

## **Modélisation Multiniveaux (MultiLevel Modelling)**

- Modèles statistiques plus complexes
- Structures qui génèrent des observations **Y dépendantes**
- Distinction entre niveaux (modalités): influence  $E(Y)$  ou  $Var(Y)$ 
  - **niveaux fixés** ..... **influence potentielle sur moyenne Y**
  - **niveaux aléatoires** ..... **influence potentielle sur variance Y**

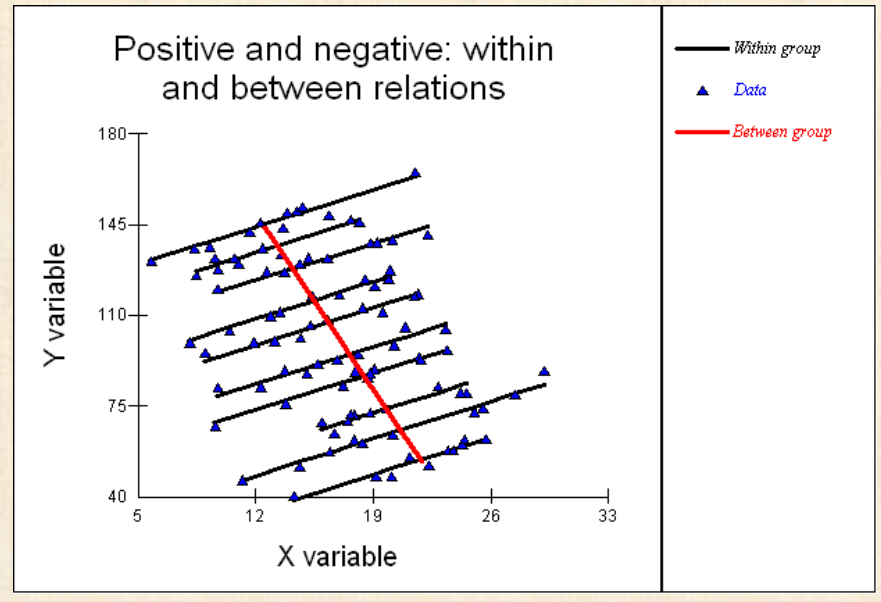
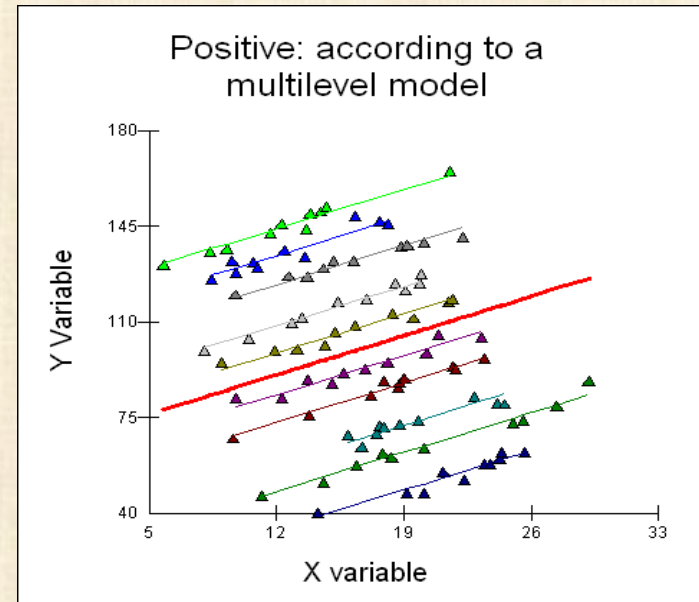
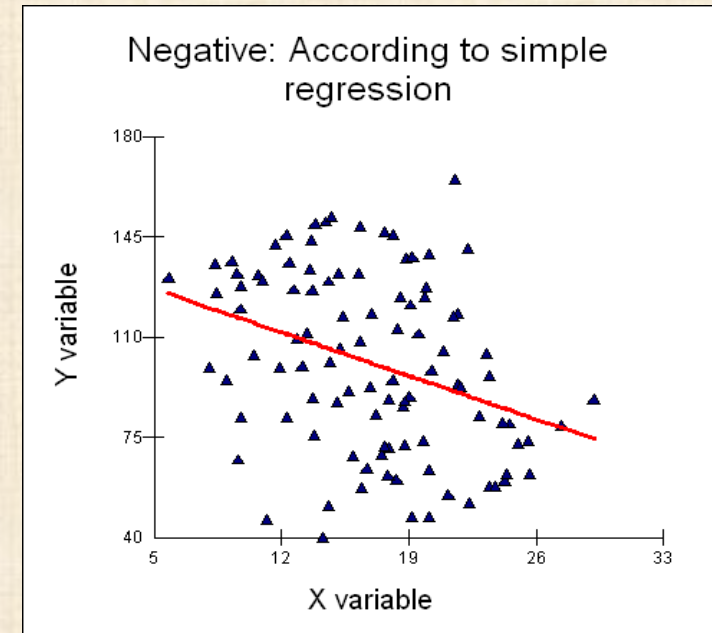
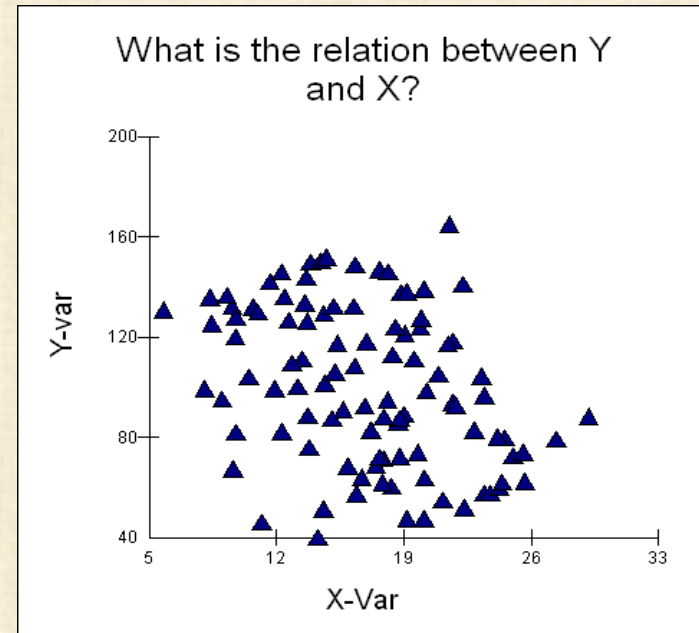
### **terminologie**

- **Modèles avec des effets aléatoires**
- **Modèles avec facteurs emboîtés**
- **Modèles avec composantes variances**
- **Modèles avec coefficients aléatoires**
- **Modèles avec parcelles divisées (split plot)**
- **Modèles mixtes : facteurs fixés + facteurs aléatoires**
- **Modèles pour données longitudinales (temps = facteur)**
- **Modèles pour mesures répétées**

# Pourquoi modèles Multi-niveaux?

## réponse

parce que les modèles uni-niveaux peuvent conduire à des conclusions erronées ou conduire à de la confusion



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26 March 2020

ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

observed data

posterior mean trend lines

posterior draw of trend lines

post. predictive replicated dataset

**Data Analysis  
Using Regression and  
Multilevel/Hierarchical  
Models**

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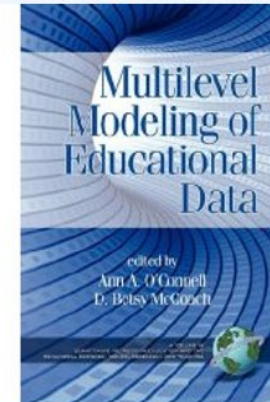
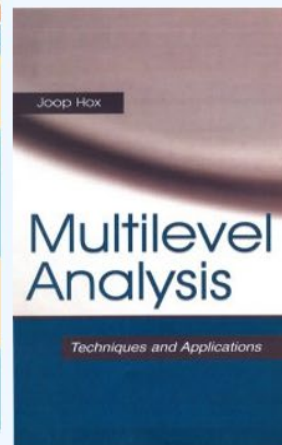
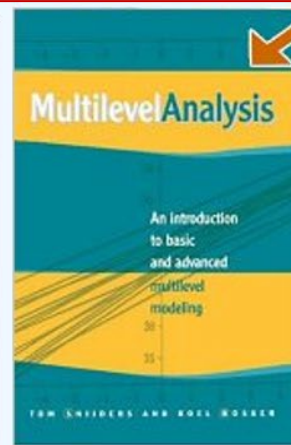
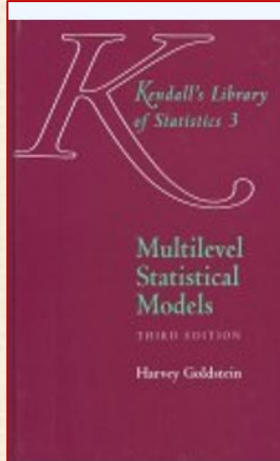
un des nombreux livres ...

beaucoup d'applications en sciences sociales, sciences médicales, sciences de la vie  
mais aussi en .... **sciences physiques, ingénierie ...**

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# EXEMPLE 1

	1 ID	2 Temperature	3 Chamber	4 Gender	5 Person	6 Y_Comfort
1	1	65	1	Male	p1	5
2	2	65	1	Male	p2	4
3	3	65	1	Female	p3	1
4	4	65	1	Female	p4	2
5	5	65	2	Male	p5	5
6	6	65	2	Male	p6	4
7	7	65	2	Female	p7	5
8	8	65	2	Female	p8	5
9	9	65	3	Male	p9	4
10	10	65	3	Male	p10	2
11	11	65	3	Female	p11	1
12	12	65	3	Female	p12	3
13	13	70	4	Male	p13	8
14	14	70	4	Male	p14	8
15	15	70	4	Female	p15	10
16	16	70	4	Female	p16	7
17	17	70	5	Male	p17	6
18	18	70	5	Male	p18	3
19	19	70	5	Female	p19	8
20	20	70	5	Female	p20	8
21	21	70	6	Male	p21	5
22	22	70	6	Male	p22	7
23	23	70	6	Female	p23	8
24	24	70	6	Female	p24	8
25	25	75	7	Male	p25	12
26	26	75	7	Male	p26	8
27	27	75	7	Female	p27	11
28	28	75	7	Female	p28	13
29	29	75	8	Male	p29	8
30	30	75	8	Male	p30	7
31	31	75	8	Female	p31	8
32	32	75	8	Female	p32	8
33	33	75	9	Male	p33	6
34	34	75	9	Male	p34	6
35	35	75	9	Female	p35	6
36	36	75	9	Female	p36	7

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A comfort experiment was conducted to study the effects of temperature and gender on a person's comfort.

Researchers were interested only in three temperature settings: 65, 70, and 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

Temperature is a fixed effect.

Each temperature setting was randomly assigned to three of nine available environmental chambers.

36 subjects : 18 males and 18 females were randomly assigned to chambers so that two males and two females were assigned to each of the nine chambers.

After the people were subjected to the environmental condition for three hours, their comfort Y\_comfort was measured.

MODEL (mixed)

$Y = \text{Comfort} = \text{Temperature} + \text{Gender} + \text{Temperature} \times \text{Gender} + \text{Chamber}(\text{Temperature}) + \text{Person}(\text{Chamber}) + \text{error}$

Temperature and Gender are fixed effects; they are crossed;

Chamber and Person are random effects; they are nested:

Chamber is nested within Temperature / Person is nested within Chamber

# EXEMPLE 2

Kutner 5ed. p 1089 - instructeur est emboîté dans ville					
	1 ID	2 Ville	3 Instructeur	4 groupe	5 Y_test
1	1	Atlanta	A	gr1	25
2	2	Atlanta	A	gr2	29
3	3	Atlanta	B	gr3	14
4	4	Atlanta	B	gr4	11
5	5	Chicago	C	gr5	11
6	6	Chicago	C	gr6	6
7	7	Chicago	D	gr7	22
8	8	Chicago	D	gr8	18
9	9	San Francisco	E	gr9	17
10	10	San Francisco	E	gr10	20
11	11	San Francisco	F	gr11	5
12	12	San Francisco	F	gr12	2

# EXEMPLE 3

Source: EMP III Using Imperfect Data - Donald J. Wheeler - SPC Press 2006

1 new	2 instrument	3 oper	4 batch	5 inXopXba (group)	6 rep	7 test623	8 new	9 instrument	10 oper	11 batch	12 group	13 rep	14 test623
p. 113	inst A	op1	b1	A1b1	1	4,2	p. 118	inst A	op1	b1	A1b1	1	4,2
	inst A	op1	b1	A1b1	2	4,4		inst A	op1	b1	A1b1	2	4,4
two	inst A	op1	b2	A1b2	1	5,3	two	inst A	op1	b2	A1b2	1	5,3
crossed	inst A	op1	b2	A1b2	2	4,8	nested	inst A	op1	b2	A1b2	2	4,8
factor	inst A	op1	b3	A1b3	1	4,0	factor	inst A	op1	b3	A1b3	1	4,0
study	inst A	op1	b3	A1b3	2	4,1	study	inst A	op1	b3	A1b3	2	4,1
	inst A	op2	b1	A2b1	1	4,3		inst A	op2	b1	A2b1	1	4,3
factor 1 =	inst A	op2	b1	A2b1	2	4,4	factor 1 =	inst A	op2	b1	A2b1	2	4,4
instrument	inst A	op2	b2	A2b2	1	5,2	instrument	inst A	op2	b2	A2b2	1	5,2
factor 2 =	inst A	op2	b2	A2b2	2	4,9	factor 2 =	inst A	op2	b2	A2b2	2	4,9
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	inst A	op2	b3	A2b3	2	4,2		inst A	op2	b3	A2b3	2	4,2
oper	inst A	op3	b1	A3b1	1	4,5	oper	inst A	op3	b1	A3b1	1	4,5
is	inst A	op3	b1	A3b1	2	4,2	is	inst A	op3	b1	A3b1	2	4,2
crossed	inst A	op3	b2	A3b2	1	5,2	nested	inst A	op3	b2	A3b2	1	5,2
with	inst A	op3	b2	A3b2	2	5,4	in	inst A	op3	b2	A3b2	2	5,4
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	inst B	op3	b1	B3b1	1	3,5		inst B	op3	b1	B3b1	1	3,5
	inst B	op3	b1	B3b1	2	3,4		inst B	op3	b1	B3b1	2	3,4
	inst B	op3	b2	B3b2	1	4,7		inst B	op3	b2	B3b2	1	4,7
	inst B	op3	b2	B3b2	2	4,5		inst B	op3	b2	B3b2	2	4,5
	inst B	op3	b3	B3b3	1	3,5		inst B	op3	b3	B3b3	1	3,5
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	inst B	op4	b2	B4b2	2	4,2		inst B	op4	b2	B4b2	2	4,2
	inst B	op4	b3	B4b3	1	3,7		inst B	op4	b3	B4b3	1	3,7
	inst B	op4	b3	B4b3	2	3,7		inst B	op4	b3	B4b3	2	3,7

# EXEMPLE 4

étude R&R avec test destructif  
 o = 3 opérateurs  
 p = 15 paires de pièces (p<sub>j</sub> p<sub>j'</sub>) j = 1, 2, ..., 15  
 chaque paire les plus semblables possibles  
 n = 2 pseudo répétitions  
 Y\_mesure

1 ID	2 new	3 Part	4 Operator	5 Y_mesure
1	test	p1	Steve	15,4257
2	destructif	p1'	Steve	16,8677
3		p2	Steve	15,5018
4		p2'	Steve	15,1628
5		p3	Steve	15,7251
6		p3'	Steve	12,8191
7		p4	Steve	15,1429
8		p4'	Steve	13,8563
9		p5	Steve	14,1119
10		p5'	Steve	16,5675
11		p6	Billie	13,1025
12		p5'	Billie	15,5494
13		p7	Billie	13,8316
14		p7'	Billie	14,2388
15		p8	Billie	16,8403
16		p8'	Billie	14,3250
17		p9	Billie	15,1448
18		p9'	Billie	14,5478
19		p10	Billie	16,3736
20		p10'	Billie	17,5779
21		p11	Nathan	14,0156
22		p11'	Nathan	16,0597
23		p12	Nathan	14,7948
24		p12'	Nathan	14,8448
25		p13	Nathan	14,2155
26		p13'	Nathan	13,7057
27		p14	Nathan	16,4566
28		p14'	Nathan	16,2174
29		p15	Nathan	15,0697
30		p15'	Nathan	16,3231

## EXEMPLE 5



S1

S1AI

S2AI

plan 1 : complet  
plan 2 : ?  
moins essais  
à déterminer

### PROJET PhD - fixations pelviennes - Sophie

but : étude de configurations de fixations pelviennes (vis) afin de déterminer la configuration qui minimise les risques de complications

#### FACTEURS (X)

X1\_tra Trajectoire modalités = S1, S1AI (=A1) S2AI (=A2) **facteur catégorique**  
codage de X1\_tra avec les variables Z1 et Z2

Z1 = 1 si S1 / = 0 si A2 / = -1 si A2

Z2 = 0 si S1 / = 1 si A2 / = -1 si A2

X2\_lon (mm) Longueur modalités = 40 et 50 si S1 / = 80 et 100 si (S1AI et S2AI)  
**emboîté dans trajectoire - facteur continu - effet aléatoire ou fixe ?**  
(40, 50) si S1 (80, 100) si A1 A2

codage de X2\_lon avec  $Z3 = (X2\_lon - c) / d$

$c = (40 + 100) / 2 = 70$   $d = (100 - 40) / 2 = 30$

X3\_dia (mm) diamètre modalités = 75 85 **facteur continu**

codage de X3\_dia avec  $Z4 = (X3\_dia - c) / d$

$c = (75 + 85) / 2 = 80$   $d = (85 - 75) / 2 = 5$

X4\_qua Qualité osseuse normale (NO) ostéoporotique (OS) **facteur catégorique**  
codage de X4\_qua avec Z5

Z5 = 1 si X4\_qua = NO Z5 = -1 si X4\_qua = OS

X5\_oss Ossification modalité = oui non **facteur catégorique**

codage de X5\_oss avec Z6

Z6 = 1 si X5\_oss = oui Z6 = -1 si X5\_oss = non

nombre de treatments =  $3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 48$  plan factoriel complet

recherche d'un plan avec moins d'essais (projet à faire)

RÉPONSE (Y) Y\_def déformation (unité = ?) obtenu par programme (calcul) ?

possibilité : création d'un émulateur ?

pas de répétition car réponse ne varie pas si re-calcule

objectif : minimiser Y\_def car si Y\_def > seuil (seuil = ?) risque de déformation

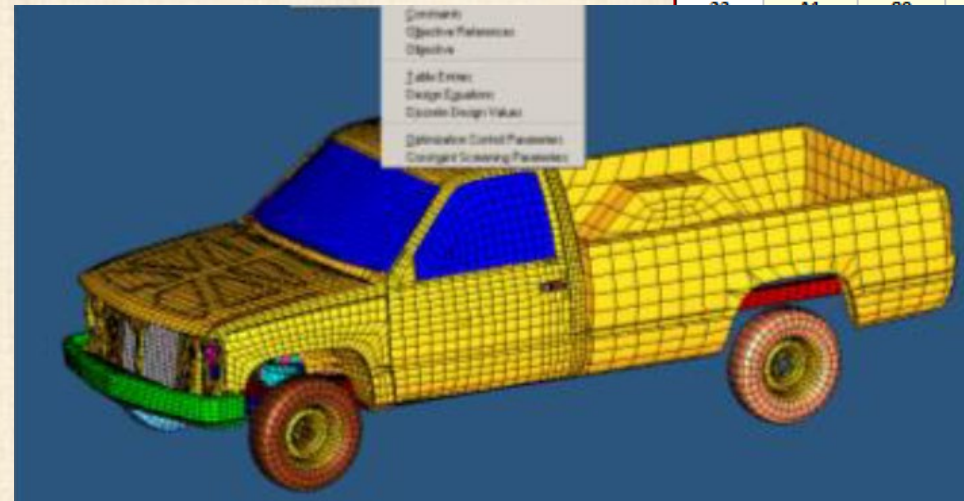
ici les valeurs sont simulées sans aucune relation aux 5 facteurs

$Y\_def = 100 + Rnd(20)$  normale avec moyenne = 100 et écart-type = 20

l'analyse ne devrait pas révéler aucun effet significatif

plus tard : nous proposerons d'autres modèles en relation avec les facteurs

calculs par méthodes  
d'éléments finis :  
prend beaucoup de temps ...



1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ID_trait	X1_tra	X2_lon	X3_dia	X4_qua	X5_oss	Y_def
1	S1	40	75	NO	oui	
2	S1	40	75	NO	non	
3	S1	40	75	OS	oui	
4	S1	40	75	OS	non	
5	S1	40	85	NO	oui	
6	S1	40	85	NO	non	
7	S1	40	85	OS	oui	
8	S1	40	85	OS	non	
9	S1	50	75	NO	oui	
10	S1	50	75	NO	non	
11	S1	50	75	OS	oui	
12	S1	50	75	OS	non	
13	S1	50	85	NO	oui	
14	S1	50	85	NO	non	
15	S1	50	85	OS	oui	
16	S1	50	85	OS	non	
17	A1	80	75	NO	oui	
18	A1	80	75	NO	non	
19	A1	80	75	OS	oui	
20	A1	80	75	OS	non	
21	A1	80	85	NO	oui	
22	A1	80	85	NO	non	
23	A1	80	85	OS	oui	
24	A1	80	85	OS	non	
25	A1	80	85	OS	non	
26	A1	80	85	OS	oui	
27	A1	80	85	OS	non	
28	A1	80	85	OS	oui	
29	A1	80	85	OS	non	
30	A1	80	85	OS	oui	
31	A1	80	85	OS	non	
32	A1	80	85	OS	oui	
33	A1	80	85	OS	non	
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35	A1	80	85	OS	non	
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37	A1	80	85	OS	non	
38	A1	80	85	OS	oui	
39	A1	80	85	OS	non	
40	A1	80	85	OS	oui	
41	A1	80	85	OS	non	
42	A1	80	85	OS	oui	
43	A2	100	75	OS	oui	
44	A2	100	75	OS	non	
45	A2	100	85	NO	oui	
46	A2	100	85	NO	non	
47	A2	100	85	OS	oui	
48	A2	100	85	OS	non	





# Complex modelling : 4 key notions

## 1. Modelling data with a complex structure

large range of structures that ML can handle routinely; e.g houses **nested** in neighbourhoods

## 2. Modelling heterogeneity

standard regression models '**averages**', ie the general relationship

ML additionally models **variances**; e.g individual house prices vary from n'hood to n'hood

## 3. Modelling dependent data

potentially complex dependencies in the outcome **over time**, **over space**, over context;

e.g houses within a n'hood tend to have similar prices

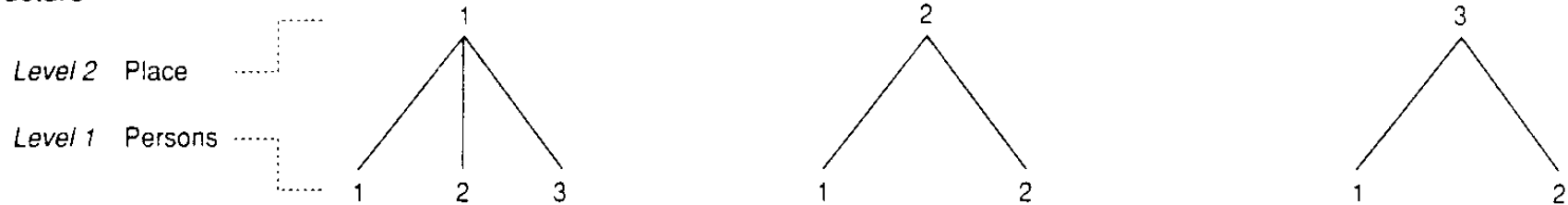
## 4. Modelling contextuality: micro & macro relations

e.g individual house prices depends on individual property characteristics + on neighbourhood characteristics

# Modelling data with complex structure : hiérarchique , emboîtées (nested)

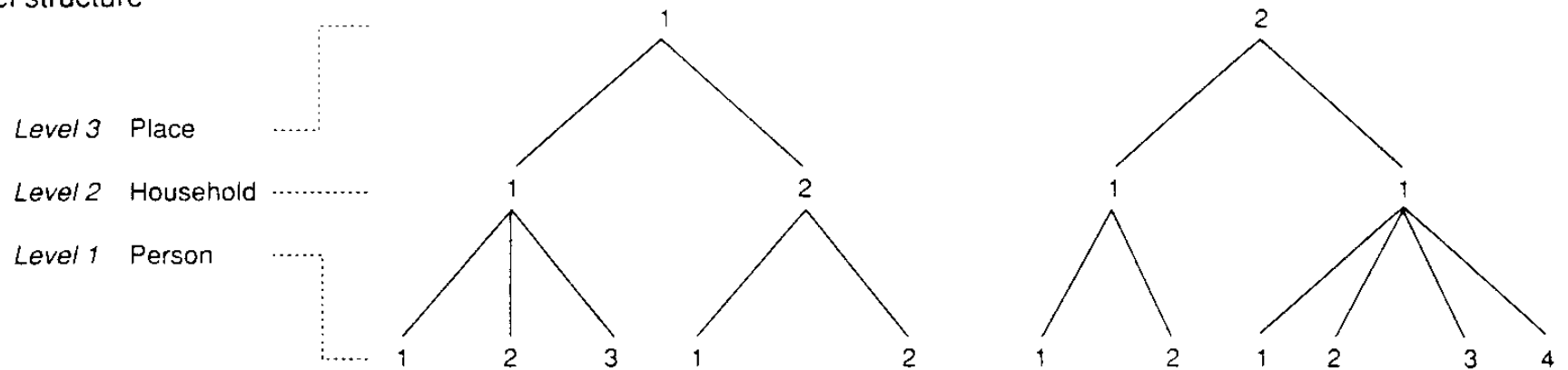
## People nested within places : **two-level model**

Two-level structure



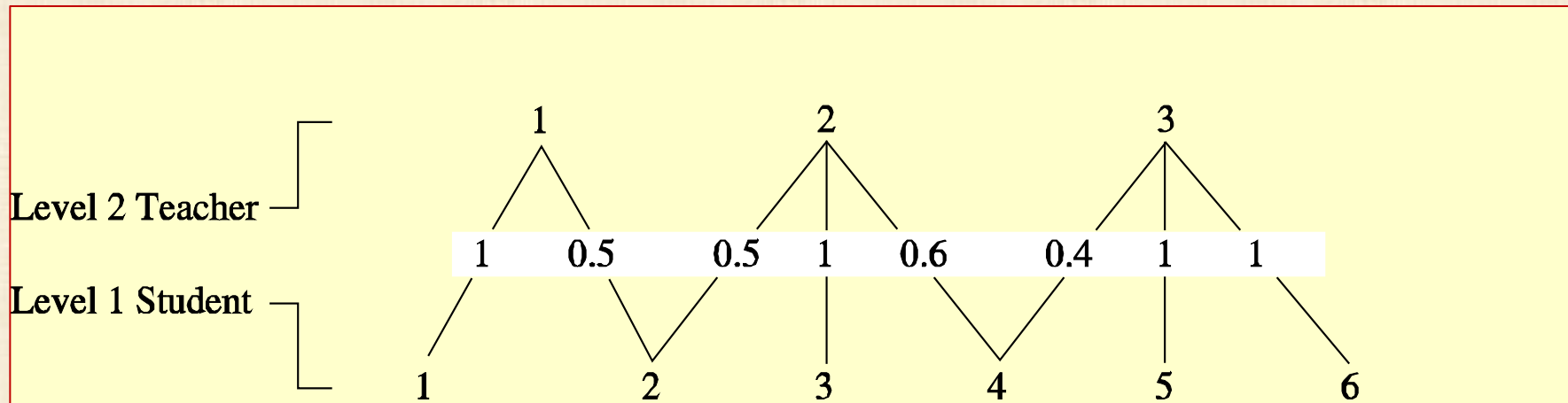
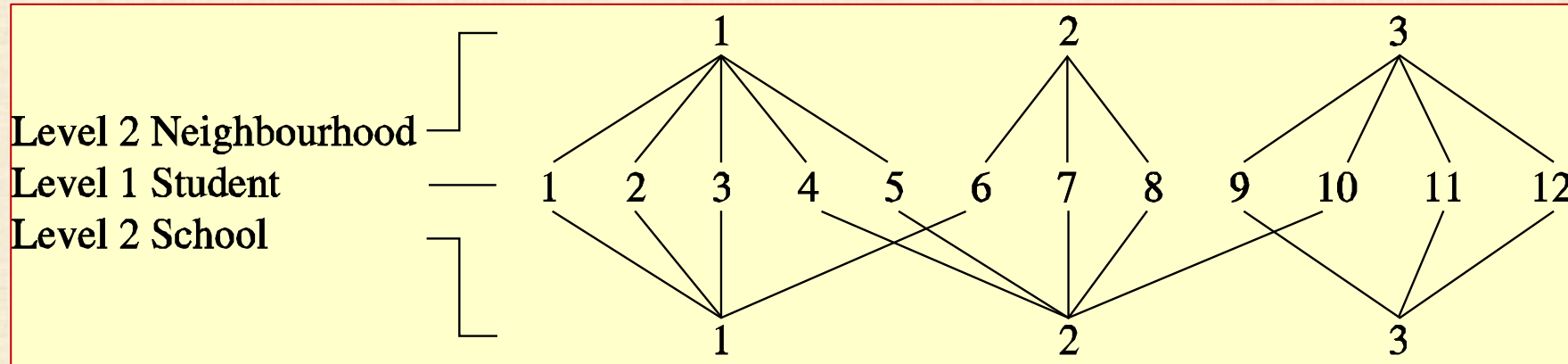
## People nested within households within places : **three-level model**

Three-level structure

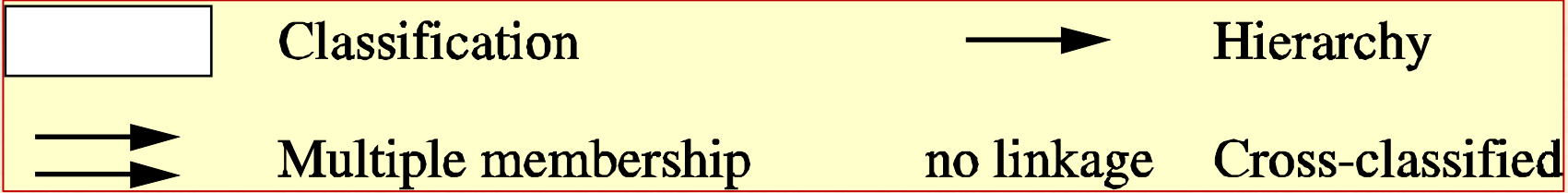


# Non-Hierarchical structures

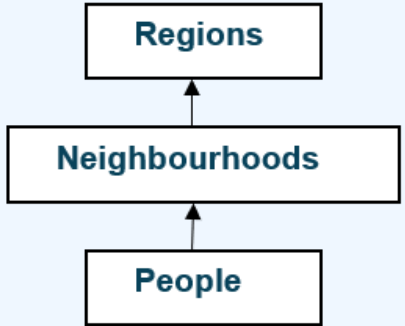
## cross-classified structure



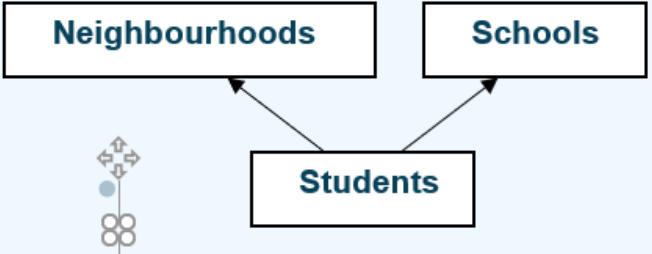
# CLASSIFICATION DIAGRAMS



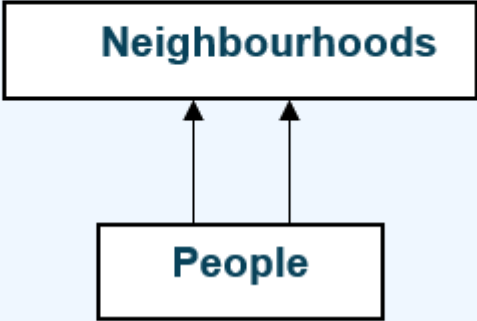
a) 3-level hierarchical structure



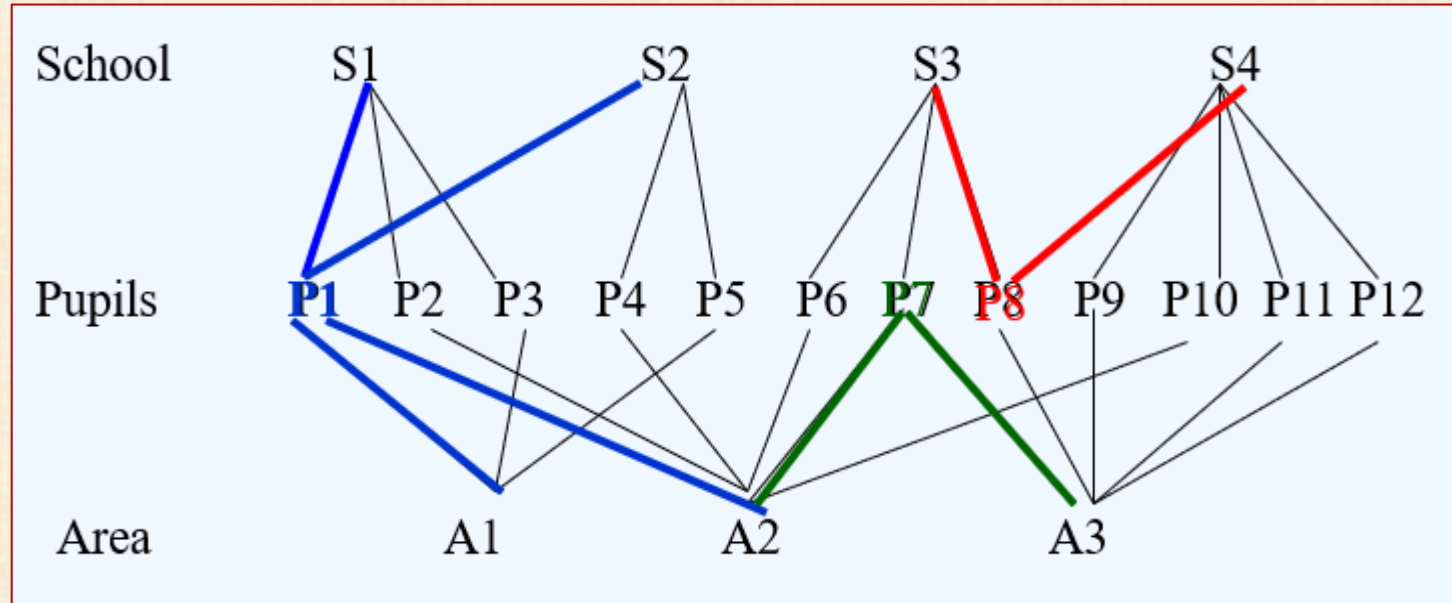
b) cross-classified structure



c) multiple membership structure



**Combining structures : crossed-classifications and multiple membership relationships**



**Pupil 1 moves in the course of the study from residential area 1 to 2 and from school 1 to 2**

**Pupil 8 has moved schools but still lives in the same area**

**Pupil 7 has moved areas but still attends the same school**

**data-frame : examining neighbourhood effects on price of houses**

Classifications or levels		Response	Explanatory variables		
House i	N'hood j	House Price I j	No of Rooms ij	House type ij	N'hood Type j
1	1	75	6	Semi	Suburb
2	1	71	8	Semi	Suburb
3	1	91	7	Det	Suburb
1	2	68	4	Ter	Central
2	2	37	6	Det	Central
3	2	67	6	Ter	Central
1	3	82	7	Semi	Suburb
2	3	85	5	Det	Suburb
1	4	54	9	Terr	Central
2	4	91	7	Terr	Central
3	4	43	4	Semi	Central
4	4	66	55	Det	Central

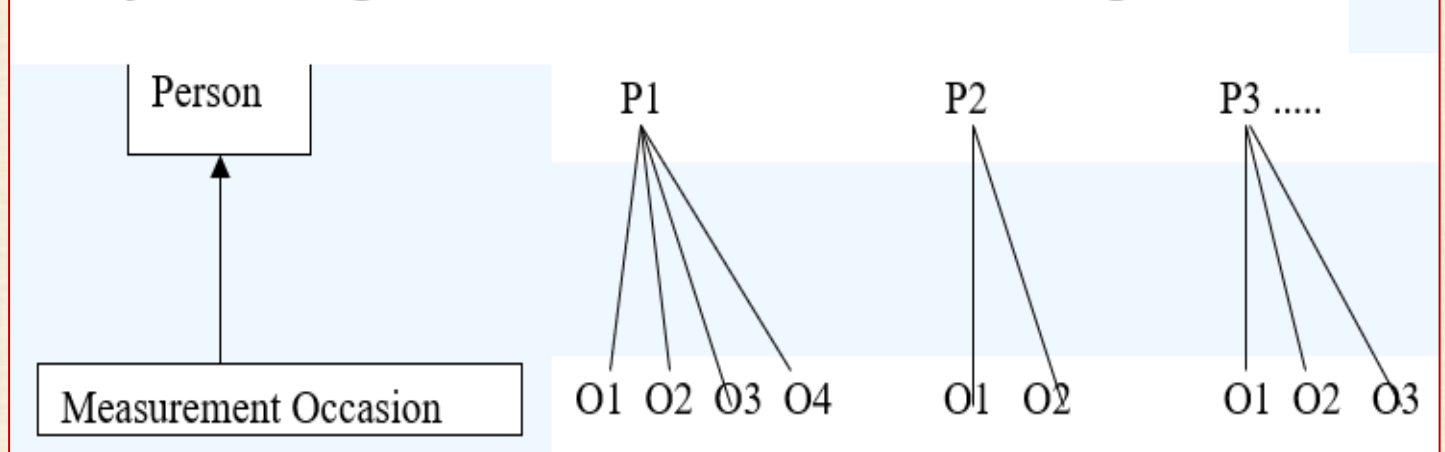
**Questions for multilevel (random coefficient) models**

- What is the between-neighbourhood variation in price taking account of size of house ?
- Are large houses more expensive in central areas ?
- Are detached houses more variable in price ?

## Two level repeated measures design : classifications, units and dataframes

Classifications or levels		Response	Explanatory variables	
Occasion <i>i</i>	Person <i>j</i>	Income <i>I<sub>ij</sub></i>	Age <i>I<sub>ij</sub></i>	Gender <i>j</i>
1	1	75	25	F
2	1	85	26	F
3	1	95	27	F
1	2	82	32	M
2	2	91	33	M
1	3	88	45	F
2	3	93	46	F
3	3	96	47	F

*Classification diagram*



*Unit diagram*

Person	Inc-Occ1	Inc-Occ2	Inc-Occ3	Age-Occ1	Age-Occ2	Age-Occ3	Gender
1	75	85	95	25	26	27	F
2	82	91	*	32	33	*	M
3	88	93	96	45	46	47	F

# Distinguishing classifications: variables or levels ?

Classifications or levels			Response	Explanatory Variables	
House l	Nhood j	Type k		Price ijk	Rooms ijk
1	1	Suburb	75	6	Det
2	1	Suburb	71	4	Det
3	1	Suburb	91	7	F
1	2	Central	68	9	F
2	2	Central	37	6	M
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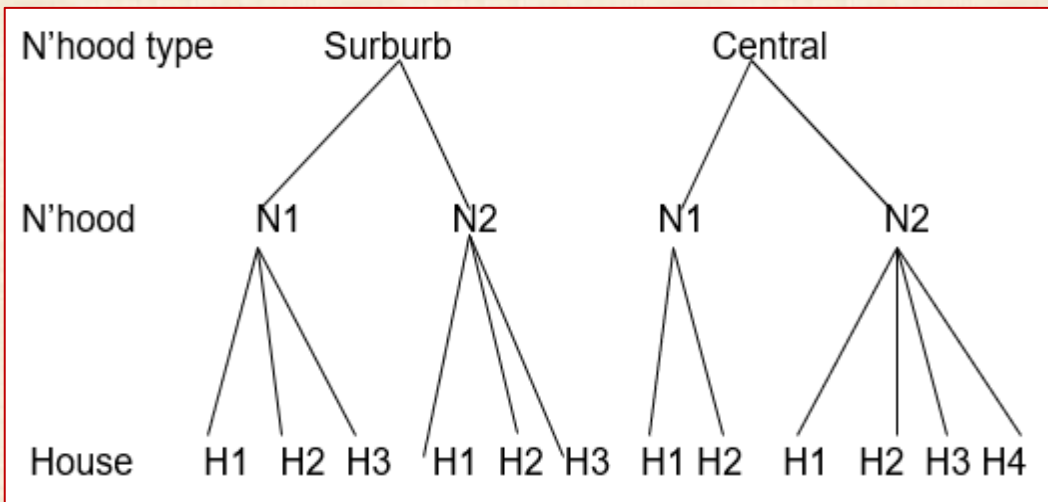
## Random classification

if units can be regarded as a *random sample* from a **wider** population of units. Ex. houses and n'hoods  
Beaucoup de modalités : facteur aléatoire

## Fixed classification

is a **small fixed** number of categories.

Ex. Suburb and Central are not two types sampled from a large number of types  
On the basis of these two we cannot generalise to a wider population of types of n'hoods



N'hood type is **NOT a random classification** but a **fixed classification** (fixed effect type)

= level of a **VARIABLE**

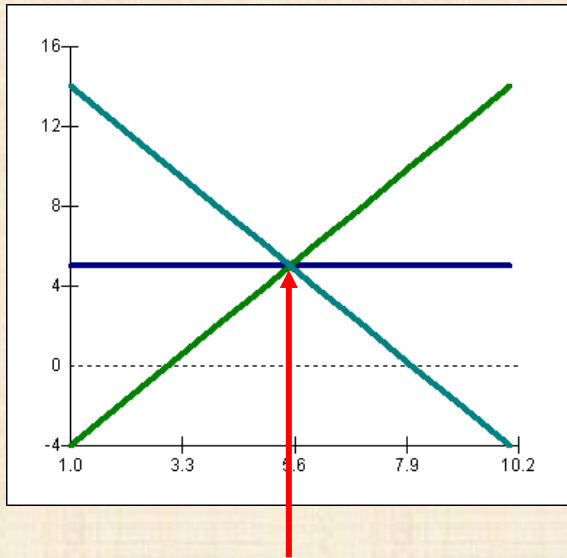


# Analysis Strategies for Multilevel Data

**1. Group-level analysis.** Move up the scale: analyse only at the macro level;

Aggregate to level 2 and fit standard regression model.

**problem** : cannot infer individual-level relationships from group-level relationships  
(ecological or aggregation fallacy)



same mean  $\bar{Y}_j$ ,  $\bar{X}_j$   
but three very different  
within school relations  
(elitist; egalitarian, bizarre!)

## Example: research on school effects

**Response:** Current score on a test, turned into an average for each of  $j$  schools;

**Predictor:** past score turned into an average for each of  $j$  schools

**Model:** regress means on means

Means on means analysis is meaningless!

Mean does not reflect within group relationship

## Analysis Strategies for Multilevel Data

**2 Contextual analysis.** Analysis individual-level data but include group-level predictors  
**problem** : assumes all group-level variance can be explained by group-level predictors; incorrect SE's (standard errors) for group-level predictors

### EXEMPLE

- **Do pupils in single-sex school experience higher exam attainment?**
- **Structure: 4059 pupils in 65 schools**
- **Response: Normal score across all London pupils aged 16**
- **Predictor: Girls and Boys School compared to Mixed school**

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Single level</u>	<u>Multilevel</u>
Cons (Mixed school)	-0,098 (0.021)	-0.101 (0.070)
<b>Boy school</b>	<b>0,122 (0.049)</b>	<b>0,064 (0.149)</b>
Girl school	0,245 ( <b>0.034</b> )	0,258 ( <b>0.117</b> )
<b>Between school variance (<math>\sigma_u^2</math>)</b>		<b>0,155 (0.030)</b>
Between student variance ( $\sigma_e^2$ )	0,985 (0.022)	0,848 (0.019)

# Analysis Strategies for Multilevel Data

## 3 Analysis of covariance with fixed effects model

Include dummy variables for each and every group

### problems

- What if number of groups very large, eg households?
- **No single parameter assesses between group differences**
- Cannot make inferences beyond groups in sample
- **Cannot include group-level predictors as all degrees of freedom at the group-level have been consumed**
- Target of inference: individual school versus schools

## 4 Fit single-level model but adjust standard errors for clustering (GEE approach)

problems Treats groups as a nuisance rather than of substantive interest; no estimate of between-group variance; not extendible to more levels and complex heterogeneity

## 5 Multilevel (random effects) model.

### **LA solution définitive**

Partition residual variance into between- and within-group (level 2 and level 1) components. Allows for un-observables at each level, corrects standard errors, Micro AND macro models analysed simultaneously, avoids ecological fallacy and atomistic fallacy:

***richer set of research questions***

**BUT we need to be careful with the model specification + assumptions are met.**

## Type of questions tackled by ML : fixed effects (F) + random effects (R)

- Even with only 'simple' hierarchical 2-level structure
- **EG 2-level model: current attainment given prior attainment of pupils (1) in schools (2)**
- Do Boys make greater progress than Girls (modelling averages : fixed effect (F))
- **Are boys more or less variable in their progress than girls? (modelling variances R)**
- What is the between-school variation in progress? (modelling random effect R)
- **Is School X different from other schools in the sample in its effect? (F)**
- Are schools more variable in their progress for pupils with low prior attainment? (R)
- **Does the gender gap vary across schools? (R)**
- Do pupils make more progress in denominational schools? (F)
- **Are pupils in denominational schools less variable in their progress? (R)**
- Do girls make greater progress in denominational schools? (F)
  - cross-level interaction (correct SE's computed)

**in general : a focus on variances  $\sigma^2$**

**segregation, inequality : differences between units**