

# The Hanbury Brown and Twiss Experiment as a Tool for Emitter Localization

Jaret Vasquez-Lozano,  
Andrew Greentree,  
Shuo Li

RMIT – Centre of Excellence for  
Nanoscale BioPhotonics

---

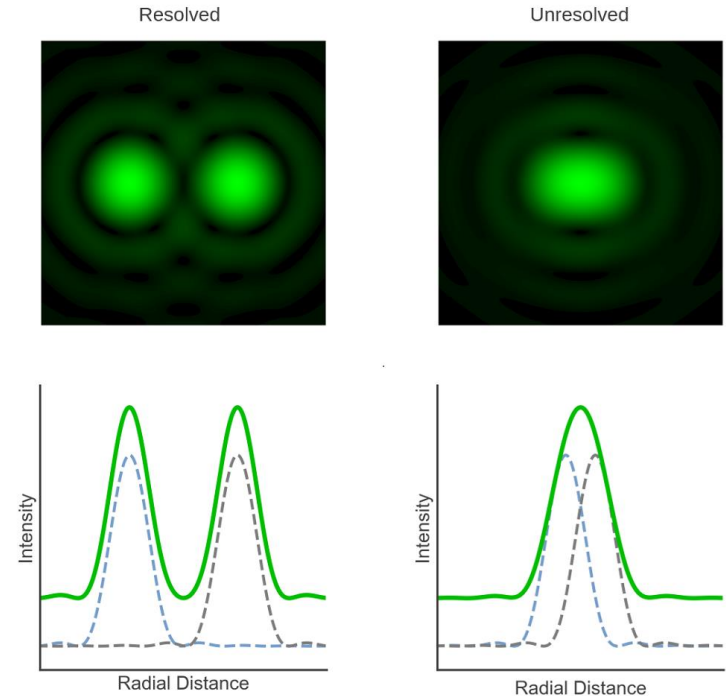
**What's next...**





# Classical Diffraction Limit

- Due to the wavelike nature of light, classical microscopy has a diffraction limit
- There are new, diffraction unlimited microscopy techniques (STED, STORM, etc.)
- High resolution techniques may damage samples due to amount of light needed

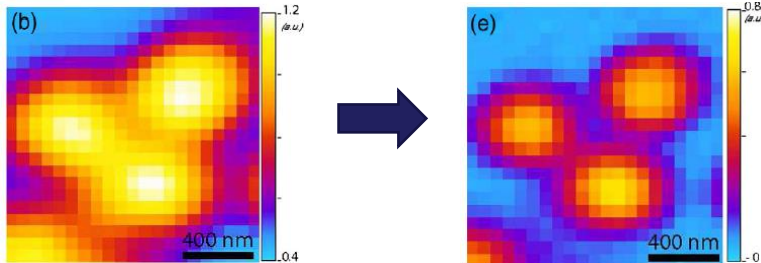
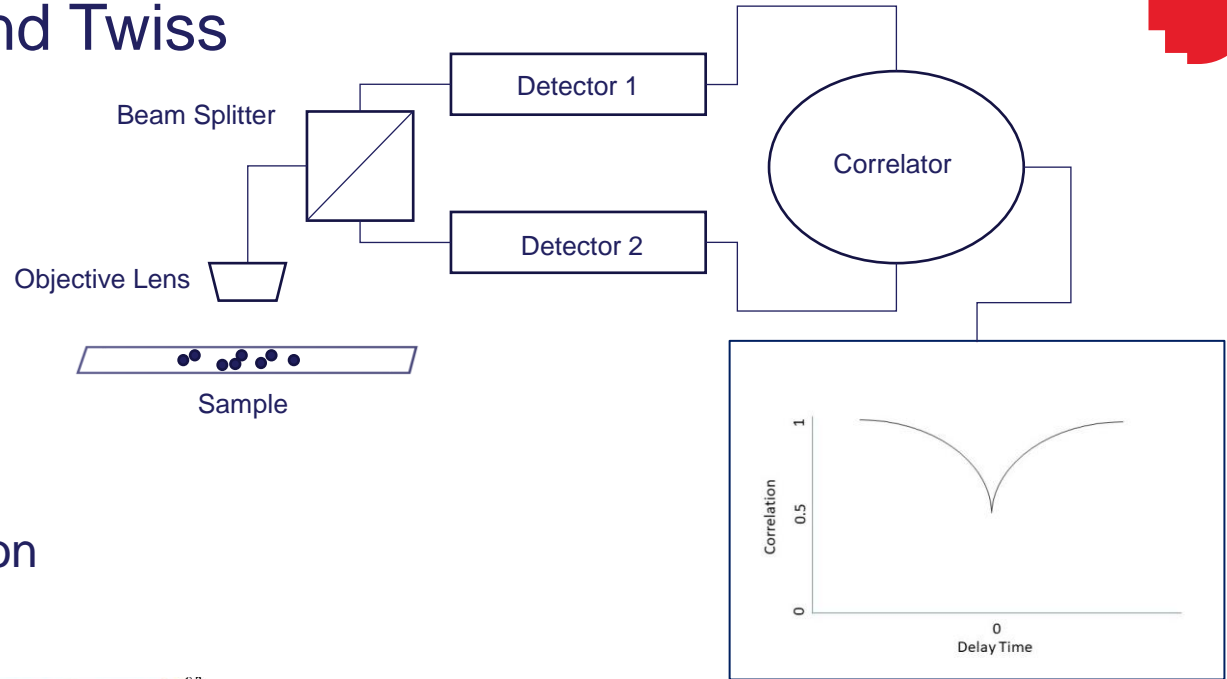


Edinburgh Instruments, *The Rayleigh Criterion for Microscope Resolution*, <https://www.edinst.com/de/news/the-rayleigh-criterion-for-microscope-resolution/>



# Hanbury Brown and Twiss

- Quantum correlation microscopy can be used to increase resolution
- Hanbury Brown & Twiss measurement gives more information for less light



Monticone *et al.* (2014), Beating the Abbe Diffraction Limit in Confocal Microscopy via Nonclassical Photon Statistics, *Physical Review Letters* 113



# HBT Second Order Correlation Function

- Can be done for  $N$  emitters
- $P_i$ : our point spread function (represent the intensity from emitters)
- Can also consider background

$$g_N^{(2)} = \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^N P_i P_j}{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N P_i P_j}$$

Worboys *et al.* (2020), Quantum multilateration: Subdiffraction emitter pair localization via three spatially separate Hanbury Brown and Twiss measurements, *Physical Review A* **101**

We are interested in correlation where Delay time = 0:

$$g_N^{(2)}(0)$$



## Expanded $g_N^{(2)}$ Functions (2 emitter version)

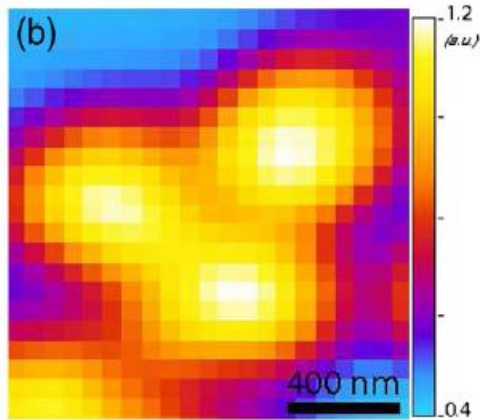
$$g_{2+bg}^{(2)}(0) = \frac{2(P_1P_2 + (P_1 + P_2)\mathcal{N}P_{bg} + \frac{(\mathcal{N}P_{bg})^2}{2})}{\underbrace{(P_1 + P_2)^2 + 2(P_1 + P_2)\mathcal{N}P_{bg} + (\mathcal{N}P_{bg})^2}_{\text{Background terms}}}$$

$$g_{2+bg}^{(2)}(0) = \frac{2(c_{1,2} + (c_1 + c_2)\mathcal{N}c_{bg} + \frac{(\mathcal{N}c_{bg})^2}{2})}{(c_1 + c_2)^2 + 2(c_1 + c_2)\mathcal{N}c_{bg} + (\mathcal{N}c_{bg})^2}$$

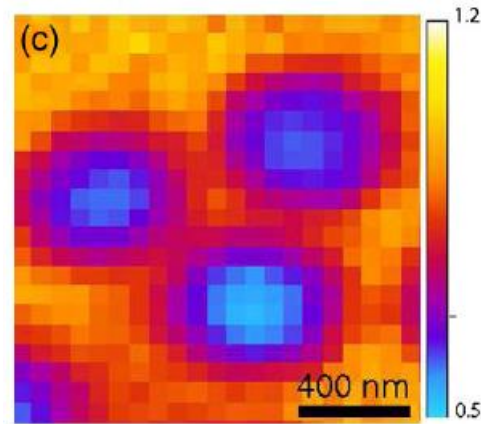
$$c_i = \text{poissrnd}(P_i t)$$

Real measurement  
time dependant on  
brightness of emitters

# Appearance of $g_N^{(2)}(0)$



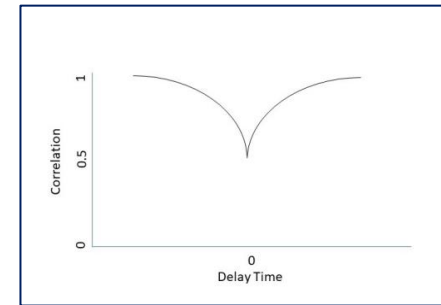
Intensity



$g_N^{(2)}(0)$

←  $g_N^{(2)}(\infty) = 1$   
(background)

←  $g_3^{(2)}(0) = 0.67$

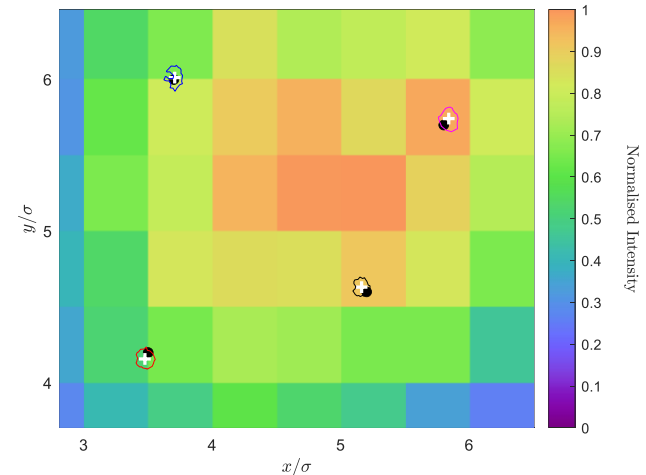
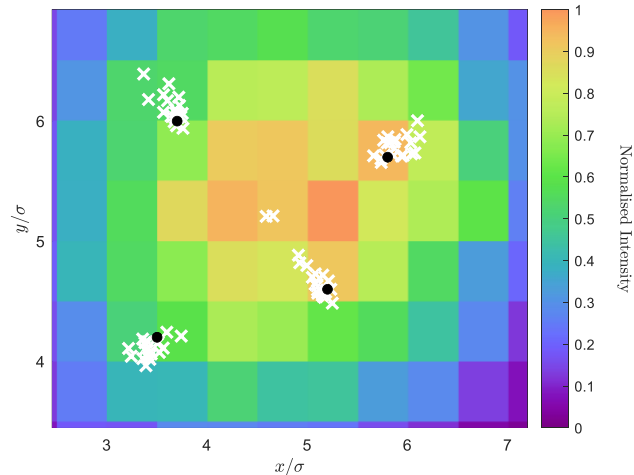


Monticone *et al.* (2014), Beating the Abbe Diffraction Limit in Confocal Microscopy via Nonclassical Photon Statistics, *Physical Review Letters* **113**



# Effective Point Spread Function: $\omega_{\text{eff}}$

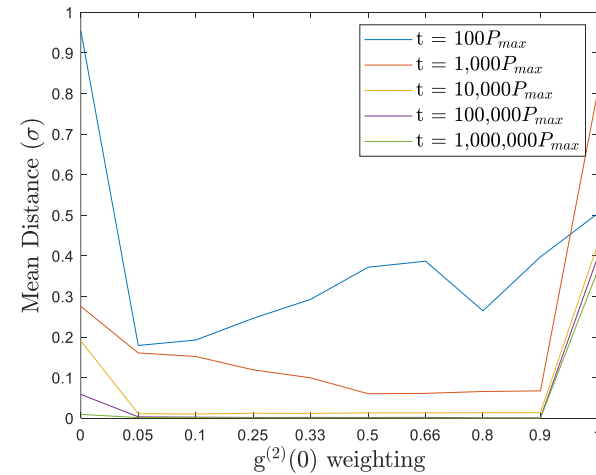
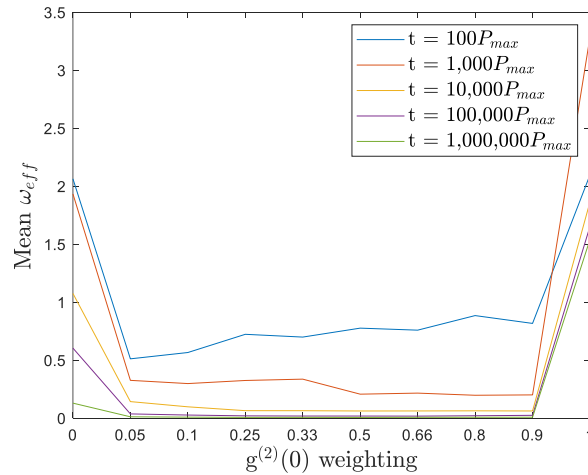
- We collect the results that are closest within an area up to the 39.5<sup>th</sup> result (i.e. standard deviation)
- We construct a polygon connecting those results





# Residual Sum of Squares and Weighting

$$RSS = \alpha RSS_{Intensity} + \beta RSS_{Correlation}$$

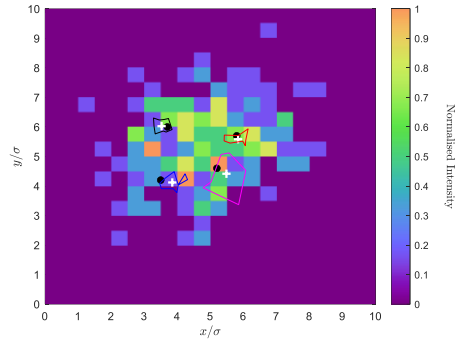




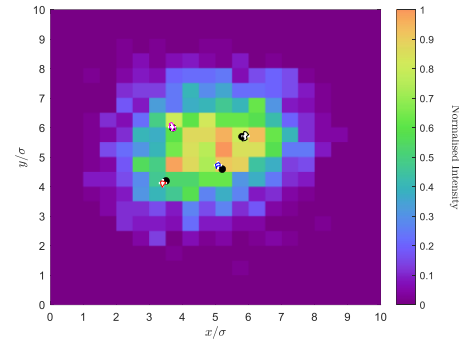


# Effects of Increasing Measurement Time

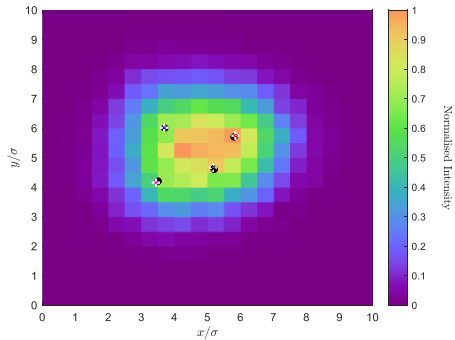
$t = 10 P_{i,0}$



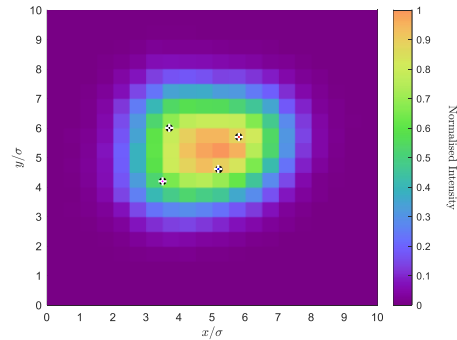
$t = 100 P_{i,0}$



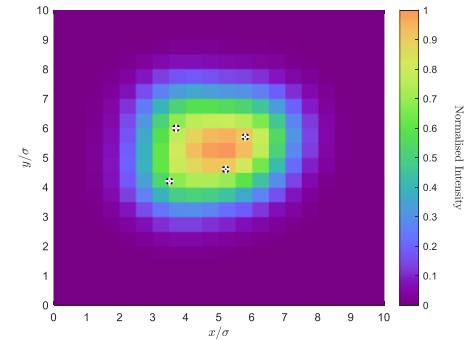
$t = 1000 P_{i,0}$



$t = 10000 P_{i,0}$

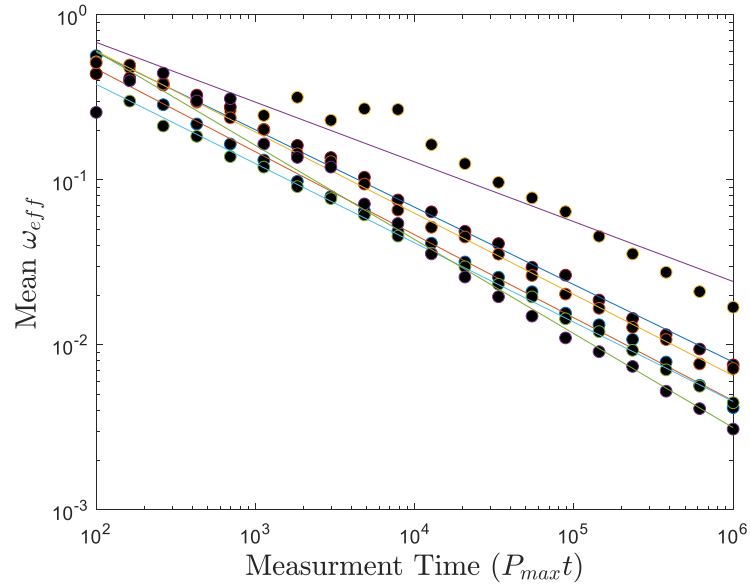


$t = 100000 P_{i,0}$





# Time Scaling Laws



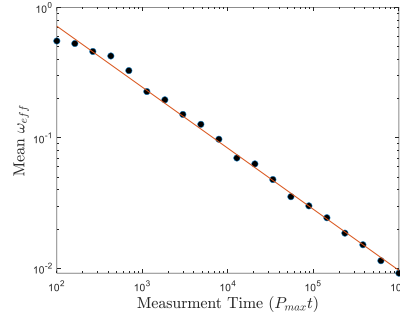
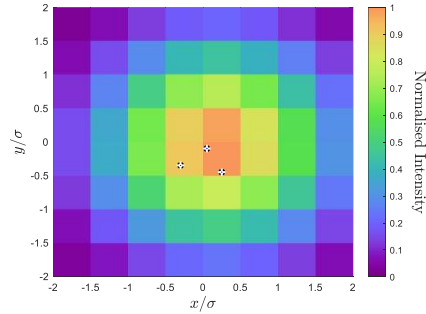
Slopes for configurations are approximately -0.5 as expected ( $1/\sqrt{t}$ ).

$$y = x^{slope} \exp^{intercept}$$

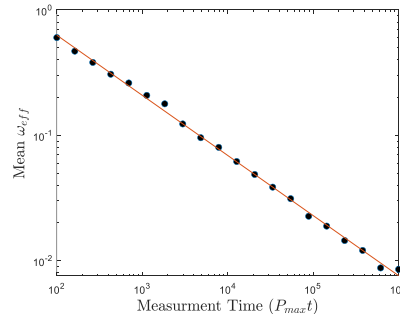
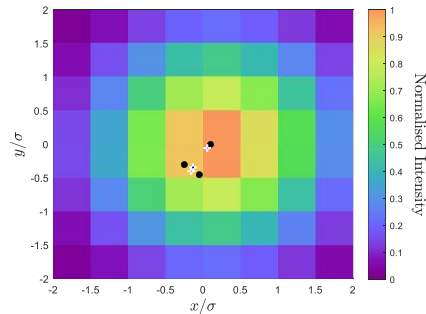


# Time Scaling With Unequal Brightness and Background

- We can still expect  $1/\sqrt{t}$  scaling



Slope:  
-0.4681

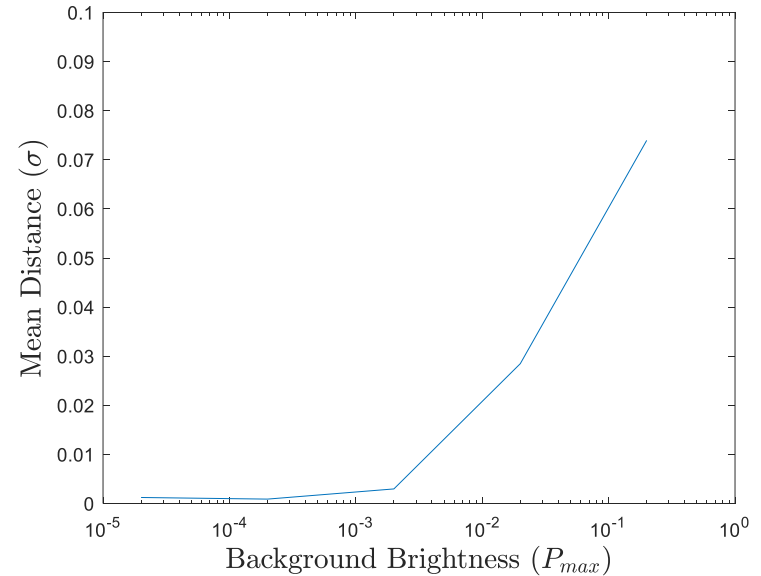
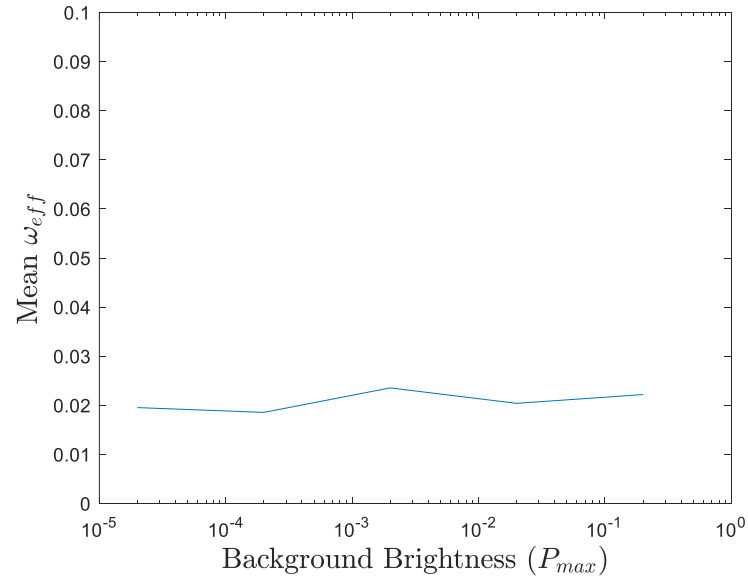


Slope:  
-0.4797

BG = 20%



# Effects of Increasing Background Brightness



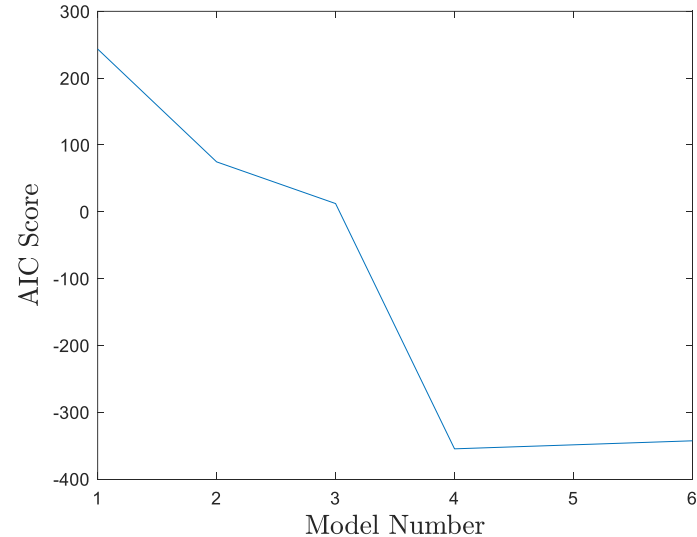


# Akaike Information Criteria

$$AIC = \underbrace{2k}_{\text{Penalty term}} - 2\ln(\underbrace{\hat{L}}_{\text{Likelihood function}})$$

Modified to use RSS:

$$AIC = 2k + n\ln(RSS)$$



AIC scoring of configuration with 4 emitters. Model Number corresponds to number of emitters being used to fit data. Lower score corresponds to better model.

Akaike, H (1992), Information Theory and an Extension of the Maximum Likelihood Principle, *Breakthroughs in Statistics: Foundations and Basic Theory*. Pages 610-624

Burnham K., Anderson D., (2004), Multimodal Interference: Understanding AIC and BIC in Model Collection, *Sociological Methods & Research 2004 Vol. 33 Issue 2 Pages 261-304*

# Akaike Information Criteria – Part 2

Likelihood of minimizing information loss:

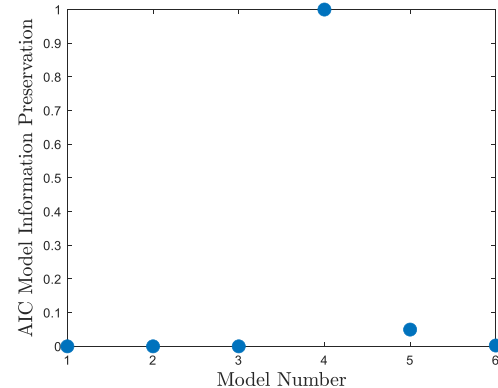
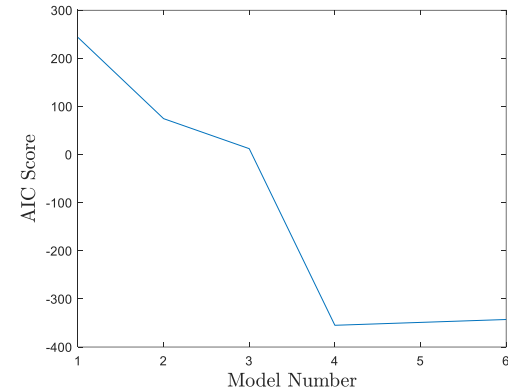
$$\exp\left(\frac{AIC_{min} - AIC_i}{2}\right)$$

A small difference between AIC scores may seem trivial (e.g. -360 vs -350), but it is this small difference that is interpretable since AIC has large scaling constants.

(AIC 4: 1.00)

AIC 4 vs AIC 5: 0.0351

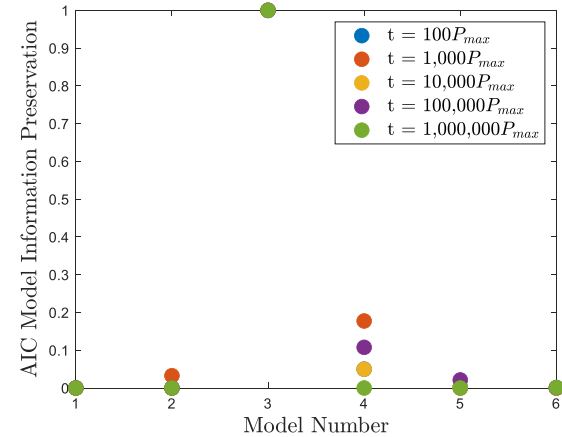
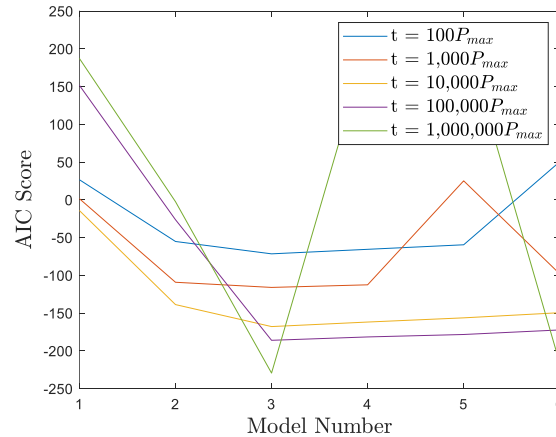
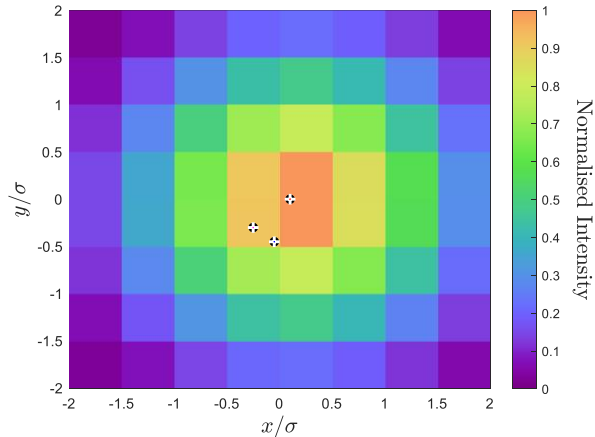
AIC 4 vs AIC 6: 0.0014





# AIC for Predicting Emitter Amounts

- Could be used to help determine the number of emitters located in an ambiguous region

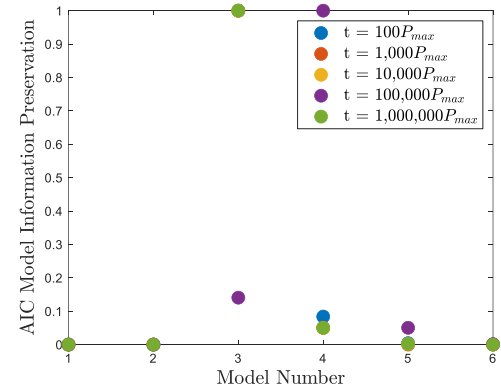
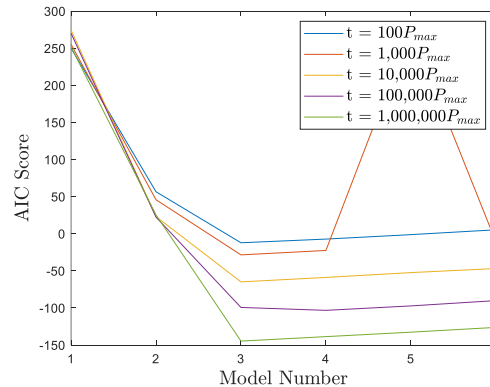
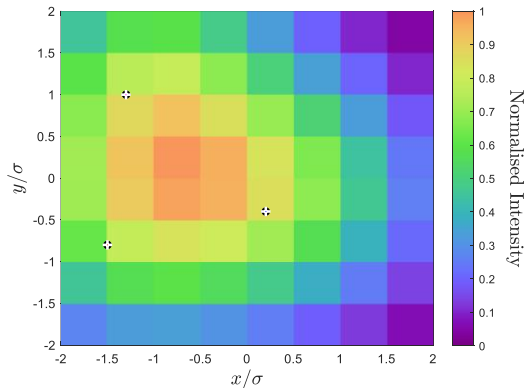




# AIC with Ambiguous Emitter Amounts

- Ambiguous cases can still occur. May not be viable to use AIC as the only tool for emitter number estimation
- Can be caused by close emitters, far emitters and high backgrounds

Here, for some time steps, models with the incorrect number of emitters are predicted





# Acknowledgments

Andrew Greentree  
Shuo Li  
Brant Gibson

Thank you to the  
RMIT – CNBP Team

Contact at:  
Jaret.vaslo@gmail.com



Centre for  
**Nanoscale  
BioPhotonics**  
ARC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



**RMIT**  
UNIVERSITY



This work was funded by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (FA9550-20-1-0276). ADG also acknowledges funding from the Australian Research Council (CE140100003 and FT160100357).