

Estimating Higher-Order Moments Using Symmetric Tensor Decomposition

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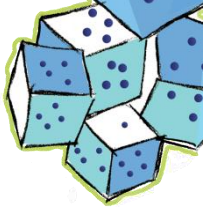
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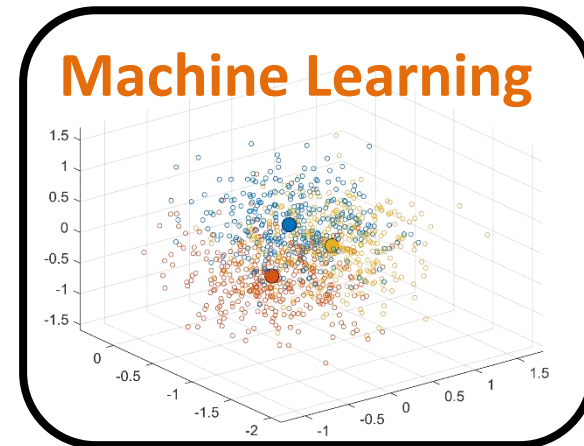
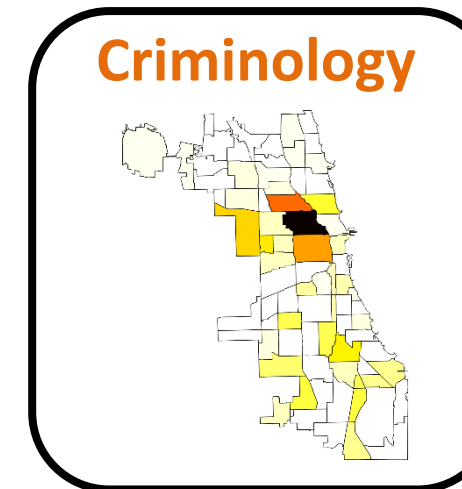
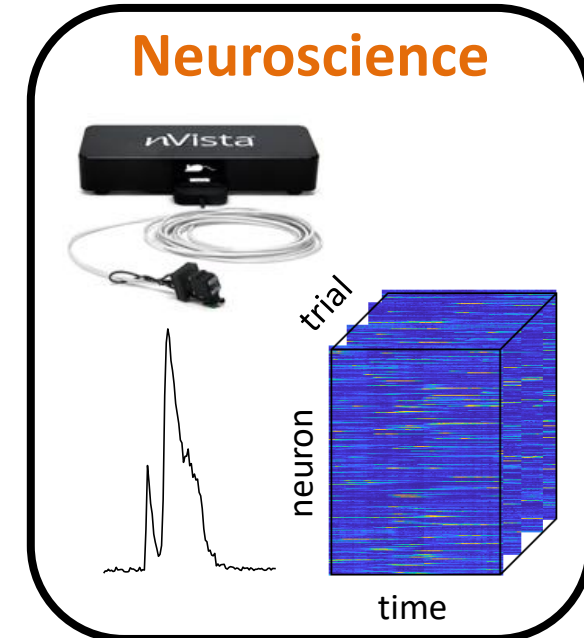
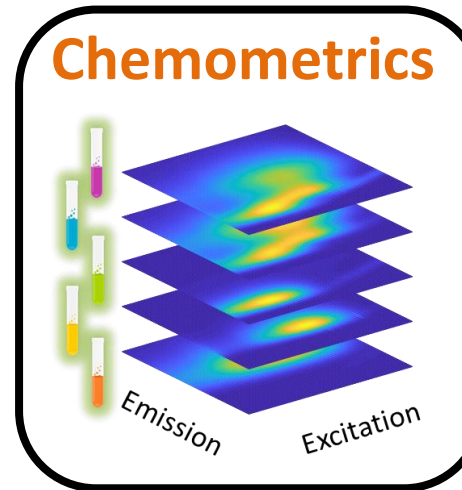
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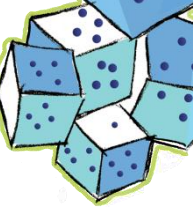
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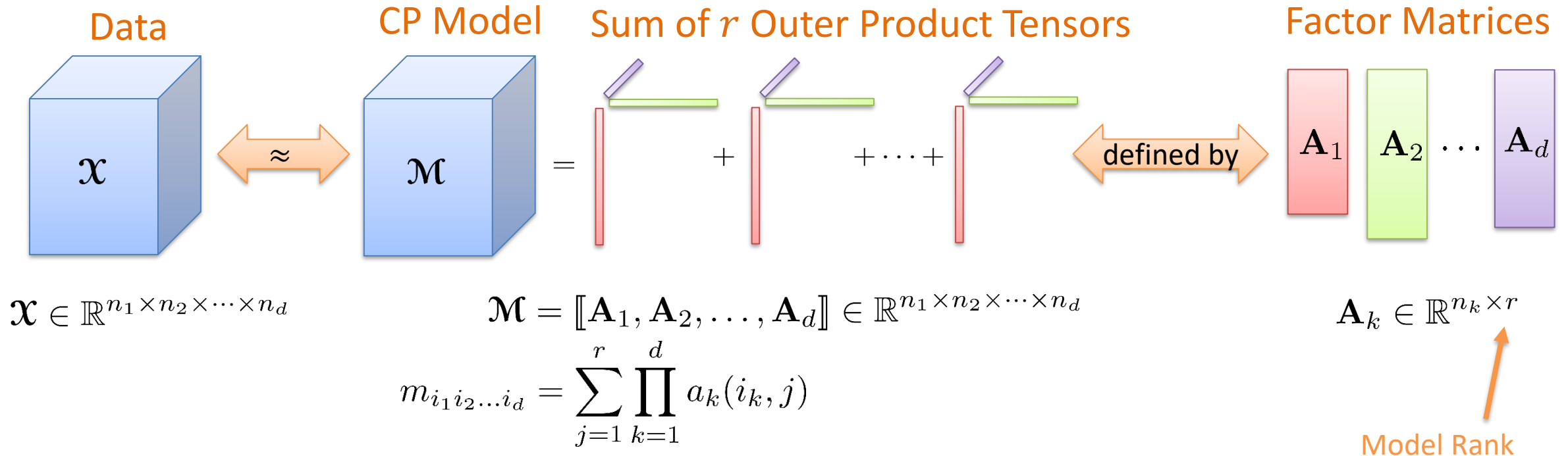
Tensors Come From Many Applications

- **Chemometrics:** Emission x Excitation x Samples (Fluorescence Spectroscopy)
- **Neuroscience:** Neuron x Time x Trial
- **Criminology:** Day x Hour x Location x Crime (Chicago Crime Reports)
- **Symmetric Higher-order Empirical Moments:** Multivariate Gaussian Distributions in Machine Learning
- **Transportation:** Pickup x Dropoff x Time (Taxis)
- **Sports:** Player x Statistic x Season (Basketball)
- **Cyber-Traffic:** IP x IP x Port x Time
- **Social Network:** Person x Person x Time x Interaction-Type
- **Symmetric Higher-order Derivatives:** From Optimization





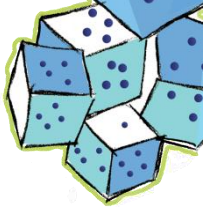
CP Tensor Decomposition Identifies Factors



Optimization Formulation

$$\min_{\mathbf{A}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_d} \|\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{M}\|^2 = \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \dots \sum_{i_d=1}^{n_d} (x_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_d} - m_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_d})^2$$

CP First Invented in 1927



Frank Lauren Hitchcock
MIT Professor
(1875–1957)

THE EXPRESSION OF A TENSOR OR A POLYADIC AS A SUM OF PRODUCTS

By FRANK L. HITCHCOCK

1. Addition and Multiplication.

Tensors are *added* by adding corresponding components. The *product* of a covariant tensor $A_{i_1 \dots i_p}$ of order p into a covariant tensor $B_{i_{p+1} \dots i_{p+q}}$ of order q is defined by writing

$$A_{i_1 \dots i_p} B_{i_{p+1} \dots i_{p+q}} = C_{i_1 \dots i_{p+q}} \quad (1)$$

where the product $C_{i_1 \dots i_{p+q}}$ is a covariant tensor of order $p+q$. When no confusion results indices may be omitted giving

$$AB = C \quad (1_a)$$

equivalent to the n^{p+q} equations (1). Boldface type is convenient for indicating that the letters do not denote merely numbers or scalars. Products of contravariant and of mixed tensors may be similarly defined.

A partial statement of the problem to be considered is as follows: to find under what conditions a given tensor can be expressed as a sum of products of assigned form. A more general statement of the problem will be given below.

2. Polyadic form of a tensor.

Any covariant tensor $A_{i_1 \dots i_p}$ can be expressed as the sum of a finite number of tensors each of which is the product of p covariant vectors,

$$A_{i_1 \dots i_p} = \sum_{j=1}^{j=h} a_{1j, i_1} a_{2j, i_2} \dots a_{pj, i_p} \quad (2)$$

where a_{1j, i_1} , etc., are a set of hp covariant vectors. When the indices $i_1 \dots i_p$ can be omitted this may be written

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^{j=h} a_{1j} a_{2j} \dots a_{pj} \quad (2_a)$$

The right member is now identical in appearance with a Gibbs

F. L. Hitchcock, *The Expression of a Tensor or a Polyadic as a Sum of Products*, Journal of Mathematics and Physics, 1927

2. Polyadic form of a tensor.

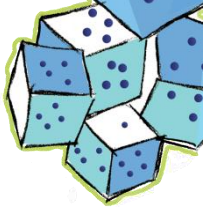
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CP Independently Reinvented (twice) in 1970



CANDECAMP: Canonical Decomposition

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ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN MULTIDIMENSIONAL SCALING VIA AN N-WAY GENERALIZATION OF "ECKART-YOUNG" DECOMPOSITION

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An individual differences model for multidimensional scaling is outlined in which individuals are assumed differentially to weight the several dimensions of a common "psychological space". A corresponding method of analyzing similarity data is proposed, involving a generalization of "Eckart-Young analysis" to decomposition of three-way (or higher-way) tables. In the present case this decomposition is applied to a derived three-way table of scalar products between stimuli for individuals. This analysis yields a stimulus by dimensions coordinate matrix and a subjects by dimensions matrix of weights. This method is illustrated with data on auditory stimuli and on perception of nations.

There has been an interest for some time in the question of dealing with individual differences among subjects in making similarity judgments on which a multidimensional scaling of stimuli is to be based. Kruskal [1968] and McGee [1968] have both incorporated different ways of dealing with individual differences into their scaling procedures. Tucker and Messick [1963] proposed an approach, which they called "Points of view analysis," which is probably the most widely used method for dealing with such individual differences. In this method, intercorrelations are first computed between subjects (based on their similarity judgments) and the resulting correlation matrix is factor analyzed to produce a subject space. One then looks for clusters of subjects in this subject space, and if such clusters are found, proceeds in one way or another to define "idealized" subjects corresponding to clusters. (The "idealized subject" for a given cluster may be defined, for example, by finding the pattern of similarity judgments corresponding to a hypothetical subject at the cluster centroid, by choosing the actual subject closest to that centroid, or, most simply, by averaging the similarity judgments for subjects in the given cluster.) The similarities for these "idealized subjects" are then, individually and independently, subjected to multidimensional scaling.

This approach has been criticized by a number of people, most recently by Ross [1966] (see Cliff, 1968, for a reply to Ross's criticism and a further discussion of the "idealized individuals" interpretation of "Points of view

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Jih-Jie Chang Bell Labs (1927-2007)



Richard A. Harshman Univ. Ontario (1943-2008)

CP: CANDECAMP/PARAFAC

In 2000, Henk Kiers proposed this *compromise* name

CP: Canonical Polyadic

2010: Pierre Comon, Lieven DeLathauwer, and others reverse-engineered CP, revising some of Hitchcock's terminology

PARAFAC: Parallel Factors

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FOUNDATIONS OF THE PARAFAC PROCEDURE: MODELS AND CONDITIONS

FOR AN "EXPLANATORY" MULTIMODAL FACTOR ANALYSIS

by

Richard A. Harshman

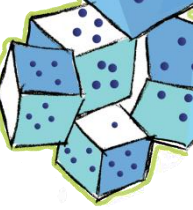
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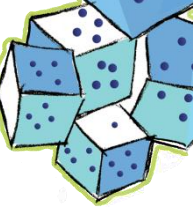
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Tensor Decomposition in Neuroscience

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Activity of Single Neuron Measured Over Time Produces Vector Data

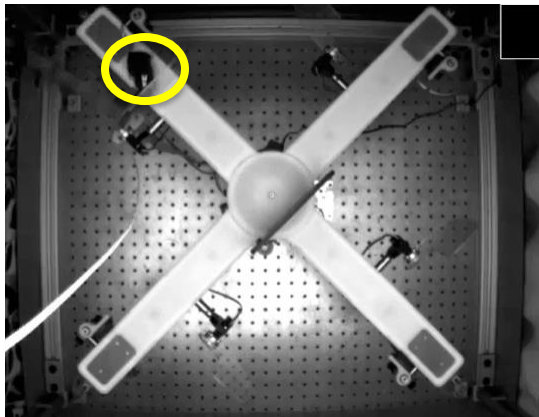


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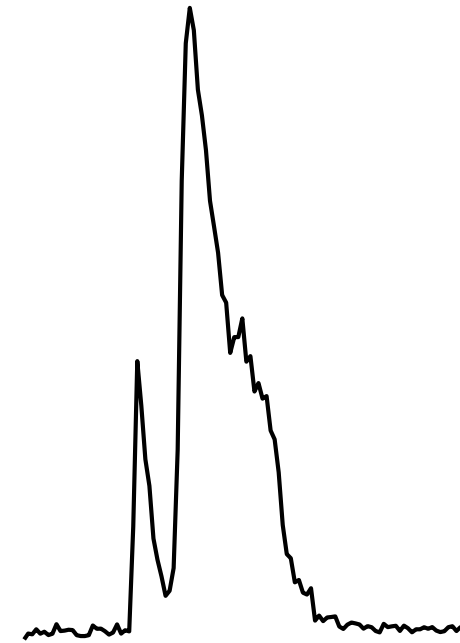
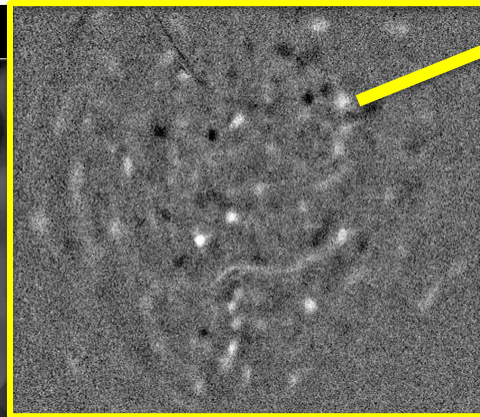
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mouse
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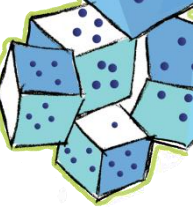


neural activity via
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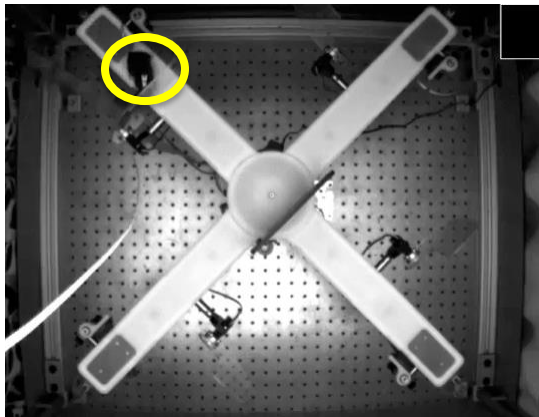


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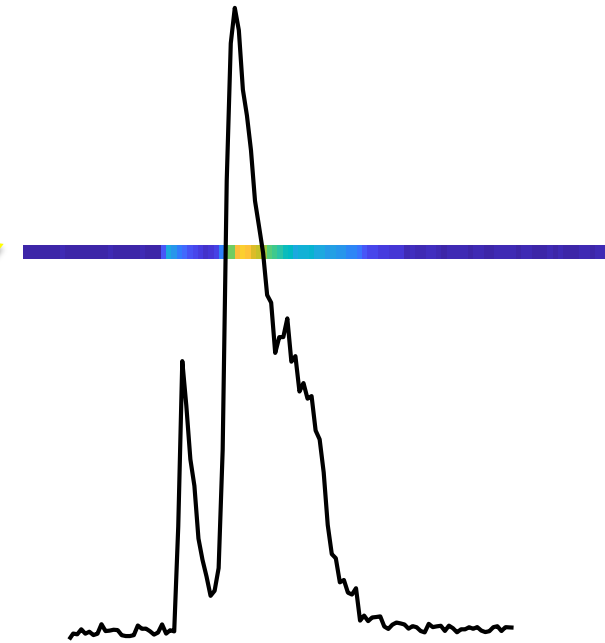
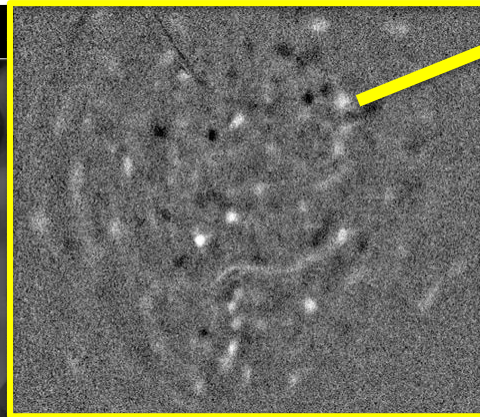
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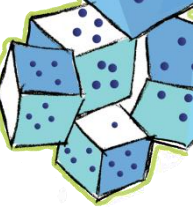


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Multiple Neurons Measured Over Time Produces Matrix

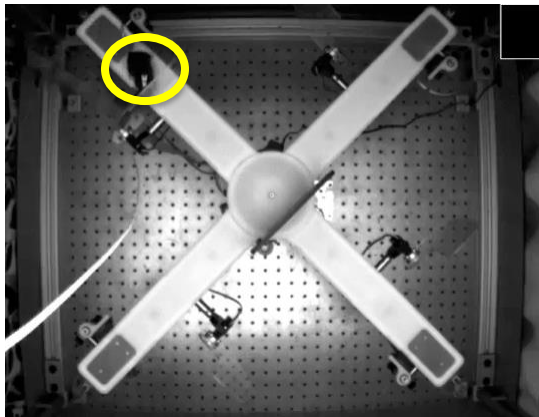


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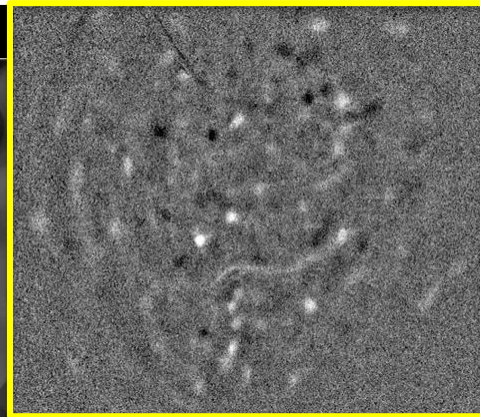
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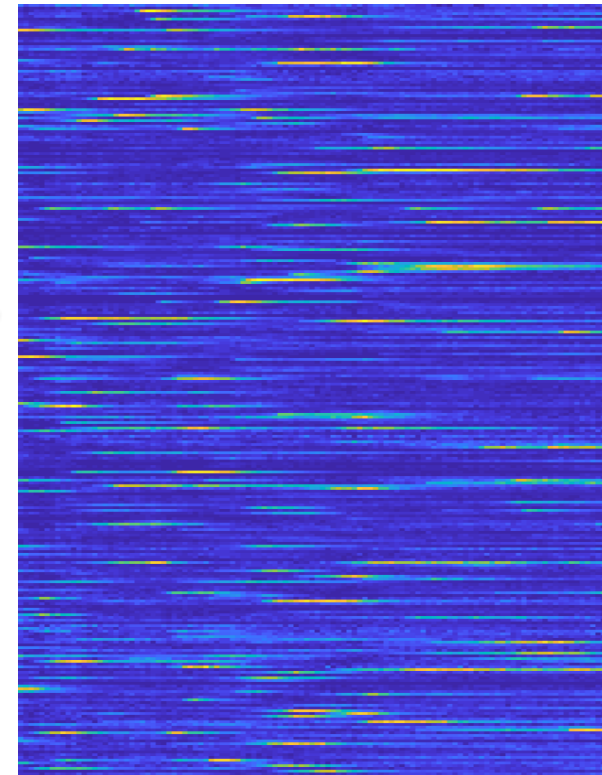
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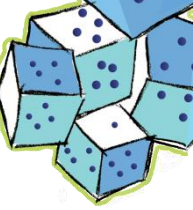
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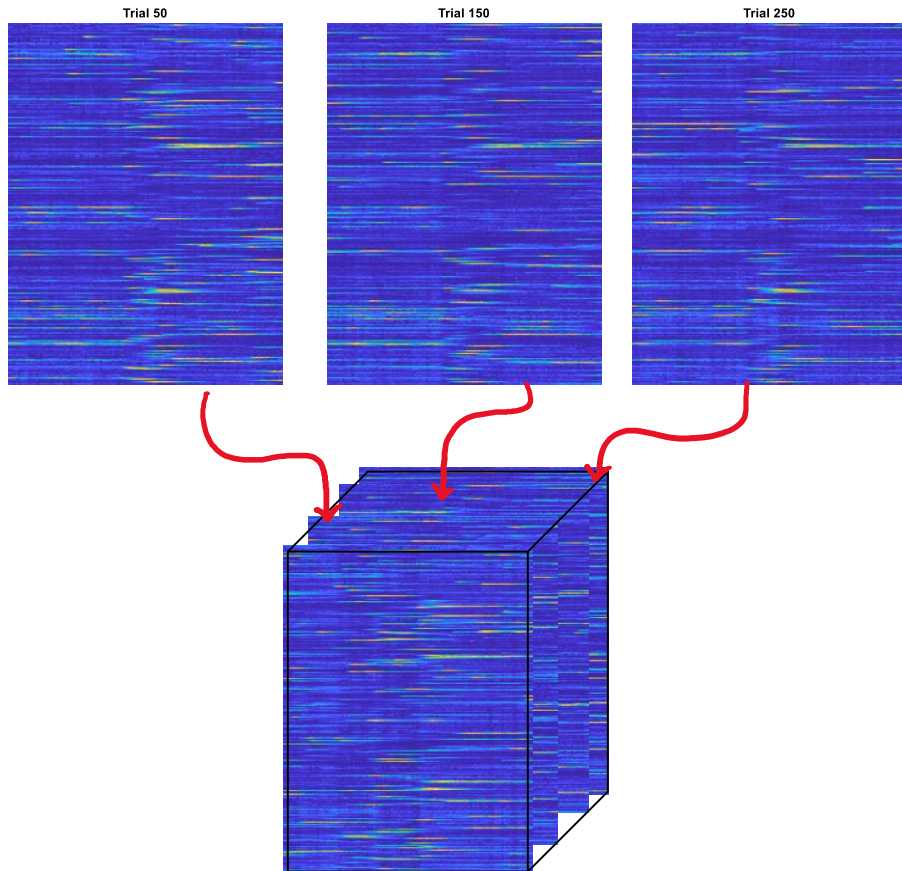
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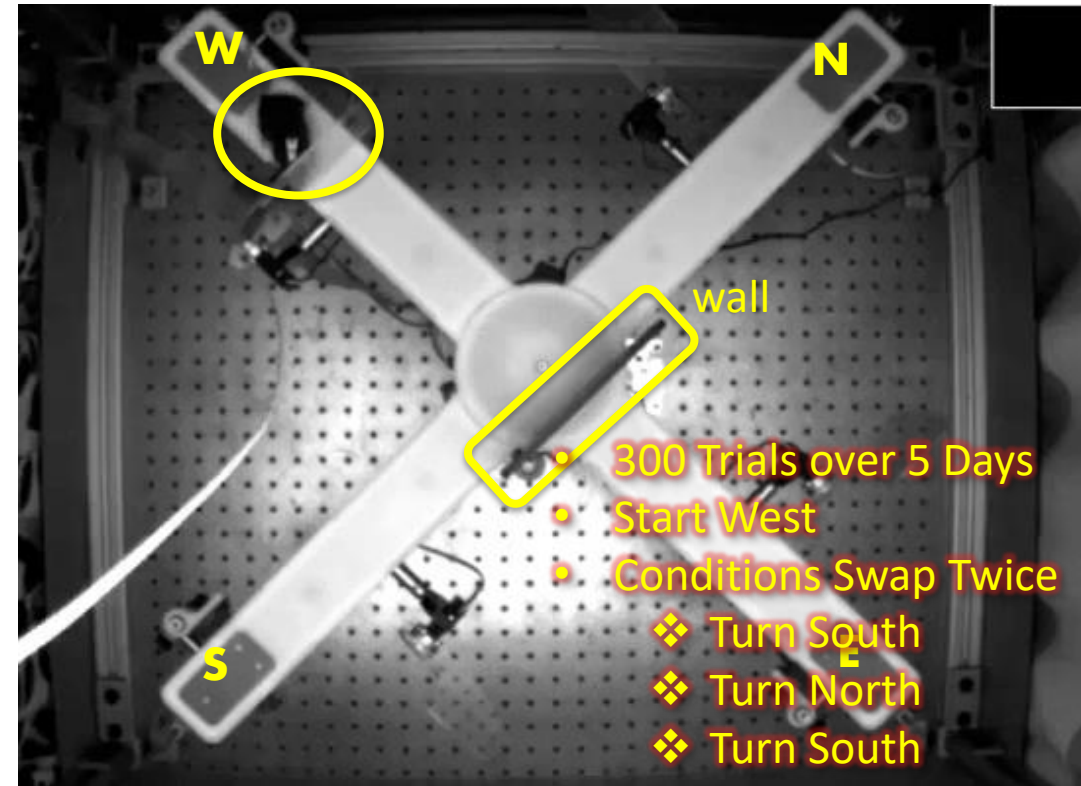
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Multiple Trials Produces 3-way Tensor

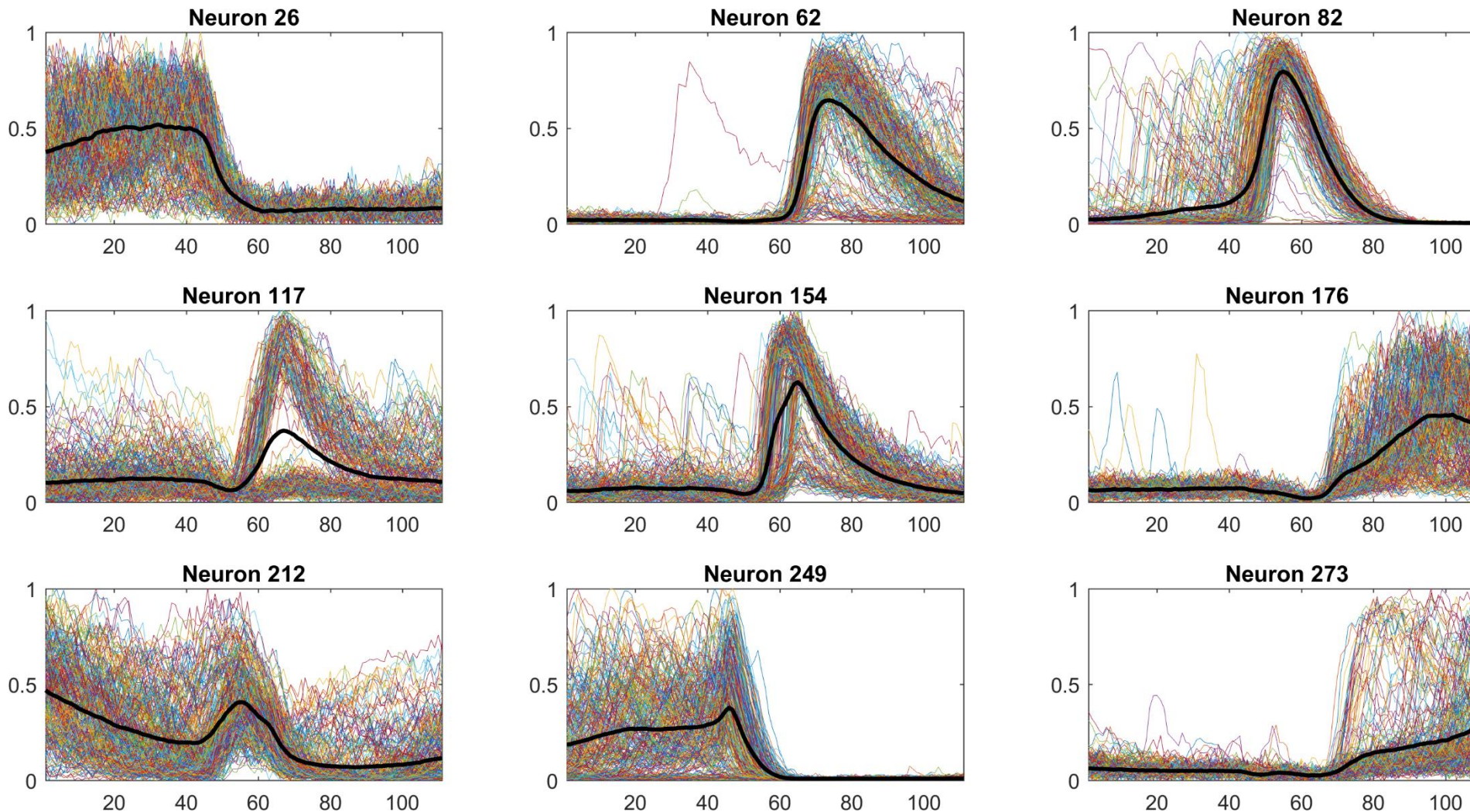


282 neurons \times 111 time bins \times 300 trials



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Example Neuron Activity

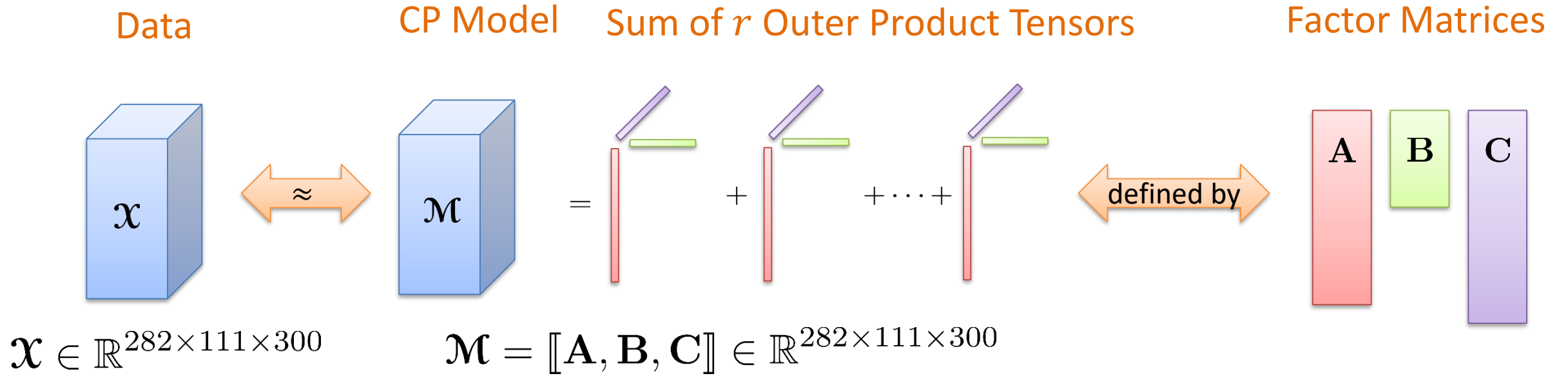


Thin lines
show 300
individual
trials

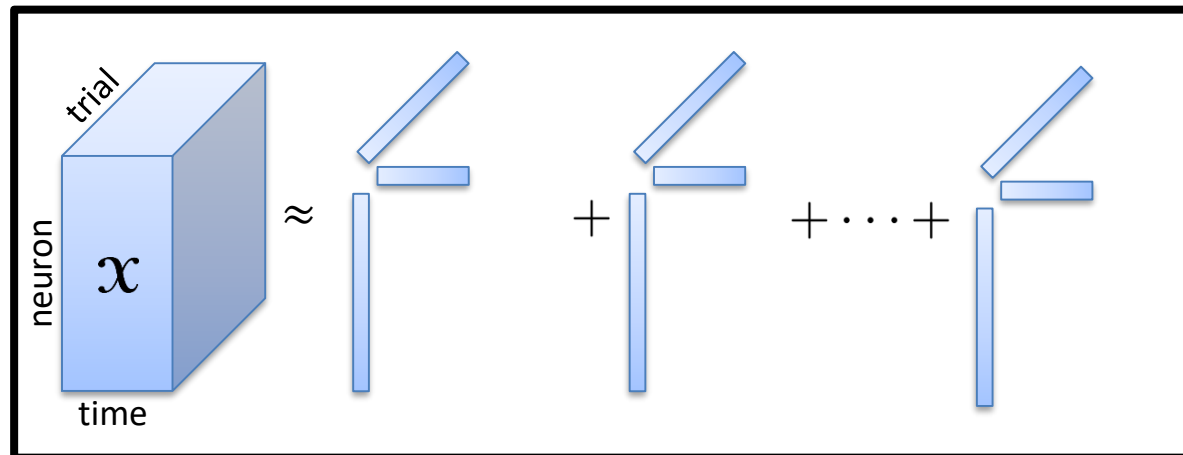
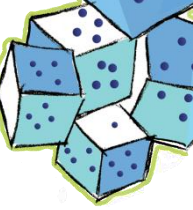
Thick line is
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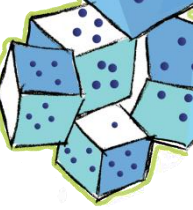
CP Tensor for Neuron Activity Data



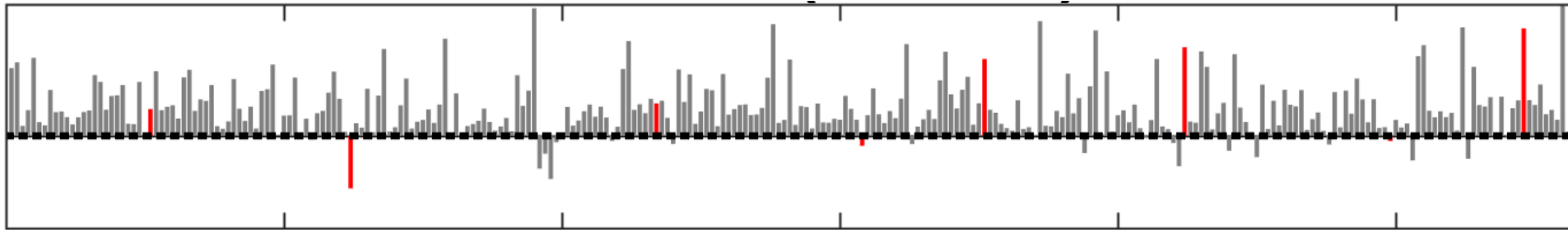
Neuron Factor Vector Visualized as Bar Chart



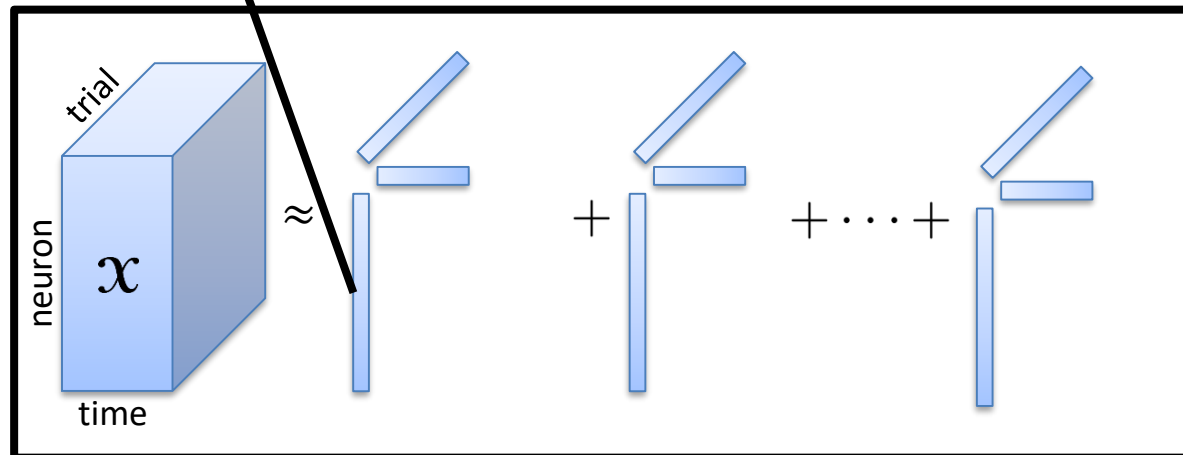
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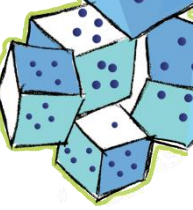
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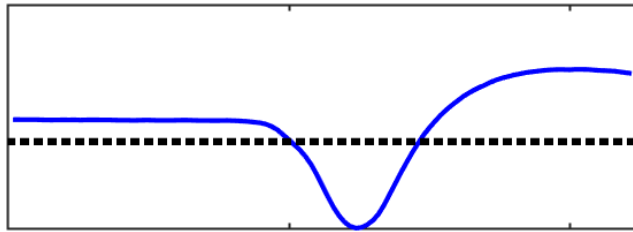
Neuron Modes Plotted as a Bar Chart
(Red Lines Correspond to Examples in Prior Slide)



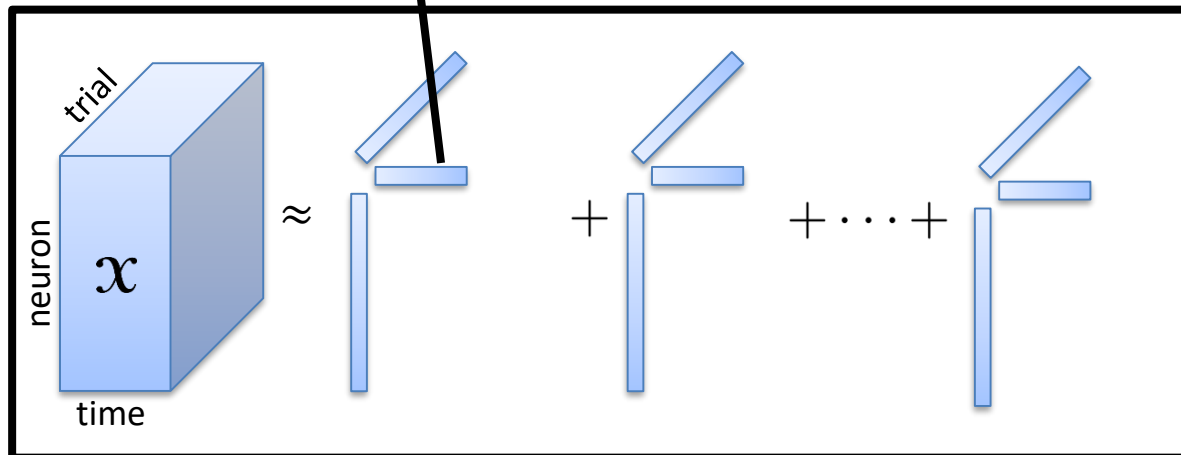
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Time Factor Vector Visualized as Line

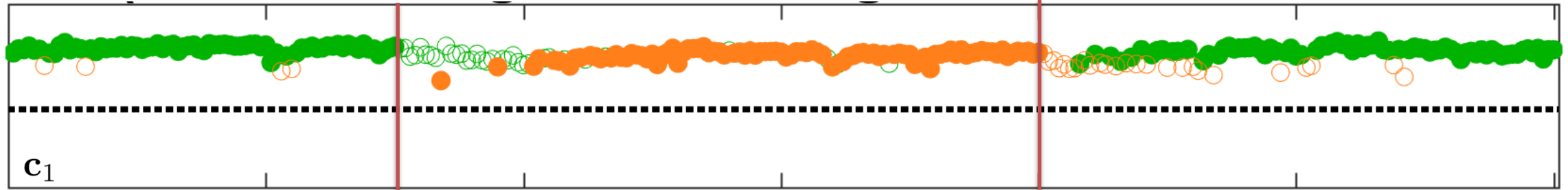
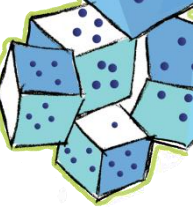


Time (within trial) Plotted as a Line
(Dashed Line is Zero)



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Trial Factor Vector Visualized as Color-Coded Scatter Plot



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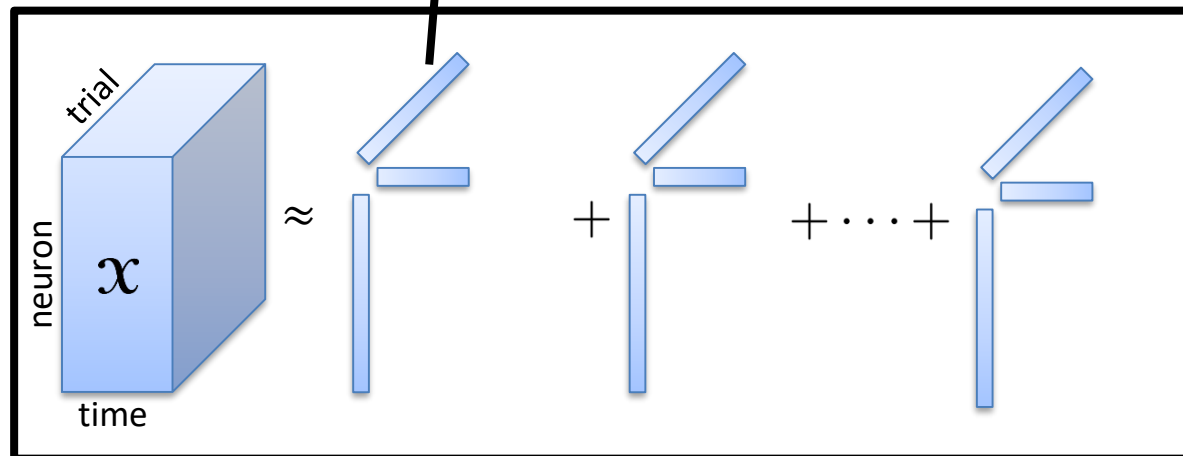
Trial Plotted as Scatter Graph

Rule Change

Right turn = Green

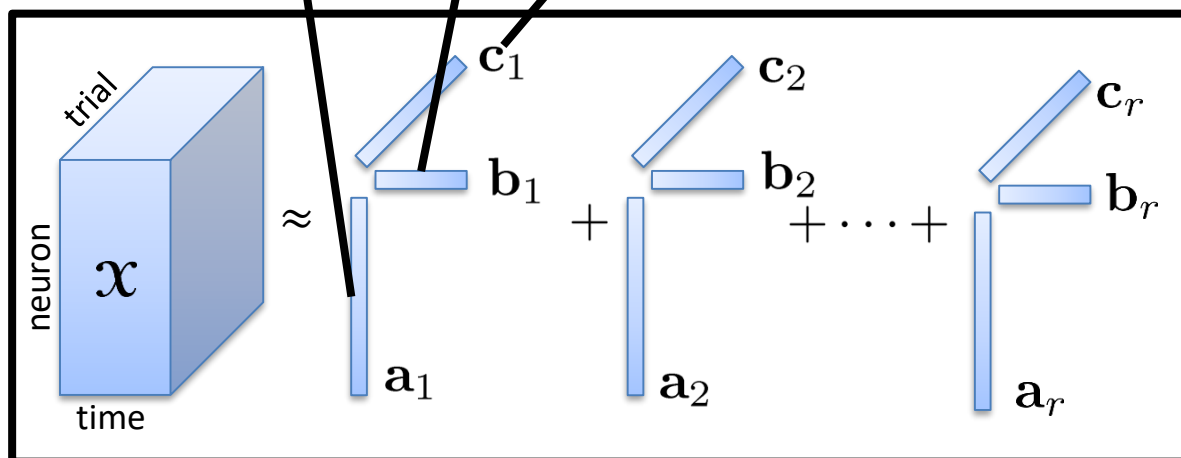
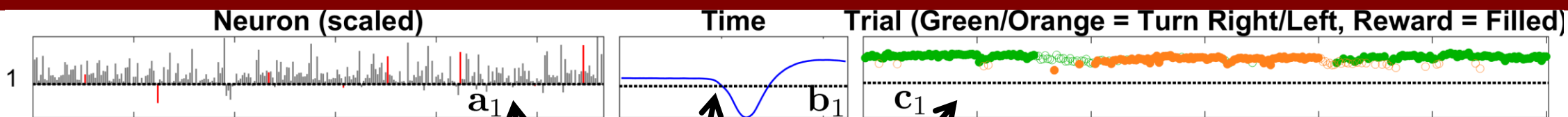
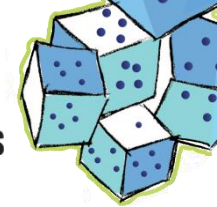
Left turn = Orange

Filled = Reward



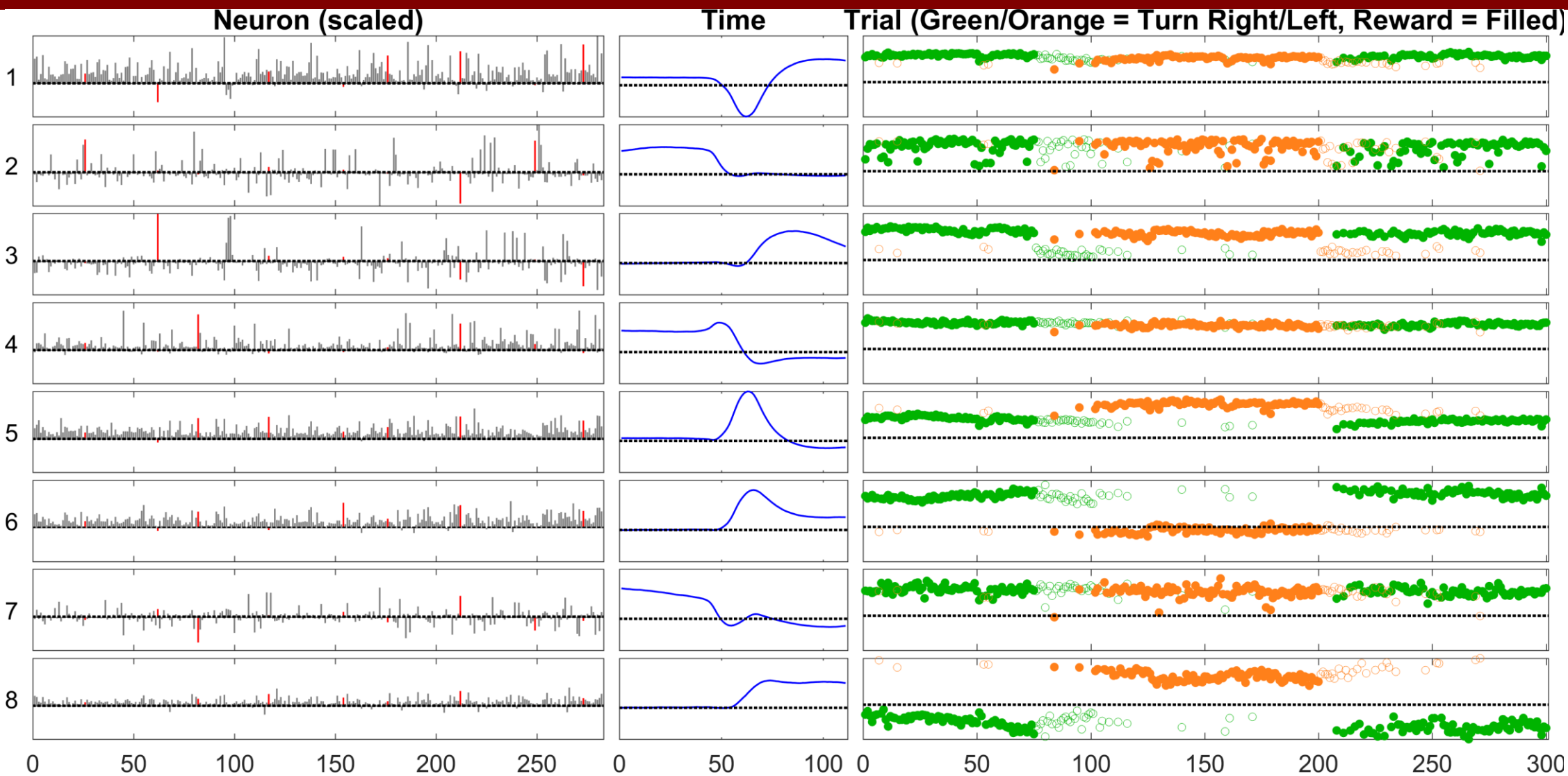
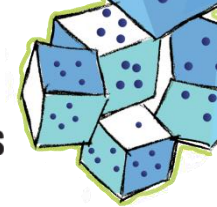
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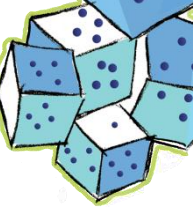
Visualization of CP Tensor Decomposition Shows the Factors (Vectors)



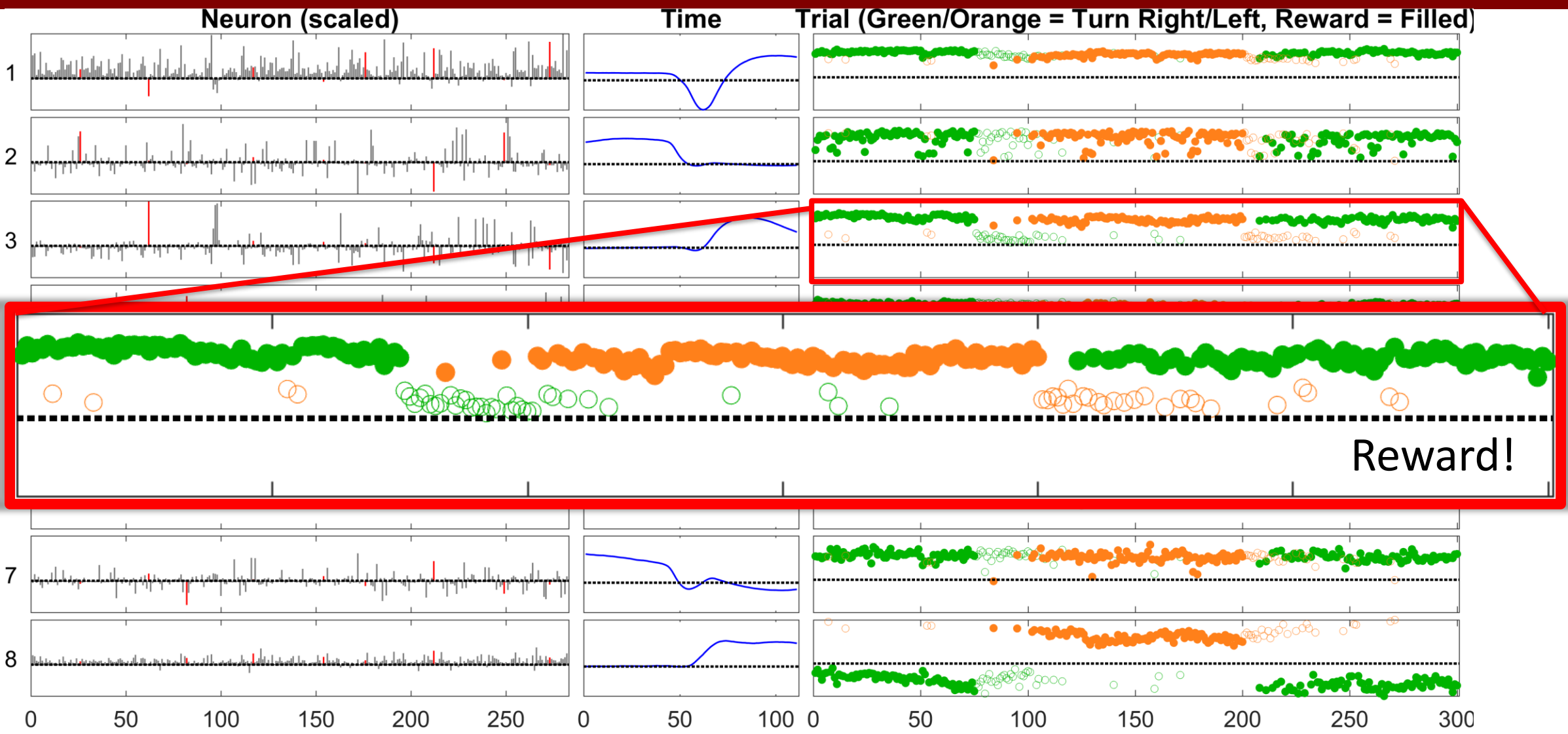
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CP Decomposition of Mouse Data

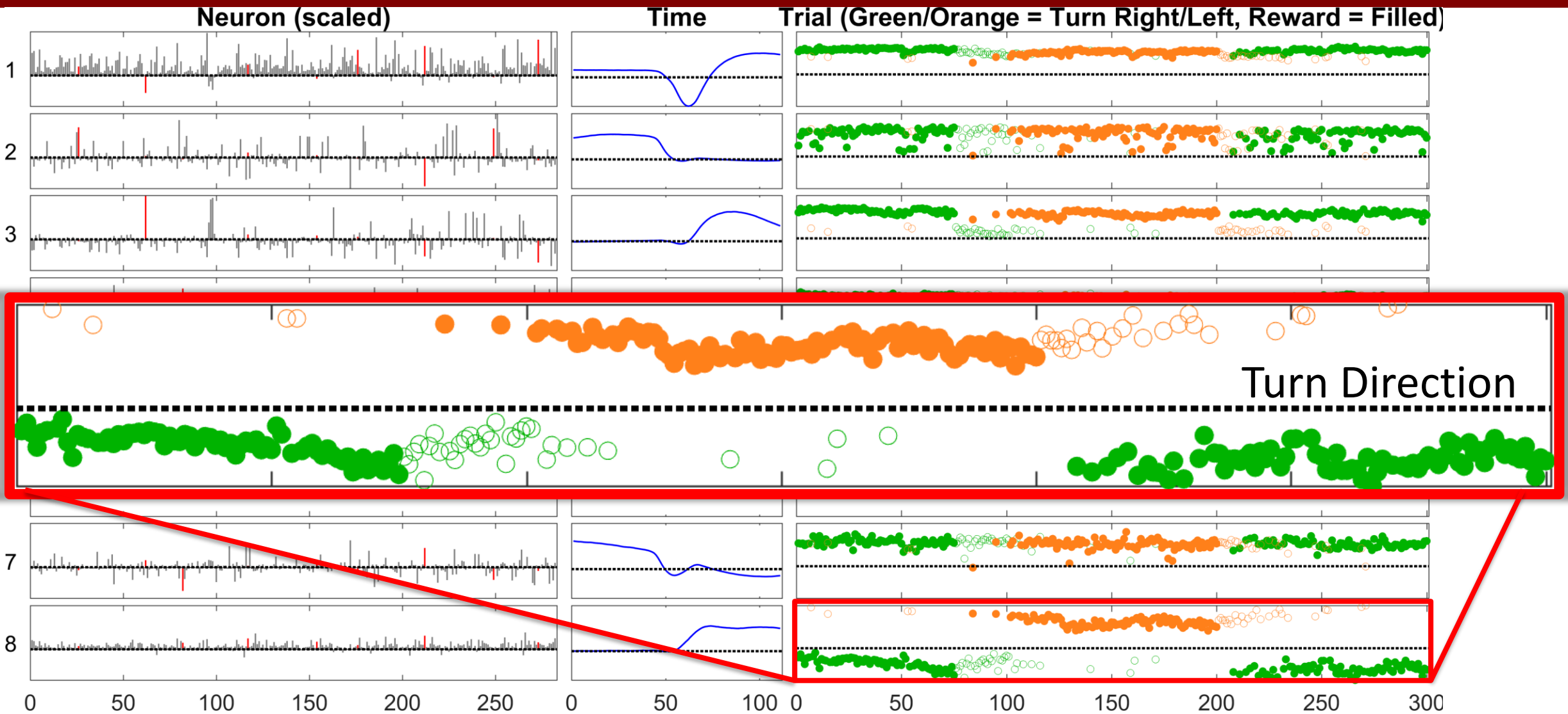
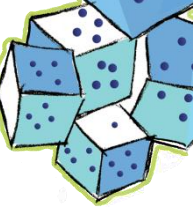




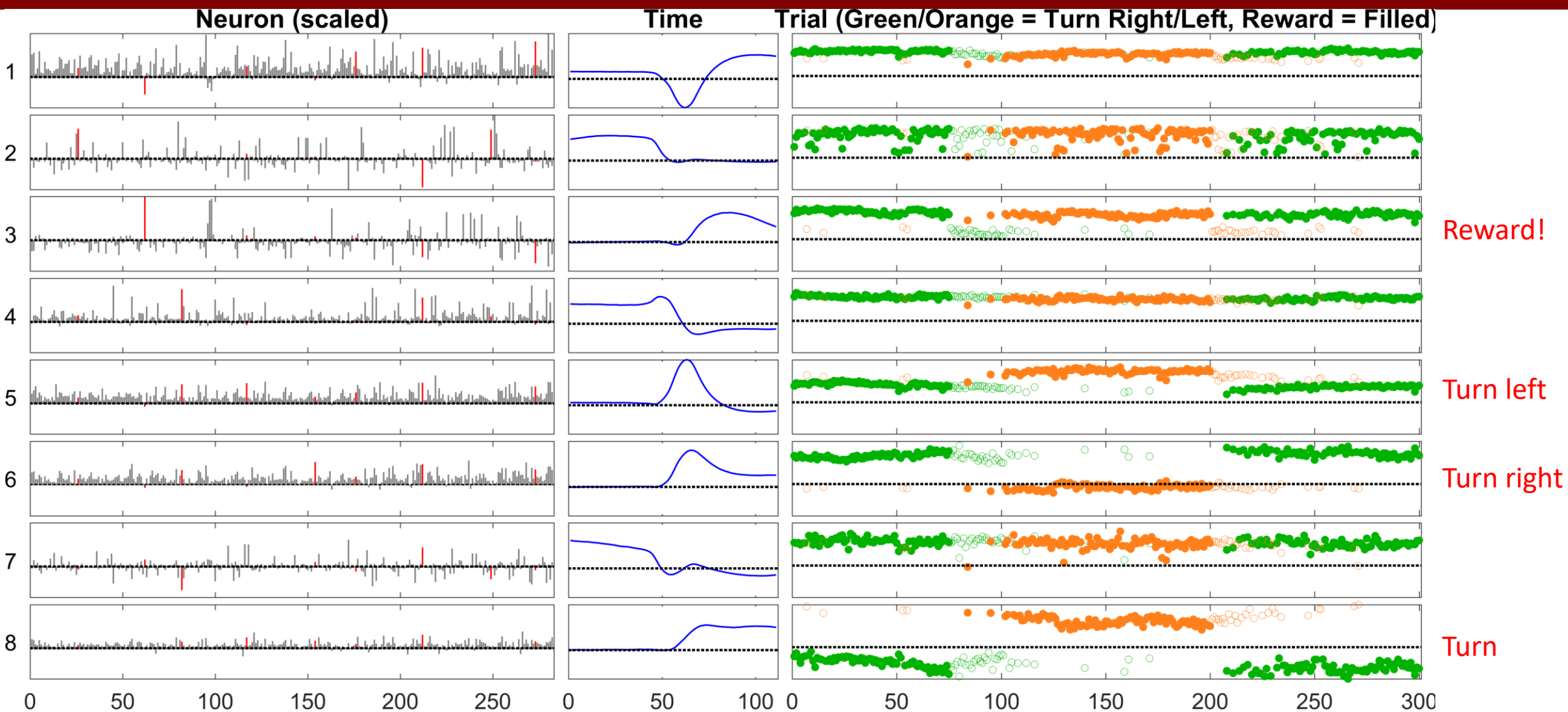
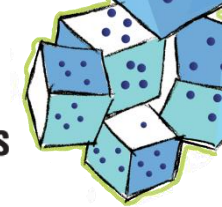
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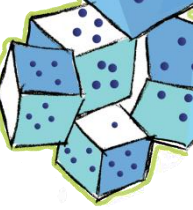


CP Tensor Decomposition "Sees" Turn Direction



CP Tensor Decomposition Yields Interpretation of a Complex Dataset





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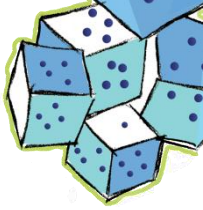
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Symmetric CP Tensor Factorization for (Symmetric) Moment Tensors

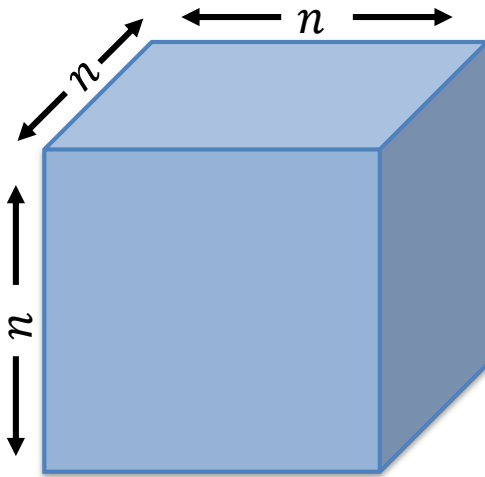
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Symmetric Tensor Entries Invariant Under Permutation of Indices



A tensor is symmetric if its entries are invariant under permutation of the indices



For d -way tensor, of dimension n , number of unique entries is:

$$\binom{n + d - 1}{d} \approx \frac{n^d}{d!}$$

Example 1.2 from Nie (2014)

$3 \times 3 \times 3$ symmetric tensor (10 distinct entries)

$$\mathcal{X} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc|ccc} 7 & -3 & 9 & -3 & 13 & 20 & 9 & 20 & 19 \\ -3 & 13 & 20 & 13 & -27 & 6 & 20 & 6 & 6 \\ 9 & 20 & 19 & 20 & 6 & 6 & 19 & 6 & 45 \end{array} \right)$$

$$x(1, 1, 1) = 7 \quad x(1, 3, 3) = 19$$

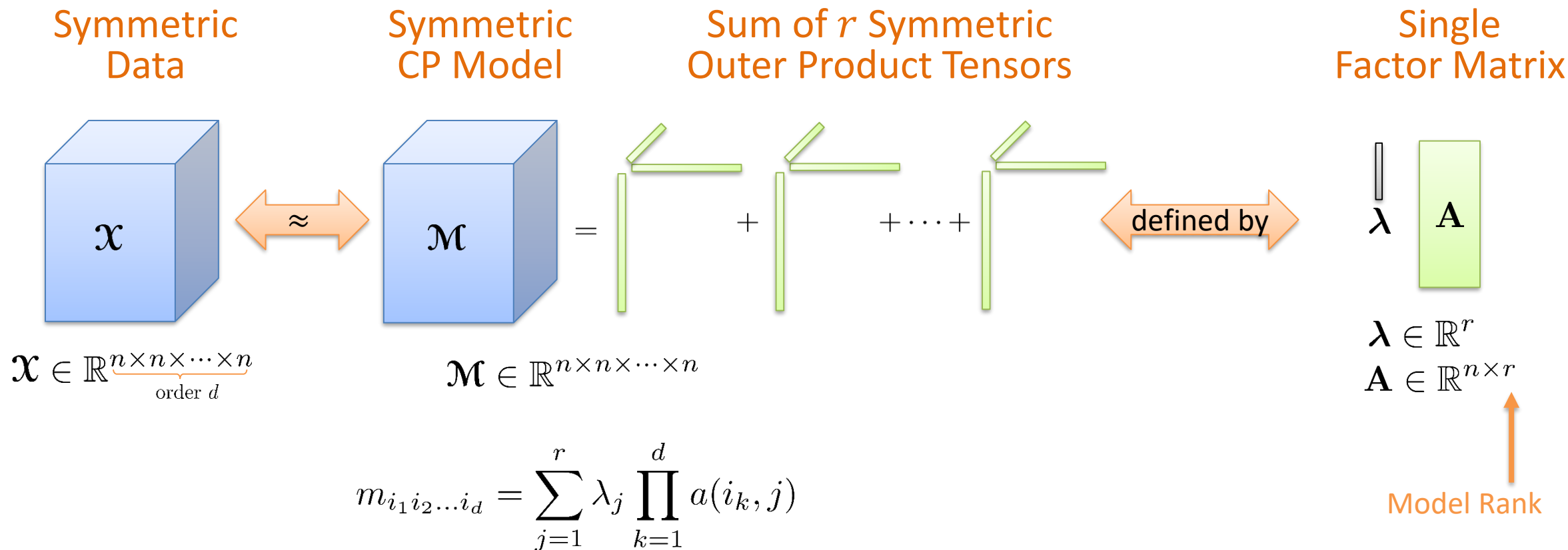
$$x(1, 1, 2) = -3 \quad x(2, 2, 2) = -27$$

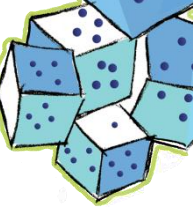
$$x(1, 1, 3) = 9 \quad x(2, 2, 3) = 6$$

$$x(1, 2, 2) = 13 \quad x(2, 3, 3) = 6$$

$$x(1, 2, 3) = 20 \quad x(3, 3, 3) = 45$$

Symmetric CP Tensor Decomposition Has Single Factor Matrix





Symmetric Outer Product

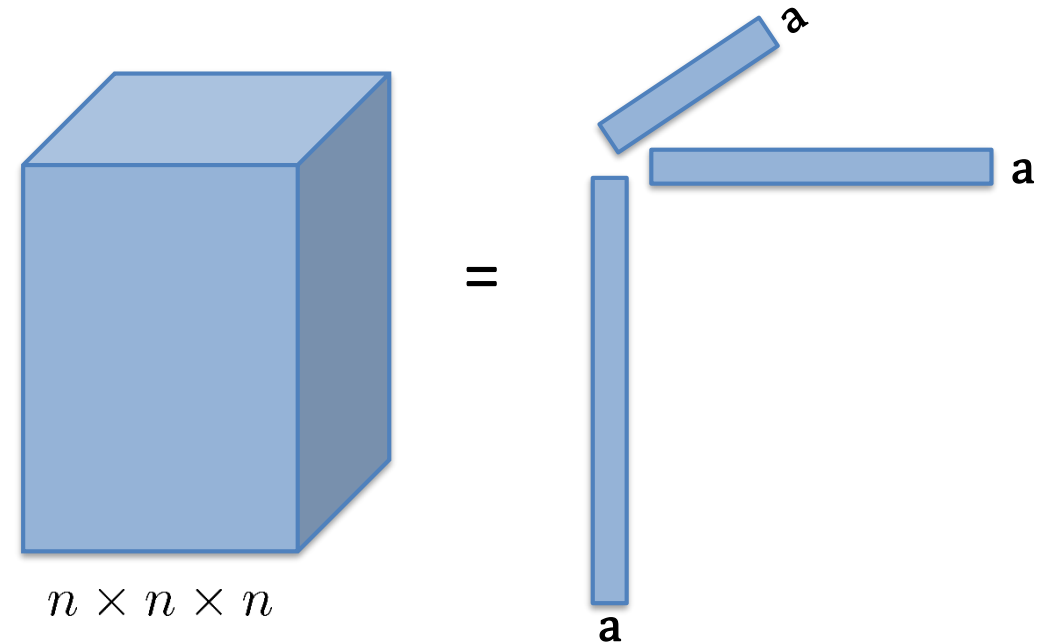
Given **a vector**:

$$\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

The **outer product** is

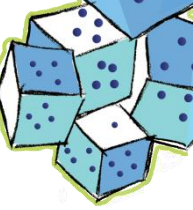
$$\mathcal{P} = \mathbf{a}^{\otimes d} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times \dots \times n}$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{\otimes 3} \equiv \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{a}$$

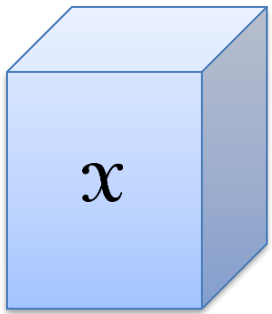


$$(\mathbf{a}^{\otimes 3})_{ijk} = a_i a_j a_k$$

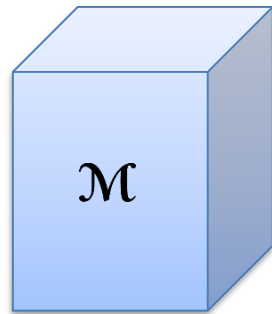
Model Expressed as Sum of Symmetric Outer Products



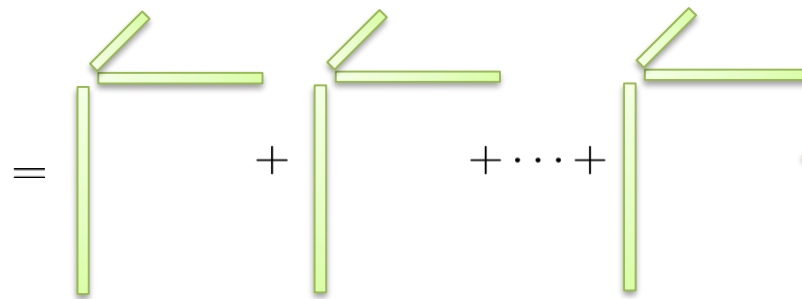
Symmetric Data



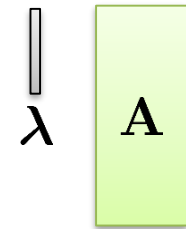
Symmetric CP Model



Sum of r Symmetric Outer Product Tensors



Single Factor Matrix

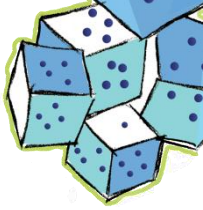


$$\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^r$$
$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$$

↑
Model Rank

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j \mathbf{a}_j^{\otimes d} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times \dots \times n}$$

Symmetric Tensor Rank & Decomposition



Example 1.2 from Nie (2014)

$3 \times 3 \times 3$ symmetric tensor (10 distinct entries)

$$\mathcal{X} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc|ccc} 7 & -3 & 9 & -3 & 13 & 20 & 9 & 20 & 19 \\ -3 & 13 & 20 & 13 & -27 & 6 & 20 & 6 & 6 \\ 9 & 20 & 19 & 20 & 6 & 6 & 19 & 6 & 45 \end{array} \right)$$

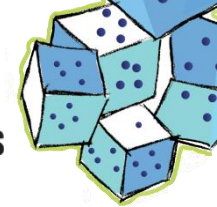
$$\text{rank}(\mathcal{X}) = \min \{ r \mid \mathcal{X} = \mathbf{a}_1^{\otimes d} + \dots + \mathbf{a}_r^{\otimes d} \}$$

Rank decomposition

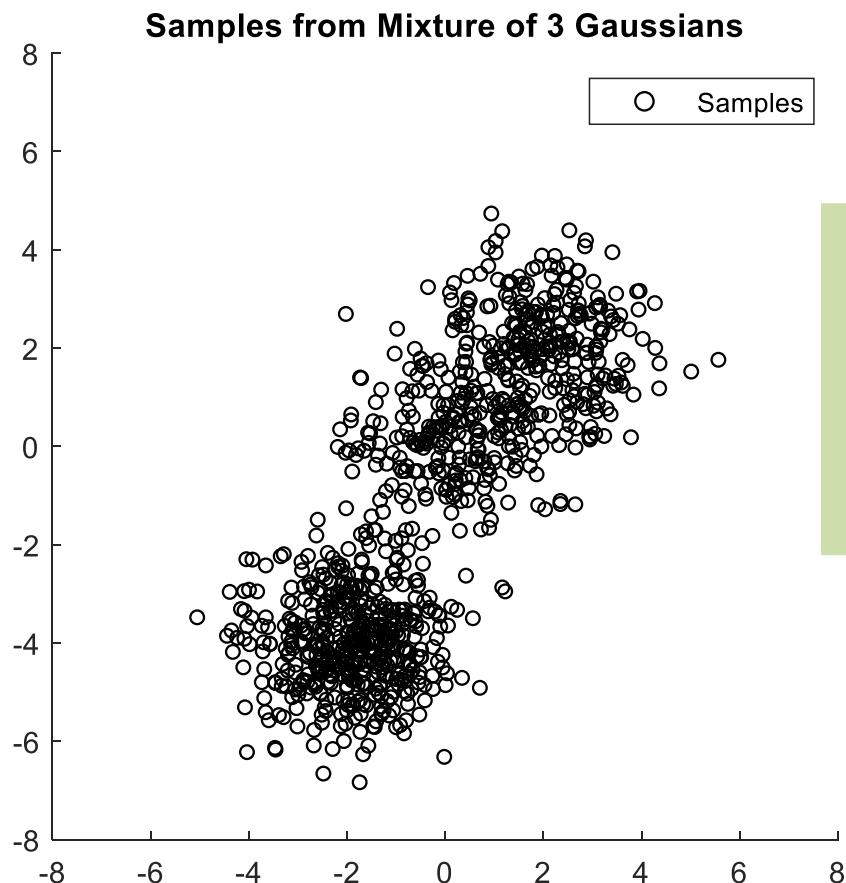
$$\mathcal{X} = 2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}^{\otimes 3} + 5 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}^{\otimes 3} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}^{\otimes 3}$$

- Symmetric tensor rank
 - For any given tensor, NP-hard to compute its rank (Hillar & Lim, 2013)
 - Typical rank known over \mathbb{C} (Comon, Golub, Lim, Mourrain, 2008)
 - In practice, trial and error!
- Symmetric tensor decomposition
 - Waring decomposition (Landsberg, 2012; Oeding & Ottaviani, 2013)
 - Gröbner bases algebraic methods or numerical root-finding method (Nie, 2014)
 - Direct optimization formulation (Kolda, 2015)
 - Subspace power method (Kileel & Pereira, 2019)

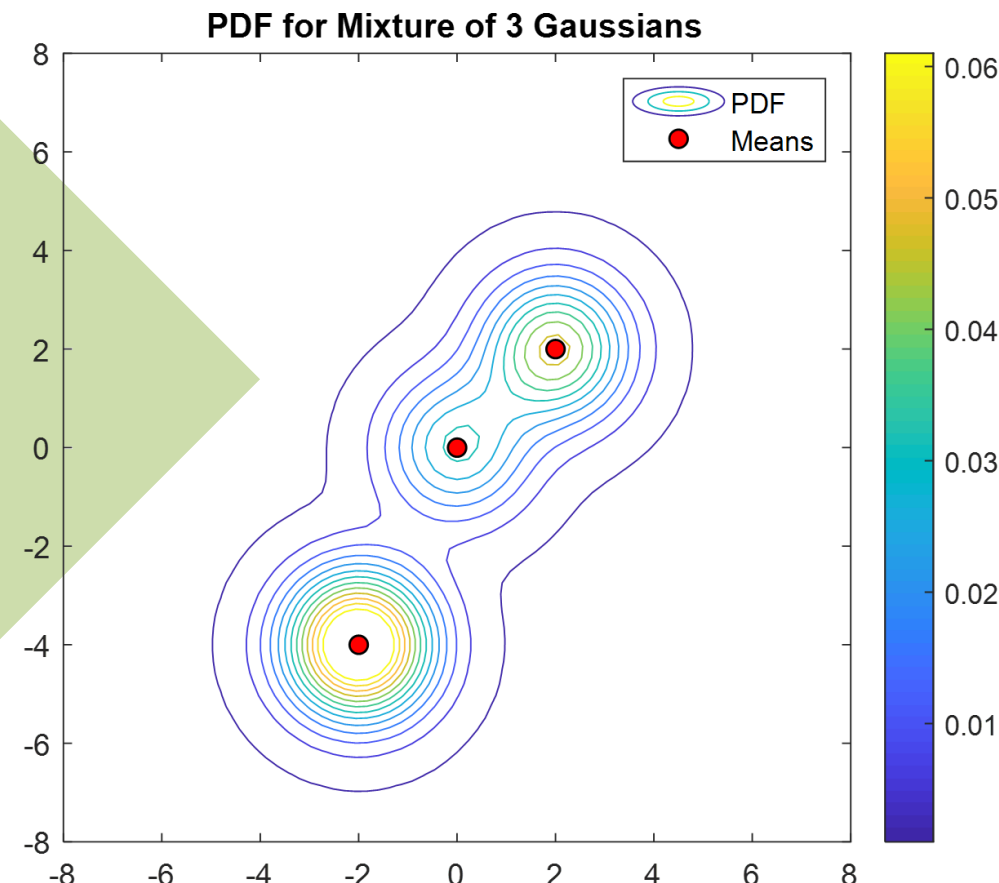
Moment Tensors Arise in Inference of Gaussian Mixture Models (GMMs)



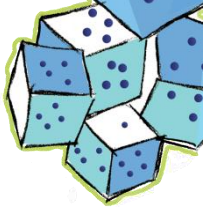
*For ease of illustration, we focus on $n = 2$ dimensions.
Generally interested in much higher dimensions, i.e, $n = 500!$*



Given just the samples (point cloud), can we recover the means?

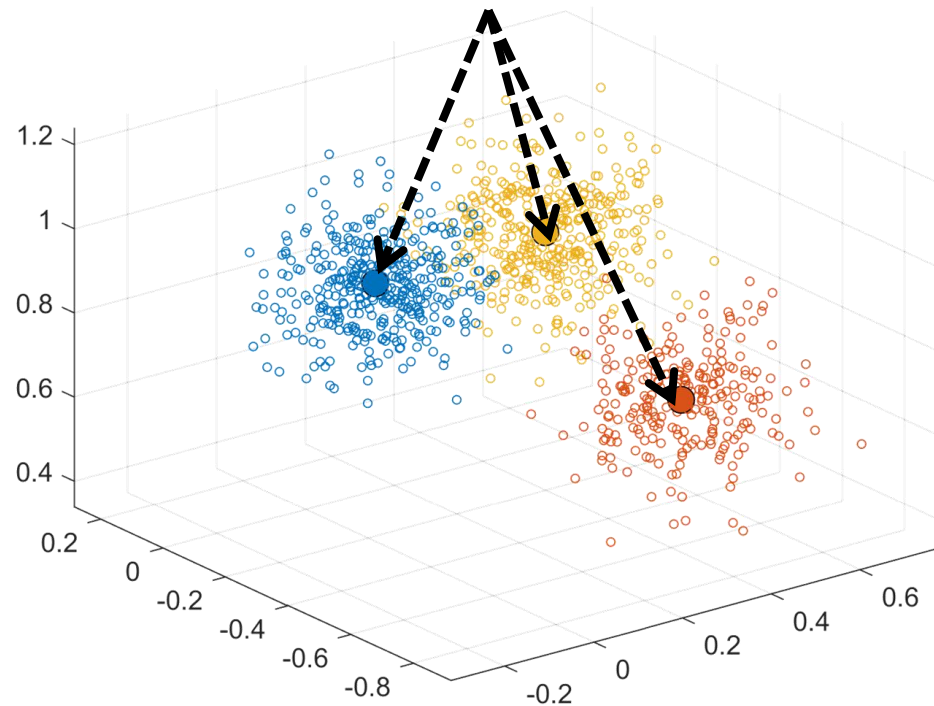


Machine Learning Motivation: Observations from Unknown Mixture of Gaussians

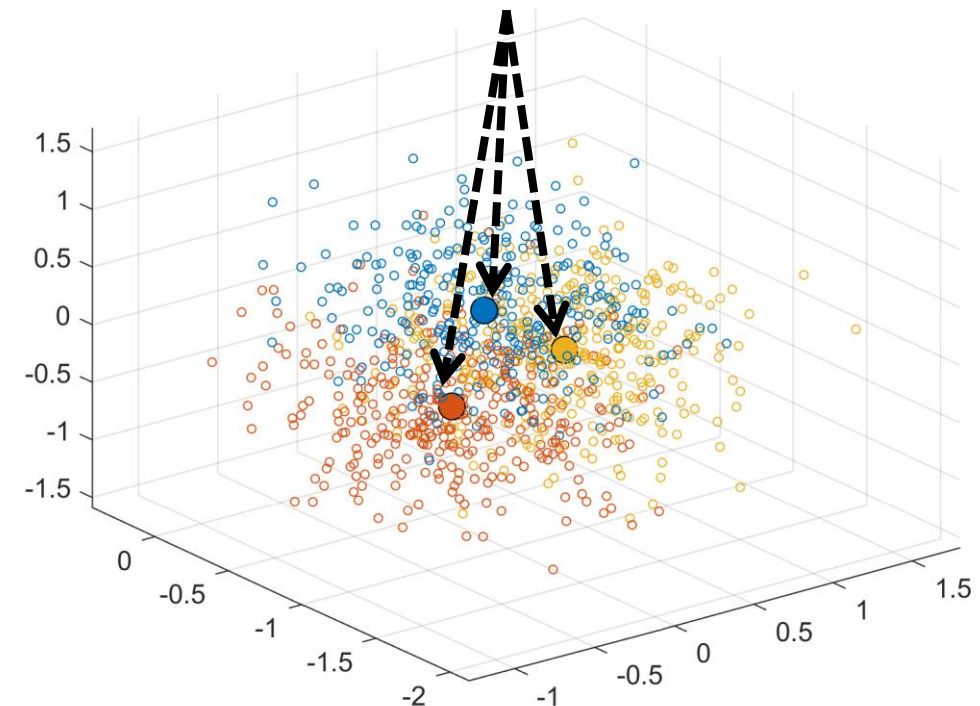


We observe p random vectors of length n coming from a mixture of r Gaussian distributions.
Can we recover the means of the Gaussians?

Easy: Means Well Separated



Hard: Means Close Together



For these pictures: $p = 1000, n = 3, r = 3$. Means shown as filled in larger circles. Samples as open circles.
We care about larger values of n !

Moment Structure for Spherical GMMs Corresponds to CP Model

Data Model: $V \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_\xi, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}), \quad \xi \sim \text{MULTI}(w_1, \dots, w_r)$

Multivariate Normal

Probability to select j th center is w_j

3rd-order Moment:

$$\mathbb{E}[V^{\otimes 3}] + O(\sigma^2) = \sum_{j=1}^r w_j \mu_j^{\otimes 3}$$

Can also do higher-order moments

Calculate empirically from data

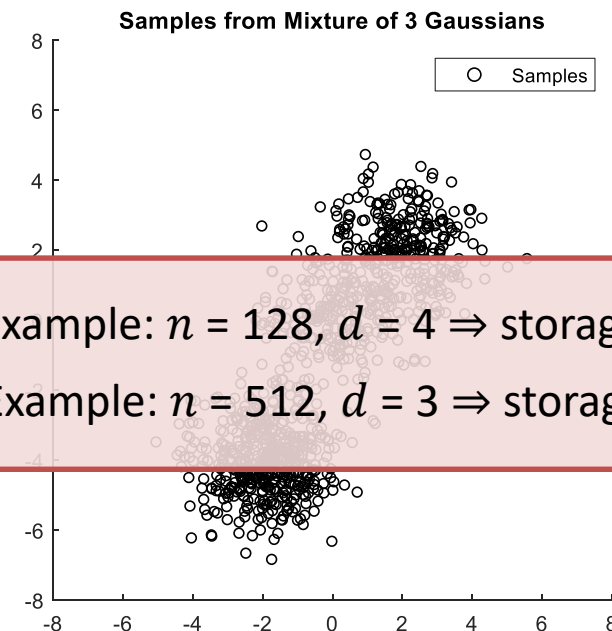
$$\mathcal{X} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^p \mathbf{v}_\ell^{\otimes 3}$$

Bottlenecks:
 $O(pn^d)$ to compute,
 $O(n^d)$ to store

CP-like Model

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j \mathbf{a}_j^{\otimes 3}$$

Hsu and Kakade, 2013



Example: $n = 128, d = 4 \Rightarrow$ storage = 2 GB

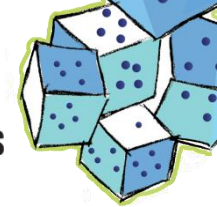
Example: $n = 512, d = 3 \Rightarrow$ storage = 1 GB

Simplifying assumptions for this work

$$\|\mu_j\|_2 = 1 \quad \forall j \in [r]$$

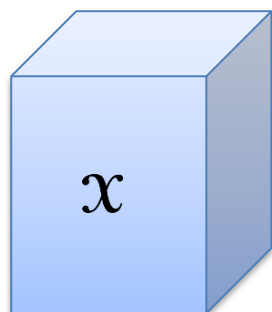
$$\omega_j = \frac{1}{r} \quad \forall j \in [r]$$

Our Focus Today: Accelerating Computation for Special Case of Moment Tensors

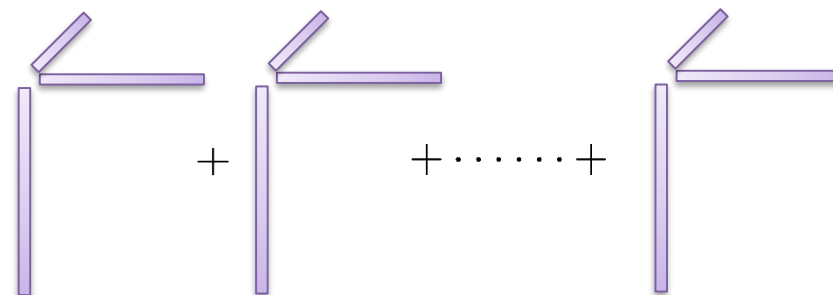


$$\mathcal{X} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^p \mathbf{v}_\ell^{\otimes d}$$

Symmetric Data



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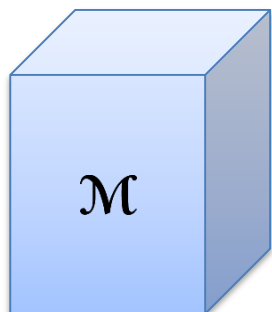


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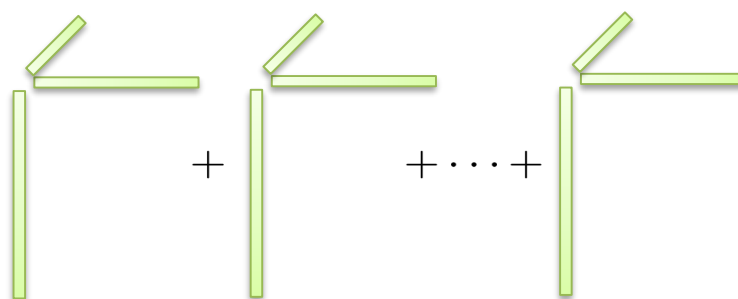
Given Observations

$$\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$$

Symmetric CP Model



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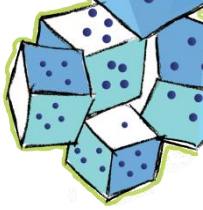
Want to Find Compact Representation

$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$$

$$r \ll p$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j \mathbf{a}_j^{\otimes d}$$

Optimization Approach for Symmetric CP of Symmetric Tensor Requires TTSV



Optimization Problem

$$\min_{\lambda, \mathbf{A}} F(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{M}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathcal{M}\|^2 \text{ where } \mathcal{M} = \sum_{j=1}^r \lambda_j \mathbf{a}_j^{\otimes d}$$

Gradients $\forall j \in [r]$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{a}_j} = -d\lambda_j \mathbf{X} \mathbf{a}_j^{d-1} + d\lambda_j \sum_{k=1}^r \lambda_k \langle \mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{a}_k \rangle^{d-1} \mathbf{a}_k$$

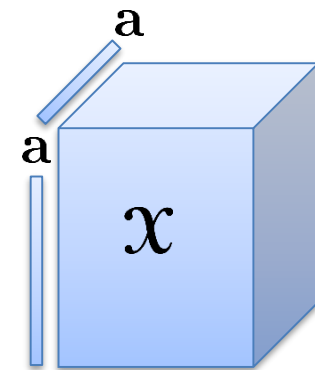
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \lambda_j} = -\mathbf{X} \mathbf{a}_j^d + \sum_{k=1}^r \lambda_k \langle \mathbf{a}_j, \mathbf{a}_k \rangle^d$$

Plug function and gradient into favorite optimization method. My favorite: L-BFGS.

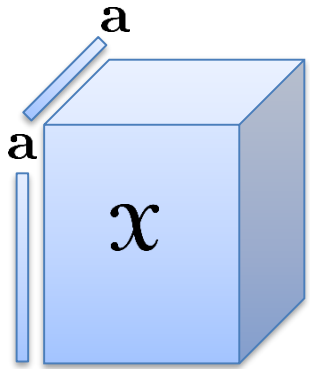
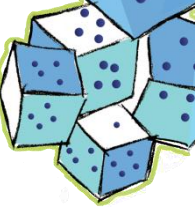
Bottleneck is TTSV which costs $O(n^d)$

Key Kernel:
Tensor Times
Single Vector
(TTSV)

$$(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{a}^{d-1})_{i_1} = \sum_{i_2=1}^n \cdots \sum_{i_d=1}^n \left(x_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_d} \prod_{k=2}^d a_{i_k} \right) \forall i_1 \in [n]$$



Key Result: Implicit Computation of TTSV



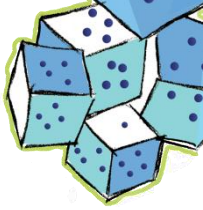
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Lemma. Let $\mathcal{X} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^p \mathbf{v}_\ell^{\otimes d}$ and $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{v}_p]$, then

$$\mathcal{X}\mathbf{a}^{d-1} = \frac{1}{p} \mathbf{V} [\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{a}]^{d-1}$$

$O(n^d)$
 $O(pn)$
 \swarrow Entry-wise Power

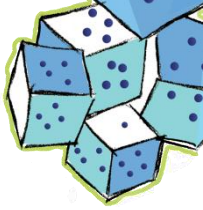
Minimal Change in Function/Gradient Calculation Replaces Expensive TTSV



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1: function FG_EXPLICIT( $\mathcal{X}$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\alpha$ )
2:   for  $j = 1, \dots, r$ , do  $\mathbf{y}_j = \mathcal{X}\mathbf{a}_j^{d-1}$ , end
3:   for  $j = 1, \dots, r$ , do  $w_j = \mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{y}_j$ , end
4:    $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ 
5:    $\mathbf{C} = [\mathbf{B}]^{d-1}$ 
6:    $\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{C})\lambda$ 
7:    $f = \alpha + \lambda^T \mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{w}^T \lambda$ 
8:    $\mathbf{g}_\lambda = -2(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{u})$ 
9:    $\mathbf{G}_A = -2d(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}_\lambda\mathbf{C})\mathbf{D}_\lambda$ 
10:  return  $f, \mathbf{g}_\lambda, \mathbf{G}_A$ 
11: end function
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1: function FG_IMPLICIT( $\mathbf{V}$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\alpha$ )
2:    $\mathbf{Y} = \frac{1}{p} \mathbf{V}[\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{A}]^{d-1}$ 
3:   for  $j = 1, \dots, r$ , do  $w_j = \mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{y}_j$ , end
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Experimental Difference in Per-Iteration Cost of Implicit versus Explicit



Rank- r Symmetric CP Tensor Factorization
for d -way tensor of size n

$$r < n < p$$

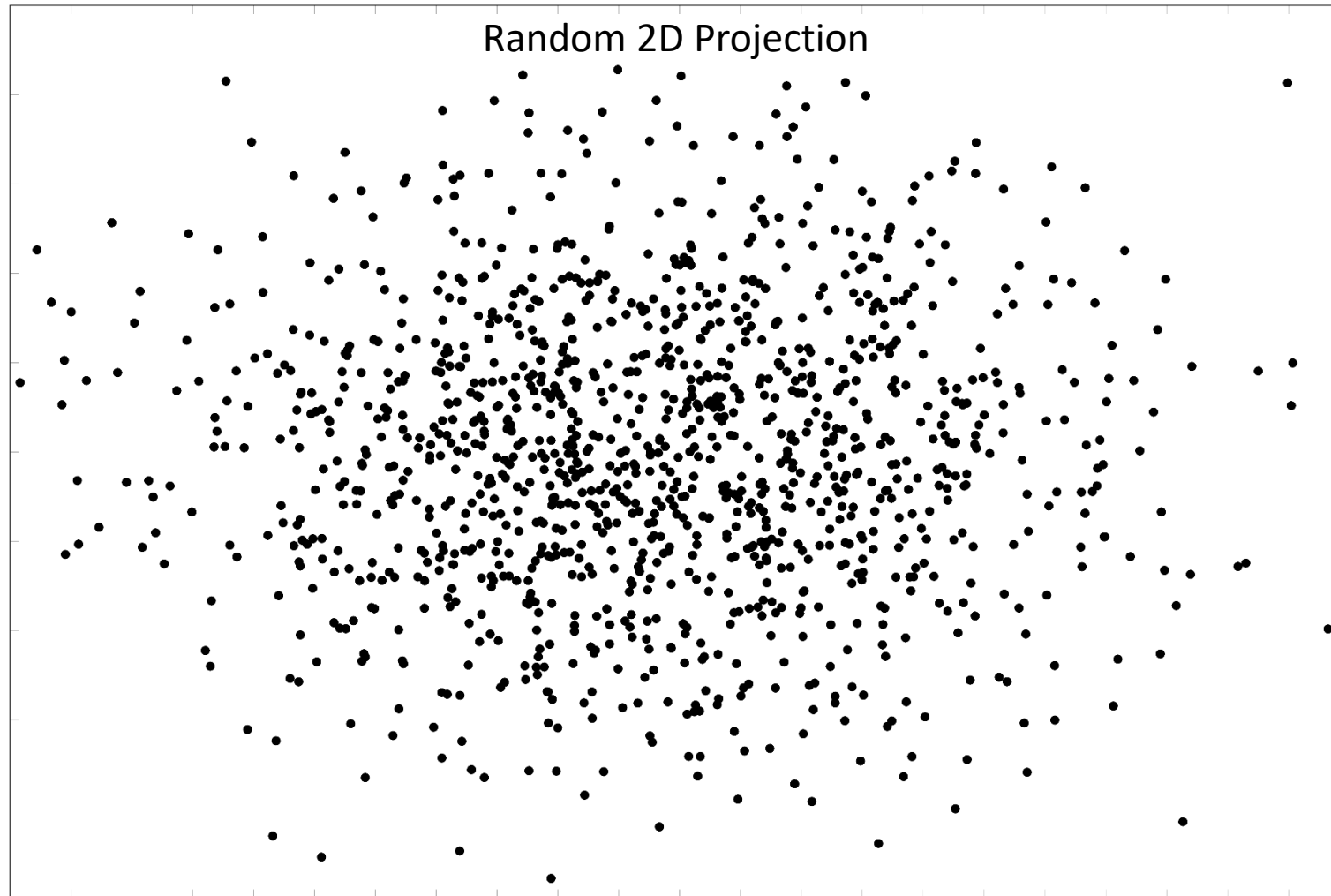
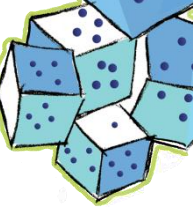
Average cost per iteration for $r = 5$ over 10 runs

| Method | Storage | Per-Iteration |
|----------|----------|---------------|
| Explicit | $O(n^d)$ | $O(rn^d)$ |
| Implicit | $O(pn)$ | $O(pnr)$ |

Implicit cheaper if $p < O(n^{d-1})$

| d | n | p | n^{d-1} | Explicit | Implicit |
|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 3 | 75 | 3750 | 5625 | 5e-4 | 8e-4 |
| 3 | 375 | 3750 | 140625 | 2e-2 | 5e-3 |
| 4 | 75 | 3750 | 421875 | 1e-2 | 9e-4 |

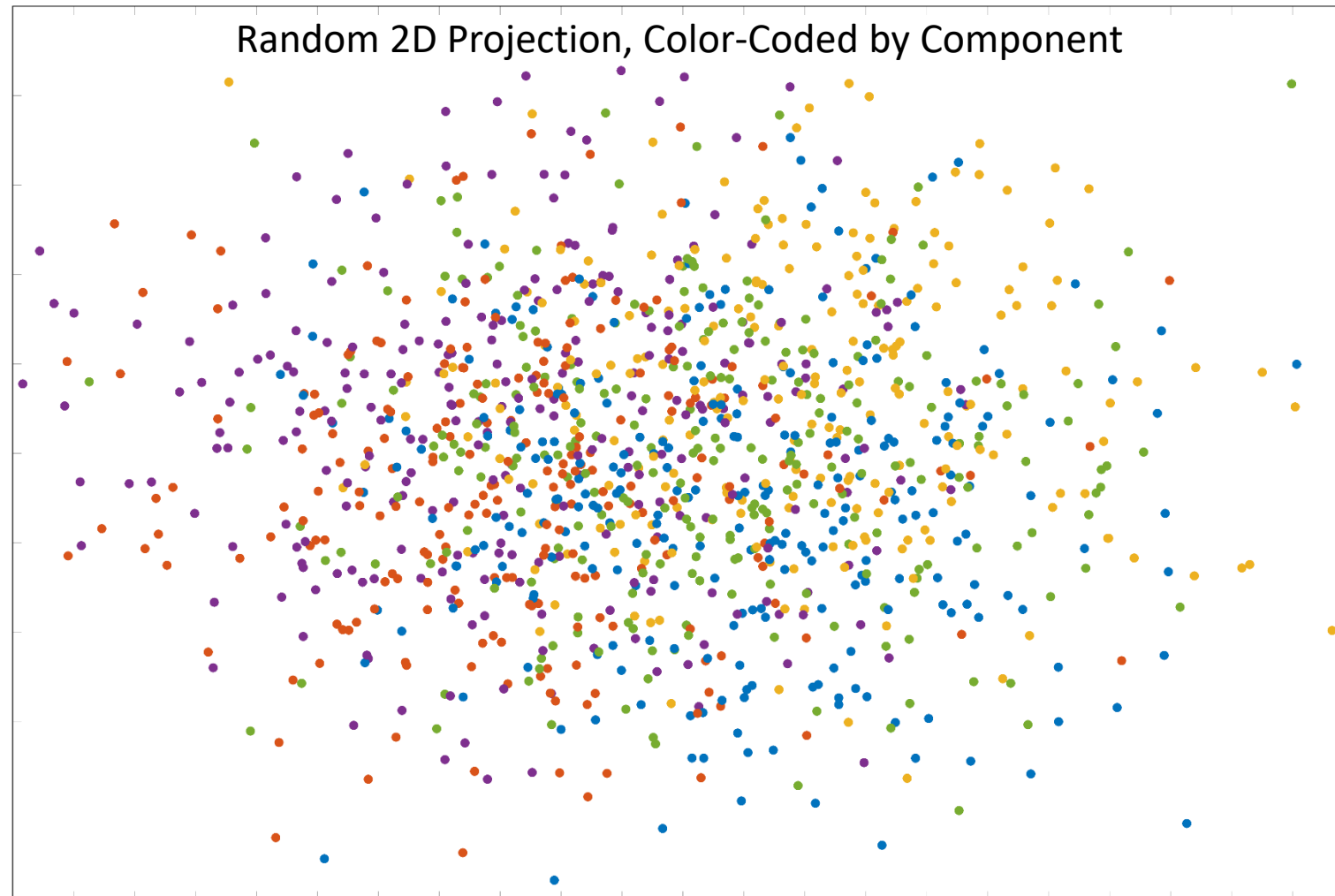
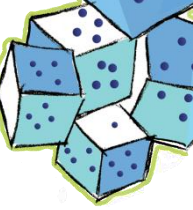
GMM Example with $r=5$ (mixtures), $n=500$ (dimension) and $p=750$ (observations)



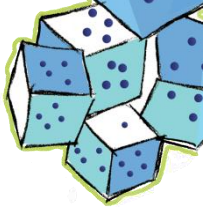
For $d = 3$,
explicit method
requires 1 GB
storage

For $d = 4$,
explicit method
requires 500 GB
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GMM Example with $r=5$ (mixtures), $n=500$ (dimension) and $p=750$ (observations)



Random 2D Projection, Color-Coded by Component, With Means Denoted

$$\mu_j \in \mathbb{R}^{500}$$

$$\|\mu_j\|_2 = 1$$

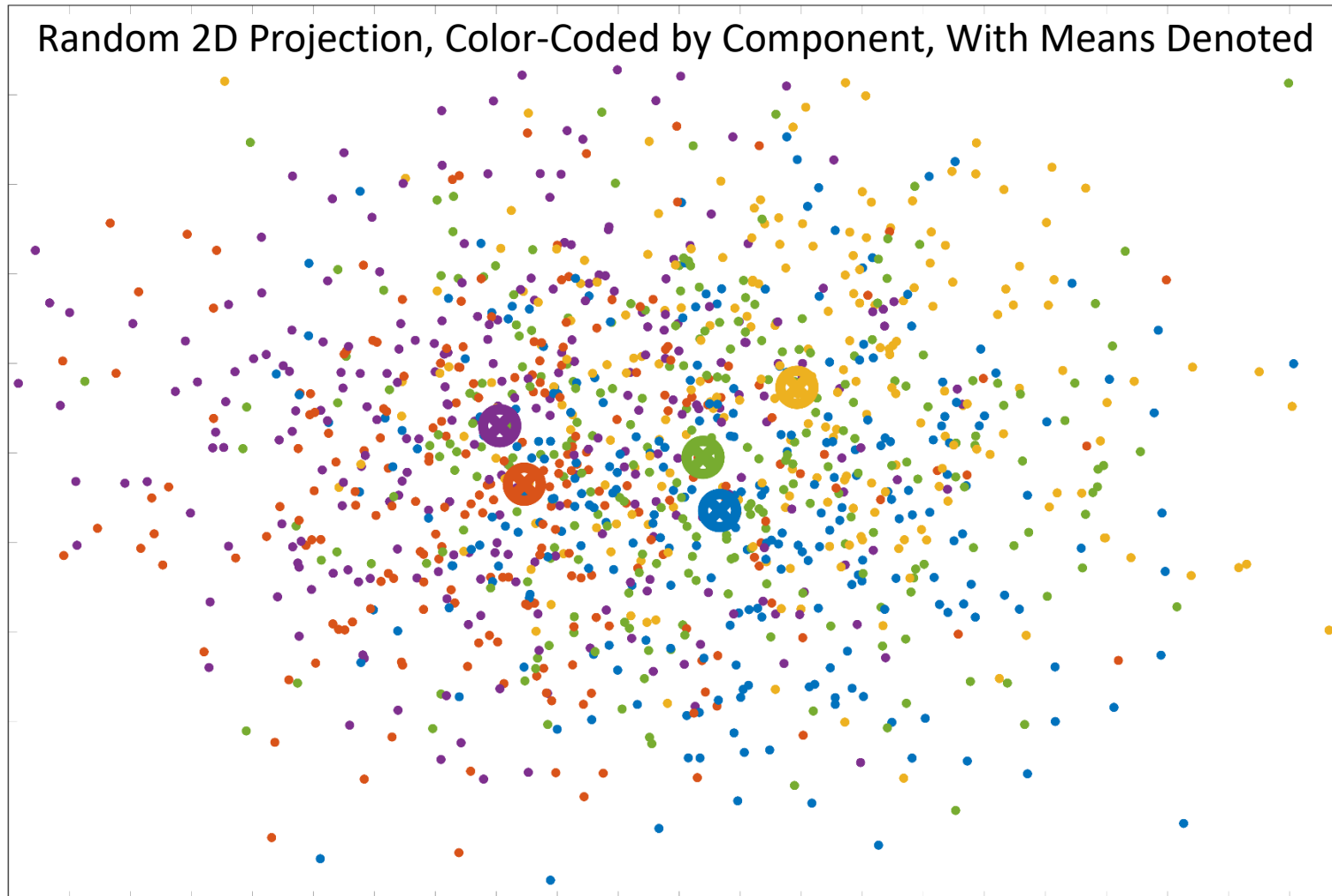
$$\forall j \in [r]$$

$$\mu_j^T \mu_k = 0.5$$

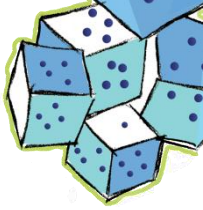
$$\forall j \neq k$$

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$$\sigma = 0.1$$



Choosing Starting Guess Within Range of Observations is Key!

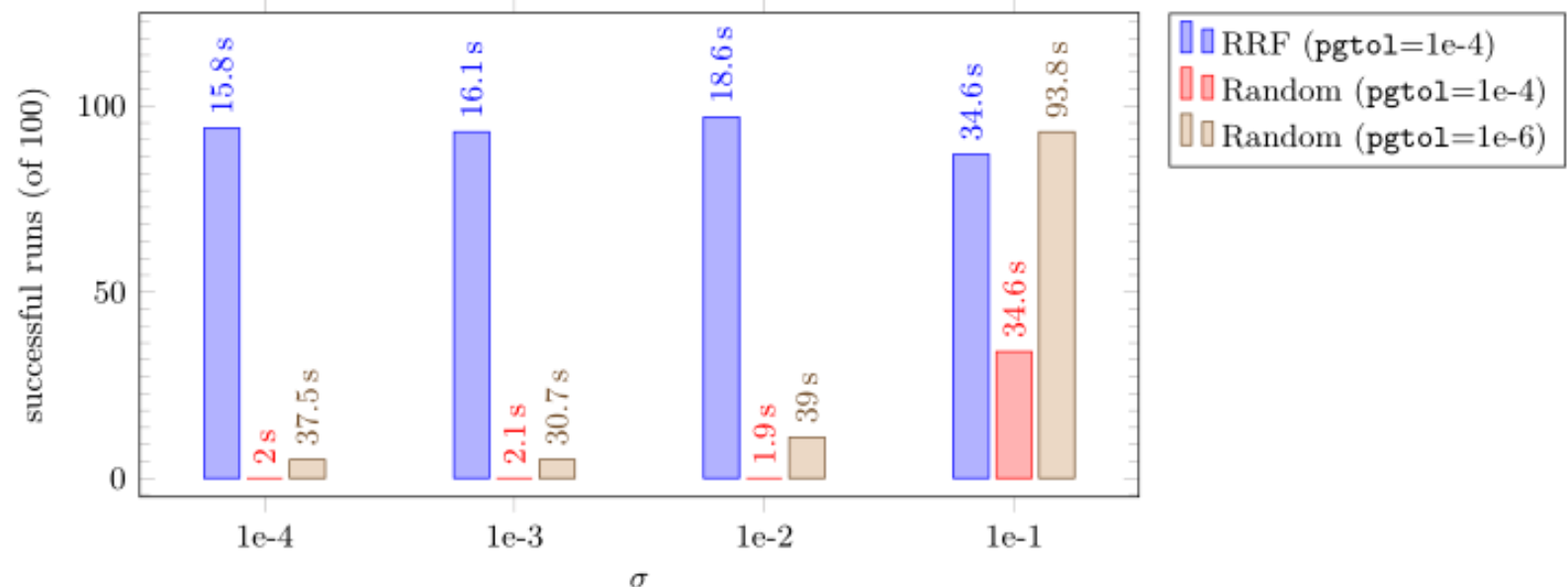


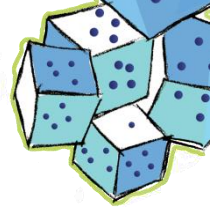
Randomized Range Finder (RRF): $\mathbf{A}_0 = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Omega}$, $\mathbf{\Omega} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)^{p \times \hat{r}}$

Random: $\mathbf{A}_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)^{n \times \hat{r}}$

[with columns normalized in both cases]

Results of computing $\hat{r} = 3$ approximation for moment tensor of order $d = 3$, with $r = 3$ components, $n = 500$ dimensions, and $p = 750$ observations



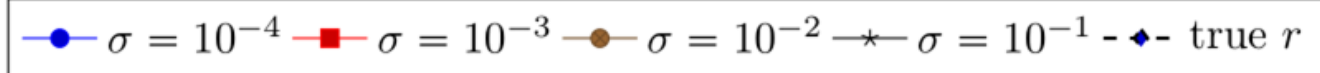
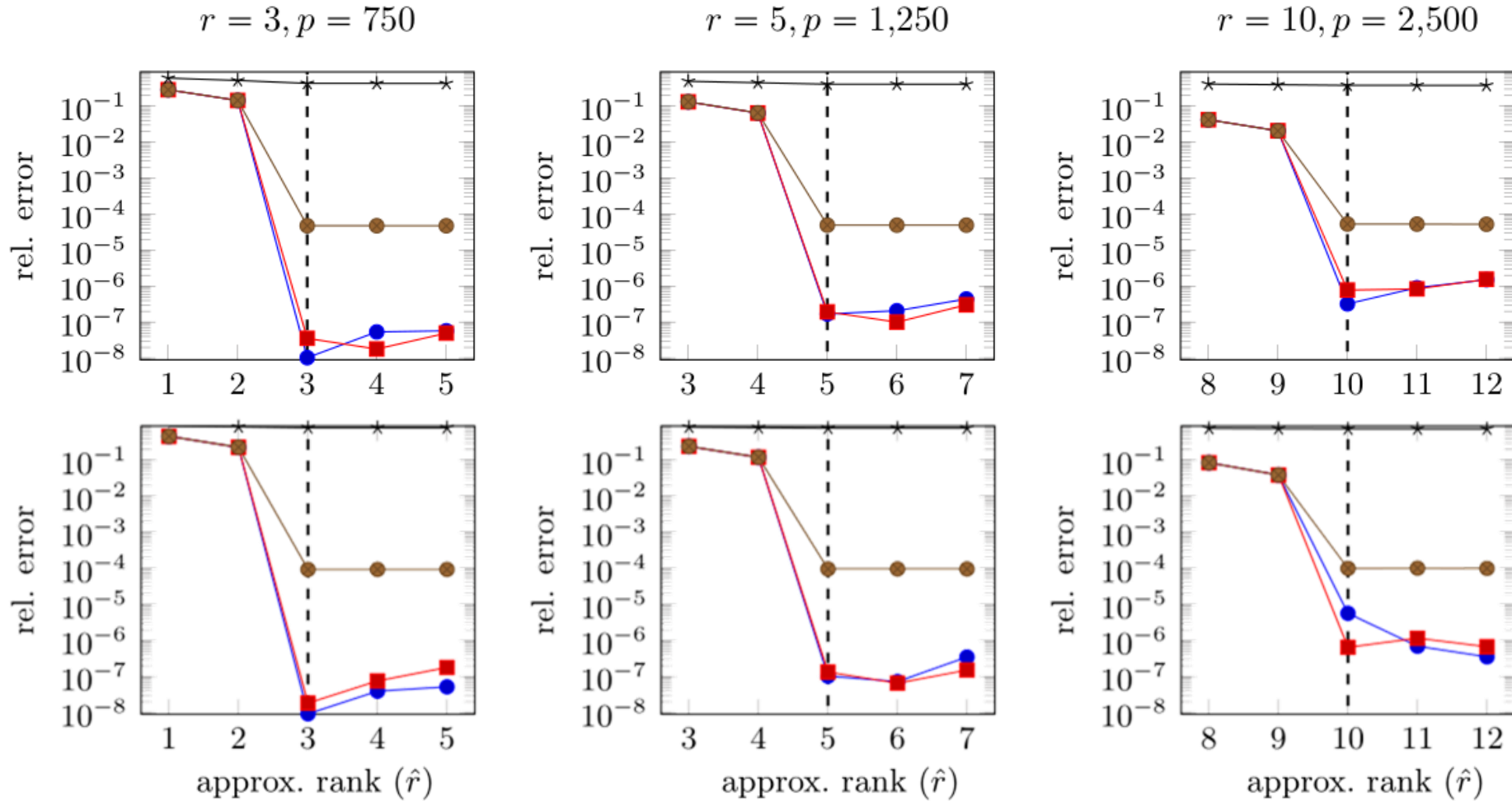


Minimum Generally Achieved at “True” Rank

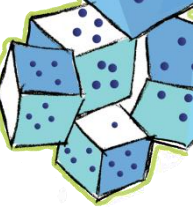
Best Relative Error over 10 Runs for $n = 500$
(Dimension), Varying Other Parameters

$\alpha = 3$

$\alpha = 4$

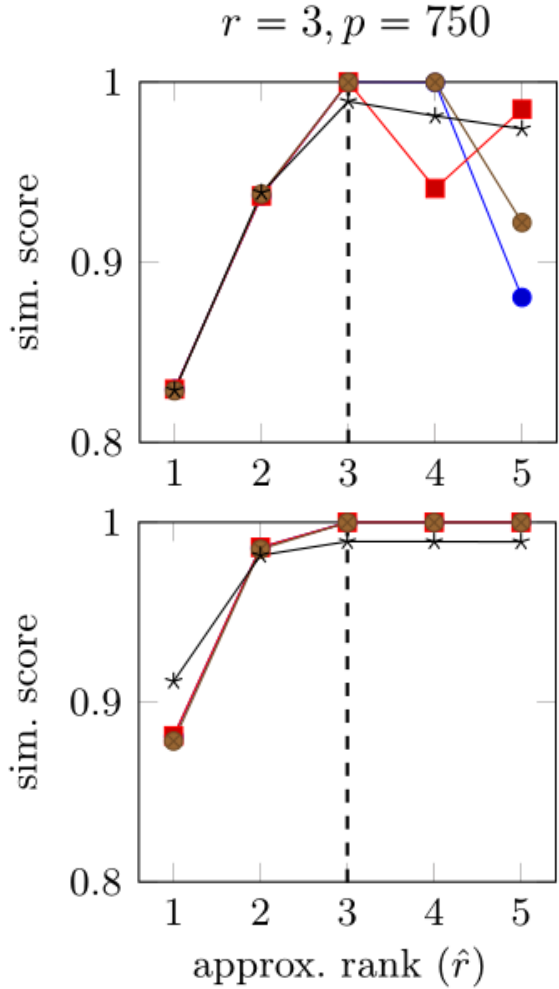


Identifies “True” Solution Even When Relative Error Poor

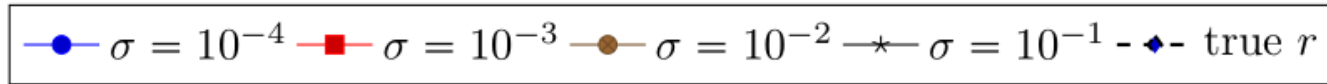
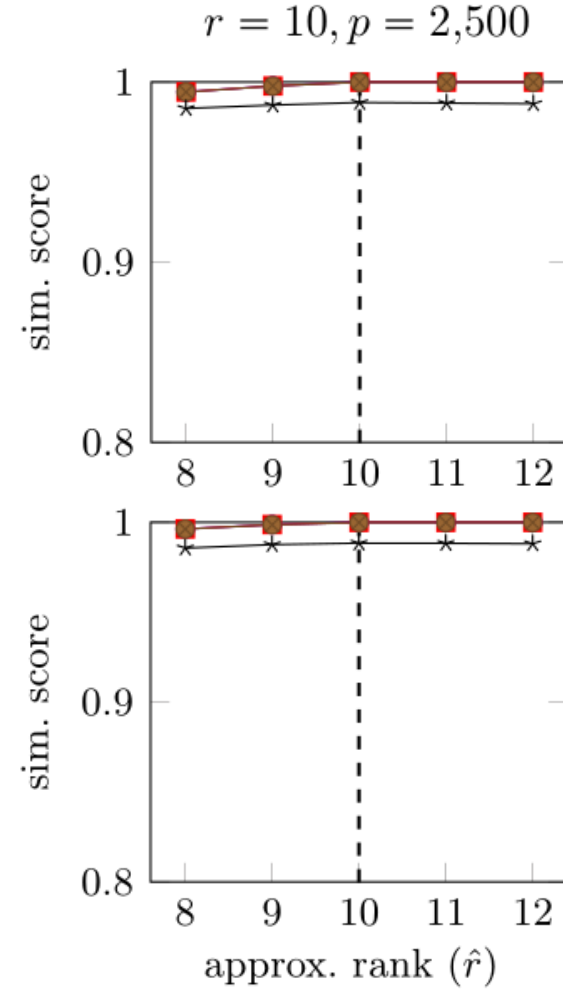
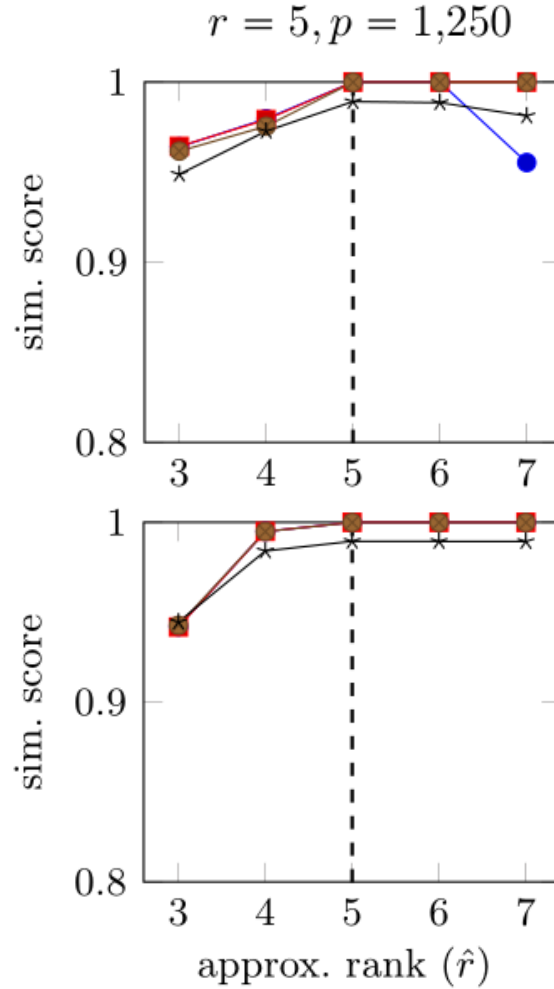
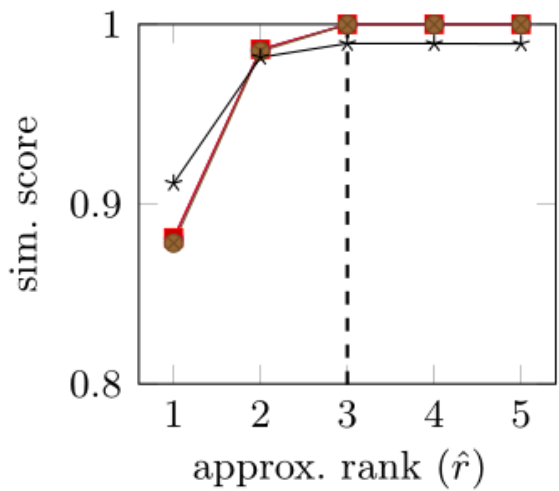


Similarity Score for Best Rel. Error of 10 Runs for $n = 500$ (Dimension), Varying Other Parameters

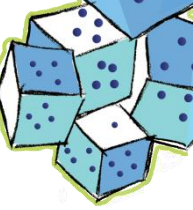
$\alpha = 3$



$\alpha = 4$



Identified Factors for $\hat{r}=5$ with $r = 5, p = 750, n = 500, \sigma = 0.1$



Random 2D Projection, Color-Coded by Component, With Means Denoted

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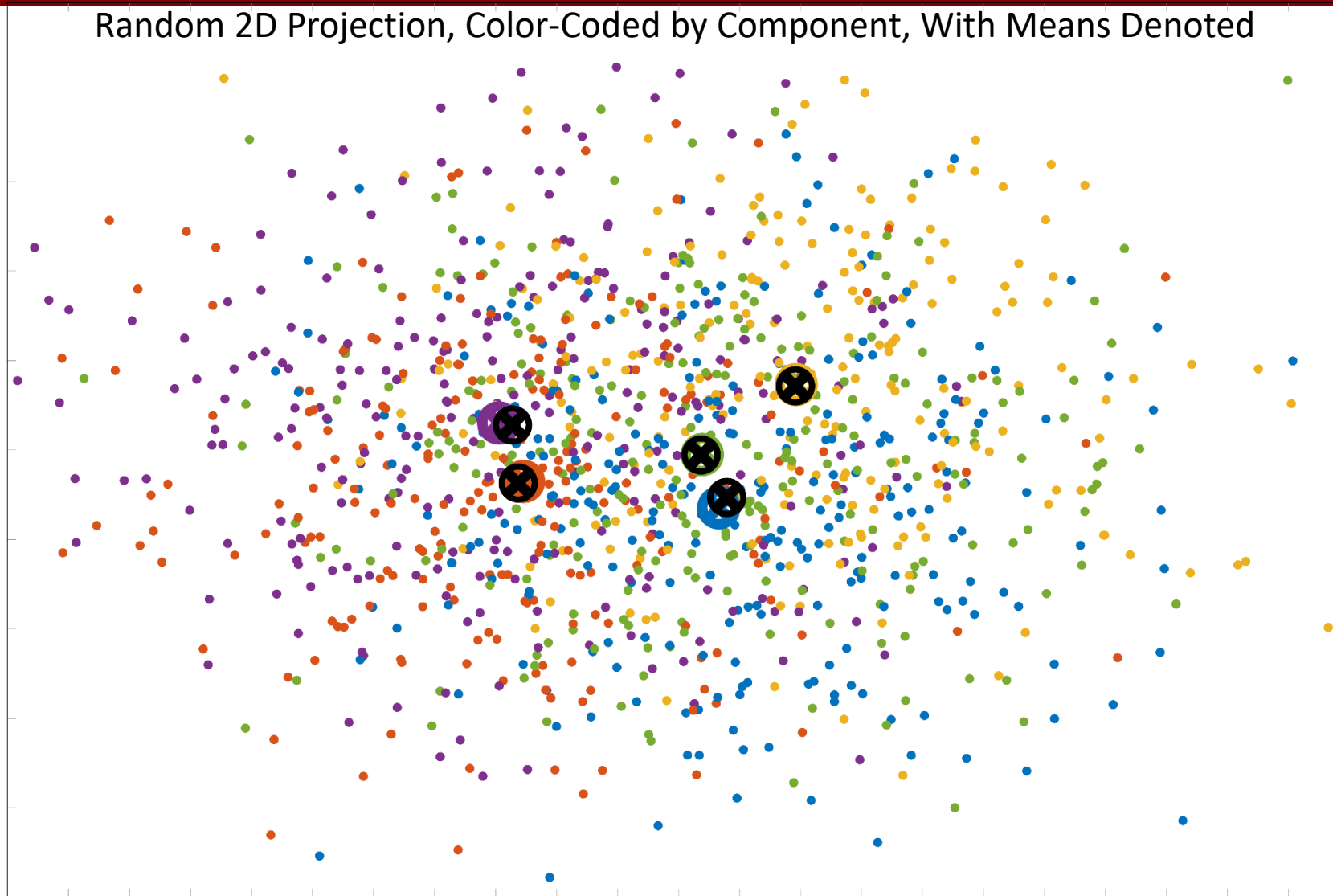
$$\|\mu_j\|_2 = 1$$

$$\forall j \in [r]$$

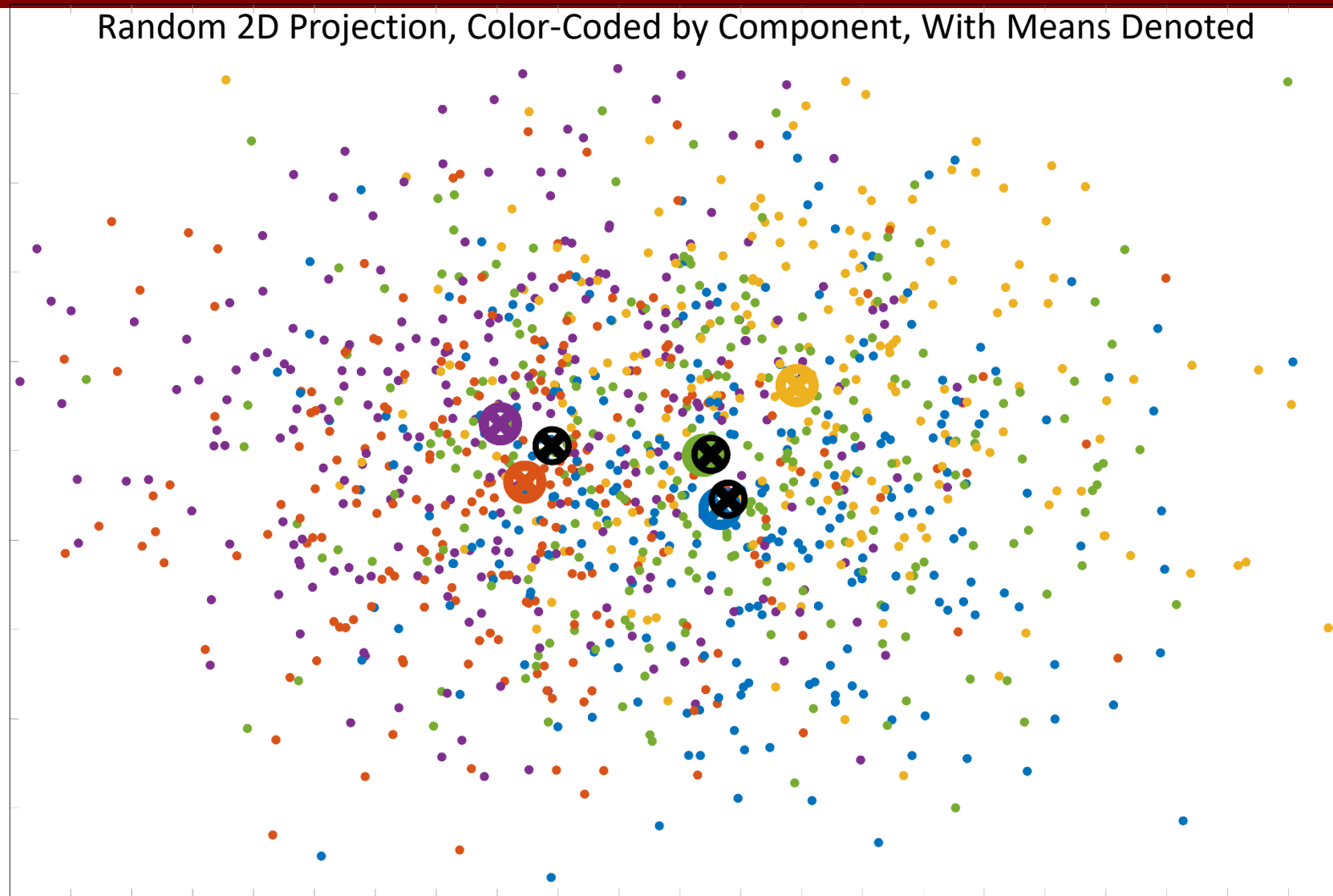
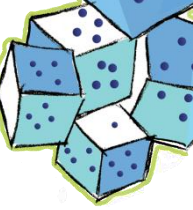
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$$\forall j \neq k$$

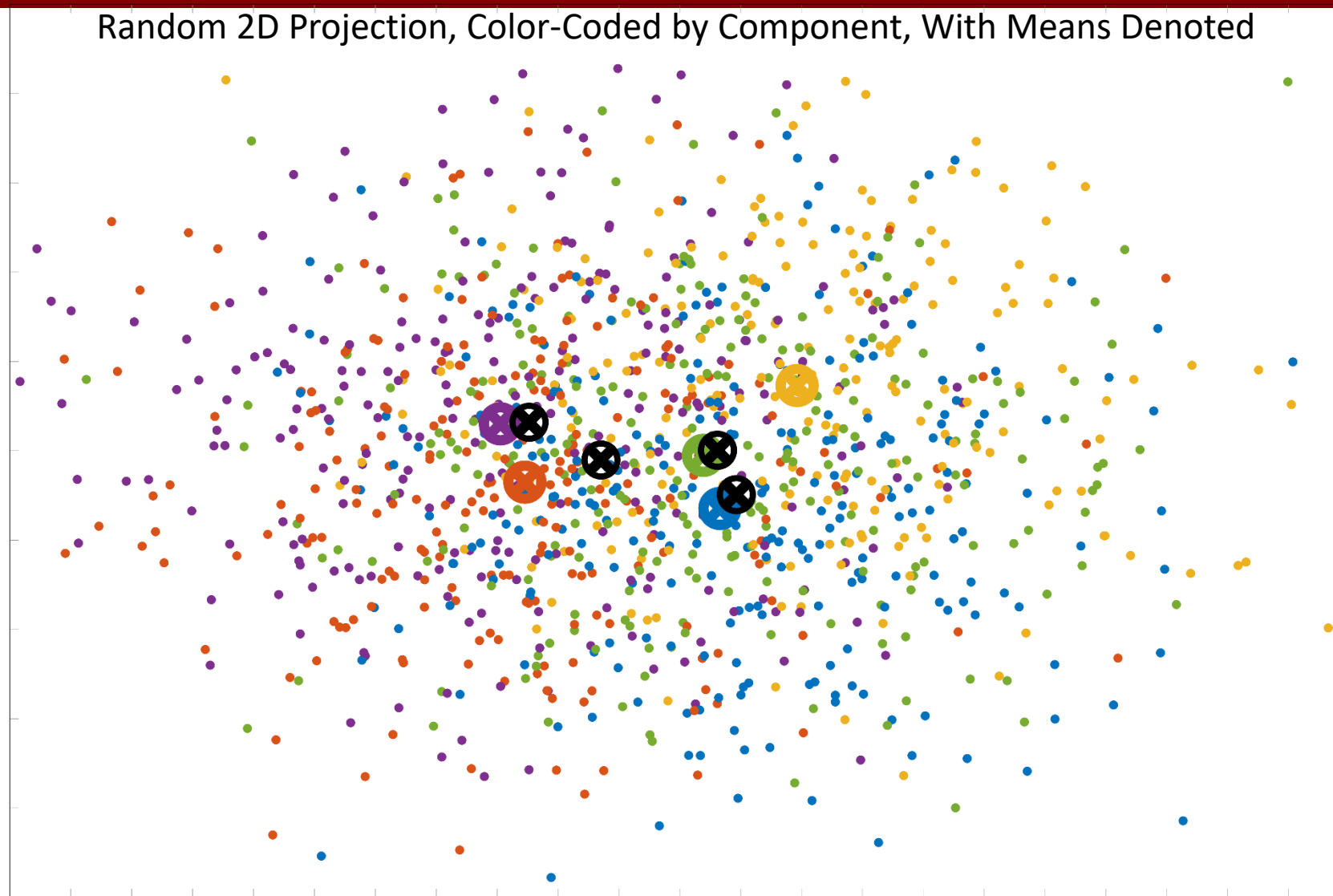
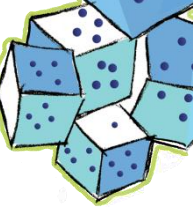
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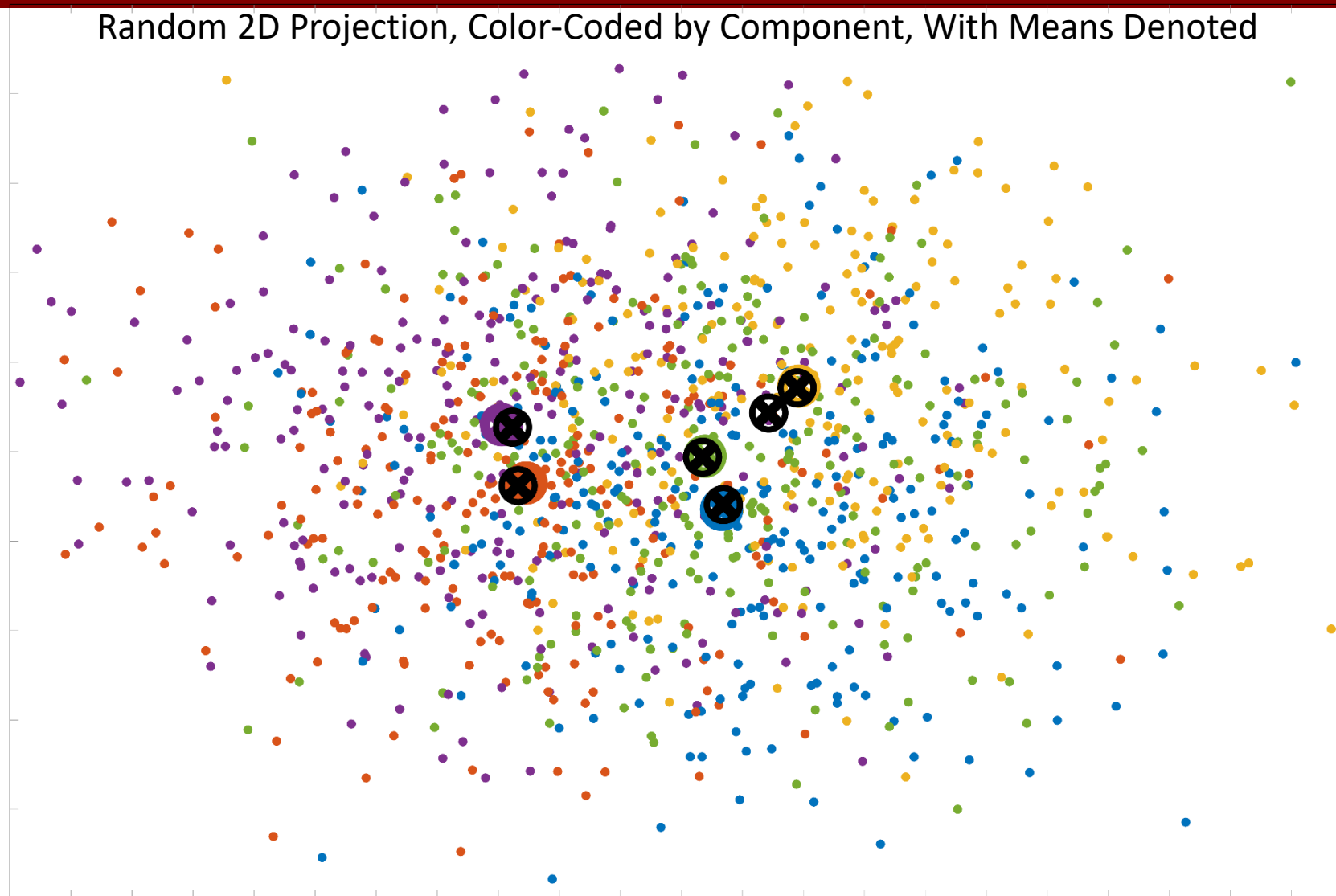
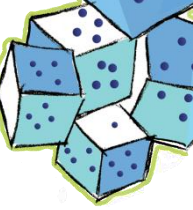
Identified Factors for $\hat{r}=3$ with $r = 5, p = 750, n = 500, \sigma = 0.1$



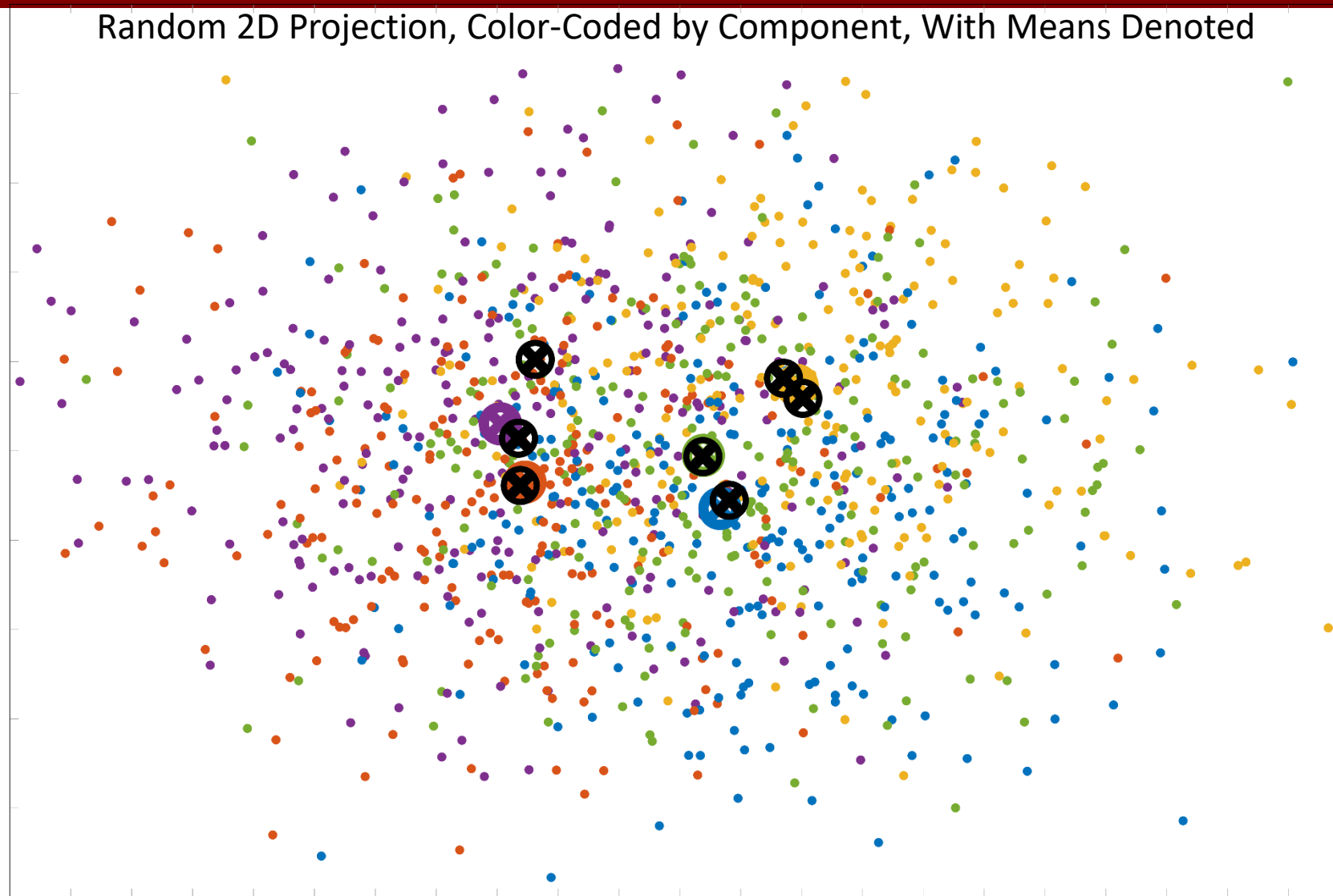
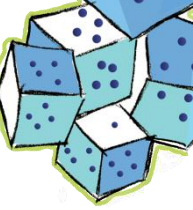
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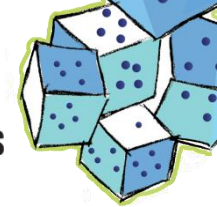
Identified Factors for $\hat{r}=6$ with $r = 5, p = 750, n = 500, \sigma = 0.1$



Identified Factors for $\hat{r}=7$ with $r = 7, p = 750, n = 500, \sigma = 0.1$



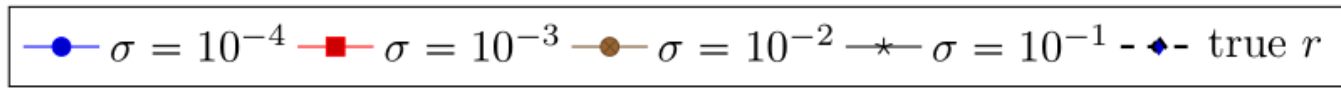
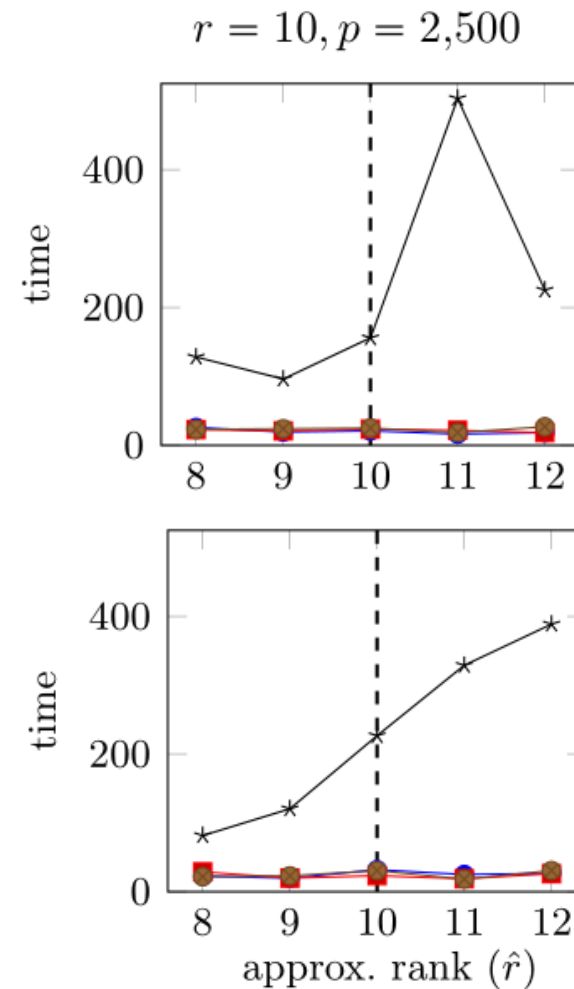
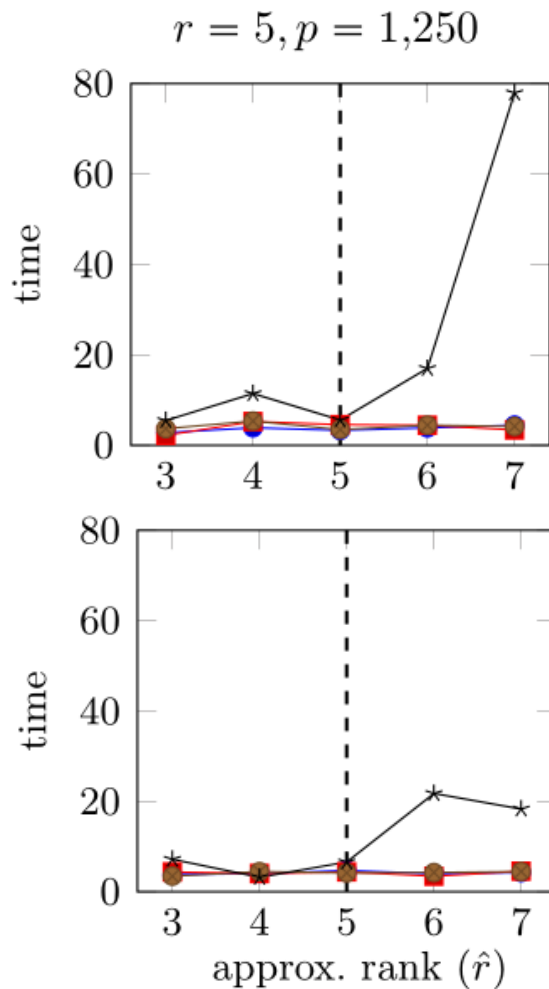
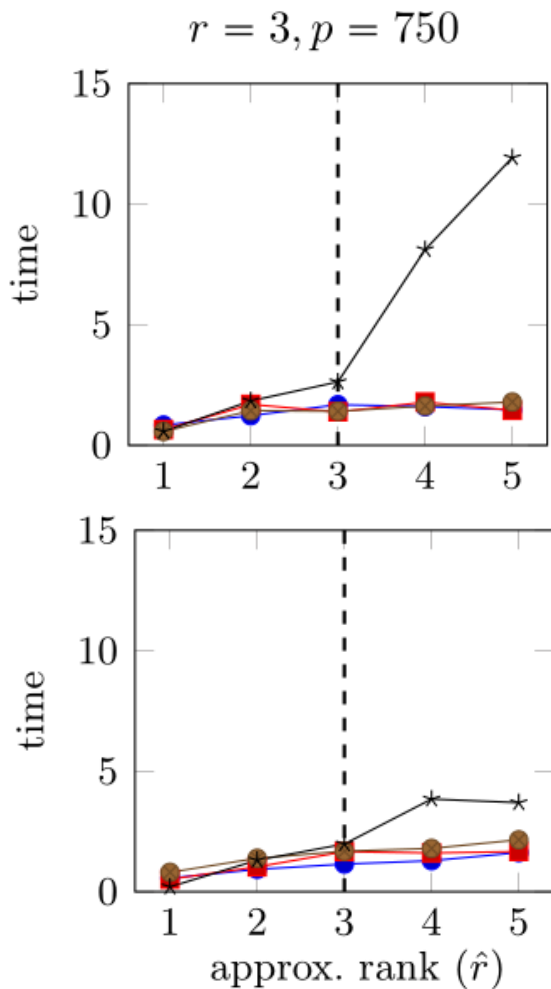
Total Time is Very Modest and Oftentimes Less for Higher Order!



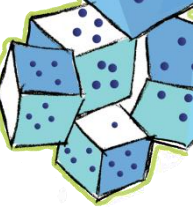
Total Time for 10 Runs for $n = 500$ (Dimension), Varying Other Parameters

$\alpha = 3$

$\alpha = 4$



For Massive Numbers of Observations, Use Stochastic Variants



$$\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$$

Sample columns
with replacement

$$\tilde{\mathbf{V}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{\ell=1}^p \mathbf{v}_{\ell}^{\otimes d}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{\ell=1}^s \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{\ell}^{\otimes d}$$

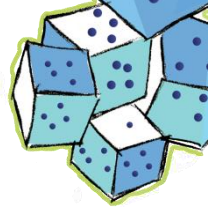
$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{a}^{d-1}] = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{a}^{d-1}$$

Example Results

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{r} = r = 10, n = 500, \\ \sigma = 0.1, d = 3 \\ p = 100,000 \end{aligned}$$

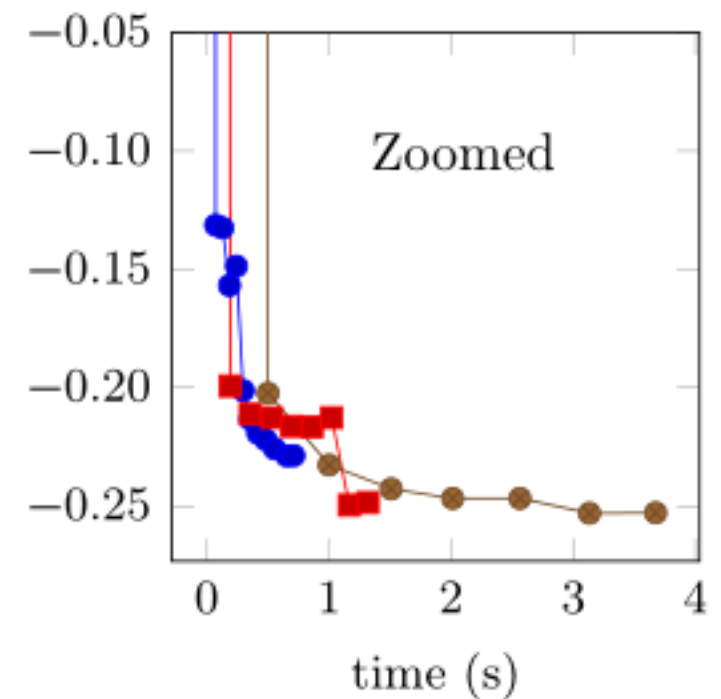
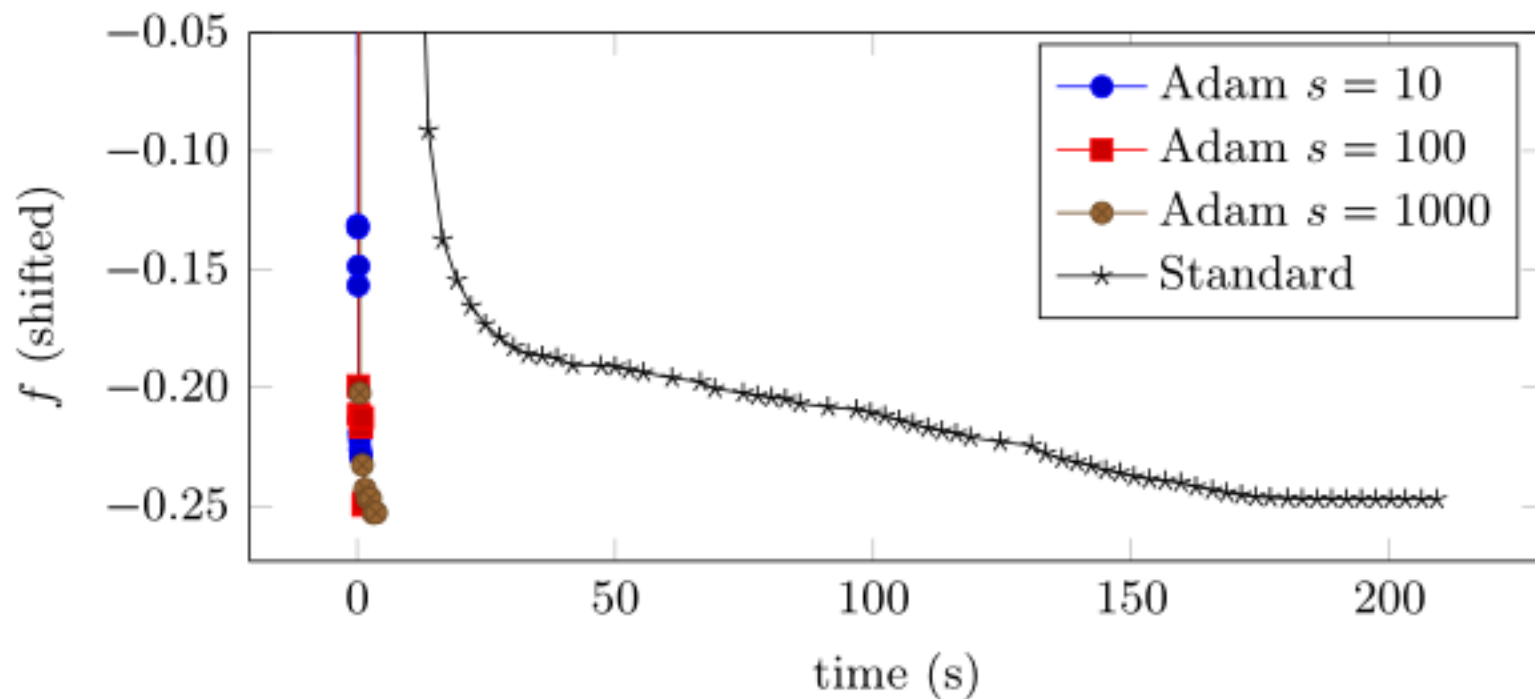
| Method | Best f (shifted) | Sim. Score | Total Time (s) |
|--------------|--------------------|------------|----------------|
| standard | -0.2471 | 0.9998 | 2166.70 |
| Adam, s=10 | -0.2209 | 0.9225 | 8.03 |
| Adam, s=100 | -0.2427 | 0.9929 | 10.48 |
| Adam, s=1000 | -0.2464 | 0.9990 | 41.00 |

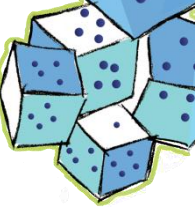
Speed Advantage for Stochastic Methods



Best Runs (of 10)

$$\hat{r} = r = 10, n = 500, \sigma = 0.1, d = 3, p = 100,000$$





Conclusions and Future Work

- In data analysis, d th-order moment is expensive to compute – instead work with implicit moment
 - Reduces storage from $O(n^d)$ to $O(np)$
 - Reduces computation per iteration from $O(rn^d)$ to $O(rnp)$
- Shows promise for fitting spherical GMMs
 - Example with $n = 500$ (dimension), $r \in \{3, 5, 10\}$ (components), $p = 250r$, $\hat{r} \in \{r - 2, \dots, r + 2\}$, and $d = 3, 4$ (orders)
 - Future work will incorporate lower-order terms, different σ for each component, multiple values for d simultaneously, etc.
- Many extensions possible, e.g., for subspace power method
- Reference: S. Sherman, T. G. Kolda. **Estimating Higher-Order Moments Using Symmetric Tensor Decomposition**, submitted for publication, 2019, [arXiv:1911.03813](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.03813)