



# Model-based Estimation Methods

**Parameter Estimation,**

**Error-in-Variables Estimation & Confidence Region**

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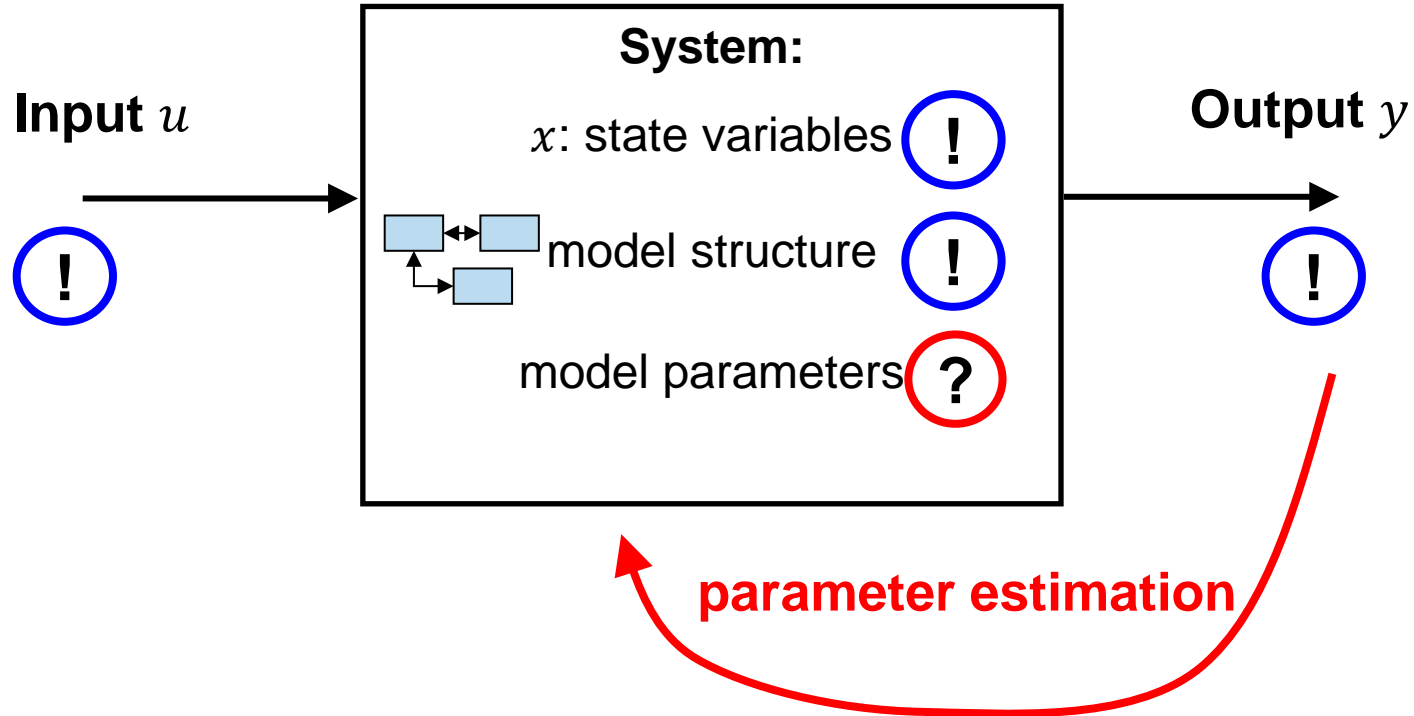
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# Parameter Estimation

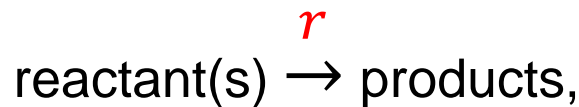


Assume that **states, model structure, outputs and inputs** are known.

Find the **parameters** of this model, so that the model predicts as best as possible the measurement data (outputs).

## Example: Reaction Kinetics

- Reaction processes



Application:

- chemical reactor design
- drug delivery

- Examples :
  - radioactive decay  $^{235}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{231}\text{Th}$
  - dimerization of butadiene  $2\text{C}_4\text{H}_6 \rightarrow \text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}$
- Reaction rate model: reaction rate is function of concentration, temperature, ...

$r = f(x_A, k)$ ,  $x_A$  is the concentration of reactant A

- First order reaction  $r = kx_A$
- Second order reaction  $r = kx_A^2$
- **Parameter estimation problem:**

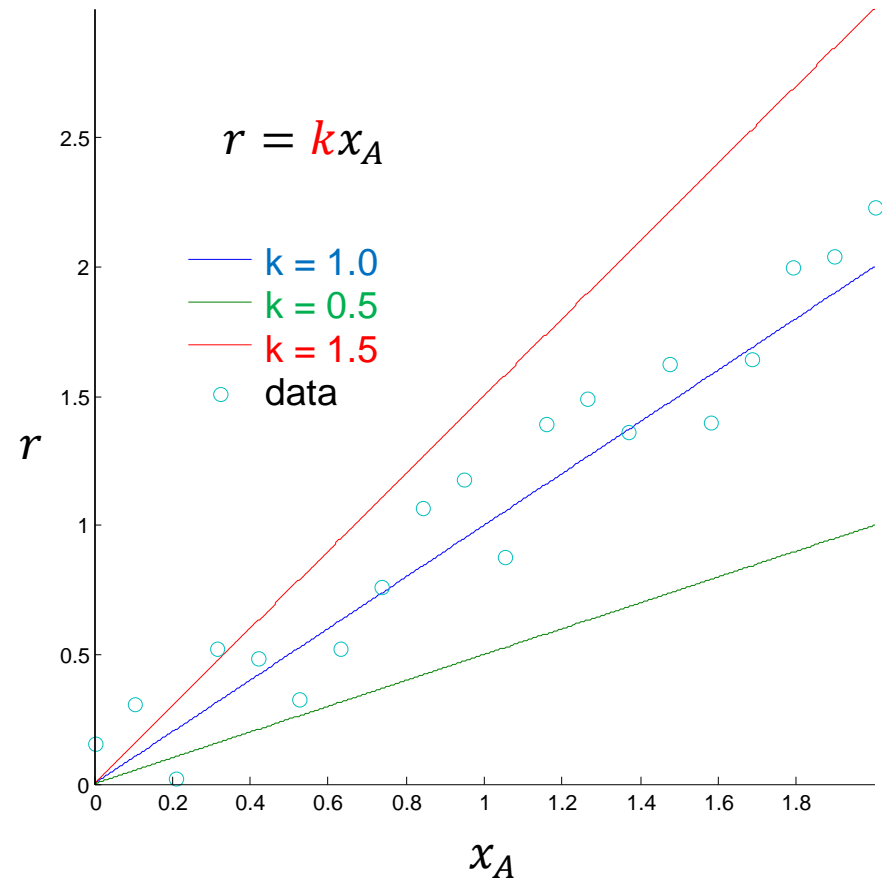
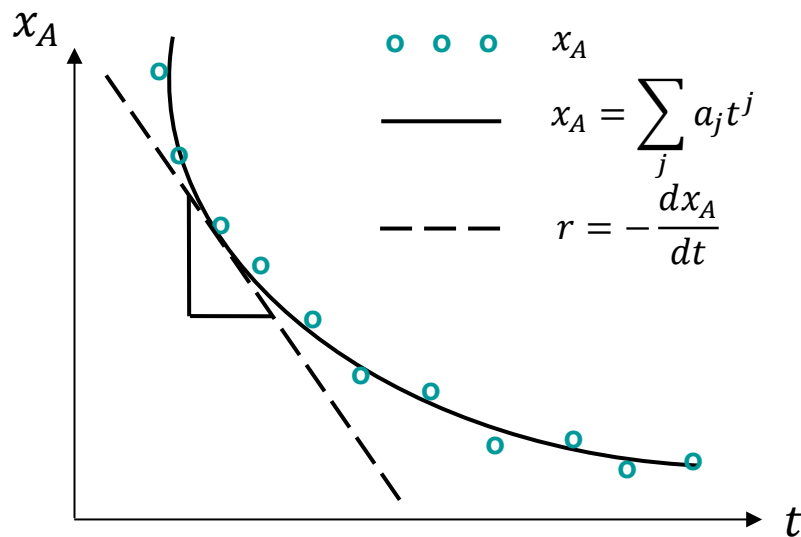
Estimate reaction rate constant  $k$  from concentration measurements !

## Example: Reaction Kinetics

Assuming measurements for  $x_A$  are available, how to estimate parameter  $k$ ?

Use mass balance to compute  $r$

$$x_A \Rightarrow r, \quad \text{since } \frac{dx_A}{dt} = -r$$



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# Linear Parameter Estimation

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Consider a static model  $y := f(u, \theta)$  (a single algebraic equation),

**linear in parameters**  $\Theta$  ,

but may be **nonlinear** in the input variables  $u$ ,

i.e.

$$y = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \Theta_j \text{ with } x_j := f_{u,j}(u)$$

Assume, we have  $m$  experiments (from  $m$  combinations of the inputs  $u$ ),  
thus we get  $m$  measurements

$$\tilde{y}_i = y_i + \epsilon_i, i = 1 \dots m,$$

with  $\epsilon_i$  an error term and

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \Theta_j, \text{ with } x_{ij} := f_{u,j}(u_i)$$

## Linear Parameter Estimation - Matrix Notation

...we have  $m$  measurements  $\tilde{y}_i = y_i + \epsilon_i, i = 1 \dots m$  and

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \Theta_j, \text{ with } x_{ij} := f_{u,j}(u_i)$$

Let  $Y := [y_1 \quad \dots \quad y_m]^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\tilde{Y} := [\tilde{y}_1 \quad \dots \quad \tilde{y}_m]^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

$$\Theta := [\Theta_1 \quad \dots \quad \Theta_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

and

$$X := \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{m1} & \dots & x_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

We get in matrix notation:

$$Y = X\Theta$$



# Linear Parameter Estimation - Least-Squares (LS) Formulation

$$\hat{\Theta} = \arg \min_{\Theta} \|Y - \tilde{Y}\|_2^2 = \arg \min_{\Theta} \|X\Theta - \tilde{Y}\|_2^2 \quad (\text{cf. Reusken, 2.3})$$

## Necessary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\Theta} \|X\hat{\Theta} - \tilde{Y}\|_2^2 &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow X^T X \hat{\Theta} - X^T \tilde{Y} &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \hat{\Theta} &= X^{\dagger} \tilde{Y} \end{aligned}$$

where  $X^{\dagger}$  is the pseudoinverse of  $X$

## Sufficient conditions:

all eigenvalues of  $\nabla_{\Theta}^2 \|X\hat{\Theta} - \tilde{Y}\|_2^2 = X^T X$  are positive and real

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(X) = n$$

Remember: (Reusken, section 2.3)

## Pseudoinverse of $X$

- $m = n$ ,  $X^{\dagger} = X^{-1}$
- $m > n$ ,  $X^{\dagger} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T$

## Using SVD

$$\begin{aligned} X^{\dagger} &= V \Sigma^{\dagger} U^T \\ \Sigma^{\dagger} &= \text{diag}(\sigma_1^{-1}, \dots, \sigma_{\min(m,n)}^{-1}, 0, \dots, 0) \\ &\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, \text{ where } U, V \text{ are left and right} \\ &\text{singular vector} \end{aligned}$$

# Linear Parameter Estimation - Illustrative Example Using LS

## ■ Model

$$\begin{aligned}y &= f(u, \Theta) \\&= \Theta_0 + \Theta_1 u + \Theta_2 u^2 \\&= [1 \ u \ u^2][\Theta_0 \ \Theta_1 \ \Theta_2]^T\end{aligned}$$

with true parameter values

$$[\Theta_0 \ \Theta_1 \ \Theta_2]^T = [2, 3, 2]^T$$

## ■ Measurements

$$\tilde{y} = y + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, 0.25^2)$$

exp.	1	2	3	4	5	6
$u$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$\tilde{y}$	1.98	7.16	16.1	28.9	46.4	66.7

## ■ Parameter estimation by LS

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \\ 1 & 4 & 16 \\ 1 & 5 & 25 \end{bmatrix}, \tilde{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.98 \\ 7.16 \\ 16.1 \\ 28.9 \\ 46.4 \\ 66.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Obviously  $\text{rank}(X) = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \hat{\Theta} &= (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \tilde{Y} \\&= \begin{bmatrix} 1.98 \\ 3.16 \\ 1.96 \end{bmatrix} \approx \Theta\end{aligned}$$

**Note:** Linear parameter estimation is the same as linear regression!

# Linear Parameter Estimation – Weighted Least-Squares

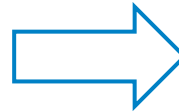
## Assumption in least-squares estimation:

normally distributed, Independent measurement errors with identical standard deviation

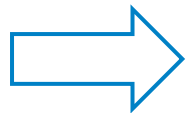
$$\hat{\Theta} = \arg \min_{\Theta} \|Y - \tilde{Y}\|_2 = \arg \min_{\Theta} \|X\Theta - \tilde{Y}\|_2^2$$

## Generalization...

$W$  weight matrix



$$X_W = WX, \tilde{Y}_W = W\tilde{Y}$$



$$\hat{\Theta} = \arg \min_{\Theta} \|X_W\Theta - \tilde{Y}_W\|_2 = \arg \min_{\Theta} \|X_W\Theta - \tilde{Y}_W\|_2^2$$

## Choice of weights?

$W = \text{diag}(\tilde{\sigma}_1^{-1} \quad \dots \quad \tilde{\sigma}_n^{-1})$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma}_i$  is standard deviation of measurement  $i$

i.e. measurements with **large**  $\tilde{\sigma}_i$  are **less important**, than those with **low**  $\tilde{\sigma}_i$

# Linear Parameter Estimation

## Weighted least-squares (WLS)

$$\hat{\Theta} = \arg \min_{\Theta} \|X_W \Theta - Y_W\|_2 = \arg \min_{\Theta} \|X_W \Theta - Y_W\|_2^2$$

## Solution ?

### necessary condition:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\Theta} \|X_W \hat{\Theta} - Y_W\|_2^2 &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow X_W^T X \hat{\Theta} - X_W^T Y_W &= 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \hat{\Theta} &= X_W^{\dagger} Y_W \end{aligned}$$

where  $X_W^{\dagger}$  is the pseudoinverse of  $X_W$

### sufficient condition:

all eigenvalues of  $\nabla_{\Theta}^2 \|X_W \hat{\Theta} - Y_W\|_2^2 = X_W^T X_W$  are positive and real

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{rank}(X_W) = n$$

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# Nonlinear Parameter Estimation

The model is **nonlinear in parameters**  $\Theta$  , e.g.  $y = f(u, \Theta)$ :

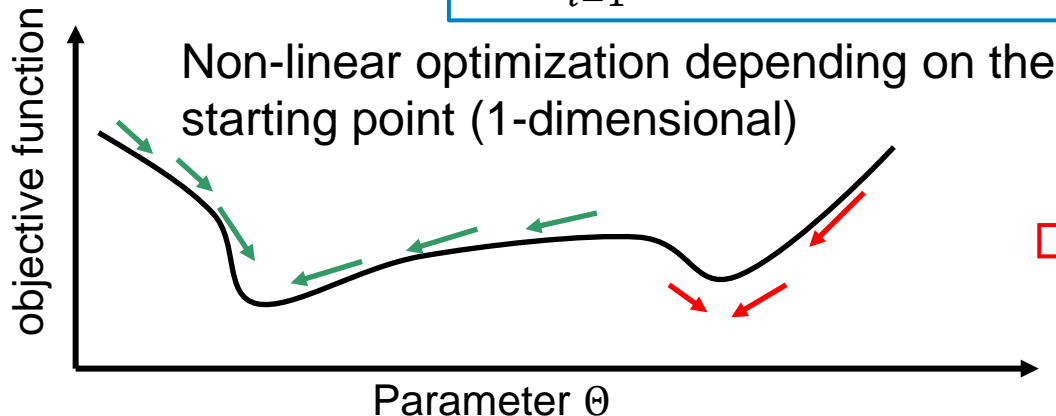
## Least squares estimation

$$\min_{\Theta} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( f(u_i, \Theta) - \tilde{f}(u_i) \right)^2$$

is an **optimization problem**, that must be (in general) solved **iteratively** with appropriate numerical methods

**NCO:**

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m \left( f(u_i, \Theta) - \tilde{f}(u_i) \right) \frac{\partial f(u_i, \Theta)}{\partial \Theta} = 0$$



It can provide local solutions!

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## Error-in-Variables Estimation (1)

- Not only the dependent output data  $y$ , but also the independent input data  $u$  are error-prone!
- Taking into account error in the inputs, the problem becomes implicit  
⇒ We cannot solve for corrupted variables in one step with WLS, only iteratively.

Error-prone output data  $\tilde{y} = y + \epsilon_y$

Error-prone input data  $\tilde{u} = u + \epsilon_u$

Unknown parameters  $\Theta_0, \Theta_1$

$$\tilde{y} = \Theta_0 + \Theta_1 \tilde{u} + \epsilon_y = \Theta_0 + \Theta_1 u + \Theta_1 \epsilon_u + \epsilon_y$$

⇒ We need a **more general method** than WLS, as it can cope only with error-prone outputs. The new method should work also in case of **nonlinear parameter estimation**!

Britt and Luecke, „The Estimation of Parameters in Nonlinear, Implicit Models“, Technometrics, 1973



## Error-in-Variables Estimation (2)

We combine the error-prone inputs  $u$  and outputs  $y$  to a single variable  $z$

General setup:

$$g(z, \Theta) = 0$$

where

- $z \in \mathbb{R}^q$  are the measurable variables
- $\Theta \in \mathbb{R}^r$  are the unknown parameter
- $g: \mathbb{R}^{q+r} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s$  is the vector of **well behaved** system functions
- and  $q \geq s > r$ .

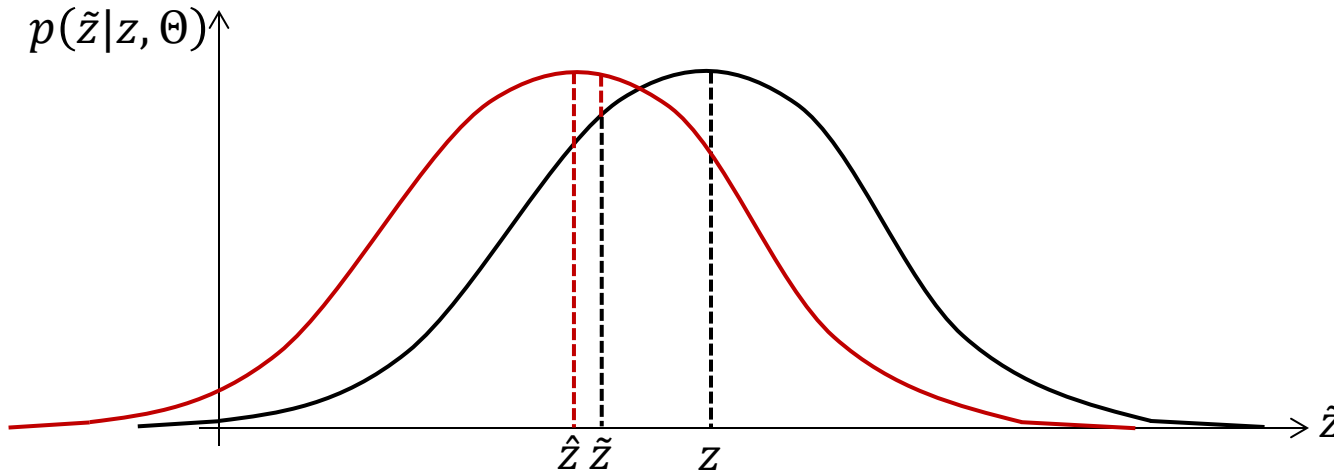
**Well behaved:**  $g_i, \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial z_j}, \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial \theta_j}$  are continuous,  $\frac{\partial^2 g_i}{\partial z_j \partial \theta_k}$  exist and are bounded

rank of Jacobian matrices  $\text{rank}(\nabla_z g(z, \Theta)) = s$  and  $\text{rank}(\nabla_\Theta g(z, \Theta)) = r$

The measurements  $\tilde{z}$  of  $z$  contain random experimental errors  $\epsilon_z \sim N(0, \Sigma^2)$ :

$$\tilde{z} = z + \epsilon_z$$

## Error-in-Variables Estimation (3)



Since  $\epsilon_z \sim N(0, R)$ , the probability density function  $p(\tilde{z}|z, \Theta)$  for the measurement vector becomes:

$$p(\tilde{z}|z, \Theta) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{q}{2}} |\Sigma|^{-1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{z}-z)^T \Sigma^{-2}(\tilde{z}-z)}$$

**Goal:** Find the “best” estimate  $(\hat{z}, \hat{\Theta})$  of true  $(z, \Theta)$  for which holds that  $g(\hat{z}, \hat{\Theta}) = 0$ .

The measurement  $\tilde{z}$  is the only information we have.

⇒ Idea: “for the “best” estimate  $(\hat{z}, \hat{\Theta})$  it must hold that **the probability to get  $\tilde{z}$  as measurement is maximal.**”

⇒ **maximum likelihood estimate**

# Maximum Likelihood Estimate (1)

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Probability density function

$$p(\tilde{z}|z, \theta) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{q}{2}} |\Sigma|^{-1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{z}-z)^T \Sigma^{-2}(\tilde{z}-z)}$$

The **likelihood function** for the measurement  $\tilde{z}$  is defined as

$$L(\bar{z}, \bar{\theta}) = p(\tilde{z}|\bar{z}, \bar{\theta}) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{q}{2}} |\Sigma|^{-1} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{z}-\bar{z})^T \Sigma^{-2}(\tilde{z}-\bar{z})}$$

where  $(\bar{z}, \bar{\theta})$  have to fulfill the equations  $g(\bar{z}, \bar{\theta}) = 0$ .

The **maximum likelihood estimate**

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{z}, \hat{\theta})_{ML} &= \arg \max_{(\bar{z}, \bar{\theta})} L(\bar{z}, \bar{\theta}) \\ &= \arg \min_{(\bar{z}, \bar{\theta})} ((\tilde{z} - \bar{z})^T \Sigma^{-2} (\tilde{z} - \bar{z})) \\ s. t. \quad &g(\bar{z}, \bar{\theta}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

⇒ This is the “constrained” WLS!

## Maximum Likelihood Estimate (2)

- If the equation vector  $g(\bar{z}, \bar{\Theta}) = 0$  has a **unique solution**  $\bar{z}$  for each  $\bar{\Theta}$ , the constrained minimization problem reduces to an **unconstrained** one with respect to  $\bar{\Theta}$ :

$$(\hat{z}, \hat{\Theta})_{ML} = \arg \min_{\bar{\Theta}} ((\tilde{z} - \bar{z})^T \Sigma^{-2} (\tilde{z} - \bar{z}))$$

**Note:** Solving the minimization problem is an iterative process, since  $\bar{z}$  has to be calculated from the implicit relation  $g(\bar{z}, \bar{\Theta}) = 0$ !

- If in addition  $\bar{z}$  can be written as an explicit function of  $\bar{\Theta}$ , i.e.  $\bar{z} = \bar{z}(\bar{\Theta})$ , the estimation problem reduces to the standard nonlinear parameter estimation problem:

$$\hat{\Theta} = \arg \min_{\bar{\Theta}} ((\tilde{z} - \bar{z}(\bar{\Theta}))^T \Sigma^{-2} (\tilde{z} - \bar{z}(\bar{\Theta})))$$

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# Quality of Parameter Estimation

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{model} \\ \hline \text{structure} \\ \hline \end{array} + \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{model} \\ \hline \text{parameters} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{model} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Can we evaluate the „quality“ of the model?

**Some quality assessment criteria (... check more than one):**

**Parameter covariance matrix:** propagation of measurement noise into parameter uncertainty data on estimates  
⇒ no output errors ...

**Confidence regions:** the region in parameter space containing true parameters with a certain probability  
⇒ visualization of parametric uncertainty ...

**Goodness-of-fit test:** prediction capabilities of the model with respect to measured outputs  
⇒ difficult to verify test assumptions...

# Confidence Region (1)

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Consider a model

$$y_i = f(u_i, \Theta),$$

where the model parameter  $\Theta$  are **unknown**, but the model structure  $f$  is **known**.

For parameter estimation there are  $m$  noisy measurement available:

$$\tilde{y}_i = y_i + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, \Sigma^2)$$

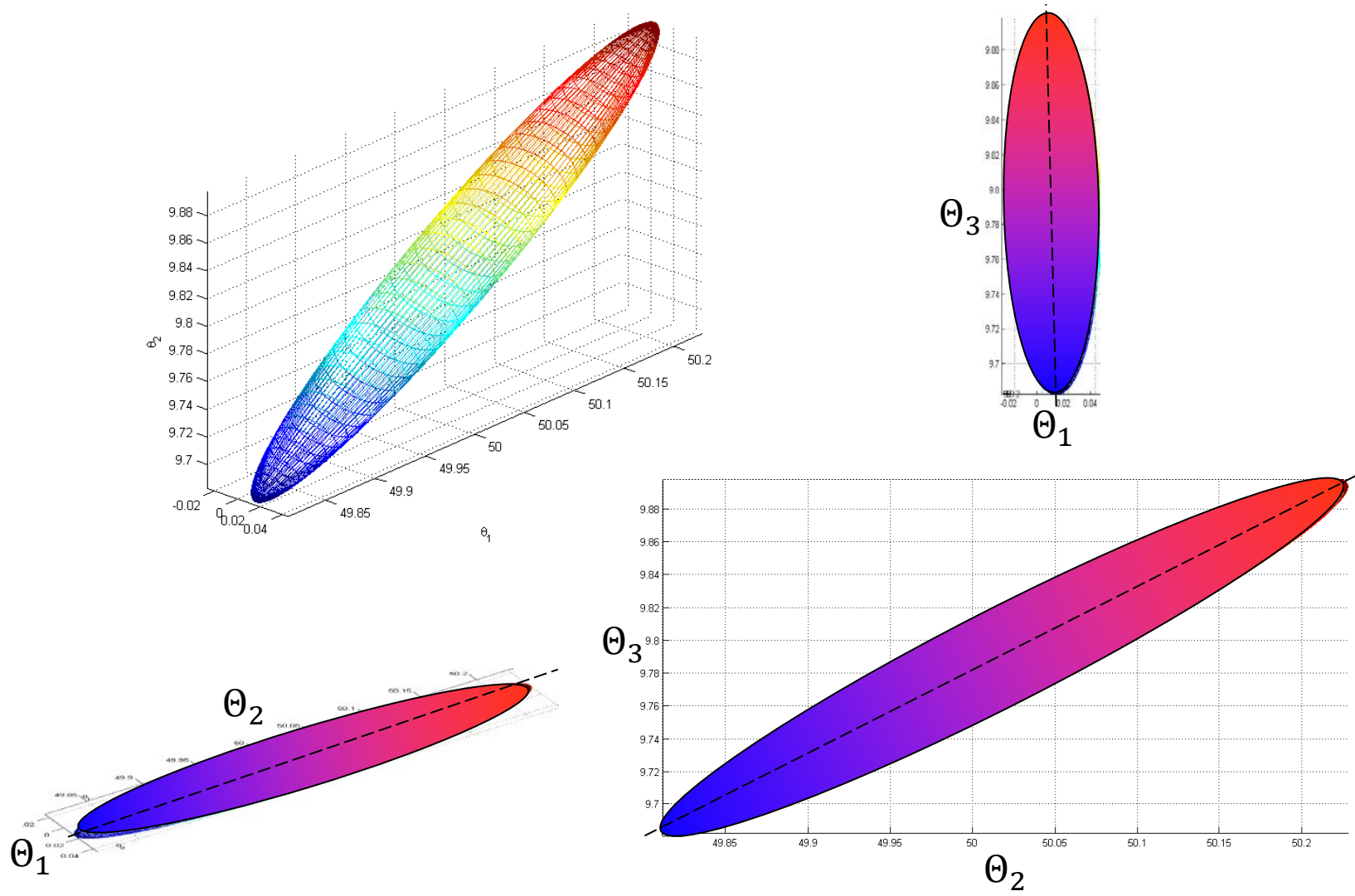
**Goal:** Instead of just determine a point estimate  $\hat{\Theta}$ , we also want to determine a region, where the real parameter is situated with a given probability  $(1 - \alpha)$ .

⇒ these regions are called **confidence regions**  $\Omega$

Let  $p(\Theta|\tilde{y})$  be the probability density function of  $\Theta$ , based on the measurement vector  $\tilde{y}$ , then for  $\Omega$  it must hold:

$$\int_{\Omega} p(\Theta|\tilde{y}) d\Theta = 1 - \alpha$$

## Confidence Region (2)





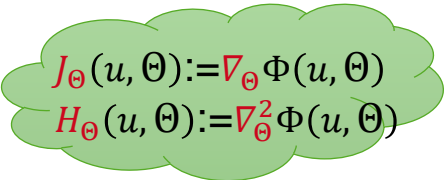
# Approximation of Confidence Region (1)

In the parameter estimation case, the probability density function is

$$p(\Theta|\tilde{y}) = p(\tilde{y}|\Theta) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{m}{2}} |\Sigma|^{-1} e^{-\Phi(u, \Theta)},$$

where  $\Phi(u, \Theta) = \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{y} - y)^T \Sigma^{-2} (\tilde{y} - y)$  and  $y_i = f(u_i, \Theta)$ .

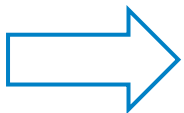
The ML estimate is:  $\hat{\Theta}_{ML} = \arg \max_{\Theta} p(\tilde{y}|\Theta) = \arg \min_{\Theta} \Phi(u, \Theta)$


$$\begin{aligned} J_{\Theta}(u, \Theta) &:= \nabla_{\Theta} \Phi(u, \Theta) \\ H_{\Theta}(u, \Theta) &:= \nabla_{\Theta}^2 \Phi(u, \Theta) \end{aligned}$$

Taylor series expansion of  $\Phi(u, \Theta)$  at fixed inputs  $u$  and  $\hat{\Theta}_{ML}$ :

$$\Phi(u, \Theta) = \Phi(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) + J_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML})(\Theta - \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) + \frac{(\Theta - \hat{\Theta}_{ML})^T H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML})(\Theta - \hat{\Theta}_{ML})}{2} + \dots$$

since  $J_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) = 0$  according to necessary conditions of optimality and we assume to analyze a **neighborhood of  $\hat{\Theta}_{ML}$** , where **3<sup>rd</sup> and higher order derivatives are negligible**.



$$\Phi(u, \Theta) \approx \Phi(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) + \frac{(\Theta - \hat{\Theta}_{ML})^T H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML})(\Theta - \hat{\Theta}_{ML})}{2}$$

## Approximation of Confidence Region (2)

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Then the probability density function can be approximated by

$$p(\Theta|\tilde{y}) \approx (2\pi)^{-\frac{m}{2}} |\Sigma|^{-1} e^{-\left(\Phi(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) + \frac{\Delta\Theta^T H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) \Delta\Theta}{2}\right)}$$

where  $\Delta\Theta := (\Theta - \hat{\Theta}_{ML})$ .

The **smallest region**  $\Omega$ , which fulfills

$$\int_{\Omega} p(\Theta|\tilde{y}) d\Theta = 1 - \alpha$$

is now an **ellipsoid with center in  $\hat{\Theta}_{ML}$** :

$$\Omega = \{\Theta \in \mathbb{R}^r \mid \Delta\Theta^T H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) \Delta\Theta \leq \beta\}$$

where  **$\beta$  is a function dependent on  $\alpha$  and the covariance  $\Sigma^2$** .

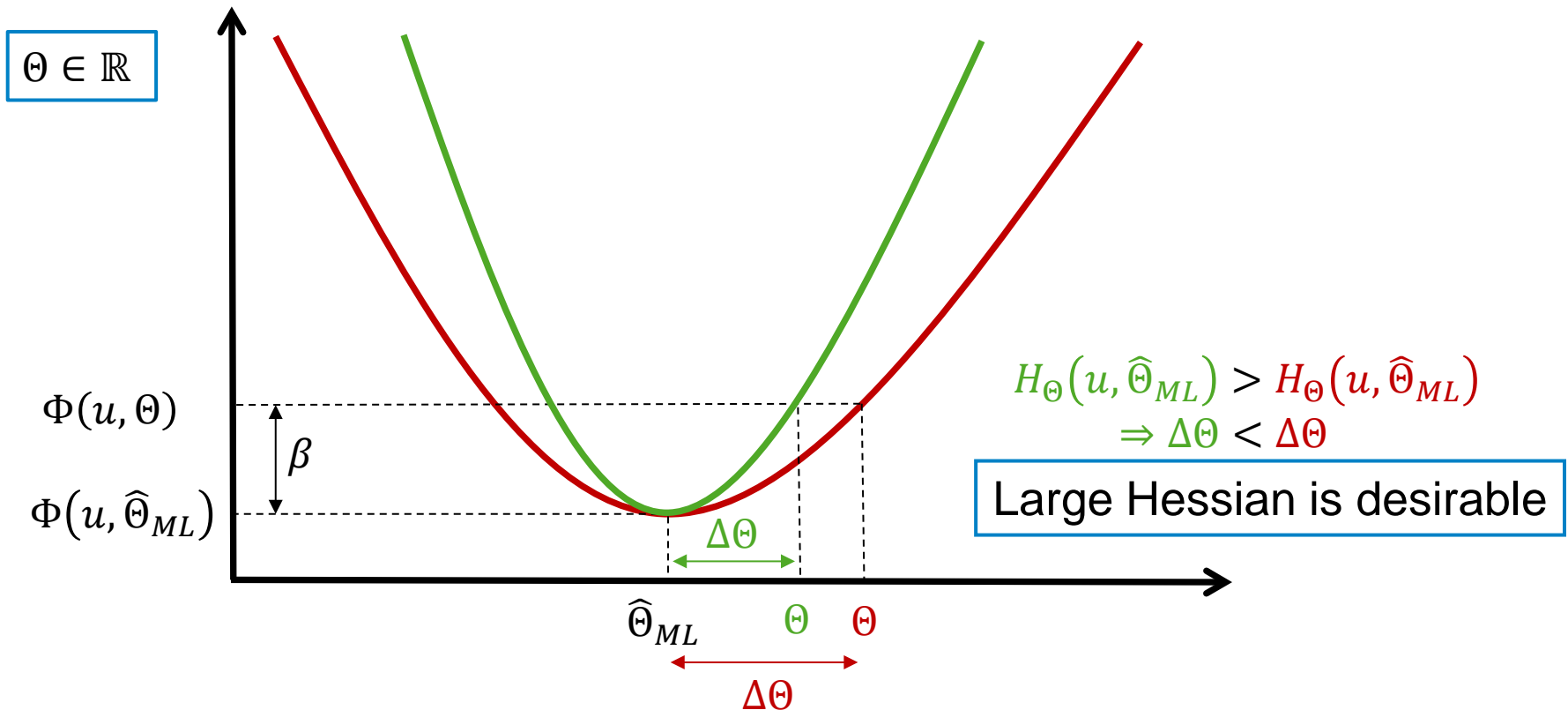
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## Parameter Precision (1)

The  $\Theta$  on the border of the confidence ellipse fulfills the equation

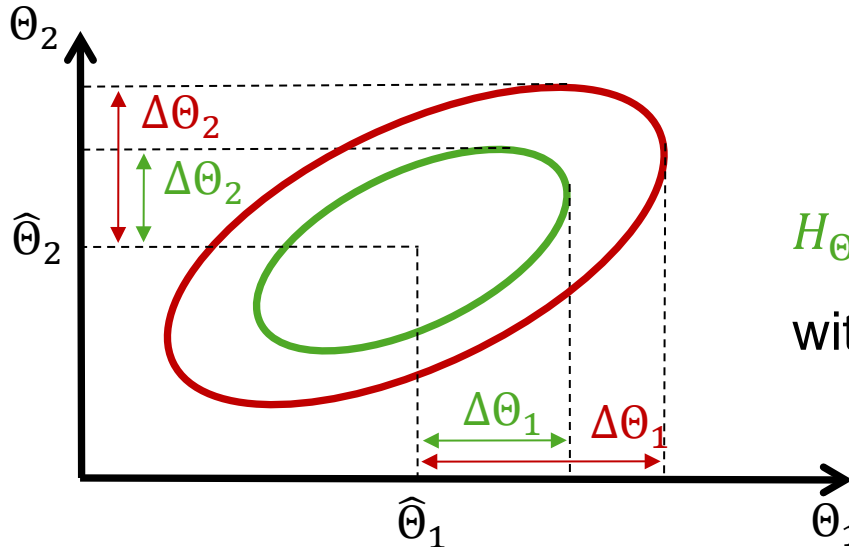
$$\Delta\Theta^T H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) \Delta\Theta = \Phi(u, \Theta) - \Phi(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) = \beta$$

$H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML})$  determines the curvature of  $\Phi(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML})$  at  $\hat{\Theta}_{ML}$ :



## Parameter Precision (2)

$$\Theta \in \mathbb{R}^2$$



$$\Delta\Theta^T H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) \Delta\Theta = \beta$$

$$H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) = \gamma H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML})$$

with  $\gamma > 1$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\Theta_{1,2} < \Delta\Theta_{1,2}$$

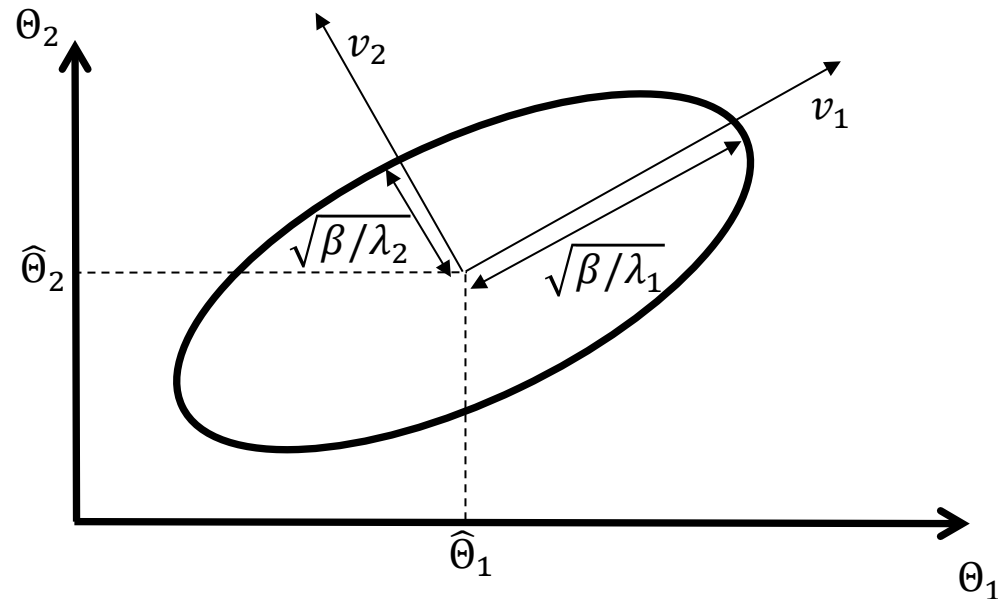
- $H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML})$  and  $\beta$  determine  $\Delta\Theta$ : for given  $\beta$ , a larger Hessian results in smaller  $\Delta\Theta$
- High parameter precision requires a small  $\Delta\Theta$  and thus a small confidence region.

# Confidence Region, Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

## Eigenvalue decomposition

$H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML}) = V \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_r \end{bmatrix} V^{-1}$ , where the  $i^{th}$  column of  $V$  is the eigenvector  $v_i$

- Axis  $i$  of the confidence ellipsoid is characterized by
  - orientation  $\rightarrow$  eigenvector  $v_i$
  - length  $\rightarrow$  eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  and  $\beta$



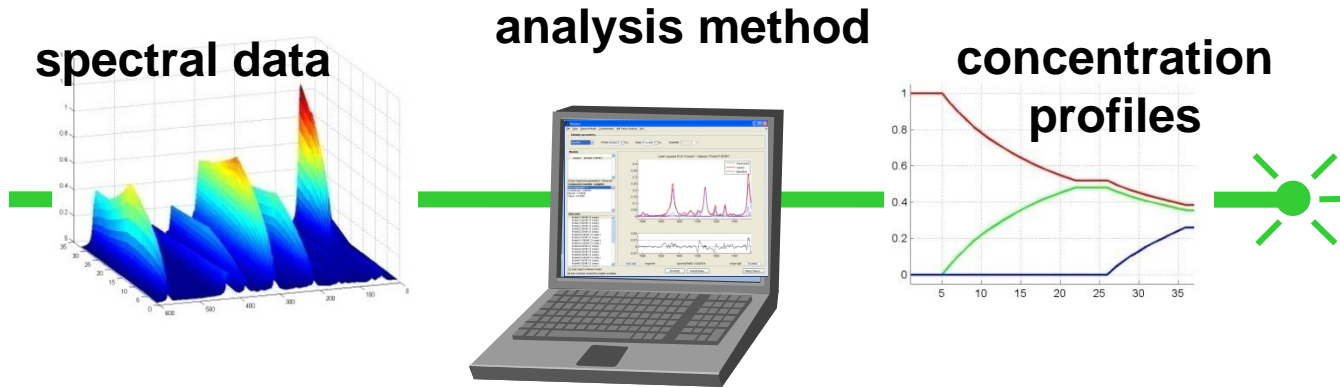
- For a given  $\beta$ , the extension of the confidence region can be measured by the eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$  of  $H_{\Theta}(u, \hat{\Theta}_{ML})$ .

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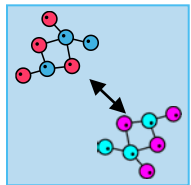
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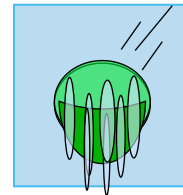
# Case Study - Challenges in Spectral Analysis



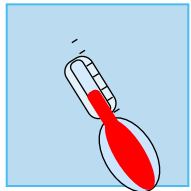
Challenges for **calibration** models:



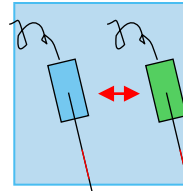
**Molecular interaction**



**Reactive Mixtures**



**Temperature changes**

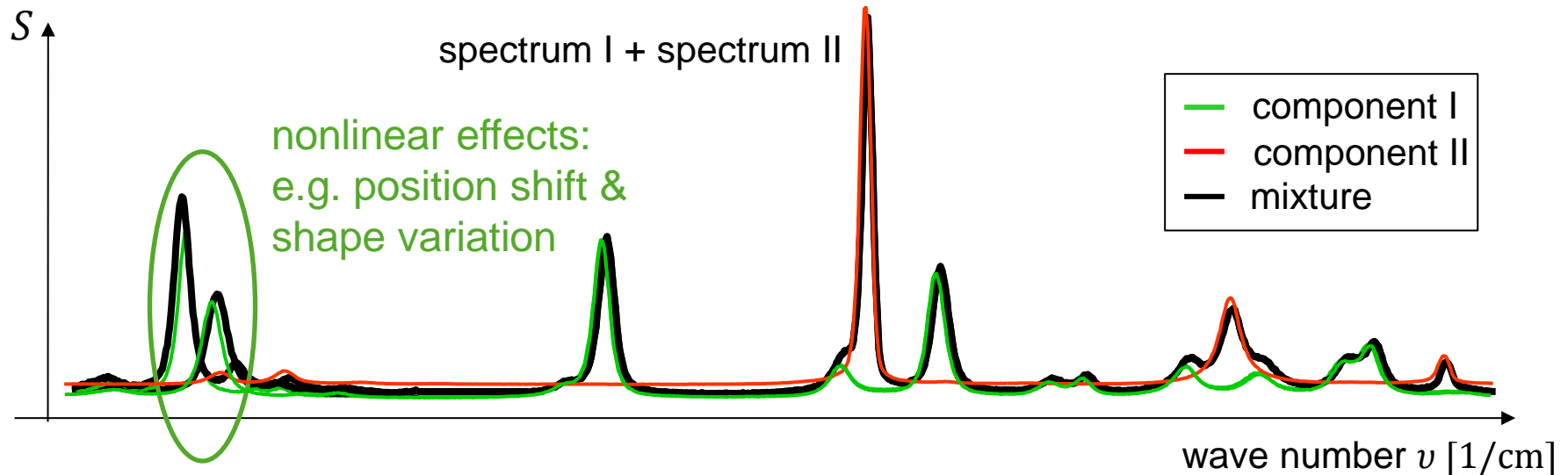


**Variable properties  
of measurement devices**



**Nonlinear** spectral effects

# Single- and Multi-Component Mixture Spectra



**Raman spectrum** – the Raman light scattering intensity in arbitrary units as a function of the wave number.

**Pure component spectrum  $j$ :**

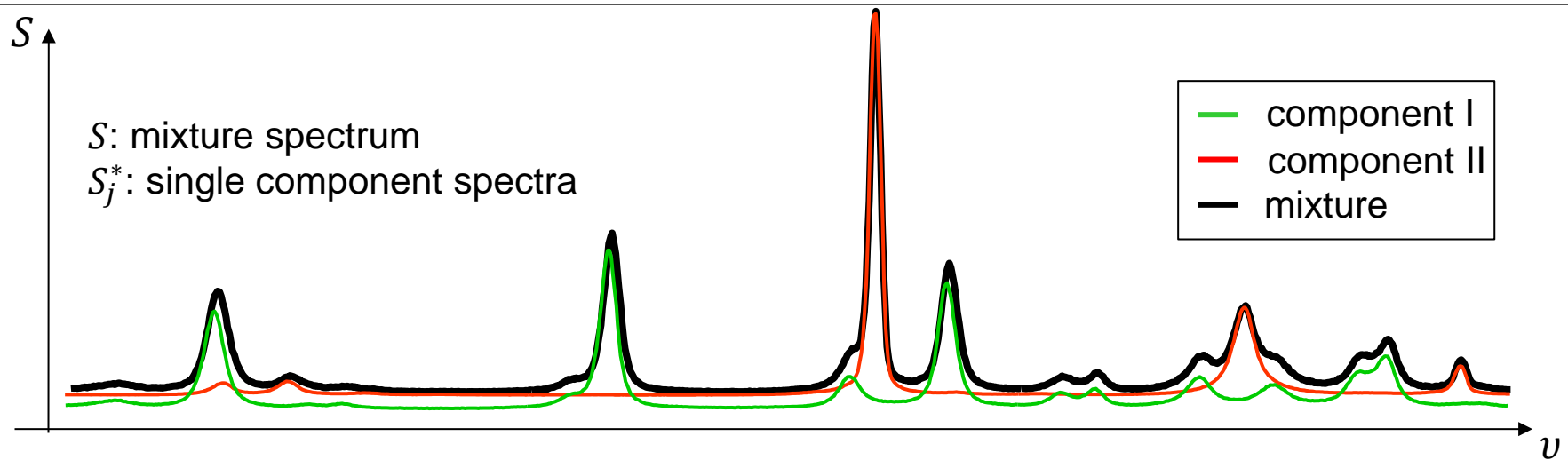
$\Rightarrow S_j^*(\nu, \Theta)$  is nonlinear in parameters  $\Theta$

**$N$ -component mixture spectrum:**

$\Rightarrow S(\nu) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i S_j^*(\nu, \Theta)$  is linear combination of nonlinear function



## Case Study: Spectral Analysis



**Goal:** Be able to infer from measurements of the mixture spectrum  $S$  the concentrations  $x_j$  of the components  $j$  in the mixture.

⇒ **Calibrate the model:** Use reference measurements of  $S$ , where the concentrations  $x_j$  are known, to estimate the model parameter

## Case Study: Univariate Calibration – First Method

- Measure  $n$  pure component spectra  $S_j^*$  and one mixture spectrum  $S$ .
- Assume linear superposition (ideal mixing according to Lambert-Beer law)
- Weights  $\alpha_j$  could be estimated from spectra  $S_j^*$  and  $S$  by WLS:

$$\min_{\alpha} \left( \|S(v) - \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j S_j^*(v)\|_2 \right)$$

**Objective:** Determine the relationship between the fitted weights  $\alpha_j$  and mixture concentrations  $x_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$

### Assumption (Lambert-Beer):

All  $\frac{x_j}{x_i}$  depend linearly on  $\frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i}$  i.e.  $\frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i} K_{j,i}^{cali} = \frac{x_j}{x_i}$ ,  $j, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

The parameter  $K_{j,i}^{cali}$  can now be used to determine the concentrations  $x_j$  of an unknown mixtures out of a spectrum  $S(v)$ :

1. Solve the optimization problem for the measured spectrum to get the weights  $\alpha_j$
2. Use the equations  $\frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_i} K_{j,i}^{cali} = \frac{x_j}{x_i}$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^n x_j = 1$  to get the concentrations  $x_j$

## Case Study: Multivariate Calibration – Second Method

- In reality, it is not possible to measure continuous spectra  $S(v)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  measure the intensity of a mixture spectrum  $S(v_i)$  at  $m$  discrete wave numbers  $v_i$

**Assumption:** The concentrations  $x_j$  can be written as a linear combination of the intensities of the spectrum at the  $m$  discrete wave numbers, i.e.

$$x_j = \sum_{k=1}^m b_{k,j} S(v_k)$$

- For calibration  $l$  mixture spectra  $S_k, k = 1, \dots, l$  are measured, where the concentration  $x_{j,k}$  are known for all components  $j = 1, \dots, n$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{measurements} \downarrow \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{wavenumbers}} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} S_1(v_1) & \cdots & S_1(v_m) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ S_l(v_1) & \cdots & S_l(v_m) \end{array} \right] \end{array}
 \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{=:X}
 \begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} b_{1,1} & \cdots & b_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ b_{m,1} & \cdots & b_{m,n} \end{array} \right] \end{array}
 \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{=: \Theta}
 =
 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{components}} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} x_{1,1} & \cdots & x_{n,1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ x_{1,l} & \cdots & x_{n,l} \end{array} \right] \end{array}
 \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{=:Y}
 \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \text{measurements} \end{array}$$

Solve the minimization problem  $\min_{\Theta} (\|Y - X\Theta\|_2)$

## Case Study: Multivariate Calibration – Second Method

Solve

$$\min_{\Theta} (\|Y - X\Theta\|_2)$$
$$\Rightarrow \Theta = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$$

### Problems:

- $X$  is a large matrix with  $l \geq m$  ( $l$  number of measurements,  $m$  number of wavenumbers)
- Strong collinearity in  $X$ , because only  $n$  components influence the spectra

$\Rightarrow$  **Condition number** of  $X$  is **very large**

$\Rightarrow$  **ill-posed problem**

**Idea:** Reduce the dimension of the matrix by a skillful selection of a new coordinate system.

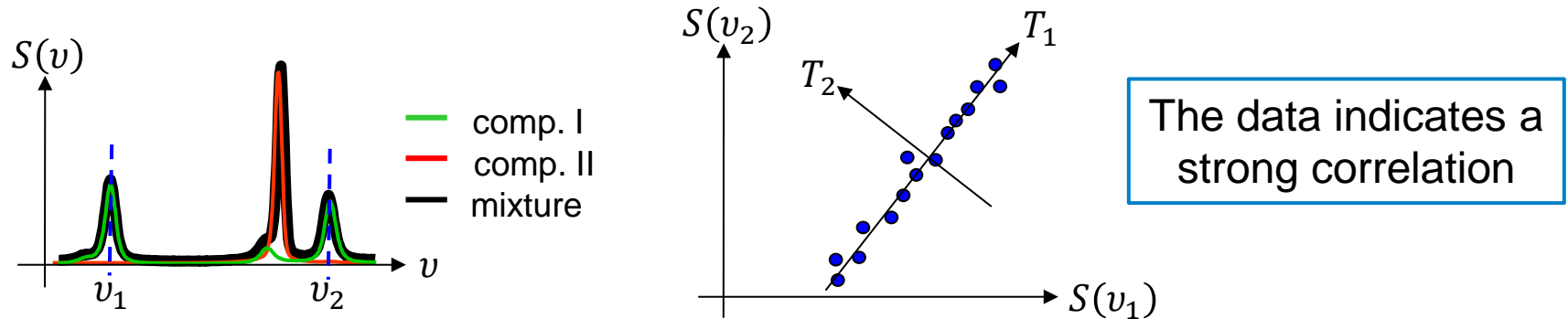
# Lecture Outline

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- What is an Parameter Estimation Problem?
- Linear Parameter Estimation
  - Least-Squares
  - Weighted Least-Squares
- Nonlinear Parameter Estimation
- Error-in-Variables Estimation
- Confidence Region
- Case Study: Challenges in Spectral Analysis
- Data Reduction Using Principal Component Analysis

# Data Reduction with Principle Component Analysis

Consider two component mixture spectrum with  $\text{rank}(\Theta) = 2$  and measurements  $S_k(v_i), i = 1, 2$  and  $k = 1, \dots, l$ :



Identify a new coordinate system alongside the largest variants in the data

⇒ **Principle Component Analysis (PCA)**

Principle component (PC) are **right singular vectors** of the matrix  $X$ .

**SVD** of  $X$ :

$$X = \underbrace{U \text{diag}(\sigma)}_{=:T} V^T = TV^T$$

$$\text{where } T^T T = \text{diag}(\sigma) U^T U \text{diag}(\sigma) = \text{diag}(\sigma^2) \text{ and } V^T V = I$$

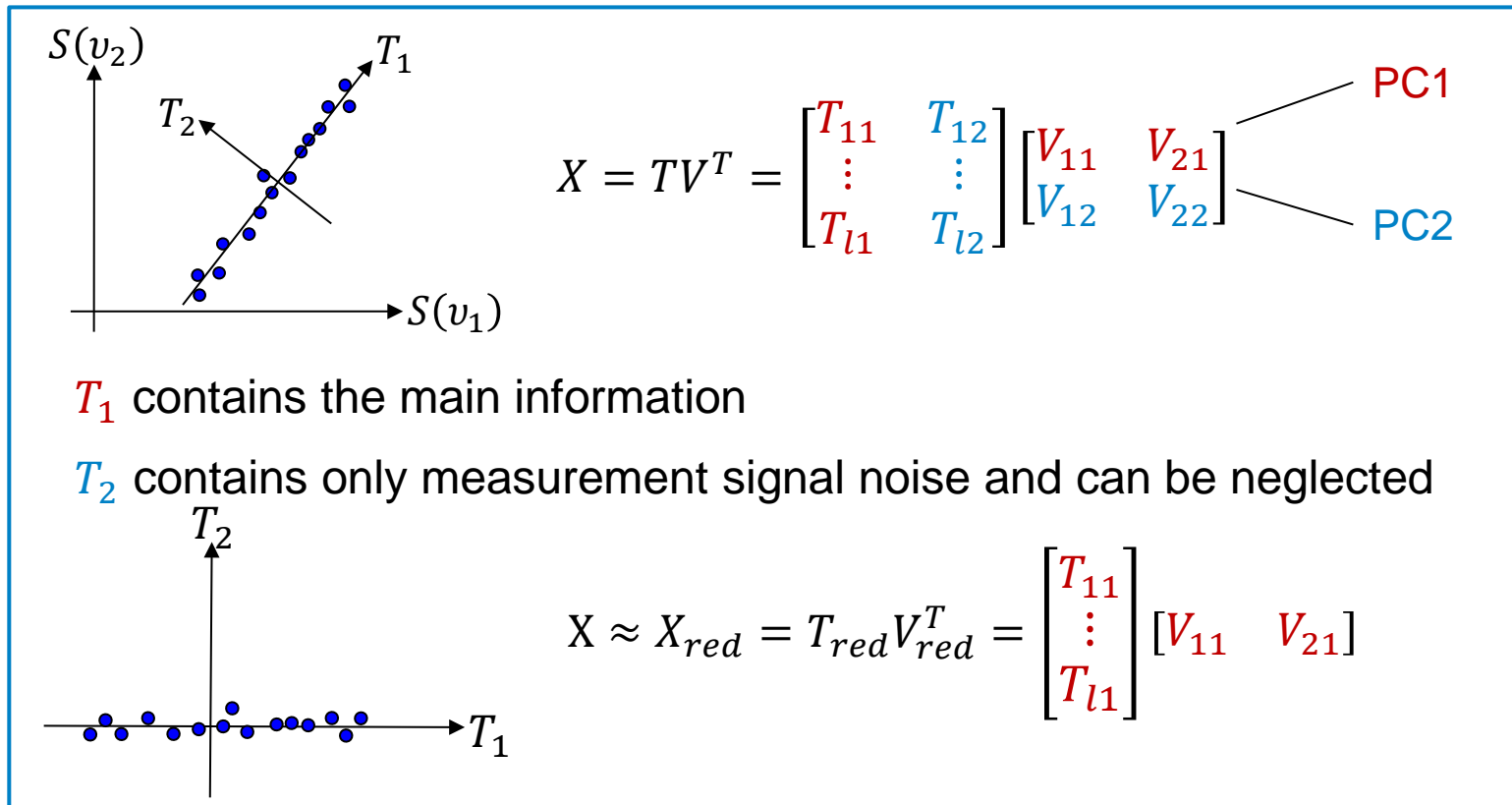
**Note:** The singular values tell us, how much information is contained in a PC

# Illustration of Principle Component Analysis

- Select those PC which correspond to large singular values, cf. truncated SVD

(Reusken, section 3.2):

$$X_{red} = T_{red} V_{red}^T$$



**Binary spectral data** with two correlated intensities is reduced to **one dimension**.  
In general, spectral matrices can be represented in  **$(n - 1)$ -dimensional spaces!**

# Calibration by Principle Component Regression (PCR)

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**Idea:** Identify the model parameters  $\Theta$  in the reduced space  $X_{red}$

$$\min_{\Theta} (\|Y - X_{red}\Theta_{red}\|_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \Theta_{red} &= (X_{red}^T X_{red})^{-1} X_{red}^T Y \\ &= V_{red} (T_{red}^T T_{red})^{-1} T_{red}^T Y\end{aligned}$$

Since  $X_{red} \approx X$ , the identified model parameters  $\theta_{red}$  are a good approximation of  $\Theta$ .

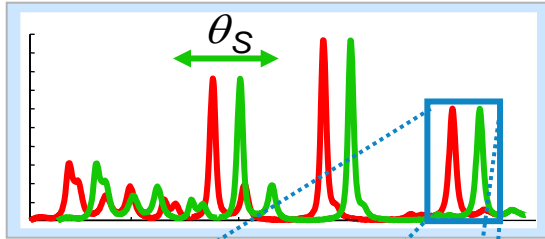
## Advantage:

- $T_{red} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times (n-1)}$ , where  $X$  and  $X_{red} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times m}$  with  $m \geq n$
- $\text{cond}(T_{red}) = \text{cond}(X_{red}) < \text{cond}(X)$ , because the smallest singular values of  $X$  are not taken into account



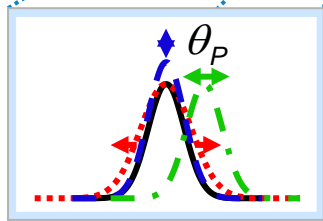
# Capturing Nonlinearity – Indirect Hard Modeling

PCR requires a linear spectral model, but **nature is nonlinear**



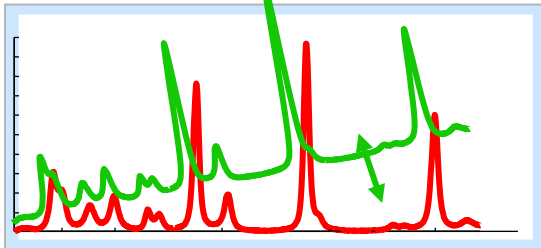
## Spectral shifts

parameters  $\Theta_{S,j}$



## Peak variations

parameters  $\Theta_{P,j}$   
(position, intensity, width, shape)



## Baseline effects

parameters  $\Theta_B$

**Full spectral model:**  $S(v, \alpha, \Theta) = B(v, \Theta_B) + \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j S_j^*(v, \Theta_{S,j}, \Theta_{P,j})$

Spectral model is **nonlinear in  $\Theta$** ,

where  $\Theta := [\Theta_B^T, \Theta_S^T, \Theta_P^T]^T$

**⇒ Nonlinear parameter estimation**

## Review questions

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- Why is the parameter estimation an inverse problem?
- Explain Least Squares Method (LS) using an example!
- What is the main difference between LS and Weighted LS?
- In what sense and under which conditions is the WLS-estimate optimal?
- Explain the method of data reduction by PCA!
- Explain the „Constrained“ WLS!
- What is confidence region?