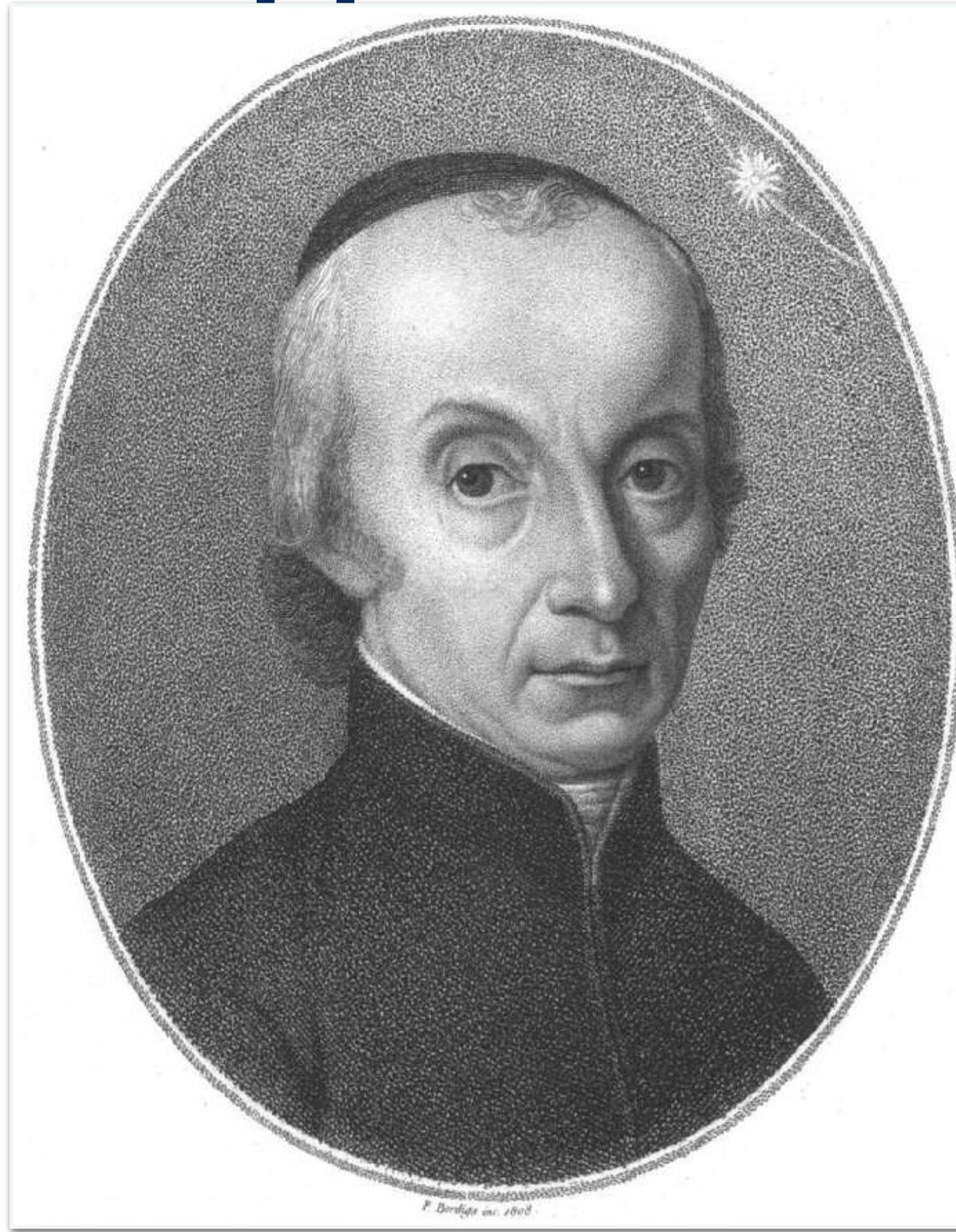
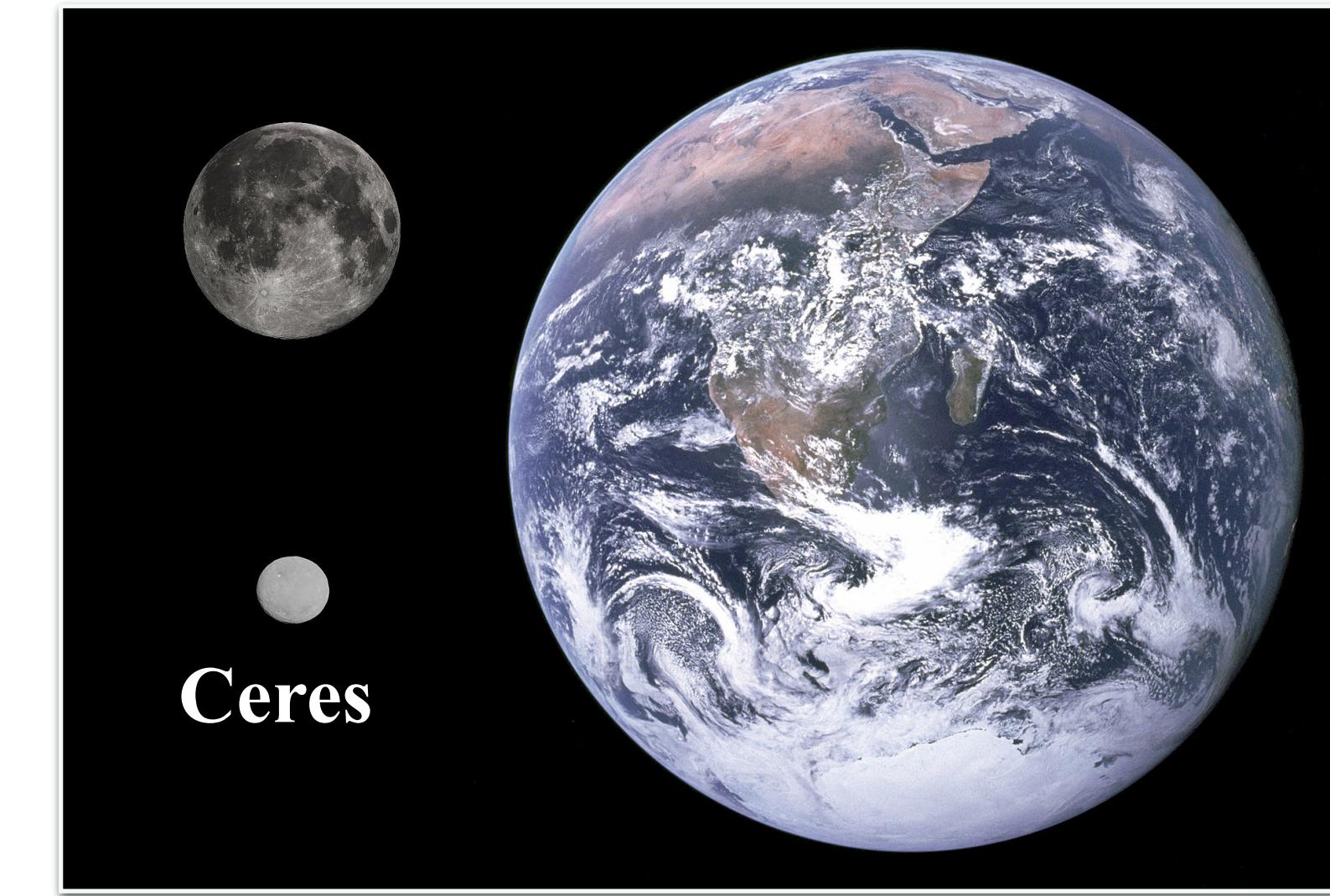


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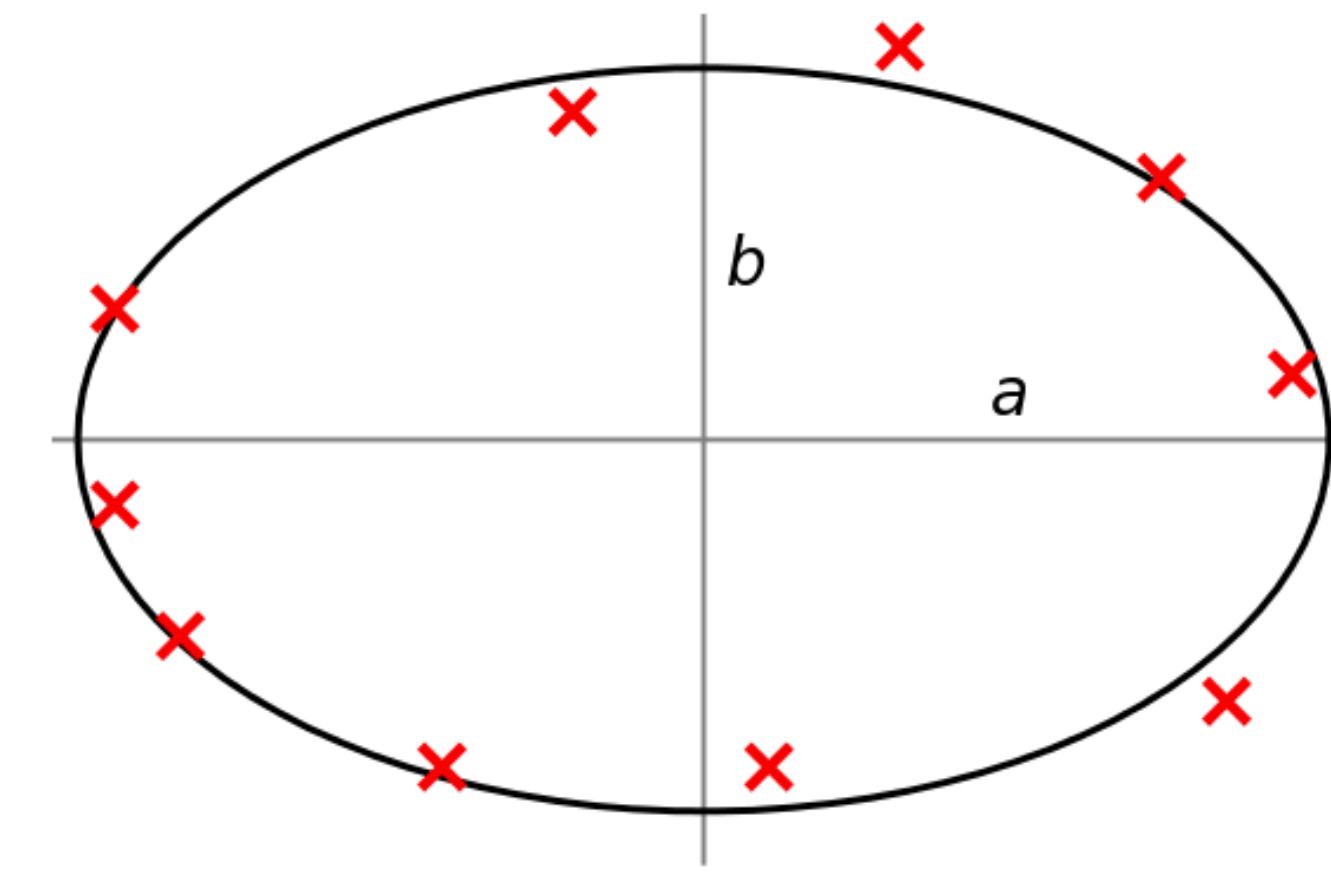
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Beobachtungen des zu Palermo d. 1. Jan. 1801 von Prof. Piazzi neu entdeckten Gasteins.										
1801	Mittlere sonnen- Zeit	Grade Aufstieg in Zeit	Grade Auf- steig in Zeiten	Nördl. Abweich.	Geozentri- che Länge	Geozentri- che Breite	Ort der Sonne + 20° Aberration	Logar. d. Distanz Aberration	○	δ
Jan.	St	St	St	St	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
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4	8 30 42,1	3 26 23 15,51 35 47,3	15 47 57,6	1 23 14 75,5	2 53 55,6	9 14 4 24,9	9,9926418			
10	8 6 15,8	3 25 32,1 1,51 23 1,5	15 10 32,0	1 23 7 59,1	2 29 0,6	9 20 10 17,5	9,9927641			
11	8 2 17,5	3 25 29,73 51 22 26,6			
13	7 54 26,2	3 25 30,30 51 22 34,5	16 22 49,5	1 23 10 37,6	1 16 59,7	9 23 12 13,8	9,9928490			
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Piazzi's 24 observations

Carl Friedrich Gauss



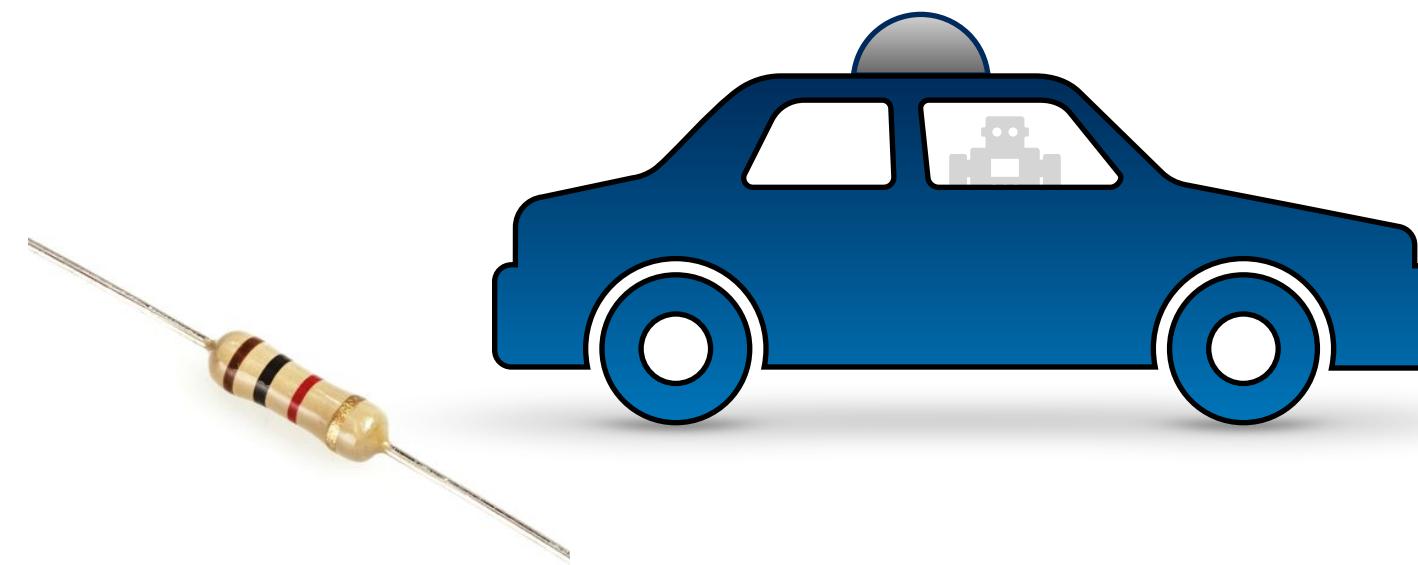
Gauss used the **method of least squares** to determine the orbital parameters of Ceres.

Carl Friedrich Gauss
'Princeps mathematicorum'

Least Squares

The most probable value of the unknown quantities will be that in which the sum of the squares of the differences between the actually observed and the computed values multiplied by numbers that measure the degree of precision is a minimum.

- Carl Friedrich Gauss



Resistor in the drive-system of a car



Multimeter

Estimating Resistance

Measurement	Resistance (Ohms)
1	1068
2	988
3	1002
4	996



Estimating Resistance

Measurement	Resistance (Ohms)
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Let x be the resistance. Assume it is a **constant**, but **unknown**.

We make measurements y , of the resistance.

We model our measurements as corrupted by noise ν .

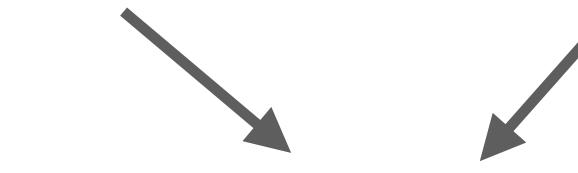
$$y = x + \nu$$

Estimating Resistance

Measurement	Resistance (Ohms)
1	1068
2	988
3	1002
4	996

Measurement Model

'Actual' resistance Measurement noise



$$y_1 = x + v_1$$

$$y_2 = x + v_2$$

$$y_3 = x + v_3$$

$$y_4 = x + v_4$$

Estimating Resistance

#	Resistance (Ohms)
1	1068
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Measurement Model

$$y_1 = x + \nu_1$$

$$y_2 = x + \nu_2$$

$$y_3 = x + \nu_3$$

$$y_4 = x + \nu_4$$

Squared Error

$$e_1^2 = (y_1 - x)^2$$

$$e_2^2 = (y_2 - x)^2$$

$$e_3^2 = (y_3 - x)^2$$

$$e_4^2 = (y_4 - x)^2$$

The squared error *criterion*: $\hat{x}_{\text{LS}} = \operatorname{argmin}_x (e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2 + e_4^2) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{LS}}(x)$

The ‘best’ estimate of resistance is the one that minimizes the sum of squared errors

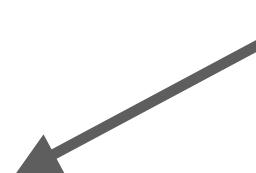
Minimizing the Squared Error

$$\hat{x}_{\text{LS}} = \operatorname{argmin}_x (e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2 + e_4^2) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{LS}}(x)$$

Let's re-write our criterion using vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e} &= \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \\ e_3 \\ e_4 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

This matrix is called the 'Jacobian'



Minimizing the Squared Error

$$\hat{x}_{\text{LS}} = \operatorname{argmin}_x (e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2 + e_4^2) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{LS}}(x)$$

Now, we can express our criterion as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{LS}}(x) &= e_1^2 + e_2^2 + e_3^2 + e_4^2 = \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} \\ &= (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}x)^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{H}x) \\ &= \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - x^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{H}x + x^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H}x\end{aligned}$$

Minimizing the Squared Error

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} - x^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{H} x + x^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} x$$

To minimize this, we can compute the partial derivative with respect to our parameter, set to 0, and solve for an extremum:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=\hat{x}} &= -\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{H} - \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{H} + 2\hat{x}^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} = 0 \\ &-2\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{H} + 2\hat{x}^T \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} = 0\end{aligned}$$

Re-arranging, we arrive at:

$$\hat{x}_{\text{LS}} = (\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{y}$$

x-hat minimizes our squared error criterion!

Minimizing the Squared Error

Careful! We will only be able to solve for \hat{x} if $(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H})^{-1}$ exists

If we have m measurements, and n unknown parameters, then:

$$\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} \quad \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

This means that $(\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H})^{-1}$ exists only if there are at least as many measurements as there are unknown parameters:

$$m \geq n$$

Minimizing the Squared Error



Returning to our problem, we see that:

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1068 \\ 988 \\ 1002 \\ 996 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

#	Resistance (Ohms)
1	1068
2	988
3	1002
4	996

$$\hat{x}_{\text{LS}} = (\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$= \left([1111] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} [1111] \begin{bmatrix} 1068 \\ 988 \\ 1002 \\ 996 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4}(1068 + 988 + 1002 + 996) = 1013.5 \text{ Ohms}$$

The least squares solution is just the mean of our measurements!

Method of Least Squares I

- Our measurement model, $y = x + \nu$, is **linear**
- Measurements are **equally weighted**
(we do not suspect that some have more noise than others)

Batch Least Squares

In our previous formulation, we assumed we had all of our measurements available when we computed our estimate:



Resistance Measurements (Ohms)		
#	Multimeter A ($\sigma = 20$ Ohms)	Multimeter B ($\sigma = 2$ Ohms)
1	1068	
2	988	
3		1002
4		996

‘Batch Solution’

$$\hat{x}_{WLS} = (\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

Recursive Estimation

- What happens if we have a *stream* of data? Do we need to re-solve for our solution every time? Can we do something smarter?

$$\hat{x}_1 = (\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_1$$

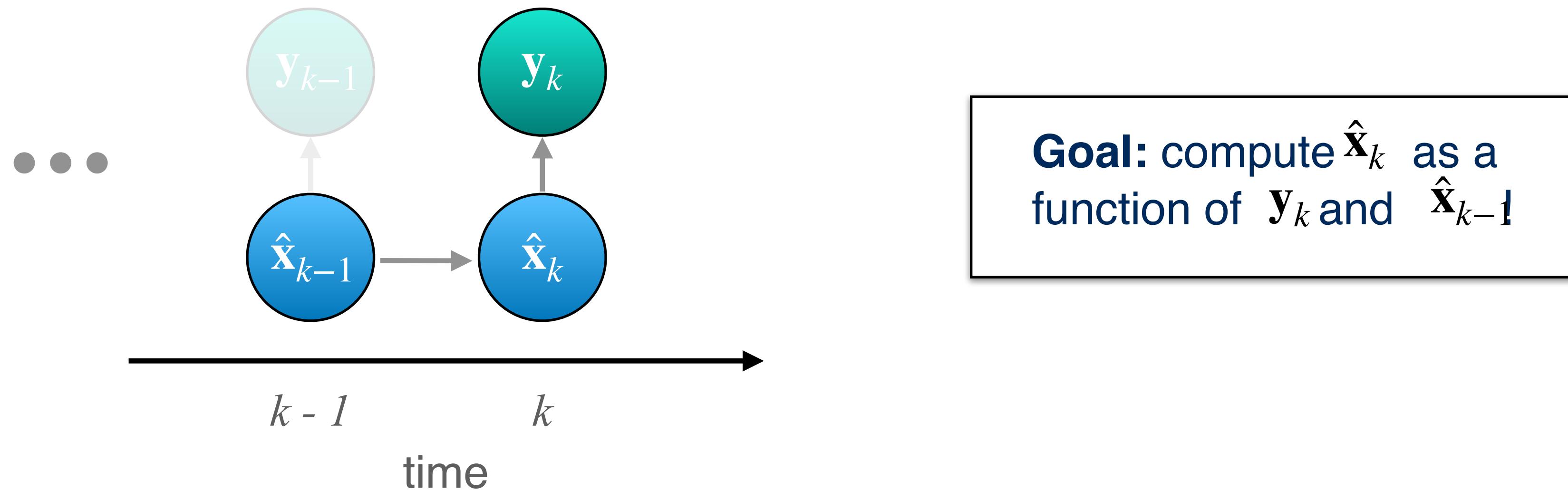
$$\hat{x}_2 = (\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_{1:2}$$

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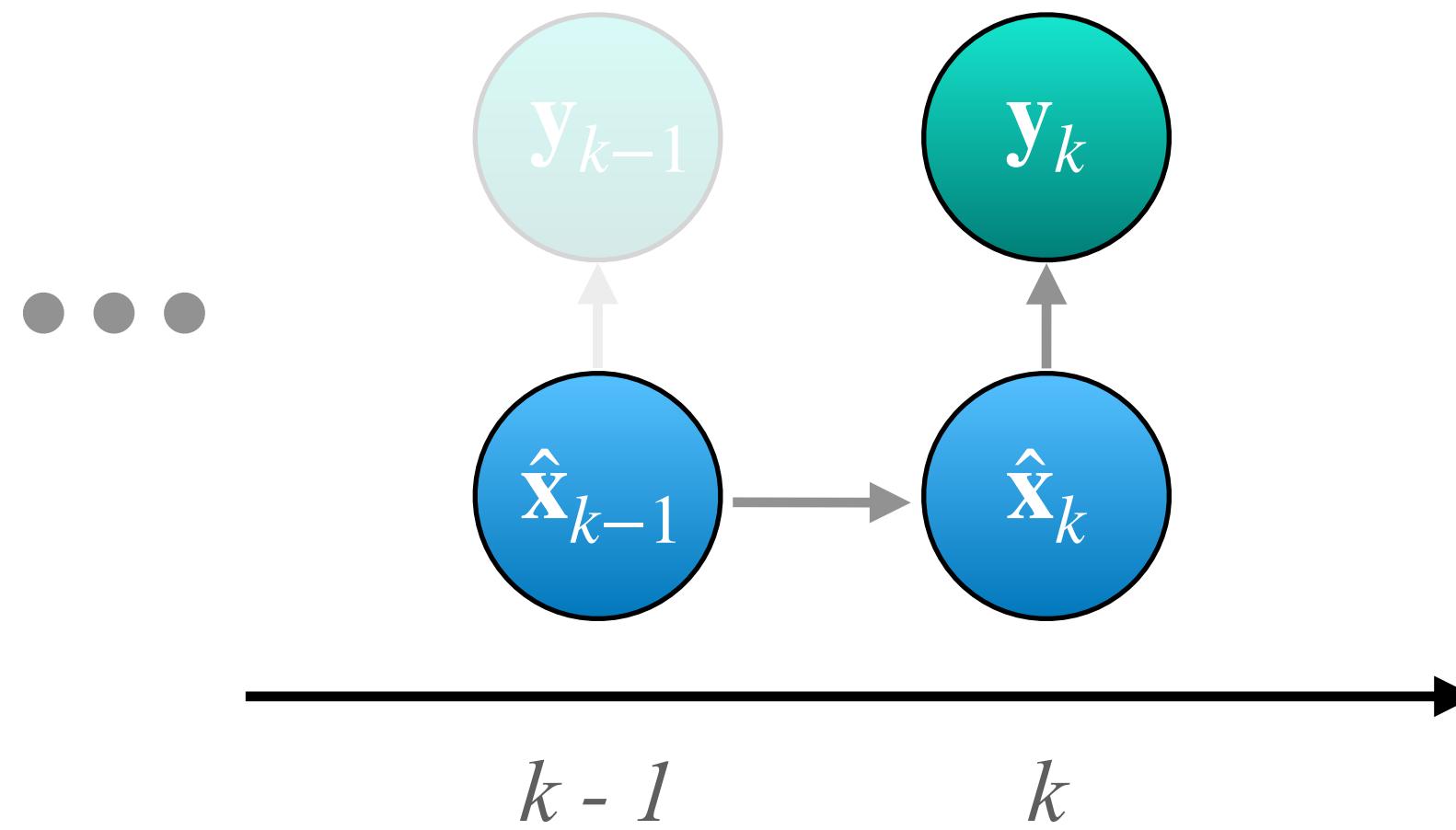
Resistance (Ohms)		
Time	Multimeter A	Multimeter B
t = 1 sec	1068	
t = 2 sec	988	
t = 3 sec		1002
t = 4 sec		996

Linear Recursive Estimator

- We can use a *linear recursive estimator*
- Suppose we have an optimal estimate $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}$, of our unknown parameters at time interval $k - 1$
- Then we obtain a new measurement at time k : $\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_k$



Linear Recursive Estimator



- We can use a *linear recursive update*:
$$\hat{x}_k = \hat{x}_{k-1} + K_k (y_k - H_k \hat{x}_{k-1})$$
- We update our new state as a linear combination of the previous best guess and the current measurement *residual (or error)*, weighted by a gain matrix K_k

Recursive Least Squares

- But what is the gain matrix \mathbf{K}_k ?
- We can compute it by minimizing a similar least squares criterion, but this time we'll use a probabilistic formulation.
- We wish to minimize the **expected value of the sum of squared errors** of our current estimate at time step k :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{RLS}} &= \mathbb{E}[(x_k - \hat{x}_k)^2] \\ &= \sigma_k^2\end{aligned}$$

- If we have n unknown parameters at time step k , we generalize this to

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{RLS}} &= \mathbb{E}[(x_{1k} - \hat{x}_{1k})^2 + \dots + (x_{nk} - \hat{x}_{nk})^2] \\ &= \text{Trace}(\mathbf{P}_k)\end{aligned}$$

↑
Estimator **covariance**

Recursive Least Squares

- Using our linear recursive formulation, we can express covariance as a function of \mathbf{K}_k

$$\mathbf{P}_k = (1 - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \mathbf{P}_{k-1} (1 - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k)^T + \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{K}_k^T$$

- We can show (through matrix calculus) that this is minimized when

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^T (\mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{R}_k)^{-1}$$

- With this expression, we can also simplify our expression for \mathbf{P}_k :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}_k &= \mathbf{P}_{k-1} - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \\ &= (1 - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \mathbf{P}_{k-1}\end{aligned}$$

Our covariance ‘shrinks’
with each measurement

Recursive Least Squares | Algorithm

1. Initialize the estimator

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]$$

$$\mathbf{P}_0 = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0)(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0)^T]$$

2. Set up the measurement model, defining the Jacobian and the measurement covariance matrix:

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}_k$$

3. Update the estimate of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$ and the covariance \mathbf{P}_k using:

$$\mathbf{K}_k = \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^T (\mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{P}_{k-1} \mathbf{H}_k^T + \mathbf{R}_k)^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1} + \mathbf{K}_k (\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{H}_k \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1})$$

$$\mathbf{P}_k = (1 - \mathbf{K}_k \mathbf{H}_k) \mathbf{P}_{k-1}$$

Important! Our parameter covariance ‘shrinks’ with each measurement

Summary | Recursive Least Squares

- RLS produces a ‘running estimate’ of parameter(s) for *a stream of measurements*
- RLS is a linear recursive estimator that minimizes the (co)variance of the parameter(s) at the current time

Summary | The Method of Least

- Pioneered by Gauss to determine the orbit of the planetoid *Ceres*
- Least squares finds the parameters which minimize the *Least Squares Criterion*
- Ordinary least squares assumes that measurements are weighted equally, measurement model is linear