

# “Experimental Data Processing”

## Assignment 1

### Relationship between solar radio flux F10.7 and sunspot number

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# SUNSPOT NUMBER OBSERVATIONS

OBSERVATOIRE ROYAL DE BELGIE - PHYSIQUE SOLAIRE  
KONINKLIJKE STERRENWACHT VAN BELGIË - ZONNEFYSICA

Rotation N° .....  
P : .....  
B : .....  
L : .....

Observateur: Poulvin (C.B.)  
Date: 18, oct, 2016  
Heure: 9 H. 00 m (U.T.)  
Qualité: 2

W E

N° (mc) Long Lat n T A

N° (mc) Long Lat n T A

T N S

Nb Groupes 3

Nb Taches 6

Nb Wolf 36

Commentaire:  
Sous le soleil  
de la nuit



$$R = k(n + 10g)$$

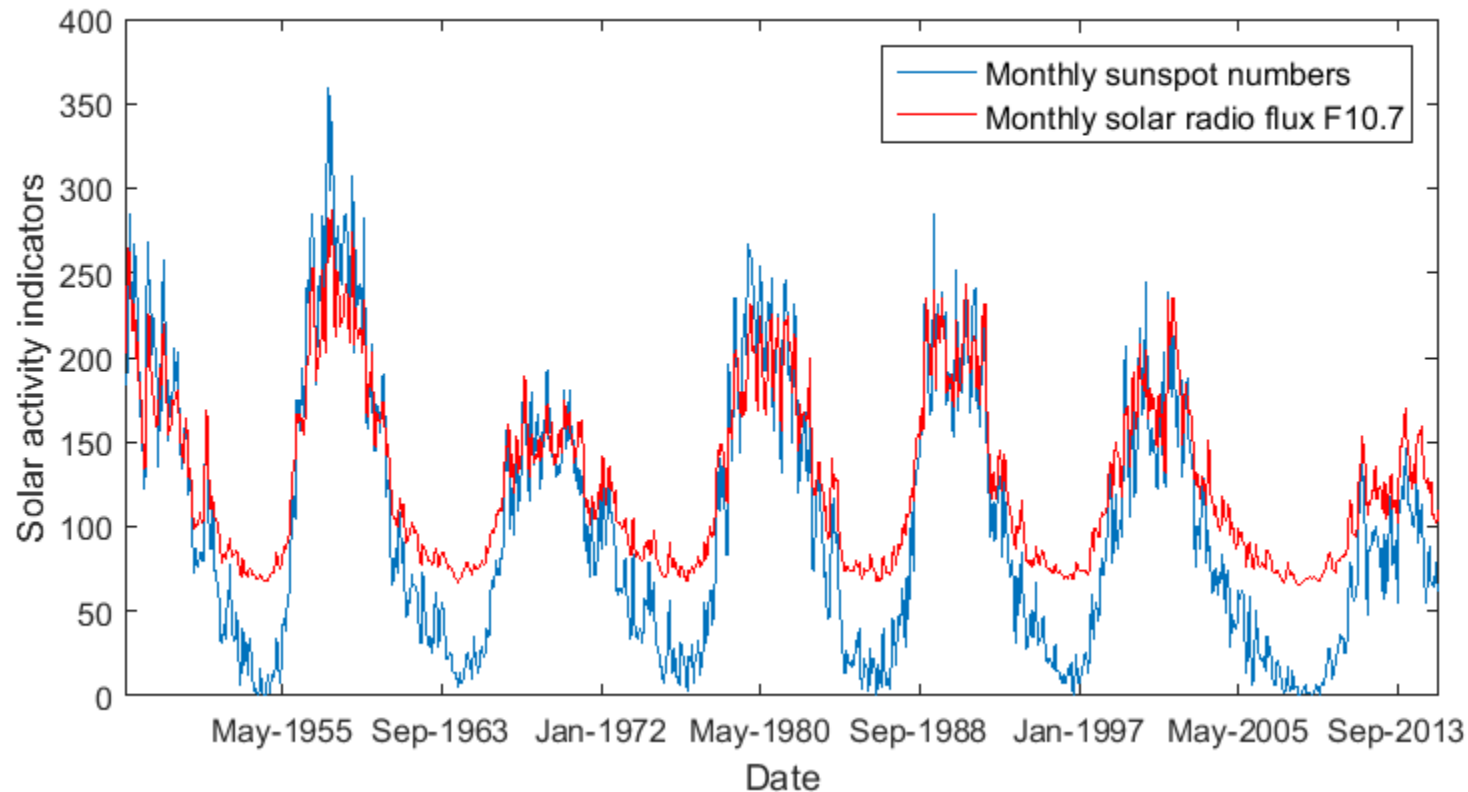
$n$  – number of observed sunspots

$g$  – number of observed sunspot groups

$k$  – coefficient of a telescope

77 cooperating stations over the globe perform observations of sunspot numbers every day

# Main indicator of solar activity



***Sunspot number***

$$R = k(n + 10g)$$

$n$  – number of observed sunspots

$g$  – number of observed  
sunspot groups

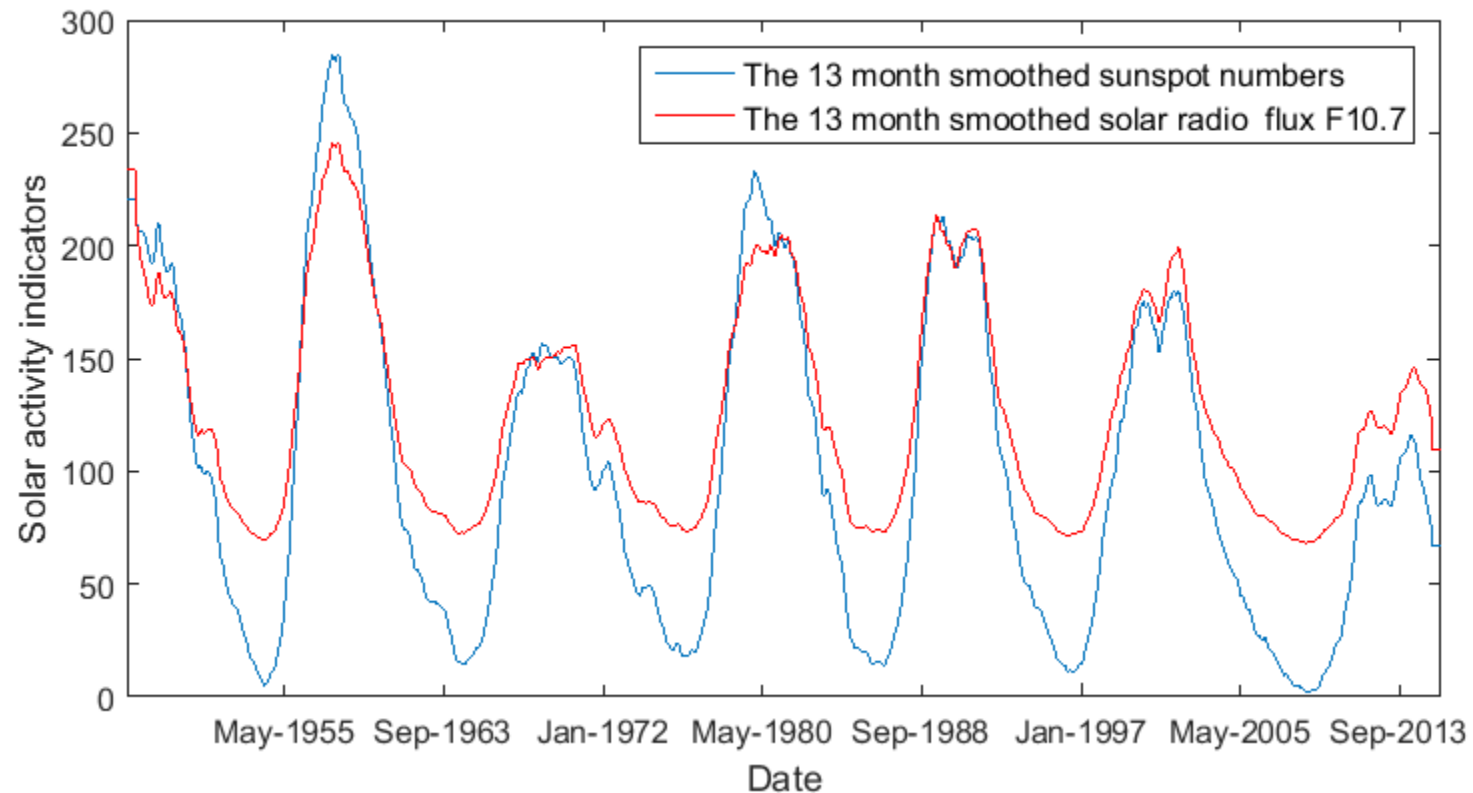
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***Solar radio Flux at 10.7 cm (in sfu)***

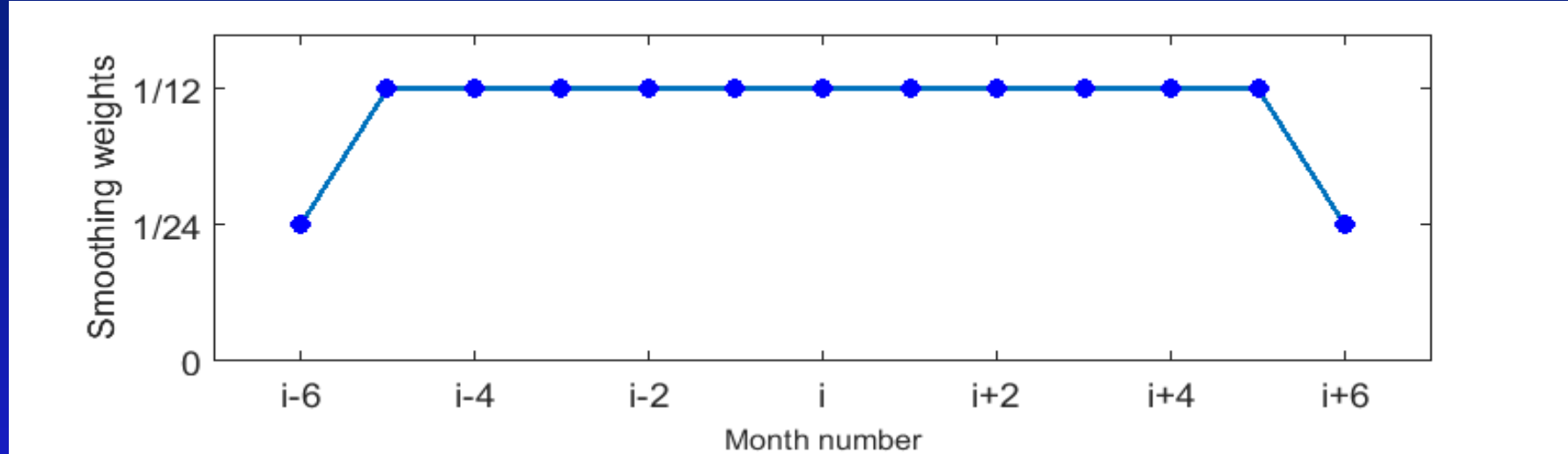
$$1 \text{ sfu} = 10^{-22} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1}$$

A measurement of radio  
emission at a wavelength  
of 10.7 cm (2800 MHz) from all  
sources present on the solar disk

# Smoothing: 13-month running mean



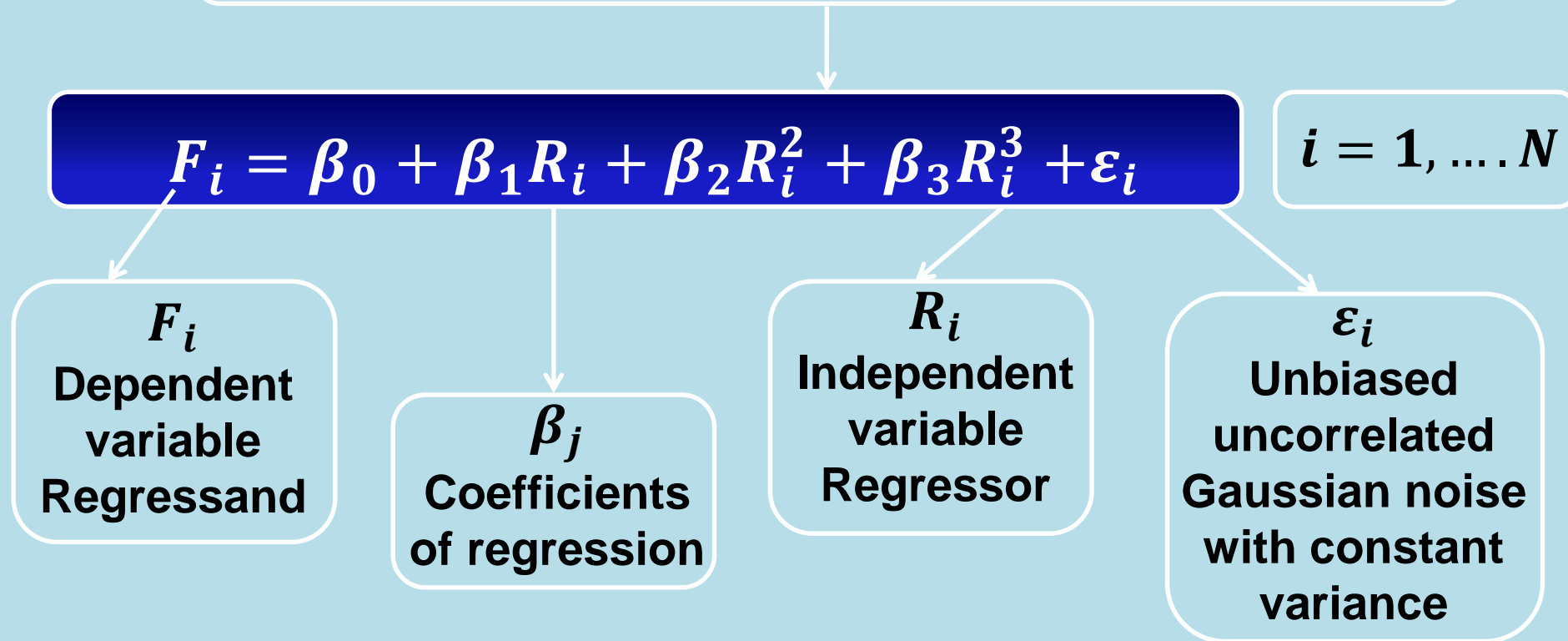
# 13-month sequent monthly mean sunspot numbers



**13-month running mean  $\bar{R}$**

$$\frac{1}{24}R_{i-6} + \frac{1}{12}(R_{i-5} + R_{i-4} + \cdots + R_{i-1} + R_i + R_{i+1} + \cdots + R_{i+5}) + \frac{1}{24}R_{i+6}$$

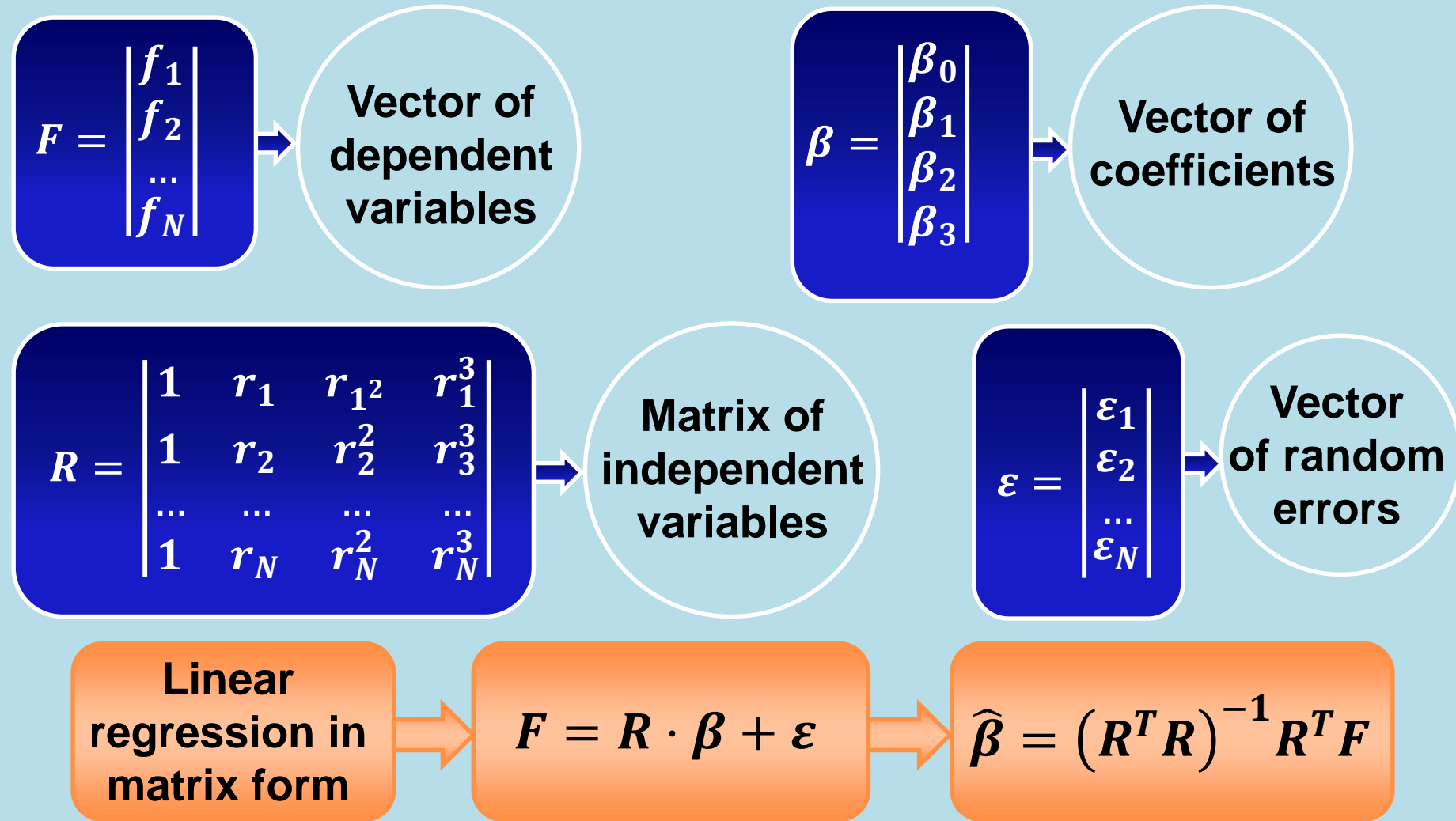
# Multi-dimensional linear regression



Coefficients  
 $\beta_j$  are  
determined  
by LSM

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \varepsilon_i^2 \rightarrow \min$$

# Multi-dimensional linear regression



## Estimation error of solar radio flux F10.7

**Covariance  
matrix of  
estimation  
error**



$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (f_i - \hat{f}_i)^2$$