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# Cyclic GCP-CPAPR Hybrid

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## Task

- Fit low-rank CP tensor model to Poisson-distributed nonnegative integer data.
- **Nonlinear, non-convex optimization** problem
- Approach: Use **local method** for maximum likelihood estimation from many initial guesses ("**multi-start**").
  - Current local methods converge to **maximum likelihood estimator (MLE)** **only a fraction of solves**.
  - Previous work: Examine trade-offs between several state-of-the-art local methods.<sup>†</sup>

## Our Contributions

- Leverage trade-offs between multiple methods CP Poisson tensor decomposition in a hybrid fashion.
- Preliminary result: hybrid approach can **minimize approximation error** & **reduce computational cost** on synthetic data.

<sup>†</sup>Jeremy M. Myers and Daniel M. Dunlavy. *Using computation effectively for scalable Poisson tensor factorization: Comparing methods beyond computational efficiency*. In 2021 IEEE High Performance Extreme Computing Conference, HPEC 2021, Waltham, MA, USA, September 20-24, 2021, pages 1–7. IEEE, 2021.



## Low-Rank CP Poisson Tensor Decomposition

- Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a  $d$ -way tensor of size  $n_1 \times \dots \times n_d$  of Poisson-distributed non-negative integers.
- A low-rank CP Poisson tensor decomposition can be computed by estimating the parameters  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{i}}$  that minimizes the negative log-likelihood function (NLL):

$$\min_{\mathcal{M}} f(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{M}) = \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{i}} - \mathcal{X}_{\mathbf{i}} \log(\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{i}}),$$

where  $\mathbf{i}$  is a tuple over the tensor entries (multi-index),  $\mathcal{M}$  is a rank- $R$  CP tensor model, and  $A_k, k \in \{1, \dots, d\}$  defined as:

$$\mathcal{M} = \sum_{r=1}^R \lambda_j A_1(:, r) \circ \dots \circ A_d(:, r).$$

- The maximum likelihood estimator,  $\hat{\mathcal{M}}^*$ , estimates the global optimizer.
- Applications
  - network analysis
  - term-document analysis
  - email analysis
  - link prediction
  - geospatial analysis
  - web page analysis



## Low-Rank CP Poisson Tensor Decomposition – Two Local methods

### Generalized CP (GCP)

- General loss function framework.
- All-at-once, gradient descent
- Variant to consider: *GCP with Adam optimization (GCP-Adam)*.
- stochastic gradient descent
- linear convergence
- scalable: uses sampling for objective function estimation and gradient computations
- lower fraction of multi-starts converge to MLE

### CP Alternating Poisson Regression (CPAPR)

- Specialized framework for Poisson loss with identity link.
- Alternating, block-coordinate descent
- Variant to consider: *Multiplicative Updates (MU)*.
- fixed-point iteration
- sublinear convergence
- performant: rich in dense matrix operations
- higher fraction of multi-starts converge to MLE

**Goal:** a hybrid method that leverages these advantages



# Cyclic GCP-CPAPR Hybrid

## Inspired by Simulated Annealing<sup>†</sup>

- Model solution space as thermodynamic system & move to a state with the lowest possible energy/temperature.

While (not converged)

“Heat” the system to rise above local minima via stochastic search.

“Cool” the system toward global minimum via deterministic search.

- Heating & cooling steps often follow a *strategy*---some parameterization of stochastic and deterministic search.

## Cyclic GCP-CPAPR Hybrid Approach

For  $l = 1, \dots, L$

Perform **heating step** via GCP according to some strategy.

Perform **cooling step** via CPAPR according to some strategy.

- Possibly update strategy for each value of  $l$  (i.e., for each *cycle*).

<sup>†</sup>S. Kirkpatrick, C. D. Gelatt, and M. P. Vecchi. *Optimization by simulated annealing*. SCIENCE, 220 (4598): 671–680, 1983.



# Numerical Experiments

- **Synthetic tensor  $\mathcal{X}$ :**  $1000 \times 1000 \times 1000$ ,  $R = 20$ , 0.01% dense, 10% of nonzeros are noisy
- **Out-of-sample validation set**
  - Run GCP-Adam & CPAPR-MU separately to convergence with very high precision & very large number of epochs (GCP) or iterations (CPAPR).
  - Repeat for  $N = 10,000$  random starting points for each method.
  - Set MLE  $\hat{M}^* :=$  CP Poisson tensor model among all 20,000 approximations with lowest NLL value.
- **Cyclic GCP-CPAPR Hybrid experiment**
  - Fix  $W = 100$ , a *work budget* for all experiments.
  - Repeat for  $n = 100$  random starting points.

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for  $j = 0, \dots, W$ ,  
   $k = W - j$   
  run GCP-Adam starting with random  $\hat{M}$  for maximum  $j$  epochs  $\rightarrow \hat{M}_1$   
  run CPAPR-MU starting with  $\hat{M}_1$  for maximum  $k$  iterations  $\rightarrow \hat{M}_2$   
  Set  $\hat{M}_{j,k} = \hat{M}_2$  as the current estimator
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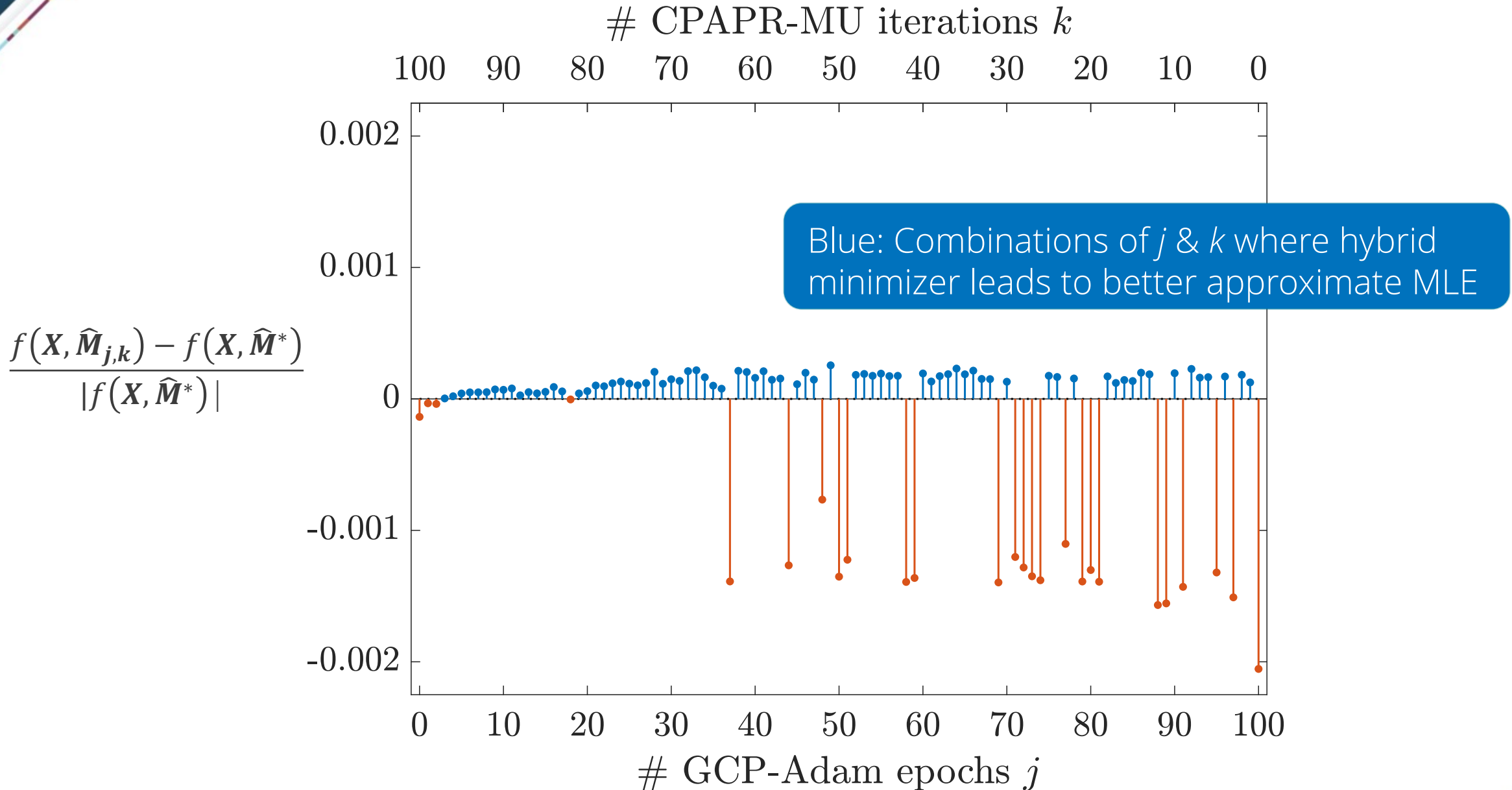
## Results for Numerical Experiments

- Recall: Problem is non-convex, so we use multi-start to estimate MLE (global optimizer).
- $\hat{P}_A(\epsilon)$ : estimates probability from our numerical experiments that method A converges to solution with NLL value in radius- $\epsilon$  ball of the MLE.

$\epsilon$	$\hat{P}_{GCP-Adam}$	$\hat{P}_{CPAPR-MU}$	$\hat{P}_{hybrid}$	Best hybrid pair $(j,k)$
$10^{-1}$	1.00	1.00	1.00	all
$10^{-2}$	0.27	0.69	0.65	(0,100)
$10^{-3}$	0	0.05	0.16	(1,99)
$10^{-4}$	0	< 0.01	0.13	(4,96)
$10^{-5}$	0	0	0.03	(8,92)
$10^{-6}$	0	0	0.01	(8,92)



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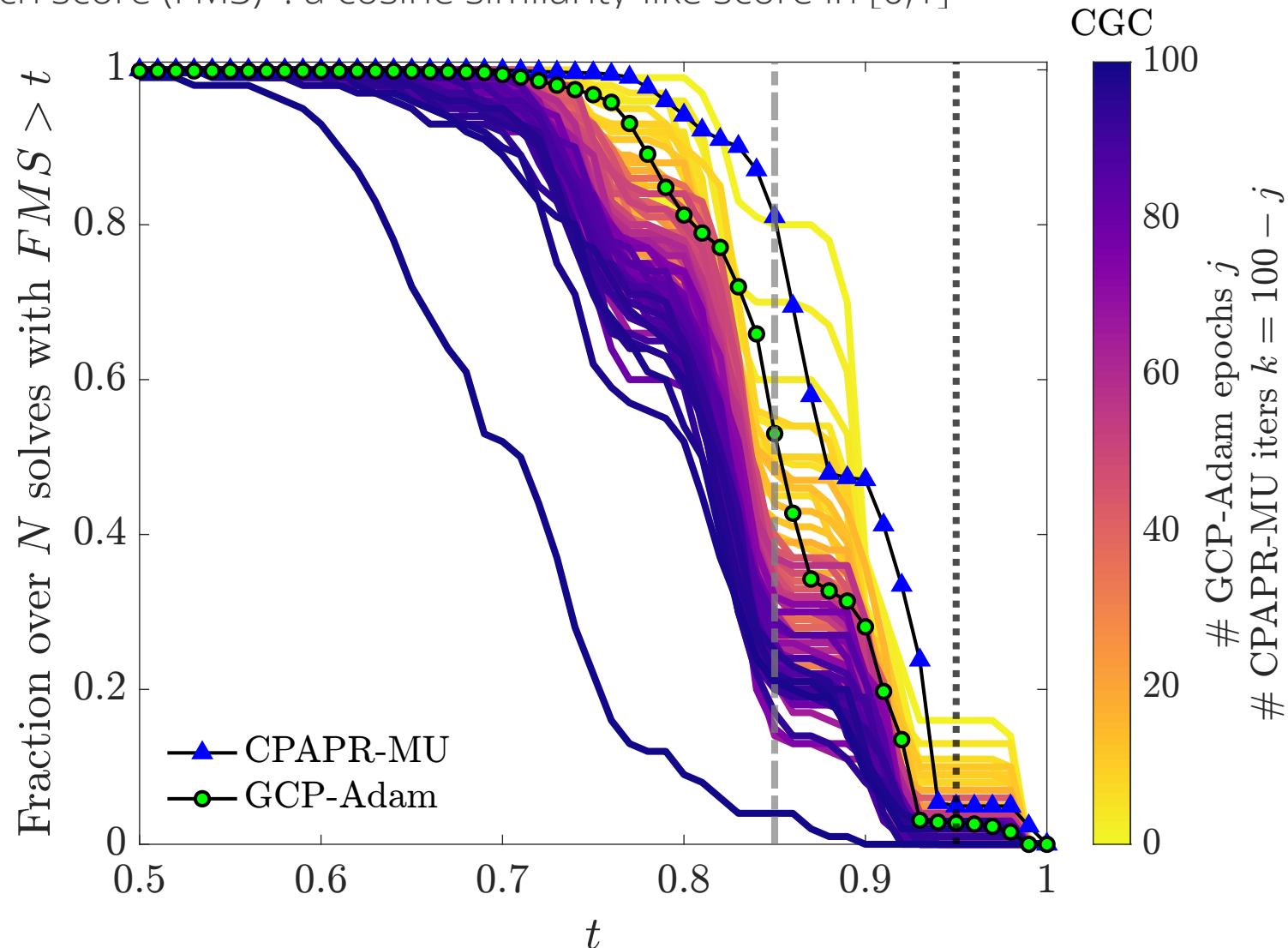






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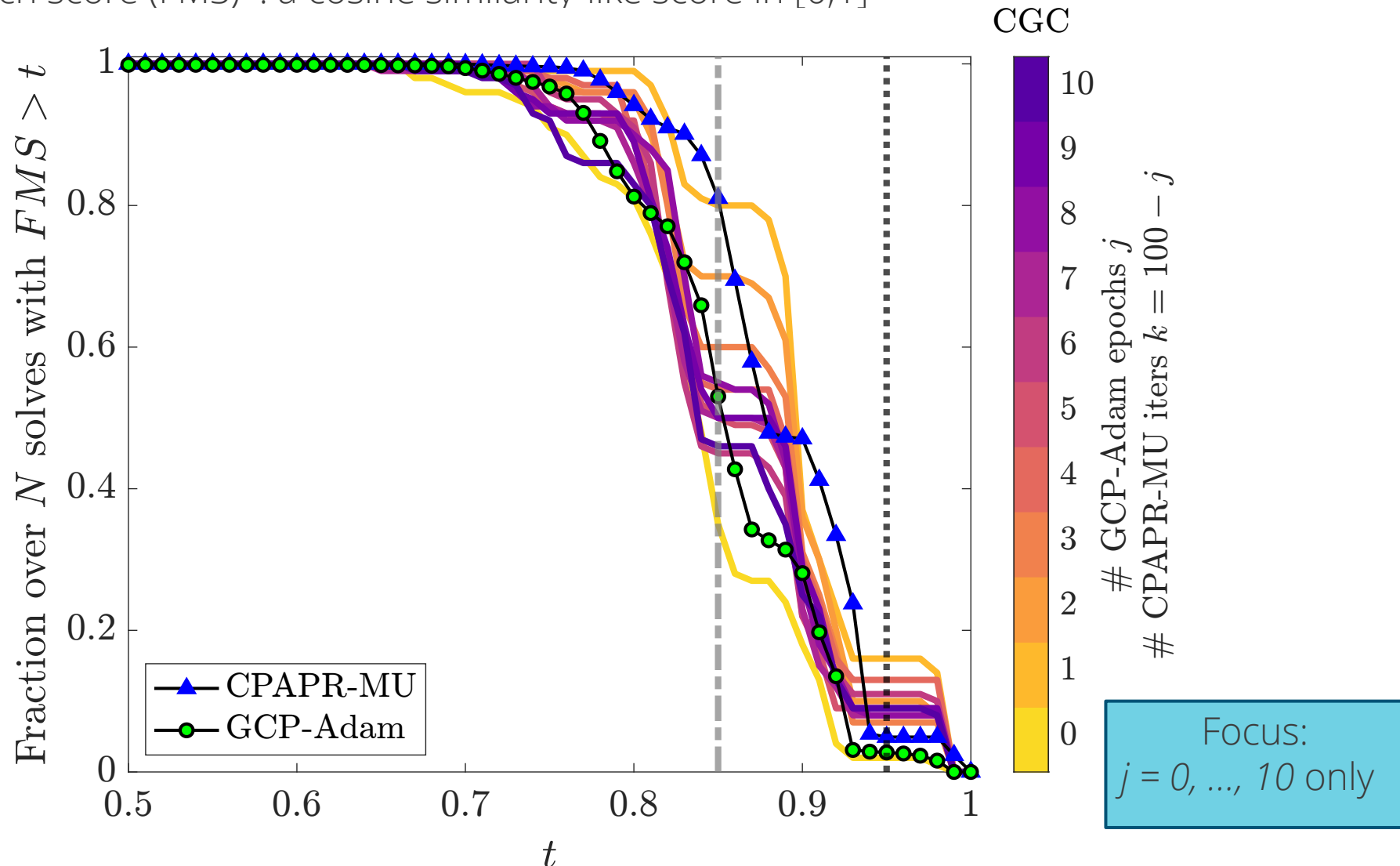


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# Conclusions and Future Work

## Preliminary Conclusions regarding GCP-CPAPR Hybrid

- Can lead to better approximate MLEs (than using either method separately)
- Can be more computationally efficient (by using fewer multi-starts)

## Ideas for Future Work

- Extend idea with  $L > 1$  cycles
- Adaptive updates to strategies with  $L > 1$  cycles
- Compare to black-box methods



# Thank you!

# Questions?

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