

ADVANCING TENSOR DATA ANALYSIS: THE GENERALIZED MULTILINEAR MODEL (GMLM)

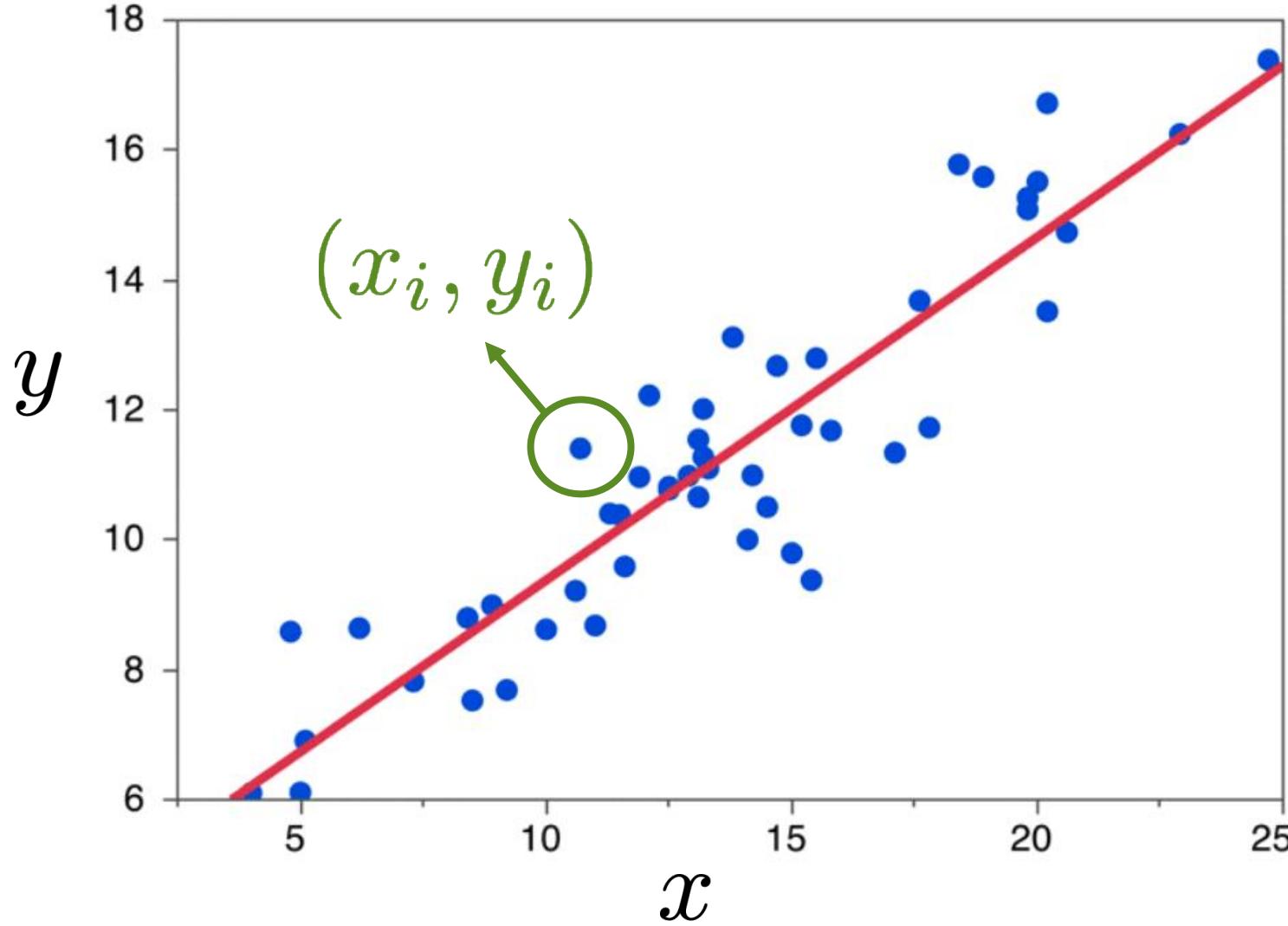
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LINEAR REGRESSION



Simple linear regression:

$$y_i = \beta x_i + \epsilon_i$$

Multiple linear regression:

$$y_i = \beta^T \mathbf{x}_i + \epsilon_i$$

responses

covariates

TENSOR-ON-TENSOR REGRESSION



$$\langle S|T \rangle = \begin{cases} \text{inner product} & \dim(S) = \dim(T) \\ \text{contraction} & \dim(S) \neq \dim(T) \end{cases}$$

Linear regression:

$$y_i = \langle x_i | \beta \rangle + \epsilon_i$$

Tensor regression:

$$y_i = \langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle + \epsilon_i$$

Multivariate linear regression:

$$y_i = \langle x_i | B \rangle + \epsilon_i$$

Tensor-on-Tensor regression (ToTR):

$$\mathcal{Y}_i = \langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle + \mathcal{E}_i$$

TOTR: HOW MUCH DATA DO WE NEED TO FIT THE MODEL



Tensor-on-Tensor regression (ToTR):

$$M_1 \times \cdots \times M_P \quad N_1 \times \cdots \times N_Q$$

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$$\therefore \mathcal{Y}_i = \langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle + \mathcal{E}_i$$

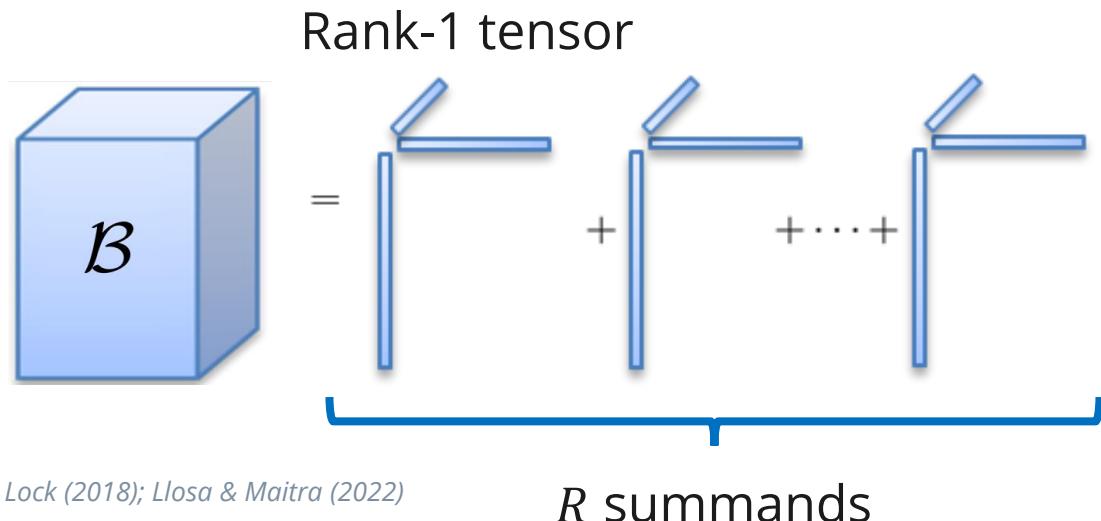
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needed!

$$N_1 \times \cdots \times N_Q \times M_1 \times \cdots \times M_P$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n \rightarrow$ so many samples needed!

Low-rank Canonical Polyadic (CP) Model:



$$\mathcal{B} = \llbracket V_{N_1}, \dots, V_{N_Q}, U_{M_1}, \dots, U_{M_P} \rrbracket$$

Fewer parameters → fewer samples needed

$$\prod_p M_p \prod_q N_q \rightarrow R \left(\sum_p M_p + \sum_q N_q \right)$$

GENERALIZING TENSOR-ON-TENSOR REGRESSION



Tensor-on-Tensor regression (ToTR):

$$\mathcal{Y}_i = \langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle + \mathcal{E}_i$$

$M_1 \times \cdots \times M_P \quad N_1 \times \cdots \times N_Q$
 $\uparrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow$
 $N_1 \times \cdots \times N_Q \times M_1 \times \cdots \times M_P$
 \downarrow

ToTR

Lock (2018); Llosa & Maitra (2022)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{Y}_i &= \langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle + \mathcal{E}_i \\ \mathcal{Y}_i &\sim N(\langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle, \Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_P)\end{aligned}$$

**CP, Tucker, Tensor Train,
Tensor Network, ...**

Poisson ToTR (PToTR)

Llosa & Dunlavy (2025)

$$\mathcal{Y}_i \sim Poisson(\langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle)$$

CP

GMLM

Llosa, Dunlavy, Myers, Lehoucq & Ma (2025)

$$g(\mathbb{E}_{f_{\mathcal{Y}}}(\mathcal{Y}_i)) = \langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle$$

CP



Model	Loglikelihood	Constraints
$\mathcal{Y}_i \stackrel{\text{ind.}}{\sim} Poisson(\langle \mathcal{X}_i \mathcal{B} \rangle)$	$\ell(\mathcal{B}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_j [\mathcal{Y}_{ij} \log(\langle \mathcal{X}_i \mathcal{B} \rangle_j) - \langle \mathcal{X}_i \mathcal{B} \rangle_j]$	$\mathcal{B} = [\llbracket \boldsymbol{\lambda}; U_1, \dots, U_l, V_1, \dots, V_p \rrbracket] > 0$

New multiplicative update rules extend those in the CP-alternating Poisson regression (CP-APR) algorithm [1]

	Estimation of V_k	Estimation of U_k
Alternative expression for Loglikelihood:	$\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}' [V_k^* G_{ik} - \mathcal{Y}_{i(k)} * \log(V_k^* G_{ik})] \mathbf{1}$	$\sum_{i=1}^n [(\text{vec } U_k^*)' H_{ik} - (\text{vec } \mathcal{Y}_i)' * \log((\text{vec } U_k^*)' H_{ik})] \mathbf{1}$
Multiplicative update: (non-decreasing loglikelihood)	$\widehat{V}_k^* \leftarrow \widehat{V}_k^* * \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\left(\mathcal{Y}_{i(k)} \oslash (\widehat{V}_k^* G_{ik}) \right) G'_{ik} \right] \right\}$ $\oslash \left\{ \mathbf{1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{w}_i \right)' \right\}$	$(\text{vec } \widehat{U}_k^*) \leftarrow \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[H_{ik} \left(\text{vec}(\mathcal{Y}_i) \oslash (H'_{ik} (\text{vec } \widehat{U}_k^*)) \right) \right] \right\}$ $* \text{ vec} \left(\widehat{U}_k^* \oslash \sum_{i=1}^n W_i \right).$

[1] Chi & Kolda (2012)

Takeaway: Alternating method possible for more challenging PDF

THE GENERALIZED MULTILINEAR MODEL (GMLM)



$$g(\mathbb{E}_{f_Y}(\gamma_i)) = \langle x_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle$$

Link Function

- $g: \mathbb{R}^{\times_{p=1}^P M_p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\times_{p=1}^P M_p}$
- Applied entry-wise
- e.g., identity, logit, log, inverse, ...

Random component

- Exponential dispersion family:
$$\log f_Y(\psi) = \sum_j \left(\frac{\gamma_j \psi_j - b(\psi_j)}{a(\delta_j)} + C \right)$$
- e.g., normal, binomial, Poisson, ...

Extends the Generalized Linear Model (GLM) to tensors

FROM GLM TO GMLM



$$\mathcal{Y}_i \sim P_{f_{\mathcal{Y}}}(\psi_i), \quad \mathbb{E}(\mathcal{Y}_i) = \mu_i, \quad \mu_i = g^{-1}(\eta_i), \quad \eta_i = \langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle$$

where $\mathcal{Y}_i, \psi_i, \mu_i, \eta_i$ are all tensors of size $M_1 \times \dots \times M_P$

Low-rank constraint: $\mathcal{B} = [\![V_1, \dots, V_{N_Q}, U_1, \dots, U_{M_P}]\!]$

Loglikelihood: $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i,j} \log f_{\mathcal{Y}}(\psi_{i,j})$

Gradient: $\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \text{vec}(V_1)} \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right)^\top \dots \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \text{vec}(U_P)} \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right)^\top \right]^\top$

where $\boldsymbol{\theta} = [\text{vec}(V_1)^\top \dots \text{vec}(V_Q)^\top \text{vec}(U_1)^\top \dots \text{vec}(U_P)^\top]^\top$

GMLM: MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATION



Stack all $\mathcal{Y}_i, \mathcal{X}_i$ into $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{(\times_{p=1}^P M_p) \times n}, \mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{(\times_{q=1}^Q N_q) \times n}$. Use $\text{GLM}(X, \mathbf{y})$ as follows:

- **Row-based inference** for U_p , where $W = \mathcal{X}_{(Q+1)} (\odot_q V_q)$: **Khatri-Rao Product**

$$U_p[j_p, :] \leftarrow \text{GLM}\left(X = \text{reshape}\left[\left(\bigodot_{k \neq p} U_k\right) \odot W\right], \mathbf{y} = (Y_{(p)}[j_p, :])^\top\right)$$

- **Factor-based inference** for V_q , where $W_q = \mathcal{X}_{(Q+1,q)} (\odot_{k \neq q} V_k)$:

$$\text{vec}(V_q) \leftarrow \text{GLM}\left(X = \text{reshape}\left[\left(\bigodot_p U_p\right) \odot W_q\right], \mathbf{y} = \text{vec}(\mathcal{Y})\right)$$

1 outer iteration

NOTE: Leverage iteratively reweighted least squares (IRLS) to solve each GLM.

EXAMPLE APPLICATIONS

PARAMETER INFERENCE VALIDATION: SIMULATED DATA

$$g(\mathbb{E}_{f_{\mathcal{Y}}}(\mathcal{Y}_i)) = \langle \mathcal{X}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle$$

Gaussian distribution, identity link:

- 4 different camelid images
- 150 noisy samples of each
- $\mathcal{Y}_i : 87 \times 106$ (pixel height x width)
- $\mathcal{X}_i : 4 \times 3$ (camelid x RGB channel)
- $\mathcal{B} : 4 \times 3 \times 87 \times 106$

Can recover original images from noisy samples using GMLM with sufficiently high rank of parameter tensor.

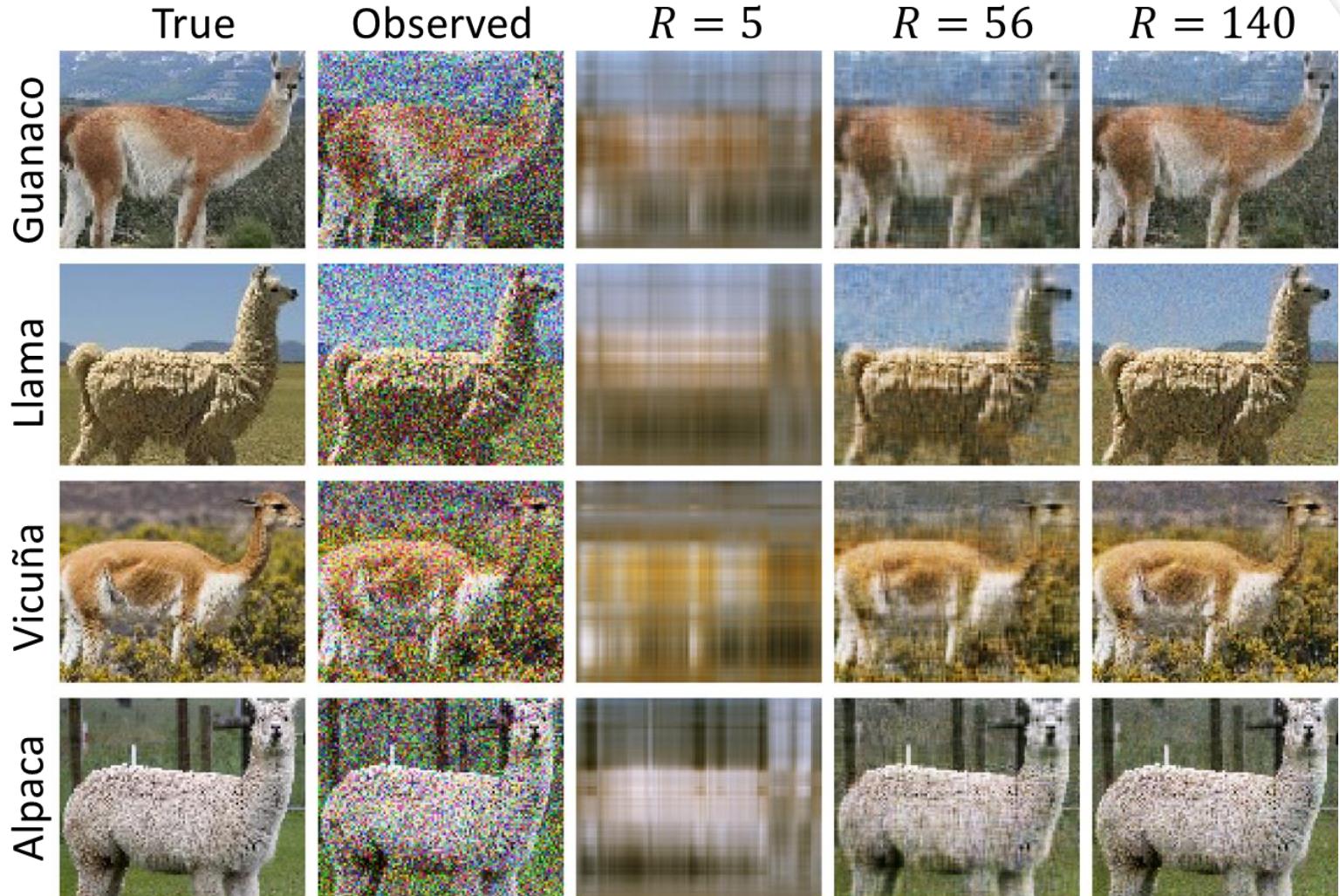


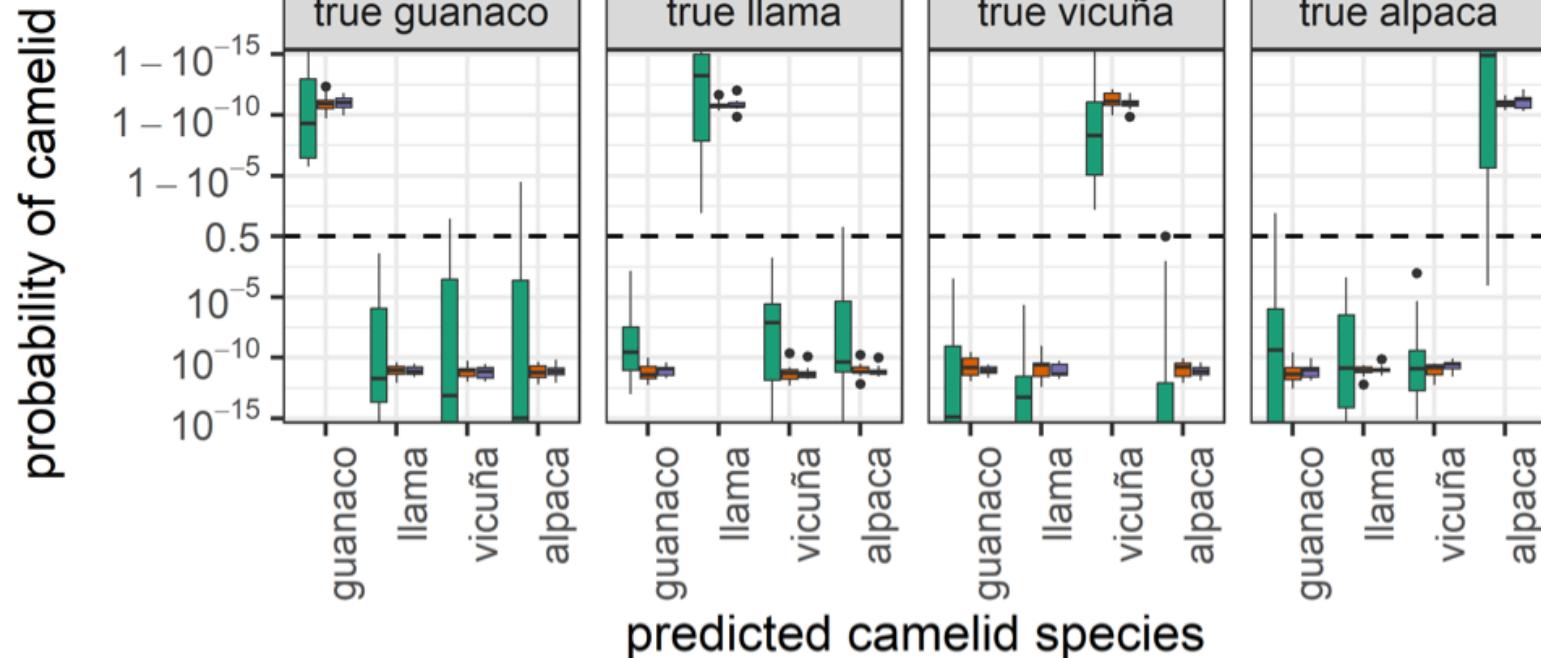
IMAGE CLASSIFICATION (PREDICTION): SIMULATED DATA

$$g(\mathbb{E}_{f_{\mathcal{X}}}(\mathcal{X}_i)) = \langle \mathcal{Y}_i | \mathcal{B} \rangle$$

Binomial distribution, logit link:

- 4 different camelid images
- 150 noisy samples of each
- $\mathcal{Y}_i : 87 \times 106$ (pixel height x width)
- $\mathcal{X}_i : 4 \times 1$ (camelid x RGB channel)
- $\mathcal{B} : 87 \times 106 \times 4 \times 1$

Can accurately predict image classifications from noisy samples using GLM with sufficiently high rank of parameter tensor.



POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY IMAGE RECONSTRUCTION



- **Element-wise regression** (ML-EM) [1]:

$$y_{i_1 i_2} \sim \text{Poisson} (\langle K_{i_1 i_2} | B \rangle)$$

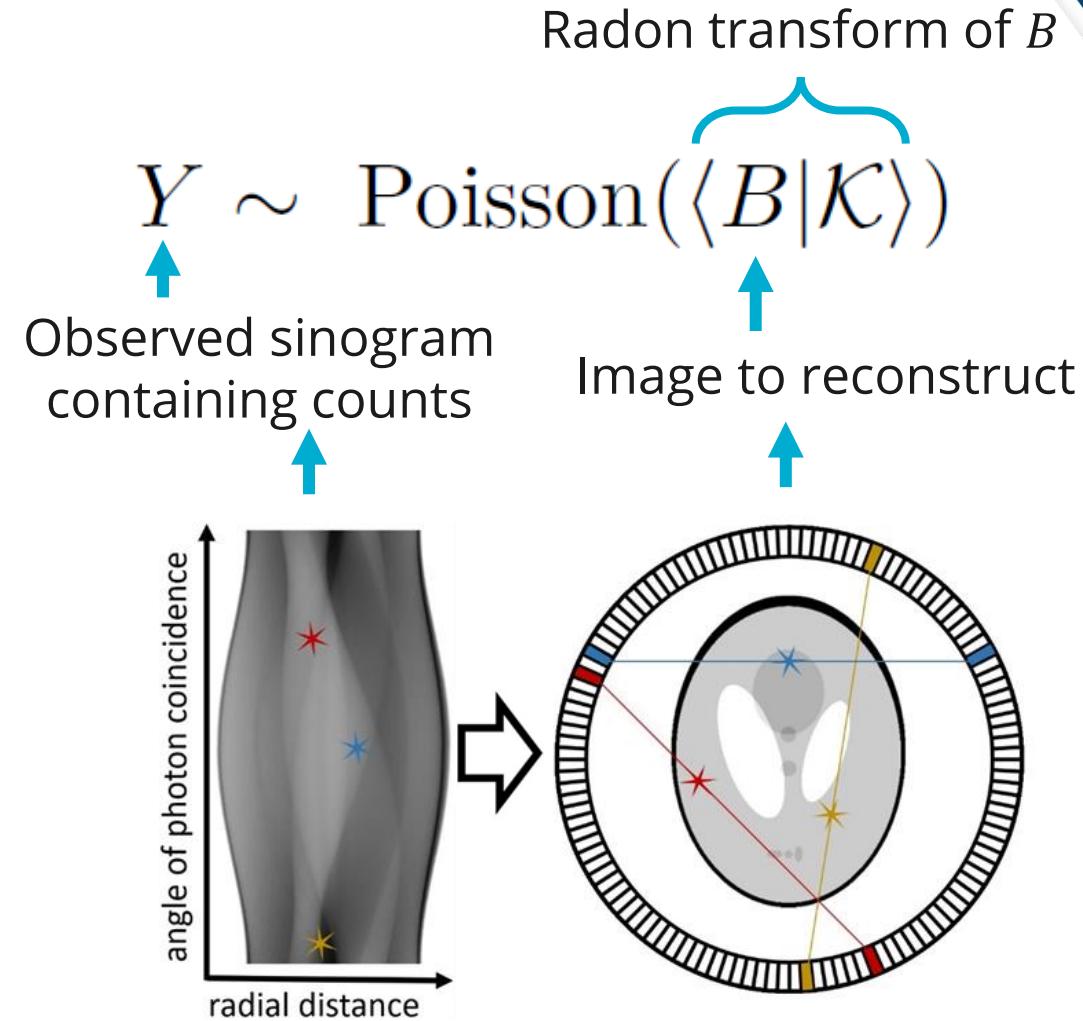
- Ill-posed without constraints [2]

- **NEW: Poisson-response**

Tensor-on-tensor regression (PToTR):

$$Y_{i_1 i_2} \sim \text{Poisson} (\langle K_{i_1 i_2} | \mathcal{B} \rangle)$$

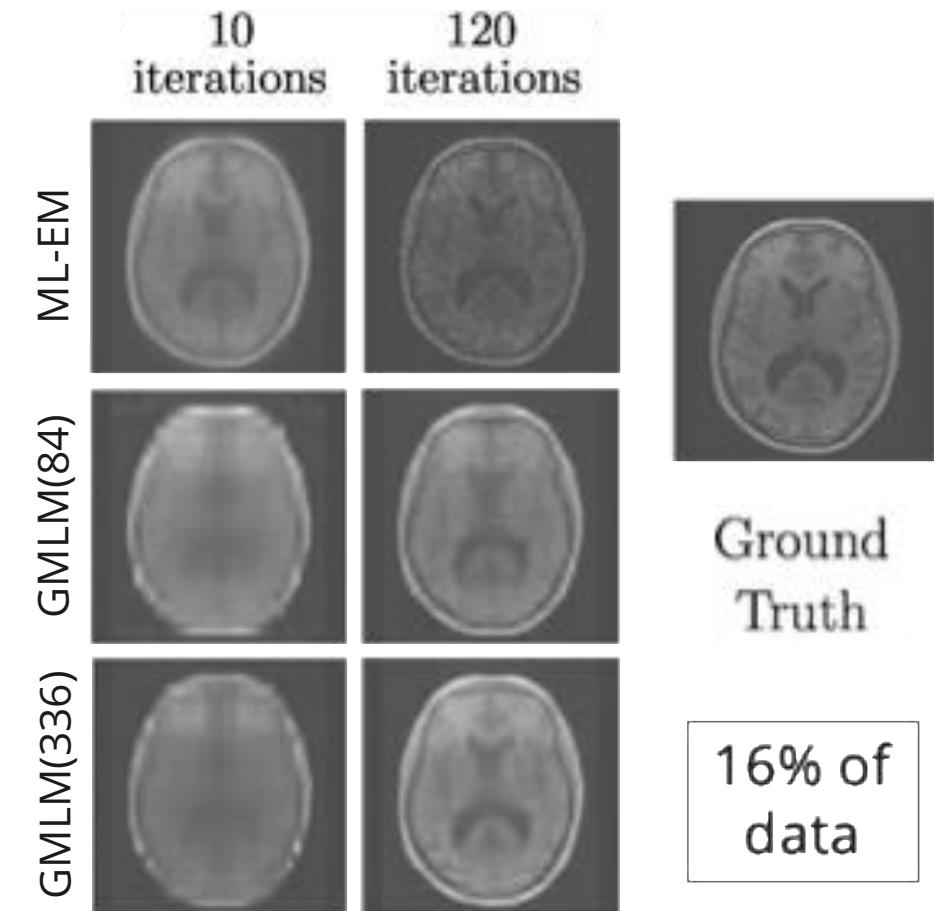
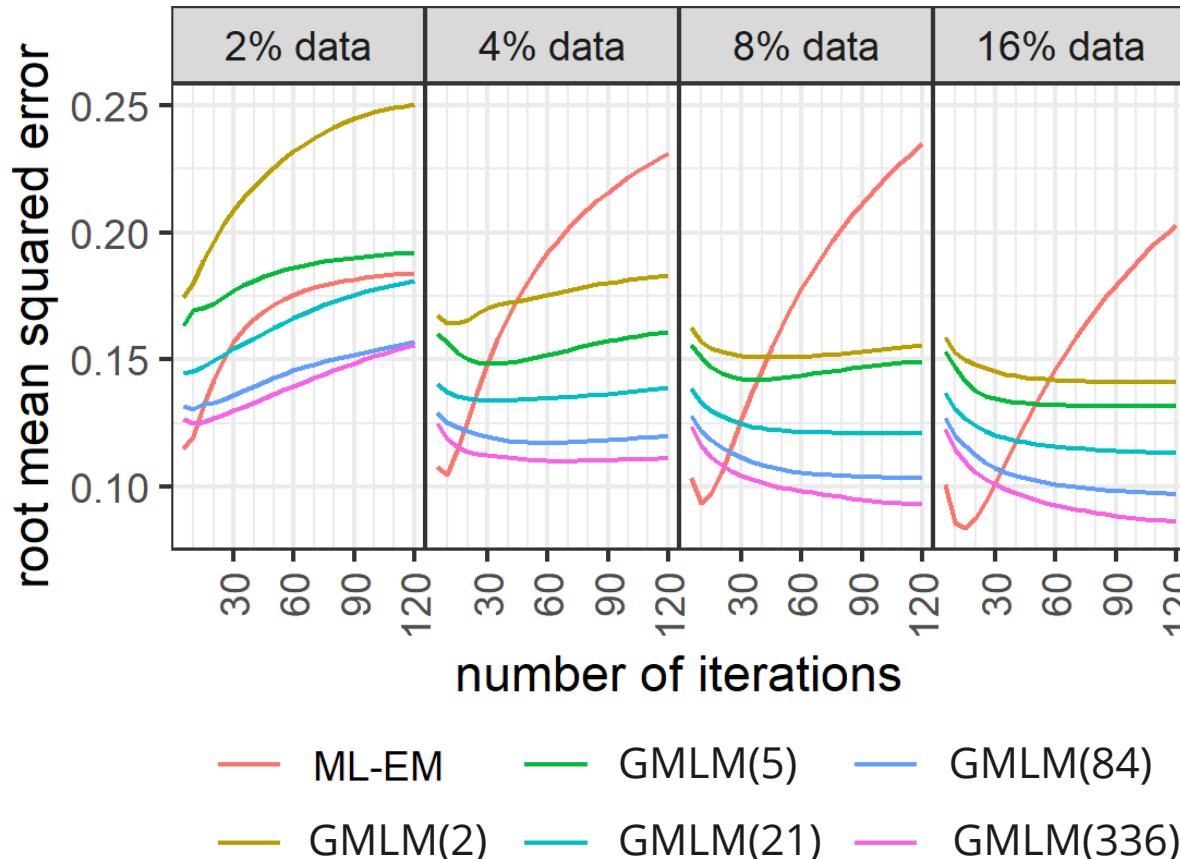
- Recovers full image and is well-posed due to use of low-rank model for \mathcal{B}



POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY RECONSTRUCTION



- 4-way tensor data: four MRI measurements on the same subject and scanner
- 256 x 256 matrix slices → 256 x 1024 sinograms
- Parameters: ML-EM (no low-rank): **~ 63 million**; GMLM: **~ 63 thousand** (rank-84)



GMLM: GENERALIZED MULTILINEAR MODEL

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