

# Compact Multi-frame Blind Deconvolution

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# Motivation

## Big Data Imaging Problems

- Multi-Frame Blind Deconvolution (MFBD) where multi = very large
- MFBD combined with 3D (shape) or 4D (shape and color) reconstructions.

## Requirements

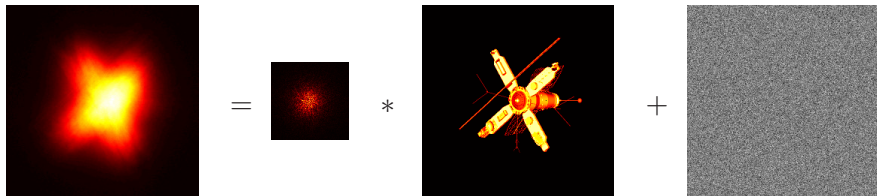
- Powerful computers
- More efficient algorithms
  - More efficient use of current algorithms
  - Smarter ways to process massive data sets
- Collaborative/synergistic teams
  - e.g., physics, math, computer science, engineering

# Outline

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# Convolution

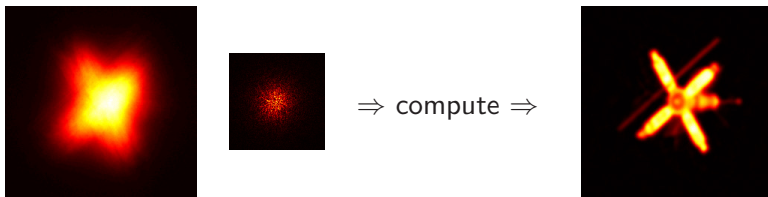
Consider the convolution image formation model:



# Deconvolution

Deconvolution: Given

- Blurred image, and
- Point spread function (convolution kernel).



- Compute estimate of true image.

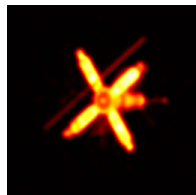
# Blind Deconvolution

Blind Deconvolution: Given

- Blurred image.



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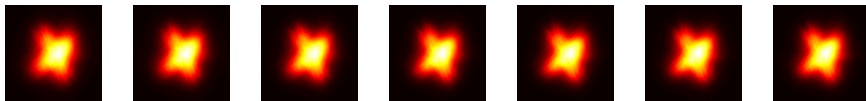


- Compute estimate of true image, and
- Compute estimate of PSF.

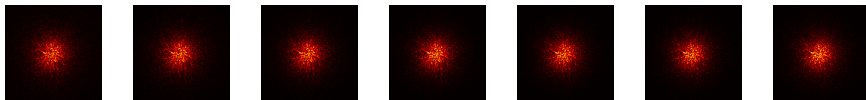
# Multi-Frame Blind Deconvolution

Multi-Frame Blind Deconvolution (MFBD):

- Given multiple frames of blurred images:



- Reconstruct PSFs and object:



# Single Frame Blind Deconvolution (SFBD) Model

Parameterize point spread function

- Using convolution model:  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{psf}(\mathbf{y}) * \mathbf{x} + \eta$
- Or, using matrix notation:  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})\mathbf{x} + \eta$

Example parameterizations:

- PSF pixels  $\mathbf{psf} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{[PSF image]} \end{array} \right)$

- Wavefront phase:  $\mathbf{psf} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{[Moon image]} \end{array} \right) = |\mathcal{F}^{-1}(Pe^{i\mathbf{y}})|^2$

- Wavefront phase with Zernikes:

$$\mathbf{psf} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{[Moon image]} \end{array} \right) = |\mathcal{F}^{-1}(Pe^{i(y_1z_1 + \dots + y_mz_m)})|^2$$



# General Mathematical Model

General mathematical model for image formation:

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}) \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\eta}$$

where

- $\mathbf{b}$  = vector representing observed image
- $\mathbf{x}$  = vector representing true image
- $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})$  = matrix defining blurring operation

For example,

- Convolution with imposed boundary conditions
- Spatially variant blurs
- $\mathbf{y}$  = vector of parameters defining blurring operation

Goal: Given  $\mathbf{b}$ , jointly compute approximations of  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$ .

# Multi-Frame Blind Deconvolution (MFBD)

The MFBD problem is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{b}_1 &= \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_1)\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_1 \\
 \mathbf{b}_2 &= \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_2)\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_2 \\
 &\vdots \\
 \mathbf{b}_m &= \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_m)\mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_m
 \end{aligned}$$

To solve, could consider least squares best fit objective:

$$\left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_1)\mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_m - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_m)\mathbf{x} \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_m \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_m) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \right\|_2^2 = \|\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y})\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

Also need regularization, but we omit that complication for now.

# Compact Multi-Frame Blind Deconvolution

Processing a large number of frames is computationally intensive.

## Compact MFBD (CMFBD)

D. Hope, S. Jefferies, *Optics Letters*, 36 (2011), pp. 867–869.

- Identify a small set of *control frames* that contain most independent information.
- Reduce full set of data to small set of control frames, without losing any important information.

## CMFBD: Identifying Control Frames

- Suppose  $\mathbf{A}_j \equiv \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_j)$  are simultaneously diagonalizable (e.g. Fourier transforms for circulant matrices)

$$\mathbf{A}_j = \mathbf{F}^* \Lambda_j \mathbf{F}$$

- Consider noise free data, and the  $j$ -th frame:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_j \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}_j &\Rightarrow \Lambda_j \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{b}}_j \\ &\Rightarrow \Lambda_j \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) = \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{b}}_j) \\ &\Rightarrow \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{b}}_j)^\dagger = \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{x}})^\dagger \Lambda_j^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{x}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}_j = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{b}_j$  are unitary Fourier transforms.

## CMFBD: Identifying Control Frames

- Assume there is a uniformly “best” conditioned matrix  $\mathbf{A}_k$ . That is, there is a  $\Lambda_k$  such that

$$[|\Lambda_k|]_{ii} \geq \tau \quad \text{if there exists } j \text{ with} \quad [|\Lambda_j|]_{ii} \geq \tau$$

where  $\tau > 0$  is a tolerance.

- In this case, where there is a single control frame, observe:

$$\text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{b}}_j) = \Lambda_j \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{b}}_k)^\dagger = \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{x}})^\dagger \Lambda_k^\dagger$$

- This allows to compute *spectral ratios*

$$\underbrace{\text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{b}}_j) \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{b}}_k)^\dagger}_{\text{known}} = \underbrace{\Lambda_j \Lambda_k^\dagger}_{\text{unknown}}$$

## CMFBD: Exploiting Control Frames

- WLOG, assume the control frame is  $k = 1$ , and observe:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 \\ \mathbf{A}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{A}_m \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}_m \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 &= \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_1 \\ \Lambda_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Lambda_m \end{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1 \\ \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{b}}_m \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2 \\
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where  $\mathbf{D}_j = \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{b}}_j) \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{b}}_1)^\dagger$

## CMFBD Observations

- The initial MFBD problem has unknowns:

$$\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_m, \mathbf{x} \quad \text{or, equivalently} \quad \Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \dots, \Lambda_m, \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

- After identifying a control frame, significantly fewer unknowns:

$$\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{x} \quad \text{or, equivalently} \quad \Lambda_1, \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

- More control frames may be needed to capture all  $[|\Lambda_j|]_{ii} \geq \tau$ .
- For noisy data, algebra relating known and unknown information holds only approximately.
- Frame Selection: Based on heuristics
  - “Best” conditioned  $\mathbf{A}_k \Leftrightarrow$  least blurred image
  - Many techniques can be used – we use a Fourier based power spectrum approach.



## CMFBD Practical Details

- **Reduction of Single Frame Problem:** Use Givens rotations

$$\left\| Q^* \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{D}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{D}_m \end{bmatrix} \Lambda_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1 \\ \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mathbf{b}}_m \end{bmatrix} \right) \right\|_2^2 = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Lambda_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}_1 \\ \mathbf{d}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{d}_m \end{bmatrix} \right\|_2^2$$

Therefore, we need only consider

$$\| \mathbf{D} \Lambda_1 \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{d}_1 \|_2^2 = \| \mathbf{D} \mathbf{F} \Lambda_1 \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{d}_1 \|_2^2$$

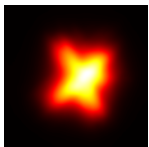
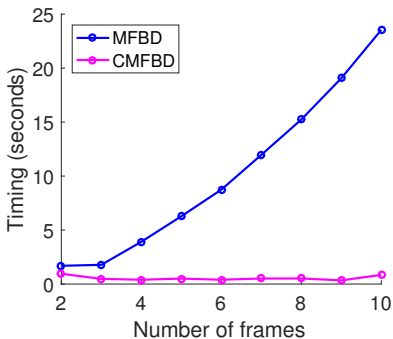
Thus, the MFBD problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{x}} \sum_{j=1}^m \| \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_j) \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}_j \|_2^2$$

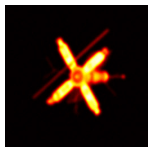
reduces to the CSFBD problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{x}} \| \mathbf{W} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_1) \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{d}_1 \|_2^2, \quad \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{D} \mathbf{F}$$

# Numerical Illustration of Time Savings



Mean data frame



MFBD



CMFBD

# Global Variable Consensus

The MFBD problem can be written as:

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{x}} \sum_{i=1}^m \|\mathbf{b}_i - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_i)\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + g(\mathbf{x})$$

where here we include an object regularization term,  $g(\mathbf{x})$ .

Remarks:

- Regularization  $g(\mathbf{x})$  can be used to enforce nonnegativity, sparsity, etc.
- The unknown  $\mathbf{x}$  couples the objective terms  $i = 1, \dots, m$
- We can get a partial decoupling by reformulating as:

$$\min_{\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{x}_i} \sum_{i=1}^m \|\mathbf{b}_i - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_i)\mathbf{x}_i\|_2^2 + g(\mathbf{z}) \quad \text{subject to } \mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{z}, i = 1, \dots, m$$

## Global Variable Consensus

Using an augmented Lagrangian approach, and the Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM)<sup>1</sup>, the optimization decouples:

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\left[ \mathbf{y}_i^{(k+1)}, \mathbf{x}_i^{(k+1)} \right] = \underset{\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{x}_i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\| \mathbf{b}_i - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y}_i) \mathbf{x}_i \right\|_2^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} \left\| \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{z}^{(k)} + \mathbf{u}_i^{(k)} \right\|_2^2$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{x}_i^{(k+1)}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{u}_i^{(k)}$$

$$\mathbf{z}^{(k+1)} = \underset{\mathbf{z}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ g(\mathbf{z}) + \frac{m\beta}{2} \left\| \mathbf{z} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}^{(k+1)} - \bar{\mathbf{u}}^{(k)} \right\|_2^2 \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_i^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{u}_i^{(k)} + \mathbf{x}_i^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{z}^{(k+1)}$$

end

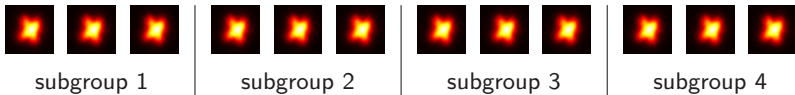
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<sup>1</sup>Good ADMM references: Wahlberg, Boyd, Annergren, Wang, *Proc. 16th IFAC Symposium on System Identification*, 2012, and Boyd, et. al., *Foundations and Trends in Machine Learning*, 2010.

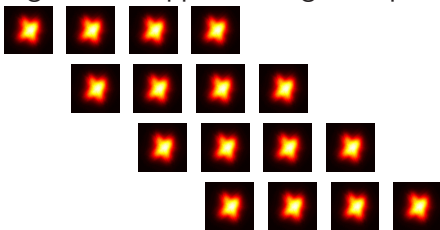
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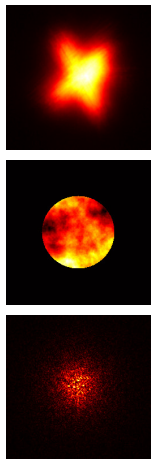
## Advantages:

- Decoupling allows for easy parallel processing of groups of frames



- Can either use standard MFBD on subgroups of frames, or
- Use CMFBD on subgroups of frames
- Regularization term is also decoupled, allowing users to plug in many options, and it simplifies the computation.
- Sliding window approach might be possible:



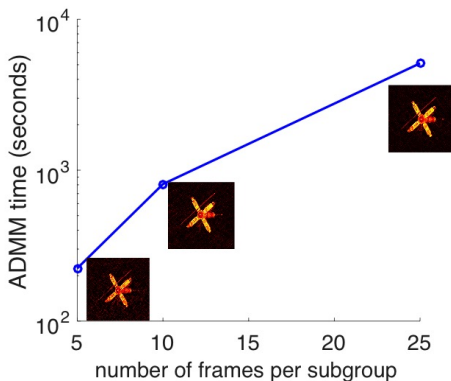
Global Variable Consensus: Numerical Illustration<sup>2</sup>

50 total frames, split in three different ways

10 subgroups  
(5 frames each)

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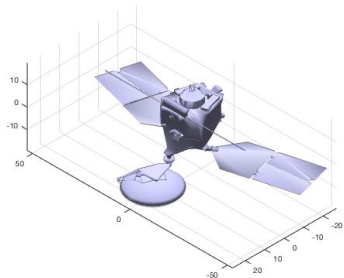
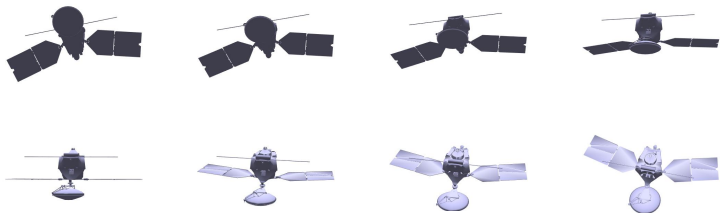
2 subgroups  
(25 frames each)



<sup>2</sup>J. D. Schmidt, Numerical Simulation of Optical Wave Propagation, SPIE Press Monograph Vol. PM199, 2010

# Higher Dimensional Image Reconstruction

Three dimensional reconstruction from two dimensional measurements:



# Higher Dimensional Image Reconstruction

Some computational challenges:

- Requires processing many, many frames of data.
- Mathematical model is similar to MFBD, but
  - Number of unknowns for object significantly increases.
  - Additional unknowns associated with parameters defining object orientation.
- Some related work has been done for molecular structure determination, e.g. in Cryo-EM and x-ray crystallography<sup>3</sup>

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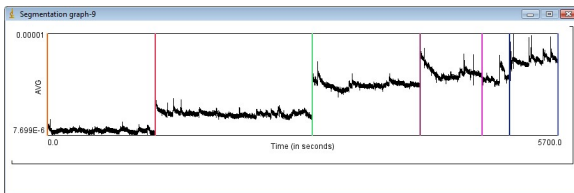
<sup>3</sup>J. Chung, P. Sternberg and C. Yang, *High Performance 3-D Image Reconstruction for Molecular Structure Determination*, International Journal of High Performance Computing Applications, 24 (2010), pp. 117–135.



# Higher Dimensional Image Reconstruction

What further information can be used?

- Possibly assume blocks of data have constant orientation parameters  
Idea like this was used in PET brain image reconstruction<sup>4</sup>



- Can use consensus ADMM type approach on blocks of data.
- Use other information (e.g., a frozen flow assumption), or technologies (e.g., laser guide stars).

<sup>4</sup>P. Wendykier, J. Nagy, *Parallel Colt: High Performance Java Library for Scientific Computing and Image Processing*, ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software, 37 (2010), pp. 31:1–31:22

# Summary

- Big data, multi-frame image processing requires not only powerful computers, but also new approaches to process massive data sets.

This is especially true for 3D/4D image reconstructions.

- Goal should be to extract as much information as possible from collected data, but to also do it quickly.
- Important to have synergistic collaborations with various expertise.