

# Multivariate Convolutional Sparse Coding for Electromagnetic Brain Signals

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**Goal:** Study the brain mechanisms while it is functioning.

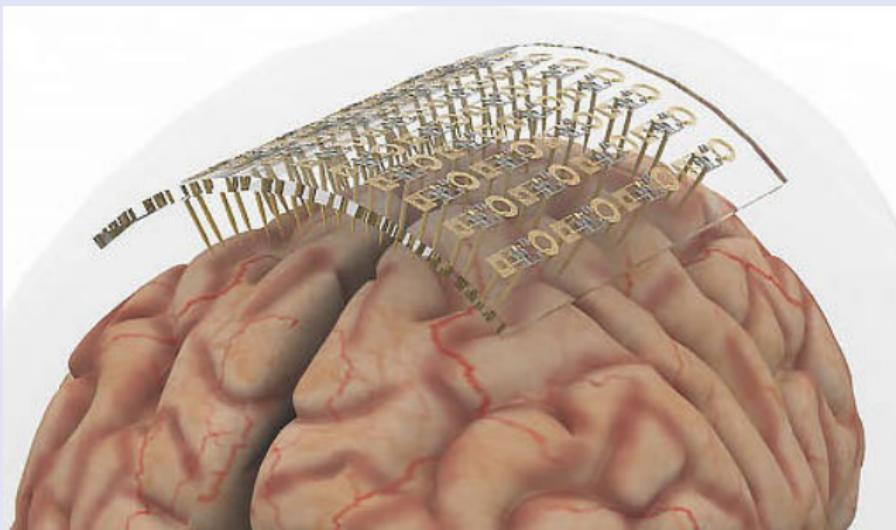
**Outputs:**

- ▶ **Functional Atlases:** Link areas of the brain to specific cognitive functions.
- ▶ **Functional Connectivity:** Highlight the information flow in the brain.
- ▶ **Healthcare:** Develop bio-markers for neurological disorders.

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Direct measurement: intracranial EEG.



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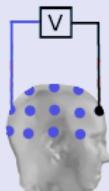
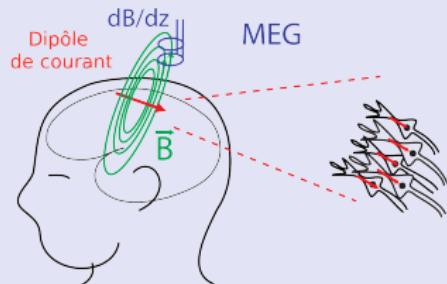
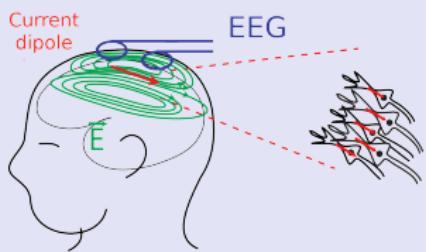
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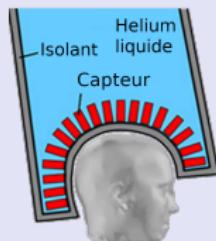
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Remote measurement: M/EEG.



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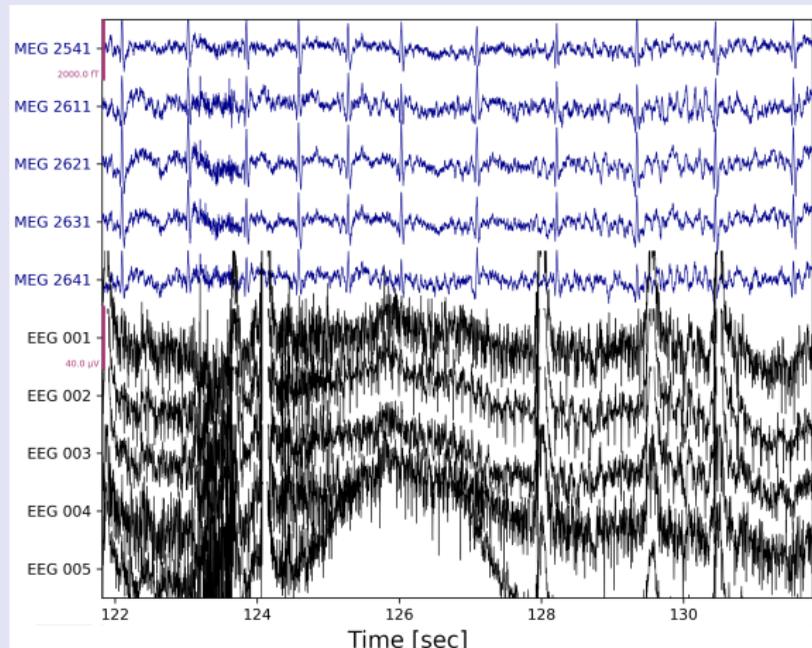


Global

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# M/EEG signals

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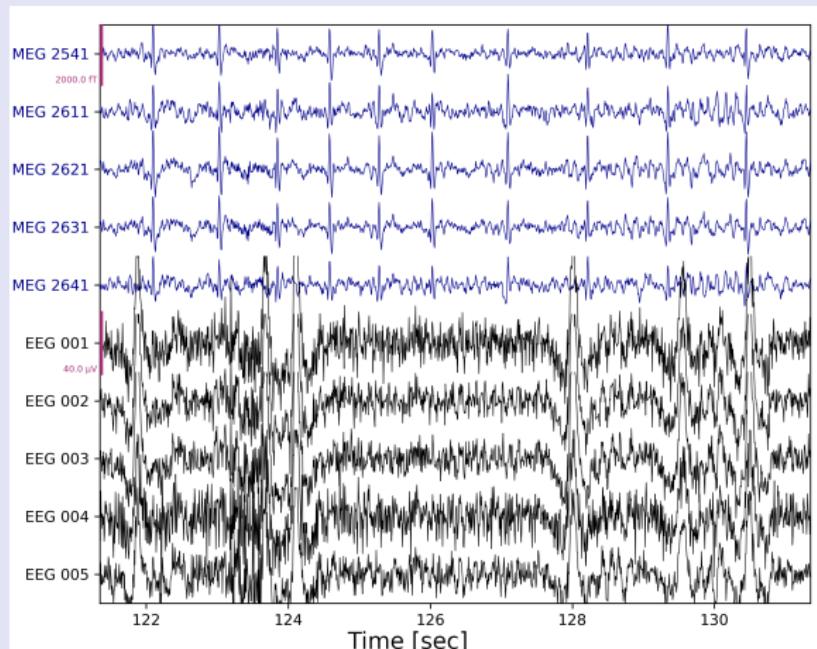


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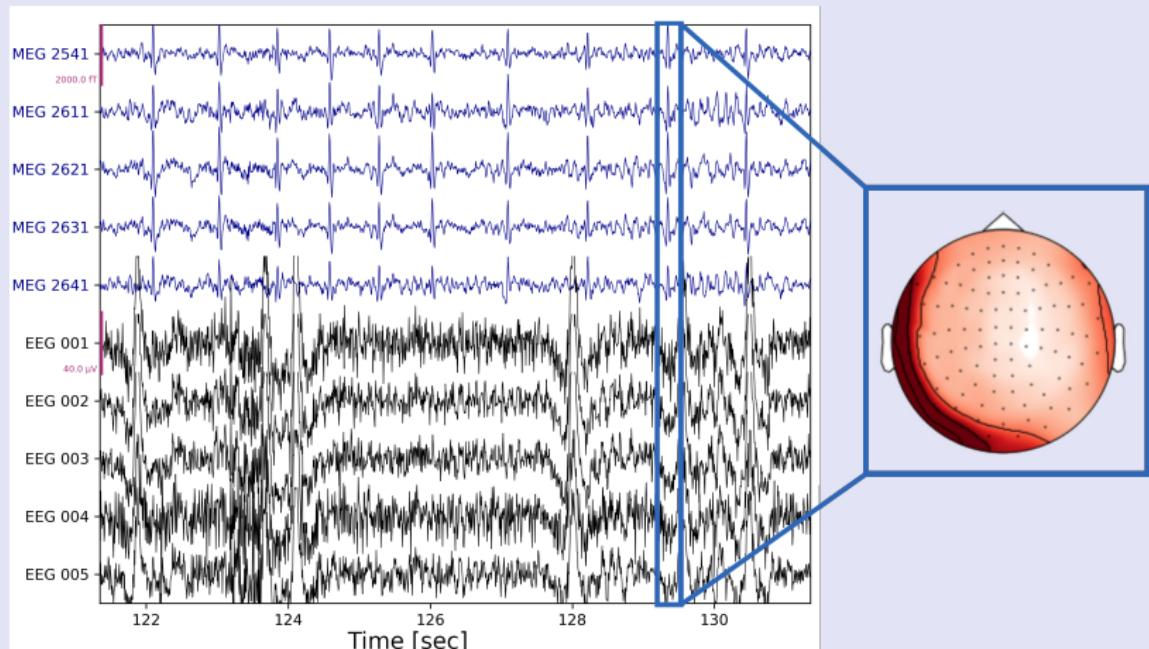
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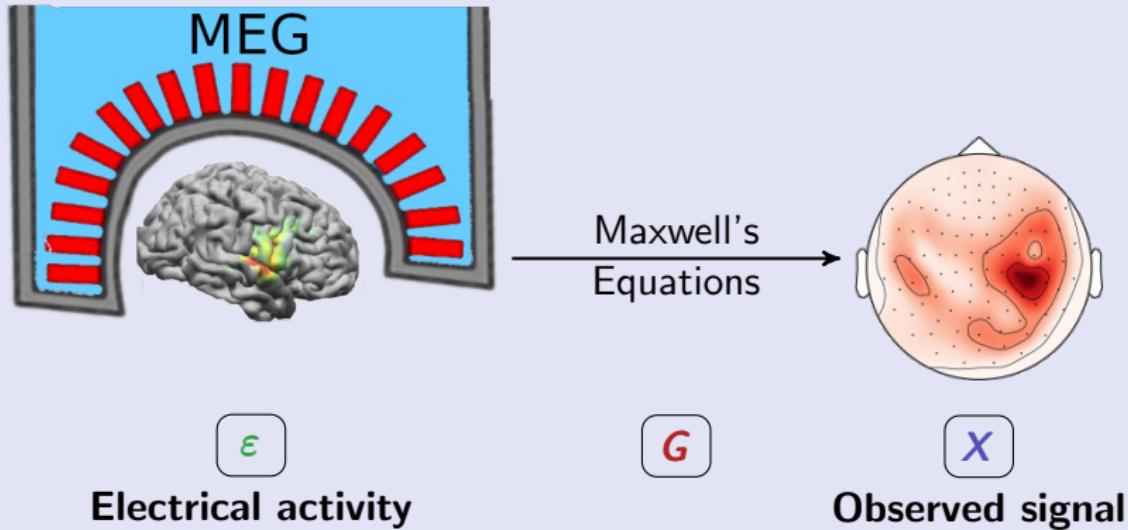


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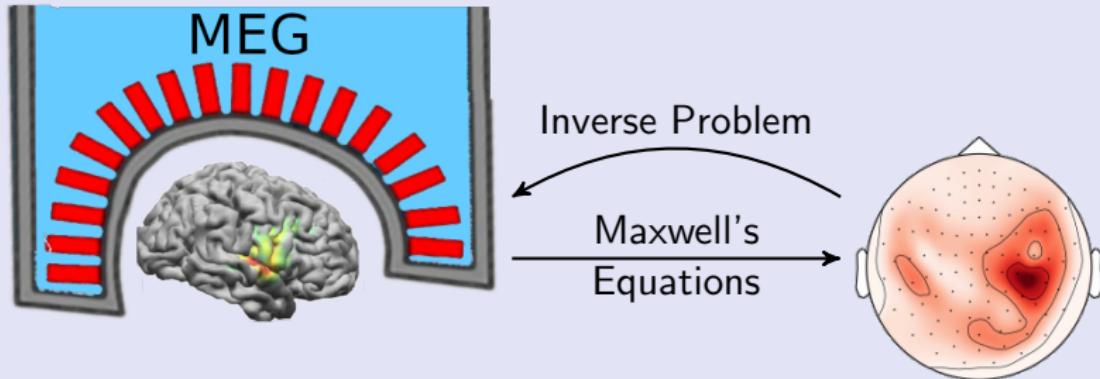
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Electrical activity

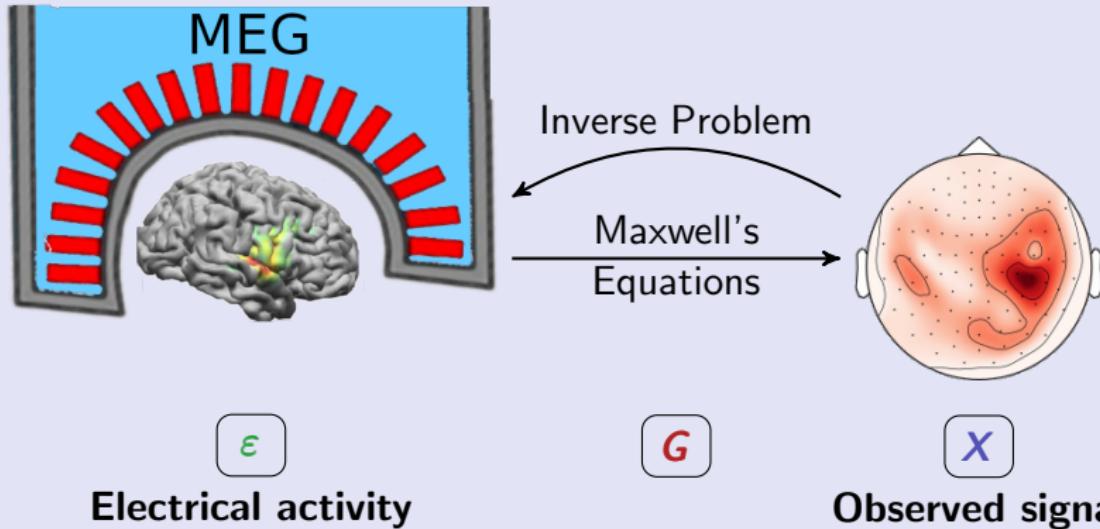
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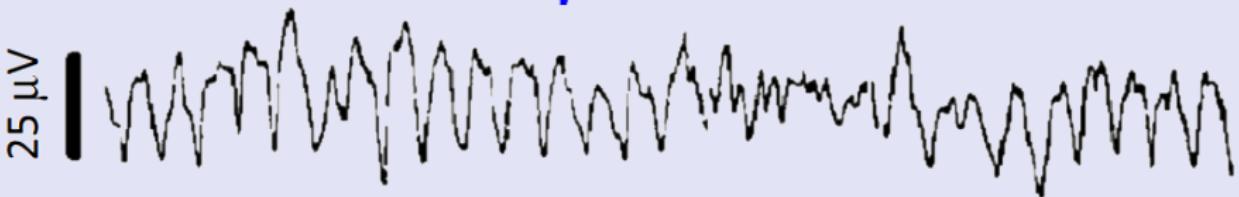
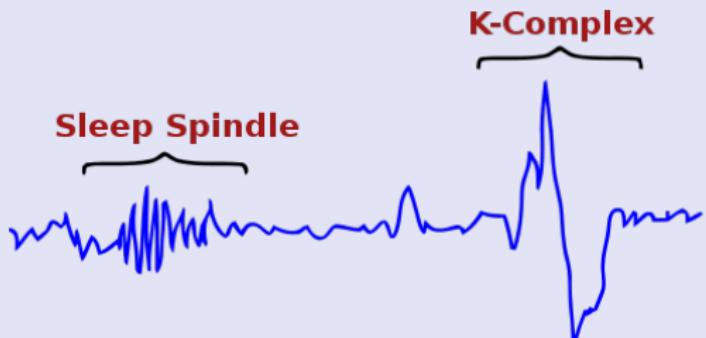
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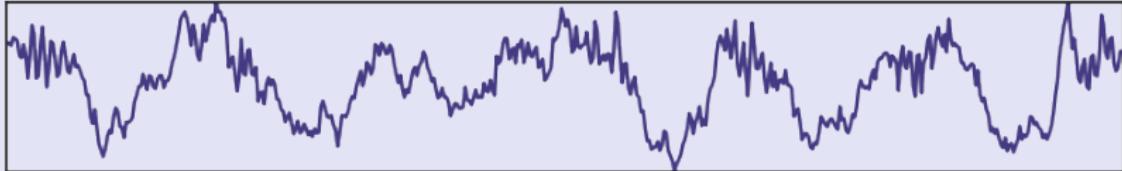
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- ▶ Dipole fit [Sarvas, 1987]
- ▶ Regularized optimization [Gramfort et al., 2012]
- ▶ Deep-learning [Hecker et al., 2021]

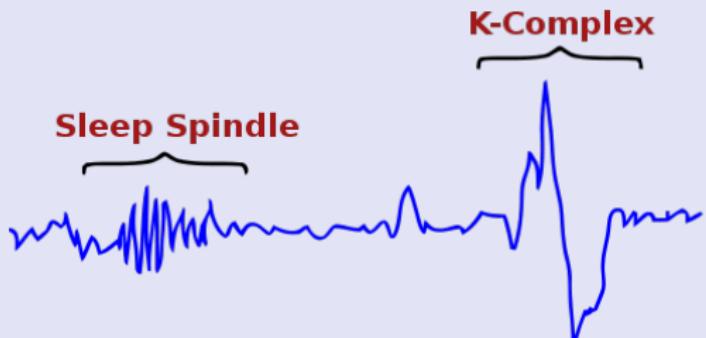


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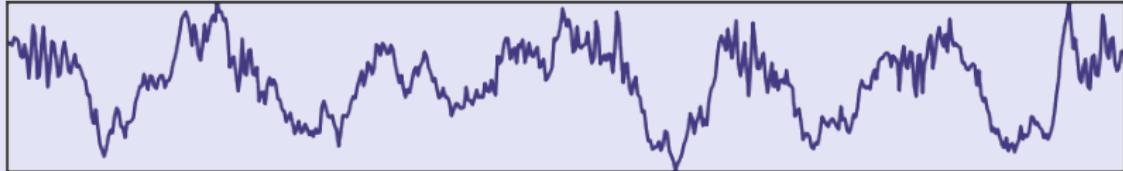
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Waveform shape can be related to diseases  
e.g. Parkinson

[Jackson et al. 2019]

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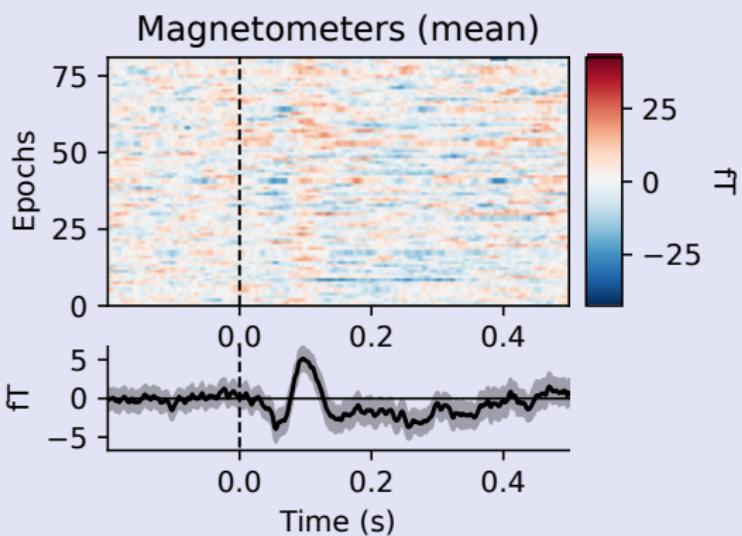
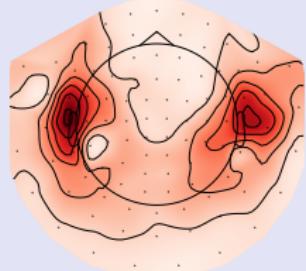
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Evoked response to an auditory stimuli



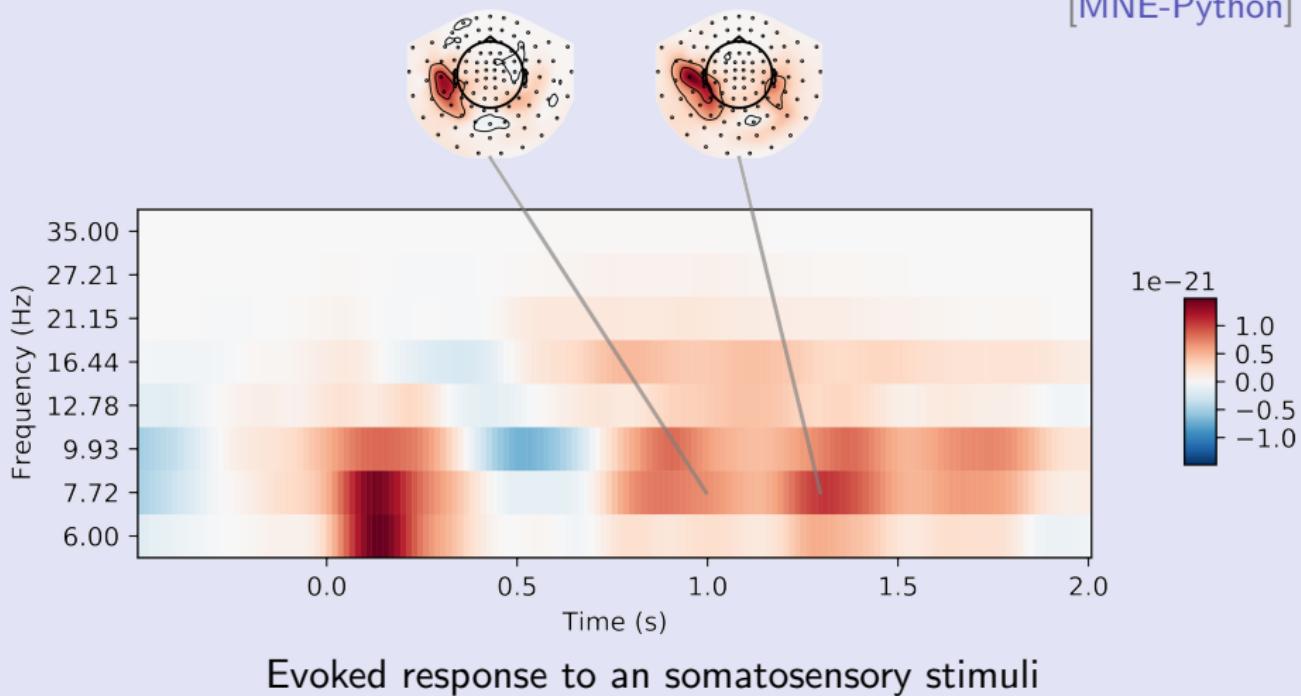
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# Repeated Stimuli – Induced Response

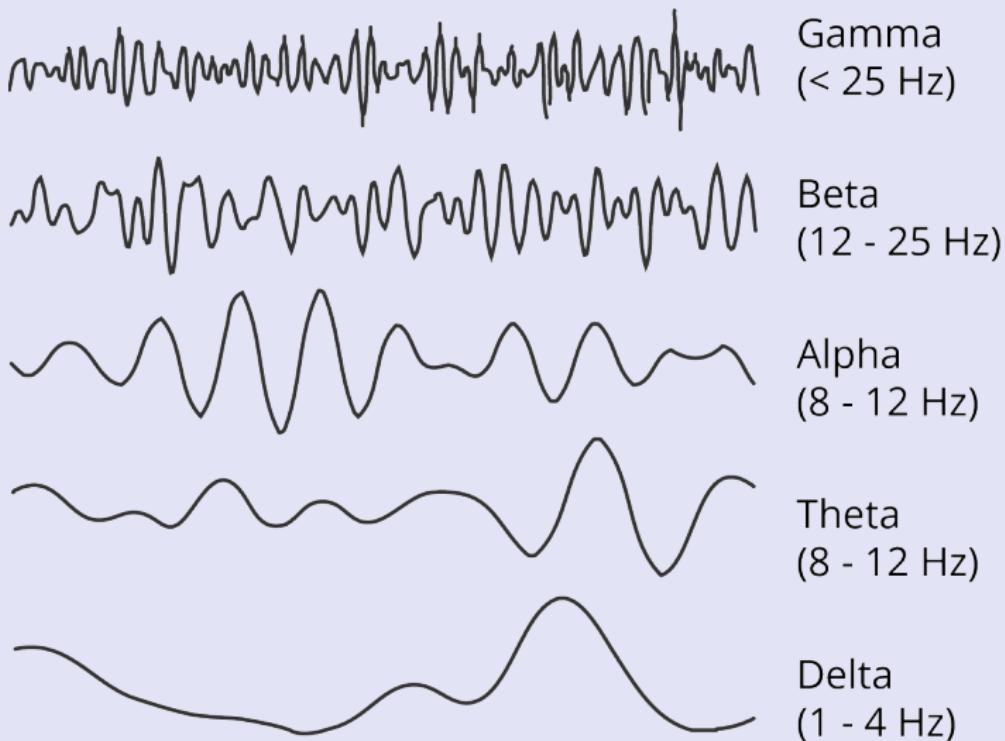
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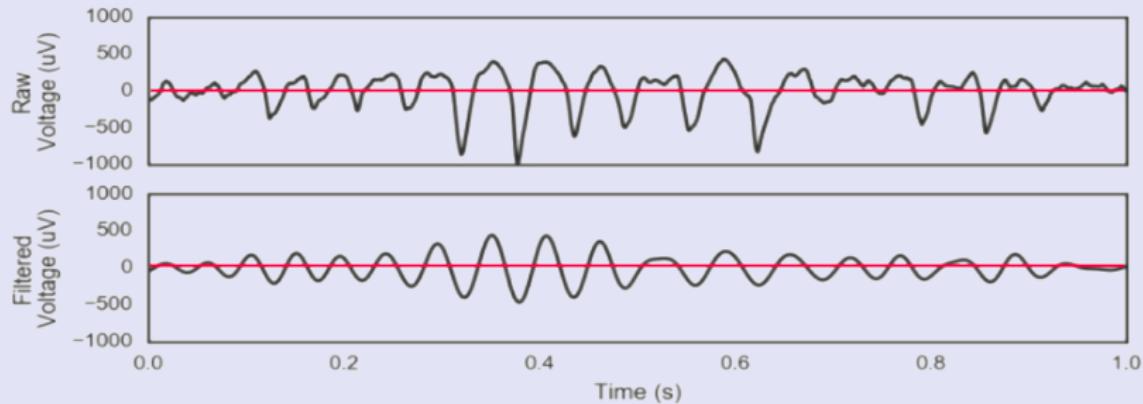


## “Textbook” brain rhythms



## Linear filtering

After Linear filters, everything looks like a sinusoid.



⇒ Lose the asymmetry and the shape information

## Fourier Fallacy

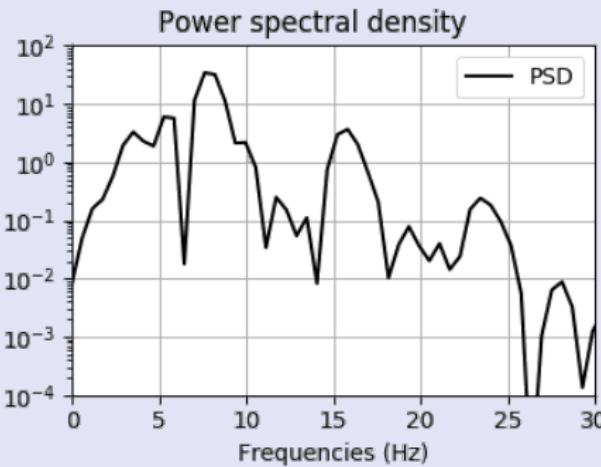
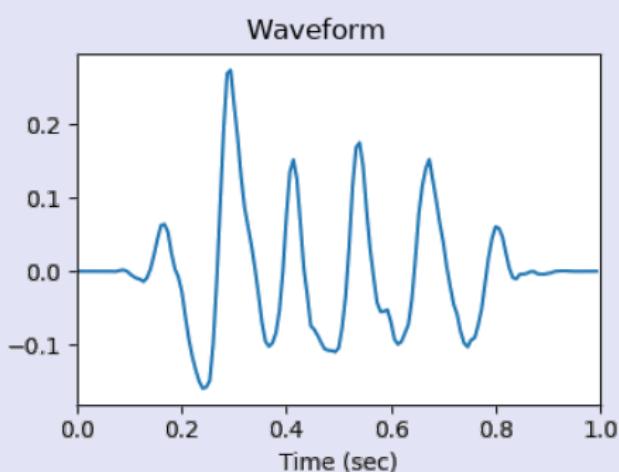
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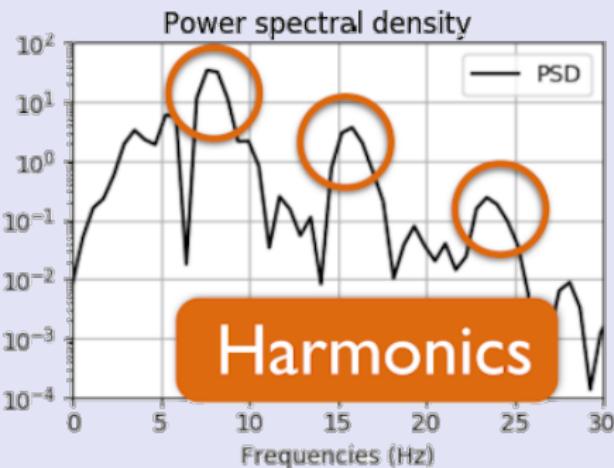
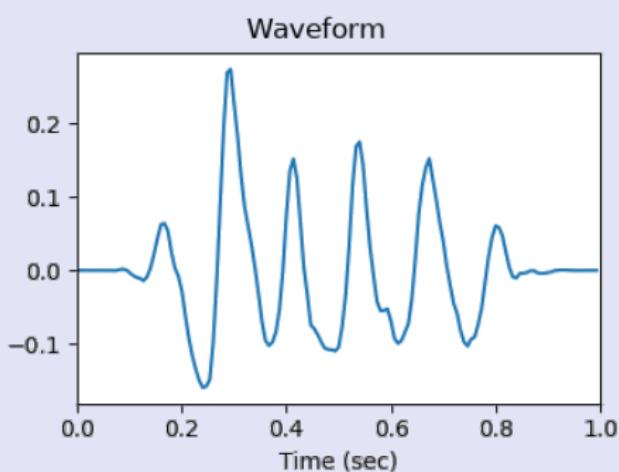
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## Learning the waveform: Convolutional Dictionary Learning

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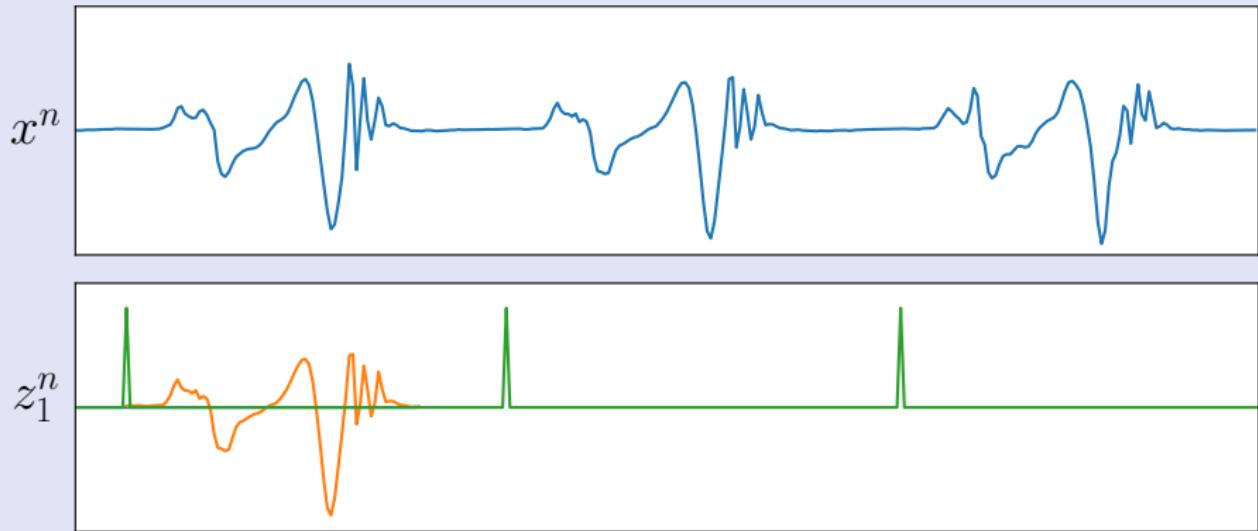
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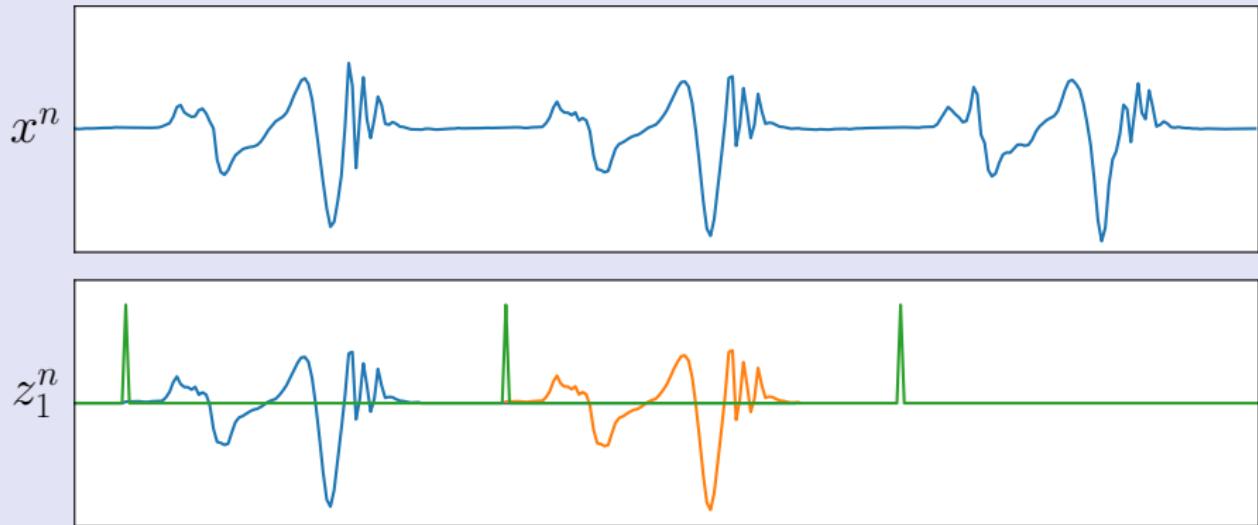
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$$x^n[t] = \sum_{k=1}^K (z_k^n * d_k)[t] + \varepsilon[t]$$

For a set of  $N$  univariate signals  $x^n$ , solve

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{d,z} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \left\| \boxed{x^n} - \sum_{k=1}^K \boxed{z_k} * \boxed{d_k} \right\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^K \|\boxed{z_k}\|_1, \\ \text{s.t. } \|\boxed{d_k}\|_2^2 \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Hypothesis:** patterns  $d_k$  are not present everywhere in the signal. They are localized in time.

⇒ Sparse activation signals  $z$

**Technical hypothesis:** the patterns are in the  $\ell_2$ -ball:  $\|d_k\|_2^2 \leq 1$ .

## Optimization strategy

**Bi-convex:** The problem is not jointly convex in  $z_k^n$ , and  $d_k$  but it is convex in each block of coordinate.

**Alternate minimization** (a.k.a. Bloc Coordinate Descent):

- ▶ **Z-step:** given a fixed estimate of the atom, compute the activation signal  $z_k^n$  associated to each signal  $x^n$ .
- ▶ **D-step:** given a fixed estimate of the activation, update the atoms in the dictionary  $d_k$ .

**Unrolled optimization:**

- ▶ **Z-step:** use an fixed differentiable procedure  $f(x^n, D)$ .
- ▶ **D-step:** learn  $D$  through back-propagation.

[Malezieux et al. 2022]

## How to extend CSC to multivariate signals?

We can just use multivariate convolution,

$$\underbrace{X[t]}_{\in \mathbb{R}^P} = \sum_{k=1}^K (z_k * D_k)[t] = \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{\tau=1}^L z_k[t - \tau] \underbrace{D_k[\tau]}_{\in \mathbb{R}^P}$$

with:

- ▶  $X$  a multivariate signal of length  $T$  in  $\mathbb{R}^P$
- ▶  $D_k$  a multivariate signal of length  $L$  in  $\mathbb{R}^P$
- ▶  $z_k$  a univariate activation signal of length  $\tilde{T} = T - L + 1$

However, this model does not account for the physics of the problem.

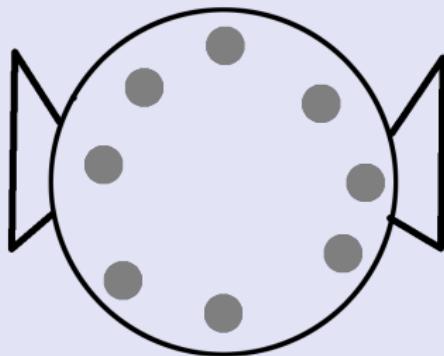
## Rank-1 constrained dictionary learning

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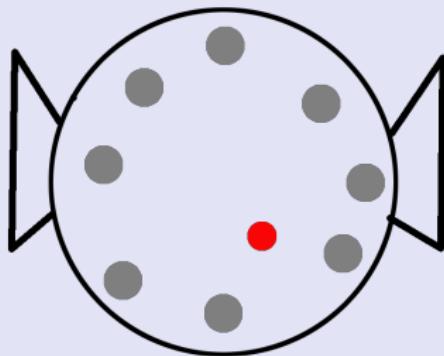
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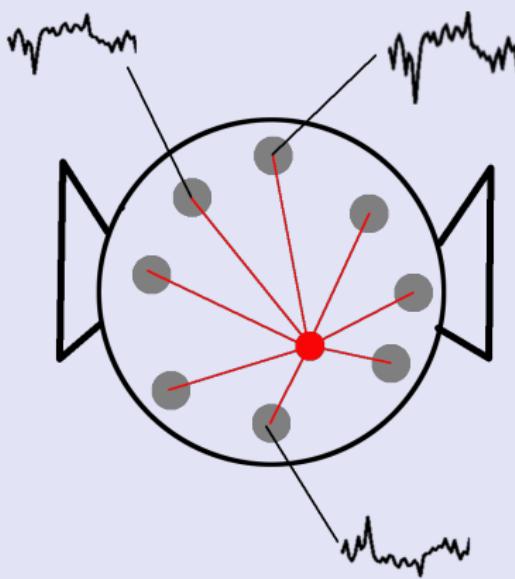
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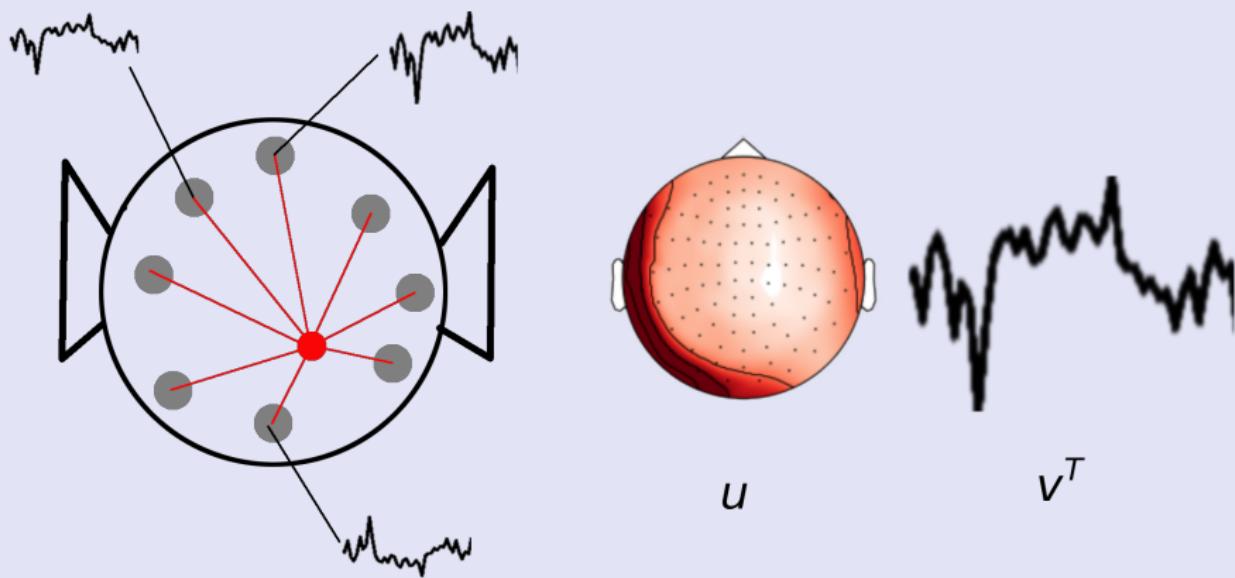
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## Multivariate CSC with rank-1 constraint

**Idea:** Impose a rank-1 constraint on each dictionary atom  $D_k$

To make the problem tractable, use  $u_k$  and  $v_k$  s.t.  $D_k = u_k v_k^\top$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{u_k, v_k, z_k^n} & \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \left\| X^n - \sum_{k=1}^K z_k^n * (u_k v_k^\top) \right\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{k=1}^K \|z_k^n\|_1, \\ \text{s.t. } & \|u_k\|_2^2 \leq 1, \|v_k\|_2^2 \leq 1 \text{ and } z_k^n \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Here,

- ▶  $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^P$  is a spatial pattern
- ▶  $v_k \in \mathbb{R}^L$  is a temporal pattern

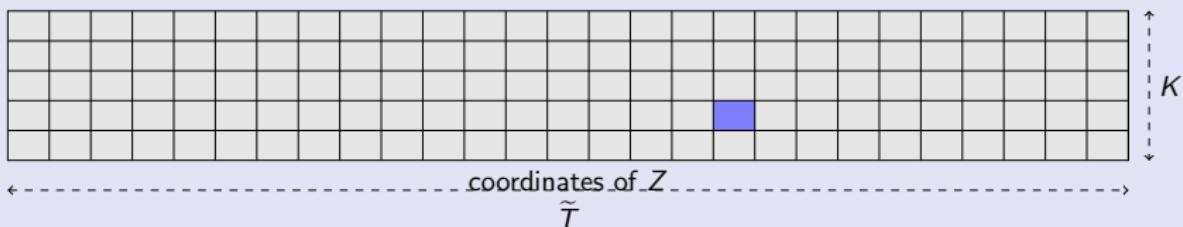
⇒ This is a tri-convex problem

## Z-step: Locally greedy coordinate descent (LGCD)

**Coordinate Descent:** only 1 coordinate is updated at each iteration:

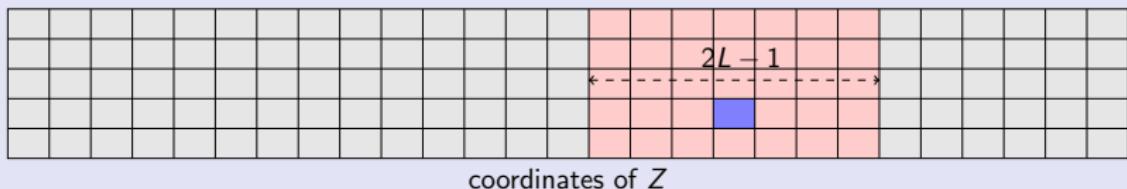
1. The coordinate  $z_{k_0}[t_0]$  is updated to its optimal value  $z'_{k_0}[t_0]$  when all other coordinate are fixed.
2. The updated coordinate is chosen
  - ▶ Cyclic:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  [Friedman et al., 2007]
  - ▶ Randomized:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  [Nesterov, 2010]
  - ▶ Greedy:  $\mathcal{O}(K\tilde{T})$  by maximizing  $|z_k[t] - z'_k[t]|$  [Osher and Li, 2009]
  - ▶ Locally Greedy:  $\mathcal{O}(KL)$  by maximizing  $|z_k[t] - z'_k[t]|$  on a window [Moreau et al., 2018]

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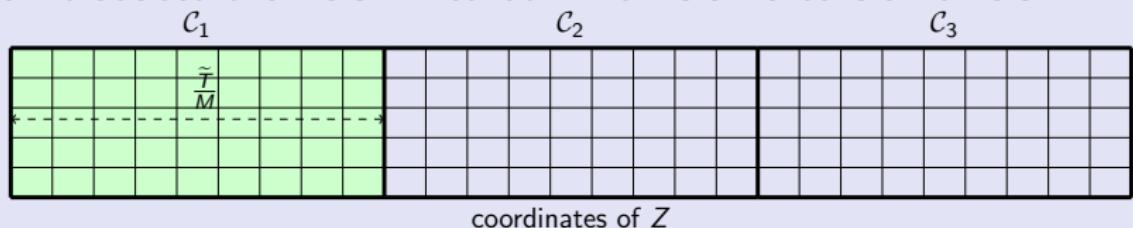
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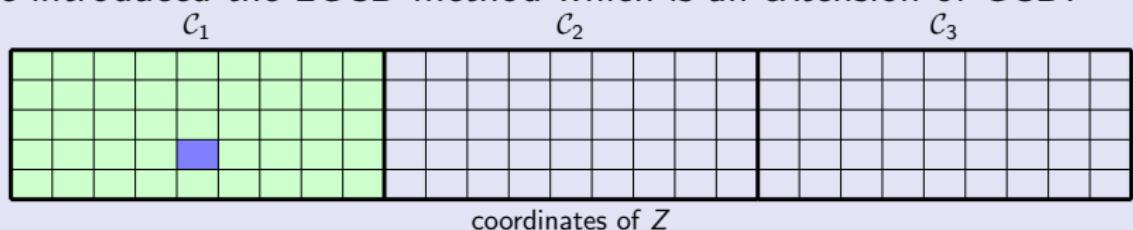
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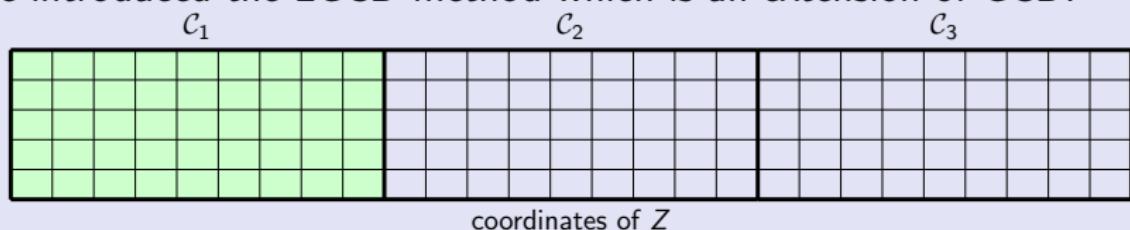
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## D-step: solving for the atoms

We use the projected gradient descent with an Armijo backtracking line-search [Wright and Nocedal \[1999\]](#) for both u-step and v-step for

$$\min_{\substack{\|u_k\|_2 \leq 1 \\ \|v_k\|_2 \leq 1}} E(u_k, v_k) \triangleq \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \|X^n - \sum_{k=1}^K z_k^n * (u_k v_k^\top)\|_2^2 . \quad (2)$$

One important computation trick is for fast computation of the gradient.

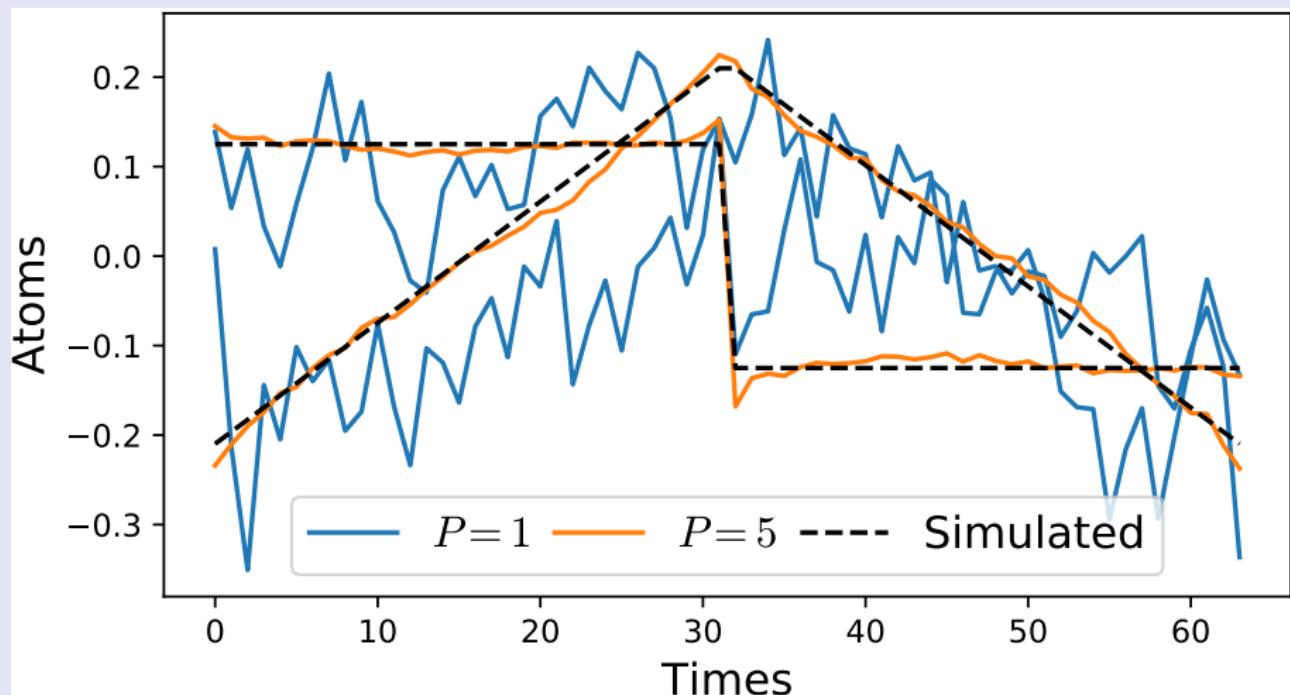
$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{u_k} E(u_k, v_k) &= \nabla_{D_k} E(u_k, v_k) v_k \in \mathbb{R}^P , \\ \nabla_{v_k} E(u_k, v_k) &= u_k^\top \nabla_{D_k} E(u_k, v_k) \in \mathbb{R}^L ,\end{aligned}$$

Computing  $\nabla_{D_k} E(u_k, v_k)$  can be done efficiently

$$\nabla_{D_k} E(u_k, v_k) = \sum_{n=1}^N (z_k^n)^\top * \left( X^n - \sum_{l=1}^K z_l^n * D_l \right) = \Phi_k - \sum_{l=1}^K \Psi_{k,l} * D_l ,$$

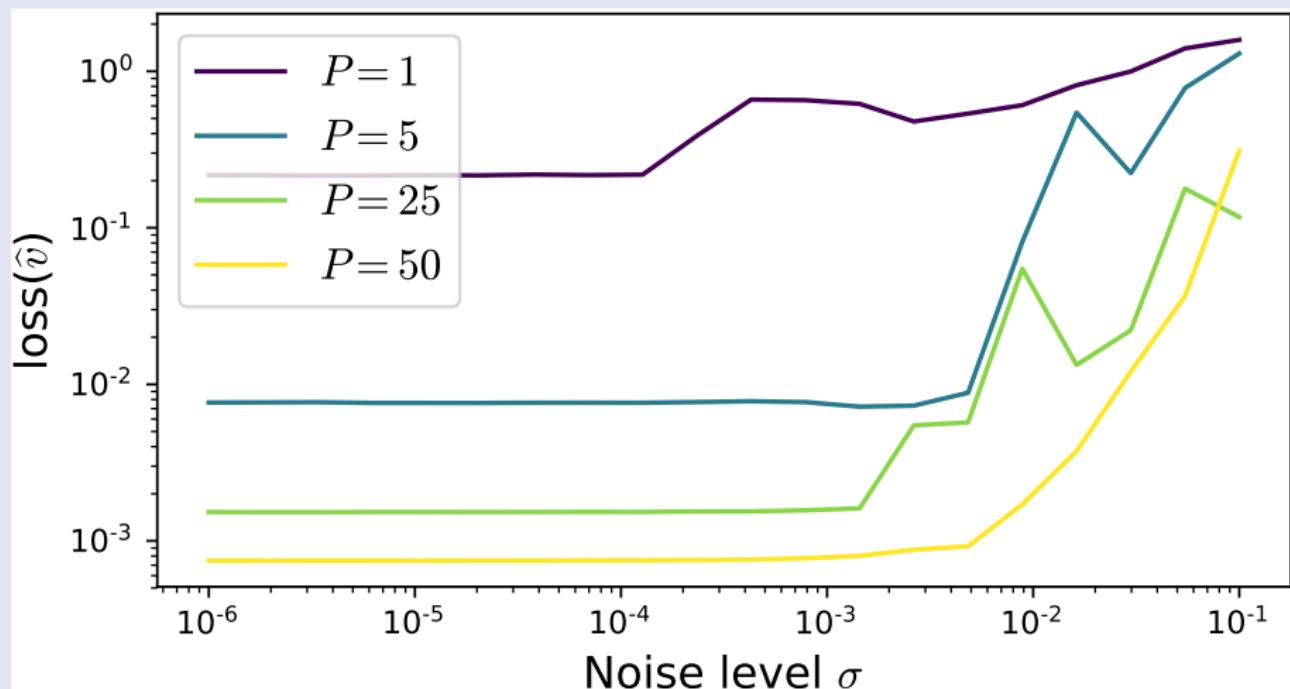
## Pattern recovery

Patterns recovered with  $P = 1$  and  $P = 5$ . The signals were generated with the two simulated temporal patterns and with  $\sigma = 10^{-3}$ .



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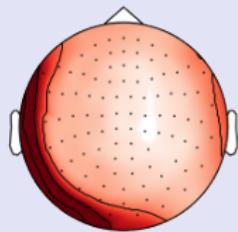
Evolution of the recovery loss with  $\sigma$  for different values of  $P$ . Using more channels improves the recovery of the original patterns.



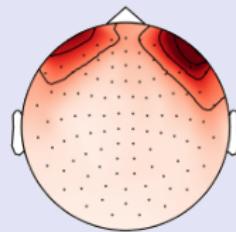
## MNE sample data

A selection of temporal waveforms of the atoms learned on the MNE sample dataset.

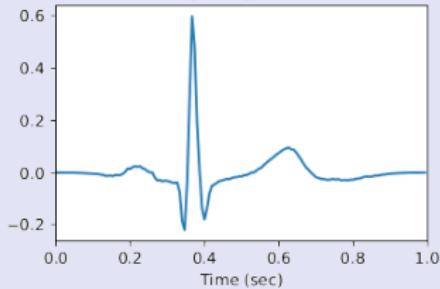
Spatial pattern 0  
Explained variance 5.62 %



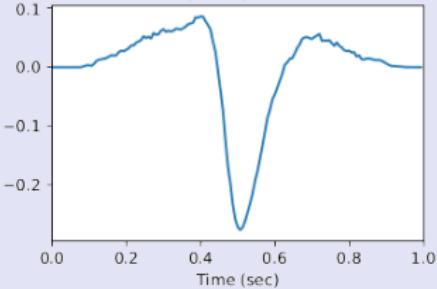
Spatial pattern 1  
Explained variance 2.38 %



Temporal pattern 0

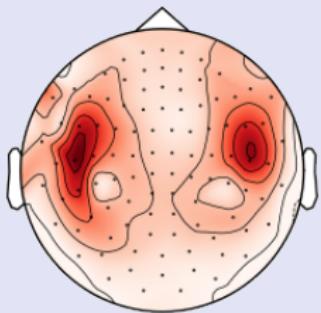


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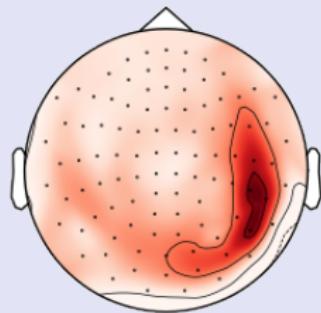


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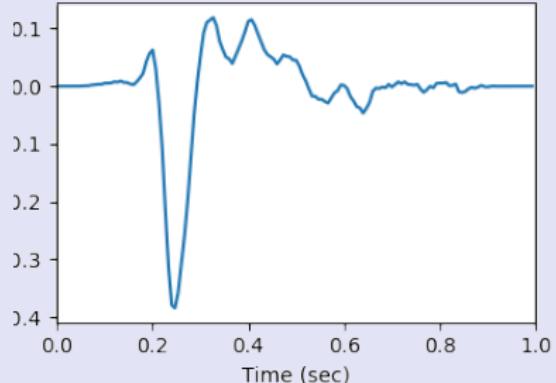
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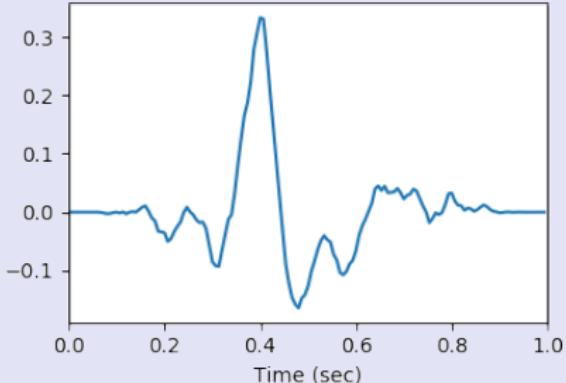
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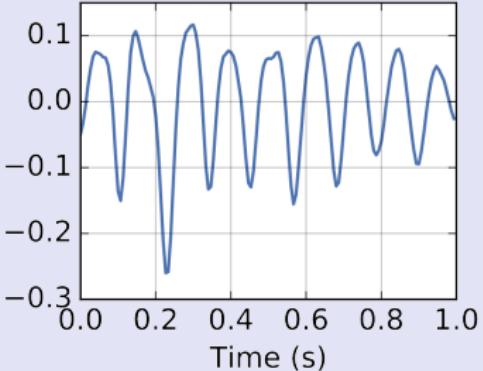


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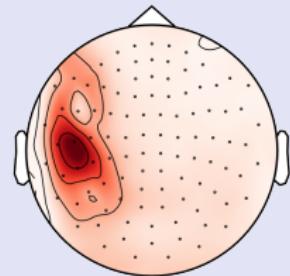


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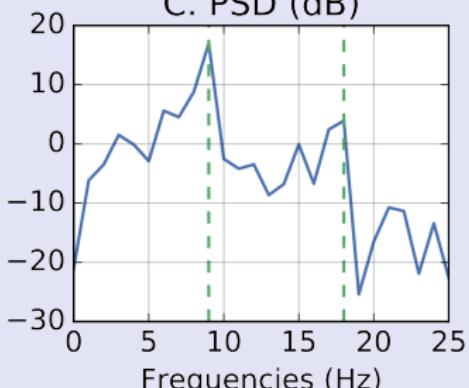
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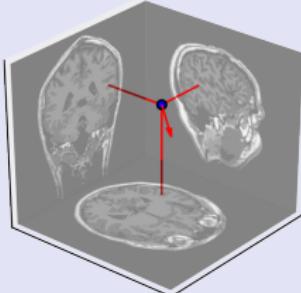
B. Spatial pattern



C. PSD (dB)



D. Dipole fit



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# alphaCSC: Convolution sparse coding for time-series



This is a library to perform shift-invariant sparse dictionary learning (CSC), on time-series data. It includes a number of different r

1. univariate CSC
2. multivariate CSC
3. multivariate CSC with a rank-1 constraint [1]
4. univariate CSC with an alpha-stable distribution [2]

A mathematical descriptions of these models is available in the

Python code online:  
<https://alphacsc.github.io>

`pip install alphacsc`

## Installation

To install this package, the easiest way is using `pip`. It will install this package and its dependencies. The `setup.py` depends on `numpy` and `cython` for the installation so that this package, please run one of the two commands:

(Latest stable version)

```
pip install alphacsc
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(Development version)

```
pip install git+https://github.com/alphacsc/alphacsc.git#egg=alphacsc
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(Dicodile backend)

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pip install numpy cython  
pip install alphacsc[dicodile]
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Examples reproduce figures from this talk!

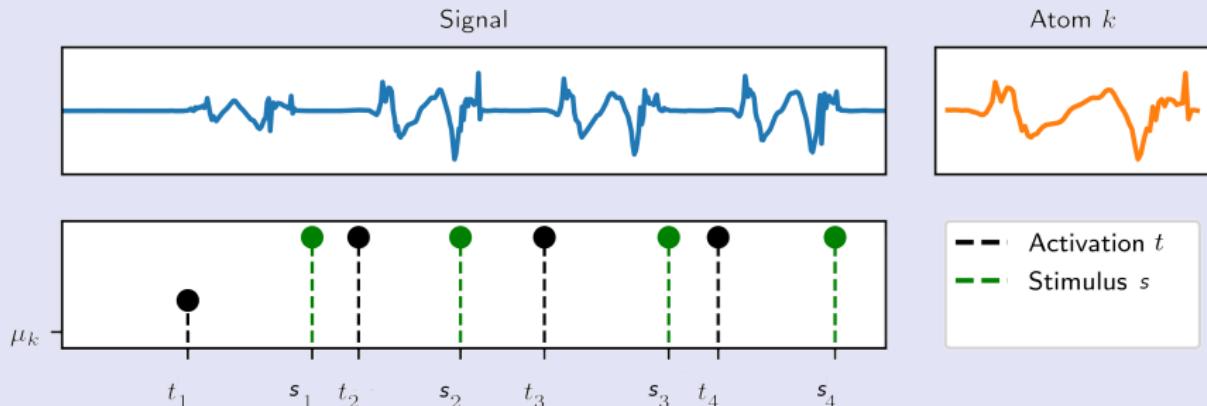
## Modeling stimuli induced patterns with Point Processes

### References

- ▶ Allain, C., Gramfort, A., and Moreau, T. (2022). DriPP: Driven Point Process to Model Stimuli Induced Patterns in M/EEG Signals.  
In *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*

## Stimuli Induced Patterns

- ▶ Manual pattern identification
- ▶ No quantification of how stimuli influence patterns activation.



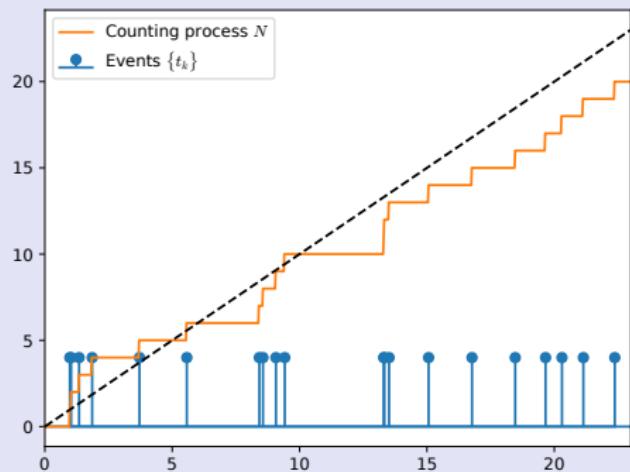
Activations and stimuli can be seen as *Point Processes*.

- ▶ Stochastic model for stream of events
- ▶ Time of arrival  $\{t_k\}$  associated with counting process  $N(t)$
- ▶ Characterized by the intensity:

$$\lambda(t|\mathcal{F}_t) = \lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(N(t+dt) - N(t) = 1 | \mathcal{F}_t)}{dt}$$

Poisson process with constant probability of arrival

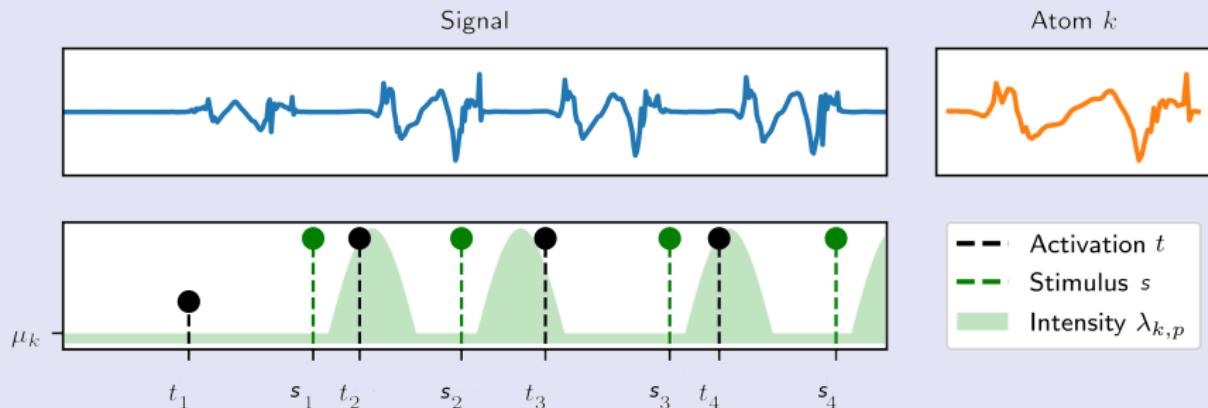
$$\lambda(t) = \mu_0$$



# DriPP – Driven Point Process

**Idea:** Model the intensity of the activation  $\{t_k\}$  depending on the PP from the stimuli  $\{s_p\}$ .

$$\lambda(t|\mathcal{F}_t) = \lambda(t|\{s_p; s_p < t\}) = \mu_0 + \sum_{s_p < t} \kappa(t - s_p)$$

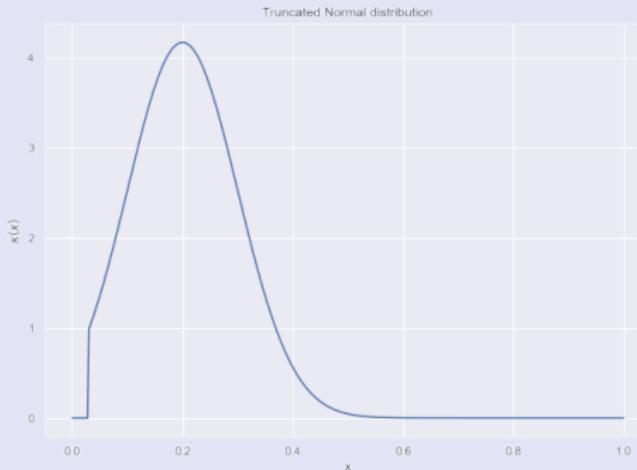


# Modeling latency

Choosing a model for stimuli based modeling:

$$\lambda(t|\mathcal{F}_t) = \mu_0 + \sum_{s_p < t} \alpha \kappa(t - s_p)$$

- ▶  $\mu_0 \geq 0$ : spontaneous activity.
- ▶  $\alpha \geq 0$ : allow for stimuli to have no effect.
- ▶  $\kappa(\tau)$ : pdf of a truncated Gaussian  $\mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$  to model latency.



## Parameters estimation

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The negative log-likelihood of the model can be computed using the intensity  $\lambda$ :

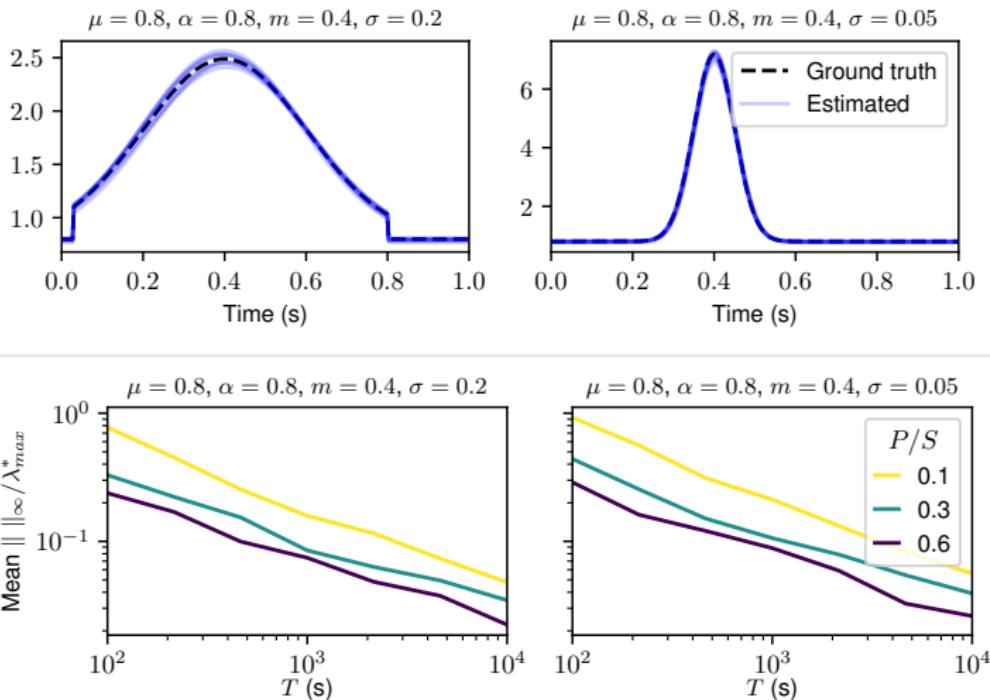
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\{t_k\}; \Theta) &= \int_0^T \lambda(t) dt - \sum_{t_k} \lambda(t_k) \\ &= \mu_0 T + \alpha |\{t_k\}| - \sum_{t_k} \log(\mu_0 \sum_{s_p < t_k} \alpha \kappa(t_k - s_p))\end{aligned}$$

with  $\Theta = (\mu_0, \alpha, m, \sigma^2)$

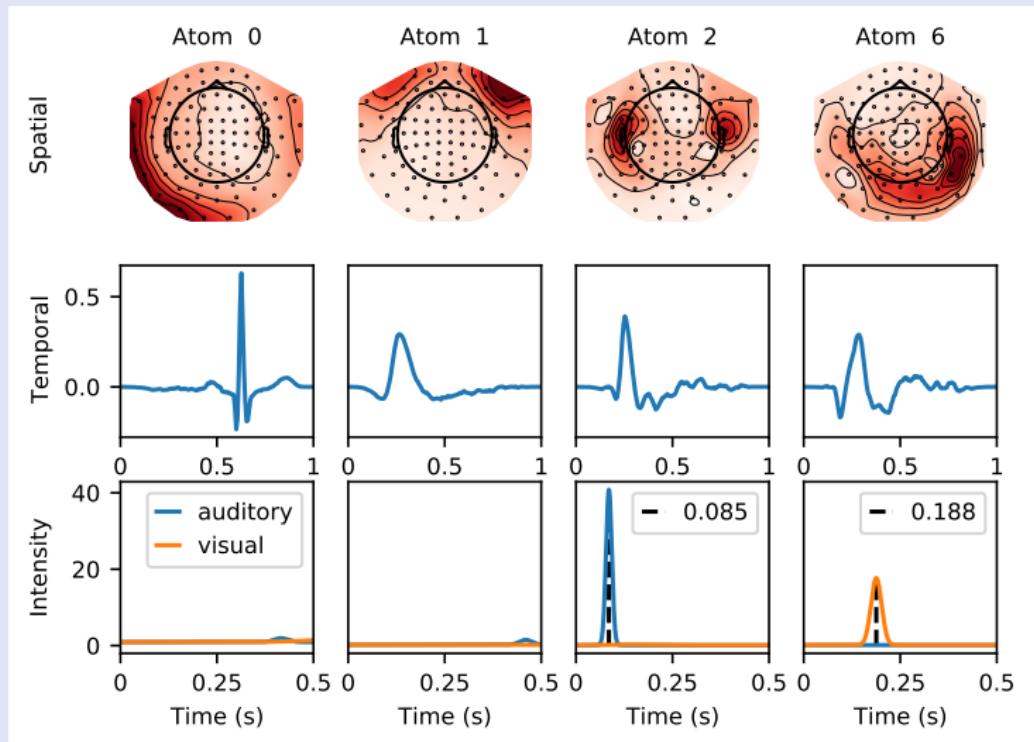
⇒ Parameter estimation is done using an EM algorithm.

## Parameters recovery

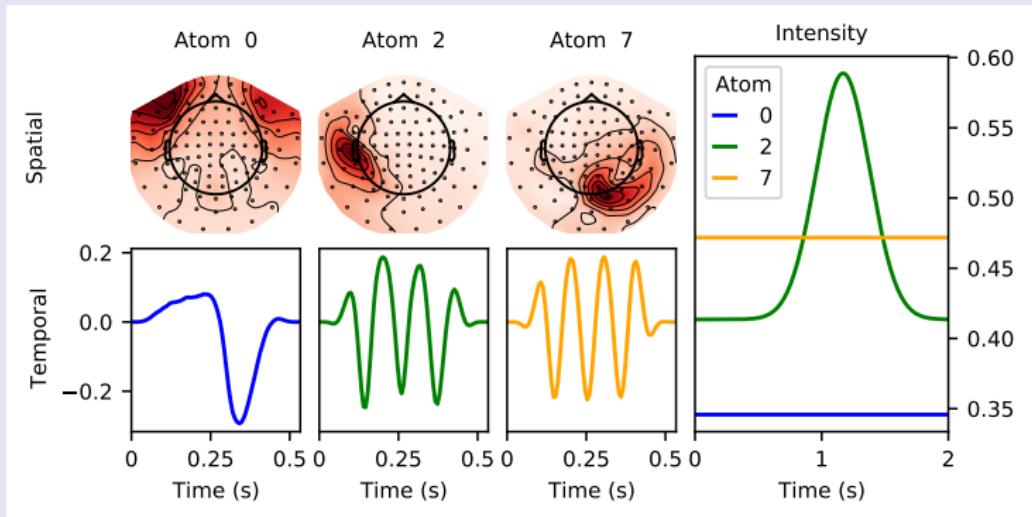
Events simulated with the Truncated Gaussian model:



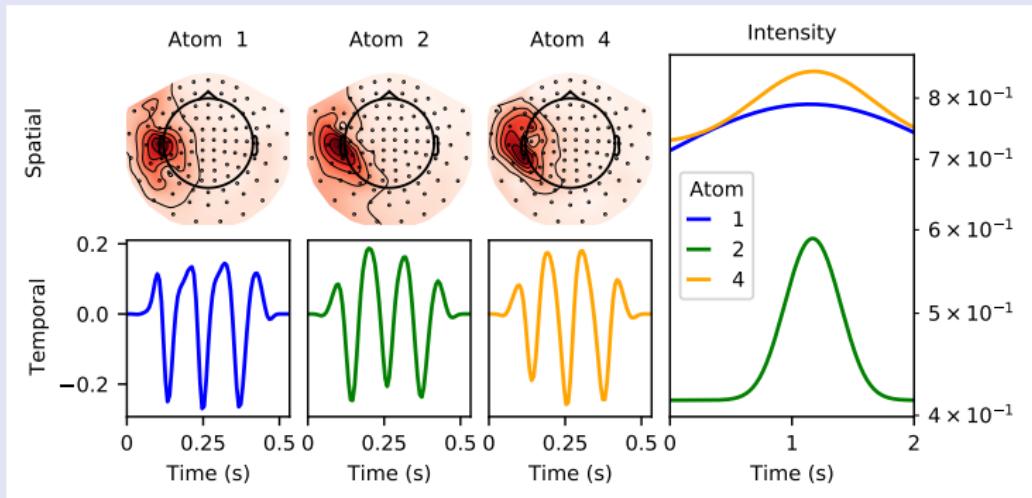
# Results for artifacts and evoked atoms - samples



# Results for artifacts and evoked atoms - somato



## Results for artifacts and evoked atoms - somato



## Conclusion

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- ▶ CDL can learn recurring patterns in multivariate signals.
- ▶ Converts the signal into a stream of events.
- ▶ PP framework can model the activation distribution.

### Limitations and on-going work:

- ▶ Not easy to apply to population level.
- ▶ DriPP does not model inhibition.
- ▶ CDL and PP are separated.

# Thanks for your attention!

Code available online:

⌚ **alphacsc** : [alphacsc.github.io](https://alphacsc.github.io)

⌚ **DriPP** : [github.com/CedricAllain/dripp](https://github.com/CedricAllain/dripp)

Slides are on my web page:

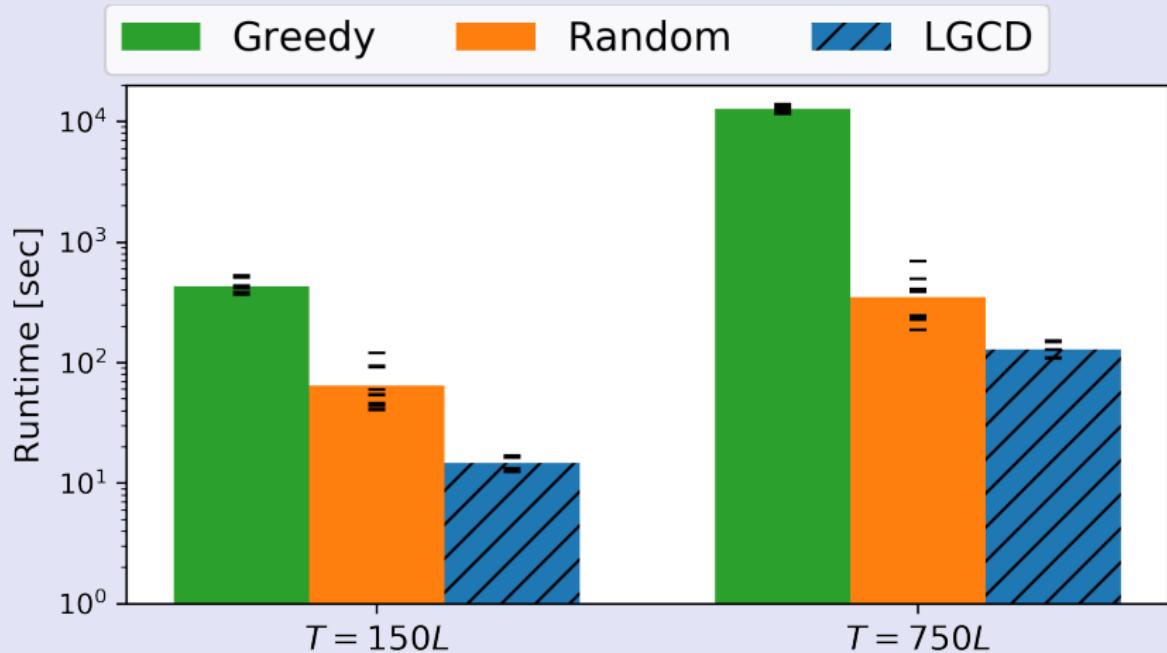
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## Fast optimization

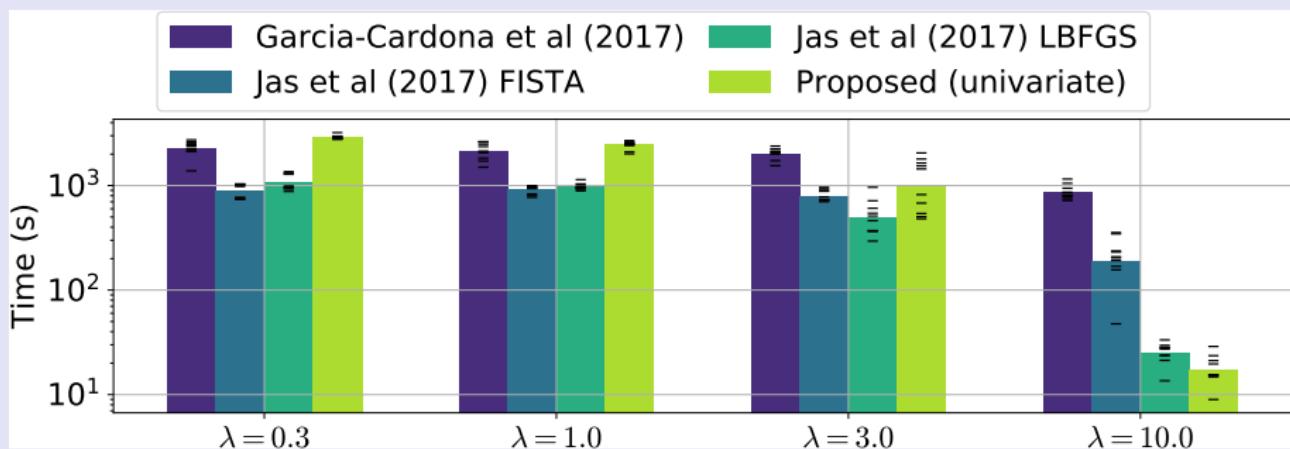
Comparison of the coordinate selection strategy for CD on simulated signals

We set  $K = 10$ ,  $L = 150$ ,  $\lambda = 0.1\lambda_{\max}$



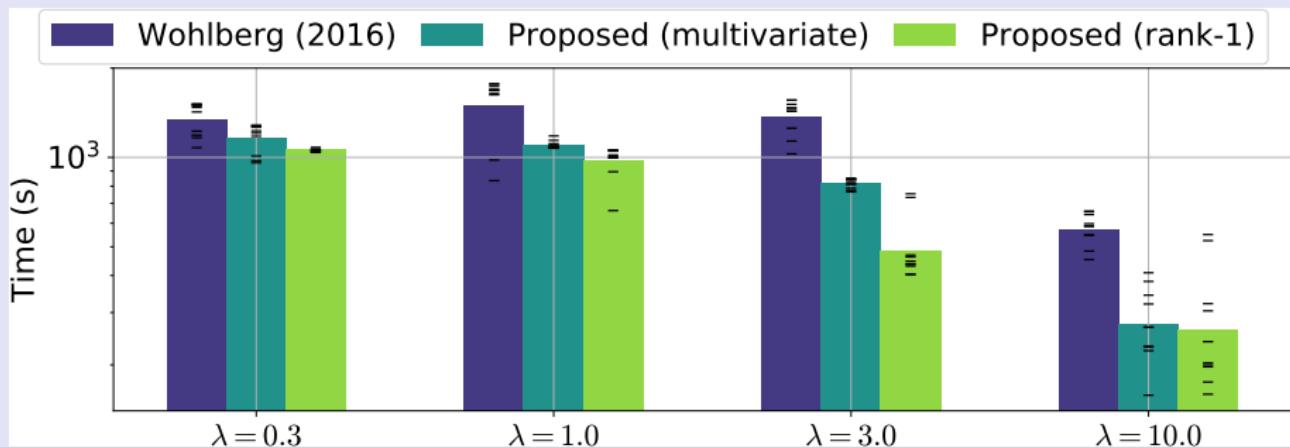
## Fast optimization

Comparison with univariate methods on somato dataset with  
 $T = 134,700$ ,  $K = 8$  and  $L = 128$



# Fast optimization

Comparison with multivariate methods on somato dataset with  
 $T = 134,700$ ,  $K = 8$ ,  $P = 5$  and  $L = 128$



## Good scaling in the number of channels $P$

Scaling relative to  $P$  on somato dataset with  $T = 134,700$ ,  $K = 2$ , and  $L = 128$

