

# A Neural Network Alternative to Non-Negative Audio Models

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# Introduction

## □ Supervised Single-channel Source Separation

- Given a mixture of  $N$  sources

$$x(t) = \sum_i w_i s_i(t), \quad \text{where } w_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for } i = \{1, \dots, N\}$$

- Separate individual sources
- Training data in the form of alternate unmixed recordings of the source.

## □ Non-negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)

□ Objective: Develop a neural network alternative to NMF

# Outline

- ❑ Non-negative Matrix Factorization (NMF)
- ❑ Non-negative Auto-encoder (NAE) equivalent to NMF
- ❑ Supervised source separation using NAE models
- ❑ Results

# NMF

## □ NMF for matrices

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{WH} \quad \mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{m \times n}, \quad \mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{m \times r}, \quad \mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^{r \times n},$$

## □ NMF is posed as a minimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{H}}{\text{minimize}} && D(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{WH}) \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{W} \geq 0, \mathbf{H} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

where  $\geq 0$  implies element-wise non-negativity

## □ Commonly used Cost functions

# NMF: Piano example

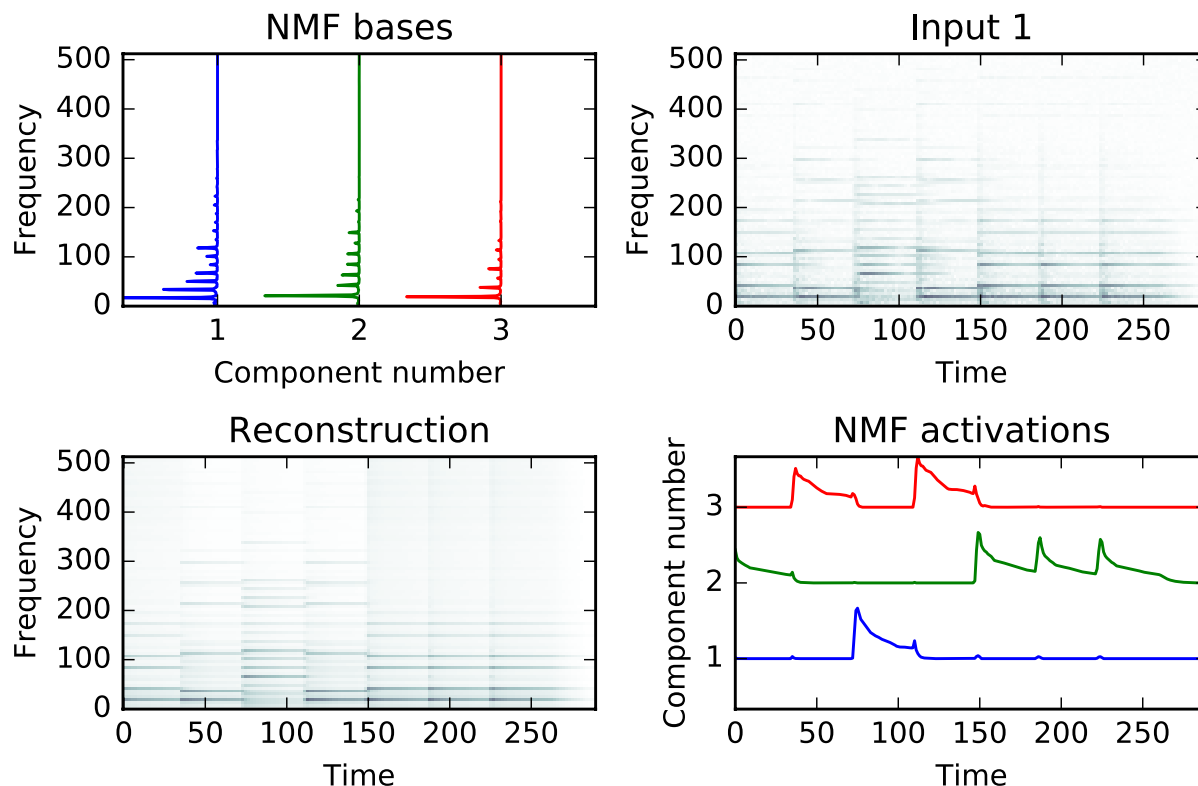


❑ No cross-cancellations

❑ Part based decomposition

❑ Meaningful basis vectors.

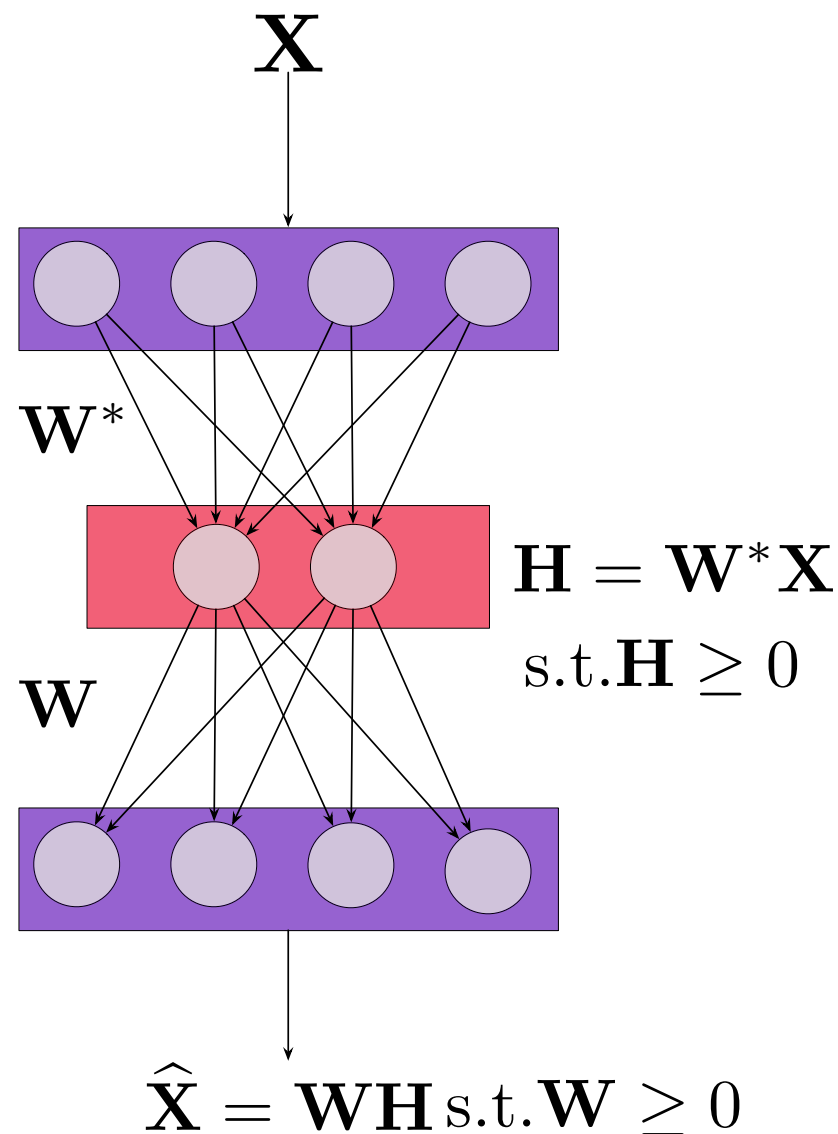
❑ Can be used as a model for supervised source separation.



$$D = KL( X || WH )$$

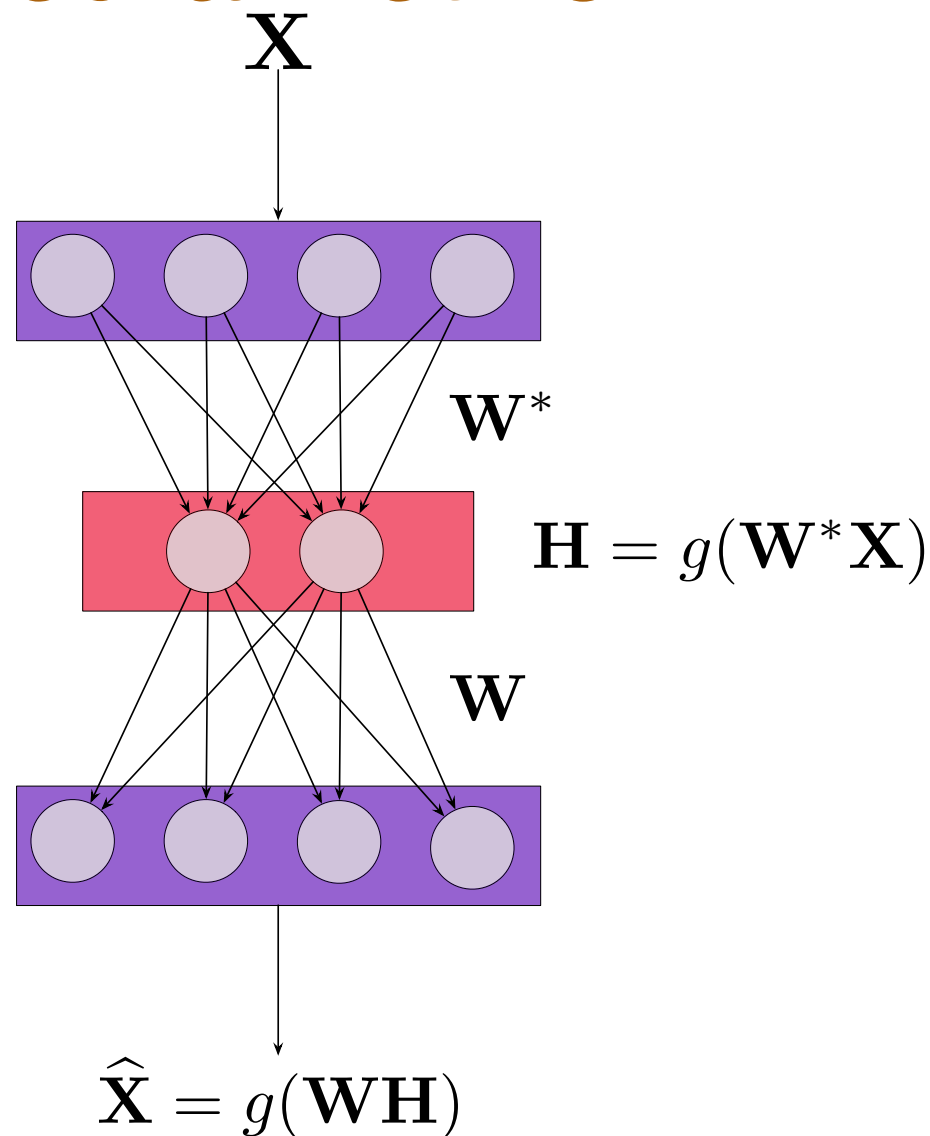
# Towards an NMF neural network

- Autoencoder:  
Reconstructs the input at the output
  - Encoder: Input to Code
  - Decoder: Code to approximation of input



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- $g(x) = \max(x, 0)$   
or  $\ln(1 + \exp(x))$   
or  $|x|$   
mapping to the space of positive real nos.



# Piano Example

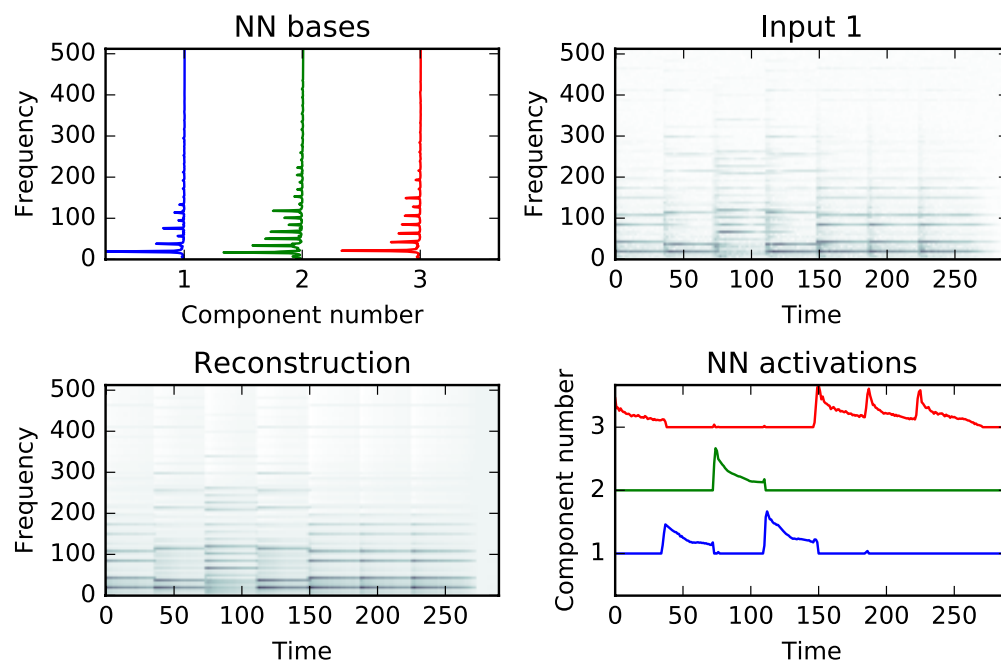
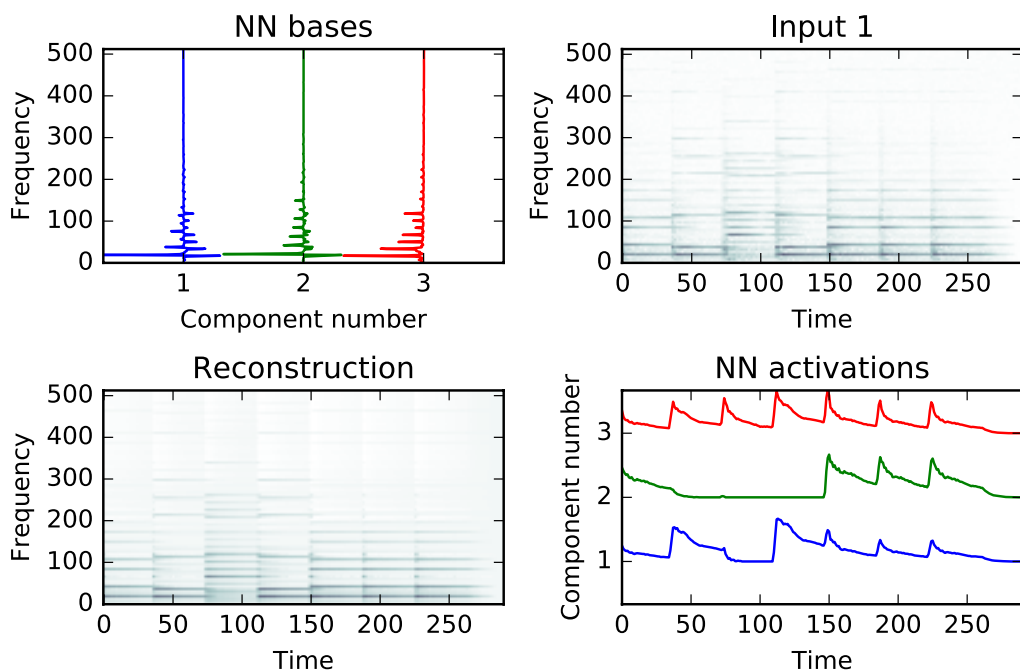


Without sparsity

$$\mathbf{D} = KL(\mathbf{X} \parallel g(\mathbf{WH}))$$

With Sparsity

$$\mathbf{D} = KL(\mathbf{X} \parallel g(\mathbf{WH})) + \|\mathbf{H}\|_1$$

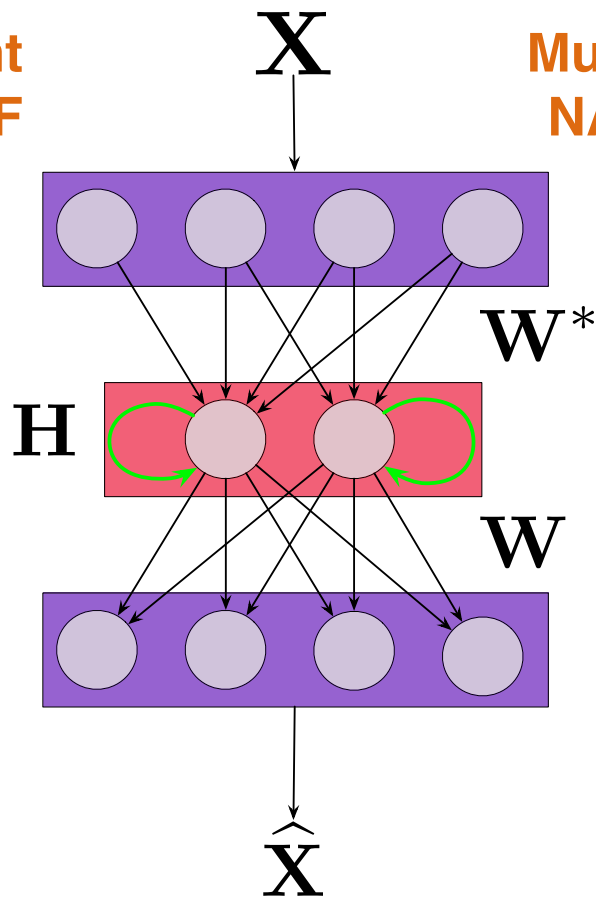




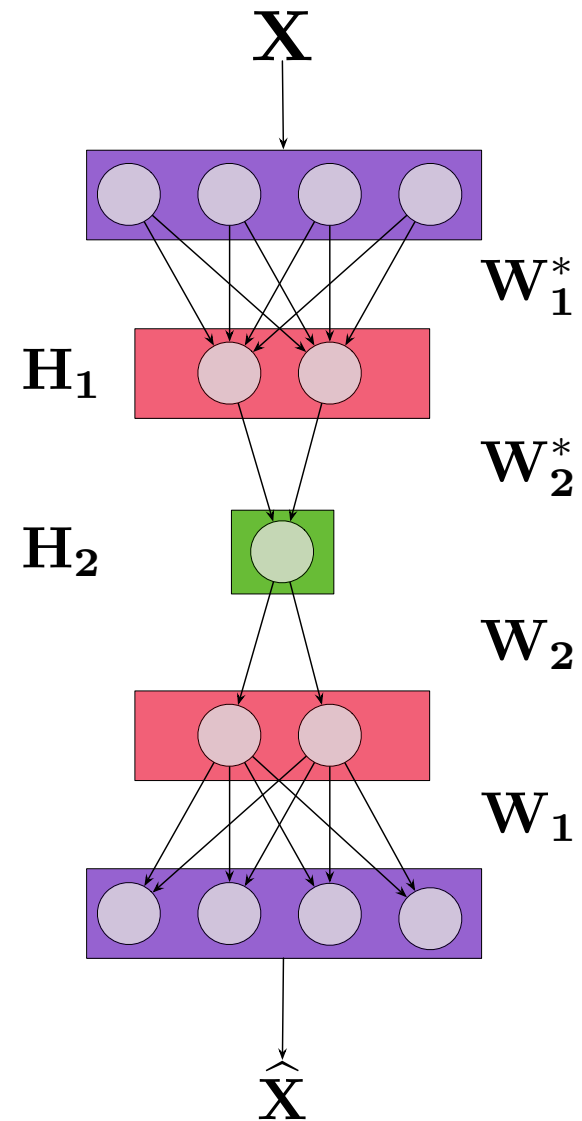
# Why is this a good idea?

- Allows for several extensions over regular NMF

Recurrent  
NAE-NMF



Multi-layer  
NAE-NMF



# Supervised source separation

- Learn representative bases for all the sources.
  - Autoencoder training on unmixed training examples gives representative matrices  $\mathbf{W}_s$  and  $\mathbf{W}_n$ .
- The spectrogram of the mixture is the sum of spectrograms of the sources.

$$\mathbf{X}_m = \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{N} = g(\mathbf{W}_s \mathbf{H}_s) + g(\mathbf{W}_n \mathbf{H}_n)$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{X}_m^T = g(\mathbf{H}_s^T \mathbf{W}_s^T) + g(\mathbf{H}_n^T \mathbf{W}_n^T)$$

An output neural network with inputs:  $\mathbf{W}_s^T$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_n^T$  and output:  $\mathbf{X}_m^T$

# Supervised source separation

- Solve the minimization problem for  $\mathbf{H}_s$  and  $\mathbf{H}_n$

$$\underset{\mathbf{H}_s, \mathbf{H}_n}{\text{minimize}} \quad KL( \mathbf{X}_m \parallel g(\mathbf{W}_s \mathbf{H}_s) + g(\mathbf{W}_n \mathbf{H}_n) )$$

Solved by training the output neural network

- Reconstruct the sources

$$\hat{s}_i[n] = \text{STFT}^{-1} \left( \frac{g(\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{H}_i)}{\sum_{i \in \{s, n\}} g(\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{H}_i)} \odot \mathbf{X}_m \odot e_m^{j \cdot \Phi_m} \right) \text{ for } i \in \{s, n\}$$

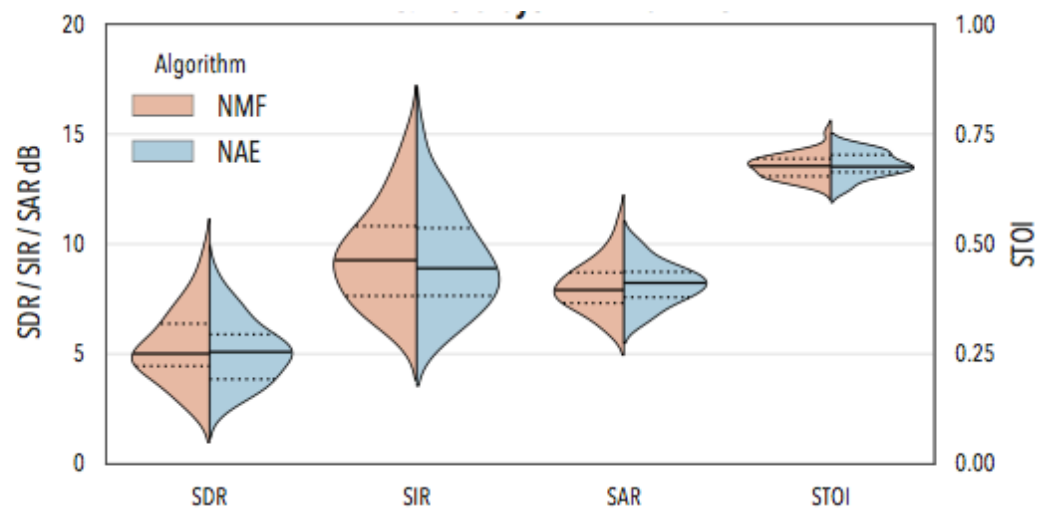
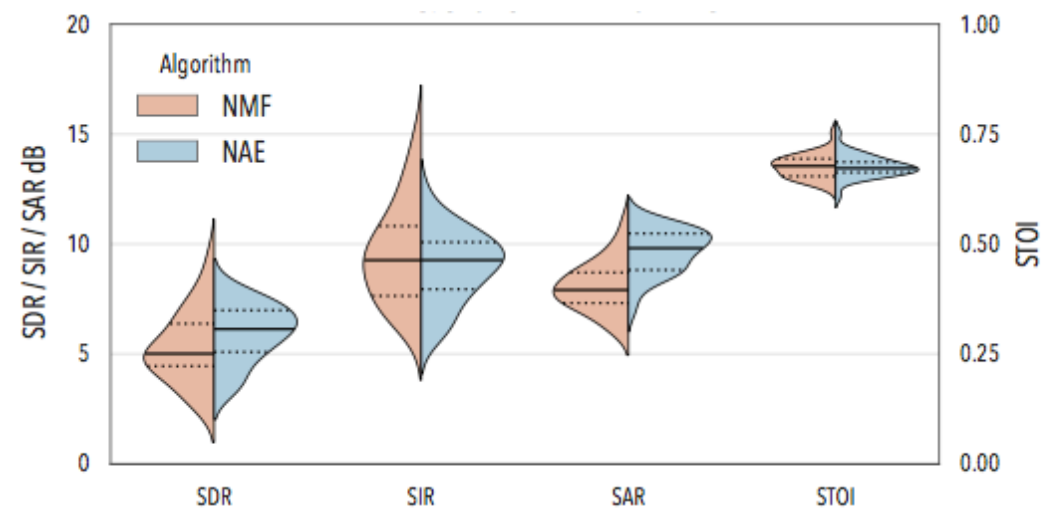
where  $\Phi_m$  represents the phase of the mixture

$\text{STFT}^{-1}$  represents the overlap and add STFT operation

# Results

NMF vs shallow- NAE  
Rank = 20

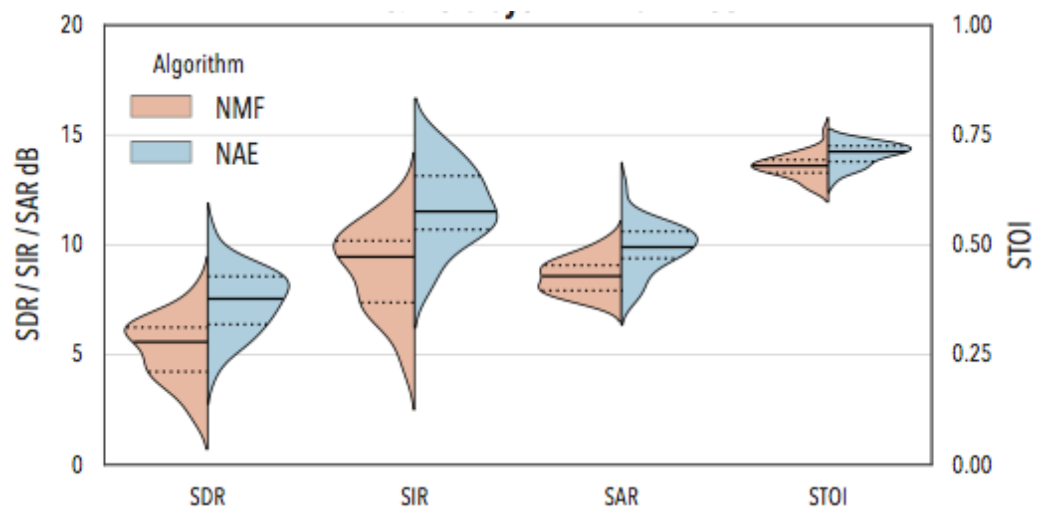
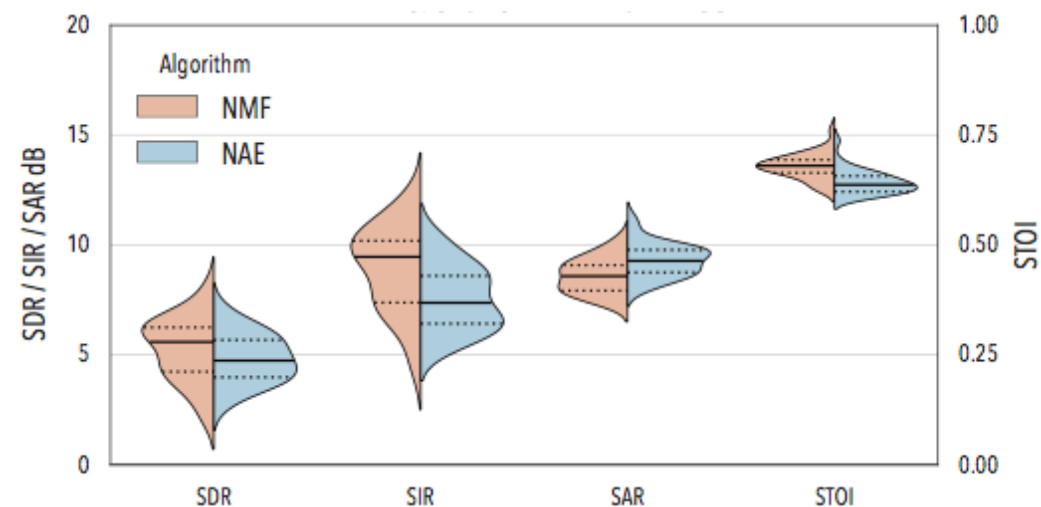
NMF vs multilayer NAE  
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# Results

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NMF vs multilayer NAE  
Rank = 100








# Conclusion

- ❑ Non-negative Auto-encoder (NAE) audio models equivalent to NMF
  - ❑ Easily generalizable
- ❑ Separation Performance
  - ❑ Shallow NAE models equivalent to NMF
  - ❑ Multilayer NAE models outperform NMF by ~ 1.5 dB (SDR)
- ❑ Future work
  - ❑ Alternate neural net architectures for NAE
  - ❑ Towards an end-to-end neural net for source separation.

**THANK YOU**

# Demo

	Ground truth	NMF (SDR = 6.05 dB)	Two layer NN (SDR = 5.4 dB)	Four layer NN (SDR = 7.1 dB)
Source 1 (Male)				
Source 2 (Female)	