

# Subset Selection for Kernel-based Signal Reconstruction

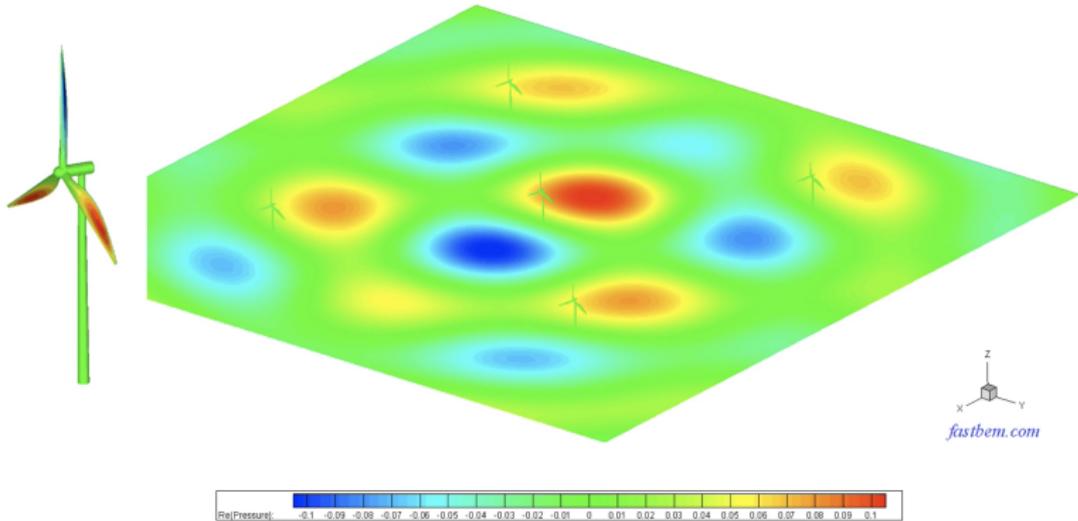
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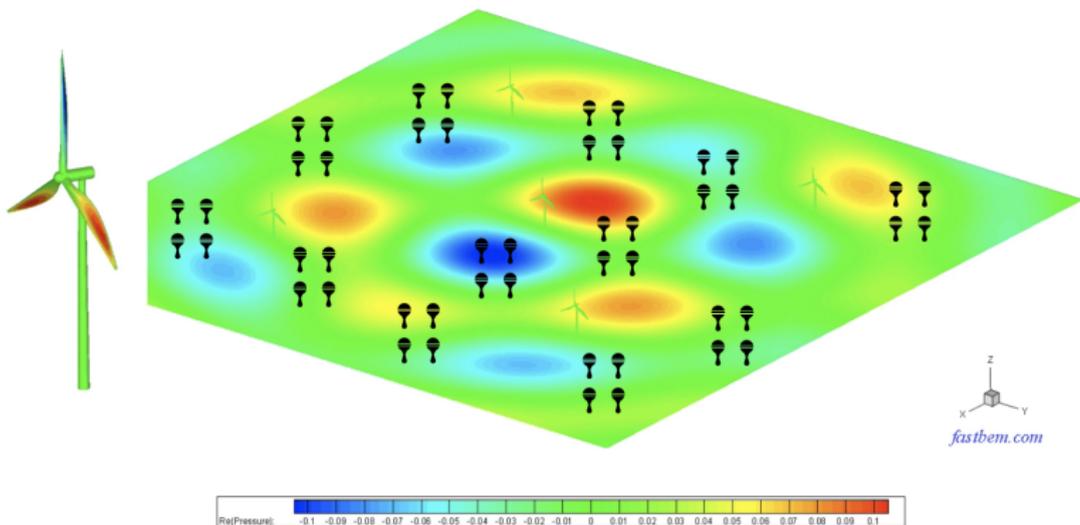
## Static Field Estimation



Wind turbine farm noise<sup>1</sup>  
Open video

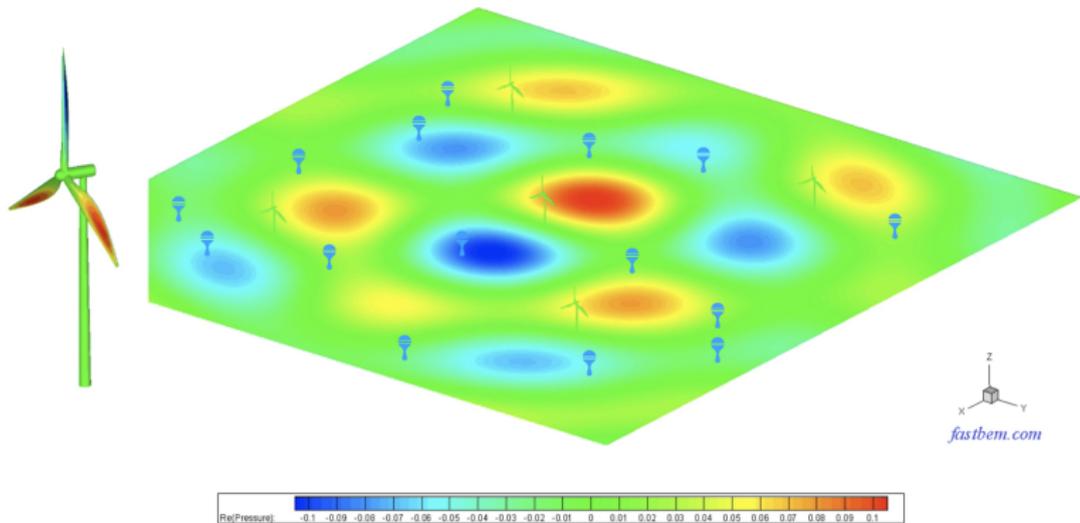
<sup>1</sup>Fast Boundary Element Method (FastBEM) for Solving Large-Scale Engineering Problems, [www.fastbem.com](http://www.fastbem.com)

## Static Field Estimation



How to select the **subset of measurements** to provide the best possible **reconstruction** performance?

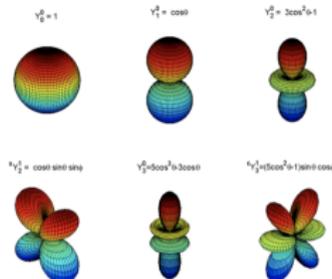
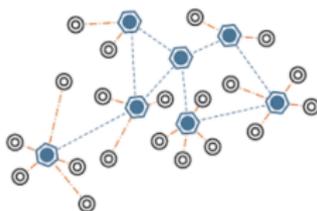
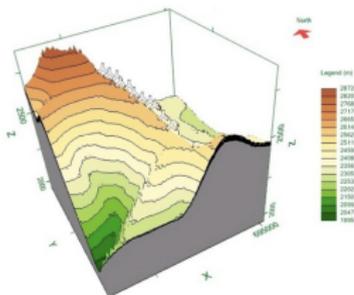
## Static Field Estimation



Using information of the **topographical relief** of the terrain, **field signal properties** and **network topology**.

# Kernel-based Signal Reconstruction

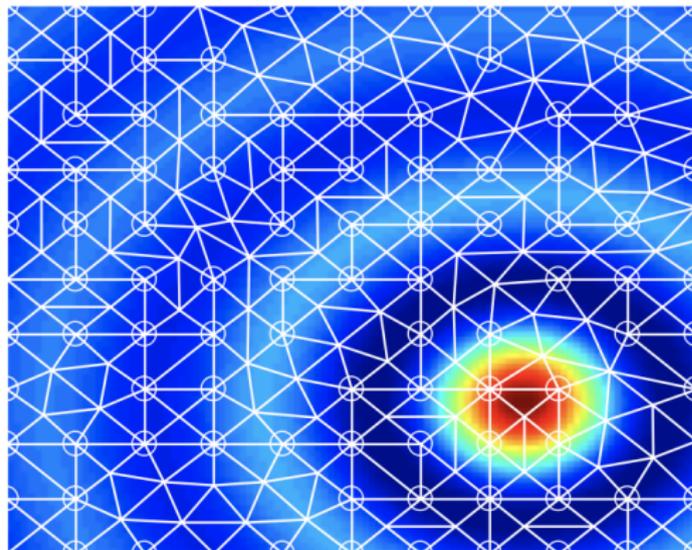
## Prior information



$k(x_i, x)$  : kernel function

Kernels leverage **structural information** to propagate non-linear relations through linear ones.

## Sampling of a static field



Field function:

$$f(x) : \mathcal{M} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$$

Field measurements:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{n}$$

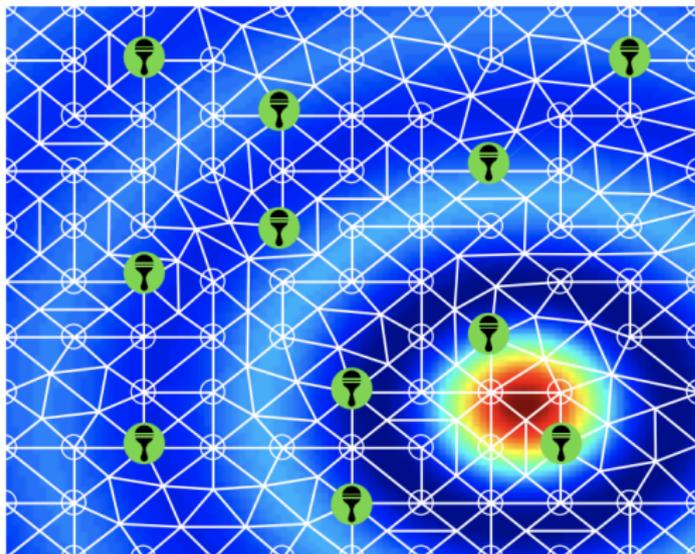
The static field,  $f(x)$ , is assumed to belong to a reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS),  $\mathcal{H}$ , defined a kernel map  $k : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ .

## Reproducing kernel Hilber space (RKHS)

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ f : f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i k(x_i, x), \alpha_i \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

where  $k : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a symmetric kernel map satisfying  $\sup_{x,y} k(x,y) < \infty$ .

## Sparse Sampler Design



Field measurements:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_S &= \Phi_S \mathbf{f} + \Phi_S \mathbf{n} \\ &= \mathbf{f}_S + \mathbf{n}_S \end{aligned}$$

**Problem:** *Given model statistics and a kernel map, find the best subset of sensors  $S$ ,  $|S| = K$ , that provides the best reconstruction of  $f(x)$*

# Sensor Selection for Sparse Sensing

- Why?

- possibly many non-informative measurements
- reduces processing overhead
- economical or physical constraints
- sensors might incur different operation costs, e.g., energy requirements

- How?

- **convex optimization:** through selection vector  $\mathbf{w} \in \{0, 1\}^M$   
[Joshi-Boyd-09]<sup>2</sup>, [Chepuri-Leus-16]<sup>3</sup>
- **submodular optimization:** greedy methods and heuristics  
[Krause-Guestrin-07]<sup>4</sup>, [Ranieri-Chebira-Vetterli-14]<sup>5</sup>

In this work, both approaches are considered...  
and results of kernel methods leveraged...

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<sup>2</sup>S. Joshi, and S. Boyd. "Sensor selection via convex optimization." *TSP* 2009

<sup>3</sup>S.P. Chepuri, and G. Leus, "Sparse Sensing for Statistical Inference," *Foundations and Trends in Sig. Proc.* 2016

<sup>4</sup>A. Krause, and C. Guestrin, "Near-optimal observation selection using submodular functions," *AAAI* 2007

<sup>5</sup>J. Ranieri, et al., "Near-optimal sensor placement for linear inverse problems," *TSP* 2014

**Estimate of the continuous function  $f(x)$ :**

$$\hat{f} = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{1}{K} \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{L}(y(x_i), f(x_i)) + \mu \Omega(\|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}), \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}(\cdot, \cdot)$  is a loss function and  $\Omega(\cdot)$  a smoothness term in  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mu$  the regularization parameter and  $\mathcal{S}$  is the finite sampling set.

The *representer theorem*<sup>6</sup> provides the solution for (1) by the following series:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{S}} \alpha_i k(x_i, x). \quad (2)$$

In this talk, we focus on kernel ridge regression for estimating  $f(x)$ ...

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<sup>6</sup>B. Scholkopf, et al., "A generalized representer theorem" in *Comp. Learn. Theory*, Springer, pp. 416-426, 2001.

## Kernel Ridge Regression (KRR)

$$\hat{f} = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{1}{K} \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{S}} (y(x_i) - f(x_i))^2 + \mu \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2. \quad (3)$$

Here,  $\mathcal{L}(x, y) = (x - y)^2$  and  $\Omega(\cdot) = (\cdot)^2$ .

Using the representer theorem solution, the following relations hold

$$f_{\mathcal{S}} = \mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{S}} \alpha, \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \alpha^T \mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{S}} \alpha, \quad (4)$$

Here,

$\alpha = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K]^T \in \mathbb{R}^K$  is the vector with the expansion coefficients  
 $[\mathbf{K}_{\mathcal{S}}]_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j)$ ,  $x_i, x_j \in \mathcal{S}$ , is the  $(i, j)$ th entry of the kernel matrix.

## Signal Reconstruction Optimization Problem (KRR)

$$\hat{\alpha}_S = \underset{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^K}{\text{arg min}} \quad \frac{1}{K} \|\mathbf{e}\|^2 + \mu \alpha^T \mathbf{K}_S \alpha \quad (5)$$

subject to  $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{y}_S - \mathbf{K}_S \alpha$

### Optimal solution

$$\hat{\alpha}_S = [\mathbf{K}_S + \gamma \mathbf{I}_K]^{-1} \mathbf{y}_S.$$

### Residuals

$$e(x_j, S) = y(x_j) - \mathbf{k}_{S,j}^T \hat{\alpha}_S,$$

where  $[\mathbf{k}_{S,j}]_i = k(x_i, x_j)$ ,  $x_i \in S$ ,  $\gamma = \mu K$ , and  $\mathbf{I}_K$  is the  $K \times K$  identity matrix.

How to use this expression for designing [sparse samplers](#)?

## Design Problem

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Cost function: Mean Squared error

$$\text{MSE}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{S}) = \int_{x \in \mathcal{M}} |e(x, \mathcal{S})|^2 dx \approx \sum_{x_j \in \mathcal{V}} |e(x_j, \mathcal{S})|^2$$

for  $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ ,  $|\mathcal{V}| \neq \infty$ .

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Convex Problem (SDP) [details in this paper]

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{w} \in [0,1]^N}{\text{minimize}} && \text{tr}\{\mathbf{Z}\} \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{w} = K, \\ & && \mathbf{M}^{T/2} \mathbf{P}^{-1}(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{M}^{1/2} \preceq \mathbf{Z} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{K}^{-1} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^T] \mathbf{K}^{-1}$  and

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{K}^{-2} + \gamma^{-1} \mathbf{K}^{-1} \text{diag}(\mathbf{w}) + \gamma^{-1} \text{diag}(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{K}^{-1} + \gamma^{-2} \text{diag}(\mathbf{w}).$$

## Design Problem

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Cost function: [Stable Regressors Selection](#)

$$\underset{S \subset \mathcal{M}, |S|=K}{\text{minimize}} \quad q(\text{Cov}\{\hat{\alpha}_S\})$$

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Submodular Problem (**Greedy**) [details in this paper]

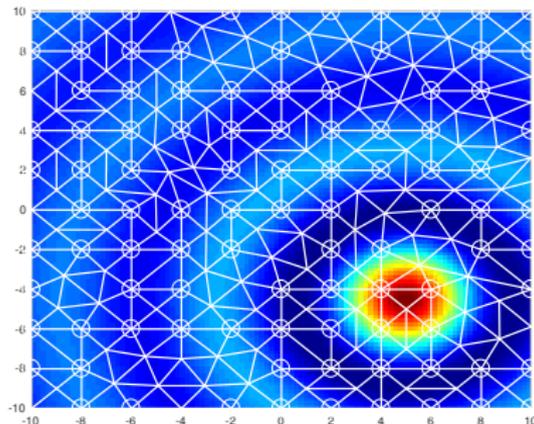
$$\underset{S \subset \mathcal{M}, |S|=K}{\text{minimize}} \quad \frac{\ln \det\{\mathbf{C}_S\}}{2 \ln \det\{\mathbf{K}_S + \mu \mathbf{K} \mathbf{I}_K\}}$$

where  $\mathbf{C}_S = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}_S \mathbf{y}_S^T]$  and

$$[\mathbf{K}_S]_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j), \quad x_i, x_j \in S,$$

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## Static field example (0)

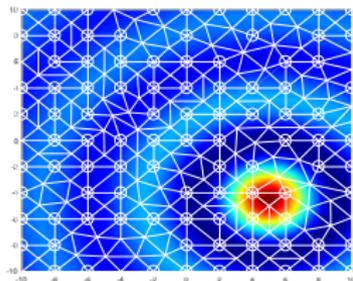


Wave field

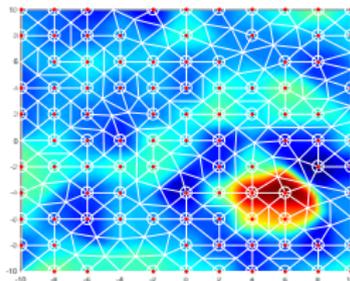
- 2-D field estimation
- Rectangular domain of  $10 \times 10\text{m}$
- Source located at coordinates  $(x, y) = (5, -4.5)$
- Noise covariance  $\Sigma = \text{Toeplitz}\{1, \rho, \dots, \rho^{N-1}\}$ .
- Gaussian radial basis kernel with  $\sigma = 0.8$ .

# Numerical Results

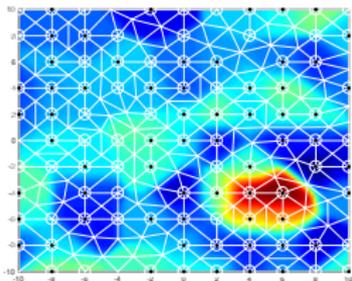
## Static field example (1)



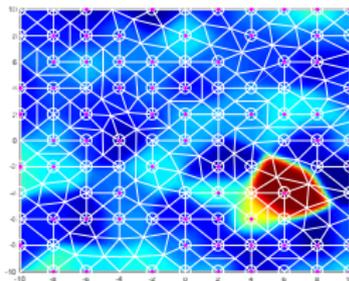
(a) Ground truth



(b) All sensors ( $N = 97$ )

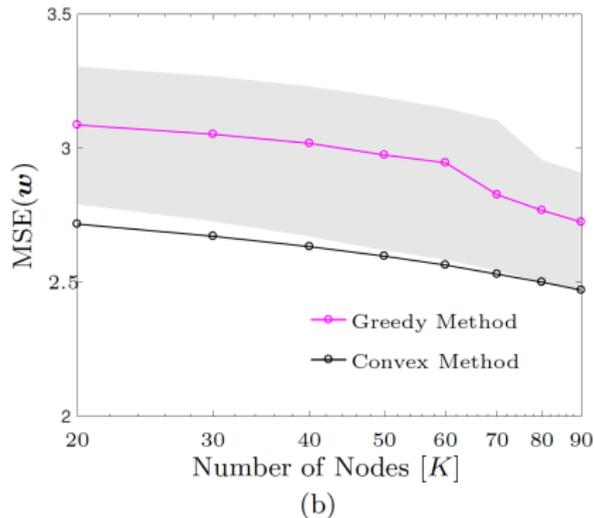
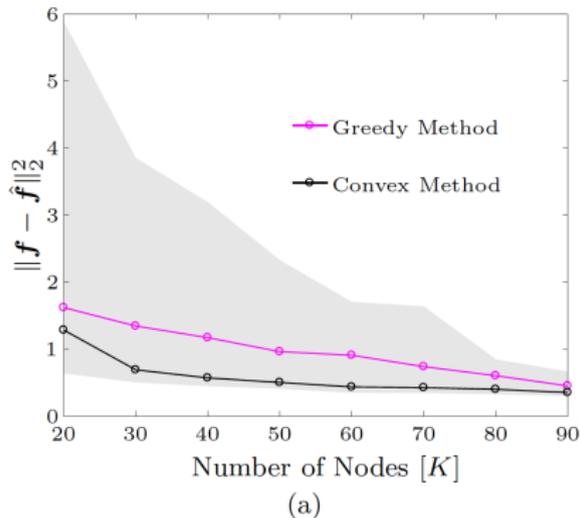


(c) Convex solution  
( $K = 67$ )



(d) Greedy solution  
( $K = 67$ )

## Static field example (2)



Comparison of the proposed methods. Shaded gray area shows performance of random samplers. (a) Reconstruction error. (b)  $MSE(\mathbf{w})$ .

- Sampling **metrics** for kernel-based signal reconstruction were proposed.
- Sparse samplers, based on the presented metrics, can be designed efficiently through the **convex** and **submodular** machinery.
- The proposed greedy approach provides a **tractable alternative** for large scale problems without high degradation in performance.
- Outlook
  - Test of sampling strategies with real data and appropriate kernel functions, e.g., harmonics functions for acoustic field reconstruction.
  - Extend results to other kernels methods for statistical inference, e.g., kernel-based detection.

# Thank you!



## Questions?