## 1 average

- 1. Collect all data points fron different records into one linear array (x,y,error).
- 2. Sort that array to increasing error.
- 3. Start with the (still left *not used*) lowest error entry and look for all other points within a x-distance given by *xcatch* (relative to *x* or absolute) (index *j*).
- 4. collect the information to create a new average point (index i) using error-weighting:

$$w_{i} = \left[\sum_{j} 1/y_{err}^{2}\right]$$

$$x_{i} = \left[(1/w_{i})\sum_{j} x_{i}/y_{err}^{2}\right]$$

$$y_{i} = (1/w_{i})\left[\sum_{j} y_{i}/y_{err}^{2}\right]$$

$$y_{err,i} = \sqrt{1/w_{i}}.$$

- 5. flag the selected initial and the selected *neighbouring* points as *used*.
- 6. Iterate by returning to point 3 until all points are used.
- 7. Finally sort result array according to x.

The collection range is controlled by the value of *xcatch* and the options *absolute* or *relative* (=default).

For NSE type or other relaxation function type data normally *relative* is the approriate choice, *xcatch* may tyically be between 0.05 and 0.5.