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- Multi-spectral data available

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Positioning within the post-processing landscape

- Subtraction Decomposition: cADI(Marois+ 2006); LOCI(Lafrénière+ 2007); ALOCI(Currie+ 2012); KLIP/PCA(Soummer+ 2012),(Amara+ 2012); TLOCI(Lafrénière+ 2014); LLSG(Gonzalez+ 16); NMF(Ren+ 18)
- Statistics: MOODS(Smith+2009); ANDROMEDA(Cantalloube+ 2016); FMMF(Ruffio+ 2017); PACO(Flasseur+ 2020), etc.
- (Deep) Learning: S4(Fergus+ 2014); (NA)SODINN(Gonzalez+ 2017),(Cantero+ 2023); CNN(Yip+ 2020)
- Temporal: STIM(Pairet+2019); RSM(Dahlqvist+2020); TRAP(Samland+2021); HSR(Gebhard+2022)

Physics: PeX(Devanay+ 2017), MEDUSAE(Cantalloube+ 2018), etc.



 \Rightarrow Motivation: combining advantages of two approaches

Pre-processing: removing (most of) the correlations



Deep learning: capturing residual correlations



Detection pipeline

Task: supervised pixel-wise classification



Loss function: custom similarity metric for very unbalanced classes

$$\mathscr{L}\left(\boldsymbol{y}^{[s]}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}^{[s]}\right) = 1 - \underbrace{\sum_{m=1}^{M} \boldsymbol{y}_{m}^{[s]} \, \widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}_{m}^{[s]} + \epsilon}_{\text{source error}} - \underbrace{\frac{\sum_{m=1}^{M} (1 - \boldsymbol{y}_{m}^{[s]})(1 - \widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}_{m}^{[s]} + \epsilon)}{\sum_{m=1}^{M} 2 - \boldsymbol{y}_{m}^{[s]} - \widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}_{m}^{[s]} + \epsilon}}_{\text{background error}}$$

 \Rightarrow Dedicated data-augmentation + whitening + dedicated loss: deep model specialized for each datacube without overfitting 4/12

Results: an example of inferred detection maps

VLT/SPHERE-IRDIS data

star: HD 95086



Results: improved detection sensitivity

VLT/SPHERE-IRDIS data

star: HIP 88399



Results: joint multi-spectral processing

Method

Statistical learning:

joint modeling of spatial and spectral covariances.

Deep learning: training with physical SED models (ExoREM).





\Rightarrow Better precision/recall trade-off than a posteriori combination

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Learning the nuisance from multiple observations



\Rightarrow Leveraging database diversity to build highly non-linear models



Comparison between model architectures





fect unmixing oracle

> statistical model (PACO)

> stat.+deep learn (MODEL&CO)

Results: inferred detection maps

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0.5"



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parallactic rotation $\simeq 2^{\circ}!$



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Model ablation: importance of statistical model

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Take-home messages:

- Combining stat. & deep models improves precision-recall,
- Modeling the covariances is critical,
- Leveraging from observations archive bypasses the limit of ADI,
- A single model: once trained, inference is super fast.

\Rightarrow Could be useful for ELT's observations

(highly structured nuisance, massive data, limited ADI)

What's next?

- Nuisance's model is flexible \rightarrow disk reconstruction.
- Integrating more explicitly direct image formation model M,
 - ullet joint estimation nuisance s and objects x with $ullet {\sf obs} = s + \operatorname{{\bf M}} x$
 - solving an inverse problem with neural network as proximal operator

