

Consider a noisy observation model

$$Y = a + X \quad (1)$$

where  $a$  is a deterministic signal and  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ . Here we can calculate the SNR of  $Y$  as following.

$$\text{SNR}(Y) = \frac{a^2}{E[X^2]} = \frac{a^2}{\sigma^2} \quad (2)$$

Now, also consider another observation  $Z$  which satisfies  $\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$ . Can we increase the SNR by using  $Z$ ? The answer is YES.

Consider the SNR of  $Y + bZ$ ,

$$\text{SNR}(Y + bZ) = \frac{a^2}{\sigma^2(b^2 + 2b\rho + 1)}. \quad (3)$$

This value is maximized when  $b = -\rho$  and the maximum value is  $\frac{a^2}{\sigma^2(1-\rho^2)}$ . This gives the inequality

$$\frac{a^2}{\sigma^2} \leq \frac{a^2}{\sigma^2(1-\rho^2)} \quad (4)$$

because  $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$ . Thus,  $\text{SNR}(Y) \leq \text{SNR}(Y - \rho Z)$ . This implies that we can always increase the SNR by observing other correlated noises.