Uncertainty Quantification of Object Boundaries Extracted from Spatial Point Patterns

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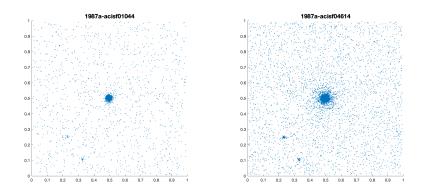
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Motivating problem/data: any difference?



observed: 2001-04-25 observed: 2004-01-02

Figure 1: Supernova1987a captured by Advanced CCD Imaging Spectrometer

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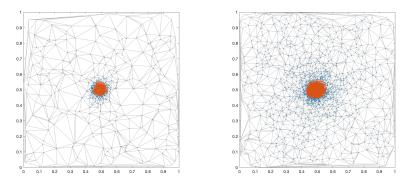


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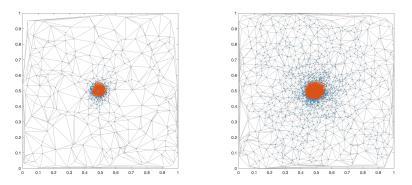


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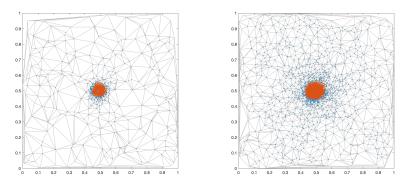


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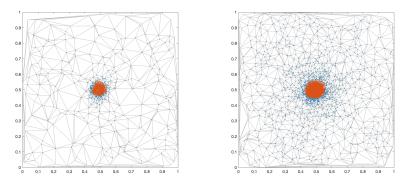


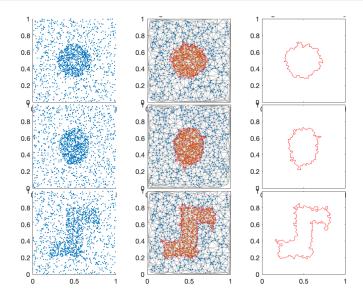
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- we use SRGonG paired with AIC or BIC

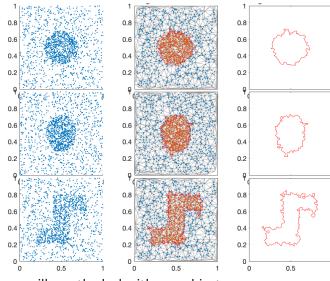
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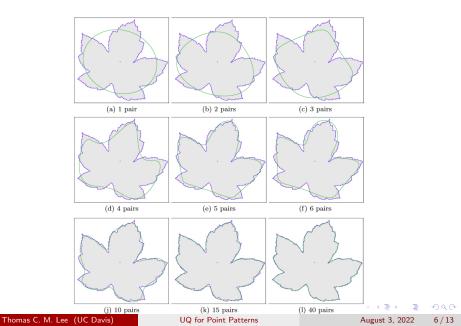
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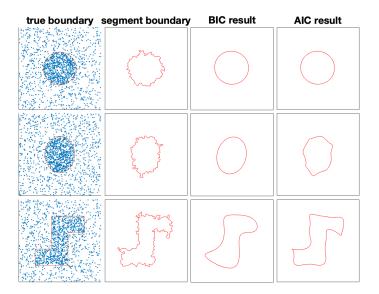
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- need to determine how many pairs of sine/cosine bases

How many pairs?



Can be chosen by (pseudo) AIC/BIC with profile likelihood



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- we do Monte Carlo testing using non-parametrically bootstrapped data

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Simulation results - power curves (ν : sample size; η : snr)

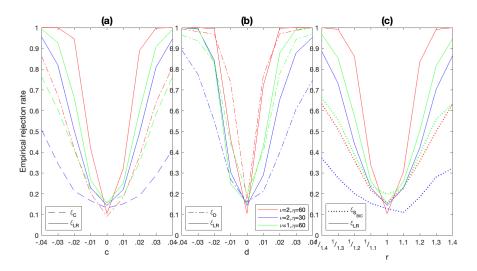
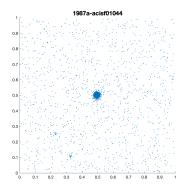


Figure 3: Test for changes in (a) locaton, (b) size, and (c) eccentricity

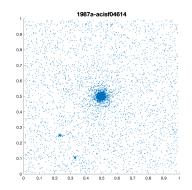
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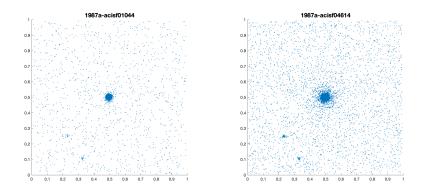
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• Test results: there is change in size, but no critical evidence to conclude changes in location or shape.

The notation of "confidence regions:" preliminary results

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Some remarks

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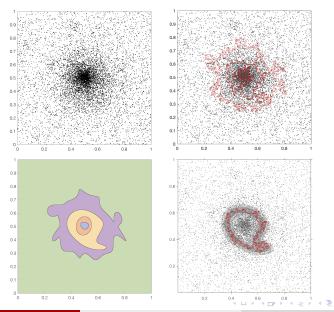
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Data: ngc2300 XMM ("donut")



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