

# Sparse Bayesian Learning via Approximate Message Passing



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# Sparse Signal Recovery

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$$y = \Phi x + v$$

Diagram illustrating the Sparse Signal Recovery equation:

- Variables:**
  - $y$ :  $M \times 1$  measurements
  - $\Phi$ :  $M \times N$  Measurement matrix a.k.a. Dictionary
  - $x$ :  $N \times 1$  sparse signal with  $k$  nonzero entries,  $k \ll N$
  - $v$ :  $M \times 1$  noise
- Matrix  $\Phi$ :** A  $M \times N$  matrix where  $M < N$ . It is composed of  $N$  columns, each representing a basis vector or atom from the dictionary. The columns are colored in a repeating pattern of various colors (red, yellow, green, blue, etc.).
- Signal  $x$ :** A  $N \times 1$  vector representing the sparse signal. It has  $k$  non-zero entries, which are highlighted in different colors (blue, red, green, etc.). The rest of the entries are zero.
- Noise  $v$ :** A  $M \times 1$  vector representing the noise, which is added to the measurement  $y$ .

Goal: Recover  $x$  from  $y$

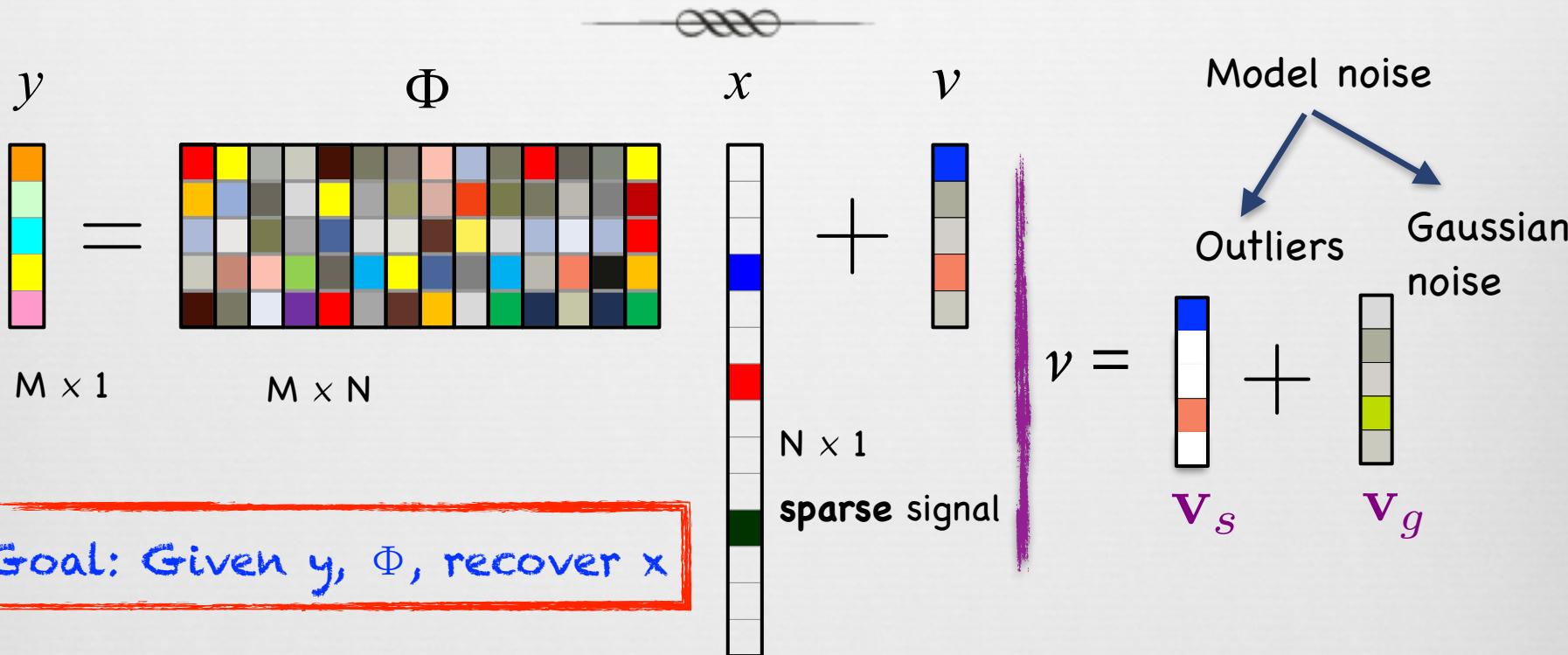
$M \ll N$ : infinitely many solutions

# Compressed Sensing

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- ꝝ Deals with two main questions:
    - ꝝ Design of sensing matrices with recovery guarantees
  - ꝝ Computationally efficient recovery
  - ꝝ Our focus: sparse signal recovery from noisy linear underdetermined measurements
- Sparsifying Basis
- $$\Phi_{M \times N} = A_{M \times N} \Psi_{N \times N}$$

# Robust Linear Regression: Underdetermined Case



≈ Transform into an overcomplete problem:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \Phi \mathbf{x} + \Psi \mathbf{v}_s + \mathbf{v}_g, \text{ where } \Psi = \mathbb{I}$$

$$\text{or } \mathbf{Y} = [\Phi, \Psi] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{v}_s \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{v}_g$$

Sparse recovery algos  
are now applicable!

# Robust Linear Regression: Overdetermined Case

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Measurement model:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{e}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} M \times N; & \text{Outliers}; & \text{Noise} \\ M \geq N & & \text{sparse} \end{array}$$

Use SVD:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_1 \Sigma \mathbf{V}_1^T$ ;  $\mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$

Processed measurements:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{U}_2^T \mathbf{e}$$

Can now directly apply sparse signal recovery algorithms to estimate and remove outliers!

# The Problem

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❖ Noiseless case: Given  $y$  and  $\Phi$ , solve

$$\min \|x\|_0 \text{ subject to } y = \Phi x$$

❖ Noisy case: solve

$$\min \|x\|_0 \text{ subject to } \|y - \Phi x\|_2 \leq \beta$$

❖  $L_0$  norm minimization

❖ Combinatorial complexity

❖ Not robust to noise

# Sparse Bayesian Learning



Use lots of priors and pick the best one!

# Sparse Bayesian Learning

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❖ Canonical model

$$y = \Phi x + v$$

noise

sparse signal

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noise

sparse signal

❖ Gaussian noise model:

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{N}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{y} - \Phi\mathbf{x}\|_2^2\right)$$

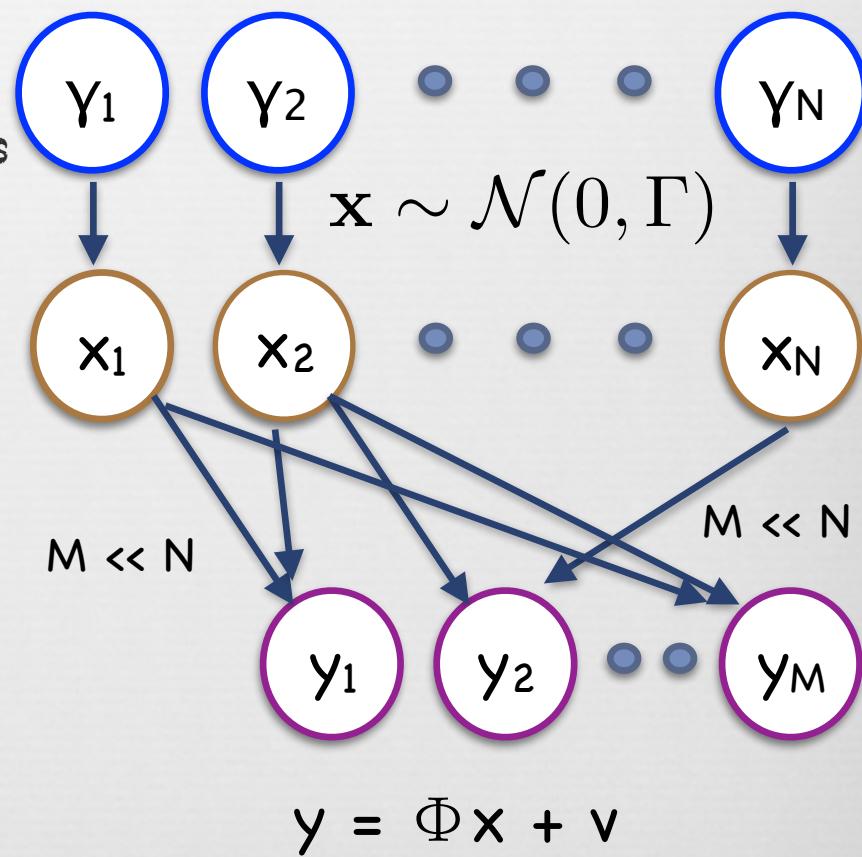
❖ Parameterized Gaussian prior:

$$p(x_i; \gamma_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\gamma_i}} \exp\left(-\frac{x_i^2}{2\gamma_i}\right), \gamma_i \geq 0$$

# Graphical Model

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- ❖ Markov chain:  $y \rightarrow x \rightarrow y$
- ❖  $\gamma$ : nonnegative hyperparameters
- ❖ Potential advantages:
  - ❖ Given  $\gamma$ ,  $p(x|y; \gamma)$  is Gaussian: easy to find point estimates
  - ❖ Averaging over  $x \rightarrow$  fewer local minima in  $p(y|y)$
  - ❖  $\gamma$  can be used to tie parameters together: fewer params. to estimate



# Hierarchical Bayesian Framework

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- First, estimate hyperparameters:  $\hat{\gamma} = \arg \max_{\gamma} p(\gamma|y)$
- $\gamma$ : deterministic and unknown, or random with hyperprior distn.
- Then, find posterior distribution  $p(x|y; \hat{\gamma})$ 
$$p(x|y; \hat{\gamma}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_x, \Sigma_x)$$
$$\mu_x = \hat{\Gamma} \Phi^T \left( \Phi \hat{\Gamma} \Phi^T + \lambda \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} y$$
$$\Sigma_x = \hat{\Gamma} - \hat{\Gamma} \Phi^T \left( \Phi \hat{\Gamma} \Phi^T + \lambda \mathbf{I} \right)^{-1} \Phi \hat{\Gamma}$$
- For point estimates: e.g., posterior mean:  $\mathbb{E}(x|y; \hat{\gamma})$

# Sparse Bayesian Methods

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- Estimate  $\gamma_i$  from the data: Type-II ML

$$\mathcal{L}(\Gamma) = \log p(\mathbf{y}; \Gamma) = \log \int p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}; \Gamma)p(\mathbf{x}; \Gamma)d\mathbf{x}$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}; \Gamma) = \mathcal{N} \left( \mathbf{0}, \underbrace{\sigma^2 \mathbf{I} + \Phi \Gamma \Phi^T}_{\Sigma_{\mathbf{y}}} \right)$$

- When  $\gamma$  is random: can find MAP estimates

Just add  $\sum_{i=1}^N \log p(\gamma_i)$  term to log likelihood fn

- SBL cost function:**  $\mathcal{L}(\Gamma) \propto -\log \det(\Sigma_{\mathbf{y}}) - \mathbf{y}^T \Sigma_{\mathbf{y}}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$

# Optimization via EM

## Log likelihood of the complete data

$$-\log p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}; \gamma) = \frac{\|\mathbf{y} - \Phi\mathbf{x}\|_2^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i^2}{\gamma_i} + \log \gamma_i \right] - \sum_{i=1}^N \log p(\gamma_i)$$

Facilitates type-II  
algorithms

$-\log p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}; \gamma)$   
indep. of  $\gamma$  $-\log p(\mathbf{x}; \gamma)$   
func. of  $\gamma$

## E-Step: compute "Q-function"

$$Q(\Gamma|\Gamma^{(t)}) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y};\Gamma^{(t)}} [-\log p(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}; \Gamma)]$$

from previous iteration

$$\doteq \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\mathbb{E}(x_i^2|\mathbf{y}; \Gamma^{(t)})}{\gamma_i} + \log \gamma_i$$

## Easy to compute: $p(x_i|\mathbf{y}; \Gamma^{(t)})$ is Gaussian

# The EM Iterations

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❖ **E-step (continued):**  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}; \Gamma^{(t)}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$

$$\mu = \sigma^{-2} \left( \sigma^{-2} \Phi^T \Phi + (\Gamma^{(t)})^{-1} \right)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y} \quad \Sigma = \left( \sigma^{-2} \Phi^T \Phi + (\Gamma^{(t)})^{-1} \right)^{-1}$$

❖ **M-step:** maximize  $Q(\Gamma|\Gamma^{(t)})$  given  $\mathbb{E}(x_i^2|\mathbf{y}; \Gamma^{(t)})$   
posteriors gathered in the E-step:

$$\Gamma^{(t+1)} = \arg \max_{\gamma_i \geq 0} Q(\Gamma|\Gamma^{(t)}) = \text{diag}(\mu_i^2 + \Sigma_{ii})$$

❖ Component-wise updates

Can recover type-I methods by treating  $\gamma$  as hidden and taking expectation over  $\gamma$  instead of  $\mathbf{x}$

# The SBL Algorithm

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1. Initialize  $\Gamma = \mathbf{I}$

2. Compute  $\mu = \sigma^{-2} \left( \sigma^{-2} \Phi^T \Phi + \left( \Gamma^{(t)} \right)^{-1} \right)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{y}$

$$\Sigma = \left( \sigma^{-2} \Phi^T \Phi + \left( \Gamma^{(t)} \right)^{-1} \right)^{-1}$$

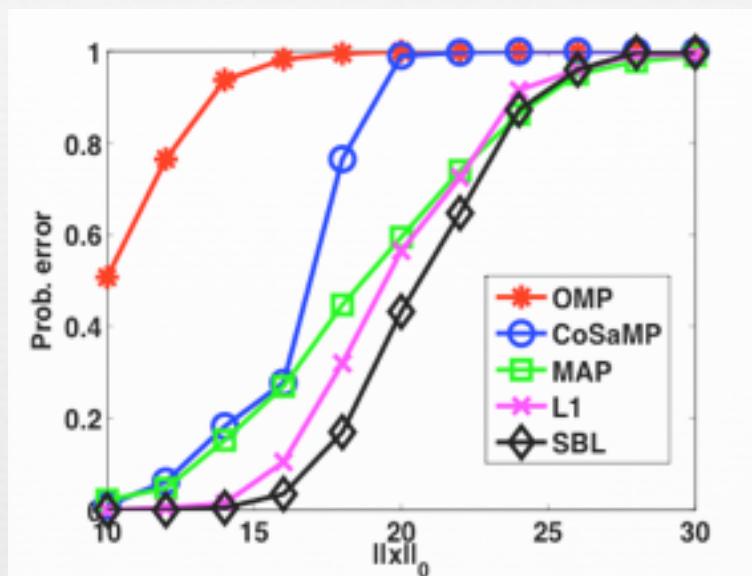
3. Update  $\Gamma^{(t+1)} = \text{diag}(\mu_i^2 + \Sigma_{ii})$

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3

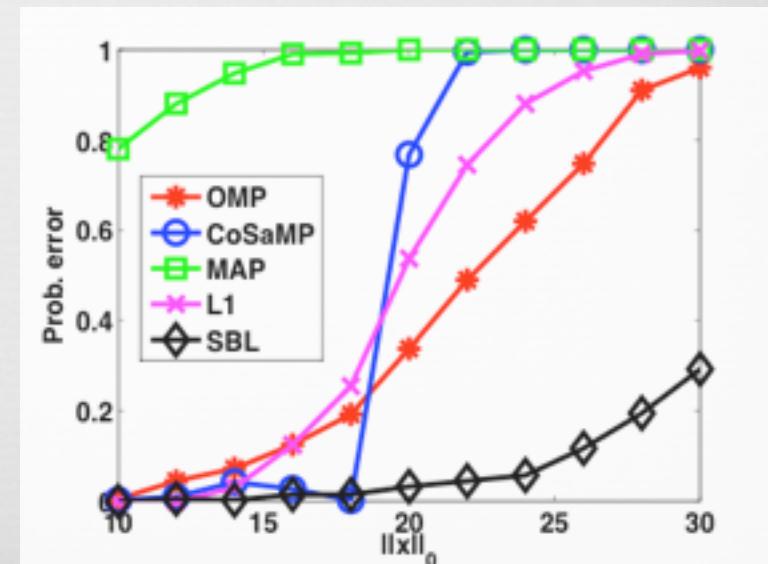
5. Output  $\mu$  after convergence

# Empirical Example

- Generate random  $50 \times 100$  matrix A
- Generate sparse vector  $x_0$
- Compute  $y = Ax_0$
- Solve for  $x_0$ , average over 1000 trials
- Repeat for different sparsity values



Unit magnitude entries



Highly scaled entries

# Approximate Message Passing

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- ❖ AMP [Donoho, Maleki, Montanari 09]:
  - ❖ Uses loopy belief propagation + Gaussian approximations to solve LASSO
  - ❖ Key advantage: low complexity
- ❖ In SBL:
  - ❖ All Gaussian PDFs: approximation is not necessary
  - ❖ Only need to track means and variances
  - ❖ Can replace computationally expensive E-step with the AMP based iterations

# Factor Graph

ꝝ In the E-Step, we're after

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}; \Gamma^{(t)}) \propto p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})p(\mathbf{x}; \Gamma^{(t)})$$

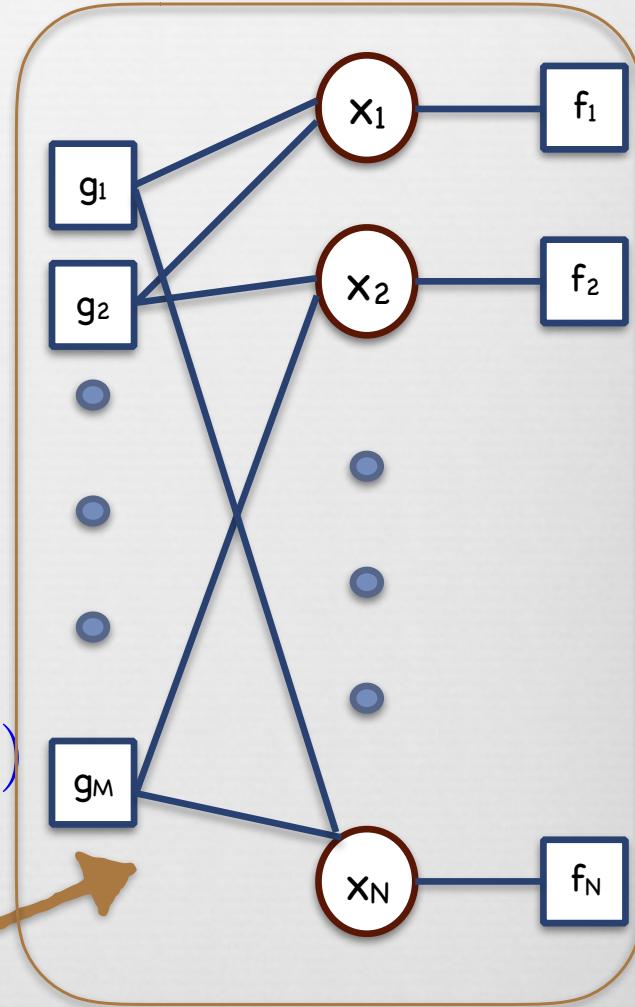
$$\propto \prod_{m=1}^M p(y_m|\mathbf{x}) \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n; \gamma_n^{(t)})$$

ꝝ And we define

$$g_m(\mathbf{x}) \triangleq p(y_m|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(y_m; \Phi_m^H \mathbf{x}, \sigma^2)$$

$$f_n(x_n) \triangleq p(x_n; \gamma_n) = \mathcal{N}(x_n; 0, \gamma_n)$$

ꝝ To get the factor graph



# AMP-SBL

Definitions:

$$F_n(K_n, c) = K_n \left( \frac{\gamma_n}{c + \gamma_n} \right)$$

$$G_n(K_n, c) = \frac{c\gamma_n}{c + \gamma_n}$$

$$F'_n(K_n, c) = \frac{\gamma_n}{c + \gamma_n}$$

Message Updates:

$$K_n = \sum_{m=1}^M \Phi_{mn}^* z_m + \mu_n$$

$$\mu_n = F_n(K_n, c)$$

$$v_n = G_n(K_n, c)$$

$$c = \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{n=1}^N v_n$$

$$z_m = y_m - \sum_{n=1}^N \Phi_{mn} \mu_n + \frac{z_m}{M} \sum_{n=1}^N F'_n(\mu_n, c)$$

Parameter Update/M-Step:

$$\gamma_n = v_n + \mu_n^2$$

General form of updates:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^{t+1} = \eta_t (\Phi^H \mathbf{z}^t + \hat{\mathbf{x}}^t)$$

$$\mathbf{z}^t = \mathbf{y} - \Phi \hat{\mathbf{x}}^t + \frac{1}{\delta} \mathbf{z}^{t-1} \langle \eta'_{t-1} (\Phi^H \mathbf{z}^{t-1} + \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{t-1}) \rangle$$

Message passing term

$\eta_t$ : soft-thresholding function – linear for SBL

$O(M+N)$  msg updates:  
low computational cost!

# Empirical Example

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$N = 200, M = 100, K = 20$ , Gaussian measurement matrix

