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# **Modeling Temporal Correlations and Dynamics in Spatiotemporal Data Systems**

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- Brainstorming

# Motivation

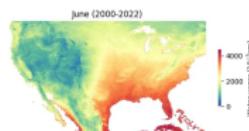
- Spatiotemporal systems & data scenarios



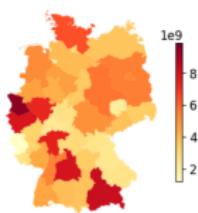
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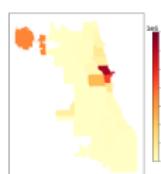
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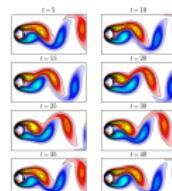
Climate



Energy



Mobility



Fluid flow

- Prior art: e.g., dynamic mode decomposition, matrix/tensor factorization
- Challenges: Time-varying system, multidimensional system (e.g., human mobility)

## Prior Art

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- Autoregression, attention-based sequence models
- Machine learning tasks: estimation, imputation/interpolation, prediction

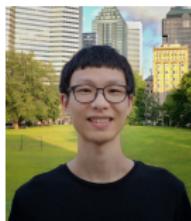
# Laplacian Convolutional Representation for Traffic Time Series Imputation

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## Materials:

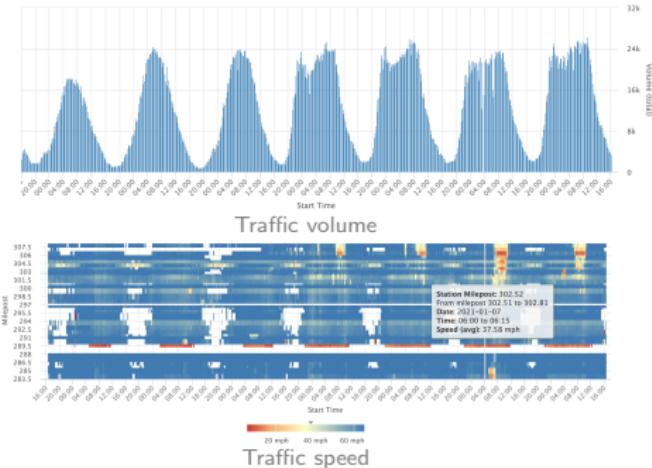
- PDF: [https://xinyuchen.github.io/papers/Laplacian\\_convolution.pdf](https://xinyuchen.github.io/papers/Laplacian_convolution.pdf)
- GitHub: <https://github.com/xinyuchen/transdim> (1.1k+ stars)

## Traffic Flow Data

- Portland highway traffic data<sup>1</sup>



## Highway network & sensor locations



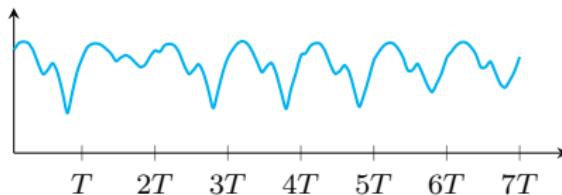
- $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T}$  with  $N$  spatial locations  $\times T$  time steps
  - Traffic volume/speed shows strong spatial/temporal dependencies

<sup>1</sup> <https://portal.its.pdx.edu/home>

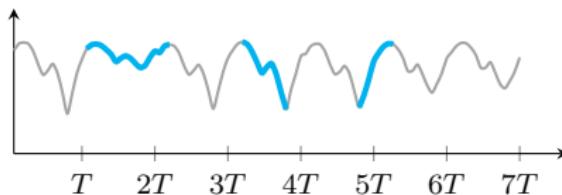
# Time Series Imputation

## Motivation: Traffic imputation

- Global trends (e.g., long-term quasi-seasonality & daily/weekly rhythm):



- Local trends (e.g., short-term time series trends):



How to characterize both global and local trends in sparse time series?

# Local Trend Modeling

- Intuition of (circulant) Laplacian matrix

Undirected and circulant graph

Modeling

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Circulant) Laplacian matrix

- Define Laplacian kernel:

$$\boldsymbol{\ell} \triangleq (2, -1, 0, 0, -1)^\top$$

⇓

$$\boldsymbol{\ell} \triangleq (\underbrace{2\tau}_{\text{degree}}, \underbrace{-1, \dots, -1}_{\tau}, 0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{-1, \dots, -1}_{\tau})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^T$$

for any time series  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_T)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^T$ .

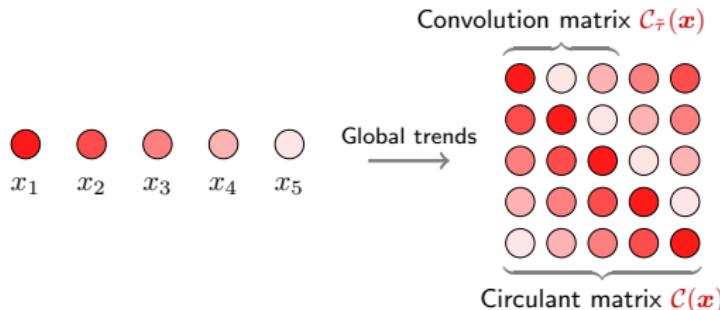
- (Laplacian) Temporal regularization:

$$\mathcal{R}_\tau(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{L}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\ell} * \mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

Reformulate temporal regularization with circular convolution.

# Global Trend Modeling

Circulant matrix  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x})$  vs. convolution matrix  $\mathcal{C}_{\tilde{\tau}}(\mathbf{x})$



- Circulant/Convolution nuclear norm minimization
  - A balance between global and local trends modeling?

CircNNM (Liu'22, Liu & Zhang'23)

Estimating  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & \|\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x})\|_* \\ \text{s.t. } & \|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\|_2 \leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

on data  $\mathbf{y}$  w/ observed index set  $\Omega$ .

ConvNNM (Liu'22, Liu & Zhang'23)

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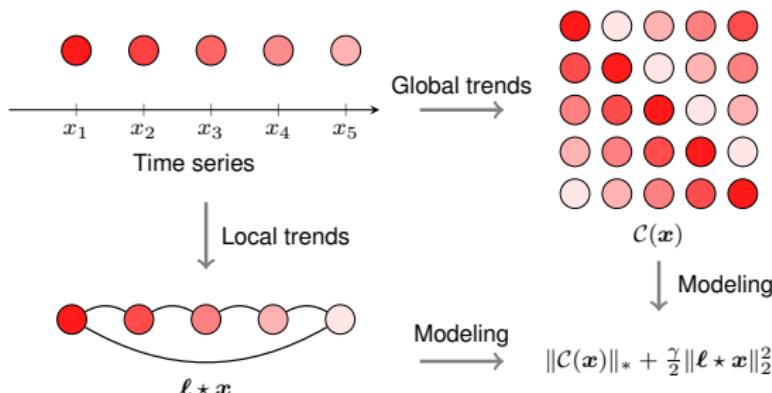
# Global + Local Trends?

## Laplacian Convolutional Representation (LCR)

For any partially observed time series  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^T$  with observed index set  $\Omega$ , LCR utilizes **circulant matrix** and **Laplacian kernel** to characterize global and local trends in time series, respectively, i.e.,

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \underbrace{\|\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x})\|_*}_{\text{global}} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \underbrace{\|\ell * \mathbf{x}\|_2^2}_{\text{local}}$$

s.t.  $\|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})\|_2 \leq \epsilon$



# Laplacian Convolutional Representation

- Augmented Lagrangian function:<sup>2</sup>

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w}) = \|\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x})\|_* + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|\ell * \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z} \rangle + \frac{\eta}{2} \|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{y})\|_2^2$$

- The ADMM scheme:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x} := \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w}) & \text{(Nuclear norm minimization)} \\ \mathbf{z} := \arg \min_{\mathbf{z}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w}) & \text{(Closed-form solution)} \\ \mathbf{w} := \mathbf{w} + \lambda(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}) & \text{(Standard update)} \end{cases}$$

- Optimize  $\mathbf{x}$ ?

$$\|\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x})\|_* = \|\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x})\|_1 \quad \& \quad \frac{1}{2} \|\ell * \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{2T} \|\mathcal{F}(\ell) \circ \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2$$

Nuclear norm minimization  $\Rightarrow$   **$\ell_1$ -norm minimization with FFT** in  $\mathcal{O}(T \log T)$  time.

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<sup>2</sup> $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^T$  (Lagrange multiplier);  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  (inner product).

# Laplacian Convolutional Representation

- Optimize  $\mathbf{x}$  via FFT (in  $\mathcal{O}(T \log T)$  time):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &:= \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x})\|_* + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|\ell * \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{w}/\lambda\|_2^2 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{x}} &:= \arg \min_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \|\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_1 + \frac{\gamma}{2T} \|\hat{\ell} \circ \hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2T} \|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{z}} + \hat{\mathbf{w}}/\lambda\|_2^2\end{aligned}$$

where we introduce  $\{\hat{\ell}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}, \hat{\mathbf{w}}\} \triangleq \mathcal{F}\{\ell, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w}\}$  (i.e., FFT).

## $\ell_1$ -norm Minimization in Complex Space (Liu & Zhang'23)

For any optimization problem in the form of  $\ell_1$ -norm minimization in complex space:

$$\min_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \|\hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_1 + \frac{\delta}{2} \|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{h}}\|_2^2$$

with complex-valued  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{h}} \in \mathbb{C}^T$  and weight parameter  $\delta$ , element-wise, the solution is given by

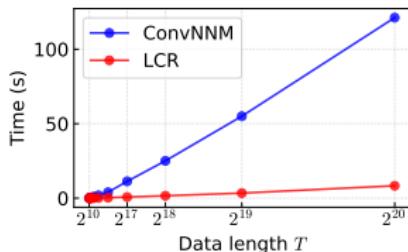
$$\hat{x}_t := \frac{\hat{h}_t}{|\hat{h}_t|} \cdot \max\{0, |\hat{h}_t| - 1/\delta\}, t = 1, \dots, T.$$

# Laplacian Convolutional Representation

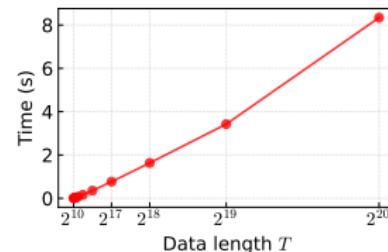
## Empirical time complexity

On the synthetic data  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^T$  with  $T \in \{2^{10}, 2^{11}, \dots, 2^{20}\}$

- Ours: **LCR**
  - An FFT implementation in  $\mathcal{O}(T \log T)$
  - The logarithmic factor  $\log T$  makes the FFT highly efficient
- Baseline: **ConvNNM** (Liu'22, Liu & Zhang'23)
  - Convolution matrix  $\mathcal{C}_{\tilde{\tau}}(\mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times \tilde{\tau}}$  with kernel size  $\tilde{\tau} = 2^4$
  - Singular value thresholding in  $\mathcal{O}(\tilde{\tau}^2 T)$



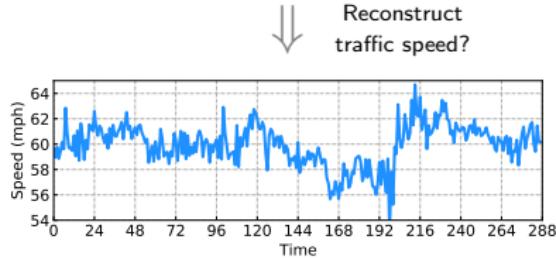
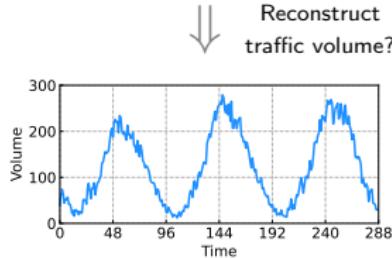
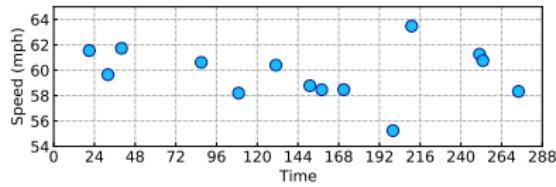
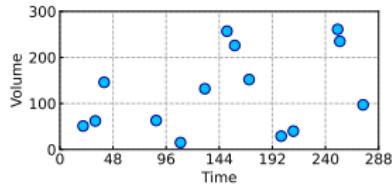
ConvNNM vs. LCR



LCR

# Experiments

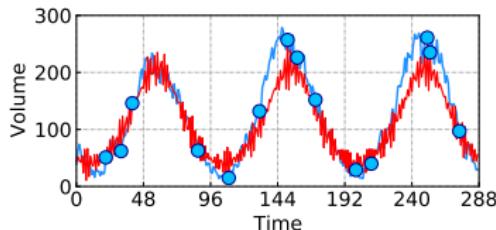
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- How to utilize the global trends of traffic time series?
- How to produce local consistency of traffic data?

# Experiments

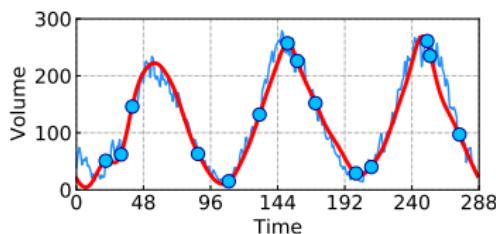
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**CircNNM:**

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\boldsymbol{x}} \quad & \|\mathcal{C}(\boldsymbol{x})\|_* \\ \text{s. t. } \quad & \|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y})\|_2 \leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

↓ Plus **local** time series trends



**LCR:**

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\boldsymbol{x}} \quad & \|\mathcal{C}(\boldsymbol{x})\|_* + \frac{\gamma}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\ell} * \boldsymbol{x}\|_2^2 \\ \text{s. t. } \quad & \|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\boldsymbol{x} - \boldsymbol{y})\|_2 \leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

# Experiments

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- The start data points and end data points are connected?

Undirected and circulant graph

Modeling →

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(Circulant) Laplacian matrix

- Flipping operation on  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^5$ :

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{new}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{Jx} \end{bmatrix} = (\underbrace{\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4, \mathbf{x}_5}_{\text{original time series}}, \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_5, \mathbf{x}_4, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1}_{\text{flipped time series}})^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$$

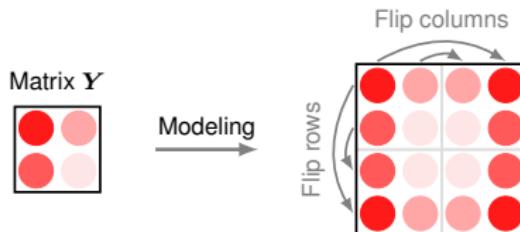
where  $\mathbf{J} \in \mathbb{R}^{5 \times 5}$  is the exchange matrix.

- Potential applications: Passenger flow prediction with strong global/local trends

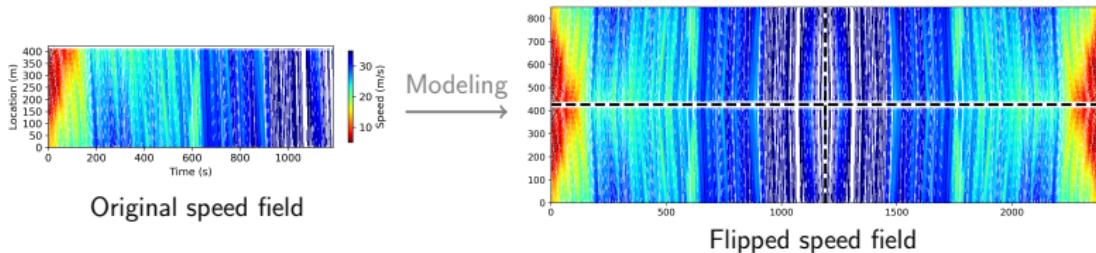
# Experiments

## Speed field reconstruction<sup>3</sup>

- Flipping operation on a matrix:



- Flipping operation on a speed field of vehicular traffic flow:



<sup>3</sup>Highway Drone (HighD) dataset at <https://www.hightd-dataset.com/>

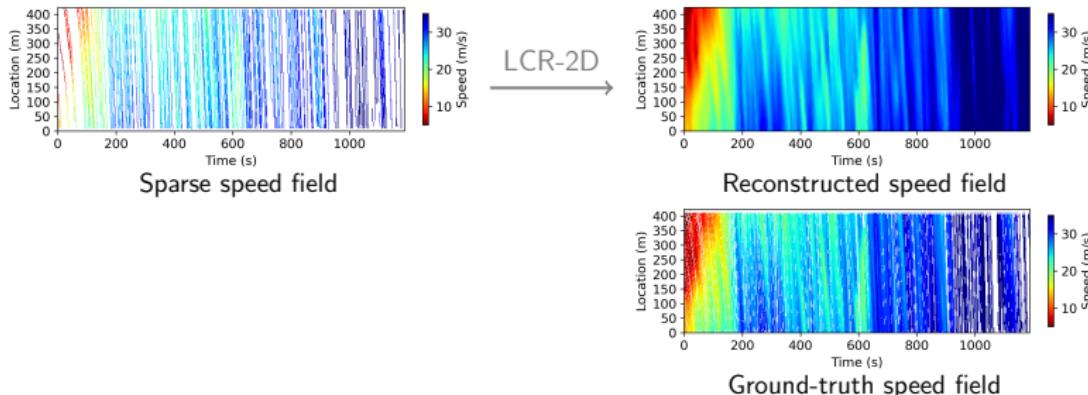
# Experiments

## Speed field reconstruction<sup>4</sup>

- Scenario: Mask trajectories of 70% vehicles
- LCR-2D on partially observed  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T}$ :

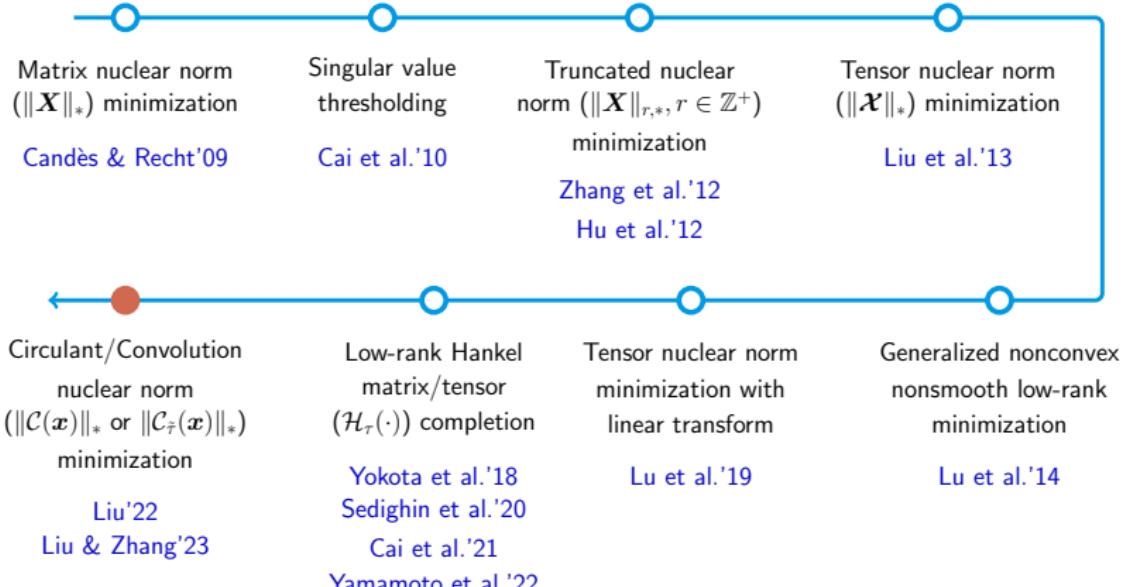
$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} \underbrace{\|\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{X})\|_*}_{\text{global trend}} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \underbrace{\|(\ell_s \ell^\top) * \mathbf{X}\|_F^2}_{\text{local trend}}$$

s.t.  $\|\mathcal{P}_\Omega(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y})\|_F \leq \epsilon$



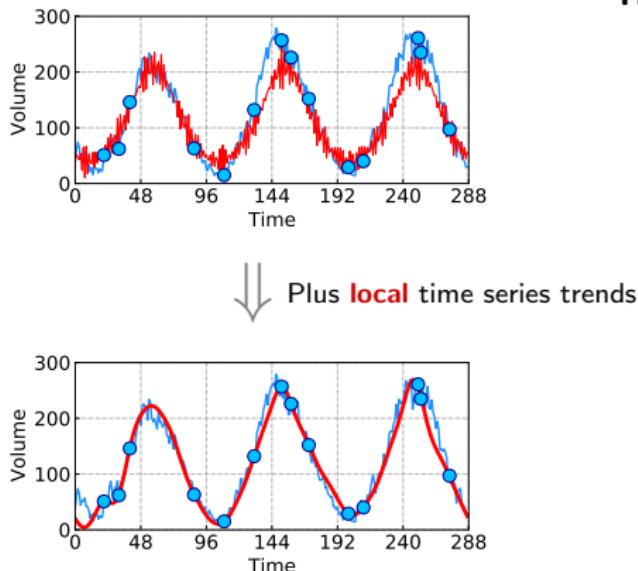
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# Contributions



(Ours) LCR:

- ✓ Local trend modeling
- ✓ An FFT implementation



## Highlights:

- Rethinking the importance of local trend modeling in traffic data imputation tasks.
- Finding a unified **global and local trend** modeling framework whose optimization can be efficiently solved by **FFT**:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \underbrace{\|\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x})\|_*}_{\text{global}} + \frac{\gamma}{2} \underbrace{\|\ell * \mathbf{x}\|_2^2}_{\text{local}}$$

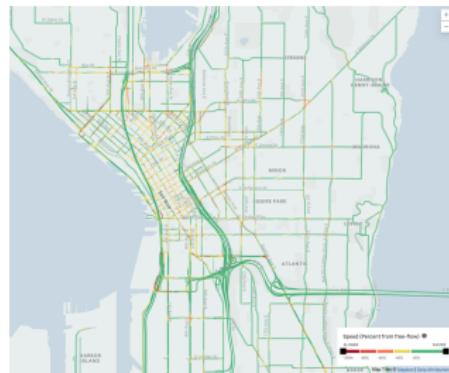
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# Vision & Insight

- Uber (hourly) movement speed data<sup>5</sup>



NYC movement



Seattle movement

- {road segment, time slot (hour), average speed}
- Computing hourly speed: Road segments have 5+ unique trips.
- Estimating network-wide traffic states for traffic planning & management.  
(Data/model biases/fairness reduction for imputation and interpolation.)

<sup>5</sup><https://movement.uber.com/> (not available now)

# Discovering Dynamic Patterns from Spatiotemporal Data with Time-Varying Low-Rank Autoregression

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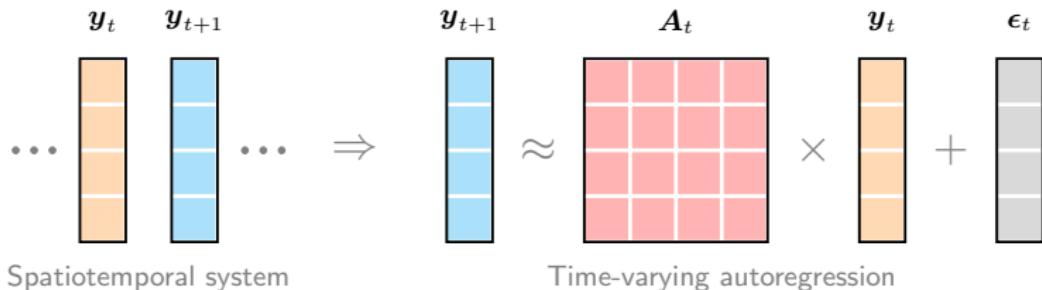
## Materials:

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# Autoregression

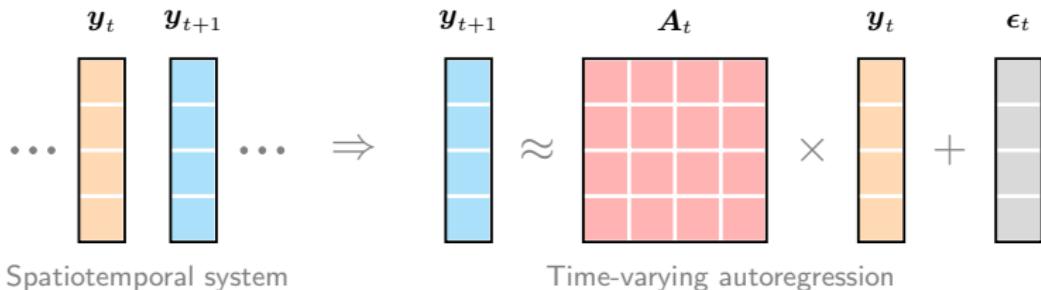
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- How to characterize dynamical systems?



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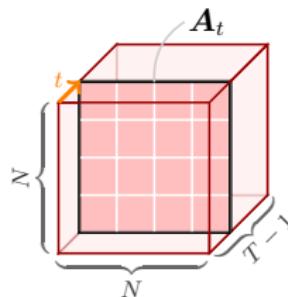
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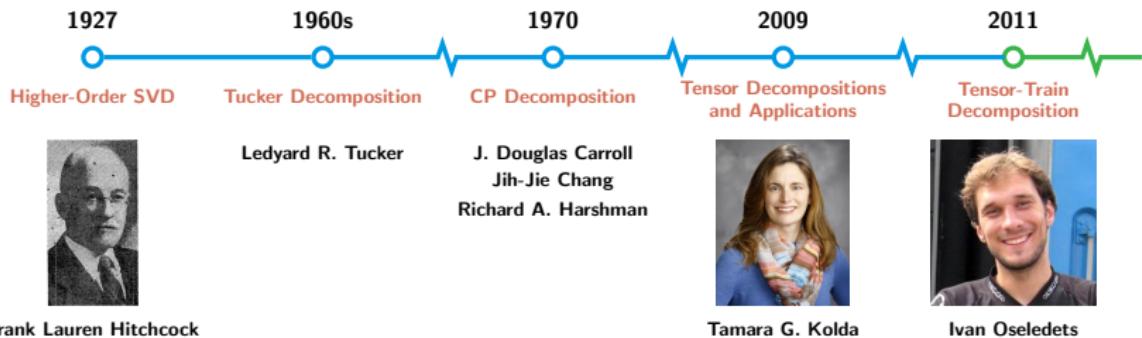


- On spatiotemporal systems  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T}$ :

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{y}_{t+1} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}_t + \epsilon_t}_{\text{time-invariant}} \quad \text{v.s.} \quad \underbrace{\mathbf{y}_{t+1} = \mathbf{A}_t \mathbf{y}_t + \epsilon_t}_{\text{time-varying}}$$

- How to discover spatial/temporal modes (patterns) from the tensor  $\mathcal{A} \triangleq \{\mathbf{A}_t\}_{t \in [T-1]}$ ?

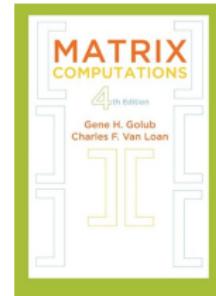




# Time-Varying Autoregression

- Tensor factorization<sup>6</sup>:

$$\mathcal{A} = \underbrace{\mathcal{G} \times_1 \mathbf{W} \times_2 \mathbf{V} \times_3 \mathbf{X}}_{\text{Tucker decomposition}}$$
$$\Updownarrow$$
$$\mathbf{A}_t = \mathcal{G} \times_1 \underbrace{\mathbf{W}}_{\text{spatial modes}} \times_2 \mathbf{V} \times_3 \underbrace{\mathbf{x}_t^\top}_{\text{temporal modes}}$$



- (Ours) Time-varying low-rank autoregression:

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

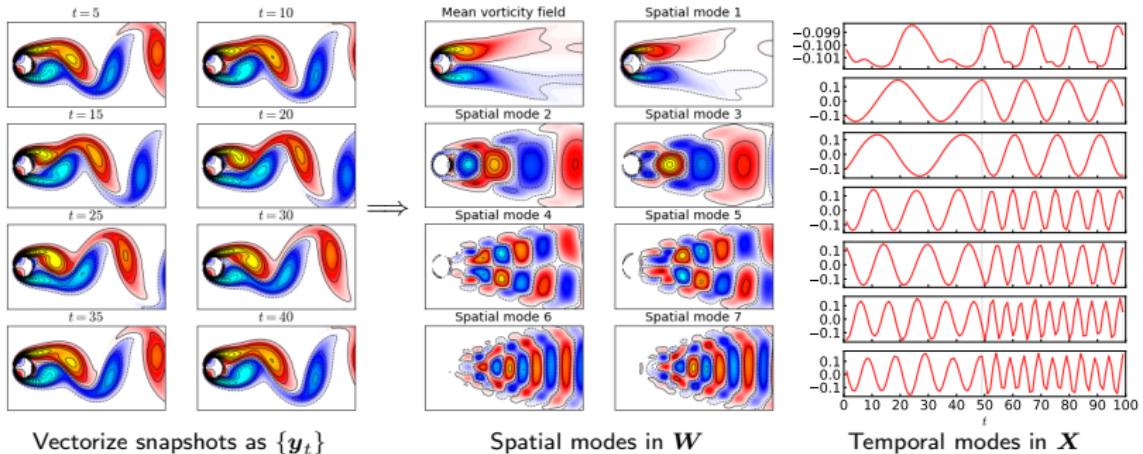
- Alternating minimization:  $\mathcal{G}$  (LS)  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbf{W}$  (LS)  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbf{V}$  (CG)  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbf{x}_t$  (LS)

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<sup>6</sup> $\times_k$ ,  $\forall k$  is the mode- $k$  product between tensor and matrix/vector.

# Experiments

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

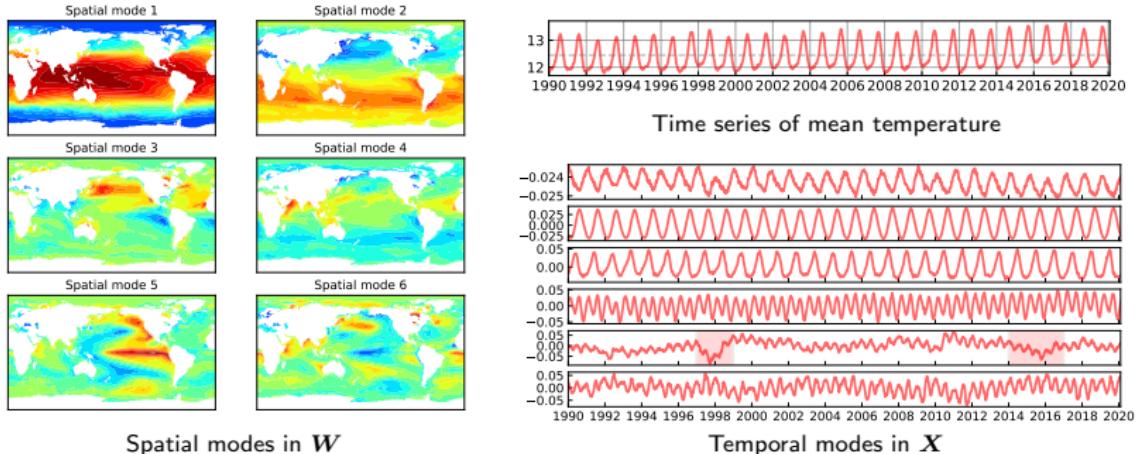


- Produce interpretable patterns and identify the system of different frequencies.

# Experiments

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- Sea surface temperature (**SST**) dataset

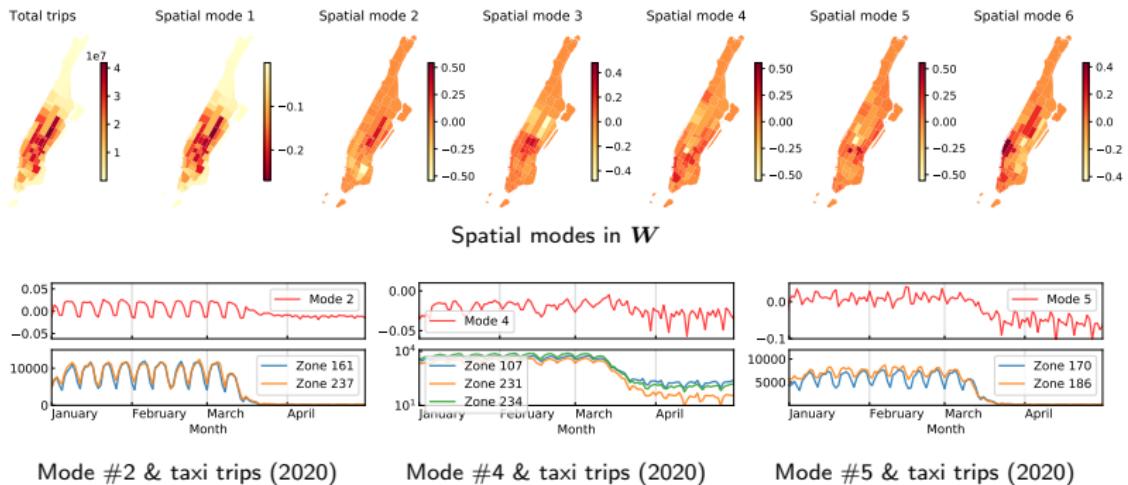


- Identify two strongest El Nino events (on 1997-98 & 2014-16).

# Experiments

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- NYC taxi dataset (pickup)



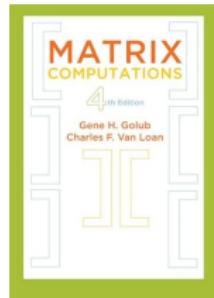
# **Dynamic Autoregressive Tensor Factorization for Pattern Discovery of Spatiotemporal Systems**

International Trade & Ridesharing Mobility

# DATF

- Tensor factorization<sup>7</sup>:

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- (Ours) Dynamic autoregressive tensor factorization (DATF):

$$\min_{\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{X}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t \in [T-1]} \|\mathbf{y}_{t+1} - (\mathcal{G} \times_1 \mathbf{W} \times_2 \mathbf{V} \times_3 \mathbf{x}_t^\top) \mathbf{y}_t\|_2^2$$

s.t.

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}_R}_{\text{orthogonal spatial modes}}$$

- Solution:  $\mathcal{G}$  (LS)  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbf{W}$  (OPP)  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbf{V}$  (CG)  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbf{x}_t$  (LS)

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<sup>7</sup> $\times_k$ ,  $\forall k$  is the mode- $k$  product between tensor and matrix/vector.

- **Orthogonal Procrustes problem:**

For any  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times r}$ ,  $m \geq r$ , the solution to

$$\min_{\mathbf{F}} \|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{Q}\|_F^2$$

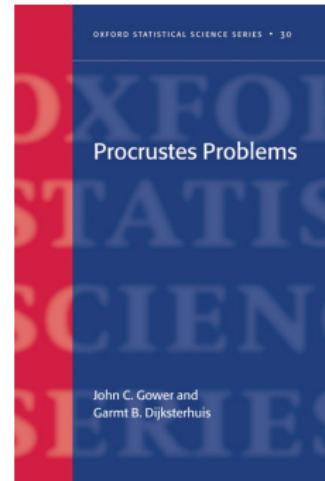
$$\text{s. t. } \underbrace{\mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I}_r}_{\text{orthogonal}}$$

is

$$\mathbf{F} := \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}^\top$$

where

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^\top}_{\text{singular value decomposition}}$$



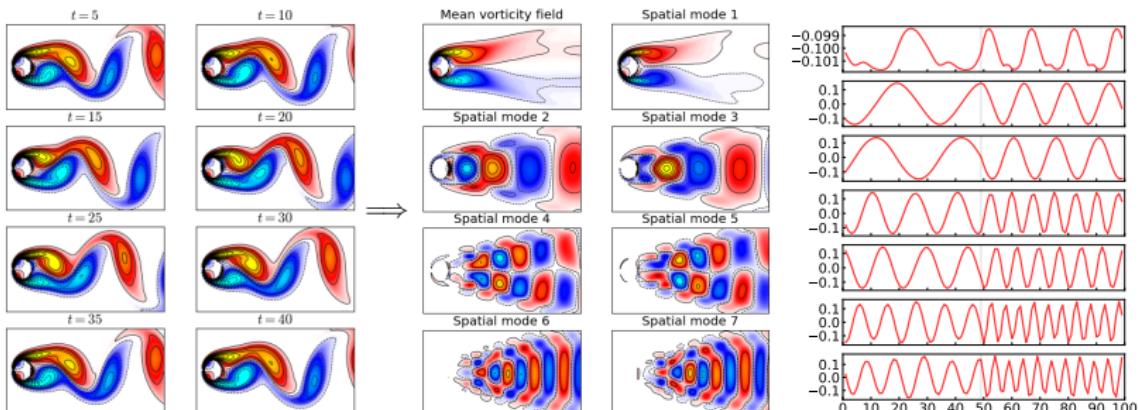
- Equivalent form:

$$\|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{Q}\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(\underbrace{\mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{F} + \mathbf{Q}^\top \mathbf{Q}}_{= \mathbf{I}_r \text{ const.}}) = -2 \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{Q}) + \text{const.}$$

$$\implies \mathbf{F} =: \arg \min_{\substack{\mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I}_r}} \|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{Q}\|_F^2 = \arg \max_{\substack{\mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I}_r}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}^\top \mathbf{Q})$$

# Benchmark Evaluation

- **Multi-resolution fluid flow dataset** (the first 50 snapshots + 50 snapshots randomly selected from the last 100 snapshots)
  - Produce interpretable patterns: Low-frequency modes (dominant patterns) & high-frequency modes (e.g., secondary patterns, outliers)
  - Identify the system of different frequencies (i.e., at  $t = 50$ )



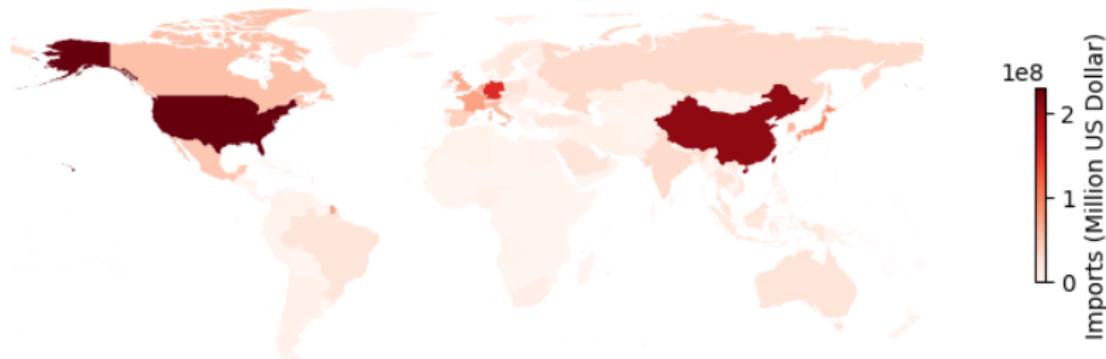
Vectorize snapshots as  $\{y_t\}$

Spatial modes in  $W$

Temporal modes in  $X$

# International Trade

- **Merchandise import trade values (annual)<sup>8</sup>** (222 countries/regions & period of 2000-2022)
  - Aggregate over 18 product types (e.g., Agricultural products, Food, Manufactures, Chemicals, etc.)
  - Represent such data as a 222-by-22 matrix



Aggregated import trade values from 2000 to 2022

<sup>8</sup>The dataset is available at

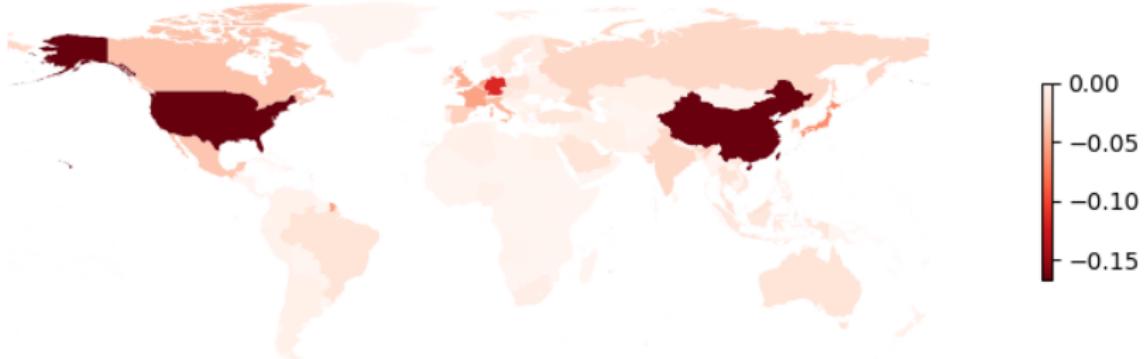
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# International Trade

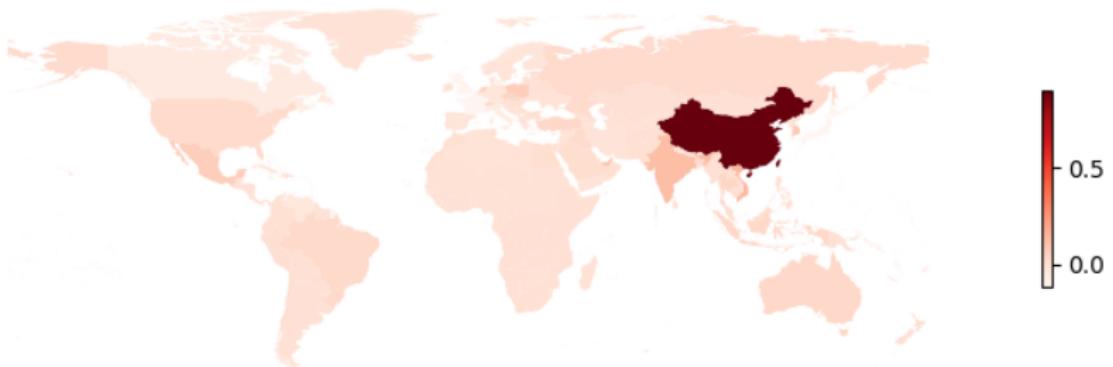
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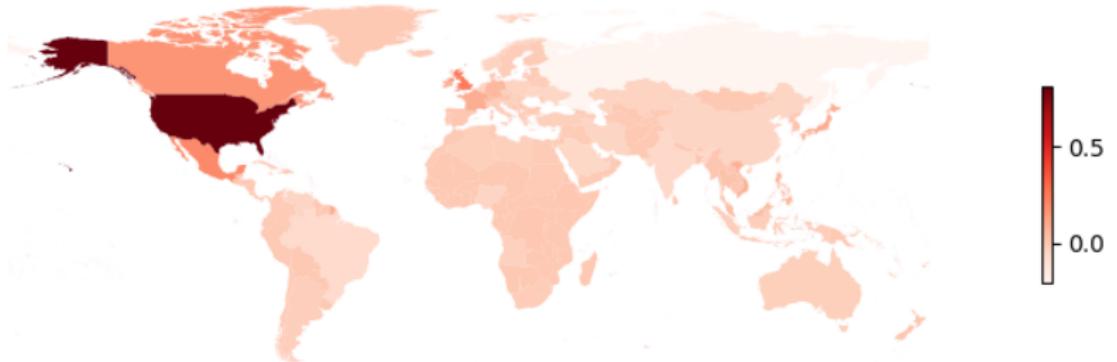
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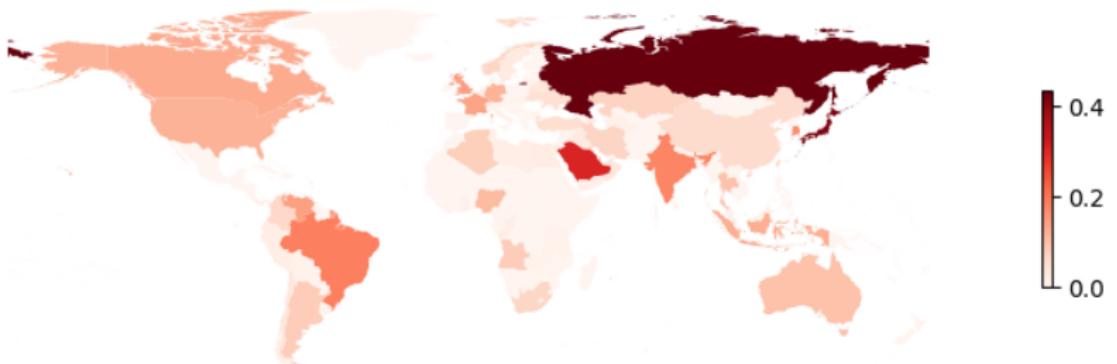
The **1st spatial mode** in the matrix  $W$ .



The **2nd spatial mode** in the matrix  $W$ .



The **3rd spatial mode** in the matrix  $W$ .

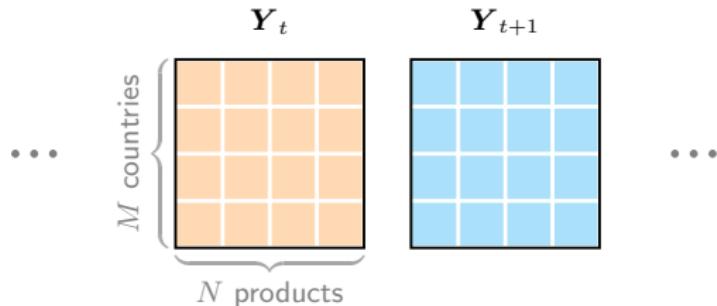


The **4th spatial mode** in the matrix  $W$ .

# International Trade

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- Three-dimensional trade (Economy, Product, Year)



- On spatiotemporal systems  $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N \times T}$ :

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{y}_{n,t+1} = \mathbf{A}_{n,t} \mathbf{y}_{n,t} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{n,t}}_{\text{time-varying \& product-varying}}$$

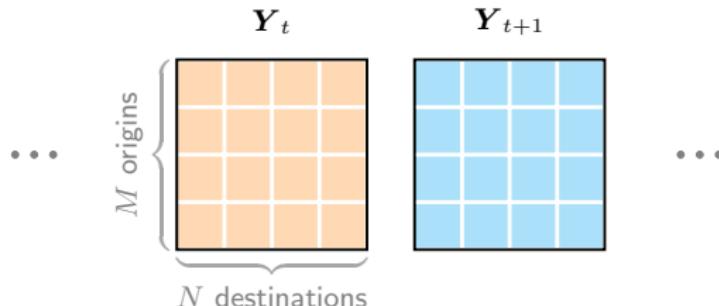
# Product Patterns

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- Product types: three main types & 17 sub-types

# Human Mobility

- Origin-Destination (OD) matrices



- On spatiotemporal systems  $\mathcal{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N \times T}$ :

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{y}_{n,t+1} = \mathbf{A}_{n,t} \mathbf{y}_{n,t} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{n,t}}_{\text{time-varying \& destination-varying}}$$

- Optimization problem of DATF:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in [N]} \sum_{t \in [T-1]} \left\| \mathbf{y}_{n,t+1} - (\mathcal{G} \times_1 \mathbf{W} \times_2 \mathbf{U} \times_3 \mathbf{V} \times_4 \mathbf{x}_t^\top) \mathbf{y}_{n,t} \right\|_2^2 \\ & \text{s.t. } \underbrace{\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}_R}_{\text{orthogonal origin modes}} \end{aligned}$$

# Human Mobility

## • Chicago taxi/ridesharing data

### Matching Taxi Trips with Community Areas

There are three basic steps to follow for processing taxi trip data:

- Download taxi trips in 2022 in the `.csv` format, e.g., `Taxi_Trips_-_2022.csv`.
- Use the `pandas` package in Python to process the raw trip data.
- Match trip pickup/dropoff locations with boundaries of the community area.

```
import pandas as pd
data = pd.read_csv('Taxi_Trips_-_2022.csv')
data.head()
```

For each taxi trip, one can select some important information:

- Trip Start Timestamp:** Time of the trip started, rounded to the nearest 15 minutes.
- Trip Seconds:** Time of the trip in seconds.
- Trip Miles:** Distance of the trip in miles.
- Pickup Community Area:** The Community Area where the trip began. This column will be blank for locations outside Chicago.
- Dropoff Community Area:** The Community Area where the trip ended. This column will be blank for locations outside Chicago.

```
# df['Trip Start Timestamp'] = data['Trip Start timestamp']
# df['Trip Seconds'] = data['Trip Seconds']
# df['Trip Miles'] = data['Trip Miles']
# df['Pickup Community Area'] = data['Pickup Community Area']
# df['Dropoff Community Area'] = data['Dropoff Community Area']
# df = data
df
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Figure 2 shows taxi pickup and dropoff trips (2022) on 77 community areas in the City of Chicago. Note that the average trip duration is 1207.75 seconds and the average trip distance is 8.16 miles.

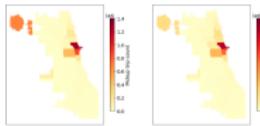


Figure 2. Taxi pickup and dropoff trips (2022) in the City of Chicago, USA. There are 4,763,961 remaining trips after the data processing.

For comparison, Figure 3 shows taxi pickup and dropoff trips (2019) on 77 community areas in the City of Chicago. Note that the average trip duration is 915.62 seconds and the average trip distance is 3.93 miles.

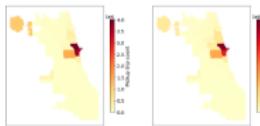


Figure 3. Taxi pickup and dropoff trips (2019) in the City of Chicago, USA. There are 12,484,572 remaining trips after the data processing. See the data processing codes.

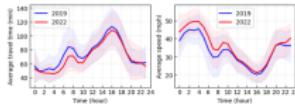


Figure 4. Average travel time and speed from area 32 (i.e., Downtown) to area 76 (i.e., Airport) in both 2019 and 2022.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(4, 2.5))
ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1)
# Average travel time in 2019
st = df.groupby(['Hour'])['Trip Seconds'].mean().values / 30
et = df.groupby(['Hour'])['Trip Seconds'].std().values / 30
plt.plot(st, color='blue', linewidth=1.0, label='2019')
upper = st + et
lower = st - et
x_bound = np.append(np.append(np.append(np.array([0, 0]), np.arange(0, 24)), np.array([-1, -1, -1])), np.arange(24, 25, -1))
y_bound = np.append(np.append(np.append(np.array([0, 0]), np.arange(0, 24)), np.array([-1, -1, -1])), np.arange(24, 25, -1))
plt.fill(y_bound, x_bound, value=0.1, alpha=0.5)

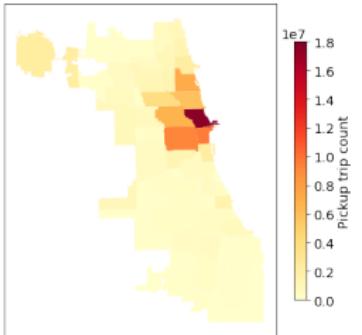
# Average travel time in 2022
st = df2.groupby(['Hour'])['Trip Seconds'].mean().values / 30
et = df2.groupby(['Hour'])['Trip Seconds'].std().values / 30
plt.plot(st, color='red', linewidth=1.0, label='2022')
upper = st + et
lower = st - et
```

Source: <https://spatiotemporal-data.github.io/Chicago-mobility/taxi-data>

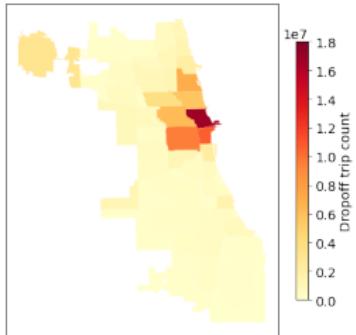
# Human Mobility

- Ridesharing: 96,642,881 trips in 2019 vs. 57,290,954 trips in 2022

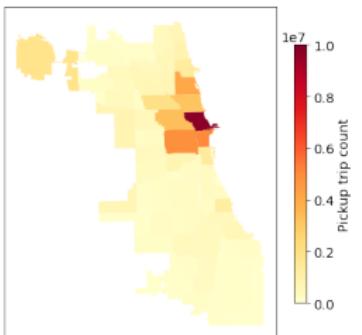
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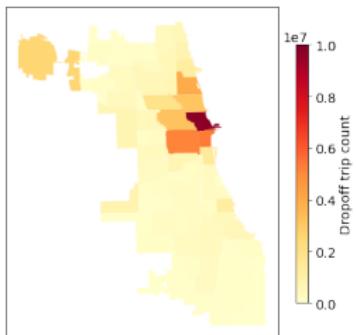
Dropoff trips (2019)



Pickup trips (2022)



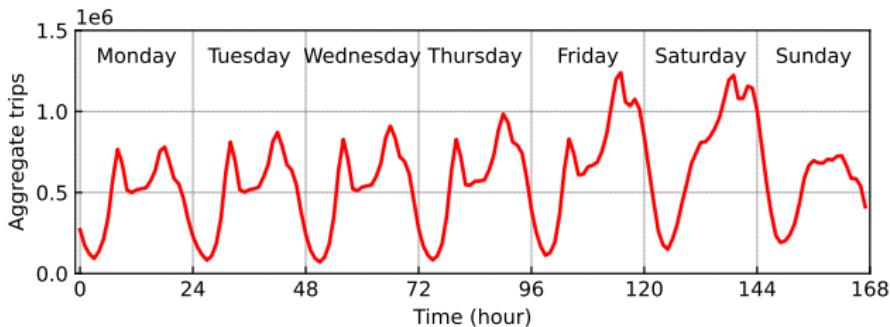
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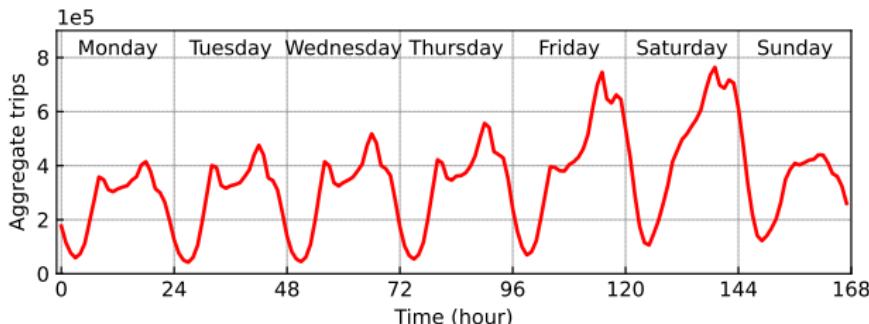
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Pickup trips aggregated over 52 weeks in 2019

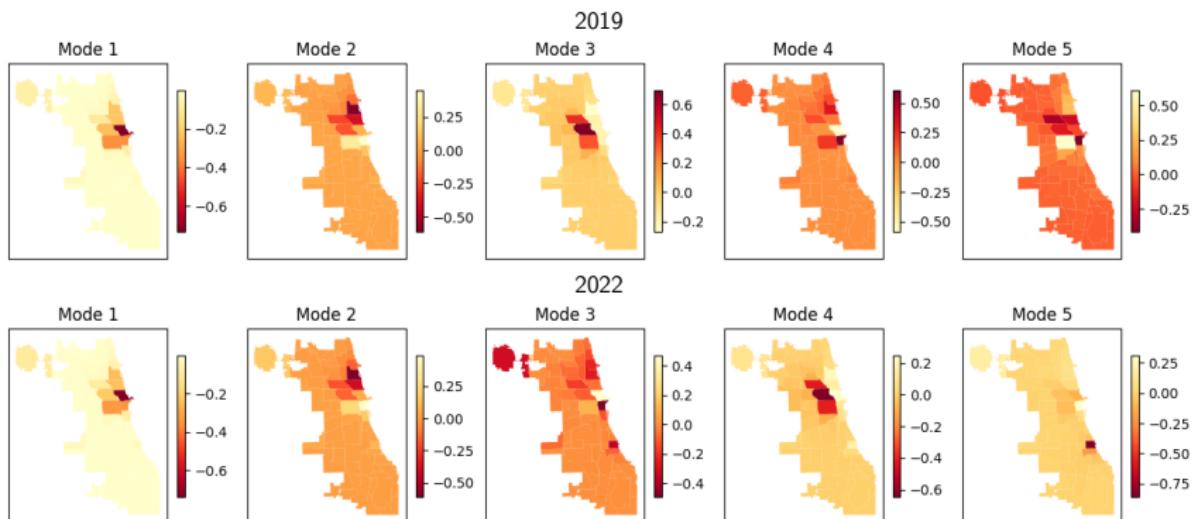


Pickup trips aggregated over 52 weeks in 2022



# Human Mobility

- Ridesharing trip data:  $77 \text{ origins} \times 77 \text{ destinations} \times 168 \text{ hours}$
- Our model Identifies the changes in pickup zones before and after COVID-19



## Application to M3S

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Main tasks:

- Pre-process the urban datasets (e.g., Veraset) in Singapore<sup>9</sup>
- Define the scientific questions in the project
- Formulate the problems with machine learning
- Analyze the results and their impacts

Current ideas: Discovering dynamics of urban human activity with dynamic autoregressive tensor factorization

- (On 2D activity data) Uncover spatial modes/patterns (e.g., POI patterns)
- (On 3D mobility data) Uncover temporal modes/patterns (e.g., long-term changing behavior impacted by special events and policy)

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<sup>9</sup> <https://spatiotemporal-data.github.io/trajectory/veraset/>

## Brainstorming: Put Some New Ideas

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**Basic assumption:** time-varying systems, information compression;

**Applications:** pattern discovery, anomaly detection (in high frequency), and prediction

**Data-driven urban planning:**

- Shift of land-use in the past decades (hope to see the land-use patterns that evolve over time)
  - gradually changed over time
  - a kind of random process
  - involve causal factors (evaluate the inference capability)
- Connect the long-term mobility change (e.g., multiple travel modes) with land-use in the framework (which is not only the autoregression, may need a causal inference framework)

**Future urban systems** (should not only stay with basic concepts and use cases!):

- Rethink the electric vehicle charging stations from the land-use perspective against fuel stations
- How to characterize the relationship between mobility transition and sustainability

## Brainstorming: Put Some New Ideas

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### People's career trajectory:

- Introduce abstract notion spaces (e.g., work type, time resolution) for detecting long-term changes in individual career
- dimensions such as (people, education stage)

### International trade:

- How to represent (import, export) networks?
- How to discover spatial patterns from three-dimensional or even higher-dimensional trade data, e.g., on dimensions (country/region, product type, year)?
- Reference: The building blocks of economic complexity (Hidalgo & Hausmann'09 at PNAS)



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# Thanks for your attention!

Any Questions?

Slides: [https://xinychen.github.io/slides/temporal\\_modeling.pdf](https://xinychen.github.io/slides/temporal_modeling.pdf)

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