



# Matching Pursuit Covariance Learning

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# Multiple measurements vector (MMV) model

- *Multiple measurements vector* (MMV) [DE11] model:

$$\mathbf{y}_l = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_l + \mathbf{e}_l, \quad l = 1, \dots, L,$$

where

- $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{a}_1 \cdots \mathbf{a}_M) \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times M}$  known overcomplete matrix ( $M > N$ ), called the *dictionary*
- $\mathbf{x}_l \in \mathbb{C}^M$  unobserved sparse signal vectors
- $\mathbf{e}_l \in \mathbb{C}^N$  unobserved zero mean white noise vector,  $\text{cov}(\mathbf{e}_l) = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$

The column vectors  $\mathbf{a}_i$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  are referred to as *atoms*.

- In matrix form:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{E},$$

## Key assumption

Signals  $\mathbf{x}_l$  are **jointly  $K$ -sparse**:  $\mathbf{X}$  is  **$K$ -row-sparse** (i.e., only  $K$  rows are different from zero).

# Sparse signal recovery methods

Sparse signal recovery (SSR) methods aim at identifying the support

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{supp}(\mathbf{X}) = \{i \in \llbracket M \rrbracket : x_{ij} \neq 0 \text{ for some } j \in \llbracket L \rrbracket\}$$

given only the data  $\mathbf{Y}_{N \times L}$ , the dictionary  $\mathbf{A}_{N \times M}$ , and the sparsity level  $K$ .

Popular approaches:

- Convex relaxation:

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} \|\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\|^2 + \lambda \ell(\mathbf{X})$$

for some mixed matrix norm  $\ell(\cdot)$  and proper choice of penalty  $\lambda$ .

- Approximate solution for  $\|\cdot\|_0$  pseudonorm, e.g., simultaneous normalized iterative hard thresholding (**SNIHT**) [BCHJ14].
- Greedy methods: greedily add atoms to  $\mathcal{M}$  that provide best fit to LS criterion as in simultaneous orthogonal matching pursuit (**SOMP**) [TGS06].
- Covariance-based (see next slide) as **M-SBL** (Sparse Bayesian Learning) [WR07],

## Covariance-based sparse signal recovery

- signal: circular Gaussian random variables with uncorrelated components:

$$\mathbf{x}_l \sim \mathcal{CN}_M(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Gamma}) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{\Gamma} = \text{cov}(\mathbf{x}_l) = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\gamma})$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\gamma} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^M$  contains signal powers **with only  $K$  non-zero elements**, i.e.,  
 $\mathcal{M} = \text{supp}(\mathbf{X}) = \text{supp}(\boldsymbol{\gamma})$ .

- $\mathbf{e}_l \sim \mathcal{CN}_N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$  where  $\sigma^2$  is the unknown noise variance.
- $\mathbf{y}_l$  i.i.d.,  $\mathbf{x}_l$  and  $\mathbf{e}_l$  uncorrelated.

Under the above conditions,  $\mathbf{y}_l \sim \mathcal{CN}_N(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , with covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \text{cov}(\mathbf{y}_l)$  given by

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Gamma}\mathbf{A}^H + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} = \sum_{i=1}^M \gamma_i \mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}.$$

**Covariance-based support recovery:** minimize the neg. log-likelihood fnc (LLF)  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \sigma^2)$  of the data  $\mathbf{Y}$  given  $\mathbf{A}$  and sparsity  $K$ .

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**Main Iteration:** Increment  $k$  by 1 and perform the following steps:

- **Sweep:** Compute the errors  $\epsilon(j) = \min_{z_j} \|\mathbf{a}_j z_j - \mathbf{r}^{k-1}\|_2^2$  for all  $j$  using the optimal choice  $z_j^* = \mathbf{a}_j^T \mathbf{r}^{k-1} / \|\mathbf{a}_j\|_2^2$ .
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- **Update Provisional Solution:** Compute  $\mathbf{x}^k$ , the minimizer of  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2$  subject to  $\text{Support}\{\mathbf{x}\} = \mathcal{S}^k$ .
- **Update Residual:** Compute  $\mathbf{r}^k = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^k$ .
- **Stopping Rule:** If  $\|\mathbf{r}^k\|_2 < \epsilon_0$ , stop. Otherwise, apply another iteration.

**Output:** The proposed solution is  $\mathbf{x}^k$  obtained after  $k$  iterations.

**Sweep:** solve MLE when all but one signal parameter is not known.

**Update provisional solution:** solve the MLE in non-sparse case.

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We can solve these steps also for our likelihood!

## Maximum likelihood estimation results [1/2]: **sweep**

Gaussian negative LLF:

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \sigma^2 \mid \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\underbrace{(\mathbf{A} \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\gamma})\mathbf{A}^H + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})^{-1}}_{=\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}) + \log \underbrace{|\mathbf{A} \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\gamma})\mathbf{A}^H + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}|}_{=\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}$$

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**Result 1.** [FT01, YLS<sup>+</sup>10] The unique minimizer of the **conditional** neg. LLF for  $\gamma_i \geq 0$  (with fixed  $\{\gamma_j\}_{j \neq i}, \sigma^2$ ) is:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\gamma}_i &= \min_{\gamma} \text{tr}((\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\setminus i} + \gamma \mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H)^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}) + \log |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\setminus i} + \gamma \mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H| \\ &= \max \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}_i^H \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\setminus i}^{-1} (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\setminus i}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\setminus i}^{-1} \mathbf{a}_i}{(\mathbf{a}_i^H \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\setminus i}^{-1} \mathbf{a}_i)^2}, 0 \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\setminus i} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \gamma_i \mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H$  = array CM without the contribution of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  source.

## Maximum likelihood estimation results [2/2]: **update provisional solution**

**Result 2. (non-sparse, underdetermined case)** [SN95] If  $M = K$  (so # of atoms = # of sources), the unrestricted minimizers of the neg. LLF  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \sigma^2)$  are

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N-K} \text{tr}((\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^+) \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}})$$
$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{A}^+ (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}} - \hat{\sigma}^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{A}^{+H})$$

provided that  $\hat{\gamma}_i > 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, K$ . (Note:  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $N \times K$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$  is  $K \times 1$ ,  $\mathbf{A}^+$  is the pseudoinverse of  $\mathbf{A}$ )

**Remark.** If  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}$  in Result 2 contains negative elements, then we calculate the constrained (non-negative) solution using [Bre88, Algorithm I].

# CL-OMP steps

**Initialization:** Initialize  $k = 0$  and set

- The initial solution  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}_{M \times 1}$ ,  $\sigma^{2(0)} = \text{tr}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}})/N$
- The initial solution support  $\mathcal{M}^{(0)} = \text{supp}(\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(0)}) = \emptyset$
- The initial CM:  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(0)} = \mathbf{A} \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(0)}) \mathbf{A}^H + \sigma^{2(0)} \mathbf{I} = \sigma^{2(0)} \mathbf{I}$

**Main Iteration** ( $k = 0, 1, \dots, K - 1$ ):

- 1 **Sweep:** for each conditional MLE  $\hat{\gamma}_i$  (cf. Result 1), compute the errors (fits):

$$\epsilon_i = \text{tr}((\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(k)} + \hat{\gamma}_i \mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H)^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}) + \log |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(k)} + \hat{\gamma}_i \mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H|$$

for all  $i$ . This is equivalent to computing:

$$\epsilon_i = \log(1 + \hat{\gamma}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H \boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(k)} \mathbf{a}_i) - \hat{\gamma}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H \boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(k)} \mathbf{a}_i + \text{constant}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{(0)} = (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(0)})^{-1}$ .

# CL-OMP steps

- 1 Update support:** Find a minimizer,  $i_k$  of  $\epsilon_i$ :

$$\epsilon_{i_k} \leq \epsilon_i, \quad \forall i \notin \mathcal{M}^{(k)},$$

and update the support  $\mathcal{M}^{(k+1)} = \mathcal{M}^{(k)} \cup \{i_k\}$

- 2 Update provisional solution:** minimize the negative LLF s.t.  $\text{supp}(\gamma) = \mathcal{M}^{(k+1)}$ , i.e. solve the underdetermined (non-sparse) case:

$$(\hat{\mathbf{g}}, \hat{\sigma}^2) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{g}, \sigma^2} \ell(\mathbf{g}, \sigma^2 \mid \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{M}^{(k+1)}}),$$

where  $\ell$  is the neg. LLF. (Note: solution via Result 2 or [Bre88, Algorithm I])

- 3 Update CM:**

$$\Sigma^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{M}^{(k+1)}} \text{diag}(\hat{\mathbf{g}}) \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{M}^{(k+1)}}^H + \hat{\sigma}^2 \mathbf{I}.$$

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**Algorithm 1: CL-OMP: Covariance Learning Orthogonal Matching Pursuit algorithm**


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**Input** :  $\hat{\Sigma}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $K$

**Initialize:**  $\Sigma = [\text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma})/p]\mathbf{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{M} = \emptyset$

1 **for**  $k = 1, \dots, K$  **do**

2      $\gamma = (\gamma_i)_{M \times 1}$ ,  $\gamma_i \leftarrow \max\left(\frac{\mathbf{a}_i^H \Sigma^{-1} (\hat{\Sigma} - \Sigma) \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{a}_i}{(\mathbf{a}_i^H \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{a}_i)^2}, 0\right)$  // Result 1

3      $\epsilon = (\epsilon_i) \leftarrow (\log(1 + \gamma_i \mathbf{a}_i^H \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{a}_i) - \gamma_i \mathbf{a}_i^H \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{a}_i)_{M \times 1}$  // errors (value of neg. LLF at solution)

4      $\mathcal{M} \leftarrow \mathcal{M} \cup \{i_k\}$  with  $i_k \leftarrow \arg \min_{i \notin \mathcal{M}} \epsilon_i$  // choose source with smallest error

5      $\sigma^2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{N-k} \text{tr}((\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{M}}^+) \hat{\Sigma})$  // by Result 2

6      $\gamma_{\mathcal{M}} \leftarrow \max(\text{diag}(\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{M}}^+ (\hat{\Sigma} - \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{M}}^{+H}), 0)$  // by Result 2

7      $\gamma_{\mathcal{M}^c} \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$

8      $\Sigma \leftarrow \mathbf{A} \text{diag}(\gamma) \mathbf{A}^H + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$

**Output** :  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\sigma^2$

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## Simulation set-up

Methods:

- **SOMP** [TGS06, Algorithm 3.1]
- **SNIHT** [BCHJ14, Algorithm 1].
- **M-SBL** (joint maximization of  $\sigma^2$  and  $\gamma$ , with  $\sigma^2$  update [WR07, Eq. (21)] in M-step)

Set-up: # of atoms  $M = 256$ , sparsity level  $K = 4$ .

- Dictionary  $\mathbf{A}$ : Gaussian random  $N \times M$  measurement matrix, unit-norm columns.
- Support  $\mathcal{M} = \text{supp}(\mathbf{X})$ : randomly chosen from  $\{1, \dots, M\}$  for each trial.
- Noise  $\mathbf{e}_i$ : white circular Gaussian with variance  $\sigma^2$
- Sparse signal:  $[\mathbf{x}_i]_j \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, \gamma_j)$ , for  $j \in \mathcal{M}$ .
- SNR: frst source  $10 \log_{10} \gamma_1 / \sigma^2$  while others have 1 dB, 2 dB, and 4 dB lower SNR.

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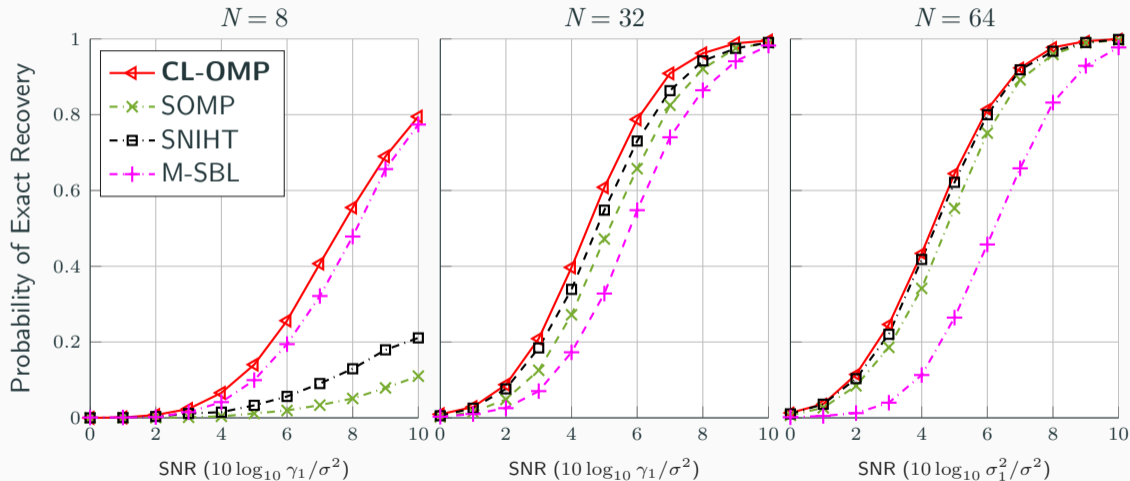
- (Empirical) *probability of exact recovery*,

$$\text{PER} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbb{I}(\hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(t)} = \mathcal{M}^{(t)}),$$

where  $\mathbb{I}(\cdot)$  denotes the indicator function, and  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}^{(t)}$  denotes the estimate of the true signal support  $\mathcal{M}^{(t)}$  for  $t^{\text{th}}$  MC trial

- # of MC trials  $T = 2000$ .

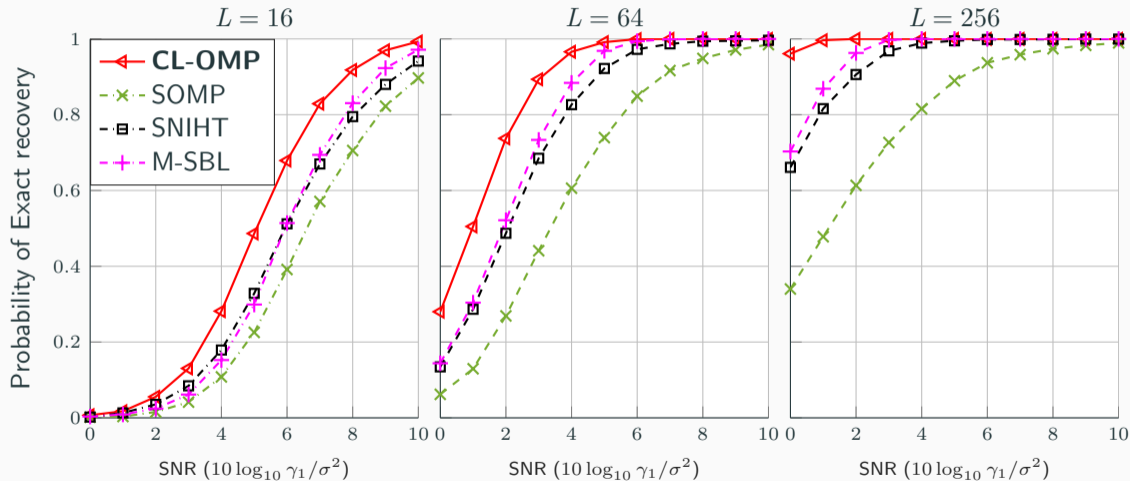
# Study 1: $M = 256$ , $K = 4$ , $L = 16$ , while $N$ varies.



M-SBL not consistent; SOMP and SNIHT perform poorly in small  $N$ .

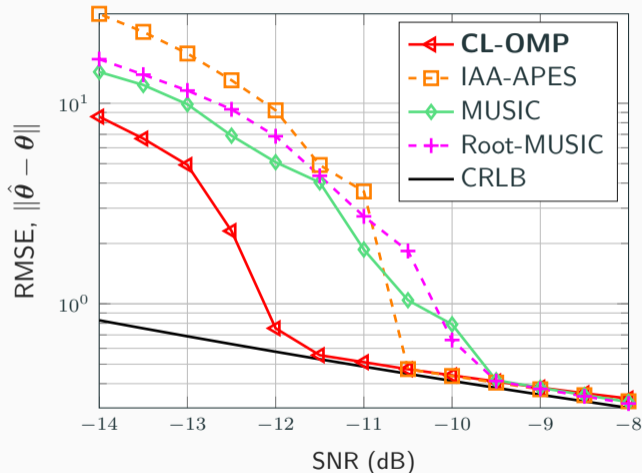


## Study 2: $M = 256$ , $K = 4$ , $N = 16$ , while $L$ varies



Other methods perform poorly in small  $L$  and low SNR.

# How about DOA estimation?



$K = 4$  Gaussian sources;  $L = 125$ ,  $N = 20$ ,  $M = 1801$  ( $\Delta\theta = 0.1^\circ$ )  
 $\theta = (-30.1^\circ, -20.02^\circ, -10.02^\circ, 3.02^\circ)$ . MC trials = 2000.






# Conclusions

- We proposed a covariance learning orthogonal matching pursuit (**CL-OMP**) algorithm.
- CL-OMP outperformed traditional SSR methods
- Especially, when  $N$  or  $L$  is small, or in low SNR, the SNIHT and SOMP performed very poorly compared to CL-OMP
- As DOA estimation method, CL-OMP outperformed MUSIC, Root-MUSIC, IAA-APES.





**MATLAB and python codes available at github:**

<https://github.com/esollila/CovLearn>

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