

Bio-inspired algorithms based on sparse representations of signals for apnea-hypopnea events detection

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Objectives

General

The main objective of this research is the development, use and evaluation of advanced biomedical signal processing techniques and machine learning algorithms for identifying pathologies associated to sleep disorders.

Specifics

- Develop methods based on sparse representations of pulse oximetry signals by using optimization techniques and inverse problems for the detection of obstructive sleep apnea-hypopnea syndrome.
- Include discriminative information to sparse representations for biomedical signals classification.
- Use of databases with real studies for applying and validating the proposed methods.
- Compare the proposed method with those well-know traditional ones.
- Analyze and validate the results.

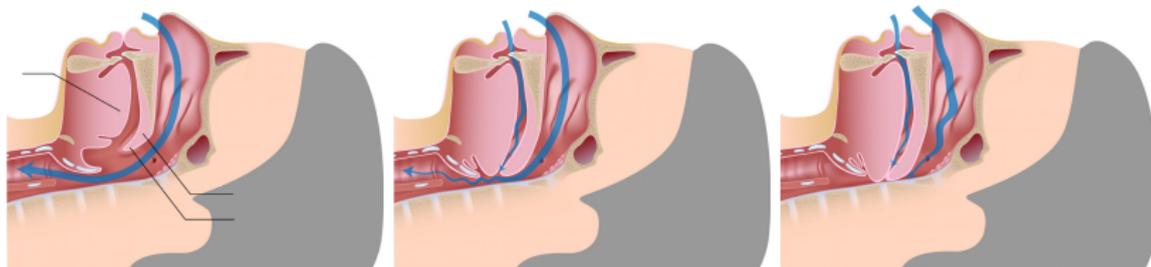
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OSAHS

Obstructive Sleep Apnea-Hypopnea Syndrome (OSAHS)

OSAHS is one of the most common sleep disorders, which is caused by repeated events of partial (hypopnea) or total (apnea) obstruction of the upper airway while sleeping.

OSAHS illustration



(a) Normal

(b) Partial obstruction

(c) Total obstruction

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- Is a highly prevalent syndrome in the general human population.
- Affects up to 5 % of men and 3 % of women.
- The diagnosing method is normally very limited as well as costly in terms of both time and money.
- Aging, being male, snoring and obesity are all factors increasing the risk of suffering this pathology.
- Sleep fragmentation, intermittent hypoxemia, increased sympathetic tone and hypertension are main causes of mortality and morbidity.
- There is evidence that close to 93 % of women and 82 % of men with moderate to severe OSAHS remain undiagnosed.

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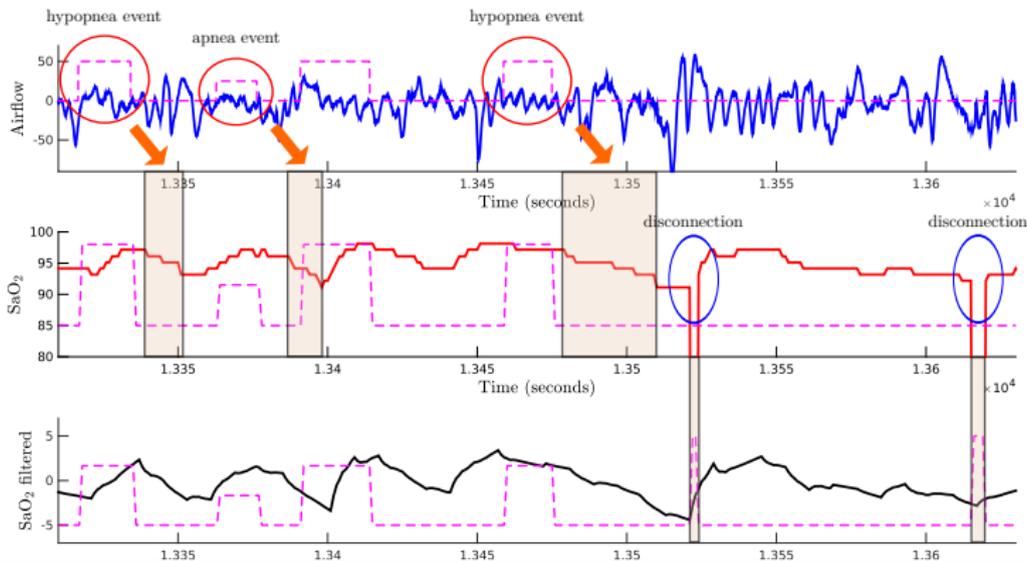


Importance of simplified studies!

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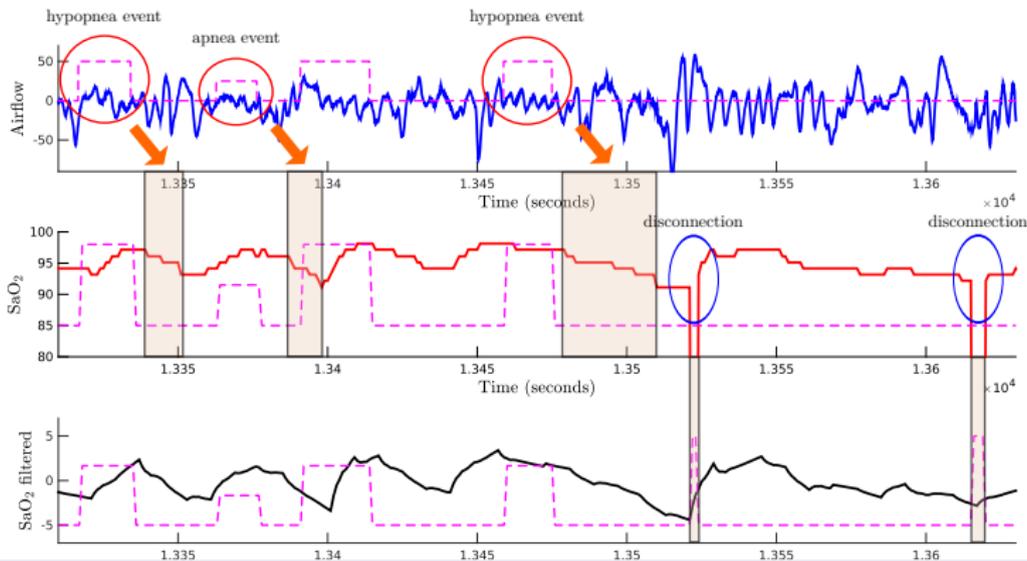


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Sparse representations

Problem statement

Let $X \doteq [\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{x}_n] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times n}$ a matrix composed by “ n ” N -dimensional signals, let $\Phi \doteq [\phi_1 \ \phi_2 \ \cdots \ \phi_M] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$ ($M \gg N$) a matrix (dictionary) whose columns (atoms) normalized via l_2 -norm. The problem can be written as $\mathbf{x} = \Phi \mathbf{a}$; where

$$(P_0) \quad \mathbf{a} = \underset{\mathbf{a}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathbf{a}\|_0 \quad \text{subject to } \mathbf{x} = \Phi \mathbf{a}, \quad (1)$$

where $\|\mathbf{a}\|_0$ denotes the l_0 pseudo-norm of \mathbf{a} .

Convex relaxation

$$(P_1) \quad \mathbf{a} = \underset{\mathbf{a}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathbf{a}\|_1 \quad \text{subject to } \mathbf{x} = \Phi \mathbf{a}, \quad (2)$$

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- Basis pursuit (BP). Chen *et. al.* (1999).
- Matching pursuit (MP). Mallat *et. al.* (1993).
- Orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP). Tropp *et. al.* (2007).
- Many others...

Sparse representations

Noise degree in the representation

$$(P_2) \quad \mathbf{a} \doteq \underset{\mathbf{a}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathbf{x} - \Phi\mathbf{a}\|_2^2 \text{ subject to } \|\mathbf{a}\|_1 \leq p_0. \quad (3)$$

Dictionary learning

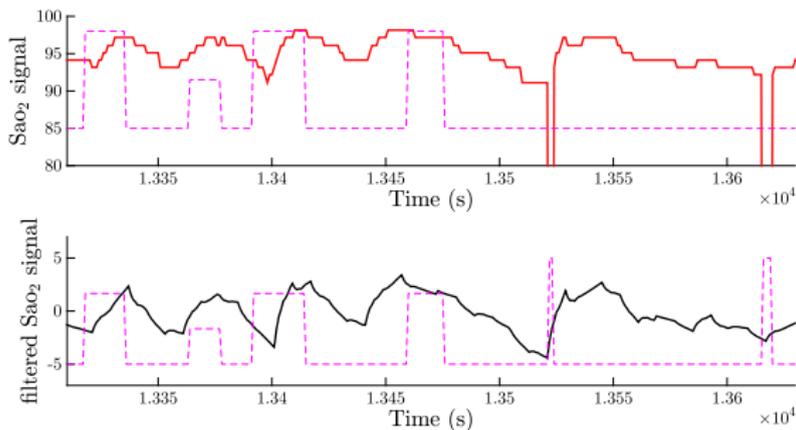
$$\langle \Phi, \mathbf{a} \rangle \doteq \underset{\Phi, \mathbf{a}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|\mathbf{x} - \Phi\mathbf{a}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{a}\|_1, \quad (4)$$

where λ is a regularization parameter.

- Method of optimal directions (MOD). Engan *et. al.* (1999).
- Noise overcomplete ICA (NOCICA). Lewiki *et. al.* (1999).
- K singular value decompositions (KSVD). Elad *et. al.* (2004).
- Others.

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Filtering stage



Right! Wavelet Daubechies 2

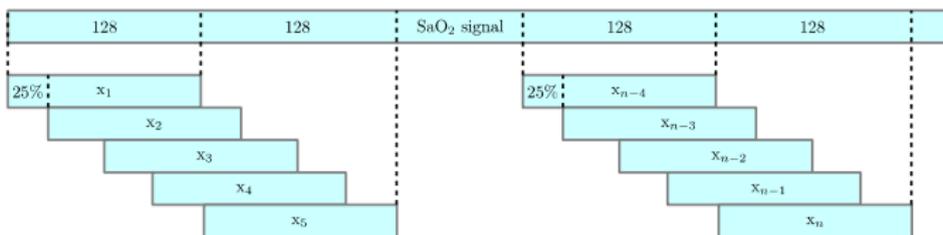
(d) Scaling function ϕ .

(e) Wavelet function ψ .

Main properties: asymmetric, orthogonal and biorthogonal.

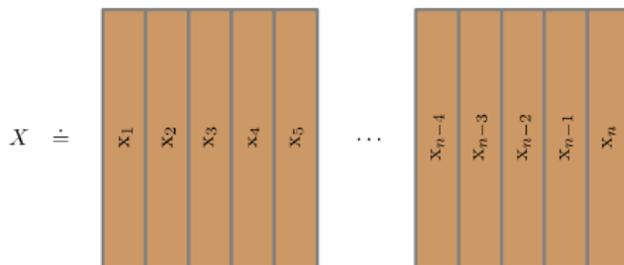
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Segmentation stage



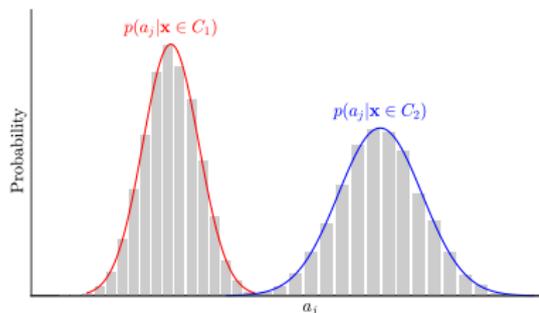
The signal matrix is defined as:

$$X \doteq [\mathbf{x}_1 \ \mathbf{x}_2 \ \mathbf{x}_3 \ \mathbf{x}_4 \ \mathbf{x}_5 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{x}_{n-4} \ \mathbf{x}_{n-3} \ \mathbf{x}_{n-2} \ \mathbf{x}_{n-1} \ \mathbf{x}_n]. \quad (5)$$

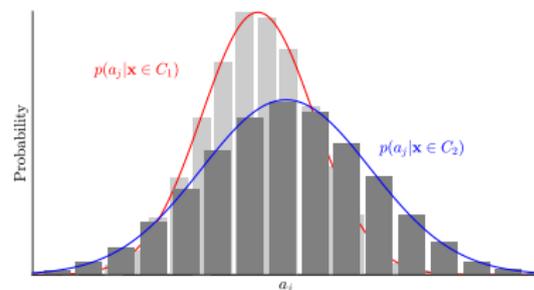


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Discriminative measure



(h) A discriminative atom ϕ_j .



(i) A non-discriminative atom ϕ_j .

Let $\eta_1^j \doteq p(a_j \neq 0 | \mathbf{x} \in C_1)$ and $\eta_2^j \doteq p(a_j \neq 0 | \mathbf{x} \in C_2)$ being the probabilities of activation of the j^{th} -atom for data belonging to the classes $k = 1$ and $k = 2$, respectively. The discriminative measure for atoms selection is as follow:

$$D\{\eta_1^j, \eta_2^j\} \doteq |\eta_1^j - \eta_2^j|. \quad (6)$$

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Simplified algorithm

Simplified steps of the proposed system

Given X and p_0 :

- Learn Φ by using NOCICA method.
- Obtain sparse codes \mathbf{a}_i by applying OMP algorithm.
- Apply Eq. (6) for detecting the most discriminative atoms (ϕ_d) of Φ .
- Construct a sub-dictionary $\hat{\Phi}$ by using ϕ_d .
- Obtain the new sparse codes \mathbf{a}_i by applying OMP algorithm.
- Train a MLP neural network for data classification.
- Test the performance of the system using the testing database.

Return AH_{Iest}

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Experiments

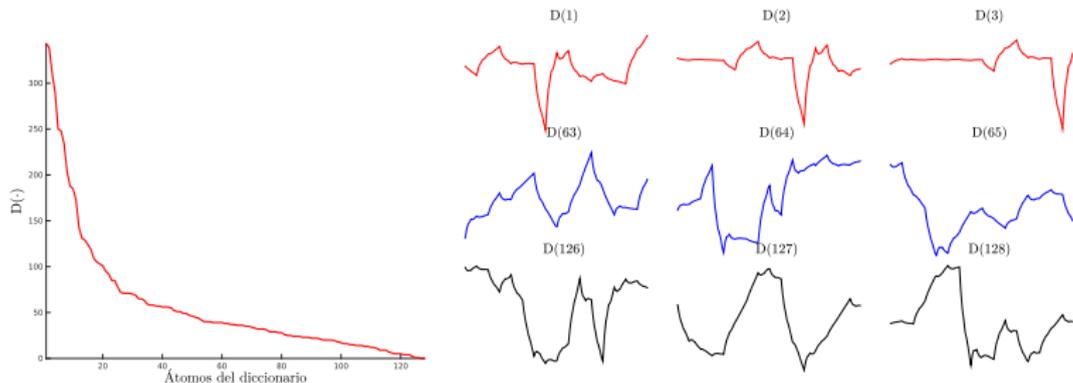
Experimental setup

- The complete dataset contains 995 studies, 41 of which were discarded due to incomplete information.
- Among the remaining 954 studies, a subset of 667 (70 %) studies were randomly selected and fixed for training.
- The final test was made using the remaining 287 (30 %) studies of the database.
- The NOCICA method was used for the dictionary learning stage.
- Sparsity level $p_0 = 16$ was chosen.
- The representation coefficients \mathbf{a} were obtained by applying the OMP algorithm.
- A variation of the back-propagation algorithm, called mini-batch training procedure, was used to train the MLP neural network.

Discriminative methods for signal classification

Results

Most discriminative atoms of the dictionary



(j) $D \doteq |\eta_1^j - \eta_2^j|$ ordered in decreasing order of magnitude.

(k) Waveforms of the atoms corresponding to three different regions of D .

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Results

Performance measures

- Sensitivity:

$$SE = \frac{VP}{VP + FN}. \quad (7)$$

- Specificity:

$$SP = \frac{VN}{VN + FP}. \quad (8)$$

- Accuracy:

$$ACC = \frac{VP + VN}{P + N}. \quad (9)$$

- Area under de ROC curve.

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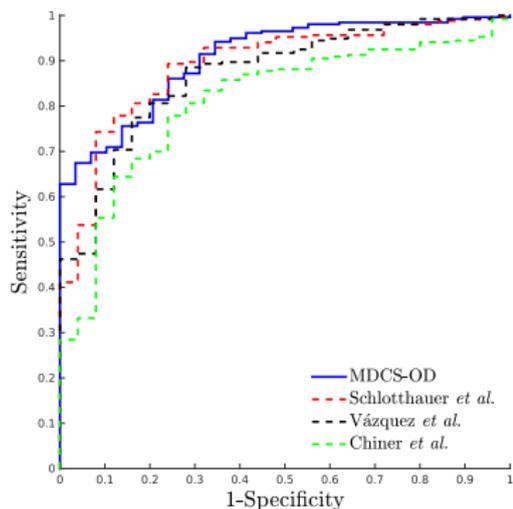
A comparison of the performance measures obtained for the detection of OSAHS using different methods

Method	AHI _{thr}	AUC	SE(%)	SP(%)	ACC(%)
Proposed	10	0.906	81.40	79.31	80.35
	15	0.937	85.65	85.92	85.78
Chiner <i>et al.</i>	10	0.810	77.87	76.00	76.93
	15	0.795	76.17	78.12	77.15
Vázquez <i>et al.</i>	10	0.870	77.47	84.00	80.74
	15	0.909	80.84	87.50	84.17
Schlotthauer <i>et al.</i>	10	0.890	80.63	84.00	82.32
	15	0.922	84.11	85.94	85.02

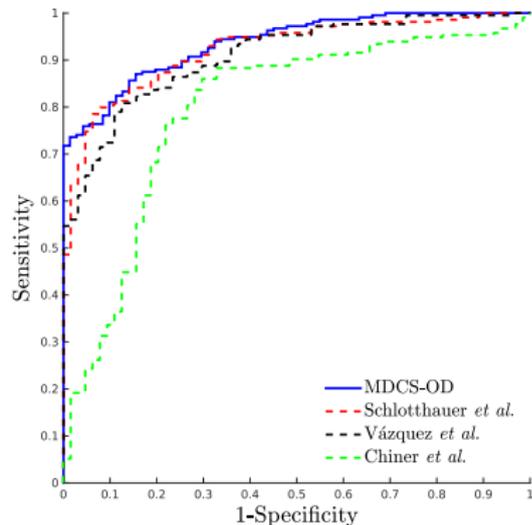
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ROC curve analysis



(l) Detection threshold of 10.

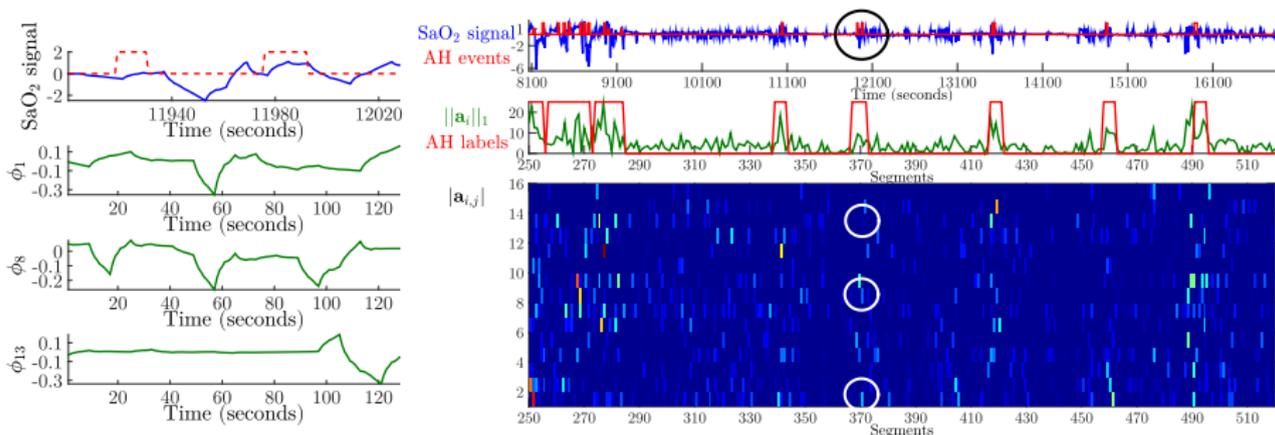


(m) Detection threshold of 15.

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Final feature vectors to apnea-hypopnea events correlation¹



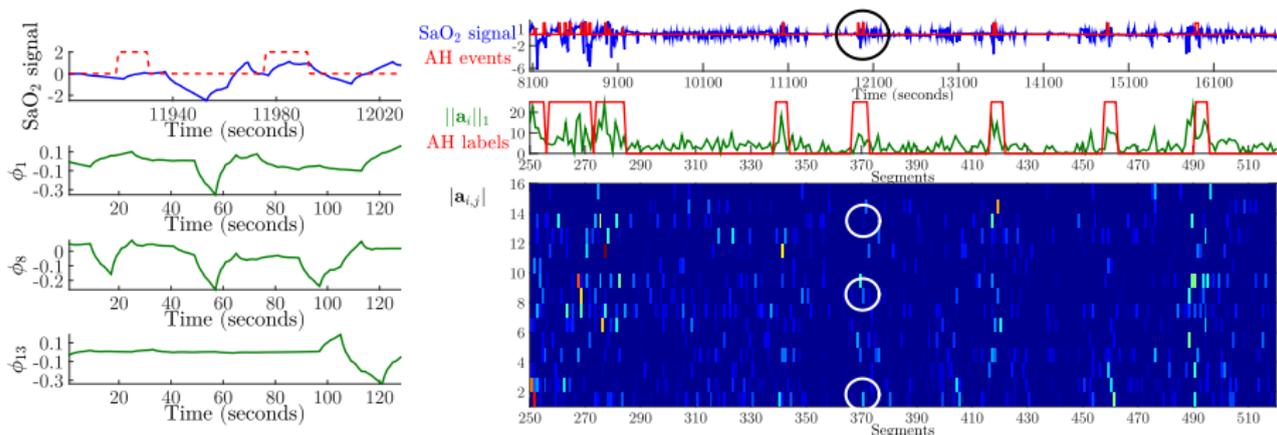
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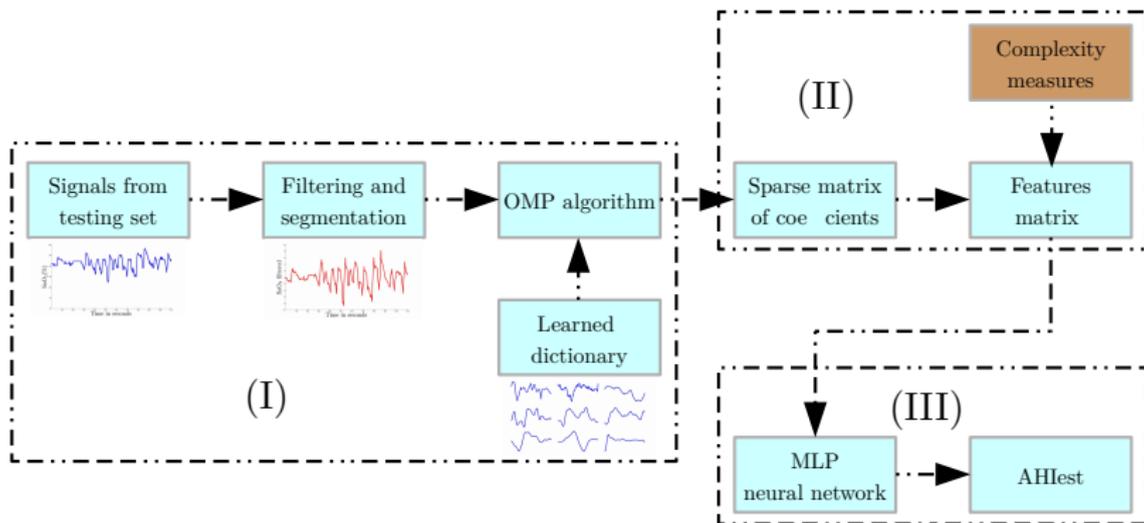
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Block diagram of the proposed system



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Complexity measures

Absolute difference of frequency activation

$$d_R\{\eta_1^j, \eta_2^j\} \doteq |\eta_1^j - \eta_2^j|. \quad (10)$$

Kullback-Leibler (KL) divergence

$$d_{KL}\{\eta_1\|\eta_2\} \doteq \sum_{j \in M} \eta_1^j \log \left(\frac{\eta_1^j}{\eta_2^j} \right), \quad (11)$$

under the assumption that $0 \log(0) \doteq 0$.

J-divergence

$$d_J\{\eta_1, \eta_2\} \doteq d_{KL}\{\eta_1\|\eta_2\} + d_{KL}\{\eta_2\|\eta_1\}. \quad (12)$$

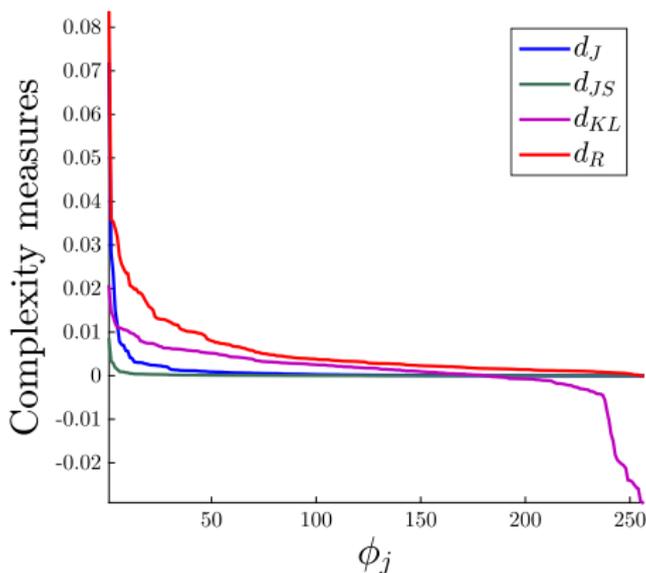
Jensen-Shannon divergence

$$d_{JS}\{\eta_1, \eta_2\} \doteq \frac{1}{2} d_{KL}\{\eta_1\|\eta_3\} + \frac{1}{2} d_{KL}\{\eta_2\|\eta_3\}, \quad (13)$$

where $\eta_3 = \frac{\eta_1 + \eta_2}{2}$.

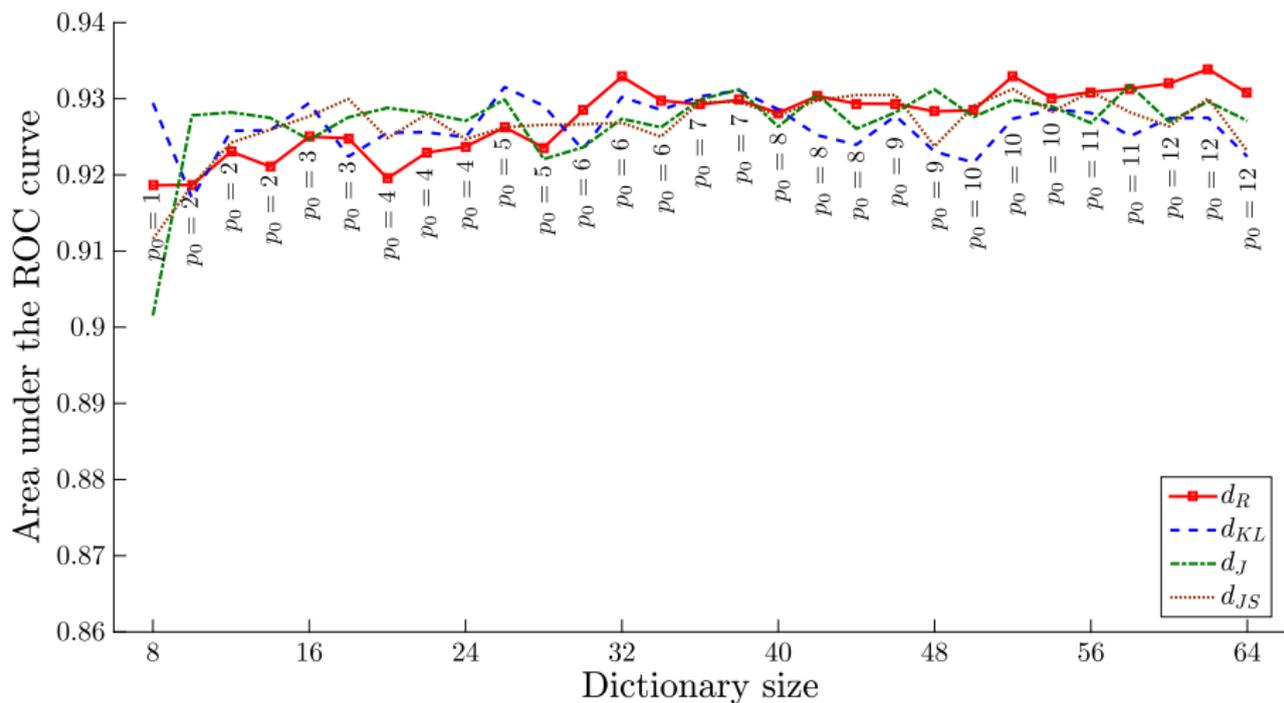
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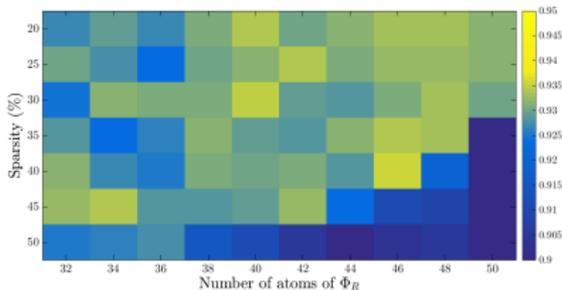
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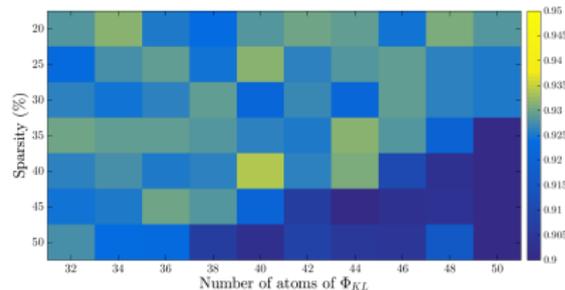
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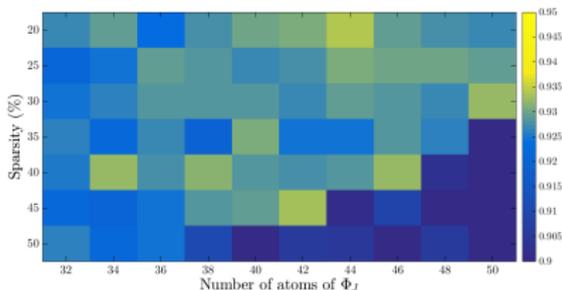
Images representing performance measures obtained by different percentages of sparsity and different dictionary sizes



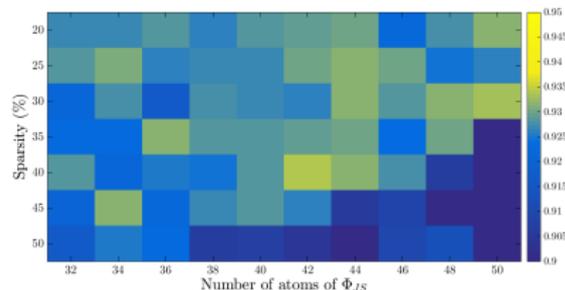
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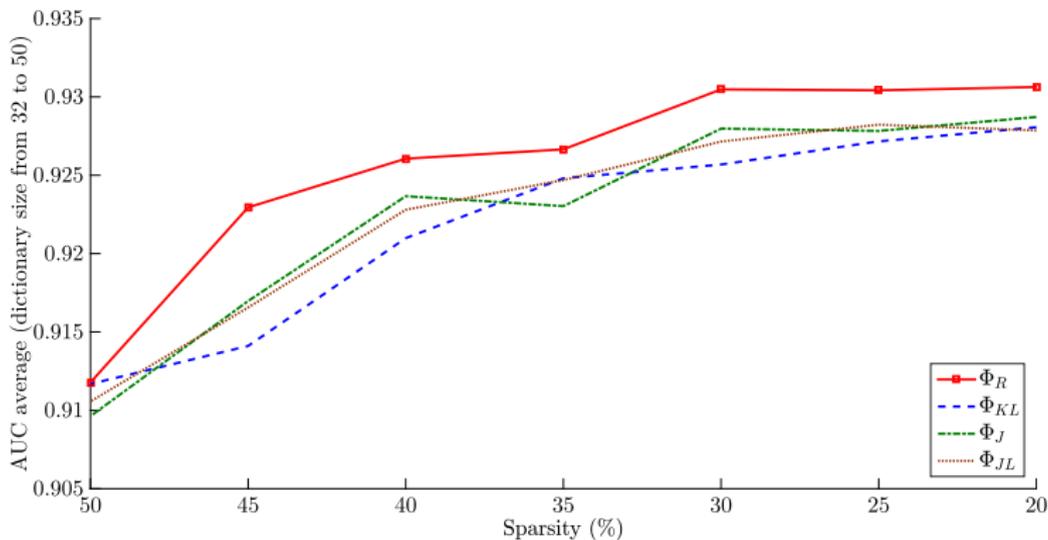


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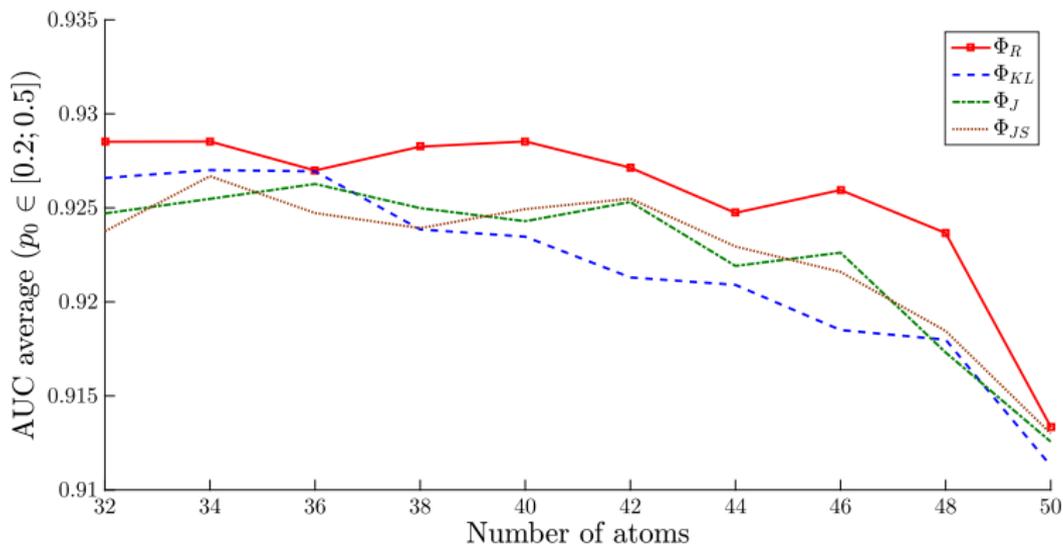
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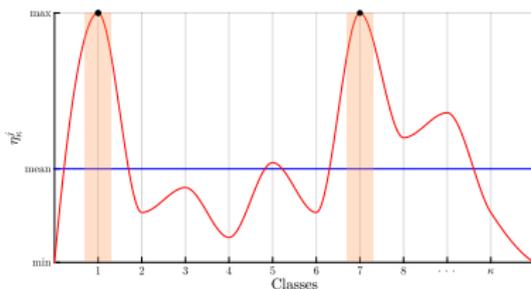
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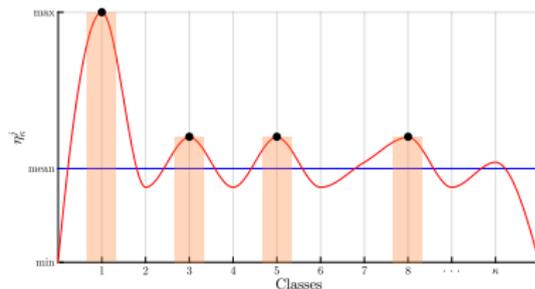
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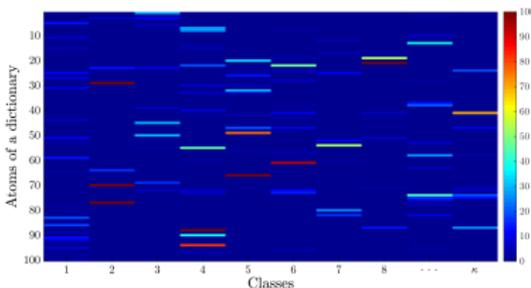
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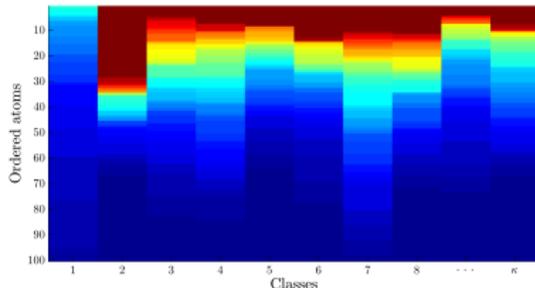
(q) A non-discriminative atom.



(r) A discriminative atom



(s) Matrix D .



(t) Matrix D whose columns were ordered in decreasing order of magnitude.

Multi-class discriminative dictionary learning

Proposed algorithm

Algorithm 1 DKSVSD

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1: procedure DKSVSD( $X, p_0, r, I, \kappa$ )
2:    $inc = 1$ 
3:   for  $i \leftarrow 1, I$  do
4:      $\Phi_{mit} \leftarrow \text{KSVD}(X, p_0)$ 
5:     Get sparse matrix  $A = [A_1 A_2 A_3 \cdots A_n]$  that accomplish  $X = \Phi A$ 
6:     Get  $D$  according to Ec. (4)
7:     Get  $\Phi_d$  and  $Rem$ 
8:     if  $Rem = \emptyset$  then
9:        $inc = 0$ 
10:    end if
11:    while  $inc = 1$  do
12:      Get  $\hat{X}$  by removing the input signals corresponding to the discriminative atoms
13:       $\hat{\Phi} \leftarrow \text{KSVD}(\hat{X}, p_0)$ 
14:      Get sparse matrix  $A$  that accomplish  $\hat{X} = \Phi A$ 
15:      Get  $D$  according to Ec. (15)
16:      Get  $\Phi_d$  and  $Rem$ 
17:      if  $Rem = \emptyset$  then
18:         $inc = 0$ 
19:      end if
20:    end while
21:     $\Phi_D \leftarrow [\Phi_D \Phi_d]$ 
22:    Remove signals.
23:  end for
24:   $\Phi_D \leftarrow [\Phi_{c1} \Phi_{c2} \cdots \Phi_{cn}]$  where  $\Phi_{cn} = [\phi_{c1}^1 \phi_{c2}^2 \cdots \phi_{cn}^L]$ 
25:  return  $\Phi_D$ 
26: end procedure

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- The sparse representations of pulse oximetry signals is undoubtedly a promising technique for the design of new methods for OSAHS detection.
- New discriminative methods based on sparse representations for signal classification were successfully applied for the detection of apnea-hypopnea events.
- It is possible to include discriminative information in the representation for improving the performance of the classifier.
- A quite good performance in the detection of OSAHS was obtained.

