



The uncertainty in (5) is the combination of both the model uncertainty (3) and the NASA MEaSUREs (1) one.

$$Y_i = a + BX_i + (m_i + r_i)$$

where:

- $Y_i$  is emission at year  $i$
- $X_i$  is set of predictors (e.g. concentrations at various radii)
- $m_i$  "measurement" error from NASA
- $r_i$  residuals from linear model

## Error from model

To estimate the error & confidence interval **for each prediction**, we directly ask lm predict method to give us a **confidence -or- prediction interval**

```
predicted, predicted_lower, predicted_upper <- predict(m, data, interval="confidence", level=0.05)
```

-or-

```
predicted, predicted_lower, predicted_upper <- predict(m, data, interval="confidence", level=0.05)
```

That's where lies a key uncertainty

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This gives us a 95% confidence interval. We retrofit an equivalent  $\sigma$  using:

$$\sigma_{\text{model}}(\text{source}, \text{year}) = [\text{predicted\_upper}(\text{source}, \text{year}) - \text{predicted\_lower}(\text{source}, \text{year})] / 2 / 1.96$$



## Error from NASA

In the prediction, a "year" corresponds to Sep (year -1) -> Aug (year).

The attached NASA uncertainty for a given source in a given "offsetted year" is approximated by:

$$\sigma_{\text{NASA}}(\text{source}, \text{year}) = 4/12 * \sigma_{\text{NASA}}(\text{source}, \text{year}-1) + 8/12 * \sigma_{\text{NASA}}(\text{source}, \text{year})]$$

For 2020, we assume  $\sigma_{\text{NASA}}(\text{source}, 2020) = \sigma_{\text{NASA}}(\text{source}, 2019)$

## Combining both -> Error on the sum of emissions

For each prediction (i.e. for each source and year), we now have both  $\sigma_{\text{model}}(\text{source}, \text{year})$  and  $\sigma_{\text{NASA}}(\text{source}, \text{year})$ .

We assume the errors are independent, and therefore use  $\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y)$  to derive:

$$\sigma_{\text{TOTAL}}(\text{sector}, \text{year}) = \text{sqrt}[\text{sum for all sector sources}(\sigma_{\text{NASA}}(\text{source}, \text{year})^2 + \sigma_{\text{model}}(\text{source}, \text{year})^2)]$$

We then compute the 95% confidence interval using:

$$\text{prediction\_lower}(\text{sector}, \text{year}) = \text{prediction}(\text{source}, \text{year}) - 1.96 * \sigma_{\text{TOTAL}}(\text{sector}, \text{year})$$

$$\text{prediction\_upper}(\text{sector}, \text{year}) = \text{prediction}(\text{source}, \text{year}) + 1.96 * \sigma_{\text{TOTAL}}(\text{sector}, \text{year})$$

## Y-o-y uncertainty

The uncertainty of the y-o-y ratio can be derived from uncertainties in year y and year y-1, using for instance the Fieller method ([https://zenodo.org/record/820551/files/review\\_CI\\_ratio.pdf](https://zenodo.org/record/820551/files/review_CI_ratio.pdf))

