

# On Compressive Sensing of Sparse Covariance Matrices Using Deterministic Sensing Matrices

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# Overview

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## Motivation: Covariance matrix sketching

Given:

- $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N$ , a vector of  $N$  independent zero-mean random variables
- covariance matrix  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^*]$ , sparse in most applications
- $m$  linear measurements  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ , with measurement matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$

Determine  $\mathbf{X}$  from  $\mathbf{Y}$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{y}\mathbf{y}^*] = \mathbf{A}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^*]\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}^*$$

using vectorization...

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = (\bar{\mathbf{A}} \otimes \mathbf{A}) \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$

with  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \text{vec}\{\mathbf{Y}\}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \text{vec}\{\mathbf{X}\}$

$\Rightarrow$  Compressive Sensing setting!

# Recap of relevant results in Compressive Sensing

Problem setting:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$  with  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$ , where  $m \ll N$

## Definition (Restricted Isometry Property)

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$  is said to fulfill the  $k$ -th restricted isometry property (abbrv. RIP) with the restricted isometry constant  $\delta_k$  (abbrv. RIC) if

$$(1 - \delta_k) \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq (1 + \delta_k) \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$$

holds for all  $k$ -sparse  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N$ .

## Theorem

If  $\mathbf{A}$  fulfills the  $2k$ -th RIP with RIC

$$\delta_{2k} < \frac{1}{3}$$

then every  $k$ -sparse  $\mathbf{x}$  can be recovered uniquely by the  $\ell_1$ -minimization (convex).

# Covariance matrix sketching & Compressive Sensing

Covariance matrix sketching as compressive sensing problem:

$$\min \|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}\|_0 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{y}} = (\bar{\mathbf{A}} \otimes \mathbf{A}) \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$$

with  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \text{vec}\{\mathbf{Y}\}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \text{vec}\{\mathbf{X}\}$

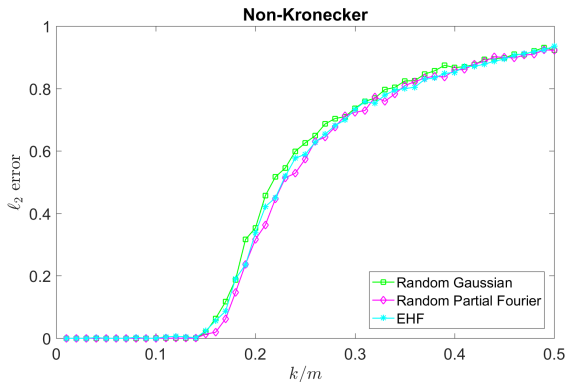
**Question:** Are there "good" (deterministic) matrices for compressive sensing with Kronecker structure?

→ convex relaxation:  $\ell_1$ -minimization instead of  $\ell_0$ -minimization

- Result on RIC by Duarte and Baraniuk:  $\delta_k(\bar{\mathbf{A}} \otimes \mathbf{A}) \geq \delta_k(\mathbf{A})$

⇒ For fixed sparsity, RIC of the Kronecker structured matrix is lower bounded by the RIC of the non-Kronecker matrix despite having quadratically more measurements.

# Simulations: non-Kronecker structured matrices

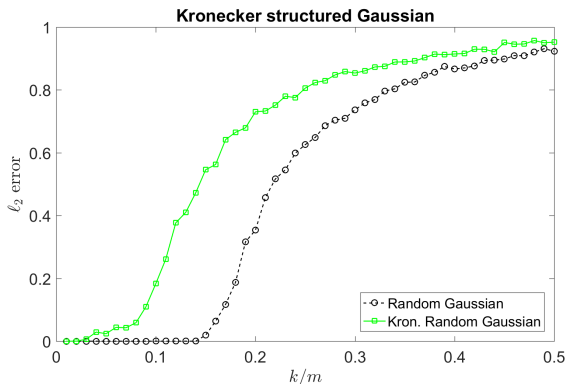


**Random Gaussian:** Each entry of the sensing matrix is a Gaussian random variable.

**Random Partial Fourier:** Rows of the DFT matrix are chosen at random to form the sensing matrix.

**EHF (Equiangular harmonic frames):** The sensing matrix is a "carefully" chosen minor of the DFT matrix.

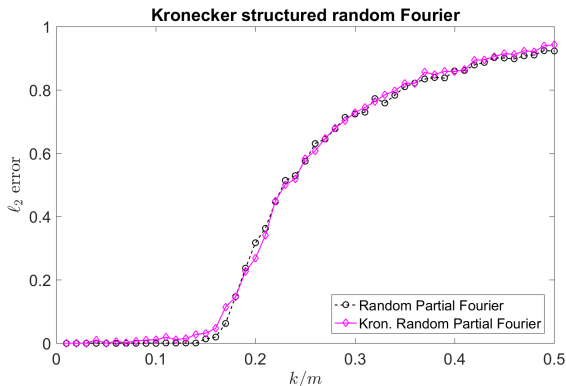
# Simulation: Kronecker structured Gaussian



Kronecker structured Gaussian matrices seem to be "bad" for CS.

From previous slide:  $\delta_k(\mathbf{A}) \leq \delta_k(\overline{\mathbf{A}} \otimes \mathbf{A}) \leq 2\delta_k(\mathbf{A}) + \delta_k(\mathbf{A})^2$

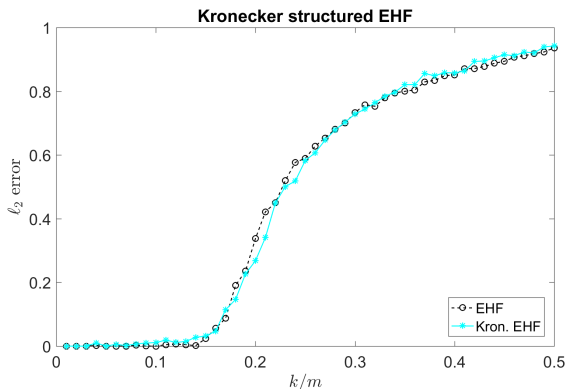
# Simulation: Kronecker structured partial Fourier



In contrast to Gaussian: random Fourier & Kronecker structured random Fourier matrices perform similarly.



# Simulation: Kronecker structured EHF



Same observation as in the slide before: EHF & Kronecker structured EHF perform similarly.

→ An attempt of explanation based on *Statistical Isometry Property* (Def. by Calderbank, Howard, Jafarpour, 2010).

# Standard CS versus StRIP Approach

## Standard CS

- random sensing matrices
- deterministic vectors  $\mathbf{x}$
- recovery guarantee for all  $k$ -sparse vectors  $\mathbf{x}$
- recovery guarantee with high probability for random  $\mathbf{A}$

⇒ randomness in the choice of the sensing matrix  $\mathbf{A}$

## StRIP

- deterministic sensing matrix
- stochastic data vectors  $\mathbf{x}$
- recovery guarantee with high probability for random choice of  $\mathbf{x}$
- recovery guarantee for deterministic choice of  $\mathbf{A}$

⇒ randomness in the choice of the data vector  $\mathbf{x}$

# Statistical Restricted Isometry Property (StRIP) - 1

Following definition of StRIP is by Calderbank, Howard and Jafarpour (2010).

## Definition (StRIP & UStRIP)

- $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\Phi \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$  has  $(k, \delta, \epsilon)$  - StRIP if

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

holds with probability  $1 - \epsilon$  for a random  $k$ -sparse vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  (uniformly distributed over all  $k$ -sparse vectors).

- $\mathbf{A}$  is  $(k, \delta, \epsilon)$ -uniqueness-guaranteed StRIP (UStRIP) if

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{Az} \iff \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x}, \quad \forall k\text{-sparse } \mathbf{z}$$

satisfied with probability  $1 - \epsilon$ .

# Statistical Restricted Isometry Property (StRIP) - 2

## Definition ( $\eta$ -StRIP)

$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\Phi \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$  with all entries of  $\Phi$  having absolute value 1, is  $\eta$ -StRIP if St1 - St3 holds.

- St1:**
- rows of  $\Phi$  are orthogonal
  - sum of all elements in a row is equal to zero
- St2:**
- columns of  $\Phi$  form a multiplicative group under pointwise multiplication
- St3:**
- $\exists \eta > 0$  s.t.  $|\sum_{l=1}^m \phi_j[l]|^2 \leq m^{2-\eta} \quad \forall l$  apart from the identity column

# Probabilistic recovery guarantee of StRIP

## Theorem (Calderbank, Howard, Jafarpour)

Let  $\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}\Phi \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$  be an  $\eta$ -StRIP matrix with  $\eta > 1/2$ . If  $k < 1 + (N - 1)\delta$  and

$$m \geq \frac{(k \log N)}{\delta^2}$$

for some constant  $c > 0$  then  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $(k, \delta, 2\epsilon)$ -UStRIP with

$$\epsilon = 2 \exp\left(-\left(\delta - \frac{k-1}{N-1}\right)^2 \frac{m^\eta}{8k}\right).$$

- Theorem connects structure of a deterministic CS matrix with probabilistic recovery guarantee.
- Easy applicability of StRIP on deterministic matrices (checking RIP is NP-Hard).
- linear scaling of the number of measurements  $m$  with the sparsity  $k$
- **Main idea:** use this theorem for Kronecker structured matrices.

# $\eta$ -StRIP for Kronecker structured matrices

## Theorem

Assume  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times N}$  is  $\eta_{\mathbf{A}}$ -StRIP and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times M}$  is  $\eta_{\mathbf{B}}$ -StRIP, then the following holds.

- (a)  $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$  is  $\eta_{\overline{\mathbf{A}}}$ -StRIP with  $\eta_{\overline{\mathbf{A}}} = \eta_{\mathbf{A}}$ .
- (b) The matrix  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{nm \times NM}$  is  $\eta_{\mathbf{C}}$ -StRIP with

$$\eta_{\mathbf{C}} = \begin{cases} \eta_{\mathbf{A}} \frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(nm)} & \text{if } n^{\eta_{\mathbf{A}}} \leq m^{\eta_{\mathbf{B}}} \\ \eta_{\mathbf{B}} \frac{\ln(m)}{\ln(nm)} & \text{if } n^{\eta_{\mathbf{A}}} > m^{\eta_{\mathbf{B}}} \end{cases}$$

## Corollary

If  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times N}$  is  $\eta$ -StRIP, then the matrix  $\overline{\mathbf{A}} \otimes \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m^2 \times N^2}$  is  $(\eta/2)$ -StRIP.

- linear scaling of the number of measurements  $m^2$  with the sparsity  
 $\rightarrow m^2 \geq ck \log N$
- search for deterministic matrices  $\mathbf{A}$  s.t.  $\eta_{\mathbf{A}} > 1$ .

## $\eta$ -StRIP matrices with $\eta > 1$

- Coherence  $\mu$  of a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined by

$$\mu(\mathbf{A}) = \max_{i,j \text{ s.t. } i \neq j} |\langle \mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{a}_j \rangle|$$

- using the Welch bound, for a matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  fulfilling the  $\eta$ -StRIP definition follows:

$$\sqrt{\frac{N-m}{m(N-1)}} \leq \mu(\mathbf{A}) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m^\eta}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  upper bound on  $\eta$ :

$$\eta \leq 1 + \ln\left(\frac{N-1}{N-m}\right) \frac{1}{\ln(m)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  any  $\eta$ -StRIP matrix coming very close to the Welch bound

## Example (Equiangular Harmonic Frames)

EHFs are partial Fourier matrices with  $\mu = \sqrt{\frac{N-m}{m(N-1)}}$

construction is based on difference sets

$\{0, 1, 3\}$  forms a  $(7, 3, 1)$  diff. set in  $\mathbb{Z}_7$  (integers modulo 7)

$$\mathbf{DFT}_7 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^1 & \omega^2 & \omega^3 & \omega^4 & \omega^5 & \omega^6 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 & \omega^6 & \omega^1 & \omega^3 & \omega^5 \\ 1 & \omega^3 & \omega^6 & \omega^2 & \omega^5 & \omega^1 & \omega^4 \\ 1 & \omega^4 & \omega^1 & \omega^5 & \omega^2 & \omega^6 & \omega^3 \\ 1 & \omega^5 & \omega^3 & \omega^1 & \omega^6 & \omega^4 & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^6 & \omega^5 & \omega^4 & \omega^3 & \omega^2 & \omega^1 \end{bmatrix}$$

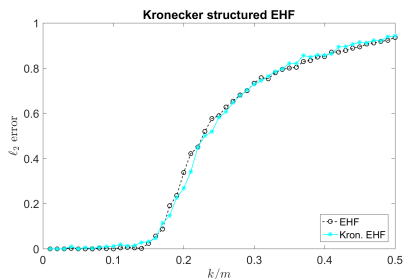
$$\mathbf{EHF}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^1 & \omega^2 & \omega^3 & \omega^4 & \omega^5 & \omega^6 \\ 1 & \omega^3 & \omega^6 & \omega^2 & \omega^5 & \omega^1 & \omega^4 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Summary

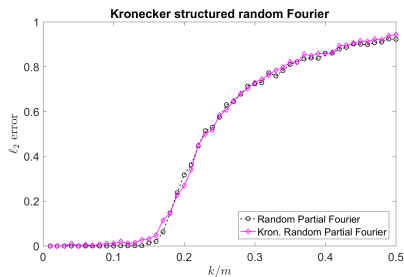
- Investigation of Kronecker structured sensing matrices for compressive sensing
- Used the StRIP approach for Kronecker structured sensing matrices
- Proved statistical recovery guaranties where the number of measurements scales linearly with the sparsity

## Deterministic Matrices



StRIP approach

## Random Partial Fourier



no explanation yet