

# Ch3. Power-spectrum estimation for sensing the environment (1/2)

in Cognitive Dynamic Systems, S. Haykin

Course: Autonomous Machine Learning

**Soojeong Kim**

Cloud and Mobile Systems Laboratory  
School of Computer Science and Engineering  
Seoul National University  
<http://cmslab.snu.ac.kr>

# CONTENTS

---

## Part A

**Review: Sensing the environment**

## Part B

**Power spectrum**

## Part C

**Power spectrum estimation**

C1. Parametric methods

C2. Nonparametric methods

## Part D

**Multitaper method**

## Part E

**Multitaper method in space**



# Part A

**Review : Sensing the environment**



## »» Ill-posed inverse problem

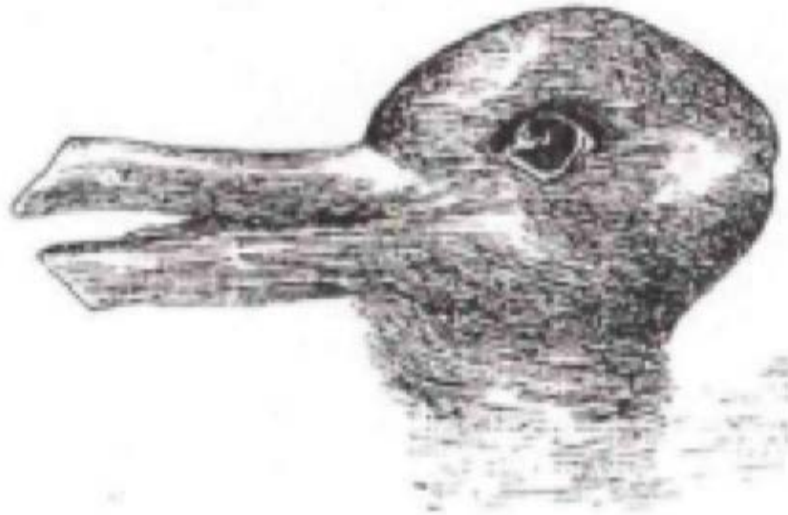
- Two views of perception : ill-posed inverse problem, Bayesian inference
- Ill-posed problem : have lack of well-posed conditions  
(existence, uniqueness, continuity)
- Inverse problem : uncover underlying physical laws from the stimuli  
= find a mapping from stimuli to the state



# Sensing the environment



- Solving an ill-posed inverse problem



- Power spectrum estimation is an example of sensing the environment



# Part B

**Power spectrum**



## »»» What is power spectrum?

- The average power of the incoming signal expressed as a function of frequency
- Signal is measured by sensors as a time series(time domain)
- Power spectrum focus on signal power on frequency(frequency domain)

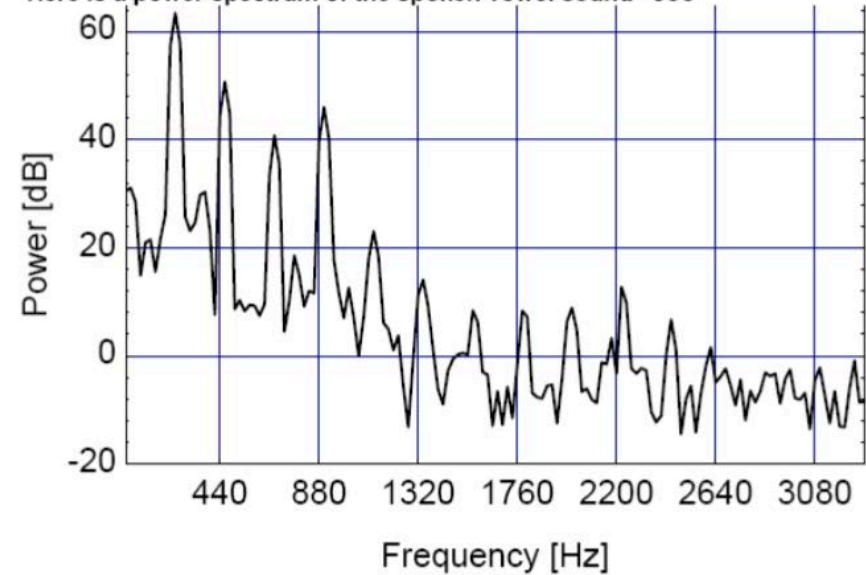
# »» Why power spectrum estimation is useful?



- Impossible to predict future signal
- Estimate the shape of the signal by only finite set of data
- Ex : Radar, Radio, Speech Recognition

Figure 1:

Here is a power spectrum of the spoken vowel sound "ooo"







## »»» Power spectrum in a theory

$$S(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t) \cdot e^{-i2\pi ft} dt.$$

Fourier transform

- Incoming signals are picked up as a stochastic(random) process
- Only finite set of data is used(applying theory is **impossible**)
- Power spectrum is an ill-posed inverse problem



# Part C

## Power spectrum estimation





## »» Parametric method example

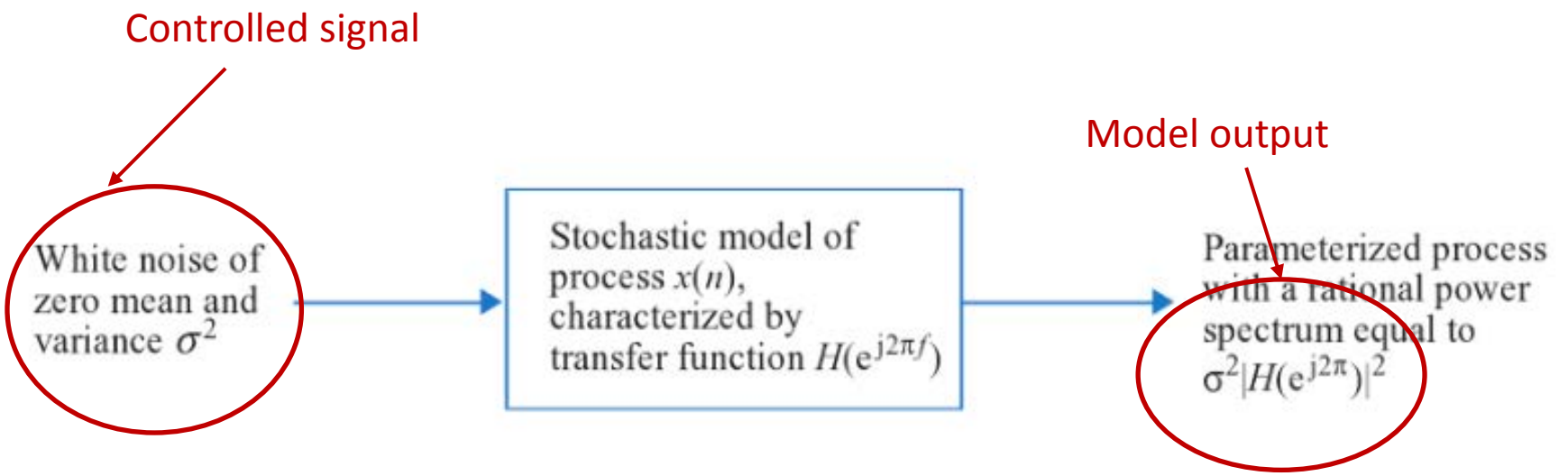
Build a model  $H(e^{j2\pi f})$

- H is a function to convert time domain signals to frequency domain signals
- Apply prior knowledge of **Fourier transform**(assume  $e^{j2\pi f}$  relationship)
- H contains some parameters/coefficients

# Parametric method example

Controlled input signal

- Controlled signal is given -> input signal power on frequency is **known** value
- Model output is only depends on the model, H





## »» Parametric method example

Problem : Finding parameters/coefficient of  $H$

- Finding parameters of  $H$  to produce **acceptable output**
- Finding parameters is a typical machine learning problem



## Parametric method example



After finding good parameters of  $H$

- Model is built! , problem is solved
- Use the model as an estimator

# Power spectrum Estimation



- Parametric methods(model-based)

If model is good : produce good quality estimates with less sample data

If model is bad : mislead conclusion

- Non-parametric methods(model-free)



## Nonparametric method(periodogram)

$x(n) \rightarrow X_N(f) \rightarrow S(f)$  (Fourier transform)

$$S(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} E[|X_N(f)|^2]$$

Only finite set of signal data is used in practice

Use estimates of  $S(f)$ ,  $\hat{S}(f) = \frac{1}{N} |X_N(f)|^2$

# Nonparametric method(periodogram)

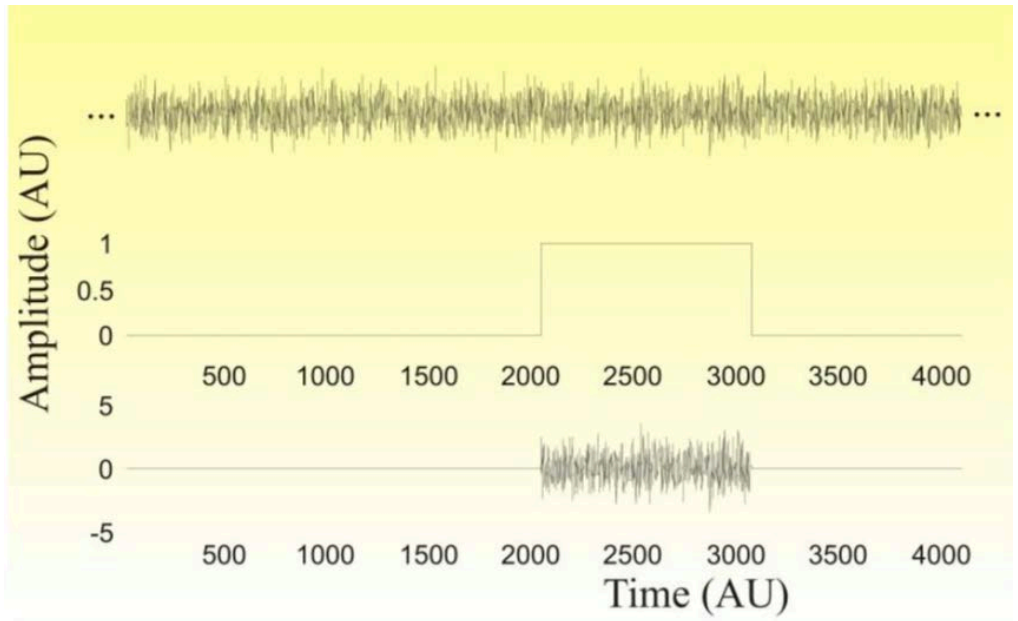
$$\hat{S}(f) = \frac{1}{N} |X_N(f)|^2$$

Same effect as

Define.  $a(n) = 1$  if  $n$  is in bound of  $N$ , 0 otherwise

$x(n) \times a(n) \rightarrow x^*(n) \rightarrow X_N^*(f) \rightarrow \hat{S}(f)$  (Fourier transform)

$a(n)$  is taper





## »» Nonparametric method(periodogram)

Not require any model to develop

Directly calculate the value using **Fourier transform** with **taper**



## »» Bias-variance dilemma with taper

2 Conditions for good estimator

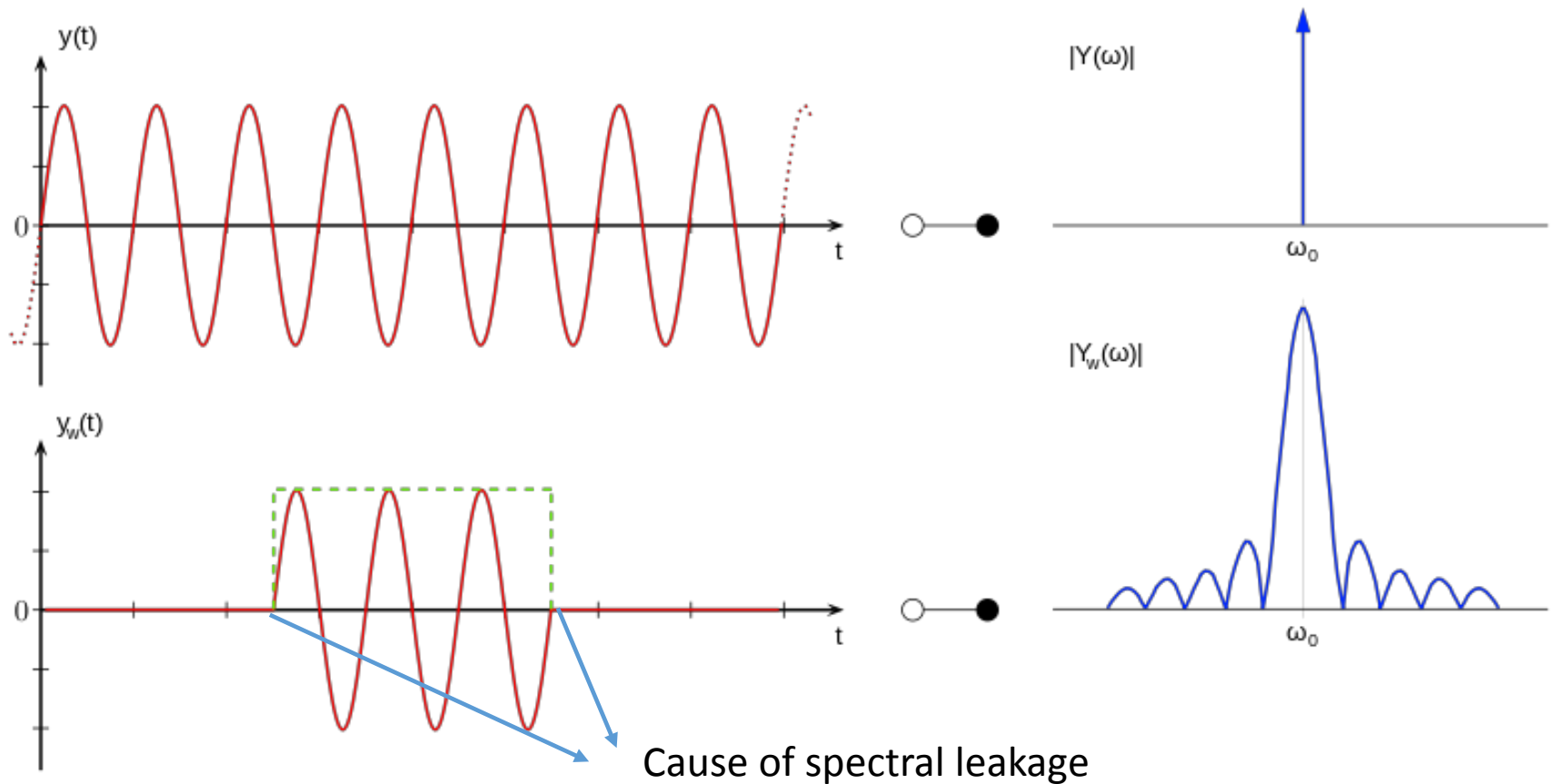
1. Low bias

2. Low variance(not noisy)

# »»» Bias-variance dilemma with taper

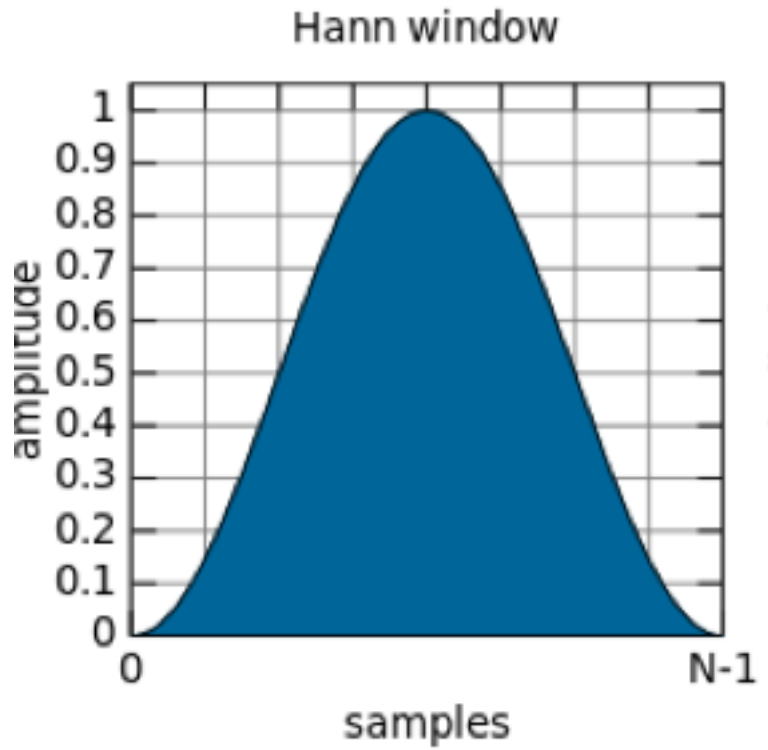


## Bias from spectral leakage



# »» Bias-variance dilemma with taper

Spectral leakage ↓ by taper(not rectangle) -> bias ↓

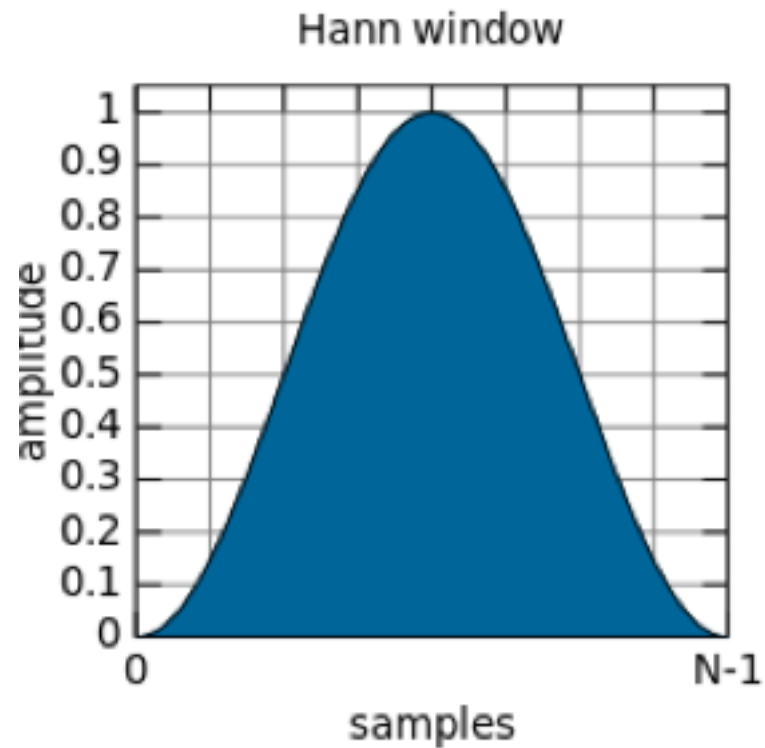


# »» Bias-variance dilemma with taper

bias↓ -> variance↑

Taper-> reduce effective sample size -> variance ↑

**Bias-variance trade-off!**





# Part D

**Multitaper method**



## »» Multitaper method

Address the trade-off using multiple tapers instead of one

K tapers are used on the same sample data

K set of estimates are created

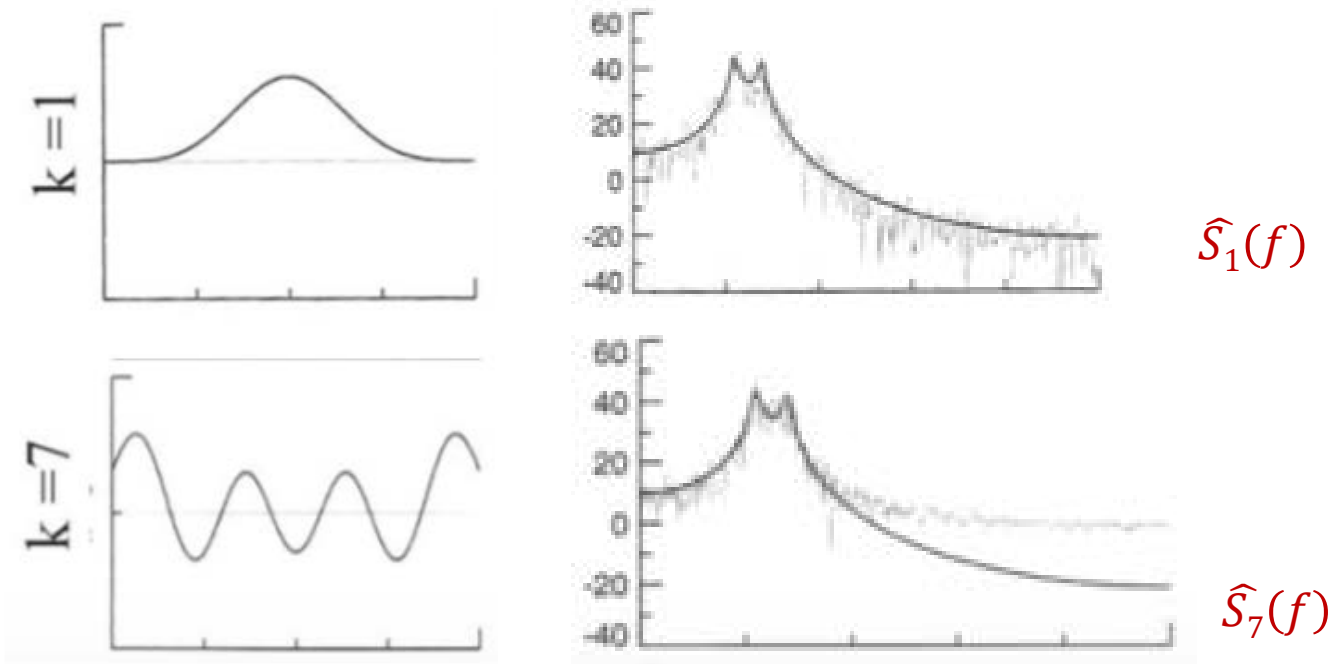
Average K set of estimates

$$\bar{S}(f) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \hat{S}_k(f).$$

# »» Tapers are Slepian sequences

Tapers following Slepian sequences

$k$ th taper :  $k \uparrow \rightarrow bias \uparrow, variance \downarrow$

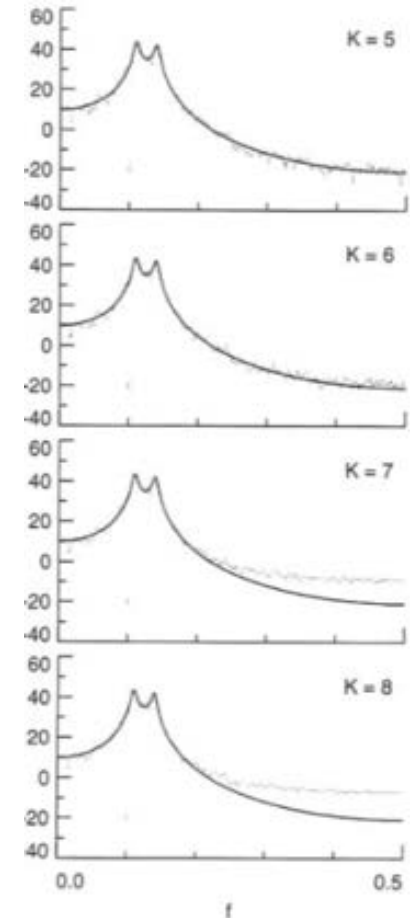
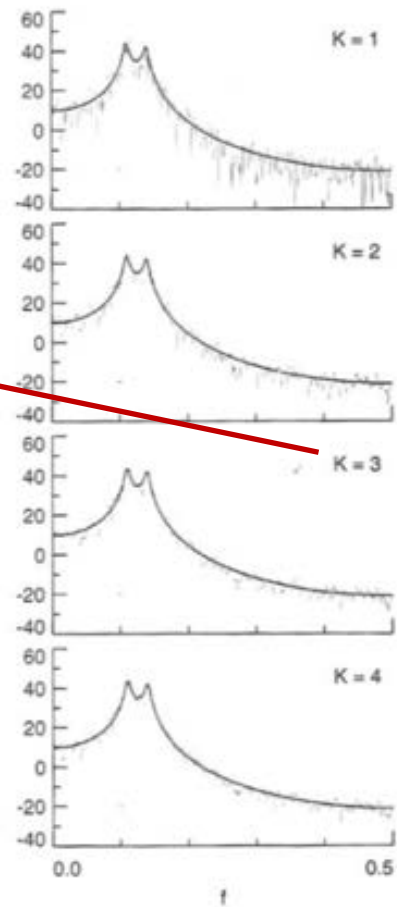


# »» Multitaper method



All K estimates are averaged

Average of  
 $\hat{S}_1(f), \hat{S}_2(f), \hat{S}_3(f),$



## »» Multitaper method



All  $K$  estimates are averaged

Find appropriate  $K$  to compromise bias and variance



## »» Why multitaper method is good?

Reduce bias by tapers

Reduce variance by increasing effective sample size( $N \times K$ )

Easy to solve bias-variance trade-off by choosing  $K$



# Part E

**Multitaper method in space**



## »» Multitaper method in space

Previous methods consider power of signal on frequency

Extended multitaper method to get power of signal on frequency and space

# »» Multitaper method in space

$$\mathbf{A}(f) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0^{(0)} X_0^{(0)}(f) & a_1^{(0)} X_1^{(0)}(f) & \dots & a_{K-1}^{(0)} X_{K-1}^{(0)}(f) \\ a_0^{(1)} X_0^{(1)}(f) & a_1^{(1)} X_1^{(1)}(f) & \dots & a_{K-1}^{(1)} X_{K-1}^{(1)}(f) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_0^{(M-1)} X_0^{(M-1)}(f) & a_1^{(M-1)} X_1^{(M-1)}(f) & \dots & a_{K-1}^{(M-1)} X_{K-1}^{(M-1)}(f) \end{bmatrix},$$

$X_k^m(f)$  : Fourier transform of input signal by m-th sensor

$a_k^m$  : coefficients accounting for different localized area around the gridpoints

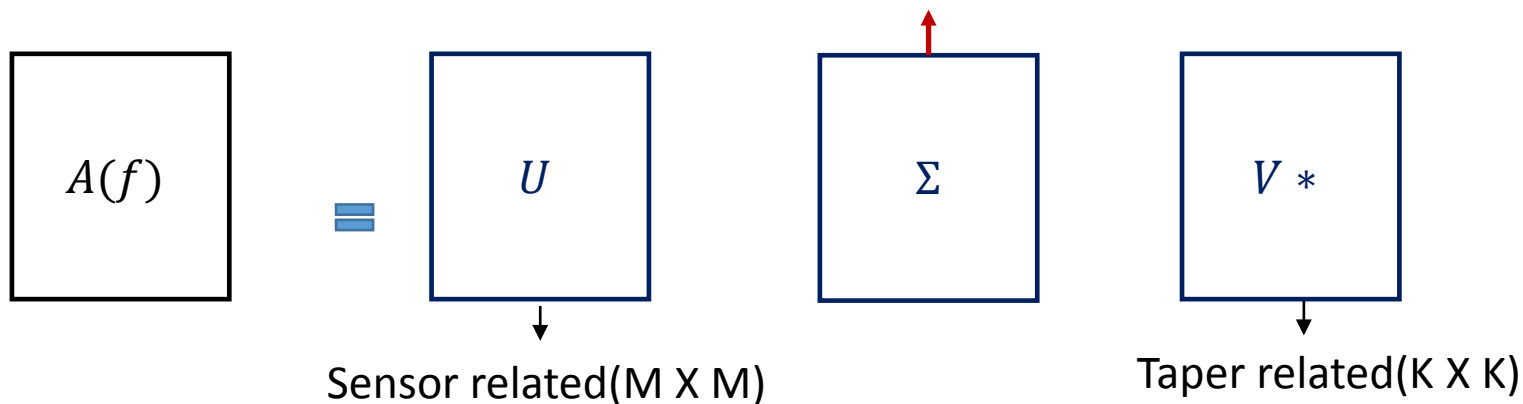


# 》》 Multitaper method in space

$$\mathbf{A}(f) = \begin{bmatrix} a_0^{(0)} X_0^{(0)}(f) & a_1^{(0)} X_1^{(0)}(f) & \dots & a_{K-1}^{(0)} X_{K-1}^{(0)}(f) \\ a_0^{(1)} X_0^{(1)}(f) & a_1^{(1)} X_1^{(1)}(f) & \dots & a_{K-1}^{(1)} X_{K-1}^{(1)}(f) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_0^{(M-1)} X_0^{(M-1)}(f) & a_1^{(M-1)} X_1^{(M-1)}(f) & \dots & a_{K-1}^{(M-1)} X_{K-1}^{(M-1)}(f) \end{bmatrix},$$

Apply singular value decomposition to matrix A

Power spectrum estimates(Diagonal)





***Thank You!***