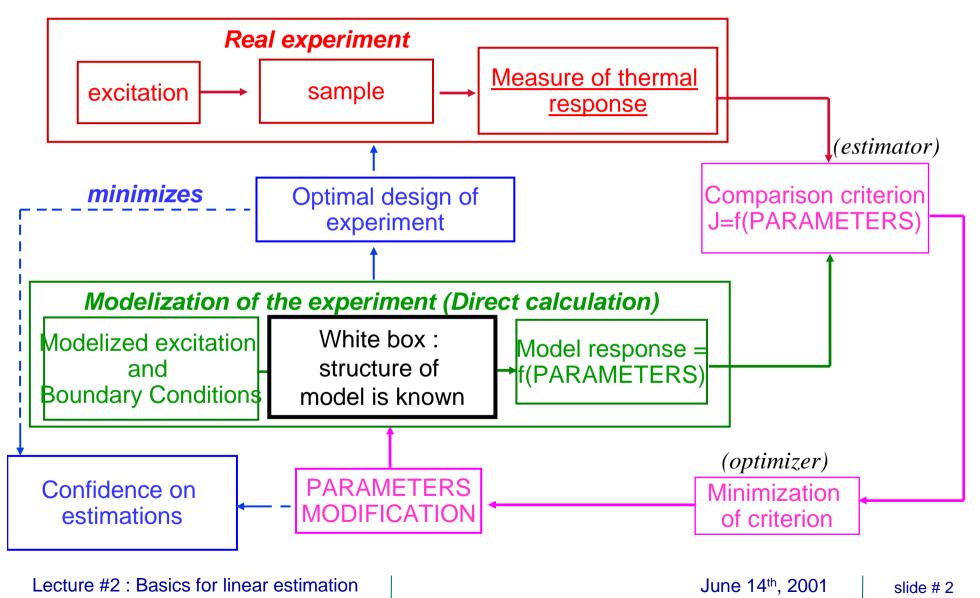


Lecture L2 : Basics for linear inversion, the 'white box' case

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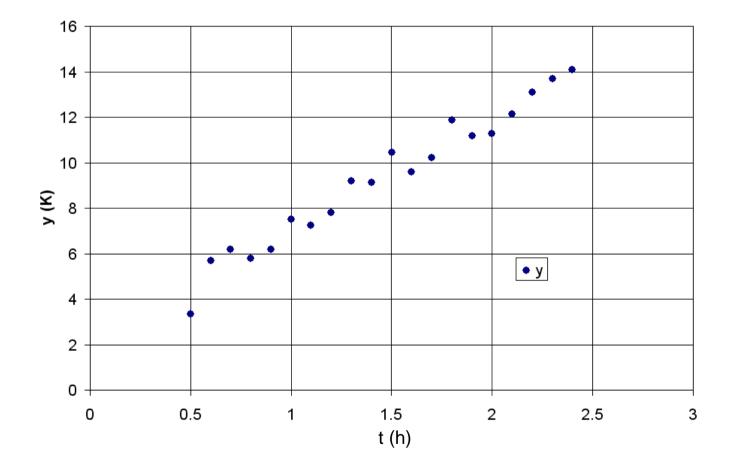




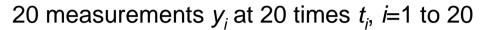


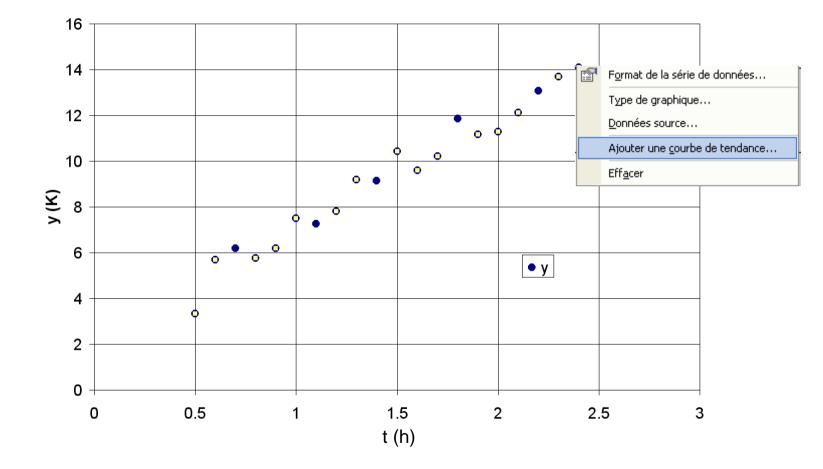
First : Beyong the magic of 'trendline tool' ('courbe de tendance' in français...)

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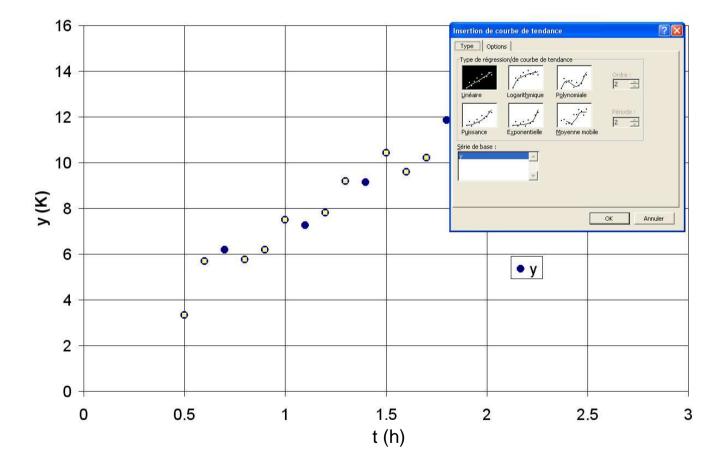






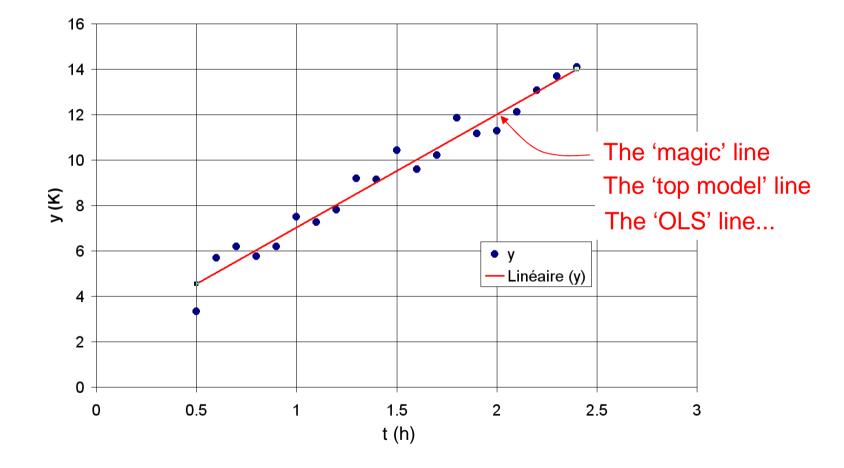


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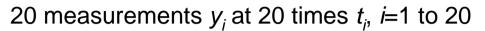


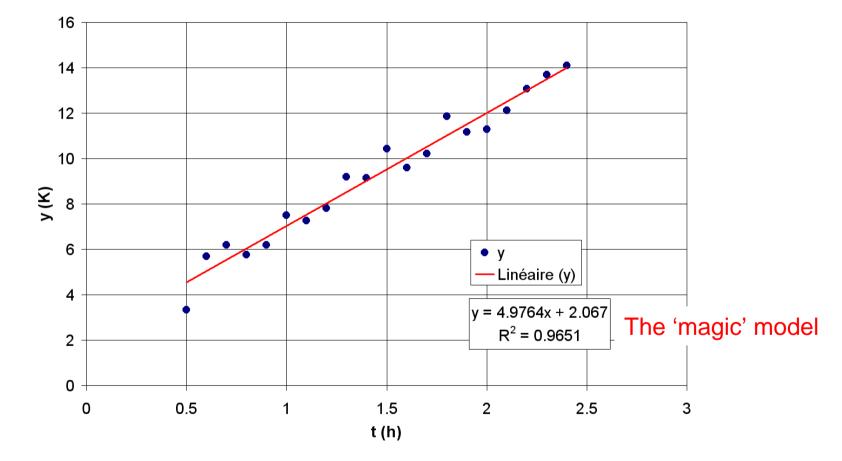








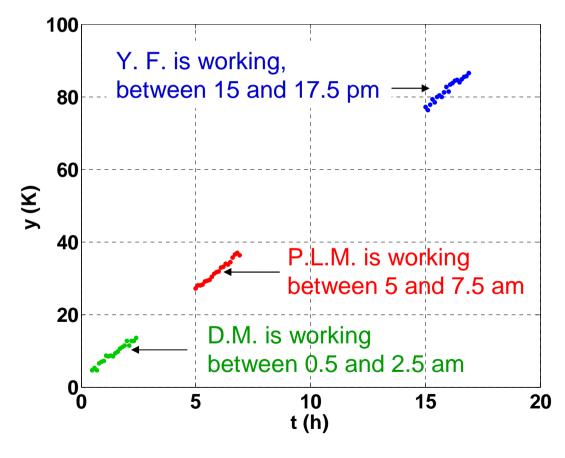




Let's play with the trendline tool, and let's observe what happens...

Metti⁵ Let's play with the 'trendline tool' 2011

A researcher (names Y. J.) works with three students, on an experiment that begins at 0.00 o'clock and that is during about 20h. Each student performs m=20 measurements y_i . Each measurement is done with the same accuracy.



Y. J. suspects that every measurement can be explained by the simple model :

$$\mathbf{y}_{mo} = \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{x}_2$$

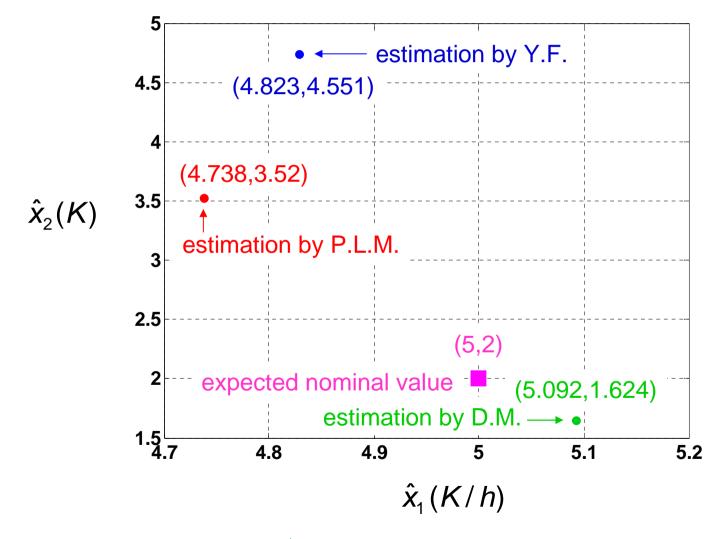
He also expects the values

$$x_1 = x_1^{nom} = 5 K/h$$

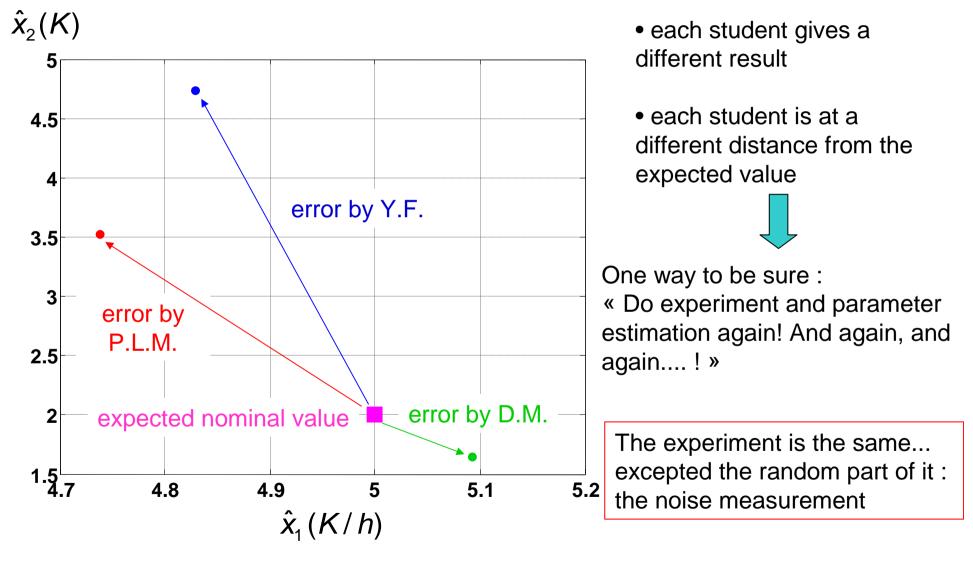
 $x_2 = x_2^{nom} = 2 K$

...but keep them secret... He asks each student to use the trendline tool on his own 20 measurements and give him the value of x_1 and x_2

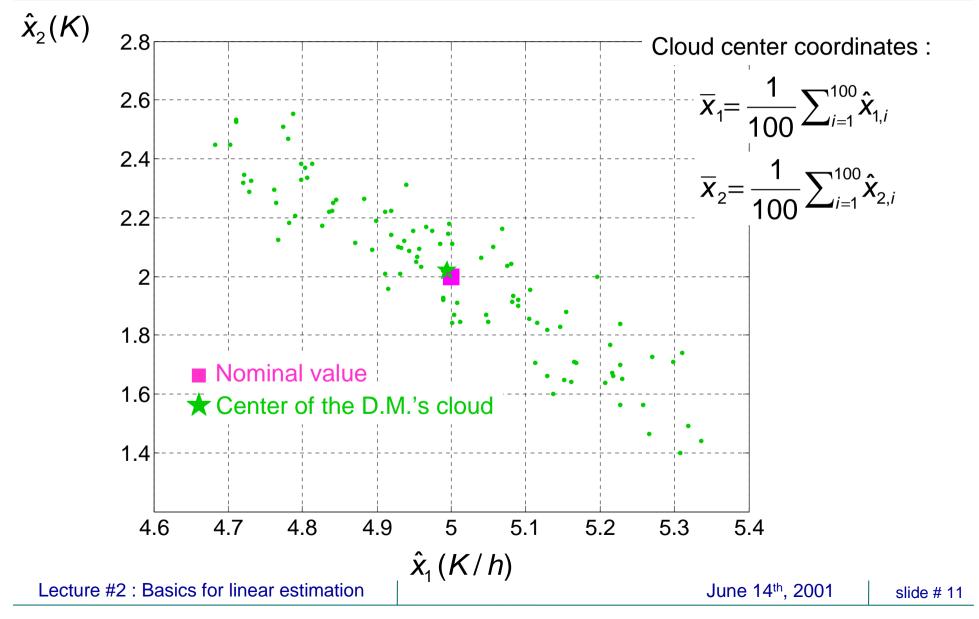
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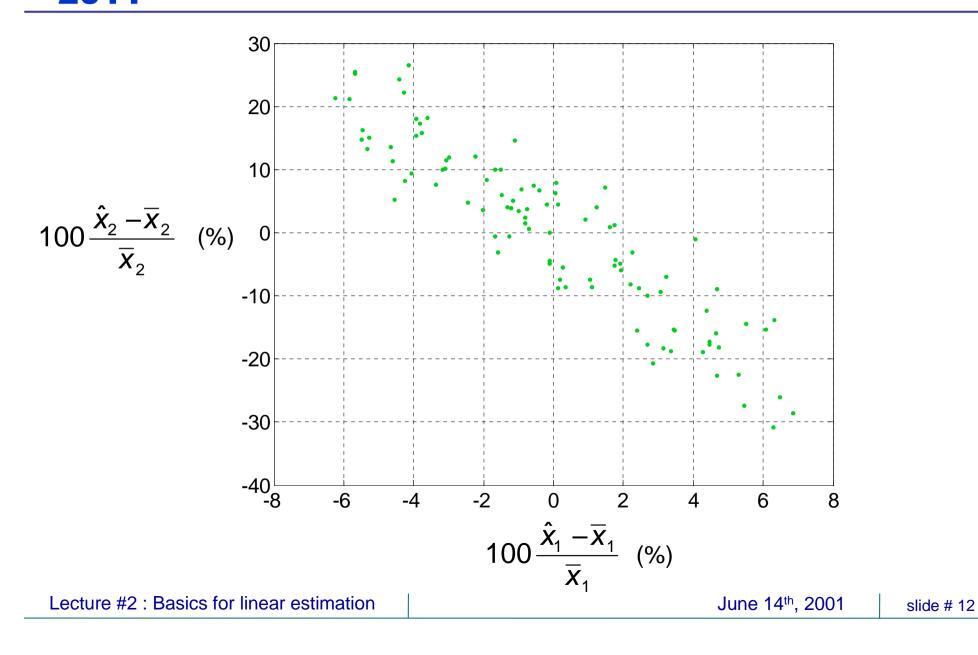
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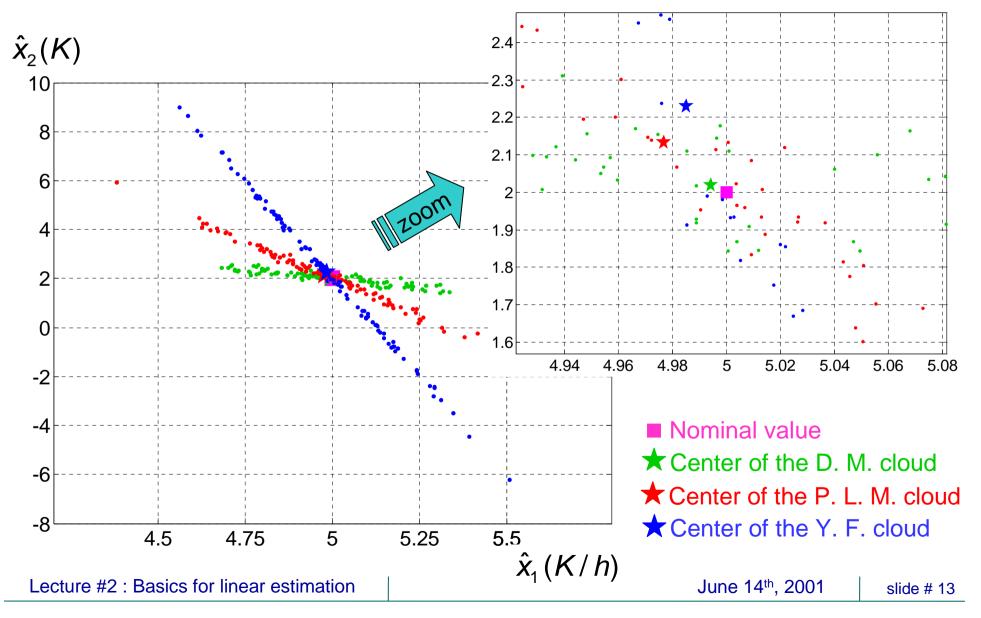
Metti Cloud of 100 estimations $(\hat{x}_{1,i}, \hat{x}_{2,i})$ for D.M.



Relative scattering of D.M.'s cloud around its center 2011



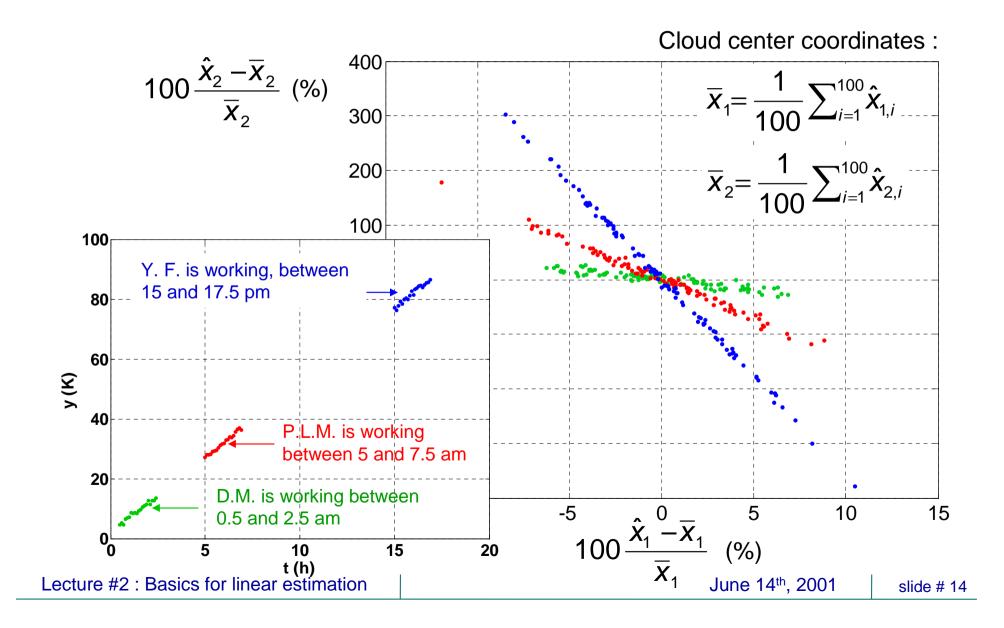
Metti⁵ Three clouds of 100 estimations $(\hat{x}_{1,i}, \hat{x}_{2,i})$ 2011



Relative scattering of each cloud around its center

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Each student can annonce now :

- the central value of its cloud of 100 estimations

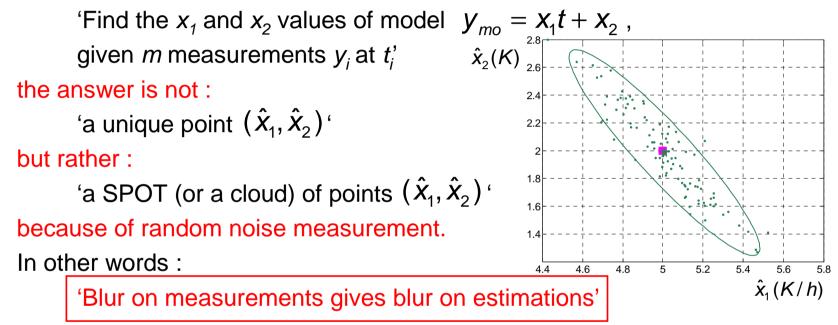
- a size of the region (absolute and relative) in which are located the majority of its estimations

Student	D.M.	P.L.M.	Y.F.
Time range (h)	0.5 h -2.5 h	5 h -7.5 h	15 h -17.5 h
Central value \overline{X}_1 (K/h)	4.994 K/h	4.738 K/h	4.985 K/h
Absolute interval (K/h)	±0.3 K/h	±0.35 K/h	±0.35 K/h
Relative interval (%)	±6%	±7%	±7%
Central value \overline{X}_2 (K)	2.019	3.52	2.223
Absolute interval (K)	±0.5 K	±1 K/h	±5.3 K/h
Relative interval (%)	± 10 %	± 28 %	± 106 %

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• Finally we can say that to the question :



- Here clouds of estimations have elliptical shapes with high density in the central region
- The center of each spot is very close to the nominal value
- The ideal spot would be : with the 'smallest' extension
 - centered on the nominal value

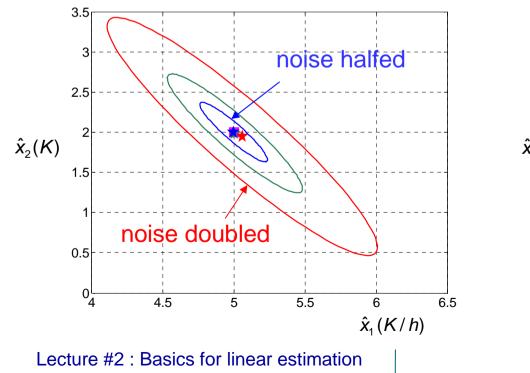
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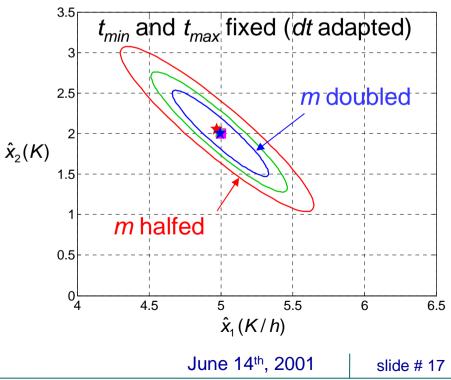
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- It seems that certain experimental conditions are better than others :
 - here, measurements have to be 'close' to t=0
- Suppose we know the equation of the elliptical solution spot (detailed later) :
- What happens if noise measurement magnitude changes ?

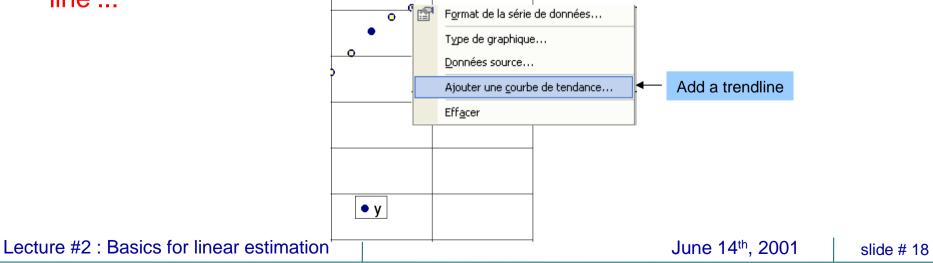


What happens if number of measurements (*m*=20) changes ?



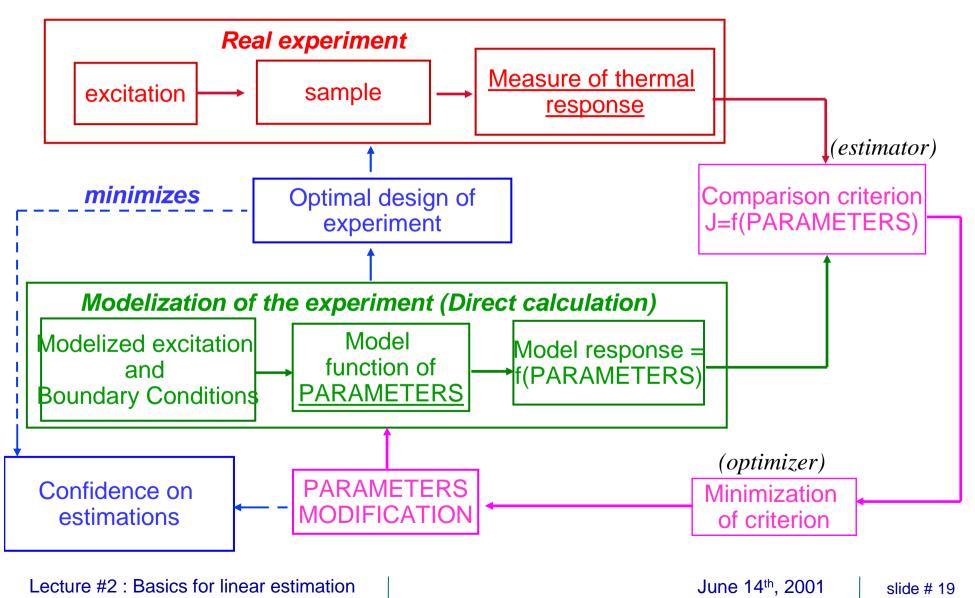


- So it would be very interesting to predict the performances of a parameter estimation method in term of 'spot (or cloud) of estimations' without achieving 100 experiment/identifications!
- We must try to predict the shape of the 'spot of estimations' (that will be called 'the confidence region'), associated to only one experiment/identification realisation
- But before, we have to reveal the secret of the 'magic/top model/OLS line'...



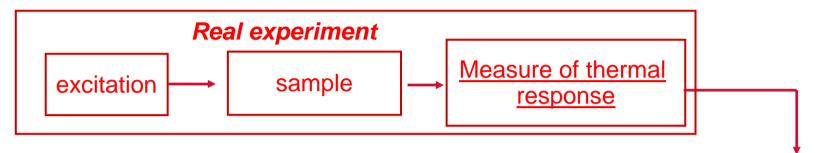


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 $(m \times 1)$ experimental measurements vector

$$\mathbf{y} = [y_1 \dots y_i \dots y_m]^t$$
 with $y_i = y(t_i), t_i = t_{\min} + (i-1).dt, i=1,...,m$

(*m*×1) time vector (explicative variable) $\boldsymbol{t} = [t_1 \dots t_i \dots t_m]^t$

 \boldsymbol{y}_i

 $(m \times 1)$ measurement errors vector

 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{E}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{E}_1 \dots \mathcal{E}_i \end{bmatrix}^t$ \mathcal{E}_i be the (unknown) error associated to the measurement

Some assumptions have to be done on these measurement errors.

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Number	Assumption on measurement errors	Explanation
1	Additive errors	$\boldsymbol{y} = \boldsymbol{y}_{perfect} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$
2	Unbiased model	$\boldsymbol{y}_{perfect} = \boldsymbol{y}_{mo}(\boldsymbol{x}^{exact})$
3	Zero mean errors	$E[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}] = 0$
4	Constant variance	$Var[\varepsilon] = \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}$
5	Uncorrelated errors	$Cov[\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j] = 0$ for $i \neq j$
6	Normal probability distribution	
7	Known statistical parameters	
8	No error in the X_{ij}	X is not a random matrix
9	No prior information regarding the parameters	

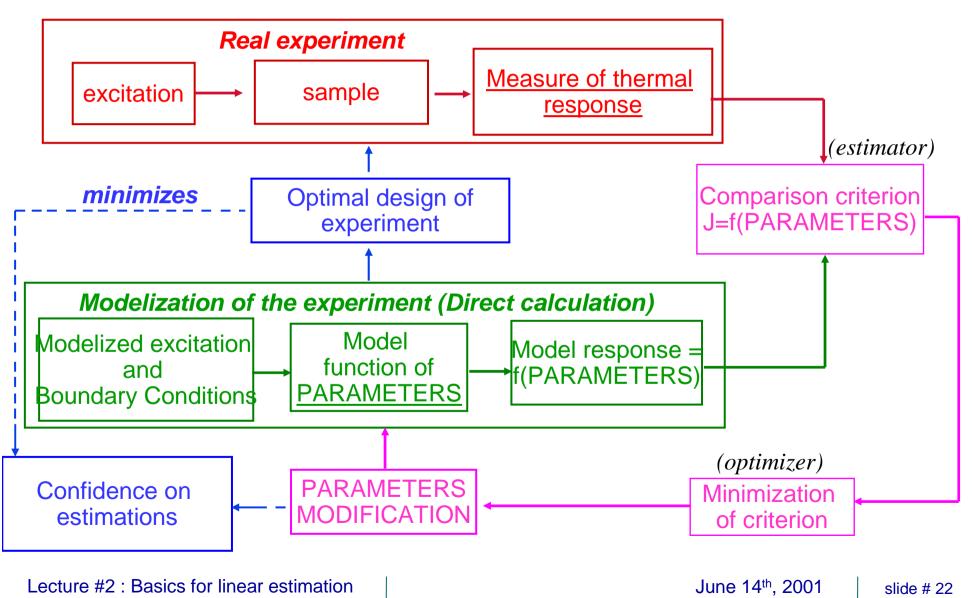
E[.] Is the expected value operator (representing the mean of a large number of realizations of the random variable)

Covariance Matrix of measurement errors

$$\boldsymbol{\psi} = E[(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - E[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}])(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} - E[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}])^t] = E[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^t] = diag(\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2, \cdots, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2, \cdots, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2) = I.\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2$$



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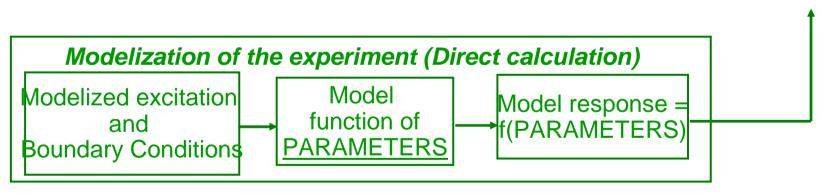


 $(m \times 1)$ experimental measurements vector

$$\boldsymbol{y}_{\boldsymbol{mo}}(\boldsymbol{t},\boldsymbol{x}) = \left[\boldsymbol{y}_{mo,1}(t_1,\boldsymbol{x})\dots\boldsymbol{y}_{mo,i}(t_i,\boldsymbol{x})\dots\boldsymbol{y}_{mo,m}(t_m,\boldsymbol{x})\right]^{\mathrm{t}}$$

with $y_{mo}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \eta(t, \mathbf{x})$

parameters vector $(n \times 1)$: $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{X}_n \end{bmatrix}^t$



With here: $y_{mo}(t, x) = x_1 t + x_2$



$$\boldsymbol{y}_{mo}(t,\boldsymbol{x}) = \boldsymbol{x}_1 t + \boldsymbol{x}_2$$

NB : that model is said 'linear' on the parameter estimation point of view because it is linear with respect to its parameter x_i . The following model

$$y_{mo}(t, \mathbf{x}) = x_1 \sqrt{t} + x_2.erf(t)$$

is still linear with respect to its parameter x_i even it is not with respect to time. The following model

$$y_{mo}(t, \mathbf{x}) = x_1 \sqrt{t} + \exp(-x_2 t)$$

is not linear with respect to x_2



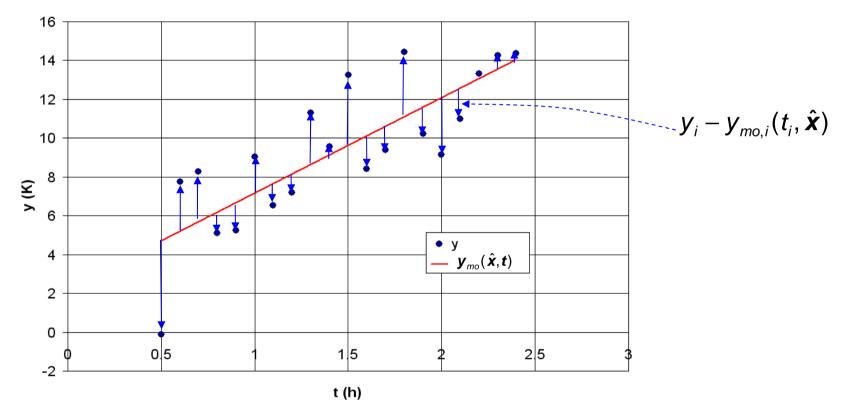
Writing the *m* model values for the *m* time values, the *m* resulting equations can be written in a matrix way as following :

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{y}_{mo,1} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{y}_{mo,i} \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{y}_{mo,m} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{t}_{1} & \boldsymbol{1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{t}_{i} & \boldsymbol{1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{t}_{m} & \boldsymbol{1} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}_{1} \\ \boldsymbol{x}_{2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ or } \boldsymbol{y}_{mo} = \boldsymbol{S}\boldsymbol{x} \text{ with } \boldsymbol{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{S}_{1}(\boldsymbol{t}_{1}) & \boldsymbol{S}_{2}(\boldsymbol{t}_{1}) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{S}_{1}(\boldsymbol{t}_{i}) & \boldsymbol{S}_{2}(\boldsymbol{t}_{1}) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{S}_{1}(\boldsymbol{t}_{m}) & \boldsymbol{S}_{2}(\boldsymbol{t}_{1}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{t}_{1} & \boldsymbol{1} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{t}_{m} & \boldsymbol{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

with
$$S_k(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial y_{mo}(t, \mathbf{x})}{\partial x_k} \Big|_{t, x_j \text{ for } \mathbf{j} \neq \mathbf{k}}$$
 : sensitivity coefficient relative to parameter $x_{k, k} = 1, ..., n$



Problem : use the m(=20) measurements to estimate the n (2) unknown parameters : Overdetermined problem transformed in a minimization problem :



Residual vector (m×1)

$$\boldsymbol{r}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) = \boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{y}_{mo}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - y_{mo,1}(t_1, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) & \dots & y_i - y_{mo,i}(t_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) & \dots & y_m - y_{mo,m}(t_m, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) \end{bmatrix}^t$$



Without any a priori information on the parameters and given the above assumptions for measurements errors, the square of the Euclidian norm of the residual vector is minimised :

$$J_{OLS}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) = \left\| \boldsymbol{r}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) \right\|^2 = \left\| \boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{S}\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} \right\|^2$$

This scalar number is called the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) cost function

$$J_{OLS}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_i(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left(y_i - \sum_{j=1}^{n} S_j(t_i) \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_j \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left(y_i - y_{mo,i}(t_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) \right)^2$$

With a matrix formulation it gives :

$$J_{OLS}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) = [\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{y}_{mo}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})]^{t} [\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{y}_{mo}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})]$$
$$J_{OLS}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) = [\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{S}\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}]^{t} [\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{S}\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}]$$

The solution of the problem is then : $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{OLS} = \arg[\min(J_{OLS}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}))]$

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The OLS estimator is the one that minimizes the scalar function $J_{OLS}(\hat{x})$

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$$\nabla_{x} J_{OLS}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{OLS}) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \nabla_{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{n}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla_{x} J_{OLS}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) = 2 [\nabla_{x} [\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{y}_{mo}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})]]^{t} [\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{y}_{mo}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}})]$$

Knowing that
$$\mathbf{S}^{t} = \left[\nabla_{x} \mathbf{y}_{mo}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \right]^{t}$$
 and $\mathbf{y}_{mo}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \mathbf{S}\hat{\mathbf{x}}$

$$\nabla_{x} J_{OLS}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) = -2\boldsymbol{S}^{t} [\boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{S}\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}]$$

Then $\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{OLS}$ is solution of : $[\boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{S}] \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{OLS} = \boldsymbol{S}^{t} \boldsymbol{y}$ (the Normal Equation)



$$\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{OLS} = [\boldsymbol{S}^{t}\boldsymbol{S}]^{-1}\boldsymbol{S}^{t}\boldsymbol{y}$$

NB : $[\boldsymbol{S}^{t}\boldsymbol{S}]^{-1}\boldsymbol{S}^{t}$ (n×m) is the Moore Penrose matrix

If we distinguish parameters to be estimated x_r from parameters that will be fixed x_c

$$\mathbf{y}_{mo}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{S}_{r}\mathbf{x}_{r} + \mathbf{S}_{c}\mathbf{x}_{c}$$
$$\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{S}_{r}:\mathbf{S}_{c}] = \begin{bmatrix} S_{1}(t_{1}) & \dots & S_{r}(t_{1}) \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ S_{1}(t_{m}) & \dots & S_{r}(t_{m}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} S_{r+1}(t_{1}) & \dots & S_{q}(t_{1}) \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ S_{r+1}(t_{m}) & \dots & S_{q}(t_{m}) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{OLS} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_{r}^{t}\mathbf{S}_{r} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \mathbf{S}_{r}^{t}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{S}_{c}\mathbf{x}_{c})$$

Matrix $S^{t}S$ needs to be inverted

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$$\mathbf{e}_{r} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{r,OLS}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{c}) - \mathbf{x}_{r}^{exact}: \text{ error on estimations}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_{c} = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{c} - \mathbf{x}_{c}^{exact} : \text{ deterministic error (bias) on parameter}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{r,OLS}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{c}) = \mathbf{A}_{r}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{S}_{c}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{c}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}_{mo}(\mathbf{x}^{exact}) + \mathbf{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{S}_{r}\mathbf{x}_{r}^{exact} + \mathbf{S}_{c}\mathbf{x}_{c}^{exact} + \mathbf{\varepsilon}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{e}_{r} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{r,OLS}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{c}) - \mathbf{x}_{r}^{exact} = \mathbf{A}_{r}\varepsilon - \mathbf{A}_{r}\mathbf{S}_{c}\mathbf{e}_{c} = \mathbf{e}_{r1} + \mathbf{e}_{r2} \quad , \quad \mathbf{A}_{r} = [\mathbf{S}_{r}^{t}\mathbf{S}_{r}]^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{r}^{t}$$

Random contribution due to random measurement errors

the non-random (deterministic) contribution to the total error vector due to the deterministic error on the fixed parameters

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Covariance of estimations

$$\boldsymbol{C}_{1} = \operatorname{COV}(\boldsymbol{e}_{r1}) = \boldsymbol{E}[\boldsymbol{e}_{r1}\boldsymbol{e}_{r1}^{t}] = \boldsymbol{A}_{r}\boldsymbol{E}[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{t}]\boldsymbol{A}_{r}^{t} = \boldsymbol{A}_{r}\boldsymbol{\psi}\boldsymbol{A}_{r}^{t} = \left[\boldsymbol{S}_{r}^{t}\boldsymbol{S}_{r}\right]^{-1}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\varepsilon}^{2} = \boldsymbol{C}_{1}$$

 $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_r^t \mathbf{S}_r \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ is a matrix (r×r) that amplifies the noise measurements (we have found the danger!)

Bias of estimations

$$E[\mathbf{e}_{r2}] = -\mathbf{A}_r \mathbf{S}_c \mathbf{e}_c = [\mathbf{S}_r^t \mathbf{S}_r]^{-1} \mathbf{S}_r^t \mathbf{S}_c \mathbf{e}_c \neq 0$$

 $[\mathbf{S}_{r}^{t}\mathbf{S}_{r}]^{-1}\mathbf{S}_{r}^{t}\mathbf{S}_{c}$ is a matrix $(r \times (n-r))$ that amplifies the bias on fixed parameters (we have found another danger!)

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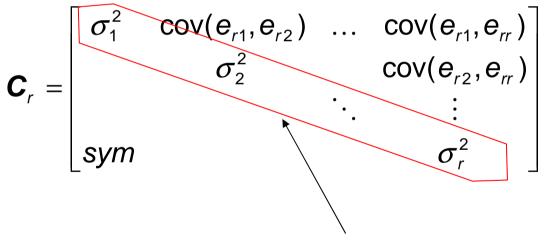
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For a fixed value of $\tilde{\boldsymbol{x}}_c$, the covariance matrix of estimations errors is

$$\boldsymbol{C}_r = \operatorname{cov}(\boldsymbol{e}_r) = E[(\boldsymbol{e}_r - E[\boldsymbol{e}_r])(\boldsymbol{e}_r - E[\boldsymbol{e}_r])^t] = E[\boldsymbol{e}_{r1}\boldsymbol{e}_{r1}^t] = \operatorname{cov}(\boldsymbol{e}_{r1}) = \boldsymbol{C}_1$$

The covariance matrix components are



Individual variances on the r estimations are on the diagonal



$$\boldsymbol{C}_{1} = \left[\boldsymbol{S}_{r}^{t}\boldsymbol{S}_{r}\right]^{-1}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\varepsilon}^{2}$$

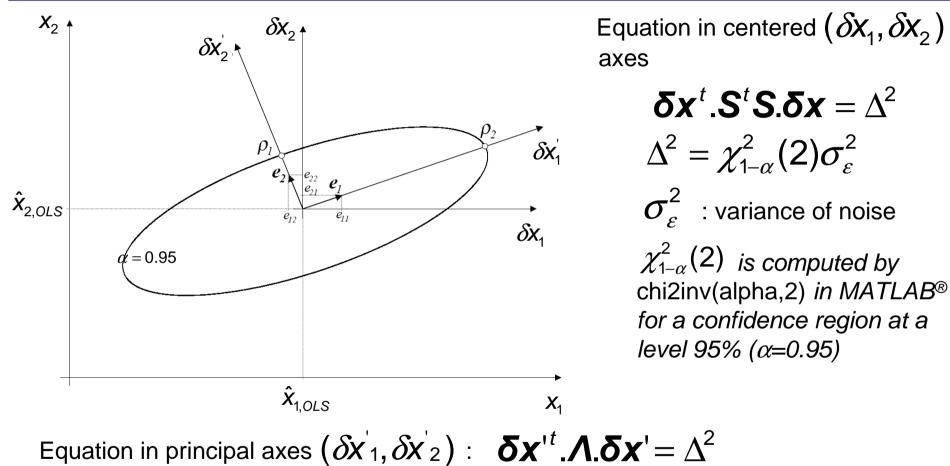
if σ_{ε}^2 is not measured before the experiment, an estimation of it may be obtained at the end of estimation thanks to the final value of the objective function :

$$J_{OLS}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{r,OLS}(\boldsymbol{\widetilde{x}}_{c})) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{i}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{OLS}(\boldsymbol{\widetilde{x}}_{c}))^{2}$$

a non biased estimation of σ_{ε}^2 for the estimation of *r* parameter from the use of *m* measurements is thus given by

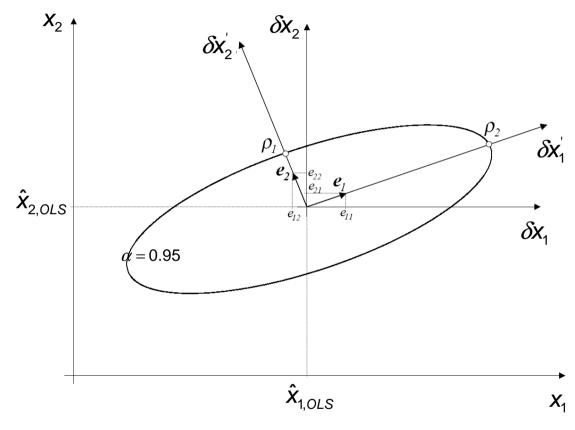
$$\hat{\sigma}_{\varepsilon}^{2} = \frac{J_{OLS}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{r,OLS}(\boldsymbol{\widetilde{x}}_{c}))}{n-r}$$

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Where $\Lambda = diag(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)$ contains the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{S}^t \mathbf{S}$

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Length of the two half axis are 'long' if eigenvalues are 'small' :

$$\rho_1 = \Delta / \sqrt{\lambda_1}$$
$$\rho_2 = \Delta / \sqrt{\lambda_2}$$

Notice : determinant of $\mathbf{S}^t \mathbf{S}$ Is given by

$$\det(\mathbf{S}^{t}\mathbf{S}) = \lambda_{1}\lambda_{2}$$

the area of the region inside the ellipse is given by

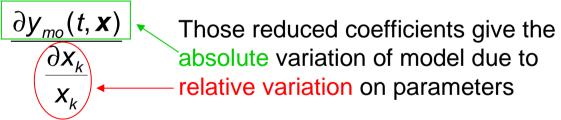
$$A = \pi . \rho_1 . \rho_2 = \frac{\pi \chi_{1-\alpha}^2(2)\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2}{\sqrt{\det(\mathbf{S}^t\mathbf{S})}} = \frac{\pi \chi_{1-\alpha}^2(2)\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2}{\sqrt{\lambda_1\lambda_2}}$$



 $\mathbf{C}_{1} = [\mathbf{S}_{r}^{t}\mathbf{S}_{r}]^{-1}\sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}$: 'absolute' covariance matrix of estimations

We can use $\mathbf{S}^* = \mathbf{S}.diag(\mathbf{x})$ instead of \mathbf{S} , whose the columns contain the reduced sensitivity coefficients (of same unit than model y_{mo})

$$S_{k}^{*}(t, \mathbf{X}) = X_{k}S_{k}(t, \mathbf{X}) = X_{k}\frac{\partial y_{mo}(t, \mathbf{X})}{\partial X_{k}}\Big|_{t, x_{j} \text{ for } \mathbf{j}\neq \mathbf{k}} = \frac{\partial y_{mo}(t, \mathbf{X})}{\frac{\partial X_{k}}{X_{k}}}\Big|_{t, x_{j} \text{ for } \mathbf{j}\neq \mathbf{k}}$$

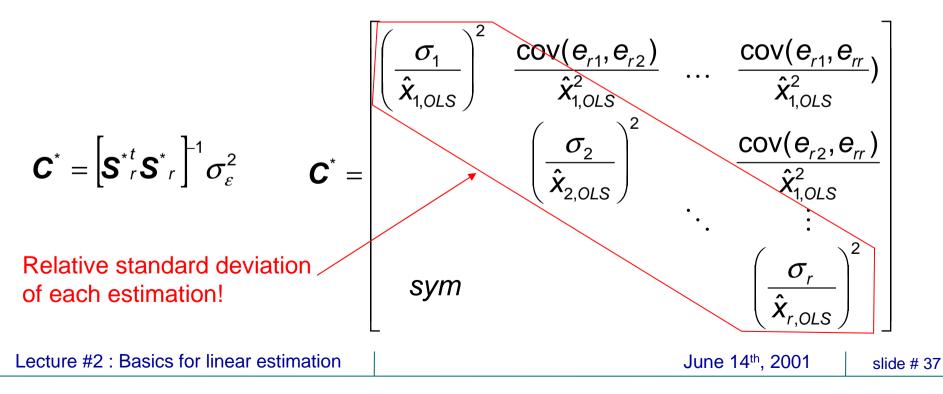


They can be compared between them and compared to the magnitude of noise



$$\mathbf{S}^{*} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{1}^{*}(t_{1}) & S_{1}^{*}(t_{1}) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ S_{i}^{*}(t_{i}) & S_{i}^{*}(t_{1}) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ S_{m}^{*}(t_{m}) & S_{m}^{*}(t_{1}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1}t_{1} & x_{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{1}t_{i} & x_{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{1}t_{m} & x_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
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With that reduced sensitivity matrix, we can build the relative covariance matrix





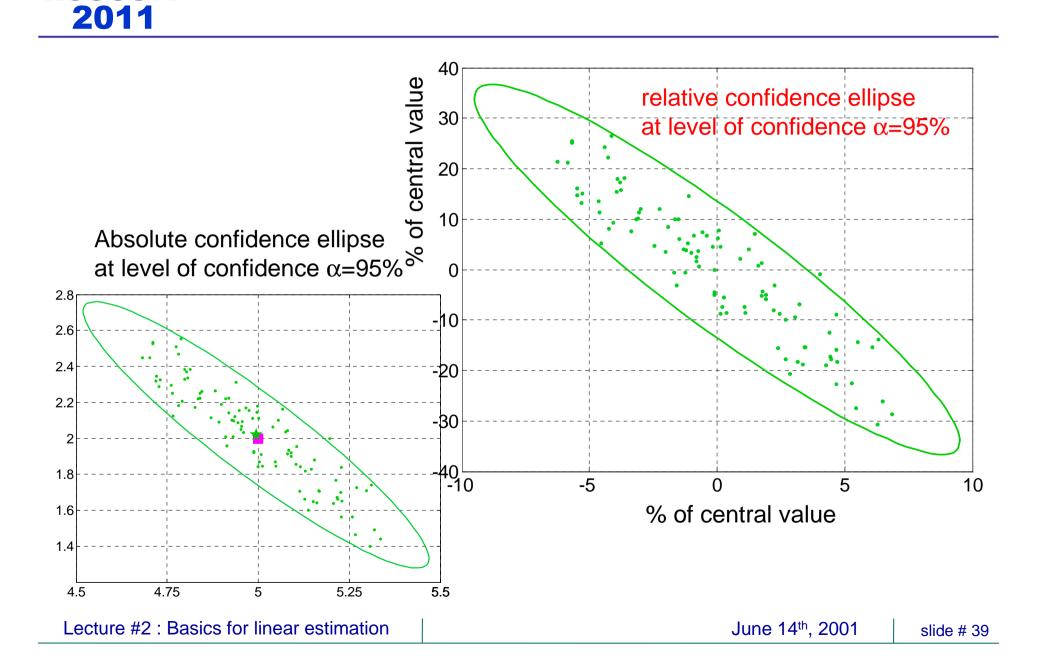
The same can be done with the ellipse equation

$$\delta \mathbf{x}^{t} \cdot \mathbf{S}^{t} \mathbf{S} \cdot \delta \mathbf{x} = \Delta^{2}$$
with $\mathbf{S}^{*} = \mathbf{S} \cdot diag(\mathbf{x}^{nom}) - \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}^{*} diag(\mathbf{x}^{nom})^{-1}$
gives $\left(\underbrace{diag(\mathbf{x}^{nom})^{-1} \delta \mathbf{x}}_{\frac{\delta \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{x}^{nom}}} \right)^{t} \cdot \mathbf{S}^{t} \mathbf{S} \cdot diag(\mathbf{x}^{nom})^{-1} \delta \mathbf{x} = \Delta^{2}$
Relative confidence ellipse (in %)

Cloud with absolute and relative Ellipses pour D.M.

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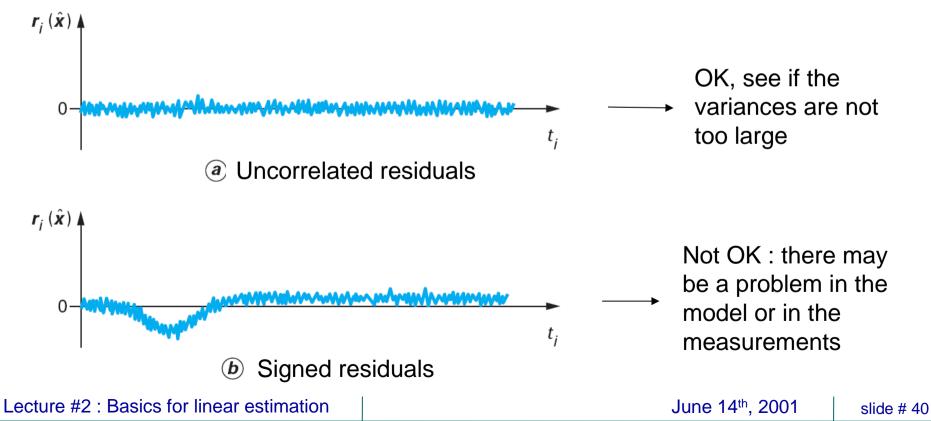




Last, for qualifying the quality of estimation : the residuals analysis

$$\boldsymbol{r}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) = \boldsymbol{y} - \boldsymbol{y}_{mo}(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - y_{mo,1}(t_1, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) & \dots & y_i - y_{mo,i}(t_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) & \dots & y_m - y_{mo,m}(t_m, \hat{\boldsymbol{x}}) \end{bmatrix}^t$$

Difference between measurements and model response with optimal parameters must 'look like' noise measurement : 'the right model with the right parameters must explain the measurements except its random part'





The danger has been identified : the inversion of $\mathbf{S}^t \mathbf{S}$ or $\mathbf{S}^{*t} \mathbf{S}^*$

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It has been shown that the matrix \mathbf{S}^t \mathbf{S} is fundamental in the processus of parameter estimation :
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- it has to be inverted to achieve the OLS estimation

- it also has to be inverted to compute the covariance matrix. The inverse of $\mathbf{S}^t \mathbf{S}$ respectively $\mathbf{S}^{*t} \mathbf{S}^{*}$ plays the role of "noise amplification", in absolute or, respectively, in relative values

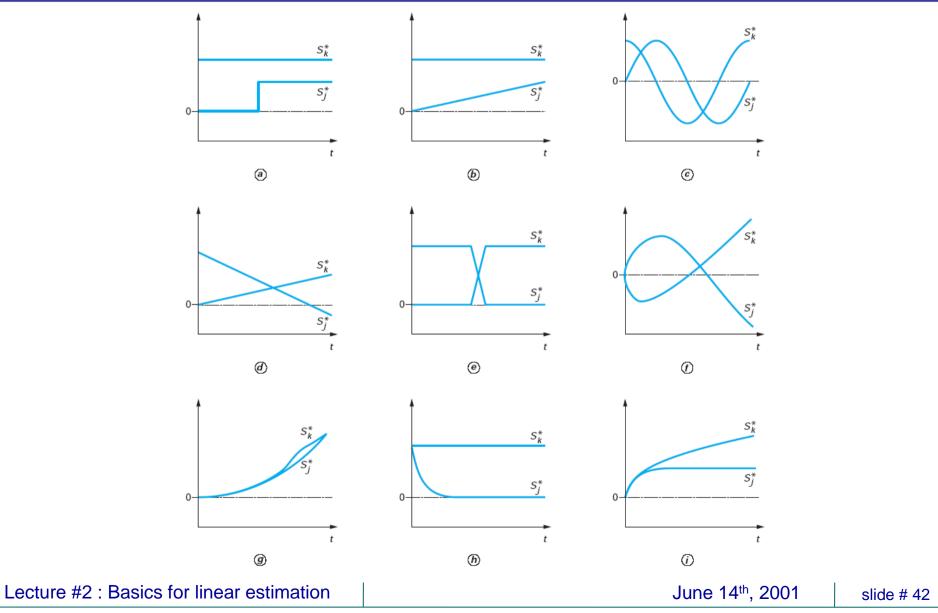
- the eigenvalues of $\mathbf{S}^t \mathbf{S}$ enable the calculation of the lengths of the half principal axis of the elliptical confidence region

- the determinant of $\mathbf{S}^t \mathbf{S}$ enables the calculation of the area of the elliptical confidence region

 \longrightarrow Illustration in our examples, using too the conditioning number of **S**^t**S** SENSITIVITY COEFFICIENTS composing **S** MUST BE LINEARLY INDEPENDENT

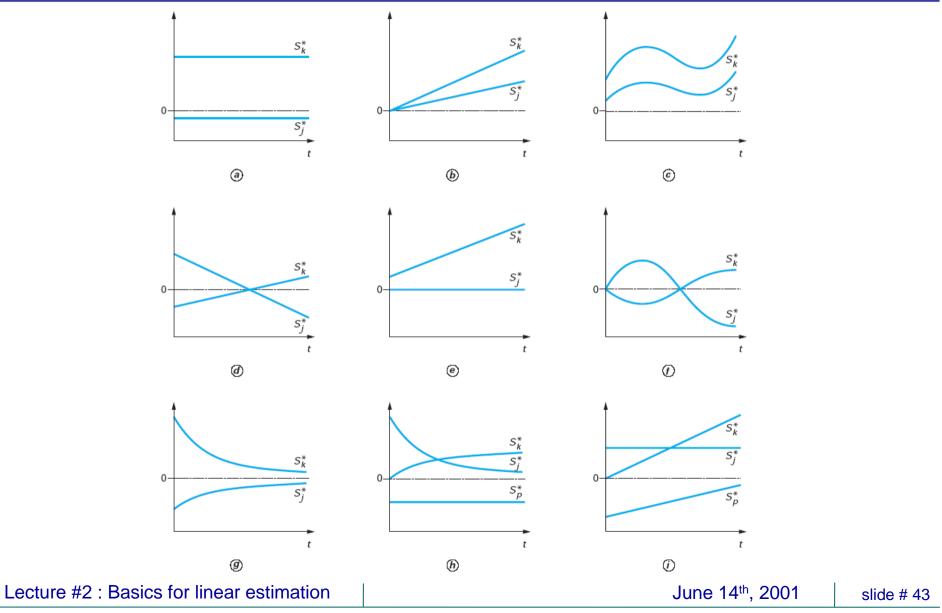


'Graphical' analysis of reduced sensitivity coefficients : independent case





'Graphical' analysis of reduced sensitivity coefficients : dependent case



Analysis of sensitivity coefficients in our triple situation

