

Sampling and Reconstruction driven by Sparsity Models: Theory and Applications

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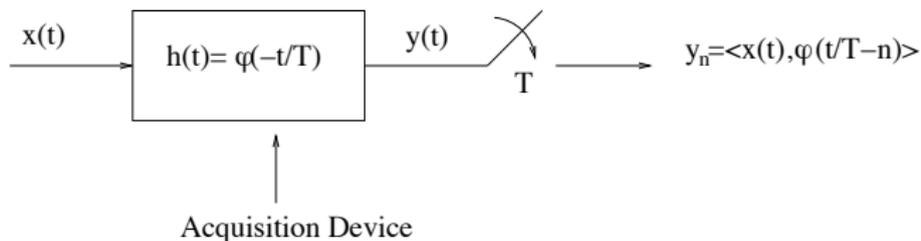
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Problem Statement

You are given a class of functions. You have a sampling device. Given the measurements $y_n = \langle x(t), \varphi(t/T - n) \rangle$, you want to reconstruct $x(t)$.

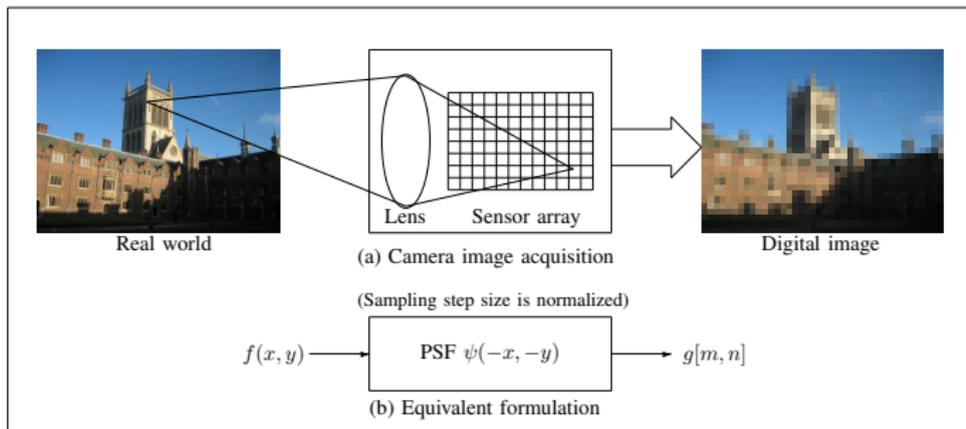


Natural questions:

- ▶ When is there a one-to-one mapping between $x(t)$ and y_n ?
- ▶ What are good *continuous* sparsity models?
- ▶ What acquisition devices can be used?
- ▶ What reconstruction algorithm?



Sparsity and Sampling: Is This Relevant?



- ▶ The lens blurs the image.
- ▶ The image is sampled ('pixelized') by the CCD array.
- ▶ You want sharper and higher resolution images given the available pixels



Motivation: Image Resolution Enhancement



pixels



interpolation



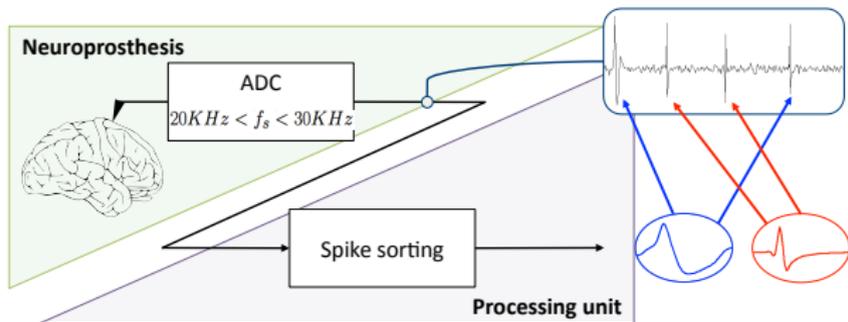
enhancement with sparsity priors

Images are complex but smooth contours are **sparse**.



Motivation: Brain Machine Interface

Applications in Neuroscience: Spike Sorting at sub-Nyquist rates

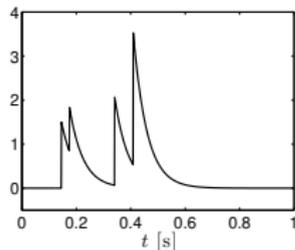
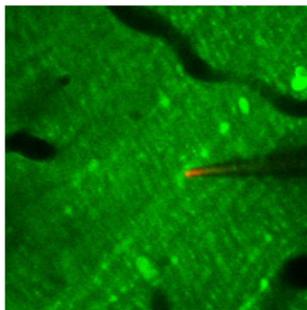
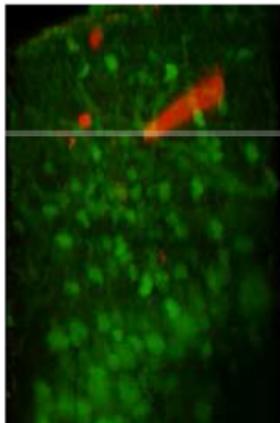


- ▶ Wireless brain-machine interface place extreme limits on sampling.
- ▶ The problem is **sparse** when the shape of the AP is approximately known.



Motivation: Application in Neuroscience

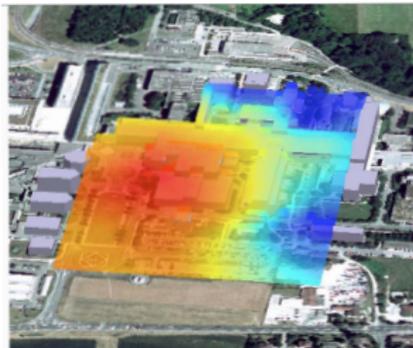
Time resolution enhancement and calcium transient detection in multi-photon calcium imaging.



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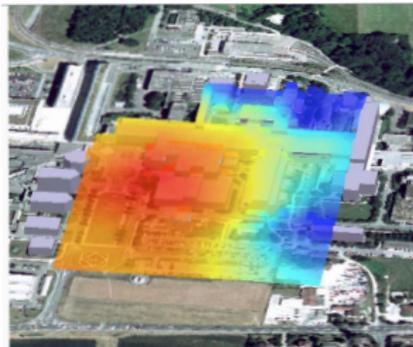
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Our Approach

- ▶ From the samples, using the knowledge of the observation process, estimate proper integral measurements of the source (e.g., estimate the Fourier transform at specific frequencies)
- ▶ Given the integral measurements (e.g., partial Fourier transform), solve the inverse problem using **proper** sparsity priors



Outline

- ▶ Continuous-time sparsity model: FRI signals
- ▶ Exact Sampling and Reconstruction of FRI Signals
- ▶ Robust and Universal Sparse Sampling
 - ▶ Approximate Strang-Fix Conditions
 - ▶ Robust Recovery
- ▶ Applications in
 - ▶ Image Super-Resolution
 - ▶ Neuroscience
 - ▶ Sensor Networks
- ▶ Conclusions and Outlook



Signals with Finite Rate of Innovation

Consider a signal of the form:

$$x(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \gamma_k g(t - t_k). \quad (1)$$

The rate of innovation of $x(t)$ is then defined as

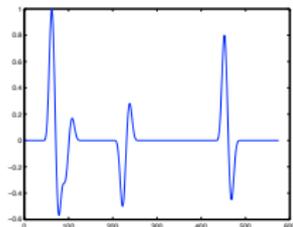
$$\rho = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\tau} C_x \left(-\frac{\tau}{2}, \frac{\tau}{2} \right), \quad (2)$$

where $C_x(-\tau/2, \tau/2)$ is a function counting the number of free parameters in the interval τ .

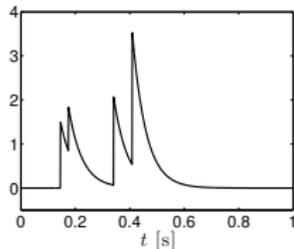
Definition [VetterliMB:02] A signal with a **finite rate of innovation** is a signal whose parametric representation is given in (1) and with a finite ρ as defined in (2).



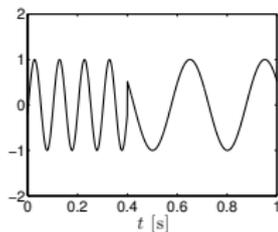
Examples of Signals with Finite Rate of Innovation



Filtered Streams of Diracs



Decaying Exponentials



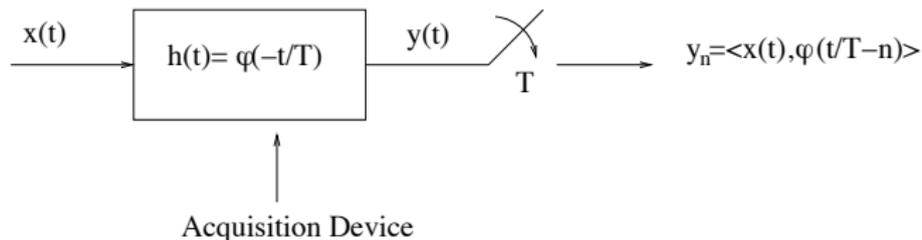
Piecewise Sinusoidal Signals



Mondrian paintings ;-)



Sampling Kernels



- ▶ Given by nature
 - ▶ Diffusion equation, Green function. Ex: sensor networks.
- ▶ Given by the set-up
 - ▶ Designed by somebody else. Ex: Hubble telescope, digital cameras.
- ▶ Given by design
 - ▶ Pick the best kernel. Ex: engineered systems.

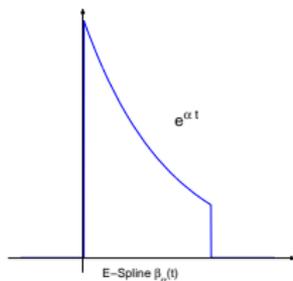


Sampling Kernels

Any kernel $\varphi(t)$ that can reproduce exponentials:

$$\sum_n c_{m,n} \varphi(t - n) = e^{\alpha_m t}, \quad \alpha_m = \alpha_0 + m\lambda \text{ and } m = 0, 1, \dots, L.$$

This includes any composite kernel of the form $\gamma(t) * \beta_{\vec{\alpha}}(t)$ where $\beta_{\vec{\alpha}}(t) = \beta_{\alpha_0}(t) * \beta_{\alpha_1}(t) * \dots * \beta_{\alpha_L}(t)$ and $\beta_{\alpha_i}(t)$ is an Exponential Spline of first order [UnserB:05].



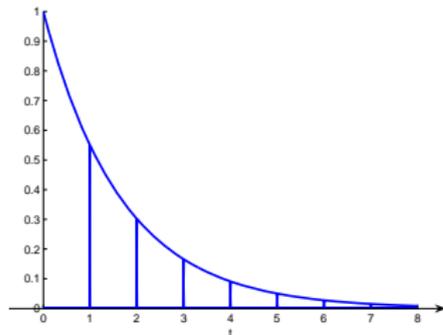
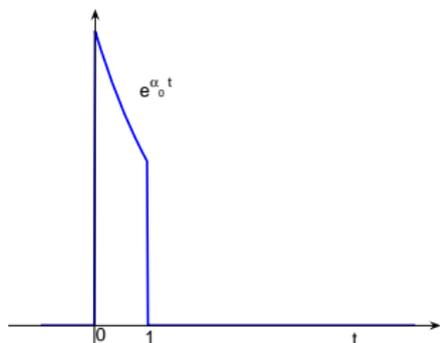
$$\beta_{\alpha}(t) \Leftrightarrow \hat{\beta}(\omega) = \frac{1 - e^{\alpha - j\omega}}{j\omega - \alpha}$$

Notice:

- ▶ α can be complex.
- ▶ E-Spline is of compact support.
- ▶ E-Spline reduces to the classical polynomial spline when $\alpha = 0$.



Exponential Reproducing Kernels



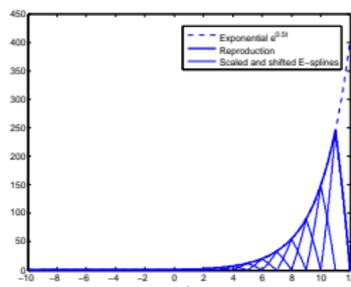
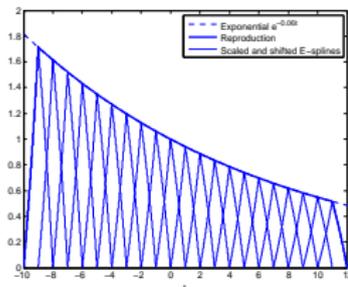
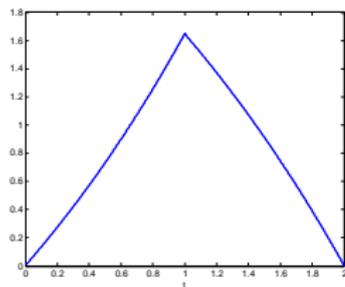
The E-spline of first order $\beta_{\alpha_0}(t)$ reproduces the exponential $e^{\alpha_0 t}$:

$$\sum_n c_{0,n} \beta_{\alpha_0}(t - n) = e^{\alpha_0 t}.$$

In this case $c_{0,n} = e^{\alpha_0 n}$. In general, $c_{m,n} = c_{m,0} e^{\alpha_m n}$.



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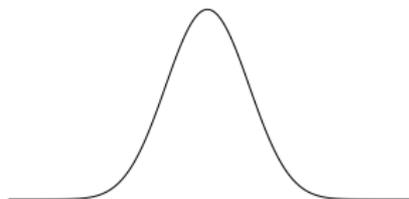


Here the E-spline is of second order and reproduces the exponential $e^{\alpha_0 t}$, $e^{\alpha_1 t}$: with $\alpha_0 = -0.06$ and $\alpha_1 = 0.5$.

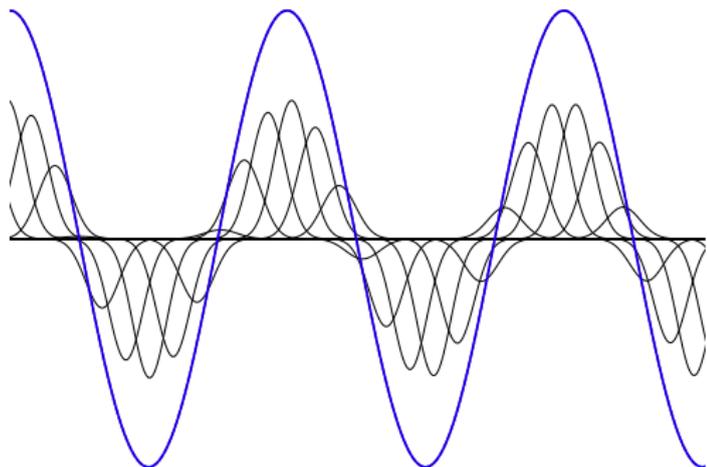


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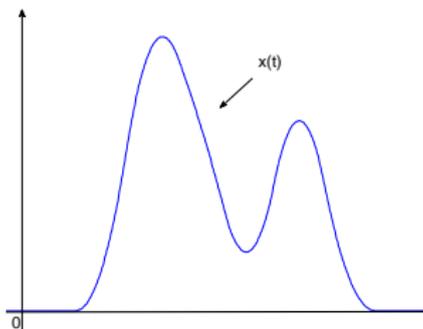
$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_{m,n} \varphi(t - n) = e^{-j\omega_m t} \quad \forall m \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$$



$\phi(t)$ is an E-spline



Why Exponential Reproduction?



- ▶ Consider any $x(t)$ with $t \in [0, N)$ and sampling period $T = 1$.
- ▶ The sampling kernel $\varphi(t)$ satisfies

$$\sum_n c_{m,n} \varphi(t - n) = e^{-j\omega_m t} \quad m = 1, \dots, L,$$

- ▶ We want to retrieve $x(t)$, from the samples $y_n = \langle x(t), \varphi(t - n) \rangle$, $n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$.



Why Exponential Reproduction?

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} s_m &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} c_{m,n} y_n \\ &= \langle x(t), \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} c_{m,n} \varphi(t-n) \rangle \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-j\omega_m t} dt, \quad m = 1, \dots, L. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Note that s_m is the Fourier transform of $x(t)$ evaluated at $j\omega_m$.



From Samples to Signals

- ▶ The above analysis requires exponential reproducing kernels but it applies to **any** signal.

$$y_n \Rightarrow \hat{x}(j\omega_m) \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, L$$

- ▶ Given $\hat{x}(j\omega_m)$, use your **favourite sparsity model and reconstruction method** to obtain a one-to-one mapping between the signal and its partial Fourier transform:

$$x(t) \Leftrightarrow \hat{x}(j\omega_m) \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, L$$

- ▶ The frequencies can be randomised if necessary [ZhangD:14].



Sampling Streams of Diracs

- ▶ Assume $x(t)$ is a stream of K Diracs on the interval of size N :
 $x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} x_k \delta(t - t_k)$, $t_k \in [0, N)$.
- ▶ We restrict $j\omega_m = j\omega_0 + jm\lambda$ $m = 1, \dots, L$ and $L \geq 2K$.
- ▶ We have N samples: $y_n = \langle x(t), \varphi(t - n) \rangle$, $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$:
- ▶ We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} s_m &= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} c_{m,n} y_n \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{j\omega_m t} dt, \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} x_k e^{j\omega_m t_k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \hat{x}_k e^{j\lambda m t_k} = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \hat{x}_k u_k^m, \quad m = 1, \dots, L. \end{aligned}$$



Prony's Method

- ▶ The quantity

$$s_m = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \hat{x}_k u_k^m, \quad m = 1, \dots, L$$

is a sum of exponentials.

- ▶ Retrieving the locations u_k and the amplitudes \hat{x}_k from $\{s_m\}_{m=1}^L$ is a classical problem in spectral estimation and was first solved by Gaspard de Prony in 1795.
- ▶ Given the pairs $\{u_k, \hat{x}_k\}$, then $t_k = (\ln u_k)/\lambda$ and $x_k = \hat{x}_k/e^{\alpha_0 t_k}$.



Overview of Prony's Method

Assume: $s_m = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \alpha_k u_k^m$ and consider the polynomial:

$$P(x) = \prod_{k=1}^K (x - u_k) = x^K + h_1 x^{K-1} + h_2 x^{K-2} + \dots + h_{K-1} x + h_K.$$

It is easy to verify that

$$s_{n+K} + h_1 s_{n+K-1} + h_2 s_{n+K-2} + \dots + h_K s_n = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq K} \alpha_k u_k^n P(u_k) = 0.$$

In matrix-vector form for indices n such that $\ell \leq n < \ell + K$, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_{\ell+K} & s_{\ell+K-1} & \cdots & s_{\ell} \\ s_{\ell+K+1} & s_{\ell+K} & \cdots & s_{\ell+1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s_{\ell+2K-2} & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s_{\ell+2K-1} & s_{\ell+2K-2} & \cdots & s_{\ell+K-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ h_1 \\ h_2 \\ \vdots \\ h_K \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T}_{K,\ell} \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{0}$$



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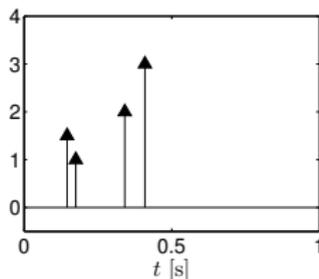
The vector of polynomial coefficients $\mathbf{h} = [1, h_1, \dots, h_K]^T$ is in the null space of $\mathbf{T}_{K,\ell}$. Moreover, $\mathbf{T}_{K,\ell}$ has size $K \times (K + 1)$ and has full row rank when the u_k 's are distinct. Therefore \mathbf{h} is unique. □

Prony's method summary:

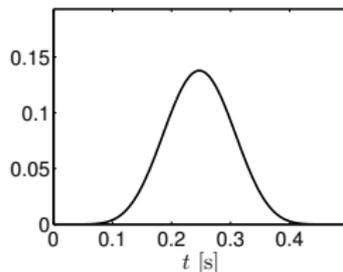
1. Given the input s_m , build the Toeplitz matrix $\mathbf{T}_{K,\ell}$ and solve for \mathbf{h} . This can be achieved by taking the SVD of $\mathbf{T}_{K,\ell}$.
2. Find the roots of $P(x) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^K h_n x^{K-n}$. These roots are exactly the exponentials $\{u_k\}_{k=0}^{K-1}$.
3. Given the $\{u_k\}_{k=0}^{K-1}$, find the corresponding amplitudes $\{\alpha_k\}_{k=0}^{K-1}$ by solving K linear equations.



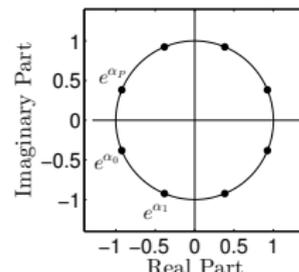
Sampling Streams of Diracs: Numerical Example



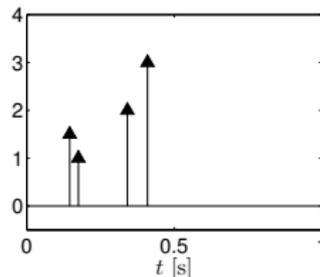
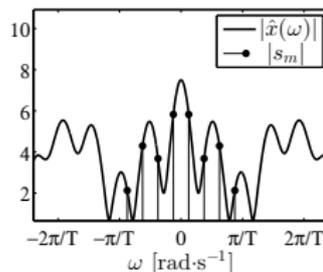
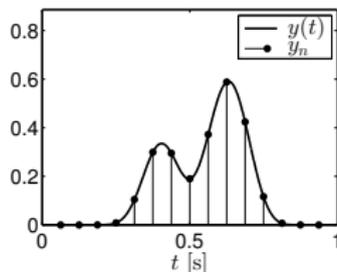
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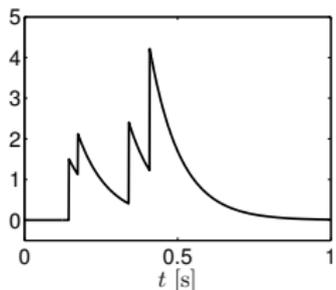
(b) Sampling kernel, $h(t)$



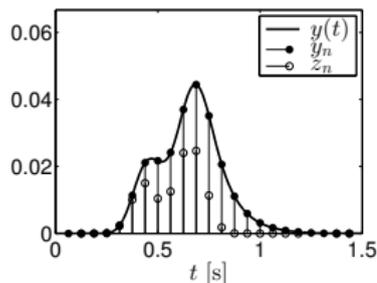
(c) $e^{\alpha t}$ reproduced by $h(t)$



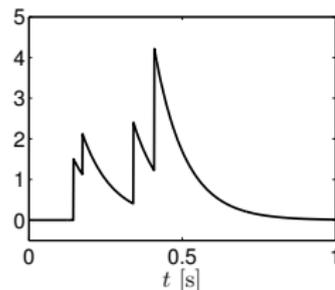
Stream of Decaying Exponentials



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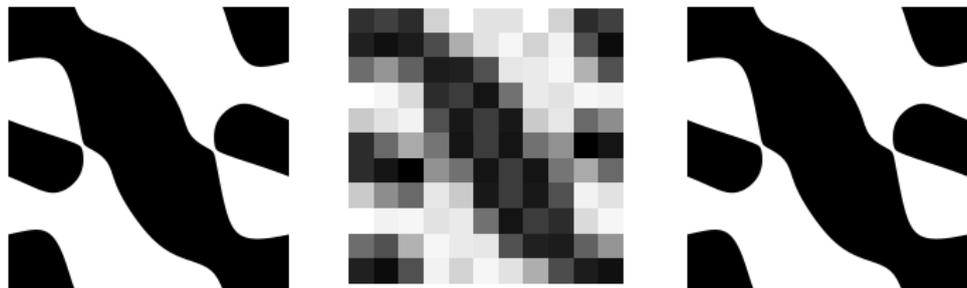
(b) Filtered and sampled signal



(c) Reconstructed signal



Sampling 2-D domains



The curve is implicitly defined through the equation [PanBluDragotti:11,14]:

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{i=1}^I b_{k,i} e^{-j2\pi xk/M} e^{-j2\pi yi/N} = 0.$$

The coefficients $b_{k,i}$ are the only free parameters in the model.

This is a **non-separable** 2-D sparsity model.



Sampling 2-D domains



samples



interpolation



inter+ curve constraint



Generalised Strang-Fix Conditions

A function $\varphi(t)$ can reproduce the exponential:

$$e^{j\omega_m t} = \sum_n c_{m,n} \varphi(t - n)$$

if and only if

$$\hat{\varphi}(j\omega_m) \neq 0 \text{ and } \hat{\varphi}(j\omega_m + j2\pi l) = 0 \quad l \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

where $\hat{\varphi}(\cdot)$ is the Fourier transform of $\varphi(t)$.

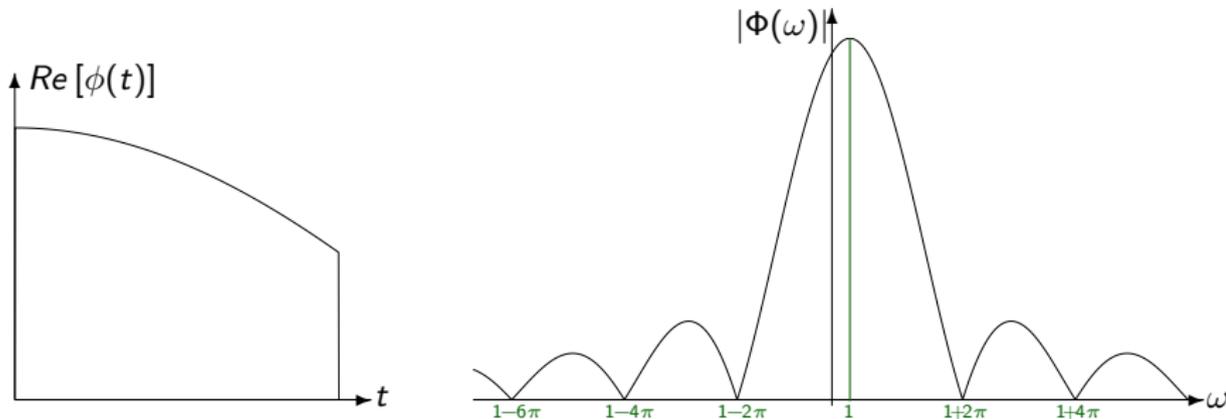
Also note that $c_{m,n} = c_{m,0} e^{j\omega_m n}$ with $c_{m,0} = \hat{\varphi}(j\omega_m)^{-1}$.



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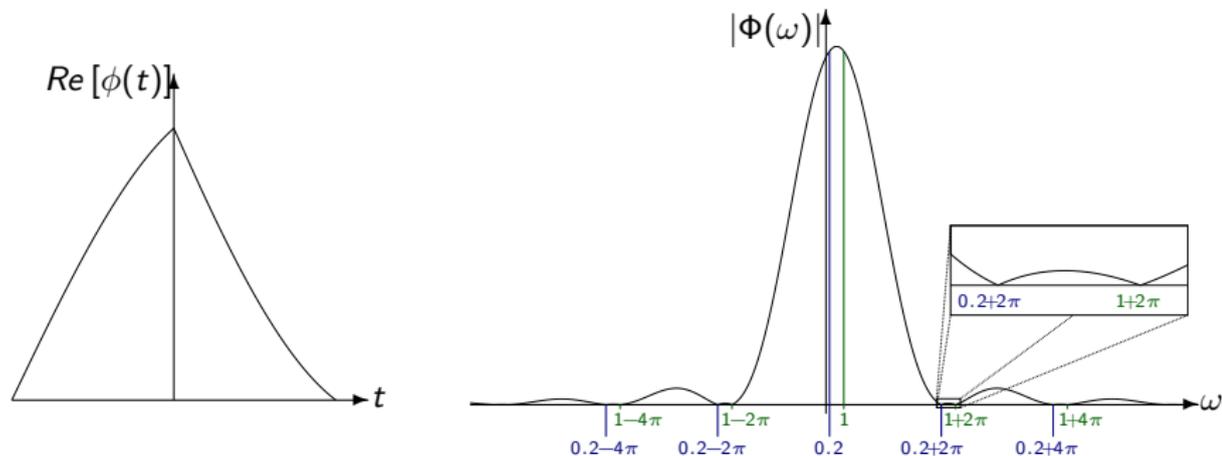
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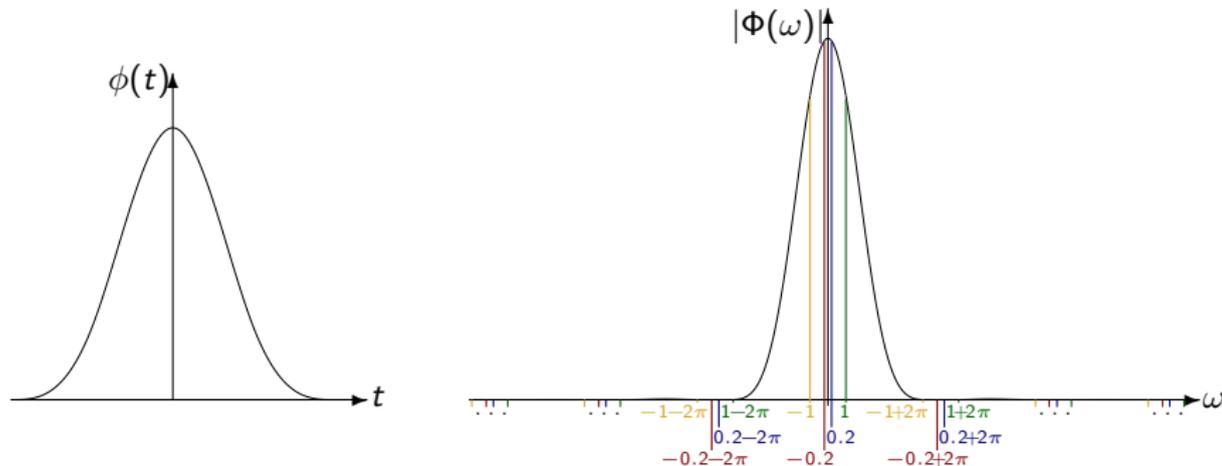
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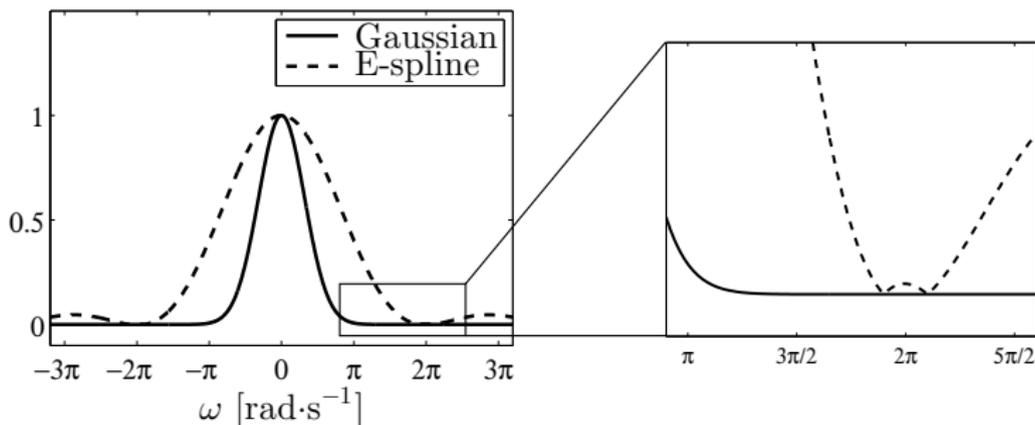
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Approximate Strang-Fix

- ▶ Strang-Fix conditions are not restrictive
- ▶ Any low-pass or band-pass filter approximately satisfies them.



Approximate Strang-Fix

- ▶ Assume $\varphi(t)$ cannot reproduce exponentials, however, we still use the coefficients $c_n = \frac{1}{\hat{\varphi}(j\omega_m)} e^{j\omega_m n}$ such that:

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n \varphi(t - n) \approx e^{j\omega_m t}.$$

- ▶ Approximation error

$$\varepsilon(t) = f(t) - e^{j\omega_m t} = e^{j\omega_m t} \left[1 - \frac{1}{\hat{\varphi}(j\omega_m)} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\varphi}(j\omega_m + j2\pi l) e^{j2\pi l t} \right].$$

- ▶ We only need $\hat{\varphi}(j\omega_m + j2\pi l) \approx 0 \quad l \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$, which is satisfied when $\varphi(t)$ has an essential bandwidth of size 2π .



Approximate vs Exact Strang-Fix

Exact

- ▶ Any device with unit input response of the form $\gamma(t) * \beta_{\bar{\alpha}}(t)$ where $\beta_{\bar{\alpha}}(t)$ is an E-spline of order L
- ▶ The order L and the exponents $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L$ are decided a-priori and cannot be changed.

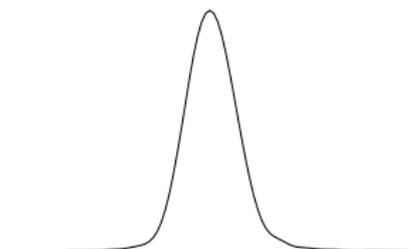
Approximate

- ▶ Any acquisition device $h(t)$ can be used within this framework
- ▶ The essential bandwidth of $h(t) = \varphi(-t/T)$ must be at most $2\pi/T$
- ▶ We do not need to know $h(t)$ exactly. We only need to know $\hat{h}(j\omega_m)$ $m = 0, 1, \dots, L$
- ▶ The number L of exponentials reproduced is arbitrary

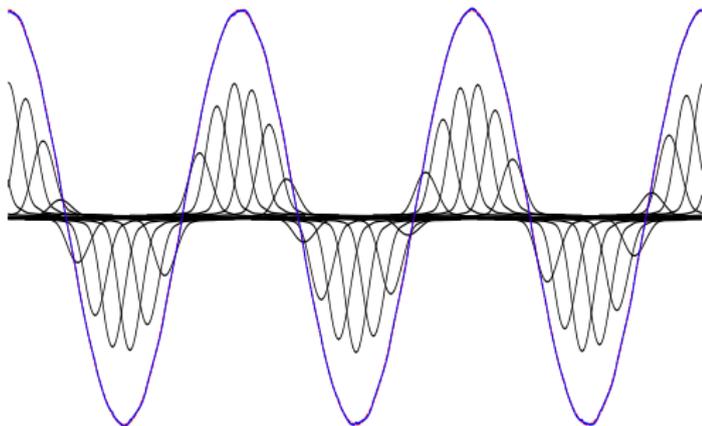


Arbitrary Sampling Kernel

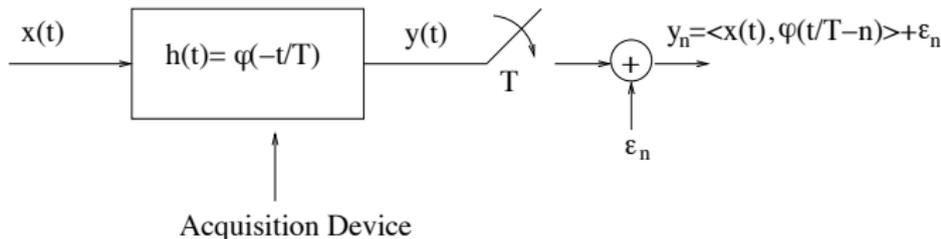
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$\phi(t)$ from a real camera



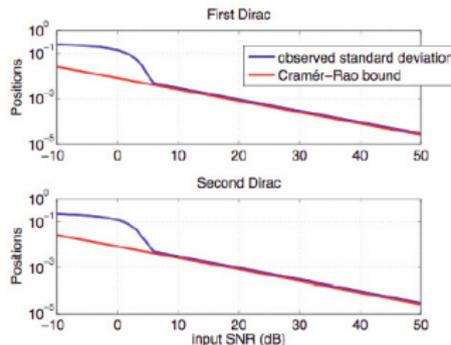
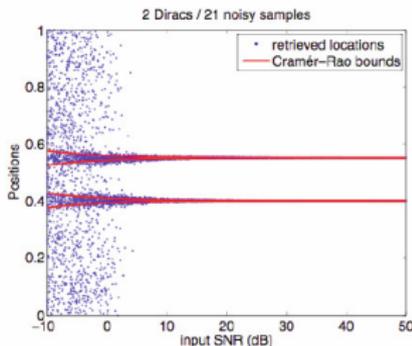
Robust and Universal Sparse Sampling



- ▶ The acquisition device is arbitrary
- ▶ The measurements are noisy
- ▶ The noise is additive and i.i.d. Gaussian
- ▶ Many robust versions of Prony's method exist (e.g., Cadzow, matrix pencil)



Robust Sparse Sampling

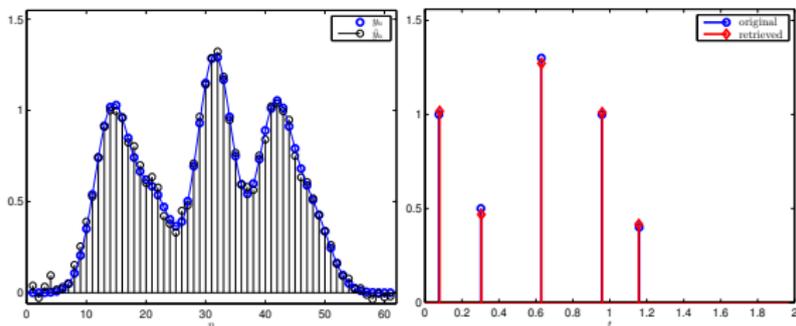


- ▶ Samples are corrupted by additive noise.
- ▶ This is a parametric estimation problem.
- ▶ Unbiased algorithms have a covariance matrix lower bounded by CRB.
- ▶ The proposed algorithm reaches CRB down to SNR of 5dB.



Approximate FRI recovery: Numerical Example

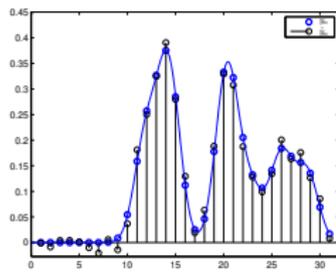
Gaussian Kernel



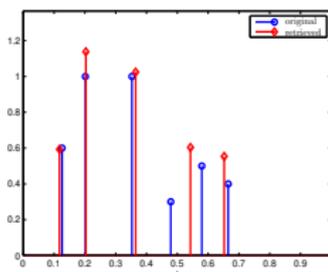
Approximate FRI with the Gaussian kernel. $K = 5$, $N = 61$, $\text{SNR} = 25\text{dB}$.
 Recovery using the approximate method with $\alpha_m = j \frac{\pi}{3.5(P+1)} (2m - P)$,
 $m = 0, \dots, P$ where $P + 1 = 21$.



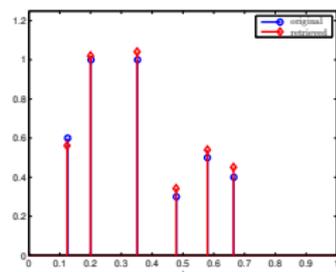
Approximate Strang-Fix: when ‘Mr Approximate’ is better than ‘Mr Exact’



(a) y_n and \tilde{y}_n



(b) Default FRI retrieval



(c) Approx. FRI retrieval

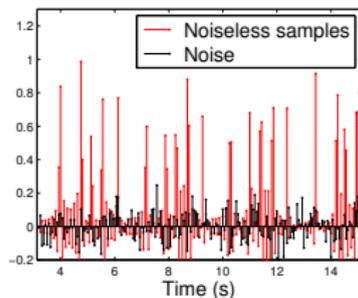
Estimation of $K = 6$ Diracs with the B-Spline kernel of order $L = 16$, $N = 31$.

(b) Default polynomial recovery. (c) Approximate recovery with

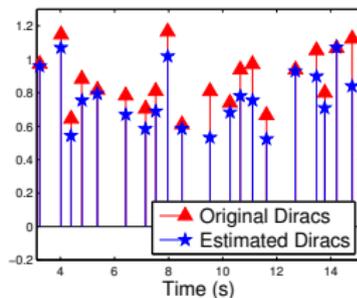
$\alpha_m = j \frac{\pi}{1.5(P+1)} (2m - P)$, $m = 0, \dots, P$ where $P + 1 = 21$, SNR=25dB.



Retrieving 1000 Diracs with Strang-Fix Kernels



(a) y_n samples

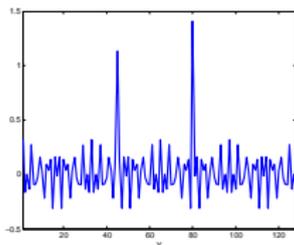


(b) Reconstructed stream

- ▶ $K = 1000$ Diracs in an interval of 630 seconds, $N = 10^5$ samples, $T = 0.06$ and $SNR = 10\text{dB}$
- ▶ 9997 Diracs retrieved with an error $\epsilon < T/2$
- ▶ Average accuracy $\Delta t = 0.005$, execution time 105 seconds.



ProSparse: Sparse Representation using Prony's



The above signal, \mathbf{y} , is a combination of two spikes and two complex exponentials of different frequency (real part of \mathbf{y} plotted). In matrix vector form:

$$\mathbf{y} = [\mathbf{I}_N \quad \mathbf{F}_N] \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x},$$

where \mathbf{I}_N is the $N \times N$ identity matrix and \mathbf{F}_N is the $N \times N$ Fourier transform. The matrix \mathbf{D} models an over-complete dictionary and has size $N \times 2N$, \mathbf{x} has only K non-zero coefficients (in the example $K = 4$, $N = 128$).



Sparsity in Fourier and Canonical Bases

- ▶ Given \mathbf{y} you want to find its sparse representation.
- ▶ Ideally, you want to solve

$$(P_0) : \quad \min \|\mathbf{x}\|_0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}.$$

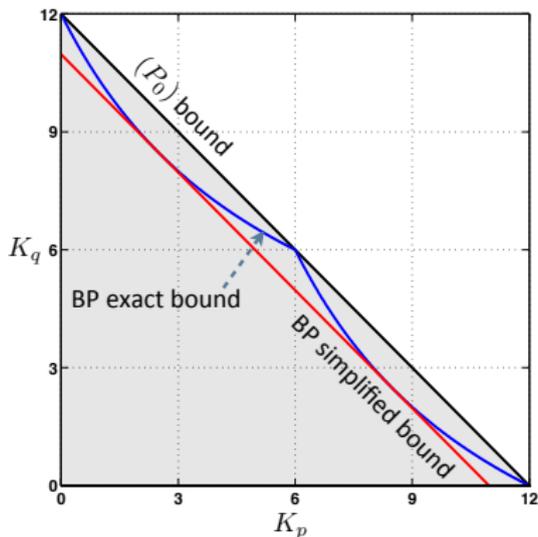
- ▶ Alternatively you may consider the following convex relaxation:

$$(P_1) : \quad \min \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{x}.$$

- ▶ Key result due to Donoho-Huo-2001:
 - ▶ (P_0) is unique when $K < \sqrt{N}$.
 - ▶ (P_0) and (P_1) are equivalent when $K < \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{N}$.



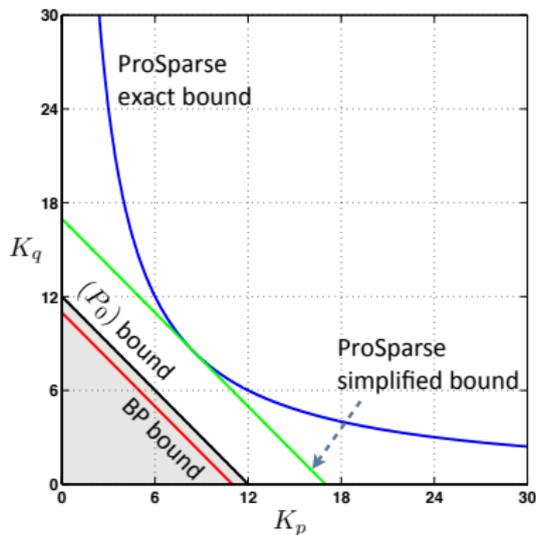
Sparsity Bounds in Pairs of Bases



- ▶ (P_0) is NP-hard for unrestricted dictionary
- ▶ Is (P_0) NP-hard also in the case of the union of Fourier and canonical bases?



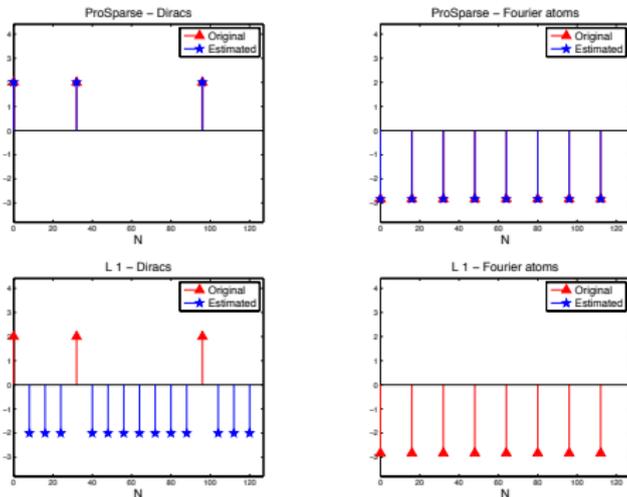
Sparsity Bounds in Pairs of Bases



- ▶ ProSparse works also when BP fails.



Example



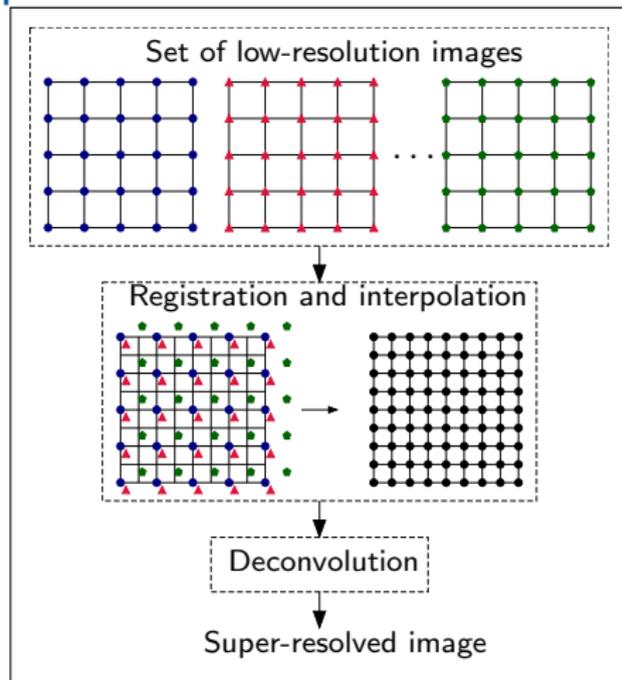
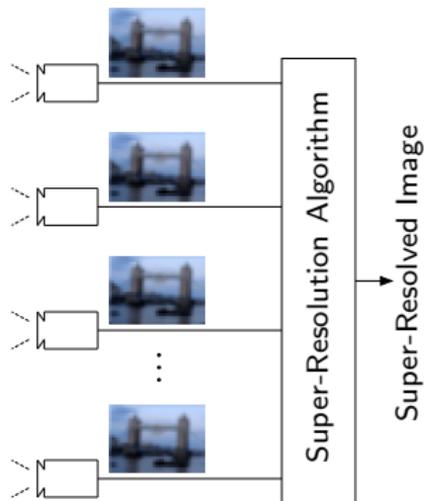
$N = 128$, $K = 11$, BP fails because it requires $K = 10$.

Note: Counter example based on Feuer-Nemirovsky work.

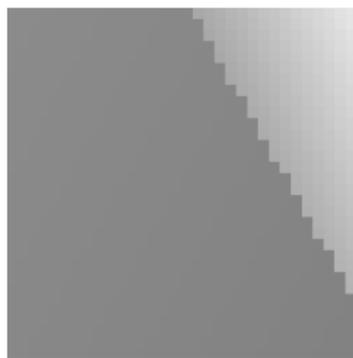
Simulation results courtesy of Jon Onativia Bravo (ICL).



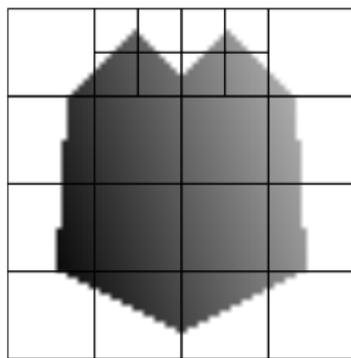
Overview of Super-Resolution



Intermezzo: Quadtree Structured Image Approximation [ScholefieldD:14]



(a) A possible tile
with an edge.



(b) The pruned rep-
resentation.



Intermezzo: Quadtree Structured Image Approximation



(a) Reconstruction using the
prune model only.



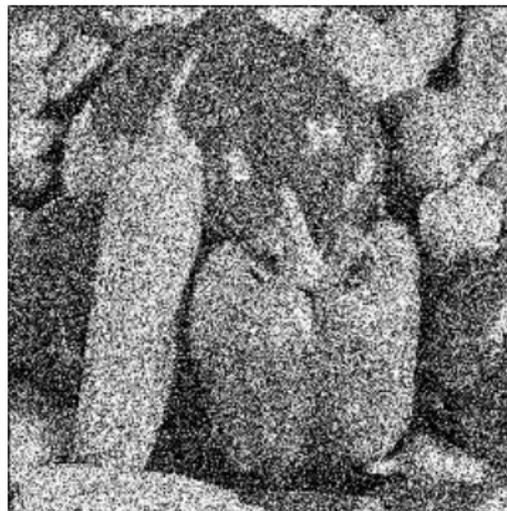
(b) Reconstruction using the
prune-join model.



Intermezzo: Denoising



Original



Degraded (PSNR 10.6dB).



Intermezzo: Denoising



State-of-the-art BM3D-SAPCA
(PSNR 24.74dB)



Reconstructed with proposed method
(PSNR 24.94dB).



Intermezzo: Inpainting



Original



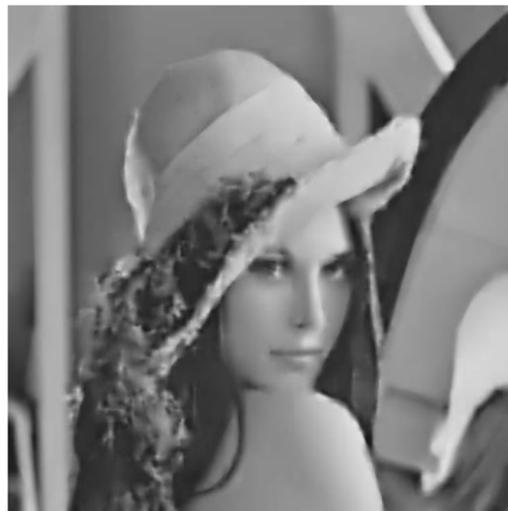
Degraded (85% of pixels randomly removed).



Intermezzo: Inpainting



Original



Our Inpainting (PSNR 29.4dB).



Registration from Fourier information

Translation in space is a phase shift in frequency:

$$f_2(x, y) = f_1(x - s_x, y - s_y) \Leftrightarrow F_2(\omega_x, \omega_y) = e^{-j(\omega_x s_x + \omega_y s_y)} F_1(\omega_x, \omega_y).$$

Translation parameters can be found from the NCPS:

$$e^{j(\omega_x s_x + \omega_y s_y)} = \frac{F_1(\omega_x, \omega_y) F_2^*(\omega_x, \omega_y)}{|F_1(\omega_x, \omega_y) F_2^*(\omega_x, \omega_y)|}.$$

Construct an over-complete set of equations:

$$\omega_{m_x} s_x + \omega_{m_y} s_y = \arg \left(\frac{F_1(\omega_{m_x}, \omega_{m_y}) F_2^*(\omega_{m_x}, \omega_{m_y})}{|F_1(\omega_{m_x}, \omega_{m_y}) F_2^*(\omega_{m_x}, \omega_{m_y})|} \right),$$

$$\forall (\omega_{m_x}, \omega_{m_y}) \text{ s.t. } \frac{1}{|\Phi(\omega_{m_x}, \omega_{m_y})|} \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} |\Phi(\omega_{m_x} + 2\pi l, \omega_{m_y} + 2\pi k)| \leq \gamma.$$



Results: Image registration



LR image from a particular viewpoint.



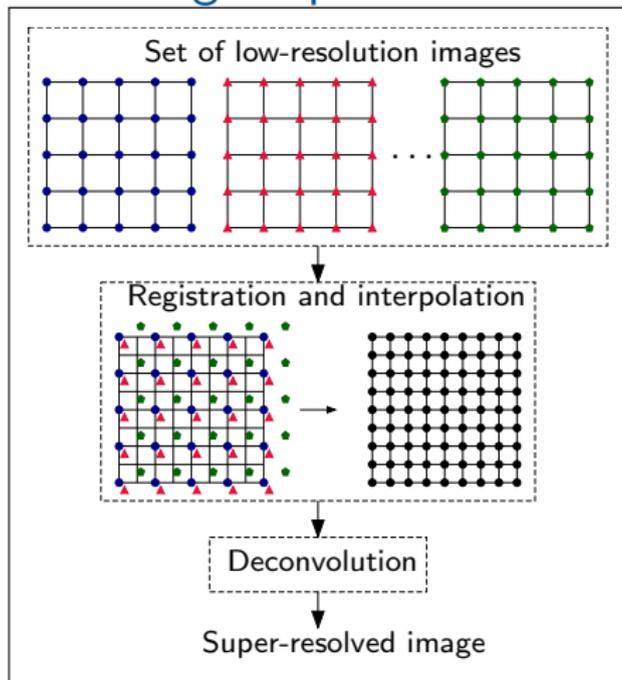
LR image from a different viewpoint.

100 shifts registered: RMSE is 0.012 pixels (DFT unable to distinguish the shift).

Sampling kernel - Canon EOS 40D.



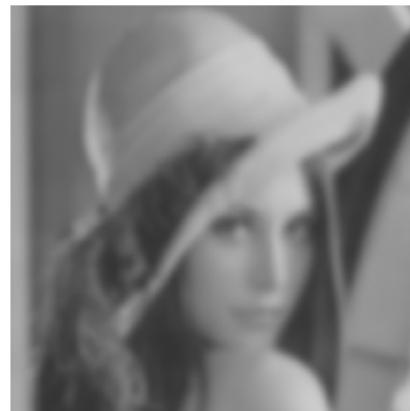
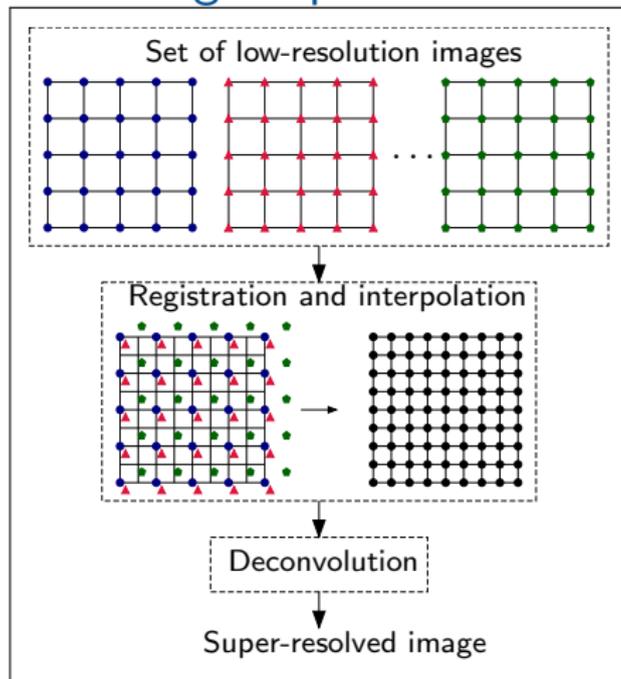
Image super-resolution: Post registration



Set of LR images



Image super-resolution: Post registration



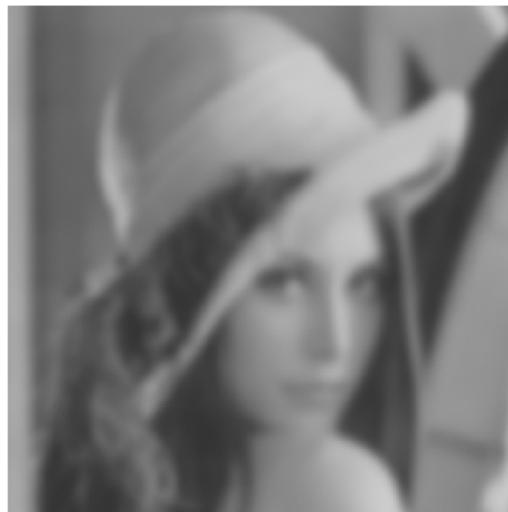
Interpolated HR image



Results: Image super-resolution



One of 100 LR images (40×40).



Interpolated image (400×400).

Deconvolution achieved using a sparse quad-tree based decomposition model
[ScholefieldD:14]



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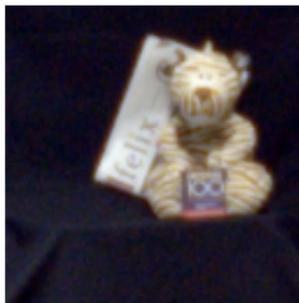


Application: Image Super-Resolution

Acquisition with Nikon D70



(a) Original (2014×3040)



(b) ROI (128×128)



(b) Super-res (1024×1024)

For more details [Baboulaz:D:09, ScholefieldD:14]



Application: Image Super-Resolution



(a) Original (48×48)

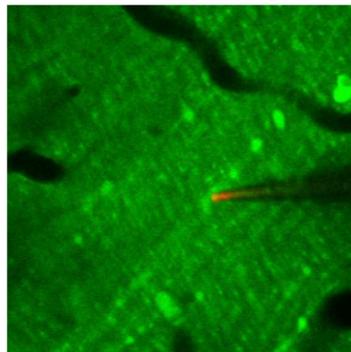
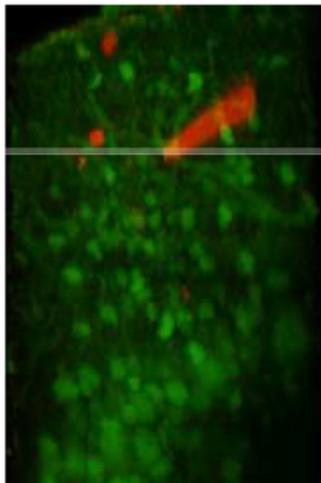


(b) Super-res (480×480)

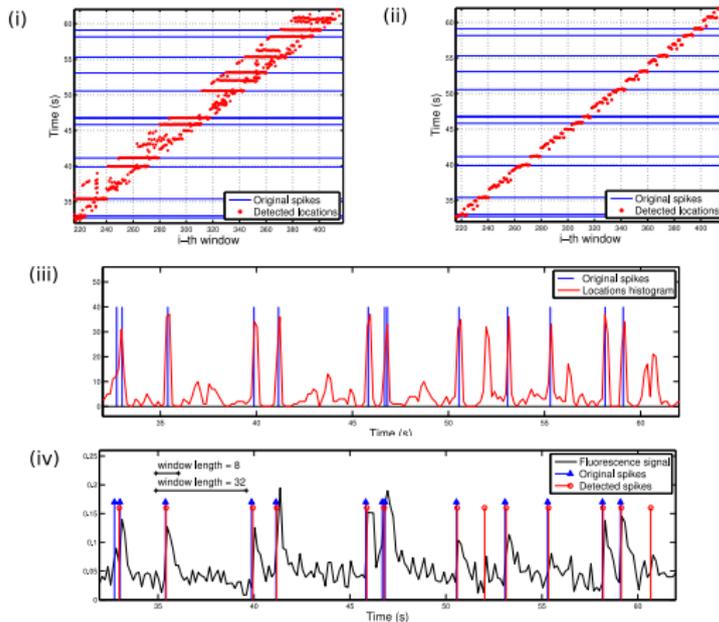
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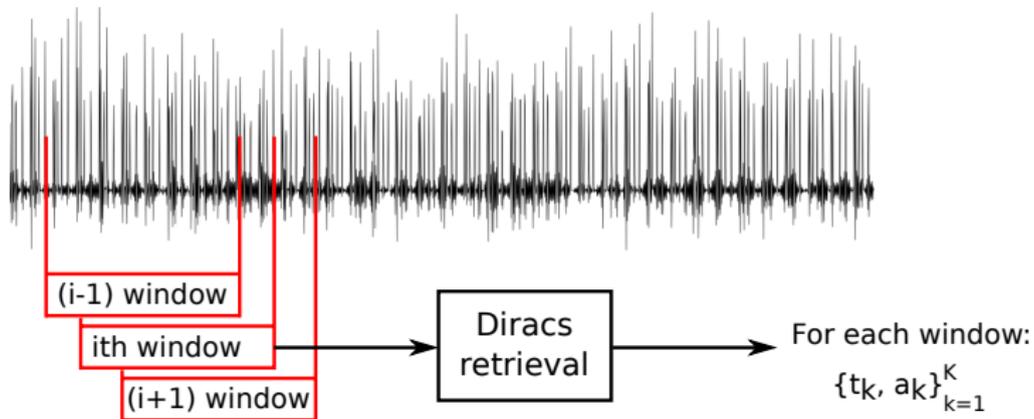
Neural Activity Detection [OnativiaSD:13]



Calcium Transient Detection



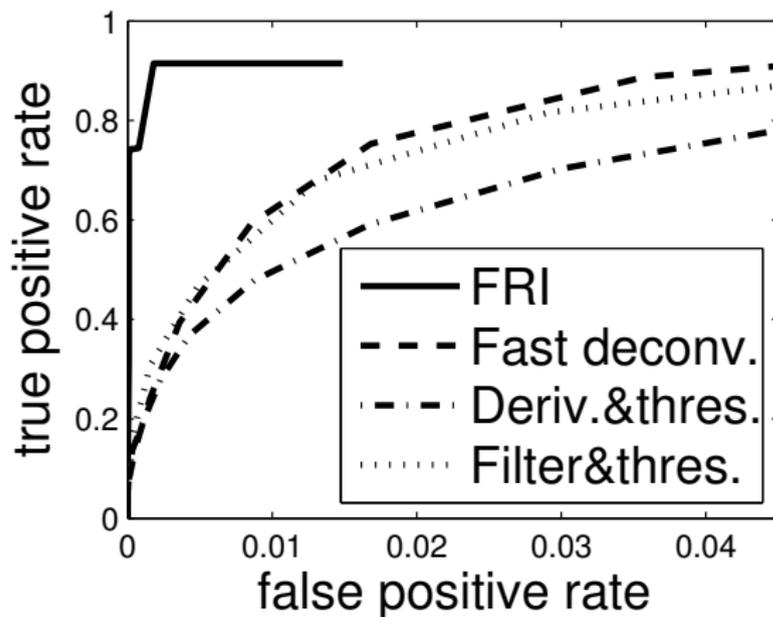
Calcium Transient Detection



- ▶ Retrieve Diracs using a sliding window
- ▶ Locations of true Diracs are consistent across windows [Onativia-Uriguen-Dragotti-13]



Calcium Transient Detection



Localisation of Diffusion Sources using Sensor Networks [Murray-BruceD:14]



- ▶ The diffusion equation models the dispersion of chemical plumes, smoke from forest fires, radioactive materials
- ▶ The phenomenon is sampled in space and time using a sensor network.
- ▶ Sources often localised in space. Can we retrieve their location and the time of activation?



Localisation of Diffusion Sources using Sensor Networks

- ▶ The diffusion equation is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mu \nabla^2 u(\mathbf{x}, t) + f(\mathbf{x}, t),$$

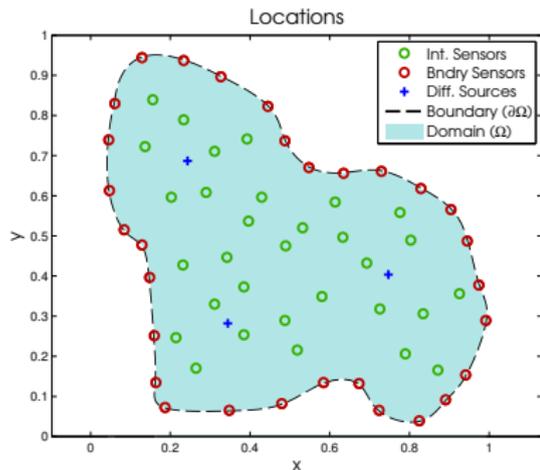
where $f(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is the source.

- ▶ When sources are localised in space and time:

$$f(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{m=1}^M c_m \delta(\mathbf{x} - \xi_m, \mathbf{t} - \tau_m),$$

this field inversion problem is *sparse*.

- ▶ **Goal:** Estimate $\{c_m\}_m, \{\xi_m\}_m, \{\tau_m\}_m$ from the spatio-temporal sensor measurements.



Localisation of Diffusion Sources using Sensor Networks

Assume we have access to the following generalised measurements:

$$Q(k, r) = \langle \Psi_k(\mathbf{x}) \Gamma_r(t), f \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \int_t \Psi_k(\mathbf{x}) \Gamma_r(t) f(\mathbf{x}, t) dt dV,$$

with $\Psi_k = e^{-k(x+jy)}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, 2M - 1$ and $\Gamma_r(t) = e^{jrt/T}$, $r = 0, 1$. Since

$$f(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{m=1}^M c_m \delta(\mathbf{x} - \xi_m, \mathbf{t} - \tau_m),$$

we obtain:

$$Q(k, r) = \sum_{m=1}^M c_m e^{-k(\xi_{1,m} + j\xi_{2,m})} e^{-jrt_m}.$$

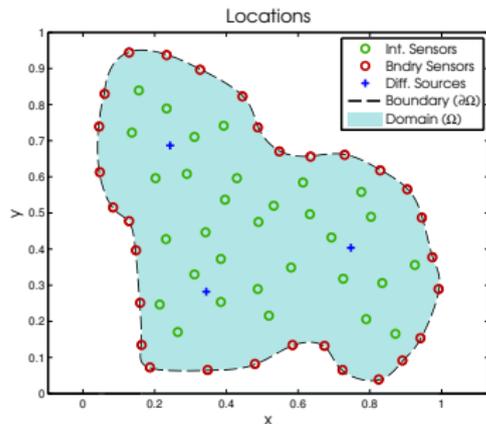
This quantity is a sum of exponentials and parameters $\{c_m\}_m, \{\xi_m\}_m, \{\tau_m\}_m$ can be recovered from it using Prony's method provided $k = 0, 1, 2M - 1$.



Localisation of Diffusion Sources using Sensor Networks

Assume $r = 0$, since Ψ_k is analytic, using Green's theorem, we obtain:

$$\int_t \left(\int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (u \Psi_k) dV - \mu \oint_{\partial\Omega} (\Psi_k \nabla u - u \nabla \Psi_k) \cdot \hat{n}_{\partial\Omega} dS \right) dt = \int_t \int_{\Omega} \Psi_k f dV dt = \mathcal{Q}(k, 0).$$

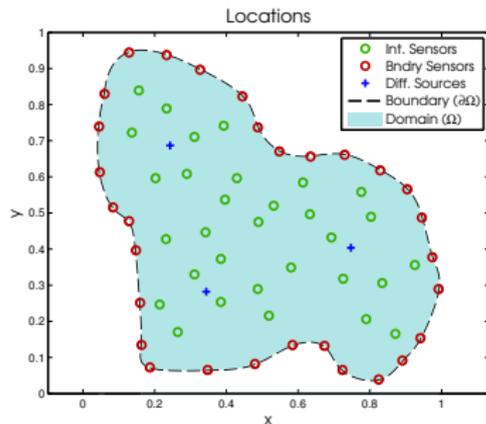


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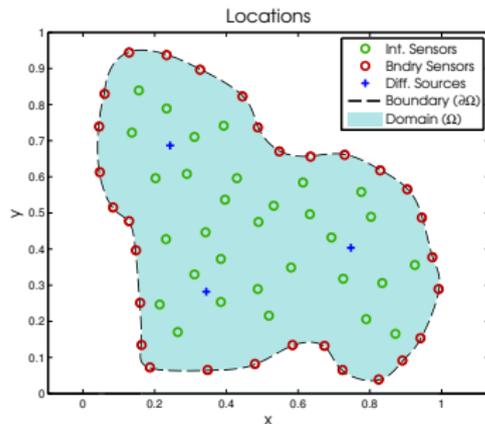


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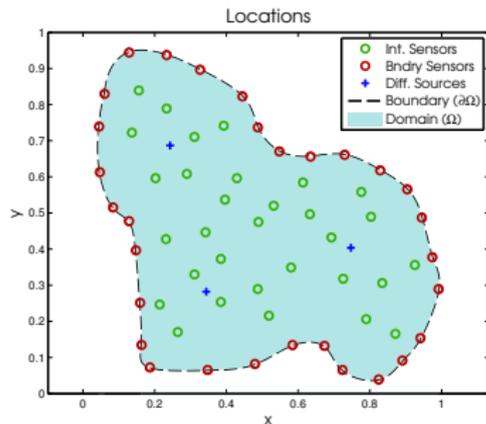


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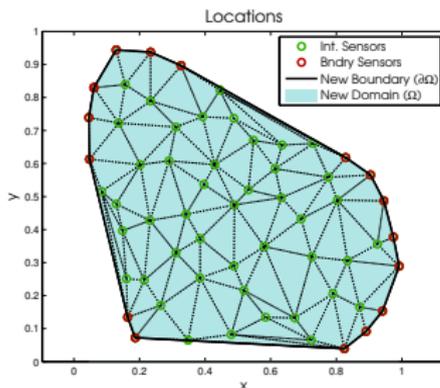


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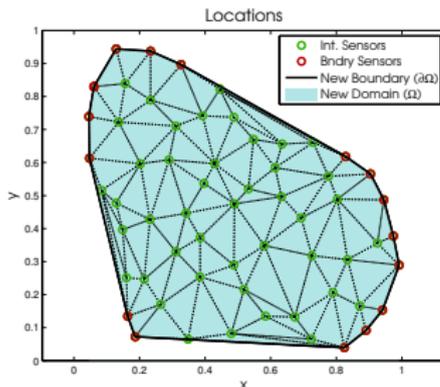


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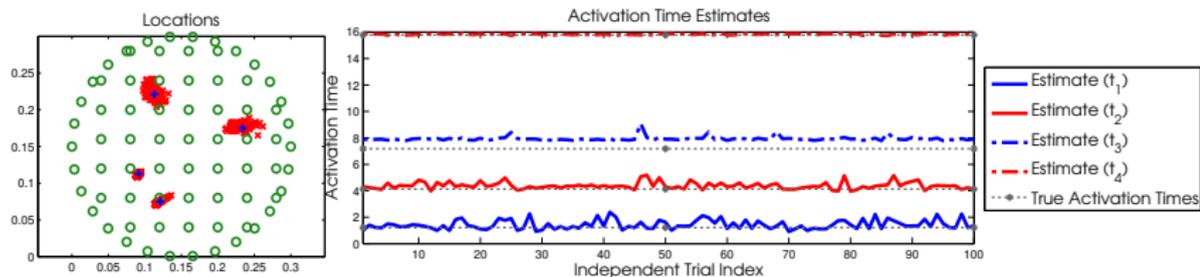
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- ▶ We build a mesh to approximate the full field integrals
- ▶ This is different from FEM because we use different priors



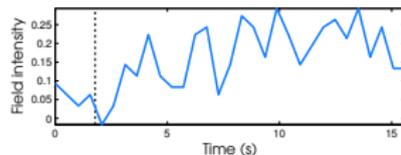
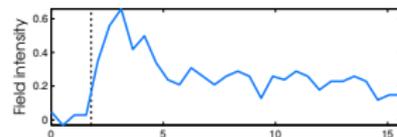
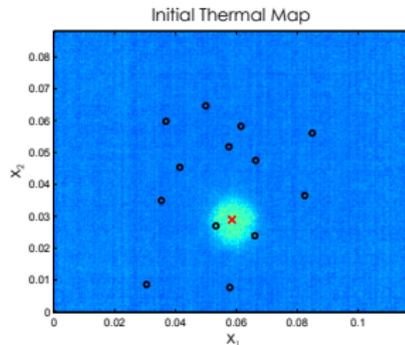
Localisation of Diffusion Sources: Numerical Results



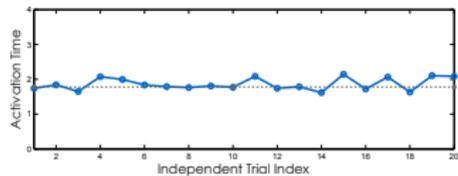
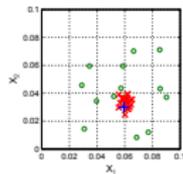
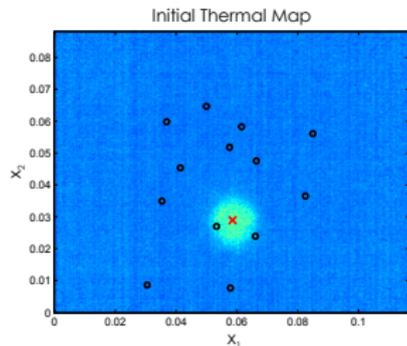
(b) 100 independent trials using noisy sensor measurement samples (SNR=15dB).



Localisation of Diffusion Sources: Real Data



Localisation of Diffusion Sources: Real Data



Conclusions

Sampling signals using sparsity models:

- ▶ New framework that allows the sampling and reconstruction of continuous-time non-bandlimited signals.
- ▶ Use the knowledge of the acquisition process to map discrete measurements to specific integral measurements
- ▶ Approximate Strang-Fix framework allows the use of arbitrary acquisition devices
- ▶ Use sparsity priors to reconstruct the original signal

Outlook:

- ▶ Promising applications in neuroscience, sensor networks, super-resolution imaging
- ▶ No silver bullet. Same framework but you need to fit the right model and carve the right solution for your problem: continuous/discrete, fast/complex, redundant/ not-redundant

Still many open questions from theory to practice!



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