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# NODYCON

Abstract review is back!

## Last week's work

- ✦ Implemented Fourier discretisation
- ✦ Compared it against splines
- ✦ Some ideas about surrogates and CBC
- ✦ Manuscript editing [c. 5400 words]

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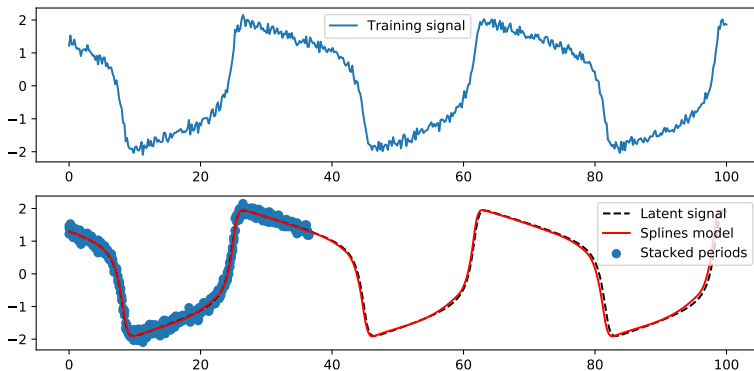
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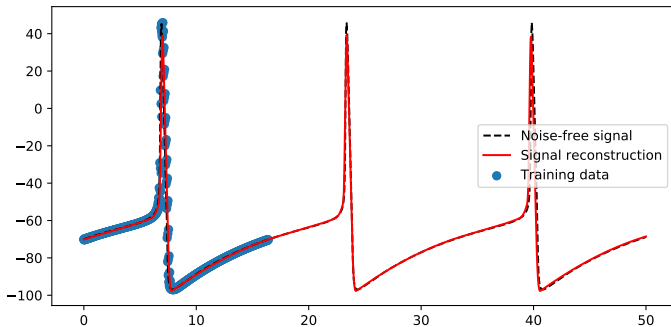
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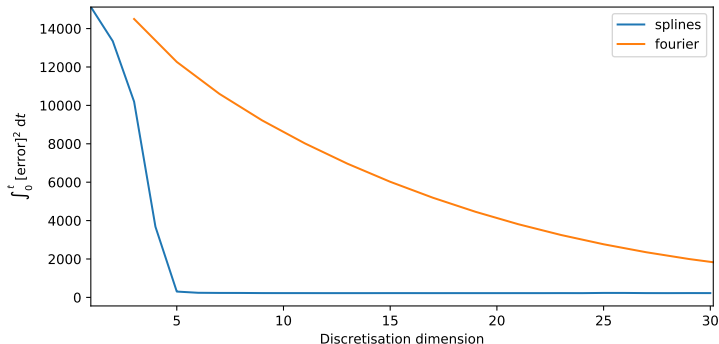
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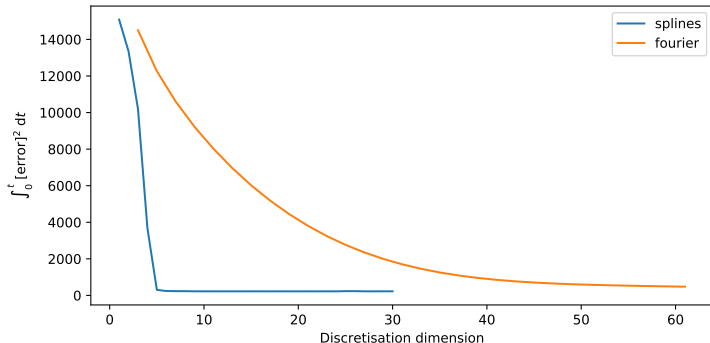
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## Open problems

### ✶ Robustness

- ▶ Does it break down on stochastic systems? Eg. if data aren't fully periodic
- ▶ Do we need a human in the loop, to manually adjust anything?

### ✶ Locality

- ▶ Knots are fitted / work well for  $\lambda_0$ ; can the same knots model  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_i$ ?
- ▶ (They need to for predicting the next PO in an iteration)

## CBC approach

Question: there's several ways of performing CBC; which is best for this?

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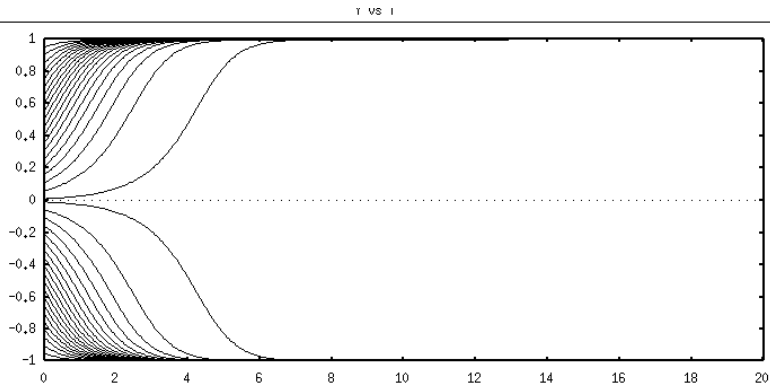
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Medium-speed signals:

- ✦ Can be more efficiently discretised with splines than Fourier
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  - ▶ Splines discretise more efficiently, but we still use Fourier
- ✦ Enough HF harmonics that we wouldn't want to use LP filtering  $\implies$  we need a surrogate

This is surrogates usage case

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- ✖ Surrogates are useful for Fourier iteration on faster signals
- ✖ Example usage: cleaning noise from a highly nonlinear forced Duffing

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The two new methods complement each other; one for Newton iter's, one for Fourier iter's; paper should make this clear

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## Next steps

1. Test splines generalisation, robustness
2. Write up results so far into a paper
3. Demonstrate splines with CBC

Alternative: skip step 1 altogether and jump in with CBC simulation

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## Generalisation and robustness [again]

### ✦ Generalisation

- ▶ Knots are fitted / work well for  $\lambda_0$ ; can the same knots model  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_i$ ?
- ▶ (They need to for predicting the next PO in an iteration)

### ✦ Robustness

- ▶ Does it break down on stochastic systems? Eg. if data aren't fully periodic
- ▶ Do we need a human in the loop, to manually adjust anything?

## Key dates

- ✦ Bath maths ML conference, week of Aug.3rd - 7th
- ✦ Conference paper submission, September 11th 25th
- ✦ Goal: start conference paper writing mid-August