

## Lecture 1: Getting started with problematic inversions

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**Example 1: Square system of linear equations**

**Example 2: Different inverse problems fo steady state 1D heat transfer through a wall**

## Example 1: Square system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} 10 x_1 - 21 x_2 &= 9 \\ 39 x_1 - 81 x_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

scalar relationship  $\rightarrow$  vector

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -21 \\ 39 & -81 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^{exact} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}_{mo} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x}^{exact} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 36 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Direct problem:**      input (known)      output (calculated)

$$\mathbf{Model} : \mathbf{y}_{mo} = \boldsymbol{\eta} (\mathbf{x})$$

Structure of model

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -21 \\ 39 & -81 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{mo} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{x}^{exact} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 36 \end{bmatrix}$$

inverse problem:

data (known) unknown

Solution with exact data  $\mathbf{y}_{mo}$ :

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_{mo} = \mathbf{x}^{exact} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**No problem !**

Solution with noisy data  $\mathbf{y}$ :

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}_{mo} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} 9.1 \\ 35.7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ -0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

≈ 1 % of  $y_{mo1}$   
≈ 1 % of  $y_{mo2}$

**Noise amplification !**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 & -21 \\ 39 & -81 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 9.1 \\ 35.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

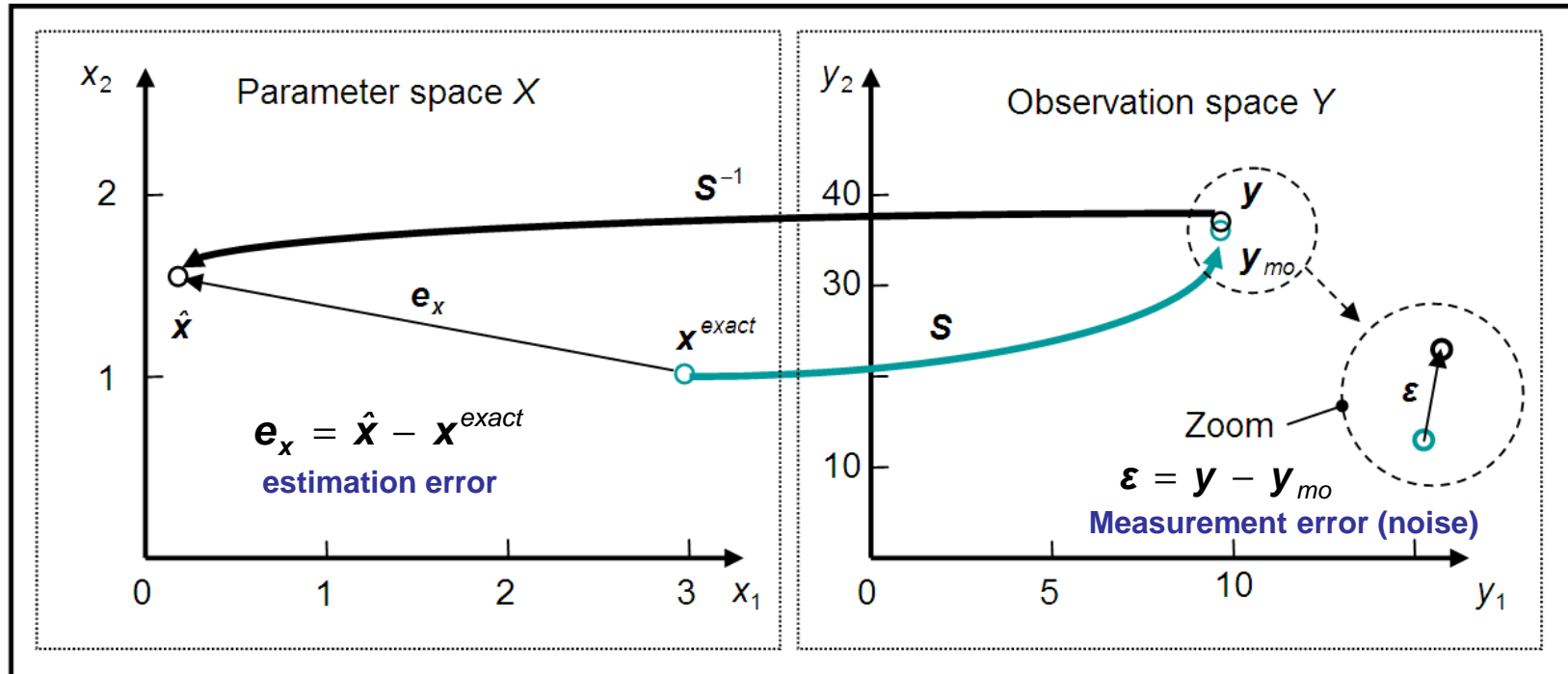
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x}^{exact} + \mathbf{e}_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1.40 \\ 0.233 \end{bmatrix}$$

53 % error for  $x_1$   
77 % error for  $x_2$

estimate

estimation error

Euclidian distance (L2 norm):  $\| \mathbf{u} \| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^2 u_i^2 \right)^{1/2}$



coefficients of amplification of measurement error (leverage)

absolute  
relative

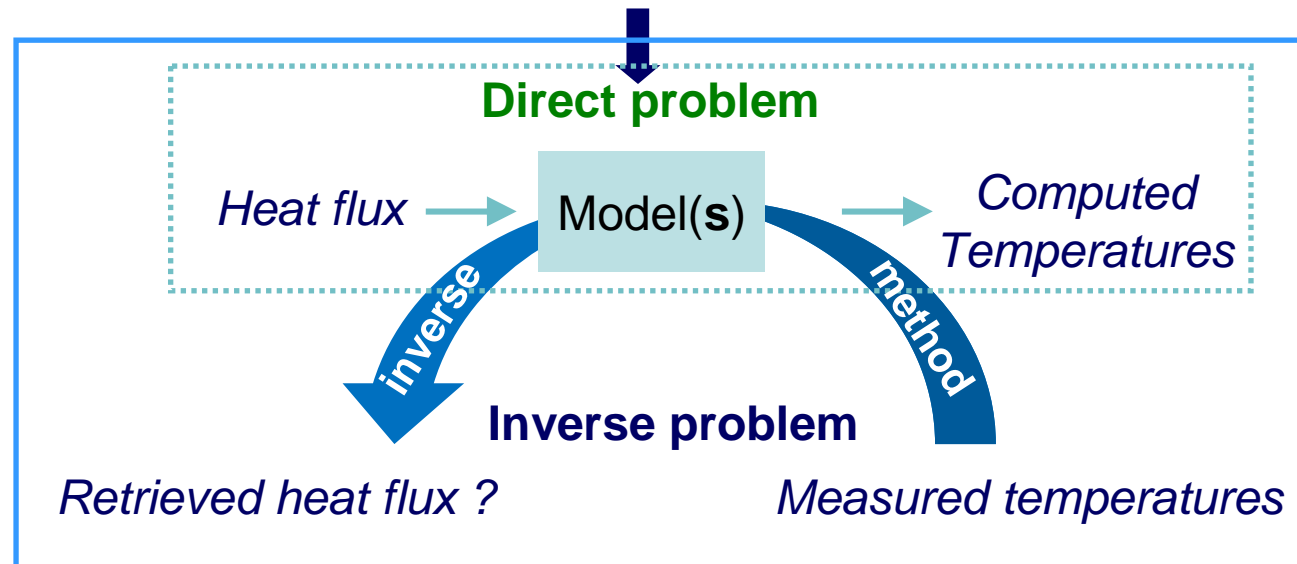
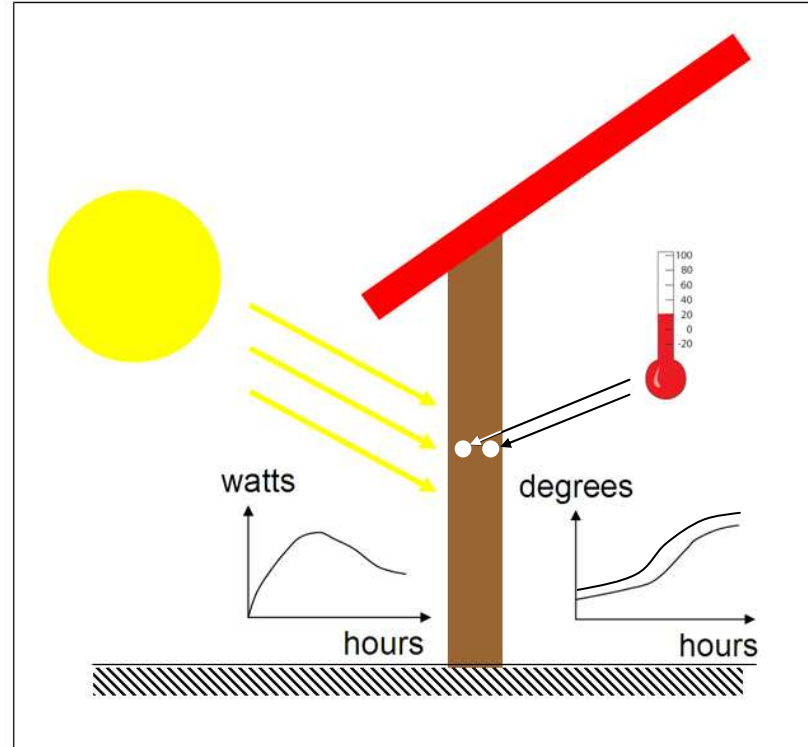
$$k_a(\epsilon) = \frac{\| \mathbf{S}^{-1} \epsilon \|}{\| \epsilon \|} = \frac{\| \mathbf{e}_x \|}{\| \epsilon \|} = \frac{1.774}{0.316} = 5.61$$

$$\det(\mathbf{S}) = 9$$

maximum:  $k_r(\epsilon) \leq \text{cond}(\mathbf{S}) = 958$

$$k_r(\epsilon) = \frac{\| \mathbf{S}^{-1} \epsilon \| / \| \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_{mo} \|}{\| \epsilon \| / \| \mathbf{y}_{mo} \|} = \frac{\| \mathbf{e}_x \| / \| \mathbf{x}^{exact} \|}{\| \epsilon \| / \| \mathbf{y}_{mo} \|} = \frac{1.774 / 3.16}{0.316 / 37.11} = 65.8$$

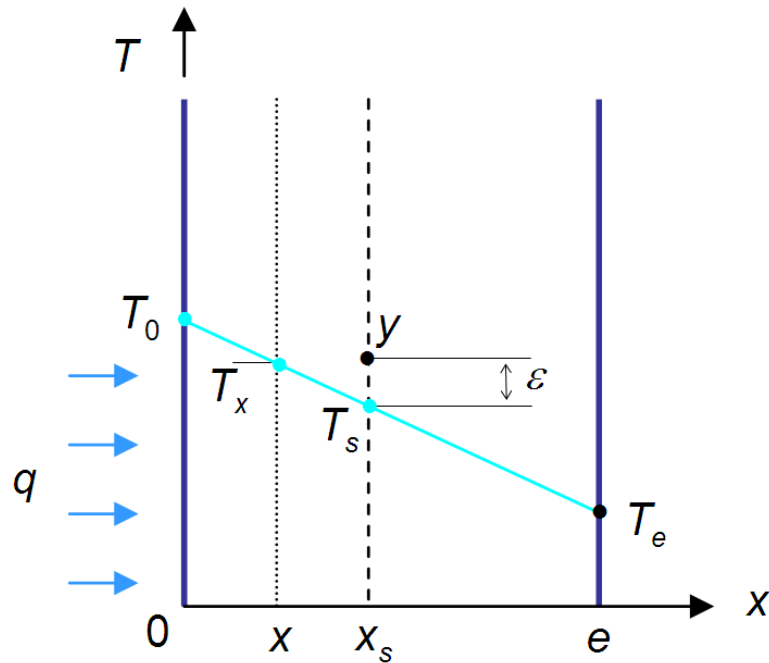
Example of  
inverse  
heat conduction  
problem (IHCP)



## Example 2: Different inverse problems for **steady state 1D** heat transfer through a wall

### Physical system with sensors

- plane wall
- 2 temperature sensors:
  - 1 on rear face (exact measurement  $T_e$ )
  - 1 inside ( $x = x_s$ ; **noisy** measurement  $y$ )



### Thermal model

for exact output of sensor  $T_s$

- homogeneous material (conductivity  $\lambda$ )
- steady state
- stimulation  $q$  ( $x = 0$ )
- 1D heat transfer
- no internal source
- Fourier law

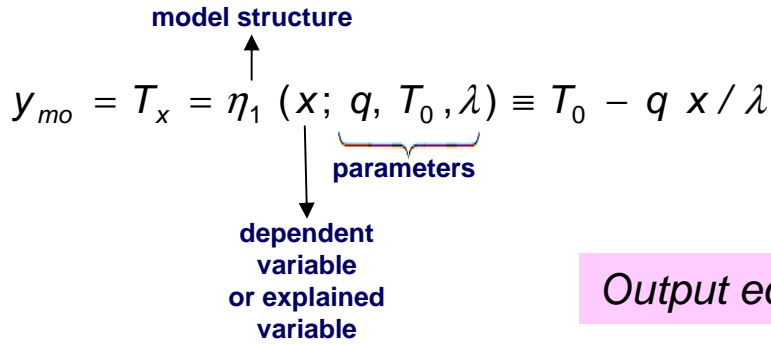
### Possible objectives

(types of inverse problems)

- flux  $q$  entering the wall ( $x = 0$ ) ?
- front face temperature  $T_0$  ?
- internal temperature distribution  $T(x)$  ?
- conductivity  $\lambda$  ?

State equations:  $T$ ?

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad -\lambda \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} \right|_{x=0} = q \quad \text{and} \quad T|_{x=e} = T_e$$

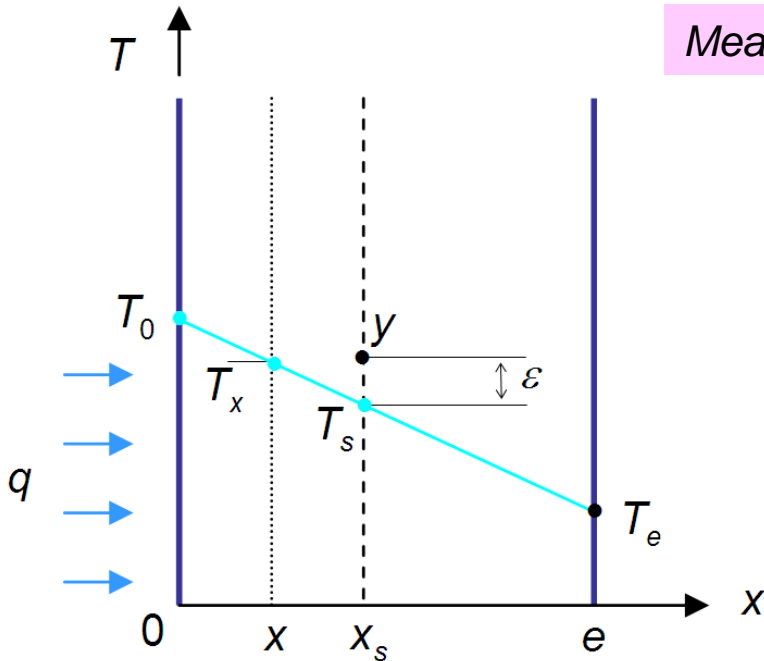
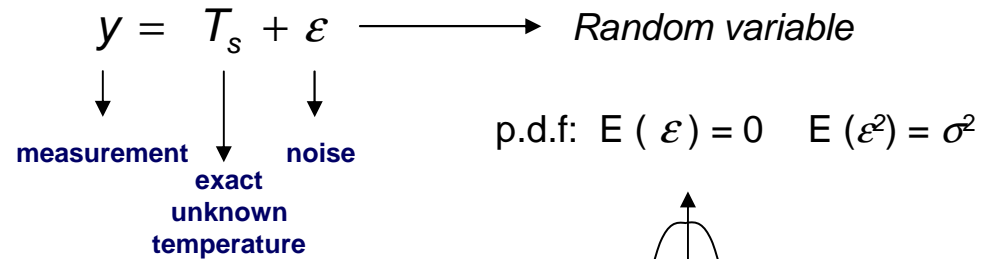


Assumption:  $\lambda$  known, no error for  $T_e$   
no error for  $e$  and  $x_s$   
Objective: find  $q, T_0, T_x$

Output equation:

$$T_s = \eta_1(x_s; q, T_0, \lambda) \equiv \eta_2\left(\frac{x_s}{e}, T_0, T_e\right) = \left(1 - \frac{x_s}{e}\right) T_0 + \frac{x_s}{e} T_e$$

Measurement:



Estimation = exact matching:

$$y = T_s = \eta_2\left(\frac{x_s}{e}, \hat{T}_0, T_e\right)$$

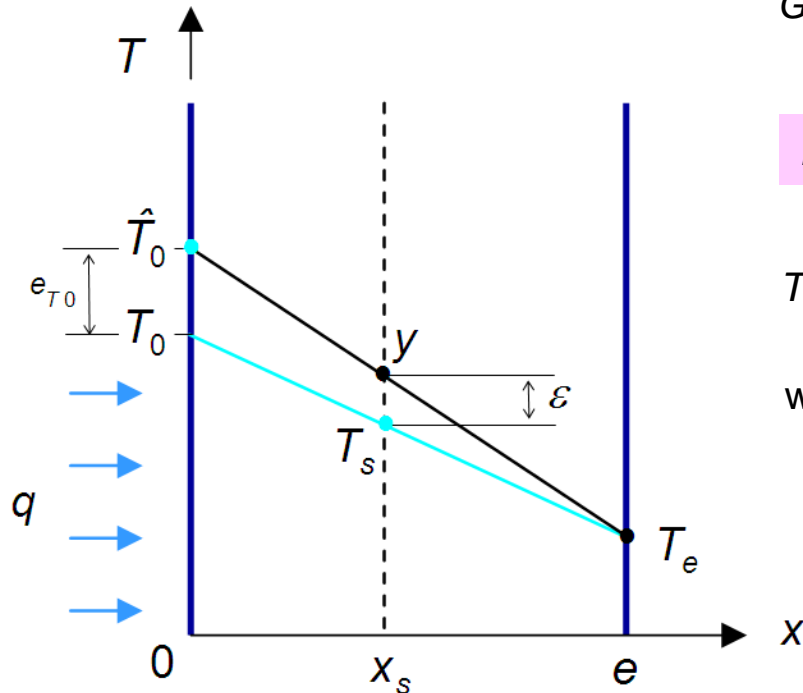
estimate

### Solution of inverse problem: estimation of $T_0$

$$\hat{T}_0 = \frac{1}{1 - x_s^*} y - \frac{x_s^*}{1 - x_s^*} T_e \quad \text{with} \quad x_s^* = x_s / e$$

**Estimation error:**  $e_{T_0} = \varepsilon / (1 - x_s^*) \Rightarrow E(e_{T_0}) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_0 = \sigma / (1 - x_s^*)$

Good estimation of  $T_0$  for shallow measurement



### Estimation of $T(x)$ :

$$T_{\text{recalc}}(x) = \eta_2(x^*, \hat{T}_0) = \hat{T}_x = \frac{1 - x^*}{1 - x_s^*} y + \frac{x^* - x_s^*}{1 - x_s^*} T_e$$

with  $x^* = x / e$

### Estimation error:

$$e_{Tx} = K \varepsilon \Rightarrow \sigma_{Tx} = K \sigma \quad \text{with} \quad K = \frac{1 - x^*}{1 - x_s^*}$$



$$\sigma_{T_x} = K \sigma \quad \text{with} \quad K = \frac{1 - x^*}{1 - x_s^*}$$

Two regions for estimation of  $T_x$

- **in between** measurements points  $x \in [x_s, e]$   
interpolation = attenuation of error

$$K \leq 1$$

well-posed problem (Hadamard, 1902):

- solution exists
- it is unique
- it depends continuously of the data

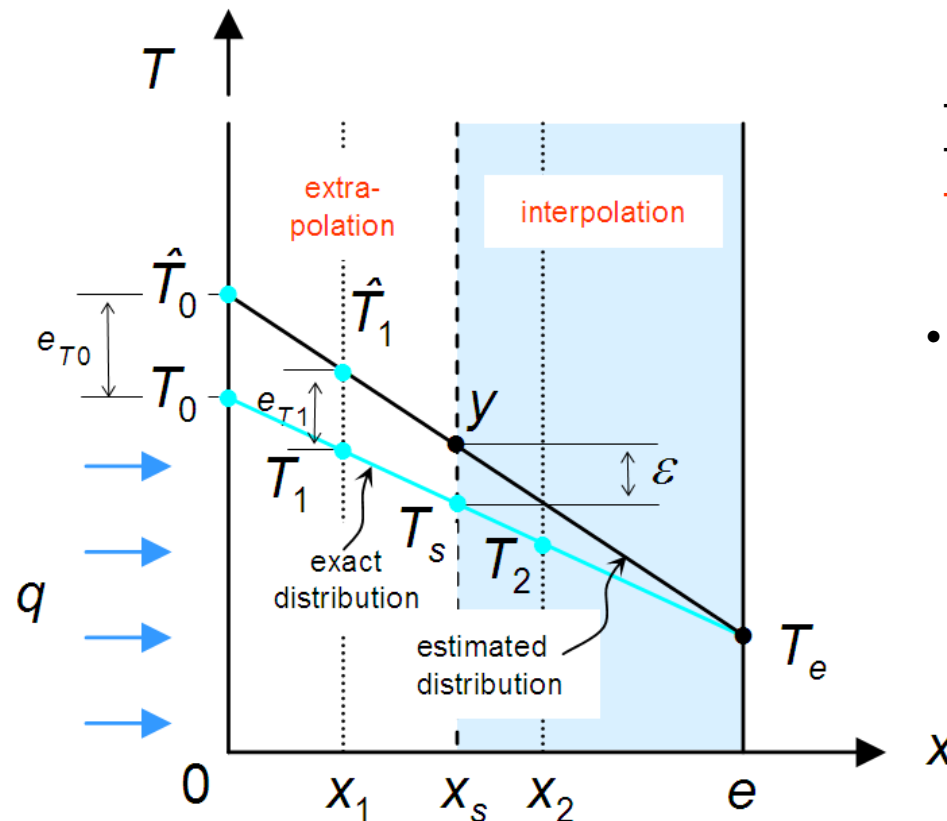
- **outside** measurements points interval  $x \in [0, x_s[$   
extrapolation = attenuation of error

$$K > 1$$

ill-posed problem (Hadamard, 1902)

$$x_s \rightarrow e \Rightarrow K \rightarrow \infty \quad \forall x \neq e$$

Very bad design !



Estimation of flux  $q$  :

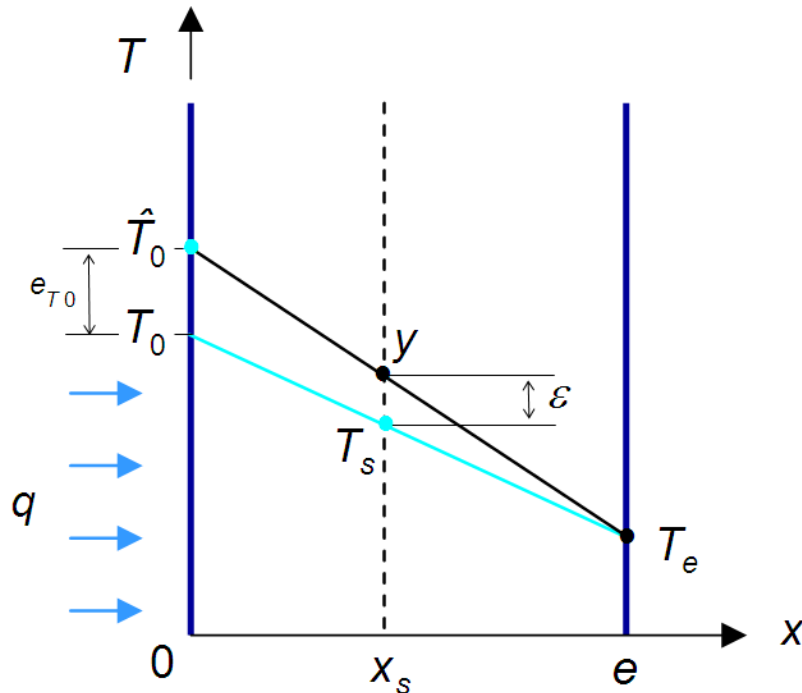
$$\hat{q} = \lambda \frac{y - T_e}{e - x_s}$$

Estimation error:

$$e_q = \frac{\lambda}{e - x_s} \varepsilon \Rightarrow \sigma_q = \frac{\lambda}{e - x_s} \sigma \Rightarrow \sigma_q / q = \frac{1}{1 - x_s^*} \frac{1}{SNR}$$

$$SNR = (T_e - T_0) / \sigma$$

↓  
signal over noise ratio



*Numerical application:*

$$e = 0.2 \text{ m} - \lambda = 1 \text{ W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1} - T_0 - T_e = 30^\circ\text{C}$$

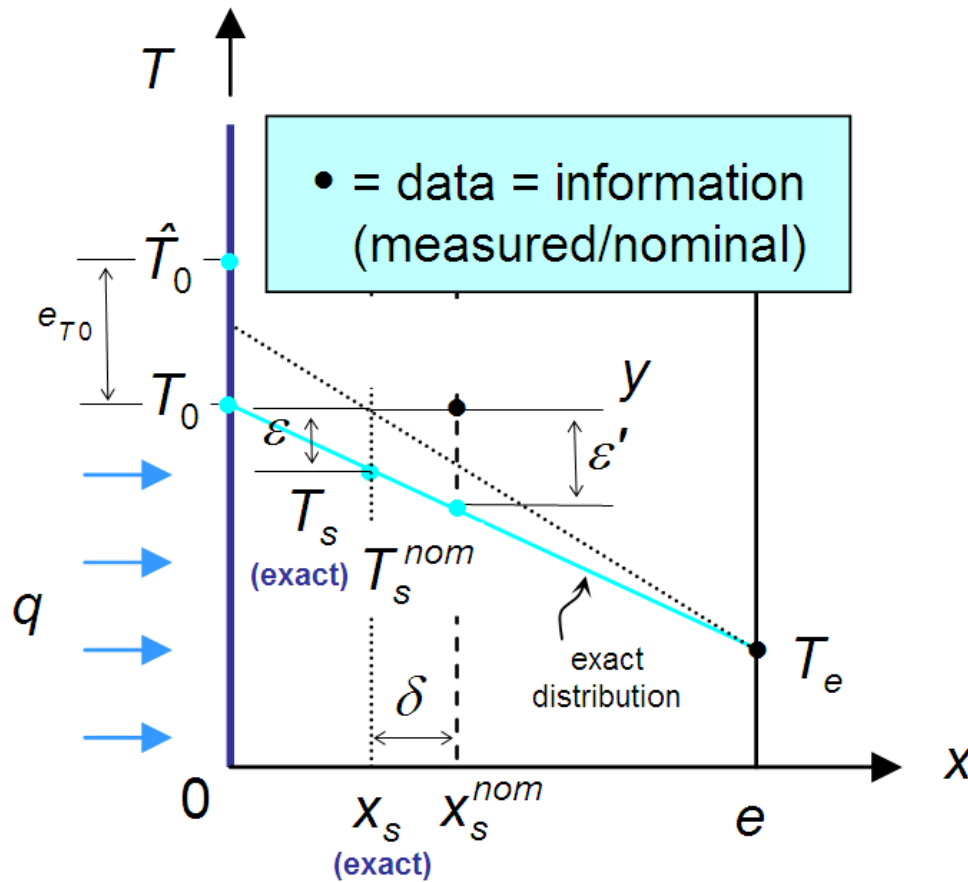
$$x_s = 0.18 \text{ m} - \sigma = 0.3^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow SNR = 100 \text{ and } \sigma_q / q = 10 \%$$

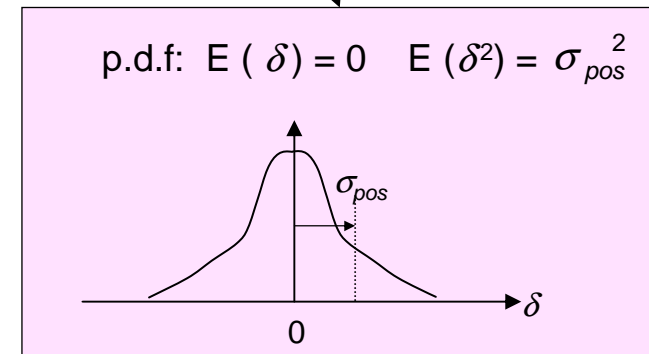
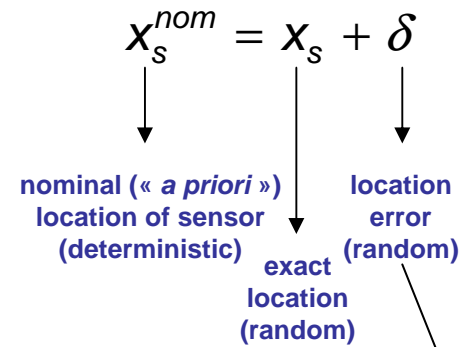
*mid-slab measurement:*

$$x_s = e/2 = 0.10 \text{ m} \Rightarrow \sigma_q / q = 2 \%$$

## Errors for parameters "assumed to be known"

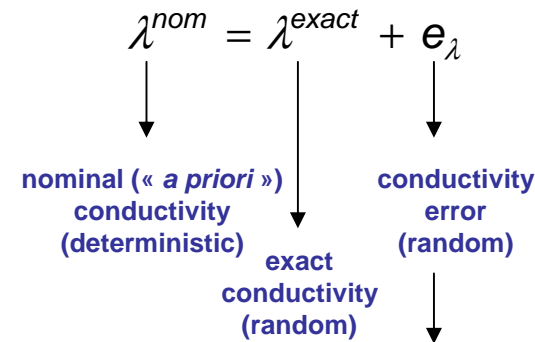


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**error for  $x_s$**   
 Objective: find  $q, T_0, T_x$





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Estimation of flux  $q$  :

$$\hat{q} = \lambda^{nom} \frac{y - T_e}{e - x_s} = \frac{\lambda^{exact} + e_\lambda}{e - x_s} (T_s - T_e + \varepsilon)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^{exact} (T_s - T_e)}{e - x_s} \left( 1 + \frac{e_\lambda}{\lambda^{exact}} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{T_s - T_e} \right)$$

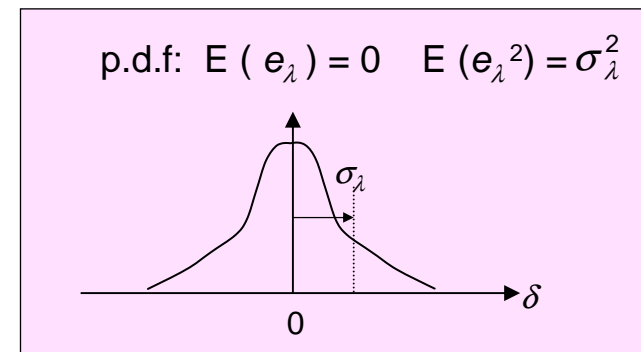
Estimation error:

assumptions: - small  $e_\lambda / \lambda^{exact}$   
 - large SNR

$$q^{exact} + e_q = q^{exact} \left( 1 + \frac{e_\lambda}{\lambda^{exact}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{T_s - T_e} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e_q}{q^{exact}} = \frac{e_\lambda}{\lambda^{exact}} + \frac{1}{SNR} \frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_q}{q^{exact}} \approx \left( \frac{\sigma_\lambda^2}{(\lambda^{exact})^2} + \frac{1}{SNR^2} \right)^{1/2}$$



**Numerical application:**

$e = 0.2$  m -  $\lambda = 1$  W.m<sup>-1</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup> -  $T_e - T_0 = 30$ °C  
 $x_s = 0.18$  m -  $\sigma = 0.3$ °C -  $\sigma_{pos} = 0$  mm  
 $\sigma_\lambda = 0.1$  W.m<sup>-1</sup>.K<sup>-1</sup>

$\Rightarrow \sigma_q / q = 10.1$  %

***Thank you for your attention !***