

# Audio Signal Processing : VII. Time-frequency analysis

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### Definition :

$$G(t, \omega) = \int s(u)g(u - t)e^{-i\omega u}du$$

where

- $s(t)$  : is the audio signal
- $g(t)$  : is the window (localized, symmetric, real function)

### What shape for the window ?

so  $g$  should be smooth enough not to introduce spurious high frequency (more to come later)

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$$G(t, \omega) = \langle s, g_{\omega, t} \rangle$$

with

$$g_{\omega, t}(u) = g(u - t)e^{i\omega u}$$

$g_{\omega, t}$   $\simeq$  time-frequency atoms  $\simeq$  "test" functions

- Localization in time
  - Centered at time  $t$
  - support  $\simeq \sigma_t = \Delta t$
- Localization in frequency  $\hat{g}_{\omega, t}(\xi) = e^{-i\omega t} \hat{g}(\xi - \omega)$ 
  - Centered at frequency  $\omega$
  - support  $\simeq \sigma_\omega = \Delta \omega$

**Heisenberg inequality :**  $\Delta t \Delta \omega \geq C$

## VII.2 time-frequency atoms

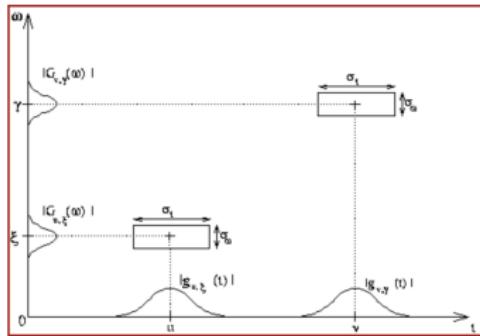
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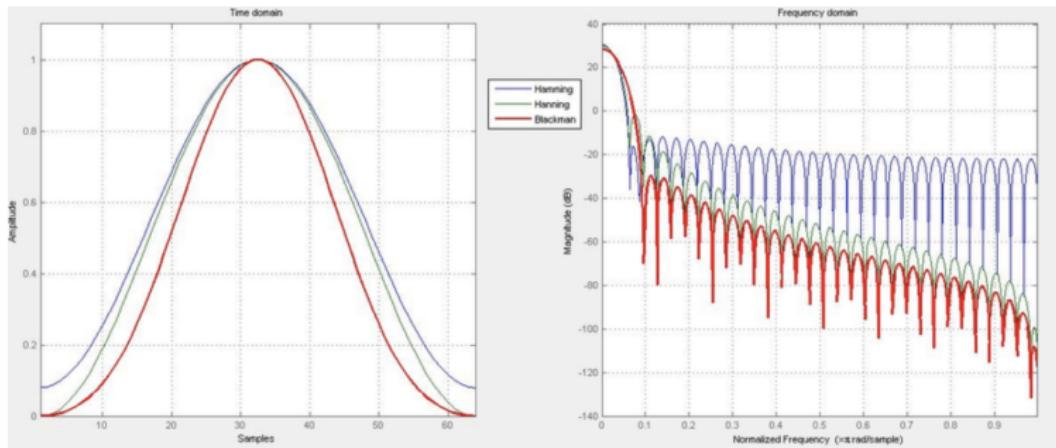
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- Hanning :  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos(2\pi x)$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$
- Hamming :  $0.54 - 0.46 \cos(2\pi x)$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$
- Blackman :  $0.42 - 0.5 \cos(2\pi x) + 0.08 \cos(4\pi x)$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$

Fenêtre	Lobe 2aire (dB)	Pente (dB/oct)	Bandé passante (bins)	Perte au pire des cas (dB)
Rectangulaire	-13	-6	1,21	3,92
Triangulaire	-27	-12	1,78	3,07
Hann	-32	-18	2,00	3,18
Hamming	-43	-6	1,81	3,10
Blackman-Harris 3	-67	-6	1,81	3,45

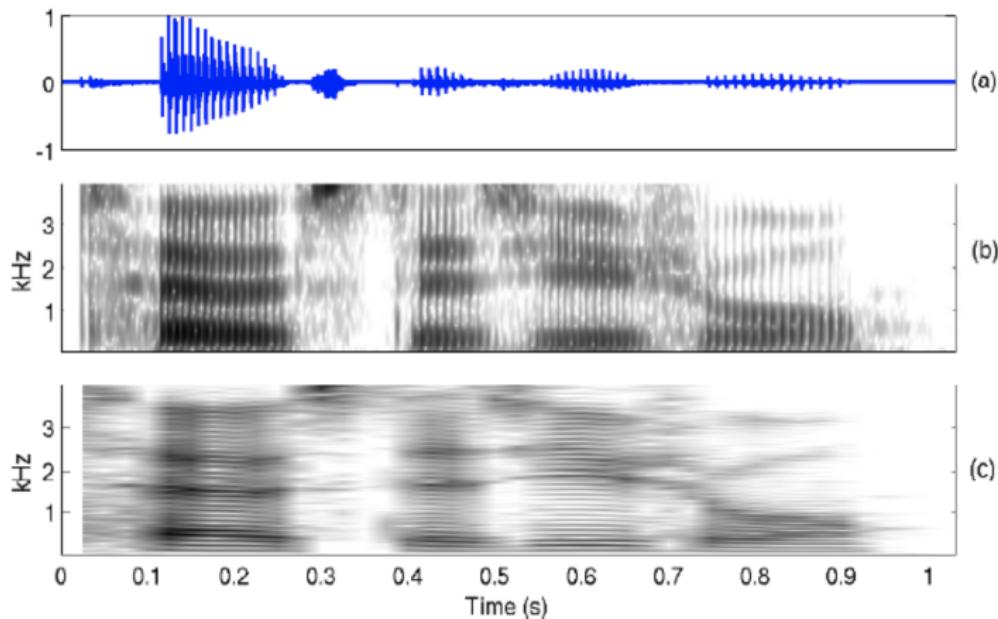
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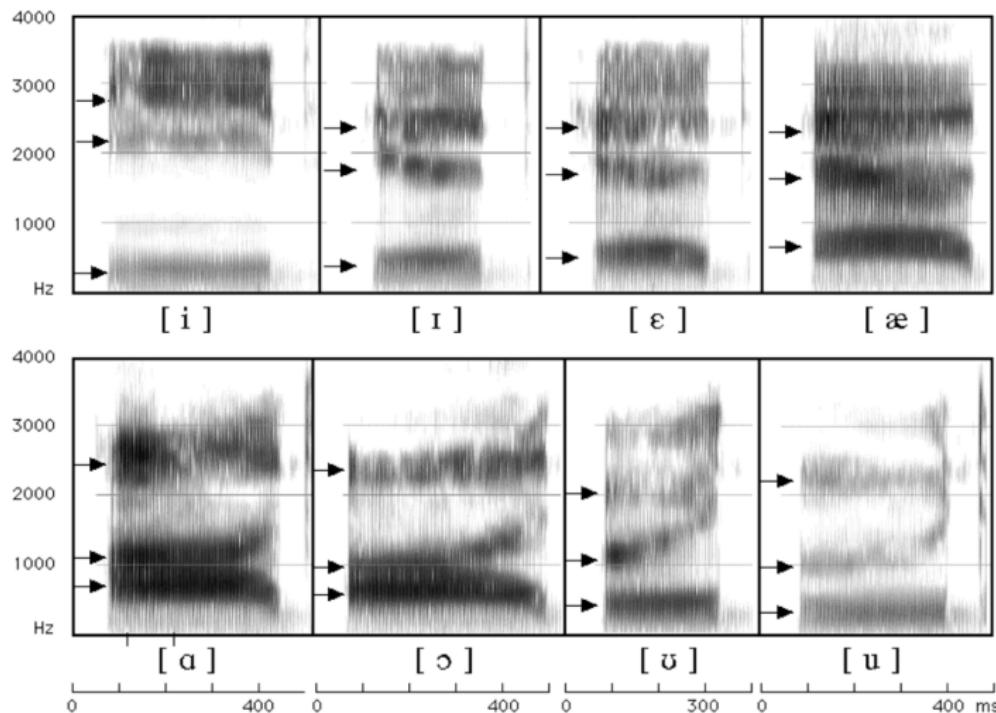
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Example of Spectrograms : narrow versus wide-band



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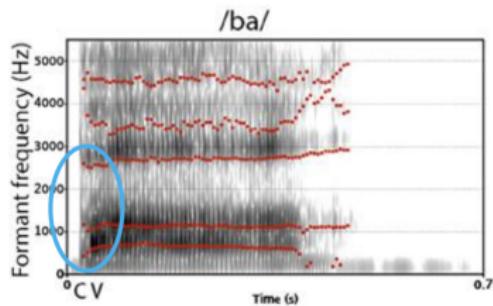
### Example of Spectrograms : vowels



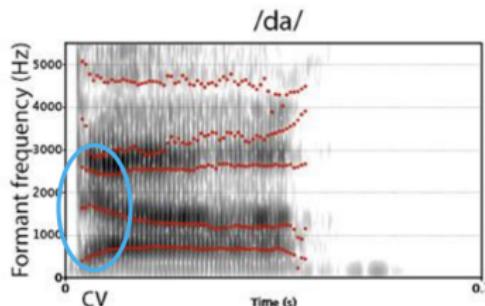
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### Example of Spectrograms : plosives

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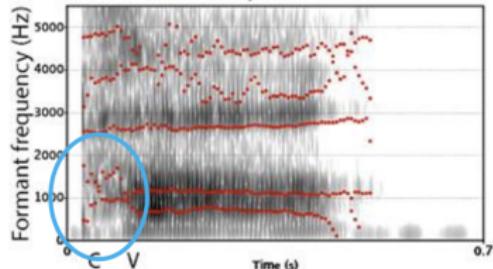


alveolar

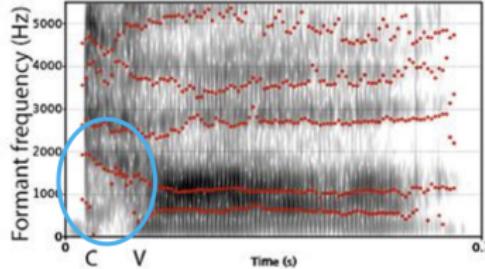


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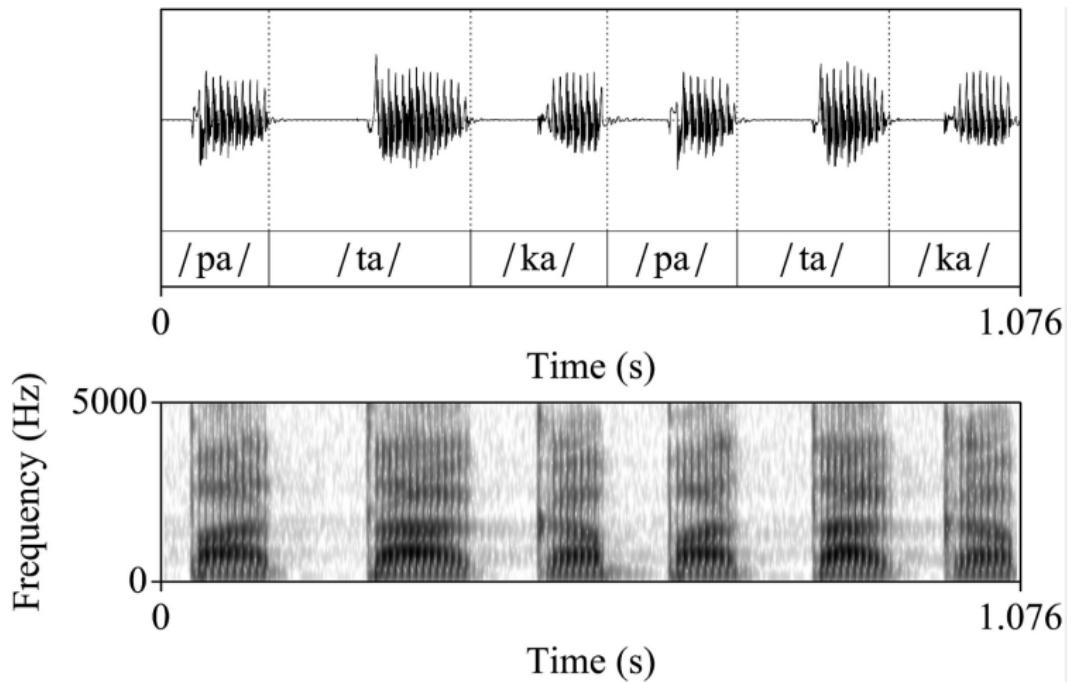


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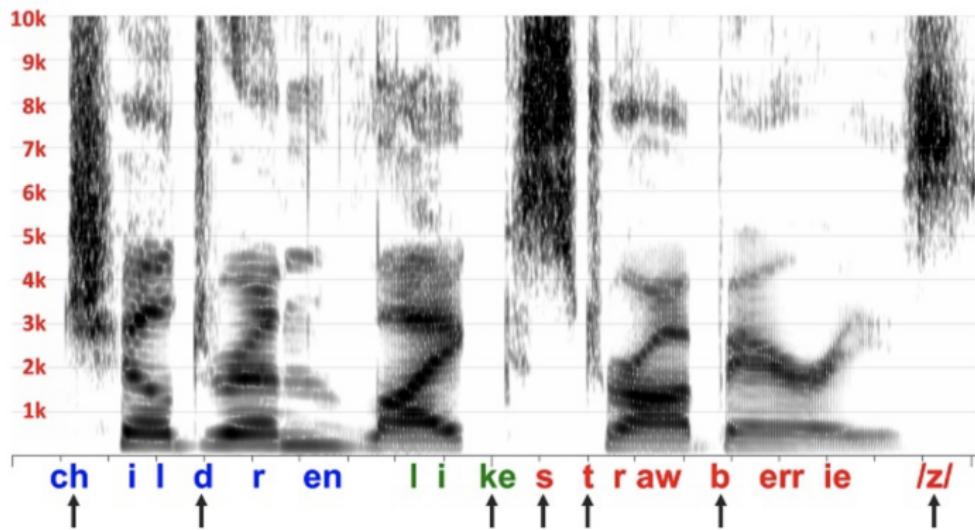
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Example of Spectrograms : more plosives



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Example of Spectrograms : sentence



### Definition

$$G(t, \omega) = \int s(u)g(u - t)e^{-i\omega u}du$$

One gets

$$G(t, \omega)e^{i\omega t} = s \star g_\omega(t)$$

where  $g_\omega(t) = g(t)e^{i\omega t}$ ,  $\hat{g}_\omega(\xi) = \hat{g}(\xi - \omega)$

Since  $G(t, \omega) = \langle s, g_{\omega,t} \rangle$ , with  $g_{\omega,t}(u) = g(u - t)e^{i\omega u}$

We could expect a reconstruction formula like

$$s(t) = C \int d\omega \int du G(u, \omega) g_{\omega,u}(t) ?$$

Actually one can use a reconstruction window  $h$  different from the analysis window  $g$

$$s(t) = C \int d\omega \int du G(u, \omega) h_{\omega, u}(t)$$

where

$$C = \frac{1}{2\pi \langle h, g \rangle}$$

## Definition

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One has

$$\|s\|^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi \|g\|^2} \int du \int d\omega |G(u, \omega)|^2$$

## Analysis

- Time discretization (Shannon) of the signal  $s[n] = s(n\Delta t)$

$$G(\omega, n\Delta t) = \sum s[m]g[m - n]e^{-i\omega m\Delta t}$$

- $g$  has a support of size  $N$  (so does  $s[.]g[.-n]$ )
- A natural sampling for  $\omega$  is given by Discrete Fourier Transform :  $\Delta\omega = \frac{2\pi}{N\Delta t}$

$$G[k, n] = G(k\Delta\omega, n\Delta t) = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} s[m]g[m-n]e^{-\frac{2i\pi km}{N}}, \quad n \in [0, N[, \quad k \in [0, N[$$

Any hint about increasing the sampling precision of  $\omega$  (i.e., decreasing  $\Delta\omega$ )?

## Reconstruction

- We subsample in time  $\{G(k, n)\}_{k,n} \rightarrow \{G(k, pR)\}_{k,p}$
- For each time  $pR$  we inverse Fourier transform, so we get  $\{s[n]g[n - pR]\}$  (which has a support of size  $N$ ).
- We use a reconstruction window  $h[n]$  such that

$$\sum_p g[n - pR]h[n - pR] = 1$$

- we thus get

$$\sum_p s[n]g[n - pR]h[n - pR] = s[n]$$

## Framework

$$s(t) = a(t) \cos(\phi(t))$$

where

- $a(t)$  : slowly varying (compared to  $\phi(t)$ )
- $\phi'(t)$  : instantaneous frequency
- $\phi''(t)$  : slowly varying (compared to  $\phi(t)$ )

## Theorem

$$s(t) = a(t) \cos(\phi(t)), \quad \Delta a(t) \ll \Delta \phi(t), \quad \Delta \phi'(t) \ll \Delta \phi(t)$$

If  $\hat{g}(\omega)$  has a support  $]-\frac{\Delta\Omega}{2}, \frac{\Delta\Omega}{2}[$  and if  $\phi'(t) > \frac{\Delta\Omega}{2}$  then the function

$$\omega \longrightarrow |G(t, \omega)|$$

has a maximum at  $\omega = \phi'(t)$