

# Multivariate Analysis of Large-Scale Network Series

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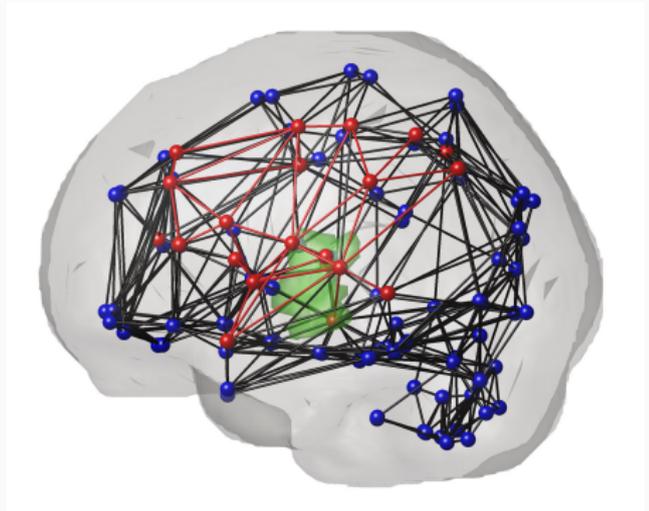
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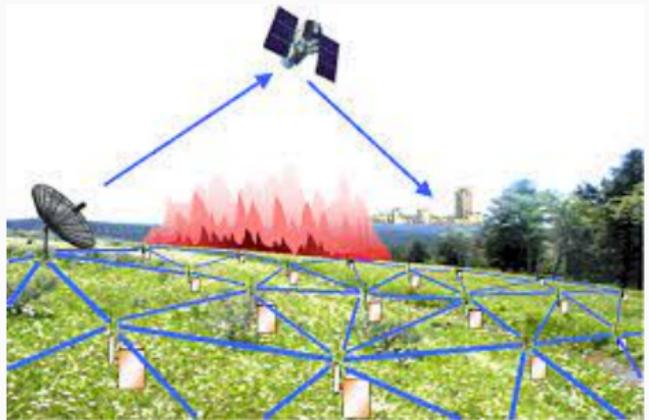


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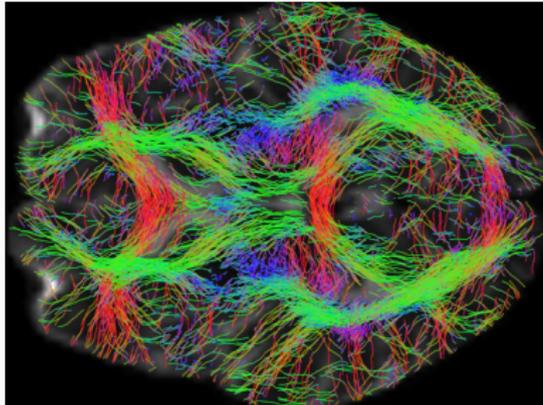
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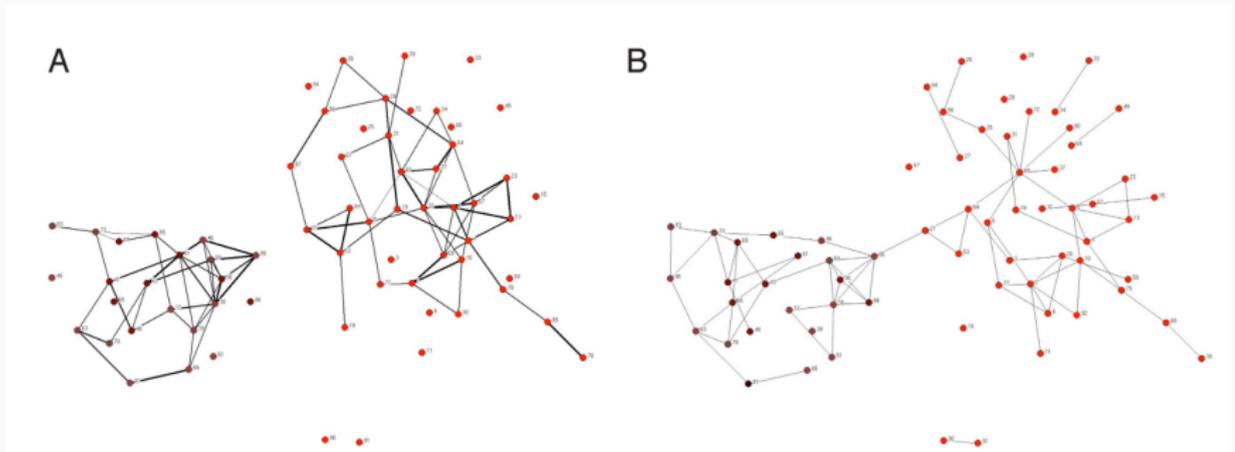
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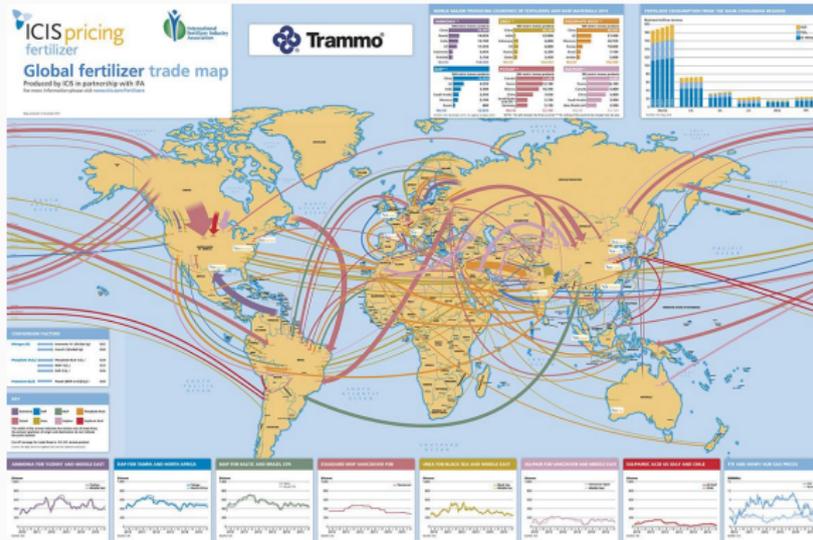
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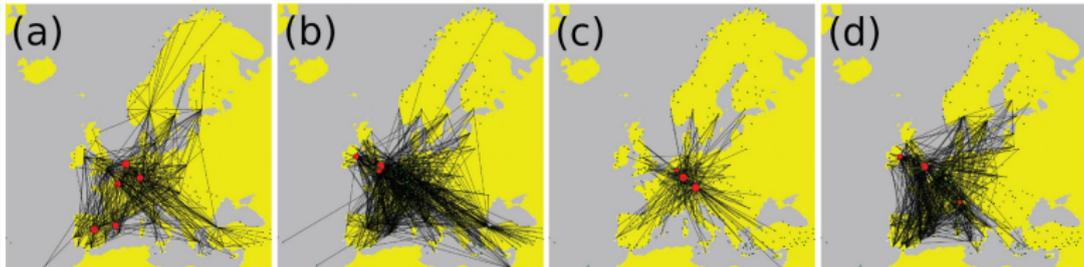
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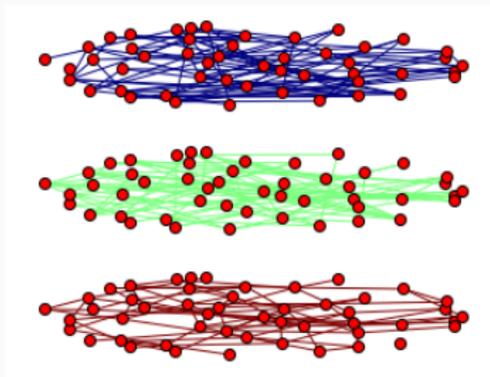
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Network Series: an ordered set of network observed on the same nodes

Special Case of “Multilayer Networks” (Kivelä *et al.*, *J. Complex Networks*, 2014)

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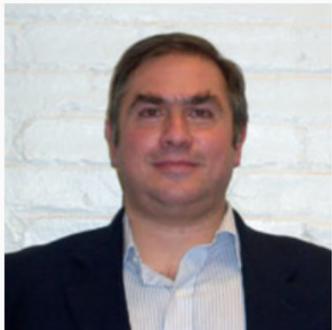
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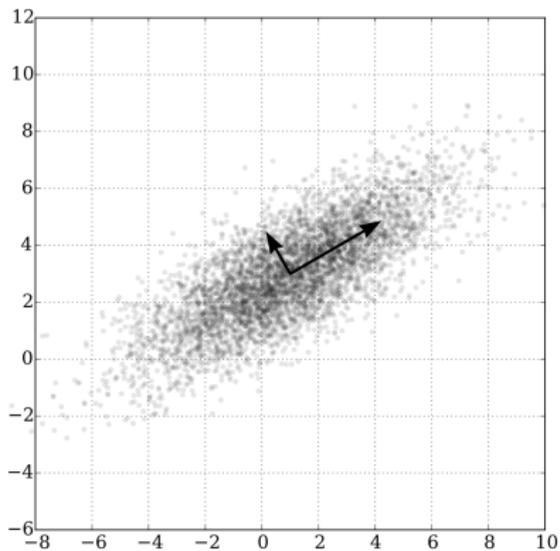
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- Dimension Reduction
- Pattern Recognition
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All-purpose pattern recognition tool:

- Raw  $X$  - major patterns (trends)
- Centered  $X$  - variance components (covariance patterns)
- Differenced  $X$  - change-point identification (CUSUM analysis)

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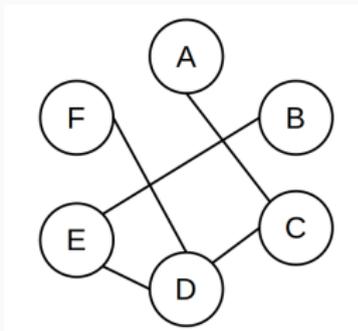
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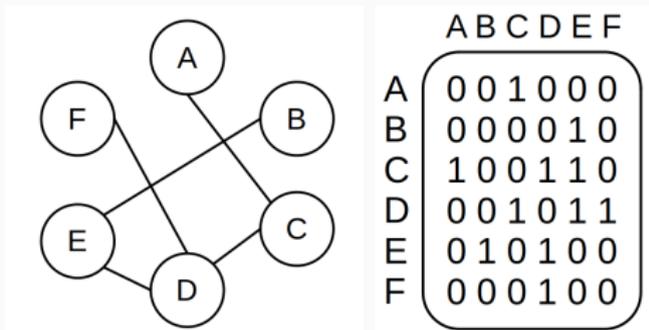


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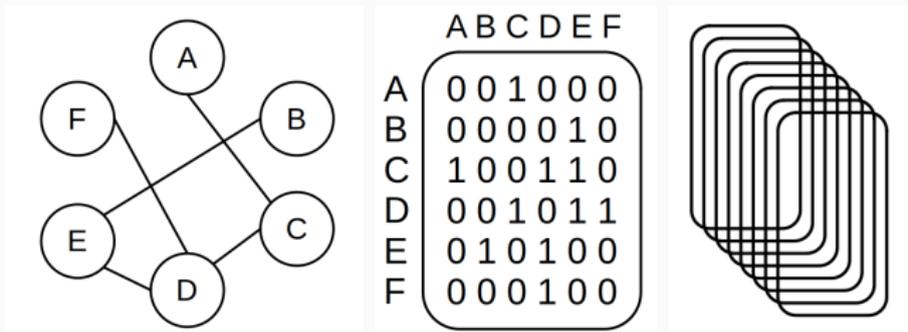


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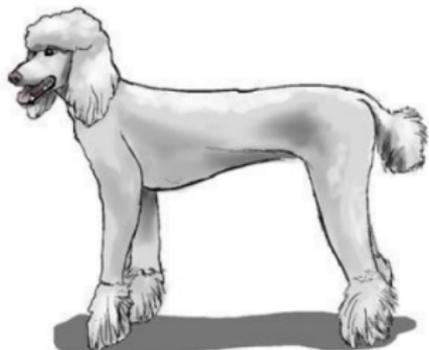
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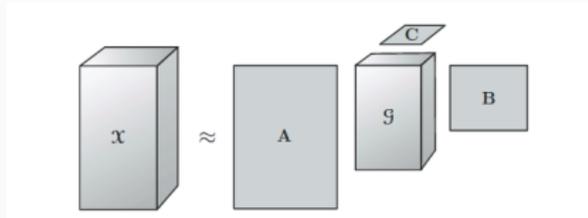
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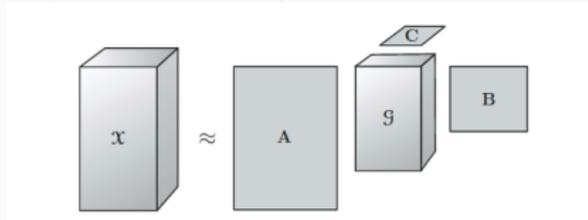
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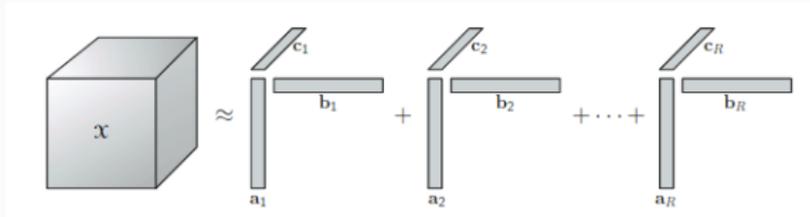
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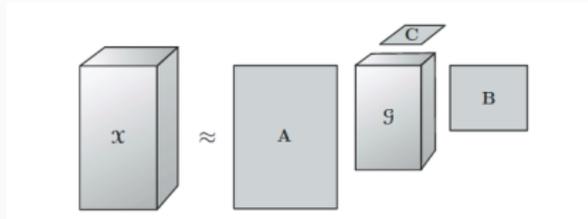


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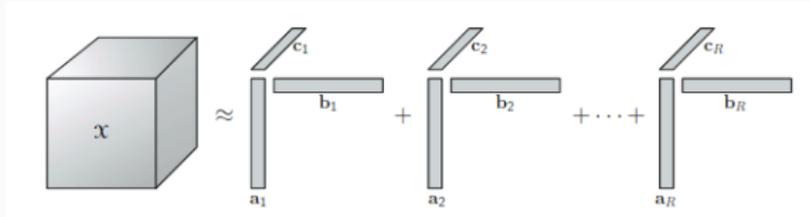
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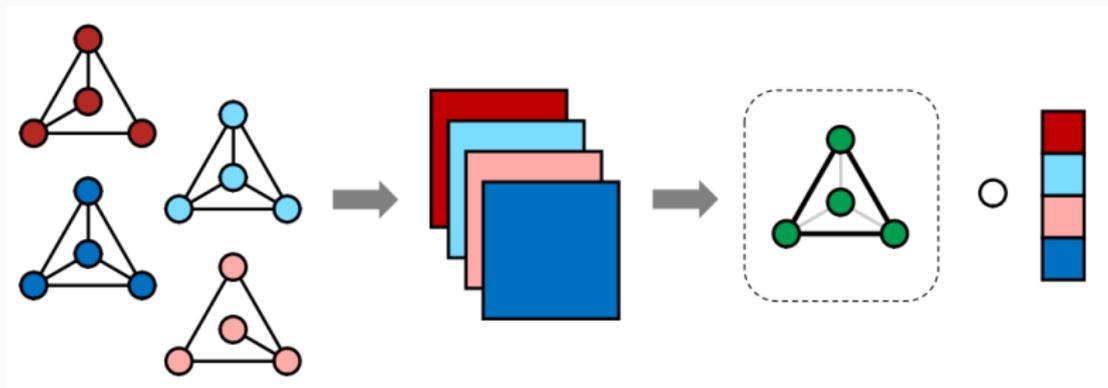
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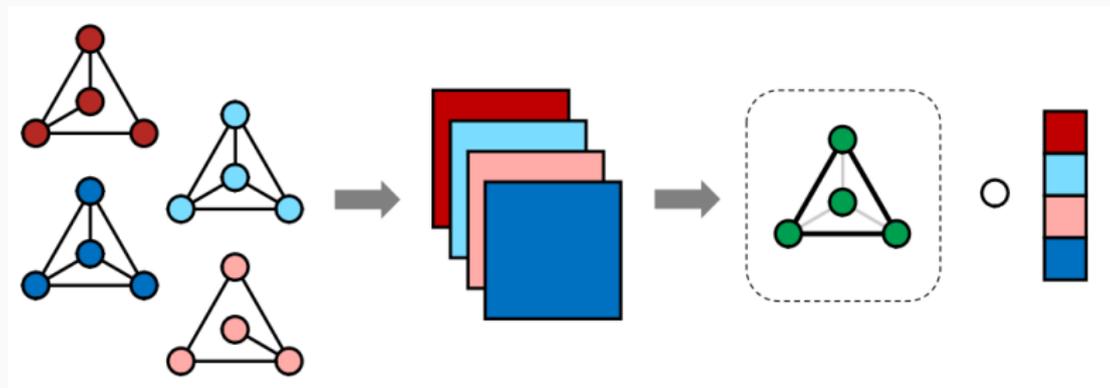
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  - No “statistical” theory

# Statistical Consistency

## Theorem (Semi-Formal)

Suppose  $\mathcal{X} = dV_* \circ V_* \circ u_* + \mathcal{E}$  where

- $u_*$  is a unit-norm  $T$ -vector
- $V_*$  is a  $p \times r$  orthogonal matrix satisfying  $V_*^T V_* = I_{r \times r}$
- $d \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  is a measure of signal strength
- $\mathcal{E}$  is a semi-symmetric noise tensor each free element of which is independently  $\sigma$ -sub-Gaussian.

With sufficiently good iteration, our Algorithm applied to  $\mathcal{X}$  satisfies the following with high probability:

$$\min_{O \in \mathcal{V}^{k \times k}} \frac{\|V_* - \hat{V}O\|_2}{\sqrt{pr}} \lesssim \frac{\sigma r \sqrt{T}}{d} \quad \text{and} \quad \min_{\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}} \frac{\|u_* - \hat{u}\epsilon\|_2}{\sqrt{T}} \lesssim \frac{\sigma r \sqrt{p}}{d}$$

Furthermore the statistical convergence is linear (fast) before hitting the “noise barrier”

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Surprisingly tricky deal with normalization of u updates

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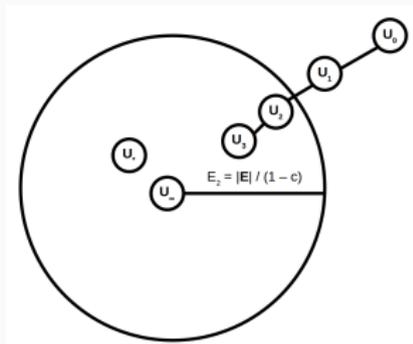
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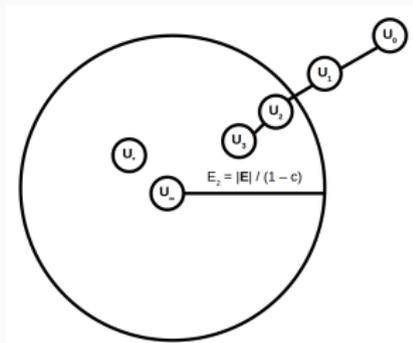
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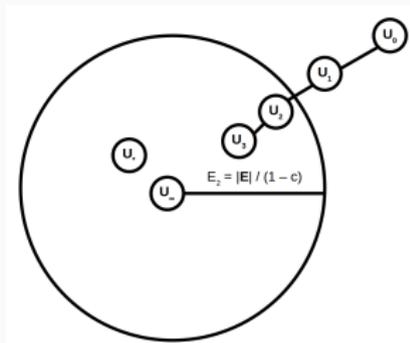
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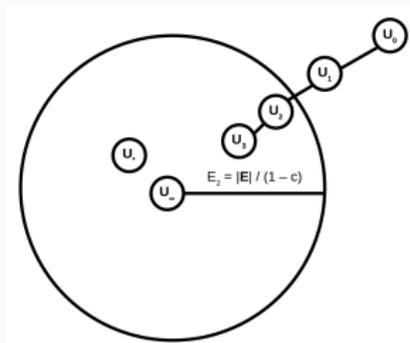
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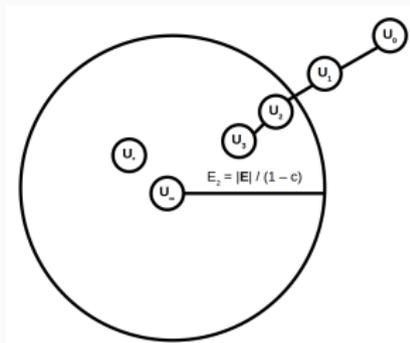
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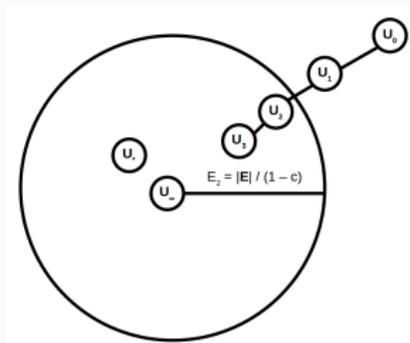
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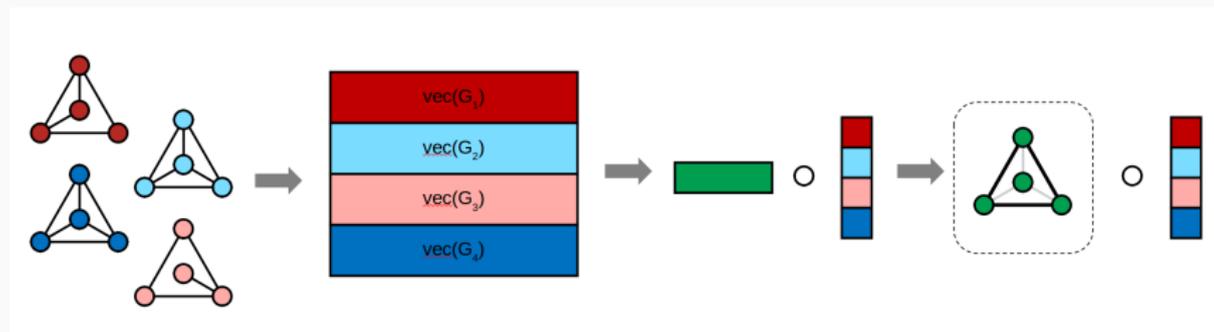
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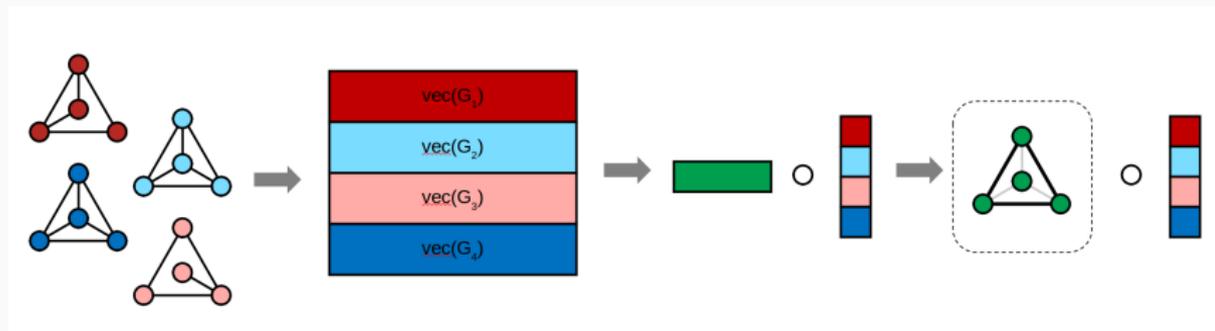
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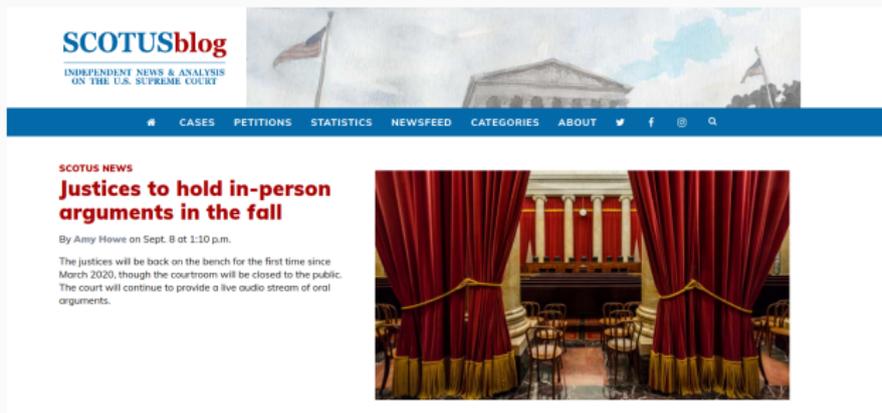
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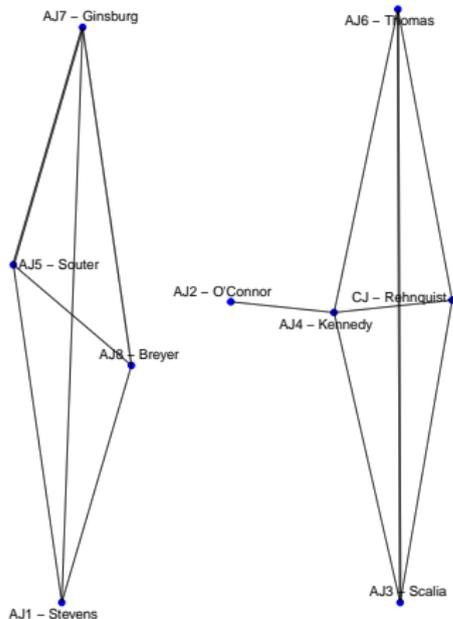
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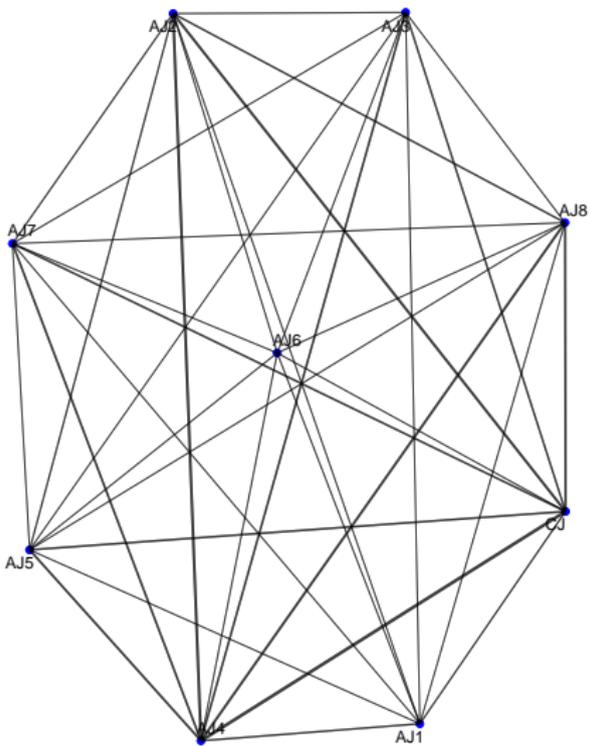
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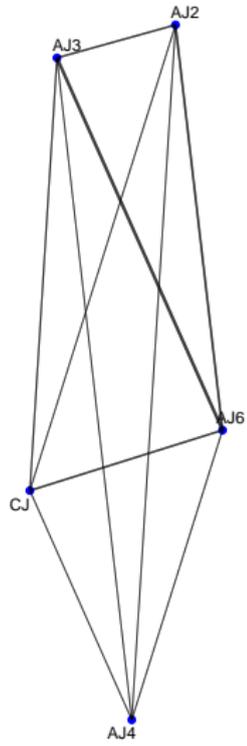
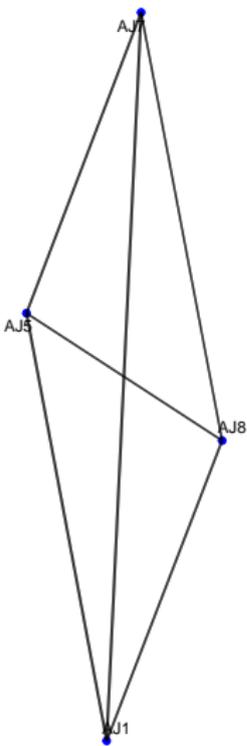
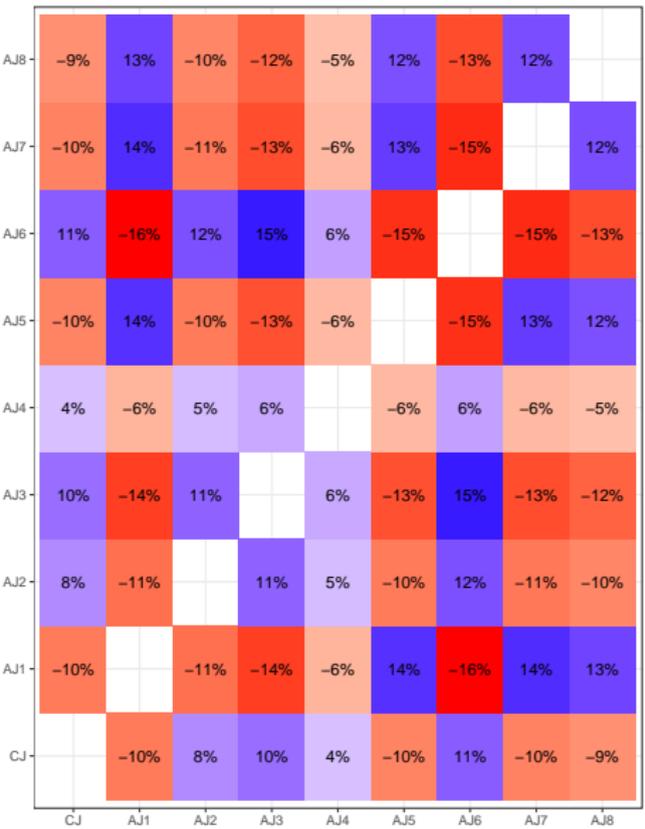
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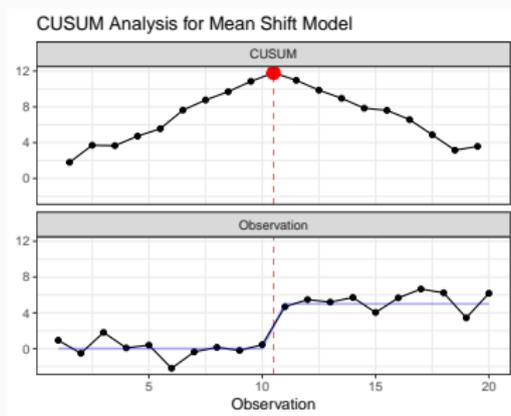
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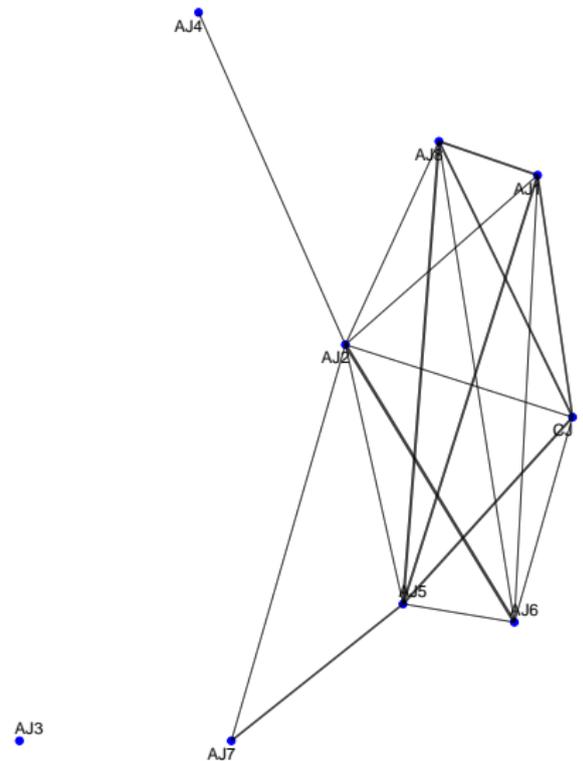
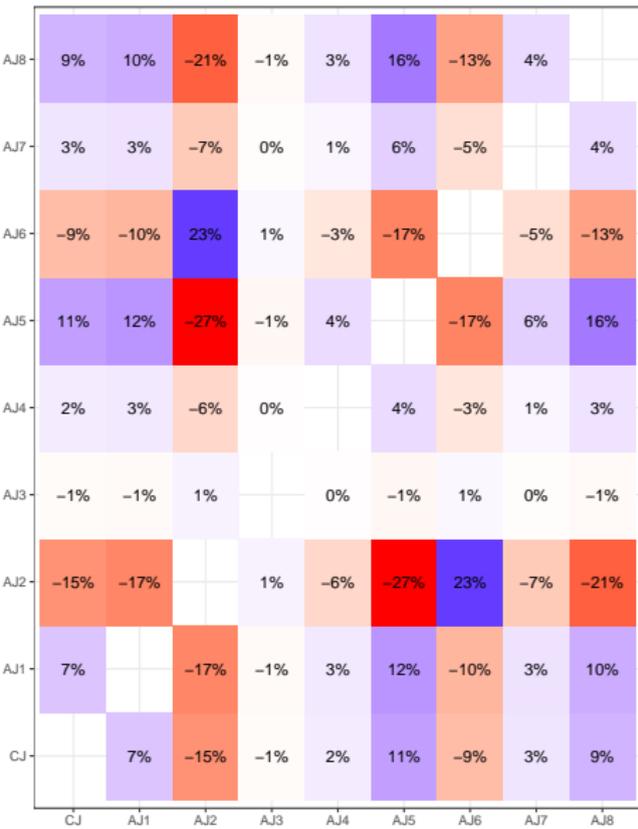
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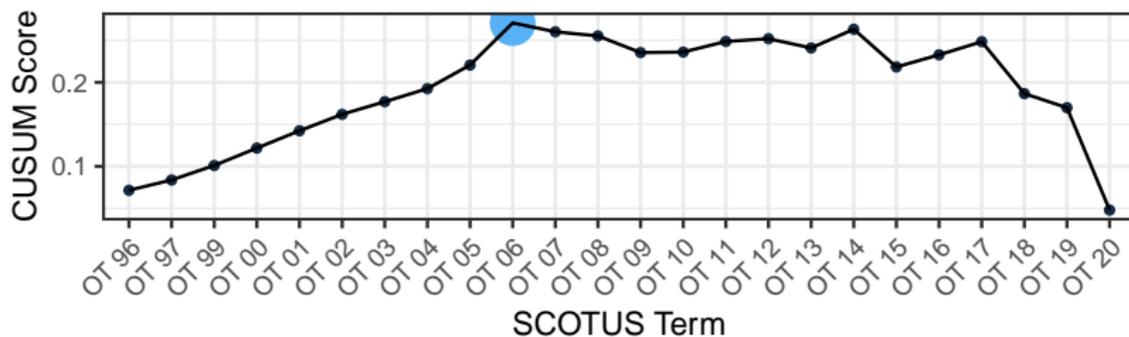
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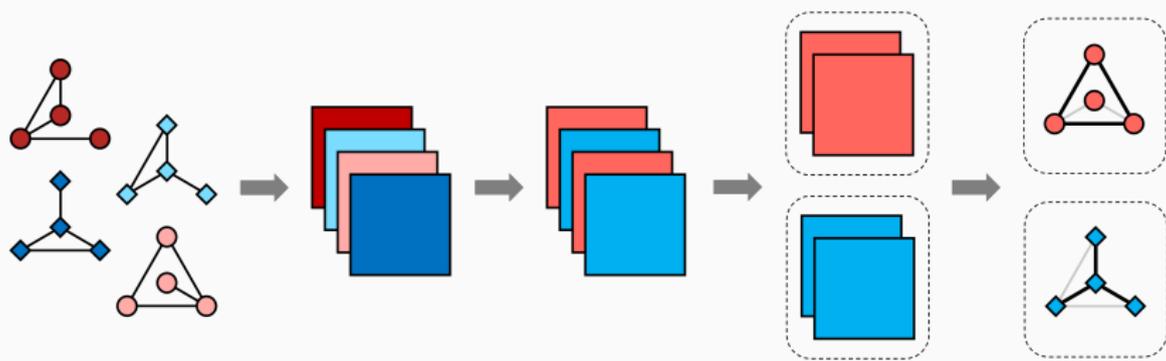
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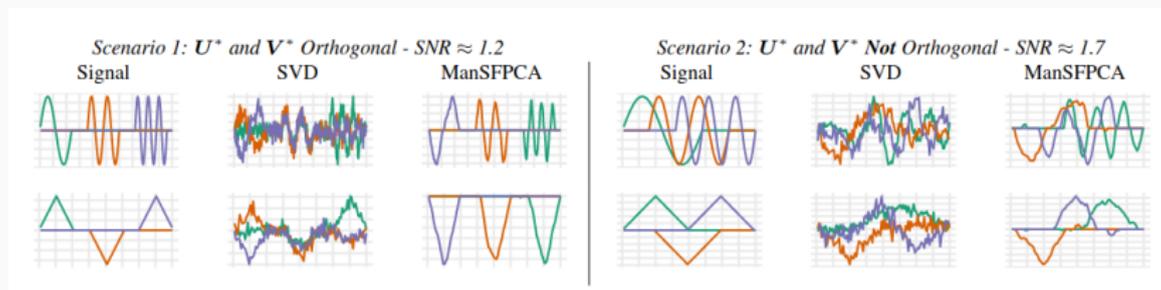
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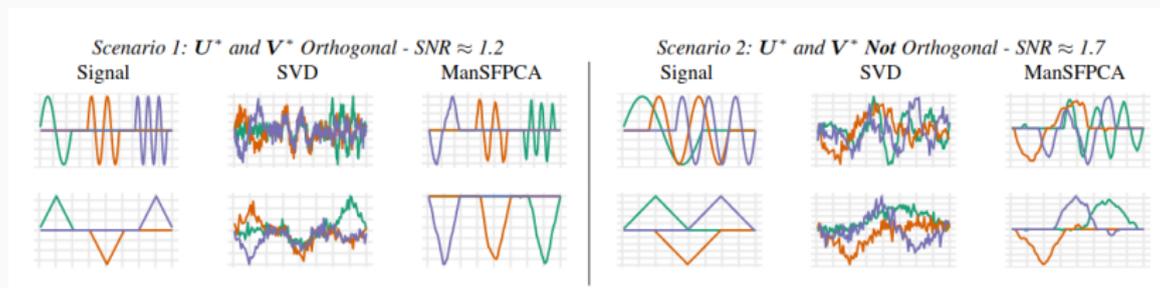


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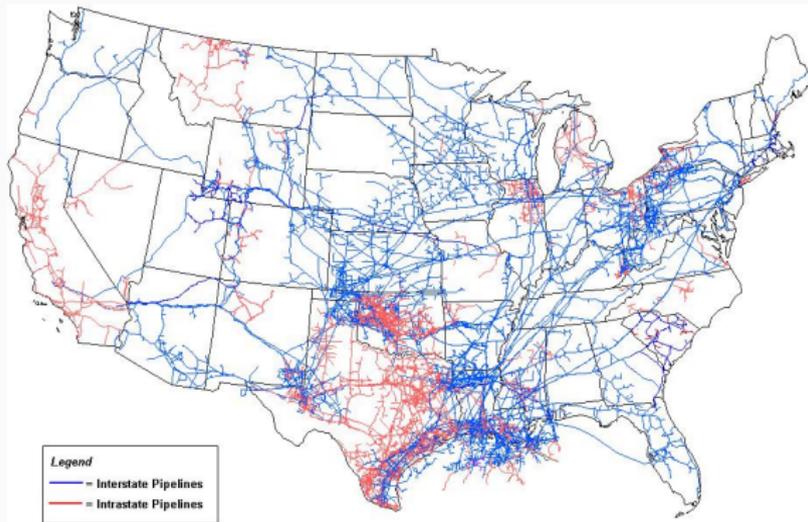
### Related Work:

- Sparse + Smooth PCA (Allen and W., *DSW*, 2019)
- Simultaneous regularized PCs via nonsmooth manifold optimization (W., *CAMSAP*, 2019)
- Convex clustering of networks (W. et al., 2022+)
- MoMA Software

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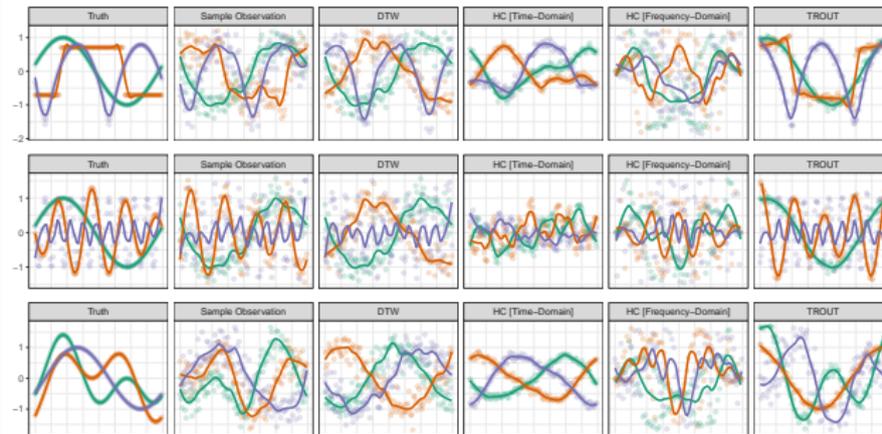
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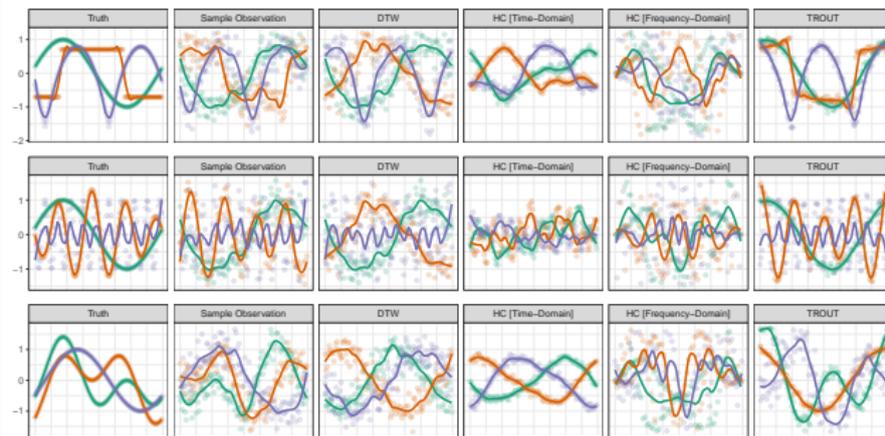
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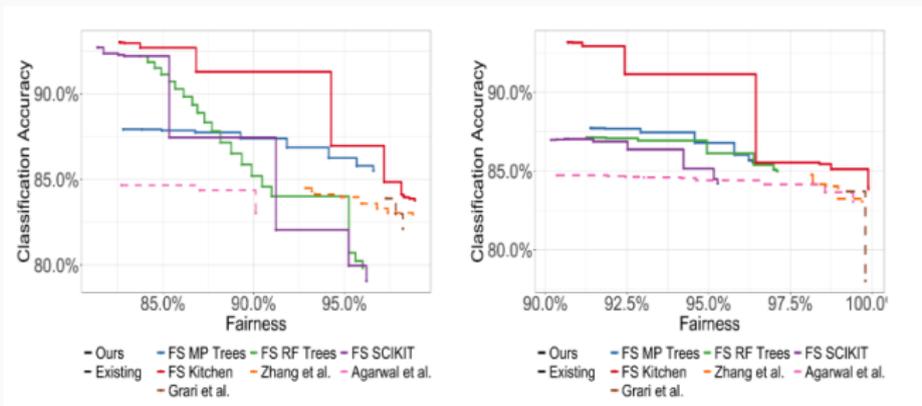


Related Work:

- Econometric modeling of NG futures markets (W. et al., 2022+)
- Clustering of unaligned time series (W. & Michailidis, ICASSP 2021)
- Clustering + denoising time series (W. et al., DSLW, 2021)
- Complex-Valued Graphical Models of Time Series Spectra (W., 2022+)

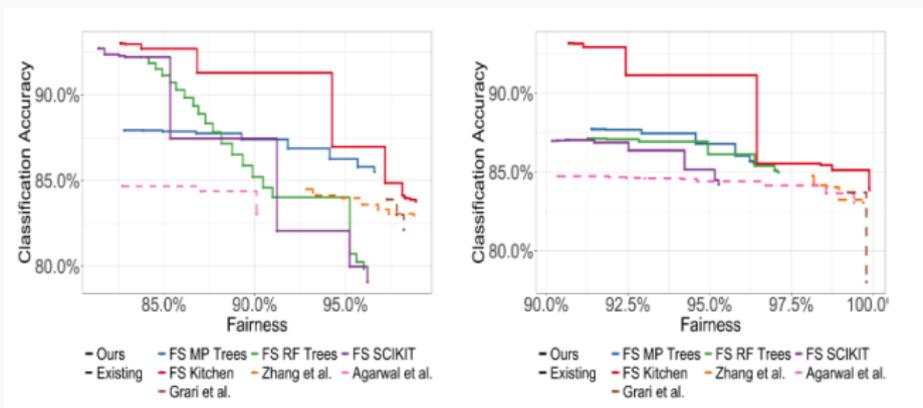
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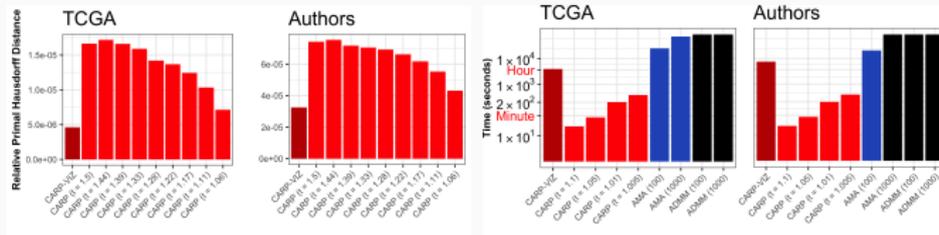
### Related Work:

- Measuring, Optimizing, and Testing Fairness-Accuracy Tradeoff (W. et al., 2022+)
- Fair PCA (W. and Allen, 2022+)
- Auditing individual fairness via metric learning (W. and Michailidis, 2022+)

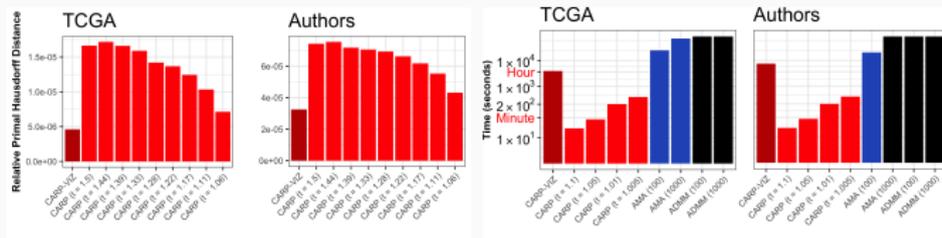
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- Algorithms for higher-order convex clustering (*W., DSW, 2019*)
- Manifold optimization in unsupervised learning (*W., CAMSAP, 2019*)
- `clustRviz`, `MoMA`, `ExclusiveLasso`, *etc.* R packages

# Conclusions

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Tensor PCA: [ArXiv 2202.04719](#) + Questions?

## Backup Slides

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# Noise Model

Key notion of noise: operator noise of  $\mathcal{E}$  considered as mapping from  $\mathbb{B}^T \times \mathcal{V}^{p \times r} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

$$\|\mathcal{E}\|_{r\text{-op}} = \max_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{V}} \left| \langle (\text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}^T \mathcal{E}_{..i} \mathbf{V}))_i, \mathbf{u} \rangle \right|$$

Deterministic upper bound:

$$\|\mathcal{E}\|_{r\text{-op}} \leq r\sqrt{T} \max_i \lambda_{\max}(\mathcal{E}_{..i})$$

SS-Tensor Concentration bound:

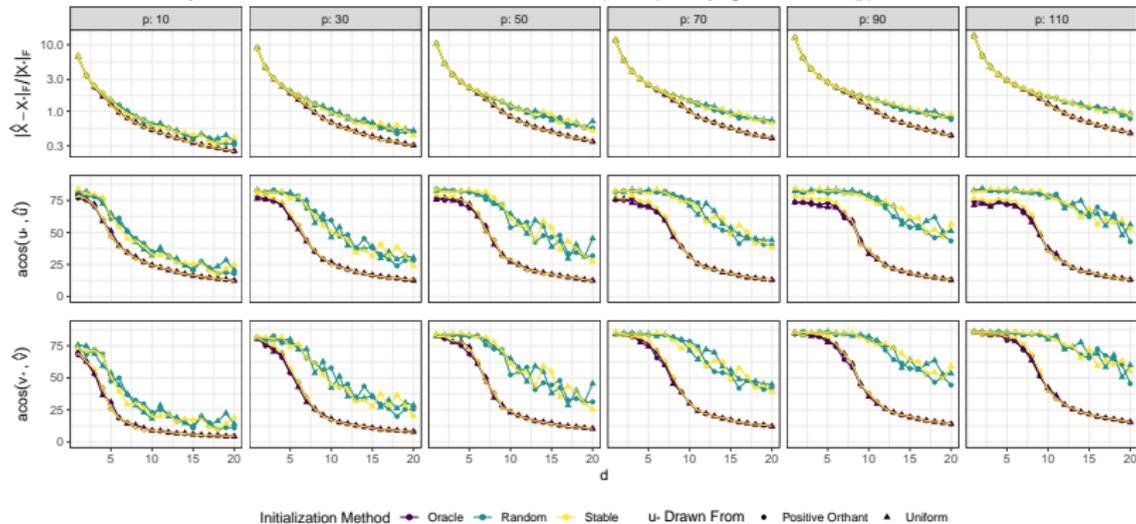
$$\|\mathcal{E}\|_{r\text{-op}} \leq cr\sqrt{T}\sigma(\sqrt{p} + \sqrt{\log T} + \delta)$$

with probability at least  $1 - 4e^{-\delta^2}$

$c$  is small  $\Leftrightarrow c = 1$  for true Gaussians

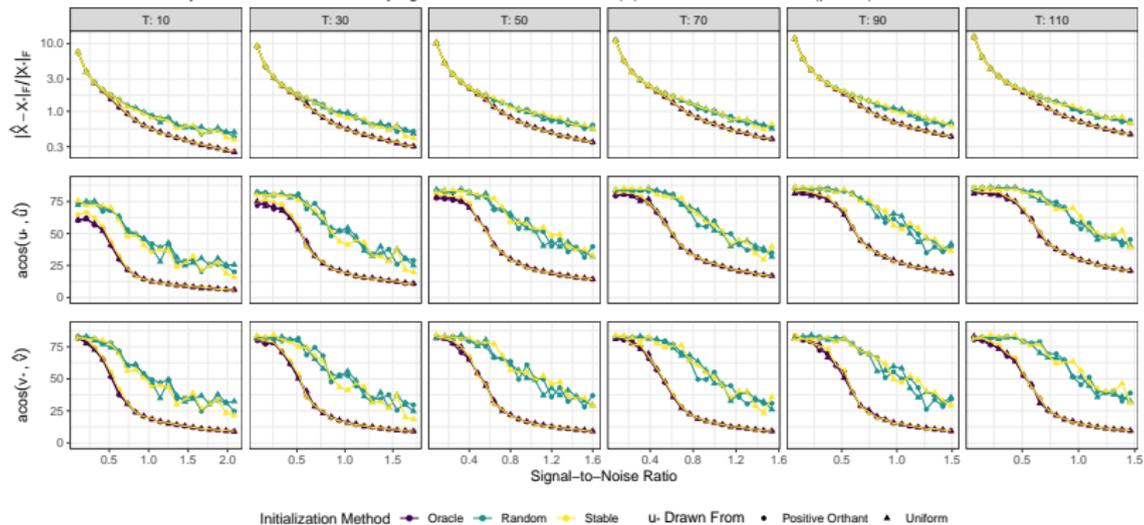
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# Stock Market Application

