



## L4 – Non Linear Estimation Problems

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# Some Definitions and Vocabulary Precisions

Measuring a physical quantity  $\beta_j$  requires a specific experiment allowing for this quantity to "express itself as much as possible" (notion of **sensitivity**).

This experiment is requires a **system** onto which **inputs**  $u(t)$  are applied (stimuli) and whose **outputs**  $y(t)$  are collected (observations).  $t$  is the **explanatory** variable : it corresponds to time for a pure dynamical experiment.

A model  $M$  is required to mathematically express the dependence of the system's response with respect to quantity  $\beta_j$  and to other additional parameters

$$\beta_k \quad (k \neq j) : \mathbf{y}_{mo} = \eta(t, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{u})$$

Many candidates may exist for function  $\eta$  -depending on the degree of complexity reached for modelling the physical process- which may exhibit different mathematical structure –depending for example on the type of method used to solve the model equations.

Once this model is established, the physical quantities in vector  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  acquire the status of **model parameters**.

This model (called **knowledge** model if it is derived from physical laws and/or conservation principles) is initially established in a **direct** formulation.

Knowing inputs  $u(t)$  and the value taken by parameter  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , the output(s) can be predicted.

The **linear** or **non linear** character of the model has to be determined:

- A Linear model with respect to its Inputs (LI structure) is such as:

$$y_{mo}(t, \beta, \alpha_1 u_1 + \alpha_2 u_2) = \alpha_1 y_{mo}(t, \beta, u_1) + \alpha_2 y_{mo}(t, \beta, u_2) \quad (1)$$

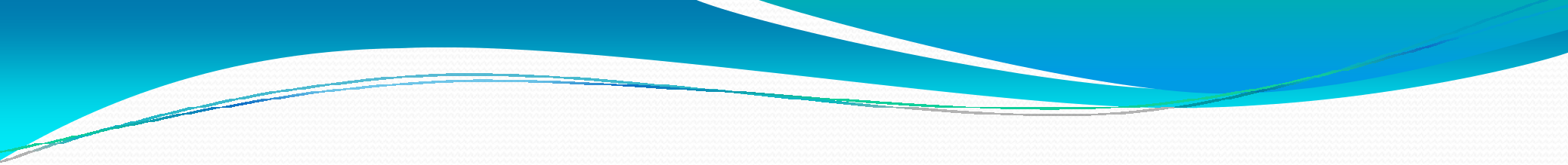
- A Linear model with respect to its parameters (LP structure) is such as:

$$y_{mo}(t, \alpha_1 \beta_1 + \alpha_2 \beta_2, u) = \alpha_1 y_{mo}(t, \beta_1, u) + \alpha_2 y_{mo}(t, \beta_2, u) \quad (2)$$

The inverse problem consists in making the direct problem work backwards with the objective of getting (extracting)  $\beta$  from  $y_{mo}(t, \beta, u)$  for given inputs and observations  $y$ . This is an identification process.

The difficulty stems here from two points:

- (i) Measurements  $y$  are subjected to random perturbations (intrinsic noise  $\epsilon$ ) which in turn will generate perturbed estimated values  $\hat{\beta}$  of  $\beta$ , even if the model is perfect: this constitutes an estimation problem.
- (ii) the mathematical model may not correspond exactly to the reality of the experiment. Measuring the value of  $\beta$  in such a condition leads to a biased estimation  $Bias = E(\hat{\beta}) - \beta^{true}$ : this corresponds to an identification problem (which model  $\eta$  to use?) associated to an estimation problem (how to estimate  $\beta$  for a given model?).



The estimation/identification process basically tends to make the model match the data (or the contrary). This is made by using some mathematical "machinery" aiming at reducing some gap (distance or norm)

$$r(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}_{mo}(t, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{u}) \quad (3)$$

One of the obvious goal of NLPE studies is then to be able to assess the performed estimation through the production of numerical values for the variances  $V(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$  obtained on the estimators (set of estimated values parameter. This allows to give the order of magnitude of confidence bounds for the estimate). NLPE problems require the use of Non Linear statistics for studying such properties of the estimates.

Because of the two above-mentioned drawbacks of MBM, the estimated or measured value of a parameter  $\beta_j$  will be considered as "good" if it is not biased and if its variance is minimum.

Quantifying the bias and variance is also helpful to determine which one of two rival experiments is the most appropriate for measuring the searched parameter (Optimal design). In case of multiple parameters (vector  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ) and NLPE problems, it is also helpful to determine which components of vector  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  are correctly estimated in a given experiment.

# Useful Tools to Investigate NLPE Problems

# Sensitivities

In the case of a single output signal  $y$  with  $m$  sampling points for the explanatory variable  $t$  and for a model involving  $n$  parameters, the sensitivity matrix is  $(m \times n)$  defined as

$$S_{i,j} = \left. \frac{\partial y_{mo}(t_i; \boldsymbol{\beta}^{nom})}{\partial \beta_j} \right|_{t, \beta_k \text{ pour } k \neq j}$$

As the problem is NL, the sensitivity matrix has only a local meaning. It is calculated for a given nominal parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\beta}^{nom}$ .

If the model has a LP structure, this means that the sensitivity matrix is independent from  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ . It can be expressed as (Lecture 2)

$$y_{mo}(t, \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum_{j=1}^n S_j(t) \beta_j$$

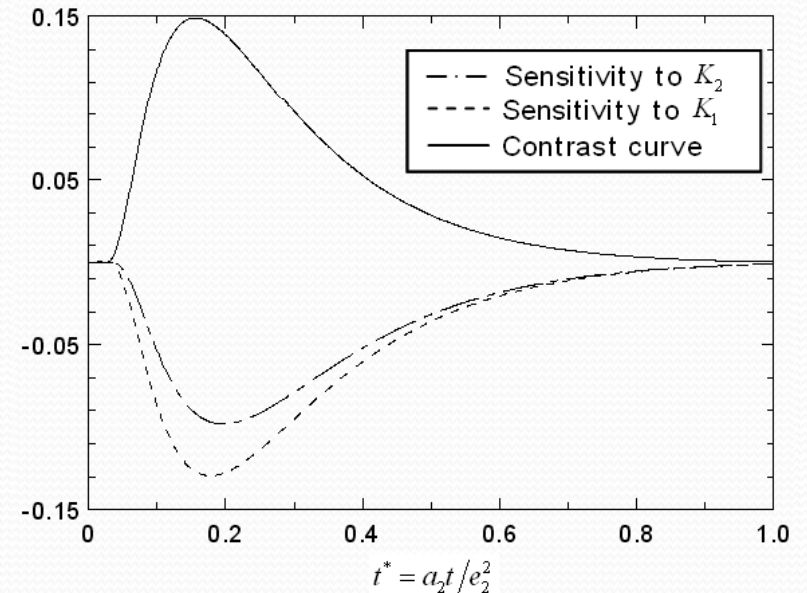
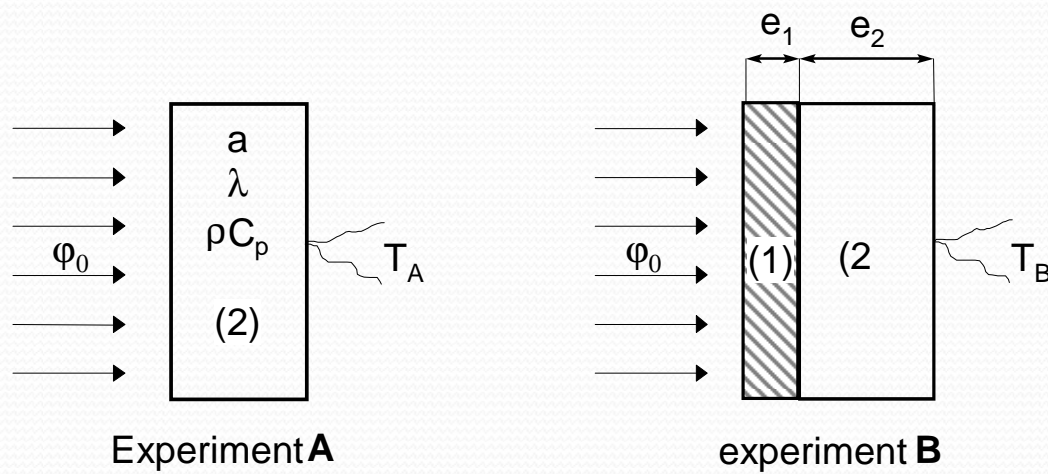
The sensitivity coefficient  $S_j(t)$  to the  $j^{th}$  parameter  $\beta_j$  corresponds to the  $j^{th}$  column of matrix  $S$ . The primary way of getting information about the identifiability of the different parameters is to analyse sensitivity the coefficients through graphical observations. This is possible only when considering reduced sensitivity coefficients  $S_j^*$  because the parameters of a model do not have in general the same units.

$$S_j^* = \beta_j S_j = \beta_j \left. \frac{\partial y_{mo}(t; \boldsymbol{\beta}^{nom})}{\partial \beta_j} \right|_{t, \beta_k \text{ pour } k \neq j} = \left. \frac{\partial y_{mo}(t; \boldsymbol{\beta}^{nom})}{\partial (\ln \beta_j)} \right|_{t, \beta_k \text{ pour } k \neq j}$$



**TOOL Nr1:** A superimposed plot of reduced sensitivity coefficients  $S_j^*(t)$  gives a first idea about the more influent parameters of a problem (largest magnitude) and about possible correlations (sensitivity coefficients following the same evolution).

**Example:** Measurement of thermophysical properties of coatings through Flash method using thermal contrast principle. Case  $n = 2$



$$K_1 = \frac{e_1}{e_2} \sqrt{\frac{a_2}{a_1}} \quad \text{and} \quad K_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1 \rho_1 c_1}{\lambda_2 \rho_2 c_2}}$$

**Reduced sensitivity coefficients for  $K_1 = 0.1$  and  $K_2 = 1.36$**

# Variance/Covariance Matrix

## INVERSE ANALYSIS :

The model :

$$T(t_i, \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

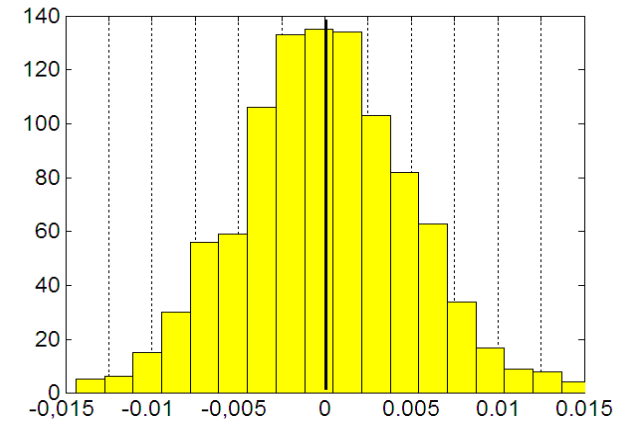
The Observable:

$$Y_i = T(t_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}) + \varepsilon_i$$

The experimental noise corrupt the data:

$$E(\varepsilon_i) = 0 \quad \text{var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2 \quad \text{cov}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{Id}$$

$$S(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - T(t_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}))^2$$



$$\sigma_{\varepsilon_i} = 0.005$$

allows to get an estimate of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  via minimization

## INVERSE ANALYSIS : The minimization process

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(k+1)} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(k)} + \left( \mathbf{X}^{(k)\text{T}} \mathbf{X}^{(k)} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^{(k)\text{T}} \left( \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{T}(\boldsymbol{\beta}^{(k)}) \right)$$

indicates the basic tools for inverse analysis

= Matrix analysis

★ Sensitivities to parameters

$$\mathbf{X} = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \mathbf{T}^{\text{T}}(t, \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{T}(t, \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial T(t_1, \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \beta_1} & \frac{\partial T(t_2, \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \beta_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial T(t_n, \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \beta_1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial T(t_1, \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \beta_p} & \frac{\partial T(t_2, \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \beta_p} & \dots & \frac{\partial T(t_n, \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \beta_p} \end{bmatrix}$$

★ Variance-covariance matrix

$$\text{cov } \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \sigma^2 \left( \mathbf{X}^{\text{T}} \mathbf{X} \right)^{-1}$$

- Minimum
- Noise assumptions dependent



# Variance-covariance matrix

$$\text{cov } \hat{\beta} = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

$$|\rho_{ij}| = \left| \frac{\text{cov}(\hat{\beta}_i, \hat{\beta}_j)}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\hat{\beta}_i}^2 \sigma_{\hat{\beta}_j}^2}} \right|$$

$$\text{cov}(\hat{\beta}) \approx \begin{bmatrix} \text{var}(\hat{\beta}_i) & \text{cov}(\hat{\beta}_i, \hat{\beta}_j) & \dots \\ \text{cov}(\hat{\beta}_i, \hat{\beta}_j) & \text{var}(\hat{\beta}_j) & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{cor}(\hat{\beta}) \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho_{ij} & \dots \\ \rho_{ij} & 1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{Vcor}(\hat{\beta}) \approx \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_i) / \hat{\beta}_i} & \rho_{ij} & \dots \\ \rho_{ij} & \sqrt{\text{var}(\hat{\beta}_j) / \hat{\beta}_j} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Correlation coefficients

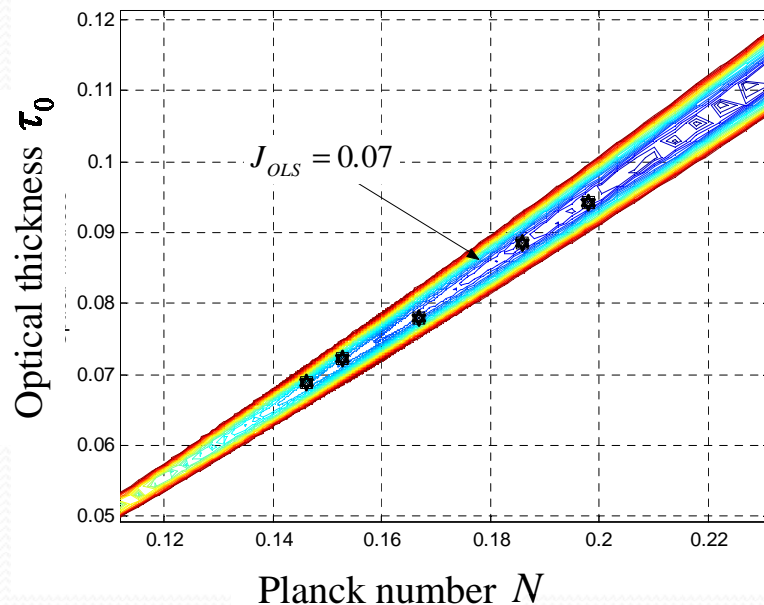
relative error on  $\beta_i$

**TOOL Nr2: Matrix  $V_{cor}(\hat{\beta})$  gives a quantitative point of view about the identifiability of the parameters. The diagonal gives a kind of measurement (minimal bound!) of the error made on the estimated parameters (due to the sole stochastic character of the noise, supposed unbiased). The off-diagonal terms (correlation coefficients) are generally of poor interest because of their too global character. Values very close to  $\pm 1$  may explain very large variances (errors) on the parameters through a correlation effect.**

# Ill-Conditioned PEP and Strategies for Tracking True Degrees of Freedom

- Pathological example of ill-conditioning resulting from correlated parameters

The thermal characterization of a semi-transparent material implies at least three basic parameters: the thermal diffusive characteristic time  $t_d = e^2/a$ , the dimensionless optical thickness  $\tau_0$  and the dimensionless Planck number  $N$  and so  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = [t_d, \tau_0, N]^T$ .



*Level sets for  $J_{OLS}(\boldsymbol{\beta})$   
in the  $(\tau_0, N)$  parameter space*

Parameter vector components	Local Minima (found using either deterministic or stochastic algorithms)			
	N°1	N°2	N°3	N°4
$a$ ( $10^7$ m <sup>2</sup> /s)	5.2	4.9	5.85	4.8
$N$	0.6	0.74	0.16	0.82
$\tau_0$	0.38	0.5	0.07 <sub>6</sub>	0.56
$R_r = \frac{N_{Pl}}{\tau_0} (\tau_0 + 1)$	2.18	2.22	2.26	2.28

*Example of local minima found  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$*

**TOOL Nr3: In given conditions of noise and for a given model, it may be interesting to look at the level-set representation of the optimisation criterium in appropriate cut-planes (for given pair of parameters if  $n > 3$ ), and compare it with the minimum achievable criterium given by  $J = m\sigma^2$ .**

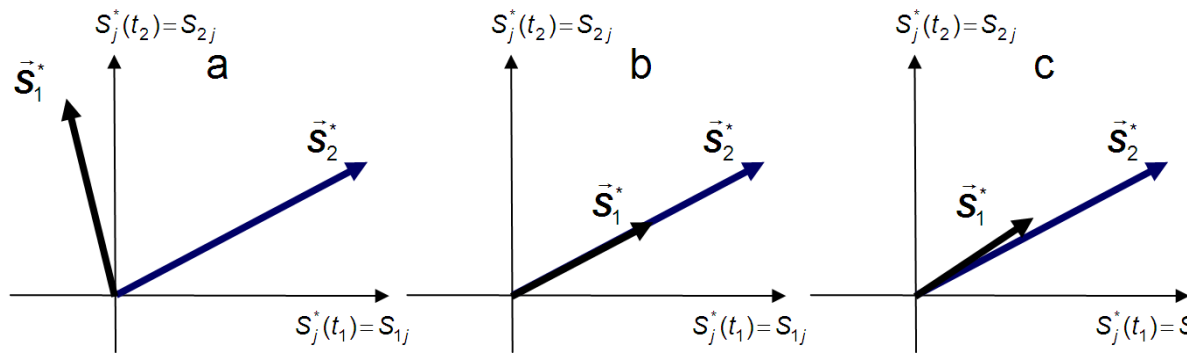
- Rank of the sensitivity Matrix

We focus here on the reduced sensitivity matrix. This  $(m, n)$  matrix is composed of  $n$  column vectors, the reduced sensitivity coefficients  $\mathbf{s}_j^*$

$$\mathbf{s}^* = [\mathbf{s}_1^* \quad \mathbf{s}_2^* \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{s}_n^*] \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{s}_j^* = \beta_j \left. \frac{\partial \eta(\mathbf{t}; \boldsymbol{\beta}^{nom})}{\partial \beta_j} \right|_{\mathbf{t}, \beta_k \text{ pour } k \neq j}$$

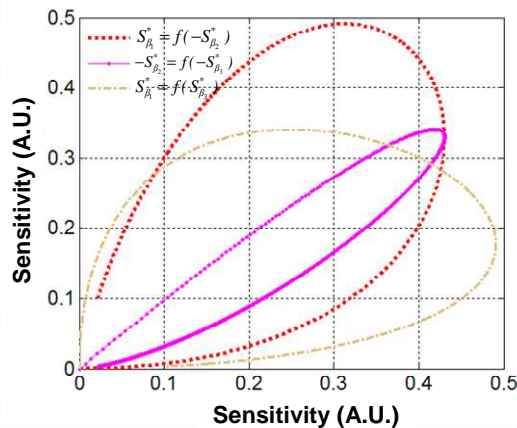
These  $n$  column vectors  $\mathbf{s}_j^*$  are in fact just the components of a set of  $n$  vectors  $\vec{\mathbf{s}}_j^*$  in a  $m$ -dimension vector space. One can recall here that this set of vector  $\Sigma = \{ \vec{\mathbf{s}}_1^*, \vec{\mathbf{s}}_2^*, \dots, \vec{\mathbf{s}}_n^* \}$  is linearly independent only if:

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \mathbf{s}_j^* = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \alpha_j = 0 \text{ for any } j \text{ such as } 1 \leq j \leq n$$

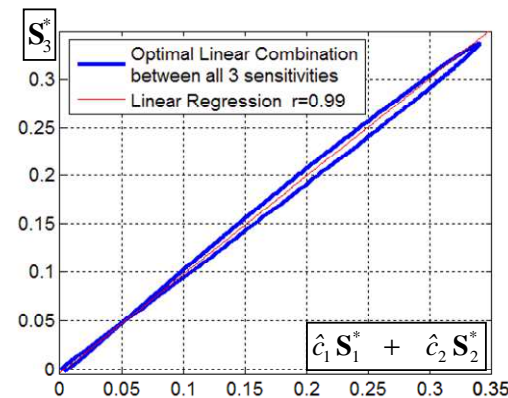


a - independent sensitivities ( $r = n = 2$ )    b - dependent sensitivities    c- nearly dependent sensitivities

### Reduced sensitivity vectors



*Sensitivities plotted by pairs*



*Evidence of Linear Combination between all three parameters*

**TOOL Nr4: The SVD of the normalized sensitivity matrix around nominal values of the parameter vector  $\beta$  can be advantageously calculated to get valuable information.**





- Residuals Analysis and Signature of the Presence of a Bias in the Metrological Process

One way to analyse the results of the estimation process is to calculate the residuals (equation 10) at convergence. When equation (8) is checked, it can be easily shown that the expectancy of the residuals curve  $\mathbf{r}(t, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$  is equal to a null function:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{E}\left[y_i - y_{mo}(t_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})\right] = \mathbf{E}\left[\mathbf{S}(\boldsymbol{\beta} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})\right] = \mathbf{E}\left[-\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{S}^T \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right] = -\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S})^{-1} \mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{E}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})$$

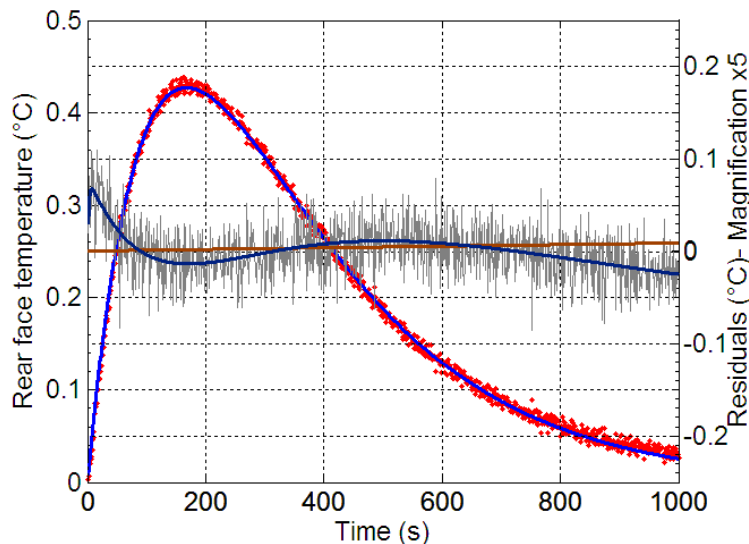
Since  $\mathbf{E}(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) = \mathbf{0}$  ,  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{0}$  which means that if the model used for describing the experiment is adapted, the residuals curve is “unsigned” (unbiased theoretical model). On the contrary, "signed" residuals can be considered as the manifestation of some biased estimation.

The bias can originate from different sources and mainly:

- (i) the a priori decision that some parameters of the model are known and therefore fixed at some given value (maybe measured by another experiment). As authentic parameters of the PEP, they can alter the estimates of the remaining unknown parameters.
- (ii) Experimental imperfections which makes the model idealized with respect to the reality of the phenomena.

The existence of a bias means that there exists a systematic and generally unknown inconsistency between the model and the experimental data.

An artificial bias is introduced under the form of a linear drift superimposed to the output simulated observations. It corresponds practically to a linear deviation of the signal from the equilibrium situation before the experiment starts. A noise respecting is also added to the simulation of the measurements so that we have:



$$y = \eta(\mathbf{t}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) + b(\mathbf{t}) + \varepsilon$$

Time Interval	70 s	150 s	300 s
$a$ ( $m^2/s$ )	$3.76 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$3.22 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2.21 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$\lambda$ ( $W/m \cdot ^\circ C$ )	0.031	0.064	0.084

*Influence of the existence of some bias on the parameter estimates for a badly conditioned problem*

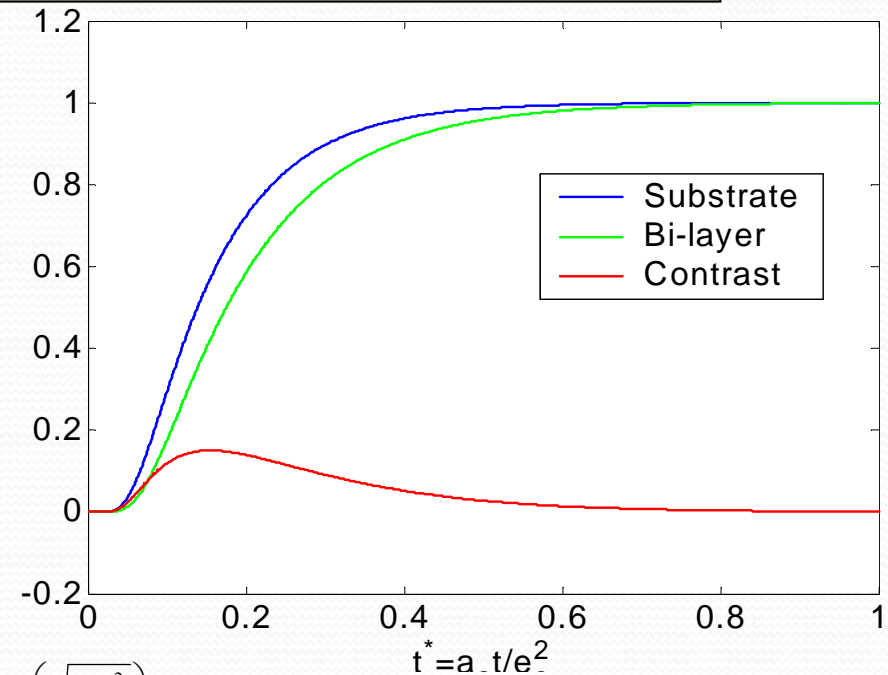
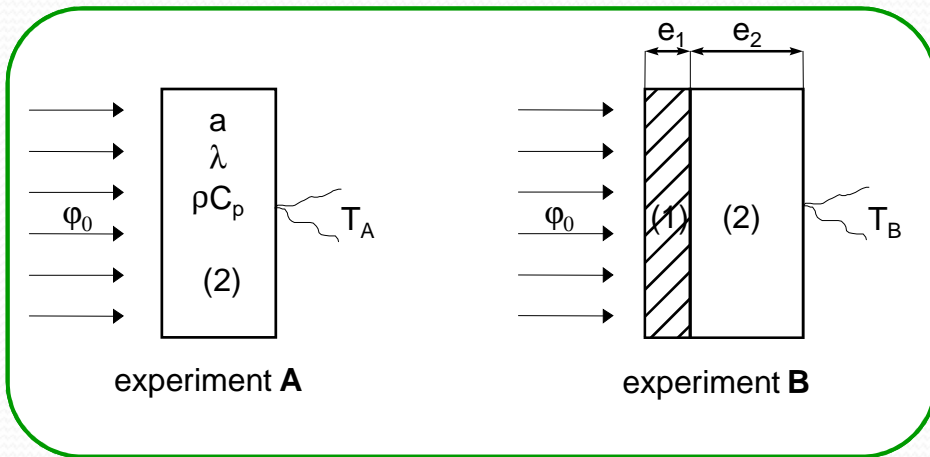
*Signed character of "post-estimation" residuals in the presence of a bias and using a badly conditioned PEP*

**TOOL Nr5:** The "post-estimation" residuals have to be analysed carefully to check the instance of a bias of systematic origin. Its magnitude can be compared to the standard deviation of the white noise of the sensor to check whether this bias may introduce too large confidence intervals of the estimates (with respect to the pure stochastic estimation of the variances of parameter estimates in the absence of any bias). Relative invariance of the estimates with respect to the identification intervals may suggest that the bias is acceptable. In the opposite case, strategies must begin either to change the nature of the estimation problems (reduce initial goals) or to use residuals to give a fair quantitative evaluation of confidence bounds of the estimates.

# Reducing the PEP to Make It Well-Conditioned & Dimensional Analysis

Case of the Contrast Method

# Measurement of the thermophysical properties of deposits by the bilayer or "thermal contrast" technique



$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_{i_{in}} \\ \phi_{i_{in}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_i & B_i \\ C_i & D_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{i_{out}} \\ \phi_{i_{out}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_i = D_i = \cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_i^2}{a_i}}\right),$$

$$B_i = \frac{1}{\lambda\lambda_i \sqrt{\frac{p}{a_i}}} \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_i^2}{a_i}}\right) \text{ et } C_i = \lambda\lambda_i \sqrt{\frac{p}{a_i}} \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_i^2}{a_i}}\right)$$

## Laplace Transform

$$\theta(z, p) = \mathcal{L}(T(z, t)) = \int_0^{\infty} T(z, t) \exp(-pt) dt$$

## Reduced Laplace Transform

$$\tilde{\theta}(z, p^*) = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}(T(z, t^*)) = \int_0^{\infty} T(z, t^*) \exp(-p^*t^*) dt^*$$

$$t^* = \frac{a_2 t}{e_2^2} \quad s = \sqrt{p^*} \quad p^* = p \frac{e_2^2}{a_2}$$

➤ Flash Experiment on the substrate:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_{2in} \\ \phi_{2int} = \Phi_{02} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_2 & B_2 \\ C_2 & D_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{2out} \\ \phi_{2out} = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta_{2out} = \frac{\Phi_{02}}{C_2} = \frac{\Phi_{02}}{\lambda_2 \sqrt{\frac{p}{a_2}} \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_2^2}{a_2}}\right)}$$



$$\tilde{\theta}_{2out}^* = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}\left(\frac{T_{2s}}{T_{2\infty}}\right) = \frac{1}{s \sinh(s)}$$

➤ Flash Experiment on the bi-layer material:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_{1/2in} \\ \phi_{1/2in} = \Phi_{01/2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{eq} & B_{eq} \\ C_{eq} & D_{eq} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{1/2out} \\ \phi_{1/2out} = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

With:  $\begin{bmatrix} A_{eq} & B_{eq} \\ C_{eq} & D_{eq} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & B_1 \\ C_1 & D_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_2 & B_2 \\ C_2 & D_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1A_2 + B_1C_2 & A_1B_2 + A_2B_1 \\ A_1C_2 + A_2C_1 & A_1D_2 + A_2D_1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A_{eq} \neq D_{eq}$$

$$\theta_{1/2s} = \frac{\Phi_{01/2}}{C_{eq}} = \frac{\Phi_{01/2}}{A_1C_2 + A_2C_1}$$

and

$$\theta_{1/2out} = \frac{\Phi_{01/2}}{\lambda_1 \sqrt{\frac{p}{a_1}} \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_1^2}{a_1}}\right) \cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_2^2}{a_2}}\right) + \lambda_2 \sqrt{\frac{p}{a_2}} \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_2^2}{a_2}}\right) \cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_1^2}{a_1}}\right)}$$

$$T_{1/2\infty} = \frac{\Phi_{01/2}}{\rho_1 c_1 e_1 + \rho_2 c_2 e_2}$$



$$\theta_{1/2out}^* = \frac{e_2^2}{a_2} \frac{1 + \frac{\rho_1 c_1 e_1}{\rho_2 c_2 e_2}}{s \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1 \rho_1 c_1}{\lambda_2 \rho_2 c_2}} \sinh\left(\frac{e_1}{e_2} \sqrt{\frac{a_2}{a_1}} s\right) \cosh(s) + \sinh(s) \cosh\left(\frac{e_1}{e_2} \sqrt{\frac{a_2}{a_1}} s\right) \right]}$$

Let introduce now the parameters:

$$K_1 = \frac{e_1}{e_2} \sqrt{\frac{a_2}{a_1}}$$

ratio of the root of characteristic times  
(depends on the thicknesses of the materials)

$$K_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda_1 \rho_1 c_1}{\lambda_2 \rho_2 c_2}}$$

ratio of the thermal effusivities  
(intrinsic to the nature of the two layers)

$$\tilde{\theta}_{1/2_{out}}^* = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1 + K_1 K_2}{K_2 \sinh(K_1 s) \cosh(s) + \sinh(s) \cosh(K_1 s)} \right]$$

➤ **Contrast curve:**  $\Delta \tilde{\theta}_{out}^* = \tilde{\theta}_{1/2_{out}}^* - \tilde{\theta}_{2_{out}}^* = \tilde{\mathcal{L}} (T_{1/2_{out}}^* - T_{2_{out}}^*) = \tilde{\mathcal{L}} (\Delta T^*)$

$$\Delta \tilde{\theta}_{out}^* = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1 + K_1 K_2}{K_2 \sinh(K_1 s) \cosh(s) + \sinh(s) \cosh(K_1 s)} - \frac{1}{\sinh(s)} \right]$$

$$K_3 = K_1 K_2 = \frac{\rho_1 c_1 e_1}{\rho_2 c_2 e_2}$$

thermal capacities ratio

$$K_4 = \frac{K_1}{K_2} = \frac{e_1 \lambda_2}{e_2 \lambda_1}$$

thermal resistances ratio

*In all cases, the corresponding substrate properties must to be known*

**Case 1 :**

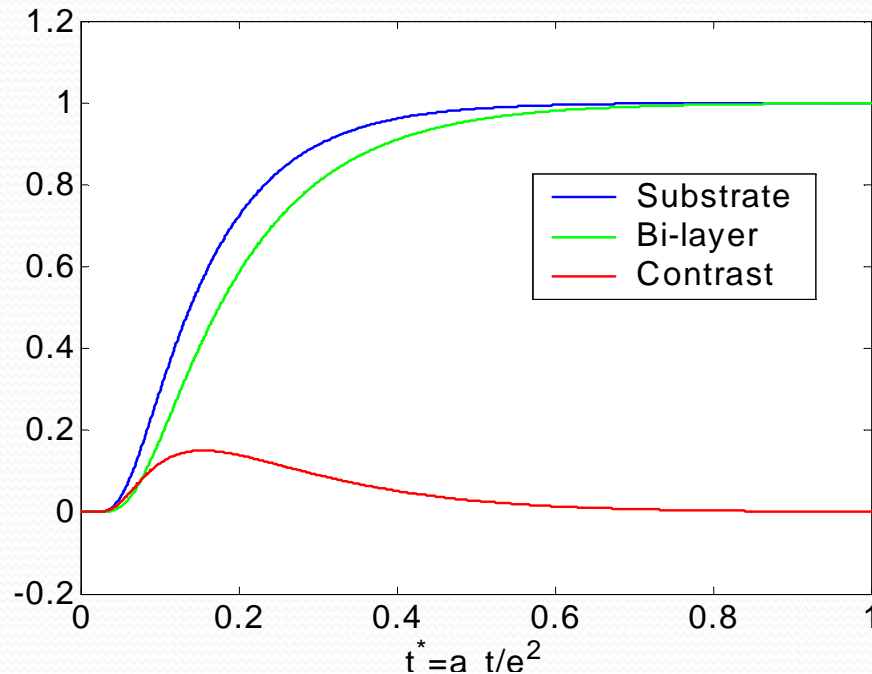
*Conductive coating  
/  
Insulating substrate*

	Thickness ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$a$ ( $\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ )	$\lambda$ ( $\text{W}/\text{m}\cdot^\circ\text{K}$ )	$\rho C_p$ ( $\text{J}/\text{m}^3\cdot^\circ\text{K}$ )
<b>Case 1 :</b>	<b>Aluminium coating on a Cobalt/Nickel substrate</b>			
Film (1)	220	$9,46\cdot 10^{-5}$	230	$2,43\cdot 10^6$
Substrate (2)	1 100	$2,36\cdot 10^{-5}$	84,5	$3,57\cdot 10^6$
$h = 10 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2\cdot^\circ\text{C}$	$Bi = \frac{he_2}{\lambda_2} = 1,3\cdot 10^{-4} \ll 1$			
<b>Case 2 :</b>	<b>Insulating film on a Alumina substrate</b>			
Film (1)	247	$6,84\cdot 10^{-7}$	2,23	$3,26\cdot 10^6$
Substrate (2)	640	$7,47\cdot 10^{-6}$	23	$3,08\cdot 10^6$
$h = 10 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2\cdot^\circ\text{C}$	$Bi = \frac{he_2}{\lambda_2} = 2,8\cdot 10^{-4} \ll 1$			

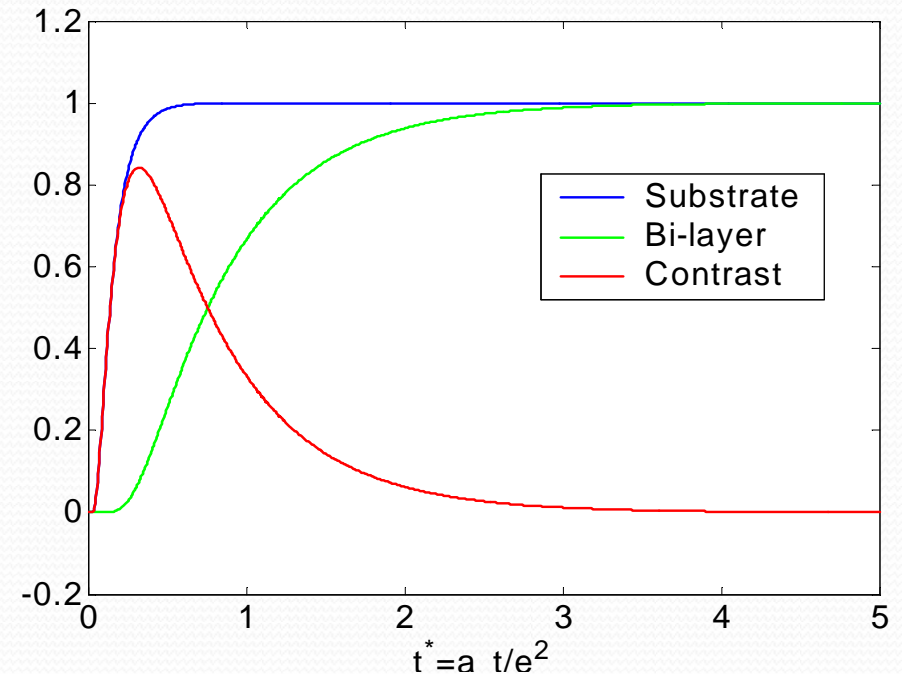
**Case 2 :**

*Insulating film  
/  
Conductive substrate*

$$\tau_1 = 0,1 - \tau_2 = 1,50$$



$$\tau_1 = 1,20 - \tau_2 = 0,52$$

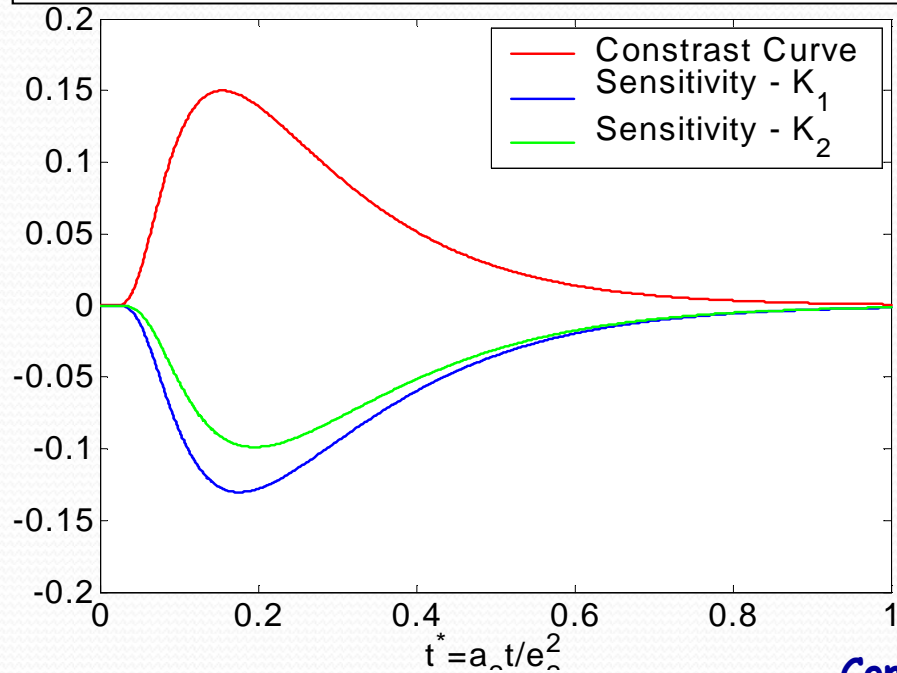


# Sensitivity Study Through 2 Examples

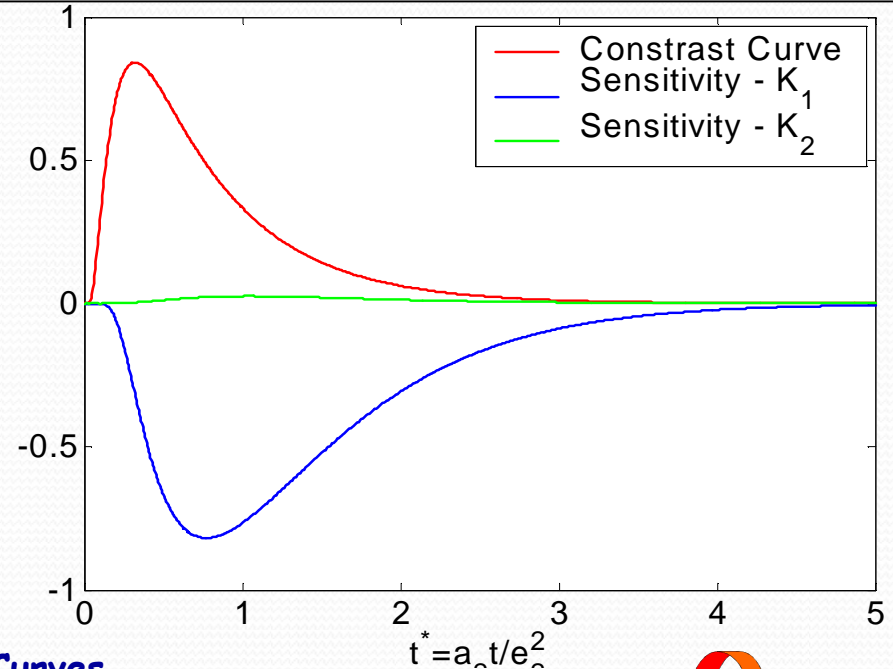
$$\text{Cov}(K) = \sigma_c^2 (X^T X)^{-1}$$

**Case 1 :** *Conductive coating / Insulating substrate*

**Case 2 :** *Insulating coating / Conductive substrate*



**Contrast Curves**



<b>Variance-Covariance</b> $\sigma_N = 1$ 28.0302    -35.9846 -35.9846    46.6417	<b>Variance-Covariance</b> 0.1067    3.1409 3.1409    99.1677
<b>Correlation</b> 1.0000    -0.9952 -0.9952    1.0000	<b>Correlation</b> 1.0000    0.9655 0.9655    1.0000
<b>Case 1</b>	<b>Case 2</b>

**Covariance & Correlation Matrices**

$K_1$  is closed to unity



$$\sinh(K_1 s) \cosh(s) \approx K_1 \sinh(s) \cosh(K_1 s)$$

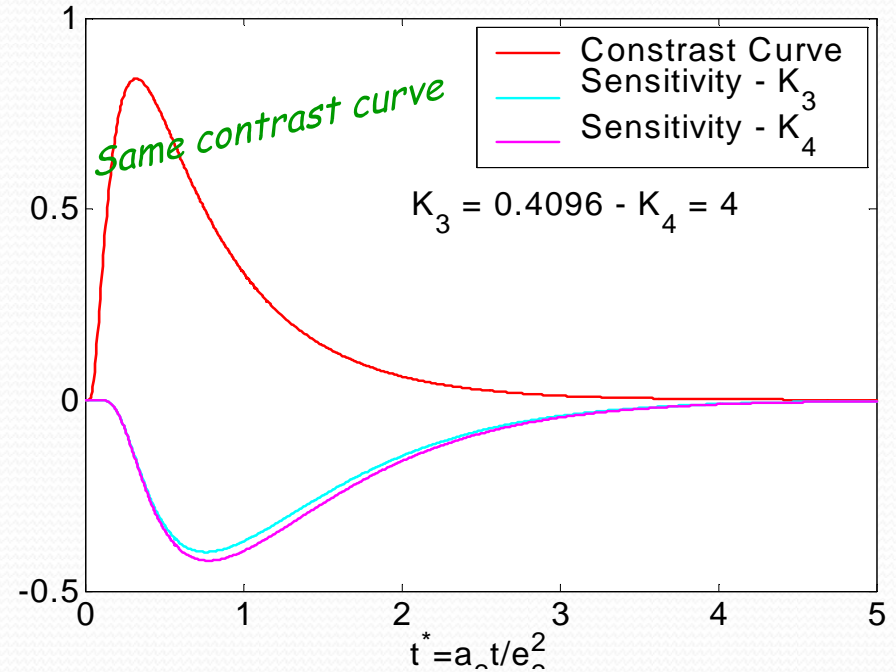
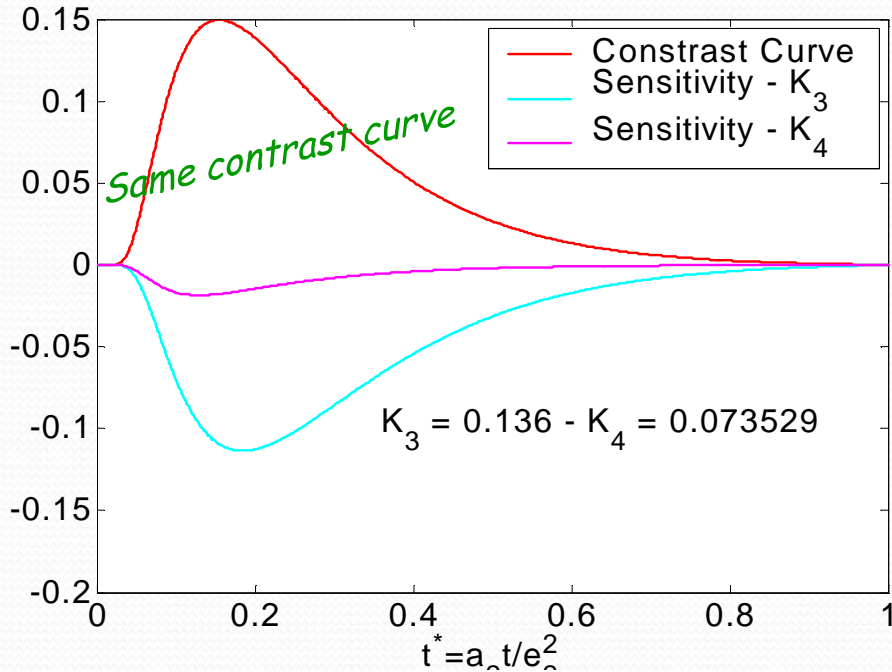
$$\Delta \tilde{\theta}_{out}^* = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1}{\sinh(s) \cosh(K_1 s)} - \frac{1}{\sinh(s)} \right]$$



# Introduction of a new set of parameters : $(K_3, K_4)$

**Case 1 : Conductive coating / Insulating substrate**

**Case 2 : Insulating coating / Conductive substrate**



## Sensitivity Curves



Variance-Covariance	
2.6921	-18.5189
-18.5189	145.8475
Correlation	
1.0000	-0.9346
-0.9346	1.0000
<b>Case 1</b>	

$K_1$  is closed to zero

$$\begin{cases} \sinh(K_1 s) \approx K_1 s \\ \cosh(K_1 s) \approx 1 \end{cases}$$

Variance-Covariance	
103.5845	-97.1801
-97.1801	91.1985
Correlation	
1.0000	-0.9999
-0.9999	1.0000
<b>Case 2</b>	

$$\Delta \tilde{\theta}_s^* = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1 + K_1 K_2}{K_2 \sinh(K_1 s) \cosh(s) + \sinh(s) \cosh(K_1 s)} - \frac{1}{\sinh(s)} \right]$$



$$\Delta \tilde{\theta}_s^* = \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{1 + K_3}{K_3 s \cosh(s) + \sinh(s)} - \frac{1}{\sinh(s)} \right]$$

## Example

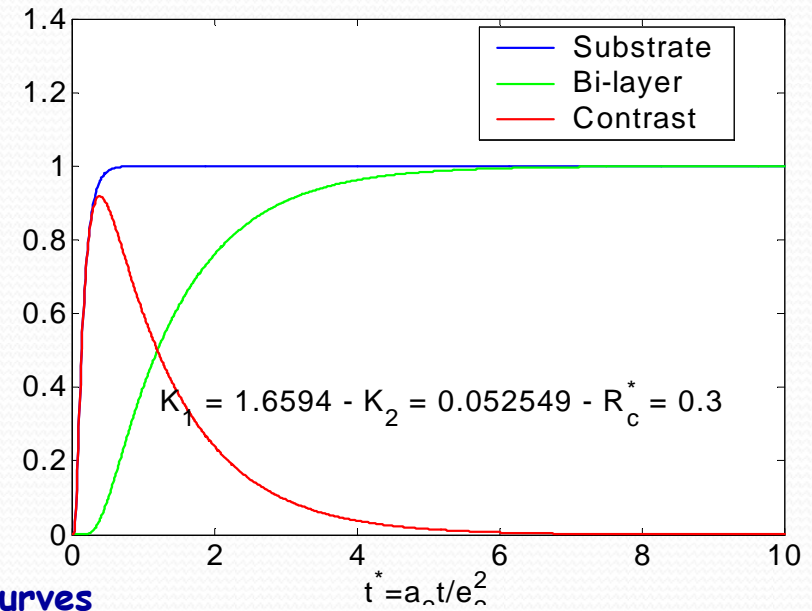
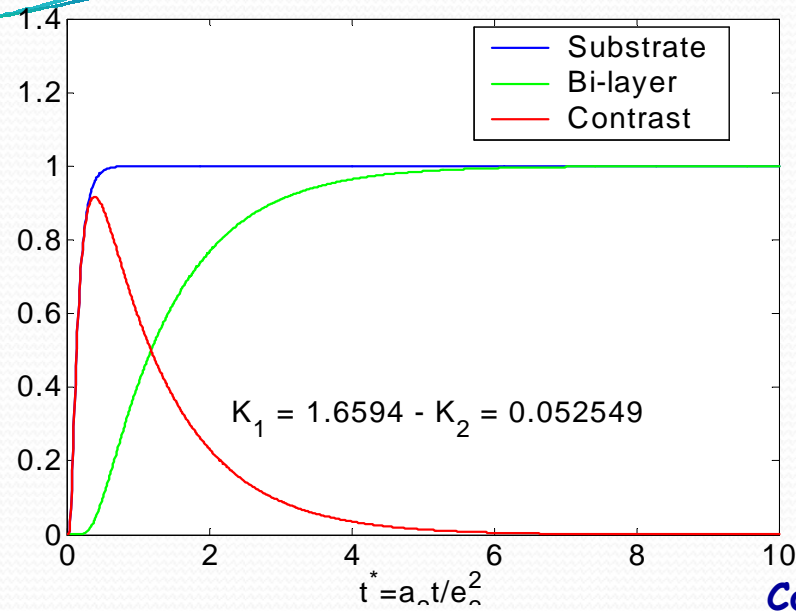
Bi-layer material : P.V.C deposit / Steel substrate

	Thickness (mm)	a (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	λ (W/m.°K)	ρC <sub>p</sub> (J/m <sup>3</sup> .°K)
Case:	<b>P.V.C deposit on a Steel substrate</b>			
Film (1)	1	1,21.10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.19	1,57.10 <sup>6</sup>
Substrate (2)	5	8,33.10 <sup>-6</sup>	30	3,60.10 <sup>6</sup>
Nominal values	$K_1 = 1.66$	$K_2 = 0.052$	$K_3 = 0.086$	$K_4 = 31.92$
$R_c = 5.10^{-5} \text{ K/W.m}^2$	$R_c^* = \frac{R_c}{(e_2/\lambda_2)} = 0,3$			

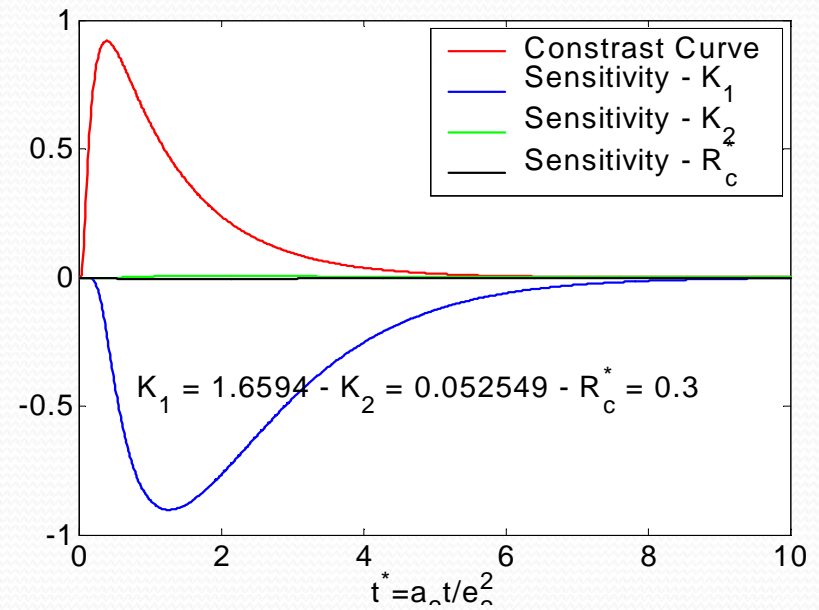
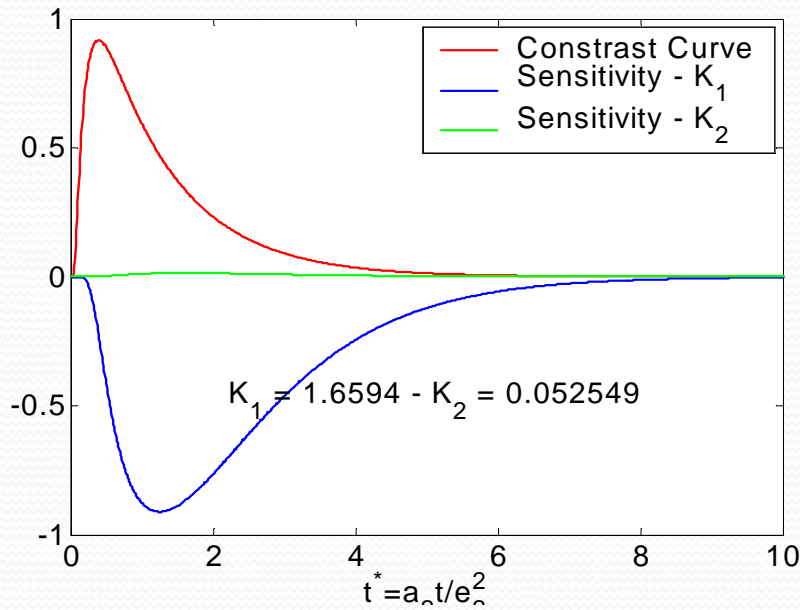
**Case 2: Insulating coating / Conductive substrate**

# Example

Bi-layer material : P.V.C deposit / Steel substrate



Contrast Curves

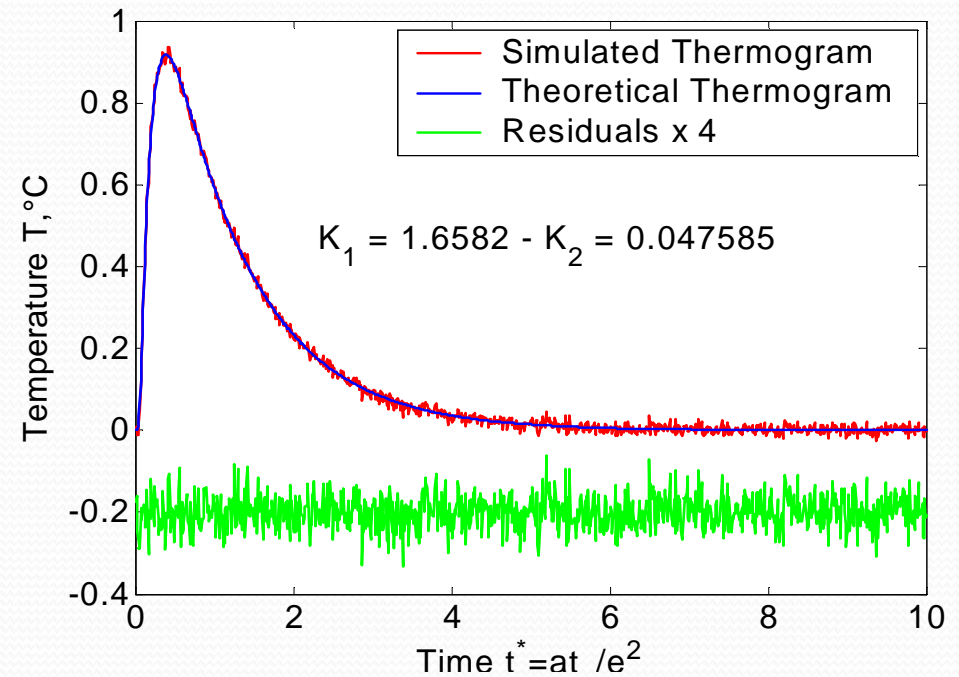
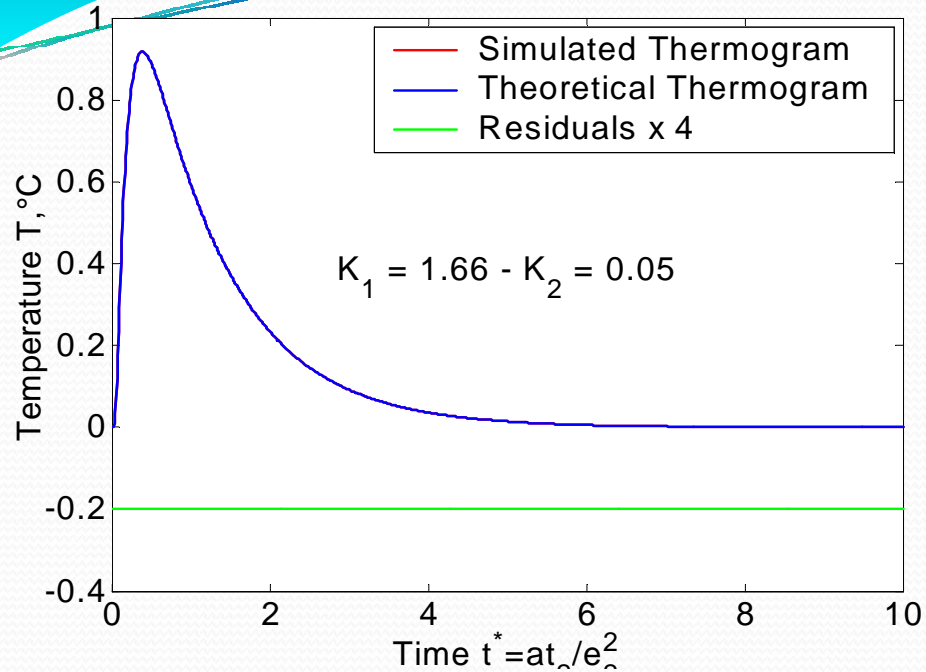


Sensitivity Curves

# Example

Nominal Values :  $K_1 = 1.66 - K_2 = 0.05$

(Perfect Contact)



Estimation without noise

Variance-Covariance	
$\sigma_N^2 x$	
0.1670	10.9443
10.9443	745.4980
Correlation	
1.0000	0.9809
0.9809	1.0000

$K_1 = 1.6582 \pm 0.0067$
$\frac{\sigma_{K_1}}{K_1} = \sigma_N \sqrt{\text{cov}^*(K_1)} = 0.41\%$
$K_2 = 0.047585 \pm 0.013$
$\frac{\sigma_{K_2}}{K_2} = \sigma_N \sqrt{\text{cov}^*(K_2)} = 27\%$

Estimation with noise

As predicted by theory, without noise we exactly find the nominal values used for the simulation

As predicted by theory, the more sensitive parameter in this case is the parameter  $K_1$

## Optimization of the experiment

Can the parameter estimation be improved by a change of parameters

Note on the change of parameters

Let introduce now a new couple of parameters:  $(K_a, K_b)$   $\rightarrow$   $\Delta\theta = f(t, K_1, K_2) = f(t, K_a, K_b)$

The new parameters introduced are function of the old ones:  $\begin{cases} K_a = F_a(K_1, K_2) \\ K_b = F_b(K_1, K_2) \end{cases}$   $J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_a}{\partial K_1} & \frac{\partial F_a}{\partial K_2} \\ \frac{\partial F_b}{\partial K_1} & \frac{\partial F_b}{\partial K_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}$

So it is for the Sensivity and Covariance matrices:

**Sensitivity**  $X_{ab} = X_{12} \cdot J^{-1}$       **Covariance**  $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(K_a) & \text{Cov}(K_a, K_b) \\ \text{Cov}(K_a, K_b) & \text{Var}(K_b) \end{bmatrix} = J \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(K_1) & \text{Cov}(K_1, K_2) \\ \text{Cov}(K_1, K_2) & \text{Var}(K_2) \end{bmatrix} \cdot J^t$

$K_a = F_a(K_1) = K_1$   
 $K_b = F_b(K_1, K_2)$

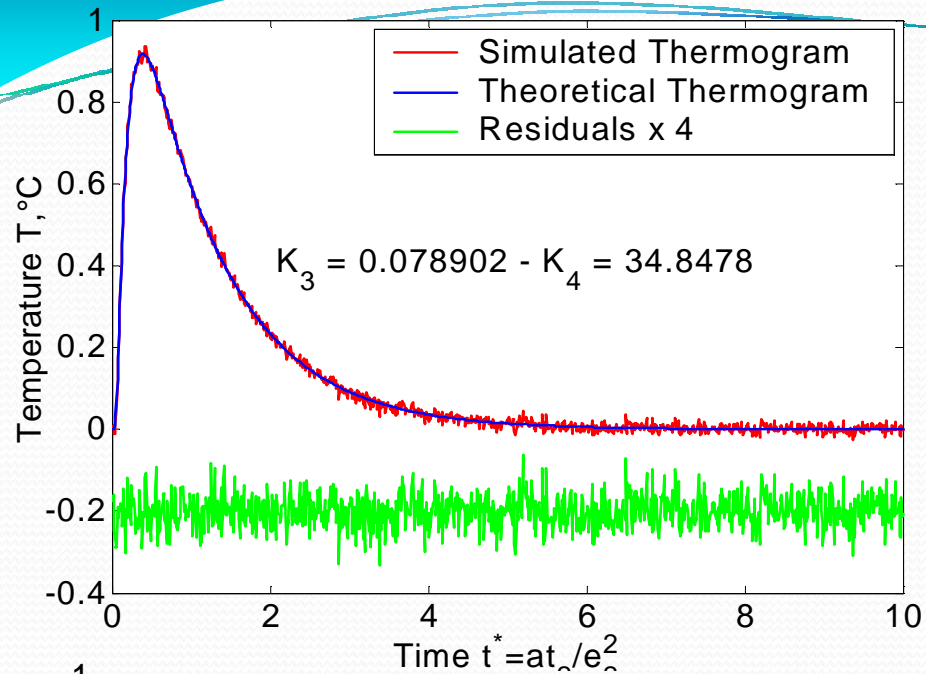
$\text{Var}(K_a) = a_1^2 \text{Var}(K_1) + a_2^2 \text{Var}(K_2) + 2a_1a_2 \text{Cov}(K_1, K_2)$   
 $\text{Var}(K_b) = b_1^2 \text{Var}(K_1) + b_2^2 \text{Var}(K_2) + 2b_1b_2 \text{Cov}(K_1, K_2)$   
 $\text{Cov}(K_a, K_b) = a_1b_1 \text{Var}(K_1) + a_2b_2 \text{Var}(K_2) + (a_2b_1 + a_1b_2) \text{Cov}(K_1, K_2)$

$\text{Var}(K_a) = \text{Var}(K_1)$   
 $\text{Var}(K_b) = b_1^2 \text{Var}(K_1) + b_2^2 \text{Var}(K_2) + 2b_1b_2 \text{Cov}(K_1, K_2)$   
 $\text{Cov}(K_a, K_b) = b_1 \text{Var}(K_1) + b_2 \text{Cov}(K_1, K_2)$

The standard-deviation of a given parameter does not depend on the choice of the second parameter

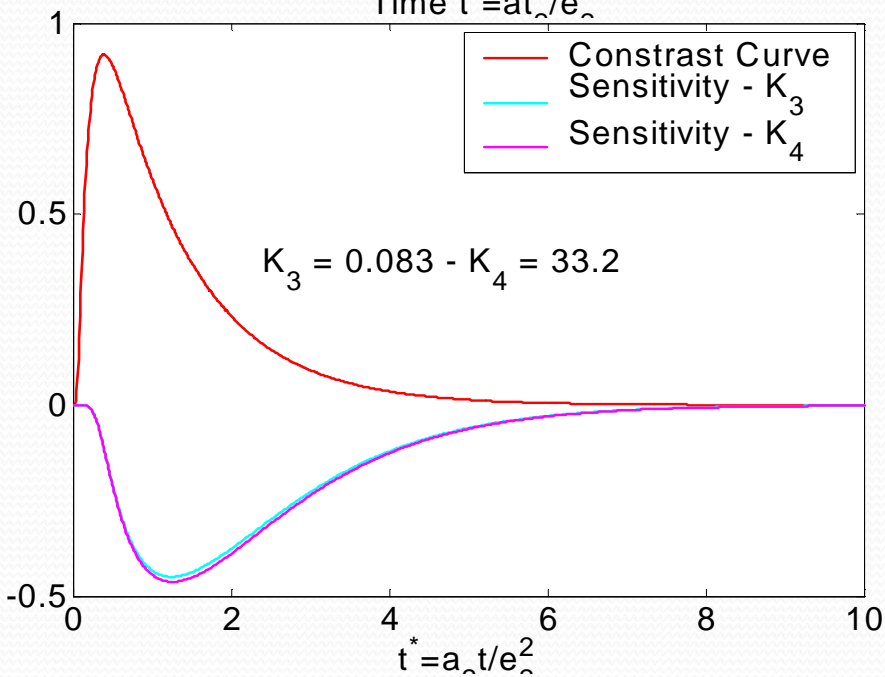
Let consider now an estimation with:  $(K_3, K_4)$

Nominal Values :  $K_3 = 0.086 - K_4 = 31.92$



<p><b>Variance-Covariance</b></p> $\begin{bmatrix} 767.6456 & -745.4210 \\ -745.4210 & 723.8643 \end{bmatrix}$	<p><math>K_3 = 0.078902 \pm 0.022</math></p> <p><math>\frac{\sigma_{K_3}}{K_3} = \sigma_N \sqrt{\text{cov}^*(K_3)} = 27\%</math></p>
<p><b>Correlation</b></p> $\begin{bmatrix} 1.0000 & -1.0000 \\ -1.0000 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}$	<p><math>K_4 = 34.8478 \pm 9.3757</math></p> <p><math>\frac{\sigma_{K_4}}{K_4} = \sigma_N \sqrt{\text{cov}^*(K_4)} = 27\%</math></p>

As expected, the two parameters are not well estimated



$$K_1 = \sqrt{K_3 \cdot K_4} = \sqrt{0,0789 \cdot 34,848} = 1,6581$$

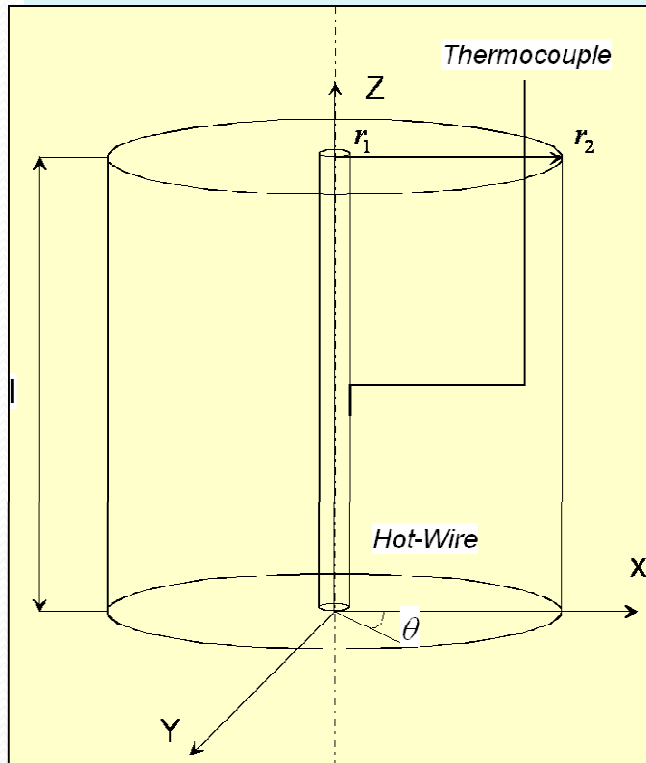
$$K_2 = \sqrt{K_3 / K_4} = \sqrt{0,0789 / 34,848} = 0,0476$$

We exactly find the same values for  $(K_1, K_2)$  as those obtained with the estimation in  $(K_1, K_2)$

# Over-Parameterized Models

Case of the Hot-Wire Experiment

# Principle of the *Hot-Wire* Technique



$0 < r < r_1$  : Hot-Wire

$r_1 < r < r_2$  : Medium

## Assumptions :

- Infinite Expansion
- Azimuthal Symmetry
- Isotropic Medium

- Transient Heat Transfer Equation :

$$\text{div}(\lambda \cdot \overrightarrow{\text{grad}}(T)) + P = \rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

*Cylindrical Coordinate System :*

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \frac{P}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

- Boundaries Conditions :

$$-\lambda S_1 \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right|_{r=r_1} = \Phi_1$$

$$-\lambda S_2 \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right|_{r=r_2} = \Phi_2$$

- Initial Condition :

$$T = T_{ext}$$



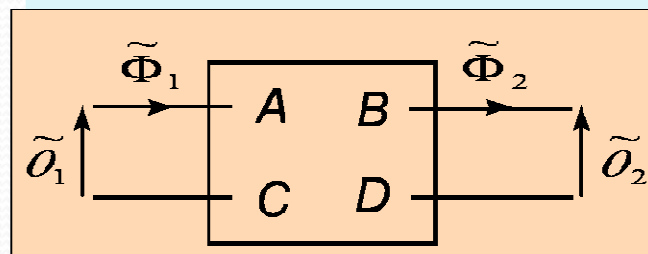
# Theoretical Model: "quadrupole approach"

- Laplace Transform :

$$\tilde{\theta}(r, p) = \int_0^{\infty} \theta(r, t) \exp(-pt) dt$$

(numerical inversion)

- Quadrupole Formulation :



$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\theta}_1(r_1, p) \\ \tilde{\Phi}_1(r_1, p) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\theta}_2(r_2, p) \\ \tilde{\Phi}_2(r_2, p) \end{pmatrix}$$

Transfer Matrix :  $M$

→ Waterfall Setting

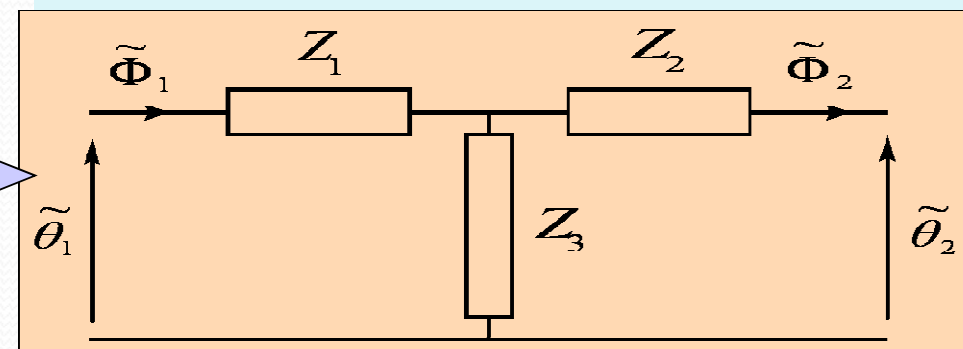
- Representation in a "T" - Quadrupole Form :

$$A = kr_2(K_1(kr_2) \cdot I_0(kr_1) + K_0(kr_1) \cdot I_1(kr_2))$$

$$B = \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda l} (K_0(kr_1) \cdot I_0(kr_2) - K_0(kr_2) \cdot I_0(kr_1))$$

$$C = -2\pi\lambda l k^2 r_1 r_2 (K_1(kr_2) \cdot I_1(kr_1) - K_1(kr_1) \cdot I_1(kr_2))$$

$$D = kr_1(K_0(kr_2) \cdot I_1(kr_1) + K_1(kr_1) \cdot I_0(kr_2))$$



$$Z_1 = \frac{A-1}{C}, Z_2 = \frac{D-1}{C} \text{ et } Z_3 = \frac{1}{C}$$

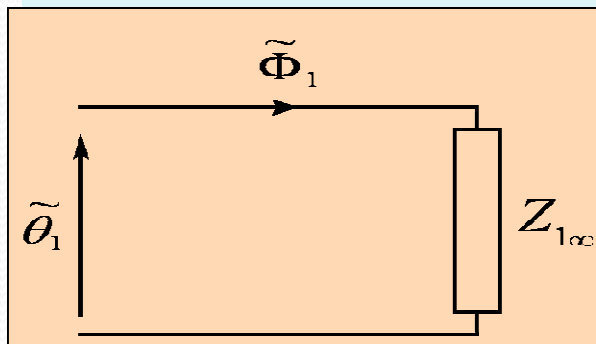
# Particular Case : “semi-infinite medium”

- *Semi-infinite Medium* : ( $r_2 \gg 1$ )

$$Z_{1\infty} = \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda l} \frac{K_0(kr_1)}{kr_1 \cdot K_1(kr_1)}$$

$$Z_{2\infty} = \frac{1}{2\pi\lambda l} \frac{1}{kr_2} \rightarrow 0$$

$$Z_{3\infty} = \frac{1}{C} \rightarrow 0$$



*Quadrupole Formulation*

- *Asymptotic Model* :  $p \rightarrow 0$  et  $r_1 \ll 1$

*Bessel's Functions Approximation :*

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{kr_1 \rightarrow 0} K_0(kr_1) \simeq -\ln(kr_1) \\ \lim_{kr_1 \rightarrow 0} K_1(kr_1) \simeq (2/kr_1) \cdot \Gamma(1)/2 = \frac{1}{kr_1} \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{\theta}_1 = Z_{1\infty} \tilde{\Phi}_1 = -\frac{\ln(kr_1)}{2\pi\lambda l} \tilde{\Phi}_1$$

*Response to a Step Stimulation :*  $\tilde{\Phi}_1 = \frac{\Phi_1}{p}$

$$\theta_1(r_1, t) = \frac{\Phi_1}{4\pi d \lambda} \cdot \ln(t) + C^{ste}$$

$$\Delta\theta_1 = \frac{\Phi_1}{4\pi d \lambda} \cdot \ln(t_2/t_1)$$

# Non-ideal Aspects

- Hot-Wire effects :

New definition of inner parameters :

$$\theta_m = \frac{1}{V_1} \int_0^{r_1} \theta \cdot 2\pi r l dr = \frac{2}{r_1^2} \int_0^{r_1} \theta \cdot r dr$$

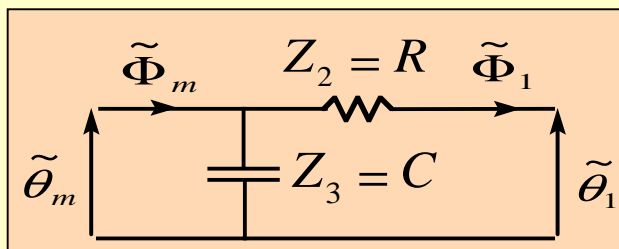
$$\Phi_m = V_1 \cdot G_0(p)$$

Asymptotic expansion :  $p \rightarrow 0$  et  $r_1 \ll l$

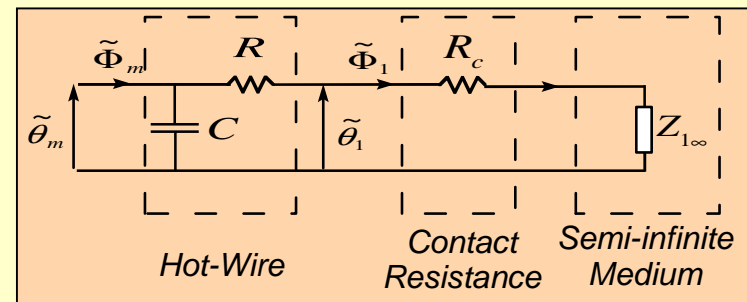
$$Z_1 = 0$$

$$Z_2 = \frac{1}{8\pi\lambda l} \rightarrow \text{Resistance}$$

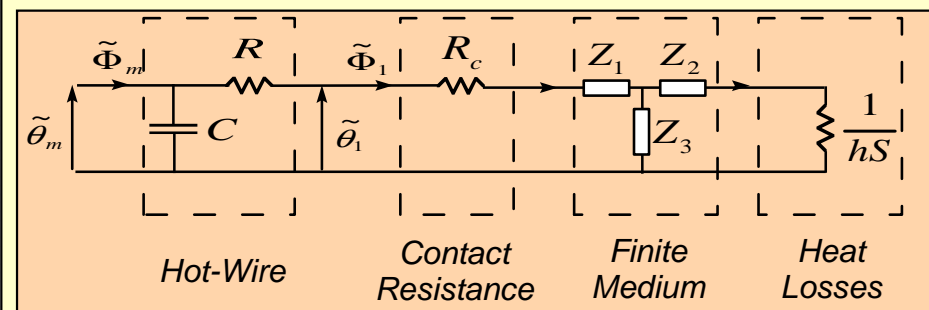
$$Z_3 = \frac{1}{\pi r_1^2 l \cdot \rho C_p \cdot p} \rightarrow \text{Capacity}$$



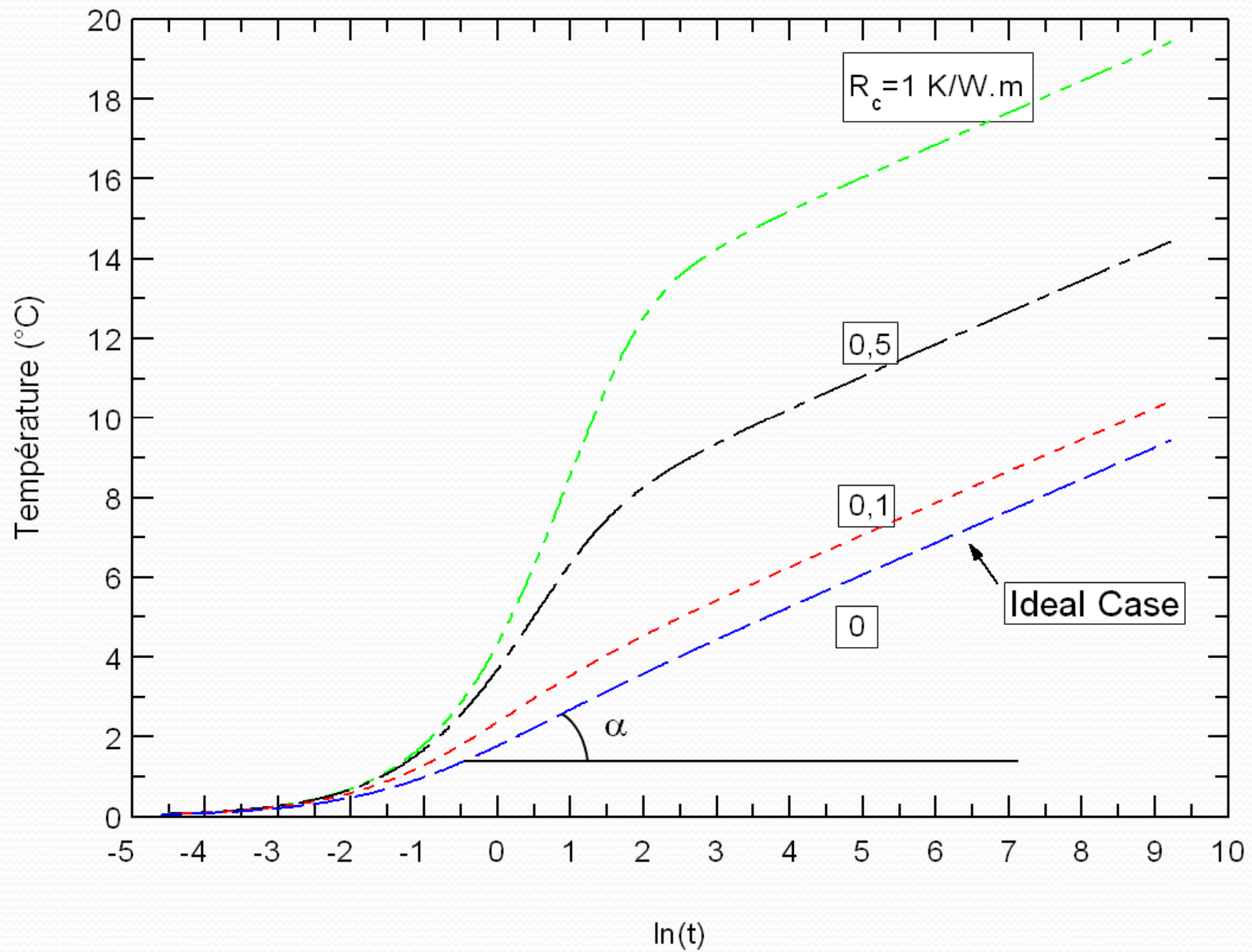
- Contact Resistance :



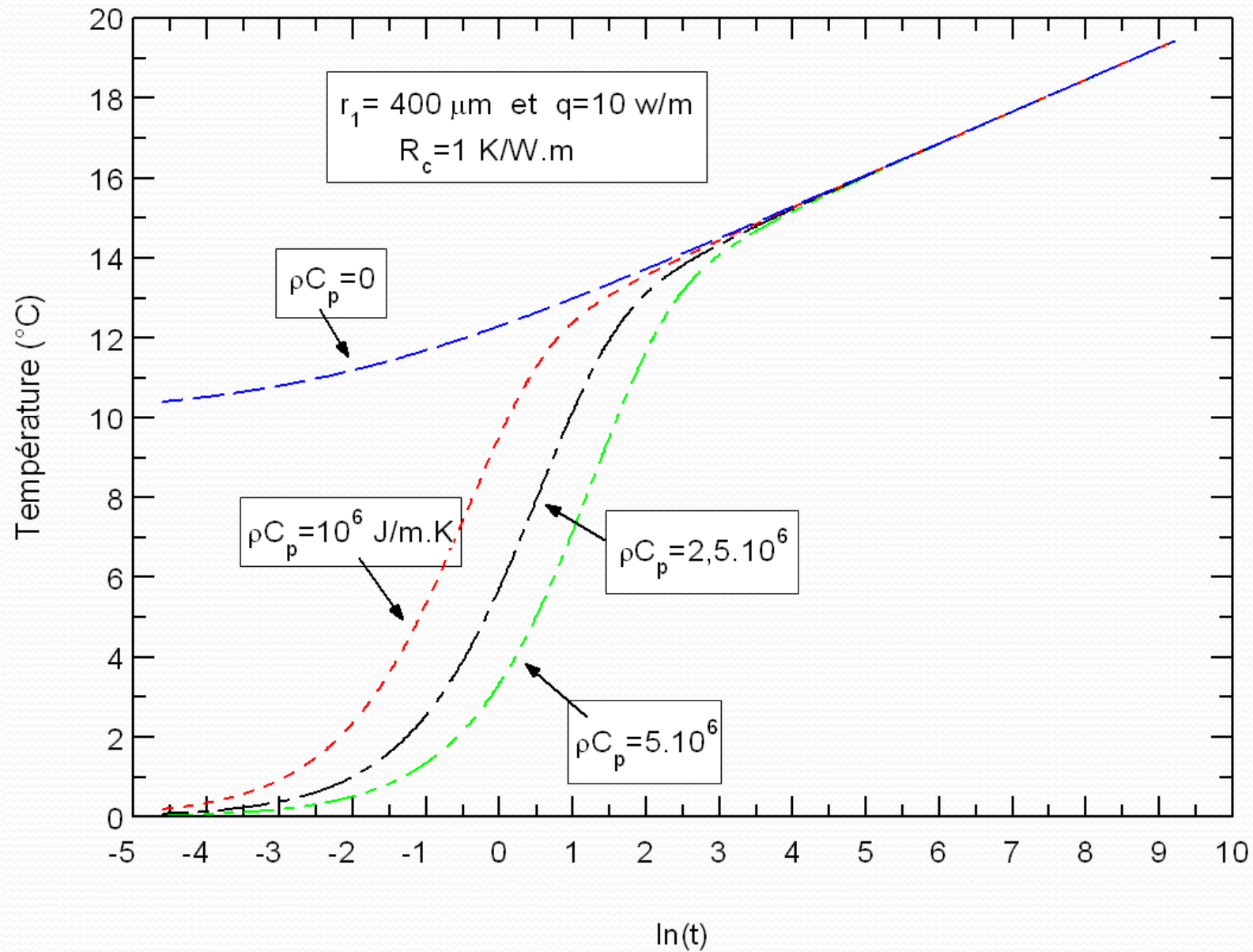
- Finite Medium (Heat Losses Effects) :



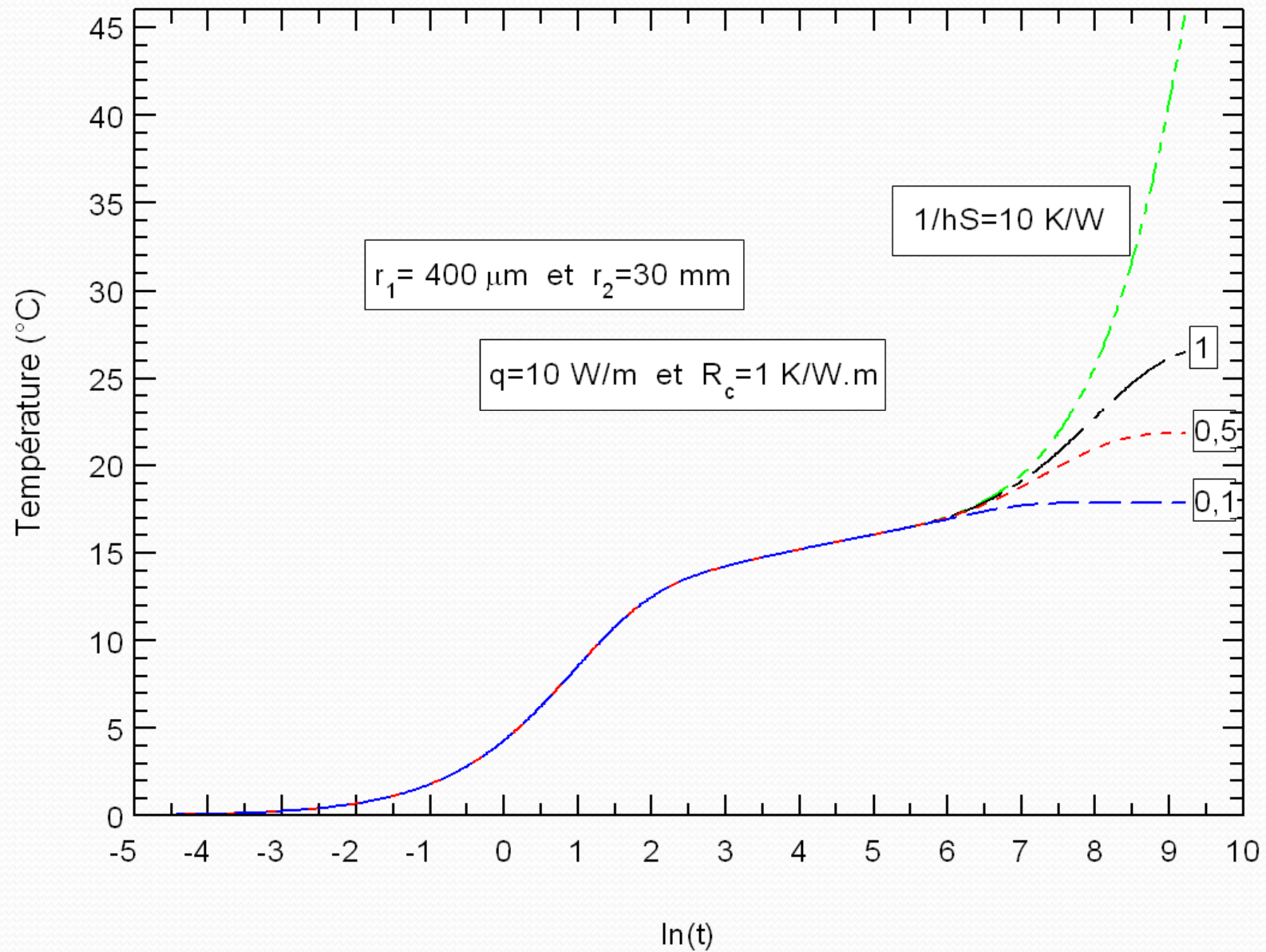
# Effect of the Contact Resistance



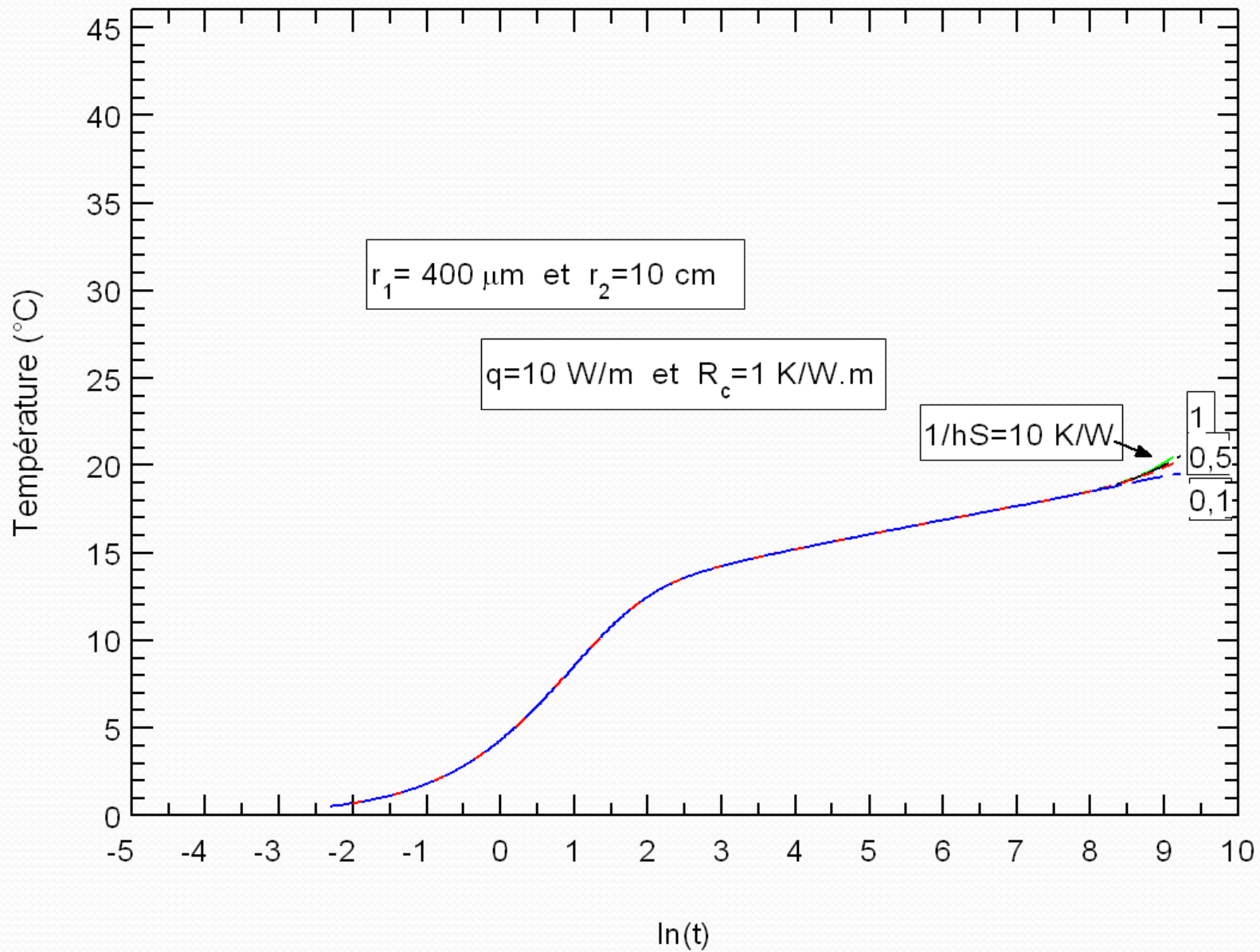
# Effect of the Hot-Wire Capacity



# Effect of the *Finite* Medium / Heat Losses ( $r_2=3\text{ cm}$ )



# Effect of the *Finite Medium* / *Heat Losses* ( $r_2=10\text{ cm}$ )



# Sensitivity Curves to the Parameters

Parameters :

- "Hot-Wire" Thermal Conductivity
- "Hot-Wire" Thermal Diffusivity
- "Medium" Thermal Conductivity
- "Medium" Thermal Diffusivity
- Contact Resistance "Hot-Wire / Medium"
- "Convective" resistance (Heat Losses)

• Sensitivities :

$$X_i(t, \mathbf{K}) = \frac{\partial F(t, \mathbf{K})}{\partial K_i} \quad \text{et} \quad X_i^*(t) = K_i X_i(t) = K_i \frac{\partial F(t, \mathbf{K})}{\partial K_i} \quad \ll \text{reduced} \gg$$

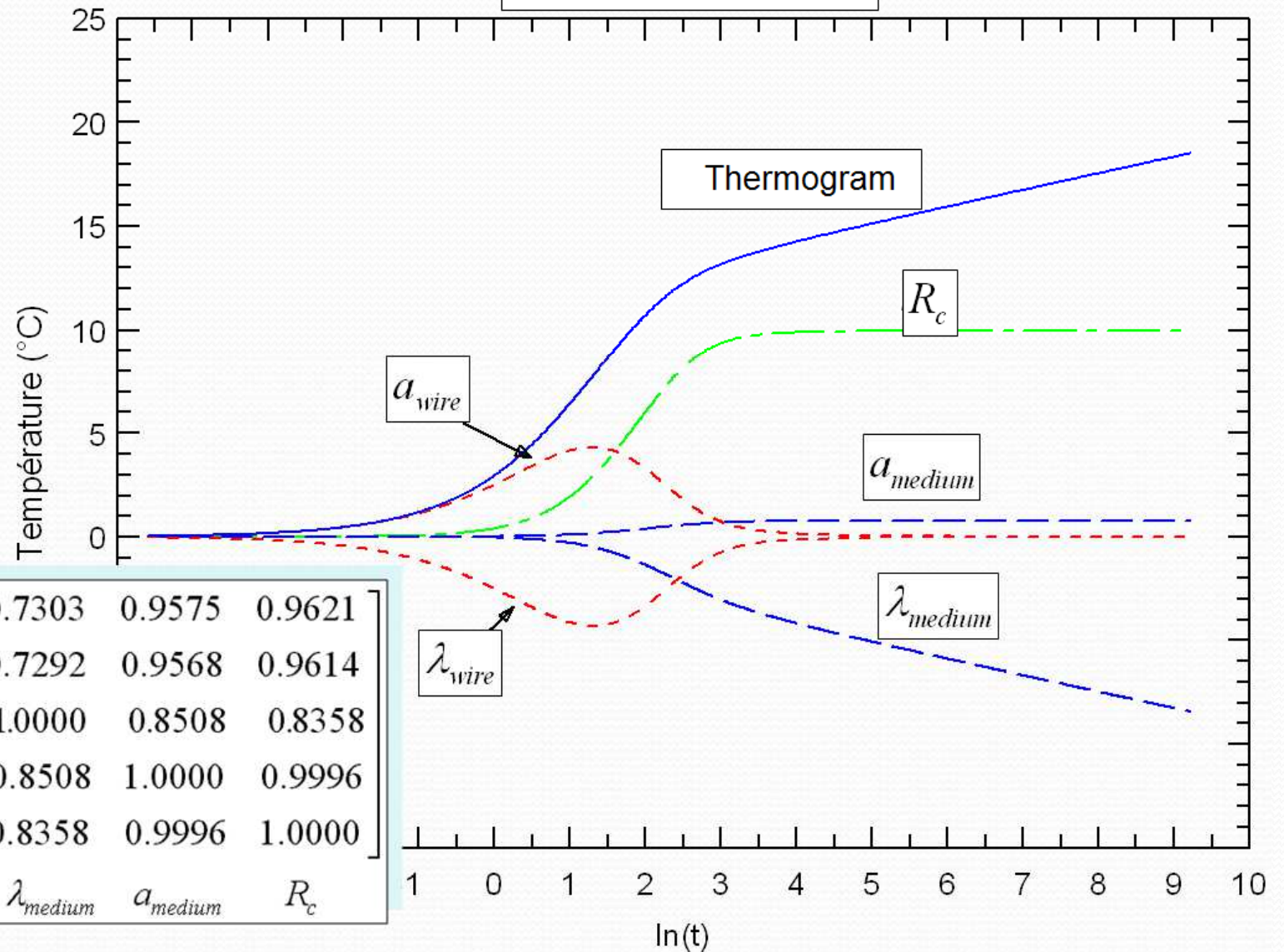
• Correlation Factor :

$$\rho(K_i, K_j) = \frac{\text{Cov}(K_i, K_j)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(K_i) \cdot \text{Var}(K_j)}}$$



# Semi-Infinite Medium

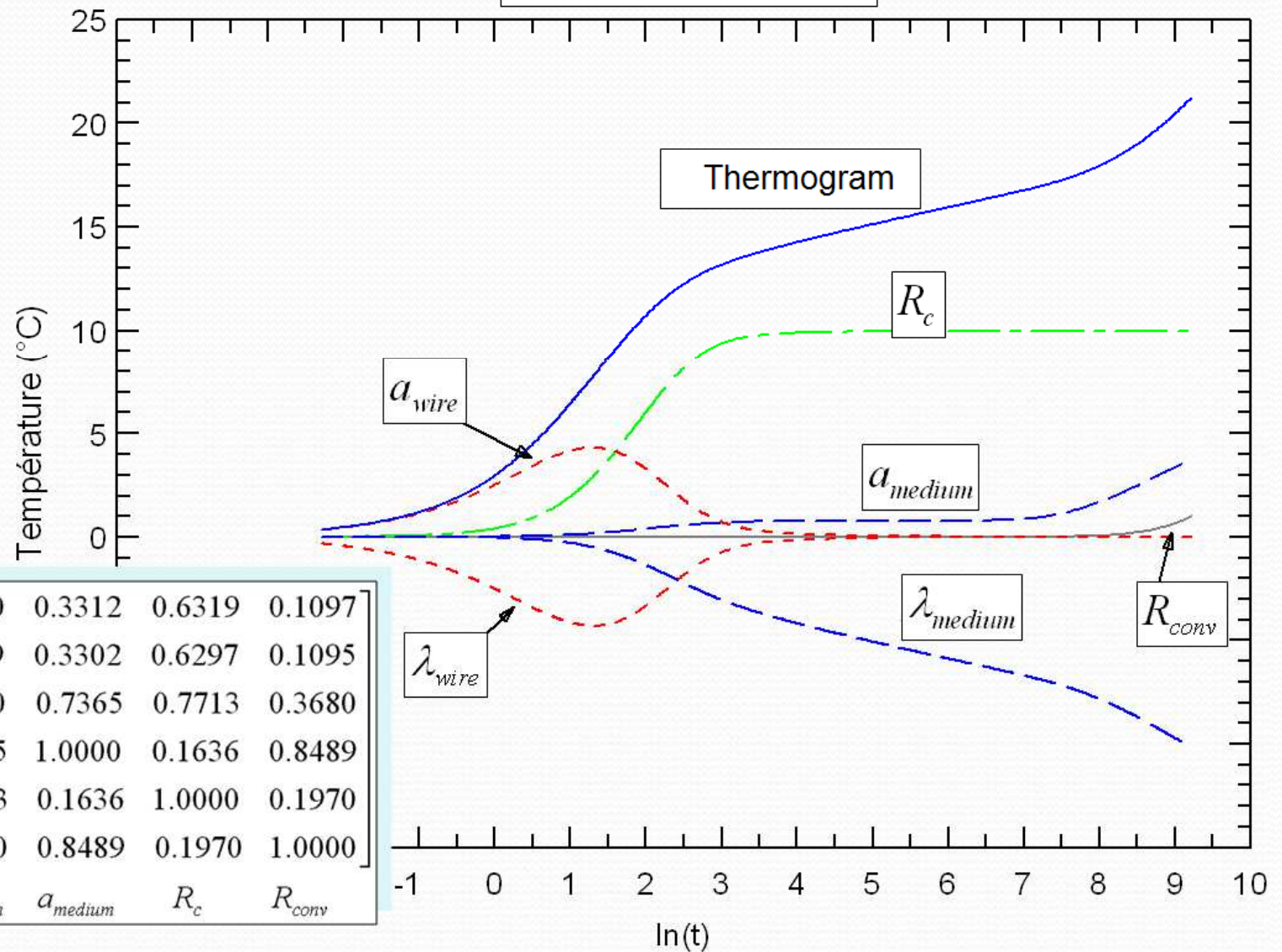
Sensitivity Curves



$\lambda_{wire}$	1.0000	1.0000	0.7303	0.9575	0.9621
$a_{wire}$	1.0000	1.0000	0.7292	0.9568	0.9614
$\lambda_{medium}$	0.7303	0.7292	1.0000	0.8508	0.8358
$a_{medium}$	0.9575	0.9568	0.8508	1.0000	0.9996
$R_c$	0.9621	0.9614	0.8358	0.9996	1.0000
	$\lambda_{wire}$	$a_{wire}$	$\lambda_{medium}$	$a_{medium}$	$R_c$

# Finite Medium

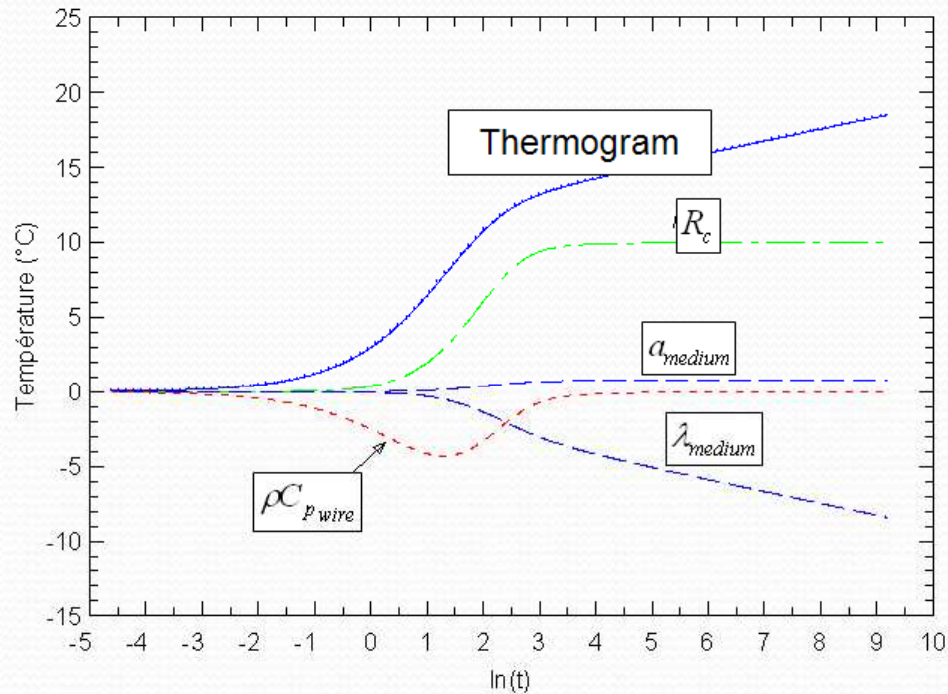
Sensitivity Curves



$\lambda_{wire}$	1.0000	1.0000	0.6110	0.3312	0.6319	0.1097
$a_{wire}$	1.0000	1.0000	0.6089	0.3302	0.6297	0.1095
$\lambda_{medium}$	0.6110	0.6089	1.0000	0.7365	0.7713	0.3680
$a_{medium}$	0.3312	0.3302	0.7365	1.0000	0.1636	0.8489
$R_c$	0.6319	0.6297	0.7713	0.1636	1.0000	0.1970
$R_{conv}$	0.1097	0.1095	0.3680	0.8489	0.1970	1.0000
	$\lambda_{wire}$	$a_{wire}$	$\lambda_{medium}$	$a_{medium}$	$R_c$	$R_{conv}$

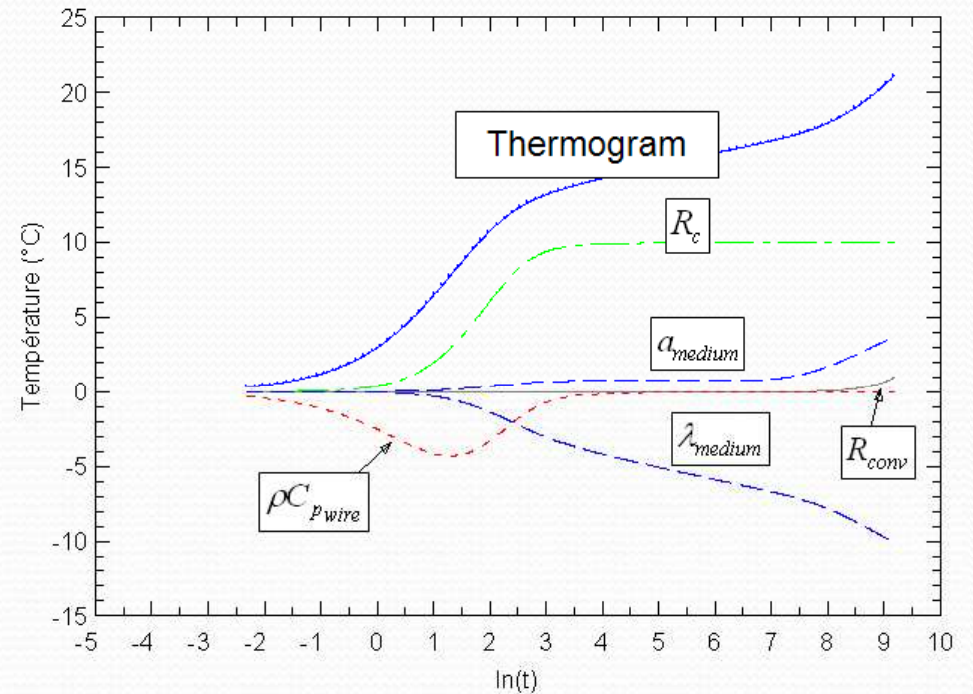
# Model Reduction

Sensitivity Curves



$(\rho C_p)_{wire}$	1.0000	0.4754	0.8277	0.8477
$\lambda_{medium}$	0.4754	1.0000	0.7688	0.7145
$a_{medium}$	0.8277	0.7688	1.0000	0.9965
$R_c$	0.8477	0.7145	0.9965	1.0000
	$(\rho C_p)_{wire}$	$\lambda_{medium}$	$a_{medium}$	$R_c$

Sensitivity Curves

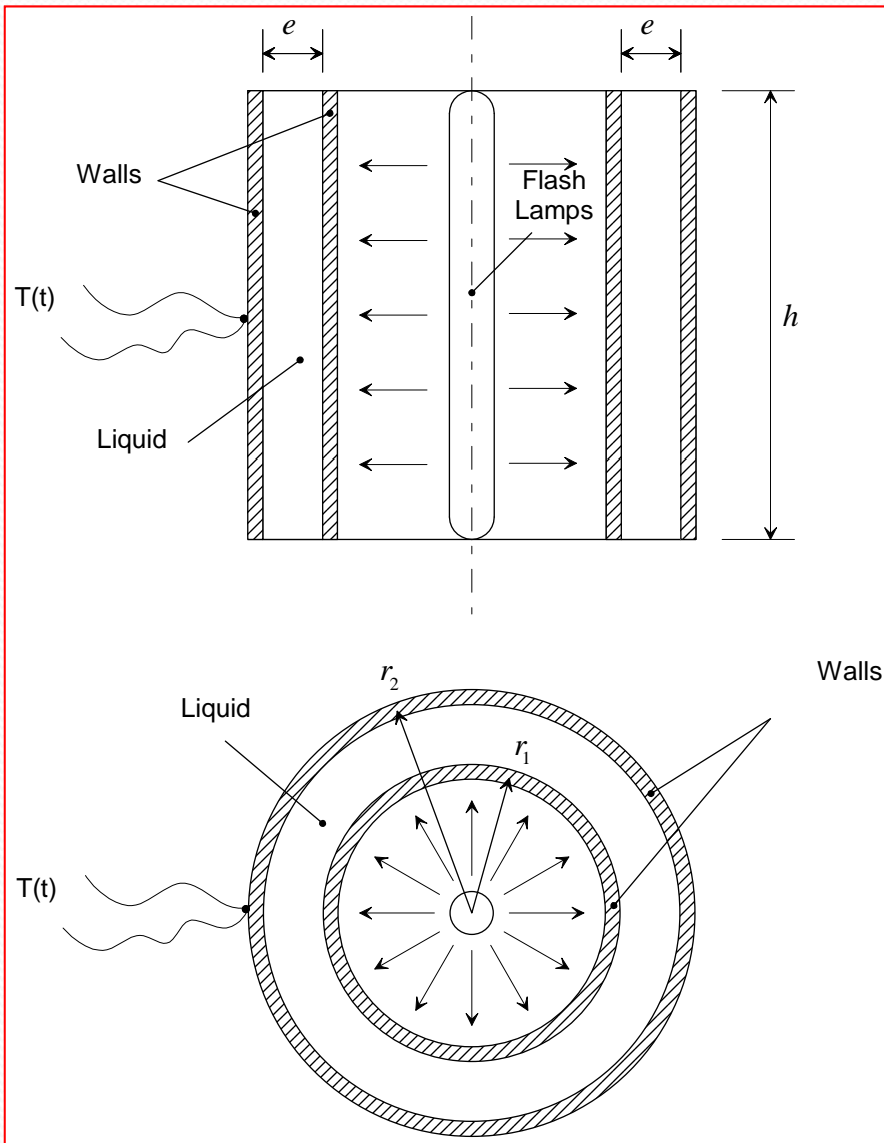


$(\rho C_p)_{wire}$	1.0000	0.4527	0.1884	0.4853	0.0379
$\lambda_{medium}$	0.4527	1.0000	0.7152	0.6287	0.3826
$a_{medium}$	0.1884	0.7152	1.0000	0.0612	0.8664
$R_c$	0.4853	0.6287	0.0612	1.0000	0.3448
$R_{conv}$	0.0379	0.3826	0.8664	0.3448	1.0000
	$(\rho C_p)_{wire}$	$\lambda_{medium}$	$a_{medium}$	$R_c$	$R_{conv}$

# Estimations with Models Without Degrees of Freedom

Case of the Liquid Flash Experiment

# Introduction



- ☞ Good contact between liquid and walls
- ☞ One-dimensional Heat Transfer
- ☞ Presence of the Natural Convection requires to work in a "pseudo-conduction" regime

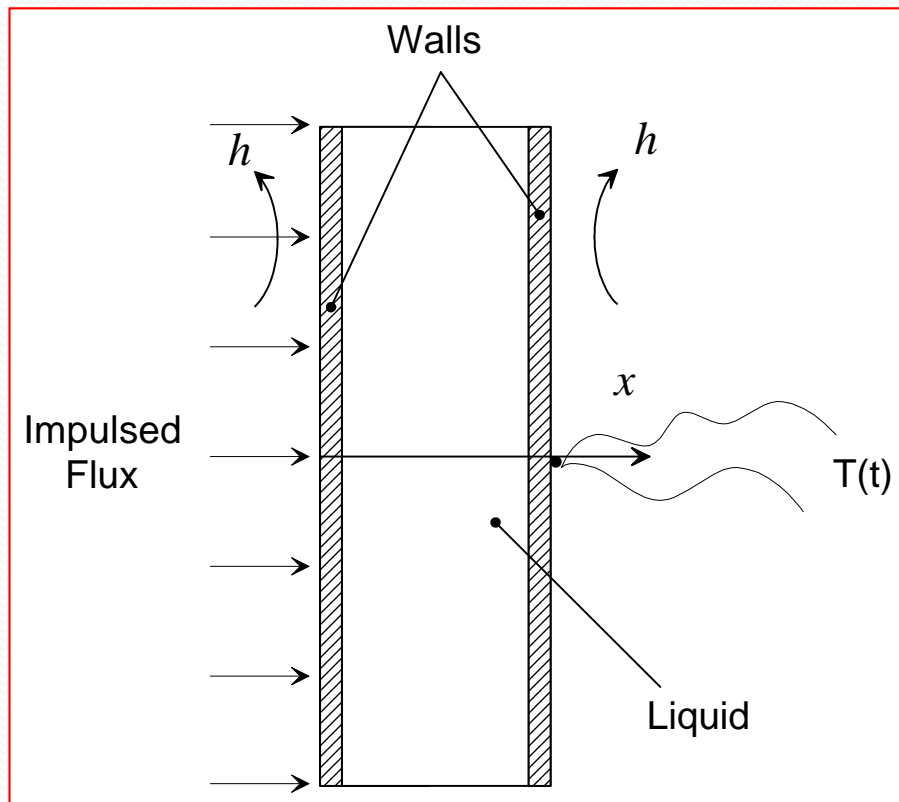
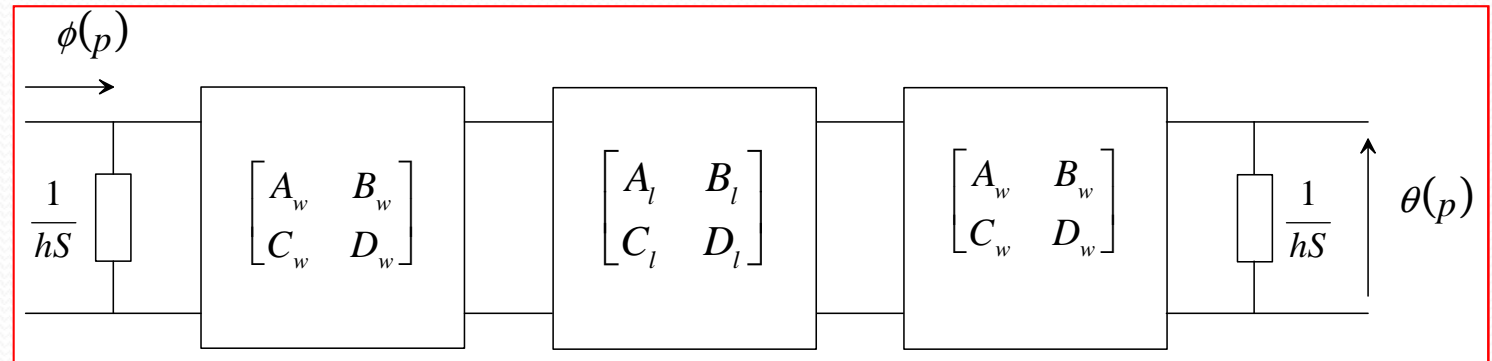


*(choose the aspect ratio of the measurement cell  $e/h \ll 1$ )*

*Principle of the Measurement*

# Model : Problem in Pure Conduction

**Quadrupole Representation**



$1/hS$  : Convective Heat Losses

$$A_i = D_i = \cosh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_i^2}{a_i}}\right), \quad B_i = \frac{1}{\lambda_i S \sqrt{\frac{p}{a_i}}} \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_i^2}{a_i}}\right)$$

and 
$$C_i = \lambda_i S \sqrt{\frac{p}{a_i}} \sinh\left(\sqrt{\frac{pe_i^2}{a_i}}\right)$$

$e_i$  : thickness of the material

$a_i$  : thermal diffusivity

$\lambda_i$  : thermal conductivity

# Solution

The rear-face temperature  $\theta(p)$  is given by:

$$\theta(p) = \frac{\phi(p)}{\mathcal{C} + 2\mathcal{A}hs + \mathcal{B}(hs)^2}$$

$\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  represent the coefficients of the transfer matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{A} & \mathcal{B} \\ \mathcal{C} & \mathcal{D} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_w & B_w \\ C_w & A_w \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_l & B_l \\ C_l & A_l \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_w & B_w \\ C_w & A_w \end{bmatrix}$$

With:  $\mathcal{A} = (A_w A_l + B_w C_l)A_w + (A_w B_l + B_w A_l)C_w$

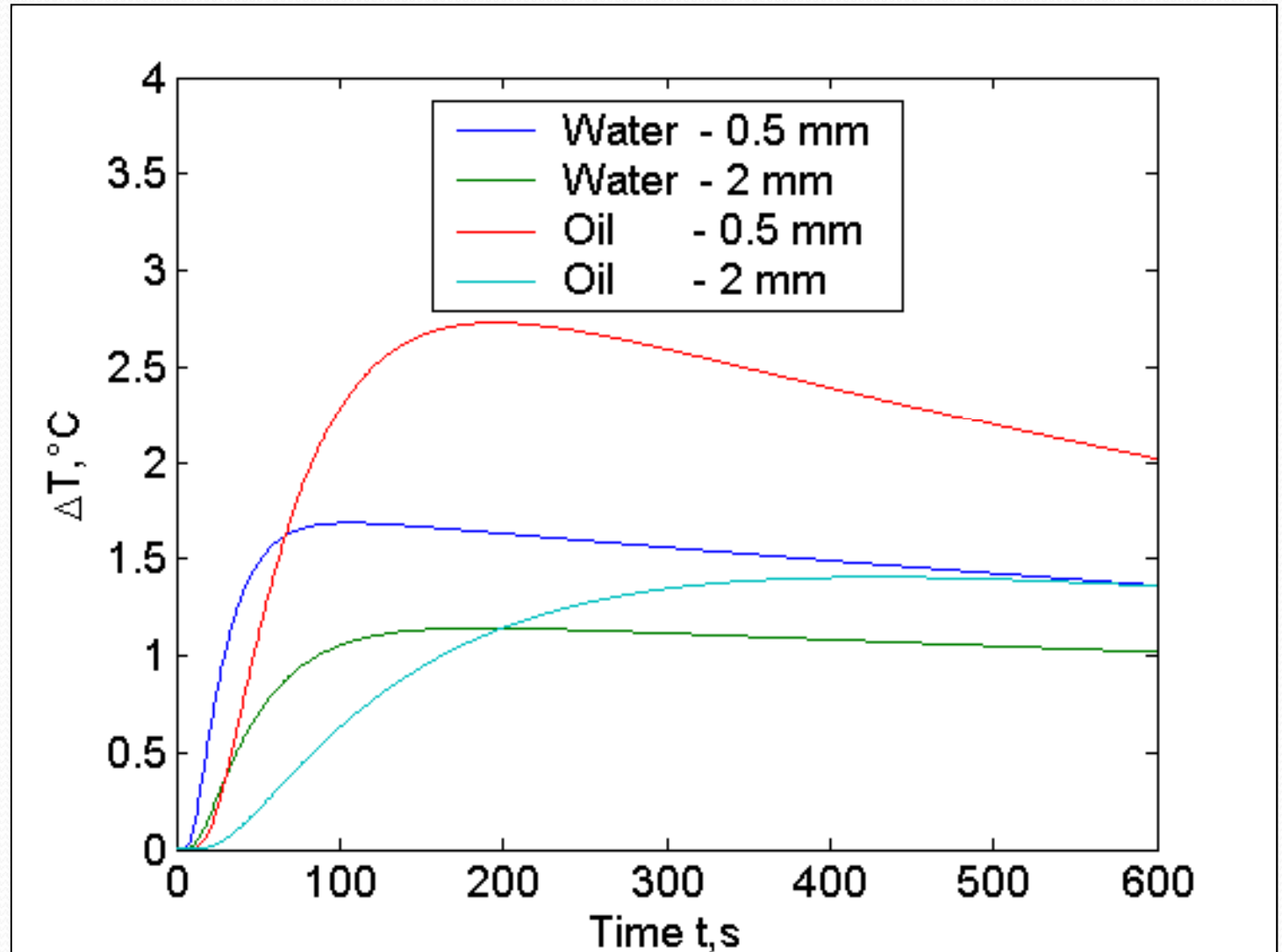
$$\mathcal{B} = (A_w A_l + B_w C_l)B_w + (A_w B_l + B_w A_l)A_w$$

$$\mathcal{C} = (C_w A_l + A_w C_l)A_w + (C_w B_l + A_w A_l)C_w$$

For a Heat Pulse (Dirac of Flux)  $\rightarrow \phi(p) = Q \implies T(t) = \mathcal{L}'\theta(p)$

# Simulation Examples

- $e_l = 4,5 \text{ mm}$   
 $h = 5 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$
- **Water:**  
 $\lambda_l = 0,597 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$   
 $a_l = 1,43 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
- **Oil:**  
 $\lambda_l = 0,132 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$   
 $a_l = 7,33 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
- **Walls (copper):**  
 $\lambda_w = 395 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-1} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$   
 $a_w = 1,15 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$   
 $e_w = 0,5 \text{ or } 2 \text{ mm}$
- $Q/S = 4 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$





# Generalities

## 4 Unknown Parameters:

$$\beta_1 = \frac{e_l}{\sqrt{a_l}}, \quad \beta_2 = \frac{e_l}{\lambda_l}, \quad \beta_3 = \frac{Q}{S} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_4 = h$$

⇒  $T = f(t, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4) = f(t, \beta)$

⇒ *Reduced Sensitivity Coefficient:*

$$X_j^*(t, \beta) = \beta_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial \beta_j}(t, \beta)$$

✦  $X_j^*$  *maximum* → *small error*

✦  $X_j^*$  *proportional* → *parameters are correlated*

# Stochastical Approach

$$S(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - T(t_i, \beta))^2 \rightarrow \frac{\partial S(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = 0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial T(t_i, \beta)}{\partial \beta_j} (Y_i - T(t_i, \beta)) = 0 \quad (\forall \beta_j)$$

$\varepsilon(t)$  being the noise at time  $t$   $\hat{\beta}^{(n+1)} = \beta^{(n)} + \left( X^{(n)t} X^{(n)} \right)^{-1} X^{(n)t} \varepsilon(t)$

⇒  $E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta$  : *expected values of parameters (unbiased estimator)*

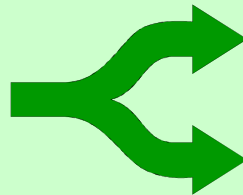
⇒  $V(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma_n^2 (X^t X)^{-1} = \sigma_n^2 \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(\beta_i) & \text{Cov}(\beta_i, \beta_j) \\ \text{Cov}(\beta_i, \beta_j) & \text{Var}(\beta_j) \end{bmatrix}$   $Y_i = T(t_i, \beta) + \varepsilon_i$

: *covariance matrix* ( $\sigma_n$  : standard deviation of noise)

⇒  $\rho(\beta_i, \beta_j) = \frac{\text{Cov}(\beta_i, \beta_j)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\beta_i) \cdot \text{Var}(\beta_j)}}$

✧ *Good Estimation* if

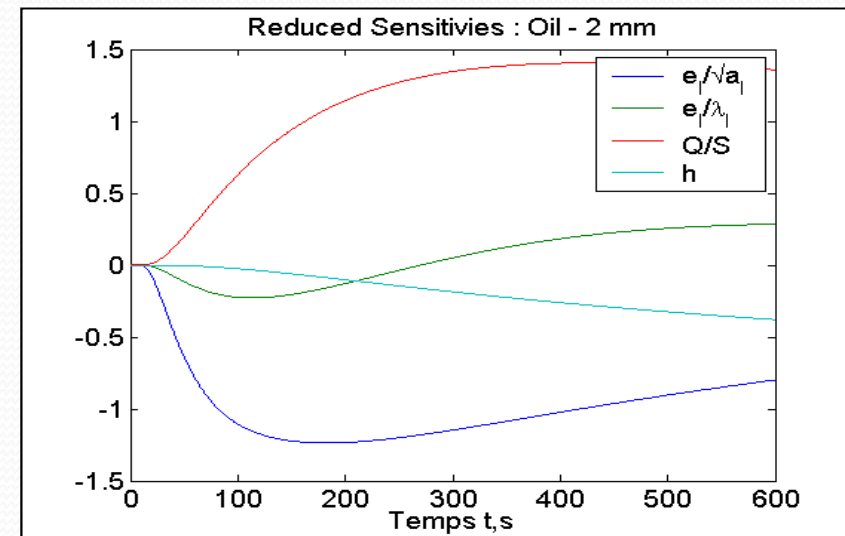
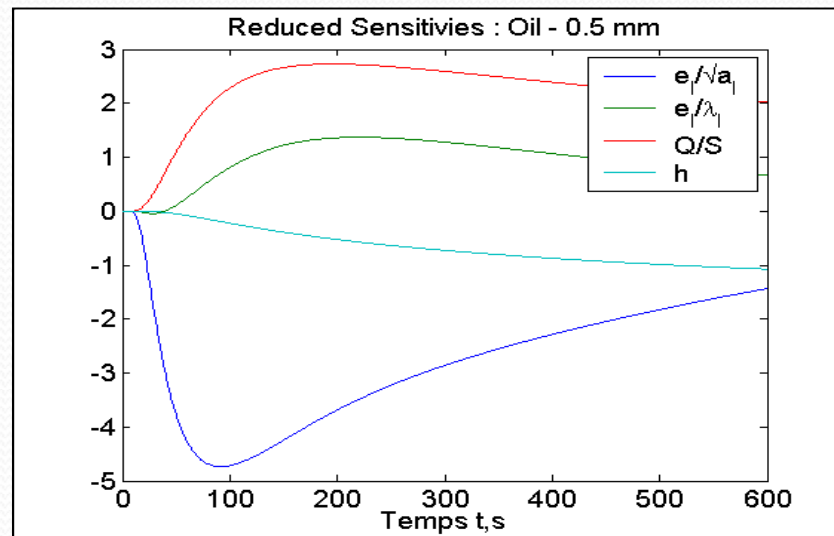
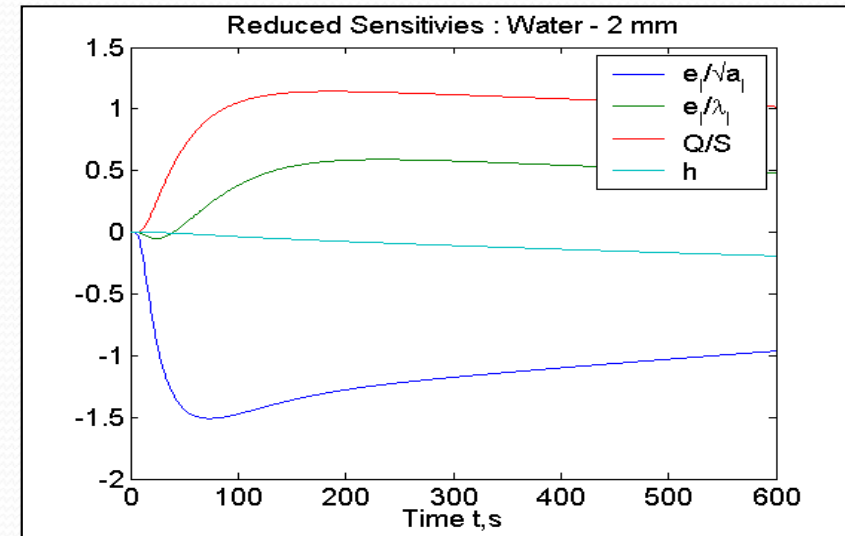
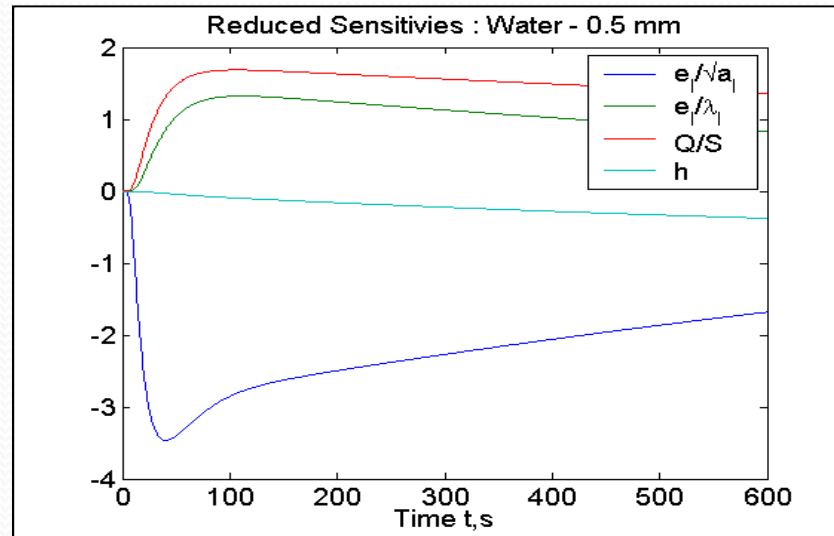
*Variances are small*



*Large Sensitivities*

*Correlation coefficients are far from unity*

# Sensitivity Analysis



The estimation problem is **non-linear** → the estimation depends on the nominal values of the parameters → an optimal walls thickness **exists**

# Variance-Covariance Matrix

Water – 0,5 mm				Water – 2 mm			
0.3394	-2.3464	2.4913	1.4724	0,3218	-0,8419	0,7528	-0,5216
-2.3464	16.5302	-17.4179	-9.4267	-0,8419	2,4531	-2,0146	2,5528
2.4913	-17.4179	18.4144	10.4120	0,7528	-2,0146	1,7770	-1,3092
1.4724	-9.4267	10.4120	9.7216	-0,5216	2,5528	-1,3092	8,7357
Oil – 0,5 mm				Oil – 2 mm			
0,0649	-0,2870	0,2533	0,1216	0,1920	-0,4540	0,1500	-0,2349
-0,2870	1,3529	-1,1408	-0,4388	-0,4540	1,3544	-0,2825	1,0794
0,2533	-1,1408	0,9958	0,4599	0,1500	-0,2825	0,1413	-0,0219
0,1216	-0,4388	0,4599	0,3979	-0,2349	1,0794	-0,0219	1,4113

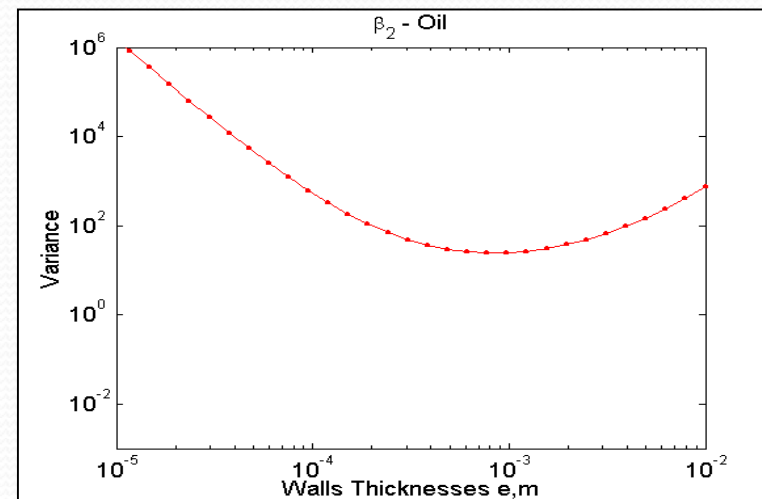
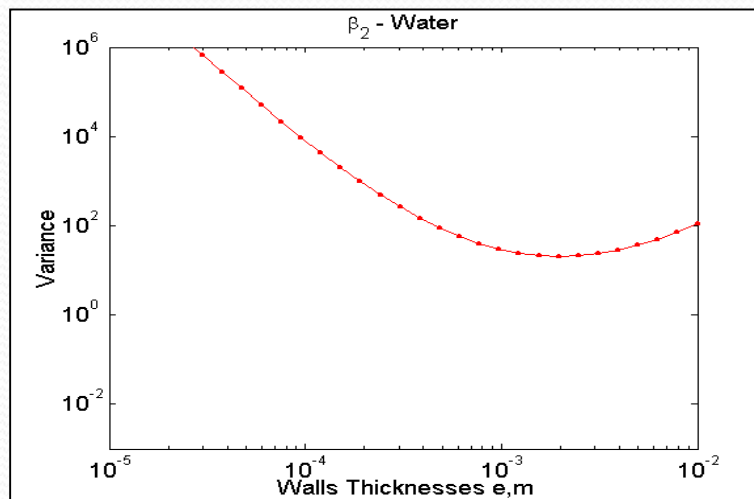
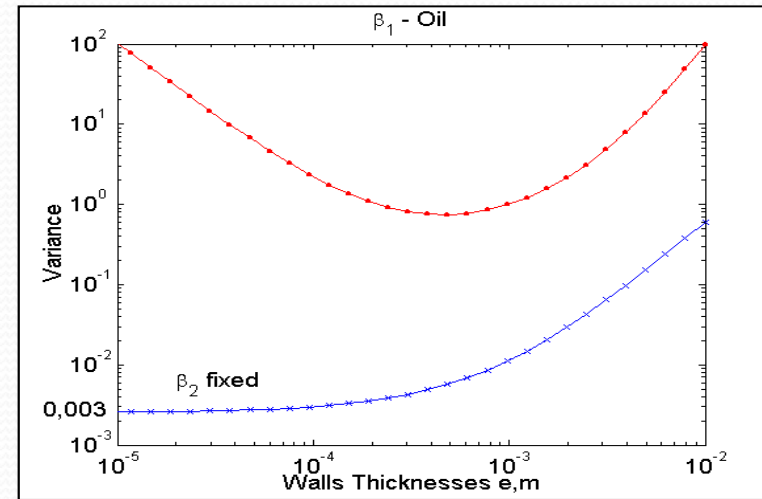
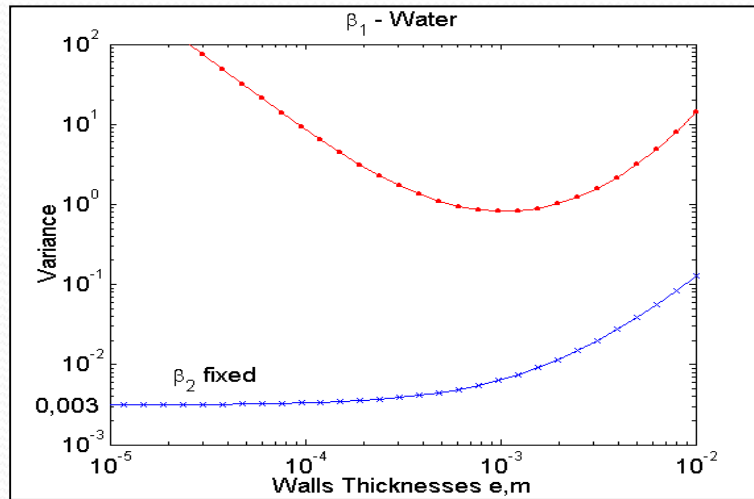
*Variance-Covariance Matrix*

# Parameters Substitution

*New Parameters:*  $\beta_1 = \frac{e_1}{\sqrt{a_1}}$ ,  $\beta_2 = \rho c_1 e_1$ ,  $\beta_3 = \frac{Q}{S}$  and  $\beta_4 = h$

Water – 1 mm							
4 parameters: $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$ and $\beta_4$				3 parameters ( $\beta_2$ fixed): $\beta_1, \beta_3$ and $\beta_4$			
Covariance				Covariance			
0.2567	1.5697	1.0776	0.0993	0.0057	0.0094	0.1353	
1.5697	9.8171	6.6809	-0.2249	0.0094	0.0208	0.3121	
1.0776	6.6809	4.5673	0.1590	0.1353	0.3121	4.8955	
0.0993	-0.2249	0.1590	4.9007				
Correlation				Correlation			
1.0000	0.9888	0.9952	0.0886	1.0000	0.8596	0.8074	
0.9888	1.0000	0.9977	-0.0324	0.8596	1.0000	0.9777	
0.9952	0.9977	1.0000	0.0336	0.8074	0.9777	1.0000	
0.0886	-0.0324	0.0336	1.0000				

# Optimization of the walls thicknesses



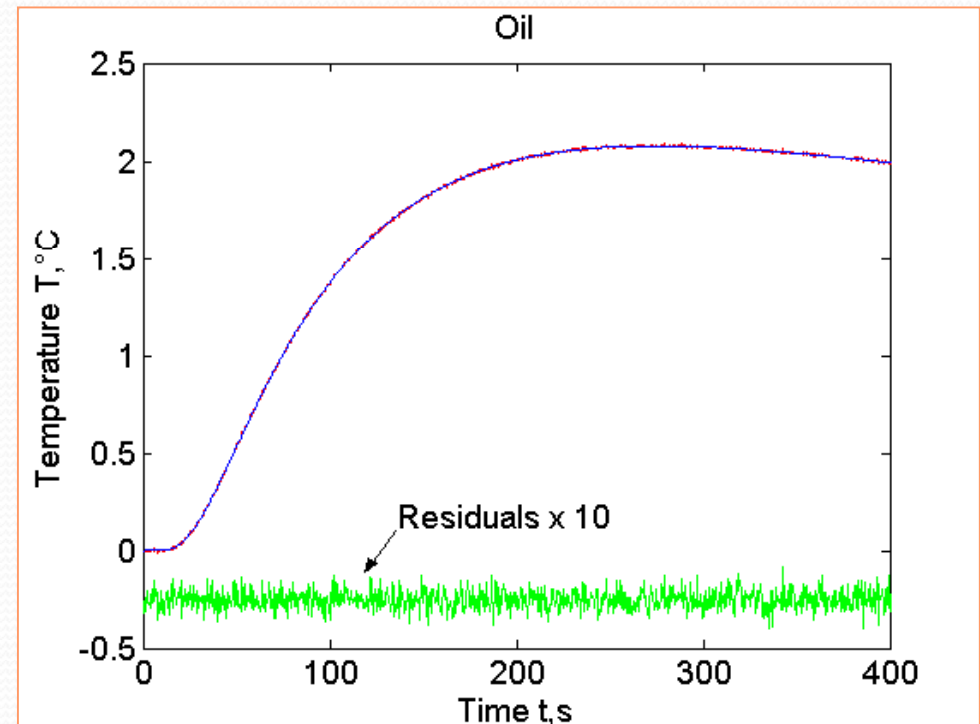
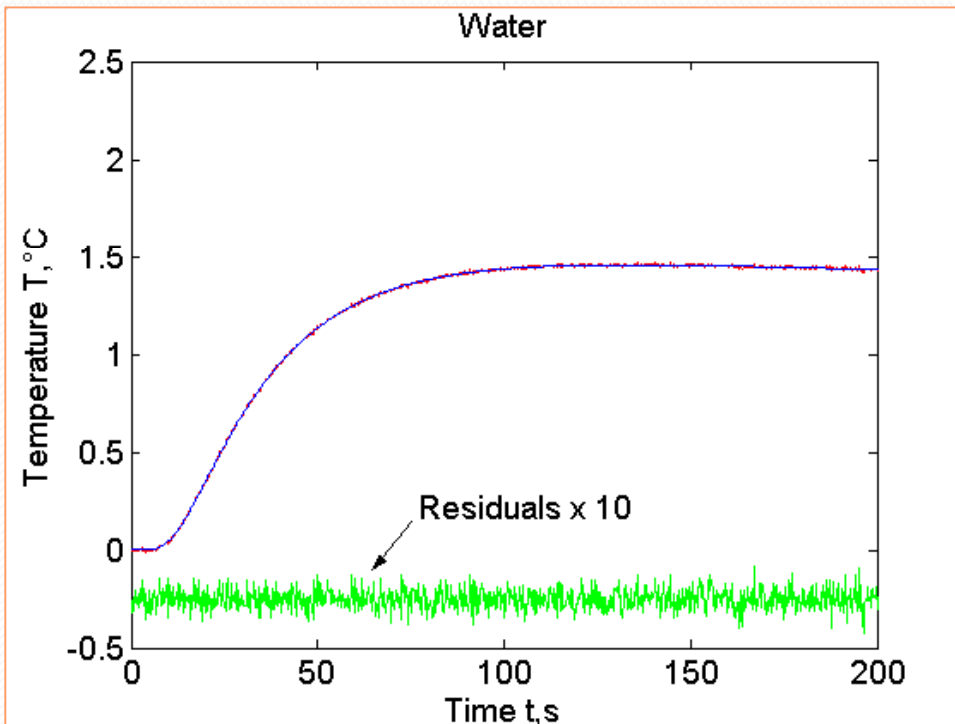
- Fluid (Water)  $[e_f=4,5 \text{ mm}, \lambda_f=0,597 \text{ W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}, a_f=1,43.10^{-7} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}, \rho c_f=4,17.10^6 \text{ J.m}^{-3}.\text{K}^{-1}]$
- Fluid (Oil)  $[e_f=4,5 \text{ mm}, \lambda_f=0,132 \text{ W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}, a_f=7,33.10^{-7} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}, \rho c_f=1,8.10^6 \text{ J.m}^{-3}.\text{K}^{-1}]$
- Walls (Copper)  $[\lambda_w=395 \text{ W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}, a_w=1,15.10^{-4} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}, \rho c_w=3,43.10^6 \text{ J.m}^{-3}.\text{K}^{-1}]$
- $h=5 \text{ W.m}^{-2}.\text{K}^{-1} - Q/S=4.10^4 \text{ J.m}^{-2}$

# Inverse Method on Simulated Thermograms

- ✦ *Estimation Program:* Levenberg-Marquardt Algorithm with 4 parameters

$$\beta_1 = e_l / \sqrt{a_l}, \quad \beta_2 = \rho c_l e_l, \quad \beta_3 = Q/S \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_4 = h$$

- ✦ *Standard deviation of the noise:*  $\sigma_n = 0.005 \text{ K}$



- Fluid (Water)  $[e_f=4,5 \text{ mm}, \lambda_f=0,597 \text{ W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}, a_f=1,43.10^{-7} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}, \rho c_f=4,17.10^6 \text{ J.m}^{-3}.\text{K}^{-1}]$
- Fluid (Oil)  $[e_f=4,5 \text{ mm}, \lambda_f=0,132 \text{ W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}, a_f=7,33.10^{-7} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}, \rho c_f=1,8.10^6 \text{ J.m}^{-3}.\text{K}^{-1}]$
- Walls (Copper)  $[\lambda_w=395 \text{ W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}, a_w=1,15.10^{-4} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}, \rho c_w=3,43.10^6 \text{ J.m}^{-3}.\text{K}^{-1}]$
- $h=5 \text{ W.m}^{-2}.\text{K}^{-1} - Q/S=4.10^4 \text{ J.m}^{-2}$

# Estimated Values : 4 parameters

4 parameters: $e_1/\sqrt{a_1}$ , $\rho_{c_1}e_1$ , $Q/S$ and $h$							
Water				Oil			
Parameters				Parameters			
Nominal		Estimated		Nominal		Estimated	
$a_1=1,43 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	$\rho_{c_1}=4,17 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$h=5 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$Q/S=4 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$	$a_1=1,417 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	$\rho_{c_1}=4,276 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$h=5,083 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$Q/S=4,071 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
$a_1=7,33 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	$\rho_{c_1}=1,8 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$h=5 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$Q/S=4 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$	$a_1=7,284 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	$\rho_{c_1}=1,827 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$h=5,014 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$Q/S=4,026 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}$
Covariance				Covariance			
0.2604	1.6099	1.1144	0.1305	0.0885	0.4597	0.1814	-0.0129
1.6099	10.1769	6.9852	-0.0272	0.4597	2.5109	0.9409	-0.2640
1.1144	6.9852	4.8152	0.2932	0.1814	0.9409	0.3747	-0.0099
0.1305	-0.0272	0.2932	4.8916	-0.0129	-0.2640	-0.0099	0.3976
Correlation				Correlation			
1.0000	0.9890	0.9952	0.1156	1.0000	0.9753	0.9962	-0.0686
0.9890	1.0000	0.9978	-0.0038	0.9753	1.0000	0.9700	-0.2642
0.9952	0.9978	1.0000	0.0604	0.9962	0.9700	1.0000	-0.0257
0.1156	-0.0038	0.0604	1.0000	-0.0686	-0.2642	-0.0257	1.0000

$$\sigma_a = 0,5\%$$

$$\sigma_{\rho_c} = 1,6\%$$

$$\sigma_a = 0,3\%$$

$$\sigma_{\rho_c} = 0,8\%$$



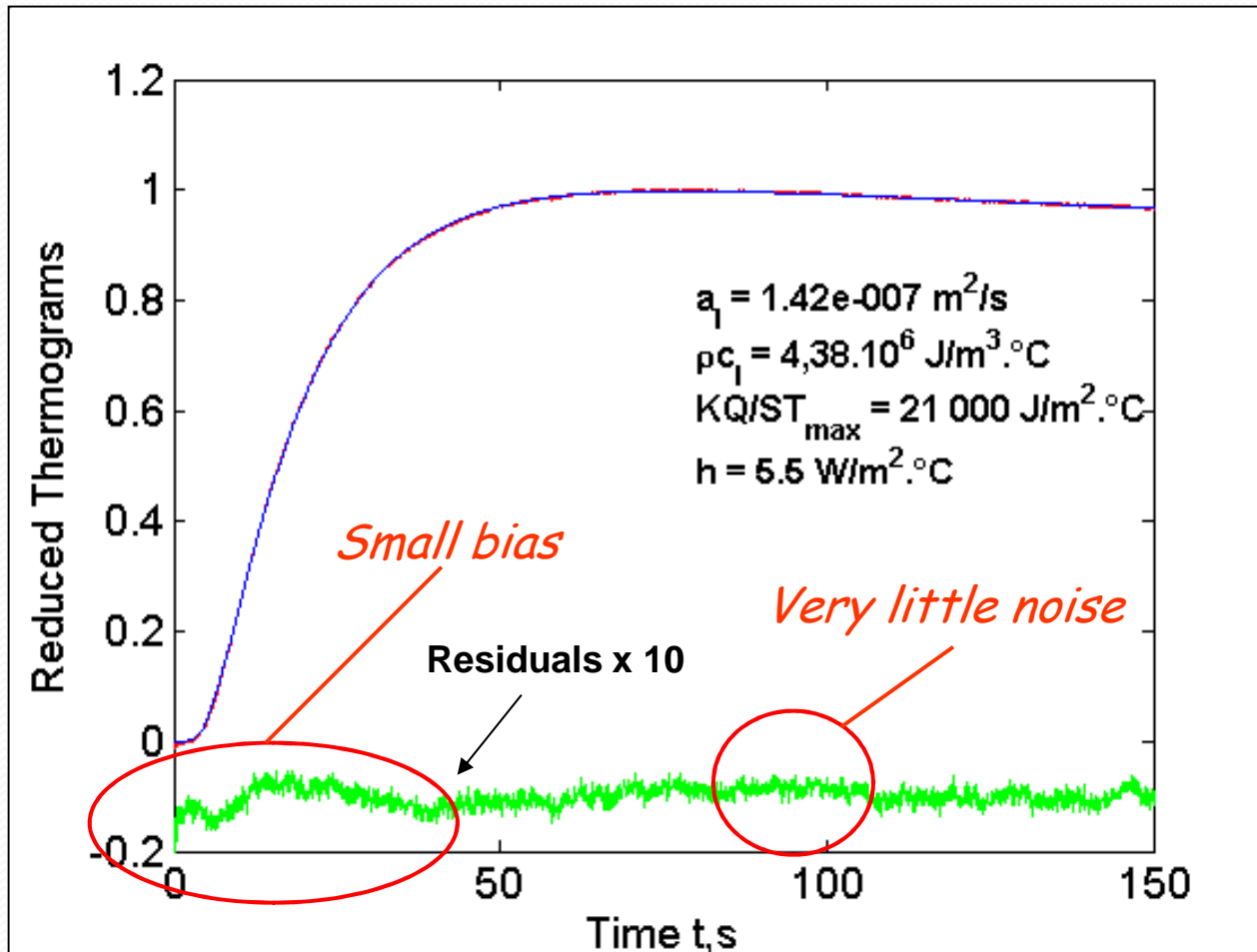
# Estimated Values: 3 parameters

4 parameters ( $\rho c_p e_l$ fixed): $e_l/\sqrt{a_l}$ , $Q/S$ and $h$					
Water			Oil		
Parameters ( $\rho c_p=4,17 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J.m}^{-3} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ )			Parameters ( $\rho c_p=1,8 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J.m}^{-3} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ )		
Nominal		Estimated	Nominal		Estimated
$a_l=1,43 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	$h=5 \text{ W.m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$Q/S=4 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J.m}^{-2}$	$a_l=1,428 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	$h=5,084 \text{ W.m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$Q/S=4,005 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J.m}^{-2}$
$a_l=7,33 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	$h=5 \text{ W.m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$Q/S=4 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J.m}^{-2}$	$a_l=7,323 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$	$h=5,022 \text{ W.m}^{-2} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$	$Q/S=4,005 \cdot 10^4 \text{ J.m}^{-2}$
Covariance			Covariance		
0.0058	0.0095	0.1347	0.0044	0.0092	0.0354
0.0095	0.0211	0.3117	0.0092	0.0223	0.0888
0.1347	0.3117	4.8196	0.0354	0.0888	0.3651
Correlation			Correlation		
1.0000	0.8609	0.8089	1.0000	0.9339	0.8879
0.8609	1.0000	0.9779	0.9339	1.0000	0.9840
0.8089	0.9779	1.0000	0.8879	0.9840	1.0000

$$\sigma_a = 0,08\%$$

$$\sigma_a = 0,06\%$$

# Estimated Values: 4 parameters



4 parameters:  $e_i/\sqrt{a_i}$ ,  $\rho c_1 e_i$ ,  $Q/s$  and  $h$

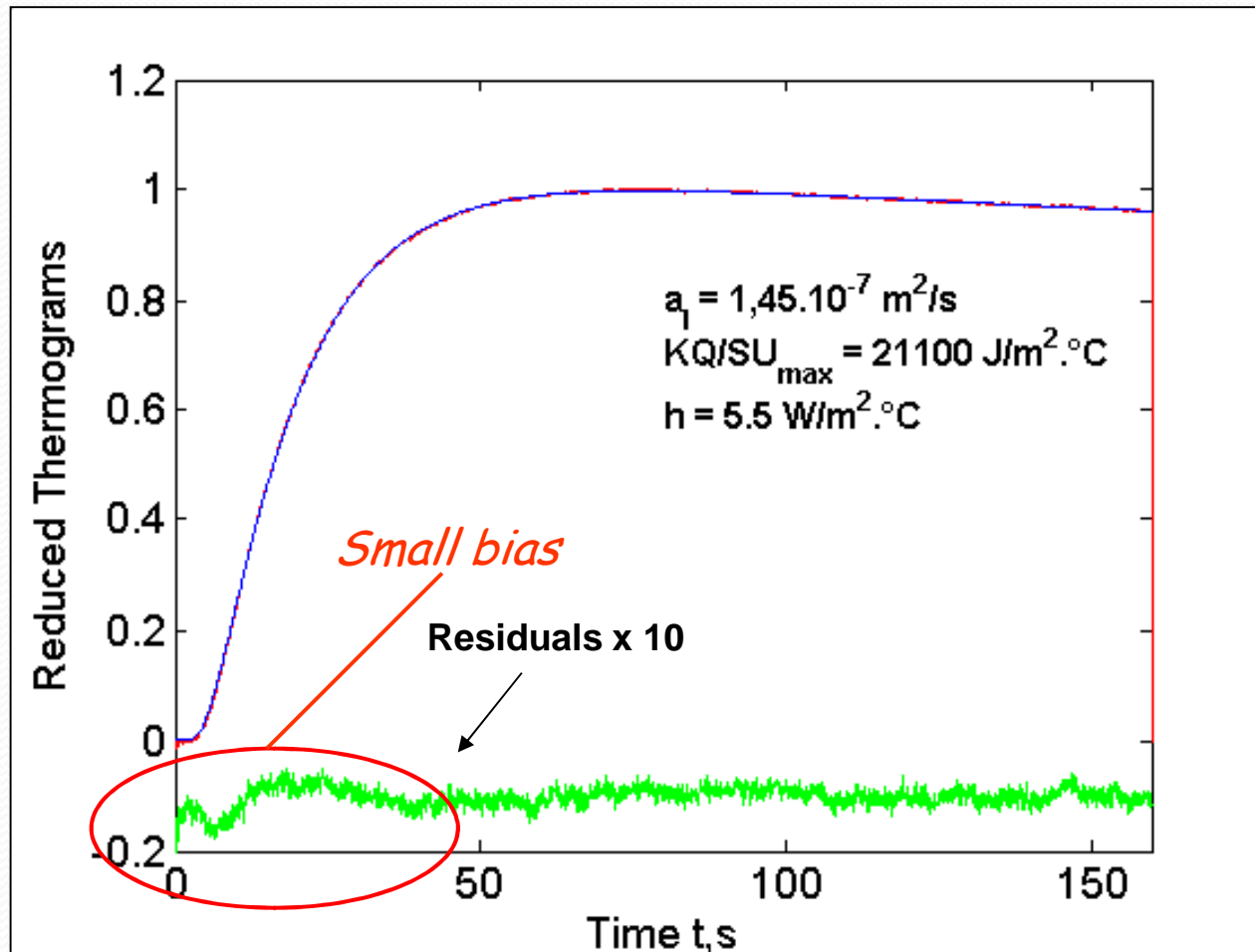
Covariance

0.1453	0.6414	0.3682	0.0941
0.6414	2.9094	1.6528	0.1704
0.3682	1.6528	0.9452	0.1949
0.0941	0.1704	0.1949	1.6610

$$\begin{cases} a = 1,42 \pm 0,025 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 / \text{s} \\ \rho c = 4,38 \pm 0,170 \cdot 10^6 \text{ J} / \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{K} \end{cases}$$

❖ Estimation on an Experimental Thermogram (Water) - 4 Parameters Model

# Estimated Values: 4 parameters



$\rho c_l e_l$  is fixed to  $4,15 \cdot 10^3 \text{ J/m}^3 \cdot \text{C}$

3 parameters:  $e_l/\sqrt{a_l}$ ,  $Q/s$  and  $h$

Covariance

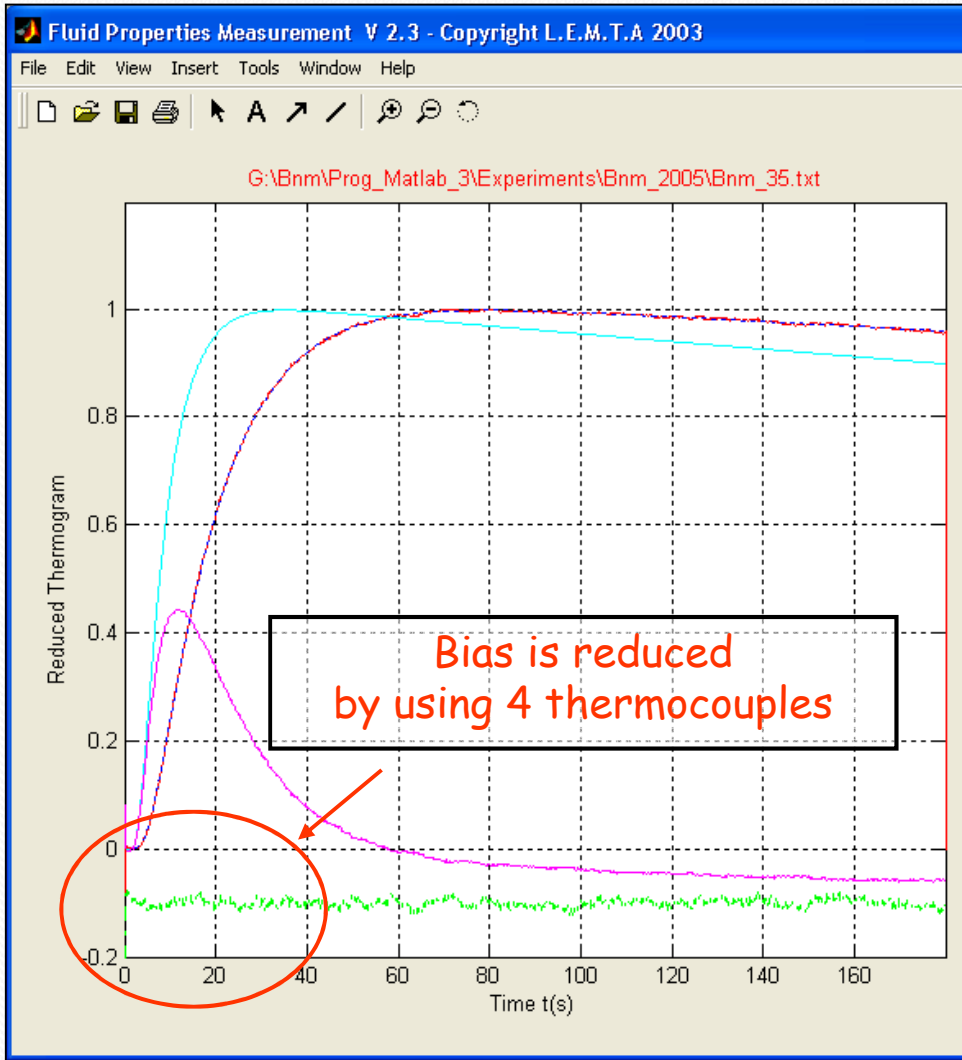
0.0039	0.0039	0.0557
0.0039	0.0064	0.0959
0.0557	0.0959	1.5606

$$a = 1,45 \pm 0,004 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 / \text{s}$$

❖ Estimation on an Experimental Thermogram (Water) - 3 Parameters Model

# Estimated Values: 4 parameters

Estimation by a non-linear O.L.S method (Levenberg-Marquardt)



Moindres Carrés :  $a \cdot rCp \cdot h$   
 Levenberg-Marquardt

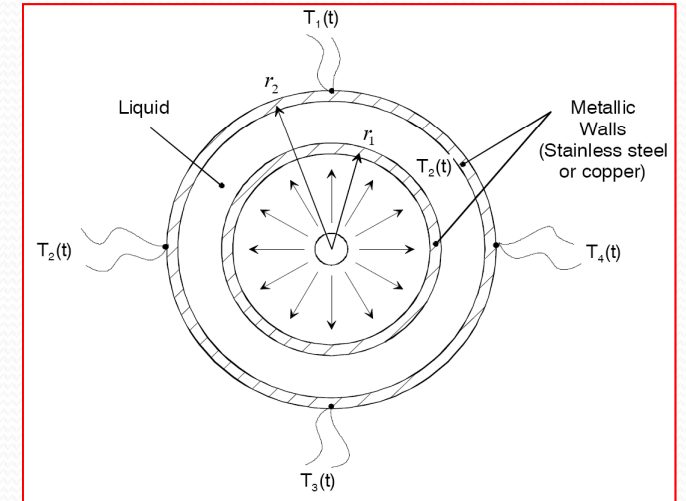
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Caractéristiques du matériau

Epaisseur Couche 1 : 1.085 mm  
 Lambda 1 = 16.3 W/m.°C  
 $rCp$  1 = 3922500 J/m<sup>3</sup>.°C  
 $a$  1 = 4.1555e-006 m<sup>2</sup>/s

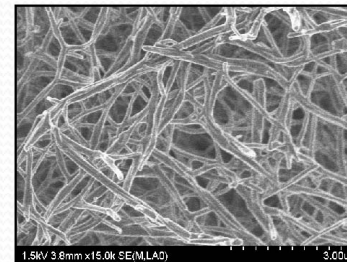
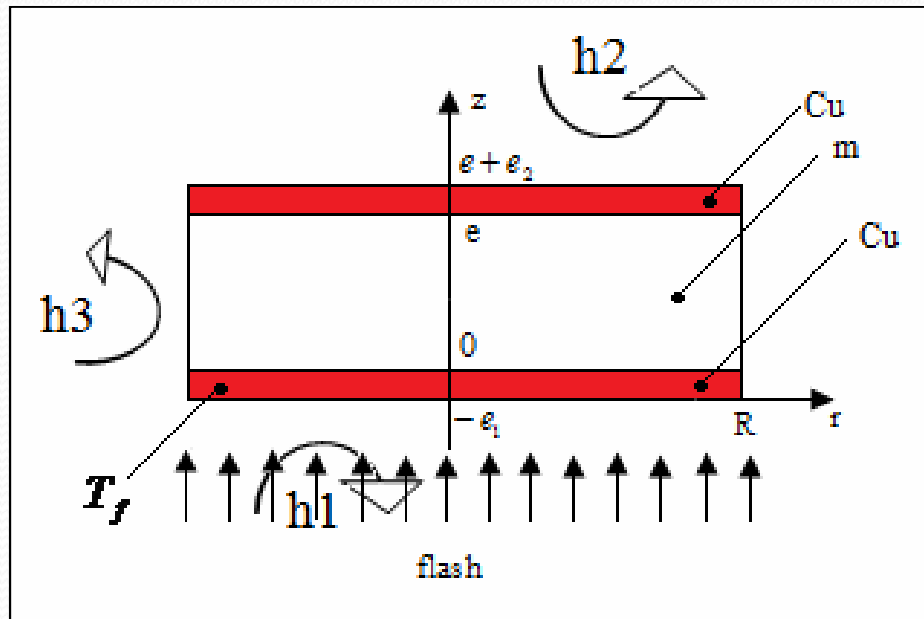
Epaisseur Couche 2 : 1 mm  
 Lambda 2 = 16.3 W/m.°C  
 $rCp$  2 = 3922500 J/m<sup>3</sup>.°C  
 $a$  2 = 4.1555e-006 m<sup>2</sup>/s

$e = 2.84$  mm  
 - Diffusivité Thermique  
 $a = 1.4201e-007$  m<sup>2</sup>/s  
 - Conductivité Thermique  
 Lambda = 0.61935 W/m.°C  
 - Capacité Thermique  
 $rCp = 4361268.2159$  J/m<sup>3</sup>.°C  
 - Coefficient d'échange  
 $h = 4.6718$  W/m<sup>2</sup>.°C

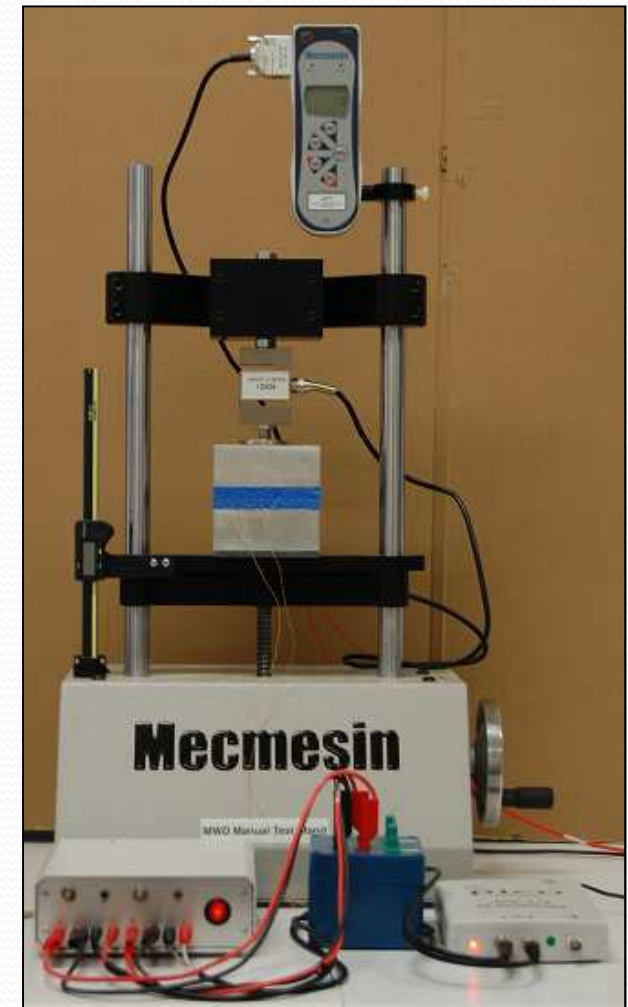
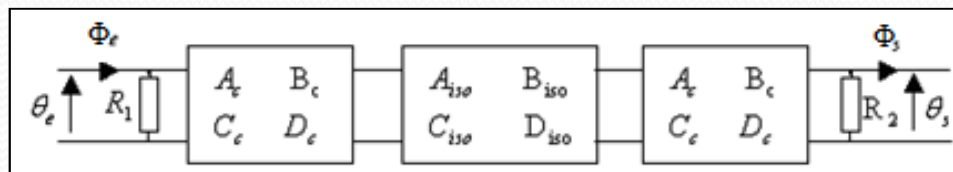


# Thermal Characterization of Aerogels

# Low Molecular Weight Aerogels (High insulating material)

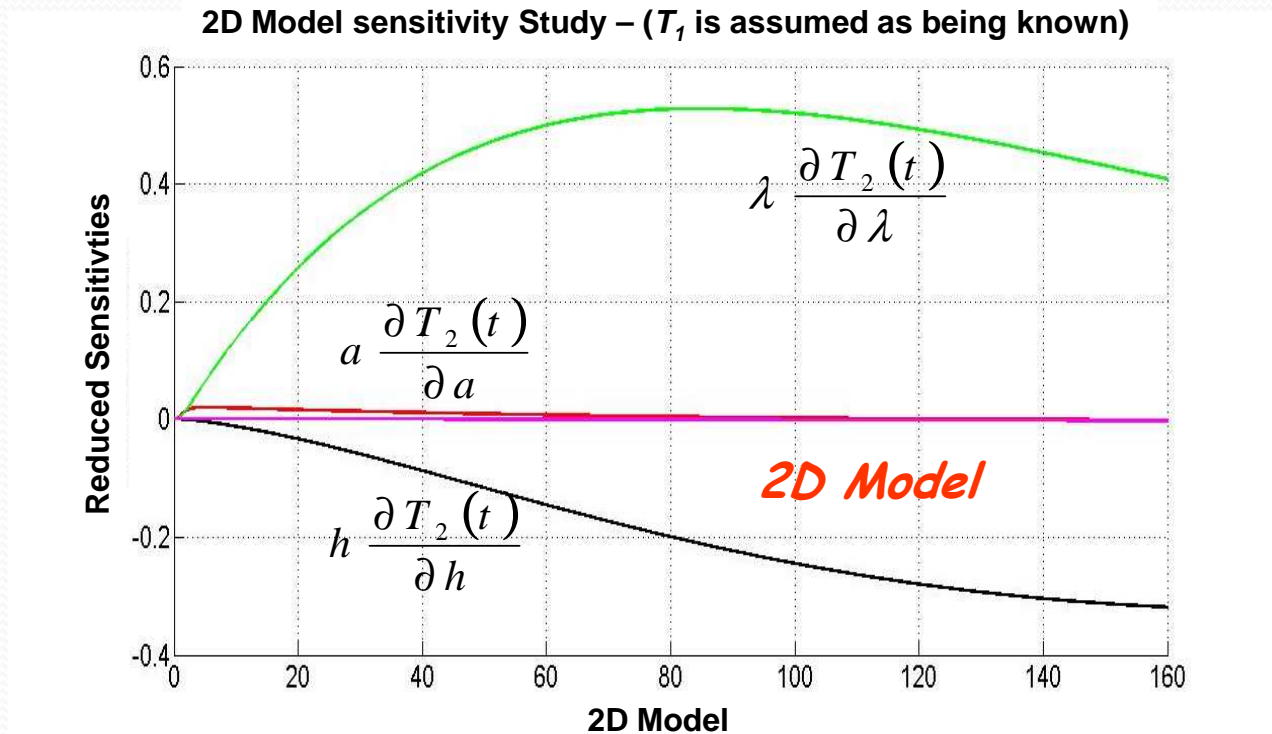


*Principle of the experiment*



# Sensitivity Curves

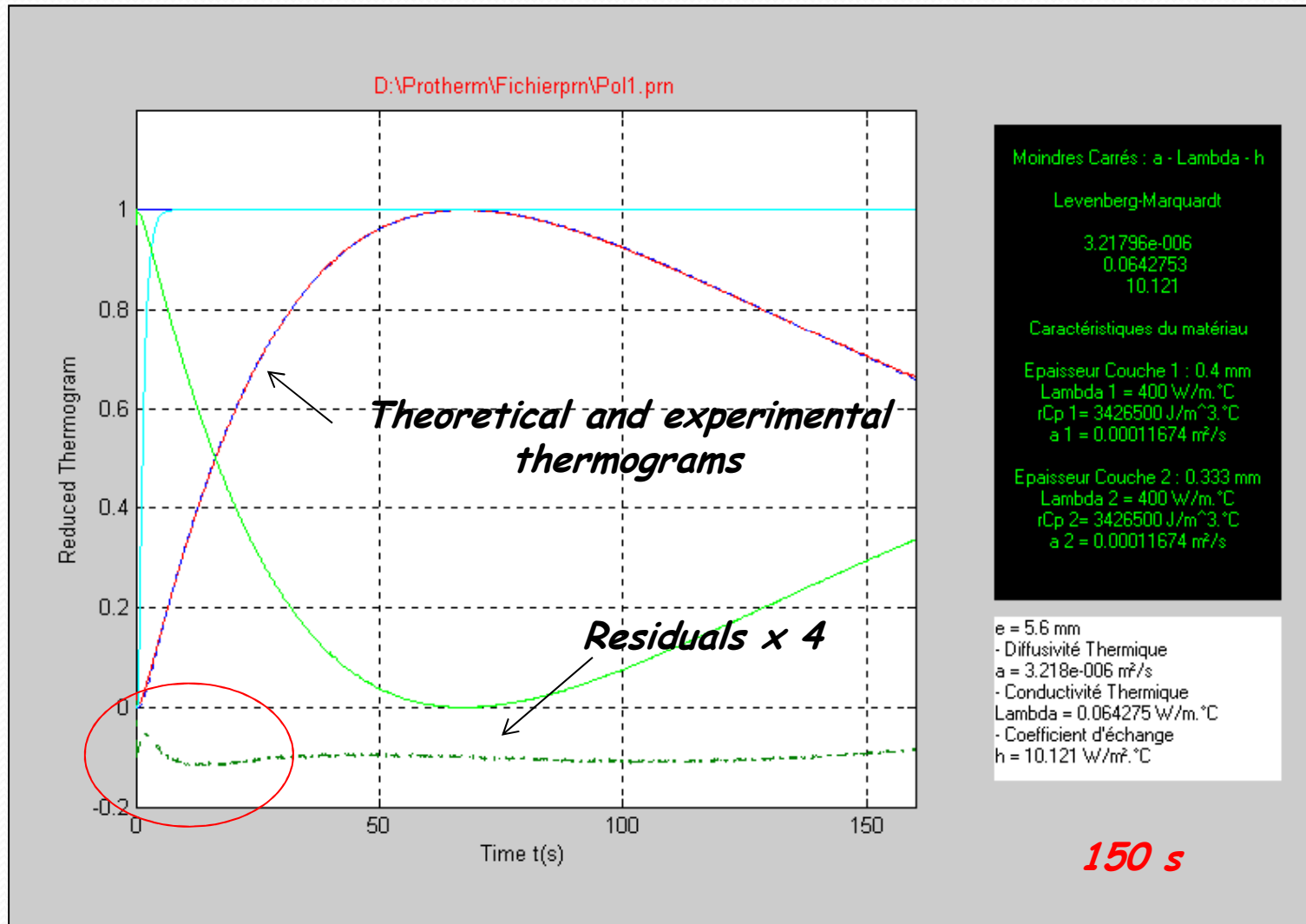
**High Insulating Material** :  $\lambda = 0,02 \text{ W.m}^{-1}.\text{K}^{-1}$ ,  $\rho c = 5000 \text{ J.m}^{-3}.\text{K}^{-1}$ ,  $a = 4.10^{-6} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$



- High sensitivity to conductivity  $\lambda$  , low sensitivity to diffusivity  $a$
- Conductivity  $\lambda$  is non-correlated with heat losses  $h$  and diffusivity  $a$

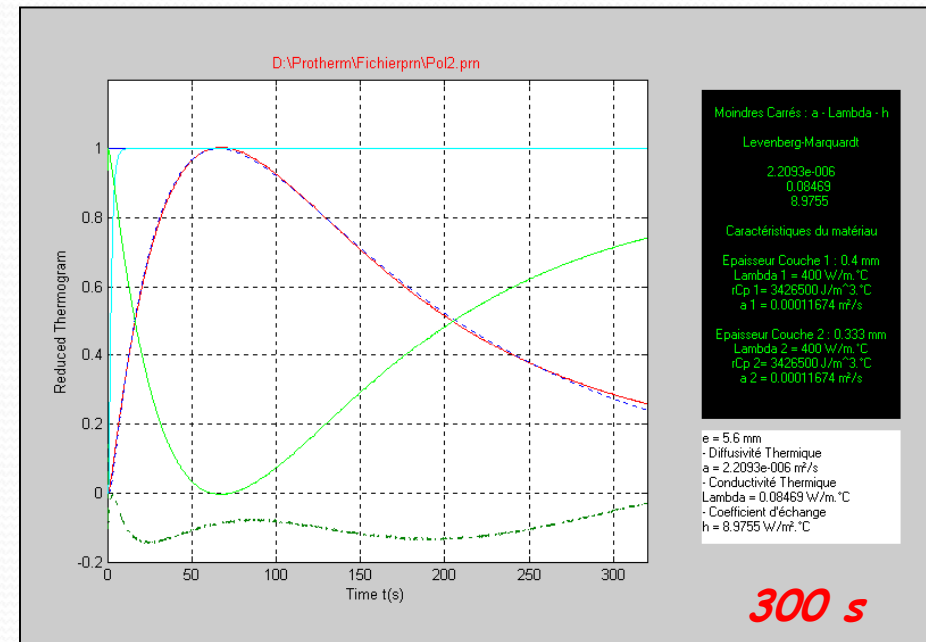
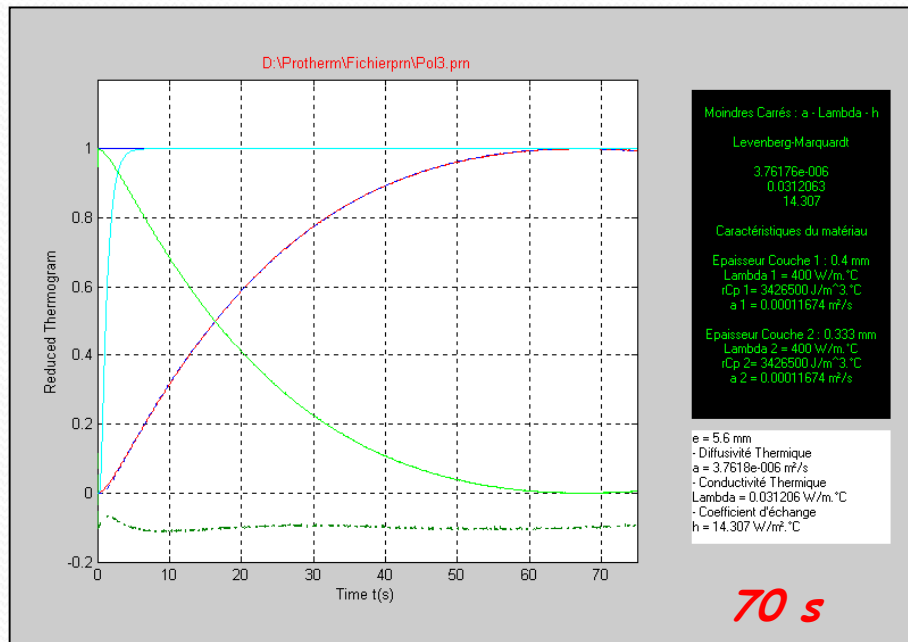
***High Accurate Estimation of  $\lambda$  is theoretically possible***

# Low Weight Insulating Material





# Low Weight Insulating Material



Time Interval	70 s	150 s	300 s
<b>a (m<sup>2</sup>/s)</b>	3.76.10 <sup>-6</sup>	3.22.10 <sup>-6</sup>	2.21.10 <sup>-6</sup>
<b>λ (W/m. C)</b>	0.031	0.064	0.084

**Rigid Foam : a=4,68 to 4,54.10<sup>-7</sup> m<sup>2</sup>/s and λ=0,039 to 0,042 W/m. C**

# Taking into account the Bias to reduce the variances on estimated parameters

Case of the classical Flash Method

# I. Parameter Estimation by taking into account the Bias

We have:

$$\mathbf{F}\left(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{c_{\text{nom}}}\right) = \mathbf{F}\left(\mathbf{t}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_r, \boldsymbol{\beta}_c\right) + \mathbf{X}_r|_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \left(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r - \boldsymbol{\beta}_r\right) + \mathbf{X}_c|_{\mathbf{b}} \left(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{c_{\text{nom}}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_c\right)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}\left(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{c_{\text{nom}}}\right) = \mathbf{F}\left(\mathbf{t}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_r, \boldsymbol{\beta}_c\right) + \left(\mathbf{X}_r | \mathbf{X}_c\right) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}_r} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r - \boldsymbol{\beta}_r \\ \mathbf{e}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}_c} = \boldsymbol{\beta}_{c_{\text{nom}}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_c \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

With:

$$\mathbf{b}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}_r} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r - \boldsymbol{\beta}_r \quad : \text{« bias on estimated parameters »}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}_c} = \boldsymbol{\beta}_{c_{\text{nom}}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_c \quad : \text{« error on fixed parameters »}$$

$$\mathbf{F}\left(\mathbf{t}, \boldsymbol{\beta}_r, \boldsymbol{\beta}_c\right) \quad : \text{Detailed model}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}\left(\mathbf{t}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{c_{\text{nom}}}\right) \quad : \text{Reduced model or biased model}$$

# I. Parameter Estimation by taking into account the Bias

- Sensitivity expressions:

- To “unknown” parameters :

$$X_r = \frac{\partial F(t, \beta_r, \beta_c)}{\partial \beta_r}$$

- To “known” parameters:

$$X_c = \frac{\partial F(t, \beta_r, \beta_c)}{\partial \beta_c}$$

Relation (1) shows that:

$$\tilde{X}_r = \frac{\partial \tilde{F}(t, \hat{\beta}_r, \beta_{c_{nom}})}{\partial \hat{\beta}_r} = X_r$$

# I. Parameter Estimation taking into account the Bias

“Unknown” Parameter Estimation: O.L.S Method

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{nt} \left( F(t_i, \beta_r, \beta_c) - \tilde{F}(t_i, \hat{\beta}_r, \beta_{c_{nom}}) \right)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \hat{\beta}_r} = 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{X}_r \cdot \left( F(t, \beta_r, \beta_c) - \tilde{F}(t, \hat{\beta}_r, \beta_{c_{nom}}) \right) = 0$$

Matrix formulation:

$$\tilde{X}_r^t \cdot Y = 0$$

With:  $Y = F(t, \beta_r, \beta_c) - \tilde{F}(t, \hat{\beta}_r, \beta_{c_{nom}})$

# I. Parameter Estimation by taking into account the Bias

$$\tilde{F}(t, \hat{\beta}_r, \beta_{c_{nom}}) = F(t, \beta_r, \beta_c) + (X_r | X_c) \begin{pmatrix} b_{\beta_r} = \hat{\beta}_r - \beta_r \\ e_{b_c} = \beta_{c_{nom}} - \beta_c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ \tilde{X}_r^t \cdot Y = 0$$



$$\tilde{X}_r^t \cdot Y = 0 = -\tilde{X}_r^t X_r \cdot b_{\beta_r} - \tilde{X}_r^t X_c \cdot e_{b_c}$$



$$b_{\beta_r} = -\left(\tilde{X}_r^t X_r\right)^{-1} \cdot \tilde{X}_r^t X_c \cdot e_{b_c}$$

!!!

Determination of bias is not possible because  $X_c \cdot e_{b_c}$  is unknown !!! 70

# I. Parameter Estimation by taking into account the Bias

$X_c \cdot e_{b_c}$  Can be estimated from the Residuals curve:

$$r = \left( X_r \cdot (\tilde{X}_r^t X_r)^{-1} \cdot \tilde{X}_r^t - Id \right) \cdot X_c \cdot e_{b_c}$$

Assumptions:  $\tilde{X}_r = X_r$

???

$$\left( \tilde{X}_r \cdot (\tilde{X}_r^t \tilde{X}_r)^{-1} \cdot \tilde{X}_r^t - Id \right) \cdot X_c \cdot e_{b_c} = r$$

“Known”

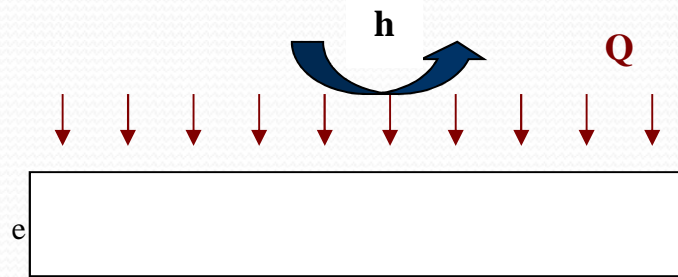
$$AX = B$$

“Known”

Linear System to Solve ...

## II. Application to Flash Method

- Principle of the “Flash” method



Heat Eq.:

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

BC et IC:

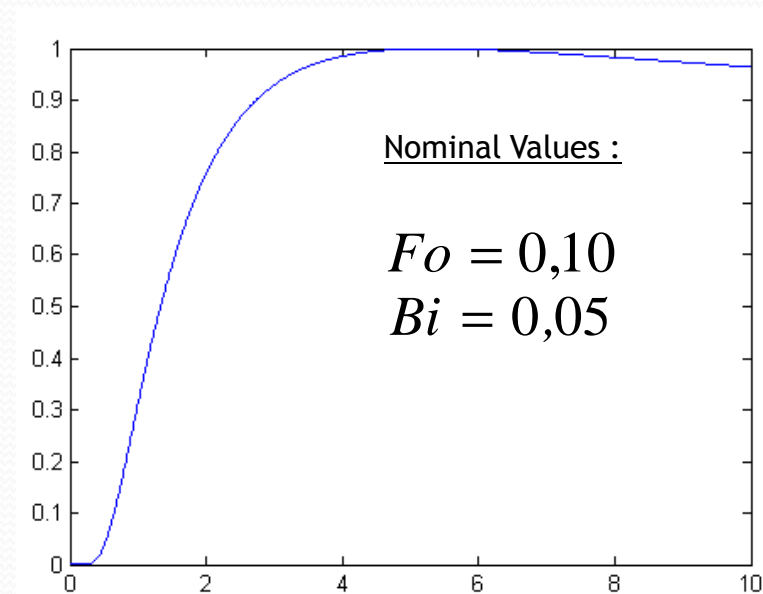
$$\begin{cases} \text{at } t = 0, & T = 0 \\ \text{in } x = 0, & \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = hT_0 - \varphi(t) \\ \text{in } x = e, & -\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = hT_e \end{cases}$$

Solution if given by:

$$T = f\left(\frac{he}{\lambda}, \frac{a}{e^2}, t\right)$$

Two parameters:

- Fourier number (“unknown” parameter)
- Biot number (“known” parameter)





## II. Application to Flash Method

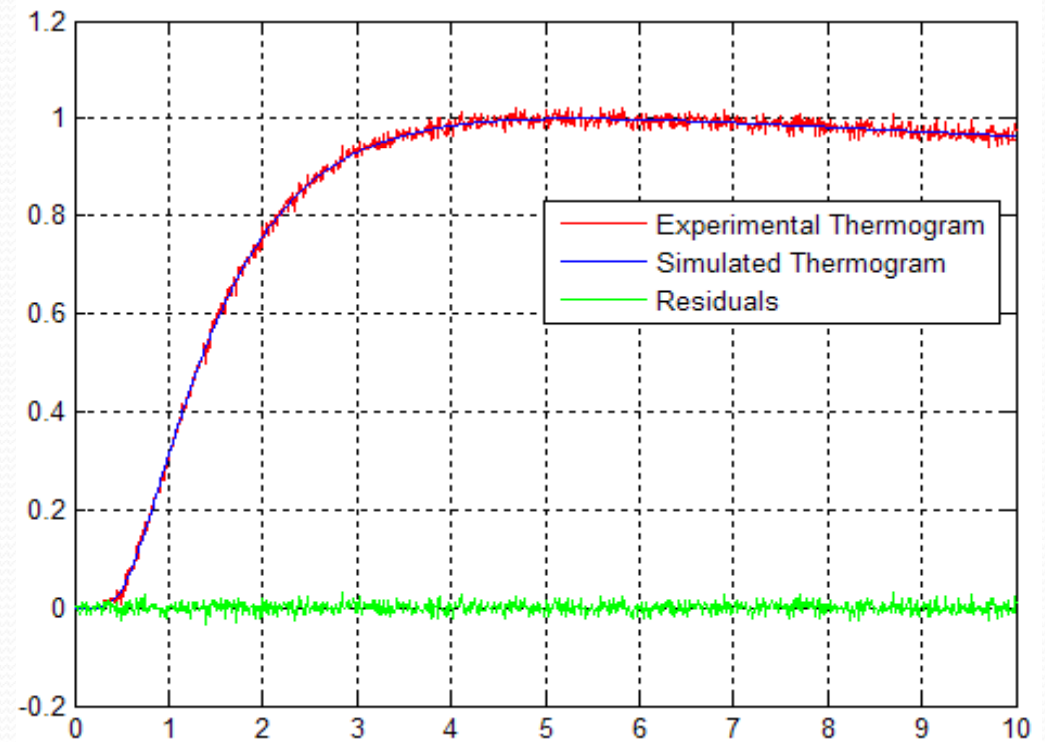
Unbiased Model  $\hat{\beta} \approx \beta \longrightarrow \mathbf{T}(t, \hat{\beta}) = \mathbf{T}(t, \beta) + \mathbf{X}|_{\beta} (\hat{\beta} - \beta)$

$\longrightarrow \hat{\beta} = \beta + (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(t)$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{E}(\hat{\beta}) = \beta \\ \mathbf{V}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma_b^2 (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \end{cases}$$

**Residuals**  $\mathbf{r}(t_i) = \mathbf{Y}(t_i, \beta) - \mathbf{T}(t_i, \hat{\beta})$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = 0 \\ \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r}) = \sigma_b^2 \end{cases}$$



$$\hat{\beta} = \beta + (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^t \varepsilon(\mathbf{t})$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\hat{\beta}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0,099 \\ 0,049 \end{pmatrix} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0,10 \\ 0,05 \end{pmatrix} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{E}(\hat{\beta}) = \beta$$

$$\mathbf{V}(\hat{\beta}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0,024 \cdot 10^{-9} \\ 0,907 \cdot 10^{-9} \end{pmatrix} \quad \sigma_b^2 (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0,024 \cdot 10^{-9} \\ 0,900 \cdot 10^{-9} \end{pmatrix} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{V}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma_b^2 (\mathbf{X}^t \mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

## Residuals

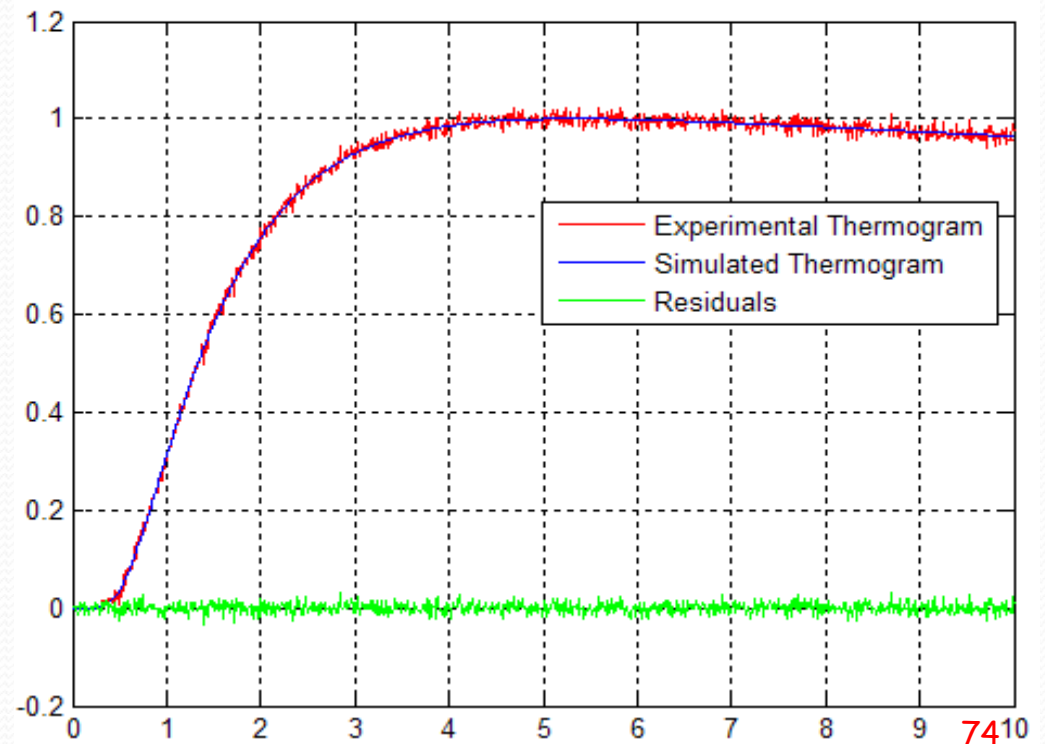
$$\mathbf{r}(t_i) = \mathbf{Y}(t_i, \beta) - \mathbf{T}(t_i, \hat{\beta})$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = 5,902 \cdot 10^{-21}$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r}) = 9,989 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{r}) = \sigma_b^2$$



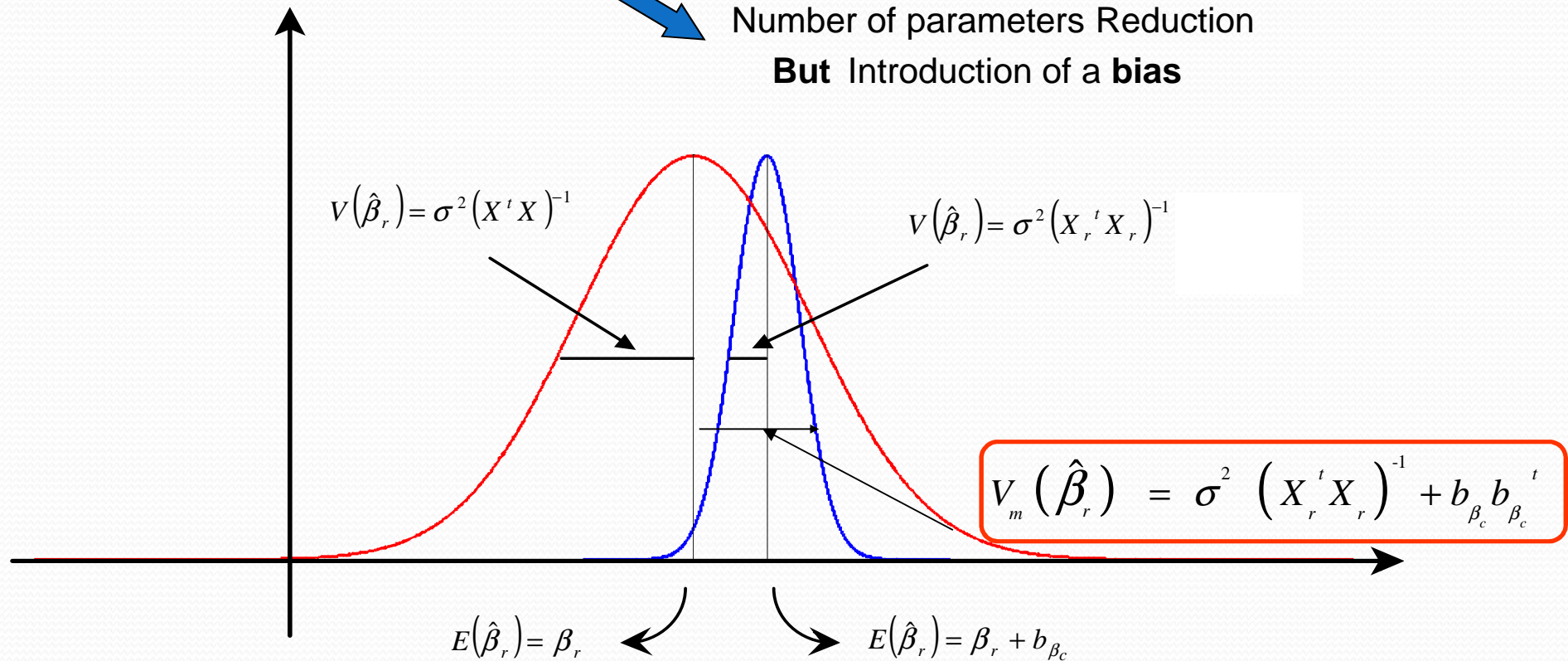
# Biased Model

Parameter Estimation Improvement

Measurement noise Reduction

Number of parameters Reduction

**But** Introduction of a **bias**



Variance calculated from true values

$$V(\hat{\beta}_r) = \sigma_b^2 (\mathbf{X}_r^t \mathbf{X}_r)^{-1}$$

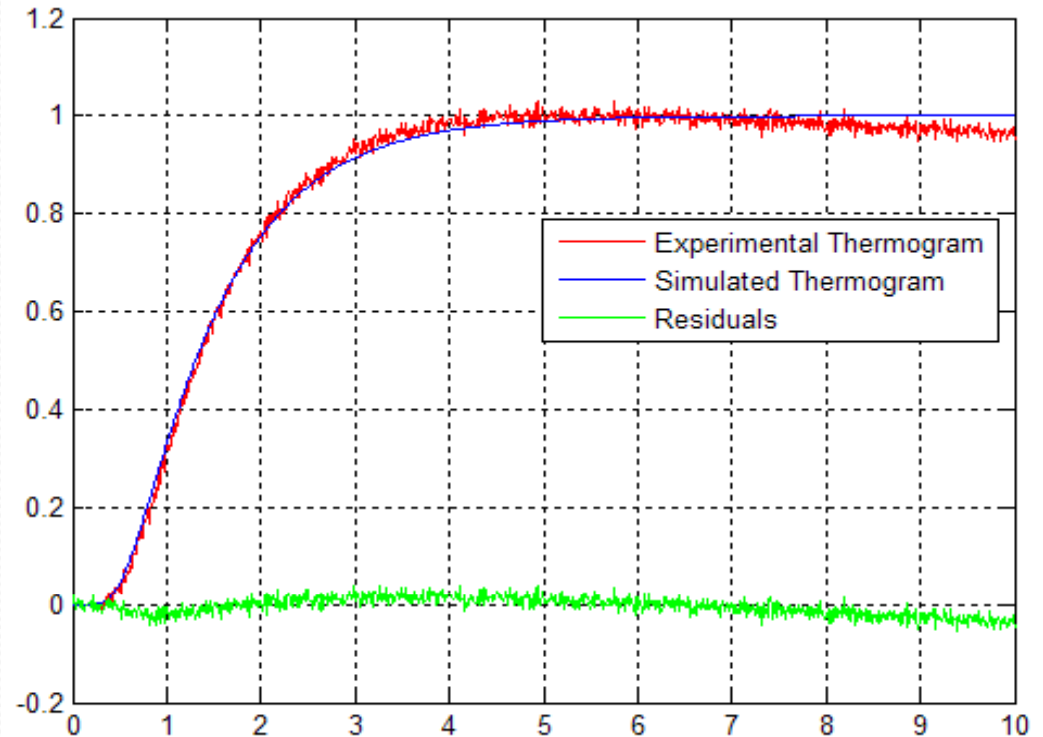
Variance calculated from the biased parameters

$$V_m(\hat{\beta}_r) = \sigma_b^2 (\mathbf{X}_r^t \mathbf{X}_r)^{-1} + \mathbf{b}_{\beta_c} \mathbf{b}_{\beta_c}^t$$

# Biased Model

$$\begin{cases} \boldsymbol{\beta} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}_r | \boldsymbol{\beta}_c) \\ \mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_r | \mathbf{X}_c) \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_r^t (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{T}) = 0$$



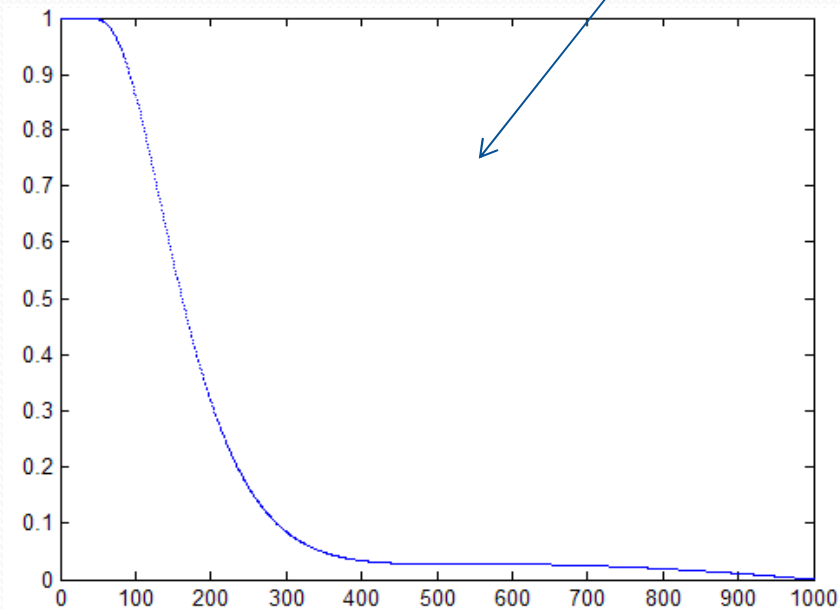
Error on the assumed “known” parameters:  $\mathbf{e}_{\beta_c} = \boldsymbol{\beta}_{c_{\text{nom}}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}_c$

$$\mathbf{T}(t, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{c_{\text{nom}}}) = \mathbf{T}(t, \boldsymbol{\beta}_r, \boldsymbol{\beta}_c) + (\mathbf{X}_r | \mathbf{X}_c) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r - \boldsymbol{\beta}_r \\ \mathbf{e}_{\beta_c} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\longrightarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r = \boldsymbol{\beta}_r + (\mathbf{X}_r^t \mathbf{X}_r)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_r^t \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - (\mathbf{X}_r^t \mathbf{X}_r)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_r^t \mathbf{X}_c \mathbf{e}_{\beta_c}$$

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$$r = \left( \tilde{X}_r \cdot (\tilde{X}_r^t \tilde{X}_r)^{-1} \cdot \tilde{X}_r^t - Id \right) \cdot X_c \cdot e_{b_c}$$



Matrix determinant versus Matrix Rank

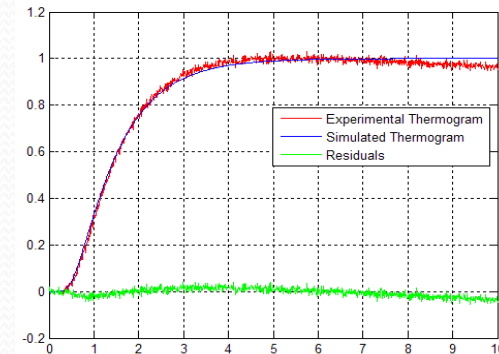
Matrix inversion can  
not be implemented

(Determinant = 0)

# III. Parameters Estimation using a Time Variable Interval

We have previously shown:

$$b_{\beta_r} = -\left(\tilde{X}_r^t X_r\right)^{-1} \cdot \tilde{X}_r^t X_c \cdot e_{b_c}$$



- If  $e_{b_c} = 0$  , then  $b_{\beta_r} = 0$  and residuals curve is unsigned ( $r = 0$  ).

- If  $e_{b_c} \neq 0$  , then residuals curve is signed ( $r \neq 0$  )

- $b_{\beta_r}$  is null if  $\tilde{X}_r^t \cdot X_c = 0$  (uncorrelated parameters).

In this case,  $r = -X_c \cdot e_{b_c}$

- $b_{\beta_r}$  is different to zero if  $\tilde{X}_r^t \cdot X_c \neq 0$

In this case,  $r = -X_c \cdot e_{b_c} - X_r \cdot b_{\beta_r}$

# III. Parameters Estimation using a Time Variable Interval

Time intervals truncated to time  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  will be denoted :  $[0 - t_1]$   $[0 - t_2]$

## Approximation:

$$\tilde{X}_{r_2}^t X_{r_2} = \tilde{X}_{r_1}^t X_{r_1} + \int_{t=t_1}^{t_2} \tilde{X}_{r_1}^t X_{r_1} dt \approx \tilde{X}_{r_1}^t X_{r_1}$$

$\rightarrow 0$   $t_2 \rightarrow t_1 / t_1 \rightarrow t_2$

## Bias:

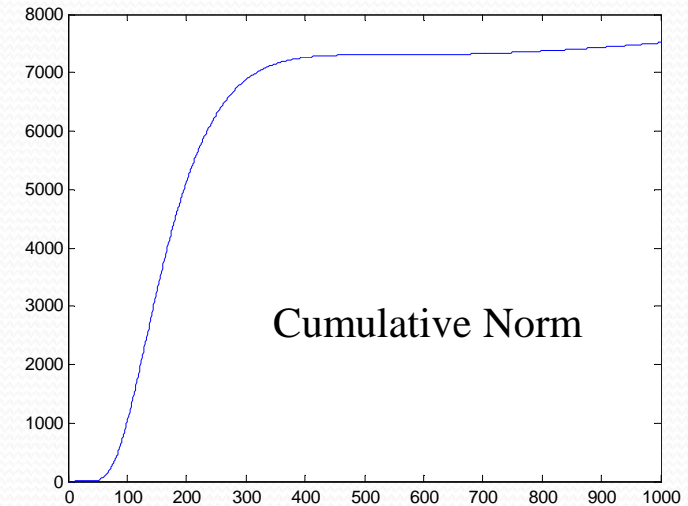
$$b_{\beta_{r_1}} = \hat{\beta}_{r_1} - \beta_r = -\left(\tilde{X}_{r_1}^t X_{r_1}\right)^{-1} \cdot \tilde{X}_{r_1}^t X_{c1} \cdot e_{b_c}$$

$$b_{\beta_{r_2}} = \hat{\beta}_{r_2} - \beta_r = -\left(\tilde{X}_{r_2}^t X_{r_2}\right)^{-1} \cdot \tilde{X}_{r_2}^t X_{c2} \cdot e_{b_c}$$

## Bias variation:

$$\Delta b_{\beta_{r_{2-1}}} = \hat{\beta}_{r_2} - \hat{\beta}_{r_1} = -\left(\tilde{X}_{r_2}^t X_{r_2}\right)^{-1} \cdot \tilde{X}_{r_2}^t X_{c2} \cdot e_{b_c} + \left(\tilde{X}_{r_1}^t X_{r_1}\right)^{-1} \cdot \tilde{X}_{r_1}^t X_{c1} \cdot e_{b_c}$$

$$\Delta b_{\beta_{r_{2-1}}} = \hat{\beta}_{r_2} - \hat{\beta}_{r_1} = -\left(\tilde{X}_{r_1}^t X_{r_1}\right)^{-1} \cdot \left[\tilde{X}_r^t(t_2) X_c(t_2) \cdot e_{b_c}\right]$$



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Setting:  $t_m = (t_1 + t_2) / 2$

Bias difference can be written:

$$\Delta b_{\beta_{r_{2-1}}} = \hat{\beta}_{r_2} - \hat{\beta}_{r_1} = -(\tilde{X}_{r_1}^t X_{r_1})^{-1} \cdot [\tilde{X}_r^t(t_m) X_c(t_m) \cdot e_{b_c} (n_2 - n_1)]$$

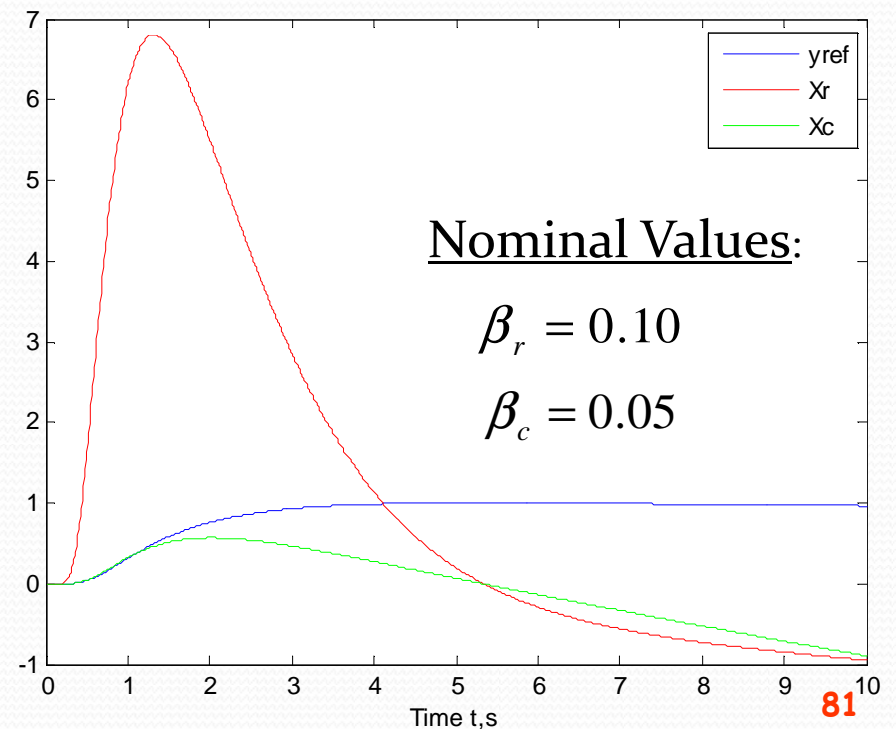
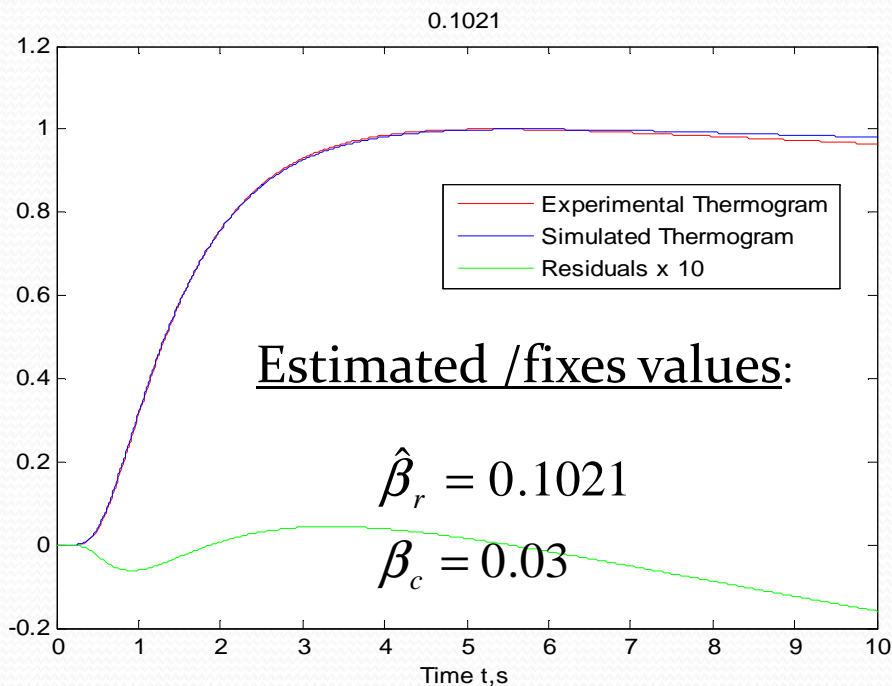
→ 
$$X_c(t_m) \cdot e_{b_c} = -\frac{(\hat{\beta}_{r_2} - \hat{\beta}_{r_1}) (\tilde{X}_{r_1}^t X_{r_1})}{\tilde{X}_r^t(t_m) (n_2 - n_1)} \Rightarrow X_c e_{\beta_c} = -E(r) - X_r b_{\beta_r}$$

$$b_{\beta_r} = \frac{(-Y(t_m) - X_c(t_m) \cdot e_{b_c})}{X_r(t_m)}$$



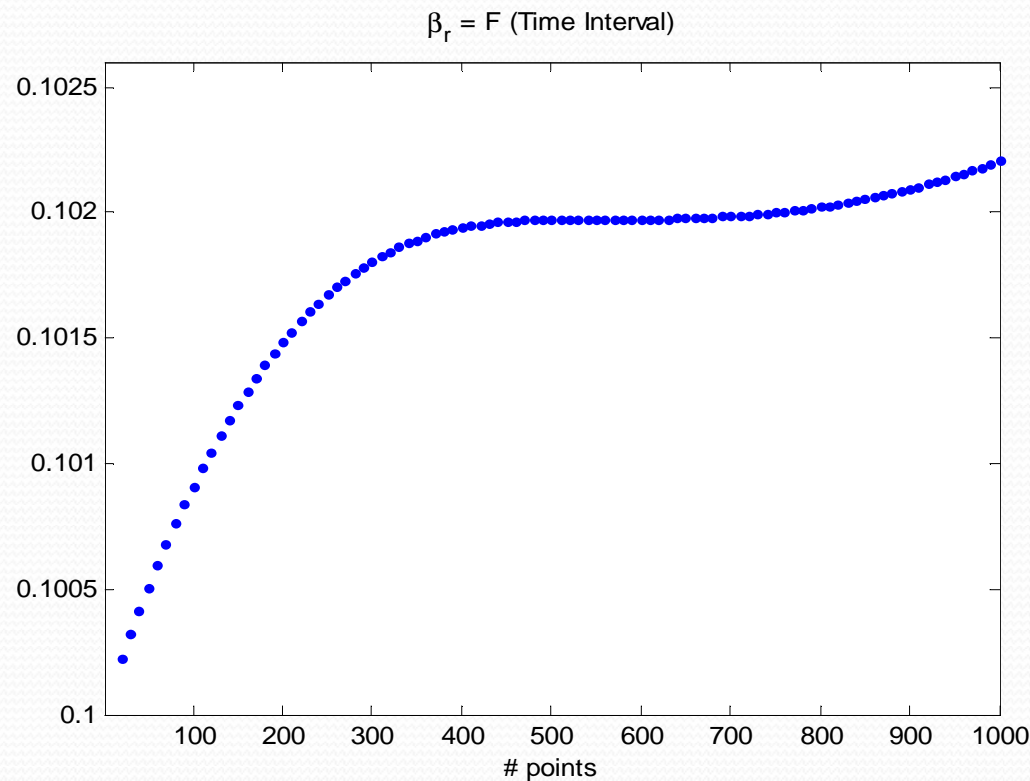
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- **Bias Estimation using a time varying estimation interval in the case of the Flash Method**



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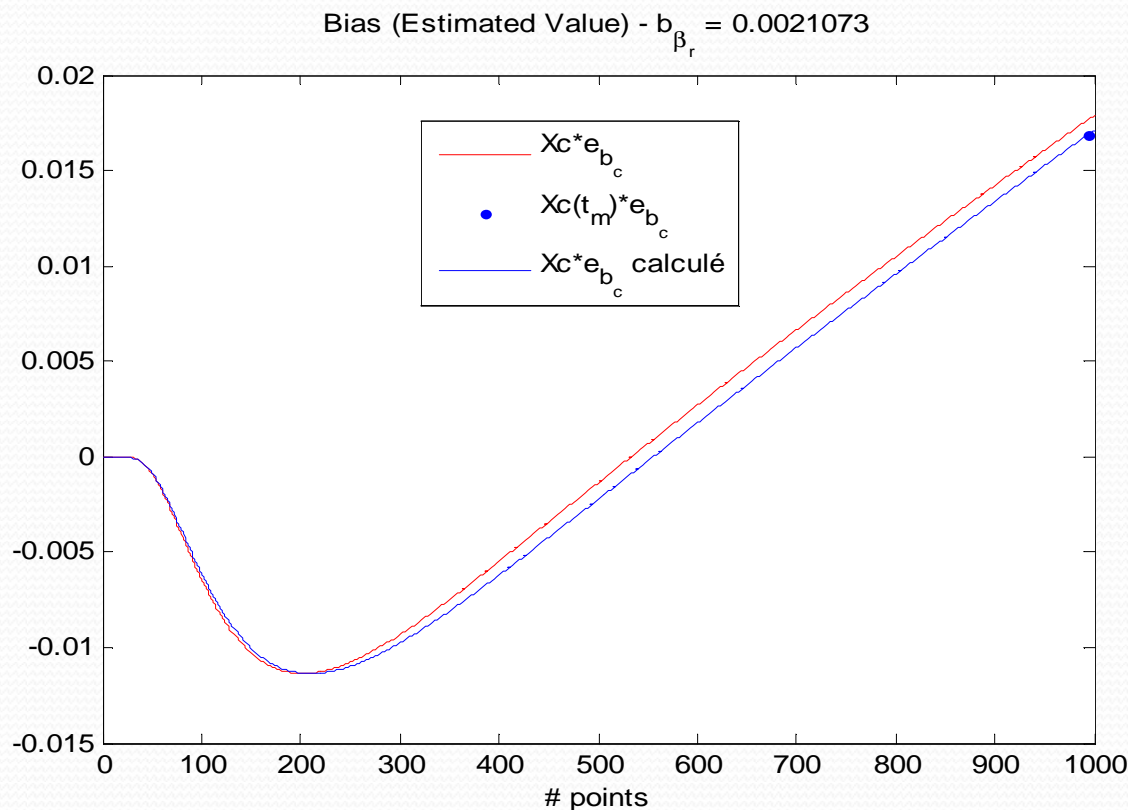
- **Bias Estimation using a time varying estimation interval in the case of the Flash Method**



$\hat{\beta}_r$   
is a function of the time interval length  
↓  
It exhibits the presence of a bias  $b_{\beta_r}$

### III. Parameters Estimation using a Time Variable Interval

- **Bias Estimation using a time varying estimation interval in the case of the Flash Method**



Estimated Bias = 0.0021073

Expected Bias = 0.0021



Efficient technique



How to chose the optimal length of the time interval ?

## GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

- No General Rules in the Case of a Non-Linear Problems but a Methodology and different Tools exist
- Different Aspects specific to Non-Linear Problems must be taken into account to improve the Parameters Estimation (**both** in Experimental and Theoretical Points of View)
- The Using of a Reduced Model is a Solution but **a particular attention must be paid to the Bias** on Estimated Parameters
- Bias can be estimated from “Known” Quantities (Sensitivity to Estimated Parameters and Residuals Curve)



Thank You For Your Attention !!!