

# Comparing Serial and Parallel Compressive Sensing for Internet Traffic Matrix

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**Abstract**—Compressive Sensing (CS) is a new method capable of efficiently reconstructing signals by using sparse sample. However, CS algorithms require processing time very extensive especially since the amount of data is very large. In this paper, we evaluated the effect of using double CS processes either serial CS (SCS) and parallel CS (PCS) on Internet traffic matrix. We also compared two reconstruction algorithms, which are Orthogonal Matching Pursuit and Iteratively Reweighted Least Square (IRLS). SCS produces poor accuracy with longer processing time, while PCS produce accuracy similar to CS scheme with shorter processing time. We also examine the effect of subparallel on the performance results. The results show that the greater number of subparallel accelerate the processing time for IRLS, contrary to OMP, where more subparallel, decreasing accuracy.

**Index Terms**—compressive sensing, parallel, subparallel, serial, processing time, accuracy

## I. INTRODUCTION

THE application of CS theory [1] [2] has been developed since several years ago on Internet network. For instance, CS are used to detect the occurrence of anomalies in the network [3], traffic estimation [4], network monitoring [5] [6], etc. CS is capable to restore original Internet traffic matrix over less information by using low-rank transformation domain such as PCA [7], SVD [5], Wavelet [8], and employing incoherent sampling technique, such as the widely used Gaussian random [9] [10]. By considering the accuracy of reconstruction, computation time and complexity, have been studied reconstruction algorithms. According to [11], there are six methods for CS reconstruction, namely: convex relaxation, non-convex minimization, greedy, iterative thresholding, Bregmann iterative, and combinatorial.

Convex relaxation works by optimizing convex problem over linear programming for reconstruction [12]. In this technique, the exact reconstruction results can be generated from a limited sample, but the computation method is more complicated and the computation time is longer. Basis Pursuit (BP) is an example that widely used in convex optimization [13]. Greedy algorithms have advantages in terms of speed because it uses a simple algorithm with the results low complexity. However, if the sparse signal can not be defined, then the recovery is less accurate. The extremely used greedy class is OMP [12]. Non-convex minimization is developed to fix things on the case on convex relaxation and greedy. For

example, IRLS that able to improve over the performance of convex algorithms and competitive run time with greedy algorithms [15].

Computational time is greatly influenced by the amount of data being processed. CS has the opportunity to implement parallel processes to speed up computational time. Nowadays, parallel process on CS has evolved, for example Hao Fang et al. proposed enhanced parallel CS reconstruction using permutation and block-diagonal measurement matrix to recover all segments of 2D image [16]. Another study by Laurent implementing parallel CS to decompose sparse audio signals. He modified Matching Pursuit algorithm to work locally by choosing adjacent smooth window and frame duration [17]. The proposed parallel CS framework by adding redundant dictionary is discussed to solve mass data in Internet of Things [18]. Jin et al. [19] describe CS framework and parallel MRI based low-rank weighted Hankel matrix solution implemented on filter annihilation. In [20] reconfigured architecture with parallel OMP CS implementation to improve accuracy and to reduce complexity of hardware, power consumption.

Large Internet traffic data will involve more processes, affect the time consumption, and result in decreased accuracy. This encourages us to apply parallel CS for Internet traffic data. Parallel process has the principle to divide the work into several smaller parts so as to speed up the computing process while reducing errors. In this paper, we compare parallel CS and serial CS to process Internet traffic matrix using IRLS and OMP algorithms. We also developed a sub-parallel process to reduce computational time. System performance is measured using NMSE parameters and processing time.

## II. PROPOSED METHODS

### A. Serial CS (SCS)

The CS processing is performed serially on the traffic matrix data. The SCS scheme flowchart is shown in Figure 1. The SCS steps are detailed below:

1. Internet traffic matrix,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T}$  is represented in the matrix of size  $(N \times T)$ , where  $N$  is the number of links from source to destination node and  $T$  is the measurement time.
2. The Internet traffic matrix is not sparse. In this study, used SVD transformation to change the traffic matrix so that it becomes sparse. SVD defines the Internet

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traffic matrix  $X$  into three matrix, according to the following equation:

$$X = U\Sigma V^T, \quad (1)$$

where  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times T}$  express the orthogonal matrix, with  $\Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T}$  is a diagonal matrix that can be expressed as

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sigma_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

Diagonal matrix  $\Sigma$  consists of  $\Sigma_r \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$  and 0, where  $\Sigma_r = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r)$  that arranged in descending form  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > 0$ . This values is known as singular value of  $X$ . The matrix sparsity is shown from the minimal use of the singular value expressed in rank  $X$ , where  $\text{rank } r \leq \min(N, T)$ .

The singular matrix  $\Sigma_l$  has rank- $l$ , where  $l < r$ , expressed as a low-rank singular matrix. The approximation of a matrix with rank- $l$  yields a matrix  $B_l$  approaching  $X$  in the Euclidean (or Frobenius) norm. The minimum matrix distance  $\|X - B_l\|$  is the solution for obtaining the number of low-rank value with rank- $l$ . The term of minimum distance is expressed in the following equation [21]:

$$\|X - B_l\|_2 = \sqrt{\sigma_{l+1}^2 + \dots + \sigma_r^2} \quad (3)$$

The  $B_l$  approach mathematically shown as follows:

$$B_l = \sum_{i=1}^l \sigma_i u_i v_i^T = \sigma_1 u_1 v_1^T + \dots + \sigma_l u_l v_l^T; \quad (4)$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, l.$

3. Measurement matrix,  $A$ , are generated from random Gaussian process that fulfills the Restricted Isometric Properties [2]. The size of  $A$  is  $(m \times N)$ , where  $m$  denotes the number of rows in  $A$ . The minimum number of row is defined as  $m \geq k \left( r \log \frac{n}{r} \right)$ , with  $k$  is a constant  $0 < k \leq 2$ , and  $r$  is the rank of  $X$
4. The CS can be measured by the linear matrix equation:

$$Y = A\Sigma_l \quad (5)$$

The first CS yields  $Y$  sized  $(m \times T)$ .

5. The result of compression,  $Y$ , is then decomposed back by SVD to produce low-rank singular matrix  $\Sigma_{l1}$  sized  $(m \times T)$ .
6. The Gaussian random matrix is reproduced as a measurement matrix,  $A_1$ , sized  $(m_1 \times m)$
7. The second CS process produces the compression result,  $Y_1 = A_1 \Sigma_{l1}$ ,  $Y$  sized  $(m_1 \times T)$ .
8. In the reconstruction, we use OMP, and IRLS to obtain the first reconstruction result as a matrix  $\hat{\Sigma}_{l1}$  sized  $(m \times T)$ .

9. Matrik  $\hat{\Sigma}_{l1}$  is reconstructed using SVD to produce  $\hat{Y}$  sized  $(m \times T)$ . SVD reconstruction can be expressed as follows:

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{l1} = \sum_{i=1}^l \hat{\sigma}_i u_i v_i^T = \hat{\sigma}_1 u_1 v_1^T + \dots + \hat{\sigma}_l u_l v_l^T; \quad (6)$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, l.$

10. The second reconstruction result is matrix  $\hat{\Sigma}_l$  sized  $(N \times T)$ .
11. SVD reconstruction on  $\hat{\Sigma}_l$  gives matrix  $\hat{X}$  sized  $(N \times T)$ .
12. Compare the results of the reconstruction of traffic matrix  $\hat{X}$  to the original value  $X$  based on *Normalized Mean Square Error* (NMSE) [21] and processing time parameter.

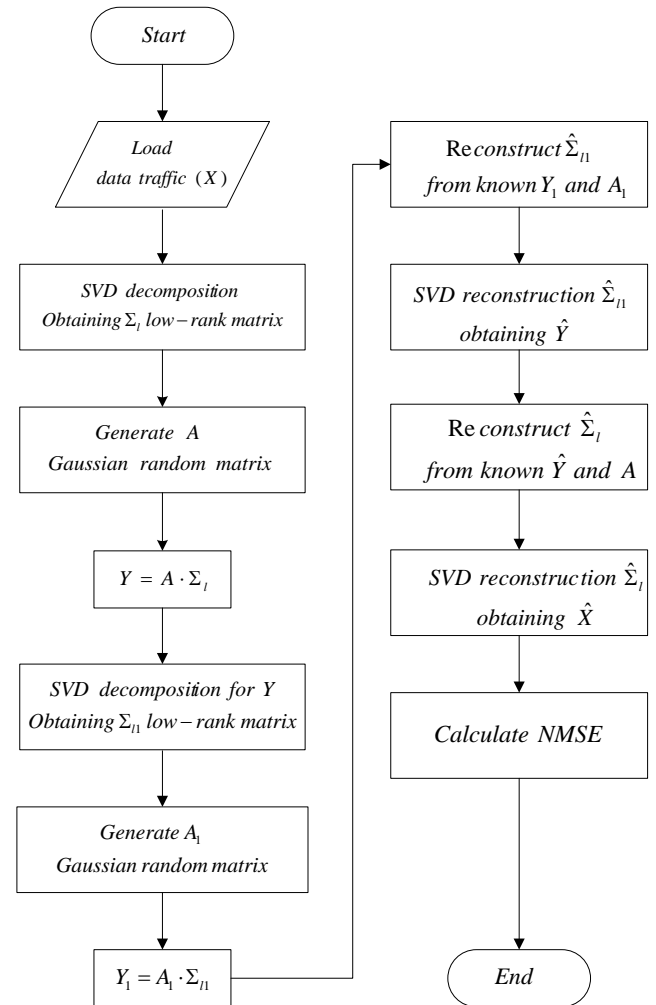


Fig. 1 Flowchart of SCS scheme

### B. Parallel CS (PCS)

PCS scheme flowchart shown in Fig.2. The PCS steps in detail described as follows:

1. The data input is a traffic matrix,  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times T}$  sized  $(N \times T)$
2. SVD decomposition is done to obtain a low-rank singular traffic matrix,  $\Sigma_l$ , sized  $(N \times T)$ .
3. The process of segmentation on matrix  $\Sigma_l$  corresponds to the number of subparallels on the system. In this study, we evaluated the number of  $d$ -parallel,  $d = 1$ ,

2, and 4. The segmentation performed on the rows of the matrix in order to obtain a smaller matrix size  $(\frac{l}{d} \times \frac{l}{d})$ . The result of a singular matrix segmentation are matrix  $\Sigma_i(i)$  with  $i = 1, \dots, d$ .

4. Measurement matrix  $A$ , obtained from Gaussian random matrix. The size of matrix depends on the number of  $d$ -parallel. The dimension is  $(\frac{m}{d} \times \frac{l}{d})$ , where  $m$  denotes sampling rate.
5. CS processes are performed in parallel on each segment. The compression results are  $Y(i), \dots, Y(d)$  sized  $(\frac{m}{d} \times \frac{l}{d})$ .
6. In the reconstruction process is done in parallel for each compression result. The results are composed of  $\hat{\Sigma}_i(1), \dots, \hat{\Sigma}_i(d)$ .
7. Construct  $\hat{\Sigma}_l$  which is composite of  $\hat{\Sigma}_i(1), \dots, \hat{\Sigma}_i(d)$  in the equivalent form:

$$\hat{\Sigma}_l = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\Sigma}_l(1) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\Sigma}_l(d) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \hat{\sigma}_l \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

8. SVD reconstruction of  $\hat{\Sigma}_l$  so that the  $\hat{X}$  is close to  $X$ .
9. Calculate  $NMSE(X, \hat{X})$  and processing time.

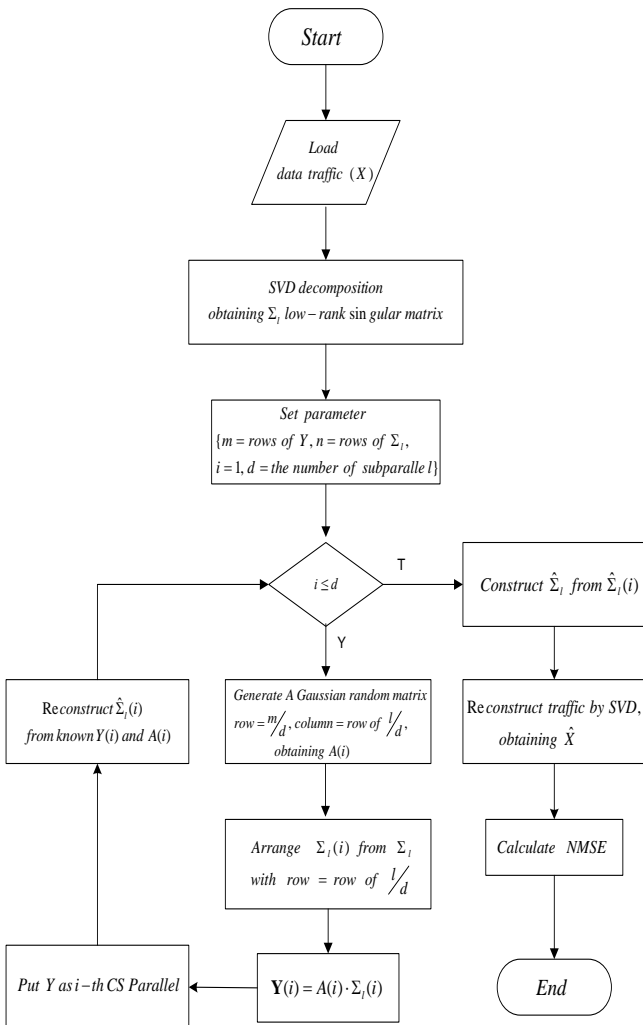


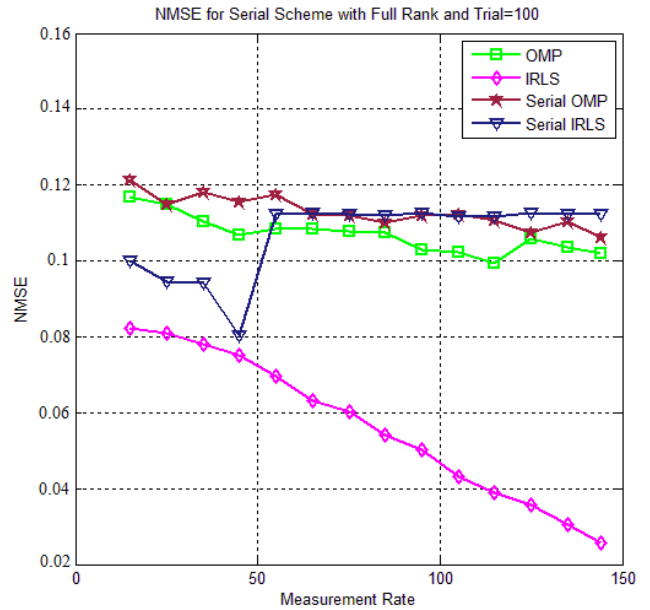
Fig. 2 Flowchart of PCS scheme

### III. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

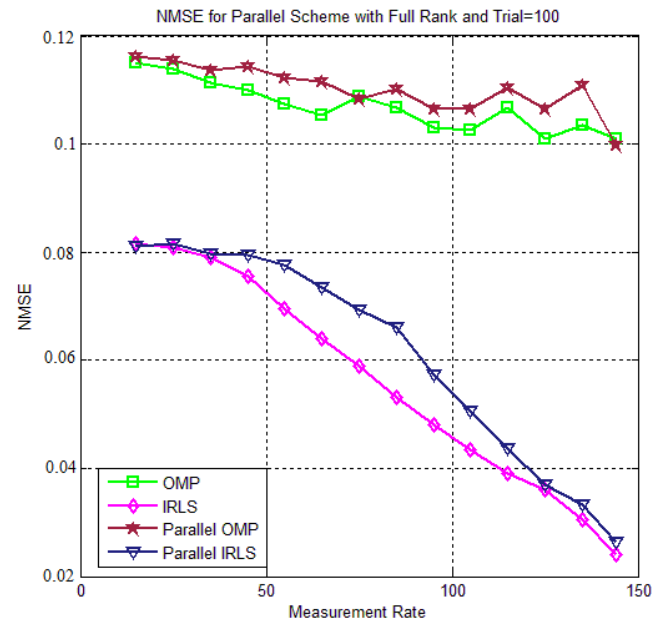
We use Internet traffic data of the Abilene network [23]. Traffic data was taken on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. Data are represented temporally as in the previous study [4] [24].

#### A. SCS and PCS

This experiment scenario used a full rank matrix  $X$  sized  $(144 \times 288)$ . Fig. 3 shows the performance comparison of SCS and PCS schemes. The X-axis represents the measurement rate value and the Y-axis represents NMSE.



(a). SCS scheme



(b). PCS scheme

Fig. 3 Performance comparison between SCS and PCS scheme, (a). SCS scheme, (b). PCS scheme

In Fig.3. (a) shows the comparison of NMSE values between Serial CS and CS. NMSE SCS is worse than CS, this is because the results of first CS process are not sparse so that the second CS process cannot be reconstructed properly. This resulted in a decrease in accuracy in the subsequent reconstruction process.

Fig. 3.(b) shows the comparison of NMSE values between Parallel CS and CS. NMSE results in the parallel scheme of the algorithm have NMSE values that are almost identical to the pure CS scheme. This is because the singular matrix in each parallel processing still has low-rank properties so that the compression results in each part can be restore to the original matrix. It encourages us to examine the application of subparallel schemes which is discussed in section B. Figure 3 explained that the parallel scheme has a lower NMSE value than the serial scheme

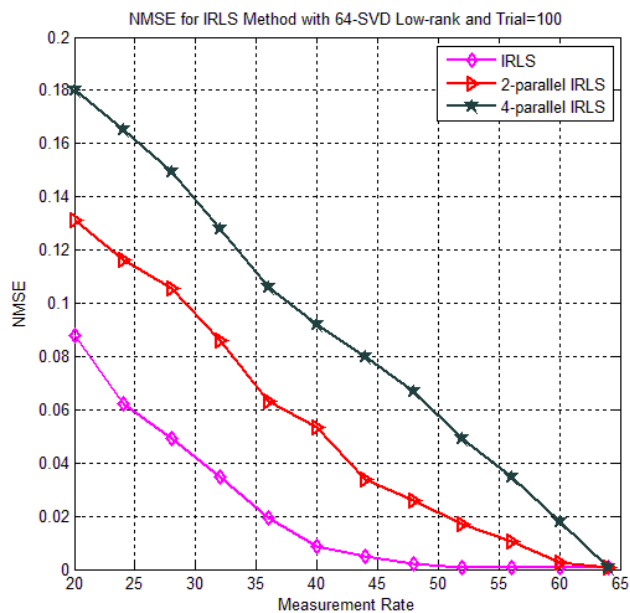
Table 1 Processing time comparison between SCS and PCS scheme

Reconstruction Algorithm	Serial CS (s)	Paralel CS (s)	CS (s)
OMP	0.40	0.08	0.21
IRLS	9.66	1.12	5.48

Table 1 shows the processing time for SCS, PCS, and CS scheme for different reconstruction algorithms. PCS schemes are faster than CS and SCS schemes. OMP algorithm is faster than IRLS.

*B. The Effect of d-parallel Scheme*

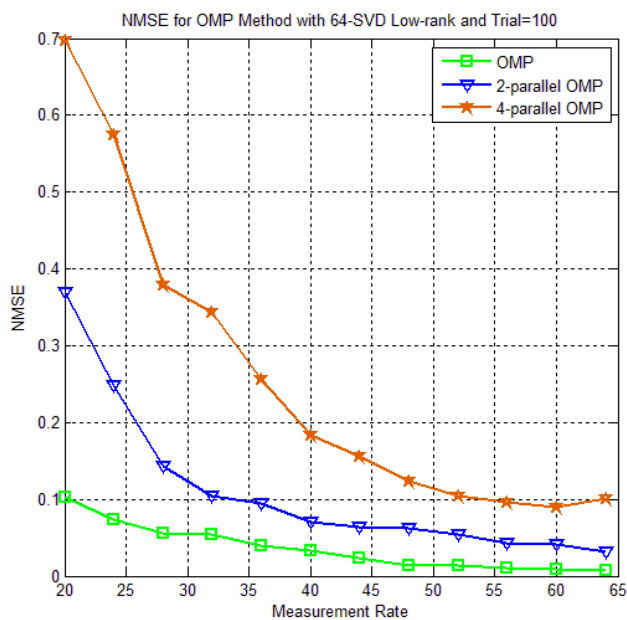
This study aims to see the effect of the number of CS parallel processes on the reconstruction results. In simulation, the number of *d*-parallel investigation is 2 and 4. The experiments use *X*-rank matrix of 64 with measurement rate starting from 20 – *r* and the number of trials 100. Fig. 4 illustrates the effect of *d*-parallel on the performance of the reconstruction. The X-axis shows measurement rate, while Y-axis shows NMSE value.



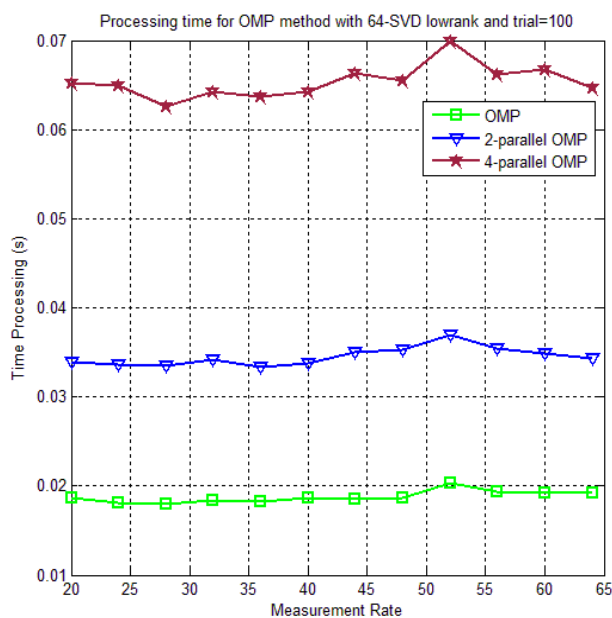
(b) IRLS

Fig. 4 The effect of *d*-parallel scheme, (a). OMP, (b). IRLS

The simulation results show that IRLS algorithm gives better accuracy compared to OMP algorithm. The effect of *d*-parallel to the accuracy for the number of rank-64 indicates that there is no increase in accuracy, this is due to both the smaller low-rank matrix size and the segmentation process causes the smaller number of available samples. The more the number of *d*-parallel, the more its accuracy decreases.



(a) OMP



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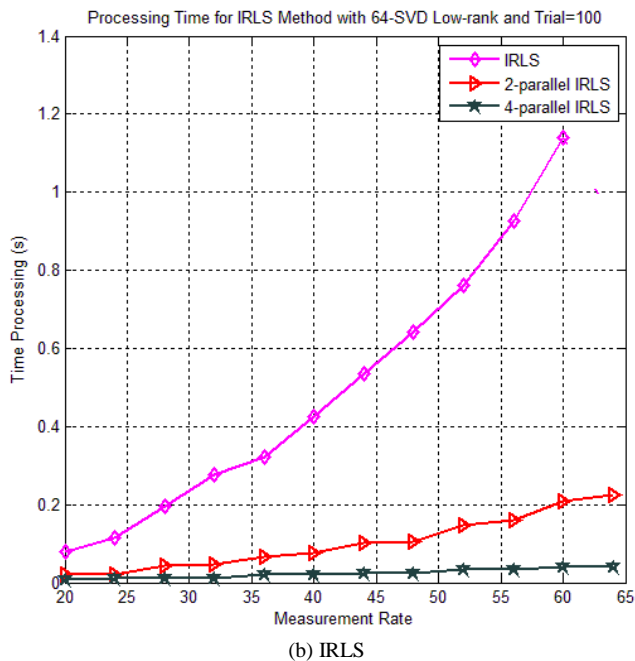


Fig. 5 Processing time of  $d$ -parallel scheme, (a). OMP, (b). IRLS

The results of  $d$ -parallel test on IRLS show that the more  $d$ -parallel number, the computation time decreases, this is because the processed data is getting smaller. Sub-parallel increases the speed of processing time in IRLS. Whereas on OMP, the more the number of  $d$ -parallel, the processing time is increasing. This is because the result of singular matrix reconstruction produces many undefined values, so it is necessary to solve errors by means of linear interpolation on the singular value.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In full rank traffic matrix, SCS scheme produces lower accuracy than CS method, while PCS has similar accuracy with original CS scheme. Subparallel CS can applied for Internet traffic data. The results show that on IRLS, the more the number of subparallels speeds up the processing time because the size of the data being processed are smaller. The results show that the smaller data of the traffic matrix, the less accurate the outcome of the reconstruction. While on OMP, the greater number of sub-parallel, the greater the computational time. This is due to the smoothing process reconstruction imperfect results by performing linear interpolation. Further research will be focused on optimizing the reconstruction results on the SVD diagonal matrix for CS parallel.

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