

# Compressed Bayesian Tensor Regression

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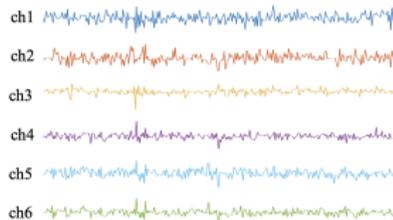
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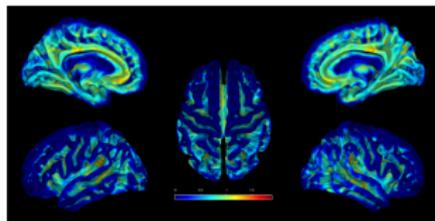
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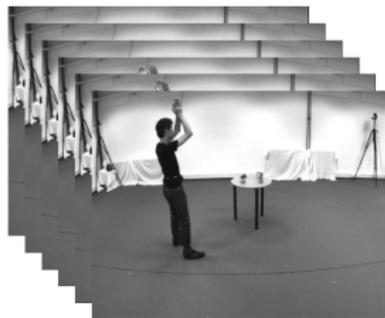
(a) ECoG signals



(b) fMRI images



(c) Facial images



(d) Video sequences

Multi-way data (tensor) (Liu et al., 2021)

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where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the inner product,  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{X}_t \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times \dots \times d_M}$ .

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## Random Projection

**Random projection** is computationally efficient and has been successfully applied in many fields (**Johnson and Lindenstrauss, 1984**). However, its application in tensor-valued data is still under-explored in literature.

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## Our contributions

- **A generalized tensor random projection**: some modes are projected separately, whereas other modes are projected jointly or preserved.
- **Concentration inequalities** for the proposed tensor projection.

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## Our contribution

Apply RP to Bayesian tensor regressions (Guhaniyogi et al., 2017; Guhaniyogi, 2020; Billio et al., 2022, 2024; Luo and Griffin, 2025; Casarin et al., 2025). We consider **scalar-on-tensor linear regressions**.

## Bayesian Inference and RP

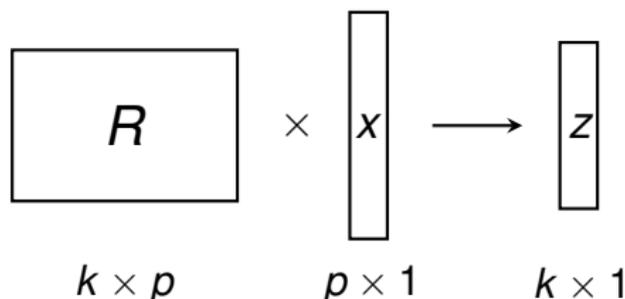
- **Bayesian model averaging** and **posterior consistency** for compressed regressions (Guhaniyogi and Dunson, 2015; Mukhopadhyay and Dunson, 2020).
- **Data sketching and stacking** Gailliot et al. (2024).

## Our Contribution

- Provide Markov chain Monte Carlo procedures for **posterior approximation** under alternative prior specifications.
- Provide **posterior consistency** results built on general theory of Jiang (2007).

# Random Projection

$$z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} R x \quad (1)$$



## Key idea:

- The random matrix  $R$  compresses a high-dimensional vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$
- into a lower-dimensional representation  $z \in \mathbb{R}^k$ , where  $k \ll p$ .
- Entries of  $R$  are typically sampled as

$$R_{ij} = \sqrt{\psi} \begin{cases} +1 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2\psi} \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } 1 - \frac{1}{\psi} \\ -1 & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2\psi} \end{cases}, \quad \psi \in \mathbb{N} \quad (2)$$

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Let  $P$  be an arbitrary set of  $n$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Given  $\varepsilon, \beta > 0$ , for integer  $k \geq k_0 = (4 + 2\beta)(\varepsilon^2/2 - \varepsilon^3/3)^{-1} \log n$ , let  $R$  be the  $d \times k$  random matrix with entries i.i.d from (2) and  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  defined in (1). With probability at least  $1 - n^{-\beta}$ , for all  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in P$

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## Generalized Tensor Random Projection (GTRP):

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$$\text{GTRP}(\mathcal{X}_j) := \mathcal{X}_j \times_1 \mathbf{H}_1 \times_2 \dots \times_R \mathbf{H}_R \times_{R+1:N} \mathcal{H}_{R+1:N}, \quad (4)$$

- with  $R < M \leq N$ , where  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times \dots \times p_N}$  is a **covariate tensor**
- $\times_n$  and  $\times_{n:m}$  denote the  $n$ -mode and the  $n$ -to- $m$  mode products (Kolda and Bader, 2009)
- $\mathbf{H}_m \in \mathbb{R}^{q_m \times p_m}$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, R$  are **random projection matrices**.
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**Special case:**  $N = 1$

$$q_0 \approx (4 + 2\beta)(\epsilon^2/2 - \epsilon^3/3)^{-1} \log n$$

# Bayesian Tensor Regression - Priors

## Specification 1: Independent Gaussian and inverse gamma

$$\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{TN}_{\rho_1, \dots, \rho_M}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_M), \quad \mu \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_\mu^2), \quad \sigma^2 \sim \mathcal{IG}(a, b).$$

## Specification 2: PARAFAC hierarchical prior (Guhaniyogi et al., 2017)

Let  $\circ$  be the *external product* of vectors, and  $\gamma_m^{(d)}$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $d = 1, \dots, D$  the Parallel Factor (PARAFAC) margins

$$\mathcal{B} = \sum_{d=1}^D \gamma_1^{(d)} \circ \dots \circ \gamma_M^{(d)},$$

$$\gamma_m^{(d)} \sim \mathcal{N}_{q_m}(\mathbf{0}, \tau \zeta^{(d)} \mathbf{W}_m^{(d)}), \quad \tau \sim \mathcal{IG}(a_\tau, b_\tau), \quad \mathbf{w}_{m,j_m}^{(d)} \sim \mathcal{Exp}((\lambda_m^{(d)})^2 / 2),$$

$$\lambda_m^{(d)} \sim \mathcal{Ga}(a_\lambda, b_\lambda), \quad (\zeta^{(1)}, \dots, \zeta^{(D)}) \sim \mathcal{Dir}(\alpha, \dots, \alpha)$$

where  $\mathbf{W}_m^{(d)} = \text{diag}(w_{m,1}^{(d)}, \dots, w_{m,j_m}^{(d)}, \dots, w_{m,q_m}^{(d)})$ .

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- 2 Draw  $\zeta^{(d)}$  from the GIG distribution  $f(\zeta^{(d)} \mid \gamma^{(d)}, \tau, \mathbf{w}^{(d)})$ .
- 3 Draw  $\tau$  from the GIG distribution  $f(\tau \mid \gamma, \zeta, \mathbf{w})$ .
- 4 Draw  $\lambda_m^{(d)}$  from  $f(\lambda_m^{(d)} \mid \gamma_m^{(d)}, \tau, \zeta^{(d)})$  which is a Gamma distribution.
- 5 Draw  $\mathbf{w}_{m,jm}^{(d)}$  from the GIG distribution  $f(\mathbf{w}_{m,jm}^{(d)} \mid \gamma_{m,jm}^{(d)}, \lambda_m^{(d)}, \tau, \zeta^{(d)})$ .
- 6 Draw  $\sigma^2$  from the IG distribution  $f(\sigma^2 \mid \mathbf{y}, \text{GTRP}(\mathbf{X}), \mu, \gamma)$ .
- 7 Draw  $\mu$  from the Gaussian distribution  $f(\mu \mid \mathbf{y}, \text{GTRP}(\mathbf{X}), \gamma, \sigma^2)$ .

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## BMA predictive density

Let  $\mathcal{M}_\ell$  be a model based on  $\text{GTRP}^{(\ell)}(\cdot)$  with predictive density  $f_\ell(\cdot \mid \text{GTRP}^{(\ell)}(\mathcal{X}_{n+j'}), \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}_\ell)$ ,  $\mathcal{D} = \{(y_j, \text{GTRP}(\mathcal{X}_j)), j = 1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\theta^{(\ell)} = (\mu^{(\ell)}, \mathcal{B}^{(\ell)}, \sigma^2^{(\ell)})$ . The BMA predictive density is

$$f(y_{n+j'} \mid \mathcal{X}_{n+j'}, \mathcal{D}) = \sum_{\ell=1}^L p_\ell(\mathcal{M}_\ell \mid \mathcal{D}) f_\ell(y_{n+j'} \mid \text{GTRP}^{(\ell)}(\mathcal{X}_{n+j'}), \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}_\ell)$$

$j' = 1, \dots, m$  with  $m$  the validation set size.

- **Posterior weights**  $p_\ell(\mathcal{M}_\ell \mid \mathcal{D})$  are estimated via reverse logistic regression (Geyer, 1994).

# Posterior Consistency

## Main Result

Let  $f_0$  denote the true predictive density and  $f$  the posterior predictive density under compression. Assume all the covariates are bounded and certain assumptions hold (next slide).

For a sequence  $\varepsilon_n$  satisfying  $0 < \varepsilon_n^2 < 1$  and  $n\varepsilon_n^2 \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$E_{f_0} \pi \left[ d(f, f_0) > 4\varepsilon_n \mid (y_j, \mathcal{X}_j)_{j=1}^n \right] \leq 4e^{-n\varepsilon_n^2/2}, \quad (5)$$

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## Key assumptions

### 1. Controlled Model Complexity

The compressed dimension grows **sublinearly**  $q_n = o(n)$ .

### 2. Well-Behaved Prior (Gaussian prior)

Eigenvalues of covariance matrices are bounded:  $\underline{\lambda}_n \leq \lambda \leq \bar{\lambda}_n$ . Prevents overly diffuse or degenerate priors.

### 3. Norm Preservation (Gaussian prior)

Random projection approximately preserves  $\|\mathcal{X}\|$ .

### 4. Covariate entropy control (PARAFAC prior)

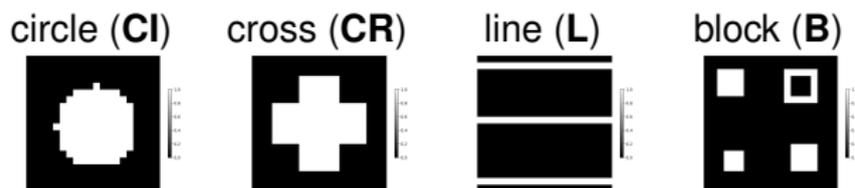
Controls the complexity of the model by bounding the projection norm  $\|\text{GTRP}(\mathcal{X}_i)\|$ , the PARAFAC component  $D$ , and the number of coefficients  $D \sum_{m=1}^M q_{m,n}$ .

### 5. Appropriate contraction rate $\varepsilon_n$ (PARAFAC prior)

The posterior contracts, at a rate slower than  $n^{-1}$ , but still converges.

# Numerical Illustration - Settings

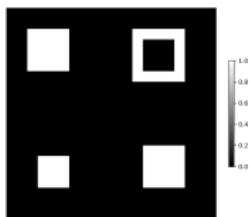
True coefficient values,  $\mathcal{B}_0$ , in  $\langle \mathcal{B}_0, \mathcal{X}_j \rangle$  with iid  $\mathcal{X}_j$ .



- **Type** of random projection: tensor-wise and mode-wise (1 and 2).
- Covariate tensor **dimensions**:  $20 \times 20$  and  $60 \times 60$  mode-2 tensors.
- Number of **observations**: from 500 to 2000 at an interval of 500.
- **Compression** rate, defined as  $r = q(M)/p(N)$  with  $p(N) = \prod_{m=1}^N p_m$ , and  $q(M) = \prod_{m=1}^M q_m$ .
- **Sparsity** coefficient  $\psi$  used in generating projection matrices

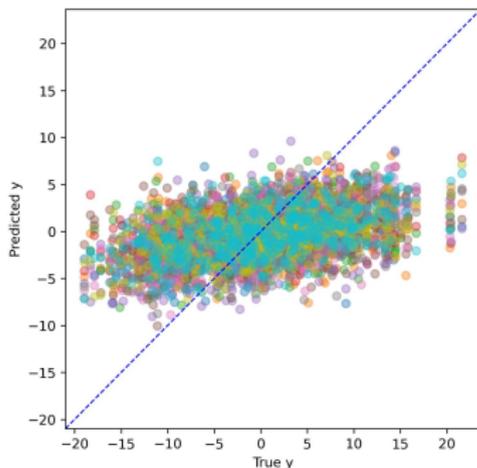
# Numerical Illustration - Fitting, $60 \times 60$ Block Setting

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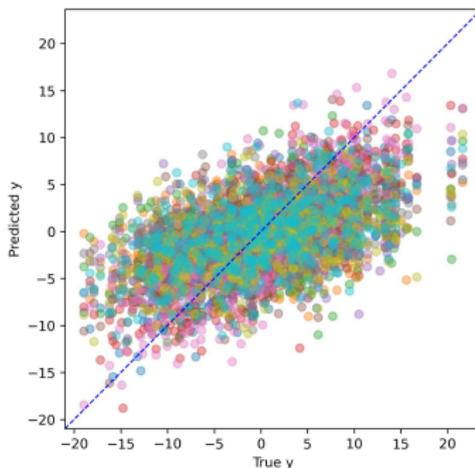


(a) True coefficient,  $B_0$ . (b)-(c) **Actual** data (horizontal axis) against the **predicted** data (vertical axis) using  $L = 10$  independent projection matrices of the same random projection type (colors). Training  $n = 1000$ , compression rate:  $r = 0.36$ , sparsity parameter  $\psi = 3$ .

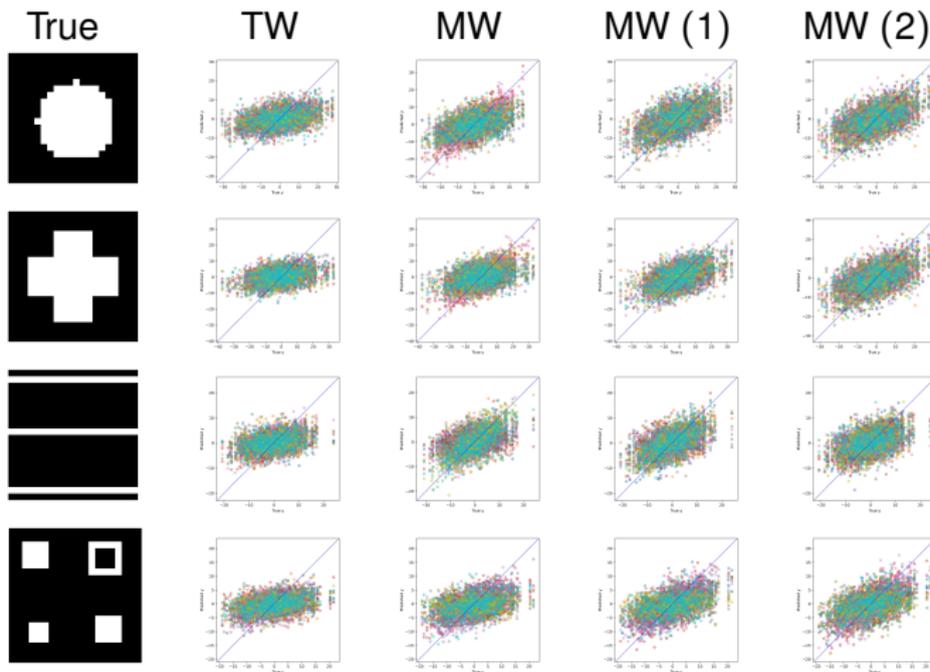
(b) Tensor-wise



(c) Mode-wise (2)

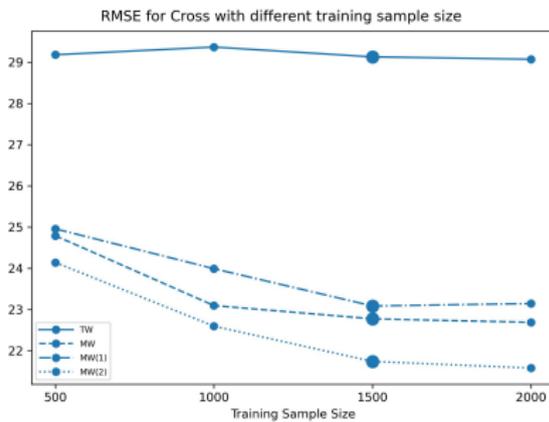
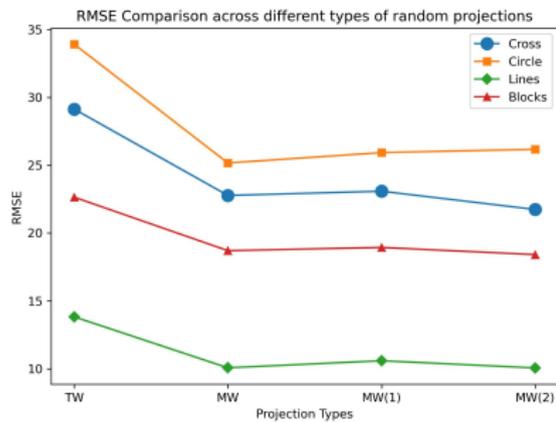


# Simulation studies: forecast fitting



**Figure: Simulation results:** actual data against the predicted for different levels of sparsity (rows) and different types of random projections (columns), using 10 independent projection tensors (colours). For each plot: training sample size:  $n = 1000$ , compression rate: 0.36,  $\psi = 3$ .

# Simulation studies: RMSE



**Figure:** RMSE comparison across different types of random projection and different configurations in the baseline setting (top) and different  $L$  sample sizes (bottom) in the  $60 \times 60$  dimension case. Each estimate is obtained BMA over  $L = 10$  independent projection matrices and 500 data points from the validation set.

# Empirical application

macro and financial indicators on stock return

## Goals

- We contribute to the debate on the interdependence between financial and oil markets (see, e.g., Xiao and Wang, 2022; Xiao et al., 2023)
- We compare the performance of different models: BTR, CBTR with different types of random projections (with and without mode preserving).

## Variables

- Oil price volatility is classified into **Good Oil Volatility (GV)**, where the realized volatility is positive, and **Bad Oil Volatility (BV)**, where the realized volatility is negative.
- Other covariates are the Exchange Rate Volatility (ER), TED Spread Volatility (IR) and VIX Index Volatility (VI), 3-month T-bill rate (TB) and bond spread (BD) following a similar specification as in Xiao and Wang (2022).

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## Specification

- Different from Xiao and Wang (2022), we consider **Mixed Data Sampling** (Rodriguez and Puggioni, 2010).
- $y_t$  is the **monthly** log-return of market (S&P 500) at time  $t$ . Time span: May 1990 to January 2022.
- Covariates sampled **daily** at the 1st to 22nd day before month  $t$ :  $t - 1/22, t - 2/22, \dots, t - 22/22$ .
- $\mathcal{X}_t \in \mathbb{R}^{7 \times 22 \times 4}$ : variables  $\times$  daily data  $\times$  monthly lags.
- Training sample size  $n = 350$ .

$$y_t = \mu + \sum_{i_3=1}^4 \left\langle B_{\tilde{l}(i_3)}, \begin{pmatrix} \text{GV}_{t-\frac{1}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{GV}_{t-\frac{2}{22}-i_3+1} & \dots & \text{GV}_{t-\frac{21}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{GV}_{t-i_3} \\ \text{BV}_{t-\frac{1}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{BV}_{t-\frac{2}{22}-i_3+1} & \dots & \text{BV}_{t-\frac{21}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{BV}_{t-i_3} \\ \text{ER}_{t-\frac{1}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{ER}_{t-\frac{2}{22}-i_3+1} & \dots & \text{ER}_{t-\frac{21}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{ER}_{t-i_3} \\ \text{IR}_{t-\frac{1}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{IR}_{t-\frac{2}{22}-i_3+1} & \dots & \text{IR}_{t-\frac{21}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{IR}_{t-i_3} \\ \text{VI}_{t-\frac{1}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{VI}_{t-\frac{2}{22}-i_3+1} & \dots & \text{VI}_{t-\frac{21}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{VI}_{t-i_3} \\ \text{TB}_{t-\frac{1}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{TB}_{t-\frac{2}{22}-i_3+1} & \dots & \text{TB}_{t-\frac{21}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{TB}_{t-i_3} \\ \text{BD}_{t-\frac{1}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{BD}_{t-\frac{2}{22}-i_3+1} & \dots & \text{BD}_{t-\frac{21}{22}-i_3+1} & \text{BD}_{t-i_3} \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle + \sigma \varepsilon_t, \quad (6)$$

where  $\tilde{l}(i_3) = \{(i_1, i_2, i_3), i_h \in \{1, \dots, p_h\}, \forall h \neq 3\}$  and  $B_{\tilde{l}(i_3)}$  denotes the  $i_3$ th slice of tensor coefficients  $B$  along the third mode.

# Empirical application



**Figure:** Fitting comparison between BTR and CBTR with different random projection methods. First row: in-sample fitting. Second row: out-of-sample prediction. True data are shown in gray solid line, predicted values are shown in blue solid line, light and dark orange colors represent 95% and 50% credible interval, respectively.

# Empirical application

**Table:** RMSE of predictions of BTR and CBTR with different types of random projection methods.

	BTR	CBTR					
		TW	MW	MW(1)	MW(1,2)	MW(1,3)	MW(2,3)
In-sample	0.0338	0.0355	0.0346	0.0356	0.0333	<b>0.0323</b>	0.0329
Out-sample	0.1148	0.0676	0.0623	0.0723	<b>0.0383</b>	0.0600	0.0508

## 1. Type of projection

- Prefer **mode-preserving** projections over tensor-wise.
- In worst case, mode-wise performs at least as well as tensor-wise.
- Use exploratory sparsity analysis to decide which **modes to compress**. For instance, a screen-then-compress strategy, as proposed by Mukhopadhyay and Dunson (2020) or Gailliot et al. (2024), can be adapted for this purpose.

## 2. Projection sparsity

- **Moderate sparsity** (e.g.  $\psi = 3$ ) is a good default.
- Consider more conservative sparsity (e.g.  $\psi = 2$ ) if computation allows.

## 3. Model uncertainty

- Use **Bayesian Model Averaging** or **Predictive Stacking**.
- Avoid relying on a single projection.

# Conclusion

- A new Bayesian tensor regression model with compressed covariates via random projection.
- A new generalized random projection technique to compress tensor structured data.
- Strong theoretical results on concentration properties of random projection and convergency properties of Bayesian inference.
- Few extensions can be considered for future research
  - A **pre-screening** step to discard predictors with low marginal correlation as proposed by Mukhopadhyay and Dunson (2020) and Gailliot et al. (2024).
  - **Bayesian predictive stacking** (Gailliot et al., 2024) as an alternative to BMA.
  - **Alternative construction** of projection tensors (e.g. Kronecker-based, tensor train-based, etc.).
  - Potential applications to **data privacy**.

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## Infinite-dimensional and nonparametric

Contract rate of posterior convergence: The posterior is said to contract at rate  $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  if  $\pi_n(f : d(f, f_0) > M_n \varepsilon_n | D^{(n)}) \rightarrow 0$  in  $P_0^{(n)}$ -almost surely, for every  $M_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Ghosal et al. (2000) established sufficient conditions to show convergence of posterior measures.

## High-dimensional with compressed data

- Jiang (2007) established sufficient conditions based on Ghosal et al. (2000) and shows tailored Bayesian variable selection priors lead to near parametric rates in estimating the **predictive distribution**  $f(y | x)$ .
- Guhaniyogi and Dunson (2015); Mukhopadhyay and Dunson (2020) show that Bayesian regression with compressed data also enjoys similar theoretical guarantees.

## Contribution of our paper

- Extension of Guhaniyogi and Dunson (2015); Mukhopadhyay and Dunson (2020) to accommodate tensor-valued covariates.
- Study the consistency under different projection methods and different priors (PARAFAC).

## Sufficient conditions

- a **Entropy condition:**  $\log N(\varepsilon_n, \mathcal{P}_n) \leq n\varepsilon_n^2$  for all large  $n$ . Controls the complexity of the model space  $\mathcal{P}_n$  by bounding the covering number.
- b **Tail mass condition:**  $\pi(\mathcal{P}_n^c) \leq e^{-2n\varepsilon_n^2}$  for all large  $n$ . Ensures that the prior puts negligible mass outside the model space.
- c **Prior concentration condition:**  $\pi\left(f : d_t(f, f_0) < \frac{\varepsilon_n^2}{4}\right) \geq e^{-n\varepsilon_n^2/4}$  for all large  $n$ . Guarantees that the prior puts enough mass near the true density  $f_0$  (KL neighborhood).

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# Sketch of proof: Setup and Notation

- Tensor predictor:  $\mathcal{X}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times \dots \times p_D}$
- Compressed predictor:  $\text{GTRP}(\mathcal{X}_i)$
- Predictive density:  $f(y \mid \langle \mathcal{B}, \text{GTRP}(\mathcal{X}_i) \rangle)$
- Hellinger distance:  $d(f, f_0) = \iint (\sqrt{f} - \sqrt{f_0}) \nu_y(dy) \nu_{\mathcal{X}}(d\mathcal{X})$
- Prior:  $\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \Sigma_3)$

Let  $\mathcal{P}_n$  be the class of predictive densities induced by  $b_{jkl} \in [-b_n, b_n]$ , where  $b_{jkl}$  is the  $(jkl)$ th entry of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Equivalently:  $\mathcal{B} \in [-b_n, b_n]^{q_n}$  where  $q_n = \prod_{d=1}^D q_{d,n}$ .

# Sketch of proof: Condition 1: Entropy Bound

We want:

$$\log N(\varepsilon_n, \mathcal{P}_n) \leq n\varepsilon_n^2$$

**Sketch:**

- Cover  $b_{jkl} \in [-b_n, b_n]$  with  $\ell_2$ -balls of radius  $\delta_n$
- Lipschitz continuity of GLM ensures:

$$d(f_{\mathcal{B}}, f_{\mathcal{C}}) \leq \|\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}\|_2$$

- Choose  $\delta_n = \varepsilon_n$  so:

$$\log N(\varepsilon_n, \mathcal{P}_n) \leq q_n \log \left( \frac{b_n}{\varepsilon_n} \right)$$

- Condition is satisfied if:

$$q_n \log \left( \frac{b_n}{\varepsilon_n} \right) \leq n\varepsilon_n^2$$

# Sketch of proof: Condition 2: Prior Mass Outside Sieve

We want:

$$\pi(\mathcal{P}_n^c) \leq e^{-2n\epsilon_n^2}$$

**Sketch:**

- $\mathcal{P}_n^c = \{\mathcal{B} : \exists jkl, |b_{jkl}| > b_n\}$
- Use Gaussian tail bound:

$$\pi(|b_{jkl}| > b_n) \leq e^{-b_n^2/(2\tilde{\lambda}_n)}$$

- **Union bound** over  $q_n$  dimensions:

$$\pi(\mathcal{P}_n^c) \leq q_n \cdot e^{-b_n^2/(2\tilde{\lambda}_n)}$$

- Choose  $b_n = \sqrt{8\tilde{\lambda}_n n \epsilon_n^2}$  to ensure exponential decay

# Sketch of proof: Condition 3: Prior Concentration Near Truth

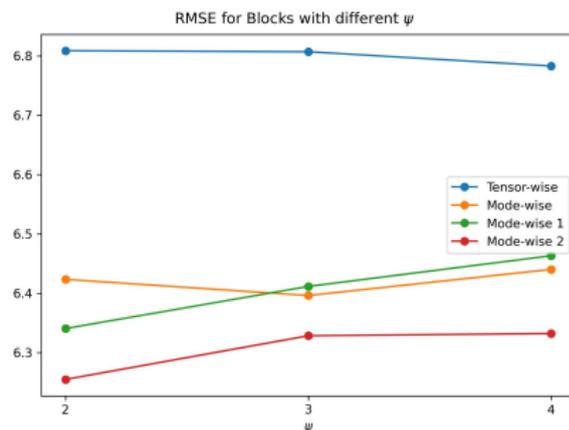
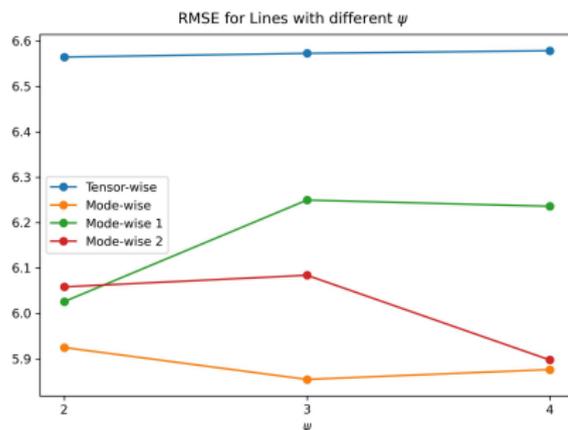
**Goal:** Show the prior puts enough mass near the true model  $f_0$  by bounding

$$\pi(f : d(f, f_0) < \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon_n^2) \geq e^{-n\varepsilon_n^2/4}$$

**Sketch:**

- Let  $\mathcal{B}_0$  be the true tensor coefficient and  $\langle \mathcal{X}_i, \mathcal{B}_0 \rangle$  the true signal.
- We can show that for all large  $n$ :  
$$P\left(|\langle \text{GTRP}(\mathcal{X}_i), \mathcal{B} \rangle - \langle \mathcal{X}_i, \mathcal{B}_0 \rangle| < \frac{\varepsilon_n^2}{4\eta}\right) > \exp\left\{-\frac{n\varepsilon_n^2}{4}\right\}.$$
- Let  $\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \mathcal{B} : |\langle \text{GTRP}(\mathcal{X}_i), \mathcal{B} \rangle - \langle \mathcal{X}_i, \mathcal{B}_0 \rangle| < \frac{\varepsilon_n^2}{4\eta} \right\}$
- $d_{t=1}(f, f_0) = \iint f_0 \left(\frac{f_0}{f} - 1\right) \nu_Y(dy) \nu_{\mathcal{X}}(d\mathcal{X}) = E_{\mathcal{X}}[g(u^*) (\langle \text{GTRP}(\mathcal{X}_i), \mathcal{B} \rangle - \langle \mathcal{X}_i, \mathcal{B}_0 \rangle)]$ .
- Choosing  $|g(u^*)| < \eta$  implies that  $d_t(f, f_0)$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{S}$ , hence confirming condition 3.

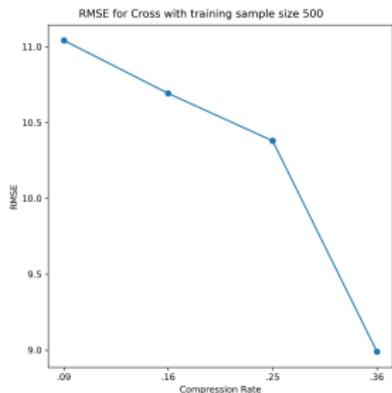
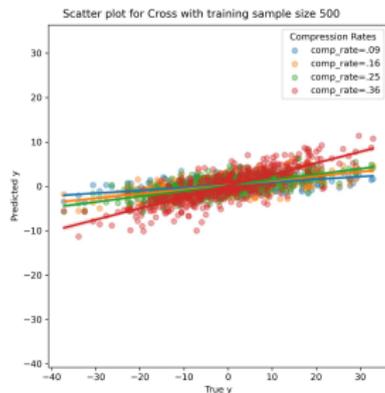
# Numerical Illustration - Sparsity



- Projections with different sparsity levels and random projection types: TW (blue), MW (orange), MW(1) (green), and MW(2) (red).
- $m = 500$  test samples, sparsity levels ( $\psi \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ ) (horizontal axis).
- In most scenarios (**CI**, **CR**, and **L**), **mode-wise random projection has the lowest RMSE**
- V-shape curve for mode-wise suggests a moderate sparsity is preferred.

# Numerical Illustration - Compression rate

$n = 500$



$n = 2000$

