# Fast, sample-efficient algorithms for structured phase retrieval

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### **Problem Setup**

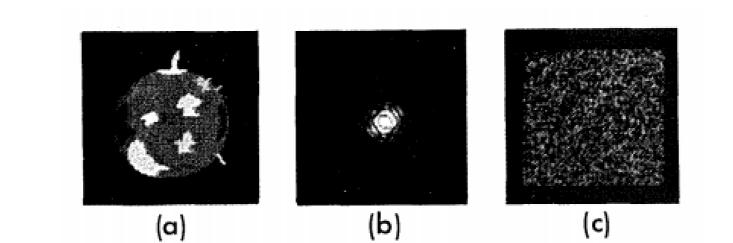
**Premise:** To devise a sample-efficient linear-convergence algorithm for phase retrieval of (structured) *s*-sparse signals from Gaussian measurements.

### Main Challenges

- Linear-convergence algorithms have sample complexity with quadratic dependence on sparsity  $m = \mathcal{O}(s^2 \log n)$ .
- High number of tuning parameters.
- Lower sample complexity algorithms require high run time, not scalable.

#### **Prior Work**

► *Convex:* PhaseLift, PhaseMax.



### **Block CoPRAM - Smart Initialization (Cont.)**

### Solution: (Alg. 1)

- Define block marginals as  $M_{j_b j_b} = \sqrt{\sum_{j \in j_b} M_{jj}^2}$ , for  $j_b \in \{1 \dots n_b\}$ .
- ▶ Retain top k block marginals; call the index set  $\hat{S}$ , card $(\hat{S}) = s$ .

Construct matrix 
$$(\in \mathbb{R}^{s \times s}) \mathbf{M}_{\hat{S}} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} y_i^2 \mathbf{a}_{i\hat{S}} \mathbf{a}_{i\hat{S}}^{\top}$$
.

Initial estimate 
$$\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{0}} = \phi \mathbf{v}$$
,  $\mathbf{v}$  is top-singular-vec $(\mathbf{M}_{\hat{S}})$ , where  $\phi = \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} y_i^2}$ 

#### **Guarantees:** Theorem 1

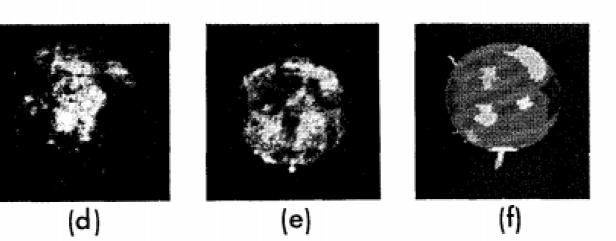
The initial vector  $\mathbf{x}^{0}$ , which is the output of Alg. 1, is a small constant distance  $\delta_b$  away from the true signal  $\mathbf{x}^*$ , i.e.,

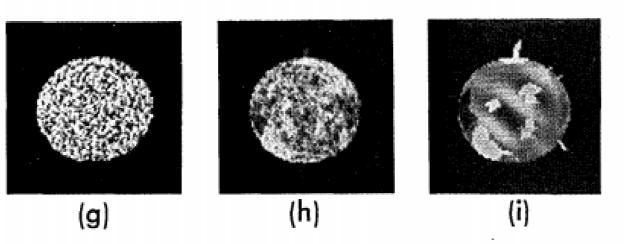
dist  $(\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{x}^*) \leq \delta_b \|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2$ ,

where  $0 < \delta_b < 1$ , as long as the number of measurements satisfy  $m \geq C \frac{s^2}{h} \log mn$  with probability greater than  $1 - \frac{8}{m}$ .

- **Drawbacks**: Computationally expensive, poor emperical performance.
- ► *Non-convex:* AltMinPhase, Wirtinger Flow. Faster, scalable. **Drawbacks:** Sample complexity depends on selecting good initial point. Parametric inputs.
- Designed sensing matrices: Matrices with low underlying dimension or Fourier-like. **Drawbacks:** Harder to analyze theoretical guarantees.
- Structured sparsity models: Utilized for sparse signal recovery, statistical learning applications. **Drawbacks:** No rigorous results
- for phase retrieval problem.

Our Objective





(a) Test object; (b) modulus of its Fourier transform; (c) initial estimate of the object (first test); (d)-(f) reconstruction results-number of iterations: (d) 20, (e) 230, (f) 600; (g) initial estimate of the object (second test); (h)-(i) reconstruction results-number of iterations: (h) 2, (i) 215.

Reproduced from [F78] J. Fienup, "Reconstruction of an object from the modulus of its Fourier transform." Optics letters, 1978.

#### **Block CoPRAM - Descent**

**Setup**: Use the initialization  $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{0}}$  from Alg. 1.

**Objective**: Gradually descend to k-block sparse solution  $\mathbf{x}^*$ .

**Challenge**: Performance guarantees for convergence.

### Solution: (Alg. 2)

Use alternating minimization with model CoSAMP to solve the non-convex problem:

- > Phase estimation:  $\mathbf{P}^t = \text{diag}(\text{sign}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^t))$ .
- ► Signal estimation:  $\mathbf{x}^t \approx \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M}_{s,h}} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} \mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}\|_2$  via model CoSAMP.

#### **Guarantees: Theorem 2**

Given an initialization  $x^0$  satisfying Alg. 1, if number of measurements  $m \geq C\left(s + \frac{s}{h}\log\frac{n}{s}\right)$ , then the iterates of Alg. 2 satisfy: dist  $(\mathbf{x}^{t+1}, \mathbf{x}^*) \leq \rho_b \text{dist} (\mathbf{x}^t, \mathbf{x}^*)$ .

where  $0 < \rho_b < 1$  is a constant, with probability greater than  $1 - e^{-\gamma m}$ , for positive constant  $\gamma$ .

#### Results

Phase transitions: Block CoPRAM v/s CoPRAM, SPARTA,

We devise a phase-retrieval algorithm that:

- Utilizes underlying structured sparsity in signals for efficient analysis.
- ▶ Is **naturally compatible** with standard sparse recovery algorithms.
- ▶ Is **fast and scalable** to large datasets of large dimensions.
- Has **sub-quadratic** sample complexity  $m = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{s^2}{b}\log n\right)$ .
- Requires **no extra parametric inputs** apart from (block) sparsity  $k = \frac{s}{b}$ .

### New Direction: Phase retrieval of structured sparse signals

**Idea**: Efficient phase retrieval algorithms for structured sparse signals. **Problem Setup:** Recover signal  $\mathbf{x}^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , using Gaussian sampling matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a_1} \dots \mathbf{a_m}]^\top$ , from measurements  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

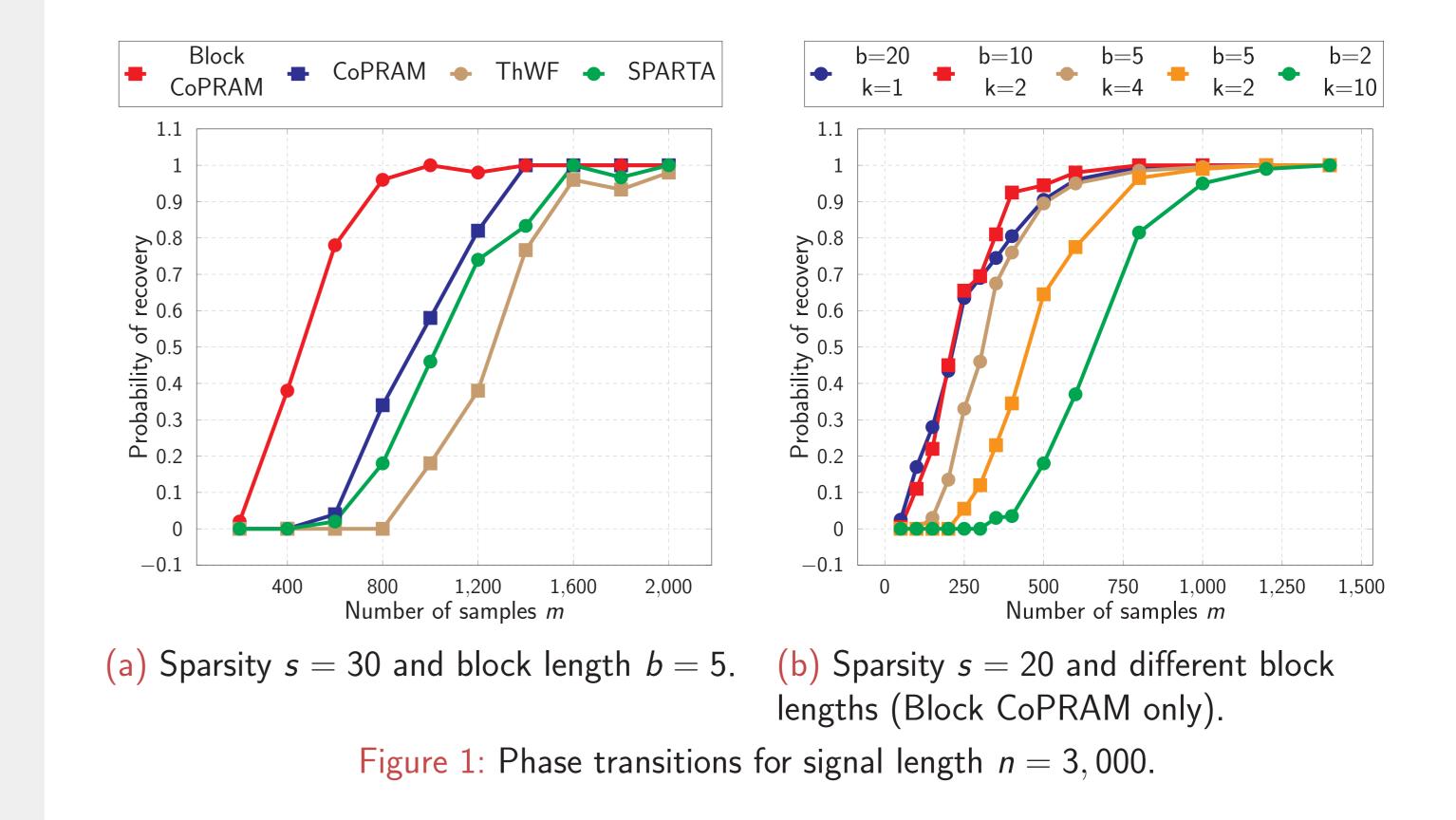
 $y_i = |\langle \mathbf{a_i}, \mathbf{x}^* \rangle|, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m.$ 

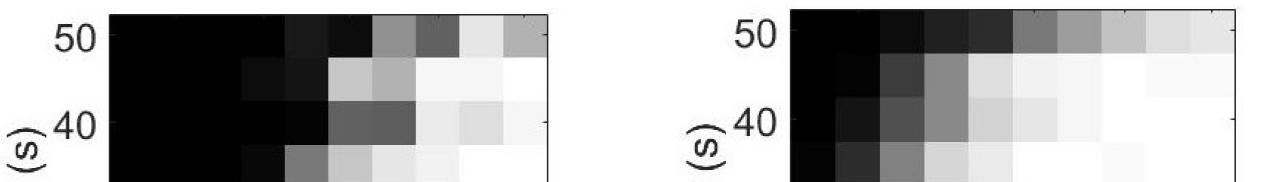
 $\mathbf{x}^*$  is part of model  $\mathcal{M}_{s,b}$  formed of uniformly block sparse signals with block length b, effective block sparsity k = s/b and total number of blocks  $n_b = n/b$ .

#### **Solution Methodology**

Formulate the above as a two-step problem, by introducing diagonal phase

## Thresholded Wirtinger Flow (ThWF). CoPRAM is a special case of Block CoPRAM with b = 1.





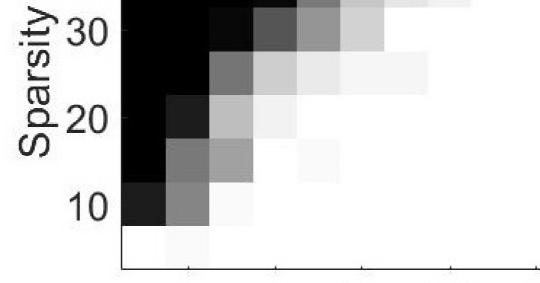
matrix  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $P_{ii} = \text{sign} (\mathbf{a}_i^\top \mathbf{x}) \in \{1, -1\}$ , and alternatively minimize the loss function over variables **x** and **P**:

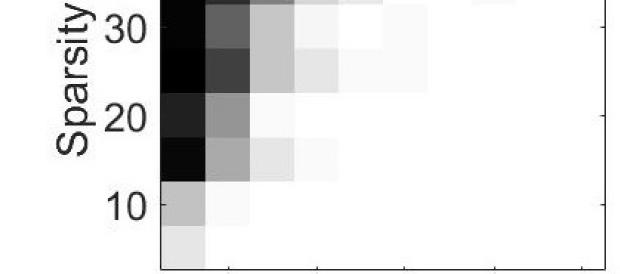
$$\min_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathcal{M},\mathbf{P}\in\mathcal{P}}\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}\|_2.$$

This strategy requires a good initial point, to converge to minimum. For this, we introduce our algorithm Block Compressive Phase Retrieval with Alternating Minimization (Block CoPRAM) [JH17].

#### **Block CoPRAM - Smart Initialization**

**Setup**: Define signal marginals as  $M_{jj} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i^2 a_{ij}^2$ , for  $j \in \{1 \dots n\}$ . **Objective**: Find good initial estimate  $\mathbf{x}^0$  of the true signal  $\mathbf{x}^*$ . **Challenge**: Designing block marginals. Performance guarantees.





16 20 12 8 No. of samples (m)  $x(10^2)$ (a) CoPRAM

16 8 12 20 No. of samples (m)  $x(10^2)$ (b) Block CoPRAM

Figure 2: Phase transition for signal length n = 3,000 and block length b = 5 and different sparsity levels.

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