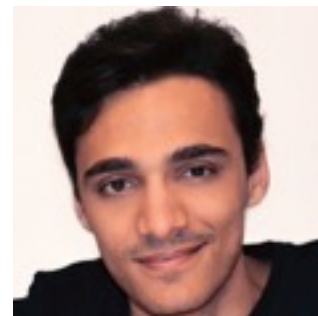


# A Non-Convex Blind Calibration Method for Randomized Sensing Strategies

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# Compressed Sensing & Random Linear Models

$M$  questions

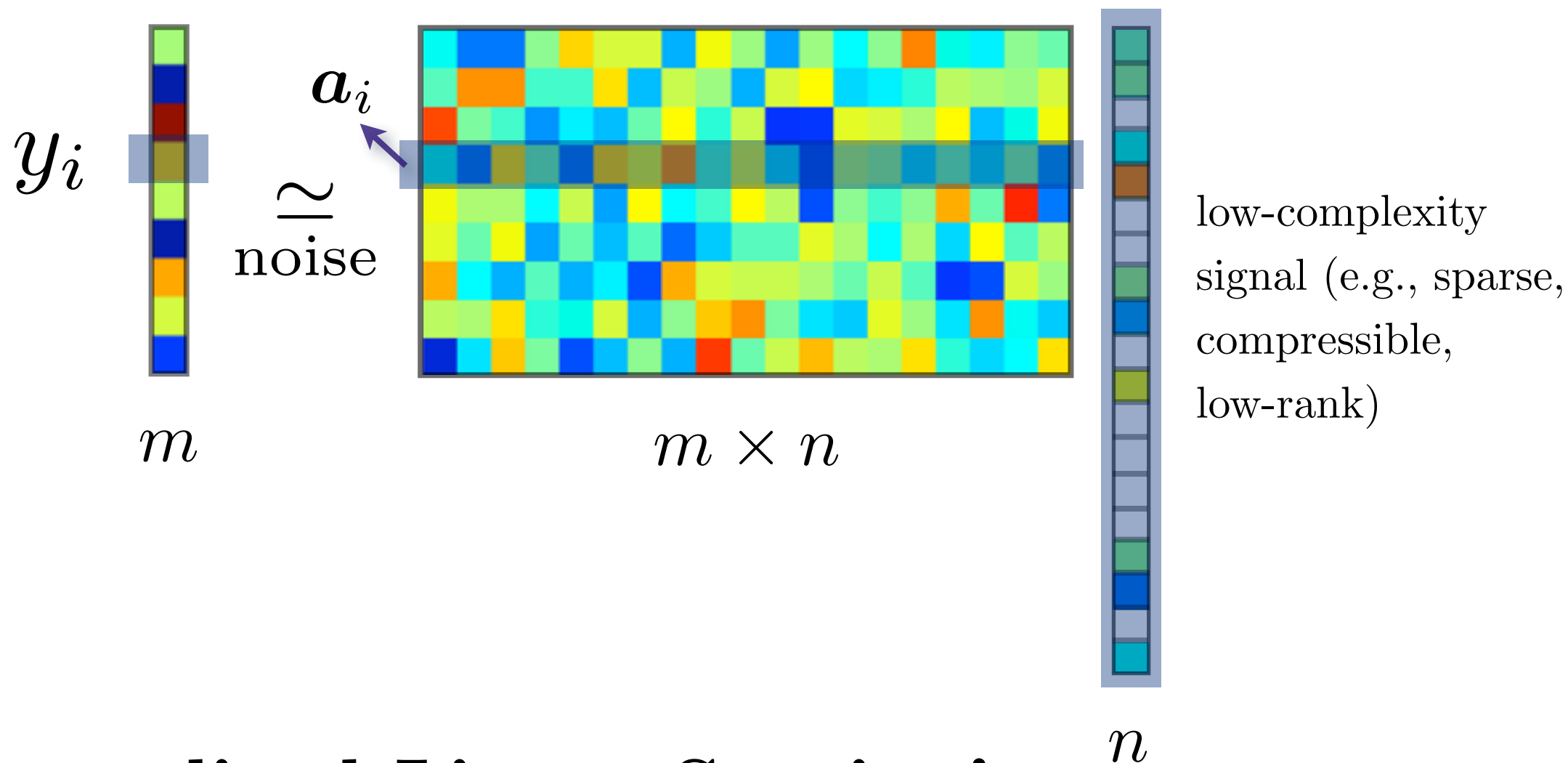
Sensing method

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$\mathbf{A}$

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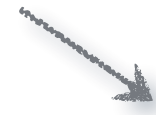


**Generalized Linear Sensing!**

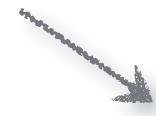
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## Recent related works:

- Blind calibration: [Friedlander, Strohmer, 14] [Li, Ling, Strohmer, 16]
- Blind deconvolution: [Ali, Rech, Romberg, 14], [Bilen, 14] [Li, Ling, Strohmer, 16]



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Multiple “snapshots”

with random sensing model:

$$\mathbf{A}_l \sim_{\text{iid}} \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n},$$

with  $A_{ij}$  sub-Gaussian, zero mean & unit variance.

(e.g., Gaussian, Bernoulli, Bounded)

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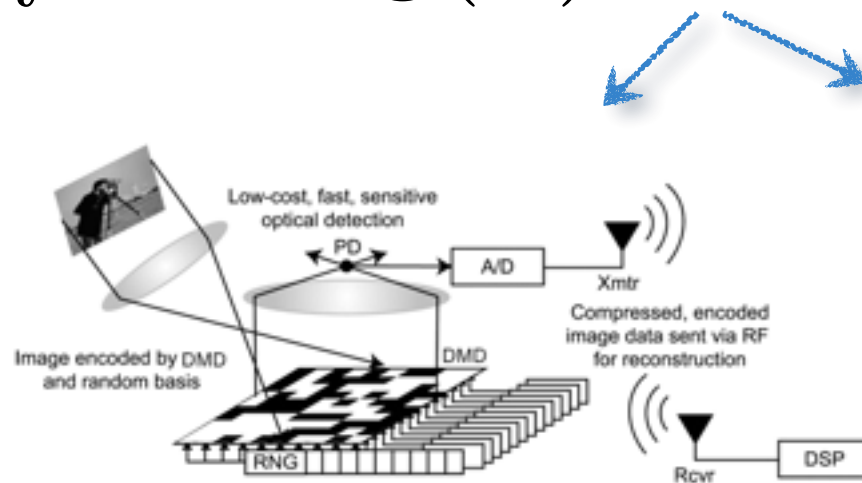
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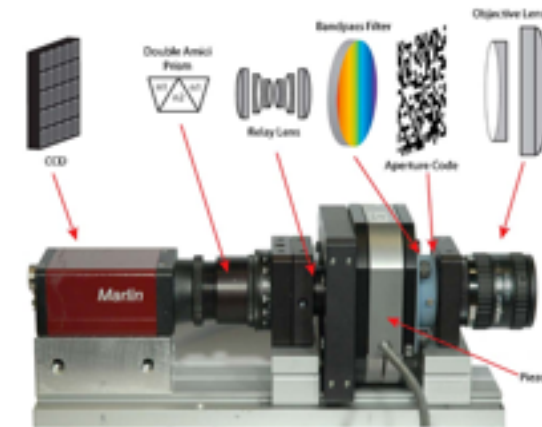
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Inspirations:  
Programmable  
Compressive  
Imagers



Rice single pixel camera  
(Baraniuk, Kelly et al)



Coded aperture CS imagers  
(CASSI, Brady et al)

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Central questions: (for sub-Gaussian  $\mathbf{A}_l$ )

- Efficient algorithm?
- Minimal sample complexity:  $mp$  ?
- Minimal snapshot number:  $p$  ?
- Robustness vs  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$  ?

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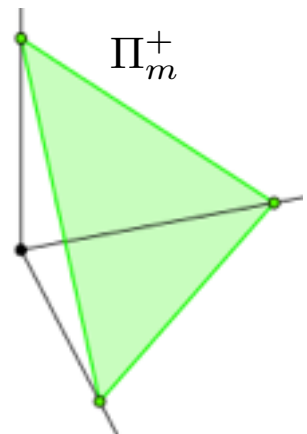
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(Scaled) probability simplex



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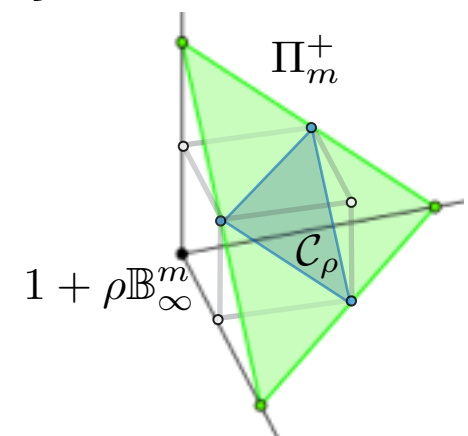
$$+ \text{ perturbation analysis: } |d_i - 1| \leq \rho < 1$$

(for some  $0 \leq \rho < 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{d} \in \mathbf{1} + \rho \mathbb{B}_\infty^m$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ We define } \mathcal{C}_\rho := \Pi_m^+ \cap (\mathbf{1} + \rho \mathbb{B}_\infty^m)$$

our optimization space!



# A Non-Convex Optimisation Problem

- ▶ Blind Calibration Problem:

$$(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{d}}) = \underset{\boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \boldsymbol{\gamma} \in \mathcal{C}_\rho}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2mp} \sum_{l=1}^p \left\| \underbrace{\operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{d}) \mathbf{A}_l \boldsymbol{x}}_{\boldsymbol{y}_l} - \operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) \mathbf{A}_l \boldsymbol{\xi} \right\|_2^2$$

- ▶ Non-convex (bi-convex) but maybe locally convex?
- ▶ Idea: initialize + (projected) gradient descent  
(as in Phase-Retrieval via Wirtinger flow,  
e.g., [Candès, Li, 2015] [White et al., 2015]  
[Ling, Strohmer, Wei, 2016])

# Geometric Analysis

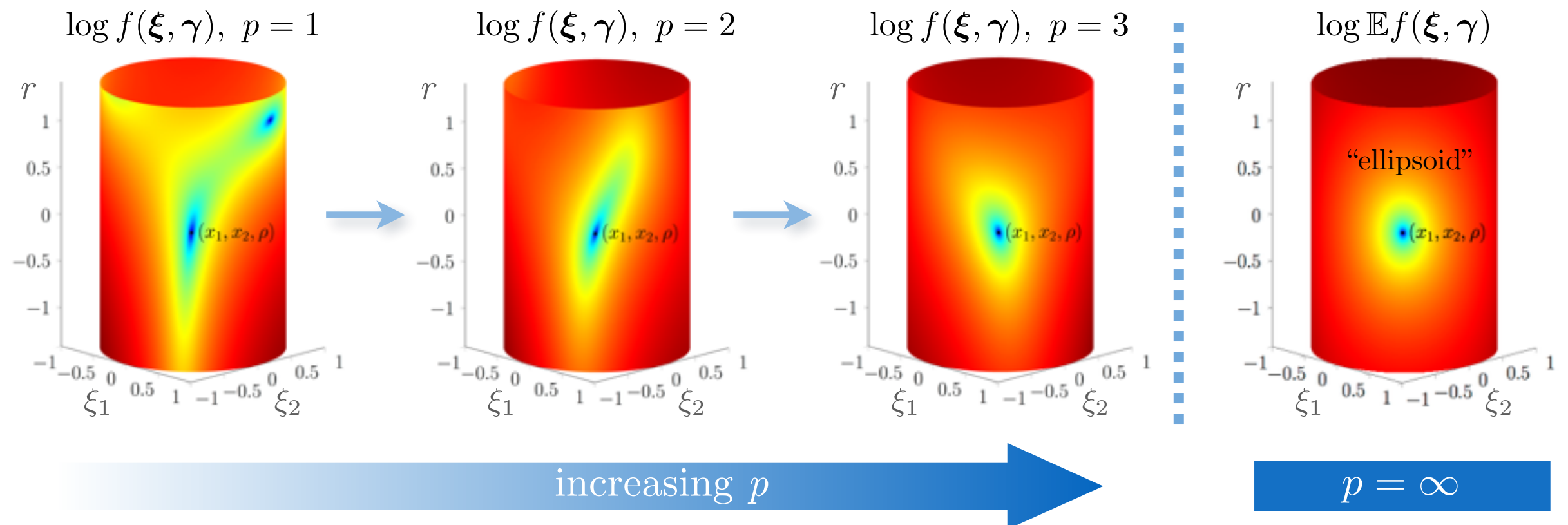
- ▶ Low-dimensional intuitive example:

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \text{ i.e., } n = m = 2,$$

$$\|\boldsymbol{\xi}\| = 1, \boldsymbol{\gamma} = (1 + r, 1 - r) \in \Pi_2^+, r \in \mathbb{R}$$

→ Optimization space:  $(\xi_1, \xi_2, r)$  on a cylinder.

We study the variations of  $f(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) := \frac{1}{2mp} \sum_{l=1}^p \|\mathbf{y}_l - \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\gamma})\mathbf{A}_l\boldsymbol{\xi}\|^2$   
around  $(x_1, x_2, \rho) = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0.08)$



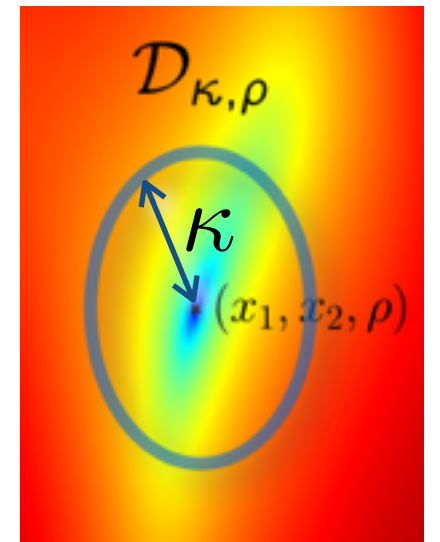
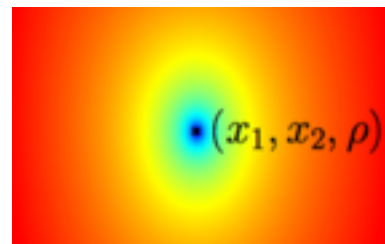


# Geometric Analysis

- ▶ Conclusion:
- ▶ Hope for *local convexity* in a neighborhood (an “ellipsoid” of radius  $\kappa$ )

$$\mathcal{D}_{\kappa, \rho} := \{(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{C}_\rho : \Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \leq \kappa^2 \|\boldsymbol{x}^*\|_2^2\}$$

with distance  $\Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) := \|\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{x}^*\|^2 + \frac{\|\boldsymbol{x}^*\|^2}{m} \|\boldsymbol{\gamma} - \boldsymbol{d}^*\|^2$   
 $\approx_\rho 2 \mathbb{E}f(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma})$  if  $\boldsymbol{\gamma} \in \mathcal{C}_\rho$ .

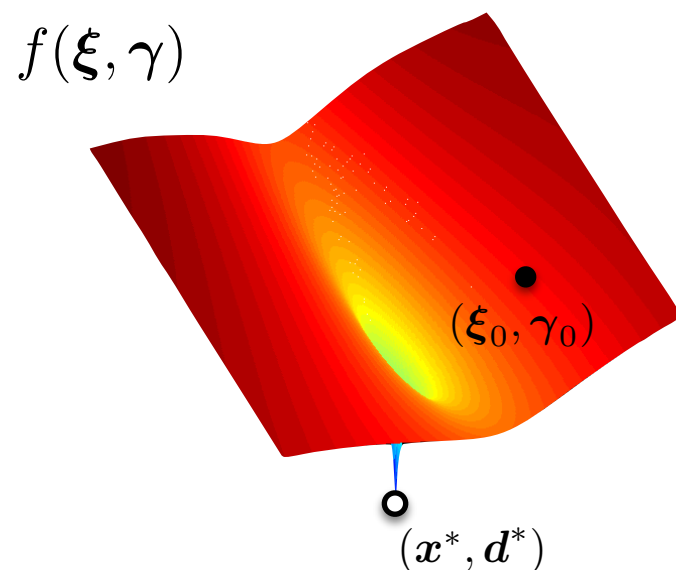


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... but not so bad initialization!)

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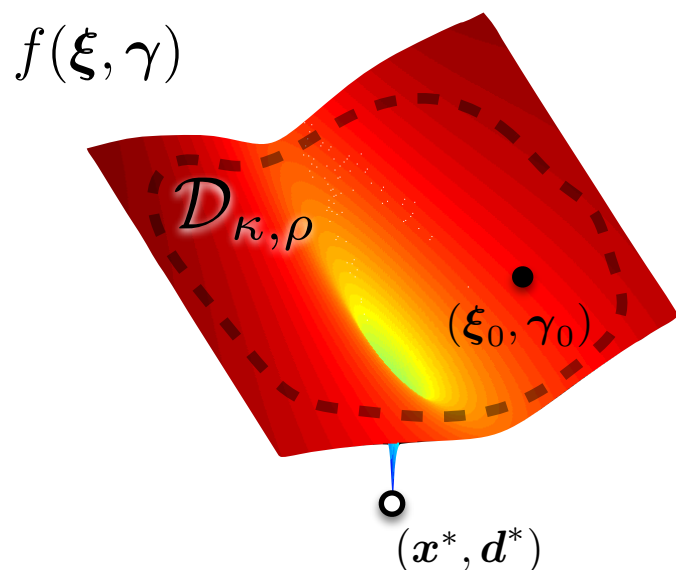
$$mp \gtrsim \delta^{-2} (m + n) \log(n/\delta) \text{ and } n \gtrsim t \log(mp),$$

then

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with prob. failure  $\lesssim e^{-c\delta^2 mp} + (mp)^{-t}$  ( $c > 0$ ).

$$\Rightarrow \|\boldsymbol{\xi}_0 - \mathbf{x}^*\|^2 + \frac{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|^2}{m} \|\boldsymbol{\gamma}_0 - \mathbf{d}^*\|^2 \leq \underline{\kappa^2} \|\mathbf{x}^*\|^2$$



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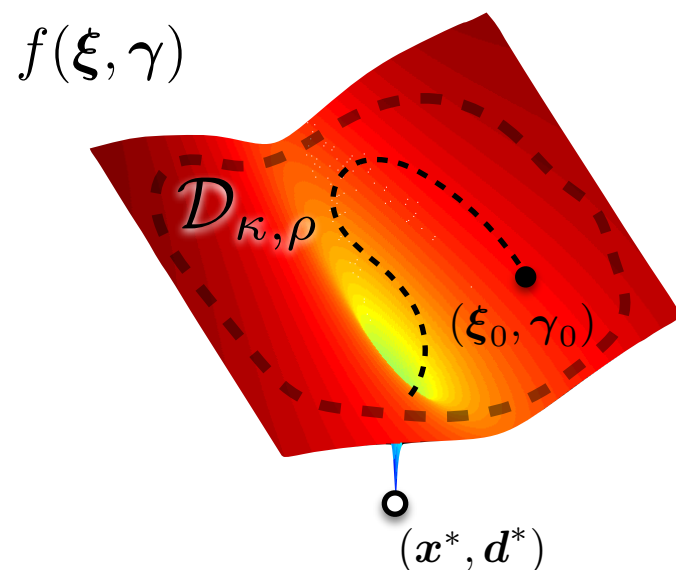
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technical requirement for proofs  
(not required in experiments)



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① (must be  $> 0$ )  
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② Gradient Magnitude Part  
(must be bounded)

with  $\Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) := \|\boldsymbol{\xi} - \mathbf{x}^*\|^2 + \frac{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2}{m} \|\boldsymbol{\gamma} - \mathbf{d}^*\|^2$

... we need to prove regularity on *angles* and *magnitudes*!

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$$\textcircled{1} \quad \left\langle \nabla^\perp f(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}), \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi} - \mathbf{x}^* \\ \boldsymbol{\gamma} - \mathbf{d}^* \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \geq \frac{1}{2} \eta \Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \quad (\text{Bounded angle})$$

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with prob. failure  $\lesssim e^{-c\delta^2 mp} + e^{-c'\delta^2 p} + (mp)^{-t}$  (for some  $c, c' > 0$ ).

*Proof ingredients:*

Measure concentration on sub-Gaussian r.v., Matrix Bernstein inequality, non-uniformity wrt  $\mathbf{x}^*$  and  $\mathbf{d}^*$ .

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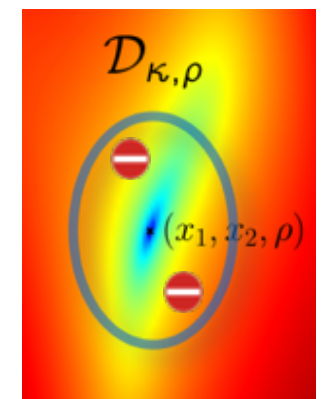
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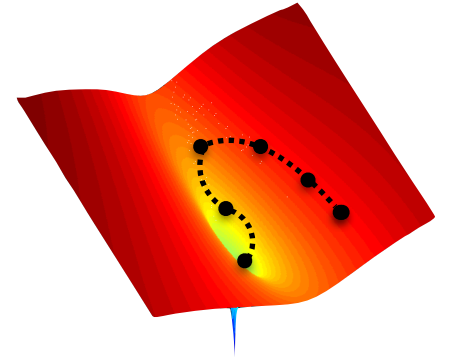
$\Rightarrow \|\nabla^\perp f(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma})\| \neq 0$  but on the solution in  $\mathcal{D}_{\kappa, \rho}$ !

(no spurious minima)

$\Rightarrow$  allows convergence for  $\mu_\gamma = \mu_\xi \frac{m}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|}$ .



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Combining previous propositions gives then ...

**Theorem.** Let  $0 < \delta < 1$ ,  $t > 0$ , and define  $\kappa^2 := \delta^2 + \rho^2$ . If

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$$1 - C[e^{-c\delta^2 p} + e^{-c\delta^2 mp} + (mp)^{-t}]$$

for some  $C, c > 0$ , our descent algorithm initialized on  $(\boldsymbol{\xi}_0, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_0)$  with  $\mu_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} = \mu$  and  $\mu_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} = \mu \frac{m}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2}$  gives jointly, at each iteration  $k$ ,

$$(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_k) \in \mathcal{D}_{\kappa, \rho} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_k) \leq \overbrace{\left(1 - \eta\mu + \frac{L^2}{\tau}\mu^2\right)^k}^{< 1} \kappa^2 \|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2,$$

provided  $\mu \in \left(0, \frac{\eta\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2}{mL^2 + \|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2 L^2}\right)$ . Hence,  $\Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_k) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$ .

Roughly speaking, for  $\rho$  small enough,  
we need  $n$  and  $p > 1$  large enough,  
and  $mp \gtrsim (m+n) \log(n/\delta)$  observations.

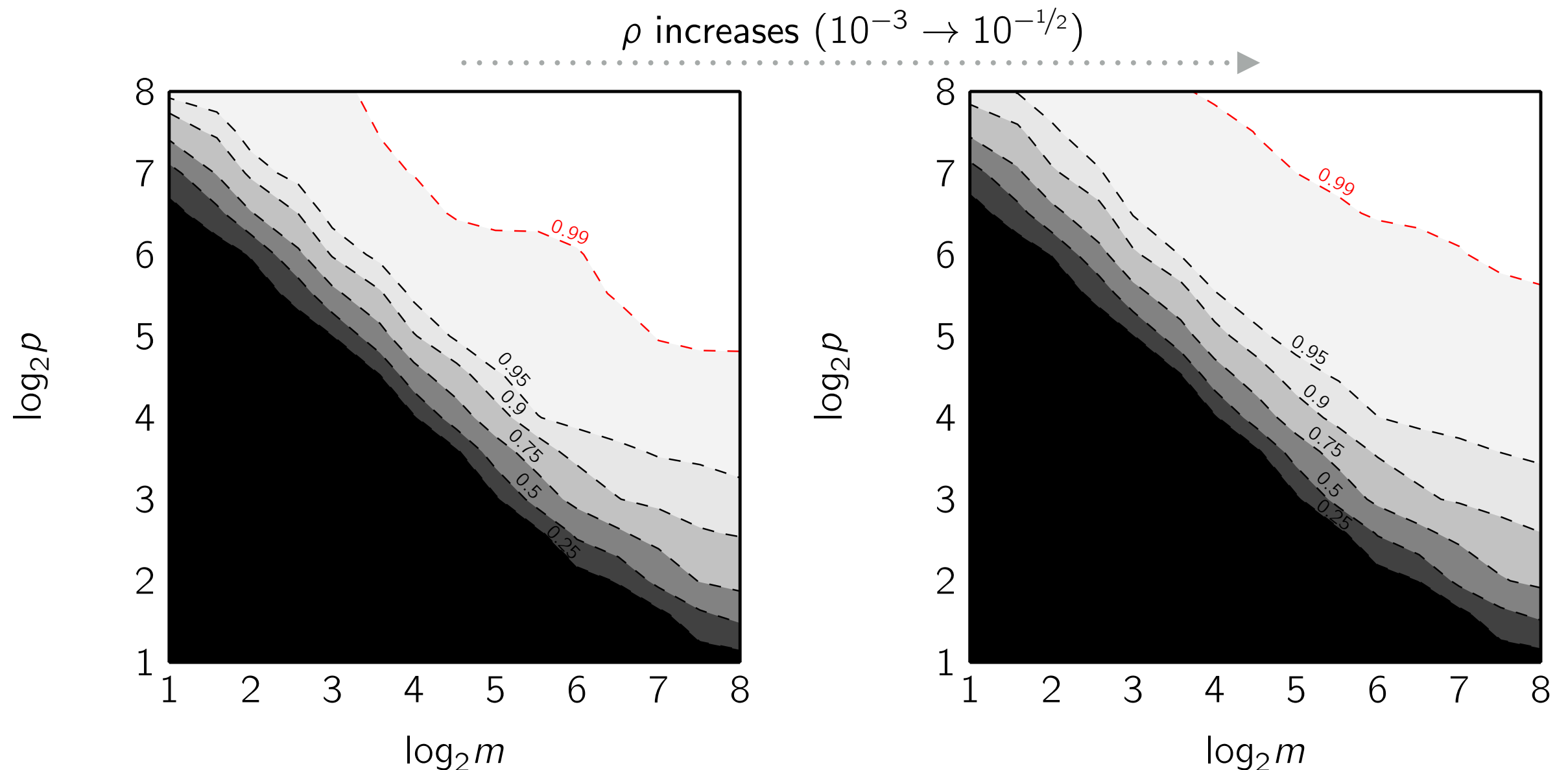


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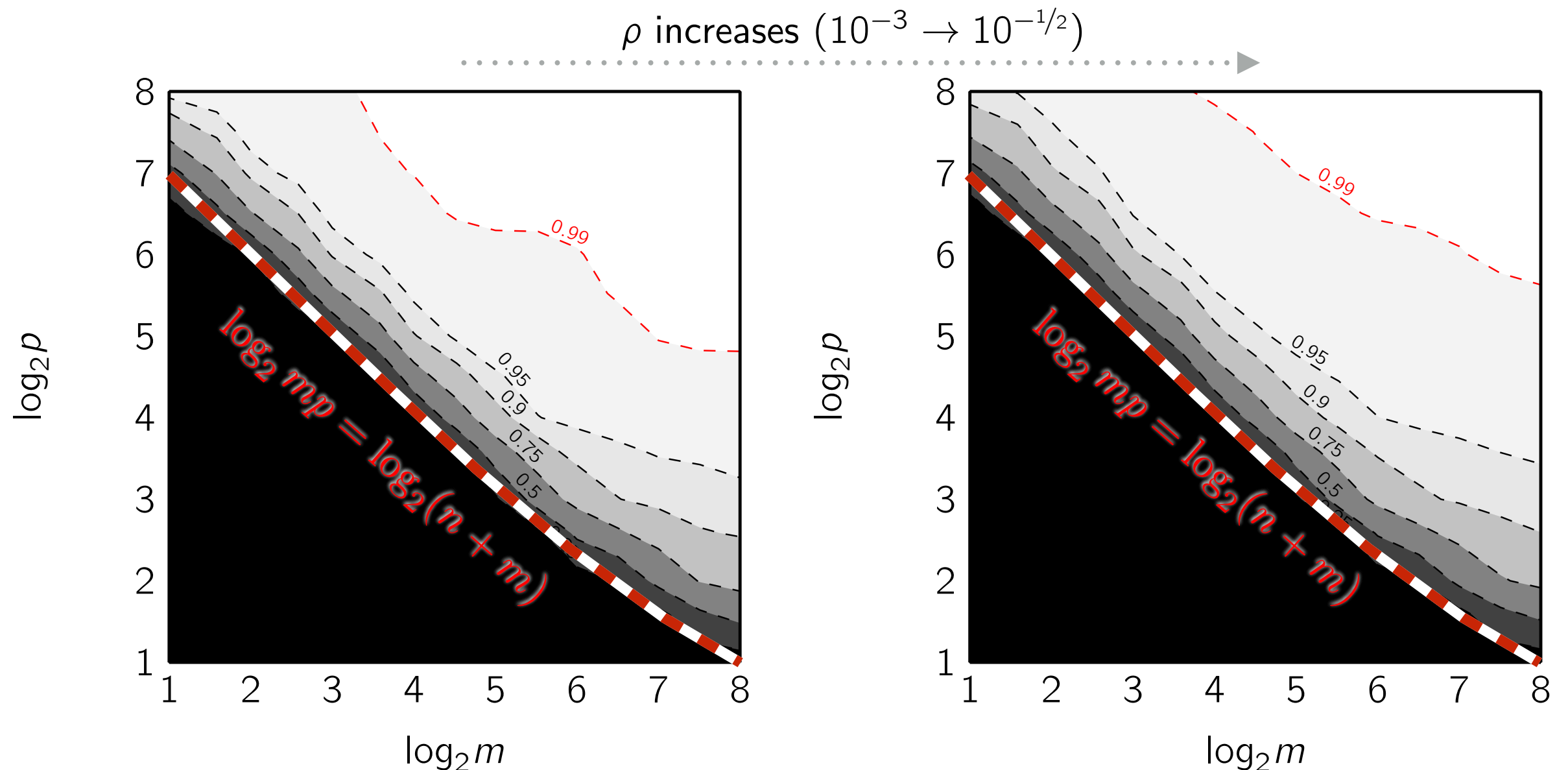


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Imaging you must recalibrate an imager  
that is *far far away*?

*e.g.*,

Fixed signal  $x$



Pluto

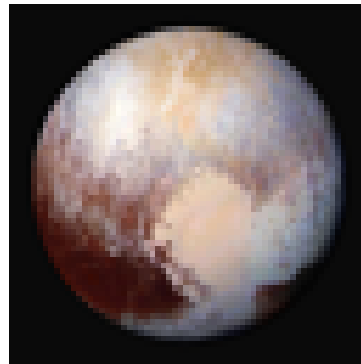
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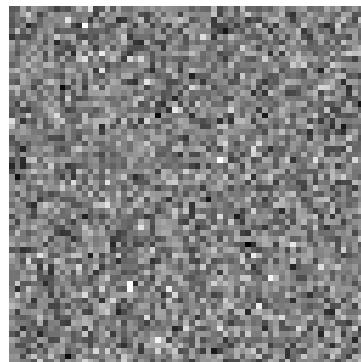
(about 2')

- Computational (compressive) imaging under calibration errors for  $p = 4$  snapshots when  $m = n = 4096$ . (with Gaussian random matrices)
- LS SNR: 5.5 dB on signal

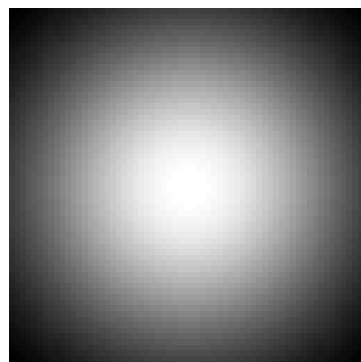
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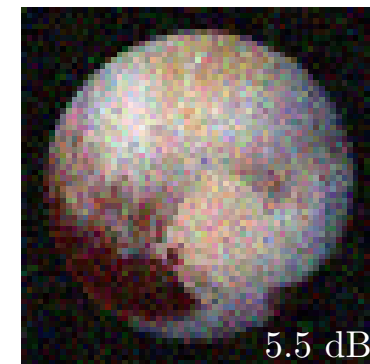
Unstructured  $d, \rho = 1/2$



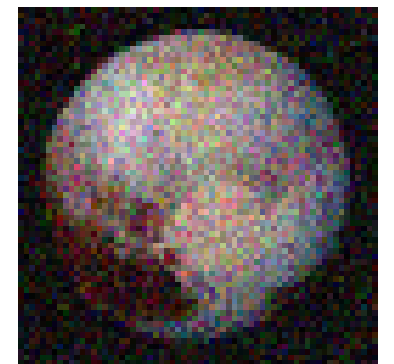
Structured  $d, \rho = 9/10$



$\hat{x}$  with LS, unstructured  $d$



$\hat{x}$  with LS, structured  $d$



# (Randomized) Computational Imaging

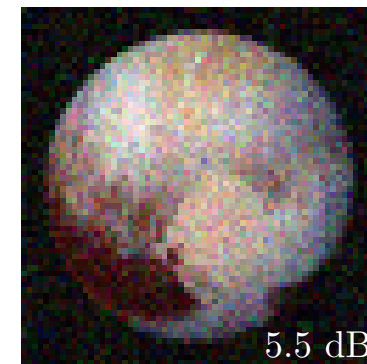
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- Computational (compressive) imaging under calibration errors for  $p = 4$  snapshots when  $m = n = 4096$ . (with Gaussian random matrices)
- LS SNR: 5.5 dB on signal
- PGD: min. gain/signal SNR = 147.38 dB
- PGD c. time: 2' here and still ok for large  $n$  (in paper: 40' for  $n=16384$ ,  $m=1024$ ,  $p=32$ )
- Also converges with *fast* and structured random matrices  $\mathbf{A}_l$  (e.g., *subsampled random convolution, spread-spectrum*) (not covered by current theory).

Fixed signal  $x$



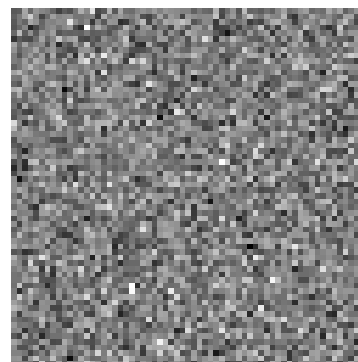
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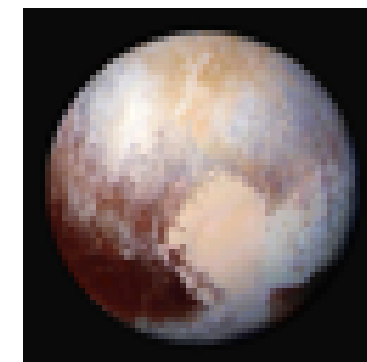
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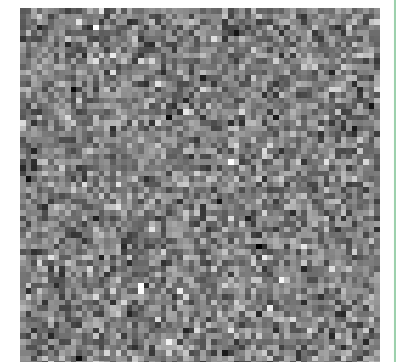
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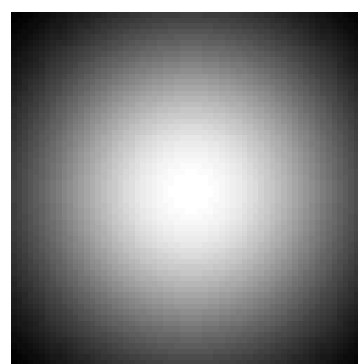
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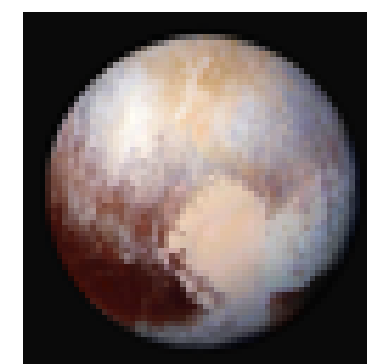
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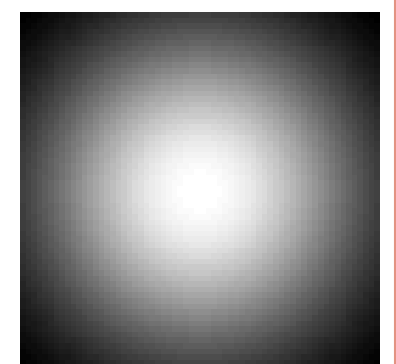
Structured  $d, \rho = 9/10$



$\hat{x}$  with PGD structured  $d$



$\hat{d}$  with PGD structured  $d$



(about 10')

# Conclusion

- We have shown that a *simple* application of gradient descent provably solves this bilinear inverse problem with sample complexity:

$$mp \underset{*}{\gtrsim} (n + m) \log n, \quad p \gtrsim \log m, \quad n \gtrsim \log mp$$

(\*: note: it was “ $(\sqrt{m})p \gtrsim (n + m) \log(n)$ ” in our CoSeRa’16 paper)

- **Proved extension** of this approach:

- Stability analysis w.r.t. additive noise, in fact:

$$\Delta(\xi_k, \gamma_k) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} C \|\text{noise}\|^2$$

- (almost done: known subspaces on signal and gains.)

- **Connections with other works:** e.g., [Li, Ling, Strohmer, 16]

- **Future developments:**

- Extension to signal-domain *sparsity* via hard thresholding: reduces sample complexity (*i.e.*, blind calibration for compressed sensing); **empirically shown** (+ conf paper), not yet proved.
- More advanced calibration? (e.g., through matrix probing).

# Thank you for you attention!

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