Empirical Orthogonal Functions: Snapshots, Biases, Variances and Connections to Random Matrices and Adaptive Array Processing

The problem of a finite number of "snapshots" for constructing the sample covariance matrices is well known in adaptive array processing. The use of random matrix theory has recently led to insights about the biases and variances of the eigenvalues and the reliability of the eigenvectors for constructing adaptive algorithms. The equivalent problem is accounting for the energy, or power, in an EOF expansion of oceanographic processes and the fidelity of their representation. This talk will discuss these recent results.

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