# Phase Retrieval from Local Measurements: Deterministic Measurement Constructions and Efficient Recovery Algorithms

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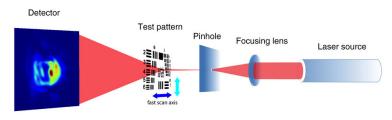
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# Motivating Application



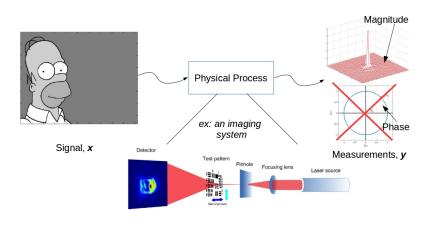
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The Phase Retrieval problem arises in many molecular imaging modalities, including

- X-ray crystallography
- Ptychography

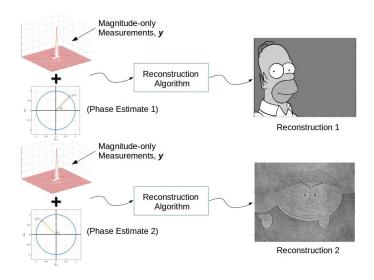
Other applications can be found in optics, astronomy and speech processing.

## Motivation - Inverse Problem



Given y, can we recover x?

## Motivation - III-Posed Inverse Problem



Which is the correct reconstruction?

## Mathematical Model

find<sup>1</sup> 
$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^d$$
 given  $y_i = |\langle \mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{x} \rangle|^2 + \eta_i$   $i \in 1, \dots, D$ ,

#### where

- $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$  denotes the phaseless (or magnitude-only) measurements (D measurements acquired),
- $\mathbf{a}_i \in \mathbb{C}^d$  are known (by design or estimation) measurement vectors, and
- $\eta_i \in \mathbb{R}$  is measurement noise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>(upto a global phase offset)

# **Existing Computational Approaches**

- Alternating projection methods [Fienup, 1978], [Marchesini et al., 2006], [Fannjiang, Liao, 2012] and many others. . .
- Methods based on semidefinite programming
   PhaseLift [Candes et al., 2012], PhaseCut [Waldspurger et al., 2012], ...
- Others
  - Frame-theoretic, graph based algorithms [Alexeev et al., 2014]
  - (Spectral) initialization + gradient descent (Wirtinger Flow) [Candes et al., 2014]

Most methods (with provable recovery guarantees) require impractical (global, random) measurement constructions.

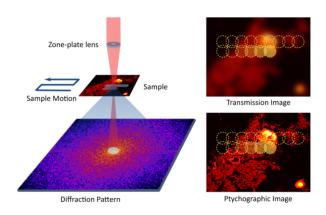
## Today...

- We discuss a recently introduced fast (essentially linear-time) phase retrieval algorithm based on realistic (deterministic)<sup>2</sup> local measurement constructions.
- We provide rigorous theoretical recovery guarantees and present numerical results showing the accuracy, efficiency and robustness of the method.
- (Time Permitting) extensions to 2D and compressive phase retrieval.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>for a large class of real-world signals

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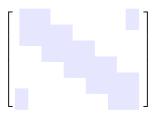
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Example:  $(6 \times 6 \text{ system}, \ \delta = 2, \text{ blue denotes non-zero entries})$ 

Observation: The only entries of  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^*$  we can hope to recover (via linear

inversion) are supported on a (circulant) band



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# A Highly Structured Linear System!

#### Example linear system

$$M'\mathbf{q} = \widetilde{\mathbf{y}},$$

#### where

- q denotes the vectorized (non-zero) entries of  $T_{\delta}(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^*)$
- ullet  $\widetilde{\mathbf{y}}$  denotes the (interleaved) measurements

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\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} |x_1|^2 & x_1 x_2^* & x_2 x_1^* & |x_2|^2 & x_2 x_3^* & x_3 x_2^* & |x_3|^2 & x_3 x_4^* & x_4 x_3^* & |x_4|^2 & x_4 x_1^* & x_1 x_4^* \end{bmatrix}^T,
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<u>Note</u>:  $\frac{\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|} = [e^{i\phi_1} \ e^{i\phi_2} \ \dots e^{i\phi_d}]^T$  is the (unknown) phase vector!

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# Well-Conditioned Linear Systems

## Theorem (Iwen, V., Wang 2015)

Choose entries of the measurement mask  $(\mathbf{m}^{(i)})$  as follows:

$$(\mathbf{m}^{(i)})_{\ell} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\mathrm{e}^{-\ell/a}}{\sqrt[4]{2\delta-1}} \cdot \mathrm{e}^{\frac{2\pi\mathrm{i}\cdot i\cdot \ell}{2\delta-1}}, & \ell \leq \delta \\ 0, & \ell > \delta \end{array} \right., \qquad \begin{array}{l} a := \max\left\{4, \frac{\delta-1}{2}\right\}, \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, N. \end{array}$$

Then, the resulting system matrix for the phase differences (step 1),  $\mathcal{A}|_{T_{\delta}}$ , has condition number

$$\kappa(\left.\mathcal{A}\right|_{T_{\delta}}) < \max\left\{144\mathrm{e}^2, \frac{9\mathrm{e}^2}{4} \cdot (\delta-1)^2\right\}.$$

- Deterministic (windowed DFT-type) measurement masks!
- $\delta$  is typically chosen to be  $c \log_2 d$  with c small (2–3).
- Extensions: oversampling, random masks . . . .

## Recovery Guarantee

## Theorem (Iwen, Preskitt, Saab, V. 2016)

Let  $x_{\min} := \min_j |x_j|$  be the smallest magnitude of any entry in  $\mathbf{x}$ . Then, the estimate  $\mathbf{z}$  produced by the proposed algorithm satisfies

$$\min_{\theta \in [0,2\pi]} \left\| \mathbf{x} - \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\theta} \mathbf{z} \right\|_2 \leq C \left( \frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\infty}}{x_{\min}^2} \right) \left( \frac{d}{\delta} \right)^2 \kappa \|\eta\|_2 + C d^{\frac{1}{4}} \sqrt{\kappa \|\eta\|_2},$$

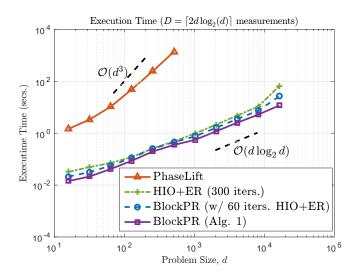
where  $C \in \mathbb{R}^+$  is an absolute universal constant.

- This result yields a deterministic recovery result for any signal x which contains no zero entries.
- A randomized result can be derived for arbitrary x by right multiplying the signal x with a random "flattening" matrix. (this is also useful for performing sparse phase retrieval!)

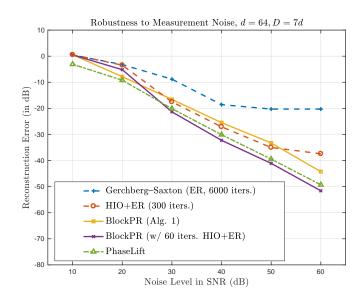
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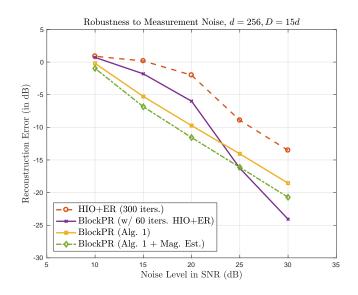
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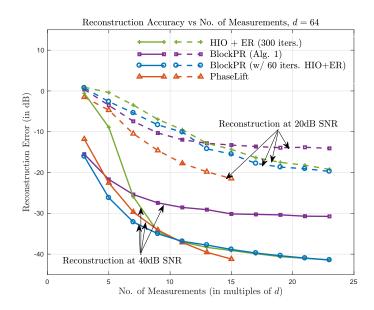
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### Reconstruction Error vs. No. of Measurements



# Summary and Current/Future Research Directions

### Today

- Phase retrieval is an immensely challenging problem seen in important applications such as x-ray crystallography.
- Proposed mathematical framework: Essentially linear-time robust phase retrieval from deterministic local correlation measurement constructions with rigorous recovery guarantee.

#### Current and Future Directions

- More robust measurement constructions
- Compressive phase retrieval
- Extensions to 2D and Ptychographic datasets
- Continuous problem formulation

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### Extension - 2D Phase Retrieval

- Preliminary results for 2D masks with tensor product structure
- Results from 1D extend to 2D; 2D linear system is a tensor product of the 1D linear system (up to row permutations)
- Eigenvector-based phase synchronization also works calculation of spectral gap and error analysis pending



Test Image ( $256 \times 256$  pixels)



Recon. (Rel. error  $2.857 \times 10^{-16}$ )

# Extension - Compressive Phase Retrieval

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underline{\mathsf{Model}} & \mathsf{find} \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^d \quad \mathsf{given} \quad \left| \mathcal{M} \mathbf{x} \right|^2 + \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^D \\ & \mathsf{where} \ \mathbf{x} \ \mathsf{is} \ k\text{-sparse, with} \ k \ll d, \\ & |\cdot| \ \mathsf{is} \ \mathsf{entry\text{-}wise} \ \mathsf{absolute} \ \mathsf{value, and} \\ & \mathcal{M} \ \mathsf{is} \ \mathsf{a} \ \mathsf{measurement} \ \mathsf{matrix}. \end{array}$$

#### Measurement Design Assume $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{PC}$ where

 $\mathcal{P} \in \mathbb{C}^{D \times \tilde{d}}$  is an admissible phase retrieval matrix with an associated recovery algorithm  $\Phi_{\mathcal{P}}: \mathbb{R}^D \to \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d}}$ , and

 $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{ ilde{d} imes d}$  is an admissible compressive sensing matrix with an associated recovery algorithm  $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}: \mathbb{C}^{ ilde{d}} o \mathbb{C}^d$ .

Recovery Algorithm (Two-stage)  $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}} \circ \Phi_{\mathcal{P}} : \mathbb{R}^D \to \mathbb{C}^d$ 

Performance Metrics No. of measurements required is  $\mathcal{O}(k \ln(d/k))$  Computational cost (sub-linear) is  $\mathcal{O}(k \ln^c k \ln d)$ 

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# Questions?

