

Validating Gaussian Process Emulators

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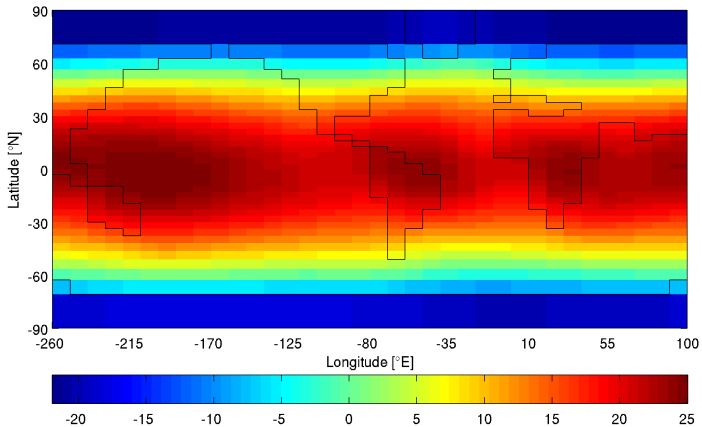
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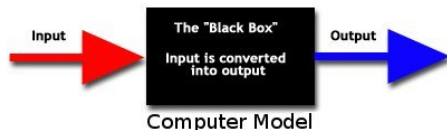


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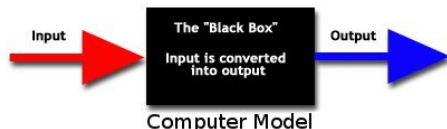
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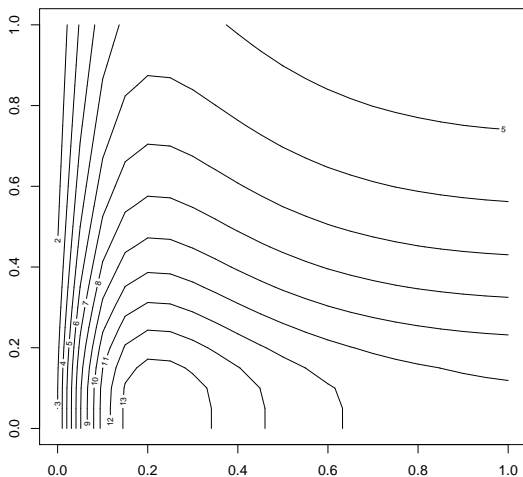
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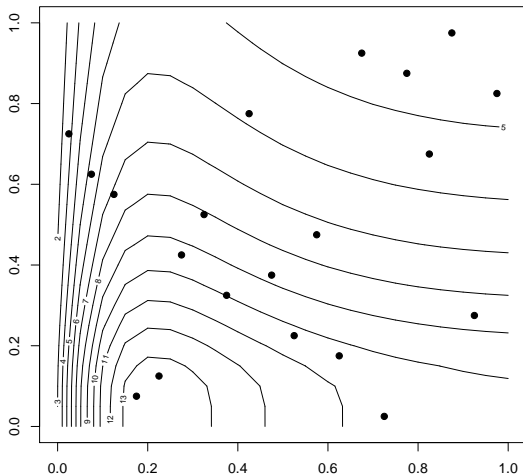
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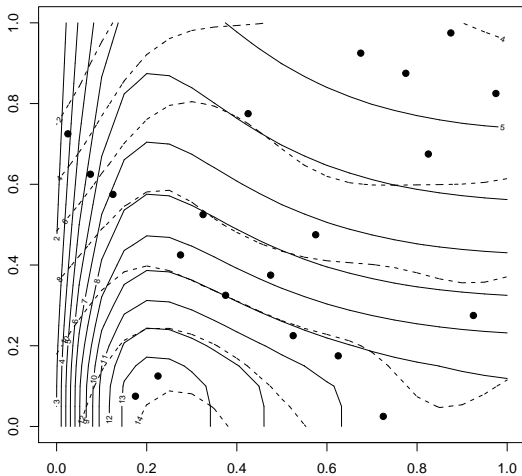
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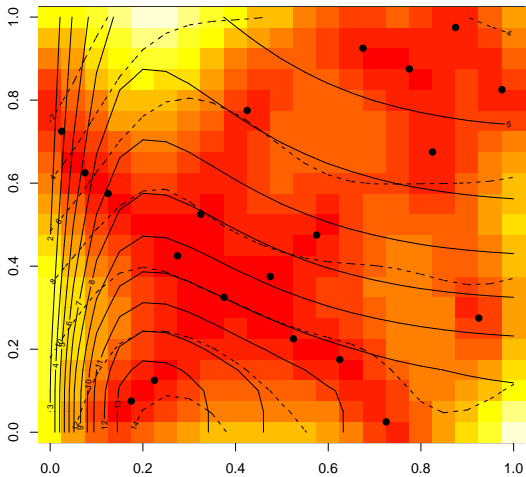
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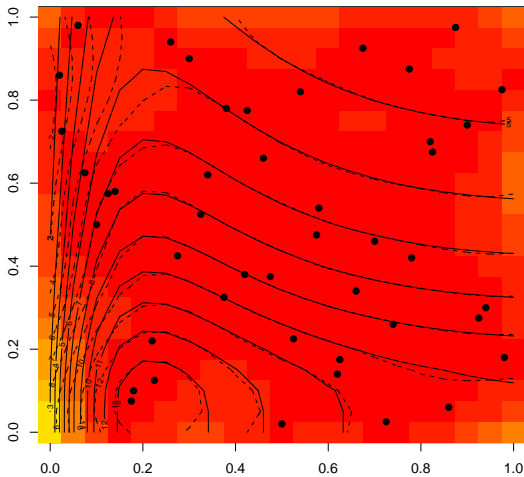
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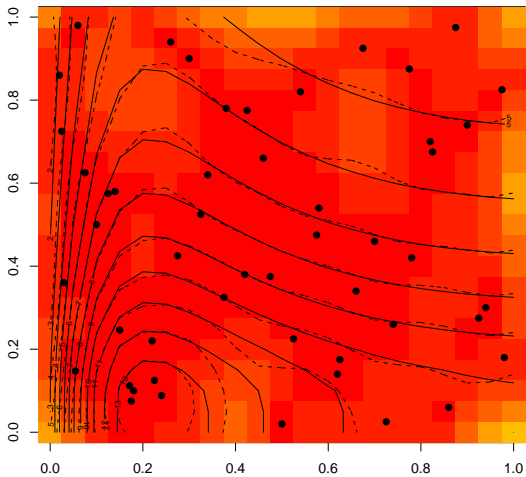
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where $V_1(\mathbf{X}^*) = \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G}$, and $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{P} \mathbf{R}^T$.

Properties:

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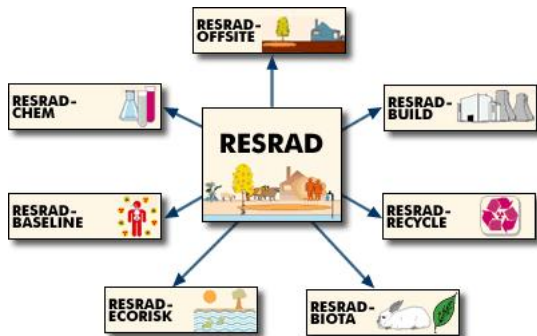
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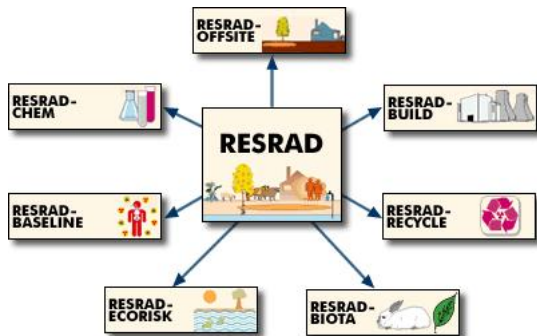
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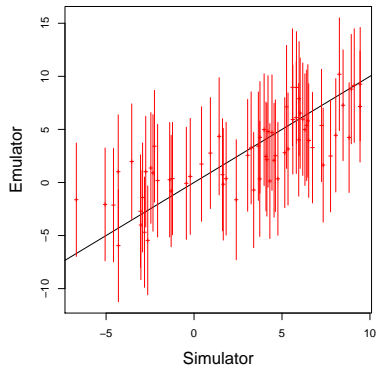
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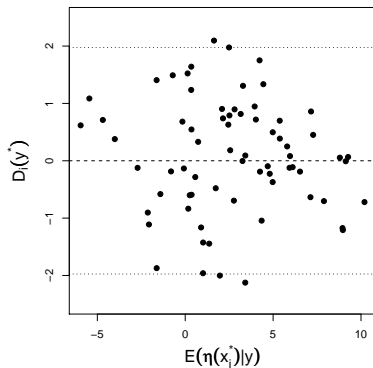
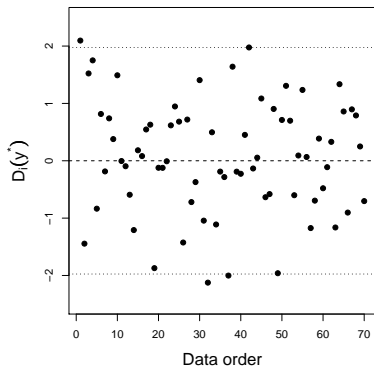
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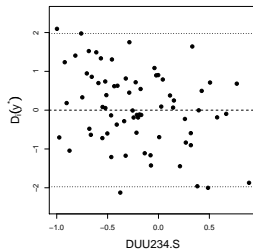
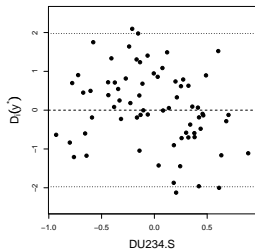
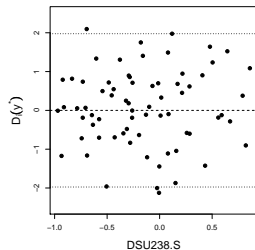
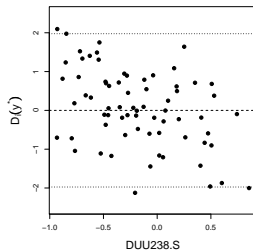
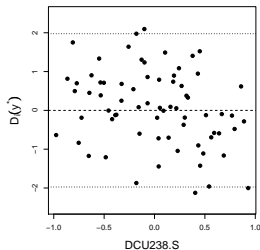


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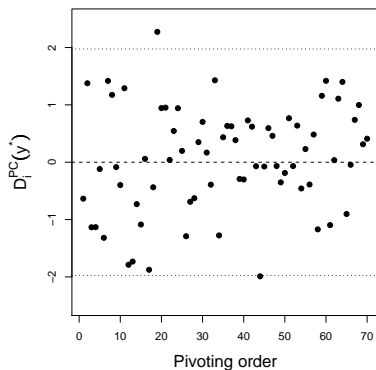
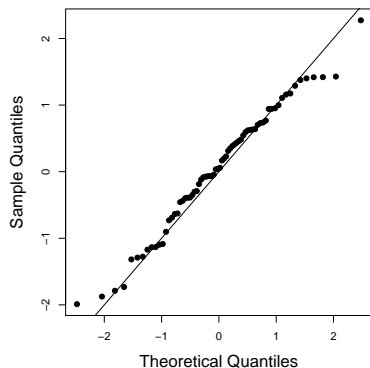
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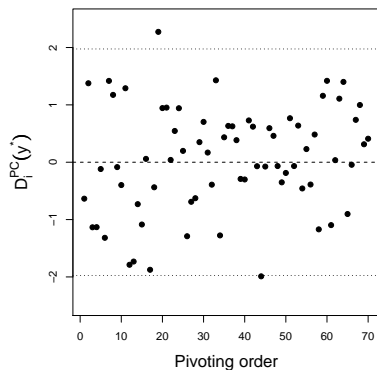
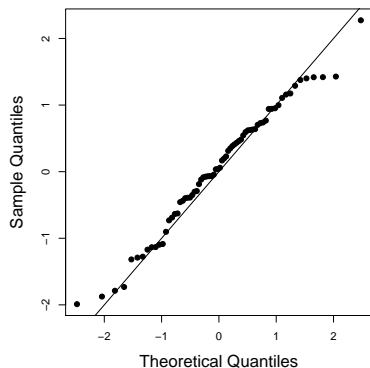


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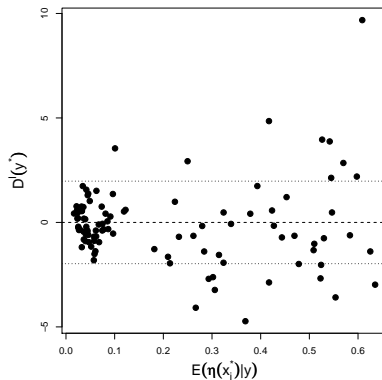
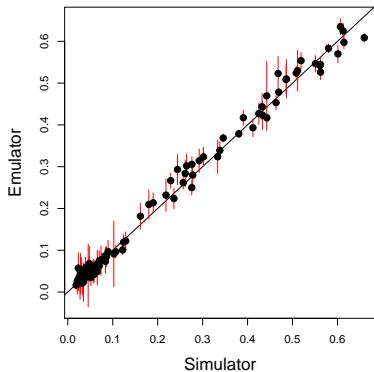
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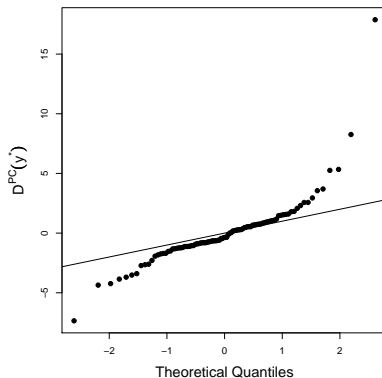
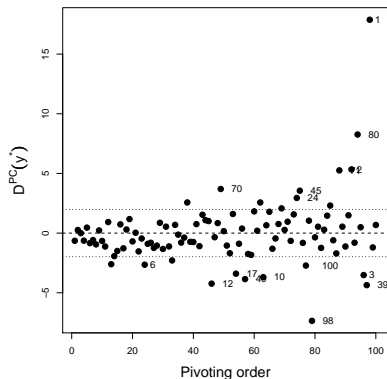
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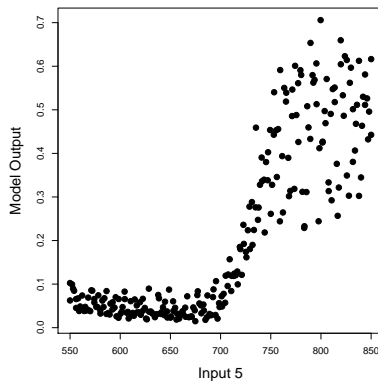
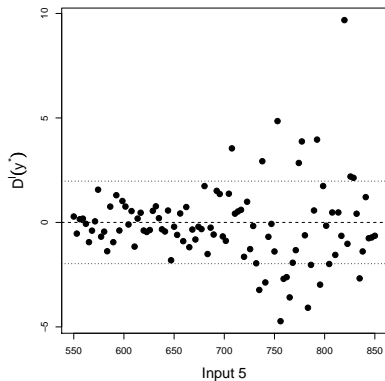


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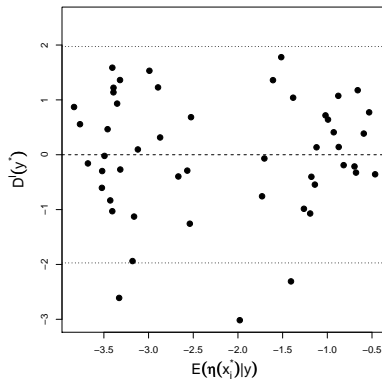
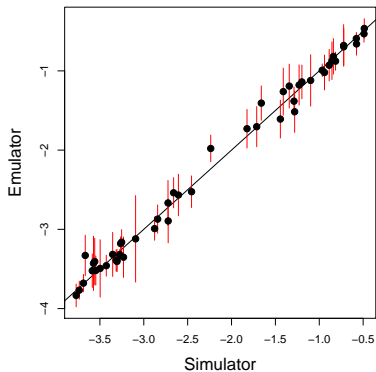


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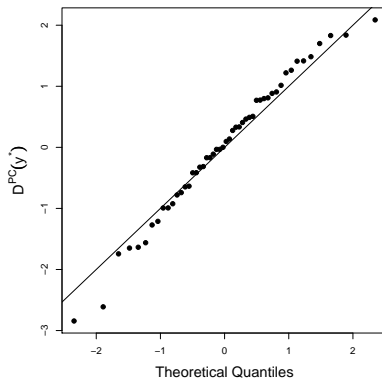
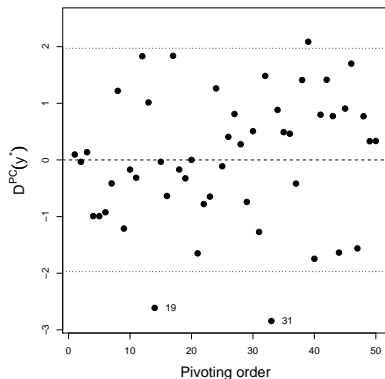
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