

# LOW RANK APPROXIMATIONS OF TENSORS AND MATRICES: THEORY, APPLICATIONS, PERSPECTIVES

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# TENSORS = $d$ -DIMENSIONAL MATRICES

Tensor =  $d$ -linear form =  
 $d$ -dimensional matrix (array) of size  $n_1 \times \dots \times n_d$ :

$$A = [a(i_1, \dots, i_d)] = [a_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_d}]$$

# MAIN PROBLEM

Representing a  $d$ -tensor  $A = [a(i_1, \dots, i_d)]$  of size  $n \times \dots \times n$  by a list of its entries is intractable:

- ▶ if  $d = 300$  and  $n = 2$  then  
the number of elements is  $2^{300} \gg 10^{83}$   
greater than atoms in the universe!



# CANONICAL DECOMPOSITION NOW FOR TENSORS

Nonzero tensor with separated variables

$$u(i)v(j)w(k)$$

is called *rank-one tensor* or *skeleton*.

Canonical decomposition = sum of rank-one tensors (skeletons)

$$a(i, j, k) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^r u(i, \alpha)v(j, \alpha)w(k, \alpha)$$

Defined by three matrices:  $U = [u(:, 1), \dots, u(:, r)],$

$$V = [v(:, 1), \dots, v(:, r)], \quad W = [w(:, 1), \dots, w(:, r)].$$



# APPLICATIONS OF CANONICAL DECOMPOSITION

- ▶ As a model for data, e.g. in spectrometry: given  $n_1$  samples of mixed substances, the data = an array of size  $n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3$ .  
 $n_2$  and  $n_3$  – for frequencies of emitters and receivers.

Canonical decompositions reveal the number of substances and concentrations.

- ▶ As a main tool in the complexity theory for the computations of bilinear forms (Strassen, Pan, Bini,...).
- ▶ Abundant with difficult problems both in theory and computations!

# MINIMAL CANONICAL DECOMPOSITIONS

$k(A) :=$  minimal natural  $k$  s.t. *any*  $k$  columns of  $A$  are linearly independent.

KRUSKAL THEOREM. Assume that  $k(U) + k(V) + k(W) \geq 2R - 2$ . Then the canonical decomposition is minimal and its rank-one tensors (skeletons) are unique.

Recent results by Domanov & De Lathauwer (2013) – weaker minimality conditions. E.g.:

$$k(U_1) + r(U_2) + r(U_3) \geq 2R + 2,$$

$$r(U_1) + k(U_2) + r(U_3) \geq 2R + 2,$$

$$r(U_1) + r(U_2) + k(U_3) \geq 2R + 2.$$

# A SOURCE OF TROUBLE

tensors of rank  $< r$   $\rightarrow$  tensor of rank  $r$

## CONJECTURE STILL OPEN

For any tensor  $A$  of rank  $R <$  maximal possible rank, there exists a rank-one tensor  $B$  s.t.

$$\text{rank}(A + B) = \text{rank}(A) + 1.$$

We can prove that it is true *generically* for rank- $R$  tensors.



# REDUCE TENSORS TO MATRICES !!!

For Canonical and Tucker decompositions see,  
e.g. Kolda–Bader survey.

But both are of limited use for our purposes (by different reasons).



New decompositions in numerical analysis:

- ▶ TT (Tensor Train) – Moscow, INM (2009)  
Oseledets, Tyr.
- ▶ HT (Hierarchical Tucker) – Leipzig, MPI (2009)  
Hackbusch, Grasedyck, ...

Both use *low-rank matrices*.

Both use the same *dimensionality reduction tree*.



# ASSUME SEPARATION OF VARIABLES

Tensor converts into a matrix (many ways!):

$$I = \{1, \dots, d\} = I_1 \sqcup I_2, \quad b(I_1, I_2) := a(i_1, \dots, i_d)$$

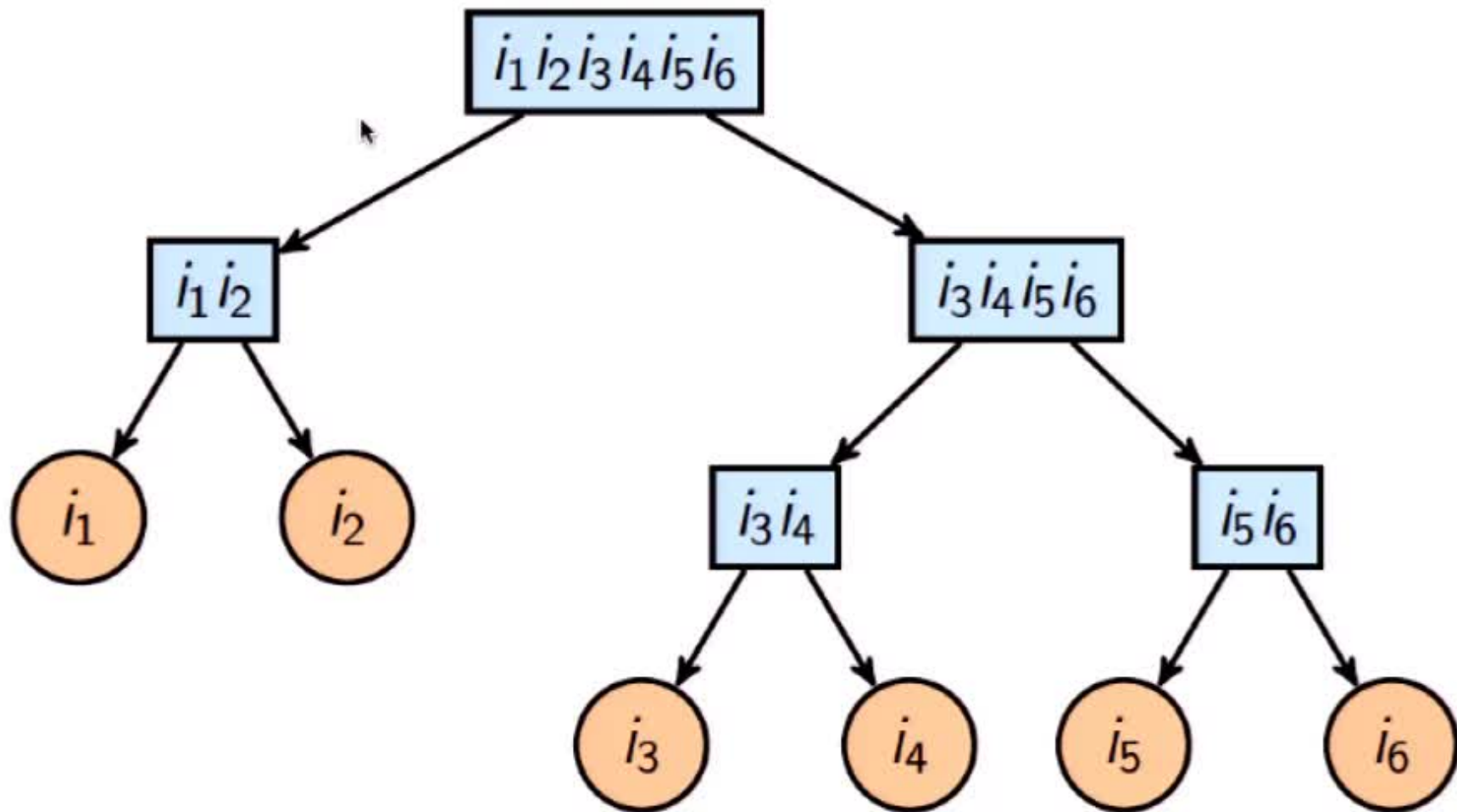
This matrix is assumed to be of low rank:

$$b(I_1, I_2) = \sum u(I_1, \alpha)v(\alpha, I_2)$$

Next idea is to repeat same for  $u(I_1, \alpha)$  and  $v(\alpha, I_2)$ .

If straightforwardly, then too many  $\alpha$ 's arise.

# REDUCTION OF DIMENSIONALITY



# THE FIRST STEP IS ESSENTIALLY SAME

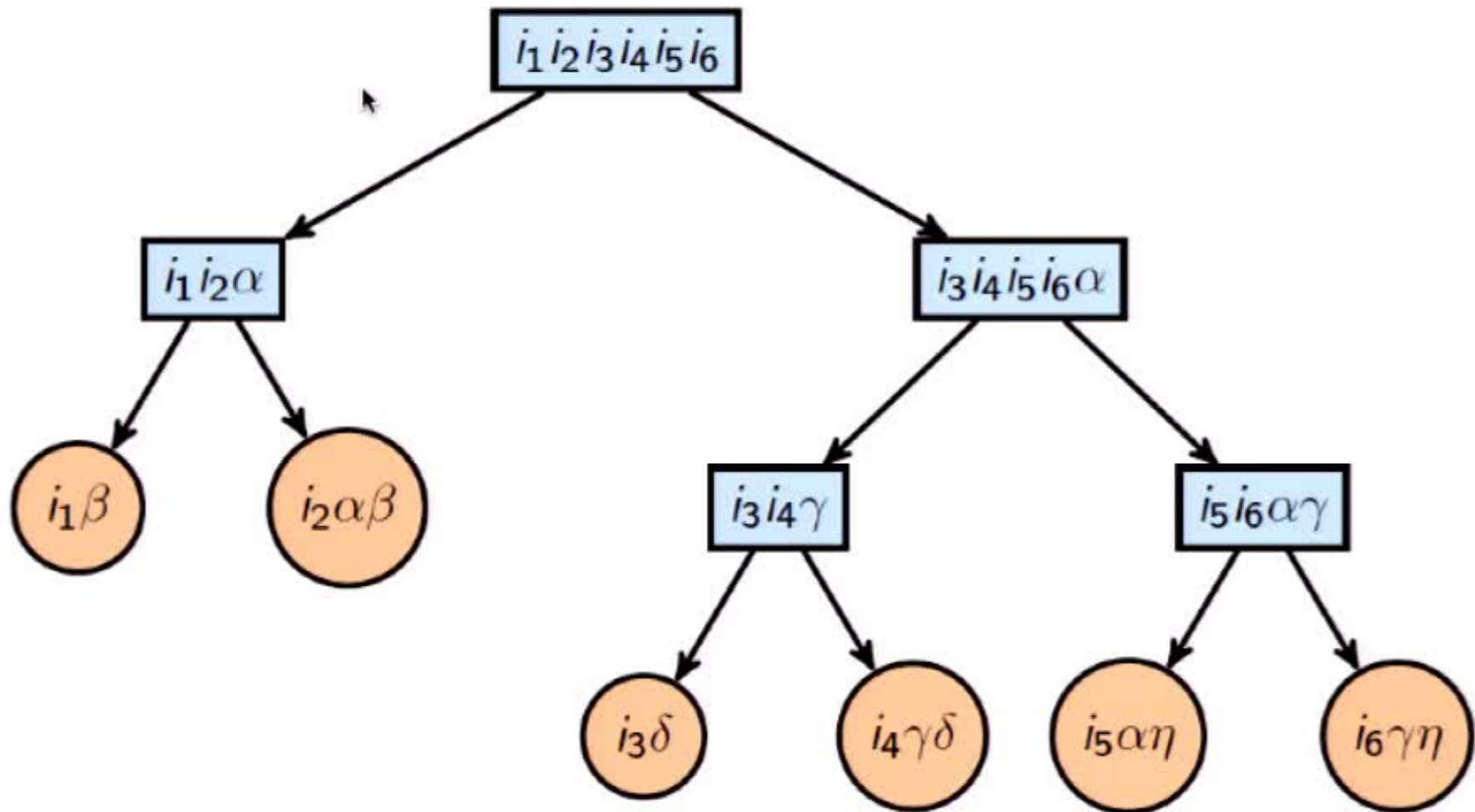
$$a(i_1 i_2 ; i_3 i_4 i_5 i_6) = \sum_{\alpha} u(i_1 i_2 ; \alpha) v(\alpha ; i_3 i_4 i_5 i_6)$$

Tensor reduces to smaller dimensionality tensors.

The  $\alpha$  index is no longer viewed as a parameter!

# SCHEME FOR TT

Auxiliary indices must go to different descendants.





## WHERE TT AND HT START TO DIFFER

In TT, we relegate  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  to different descendants:

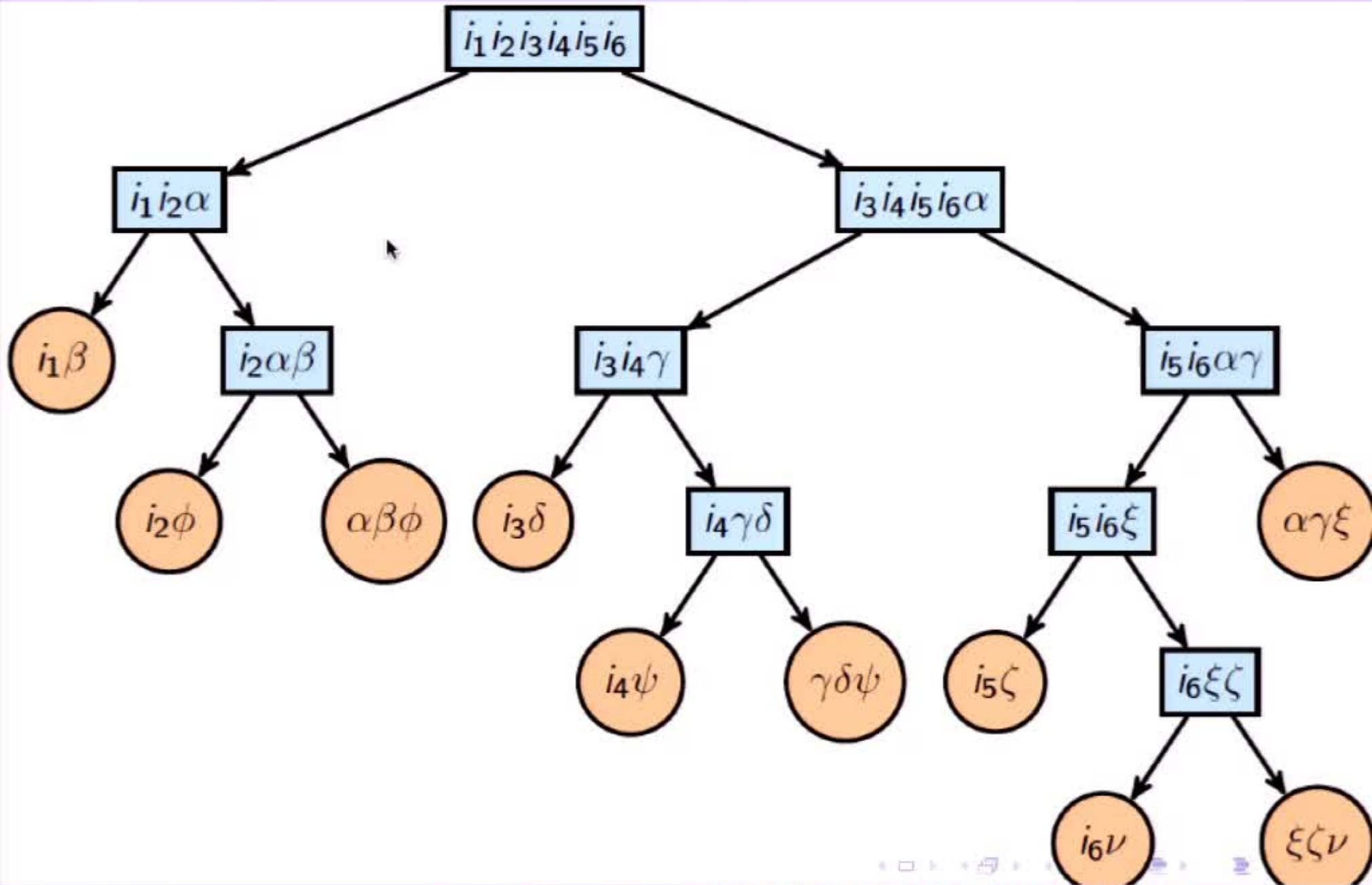
$$a(i_5 i_6 \alpha \gamma) = \sum u(i_5 \alpha; \eta) v(\eta; i_6 \gamma)$$

In HT, we separate  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  from the original indices:

$$a(i_5 i_6 \alpha \gamma) = \sum u(i_5 i_6; \xi) v(\xi; \alpha \gamma)$$

The only difference: auxiliary summation indices are treated in different ways!

# SCHEME FOR HT



# TENSOR TRAIN IN $d$ DIMENSIONS

$$a(i_1 \dots i_d) = \sum g_1(i_1 \alpha_1) g_2(\alpha_1 i_2 \alpha_2) \dots \dots g_{d-1}(\alpha_{d-2} i_{d-1} \alpha_{d-1}) g_d(\alpha_{d-1} i_d)$$

$d$ -tensor reduces to 3-tensors  $g_k(\alpha_{k-1} i_k \alpha_k)$ .

If the maximal size is  $r \times n \times r$  then the number of tensor-train elements does not exceed

$$dnr^2 \ll n^d.$$

# WHAT IS OUR CLASS OF TENSORS?

$$A_k = [a(i_1 \dots i_k; i_{k+1} \dots i_d)] =$$

$$\left[ \sum u_k(i_1 \dots i_k; \alpha_k) v_k(\alpha_k; i_{k+1} \dots i_d) \right] = U_k V_k^T$$

$$u_k(i_1 \dots i_k \alpha_k) = \sum g_1(i_1 \alpha_1) \dots g_k(\alpha_{k-1} i_k \alpha_k)$$

$$v_k(\alpha_k i_{k+1} \dots i_d) = \sum g_{k+1}(\alpha_k i_{k+1} \alpha_{k+1}) \dots g_d(\alpha_{k-1} i_d)$$

THE MAIN PROPERTY OF THE CLASS:

all matrices  $A_k$  must be (close to) low-rank matrices.



# WHAT IS OUR CLASS OF TENSORS?

THEOREM (Oseledets-Tyr.'2009)

Given a tensor  $A$ , assume that  $\text{rank}(A_k + E_k) = r_k$ .  
Then a tensor train  $T$  exists with ranks  $r_1, \dots, r_{d-1}$   
s.t.

$$\|A - T\|_F \leq \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{d-1} \|E_k\|_2^2}$$

L.Graesedyck: a similar result for HT.

# EVERYTHING REDUCES TO MATRICES

Tensor train can be viewed as a *rank-structured representation* for matrices  $A_1, \dots, A_{d-1}$ . Structured SVD can be computed for them simultaneously just in  $O(dnr^3)$  operations!

Tensor train can be constructed if we know low-rank decompositions for matrices  $A_1, \dots, A_{d-1}$ .

Moreover, it can be constructed from cleverly chosen *crosses* in some small submatrices of those matrices.

# INTERPOLATION ERROR

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} \\ A_{21} \end{bmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A_{22} - A_{21} A_{11}^{-1} A_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

# MAXIMAL VOLUME PRINCIPLE

It is still not illegal to teach determinants

**THEOREM** (Goreinov, Tyr.) *Let*

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{11} \text{ is } r \times r$$

*with maximal volume (determinant in modulus) among all  $r \times r$  blocks in  $A$ , and set*

$$A_r = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} \\ A_{21} \end{bmatrix} A_{11}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Then*

$$\|A - A_r\|_C \leq (r + 1)^2 \min_{\text{rank } B \leq r} \|A - B\|_C.$$



# MAXIMAL VOLUME PRINCIPLE

PREVIOUS RESULT (Goreinov, Tyr.'2000)

$$\|A - A_r\|_C \leq (r + 1) \min_{\text{rank } B \leq r} \|A - B\|_2 = \sigma_{r+1}(A).$$

Coming soon: generalizations for using larger or even rectangular cross-intersection blocks.

# PROOF

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ q_{r+1,1} & \cdots & q_{r+1,r} & \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \\ q_{n1} & \cdots & q_{nr} & \end{bmatrix}$$

Necessary for the maximal volume:

$$|q_{ij}| \leq 1, \quad r+1 \leq i \leq n, \quad 1 \leq j \leq r.$$

Otherwise, swapping the rows increases the volume!

# CROSS INTERPOLATION HISTORY

- 1985 Knuth: Semi-optimal bases for linear dependencies
- 1995 Tyr., Goreinov, Zamarashkin:  $A = CGR$  pseudoskeleton
- 2000 Tyr.: incomplete cross approximation with ALS maxvol
- 2000 Bebendorf: ACA = Gaussian elimination
- 2001 Tyr., Goreinov: maximum volume principle, quasioptimality  $\| \text{cross} \|_C \leq (r + 1) \| \text{best} \|_2$
- 2006 Mahoney et al: randomized  $CUR$  algorithm
- 2008 Oseledets, Savostyanov, Tyr.: Cross3D
- 2009 Oseledets, Tyr.: TT-Cross
- 2010 J.Schneider: function-related quasioptimality  $\| \text{cross} \|_C \leq (r + 1)^2 \| \text{best} \|_C$
- 2011 Tyr., Goreinov: quasioptimality  $\| \text{cross} \|_C \leq (r + 1)^2 \| \text{best} \|_C$
- 2013 Ballani, Grasedyck, Kluge: HT-Cross
- 2013 Townsend, Trefethen -- Chebfun2

## *What do YOU possess that you have not RECEIVED?*

TT, HT and some algorithms (most famous is DMRG by White) can be found in theoretical physics.



A useful outcome with the new name are some  
NEW ALGORITHMS:

- ▶ TT-CROSS (Oseledets, Tyr., 2009)
- ▶ Wavelet-TT (Oseledets, Tyr., 2011)
- ▶ AMEn (Dolgov & Savostyanov, 2013)



# TT-CROSS

Seek crosses in the unfolding matrices. Let  $a_1 = a(i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4)$ .  
On input:  $r$  initial columns in each. Select *good* rows.

$$A_1 = [a(i_1; i_2, i_3, i_4)], \quad J_1 = \{i_2^{(\beta_1)} i_3^{(\beta_1)} i_4^{(\beta_1)}\}$$

$$A_2 = [a(i_1, i_2; i_3, i_4)], \quad J_2 = \{i_3^{(\beta_2)} i_4^{(\beta_2)}\}$$

$$A_3 = [a(i_1, i_2, i_3; i_4)], \quad J_3 = \{i_4^{(\beta_3)}\}$$

| rows                                                           | matrix                         | skeleton decomposition                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $l_1 = \{i_1^{(\alpha_1)}\}$                                   | $a_1(i_1; i_2, i_3, i_4)$      | $a_1 = \sum_{\alpha_1} g_1(i_1; \alpha_1) a_2(\alpha_1; i_2, i_3, i_4)$      |
| $l_2 = \{i_1^{(\alpha_2)} i_2^{(\alpha_2)}\}$                  | $a_2(\alpha_1, i_2; i_3, i_4)$ | $a_2 = \sum_{\alpha_2} g_2(\alpha_1, i_2; \alpha_2) a_3(\alpha_2, i_3; i_4)$ |
| $l_3 = \{i_1^{(\alpha_3)} i_2^{(\alpha_3)} i_3^{(\alpha_3)}\}$ | $a_3(\alpha_2, i_3; i_4)$      | $a_3 = \sum_{\alpha_3} g_3(\alpha_2, i_3; \alpha_3) g_4(\alpha_3; i_4)$      |

$$a = \sum_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4} g_1(i_1, \alpha_1) g_2(\alpha_1, i_2, \alpha_2) g_3(\alpha_2, i_3, \alpha_3) g_4(\alpha_3, i_4)$$

# TENSOR TRAIN COMES

FROM SMALL CROSSES IN THE UNFOLDING MATRICES

$$A(i_1 \dots i_d) = \prod_{k=1}^d A(J_{\leq k-1}, i_k, J_{> k}) [A(J_{\leq k}, J_{> k})]^{-1}$$

# PSEUDO-QUASI-OPTIMALITY RESULT

THEOREM (Savostyanov'2013)

*Assume that a  $d$ -tensor  $A$  is approximated by  $\tilde{A}$  on the maximal volume crosses in the unfolding matrices, and let the error is upper bounded by  $\varepsilon \|A\|_C$  in each matrix. Then for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$  we have*

$$\|A - \tilde{A}\|_C \leq 2dr\varepsilon \|A\|_C.$$

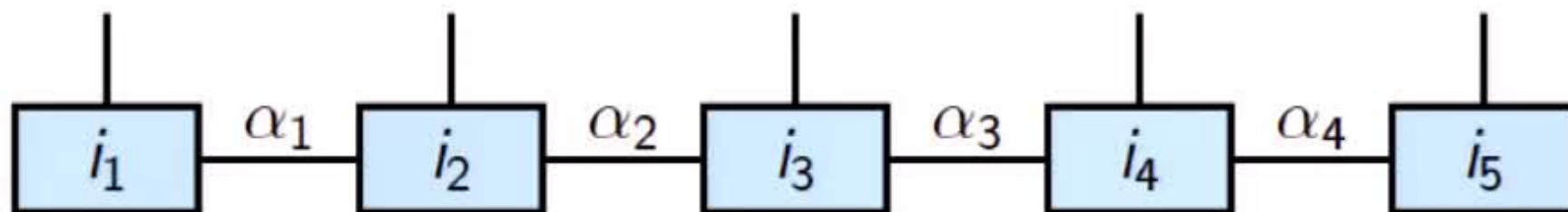
# WHAT HAMLET WOULD SAY

Tensor Train = Matrix Product State = Linear Tensor Network

$$a(i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5) =$$

$$\sum g_1(i_1, \alpha_1) g_2(\alpha_1, i_2, \alpha_2) g_3(\alpha_2, i_3, \alpha_3) g_4(\alpha_3, i_4, \alpha_4) g_5(\alpha_4, i_5)$$

$$= \underbrace{A_1^{(i_1)}}_{1 \times r_1} \underbrace{A_2^{(i_2)}}_{r_1 \times r_2} \underbrace{A_3^{(i_3)}}_{r_2 \times r_3} \underbrace{A_4^{(i_4)}}_{r_3 \times r_4} \underbrace{A_5^{(i_5)}}_{r_4 \times 1}$$



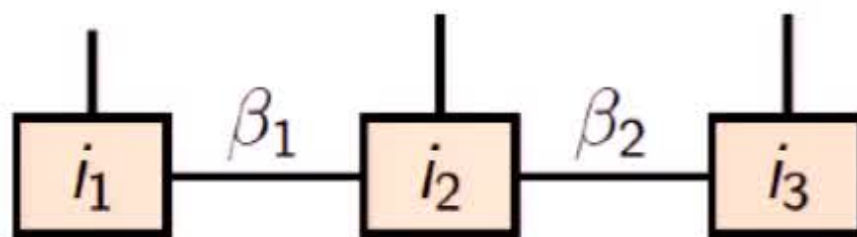
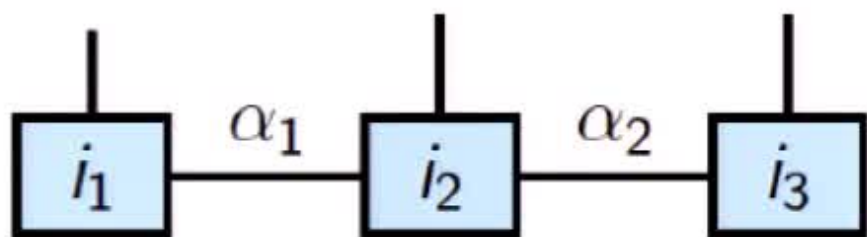


# EASY OPERATIONS ON TENSORS

e.g. summation

$$a(i_1, i_2, i_3) = \underbrace{A_1^{(i_1)}}_{1 \times r_1} \underbrace{A_2^{(i_2)}}_{r_1 \times r_2} \underbrace{A_3^{(i_3)}}_{r_2 \times 1},$$

$$b(i_1, i_2, i_3) = \underbrace{B_1^{(i_1)}}_{1 \times s_1} \underbrace{B_2^{(i_2)}}_{s_1 \times s_2} \underbrace{B_3^{(i_3)}}_{s_2 \times 1}$$



$$(a + b)(i_1, i_2, i_3) = \begin{bmatrix} A_1^{(i_1)} & B_1^{(i_1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_2^{(i_2)} \\ B_2^{(i_2)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_3^{(i_3)} \\ B_3^{(i_3)} \end{bmatrix}$$

# A NEW PARADIGM OF COMPUTATIONS

only through low-parametric formats

- ▶  $A = A(p)$ ,  $B = B(q)$ ,  $C = C(s)$
- ▶ To implement  $C = A * B$  we should devise *fast algorithms* for getting  $s$  from  $p$  and  $q$ .
- ▶ *General algebraic method* for a wide class of applications!
- ▶ We can use classical methods of numerical analysis together with TT-approximation.

# AND EVEN NEWER APPROACH

MINIMIZE THE ERROR FUNCTIONAL ON THE TT MANIFOLD

AMEn does it for quadratic functionals.

$$A = A_1 A_2 \dots A_d \quad (\text{approximation})$$

$$B = B_1 B_2 \dots B_d \quad (\text{gradient})$$

$$A := A_1 \dots A_{i-2} [A_{i-1}, B_{i-1}] \begin{bmatrix} A_i \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} A_{i+1} \dots A_d$$

# TENSORIZATION OF VECTORS

Any vector of size  $mn$  can be viewed as a matrix of size  $m \times n$ .

Any vector of size  $N = n_1 \dots n_d$  can be viewed as a  $d$ -dimensional matrix (tensor) of size  $n_1 \times \dots \times n_d$ .



# TENSORIZATION OF MATRICES

Let  $N = n_1 \dots n_d$ . Any matrix of size  $N \times N$

$$a(i, j) = a(i_1 \dots i_d, j_1 \dots j_d)$$

can be viewed as a  $2d$ -tensor, and as a  $d$ -tensor, e.g.

$$a(i_1 j_1, \dots, i_d j_d)$$

of size  $n_1^2 \times \dots \times n_d^2$ .

**Tensorization with TT may crucially decrease the number of representation parameters!**

# EXAMPLES OF TENSORIZATION

$f(x)$  is a function on  $[0, 1]$

$$a(i_1, \dots, i_d) = f(ih), \quad i = \frac{i_1}{2} + \frac{i_2}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{i_d}{2^d}$$

The array of values of  $f$  is viewed as a tensor of size  $2 \times \dots \times 2$ .

EXAMPLE 1.  $f(x) = e^x + e^{2x} + e^{3x}$

ttrank= 2.7      ERROR=1.5e-14

EXAMPLE 2.  $f(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3$

ttrank= 3.4      ERROR=2.4e-14

EXAMPLE 3.  $f(x) = 1/(x - 0.1)$

ttrank= 10.1      ERROR=5.4e-14

# EXAMPLE OF TT INTERPOLATION

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin(1000x)}{\sqrt{x}} \text{ on } [0, 1000].$$

$2^{63}$  nodes.

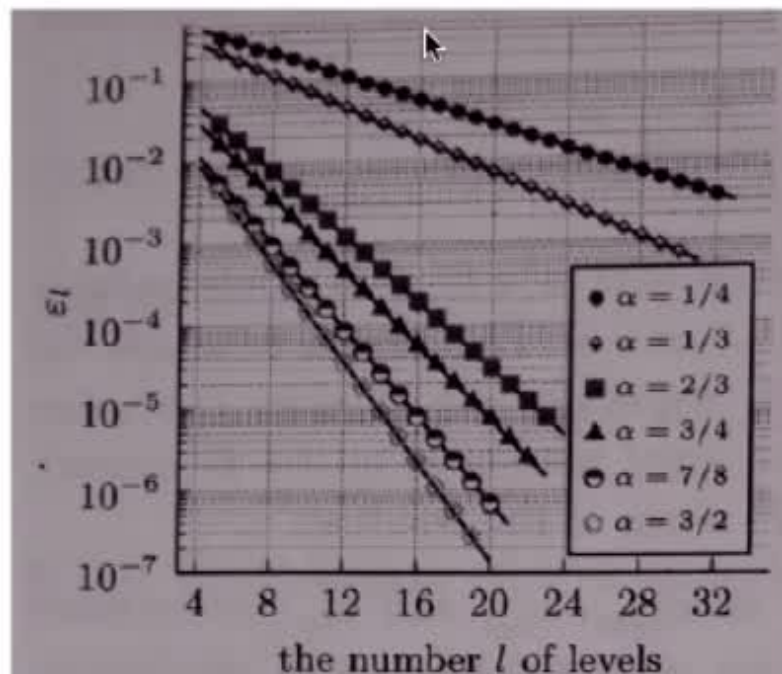
| <i>tol</i> | $\ E\ _F$        | $\ E\ _C$        | Number of function calls | TT-rank |
|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| $10^{-2}$  | $6.46 * 10^{-2}$ | $1.39 * 10^{-3}$ | 73668                    | 3.00    |
| $10^{-4}$  | $1.71 * 10^{-4}$ | $3.11 * 10^{-5}$ | 164729                   | 4.67    |
| $10^{-6}$  | $2.12 * 10^{-6}$ | $1.82 * 10^{-7}$ | 288449                   | 6.18    |
| $10^{-7}$  | $1.54 * 10^{-7}$ | $3.54 * 10^{-8}$ | 348201                   | 6.88    |

# TT-FE APPROXIMATION

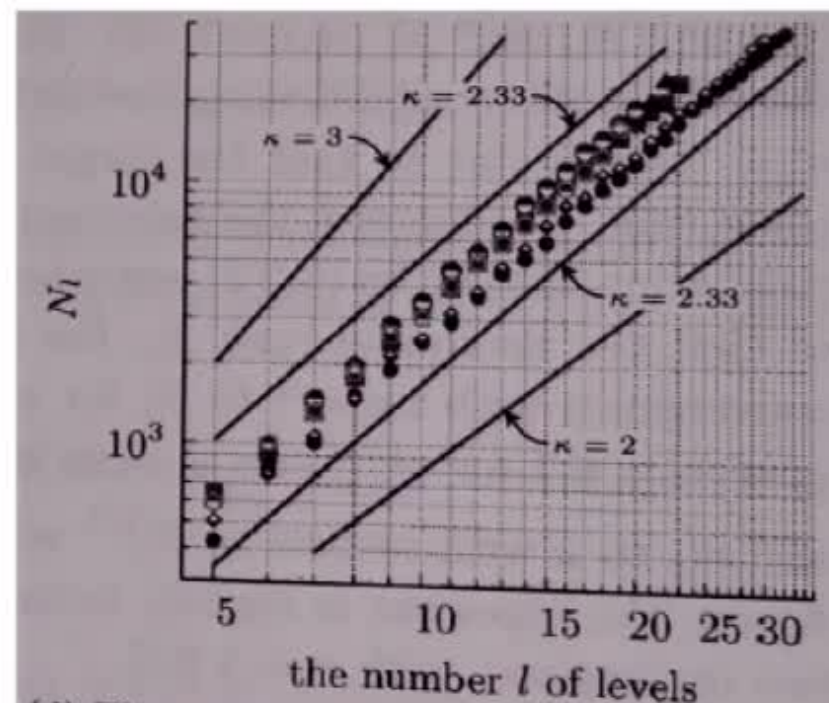
$$u_{\Gamma}(x) = r^{\alpha} \sin \alpha \phi(x), \quad x \in \Omega = (0, 1)^2$$

$$\varepsilon_l \leq \exp\left\{-cN_l^{\frac{1}{\kappa}}\right\}, \quad N_l - \text{the number of TT-elements}$$

THEOREM (V.Kazeev & C.Schwab).  $\kappa \leq 5$ .



(a) Convergence with respect to  $l$ . The reference lines correspond to the exponential convergence  $\varepsilon_l = C_{\alpha} 2^{-\bar{\alpha}l}$  with  $C_{\alpha}$  independent of  $l$  and with  $\bar{\alpha} = \min\{\alpha, 1\}$ .



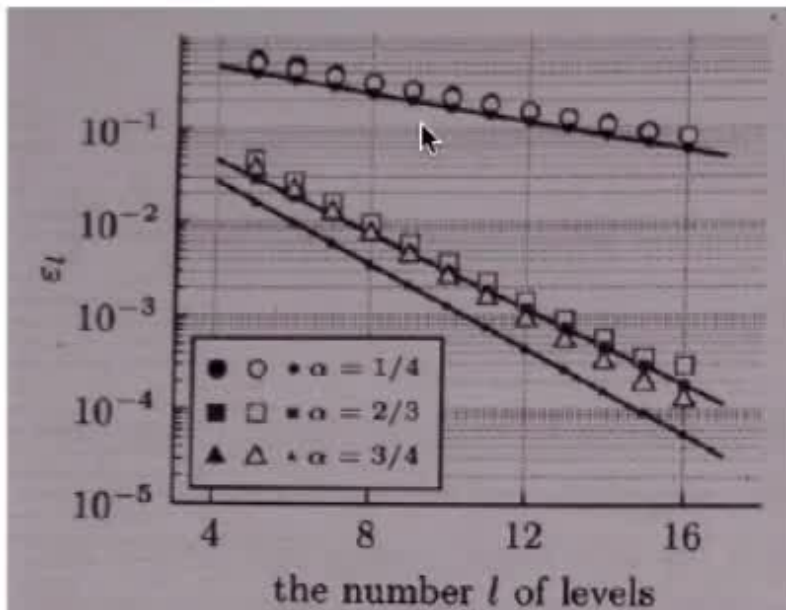
(d) The number  $N_l$  (3.3.2) of QTT parameters vs.  $l$ . The reference lines correspond to the algebraic growth  $N_l = C_{\alpha} l^{\kappa}$  with  $\kappa$  and  $C_{\alpha}$  independent of  $l$ .



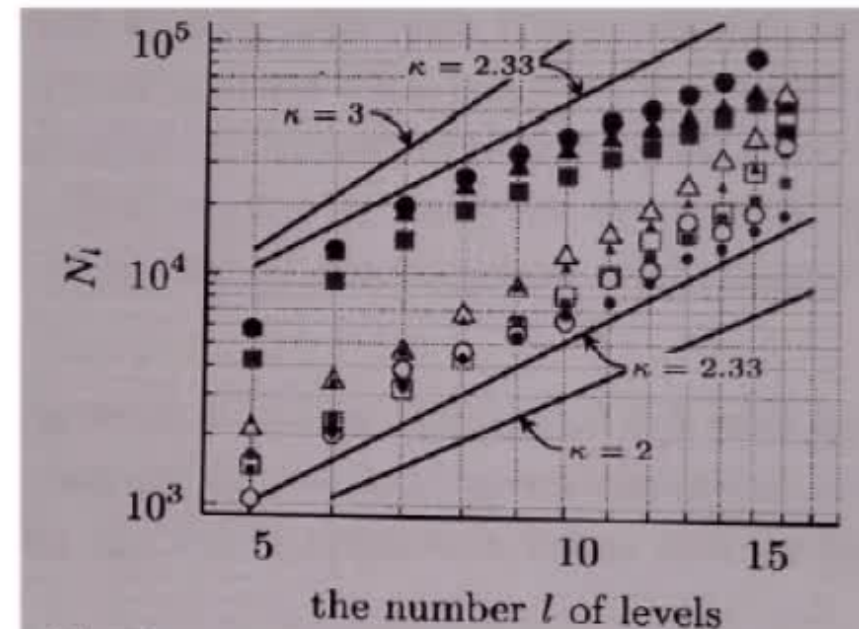
# TE-FE-AMEN $\Delta u = 0, u|_{\partial\Omega} = u_\Gamma$

$$\underbrace{\Omega = (0, 1)^2 \setminus [0, 1) \times (-1, 0]}_{\text{bright labels}}$$

$$\underbrace{\Omega = (0, 1)^2 \setminus [0, 1) \times \{0\}}_{\text{black labels}}$$



(a) Convergence with respect to  $l$ . The reference lines correspond to the exponential convergence  $\epsilon_l = C_\alpha 2^{-\alpha l}$  with  $C_\alpha$  independent of  $l$ . The markers for  $u_{\text{sol}}^l$  and  $u_{\text{tr}}^l$  mostly coincide.



(d) The number  $N_l$  (3.3.2) of QTT parameters vs.  $l$ . The reference lines correspond to the algebraic growth  $N_l = C_\alpha l^\kappa$  with  $\kappa$  and  $C_\alpha$  independent of  $l$ .

(V.Kazeev)

# TENSOR TRAINS FOR PARAMETRIC EQUATIONS

Diffusion domain =  $[0, 1]^2$  consists of  $p \times p$  square subdomains with constant diffusion coefficient,  $p^2$  parameters varying from 0.1 to 1.

256 knots in each parameter. Space grid of size  $256 \times 256$ .

Solutions *for all values of parameters* are approximated by a tensor train with relative accuracy  $10^{-5}$ :

| Number of parameters | Memory |
|----------------------|--------|
| 4                    | 8 Mb   |
| 16                   | 24 Mb  |
| 64                   | 78 Mb  |

(I.Oseledets)

# LOW RANK AND TENSOR TRAINS IN THE SMOLUCHOWSKI EQUATIONS

- ▶  $\bar{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_d)$  – volumes of different substances of a particle
- ▶  $t$  – time
- ▶  $n(\bar{v}, t)$  – concentration function for volume components of a particle

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial n(\bar{v}, t)}{\partial t} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{v_1} du_1 \dots \int_0^{v_d} K(\bar{v} - \bar{u}; \bar{u}) n(\bar{u}, t) n(\bar{v} - \bar{u}, t) du_d - \\ &\quad - n(\bar{v}, t) \int_0^\infty du_1 \dots \int_0^\infty K(\bar{v}; \bar{u}) n(\bar{u}, t) du_d, \\ n(\bar{v}, 0) &= n_0(\bar{v}).\end{aligned}$$

Joint work with S. Matveev and A. Smirnov



# GLOBAL SEARCH CAN BADLY GAIN WHEN IT USES TENSOR TRAIN

THEOREM. If  $A_{\blacksquare}$  is of maximal volume among  $r \times r$  blocks in  $A$ , then

$$\|A_{\blacksquare}\|_c \geq \|A\|_c / (2r^2 + r).$$

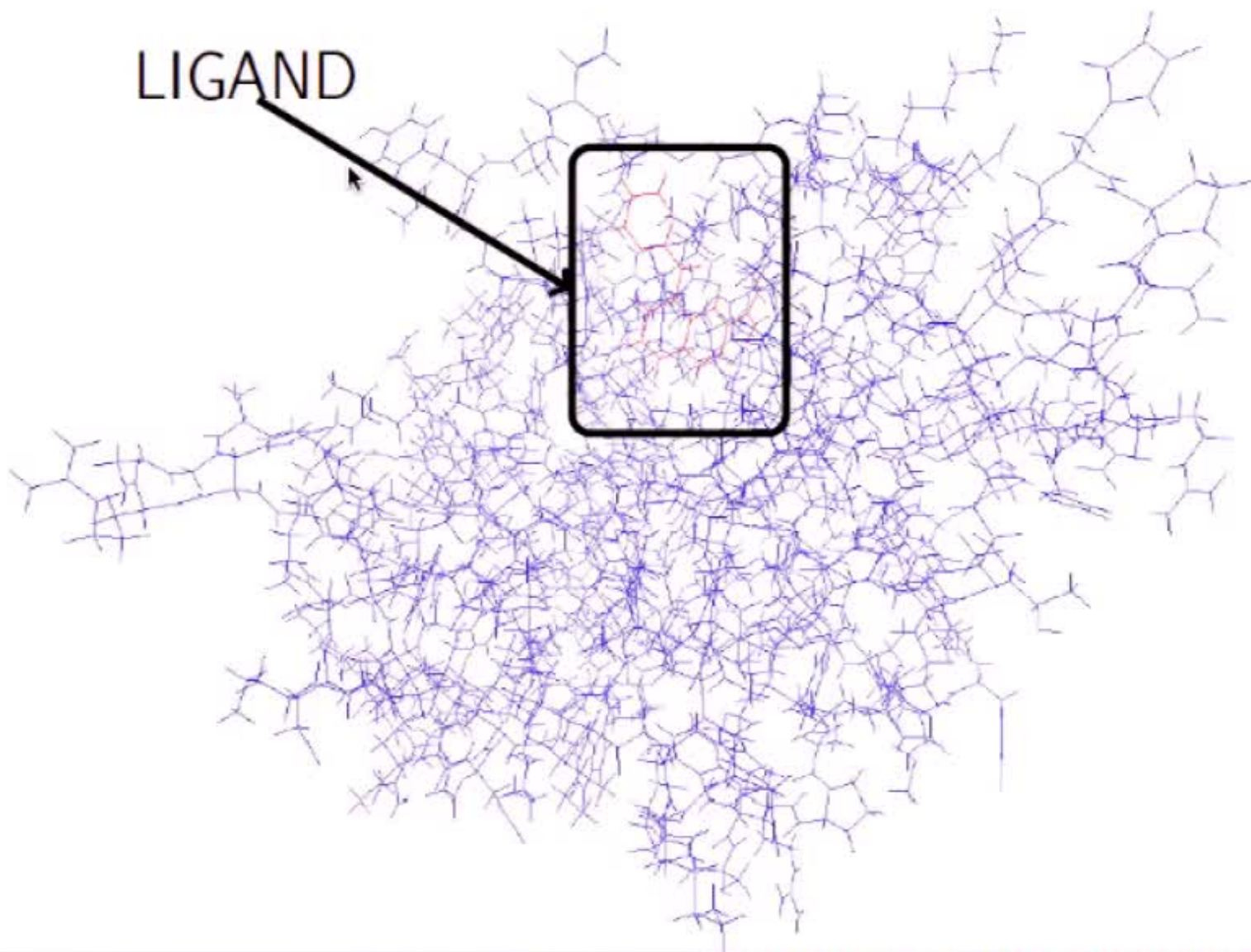


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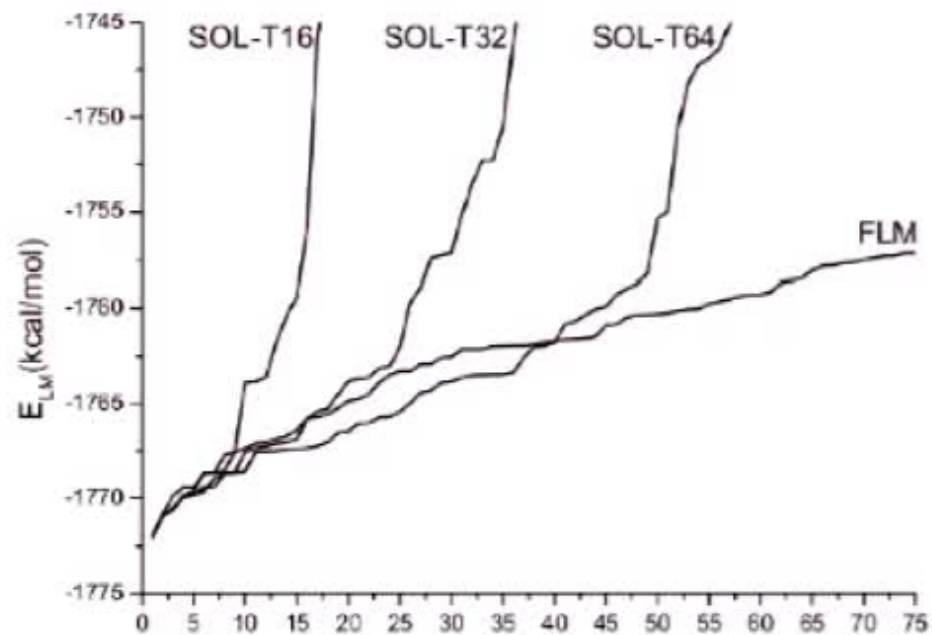
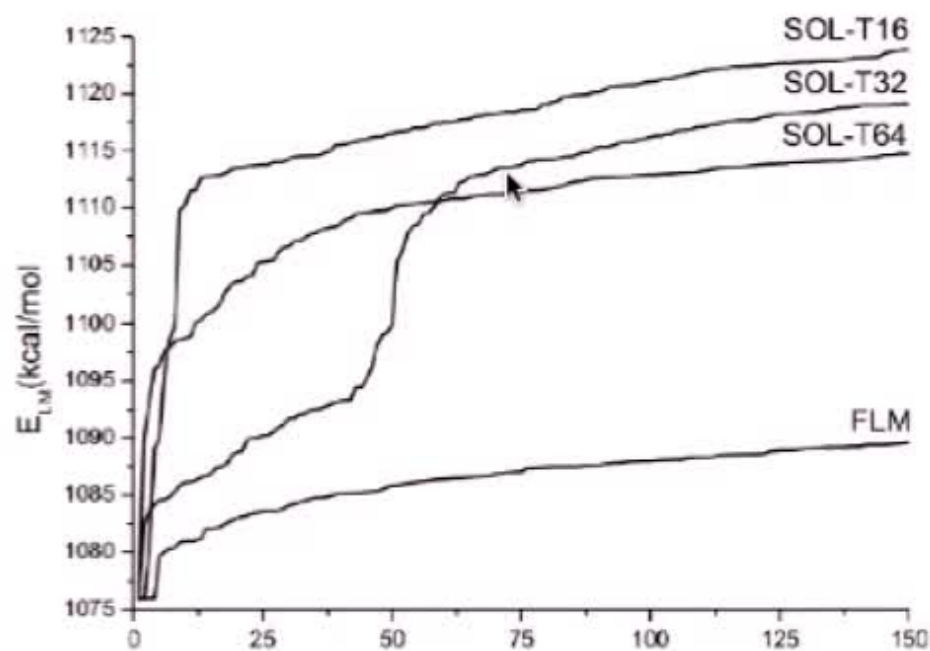


# DIRECT DOCKING IN THE DRUG DESIGN

## ACCOMMODATION OF LIGAND INTO PROTEIN



# DIRECT DOCKING IN THE DRUG DESIGN



Joint work with D.Zheltkov and V.Sulimov