

# Workshop

## Data processing

Experimental Project  
Master Engineering Physics



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# Contents

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## **Learn with an example**

1. Image processing: segmentation, filtering, measurements
2. Data processing: selection, model fitting
3. Statistical analysis: descriptive statistics, t-test, ANOVA

Practice with your preliminary data

# An example

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## Final goal

Analyze the image, and infer the radius of both drops

Captured at 2000fps  
Scale unknown

# An example

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## Strategy

1. Detect the drop position vs. time by image processing  
→ Image J: <https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/>  
(all functions → equiv. in Matlab)
2. Fit a theoretical model of free fall on the data, and deduce the scale from the acceleration of gravity  
→ Matlab

# Image processing



Results												
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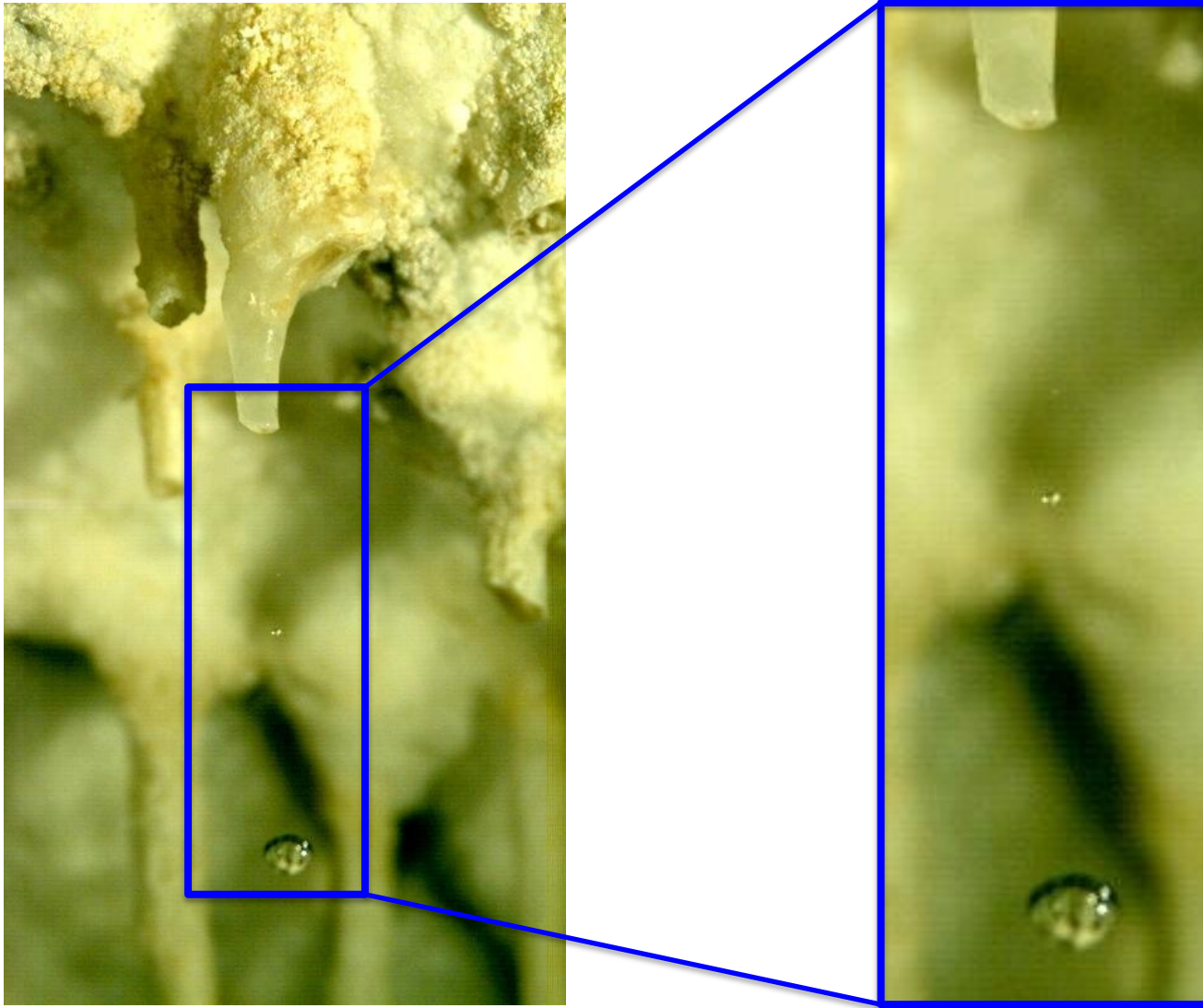
**Goal** Detect objects of interest, then calculate their properties (position, size, shape, etc.)

## Strategy

1. Image preparation
2. Background removal to highlight the objects
3. Segmentation to select the objects
4. Filtering to remove noise
5. Measurement of object properties + storage

# Image preparation

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e.g. Rotation, cropping, resizing  
(./Image/)

# Background generation

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./Image/Duplicate



1<sup>st</sup> frame

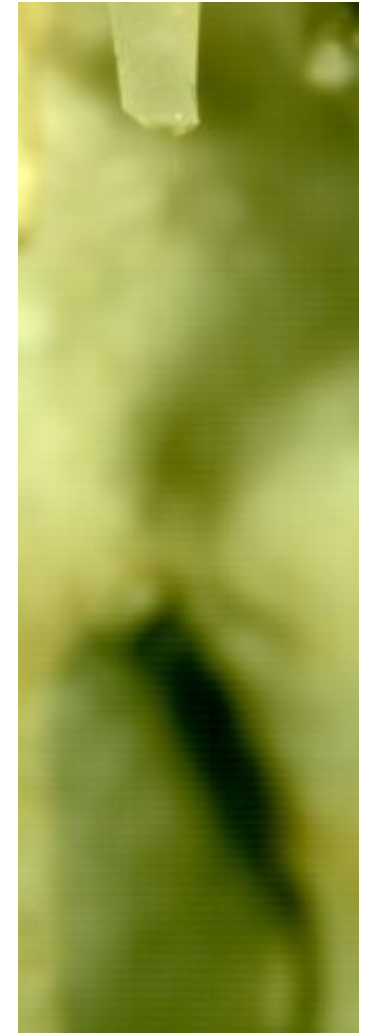


Last frame

./Image/Stack/Z-project



Time average



Time median

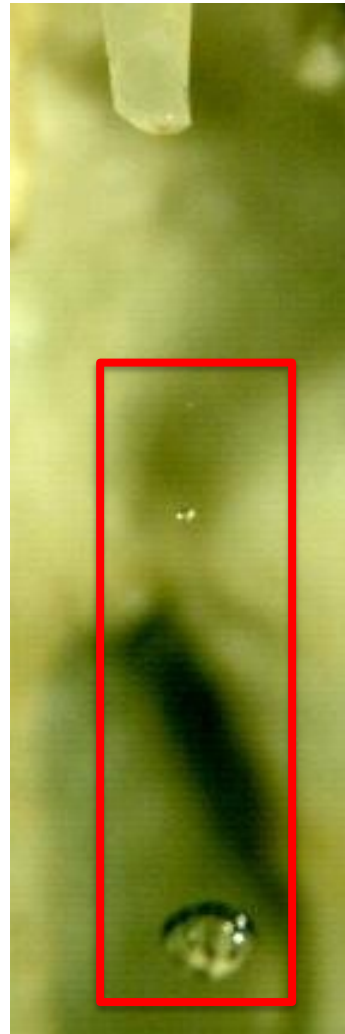


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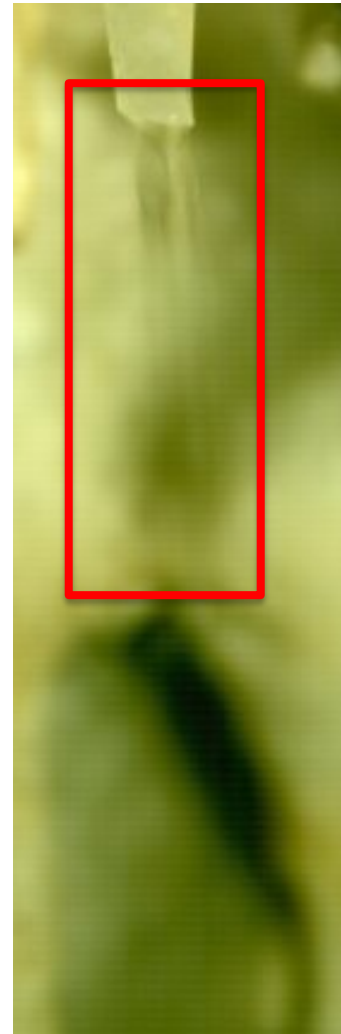


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# Background subtraction

./Process/ImageCalculator



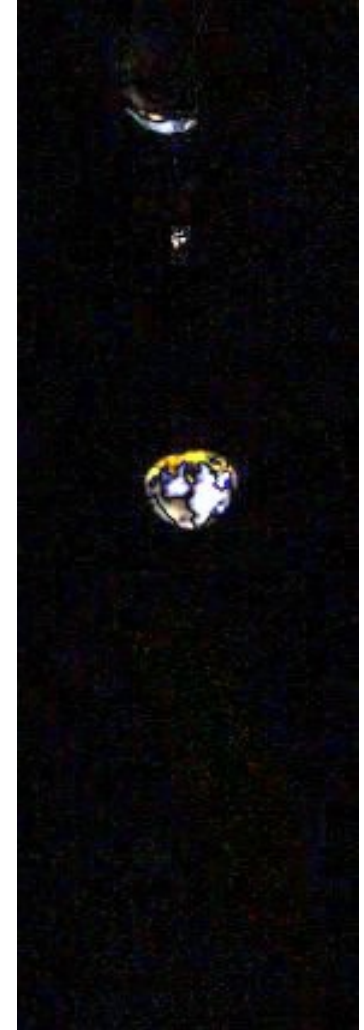
Original



Background



Subtraction



Difference (→ abs)

Increase contrast → ./Image/Adjust/BrightnessContrast: Max = 64

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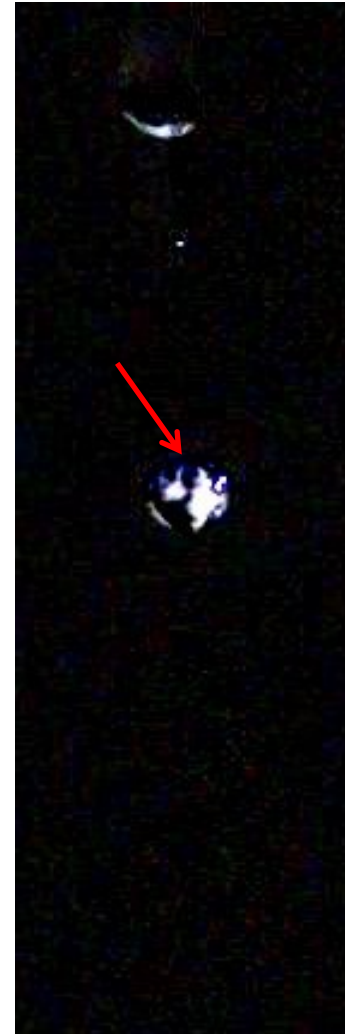
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# Segmentation

./Image/Type/8-bit

./Image/Adjust/Threshold



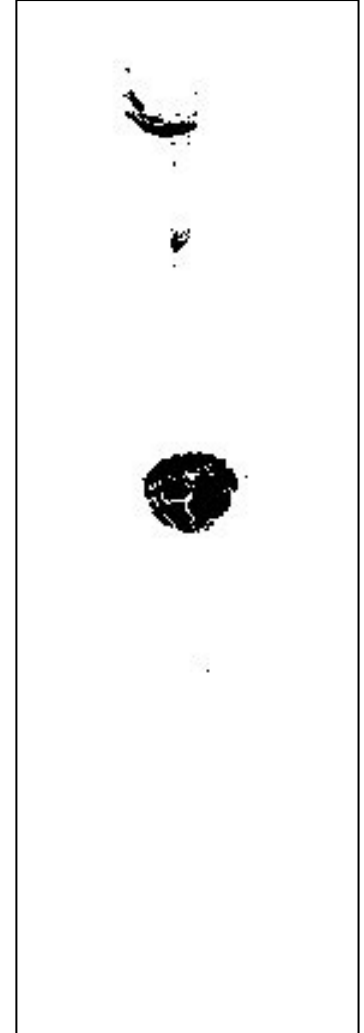
RGB  
3x [0, 255]



Gray level  
[0, 255]



Threshold  
[100, 255]



Threshold  
[40, 255]

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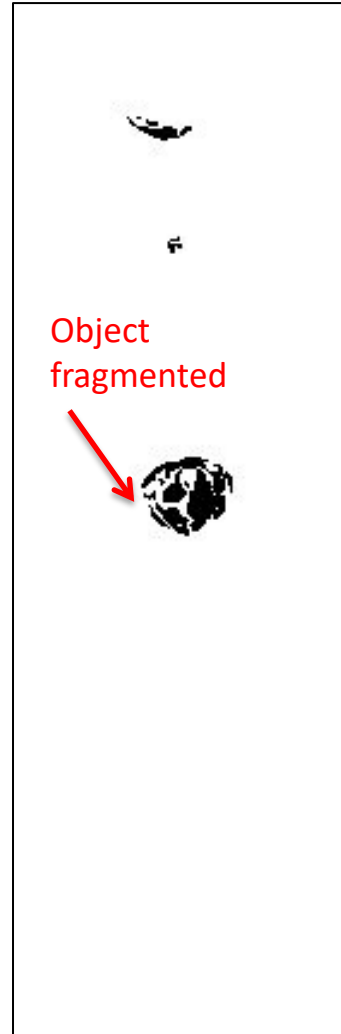


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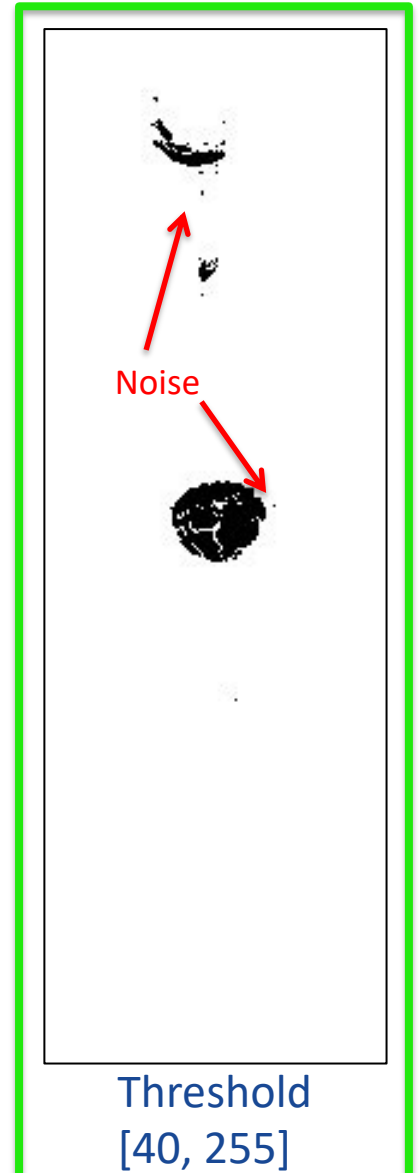
Gray level  
[0, 255]

./Image/Adjust/Threshold



Object  
fragmented

Threshold  
[100, 255]



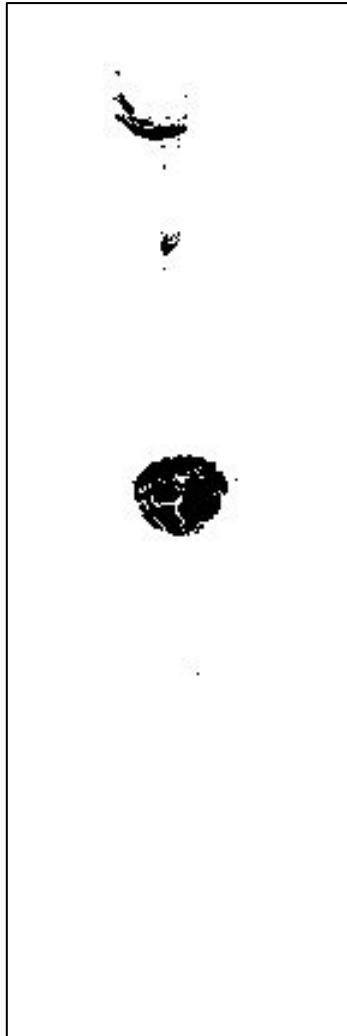
Noise

Threshold  
[40, 255]

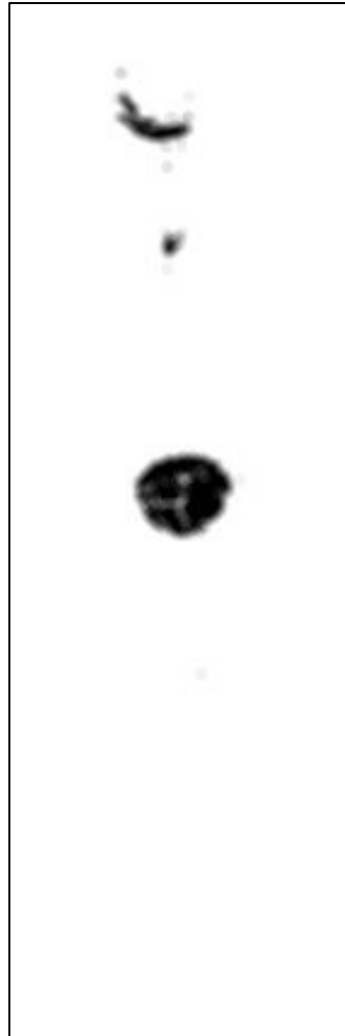
# Filtering

= convolution of the image matrix by a filtering kernel

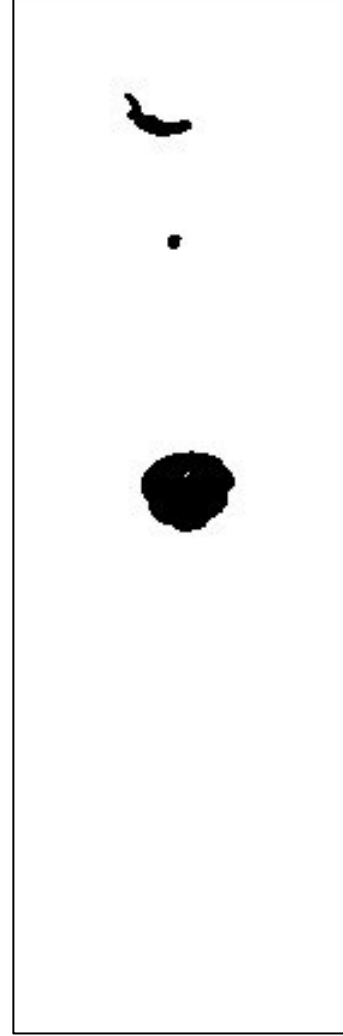
[./Process/Filters/](#)



Original B&W  
(noisy)



Mean – R=2  
→ gray



Median – R=2  
→ B&W

Kernel – R=2

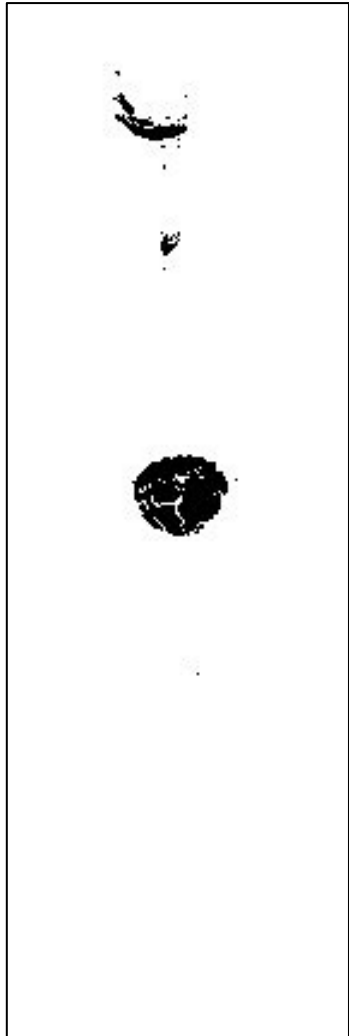
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

→ Each pixel is replaced by the mean / median / ... of the 21 neighboring pixels

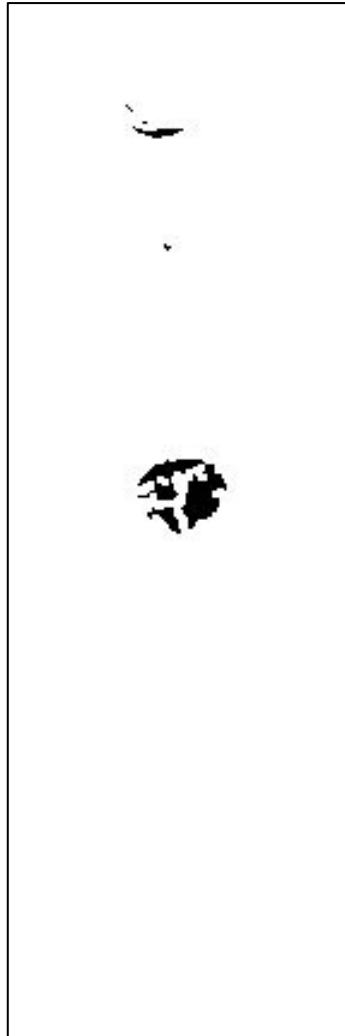
# Filtering – morphological operations

= special convolutions (B&W → B&W)

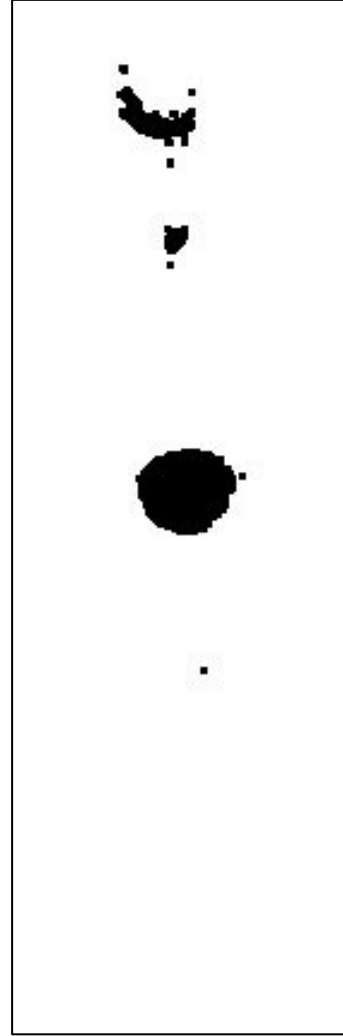
./Process/Binary/



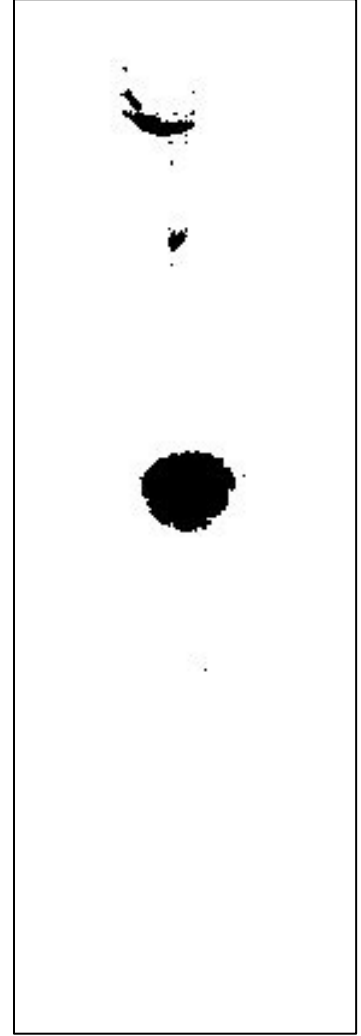
Original B&W  
(noisy)



Erode  
= remove one layer



Dilate  
= add one layer

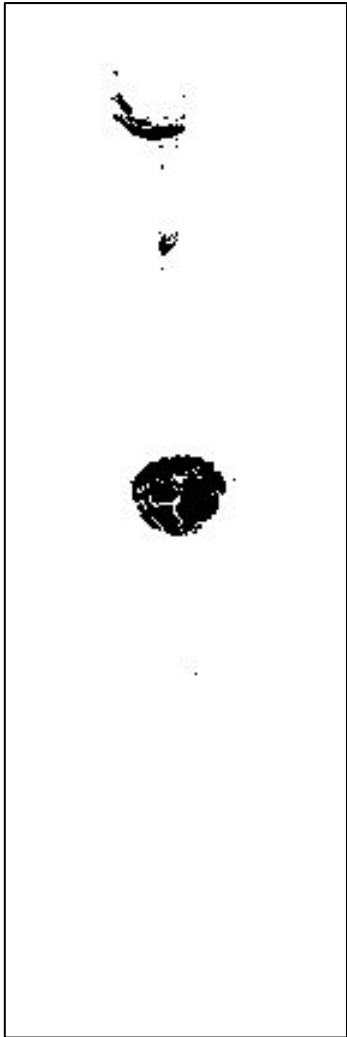


Fill holes

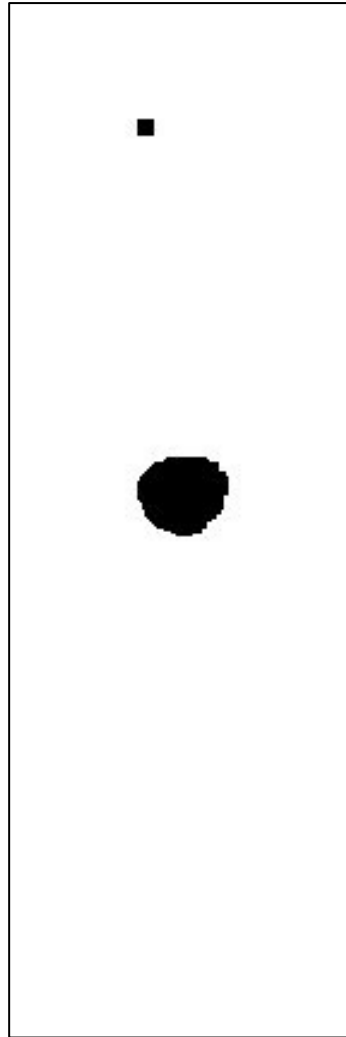
# Filtering – combinations

Succession of filters (Median, Erode, Dilate, Fill holes)

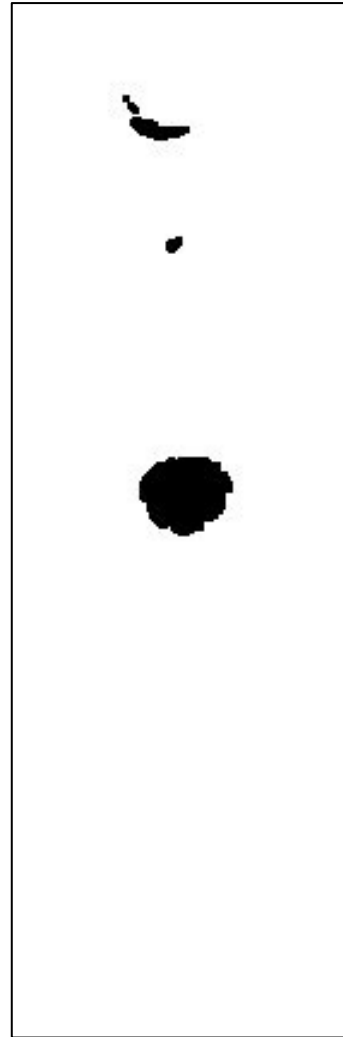
Size +/- conserved if  $\#(E) = \#(D)$



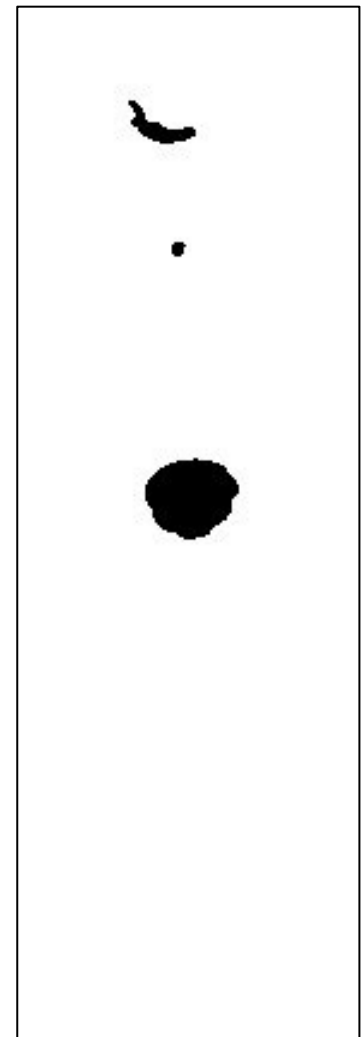
Original B&W  
(noisy)



DFEEEEEDDD



FED



MF



# Measurements

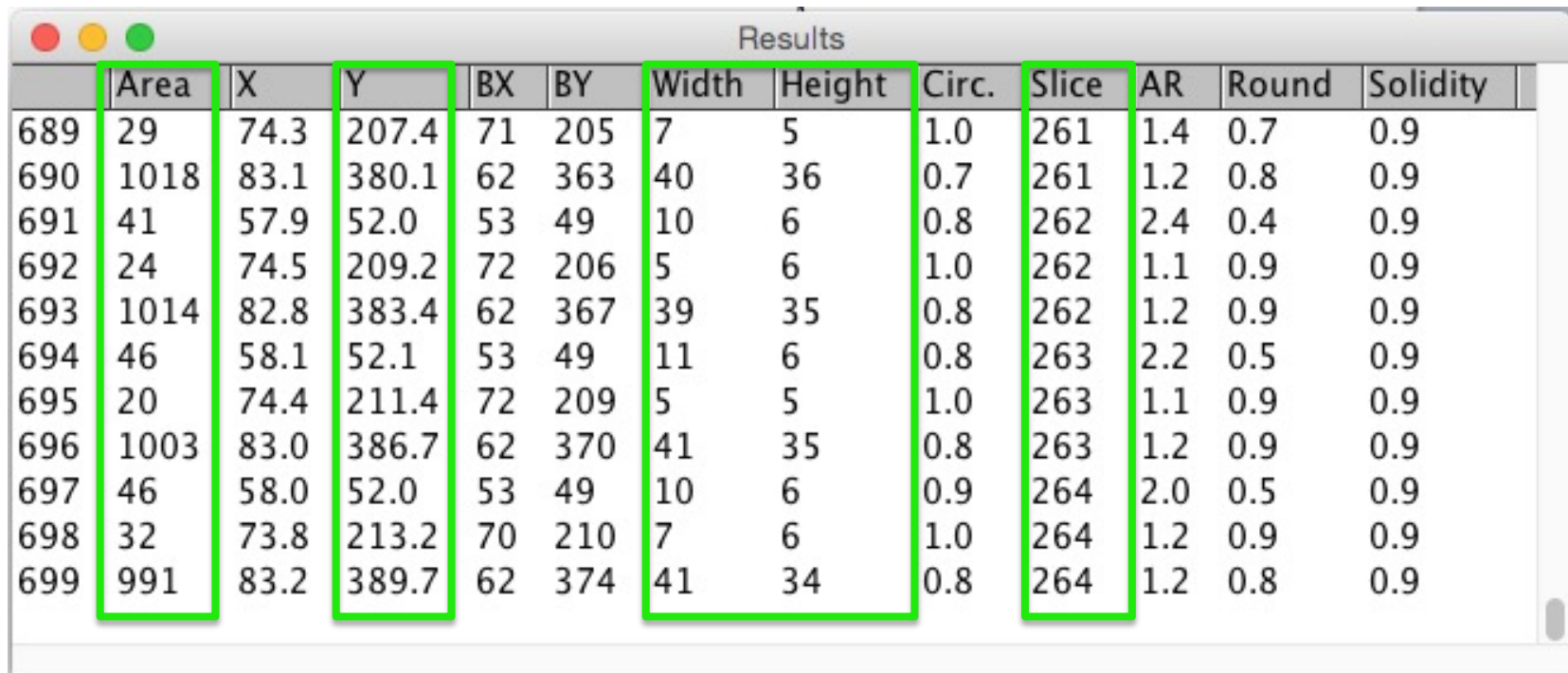
./Analyze/SetMeasurements

➔ e.g. Select Area, Centroid, Bounding rectangle, Shape descriptors, Stack position

./Analyze/AnalyzeParticles

Additional noise removal ➔ Size: 10-inf pixel<sup>2</sup>

Possible constraint on circularity  $C = 4\pi \frac{\text{Area}}{\text{Perimeter}^2}$



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➔ Save as .txt file, to be imported in Matlab for further processing

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Practice with your preliminary data

# Data import in Matlab

```
data=dlmread('Results.txt','\t',1,0);
```

```
A=data(:,2);
```

```
y=data(:,4);
```

```
W=data(:,7);
```

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H=data(:,8);
```

```
t=data(:,10)/2000;
```

% Area [pix<sup>2</sup>]

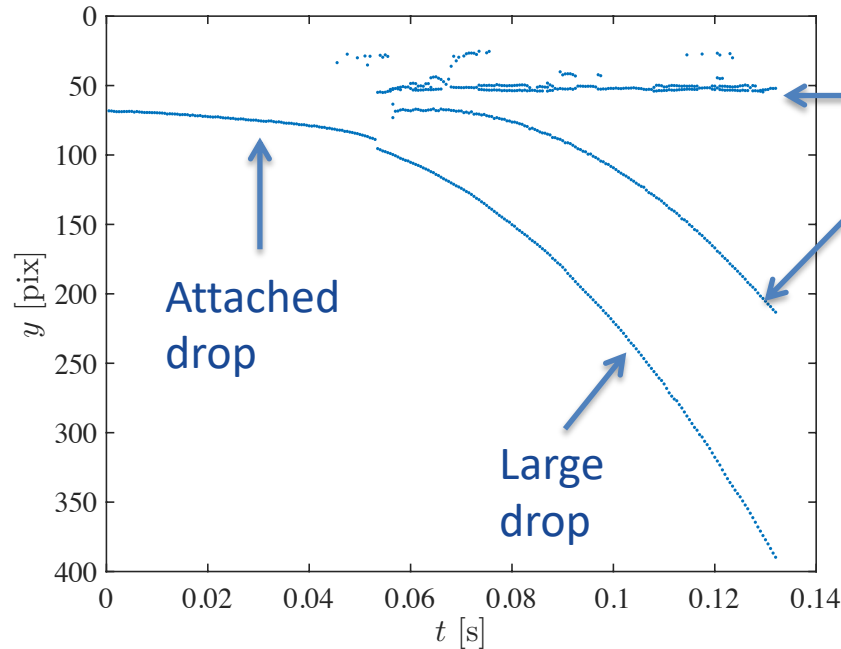
% Vertical position [pix]

% Width [pix]

% Height [pix]

% Time [s]

Sampling  
freq.



```
figure(1);
```

```
plot(t,y,'.');
```

```
xlabel('$t$ [s]','fontsize',FS,'fontname','Times','interpreter','latex');
```

```
ylabel('$y$ [pix]','fontsize',FS,'fontname','Times','interpreter','latex');
```

```
set(gca,'fontsize',FS-2,'YDir','reverse','fontname','Times');
```

```
print -depsc ./Figures/Fig1_ty.eps;
```

# Data selection / partition

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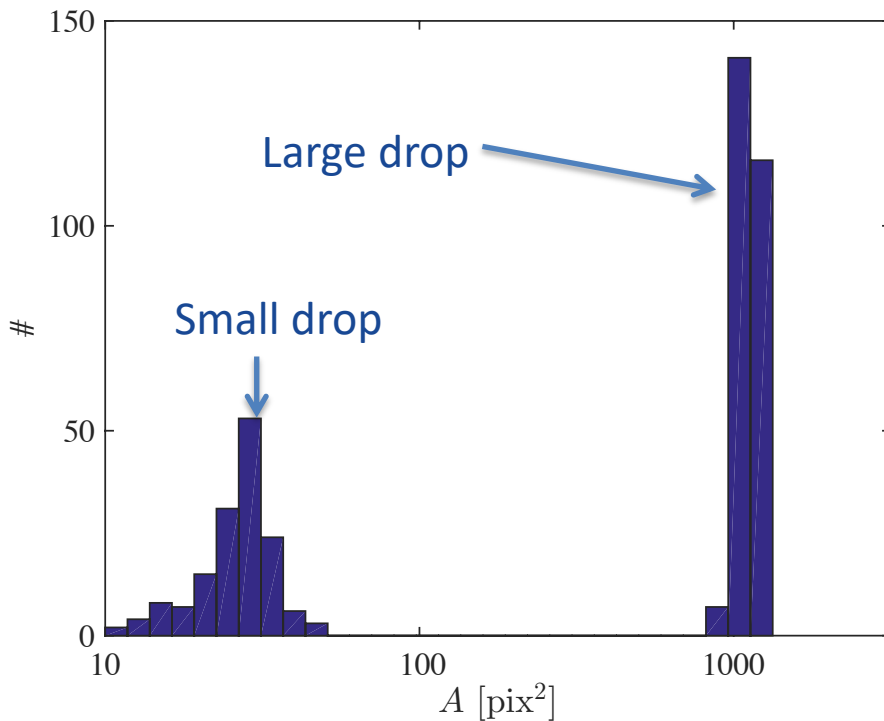
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Then check size histogram to distinguish and separate both drops

`hist(log10(A(f0)),30);`

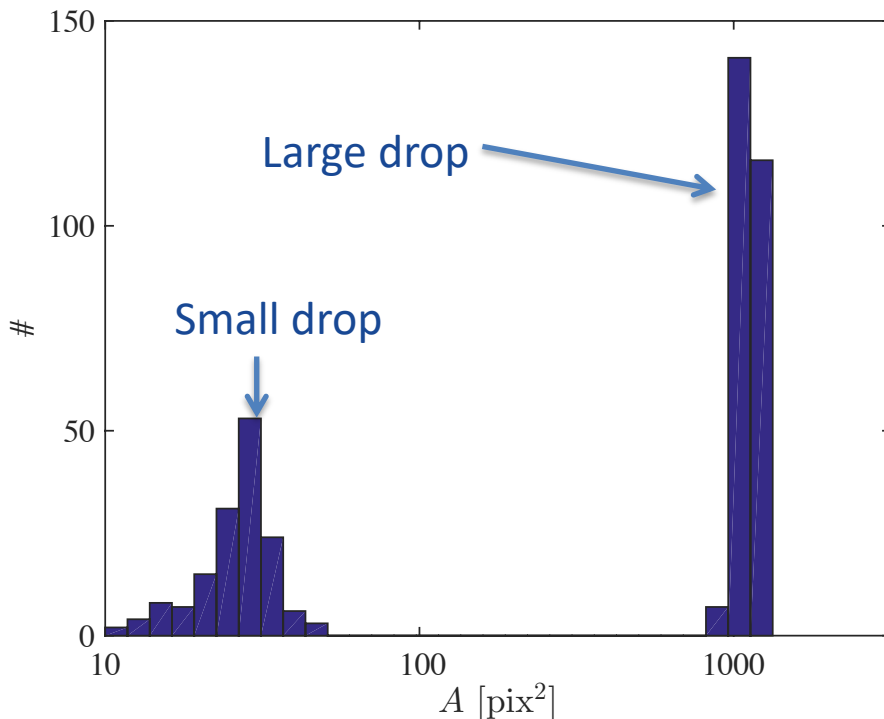


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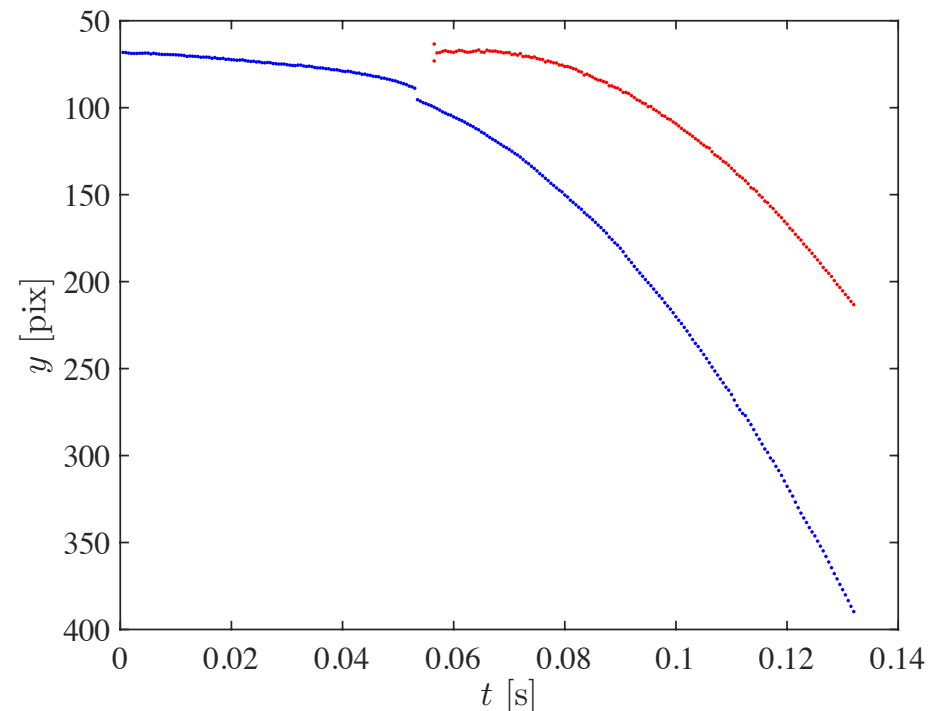
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```
f1=find(A>100); f01=intersect(f0,f1);  
f2=find(A<100); f02=intersect(f0,f2);  
plot(t(f01),y(f01),'b.');
```



The partition based on area works to distinguish both drops.

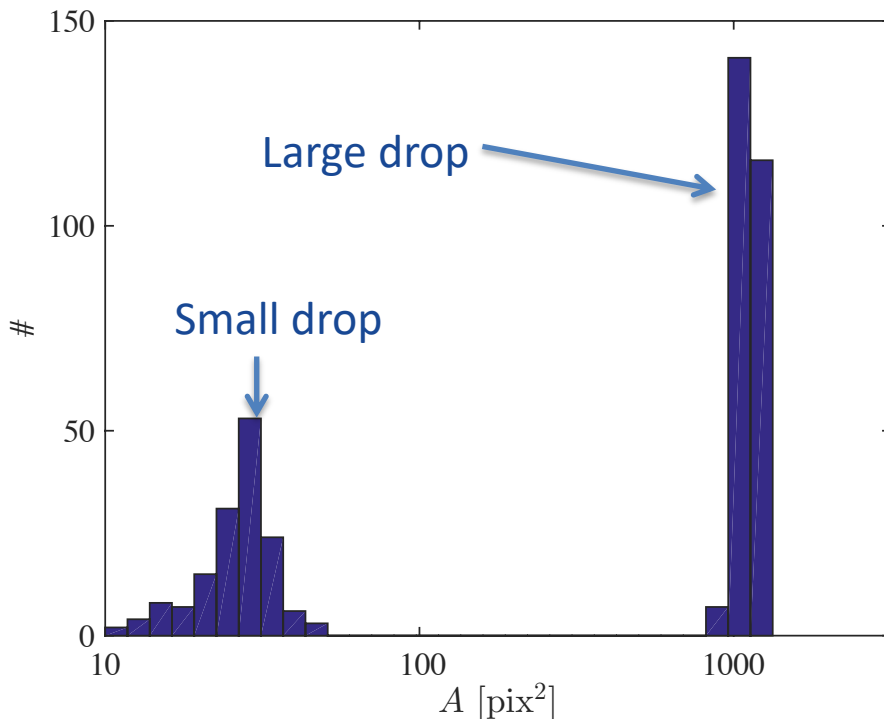
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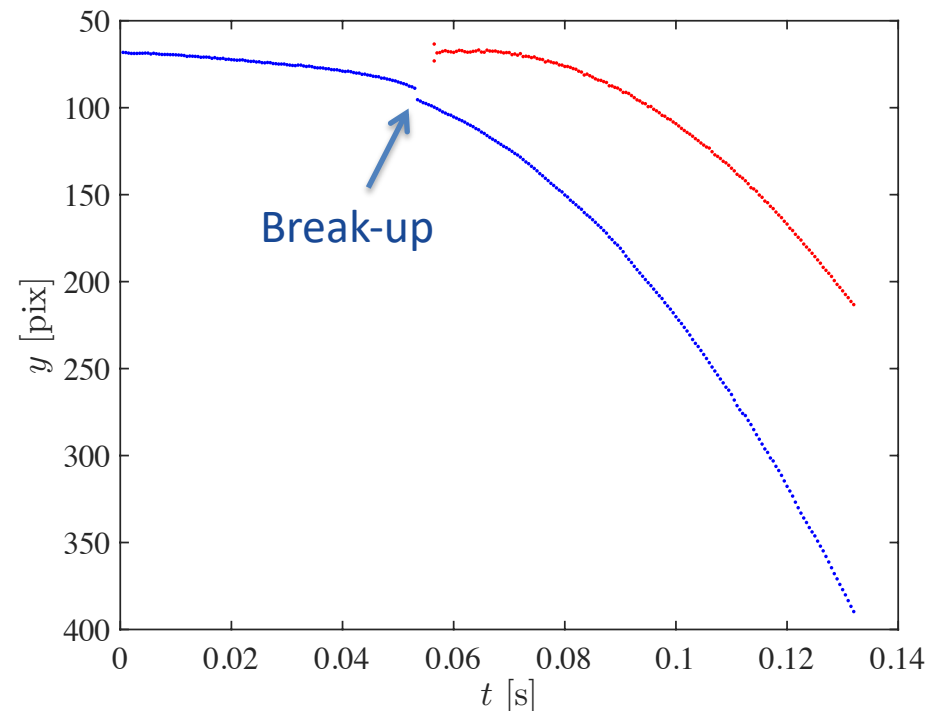
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plot(t(f01),y(f01),'b.'); plot(t(f02),y(f02),'r.');
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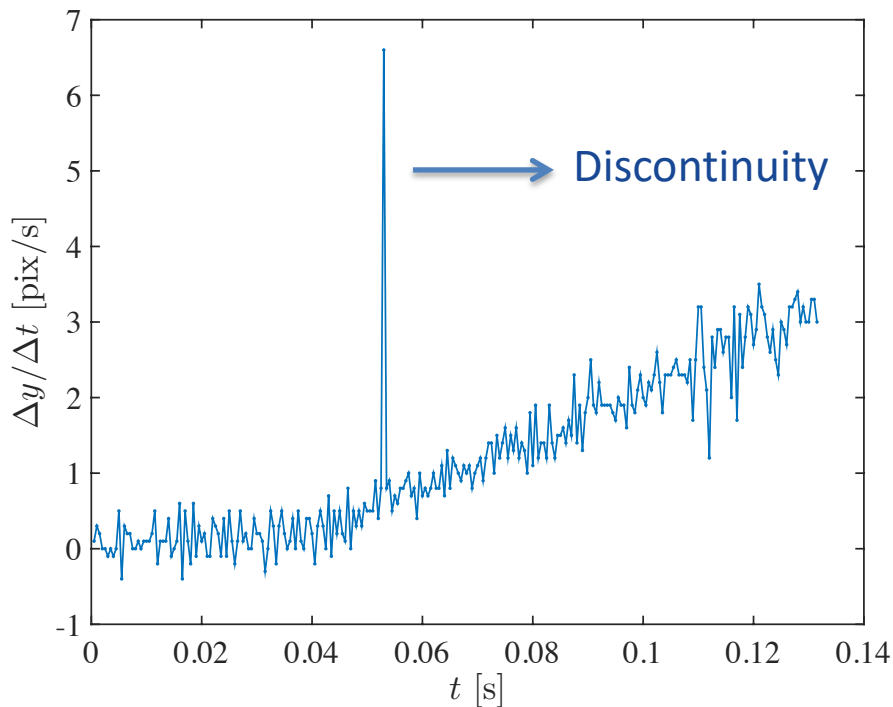
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# Data selection / partition

```
dy=diff(y(f01));  
plot(t(f01(1:end-1)),dy,'.-');  
f3=find(dy>5);  
t0=t(f01(f3));
```

→ Time of break-up

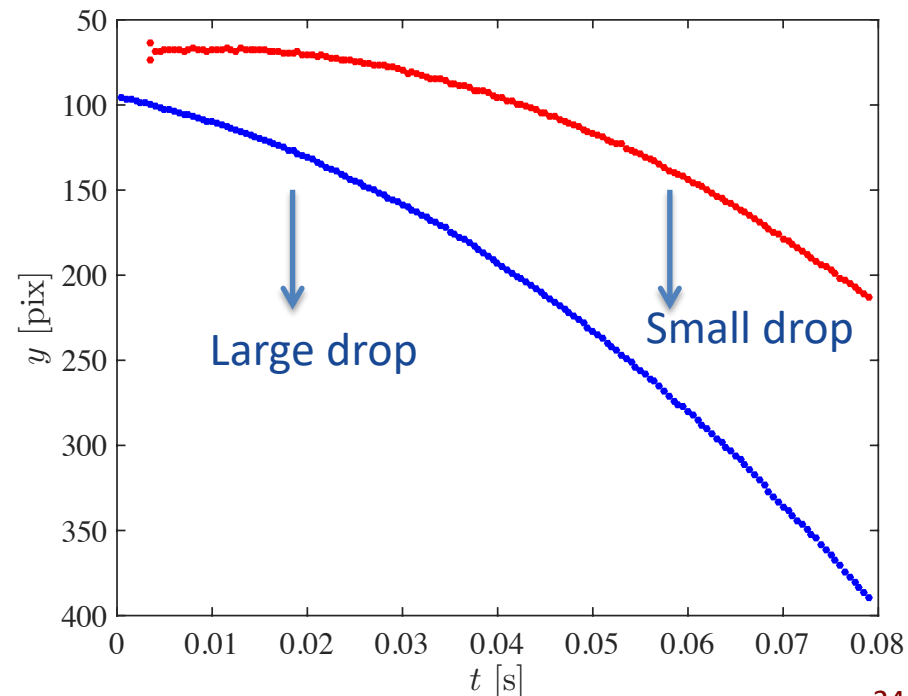
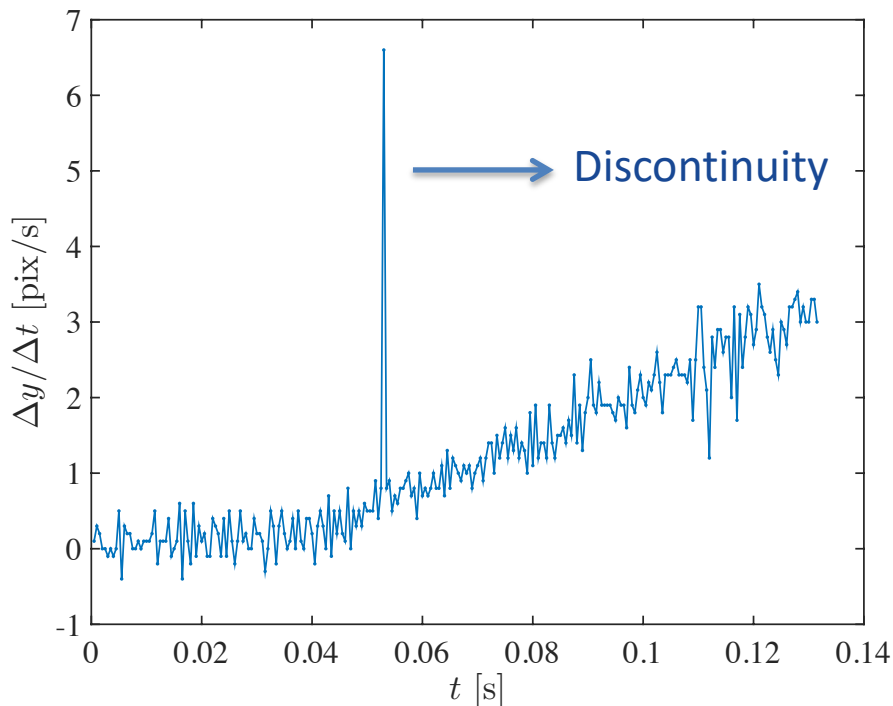


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f3=find(dy>5);  
t0=t(f01(f3));  
t=t-t0;  
f31=f01(t(f01)>0); f32=f02(t(f02)>0);  
t1=t(f31); t2=t(f32); y1=y(f31); y2=y(f32);
```

→ Time of break-up

→ Free fall selected



# Acceleration of gravity

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Deduced from  $y$ , through finite differences

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + v_n(\Delta t) + \frac{a_n}{2}(\Delta t)^2$$

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$$\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{2(y_{n+1} + y_{n-1} - 2y_n)}{(\Delta t)^2}$$

$y$  [pix]

$a_n$  = acceleration [pix/s<sup>2</sup>]

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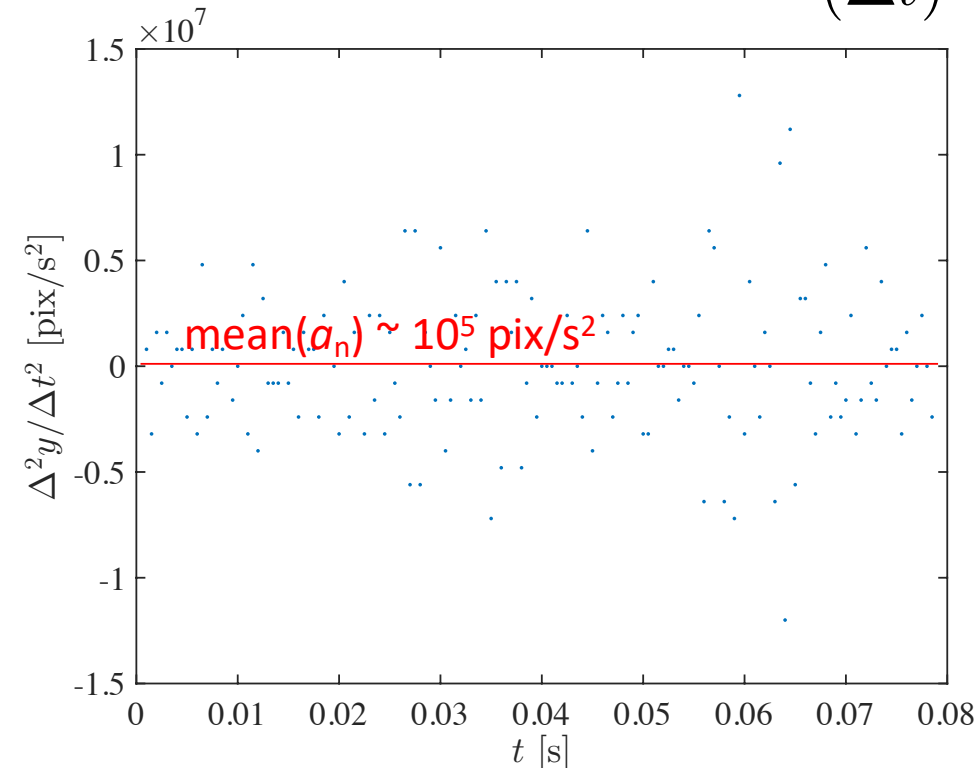
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```
ac=(y1(3:end)+y1(1:end-2)-2*y1(2:end-1))*2./(t1(2:end-1)-t1(1:end-2)).^2;
plot(t1(2:end-1),ac,'.'); hold on;
plot([min(t1),max(t1)],mean(ac)*[1 1],'r');
c=9.81/mean(ac);
```

It yields

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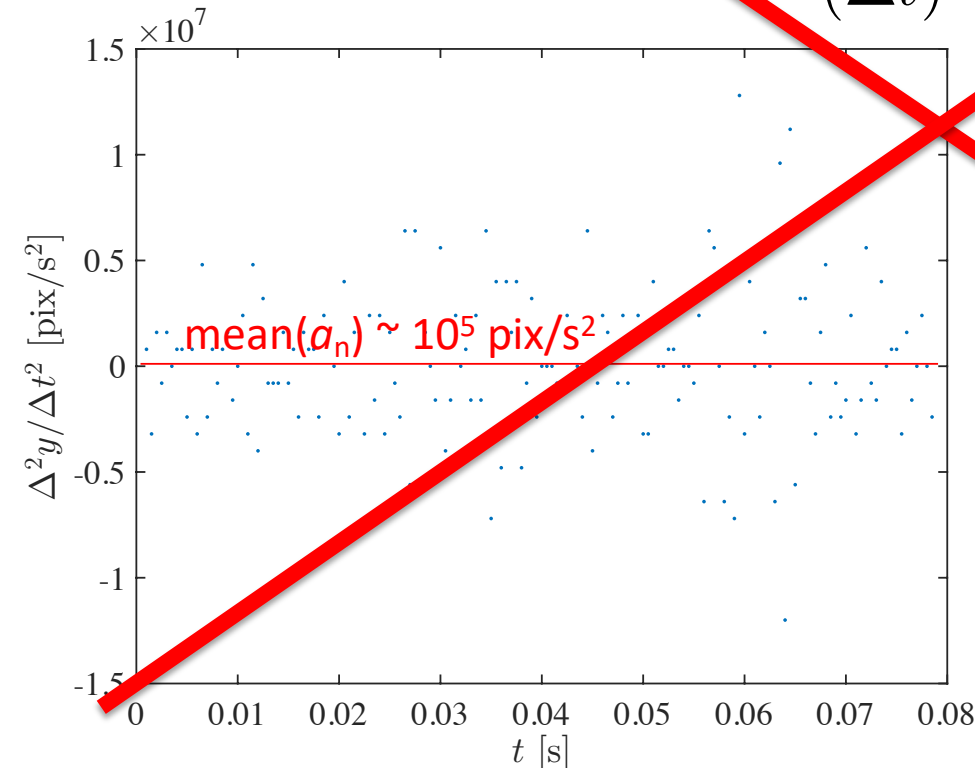
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# Model fitting

Physical model of free fall (without drag)

$$yc = y_0c + v_0t + \frac{g}{2}t^2$$

$y$  [pix]

$c$  = size [m] of one pixel

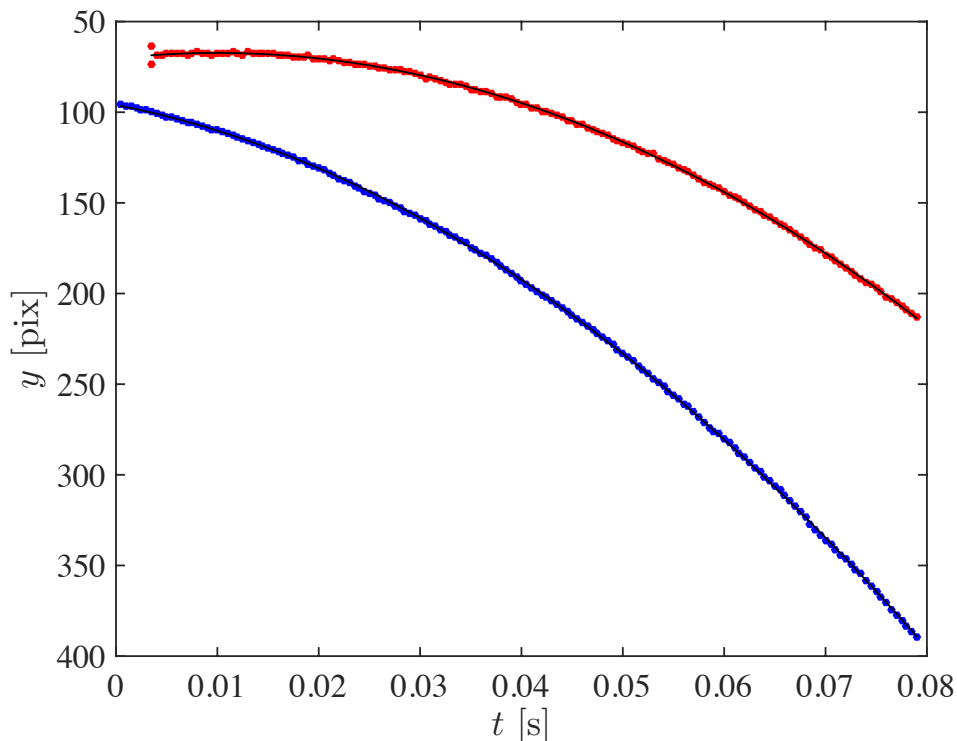
$V_0$  = initial speed [m/s]

$g = 9.81$  [m/s<sup>2</sup>]

Implementation:  $y = p_2t^2 + p_1t + p_0$

$$c = \frac{g}{2p_2}$$

➔ fitting of a 2<sup>nd</sup> order polynomial (i.e. linear in fitting coefficients  $p_i$ )



```
p1=polyfit(t1,y1,2); c1=9.81/2/p1(1),  
p2=polyfit(t2,y2,2); c2=9.81/2/p2(1),  
plot(t1,y1,'b.');
```

hold on;  
plot(t2,y2,'r.');

```
plot(t1,polyval(p1,t1),'k');  
plot(t2,polyval(p2,t2),'k');
```

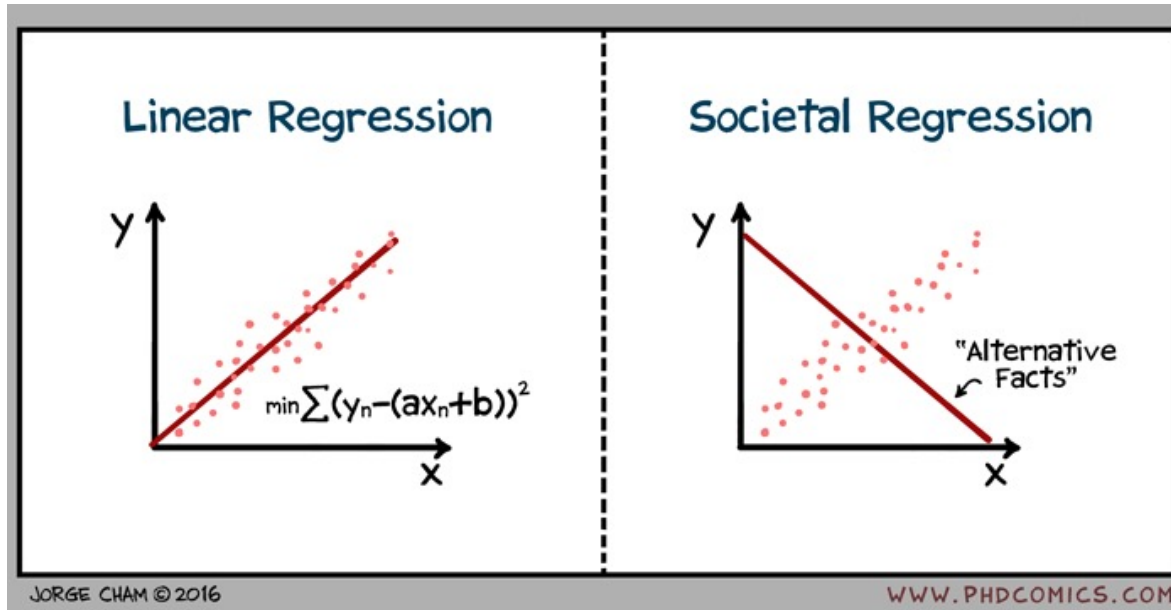
It yields

$c = 147 \mu\text{m/pix}$ , from the large drop

$c = 160 \mu\text{m/pix}$ , from the small drop

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# Linear regression

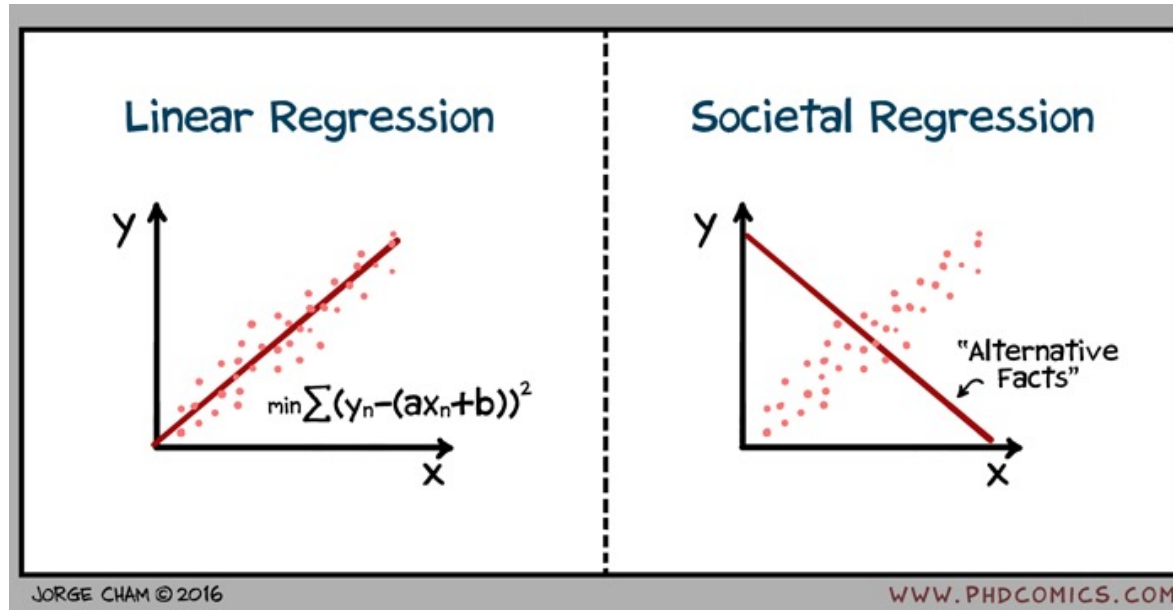


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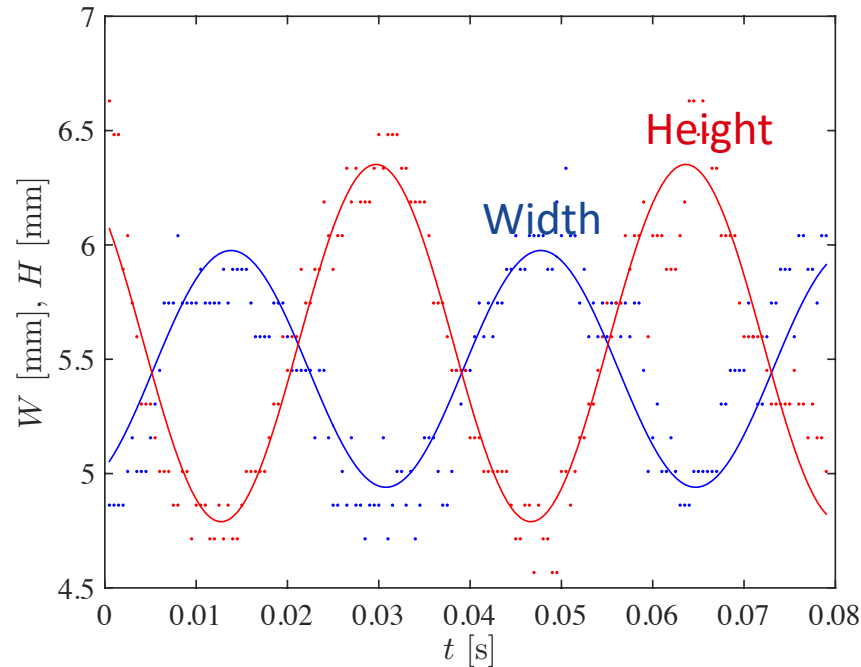
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Least min square:  $S(c) = \|y - Xc\|^2 = y^T y - 2c^T X^T y + c^T X^T X c$

$$\frac{1}{2} \nabla_c S = \boxed{X^T X c - X^T y = 0} \quad \rightarrow \text{Normal equations (linear system)}$$

In Matlab:  $c = X \backslash y;$  (*polyfit* is just a particular case for polynomial fitting)

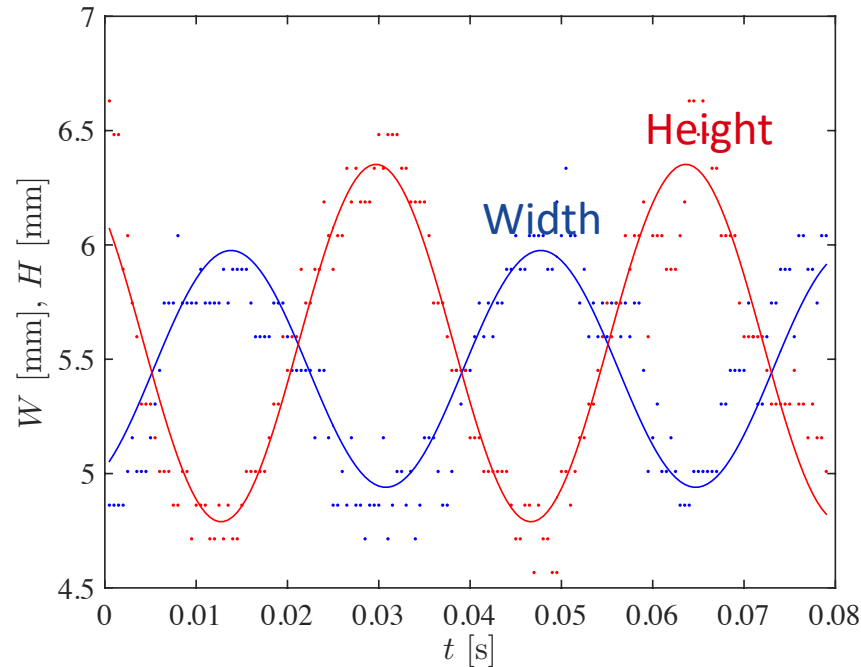
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Drop width  $W(t) = c_1 \cos(\omega t + \varphi) + c_2$   $\rightarrow$  not linear in  $\omega$  and  $\varphi$

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## Trick: Screening in the space of non-linear parameters

for  $\omega = \dots : \dots$

“solve linear problem in  $(c_1, c_2, c_3)$ ”, and store residual  $\min(S)$

end;

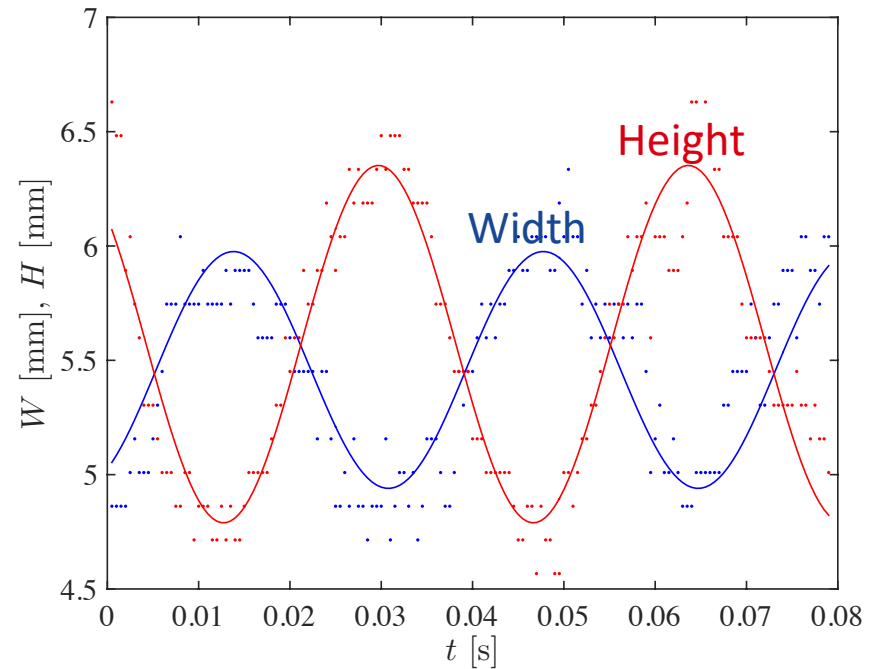
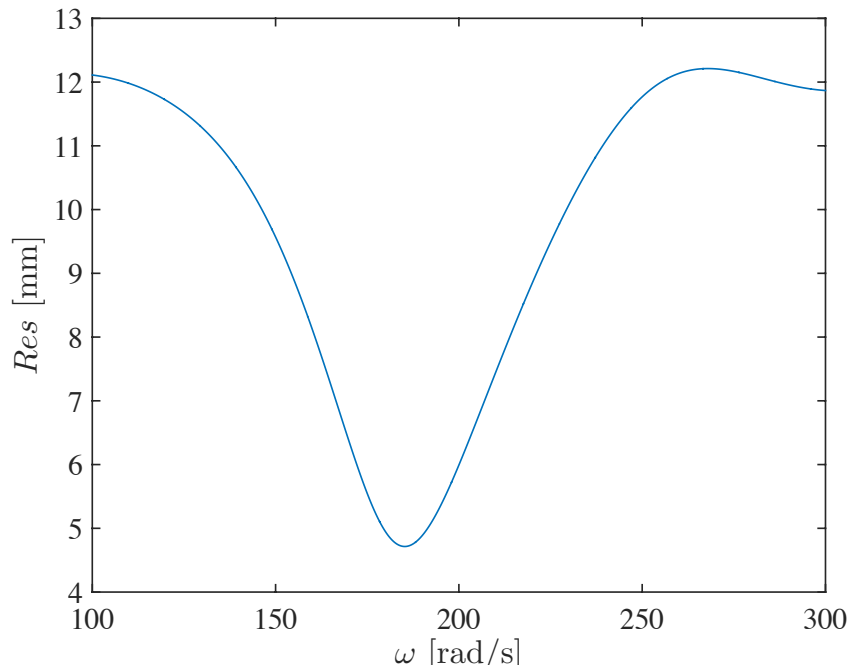
Then select the  $\omega$  which gave the smallest residual

Also possible with iterative method (optimization)

# Drop oscillation – non-linear regression

```
om=linspace(100,300,1001);  
Res=[];  
for i0=1:numel(om),  
    X=[cos(om(i0)*t(f31)), sin(om(i0)*t(f31)),ones(size(f31))];  
    cW=X\W(f31);  
    Res(i0)=norm(W(f31)-X*cW);  
end;  
i0=find(Res==min(Res));  
XW=[cos(om(i0)*t(f31)), sin(om(i0)*t(f31)), ones(size(f31))];  
cW=XW\W(f31);  
plot(t(f31),XW*cW,'b');
```

Why is the width amplitude smaller than the height amplitude ?



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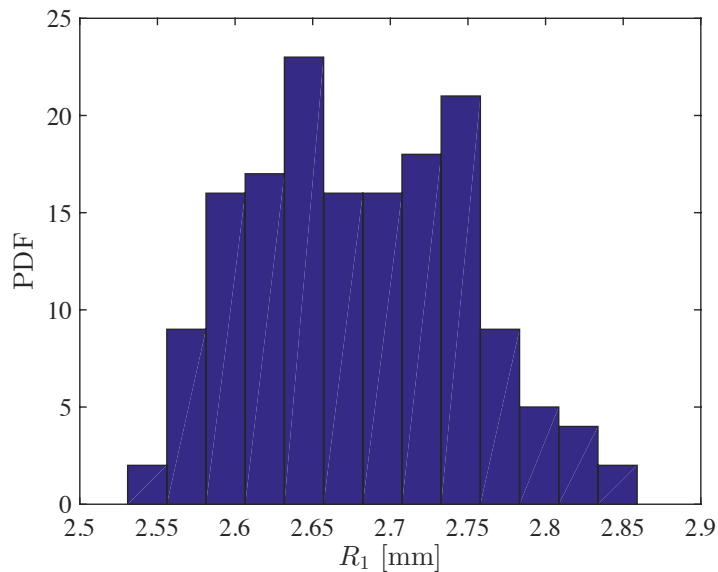
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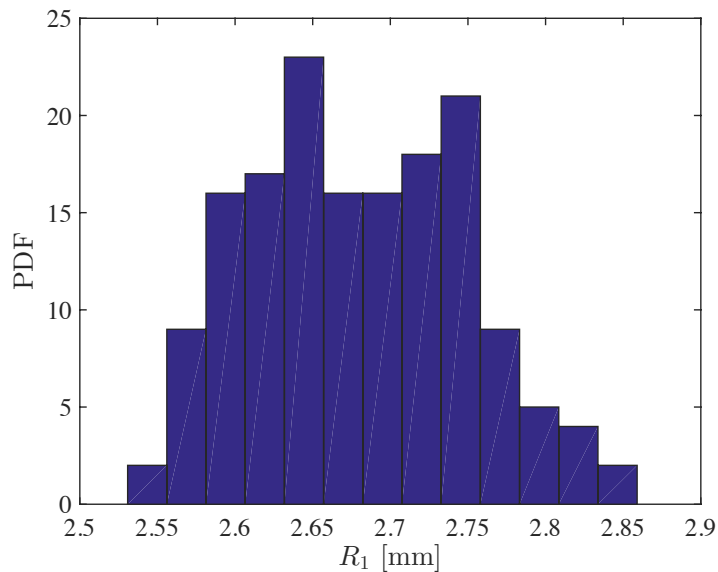


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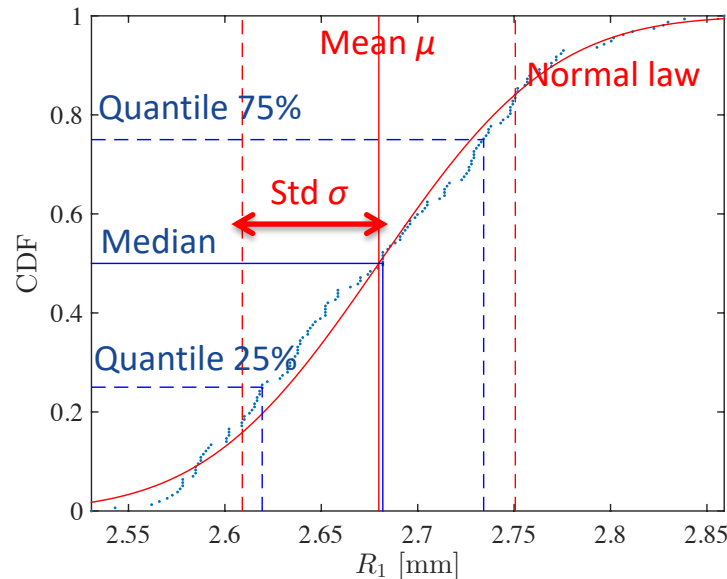
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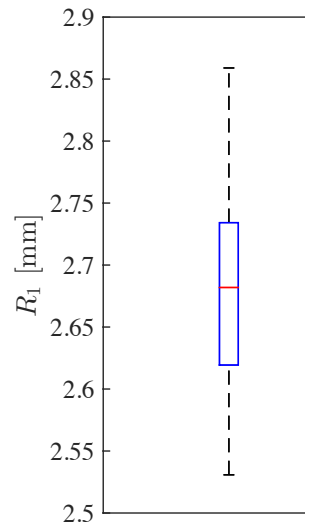
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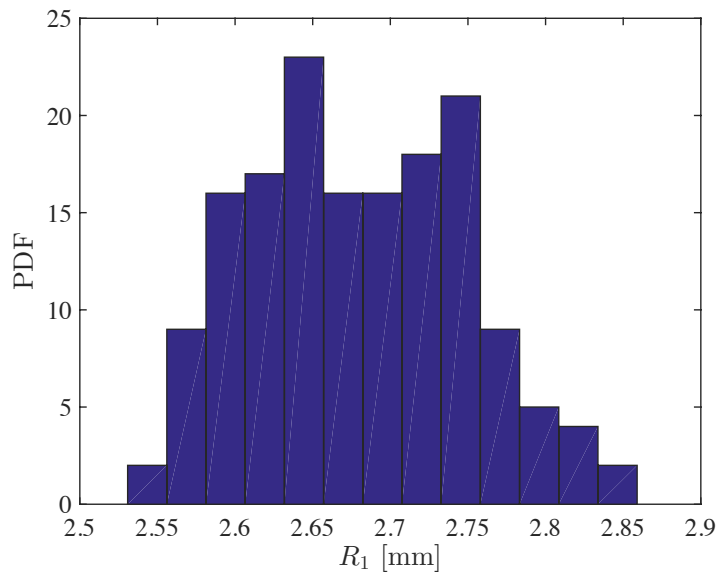




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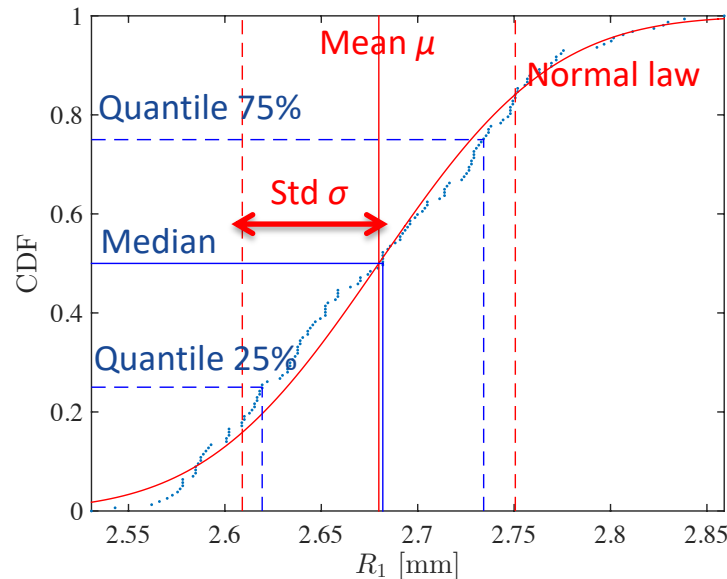
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- Variance of the sample mean = variance of the sample / size of the sample

➔ Error on the mean radius (for  $N$  indep. measurements):  $\Delta R = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$



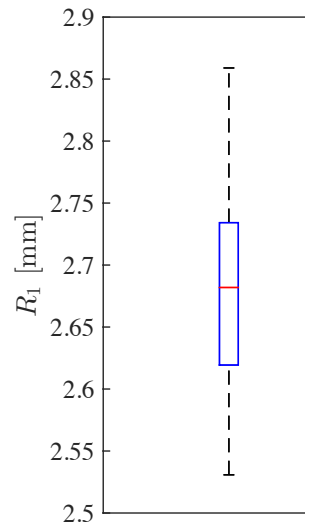
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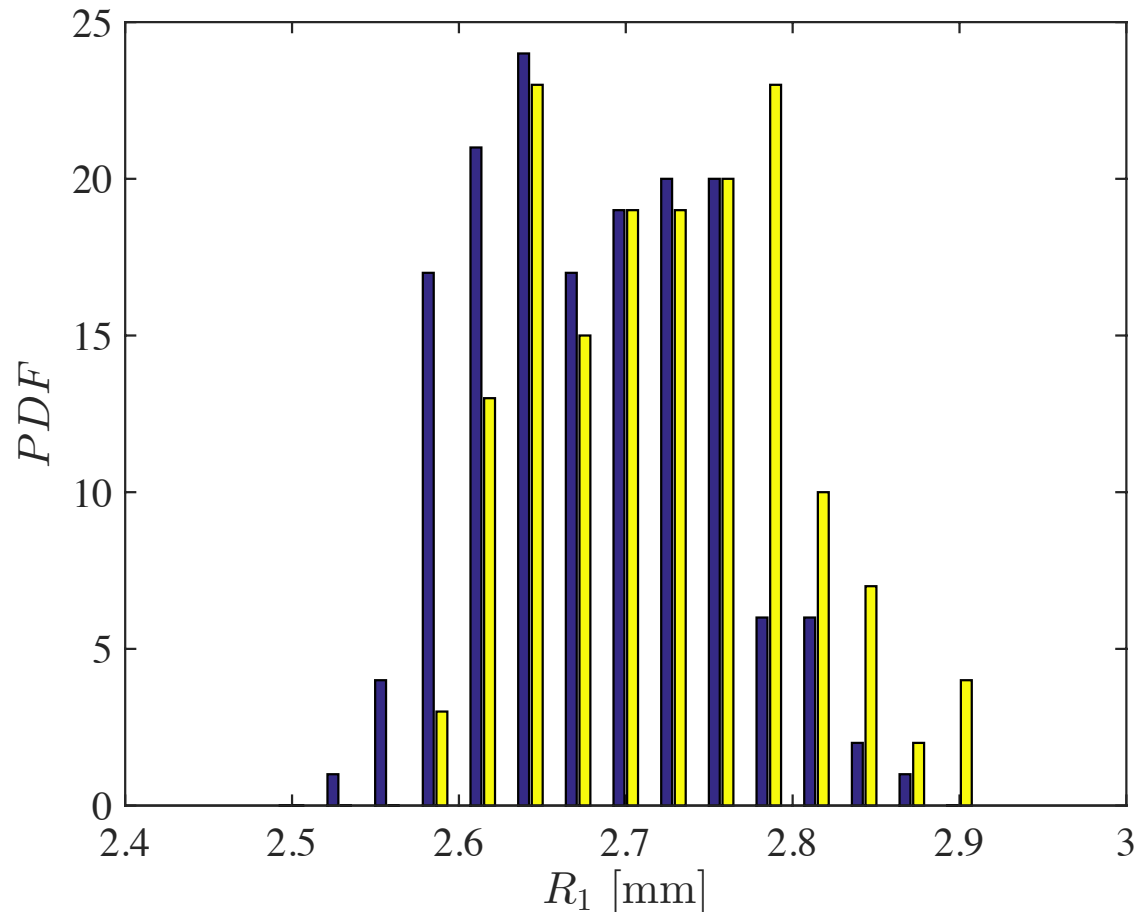
# Does the filtering method influence the results ?

Comparison of PDFs of  $R_1$ , from both MF and DFEEEEDDD filters

MF  $\rightarrow R_1 = 2.68 \pm 0.07$  mm

DFEEEEDDD  $\rightarrow R_1 = 2.72 \pm 0.07$  mm

Is this difference significant ?



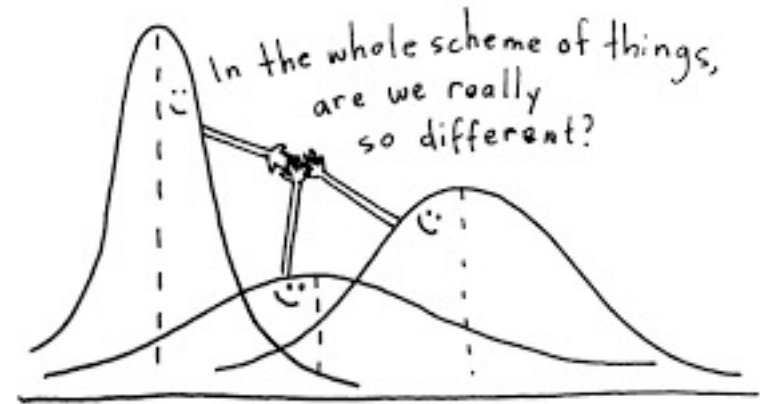
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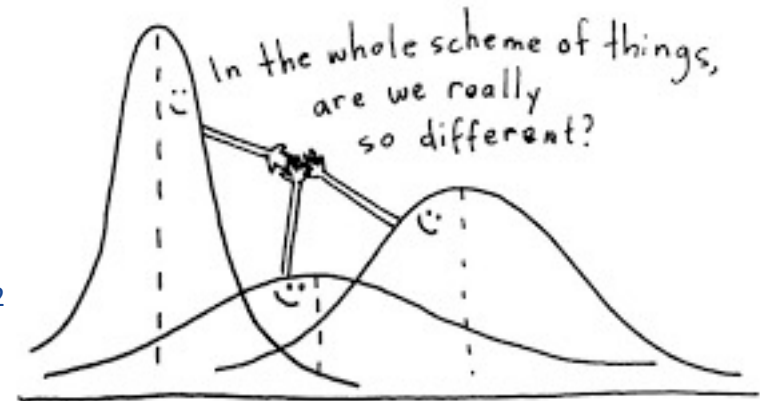
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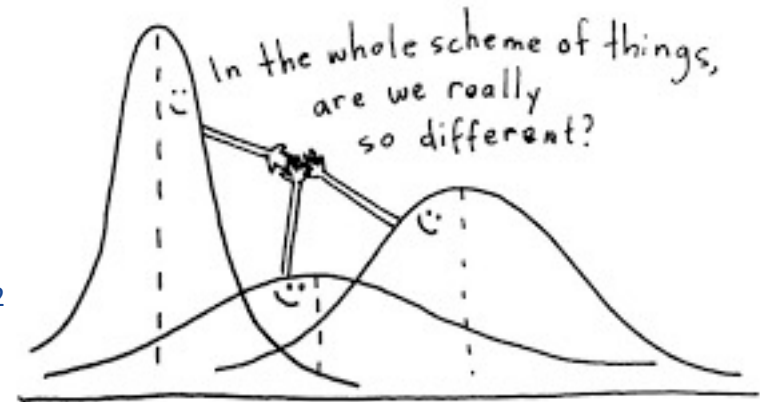
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## Conclusion

- $p > \alpha \rightarrow h = 0$ : we cannot conclude that  $m_1 \neq m_2$
- $p < \alpha \rightarrow h = 1$ : we conclude that  $m_1 \neq m_2$ , with less than 5% chance of being wrong

Power  $P$  of the test = probability to have  $h=1$  if  $m_1 \neq m_2$

Practically in Matlab: `P = sampsizepwr('t2', [m1, s1], m2, [], N2, 'ratio', N1/N2);`

→ tells you if the samples are sufficiently large to conclude

# ANOVA

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## One output, several factors

ANOVA (ANalysis Of VAriance) test

→ check if factors  $g$  have any influence on a measurement  $y$

→ Generalization of the Welch's test to many variables

Example in Matlab:

```
y = [52.7 57.5 45.9 44.5 53.0 57.0 45.9 44.0]';  
g1 = [1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2];  
g2 = {'hi'; 'hi'; 'lo'; 'lo'; 'hi'; 'hi'; 'lo'; 'lo'};  
g3 = {'may'; 'may'; 'may'; 'may'; 'june'; 'june'; 'june'; 'june'};  
p = anovan(y, {g1, g2, g3})
```

ANOVA → p-factor associated to factor  $g$  = probability that  $g$  has no influence on  $y$

Here:  $p(g1) = 0.42$        $p(g2) = 0.003$        $p(g3) = 0.91$

So  $g2$  does necessarily influence  $y$ , while  $g1$  and  $g3$  do not significantly influence  $y$ .

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