

# Cartography for Cognitive Networks

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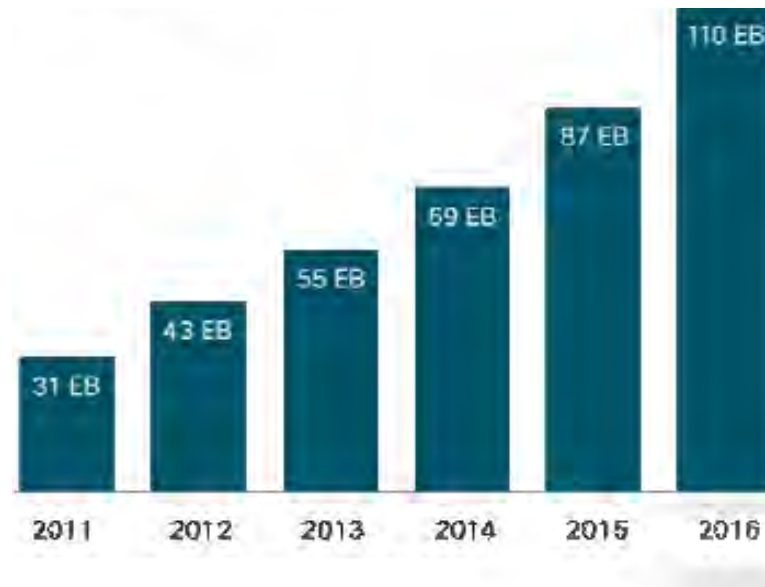


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# Network traffic growth

Projected IP traffic in Exabytes/month



IP traffic is growing explosively



## ■ Communication networks today

- Large-scale interconnection of “smart” devices
- Commercial, consumer-oriented, heterogeneous

## “Smart” devices multiply traffic

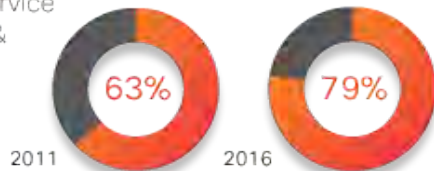


# Service diversification

## Residential services



By 2016, **Online Music** will have 1.7 billion users, ranking as the **highest penetrated service** among all residential service categories (TV & Internet).



**Voice over IP (VoIP)** will be the **fastest growing residential Internet service** from 2011 to 2016.

▲ 10.6% CAGR



By 2016, **Video on Demand (VoD)** will be the **highest penetrated residential TV service** with 258 million subscribers.

14% of digital TV households.



**Digital TV** will be the **fastest growing service** across all residential service categories (TV & Internet) from 2011 to 2016. ▲ 13.8% CAGR

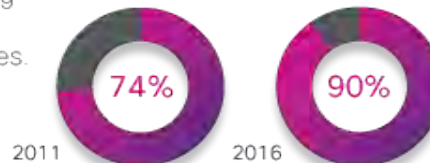


The average household will have **2.5 fixed devices/connections** by 2016.

## Mobile services



By 2016, **Mobile SMS** will have 4.1 billion users, ranking as the **highest penetrated service** among all consumer mobile services.



**Mobile Video** will be the **fastest growing consumer mobile service** from 2011 to 2016. ▲ 42.9% CAGR



**Mobile Banking & Commerce** will be the **second fastest growing consumer mobile service** from 2011 to 2016.

▲ 42.7% CAGR



By 2016, **Mobile Social Networking** will be the **second highest penetrated consumer mobile service** with 2.4 billion users.

53% of consumer mobile users.

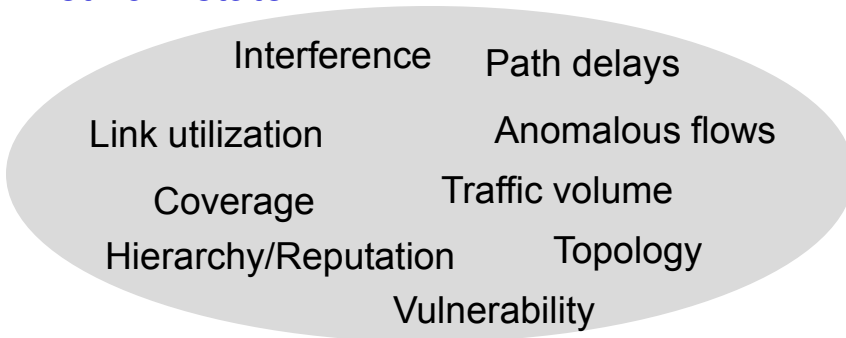


By 2016, mobile consumers will have an average of **1.6 devices per person**.

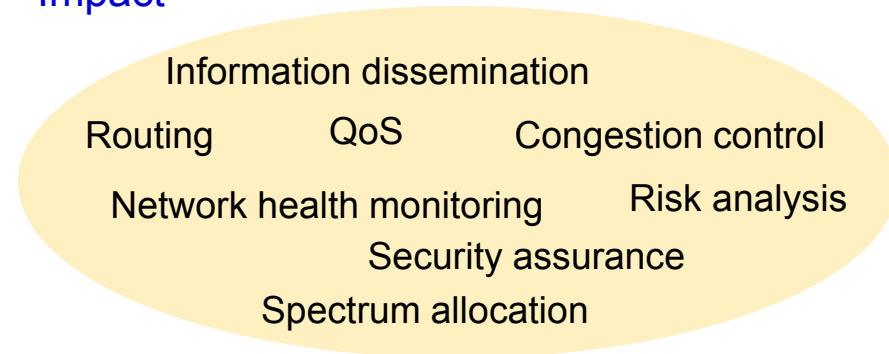
# Dynamic network cartography

- Accurate network diagnosis and statistical analysis tools
  - Seamless end-user experience in dynamic environments
  - Secure and stable network operation
- **Network cartography:** succinct depiction of the *network state*
  - Tool for statistical modeling, monitoring and management
  - Offers situational awareness of the network landscape

## Network state



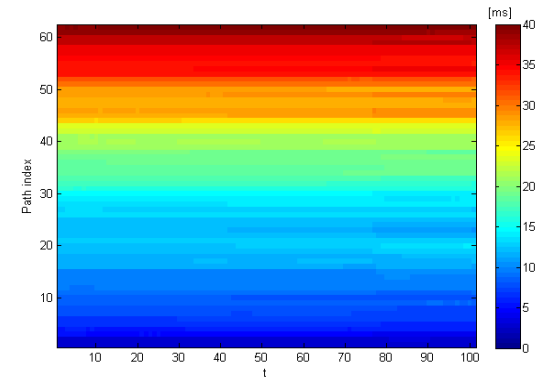
## Impact



# Tutorial outlook

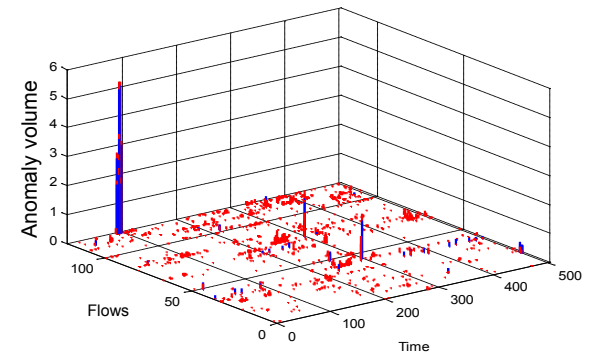
## ■ Dynamic network delay and traffic cartography

- Map network state via limited measurements
- Monitor network health



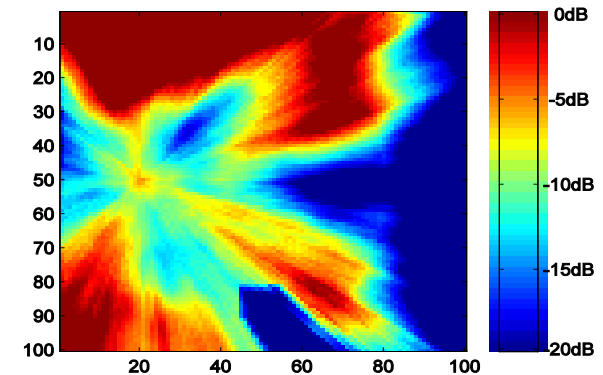
## ■ Dynamic anomalography for IP networks

- Reveal where and when traffic anomalies occur
- Leverage sparse anomalies and low-rank traffic



## ■ RF cartography for cognition at the PHY

- Map ambient RF power in space-time-frequency
- Identify “crowded” regions to be avoided



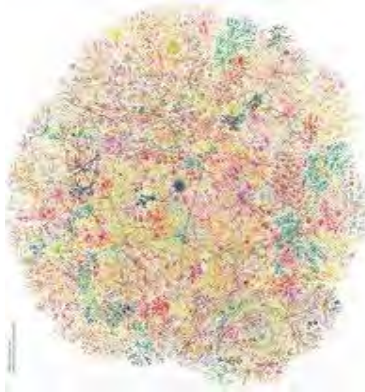


# General context: NetSci analytics

Online social media



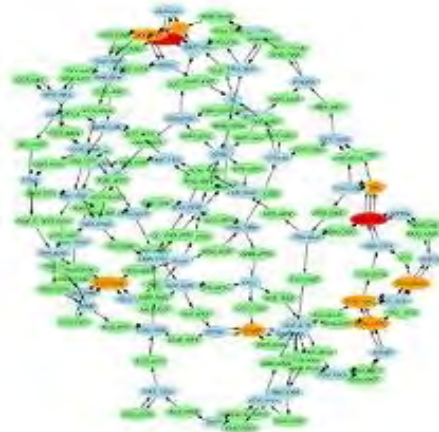
Internet



Clean energy and grid analytics



Biological networks



Robot and sensor networks



Square kilometer array telescope



■ **General tools:** process, analyze, and learn from large pools of network data

# Roadmap

- Dynamic network delay cartography
  - Kriged Kalman filter predictor
  - Optimal network sampling
  - Empirical validation: Internet2 and NZ-AMP data
- Unveiling network anomalies via sparsity and low rank
- Network-wide link count prediction
- RF cartography for cognition at the PHY
- Conclusions and future research directions

# Why monitor delays?

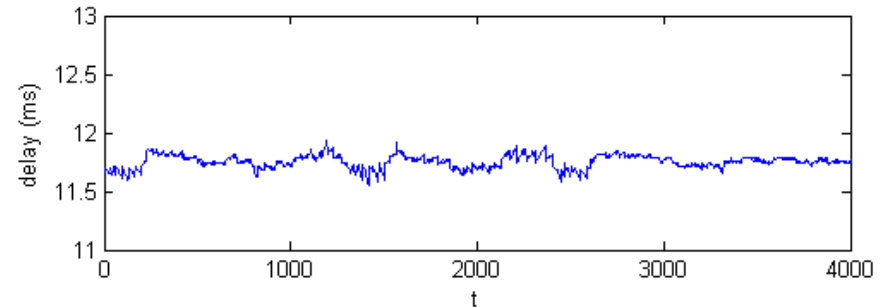
## ■ Motivating reasons

- Assess network health
- Fault diagnosis
- Network planning

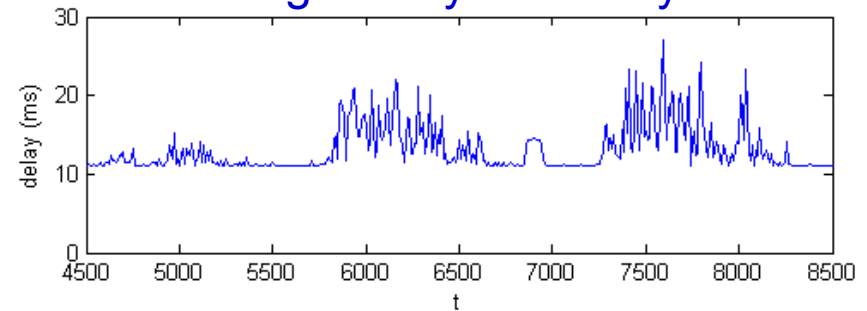
## ■ Application domains

- Old 8-second rule for WWW
- Content delivery networks
- Peer-to-peer networks
- Multiuser games
- Dynamic server selection

Low delay variability



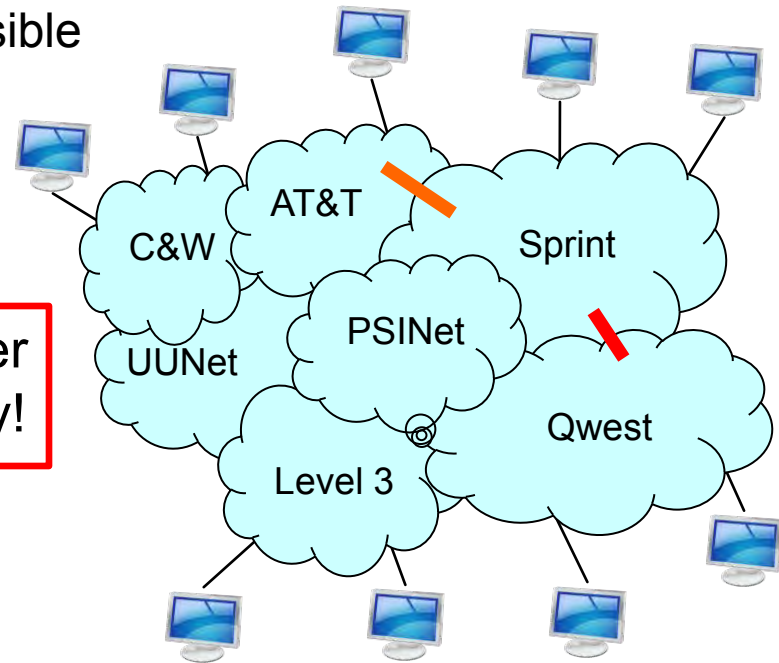
High delay variability





# Research issues and goal

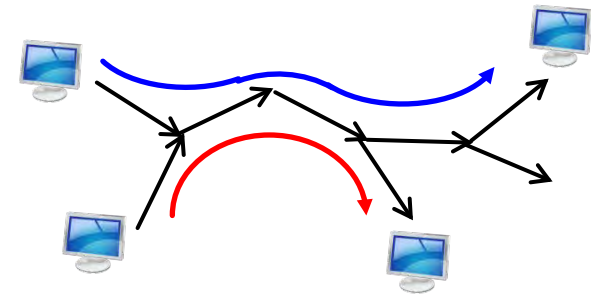
- Few tools are widely supported, e.g., traceroute, ping
- Additional tools from CAIDA<sup>1</sup>
  - Require software installation at intermediate routers
  - Useless if intermediate routers not accessible



**Desiderata:** infer delays from a **limited** number of **end-to-end** measurements only!

# Problem statement

- Consider a network graph with links, nodes, and paths
- Challenges
  - Overhead: # paths ( $=: P$ )  $\sim O(\# \text{ nodes}^2)$
  - Heavily congested routers may drop packets
- **Q:** Can fewer measurements suffice?
  - Most paths tend to share a lot of links [Chua'06]
- Inference task
  - Measure  $y_s$  on subset  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{P}$
  - Predict  $y_{\bar{s}}$  on remaining paths  $\bar{\mathcal{S}} := \mathcal{P} \setminus \mathcal{S}$



# Network Kriging prediction

- Given  $\mathbf{V}_{ss} := \text{cov}(\mathbf{y}_s)$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_{\bar{s}s} := \text{cov}(\mathbf{y}_{\bar{s}}, \mathbf{y}_s)$ , universal Kriging:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\bar{s}} = \mathbf{V}_{\bar{s}s} \mathbf{V}_{ss}^{-1} \mathbf{y}_s$$

- To obtain  $\mathbf{V}_{ss}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_{\bar{s}s}$  adopt a linear model for path delays

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{x} \quad [\mathbf{G}]_{pl} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{link } l \in \text{path } p \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_s \\ \mathbf{y}_{\bar{s}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S} \\ \bar{\mathbf{S}} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}\mathbf{x} \quad \text{cov}(\mathbf{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}_{ss} & \mathbf{V}_{s\bar{s}} \\ \mathbf{V}_{\bar{s}s} & \mathbf{V}_{\bar{s}\bar{s}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S} \\ \bar{\mathbf{S}} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{G}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}^T & \bar{\mathbf{S}}^T \end{bmatrix}$$

- Sampling matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  known (selected via heuristic algorithms)

# Spatio-temporal prediction

- Wavelet-based approach [Coates'07]
  - Diffusion wavelet matrix constructed using network topology
  - Can capture temporal correlations, but for  $\tau$  time slots
  - High complexity ( $O(\tau^3 P^3)$ )  $\Rightarrow$  cannot have  $\tau > 10$
- **Q:** Should the same set of paths be measured per time slot?
  - Load balancing? Measurement on random paths?
- Prior art does not jointly offer
  - Spatio-temporal inference with online path selection, at low complexity

# Simple delay model

- Delay measured on path  $p \in \mathcal{P}$

$$y_p(t) = \chi_p(t) + \nu_p(t) + \epsilon_p(t)$$

Component due to traffic queuing:  
random-walk with noise cov.  $\mathbf{C}_\eta$

$$\chi(t) = \chi(t-1) + \eta(t)$$

Component due to processing, transmission, propagation:  
Traffic independent, temporally white, w/ cov.  $\mathbf{C}_\nu = \alpha \mathbf{G} \mathbf{G}^T$

Measurement noise i.i.d. over  
paths and time with known variance

$$\mathbb{E}[\epsilon_p(t) \epsilon_p^T(t)] = \sigma^2$$

# Kriged Kalman Filter: Formulation

- Path measured on subset  $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{P}$

$$\mathbf{y}_s(t) = \mathbf{S}(t)\boldsymbol{\chi}(t) + \boldsymbol{\nu}_s(t) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_s(t)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_s(t) := \mathbf{S}(t)\boldsymbol{\nu}(t)$$

- KKF:

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\chi}(t) &= \boldsymbol{\chi}(t-1) + \boldsymbol{\eta}(t) \\ \mathbf{y}_s(t) &= \mathbf{S}(t)\boldsymbol{\chi}(t) + \boldsymbol{\nu}_s(t) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_s(t)\end{aligned}$$

**Goal:** Given history  $\mathcal{H}(t) := \{\mathbf{y}_s(\tau)\}_{\tau=1}^t$  find  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\bar{s}}(t)$



# KKF updates

- State and covariance recursions

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\boldsymbol{\chi}}(t) &:= \mathbb{E}^*[\boldsymbol{\chi}(t)|\mathcal{H}(t)] \\ &= \hat{\boldsymbol{\chi}}(t-1) + \mathbf{K}(t)(\mathbf{y}_s(t) - \mathbf{S}(t)\hat{\boldsymbol{\chi}}(t-1))\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}(t) &:= \mathbb{E}[(\hat{\boldsymbol{\chi}}(t) - \boldsymbol{\chi}(t))(\hat{\boldsymbol{\chi}}(t) - \boldsymbol{\chi}(t))^T] \\ &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}(t)\mathbf{S}(t))(\mathbf{M}(t-1) + \mathbf{C}_\eta)\end{aligned}$$

- KKF gain

$$\mathbf{K}(t) := (\mathbf{M}(t-1) + \mathbf{C}_\eta)\mathbf{S}^T(t) [\mathbf{S}(t)(\mathbf{M}(t-1) + \mathbf{C}_\eta + \mathbf{C}_\nu)\mathbf{S}^T(t) + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}]^{-1}$$

- Kriging predictor

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\bar{s}}(t) = \bar{\mathbf{S}}(t)\hat{\boldsymbol{\chi}}(t) + \bar{\mathbf{S}}(t)\mathbf{C}_\nu\mathbf{S}^T(t) [\mathbf{S}(t)\mathbf{C}_\nu\mathbf{S}^T(t) + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}]^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_s(t) - \mathbf{S}(t)\hat{\boldsymbol{\chi}}(t))$$

# Which paths to measure?

- KKF can model and track network-wide delays
  - Practical sampling of paths? Optimal measurements? Criterion?

- Error covariance matrix

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{M}_{\bar{s}}^{\mathbf{y}}(t) &:= \mathbb{E} \left\{ (\mathbf{y}_{\bar{s}}(t) - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\bar{s}}(t)) (\mathbf{y}_{\bar{s}}(t) - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\bar{s}}(t))^T \right\} \\ &= \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{\bar{S}} + \sigma^2 \bar{\mathbf{S}}(t) [\mathbf{\Phi}^{-1} + \mathbf{S}^T(t) \mathbf{S}(t)]^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{S}}^T(t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{\Phi} = (\mathbf{M}(t-1) + \mathbf{C}_{\eta} + \mathbf{C}_{\nu}) / \sigma^2$$

- **Online experimental design:** minimize  $\log \det(\mathbf{M}_{\bar{s}}^{\mathbf{y}}(t)) =: -f_t(\mathcal{S})$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S}^*(t) &:= \arg \max_{\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{P}} f_t(\mathcal{S}) \\ &\text{subject to } |\mathcal{S}| = S\end{aligned}$$

- Log-det: D-optimal design (entropy of a Gaussian r. v.)

# Greedy algorithm

## Algorithm

Repeat  $S$  times

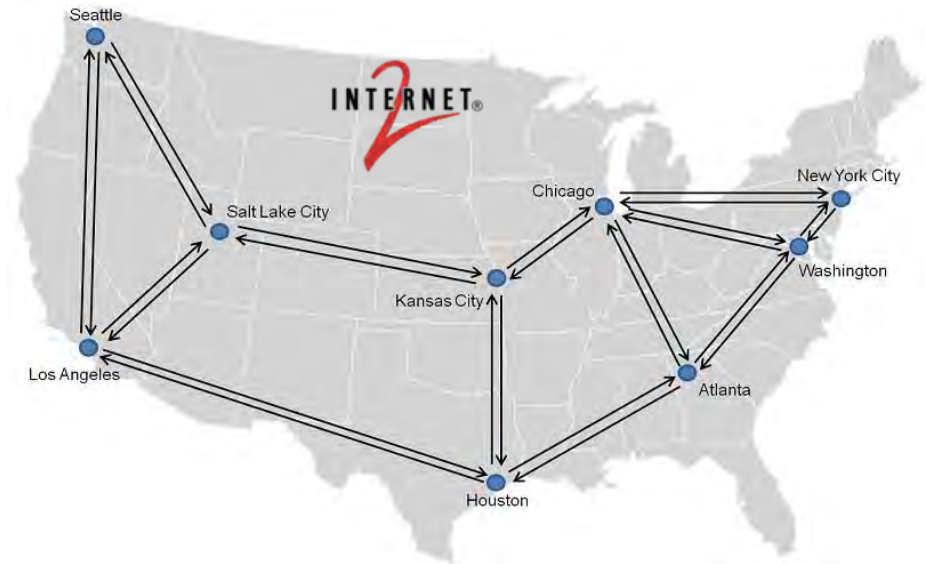
$$\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \mathcal{S} \cup \arg \max_{p \notin \mathcal{S}} \delta_{\mathcal{S}}(p)$$

- Submodular + monotonic  $\Rightarrow$  greedy solution  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{e}\right)$  optimal [Nemhauser'78]
- Increments can be evaluated efficiently:  $O(P S^3)$  with  $P \gg S$ 
  - Operational complexity can be reduced further [Krause'11]
- Can be modified to handle cases when
  - Each node measures delay on all paths – which  $S$  nodes to choose?
  - All nodes measure delay on only one path – which path to choose?

# Empirical validation: Internet2

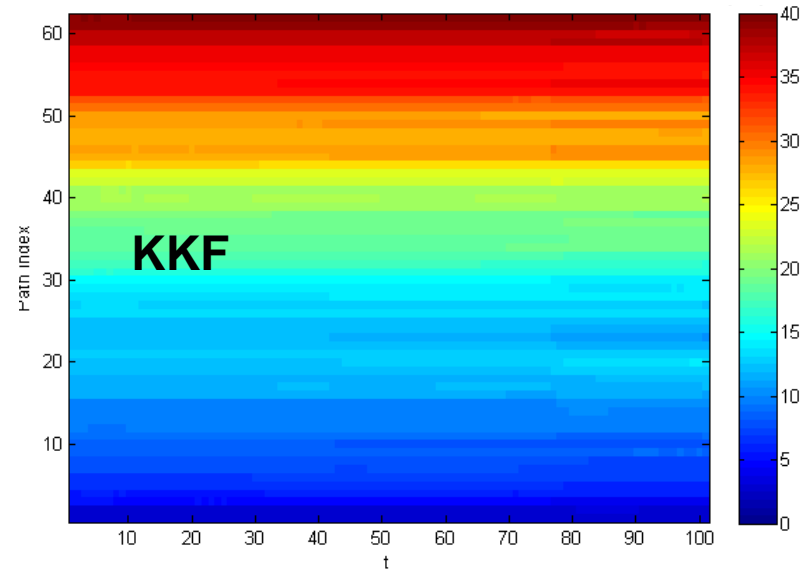
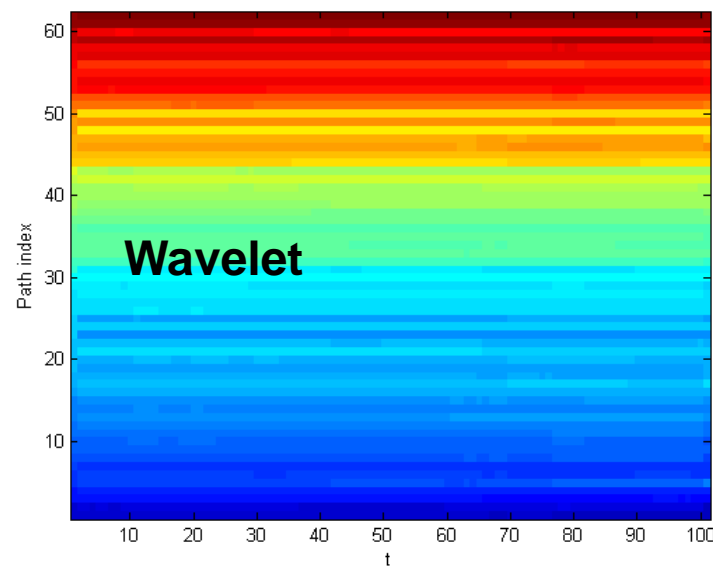
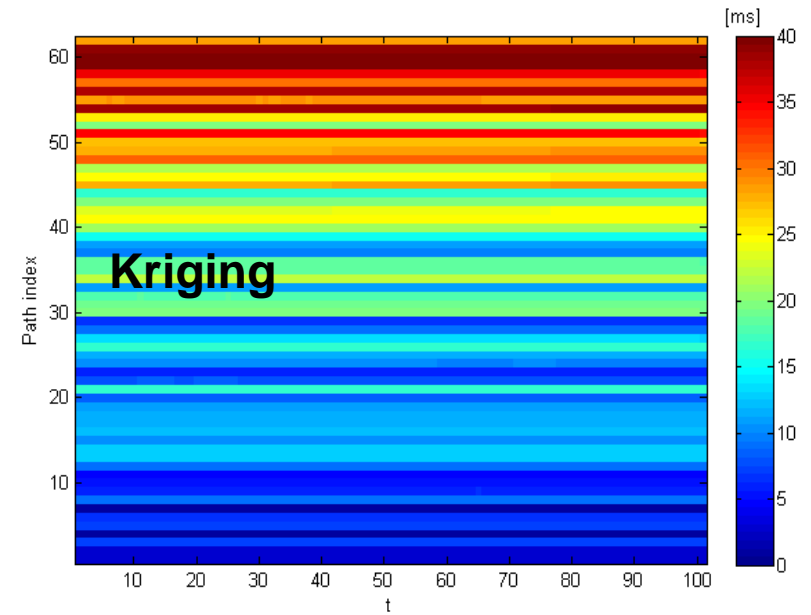
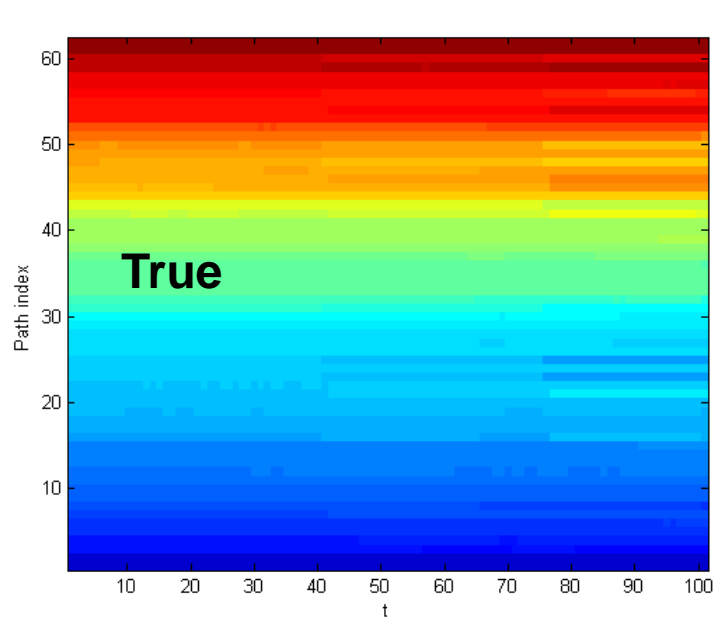
- Internet2 backbone

- 72 paths
- Lightly loaded



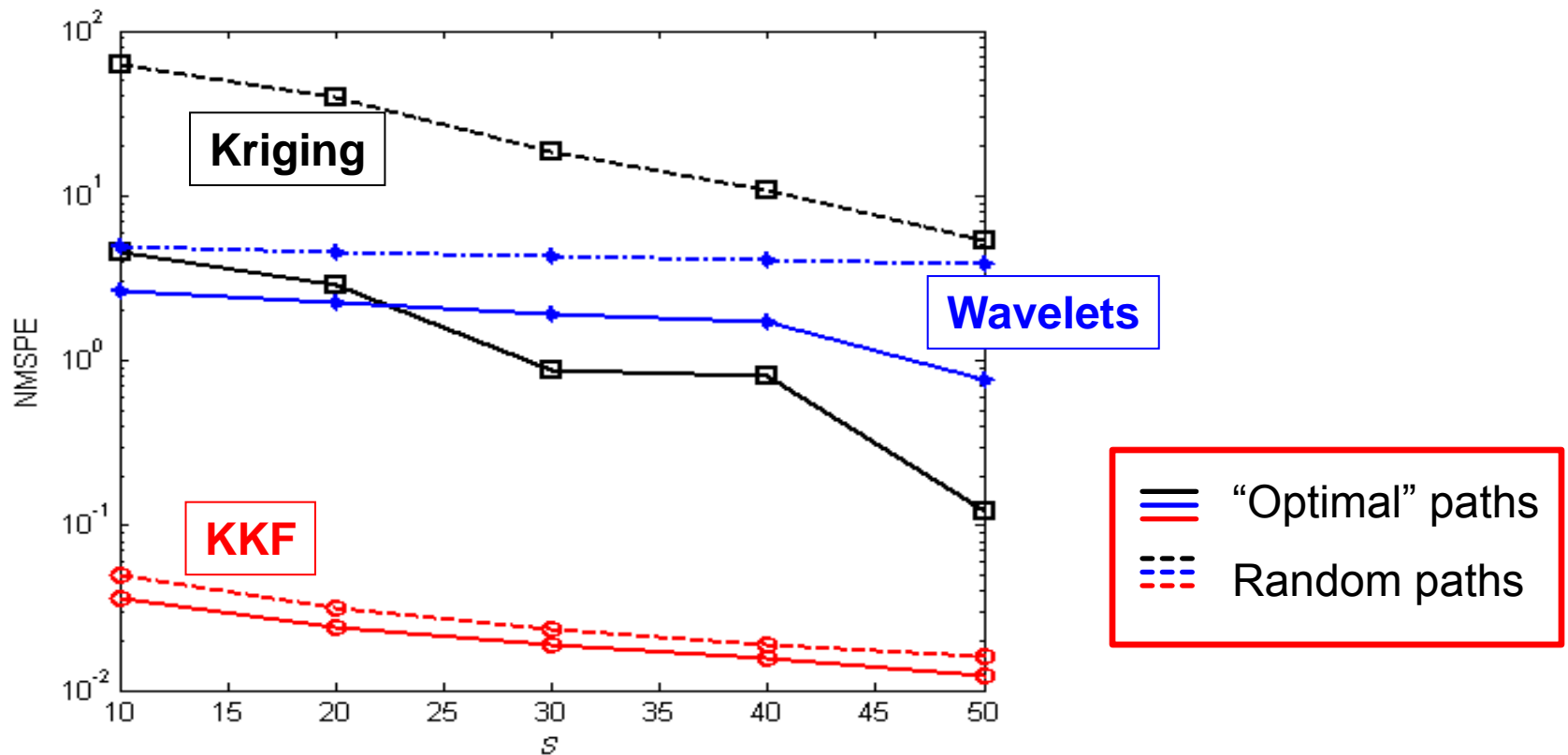
- One-way delay measurements using OWAMP
- Measurements every minute for 3 days in July 2011 ~ 4500 samples
- Training phase employed to estimate  $C_\eta$ ,  $\alpha$ 
  - Empirical estimates; see e.g., [Myers'76]
  - Techniques modified to handle measurements on subset of paths
  - First 1000 samples used for training; 50 random paths used for training

# Network delay cartography (Internet2)



# Normalized MSPE (Internet2)

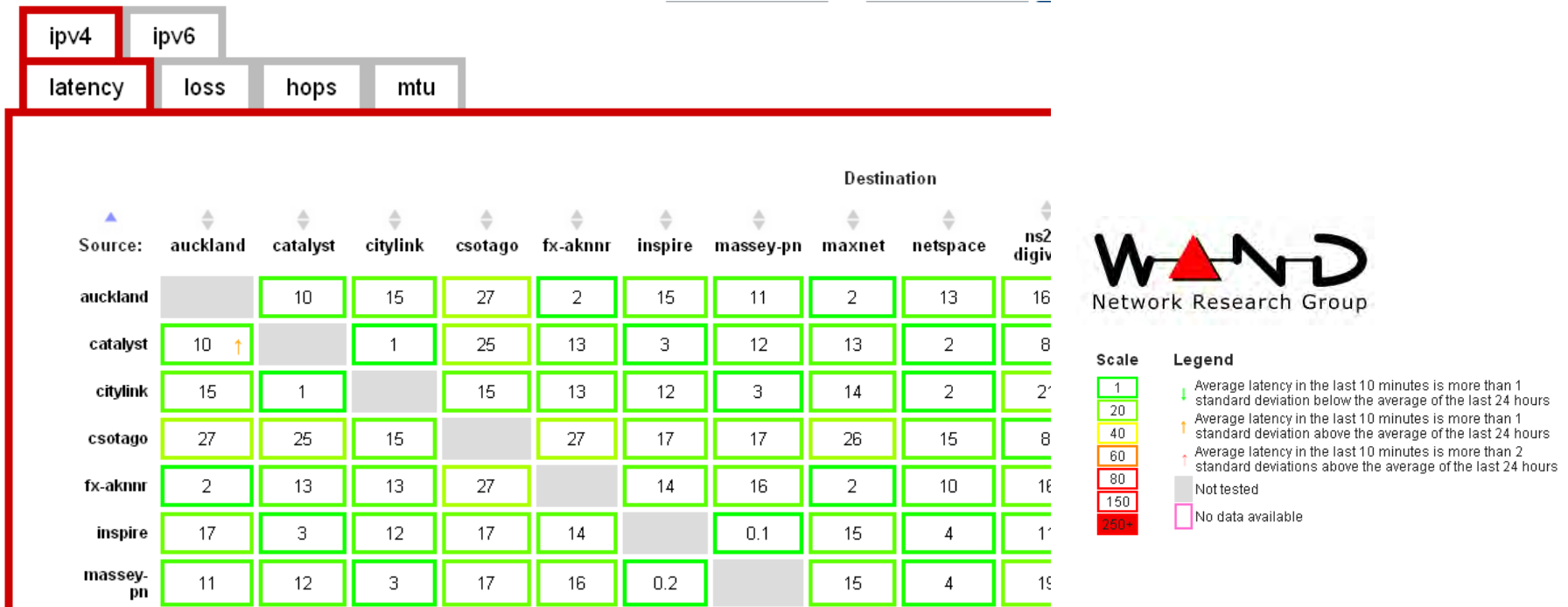
■ Normalized MSPE  $:= \frac{1}{T(P-S)} \sum_{t=1}^T \|\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{\bar{s}}(t) - \mathbf{y}_{\bar{s}}(t)\|^2$





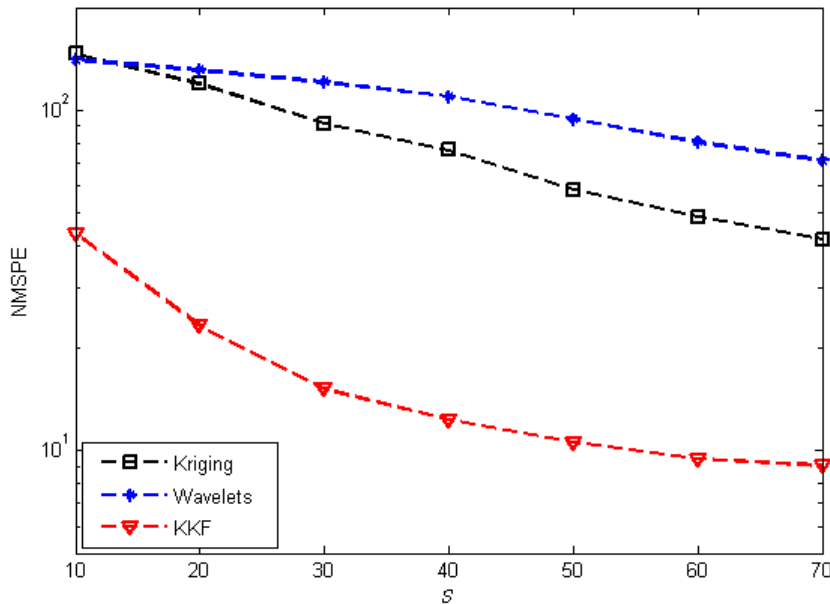
# Empirical validation: NZ-AMP

- Delays measured on NZ-AMP, part of NLANR project
  - 186 paths, heavily loaded network

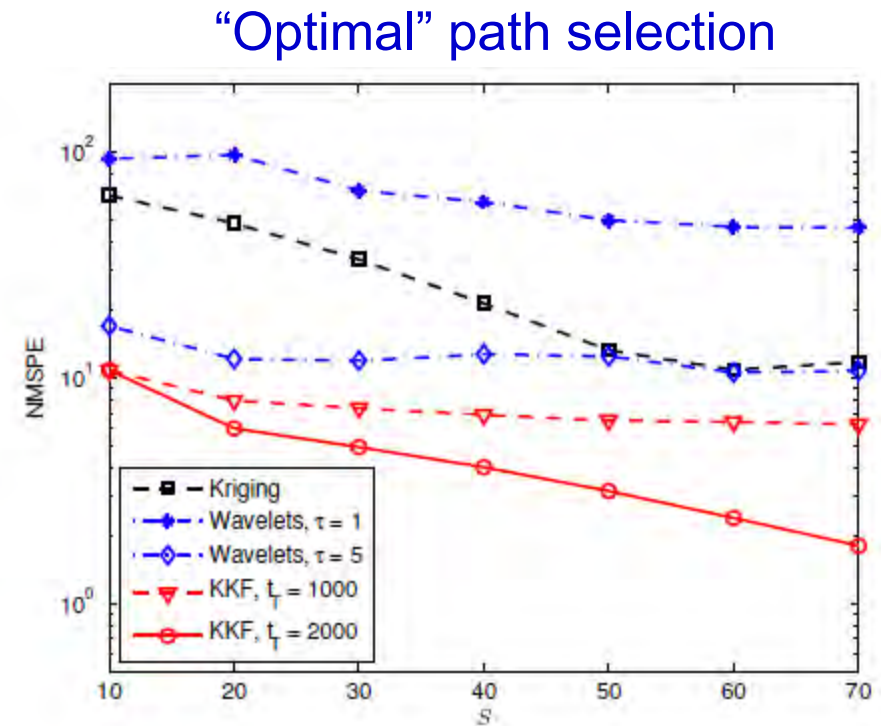


- Measurements every 10 minutes during August 2011 ~ 4500 samples
- Round-trip times measured using ICMP, paths via scamper

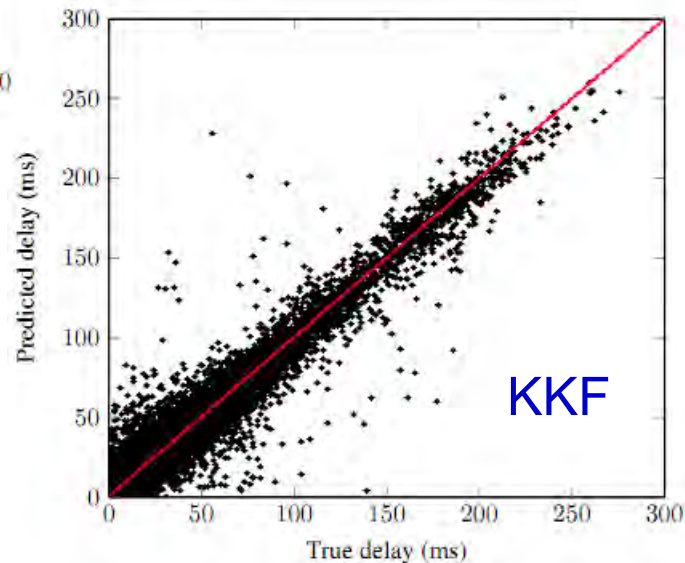
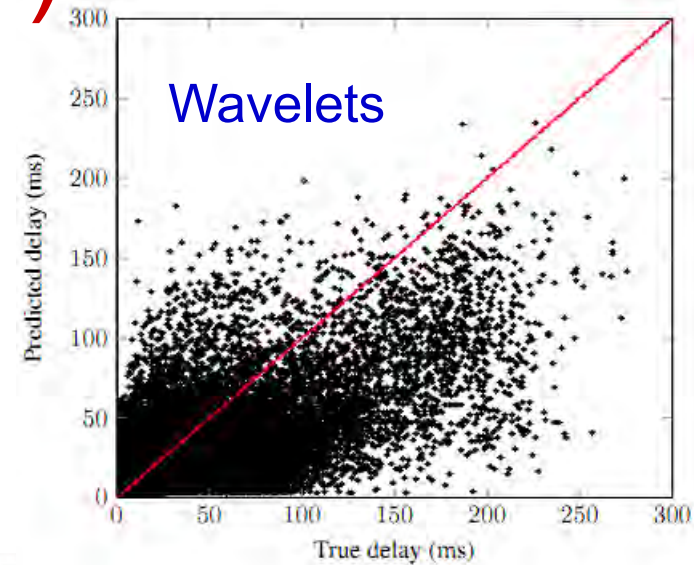
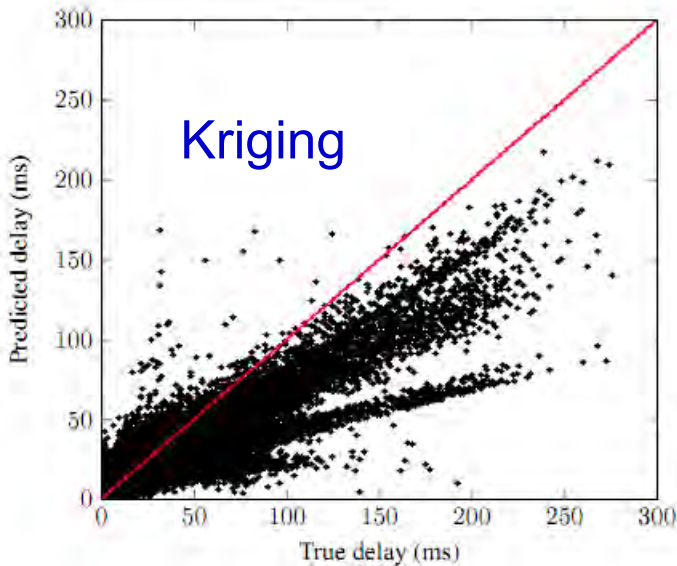
# Normalized MSPE (NZ-AMP)



Random path selection



# Scatter plots (NZ-AMP)



$\hat{y}_{\bar{S}}(t)$  vs.  $y_{\bar{S}}(t) \quad \forall t$   
 $S = 30$

# Takeaways

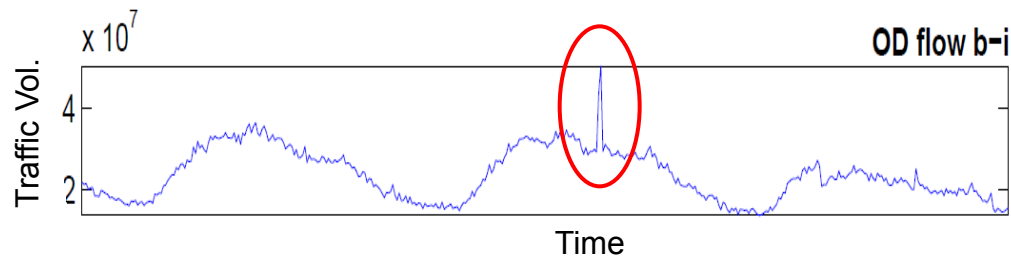
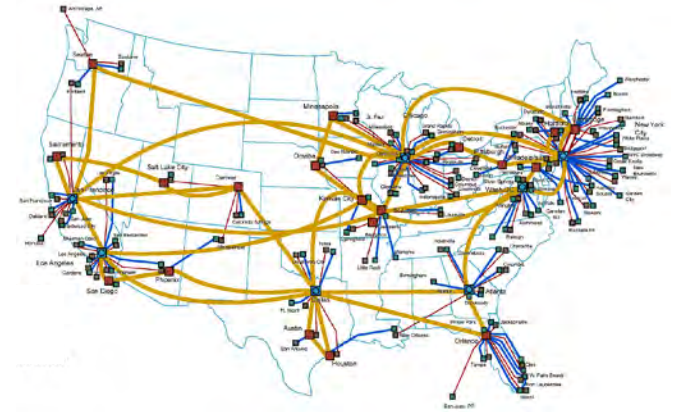
- Spatio-temporal inference useful for network health monitoring
- Dynamic network delay cartography via Kriged Kalman filtering
- Near-optimal path selection by utilizing submodularity
- Empirical validation on Internet2 and NZ-AMP datasets

# Roadmap

- Dynamic network delay cartography
- Unveiling network anomalies via sparsity and low rank
  - Traffic modeling and identifiability
  - (De-) centralized and online algorithms
  - Numerical tests
- Network-wide link count prediction
- RF cartography for cognition at the PHY
- Conclusions and future research directions

# Traffic anomalies

- Backbone of IP networks
- **Traffic anomalies**: changes in origin-destination (OD) flows
  - Failures, transient congestions, DoS attacks, intrusions, flooding



- **Motivation**: Anomalies  $\Rightarrow$  congestion  $\Rightarrow$  limits end-user QoS provisioning

**Objective**: Measuring superimposed OD flows per link, identify anomalies by leveraging **sparsity** of anomalies and **low-rank** of traffic.



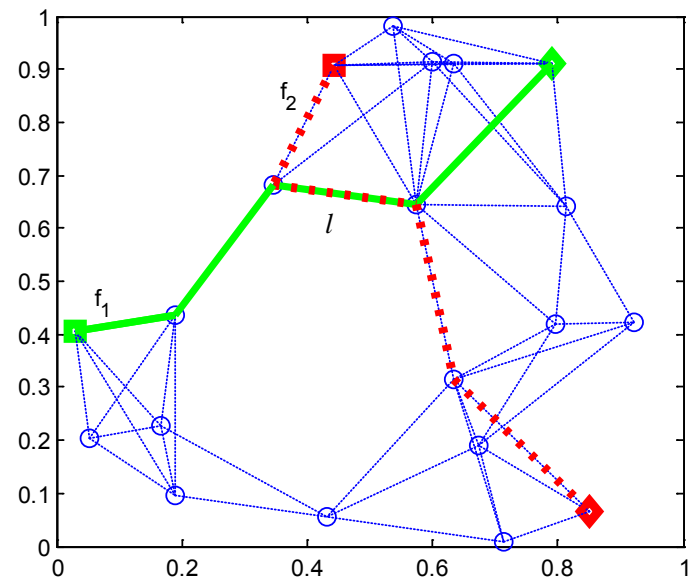
# Model

- Graph  $G(N, L)$  with  $N$  nodes,  $L$  links, and  $F$  flows ( $F \gg L$ )

(as) Single-path per OD flow  $z_{f,t}$

- Packet counts per link  $l$  and time slot  $t$

$$y_{l,t} = \sum_{f=1}^F \underbrace{r_{l,f}}_{\in \{0,1\}} (z_{f,t} + \underbrace{a_{f,t}}_{\text{Anomaly}}) + v_{l,t}$$

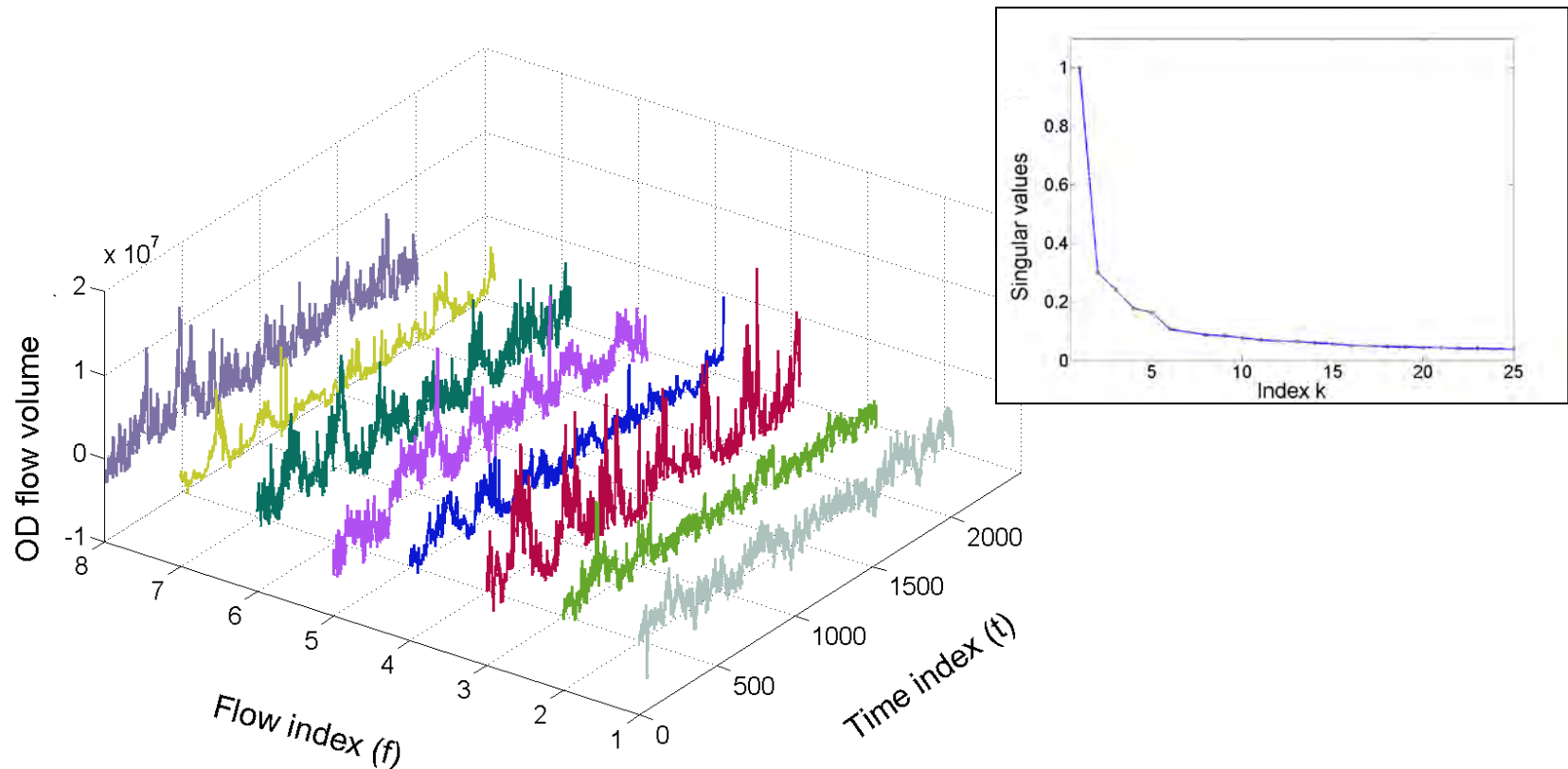


- Matrix model across  $T$  time slots:  $\underbrace{\mathbf{Y}}_{L \times T} = \underbrace{\mathbf{R}}_{L \times F} (\mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{V}$

# Low rank of traffic matrix

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{V}$$

- $\mathbf{Z}$ : traffic matrix has **low rank**, e.g., [Lakhina et al'04]

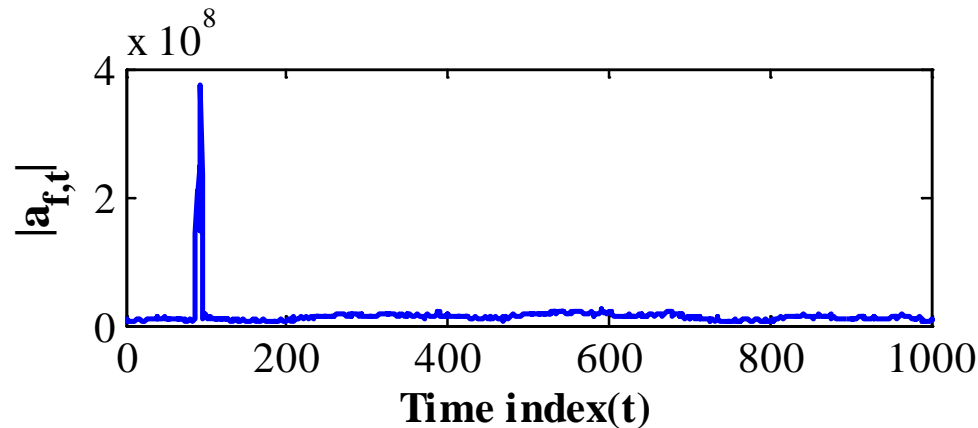


# Sparsity of anomaly matrix

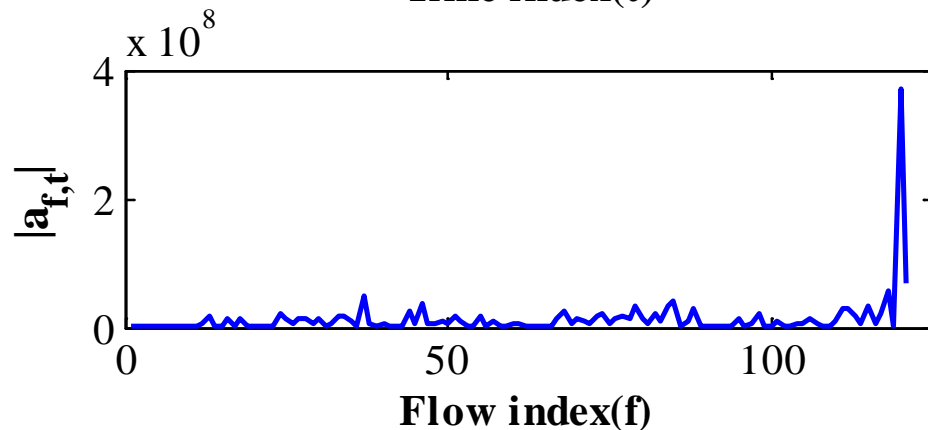
$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{V}$$

- **A**: anomaly matrix is **sparse** across both time and flows

**Time**



**Flows**

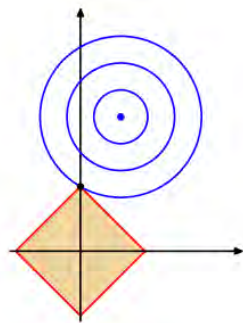


# Problem statement

$$\mathbf{Y} = \underbrace{\mathbf{R}\mathbf{Z}}_{:=\mathbf{X}} + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{V}$$

- Given  $\mathbf{Y}$  and routing matrix  $\mathbf{R}$ , identify sparse  $\mathbf{A}$  when  $\mathbf{Z}$  is low rank
  - $\mathbf{R}$  fat but  $\mathbf{X}$  still low rank

$$\{\hat{\mathbf{X}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}\} = \arg \min_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}\}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{A}\|_1 + \lambda_* \|\mathbf{X}\|_* \quad (\text{P1})$$



$$\sum_{i,j} |a_{i,j}|$$



$$\sum_i \sigma_i(\mathbf{X})$$

- Low-rank  $\Rightarrow$  sparse vector of SVs  $\Rightarrow$  nuclear norm  $\|\cdot\|_*$  and  $\ell_1$  norm

# Prior art

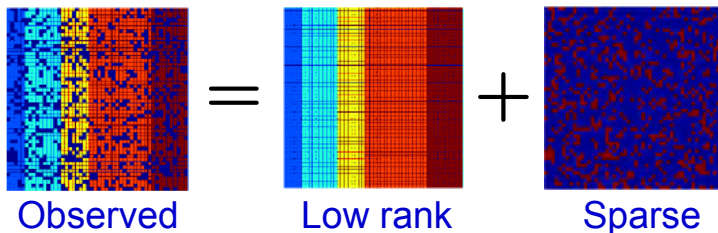
## ■ Anomaly identification

- Change detection on per-link time series [Brutlag'00], [Casas et al'10]
- Spatial PCA [Lakhina et al'04]
- Network anomography [Zhang et al'05]

## ■ Rank minimization with the nuclear norm, e.g., [Recht-Fazel-Parrilo'10]

- Matrix decomposition [Candes et al'10], [Chandrasekaran et al'11]

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{L}_0 + \mathbf{S}_0$$



Principal Component Pursuit

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{S}} \quad & \|\mathbf{L}\|_* + \lambda \|\mathbf{S}\|_1 \\ \text{s. to} \quad & \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{PCP})$$

# Challenges and importance

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{V}$$

- $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}$  not necessarily sparse and  $\mathbf{R}$  fat  $\Rightarrow$  PCP not applicable

- $$\underbrace{LT}_{\mathbf{X}} + \underbrace{FT}_{\mathbf{A}} \gg \underbrace{LT}_{\mathbf{Y}}$$



**STRUCTURE**

- Important special cases

- $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$ : matrix decomposition with **PCP** [Candes et al'10]
- $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}$ : compressive sampling with **basis pursuit** [Chen et al'01]
- $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{C}_{L \times p} \mathbf{W}'_{p \times T}$  and  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ : **PCA** [Pearson 1901]
- $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{D}$  unknown: **dictionary learning** [Olshausen'97]



# Exact recovery

## ■ Noise-free case

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}_0 + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}_0 = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}' + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}_0$$

$$r = \text{rank}[\mathbf{X}_0], \quad s = \|\mathbf{A}_0\|_0$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}\}} & \|\mathbf{X}\|_* + \lambda \|\mathbf{A}\|_1 \\ \text{s.to} & \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{A} \end{array}$$

(P0)

**Q:** Can one recover sparse  $\mathbf{A}_0$  and low-rank  $\mathbf{X}_0$  exactly?

**A:** Yes! Under certain conditions on  $\{\mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{A}_0, \mathbf{R}\}$

**Theorem:** Given  $\mathbf{Y}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$ , assume every row and column of  $\mathbf{A}_0$  has at most  $k \leq s$  non-zero entries, and  $\mathbf{R}$  has full row rank. If C1)-C2) hold, then with  $\lambda \in (\lambda_{\min}, \lambda_{\max})$  (P0) exactly recovers  $\{\mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{A}_0\}$

$$\text{C1)} \quad (1 - \mu(\Phi, \Omega_R))^2 (1 - \delta_k(\mathbf{R})) > \alpha$$

$$\text{C2)} \quad \lambda_{\min} := \beta \|\mathbf{R}'\mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}'\|_{\infty} < \lambda_{\max} := \sqrt{s^{-1}} [\gamma^{-1} - \mu(\Phi, \Omega_R) \sqrt{r(1 + \delta_k(\mathbf{R}))}]$$

# Intuition

$$\text{Noisy Signal} = \text{Clean Signal} + \text{Noise Matrix} \times \text{Random Matrix}$$

## ■ Exact recovery conditions satisfied if

- $r$  and  $s$  are sufficiently small
- Nonzero entries of  $\mathbf{A}_0$  are “sufficiently spread out”
- Incoherent rank and sparsity- preserving subspaces
- $\mathbf{R}$  satisfies a restricted isometry property

## ■ Remarks

- Amplitude of non-zero entries of  $\mathbf{A}_0$  irrelevant
- Conditions satisfied for certain random ensembles w.h.p.

# Numerical validation

## ■ Setup

$L=105$ ,  $F=210$ ,  $T = 420$

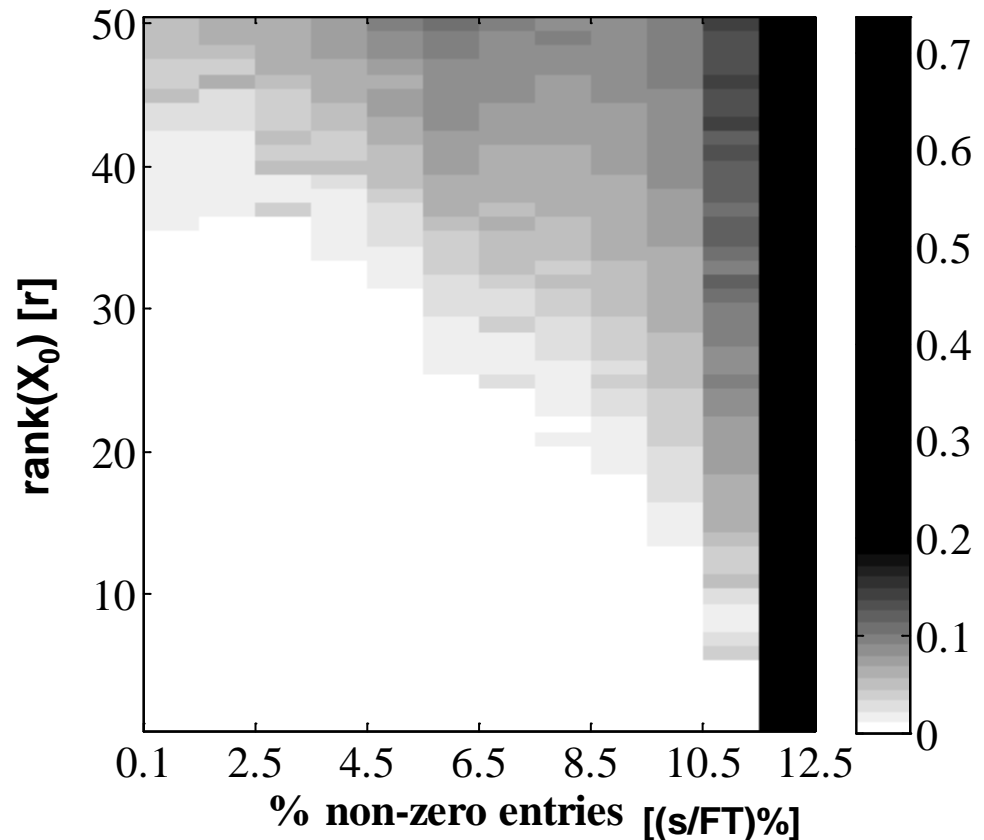
$\mathbf{R} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(1/2)$

$\mathbf{X}_0 = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{Q}'$ ,  $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1/FT)$

$a_{ij} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$  w.p.  $\{\pi/2, 1-\pi, \pi/2\}$

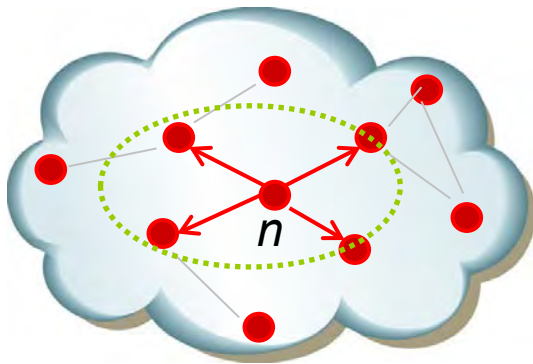
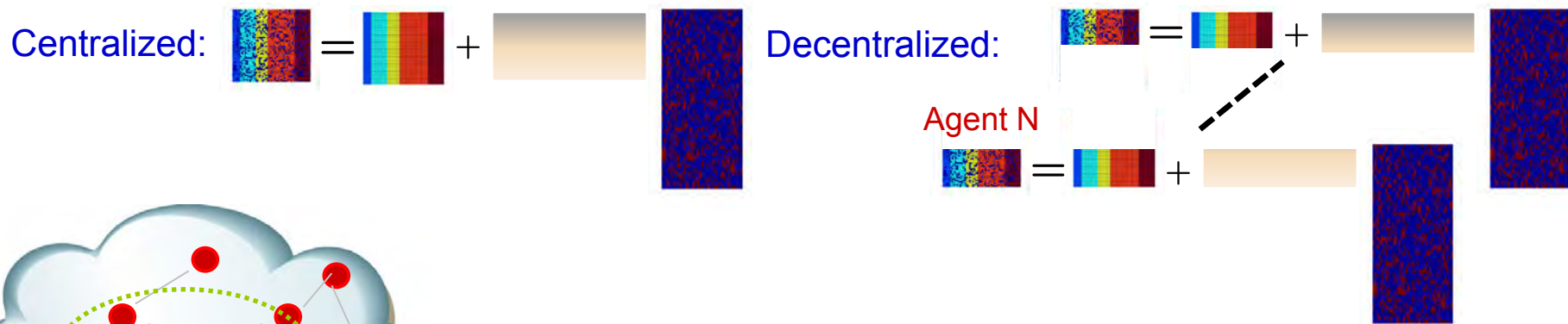
## ■ Relative recovery error

$$e = \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{A}} - \mathbf{A}_0\|_F}{\|\mathbf{A}_0\|_F}$$



# In-network processing

## ■ Spatially-distributed link count data



## ■ Local processing and single-hop communications

**Goal:** Given local link counts per agent, unveil anomalies in a **distributed** fashion by leveraging **low-rank** of the nominal data matrix and **sparsity** of the outliers.

■ **Challenge:**  $\| \cdot \|_*$  not separable across rows (links/agents)

# Separable regularization

- Key property

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U} \underbrace{\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} \Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}}}_{\mathbf{C}} \mathbf{V}'$$

$$\|\mathbf{X}\|_* := \min_{\{\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{W}\}} \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \|\mathbf{C}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{W}\|_F^2 \right\}, \text{ s.to } \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{C} \mathbf{W}'$$

$\nwarrow_{L \times \rho}$   
 $\geq \text{rank}[\mathbf{X}]$

- **Separable** formulation equivalent to (P1)

$$\min_{\{\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{A}\}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{C} \mathbf{W}' - \mathbf{R} \mathbf{A}\|_F^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{A}\|_1 + \frac{\lambda_*}{2} \{ \|\mathbf{C}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{W}\|_F^2 \} \quad (\text{P2})$$

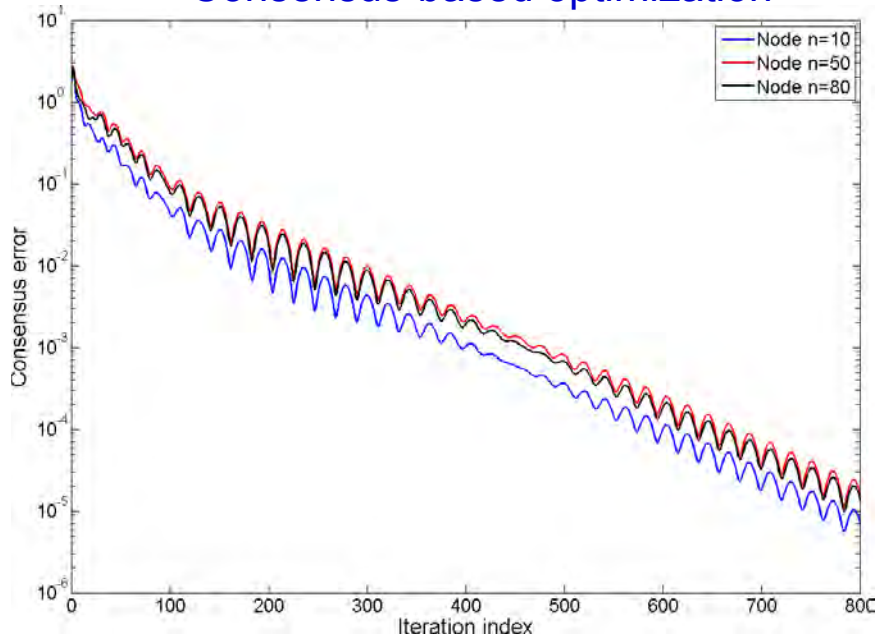
➤ Nonconvex; less variables:  $LT \Rightarrow \rho(L + T)$

**Proposition 3:** If  $\{\bar{\mathbf{C}}, \bar{\mathbf{W}}, \bar{\mathbf{A}}\}$  stat. pt. of (P2) and  $\|\mathbf{Y} - \bar{\mathbf{C}} \bar{\mathbf{W}}' - \mathbf{R} \bar{\mathbf{A}}\| \leq \lambda_*$ , then  $\{\hat{\mathbf{X}} := \bar{\mathbf{C}} \bar{\mathbf{W}}', \hat{\mathbf{A}} := \bar{\mathbf{A}}\}$  is a *global optimum* of (P1).

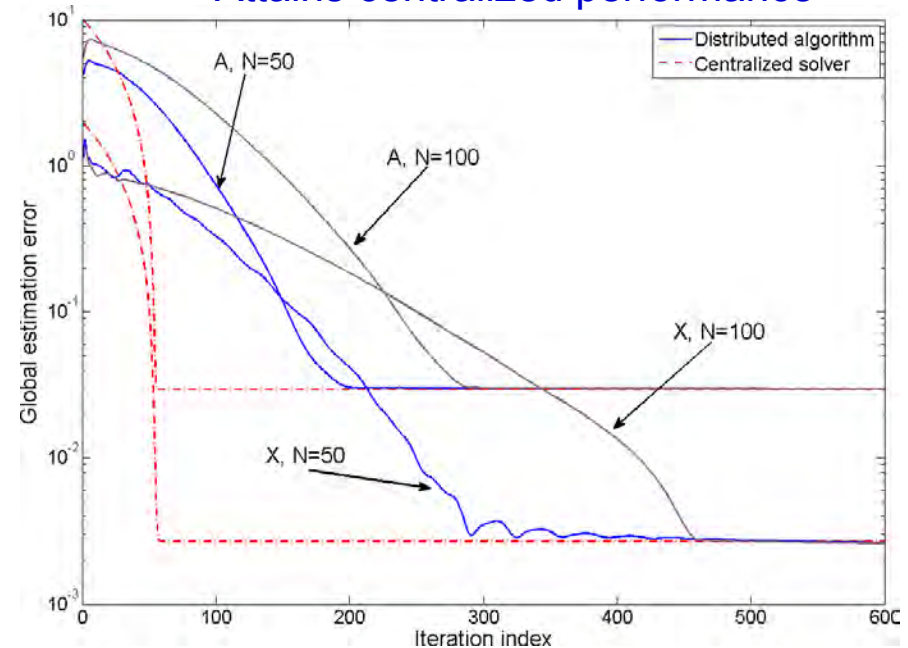
# Distributed algorithm

- Alternating-direction method of multipliers (ADMM) solver for (P2)
  - Method [Glowinski-Marrocco'75], [Gabay-Mercier'76]
  - Learning over networks [Schizas-Ribeiro-Giannakis'07]

Consensus-based optimization



Attains centralized performance



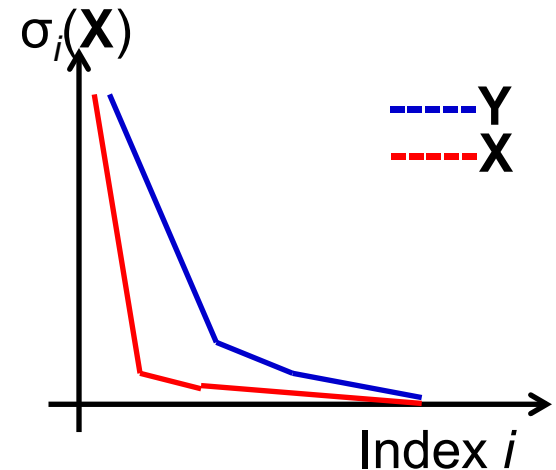
# Benchmark: PCA-based methods

- **Idea:** anomalies increase considerably  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{Y})$

## Algorithm

- Form subspace  $\mathcal{N}$  via  $r$ -dominant left singular vectors of  $\mathbf{Y}$  (resp.  $\mathcal{N}^c$ )
- Infer anomalies from  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{N}^c}(\mathbf{Y})$

- Assumes knowledge of  $r := \text{rank}(\mathbf{X})$

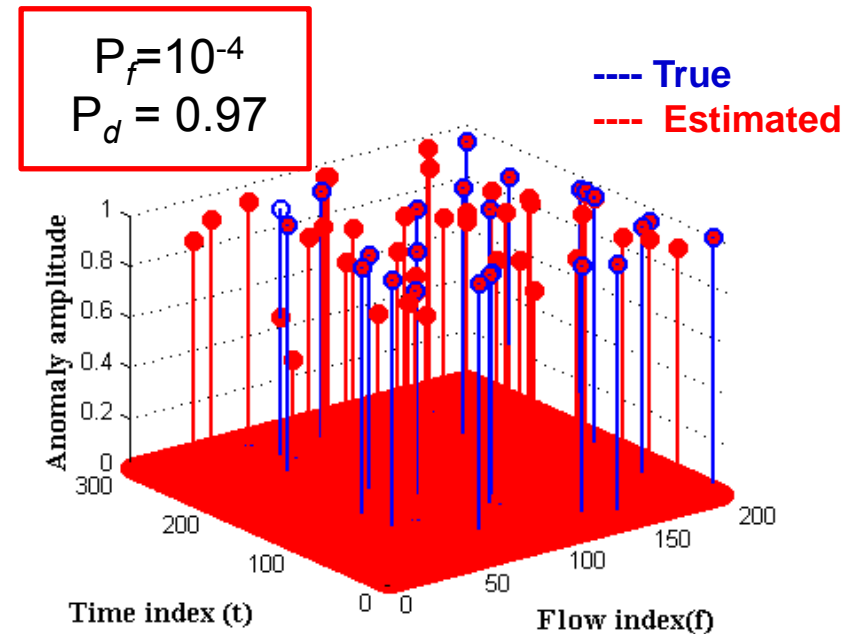
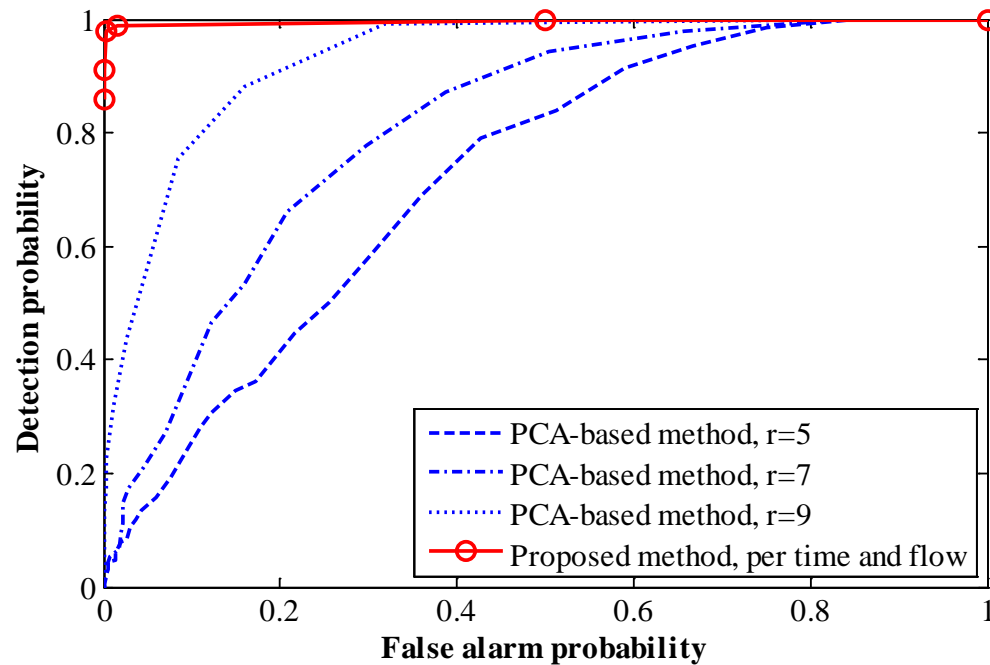
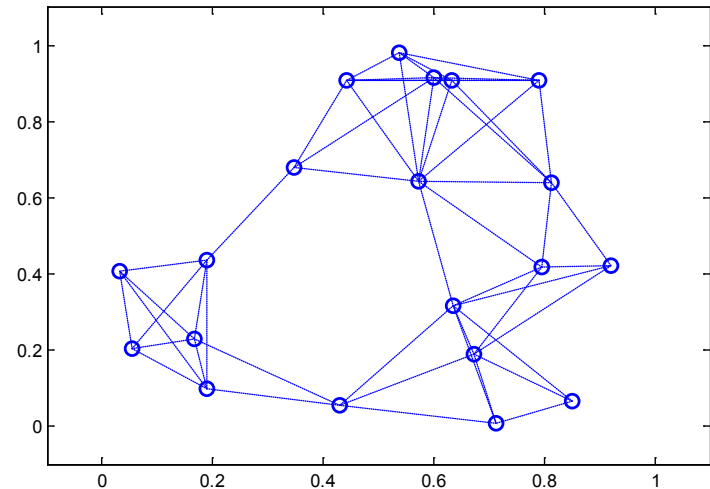


- [Lakhina et al'04] For  $t = 1, \dots, T$   $\|\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{N}^c}(\mathbf{y}_t)\|_2 \gtrless_{H_0}^{H_1} \tau$
- [Zhang et al'05] **Sparse** anomalies  $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \arg \min_{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{N}^c}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}} \|\mathbf{A}\|_1$

# Synthetic data

## ■ Random network topology

- $N=20, L=108, F=360, T=760$
- Minimum hop-count routing

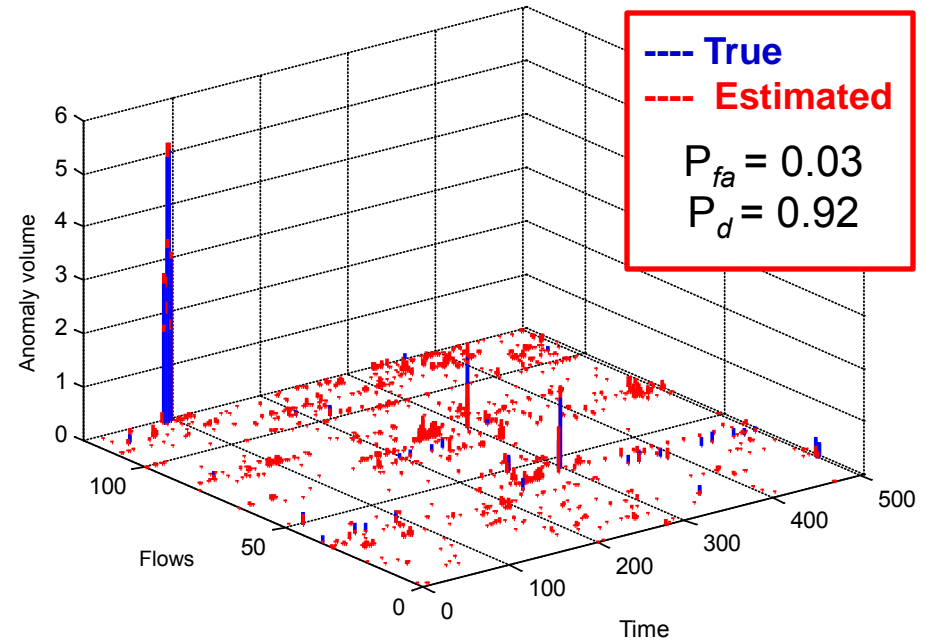
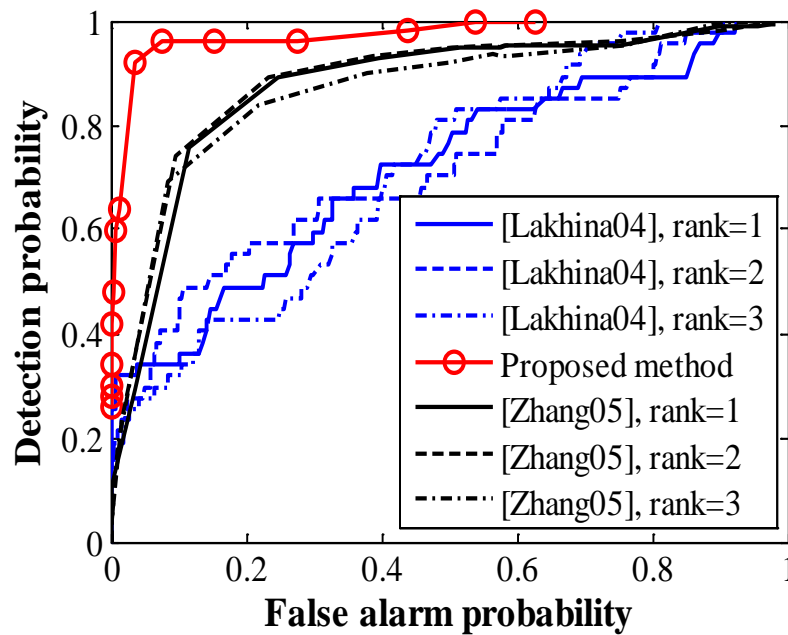




# Internet2 data

## ■ Real network data

- Dec. 8-28, 2008
- $N=11$ ,  $L=41$ ,  $F=121$ ,  $T=504$



# Dynamic anomalography

- Construct an estimated map of anomalies in **real time**
- Streaming data model:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\mathbf{y}_t) = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{R}_t \mathbf{a}_t + \mathbf{v}_t), \quad t = 1, 2, \dots \quad \mathbf{x}_t := \mathbf{R}_t \mathbf{z}_t$$

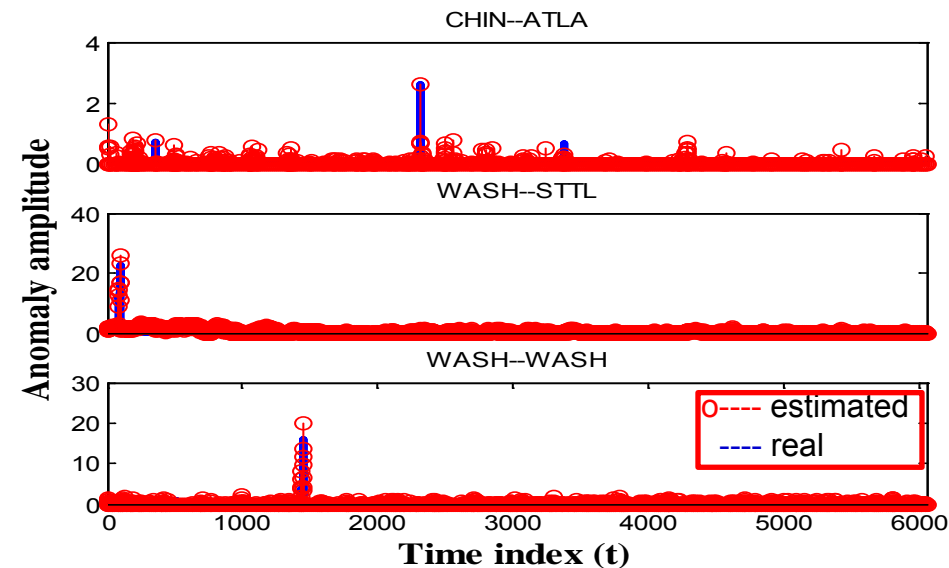
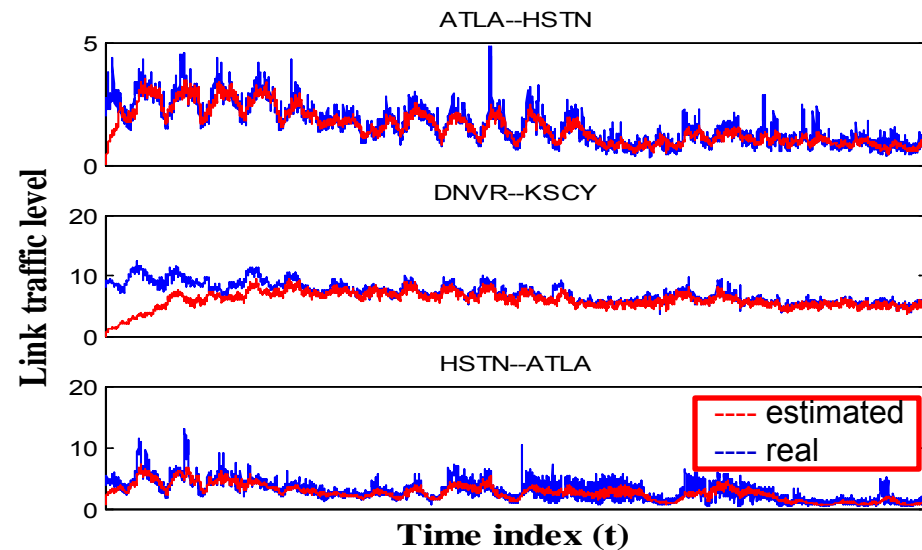
**Goal:** Given  $\{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_i}(\mathbf{y}_i), \mathbf{R}_i\}_{i=1}^t$  estimate  $(\mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{a}_t)$  **online** when  $\{\mathbf{x}_t\}$  is in a low-dimensional space and  $\{\mathbf{a}_t\}$  is sparse

- (Robust) subspace tracking
  - Projection approximation (PAST) [Yang'95]
  - Missing data: GROUSE [Balzano et al'10], PETRELS [Chi et al'12]
  - Outliers: [Mateos-Giannakis'10], GRASTA [He et al'11]
- Compressed “outliers” challenge identifiability

# Online estimator

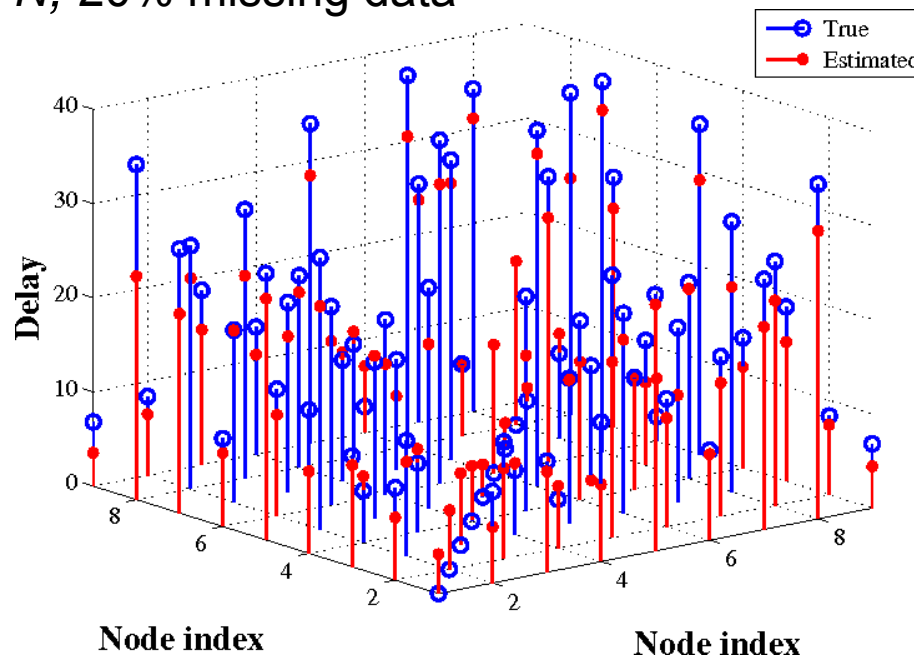
- **Challenge:**  $\|\cdot\|_*$  not separable across columns (time)  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{w}_t$
- **Approach:** regularized exponentially-weighted LS formulation

$$\min_{\{\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{A}\}} \sum_{\tau=1}^t \beta^{t-\tau} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_\tau}(\mathbf{y}_\tau - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{w}_\tau - \mathbf{R}_\tau \mathbf{a}_\tau)\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda_*}{2 \sum_{u=1}^t \beta^{t-u}} \|\mathbf{C}\|_F^2 + \frac{\lambda_*}{2} \|\mathbf{w}_\tau\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{a}_\tau\|_1 \right]$$



# Delay cartography

- Network distance prediction [Liau et al'12]
- **Approach:** distributed low-rank matrix completion
- Internet2 data (Aug 18-22,2011)
  - End-to-end latency matrix
  - $N=9$ ,  $L=T=N$ ; 20% missing data



**Relative error: 10%**

# Takeaways

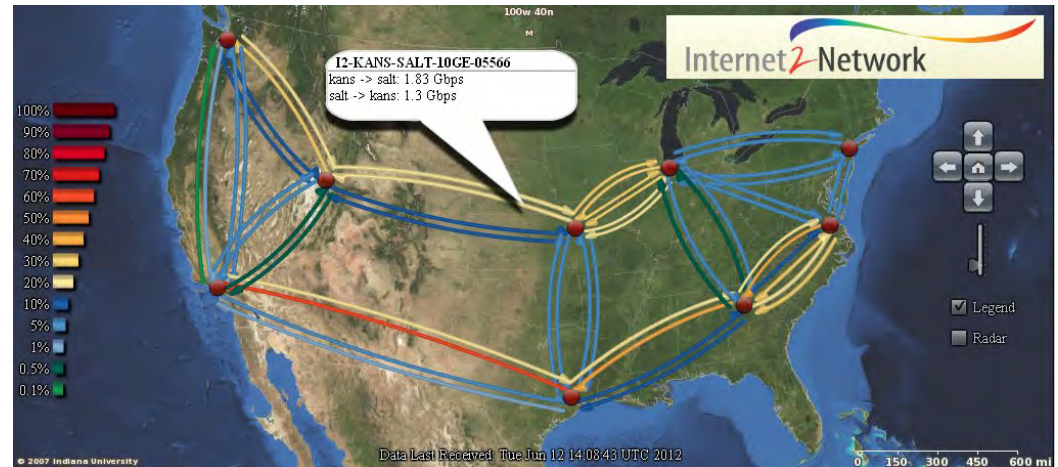
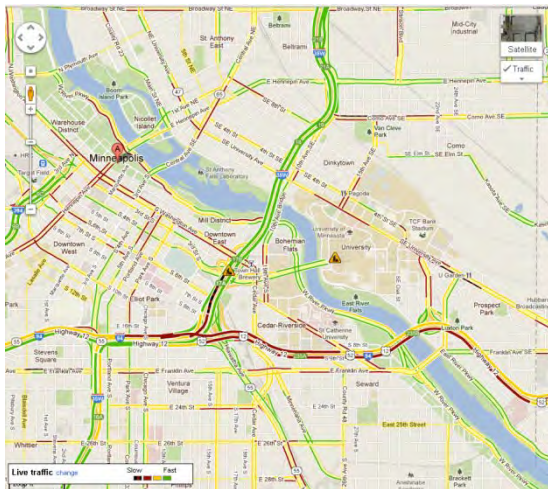
- Unveiling network traffic anomalies via convex optimization
  - Leveraging **sparsity** and **low rank**
- Reveal when and where anomalies occur
- Exact recovery of low-rank plus compressed sparse matrices
- Distributed/online algorithms with guaranteed performance

# Roadmap

- Dynamic network delay cartography
- Unveiling network anomalies via sparsity and low rank
- Network-wide link count prediction
  - Semi-supervised learning for traffic maps
  - Batch and online processing
  - Empirical validation: Internet2 data
- RF cartography for cognition at the PHY
- Conclusions and future research directions

# A commuting conundrum

- **Objective:** map a “good” route for packet delivery
  - Measure traffic at few roads/links only



- Application domains
  - Transportation networks [Gastner-Newman'04]
  - Communication networks [Soule et al'05]
  - Sensor networks [Abrams et al'04]

# Model

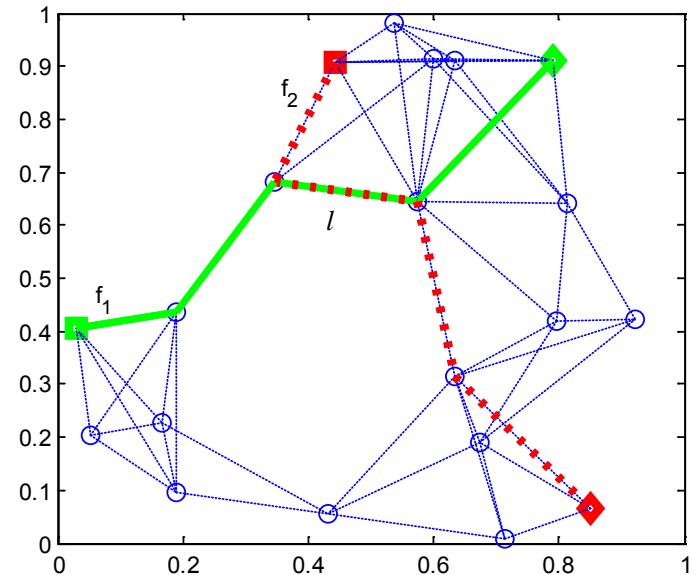
- Graph  $G(N, L)$  with  $N$  nodes,  $L$  links, and  $F$  flows ( $F \gg L$ )

(as) Single-path per OD flow  $z_{f,t}$

- Packet counts per link  $l$  and time slot  $t$

$$y_{l,t} = \sum_{f=1}^F r_{l,f} x_{f,t} + v_{l,t}$$

$\in (0, 1)$



- **Incomplete, noisy** measurements on a subset of links  $l \in \mathcal{S}_t$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\mathbf{y}_t) = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{v}_t)$$

$$[\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\mathbf{y}_t)]_l = \begin{cases} y_{l,t}, & l \in \mathcal{S}_t \\ 0, & l \notin \mathcal{S}_t \end{cases}$$



# Problem statement

**Goal:** Given  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_{t'}}(\mathbf{y}_{t'})$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$  and historical data  $\{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\mathbf{y}_t)\}_{t=1}^T$ , find  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_t, t' > T$

## ■ Prior art

- Traffic estimation  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t'} = \mathbf{R}\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{t'}$  [Zhang et al'05]
- Kriging [Chua et al'06], plus traffic modeling [Vaughn et al'10]
- Topology-driven basis expansion [Crovella-Kolaczyk'03], [Coates et al'07]

## ■ Impact

- Ability to handle missing data
- Online prediction capturing spatio-temporal correlations
- Computationally-efficient link traffic prediction

# Data-driven model of link counts

- **Sparse** representation of link counts  $\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{s}_t$   
 $L \times Q, (L \leq Q)$
- Notation:  $\mathcal{D} := \{\mathbf{D} = [\mathbf{d}_1, \dots, \mathbf{d}_Q] \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times Q} : \|\mathbf{d}_q\| \leq 1, \forall q\}$   
 $\mathbf{S} := [\mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_T]$

## Dictionary Learning (DL) [Olshausen-Field'97]

Given  $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_T]$ , find dictionary (basis)  $\mathbf{D}$  and sparse  $\mathbf{S}$

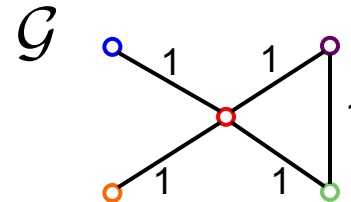
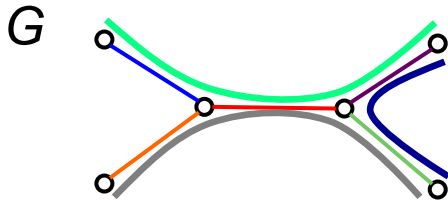
$$(\hat{\mathbf{S}}, \hat{\mathbf{D}}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{D}} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{S}\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{S}\|_1$$

- **Q:** How about DL from incomplete data  $\{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\mathbf{y}_t)\}_{t=1}^T$ ?

# Capturing spatial link dependence

- **Auxiliary graph**  $\mathcal{G}$  with vertices = links in  $G$

- Edge weights  $w_{l,l'}$  = number of OD flows common to links  $l, l'$
- Adjacency matrix:  $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}'$ , graph Laplacian  $\mathbf{L} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{1}_L) - \mathbf{W}$



- Cost function to learn  $D$

$$C_t(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{s}_t) := \|\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\mathbf{y}_t - \mathbf{D}\mathbf{s}_t)\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{s}_t\|_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{s}_t' \mathbf{D}' \mathbf{L} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{s}_t$$

- Regularizers effect **sparsity** and **smoothness** over  $\mathcal{G}$

$$\mathbf{s}_t' \mathbf{D}' \mathbf{L} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{s}_t = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{l'=1}^L w_{l,l'} (x_{l,t} - x_{l',t})^2$$

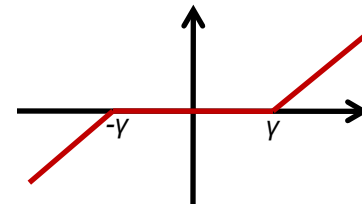
# Semi-supervised DL

## Semi-supervised Dictionary Learning (SSDL)

Given  $\{\mathcal{P}_{S_t}(\mathbf{y}_t)\}_{t=1}^T$ ,  $\mathbf{R}$ , find dictionary (basis)  $\mathbf{D}$  and sparse  $\mathbf{S}$

$$(\hat{\mathbf{S}}, \hat{\mathbf{D}}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{t=1}^T C_t(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{s}_t)$$

- SSDL biconvex, block-coordinate descent (BCD) solver
  - Update  $\{\mathbf{s}_t\}_{t=1}^T$  via parallel entry-wise soft-thresholding
  - Update each  $\mathbf{D}$  via QP + projection onto the Euclidean ball



**Proposition:** BCD's iterates converge to a stationary point of SSDL

# Link load prediction

- Given  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_{t'}}(\mathbf{y}_{t'})$  and learnt dictionary  $\hat{\mathbf{D}}$ , solve

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_{t'} := \arg \min_{\mathbf{s}} \|\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_{t'}}(\mathbf{y}_{t'} - \hat{\mathbf{D}}\mathbf{s})\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{s}\|_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{s}' \hat{\mathbf{D}}' \mathbf{L} \hat{\mathbf{D}} \mathbf{s}$$

- Captures sparsity of  $\mathbf{s}_{t'}$  and smoothness of link loads over  $\mathcal{G}$

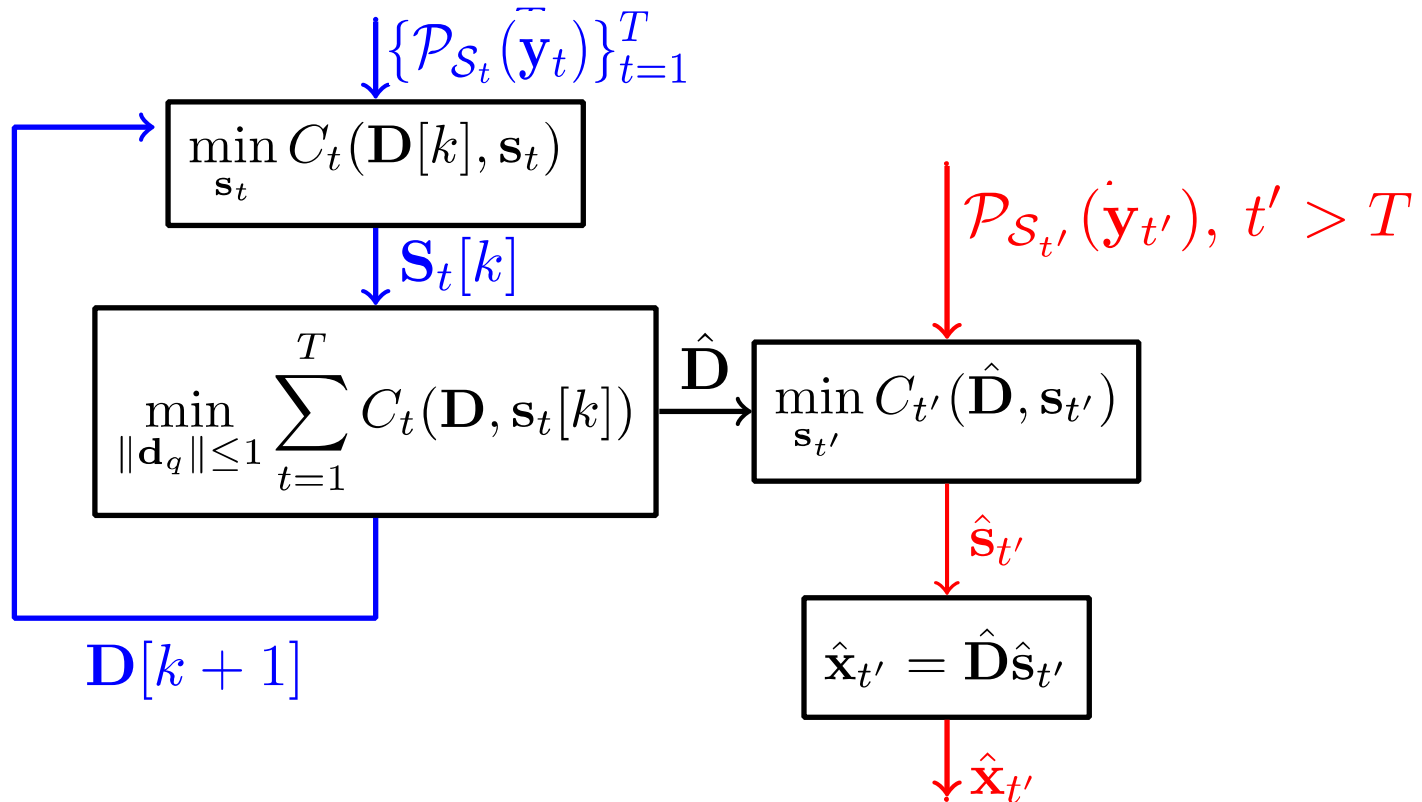
- Predict  $\mathbf{y}_{t'}$  based on  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_{t'}$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t'} = \hat{\mathbf{D}} \hat{\mathbf{s}}_{t'}$$

- Scaling factor  $(1 + \lambda_2)$  reduces bias in  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{t'}$  [Zou-Hastie'05]

# Batch processing summary

## TRAINING PHASE

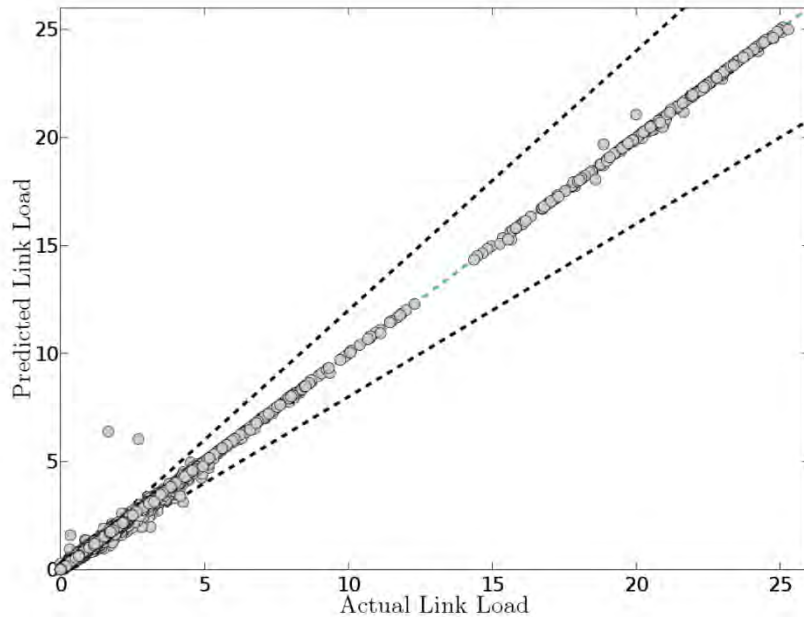


# Test case: Internet2

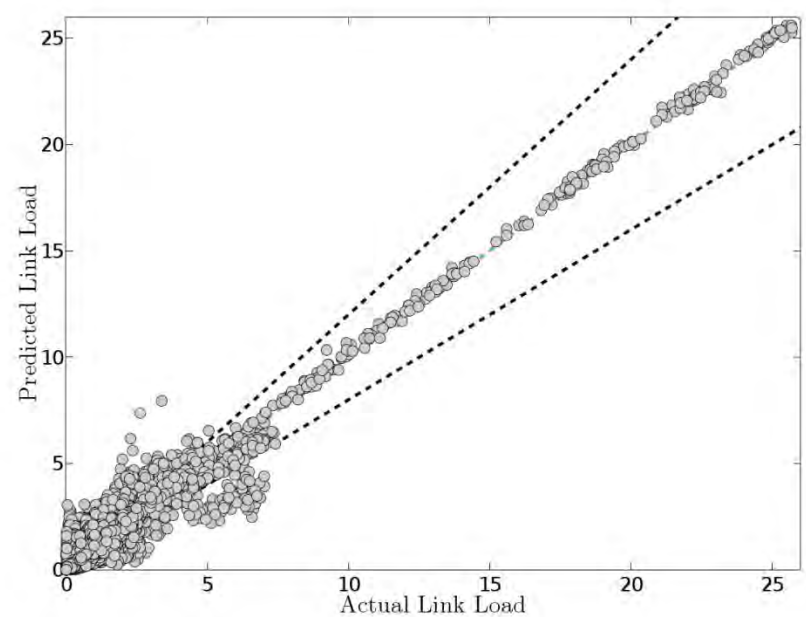
- Internet2 measurement archive

- $L=54$ ,  $T=2000$

Training phase – 30 links measured



Operational phase – 30 links measured



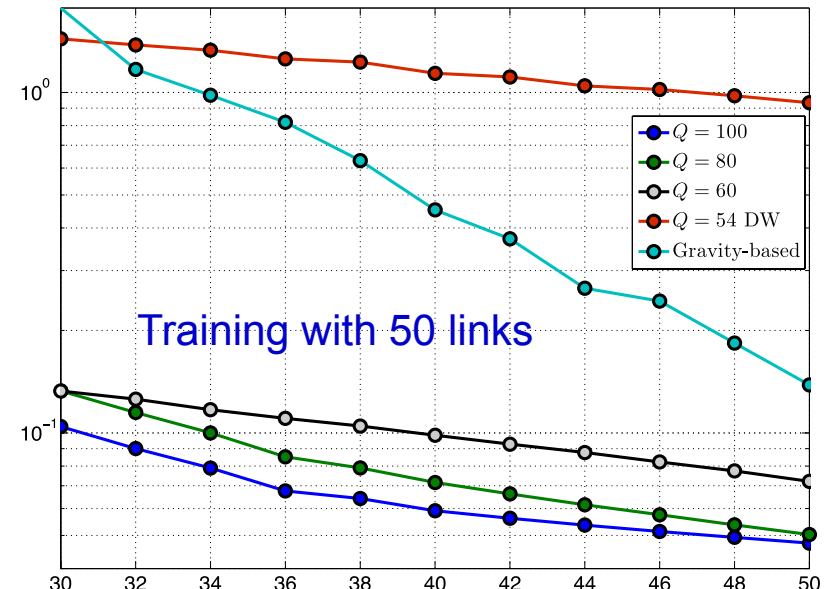
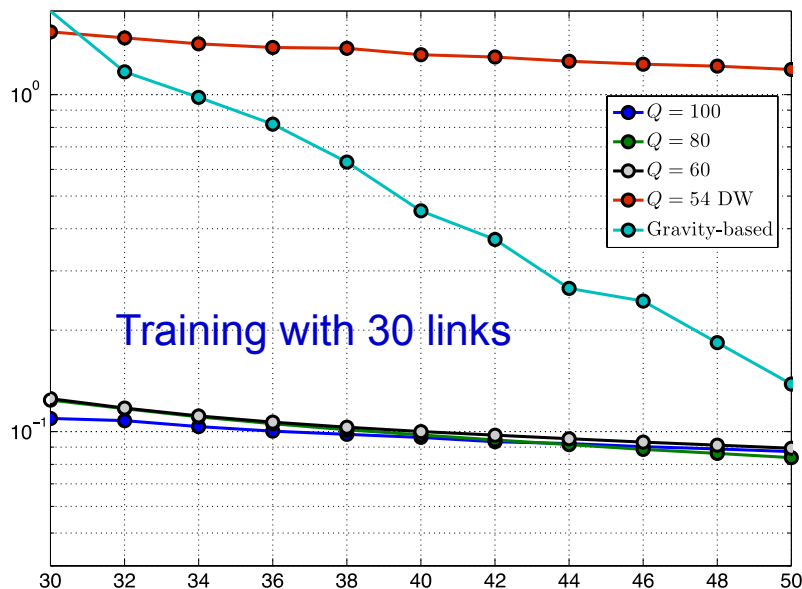
- Prediction improves as link load increases

# Prediction error (Internet2)

■ Normalized prediction error:  $\text{NPE} := \frac{1}{Lt_0} \sum_{\tau=1}^{t_0} \|\mathbf{y}_\tau - \hat{\mathbf{y}}_\tau\|_2^2$

➤  $Q$  = number of columns of  $D$ ;  $t_0=2000$

■ Gravity-based [Zhang et al'05]; Diffusion wavelets [Coifman-Maggioni'07]



■ SSDL outperforms competing alternatives



# Online processing

- Capture temporal correlations on  $\{\mathbf{s}_\tau\}$

$$C_\beta^t(\mathbf{D}_t, \mathbf{s}) := \sum_{\tau=1}^t \beta^{t-\tau} \|\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_\tau}(\mathbf{y}_\tau - \mathbf{D}_t \mathbf{s})\|_2^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{s}\|_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{s}' \mathbf{D}_t' \mathbf{L} \mathbf{D}_t \mathbf{s}$$

- Given  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\mathbf{y}_t)$  and dictionary  $\mathbf{D}_t$  solve  $\mathbf{s}_t := \arg \min_{\mathbf{s}} C_\beta^t(\mathbf{D}_t, \mathbf{s})$
- Predict  $\mathbf{y}_t$  based on  $\mathbf{S}_t$

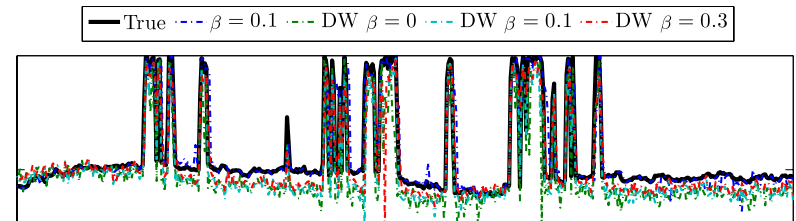
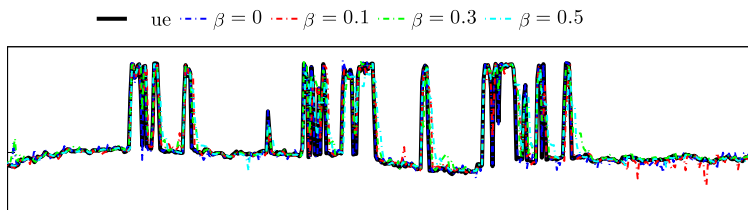
$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_t = (1 + \lambda_2) \mathbf{D}_t \mathbf{s}_t$$

- Dictionary update

$$\mathbf{D}_{t+1} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\tau=1}^t C_\beta^\tau(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{s}_\tau)$$

# Real-time prediction (Internet2)

- $Q=60$ , different values of the forgetting factor  $\beta$ 
  - Measure traffic at 30 links only



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Time

- SSDL-based tracker outperforms diffusion wavelets

# Takeaways

- Prediction of network processes from incomplete observations
  - Link count prediction based on dictionary learning
- Spatial correlation of link counts via Laplacian regularization
  - Semi-supervised learning
- Online algorithms capturing temporal correlations

# Roadmap

- Dynamic network delay cartography
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  - Interference spectrum cartography
  - Channel gain cartography
- Conclusions and future research directions

# What is a cognitive radio?

## ■ Fixed radio

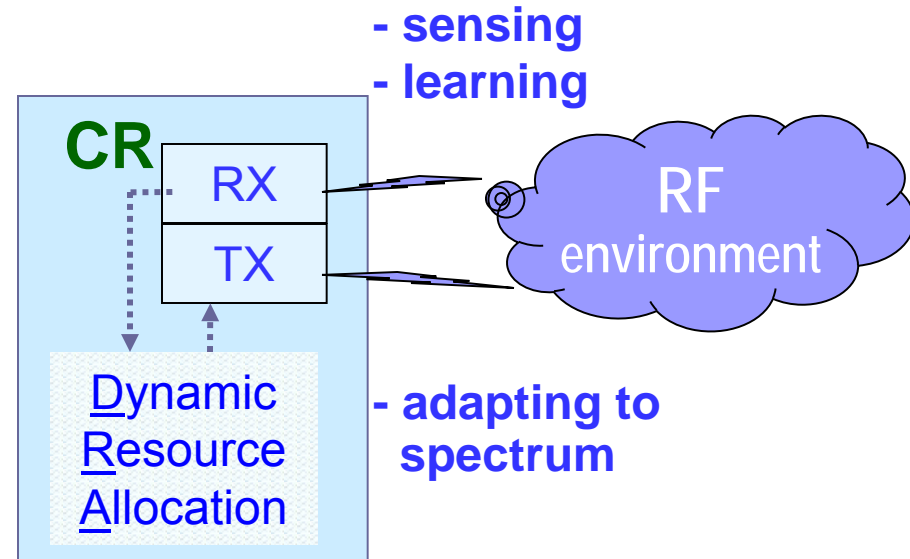
- *Policy-based*: parameters set by operators

## ■ Software-defined radio (SDR)

- *Programmable*: can adjust parameters to intended link

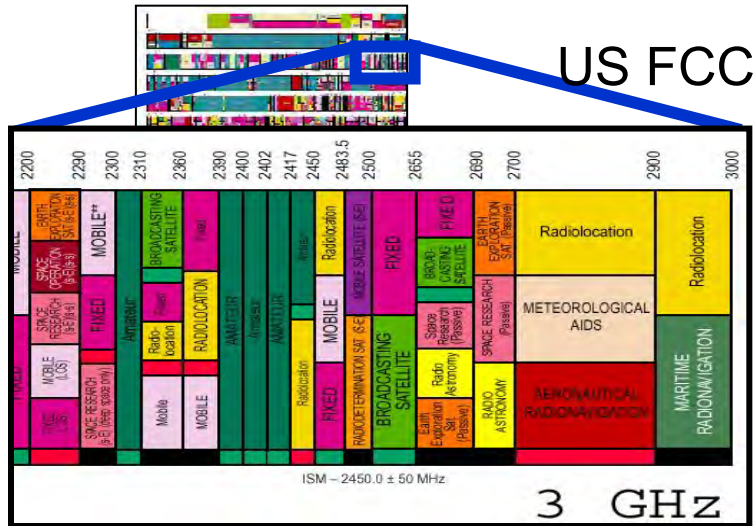
## ■ Cognitive radio (CR)

- *Intelligent*: sense the environment & learn to adapt [Mitola'00]



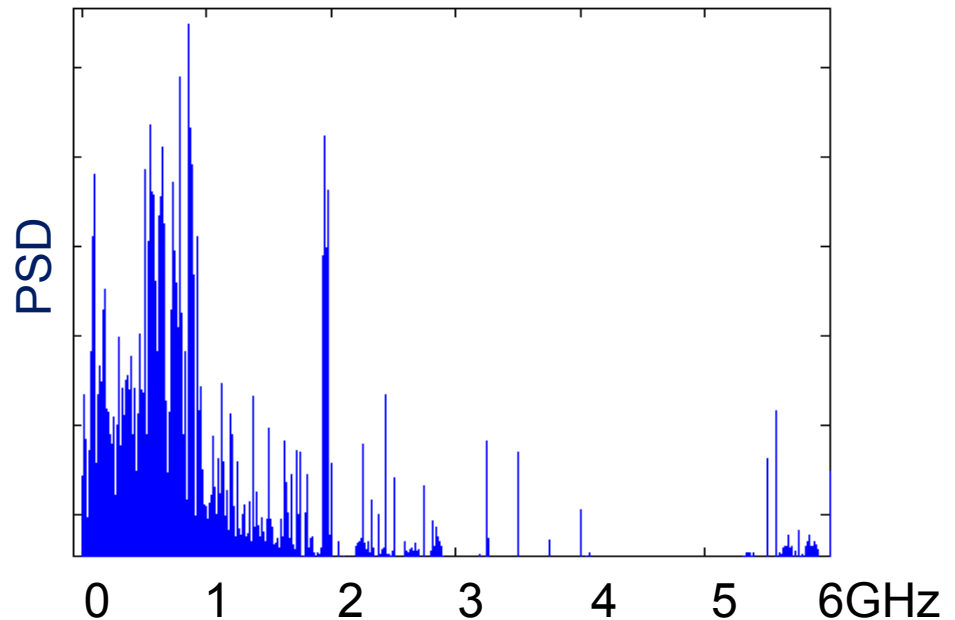
- *Cognizant transceiver*: sensing
- *Agile transmitter*: adaptation
- *Intelligent DRA*: decision making
  - Radio reconfiguration decisions
  - Spectrum access decisions

# Spectrum scarcity problem



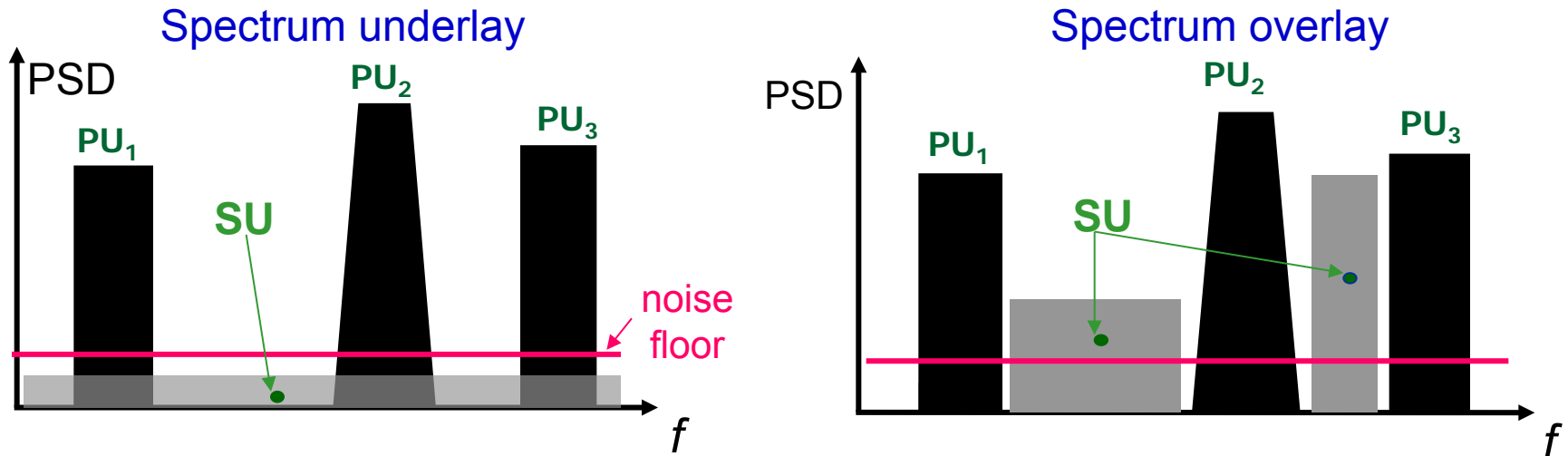
Inefficient occupancy

- Fixed spectrum access policies
  - Useful radio spectrum **pre-assigned**



# Dynamical access under user hierarchy

- Primary users (PUs) versus secondary users (SUs/CRs)



- Spectrum underlay

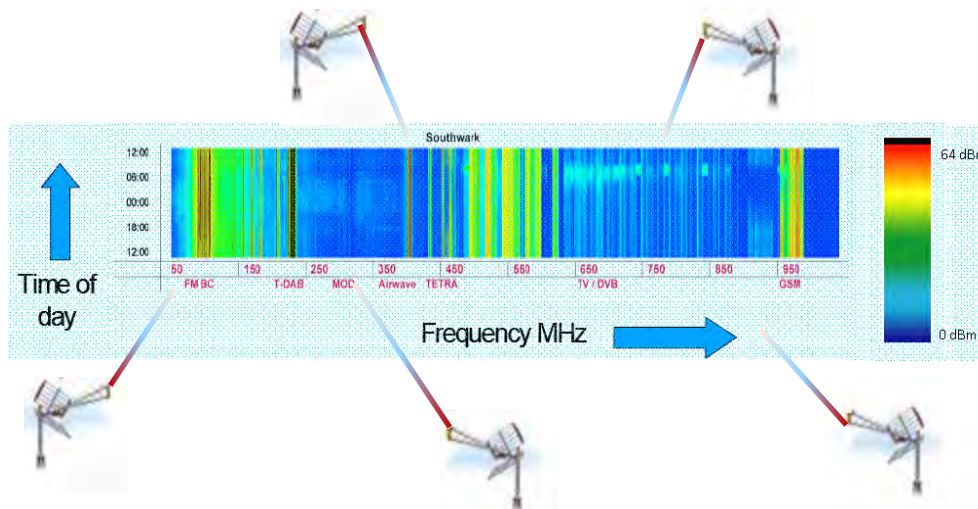
- Restriction on transmit power levels
- Operation over ultra wide bandwidths

- Spectrum overlay

- Constraints on when and where to transmit
- Avoid interference to PUs via sensing and adaptive allocation

# Cooperative sensing for efficient sharing

- Multiple CRs jointly detect the spectrum [Ganesan-Li'06][Ghasemi-Sousa'07]



Source: Office of Communications (UK)

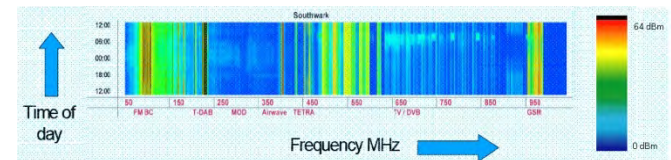
- Benefits of cooperation
  - Spatial diversity gain mitigates multipath fading/shadowing
  - Reduced sensing time and local processing
  - Ability to cope with hidden terminal problem
- Limitation: existing approaches do not exploit **space-time** dimensions



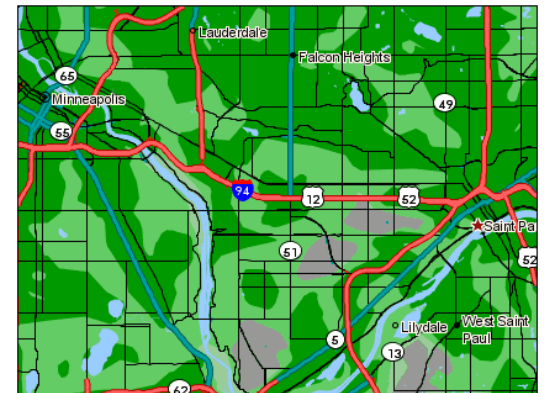
# Cooperative PSD cartography

- **Idea:** CRs collaborate to form a spatial map of the RF spectrum

**Goal:** Find PSD map  $\Phi(x, f)$  across space  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and frequency  $f \in \mathbb{R}$



- **Specifications:** coarse approx. suffices
- **Approach:** basis expansion of  $\Phi(x, f)$



# Modeling

- Transmitters

$$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{x}_s, \quad s = 1, \dots, N_s$$

- Sensing CRs

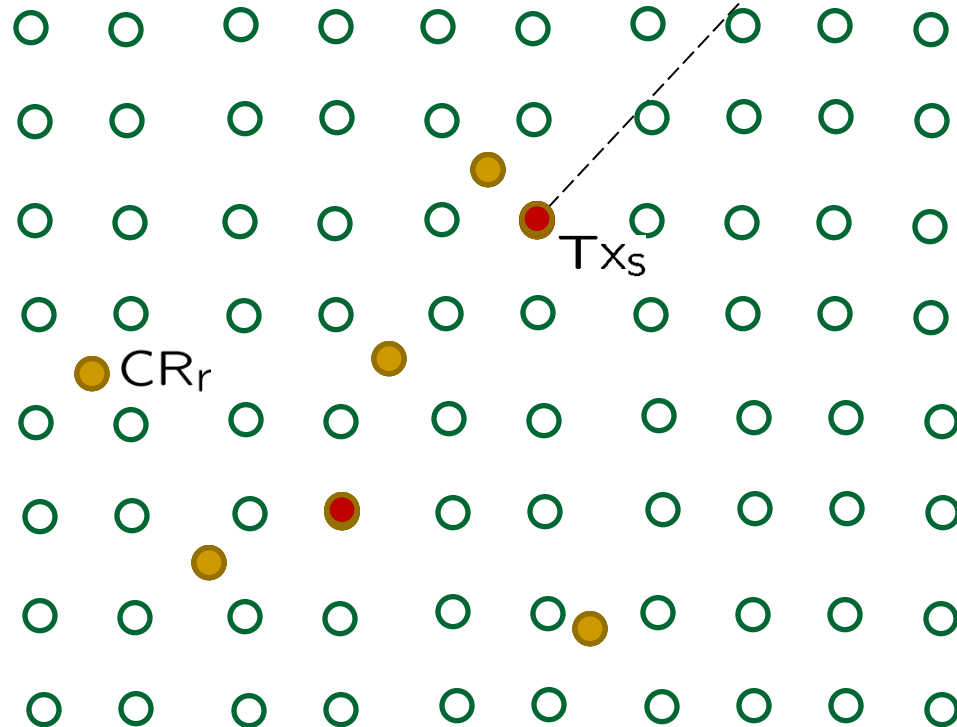
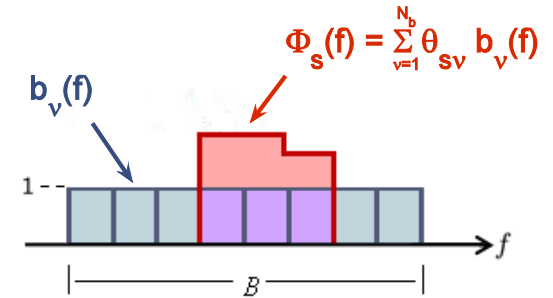
$$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{R}_r, \quad r = 1 : N_r$$

- Frequency bases

$$b_\nu(f), \quad \nu = 1 : N_b$$

- Sensed frequencies

$$f_k, \quad k = 1 : K$$

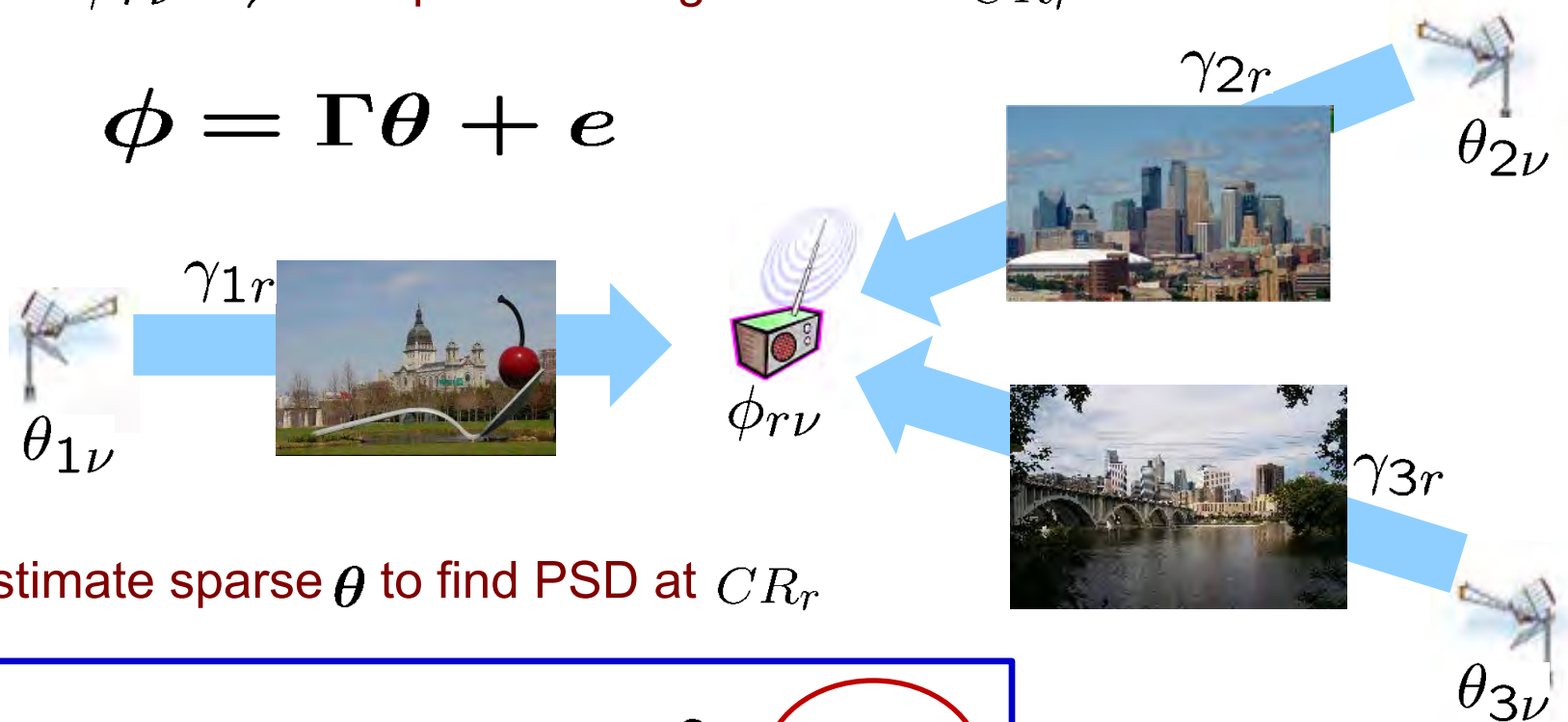


➤ Sparsity present in space and frequency

# Space-frequency basis expansion

- Find  $\theta_{s\nu} \Rightarrow$  Tx-power of source  $s$  over frequency band  $\nu$
- Data  $\phi_{r\nu} \Rightarrow$  Rx-power at cognitive radio  $CR_r$

$$\phi = \Gamma\theta + e$$

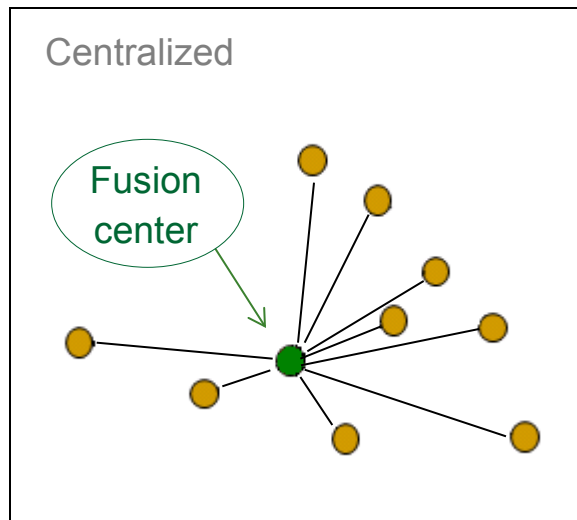


- Estimate sparse  $\theta$  to find PSD at  $CR_r$

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta} \|\phi - \Gamma\theta\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\theta\|_1$$

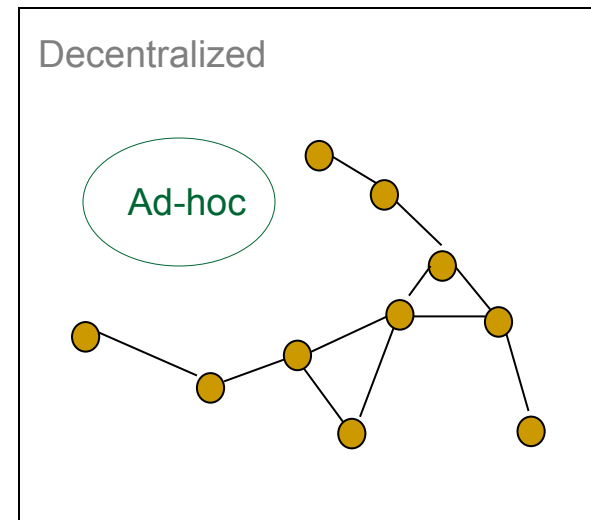
Sparsity-promoting regularization

# Distributed recursive implementation



➡

Scalability  
Robustness  
Lack of infrastructure



## ■ Consensus-based approach

➤ Solve locally

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta_r} \quad & \|\phi_r - \Gamma_r \theta_r\|_2^2 + \frac{\lambda}{M} \|\theta_r\|_1 \\ \text{s.to} \quad & \theta_r = \theta_{r'}, \quad \forall r' \in \mathcal{N}_r \end{aligned}$$

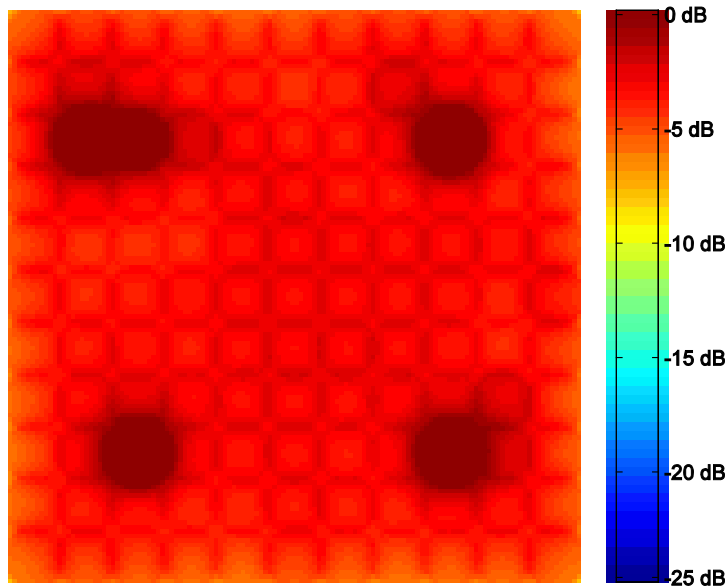
## ■ Constrained optimization using ADMM

Exchange of local  
 $\theta_r$  estimates

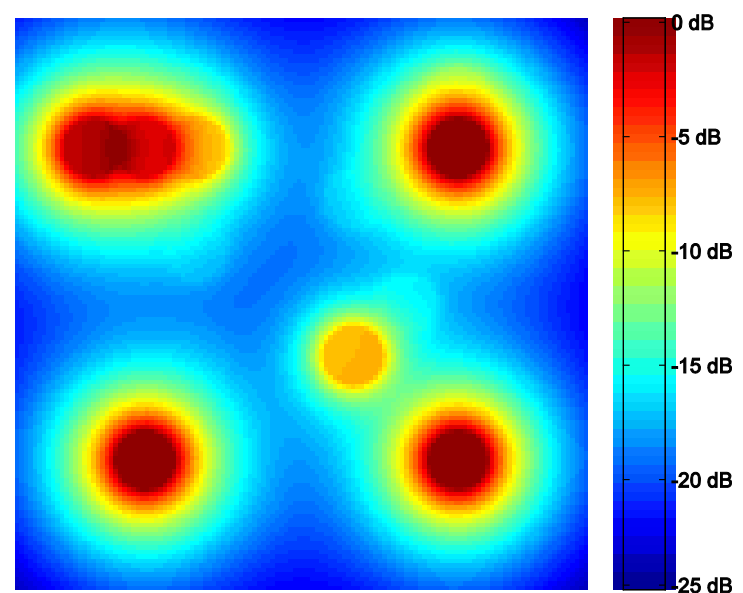
# RF spectrum cartography

- 5 sources
- $N_s = 121$  candidate locations,  $N_r = 50$  CRs

NNLS

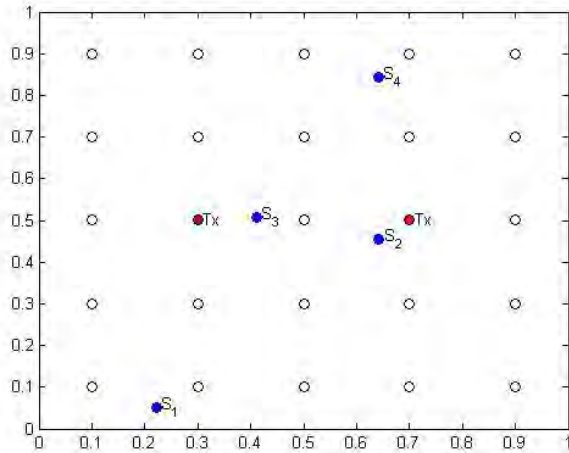


Lasso

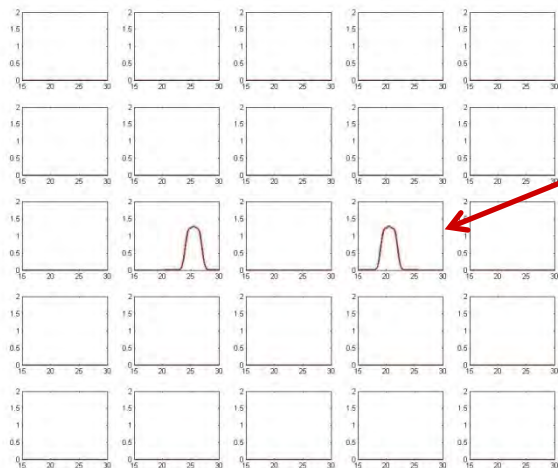


- As a byproduct, Lasso **localizes** all sources via variable selection

# Simulated test: PSD map estimation



- Centralized sensing
- No fading
- $N_s=25$

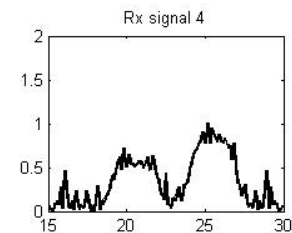
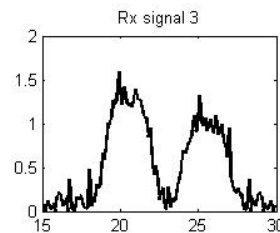
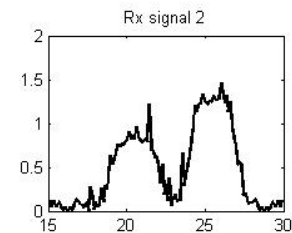
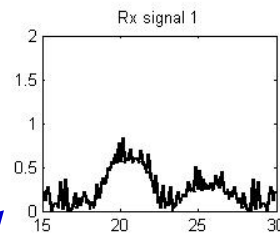


2 CR TxS

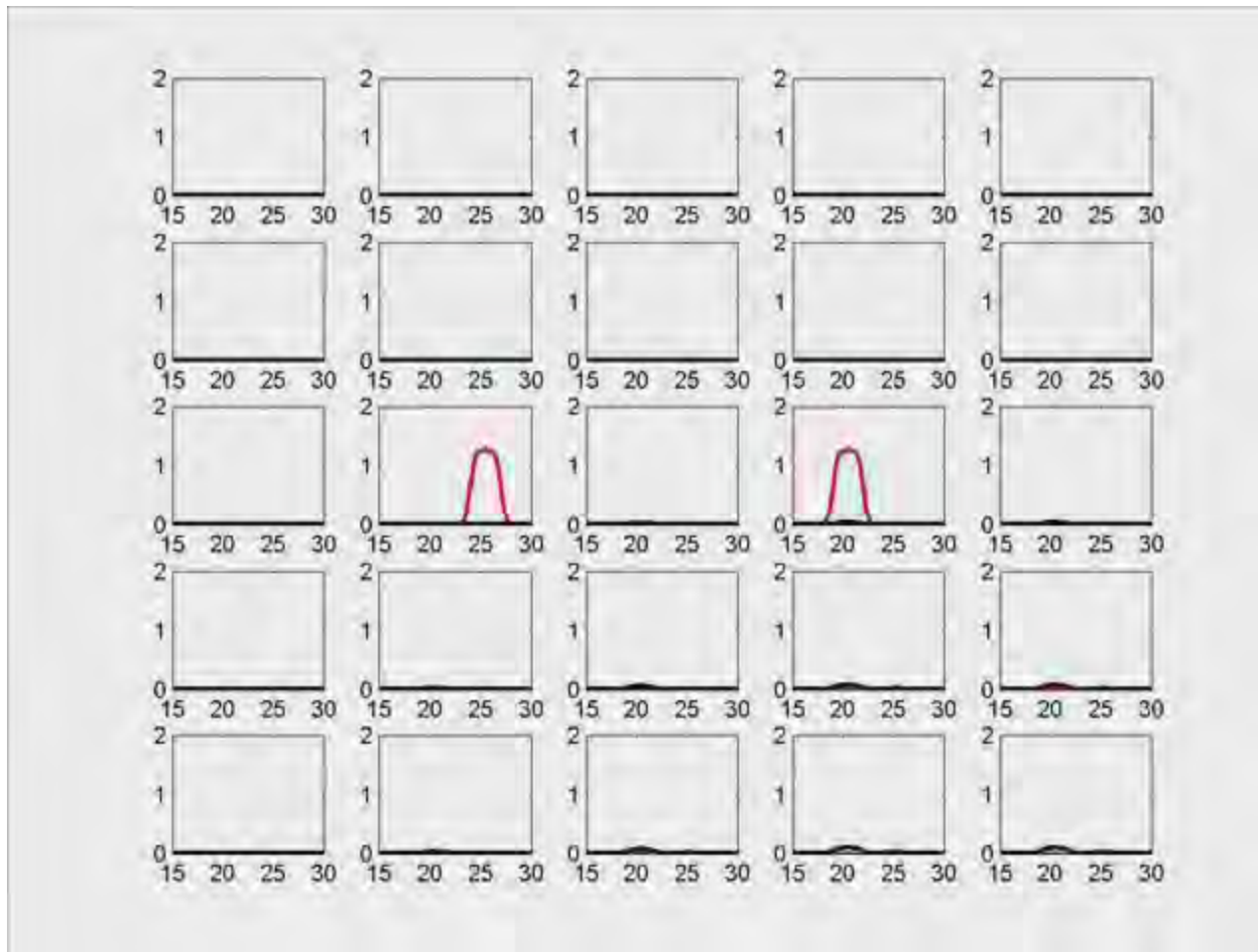
$\Phi_i(f)$

$\Phi_m(f)$

4 CR RxS



# Distributed consensus with fading



— “True” Tx spectrum

— Sensed at the  $t^{\text{th}}$  consensus step

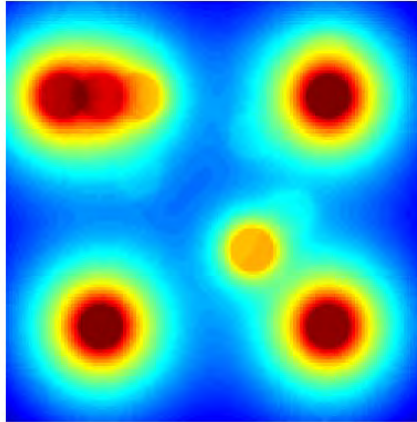
$\Phi_i(f)$

- Starting from a local estimate, sensors reach consensus

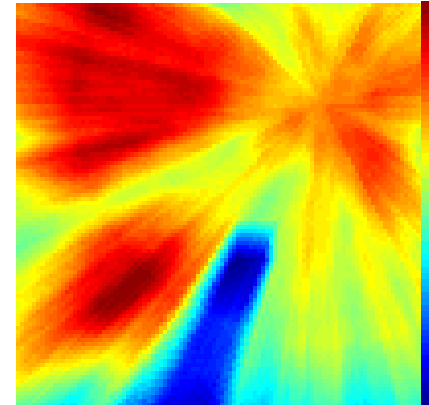
# Spline-based PSD cartography

- **Q:** How about shadowing?

Path-loss



Shadowing



- **A:** Basis expansion with coefficient functions

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, f) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_b} g_{\nu}(\mathbf{x}) b_{\nu}(f)$$

- $g_{\nu}(\mathbf{x})$ : **unknown** dependence on spatial variable  $\mathbf{x}$



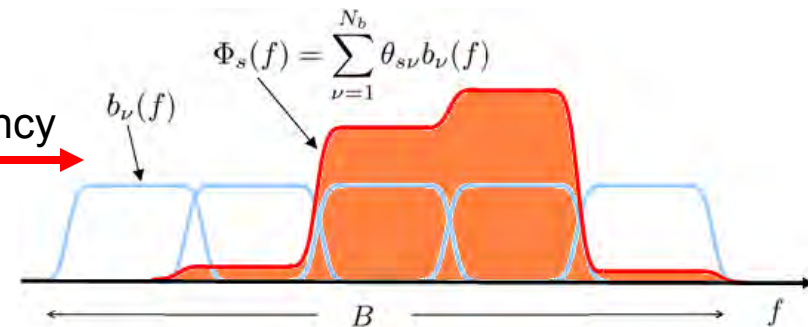
# Frequency basis expansion

- PSD of Tx source  $s \in \{1, \dots, N_s\}$  is  $\Phi_s(f)$



Basis expansion in frequency

$$\Phi_s(f) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_b} \theta_{s\nu} b_{\nu}(f)$$



## ■ Basis functions

- Accommodate prior knowledge  $\Rightarrow$  raised-cosine
- Sharp transitions (regulatory masks)  $\Rightarrow$  rectangular, non-overlapping
- Overcomplete basis set (large  $N_b$ )  $\Rightarrow$  robustness

# Spatial PSD model

- Spatial loss function  $l_s(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$  **Unknown**



- BEM:  $\Phi(\mathbf{x}, f) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_b} g_{\nu}(\mathbf{x}) b_{\nu}(f)$   $(g_{\nu}(\mathbf{x}) := \sum_{s=1}^{N_s} \theta_{s\nu} l_s(\mathbf{x}))$

➤ Per sub-band factorization in **space** and **frequency** (indep. of  $N_s$ )

- **Goal**: estimate PSD atlas as  $\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}, f) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_b} \hat{g}_{\nu}(\mathbf{x}) b_{\nu}(f)$

# Nonparametric basis pursuit

Available data:

$\mathcal{X} := \{\mathbf{x}_r\}_{r=1}^{N_r}$  location of CRs

$\mathcal{F} := \{f_n\}_{n=1}^N$  measured frequencies

$\hat{g}_1(x)$

$\hat{g}_1(x)$

Observations  $\{\varphi_{rn}\}$

$\hat{g}_2(x)$

$\hat{g}_1(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \{\hat{g}_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^{N_b} = \arg \min_{\{g_\nu \in \mathcal{S}\}} & \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( \varphi_{rn} - \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_b} g_\nu(\mathbf{x}_r) b_\nu(f_n) \right)^2 \\ & + \lambda \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_b} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \|\nabla^2 g_\nu(\mathbf{x})\|_F^2 d\mathbf{x} + \mu \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_b} \|[g_\nu(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, g_\nu(\mathbf{x}_{N_r})]'\|_2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{P1})$$

- Avoid overfitting by promoting smoothness
- Nonparametric basis selection ( $\hat{g}_\nu \neq 0 \Rightarrow b_\nu(f)$  selected)

# Thin-plate splines solution

**Proposition 1:** Estimates  $\{\hat{g}_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^{N_b}$  (P1) are thin-plate splines [Duchon' 77]

$$\hat{g}_\nu(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \hat{\beta}_{\nu r} K(\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r\|) + \hat{\alpha}'_{\nu 1} \mathbf{x} + \hat{\alpha}_{\nu 0}$$

where  $K(\rho)$  is the radial basis function  $K(\rho) = \rho^2 \log(\rho)$ , and

$$\hat{\beta}_\nu := [\hat{\beta}_{\nu 1}, \dots, \hat{\beta}_{\nu N_r}] \in \mathcal{B} := \left\{ \beta : \sum_r \beta_r = 0, \sum_r \beta_r \mathbf{x}_r = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{x}_r \in \mathcal{X} \right\}.$$

- Unique, closed-form, finitely-parameterized minimizers!
- Q1: How to estimate  $\{\alpha_\nu, \beta_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^{N_b}$  based on  $\varphi$ ?
- Q2: How does (P1) perform basis selection?

# Lassoing bases



- (P1) equivalent to **group Lasso estimator** [Yuan-Lin' 06]

➤ Matrices (  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  dependent)

$$\text{i) } \mathbf{T} := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{x}'_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & \mathbf{x}'_{N_r} \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{Q}_1 \ \mathbf{Q}_2][\mathbf{R}' \ \mathbf{0}]', \quad \text{ii) } [\mathbf{K}]_{rl} := K(\|\mathbf{x}_r - \mathbf{x}_l\|), \quad \text{iii) } [\mathbf{B}]_{n\nu} := b_\nu(f_n)$$

**Proposition 2:** Minimizers  $\{\hat{\alpha}_\nu, \hat{\beta}_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^{N_b}$  (P1) are fully determined by

$$\hat{\zeta} := \arg \min_{\zeta} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\zeta\|_2^2 + \mu \sum_{\nu=1}^{N_b} \|\zeta_\nu\|_2 \quad \text{w/ } \mathbf{y} := \begin{bmatrix} \varphi \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{F}(\lambda, \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{B}) \end{bmatrix}$$

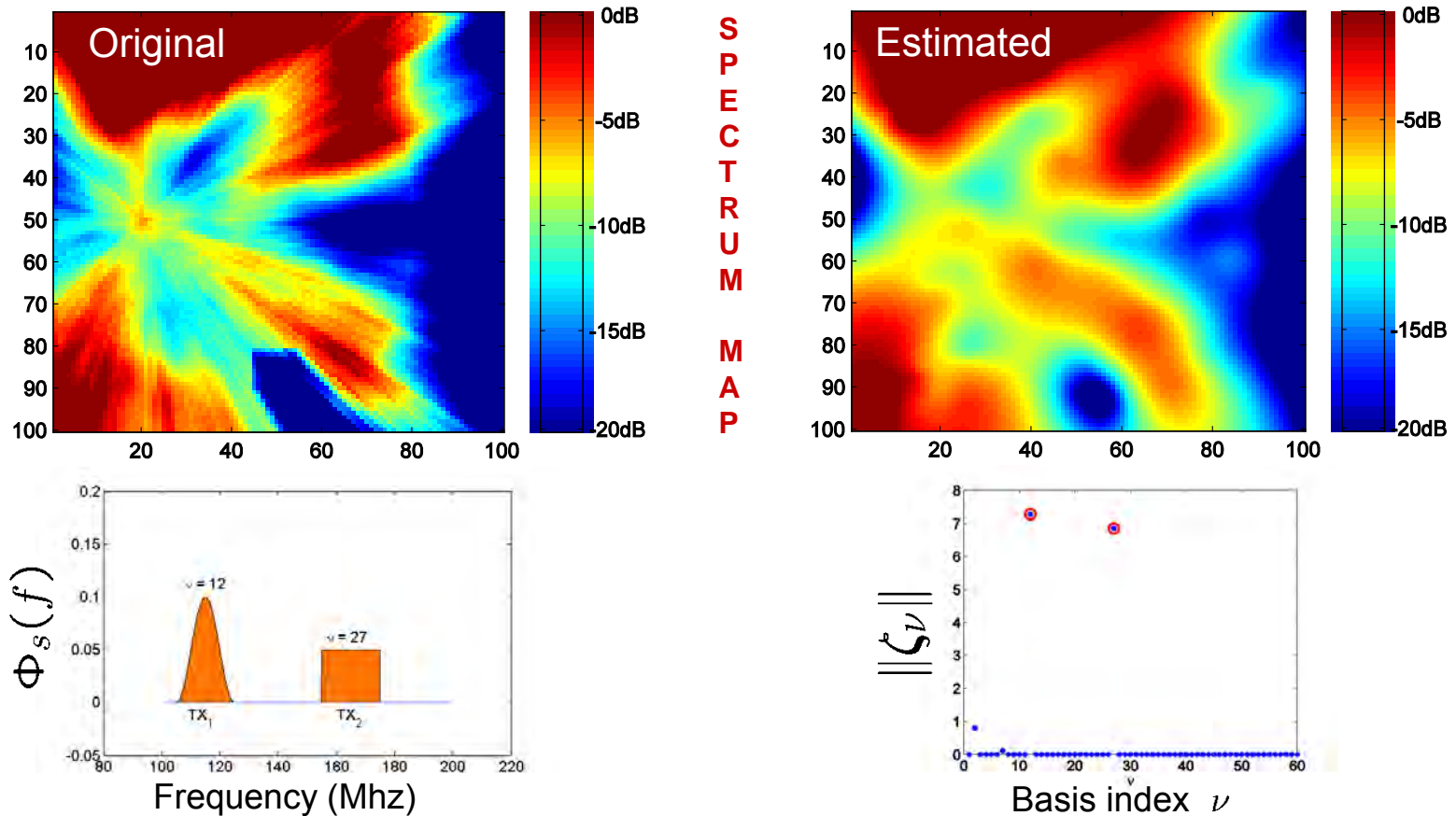
$$\text{as } [\hat{\beta}'_\nu, \hat{\alpha}'_\nu]' = \text{bdiag}(\mathbf{Q}_2, \mathbf{I})[\mathbf{K}\mathbf{Q}_2 \ \mathbf{T}]^{-1} \hat{\zeta}_\nu.$$

- **Group Lasso** encourages **sparse** factors  $\hat{\zeta}_\nu$

➤ Full-rank mapping:  $\hat{\zeta}_\nu = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \hat{g}_\nu(x) \equiv 0$

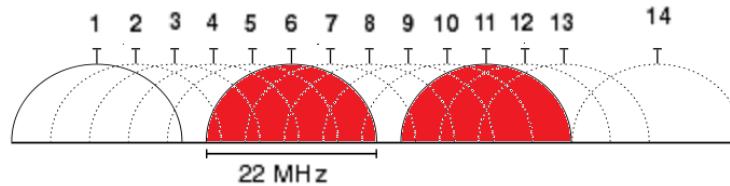
# Simulated test

- $N_s = 2$  sources; raised cosine pulses
- $N_r = 50$  sensing CRs,  $N = 64$  sampling frequencies
- $N_b = (2 \times 15 \times 2) = 60$ ; (roll off x center frequency x bandwidth)

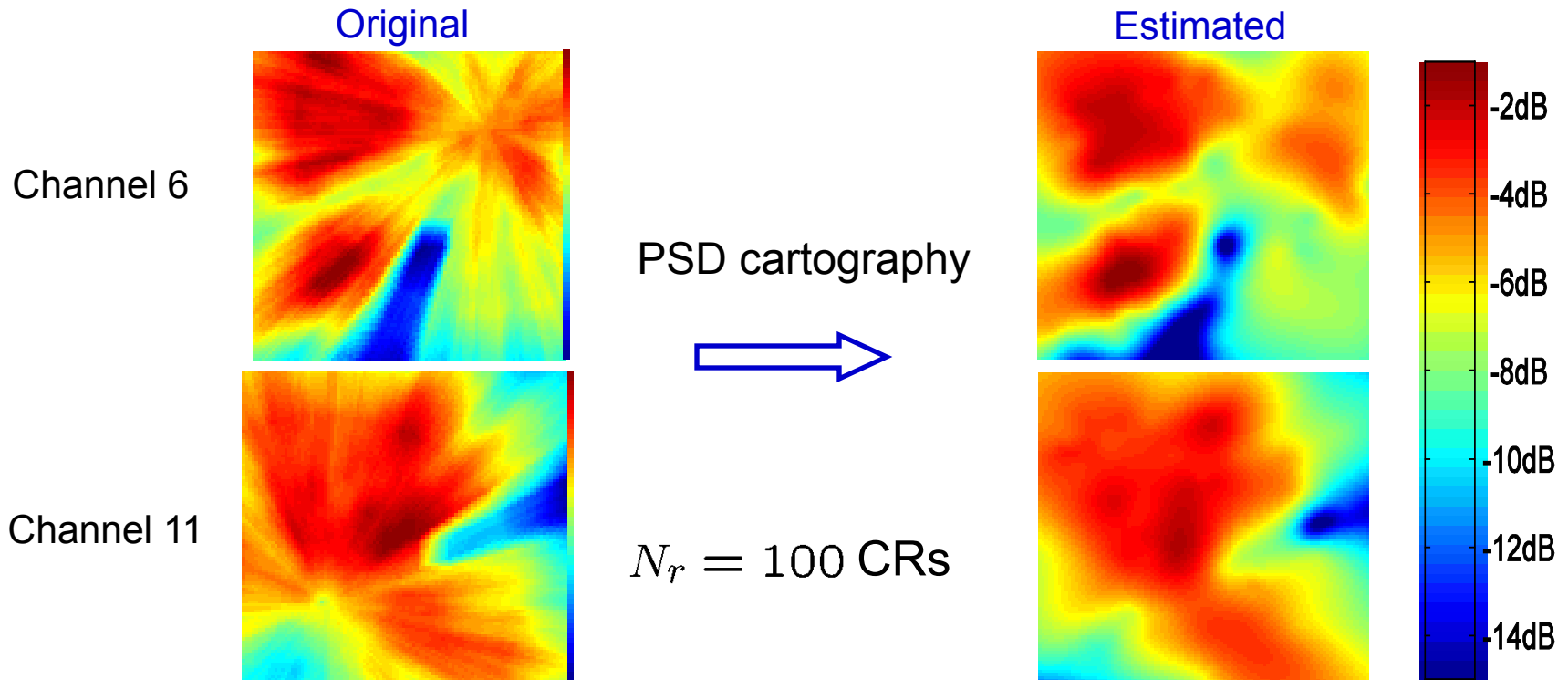


# Numerical test IEEE 802.11

■  $N_b = 14$



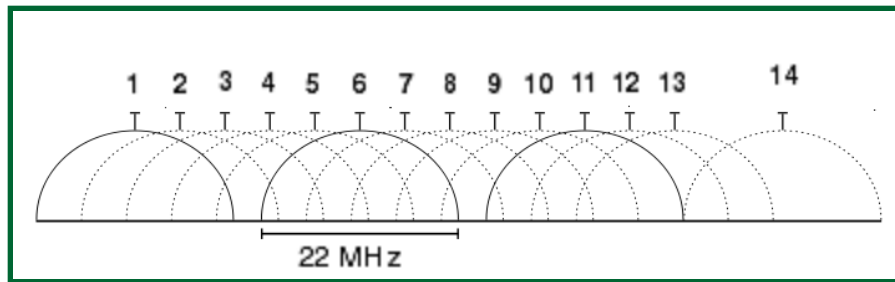
PUs  $N_s = 2$



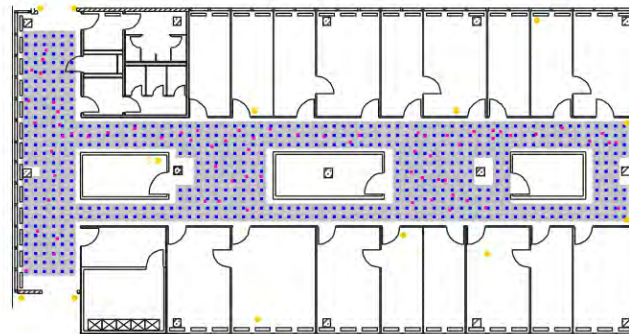
■ Maps estimated under fading + shadowing + overlapping bases

# Real RF data

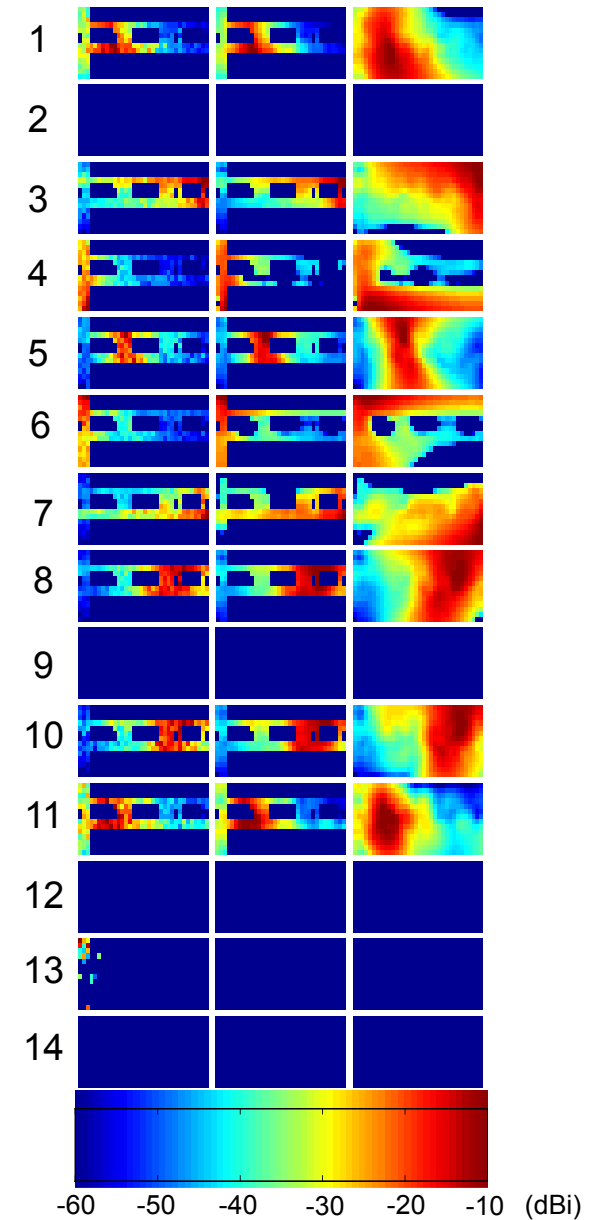
- IEEE 802.11 WLAN activity sensed



$$N_r = 166 \text{ CRs}$$



- Frequency bases identified
- Maps recovered and extrapolated





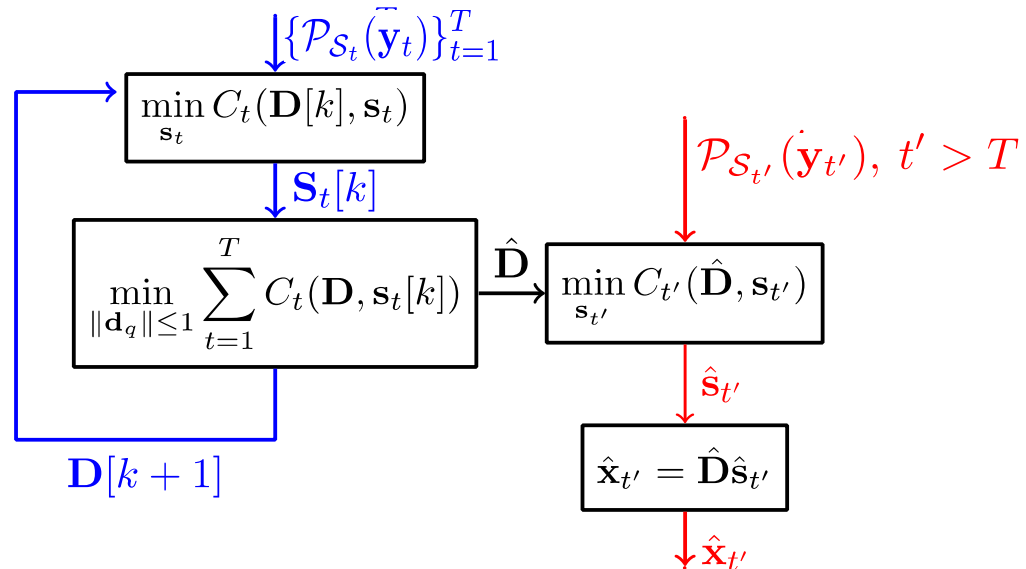
# Semi-supervised DL for PSD maps

■ Signal model  $\pi_t = \mathbf{G}_t \mathbf{p}_t \Rightarrow \pi = \mathbf{D} \mathbf{s}$

➤ Rx-power measured by a few CRs  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\mathbf{y}_t) = \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}_t}(\pi_t + \mathbf{v}_t)$

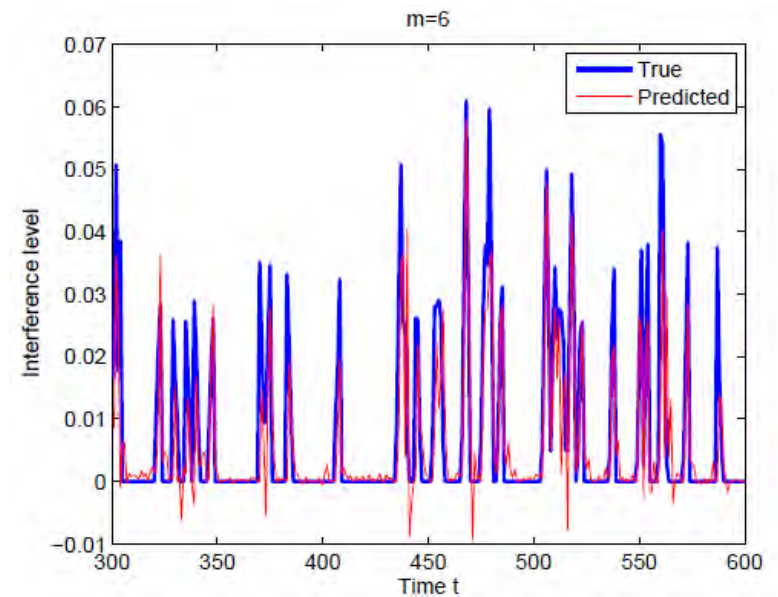
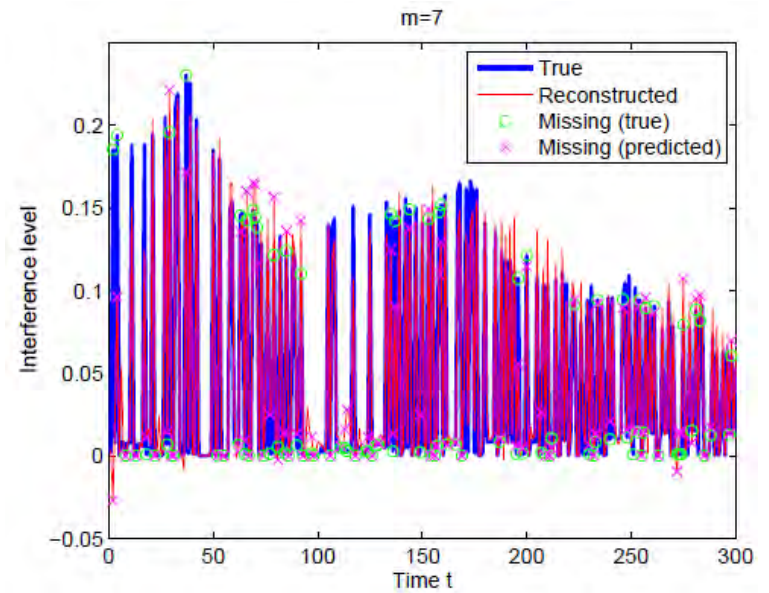
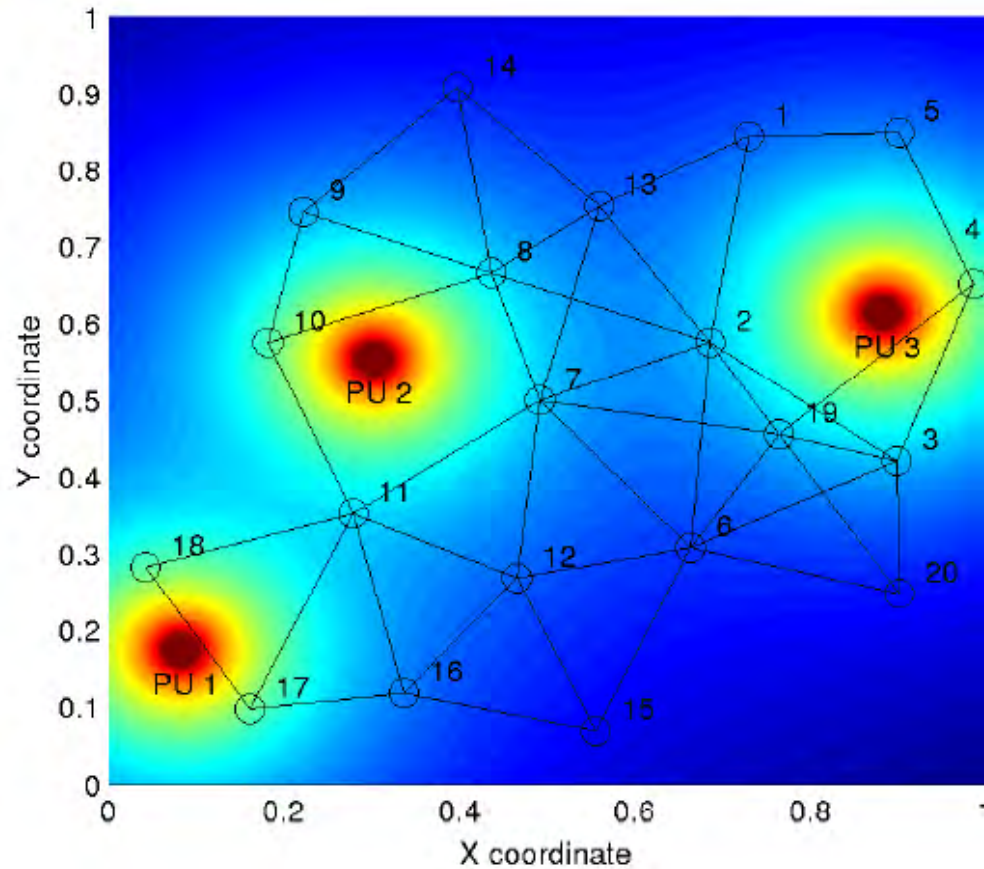
■ Batch formulation

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■ Online algorithm via exponentially weighted criterion

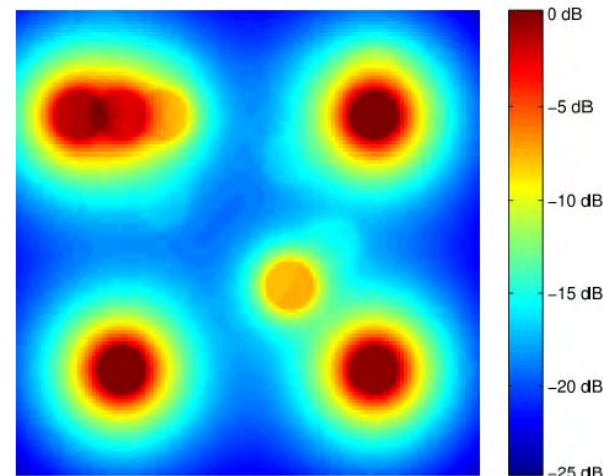
# Numerical tests



# Recap: PHY sensing via RF cartography

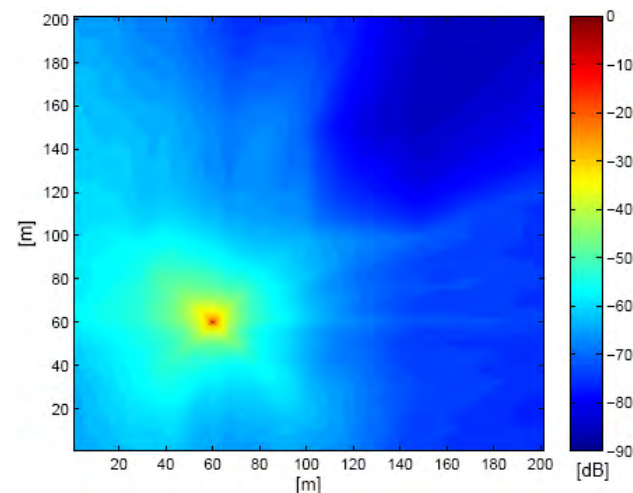
## ■ Power spectral density (PSD) maps

- Capture ambient power in space-time-frequency
- Can identify “crowded” regions to be avoided



## ■ Channel gain (CG) maps

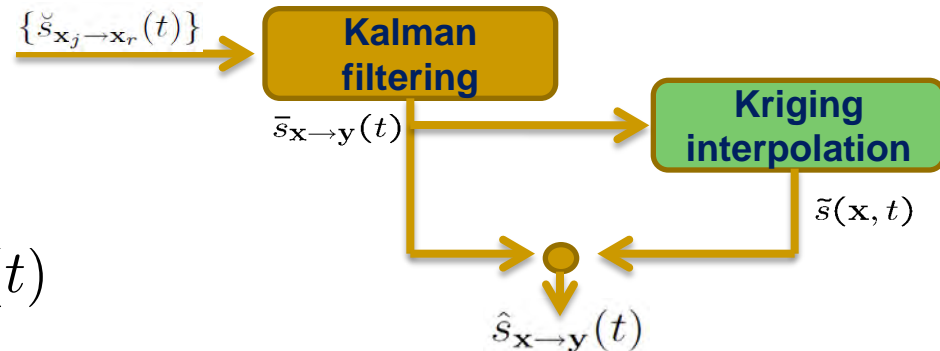
- Time-frequency channel from any-to-any point
- CRs adjust Tx power to min. PU disruption



# Channel gain cartography

- CG after averaging small-scale fading (dB)

$$G_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}}(t) := \Gamma_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}}(t) + s_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}}(t)$$



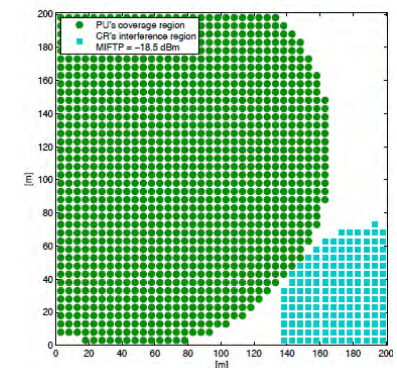
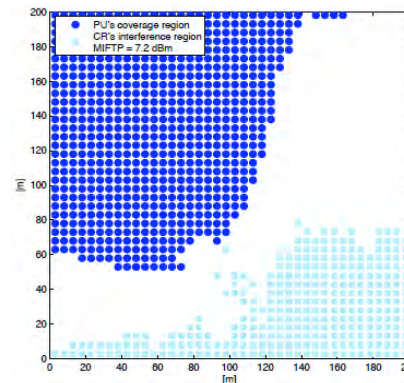
- State-space model for shadowing

$$s_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}}(t) := \bar{s}_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}}(t) + \tilde{s}_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{y}}(t)$$

**Approach:** spatial LMMSE interpolation (Kriging) + KF for tracking channel dynamics

**Payoffs:** tracking PU activities;  
accurate interference models;  
efficient resource allocation

**Outlook:** jointly optimal PHY  
CR sensing and access



# Any-to-any CG estimation

- Shadowing model-free approach
  - Slow variations in shadow fading
  - Low-rank any-to-any CG matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{G}}$

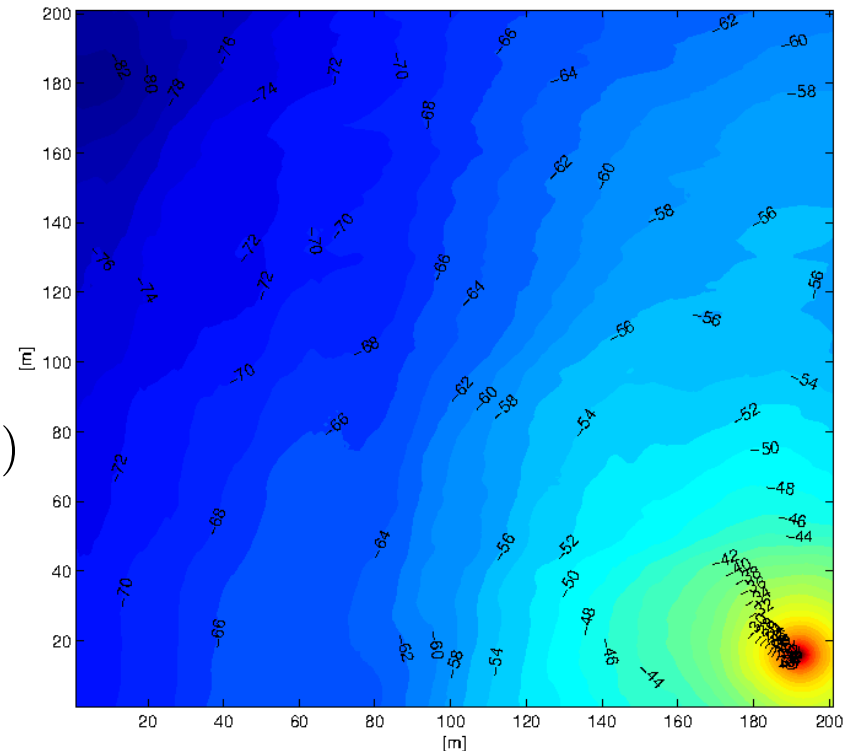
**Approach:** low-rank matrix completion

$$\min_{\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{W}} \|\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{C}\mathbf{W}')\|_F^2 + \lambda(\|\mathbf{C}\|_F^2 + \|\mathbf{W}\|_F^2)$$

**Payoffs:** global view of any-to-any CGs;  
real-time propagation metrics;  
efficient resource allocation

**Outlook:** kernel-based extrapolator for missing CR-to-PU measurements,  
or future time intervals

Estimated CG map



# PU power and CR-PU link learning

- Reduce overhead in any-to-any CG mapping
  - Learn CGs only between CRs and PUs
  - Online detection of active PU transmitters

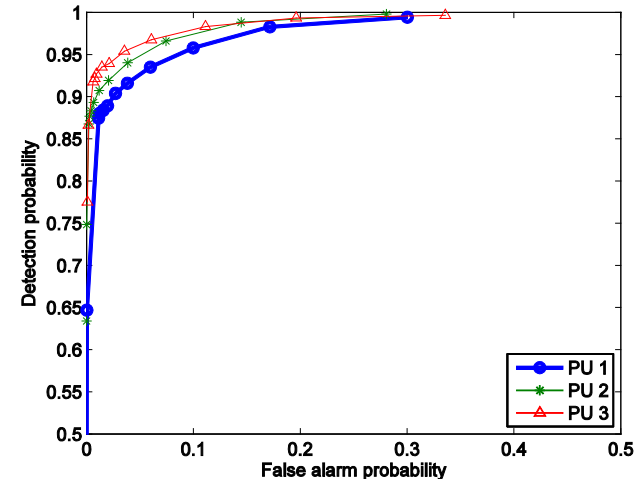
**Approach:** blind dictionary learning

$$\min_{\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{P}} \|\mathbf{\Pi} - \mathbf{GP}\|_F^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{P}\|_1$$

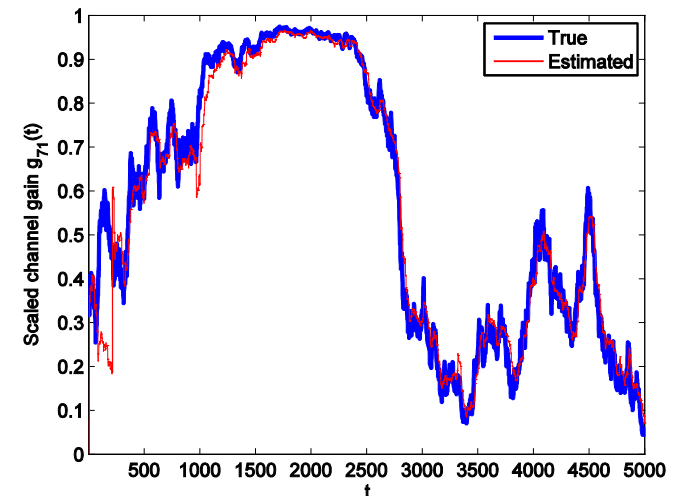
**Payoffs:** tracking PU activities;  
efficient resource allocation

**Outlook:** missing data due to limited sensing;  
distributed and robust algorithms

Detection of PU activity



Estimated CG



# Takeaways

- PHY layer spatiotemporal sensing via RF cartography
  - Space-time-frequency view of interference and channel gains
- Identify idle bands across space
  - Aid dynamic spectrum access policies
- PU/source localization and tracking
- Parsimony via sparsity and distribution via consensus
  - Lasso, group Lasso on splines, and method of multipliers

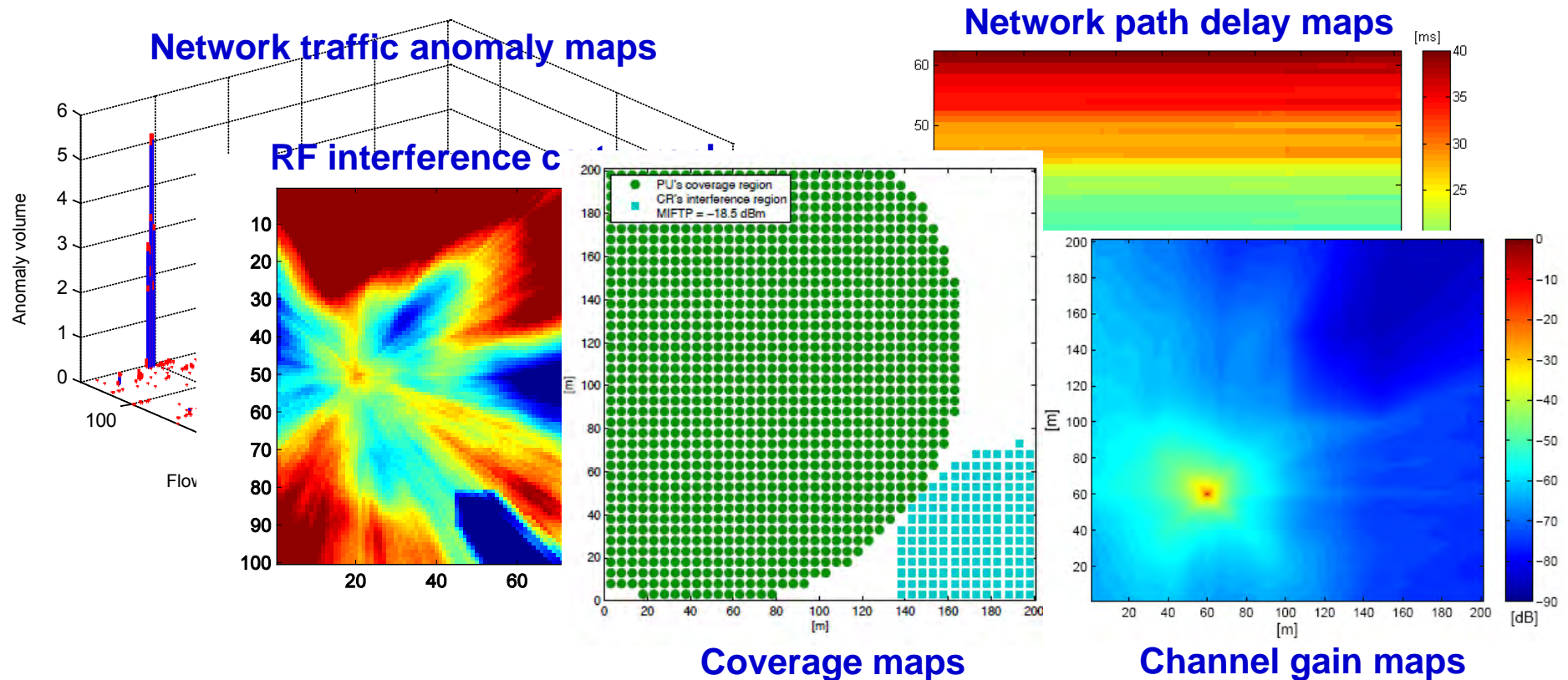


# Roadmap

- Dynamic network delay cartography
- Unveiling network anomalies via sparsity and low rank
- Network-wide link count prediction
- RF cartography for cognition at the PHY
- Conclusions and future research directions



# The big picture ahead...



- **Network cartography:** succinct depiction of the *network state*
- **Vision:** use *atlas* to enable spatial re-use, hand-off, localization, Tx-power tracking, resource allocation, health monitoring, and routing

# Concluding summary

- Dynamic network cartography
  - Framework to construct maps of the dynamic network state
  - Real-time, distributed scalable algorithms for large-scale networks
  
- Global state mapping from incomplete and corrupted data
  - Path delay and link traffic maps
  - Prompt and accurate identification of traffic anomalies
  - PHY layer sensing in wireless CR networks via RF cartography
  
- Statistical SP toolbox
  - Sparsity-cognizant learning, low-rank modeling
  - Krige Kalman filtering of dynamical processes over networks
  - Semi-supervised dictionary learning
  - Distributed optimization via the ADMM

*Thank you!*

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