# **Dual Simplex Volume Maximization for Simplex-Structured** Matrix Factorization

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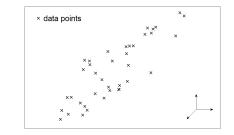
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Low-Rank Nonnegative Matrix Factorization

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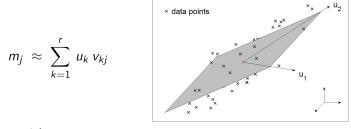
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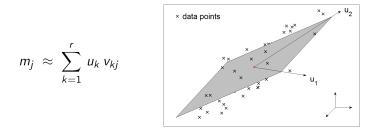
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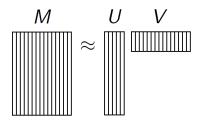
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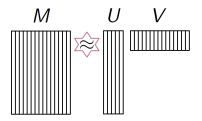
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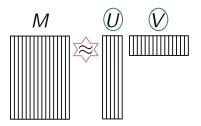
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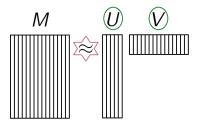
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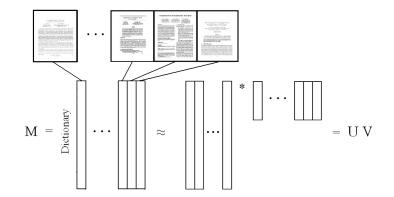
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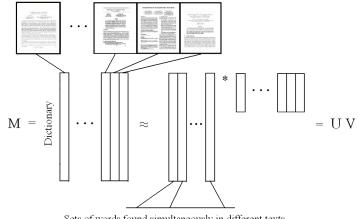
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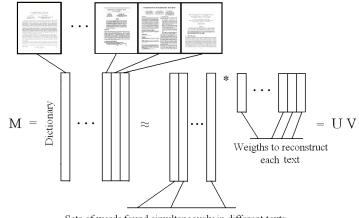
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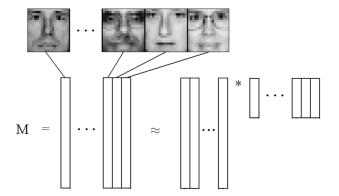
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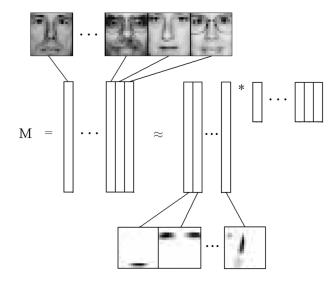
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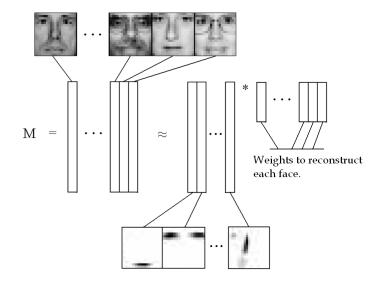
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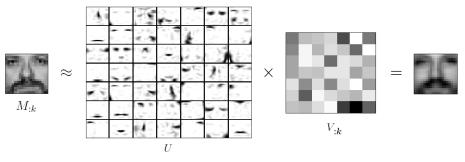


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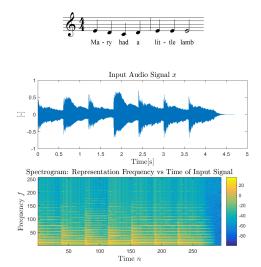
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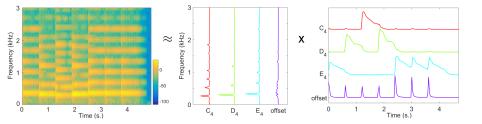
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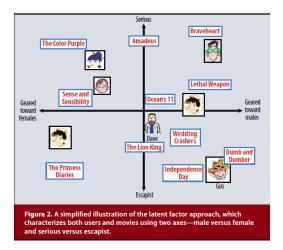
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For example, using a rank-2 factorization on the Netflix dataset, female vs. male and serious vs. escapist behaviors were extracted



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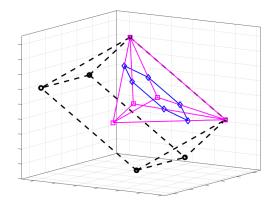
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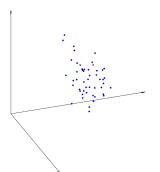
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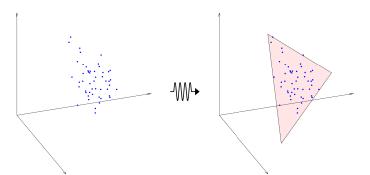


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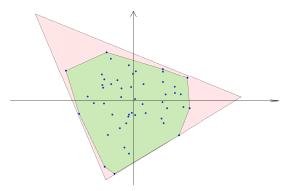


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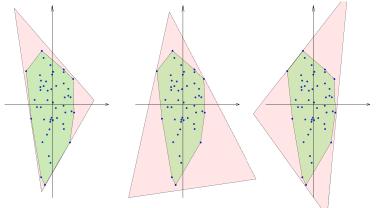


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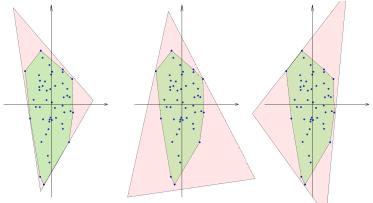


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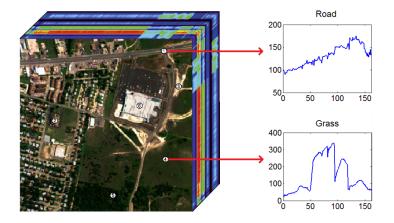
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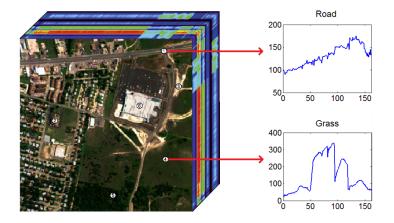
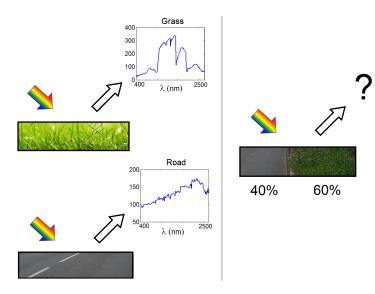
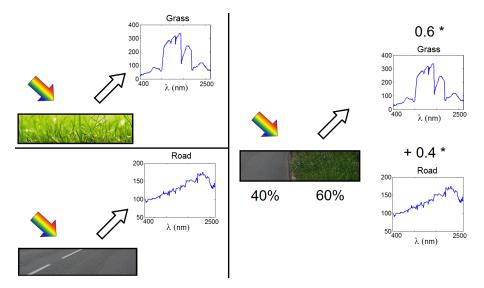


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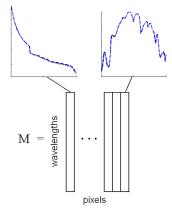
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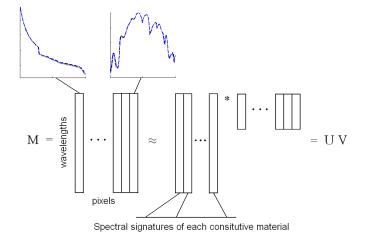


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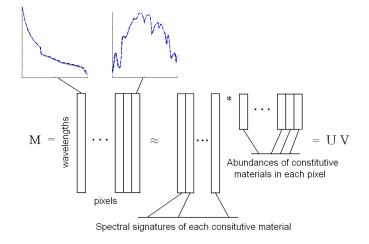
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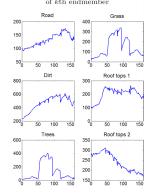


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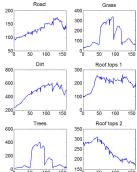
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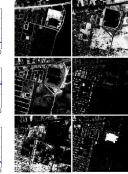
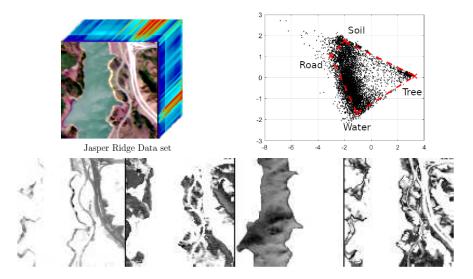
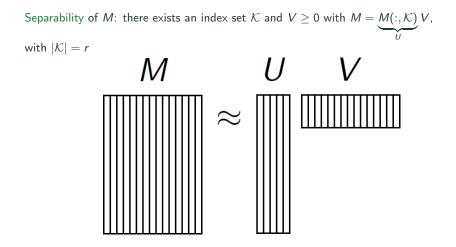


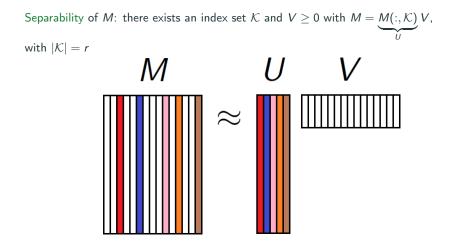
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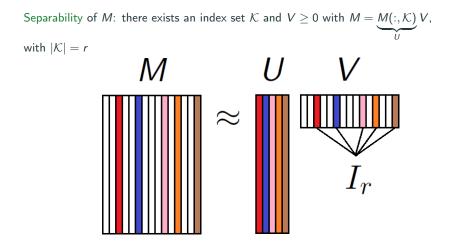
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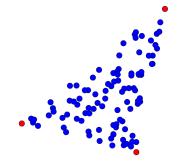


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If U is full rank, then the separability of M = UV can be expressed as either

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- $\operatorname{conv}(U) = \operatorname{conv}(M)$ , so  $M = \widetilde{U}\widetilde{V} \implies \operatorname{conv}(U) \subseteq \operatorname{conv}(\widetilde{U})$

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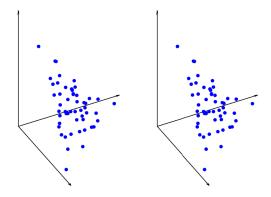
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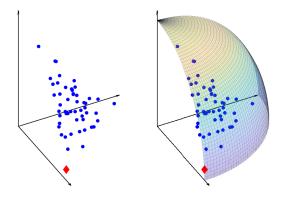
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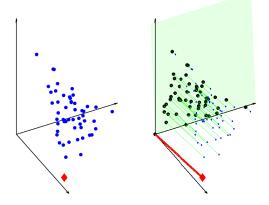
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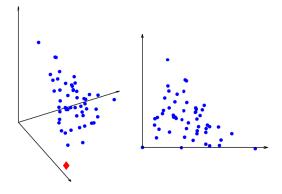
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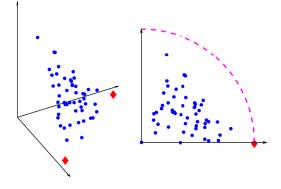


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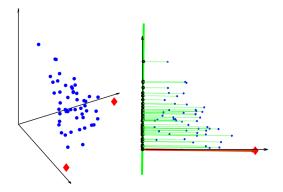
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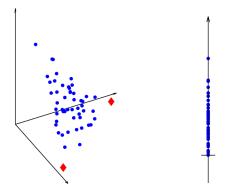
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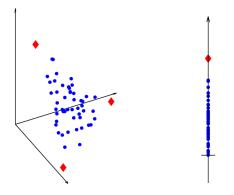
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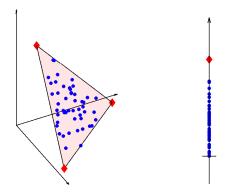
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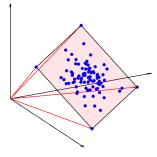
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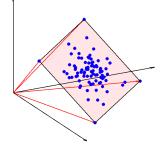
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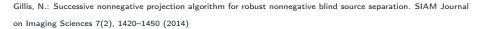
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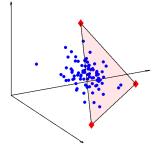
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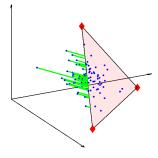
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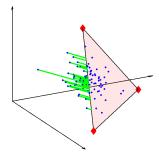
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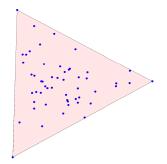
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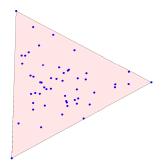


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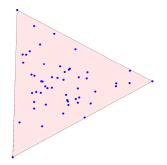
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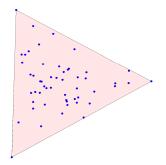


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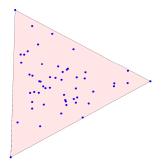
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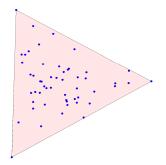
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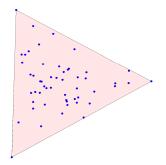
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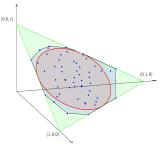
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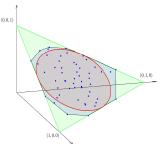
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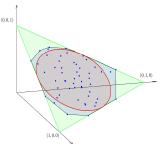
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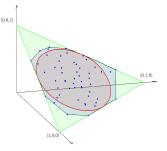
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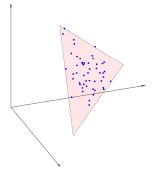
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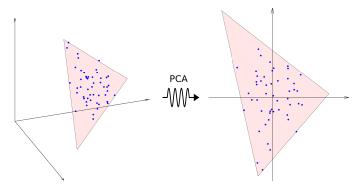


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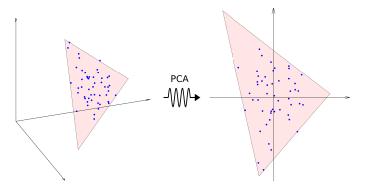


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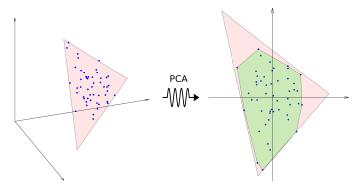
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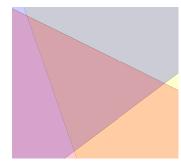
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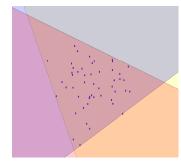
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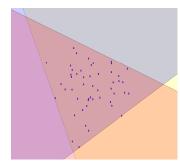
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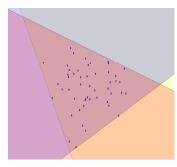
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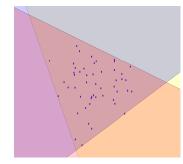


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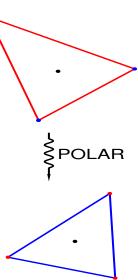
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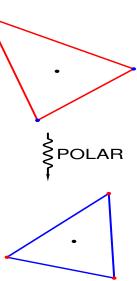
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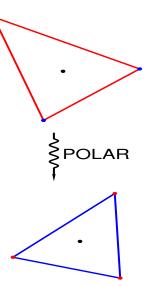
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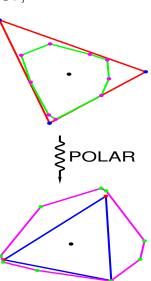
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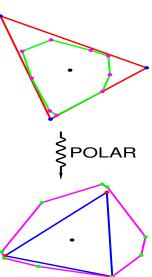
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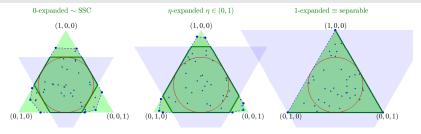
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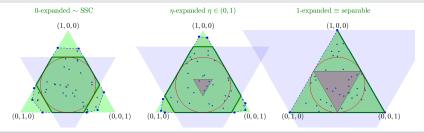


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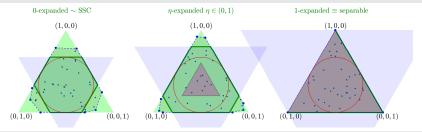
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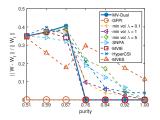
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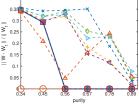
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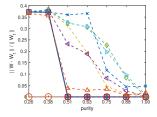
# Experiments

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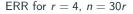
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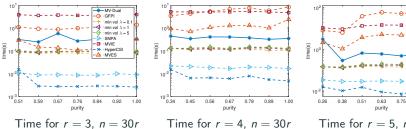




ERR for r = 3, n = 30r



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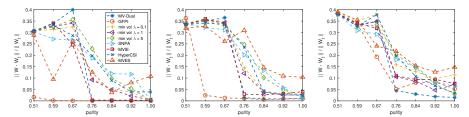


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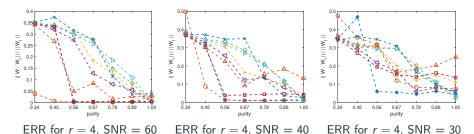
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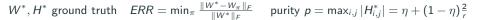


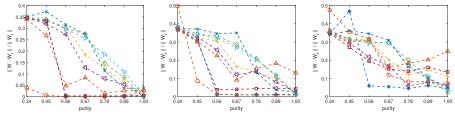
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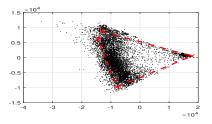


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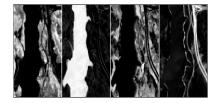
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60	0.42±0.06	$1.47{\pm}0.45$	0.07±0.01	$0.08 {\pm} 0.01$	$0.09{\pm}0.01$	$0.01 {\pm} 0.00$	3.78±0.12	$0.001 {\pm} 0.00$	$0.26 {\pm} 0.07$

## **Unmixing Hyperspectral Imaging**

$$\mathsf{MRSA}(x,y) = \frac{100}{\pi} \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{(x-\bar{x}e)^\top (y-\bar{y}e)}{\|x-\bar{x}e\|_2 \|y-\bar{y}e\|_2} \right)$$



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Projection of data points and the symplex computed by MV-Dual

Abundance maps estimated by MV-Dual From left to right: road, tree, soil, water

	SNPA	Min-Vol	HyperCSI	GFPI	MV-Dual	
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Comparing the performances of MV-Dual with the state-of-the-art SSMF algorithms on Jasper-Ridge data set. Numbers marked with \* indicate that the corresponding algorithms did not converge within 100 seconds.

# Thank You!



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