

# Cramér-Rao Bound for Stationary and Cyclostationary Spherical Invariant Random Processes

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# Introduction

- In parametric estimation, any measurements  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  are not *independent identically distributed* (i.i.d.), especially in signal and array processing. Typical non-iid assumptions: *stationary or cyclostationary processes* are valid for radar, sonar, and communication signals.
- The *Fisher Information Matrix* (FIM) and *Cramér-Rao Bound* (CRB) quantify the best achievable estimation accuracy.
- For zero-mean purely non-deterministic stationary Gaussian processes, the *Whittle formula* [1] provides an asymptotic closed-form expression of the FIM thanks to an ML approach.

[1] P. Whittle, "The analysis of multiple stationary time series," *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, vol. 15, no. 1, 1953.

- In practice, many signals are non-Gaussian due to heavy-tailed clutter or impulsive noise. Extending CRB results to *Spherically Invariant Random Processes* (SIRP) [2] allows robust performance analysis in real-world conditions.

[2] K. Yao, "A representation theorem and its applications to spherically invariant random processes," *IEEE Trans. Info. Theory*, vol. 19, no. 5, Sept. 1973.

# Elliptically symmetric (ES) distributions of r.v

- **Discrete time Gaussian process:**

A process is  $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  i.f.f. the stacked vector

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_{k_1}^T, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{k_n}^T)^T \sim \mathcal{N}_{mn}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_x, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x),$$

$\forall k_1 < \dots < k_n \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , i.e., its p.d.f. is

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = (2\pi)^{-mn/2} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x|^{-1/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)\right]$$

- **Generalization to elliptically symmetric distributions:**

Can we define *random processes* whose finite-dimensional distributions are more general than Gaussian, that is, elliptically symmetric (ES)  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_x, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x, g_{mn}^\alpha)$ ?

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x|^{-1/2} g_{mn}^\alpha[(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_x)]$$

- $E(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_x$ ,  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x$ ,  $\alpha$  nuisance parameter
- $g_{mn}^\alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{G}$  : family of density generators parameterized by  $\alpha$ .

- **Stochastic representation:**

$$\mathbf{x} =_d \boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \sqrt{\mathcal{Q}_{mn}} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x^{1/2} \mathbf{u}_{mn}$$

$\mathcal{Q}_{mn}$  is a positive r.v.,  $\mathbf{u}_{mn}$  is uniformly distributed on the unit  $mn$ -sphere, and  $\mathcal{Q}_{mn}$  and  $\mathbf{u}_{mn}$  are independent.

$$\mathcal{Q}_{mn} \sim p(q) = \frac{\pi^{mn/2}}{\Gamma(mn/2)} q^{mn/2-1} g_{mn}^{\alpha}(q).$$

- **Marginal and independence properties:**

For  $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_1^T, \mathbf{x}_2^T)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{mn}$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m_i}$ ,  $m_1 + m_2 = mn$

- if  $\mathbf{x}_{m_1} \sim \mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{x_1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{x_1}, g_{m_1}^{\alpha})$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{m_2} \sim \mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{x_2}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{x_2}, g_{m_2}^{\alpha})$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_{m_1}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{m_2}$  independent  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}$  *not ES distributed*.
- If  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_x, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x, g_{mn}^{\alpha})$ : *Marginals*:  $\mathbf{x}_{m_1} \sim \mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{x_1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{x_1}, g_{m_1/mn}^{\alpha})$  with  $g_{m_1/mn}^{\alpha}(\cdot) \notin \mathcal{G}$  or  $\in \mathcal{G}$

$$g_{m_1/mn}^{\alpha}(u) = \frac{\pi^{m_2/2}}{\Gamma(m_2/2)} \int_u^{+\infty} (t-u)^{m_2/2-1} g_{mn}^{\alpha}(t) dt.$$

# Spherically invariant random processes

## Kolmogorov permutation and marginal consistency conditions

- $g_{m_1/mn}^\alpha(\cdot) \in \mathcal{G}$  means  $g_{m_1/mn}^\alpha(\cdot) = g_{m_1}^\alpha(\cdot)$

## Equivalent characterizations

- *Integral (mixture) representation:*  $\exists$  positive r.v.  $\tau$  with c.d.f.  $F_\tau^\alpha(\cdot)$  s.t. [2]  
$$g_{mn}^\alpha(t) = (2\pi)^{-mn/2} \int_0^\infty \tau^{-mn/2} \exp(-t/2\tau) dF_\tau^\alpha(\tau)$$

[2] K. Yao, "A representation theorem and its applications to spherically invariant random processes," *IEEE Trans. Info. Theory*, vol. 19, no. 5, Sept. 1973.

- *Stochastic representation:* [3]  $\mathbf{x} =_d \boldsymbol{\mu}_x + \sqrt{\tau} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x^{1/2} \mathbf{n}_{mn}$ ,  
 $\mathbf{n}_{mn} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_{mn})$ .

[3] G.L. Wise and N.C. Gallagher, "On spherically invariant random processes," *IEEE Trans. Info. Theory*, vol. 24, no. 1, Jan. 1978.

- $\exists$  positive r.v.  $\tau$  s.t.  $Q_{mn} =_d \tau \chi_{mn}^2$

These processes  $(\mathbf{x}_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  are called *spherically invariant random processes* (SIRP), *compound-Gaussian (CG) processes* or *scale mixtures of normal processes*.

# Stationary and cyclostationary SIRP (1)

- **Definition:** A SIRP is stationary [resp., purely cyclostationary with cycle period  $p$ ] if the joint distribution of the r.v.  $(\mathbf{x}_{1+k}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{n+k})$  [resp.,  $(\mathbf{x}_{1+kp}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{n+kp})$ ] is identical to that of  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$  for all  $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- **Wide-sense equivalence:** A SIRP is (cyclo)stationary i.f.f. it is wide-sense (cyclo)stationary.
- **Stationary**  $\iff E(\mathbf{x}_\ell)$  and  $E(\mathbf{x}_\ell \mathbf{x}_{\ell+k}^T)$  independent of  $\ell, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Covariance structure:**  $\Sigma_{\mathbf{y}_n} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Cov}(\mathbf{y}_n)$ , where

$\mathbf{y}_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbf{x}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n^T)^T \in \mathbb{R}^{mn} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  is *symmetric positive definite block-Toeplitz* with block size  $m$ . Its  $(k, \ell)$ -th block is given by  $\mathbf{R}_x(\ell - k)$  where the sequence

$\mathbf{R}_x(k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E(\mathbf{x}_\ell \mathbf{x}_{\ell+k}^T) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  is assumed to be *absolutely summable*. The spectrum of  $(\mathbf{x}_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is then given by

$$\mathbf{S}_x(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_k \mathbf{R}_x(k) e^{-i2\pi k f}.$$

# Stationary and cyclostationary SIRP (2)

- **Cyclostationarity with cycle period  $p$**  i.f.f.  $E(\mathbf{x}_{k+ip})$  and  $E(\mathbf{x}_{k+ip}\mathbf{x}_{\ell+ip}^T)$  is independent of  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\forall k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- $\Sigma_{\mathbf{y}_n} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Cov}(\mathbf{y}_n)$ , where

$$\mathbf{y}_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\underbrace{\mathbf{x}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{x}_p^T}_{\mathbf{x}'_1{}^T}, \dots, \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_{(k-1)p+1}^T, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{kp}^T}_{\mathbf{x}'_k{}^T}, \dots, \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_{n-p+1}^T, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n^T}_{\mathbf{x}'_q{}^T})^T \in \mathbb{R}^{mn}$$

for  $n = pq$  is *symmetric positive definite block-Toeplitz* with block size  $mp$ . Its  $(k, \ell)$ -th block is given by  $\mathbf{R}_{x'}(\ell - k)$  where the sequence  $\mathbf{R}_{x'}(k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E(\mathbf{x}'_k \mathbf{x}'_{\ell+k}{}^T) \in \mathbb{R}^{mp \times mp}$  is assumed to be *absolutely summable*. The spectrum of  $(\mathbf{x}'_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is also given by

$$\mathbf{S}'_x(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_k \mathbf{R}_{x'}(k) e^{-i2\pi k f} \in \mathbb{C}^{mp \times mp}$$

- **Cyclic spectra** at frequencies  $0, 1/p, \dots, (p-1)/p$ :

$$E(\mathbf{x}_\ell \mathbf{x}_{\ell+\tau}^T) = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} \mathbf{R}_x^{(\frac{k}{p})}(\tau) e^{i2\pi k \ell / p} \text{ periodic in } \ell \text{ with period } p$$

$$\mathbf{S}_x^{(\frac{k}{p})}(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\tau \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{R}_x^{(\frac{k}{p})}(\tau) e^{-i2\pi \tau f} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}, k = 0, 1, \dots, p-1.$$



# Slepian-Bangs formula (1)

For the r.v.  $\mathbf{y}_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbf{x}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n^T)^T \sim \mathcal{E}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{y_n}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}, g_{mn}^\alpha)$  where  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{y_n}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}$  are parameterized by  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^q$ . The three FIM:

$\mathbf{I}_{y_n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{I}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  for  $g_{mn}(\cdot)$  known [4]

$\bar{\mathbf{I}}_{y_n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|g)$  for  $g_{mn}(\cdot)$  unknown (semiparametric FIM) [5]

$\bar{\mathbf{I}}_{y_n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \mathbf{I}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - \mathbf{I}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \mathbf{I}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^T$  for  $g_{mn}^\alpha(\cdot)$  known up to  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  [6]

share the same structure with the same value for  $a_{0,mn}$  and  $a_{1,mn}$  but with different values for  $a_{2,mn}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} [\text{FIM}_{y_n}(\boldsymbol{\theta})]_{k,\ell} &= a_{0,mn} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{y_n,k}'^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{y_n,\ell}' \\ &\quad + a_{1,mn} \text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n,k}' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n,\ell}') + a_{2,mn} \text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n,k}') \text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n,\ell}') \end{aligned}$$

[4] O. Besson and Y. I. Abramovich, "On the Fisher information matrix for multivariate elliptically contoured distributions," *IEEE Signal Process. Lett.*, vol. 20, no. 11, Nov. 2013.

[5] S. Fortunati, et al, "Semiparametric CRB and Slepian-Bangs formulas for complex elliptically symmetric distributions," *IEEE Trans. Signal Process.*, vol. 67, no. 20, Oct. 2019.

[6] H. Abeida and J.-P. Delmas, "Slepian-Bangs formulas for parameterized density generator of elliptically symmetric distributions," *Signal Processing*, vol. 205, Jan. 2023.

# Slepian-Bangs formula (2)

where  $a_{0,mn} = \xi_{1,mn}$  and  $a_{1,mn} = \frac{1}{2}\xi_{2,mn}$  with

$$\xi_{1,mn} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\mathbb{E}[Q_{mn}\varphi^2(Q_{mn})]}{mn} \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_{2,mn} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\mathbb{E}[Q_{mn}^2\varphi^2(Q_{mn})]}{mn(mn+2)},$$

with  $\varphi(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\frac{2}{g_{mn}(t)} \frac{dg_{mn}(t)}{dt}$  and

$$a_{2,mn}^{\text{Clas}} = \frac{1}{4}(\xi_{2,mn} - 1) \text{ for } g \text{ known}$$

$$a_{2,mn}^{\text{SePa}} = -\frac{1}{2mn}\xi_{2,mn} \text{ for } g \text{ unknown}$$

$$a_{2,mn}^{\text{Pa}} = \frac{1}{4}(\xi_{2,mn} - 1) - \boldsymbol{\xi}_{3,mn}^T \Xi_{4,mn}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{3,mn} \text{ for } g \text{ known up to } \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_{3,mn} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\mathbb{E}[Q_{mn}\varphi(Q_{mn})\boldsymbol{\varphi}^{\alpha}(Q_{mn})]}{mn}, \quad \Xi_{4,mn} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\varphi}^{\alpha}(Q_{mn})\boldsymbol{\varphi}^{\alpha T}(Q_{mn})]$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}^{\alpha}(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\frac{1}{g_{mn}^{\alpha}(t)} \frac{\partial g_{mn}^{\alpha}(t)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}}$ .

# Slepian-Bangs formula (3)

## Properties of $a_{0,mn}$ , $a_{1,mn}$ and $a_{2,mn}$

- For fixed  $n$ 
  - For Gaussian v.a.  
 $(a_{0,mn}, a_{1,mn}, a_{2,mn}^{\text{Clas}}, a_{2,mn}^{\text{SePa}}) = (1, \frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2mn})$
  - For arbitrary ES v.a.  
 $a_{0,mn} \geq 1,$   
 $a_{2,mn}^{\text{SePa}} \leq a_{2,mn}^{\text{Pa}} \leq a_{2,mn}^{\text{Clas}}$
  - For arbitrary CG v.a.  
 $0 \leq a_{1,mn} \leq 1/2$  and  $a_{2,mn}^{\text{Clas}} \leq 0$
- Proving the asymptotic behavior of  $(a_{0,mn}, a_{1,mn}, a_{2,mn})$  for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for CG distributed r.v. seems possible on a case-by-case basis because:

$$\xi_{i,mn} \propto \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty u^i v^i$$
$$\left( \frac{\int_0^\infty \tau^{-mn/2-1} \exp(-uv/2\tau) dF_\tau(\tau)}{\int_0^\infty \tau^{-mn/2} \exp(-uv/2\tau) dF_\tau(\tau)} \right)^2 dF_\tau(v) p_{\chi_{mn}^2}(u) du, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

# Asymptotic FIM: Whittle formula (1)

- Examples are given in [7] for the  $\epsilon$  contaminated Gaussian distribution and the Student  $t$  distribution of degree of freedom  $\nu > 2$ .

- We deduce

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{0,mn} = c_0 \geq 1,$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{1,mn} = 1/2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n(a_{2,mn}^{\text{SePa}}, a_{2,mn}^{\text{Pa}}, a_{2,mn}^{\text{Clas}}) = (-1/2, c_2^{\text{Pa}}, c_2^{\text{Clas}}) \text{ with } -1/2 \leq c_2^{\text{Pa}} \leq c_2^{\text{Clas}} \leq 0.$$

- If the general existence of these limits cannot be proved, we use the Result:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{FIM}_{y_n}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  exists for stationary processes with finite Markov order (i.e., when there exists [8]  $q \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that:  $p(\mathbf{x}_n/\mathbf{x}_{n-1}, \mathbf{x}_{n-2}, \dots) = p(\mathbf{x}_n/\mathbf{x}_{n-1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{n-q})$ ).

[7] J.-P. Delmas and H. Abeida, "Generalization of Whittle's formula to compound-Gaussian processes," *IEEE Signal Process. Letters* vol. 31, 2024.

[8] M. Radaelli, et al, "Fisher information of correlated stochastic processes," *New Journal of Physics*, June 2023.

# Asymptotic FIM: Whittle formula (2)

- To consider the first and second order terms of the Slepian-Bang formula, we have used asymptotic properties of sequences of block-Toeplitz matrices based on the concept of *asymptotically equivalent sequences* introduced in [9] and extended in [10]:

For  $d_n^1, d_n^2$  strictly increasing,  $d_n^1 \times d_n^2$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}_n$  and  $\mathbf{B}_n$

$$\mathbf{A}_n \sim \mathbf{B}_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$$

$$\|\mathbf{A}_n\|_2, \|\mathbf{B}_n\|_2 \leq M < \infty \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|\mathbf{A}_n - \mathbf{B}_n\|_{\text{Fro}}}{\sqrt{n}} = 0$$

applied to the *block Toeplitz*  $\Sigma_{y_n} = \mathbf{T}_{mn}(\mathbf{S}_x(f))$  matrix and an associated *block circulant* matrix  $\mathbf{C}_{mn}(\mathbf{S}_x(f))$ .

and the additional hypothesis  $\mathbf{S}_x(f)$  is non-singular for all  $f$ .

[9] R. M. Gray, *Toeplitz and Circulant Matrices: A Review*, The essence of knowledge, Found. Trends Commun. Inf. Theory, vol. 2, no. 3, 2006.

[10] J. Gutierrez-Gutierrez and P. M. Crespo, *Block Toeplitz Matrices: Asymptotic Results and Applications*, The essence of knowledge, Found. Trends Commun. Inf. Theory, vol. 8, no. 3, 2012.

# Asymptotic FIM: Whittle formula (3)

- Proved limits:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \underbrace{[\boldsymbol{\mu}'_{x,k}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{x,k}]^T}_{\boldsymbol{\mu}'_{y_n,k}} \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}^{-1}}_{mn \times mn} [\boldsymbol{\mu}'_{x,\ell}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{x,\ell}]^T = \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{x,k} \underbrace{\mathbf{S}_x^{-1}(0)}_{m \times m} \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{x,\ell}.$$
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}'_{y_n,k} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}'_{y_n,\ell}) = \int_0^1 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{S}_x^{-1}(f) \mathbf{S}'_{x,k}(f) \mathbf{S}_x^{-1}(f) \mathbf{S}'_{x,\ell}(f)) df$$
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}'_{y_n,k}) \text{Tr}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y_n}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}'_{y_n,\ell}) \\ = \left( \int_0^1 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{S}_x^{-1}(f) \mathbf{S}'_{x,k}(f)) df \right) \left( \int_0^1 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{S}_x^{-1}(f) \mathbf{S}'_{x,\ell}(f)) df \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Asymptotic FIM: Whittle formula (4)

## Main result:

Under the previous assumptions, the *FIM rate limit* for multidimensional *stationary* SIRP, has the following expression:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} (\text{FIM}_{y_n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))_{k,\ell} &= c_0 \boldsymbol{\mu}_{x,k}'^T \mathbf{S}_x^{-1}(0) \boldsymbol{\mu}_{x,\ell}' \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{S}_x^{-1}(f) \mathbf{S}_{x,k}'(f) \mathbf{S}_x^{-1}(f) \mathbf{S}_{x,\ell}'(f)) df \\ &+ c_2 \left( \int_0^1 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{S}_x^{-1}(f) \mathbf{S}_{x,k}'(f)) df \right) \left( \int_0^1 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{S}_x^{-1}(f) \mathbf{S}_{x,\ell}'(f)) df \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_2 = (-1/2, c_2^{\text{Pa}}, c_2^{\text{Clas}})$ . For multidimensional *purely cyclostationary* SIRP,  $(c_0, \frac{1}{2}, c_2)$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_x(f)$  and  $\mathbf{S}_{x,k}'(f)$  are replaced by  $(\frac{c_0}{p^2}, \frac{1}{2p}, \frac{c_2}{p^2})$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_{x'}(f)$  and  $\mathbf{S}_{x',k}'(f)$ , respectively.

with  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{x,k}' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_x}{\partial \theta_k}$  and  $\mathbf{S}_{x,k}'(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\partial \mathbf{S}_x(f)}{\partial \theta_k}$ .

# Asymptotic FIM: Whittle formula (5)

For cyclostationary SIRP, the spectrum  $\mathbf{S}_{x'}(f) \in \mathbb{C}^{mp \times mp}$  has limited interpretability, unlike the  $p$  cyclic spectra

$\mathbf{S}_x^{(\frac{k}{p})}(f) \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$  for which we have proved the following result:

**Result:** Under the previous assumptions, the *FIM rate limit* for zero-mean multidimensional *cyclostationary* SIRP, has the following expression:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} (\text{FIM}_{y_n}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))_{k,\ell} = \frac{1}{2p} \int_0^1 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{S}_x^{\text{cyc}^{-1}}(f) \mathbf{S}_{x,k}^{\text{cyc}'}(f) \mathbf{S}_x^{\text{cyc}^{-1}}(f) \mathbf{S}_{x,\ell}^{\text{cyc}'}(f)) df \\ + \frac{c_2}{p^2} \left( \int_0^1 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{S}_x^{\text{cyc}^{-1}}(f) \mathbf{S}_{x,k}^{\text{cyc}'}(f) df) \right) \left( \int_0^1 \text{Tr}(\mathbf{S}_x^{\text{cyc}^{-1}}(f) \mathbf{S}_{x,\ell}^{\text{cyc}'}(f) df) \right)$$

where  $\mathbf{S}_x^{\text{cyc}}(f) \in \mathbb{C}^{mp \times mp}$  is the so-called *poly-spectral matrix* [11]

whose  $(k', \ell')$ th blocks are  $\frac{1}{p} \mathbf{S}_x^{(\frac{\ell' - k'}{p})} \left( \frac{f - k' + 1}{p} \right)$ ,  $k', \ell' = 1, \dots, p$ .

[11] A.R. Nematollahi and T. Subba Rao, "On the spectral density estimation of periodically correlated (cyclostationary) time series," *The Indian Journal of Statistics*, vol. 67, no. 3, 2005.



# Application to DOA estimation (1)

All the previous results extend to (circular and noncircular) complex-valued SIRP using  $\mathbb{R}^{2m}$  to  $\mathbb{C}^m$  complex representations.

- Stationary DOA model:

$$\mathbf{R}_x(k) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{R}_s(k)\mathbf{A}^H + \sigma_n^2\delta_{k,0}\mathbf{I}_m \xrightarrow{\text{FT}} \mathbf{S}_x(f) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{S}_s(f)\mathbf{A}^H + \sigma_n^2\mathbf{I}_m$$

- Single source case:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}_1(\omega_1), S_s(f) = \sigma_{s_1}^2 S_{a_1}(f) \text{ with } \int_0^1 S_{a_1}(f)df = 1,$$

$$r_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sigma_{s_1}^2 / \sigma_n^2. \quad \boldsymbol{\theta} = (\omega_1, a_1, \sigma_{s_1}^2, \sigma_n^2)^T.$$

$\alpha_1$  is purely geometric factor.

- $\omega_1$  and  $(a_1, \sigma_{s_1}^2, \sigma_n^2)$  are decoupled in the asymptotic FIM rate.

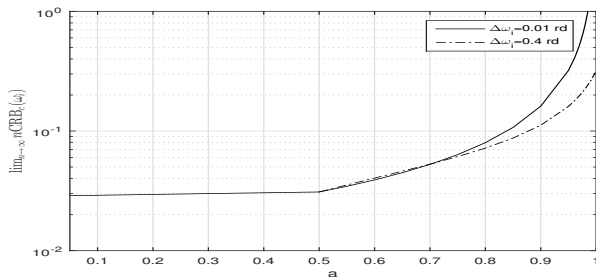
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\text{CRB}_c(\omega_1) = \frac{1}{\alpha_1 r_1 \int_0^1 \frac{mr_1 S_{a_1}^2(f)}{1 + mr_1 S_{a_1}(f)} df}$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{\alpha_1 r_1}}_{\text{Deterministic CRB}} < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\text{CRB}_c(\omega_1) \leq \underbrace{\frac{1}{\alpha_1 r_1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{mr_1}\right)}_{\text{i.i.d. Gaussian Stochastic CRB}}$$

# Application to DOA estimation (2)

- Two sources case:

$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1(\omega_1), \mathbf{a}_2(\omega_2)]$ ,  $\mathbf{S}_s(f) = \text{Diag}(S_{s_1}(f), S_{s_2}(f))$  with  $S_{s_1}(f) = \frac{\sigma_{s_1}^2}{a} \mathbf{1}_{[0,a]}(f)$ ,  $S_{s_2}(f) = \frac{\sigma_{s_2}^2}{a} \mathbf{1}_{[1-a,1]}(f)$  with  $a \in (0, 1]$  controls the overlapping.  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\omega_1, \omega_2, a, \sigma_{s_1}^2, \sigma_{s_2}^2, \sigma_n^2)^T$



**Figure:**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\text{CRB}_c(\omega_i)$  as a function of  $a$  for different values of  $\Delta\omega$  for  $\text{SNR} = 0\text{dB}$  for two equipowered circular sources impinging on a uniform linear array of 6 sensors.

- Generalization of the *Whittle formula* giving a closed-form expression of the asymptotic FIM rate for *zero-mean purely non-deterministic stationary parameterized Gaussian processes* to the more general *SIRP framework*.
  - for non-centered processes
  - for purely cyclostationary processes

This new formula has a similar structure, involving two coefficients  $c_0$  and  $c_2$ , which depend on the texture distribution  $\tau$  of the compound Gaussian (CG) process.

- Limitation of the Result: Three assumptions are required:
  - The sequence  $\mathbf{R}_x(k)$  is absolutely summable.
  - The spectrum  $\mathbf{S}_x(f)$  is non-singular for all  $f$ .
  - The process is Markovian with finite Markov order.
- Open questions: Can the latter assumptions be relaxed or only required? How can the results be extended to Gaussian and SIRP stationary fields?