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# Introduction

Introduktion til hele projektet, skal kunne læses som en appetitvækker til resten af rapporten, det vi skriver her skal så uddybes senere. Brug dog stadigvæk kilder.

- kort intro a EEG og den brede anvendelse, anvendelse indenfor høreapparat.
- intro af model, problem med overbestemt system
- Seneste forslag til at løse dette
- vi vil efterviser dette og udvide til realtime tracking
- opbygningen af rapporten



# Chapter 1

## Problem Analysis

This chapter examines existing literature concerning source localisation from EEG measurements. At first a motivation for the problem is given, considering especially the application within the hearing aid industry. Further, the state of the art methods are presented followed by a description of the contribution proposed in this thesis.

### 1.1 Motivation

(Hvad er EEG)

EEG recordings or measurements are used within medicine as an imaging technique measuring electric signals on the scalp, caused by brain activity.

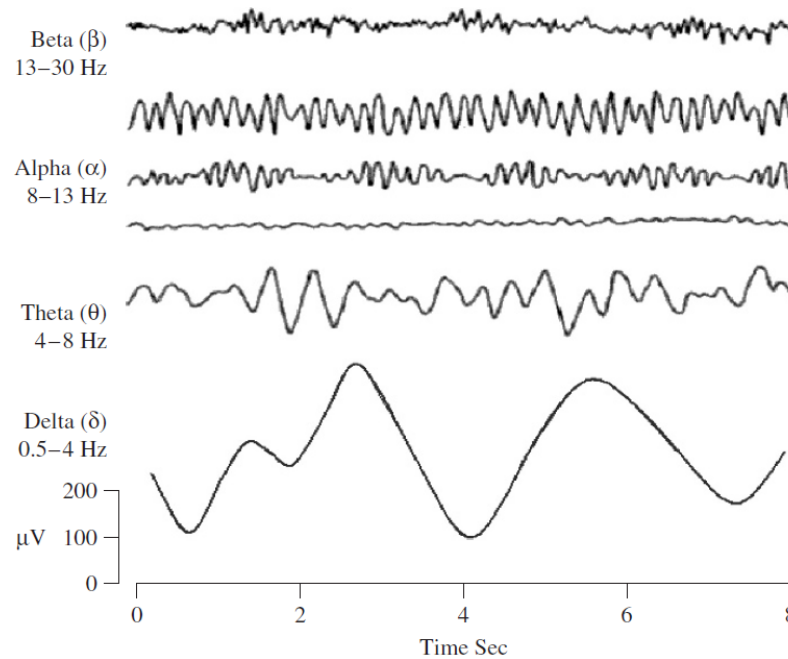
The brain consist of an enormous amounts of cells, called neurons. These neurons are mutually connected in neural nets and when a neuron is activated, for instance by some physical stimuli, local current flows are produced[11]. As such the neurons are somehow communicating(?).

The EEG measurements are provided by a varies number of metal electrodes referred to as sensors, placed on the scalp of a human reading electrical signals which are massively amplified and displayed on the computer as a sum of sinusoidal waves relative to time.

It takes a large amount of active neurons to generate an electrical signal that is recordable on the scalp as the current then have to penetrate the skull, skin and several other thin layers.

From this it is clear that the measurements from a single sensor do not correspond to the activity of a single neuron in the brain, but rather a collection of many activities. Here the same neuron activities can be measured by two or more sensors. Furthermore, interfering signals can occur resulting from physical movement of e.g. eyes and jawbone[11].

The waves resulting from EEG have been classified into four groups according to the dominant frequency. The delta wave (0.5 – 4 Hz) is observed from infants and sleeping adults, the Theta wave (4 – 8 Hz) is observed from children and sleeping adults, the alpha wave (8 – 13 Hz) is the most extensively studied brain rhythm, which is induced by an adult laying down with closed eyes. Lastly the beta wave (13 – 30 Hz) is considered the normal brain rhythm for normal adults, associated with active thinking, active attention or solving concrete problems[9, p. 11]. An example of EEG measurement within the four categories are illustrated by figure 1.1.



**Figure 1.1:** Example of time dependent EEG measurements within the four defined categories alpha, beta, theta and delta. Image source: [9]

(Hvad bruges det til)

EEG is widely used within the medicine field and especially research of the cognitive processes in the brain. Diagnosis and Management of neurological disorders such as epilepsy is one example.

Due to EEG being non-invasive and fast it is widely used to study of the dynamical behaviour of the brain. Neural activity can be measured within fractions of a second after a stimuli has been provided[11, p. 3]. When a person is exposed to certain stimuli, e.g. visual or audible, the measured activity is said to result from evoked potential.

Over the past two decades especially functional integration has become an area of



interest, that is the interplay between functionally segregate brain areas[10](evt. friston 2011). This concerns the localization of the single cortical sources causing the united signal measured by a EEG sensor.

The hearing aid industry is one example where this research is highly prioritised. At Eriksholm research center which is a part of the hearing aid manufacture Oticon cognitive hearing science is a research area within in fast development. One main purpose is to make it possible for a hearing aid to identify the attended sound source by reading the signal from the brain of the user, which is where the EEG measurements are used[1][3]. It is essentially the well known but unsolved cocktail problem which is sought improved by use of EEG measurement. The focus of the research considers the correlation between EEG measurements and the sound source rather than identification of the activated source from the EEG. Hence this localisation approach regarding hearing aids is of interest. Furthermore a real-time application to provide feedback from EEG measurements would be essential.

(Modelling)

When considering the issue of identifying and localizing the activated sources from the EEG measurements, one known option is to model the data by the following linear system

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X},$$

where  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^M \times N_d$  is the EEG measurements from  $N$  sensors at  $N_d$  data points,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$  is an unknown mixing matrix and  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^N \times N_d$  is the actual activation of sources within the brain. The  $i^{th}$  column of  $A$  represent the relative projection weights from the  $i^{th}$  source to every sensor or channel[2]. From this model the aim is to identify both  $A$  and  $X$  given the measurements  $Y$ . This set up is in general referred to as the inverse EEG problem.

To solve the problem the concept of compressive sensing makes a solid foundation including sparse signal recovery and dictionary learning. Independent Component Analysis (ICA) is a common applied method to solve the inverse problem[8][7], here statistical independence between source activity is assumed.

Application of ICA have shown great results regarding separation of high-density EEG. Further an enhanced signal-to-noise ratio of the unmixed independent source time series processes allow essential study of the behaviour and relationships between multiple EEG source processes[5]. However a significant flaw to this method is that to the EEG data can only be separated into a number of sources that are equal or less than the number of sensors, that is the inverse EEG problem can not be over-

complete. This assumption undermines the reliability and usability of ICA, as the number of simultaneous active sources easily exceed the number of sensors[2]. This is especially a drawback when low density EEG are considered, that is equipment with less than 32 sensors. However improved capabilities of low density EEG devices are desirable due to relative low cost, mobility and ease to use.

This makes a foundation to look at the existing work considering the overcomplete inverse EEG problem.

## 1.2 Related Work and Our Contribution

As mentioned above ICA have been a solid method for source localisation in the case where a decomposition into a number of sources equal to the number of sensors was accepted. To overcome this issue an extension of ICA was suggested, referred to as the ICA mixture model, insted of identifying one mixing matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$  this approach learns  $N_{model}$ (number of sources?) different mixing matrices  $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$ . A further adaptation of this method

nb. husk at dette kapitel skal vise et helt system og hvorhenne i det system vi kigger nærmere og kommer ind med vores bidrag. Det skal gøres klar hvilke områder vi vælger at ligge vores kræfter i.

## Chapter 2

# Problem Statement

forslag:

How can sources of activation within the brain be localized from EEG measurement, in the cases of less sensors than sources and how can this be extended to a realtime application within the hearing aid developmental

Underspørgsmål:

From EEG measurements how do one localize activated sources within the brain and can this be done in real time with the possibility to include feedback

Vi skal have styr på hvad det er vi vil dem vores realtime implementering: - måle om der er støj, så vi kan skrue ned for den støj, jeg tror det var det Jan snakket om i første omgang - kæde støjen sammen med locationerne for de aktive sources, måske det man gør i forhold til at retningsbestemme støj? - er første del blot at localisere sources



## Chapter 3

# Sparse Signal Recovery

Through this chapter an introduction to the concept compressive sensing is described with associated theory which later on will be used in the development of the algorithm with used methods known from compressive sensing to estimate the mixing matrix  $A$  and the sparse source matrix  $X$ .

### 3.1 Compressive Sensing

Compressive sensing is the theory of efficient recover/reconstruct a signal from minimal measurements. This recovery is often described as a linear model/system

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x},$$

which consist of observed data  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ , a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$  which models the linear measurements and signal  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ . In compressive sensing terminology,  $\mathbf{y}$  is the signal of interest that is wish recovered from minimal measurements meaning that the signal  $\mathbf{x}$  must be sparse.

A signal is said to be  $k$ -sparse if the signal has at most  $k$  non-zeros coefficient

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_0 = \text{card}(\text{supp}(\mathbf{x})) \leq k,$$

where the  $\ell_0$ -norm is used. The function  $\text{card}$  is the cardinality of the support of  $\mathbf{x}$ . The support of  $\mathbf{x}$  is giving as

$$\text{supp}(\mathbf{x}) = \{j \in [N] : x_j \neq 0\},$$

where  $[N]$  a set [6, p. 41]. The set of all  $k$ -sparse signals is denoted as

$$\Sigma_k = \{\mathbf{x} : \|\mathbf{x}\|_0 \leq k\}.$$

It is of interest to recover the signal  $\mathbf{y}$  when  $M \ll N$  and  $k < M$  [4, p. 8]. This lead to that the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  becomes rank-deficient and therefore have a non-empty

null-space [4, p. ix].

The linear model and finding the sparse signal  $\mathbf{x}$  can be written as an optimisation problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}} \|\mathbf{z}\|_0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Az},$$

where  $\mathbf{z}$  is all possible candidates to an  $k$ -sparse signal  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Unfortunately, this optimisation problem is non-convex because of  $\ell_0$ -norm and is therefore difficult to solve – it is a NP-hard problem. Instead by replacing the  $\ell_0$ -norm with its convex approximation, the  $\ell_1$ -norm, the optimisation problem become computational feasible [4, p. 27]

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}} \|\mathbf{z}\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Az}, \quad (3.1)$$

and instead we find the best  $k$ -term approximation of the signal  $\mathbf{x}$ .

### 3.1.1 Conditions on the Mixing Matrix

To ensure an exact or an approximate reconstruction of the sparse signal  $\mathbf{x}$  some conditions associated on the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  must be satisfied.

#### Null Space Conditions

The null space property (NSP) is some necessary and sufficient condition for exact recovery. The null space of the matrix  $A$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{N}(A) = \{z : Az = 0\}.$$

#### Restricted Isometry Conditions

NSP do not take account for noise and we must therefore look at some stronger conditions which incorporate noise, the following restricted isometry property (RIP)

##### Definition 3.1 (Restricted Isometry Property)

A matrix  $A$  satisfies the RIP of order  $k$  if there exists a  $\delta_k \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$(1 - \delta_k) \|x\|_2^2 \leq \|Ax\|_2^2 \leq (1 + \delta_k) \|x\|_2^2,$$

holds for all  $x \in \Sigma_k$

If a matrix  $A$  satisfy RIP then it will also satisfy the NSP as RIP is strictly stronger than NSP.

**Theorem 3.1.1**

If  $A$  satisfies the RIP of order  $2k$  with the constant  $\delta_{2k} < \sqrt{2} - 1$ . Then

$$C = \frac{2}{1 - (1 + \sqrt{2})\delta_{2k}}$$

**Coherence**

The NSP provide a unique solution to the optimisation problem, (3.1), but is unfortunately complicated to investigate. Instead an alternative measure used for sparsity is presented.

Coherence is a measure of quality and determine if the matrix  $A$  is a good choice for the optimisation problem (3.1). A small coherence describe the performance of a recovery algorithm as good with that choice of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Definition 3.2 (Coherence)**

Coherence of the matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$ , denoted as  $\mu(A)$ , with columns  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_N$  for all  $i \in [N]$  is given as

$$\mu(A) = \max_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{|\langle a_i, a_j \rangle|}{\|a_i\|_2 \|a_j\|_2}.$$

**3.2 ICA**

Through this section the mathematical concepts of Independent Component Analysis (ICA) will be explained and defined.

Lets set up an situations. We have some measurements that has been affect by some surrounding noise or "**sideløbende**" measurements such as different conversations in a room. The measurements can be described by a vector  $\mathbf{y}$  if we look at the one-dimensional case.  $\mathbf{y}$  consist of the measurement from the original signal, a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  and surrounding measurements, a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ . This situation can be described as the linear model

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{a}_i x_i$$

We known the measurements  $\mathbf{y}$  but if also knew the mixing parameter in  $\mathbf{A}$  then by inverting the linear model we could solve the system and find the original signal. But this is not the case as the mixing matrix also is unknown.

If we used the statistical properties of  $\mathbf{x}$  then it would be possible to estimate both the mixing matrix and then the original signal. What ICA do is to assume statistical independence

Lets define the ICA model which is a generative model meaning that the observed data is generated by a process of mixing components which are latent component. Let  $n$  be the observed random variables such that  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  are model as a linear combination of the random variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ :

$$y_i = a_{i1}x_1 + a_{i2}x_2 + \dots + a_{in}x_n, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

where  $\mathbf{y} = \{y_i\}_{i \in [1, n]}$  and  $\mathbf{x} = \{x_t\}_{t \in [1, n]}$ . Furthermore,  $\mathbf{x}$  is statistically mutually independent.

### 3.2.1 Estimation of Independent Components

Notes: Estimation with maximization of nongaussianity (see section 7.5 for nongaussianity)

#### Kurtosis

When estimation ICA with maximization of nongaussianity a measure of the non-gaussianity is needed. Kurtosis is quantitative measure used for nongaussianity of random variables. Kurtosis of a random variable  $y$  is defined as

$$\text{kurt}(y) = \mathbb{E}[y^4] - 3(\mathbb{E}[y^2])^2,$$

which is the fourth-order cumulant of the random variable  $y$ . By assume that the random variable  $y$  have been normalised such that its variance  $\mathbb{E}[y^2] = 1$ , the kurtosis is rewritten as

$$\text{kurt}(y) = \mathbb{E}[y^4] - 3.$$

Because of this definition the kurtosis of gaussian random variables will then be zero and for nongaussian random variables the kurtosis will almost always be non-zero [ICA].

By using the absolute value of the kurtosis gaussian random variables are still zero but the nongaussian random variables will be greater than zero. In this case the random variables are called supergaussian.



For ICA the wish is to maximise the nongaussianity and therefore maximise the absolute value of kurtosis. One way to do this is to use a gradient algorithm.

One complication with the use of kurtosis as measure is the use of measured samples as the kurtosis is sensitive to outliers in the measured data set [ICA].

Notes: A measure of nongaussianity for the vector  $\mathbf{b}$  which estimate 1 IC. Have some outliers so we introduce negentropy

### Negentropy

Another measure of nongaussianity is the negentropy which is based on the differential entropy known from information theory.

The differential entropy  $H$  of a random variable  $\mathbf{y}$  with density  $p_y(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is defined as

$$H(\mathbf{y}) = - \int p_y(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \log(p_y(\boldsymbol{\theta})) d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

Gaussian random variable has a high entropy.

The negentropy is defined as

$$J(\mathbf{y}) = H(\mathbf{y}_{\text{gaus}}) - H(\mathbf{y}),$$

which can also be seen as a normalised differential entropy.  $\mathbf{y}_{\text{gaus}}$  is a gaussian random variable.

### Approximation of Kurtosis and Negentropy

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#### Algorithm 1 Gradient Algorithm

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1. Center the observed data  $\mathbf{y}$ .  $\Delta \mathbf{w} \propto \text{sign}(\text{kurt}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{z})) \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{z})^3]$
  2.  $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$
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Notes: ICA can be used on Gaussian variables as little is done in addition to decorrelate for Gaussian variable

Whitening is useful to be done before ICA

## 3.3 Cov-DL

## 3.4 MSB



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Appendix A

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