

# Introduction to Multiway Analysis

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## Sensory analysis

- Score as a function of (Food sample, Judge, Attribute)

## Process analysis

- Measurement as a function of (Batch, Variable, time)
- Measurement as a function of (Variable, Lag, Location)

## Image analysis

- Pixelvalue as a function of (Sample, Image pixel, Variable)

## Experimental design

- Response as a function of (factor 1, factor2, factor3,...)

## Spectroscopy

- Intensity as a function of (Wavelength, Retention, Sample, Time, Location, Treatment)

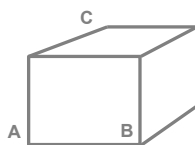
## Environmental analysis

- Measurement as a function of (Location, Time, Variable)

## Chromatography

- Measurement as a function of (Sample, Retention time, Variable)

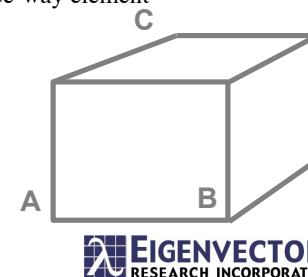
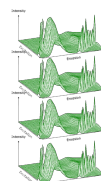
## Examples



## Introduction

### Three-way data?

- Simply a set of 'equivalent' two-way matrices obtained at different occasions
  - E.g. samples, variables, times
- $x_{ij}$  is a matrix element and  $x_{ijk}$  is a three-way element



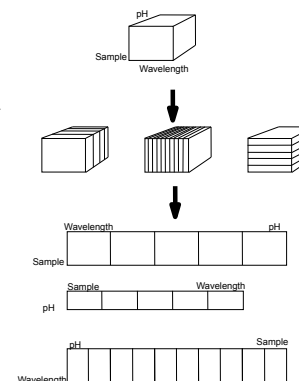
## Unfolding/matricization

### Traditional approach

- Unfolding leading to two-way data and analysis

### Three-way models

- Natural extensions of two-way models
- PCA leads to PARAFAC or Tucker3 depending on how it is extended
- PLS leads to multilinear PLS (N-PLS)

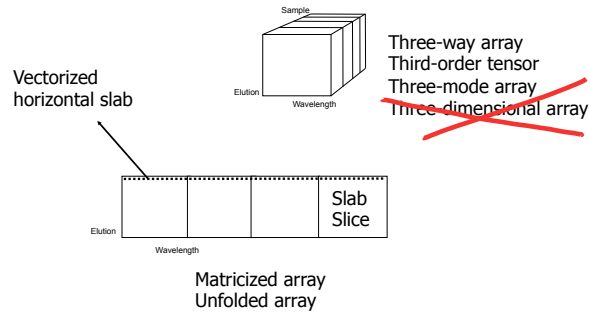


### Unfolding/matriciation

Often leads to overfitting



## Multi-way notation



Kiers. Towards a standardized notation and terminology in multiway analysis. *Journal of Chemometrics* 14 (3):105-122, 2000.



## PARAFAC

- PCA - bilinear model,

$$x_{ij} = \sum_{f=1}^F a_{if} b_{jf} + e_{ij}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \end{bmatrix} b_1 + \begin{bmatrix} a_2 \end{bmatrix} b_2 + \begin{bmatrix} E \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} E \end{bmatrix}$$

## PARAFAC

- PCA - bilinear model,

$$x_{ij} = \sum_{f=1}^F a_{if} b_{jf} + e_{ij}$$

- PARAFAC - trilinear model,

$$x_{ijk} = \sum_{f=1}^F a_{if} b_{jf} c_{kf} + e_{ijk}$$

PARAFAC invented in 1970 by Harshman based on Cattell 1944

## PARAFAC

.... or

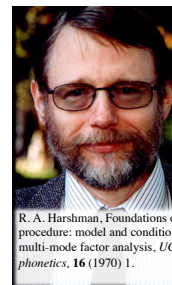
## Canonical Decomposition

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CanDecomp

...or combined

CP



# Three-way rank

- Rank of two-way matrix
  - Minimum number of bilinear (PCA) components needed to reproduce matrix
- Rank of three-way array
  - Minimum number of trilinear (PARAFAC) components needed to reproduce array

$$\mathcal{X} = \begin{matrix} & c1 \\ & b1 \\ a1 \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} & c2 \\ & b2 \\ a2 \end{matrix}$$

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*A motivating example:  
Monitor pollution empirically  
from water samples*

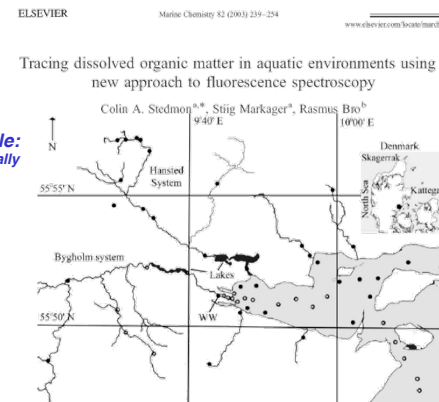
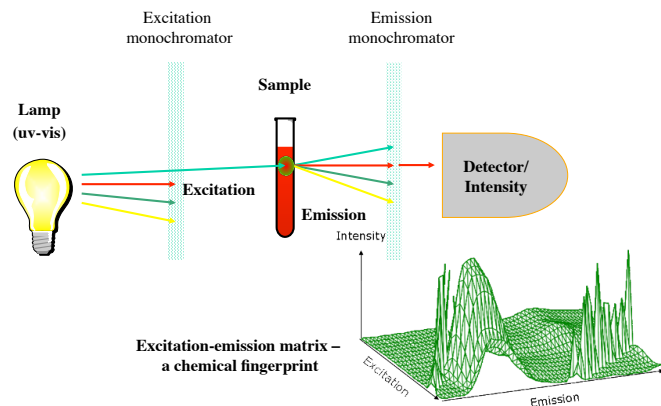
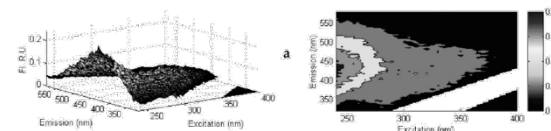


Fig. 1. Map of the Hørsens catchment and its location on the east coast of Jutland, Denmark. Filled circles represent sampling stations and hollow circles represent the locations of the samples used in Fig. 7.

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*A practical example:  
Data from each sample*



State of the art: Peak-spotting!!!

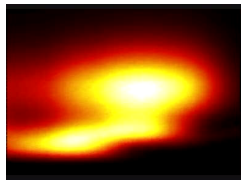
**Fluorescence**

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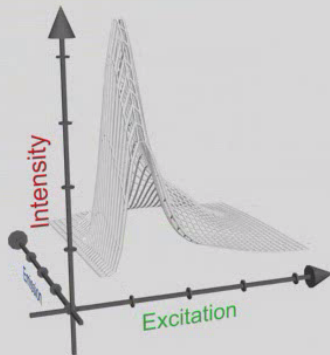
### Practical example

- Rotational freedom of PCA



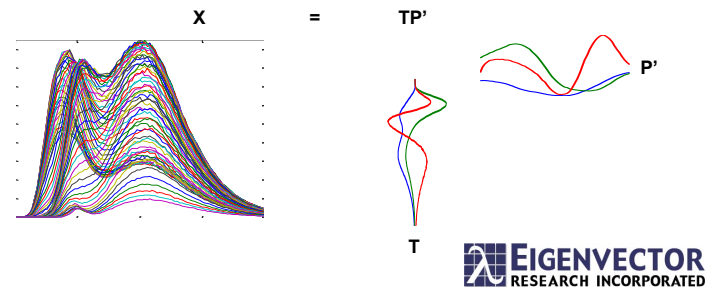
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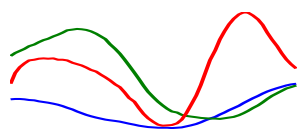
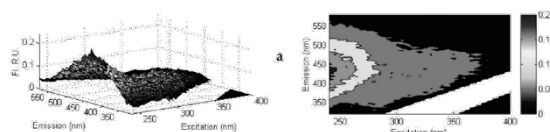
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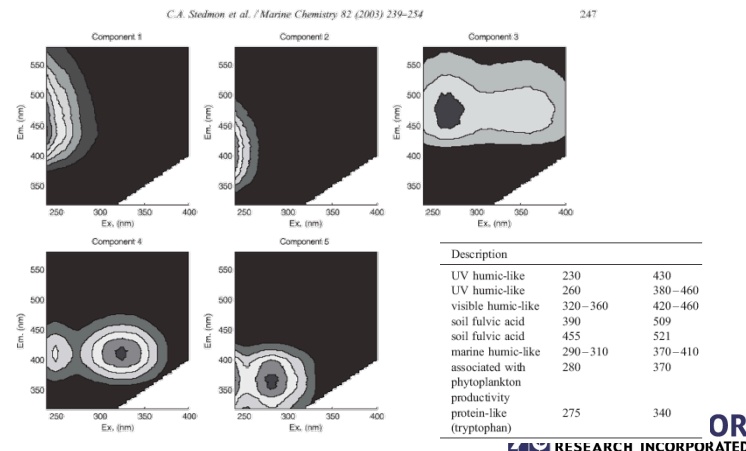
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## Instead of peak spotting or strange PCA components



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## Get the real thing – the chemistry



## Mathematical chromatography

### Uniqueness - what does it mean?

- Mixtures of analytes can be separated
- Concentrations can be estimated
- Pure spectra and profiles can be estimated



### Eliminates major problems

- Removes indirect correlations
- Eliminates outliers
- Determines underlying sources
- Chemical/physical = simpler
- Way more noise insensitive

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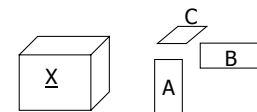
## PARAFAC – when is it unique

### Uniqueness\* - conditions

A PARAFAC model is unique when

$$k_A + k_B + k_C \geq 2F + 2$$

$F$  is the number of components and  $k_A$  is the  $k$ -rank of loading  $A$  = maximal number of randomly chosen columns which will have full rank ( $\leq F$ )



J. B. Kruskal. *Linear Algebra and its Applications* 18:95-138, 1977.  
N. D. Sidiropoulos and R. Bro. *Journal of Chemometrics* 14 (3):229-239, 2000.

\*Up to scaling and permutation

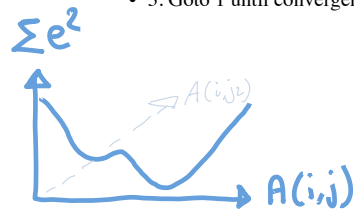
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- **PARAFAC algorithms *not* sequential**

- PCA is a least squares model, fitted sequentially (NIPALS). Three comp. solution = two comp. plus one
- PARAFAC *not* sequential. Hence refitting necessary.

- **Algorithm - Alternating least squares (ALS)**

- Ex.: Bilinear model :  $\|X - AB^T\|$
- 1.  $B^T = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T X = A^+ X$
- 2.  $A^T = (B^T B)^{-1} B^T X^T = B^+ X^T$
- 3. Goto 1 until convergence (small change in fit  $\|X - AB^T\|$ )



## PARAFAC Algorithm

## Two fundamental problems with PARAFAC

- **Convergence**
  - The solution may not be achieved because of lack of convergence
- **Two-factor degeneracy**
  - There may not be a solution at all

None of these problems occur in e.g. PCA.  
When you do PCA, you 'get PCA'.

1. Initialize **B** and **C**

2.  $A = \left( \sum_{k=1}^K X_k B D_k \right) \{ (B^T B)^* (C^T C) \}^{-1}$

3.  $B = \left( \sum_{k=1}^K X_k^T A D_k \right) \{ (A^T A)^* (C^T C) \}^{-1}$

4.  $diag D_k = \{ (B^T B)^* (A^T A) \}^{-1} diag(A^T X_k B), k=1, \dots, K$

5. Step 2 until relative change in fit is small

\* Hadamard (elementwise product)

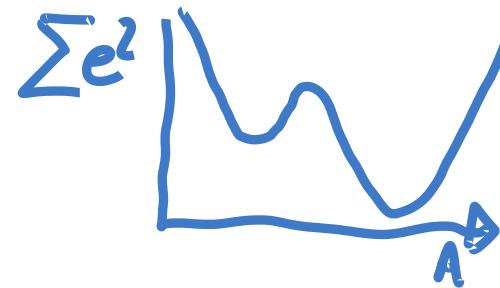
### Why ALS?

- Simple
- Extends to N-way
- Handles missing
- Handles ML fitting
- Constraints:
  - Nonnegativity
  - Unimodality
  - Orthogonality
  - Linear constraints
  - Fixed parameters
  - Smoothness
  - Functional
  - etc

## Three-way ALS

The algorithm is iterative and stops when 'nothing happens'

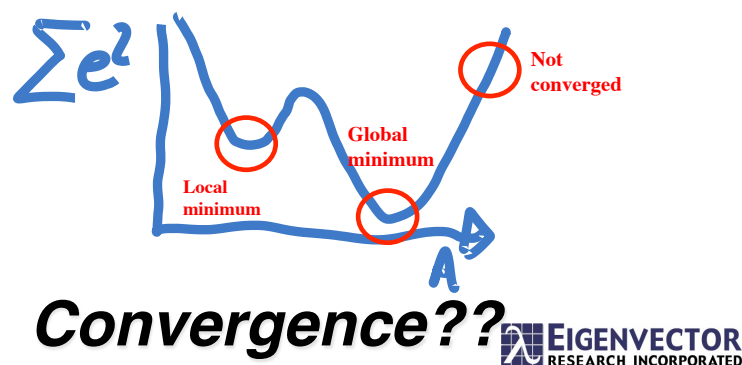
Important to understand what that means and how it is evaluated



**Convergence??**

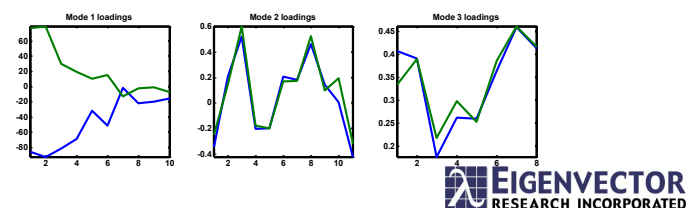
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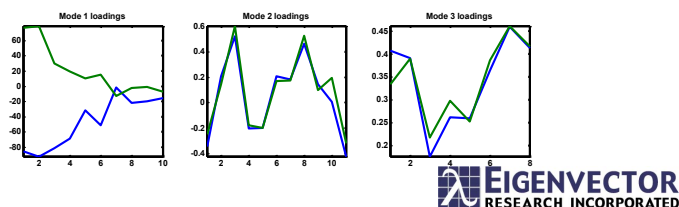
## Two-factor degeneracy

- Two factors become almost identical but with opposite sign ( $a_1*b_1*c_1 = -a_2*b_2*c_2$ )
- Grow in size and similarity with more iterations
- Combined contribution to the model is appr. zero
- Use Tuckers congruence (“correlation”) or plots to spot degeneracy



## Two-factor degeneracy

- Two factors become almost identical but with opposite sign ( $a_1*b_1*c_1 = -a_2*b_2*c_2$ )
- Happens when
  - Too many components or
  - When PARAFAC is not appropriate
  - Or during iterations something similar can happen



## Number of components?

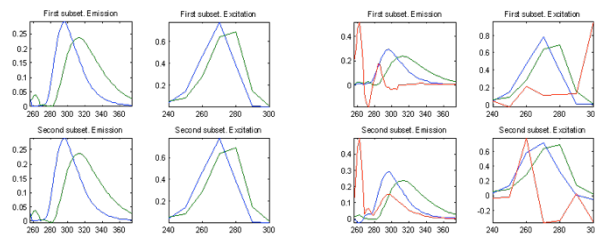
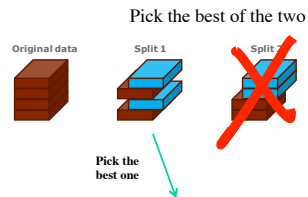
**Simpler than PCA (but takes more time):**

- Cross-val, Scree etc. as in PCA
- Plus split-half
- Plus core consistency
- Plus chemical validation
- Plus algorithmic indications (degeneracy, many iterations, local minima etc.)

These are the main ones.  
Always *look* at the model to validate it.  
Use core consistency but carefully.  
Use split-half for definitive validation



# Core consistency

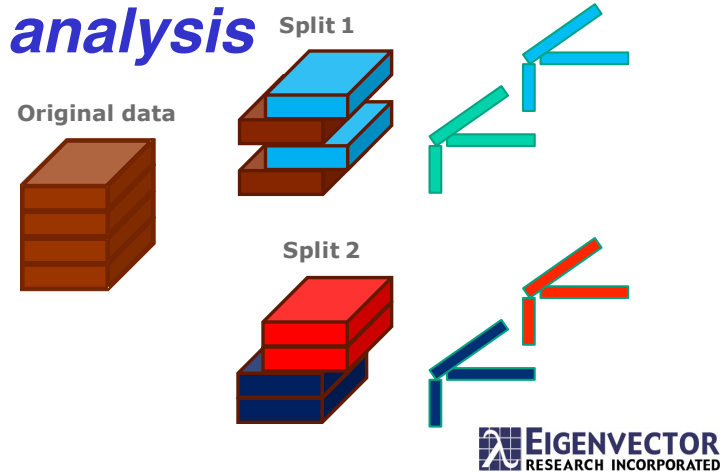


Multi-way analysis in fluorescence data, Report 2002, Giorgio Valentini et al.



## Split-half analysis

- Fit model to several independent samples
- If loadings the same, reasonable number chosen



## Same as in two-way analysis

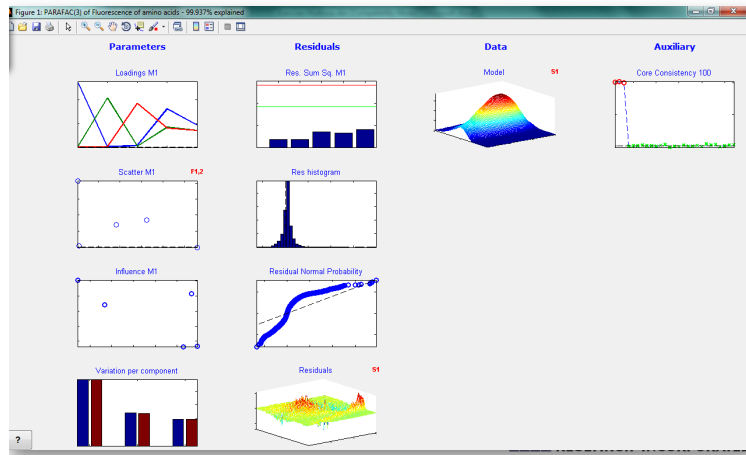
- Residual analysis -  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{E}$ , all of same sizes  
Look at (summed) squared residuals to find unusually large residuals
- Influence analysis -  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}$  from Tucker or PARAFAC Plot e.g. for finding extreme samples or use for calculating leverages (Hotellings  $T^2$ ).

## Outlier detection





## Plots available



## Some applications



## Second order calibration

How many samples are needed to build a calibration model?

Say you want to predict protein in flour. How many samples would you need?



## Curve resolution

For two-way data lots of 'tricks' necessary to fix rotational freedom

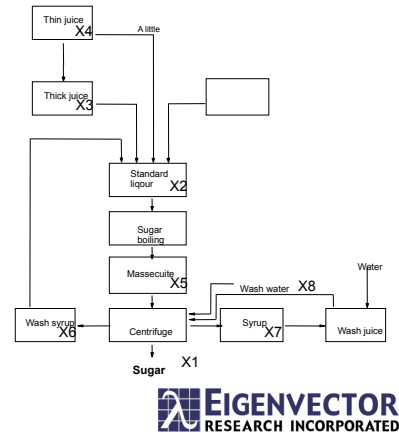
For three-way trilinear data ..... PARAFAC



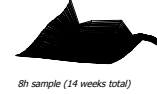
## Sugar processing

Sugar made from beets

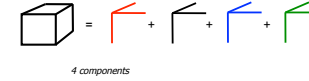
- Product sampled 8<sup>th</sup> hour for three months
- Fluorescence measured
- 260 samples



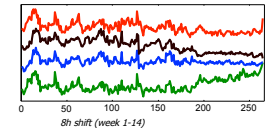
268 sugar fluorescence-landscapes



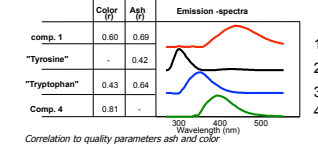
PARAFAC model



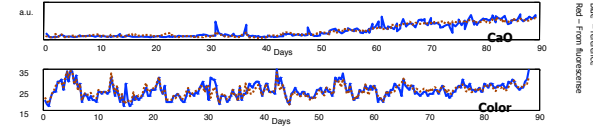
Scores for components



4 estimated emission spectra



Correlation to process- & quality



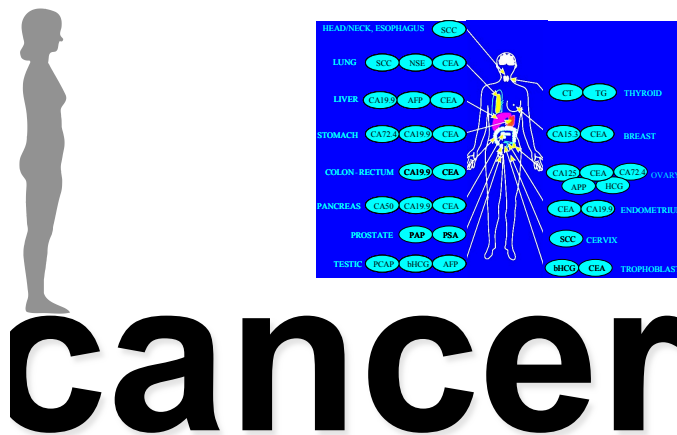
## PARAFAC + fluorescence

### • Several advantages

- Chromatographic analysis of the whole process
- Process monitoring (MSPC) on a chemical basis
- Chemical understanding of why coloring occurs (PAC)
- On-line prediction of quality
- On-line prediction of process parameters
- Nowadays = PAT – process analytical technology

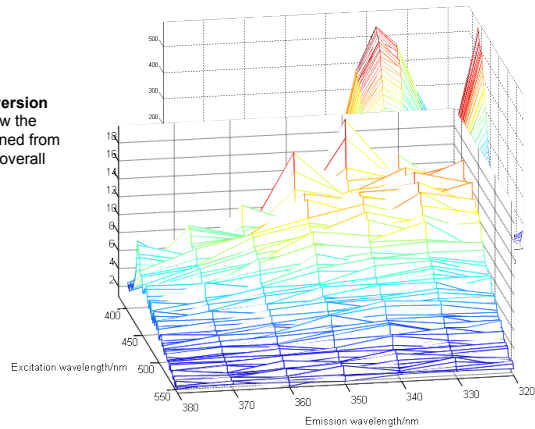


Traditional approach for cancer diagnostics and monitoring: Biomarkers

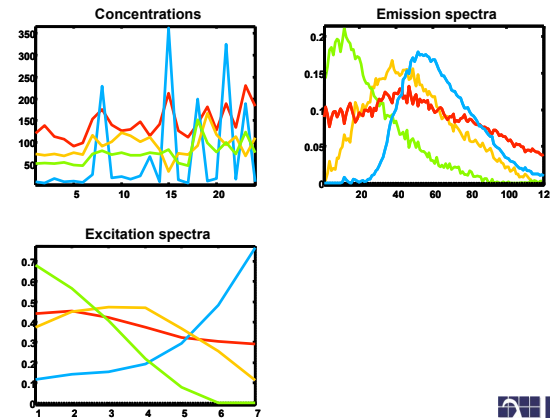


# Cancer diagnostics

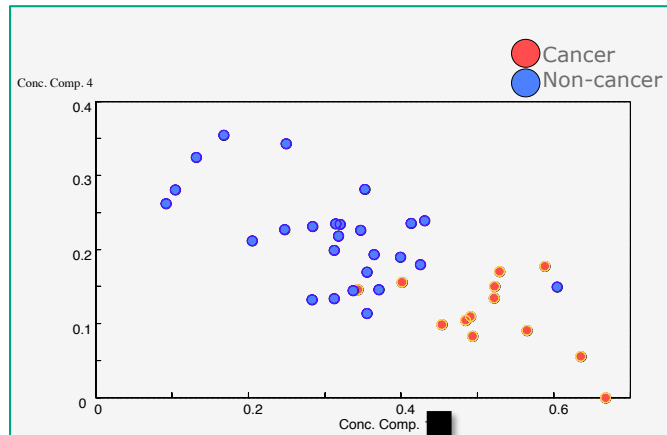
The three-way version  
Here we just show the  
information obtained from  
a tiny part of the overall  
data



# Cancer diagnostics



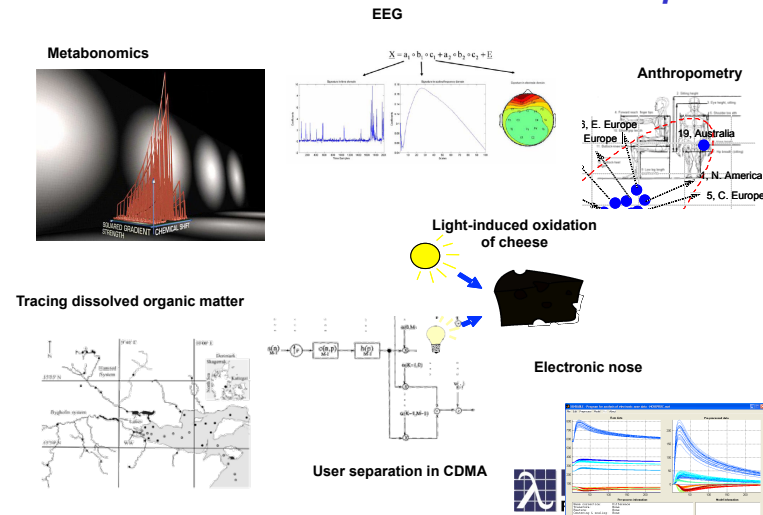
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**It works!**

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## Examples



## Using constraints

- **Example**

- Instead of 'PCA':  $\| \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{AB}' \|$
- fit the model:  $\| \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{AB}' \|$ ,  
*subject to  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are nonnegative*

- Constraints are essential in two-way curve resolution because the model is unidentified

- In three-way curve resolution the model is often unique but constraints are still useful



Aminoacid data

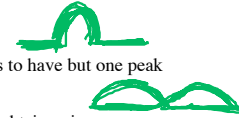
Try to model a three-component PARAFAC model of sample four and five – the two mixtures.

Does the model look good? If not; what to do?

# Try



- **Obtain sensible parameters**
  - Ex.: Require chromatographic profiles to have but one peak
- **Obtain unique solution**
  - Ex.: Use selective channels in data to obtain uniqueness
- **Test hypotheses**
  - Ex.: Investigate if tryptophane is present in sample
- **Avoiding degeneracy and numerical problems**
  - Ex.: Enabling a PARAFAC model of data otherwise inappropriate for the model
- **Speed up algorithms**
  - Ex.: Use truncated bases to reexpress problem by a smaller problem
- **Enable quantitative analysis of qualitative data**
  - Ex.: Incorporate gender and job type predicting income

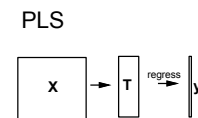


## Why constraints?

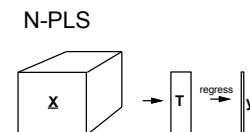


### PLS for multi-way arrays

For two-way data a bilinear model is used

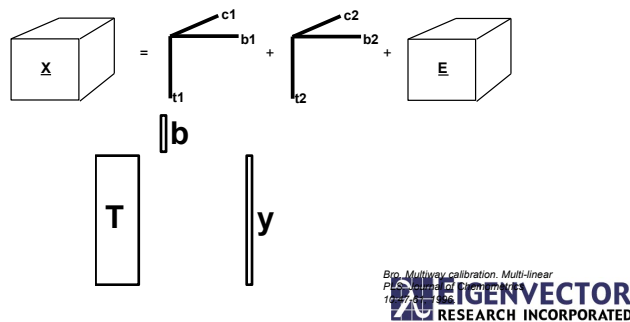


For three-way data a trilinear model is used



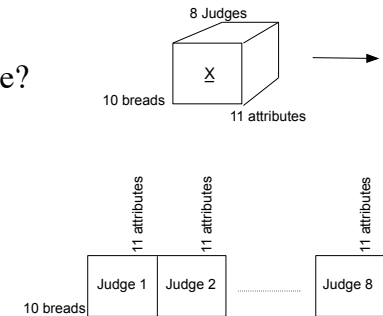
## Multilinear PLS regression

Use a trilinear (PARAFAC-like) model of  $\mathbf{X}$  but such that the scores are predictive of  $\mathbf{y}$ .



Three-way, two-way:  
Does it make a difference?

5 breads (in replicates)  $\times$  11 attributes  $\times$  8 judges

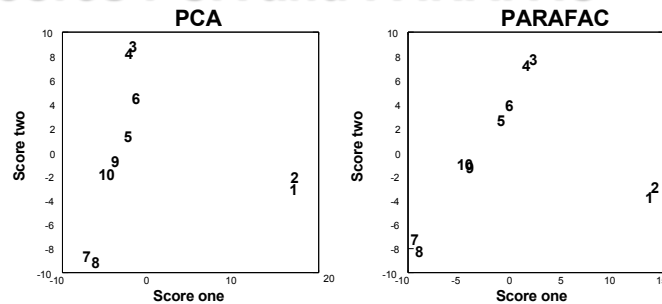


## Sensory example

Data due to Magni Martens



## Scores PCA and PARAFAC

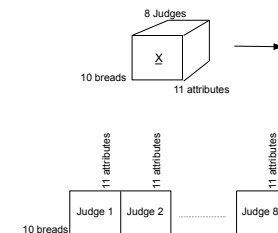
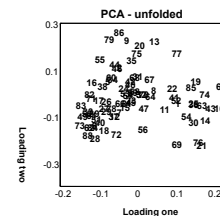


Similar but note that replicates are closer for PARAFAC

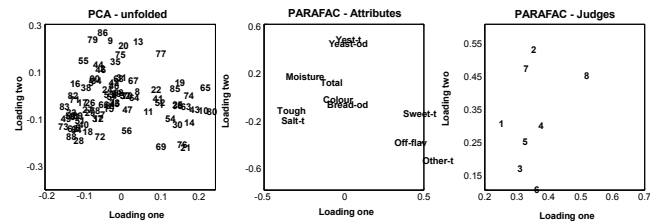
Three-way more robust because of 'stronger' structural model



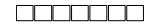
## Loadings from bilinear PCA



## Loadings from PCA and PARAFAC



PARAFAC 19 loading-elements per component  
PCA 88 loading-elements per component!



Sugar

Calibration - predict salt content



Salt



25% better with NPLS  
Less overfit

	LV	Variation explained /%				RMSE	
		X cal.	X val.	Y cal.	Y val.	Y cal.	Y val.
Sugar	1	43	25	80	62	0.21	0.29
	2	61	38	95	76	0.10	0.23
	3	74	49	100	84	0.03	0.19
Salt	1	31	22	75	60	0.23	0.30
	2	46	36	93	82	0.12	0.20
	3	54	44	98	91	0.07	0.15



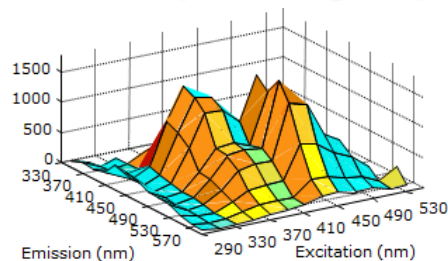
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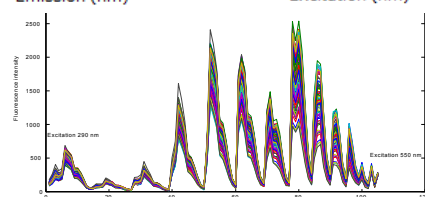
90 samples of white  
sugar measured by  
fluorescence



## Example sugar processing



Three-way

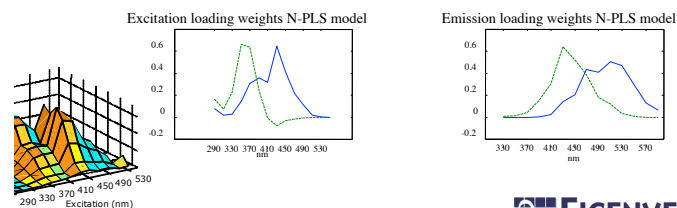
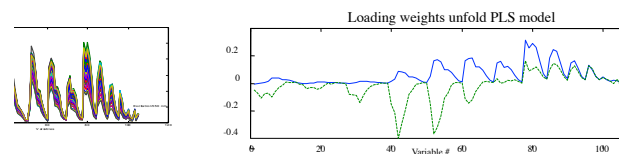


Two-way

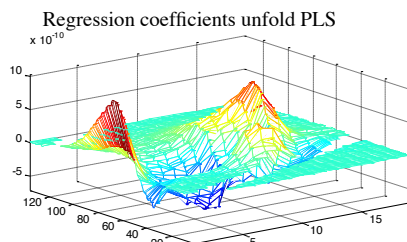


## Trilinear model much more simple

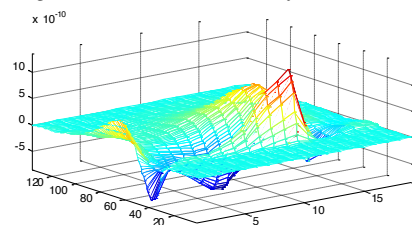
Hence easier to explore



The variance-stabilization of multi-way models



Regression coefficients multi-way PLS



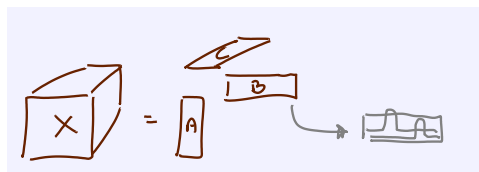
## Important note on N-PLS

There is *NO* second order advantage in N-PLS

- You cannot handle new interferences that were not in the calibration set
- N-PLS works under the same premises as ordinary PLS



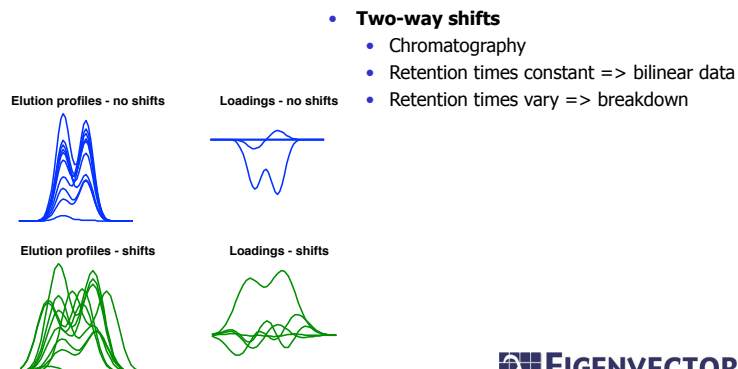
PARAFAC can not handle shifts and shape changes



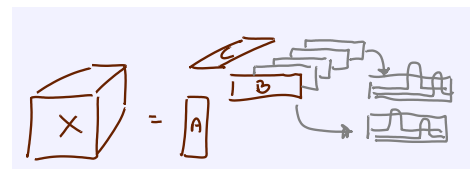
PARAFAC(1)  $\mathbf{X}_k = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{B}^T$

# PARAFAC2

PARAFAC2 for shifted data



## PARAFAC2 for handling shifts\*



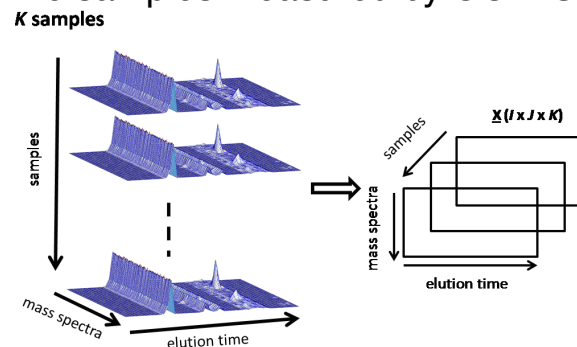
\*Actually it is more general than shifts but it's a feasible approximation to what PARAFAC2 can handle

PARAFAC2  $\mathbf{X}_k = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{B}_k^T$  subject to  $\mathbf{B}_k^T \mathbf{B}_k$  constant

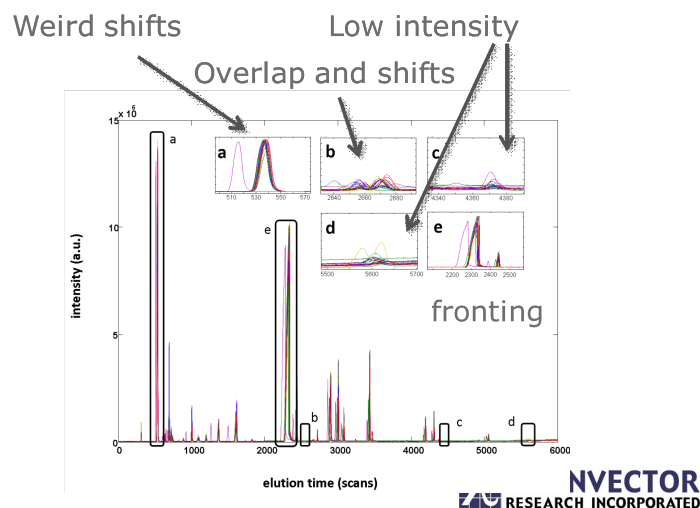
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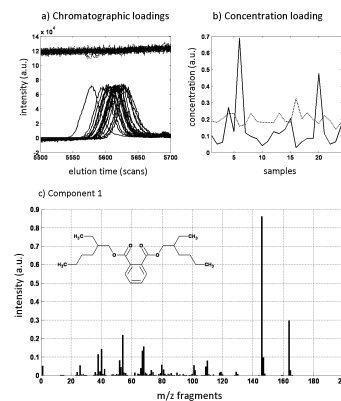
60 wine samples measured by GC-MS



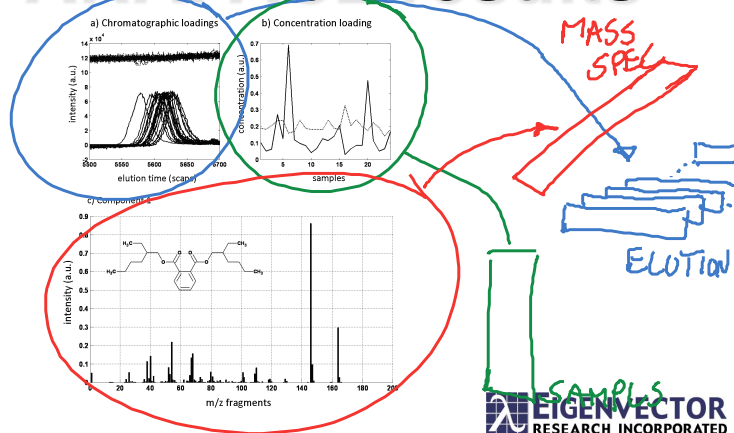




## PARAFAC2 results

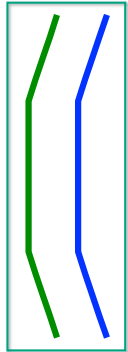


## PARAFAC2 results

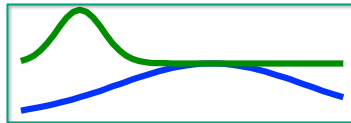


# Tucker modeling

$A$  (20 ☐ 2) rank 1

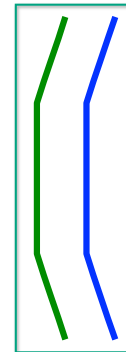


$B^T$  (50 ☐ 2) rank 2



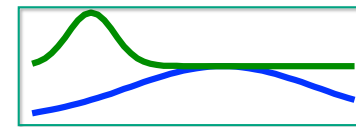
Row- and column ranks

$A$



$$X = AB^T$$

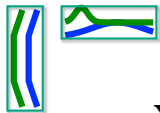
Rank 1 or 2?



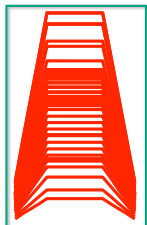
$B^T$

Row- and column ranks

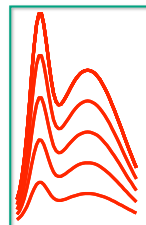
$$X = AB^T \quad \text{Rank 1 or 2?}$$



$X^T$



$X$

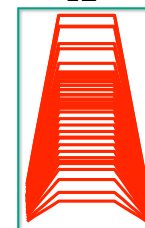


Row- and column ranks

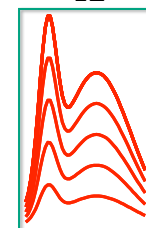
In ordinary algebra row = column = rank = 1.

This is boring!

$X^T$



$X$

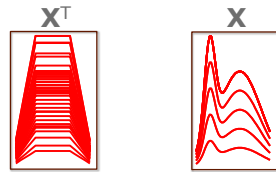


Row- and column ranks

In multi-way algebra

Row-rank  $\neq$  column-rank  $\neq$  rank.

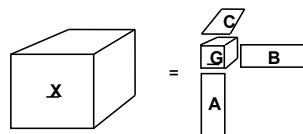
Much more intuitive in fact – but highly unusual



## Row- and column ranks

### The Tucker3 model

- For three-way data, three orthogonal bases, **A**, **B**, and **C**; one for each mode
- Tucker3 is  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{C}\mathbf{B})' + \mathbf{E}$
- Loadings are truncated bases and **G** the representation of **X** in these reduced spaces



L. R. Tucker. The extension of factor analysis to three-dimensional matrices. In: *Contributions to Math. Psychology*, Eds. Frederiksen, Gulliksen, New York-Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1964

L. R. Tucker. Some mathematical notes on three-mode factor analysis. *Psychometrika* 31:279-311, 1966



In multi-way algebra

Row-rank  $\neq$  column-rank  $\neq$  rank.



Leads to subspace models such as Tucker3

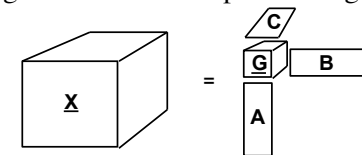


PARAFAC

## Row- and column ranks

### Differences from PARAFAC:

- The number of components can vary in **A**, **B**, and **C**!
- G** is not superdiagonal
- Tucker loadings not unique (only subspace) = rotational freedom
- Tucker loadings orthogonal  $\Rightarrow$  variance-partitioning



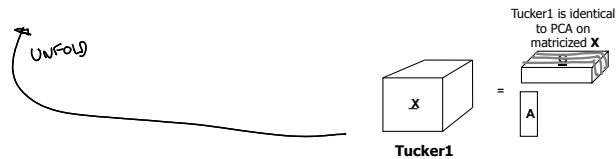
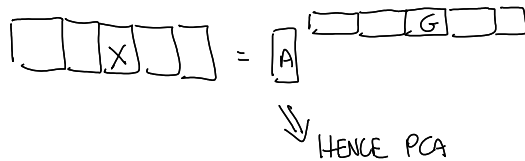
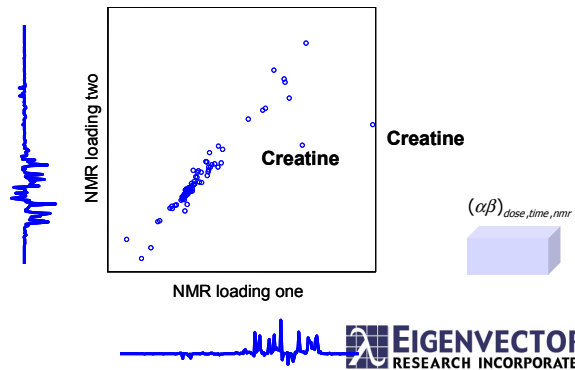
### Tucker3 versus PARAFAC





# Toxic study

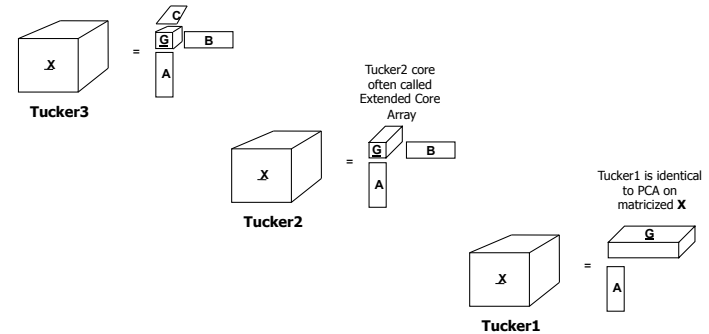
Difference between reversible and irreversible effect  
Creatine indicating chronic kidney damage



Other Tucker models



Tucker3 has the number 3 because three modes are 'reduced'.  
Tucker2 and Tucker1 reduces two and one modes respectively

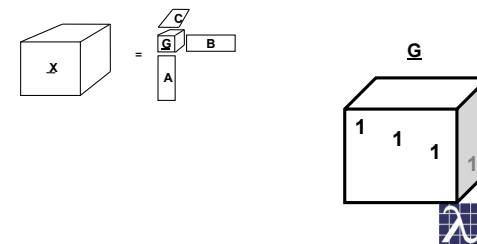


Other Tucker models



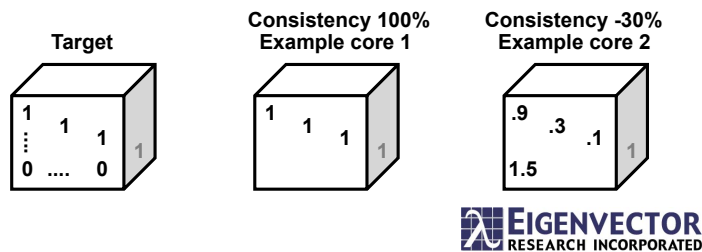
## NB: Core consistency

PARAFAC Can be written as a constrained Tucker3 model



# Core consistency

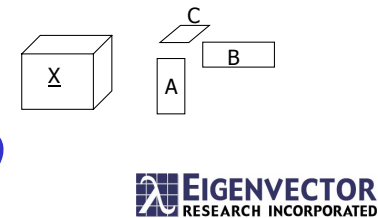
Test PARAFAC model using PARAFAC A, B and C and see what an unconstrained core gives  
I.e. the core =  $X$  "divided" by A, B and C



## •Principle

- Fit PARAFAC model with 1 to F components
- Calculate core consistency  
—=% of trilinear variation in the model space
- If << 100%, wrong # components

## How to



## Cook book

- **How to fit multi-way models**
  - Everything said below is of inferior importance compared to knowing your data and the models you use and that you use the models *very* critically
- **How to fit N-PLS**
  - Exactly as two-way PLS (cross-validation etc.)
- **How to fit PARAFAC/Tucker**
  - Can be more cumbersome ....

## *In practice?*

- **How to fit PARAFAC/Tucker**

- Screen raw data etc. and deal with extreme outliers
- Do initial PCA models on different two-way versions
  - Note potential outliers for later
  - Note the rank in each mode (points to possible rank of three-way model). If rank is  $P, Q, R$  of the three matricized arrays, then a  $(P, Q, R)$  Tucker3 *will* do the job. PARAFAC may also be applicable even though the ranks are different.
- Do initial PARAFAC/Tucker3 models
  - Use appr. correct number of components as experienced from above (several alternative ones)
  - Explore explained variance compared to noise level, explore loadings, scores, residuals to find indications of too many or too few components being used
  - For PARAFAC note indications of too many components (many iterations needed, low core consistency, local minima etc.)

***In practice?*** 

... **Choice between PARAFAC and Tucker**

- Multi-way and multi-linear is not the same thing
- Any multi-way dataset can be modeled with Tucker.
  - If the ranks are low, this is feasible
  - Argument similar to PCA on two-way data
  - *Tucker is almost as parsimonious as PARAFAC compared to PCA*
- Only some datasets can be modeled with PARAFAC
  - If the data approximately follow the multilinear model of PARAFAC
  - Hence, PARAFAC when *a priori* tells so or when uniqueness is desperately needed and Tucker otherwise

***In practice?*** 

**Some attention required when interpreting Tucker3 models**

- In PARAFAC, PCA etc. each score/loading is only involved in one component
- In Tucker3 all interactions are allowed
- Therefore, bi-plots can not be made immediately
- Interpret loadings from one mode at a time
- Combine only when taking the core values into account

***Interpreting Tucker3***

***Number of components?***

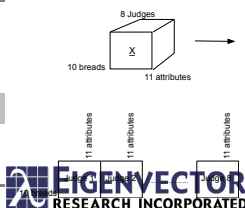
- Mainly these →
- **PARAFAC**
    - Simpler than PCA (but takes more time):
    - Cross-val, Scree etc. as in PCA
    - Core consistency
    - Plus split-half
    - Plus algorithmic indications (degeneracy, many iterations, local minima etc.)
  - **N-PLS**
    - As in bilinear PLS
  - **Tucker**
    - Tough one, but basically as in PCA, except there are now three numbers of components to choose



## Cross-validation

- Cross-validation hardly ever used for PARAFAC and Tucker
- Below: PARAFAC fits worse but provide best predictions
- Thus nothing gained going to more complex Tucker3 or even more complex PCA (Tucker1)
- Note that PCA fits indicates that PCA is excellent!

Number of components	PARAFAC		Tucker3		Tucker1	
	Fit	Cross-val	Fit	Cross-val	Fit	Cross-val
1	35.3	14.5	35.3	14.5	44.6	13.2
2	49.2	26.2	49.2	26.2	65.8	26.5
3	57.4	32.9	57.7	31.6	74.3	18.6
4	62.7	34.4	64.6	19.6	80.7	<0
5	67.2	33.0	72.7	24.6	86.2	<0



- **PARAFAC (& PARAFAC2)**
  - Algorithm occasionally slow & problematic
  - Requires some experience
  - Not nested
  - Unique
  - Solutions easy to interpret
- **N-PLS**
  - Algorithm fast & robust
  - Non-'unique'
  - Nested
  - Solutions easy to interpret
- **Tucker**
  - Algorithm fast & robust
  - Non-unique
  - Not nested
  - Solutions difficult to interpret

Using the models



## Conclusion

Tensor models provide

Mathematical chromatography  
Huge noise reduction  
Intuitive models (chemically)  
Better handling of correlations  
Simpler interpretation  
Robustness

