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# Low-Rank Tensor Decompositions for Large Sparse Count Data

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# Low-Rank Tensor Decompositions in Data Analysis

- What are they?
- Why are they useful?
- How much data is required to use them reliably?



# Low-Rank Tensor Decompositions

# Tensors: d-way Data Arrays

Vector

$d = 1$



$\mathbf{x}$

Matrix

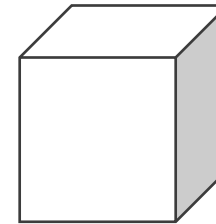
$d = 2$



$\mathbf{X}$

Tensor

$d = 3$



$\mathcal{X}$

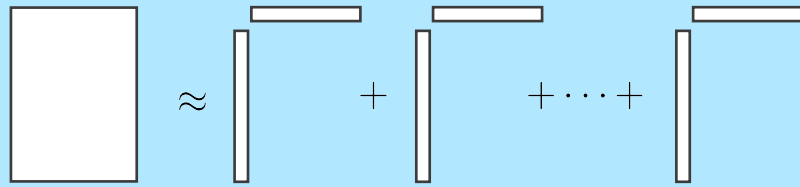
We refer to data arrays with 3 or more ways as *tensors*.



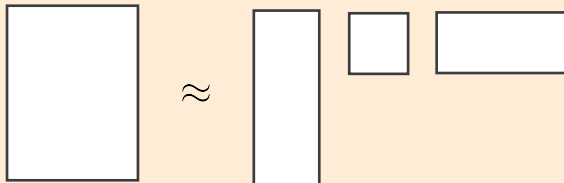
# Low-Rank Decompositions: Two Points of View

## Low-Rank Matrix Decompositions

**Viewpoint 1:** Sum of vector outer products, useful for interpretation



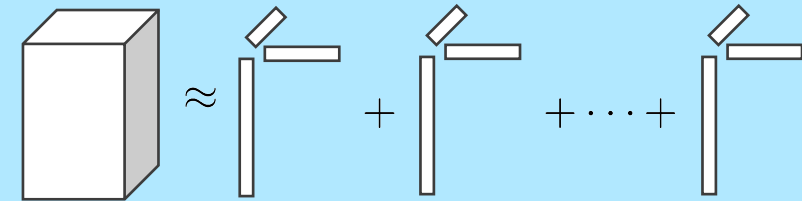
**Viewpoint 2:** High-variance subspaces, useful for compression



*Singular value decomposition (SVD), eigendecomposition (EVD), nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF), etc.*

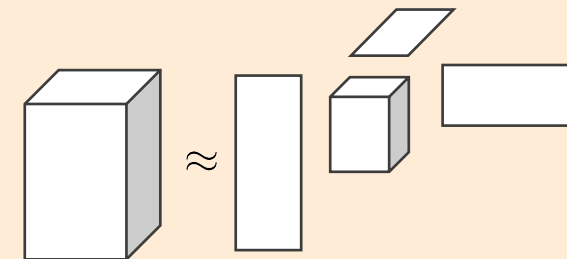
## Low-Rank Tensor Decompositions

**CP Model:** Sum of  $d$ -way vector outer products, useful for interpretation



Canonical Polyadic, CANDECOMP, PARAFAC, CP

**Tucker Model:** Project onto high-variance subspaces to reduce dimensionality



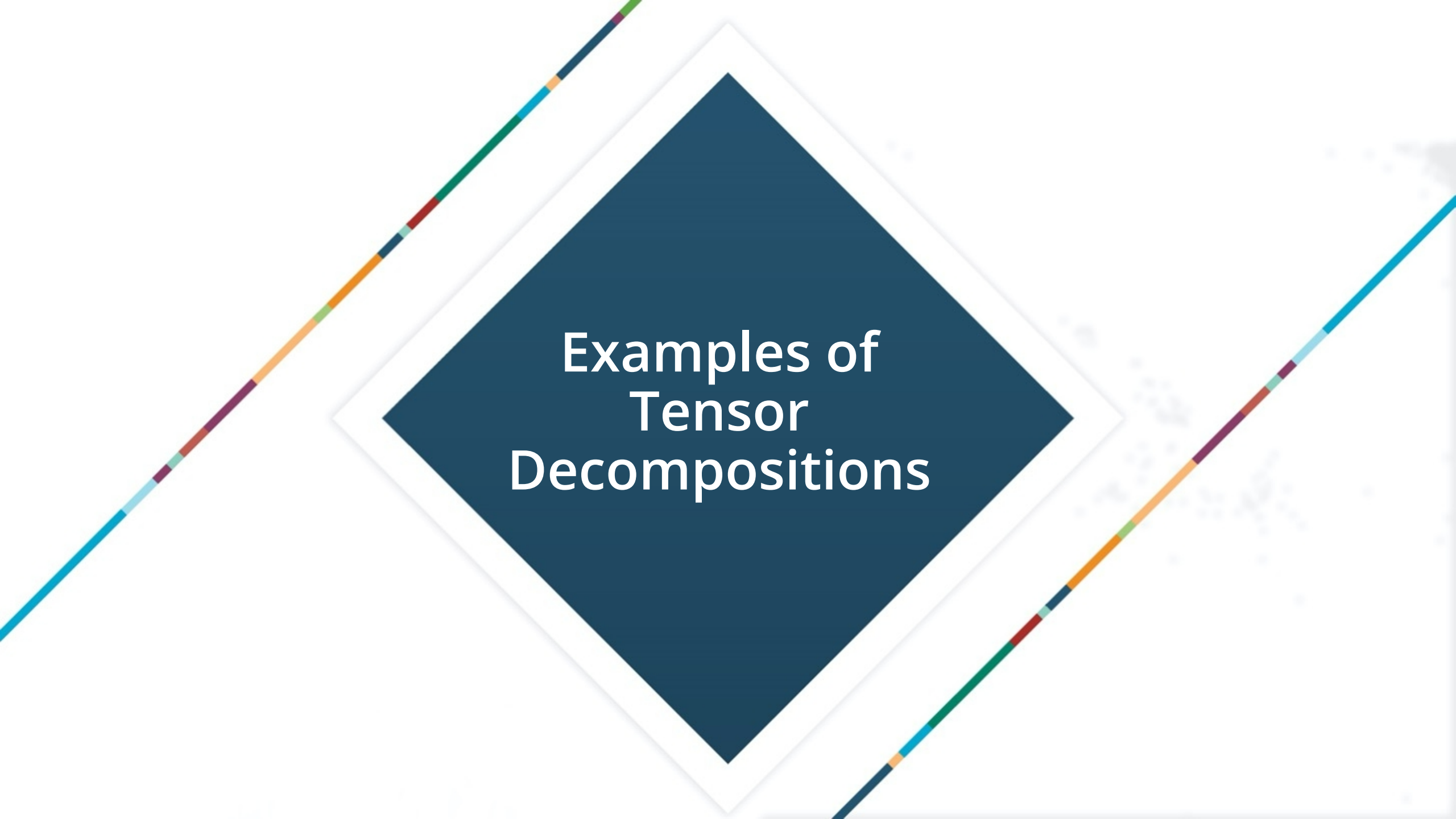
HO-SVD, Best Rank- $(\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2, \dots, \mathbf{R}_d)$  decomposition

*Other models for compression include hierarchical Tucker, tensor train, tensor ring, tensor network, etc.*



## Low-Rank Decompositions: Benefits

- Unsupervised data models
- Reduced memory usage
- Noise reduction
- Identification of most important patterns and/or strongest signals in data
- Interpretability of complex data relationships

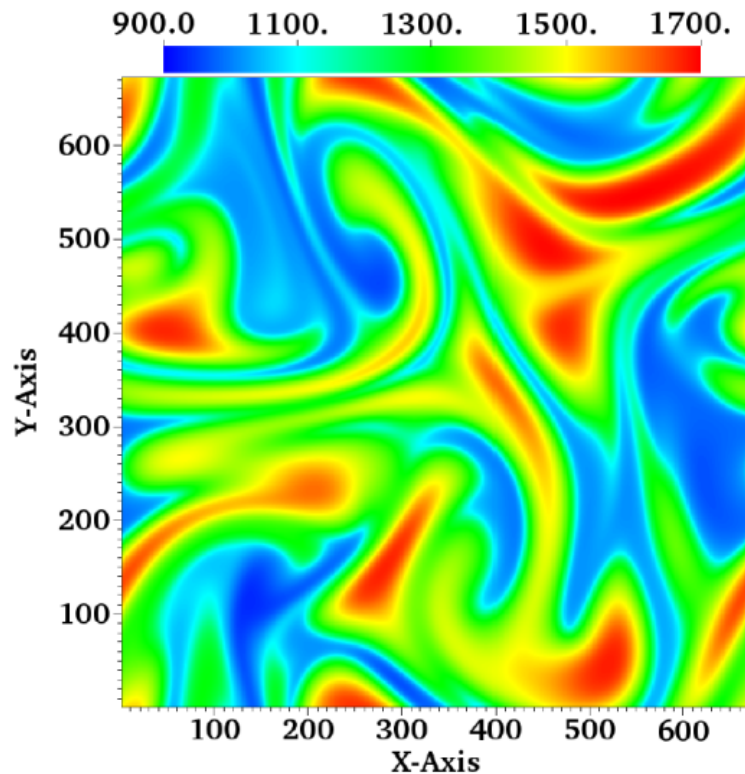


# Examples of Tensor Decompositions

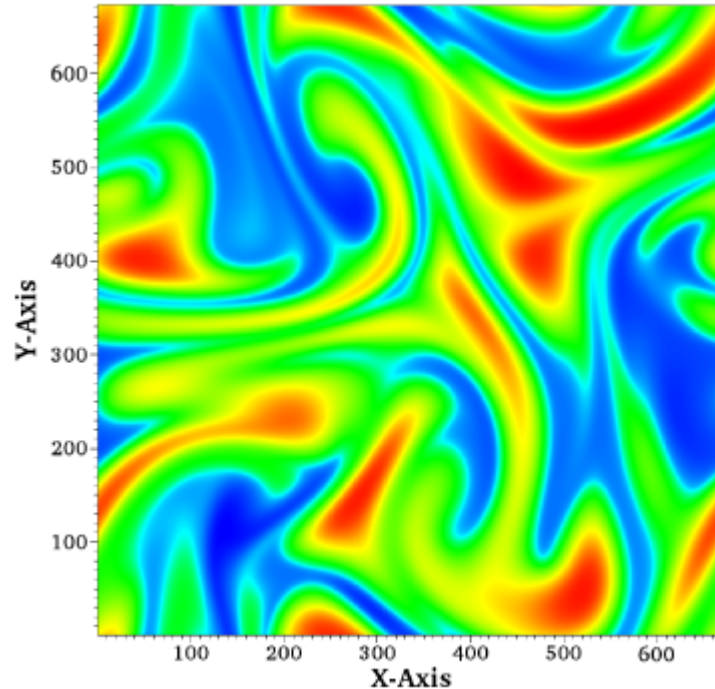


# Tucker Decompositions: Scientific Computing Data Compression

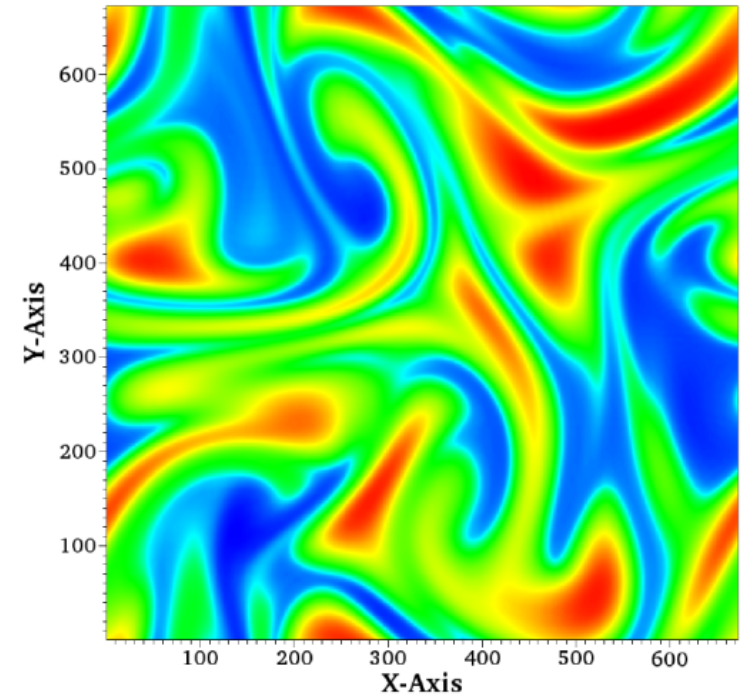
Contour plots of temperature (Kelvin) for combustion processes using simulation data



Original Data  
(at one time instance)



Low-Rank Tensor Data  
(~10X compression)



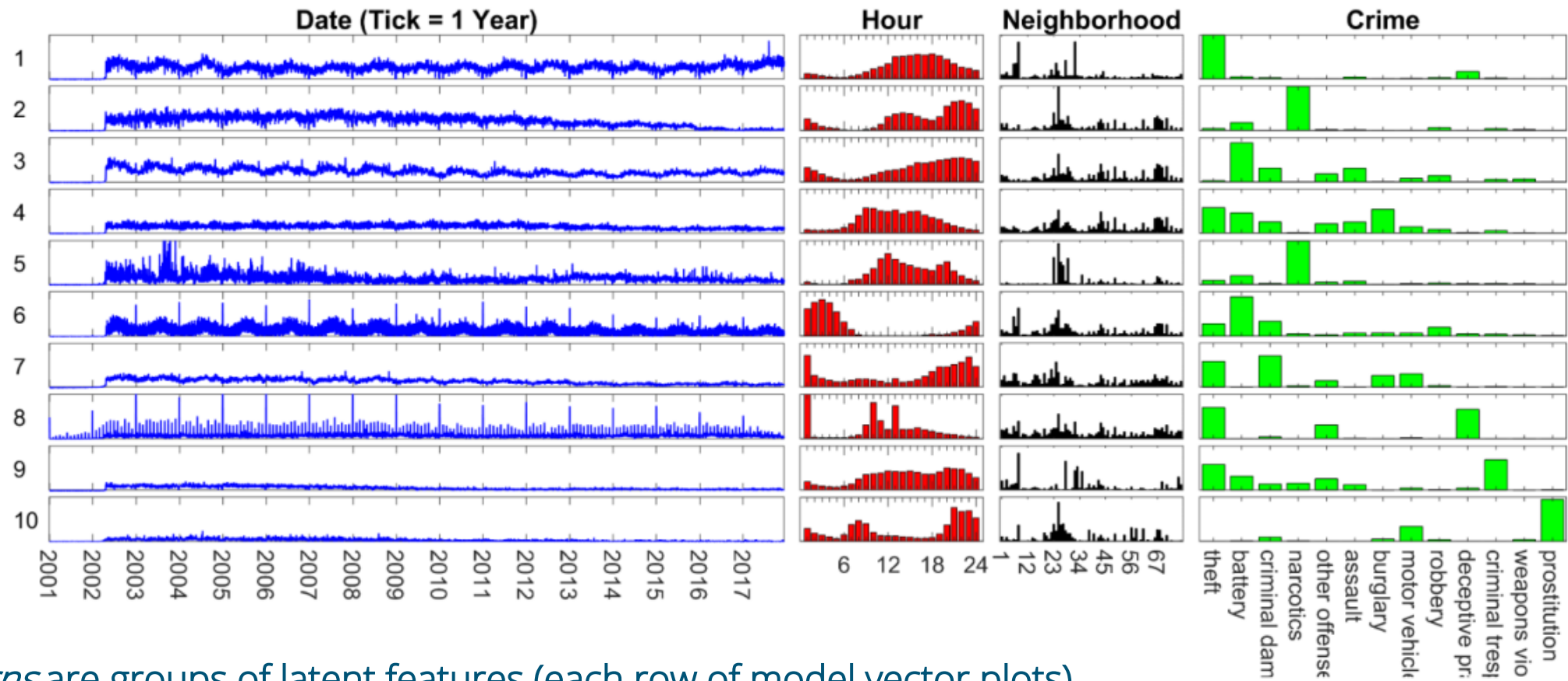
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# CP Decompositions: Extracting Patterns from Count Data

Crime reports in the city of Chicago, 2001-2017



*Patterns* are groups of latent features (each row of model vector plots).

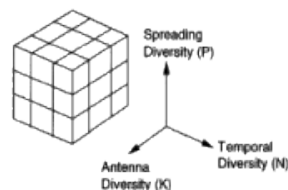


# Low-Rank Tensor Decompositions: Numerous Other Applications

- Modeling fluorescence excitation-emission data (chemometrics)
- Signal processing
- Brain imaging (e.g., fMRI) data
- Network analysis and link prediction
- Image compression and classification; texture analysis
- Text analysis, e.g., multi-way LSI
- Approximating Newton potentials, stochastic PDEs, etc.
- Collaborative filtering
- Higher-order graph/image matching
- Neural network model compression



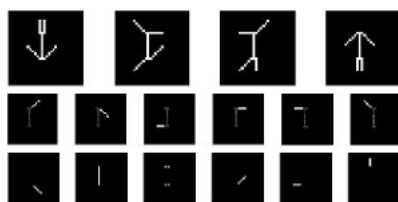
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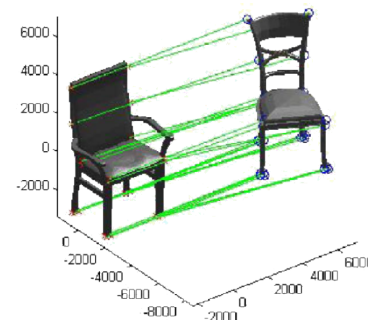
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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(x, t, \omega; u) &= f(x, t, \omega) \quad (x, t) \in \mathcal{D} \times [0, T] \\ \mathcal{B}(x, t, \omega; u) &= g(x, t) \quad (x, t) \in \partial\mathcal{D} \times [0, T] \\ \mathcal{T}(x, 0, \omega; u) &= h(x, \omega) \quad x \in \mathcal{D},\end{aligned}$$

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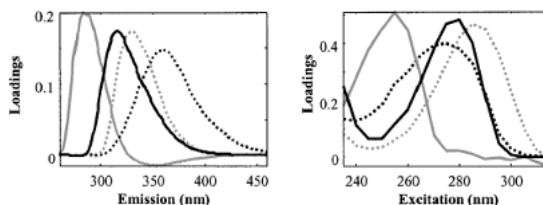
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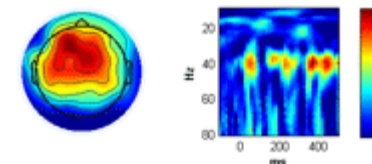
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# Low-Rank Decompositions & Data Sampling



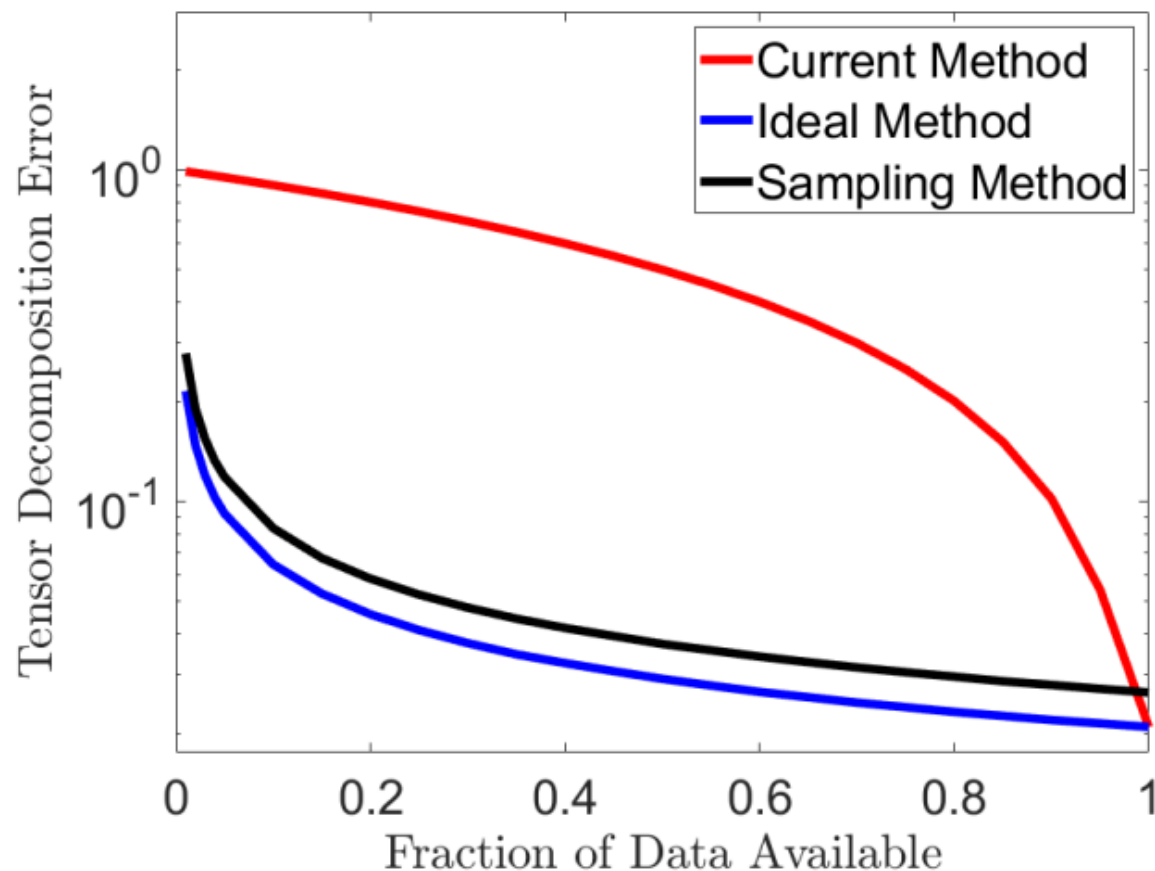
# Large-Scale Data Analysis: Two Approaches

- Scale up computation
- Scale down data



# CP Decompositions using Sampling for Sparse Count Data

- **Sparse data challenge:** determining which zeros are true values and which are placeholders in the data arrays
- **Our solution:** ignore zeros and fit tensor decompositions using only samples of non-zero values
- **Benefits:**
  - Better than assuming all zeros are true values (current methods)
  - No *a priori* knowledge of zeros needed (ideal method)
  - Can prove that only a small constant multiple of error will be incurred (our sampling method)





## Conclusions

- Many complex datasets can be modeled using low-rank tensor decompositions
- Low-rank decompositions can provide compression and interpretability of data
- Randomized tensor decompositions via data sampling can lead to great savings in terms of computation and memory usage at a modest cost in increased error
  - This is just the beginning of research in this area



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