## An Adaptive Detection for Automatic Spike Sorting Based on Mixture of Skew-t distributions

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## **Appendix S1: Zero-Phase Filtering**

In this method, first the signal is filtered, and then the time reversed version of the filtered signal would be filtered again. Assuming h is the filter response, in the z-transform domain we have:

$$D(z) = R(z)H(z)$$

$$R_F(z) = D(z^{-1})H(z)$$
(S.1)

where *R* is the z-transform of the raw signal (*r*). When |z| = 1 or  $z = e^{jw}$ , the output reduces to  $R_F(e^{jw})|H(e^{jw})|^2$ . Thus, the output has zero-phase distortion.

## Appendix S2: Expectation-Maximization for Mixture of Skew-t distribution

In the EM algorithm, it is usual to define a membership variable,  $Z_i = (Z_{i1},...,Z_{ig})$ , where

$$Z_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } s_i \text{ belongs to the component j} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (S.2)

The completed log-likelihood function can be written as follows:

$$\ell_{c}(\theta|s,t,u,z) = C - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{g} Z_{ij} \left[ \log(\pi_{j}) - \frac{1}{2} \log(\gamma_{j}) - \frac{u_{i}}{2} (s_{i} - \mu_{j} - \Delta_{j} t_{i})^{T} \gamma_{j}^{-1} (s_{i} - \mu_{j} - \Delta_{j} t_{i}) + \frac{v}{2} \log(\frac{v}{2}) + (\frac{v}{2} - 1) \log(u_{i}) - \log(\frac{v}{2}) - \frac{v}{2} u_{i} \right]$$
(S.3)

where C is a constant, and

$$\delta = \frac{\lambda_j}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda_j^T \lambda_j}}, \quad \Delta = \Sigma_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \delta_j, \quad \gamma_j = \Sigma_j - \Delta_j \Delta_j^T, \quad t_i \sim N(\mu + \Delta t_i, u_i^{-1} \gamma_j)$$
(S.4)

The E-step includes calculating of  $Q(\theta|\theta^{(K)}) = E_{\theta^{(K)}}(\ell_c(\theta|s,t,u,z)|s)$ , where the superscript (k) indicates the value of the parameters in the k'th iteration. The EM algorithm which finds the parameters of a mixture of p-dimensional skew-t distributions can be summarized as follows:

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E-Step: First, consider the following auxiliary parameters.

$$M^{2}(\theta) = (1 + \Delta^{T} \gamma^{-1} \Delta)^{-1}$$

$$m(\theta, s) = M^{2}(\theta) \Delta^{T} \gamma^{-1} (s - \mu)$$

$$A(\theta, s) = \lambda^{T} \Sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} (s - \mu)$$

$$\beta(\theta, s) = \frac{2\Gamma\left(\frac{v + p + 2}{2}\right) (v + d_{\Sigma}(s, \mu))^{-1}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{v + p}{2}\right)} \frac{T\left(\sqrt{\frac{v + p + 2}{v - d_{\Sigma}(s, \mu)}} A(\theta, s) | v + p + 2\right)}{T\left(\sqrt{\frac{v - p}{v + d_{\Sigma}(s, \mu)}} A(\theta, s) | v + p\right)}$$

$$\tau(\theta, s) = \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{v + p}{v + d_{\Sigma}(s, \mu)}} A(\theta, s) | v + p\right)} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{v + p + 1}{2}\right)}{\pi^{\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \frac{(v + d_{\Sigma}(s, \mu))^{(v - p) / 2}}{(v + d_{\Sigma}(s, \mu) + A(\theta, s)^{2})^{(v - p + 1) / 2}}$$

$$\xi(\theta, s) = \beta(\theta, s) m(\theta, s) + M(\theta) \tau(\theta, s)$$

$$\omega(\theta, s) = \beta(\theta, s) (m(\theta, s))^{2} + (M(\theta))^{2} + M(\theta) m(\theta, s) \tau(\theta, s)$$
(S.5)

The probability of *i*'th spike belongs to the *j*'th component, i.e.  $p_{ij}$ , is

$$p_{ij} = \frac{\pi_j ST_p(s_i|\theta_j)}{\sum_{l=1}^g \pi_l ST_p(s_i|\theta_l)}$$
(S.6)

Given  $\theta = \theta^{(k)}$ , first we calculate  $p_{ii}^{(k)}$ , then,

$$\beta_{ij} = p_{ij}^{(k)} \beta(\theta_j^{(k)}, s_i) \quad \xi_{ij} = p_{ij}^{(k)} \xi(\theta_j^{(k)}, s_i) \quad \omega_{ij} = p_{ij}^{(k)} \omega(\theta_j^{(k)}, s_i)$$
(S.7)

M-Step: In this step, by maximizing  $Q(\theta|\theta^{(k)})$ , the update rules for the parameters would be obtained as follows:

$$\begin{split} \pi_{j}^{(k+1)} &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_{ij}^{(k)} \\ \mu_{j}^{(k+1)} &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\beta_{ij}^{(k)} s_{i} - \xi_{ij}^{(k)} \Delta_{j}^{(k)}) / \sum_{i=1}^{N} \beta_{ij}^{(k)} \\ \Delta_{j}^{(k+1)} &= \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} \xi_{ij}^{(k)} (s_{i} - \mu_{j}^{(k+1)}) \right] / \sum_{i=1}^{N} \omega_{ij}^{(k)} \\ \gamma_{j}^{(k+1)} &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_{ij} \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left( \beta_{ij}^{(k)} (s_{i} - \mu_{j}^{(k+1)}) (s_{i} - \mu_{j}^{(k+1)})^{T} - \left[ (s_{i} - \mu_{j}^{(k+1)}) (\Delta_{j}^{(k+1)})^{T} + (\Delta_{j}^{(k+1)}) (s_{i} - \mu_{j}^{(k+1)})^{T} \right] \xi_{ij}^{(k)} + \Delta_{j}^{(k+1)} (\Delta_{j}^{(k+1)})^{T} \omega_{ij}^{(k)} \\ v^{(k+1)} &= \arg \max_{v} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log \left( \sum_{j=1}^{g} \pi_{j} ST_{p}(s_{i} | \mu_{j}^{(k+1)}, \Sigma_{j}^{(k+1)}, \lambda_{j}^{(k+1)}, v^{(k)}) \right) \end{split} \tag{S.8}$$

The update procedure is based on  $\Delta$ , and  $\gamma$  instead of  $\lambda$  and  $\Sigma$ . These parameters could be recovered as follows:

$$\lambda_{j} = \frac{(\gamma_{j} + \Delta_{j}\Delta_{j}^{T})^{-\frac{1}{2}}\Delta_{j}}{\left[1 - \Delta_{j}^{T}(\gamma_{j} + \Delta_{j}\Delta_{j}^{T})^{-1}\Delta_{j}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}} \qquad \Sigma_{j} = \gamma_{j} + \Delta_{j}\Delta_{j}^{T}$$
(S.9)