Post-processing algorithms for exoplanet detection and characterization at high contrast by angular (and spectral) differential imaging A focus on data-driven approaches

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## State-of-the-art processing methods: summary

### Existing methods

- **Subtraction - Decomposition**: KLIP [Soummer et al., 2012]; TLOCI [Lafrénière et al., 2014]
- **Statistics**: MOODS [Smith et al., 2009]; ANDROMEDA [Cantalloube et al., 2016]; PACO  $\bullet$
- $\bullet$ **Learning**: S4 [Fergus et al., 2014] SODINN [Gonzalez et al., 2017], CNN [Yip et al., 2020]
- **Temporal**: RSM [Dahlqvist et al., 2020], TRAP [Samland et al., 2021]  $\bullet$
- **Physics**: PeX [Devanay et al., 2017], MEDUSAE [Cantalloube et al., 2018]



### Main challenges

- dealing with the **high contrat**, **high-resolution**,
- accounting for the **non-stationarities** of the background,
- **0** being **robust** against large **fluctuations & outliers**.

# <span id="page-14-0"></span>Subtraction-based: general principle

**Subtraction**: cADI [Marois+, 2006]; KLIP/PCA [Soummer+, 2012]; TLOCI [Lafrénière+, 2014] and many variants...



 $+$  possibility to add a forward model of planet signature (KLIP-FM: [Pueyo+, 2016], FMMF: [Ruffio+, 2017])

⇒ **Used routinely in direct imaging...**

**but limited sensibility & no control false alarm / detection probabilities**  $27$ 

### Subtraction-based  $\Rightarrow$  decomposition-based: LLSG

**local data decomposition: low rank + sparse + gaussian**

Model of the observations:  $M = L + S + N$ 



Gomez Gonzalez et al., 2016]

⇒ **explicit unmixing of the planet signal** 6= **PCA, (T)LOCI**

### **Inverse problem formulation**:

 $\Rightarrow$   $\{\hat{\mathbf{L}}, \hat{\mathbf{S}}\}$  = arg min<sub>**L**, **S**  $\frac{1}{2}$ ||M − **L** − **S**|| $\frac{2}{2}$  s.t. rank(**L**)  $\leq r$  ,  $||\mathbf{S}||_0 \leq s$ </sub>  $\Rightarrow \{\widehat{\mathbf{L}}, \widehat{\mathbf{S}}\} = \text{arg min}_{\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{S}} \frac{1}{2} ||\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{S}||_2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad ||\mathbf{L}||_* \le \tau_*, ||\mathbf{S}||_1 \le \tau_1$ 

### **Alternate low-rank plus sparse separation**:

$$
\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathbf{L}}_i &= \arg\min_{\mathbf{L}} ||\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{L} - \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{i-1}||_F^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \text{rank}(\mathbf{L}) \le r \\ \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_i &= \arg\min_{\mathbf{S}} ||\mathbf{M} - \widehat{\mathbf{L}}_i - \widehat{\mathbf{S}}||_F^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad ||\mathbf{L}||_0 \le s \end{aligned}
$$

• Subproblems  $\simeq$  solved with a greedy approach of truncated SVD:  $\widehat{\mathbf{L}}_i = \mathscr{H}_k^{\textsf{SVD}}(\mathbf{M} - \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{i-1})$  and  $\widehat{\mathbf{S}}_i = \mathscr{S}_\lambda(\mathbf{M} - \widehat{\mathbf{L}}_i)$  3/27

## An approach to combine residuals from  $\neq$  algorithms

**Regime Switching Model: state of a system / a time series** target model: no planet/planet ; background model: Gauss/Lap.

**Set of linear equations describing the RSM model**:

$$
\mathbf{X}_{i_a} = \mu + \beta R_{i_a} \mathbf{P} + \epsilon_{s,i_a} = \begin{cases} \mu + \epsilon_{0,i_a} & \text{if } S_{i_a} = 0\\ \mu + \beta \mathbf{P} + \epsilon_{1,i_a} & \text{if } S_{i_a} = 1 \end{cases}
$$

**•** Probability  $\xi_{s,i_a}$  of  $X_{i_a}$  being in a state  $S_{i_a} = s$  at step  $i_a$  is:  $\xi_{s,i_a} = \mathsf{P}(S_{i_a} | \{\mathbf{X}_{i_a}, \mathbf{X}_{i_a-1}\}, \mathbf{P}, \mu, \beta, \sigma) = \sum^{1}$ *q*=0 *ηs,ia pq,sξq,ia*−<sup>1</sup>  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \eta_{s',i} p_{q',s'} \xi_{q',i} = 1$  $q' = 0$  $s'=0$ 



- **Iterative inference algorithm to** estimate the model parameters
- **•** The probabibility of being in a state depends on the previous state and on the transition probability (preset)

**SNR***t***:** *t***-test based on small sample statistics** (Mawet+, 2014) versus **STIM: Standardized Trajectory Intensity Mean** (Pairet+, 2019)



The absence of explicit computation of SNR map for approaches based on image subtraction/decomposition remains a problem **5 / 27** <span id="page-18-0"></span>**Statistics-based**: MOODS [Smith+, 2009]; ANDROMEDA [Cantalloube+, 2016]

**ANDROMEDA general principle:**



**Statistics-based**: PACO, robust PACO, PACO ASDI [Flasseur+, 2018, 2019, 2020] **PACO general principle:**



PACO (**PA**tch **CO**variances): local learning of the background covariances

### PACO principle

- Accounts for background fluctuations
- Local modeling:  $\simeq$  50 pixels/patch ⇒ **Local adaptivity**
- **Detection**: binary hypothesis test
- **Characterization**: max. likelihood
	- Unbiased astrometry
	- Unbiased photometry



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**[Introduction](#page-1-0) [Subtraction/Decomposition](#page-14-0) [Statistics](#page-18-0) [Learning](#page-41-0) [Temporal](#page-49-0) [Conclusions](#page-53-0)** PACO: modeling the fluctuations of the nuisance component Statistical model Gaussian Scale Mixture (GSM) to model a **patch** patch  $f_{n,t}$  at pixel *n* and time *t*:  $f_{n,t} = m_n + \boxed{\sigma_{n,t}} u_{n,t}$  where  $u_{n,t} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C}_n)$ 

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### Statistical learning

Estimated through **fixed-point iterations**:

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#### ⇒ **Is this model relevant?**

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**S/N follows**  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  if no source  $\Rightarrow$  controlled PFA or FDR

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# <span id="page-41-0"></span>S4: a discriminative model based on SVM

**local Spatial-Spectral model for Speckle Suppression** (Fergus+, 2014)

### **data representation**:

- exploiting radial motion of speckles wrt. wavelength
- patches in polar coordinates (samples: angles  $\times$  exposures)
- **model**:
	- discriminative: SVM-based,  $+$  combined with injections
- **learning & testing**
	- $\bullet$  separating slices within annulus into train/test
	- **•** train new model for each location

![](_page_41_Figure_17.jpeg)

- **generating labeled data**: injections of fake faint sources
	- applying a truncated SVD for various ranks *k*
	- forming the labeled groundtruths with the residual patches
- **training step:** a (deep) discriminative model
	- a random forest classifier or a CNN
- **testing step:** testing each location of the FOV

![](_page_42_Figure_7.jpeg)

[Gomez Gonzalez et al., 2017]

Initial approach: SODINN/SODIRF (Gonzalez+ 2017). Improvements in progress (Cantero+ in prep.) **16 / 27**

## deep PACO: a discriminative model based on stats & CNN

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### **Example of ROCs curves (HIP 88399, 2015-05-10)**

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### **Example of contrast curves (HIP 88399, 2015-05-10)**

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### **Example of photometric errors (HIP 88399, 2015-05-10)**

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## A generative and discriminative approach

- **generating labeled data**: a deep generative model
	- training a GAN to produce "pure speckles" (prominent component)
	- injecting fake faint sources into the generated examples
- **training step**: a deep discriminative model
	- training a CNN based on the generated examples
- **testing step**: testing from an complete image directly

GAN for modelling the nuisance component CNN for supervised exoplanet detection

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## <span id="page-49-0"></span>Temporal-based: general principle

![](_page_49_Figure_7.jpeg)

⇒ **Different paradigm: samples are temporal not spatial**

# HSR: a temporal approach exploiting metadata

### **A temporal approach = denoise a time series based on predictors**

- **choice of the predictors**: similar pure background time series
	- excluding the predicted trajectory
	- encompassing the close  $+$  opposite  $+$  annular areas
	- exploiting metadata containing information about the systematics
- **model**: ridge regression
	- excluding the time samples affected by a putative exoplanet
- **decision**: (for a single location)
	- forming the residuals "current time series prediction"
	- checking for signal bump at all time  $\rightarrow$  candidates
	- applying a consistent test for each candidate

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# TRAP: a closely related approach based on inverse problem

**A temporal approach = denoise a time series based on predictors**

- **choice of the predictors**:  $\simeq$  same criteria
	- same collections for all set of tested pixels (no masking)
- **model**: causal regression model
	- dimensionality reduction: truncated SVD on the set of predictors
	- $\bullet$  simultaneous fit of the transiting planet  $+$  speckles patterns
- **decision**:
	- $\bullet$  linear system solved analytically (flux  $+$  variance)
	- heuristic to find the exoplanet flux (weighted mean)
	- computation of SNR map

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## Wavelet-based denoising as a pre-conditionner

**A temporal approach: frequencies of speckles variations + time dependence**

## **multi-level/resolution analysis** (time/frequency)

- applying a wavelet transform to each (derotated) time series
- denoising by soft-thresholding (MAD on the 1st wavelet layer)
- applying inverse transform  $\rightarrow$  preconditioned data
- applying a space-based detection algorithm

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### **Different classes of post-processing algorithms for exoplanet detection and characterization:**

- $\bullet$  subtraction / decomposition-based
- statistics-based
- learning-based  $\bullet$
- temporal-based  $\bullet$

### **Statistics & temporal approaches**

currently best tradeoff between sensitivity and confidence

### **Learning-based approaches**

- very interesting detection sensitivity...
- ...but stay "black-box approaches"

 $\Rightarrow$  see brainstorming sessions this afternoon about control of the uncertainties, model-based approaches, and integration of the metadata.

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⇒ **Different paradigm: samples are spectral not spatial/temporal**

- **constructing basis of components with reference R**:  $\{\widehat{\mathbf{W}},\widehat{\mathbf{H}}\} = \mathsf{arg\ min}_{\mathbf{W},\mathbf{H}}\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ | $|\mathbf{R} - \mathbf{WH}||^2_F$  s.t. rank $(\mathbf{WH}) <$ rank $(\mathbf{R})$  $\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^{(k+1)} = \widehat{\mathbf{W}}^{(k)}. \ast \left[{\mathbf{R}\widehat{\mathbf{H}}^{(k)}}^{\mathrm{t}}\right]$  ./  $\left[\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^{(k)}\widehat{\mathbf{H}}^{(k)}\widehat{\mathbf{H}}^{(k)}^{\mathrm{t}}\right]$  $\widehat{\mathbf{H}}^{(k+1)} = \widehat{\mathbf{H}}^{(k)}.\ast\left[\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^{(k)^{\text{t}}}\mathbf{R}\right]./\left[\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^{(k)^{\text{t}}}\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^{(k)}\widehat{\mathbf{H}}^{(k)}\right]$ 
	- $\bullet$  modeling any target M with the component basis  $\overline{H}$ :  $\int \sinh \hat{w} \cdot d\hat{w}^{(k+1)} = \hat{w}^{(k)} \cdot * \left[ \mathbf{M} \hat{\mathbf{H}}^{\text{t}} \right] \cdot / \left[ \hat{w}^{(k)} \hat{\mathbf{H}} \hat{\mathbf{H}}^{\text{t}} \right]$ projection:  $M_{NME} = \hat{w}\hat{H}$
	- NMF  $\neq$  **KLIP, LLSG**:

NMF does not remove the mean of every image  $+$  entries non-negative  $\Rightarrow$  non-orthogonal component basis

projection is iterative

⇒ finding a non-neg combination of components to model **M**