Low-rank time-frequency synthesis

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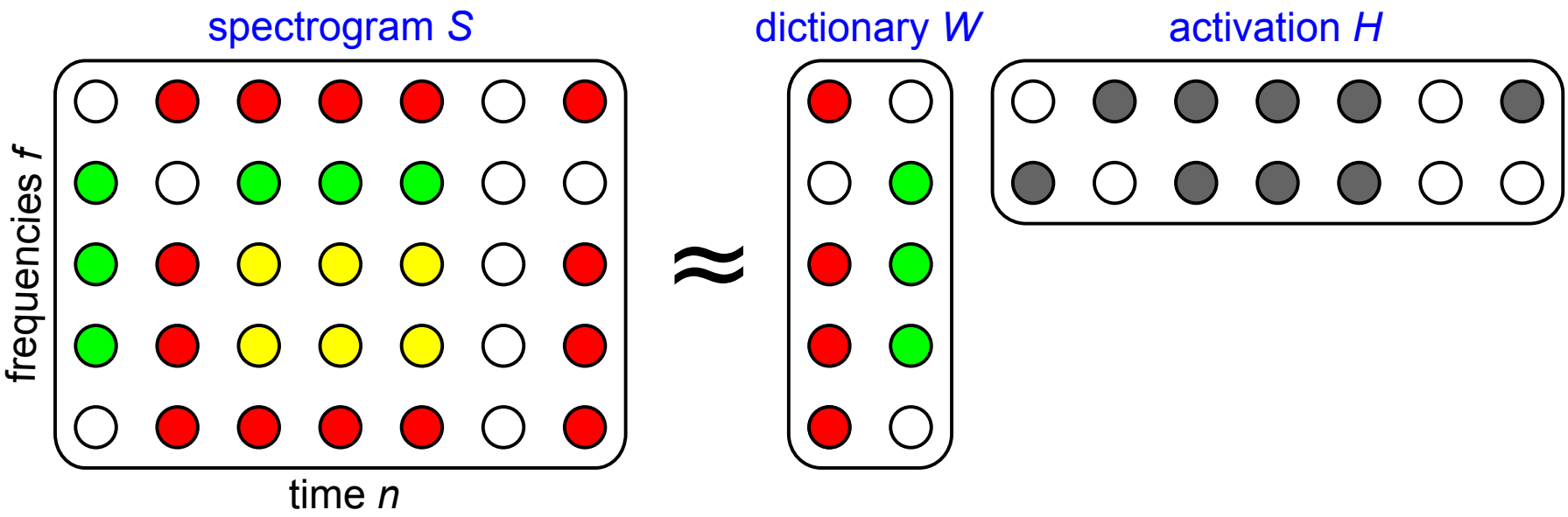
Spectral unmixing by NMF



- $y_{fn} = \sum_t x(t)\phi^\star_{fn}(t)$: short-time Fourier transform (STFT) of temporal signal $x(t)$.
- $s_{fn} = |y_{fn}|^2$: power spectrogram.
- NMF extracts recurring spectral patterns from the data by solving

$$\min_{\mathbf{W},\mathbf{H}\geq 0} \mathrm{D}(\mathbf{S}|\mathbf{WH}).$$

- Successful applications in audio source separation and music transcription.

Itakura-Saito NMF & the Gaussian composite model

(Févotte, Bertin, and Durrieu, 2009)

- Low-rank variance model of analysis coefficients (STFT):

$$y_{fn} \sim N_c(0, [\mathbf{WH}]_{fn}).$$

- Log-likelihood equivalent to Itakura-Saito (IS) divergence:

$$-\log p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{WH}) = D_{\mathrm{IS}}(|\mathbf{Y}|^2|\mathbf{WH}) + \mathrm{cst}.$$

- Underlies a Gaussian composite model (GCM):

$$y_{fn} = \sum\nolimits_k y_{kfn},$$
$$y_{kfn} \sim N_c(0, w_{fk} h_{kn}).$$

- Given estimates of $\mathbf{W}$ and $\mathbf{H}$, latent STFT components can be estimated by Wiener filter:

$$\hat{y}_{kfn} = \frac{w_{fk} h_{kn}}{[\mathbf{WH}]_{fn}} y_{fn}.$$

- Inverse-STFT of $\{\hat{y}_{kfn}\}_{fn}$ produces temporal components such that $x(t) = \sum_k \hat{c}_k(t)$.

Low-rank time frequency synthesis (LRTFS)

(Févotte and Kowalski, 2014)

- Low-rank variance model of synthesis coefficients:

$$x(t) = \sum_{fn} \alpha_{fn}\, \phi_{fn}(t) + e(t),$$
$$\alpha_{fn} \sim N_c(0, [\mathbf{WH}]_{fn}),$$
$$e(t) \sim N_c(0, \lambda).$$

  - $\phi_{fn}(t)$: time-frequency atom (e.g., from a Gabor frame),
  - α_{fn}: synthesis coefficient,
  - $e(t)$: residual term.
- LRTFS is a generative model of raw data $x(t)$.
- Like in the GCM, the synthesis coefficients have a latent composite structure:

$$\alpha_{fn} = \sum_k \alpha_{kfn},$$
$$\alpha_{kfn} \sim N_c(0, w_{fk} h_{kn}).$$

- Given estimates of $\mathbf{W}$ of $\mathbf{H}$, latent coefficients α_{kfn} can be estimated from their posterior mean and temporal components can be reconstructed as $\hat{c}_k(t) = \sum_{fn} \hat{\alpha}_{kfn}\, \phi_{fn}(t)$.

Relation to sparse Bayesian learning (SBL)

- Generative signal model in vector/matrix form:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{\Phi}\boldsymbol{\alpha} + \mathbf{e}.$$

  - $\mathbf{x}$, $\mathbf{e}$: vectors of signal and residual time samples (size T),
  - $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$: vector of synthesis coefficients α_{fn} (size FN),
  - $\mathbf{\Phi}$: time-frequency dictionary (size $T \times FN$).

- Synthesis coefficients model in vector/matrix form:

$$p(\boldsymbol{\alpha}|\mathbf{v}) = N_c(\boldsymbol{\alpha}|\mathbf{0}, \mathrm{diag}(\mathbf{v})).$$

  - $\mathbf{v}$: vector of variance coefficients $v_{fn} = [\mathbf{WH}]_{fn}$ (size FN).

- Similar to sparse Bayesian learning (Tipping, 2001; Wipf and Rao, 2004) except that the variance parameters are tied together by the low-rank structure $\mathbf{WH}$.

Estimation in LRTFS

Maximum joint likelihood (JL)

- Optimise

$$C_{\mathrm{JL}}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{H}, \lambda) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\log p(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\alpha} | \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{H}, \lambda)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\lambda} \|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\Phi}\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_2^2 + D_{\mathrm{IS}}(|\boldsymbol{\alpha}|^2 | \mathbf{v}) + \log(|\boldsymbol{\alpha}|^2) + \text{cst.}$$

- Possible EM algorithm using the procedure of (Figueiredo and Nowak, 2003) based on the hidden variable $\mathbf{z}$ such that

$$\mathbf{x} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{e}_1,$$
$$\mathbf{z} = \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta}\,\mathbf{e}_2,$$

  with $\mathbf{e}_1 \sim N_c(\mathbf{0}, \lambda\mathbf{I} - \beta\boldsymbol{\Phi}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^*)$ and $\mathbf{e}_2 \sim N_c(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ (condition applies on β).
- Leads to a form of iterative shrinkage algorithm that scales well with real-world signal dimension.
  Shrinkage operator involves Itakura-Saito NMF of power posterior expectation of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ at each iteration.

Estimation in LRTFS

Maximum marginal likelihood (ML)

- Integration of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ from the joint likelihood (like in SBL)

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\mathrm{ML}}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{H}, \lambda) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\log p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{H}, \lambda) \\ &= -\log \int_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} p(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \lambda) p(\boldsymbol{\alpha}|\mathbf{WH}) d\boldsymbol{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

- Possible EM algorithm treating $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ as the hidden variable.
  Tractable algorithm but does not scale well with dimension.

Toy example

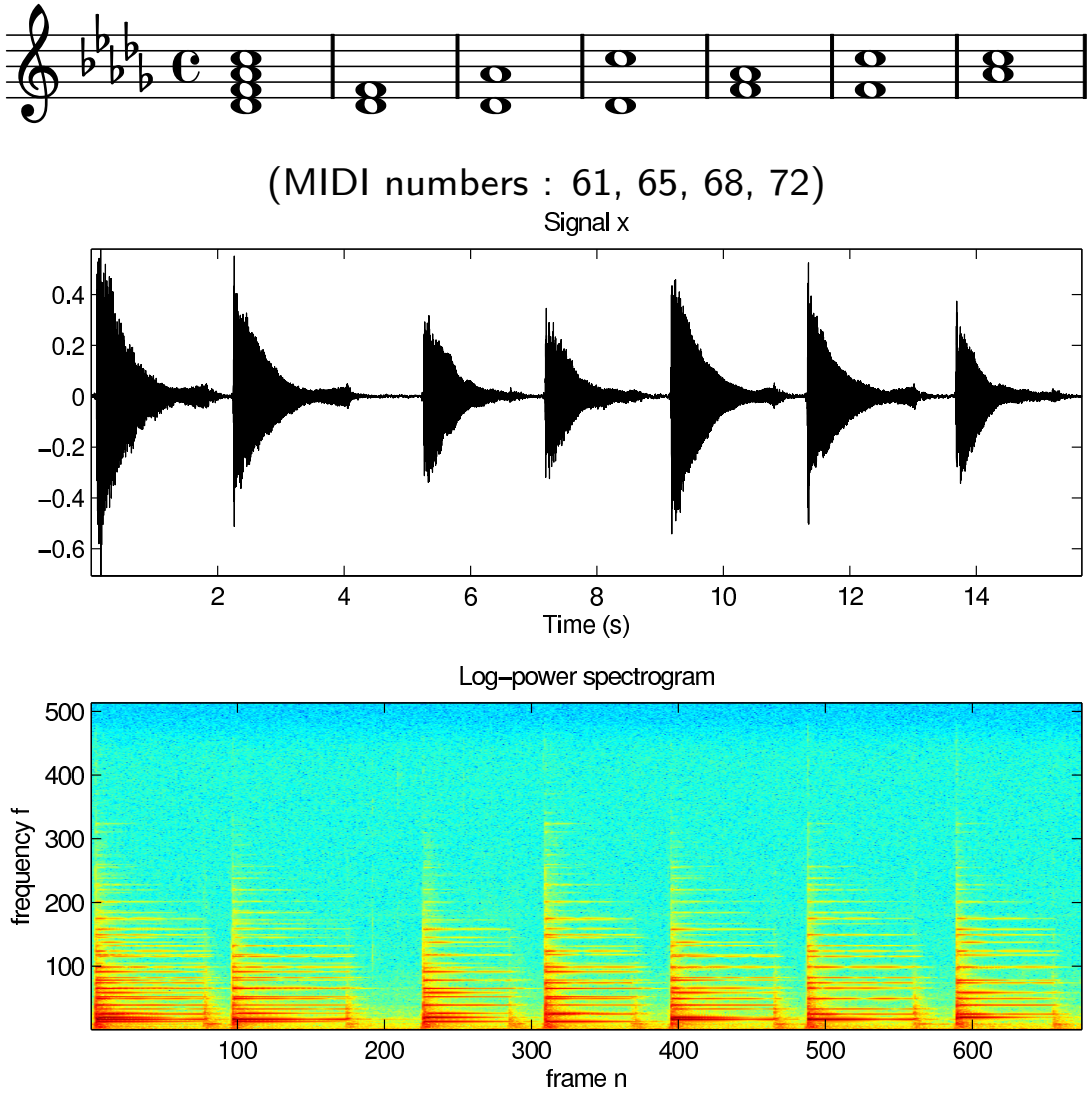
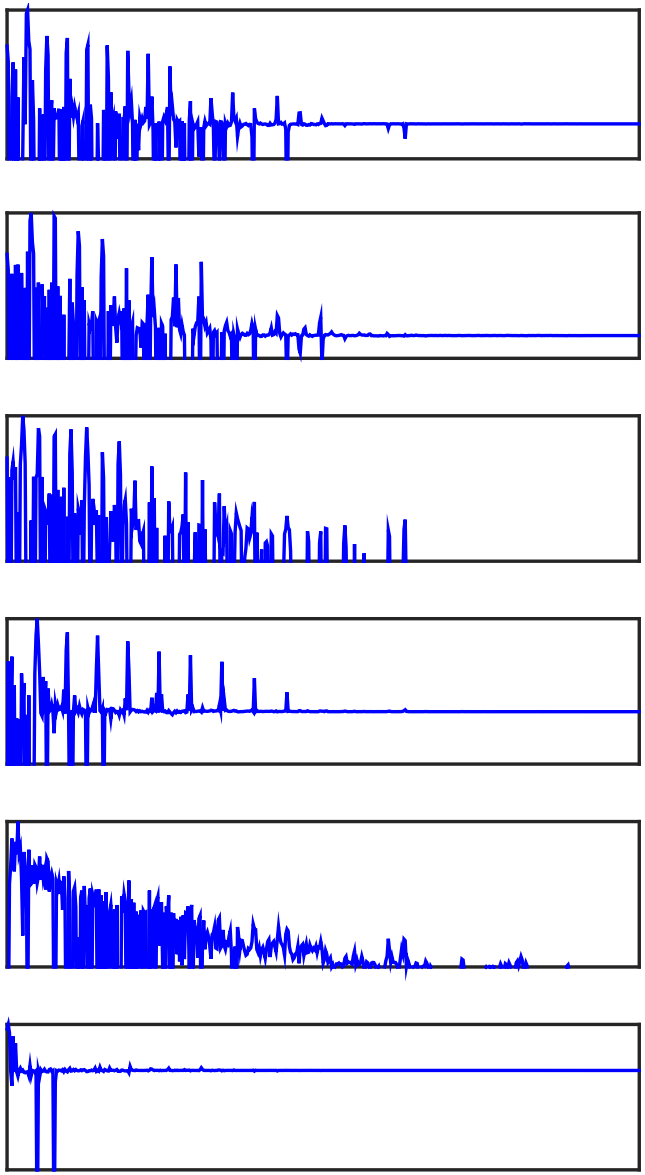


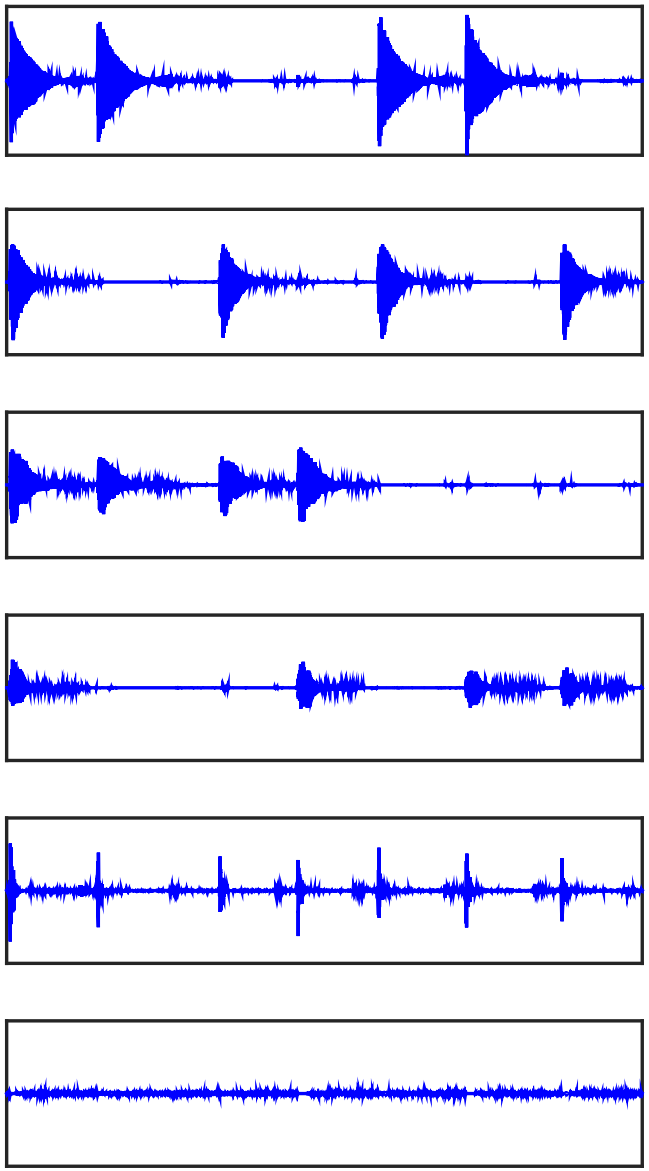
Figure: Three representations of data.

Toy example

Dictionary **W**



Reconstructed components



Multi-resolution LRTFS

- LRTFS allows for multi-resolution hybrid representations:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{\Phi}_a \, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_a + \mathbf{\Phi}_b \, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_b + \mathbf{e}.$$

  - $\mathbf{\Phi}_a$ and $\mathbf{\Phi}_b$ are time-frequency dictionaries with different resolutions,
  - $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_a$ and $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_b$ have their own latent low-rank structure $\mathbf{W}_a\mathbf{H}_a$ and $\mathbf{W}_b\mathbf{H}_b$.

- Not possible with standard NMF !

- Previous optimisation strategies apply by concatenation:

$$\mathbf{\Phi} = [\mathbf{\Phi}_a \; \mathbf{\Phi}_b]$$

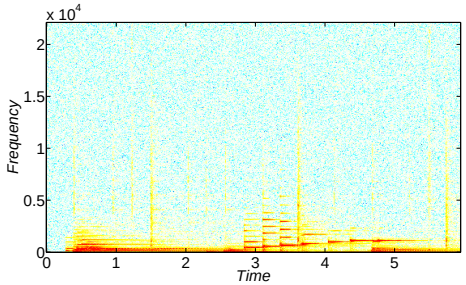
$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_b \end{bmatrix}$$

- Other hybrid decompositions are possible.
  E.g., low-rank layer + sparse layer (forthcoming EUSIPCO paper)

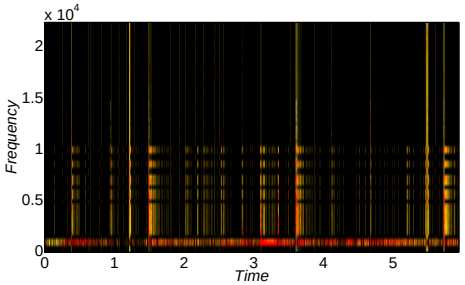
Hybrid decomposition of jazz music

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{\Phi}_{\text{tonal}}\, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\text{tonal}} + \mathbf{\Phi}_{\text{transient}}\, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\text{transient}} + \mathbf{e}$$

spectrogram of $\mathbf{x}$



$\log|\hat{\alpha}_{\text{transient}}|$



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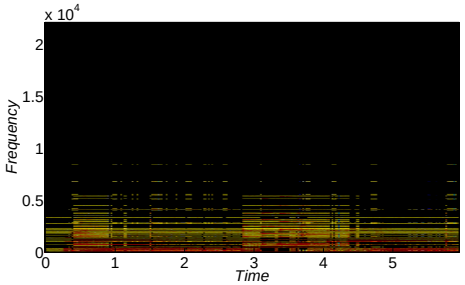
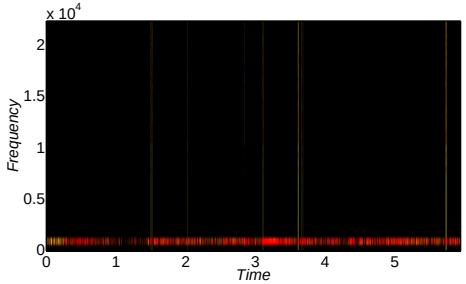
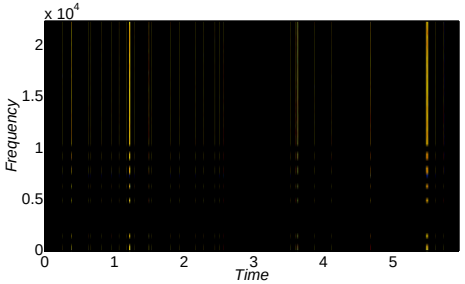
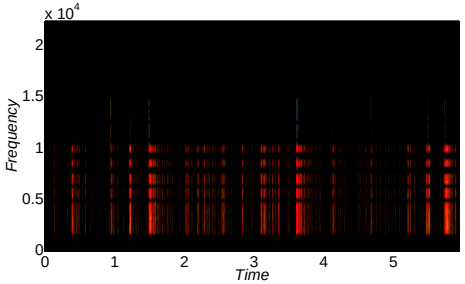


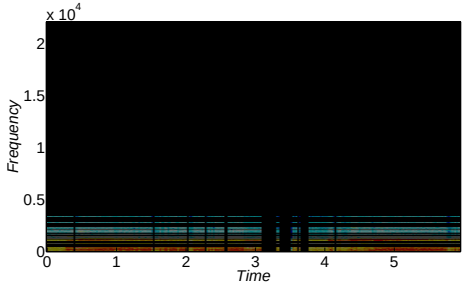
Latent rank-1 components from transient layer

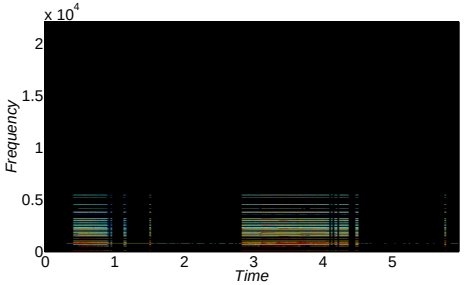


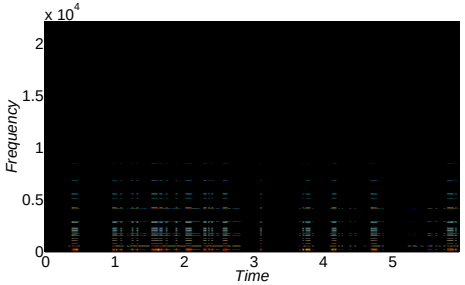




Latent rank-1 components from tonal layer



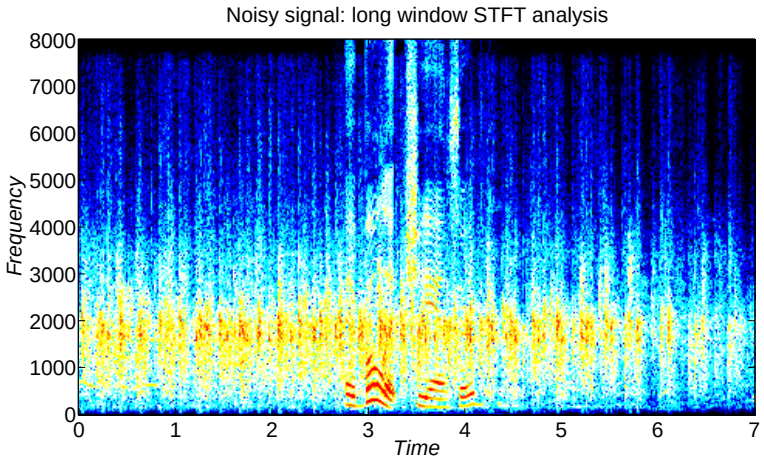


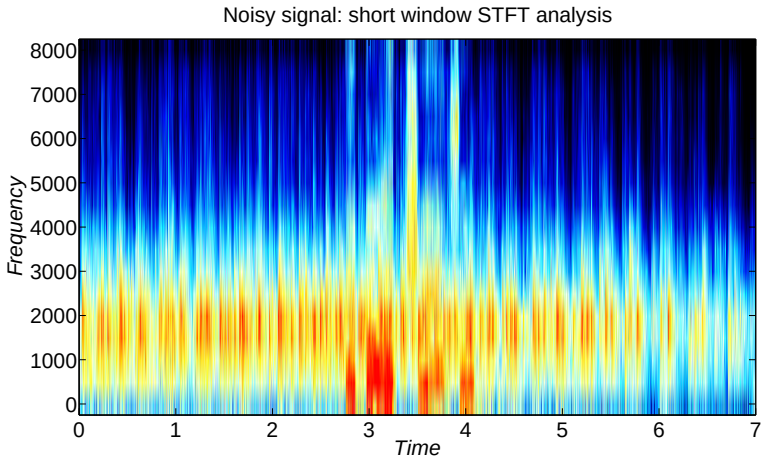


Speech enhancement in applause noise

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{\Phi}_{\text{tonal}} \left(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\text{tonal}}^{\text{speech}} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\text{tonal}}^{\text{noise}} \right) + \mathbf{\Phi}_{\text{transient}} \left(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\text{transient}}^{\text{speech}} + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\text{transient}}^{\text{noise}} \right) + \mathbf{e}$$

Spectrograms of x with short and large resolutions





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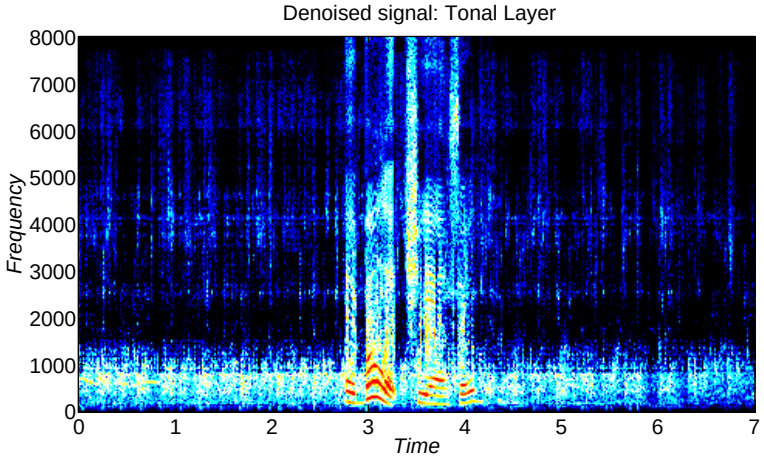
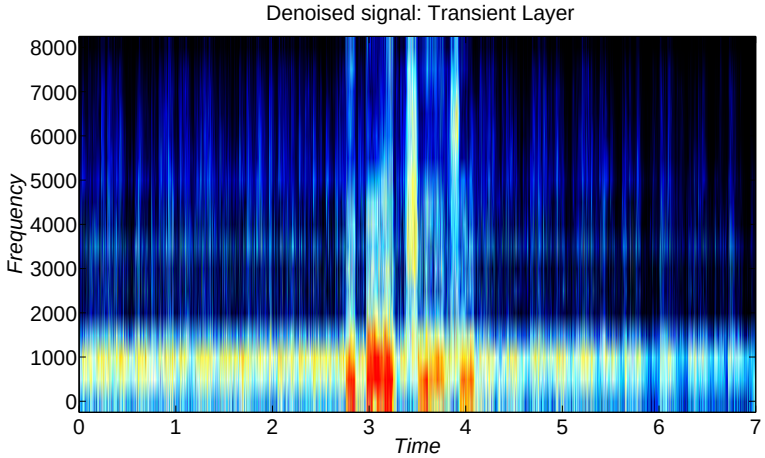


$\log |\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}_{\text{transient}}^{\text{speech}}|$



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