Compressed Sensing Microscopy with Scanning Line Probes



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Microscope with Line Probe

• Conventional scanning probe microscope takes point measurements; inefficient sampling.

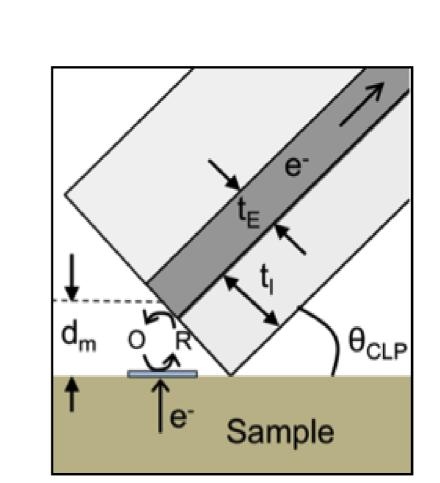




Line measurements can improve efficiency by order of magnitude on structured signals.

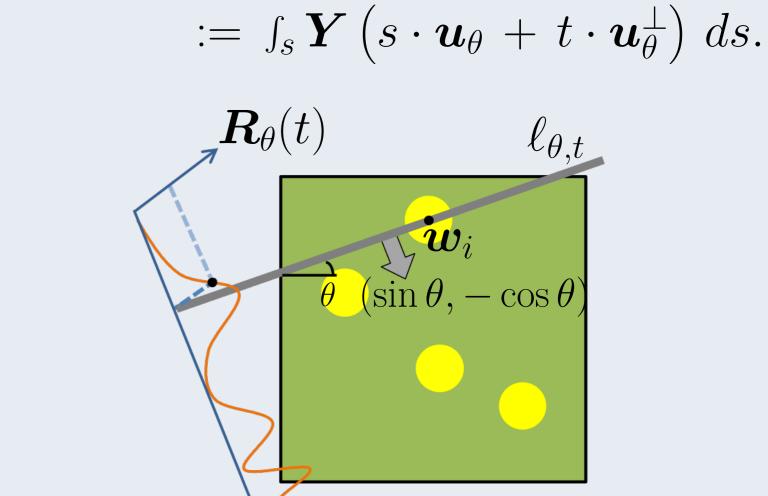
Electrochemical Line Probe

- Line probe measures redox reaction (O ↔ R) electric current (e⁻) induced by conducting layer and electroactive species on the sample.
- Insulating layers sandwich conducting layer w/one edge contacting sample at tilt angle θ_{CLP} . Distance of conducting layer to sample is d_m [1]



Line Scan Math Model

• Line projection: integrate current over line $\ell_{\theta,t}$ $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}[\boldsymbol{Y}](t) := \int_{\ell_{\theta,t}} \boldsymbol{Y}(\boldsymbol{w}) \, d\boldsymbol{w}$

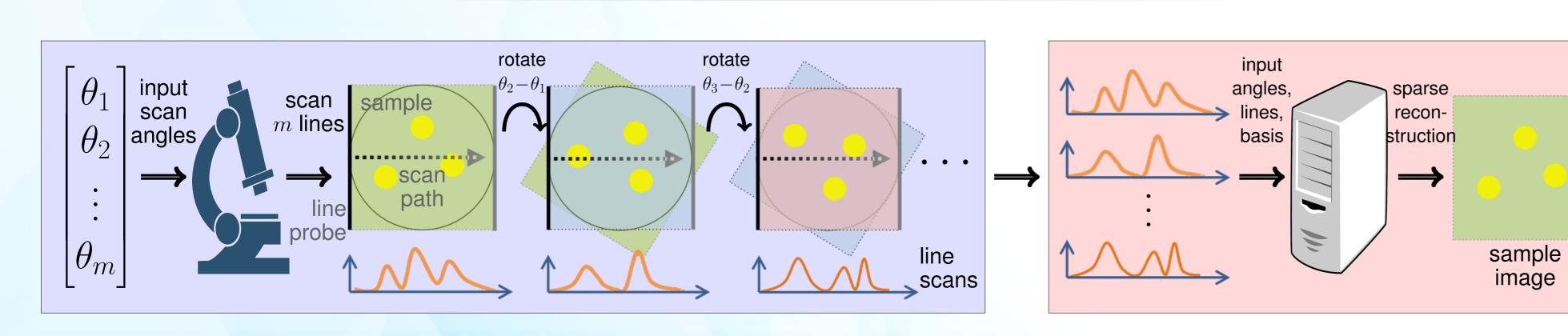


- $Line\ scans$: sweep line probe m times at different angle with PSF ψ along scan path

$$egin{aligned} \widetilde{m{R}} &= rac{1}{\sqrt{m}} [m{\psi} * \mathcal{L}_{ heta_1} [m{Y}] \ := m{\psi} * \mathcal{L}_{\Theta} [m{Y}] \end{aligned}$$

take equispaced discrete samples $R = S[\widetilde{R}]$.

Schematic of Microscopic Line Scans



Compressed Sensing with Line Scans

Line scan is **delocalized**, more efficient when sample **spatially sparse** image. We study using the line probe to measure image consists of multiple electroactive discs with small known radius (spatially sparse), it is more efficient than point probe with raster scan.

Case 1: Highly small and separated discs

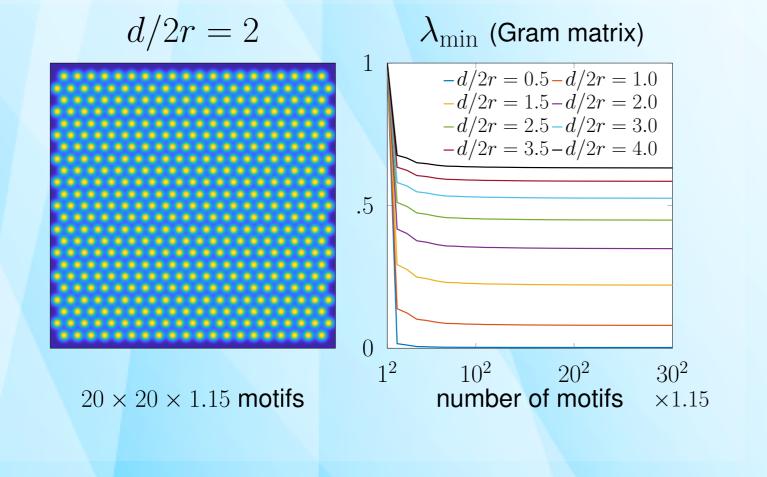
• Let image has k discs radius r with centers separated by at least $\frac{2}{C}k^2r$, then three iid uniform random line scans recover the image w.p. at least 1-C.

Case 2: Stable injectivity with infinite line projections

Infinitely many line projection is partially coherent with discs \boldsymbol{D} (distance d, radius r): $\mathbb{E}_{\Theta} \left\langle \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}[\boldsymbol{D} * \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\boldsymbol{w}_i}], \, \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}[\boldsymbol{D} * \boldsymbol{\delta}_{\boldsymbol{w}_j}] \right\rangle \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+d^2/4r^2}}.$

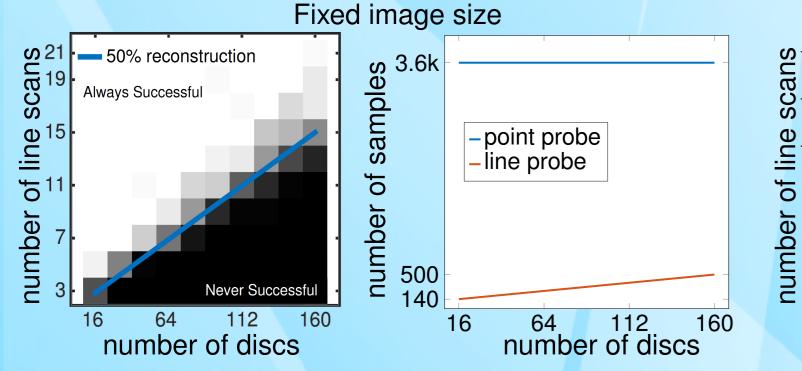
not conventional ideal CS measurement.

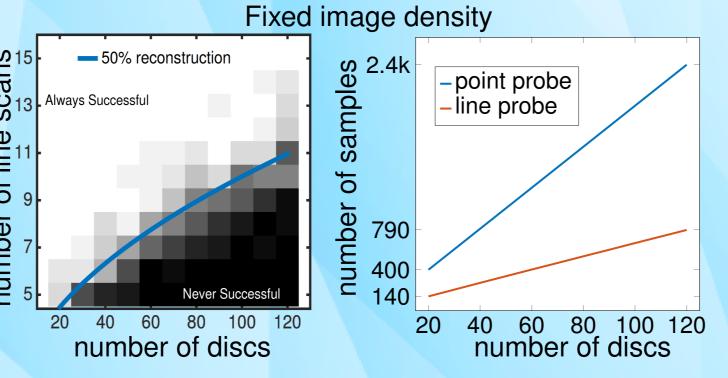
- When the discs are **separated** (d/2r > 1), then $\mathbb{E}_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}[\mathbf{D} * \cdot]$ is stably injective over the sparse support, regardless of support number.
- Infinite line projections $\mathbb{E}_{\Theta} \mathcal{L}_{\Theta}$ is *lowpass*, can recover discs with enough separation [2].



Case 3: Sparse recovery with finite line projections

• When discs are d > 2r separated, the number of line scans required for exact recovery is about linear proportional to the number of discs.





Finding: Sample Complexity of Line Scans

When local features are well separated, the number of line scans required for exact recovery is about linear proportional to number of discs.

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Image Reconstruction from a few Line Scans

Practical reconstruction from line scans poses additional difficulties: the real measurements are partially **coherent** and exhibit **nonidealities**.

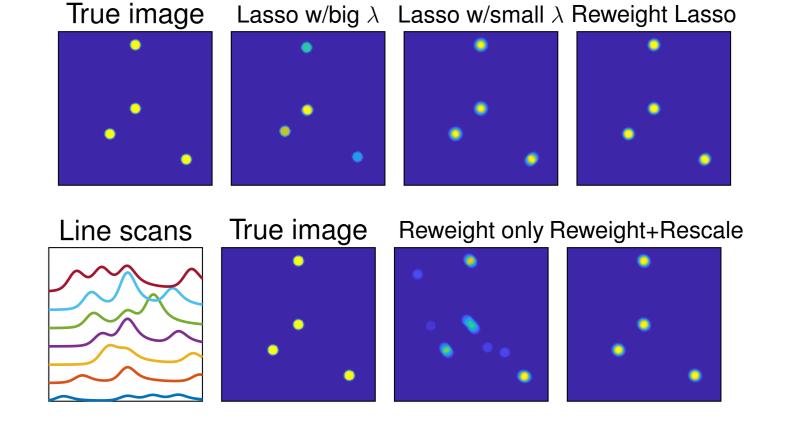
Problems of Vanilla Lasso for Reconstruction

• Incorrect scale recovery: Lasso solution of high coherence \boldsymbol{A} on support Ω :

 $\boldsymbol{X}_{ij} = \left[\boldsymbol{X}_{0ij} - \lambda (\boldsymbol{A}_{\Omega}^* \boldsymbol{A}_{\Omega})^{-1} \mathbf{1}\right]_{+} \boldsymbol{w}_{ij} \in \Omega$ has wrong (relative) scale since $\boldsymbol{A}_{\Omega}^* \boldsymbol{A}_{\Omega} \not\approx \boldsymbol{I}$.

 Uncertain PSF: Due to physical limitation the PSF varies between samples



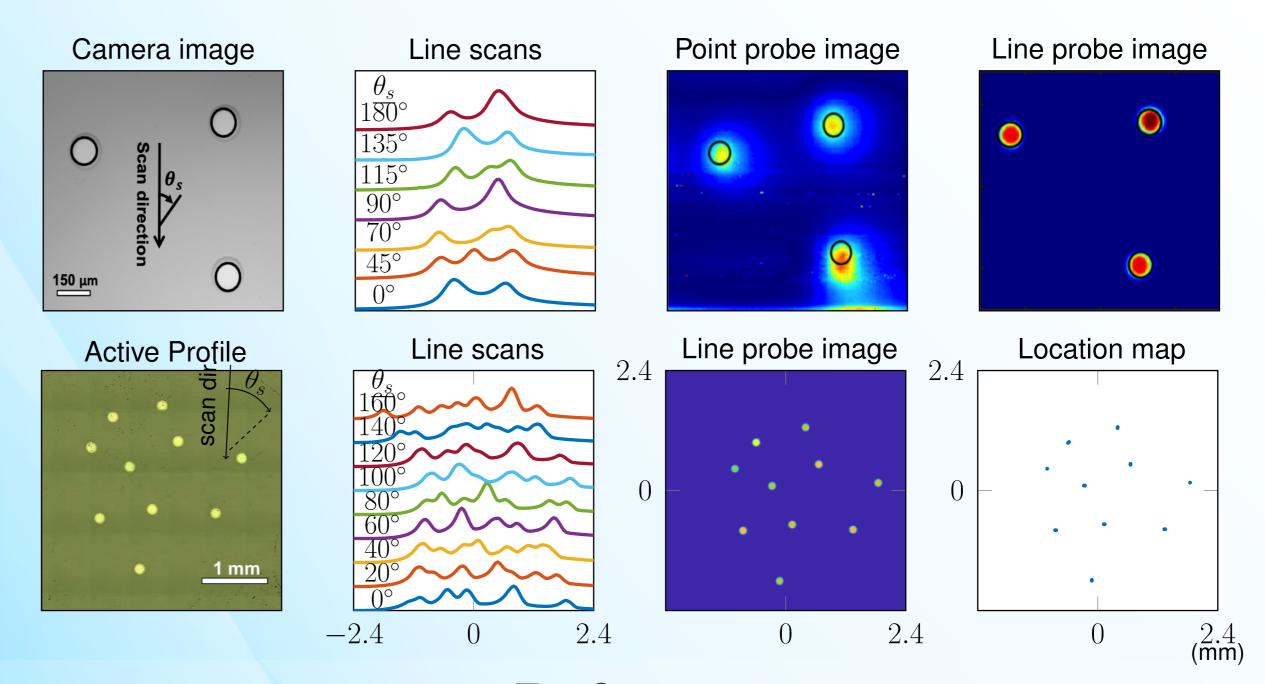


Algorithm: Reweighting Calibrated Lasso

We solve minimization for location map \boldsymbol{X} and PSF parameters \boldsymbol{p} $\min_{\boldsymbol{X} \geq 0, \boldsymbol{p} \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{ij} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{ij}^{(k)} \boldsymbol{X}_{ij} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{1}{2} \| \mathcal{S} \{ \boldsymbol{\psi}(\boldsymbol{p}_i) * \mathcal{L}_{\theta_i}[\boldsymbol{D} * \boldsymbol{X}] \} - \boldsymbol{R}_i \|_2^2$ with reweighed sparse penalty $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{ij}^{(k)} = C/(\boldsymbol{X}_{ij} + \varepsilon)$.

Real Data Experiments

• We demonstrate reconstruction from line scan on 3, 10 Pt discs samples.



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