

Multivariate Convolutional Sparse Coding for Electromagnetic Brain Signals

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Goal: Study the brain mechanisms while it is functioning.

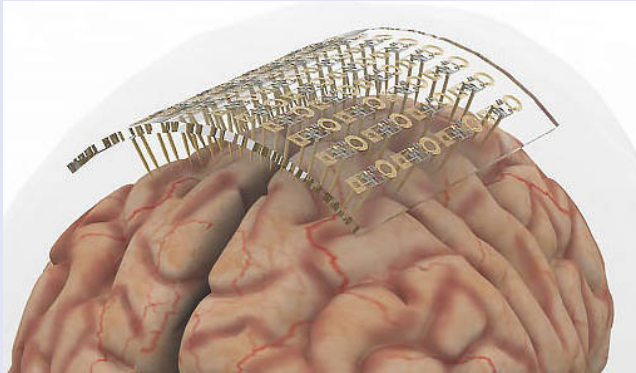
Outputs:

- ▶ **Functional Atlases:** Link areas of the brain to specific cognitive functions.
- ▶ **Functional Connectivity:** Highlight the information flow in the brain.
- ▶ **Healthcare:** Develop bio-markers for neurological disorders.

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Direct measurement: intracranial EEG.



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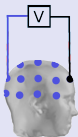
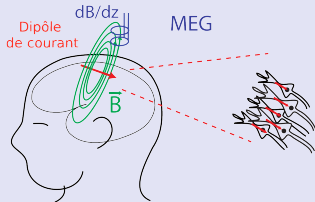
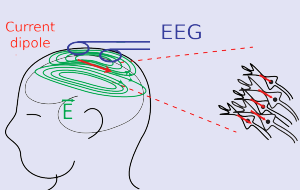
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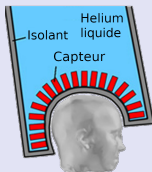
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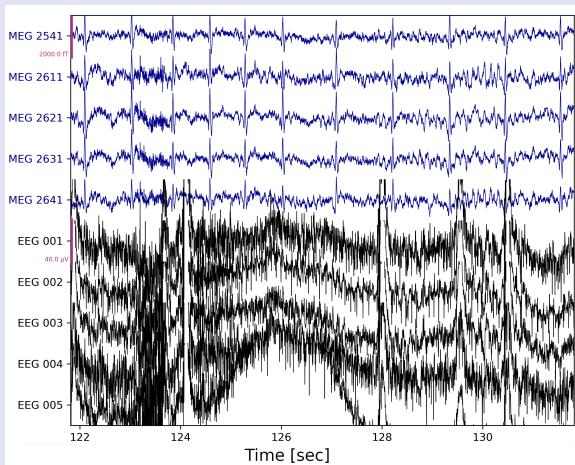
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Global

Non Invasive

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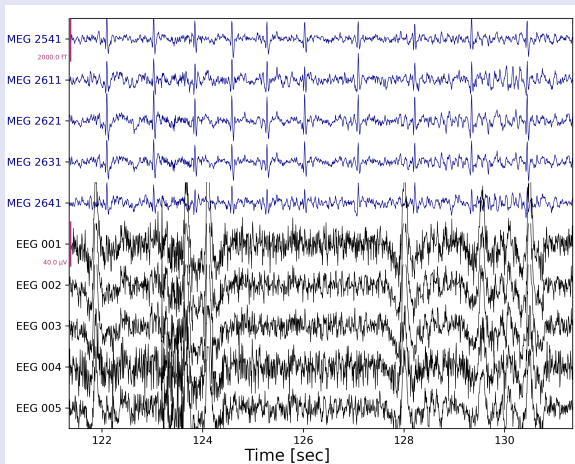


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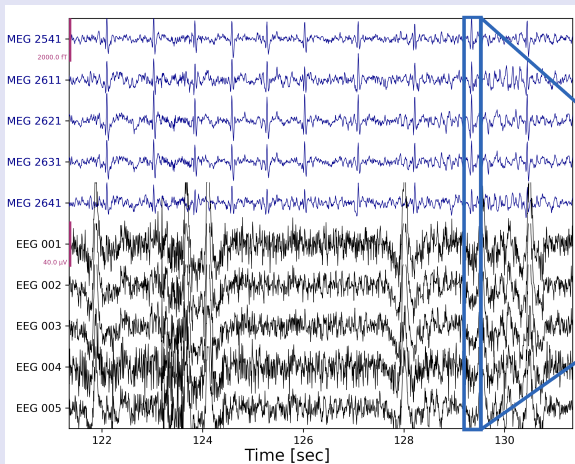


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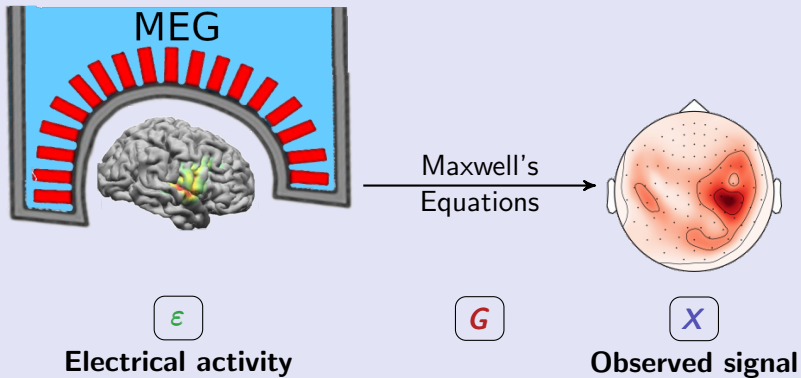


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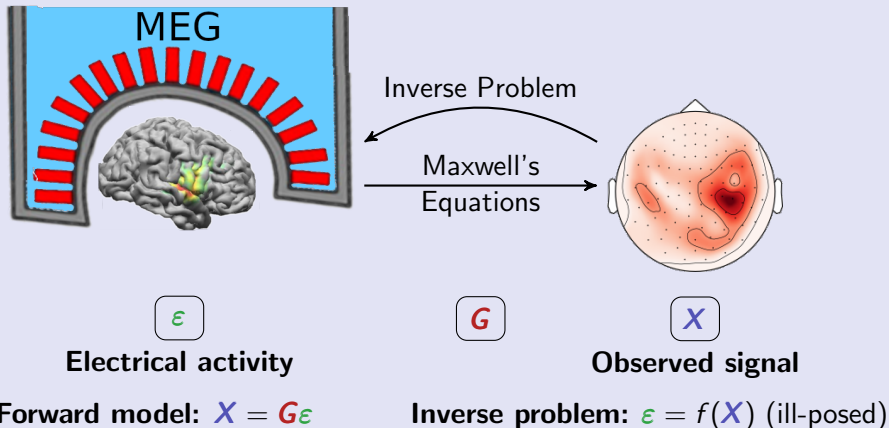
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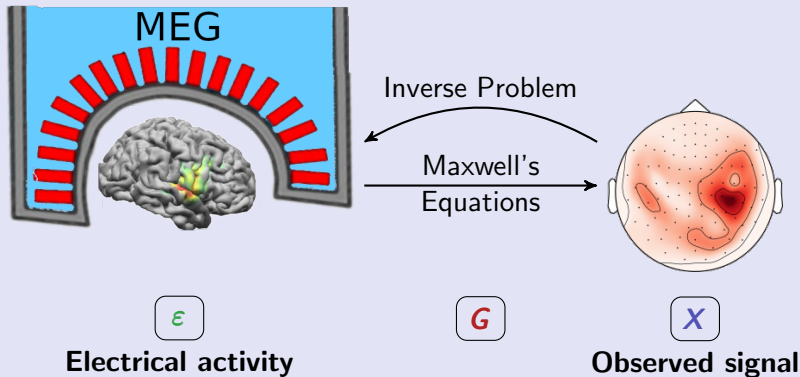


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Forward model: $X = G\epsilon$

Inverse problem: $\epsilon = f(X)$ (ill-posed)

▶ Dipole fit
[Sarvas, 1987]

▶ Regularized optimization
[Gramfort et al., 2012]

▶ Deep-learning
[Hecker et al., 2021]

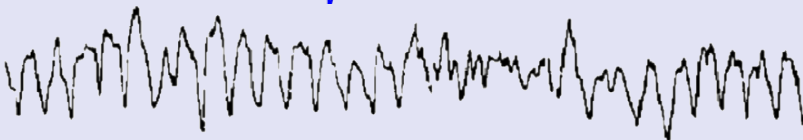
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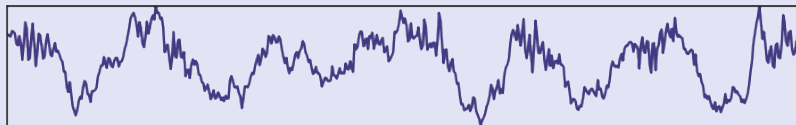
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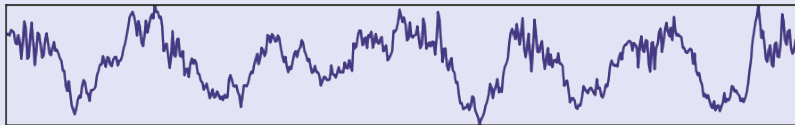
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Waveform shape can be related to diseases
e.g. Parkinson

[Jackson et al. 2019]

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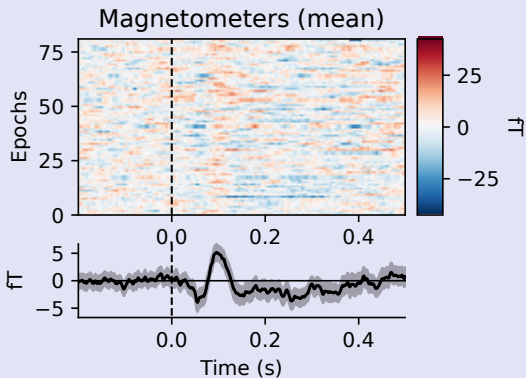
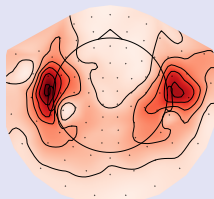
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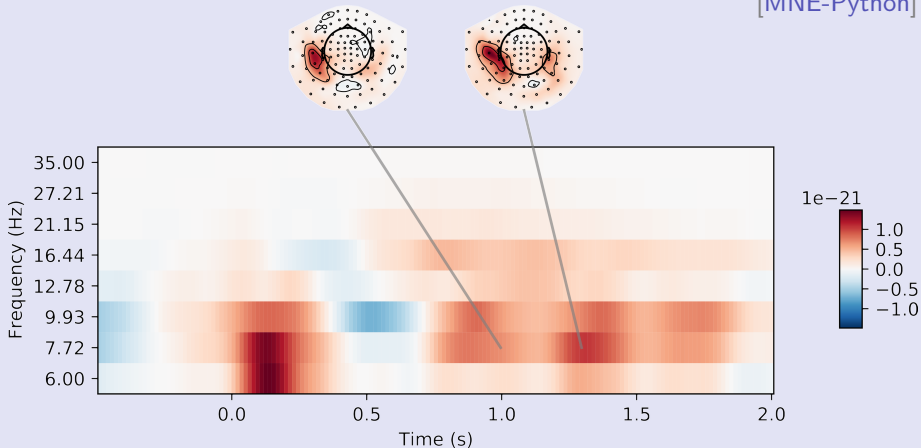
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[MNE-Python]



Evoked response to an somatosensory stimuli

“Textbook” brain rhythms



Gamma
(< 25 Hz)



Beta
(12 - 25 Hz)



Alpha
(8 - 12 Hz)



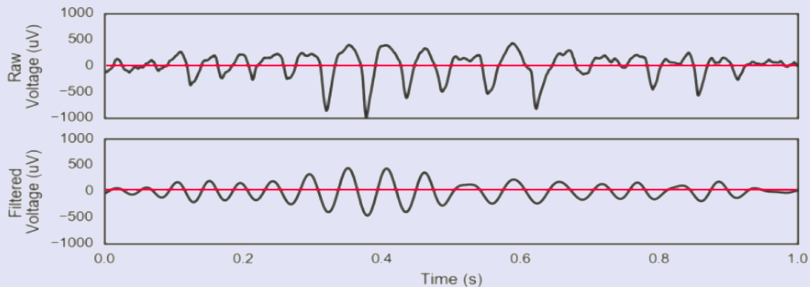
Theta
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Delta
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Linear filtering

After Linear filters, everything looks like a sinusoid.



⇒ Lose the asymmetry and the shape information

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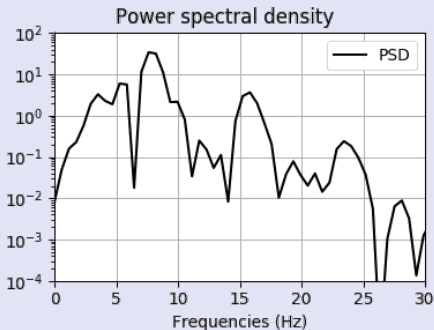
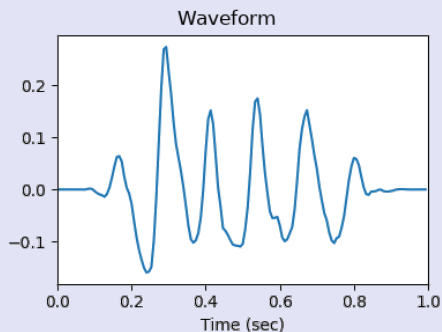
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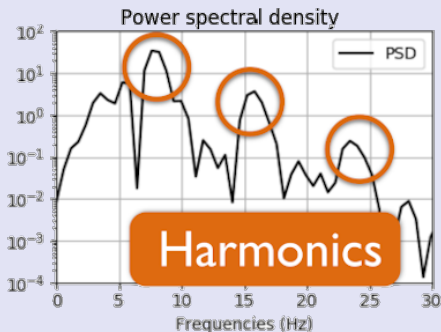
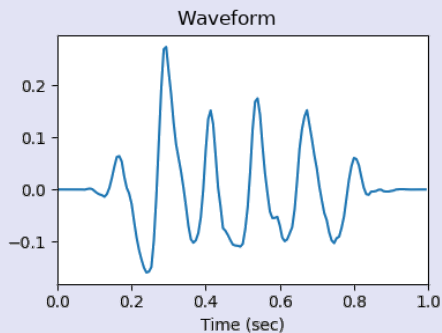
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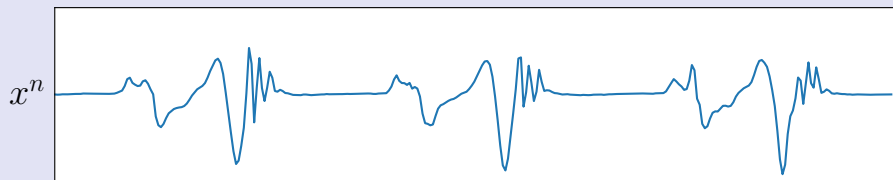


Learning the waveform: Convolutional Dictionary Learning

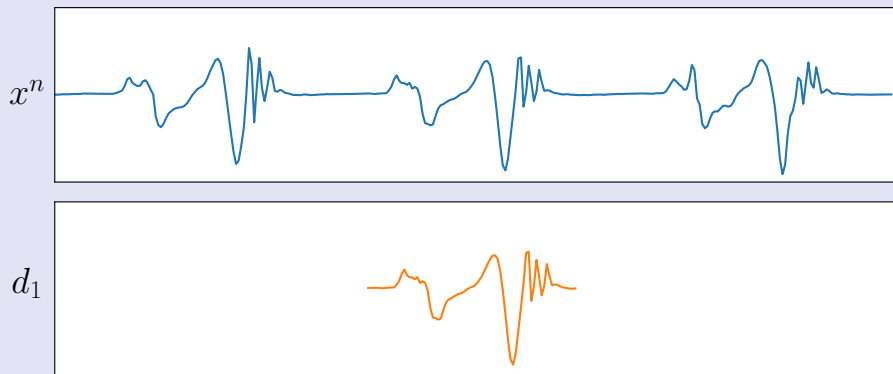
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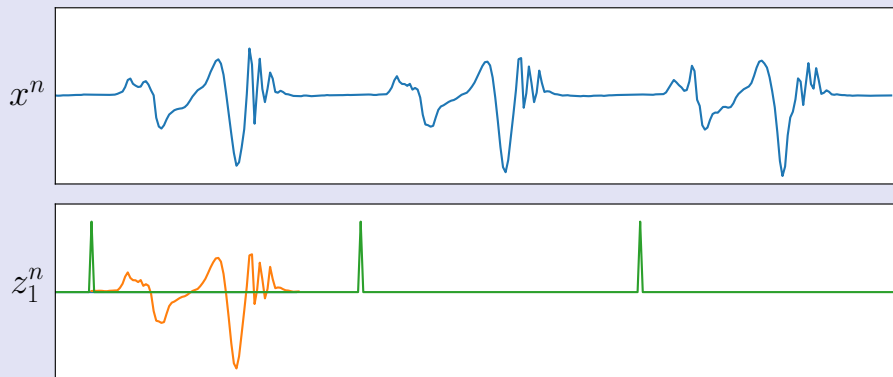
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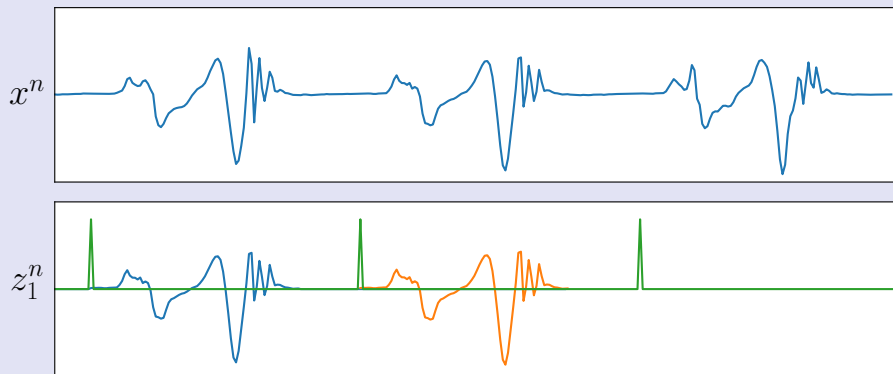
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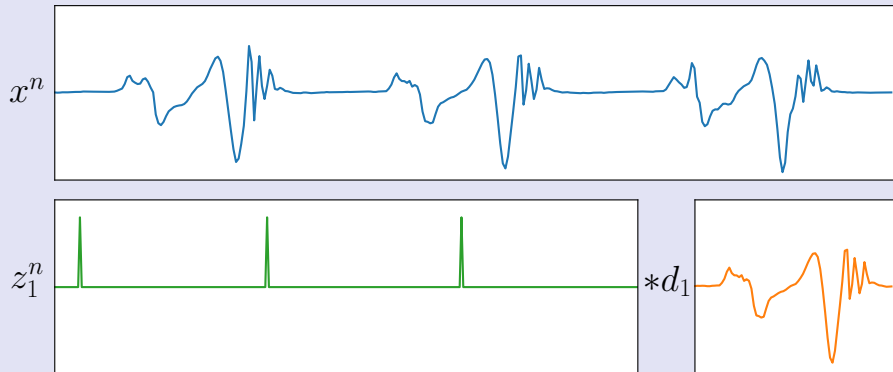
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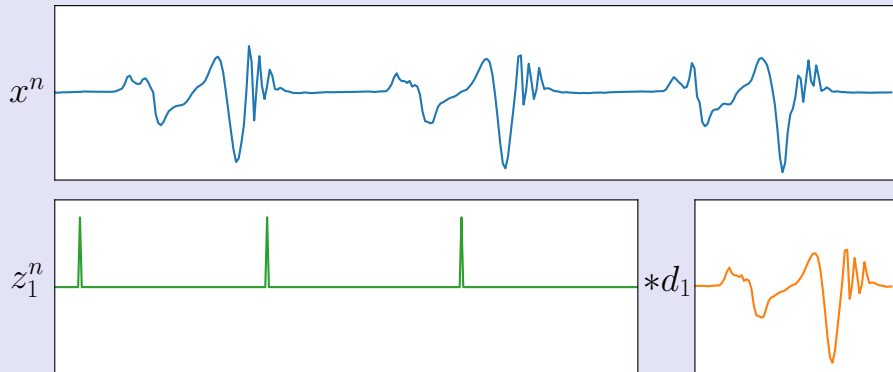
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$$\boxed{x^n}[t] = \sum_{k=1}^K (\boxed{z_k^n} * \boxed{d_k})[t] + \varepsilon[t]$$

For a set of N univariate signals x^n , solve

$$\min_{d,z} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \left\| x^n - \sum_{k=1}^K z_k^n * d_k \right\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^K \|z_k^n\|_1,$$

s.t. $\|d_k\|_2^2 \leq 1$

Hypothesis: patterns d_k are not present everywhere in the signal. They are localized in time.

⇒ Sparse activation signals z

Technical hypothesis: the patterns are in the ℓ_2 -ball: $\|d_k\|_2^2 \leq 1$.

Bi-convex: The problem is not jointly convex in z_k^n , and d_k but it is convex in each block of coordinate.

Alternate minimization (*a.k.a.* Bloc Coordinate Descent):

- ▶ **Z-step:** given a fixed estimate of the atom, compute the activation signal z_k^n associated to each signal x^n .
- ▶ **D-step:** given a fixed estimate of the activation, update the atoms in the dictionary d_k .

Unrolled optimization:

- ▶ **Z-step:** use an fixed differentiable procedure $f(x^n, D)$.
- ▶ **D-step:** learn D through back-propagation.

[Malezieux et al. 2022]

How to extend CSC to multivariate signals?

We can just use multivariate convolution,

$$\underbrace{X[t]}_{\in \mathbb{R}^P} = \sum_{k=1}^K (z_k * D_k) [t] = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{\tau=1}^L z_k[t - \tau] \underbrace{D_k[\tau]}_{\in \mathbb{R}^P}$$

with:

- ▶ X a multivariate signal of length T in \mathbb{R}^P
- ▶ D_k a multivariate signal of length L in \mathbb{R}^P
- ▶ z_k a univariate activation signal of length $\tilde{T} = T - L + 1$

However, this model does not account for the physics of the problem.

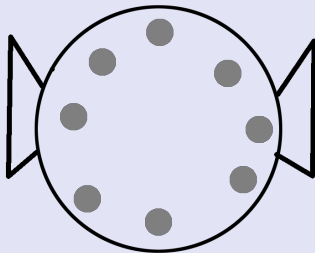
Rank-1 constrained dictionary learning

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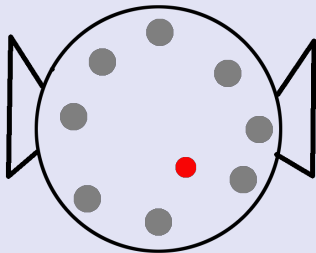
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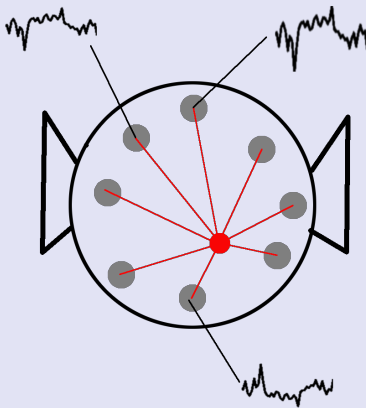
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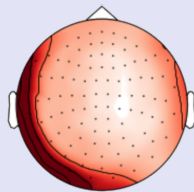
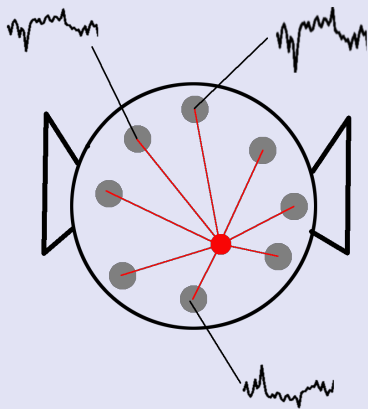
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v^T

Multivariate CSC with rank-1 constraint

Idea: Impose a rank-1 constraint on each dictionary atom D_k

To make the problem tractable, use u_k and v_k s.t. $D_k = u_k v_k^\top$.

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{u_k, v_k, z_k^n} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \left\| X^n - \sum_{k=1}^K z_k^n * (u_k v_k^\top) \right\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^K \|z_k^n\|_1, \\ \text{s.t. } \|u_k\|_2^2 \leq 1, \|v_k\|_2^2 \leq 1 \text{ and } z_k^n \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Here,

- ▶ $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^P$ is a spatial pattern
- ▶ $v_k \in \mathbb{R}^L$ is a temporal pattern

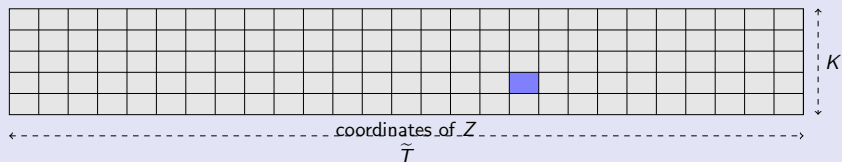
⇒ This is a tri-convex problem

Z-step: Locally greedy coordinate descent (LGCD)

Coordinate Descent: only 1 coordinate is updated at each iteration:

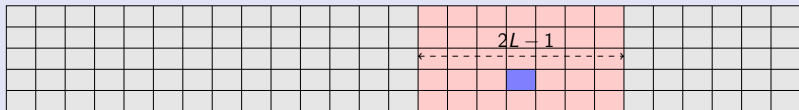
1. The coordinate $z_{k_0}[t_0]$ is updated to its optimal value $z'_{k_0}[t_0]$ when all other coordinate are fixed.
2. The updated coordinate is chosen
 - ▶ Cyclic: $\mathcal{O}(1)$ [Friedman et al., 2007]
 - ▶ Randomized: $\mathcal{O}(1)$ [Nesterov, 2010]
 - ▶ Greedy: $\mathcal{O}(K\tilde{T})$ [Osher and Li, 2009]
by maximizing $|z_k[t] - z'_k[t]|$
 - ▶ Locally Greedy: $\mathcal{O}(K\tilde{L})$ [Moreau et al., 2018]
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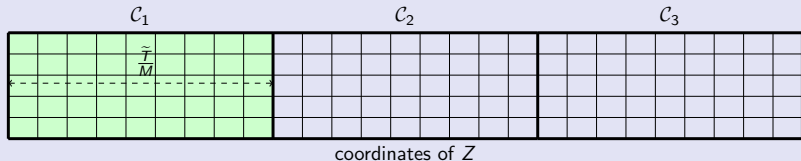


coordinates of Z

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But the update itself has complexity $\mathcal{O}(KL)$

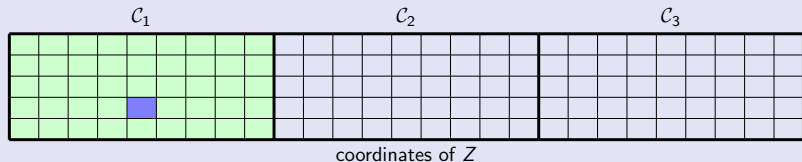
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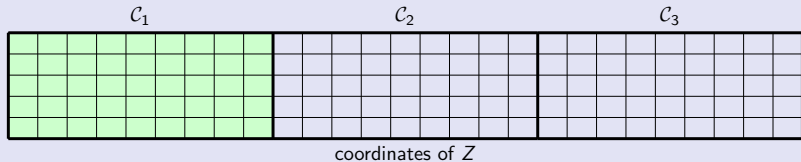
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\Rightarrow Can be efficiently parallelized.

D-step: solving for the atoms

We use the projected gradient descent with an Armijo backtracking line-search [Wright and Nocedal \[1999\]](#) for both u-step and v-step for

$$\min_{\substack{\|u_k\|_2 \leq 1 \\ \|v_k\|_2 \leq 1}} E(u_k, v_k) \triangleq \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \left\| X^n - \sum_{k=1}^K z_k^n * (u_k v_k^\top) \right\|_2^2 . \quad (2)$$

One important computation trick is for fast computation of the gradient.

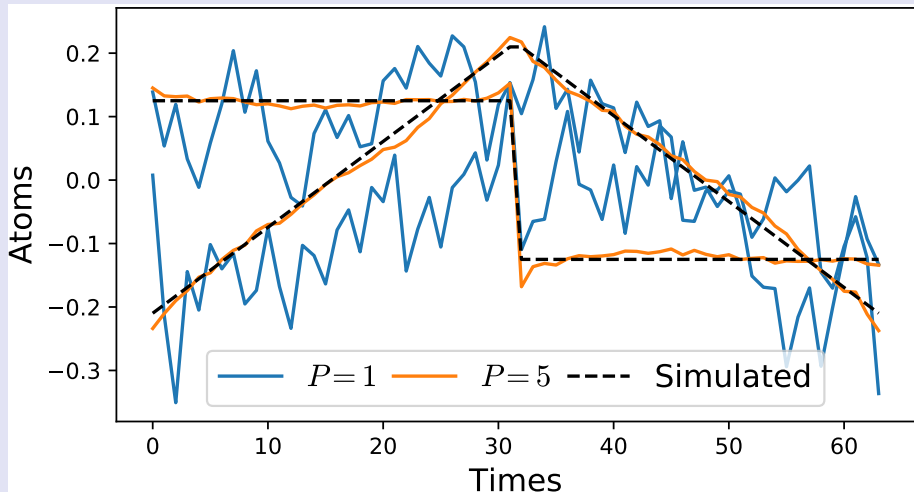
$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{u_k} E(u_k, v_k) &= \nabla_{D_k} E(u_k, v_k) v_k \in \mathbb{R}^P, \\ \nabla_{v_k} E(u_k, v_k) &= u_k^\top \nabla_{D_k} E(u_k, v_k) \in \mathbb{R}^L, \end{aligned}$$

Computing $\nabla_{D_k} E(u_k, v_k)$ can be done efficiently

$$\nabla_{D_k} E(u_k, v_k) = \sum_{n=1}^N (z_k^n)^\top * \left(X^n - \sum_{l=1}^K z_l^n * D_l \right) = \Phi_k - \sum_{l=1}^K \Psi_{k,l} * D_l ,$$

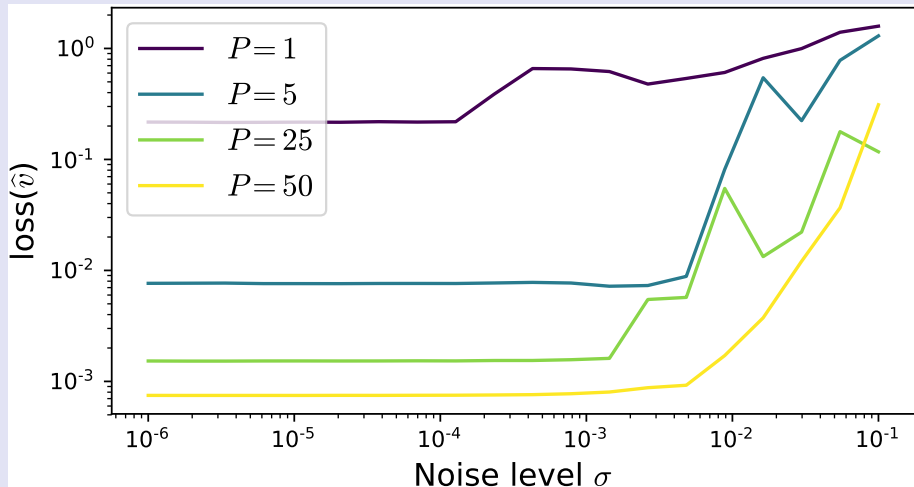
Pattern recovery

Patterns recovered with $P = 1$ and $P = 5$. The signals were generated with the two simulated temporal patterns and with $\sigma = 10^{-3}$.



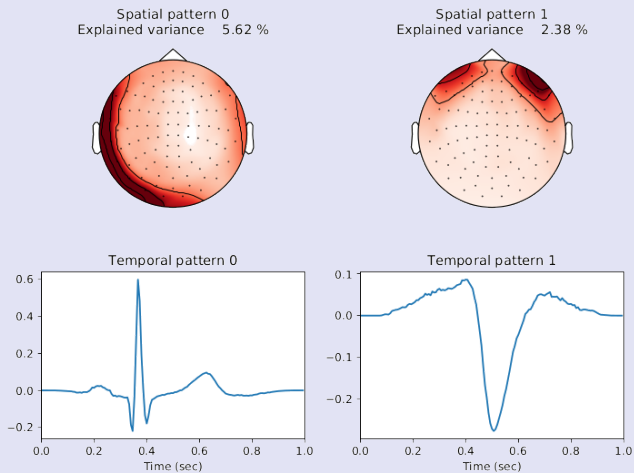
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Evolution of the recovery loss with σ for different values of P . Using more channels improves the recovery of the original patterns.



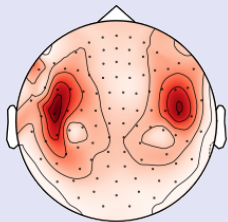
MNE sample data

A selection of temporal waveforms of the atoms learned on the MNE sample dataset.

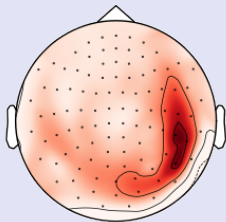


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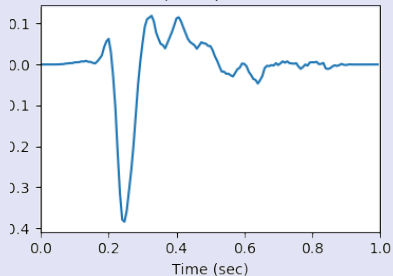
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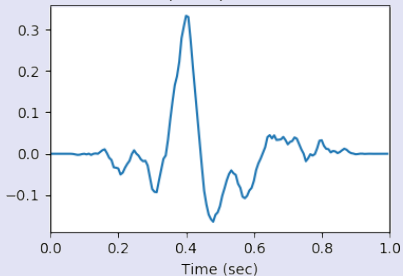
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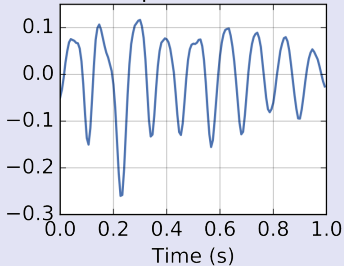


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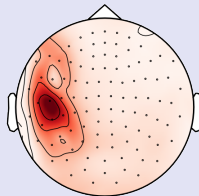


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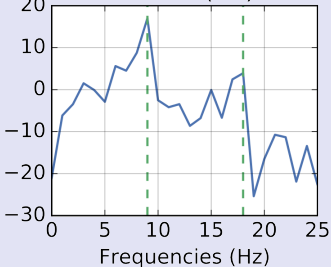
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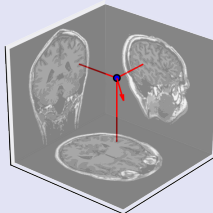
B. Spatial pattern



C. PSD (dB)



D. Dipole fit





alphaCSC: Convolution sparse coding for time-series

unittests passing codecov 82%

This is a library to perform shift-invariant [sparse dictionary learning](#) (CSC), on time-series data. It includes a number of different

1. univariate CSC
2. multivariate CSC
3. multivariate CSC with a rank-1 constraint ^[1]
4. univariate CSC with an alpha-stable distribution ^[2]

A mathematical descriptions of these models is available [in the paper](#).

Installation

To install this package, the easiest way is using `pip`. It will install this package and its dependencies. The `setup.py` depends on `numpy` and `cython` for the installation so, if you don't have them, please run one of the two commands:

(Latest stable version)

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pip install alphacsc
```

(Development version)

```
pip install git+https://github.com/alphacsc/alphacsc.git#egg=alphacsc
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(Dicodile backend)

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pip install numpy cython  
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Quickstart

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Run reports

Python code online:
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Examples reproduce figures
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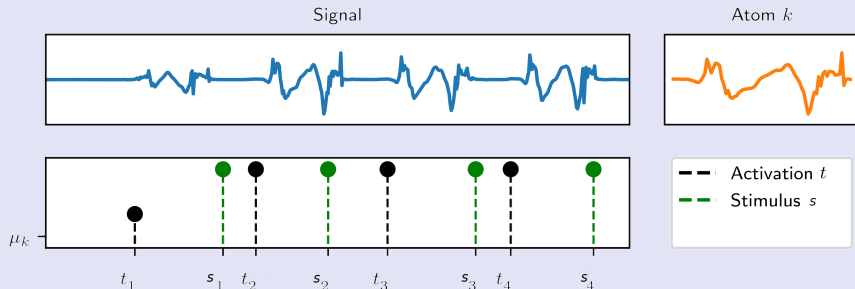
Modeling stimuli induced patterns with Point Processes

References

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Stimuli Induced Patterns

- ▶ Manual pattern identification
- ▶ No quantification of how stimuli influence patterns activation.



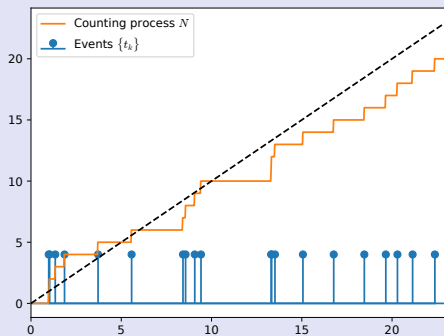
Activations and stimuli can be seen as *Point Processes*.

- ▶ Stochastic model for stream of events
- ▶ Time of arrival $\{t_k\}$ associated with counting process $N(t)$
- ▶ Characterized by the intensity:

$$\lambda(t|\mathcal{F}_t) = \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(N(t+dt) - N(t) = 1 | \mathcal{F}_t)}{dt}$$

Poisson process with constant probability of arrival

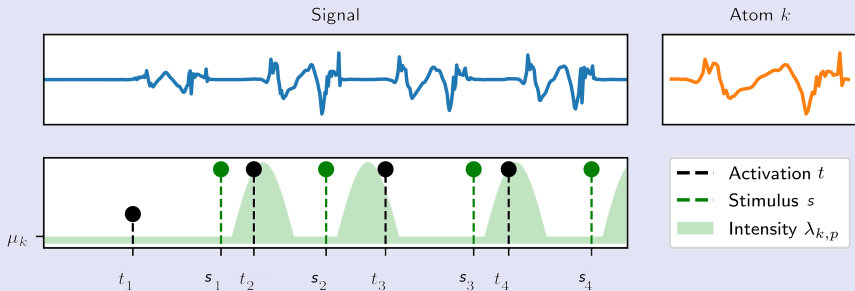
$$\lambda(t) = \mu_0$$



DriPP – Driven Point Process

Idea: Model the intensity of the activation $\{t_k\}$ depending on the PP from the stimuli $\{s_p\}$.

$$\lambda(t|\mathcal{F}_t) = \lambda(t|\{s_p; s_p < t\}) = \mu_0 + \sum_{s_p < t} \kappa(t - s_p)$$

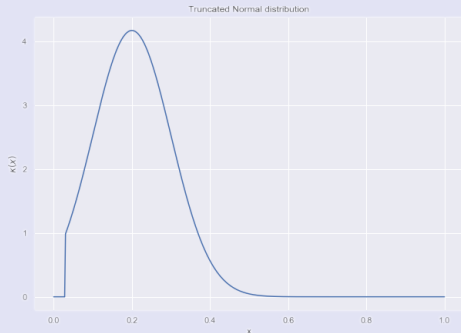


Modeling latency

Choosing a model for stimuli based modeling:

$$\lambda(t|\mathcal{F}_t) = \mu_0 + \sum_{s_p < t} \alpha \kappa(t - s_p)$$

- ▶ $\mu_0 \geq 0$: spontaneous activity.
- ▶ $\alpha \geq 0$: allow for stimuli to have no effect.
- ▶ $\kappa(\tau)$: pdf of a truncated Gaussian $\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$ to model latency.



Parameters estimation

The negative log-likelihood of the model can be computed using the intensity λ :

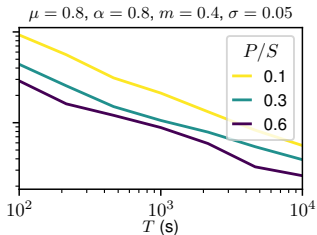
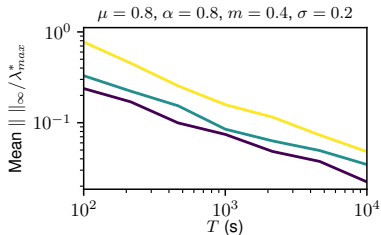
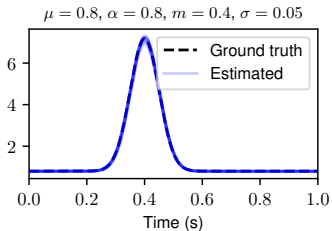
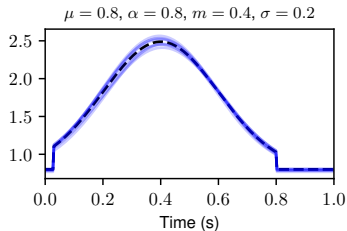
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\{t_k\}; \Theta) &= \int_0^T \lambda(t) dt - \sum_{t_k} \lambda(t_k) \\ &= \mu_0 T + \alpha |\{t_k\}| - \sum_{t_k} \log(\mu_0 \sum_{s_p < t_k} \alpha \kappa(t_k - s_p))\end{aligned}$$

with $\Theta = (\mu_0, \alpha, m, \sigma^2)$

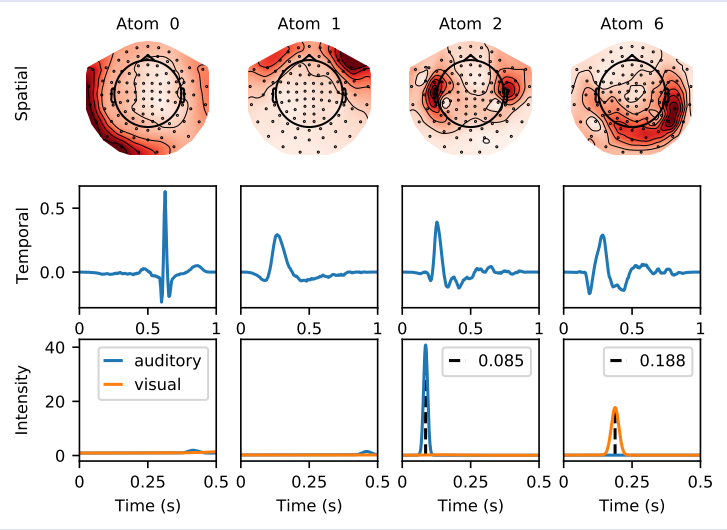
\Rightarrow Parameter estimation is done using an EM algorithm.

Parameters recovery

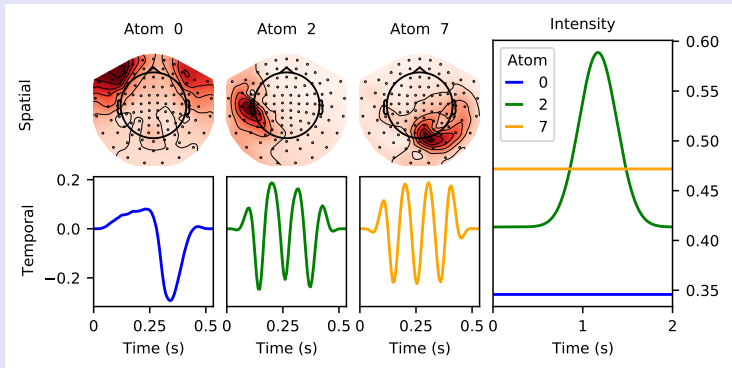
Events simulated with the Truncated Gaussian model:



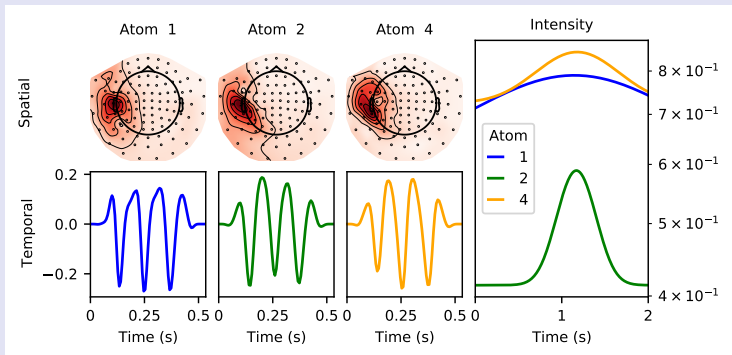
Results for artifacts and evoked atoms - samples



Results for artifacts and evoked atoms - somato



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Conclusion

- ▶ CDL can learn recurring patterns in multivariate signals.
- ▶ Converts the signal into a stream of events.
- ▶ PP framework can model the activation distribution.


Limitations and on-going work:

- ▶ Not easy to apply to population level.
- ▶ DriPP does not model inhibition.
- ▶ CDL and PP are separated.


Thanks for your attention!


Code available online:

 **alphacsc** : [alphacsc.github.io](https://github.com/alphacsc)

 **DriPP** : github.com/CedricAllain/dripp

Slides are on my web page:

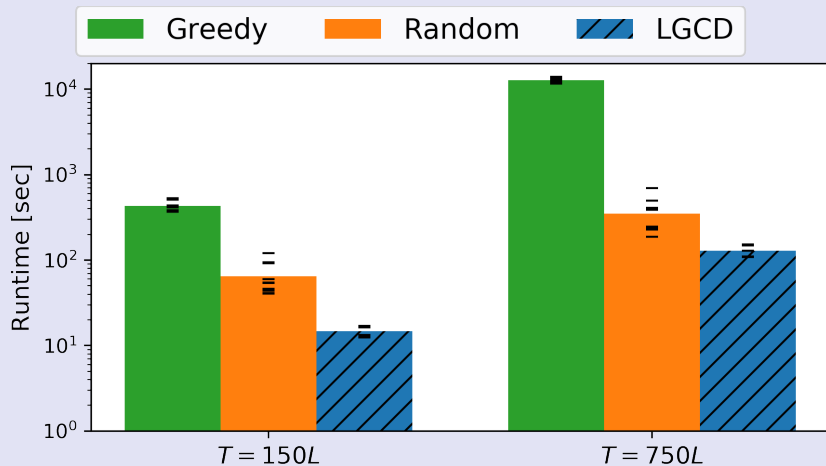
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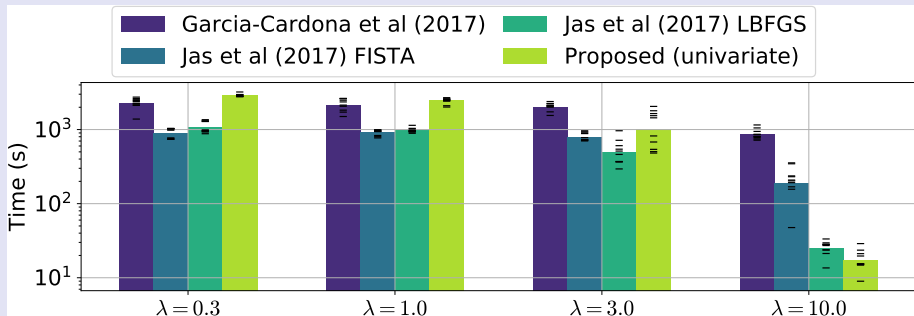
Comparison of the coordinate selection strategy for CD on simulated signals

We set $K = 10$, $L = 150$, $\lambda = 0.1\lambda_{\max}$



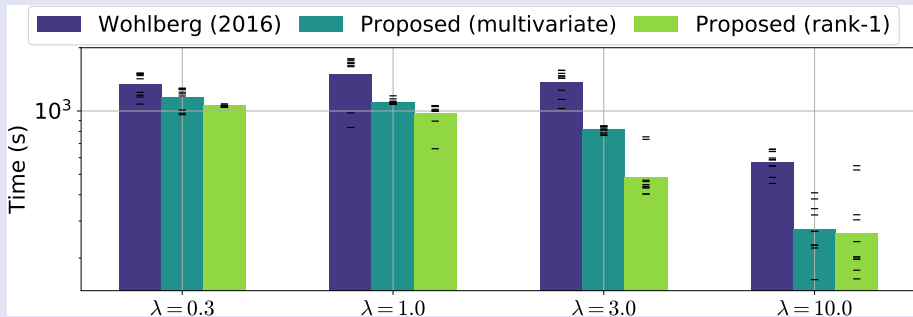
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Comparison with univariate methods on somato dataset with
 $T = 134,700$, $K = 8$ and $L = 128$



Fast optimization

Comparison with multivariate methods on somato dataset with $T = 134,700$, $K = 8$, $P = 5$ and $L = 128$



Good scaling in the number of channels P

Scaling relative to P on somato dataset with $T = 134,700$, $K = 2$, and $L = 128$

