# Compressive interferometric acquisition: from lensless imaging to random beamforming in radio astronomy

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## The multiple use of random projections in "data science"



### Random "projections" are ubiquitous in:

- Data mining & dimensionality reduction techniques
- Sensing and imaging methods (optics, astronomy, ...)
- Machine learning (sketching, explicit kernel, initialization, ...)
- Randomized numerical methods

#### Compressive sensing...



### Embedding of sparse vectors / signals

Two K-sparse signals  $\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{x}' \in \Sigma_K := \{ \boldsymbol{u} : \|\boldsymbol{u}\|_0 := |\operatorname{supp} \boldsymbol{u}| \leqslant K \}$ At most K non-zero elements

For many random  $M \times N$  matrices  $\Phi$  (e.g., Gaussian, Bernoulli, structured) and " $M \gtrsim K \log(N/K)$ ", with high probability,



+ extension to other sparsity models, low-rankness, ...

Challenge: dense matrices  $\Phi$  not optimal for:

- memory and computational complexity
- physically friendly implementation
- sensing higher dimensional objects

Other solutions:

Fourier (FFT) or Hadamard matrices



Rank-one projections (ROP)



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#### Focus on rank-one projections

Object to project = symmetric  $n \times n$  matrices  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ : e.g., image, volume, covariance matrices, ... Projection with *m* random vectors  $\{a_j \sim_{iid} a\}_{j=1}^m \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ 

$$m{y} := m{\Phi}(m{X}) := (\begin{array}{cc} m{a}_j^{ op} X m{a}_j \end{array})_{j=1}^m \in \mathbb{R}^m$$
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Phase retrieval



Covariance matrix estimation

(e.g., Gaussian)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{E}\boldsymbol{x}\boldsymbol{x}^{\top}) &\approx \mathcal{A}(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{k}\boldsymbol{x}_{k}\boldsymbol{x}_{k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{N}\sum_{k}[(\boldsymbol{a}_{j}^{\top}\boldsymbol{x}_{k})^{2}]_{j=1}^{m} \\ & \text{for } \boldsymbol{x}_{k} \sim_{\text{iid}} \boldsymbol{x} \end{aligned}$$

📄 Chen & Goldsmith (2015) 📑 Cai & Zhang (2015)

## (compressive interferometry #1) Lensless interferometry & rank-one projections



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#### Lensless endoscopy: focused mode



Biological sample

🖬 Andresen et al., 2016. 📑 Sivankutty et al., 2018.





Measurement model



However, speckles are interferences: (Under far-field approximation)

$$\varphi_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{x}) \propto \underline{w(\boldsymbol{x})} \sum_{j,k=1}^{Q} \alpha_{j} \alpha_{k}^{*} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\lambda z} (\boldsymbol{q}_{j} - \boldsymbol{q}_{k})^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}} \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{FOV} \alpha_{j} \alpha_{k}^{*} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\lambda z} (\boldsymbol{q}_{j} - \boldsymbol{q}_{k})^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}}}{\sum_{\substack{\text{fov} \\ \text{window}}} \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{FOV} \alpha_{j} \alpha_{k}^{*} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\lambda z} (\boldsymbol{q}_{j} - \boldsymbol{q}_{k})^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}}}{\sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ interference}} \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{FOV} \alpha_{j} \alpha_{k}^{*} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\lambda z} (\boldsymbol{q}_{j} - \boldsymbol{q}_{k})^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}}}}{\sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ interference}} \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{FOV} \alpha_{j} \alpha_{k}^{*} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\lambda z} (\boldsymbol{q}_{j} - \boldsymbol{q}_{k})^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}}}}{\sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ interference}} \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{FOV} \alpha_{j} \alpha_{k}^{*} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{\lambda z} (\boldsymbol{q}_{j} - \boldsymbol{q}_{k})^{\top} \boldsymbol{x}}}}}$$

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**Observation 1: denser Fourier sampling if** 

$$|\mathcal{V}|\simeq Q^2$$

- + Lattices are bad core arrangements
- Fermat's spiral is not bad







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## Interferometric sensing model

Composition of two sensing methods 
$$Q \times Q$$
  
 $\boldsymbol{y} = (y_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_1}, \cdots, y_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_m})^\top = \Phi(\mathcal{I}[wf]) + \text{noise},$   
 $\mathbf{y} = (\boldsymbol{y}_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_1}, \cdots, y_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}_m})^\top = \Phi(\mathcal{I}[wf]) + \text{noise},$ 

with  $\Phi(M) := \{ \langle \alpha_j \alpha_j, M \rangle_F \}_{j=1}^n$ .

#### Sample complexities of interest:

2 Does Φ capture enough from *I*? ↔ m big enough?
1 Does *I* capture enough from f? ↔ Q big enough? Core arrangement?

A few answers from a few simplifications ... Theory + Simulations + Experimental results



### Theoretical guarantees

#### Given

- a discretisation f of wf over N pixels
- a frequency coverage  ${\mathscr V}$  respecting usual CS conditions (RIP)

(under specific simplifying assumptions)

If the  $\{\alpha_i\}$  are (sub)Gaussian, given a sparsity level Kand provided M = O(K) and  $Q^2 = O(K)$  (up to logs), then, with high probability, given the observations  $z = \Phi'[f] + \text{noise}$ , an  $\ell_1$ -minimization program gives an estimate f' with

$$\|\boldsymbol{f} - \boldsymbol{f}'\|_2 \leqslant C \frac{\|\boldsymbol{f} - \boldsymbol{f}_K\|_1}{\sqrt{K}} + D \frac{\epsilon}{M}$$

for some C, D > 0.

Proof idea:  $\Phi'$  = centering of  $\Phi$ ; show that  $\Phi'$  respects a variants of the restricted isometry property.

### 1-D simulations: phase transition diagrams

### Simplified setting:

1-D core arrangement, N = 256 *K*-sparse vectors Random  $\{\alpha_j\}_{j=1}^M$  Q, M, K varying 80 trials, Success if  $\geq 40$  dB





### Experiments (in Institut Fresnel, France)



+ a lot of calibrations & validations

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# (compressive interferometry #2) Random beamforming in radio astronomy follows rank-one projection sensing



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Sensing at *q*-th antenna signal:

$$\frac{x_q(t)}{\text{signal}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} s(\boldsymbol{l}, t) \, \underline{g(\boldsymbol{l})}_{\text{FOV}} \exp\left(\frac{\mathrm{i}2\pi}{\lambda} \, \underline{p}_q^{\perp}(t)^{\top} \boldsymbol{l}\right) \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{l} + \underbrace{n_q(t)}_{\text{noise}} d\boldsymbol{l}$$

#### By the Van Cittert-Zernike theorem (VCZ)

$$\mathbb{E}_{s} \mathbb{E}_{n} [\boldsymbol{x}(t) \boldsymbol{x}^{*}(t)] = \mathcal{I}_{\Omega(t)} [\sigma^{\circ}] + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{s} \mathbb{E}_{n} [\boldsymbol{x}(t) \boldsymbol{x}^{*}(t)]}_{\text{cov. of } \boldsymbol{n}(t)}$$
Short-Time Integration

 $\sigma^{\circ}(l)$ 



 $g^2(l)\sigma^2(l)$ 



Very Large Array (VLA)

with

Fourier Tr.  

$$(\mathcal{I}_{\Omega(t)}(\sigma^{\circ}))_{jk} := \mathcal{F}[\sigma^{\circ}] \begin{pmatrix} \underline{p}_{k}^{\perp} - \underline{p}_{j}^{\perp} \\ \underline{\lambda} \\ \in \mathcal{V} := \lambda^{-1}(\Omega - \Omega) \\ \text{visibilities} \end{pmatrix}$$

Practically,

- *B* short-time integration intervals (STI) with *I* discrete time instants  $\rightarrow \mathbb{E}(\cdot) \approx \langle \cdot \rangle_I$
- Approx: over each STI, visibilities are fixed

### Summary: 2 sensing operators



## Challenges in radio-interferometry

Massive data stream:

 $\# visibilities \mathscr{V} = \cup_{b=1}^{B} \mathscr{V}_{b} \to O(Q^{2}B)$ 

e.g., for the square-kilometer array (SKA)  $Q = O(10^5), B = O(100) \rightarrow \text{Storing } O(10^7) \text{ visibilities}$ 



• Computing  $\mathscr{F}[\sigma^{\circ}](\mathscr{V})$  via  $\{C_b\}_{b=1}^B \to O(IBQ^2) = O(10^9 \cdot 10^5)$ 

<u>Solution</u>: compressive radio-interferometric (RI) sensing scheme

- leveraging an old scheme, *beamforming*, in a new setup
- compressing measurements at antenna & reconstruction levels
- supported by theoretical guarantees (under a few simplifications).

### Beamforming = rank-one projections of covariance matrix

What if we create a *virtual* antenna? Let's do beamforming (again)



Given Q complex weights  $\alpha_q, \beta_q$ 

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### Acquisition operator Given $\{\alpha_{pb}, \beta_{pb}\}_{p=1,b=1}^{N_p,B} \subset \mathbb{C}^Q, \{\gamma_{mb}\}_{m=1,b=1}^{N_m,B} \subset \mathbb{C}^Q$ (Not specified yet)



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 $\boldsymbol{x}(t) \xrightarrow{p_1(t) \cdots p_2(t)} \xrightarrow{p_q(t) \cdots p_q(t)} x_q(t) \xrightarrow{p_Q(t)} x_q(t)$ (1st compression @antennas level)  $\boldsymbol{Sampling B STls, b \in [B]}$   $\mathcal{X}_b := \{\boldsymbol{x}_b[i] \in \mathbb{C}^Q, \ i \in [I]\}$   $\boldsymbol{Random \ beamforming: for \ p \in [N_p] \ ROPs \ per \ b}$   $\mu_{pb}[i] := \langle \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{pb}, \boldsymbol{x}_b[i] \rangle, \ \nu_{pb}[i] := \langle \boldsymbol{\beta}_{pb}, \boldsymbol{x}_b[i] \rangle$   $\boldsymbol{y}_{pb} = \frac{1}{I} \sum_{i=1}^{I} \mu_{pb}[i] \nu_{pb}[i] = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{pb}^* C_b \boldsymbol{\beta}_{pb}$   $(QBI \rightarrow N_pB)$ 

(2nd compression)  $(N_p B \rightarrow N_p N_m)$ 

**Bernoulli modulations:** for  $m \in [N_m]$  modulations

$$\mathcal{X} 
ightarrow \widetilde{\Psi}(\mathcal{X}) = \left\{ oldsymbol{z}_m := \sum_{b=1}^B \underbrace{\gamma_{mb}}_{\in \{\pm 1\}} oldsymbol{y}_b 
ight\}_{m=1}^{N_m}$$
 $N_p N_m ext{ values}$ 

#### Imaging operator



(image level)

Sampling over a N-pixel grid  $oldsymbol{\sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ 





(compression for the reconstruction level)  $\sigma \xrightarrow{\text{ROP}} \{ \boldsymbol{y}_b' = [\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{pb}^* \ \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}_b(\boldsymbol{\sigma})} \ \boldsymbol{\beta}_{pb}) ]_{p=1}^{N_p} \}_{b=1}^B$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Mod.}} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}[\boldsymbol{\sigma}] = \{ \sum_{b=1}^B \gamma_{mb} \boldsymbol{y}_b' \}_{m=1}^{N_m}$   $N_p N_m \text{ values}$ 

#### Questions:

- For which (distribution on)  $\{\alpha_{pb}, \beta_{pb}, \gamma_{mb}\}$  can we estimate  $\sigma$ ?
- What are the compression ratios?

#### Our answers:

- 1. **Theory**: ok if  $\{\alpha_{pb}, \beta_{pb}\}$  are random and (sub)Gaussian without modulations ( $\gamma_{mb} = 1, N_m = 1$ ) and  $N_p$  large enough
- 2. **Experiments**: ok if  $\{\alpha_{pb}, \beta_{pb}, \gamma_{mb}\}$  are random and (sub)Gaussian

### Reconstruction guarantees? Theory

Batched ROP model: with  $\gamma_{mb} = 1$ ,  $N_m = 1$ , we find:

$$\widetilde{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}[\boldsymbol{\sigma}] = \sum_{b=1}^{B} \left[ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{pb}^{*} \, \overline{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}_{b}(\boldsymbol{\sigma})}^{\mathcal{F}[\boldsymbol{\sigma}](\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}}_{b})} \, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{pb} \right]_{p=1}^{N_{p}} = \left[ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{p}^{*} \, \overline{\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}(\boldsymbol{\sigma})}^{\mathcal{F}[\boldsymbol{\sigma}](\boldsymbol{\mathcal{V}})} \, \boldsymbol{\beta}_{p} \right]_{p=1}^{N_{p}}$$

with  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_p = [\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{pb}]_{b=1}^B, \, \boldsymbol{\beta}_p = [\boldsymbol{\beta}_{pb}]_{b=1}^B, \, \boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}} = \mathrm{bdiag}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}_1, \ldots, \boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}_B).$ 

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for some C, D > 0.

 $\{\mathcal{V}_b\}_{b=1}^B =: \mathcal{V}$ 

### Reconstruction guarantees? Simulations

#### Modulated ROP model:

- Monte Carlo simulations
- $N = 10^4, B = 100, Q = 27$
- Various  $K, N_p, N_m$
- Very Large Array (VLA)
   visibility/frequency coverage





 $N = 100 \times 100$ 

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## Conclusions and perspectives

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