

Data-driven discovery approach to tackle turbulence in fusion plasma

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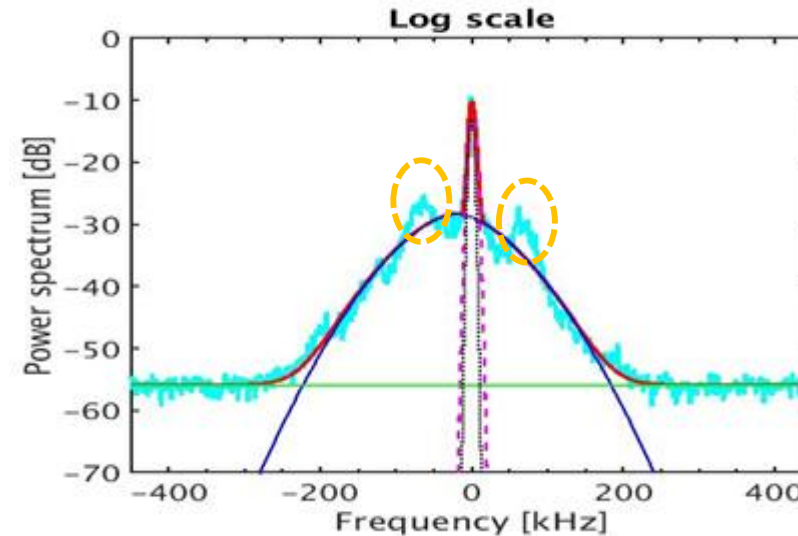
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Fixed frequency reflectometry is widely used to probe density fluctuations and turbulence in fusion plasma. Several components have been identified in the **Frequency spectrum** :

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Low frequency components
 Broad-band turbulence
 Noise
 Quasi-coherent modes

Spectrum decomposition from ToreSupra #40806 using Y. Sun's method

The Broad-band and the low frequency components are present in every plasma conditions, but the quasi-coherent (QC-mode) are not. It is known that :

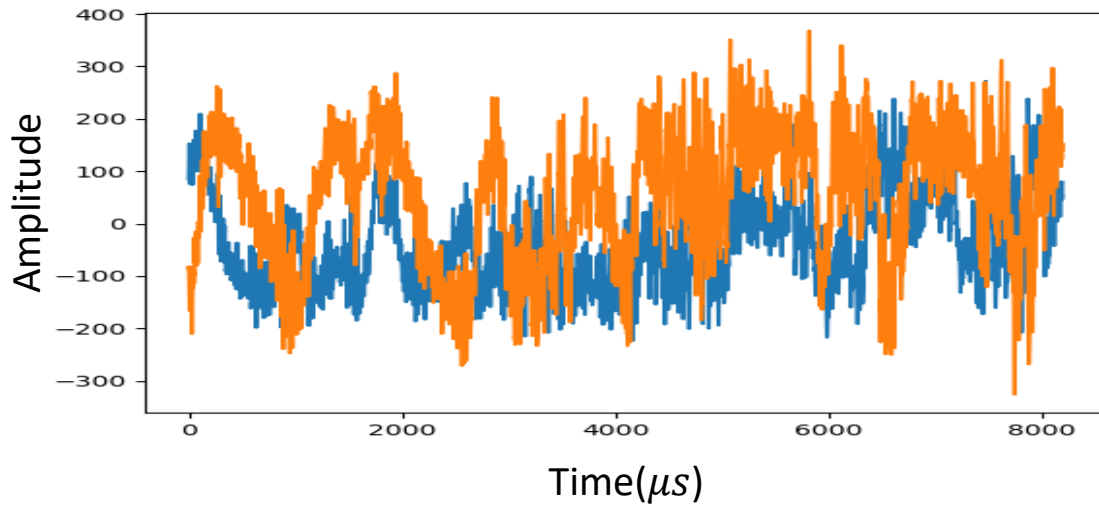
- The QC-modes bandwidth (10-50 kHz) is intermediate between the narrow coherent modes (few kHz) and the broad-band fluctuations (>100 kHz)
- Quasi coherent (QC) modes are attributed to Trapped Electron Modes instabilities (H. Arnichand 15).

But how to identify them?

Study dynamics of QC modes → Frequency-time representation + A.I. techniques

Signal processing approach (frequency-time representation)

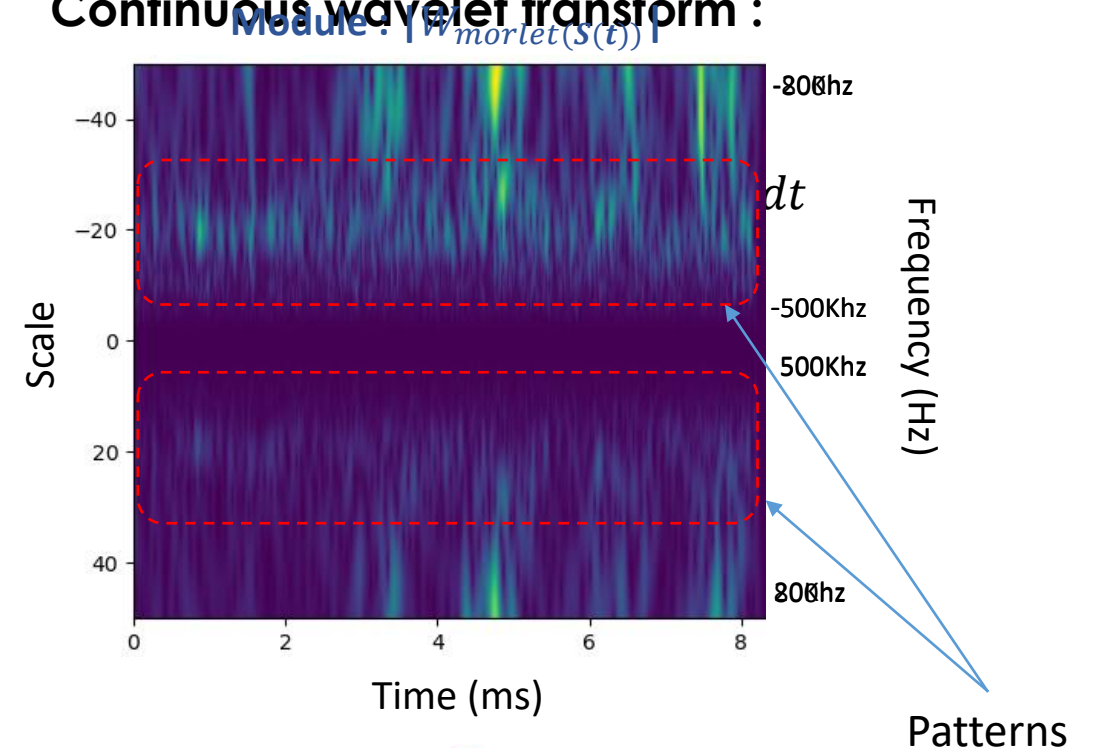
Complex signal $S(t)$ at $f = cte$:



$$S(t) = A(t)\cos(\varphi(t)) + A(t)\sin(\varphi(t))i$$

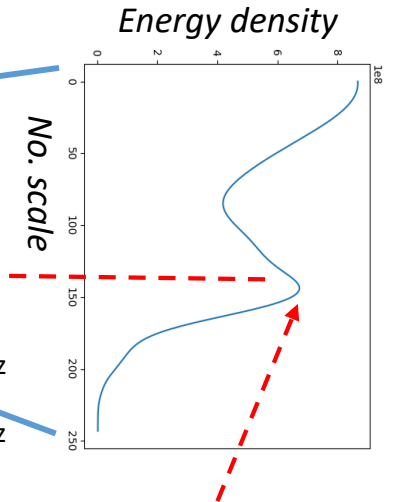
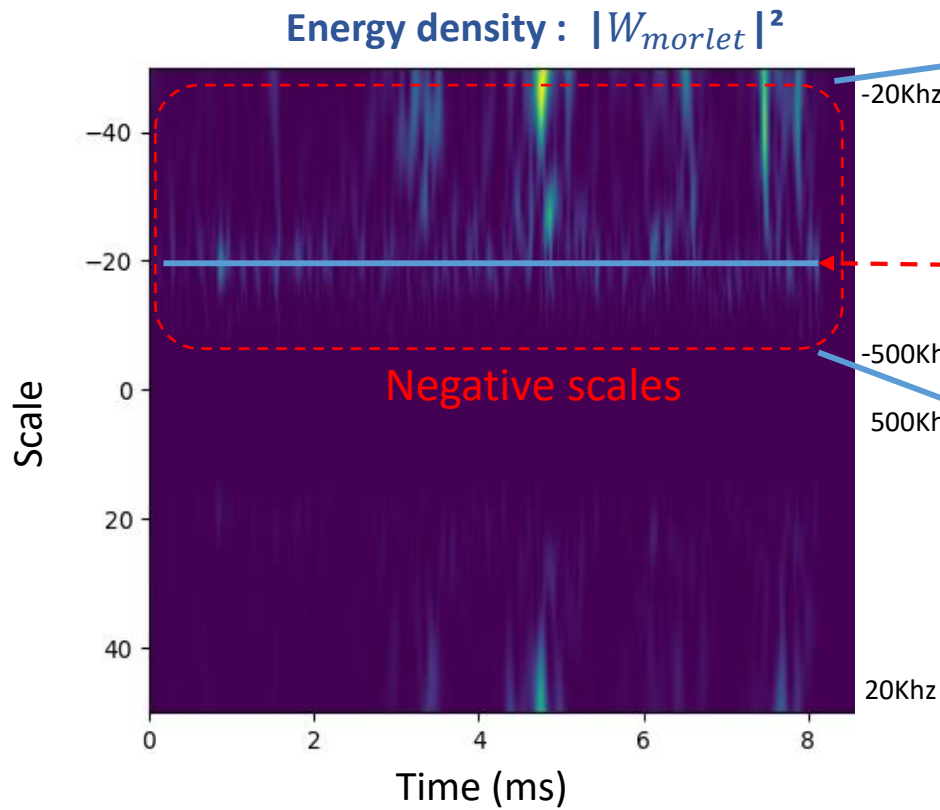


Continuous wavelet transform :



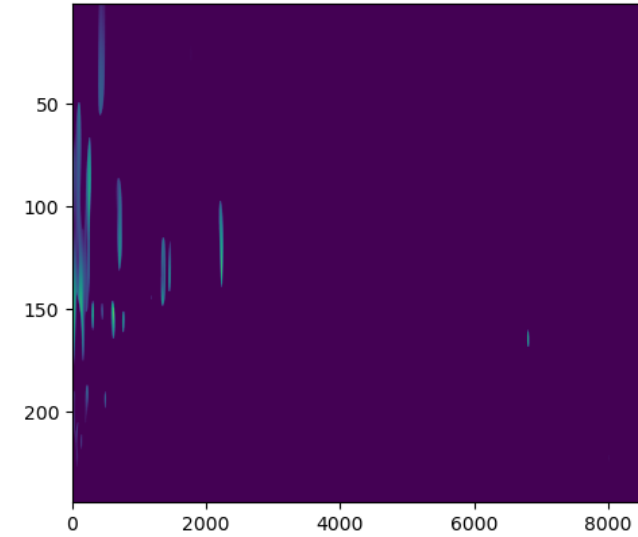
Correlation and Energy threshold

$$|W_{morlet}|^2$$

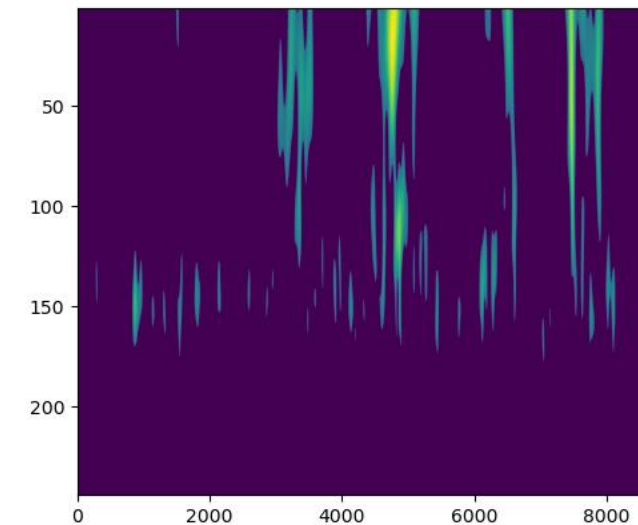


Kernel density estimation

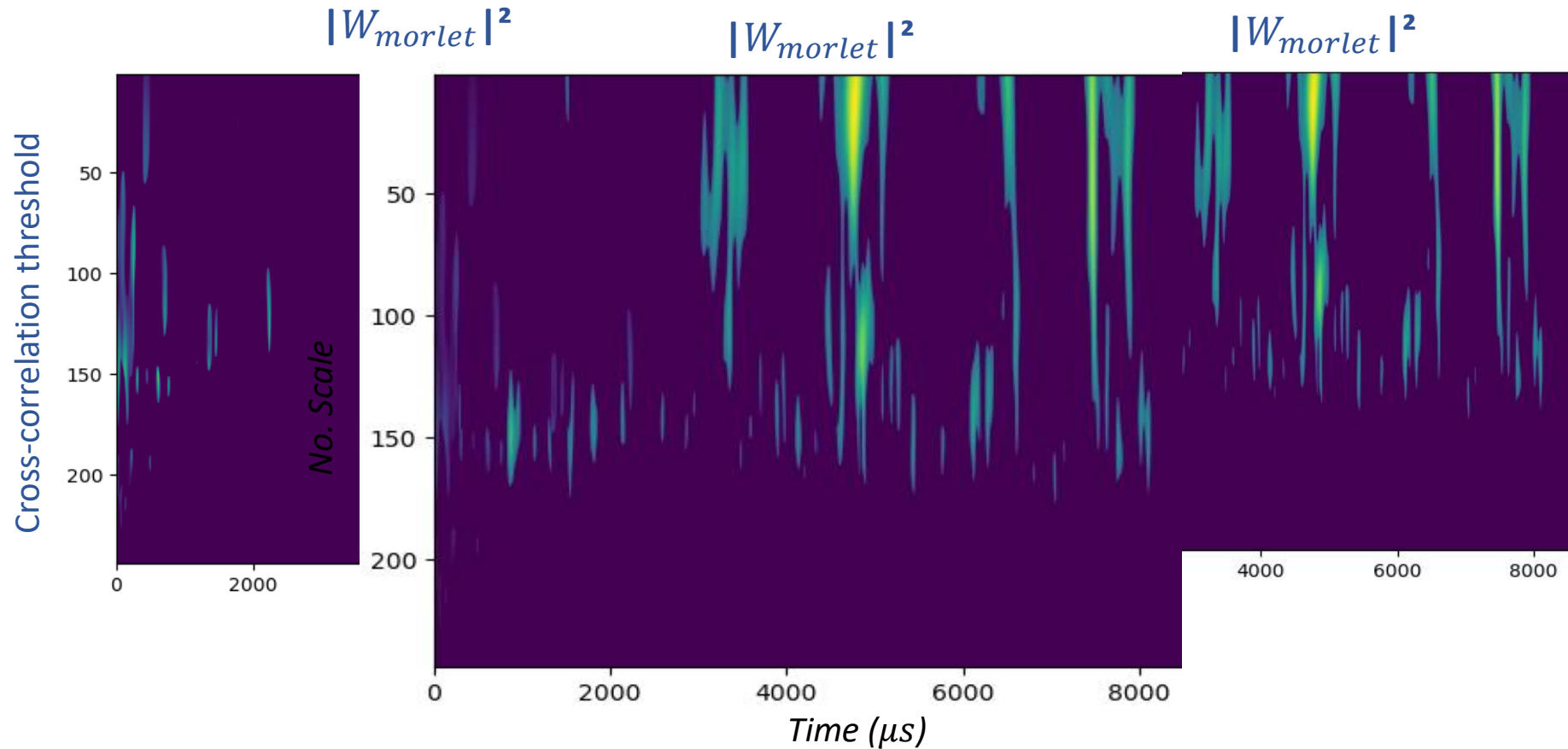
Cross-correlation threshold



Density energy threshold

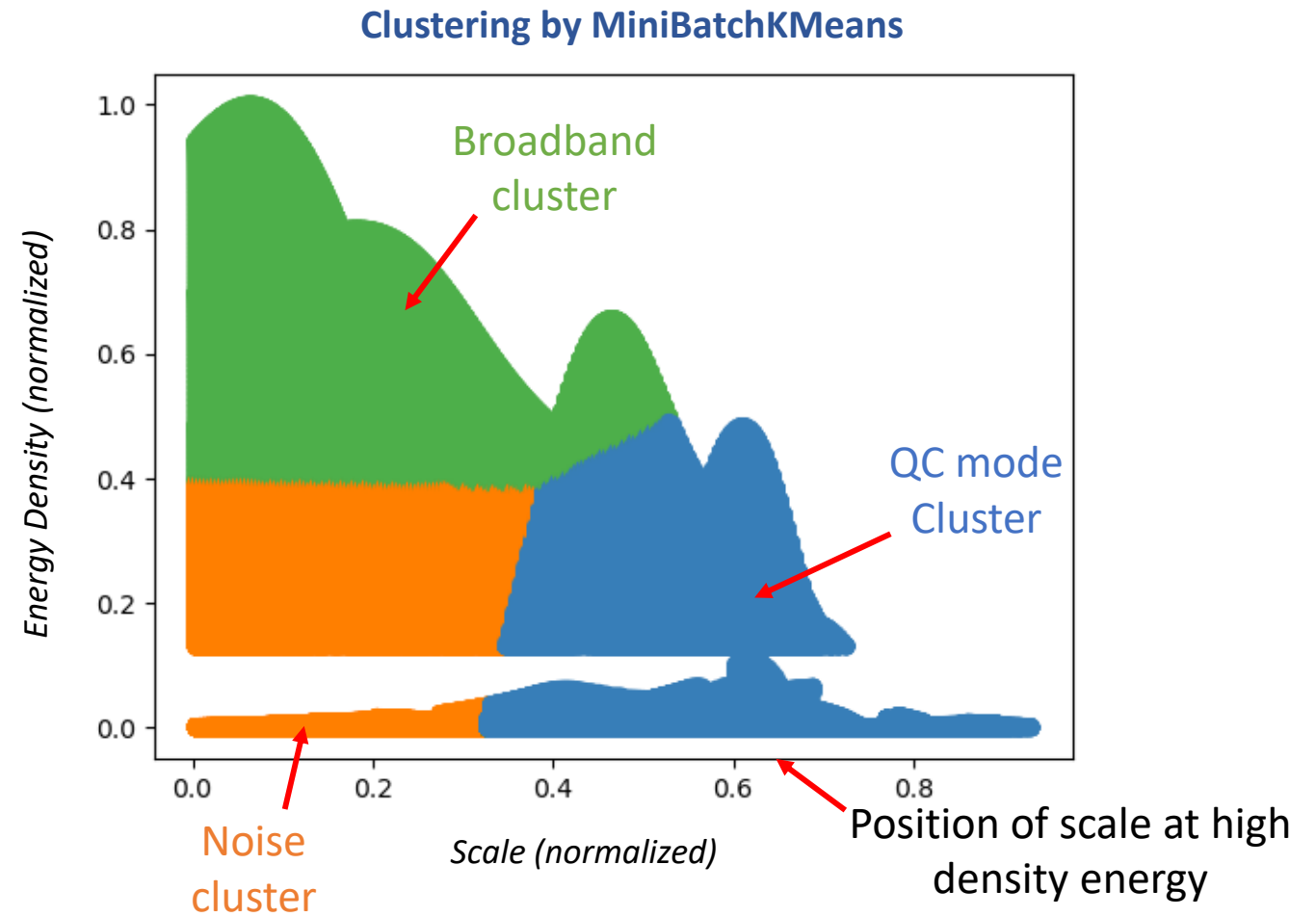
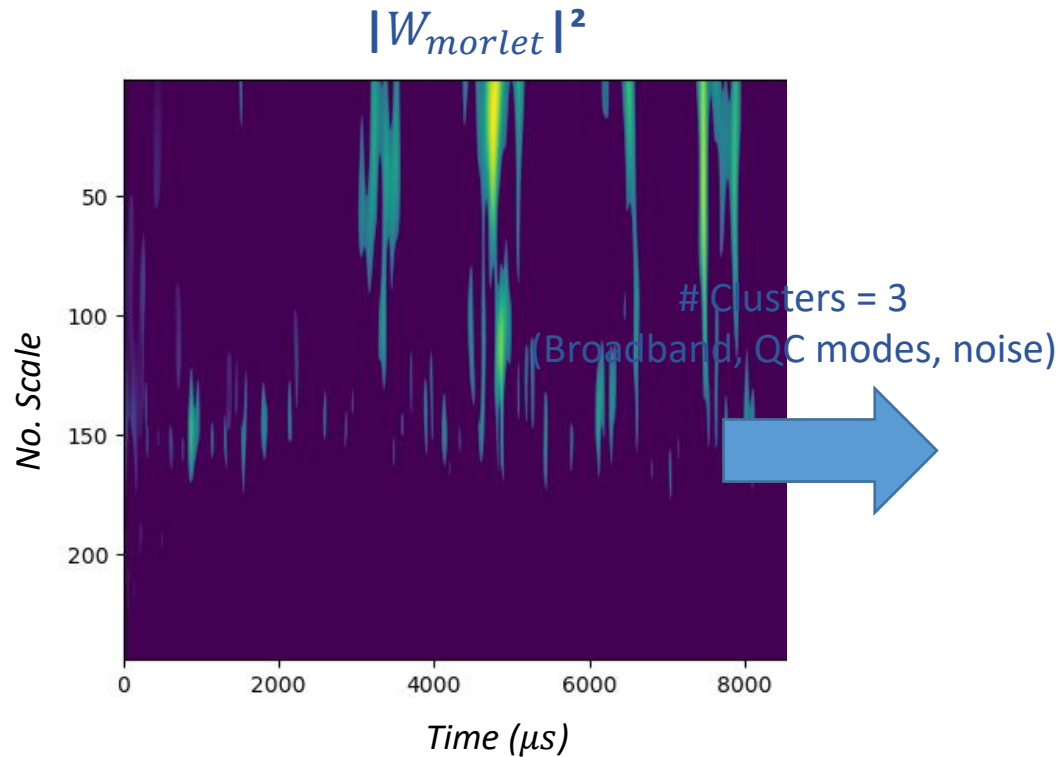


Union of patterns

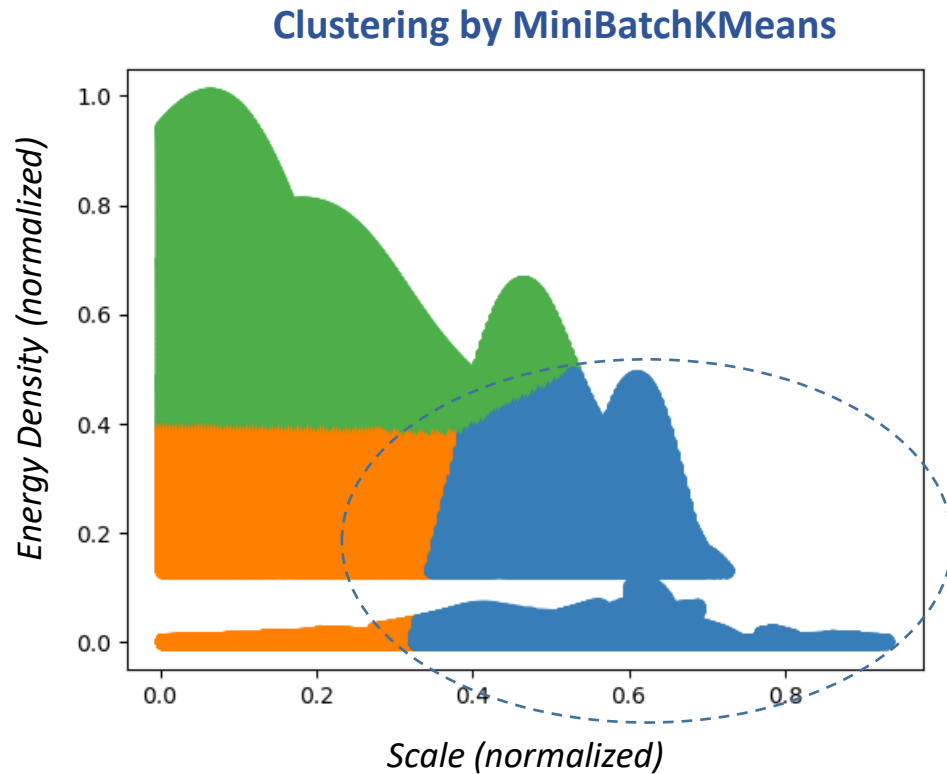


QC modes are expected to be found in this whole pattern but
how to extract them?

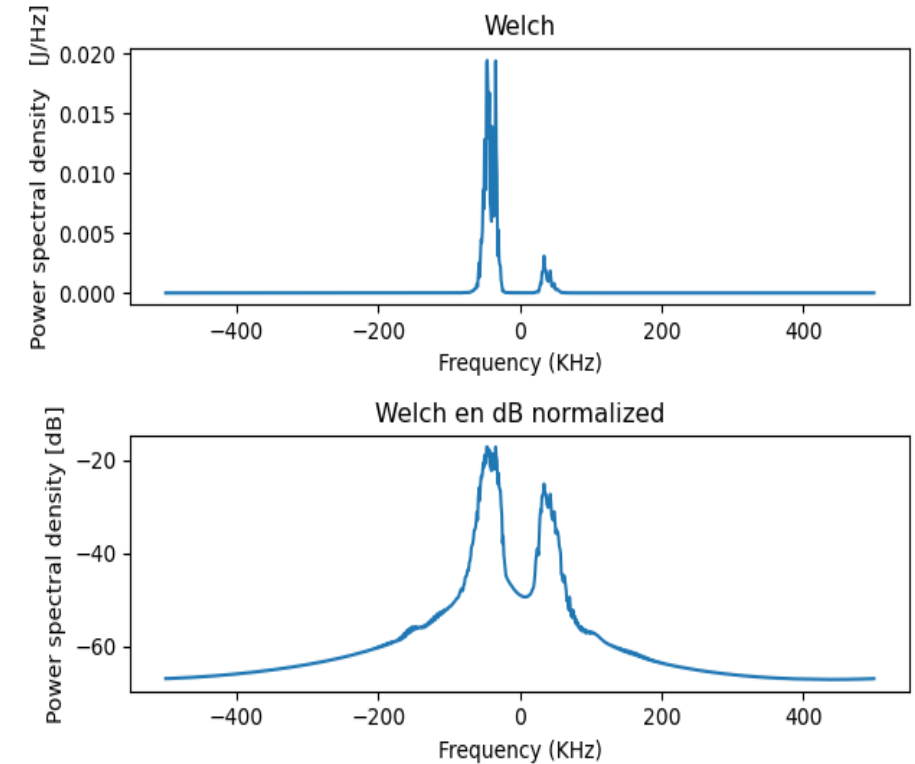
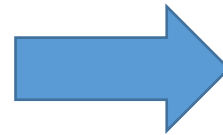
Machine learning approach (Scale-Energy representation)



Extraction of QC mode

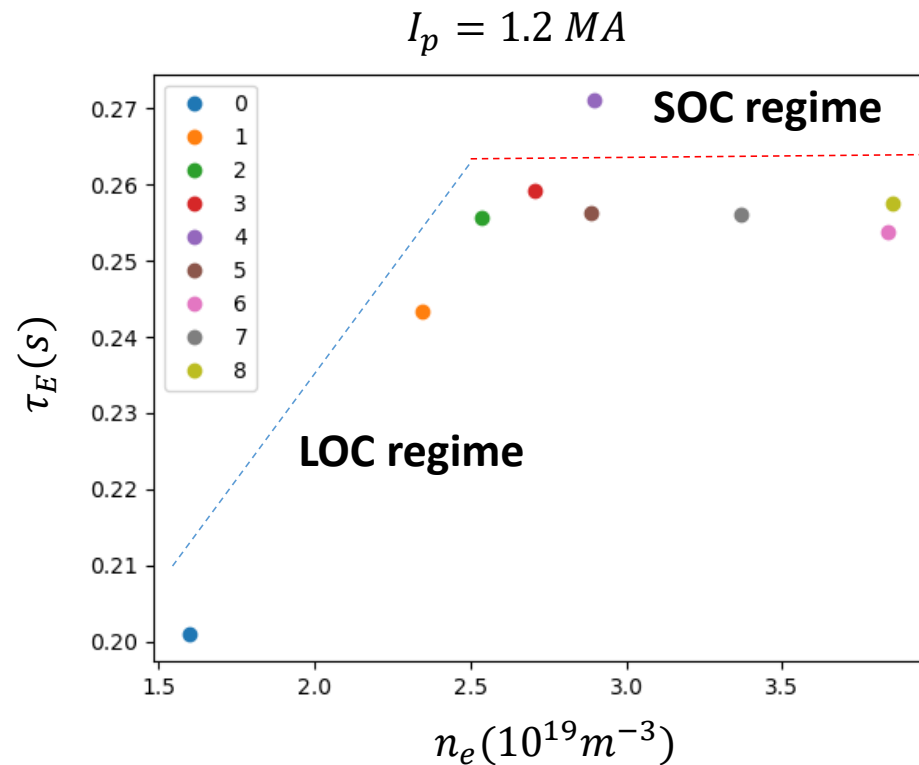
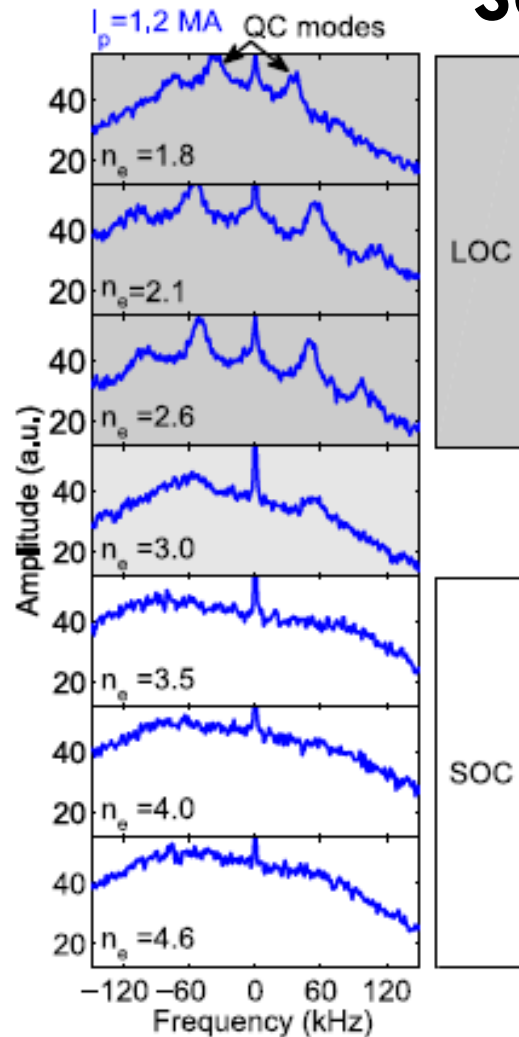


Inverse CWT



Let's apply it to a Regime change!

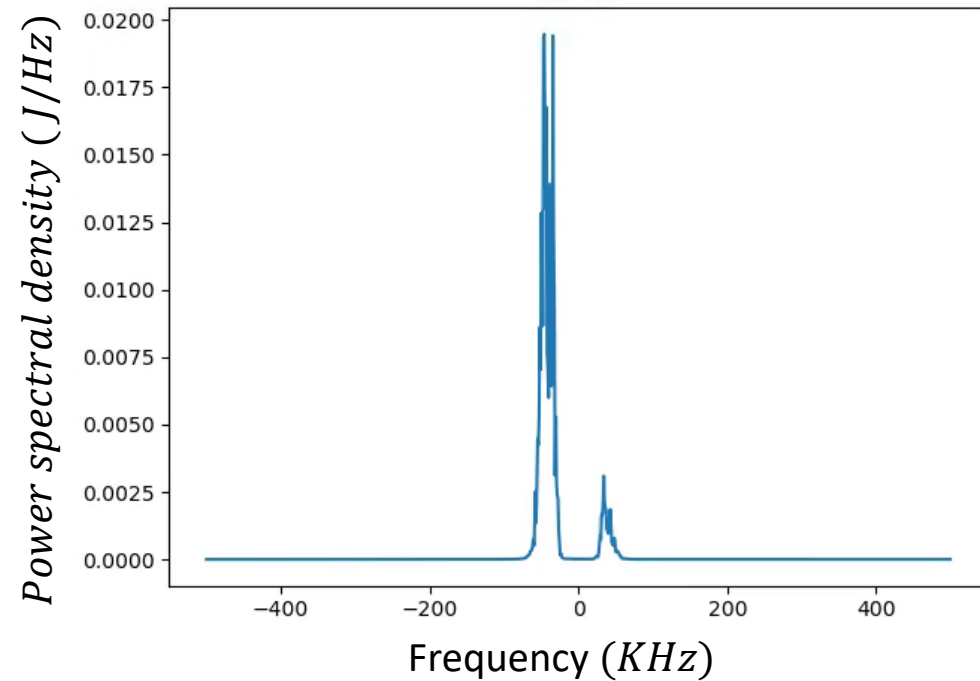
Linear Ohmic Confinement - Saturated Ohmic Confinement transition



Tore Supra reflectometry spectra during a LOC-SOC transition from H. Arnichand 15

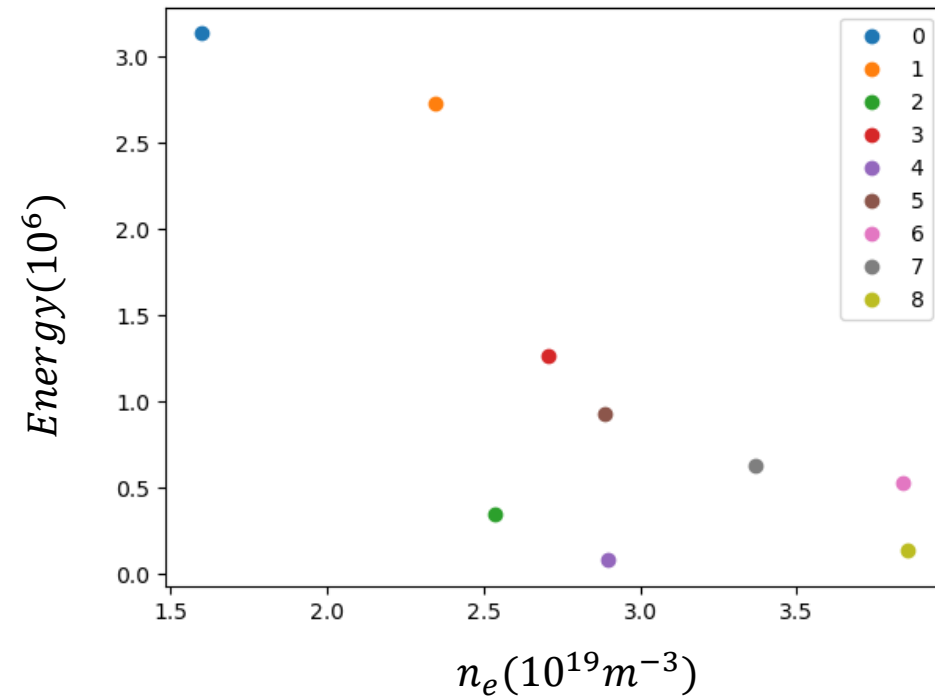
Spectrum evolution

Welch



Spectrum evolution of QC modes

$I_p = 1.2 \text{ MA}$



Energy vs n_e

CONCLUSION

- From a single antenna a first attempt of extraction of QC-mode has been achieved.
- The energy of the QC-mode component decreases from LOC to SOC regime.

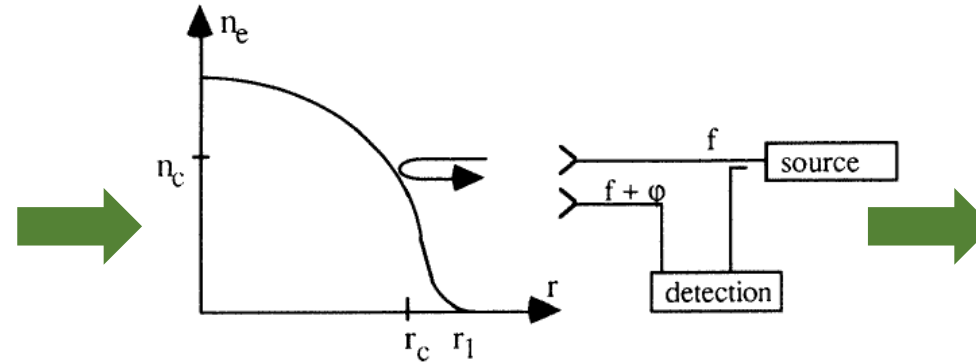
PERSPECTIVES

- Correlation reflectometry offers a way to experimentally identify the QC-mode. Apply the method to TEXTOR correlation reflectometry and make a comparison.
- Dynamic and energy exchange among other clusters.
- Perform statistical analysis of Tore Supra and WEST reflectometry database.

Backup

Reflectometry

Radar-like **diagnostic**
 sensitive to density
 fluctuations δn_e

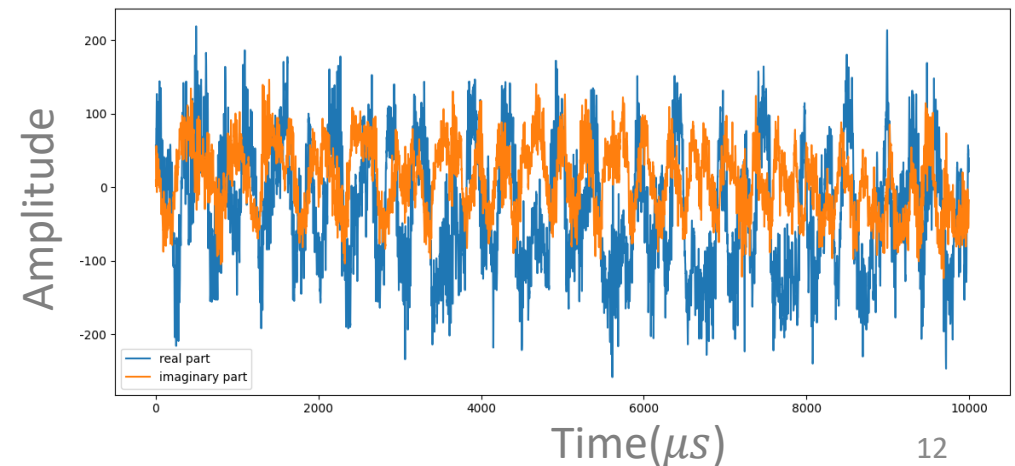
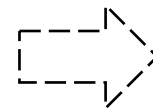


- Profile reconstruction
- **Fluctuation measurement**

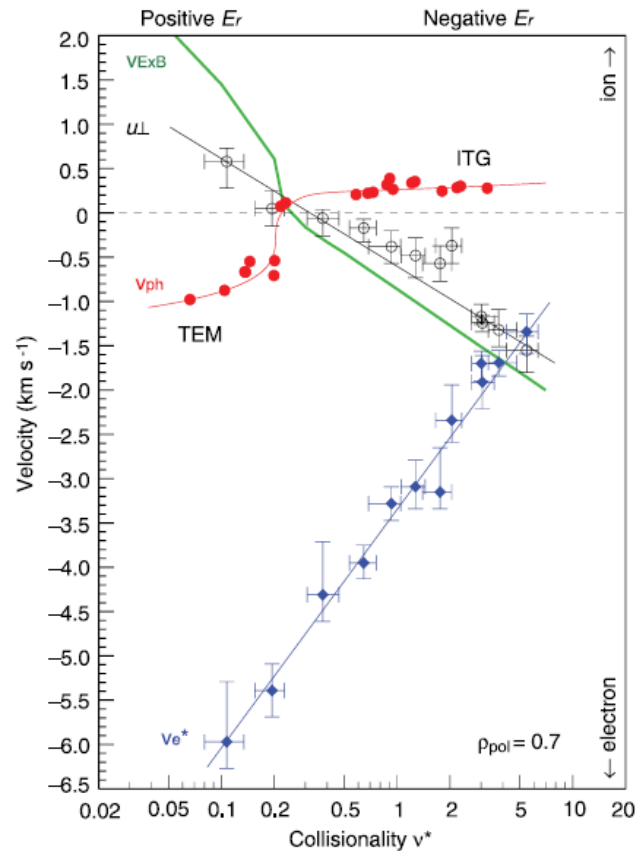
r_c : Position de la couche de coupure
 r_1 : Position du bord de plasma
 n_c : Densité plasma à la couche de coupure

Extract the raw complex signal $S(t)$ at $f = cte$:

$$S(t) = A(t)\cos(\varphi(t)) + A(t)\sin(\varphi(t))i$$



LOC-SOC transition



Computed turbulence phase velocity (red dots) as function of collisionality from Conway G.D. et al 06

- Gyro-kinetic simulations suggest that the effects of sub-dominant TEMs are important in the LOC regime while ITG mode turbulence dominates with SOC.
- For a better understanding of LOC-SOC phenomenology, it is crucial to consider sub-dominant modes, as well as the interplay between TEM and ITG mode turbulence in a multi-scale approach.