Signal processing techniques for characterizing nonlinear processes in turbulent plasmas

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Turbulence and transport in the Scrape-off-Layer of Tokamaks

- Essential role played by intermittent and large scale structures ("blobs") in the cross-field energy and particle transport to the wall in the far Scrape-Off-Layer (SOL)

- From many experimental studies carried out in several machines (toroidal: Tore-Supra, W-7AS, Alcator-C, NSTX, D-IIID, … and linear machines as well)
  - radially propagating "blobs" are responsible for ~50% of the transport
  - Study of statistical properties → signature of intermittency and "blobs" and of self-similarity (Hurst parameter ⇒ long-range correlations, SOC models?, …)

- Open questions:
  - Origin and formation of the "blobs" (core plasma, relation with ELMs?, near the separatrix, inverse cascade process?), propagation velocity, time and size scales, → need for Diagnostics (probes arrays, imaging, …), signal processing methods, comparison with numerical simulations, …
Time-series analysis (probe data)

Data in the form of time series are collected from a turbulent process ⇒ How can we extract information from these time series

Intermittency, non linearity ⇒

"Classical" Methods =
• Statistical Analysis ⇒ stationary stochastic processes
• Fourier Methods = projection on an orthogonal basis, but with infinite support ⇒ Limitations

are inadequate
Tore-Supra (Shot #35000)

2B Isat,
\( \chi_m = 0.0822 \)
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\( \sigma = 0.0023 \)
Tore-Supra Shot #35000

Analyzed signals: Isat_2A et Isat_2B for r = 15, 20, 35, 70 mm (distance to LCFS)

Cross-correlations r = 15 mm

Non Gaussian PDF related to intermittency

Cross-correlations r = 70 mm
Tore-Supra Shot #35000

2B Isat, $r = 70\ \text{mm}$

2B Isat, $r = 35\ \text{mm}$

2B Isat, $r = 20\ \text{mm}$

2B Isat, $r = 15\ \text{mm}$

Autocorrelations and Fourier spectra
Tore-Supra Shot #35000

2A Isat, $r = 70$ mm
2A Isat, $r = 35$ mm
2A Isat, $r = 20$ mm
2A Isat, $r = 15$ mm

Autocorrelations and Fourier spectra
**Drawbacks of Fourier methods**

Fourier transform definition:

\[ F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) e^{-i\omega t} \, dt \iff f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega t} \, d\omega \]

\( \Rightarrow \) \( F(\omega) \) complex \( \Rightarrow \) Information on time localisation contained in the phase

\( \Rightarrow \) difficult access

- **Example 1** → A musician playing either successively two \( \neq \) notes, or simultaneously these two notes \( \Rightarrow \) **same amplitude spectra**

\[ S_{ff}(\omega) = |F(\omega)|^2 \]

\[
\begin{cases}
\sin \omega_0(t - \tau) & -5 < t < 0 \\
\sin 1.5\omega_0(t - \tau) & 0 < t < 5
\end{cases}
\]

with \( \tau = 1 \); \( \omega_0 = 10 \)

\[ e^{-\pi^2/\delta^2} \cos 2\pi(f_0 t + \beta t^2) \]

with \( \delta = 10 \); \( \beta = 2 \); \( f_0 = 1 \)

**chirp**

Spectral density
Solution: Wavelets?

• Short-time (or windowed) Fourier transform

  \[ \rightarrow (\text{DFT of sub-series}) \Rightarrow \text{Pb : frequency resolution } \Delta \nu = \frac{1}{T} \]

  the time resolution is the same at all frequencies

• Wavelet transform = generalization of the Fourier analysis

  \[ \rightarrow \text{change for an other analysis function giving a time resolution depending on the frequency} \]

  \[ \Rightarrow \text{find an orthogonal basis localised in time and frequency} \]
Intermittency between two modes

Ionization waves in a glow discharge ($I = 3 \, mA$)

\[ f_1 = 1.05 \, kHz, \quad f_2 = 1.55 \, kHz \]

Time-frequency representation (Morlet)
Periodic pulling

K-H instability
$U_d=50$ volts
Time series "y5a02"
at $r = 4$ cm (in the shear layer)

$A=1., \varepsilon=1.$
$\omega_1 = 1.2$
"VdP1.0-1.2"

$a$ simple model: the forced van der Pol oscillator

$$\ddot{x} + \varepsilon (x^2 - 1) \omega_0 \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = A \cos(\omega_1 t)$$
Wavelet Analysis

- Principle of the wavelet transform:
  replace the sine waves of the Fourier decomposition by orthogonal basis functions localised in time and frequency

- Aim: Decomposition of a signal into components (small waves, i.e. wavelets) corresponding to:
  - scales or levels (i.e., frequencies) and
  - localisations for each of these scales

→ Two different approaches:
  - Continuous Wavelet Transform (e.g. Morlet) → time-frequency analysis
  - Discrete Wavelet Transform → orthogonal decomposition (filtering)
The Continuous Wavelet Transform

Principle: mother-wavelet $\varphi(t) \Rightarrow \varphi_{T,t_0}(t) = \varphi\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right)$

⇒ Wavelet Transform

$$W_\varphi^f(T,t_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \varphi_{T,t_0}^*(t) dt$$

Translation dilatation

⇒ normalisation

Pb: find a "good" mother-wavelet

⇒ Necessary conditions (admissibility):

- $0 < c_\varphi = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\varphi(t)|^2 dt < \infty \Rightarrow f(t) = \frac{1}{c_\varphi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dT \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} W_\varphi^f(T,t_0) \sqrt{T} \varphi_{T,t_0}^\ast \left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right) dt_0$ (reconstruction)

- $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\varphi(t)| dt < \infty \Rightarrow$ localisation

Parseval’s theorem \→ \( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |f(t)|^2 dt = \frac{1}{c_\varphi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dT \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |W_\varphi^f(T,t_0)|^2 dt_0 \)

⇒ Morlet wavelets $\varphi(t) = Ce^{-i2\pi dt} \left( e^{-t^2/2} - c_0 e^{-t^2} \right)$ with $c_0 = \sqrt{2}e^{-\pi^2 d^2}$

$$\Delta t \Delta \omega = \pi \quad \text{with: Time resolution} \quad \Delta t = 2Td \quad \text{Frequency resolution} \quad \Delta \omega \approx \omega/4d$$
(with $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$)
Time-frequency analysis

- **pulse**
  
  \[ e^{-\alpha(t-\tau)^2} \cos \omega_0 t \]

  \( \alpha = 0.1 \); \( \tau = 1. \); \( \omega_0 = 10 \)

- **chirp**

  \[ e^{-\pi t^2/\delta^2} \cos 2\pi(f_0 t + \beta t^2) \]

  \( \delta = 10 \);

  \( \beta = 0.5 \); \( f_0 = 0.5 \)
The Morlet Wavelet

\[ \varphi_{T,t_0}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t-t_0}{T} \right)^2 + ik \frac{t-t_0}{T} \right] \]

\[ \Phi_{T,t_0}(\omega) = \sqrt{T} \sqrt{2\pi} \exp \left[ -i\omega t_0 + k\omega T - \frac{1}{2} \left( k^2 + \omega^2 T^2 \right) \right] \]

Maximum at \( \omega T = k \)

Morlet transform:

\[ W_{\varphi}^f(T,t_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \varphi_{T,t_0}^*(t) dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{t-t_0}{T} \right)^2 - ik \frac{t-t_0}{T} \right] dt \]

Convolution product \( f \ast \varphi_T \) \( \Rightarrow \)

\[ W_{\varphi}^f(T,t_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}} TF^{-1}[TF(f)TF(\varphi_T)] \]

With

\[ FT(\varphi) = \Phi_T(\omega) = \sqrt{T} \sqrt{2\pi} \exp \left[ k\omega T - \frac{1}{2} \left( k^2 + \omega^2 T^2 \right) \right] \]
The Discrete Wavelet Transform

Drawbacks of the continuous wavelet transform: redondancy, CPU time, admissibility conditions non completely fullfilled (Morlet)

Solution? Discrete Wavelets (similar to the DFT)

- Octave scaling $\rightarrow$
  
  $T_j = 2^j$ et $t_{0,j,k} = k/2^j$

  $W_{m,k}(t) = 2^{m/2} W(2^m t - k)$

- orthogonality

  $\langle W_{m,k}, W_{n,l} \rangle = \delta_{mn} \delta_{kl}$

with

  $\langle h, g \rangle = \int h^*(t)g(t)dt$

There are $2^m$ base functions at the $m$ level

$\Rightarrow X^m_k = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)W_{m,k}^*(t)dt \rightarrow x_m(t) = \sum_k X^m_k W_{m,k}(t)$

- reconstruction

  $x(t) = \sum_{m,k} X^m_k W_{m,k}(t)$

Fig. 17.18 Grid base for plotting wavelet amplitudes (squared) in order to ensure that the volume they enclose is equal to the mean-square value of $f(x)$

from Newland [1]
Wavelet construction: Daubechies wavelet

- Haar

- Daubechies wavelets

$W(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} (-1)^k c_k \Phi(2t + k - 2r + 1)$

(Meyer, 1993)

$\Phi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} c_k \Phi(2t - k)$

- they are completely defined by the coefficients $c_k$

2r+1 conditions must be satisfied:

\[
\begin{align*}
\sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} c_k &= 2, \\
\sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} c_k^2 &= 2 \\
\sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} (-1)^k k^m c_k &= 0 \quad \text{for } m = 0, \ldots, r - 1 \\
\sum_{k=0}^{2r-1} c_k c_{k+2m} &= 0 \quad \text{for } m \neq m = 1, 2, \ldots, r - 1
\end{align*}
\]

$\Phi(t)$ for $r=2$ (from Newland [1])
- **Solutions:**
  - Haar \((r=1)\) → \(c_0 = c_1 = 1\)
  - Daubechies \(D4\) \((r=2)\) →
  - \(r > 3\), (numerical computation) → discrete transform (computed by using the Mallat algorithm) → analysis, and reconstruction formula → synthesis

\[
\begin{align*}
  c_0 &= \frac{1}{4} (1 + \sqrt{3}) \\
  c_1 &= \frac{1}{4} (3 + \sqrt{3}) \\
  c_2 &= \frac{1}{4} (3 - \sqrt{3}) \\
  c_3 &= \frac{1}{4} (1 - \sqrt{3})
\end{align*}
\]

\[
f(t) = a_0 \Phi(t) + a_1 W(t) + \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W(2t) \\ W(2t-1) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a_4 & a_5 & a_6 & a_7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W(4t) \\ W(4t-1) \\ W(4t-2) \\ W(4t-3) \end{bmatrix} + \cdots + a_{2^j+k} W(2^j t - k) + \cdots
\]

from Newland [1]
Practical considerations (1)

• The Continuous Wavelet Transform (Morlet):

\[
W_{\phi}^f (T, t_0) = \text{FFT}^{-1} \left[ \text{FFT}(f) \exp (k \omega T - \frac{1}{2} k^2 - \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 T^2) \right]
\]

Practically \( f=\{f_n\} \) et \( N=2^m \)

\[ F(\omega) \downarrow \]

\[ -\frac{2\pi}{kT} < \frac{4\pi}{kT} < \frac{1}{T} \text{ pour } k = 2\pi \]

⇒ Oversampling of \( F(\omega) \) required

solution = zero padding of \( f_n \) (for \( T=NT_e \rightarrow (N-1)N \) zeros)

Practical considerations (2)

- Discrete Wavelet Transform: \( \rightarrow \) pyramid algorithm (no need for the \( W(t) \))

example: \( f = f(1:8) \rightarrow f'(1:4) \rightarrow f'(1:2) \rightarrow f'(1) \)

\[
\begin{align*}
&\downarrow \frac{1}{2} H_3 & \downarrow \frac{1}{2} H_2 & \downarrow \frac{1}{2} H_1 & \downarrow \\
\end{align*}
\]

\( H_n \) et \( L_n \) are matrices build directly from the \( c_k \) coefficients (cf. Newland [1])

\[
\begin{align*}
L_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} c_0 + c_2 & c_1 + c_3 \\ c_0 & c_1 \\ c_2 & c_3 \\ c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
L_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 \\ c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
L_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ c_2 & c_3 \\ c_0 & c_1 \\ c_2 & c_3 \\ c_0 & c_1 \end{bmatrix}
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
H_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -c_3 - c_1 & c_2 + c_0 \\ -c_3 & c_2 \\ -c_3 & c_2 \\ -c_3 & c_2 \\ -c_3 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
H_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} -c_3 & c_2 & -c_1 & c_0 \\ -c_3 & c_2 & -c_1 & c_0 \\ -c_3 & c_2 & -c_1 & c_0 \\ -c_3 & c_2 & -c_1 & c_0 \\ -c_3 & c_2 & -c_1 & c_0 \end{bmatrix} \\
H_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} -c_1 & c_0 \\ -c_1 & c_0 \\ -c_1 & c_0 \\ -c_1 & c_0 \\ -c_1 & c_0 \end{bmatrix}
\end{align*}
\]

Low-pass filter \hspace{2cm} High-pass filter
Times-series and self-similarity properties

Scale Invariance $\Rightarrow$ self-similar stochastic process

- **Definition and properties:**
  - Power spectrum $S_{xx}(\omega) = \frac{\sigma_x^2}{|\omega|^\gamma}$, $\gamma$ characteristic exponent
  - Algebraic decay of the autocorrelation function

$$x(t) \equiv a^{-H} x(at) \quad \text{with } H \quad \text{Hurst exponent, } \gamma = 2H + 1$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &\langle x(t) \rangle \equiv a^{-H} \langle x(at) \rangle \\
 &\langle x(t_1)x(t_2) \rangle \equiv a^{-2H} \langle x(at_1)x(at_2) \rangle \end{aligned} \right. \Rightarrow x(t) \text{ et } x(at) \text{ have the same statistics}$$

- Constant correlation between past and future increments at all time:

$$C(t) = \frac{\left\langle \left( B_H(0) - B_H(-t) \right) \left( B_H(t) - B_H(0) \right) \right\rangle}{\left\langle B_H(t)^2 \right\rangle} = 2^{2H-1} - 1$$

- **Examples:**
  * Gaussian white noise $\rightarrow (\gamma = 0) \quad H = -1/2$
  * Fractional Brownian motion (fBm) $1 < \gamma < 3 \rightarrow 0 < H < 1$

  Random walk ($H = 0.5$), $1/f$ processes, S.O.C.
The rescaled ranged statistics (R/S) method was proposed to evaluate the Hurst exponent ($H$) to determine long time dependencies in various signals.

From a time series $X$ of length $N$, sub-blocks of length $n$ : $X = \{X_t: t = 1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ are build to compute (with $W_k = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_k - k \overline{X}(n)$):

$$
\frac{R(n)}{S(n)} = \frac{\max(0, W_1, W_2, \ldots, W_n) - \min(0, W_1, W_2, \ldots, W_n)}{\sqrt{S^2(n)}}
$$

For uncorrelated data (e.g., fractional Brownian motion) $R/S \sim c n^H$

$X = \text{increments (fGn) of self-affine data}$

$H = 0.5$ (e.g., time-series of a white noise)

If $H < 0.5$ antipersistence

If $H > 0.5$ persistence
R/S analysis and the Hurst exponent (2)

Example: the $X_i$ are the increments (time derivative) of a fractional Brownian motion (fBm) with $H = 0.35$

$\gamma = 2H + 1$

$\gamma = 1.73$

Drawback of the method: $H$ must be in the range $[0-1] \Rightarrow \gamma = 2H + 1$ in the range: $[1, 3]$ (R/S analysis on increments) or $[-1,+1]$ (R/S analysis on signal)
Fractals and Wavelets

Wavelets are self-similar by nature

Mother-wavelet \( \varphi(t) \) \( \Rightarrow \) \( \varphi_{r,t_0}(t) = \varphi\left(\frac{t-t_0}{T}\right) \) translation + dilatation

The wavelet variance is a very useful alternative to spectral density function, and R/S analysis

- Discrete wavelet transform
  octave scaling \( \Rightarrow \) \( T_m = 2^{m-1} \)

  \[ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} v^2_X(\tau_j) \equiv \sigma^2_X \]

\[ v^2_X(\tau_j) \approx \int_{1/2^{j+1}}^{1/2^j} S_X(f)df \]

  \( \Rightarrow \) (if \( S_X(f) \propto |f|^\alpha \)) \( v^2_X(\tau_j) \propto \tau_j^{-\alpha-1} \)

\[ \log(\text{var}X_n^m) \]

\[ \text{slope} - 2H \]
Wavelet variance (DWT, Daubechies D20)

Brownian motion ($H = 0.5$)

Variance of wavelet coefficients
Two distinct behaviors can be seen on the spectrum:

- before breakpoint (BF) signal ~ fGn
- After breakpoint (HF) signal ~ fBm

Question: Why such a relationship?
2B Isat, $x_m = 0.0822$, $\sigma = 0.0118$

$\gamma = 1.84$

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$\gamma = 1.78$

2B Isat, $x_m = 0.0551$, $\sigma = 0.0076$

$\gamma = 1.74$

2B Isat, $x_m = 0.0144$, $\sigma = 0.0023$

$\gamma = 2H + 1 = 1.50$
Continuous wavelets: Time-frequency analysis

- Time-frequency representation obtained with Morlet wavelets

- Drawback → cpu time demanding (because high level of redundancy)

- Fourier spectrum

- Pivoine data (from A. Lazurenko)
Discrete wavelets: Analysis and reconstruction

Daubechies wavelets

Analysis

Efficient algorithm,
But:
- physical meaning of the filtering?
- not well suited to time frequency analysis

Synthesis
The Hilbert-Huang Transform or Empirical Mode Decomposition

- Decomposition of a non stationary time-series into a finite sum of orthogonal eigenmodes, or Intrinsic Mode Functions (IMF).
- Self adaptive approach in which the eigenmodes are derived from the specific temporal behaviour of the signal.
- Subsequently, the Hilbert Transform can be used to compute the instantaneous frequency and a time-frequency representation of each mode as well as a global marginal Hilbert energy spectrum.


Hilbert Transform and instantaneous frequency

Hilbert transform of a data series $x(t)$ is defined by:

$$H[x(t)] = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{x(u)}{(t-u)} \, du$$

By substituting $y(t) = H[(x(t)]$ we can define $z(t)$ as the analytical signal of $x(t)$

$$z(t) = x(t) + iy(t) = A(t) \exp(i \theta(t))$$

with $A(t) = \sqrt{x(t)^2 + y(t)^2}$ and $\theta(t) = \arctan \left( \frac{y(t)}{x(t)} \right)$

But in most cases the instantaneous frequency

$$\omega(t) = \frac{d \theta(t)}{dt}$$

has no physical meaning

**Example**

⇒ **Empirical Mode Decomposition**

set of IMF : (1) equal number of extrema and zero crossings; (2) mean value of the minima and maxima envelopes = 0

from Huang et al
The Empirical Mode Decomposition (sifting process):

1. Initialize: \( r_0(t) = X(t), j=1 \)
2. Extract the \( j \)-th IMF:
   a) Initialize \( h_0(t) = r_j(t), k=1 \)
   b) Locate local maxima and minima of \( h_{k-1}(t) \)
   c) Cubic spline interpolation to define upper and lower envelope of \( h_{k-1}(t) \)
   d) Calculate mean \( m_{k-1}(t) \) from upper and lower envelope of \( h_{k-1}(t) \)
   e) Define \( h_k(t) = h_{k-1}(t) - m_{k-1}(t) \)
   f) If stopping criteria are satisfied then \( \text{imf}_j(t) = h_k(t) \)
      else go to 2(b) with \( k=k+1 \)
3. Define \( r_j(t) = r_{j-1}(t) - \text{imf}_j(t) \)
4. If \( r_j(t) \) still has at least two extrema then go to 2(a) with \( j=j+1 \), else the EMD is finished
5. \( r_j(t) \) is the residue of \( x(t) \)

\[ X(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \text{imf}_j(t) + r_n(t) \]
Analysis and Reconstruction (Plasma thruster data)

Analysis Synthesis
Completeness and Orthogonality

The completeness is established both theoretically and numerically.

The orthogonality is satisfied in practical sense, but it is not guaranteed theoretically.

\[ X^2(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} C_j^2(t) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} C_j(t) C_k(t) \]

\[ \text{IO} = \sum_{t=0}^{T} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{C_j(t) C_k(t)}{X^2(t)} \right) \]

for this example \( \text{IO} = 0.0067 \)

or for two IMF:

\[ \text{IO}_{fg} = \sum_t \frac{C_f C_g}{C_f^2 + C_g^2} \]
The degree of stationarity DS is defined as:

\[
DS(\omega) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left( 1 - \frac{H(\omega, t)}{n(\omega)} \right)^2 dt
\]

with \( n(\omega) = \frac{1}{T} h(\omega) \), mean marginal spectrum

and the degree of statistic stationarity DSS can be is defined as:

\[
DSS(\omega, \Delta T) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left( 1 - \frac{H(\omega, t)}{n(\omega)} \right)^2 dt
\]

If the Hilbert spectrum depends on time, the index will not be zero, then the Fourier spectrum will cease to make physical sense. The higher the index value, the more non-stationary is the process.
Marginal Hilbert spectrum vs Fourier spectrum

Because of the strong nonlinearity of HF oscillations the Fourier spectrum exhibits many peaks.
All these peaks do not correspond to actual modes.

A peak in the marginal Hilbert spectrum corresponds to a whole oscillation around zero.
Application to experimental time-series (Plasma Thruster)

Analyzed Signal

J. Kurzyna et al.,
submitted to Phys. of Plasmas
Comparison with wavelet time-frequency analysis

Morlet → freq. = 375/scale ⇒ 33 ↔ 11.4 MHz
The Hilbert-Huang Transform method:

- Has proven to be a promising and attractive method to analyze nonstationary and nonlinear time-series because of:
  - a very efficient ability in filtering different physical phenomena
  - accurate time-frequency representation
  - moderate cpu time consumption and ability to analyse long time series
- Some improvements would be useful, e.g., Hilbert spectra representation
The classical Fourier analysis tools are redefined in terms of wavelets:

in order to obtain statistical stability, the appropriate combinations of wavelet coefficients are integrated over a small finite time interval

\[ f(t) \text{ is digitally sampled on } [0, NT_s] \]

- Wavelet spectra and coherence

\[ C_{fg}^W(a, T_0) = \int_T W_f^*(a, \tau)W_g(a, \tau)d\tau \]

- normalized delayed wavelet cross coherence

\[ \gamma_{fg}^W(a, T_0, \Delta\tau) = \frac{\left| \int_T W_f^*(a, \tau)W_g(a, \tau + \Delta\tau)d\tau \right|}{\left( P_f^W(a, T_0)P_g^W(a, T_0 + \Delta\tau) \right)^{1/2}} \]

\[ \varepsilon(\gamma_{fg}^W) \approx \left[ \frac{\omega_s}{\omega N} \right]^{1/2} \]

\[ \text{where } P_f^W(a, T_0) = C_{ff}^W(a, T_0) \text{ is the wavelet auto-power spectrum} \]
The Joint wavelet phase-frequency spectrum \( S(\phi, \omega) \) is obtained by calculating the quantity:

\[
c = W_f^*(a, \tau)W_g(a, \tau + \Delta \tau)
\]

for a number of values of \( a \) and \( \tau \), with fixed \( \Delta \tau \)

\[\omega = 2\pi/a\] and \( \phi \) phase of \( c \) \( \Rightarrow \) plot in the \((\phi, \omega)\)-plane

\[\Rightarrow \] insight into the frequency-dependent phase relations that may exist between \( f \) and \( g \) (usually two spatially separated measurements of the same quantity)

moreover (if homogeneous turbulence)

\[\Rightarrow \] related to the dispersion relation \( \omega(k) \)

for the process driving the turbulence
Non linear spectral analysis tools

Non linearity requires proper spectral analysis tools:

The Fourier method is based on the third-order spectrum

\[ B_{fg}(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \left< F^*(\omega)G(\omega_1)G(\omega_2) \right> \]

where \( \omega = \omega_1 + \omega_2 \) and \( <> = \text{ensemble average} \)

- Wavelet cross bispectrum
  \[ B_{fg}^W(a_1, a_2, T_0) = \int_{T} W_f^*(a, \tau)W_g(a_1, \tau)W_g(a_2, \tau) d\tau \]

- Wavelet cross bicoherence (normalized squared cross bispectrum)
  \[ \left( b_{fg}^W(a_1, a_2, T_0) \right)^2 = \frac{\left| B_{fg}^W(a_1, a_2, T_0) \right|^2}{\left( \int_{T} |W_f(a_1, \tau)W_g(a_2, \tau)|^2 d\tau \right) P_f^W(a, T_0)} \]

- Wavelet auto bispectrum and auto bicoherence
  \[ B^W(a_1, a_2, T_0) = B_{ff}^W(a_1, a_2, T_0) \]

- The bicoherence is a measure of the amount of phase coupling that occurs in a signal or between two signals. Advantage of wavelet bicoherence → ability to detect temporal variations in phase coupling (intermittent behaviour)
Bicoherence as a Fourier tool

Test Signal Bicoherence

- We consider a test signal of the following form to demonstrate the importance of coherent phases in bispectral analysis:

\[ y(t) = \sin(\omega_1 t + \theta_1) + \sin(\omega_2 t + \theta_2) + \sin(\omega_3 t + \theta_3), \]

\[ \omega_1 = 0.1, \omega_2 = 0.25, \omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2 = 0.35 \]

\[ \theta_3 = \theta_1 + \theta_2 \]

\[ \theta_3 \text{ random} \]

Test Signal Summed Bicoherence

- Calculate summed bicoherence as function of \( f_3 \) along line \( f_2 = f_3 - f_1 \). It corresponds to the total coherence between a frequency \( f_3 \) and all other frequencies.

- See three spikes for the coherent case, corresponding to the three frequencies, and noise in the incoherent case.

From Van Milligen, Wavelets in Physics, edited by J. C. Van Den Berg, (Cambridge University Press, 1999)
Example: coupled van der Pol oscillators (1)

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t} &= y_i \\
\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial t} &= \left[ \varepsilon_i \left( x_i + \alpha_i x_j \right) \right] y_i - (x_i + \alpha_i x_j)
\end{align*}
\]

Periodic state:
\( \varepsilon_1 = 1.0 \quad \alpha_1 = 0.49 \)
\( \varepsilon_2 = 1.0 \quad \alpha_2 = -1.75 \)

Chaotic state:
\( \varepsilon_1 = 1.0 \quad \alpha_1 = 0.5 \)
\( \varepsilon_2 = 1.0 \quad \alpha_2 = 1.75 \)
Example: coupled van der Pol oscillators (2)

Periodic state:

Chaotic state:

Fourier Bicoherence

Summed bicoherence
Example: coupled van der Pol oscillators (3)

Periodic state: \( \varepsilon_1 = 1.0 \) \( \varepsilon_2 = 1.0 \) \( \alpha_1 = 0.5 \) \( \alpha_2 = -1.75 \)

\( \iff \) Average phase relation between the two coordinates of one oscillator at every frequency \( \Rightarrow \) low-dimensional attractor

The bicoherence allows the determination of the driving frequency.

i.e., peak at \( f = 0.34 \) in the spectrum

From van Milligen
Bicoherence analysis

Bispectrum of a spatial series $S(x)$:

$$B^W(a_1, a_2) = \int W_s^*(a, X) W_s(a_1, X) W_s(a_2, X) dX$$

$W_s(a, X) =$ wavelet transform of $S(x)$.

$a, a_1, a_2 =$ wavelet scales such that $1/a = 1/a_1 + 1/a_2$

$B^W$ is a measure of the degree of nonlinear coupling between 3 waves satisfying the resonance condition:

$$\begin{align*}
\omega_1 + \omega_2 &= \omega_3 \\
k_1 + k_2 &= k_3 \\
\Phi_1 + \Phi_2 &= \Phi_3 + \text{const}
\end{align*}$$

Bicoherence

Normalization of the bispectrum => Autobicoherence (bicoherence)

\[ [b^W(a_1, a_2)]^2 = \frac{|B^W(a_1, a_2)|^2}{\int |W_s(a_1, X) W_s(a_2, \tau)|^2 dX \int |W_s(a, X)|^2 dX} \]

\[ 0 \leq [b^W(a_1, a_2)]^2 \leq 1 \]
**Bicoherence**

Summed Bicoherence

\[ b^2(k_w) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{k_u, k_v} b^2(k_u, k_v) \delta_{k_u+k_v, k_w} \]

allows to determine the coupling direction

Total bicoherence

\[ b^2_{\text{Tot}} = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{k_w} b^2(k_w) \]

gives an indication on the amount of nonlinear coupling

Statistical noise:

\[ \varepsilon[b^W(k_1, k_2)]^2 = \frac{1}{N \min(|k_1|, |k_2|, |k_1 + k_2|)} \frac{1}{2 \Delta x} \]

\[ \Rightarrow \text{depends on the scale } 1/k \]
Weakly turbulent state (drift waves) in the Vineta device

Density fluctuations

Time-series and PDF

Results: dynamical analysis

More details are seen in the $k$ spectrum than in the frequency spectrum (wavelet spectra).
Results: dynamical analysis

The temporal evolution of the $k$ total bicoherence shows bursts on small time scale (too small to be detected from a frequency analysis ($\sim T/10$).
Zooming a bicoherence burst: comparison spectrum/summed bicoherence

=> a m = 3 mode is created through mode coupling.

Experimental Setup: the MI RABELLE device

Plasma typical parameters:
- Argon plasma
- $B = 0 - 130 \text{ mT}$
- $P \sim 0.5 - 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ torrs}$
- $n_e \sim 10^{15} - 10^{16} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- $T_e \sim 1 - 3 \text{ eV}$, $T_i \sim 0.02 \text{ eV}$
- $\rho_s \sim 0.5 - 3 \text{ cm}$
Spatiotemporal control of a weak turbulent state

The exciter plates are localised outside of the plasma ⇒ no limiter effect.

In Mirabelle, it is possible to select between "flute" modes (Kelvin-Helmholtz, Rayleigh-Taylor) at low field, and drift waves at high magnetic field.

Spatiotemporal control of a weak turbulent state

Example 1: forcing of a $m=1$ Kelvin-Helmholtz mode

A $m=1$ mode at $F_{ex}=4$ kHz is applied to a $\sim 3$ à 7 kHz irregular mode, for two rotation directions (amplitude 2V)

Filtering out the counter-rotation by using a 1st order band-pass filter
Spatiotemporal control of a weak turbulent state

- Spatiotemporal effect
- The $m=3$ mode is not totally suppressed.
- $k_{ij}=0$ before and after control: same kind of mode.
- In the counter-rotation case, the applied spatiotemporal structure is simply superimposed. No coupling.

- Bicoherence analysis: coupling between $F_{\text{ex}}$ and the instability only if co-rotation.


Bicoherence plot demonstrating the coupling between the forcing mode and plasma eigenmodes.
Spatiotemporal control of a weak turbulent state

**Ex.2 : synchronisation of a m=2 mode (Kelvin-Helmholtz)**

Forcing of a m=2 at $F_{ex} = 7$kHz on a m≈3 at 7kHz (amplitude 1.2V)

Wavelet analysis showing the transition to the synchronized state
Driving a Turbulent state

The excitor can also be used to drive more turbulent states, through nonlinear wave-wave coupling leading to spectral enlargement (Ruelle-Takens scenario).

Generation of turbulence: Drift waves (left) and Kelvin-Helmholtz (right). The turbulence level depends on the amplitude of the applied signal on the exciter.
Fast camera data (test)

Raw data taken in the Mirabelle device
Drift wave, regular mode

After subtracting mean value at each pixel
After wavelet processing
Conclusions and Perspectives

- Several methods are available
- The choice of the best method depends on the kind of information we want to extract from the data
- Fourier methods have many drawbacks when applied to nonstationary nonlinear signals
- Wavelets-based tools are very useful, and especially to measure self-similarity properties
- Among the last introduced methods, the Hilbert-Huang transform has proven to be very efficient in filtering