

## MIARMA: AN INFORMATION PRESERVING GAP-FILLING ALGORITHM

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#### **CoRoT crossing through the SAA introduce spurious peaks**



Pascual-Granado et al., CUP 2012, IAUS285, pp.392-393

#### A gap-filling

preserving information



Unbiased

Non-closed form expression, fitting functions that can be analytic or not.

## **GAP-FILLING TECHNIQUES**

#### **Hypothesis**

#### Specific

#### Approximation

Order

Analyticity Stationarity Linearity Sparse signal Signal properties Noise properties Solar observations Satellites Limited by the number of terms in the model

No clear criterion for selection of the order







#### Roques

No hypotheses, general method, signal representation, clearly defined criterion for the selection of the order?



ARMA

#### THE MODEL:

$$\mathbf{R} \qquad x_t = \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k x_{t-k} + a_t$$

**Purely Autoregressive** 

MA

$$x_t = -\sum_{k=1}^q b_k n_{t-k}$$

Moving Average

**ARMA** 
$$x_t = \sum_{k=1}^{p} \alpha_k x_{t-k} - \sum_{k=1}^{q} b_k n_{t-k} + a_t$$
 Mixed  
AR + MA

Wold's theorem: any stationary signal can be represented by as an ARMA process.

#### CRITERION FOR SELECTION OF THE ORDER (P,Q)

- An ungapped data segment is modelled. Iteration through p, q
- Given the k model, its Akaike coefficient is obtained  $(AIC_k)$  $AIC_k = N \cdot \log(V) + 2(p + q)$ 
  - N = length of the data segment,
  - V = mean quadratic error of prediction
- <u>Akaike criterion</u>: the optimal model has min  $AIC_k$
- Maximum Entropy Principle: guarantees that it is the best model that we can find with the information available.

## (MIARMA)



## RESULTS

<u>High freqs.</u>:
P ~ min- hours

HD49933.

Solar-like

• Intermediate freqs.: HD174966.  $\delta$  Scuti  $P \sim 0.3 - 3$  hours

Low freqs:
P ~ days

HD51193.

Be pulsating star

RESULTADOS: HD 49933







087 037







Linearly interpolated

**ARMA** interpolated



#### WHITE NOISE



 $\sigma_n = 0.2502$ 

 $\sigma_{inpainting}$ = 0.2730

 $\sigma_{miarma} = 0.0753$ 



# Are the continuous functions underlying the light curves of pulsating stars analytic functions?

#### CONCLUSIONS

- We have shown that linear interpolation is not reliable for asteroseismology whatever the case of study.
- On the other side, with a reliable gap-filling method there's no need to interpret an aliased periodogram. Prewhitening techniques (CLEAN) are neither necessary.
- We have introduced a gap-filling method based on ARMA models which is information preserving.

## CONCLUSIONS

- The method works for all kind of signals and has been tested in three different frequency ranges showing a reduction of the aliases in each case.
- Contrary to the expectations, the power spectrum of the Be star (low freq. pulsations) is strongly affected by the aliases. This could point to the non-analyticity of the underlying function of this light curve.
- The same could be happening in the case of the solar-like star HD49933 where a fine structure has been found of unknown origin.

#### CONCLUSIONS

- If this hypothesis about the underlying function is confirmed, no gap-filling using a base of analytic functions would preserve the original information.
- If we want to solve interpretation problems in asteroseismology we have to use information preserving methods.