



# Project Parameter Estimation

## Part II: Short introduction to Kriging

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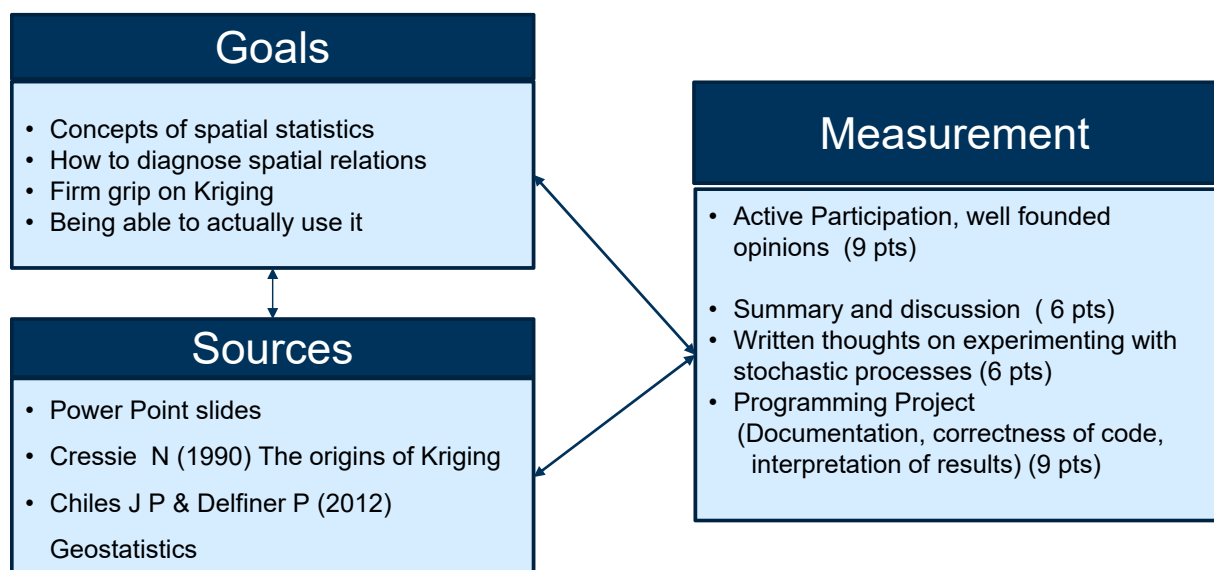
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## Course overview

06.11.2018	Lecture	Stochastic preliminaries
	Homework	Read an introductory paper
13.11.2018	Attendance	Discussion of paper; kriging crash course
	Group Homework	Conducting experiments and interpreting them
20.11.2018	Attendance	Applications and extensions of Kriging; introduction to programming project
	Group Homework	Project: Interpolating a DEM, Signal Separation, ...
27.11.2018	Attendance	Help with programming project
04.12.2018	Attendance	Presentations, state of the art

# Administrative information

## Goals of this course



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## Homeworks and project

### Why?

- Homeworks and project instead of examination
- Useful possibility for practical experience
- How and when to apply which methods is important

### What?

- Reading papers
- Generating your own spatially dependent data sets, analyzing and interpreting them
- Programming project to implement what you have learned

### How?

- Alone or in groups, discussion in class afterwards
- Project handed in for grading

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Fall Semester 2015

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HOMEWORK 3: KRIGING FOR DEM INTERPOLATION

**1 Contents and Aim of Homework**

- Write a Matlab function (including documentation) that is able to perform Kriging and apply it for the Interpolation of a DEM with coverage holes

Note: This homework is to be handed in on 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

**2 Tasks**

**2.1 Preliminary Information**

The Function "kriging\_ppe.m" should have the following properties:

- It takes as Input 1 a (3,n\_data) Matrix "data". This matrix contains in the first two rows the coordinates of the data points and in the third row it contains their elevation values. n\_data is the number of data points

**2.2 Writing and applying the code**

- Write the Function kriging\_ppe.m
- Please include some comments into your code for improved readability
- Use your code to estimate the values of the DEM at the position of the NaN's

Both datasets and additional Files that I will maybe publish to help you (Variogramfitting) will be handed out during class on 07.12. In case of Questions, use our NB class to discuss with your colleagues or feel free to ask me directly.

**2.4 Explain**

- Please explain why your results look like they do. Are you satisfied? How could you improve your algorithm to account better for the structure of the data?
- Please give a short outline of what you have learnt in this part of the course "Project Parameter Estimation" and depict a scenario, in which this knowledge might be helpful.

**Good Luck!**

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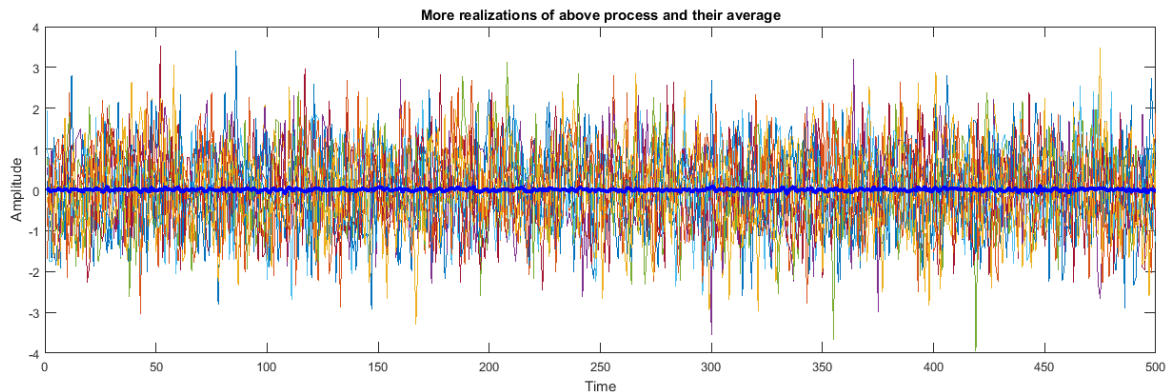
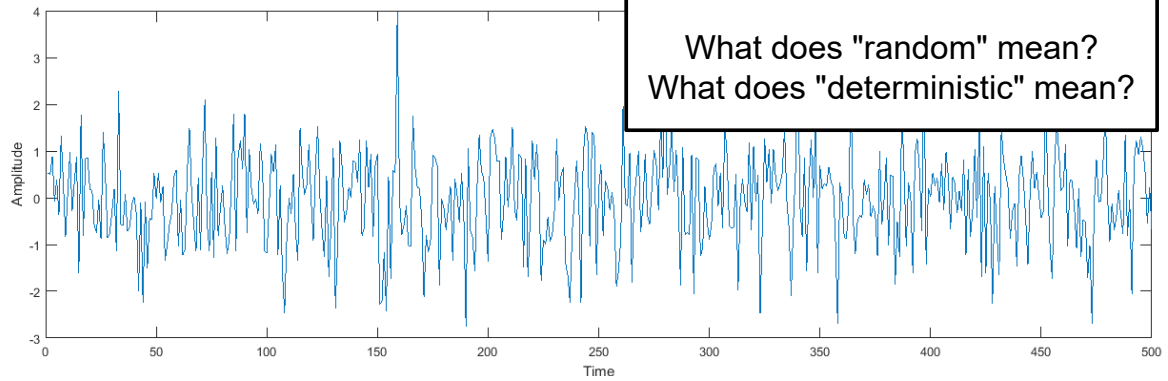
# Exposition and introduction

- Rethink your notion of "Randomness"
- Know conceptual underpinnings of Kriging

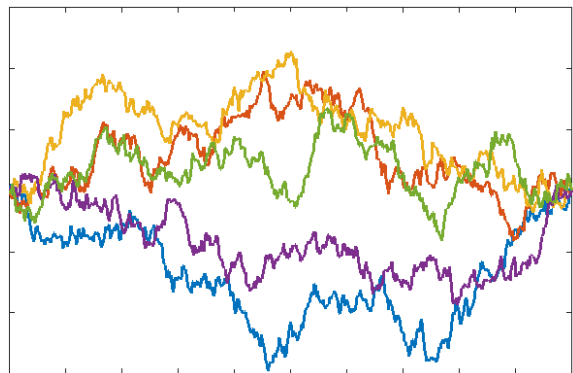
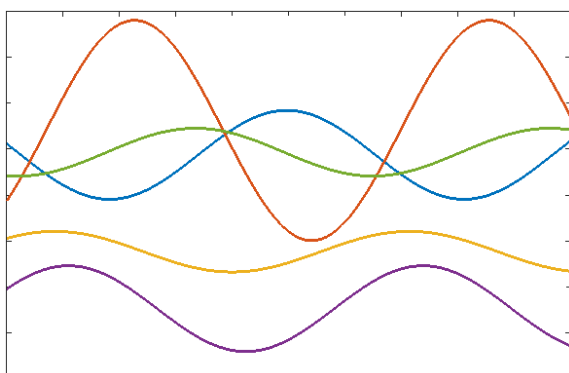
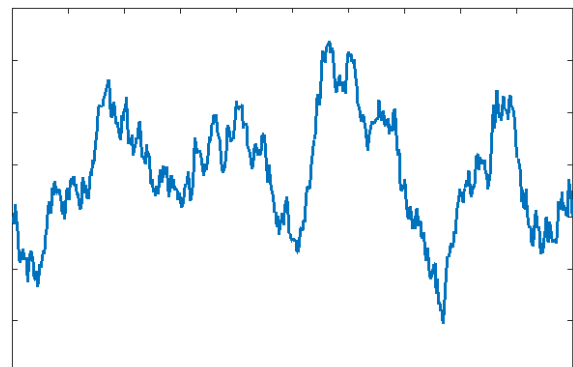
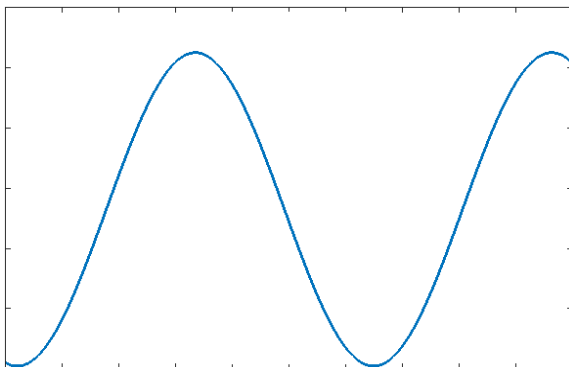
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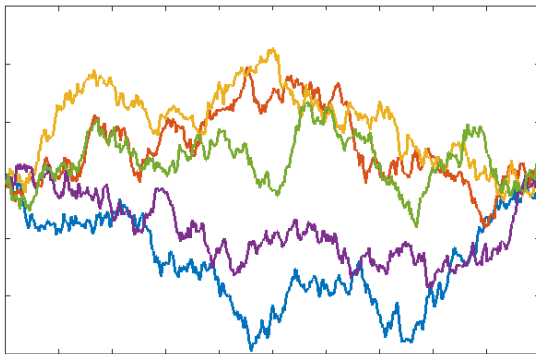
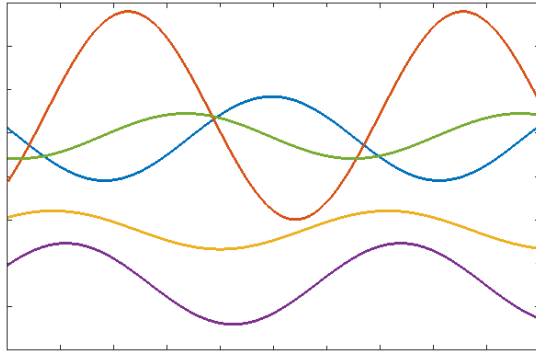
What does "random" mean?  
What does "deterministic" mean?



## Determinism vs Randomness

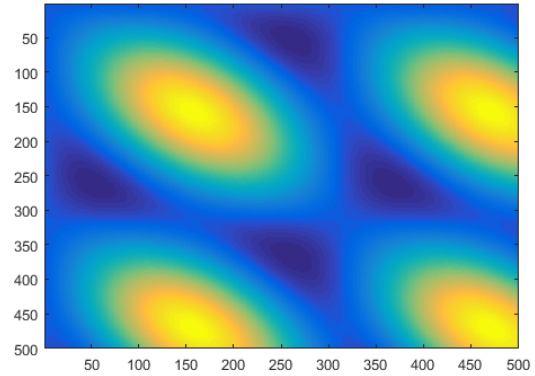


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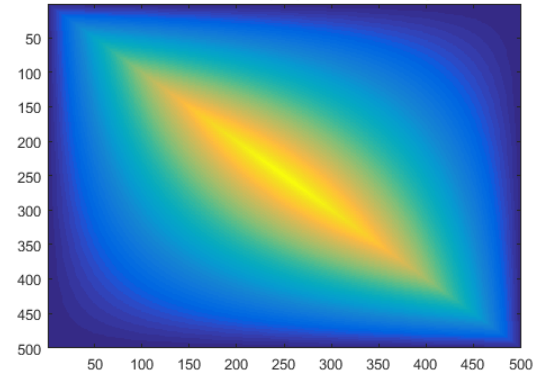


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Covariance matrix of 1, sin, cos Sobolev space

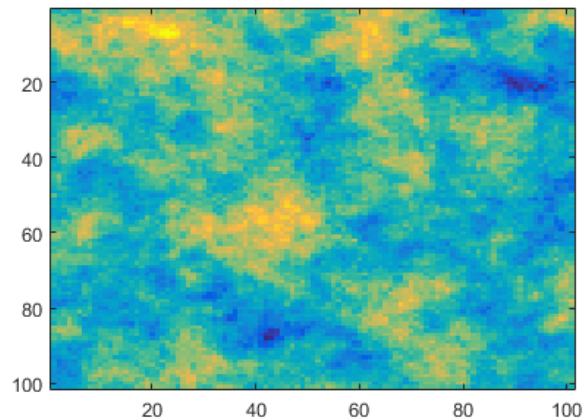
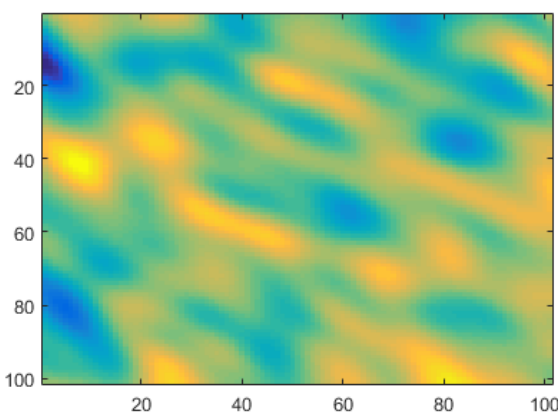
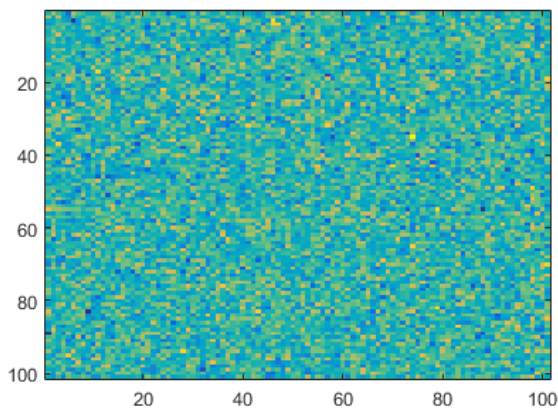


Covariance matrix of  $H^1(0,1)$  Brownian Bridge space



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## Determinism vs Randomness



Again, please discuss briefly:

Has your opinion about  
"randomness" changed?

Explain in which sense  
the images are random

# Determinism vs Randomness

Discussion: Definition/ Intuition concerning randomness

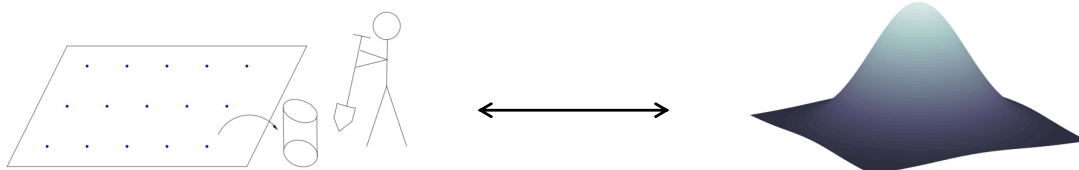
## Introduction to geostatistics

### Geo statistics

Origins	Theoretical justification
First applications	Reason for wide applicability
Widest use	New Developments

#### Why it is probably useful for you

- Refreshing your knowledge on fundamental statistical principles
- Sensibilisation for spatial structure in your data.
- Getting new ideas on how to infer parameters from your data
- Having code that you can actually use later on





## Spatial relationships in statistics

- Sparsely sampled geological data
- Some core samples are given. Mining economically feasible? Ore content estimation needed
- At that time mathematical geology was quite new
- Also computational power only increased in 1953
- Rules of thumb and intuition were common

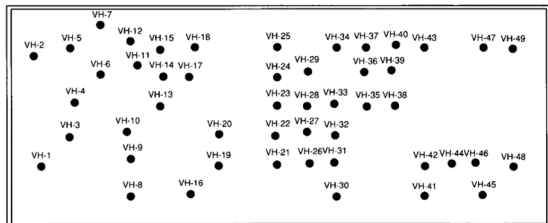


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- Relation between samples and population?
- Spatial structure unignorable -> need for formalization
- High financial risks: justification of interpolation methods?

## Kriging

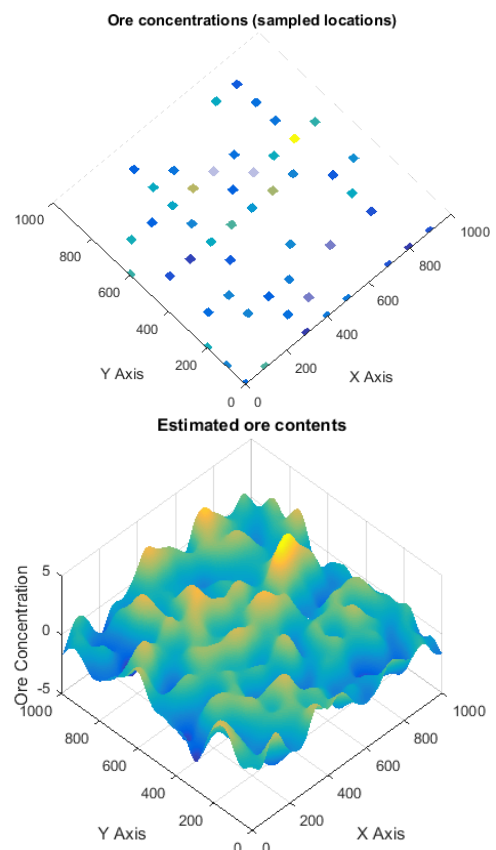
- Also called: Gaussian process regression, Kolmogorov-Wiener prediction
- First crude applications by Krige (1951)
- Practical and problem-oriented approach
- Theoretical foundations by Matheron (1962)
- Regional Variables, Random Fields
- Close relation to regression  
... but important differences

### Interpolating datasets

- Mining, meteorology, environmental sciences, epidemiology, ecology

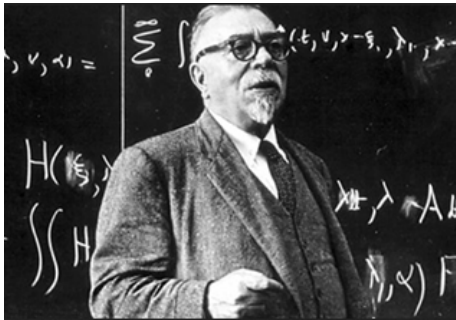
### Surrogate modelling

- Computer science, numerical simulations

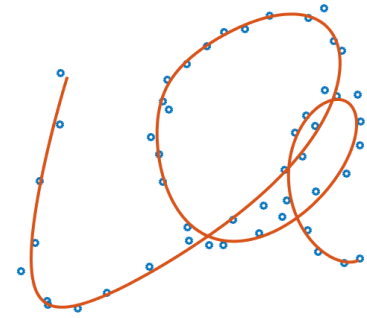


# Origins of Kriging

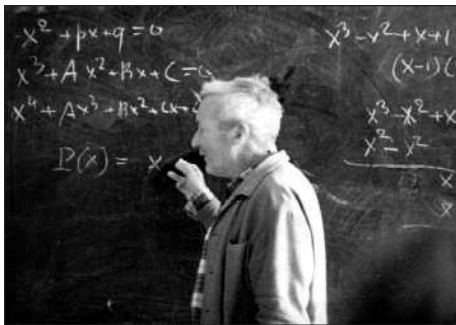
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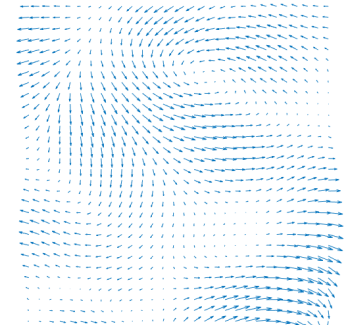
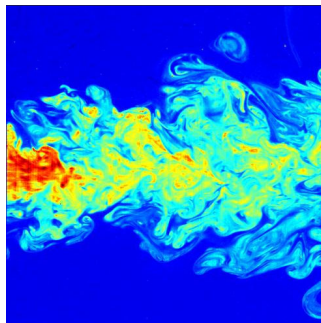
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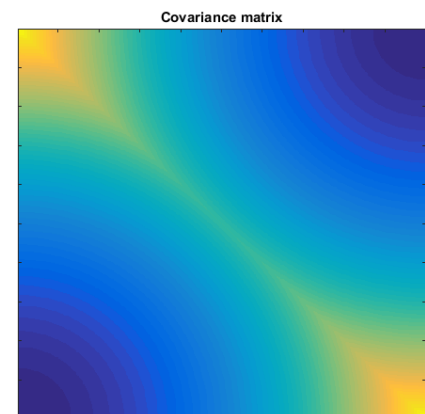


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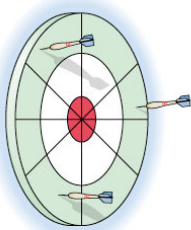


## Kriging

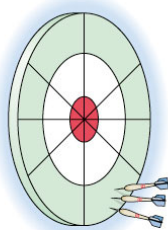
- Estimation should be right on the average
- Estimation should not deviate too much from the truth
- Estimation should respect spatial correlations found in the data
- We want accuracy and precision
- So we get a minimization problem with an equality constraint -> Method of Lagrange multipliers



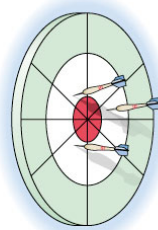
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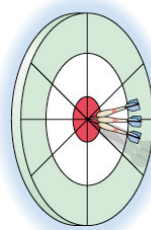
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Low precision



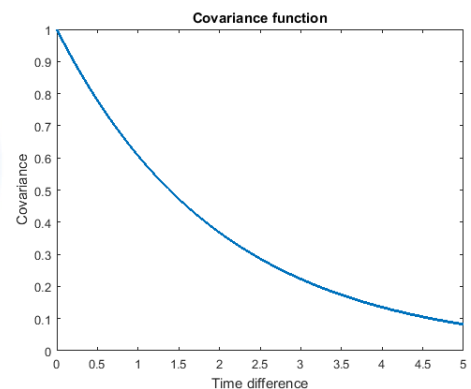
(b) Low accuracy  
High precision



(c) High accuracy  
Low precision



(d) High accuracy  
High precision





# Stochastic preliminaries

- Methods of statistical inference
- Typology of inference tasks
- Measures of stochastic dependence

## Central tools of statistics

### Descriptive and inductive statistics

- **Descriptive:** Describe characteristics of (sample) distribution
- **Inductive:** Infer real distribution based on sample distribution
- **Two characteristics are generally considered most important**

**First Moment**       $\mu_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xf(x)dx = E[X] = \text{Expected value}$

**Second Moment**       $\mu_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_1)^2 f(x)dx = E[(X - E[X])^2] = \text{Variance}$   
 $= E[X^2] - E[X]^2$

**E Linear operator:**       $E[aX + bY + c] = aE[X] + bE[Y] + c$

**E[X] just a number:**       $E[E[X]] = E[X]$

**Generalizations to several random variables possible (e.g. covariance)**

**Covariance**       $= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu_x)(y - \mu_y)f(x, y)dxdy = E[(X - E[X])(Y - E[Y])]$

**Lets start small:**       $\mu_1, \mu_2$       **from finite sample?**

# Central tools of statistics

## Parameter estimation and maximum likelihood

- For a sample find the parameters for a distribution that makes the sample most probable.

- Use the probability  $P(X_1 = x_1 \wedge X_2 = x_2 \dots \wedge X_n = x_n)$

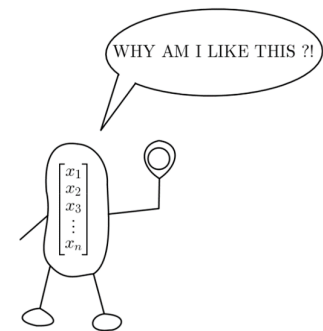
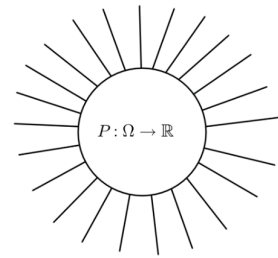
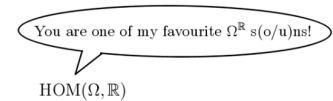
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i, \theta) = f(x_1, \theta) * f(x_2, \theta) * \dots * f(x_n, \theta)$$

$$\{\hat{\theta}\} := \left\{ \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \right\}$$

- The value of this parameter is called:

Maximum likelihood estimation for  $\theta$

- Discuss this formula. Why product? Implications?  
How and when would you use this formula to solve an estimation problem?
- Since logarithmic function is increasing, we can also maximize  $\ln(\mathcal{L}(\theta, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))$  instead.
- This function is called log-likelihood function.



# Central tools of statistics

## Maximum likelihood, Least Squares

# Central tools of statistics

## Interpolation and regression

- As seen on the last slide: Parameter estimation can be seen as optimization problem
- Same kinds of solutions as typical regression problems with least squares approach
- Conversely fitting by least squares is just maximization of a likelihood function
- We have gotten quite technical:
  - were only able to estimate mean of normally distributed random variable
  - can we do something more useful?
- Other kinds of regression and interpolation problems can also be best understood by their stochastic meaning

# Central tools of statistics

## Interpolation and regression examples

- Typical regression: fit a line  $p(x) = \theta_1 * x + \theta_2$  into data  $v_{x_i}$ .

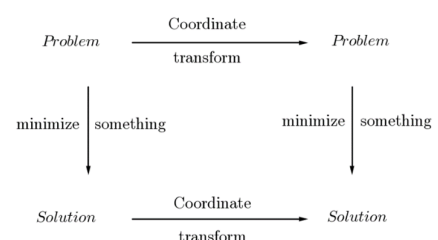
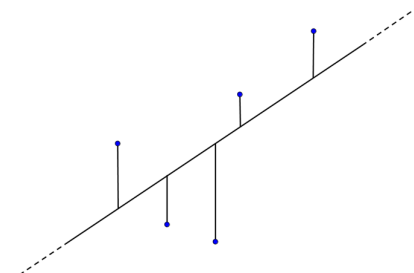
$$\text{Find } \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ s.t. } R = \sum_{i=1}^n [p(x_i) - v_{x_i}]^2 \rightarrow \min$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} R = 2 \sum [\theta_1 x_i + \theta_2 - y_i] x_i = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} R = 2 \sum [\theta_1 x_i + \theta_2 - y_i] = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \sum x_i^2 & \sum x_i \\ \sum x_i & n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum x_i y_i \\ \sum y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum x_i^2 & \sum x_i \\ \sum x_i & n \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum x_i y_i \\ \sum y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

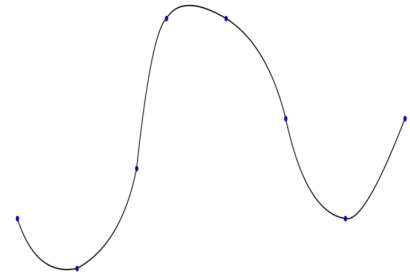
- Classical solution: least squares estimation  
= Maximum likelihood estimation. Better?  
See top right picture for weaknesses.
- Coordinate system invariant solutions?



## Central tools of statistics

### Interpolation and regression examples

- Typical IDW Interpolation: For each point  $x$ , estimate its value  $v_x$  as a linear combination of the measured values  $v_{x_i}$  in form of a weighted average.
- To find the weights, the minimization of a functional is necessary (just like in regression)



$$\text{Find } v_x \text{ s.t. } R = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{[v_x - v_{x_i}]^2}{d(x, x_i)^2} \rightarrow \min \quad v_x = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i v_{x_i}$$

- This is just like in regression: But this time points far away matter less.

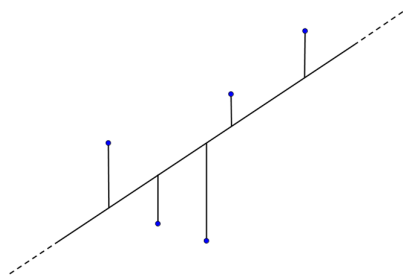
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v_x} R = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(v_x - v_{x_i})}{d(x, x_i)^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow v_x \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{d(x, x_i)^2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{v_{x_i}}{d(x, x_i)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v_x = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{v_{x_i}}{d(x, x_i)^2}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{d(x, x_i)^2}}$$

- Different goal, same procedure : Both related to maximum likelihood and normal distribution

## Central tools of statistics

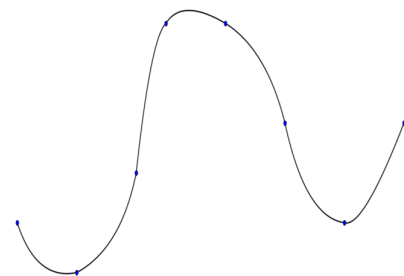
### Regression



"Find line through points"

vs

### interpolation



"Find some function through points"

## Central tools of statistics

### Important theorems

- What happens when things are not independent?

Bayes theorem:  $P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$

- Given the observation B, A is this probable
- You have installed a warning system. It detects the presence of a dangerous condition and issues an alarm. It measures once a day. Tests in your laboratory lead to the following conclusions:

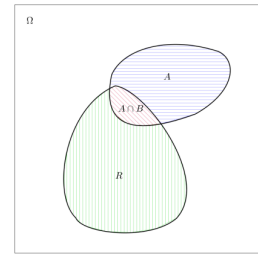
1. P(alarm) given presence of risk = 0.5 (bad system!)

2. P(alarm) given no presence of risk =  $10^{-5}$

3. P(risk) =  $10^{-3}$

- One morning it issues an alarm. What is the probability of the dangerous condition being reality?

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(R|A) &= \frac{P(A|R)P(R)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|R)P(R)}{P(A|R)P(R) + P(A|R^c)P(R^c)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{P(A|R^c)P(R^c)}{P(A|R)P(R)}} = \frac{5 \cdot 10^{-4}}{5.0999 \cdot 10^{-4}} \approx 98\%
 \end{aligned}$$



## Central tools of statistics

Proof: Independence => Uncorrelatedness



## Central tools of statistics

### Conditional probabilities: Discussion

- Card game!
- Famous US-american football star O.J. Simpson was accused of killing his wife in 1994. It was one of the most high profile cases in the last century. During the trial O.J. Simpson's lawyer claimed that the known history of violence of Simpson against his wife is irrelevant to the case. He used the argument:  
0.1% of violent husbands kill wife -> being violent doesn't make O.J.'s guilt more likely
- Statistician Irving J. Good replied to this in a letter. What do you think he wrote?
- Lesson: Never trust your gut feeling (when you are lost in Probability Space)!

## Random variables, random functions, random fields

- Definition of RV's
- Calculation rules for Expectation, Covariance
- Conceptual idea of more abstract stochastic objects

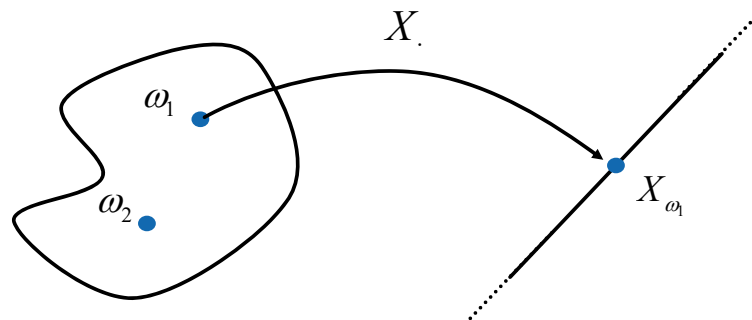
# Algebra of Random Variables

## Definition and explanation

Random Variable:  $X : \Omega \ni \omega \mapsto X_\omega \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Omega$ : Sample space (of outcomes)

$\mathbb{R}$ : The real numbers

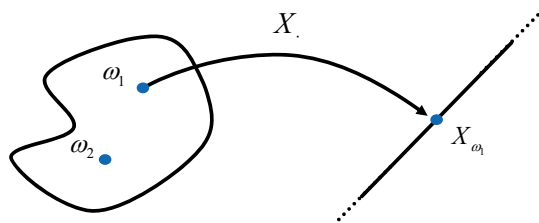


$\omega_1$  = Temperature, time of day,  
mood, atmospheric turbulence,...

$X_{\omega_1}$  = Body temperature in °C  
( A number !)

# Algebra of Random Variables

## Discussion



$L^2(\Omega)$  = Space of RV's with finite Variance

$$L^2(\Omega) = \{X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \sigma_X^2 < \infty\}$$

$$1. X, Y \in L^2(\Omega) \Rightarrow \alpha X + \beta Y \in L^2(\Omega)$$

$$2. X, Y \in L^2(\Omega) \Rightarrow XY \in L^2(\Omega)$$

What do you think of:

- ☐ The number 5 can be interpreted as a RV with variance 0
- ☐ Choosing a number  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  at random is a RV
- ☐ The rule for choosing a number  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  at random is a RV
- ☐ A RV is a number that is not yet known but becomes known after observation

Why so nitpicky?!

Because:

# Algebra of Random Variables

## Calculation rules for $E[\cdot]$ and $\sigma(\cdot, \cdot)$

Let  $E[\cdot]$  be the "Expectation operator":

$$E[\cdot]: L^2(\Omega) \ni X \mapsto E[X] \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$E[X] = \int_{\Omega} X_{\omega} P(d\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x f_X(x) dx$$

$E[\cdot]$  is linear operator:

$$E\left[\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k X_k + a\right] = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k E[X_k] + a \quad X_k \in L^2(\Omega) \quad \alpha_k, a \in \mathbb{R}$$

Let  $\sigma(\cdot, \cdot)$  be the "Covariance operator":

$$\sigma(\cdot, \cdot): L^2(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega) \ni (X, Y) \mapsto \sigma(X, Y) \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\sigma(X, Y) = \int_{\Omega} X_{\omega} Y_{\omega} P(d\omega) - E[X]E[Y] = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (x - E[X])(y - E[Y]) f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

$$= E[XY] - E[X]E[Y]$$

$\sigma(\cdot, \cdot)$  is bilinear operator:

$$\sigma\left(\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i X_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j Y_j\right) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \beta_j \sigma(X_i, Y_j) \quad X_k, Y_k \in L^2(\Omega) \quad \alpha_k, \beta_k \in \mathbb{R}$$

Additional info:  
 $E[\cdot]$  is a linear functional, since  
it belongs to the dual space  $L^2(\Omega)^*$

$\sigma(\cdot, \cdot)$  defines an inner product of  
RV making them into a Hilbert space

# Stochastic Processes, Random Fields

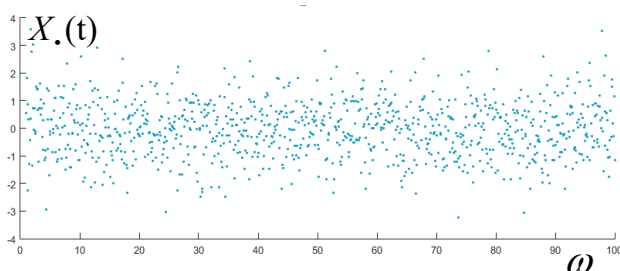
Definition Stochastic Process:  $X(\cdot): \Omega \times T \ni (\omega, t) \mapsto X_{\omega}(t) \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Omega$  Probability space,  $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  index set,  $X_{\omega}(t) \in L^2(\Omega)$  RV  $\forall t \in T$

Interpretation I:

Sequence of RV's

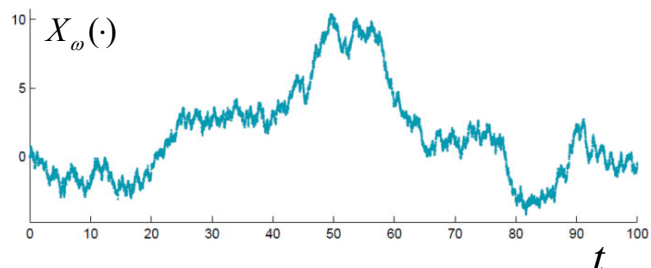
$$X(\cdot): T \ni t \mapsto X_{\omega}(t) \in L^2(\Omega)$$



Interpretation II:

Random function

$$X(\cdot): \Omega \ni \omega \mapsto X_{\omega}(\cdot) \in F(T)$$



Random Field: Same thing but index set T has dim  $\geq 2$

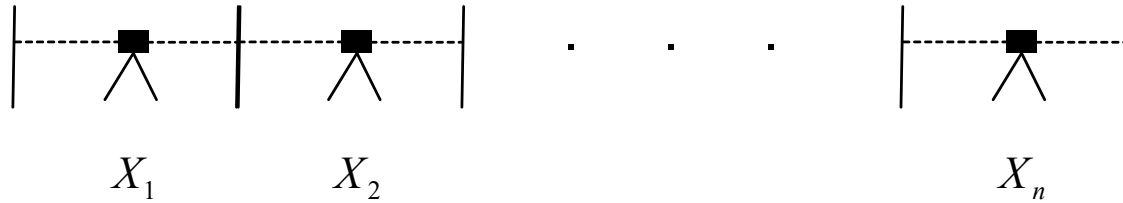
# Stochastic Processes, Random Fields

Levelling error, Wiener Process

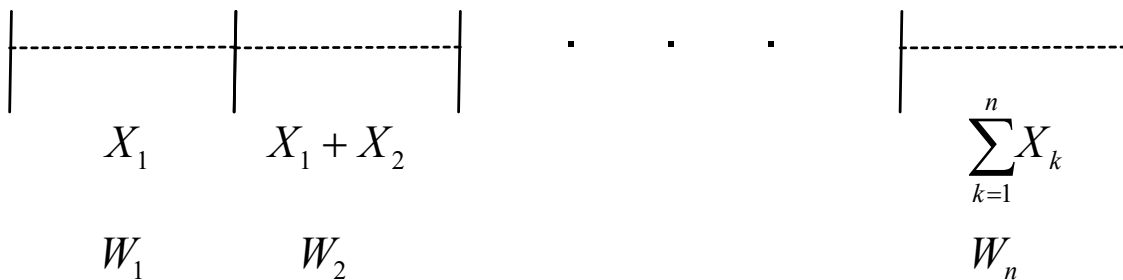
$$X_k \sim N(0, \sigma_0^2)$$

all uncorrelated

Individual error



Total error



# Stochastic Processes, Random Fields

Levelling error, Wiener Process

$$X_k \sim N(0, \sigma_0^2) \quad \text{all uncorrelated; little errors during measurement } k$$

$$W_t = \sum_{k=1}^t X_k \quad \text{is called the (discrete) Wiener process; a stochastic process}$$

i) Explain, how this is a stoch. proc.

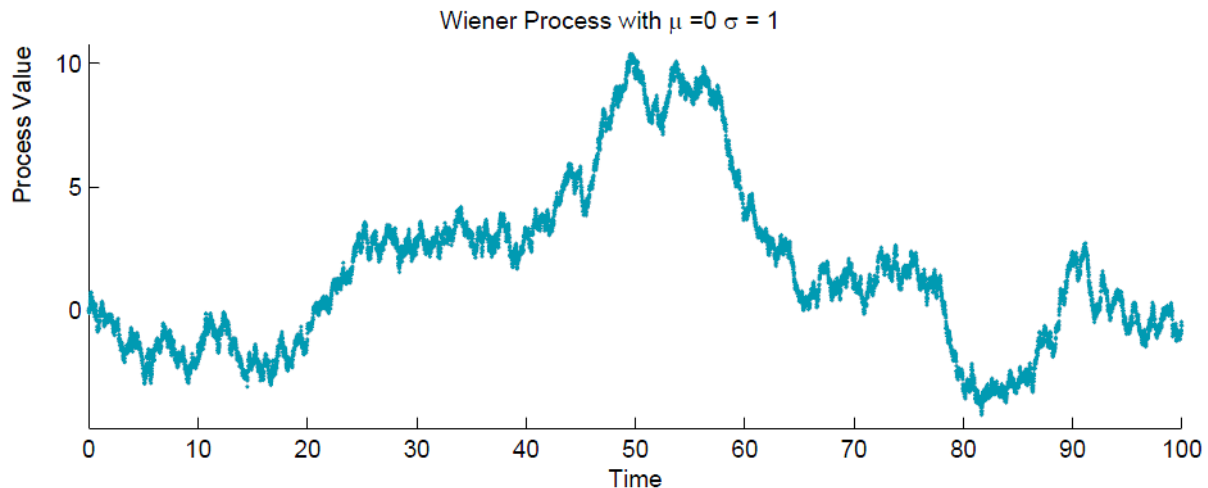
ii) Calculate  $E[W_t]$

ii) Calculate  $\sigma(W_t, W_t) = \sigma_t^2$ . Do you know this from somewhere?

# Stochastic dependence and independence

## Stochastic processes

- How to estimate the strength of neighborhood-relations?
- Can we estimate global features of this stochastic process?

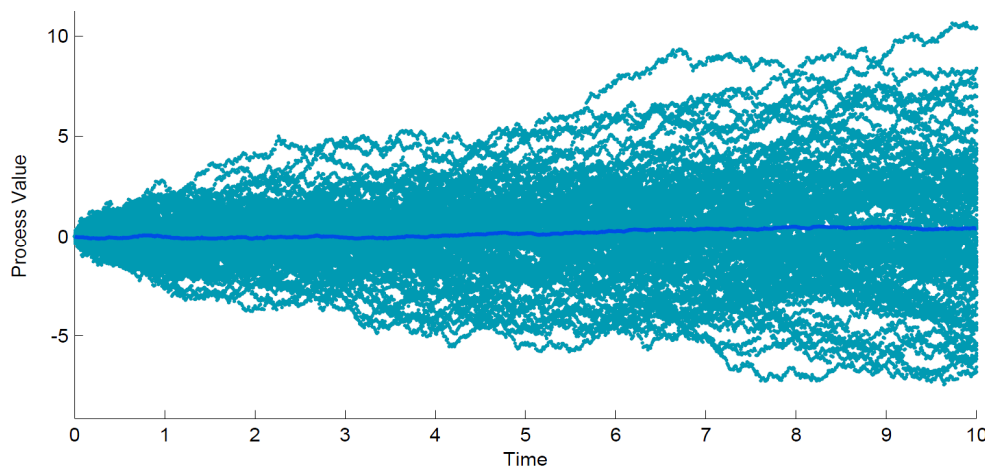


- Wiener process = integrated white noise. Expected value = 0. A lie? How to estimate?

# Stochastic dependence and independence

## Stochastic processes

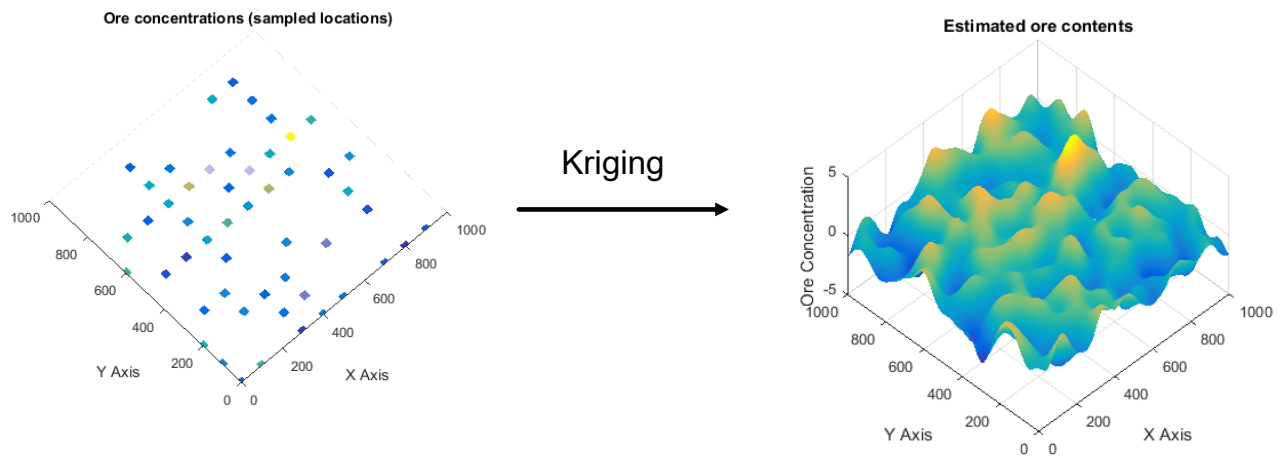
- We only have found a way to estimate the strength of neighborhood-relations
- Can we estimate global features (expected value) of this stochastic process?



- We need a new method for statistically sound estimation of stochastic processes.
- Luckily we already have all the tools. We just need to patch them together.
- Minimization of a functional to find coefficients <- Wiener-Kolmogorov filter theory



# What does Kriging do?



## Input

- Spatial data  
(= vals, coords)

Estimate  $E[X(\cdot)]$

Estimate  $\sigma(X(s), X(t)) = C(s, t)$

Minimize  $E[(\hat{X}(s) - X(s))^2]$

$\hat{X}(s)$  optimal Estimator

## Output

- Optimal estimation
- Estimation variances