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# PROBABILISTIC GUARANTEES FOR LOW-RANK TENSOR DECOMPOSITIONS

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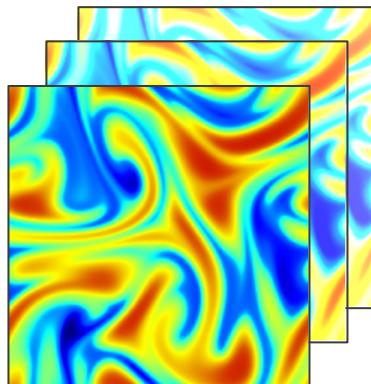
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# GOAL: PROVIDE TRUST IN LOW-RANK TENSOR DECOMPOSITIONS

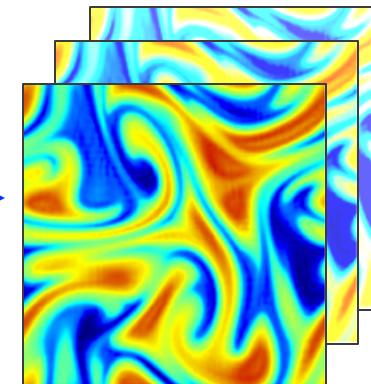


Low-rank tensor models/decompositions are useful in many data analysis applications

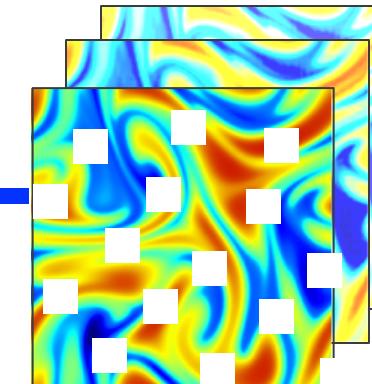
Scientific computing, cybersecurity, remote sensing, text analysis, ...



Combustion  
Simulation  
Tensor Data



Compression: ~7700X  
Model Error:  $\epsilon = 1e-1$



Subset/Sample of  
Data

How good is a model  
given the data?  
Cramer-Rao Bounds

How good is a model  
Given a sample of the data?  
Sampling complexity

## Current state-of-the-art:

- 😊 Efficient algorithms for several data models (Canonical Polyadic [CP], Tucker, tensor train, ...)
- 😊 Some models (e.g., CP) provide useful interpretations of latent features/patterns/signals in data
- 😊 No general approaches exist for assessing how trustworthy these models are

# PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- Zero-truncated Poisson regression for sparse multiway count data corrupted by false zeros
  - *Advance:* Understand the **impact of untrusted/incomplete data** in low-rank matrix and tensor modeling
  - *Benefits:* Faster, scalable low-rank decompositions with guaranteed minimal introduction of modeling error
- Spectral gap-based deterministic tensor completion
  - *Advance:* Improved error bounds on tensor completion using **deterministic sampling**
  - *Benefits:* Near-optimal error analysis for problems where sampling may be constrained (e.g., sensor placement problems)
- Minimax Rates in Constrained Poisson Tensors: Upper and Lower Bounds
  - *Advance:* Extension of existing low-rank matrix **modeling with data constraints** to tensor data
  - *Benefits:* Provides both lower (Cramer-Rao, best expected error) and upper (worst case, in expectation) error bounds
- On a Latent-Variable Formulation of the Poisson Canonical Polyadic Tensor Model
  - *Advance:* Formulation of existing low-rank matrix (NMF) and tensor (CP-APR) decompositions in **Expectation Maximization framework**
  - *Benefits:* Statistical error analyses, Fisher information matrix, sensitivity analyses, new model fitting algorithms

## KEY RESULT: CRAMER-RAO BOUNDS FOR POISSON CP MODEL

### Poisson CP model

$$\mathbf{x}_{i,j,k} \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\mathbf{\mathcal{M}}_{i,j,k})$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^R A_{i,r} B_{j,r} C_{k,r}$$



$$= \begin{array}{c} \text{Rank-1 tensor} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{Rank summation} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Rank-1 tensor} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{Rank summation} \end{array} + \dots + \begin{array}{c} \text{Rank-1 tensor} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{Rank summation} \end{array}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = [\text{vec}(A)' \text{vec}(B)' \text{vec}(C)']'$$

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i,j,k} [\mathbf{x}_{i,j,k} * \log(\mathbf{\mathcal{M}}_{i,j,k}) - \mathbf{\mathcal{M}}_{i,j,k}]$$

### Cramer-Rao Lower Bound

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbb{E}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \right) \mathcal{I}^\dagger(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbb{E}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) \right)^\top \leq \text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$$

Fisher Information

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'} \ell(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right]$$

Challenges:

- Well posedness (identifiability)
- Inversion

Jacobian identity

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbb{E}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \text{Cov} \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \ell(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right)$$

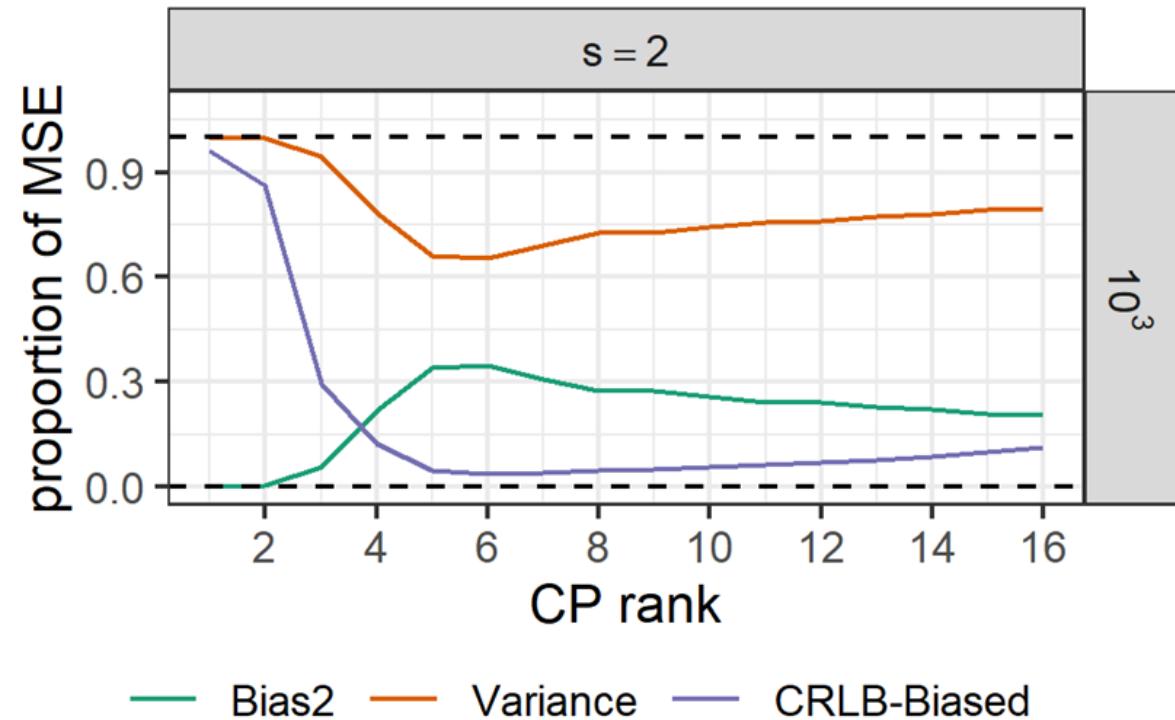
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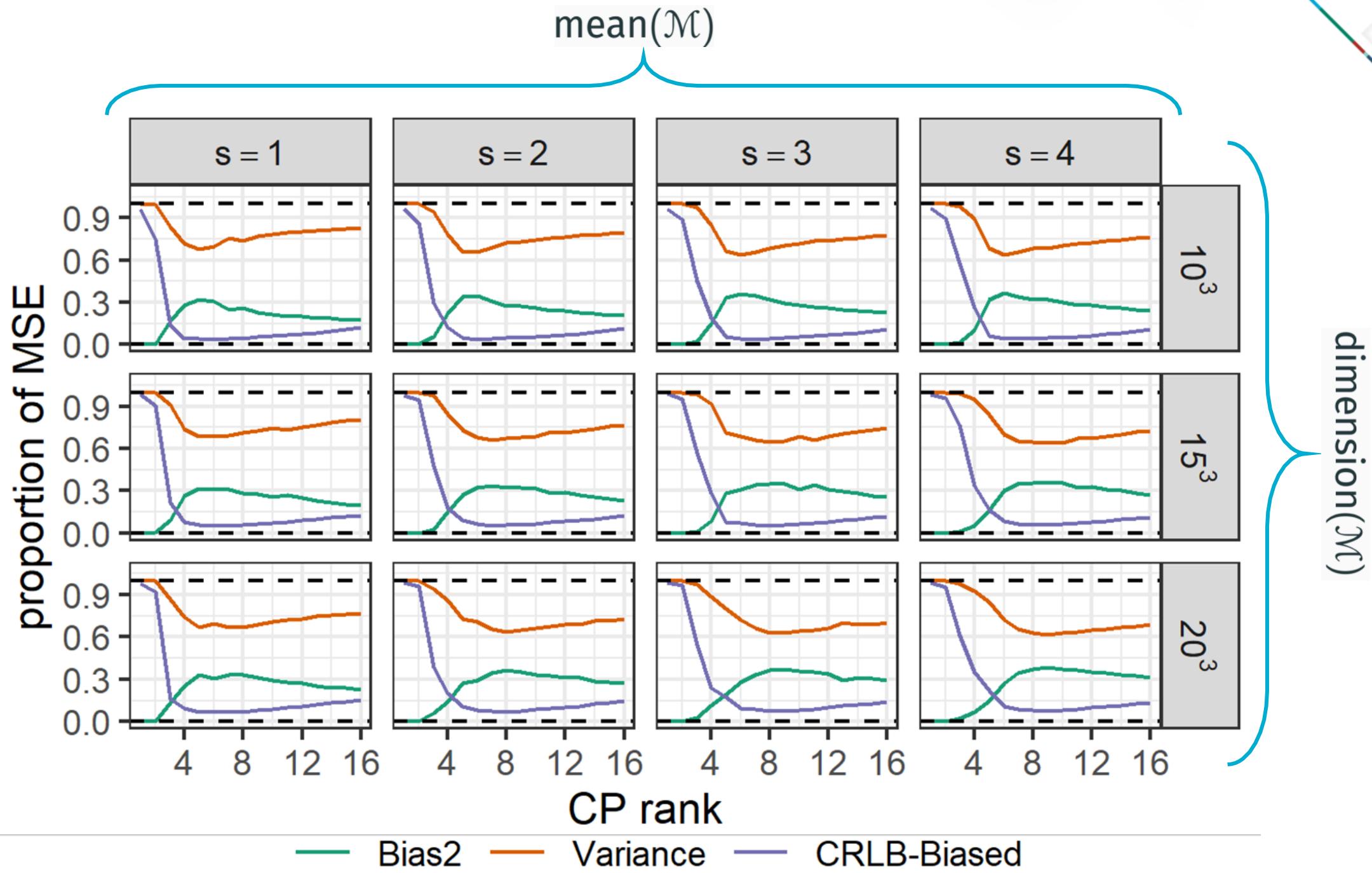
- biased estimators (MLE)

## Simulation Setup

Visualize the bias-variance trade-off for tensors  $\mathcal{M}(\theta_0)$  with varying:

- Entry-wise mean  $s = 1, 2, 3, 4$   
 $s = \text{mean}(\mathcal{M})$
- Sizes  $N = 10, 15, 20$   
 $\mathcal{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N \times N}$
- Rank  $R = 1, 2, \dots, 16$







## NEXT STEPS

- Analysis of biased estimators for (variety of) tensor models (different tensor models are used for answering a variety of questions in different applications)
  - Extend our results from CP to Tucker, Tensor Train, etc.
  - Extend our results from Poisson to GCP
- Bridging signal processing (sampling complexity) and statistics (FIM/CRLB) view of tensor modeling
- (Near) Optimal sampling complexity
- Produce software to allow others to use these new analysis techniques
  - As part of the pyttb python software



# THANK YOU!

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