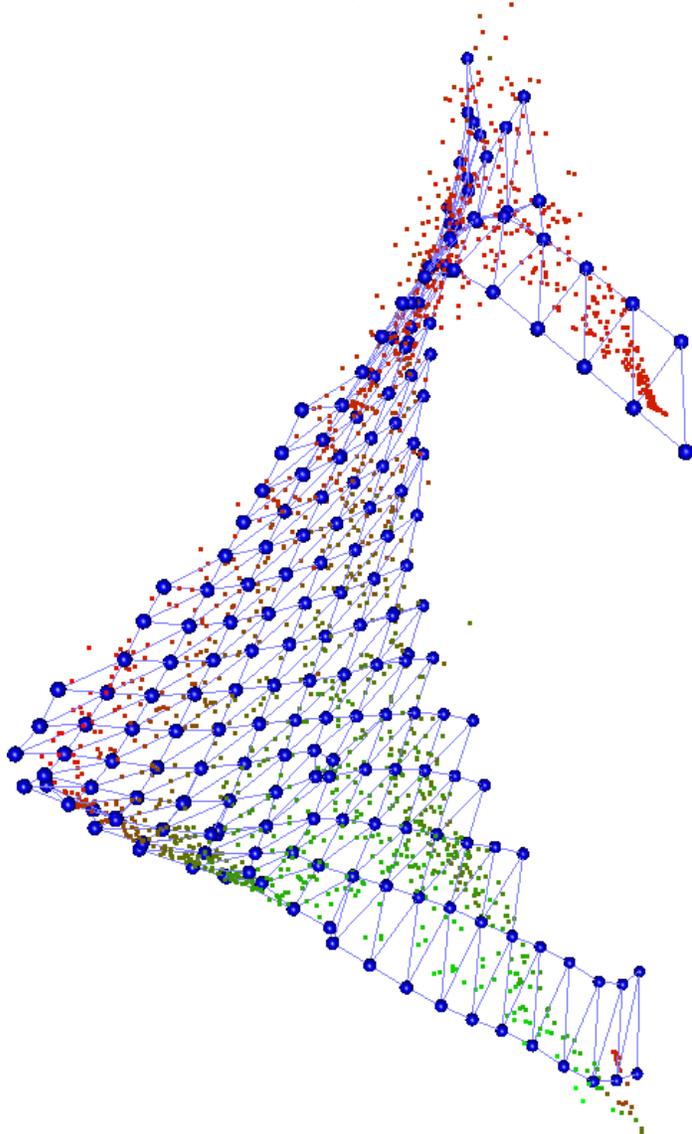
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- Extends to principal manifolds of any dimension when replacing triangles (2D) by tetrahedrons (3D) or simplices ( $>3D$ ).



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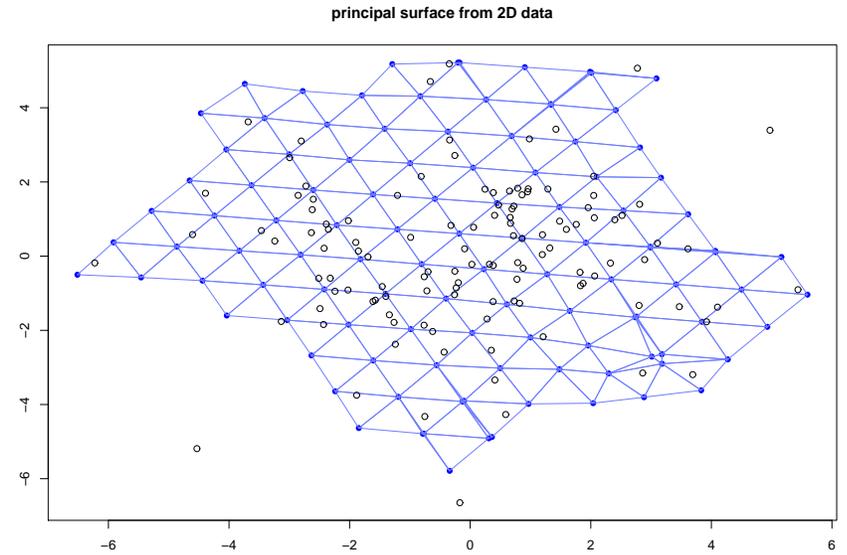
- Fitted local principal surface to combustion data, with data coloured by (true, tabulated) PC source terms:



- Neat ...
- ... but the actual challenge is to regress the source terms onto the surface.

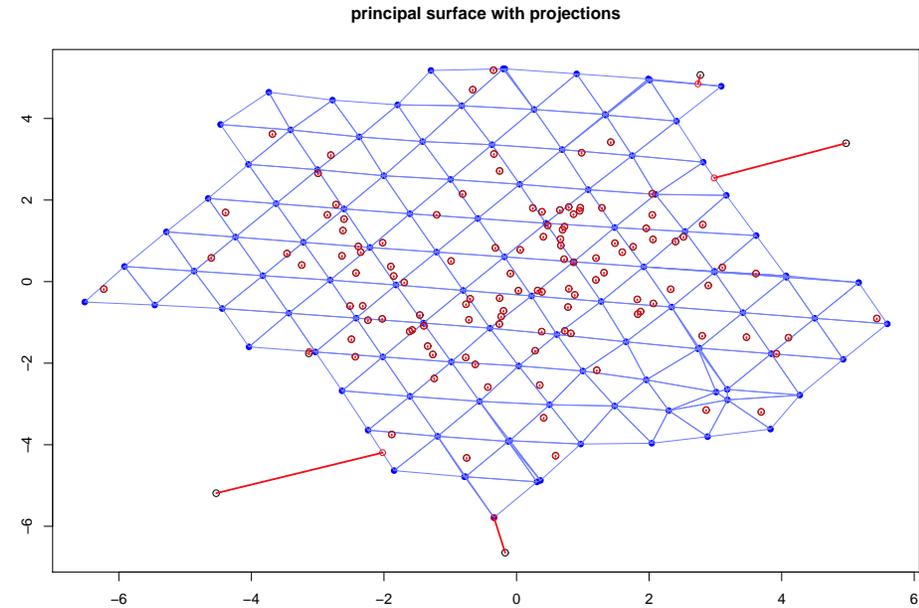
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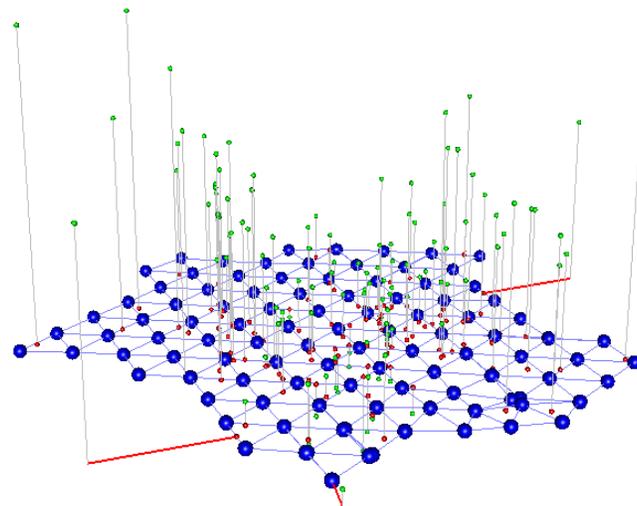
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- Next, consider a **response**  $y_i$ .
- Assume separate regression models for each triangle  $j$



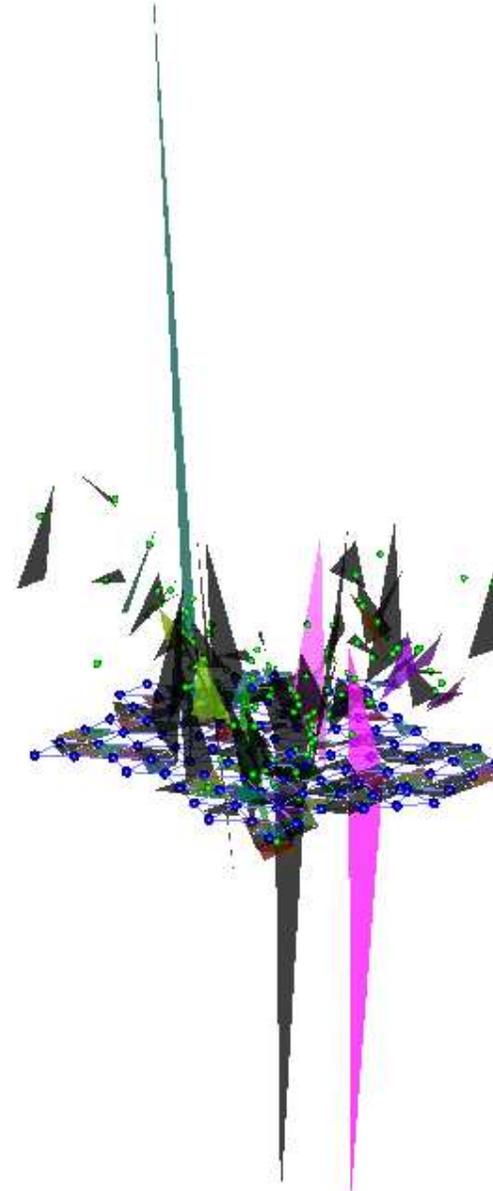
$$y_i = \mathbf{c}^{(j)}(\mathbf{x}_i)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_{(j)} + \epsilon_i \quad \text{for all } i \text{ with closest triangle } t_i = j,$$

where  $\mathbf{c}^{(j)}(\mathbf{x}_i)$  be the coordinates of the projected point using the sides of the  $j$ -th triangle as basis functions.

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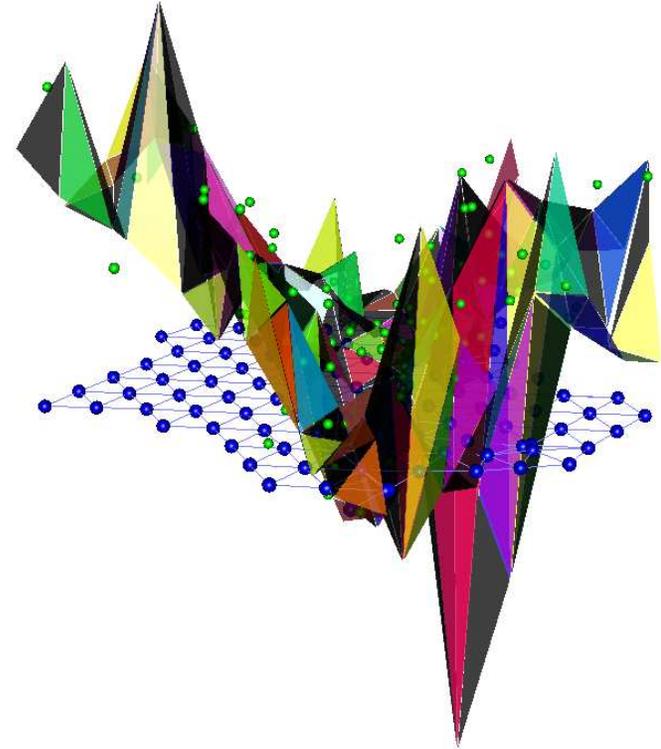
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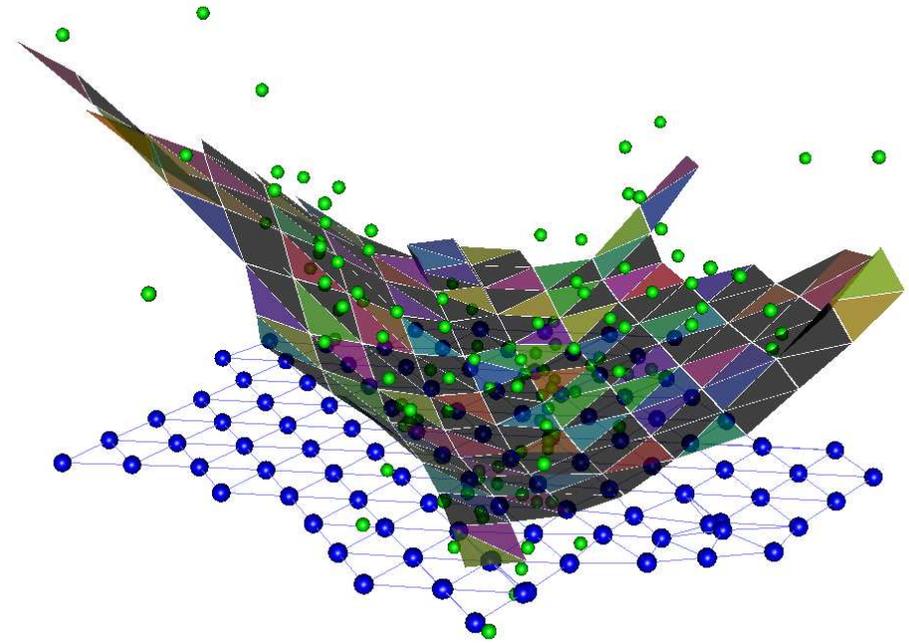
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- Additionally, we apply a **smoothness penalty** which penalizes difference in regressions at adjacent triangles.



# Penalized regression (cont'd)

- Define

- the parameter vector  $\beta' = (\beta'_{(1)}, \beta'_{(2)}, \dots)$ ,
- the design matrix  $\mathbf{Z}$  (which is a box product of  $(\mathbf{c}^{(t_i)}(\mathbf{x}_i))_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  and an adjacency matrix);
- appropriate penalty matrices  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$ .

- Then the entire minimization problem can be written as

$$\|\mathbf{Z}\beta - \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \lambda\|\mathbf{D}\beta\|^2 + \mu\|\mathbf{E}\beta\|^2. \quad (1)$$

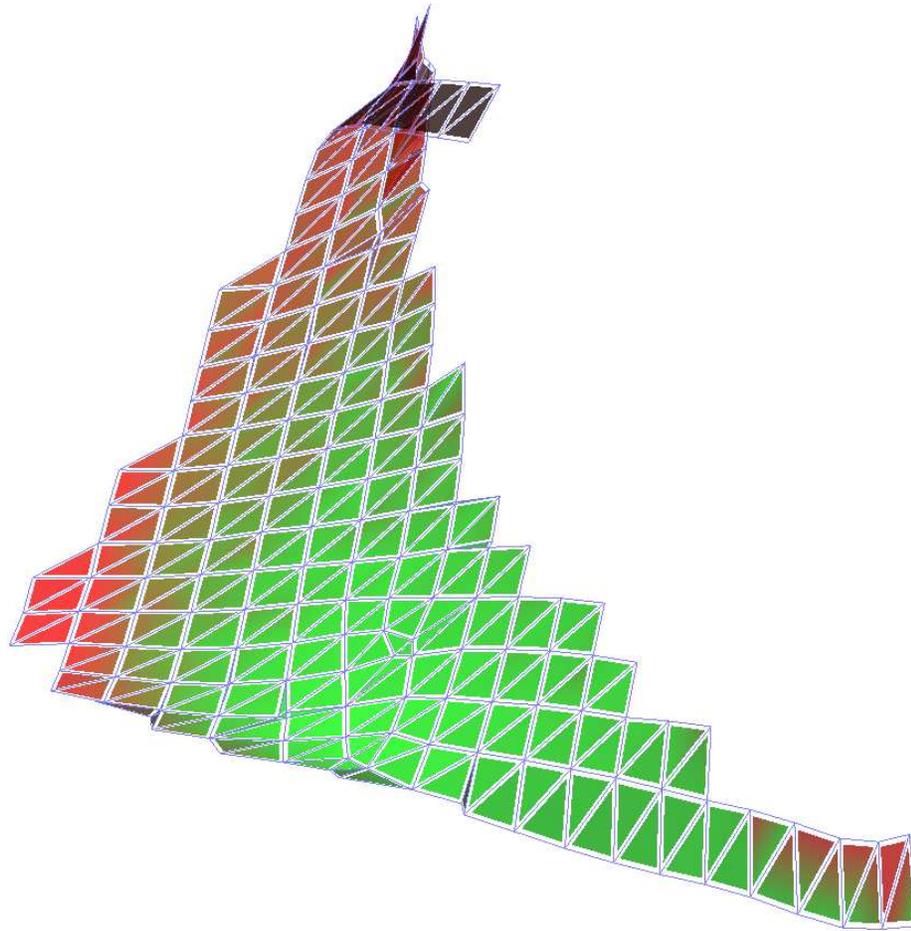
- Though the matrices  $\mathbf{Z}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{E}$  can be very large, they are also very sparse, which allows for quick computations.

- The solution is given by

$$\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z} + \lambda\mathbf{D}'\mathbf{D} + \mu\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{E})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{y}.$$

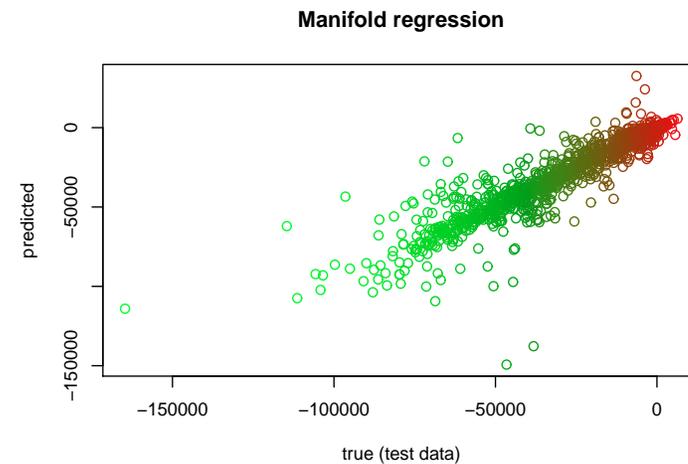
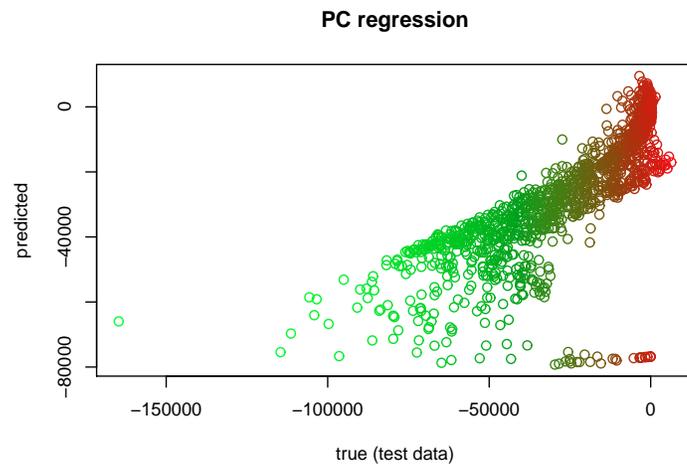
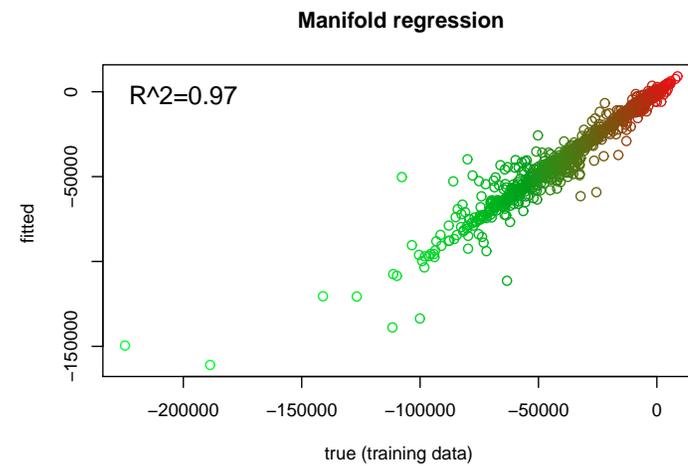
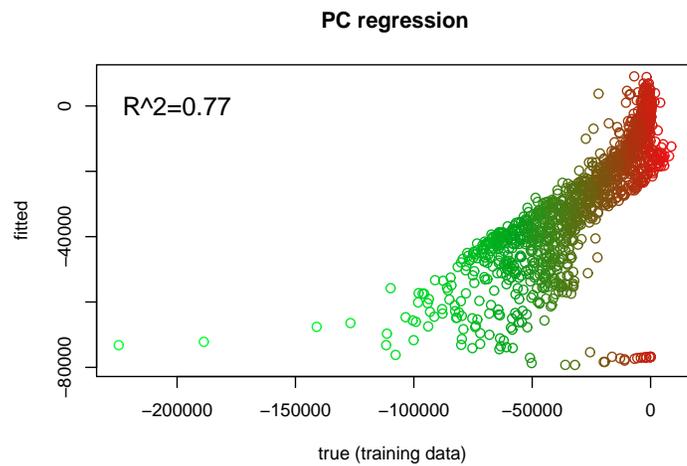
# Back to combustion problem

- Using this technique, the source terms  $s_i, i = 1, \dots, n$  are regressed onto the principal surface.



# Simulation study

- Fitted versus true response for 4000 training data (top) and 4000 test data (bottom), using PC regression (left) and manifold regression (right):



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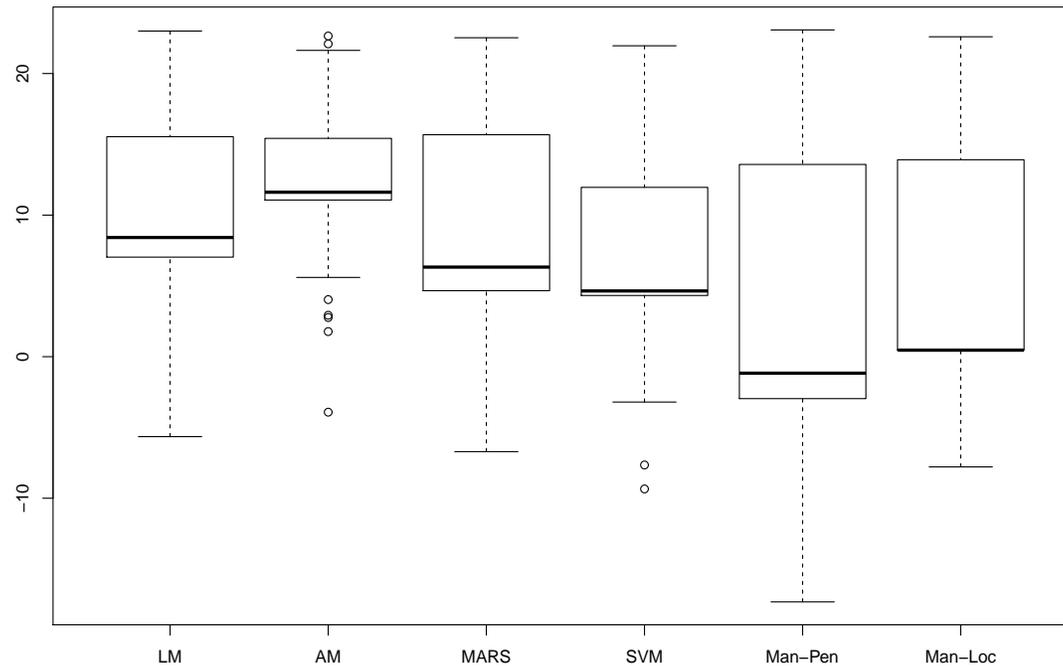
- Multivariate adaptive regression splines (MARS);
- Support vector machine (SVM);
- Penalized principal–manifold–based regression (as explained).
- Localized principal–manifold–based regression (Einbeck & Evers, 2010).

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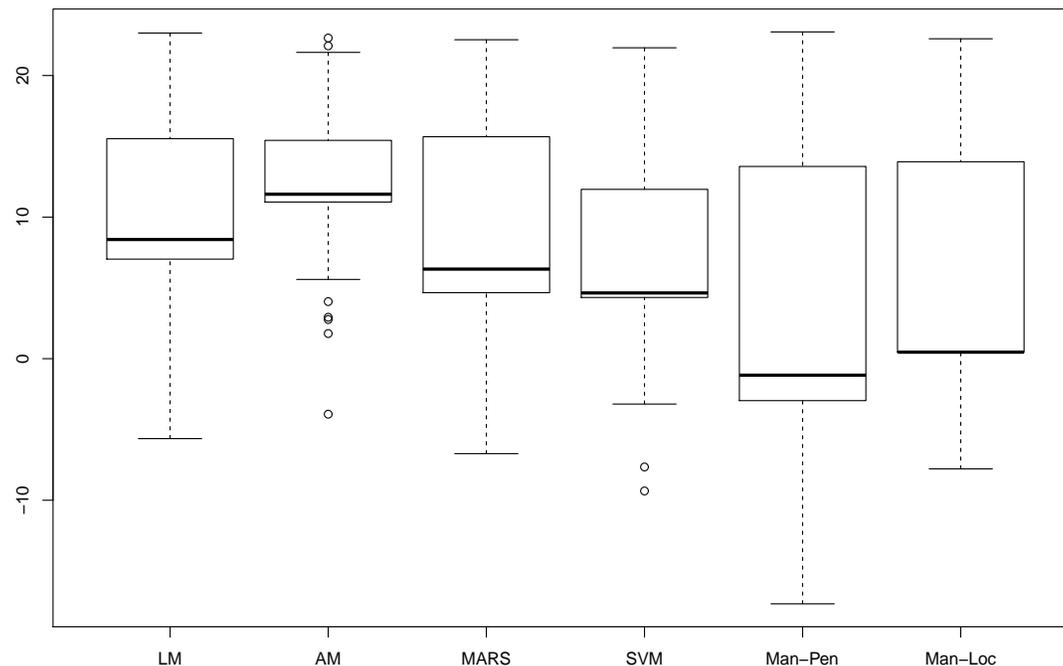


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# Conclusion

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- For the combustion problem, the estimation of source terms is one of a series of steps towards the construction of a practical combustion model (for Direct Numerical Simulation, etc).
- The next step is the numerical solution of the reduced set of transport equations.
- Results depend on type of scaling before PCA (Isaac et al, 2012).
- Our predictions tend to give excellent results for most of the predictor space, but quite 'bad' results for a few small subregions (usually at manifold tails and boundaries). In our application, those 'bad' predictions could be traced back to the burn-in-process.
- Other applications of principal manifolds in: astrophysics, neuroimaging, particle physics, oceanography, . . .
- Working paper (Evers & Einbeck, 2012) and R package (`lpmforge`) available on request.

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