

Online Proximal ADMM for Graph Learning from Streaming Smooth Signals

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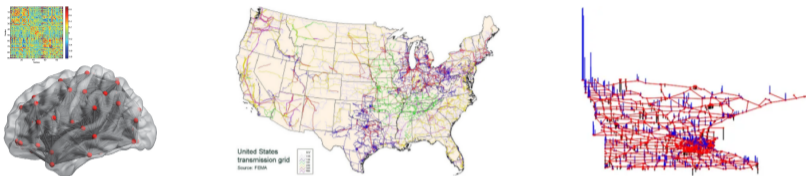
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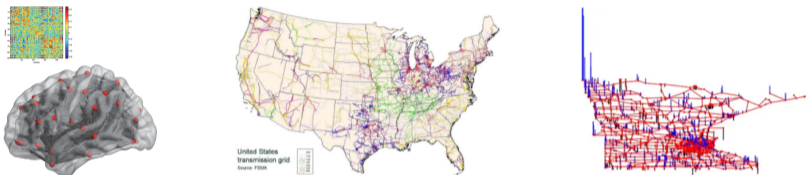
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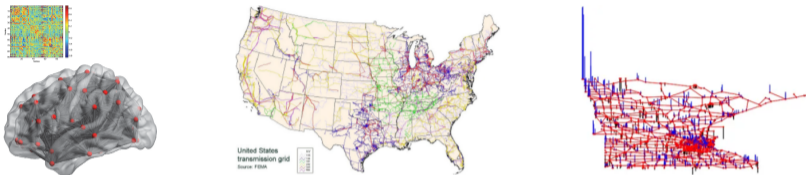
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$$\mathbf{G} = \tau_1^{-1} \mathbf{I} - \rho \mathbf{S}^\top \mathbf{S} \quad \mathbf{H} = (\tau_2^{-1} - \rho) \mathbf{I}$$

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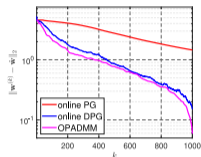
Experiments settings

- **Tech. details:** MATLAB R2023b, Intel i7-7700HQ CPU @ 2.8 GHz, 8 GB RAM
- **Reg. hyperparameters:** α and β chosen by grid search on batch graph learning
- **OPADMM hyperparameters:** ρ , τ_1 and τ_2 chosen by grid search
- **Suboptimality (tracking error):** $\|\mathbf{w}^{(k)} - \hat{\mathbf{w}}\|_2$
- **Methods:** Online PG^[5], online DPG^[6], OPADMM (proposed)
- **Data:** Computer-simulated graphs and real world data

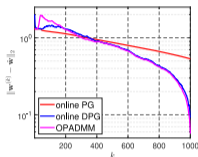
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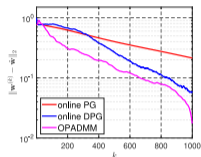
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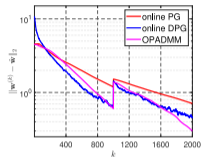
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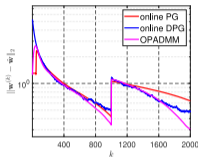
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- 1000 signals corrupted with Gaussian noise ($\mu = 0$, $\sigma^2 = 0.01$), 100 nodes
- We used three random models:
 - ⇒ Gaussian: threshold 0.8, scale 0.2
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 - ⇒ P. attachment (PA): 2 initial nodes
- OPADMM outperforms both DPG and DPG in convergence speed

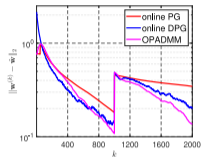
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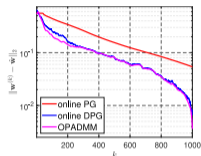
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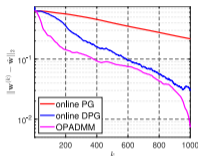
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- OPADMM adapts better to abrupt topology changes

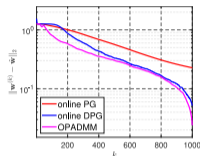
Results: Real-world data



(a) mesh1e1



(b) bcpwr03



(c) lshp_265

- Datasets from the SuiteSparse Matrix Collection^[7]:
 - ⇒ **Structural engineering data**: mesh1e1 (48 nodes)
 - ⇒ **Power network data**: bcpwr03 (118 nodes)
 - ⇒ **Thermal network data**: lshp_265 (265 nodes)
- 1000 synthetic smooth signals corrupted with Gaussian noise ($\mu = 0$, $\sigma^2 = 0.01$)
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