

# ELEG 867 - Compressive Sensing and Sparse Signal Representations

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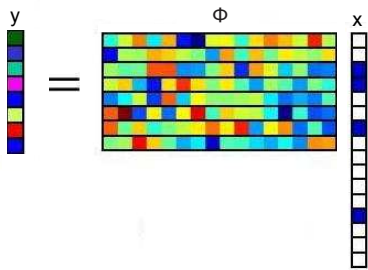
# Outline

- Compressive sensing signal reconstruction
- Geometry of CS
- Reconstruction Algorithms
  - Matching Pursuit
  - Orthogonal Matching Pursuit
  - Iterative Hard Thresholding
  - Weighted Median Regression



# Compressive Sensing Signal Reconstruction

- **Goal:** Recover signal  $x$  from measurements  $y$
- **Problem:** Random projection  $\Phi$  not full rank (ill-posed inverse problem)
- **Solution:** Exploit the sparse/compressible geometry of acquired signal  $x$



Suppose there is a  $S$ -sparse solution to  $y = \Phi x$

- Combinatorial optimization problem

$$(P0) \quad \min_x \|x\|_0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi x = y$$

- Convex optimization problem

$$(P1) \quad \min_x \|x\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi x = y$$

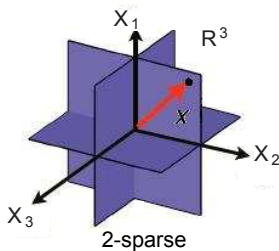
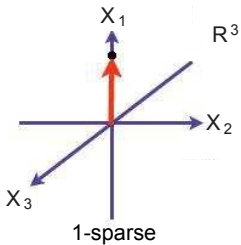
- If  $2\delta_{3s} + \delta_{2s} \leq 1$ , the solutions  $(P0)$  and  $(P1)$  are the same<sup>†</sup>.

<sup>†</sup> E. Candès."Compressive Sampling". Proc. Intern. Congress of Math., China, April 2006.



# The Geometry of CS

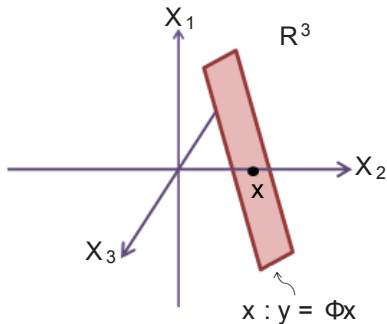
- Sparse signals have few non-zero coefficients



# $\ell_0$ Recovery

Reconstruction should be

- Consistent with the model:  $x$  as sparse as possible  $\min \|x\|_0$
- Consistent with the measurements:  $y = \Phi x$



# $\ell_0$ Recovery

$$\min_x \|x\|_0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi x = y$$

- $\|x\|_0$  number of nonzero elements
- Sparsest signal consistent with the measurements  $y$
- Requires only  $M \ll N$  measurements
- Combinatorial NP-hard problem: for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$  with sparsity  $S$ , the complexity is  $O(N^S)$
- Too slow for implementation

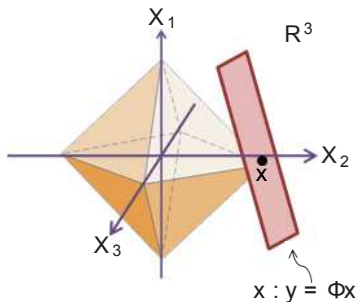


# $\ell_1$ Recovery

A more realistic model

$$\min_x \|x\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi x = y$$

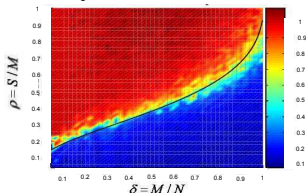
- The  $\ell_1$  norm also induces sparsity.
- The constraint is given by  $y = \Phi x$ .





# Phase Transition Diagram

In the  $\ell_1$  minimization, there is a defined region on  $(M/N, S/M)$  which ensures successful recovery



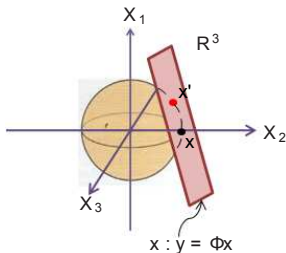
- $\delta = M/N$  is a normalized measure of the problem indeterminacy.
- $\rho = S/M$  is a normalized measure of the sparsity.
- **Red region** - unsuccessful recovery or exact reconstruction typically fails.
- **Blue region** - successful recovery or exact reconstruction typically occurs.



# $\ell_2$ Recovery

$$\min_x \|x\|_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi x = y$$

- Least square solution  $x = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T y$
- Solved by using quadratic programming:
  - ✓ Least squares solution
  - ✓ Interior-point methods
- Solution is almost never sparse



# $\ell_2$ Recovery

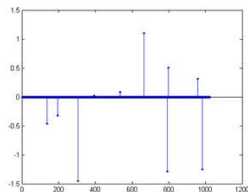
- **Problem:** small  $\ell_2$  does not imply sparsity



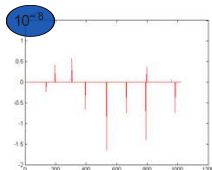
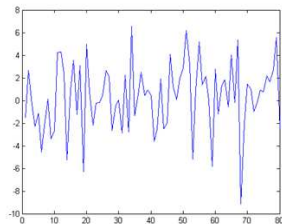
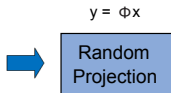
- $x'$  has small  $\ell_2$  norm but it is not sparse



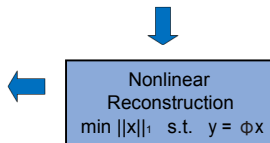
# CS Example in the Time Domain



Time domain sparse signal



Error signal



# CS Example in the Wavelet Domain

- Reconstruction of an image ( $N = 1$  megapixel) sparse ( $S = 25,000$ ) in the wavelet domain from  $M = 96,000$  incoherent measurements.<sup>†</sup>



Original (25K wavelets)



Recovered Image

<sup>†</sup> E. J. Candès and J. Romberg "Sparsity and Incoherence in Compressive Sampling." Inverse Problems. vol.23, pp.969-985. 2006.



# Reconstruction Algorithms

- Different formulations and implementations have been proposed to find the sparsest  $x$  subject to  $y = \Phi x$
- Difficult to compare results obtained by different methods
- Those are broadly classified in:
  - ✓ Regularization formulations (Replace combinatorial problem with convex optimization)
  - ✓ Greedy algorithms (Iterative refinement of a sparse solution)
  - ✓ Bayesian framework (Assume prior distribution of sparse coefficients)



# Greedy Algorithms

Iterative algorithms that select an optimal subset of the desired signal  $x$  at each iteration. Some examples:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Matching Pursuit (MP)                          | $\min_x \ x\ _0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi x = y$                |
| Orthogonal Matching Pursuit(OMP)               | $\min_x \ x\ _0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi x = y$                |
| Compressive Sampling Matching Pursuit (CoSaMP) | $\min_x \ y - \Phi x\ _2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \ x\ _0 \leq S$ |
| Iterative Hard Thresholding (ITH)              | $\min_x \ y - \Phi x\ _2^2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \ x\ _0 \leq S$ |
| Weighted Median Regression                     | $\min_x \ y - \Phi x\ _1 + \lambda \ x\ _0$                        |

Those methods build an approximation of the sparse signal at each iteration.



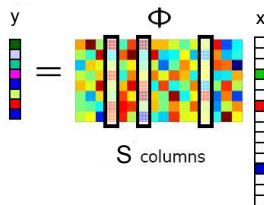
# Matching Pursuit (MP)

Sparse approximation algorithm used to find the solution to

$$\min_x \|x\|_0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi x = y$$

Key ideas:

- Measurements  $y = \Phi x$  are composed of sum of  $S$  columns of  $\Phi$ .
- The algorithm needs to identify which  $S$  columns contribute to  $y$ .





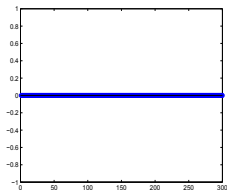
# Matching Pursuit (MP) Algorithm

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| Input and<br>Initialize<br>Parameters | Observation vector $\mathbf{y}$  |
|                                       | Measurement Matrix $\Phi$  |
|                                       | Initial Solution $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$   |
|                                       | Initial residual $\mathbf{r}^{(0)} = \mathbf{y}$   |
| Iteration k                           | <p>Compute the current error: <math>c_j^{(k)} = \langle \phi_j, \mathbf{r}^{(k)} \rangle</math></p> <p>Identify the index <math>\hat{j}</math> such that: <math>\hat{j} = \max_j  c_j^{(k)} </math></p> <p>Update <math>\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\hat{j}}^{(k)} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{\hat{j}}^{(k-1)} + c_{\hat{j}}^{(k)}</math></p> <p>Update <math>\mathbf{r}^{(k)} = \mathbf{r}^{(k-1)} - c_{\hat{j}}^{(k)} \phi_{\hat{j}}</math></p> |

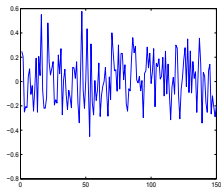
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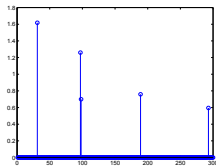
# MP Reconstruction Example



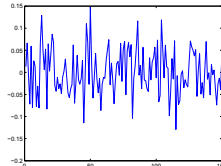
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Iteration 0



residue - Iteration 0

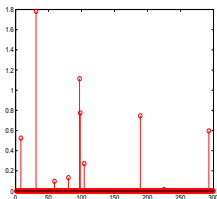


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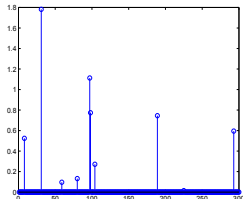


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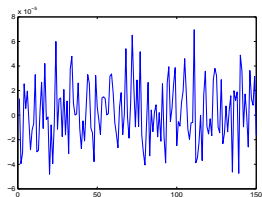
# MP Reconstruction Example



Original Signal



reconstruc. signal  
Iteration 32



Residue Iteration 32



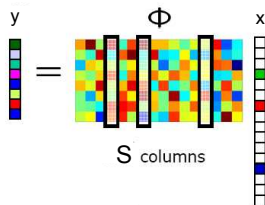
# Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (MP)

Sparse approximation algorithm used to find the solution to

$$\min_x \|x\|_0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi x = y$$

Key ideas:

- Measurements  $y = \Phi x$  are composed of sum of  $S$  columns of  $\Phi$ .
- The algorithm needs to identify which  $S$  columns contribute to  $y$ .



# Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP) Algorithm

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Input and Initialize Parameters | Observation vector $\mathbf{y}$<br>Measurement Matrix $\Phi$<br>Initial Solution $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$<br>Initial Solution Support $S^{(0)} = \text{support}\{\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(0)}\} = \emptyset$<br>Initial residual $\mathbf{r}^{(0)} = \mathbf{y}$  |
| Iteration k                     | Compute the current error: $c_j^{(k)} = \langle \phi_j, \mathbf{r}^{(k)} \rangle$<br>Identify the index $\hat{j}$ such that: $\hat{j} = \arg \max_j  c_j^{(k)} $<br>Update the support $S^{(k)} = S^{(k-1)} \cup \hat{j}$<br>Update the matrix $\Phi_{S^{(k)}} = [\phi_{\hat{j}_1}, \dots, \phi_{\hat{j}_k}]$<br>Update the solution $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)} = (\Phi_{S^{(k)}}^T \Phi_{S^{(k)}})^{-1} \Phi_{S^{(k)}}^T \mathbf{y}$<br>Update $\mathbf{r}^{(k)} = \mathbf{y} - \Phi_{S^{(k)}} \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(k)}$ |

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# Remarks on the OMP Algorithm

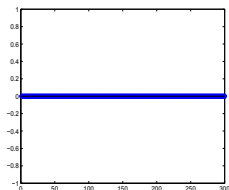
- $S^{(k)}$  is the support of  $\hat{x}$  at the iteration  $k$  and  $\Phi_{S^{(k)}}$  is the matrix that contains the columns from  $\Phi$  that belongs to this support.
- The updated solution gives the  $\hat{x}^{(k)}$  that solves the minimization problem  $\|\Phi_{S^{(k)}}x - y\|_2^2$ . The solution is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{S^{(k)}}^T (\Phi_{S^{(k)}}x - y) &= 0 \\ -\Phi_{S^{(k)}}^T r^{(k)} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

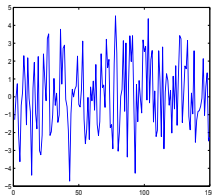
This solution shows that the columns in  $\Phi_{S^{(k)}}^T$  are orthogonal to  $r^{(k)}$ .



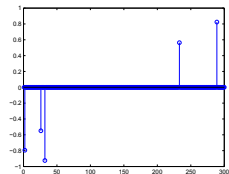
# OMP Reconstruction Example



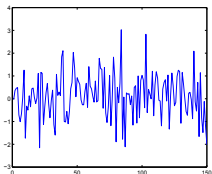
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Iteration 0



residue - Iteration 0

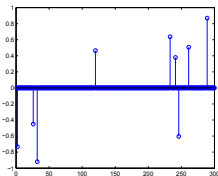


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Iteration 5

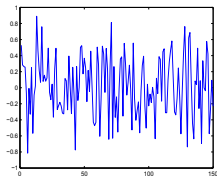


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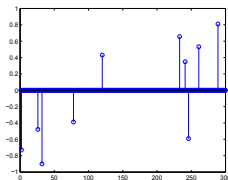
# OMP Reconstruction Example



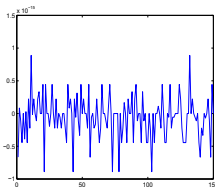
reconstruc. signal  
Iteration 9



residue - Iteration 9



reconstruc. signal  
Iteration 10



residue - Iteration 10





# Iterative Hard Thresholding

- Sparse approximation algorithm that solves the problem

$$\min_x \|y - \Phi x\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_0.$$

- Iterative algorithm that computes a descent direction given by the gradient of the  $\ell_2$ -norm.
- The solution at each iteration is given by finding:

$$x^{(k+1)} = H_\lambda(x^{(k)} + \Phi^T(y - \Phi x^{(k)}))$$

- $H_\lambda$  is a non-linear operator that only retains the coefficients with the largest magnitude.

<sup>†</sup> T. Blumensath and M. Davies. "Iterative Hard Thresholding for Compressed Sensing." Journal of Appl. Comp. Harm. Anal. vol. 27, no. 3, pp. 265-274, 2009.



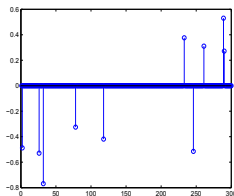
# Iterative Hard Thresholding

|                                       |  |
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| Input and<br>Initialize<br>Parameters | Observation vector $\mathbf{y}$<br>Measurement Matrix $\Phi$<br>$\hat{x}^{(0)} = 0$  |
| Iteration $k$                         | Compute an update: $a^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)} + \Phi^T(y - \Phi x^{(k)})$<br>Select the largest elements: $x^{(k+1)} = H_\lambda(a^{(k+1)})$ .<br>Pull other elements toward zero. |

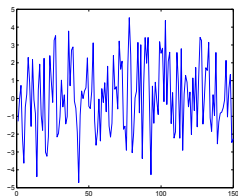
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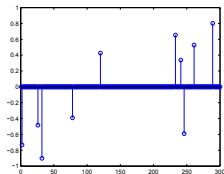
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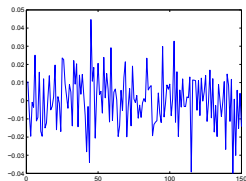
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Iteration 1



residue - Iteration 1

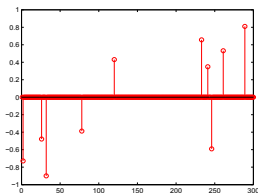


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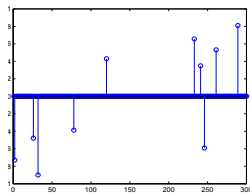


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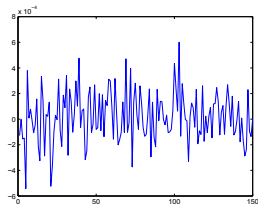
# ITH Reconstruction Example



Original Signal



reconstruct. signal  
Iteration 10



residue - Iteration 10



# Weighted Median Regression Reconstruction Algorithm

When the random measurements are corrupted by noise the most widely used CS reconstruction algorithms solve the problem

$$\min_x \|y - \Phi x\|_2^2 + \tau \|x\|_1.$$

where  $\tau$  is the regularization parameter that balances the conflicting task of minimizing the  $\ell_2$  norm while yielding a sparse solution.

- As  $\tau$  increases the solution is sparser.
- As  $\tau$  decreases the solution approximates to least square solution.



In the solution to the problem

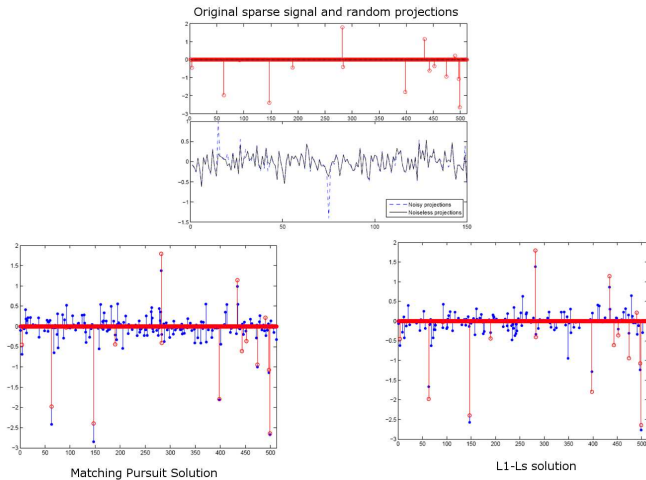
$$\min_x \|y - \Phi x\|_2^2 + \tau \|x\|_1.$$

- The  $\ell_2$  term is the data fitting term, induced by the Gaussian assumption of the noise contamination.
- The  $\ell_1$  term is the sparsity promoting term.

However, the  $\ell_2$  term leads to the least square solution which is known to be very sensitive to high-noise level and outliers present in the contamination.



# Example of signal reconstruction when outliers are present in the random projections



To mitigate the effect of the impulsive noise in the compressive measurements, a more robust norm for the data-fitting term is

$$\min_x \underbrace{\|y - \Phi x\|_1}_{\text{Data fitting}} + \underbrace{\lambda \|x\|_0}_{\text{Sparsity}} \quad (1)$$

- LAD offers robustness to a broad class of noise, in particular to heavy tail noise.
- Optimum under the maximum likelihood principle when the underlying contamination follows a Laplacian-distributed model.

<sup>†</sup> J. L. Paredes and G. Arce. "Compressive Sensing Signal Reconstruction by Weighted Median Regression Estimate." ICASSP 2010.





## Drawbacks:

- Solving  $\ell_0$ -LAD optimization is  $N_p$ -hard problem.
- Direct solution is unfeasible even for modest-sized signal.

To solve this multivariable minimization problem:

- Solve a sequence of scalar minimization subproblems.
- Each subproblem improves the estimate of the solution by minimizing along a selected coordinate with all other coordinates fixed.
- Closed form solution exists for the scalar minimization problem.



- Signal reconstruction

$$\hat{x} = \min_x \sum_{i=1}^M |(y - \Phi x)_i| + \lambda \|x\|_0$$

The solution using **Coordinate Descent Method** is given by

$$\hat{x}_n = \min_{x_n} \sum_{i=1}^M |y_i - \sum_{j=1, j \neq n}^N \phi_{i,j} x_j - \phi_{i,n} x_n| + \lambda |x_n|_0 + \sum_{j=1, j \neq n}^N \lambda |x_j|_0$$

$$\hat{x}_n = \min_{x_n} \sum_{i=1}^M \underbrace{|\phi_{in}| \left| \frac{y_i - \sum_{j=1, j \neq n}^N \phi_{i,j} x_j}{\phi_{in}} - x_n \right|}_{\text{Weighted least absolute deviation}} + \underbrace{\lambda |x_n|_0}_{\text{Regulariz.}}$$

$Q(x_n)$



- The solution to the minimization problem is given by

$$\hat{x}_n = \min_{x_n} Q(x_n) + \lambda |x_n|_0$$

$$\tilde{x}_n = \text{MEDIAN}(|\phi_{in}| \diamond \frac{y_i - \sum_{j=1, j \neq n}^N \phi_{ij} x_j}{\phi_{in}}) \big|_{i=1}^M; \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

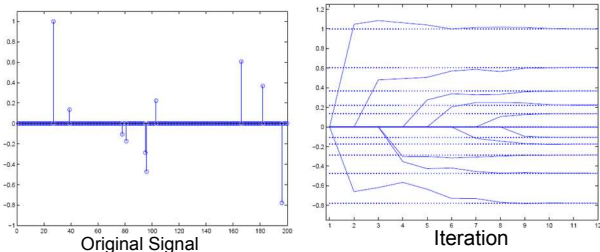
- At  $k^{th}$  iteration:

$$\hat{x}_n^{(k)} = \begin{cases} \tilde{x}_n, & \text{if } Q(\tilde{x}_n) + \lambda \leq Q(0) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



The iterative algorithm detects the non-zero entries of the sparse vector by

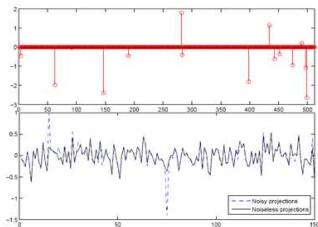
- *Robust signal estimation*: computing a rough estimate of the signal that minimizes the LAD by the weighted median operator.
- *Basis selection problem*: applying a hard-threshold operator on the estimated values.
- Removing the entry's influence from the observation vector.
- Repeating these steps again until a performance criterion is reached.



|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Input and Initialize Parameters | <p>Observation vector <math>y</math></p> <p>Measurement Matrix <math>\Phi</math></p> <p>Number of Iterations <math>K_0</math></p> <p>Iteration counter: <math>k = 1</math></p> <p>Hard-thresholding value: <math>\lambda = \lambda_i</math></p> <p>Estimation at <math>k = 1</math>, <math>\hat{x}^{(0)} = 0</math></p>   |
| Iteration Step A                | <p>For the <math>n</math>-th entry of <math>x</math>, <math>n = 1, 2, \dots, N</math> compute</p> $\tilde{x}_n = \text{MEDIAN} \left\{ \phi_{in} \diamond \frac{y_i - \sum_{j=1; j \neq n}^N \phi_{ij} \hat{x}_j}{\phi_{in}} \right\} \Big _{i=1}^k$ $\hat{x}_n^{(k)} = \begin{cases} \tilde{x}_n, & \text{if } Q(\tilde{x}_n) + \lambda \leq Q(0) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$ |
| Step B                          | <p>Update the hard-thresholding parameter and the estimation of <math>x</math></p> $x^{(k+1)} = x^{(k)}$ $\lambda = \lambda_i \beta^k$  |
| Step C                          | <p>Check stopping criterium</p> <p>If <math>k \leq K_0</math> then set <math>k = k + 1</math> and go to Step A; otherwise, end.</p>   |
| Output                          | Recovered sparse signal $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  |

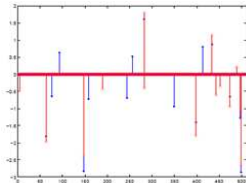


# Example Signal Reconstruction from Projections in Non-Gaussian Noise

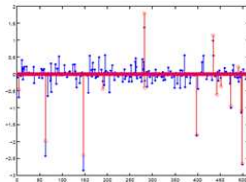
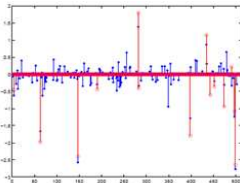


Original signal and noisy projections

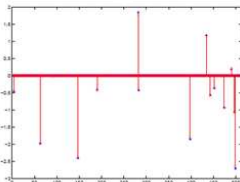
CoSaMP



L1-Ls



Matching Pursuit

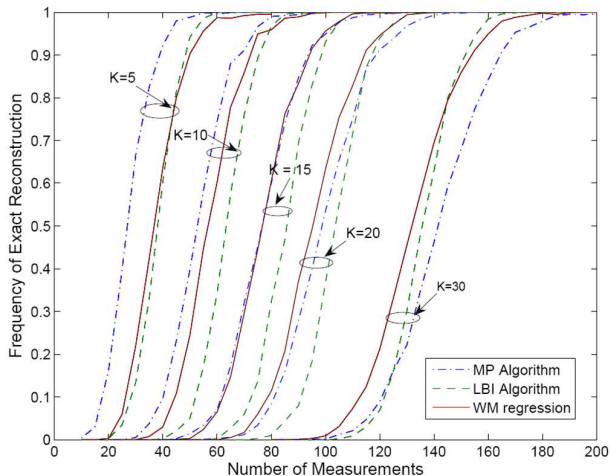


Weighted Median



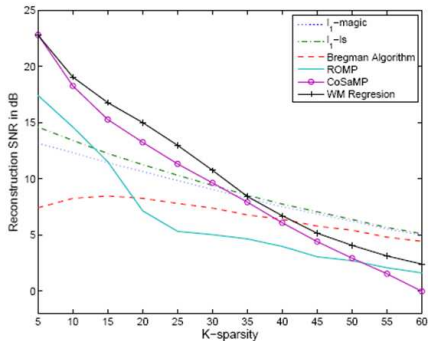
# Performance Comparisons

Exact reconstruction for noiseless signals (normalized error is smaller than 0.1% of the signal energy).

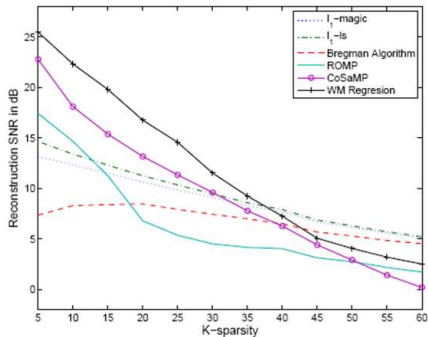


# Performance Comparisons

## SNR vs. Sparsity for different types of noise



(a)  
Gaussian Noise



(b)  
Laplacian Noise



## Convex Relaxation Approach:

The  $\ell_0$ -LAD problem can be relaxed by solving the following problem

$$\min_x \underbrace{\|y - \Phi x\|_1}_{\text{Data fitting}} + \underbrace{\lambda \|x\|_1}_{\text{Sparsity}}. \quad (2)$$

- This problem is convex and can be solved by linear programming.
- $\ell_1$ -norm may not induce the necessary sparsity in the solution.
- It requires more measurements to achieve a target reconstruction error.



The solution for the problem

$$\hat{x} = \min_x \sum_{i=1}^M |y_i - \Phi_i x| + \lambda \|x\|_1$$

is given by

$$\hat{x} = \text{MEDIAN}(\lambda \diamond 0, |\phi_1| \diamond \frac{y_1}{\phi_1}, \dots, |\phi_M| \diamond \frac{y_M}{\phi_M}).$$

- The regularization process induced by the  $\ell_1$ -term leads to a weighting operation with the zero-valued sample in the WM operation.
- Large values of the regularization parameter implies large value for the weight corresponding to the zero-valued sample (this favors sparsity).
- The solution is biased.

