# Block-Circulant Constructions for Robust and Efficient Phase Retrieval 

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## The Phase Retrieval Problem

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where

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Let $\mathcal{A}: \mathbb{R}^{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{d}$ denote the recovery method.

The phase retrieval problem involves designing measurement matrix and recovery method pairs.

## Applications of Phase Retrieval



From "Phase Retrieval from Coded Diffraction Patterns" by E. J. Candes, X. Li, and M. Soltanolkotabi.
Important applications of Phase Retrieval

- X-ray crystallography
- Diffraction imaging
- Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

In many molecular imaging applications, the detectors only capture intensity measurements.

## The Importance of Phase - An Illustration

- The phase encapsulates vital information about a signal
- Key features of the signal are retained even if the magnitude is lost



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## Objectives

- Computational Efficiency - Can the recovery algorithm $\mathcal{A}$ be computed in $O\left(d \log ^{c} d\right)$-time?

Here, $c$ is a small constant.

- Computational Robustness: The recovery algorithm, $\mathcal{A}$, should be robust to additive measurement errors (i.e., noise).
- Minimal Measurements: The number of linear measurements, $D$, should be minimized to the greatest extent possible.


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## Alternating Projection Methods

[Gerchberg and Saxton, 1972] and [Fienup, 1978]

- These methods operate by alternately projecting the current iterate of the signal estimate over two sets of constraints.
- One of the constraints is the magnitude of the measurements.
- The other constraint depends on the application - positivity, support constraints, ...


## Alternating Projection Methods

[Gerchberg and Saxton, 1972] and [Fienup, 1978]

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Algorithm 1 Gerchberg-Saxton
Input: Measurements \(\mathbf{b}=|M \mathbf{x}| \in \mathbb{R}^{D}\), Initial estimate \(\mathbf{x}_{0} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}\).
    1: for \(i=0\) to \(N-1\) do
    2: \(\quad\) Compute \(\mathbf{y}=M \mathbf{x}_{i}\)
    3: \(\quad\) Set \(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}=\mathbf{b} \angle \mathbf{y}\)
    4: \(\quad\) Compute \(\mathbf{x}_{i+1}=M^{\dagger} \tilde{\mathbf{y}}\)
    5: end for
```

- $N$ is the number of iterations
- $M^{\dagger}$ is the Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse


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## Issues

- Convergence is slow - the algorithm is likely to stagnate at stationary points
- Requires careful selection of and tuning of the parameters
- Mathematical aspects of the algorithm not well known. If there is proof of convergence, it is only for special cases.


## Applications

- Can be used as a post-processing step to speed up more rigorous (but slow) computational approaches


## PhaseLift [Candes et. al., 2012]

- Modify the problem to that of finding the rank-1 matrix $X=\mathrm{xx}^{*}$
- Uses multiple random illuminations (or masks) as measurements.
- The resulting problem can be cast as a rank minimization optimization problem (NP hard)
- Instead, solve a convex relaxation - trace minimization problem (SDP)


## PhaseLift [Candes et. al., 2012]

Notation

- Let $\mathbf{w}^{m}$ be a mask. The measurements may be written as

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|\left\langle\mathbf{w}^{m}, \mathbf{x}\right\rangle\right|^{2}=\operatorname{Tr}\left(\mathbf{x}^{*} \mathbf{w}^{m}\left(\mathbf{w}^{m}\right)^{*} \mathbf{x}\right) & =\operatorname{Tr}\left(\mathbf{w}^{m}\left(\mathbf{w}^{m}\right)^{*} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^{*}\right) \\
& :=\operatorname{Tr}\left(W^{m} X\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Let $\mathcal{W}$ be the linear operator mapping positive semidefinite matrices into $\left\{\operatorname{Tr}\left(W^{m} X\right): m=0, \ldots, L\right\}$.
- The phase retrieval problem then becomes

$$
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- Implemented using a semidefinite program (SDP).


## PhaseLift [Candes et. al., 2012]

## Advantages

- Recovery guarantees for random measurements
- Optimization problems of the above type are well-understood
- Mature software for solving the resulting optimization problem.


## Disadvantages

- SDP solvers are still slow!
- General-purpose solvers have complexity $\mathcal{O}\left(d^{3}\right)$; FFT-based measurements may be solved in $\mathcal{O}\left(d^{2}\right)$ time


## Other Approaches

- Phase Retrieval with Polarization [Alexeev et. al. 2014]
- Graph-theoretic frame-based approach
- Requires $\mathcal{O}(d \log d)$ measurements
- Error guarantee similar to PhaseLift
- Phase Recovery, MaxCut and Complex Semidefinite Programming [Waldspurger et. al. 2013]
- Related to graph partitioning problems
- Can be shown to be equivalent to PhaseLift under certain conditions
- Requires solving a SDP


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## Overview of the Computational Framework

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$$
|\operatorname{corr}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x})|^{2} \xrightarrow[\text { linear system }]{\text { solve }} x_{j} \bar{x}_{j+k}, \quad k=0, \ldots, \delta
$$

- $\mathbf{w}$ is a mask or window function with $\delta+1$ non-zero entries.
- $x_{j} \bar{x}_{j+k}$ gives us the (scaled) difference in phase between entries $x_{j}$ and $x_{j+k}$.

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## Correlations with Support-Limited Functions

- Let $\mathbf{x}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}x_{0} & x_{1} & \ldots & x_{d-1}\end{array}\right]^{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}$ be the unknown signal.
- Let $\mathbf{w}=\left[\begin{array}{lllllll}w_{0} & w_{1} & \ldots & w_{\delta} & 0 & \ldots & 0\end{array}\right]^{T}$ denote a support-limited mask. It has $\delta+1$ non-zero entries.
- We are given the (squared) correlation measurements

$$
\left(b^{m}\right)^{2}=\left|\operatorname{corr}\left(\mathbf{w}^{m}, \mathbf{x}\right)\right|^{2}, \quad m=0, \ldots, L
$$

corresponding to $L+1$ distinct masks.

## Correlations with Support-Limited Functions

Explicitly writing out each measurement, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(b_{k}^{m}\right)^{2} & =\left|\sum_{j=0}^{\delta} \bar{w}_{j}^{m} \cdot x_{k+j}\right|^{2} \\
& =\sum_{i, j=0}^{\delta} w_{i}^{m} \bar{w}_{j}^{m} x_{k+j} \bar{x}_{k+i}
\end{aligned}
$$

We can also lift these equations to a set of linear equations!

## Solving for Phase Differences

Ordering $\left\{x_{n} \bar{x}_{n+l}\right\}$ lexicographically, we obtain a linear system of equations for the phase differences.

Example: $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}, d=4, \delta=1$


The system matrix $M^{\prime}$ is block circulant!

## Consequences of the Block Circulant Structure

- There exists a unitary decomposition of the system matrix
- The condition number of the system matrix is a function of the individual blocks. In particular, we have

$$
\kappa\left(M^{\prime}\right)=\frac{\max _{|t|=1} \sigma_{1}(t)}{\min _{|t|=1} \sigma_{\delta}(t)},
$$

where $\sigma_{1}(t), \sigma_{\delta}(t)$ are the largest/smallest singular values of

$$
J(t)=M_{0}^{\prime}+t M_{1}^{\prime}+\cdots+t^{\delta-1} M_{\delta}^{\prime}
$$

- The linear system for the phase differences can be solved efficiently using FFTs


## Entries of the Measurement Matrix

## Two strategies

- Random entries (Gaussian, Uniform, Bernoulli, ...)
- Structured measurements, e.g.,

$$
w_{i}^{\ell}= \begin{cases}\frac{\mathbb{e}^{-i / a}}{\sqrt[4]{2 \delta+1}} \cdot \mathbb{e}^{\frac{2 \pi i \cdot i \cdot \ell}{2 \delta+1}}, & i \leq \delta \\ 0, & i>\delta\end{cases}
$$

where $a:=\max \left\{4, \frac{\delta-1}{2}\right\}$, and $0 \leq \ell \leq L$.

## Random Measurements

Representative Condition Numbers

|  | $\delta=3$ | $\delta=6$ | $\delta=9$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Critical sampling | 34.89 | 124.05 | 465.32 |
| Oversampling factor 2 | 3.73 | 11.73 | 13.30 |
| Oversampling factor 3 | 3.29 | 6.08 | 8.60 |

- Critical sampling: $D=(2 \delta+1) d$, where $D$ denotes the number of measurements.
- Oversampling: $D=\gamma \cdot(2 \delta+1) d$, where $\gamma$ is the oversampling factor
- Typically, we use $\gamma=1.5$.


## Structured Measurements

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

Choose entries of the measurement mask $\mathbf{w}^{m}$ as follows:
$w_{i}^{\ell}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}\frac{\mathbb{e}^{-i / a}}{\sqrt[4]{2 \delta+1}} \cdot \mathbb{e}^{\frac{2 \pi \mathrm{i} \cdot \cdot \cdot \ell}{2 \delta+1}}, & i \leq \delta \\ 0, & i>\delta\end{array}, a:=\max \left\{4, \frac{\delta-1}{2}\right\}, \ell \in[0, L]\right.$.
Then, the resulting system matrix for the phase differences, $M^{\prime}$, has condition number

$$
\kappa\left(M^{\prime}\right)<\max \left\{144 \mathbb{e}^{2}, \frac{9 \mathbb{e}^{2}}{4} \cdot(\delta-1)^{2}\right\} .
$$

Note:

- $w_{i}^{\ell}$ are scaled entries of a DFT matrix.
- $\delta$ is typically chosen to be $6-12$.
- No oversampling necessary!


## Angular Synchronization

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## The Angular Synchronization Problem

Estimate $d$ unknown angles $\theta_{1}, \theta_{2}, \ldots, \theta_{d} \in[0,2 \pi)$ from $d(\delta+1)$ noisy measurements of their differences
$\Delta \theta_{i j}:=\angle x_{i}-\angle x_{j}=\angle\left(\frac{x_{i} \bar{x}_{j}}{\sqrt{x_{i} \bar{x}_{i} \cdot x_{j} \bar{x}_{j}}}\right) \bmod 2 \pi$.

## Angular Synchronization

The unknown phases (modulo a global phase offset) may be obtained by solving a simple greedy algorithm.
(1) Set the largest magnitude component to have zero phase angle; i.e.,

$$
\angle x_{k}=0, \quad k:=\underset{i}{\operatorname{argmax}} x_{i} \bar{x}_{i} .
$$

2 Use this entry to set the phase angles of the next $\delta$ entries; i.e.,

$$
\angle x_{j}=\angle x_{k}-\Delta \theta_{k j}, \quad j=1, \ldots, \delta .
$$

3 Use the next largest magnitude component from these $\delta$ entries and repeat the process.

## Recovering Arbitrary Vectors

- Recall: Due to compact support of our masks, only "flat" vectors can be recovered
- Arbitrary vectors can be "flattened" by multiplication with a random unitary matrix such as $W=P F B$, where
- $P \in\{0,1\}^{d \times d}$ is a permutation matrix selected uniformly at random from the set of all $d \times d$ permutation matrices
- $F$ is the unitary $d \times d$ discrete Fourier transform matrix
- $B \in\{-1,0,1\}^{d \times d}$ is a random diagonal matrix with i.i.d. symmetric Bernoulli entries on its diagonal


## A Noiseless Recovery Result

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

Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}$ with $d$ sufficiently large. Then, one can select a random measurement matrix $\tilde{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{D \times d}$ such that the following holds with probability at least $1-\frac{1}{c \cdot \ln ^{2}(d) \cdot \ln ^{3}(\ln d)}$ : Our algorithm will recover an $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}$ with

$$
\min _{\theta \in[0,2 \pi]}\left\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbb{e}^{\mathrm{i} \theta} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}\right\|_{2}=0
$$

when given the noiseless magnitude measurements $|\tilde{M} \mathbf{x}|^{2} \in \mathbb{R}^{D}$. Here $D$ can be chosen to be $\mathcal{O}\left(d \cdot \ln ^{2}(d) \cdot \ln ^{3}(\ln d)\right)$. Furthermore, the algorithm will run in $\mathcal{O}\left(d \cdot \ln ^{3}(d) \cdot \ln ^{3}(\ln d)\right)$-time in that case.

To do: Robustness to measurement noise...

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## Numerical Results

- Test signals (Real and Complex) - iid Gaussian, uniform random, sinusoidal signals
- Noise model

$$
\tilde{\mathbf{b}}=\mathbf{b}+\tilde{\mathbf{n}}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{n}} \sim U[0, a]
$$

Value of $a$ determines SNR

$$
S N R=10 \log _{10}\left(\frac{\text { noise power }}{\text { signal power }}\right)=10 \log _{10}\left(\frac{a^{2} / 3}{\|b\|^{2} / d}\right)
$$

- Errors reported as SNR (dB)

$$
\text { Error }(\mathrm{dB})=10 \log _{10}\left(\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}-\mathbf{x}\|^{2}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^{2}}\right)
$$

( $\hat{\mathrm{x}}$ - recovered signal, x - true signal)

## Noiseless Case




- iid Complex Gaussian signal
- $d=64$
- $\delta=1$
(3d measurements)
- No noise
- Reconstruction Error

$$
\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}-\mathbf{x}\|^{2}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|^{2}}=6.436 \times 10^{-15}
$$

## Efficiency



- iid Complex Gaussian signal
- High SNR applications
- $5 d$ measurements
- $64 k$ problem in $\sim 20 \mathrm{~s}$ in Matlab!


## Efficiency



- iid Complex Gaussian signal
- Generic applications (wide range of SNRs)
- $4 d \log d$ measurements


## Robustness



- iid complex Gaussian signal
- $d=64$
- $7 d$ measurements
- Deterministic (windowed Fourier-like) measurements


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- iid complex Gaussian signal
- $d=2048$
- Not feasible with PhaseLift or Alternating projection methods on a laptop in Matlab
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- Random measurements


## Discussion

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- Well-conditioned deterministic measurement matrices with explicit condition number bounds
- Significantly faster (FFT time) than comparable SDP-based methods
(-)
- Requires $2 \times$ to $4 \times$ more measurements than equivalent SDP-based methods


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## Sparse Phase Retrieval - Objectives

- Computational Efficiency
- Computational Robustness: The recovery algorithm, $\mathcal{A}$, should be robust to additive measurement errors (i.e., noise).
- Minimal Measurements: The number of linear measurements, $D$, should be minimized to the greatest extent possible. In particular, can we have robust reconstruction for $D=O(k \log (d / k))$ measurements?


## Existing Frameworks

- Alternating Projections with Sparsity Constraints [Mukherjee and Seelamantula, 2012]
- Compressive Phase Retrieval via Lifting (CPRL) [Ohlsson et. al., 2012]
- GrEedy Sparse PhAse Retrieval (GESPAR) algorithm [Shechtman et. al., 2014]
- Compressive Phase Retrieval via Generalized Approximate Message Passing [Schniter, Rangan 2014]


## Proposed Computational Framework

Let the measurement matrix $\mathcal{M}$ be of the form

$$
\mathcal{M}=\mathcal{P C}
$$

where

- $\mathcal{P} \in \mathbb{C}^{D \times \tilde{d}}$ is an admissible phase retrieval matrix, and
- $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d} \times d}$ is an admissible compressive sensing matrix.

Note: We typically have $D=O(\tilde{d})$ and $\tilde{d}=O(k \log (d / k))$, where $k$ is the sparsity of $\mathbf{x}$.

## Proposed Computational Framework

(1) Solve a (non-sparse) phase retrieval problem (PhaseLift shown here)

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { minimize } & \operatorname{trace}(Y) \\
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\operatorname{minimize} & \|\mathbf{x}\|_{1} \\
\text { subject to } & \mathcal{C} \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{y}
\end{array}
$$

## Advantages

- Dramatically reduces the problem dimension.
- Recovery guarantees follow naturally from guarantees for the Phase Retrieval method employed and Compressive Sensing
- Not limited to Phase Lift - Can work with any phase retrieval method (Step 1)


## Error Guarantee

- Consider noisy measurements of the form

$$
\mathbf{b}:=|\mathcal{P C} \mathbf{x}|^{2}+\mathbf{n}
$$

- $\mathcal{P} \in \mathbb{C}^{D \times \tilde{d}}$ is any phase retrieval matrix with an associated recovery algorithm $\Phi_{\mathcal{P}}: \mathbb{R}^{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d}}$ (and error guarantee)
- $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d} \times d}$ is any compressive sensing matrix with an associated recovery algorithm $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}: \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{d}$ (and error guarantee)
- Composition of the two recovery algorithms, $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}} \circ \Phi_{\mathcal{P}}: \mathbb{R}^{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{d}$, should accurately approximate $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}$, up to a global phase factor, from $\mathbf{b}$ whenever $\mathbf{x}$ is sufficiently sparse or compressible.


## Error Guarantee

## Theorem (PhaseLift: Candes, Li 2014)

Let $\mathcal{P} \in \mathbb{C}^{D \times \tilde{d}}$ have its $D$ rows be independently drawn either uniformly at random from the sphere of radius $\sqrt{\tilde{d}}$ in $\mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d}}$, or else as complex normal random vectors from $\mathcal{N}\left(0, \mathcal{I}_{\tilde{d}} / 2\right)+\dot{\mathrm{i}} \mathcal{N}\left(0, \mathcal{I}_{\tilde{d}} / 2\right)$. Then, $\exists$ universal constants $\tilde{B}, \tilde{C}, \tilde{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$such that the PhaseLift procedure $\Phi_{\mathcal{P}}: \mathbb{R}^{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d}}$ satisfies

$$
\min _{\theta \in[0,2 \pi]}\left\|\Phi_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{b})-\mathbb{e}^{\mathrm{i} \theta} \mathbf{x}\right\|_{2} \leq \tilde{C} \cdot \min \left(\|\mathbf{x}\|_{2}, \frac{\|\mathbf{n}\|_{1}}{D\|\mathbf{x}\|_{2}}\right)
$$

for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d}}$ with probability $1-\mathcal{O}\left(\mathbb{e}^{-\tilde{B} D}\right)$, provided that $D \geq \tilde{A} \tilde{d}$.

## Error Guarantee

## Theorem (Compressive Sensing - Foucart, Rauhut )

Suppose that the matrix $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d} \times d}$ satisfies the $\ell_{2}$-robust null space property of order $k$ with constants $0<\rho<1$ and $\tau>0$. Then, for any $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}$, the vector

$$
\tilde{\mathbf{x}}:=\underset{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}}{\arg \min }\|\mathbf{z}\|_{1} \quad \text { subject to } \quad\|\mathcal{C} \mathbf{z}-\mathbf{y}\|_{2} \leq \eta
$$

where $\mathbf{y}:=\mathcal{C} \mathbf{x}+\mathbf{e}$ for some $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d}}$ with $\|\mathbf{e}\|_{2} \leq \eta$, will satisfy

$$
\|\mathbf{x}-\tilde{\mathbf{x}}\|_{2} \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{k}} \cdot\left(\inf _{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^{d},\|\mathbf{z}\|_{0} \leq k}\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{z}\|_{1}\right)+A \eta
$$

for some constants $C, A \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$that only depend on $\rho$ and $\tau$.

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Furthermore, suppose that $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{C}^{\tilde{d} \times d}$ satisfies the $\ell_{2}$-robust null space property of order $k$ with constants $0<\rho<1$ and $\tau>0$. Then,

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\min _{\theta \in[0,2 \pi]}\left\|\mathbb{E}^{\mathrm{i} \theta} \mathbf{x}-\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}\left(\Phi_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{b})\right)\right\|_{2} \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{k}} \cdot\left(\inf _{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^{d},\|\mathbf{z}\|_{0} \leq k}\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{z}\|_{1}\right)+ \\
A \cdot \min \left(\|\mathcal{C} \mathbf{x}\|_{2}, \frac{\|\mathbf{n}\|_{1}}{D\|\mathcal{C} \mathbf{x}\|_{2}}\right)
\end{array}
$$

holds for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}$ with probability $1-\mathcal{O}\left(\mathbb{e}^{-B D}\right)$, provided that $D \geq E \cdot \tilde{d}$. Here $B, E \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$are universal constants, while $C, A \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$are constants that only depend on $\rho$ and $\tau$.

## Error Guarantee

When $\mathcal{C}$ is a random matrix with i.i.d. subGaussian random entries, we can further show that

$$
\min _{\theta \in[0,2 \pi]}\left\|\mathbb{e}^{\mathrm{i} \theta} \mathbf{x}-\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}\left(\Phi_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{b})\right)\right\|_{2} \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{k}} \cdot\left(\inf _{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^{d},\|\mathbf{z}\|_{0} \leq k}\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{z}\|_{1}\right)+A\|\mathbf{n}\|_{2}
$$

## Sublinear-time Results

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

There exists a deterministic algorithm $\mathcal{A}: \mathbb{R}^{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{d}$ for which the following holds: Let $\epsilon \in(0,1], \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{d}$ with $d$ sufficiently large, and $s \in[d]$. Then, one can select a random measurement matrix $\tilde{M} \in \mathbb{C}^{D \times d}$ such that

$$
\min _{\theta \in[0,2 \pi]}\left\|\mathbb{e}^{\mathrm{i} \theta} \mathbf{x}-\mathcal{A}\left(|\tilde{M} \mathbf{x}|^{2}\right)\right\|_{2} \leq\left\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_{s}^{\mathrm{opt}}\right\|_{2}+\frac{22 \epsilon\left\|\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_{(s / \epsilon)}^{\mathrm{opt}}\right\|_{1}}{\sqrt{s}}
$$

is true with probability at least $1-\frac{1}{C \cdot \ln ^{2}(d) \cdot \ln ^{3}(\ln d)}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Here $D$ can be chosen to be $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{s}{\epsilon} \cdot \ln ^{3}\left(\frac{s}{\epsilon}\right) \cdot \ln ^{3}\left(\ln \frac{s}{\epsilon}\right) \cdot \ln d\right)$. Furthermore, the algorithm will run in $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{s}{\epsilon} \cdot \ln ^{4}\left(\frac{s}{\epsilon}\right) \cdot \ln ^{3}\left(\ln \frac{s}{\epsilon}\right) \cdot \ln d\right)$-time in that case. ${ }^{b}$

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## Numerical Results

- Test signals - sparse, unit-norm complex vectors
- non-zero indices are independently and randomly chosen
- non-zero entries are i.i.d. standard complex Gaussians
- Noise model - i.i.d. zero-mean additive Gaussian noise at different SNRs
- Errors reported as SNR (dB)

$$
\text { Error }(\mathrm{dB})=10 \log _{10}\left(\frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}}-\mathbf{x}\|_{2}^{2}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_{2}^{2}}\right)
$$

( $\hat{\mathrm{x}}$ - recovered signal, x - true signal)

## Robustness

Robustness to Additive Noise: $N=1024, s=5, \tilde{m}=371$


- Signal size: $d=1024$
- Sparsity: $k=5$
- 371 measurements $(14 k \log (d / k))$

No. of measurements - Comparison with SDP-based CPRL


- $d=64$, Noiseless measurements
- No. of measurements required for successful (relative $\ell_{2}$-norm error $\leq 10^{-5}$ ) reconstruction


## Corresponding Runtime

Runtime: $\mathrm{N}=64$, Noiseless Measurements


- $d=64$
- Noiseless measurements
- Averaged over 100 trials


## Discussion

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- Requires $O(k \log (d / k))$ measurements.
- Significantly faster than comparable (SDP-based) methods.
- Recovery guarantee
(-)
- May require more (a small linear factor) measurements for small problems.


## Summary

- Robust, efficient (FFT-time) phase retrieval algorithm
- Uses compactly supported masks and a block circulant construction in conjunction with angular synchronization
- Deterministic, well conditioned measurements masks
- Simple 2-stage method for sparse signals
- First sublinear time compressive phase retrieval algorithm.


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## Software Repository



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[^0]:    ${ }^{2}$ Here $C \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$is a fixed absolute constant.
    ${ }^{b}$ For the sake of simplicity, we assume $s=\Omega(\log d)$ when stating the measurement and runtime bounds above.

