

# Inférence Bayésienne et problèmes inverses

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## Example 2 - the presumption of innocence

### The case of Sally Clark

- In 1999 (UK), a mother is accused of the murder of her two infant sons.
- The prosecutor defense speech, based on the expert pediatrician statistics, was overwhelming.
- It convinced all of the audience, and the mother was imprisoned.



## Example 2 - the presumption of innocence

### Prosecutor defense

- The prosecution case relied on statistical evidence, based on Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) probability.
- Prosecution expert argued  $p(\text{SIDS}) = 1/8543$
- $p(\text{both SIDS}) = p(\text{SIDS}) \times p(\text{SIDS}) \simeq 1/73$  millions.
- Concluded  $p(\text{innocence}) \simeq 1/73$  millions

### Royal Statistical Society reaction

- In October 2001, the RSS expressed its concern at the "misuse of statistics in the courts".
- In January 2002 : "The calculation leading to 1/73 millions is false"

## Example 2 - the presumption of innocence

### What went wrong

- Two SIDS in the same family are not independent.
- Genetic or environmental factors.
- However, the reasoning is also wrong.

Hypothesis :

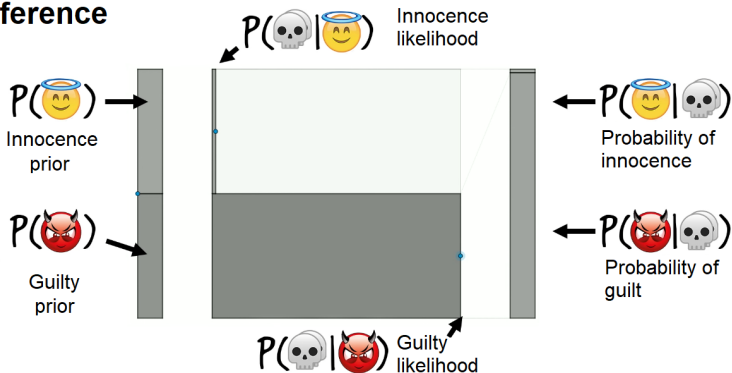
$$\text{Innocence : } P(\text{skull} \mid \text{angel}) = 0.000000014\% = 1/73 \text{ millions}$$

Hypothesis :

$$\text{Guilty : } P(\text{skull} \mid \text{devil}) = 100\%$$

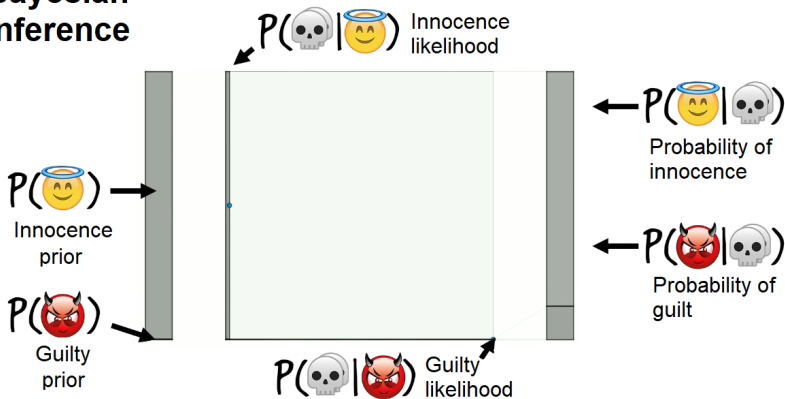
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### Bayesian analysis

- Two SIDS in the same family is rare.
- But infanticidal mothers are also very rare (1/500 millions).
- All hypothesis should be compared.
- Presumption of innocence  $\Rightarrow$  a priori, peoples are statistically innocents.
- Guilt : evidence should be higher than the innocence prior belief.
- Sally Clark was convicted after evidence of the statistics misrepresentation.

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## Frequentist vs Bayesian statistics

### **Probability of events**

Knowing a given theory

**Frequentist statistics**

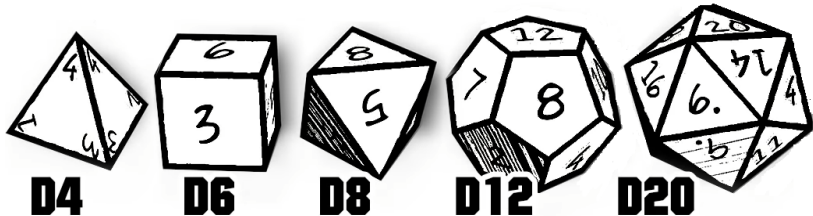
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## Frequentist vs Bayesian statistics

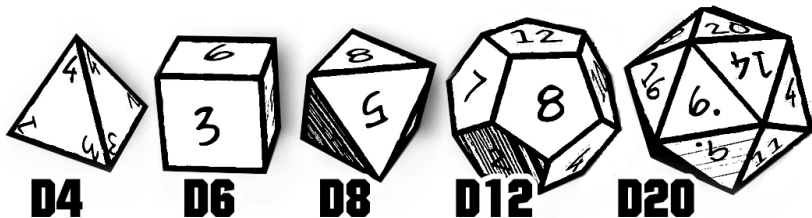
- Let's consider 5 different dices.



### First questions

- Given dice and a result (i.e. D12 and 7), is this result extraordinary?
- Frequentist approach: depends of what is extraordinary ( $p$  value).
- Here  $p \simeq 8\% \Rightarrow$  not extraordinary.
- Different conclusion if we obtain a 10 times successive 7

## Frequentist vs Bayesian statistics



### Second questions

- We obtain a 7, what dice has been thrown?
- We can discard D4 and D6.
- Hard question using frequentist inference.
- However the answer is simple when adopting a Bayesian approach.

## Frequentist vs Bayesian statistics

### Bayes' theorem

$$P(A)P(B|A) = P(B)P(A|B)$$

- with A and B two events.
- Allows to express the union of two events.
- Laplace rewrites it several years later:

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

- Before we could only compute the probability of an event if knowing the cause.
- Laplace wrote "Mémoire sur la probabilité des causes par les événements", 1771

## Frequentist vs Bayesian statistics

**Probability**  
of  $x$  knowing  
hypothesis  $H$

$$P(x | H_0)$$

**Probability**  
of hypothesis  
 $H$  knowing  $x$

$$P(\text{tetrahedron} | 7)$$

$$P(\text{cube} | 7)$$

$$P(\text{pentagon} | 7)$$

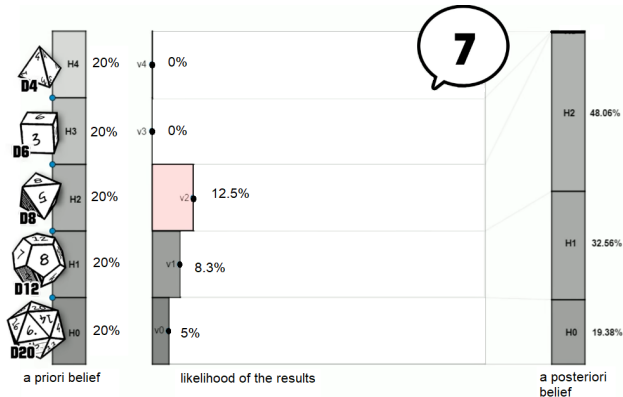
$$P(\text{hexagon} | 7)$$

$$P(\text{dodecahedron} | 7)$$

### Second questions

- Allows for the evaluation of each hypothesis
- We are not rejecting hypothesis anymore, we compare them.
- Require an a prior belief on hypothesis before testing them.

## Frequentist vs Bayesian statistics



### Second questions

- Posterior belief : D8 is the most probable
- If another dice is thrown, we can update the prior belief.

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## Summary

### Bayes' theorem

$$P(\text{variable}|\text{data}) = \frac{P(\text{data}|\text{variable})P(\text{variable})}{P(\text{data})}$$

- We want to estimate a set of variable from a posterior distribution.
- Need a likelihood function and prior models.
- We can work on
  - The observation model  $\Rightarrow$  likelihood.
  - The priors model  $\Rightarrow$  regularization.
  - The estimation strategy  $\Rightarrow$  computational tractability, performances.

## Observation model

### Likelihood

- Likelihood is a function of parameters of a statistical model.
- Computed from the observations.
- $\Rightarrow$  Observation model.
  - What we (almost) always do.
  - Traducing a real-life problem into a mathematical equation.
  - Maths are useful to solve problem.
- Note: maximum likelihood estimation can be enough.

## Prior model

### Meaning

- Prior : probability knowledge before observation.
- Can inform on the level of knowledge (Uniform, Spike and Slab).
- Regularization (Markov chain, physical constraints)
- Can be adapted to estimation strategies (assumed density filtering)

## Posterior probability

### Bayes' theorem

$$P(\text{var1}, \text{var2}, \text{var3}|\text{data}) \propto P(\text{data}|\text{var1}, \text{var2}, \text{var3})P(\text{var1})P(\text{var2})P(\text{var3})$$

### Meaning

- Posterior proportional to the product of likelihood and priors.
- Different type of estimator (MMSE, MAP)
- Convexity is preferred.
- Alternative : Markov chain Monte Carlo algorithms.
- Link with optimization techniques.

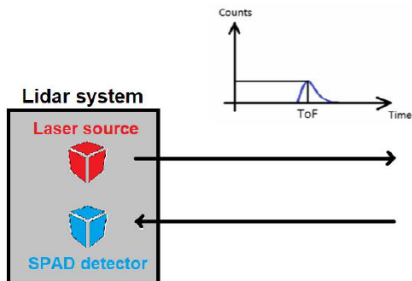
## Summary

- Define an observation model.
- Compute the likelihood using the model and the observations.
- Assign a prior model to each model parameter.
- Compute the posterior distribution.
- Infer estimates from the posterior distribution.

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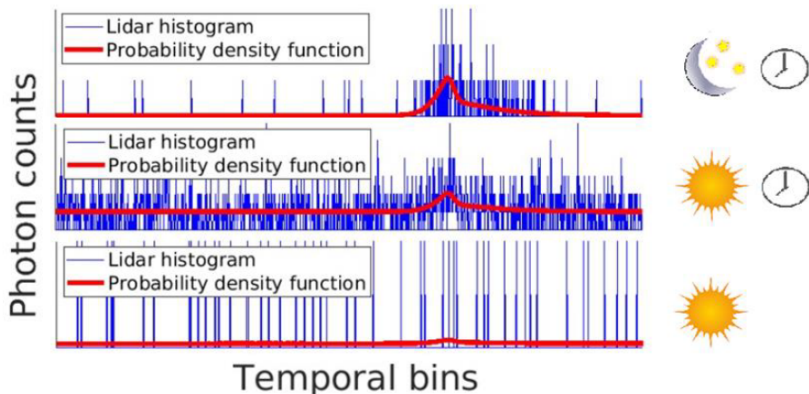
## Single-photon Lidar



### Motivation

- Registering of first incident photon.
- Excellent temporal resolution (few ps).
- Limitation to ambient illumination.

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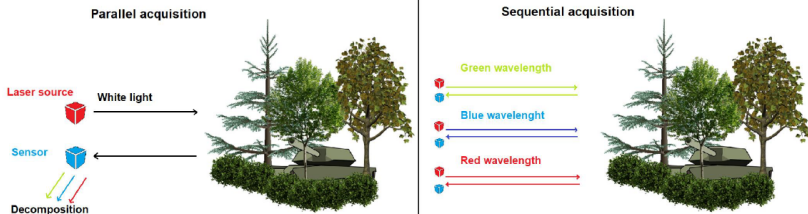


### Motivation

- The imaging conditions determine the reconstruction problem difficulty.



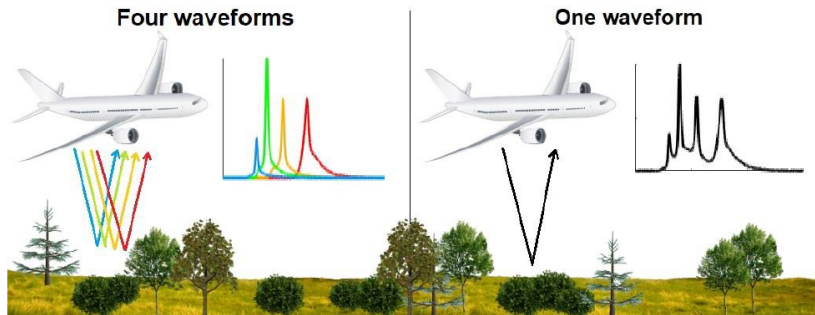
## Multispectral analysis



### Motivation

- Complex imaging system required.
- Longer acquisition time.
- Data size dependent to the number of wavelengths.

## Single-waveform multispectral



### Motivation

- All colors acquired with a single detector <sup>1</sup>.
- Acquisition time / data size  $\Rightarrow$  independent to spectrum size

<sup>1</sup>X. Ren, Y. Altmann, R. Tobin, A. McCarthy, S. McLaughlin and G. S. Buller, "Wavelength-time coding for multispectral 3D imaging using single-photon Lidar", Optics Express 2018

## How and what to do

### Objective

- 3D imaging from single waveform multispectral Lidar data.
- Estimation of depth, reflectivity and background profiles.
- Fast estimation process.
- Uncertainty quantification.

### Outline

- Observation model.
- Prior models.
- Estimation strategy.
- Results.
- Conclusion and future work.

## Observation model

### Standard observation model

$$y_t | (r, b, t_0) \sim \mathcal{P}(rg(t - t_0) + b), \quad (1)$$

- $\mathcal{P}$  : Poisson distribution.
- $y_t$  : photon counts in time bin  $t$ .
- $r$  : surface reflectivity in pixel.
- $b$  : background level in pixel.
- $t_0$  : surface depth in pixel.
- $g$  : instrumental response function.

## Observation model

### Standard observation model

$$y_{n,t} | (\mathbf{r}_n, b_n, t_n) \sim \mathcal{P} \left( b_n + \sum_{\ell=1}^L r_{n,\ell} g_{\ell}(t - t_n) \right), \quad (2)$$

- $\mathcal{P}$  : Poisson distribution.
- $y_{n,t}$  : photon counts of the  $n$ th photon in the  $t$ th temporal bin
- $\mathbf{r}_n$  : spectral reflectivity of the  $n$ th pixel
- $b_n$  : background level of the  $n$ th pixel
- $L$  : number of wavelengths
- $t_n$  : depth profile in the  $n$ th pixel
- $g_{\ell}$  : impulse response function (IRF) associated to the  $\ell$ th wavelength
- $T$  : histograms length

## Bayesian model

### Joint likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{t}) = \prod_n p(y_n|r_n, t_n, b_n). \quad (3)$$

### Prior models

- Depth : Total variation <sup>2</sup>

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\epsilon) = \exp[-\epsilon\text{TV}(\mathbf{t})], \quad (4)$$

- Background level : Gamma

$$f(\mathbf{b}|\alpha, \beta) = \prod_n \mathcal{G}(b_n|\alpha, \beta), \quad (5)$$

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<sup>2</sup>Y. Altmann, A. Maccarone, A. McCarthy, G. Newstadt, G. S. Buller, S. McLaughlin and A. Hero, "Robust spectral unmixing of sparse multispectral Lidar waveforms using gamma Markov random fields", IEEE TCI 2018

## Bayesian model

### Prior models

- Reflectivity : Cluster-Gamma <sup>3</sup>

$$f(\mathbf{R}|k_{c,\ell}, \theta_{c,\ell}) = \prod_{c=1}^C \prod_{n \in I_c} \prod_{\ell=1}^L \mathcal{G}(r_{n,\ell}; k_{c,\ell}, \theta_{c,\ell}), \quad (6)$$

- Hyperparameters, hierarchical model: gamma and inverse gamma

$$f(k_{c,\ell}, \theta_{c,\ell}) = \prod_{c,l} \mathcal{G}(k_{c,\ell}; 2, 0.5) \mathbf{1}_{(1,\infty)}(k_{c,\ell}) \mathcal{IG}(\theta_{n,\ell}; 1.01, 0.5). \quad (7)$$

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<sup>3</sup>Q. Legros, S. Meignen, S. McLaughlin, and Y. Altmann, "Expectation-Maximization based approach to 3D reconstruction from single-waveform multispectral Lidar data", IEEE TCI 2020

## Completing Bayesian model and Stochastic EM algorithm

### Prior models

- Joint posterior distribution (with  $\Phi = (\{k_{c,\ell}, \theta_{c,\ell}\}_{c,\ell}, \alpha, \beta)$ ):

$$f(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{t}, \Phi | \mathbf{Y}) \propto p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{t}) p(\mathbf{t}) f(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{b} | \Phi) f(\Phi), \quad (8)$$

- Challenging joint estimation: multimodal likelihood function
- Sequential estimation  $\Rightarrow$  stochastic EM algorithm

$$(\hat{\mathbf{R}}, \hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\Phi}) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{b}, \Phi} \sum_{\mathbf{t}} f(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{t}, \Phi | \mathbf{Y})$$

- Marginal maximum a posteriori depth estimation

$$\hat{t}_n = \operatorname{argmax}_{t_n} \sum_{\mathbf{t}_{\setminus n}} p(\mathbf{t} | \mathbf{Y}, \hat{\mathbf{R}}, \hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{\Phi}), \quad \text{with } \mathbf{t}_{\setminus n} \text{ is } \mathbf{t} \text{ except } t_n. \quad (9)$$



## Estimation strategy

### Computational bottlenecks

- Computation of the likelihood function.
- Depth sampling in the stochastic step.

### Likelihood function computed on a coarser grid

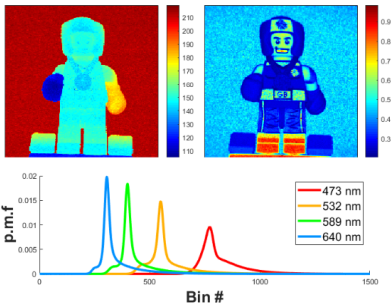
- Discrete range grid  $\Rightarrow$  used to compute marginal probability.
- Depth grid subsampled by a factor  $T_s$ .
- Allows satisfactory depth sampling if  $T_s$  remains lower than the delays between each IRF.

### Reducing the number of depth samples

- Only one sample.
- Multimodal nature of the likelihood will help for robust sampling.

## Results

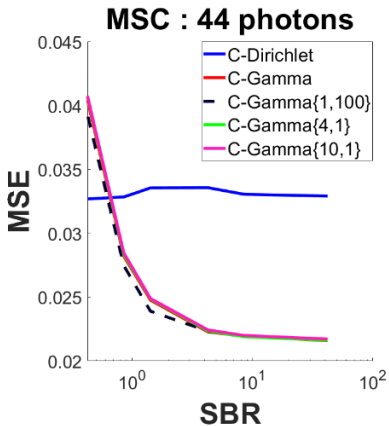
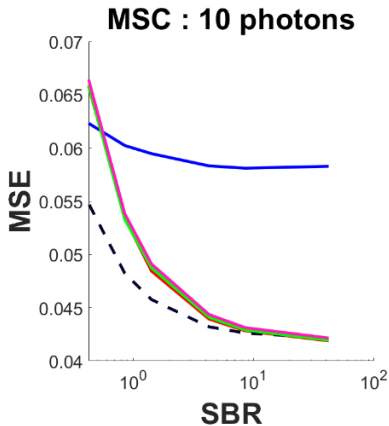
$$\text{Set } G_\ell = \sum_{t=1}^T g_\ell(t - t_n).$$



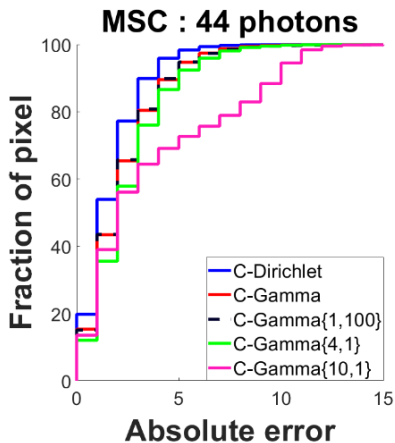
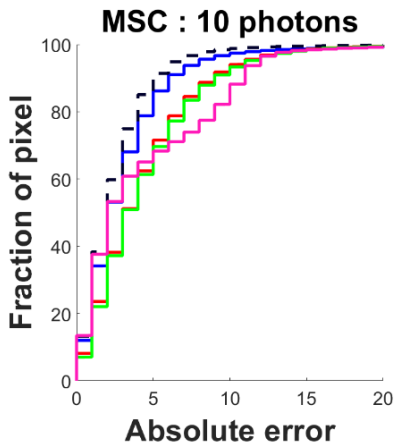
- SBR: Signal-to-background ratio.
- MSC: Mean signal photon counts.
- Comparison with C-Dirichlet <sup>3</sup>.
- Different values for  $T_s$  and  $N_t$ .
- Denoted as C-Gamma  $\{T_s, N_t\}$ .
- $MCS = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n,\ell} r_{n,\ell} G_\ell$
- $SBR = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n,\ell} \frac{r_{n,\ell} G_\ell}{T b_n}$

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## Results - Reflectivity



## Results - Depth



## Results - Computational complexity

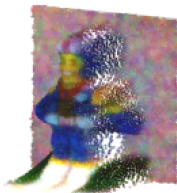
Computational cost of competing approaches for synthetic SW-MSL data analysis.

MSC/SBR	10 / $\infty$	10 / 0,046	44 / $\infty$	44 / 0,426
C-Gamma{1,1}	104s	132s	350s	493s
C-Gamma{4,1}	43s	49s	55s	69s
C-Gamma{10,1}	34s	36s	38s	42s
C-Dirichlet	530s	592s	629s	662s

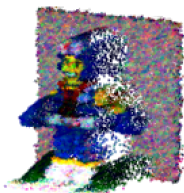
- Similar estimation performance.
- Significant speed-up.

## Results - Example

5.7 phot. Ren



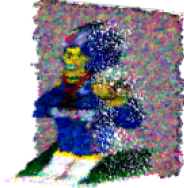
5.7 phot. C-Gamma



1.1 phot. Ren



1.1 phot. C-Gamma



- Depth/RGB reconstruction with 1.1 (bottom) and 5.7 (top) signal photons per pixel.
- Non-negligible background (SBR= 1.4).
- Comparison with existing approach <sup>4</sup>.

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## Conclusion

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- Recent Bayesian model for 3D reconstruction from single-waveform multipectral Lidar data.
- Bayesian approaches can be relatively fast.
- Perform well with few information.

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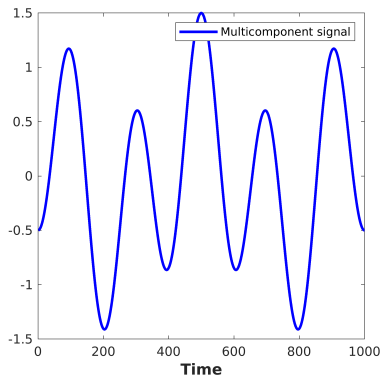
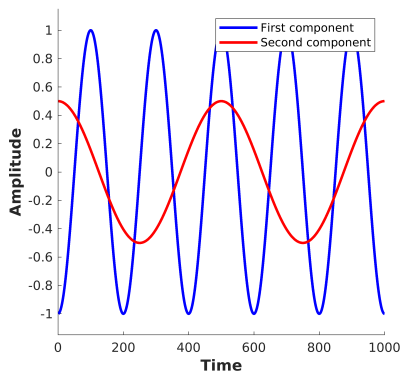
- Focus on MultiComponent Signal (MCS).

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=1}^K x_k(t) \quad , \text{ with } x_k(t) = a_k(t) e^{j\phi_k(t)},$$

### Investigated approaches

- Mixture of  $K$  superimposed components.
- $a_k(t)$  and  $\phi_k(t)$  the time-varying amplitude and phase of component  $k$ .

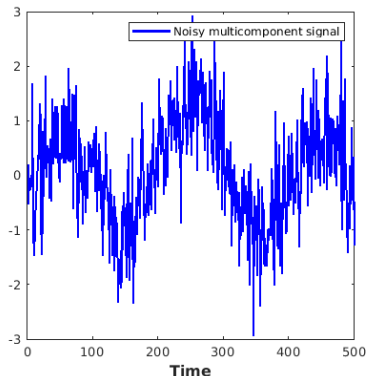
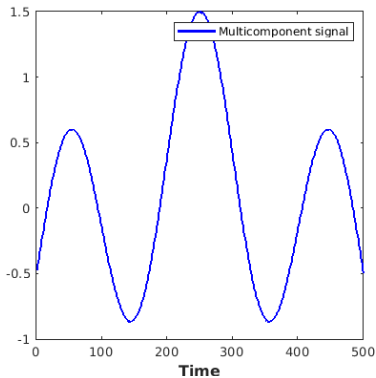
## Introduction



### Motivation

- Variety of application.
- Audio, medical, astronomical, echolocation,...
- Purpose: extracting the components.

## Introduction



### Limitations

- Challenge in the presence of noise.
- Acquisition condition, recording device, presence of outliers,...

## Introduction: Time-frequency tools

### Frequency analysis

- Classical approach: frequency analysis.
- The Fourier transform of a signal  $x$  writes

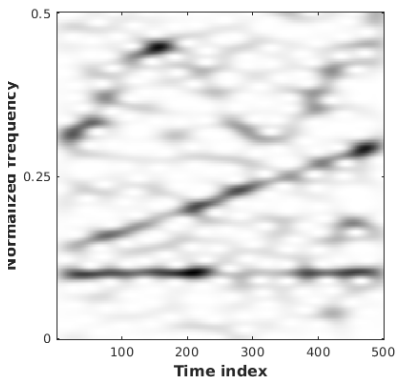
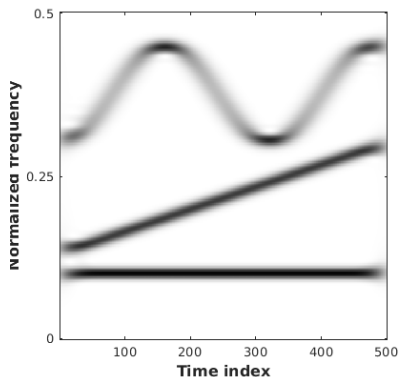
$$\hat{x}(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x(u) e^{-j\omega u} du,$$

- with  $j^2 = -1$  and  $\hat{x}$  the Fourier transform of  $x$ .
- However: Signal frequency can vary over time.
- $\Rightarrow$  Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT).

$$F_x^h(t, \omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x(u) h(t-u)^* e^{-j\omega u} du,$$

- with  $z^*$  the complex conjugate of  $z$ .
- $h$  the analysis window providing temporal information.

## Introduction: Time-frequency tools



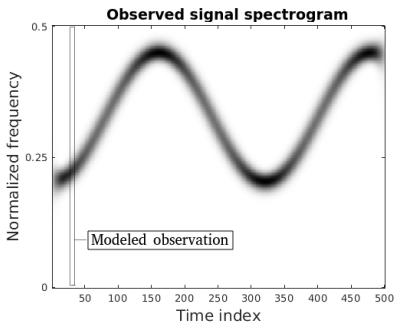
### Spectrograms of multi-components signals

- Provide time and frequency content.
- Signals components appear as ridges in the time frequency plane.
- Interest : ridges position.

## Observation model

### Our model

$$s_{n,m} | \bar{m}_n \sim g(m - \bar{m}_n).$$

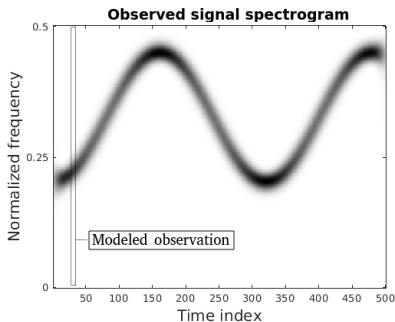


- Model 1D signals  $s_n$ .
- Known data distribution.
- $m$  : frequency in  $[0, M - 1]$ .
- $\bar{m}_n$  : ridge position in the  $n$ -th time bin.
- $g(m) = \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}L}{M} e^{-\left(\frac{2\pi mL}{M}\right)^2}$ .
- $L$  : time spread of the analysis window.

## Observation model

### Our model

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### Limitations

- Simple model.
- Computationally attractive.
- Presence of noise neglected.
- Assumes for the presence of a single component.

## Observation model

### Limitations

- Lack of generality of the postulated model.
- Discrepancies with noisy observations.
- Or in the presence of multiple components.
- Inefficiency of Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE).

### Proposed approach

- Estimation performance does not only depend on the model quality.
- Modification of the similarity measure<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>Q. Legros, S. McLaughlin, Y. Altmann, S. Meignen and M. E. Davies. Robust depth imaging in adverse scenarios using single-photon Lidar and beta-divergences, 2020.



## Estimation strategy

### Note that

- Performing MLE  $\Leftrightarrow$  minimizing Kullback-Leibler Divergence (KLD) between model and observations.
- KLD not suitable when the postulated model is inaccurate.
- Implies model mismatch.
  - In the presence of external spurious noise.
  - When observing multicomponent signals.

### Alternative variational objective

- KLD replaced by the Rényi and  $\beta$  divergences.
- Allow respectively for mode seeking character and robustness.

## Estimation strategy

### Alternative inference

- Variational inference based on alternative divergences.
- Need for the divergences cross entropy<sup>2</sup>.

### Cross entropy

- For the  $\beta$ -divergence ( $\beta$ -d),  $\beta > 0$

$$CE_{\beta}(\bar{m}_n) = -\frac{1+\beta}{\beta} \sum_m p(s_{n,m}|\bar{m}_n)^{\beta} + \int p(m|\bar{m}_n)^{1+\beta} dm. \quad (10)$$

- For the Rényi divergence (R-d),  $\alpha > 0, \alpha \neq 1$

$$CE_{\alpha}(\bar{m}_n) = \frac{1}{\alpha-1} \log \left( \sum_m s_{n,m}^{\alpha} p(s_{n,m}|\bar{m}_n)^{1+\alpha} \right). \quad (11)$$

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<sup>2</sup>F. Futami, I. Sato, M. Sugiyama. Variational Inference based on Robust Divergences, 2018.

## Estimation strategy

### Pseudo-Bayesian estimation

- Approximate posterior distribution obtained by maximizing the evidence lower-bound (ELBO)<sup>6</sup>

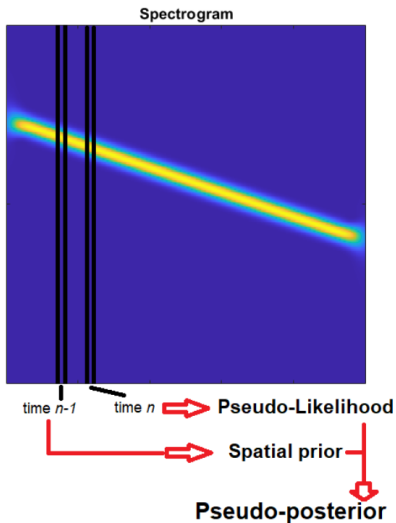
$$p(\bar{m}_n | \mathbf{s}_n) \propto e^{-MCE(\bar{m}_n)} p(\bar{m}_n). \quad (12)$$

- Spatial prior model  $p(\bar{m}_n)$  discussed hereafter.
- Plug cross entropy for alternative objectives.
- Ridge position estimated by minimum mean squared error (MMSE).

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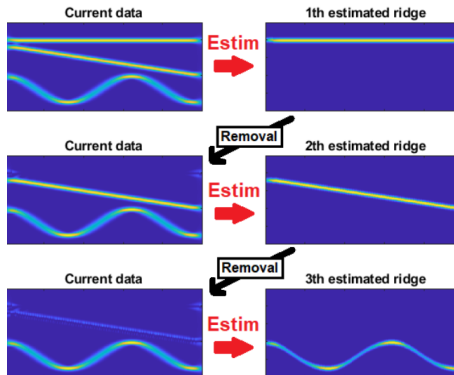
## Estimation strategy



### Online estimation

- Ridge extraction.
- Iterating on time axis.
- Sequential propagation of the information.
- Spatial prior : Gaussian random walk.
- **Complexity**: Variational inference.
- **Accuracy**: Backward correction.

## Estimation strategy



### Sequential demodulation

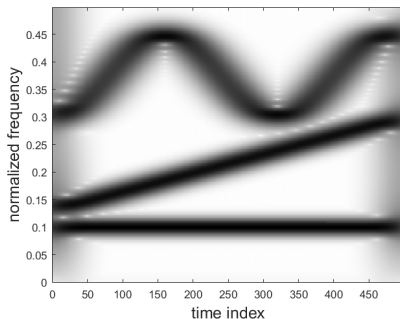
- Extraction of a ridge.
- Update of the data.
- Removing energy associated with the estimated component.
- Stopping criterion: method of choice<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>3</sup>V. Susic and N. Saulig and B. Boashash. Estimating the number of components of a multicomponent nonstationary signal using the short-term time-frequency Rényi entropy, 2011.

## Results

### Numerical experiments

- Reconstruction performance of a MCS.
- Reconstruction quality factor:  $RQF = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\|x\|^2}{\|x - \hat{x}\|^2} \right)$ .
- Assessment: Component-wise RQF.



### Three components

- Sinusoidal frequency modulated (FM).
- Linear chirp.
- Sinusoid.

Figure: Spectrogram of the analyzed multicomponent signal.

## Results

Table: RQF of each components (averaged over 100 realizations) for the different competing approaches for a SNR = 10 dB.

	Sinusoid	Linear chirp	Sin. FM chirp	Average
Brevdo	16.10	<b>15.46</b>	2.86	11.47
Brevdo-Synchrosqueezing	16.43	15.34	5.24	12.34
Proposed $\beta$ -d, $\beta = 0.5$	<b>16.71</b>	15.22	9.13	13.69
Proposed $\beta$ -d, $\beta = 0.8$	16.45	14.92	5.49	12.29
Proposed-KLD	2.46	2.65	1.18	2.10
<b>Proposed R-d, <math>\alpha = 0.5</math></b>	16.59	15.24	<b>9.57</b>	<b>13.80</b>
Proposed R-d, $\alpha = 0.8$	15.44	15.22	7.84	12.83

### Numerical experiments

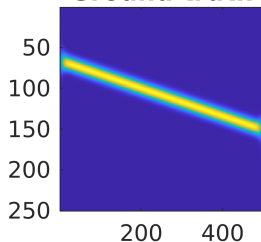
- Our method obtains the best averaged RQF using R-d ( $\alpha = 0.5$ ).
- Efficient recovery of the sinusoidally FM chirp.
- Alternative divergences circumvent the lack of generality of our model.

## Results - examples 1

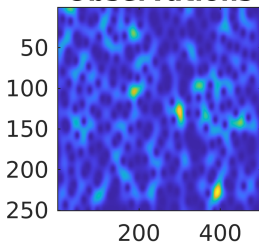
### Numerical experiments

- Single linear chirp component.
- SNR = -15dB.
- Rényi divergence,  $\alpha = 0.2$ .

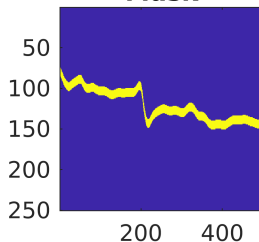
**Ground truth**



**Observations**



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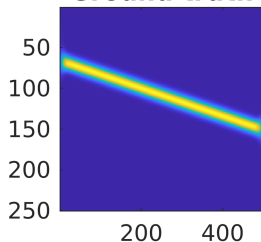


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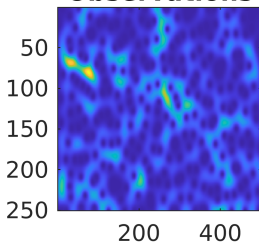
### Numerical experiments

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- SNR = -15dB.
- Rényi divergence,  $\alpha = 0.2$ .

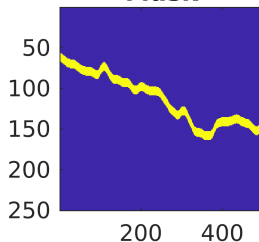
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**Observations**



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## Conclusions and perspectives

### Conclusions

- A novel pseudo-Bayesian estimation procedure to demodulate MCS.
- Inaccurate model.
- Performances improved through estimation strategy.
- Adaptive prior model.

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- Bayesian approaches can be adapted to a wide range of problem.
- Do not require a large amount of data.
- Allow for interpretation and confidence estimation of predictions.
- Not necessarily computationally expensive.
- Different ways to address a problem : models, priors, estimation strategy...

# Thanks for your attention !

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