

# Towards better computation-statistics trade-off in tensor decomposition

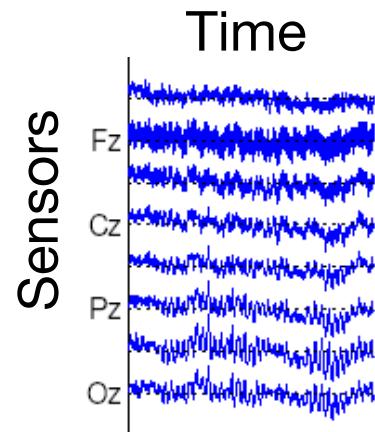
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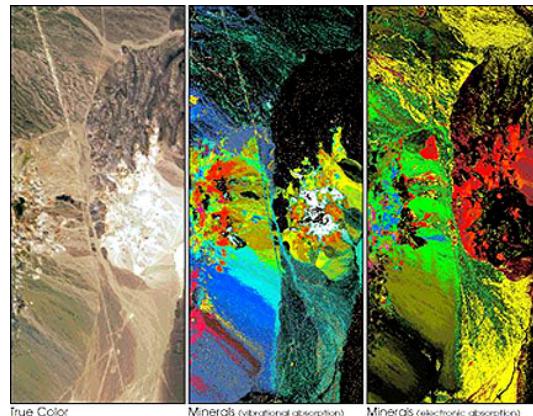
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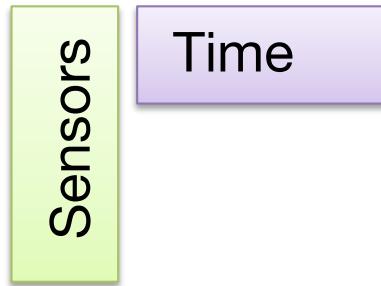
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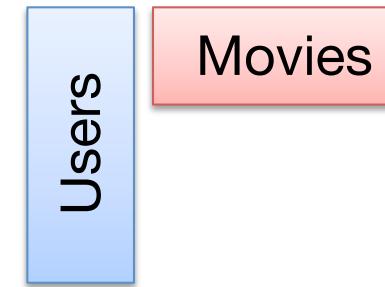
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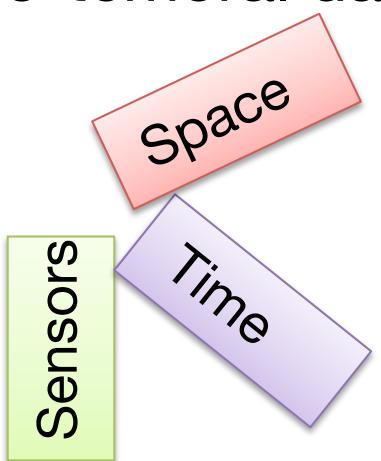


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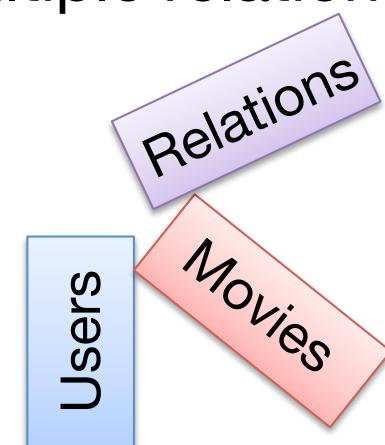


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# From matrices to tensors

- Trace norm: convex relaxation of matrix rank

$$\|\mathbf{W}\|_{S_1} = \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_j(\mathbf{W})$$

Induces low-rank-ness  
(spectral sparsity)

- It works like L1 regularization on the singular values
- Performance guarantees [Srebro & Schraibman 2005; Candes & Recht 2009; Candes & Tao 2010; Negahban & Wainwright 2011]

Similar relaxation possible for tensor rank?

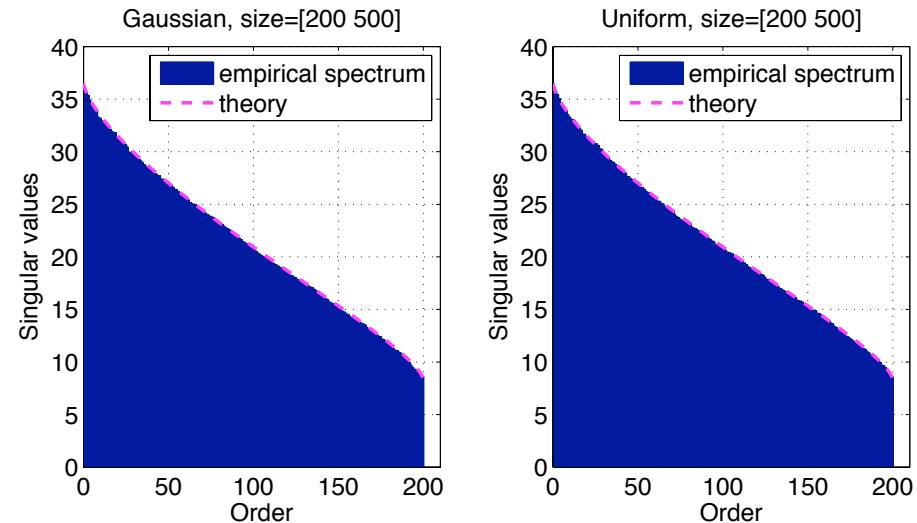
# From matrices to tensors

- Spectral norm of random Gaussian matrix

$$\mathbb{E} \|X\|_{S_\infty} \leq \sigma (\sqrt{m} + \sqrt{n})$$

- Marchenko-Pastur distribution

[Marchenko & Pastur 1967]



Random *tensor* theory?

# Outline

- Tensor ranks and decompositions
- Overlapped trace norm (moderate computation)
  - Limitations: requires  $O(rn^{K-1})$  samples
- Balanced trace norm (heavy computation) [Mu et al. 2013]
  - requires  $O(r^{K/2}n^{K/2})$  samples
- Tensor trace norm (probably intractable)
  - requires only  $O(rn)$  samples

# Tensor rank

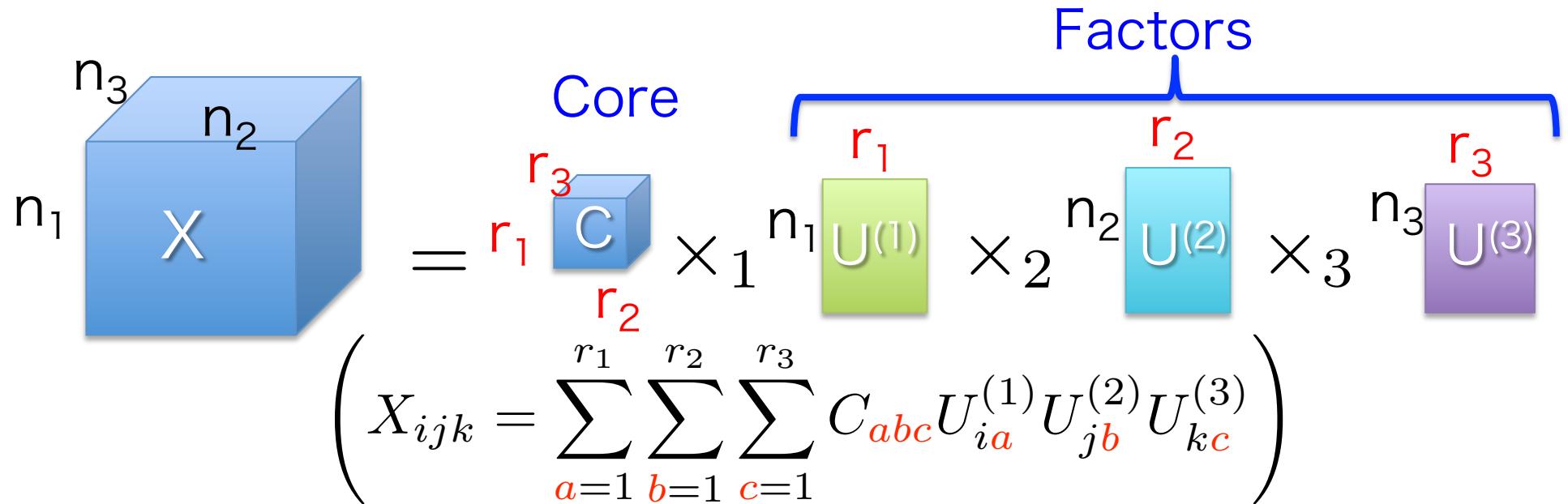
- Minimum number  $R$  such that

$$\begin{array}{c} n_3 \\ n_2 \\ \text{---} \\ n_1 \quad X \end{array} = \sum_{r=1}^R a_r \otimes b_r \otimes c_r$$
$$\left( X_{ijk} = \sum_{r=1}^R a_{ir} b_{jr} c_{kr} \right) \quad (\text{for 3rd order tensor})$$

- Known as CP (canonical polyadic) decomposition  
[Hitchcock 27; Carroll & Chang 70; Harshman 70]
- Computation of the above decomposition is **NP hard!**

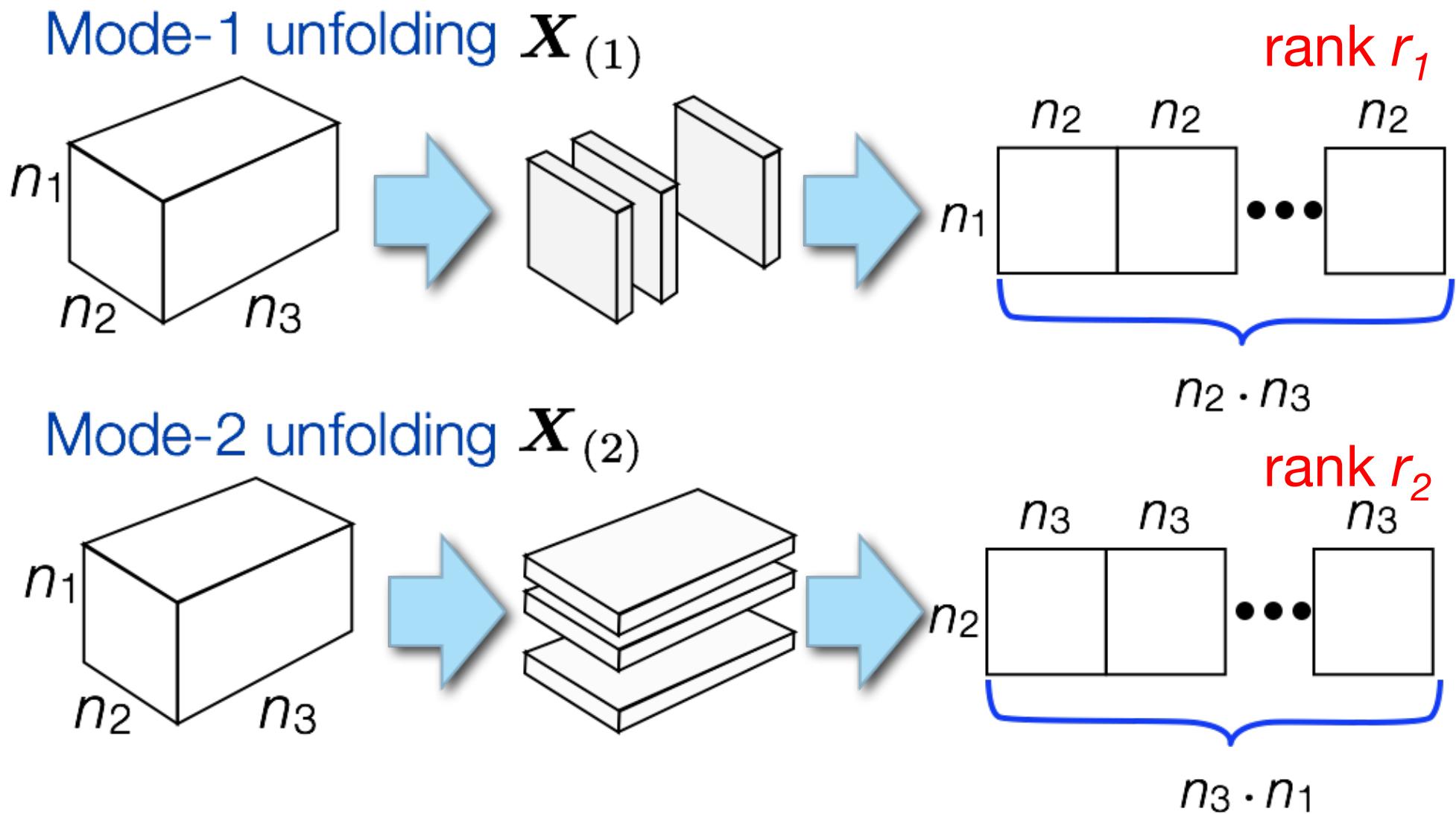
# Tucker decomposition

[Tucker 66; De Lathauwer+00]



- Factors can be obtained by unfolding operation+SVD
- In practice no unfolding is low-rank --- Common solution: iterate truncated SVD (HOSVD, HOOI); non-convex

# Unfolding (matricization)



# Core idea

Unfolding  
(Matricization)

Tensor X is low rank  
 $\exists k, r_k < n_k$   
(in the sense of **Tucker**  
decomposition)



Unfolding  $X_{(k)}$   
is low-rank  
(as a matrix)

Tensorization

# Overlapped trace norm

[T+10; Signoretto+10; Gandy+11; Liu+09]

- Convex optimization problem

$$\underset{\mathcal{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_K}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{W})\|^2 + \lambda_M \|\mathcal{W}\|_{S_1/1}$$

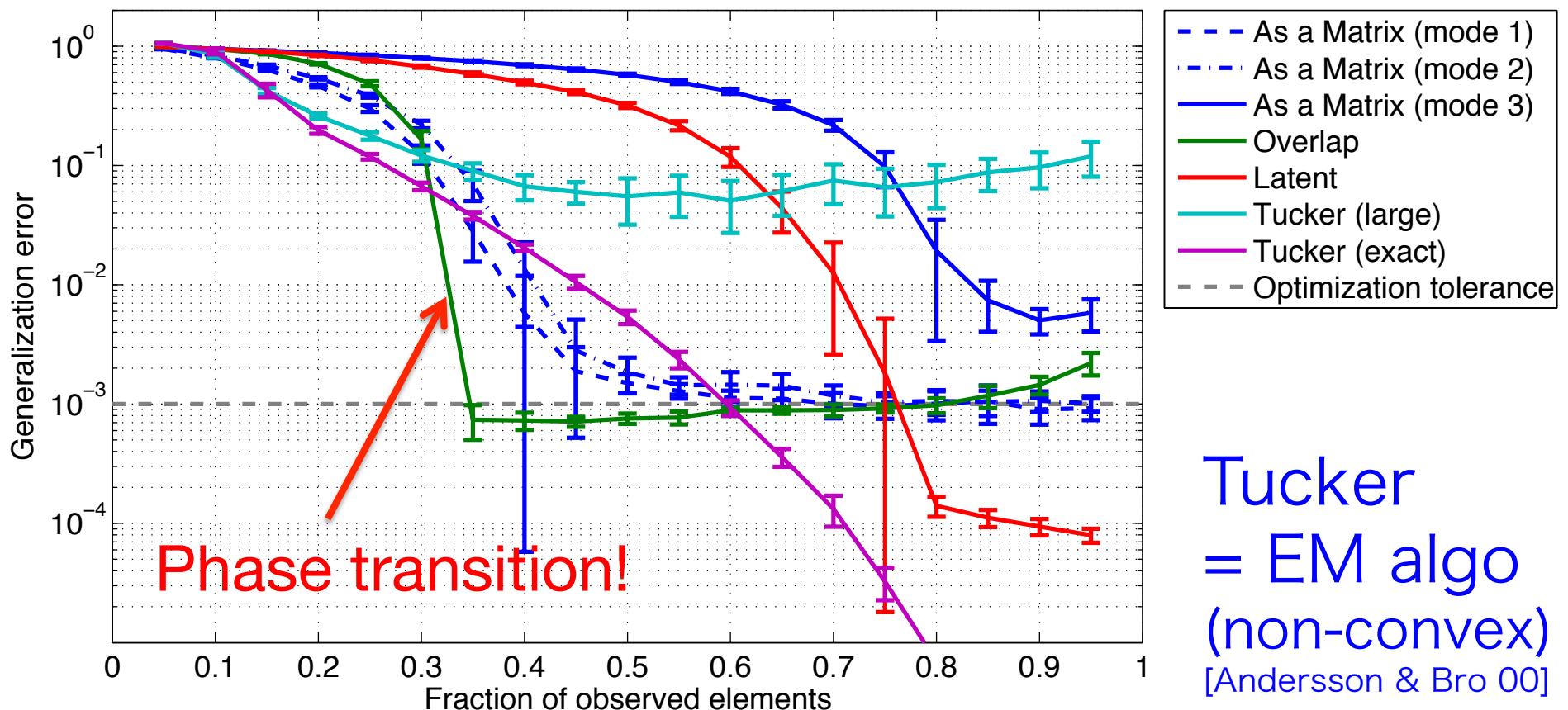
where  $\|\mathcal{W}\|_{S_1/1} := \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{W}_{(k)}\|_{S_1}$

– the same tensor is regularized to be simultaneously low-rank w.r.t. all modes.

mode- $k$   
unfolding

# Empirical performance

- True tensor:  $50 \times 50 \times 20$ , rank  $7 \times 8 \times 9$ . No noise ( $\lambda=0$ ).
- Random train/test split.



# Analysis: Problem setting

Observation

$\mathcal{W}^*$  : true tensor with rank  $(r_1, \dots, r_K)$

$$y_i = \langle \mathcal{X}_i, \mathcal{W}^* \rangle + \epsilon_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, M)$$

Gaussian noise  $N(0, \sigma^2)$

Optimization

$$\hat{\mathcal{W}} = \underset{\mathcal{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_K}}{\operatorname{argmin}}$$

Likelihood

$$\frac{1}{2} \|y - \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{W})\|^2$$

Regularization

$$+ \lambda_M \|\mathcal{W}\|_{S_1/1}$$

Reg. constant

$$(N = \prod_{k=1}^K n_k)$$

Observation operator

$$\mathfrak{X} : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$$

$$\mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{W}) = (\langle \mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{W} \rangle, \dots, \langle \mathcal{X}_M, \mathcal{W} \rangle)^\top$$

# Theorem (“overlapped” approach)

[T, Suzuki, Hayashi, Kashima 11]

Assume that the elements of the design  $X$  are independently and identically Gaussian distributed.  
Moreover, if

$$\frac{\text{#samples } (M)}{\text{#variables } (N)} \geq c_1 \underbrace{\|\mathbf{n}^{-1}\|_{1/2} \|\mathbf{r}\|_{1/2}}_{\text{normalized rank}} \approx \frac{r}{n}$$

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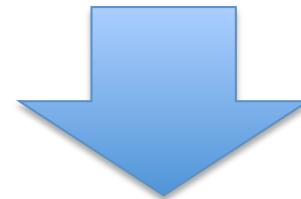
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Convergence!



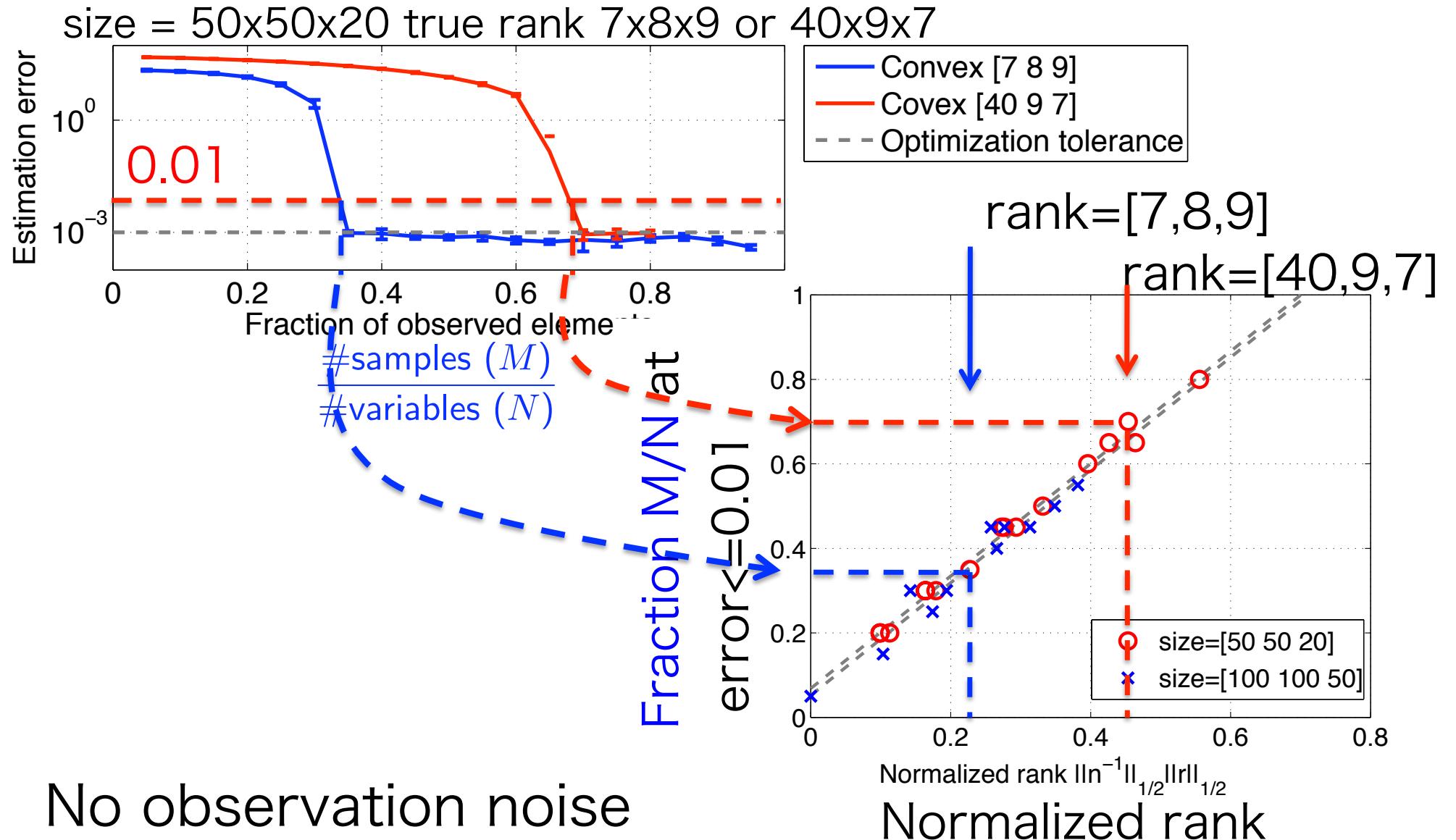
normalized rank

$$\frac{\|\hat{\mathcal{W}} - \mathcal{W}^*\|_F^2}{N} \leq O_p \left( \frac{\sigma^2 \|\mathbf{n}^{-1}\|_{1/2} \|\mathbf{r}\|_{1/2}}{M} \right)$$

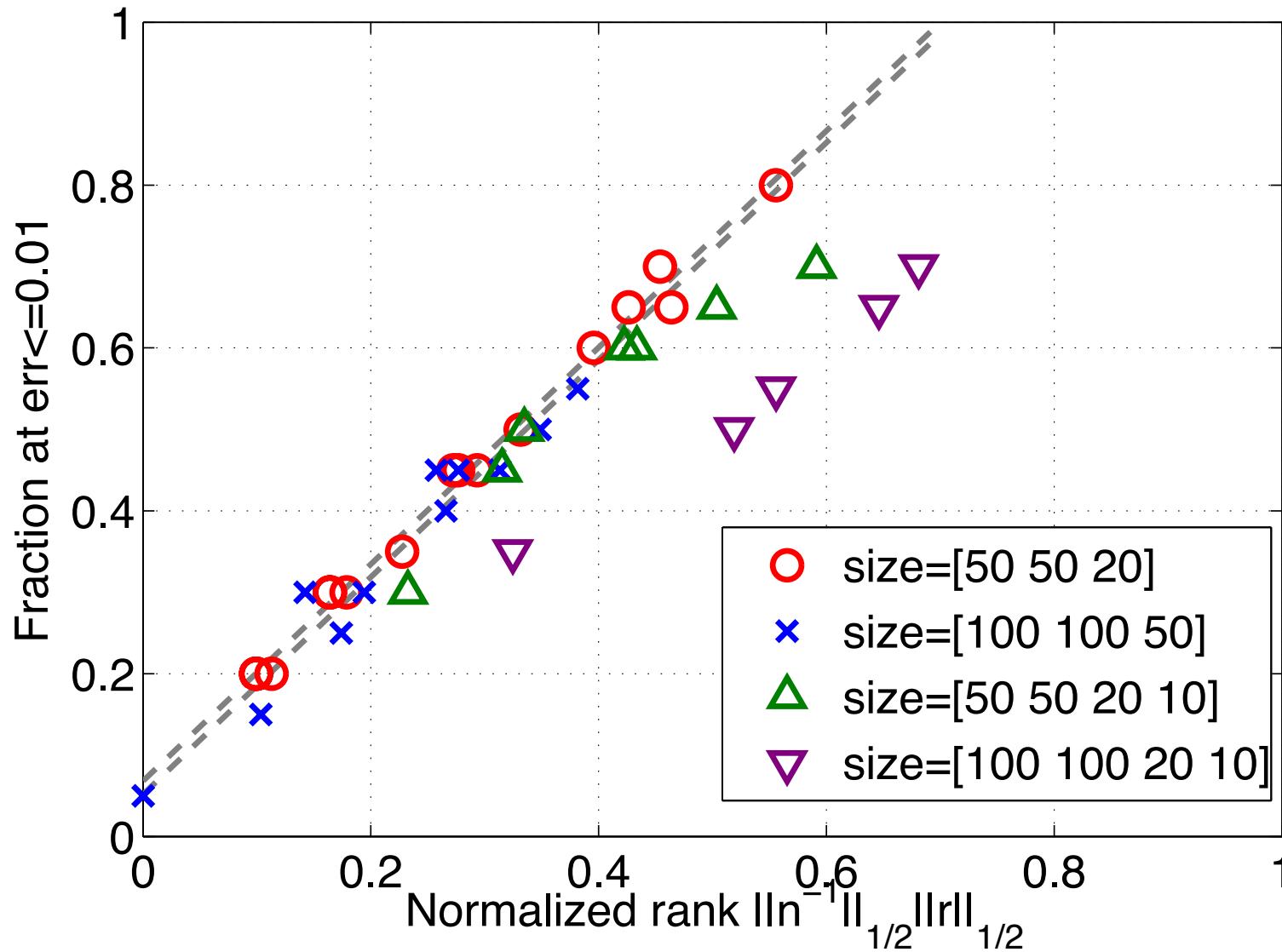
(with appropriate choice of  $\lambda_M$ )

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# Tensor completion



# Theory vs. Experiments (4<sup>th</sup> order)



# Limitation: exponentially many samples required!

- Simplify by setting  $n_k=n$  and  $r_k=r$
- Then there are constants  $c_0, c_1, c_2$  such that

- #samples  $M \geq c_1 n^{K-1} r$

- reg. const.  $\lambda_M = c_0 \sigma \sqrt{n^{K-1}/M}$

$$\|\hat{\mathcal{W}} - \mathcal{W}^*\|_F^2 \leq c_2 \frac{\sigma^2 r n^{K-1}}{M}$$

with high probability.

# Why?

- Key steps in the analysis
  - Relation between the norm and the rank

$$\left\| \mathcal{W} \right\|_{\underline{S_1/1}} \leq K \sqrt{\textcolor{red}{r}} \left\| \mathcal{W} \right\|_F \quad (\text{OK})$$

- Dual norm of noise tensor

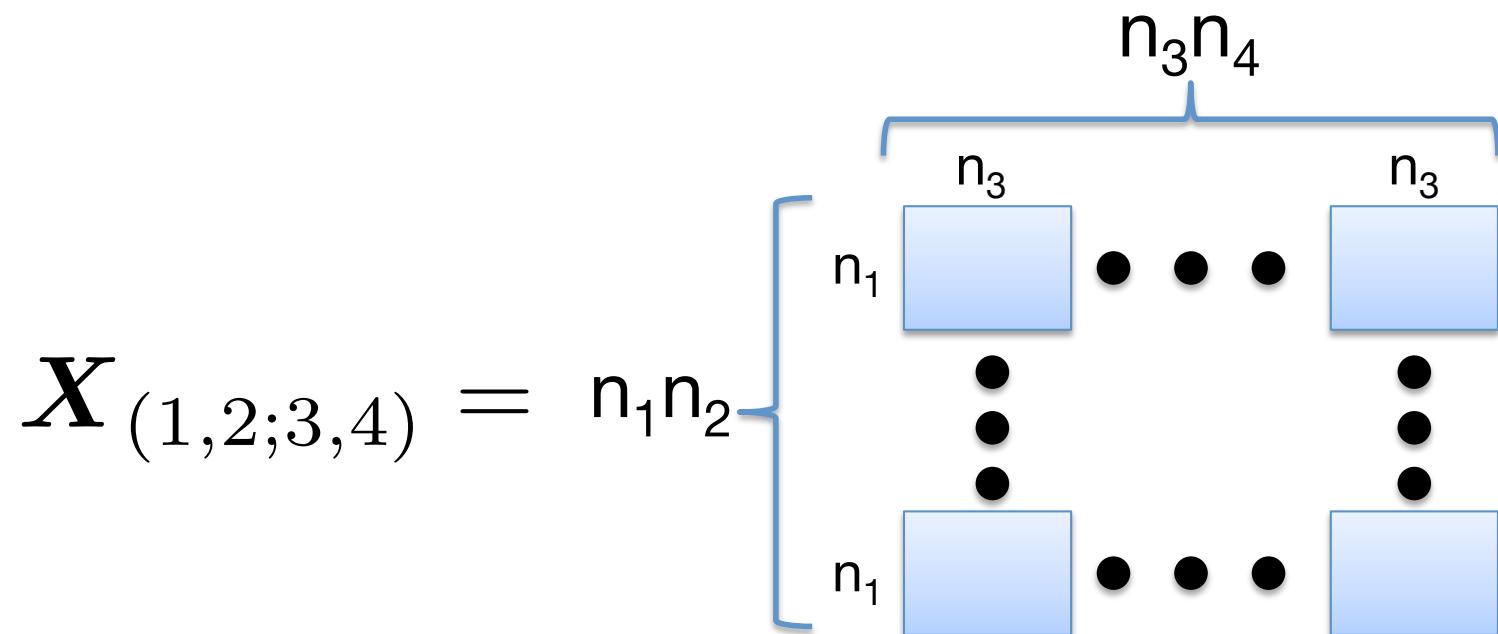
$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \mathfrak{X}^\top(\epsilon) \right\|_{\underline{(S_1/1)^*}} \leq \frac{\sigma \sqrt{M}}{K} \left( \sqrt{n^{K-1}} + \sqrt{n} \right)$$

↑                      ↑  
unbalanced            (Bad)

where  $\mathfrak{X}^\top(\epsilon) := \sum_{i=1}^M \epsilon_i \mathcal{X}_i$

# Balanced unfolding

- For  $K>3$ , there are  $2^{K-1}-1 > K$  ways to unfold a tensor. For example,



(See also Mu et al. 2013)

# Balanced trace norm (for K=4)

- Definition

$$\|\mathcal{W}\|_{\text{balanced}} := \|\mathbf{W}_{(1,2;3,4)}\|_{S_1} + \|\mathbf{W}_{(1,3;2,4)}\|_{S_1} + \|\mathbf{W}_{(1,4;2,3)}\|_{S_1}$$

- Relation between the norm and the rank

$$\|\mathcal{W}\|_{\text{balanced}} \leq 3\sqrt{r^2} \|\mathcal{W}\|_F$$

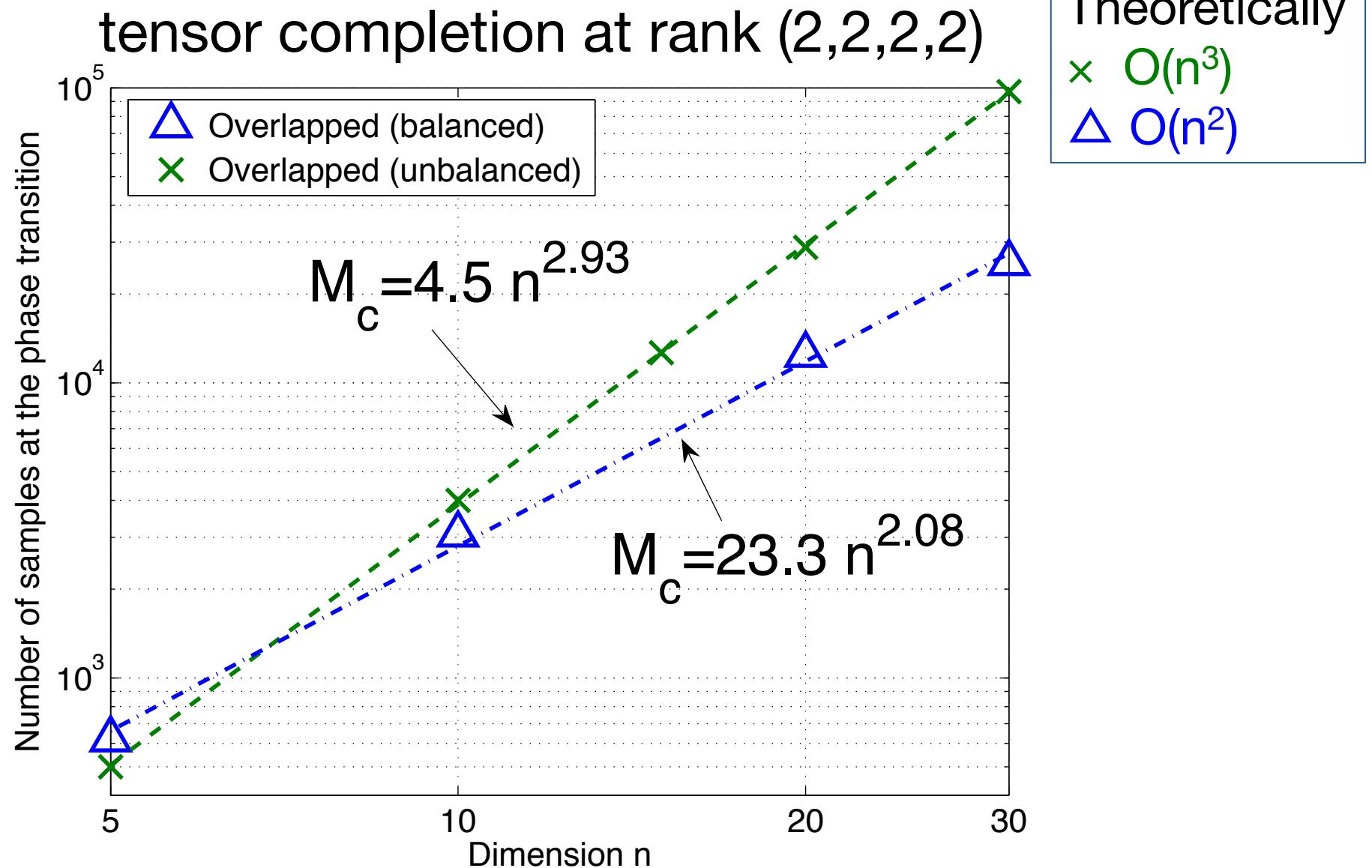
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$$\mathbb{E} \|\mathfrak{X}^\top(\epsilon)\|_{\text{balanced}^*} \leq \frac{\sigma\sqrt{M}}{3} \cdot 2\sqrt{n^2}$$



Sample complexity  $O(r^2n^2)$

# Experiment ( $K=4$ )

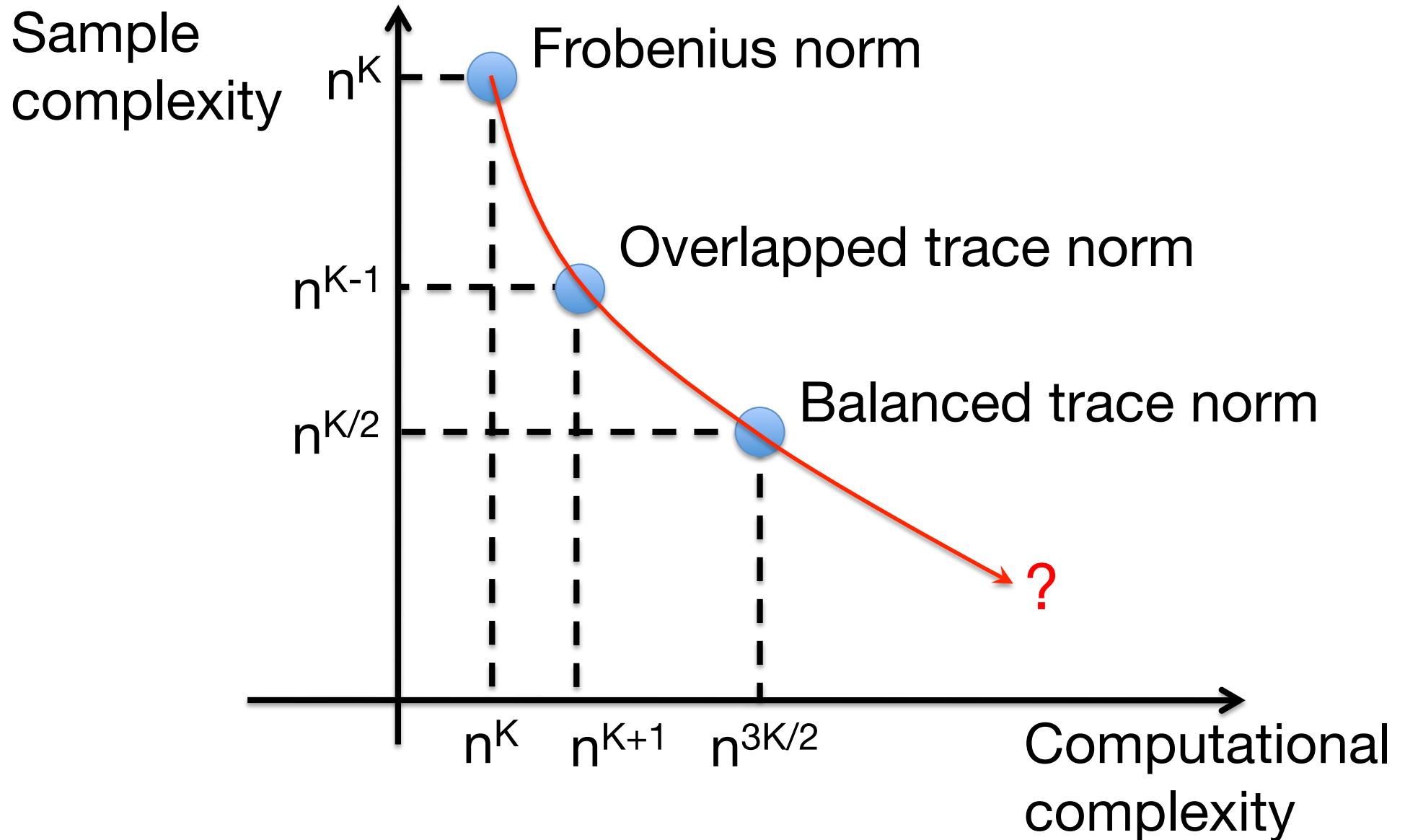


# Comparison of computational complexity

- Overlapped trace norm (Sample Complex.  $O(rn^{K-1})$ )
  - requires SVD of  $n^{K-1} \times n$  matrix: Large!  
 $O(n^{K+1} + n^3) \Rightarrow O(n^5)$  for  $K=4$  OK
- Balanced trace norm (Sample Complex.  $O(r^{K/2}n^{K/2})$ )
  - requires SVD of  $n^{K/2} \times n^{K/2}$  matrix: OK  
 $O(n^{1.5K}) \Rightarrow O(n^6)$  for  $K=4$  Large!

statistically more efficient, computationally more challenging!

# Computation-statistics trade-off

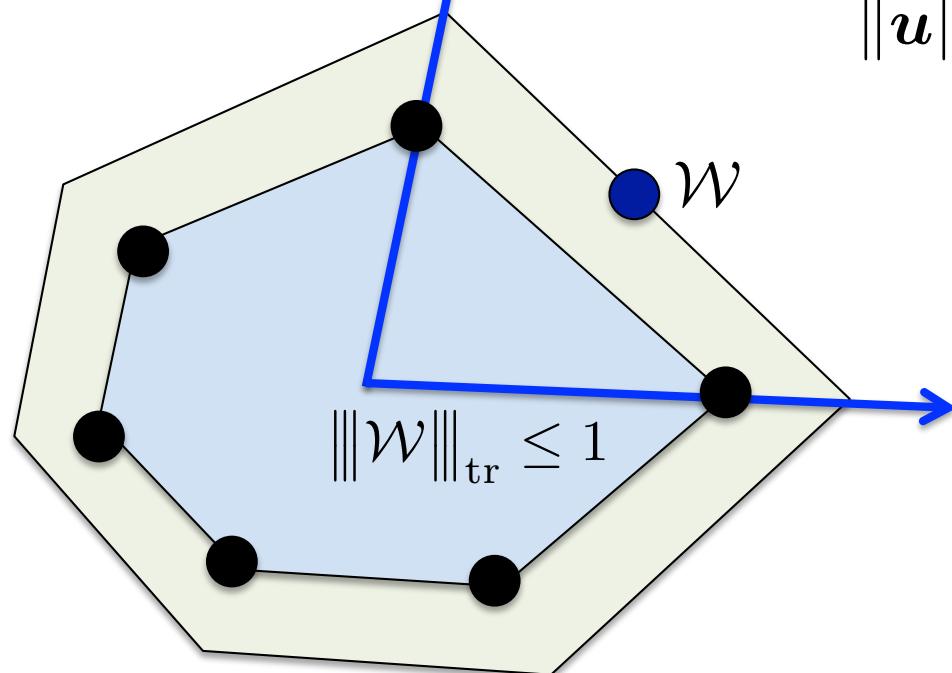


# Tensor trace norm

For K=3

$$\|\mathcal{W}\|_{\text{tr}} = \inf \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} c_a \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathcal{W} = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} c_a \mathbf{u}_a \circ \mathbf{v}_a \circ \mathbf{w}_a$$

$c_a \geq 0$   
 $\|\mathbf{u}\| \leq 1, \|\mathbf{v}\| \leq 1, \|\mathbf{w}\| \leq 1$



rank-1 tensor  
(outer prod. of  
vectors)

can be seen as an **atomic norm** [Chandrasekaran 12] with  
**atomic set** = set of rank-1 tensors

For K=3

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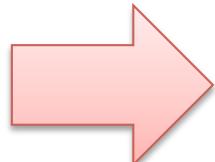
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$$c_a \geq 0$$
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Relation between the norm and the orthogonal CP rank  
(Kolda 2001)

$$\|\mathcal{W}\|_{\text{tr}} \leq \sqrt{R} \|\mathcal{W}\|_F$$

Dual norm of the noise tensor

$$\mathbb{E} \|\mathcal{X}^\top(\epsilon)\|_{\text{tr}^*} \leq C\sigma\sqrt{M}\sqrt{n}$$



Sample complexity O(Rn)

# Dual of the trace norm is the *tensor operator norm*

$$\|\mathcal{Y}\|_{\text{tr}^*} = \|\mathcal{Y}\|_{\text{op}} := \sup_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}} \sum_{i,j,k} Y_{ijk} u_i v_j w_k$$

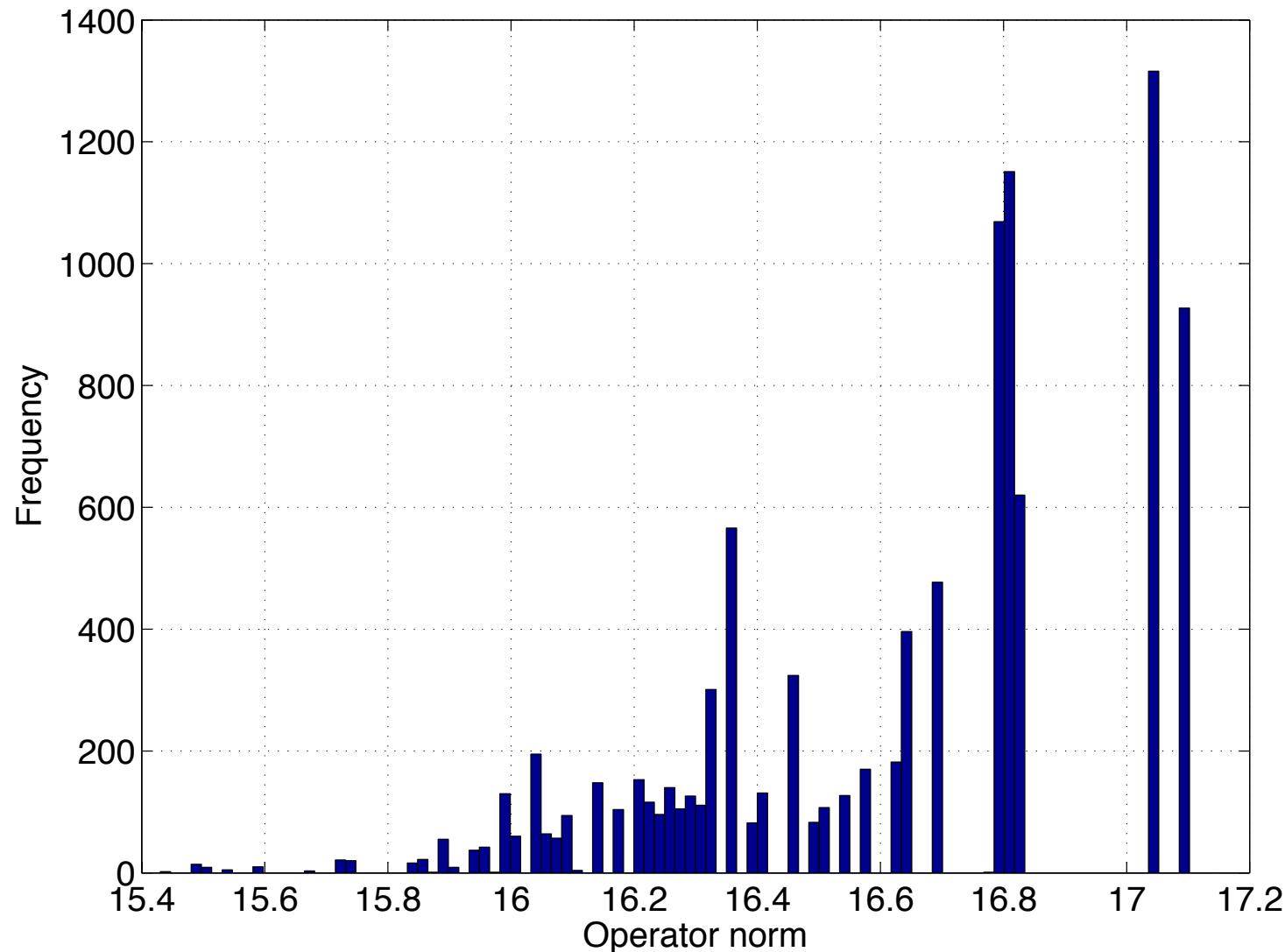
s.t.  $\|\mathbf{u}\| \leq 1, \|\mathbf{v}\| \leq 1, \|\mathbf{w}\| \leq 1$

Greedy algorithm for computing the operator norm

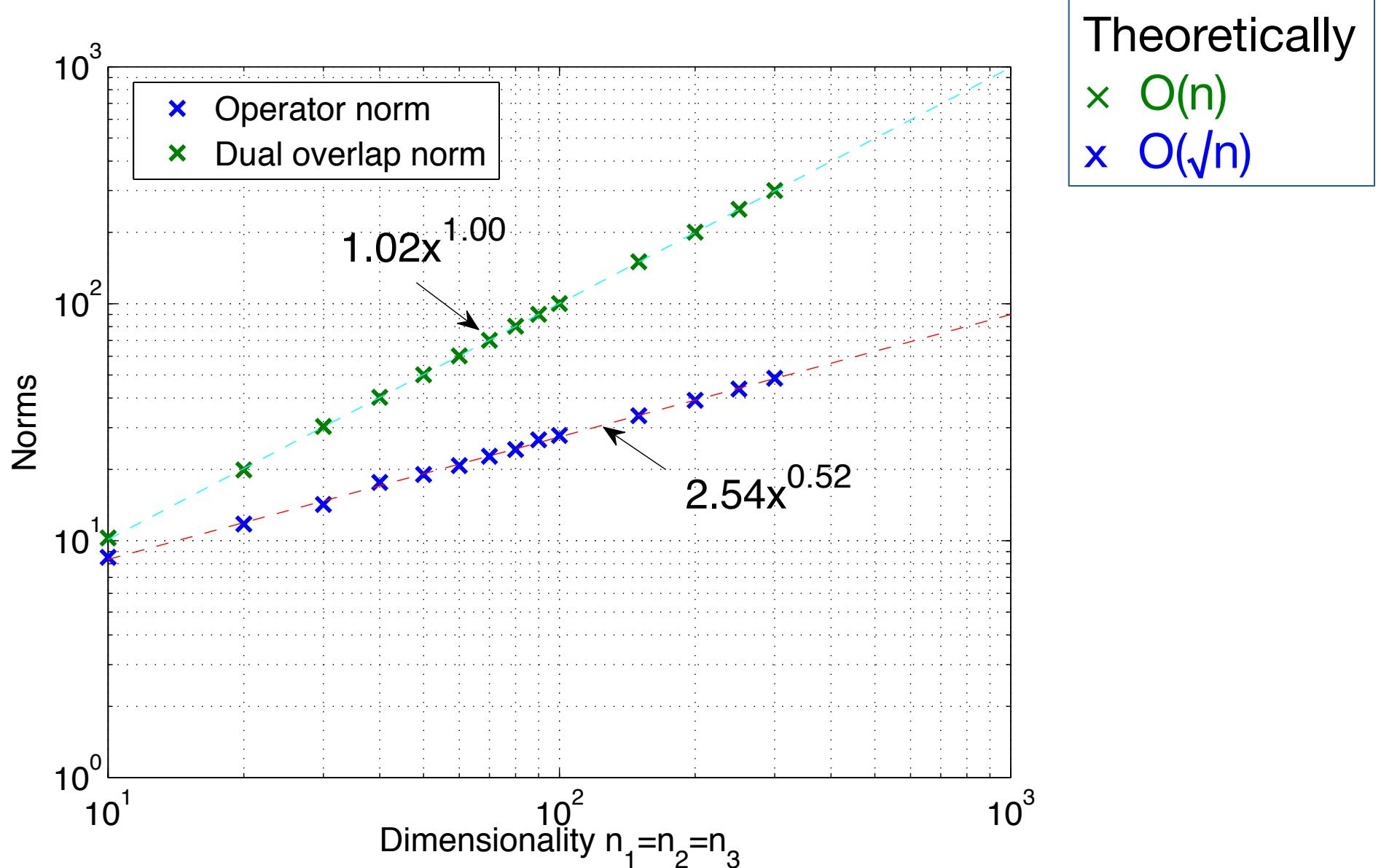
1. Initialize  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$ .
2. Fix  $\mathbf{u}$ , maximize over  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  (matrix operator norm)
3. Cycle over  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$ , ... until convergence  
(can be improved by incorporating gradient)

# 10,000 random restarts

Operator norm of a random  $50 \times 50 \times 20$  tensor



# Empirical scaling ( $K=3$ )



# Low-rank tensor estimation with the *tensor trace norm*

$$\underset{\mathcal{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times \dots \times n_K}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Likelihood} \\ \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{W})\|^2 \end{array} + \lambda_M \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\text{tr}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Regularization} \\ \lambda_M \|\mathcal{W}\|_{\text{tr}} \end{array}$$

Key operation: **prox operator**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{prox}_{\lambda}(\mathcal{W}) &= \underset{\mathcal{Y}}{\text{argmin}} \left( \lambda \|\mathcal{Y}\|_{\text{tr}} + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{Y} - \mathcal{W}\|_F^2 \right) \\ &= \mathcal{W} - \text{proj}_{\lambda}(\mathcal{W}) \quad (\text{Moreau's theorem}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{proj}_{\lambda}(\mathcal{W}) = \underset{\mathcal{Y}}{\text{argmin}} \|\mathcal{W} - \mathcal{Y}\|_F \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\mathcal{Y}\|_{\text{op}} \leq \lambda$$

Tensor operator norm

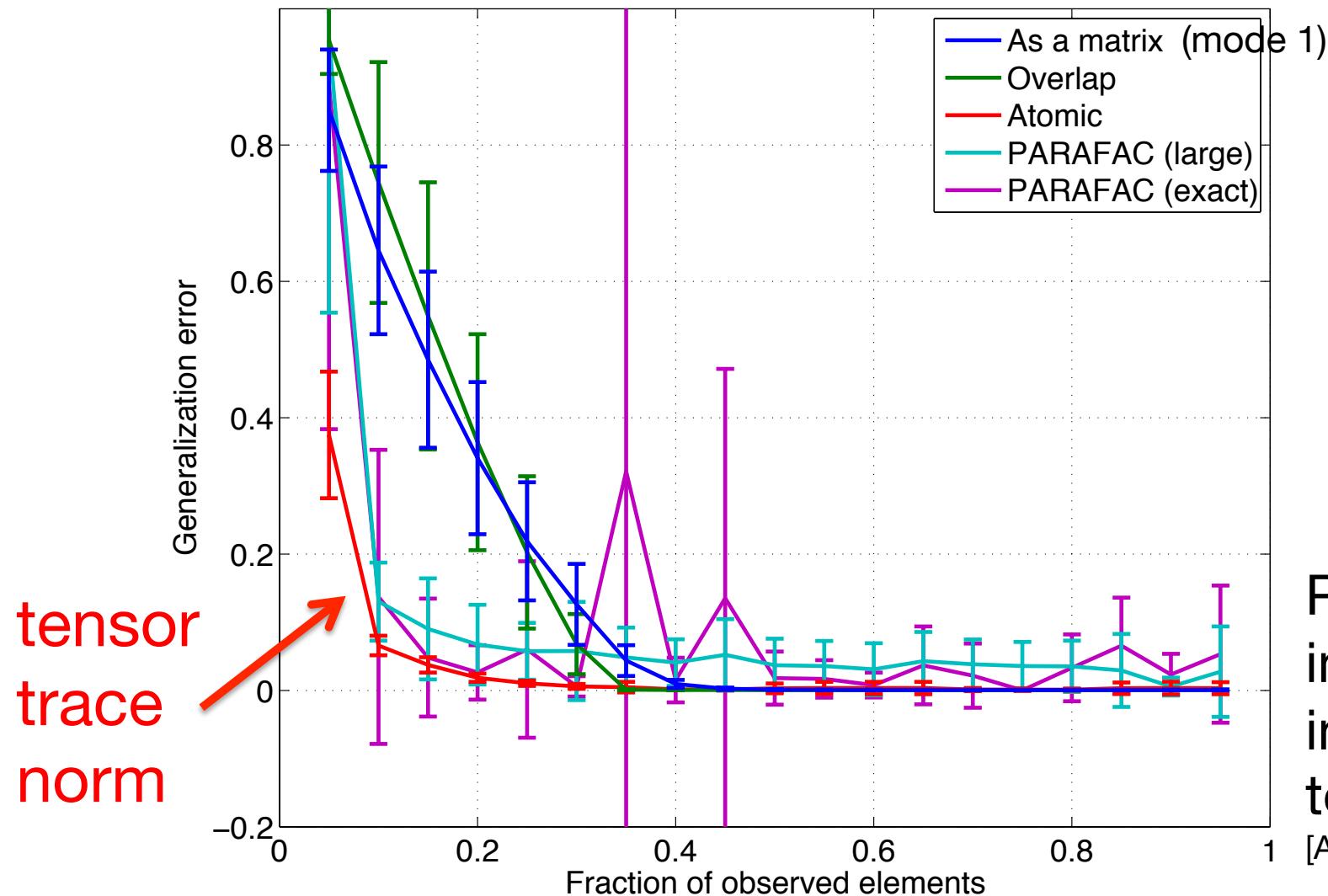
# Greedy algorithm for $\text{prox}_\lambda(W)$

1. Let  $R=W$ .
2. Compute  $\|R\|_{\text{op}}$   
if  $\|R\|_{\text{op}} \leq \lambda$ , done. Return  $W-R$   
otherwise,  $R=R+(\lambda-\|R\|_{\text{op}}) u \cdot v \cdot w$
3. Go to 2.

# Tensor completion experiment

size=50x50x20, CP rank=8

$(\lambda \rightarrow 0)$

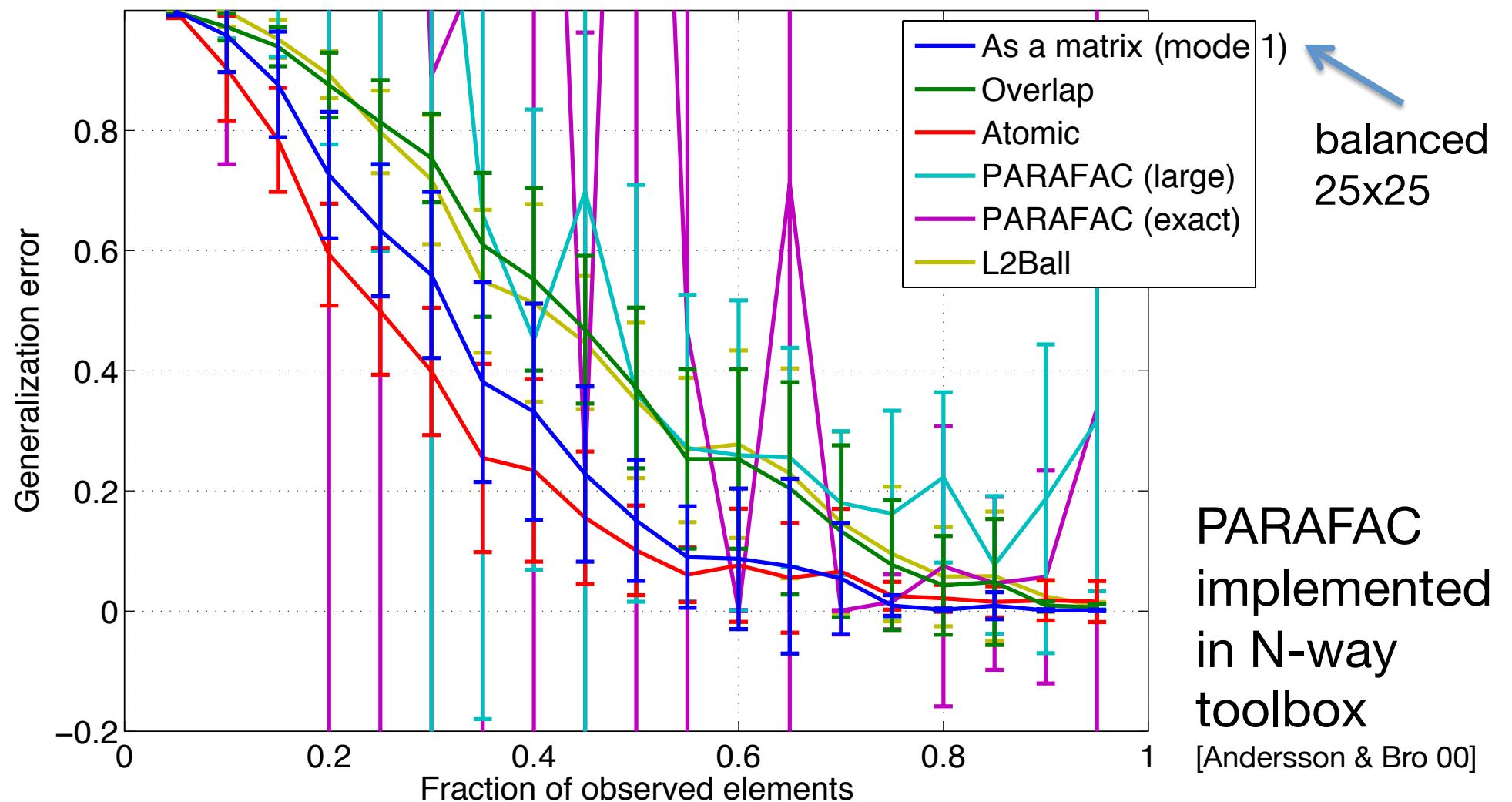


PARAFAC  
implemented  
in N-way  
toolbox  
[Andersson & Bro 00]

# Balanced vs. unbalanced

size=25x5x5, CP rank=3

( $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ )



# Summary

- Tensor decomposition via convex optimization
  - Fast and stable algorithm for tensor decomposition
  - Rank selection is replaced by regularization parameter selection
- Limitation of the overlapped trace norm
  - unbalancedness of the unfolding
  - balanced unfolding
- Optimization statistics trade-off
  - balanced trace norm requires less samples but more computation
  - tensor trace norm requires only  $O(n)$  samples but seems intractable

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