

# INDEPENDENT VECTOR ANALYSIS WITH SPARSE INVERSE COVARIANCE ESTIMATION

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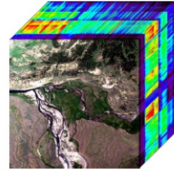
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# Blind source separation is an active area of research due to its numerous applications



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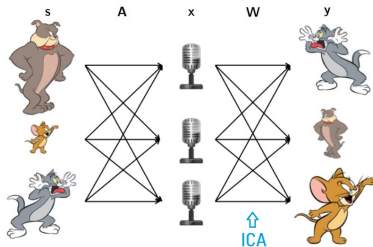
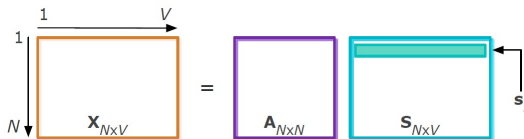
- extract meaningful information about the underlying sources
- explore the underlying structure of the data

# BSS starts with a simple generative model

Generative model:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s},$$

where  $\mathbf{x}$  are the **observations** and  $\mathbf{s}$  are the latent **sources** linearly mixed by the **mixing matrix**  $\mathbf{A}$ .



Independent component analysis (ICA) can uniquely identify the sources subject to scaling and permutation ambiguities by assuming source independence.

# Joint analysis of multiple datasets arises in many applications



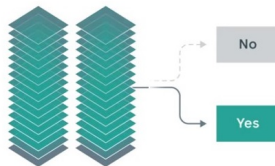
To explore the underlying structure of **multi-modal datasets**, i.e., information extraction by integrating and modeling **multiple modalities**.

Understand **content holistically**.



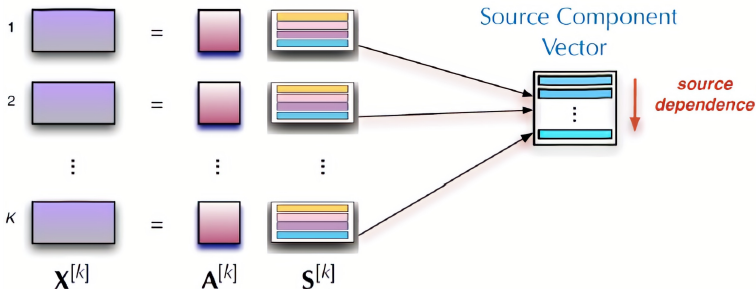
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# Different types of diversity

Statistical dependence across multiple datasets



By *performing a joint analysis*, we

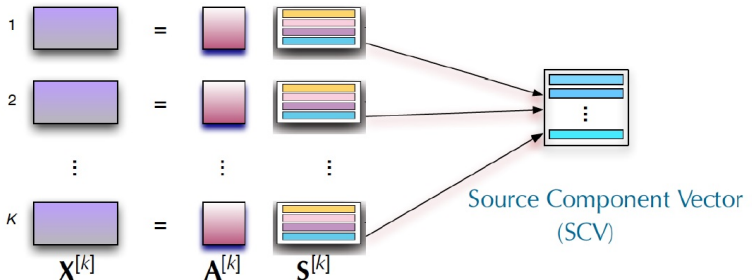
- resolve the permutation ambiguity across datasets
- make use of the true multivariate nature of the data

# IVA is an effective solution for joint blind source separation

IVA is an extension of ICA to **multiple datasets**

ICA:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$        $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}$ ,       $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$

IVA:  $\mathbf{x}^{[k]} = \mathbf{A}^{[k]}\mathbf{s}^{[k]}$        $\mathbf{y}^{[k]} = \mathbf{W}^{[k]}\mathbf{x}^{[k]}$ ,       $\mathbf{W}^{[k]} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ ,       $k = 1, \dots, K$



# Development of effective IVA algorithms

The **key issues** that will enable IVA to provide effective solutions to a variety of applications include

- **Development of effective models for underlying source density and their estimation**



Density matching

- **Efficient use of available prior information**



Incorporation of prior knowledge

- ⊙ **IVA framework**
- ⊙ **Sparse Inverse Covariance Estimation (SPICE)**
  - Empirical covariance
  - Ledoit-Wolf
  - Graphical lasso
- ⊙ **IVA with Sparse Inverse Covariance Estimation (IVA-SPICE)**
- ⊙ **Conclusions and future directions**



# Maximum Likelihood (ML) and mutual information (MI)

The goal in IVA is to estimate  $K$  **demixing matrices**,  $\mathbf{W}^{[k]}$ , to yield maximally independent source estimates

$$\mathbf{y}^{[k]} = \mathbf{W}^{[k]} \mathbf{x}^{[k]}$$

such that each SCV is maximally independent of all other SCVs.

ML gives a natural objective function where MI is a natural measure of dependence,

## Cost function

$$L_{\text{IVA}}(\mathcal{W}) = \sum_{n=1}^N E\{\log p(\mathbf{y}_n)\} + \sum_{k=1}^K \log |\det\{\mathbf{W}^{[k]}\}| - C,$$

$$J_{\text{IVA}}(\mathbf{W}^{[k]}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \underbrace{H(\mathbf{y}_n)}_{-E\{\log p(\mathbf{y}_n)\}} - \sum_{k=0}^K \log |\det(\mathbf{W}^{[k]})| - C,$$

where  $\mathbf{y}_n$  is the  $n$ th estimated SCV and  $H(\mathbf{y}_n)$  denotes its differential entropy.

## Gradient

$$\frac{\partial J_{IVA}(\mathbf{w}_n^{[k]})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_n^{[k]}} = -E \left\{ \frac{\partial \log(p_n(\mathbf{y}_n))}{\partial y_n^{[k]}} \mathbf{x}^{[k]} \right\} - \frac{\mathbf{h}_n^{[k]}}{(\mathbf{h}_n^{[k]})^\top \mathbf{w}_n^{[k]}}$$

where  $p(\mathbf{y}_n)$  denotes its **probability density function (PDF)**.

## Update Rule

$$\mathbf{w}^{[k]} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{[k]} - \mu \frac{\partial J_{IVA}}{\partial \mathbf{w}^{[k]}}.$$

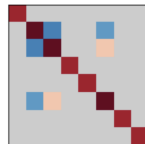
*Estimation of the PDF for each SCV  $\mathbf{y}_n$  plays an important role in the development of IVA algorithms.*

# Restricting to the multivariate Gaussian distribution tells important information during PDF estimation

## Multivariate Gaussian PDF

$$p(\mathbf{y}_n | \Sigma_n) = 2\pi^{-K/2} \left( \det(\Sigma_n)^{-1/2} \right) \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y}_n)^T \Sigma_n^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_n) \right)$$

- Equivalence of partial correlation and conditional independence under Gaussian assumption is shown through zero values in the inverse covariance matrix,  $\Sigma_n^{-1}$
- Sparsity assumption increases partial correlations, relaxing dependence assumption among SCVs



*Sparse inverse covariance estimation methods provide a way to impose sparsity in PDF estimation*

Maximum likelihood estimator gives a good approximation when  $T > K$

## Empirical Covariance

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T$$

◦  $\mathbf{S}^{-1}$  gives the estimate for  $\Sigma_n^{-1}$

When  $K > T$ ,  $\mathbf{S}$  is not invertible

Empirical estimation does not uniquely impose sparsity

Shrinks the empirical covariance towards a shrinkage target  $\mathbf{F}$ , in this case the identity matrix, through a linear combination

## Ledoit-Wolf

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{LW} = \delta \mathbf{F} + (1 - \delta) \mathbf{S},$$

where  $\delta$  is the asymptotically optimal estimator found by L-W algorithm

- $\hat{\Sigma}_{LW}^{-1}$  gives the estimate for  $\Sigma_n^{-1}$

Shrinking towards the identity matrix imposes sparsity, yet may lose off-diagonal structure

# Graphical lasso (GL)

## Convex Optimization Problem

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{GL}^{-1} = \arg\min_{\Sigma} \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}\Sigma^{-1}) - \log \det \Sigma^{-1} - \rho \|\Sigma^{-1}\|_1,$$

where the scalar parameter  $\rho$  is decided by ten fold cross validation and controls the magnitude of the penalty on the  $\ell_1$  norm,  $\|\Sigma^{-1}\|_1$

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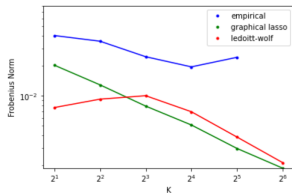
### Algorithm 1 Graphical Lasso Algorithm

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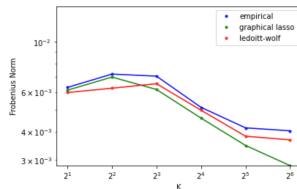
- 1: Initialize  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{S} + \rho \mathbf{I}$
  - 2: Repeat the following steps coordinate-wise until convergence:
    - a: Rearrange such that target column is last
    - b: Solve the lasso problem (3.11)
    - c: Update corresponding (off-diagonal) row/column of  $\mathbf{M}$  using  $\hat{m}_{12}$  (3.9)
    - d: Store  $\hat{\beta}$  for the target column in matrix  $\mathbf{B}$
  - 3: For each row/column, compute the diagonals  $\hat{\Sigma}_{jj}^{-1}$  from (3.12). Convert  $\mathbf{B}$  to  $\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}$ .
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- Blockwise updating scheme guarantees invertible  $\hat{\Sigma}_{GL}$

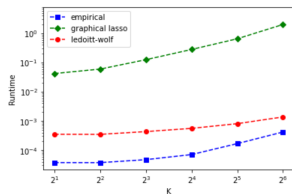
# SPICE results using simulated sparse data



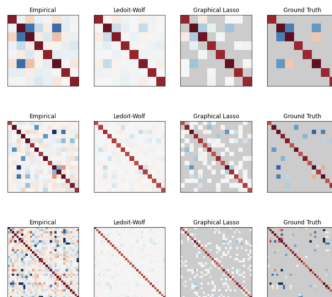
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T=10,000



T=1,000



Performance comparison in terms of Frobenius norm, runtime, and structure for varying parameters.

# Incorporation into the IVA model

Derivative of density log-likelihood w.r.t.  $\mathbf{y}_n$

$$\frac{\partial \log p(\mathbf{y}_n^{[k]} | \Sigma_n)}{\partial \mathbf{y}_n} = \Sigma_n^{-1} \mathbf{y}_n^{[k]}$$

IVA-SPICE

$$J_{\text{IVA}}(\mathbf{W}^{[k]}) = \sum_{n=0}^N -E \{ \log p(\mathbf{y}_n) \} - \sum_{k=0}^K \log |\det(\mathbf{W}^{[k]})| - C$$

The gradient w.r.t.  $\mathbf{W}^{[k]}$  is given by

$$\frac{\partial J_{\text{IVA}}(\mathbf{W}^{[k]})}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{[k]}} = -E \left\{ \hat{\Sigma}_{GL}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_n^{[k]} [\mathbf{x}^{[k]}]^{-T} \right\} - (\mathbf{W}^{[k]})^{-T}$$

where  $\hat{\Sigma}_{GL}^{-1}$  is given by the graphical lasso algorithm.

**IVA-SPICE** takes advantage of the accurate estimation capability of graphical lasso to improve source separation performance when underlying structure of SCVs is sparse.



# Experimental results using simulated data

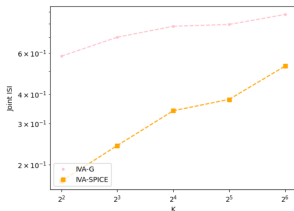


Figure:  $N = 10$ ,  $T = 1,000$

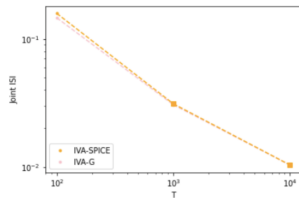


Figure: Non-sparse data

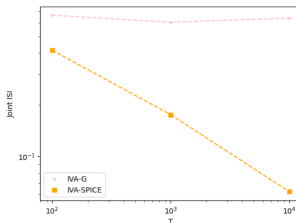


Figure:  $N = 10$ ,  $K = 4$

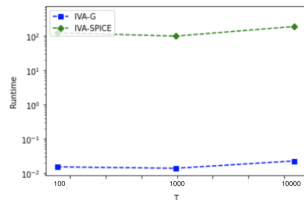


Figure: Mean Runtime

Performance comparison in terms of Joint ISI and average CPU time for varying parameters.

# Summary of contributions

- Present a **new** multivariate Gaussian probability density estimator using sparse inverse covariance estimation
  - ✓ uses a proved **efficient** technique, graphical lasso
  - ✓ holds the **structure** of true inverse covariance matrix
- Derive an **efficient** IVA algorithm that
  - ✓ **accurately** separates sources defined by a wide range of parameters and underlying structures
  - ✓ enables the application of IVA to **new applications** where underlying sparsity exists

Motivated by the success of **IVA-SPICE**, we suggest expanding our work in two major directions

- **Theoretical developments**
- **Application to medical imaging data**



Expanding beyond assumptions in current IVA-SPICE framework

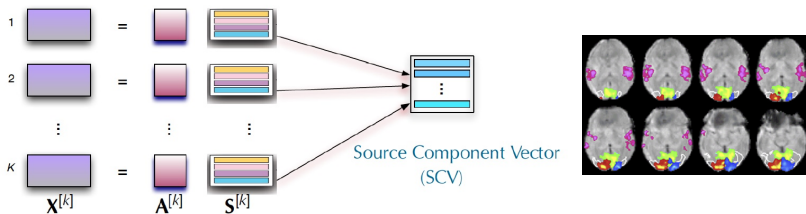
- **Non-Gaussian IVA-SPICE**

- Real world data may be better modeled by other distributions, motivating expansion. Potential challenges include
  - Distributions not parameterized by inverse covariance
  - No equivalence of partial correlation and conditional independence

- **Accounting for sample-to-sample dependence**

- Samples which are i.i.d are not always realistic. Potential extensions to IVA-SPICE include
  - Second-order blind identification
  - Entropy rate bound minimization

## Medical imaging with IVA-SPICE



Through the estimation of the SCVs and their associated **sparse inverse covariance matrices**, we could

- ✓ isolate **strongest covariate relationships** among signals representing neural activity
- ✓ **enhance understanding** of brain activity and **improve separation performance** of mixed multivariate data

**Thank you!**



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