

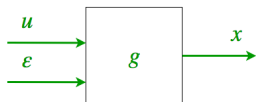
AIRCRAFT TRAJECTORY OPTIMIZATION UNDER UNKNOWN DYNAMICS

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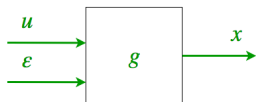
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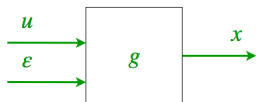


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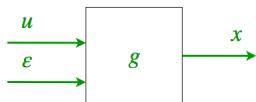


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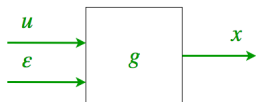
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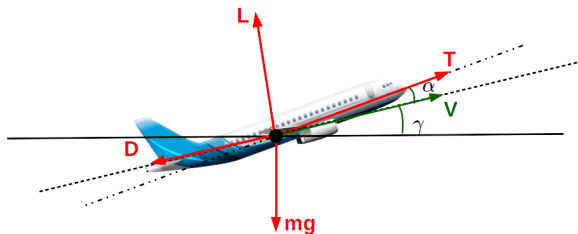
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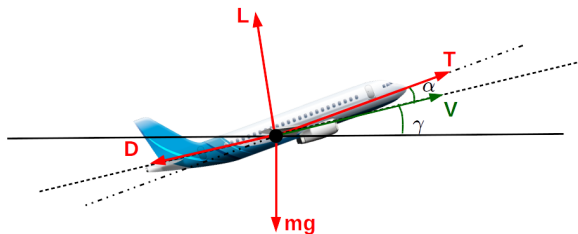
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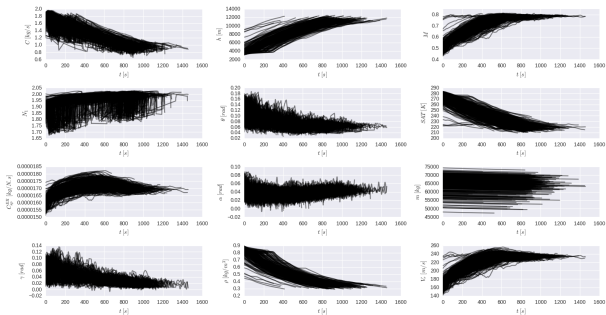


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OPTIMIZED TRAJECTORY LIKELIHOOD

Assumption: We suppose that the real flights are observations of the same functional random variable $Z = (Z_t)$ valued in $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}, E)$, with E compact subset of \mathbb{R}^d and $\mathbb{T} = [0, t_f]$.

How likely is it to draw the optimized trajectory from the law of Z ?

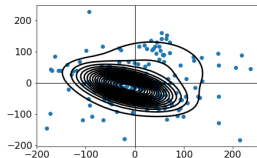
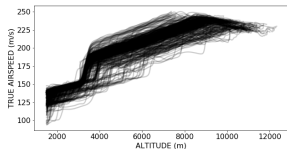
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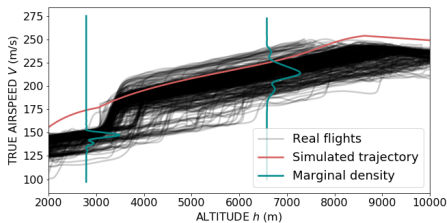
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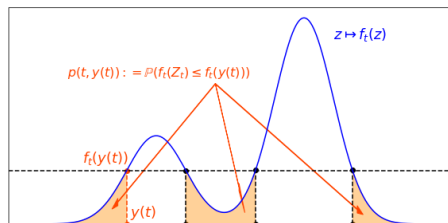
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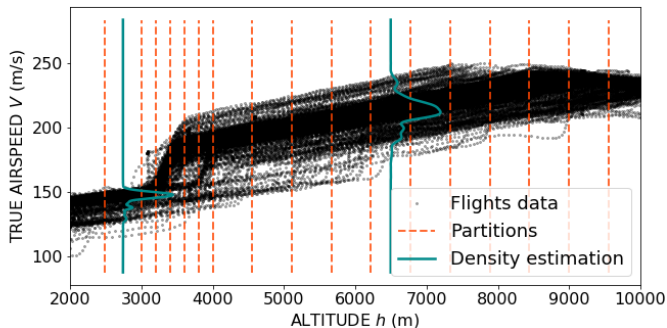
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PARTITION BASED MARGINAL DENSITY ESTIMATION



Idea: to average in time the marginal densities over small bins by applying classical multivariate density estimation techniques to each subset.

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$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} b_m = 0, \quad \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} m b_m = \infty.$$

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ASSUMPTION 4 - I.I.D. CONSISTENCY

- \mathcal{G} arbitrary family of probability density functions on E , $\rho \in \mathcal{G}$,
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The estimator obtained by applying Θ to S_ρ^N , denoted by

$$\hat{\rho}^N := \Theta[S_\rho^N] \in L^1(E, \mathbb{R}_+),$$

is a (pointwise) consistent density estimator, uniformly in ρ :

For all $z \in E, \varepsilon > 0, \alpha_1 > 0$, there is $N_{\varepsilon, \alpha_1} > 0$ such that, for any $\rho \in \mathcal{G}$,

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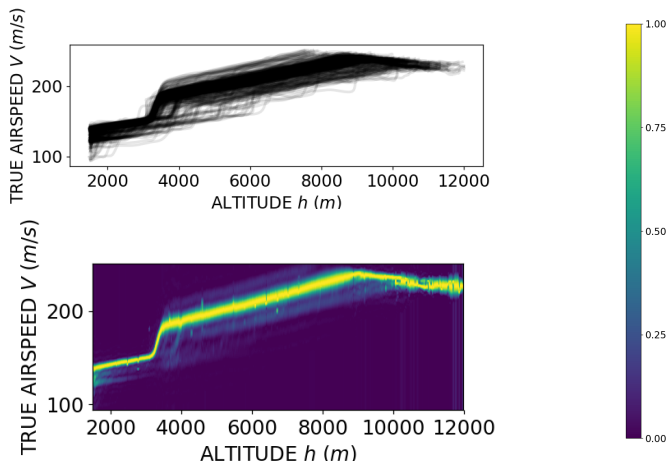
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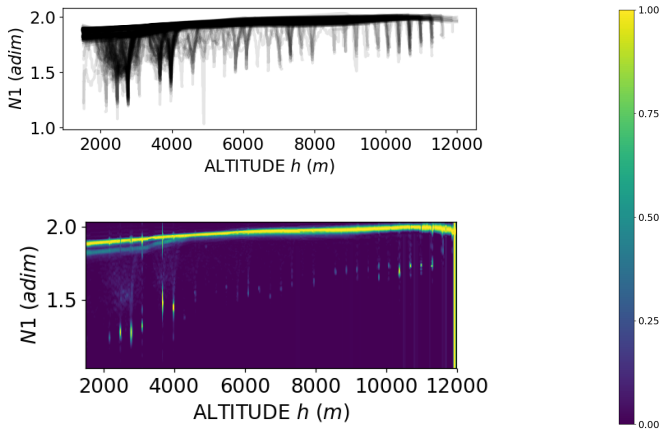
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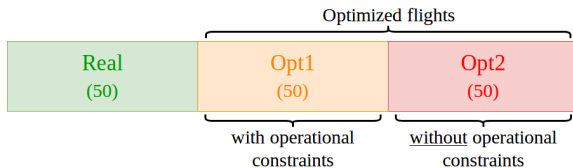
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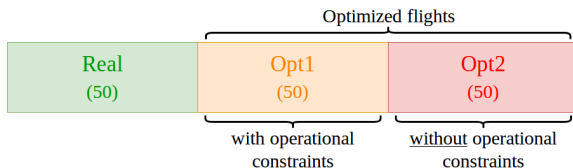
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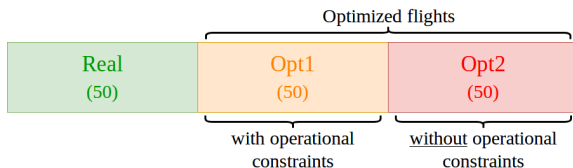


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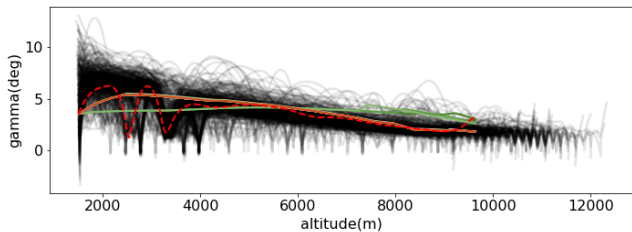
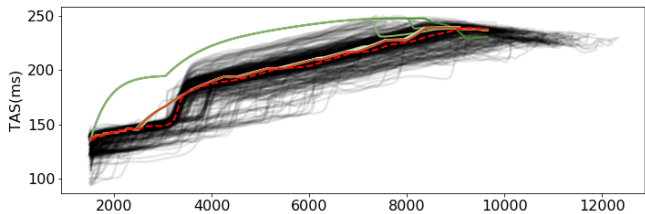
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