



# DICTIONARY-BASED GENERALIZATION OF ROBUST PCA

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# What is this work about?

$$n^m \mathbf{Y} = n^m \mathbf{X} + n^d \mathbf{R} \quad d^m \mathbf{A}$$

dictionary (known)  
Thin ( $n > d$ ) or Fat ( $n < d$ )

data

low-rank (rank: r)

dictionary sparse part  
s non-zeros globally

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}'$$

# Applications

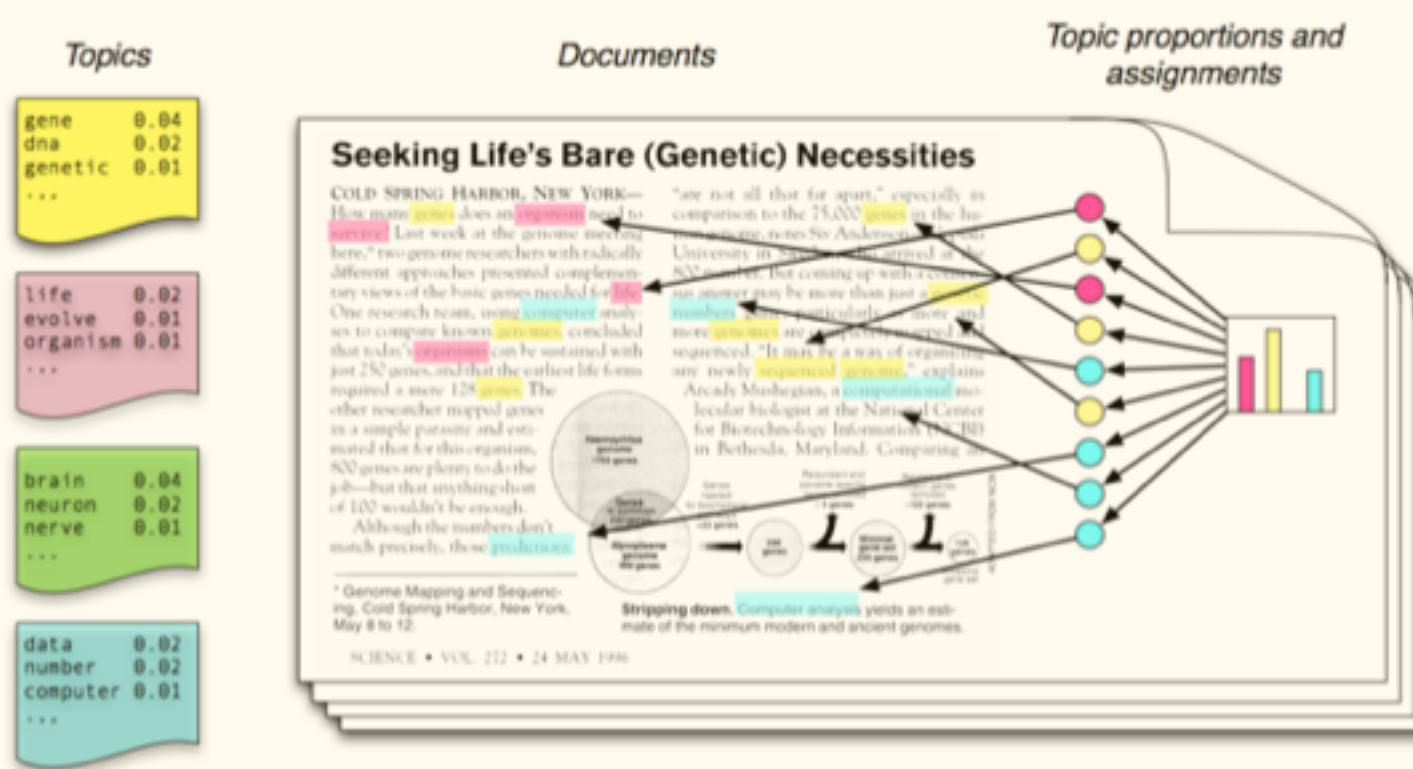
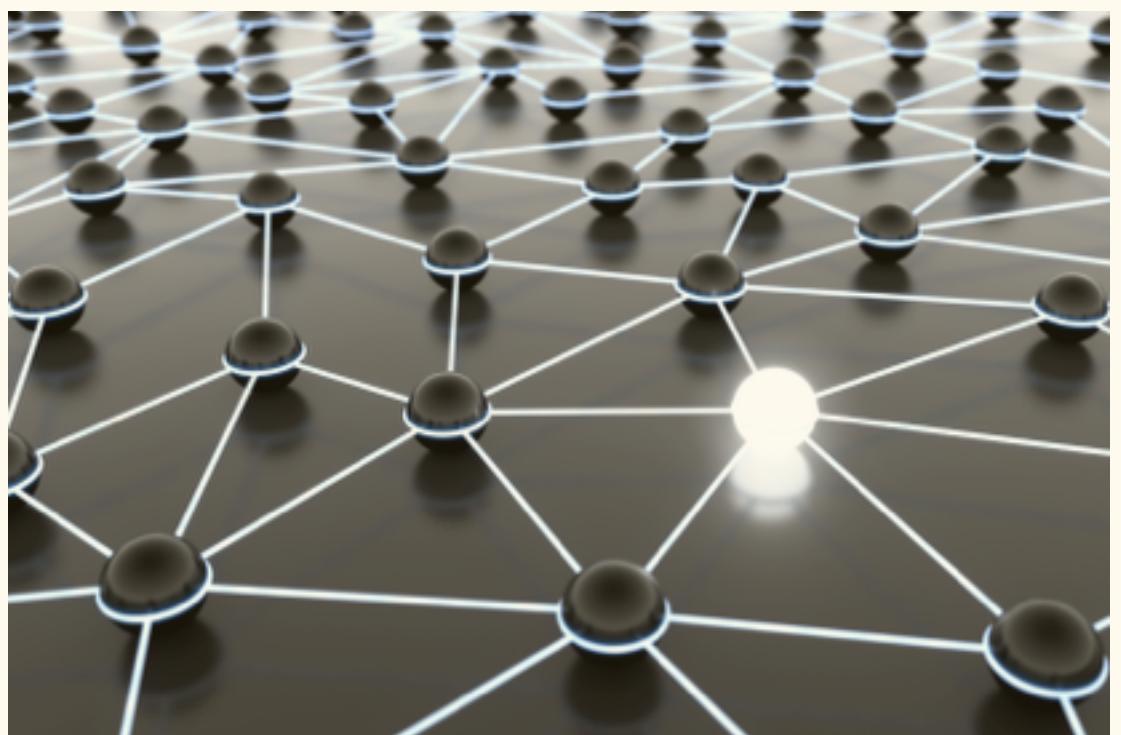
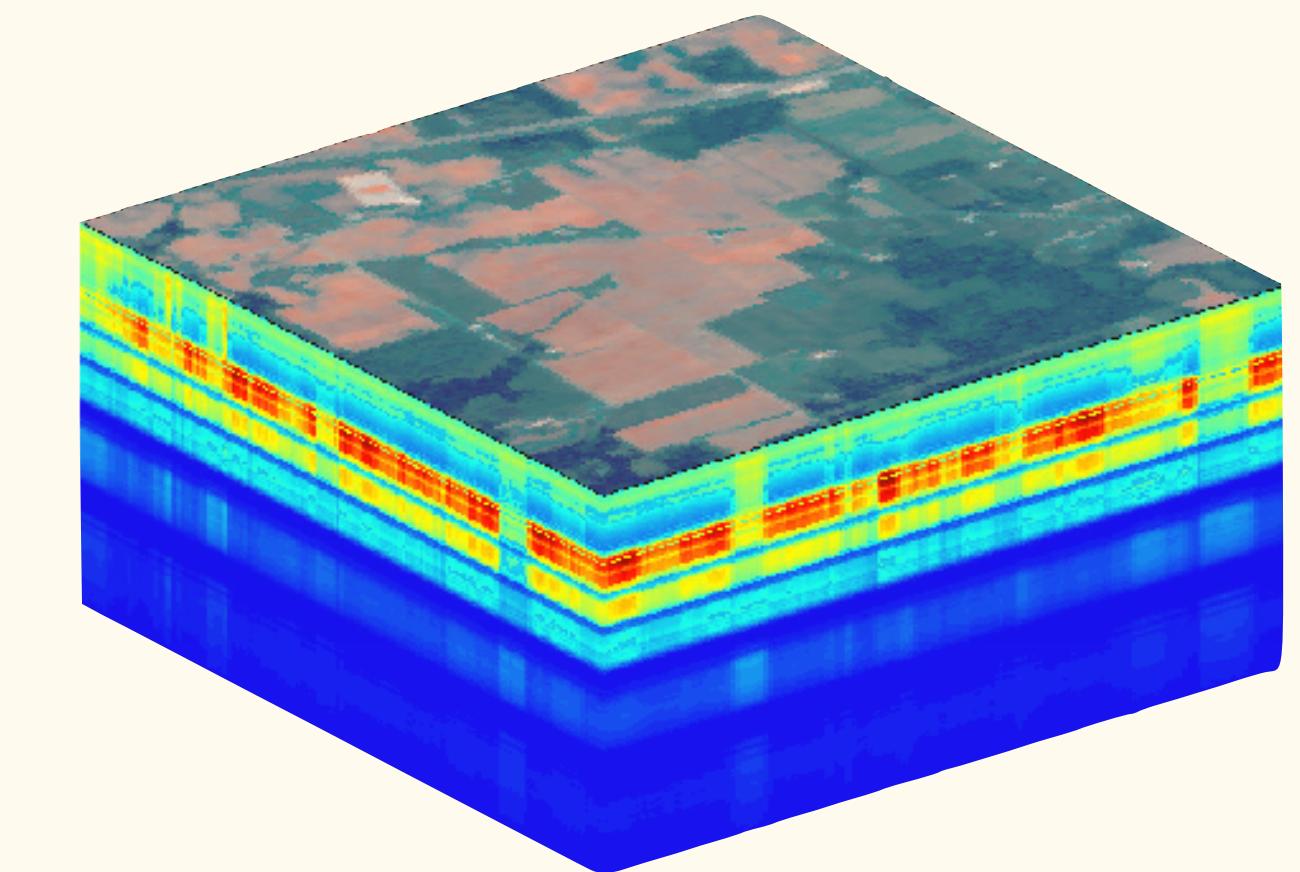


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Traffic Anomalies  
Mardani, Mateos and  
Giannakis, 2013

Fat dictionary

Topic Modeling  
Thin dictionary



Hyper-Spectral Imaging  
Thin dictionary  
(More on this later)

# Recall

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Annotations:

- Low-rank (rank: r)**: Points to matrix **X**.
- data**: Points to matrix **Y**.
- dictionary sparse part s non-zeros globally**: Points to matrix **A**.

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# Optimization Problem

$$\underset{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\mathbf{X}\|_* + \lambda \|\mathbf{A}\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}_0 + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}_0 \quad (1)$$

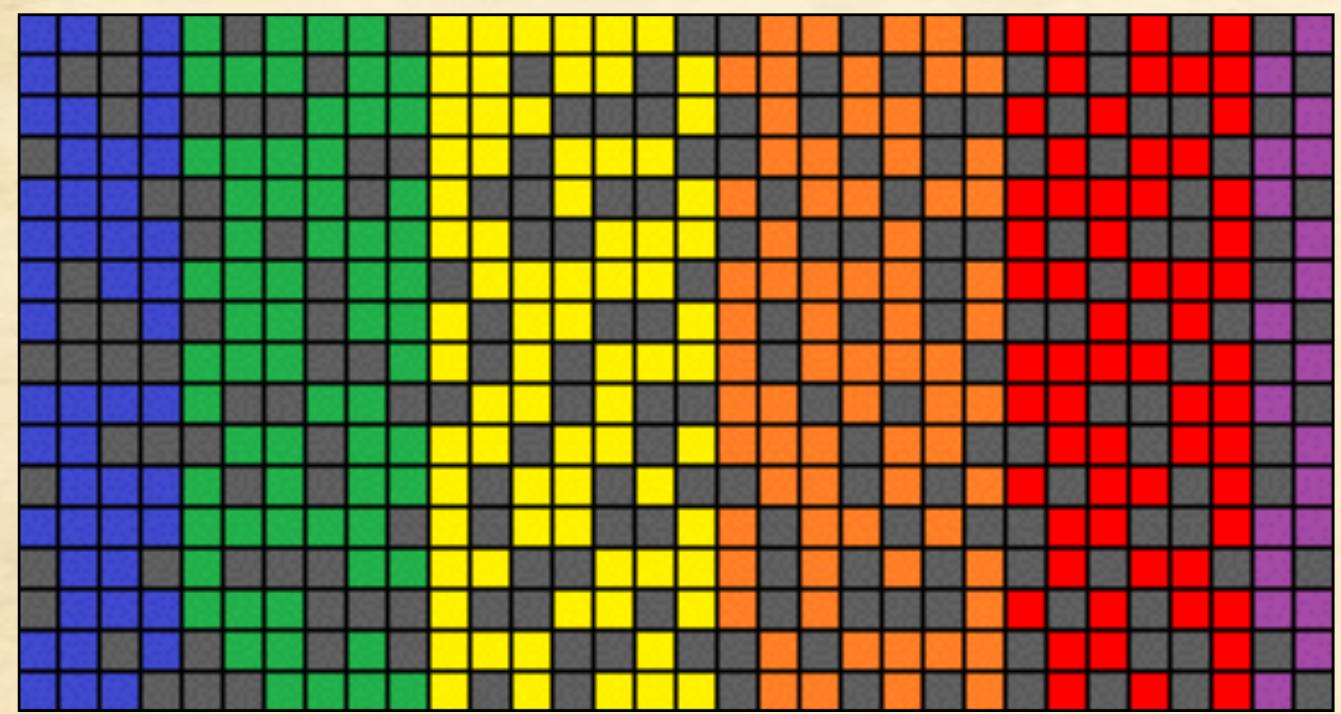
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*Prior Art*

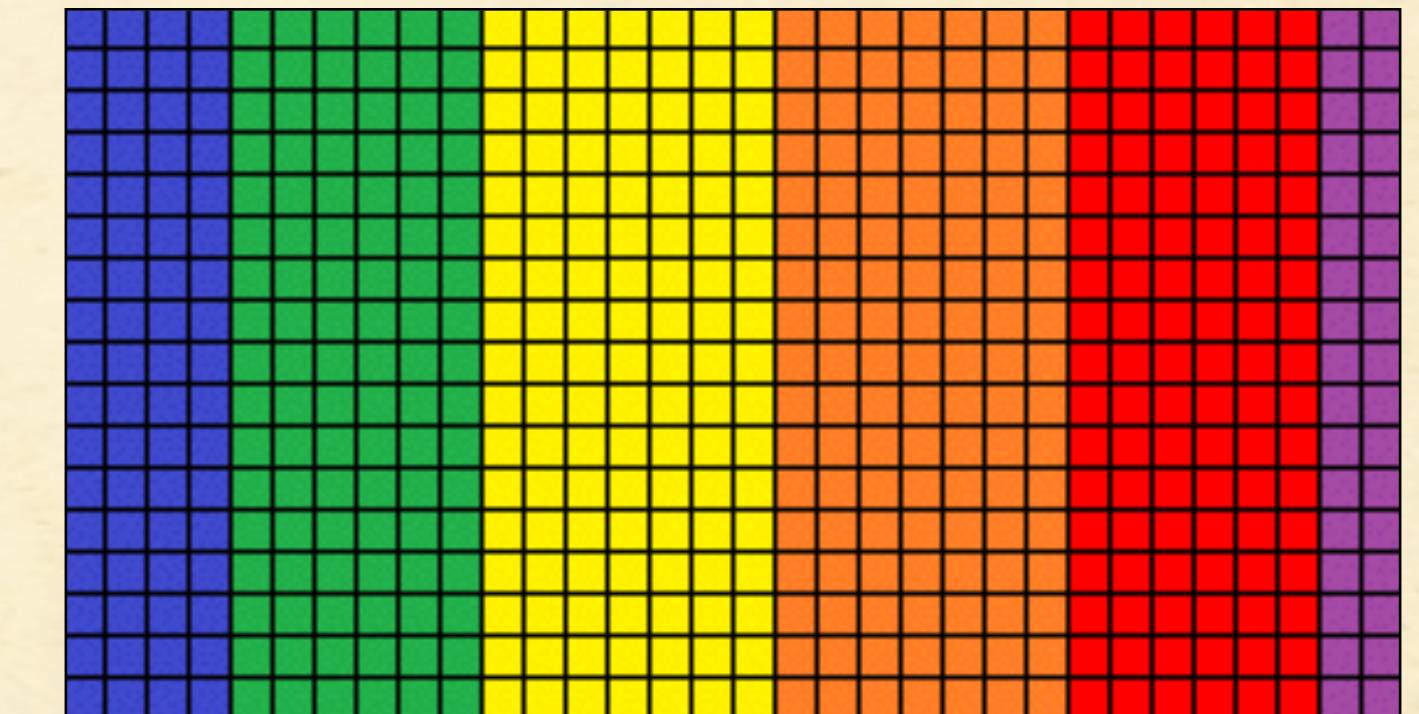




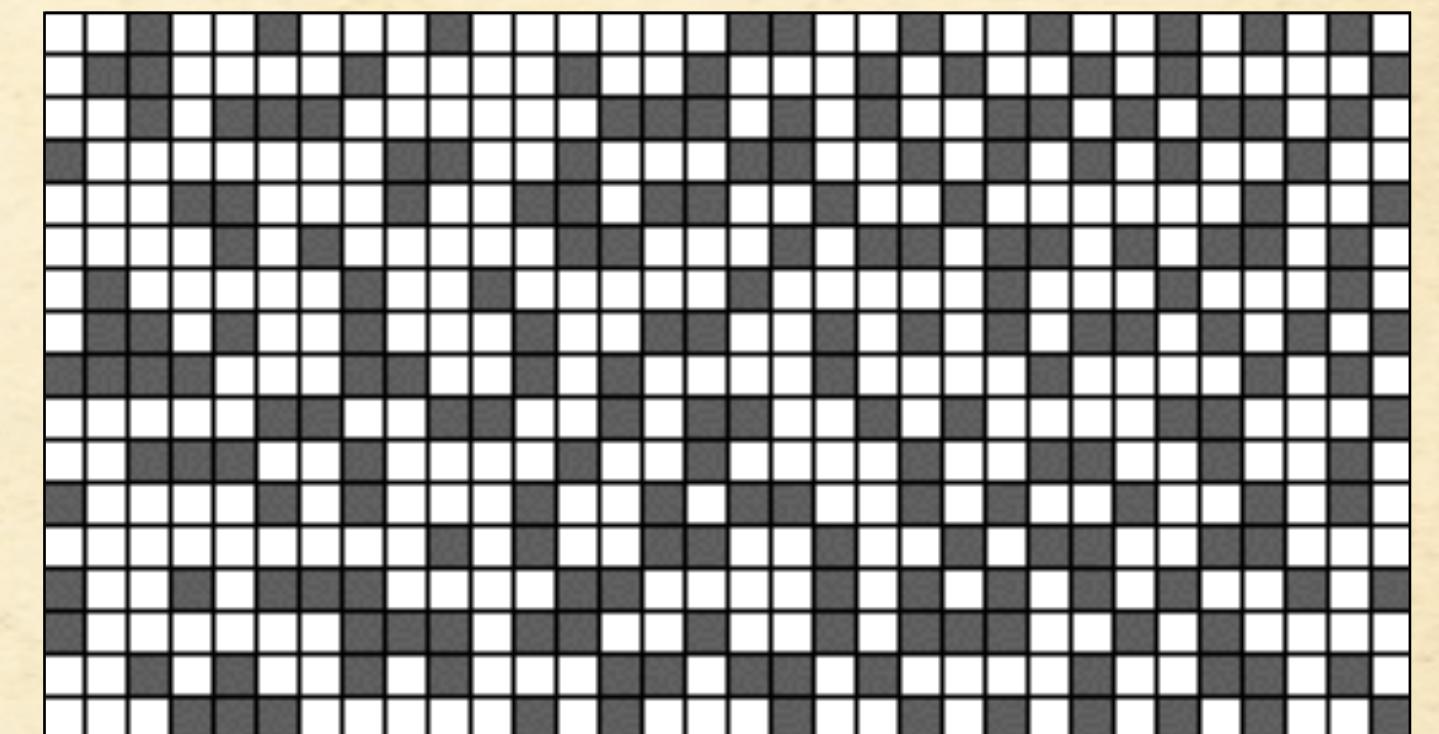
# PCA



Centered  
Data  
 $\mathbf{Y}$



Low-Rank  
Approximation  
 $\mathbf{X}$



Gaussian  
Noise  
 $\mathbf{N}$



# Robust PCA

$$\text{Data } \mathbf{Y} = \text{Low-Rank } \mathbf{X} + \text{Sparse } \mathbf{S}$$

Candès, Li, Ma, and Wright, 2009

Chandrasekaran, Sanghavi, Parrilo, and Willsky, 2011  
and many more..



# Outlier Pursuit

$$\text{Data } \mathbf{Y} = \text{Low-Rank } \mathbf{X} + \text{Column-Sparse } \mathbf{C}$$



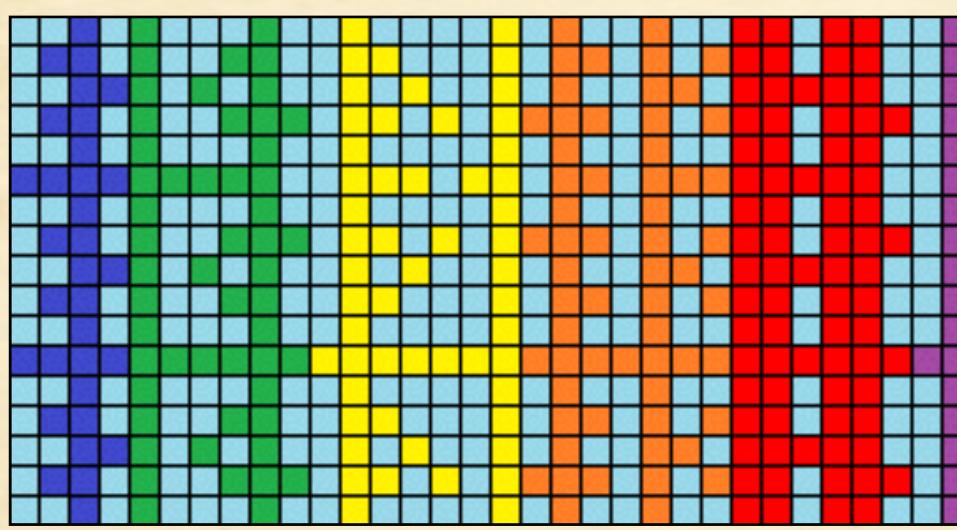
# Low-rank Plus Dictionary Sparse Decomposition

$$\text{Data} \quad \mathbf{Y} = \text{Low-Rank} \quad \mathbf{X} + \text{Dictionary} \quad (\text{Known}) \quad \mathbf{R} + \text{Sparse} \quad \text{Coefficients} \quad \mathbf{A}$$

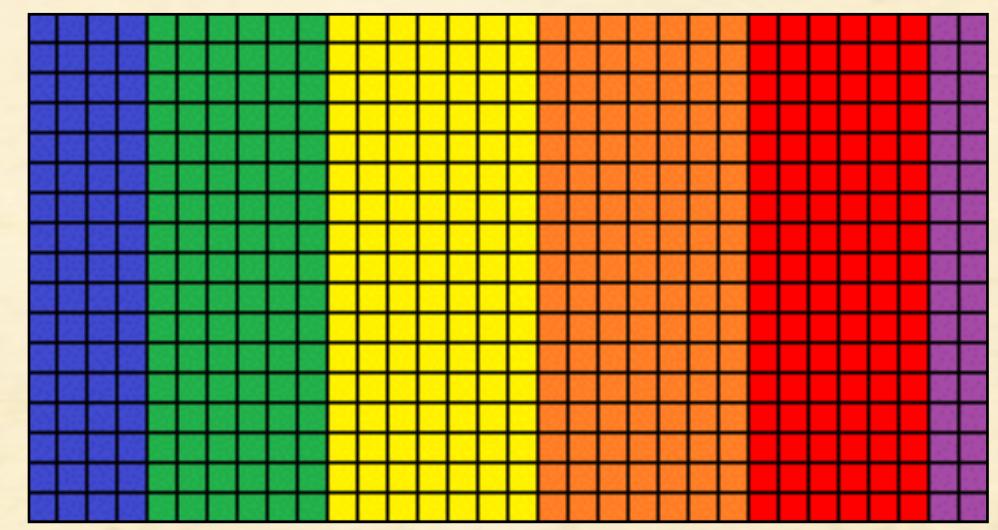
A diagram illustrating the Low-rank Plus Dictionary Sparse Decomposition of a matrix  $\mathbf{Y}$ . The equation  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{A}$  is shown, where  $\mathbf{X}$  is a low-rank matrix (colorful grid),  $\mathbf{R}$  is a dictionary matrix (sparse grid), and  $\mathbf{A}$  is a sparse coefficients matrix (black and white grid).



# Low-rank Plus Dictionary Sparse Decomposition



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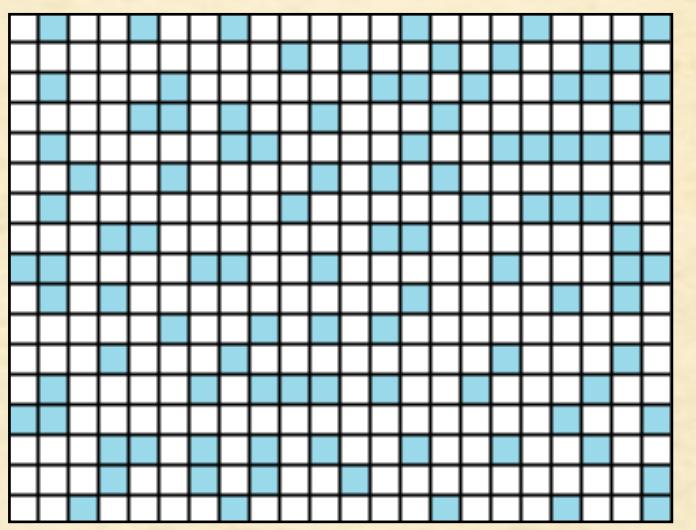
Data

$\mathbf{Y}$

Low-Rank

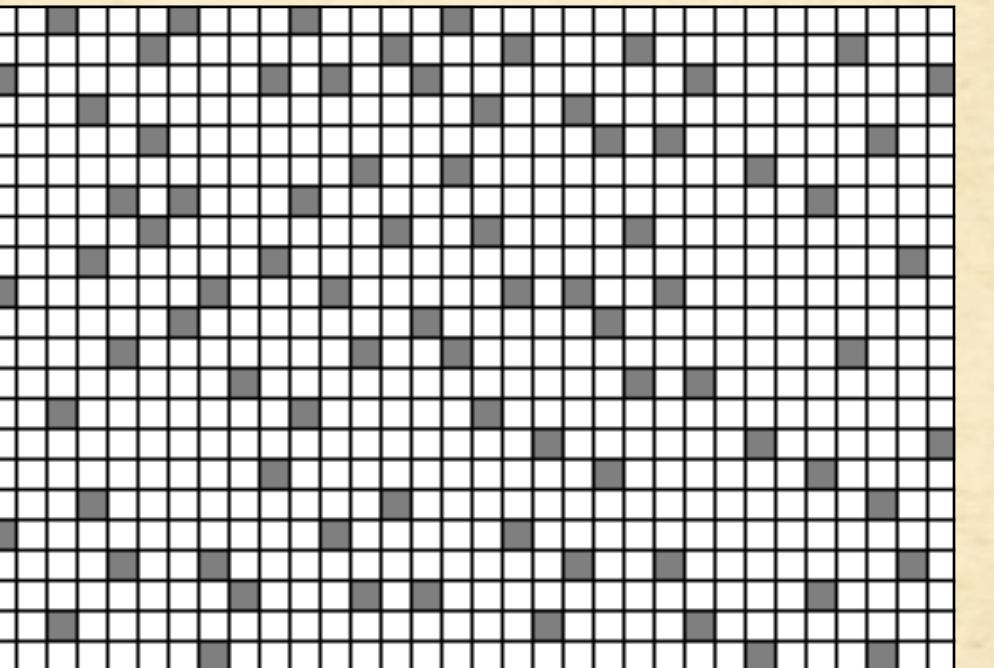
$\mathbf{X}$

+



Dictionary  
(Known)

$\mathbf{R}$



Sparse  
Coefficients

$\mathbf{A}$

Fat, orthogonal rows

k-sparse column and rows

# Our Contributions

1

Establish recovery results for the  
Thin dictionary case  
with constraints on the global  
sparsity of A

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This talk

In paper  
(analogous to the thin case)

# Theoretical Underpinnings

So, what exactly do we need for exact recovery of  $X$  and  $A$ ?

1

Thin

vs.

Fat

## Frame Condition

For all vectors  $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$\mathbf{F}_L \|v\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{R}v\|_2^2 \leq \mathbf{F}_U \|v\|_2^2$$

$$0 < \mathbf{F}_L \leq \mathbf{F}_U$$

Thin ( $n > d$ )

## Restricted Isometry Property

For all  $k$ -sparse vectors  $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,

$$(1 - \delta) \|v\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{R}v\|_2^2 \leq (1 + \delta) \|v\|_2^2$$

Fat ( $n < d$ )

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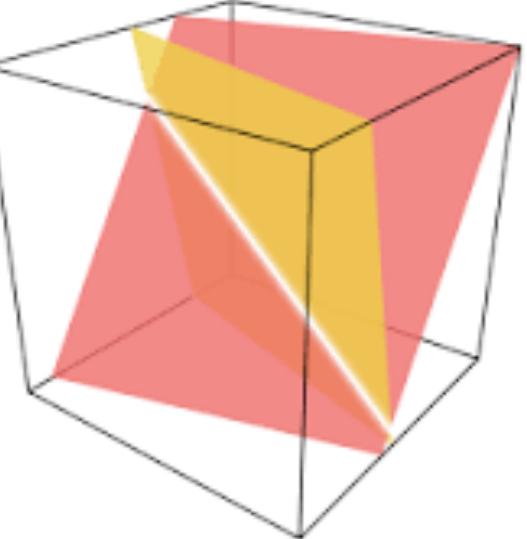
Annotations:

- Red arrow from **Y** to **X**: *Low-rank (rank: r)*
- Red arrow from **R** to **A**: *dictionary sparse part  
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# 2 Subspaces

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}'$$



$\Phi$

$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{W}_1 + \mathbf{W}_2\mathbf{V}',$   
 $\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{W}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$

Low-rank  
X

$\Omega$

$\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$   
Same support as  
 $\mathbf{A}_0$

Sparse Coefficient  
A

$\Omega_R$

$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{RH},$   
 $\mathbf{H} \in \Omega$

Dictionary Sparse  
RA

$\mathbf{P}_U$

Projection Matrix  
for the  
column space of X

Column space of X  
U

$\mathbf{P}_V$

Projection Matrix  
for the  
row space of X

Row space of X  
V

Theoretical Underpinnings

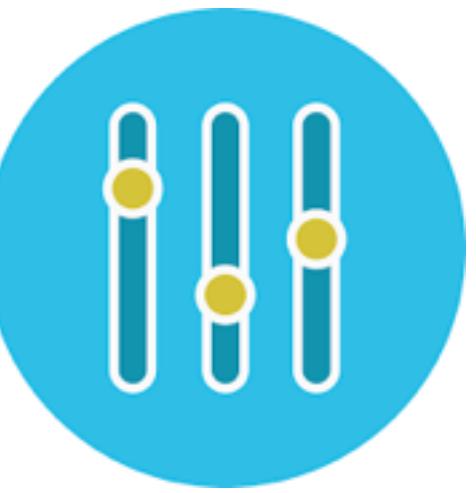
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$\Phi$  : Low-rank X

$\Omega_R$  : Dict. Sparse RA

# 3

# Parameters



$$\mu$$

$$\max_{\mathbf{Z} \in \Omega_R \setminus \{\mathbf{0}_{d \times m}\}} \frac{\|\mathcal{P}_\Phi(\mathbf{Z})\|_F}{\|\mathbf{Z}\|_F}$$

How close is RA to the low-rank part X?

$$\gamma_{UR}$$

$$\max_i \frac{\|\mathbf{P}_U \mathbf{R} \mathbf{e}_i\|^2}{\|\mathbf{R} \mathbf{e}_i\|^2}$$

Does the column space of X resemble the dictionary?

$$\gamma_V$$

$$\max_i \|\mathbf{P}_V \mathbf{e}_i\|^2$$

Is the row space of X sparse?

$$\xi$$

$$\|\mathbf{R}' \mathbf{U} \mathbf{V}'\|_\infty$$

The max inner-product of R and UV'.

# Optimality Conditions

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$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}, \Lambda) = \|\mathbf{X}\|_* + \lambda \|\mathbf{A}\|_1 + \langle \Lambda, \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{A} \rangle$$

First-order  
optimality

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**Definition D.2.**

$$\lambda_{\max} := \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} (\sqrt{\mathbf{F}_L} (1 - \mu) - \sqrt{r\mathbf{F}_U} \mu)$$

**Assumption A.1.**

$$\lambda_{\max} \geq \lambda_{\min}$$

**Assumption A.2.**

$$s_{\max} := \frac{(1-\mu)^2}{2} \frac{m}{r}$$

$$\gamma_{UR} \leq \begin{cases} \frac{(1-\mu)^2 - 2s\gamma_V}{2s(1+\gamma_V)}, & \text{for } s \leq \min(d, s_{\max}) \\ \frac{(1-\mu)^2 - 2s\gamma_V}{2(d+s\gamma_V)}, & \text{for } d < s \leq s_{\max} \end{cases}$$

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Existence of  $\lambda$   
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# Interplay of parameters

$\mu$

How close is RA to X?

$\xi$

Measure of coherence  
between R and UV

$\gamma_{UR}$

Is the column space of X acting like R?

$s$

Global sparsity of A

$\gamma_V$

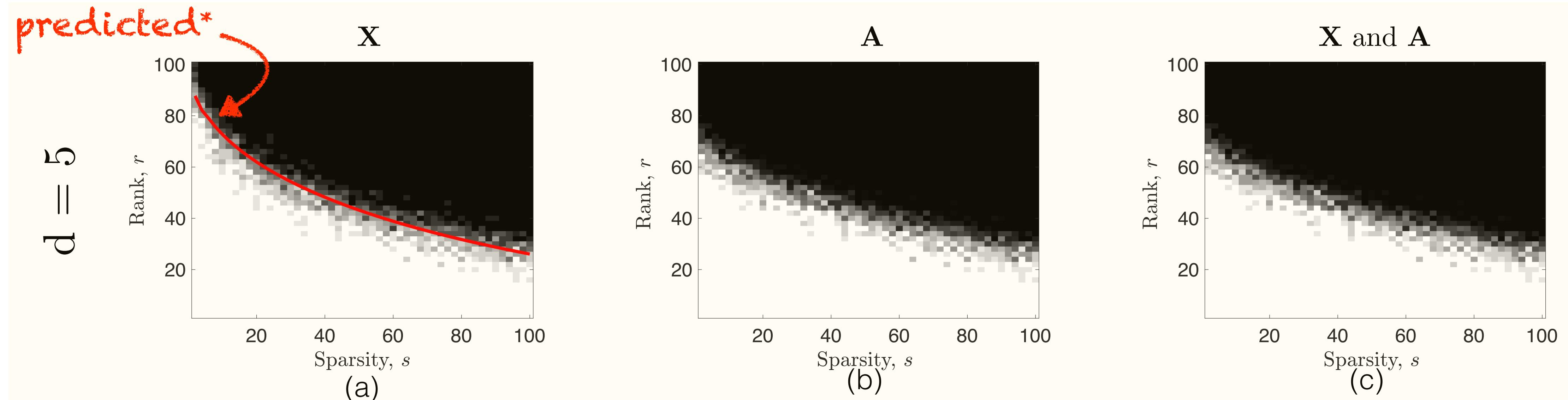
Is the row space of R sparse?

# Main Result (Thin Case)

**Theorem 1** - Consider a superposition  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}_0 + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}_0$ , of a low-rank matrix  $\mathbf{X}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  of rank  $r$ , and a dictionary sparse component  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}_0$ , wherein the dictionary  $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$  with  $d \leq n$  obeys the frame condition with frame bounds  $[\mathbf{F}_L, \mathbf{F}_U]$  and the sparse coefficient matrix  $\mathbf{A}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$  has at most  $s$  non-zeros, i.e.,  $\|\mathbf{A}_0\|_0 = s$ , with parameters  $\gamma_{UR}$ ,  $\xi$ ,  $\gamma_V \in [r/m, 1]$  and  $\mu \in [0, 1]$ .

Then, if the assumptions A.1. and A.2. hold for any  $\lambda \in [\lambda_{\min}, \lambda_{\max}]$ , then solving the optimization problem shown in eq.(1) will exactly recover matrices  $\mathbf{X}_0$  and  $\mathbf{A}_0$ .

# Phase transition in rank and sparsity for $s \leq s_{\max}$

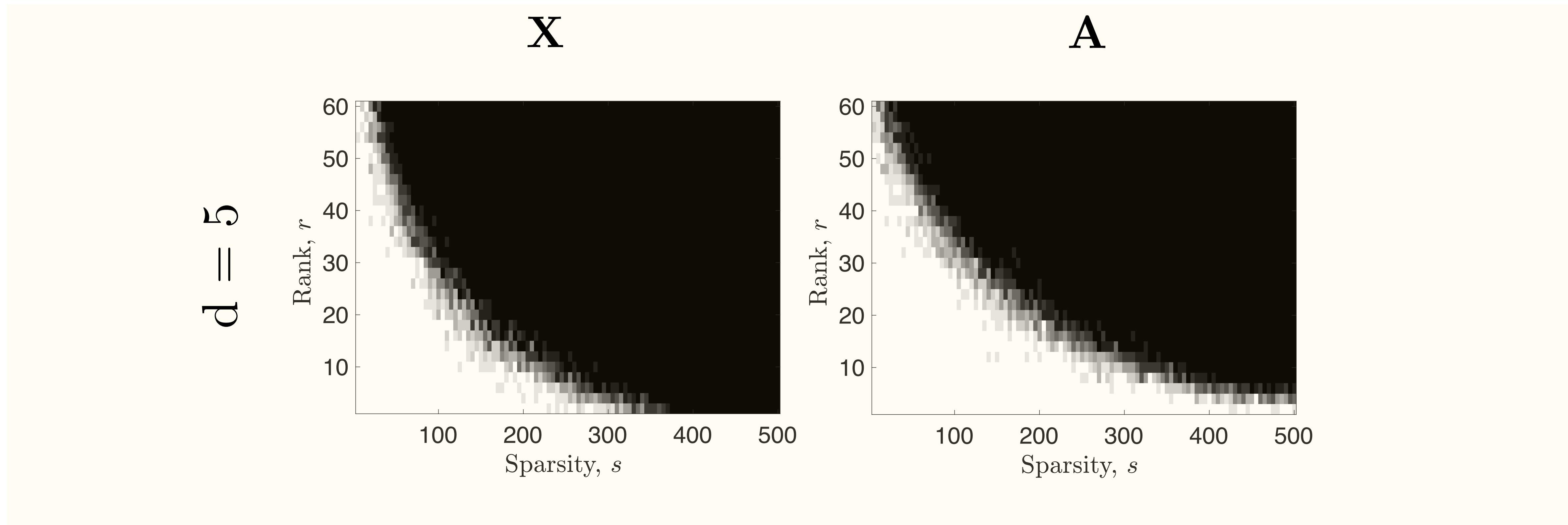


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$$r \leq \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{F}_L}{\mathbf{F}_U}} \frac{1-\mu}{\mu} - \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{\mathbf{F}_U \mu}} \frac{1+C}{1-C} \sqrt{s} \right)^2$$

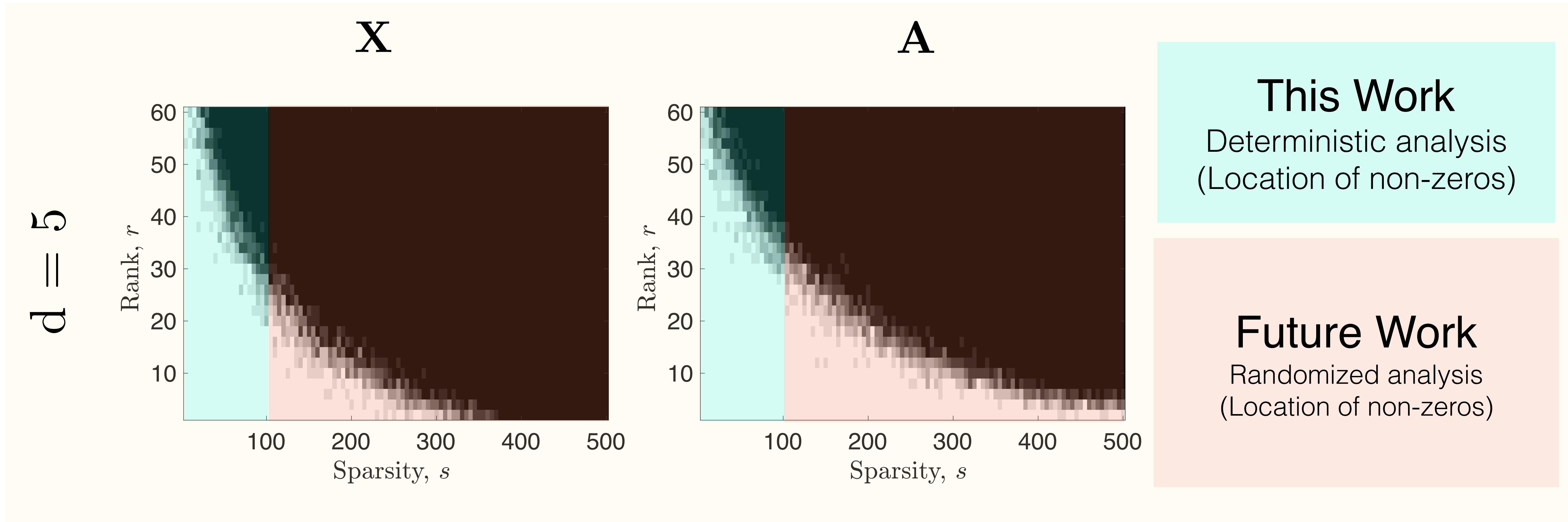
\* the parameters are manually tuned.

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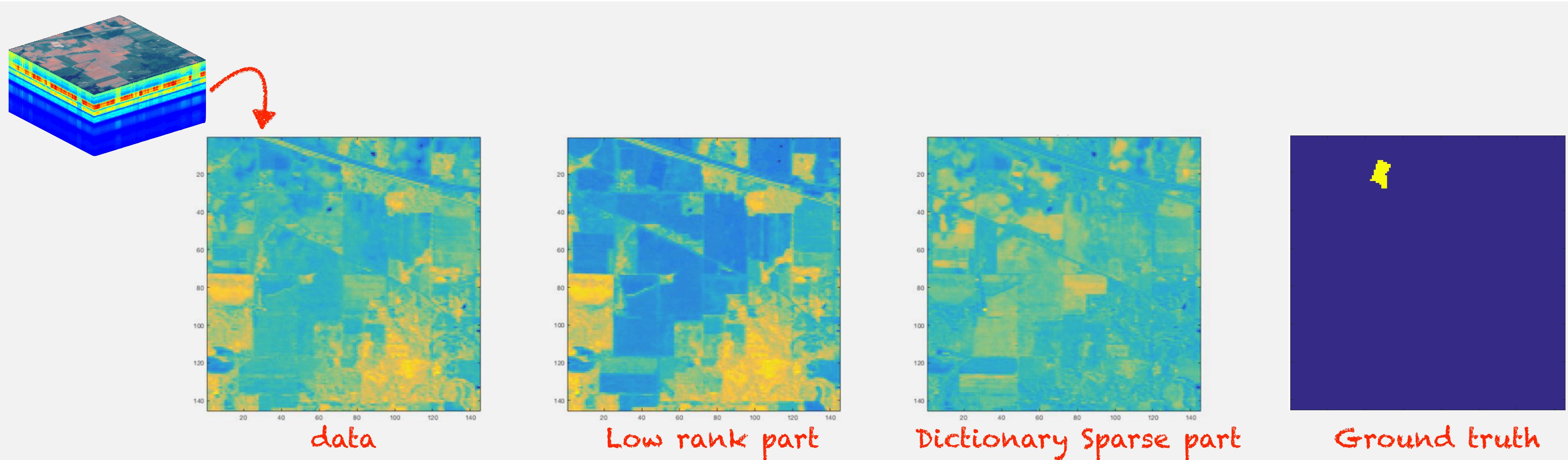
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**Fig.2** - Recovery for varying ranks of  $\mathbf{X}$  and sparsity of  $\mathbf{A}$  for the thin case with  $d = 5$  for all sparsity levels. Average recovery across 10 trials,  $n = m = 100$ , success (in white) is determined by  $\|\mathbf{X} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}\|_F/\|\mathbf{X}\|_F \leq 0.02$  and  $\|\mathbf{A} - \hat{\mathbf{A}}\|_F/\|\mathbf{A}\|_F \leq 0.02$ . We use the accelerated proximal gradient algorithm outlined in Mardani, Mateos, and Giannakis, 2013.

# Application

## Target Identification in Hyper-spectral Imaging



**Fig.2** - Identifying the Stone-steel towers in the Indian pines hyper-spectral image data. The video shows the result of demixing of the 50th spectral band into a low rank part and a dictionary sparse part for across the range of  $\lambda_s$ .

Simulations : Motivating Example

# Future Work & Conclusions

What's next?

# Future Work

1

Extend the results to higher sparsity levels by assuming a random distribution on the locations of non-zeros of coefficient matrix A.

2

Analyze the problem for the noisy case  
Can we hope for support recovery in the presence of noise?

# Conclusions

- We analyze a dictionary-based generalization of the robust PCA problem, wherein the known dictionary  $R$  can be thin or fat.
- In the thin case, we assume that the dictionary obeys the frame conditions, while in the fat case it obeys RIP of order  $k$ .
- We relax some of the constraints required by the prior art, namely orthogonality of rows of  $R$  and sparsity of rows of  $A$  for the fat case to provide a unified analysis.
- The predicted trend is confirmed by the experimental results in the form of phase transitions in rank and sparsity.

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Questions and comments are welcome.

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