

# Graph Sampling for Signal and Covariance Estimation

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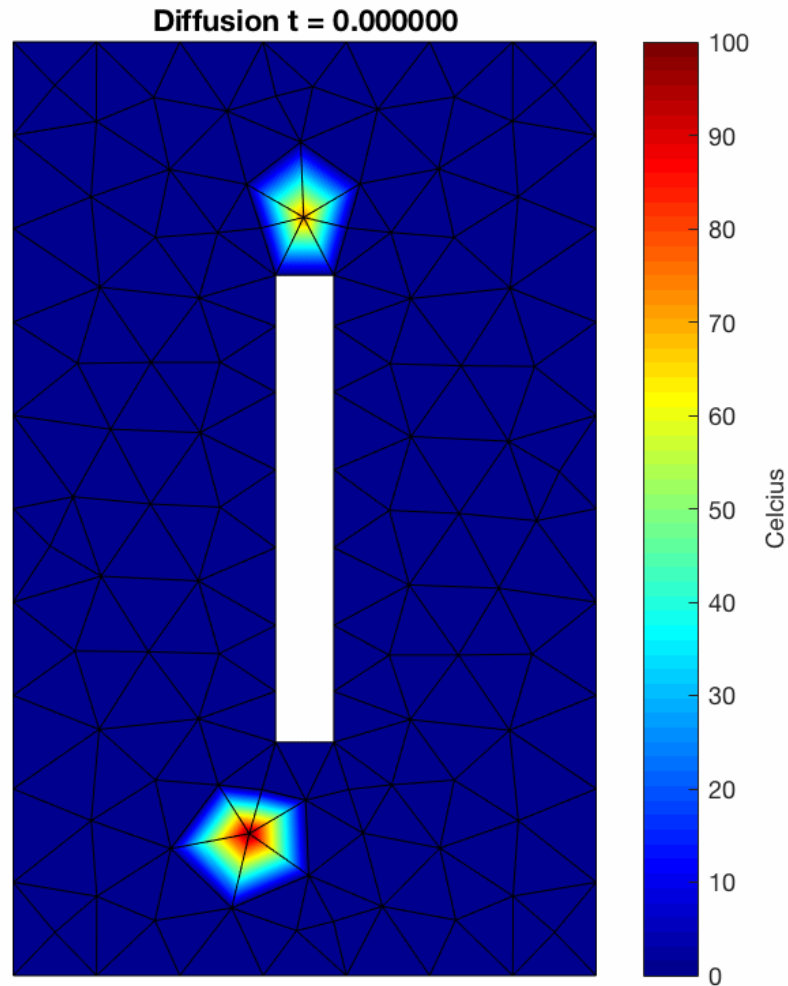
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# Roadmap

- ❑ Introduction and context
- ❑ Signal processing on graphs
- ❑ Signal reconstruction
- ❑ Multi-domain (tensor) signal reconstruction
- ❑ Covariance estimation
- ❑ Sparse sampler design
- ❑ Graph learning
- ❑ Conclusions, Q&A

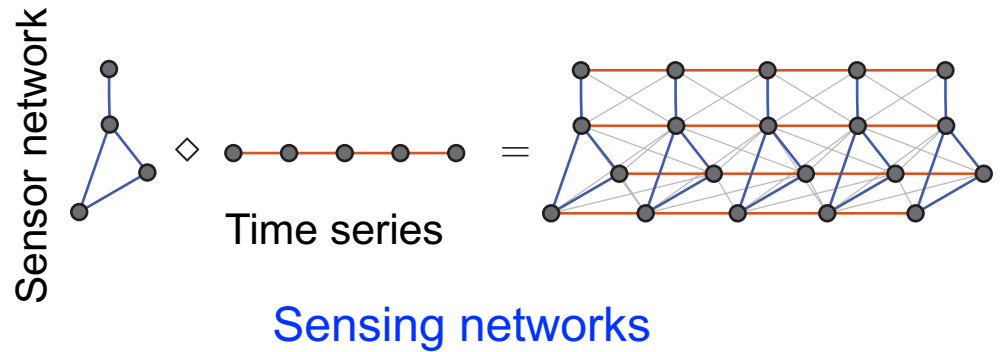


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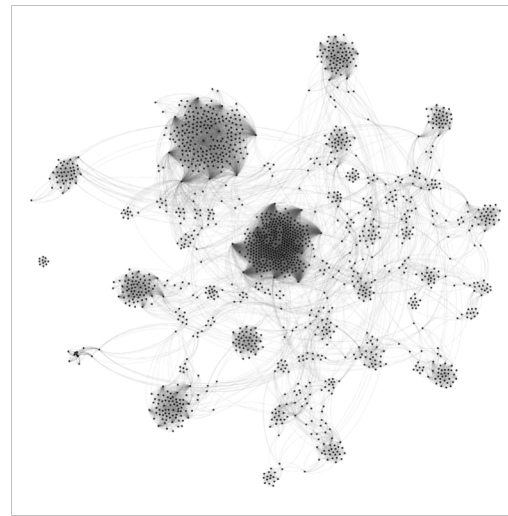
**How to optimally deploy sensors?**



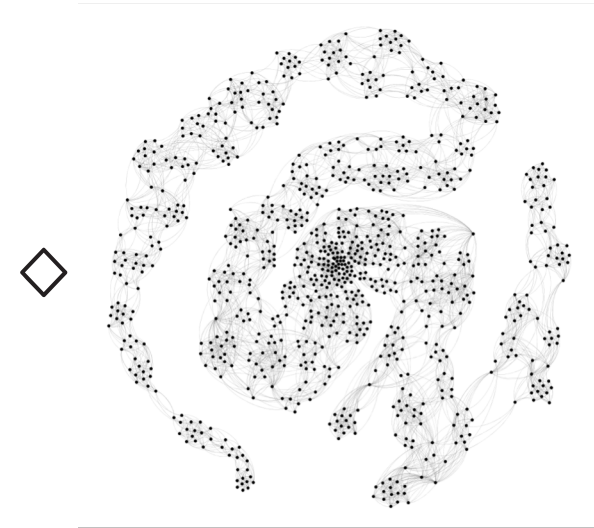
Temperature on Earth's surface



3D point clouds (Kinect, LiDAR)



Movies graph

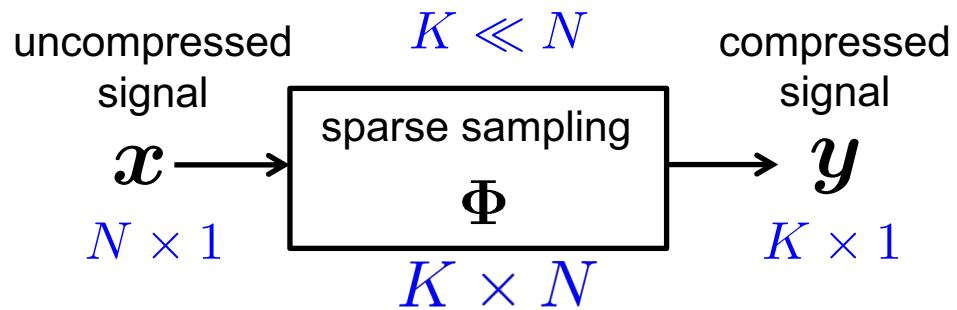
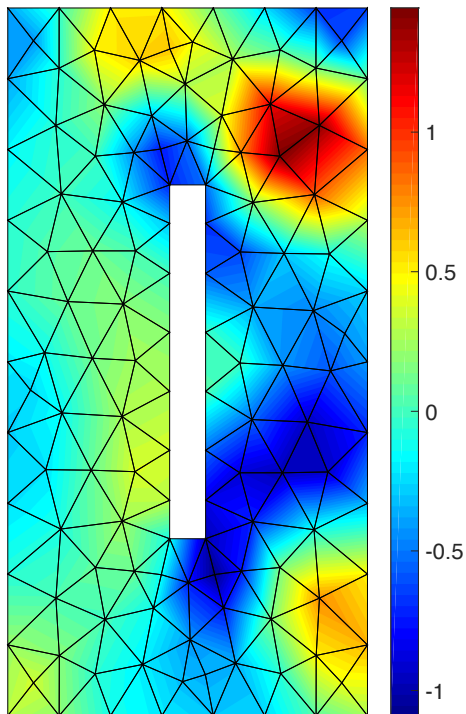
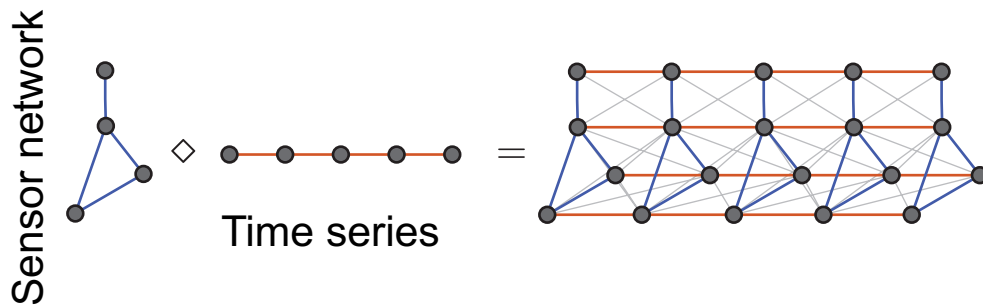


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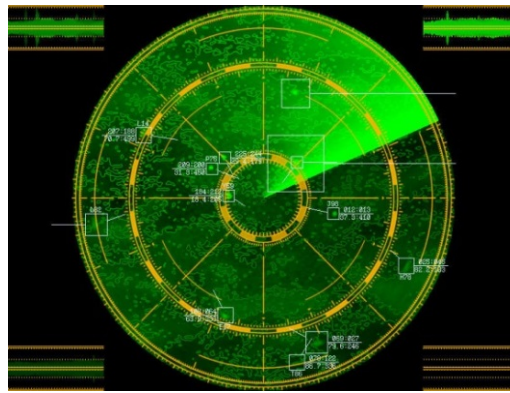
Recommender systems

**Design sparse samplers taking into account the underlying topology**

# Sparse sampling on irregular domains



Given  $\mathbf{y}$  estimate  $\mathbf{x}$

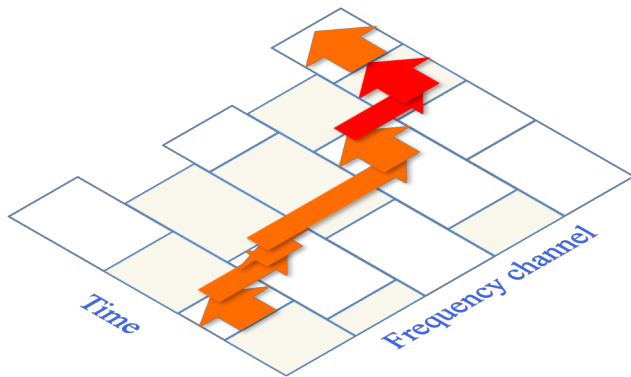


Radar

Doppler + angular spectra

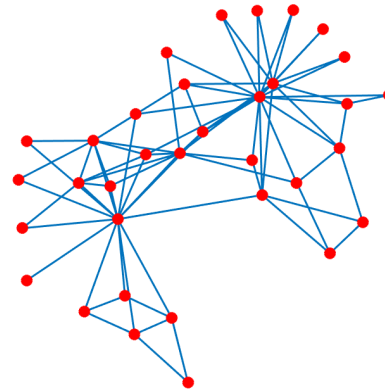


Radio astronomy  
spatial spectrum



Cognitive radio

frequency spectrum

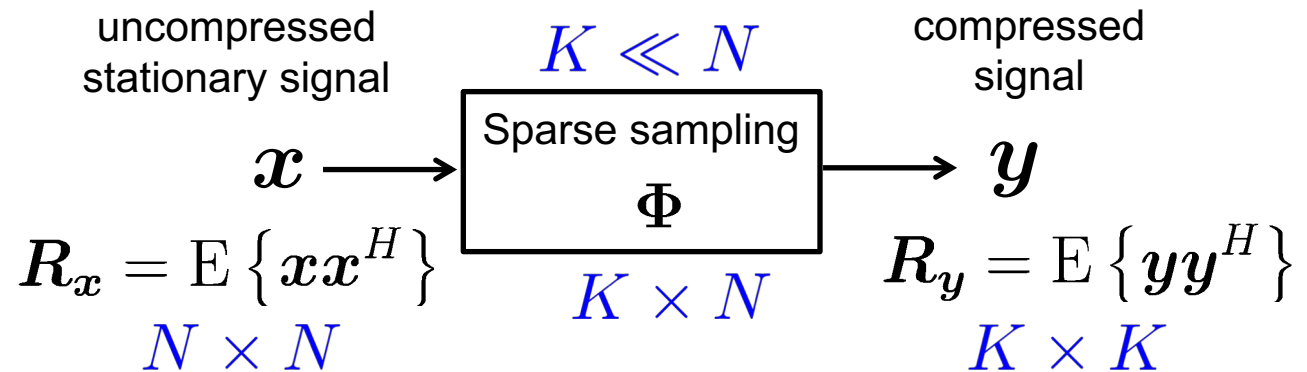
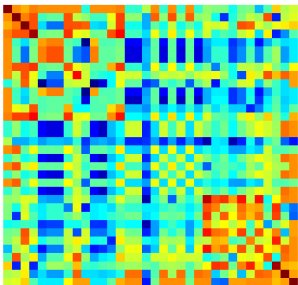
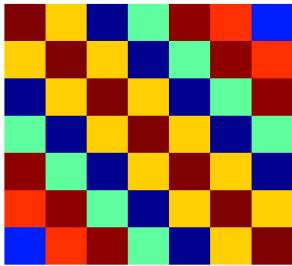
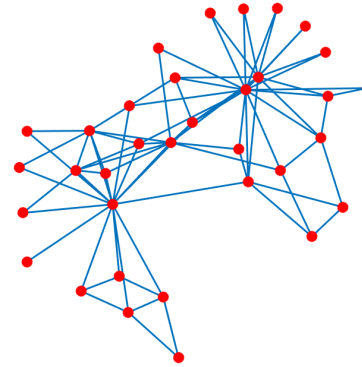
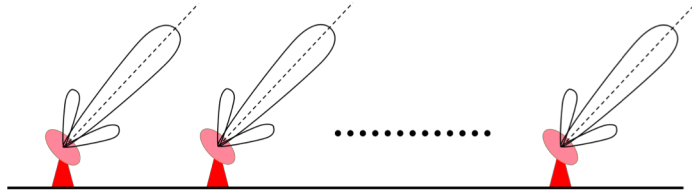


Graph-based inference

graph spectrum

**Design sparse samplers taking into account the data structure**

# Sparse sampling on irregular domains



Given  $\mathbf{R}_y$  or several realizations of  $\mathbf{y}$  estimate  $\mathbf{R}_x$



# What is sparse sampling?

$$\Phi(\mathbf{w}) \in \{0, 1\}^{K \times N}$$

$\mathbf{y}$

$R_y = \mathbb{E} \{ \mathbf{y} \mathbf{y}^H \}$

$\Phi(\mathbf{w})$

$\mathbf{x}$

$R_x = \mathbb{E} \{ \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^H \}$

- Sampling matrix is determined by the **sampling vector/set**

$$\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N]^T \in \{0, 1\}^N \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{S} = \{n | w_n = 1, n = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

$w_m = (0)1$  sample or vertex is (not) selected

- **Sparse sampling structure**
  - only one nonzero entry per row
  - many zero columns

# Why sparse sampling?

- **Economical** constraints (hardware cost)
- Limited **physical space**
- Limited data **storage space**
- Reduce **communications bandwidth**
- Reduce **processing overhead**

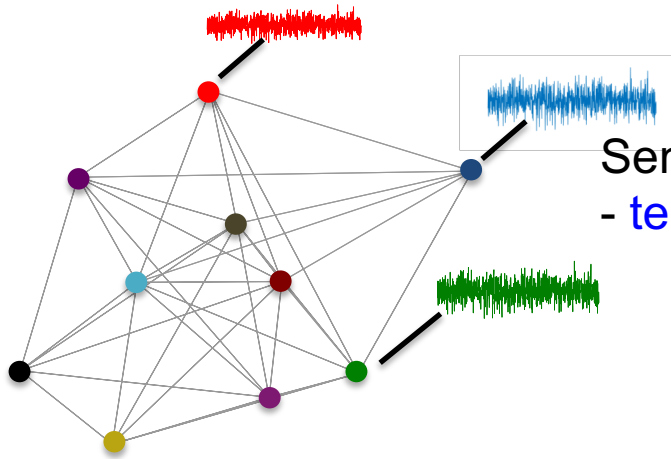
# In this tutorial

We will cover the following two aspects:

1. Reconstruction of **signals** and **second-order statistics** from subsampled measurements by taking into account the **domain** on which the data is defined as a **prior information**
2. Efficient **near-optimal** methods to **design sparse samplers**

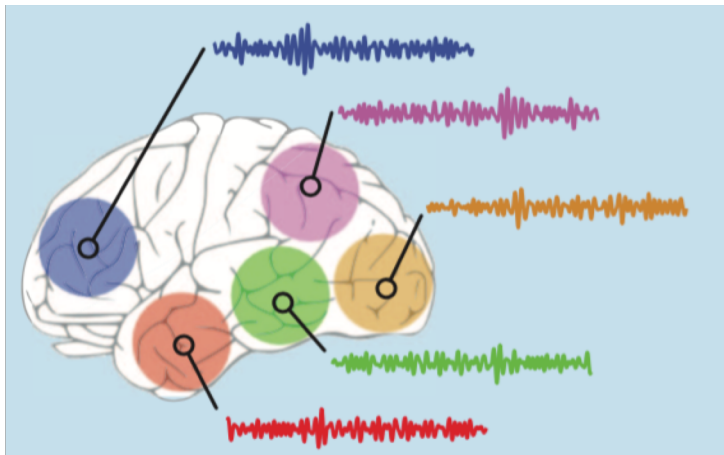
# Signal Processing on Graphs

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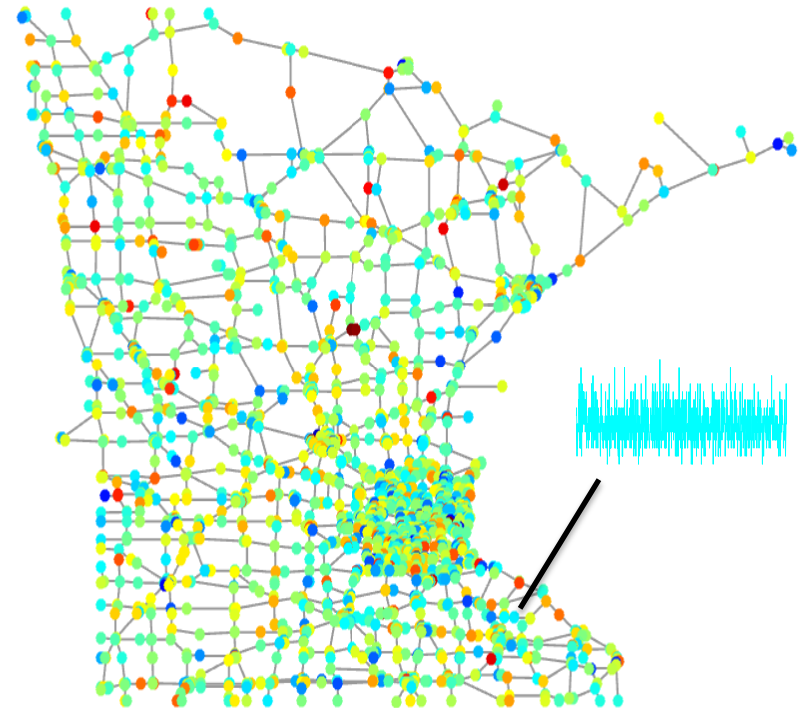
Sensing networks

- temp., pressure, air quality monitoring



Brain networks

- fMRI time series, EEG signals



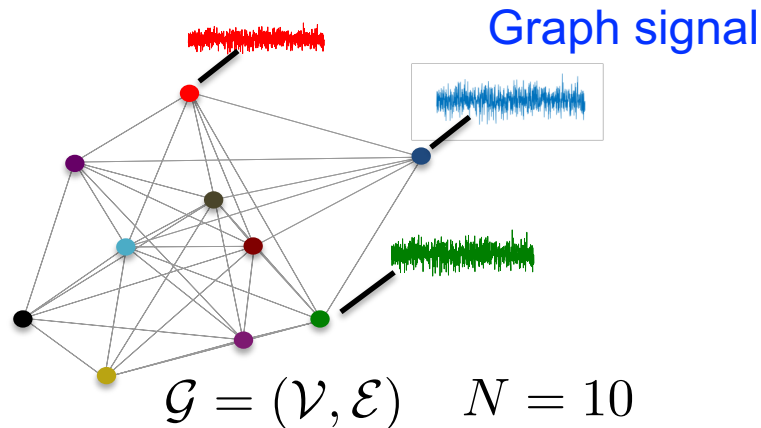
Transport networks

- # vehicles crossing a junction

# Signals and random processes on graphs

# Graphs and graph signals

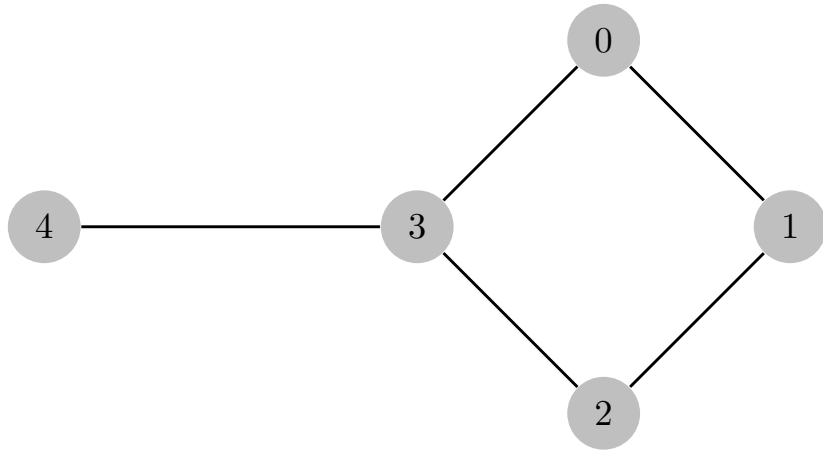
- Datasets with *irregular support* can be represented using a graph



- $\mathcal{V}$  is the set of nodes
- $\mathcal{E}$  is the set of edges
- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  represents the graph signal

- Graph is represented using the matrix  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ 
  - $[S]_{i,j}$  is nonzero only if  $i = j$  and/or  $(i, j) \in \mathcal{E}$
  - $S$  could be **graph Laplacian, adjacency matrix, or ...**
  - $S$  is referred to as the **graph-shift** operator

# Graph Laplacian



$$L = D - A$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

diagonal degree matrix

adjacency matrix

- For an *undirected graph*,  $L$  is symmetric

$$L = U \Lambda U^H$$

$$= [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N] \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N]^H$$

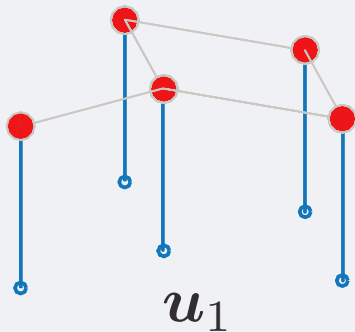
- $L\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$ , so

$$0 = \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N$$

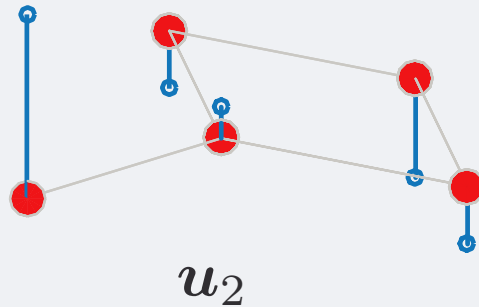
# Graph Laplacian - eigenmodes

Frequency interpretation of the eigenvectors (viewed as signals on graphs)

$$\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.8299 \\ 2 \\ 2.6889 \\ 4.4812 \end{bmatrix} \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} -0.4472 & -0.2560 & 0.7071 & 0.2422 & -0.4193 \\ -0.4472 & -0.4375 & 0 & -0.7031 & 0.3380 \\ -0.4472 & -0.2560 & -0.7071 & 0.2422 & -0.4193 \\ -0.4472 & 0.1380 & 0 & 0.5362 & 0.7024 \\ -0.4472 & 0.8115 & 0 & -0.3175 & -0.2018 \end{bmatrix}$$

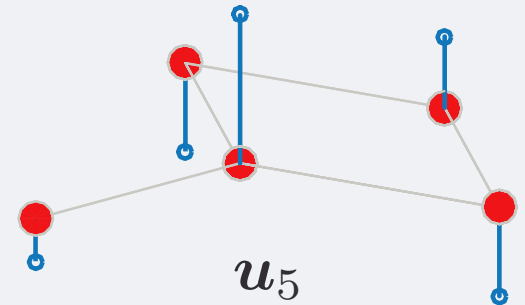


DC (no zero crossing)



two zero crossings

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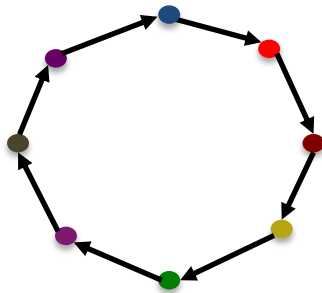
five zero crossings

**Sign transitions of eigenvectors increase with eigenvalues**



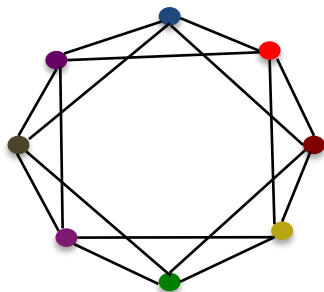
# Time-domain as a graph

- The DFT and the traditional frequency grid is obtained by the **adjacency matrix** of the **cycle graph**



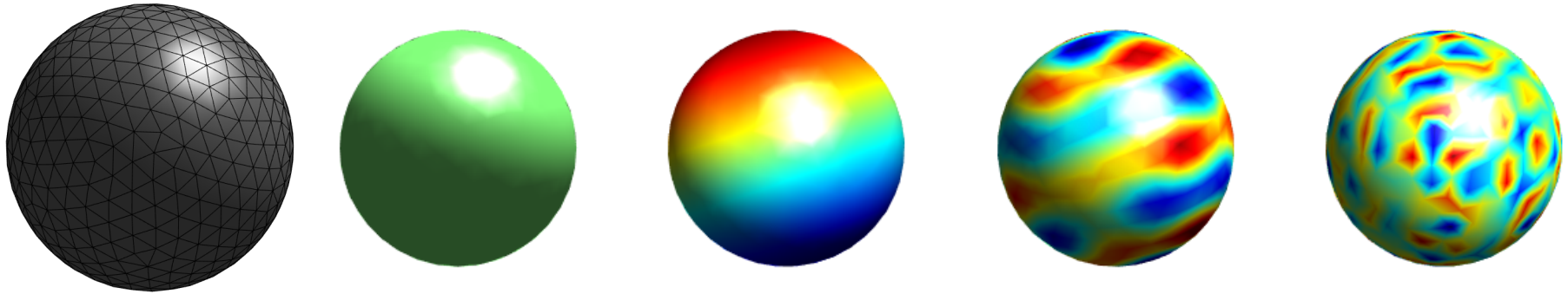
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- Any **circulant graph** in principle leads to the DFT as the graph Fourier transform

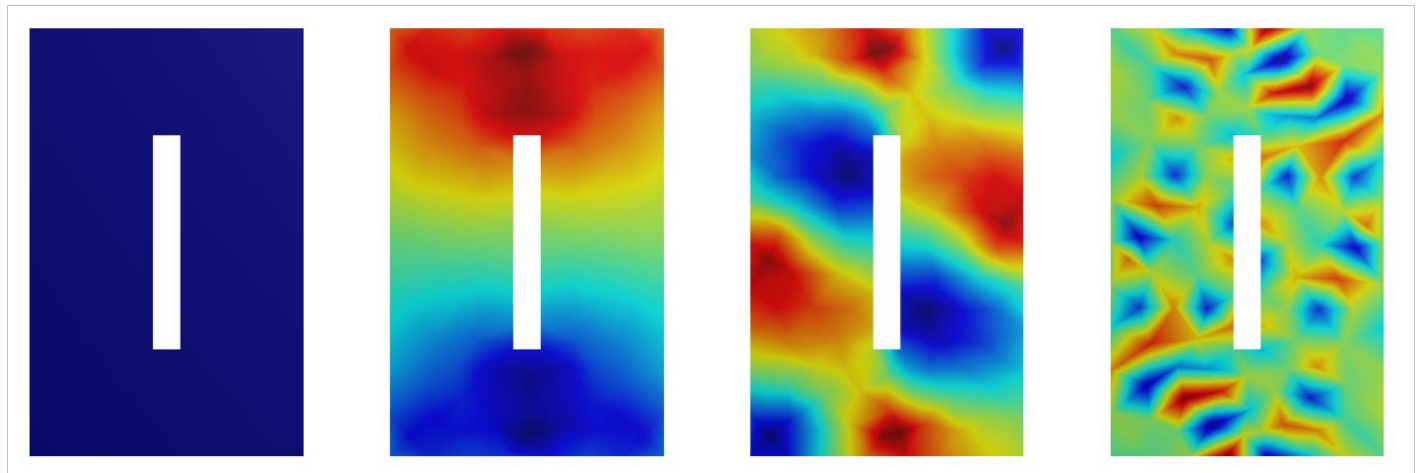
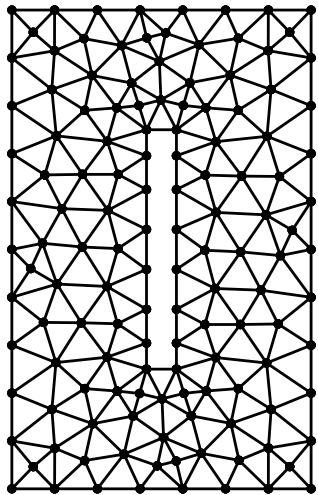


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# Fourier-like basis on meshes



(Laplace's) spherical harmonics



Fourier-like oscillating modes of the metal plate with cavity

# Fourier-like orthogonal basis

$$S = U \Lambda U^H$$

$$= [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N] \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N) [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_N]^H$$

Fourier-like basis for the graph

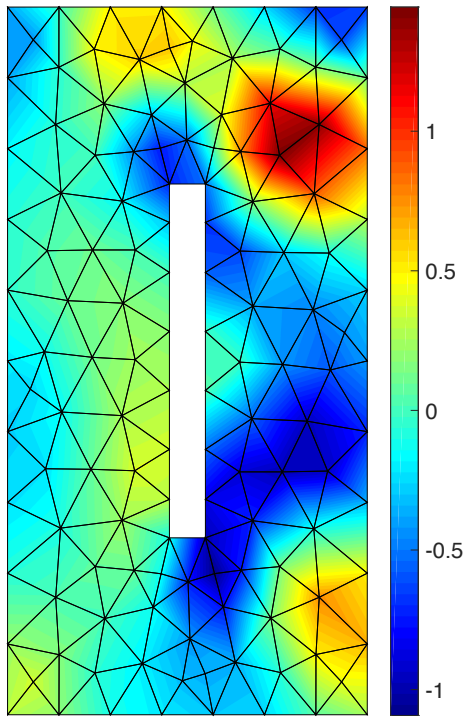
Spectrum of the graph

- Holds for graph **Laplacians** and **adjacency** matrices
  - Frequency interpretation based on **zero crossings** or **total variation**
- For **undirected** graphs
  - Eigenvalues are all real (*graph-shift operator is symmetric*)
- For **directed graphs** with normal  $S$ 
  - Eigenvalues occur in complex conjugate pairs

# Graph Fourier transform

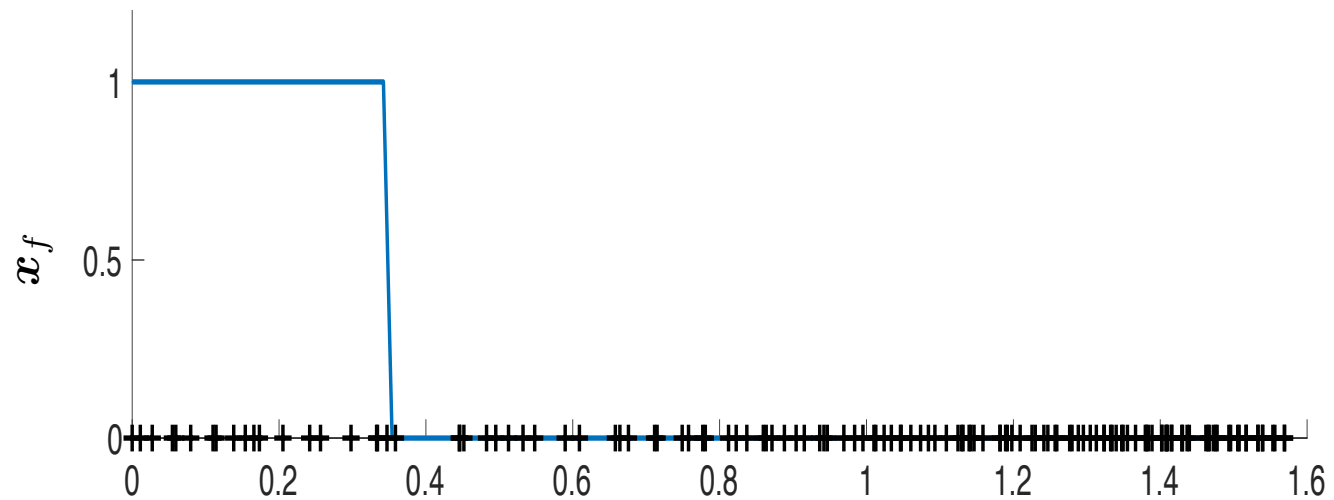
Decomposition of the (graph) signal  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  w.r.t. the orthonormal basis  $U$

$$x_f := U^H x \Leftrightarrow x =: U x_f$$



Field distribution

$x$  is the field values measured at mesh points



Laplacian eigenvalues  
(non-uniform discrete frequency grid)

# Graph filters

- **Graph filters** (polynomial of the *graph-shift* operator) can be used to modify the frequency content of graph signals

$$\mathbf{H} = \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} h_l \mathbf{S}^l = \mathbf{U} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} h_l \mathbf{\Lambda}^l \right) \mathbf{U}^H = \mathbf{U} \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}_f) \mathbf{U}^H$$

Shift invariant:  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{H}$  and distributable:  $x_l = \mathbf{S}x_{l-1}$

- **Vertex-domain** vs. **frequency-domain** implementation

Vertex-domain implementation:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$

Frequency-domain implementation:  $\mathbf{y}_f = \text{diag}(\mathbf{h}_f)\mathbf{x}_f$

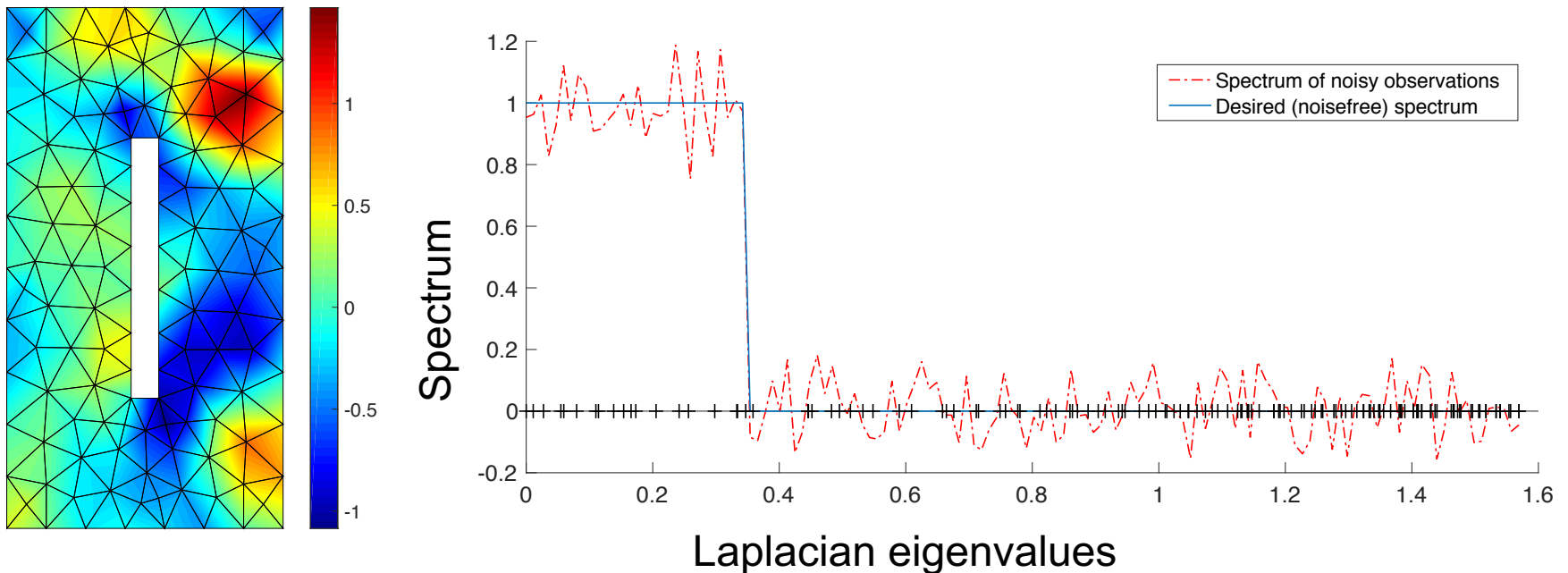
- No **fast GFT** implementations
- **Parametrized filter** implementation in the vertex-domain is possible

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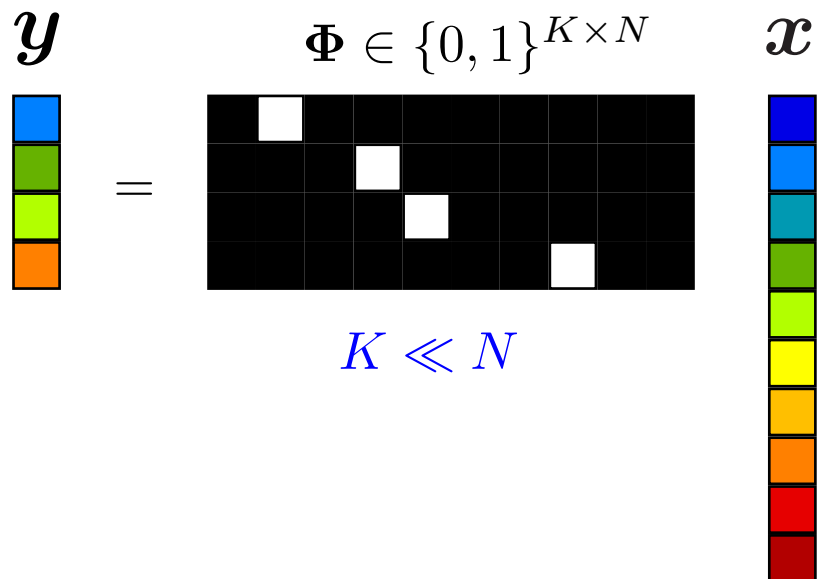
**Denoising example:**



# Graph Signal Sampling

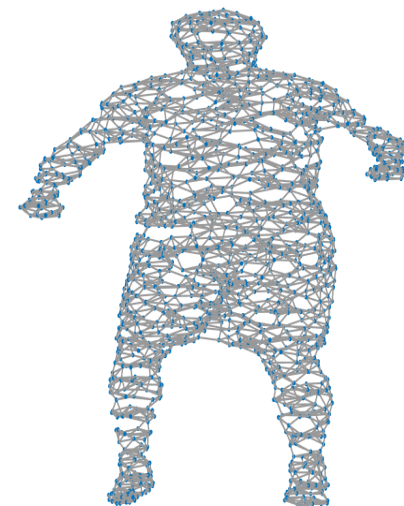
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# Sparse graph sampling



Given  $y$  estimate  $x$

graph signal



signal: 3D points, which are displacements of graph nodes



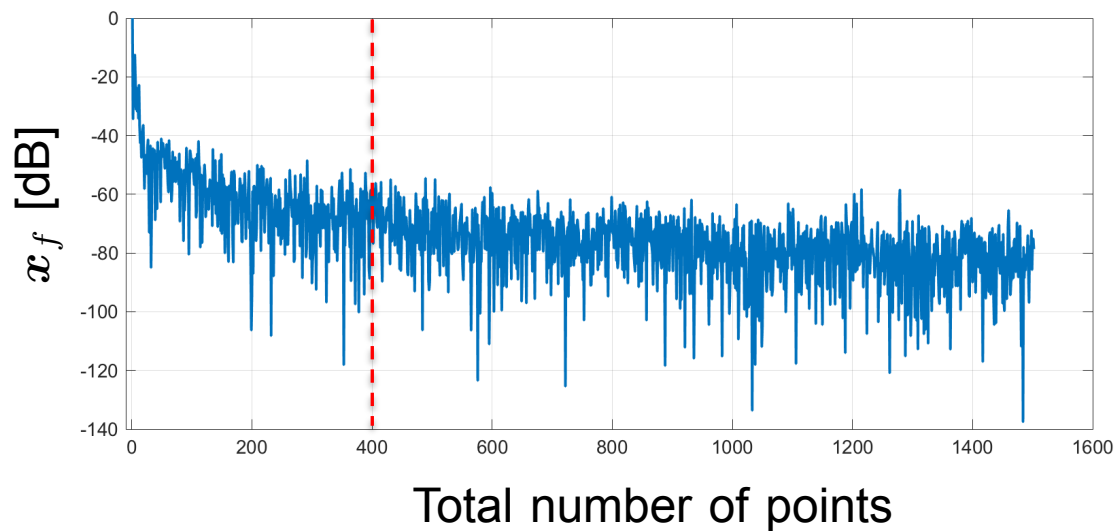
# Bandlimited graph signals – subspace prior

Suppose the support of the sparse  $x_f$  is known

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}_f = \left[ \mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}} \mid \star \right] \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f$$

$N \times L$  (pointing to  $\mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}}$ )       $L \times 1$  (pointing to  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f$ )

$\mathbf{x} \in \text{range}(\mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}})$  —a **known**  $L$ -dimensional subspace



# Bandlimited graph signals – subspace prior

With sparse sampling, we get  $K$  equations in  $L$  unknowns

$$\mathbf{y} = \Phi \mathbf{x} = \Phi \mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f$$

If the matrix  $\Phi \mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}}$  has full column rank, i.e,  $\text{range}(\mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}}) \cap \text{null}(\Phi) = \{0\}$ :

Least squares solution:  $\hat{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}_f = (\Phi \mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}})^\dagger \mathbf{y}$

Design of  $\Phi$  crucial for the least-squares solution to be unique

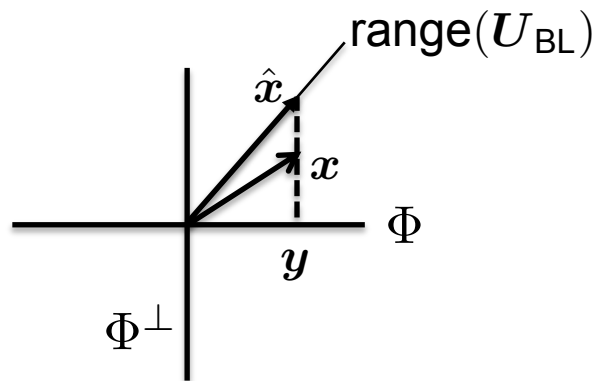
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$$y = \Phi x = \Phi U_{\text{BL}} \tilde{x}_f$$

- *Oblique projection* of  $x$  onto the  $\text{range}(U_{\text{BL}})$  and along the  $\text{null}(\Phi)$

$$\hat{x} = U_{\text{BL}} (U_{\text{BL}}^H \Phi^T \Phi U_{\text{BL}})^{-1} U_{\text{BL}}^H \Phi^T \Phi x = \mathbf{E}_{U_{\text{BL}} \Phi^\perp} x$$



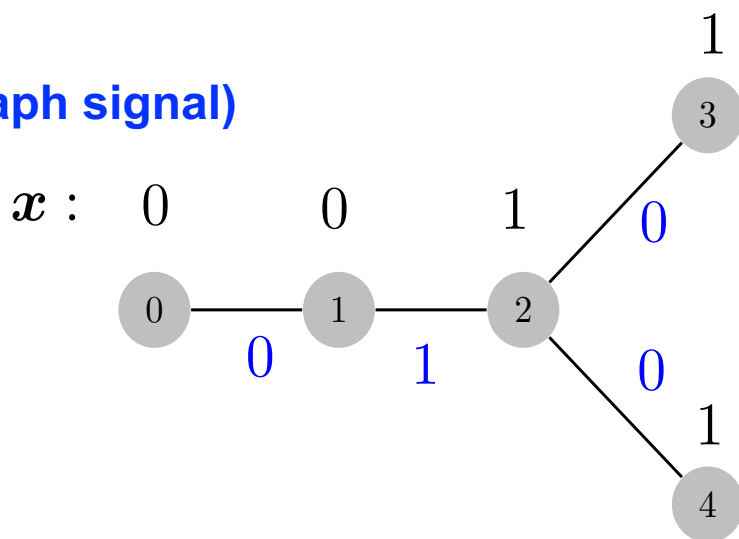
- A more interesting case, perhaps is, when the **support is not known!**

# Reconstruction with smoothness prior

- Assume  $x$  is smooth with respect to the underlying graph or has small

$$x^T L x = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} (x_i - x_j)^2$$

(graph signal)



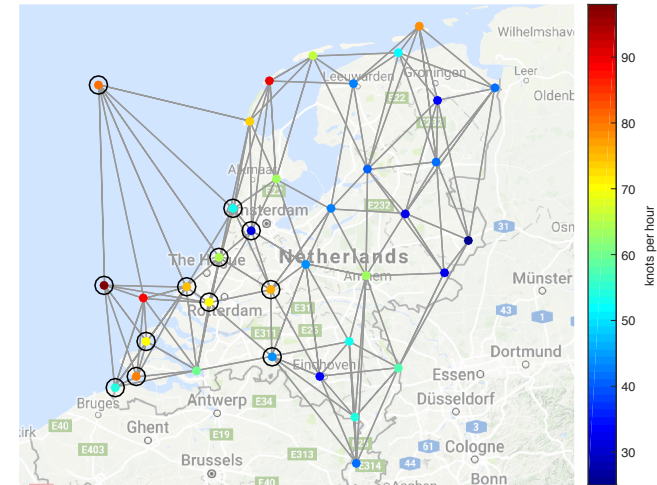
$$x^T L x = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} (x_i - x_j)^2 = 1$$

Sum of squares of differences across edges

# Reconstruction with smoothness prior

- When the prior subspace is not known, we can be **consistent** (cf. **interpolation**)

$$\Phi x = \Phi \hat{x}$$



- Assume  $x$  is smooth with respect to the underlying graph or has small
- Equality constrained quadratic program

$$\underset{x}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} x^H L x \quad \text{subject to} \quad \Phi x = y$$

Solution: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} L + \Phi^T \Phi & \Phi^T \\ \Phi & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi^T y \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

If  $\text{null}(L) \cap \text{null}(\Phi) = \{0\}$ , then  $\hat{x} = \tilde{L}(\Phi \tilde{L})^{-1} y$

$$\tilde{L} = (L + \Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T$$

# Sampling via graph filtering

## Sparse sampling in spectral domain:

- Suppose sampling operator collects the first  $K$  contiguous frequencies
- Sampling and interpolation operations can be implemented via graph filters

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{H}_{\text{interp}} \mathbf{H}_{\text{samp}} \mathbf{x}.$$

### ➤ Subspace prior

$$\Phi = \mathbf{E}_K \mathbf{U}^H \Rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\text{samp}} = \Phi^H \Phi = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{E}_K^T \mathbf{E}_K \mathbf{U}^H \quad \mathbf{E}_K = [\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_K]$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{interp}} = \mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}} \mathbf{H}_{f,\text{interp}} \mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}}^H \quad \mathbf{H}_{f,\text{interp}}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}}^H \mathbf{H}_{\text{samp}} \mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}} \text{ (diagonal)}$$

### ➤ Smoothness prior

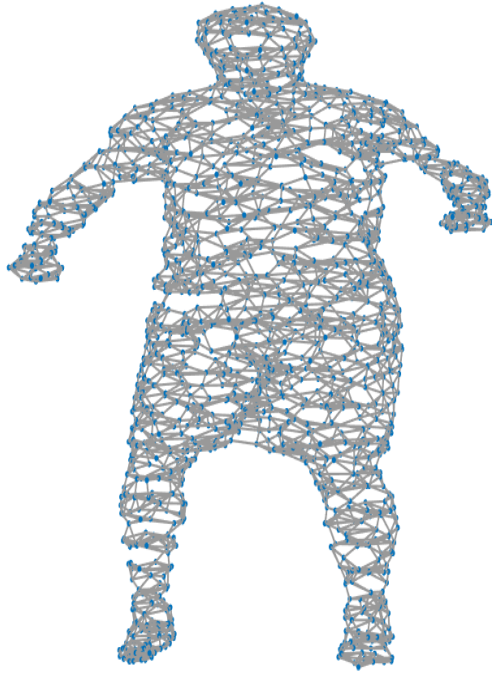
$$\mathbf{H}_{f,\text{samp}} = \mathbf{E}_K^T [\mathbf{E}_K (\Lambda + \mathbf{E}_K^T \mathbf{E}_K)^{-1} \mathbf{E}_K^T]^{-1} \mathbf{E}_K \text{ (diagonal)}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{interp}} = \mathbf{U} (\Lambda + \mathbf{E}_K^T \mathbf{E}_K)^{-1} \mathbf{U}^H$$

diagonal matrix



# Numerical experiments



Graph (K-nearest neighbor)



Original signal (3D points)

$N = 1502, K = 600, K/N \approx 40\%$  compression

# Numerical experiments



Original signal

$N = 1502$ ,  $K = 600$ ,  $K/N \approx 40\%$  compression



Subspace prior



Smoothness prior



# Kernel-based reconstruction

- Popular within machine learning for **nonlinear function estimation**
- Kernel methods seek an estimation of a function in a **reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS)**

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ x : x(v) = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n k(v, v_n), \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

 **basis functions**

**Kernel map**  $k : \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$k(v_n, v_m)$  measures similarity between signal values at  $v_n$  and  $v_m$

- Any graph signal can be assumed to be in RKHS

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

$$[\mathbf{K}]_{n,m} = k(v_n, v_m)$$

# Kernel-based reconstruction

*RKHS inner product of*  $x(v) = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n k(v, v_n)$  and  $x'(v) = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha'_n k(v, v_n)$

$$\langle x, x' \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{n'=1}^N \alpha_n \alpha'_{n'} k(v_n, v_{n'}) = \boldsymbol{\alpha}'^T \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

*RKHS-based function estimator can be used to reconstruct signals*

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^N} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{y}, \Phi \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\alpha}) + \mu \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

promotes smoothness

Or, equivalently

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{H}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{y}, \Phi \mathbf{x}) + \mu \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{K}^\dagger \mathbf{x}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}^T \mathbf{K} \mathbf{K}^\dagger \mathbf{K} \boldsymbol{\alpha}$$

$\mathcal{L}(\cdot)$  is a loss function

# Kernel-based reconstruction – ridge regression

- Parameterization via *representer theorem*

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^T \bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \quad \bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

*Terms corresponding to unobserved vertices play no role in kernel expansion*

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} = \arg \min_{\bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \in \mathbb{R}^K} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{y}, \bar{\mathbf{K}}\bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}) + \mu \bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}\bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \quad \bar{\mathbf{K}} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}\mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^T$$

- Kernel ridge regression

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} &= \arg \min_{\bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \in \mathbb{R}^K} \frac{1}{K} \|\mathbf{y} - \bar{\mathbf{K}}\bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}\|^2 + \mu \bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^T \bar{\mathbf{K}}\bar{\boldsymbol{\alpha}} \\ &= (\bar{\mathbf{K}} + \mu K\mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{K}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^T (\bar{\mathbf{K}} + \mu K\mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

# Kernel-based reconstruction

## Choice of kernels

- Graph bandlimited kernels

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f$$

- Other topology-based kernel (promotes smooth signal estimates)

$$\mathbf{K} = r^\dagger(\mathbf{L}) = \mathbf{U} r^\dagger(\mathbf{\Lambda}) \mathbf{U}^T$$

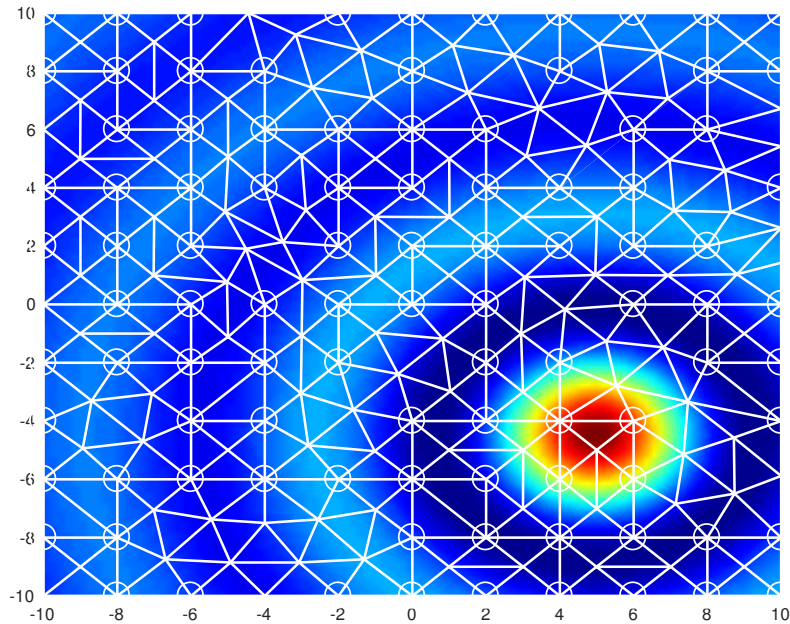
$$r : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$\text{Diffusion kernel: } r(\lambda) = \exp\{\sigma^2 \lambda / 2\}$$

$$p\text{-step random walk kernel: } r(\lambda) = (a - \lambda)^{-p}, a \geq 2$$

$$\text{Laplacian (regularization) kernel: } r(\lambda) = 1 + \sigma^2 \lambda$$

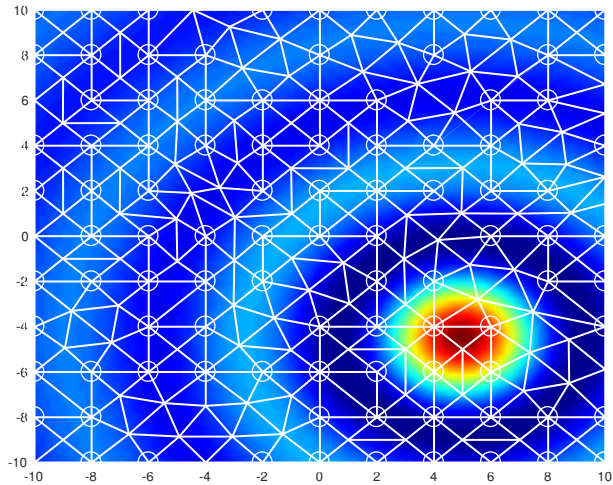
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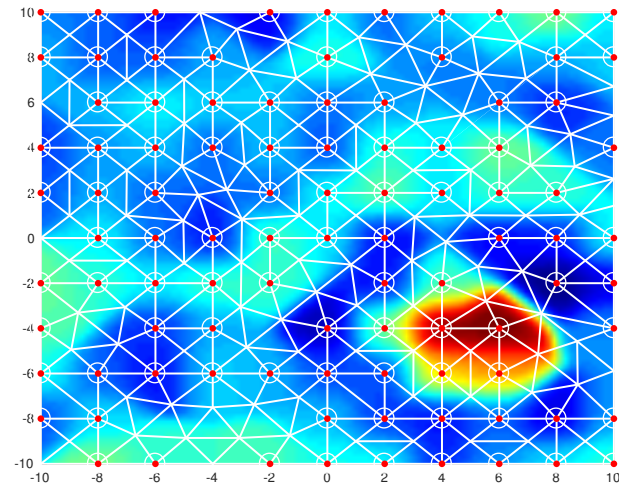
Wave field

- 2-D field estimation
- Rectangular domain of  $10 \times 10\text{m}$
- Source located at coordinates  $(x, y) = (5, -4.5)$
- Noise covariance  $\Sigma = \text{Toeplitz}\{1, \rho, \dots, \rho^{N-1}\}$ .
- Gaussian radial basis kernel with  $\sigma = 0.8$ .

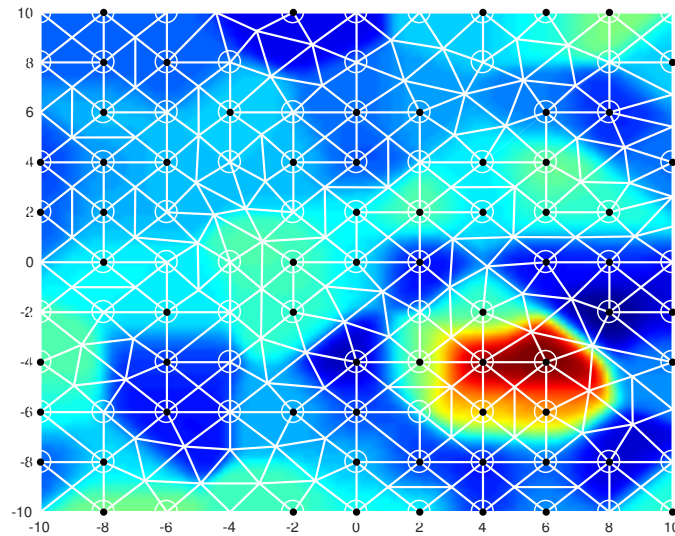
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Ground truth

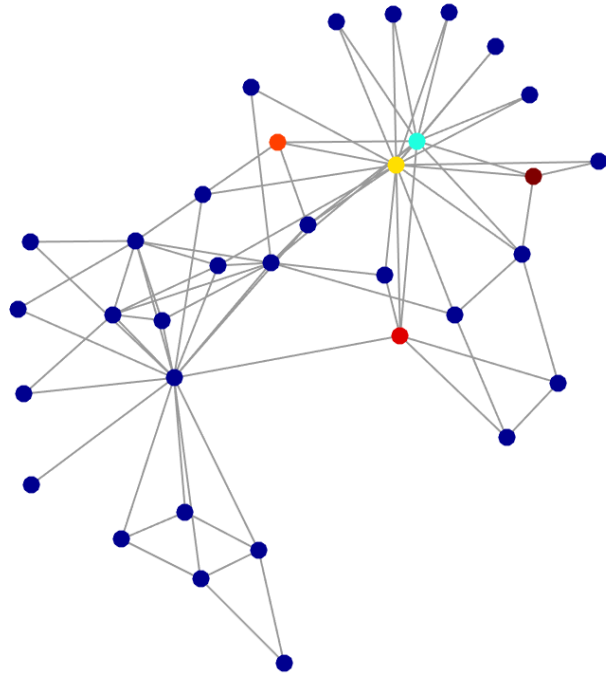


No subsampling (N=97)

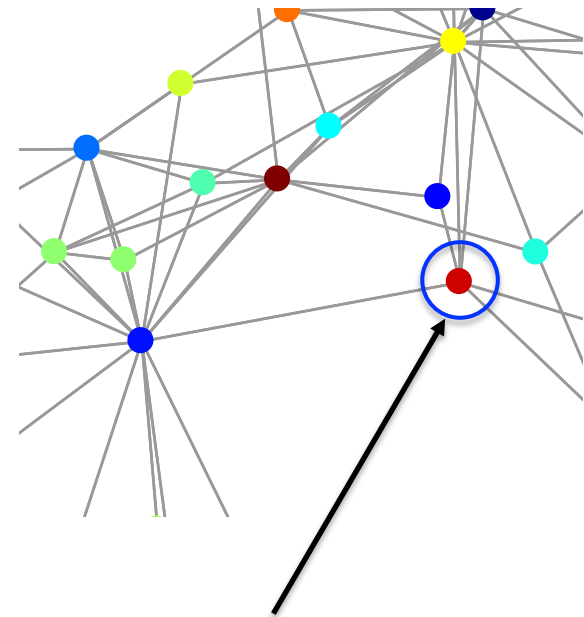


Measured 67 out of 97 mesh points

# Diffusion processes on networks



Diffusion on networks



**Can we reconstruct a graph signal from observations at a single node?**

# Linear dynamics on networks

- Information flow to a node from its neighbors

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{S}\mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{x}u_{k-1}$$

$$y_k = \mathbf{e}_i^T \mathbf{x}_k$$

sample node  $i$

$$\mathbf{x}_{-1} = 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{x}$$

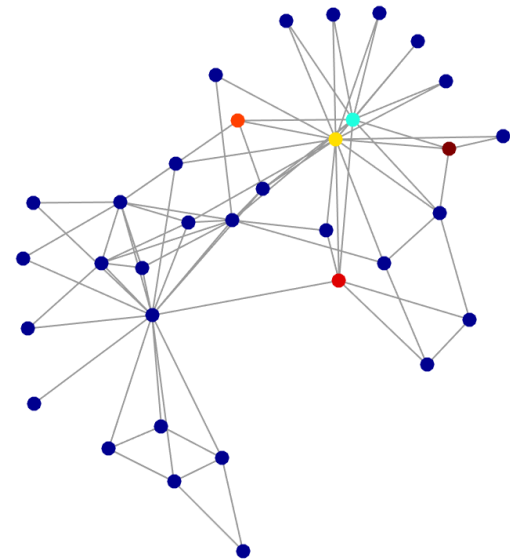
$$u_{k-1} = \delta[k] \text{ (Kronecker delta)}$$

$\mathbf{e}_i$  is the  $i$ th column of the identity matrix

- Given observations  $\mathbf{y} = \{y_0, \dots, y_{K-1}\}$  estimate  $\mathbf{x}$

$K$  is the number of shifts applied

Linear network dynamics





# Linear dynamics on networks

- At the observed node

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} e_i^T \\ e_i^T \mathbf{S} \\ \vdots \\ e_i^T \mathbf{S}^{K-1} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} e_i^T \\ e_i^T \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^H \\ \vdots \\ e_i^T \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{K-1} \mathbf{U}^H \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

$$= \mathbf{V} \text{diag}[\underline{\mathbf{u}}] \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V} \text{diag}[\underline{\mathbf{u}}] \mathbf{x}_f$$

Spectral response

$$\underline{\mathbf{u}} = e_i^T \mathbf{U} \text{ and } [\mathbf{V}]_{i,j} = \lambda_j^{i-1} \text{ (Vandermonde)}$$

- Aggregation sampling is natural while observing time domain signals

# Linear dynamics on networks

Recall bandlimitedness:

- Suppose the support of the sparse  $x_f$  is known

$$x = Ux_f = \left[ U_{\text{BL}} \mid \star \right] \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_f \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow x = U_{\text{BL}} \tilde{x}_f$$

- The observations at *node*  $i$  will then be

$$y = V \text{diag}[\underline{u}] x_f = V \text{diag}[\underline{u}] E_L \tilde{x}_f = V_{\text{BL}} \tilde{x}_f$$

$$E_L = [e_1, \dots, e_L]$$

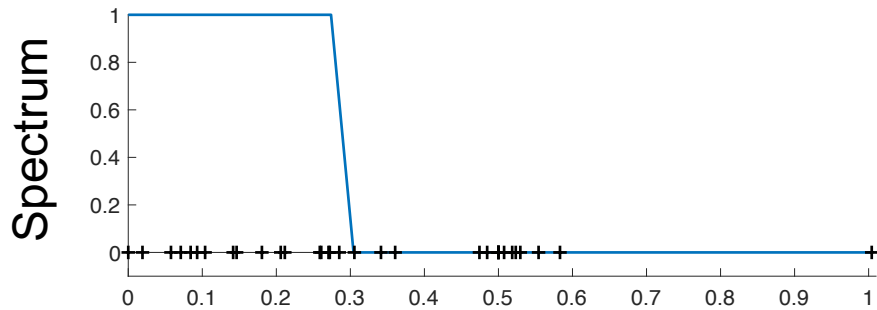
- If the matrix  $V_{\text{BL}}$  has full column rank, which requires  $K \geq L$ :

Least squares solution:  $\hat{\tilde{x}}_f = V_{\text{BL}}^\dagger y$

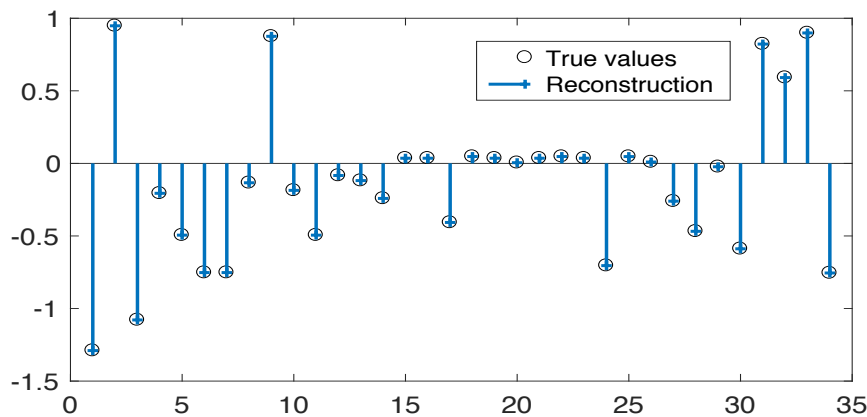
# of shifts



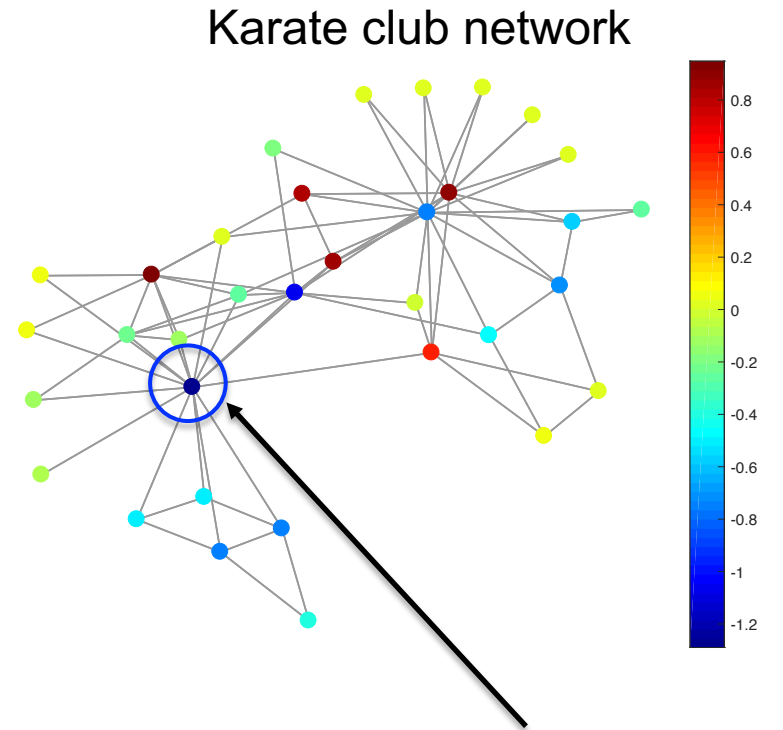
# Numerical experiments



Laplacian eigenvalues



Node index



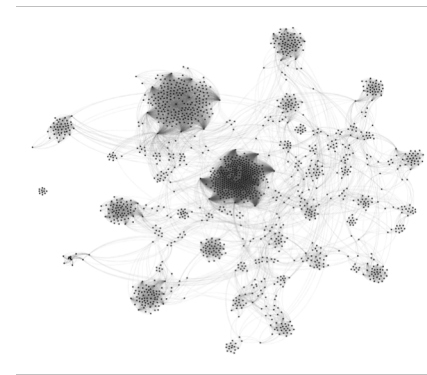
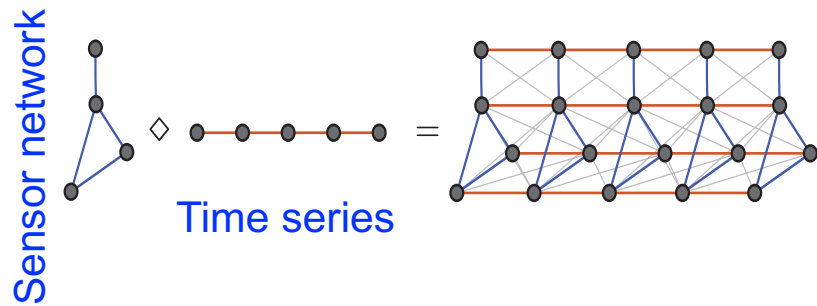
Observed node for  $K$  shifts

- Although reconstruction possible by **observing a single node**, system gets quickly **ill conditioned** (very sensitive to noise).
- Combining observations from a few more nodes might improve conditioning

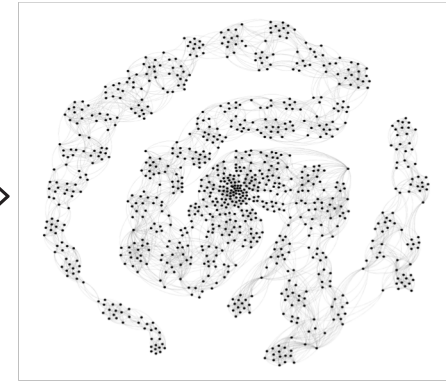
# Product Graph Sampling

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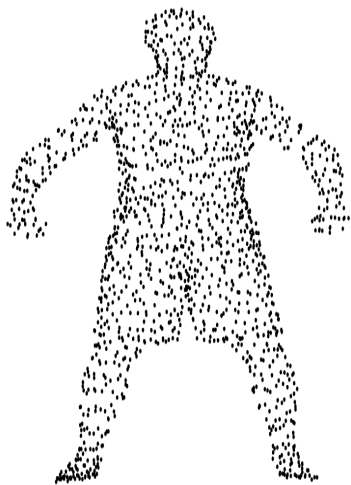
# Sparse sampling on multigraph domains



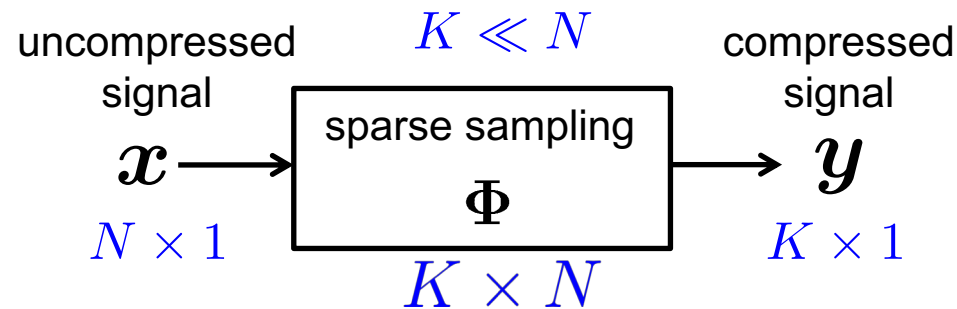
Movie graph



Social network

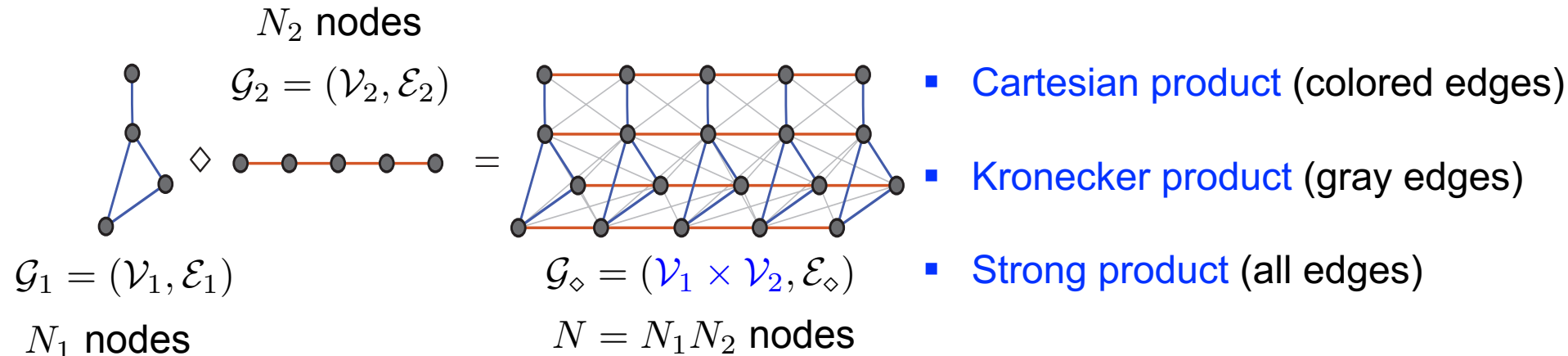


Dynamic 3D point cloud



Given  $\mathbf{y}$  estimate  $\mathbf{x}$

# Product graphs



➤ Let us represent  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$  with the graph-shift operators

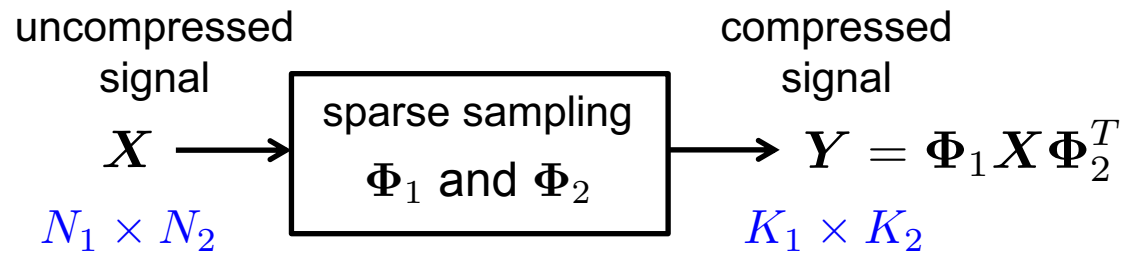
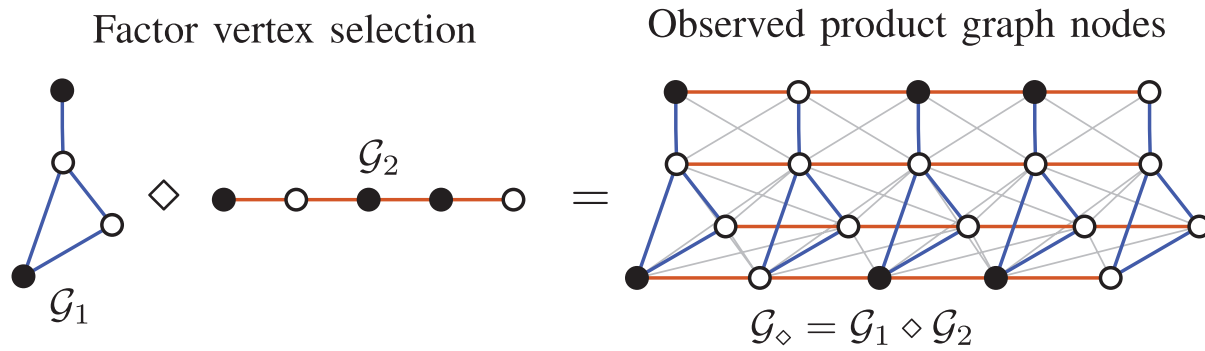
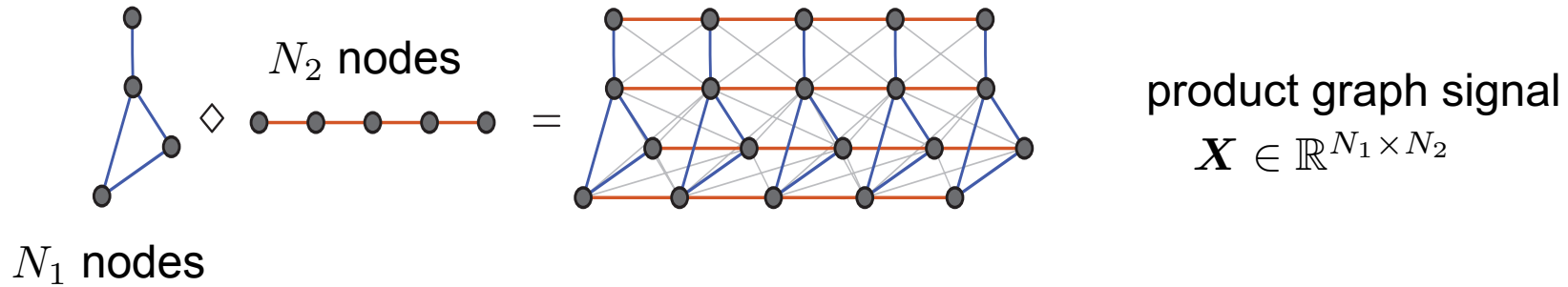
$$\mathbf{S}_1 = \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{\Lambda}_1 \mathbf{U}_1^H \in \mathbb{R}^{N_1 \times N_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{S}_2 = \mathbf{U}_2 \mathbf{\Lambda}_2 \mathbf{U}_2^H \in \mathbb{R}^{N_2 \times N_2}$$

➤ The **product graph**  $\mathcal{G}_\diamond$  has the graph-shift operator

$$\mathbf{S}_\diamond = (\mathbf{U}_1 \otimes \mathbf{U}_2) \mathbf{\Lambda}_\diamond (\mathbf{U}_1 \otimes \mathbf{U}_2)^H \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$$

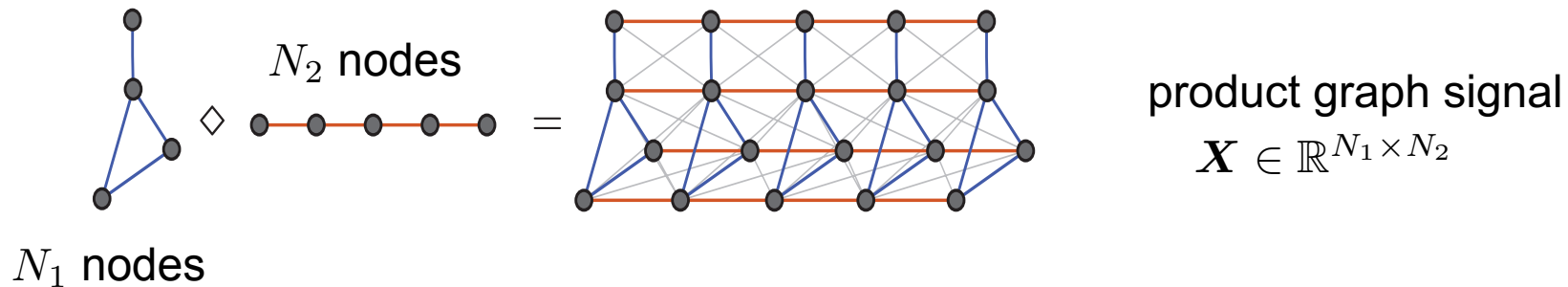
$\mathbf{\Lambda}_\diamond$  is a diagonal matrix that depends on  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$ , and the type of product

# Product graph signals: The sampling problem



Given  $\mathbf{Y}$  estimate  $\mathbf{X}$

# Product graph signal



- Product graph signal  $\mathbf{X}$  may be decomposed w.r.t.  $\mathbf{U}_1$  and  $\mathbf{U}_2$  as

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{X}_f \mathbf{U}_2^T \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{U}_1 \otimes \mathbf{U}_2) \mathbf{x}_f$$

- More generally, for  $R$ th-order product graph, we have a graph (tensor) signal

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_f \bullet_1 \mathbf{U}_1 \bullet_2 \mathbf{U}_2 \cdots \bullet_R \mathbf{U}_R \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{U}_1 \otimes \mathbf{U}_2 \cdots \otimes \mathbf{U}_R) \mathbf{x}_f$$

$$\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_1 \times N_2 \cdots \times N_R}$$



# Bandlimited product graph signals

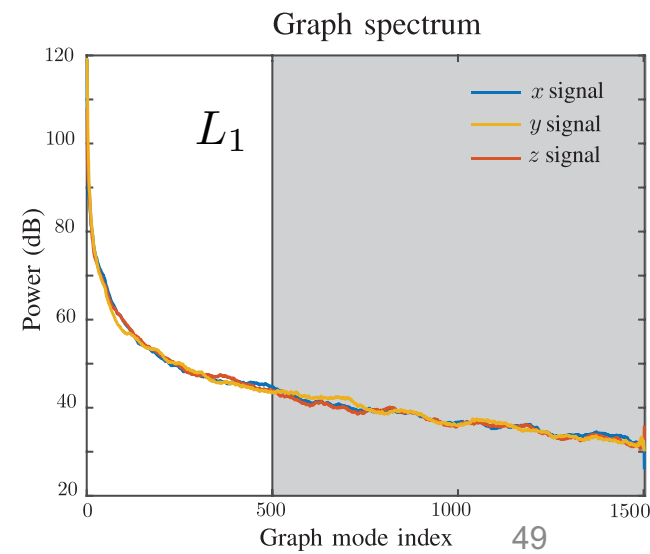
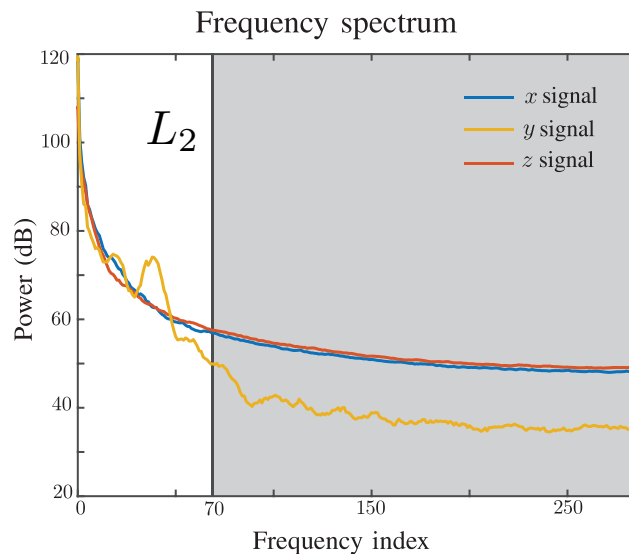
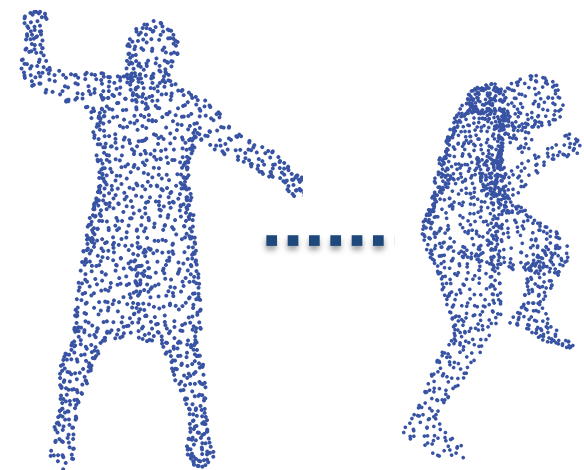
- Suppose the support of the sparse  $x_f$  is known

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{X}_f \mathbf{U}_2^T = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 & \star \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_f & \mathbf{0} \\ \hline \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_2^T \\ \hline \star \end{array} \right]$$

↖  $N_1 \times L_1$ 
↗  $L_2 \times N_2$

or

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{U}_1 \otimes \mathbf{U}_2) \mathbf{x}_f = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} (\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_2) & \star \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f \\ \hline \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right]$$



# Bandlimited product graph signals

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- We can reconstruct the product graph signal from **subsampled observations** since

$$N_1 N_2 \gg L_1 L_2 \text{ and } \text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_2) = \text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1) \text{rank}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_2)$$

# Reconstruction with subspace prior

With sparse sampling, we get  $K_1 K_2$  equations in  $L_1 L_2$  unknowns

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{y} &= \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \Phi_1(\mathbf{w}_1) & \Phi_2(\mathbf{w}_2) \\ \text{[Sparse Matrix } K_1 \times N_1 \text{]} \otimes \text{[Sparse Matrix } K_2 \times N_2 \text{]} & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \tilde{U}_1 \\ \tilde{U}_2 \end{array} \right] \\ \text{[ } K_1 \times N_1 \text{]} \otimes \text{[ } K_2 \times N_2 \text{]} & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{[ } L_1 \times L_2 \text{]} \\ \text{[ } L_1 \times L_2 \text{]} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right] \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f
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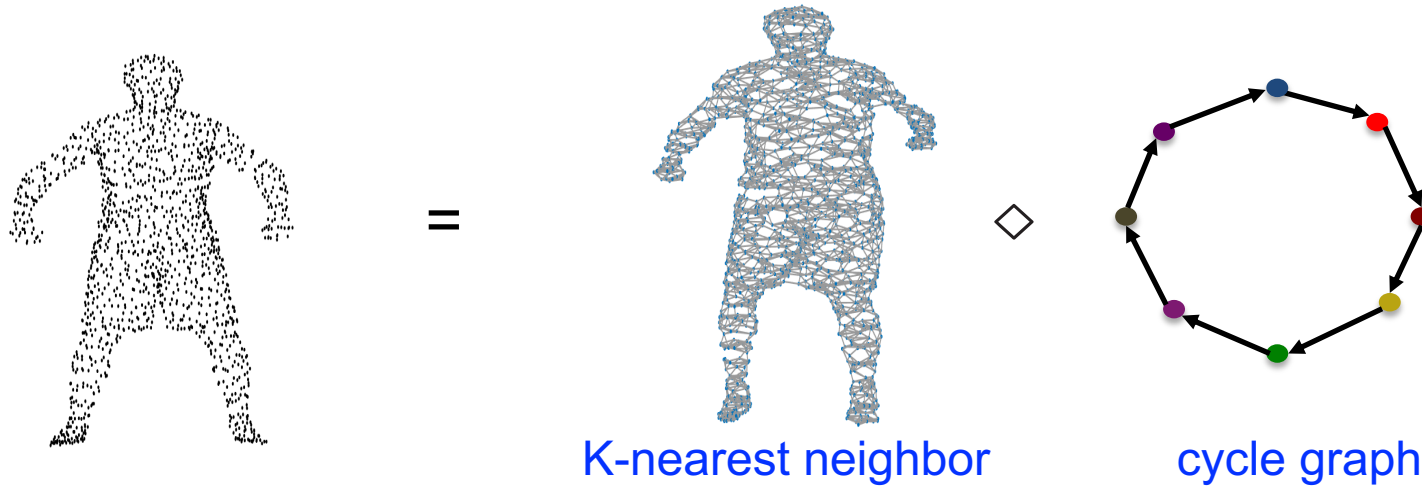
$$= \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \text{[ } K_1 \times N_1 \text{]} & \left[ \begin{array}{c} \tilde{U}_1 \\ \tilde{U}_2 \end{array} \right] \otimes \text{[ } K_2 \times N_2 \text{]} & \text{[ } L_1 \times L_2 \text{]} \end{array} \right] \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f$$

For unique reconstruction, we require  $K_1 \geq L_1$  and  $K_2 \geq L_2$

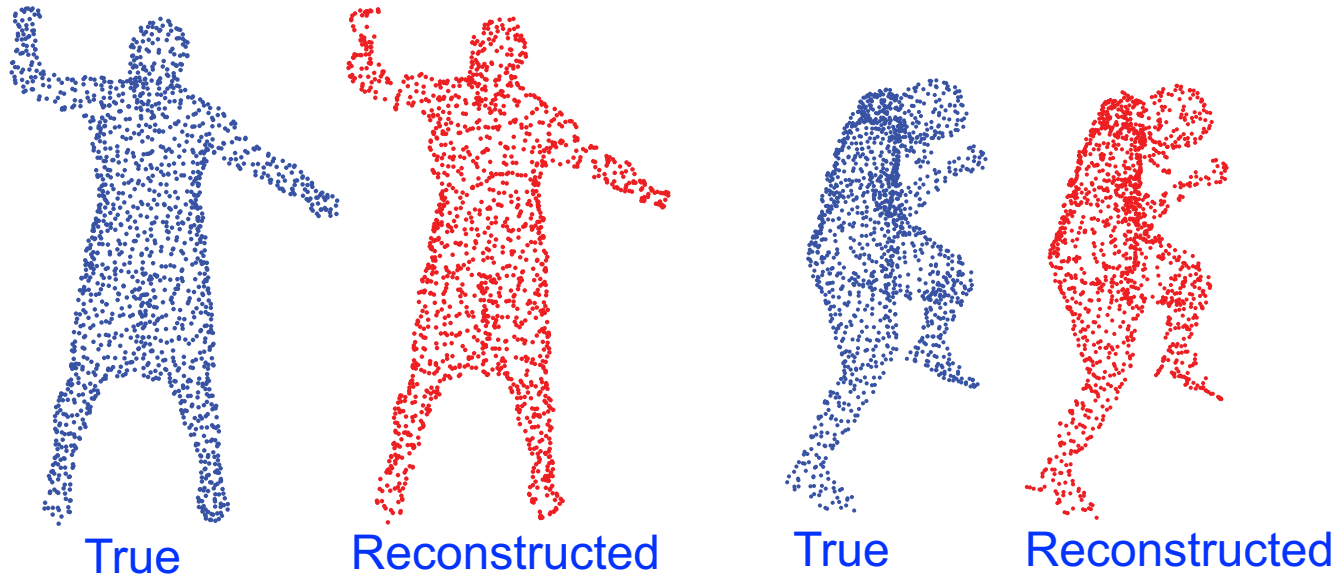
Least squares solution:  $\hat{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}_f = [(\Phi_1 \mathbf{U}_1)^\dagger \otimes (\Phi_2 \mathbf{U}_2)^\dagger] \mathbf{y}$

Design of  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  is crucial for the least-squares solution to be unique

# Numerical experiments – dynamic 3D point cloud

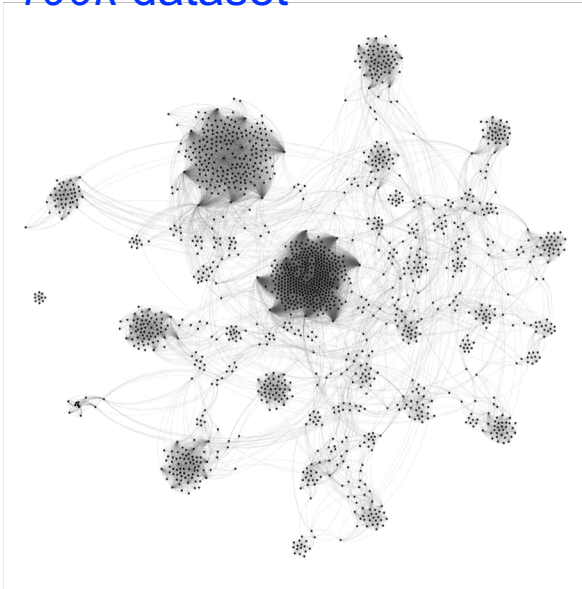


- 1502 markers, 573 frames. Product graph has 850000 vertices
- We sample 500 spatial points, and 70 time frames

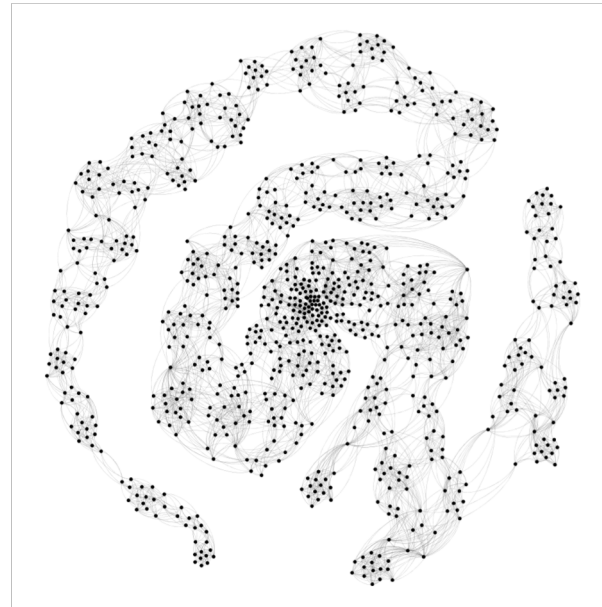


# Numerical experiments – recommender system

MovieLens 100k dataset



Movie graph (1682 movies)

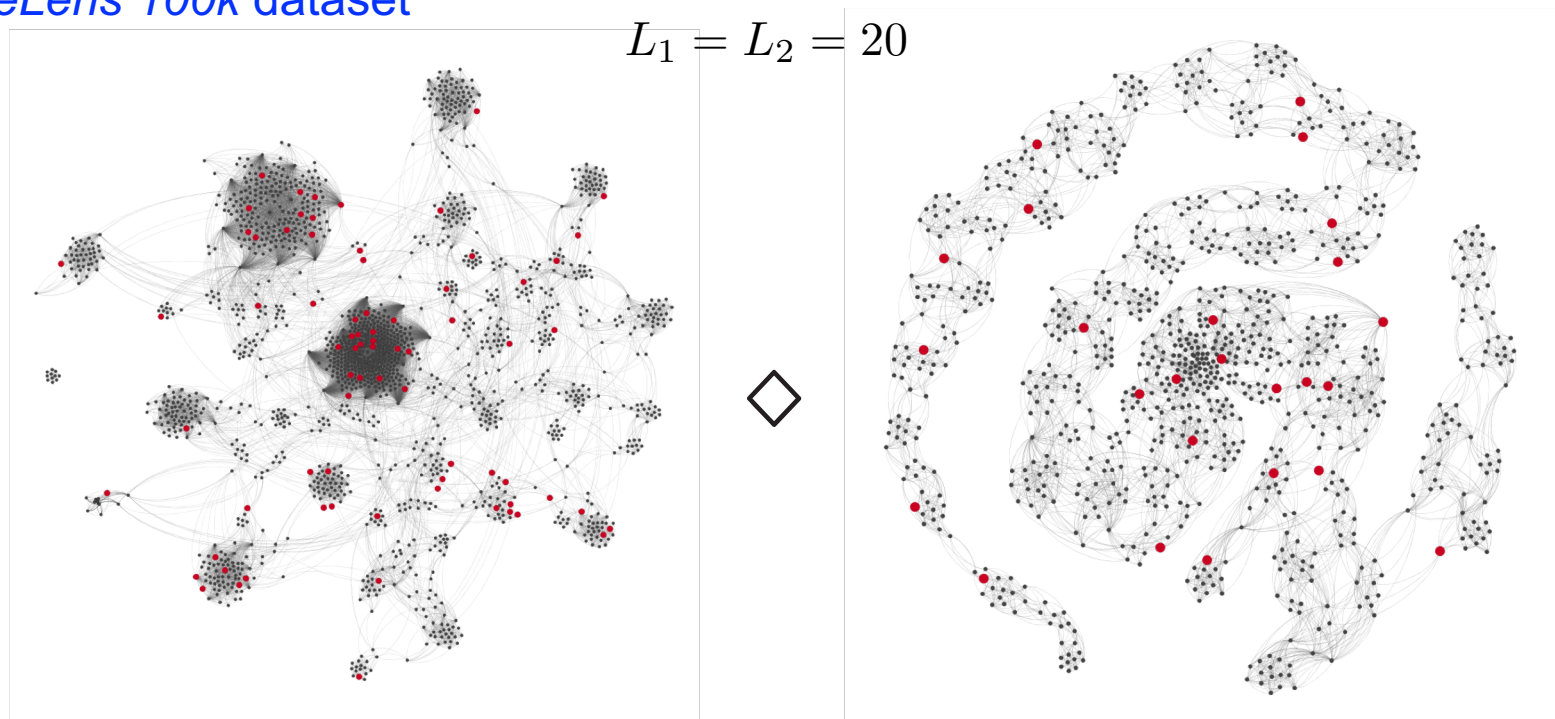


User graph (942 users)

- Product graph has about 1.6 million nodes
- Features used to build both the graphs (available with the dataset)
- Standard problem: Complete rating matrix using graph prior.
- Active learning: Which users to probe for which movies?

# Numerical experiments – recommender system

MovieLens 100k dataset



Movie graph

**75 movies** sampled out of **1682 movies**

User graph

**25 users** sampled out of **942 users**

State-of-the-art  
matrix completion methods

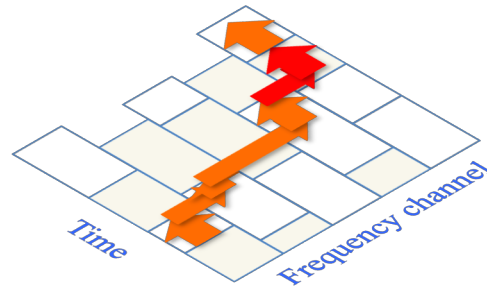
Method	Number of samples	RMSE
GMC [26]	80,000	0.996
GRALS [27]	80,000	0.945
sRGCNN [29]	80,000	0.929
GC-MC [30]	80,000	<b>0.905</b>
Our method	<b>1,875</b>	0.9347

# Graph Covariance Sampling

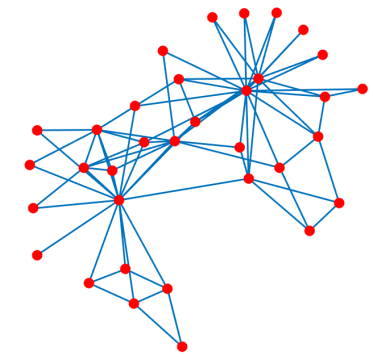
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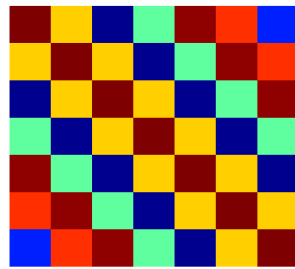
spatial spectrum



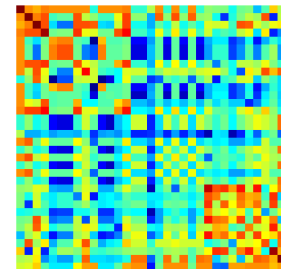
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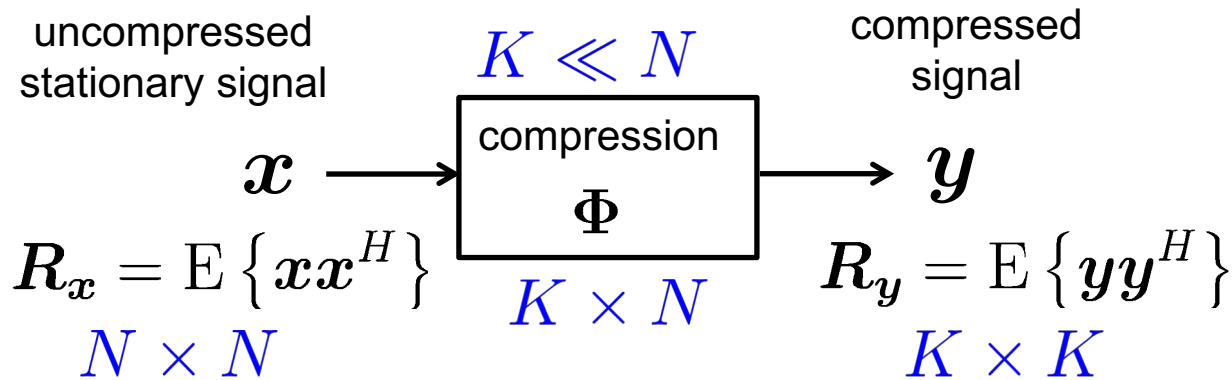
graph spectrum



structured (Toeplitz)



no apparent structure



Given  $\mathbf{R}_y$  or several realizations of  $\mathbf{y}$  estimate  $\mathbf{R}_x$



# Compressive covariance sensing

$$\underset{K^2 \times 1}{\mathbf{r}_y} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{R}_y) = \text{vec}(\Phi \mathbf{R}_x \Phi^T) = (\Phi \otimes \Phi) \underset{N^2 \times 1}{\text{vec}(\mathbf{R}_x)}$$

➤ Suppose the covariance matrix  $\mathbf{R}_x$  has a linear structure



Toeplitz



Banded



Circulant

$$\mathbf{R}_x(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^Q \theta_i \mathbf{Q}_i \longrightarrow \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{compression} \\ \Phi \end{array}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}_y(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^Q \theta_i \Phi \mathbf{Q}_i \Phi^T$$

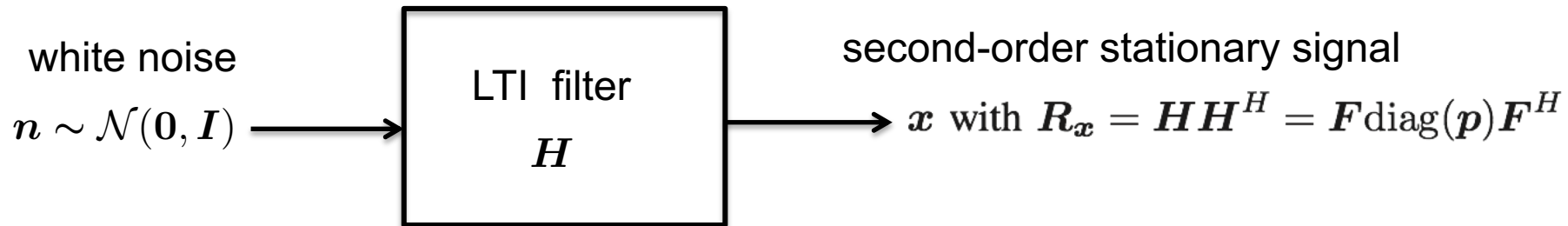
➤ If  $K^2 > Q$  :  $\mathbf{r}_y = (\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi \boldsymbol{\theta} \xrightarrow{\text{least squares}} \boldsymbol{\theta} = [(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi]^\dagger \mathbf{r}_y$

Design of  $\Phi$  crucial for the solution to be unique

# Second-order stationarity in time

Filtering white noise:

- Signal is the output of an LTI filter excited with white noise



- The covariance matrix is diagonalized by the Fourier matrix

$$R_x = F \text{diag}(\mathbf{p}) F^H$$

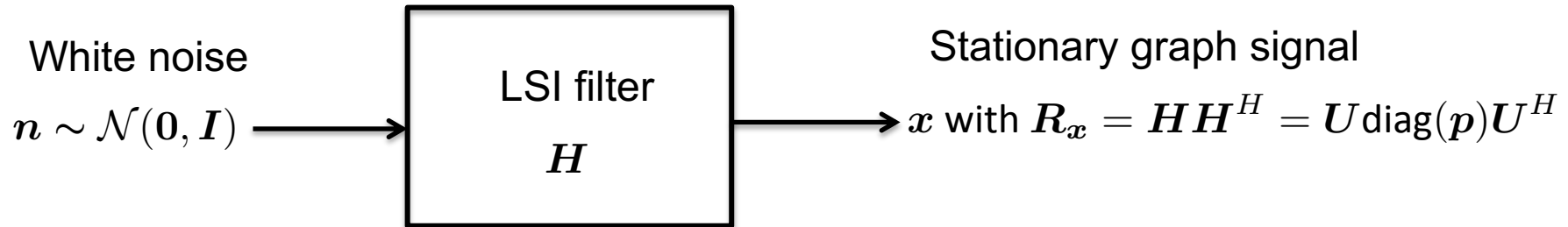
The process has power spectral density

$$\mathbf{p} = \text{diag}(F^H R_x F)$$

# Stationary graph signals

## Filtering white noise:

- A random graph signal  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  is second-order stationary:

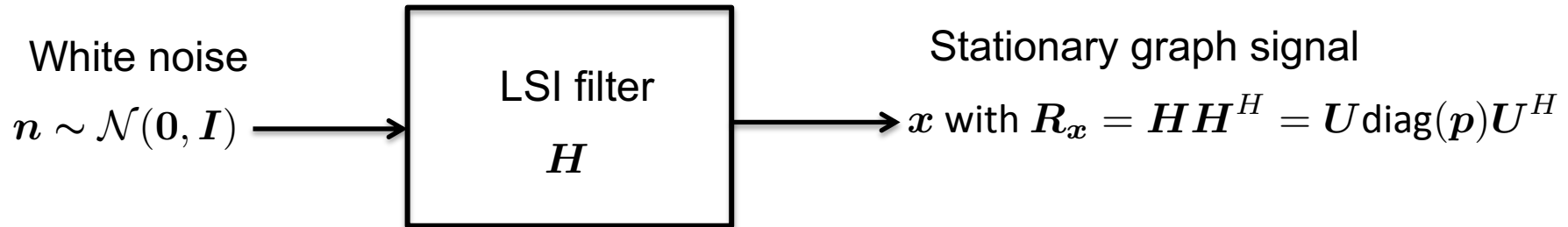


- The filter should be shift invariant  $H(Sx) = S(Hx) \Leftrightarrow H = U \text{diag}(h_f)U^H$

# Stationary graph signals

## Filtering white noise:

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## Simultaneous diagonalization:

$$S = U \Lambda U^H \quad R_x = U \text{diag}(\mathbf{p})U^H$$

- The process has **power spectral density**

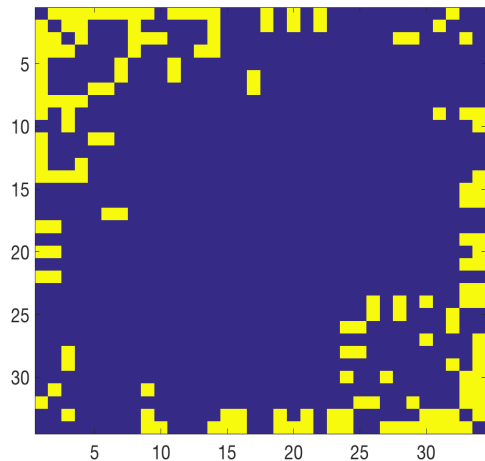
$$\mathbf{p} = \text{diag}(U^H R_x U)$$

## Remark (second-order stationarity in time):

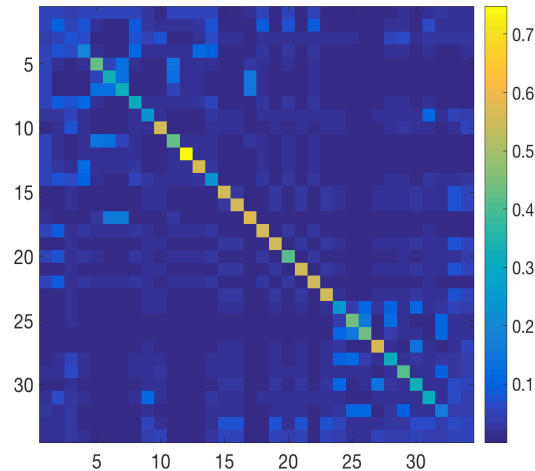
$R_x$  is a circulant matrix, which can be diagonalized by the DFT matrix

# Stationary graph signals

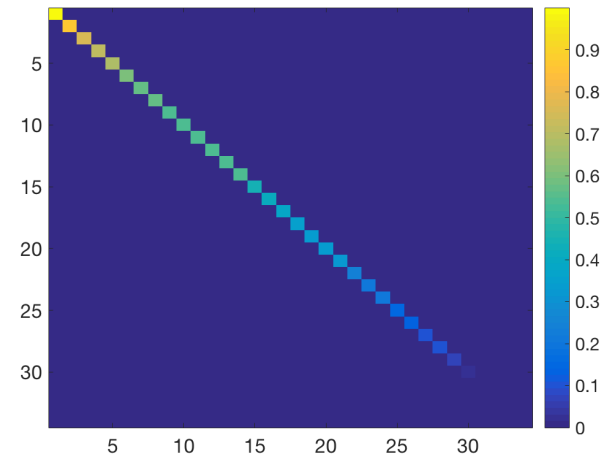
- Stationary process  $\boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$  on a graph shift  $\mathcal{S}$



Adjacency matrix  
(Karate club network)



Covariance matrix



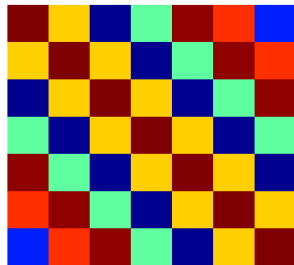
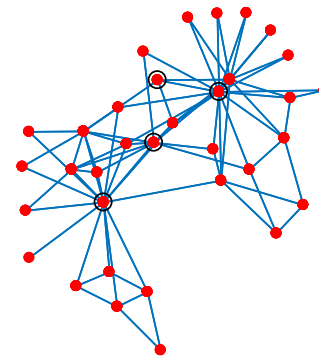
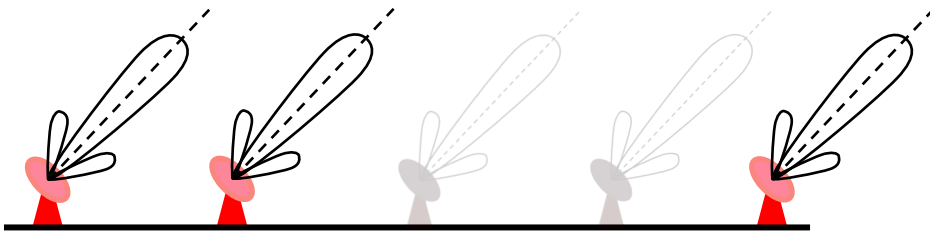
Spectral domain  
 $U^H R_x U$

Power spectrum estimation is crucial for statistical inference  
smoothing, prediction, deconvolution

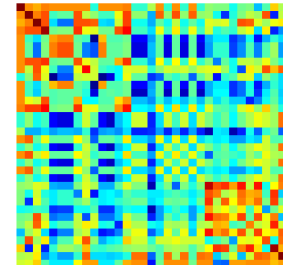
# Power spectrum estimation

Estimate the power spectrum

- by observing a reduced subset of nodes/sensors (i.e., subsample)
- without using spectral priors (e.g., sparsity, bandlimited with known support)



structured (Toeplitz)



no apparent structure

# Non-parametric method

- The covariance again admits **a linear structure**

$$\mathbf{R}_x = \mathbf{U} \text{diag}(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{U}^H \quad \mathbf{R}_x = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^H = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \mathbf{Q}_i$$

- After compression:

$$\mathbf{R}_x = \sum_{i=1}^N p_i \mathbf{Q}_i \longrightarrow \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{compression} \\ \Phi \end{array}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}_y = \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \Phi \mathbf{Q}_k \Phi^T$$

- We have  $K^2$  equations in  $N$  unknowns

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_y = \text{vec}(\mathbf{R}_y) &= (\Phi \otimes \Phi) \text{vec}(\mathbf{R}_x) \\ &= (\Phi \otimes \Phi) (\mathbf{U} \circ \mathbf{U}) \mathbf{p} \\ &= (\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi_{\text{NP}} \mathbf{p} \end{aligned}$$

$\text{vec}(A \text{diag}(d) B) = (B^T \circ A) d$

- If the matrix  $(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi_{\text{NP}}$  has full column rank, which requires  $K^2 \geq N$

$$\hat{\mathbf{p}} = [(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi_{\text{NP}}]^\dagger \mathbf{r}_y$$

# Parametric method (moving average)

- Graph signal is a moving average graph process of order  $L - 1$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{h})\mathbf{n} = \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} h_l \mathbf{S}^l \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{U} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} h_l \mathbf{\Lambda}^l \right) \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{n}$$

with covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{R}_x = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{h})\mathbf{H}^H(\mathbf{h}) = \mathbf{U} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{L-1} h_l \mathbf{\Lambda}^l \right)^2 \mathbf{U}^H$$

- We can express  $\mathbf{R}_x$  as a *matrix polynomial* of the *graph-shift* operator

$$\mathbf{R}_x(\mathbf{b}) = \sum_{k=0}^{Q-1} b_k \mathbf{S}^k$$

Covariance matching (*basis expansion*):  $Q = \underbrace{\min\{2L - 1, N\}}_{\text{degree of minimal polynomial of the graph-shift}}$

For,  $L = 2$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_x = h_0^2 \mathbf{I} + 2h_0 h_1 \mathbf{S} + h_1^2 \mathbf{S}^2$



# Parametric method (moving average)

- For a **moving average graph process** on an **undirected graph** we have

$$\mathbf{R}_x = \sum_{k=0}^{Q-1} b_k \mathbf{S}^k \quad Q = \min\{2L - 1, N\}$$

- After compression:

$$\mathbf{R}_x = \sum_{k=0}^{Q-1} b_k \mathbf{S}^k \longrightarrow \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{compression} \\ \Phi \end{array}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}_y = \sum_{k=0}^{Q-1} b_k \Phi \mathbf{S}^k \Phi^T$$

- We have  $K^2$  equations in  $Q$  unknowns

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_y = \text{vec}(\mathbf{R}_y) &= (\Phi \otimes \Phi) \text{vec}(\mathbf{R}_x) \\ &= (\Phi \otimes \Phi) [\text{vec}(\mathbf{S}^0), \dots, \text{vec}(\mathbf{S}^{Q-1})] \mathbf{b} \\ &= (\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi_{\text{MA}} \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

- If the matrix  $(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi_{\text{MA}}$  has full column rank, which requires  $K^2 \geq Q$

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} = [(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi_{\text{MA}}]^\dagger \mathbf{r}_y$$

# Parametric approach (AR)

- For an **autoregressive graph** process we have (cf. Yule-Walker)

$$\mathbf{R}_x = \sum_{k=1}^P a_k \mathbf{S}^k \mathbf{R}_x + \mathbf{R}_{n_x} \approx \sum_{k=1}^P a_k \mathbf{S}^k \mathbf{R}_x$$

- After compression:

$$\mathbf{R}_x \approx \sum_{k=1}^P a_k \mathbf{S}^k \mathbf{R}_x \longrightarrow \boxed{\begin{array}{c} \text{compression} \\ \Phi \end{array}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}_y \approx \sum_{k=1}^P a_k \Phi \mathbf{S}^k \mathbf{R}_x \Phi^T$$

- We have  $K^2$  equations in  $Q$  unknowns

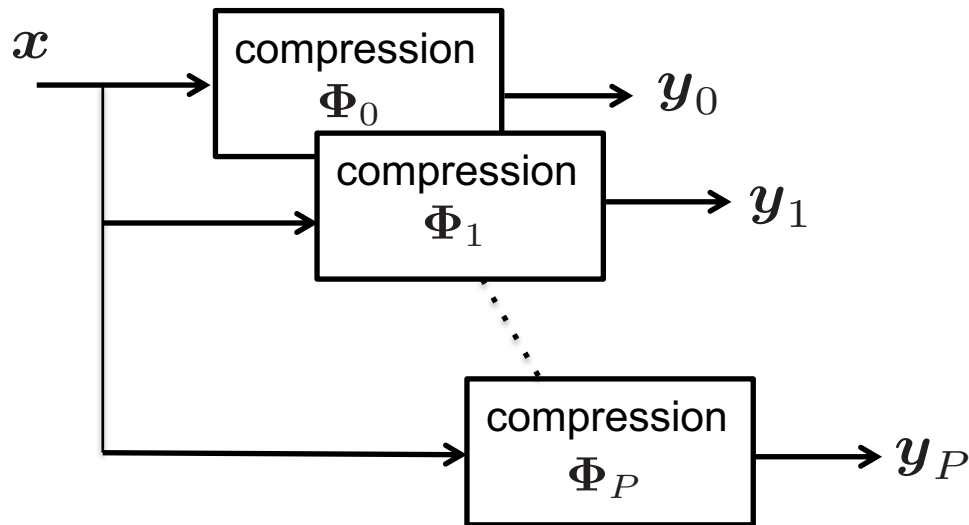
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- If the matrix  $(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi_{\text{AR}}$  has full column rank, which requires  $K^2 \geq P$

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = [(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi_{\text{AR}}]^\dagger \mathbf{r}_y$$

# Parametric Approach (AR)

- The system matrix  $\Psi_{AR}$  depends on  $R_x$  and not only on  $R_y$
- Solution is to devise a **new type of compression scheme**
  - ✓ We sample  $K_0$  nodes using  $\Phi_0$
  - ✓ We then sample a  $P$ -hop neighborhood of this set of nodes

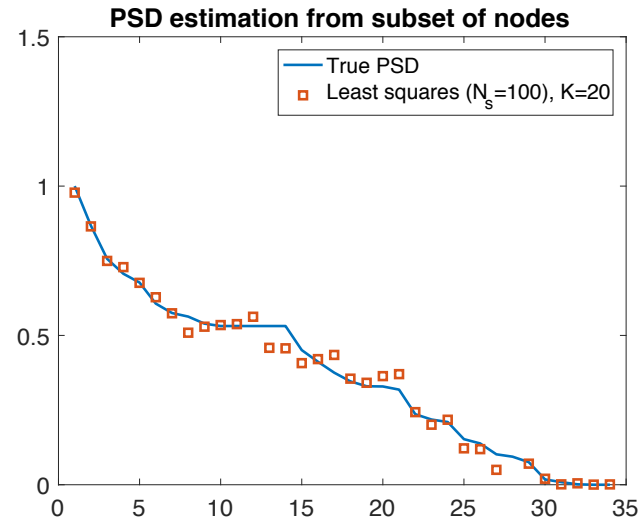
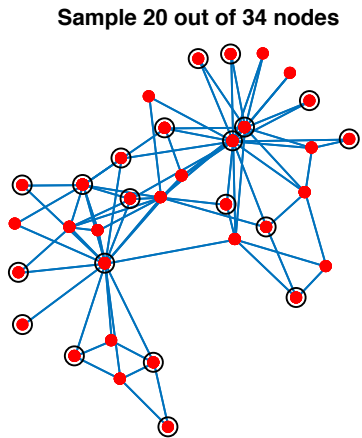


$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_0 &= \sum_{k=1}^P a_k \Phi_0 \mathbf{S}^k \mathbf{x} + \Phi_0 \mathbf{n} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^P a_k \Phi_0 \mathbf{S}^k \Phi_k^T \mathbf{y}_k + \Phi_0 \mathbf{n} \end{aligned}$$

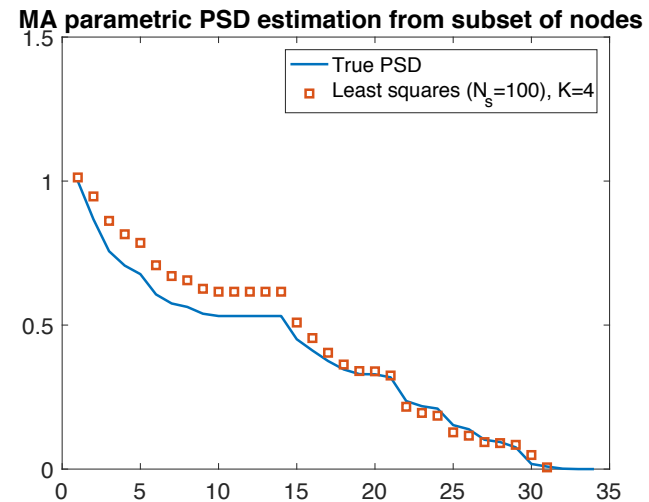
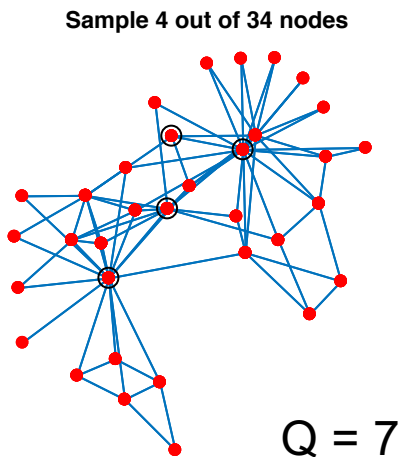
- In the time domain, this means we observe series of  $P$  consecutive samples

# Illustration – Karate club network

## Non-parametric approach

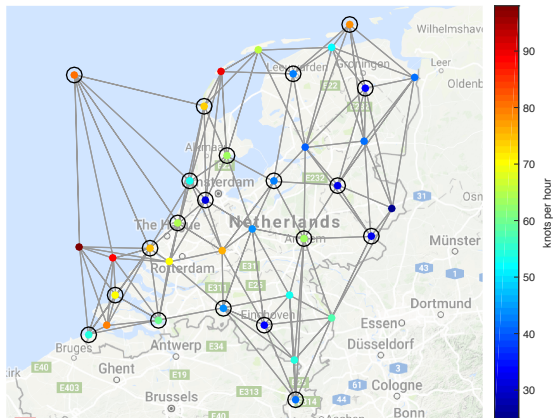


## Parametric approach

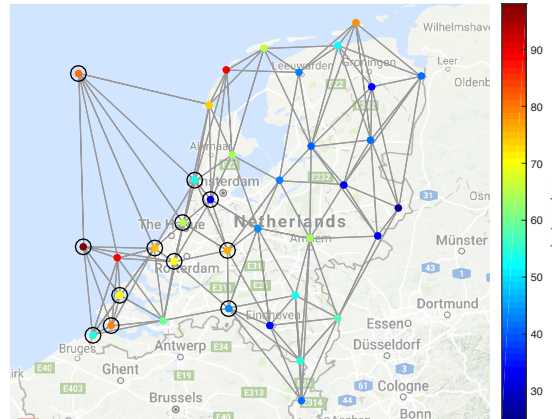


# Wind speed dataset

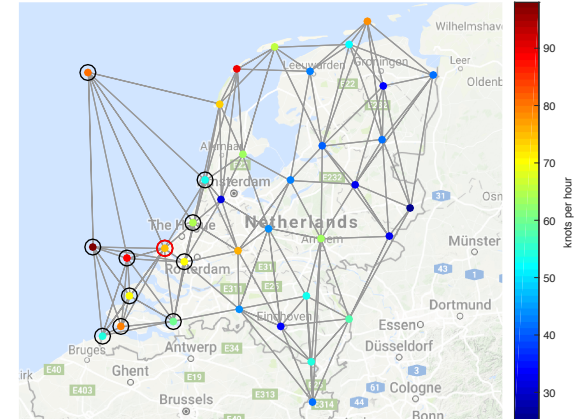
Non-parametric approach



Moving average approach



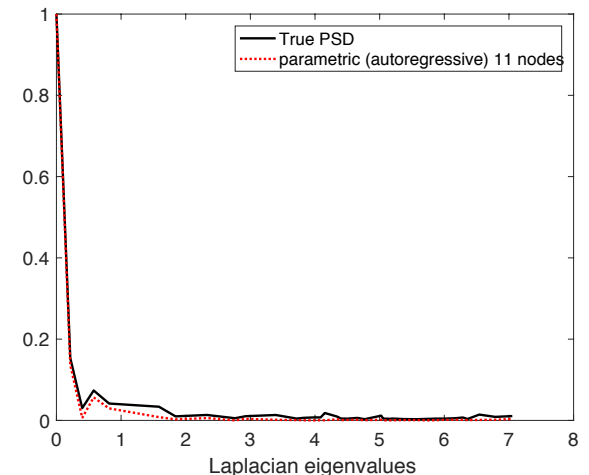
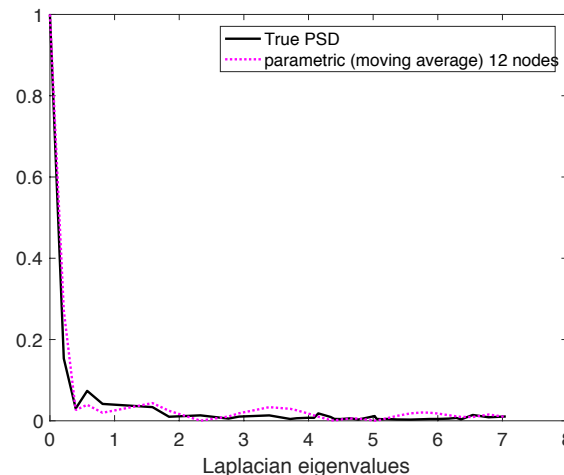
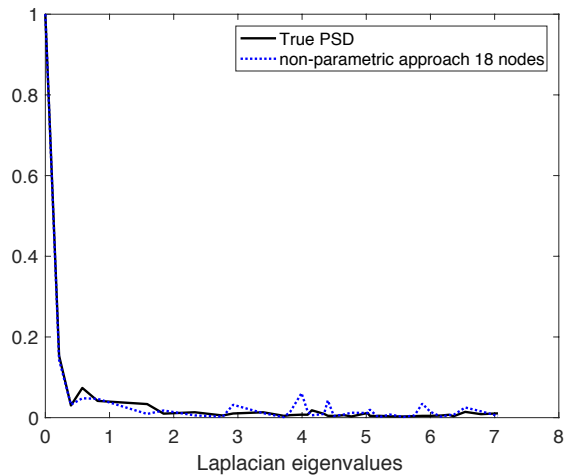
Autoregressive approach



Sample 18 out of 36 stations

12 out of 36 stations

11 out of 36 stations



$$L=6 \Rightarrow Q=11$$

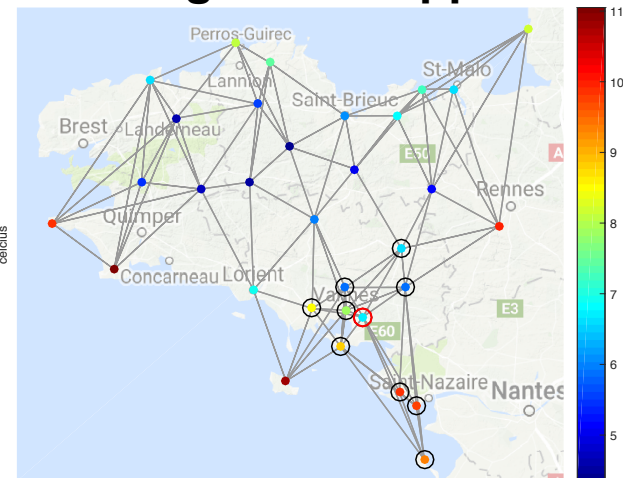
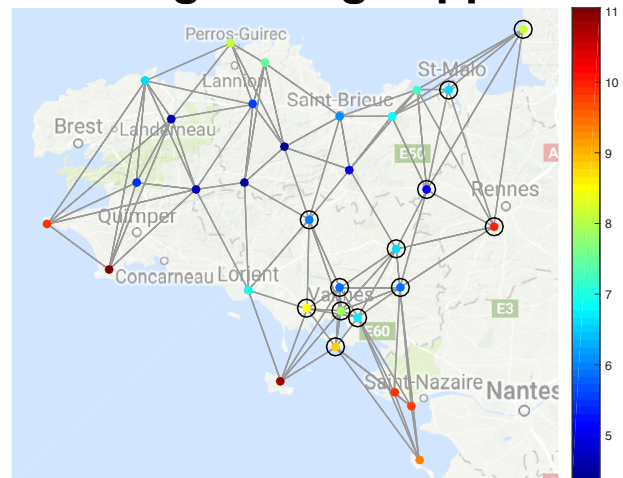
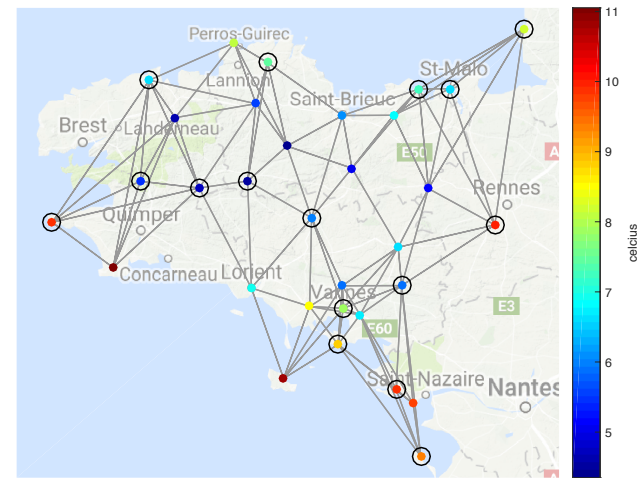
$$P=1$$

# Temperature dataset

## Non-parametric approach

## Moving average approach

## Autoregressive approach



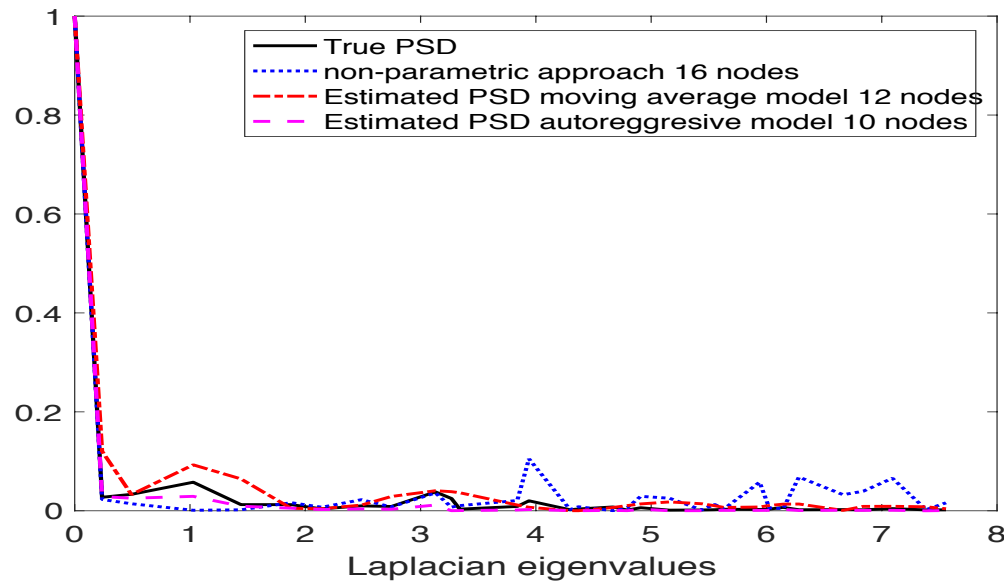
Sample 16 out of 32 nodes

12 out of 32 nodes

10 out of 32 nodes

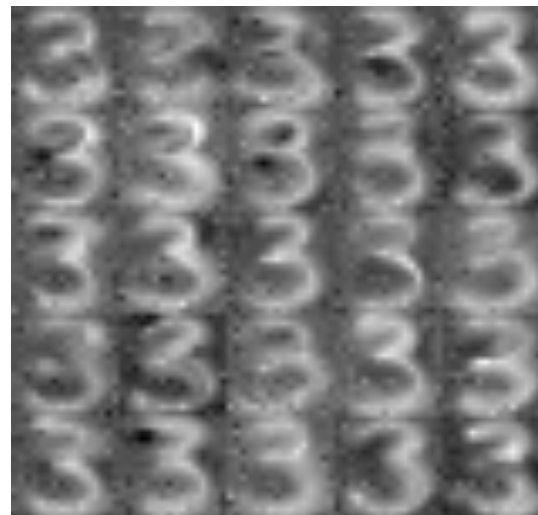
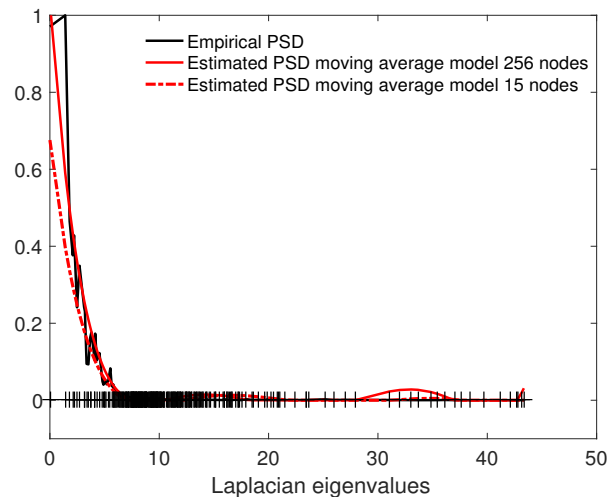
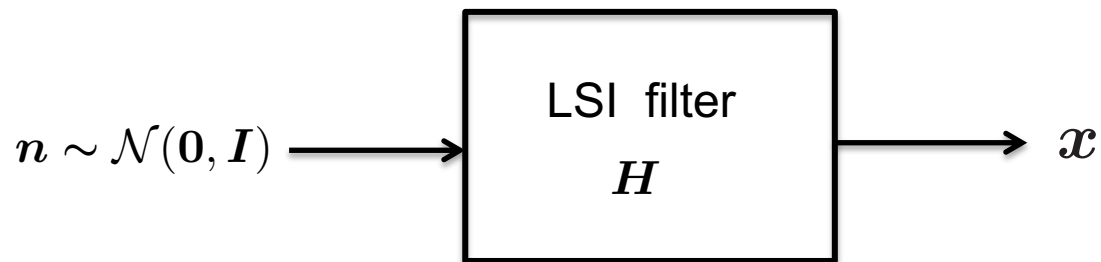
$Q = 11$

$P = 1$



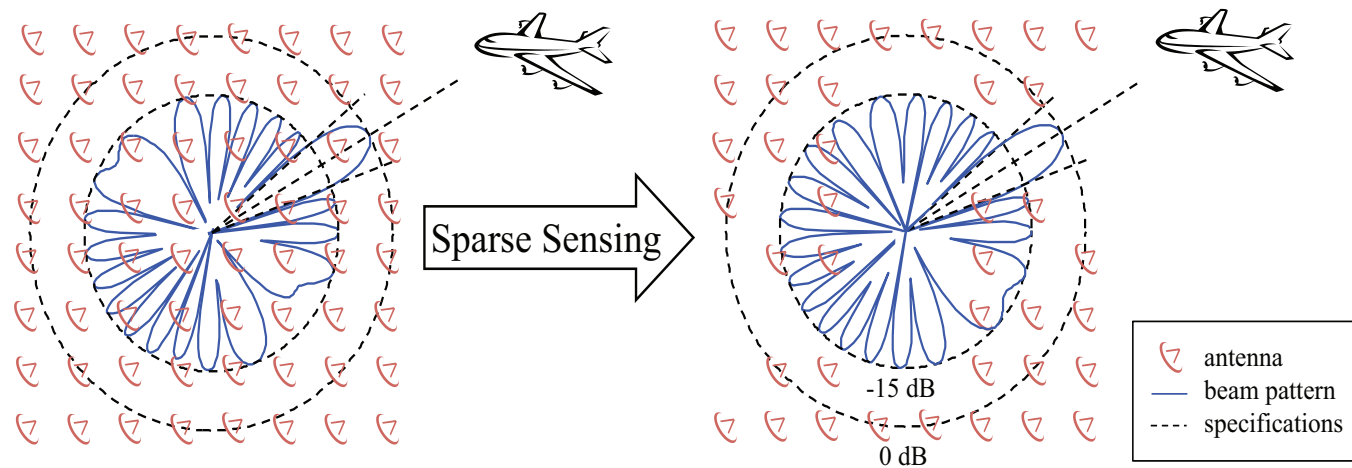
# Generate digits

- Nearest neighbor graph built using digit 3 (16 x 16 pixels) from the USPS dataset.
- Graph signal (pixel intensity) is of length 256



25 realizations

# Sparse Sampler Design





# Sparse sensing models

## Sparse sensed signals

$$\mathbf{y} = \Phi(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{x}$$

$K \times N$

$K \ll N$

Least squares solution:  $[\Phi U_{BL}]^\dagger \mathbf{y}$

# Sparse sensing models

## Sparsely sensed statistics

$$\mathbf{y} = \Phi(\boldsymbol{w}) \mathbf{x}$$

$\mathbf{R}_y = \mathbb{E} \{ \mathbf{y} \mathbf{y}^H \}$        $\mathbf{R}_x = \mathbb{E} \{ \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^H \}$

The diagram shows a vector  $\mathbf{y}$  on the left, represented by a vertical bar with four colored segments (blue, green, yellow, orange). This is followed by an equals sign and a matrix  $\Phi(\boldsymbol{w})$  in the center, which is a 4x8 grid with several white squares on a black background, indicating sparsity. Above the matrix is the label  $K \times N$ . To the right of the matrix is a vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , represented by a vertical bar with eight colored segments (blue, cyan, green, yellow, orange, red, red, red). Below the matrix and vector is the equation  $\mathbf{R}_y = \mathbb{E} \{ \mathbf{y} \mathbf{y}^H \}$  on the left and  $\mathbf{R}_x = \mathbb{E} \{ \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^H \}$  on the right.

Least squares solution:  $[(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi]^\dagger \mathbf{r}_y$

# Sparse sensing models

## Sparsely sensed multidomain signals

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{y} &= \left[ \begin{array}{c} \Phi_1(\omega_1) \\ \Phi_2(\omega_2) \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \tilde{U}_1 \\ \tilde{U}_2 \end{array} \right] \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f \\
 &= \left[ \begin{array}{c} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \Phi_1(\omega_1) \otimes \tilde{U}_1 \\ \Phi_2(\omega_2) \otimes \tilde{U}_2 \end{array} \right] \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Least squares solution:  $[(\Phi_1 U_1)^\dagger \otimes (\Phi_2 U_2)^\dagger] \mathbf{y}$

# What is sparse sampling?

$$\Phi(\mathbf{w}) \in \{0, 1\}^{K \times N}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_y = \mathbb{E} \{ \mathbf{y} \mathbf{y}^H \} = \Phi(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{R}_x \Phi(\mathbf{w})^T$$

- Sampling matrix is determined by the sampling vector/set

$$\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N]^T \in \{0, 1\}^N \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{S} = \{n | w_n = 1, n = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

$$w_m = (0)1 \quad \text{sample or vertex is (not) selected}$$

- Sparse sampling structure
  - only one nonzero entry per row
  - many zero columns

# Design problem

Select the “best” subset of vertices out of the candidate vertices that guarantee a certain desired reconstruction accuracy.

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{w}}{\text{optimize}} \quad f(\mathbf{w}) \\ & \text{s.to} \quad \text{card}(\mathbf{w}) = K \\ & \quad \quad \mathbf{w} \in \{0, 1\}^N \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{N}}{\text{optimize}} \quad f(\mathcal{S}) \\ & \text{s.to} \quad |\mathcal{S}| = K \end{aligned}$$

$f(\mathbf{w})$  reconstruction performance metric

$K$  sample size

$$\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N]^T \in \{0, 1\}^N$$

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**Nonconvex Boolean problem**

# Solutions to the combinatorial problem

## Exact solutions:

➤ Exhaustive search over

❑  $\binom{M}{K}$  possible candidates

➤ Branch-and-bound methods

*[Lawler-Wood-1966], [Nguyen-Miller-1992]*

❑ long runtimes even for a modest sized problem

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- N. Nguyen and A. Miller, “A review of some exchange algorithms for constructing discrete D-optimal designs,” *Comput. Statist. Data Anal.*, vol. 14, pp. 489–498, 1992

# Solutions to the combinatorial problem

## Suboptimal solutions:

- **Convex** optimization (polynomial time)

*[Joshi-Boyd-2009], [Chepuri-Leus-2015]*

- ❑ convex relaxation for  $\{0, 1\}$ ,  $f(\mathbf{w})$
- ❑ **thresholding, randomization** to get back a Boolean solution
- ❑ **Semidefinite** program (typically)

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# Solutions to the combinatorial problem

## Suboptimal solutions:

➤ **Submodular** optimization (linear search time)

*[Krause-Singh-Guestrin-2008], [Ranieri-Chebira-Vetterli-2014]*

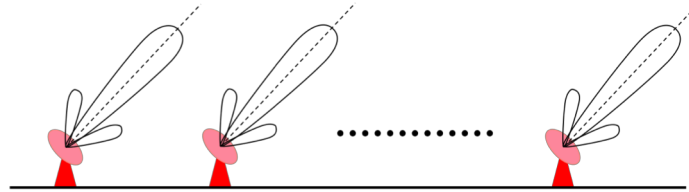
❑ **Submodularity** of  $f(\mathcal{S})$

❑ **greedy** search

❑ solution is **near optimal**

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- J. Ranieri, A. Chebira, and M. Vetterli, “Near-optimal sensor placement for linear inverse problems,” *IEEE Trans. Signal Process.*, vol. 62, no. 5, pp. 1135–1146, Mar. 2014

# Compressive covariance sensing



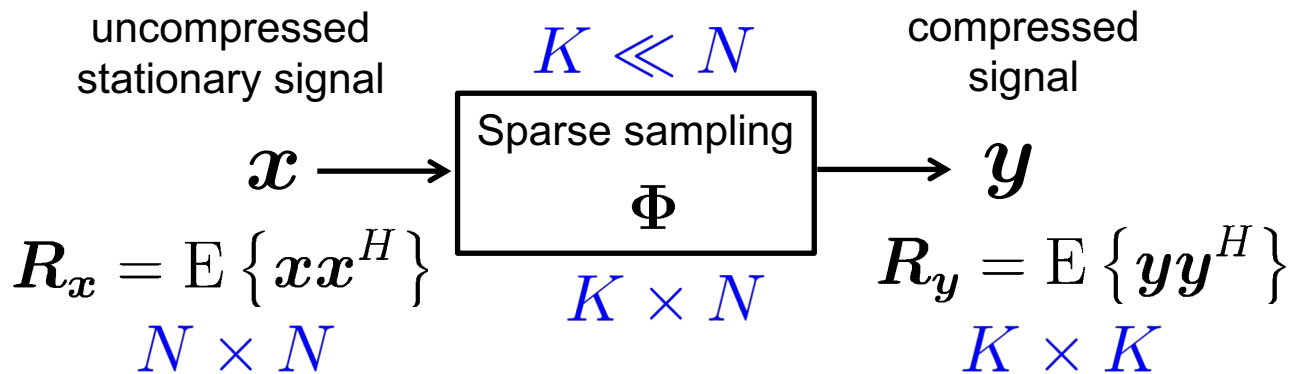
Toeplitz



Banded



Circulant



# Sparse covariance sensing (Toeplitz structure)

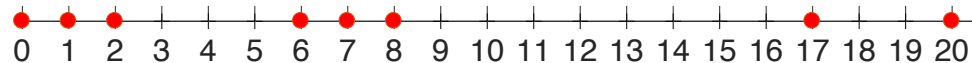
$$R_x(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^Q \theta_i Q_i \longrightarrow \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{compression} \\ \hline \Phi \\ \hline \end{array} \longrightarrow R_y(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^Q \theta_i \Phi Q_i \Phi^T$$

➤ Minimal sparse rulers ensure **identifiability** and **best compression rate** (Toeplitz)

✓ Difference set:  $\Delta\mathcal{I} = \{|i_1 - i_2|, \forall i_1, i_2 \in I\}$

✓ Length- $(N - 1)$  sparse ruler has  $\Delta\mathcal{I} = \{0, 1, \dots, N - 1\}$

$N = 21$  :



*[Redei-Renyi-1949], [Romero-Ariananda-Tian-Leus-2016]*

- L. Redei and A. Renyi, "On the representation of the numbers  $1, 2, \dots, n$  by means of differences (Russian)," *Matematicheskii sbornik*, vol. 66, no. 3, pp. 385–389, 1949.
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# Sparse covariance sensing (Toeplitz structure)

- Minimal sparse rulers are precomputed

28	9	6	<pre> .....   .....   .....   .....   .....   .....  </pre>	<pre> {0, 1, 3, 5, 7, 18, 19, 27, 28} {0, 1, 3, 6, 9, 16, 23, 27, 28} {0, 1, 3, 9, 15, 21, 25, 26, 28} {0, 1, 7, 11, 20, 23, 25, 26, 28} {0, 1, 9, 10, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28} </pre>	
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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sparse\\_ruler](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sparse_ruler)

- Suboptimal designs for DOA estimation: co-prime, nested samplers

*[Vaidyanathan-Pal-2011]*

# Submodular optimization

Requires  $f(\cdot)$  to be **submodular function** of its arguments

- Define the sampling set:

$$\mathcal{X} := \mathcal{S} = \{n | w_n = 1, n = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

or

$$\mathcal{X} := \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{S} = \{n | w_n = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

- Set function  $f(\mathcal{X})$  is submodular, if  $\forall \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathcal{Y} \subset N, s \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{Y}$

$$f(\mathcal{X} \cup \{s\}) - f(\mathcal{X}) \geq f(\mathcal{Y} \cup \{s\}) - f(\mathcal{Y})$$

- Set function  $f(\mathcal{X})$  is monotone non-decreasing, if

$$f(\mathcal{X} \cup \{s\}) \geq f(\mathcal{X})$$

# Design problem

Select the “best” subset of vertices out of the candidate vertices that guarantee a certain desired reconstruction accuracy.

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathcal{X}}{\text{maximize}} && f(\mathcal{X}) \\ & \text{s.to} && |\mathcal{X}| = L \end{aligned}$$

$$L = K \text{ or } L = N - K$$

**Nonconvex Boolean problem**

# Submodular optimization

If  $f(\cdot)$  is **submodular** and **monotonic**

Linear sweep  
time

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## Algorithm 1 Greedy algorithm

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1. **Require**  $\mathcal{X} = \emptyset, L$ .
  2. **for**  $k = 1$  to  $L$
  3.      $s^* = \arg \max_{s \notin \mathcal{X}} f(\mathcal{X} \cup \{s\})$
  4.      $\mathcal{X} \leftarrow \mathcal{X} \cup \{s^*\}$
  5. **end**
  6. **Return**  $\mathcal{X}$
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$$L = K \text{ or } L = N - K$$

Then, greedy algorithm is near-optimal

$$f(\mathcal{X}) \geq \underbrace{(1 - 1/e)}_{63\%} \max_{|\mathcal{Y}|=L} f(\mathcal{Y})$$

[Nemhauser-Wolsey-Fisher-1978]

- G. L. Nemhauser, L. A. Wolsey, and M. L. Fisher, "An analysis of approximations for maximizing submodular set functions— I," *Mathematical Programming*, vol. 14, no. 1, pp. 265–294, 1978.

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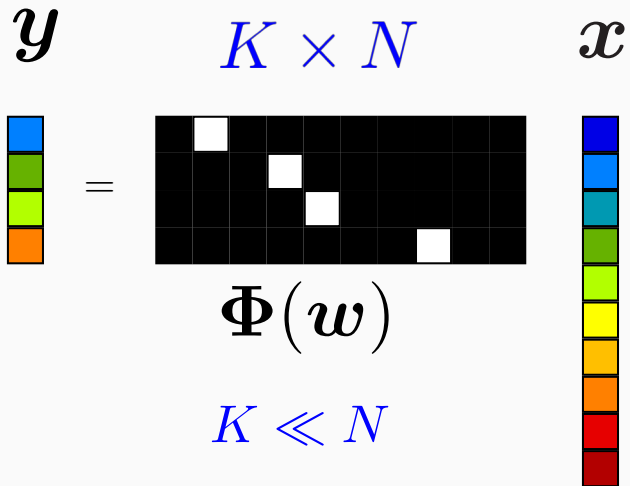
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What is a suitable submodular function  $f(\mathcal{X})$  for sparse sampling?



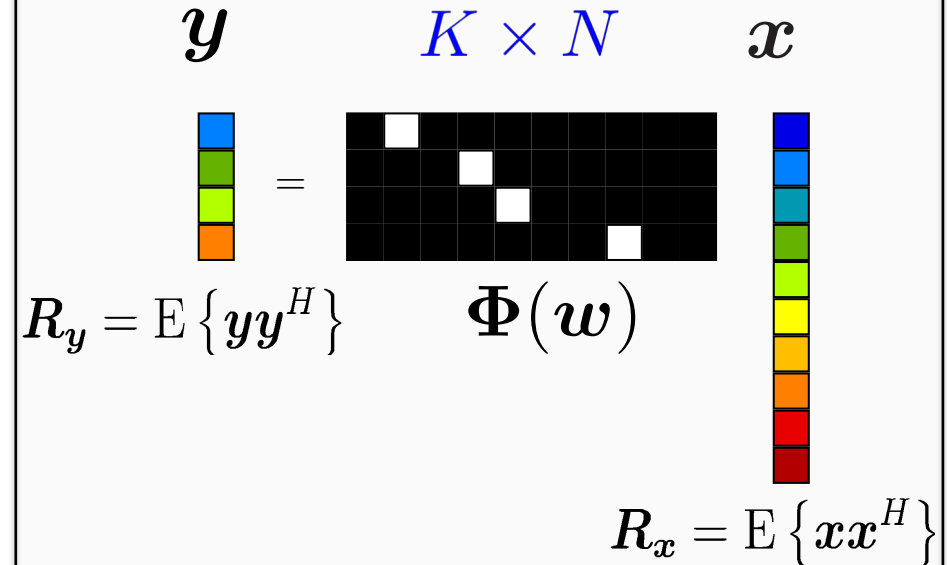
# Sparse sensing models

## Sparsely sensed signals



Least squares solution:  $[\Phi U_{BL}]^\dagger y$

## Sparsely sensed statistics



Least squares solution:  $[(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi]^\dagger r_y$

# How do design the subsampler?

- Quality of the least squares solution

$$[\Phi U_{BL}]^\dagger \mathbf{y} \quad \text{or} \quad [(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi]^\dagger \mathbf{r}_b$$

depends on the spectrum (**eigenvalues**) of

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{w}) = [\Phi U_{BL}]^H [\Phi U_{BL}] = U_{BL}^H \text{diag}(\mathbf{w}) U_{BL}$$

or

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{w}) = [(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi]^H [(\Phi \otimes \Phi) \Psi] = \Psi^H [\text{diag}(\mathbf{w}) \otimes \text{diag}(\mathbf{w})] \Psi$$

- We try to balance the spectrum:

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{w} \in \{0,1\}^N} \log \det \{ \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{w}) \} \quad \text{s.to} \quad \|\mathbf{w}\|_0 = K$$

Scalar measure of the error covariance matrix

# How to design the subsampler?

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{w} \in \{0,1\}^N} \log \det \{ \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{w}) \} \quad \text{s.to} \quad \|\mathbf{w}\|_0 = K$$

- Using set notation

$$\mathcal{X} = \{m | w_m = 1, m = 1, 2, \dots, M\}$$

- Set function

$$f(\mathcal{X}) = \log \det \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbf{u}_{\text{BL},i} \mathbf{u}_{\text{BL},i}^H \right\} \quad \text{or} \quad f(\mathcal{X}) = \log \det \left\{ \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} \psi_{i,j} \psi_{i,j}^H \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{U}_{\text{BL}} = [\mathbf{u}_{\text{BL},1}, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{\text{BL},N}]^T$$

$$\mathbf{\Psi} = [\psi_{1,1}, \psi_{1,2}, \dots, \psi_{N,N}]^H$$

**Set function is submodular and monotone non-decreasing**

# How to design the subsampler?

$$\arg \max_{\mathbf{w} \in \{0,1\}^N} \log \det\{T(\mathbf{w})\} \quad \text{s.to} \quad \|\mathbf{w}\|_0 = K$$

- This combinatorial optimization can be near optimally solved using a low-complexity greedy algorithm

$$f(\mathcal{X}) \geq \underbrace{(1 - 1/e)}_{63\%} \max_{|\mathcal{Y}|=K} f(\mathcal{Y})$$

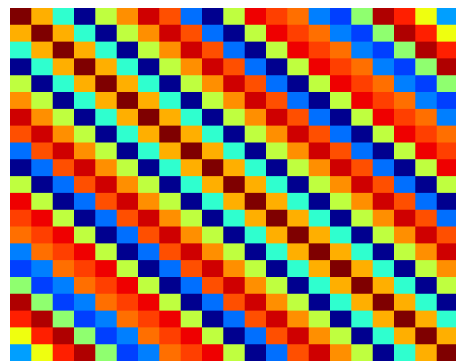
[Nemhauser-Wolsey-Fisher-1978]

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  2. **for**  $k = 1$  to  $K$
  3.      $s^* = \arg \max_{s \notin \mathcal{X}} f(\mathcal{X} \cup \{s\})$
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  5. **end**
  6. **Return**  $\mathcal{X}$
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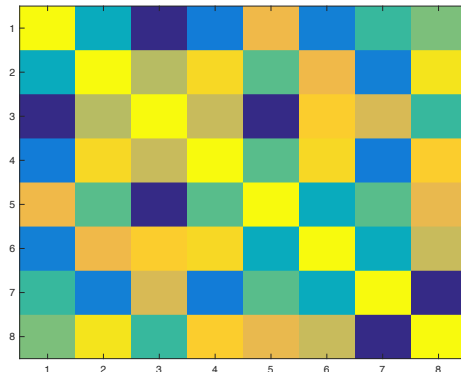
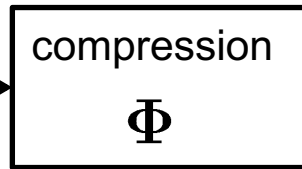
- ✓ Leverages submodularity
- ✓ Linear sweep time

# Toeplitz matrix – array processing

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R}_x = \mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\text{diag}(\sigma_s^2)\mathbf{A}^H(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}$$

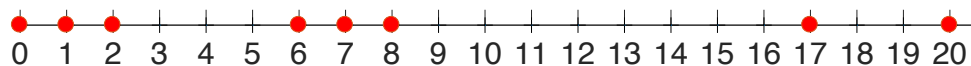


$N = 21$

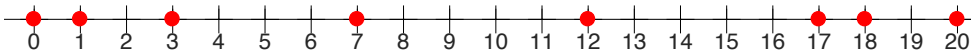


$K = 8$

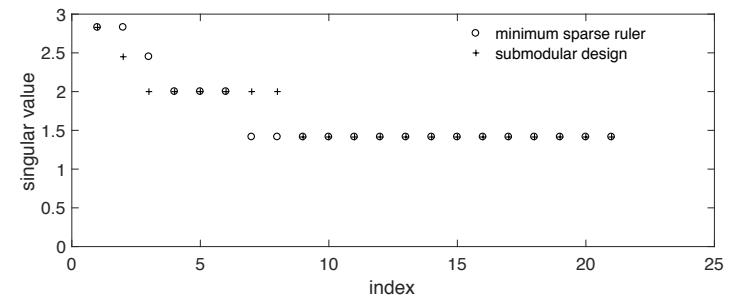
sparse ruler (best compression rate, but not easy to compute)



submodular design



$$[(\Phi \otimes \Phi)\Psi]^H [(\Phi \otimes \Phi)\Psi]$$



**Localize more sources than sensors!**



# Sparse sensing models

## Sparse sensed multidomain signals

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{y} &= \left[ \begin{array}{c} \Phi_1(\omega_1) \\ \Phi_2(\omega_2) \end{array} \right] \left[ \begin{array}{c} \tilde{U}_1 \\ \tilde{U}_2 \end{array} \right] \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f \\
 &= \left[ \begin{array}{c} \Phi_1(\omega_1) \tilde{U}_1 \\ \Phi_2(\omega_2) \tilde{U}_2 \end{array} \right] \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_f
 \end{aligned}$$

Least squares solution:  $[(\Phi_1 U_1)^\dagger \otimes (\Phi_2 U_2)^\dagger] \mathbf{y}$

Design of  $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  is crucial for the least-squares solution to be unique

# How to design the subsampler?

- Quality of the least squares solution

$$[(\Phi_1 \mathbf{U}_1)^\dagger \otimes (\Phi_2 \mathbf{U}_2)^\dagger] \mathbf{y}$$

depends on the error covariance matrix

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}(\mathcal{X}) &= \left( \Phi_1 \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \Phi_2 \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_2 \right)^H \left( \Phi_1 \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1 \otimes \Phi_2 \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_2 \right) \\ &= (\Phi_1 \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1)^H (\Phi_1 \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_1) \otimes (\Phi_2 \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_2)^H (\Phi_2 \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_2) \\ &= \mathbf{T}_1(\mathcal{X}_1) \otimes \mathbf{T}_2(\mathcal{X}_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_1 \cup \mathcal{X}_2$$

- Since  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})\text{rank}(\mathbf{B})$ , we require [\(additional constraints\)](#)

$$|\mathcal{X}_1| \geq L_1 \text{ and } |\mathcal{X}_2| \geq L_2$$



# How to design the subsampler?

- As before, we optimize a **scalar function** of the error covariance matrix

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathcal{X}}{\text{maximize}} && f(\mathbf{T}(\mathcal{X})) \\ & \text{s.to} && |\mathcal{X}| = K, \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_1 \cup \mathcal{X}_2 \\ & && |\mathcal{X}_1| \geq L_1 \quad |\mathcal{X}_2| \geq L_2 \end{aligned}$$

- In particular, we minimize the so-called **frame potential** (related to the **mean squared error**)

$$F(\mathcal{X}) := \text{trace}\{\mathbf{T}^H \mathbf{T}\} = \text{trace}\{\mathbf{T}_1^H \mathbf{T}_1 \otimes \mathbf{T}_2^H \mathbf{T}_2\} := F_1(\mathcal{X}_1) F_2(\mathcal{X}_2)$$

- Or, maximize the set function with change of variable  $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{X}$

$$G(\mathcal{S}) = F(\mathcal{N}) - F(\mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{S}) \quad \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}_1 \cup \mathcal{N}_2$$

**Set function is submodular and monotone non-decreasing**

# How to design the subsampler?

- Therefore, we have to solve

$$\text{maximize}_{\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{N}} G(\mathcal{S})$$

$$\text{s.to } \mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{I}_u \cap \mathcal{I}_p,$$

$$\mathcal{I}_u = \{\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{N} : |\mathcal{S}| \leq N - K\}$$

$$\mathcal{I}_p = \{\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{N} : |\mathcal{S} \cap \mathcal{N}_i| \leq N_i - L_i, i = 1, 2\}$$

Truncated partition matroid



[Ortiz-Jiménez et al.-2018]

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1. **Require**  $\mathcal{X} = \emptyset, K, \mathcal{I}_u, \mathcal{I}_p$ .
  2. **for**  $k = 1$  to  $N - K$
  3.  $s^* = \arg \max_{s \notin \mathcal{X}} \{f(\mathcal{X} \cup \{s\}) : \mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{I}_u \cap \mathcal{I}_p\}$
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- Near optimality guarantees

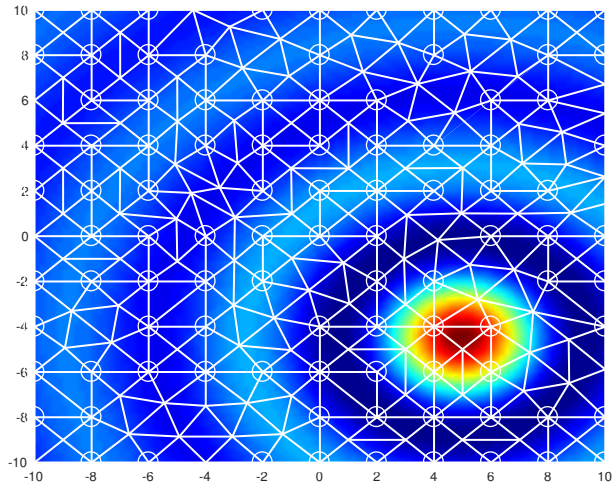
$$G(\mathcal{S}_{\text{greedy}}) \geq \frac{1}{2} G(\mathcal{S}^*)$$

[Nemhauser-Wolsey-Fisher-1978]

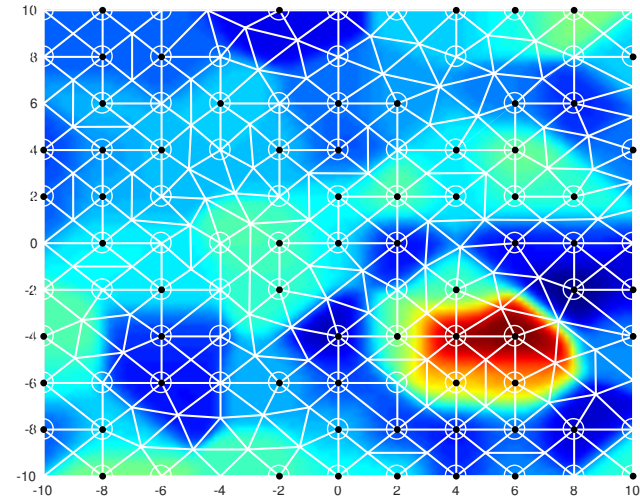
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# Sampler design for kernel-based method



Ground truth



Measured 67 out of 97 mesh points

## Design of sampling sets for kernel methods

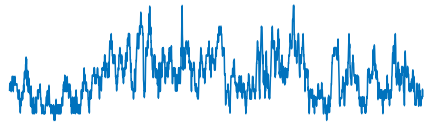
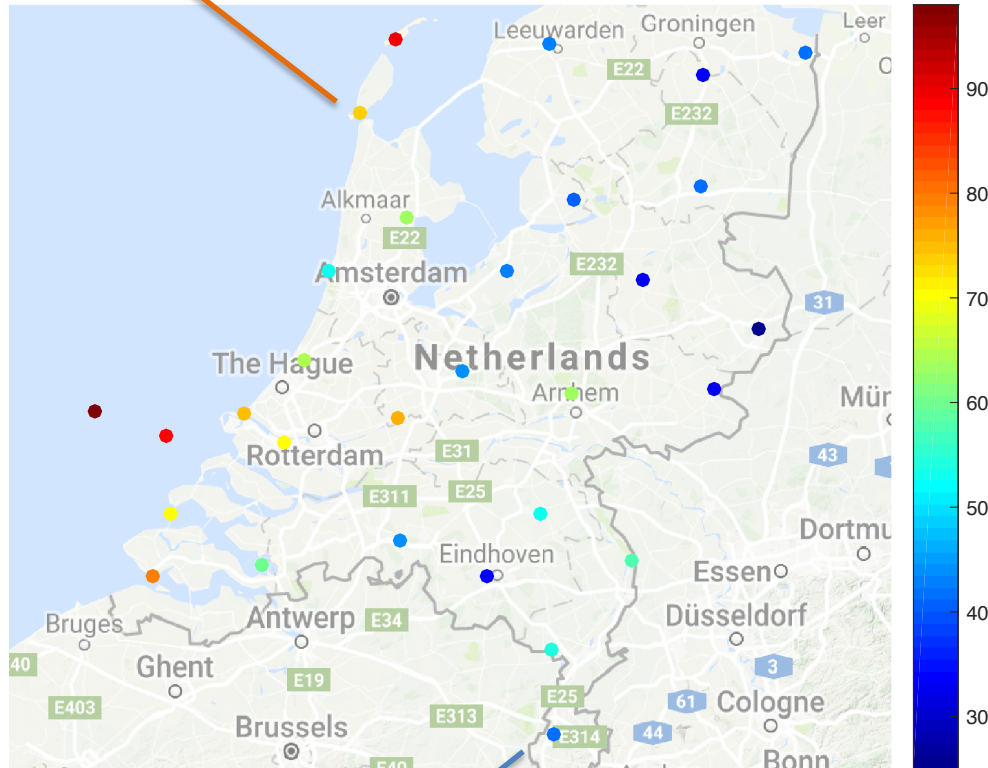
- Submodular optimization
- Convex optimization

*[Coutino-Chepuri-Leus-2018]*

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Wind speed data from 30 stations

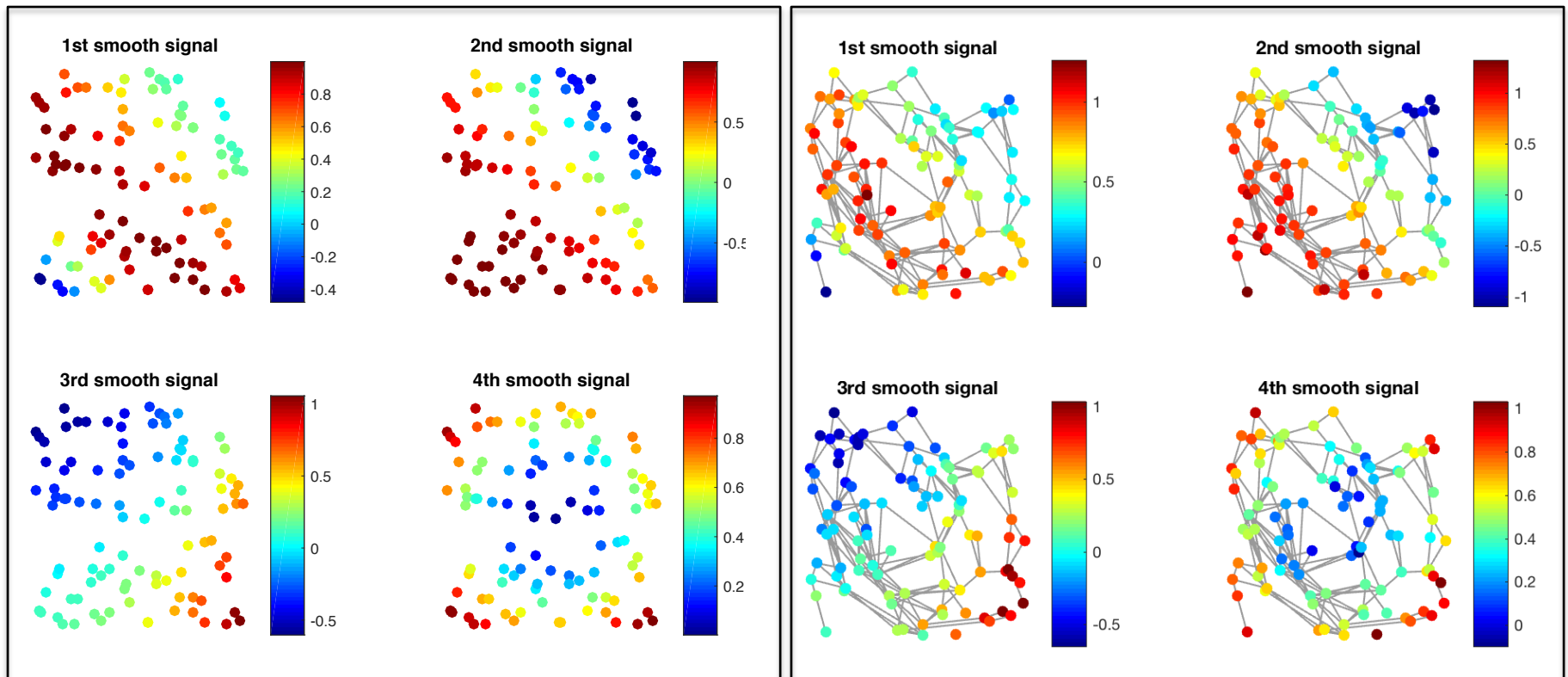
*[Source: KNMI, Netherlands]*

**“Learn a sparse graph that sufficiently explains the data”**

# Sparse graph learning problem

Learn a “**sparse graph**” (or the graph Laplacian) from data:

- ✓ with “**K**” edges
- ✓ data varies “**smoothly**” on the resulting graph



Learnt graph with  $K = 175$  edges using 4 snapshots

# Graph Laplacian – quadratic form

(graph signal)

$x :$  0

0

1



0



1



0



1



$$x^T L x = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} (x_i - x_j)^2$$
$$= 1$$

Sum of squares of differences  
across edges

- Quantifies **smoothness** of  $x$  with respect to the underlying graph

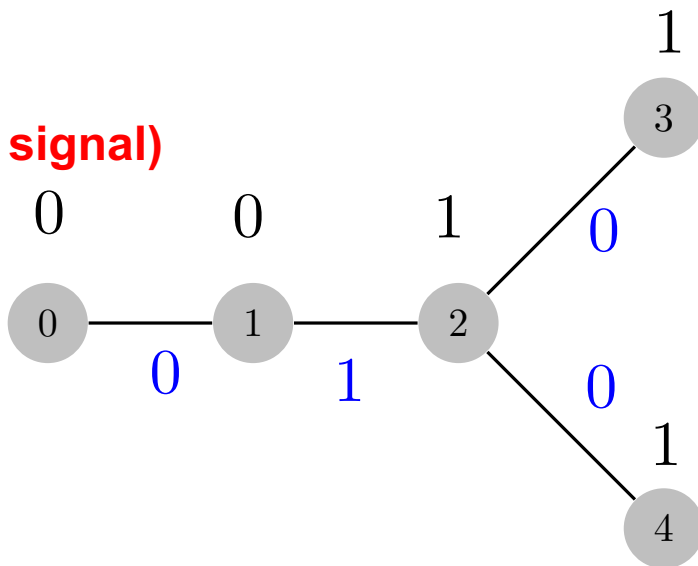
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1



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Sum of squares of differences  
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➤ Laplacian matrix can be written as an outer product of “incidence” vectors

$$L = A A^T = \sum_{m=1}^M \mathbf{a}_m \mathbf{a}_m^T \quad (\text{quadratic form})$$

$$[\mathbf{a}_m]_i = 1$$

$$[\mathbf{a}_m]_j = -1$$

zeros elsewhere

For an edge “m” connecting node “i” and “j”



# Graph learning as a sampling problem

- Denote the subgraph of  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$  or **K-sparse graph**

$$\mathcal{G}_s(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}_s) \text{ with the edge set } \mathcal{E}_s \subset \mathcal{E} \text{ such that } |\mathcal{E}_s| = K \ll M$$

- Introduce an “**edge sampling**” vector


$$\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_M]^T \in \{0, 1\}^M$$

$$w_m = 1 \text{ if an edge belongs to the edge subset } \mathcal{E}_s$$

- Graph Laplacian of the K-sparse graph

$$\mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{m=1}^M w_m \mathbf{a}_m \mathbf{a}_m^T$$

(Recall the outer product decomposition of the Laplacian)



No. of edges of:

- Complete graph
- Given graph

# Sparse edge selection

- Given  $L$  “noiseless” graph signals  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_L]$
- $K$ -sparse graph learning will be

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}} \frac{1}{L} \sum_{k=1}^L \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{x}_k = \frac{1}{L} \text{tr}\{\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{X}\}$$

$$\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{w} \in \{0, 1\}^M \mid \|\mathbf{w}\|_0 = K\}$$

**Non-convex (Boolean optimization problem)**

# Sparse edge selection

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$$\mathcal{W} = \{ \mathbf{w} \in \{0, 1\}^M \mid \|\mathbf{w}\|_0 = K \}$$

- Cost function (modular):

$$\frac{1}{L} \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{X} \right\} = \sum_{m=1}^M w_m \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{a}_m \mathbf{a}_m^T) \mathbf{X} \right\}$$

- **Solution: rank ordering!**

- ✓ Computational complexity  $O(K \log K)$ , or  $O(K)$  with parallel implementation

# Sparse edge selection

- Given  $L$  “noiseless” graph signals,  $K$ -sparse graph learning

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$$\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{w} \in \{0, 1\}^M \mid \|\mathbf{w}\|_0 = K\}$$

Example: Suppose covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{x}$  is  $\mathbf{R}_x$ , then

$$L^{-1} \text{tr}\{\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{X}\} = \sum_{m=1}^M w_m (\mathbf{a}_m^T \hat{\mathbf{R}}_x \mathbf{a}_m)$$

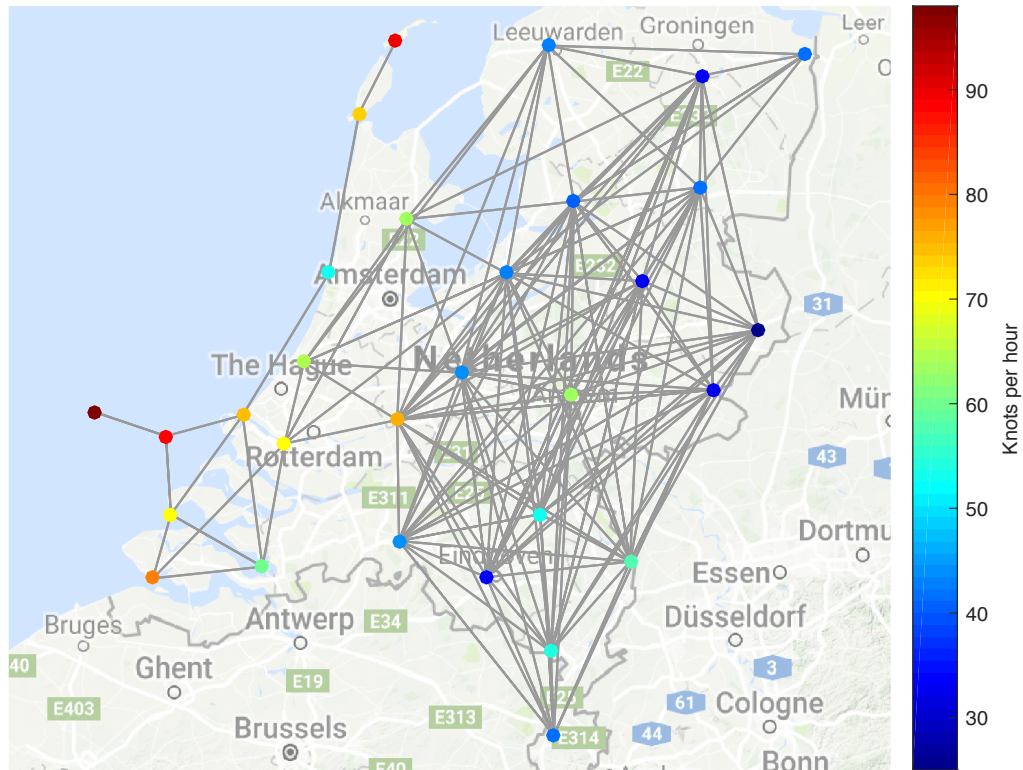
Solution: select  $K$  edges between those nodes having highest cross-correlation as

$$\mathbf{a}_m^T \hat{\mathbf{R}}_x \mathbf{a}_m = [\hat{\mathbf{R}}_x]_{i,i} + [\hat{\mathbf{R}}_x]_{j,j} - 2[\hat{\mathbf{R}}_x]_{i,j}$$

(Special case: GMRF model with  $\mathbf{R}_x := \mathbf{L}^\dagger + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$ )

# Numerical experiments – windspeed data

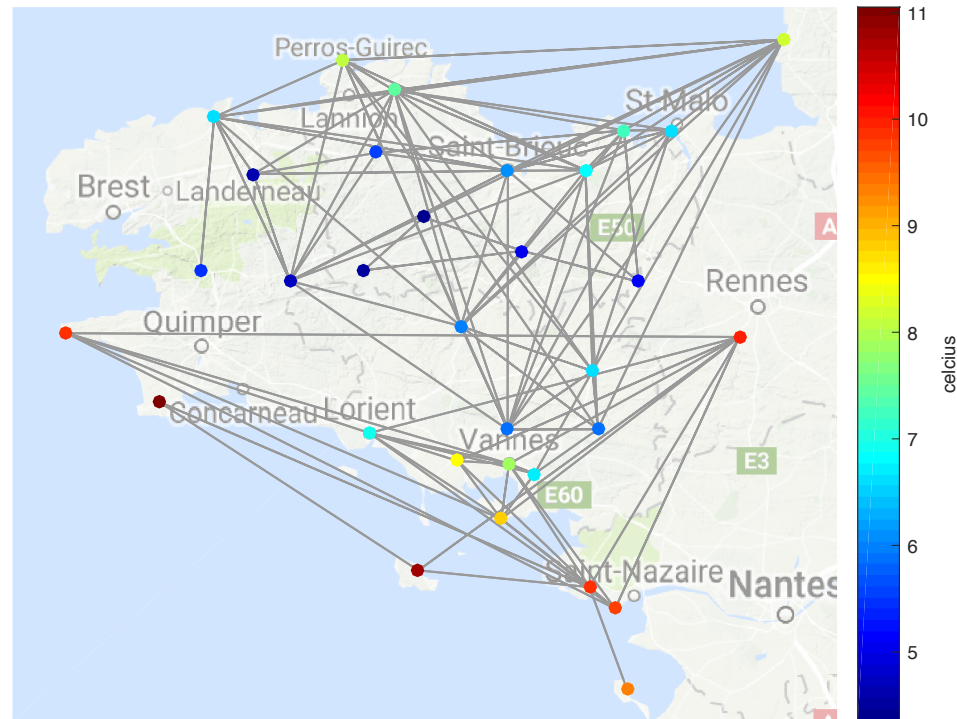
**K=125**



Wind speed data of year 2002 from 30 stations  
*[Source: KNMI, Netherlands]*

# Numerical experiments – French temp. data

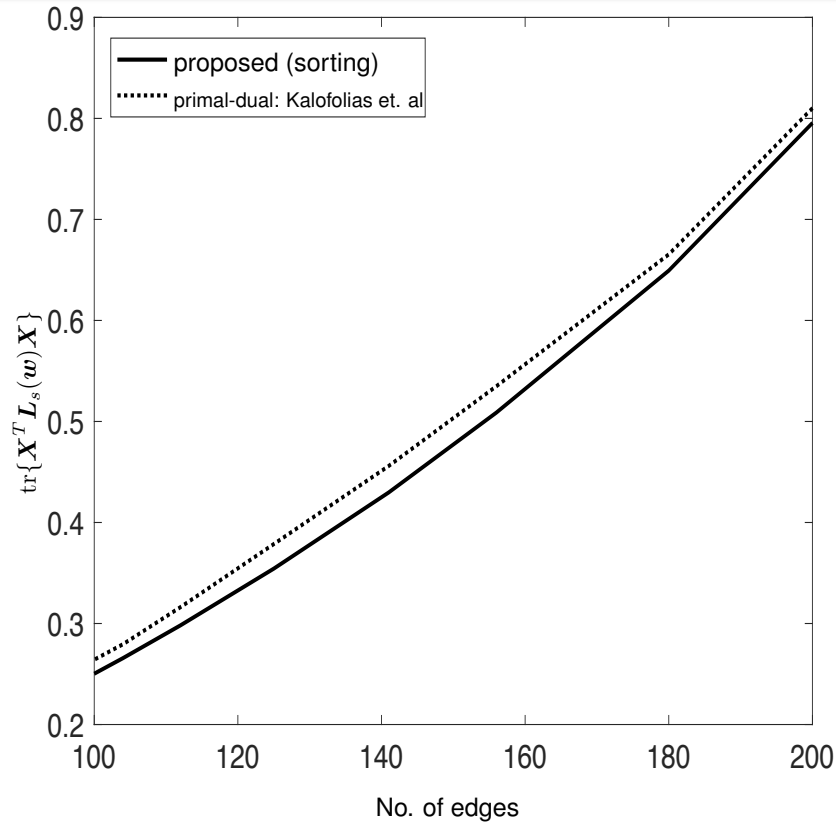
**K=110**



Temperature data of Brittany, France from 32 stations

*Thanks to N. Perraudin and P. Vandergheynst for the dataset.*

# Numerical experiments - performance



$$\text{Kalofolias: } \underset{\mathbf{L} \in \mathcal{L}}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{k=1}^L \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{x}_k + \lambda \text{card}(\mathbf{L})$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \{ \mathbf{L} \succeq \mathbf{0}, L_{i,j} = L_{j,i} \leq 0, \mathbf{L} \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0} \}$$

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# Sparse edge selection with “denoising”

- Given “L” noisy signals:  $\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{n}_k$ ,

$$\arg \min_{\{\mathbf{x}_k\}_{k=1}^L, \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}} \frac{1}{L} \sum_{k=1}^L (\|\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{x}_k\|_2^2 + \gamma \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{x}_k)$$

- **Solution 1: (alternating minimization)**

Fixed  $\mathbf{w}$  :  $\mathbf{X}_{\min}(\mathbf{w}) = [\mathbf{I} + \gamma \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w})]^{-1} \mathbf{Y}$  (denoising)

Fixed  $\mathbf{X}$  :  $\mathbf{w}_{\min}(\mathbf{X})$  sorting, as before (edge selection)

- ✓ Converges to a stationary point
- ✓ Suffers from the choice of the initial estimate



# Sparse edge selection and “denoising”

- Given “ $L$ ” noisy signals:  $\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{n}_k$ ,

$$\arg \min_{\{\mathbf{x}_k\}_{k=1}^L, \mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}} \frac{1}{L} \sum_{k=1}^L (\|\mathbf{y}_k - \mathbf{x}_k\|_2^2 + \gamma \mathbf{x}_k^T \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{x}_k)$$

- **Solution 2: (convex optimization – one step)**

$$\hat{\mathbf{w}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W}} r(\mathbf{w}); \quad \hat{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{X}_{\min}(\hat{\mathbf{w}})$$

$$\text{with } r(\mathbf{w}) = \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}_{\min}(\mathbf{w})\|_F^2 + \gamma \text{tr}\{\mathbf{X}_{\min}^T(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{X}_{\min}(\mathbf{w})\}$$

*Hint: Solution to optimal “ $\mathbf{X}$ ” as a function of “ $\mathbf{w}$ ” can be computed in closed form*

- Convex program:

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{w}} \text{tr}\{\mathbf{Z}\}$$

$$\text{s.to} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z} - \gamma \mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{Y} & \mathbf{Y}^T \\ \mathbf{Y} & \mathbf{I} + \gamma \mathbf{L}_s(\mathbf{w}) \end{bmatrix} \succeq \mathbf{0}_{L+N},$$

$$\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{w} = K, \quad 0 \leq w_m \leq 1, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, M,$$

# Summary

- Reconstructing **bandlimited/smooth graph signals** via sparse sampling
- Relation to **kernel-based** signal reconstruction
- Reconstructing **product graph signals** via sparse **tensor sampling**
- Reconstructing **second-order statistics** by **subsampling without priors**
- **Sparse graph learning** as a sampling problem

# Future directions

- **Robust sparse sampling** that accounts for **perturbations** in the graph-shift operator
- **Sensor/source placement** for **topology-aware inference** (detection, tracking, network identification, rumor or vaccination injection)
- **Joint sensor and edge/link selection** (route planning, fast information diffusion or efficient wireless sensor network design)

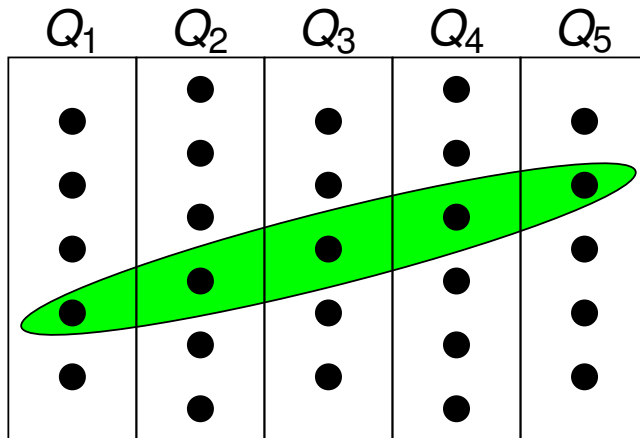
Thank You!  
Questions?



# Matroids

A finite matroid  $\mathcal{M}$  is a pair  $(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{I})$ , where  $\mathcal{N}$  is a finite set (also called the ground set) and  $\mathcal{I}$  is a family of subsets of  $\mathcal{N}$  (called the independent sets) that satisfies the following properties:

1. The empty set is independent, i.e.,  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$ .
2. For every  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ , if  $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathcal{I}$ , then  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{I}$ .
3. For every  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  such that  $|\mathcal{Y}| > |\mathcal{X}|$  and  $\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \in \mathcal{I}$  there exists one  $x \in \mathcal{Y} \setminus \mathcal{X}$  such that  $\mathcal{X} \cup \{x\} \in \mathcal{I}$ .

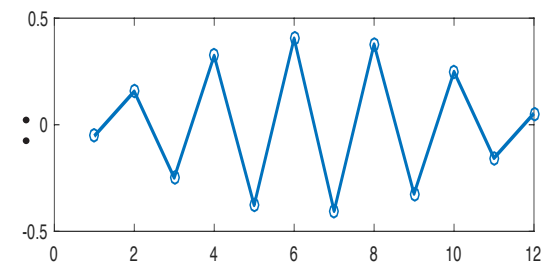
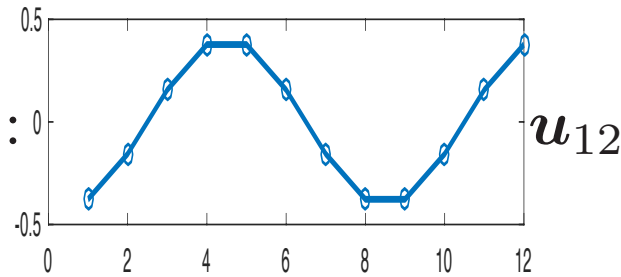
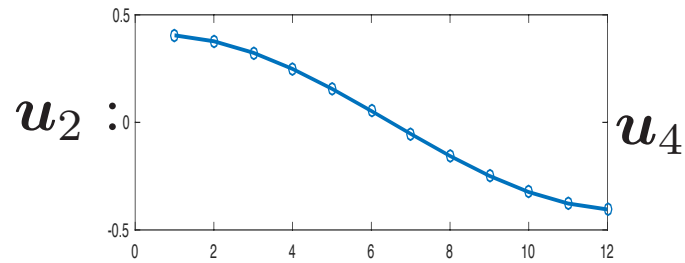
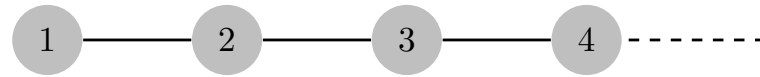


**Example:** *partition matroid*

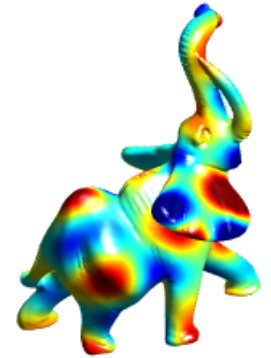
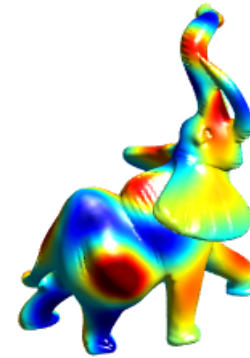
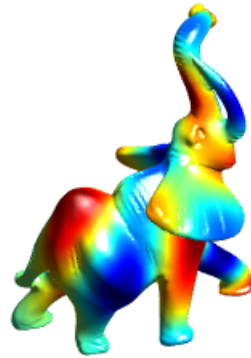
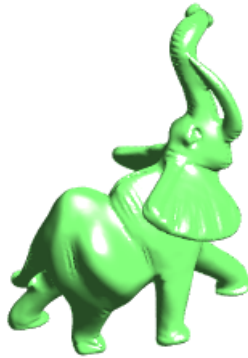
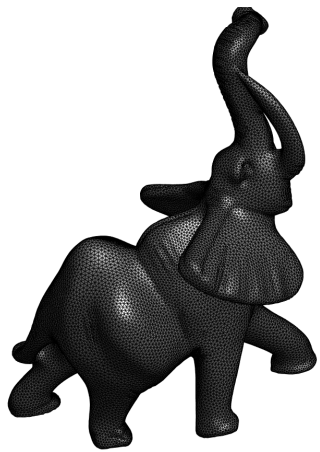
$S$  is independent, if  
 $|S \cap Q_i| \leq 1$  for each  $Q_i$ .

# Fourier-like basis

Path graph with 12 nodes

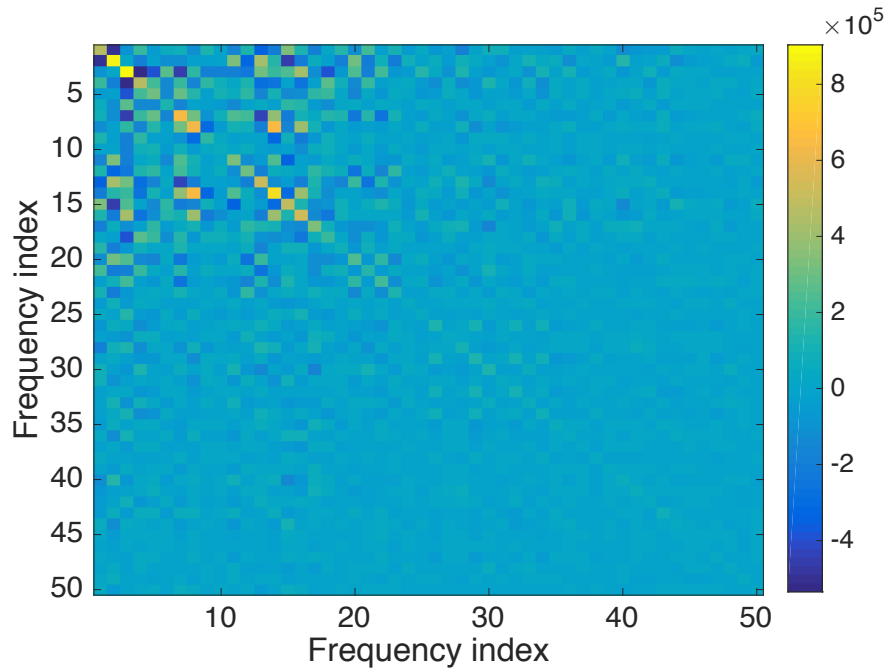


*fundamental modes of vibration of a string with free ends*



# PSD of face images

PSD estimation for spectral signatures of faces of different people



(a) Ground truth



(b) Noisy



(c) Low-pass filter



(d) Wiener filter

- Graph process corresponding to a single individual is stationary in the covariance matrix graph related to multiple individuals
- Estimated PSD can be used for Wiener filtering