Model Fitting on the TF Plane and Noise on Synchrosqueezing Operators

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- Indeed, the ridge c(n) is a mapping from $\{1,\ldots,N\}$ to $\{0,\ldots,K-1\}$ because of frequency quantization.

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 $\bullet\,$ For a linear chirp of the form $x(t)=e^{i2\pi(at+bt^2)}$ we have

$$F_x^g(t,f) = x(t) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(u)e^{i2\pi bu^2} e^{-i2\pi (f-(a+2bt))u} du$$
$$= x(t)\widehat{g_{\phi''}}(f-\phi'(t))$$

with
$$g_{\phi^{\prime\prime}}(t)=g(t)e^{i2\pi\frac{\phi^{\prime\prime}}{2}t^2}$$

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• For a given fixed time $t = t_0$, the modulus reads

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• A heuristic approach simplifies the problem by solving it *time by time*. For a single mode, and setting $\alpha = \beta = 0$, we have

$$c(n\Delta t) = \arg \max \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |F_x^g(t, f)| \delta(f - c(n\Delta t)) df,$$

with $\delta(\cdot)$ the Dirac distribution. This makes $c(n\Delta t) \in \{0, \dots, K-1\}$ in practice.

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• Then, we solve the following problem looking for real parameters $\Phi:=(\tilde{\phi}',\tilde{\phi}'')_{l=1,\dots,L}$

$$\max_{\Phi} \sum_{l=1}^{L} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |F_x^g(t,f)| \rho(f,\tilde{\phi}_l'(t),\tilde{\phi}_l''(t)) df dt.$$
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- The results proved to be robust under noisy situations.

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• For a fixed time $t = t_0$, we can fit the following model

$$\min_{\overrightarrow{\alpha},\overrightarrow{\beta},\overrightarrow{\gamma},\mu} \left\| S^g_{\widetilde{x}}(t_0,f) - \mu - \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \alpha_{\ell} e^{\frac{-2\sigma\pi^2 (f-\beta_{\ell})^2}{\sigma^2 + \pi^2 \gamma_{\ell}^2}} \right\|^2 \tag{2}$$

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- The impact of noise should be carefully studied.

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- So the determination of T_1 is possible.

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- We can prove that $\mathrm{var}\{D\}=\sigma_n^2\|g\|^2\sigma_n^2\|t^2g\|^2+3\sigma_n^4\|tg\|^4.$

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