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Abstract

This Letter proposes an algorithm to detect an unknown deterministic signal hidden in additive white Gaussian noise. The detector is based on recurrence analysis. It compares the distribution of the similarity matrix coefficients of the measured signal with an analytic expression of the distribution expected in the noise-only case. This comparison is achieved using divergence measures. Performance analysis based on the receiver operating characteristics shows that the proposed detector outperforms the energy detector, giving a probability of detection 10% to 50% higher, and has a similar performance to that of a sub-optimal filter detector.

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¹ 1. Introduction

 Deciding whether a measured data sequence is noise only or contains a short deterministic fraction within the observation time is of greatest im- portance in several application fields, such as radar interception, underwater acoustic signal detection, and analysis of medical signals. The general frame- work of a signal detector is classical, as the detector has to choose between one of the following hypotheses:

- \bullet H_0 : the measured signal is noise only: $x(t)=n(t)$
- \bullet H_1 : the measured signal has a deterministic part hidden in additive 10 noise: $x(t)=s(t)+n(t)$

¹¹ where $n(t)$ is white Gaussian noise (WGN), and $s(t)$ is the deterministic signal ¹² to be detected. To solve this signal detection, a statistical test is computed ¹³ on the data that are measured, and then compared to a detection threshold $14 \quad [1].$

 The choice of the statistical test and the estimation of its probability den-¹⁶ sity functions (PDFs) under hypotheses H_0 and H_1 depend on the amount of a-priori knowledge we have about the signal we want to detect and about the noise that it contains. When the waveform of the signal to detect is ¹⁹ fully known, the optimum statistical test is known as a matched filter $[1]$. For the opposite situation, when the waveform of the deterministic signal is not known, classical detectors are usually based on signal energy [1] or on $_{22}$ high-order statistics [2, 3], and perform non-Gaussianity tests. Also, there are several approaches that can be used to set the detection threshold, in-²⁴ cluding the Neyman-Pearson method, the Bayes' criterion, the maximum α 25 posteriori, and the false discovery rate [1].

 This Letter aims to present a new detection scheme using an approach that was inspired by recurrence plots [4] and is combined with divergence measures, to detect short (few tens to hundreds of samples) unknown deter- ministic signals in additive WGN. Recurrence plots were introduced to study the stationarity of non-linear dynamical systems [4], and have been shown to be useful for a large set of applications, like geology [5], climatology [6], mu- sic [7] and analysis of medical signals [8], to name but a few. As recurrence 33 plots show different patterns that depend on the dynamic of the system $(i.e.,$ random, periodic, chaotic), several approaches have been presented in the literature to quantify and distinguish between these three different dynam- ical behaviors, and particularly for deterministic signals in random process $37 \left[9-15 \right]$. A common point to all of these recurrence plot studies is their use of 38 what is known as recurrence quantification analysis (RQA) [8, 16, 17] to de- cide whether the measured signal is noise or not. Thus, a classical detection scheme in the recurrence plot community can be summed-up as follows:

$$
x(t) \longrightarrow SM \longrightarrow RP \longrightarrow RQA \longrightarrow Detection \tag{1}
$$

 where SM represents the similarity matrix, and RP the recurrence plot. How-⁴² ever, distributions of RQA metrics under hypotheses H_0 and H_1 do not gen- erally follow existing distributions, and finding analytic expressions for these latter is not straightforward [15].

 Instead of using RQA, we restrict our detector to only the use of the ⁴⁶ similarity matrix, which is sometimes called the *distance matrix* or *distance* μ_{47} plot in the literature [15]. The similarity matrix is the intermediate matrix that is obtained before applying the recurrence threshold that leads to the recurrence plot. Thus, we avoid the choice of this recurrence threshold and our detection scheme comes down to:

$$
x(t) \longrightarrow SM \longrightarrow Detection \tag{2}
$$

 Our detector compares the empirical distribution of the similarity matrix coefficients of a measured signal with the distribution that is expected if the measured signal is WGN. The expression of this expected distribution can be ⁵⁴ derived analytically more easily than the RQA distribution. The comparison between the empirical and the analytic distributions is carried out with a goodness-of-fit test that is based on statistical divergences [18].

⁵⁷ Overall, the detector presented in this Letter follows the same scheme ⁵⁸ as that proposed by Michalowicz [19]. Our algorithm differs from that of ⁵⁹ Michalowicz [19] in the use of divergence measures instead of a modified ∞ version of the χ^2 test to compare the analytic and the empirical distributions ⁶¹ of the similarity matrix coefficients. Classical χ^2 test cannot be used because ϵ_2 the coefficients of the similarity matrix are not fully independent of each $\epsilon_{\rm s}$ other, as demonstrated by Michalowicz [19], which can bias the result of the $\frac{64}{19}$ test by giving much more false-positive detection than expected [19]. Finally, ⁶⁵ we do not compute the similarity matrix with a Euclidean norm only, as we ⁶⁶ propose the use of Pearson's correlation coefficient and the dot-product for ϵ ₆₇ this purpose [20].

 After a brief recall of the recurrence plot method, we describe the different steps of our detection algorithm. Strong emphasis is put on derivation of the analytic distributions of the similarity matrix coefficients under hypothesis H_0 , when the Euclidean norm, Pearson's correlation coefficient, and the dot- product are used to compute the similarity matrix. Then, we discuss the choice of an appropriate divergence function to compare the analytic and empirical distributions. The third part presents the performances of our detector through the use of receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves. Three different deterministic signals are used in this part: a periodic signal, a π chaotic Rössler system and a real acoustic signal. The influence of the degrees of freedom involved in our detection scheme are also investigated, such as the γ ⁹ choice of the similarity function or the divergence measure. The performance of the proposed detector is compared with that of an energy detector, a sub- optimal filter detector and the optimal matched-filter detector, which are commonly used in signal processing.

2. Recurrence plots

 Recurrence plots were introduced to study complex systems and are aimed at visualizing the recurrence of their phase space trajectory [4]. Transforming a data sequence to a recurrence plot representation involves three main steps. ⁸⁷ First, the phase space trajectory of the measured signal $x(i)$ (i =1, ..., 88 N is reconstructed using the time delay embedding method [21, 22]. Each phase space vector is given by:

$$
\overrightarrow{x_m(i)} = [x(i), \ x(i + \tau), \ \dots, \ x(i + (m - 1)\tau)] \tag{3}
$$

90 where m is the embedding dimension, and τ is the delay.

 The second step consists of measuring the level of similarity between two vectors of the phase space trajectory: $\overrightarrow{x_m(i)}$ and $\overrightarrow{x_m(j)}$. Calculating the similarity between all of the possible pairs of phase space vectors leads to the similarity matrix that is defined by:

$$
d(i,j) = Sim\left(\overrightarrow{x_m(i)}, \overrightarrow{x_m(j)}\right) \tag{4}
$$

⁹⁵ where $Sim($. , .) is the function that is chosen to study the likeness of the phase space vectors. A lot of different mathematical functions can be used for this step. Spatial distances, and particularly the Euclidean norm, are mostly used for this purpose by the recurrence plot community [23]. In this Letter, we will introduce new functions, i.e., Pearson's correlation coefficient and the dot-product, which are common similarity measures in signal processing, but not in the recurrence plot community.

 Finally, as the recurrence plot is obtained through the comparison of each coefficient of the similarity matrix to a threshold, the recurrence plot is ¹⁰⁴ a binary matrix where the coefficient of index (i, j) is 1 if $\overrightarrow{x_m(i)}$ and $\overrightarrow{x_m(j)}$ are considered as similar, and is 0 otherwise.

3. Method

3.1. Overview of the signal detection scheme

 The signal detection scheme must give an answer that allows us to decide whether a finite sequence of discrete samples contains a deterministic signal or noise only. After calculating Eq. (3) and Eq. (4), the PDF of the similarity matrix coefficients is built. This PDF is expected to fit a given theoretical PDF if the measured signal is only WGN. We use a divergence measure to

113 compare the theoretical expected PDF under hypothesis H_0 with the em-¹¹⁴ pirical PDF associated with the similarity matrix of the measured signal. ¹¹⁵ We recall that in probability theory, a divergence measure is a mathematical ¹¹⁶ function that quantifies the distance between two probability distributions. $_{117}$ The result of the divergence measure is a positive number D that we com-118 pare with a detection threshold λ . If D is below this threshold, this means ¹¹⁹ that the distributions look alike, and consequently that the measured signal 120 is WGN. For the opposite, *i.e.*, if D is greater than the threshold, this means ¹²¹ that the empirical PDF differs from the theoretical noise PDF, and thus that 122 a deterministic signal is present. The threshold λ is chosen according to ¹²³ the Neyman-Pearson criterion. We recall that when performing a hypoth-¹²⁴ esis test between two hypothesis H_0 versus H_1 , Neyman-Pearson criterion ¹²⁵ is the one that maximizes the probability of detection while guaranteeing a ¹²⁶ given probability of false alarm (Pfa). With other words, a threshold fixed ¹²⁷ by the Neyman-Pearson criterion maximizes the probability (Pd) of choosing 128 hypothesis H_1 when H_1 is effectively true and rejects hypothesis H_0 with a 129 probability Pfa when H_0 is effectively true. To apply this criterion, we use ¹³⁰ Monte-Carlo simulations to built the distribution of the divergence measures ¹³¹ D between the analytic PDF expected under hypothesis H_0 and the empiri-¹³² cal PDF of the similarity matrix coefficients of finite length WGN. All of the ¹³³ steps of this detection scheme are summarized in Figure 1.

¹³⁴ 3.2. Analytical distribution of the similarity matrix coefficients in the 'noise 135 only' case

¹³⁶ 3.2.1. Hypothesis

137 Under hypothesis H_0 , we assume that the measured samples $x(1), x(2),$ 138 ..., $x(n)$ from a given sequence are independent Gaussian random variables 139 with zero mean and variance σ^2 .

¹⁴⁰ To obtain the similarity matrix, we look at the similarity between the vectors $\overrightarrow{x_m(i)} = [x(i), x(i+\tau), \dots, x(i+(m-1)\tau)]$ and $\overrightarrow{x_m(j)} = [x(j), x(j+\tau)]$ 142 τ), ..., $x(j+(m-1)\tau)$ (with $i \neq j$), the components of which come from the 143 measured signal. Therefore, under hypothesis H_0 , the components of both ¹⁴⁴ of these vectors are also independent Gaussian random variables with zero 145 mean and variance σ^2 , and the vectors are independent of each other.

 Based on these assumptions, we analytically model the PDF of the sim- $_{147}$ ilarity matrix coefficients under hypothesis H_0 , when the Euclidean norm, Pearson's correlation coefficient, and the dot-product (each of which is de-scribed below) are used to compare the state space vectors.

¹⁵⁰ 3.2.2. Euclidean norm

¹⁵¹ The Euclidean norm between the two state space vectors is given by:

$$
d_{i,j} = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{m} (x_k(i) - x_k(j))^2}
$$
 (5)

¹⁵² where $x_k(i)$ and $x_k(j)$ are the k^{th} components of vectors $\overrightarrow{x_m(i)}$ and $\overrightarrow{x_m(j)}$, 153 respectively. According to the assumptions made above, $x_k(i)$ and $x_k(j)$ are 154 independent Gaussian random variables with zero mean and variance σ^2 . 155 Therefore, $y_k = x_k(i) - x_k(j)$ is also a Gaussian random variable with zero

156 mean and variance $2\sigma^2$, and every y_k is independent of every other y_k , for all 157 k .

¹⁵⁸ By definition, if we take m independent Gaussian random variables W_k 159 with zero mean and variance σ_W^2 , then the random variable Z given by

$$
Z = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \left(\frac{W_k}{\sigma_W}\right)^2 \tag{6}
$$

 λ ² distribution with m degrees of freedom. By analogy, we show that ¹⁶¹ the random variable

$$
\sum_{k=1}^{m} \frac{y_k^2}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{m} (x_k(i) - x_k(j))^2}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{d_{i,j}^2}{2\sigma^2}
$$
(7)

 h_{162} has a χ^2 distribution with m degrees of freedom.

¹⁶³ So, if the Euclidean norm is used, normalizing the coefficients of the sim-¹⁶⁴ ilarity matrix as in Eq. (7) will give a new similarity matrix, the coefficients ¹⁶⁵ of which will have a χ^2 distribution with m degrees of freedom.

¹⁶⁶ 3.2.3. Pearson's correlation coefficient

¹⁶⁷ Pearson's correlation coefficient between two state space vectors is given ¹⁶⁸ by

$$
d_{i,j} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{m} (x_k(i) - \overline{x_k(i)}) (x_k(j) - \overline{x_k(j)})}{\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{m} (x_k(i) - \overline{x_k(i)})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{m} (x_k(j) - \overline{x_k(j)})^2}}
$$
(8)

where $x_k(i)$ and $x_k(j)$ are the k^{th} components of vectors $\overrightarrow{x_m(i)}$ and $\overrightarrow{x_m(j)}$, respectively, and $\overrightarrow{x_k(i)}$ and $\overrightarrow{x_k(j)}$ are the empirical means of $\overrightarrow{x_m(i)}$ and $\overrightarrow{x_m(j)}$, ¹⁷¹ respectively. According to the assumptions made above, as $x_k(i)$ and $x_k(j)$ 172 are independent variables for all k, then their co-variance is zero and the ¹⁷³ joint PDF of pair $(x_k(i), x_k(j))$ is the product of their respective PDFs.

 174 As $x_k(i)$ and $x_k(j)$ have Gaussian distributions with zero mean and vari-175 ance σ^2 , their joint PDF is given by:

$$
f(x_k(i), x_k(j)) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} exp\left(-\frac{x_k(i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) exp\left(-\frac{x_k(j)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \tag{9}
$$

 which is exactly the same as that of a bi-variate normal distribution with independent random variables and zero mean. Fisher [24–26] demonstrated that for pairs of independent random variables with bi-variate Gaussian dis-179 tributions, the distribution of the Pearson's correlation coefficient r can be expressed as:

$$
f(r) = \frac{1}{\beta \left(\frac{m-1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)} (1 - r^2)^{\frac{m-4}{2}} \tag{10}
$$

181 where β (.,) is the Beta function, and m is the embedding dimension.

$182 \quad 3.2.4.$ Dot-product

¹⁸³ The dot-product between two state space vectors is given by:

$$
d_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^{m} x_k(i) \times x_k(j)
$$
 (11)

¹⁸⁴ where $x_k(i)$ and $x_k(j)$ are the k^{th} components of vectors $\overrightarrow{x_m(i)}$ and $\overrightarrow{x_m(j)}$, ¹⁸⁵ respectively. Eq. (11) can be rewritten as follows:

$$
d_{i,j} = \frac{1}{4} \bigg(\sum_{k=1}^{m} \left(x_k(i) + x_k(j) \right)^2 - \sum_{k=1}^{m} \left(x_k(i) - x_k(j) \right)^2 \bigg) \tag{12}
$$

¹⁸⁶ such that we rely on the PDF of $\sum_{k=1}^{m} (x_k(i) + x_k(j))^2$ and $\sum_{k=1}^{m} (x_k(i) -$ ¹⁸⁷ $x_k(j)$ ², which are easier to use, to derive the PDF associated with Eq. (11). 188 In the case where $\sum_{k=1}^{m} (x_k(i) + x_k(j))^2$, as $y_k = x_k(i) + x_k(j)$ is the sum ¹⁸⁹ of two independent Gaussian random variables with zero mean and variance 190 σ^2 , then y_k also has a Gaussian distribution with zero mean and variance ¹⁹¹ $2\sigma^2$. As in section 3.2.2, we show that the random variable $u_{i,j}$ given by:

$$
u_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \frac{y_k^2}{2\sigma^2} = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \frac{(x_k(i) + x_k(j))^2}{2\sigma^2}
$$
(13)

¹⁹² has a χ^2 distribution with m degrees of freedom. The same demonstration 193 holds for $\sum_{k=1}^{m} (x_k(i) - x_k(j))^2$, and as in section 3.2.2, the random variable $v_{i,j}$ that is given by:

$$
v_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \frac{(x_k(i) - x_k(j))^2}{2\sigma^2}
$$
 (14)

195 follows a χ^2 distribution, with m degrees of freedom.

196 Combining Eq. (12) , (13) and (14) , this leads to:

$$
\frac{2d_{i,j}}{\sigma^2} = u_{i,j} - v_{i,j} \tag{15}
$$

¹⁹⁷ Therefore, the distribution of the dot-product of two state space vectors that ¹⁹⁸ satisfy our assumptions is equivalent, to a scaling factor, to the difference 199 of two independent random variables with χ^2 distributions. The analytic ²⁰⁰ expression of the distribution associated with this difference can be derived $_{201}$ using the moment-generating function of the χ^2 distribution.

²⁰² If $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ are *n* independent random variables (which are not 203 necessarily identically distributed), and S_n is a random variable defined by:

$$
S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i \tag{16}
$$

²⁰⁴ where $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ is a constant, then the moment-generating function of S_n is ²⁰⁵ given by:

$$
M_{S_n}(y) = M_{X_1}(a_1y) \times M_{X_2}(a_2y) \times \dots \times M_{X_n}(a_ny)
$$
 (17)

206 where M_{X_i} is the moment-generating function of X_i .

 $\sum_{i=1}^{207}$ In our case, S_n is the sum of two independent random variables $(u_{i,j},$ ²⁰⁸ $v_{i,j}$, both of which follow a χ^2 distribution with m degrees of freedom. The 209 moment-generating function of a χ^2 distribution is:

$$
M_X(y) = (1 - 2y)^{-\frac{m}{2}} \tag{18}
$$

²¹⁰ According to the properties given above, the moment-generating function of 211 $u_{i,j} - v_{i,j}$ is therefore given by:

$$
M_{u_{i,j}-v_{i,j}}(y) = (1 - 4y^2)^{-\frac{m}{2}}
$$
\n(19)

²¹² The moment-generating function obtained in Eq. (19) is the same as that of ²¹³ a variance-Gamma distribution, the general expression for which is given by:

$$
M_{V.G.}(\lambda, \alpha, \beta, \mu, y) = e^{\mu y} \left[\frac{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}{\alpha^2 - (\beta + y)^2} \right]^{\lambda}
$$
 (20)

²¹⁴ By identification, we find that the parameters of Eq. (20) leading to 215 Eq. (19) are: $\mu = 0$, $\alpha = 1/2$, $\beta = 0$, $\lambda = m/2$

²¹⁶ The PDF of a variance-Gamma distribution is defined as:

$$
f_Z(z) = \frac{(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)^{\lambda} |z - \mu|^{\lambda - \frac{1}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\lambda) (2\alpha)^{\lambda - \frac{1}{2}}} K_{\lambda - \frac{1}{2}}(\alpha |z - \mu|) e^{\beta(x - \mu)}
$$
(21)

²¹⁷ where Γ is the gamma function, and $K_{\nu}(x)$ is the modified Bessel function 218 of second kind. The PDF of $(u_{i,j} - v_{i,j})$ is finally obtained by replacing μ , α , 219 β and λ by the values defined above, which gives:

$$
f_{(u_{i,j}-v_{i,j})}(z) = \frac{|z|^{\frac{m-1}{2}}}{2^m \sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} K_{\frac{m-1}{2}}(\frac{|z|}{2})
$$
(22)

220 This PDF is continuous when $z = 0$ and $m > 1$, and is given by

$$
\lim_{z \to 0} f_{(u_{i,j} - v_{i,j})}(z) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{m-1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{m}{2}\right)}
$$
\n(23)

²²¹ So, if the dot-product is used, the multiplication of the similarity matrix by a factor $2/\sigma^2$ will give a new similarity matrix, the coefficients of which $_{223}$ will have a distribution that is defined by Eq. (22) and (23) .

²²⁴ 3.3. The divergence measure between the analytic distribution for the 'noise ²²⁵ only' case, and the empirical distribution of an unknown signal

 The next step in our detection scheme (fourth block in Fig. 1) is the comparison between the analytic distributions defined in the previous section and the empirical distributions of the similarity matrix coefficients of an unknown signal, to decide whether this latter fits the expected distribution 230 under hypothesis H_0 . Such a comparison is called a goodness-of-fit test in ²³¹ statistics. A popular goodness-of-fit method is Pearson's χ^2 test [27]. As ²³² stated before, in our case, the χ^2 test gives more false positives than expected, which means that it is not usable.

 To avoid this problem, we propose to use a goodness-of-fit test that is based on an information theory approach, which consists of computation of the difference of entropy between the two PDFs we want to compare. This approach is called the divergence measure, and this was first proposed by Shannon [28] and Kullback [29].

²³⁹ 3.3.1. Divergence measures

240 Mathematically speaking, a function $Div(., .): X \times X \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ (where X ²⁴¹ is a set) is a divergence function [30] if, for all $x, y \in X$, it has the following ²⁴² properties:

$$
\bullet \quad Div(x,\ y) \geq 0 \ \text{(non-negativity)};
$$

$$
\bullet \quad Div(x,\ y)=0\Longleftrightarrow x=y \text{ (identity of indiscernible)}.
$$

 In general, divergence measures do not satisfy the triangular inequality; some of them are symmetric. Divergence measures can be split into several classes; *i.e.*, f-divergences, Bregman divergences, α -divergences, β -divergences, and $_{248}$ γ -divergences. Thorough state-of-the-art reviews of divergence classes and their respective properties can be found in [18, 30, 31].

 It is essential to decide which divergence measure to use, to have the best processing gain for our detector, although to the best of our knowledge, there are no strict rules for this in the literature. Therefore, we decided to study the performances of our detector for three of the most-cited divergence measures in the literature: the Kullback-Leibler divergence, the Hellinger divergence, and the Jensen-Shannon divergence.

²⁵⁶ The Kullback-Leibler divergence is probably one of the most used diver-²⁵⁷ gences in the literature, particularly for goodnes-of-fit tests and parametric ²⁵⁸ estimations [32, 33]. The Kullback-Leibler divergence is defined as follows:

$$
D_{KL}(p \parallel q) = \int p(x)ln\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right)dx\tag{24}
$$

259 where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are the PDFs to be compared.

²⁶⁰ The Hellinger divergence is expressed as:

$$
D_H(p \mid q) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \int \left(\sqrt{p(x)} - \sqrt{q(x)}\right)^2} dx \tag{25}
$$

 $_{261}$ The Kullback-Leibler divergence and Hellinger divergence belong to the f -²⁶² divergence class.

²⁶³ The last divergence that we investigate here is the Jensen-Shannon di-²⁶⁴ vergence, which can be seen as a symmetric and smoothed version of the ²⁶⁵ Kullback-Leibler divergence, and is expressed as:

$$
D_{JS}(p||q) = \eta D_{KL}\left(p \mid \mid (\eta p + (1 - \eta)q) \right)
$$

$$
+ \eta D_{KL}\left(q \mid \mid (\eta p + (1 - \eta)q) \right)
$$
(26)

266 where $D_{KL}(.||.)$ is the Kullback-Leibler divergence given by Eq. (24), and 267 $\eta \in [0, 1]$. In this Letter, the simulations are carried out with $\eta = 0.5$ (as an ²⁶⁸ arbitrary choice).

²⁶⁹ 3.3.2. Distributions of the divergences in the 'noise only' case

 To decide whether a measured signal is noise only or is a deterministic signal, the result of each of these divergence measures is compared to a threshold λ, the value of which is chosen to guarantee a given Pfa. To achieve this, it is necessary to know the PDF of the divergence measures $_{274}$ under hypothesis H_0 . We obtain this latter with Monte-Carlo simulations ²⁷⁵ (with 50,000 repetitions), by generating WGN (zero mean, $\sigma^2 = 1$), and computing the first four steps of our detection scheme with an embedding $m = 16$ and a delay $\tau = 1$ (Fig. 1). We repeat this simulation to obtain 50,000 values of the divergence measures, and build their PDF. This PDF is estimated by a classical histogram method. These simulations are carried ²⁸⁰ out for each similarity function $(i.e.,$ Euclidean norm, Pearson's correlation coefficient, dot-product), followed by the three different divergence measures presented above, which leads to nine different detectors.

4. Results

 The performances of these nine detectors are studied through the ROC curves, which display the probability of detection versus the Pfa associated with the detector, as a function of the detection threshold. Within this performance analysis section, we show that the Kullback-Leibler divergence 288 always gives the best processing gain whatever the similarity function $(i.e.,$ Euclidean norm, Pearson's correlation coefficient, or dot-product) used to 290 built the similarity matrix. Then, we establish which similarity function $(i.e.,$ Euclidean norm, Pearson's correlation coefficient, or dot-product) should be associated with the Kullback-Leibler divergence to give the best overall per- formances. Finally, we compare the performances of our detector with the energy detector, a sub-optimal filter detector and the optimal matched-filter detector.

4.1. Performance analysis methodology

 To build the ROC curves, it is necessary to know the distribution of ²⁹⁸ the divergence measures under hypothesis H_1 . This distribution is obtained with Monte Carlo simulations of 50,000 experiments. The performances are studied through two simulated deterministic signals, namly, a periodic signal given by a cosine function (section 4.3) and the first component of a Rössler system in chaotic regime (section 4.4), as well as with a real acoustic signal (section 4.5). In a passive context, the duration of the signal to be detected is generally not known. Therefore, we study the performances where the length of the deterministic signal to detect is shorter than the observation time. 306 The PDFs of the divergence measures under hypothesis H_1 are constructed

 307 when the deterministic signal occupies $T\%$ of the observation time, with 308 $T \in \{10, \ldots, 100\}$ (Fig 2).

 309 Several signal-to-noise ratios (SNRs) between - $2dB$ and $+4dB$ are also ³¹⁰ studied (by step of 0.5 dB). Only the most significant results are shown in ³¹¹ this Letter. We recall that the SNR expressed in decibel is defined as:

$$
SNR_{dB} = 10log_{10} \frac{\frac{1}{L_s} \sum_{i=1}^{L_s} s(i)^2}{\frac{1}{L_b} \sum_{j=1}^{L_b} b(j)^2}
$$
(27)

312 where $s(i)$ is the deterministic signal and L_s is its length, $b(j)$ is the WGN and L_b is its length. Therefore, the targeted SNR is obtained by adjusting the variance of the WGN with respect to energy of the deterministic signal as follow:

$$
\sigma_b^2 = \left(\frac{1}{L_s} \sum_{i=1}^{L_s} s(i)^2\right) .10^{-SNR_{dB}/10} \tag{28}
$$

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 317 For each simulated signal under hypothesis H_1 , we compute the first four ³¹⁸ steps of our detection scheme to obtain the divergence measures (Fig. 1). 319 The PDFs of the divergence measures under hypotheses H_0 and H_1 lead to ³²⁰ the construction of the ROC curves, which depend on the values chosen for $_{321}$ the pair (SNR, T) .

 To see where our detector is positioned relative to classical detectors from the literature, we compare its ROC curves with those of the energy detector, a sub-optimal filter detector and the optimal matched-filter detector. The latter two detectors will only be used when the deterministic signal is the periodic signal, as they can hardly be used with a chaotic signal and a real

 327 acoustic signal, which have, a priori, an unknown waveform. In the next ³²⁸ subsection, we recall the underlying PDFs of these three detectors under 329 hypotheses H_0 and H_1 .

³³⁰ 4.2. Detectors of reference

³³¹ 4.2.1. Energy detector

³³² The energy detector is commonly used in signal processing when nothing ³³³ is known about the signal to be detected. This detector is based on the $_{334}$ random variable g, which is defined as follows:

$$
g = \sum_{i=1}^{L} x(t_i)^2
$$
 (29)

335 where $x(t)$ is the measured signal. Under hypothesis H_0 , the measured signal 336 is WGN with zero mean and variance σ^2 . Therefore, the random variable 337 g/σ^2 has a χ^2 distribution with L degrees of freedom.

 338 For hypothesis H_1 , when the deterministic signal is a cosine with length 339 L_s , g is given by:

$$
g = \sum_{i=1}^{L} \left(b(t_i) + A\cos(2\pi f_0 t_i) rect_{L_s}(t_i) \right)^2
$$
 (30)

³⁴⁰ with A the amplitude of the cosine, f_0 its frequency and $rect_{L_s}(t_i)$ a rectan-³⁴¹ gular window of length L_s . Then, the random variable g/σ^2 has a noncentral x^2 distribution with L degrees of freedom and a noncentrality parameter 343 $\zeta = L_s A^2 / 2\sigma^2$ [34]. When the deterministic signal is the chaotic Rössler 344 system or the real acoustic signal, the distribution of g under hypothesis H_1 ³⁴⁵ is obtained empirically with Monte-Carlo simulations.

³⁴⁶ 4.2.2. Sub-optimal filter detector

 As stated in the Introduction, when the waveform of the signal to be detected is perfectly know, the optimum detector is called a matched filter. Here, we consider the sub-optimal case where the detector includes all of the characteristics of the cosine signal it has to detect, excepted its duration. Thus the detector expects the cosine to be present 100% of the time, whereas $_{352}$ it will effectively be present only $T\%$ of the time. This detector is based on $_{353}$ the random variable g, which is given by:

$$
g = \sum_{i=1}^{L} x(t_i) \times A \cos(2\pi f_0 t_i)
$$
\n(31)

354 where L is the length of the measured signal $x(t)$. Under hypothesis H_0 , the 355 measured signal is WGN with zero mean and variance σ^2 . We can demon-356 strated that the random variable q has a normal distribution with zero mean 357 and variance $L\sigma^2 A^2/2$ [1].

 358 For hypothesis H_1 , when the deterministic signal is a cosine with length L_s , g is given by:

$$
g = \sum_{i=1}^{L} \left(b(t_i) + A\cos(2\pi f_0 t_i) . rect_{L_s}(t_i) \right) \times A\cos(2\pi f_0 t_i)
$$
 (32)

360 and has a normal distribution with mean $L_s A^2/2$, and variance $L_{\sigma} A^2/2$ [1]. 361

³⁶² 4.2.3. Optimal Matched-filter detector

³⁶³ In this section we consider the optimal matched-filter detector, i.e. the ³⁶⁴ detector knows all of the characteristics of the cosine signal it has to detect.

 365 This detector is based on the random variable g, which is given by:

$$
g = \sum_{i=1}^{L} x(t_i) \cdot A \cos(2\pi f_0 t_i) \cdot rect_{L_s}(t_i)
$$
 (33)

366 where L is the length of the measured signal $x(t)$. Under hypothesis H_0 , the $_{367}$ measured signal is WGN with zero mean and variance σ^2 . We can demon-368 strated that the random variable g has a normal distribution with zero mean as and variance $L_s \sigma^2 A^2/2$ [1]. For hypothesis H_1 , when the deterministic signal 370 is a cosine, q is given by:

$$
g = \sum_{i=1}^{L} \Big(b(t_i) + A\cos(2\pi f_0 t_i) . rect_{L_s}(t_i) \Big) . A\cos(2\pi f_0 t_i) . rect_{L_s}(t_i) \tag{34}
$$

371 and has a normal distribution with mean $L_s A^2/2$, and variance $L_s \sigma^2 A^2/2$ $_{372}$ [1].

³⁷³ 4.3. Performances with a periodic signal

 In this section, the deterministic signal to detect is a cosine function, the frequency of which, f_0 , is randomly chosen for each experiment (uniform dis-376 tribution), so that $f_0/f_e \in [0.05 \ 0.45]$, where f_e is the sampling frequency. The cosine function is added to WGN for 100 samples. Thus, the distribu- tions of the divergence measures obtained under hypothesis H_0 in section 3.3.2 are calculated with a WGN for 100 samples.

³⁸⁰ We recall that for a cosine with amplitude A added to WGN with zero 381 mean and variance σ^2 , the SNR is $A^2/2\sigma^2$, or in dB, $10log_{10}(A^2/2\sigma^2)$. To $_{382}$ sum-up, in this section, the measured signal under hypothesis H_1 is given by 383 $x(t) = b(t) + A\cos(2\pi f_0 t) rect_{L_s}(t)$, where $b(t)$ is a WGN sequence, $rect_{L_s}(t)$ 384 is a rectangular window of length L_s , A is the amplitude of the cosine, and $5385 \text{ } f_0$ is the frequency of the cosine.

 All of the results in this section are given for an embedding dimension $387 \text{ m} = 16 \text{ and } \tau = 1.$ However, all of the conclusions remain the same for other embeddings within the range [8, 20]. All of the ROC curves are identical for $m \in [12, 18]$.

4.3.1. Performances as a function of the divergence measure

 First, we look at the influence of the divergence measure on the perfor-mances of the detector, for each similarity function taken separately.

 As ROC curves aim at showing the probability of detection (Pd) as a function of the probability of false alarm (pfa), the performances of a given detector are considered as good when its Pd is close or equal to 1 whatever the value of Pfa. At the contrary, performances are considered as bad when $Pd = Pfa$. Also, a detector is considered better than another detector, if the COR curve of the first detector is above the ROC curve of the second detector.

 For example, on Fig. 3, we see that for each subplot associated with α_{401} a couple (T, SNR) , the ROC curve of the detector using the Kullback- Leibler divergence (plain line) is above the ROC curve of the Hellinger and Jensen-Shannon divergences. Therefore, we can say that the detector using the Euclidean norm with the Kullback-Leibler divergence outperforms the detectors using the Euclidean norm with the Hellinger divergence and the Jensen-Shannon divergence (Figs. 3). The same observations and conclusions hold when the dot-product is used to compute the similarity matrix (Figs. 5). 408 Whatever the couple (T, RSB) used for the simulations, the ROC curves of the detector using the dot-product with the Kullback-Leibler divergence are above the ROC curve with the Hellinger divergence and the Jensen-Shannon

 divergence (Figs. 5). With these two similarity functions (i.e. Euclidean norm and dot-product), when the SNR is positive (three last rows of the $_{413}$ panel) and Pfa $\leq 10^{-3}$, the detection probability with the Kullback-Leibler divergence is 10% to 50% greater than those obtained with the Hellinger divergence and Jensen-Shannon divergence.

 When Pearson's correlation coefficient is used, the Kullback-Leibler di- vergence is slightly better than the Hellinger divergence and Jensen-Shannon divergence (Fig. 4).

According to these results, for the remainder of this section 4.3, we have chosen the Kullback-Leibler divergence to compare the analytic and empirical PDFs of the similarity matrix coefficients, whichever similarity function is used to compute the similarity matrix.

4.3.2. Performances as a function of the similarity function

 We now look at the similarity function that gives the best results for the detector, when the Kullback-Leibler divergence is used to compare the analytic and empirical distributions. We compare ROC curves of the de- tectors having the following configurations: {Euclidean Norm, Kullback- Leibler}, {Pearson's correlation coefficient, Kullback-Leibler}, {dot-product, Kullback-Leibler} (Fig. 6).

 ϵ_{430} For all of the combinations of SNR and T, the detector using the dot- product performs the best, followed by the detector with the Euclidean norm, and then last, the detector using Pearson's correlation coefficient. When the $_{433}$ Pfa is around 10⁻⁴, the detection probability of the detector using the dot- product is 10% to 25% higher than the detector with the Euclidean norm, $_{435}$ and 10% to 80% higher than that with Pearson's correlation coefficient, which 436 depends on the values given to the pair (RSB, T) . For a given SNR, we find for all similarity functions that the data change quickly when T increases. 438 The same observation is made when T is constant and the SNR increases by a few decibels.

4.3.3. Comparison with the detectors of reference

 The proposed detector with the dot-product and Kullback-Leibler diver- gence is compared with the energy detector and the matched-filter detector, $_{443}$ in terms of their ROC curves (Fig. 7). For all of the SNR values > 0 , the performances of the proposed detector are higher than those of the energy 445 detector, whatever the length T of the cosine. For a Pfa around 10^{-4} the difference in terms of the detection probability between both of the detectors $_{447}$ is between 0.05 and 0.45, depending on the SNR and T.

 For most of the (SNR, T) combinations, the proposed detector has a similar performance to the sub-optimal filter detector. Our detector is sig- nificantly better than the sub-optimal filter detector only when the cosine is ⁴⁵¹ very short $(T \leq 30\%)$ and has a SNR > 2 dB. However, the performances of the proposed detector are far behind those of the optimal matched-filter detector.

 These performances for the proposed detector can be explained as follows. As the similarity matrix is computed by splitting the signal into several state 456 space vectors, when hypothesis H_1 is true, some of these vectors correspond to the signal we want to detect. Therefore, our detector is self-fed by vectors associated with the useful signal and is locally equivalent to a matched-filter detector. If a state space vector $\overrightarrow{s_m(t_i)}$ that contains samples from the deter-⁴⁶⁰ ministic signal is compared to a vector $\overrightarrow{s_m(t_j)}$ that has only noise samples,

 $\frac{461}{461}$ then the coefficient (i, j) of the similarity matrix belongs to the PDF associated with the noise-only case. For the opposite, if vector $\overrightarrow{s_m(t_j)}$ also contains ϵ_{463} samples from the deterministic signal, we are back under hypothesis H_1 of a ⁴⁶⁴ classical matched filter. In the end, some of the coefficients of the similar-⁴⁶⁵ ity matrix correspond to hypothesis H_0 and follow the analytic distribution ⁴⁶⁶ derived above in the noise-only case, while the remaining coefficients corre- 467 spond to hypothesis H_1 and do not follow this analytic distribution. The ⁴⁶⁸ empirical PDF of the coefficients of the similarity matrix differs significantly ⁴⁶⁹ from the one that would be expected in the noise-only case, and the deter-⁴⁷⁰ ministic signal is detected, even when this latter is short and has a poor SNR. 471

$\frac{4.4}{4.4}$. Performances with a Rössler system in chaotic regime

⁴⁷³ In this section, the deterministic signal to detect is the first component 474 (or x-component) of a Rössler system. This system is defined by:

$$
\dot{x} = -y - z \tag{35}
$$

$$
\dot{y} = x + ay \tag{36}
$$

$$
\dot{z} = b + z(x - c) \tag{37}
$$

⁴⁷⁵ We take $a = 0.15$, $b = 0.2$ and $c = 10$, so that it has a chaotic behavior. The 476 sampling time Δt is equal to 0.4 s. The component $x(t)$ is added to WGN 477 for 200 samples, so that the Rössler system has enough time to oscillate 478 during a few periods, even when it occupies a small percentage T of the ob-⁴⁷⁹ servation time. Thus, the distributions of the divergence measures obtained 480 under hypothesis H_0 in section 3.3.2 are now calculated with a WGN for 200 ⁴⁸¹ samples. The SNR is adjusted according to Eq. (28). For each realization

482 of the Monte-Carlo simulations, the initial conditions $[x(0), y(0), z(0)]$ are randomly chosen with uniform distribution within the range [-5 , 5] in order 484 to get various waveform for $x(t)$.

 We approach this part through two points of view. In section 4.4.1, we do 486 not take into account that $x(t)$ is part of a 3-components system and study the performances of the detector as we did with the cosine, i.e. with $\tau = 1$ 488 and $m \in [8, 20]$. Then, in section 4.4.2, we take into account that $x(t)$ comes from a 3-components system and so that its phase space trajectory can be 490 reconstructed with $m = 3$. Thus, in 4.4.2 we study the performances for 491 $m = 3$ and $\tau \in [2, 9]$.

493 $\{4.4.1. \text{ Case 1: } \tau = 1, m \in [8, 20]$

 We do not show all the ROC curves as we did in the previous section, but only give a summary of the main results. All of the results are given for 496 an embedding dimension $m = 16$. However, all of the conclusions remain the same for other embeddings within the range [8, 20].

 As for the periodic signal in section 4.3, we first looked at the divergence measure giving the best detection performances, for each similarity function taken separately. Results and conclusions remain the same as for the periodic \mathfrak{so}_1 signal, namely that whatever the similarity function $Sim($...) used to calcu- late the similarity matrix, the Kullback-Leibler divergence always gives the best detection capabilities. The Hellinger divergence and Jensen-Shannon divergence have much lower performances than Kullback-Leibler divergence. Secondly, when the Kullback-Leibler divergence is used as a divergence measure, then the best overall detection performances are again obtained

with the dot-product as $Sim(.)$ function to compute the distance matrix.

 Finally, on Fig. 8, we compare the COR curves of the energy detector with those of the proposed method with the dot-product and Kullback-Leibler μ_{510} divergence. We see on this figure that whatever the couple (T, RSB) chosen, $_{511}$ the proposed detector always outperforms the energy detector. For $Pfa <$ 10^{-3} , the probability of detection of proposed detector is 20 % to 50 % higher than the one of the energy detector.

515 $\{4.4.2. \text{ Case 2: } \tau \in [2, 9], m = 3\}$

516 All of the results in this section are given for $m = 3$ and $\tau = 3$. However, $_{517}$ all of the conclusions remain the same for other τ within the range [2, 9].

 Like in previous sections, we found that Kullback-Leibler divergence is the divergence measure that gives the best detection performances. Then, we no- ticed that by associating the Kullback-Leibler divergence with the Euclidean norm, we get slightly better performances than by combining Kullback- Leibler divergence with the dot-product (see Fig. 9). The probability of detection increases only by a few percent between the dot-product and the Euclidean norm. At last, when comparing the proposed detector with the en- ergy detector, we see that the energy detector and the proposed detector with {Euclidean norm, Kullback-Leibler divergence} give very similar results and that the energy detector is slightly better than the proposed detector with {dot-product, Kullback-Leibler divergence} (Fig. 9).

4.5. Performances with a real acoustic signal

In this section, we test the performances of the proposed detector with a

 real underwater acoustic signal that was recorded in the Mediterranean Sea in August 2014. This sound, whose waveform is given on Fig. 2g, was produced by a fish. As the background noise mixed with the fish sound is not a true WGN, the necessary assumptions given in section 3.2.1 are not met and so we could not retrieve the theoretical distributions we found previously under $_{537}$ H_0 hypothesis. Therefore, we have extracted the fish sound and add it with a simulated WGN. Like for previous simulations we change the duration of the 539 noise so that the fish sound occupies $T\%$ of the observation time. Various SNR are also tested, according to Eq. (28).

 $_{541}$ Fig. 10 shows the COR curves of the proposed detector with $\tau = 1$, $542 \text{ } m = 16$, the dot-product as similarity function and the Kullback-Leibler divergence as divergence measure. Like for the periodic signal and for the ₅₄₄ Rössler system, the proposed detector outperforms the energy detector for $_{545}$ all couples (T, RSB) .

5. Conclusion

 This Letter has presented a scheme that is based on statistical analysis of the similarity matrix coefficients and on divergence measures to detect an $_{549}$ unknown deterministic signal in WGN. Under hypothesis H_0 , the distribu- tion of the similarity matrix coefficients was derived analytically for three similarity functions: the Euclidean norm, Pearson's correlation coefficients, and the dot-product. Then, divergence measures were used to compare this analytic distribution with the empirical distribution of a measured signal for which we wanted to apply the detection test. Three divergence measures were tested in this study: Kullback-Leibler divergence, Hellinger divergence, and Jensen-Shannon divergence. The performance of the detector was stud ied through ROC curves. The influences of similarity functions, divergence measures, length of the deterministic signal, and the SNR were discussed. We found that the Kullback-Leibler divergence was always the divergence measure giving, in the end, the best results. The best overall performances are obtained when this divergence is used with the dot-product as simi- larity function. The proposed detector provided with the dot-product and the Kullback-Leibler divergence was compared with the energy detector, a sub-optimal filter detector and the optimal matched-filter detector. The re- sults with two simulated deterministic signal, namely a periodic signal and a ₅₆₆ chaotic Rössler system, as well as with a real underwater acoustic signal show that the proposed detector has a much better detection probability than the energy detector and similar performance to the sub-optimal filter detector. At last, results shown in this Letter and our own experience on other real signals indicate that by performing a statistical analysis of similarity matrix coefficients we get enhanced detection performances relative to the classical energy detector, independently of the kind of the deterministic signal to be detected.

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Figure 1: Flowchart of the detector system.

Figure 2: Under hypothesis H_1 , the deterministic signal to detect that lasts $T\%$ of the observation time, $T \in \{10, 15, 20, \ldots, 80, 100\}$, is added to WGN. a-c) Example with the cosine function used in section 4.3 ; d-f) Example with a chaotic signal from a Rössler system used in section 4.4 ; g-i) Example with the waveform of the sound produced by a fish used in section 4.5. Figures c,f,i correspond to an SNR of 3 dB.

Figure 3: ROC curves based on the Euclidean norm as a function of the SNR (rows of panels), the length T of the cosine (columns of panels), and the Kullback-Leibler (plain line), Hellinger (\diamond) , and Jensen-Shannon $(+)$ divergence measures. The data for the Hellinger and Jensen-Shannon divergences are supermosphed. The Kullback-Leibler divergence always outperforms the Hellinger and Jensen-Shannon divergences.

Figure 4: ROC curves based on Pearson's correlation coefficient as a function of the SNR (rows of panels), the length T of the cosine (columns of panels) and the Kullback-Leibler (plain line), Hellinger (\diamond) , and Jensen-Shannon $(+)$ divergence measures. The data for the Hellinger and Jensen-Shannon divergences $\frac{35}{40}$ superimposed.

Figure 5: ROC curves based on the dot-product as a function of the SNR (rows of panels), the length T of the cosine (columns of panels) and the Kullback-Leibler (plain line), Hellinger (\diamond) , and Jensen-Shannon $(+)$ divergence measures. The data for the Hellinger and Jensen-Shannon divergences are superimposed. The Kullback-Leibler divergence always outperforms the Hellinger and Jensen-Shannon divergences.

Figure 6: ROC curves of the detector as a function of the SNR (rows of panels) and the length T of the cosine (columns of panels), when the Kullback-Leibler divergence is associated with: the Euclidean norm (\diamond) , Pearson's correlation coefficient $(+)$, the dotproduct (plain line). Combination of the dot-product with the Kullback-Leibler divergence always gives the best performance.

Figure 7: ROC curves of the proposed detector using {dot-product, Kullback-Leibler} (plain line) with the energy detector (\diamond) , the sub-optimal filter $(+)$, the optimal matched filter (o). The proposed detector always outperforms the energy detector, and globally it is as good as the sub-optimal filter detector.

Figure 8: ROC curves of the proposed detector using $\{\tau = 1, m = 16, \text{ dot-product},$ Kullback-Leibler} (plain line) with the energy detector (\diamond) , when the deterministic signal to detect is a chaotic Rössler system. The proposed detector always outperforms the energy detector.

Figure 9: ROC curves of the proposed detector using $\{\tau = 3, m = 3, \text{ dot-product},\}$ Kullback-Leibler} (plain line), $\{\tau = 3, m = 3,$ Euclidean norm, Kullback-Leibler} (+) and the energy detector (\diamond) , when the deterministic signal to detect is a chaotic Rössler system.

Figure 10: ROC curves of the proposed detector using $\{\tau = 1, m = 16, \text{ dot-product},\}$ Kullback-Leibler} (plain line) with the energy detector (\diamond) , when the deterministic signal to detect is a sound produced by a fish. The proposed detector always outperforms the energy detector.