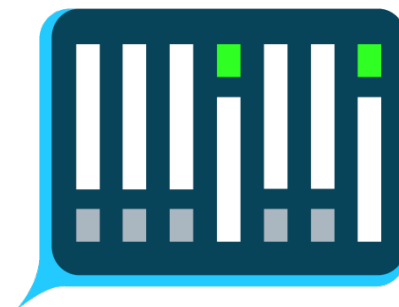




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Channel Compensation in the Generalised VTS Approach to Robust ASR

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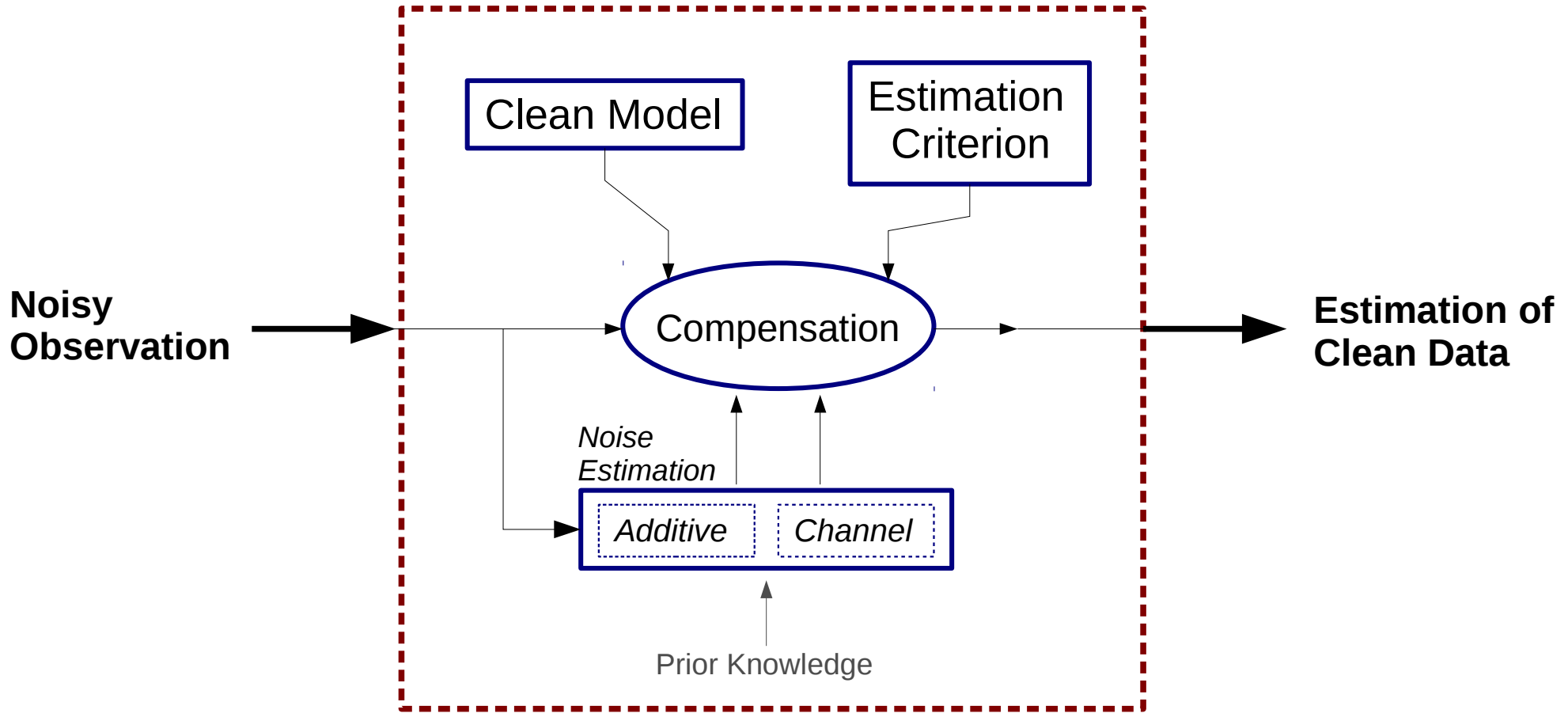
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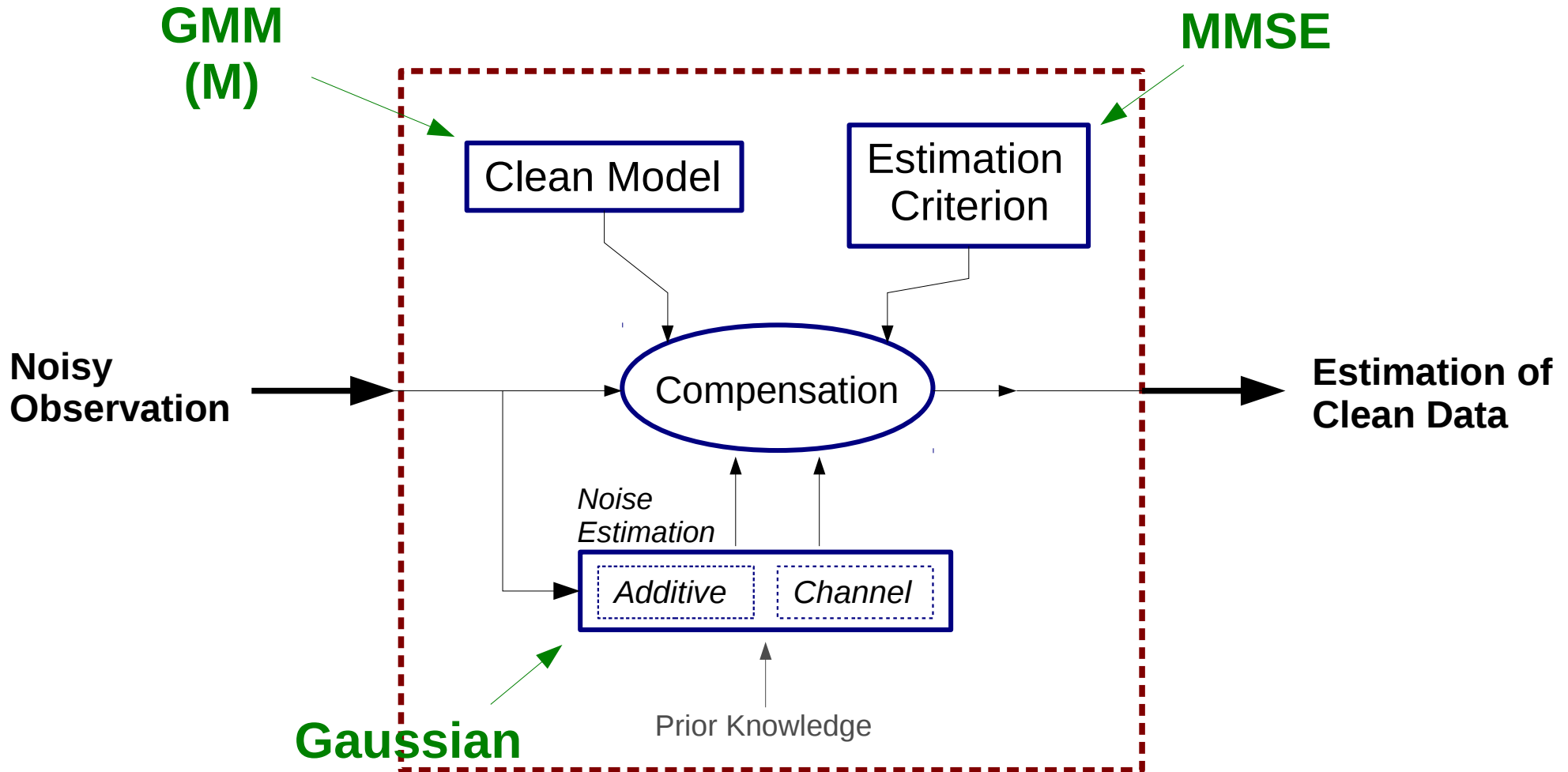


Model-based Noise Compensation





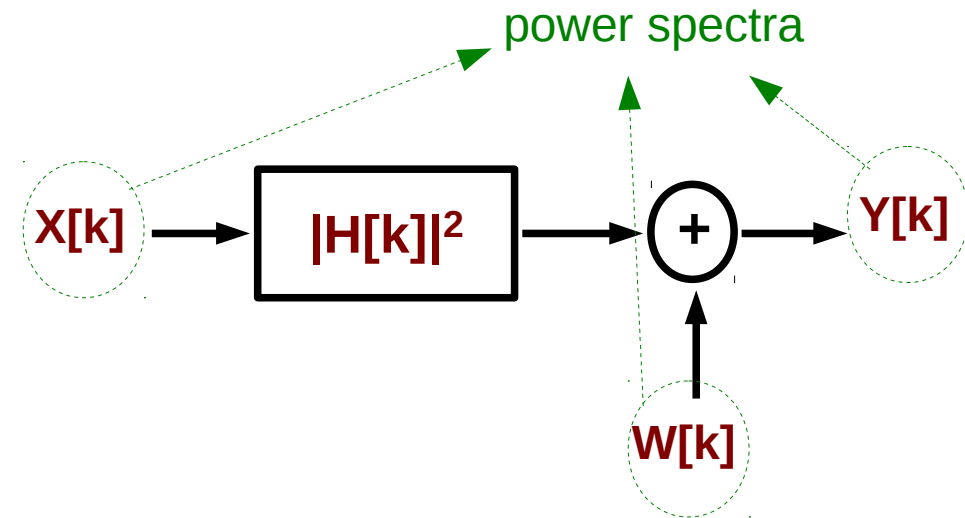
Model-based Noise Compensation





Environment Model

$$Y[k] = X[k] |H(k)|^2 + W[k]$$



$$\tilde{Y} = \tilde{X} + \tilde{H} + \underbrace{\log\{1 + e^{\tilde{W} - \tilde{X} - \tilde{H}}\}}_{\tilde{G}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{W}, \tilde{H})}$$

$$\tilde{Z} = \log Z$$

$$\tilde{Y} = \tilde{X} + \tilde{G}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{W}, \tilde{H})$$

Distortion function





Noise Compensation

$$\hat{X}_{MMSE} = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}|\tilde{Y}] = \int \tilde{X} p(\tilde{X}|\tilde{Y}) d\tilde{X}$$



Noise Compensation

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{X}_{MMSE} &= \mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}|\tilde{Y}] = \int \tilde{X} p(\tilde{X}|\tilde{Y}) d\tilde{X} \\ &\approx \tilde{Y} - \sum_{m=1}^M p(m|\tilde{Y}) \tilde{G}(\mu_m^{\tilde{X}}, \mu^{\tilde{W}}, \mu^{\tilde{H}})\end{aligned}$$



Assumptions ...

$$\hat{X}_{MMSE} = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{X}|\tilde{Y}] = \int \tilde{X} p(\tilde{X}|\tilde{Y}) d\tilde{X}$$
$$\approx \tilde{Y} - \sum_{m=1}^M p(m|\tilde{Y}) \tilde{G}(\mu_m^{\tilde{X}}, \mu^{\tilde{W}}, \mu^{\tilde{H}})$$

- $\tilde{Y} \sim \sum_{m=1}^M p_{\tilde{Y}}(m) \mathcal{N}(\tilde{Y}; \mu_m^{\tilde{Y}}, \Sigma_m^{\tilde{Y}})$
- \tilde{Y} and \tilde{X} are jointly Gaussian within each component (Y?)
- \tilde{G} is evaluated at the mean of the Gaussians (Y?)



Noise Compensation

$$\hat{X}_{MMSE} = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{X} | \tilde{Y}] = \int \tilde{X} p(\tilde{X} | \tilde{Y}) d\tilde{X}$$

$$\otimes \approx \tilde{Y} - \sum_{m=1}^M p(m | \tilde{Y}) \tilde{G}(\mu_m^{\tilde{X}}, \mu^{\tilde{W}}, \mu^{\tilde{H}})$$

$$\text{GMM of } \tilde{Y} : \theta^{\tilde{Y}} = \{p_m^{\tilde{Y}}, \mu_m^{\tilde{Y}}, \Sigma_m^{\tilde{Y}}\} \quad ???$$





Non-linearity Problem

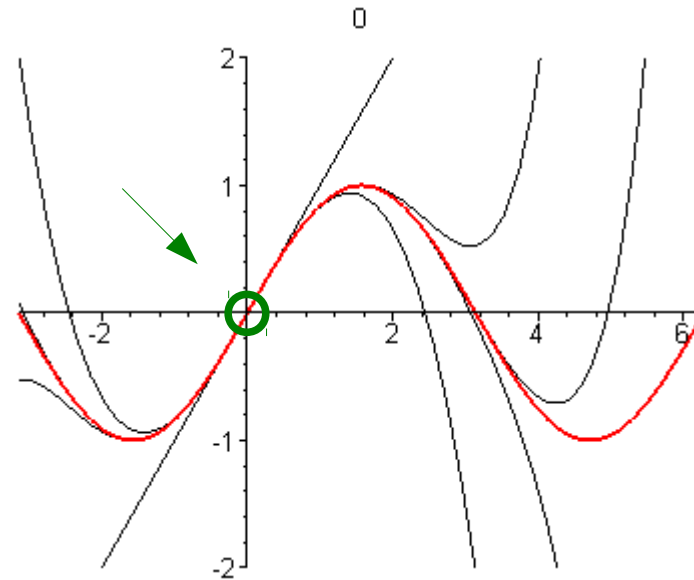
$$\tilde{Y} = \underbrace{\tilde{X} + \tilde{G}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{W}, \tilde{H})}_{f(\tilde{X}, \tilde{W}, \tilde{H})}$$

↑
Non-linear

GMM of \tilde{Y} : $\theta^{\tilde{Y}} = \{p_m^{\tilde{Y}}, \mu_m^{\tilde{Y}}, \Sigma_m^{\tilde{Y}}\}$???



Taylor Series



$$\tilde{y} = f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{w}, \tilde{h})$$

↑
Non-linear



Vector Taylor Series

$$\tilde{y} \approx \tilde{y}(\tilde{x}_0, \tilde{w}_0, \tilde{h}_0) + J^{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x} - \tilde{x}_0) + J^{\tilde{w}}(\tilde{w} - \tilde{w}_0) + J^{\tilde{h}}(\tilde{h} - \tilde{h}_0)$$

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Requirements:

- Point(s)
- Jacobians ($J^{\tilde{z}}$)





VTS for ASR -- Points

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Requirements:

- Point(s) → Means of the Gaussians
- Jacobians ($J^{\tilde{z}}$)





VTS for ASR -- Jacobians

$$\tilde{y} \approx \tilde{y}(\tilde{x}_0, \tilde{w}_0, \tilde{h}_0) + J^{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x} - \tilde{x}_0) + J^{\tilde{w}}(\tilde{w} - \tilde{w}_0) + J^{\tilde{h}}(\tilde{h} - \tilde{h}_0)$$

$$J_m^{\tilde{x}} = C \operatorname{diag}\left\{\frac{1}{1 + V_m}\right\} C^{-1}$$

$$J_m^{\tilde{h}} = J_m^{\tilde{x}} = C \operatorname{diag}\left\{\frac{1}{1 + V_m}\right\} C^{-1}$$

$$J_m^{\tilde{w}} = C C^{-1} - J_m^{\tilde{x}} = C \operatorname{diag}\left\{\frac{V_m}{1 + V_m}\right\} C^{-1}$$

$$V_m = \exp(C^{-1}(\mu^{\tilde{w}} - \mu_m^{\tilde{x}} - \mu^{\tilde{h}}))$$



VTS for ASR ...

$$\begin{cases} p_m^{\tilde{y}} & \approx p_m^{\tilde{x}} \\ \mu_m^{\tilde{y}} & \approx \mu_m^{\tilde{x}} + \mu^{\tilde{h}} + C \log(1 + V_m) \\ \Sigma_m^{\tilde{y}} & \approx J_m^{\tilde{x}} \Sigma_m^{\tilde{x}} J_m^{\tilde{x}T} + J_m^{\tilde{x}} \Sigma^{\tilde{h}} J_m^{\tilde{h}T} + J_m^{\tilde{w}} \Sigma^{\tilde{w}} J_m^{\tilde{w}T} \end{cases}$$



$$\hat{x}_{MMSE} \approx \tilde{y} - \sum_{m=1}^M p(m|\tilde{y}) \tilde{g}(\mu^{\tilde{w}}, \mu_m^{\tilde{x}}, \mu^{\tilde{h}})$$

Generalised VTS



Generalised Non-linearity (GN)

$$\begin{cases} \text{GenLog}(x; \alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha} (x^\alpha - 1), & x > 0 \quad \alpha \neq 0 \\ \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \text{GenLog}(x; \alpha) = \log(x) \end{cases}$$



Generalised Non-linearity (GN)

- **Statistics**
 - Box-Cox Transformation (1964)
- **Speech Processing**
 - **Generalised Logarithmic Function** (1984)

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Advantages of GenLog

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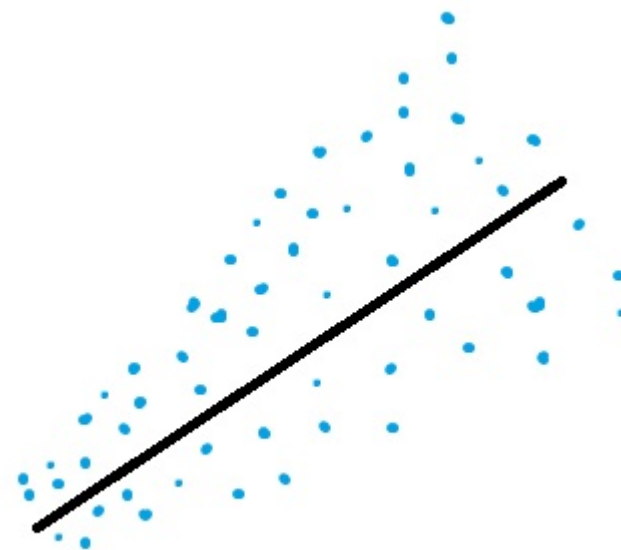


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* Can potentially improve the ...

- *Linearity*
- *Homoscedasticity*
- *Normality*



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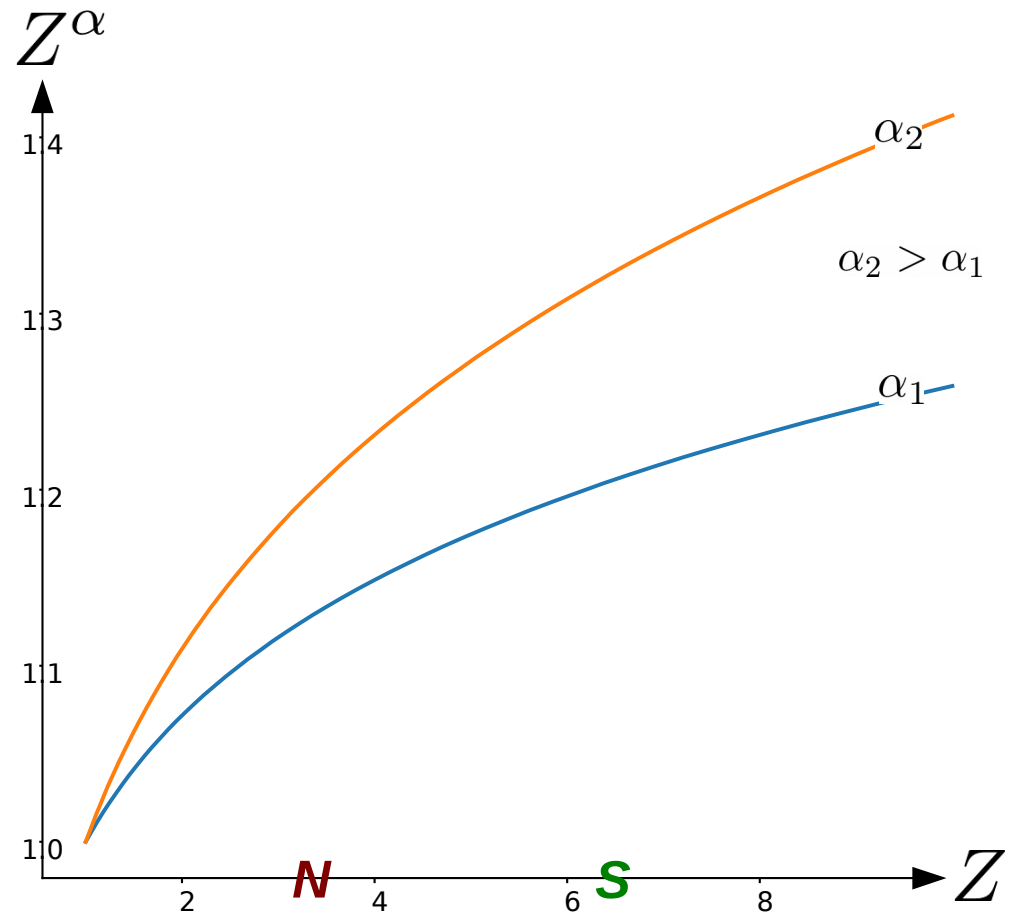
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GenLog can improve the SNR!

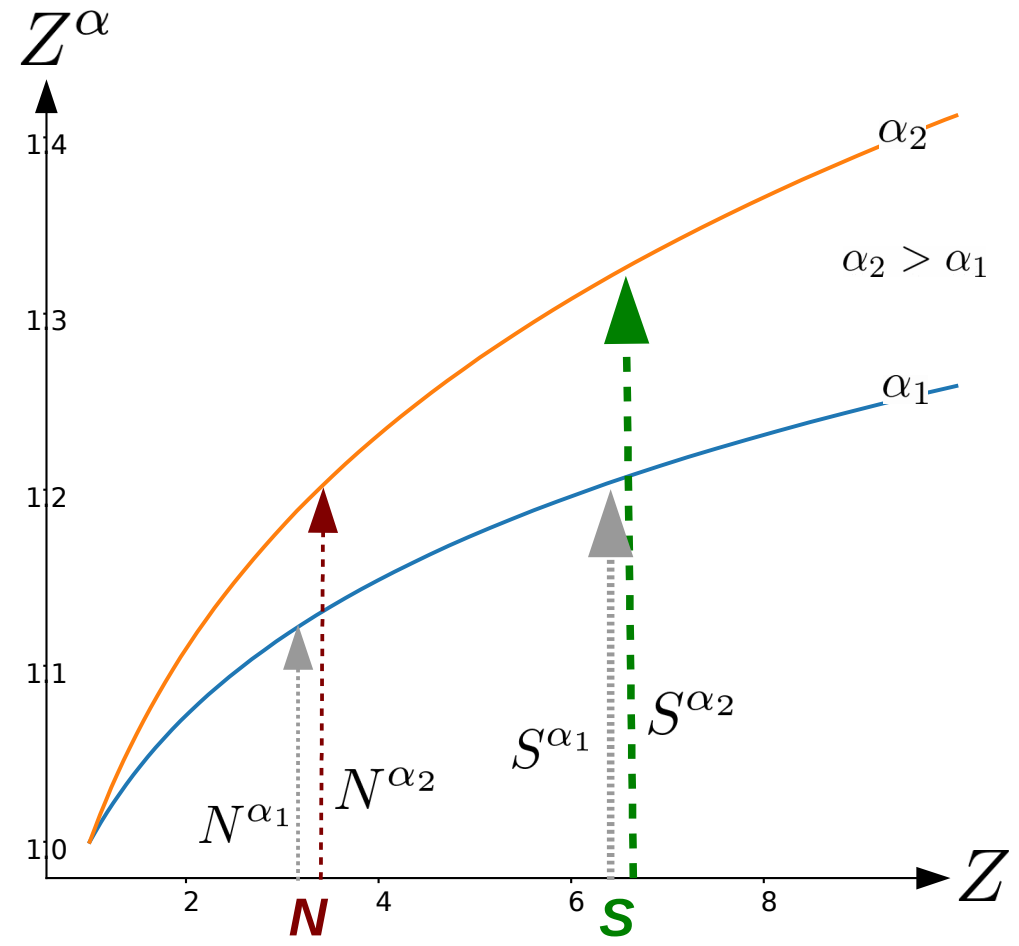




GenLog can improve the SNR ...

$$SNR_1 = \frac{S^{\alpha_1}}{N^{\alpha_1}}$$

$$SNR_2 = \frac{S^{\alpha_2}}{N^{\alpha_2}}$$

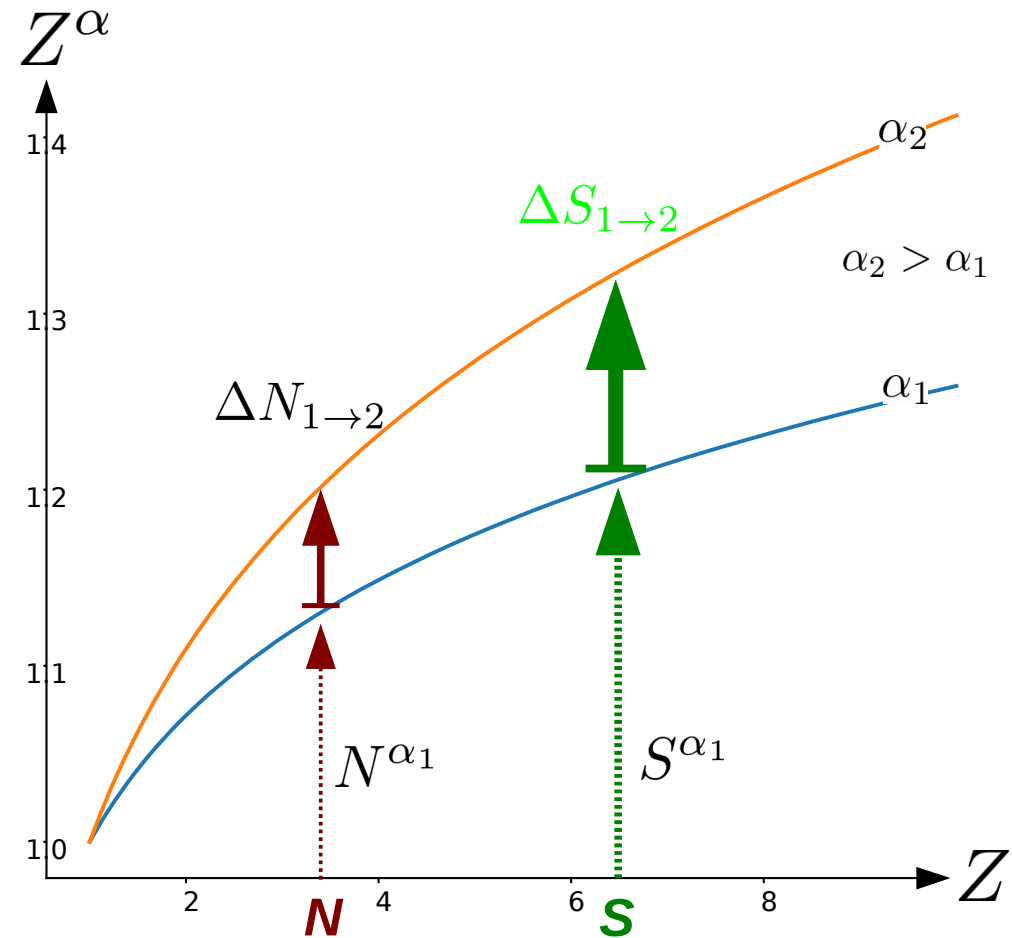




GenLog can improve the SNR ...

$$SNR_1 = \frac{S^{\alpha_1}}{N^{\alpha_1}}$$

$$SNR_2 = \frac{S^{\alpha_2}}{N^{\alpha_2}} = \frac{S^{\alpha_1} + \Delta S_{1 \rightarrow 2}}{N^{\alpha_1} + \Delta N_{1 \rightarrow 2}}$$

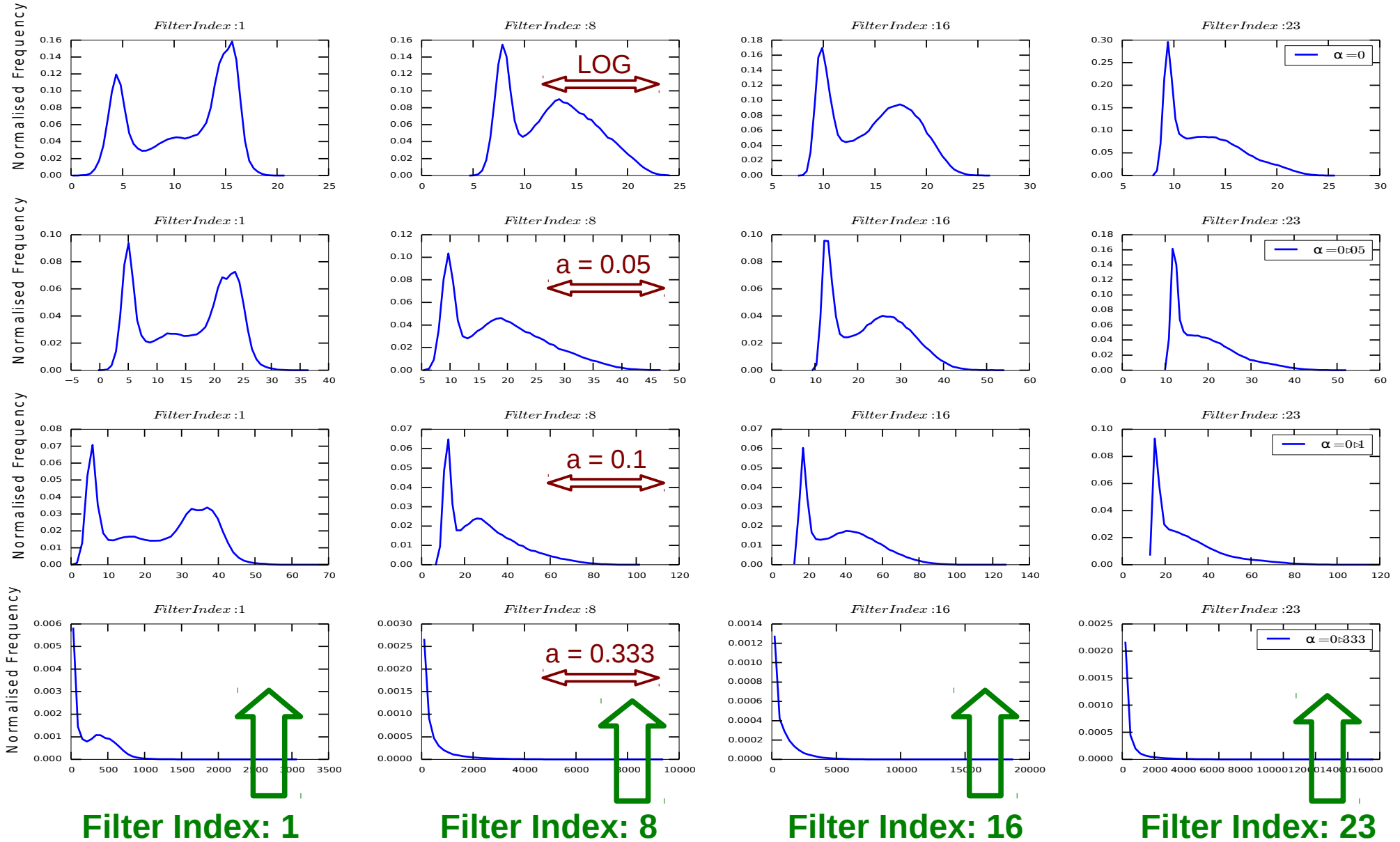


$$\alpha_1 < \alpha_2 \Rightarrow SNR_1 < SNR_2$$



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Statistical Effect of GenLog





$$\begin{cases} \text{GenLog}(x; \alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha}(x^\alpha - 1), & x > 0 \quad \alpha \neq 0 \\ \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \text{GenLog}(x; \alpha) = \log(x) \end{cases}$$



Statistical
Distribution

SNR
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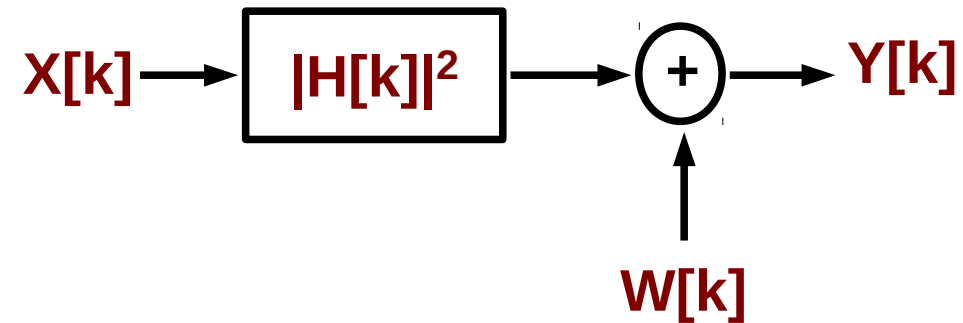
**SNR
Boost**

$$0.05 \leq \alpha < 0.1$$



Environment Model

$$Y[k] = X[k] |H(k)|^2 + W[k]$$



$$\check{Y} = \check{X} \underbrace{\check{H} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\check{W}}{\check{X}\check{H}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \right)^{\alpha}}_{\check{G}(\check{X}, \check{W}, \check{H})}$$

$$\check{Z} = Z^{\alpha}$$

$$\check{Y} = \check{X} \check{G}(\check{X}, \check{W}, \check{H})$$

Distortion function





Generalised VTS (gVTS)

$$\begin{aligned}\check{X}_{MMSE} &= \mathbb{E}[\check{X}|\check{Y}] = \int \check{X} p(\check{X}|\check{Y}) d\check{X} \\ &\approx \check{Y} \sum_{m=1}^M p(m|\check{Y}) \frac{1}{\check{G}(\mu_m^{\check{X}}, \mu^{\check{W}}, \mu^{\check{H}})}\end{aligned}$$



gVTS → Equations

$$Y[k] = X[k] |H(k)|^2 + W[k]$$

$$J_{gVTS}^\lambda = \frac{\partial \check{Y}}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{\partial \check{Y}}{\partial Y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \lambda} = 2\alpha \frac{\mu_m^{\check{X}} \mu^{\check{H}} \sqrt{V_m}}{(1 + V_m)^{1-\alpha}}$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{GenLog}(z; \alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha}(z^\alpha - 1), & z > 0 \\ \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \text{GenLog}(z; \alpha) = \log(z), & \alpha \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Sigma_m^{\check{Y}} \leftarrow \Sigma_m^{\check{Y}} + J_{VTS}^\lambda \Sigma^\lambda J_{VTS}^{\lambda T}$$

$$\check{Y} = \check{X} \check{H} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\check{W}}{\check{X} \check{H}}\right)^\alpha\right)$$

$$J_m^{\check{X}} = \frac{\partial \check{Y}}{\partial \check{X}} \Big|_{(\mu_m^{\check{X}}, \mu^{\check{H}}, \mu^{\check{W}})} = \text{diag}\{\mu^{\check{H}} (1 + \check{V}_m)^{\alpha-1}\}$$

$$G(\check{X}, \check{H}, \check{W}) = \left(1 + \left(\frac{\check{W}}{\check{X} \check{H}}\right)^\alpha\right)$$

$$J_m^{\check{H}} = \frac{\partial \check{Y}}{\partial \check{H}} \Big|_{(\mu_m^{\check{X}}, \mu^{\check{H}}, \mu^{\check{W}})} = \text{diag}\{\mu_m^{\check{X}} (1 + \check{V}_m)^{\alpha-1}\}$$

$$J_m^{\check{W}} = \frac{\partial \check{Y}}{\partial \check{W}} \Big|_{(\mu_m^{\check{X}}, \mu^{\check{H}}, \mu^{\check{W}})} = \text{diag}\{\mu^{\check{H}} \left(\frac{1 + \check{V}_m}{\check{V}_m}\right)^{\alpha-1}\}$$

$$\begin{cases} \check{X} \sim \sum_{m=1}^M p_{\check{x}}(m) \mathcal{N}(\mu_m^{\check{X}}, \Sigma_m^{\check{X}}) \\ \check{W} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\check{W}}, \Sigma^{\check{W}}), \\ \check{H} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu^{\check{H}}, \Sigma^{\check{H}}), \end{cases}$$

$$\check{V}_m = \left(\frac{\mu^{\check{W}}}{\mu_m^{\check{X}} \mu^{\check{H}}}\right)^\alpha \quad \mathcal{E}\left\{\frac{1}{\check{X}_u}\right\} \geq \frac{1}{\mathcal{E}\{\check{X}_u\}}$$

$$\check{X}_{MMSE} = \mathcal{E}[\check{X}|\check{Y}] = \int \check{X} p(\check{X}|\check{Y}) d\check{X}$$

$$\mu_m^{\check{Y}} \approx \mu_m^{\check{X}} \mu^{\check{H}} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\mu^{\check{W}}}{\mu_m^{\check{X}} \mu^{\check{H}}}\right)^\alpha\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \check{X}_{MMSE} &= \int \frac{\check{Y}}{G(\check{X}, \check{H}, \check{W})} \sum_{m=1}^M p(\check{X}|m) p(m|\check{Y}) d\check{X} \\ &= \check{Y} \sum_{m=1}^M p(m|\check{Y}) \frac{1}{G(\mu_m^{\check{X}}, \mu^{\check{H}}, \mu^{\check{W}})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma_m^{\check{Y}} \approx J_m^{\check{X}} \Sigma_m^{\check{X}} J_m^{\check{X}T} + J_m^{\check{W}} \Sigma^{\check{W}} J_m^{\check{W}T} + J_m^{\check{H}} \Sigma^{\check{H}} J_m^{\check{H}T}$$

$$\mathcal{E}\{\check{X}_u\} \approx \sum_{m=1}^M p_x(m) \mu_m^{\check{X}}$$

$$p(m|\check{Y}) = \frac{p_{\check{y}}(m) \mathcal{N}(\mu_m^{\check{Y}}, \Sigma_m^{\check{Y}})}{\sum_{m'=1}^M p_{\check{y}}(m') \mathcal{N}(\mu_{m'}^{\check{Y}}, \Sigma_{m'}^{\check{Y}})}$$

$$\check{x}[n, k] = \frac{\check{X}[n, k] |H[k]|^{2\gamma}}{\sqrt[2\gamma]{\prod_{n=1}^N \check{X}[n, k] |H[k]|^{2\gamma}}}$$

$$Z \sim \sum_{m=1}^M p_x(m) \mathcal{N}(z; H_d \mu_m^{\check{X}}, H_d \Sigma_m^{\check{X}} H_d^T)$$

$$\check{H}_t = \frac{\check{Y}_t}{\check{X}_t} \Rightarrow \mu^{\check{H}} = \mathcal{E}\{\check{H}\} = \mathcal{E}\left\{\frac{\check{Y}_u}{\check{X}_u}\right\}$$

$$\mu^{\check{H}} \approx \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \check{Y}_t}{\sum_{m=1}^M p_x(m) \mu_m^{\check{X}}}$$

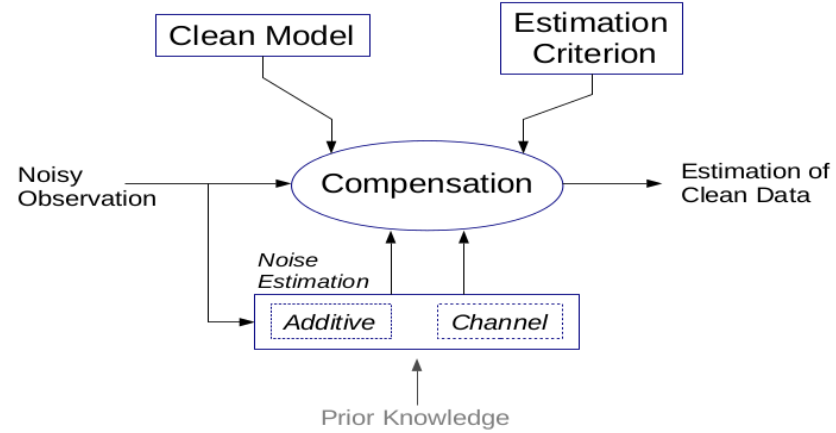
$$\mu^{\check{H}} = \mathcal{E}\left\{\frac{\check{Y}_u}{\check{X}_u}\right\} = \mathcal{E}\{\check{Y}_u\} \mathcal{E}\left\{\frac{1}{\check{X}_u}\right\}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}\{\check{Y}_u\}}{\mathcal{E}\{\check{X}_u\}} = \mathcal{E}\left\{\left(H + \frac{W_u}{X_u}\right)^\alpha\right\} \approx \mu^{\check{H}} + \mathcal{E}\left\{\frac{\check{W}_u}{\check{X}_u}\right\}$$

$$\check{Y} \approx \check{Y}(\check{X}_0, \check{W}_0, \check{H}_0) + J^{\check{X}}(\check{X} - \check{X}_0) + J^{\check{W}}(\check{W} - \check{W}_0) + J^{\check{H}}(\check{H} - \check{H}_0)$$

$$\mathcal{E}\{\check{Y}_u\} \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \check{Y}_t$$

$$\check{Y} = C^{-1} \check{y} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p_{\check{Y}}(m) = p_{\check{y}}(m) \\ p(\check{Y}|m) = p(\check{y}|m) \end{cases} \Rightarrow p(m|\check{Y}) = p(m|\check{y})$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} \check{X} \\ \check{Y} \end{pmatrix}_m \sim \mathcal{N} \left[\begin{pmatrix} \mu_m^{\check{X}} \\ \mu_m^{\check{Y}} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{\check{X}\check{X}} & \Sigma_{\check{X}\check{Y}} \\ \Sigma_{\check{Y}\check{X}} & \Sigma_{\check{Y}\check{Y}} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$J^{\check{z}} = \frac{\partial \check{y}}{\partial \check{z}} = \frac{\partial C \check{Y}}{\partial C \check{Z}} = C \frac{\partial \check{Y}}{\partial \check{Z}} C^{-1} \Rightarrow J^{\check{z}} = C J^{\check{Z}} C^{-1}$$



Channel Noise Estimation



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$$\mu^{\check{H}} = \mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{\check{Y}_u}{\check{X}_u}\right\} \approx \mathbb{E}\{\check{Y}_u\} \mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{1}{\check{X}_u}\right\}$$



Y and $\frac{1}{X}$ are uncorrelated!

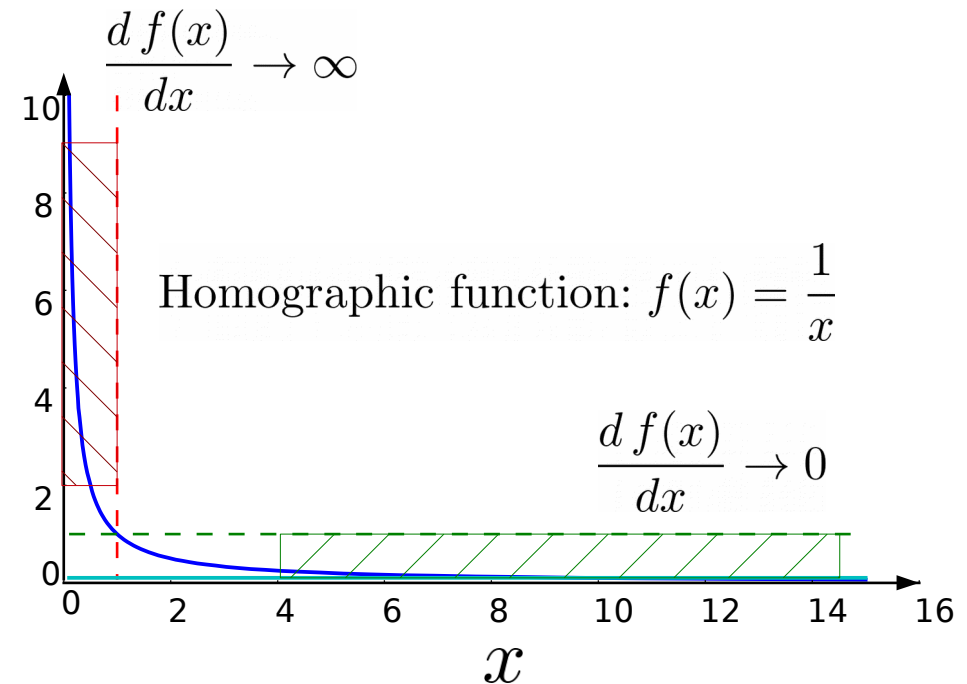




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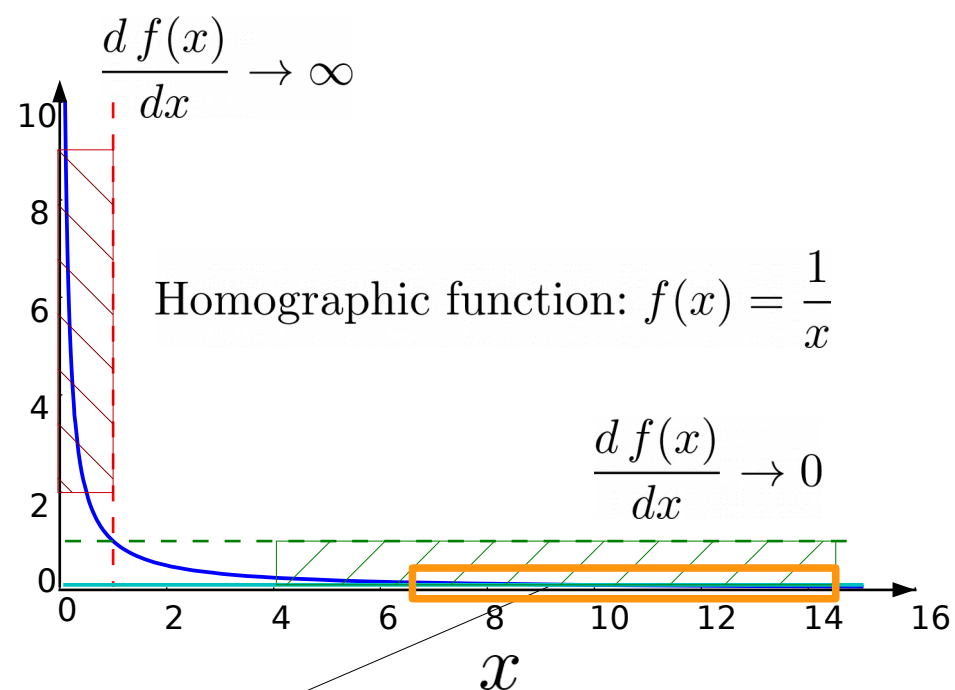




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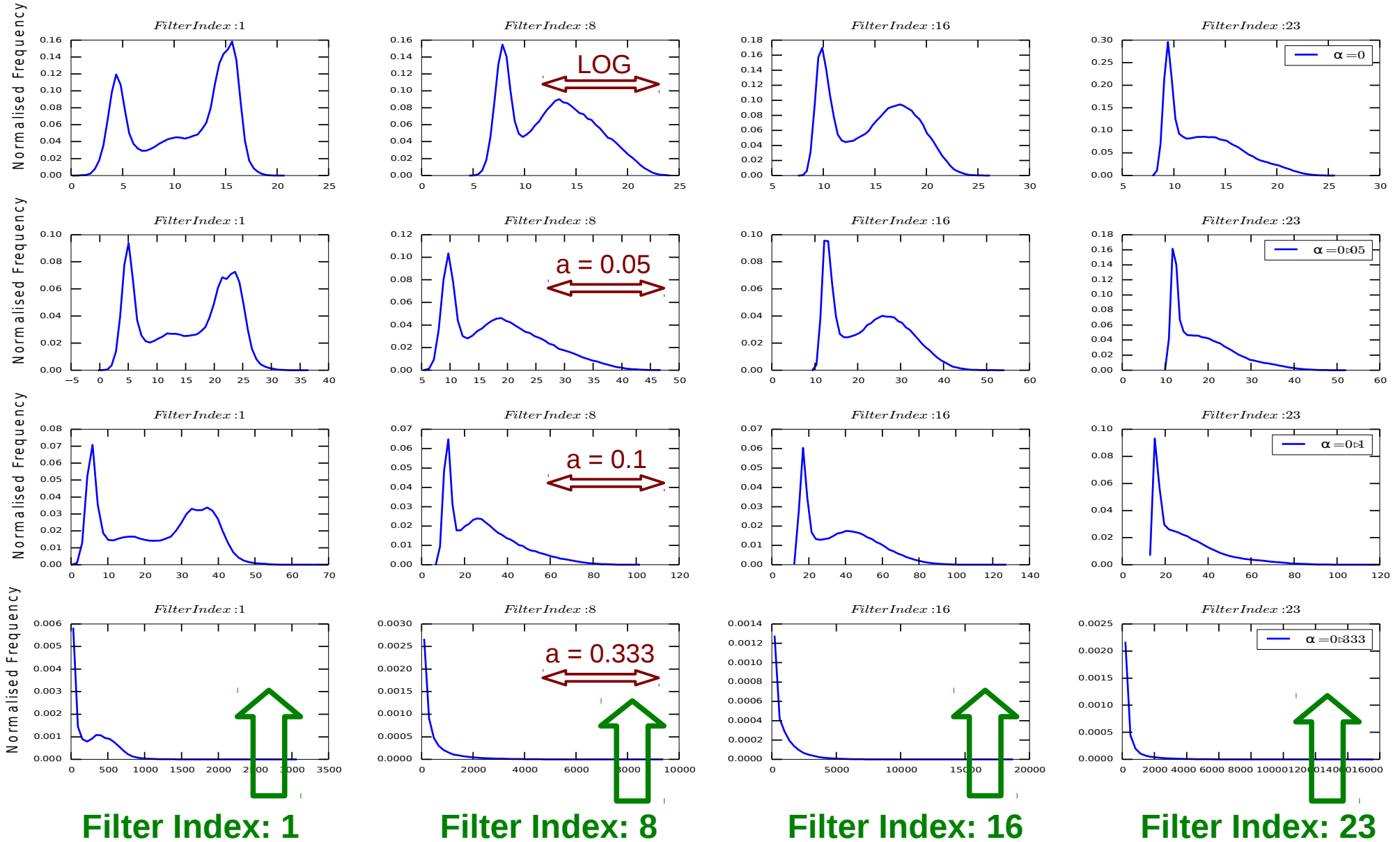


$\frac{1}{x}$ does not covary with x !



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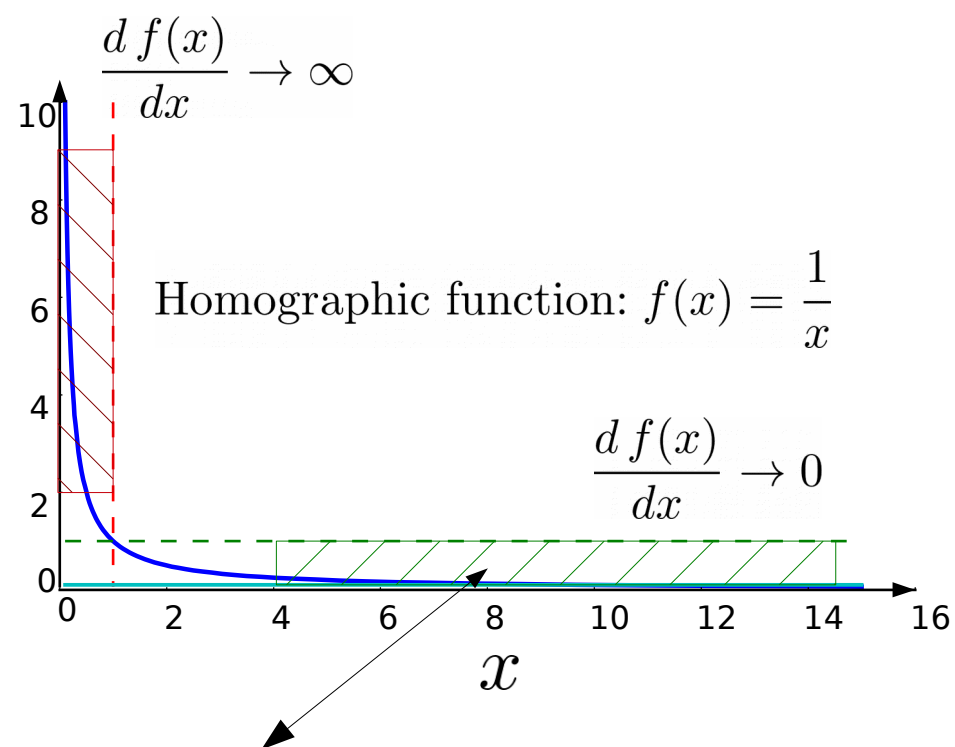




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x and $\frac{1}{x}$ are *almost* uncorrelated **here!**



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STEP 1

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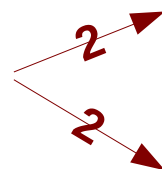


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$$\mathbb{E}\{\check{Y}_u\} \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \check{Y}_t$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{1}{\check{X}_u}\right\} \approx \sum_{m=1}^M p_{\check{x}}(m) \mu_m^{\check{X}}$$



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$$\mathbb{E}\{\check{Y}_u\} \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \check{Y}_t$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{1}{\check{X}_u}\right\} \geq \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}\{\check{X}_u\}}$$

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$$\mathbb{E}\{\check{X}_u\} \approx \sum_{m=1}^M p_{\check{x}}(m) \mu_m^{\check{X}}$$

$\frac{1}{X}$ is convex !



Channel Noise Estimation

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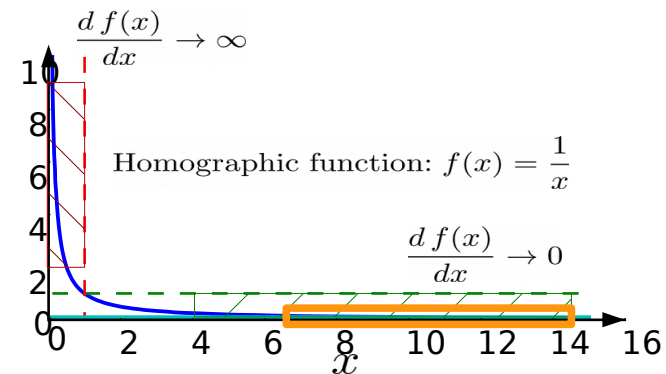
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@ the border of Convex/Concave





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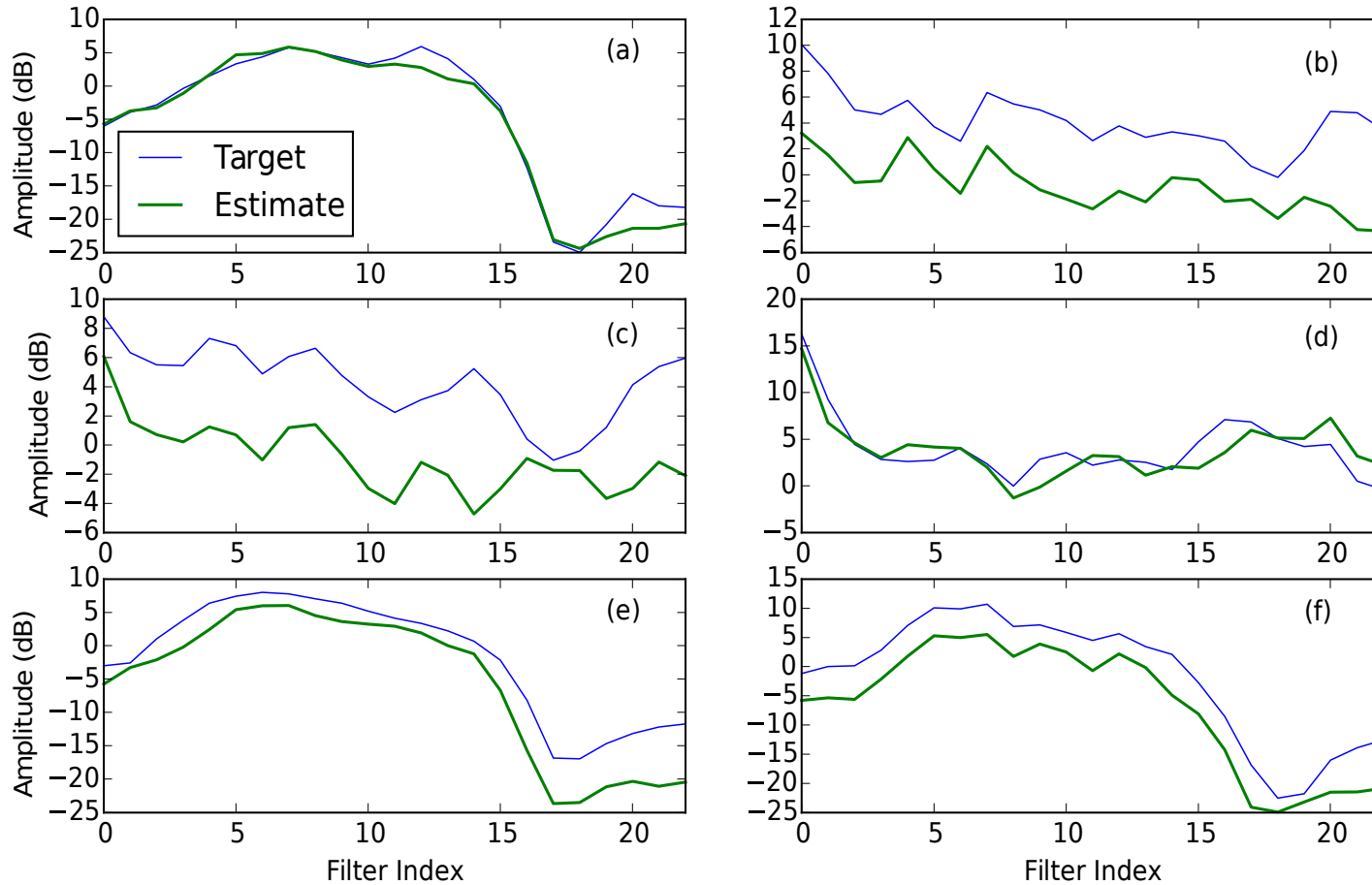
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$$\mu^{\check{H}} \approx \frac{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \check{Y}_t}{\sum_{m=1}^M p_{\check{x}}(m) \mu_m^{\check{X}}}$$





Channel Estimation Aurora-4



$$\mu^{\check{H}} = \mathbb{E}\{\check{H}\} = \mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{\check{Y}_u}{\check{X}_u}\right\}$$

Y = XH ← Test Set C
X ← Test Set A





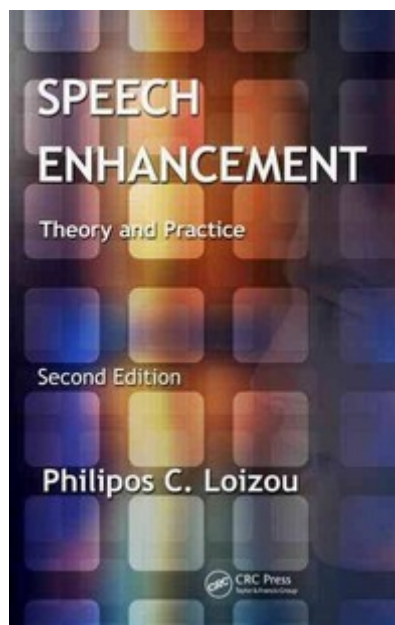
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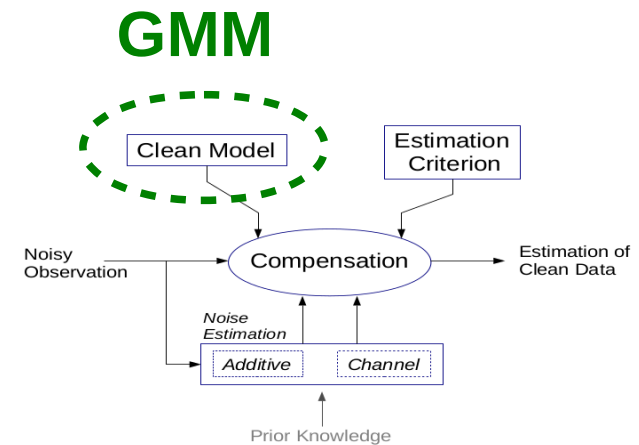
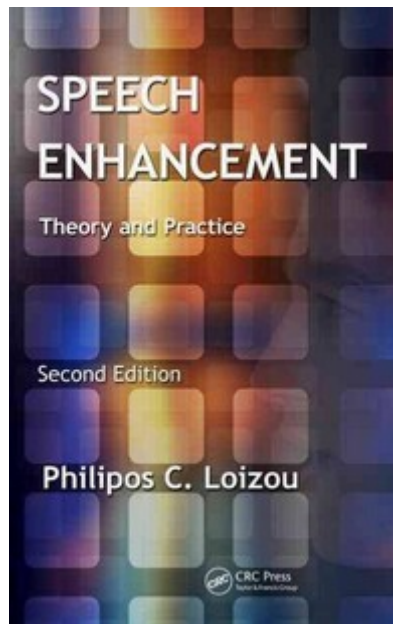
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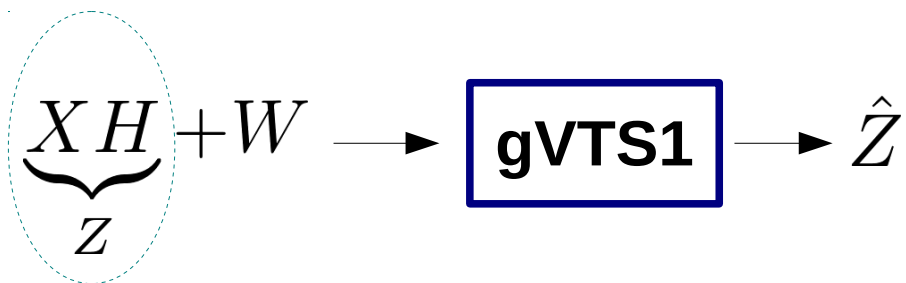
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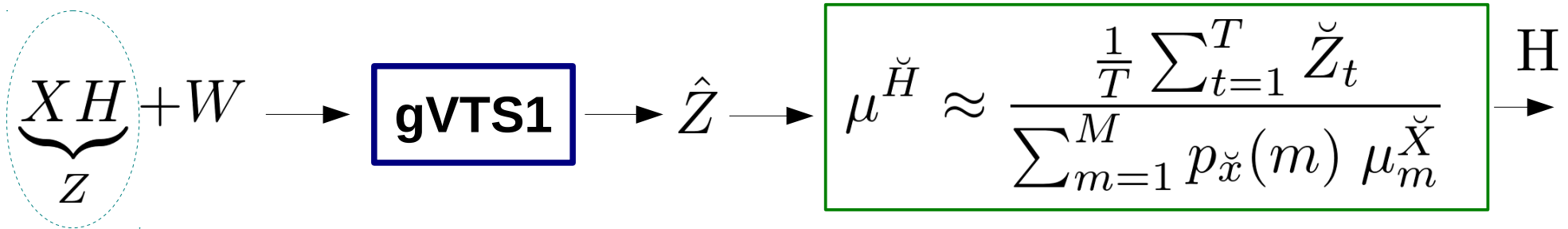
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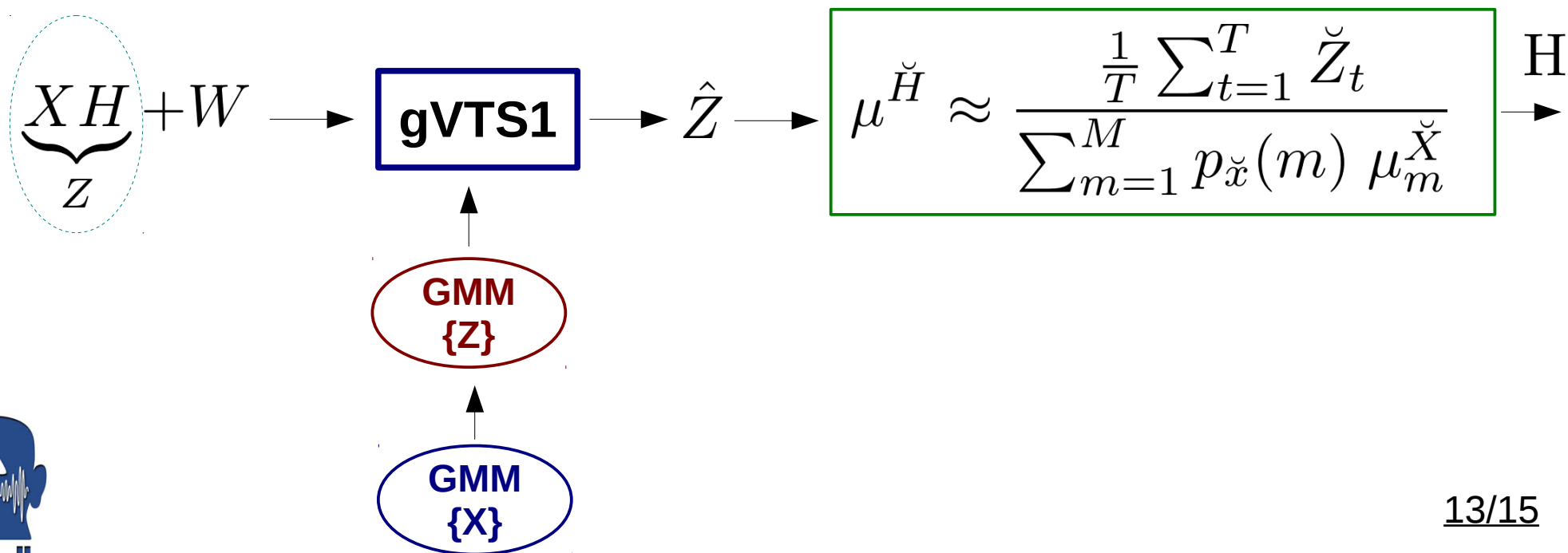
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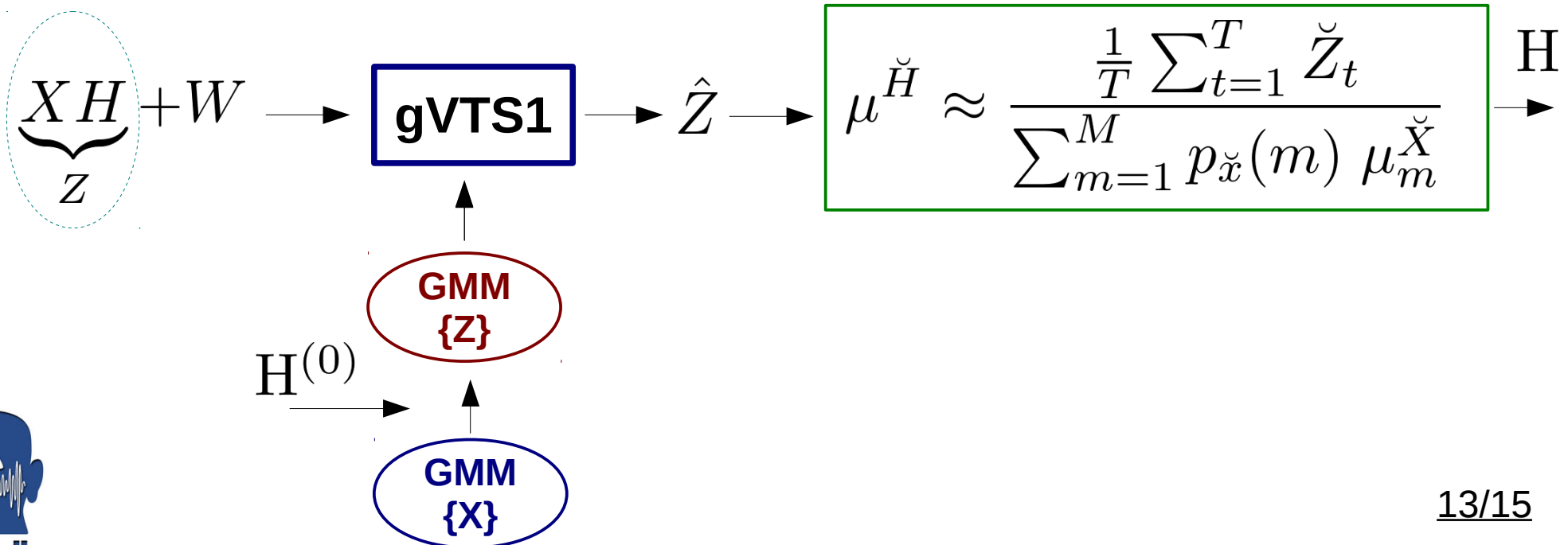
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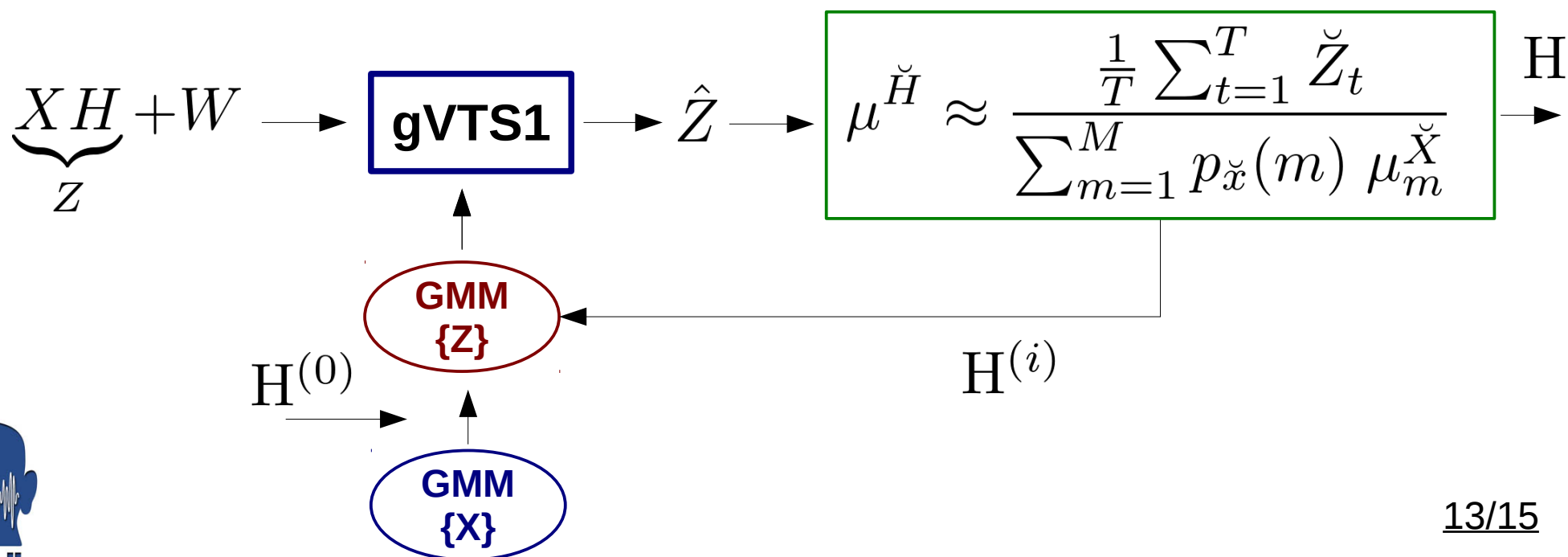
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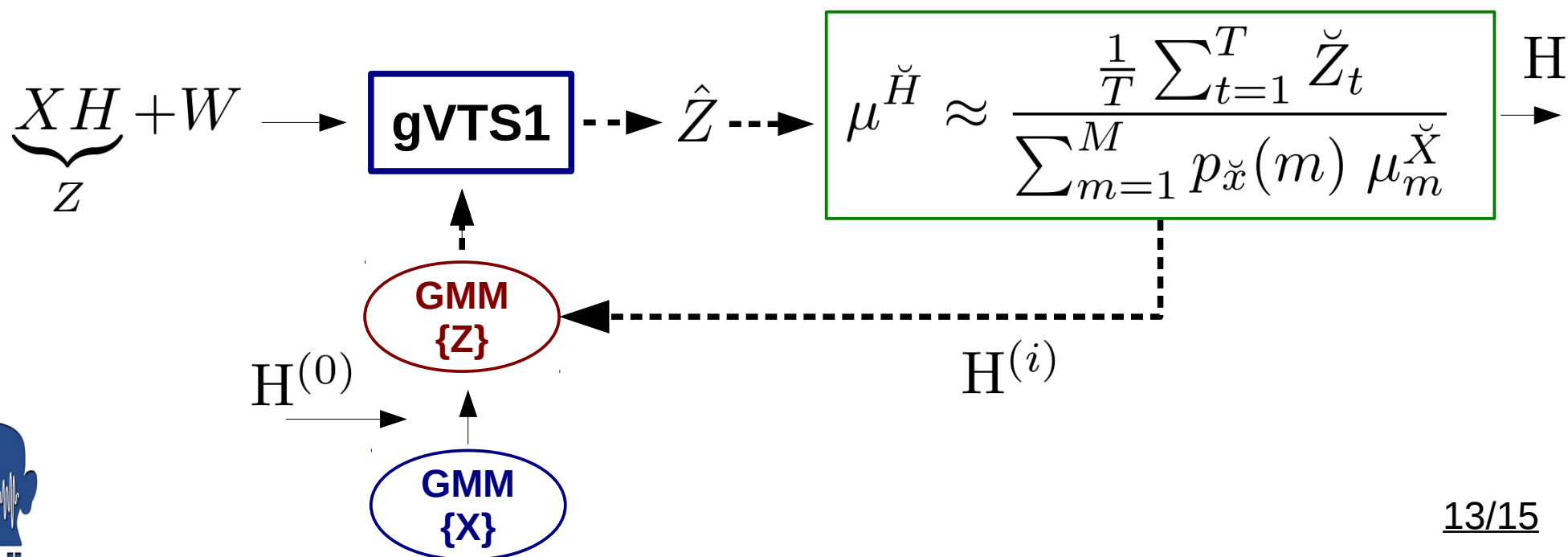
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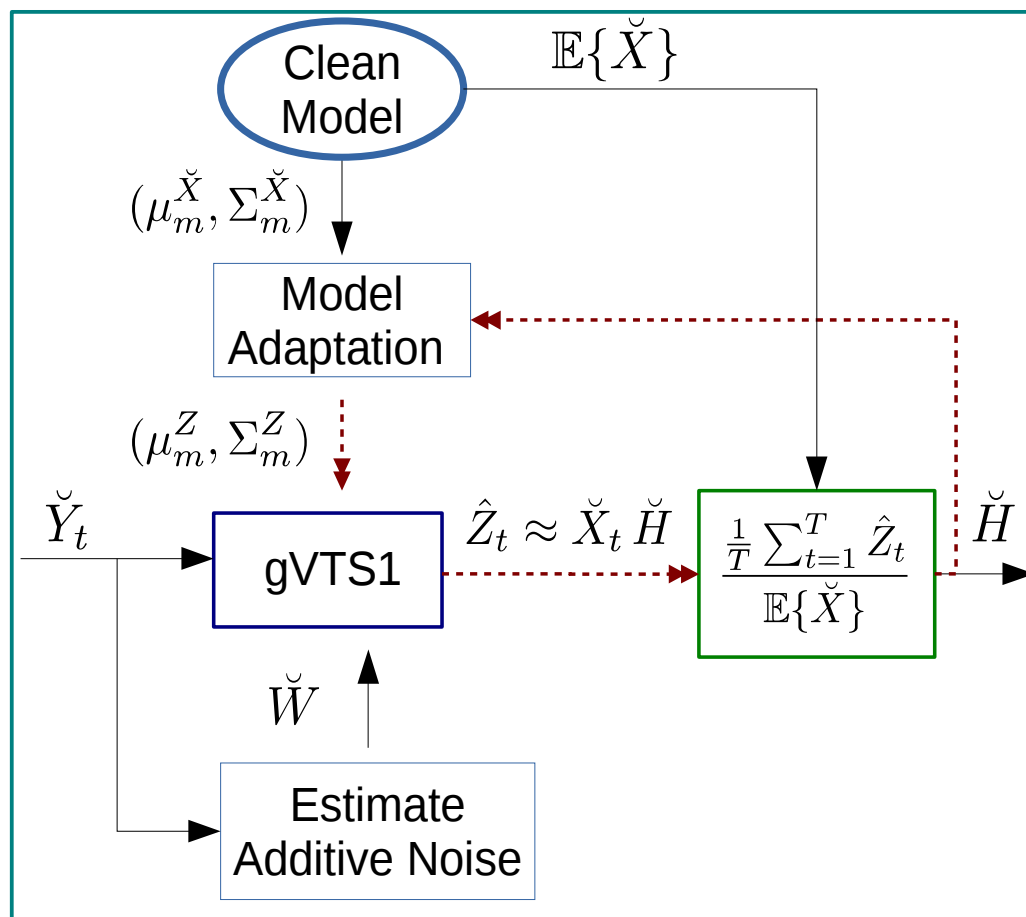
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Channel Estimation Pseudocode

0. Initialise \mathbf{H}
 1. Adapt Clean Model with \mathbf{H}
 2. gVTS for Additive Noise
 3. Update \mathbf{H}
 4. If not converged **GO TO 1**
- RETURN \mathbf{H}**





Experimental Results

Aurora4 -- WER

Feature	A	B	C	D	Ave_1	Ave_2
MFCC-Clean	6.8	33.4	23.8	50.2	38.0	28.6
MFCC-Multi1	9.1	18.4	23.4	35.9	25.6	21.7
MFCC-Multi2	10.7	17.0	19.1	31.3	22.8	19.5
VTS1-FBE	6.4	21.9	22.2	39.2	28.2	22.4
gVTS1-0.05	6.3	19.9	20.6	36.9	26.2	20.9
gVTS2-0.05-3	6.5	20.3	14.4	34.2	24.9	18.9

A: Clean

B: Additive

C: Channel

D: Additive+Channel

$$Ave_1 = \frac{A + 6B + C + 6D}{14}$$

$$Ave_2 = \frac{A + B + C + D}{4}$$

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Abs: 4.7%
Rel: 24.6%

Abs: 0.6%
Rel: 3.1%

WER
Reduction



Wrap-up

– This Talk was about ...

- ✓ Vector Taylor Series for Robust ASR
- ✓ Generalised VTS
- ✓ Channel Noise Estimation

– Future Works:

- ✓ Extension to the Phase/Group Delay domains
- ✦ Further optimisation of the channel estimation

That's it!

- Thanks for your attention
- Q&A



Appendices

- 1.** (g)VTS Pseudocode
- 2.** Effect of GenLog on WER
 - 2.1. Aurora-2 → Clean (0-20 dB)
 - 2.2. Aurora-4 → Clean, Multi1, Multi2
- 3.** Why Non-linear Transform?
- 4.** Channel Estimation
 - 4.1. Initialisation and iteration effect
 - 4.2. ALL
- 5.** Phase Factor
- 6.** MMSE vs MAP





(g)VTS Pseudocode

0. GMM of **CLEAN**

– *For each utterance ...*

1. Apply the compression function (Log of GenLog)
2. Factor out the **CLEAN** and compute the distortion function
3. Estimate the **Noise**
 - 3.1. Additive
 - 3.2. Channel
4. Linearise using **VTS**
 - 4.1. Points → means of Gaussians
 - 4.2. Jacobians → partial derivatives

5. Estimate **CLEAN** using **MMSE** ← 3 assumptions





Effect of GenLog on WER Aurora-2

Feature	α	TestSet A	TestSet B	TestSet C
MFCC	$\log \leftrightarrow 0$	66.2	71.4	64.9
gMFCC	0.01	68.0	72.2	69.7
gMFCC	0.05	74.5	76.7	76.0
gMFCC	0.075	75.4	76.2	76.9
gMFCC	0.1	73.3	74.3	74.5
gMFCC	0.15	70.0	71.4	68.8
gMFCC	0.2	67.2	69.3	63.2

Aurora-2 (Accuracy, Average 0-20 dB)





Effect of GenLog on WER Aurora-4

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gMFCC	0.05	6.9	25.5	23.7	43.1	31.6	24.8
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Taking Log after applying GenLog ?

$$\tilde{Y} = \tilde{X} + \underbrace{\tilde{H} + \log\{1 + e^{\tilde{W} - \tilde{X} - \tilde{H}}\}}_{\tilde{G}(\tilde{X}, \tilde{W}, \tilde{H})} \quad \tilde{Z} = \log Z$$

$$\check{Y} = \check{X} \check{H} \underbrace{\left(1 + \left(\frac{\check{W}}{\check{X}\check{H}}\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}\right)^{\alpha}}_{\check{G}(\check{X}, \check{W}, \check{H})} \quad \check{Z} = Z^{\alpha}$$

$$\dot{Y} = \dot{X} + \underbrace{\dot{H} + \log\{1 + e^{\dot{W} - \dot{X} - \dot{H}}\}}_{\dot{G}(\dot{X}, \dot{W}, \dot{H})} \quad \dot{Z} = \alpha \log Z$$

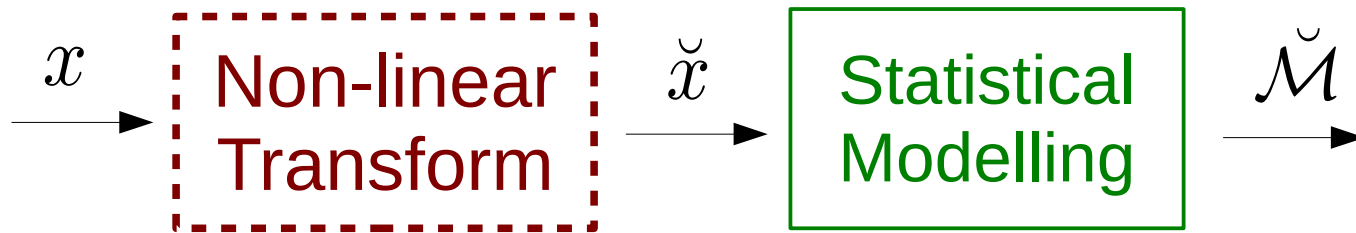


Why Non-linear Transform?

$$\hat{Z} = \log Z$$

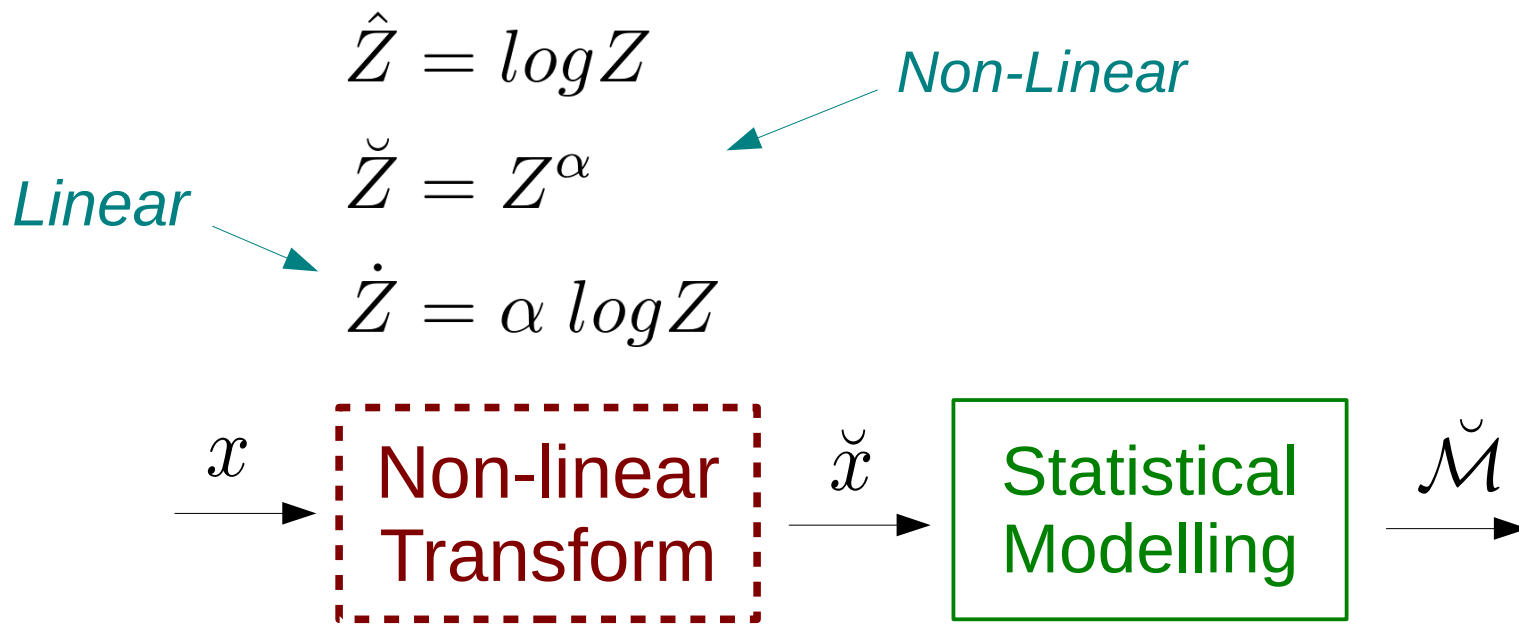
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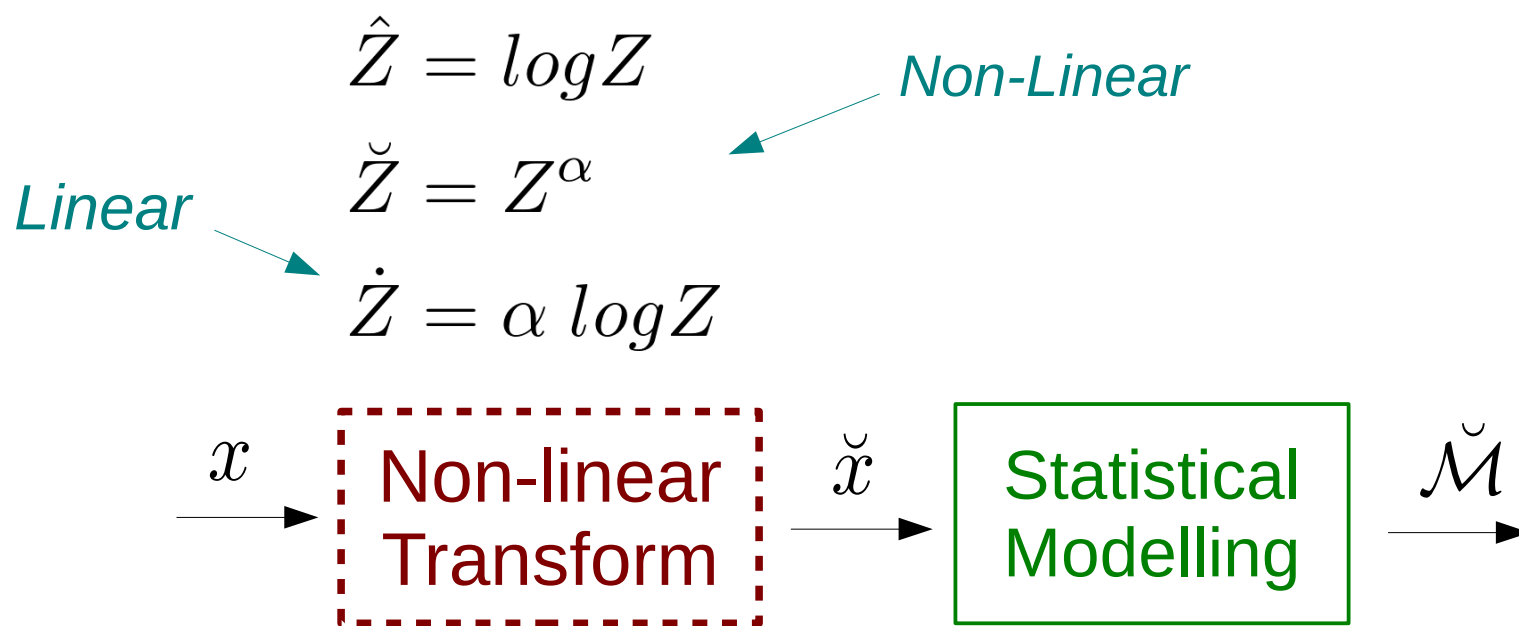


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Linear transform does not change the family a RV belongs to !

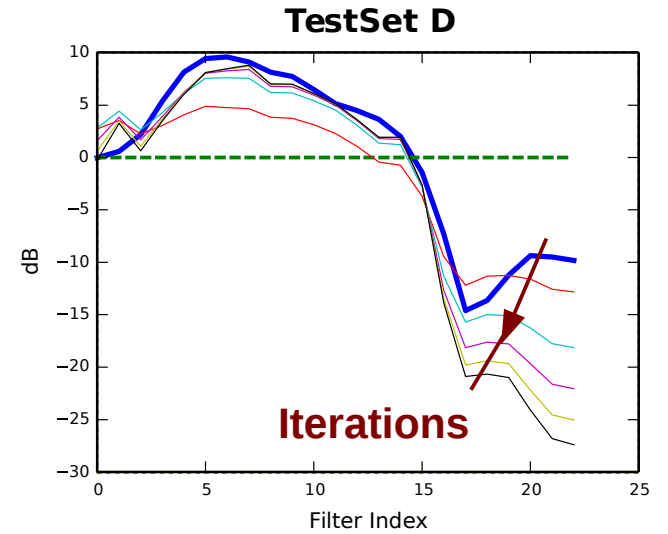
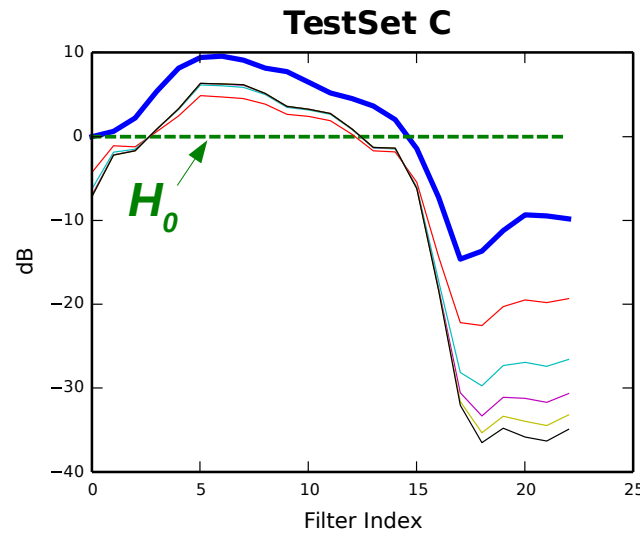




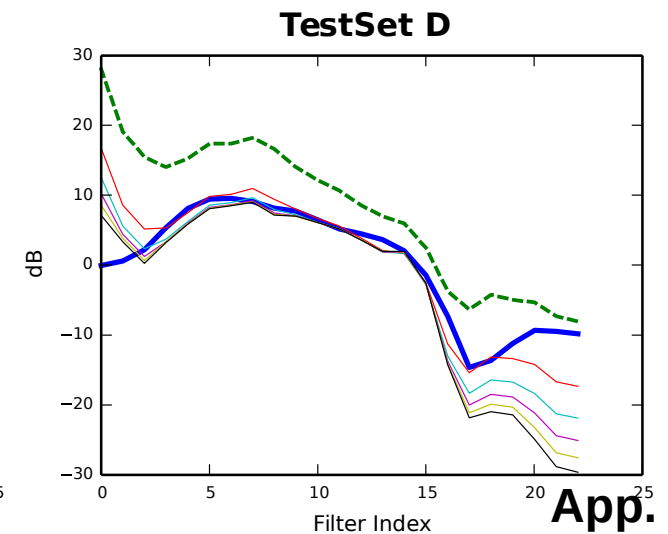
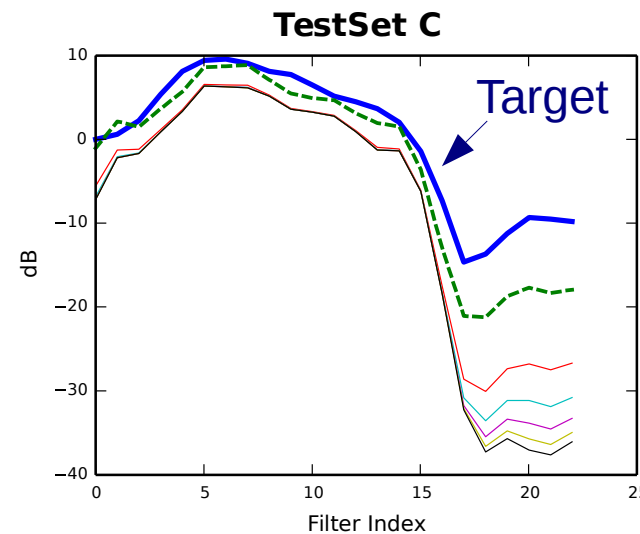
Channel Estimation

Initialisation and Iteration effect

$$\check{H}_0 = 1$$

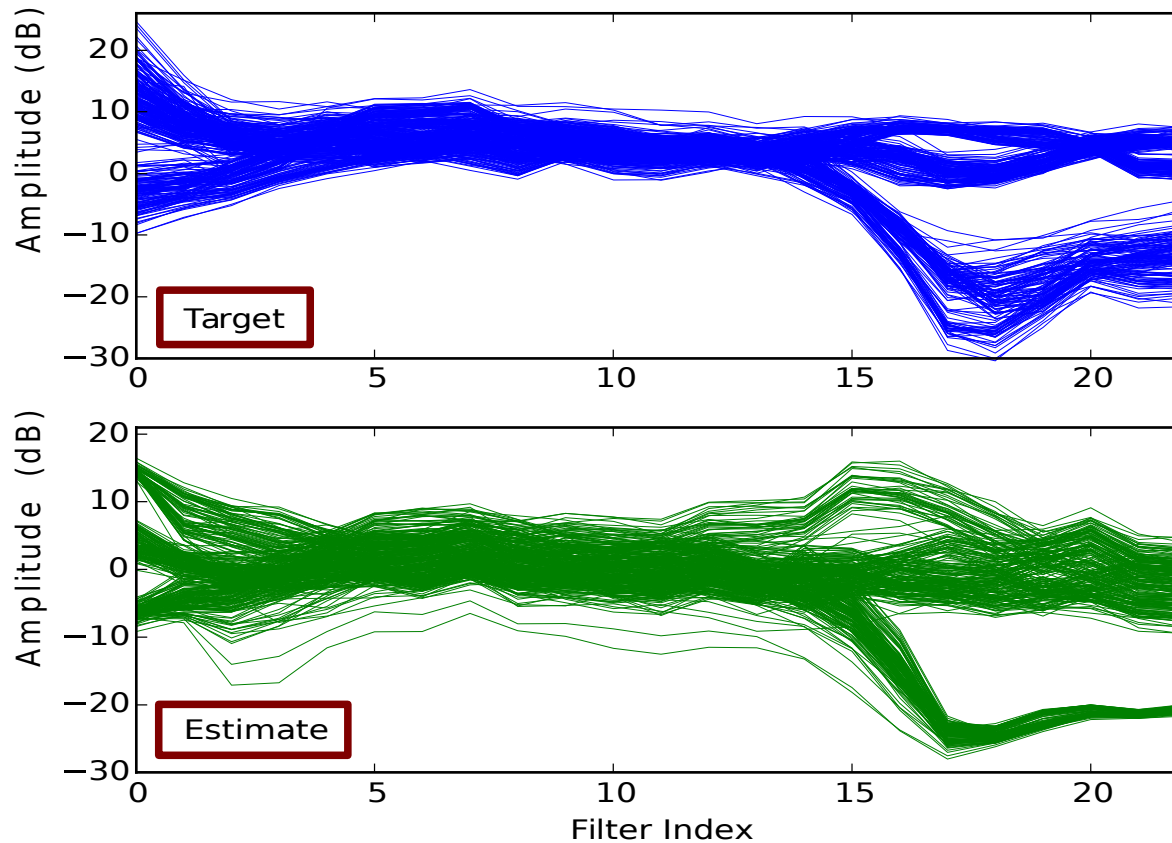


$$\check{H}_0 = \frac{\check{Y}}{\check{X}}$$





Channel Estimation -- ALL



$$\mu^{\check{H}} = \mathbb{E}\{\check{H}\} = \mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{\check{Y}_u}{\check{X}_u}\right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Y} &= \mathbf{X}\mathbf{H} \leftarrow \text{Test Set C} \\ \mathbf{X} &\leftarrow \text{Test Set A} \end{aligned}$$





Phase Factor

Periodogram



$$Y_k = X_k H_k + W_k + 2\sqrt{X_k H_k W_k} \cos(\theta_{X_k} + \theta_{H_k} - \theta_{W_k})$$

$$\lambda_k = \cos(\theta_{X_k} + \theta_{H_k} - \theta_{W_k}) = \frac{Y_k - X_k H_k - W_k}{2\sqrt{X_k H_k W_k}}$$

FBE, l^{th} filter

$$\lambda_l = \frac{Y_l - X_l H_l - W_l}{2\sqrt{X_l H_l W_l}}$$

$$\lambda_l \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_l^2) \Rightarrow \lambda \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma^\lambda)$$

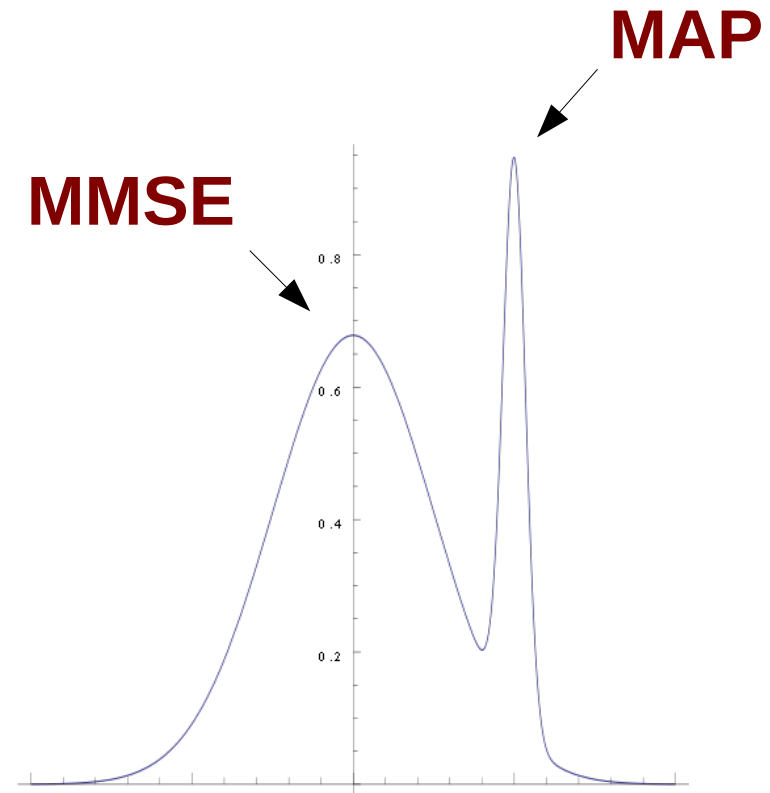
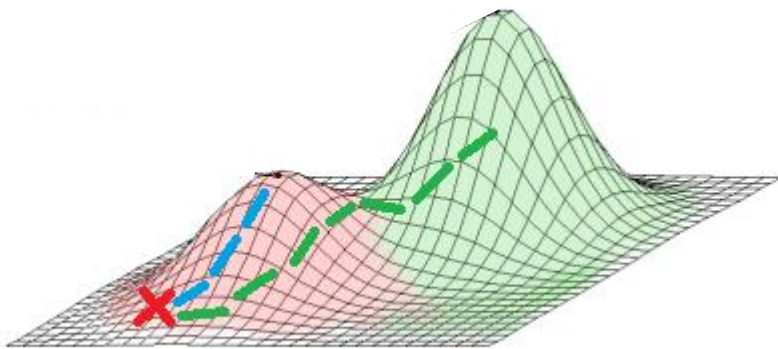
$$J_{gVTS}^\lambda = \frac{\partial \check{Y}}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{\partial \check{Y}}{\partial Y} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial \lambda} = 2\alpha \frac{\mu_m^{\check{X}} \mu_m^{\check{H}} \sqrt{V_m}}{(1 + V_m)^{1-\alpha}}$$



MMSE vs MAP

$$\hat{x}_{MMSE} = \mathbb{E}[x|y] = \int x P(x|y) dx$$

$$\hat{x}_{MAP} = \arg \max_x P(x|y)$$



MAP requires
GLOBAL maximum!