# Compressive sensing in the analog world

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#### **Compressive Sensing**

$$y = Ax$$
  $x = D\alpha$ 



Can we really acquire analog signals with "CS"?

## Challenge 1

Map analog sensing to matrix multiplication

If x(t) is bandlimited,  $x(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n]\operatorname{sinc}(t/T_s - n)$  $y[m] = \langle \phi_m(t), x(t) \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \langle \phi_m(t), \operatorname{sinc}(t/T_s - n) \rangle$ 



### Challenge 2

Map analog sparsity into a sparsifying dictionary



## Candidate Analog Signal Models

	Model for $\boldsymbol{x}(t)$	Sparsifying dictionary for $x$	Sparsity level for $x$
multitone	sum of $S$ tones	overcomplete DFT?	S-sparse



- Typical model in CS
- Coherence
- "Off-grid" tones

## Candidate Analog Signal Models

	Model for $\boldsymbol{x}(t)$	Sparsifying dictionary for $x$	Sparsity level for $x$
multitone	sum of $S$ tones	overcomplete DFT?	S-sparse
multiband	sum of $K$ bands	?	?



- Landau
- Bresler, Feng, Venkataramani
- Eldar and Mishali

#### The Problem with the DFT



# Discrete Prolate Spheroidal Sequences (DPSS's)

Slepian [1978]: Given an integer N and  $W \leq \frac{1}{2}$  , the DPSS's are a collection of N vectors

$$s_0, s_1, \ldots, s_{N-1} \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

that satisfy

$$\mathcal{T}_N(\mathcal{B}_W(s_\ell))) = \lambda_\ell s_\ell.$$

The DPSS's are perfectly time-limited, but when  $\lambda_\ell \approx 1$  they are highly concentrated in frequency.



#### **DPSS Eigenvalue Concentration**



The first  $\approx 2NW$  eigenvalues  $\approx 1$ . The remaining eigenvalues  $\approx 0$ .

### Another Perspective: Subspace Fitting

$$e_f := \begin{bmatrix} e^{j2\pi f0} \\ e^{j2\pi f} \\ \vdots \\ e^{j2\pi f(N-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose that we wish to minimize

$$\int_{-W}^{W} \|e_f - P_Q e_f\|_2^2 \, df$$

over all subspaces Q of dimension k .

Optimal subspace is spanned by the first k "DPSS vectors".

#### **DPSS Examples**





## **DPSS's for Bandpass Signals**



#### **DPSS** Dictionaries for CS



Most multiband signals, when sampled and time-limited, are well-approximated by a sparse representation in D.

#### **Empirical Results: DFT Comparison**



[Davenport and Wakin - 2012]

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#### **Recovery Guarantees?**





### The Treachery of Images



Ceci n'est pas une pipe.

## The Treachery of $\alpha$



- Given x, choice of  $\alpha$  is no longer unique
- Correlations in  $D\,{\rm make}$  it difficult to establish guarantees via standard tools
- If *D* is poorly conditioned, we can have  $\|D\widehat{\alpha} D\alpha\|_2 \gg \|\widehat{\alpha} \alpha\|_2$  or  $\|D\widehat{\alpha} D\alpha\|_2 \ll \|\widehat{\alpha} \alpha\|_2$

## Signal-focused Recovery Strategy

- Focus on x instead of  $\alpha$
- Measure error in terms of  $\|\widehat{x} x\|_2$  instead of  $\|\widehat{lpha} lpha\|_2$

$$\sqrt{1-\delta_k} \|\alpha\|_2 \cdot \|AD\alpha\|_2 \cdot \sqrt{1+\delta_k} \|\alpha\|_2$$

$$\sqrt{1-\delta_k} \|D\alpha\|_2 \cdot \|AD\alpha\|_2 \cdot \sqrt{1+\delta_k} \|D\alpha\|_2$$

#### CoSaMP

initialize:  $r = y, x^0 = 0, \ell = 0, \Gamma = \emptyset$  until converged:

proxy: 
$$h = A^*r$$
  
identify:  $= \{2S \text{ largest elements of } |h|\}$   
merge:  $T = \cup \Gamma$   
update:  $\widetilde{x} = \underset{\supp(z)\subseteq T}{\operatorname{arg min}} ||y - Az||_2$   
 $\Gamma = \{S \text{ largest elements of } |\widetilde{x}|\}$   
 $x^{\ell+1} = \widetilde{x}|_{\Gamma}$   
 $r^{\ell+1} = y - Ax^{\ell+1}$   
 $\ell = \ell + 1$   
output:  $\widehat{x} = x^{\ell}$ 

Key Steps

$$= \{2S \text{ largest elements of } |h|\}$$

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{x} &= \underset{\sup(z) \subseteq T}{\arg\min} \|y - Az\|_2 \\ \Gamma &= \{S \text{ largest elements of } |\widetilde{x}|\} \\ x^{\ell+1} &= \widetilde{x}|_{\Gamma} \end{split}$$

Given a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , use hard thresholding to find best sparse approximation

 $\mathcal{P}_{\Lambda}$ : orthogonal projector onto  $\mathcal{R}(D_{\Lambda})$ 

$$\Lambda_{\text{opt}}(z,S) = \underset{|\Lambda|=S}{\arg\min} \|z - \mathcal{P}_{\Lambda} z\|_{2}$$

#### **Approximate Projection**

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Lambda}$$
: orthogonal projector onto  $\mathcal{R}(D_{\Lambda})$   
 $\Lambda_{\mathrm{opt}}(z,S) = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{|\Lambda|=S} \|z - \mathcal{P}_{\Lambda}z\|_2$ 

$$\mathcal{S}(z,S)$$
: estimate of  $\Lambda_{\mathrm{opt}}(z,S)$ 

$$\|\mathcal{P}_{\Lambda_{\mathrm{opt}}}z - \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{S}}z\|_2 \cdot \min\left(\epsilon_1 \|\mathcal{P}_{\Lambda_{\mathrm{opt}}}z\|_2, \ \epsilon_2 \|z - \mathcal{P}_{\Lambda_{\mathrm{opt}}}z\|_2
ight)$$

measure quality of approximation in "signal space", not "coefficient space"

### Signal Space CoSaMP

initialize: 
$$r=y, x^0=0, \ell=0, \Gamma=\emptyset$$
  
until converged:

proxy: 
$$h = A^*r$$
  
identify:  $= S(h, 2S)$   
merge:  $T = \cup \Gamma$   
update:  $\widetilde{x} = \underset{z \in \mathcal{R}(D_T)}{\arg \min} \|y - Az\|_2$   
 $\Gamma = S(\widetilde{x}, S)$   
 $x^{\ell+1} = \mathcal{P}_{\Gamma}(\widetilde{x})$   
 $r^{\ell+1} = y - Ax^{\ell+1}$   
 $\ell = \ell + 1$ 

output:  $\widehat{x} = x^{\ell}$ 

#### **Recovery Guarantees**

Suppose there exists an S-sparse  $\alpha$  such that  $x = D\alpha$  and A satisfies the D-RIP of order 4S.

If we observe y = Ax + e, then

$$||x - x^{\ell+1}||_2 \cdot C_1 ||x - x^{\ell}||_2 + C_2 ||e||_2$$

For  $\delta_{4k} = 0.029, \epsilon_1 = 0.1, \epsilon_2 = 1,$  $\|x - x^{\ell}\|_2 \cdot 2^{-\ell} \|x\|_2 + 25.4 \|e\|_2$ 

[Davenport, Needell, and Wakin - 2013]

# Practical Choices for $\mathcal{S}(z,S)$

Given z, we want to find an S-sparse  $\alpha\,$  such that  $z\approx D\alpha\,$ 

- Any sparse recovery algorithm!
- CoSaMP
- Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP)
- $\ell_1$ -minimization followed by hard-thresholding

$$\mathcal{S}(z,S) = H_S \left( \underset{w:Dw=z}{\arg\min} \|w\|_1 \right)$$

# **Remaining Gaps**

- None of the "practical choices" are proven to provide the desired approximate projections
- Experimental results suggest that (at least for certain dictionaries) none of these choices are sufficient
- Recent progress
  - Hegde and Indyk (2013)
  - Giryes and Needell (2013)
  - weaker requirements on approximate projection

## Conclusion

- Dealing with analog signals in the traditional compressive sensing framework requires
  - new sparsifying dictionaries
  - modified algorithms
  - signal-focused analysis
- Many open questions remain
  - provably near-optimal algorithms for computing approximate projections
  - may actually involve the use of DPSS's
  - efficient methods for handling both multiband and multitone signals simultaneously

## Thank You!