

# Compressive Phase Retrieval via Generalized Approximate Message Passing

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# Phase Retrieval

- Goal: Recover signal  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  from  $m$  **magnitude-only** measurements

$$\mathbf{y} = |\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{w}|,$$

where  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is a known linear transform and  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{C}^m$  is noise.

- Motivation: In many applications, it is feasible to measure the **intensity**, but not the phase, of the Fourier transform of the signal-of-interest:
  - X-ray crystallography,
  - transmission electron microscopy,
  - coherent diffractive imaging,
  - astronomical imaging, etc.
- Feasibility: To make the solution to  $\mathbf{y} = |\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}|$  **unique** (up to a global phase) w.p.1,  $m = 4n - o(n)$  i.i.d Gaussian measurements are necessary [Heinosaari/Mazzarella/Wolf'11] and  $m = 4n - 2$  are sufficient [Balan/Casazza/Edidin'06].

# Phase Retrieval: Classical Approaches

Most classical approaches are **iterative** in nature. For example,

- Alternate between...
  - projecting  $A\hat{x}$  onto the magnitude constraint  $y$ , yielding  $\hat{z}$ ,
  - projecting  $A^+\hat{z}$  onto an apriori known support set, yielding  $\hat{x}$ .

However, due to the non-convexity of the first projection, it is easy for such algorithms to get trapped in **local minima**.

# Phase Retrieval: Convex Approaches

Recently, some **convex relaxations** have been proposed.

- Noting that  $y_i^2 = |\mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{x}|^2 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{X})$  for  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^H$ , pose as “ $\min_{\mathbf{X} \succeq 0} \text{rank}(\mathbf{X})$  s.t.  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{X}) = y_i^2$  for  $i = 1 \dots m$ .” (**NP hard!**)

Relax to “ $\min \text{tr}(\mathbf{X})$  s.t.  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{X}) = y_i^2$  for  $i = 1 \dots m$ ,” (**convex!**) known as **PhaseLift** [Candes/Strohmer/Voroninski'11].

- Another semidefinite program (with similar performance) known as **PhaseCut** was proposed in [Waldspurger/D'Aspremont/Mallat'12].

It was recently shown [Candes/Li'12] that

- with very high probability, PhaseLift perfectly recovers an arbitrary  $\mathbf{x}$  from  $m \geq c_0 n$  noiseless measurements, where  $c_0$  is a constant,
- and also that PhaseLift can be made **robust to noise**.

# Compressive Phase Retrieval

- Recall that  $m \geq 4n - o(n)$  magnitude measurements are needed for  $\mathbf{y} = |\mathbf{Ax}|$  to have a **unique** (up to a phase) solution for  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .
- Sometimes we can only afford  $m \ll 4n$  magnitude measurements, in which case the problem becomes one of **compressive** phase retrieval.
- For successful compressive phase retrieval (CPR), one needs to leverage **additional structure** in  $\mathbf{x}$ , such as **sparsity**.

## Compressive Phase Retrieval: Prior Work

- Assuming **knowledge of  $\|\mathbf{x}_0\|_1$** , [Moravec/Romberg/Baraniuk'07]
  - appended this constraint onto the classical RAAR algorithm, and
  - used RIP-based arguments to establish that  $m \gtrsim k^2 \log(n/k^2)$  magnitude measurements suffice for recovery.

However, the algorithm was prone to local minima and slow convergence. Also, knowledge of  $\|\mathbf{x}_0\|_1$  is rarely available in practice.

- Taking a convex approach, [Ohlsson/Yang/Dong/Sastry'12] proposed the following generalization of PhaseLift, which they call **CPRL**:

$$\min_{\mathbf{X} \succeq 0} \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{X}\|_1 + \mu \sum_{i=1}^m \left| \text{tr}(\mathbf{a}_i \mathbf{a}_i^H \mathbf{X}) - y_i^2 \right|^2,$$

and performed both RIP and mutual coherence analyses. Seems promising. . .

# Bring out the GAMP

*Zed: Bring out the Gimp.*

*Maynard: Gimp's sleeping.*

*Zed: Well, I guess you're gonna have to go wake him up now, won't you?*

*—Pulp Fiction, 1994.*

We propose a new approach to CPR based on [generalized approximate message passing \(GAMP\)](#).

Numerical results show

- excellent phase transitions,
- excellent NMSE & robustness to noise,
- excellent runtime,

enabling, e.g., [practical compressive image retrieval](#).

## Preliminary Numerical Results ... as Motivation

For these numerical results we generated **random**...

- **signals**  $\mathbf{x}_0$  as  $k$ -sparse,  $n=512$ -length, Bernoulli-circular-Gaussian,
- **matrices**  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{F}$ , where  $\mathbf{\Phi} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is i.i.d circular Gaussian and  $\mathbf{F}$  is the  $n \times n$  DFT matrix,
- **noise**  $\mathbf{w}$  as circular white Gaussian (added prior to taking magnitude),

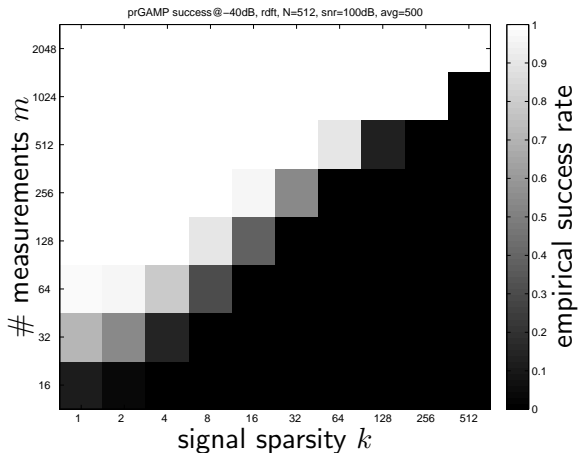
and we monitored the phase-corrected **normalized reconstruction MSE**

$$\text{NMSE} \triangleq \min_{\theta} \frac{\|\hat{\mathbf{x}} - e^{j\theta} \mathbf{x}_0\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{x}_0\|_2^2}.$$



# Phase transition

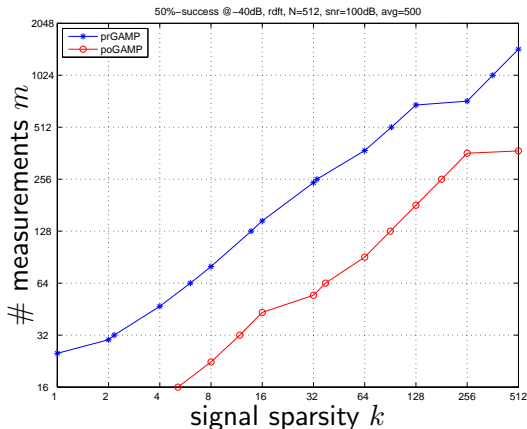
PR-GAMP's empirical success rate, averaged over 500 realizations, was



where success  $\triangleq \{ \text{NMSE} < 10^{-4} \}$ .

# Comparison to phase-oracle GAMP

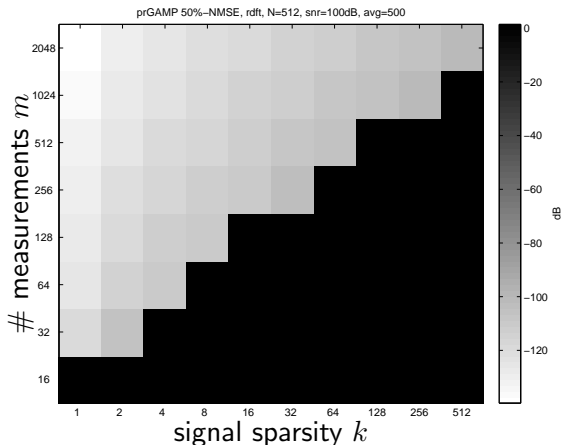
Comparing the 50%-success contours of PR- and phase-oracle GAMP:



we see that PR-GAMP requires about  $4\times$  the number of measurements as phase-oracle GAMP. (Very interesting!)

# NMSE versus Measurements & Sparsity

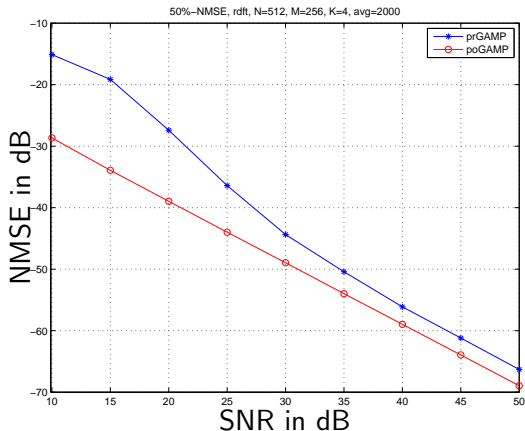
PR-GAMP's median NMSE, measured over the same 500 realizations, was



showing that recovery is **very accurate above the phase transition**.

# Noise Robustness of PR-GAMP

The median NMSE, measured over 2000 realizations:



shows that PR-GAMP loses about **3 dB** at medium-to-high SNR.

## Comparison to CPRL [Ohlsson/Yang/Dong/Sastry'12]

Empirical success rate (and median runtime) over 100 realizations:

	$(m, n) = (20, 32)$	$(m, n) = (30, 48)$	$(m, n) = (40, 64)$
$k = 1$ :			
CPRL	0.96 (4.9 sec)	0.97 (51 sec)	0.99 (291 sec)
PR-GAMP	0.83 (0.4 sec)	0.94 (0.3 sec)	0.99 (0.3 sec)
$k = 2$ :			
CPRL	0.55 (5.8 sec)	0.55 (58 sec)	0.58 (316 sec)
PR-GAMP	0.72 (0.4 sec)	0.92 (0.3 sec)	1.0 (0.3 sec)

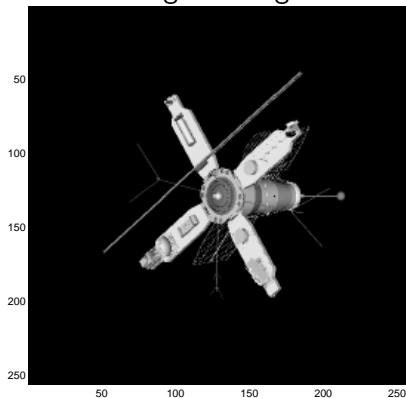
Note:

- CPRL runtime limited us to these **toy problems**.
- CPRL succeeds when sparsity  $k=1$ , but not when  $k \geq 2$ .  
GAMP instead suffers when problem dimensions are very small.
- CPRL's runtime grows very quickly with problem dimensions!  
GAMP's runtime is invariant to the dimension of these toy problems.

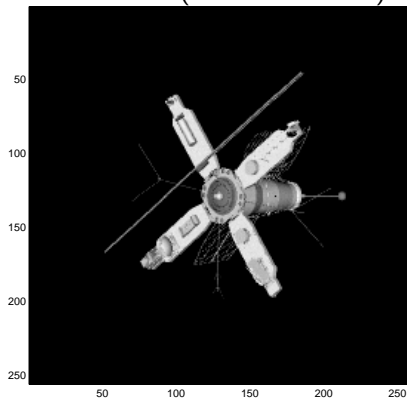
# Compressive Image Recovery

65536 image pixels, 32768 measurements, 30dB SNR:

original image



PR-GAMP (-29.7dB NMSE)



PR-GAMP runtime: **only 11.1 sec.**

# Compressive Image Recovery: Details

- Measurements were collected using

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_1 & \\ & \mathbf{B}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F} & \\ & \mathbf{F} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}_1 \\ \mathbf{M}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

with banded i.i.d-Gaussian  $\mathbf{B}_i$  (10 nonzero entries per column), Fourier  $\mathbf{F}$ , and binary masks  $\mathbf{M}_i$ .

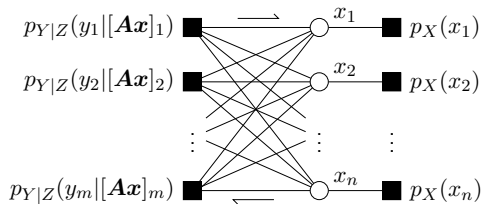
- Over 100 random measurement & noise realizations, we observed
  - 89% success rate, where “success” meant NMSE < -27 dB, and
  - median runtime of 13.4 sec.

# Phase-Retrieval GAMP [Schniter/Rangan'12]

So what's the approach?

1 Formulate as a **Bayesian inference** problem by assuming

- $y_i = \underbrace{[\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}]_i}_{z_i} + w_i \quad \forall i$
- $w_i \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, \nu^w)$  i.i.d
- $p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_j p_X(x_j)$  for sparsity promoting  $p_X$



2 Use **GAMP**, a state-of-the-art **loopy belief propagation** method, to approximate the marginal posterior pdfs  $\{p_{X_j|\mathbf{Y}}(\cdot|\mathbf{y})\}_{j=1}^n$ .



# Generalized Approximate Message Passing (GAMP)

- The evolution of GAMP:
  - The **original AMP** [Donoho/Maleki/Montanari'09] solves the LASSO problem  $\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \lambda\|\mathbf{x}\|_1$  popular in compressive sensing, i.e., MAP estimation of i.i.d Laplacian signal, thru dense  $\mathbf{A}$ , in AWGN.
  - The **Bayesian AMP** [Donoho/Maleki/Montanari'10] extended the above to a generic i.i.d signal prior and MMSE estimation.
  - The **generalized AMP** [Rangan'10] extended the above to generic i.i.d likelihoods  $p_{Y|Z}(y_i|\mathbf{a}_i^H\mathbf{x})$ , for both MAP and MMSE inference.
- In the end, GAMP produces a sophisticated iterative thresholding alg, whose complexity is dominated by one application of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^H$  per iteration with relatively few iterations (e.g., tens). **Very fast!**
- **Rigorous large-system analyses** (under i.i.d sub-Gaussian  $\mathbf{A}$ ) have established that GAMP follows a state-evolution trajectory whose fixed-points have nice properties [Rangan'10], [Javanmard/Montanari'12].

# GAMP Heuristics (Sum-Product)

- 1 Message from  $y_i$  node to  $x_j$  node:

$\approx \mathcal{CN}$  via CLT

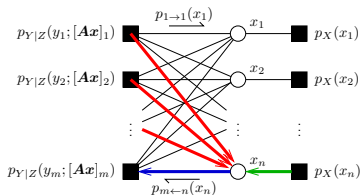
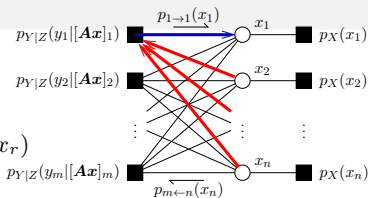
$$p_{i \rightarrow j}(x_j) \propto \int_{\{x_r\}_{r \neq j}} p_{Y|Z}(y_i; \sum_r a_{ir} x_r) \prod_{r \neq j} p_{i \leftarrow r}(x_r)$$

$$\approx \int_{z_i} p_{Y|Z}(y_i; z_i) \mathcal{CN}(z_i; \hat{z}_i(x_j), \nu_i^z(x_j)) \approx \mathcal{CN}$$

To compute  $\hat{z}_i(x_j), \nu_i^z(x_j)$ , the means and variances of  $\{p_{i \leftarrow r}\}_{r \neq j}$  suffice, thus **Gaussian message passing!**

Remaining problem: we have  $2mn$  messages to compute (too many!).

- 2 Exploiting similarity among the messages  $\{p_{i \leftarrow j}\}_{i=1}^m$ , GAMP employs a **Taylor-series approximation** of their difference, whose error vanishes as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  for dense  $\mathbf{A}$  (and similar for  $\{p_{i \rightarrow j}\}_{j=1}^n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ). Finally, need to compute **only  $\mathcal{O}(m+n)$  messages!**



# The GAMP Algorithm

**Require:** Matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , sum-prod  $\in \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$ , initializations  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^0, \boldsymbol{\nu}_x^0$   
 $t = 0, \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{-1} = \mathbf{0}, \forall ij : S_{ij} = |A_{ij}|^2$

**repeat**

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_p^t = \mathbf{S}\boldsymbol{\nu}_x^t, \quad \hat{\mathbf{p}}^t = \mathbf{A}\hat{\mathbf{x}}^t - \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{t-1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu}_p^t \quad (\text{gradient step})$$

**if** sum-prod **then**

$$\forall i : \nu_{z_i}^t = \text{var}(Z_i|y_i), \quad \hat{z}_i^t = \mathbf{E}(Z_i|y_i) \text{ for } p_{Z_i|Y_i}(z|y) \propto p_{Y|Z}(y|z)\mathcal{CN}(z; \hat{p}_i^t, \nu_{p_i}^t)$$

**else**

$$\forall i : \nu_{z_i}^t = \nu_{p_i}^t \text{prox}'_{-\nu_{p_i}^t \log p_{Y|Z}(y_i, \cdot)}(\hat{p}_i^t) \quad \hat{z}_i^t = \text{prox}_{-\nu_{p_i}^t \log p_{Y|Z}(y_i, \cdot)}(\hat{p}_i^t),$$

**end if**

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_s^t = (1 - \boldsymbol{\nu}_z^t / \boldsymbol{\nu}_p^t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu}_p^t, \quad \hat{\mathbf{s}}^t = (\hat{\mathbf{z}}^t - \hat{\mathbf{p}}^t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu}_p^t \quad (\text{dual update})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_r^t = 1 / (\mathbf{S}^T \boldsymbol{\nu}_s^t), \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}}^t = \hat{\mathbf{x}}^t + \boldsymbol{\nu}_r^t \cdot \mathbf{A}^T \hat{\mathbf{s}}^t \quad (\text{gradient step})$$

**if** sum-prod **then**

$$\forall j : \nu_{x_j}^t = \text{var}(X_j|\hat{r}_j^t), \quad \hat{z}_j^t = \mathbf{E}(X_j|\hat{r}_j^t) \text{ for } p_{X_j|R_j}(x|r) \propto p_X(x)\mathcal{CN}(x; r, \nu_{r_j}^t)$$

**else**

$$\forall j : \nu_{x_j}^{t+1} = \nu_{r_j}^t \text{prox}'_{-\nu_{r_j}^t \log p_X(\cdot)}(\hat{r}_j^t) \quad \hat{x}_j^{t+1} = \text{prox}_{-\nu_{r_j}^t \log p_X(\cdot)}(\hat{r}_j^t),$$

**end if**

$$t \leftarrow t+1$$

**until** Terminated

Note connections to [Arrow-Hurwicz](#), [primal-dual](#), [ADMM](#), [proximal FB splitting](#),...

## GAMP for Phase Retrieval: Likelihood

To apply GAMP to phase retrieval, we need a **likelihood function**  $p_{Y|Z}(\cdot|\cdot)$  relating the noisy magnitude measurements  $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^m$  to the corresponding noiseless transform outputs  $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^m$  (recalling that  $z_i \triangleq [\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}]_i$ ).

- When  $Z$  and  $W$  are both circular, one can show that

$$Y = |Z + W| \Leftrightarrow Y = e^{j\Theta}(Z + W) \Big|_{\Theta \sim \mathcal{U}[0, 2\pi]}$$

in the sense that both models yield the same  $p_{Z|Y}(\cdot|\cdot)$ .

- Assuming  $W \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, \nu^w)$ , we then margin out  $\Theta$  to obtain

$$p_{Y|Z}(y|z) = \frac{1}{\pi \nu^w} e^{-\frac{(|y|-|z|)^2}{\nu^w}} I_0(\rho) e^{-\rho} \quad \text{for } \rho \triangleq \frac{2|y||z|}{\nu^w},$$

where  $I_0(\cdot)$  is the 0<sup>th</sup>-order modified Bessel function of the first kind.

Other models are also possible, e.g.,  $Y = |Z| + W$  or  $Y = |Z|^2 + W$ .

# GAMP for Phase Retrieval: Signal Prior

For *compressive* phase retrieval, we need a **structured signal prior**  $p_{\mathbf{X}}(\cdot)$ .

- **Separable priors** constrain  $p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{j=1}^n p_X(x_j)$  with, e.g.,

- sparsity promotion:  $p_X(x_j) = \lambda f_X(x_j) + (1-\lambda)\delta(x_j)$
- real-valuedness:  $p_X(x_j)$  supported on  $x_j \in \mathbb{R}$
- non-negativity:  $p_X(x_j)$  supported on  $x_j \in \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$

and are directly supported by GAMP.

- **Non-separable priors** model structure across  $\{x_j\}$ , e.g.,

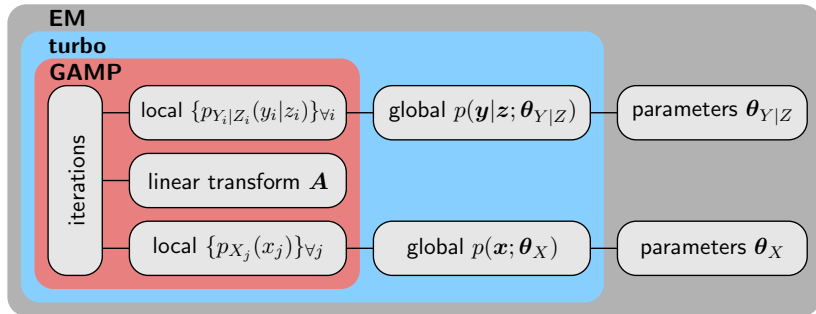
- structured sparsity: 
$$\begin{cases} p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{s} \in \{0,1\}^n} p_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{s}) \prod_{j=1}^n p_{X|S}(x_j | s_j) \\ p_{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{s}) = \text{block, Markov field/chain/tree, ...} \end{cases}$$

but are not directly supported by GAMP.

- In any case, we want the assumed  $p_{\mathbf{X}}(\cdot)$  to **match the empirical distribution** of the true  $\{x_j\}_{j=1}^n$ , which is a priori unknown.

# Making GAMP Practical: EM & turbo Extensions

- The basic GAMP algorithm is limited by two major assumptions:
  - 1 **separable**  $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{z}) = \prod_i p_{Y_i|Z_i}(y_i|z_i)$  and  $p(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_j p_{X_j}(x_j)$
  - 2 that are **well matched to the data**.
- The **EM-turbo-GAMP** framework circumvents these limitations by **learning** [Vila/Schniter'12] possibly **non-separable** [Schniter'10] priors:



# PR-GAMP: Ongoing Work

PR-GAMP is a **work-in-progress**. Things we are working on include:

- Derivation of the **state evolution**.
- **Automatic learning of signal prior**  $p_X(\cdot)$  via the EM-GM approach from [Vila/Schniter'12].
- **Exploitation of the hidden-Markov-tree support structure** of natural images via the turbo approach from [Som/Schniter'10].
- **MAP formulation** of PR-GAMP.
- Connections to **optimization** algorithms.

## Conclusions

- (Compressive) phase retrieval is a longstanding problem that is experiencing a rebirth through compressive sensing and convex relaxation.
- We proposed a new approach to CPR based on generalized approximate message passing (GAMP).
- Empirical results show an excellent phase transition ( $4\times$  meas of phase-oracle), excellent noise robustness ( $\sim 3$  dB worse than phase-oracle), and excellent runtime (many orders of magnitude faster than convex relaxation).
- As a practical demonstration, we accurately recovered a 64k-pixel image from 32k noisy measurements in only 11 seconds.



All of these methods are integrated into [GAMPmatlab](http://sourceforge.net/projects/gampmatlab/):  
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Thanks!

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