



Vector graphics in PGF/TikZ

I.e. how to make kick-a*s graphics for your academic documents

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2. Quick TikZ graphics overview
 - Basic commands and concepts
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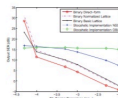


Fig. 24: Fault-tolerance test results of traditional binary direct-form, normalized lattice, basic lattice, stochastic NSS and stochastic OBLI implementations for a 3rd-order low-pass butterworth IIR filter with cut-off frequency 0.3π .

It is shown that the proposed stochastic implementations suffer less from bit-flipping errors than traditional binary implementations. For the OBLI and ONLI implementations, bit-flipping almost has no impact on the output accuracy when flipping percentage is under 0.5%. Starting with 0.01% bit-flipping, the performance of the traditional binary implementation is degraded significantly due to random bit-flippings. For a very low rate of bit-flipping, the traditional binary implementation has 66.84% more output SER than stochastic implementations. Also OBLI and ONLI are slightly outperformed by the other 4 stochastic implementations since less binary multipliers are used in OBLI and ONLI implementations.

Figure: Rasterized graphic (IEEE TSP 2016)

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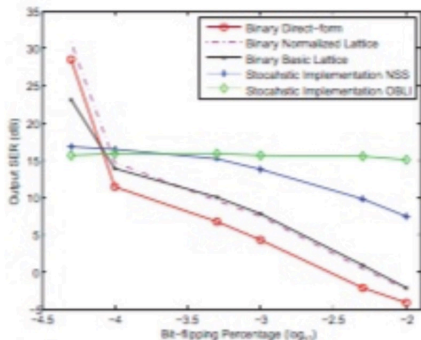


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Fig. 7. Mis and ASG performance over time of PEM-FDAF, PEM-FDKF, PEM-PBFDAF and PEM-PBFDKF using the constant forward path gain K_1 , a smooth AIR transition (cf. bottom of Fig. 4), simulated 10 times.

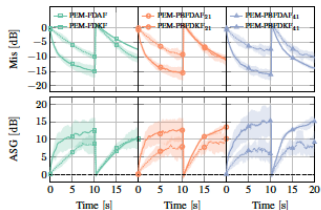


Fig. 8. Mis and ASG performance over time of PEM-FDAF, PEM-FDKF, PEM-PBFDAF and PEM-PBFDKF using the constant forward path gain K_1 , an abrupt AIR transition from AIR1 to AIR2, and 10 different source signals.

We have also proposed an extension of the algorithm by means of a PB implementation, which makes the algorithm more appealing for use in systems where large algorithmic delays are not tolerated, such as in HA applications.

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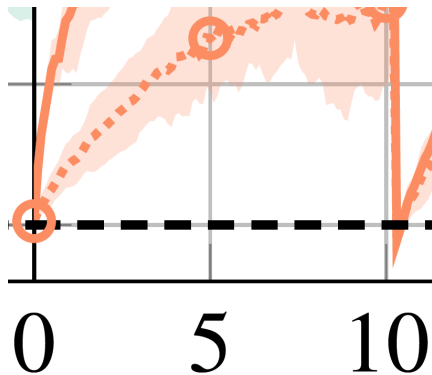


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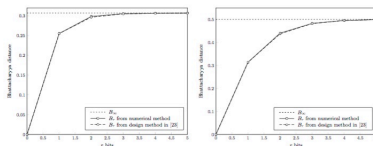


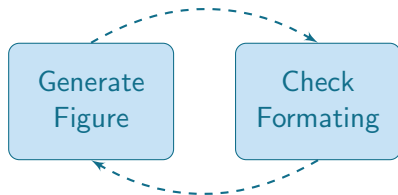
Fig. 4. Bhattacharyya distance of a sensor designed using our numerical method and the method proposed in [23] and the Bhattacharyya distance contained in each observation, for the Laplacian case (left) and the Gaussian case (right), when $m = 1$.

B. Gaussian Observations

When the observations at the sensors are Gaussian distributed as (16) it is, similar to the

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Tikz

- ▶ TikZ ist *kein* Zeichenprogramm
- ▶ Descriptive syntax based on METAFONT
- ▶ (Best?) Frontend for PGF
- ▶ Lots of high-level libraries

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Cons

- ▶ Steep learning curve
- ▶ No WYSIWYG
- ▶ Long compilation time
- ▶ Cryptic errors → Might make you want to smash your laptop^a

^aPerhaps less so nowadays with LLMs not getting bored at listening to you

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Calling a `.tikz` file

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  \input{my_tikzpic.tikz}  
  \caption{...}  
  \label{...}  
\end{figure}
```

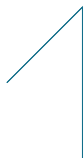
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Drawing a line.

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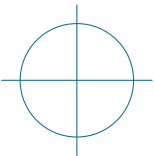



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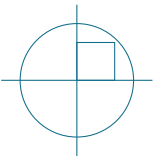
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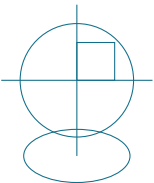


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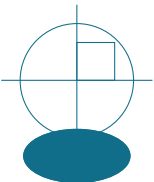


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  \node[draw] (n1) at (0,0) {$n_1$};  
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\begin{tikzpicture}  
  \node[draw, thick] (n1) at (0,0) {$n_1$};  
\end{tikzpicture}
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\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node[draw, thick, fill=yellow!30!white]
    (n1) at (0,0) {$n_1$};
\end{tikzpicture}
```


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```
\begin{tikzpicture}  
  \node[draw, thick, fill=yellow!30!white,  
    rounded corners] (n1) at (0,0) {$n_1$};  
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\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node[draw, thick, rounded corners] (n1)
    at (0,0) {$n_1$};
\end{tikzpicture}
```

 n_2

Drawing another node and connect the two.

```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node[draw,thick] (n2) at (0,-4) {$n_2$};

\end{tikzpicture}
```



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Drawing a node with style.

```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \tikzset{mynode/.style={draw,
    thick,fill=yellow!30!white,
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  \node[mynode] (n1) at (0,0) {$n_1$};

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  \node[mynode] (n3) at (0,-2) {$n_3$};

\end{tikzpicture}
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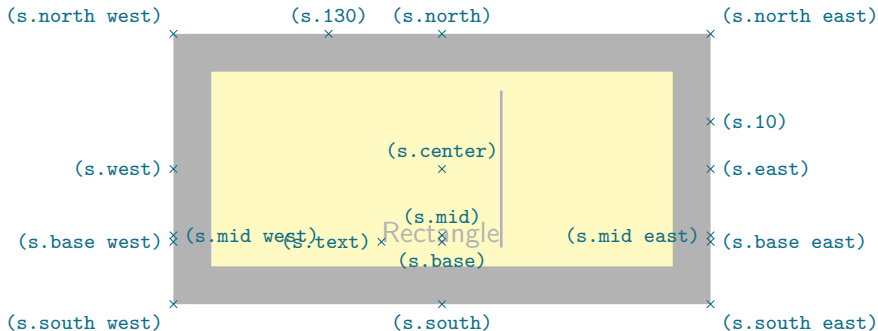
  \foreach \x in {1,...,5}
    \node[mynode] (n\x) at (0,1-\x)
      {$n_{\x}$};

\end{tikzpicture}
```

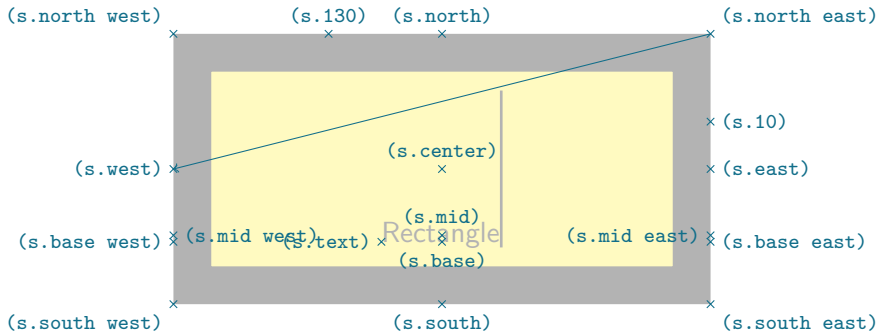


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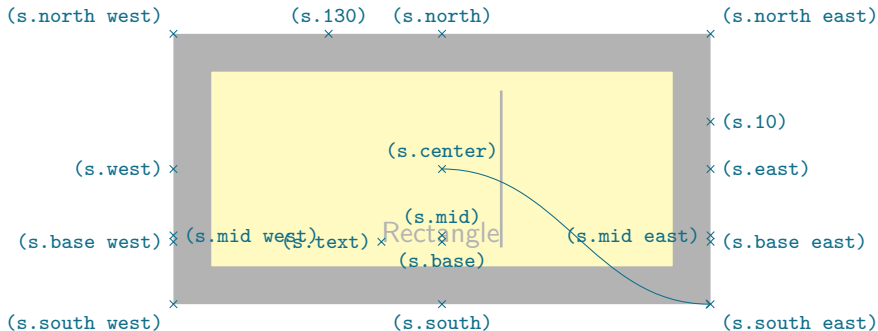
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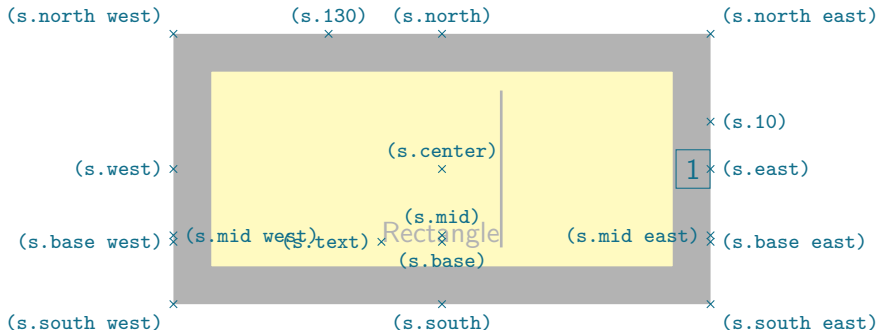
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\draw[->] (s.north east) -- (s.west);
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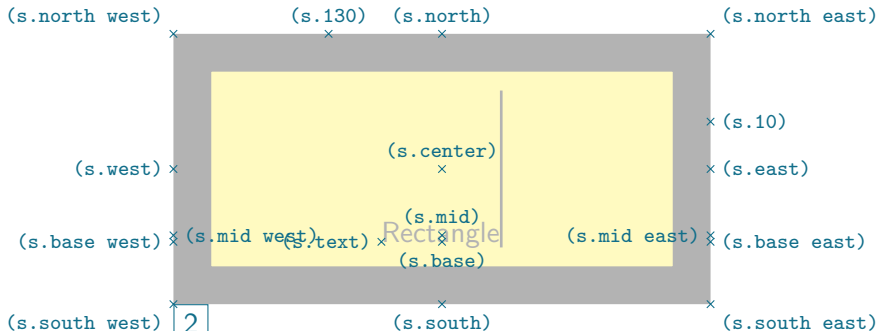
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\draw[->] (s.center) to [out=0, in=180] (s.south east);
```



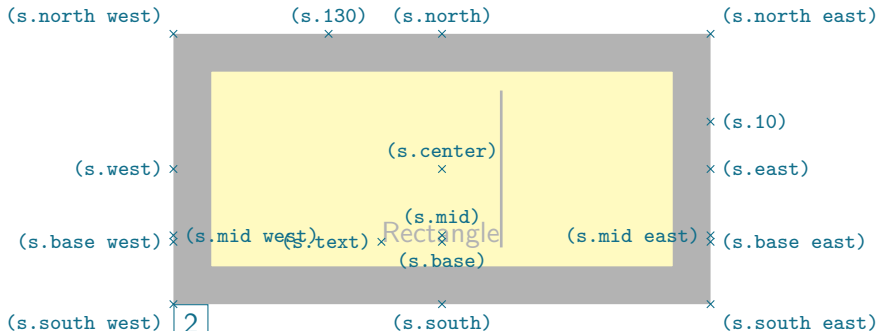
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\node[draw,anchor=east] at (s.east) {1};
```



```
\node[draw,anchor=north west] at (s.south west) {2};
```

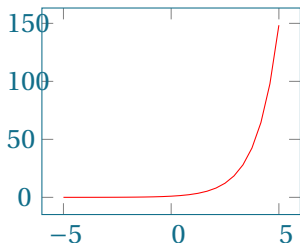


```
\node[draw,below right] at (s.south west) {2};
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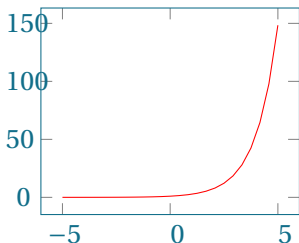
The package pgfplots

- ▶ Separate package, `\usepackage{pgfplots}`
- ▶ Built on TikZ/PGF
- ▶ Support function plotting
- ▶ Support data plotting
- ▶ Might slow down compilation time (externalization)



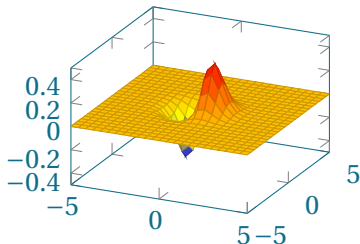
Plotting a 2D function.

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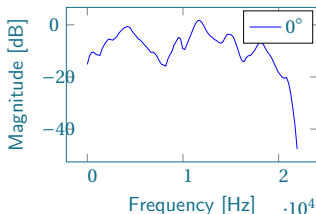
```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{axis}[width=5cm]
    \addplot3[surf]
      {exp(-x^2-y^2)*x};
  \end{axis}
\end{tikzpicture}
```

We have the following data saved in `HRTF.tsv`

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21939	-47.6

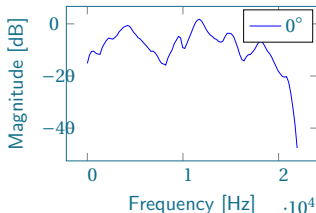
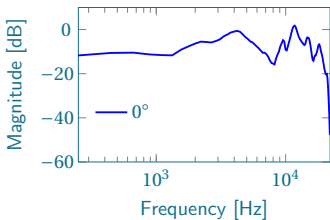
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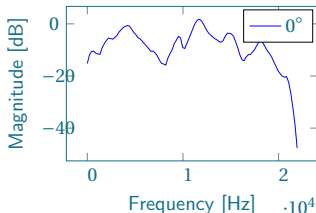
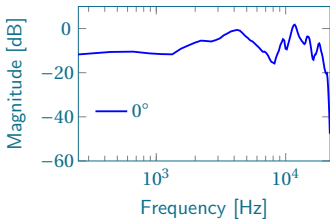
Plotting a collection of data.

```
\begin{tikzpicture}[scale=0.7]
  \begin{axis}[%
    width=\fwidth, height=\fheight,
    xlabel={Frequency [Hz]},
    ylabel={Magnitude [dB]}
  ]
    \addplot [color=blue]
      table{HRTFs.tsv};
    \addlegendentry{$0^\circ$};
  \end{axis}
\end{tikzpicture}%
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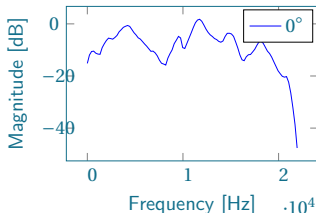
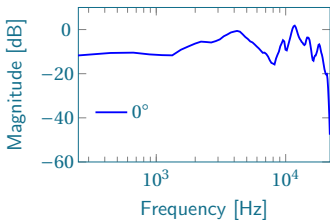
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    xmode=log,
    xmin=250,xmax=22050,
    ymin=-60,ymax=10,
    yticklabel style={text width=1.5em},
    xticklabel style={text width=2em,
      align=center},
    legend style={at={(axis cs:300,-30)},
      anchor=north west,fill=none,draw=none,legend
        cell align=left}
  ]
  \addplot [color=blue,line width=1.5pt]
    table{HRTF.tsv};
  \addlegendentry{$0^\circ$};
\end{axis}
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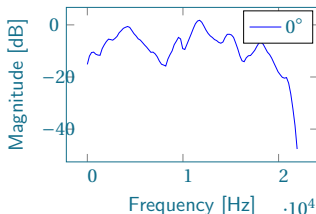
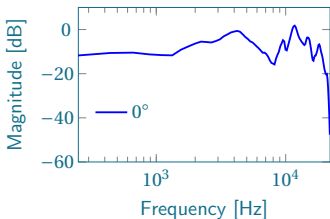
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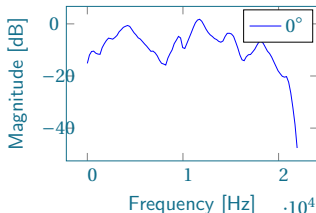
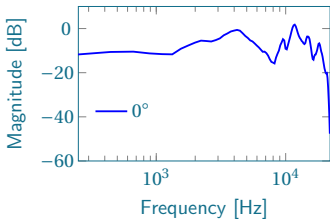
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<http://www.texample.net/tikz/resources/>

Multiplatform

- ▶ matlab2tikz (MATLAB)
- ▶ matplotlib2tikz (Python)
- ▶ tikzDevice (R)
- ▶ Inkscape TikZ exporter
- ▶ TikzEdt

Localized

- ▶ TikziT 
- ▶ Sublime Text 3 
- ▶ kTikz 
- ▶ TikzEdt 
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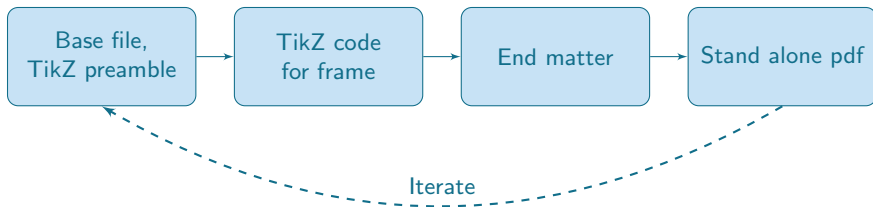
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```
\usepackage{pgfplots}  
\usetikzlibrary{external}  
\tikzexternalize[prefix=tikz/]  
  
:  
:  
  
\tikzsetnextfilename{myfigurename}  
\begin{tikzpicture}
```

- ▶ Video is worth a million words
- ▶ Can generate AVI, MPG = loss of resolution, large file size
- ▶ Use knowledge of TikZ and animate package
- ▶ Generate each frame as standalone pdf

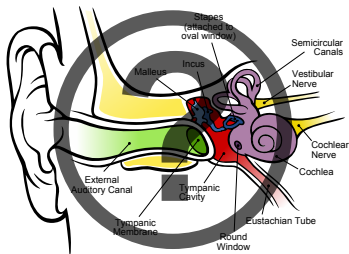


Include in Beamer

```
\animategraphics[<options>]{<frames per second>}...  
<name without extension>{<first frame>}{<last frame>}
```


Thank you for your attention

Questions?!?!





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