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# **Spatiotemporal Data Modeling**

## **Dynamic Patterns and Long-Range Correlations**

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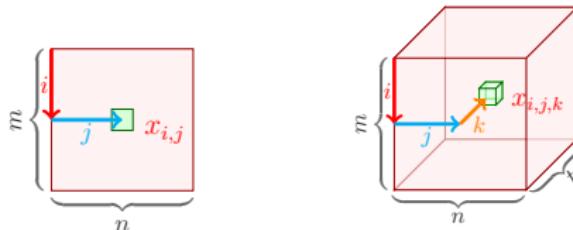
**Past work:** (Pattern discovery, traffic data imputation/forecasting)

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# Tensors

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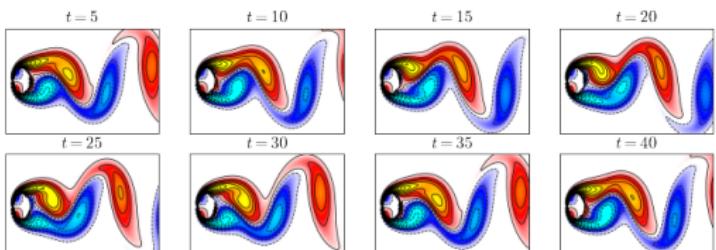
- What is tensor?  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  vs.  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n \times t}$



- Tensors are everywhere!



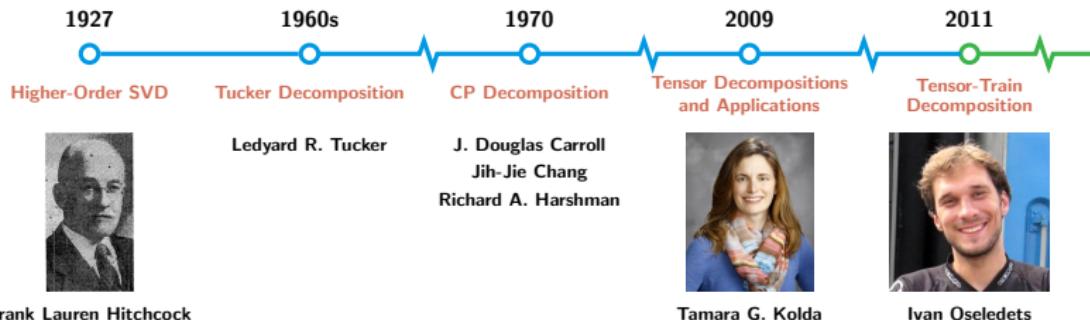
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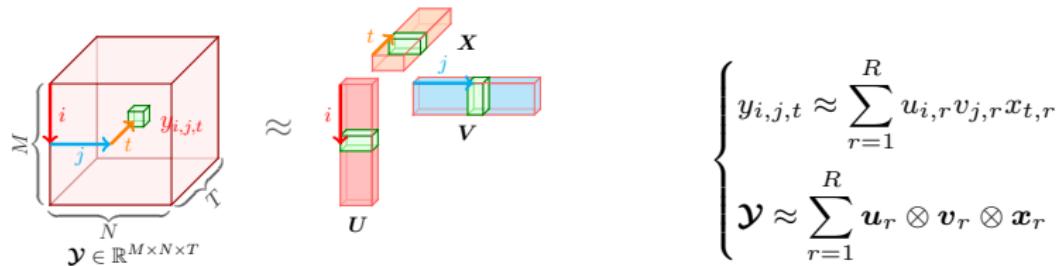
Dynamical system (fluid flow)

# Tensor Factorization

- Revisit tensor factorization (TF)



- **CP tensor factorization:** Factorize  $\mathcal{Y}$  into the combination of three rank- $R$  factor matrices (i.e., low-dimensional latent factors).



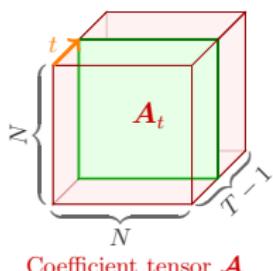
# Time-Varying Autoregression

- **Motivation:** Identify the dynamic patterns of time-varying systems.  
(e.g., fluid flow, climate variables, and human mobility)
- Given a sequence of time series snapshots  $\mathbf{y}_t \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, T$ ,

$$\min_{\{\mathbf{A}_t\}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_t \|\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{A}_t \mathbf{y}_{t-1}\|_2^2$$

Time-varying autoregression

[Over-parameterization]  $\mathcal{O}(N^2(T-1))$  parameters vs.  $\mathcal{O}(NT)$  data.



Parameterize coefficients via TF:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} &= \mathcal{G} \times_1 \mathbf{W} \times_2 \mathbf{V} \times_3 \mathbf{X} \\ \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{A}_t &= \mathcal{G} \times_1 \mathbf{W} \times_2 \mathbf{V} \times_3 \mathbf{x}_t^\top\end{aligned}$$

**Significance:** Spatial models/patterns  $\mathbf{W}$  & temporal modes/patterns  $\mathbf{X}$

# Time-Varying Autoregression

- Optimization problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{W}, \mathcal{G}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=2}^T \left\| \mathbf{y}_t - (\mathcal{G} \times_1 \mathbf{W} \times_2 \mathbf{V} \times_3 \mathbf{x}_t^\top) \mathbf{y}_{t-1} \right\|_2^2$$

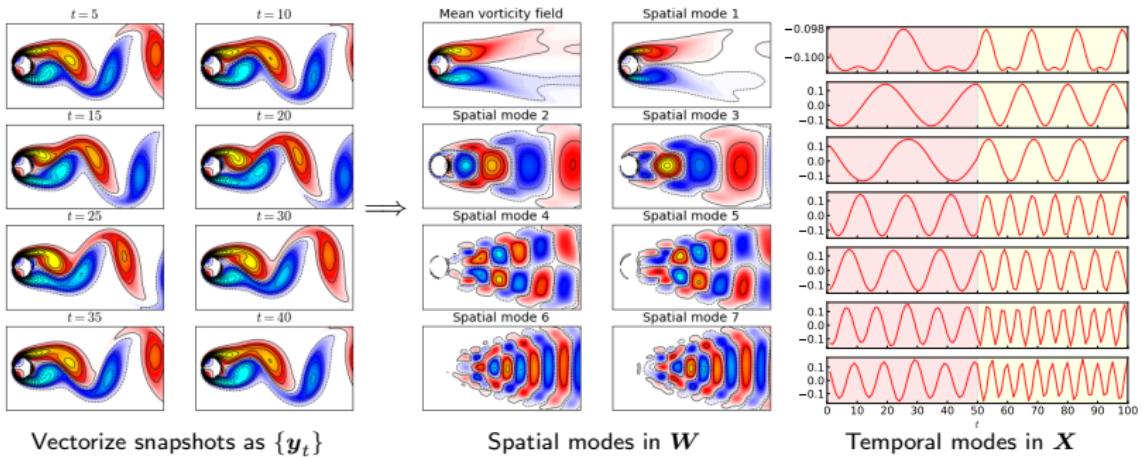
- Alternating minimization:

## Algorithm (Chen et al.'23)

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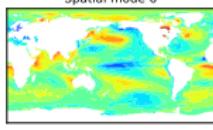
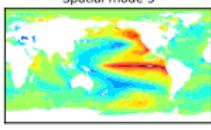
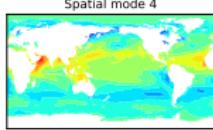
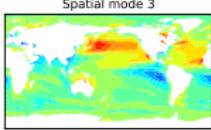
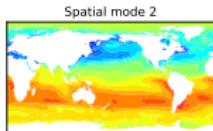
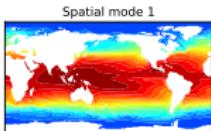
- Estimate  $\mathcal{G}$  by least squares (LS)
- Estimate  $\mathbf{W}$  by LS
- Estimate  $\mathbf{V}$  by conjugate gradient (CG, Golub & Van Loan'13)
- **For**  $t \in \{2, 3, \dots, T\}$  **do**
  - Estimate  $\mathbf{x}_t$  by LS

- **Multi-resolution fluid flow dataset** (the first 50 snapshots + 50 snapshots randomly selected from the last 100 snapshots)

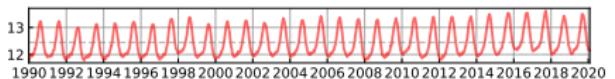


- Produce interpretable patterns
- Identify the system of different frequencies

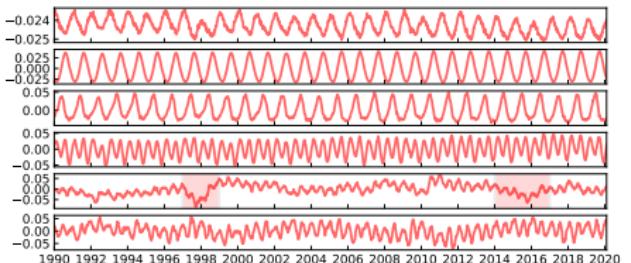
- Sea surface temperature dataset



Spatial modes in  $W$



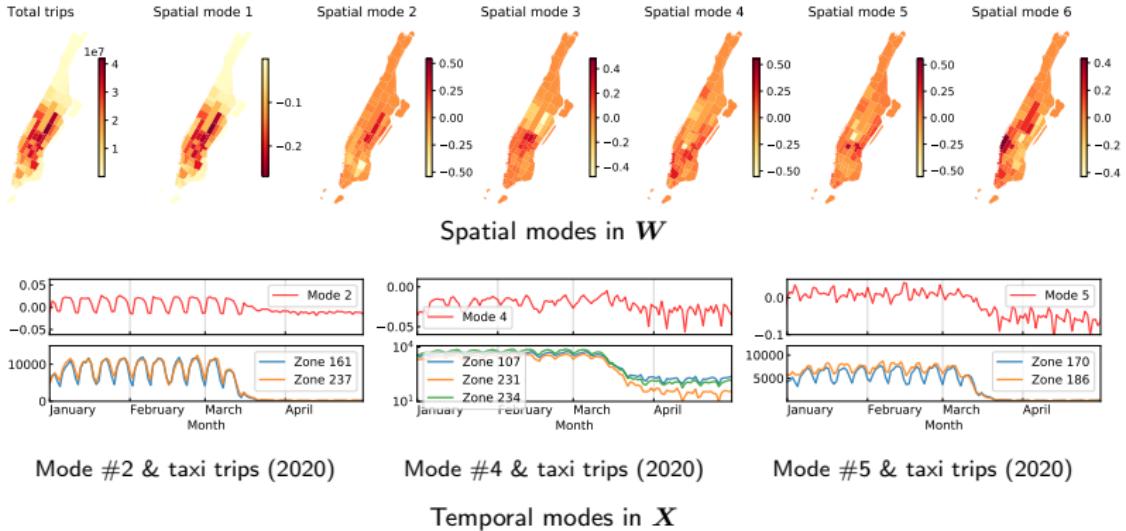
Time series of mean temperature



Temporal modes in  $X$

Identify two strongest El Nino events (on 1997-98 & 2014-16).

- NYC taxi dataset (pickup)



- Produce interpretable patterns
- Identify the changing point of the system (mainly due to COVID-19)

# Orthogonal Spatial/Temporal Patterns?

- Optimization problem with orthogonal constraints:<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{W}, \mathcal{G}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{x}} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=2}^T \left\| \mathbf{y}_t - (\mathcal{G} \times_1 \mathbf{W} \times_2 \mathbf{V} \times_3 \mathbf{x}_t^\top) \mathbf{y}_{t-1} \right\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \begin{cases} \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}_R \\ \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_R \\ \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{I}_R \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

## Algorithm (Chen et al.'23)

Repeat

- Estimate  $\mathcal{G}$  by LS
- Estimate  $\mathbf{W}$  by LS
- Estimate  $\mathbf{V}$  by conjugate gradient
- For  $t \in \{2, 3, \dots, T\}$  do
  - Estimate  $\mathbf{x}_t$  by LS



## Algorithm

Repeat

- Estimate  $\mathcal{G}$  by least squares
- Estimate  $\mathbf{W}$  by orthogonal projection (Cai et al.'14)
- Estimate  $\mathbf{V}$  by projected conjugate gradient (Calamai & More'87)
- Estimate  $\mathbf{X}$  by projected conjugate gradient (Calamai & More'87)

<sup>1</sup><https://spatiotemporal-data.github.io/probs/orth-var>

# Spatiotemporal Mobility Networks

## State-Space Model (SSM)

- State transition equation:

$$\underbrace{x_{t+1}}_{\text{state}} = Ax_t + B \underbrace{u_t}_{\text{input}} + \underbrace{w_t}_{\mathcal{N}(0, I)}$$

- Observation equation:

$$\underbrace{y_t}_{\text{output}} = Cx_t + D \underbrace{u_t}_{\text{input}} + \underbrace{v_t}_{\mathcal{N}(0, I)}$$

VS.

## Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)

- Hidden state update:

$$h_t = \text{activation}(\mathbf{W}_{hh} h_{t-1} + \mathbf{W}_{hx} x_t + \underbrace{b_h}_{\text{bias}})$$

- Output:

$$\underbrace{y_t}_{\text{output}} = \text{activation}(\mathbf{W}_{yh} \underbrace{h_t}_{\text{state}} + \underbrace{b_y}_{\text{bias}})$$

- Long-range spatiotemporal modeling, e.g.,
  - State-space layers ([Smith et al.'22](#))
  - Convolutional SSM ([Smith et al.'23](#))
- Linear-time sequence modeling (e.g., selective SSM, [Gu & Dao'23](#))

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