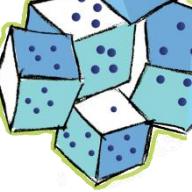




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# Generalized Tensor Decompositions for Non-Normal Data

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Joint work with David Hong (Michigan), Jed Duersch (SNL)

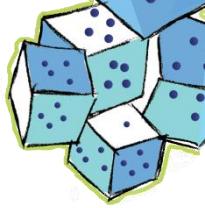
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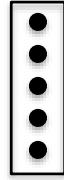


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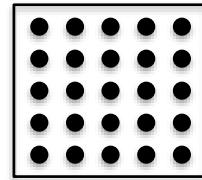


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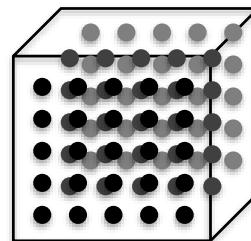
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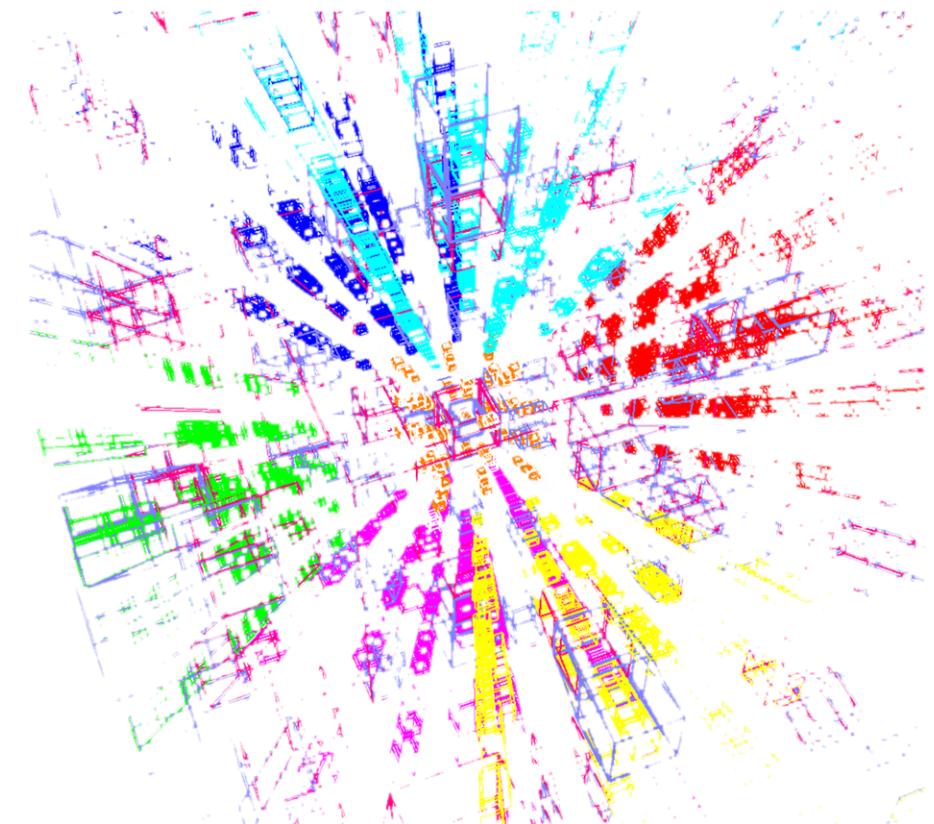
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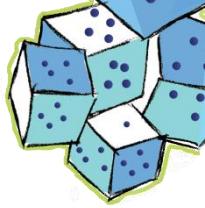


3<sup>rd</sup>-order Tensor  
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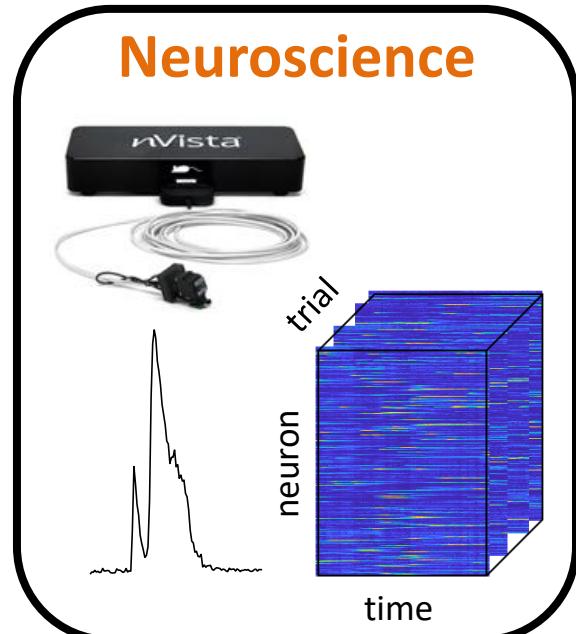
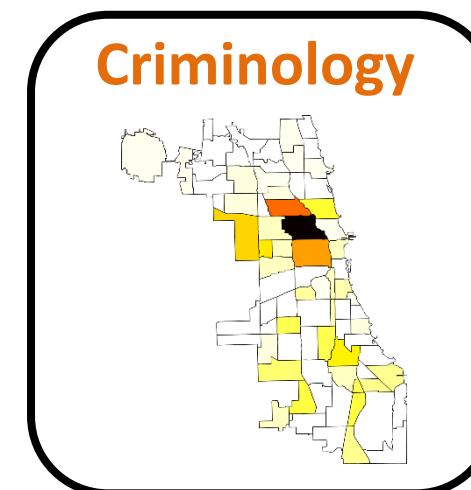
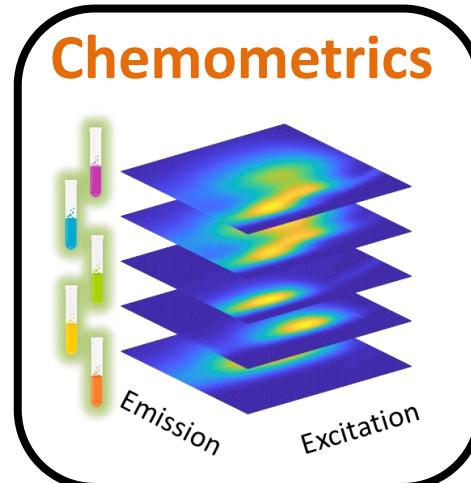
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# Tensors Come From Many Applications

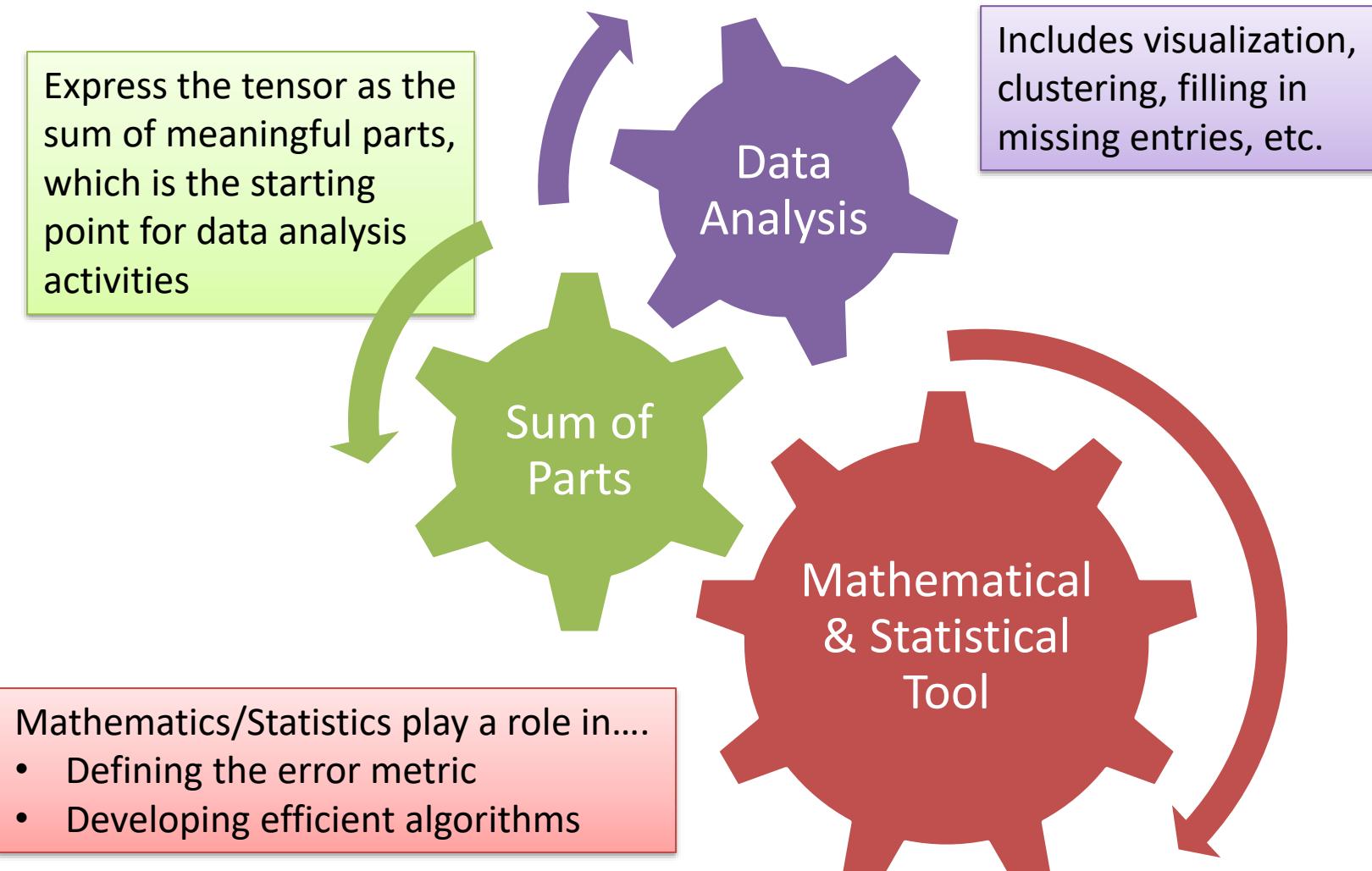
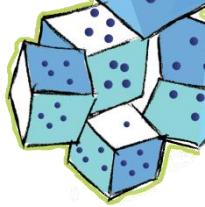
- **Chemometrics:** Emission x Excitation x Samples (Fluorescence Spectroscopy)
- **Neuroscience:** Neuron x Time x Trial (Calcium Imaging)
- **Criminology:** Day x Hour x Location x Crime (Chicago Crime Reports)
- **Medicine:** Channel x Wavelength x Time (EEG measurements)
- **Sports:** Player x Statistic x Season
- **Cyber-Traffic:** IP x IP x Port x Time
- **Social Network:** Person x Person x Time x Interaction-Type



# Tensor Decomposition: A Mathematical & Statistical Tool for Analysis of Tensor Data

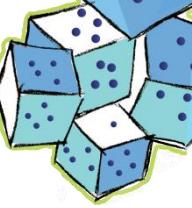


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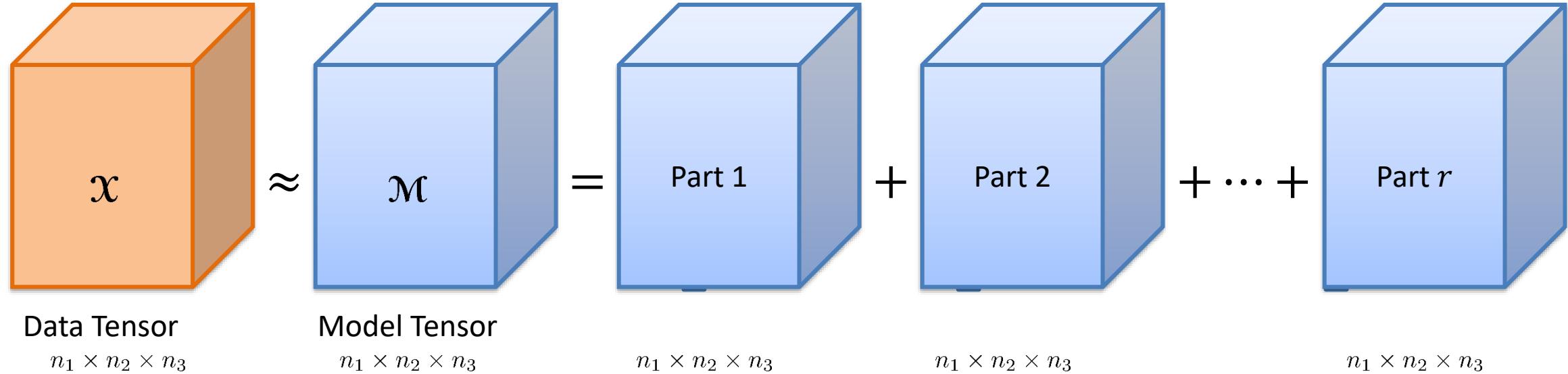


## Related Concepts for Matrices

- Singular value decomposition (SVD)
- Principal component analysis (PCA)
- Independent component analysis (ICA)
- Nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF)
- Sparse matrix factorization
- Matrix completion



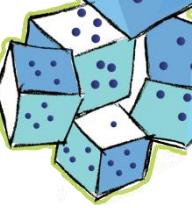
# Break Tensor into Understandable Parts...



Key: The parts have structure!



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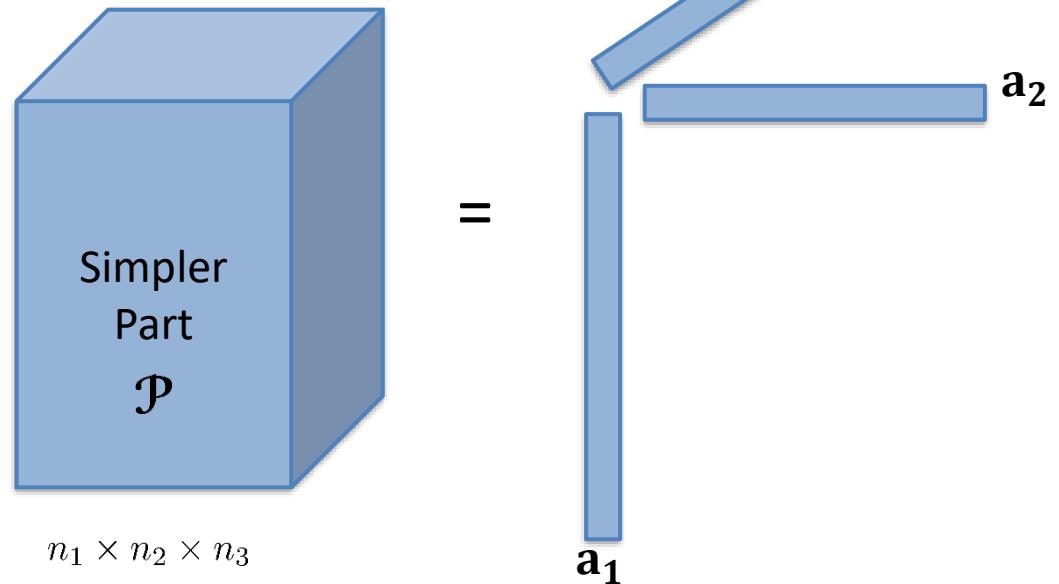
# Rank-1 Tensors are the “Parts”

Given ***d*** vectors:

$$\mathbf{a}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k} \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, d$$

The **outer product** is

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathbf{a}_1 \circ \mathbf{a}_2 \cdots \circ \mathbf{a}_d \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \cdots \times n_d}$$

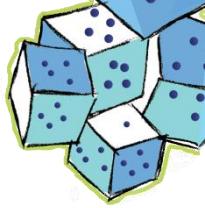


$$\mathcal{P}(i_1, i_2, i_3) = \mathbf{a}_1(i_1) \mathbf{a}_2(i_2) \mathbf{a}_3(i_3)$$

# CANDECOMP/PARAFAC (CP) Tensor Factorization Uncovers the Rank-1 Parts

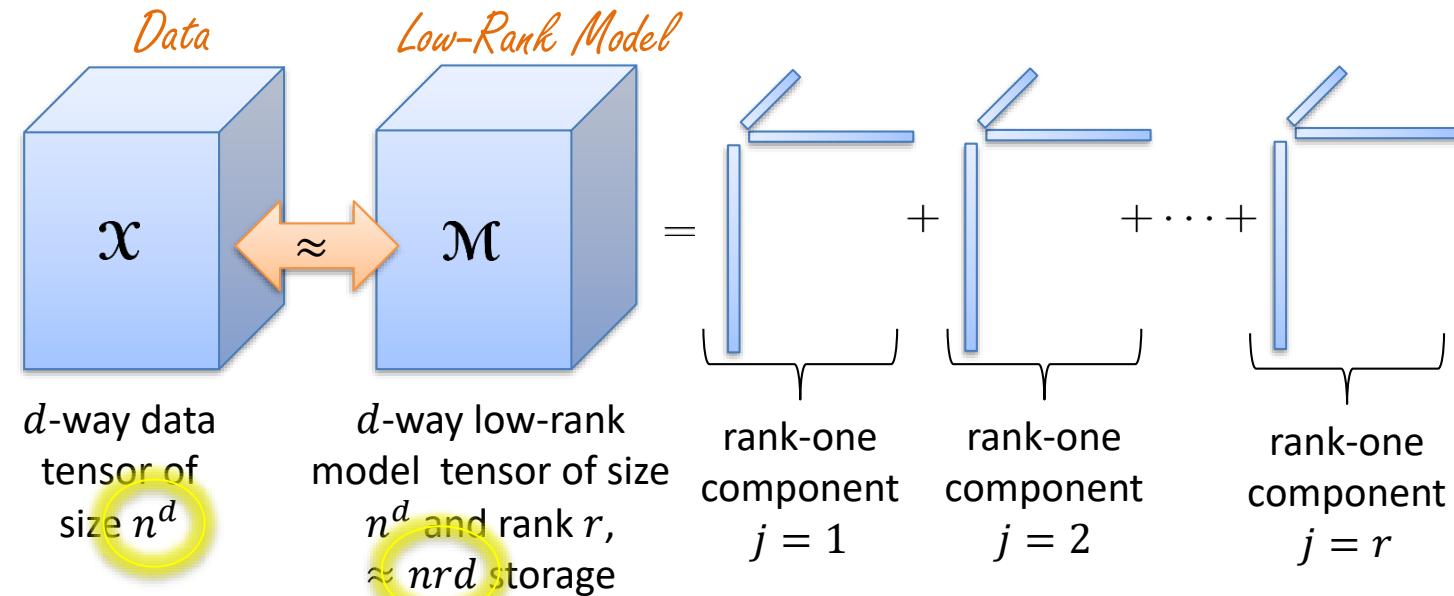


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Images are three-way ( $d = 3$ ), but assume all tensors are of size  $n_1 \times n_2 \times \cdots \times n_d$

WLOG,  $n = n_1 = \cdots = n_d$



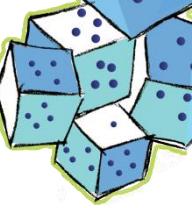
$$\mathcal{X} \approx \mathcal{M} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{M} = \sum_{j=1}^r \mathbf{A}_1(:, j) \circ \mathbf{A}_2(:, j) \circ \cdots \circ \mathbf{A}_d(:, j)$$

Factor Matrices ↑

$$\text{Low-rank: } \text{rank}(\mathcal{M}) \leq r \ll n^d$$

$$\text{Factor matrices: } \mathbf{A}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times r} \text{ for } k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$$

Hitchcock, 1927; Carroll and Chang, 1970; Harshman, 1970



# CP first invented in 1927



Frank Lauren Hitchcock  
MIT Professor  
(1875–1957)

## THE EXPRESSION OF A TENSOR OR A POLYADIC AS A SUM OF PRODUCTS

By FRANK L. HITCHCOCK

### 1. Addition and Multiplication.

Tensors are *added* by adding corresponding components. The *product* of a covariant tensor  $A_{i_1 \dots i_p}$  of order  $p$  into a covariant tensor  $B_{i_{p+1} \dots i_{p+q}}$  of order  $q$  is defined by writing

$$A_{i_1 \dots i_p} B_{i_{p+1} \dots i_{p+q}} = C_{i_1 \dots i_{p+q}} \quad (1)$$

where the product  $C_{i_1 \dots i_{p+q}}$  is a covariant tensor of order  $p+q$ . When no confusion results indices may be omitted giving

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{C} \quad (1_a)$$

equivalent to the  $n^{p+q}$  equations (1). Boldface type is convenient for indicating that the letters do not denote merely numbers or scalars. Products of contravariant and of mixed tensors may be similarly defined.

A partial statement of the problem to be considered is as follows: to find under what conditions a given tensor can be expressed as a sum of products of assigned form. A more general statement of the problem will be given below.

### 2. Polyadic form of a tensor.

Any covariant tensor  $A_{i_1 \dots i_p}$  can be expressed as the sum of a finite number of tensors each of which is the product of  $p$  covariant vectors,

$$A_{i_1 \dots i_p} = \sum_{j=1}^{j=h} a_{1j}, i_1 a_{2j}, i_2 \cdots a_{pj}, i_p \quad (2)$$

where  $a_{1j}, i_1$ , etc., are a set of  $hp$  covariant vectors. When the indices  $i_1 \dots i_p$  can be omitted this may be written

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_{j=1}^{j=h} \mathbf{a}_{1j} \mathbf{a}_{2j} \cdots \mathbf{a}_{pj}. \quad (2_a)$$

The right member is now identical in appearance with a Gibbs

F. L. Hitchcock, *The Expression of a Tensor or a Polyadic as a Sum of Products*, Journal of Mathematics and Physics, 1927

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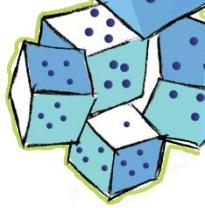
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# CP Independently Reinvented (twice) in 1970

## CANDECOMP: Canonical Decomposition

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ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN MULTIDIMENSIONAL SCALING VIA AN N-WAY GENERALIZATION OF "ECKART-YOUNG" DECOMPOSITION

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An individual differences model for multidimensional scaling is outlined in which individuals are assumed differentially to weight the several dimensions of a common "psychological space". A corresponding method of analyzing similarities data is proposed, involving a generalisation of "Eckart-Young analysis" to decomposition of three-way (or higher-way) tables. In the present case the decomposition is applied to a derived three-way table of scalar products between stimuli for individuals. This analysis yields a stimulus by dimensions coordinate matrix and a subjects by dimensions matrix of weights. This method is illustrated with data on auditory stimuli and on perception of nations.

There has been an interest for some time in the question of dealing with individual differences among subjects in making similarity judgments on which a multidimensional scaling of stimuli is to be based. Kruskal [1968] and McGee [1968] have both incorporated different ways of dealing with individual differences into their scaling procedures. Tucker and Messick [1963] proposed an approach, which they called "Points of view analysis," which is probably the most widely used method for dealing with such individual differences. In this method, intercorrelations are first computed between subjects (based on their similarity judgments) and the resulting correlation matrix is factor analyzed to produce a subject space. One then looks for clusters of subjects in this subject space, and if such clusters are found, proceeds in one way or another to define "idealized" subjects corresponding to clusters. (The "idealized subject" for a given cluster may be defined, for example, by finding the pattern of similarity judgments corresponding to a hypothetical subject at the cluster centroid, by choosing the actual subject closest to that centroid, or, most simply, by averaging the similarity judgments for subjects in the given cluster.) The similarities for these "idealized subjects" are then, individually and independently, subjected to multidimensional scaling.

This approach has been criticized by a number of people, most recently by Ross [1966] (see Cliff, 1968, for a reply to Ross's criticism and a further discussion of the "idealized individuals" interpretation of "Points of view

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Bell Labs                      Bell Labs  
(1939-2011)                 (1927-2007)



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Univ. Ontario  
(1943-2008)

## CP: CANDECOMP/PARAFAC

In 2000, Henk Kiers proposed this *compromise* name

## CP: Canonical Polyadic

2010: Pierre Comon, Lieven DeLathauwer, and others reverse-engineered CP, revising some of Hitchcock's terminology

## PARAFAC: Parallel Factors

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FOUNDATIONS OF THE PARAFAC PROCEDURE: MODELS AND CONDITIONS  
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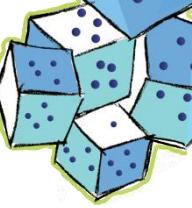
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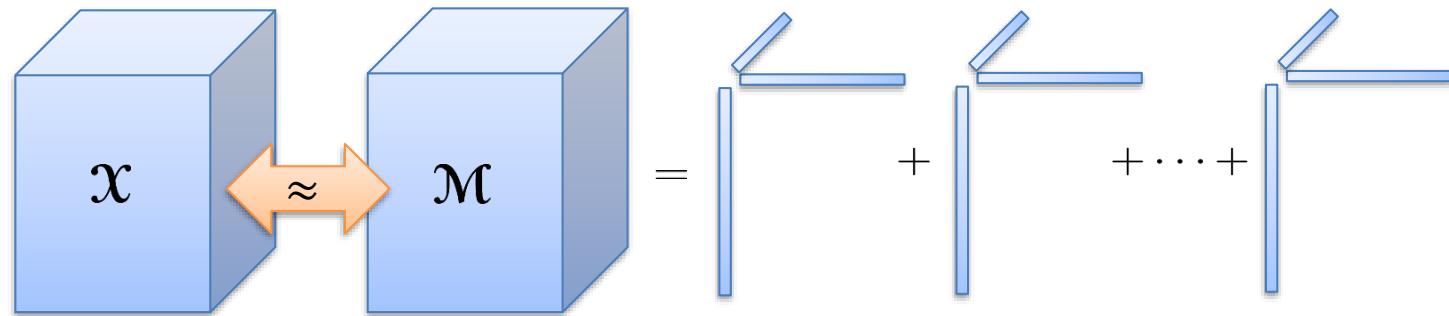
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# Standard CP: Sum of Squares Error (SSE)



Standard CP

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & F(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M}) \equiv \sum_{i \in \Omega} (x_i - m_i)^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \text{rank}(\mathcal{M}) \leq r \end{aligned}$$

Shorthand for element of data tensor:

$$x_i \equiv x(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d)$$

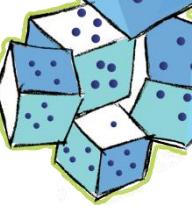
Element of model low-rank tensor:

$$m_i \equiv \sum_{j=1}^r \prod_{k=1}^d \mathbf{A}_k(i_k, j)$$

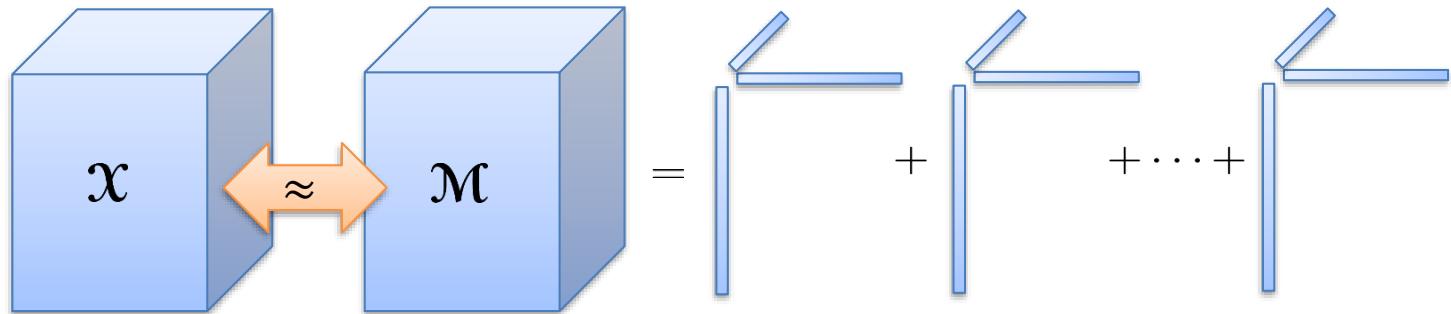
(defined in terms of factor matrices)

$\Omega$  = set of all  $n^d$  elements in tensor

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# Generalized CP (GCP)



GCP

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & F(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M}) \equiv \sum_{i \in \Omega} f(x_i, m_i) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \text{rank}(\mathcal{M}) \leq r \end{aligned}$$

Why?

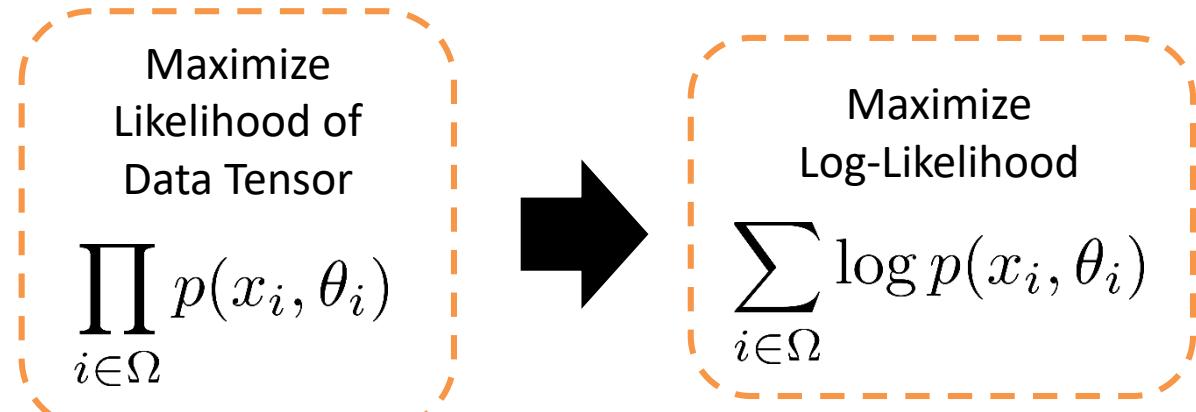
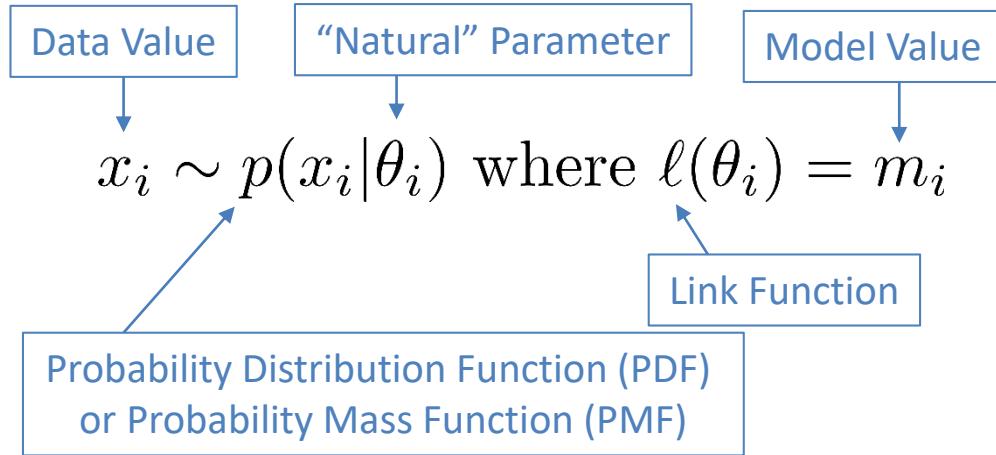
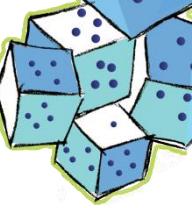
- SSE: maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) for Gaussian distribution

$$x_i = m_i + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma)$$

$$x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(m_i, \sigma)$$

- Different MLEs for different distributions
  - Poisson (counts)
  - Bernoulli (binary)

# Probability Distribution $\Rightarrow$ Maximum Likelihood Estimator



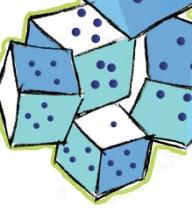
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Given PDF/PMF  $p(x|\theta)$  and link function  $\ell(\theta)$ , GCP MLE by minimizing

$$f(x, m) = -\log p(x, \ell^{-1}(m))$$

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# Gaussian MLE (Standard CP)

PDF for Normal Distribution

$$p(x | \mu, \sigma) = \frac{e^{-(x-\mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}$$

and

Link Function

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \mu \\ \sigma &\text{ constant} \end{aligned}$$

Negative log-likelihood:

$$-\log p(x | \mu, \sigma) = \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)$$

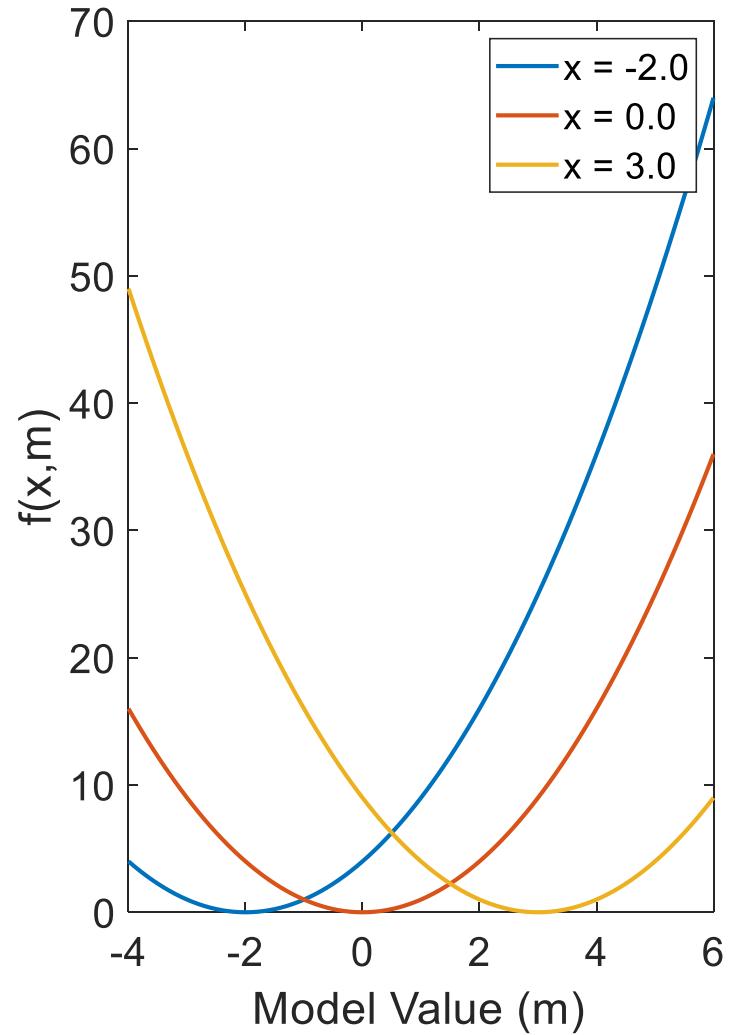
Eliminate natural parameter  
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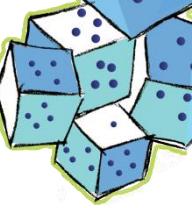
$$f(x, m) = \frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)$$

Eliminate constants:

$$f(x, m) = (x - m)^2$$

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# Bernoulli MLE with Odds Link (Binary Data)



Bernoulli random variable

$$x \in \{0,1\}$$

$\rho$  = probability of a 1

$$p(x | \rho) = \rho^x (1 - \rho)^{(1-x)}, \quad x \in \{0, 1\}$$

Odds  
Link

$$\ell(\rho) = \rho / (1 - \rho)$$

$$\ell^{-1}(m) = m / (1 + m)$$

Odds ( $m$ )	Probability ( $\rho$ )
$\frac{1}{4}$	20%
1	50%
4	80%
10	90%

PMF for Bernoulli Distribution

$$p(x | \rho) = \rho^x (1 - \rho)^{(1-x)} \\ x \in \{0, 1\}$$

and

Link Function

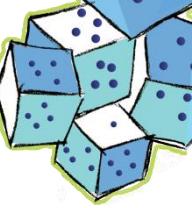
$$m = \frac{\rho}{(1 - \rho)}$$

Negative log-likelihood:

$$-\log p(x | \rho) = \log \frac{1}{1 - \rho} - x \log \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho}$$

Eliminate natural parameter  
via link function:

$$f(x, m) = \log(1 + m) - x \log m \quad \text{for } m > 0$$



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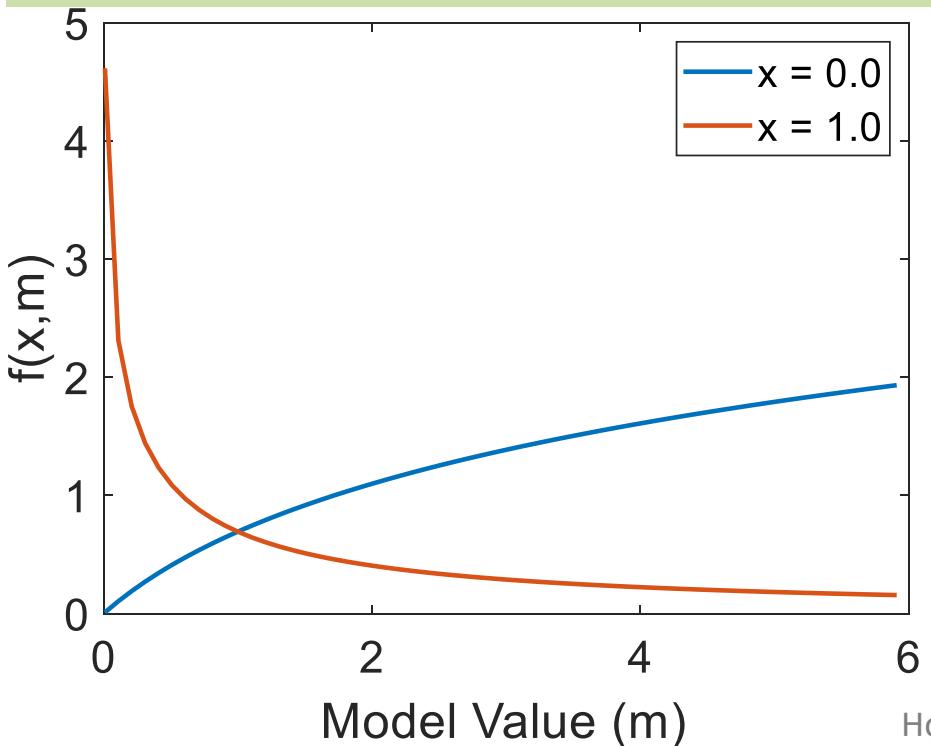


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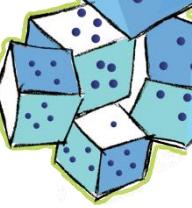
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Logit  
(Log-Odds)  
Link

$$\ell(\rho) = \log(\rho / (1 - \rho))$$

$$\ell^{-1}(m) = e^m / (1 + e^m)$$

Log-Odds( $m$ )	Probability ( $\rho$ )
-1.39	20%
0	50%
1.39	80%
2.30	90%

PMF for Bernoulli Distribution

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and

Link Function

$$m = \log \frac{\rho}{(1-\rho)}$$

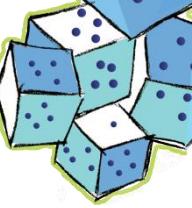
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$$f(x, m) = \log(1 + e^m) - xm \quad \text{for } m \in \mathbb{R}$$

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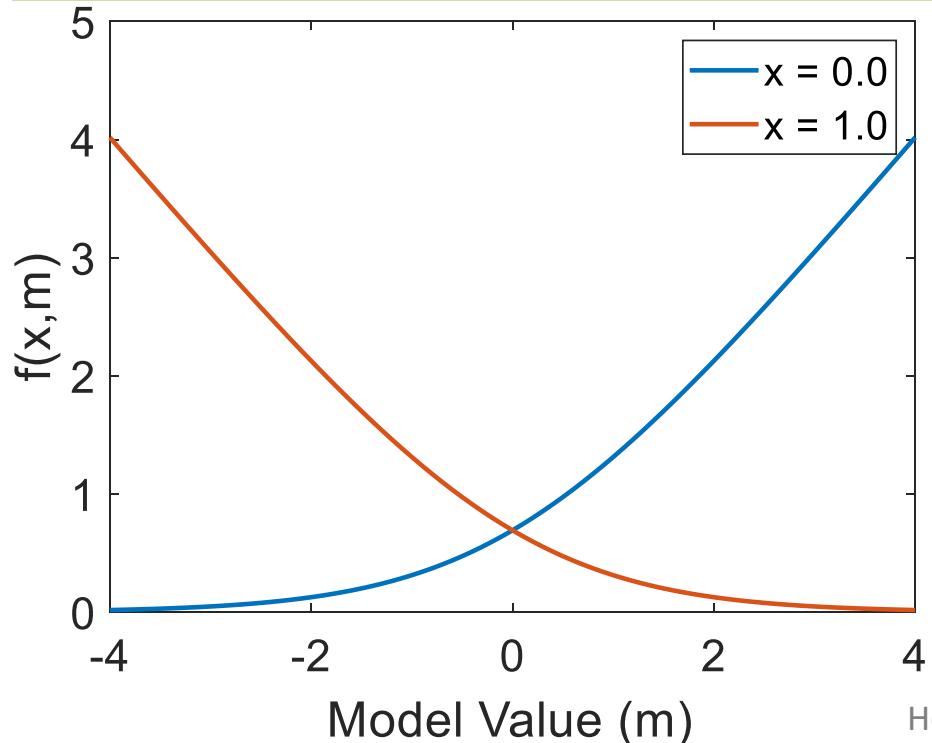


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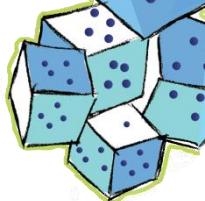
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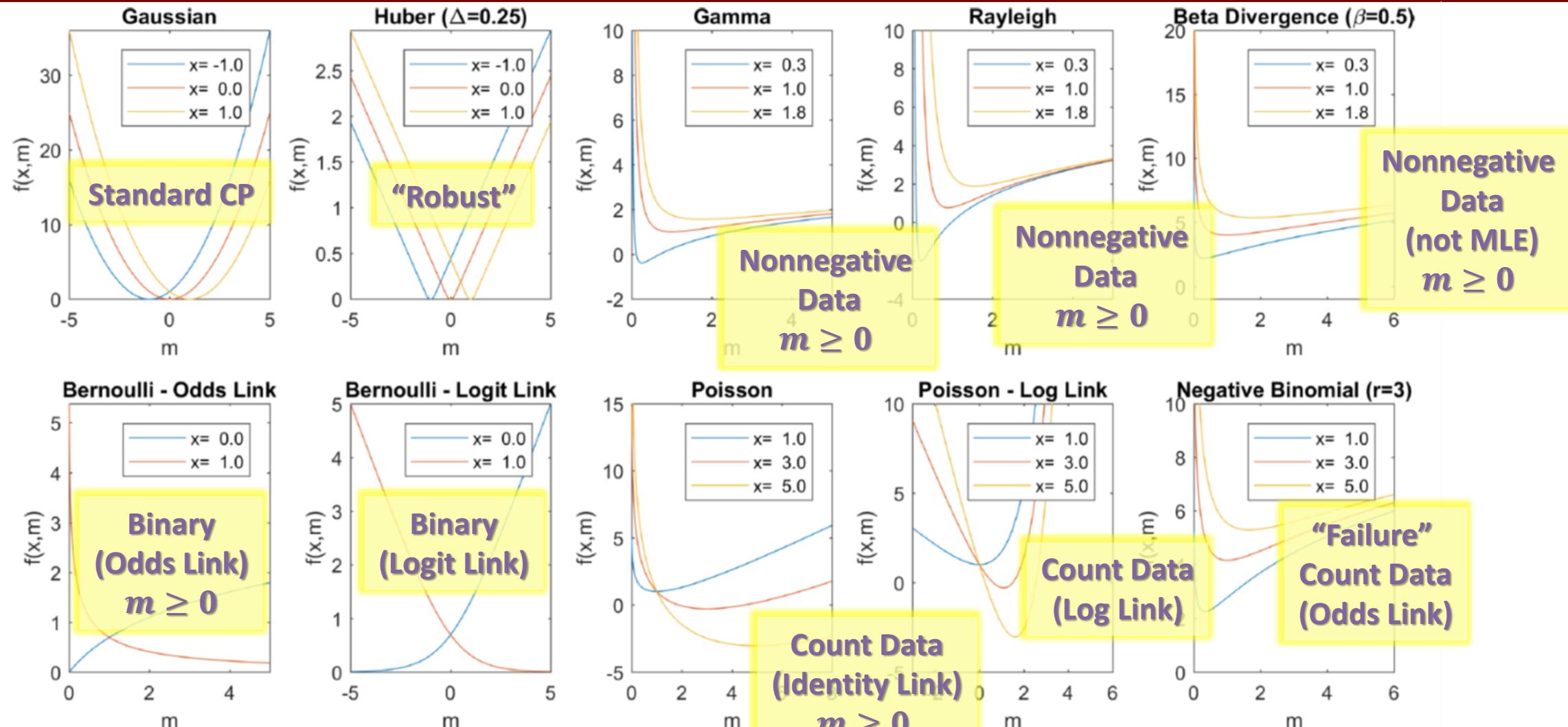
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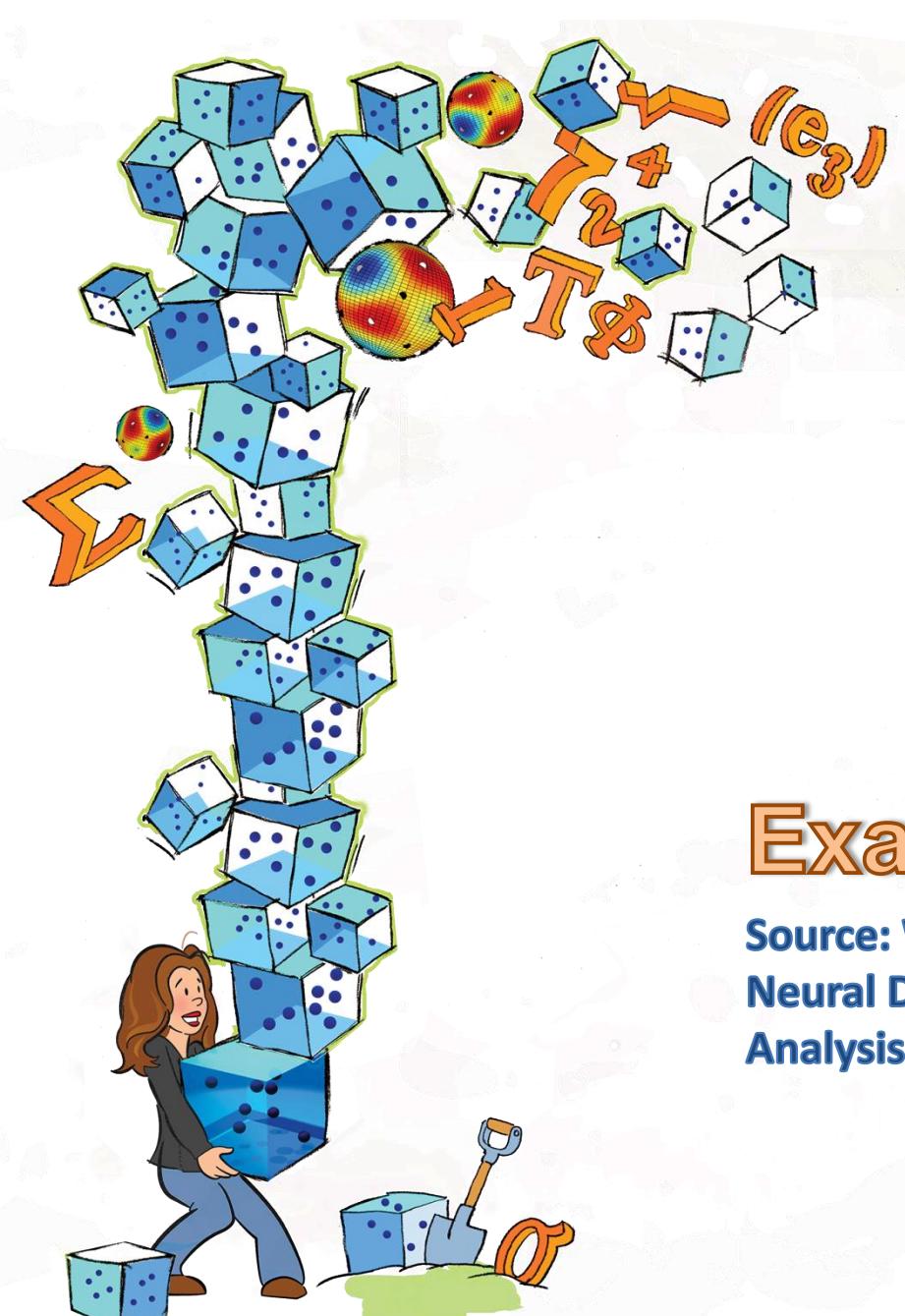
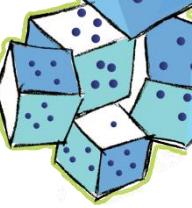
# Sampling of Loss Functions



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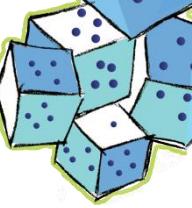
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## Example Tensor from Neuroscience

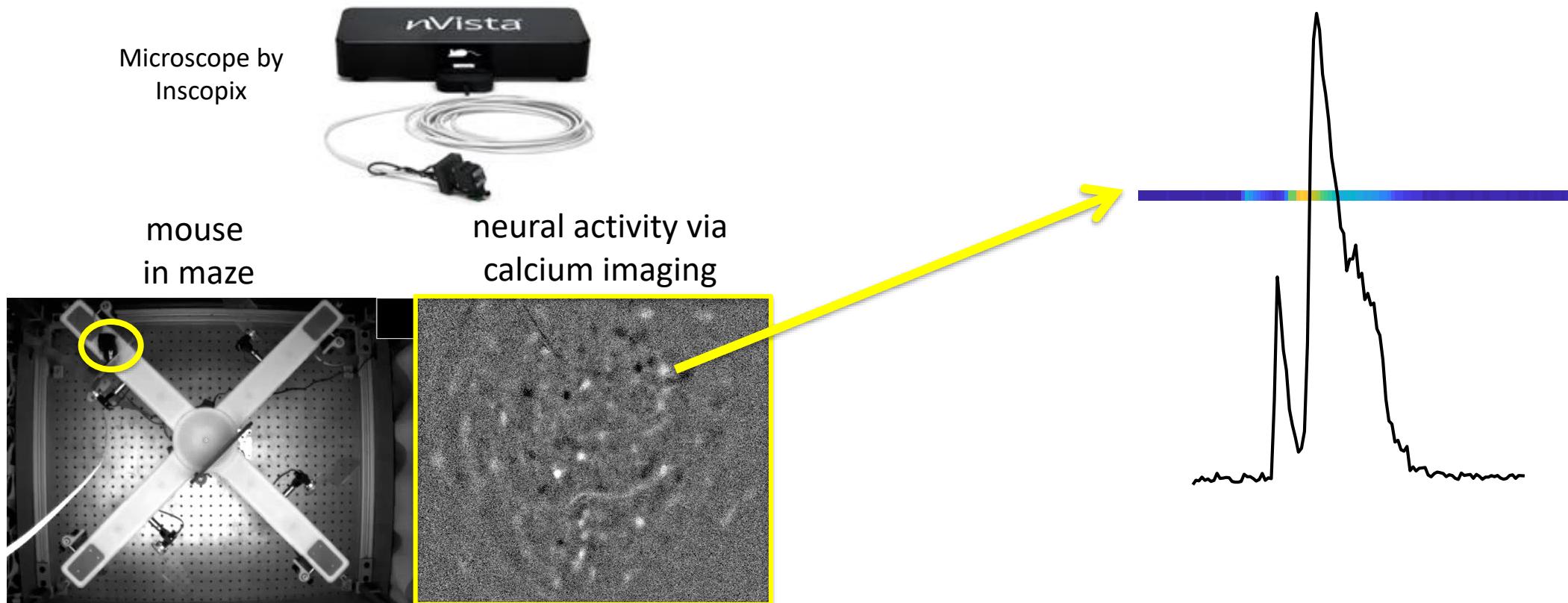
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# Activity of Single Neuron Measured Over Time Produces Vector Data



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111 time bins

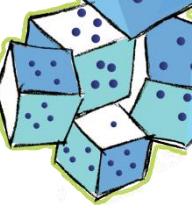


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# Multiple Neurons Measured Over Time Produces Matrix



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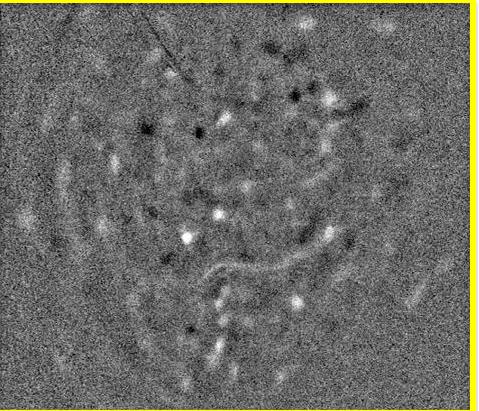
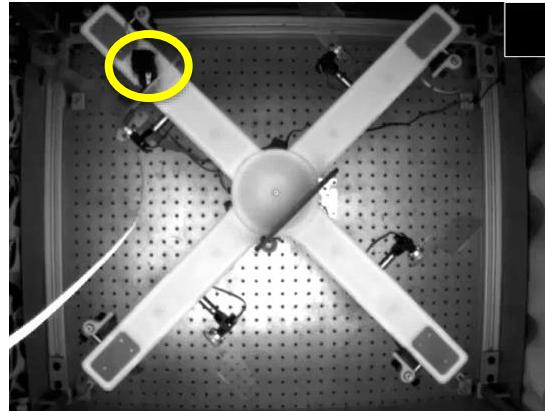


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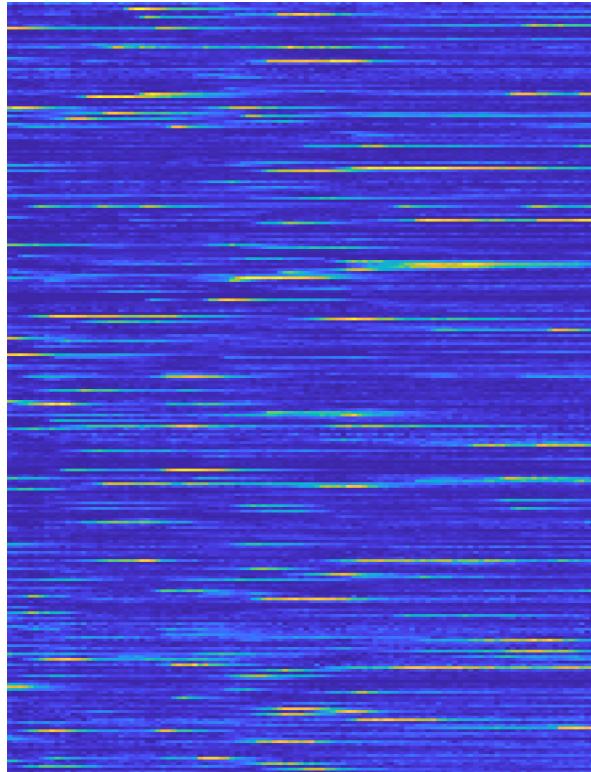
mouse  
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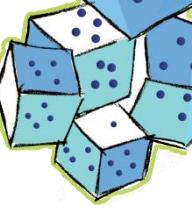
neural activity



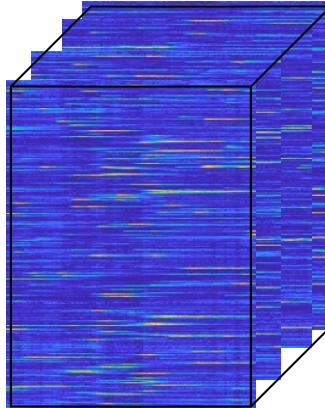
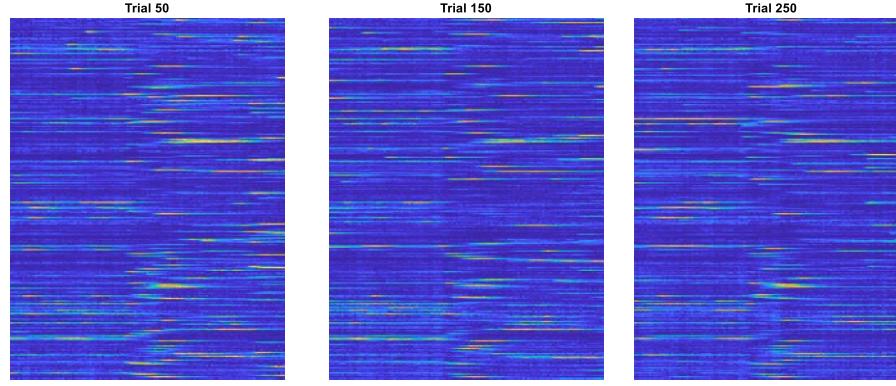
282 neurons  $\times$  111 time bins



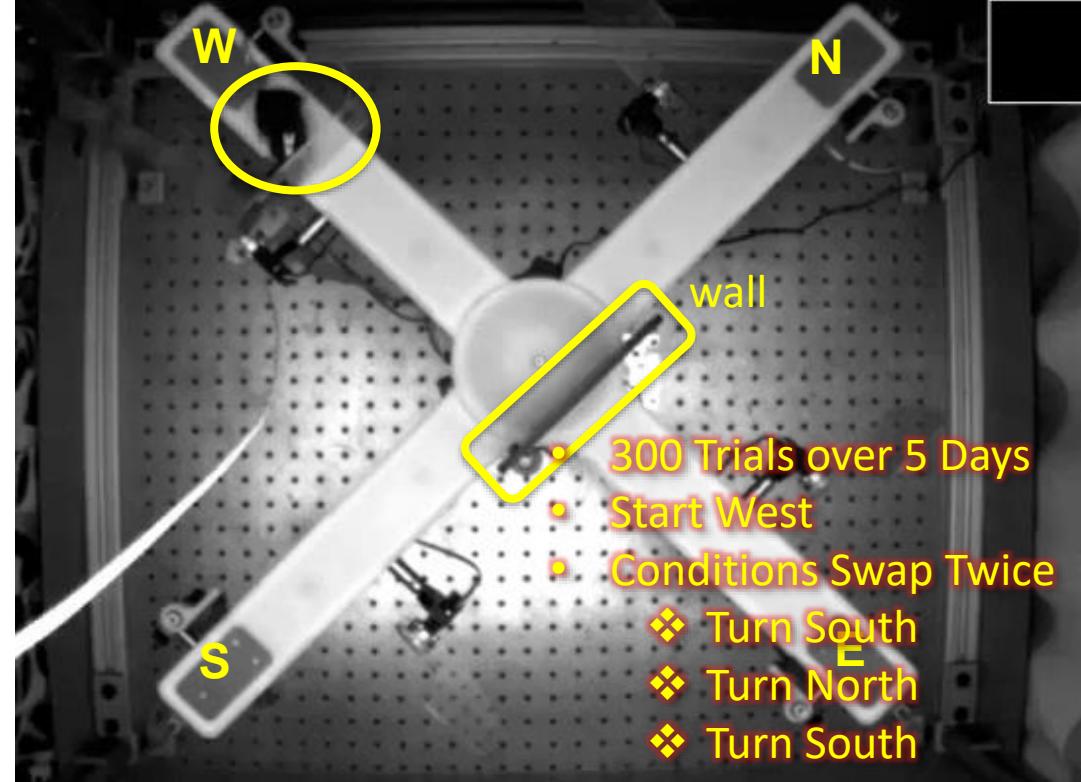
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# Multiple Trials Produces 3-way Tensor



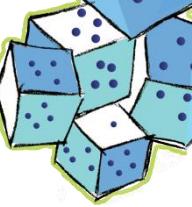
$282 \text{ neurons} \times 111 \text{ time bins} \times 300 \text{ trials}$



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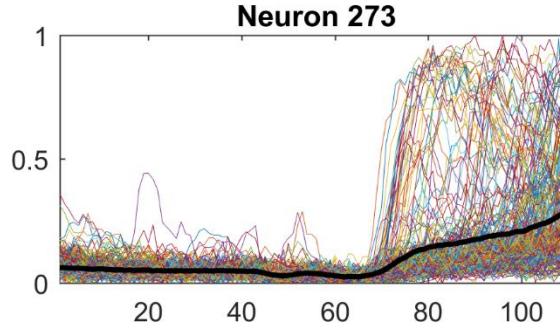
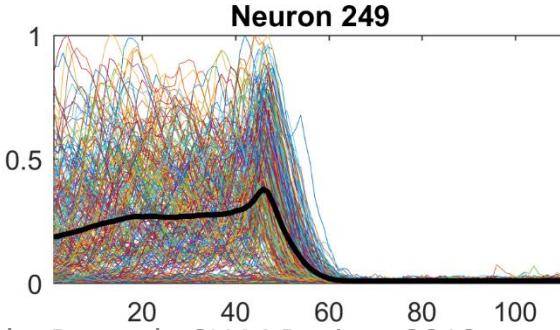
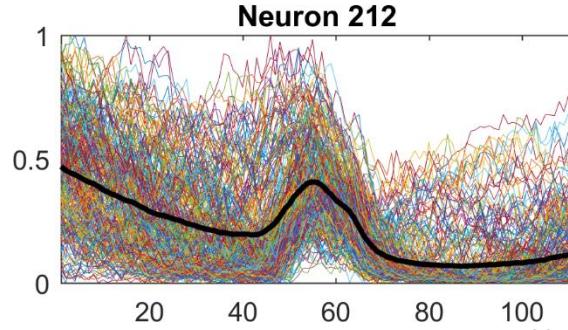
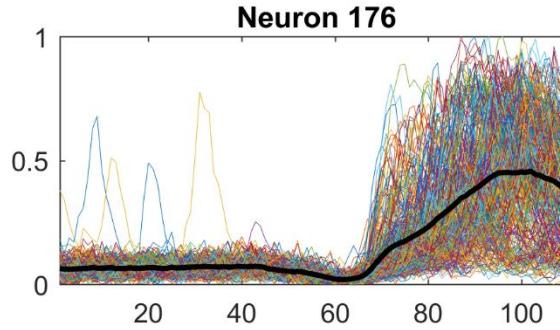
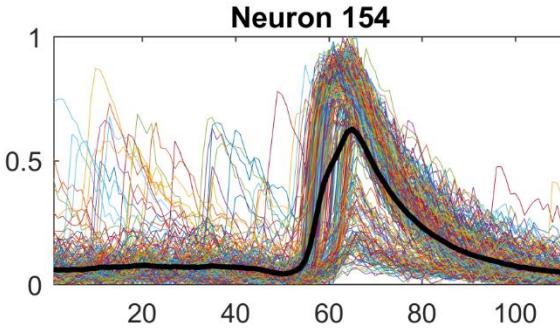
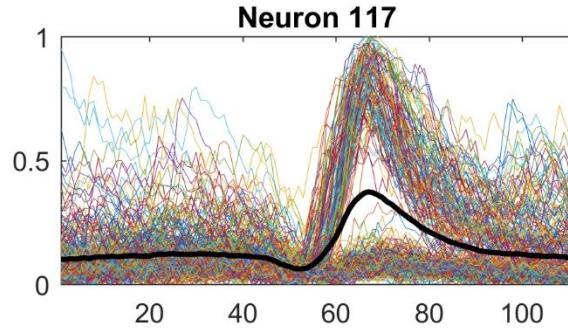
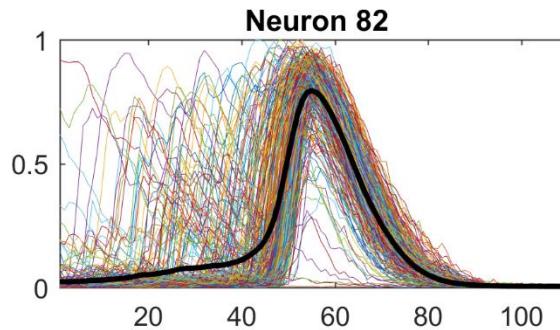
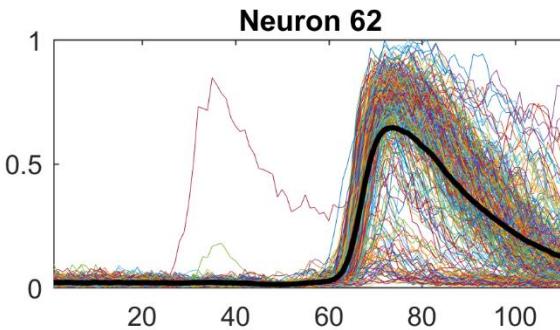
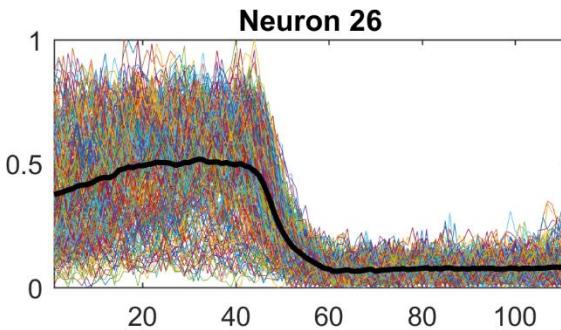
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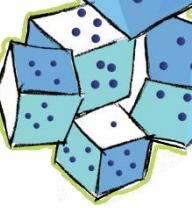
# Example Neuron Activity

Thin lines  
show 300  
individual  
trials

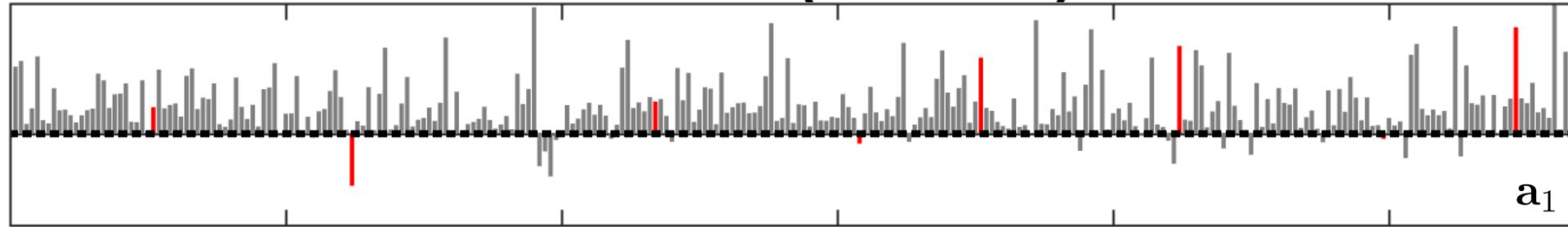
Thick line is  
average



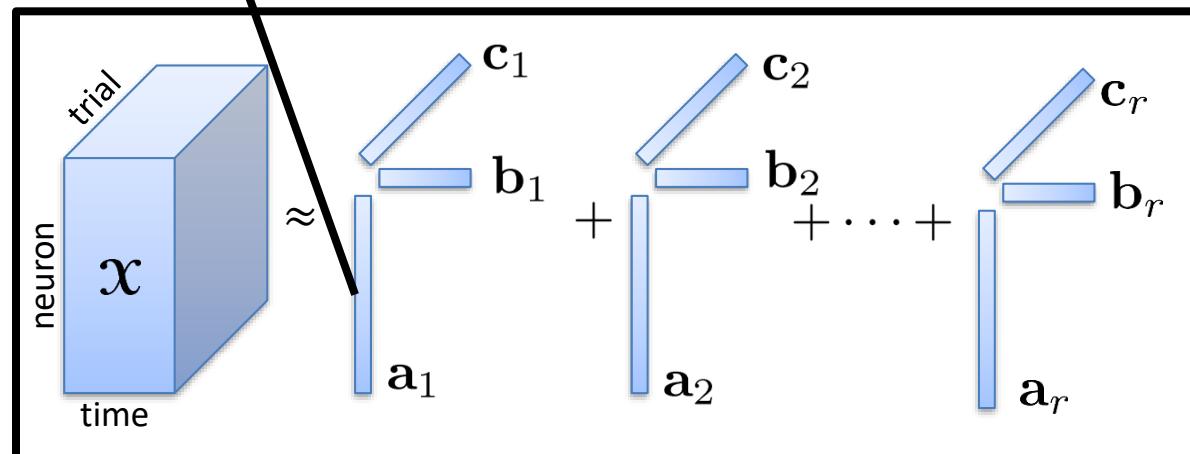
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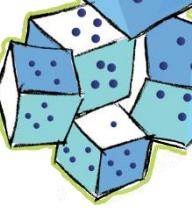
# Neuron Factor Vector Visualized as Bar Chart



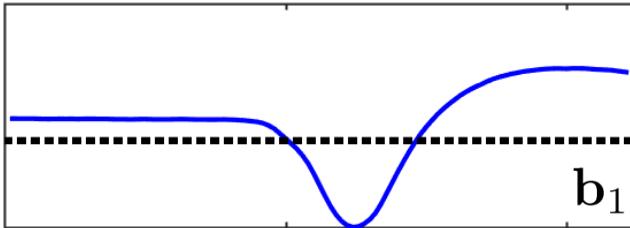
Neuron Modes Plotted as a Bar Chart  
(Red Lines Correspond to Examples in Previous Slide)



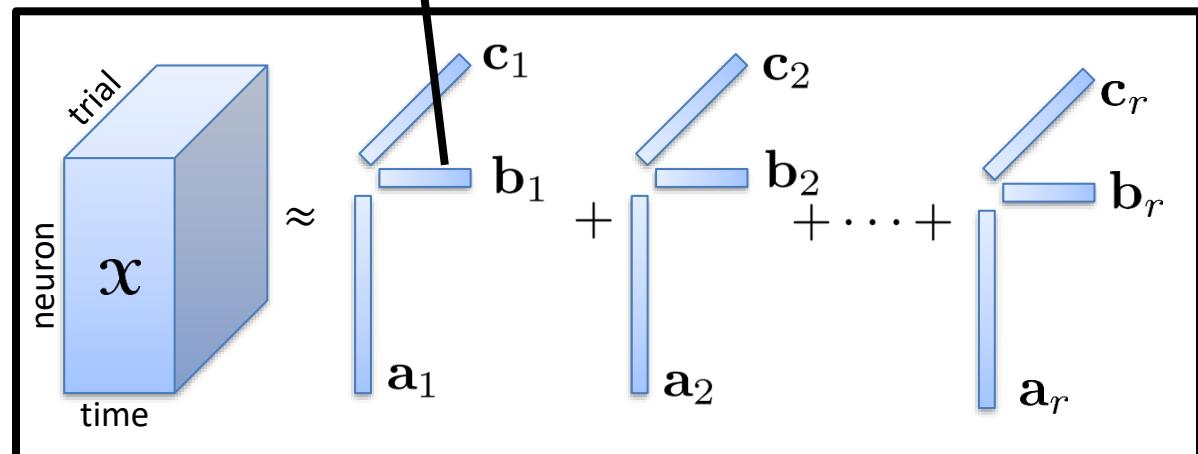
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# Time Factor Vector Visualized as Line

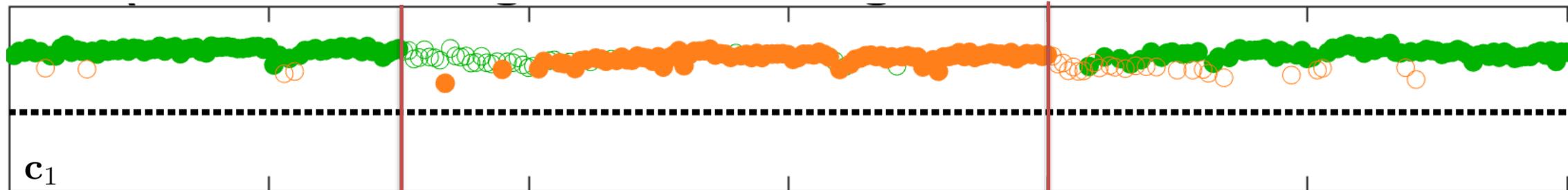
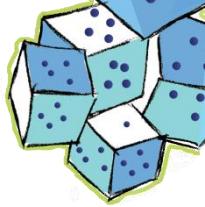


Time (within trial) Plotted as a Line  
(Dashed Line is Zero)

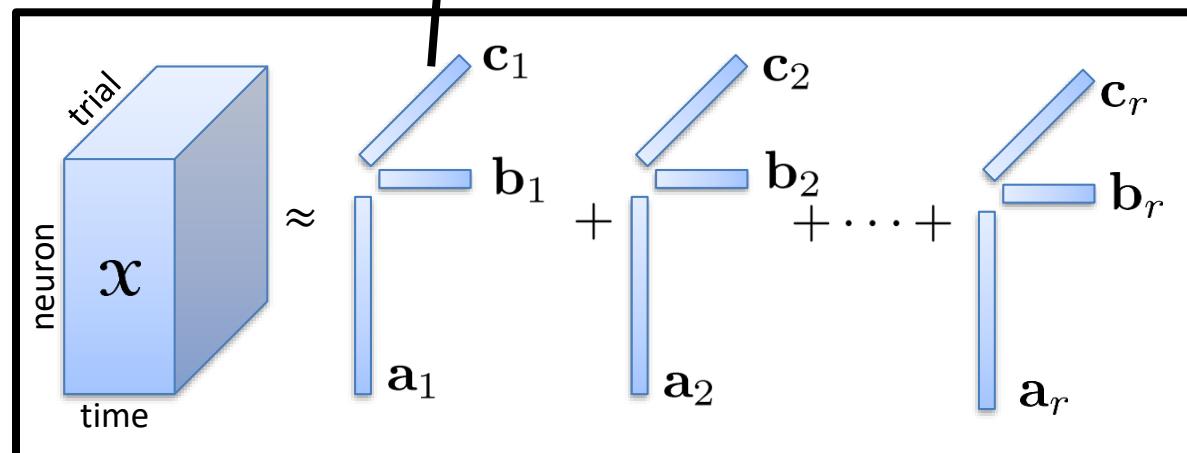


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# Trial Factor Vector Visualized as Color-Coded Scatter Plot



Rule Change  
Trial Plotted as Scatter Graph  
Right turn = Green  
Left turn = Orange  
Filled = Reward

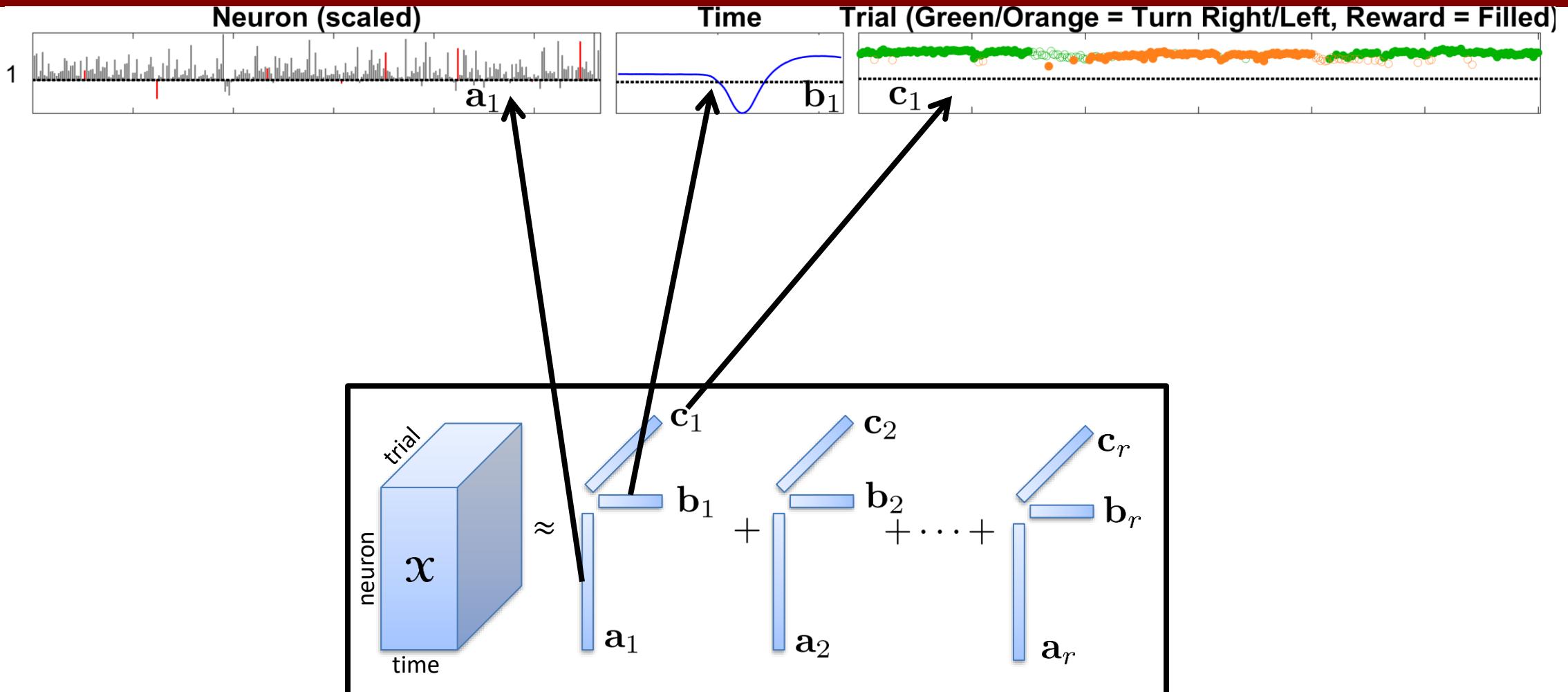
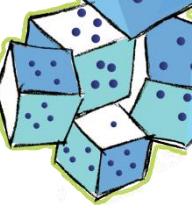


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# Visualization of CP Tensor Decomposition Shows the Factors (Vectors)



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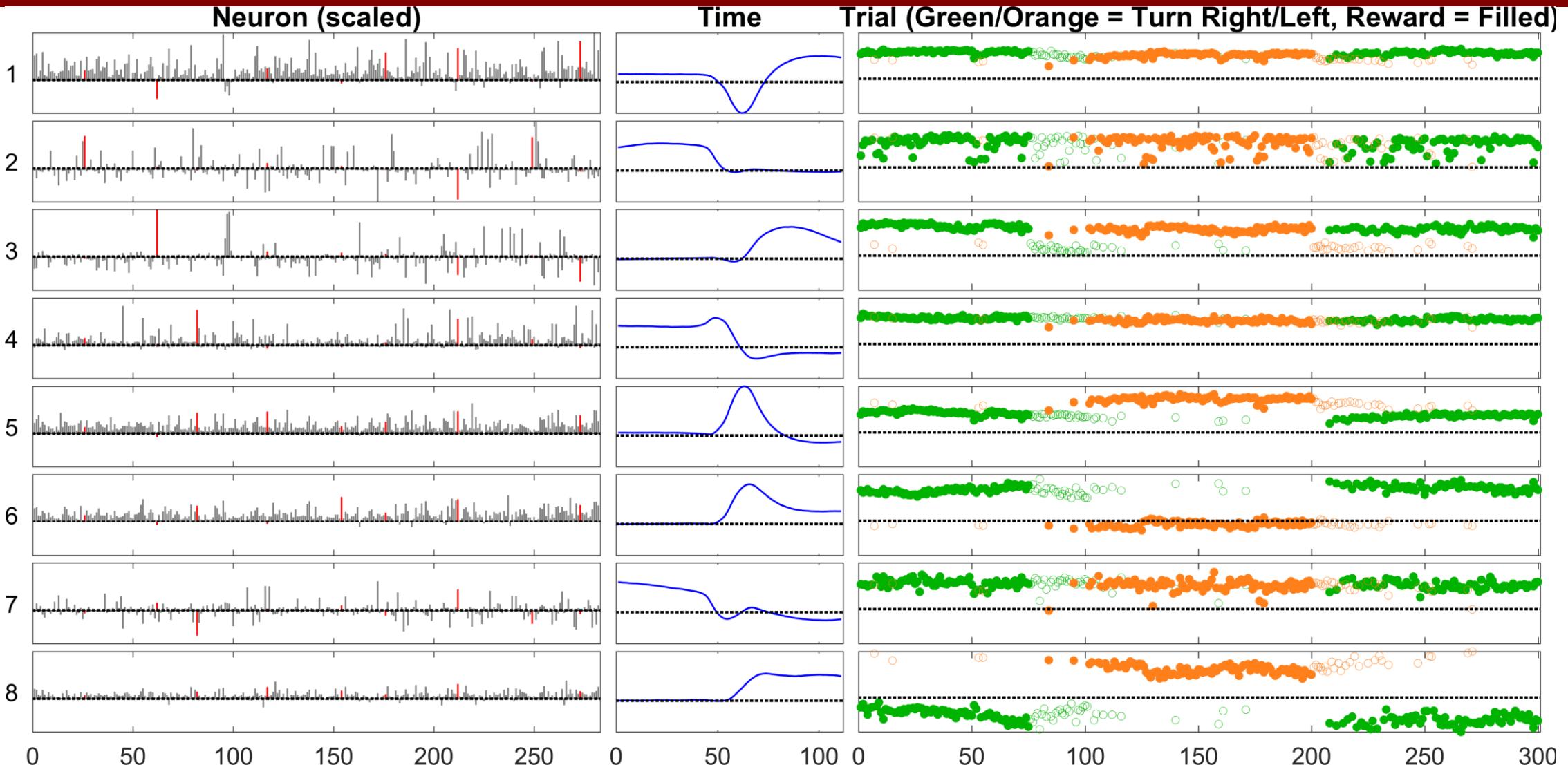
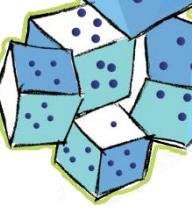


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# “Standard” CP Decomposition of Mouse Data, aka Gaussian ( $f(x, m) = (x - m)^2$ )

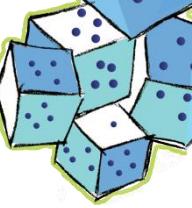


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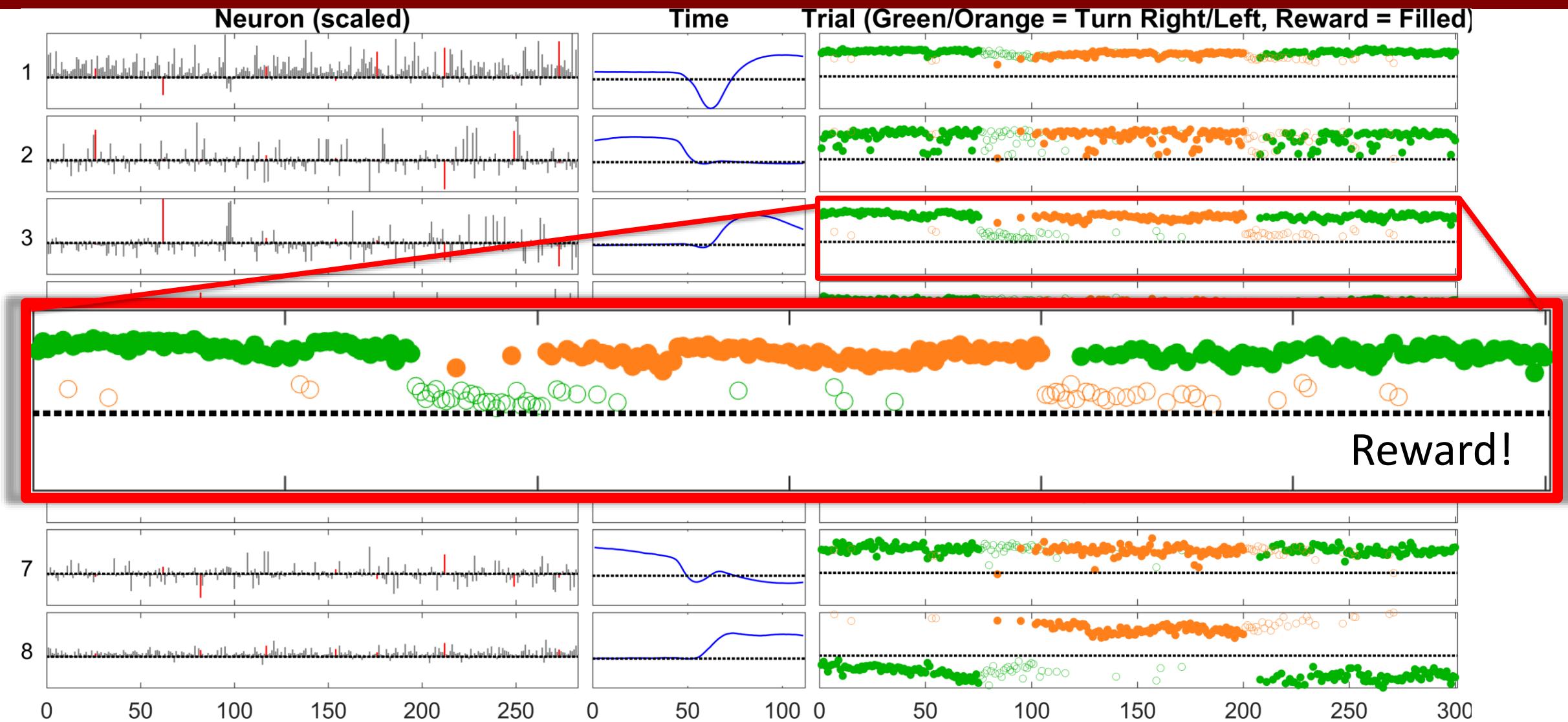




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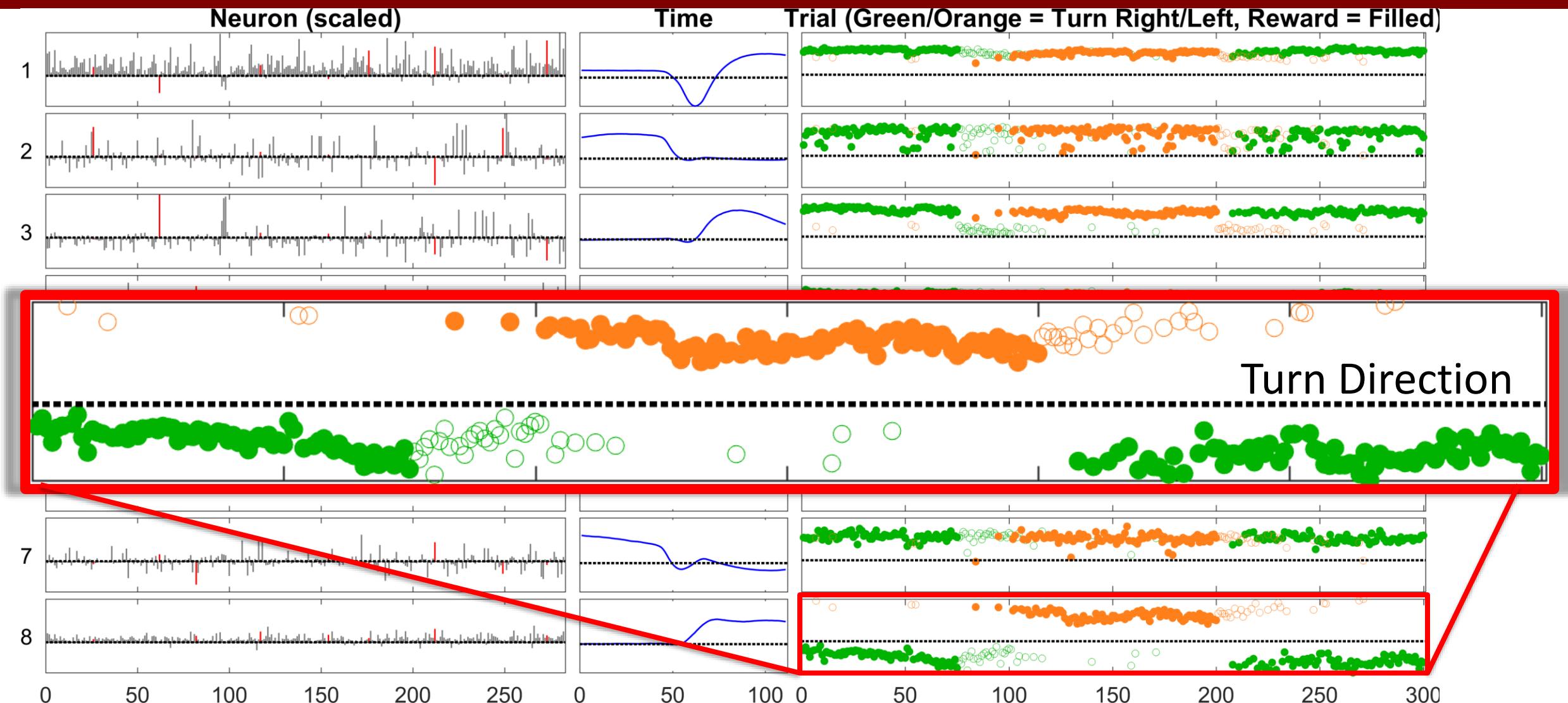
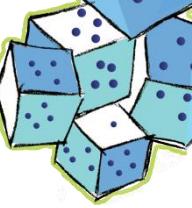
# CP Tensor Decomposition “Sees” Reward



# CP Tensor Decomposition “Sees” Turn Direction



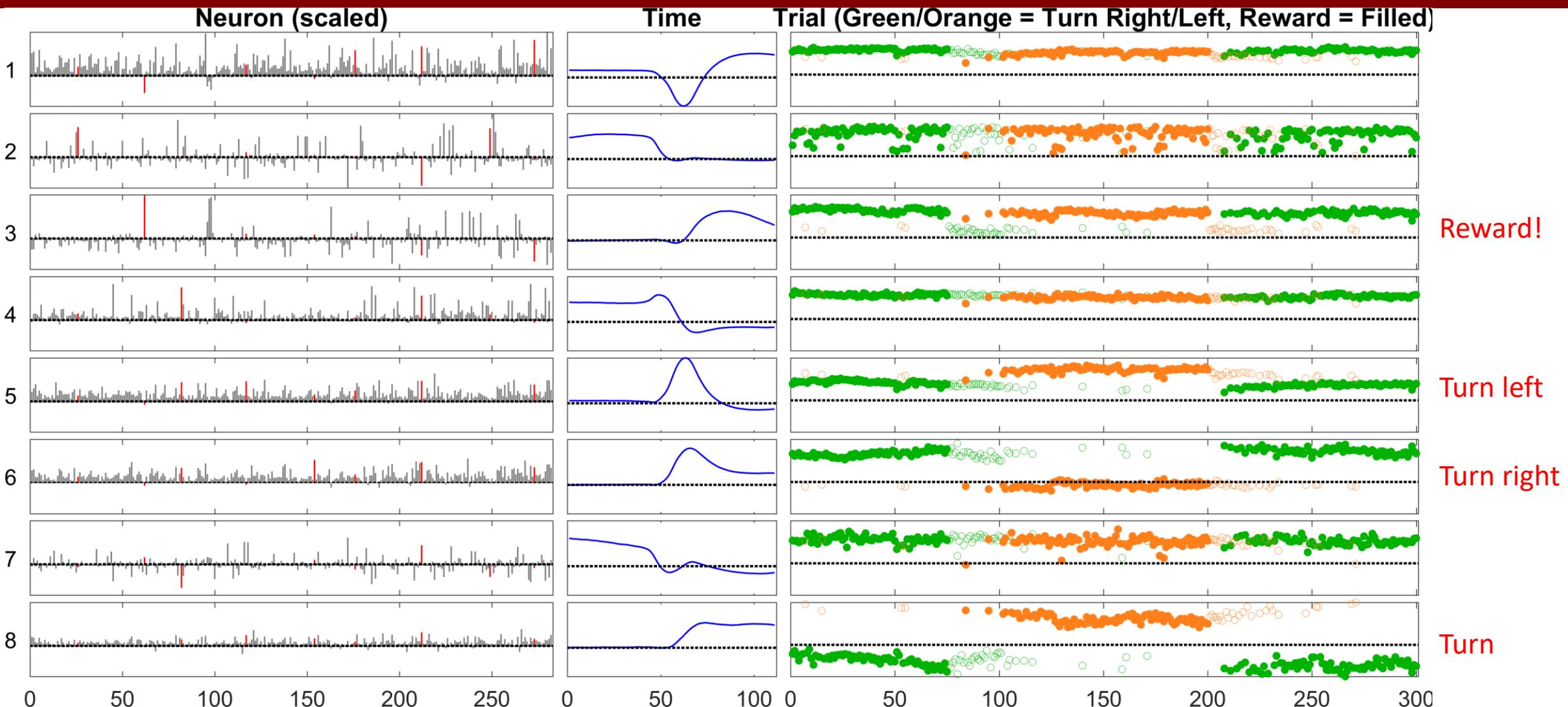
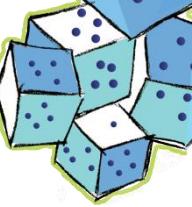
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# CP Tensor Decomposition Can be Tough to Interpret due to Negative Entries

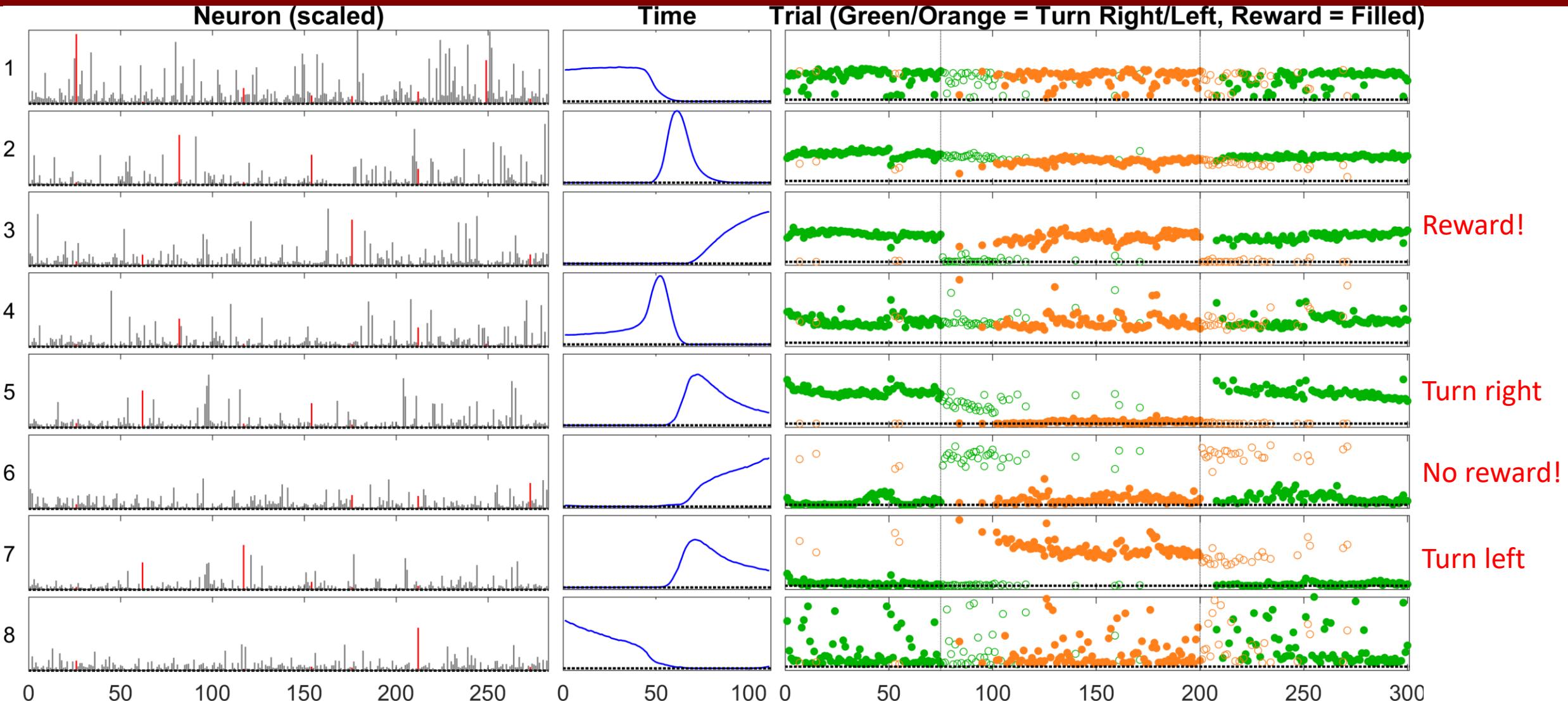
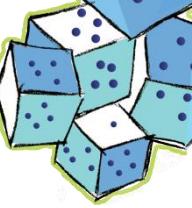


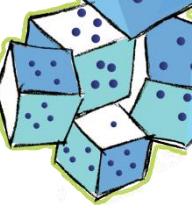
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# GCP Decomposition with Beta Divergence

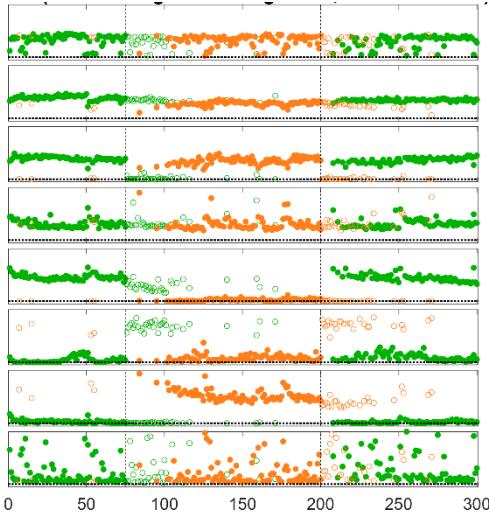
( $\beta = 0.5, f(x, m) = \sqrt{m} + x/\sqrt{m}$ )





# Regression Using GCP Factors on Trial Mode

Trial Factor Matrix is  $300 \times 8$

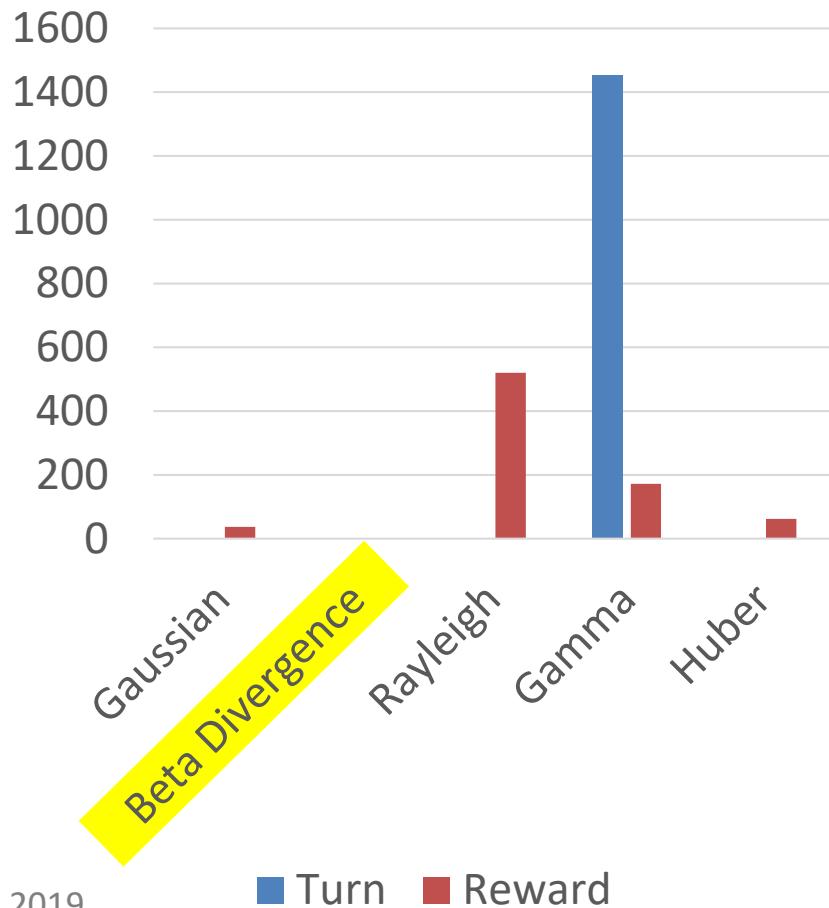


$$\min_{\beta} \| \mathbf{A}_3^{\text{train}} \beta - \mathbf{y}^{\text{train}} \|$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{\text{test}} = [\mathbf{A}_3^{\text{test}} \beta \geq 0.5]$$

- Look at predicting turn and reward.
- Split into two groups of 150 trials.
- Train regression model with 1<sup>st</sup> group.
- Test with 2<sup>nd</sup> group.
- Repeat 100 times.

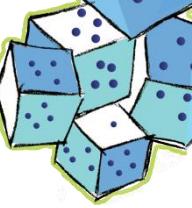
Regression Errors in 100 Trials (15000 predictions)



# Optimization Formulation for GCP Tensor Decomposition



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GCP

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & F(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M}) \equiv \sum_{i \in \Omega} f(x_i, m_i) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \text{rank}(\mathcal{M}) \leq r \end{aligned}$$

$i = \text{multi-index}$   
 $\Omega = \text{all indices}$

- Standard CP [Hitchcock, 1927; Carroll & Chang, 1970; Harshman, 1970]

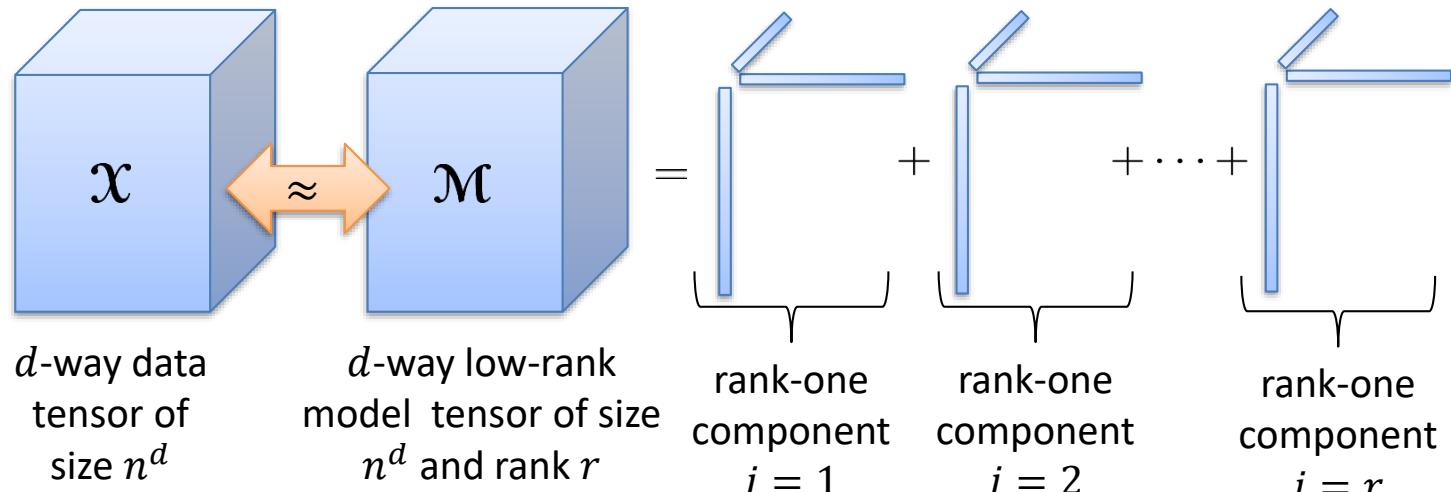
$$f(x, m) = (x - m)^2$$

- Poisson CP (Identity Link) [Welling & Webber, 2001; Chi & Kolda, 2009]

$$f(x, m) = m - x \log m$$

- Logistic CP, etc. [Hong, Kolda, Duersch, 2018]

$$f(x, m) = \log(m + 1) - x \log(m)$$



$$\mathcal{X} \approx \mathcal{M} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{M} = \sum_{j=1}^r \mathbf{A}_1(:, j) \circ \mathbf{A}_2(:, j) \circ \cdots \circ \mathbf{A}_d(:, j)$$

$$\text{Low-rank: } \text{rank}(\mathcal{M}) \leq r \ll n^d$$

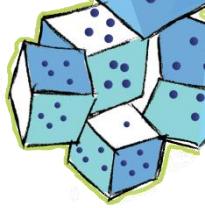
$$\text{Factor matrices: } \mathbf{A}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_k \times r} \text{ for } k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$$

$$\text{WLOG, } n = n_1 = \cdots = n_d$$

# Gradient-based Optimization for Fitting the GCP Model



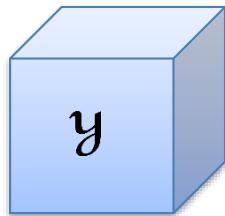
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Define: Elementwise partial gradient tensor,  
same size as data tensor =  $n^d$



$$y_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial m}(x_i, m_i)$$

Define: Khatri-Rao product in all modes but  
one of size  $n^{d-1} \times r$

$$\mathbf{Z}_k = \mathbf{A}_d \odot \cdots \odot \mathbf{A}_{k+1} \odot \mathbf{A}_{k-1} \odot \cdots \odot \mathbf{A}_1$$

Gradients computed via a sequence of matricized-tensor times Khatri-Rao product (MTTKRPs):

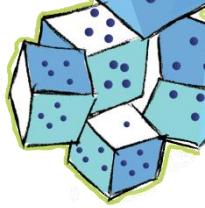
$$\mathbf{G}_k \equiv \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mathbf{A}_k} = \mathbf{Y}_{(k)} \mathbf{Z}_k \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, d \quad \text{MTTKRP}$$

gradient for mode  
 $k$  factor matrix of  
size  $n \times r$

tensor unfolded in  
mode  $k$  into matrix  
of size  $n \times n^{d-1}$

MTTKRPs can be computed efficiently...

- Bader & Kolda, SISC, 2007 – Dense and sparse
- Phan, Tichavsky, Cichocki, 2013 – Sequence
- Smith et al., IPDPS 2015 – Sparse
- Kaya & Ucar, SC 2015 – Sparse
- Li et al., IPDPS 2017 – Sparse
- Hayashi et al., 2017 – Dense
- Ballard, Knight, Rouse, 2017 – Dense



# Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) for GCP

$$\min F(x)$$

Gradient Descent (GD)

$\alpha$  = learning rate

$$x^{(t+1)} = x^{(t)} - \alpha g^{(t)}$$

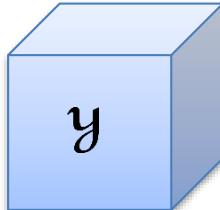
Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

$$x^{(t+1)} = x^{(t)} - \alpha \tilde{g}^{(t)}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{g}^{(t)}] = g^{(t)} \equiv \nabla F(x^{(t)})$$

Adam (Kingma & Ba, 2015)  
*Adaptive momentum SGD*

Standard gradient

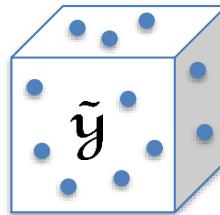


$$\mathbf{G}_k = \mathbf{Y}_{(k)} \mathbf{Z}_k$$

Cost:  $O(rn^d)$  flops

$$y_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial m}(x_i, m_i)$$

Stochastic gradient



$$\tilde{\mathbf{G}}_k = \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_{(k)} \mathbf{Z}_k$$

Cost:  $O(rs)$  flops

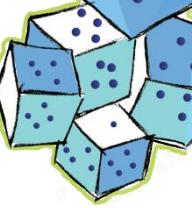
Choose stochastic sparse Y-tensor

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}] = \mathbf{Y}$$

such that

$$\text{nnz}(\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}) \leq s \ll n^d$$

By linearity of expectation:  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathbf{G}}_k] = \mathbf{G}_k$



# Uniform Sampling

Goal: Random ***sparse*** tensor of size  $n^d$  that equals the “Y-tensor” in expectation

Sample  $s \ll n^d$  random tensor entries (with replacement)

$\tilde{s}_i = \#$  times  $i$  sampled

$$\tilde{y}_i = \tilde{s}_i \cdot \frac{n^d}{s} \cdot y_i$$

$$\sum_{i \in \Omega} \tilde{s}_i = s$$

$$y_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial m}(x_i, m_i)$$



Choosing  $s$ , the number of sampled elements...

- Choose  $s = O(n)$
- Gradient =  $O(rs) = O(rn)$  versus  $O(rn^d)$

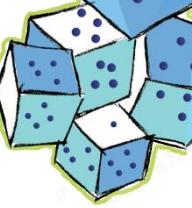
Downside...

- If data tensor is sparse, few entries corresponding to nonzeros will be chosen

Claim:  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}] = \mathcal{Y}$

Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{s}_i] = \frac{s}{n^d}$

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{y}_i] = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{s}_i] \cdot \frac{n^d}{s} \cdot y_i = y_i$$



# Stratified 0/1 Sampling

Goal: Random ***sparse*** tensor of size  $n^d$  that equals the “Y-tensor” in expectation

Sample  $p$  nonzeros and  $q$  zeros.

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{p}_i &= \# \text{ times nonzero } i \text{ sampled} \\ \tilde{q}_i &= \# \text{ times zero } i \text{ sampled}\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{y}_i = \left( \tilde{p}_i \cdot \frac{\eta}{p} + \tilde{q}_i \cdot \frac{\zeta}{q} \right) \cdot y_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}\eta &= \# \text{ nonzeros} \\ \zeta &= \# \text{ zeros}\end{aligned}$$

$$y_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial m}(x_i, m_i)$$

Theory

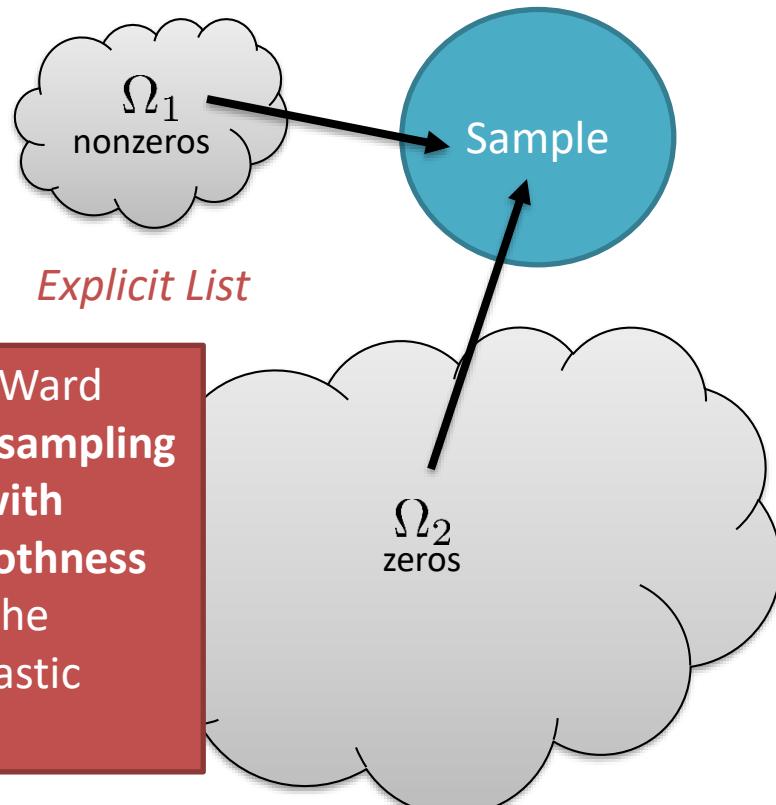
Claim:  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathbf{y}}] = \mathbf{y}$

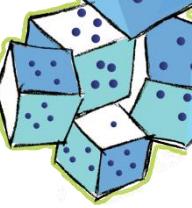
Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{p}_i] = \frac{p}{\eta}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{q}_i] = \frac{q}{\zeta}$

$$x_i = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\tilde{y}_i] = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{p}_i] \cdot \frac{\eta}{p} \cdot y_i = y_i$$

$$x_i = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\tilde{y}_i] = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{q}_i] \cdot \frac{\zeta}{q} \cdot y_i = y_i$$

Needell, Srebro, and Ward (2013) justify **biased sampling toward functionals with higher Lipschitz smoothness** constants to reduce the variance in the stochastic gradient.





# Semi-Stratified 0/1 Sampling

Goal: Random ***sparse*** tensor of size  $n^d$  that equals the “Y-tensor” in expectation

Sample  $p$  nonzeros and  $q$  **assumed** zeros.

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{p}_i &= \# \text{ times nonzero } i \text{ sampled} & \eta &= \# \text{ nonzeros} \\ \tilde{q}_i &= \# \text{ times “zero” } i \text{ sampled} & \zeta &= \# \text{ zeros}\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{y}_i = \tilde{p}_i \cdot \frac{\eta}{p} \cdot (y_i - c_i) + \tilde{q}_i \cdot \frac{(\eta + \zeta)}{q} \cdot c_i \text{ with } c_i \equiv \frac{\partial f}{\partial m}(0, m_i) \quad y_i = \frac{\partial f}{\partial m}(x_i, m_i)$$

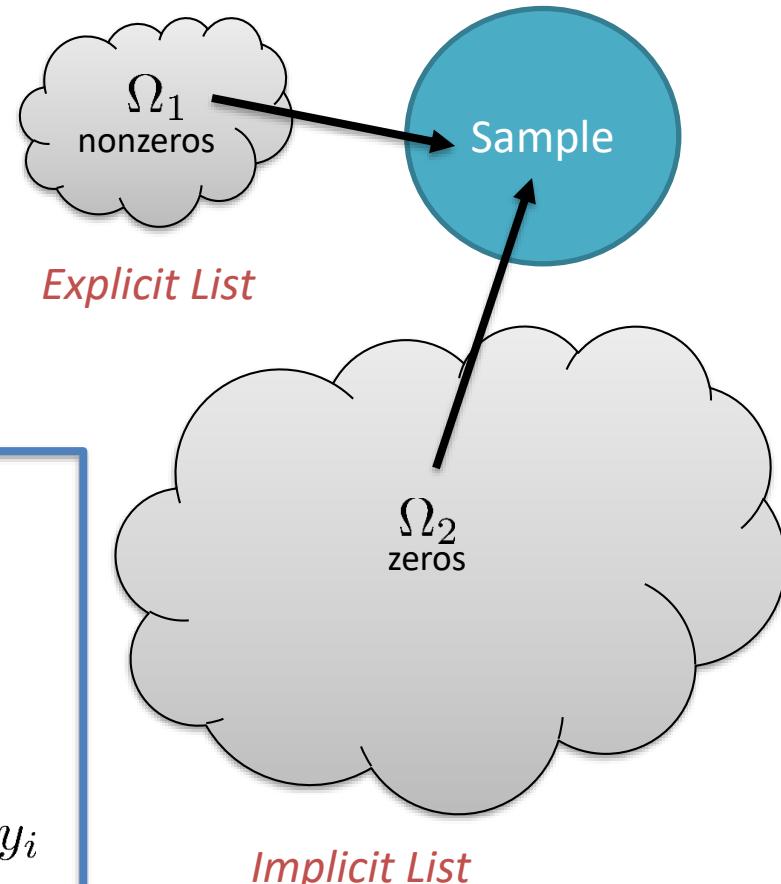
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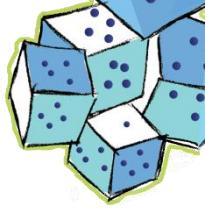
Claim:  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{\mathbf{y}}] = \mathbf{y}$

Proof:  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{p}_i] = \frac{p}{\eta}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{q}_i] = \frac{q}{(\zeta + \eta)}$

$$x_i = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\tilde{y}_i] = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{q}_i] \cdot \frac{(\eta + \zeta)}{q} \cdot y_i = y_i$$

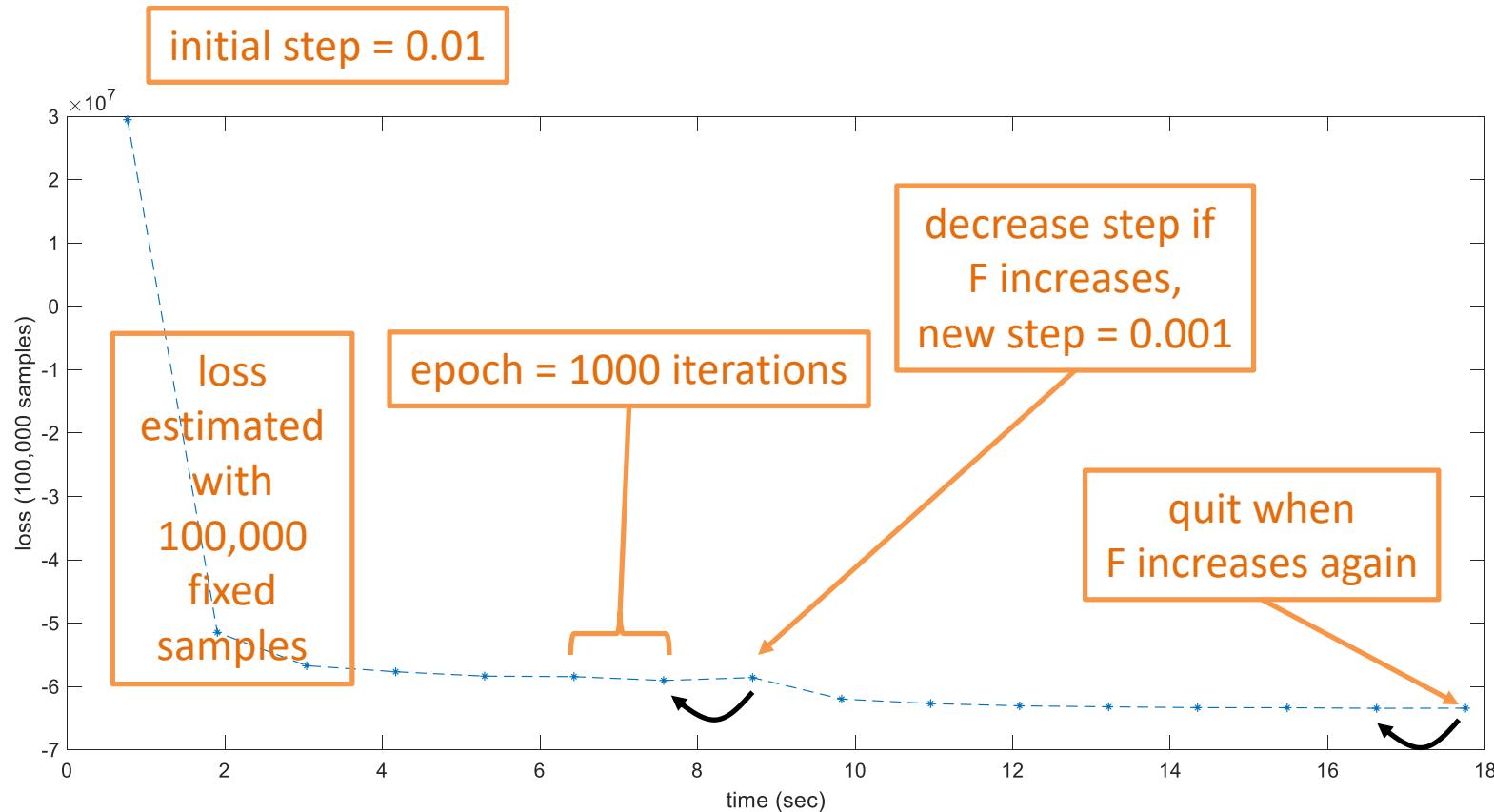
$$x_i = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\tilde{y}_i] = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{p}_i] \cdot \frac{\eta}{p} \cdot (y_i - c_i) + \mathbb{E}[\tilde{q}_i] \cdot \frac{\eta + \zeta}{q} \cdot c_i = y_i$$

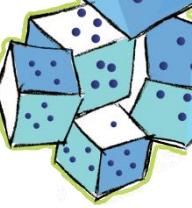




# GCP with Stochastic Optimization

- Nonconvex problem
  - No guarantees of finding minimizer
- Using Adam (Kingma & Ba, 2015)
  - Default parameters
  - Some tweaks for checking convergence
- Past work on recommender systems uses SGD but ignores zeros
  - Gemulla, Nijkamp, Hass, Sismanis, KDD'11
  - Zhuang, Chin, Juan, and Lin, RecSys'13
- Past work on streaming uses SGD but data appears one slice at a time
  - Mardani, Mateos, Giannakis, IEEE TSP 2015
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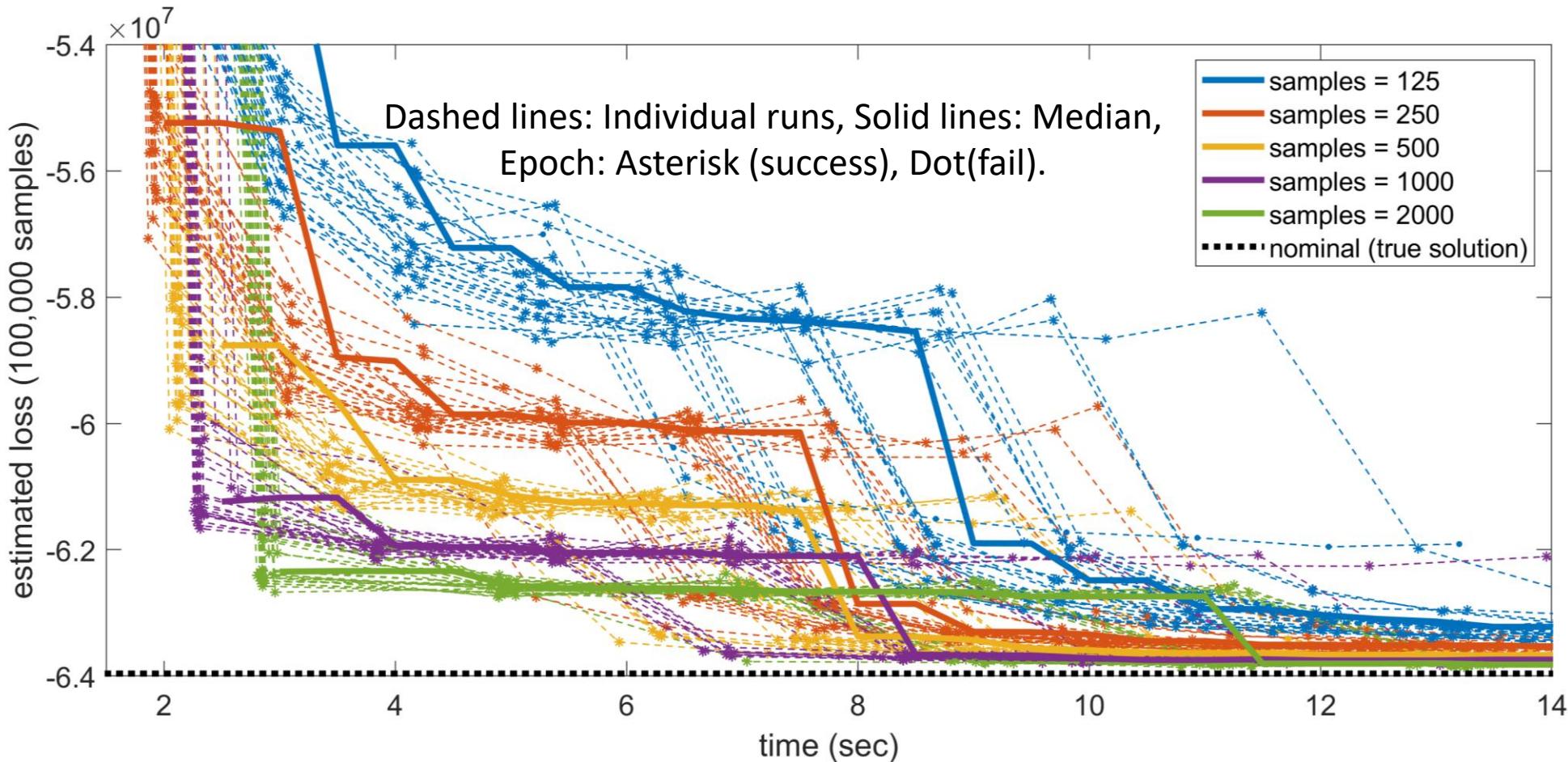




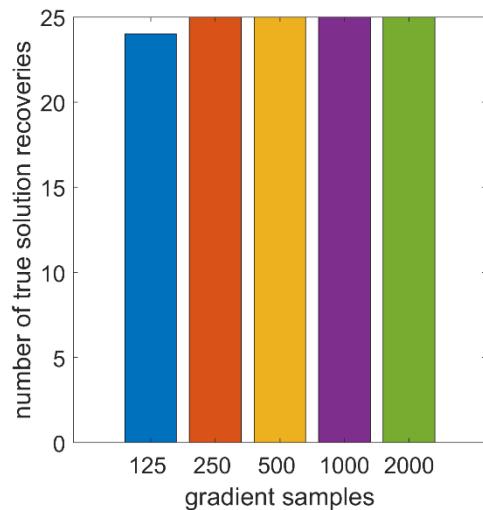
# Example on Gamma-Distributed Data

$200 \times 150 \times 100 \times 50$  Tensor with low-rank ( $r = 5$ ) structure based on Gamma distribution ( $k = 1, \theta$  from model).

Gamma loss:  $f(x, m) = \frac{x}{m} + \log m$ . Running stochastic GCP with 25 random starts and varying numbers of samples.

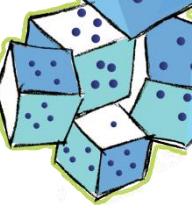


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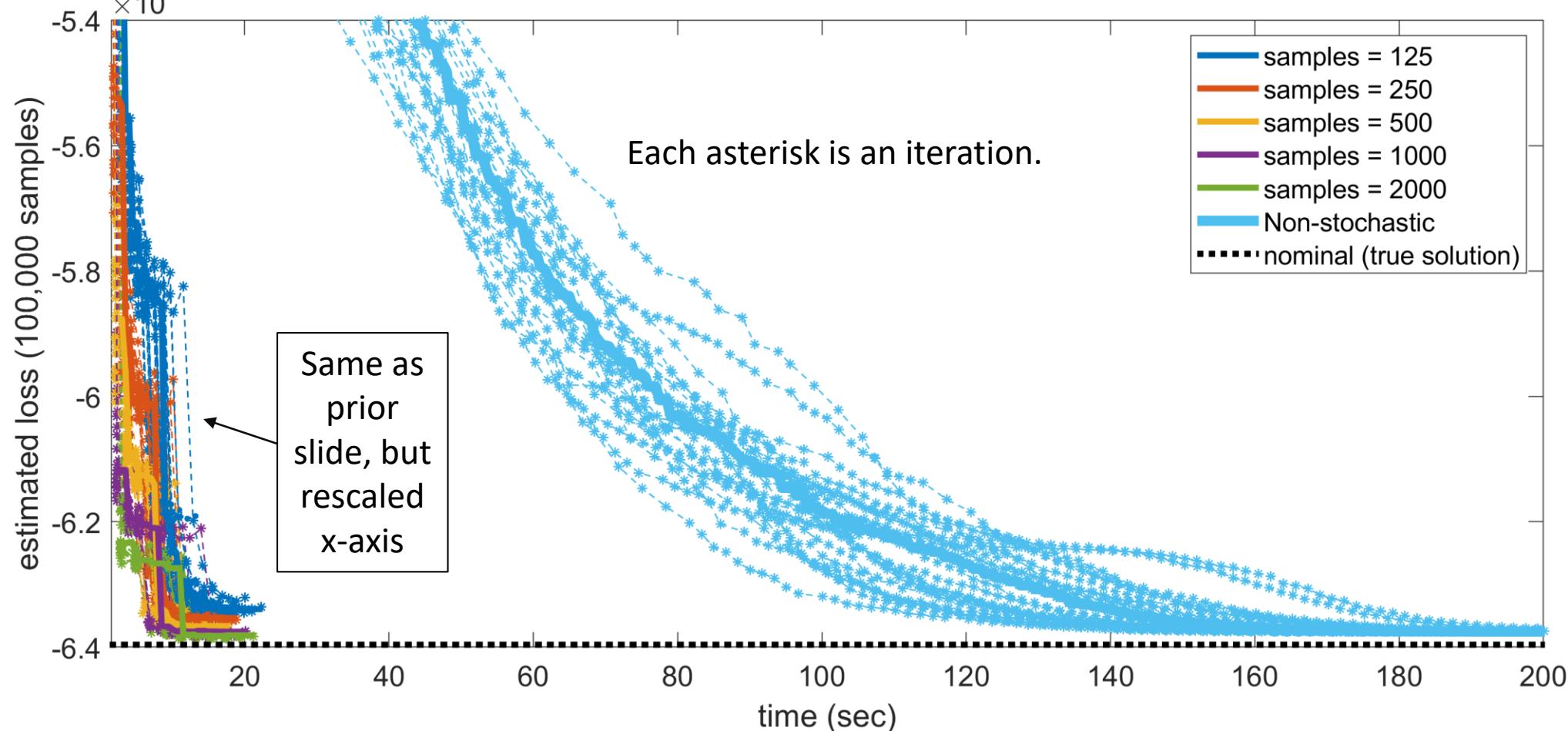
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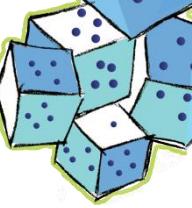


# Stochastic vs. Non-Stochastic

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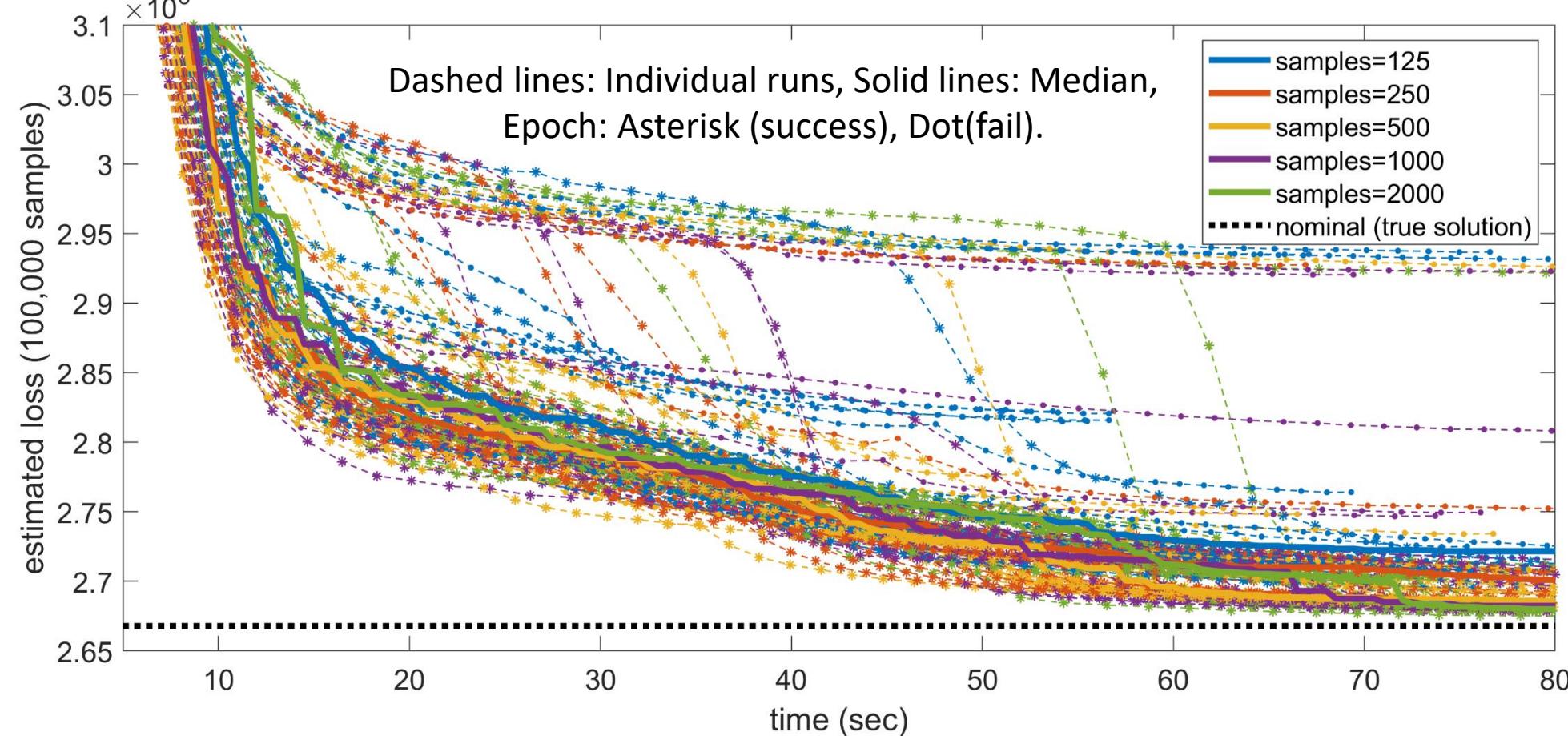




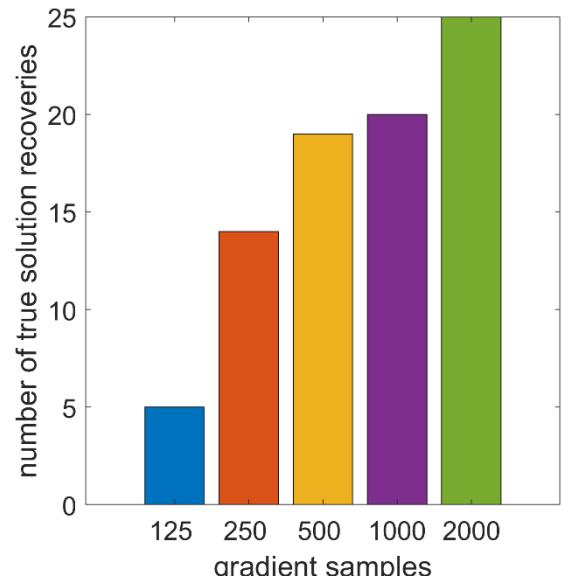
# Example on Bernoulli-Distributed Data

$200 \times 150 \times 100 \times 50$  Tensor with low-rank ( $r = 5$ ) structure based on Bernoulli distribution (odds from model).  
Sparse tensor, less than 0.35% dense (~500K nonzeros).

Bernoulli loss:  $f(x, m) = \log(m + 1) - x \log m$ . Running stochastic GCP with 25 random starts, varying # of samples.



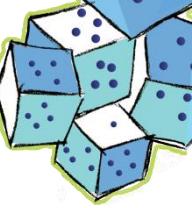
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# Uniform Sampling is Worse than Stratified for Sparse Tensors

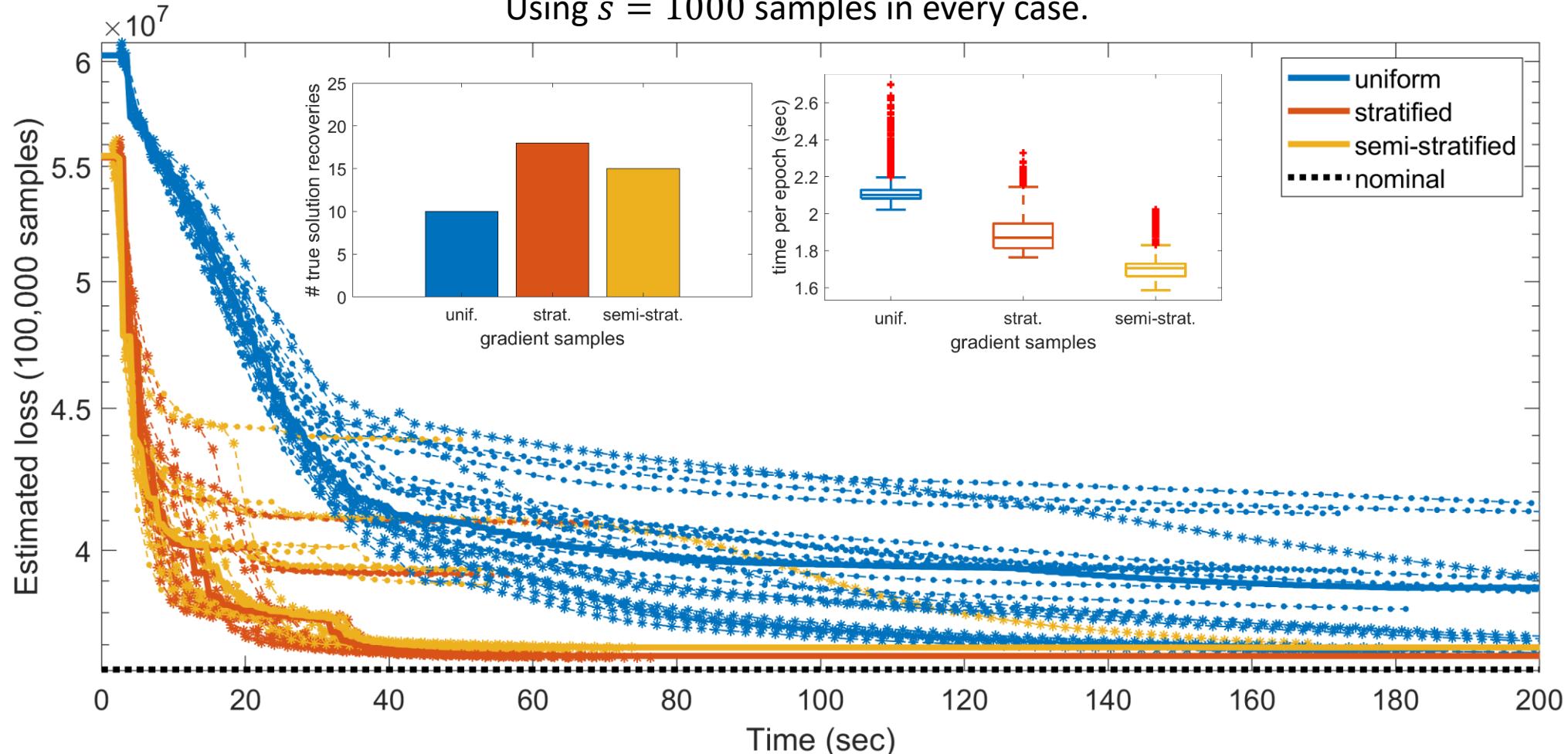


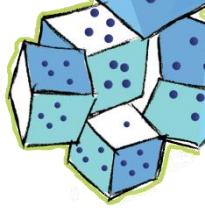
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Same set-up as binary experiments, but bigger tensor:  $400 \times 300 \times 200 \times 100$ , 0.38% dense (9M nonzeros).

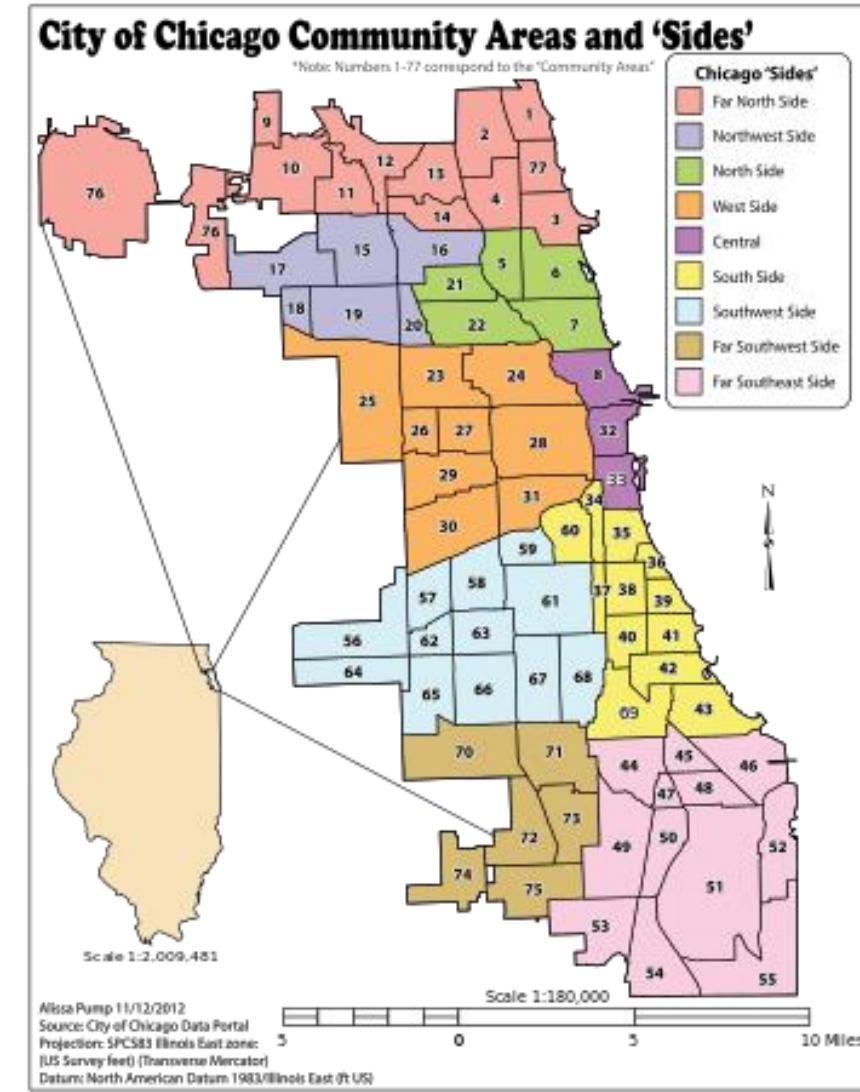
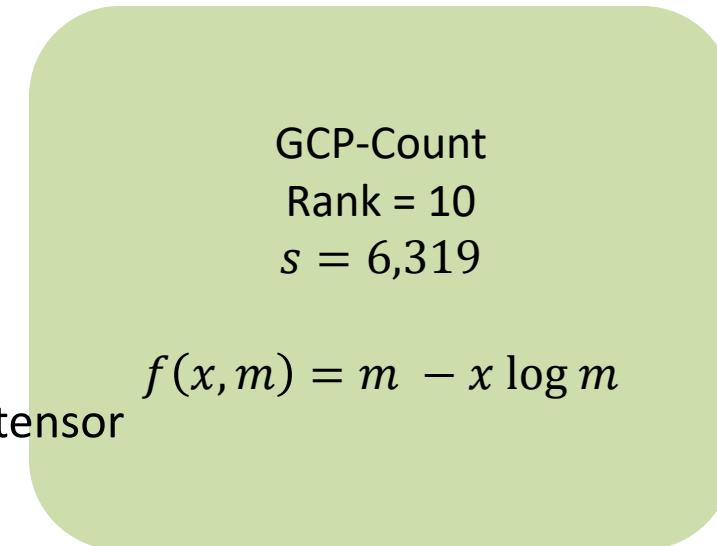
Using  $s = 1000$  samples in every case.





# Chicago Crime Data

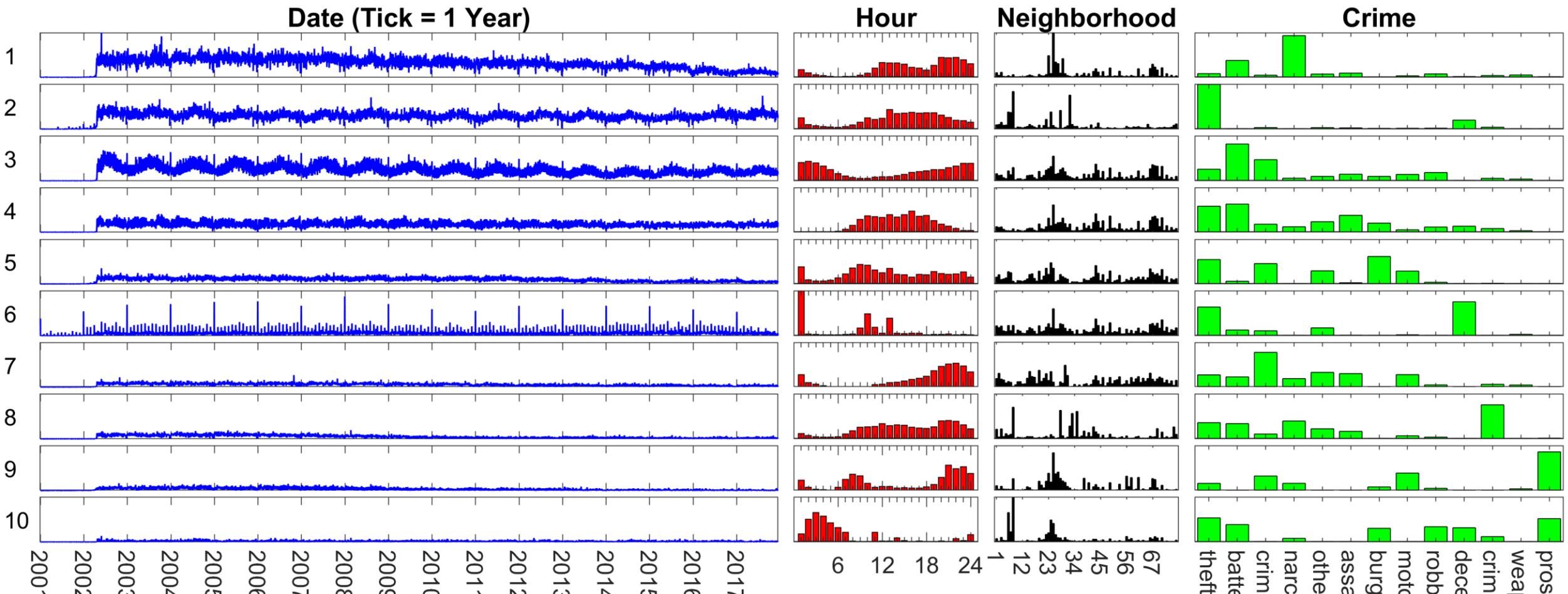
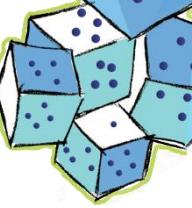
- 4-way count tensor
  - 6,186 Days
  - 24 Hours of the Day
  - 77 Community Areas
  - 32 Crime Types
- Non-zeros: 5,330,673
  - Storage: 0.21GB for sparse tensor
- Distribution of entries
  - 0: 98.54%
  - 1: 1.33%
  - $\geq 2$ : 0.12%
- Obtained from FROSTT  
(<http://frostt.io/tensors/chicago-crime/>)
- Data originally from Chicago Data Portal  
(<https://data.cityofchicago.org/Public-Safety/Crimes-2001-to-present/ijzp-q8t2>)



# Application to Sparse Crime Binary Tensor (Semi-stratified results)



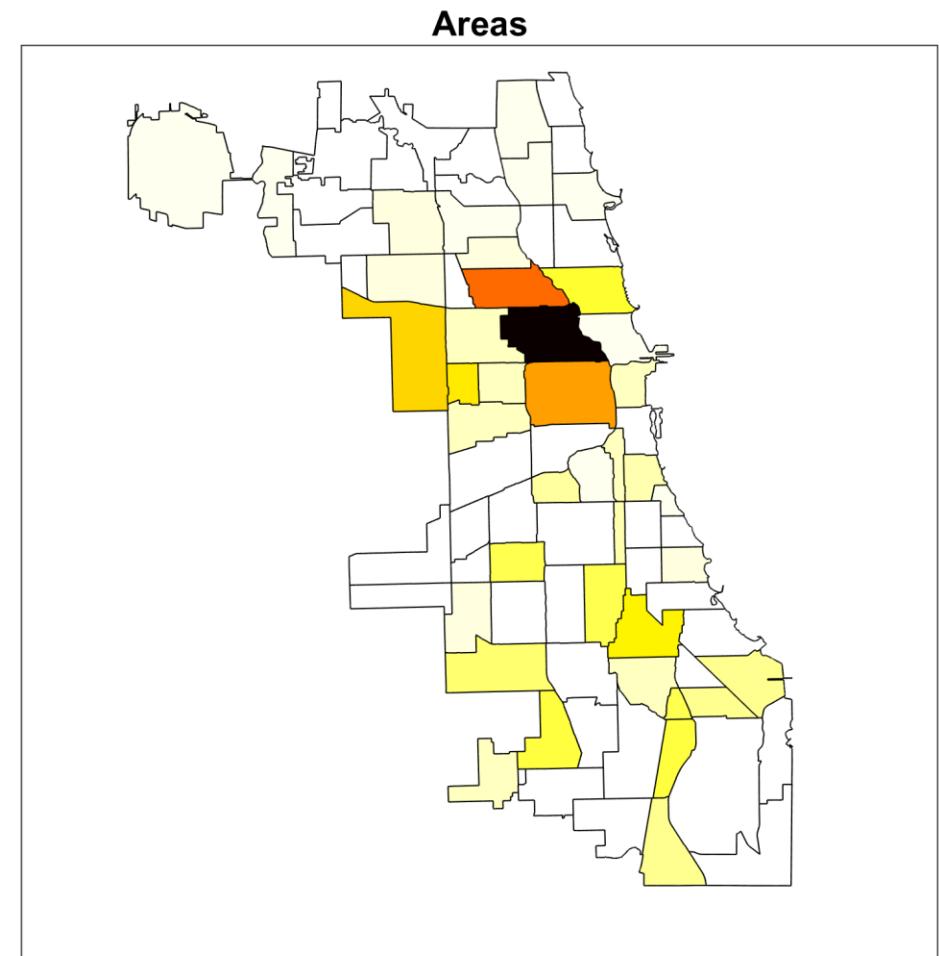
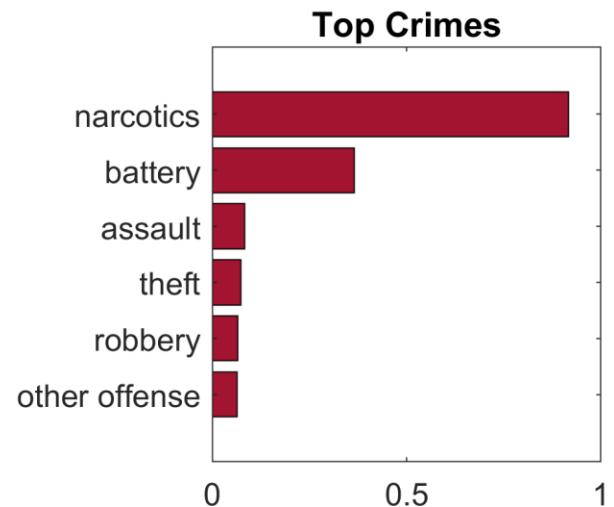
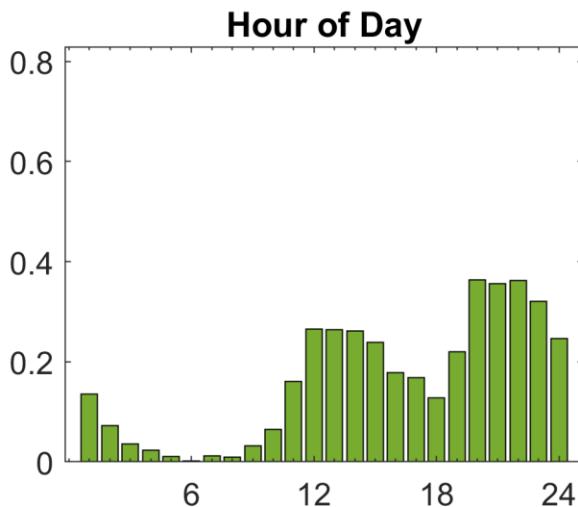
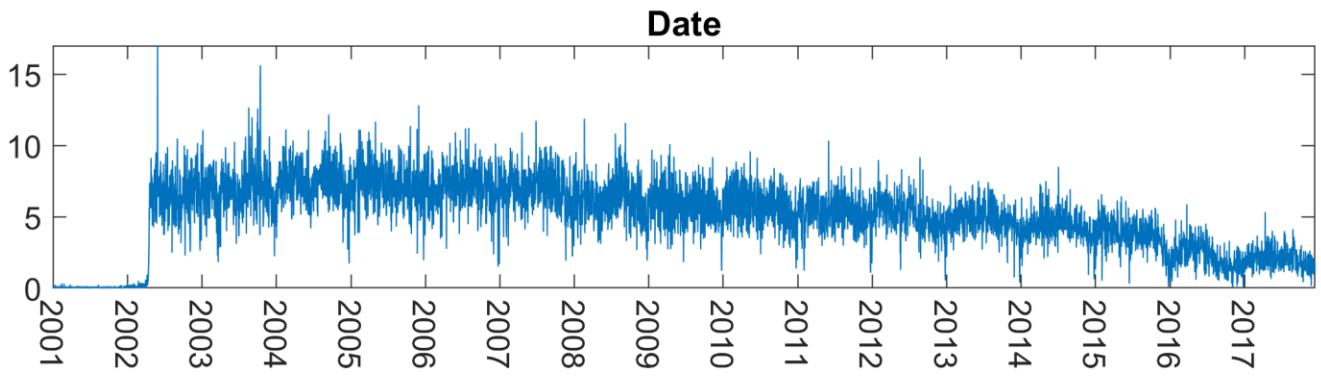
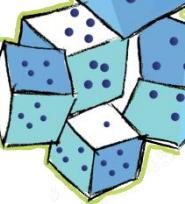
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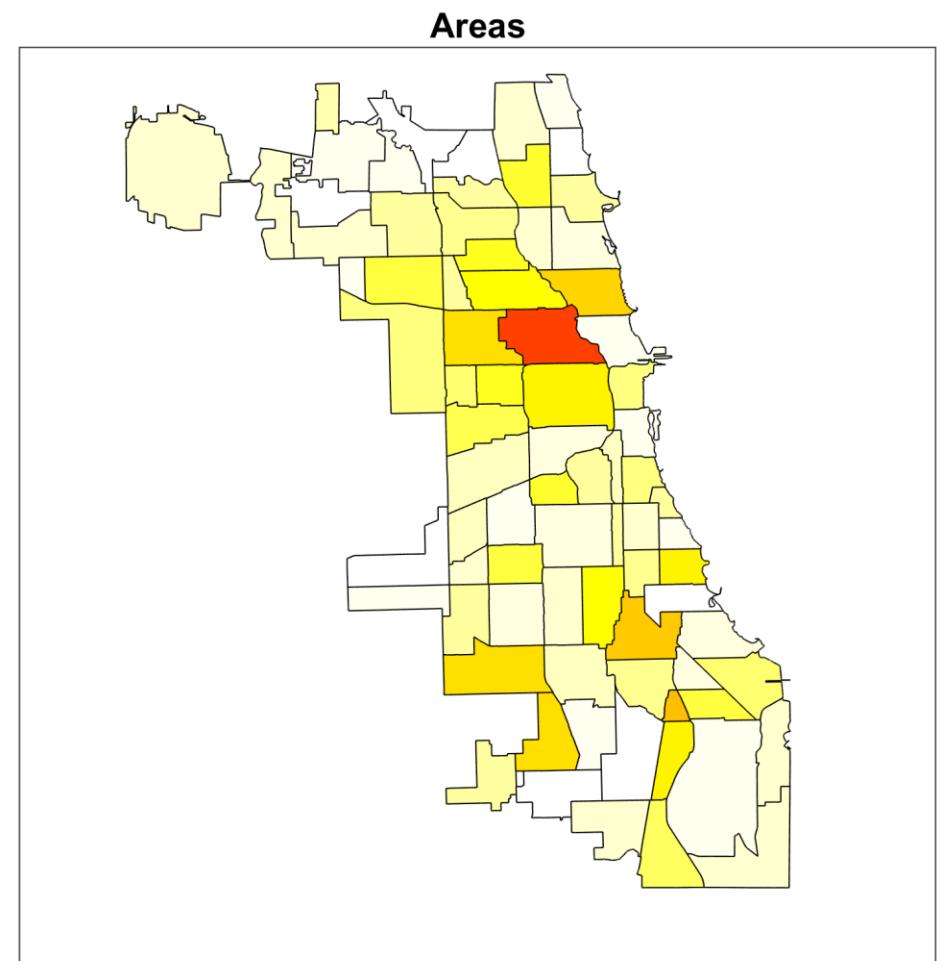
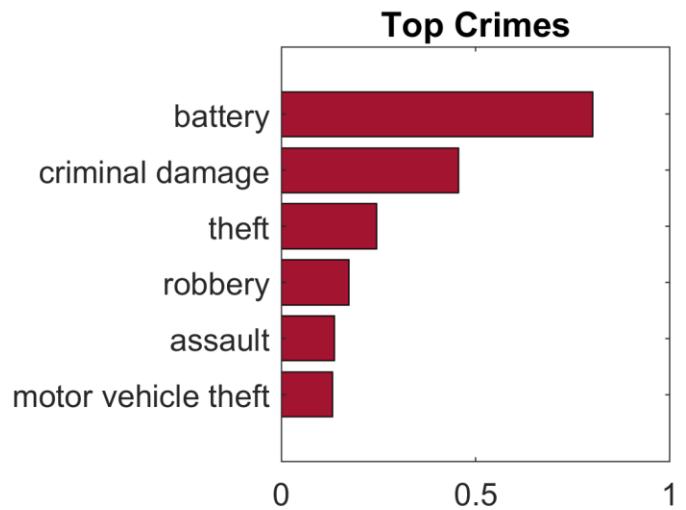
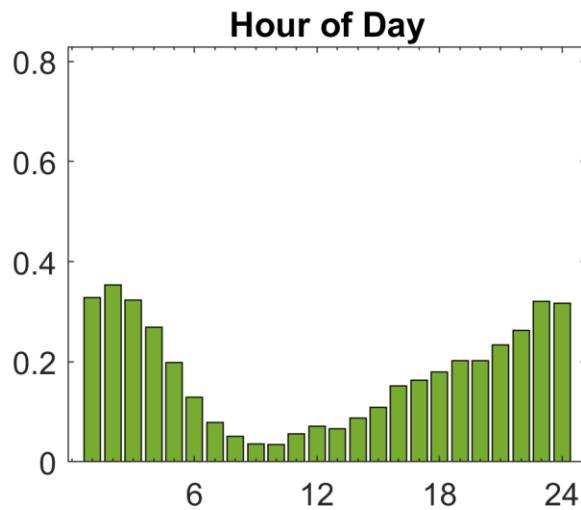
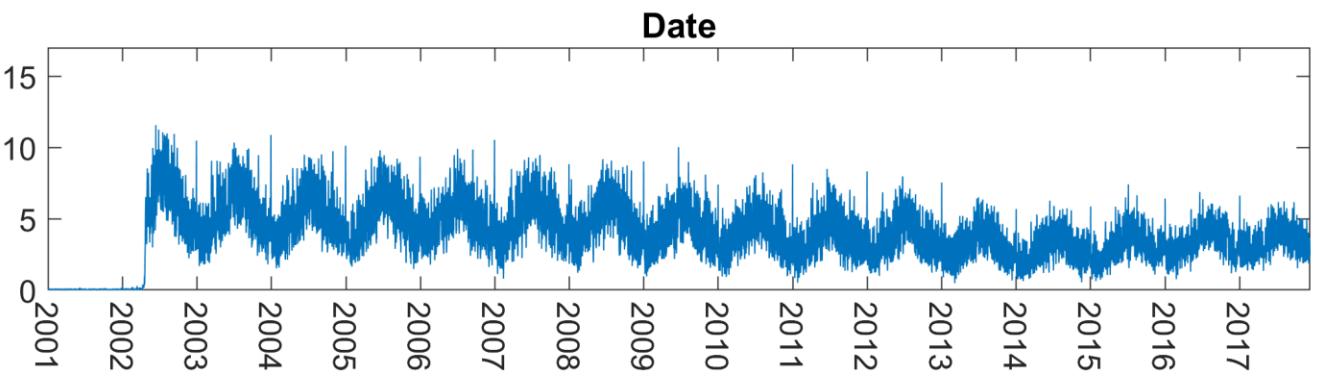
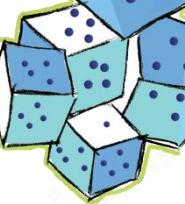
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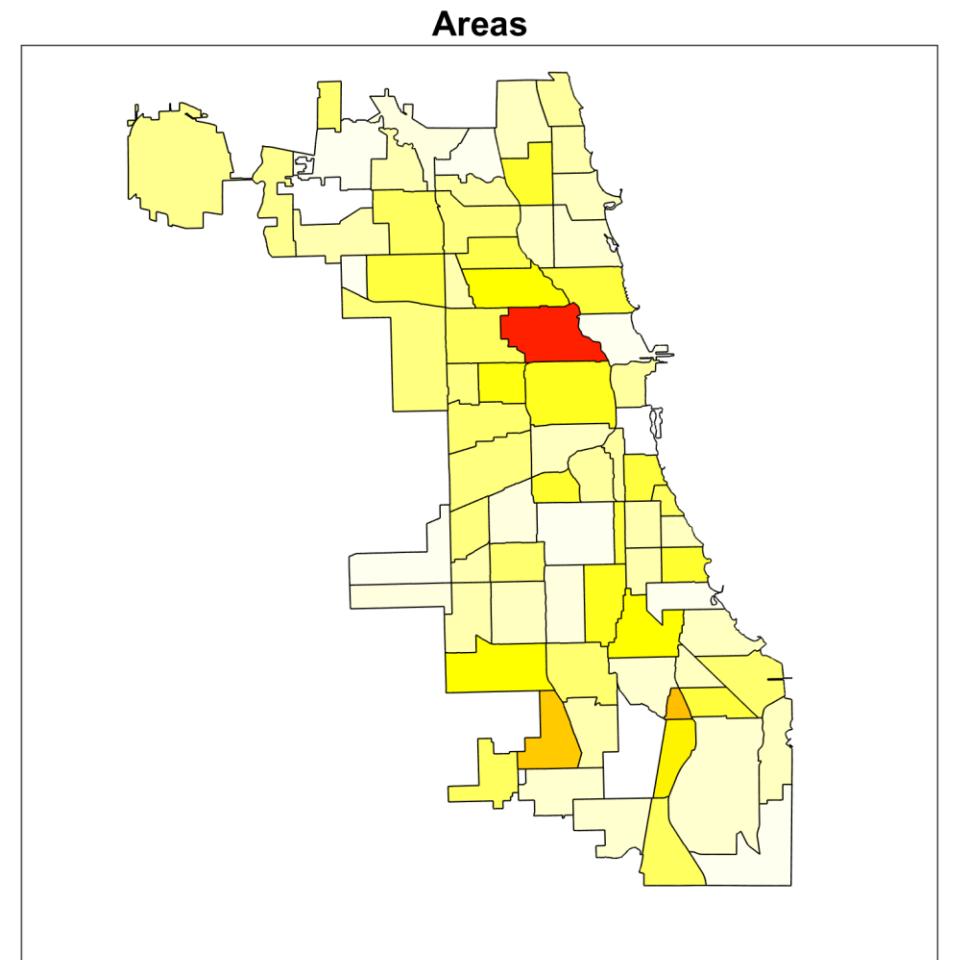
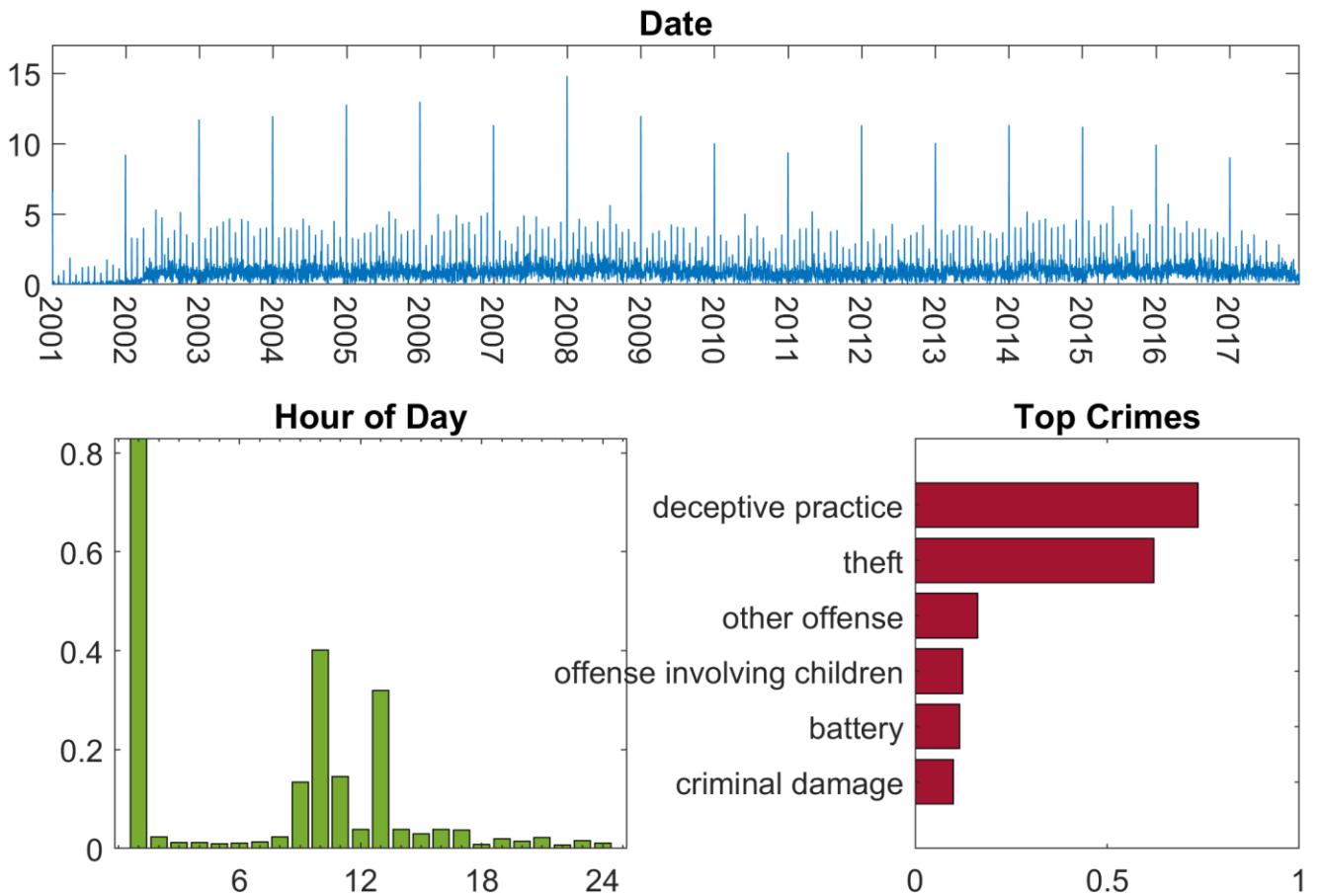
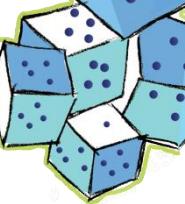
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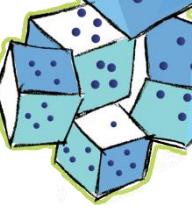
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# Aside: Estimating Higher-Order Moments via Symmetric Tensor Factorization



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Joint work with Sam Sherman, Notre Dame

Given a set of  $p$  observations:  $\mathbf{a}_i \in \mathbb{R}^n, i = 1, 2, \dots, p$

First-order moment (mean):  $\frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p \mathbf{a}_i$

Second-order moment:  $\frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p \mathbf{a}_i \circ \mathbf{a}_i$

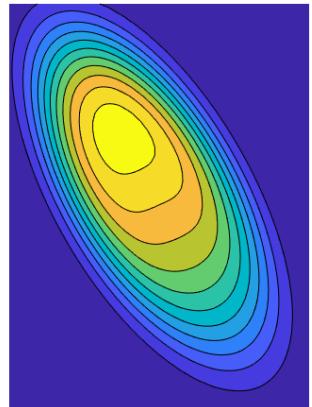
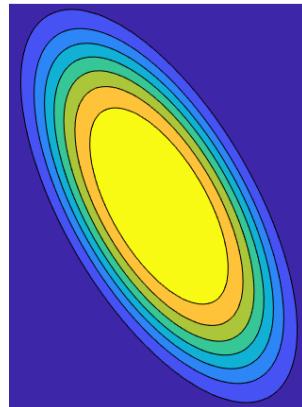
Third-order moment:  $\frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p \mathbf{a}_i \circ \mathbf{a}_i \circ \mathbf{a}_i$

Fourth-order moment:  $\frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=1}^p \mathbf{a}_i \circ \mathbf{a}_i \circ \mathbf{a}_i \circ \mathbf{a}_i$

We can compute low-rank ( $r \ll p$ ) symmetric tensor estimated to higher-order moments...

$$\frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{b}_i \circ \mathbf{b}_i \circ \mathbf{b}_i$$

$$\frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r \mathbf{c}_i \circ \mathbf{c}_i \circ \mathbf{c}_i \circ \mathbf{c}_i$$



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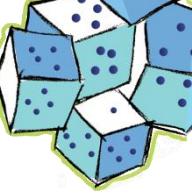
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