

A simple gradient descent algorithm for blind gain calibration of randomized sensing devices

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Compressed Sensing & Random Linear Models

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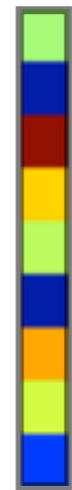
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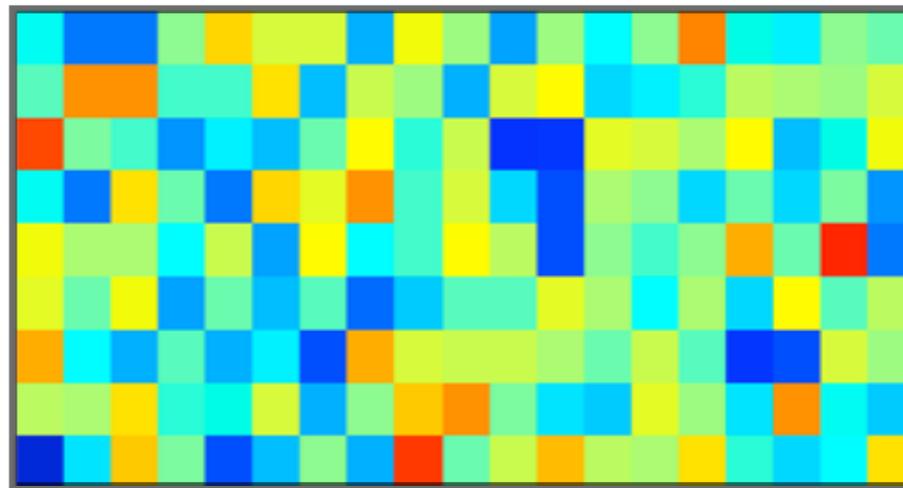
A

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$m \times n$



low-complexity
signal (e.g., sparse,
compressible,
low-rank)

n

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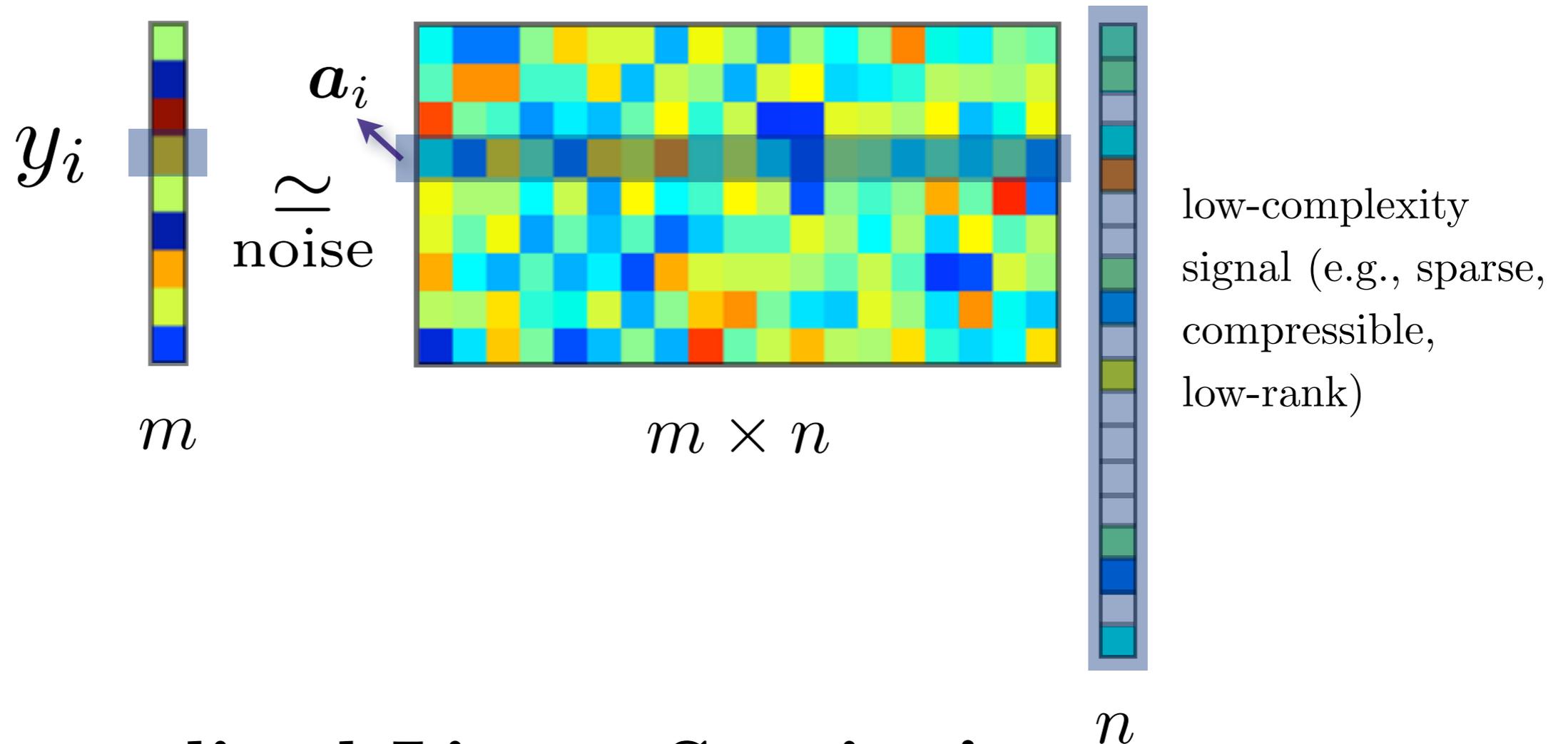
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Generalized Linear Sensing!

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Recover \mathbf{x} (signal) and \mathbf{d} (gains) in

$$\mathbf{y} = \underbrace{\text{diag}(\mathbf{d}) \mathbf{A}}_{\text{unknown}} \mathbf{x} + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{\eta}}_{\text{noise}}$$

Recent related works:

- Blind calibration: [Friedlander, Strohmer, 14] [Li, Ling, Strohmer, 16]
- Blind deconvolution: [Ali, Rech, Romberg, 14], [Bilen, 14] [Li, Ling, Strohmer, 16]

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Multiple “snapshots”

with random sensing model:

$$\mathbf{A}_l \sim_{\text{iid}} \mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n},$$

with A_{ij} sub-Gaussian, zero mean & unit variance.

(e.g., Gaussian, Bernoulli, Bounded)

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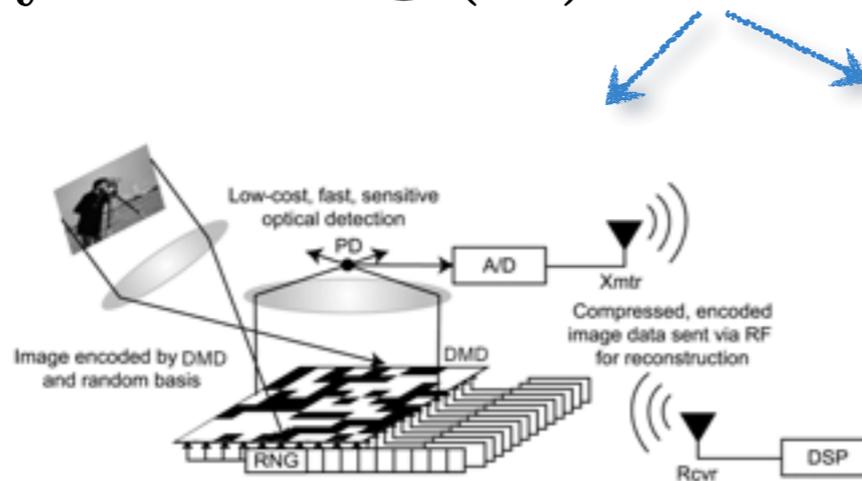
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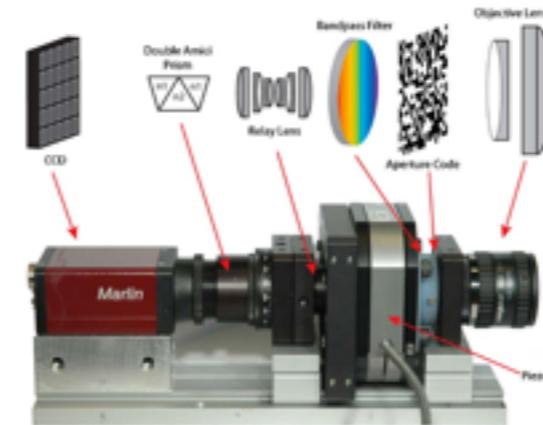
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Inspirations:
Programmable
Compressive
Imagers



Rice single pixel camera
(Baraniuk, Kelly et al)



Coded aperture CS imagers
(CASSI, Brady et al)

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Central questions: (for sub-Gaussian \mathbf{A}_l)

- Efficient algorithm?
- Minimal sample complexity: mp ?
- Minimal snapshot number: p ?
- Robustness vs $\boldsymbol{\eta}$?

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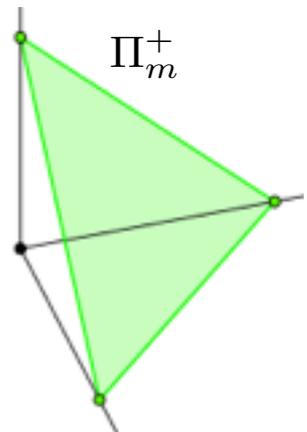
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(Scaled) probability simplex



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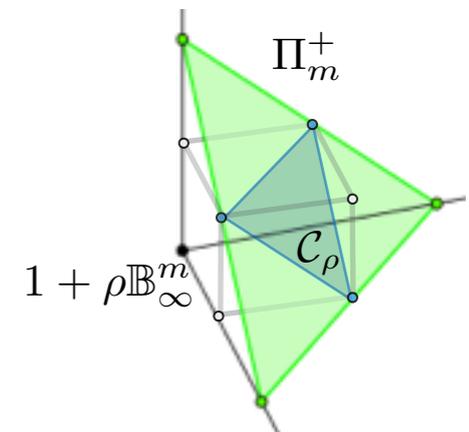
$$+ \text{ perturbation analysis: } |d_i - 1| \leq \rho < 1$$

(for some $0 \leq \rho < 1$)

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{d} \in \mathbf{1} + \rho \mathbb{B}_\infty^m$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{ We define } \mathcal{C}_\rho := \Pi_m^+ \cap (\mathbf{1} + \rho \mathbb{B}_\infty^m)$$

our optimization space!



A Non-Convex Optimisation Problem

- ▶ Blind Calibration Problem:

$$(\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}, \hat{\boldsymbol{d}}) = \underset{\boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \boldsymbol{\gamma} \in \mathcal{C}_\rho}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2mp} \sum_{l=1}^p \left\| \underbrace{\operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{d}) \mathbf{A}_l \boldsymbol{x}}_{\boldsymbol{y}_l} - \operatorname{diag}(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) \mathbf{A}_l \boldsymbol{\xi} \right\|_2^2$$

- ▶ Non-convex (bi-convex) but maybe locally convex?
- ▶ Idea: initialize + (projected) gradient descent
(as in Phase-Retrieval via Wirtinger flow,
e.g., [Candès, Li, 2015] [White et al., 2015]
[Ling, Strohmer, Wei, 2016])

Geometric Analysis

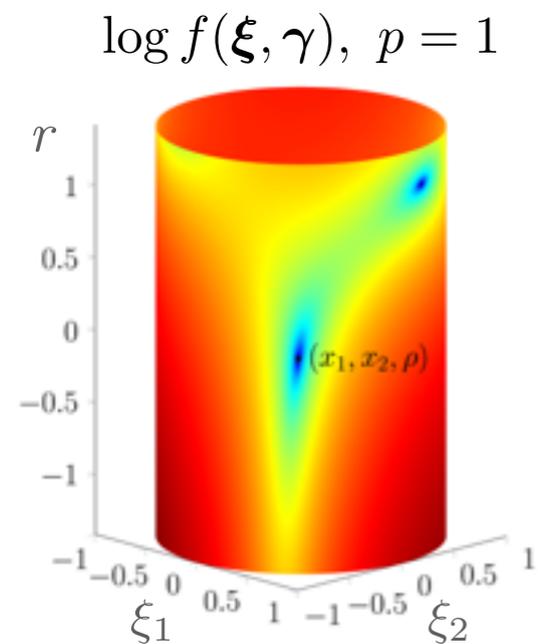
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increasing p

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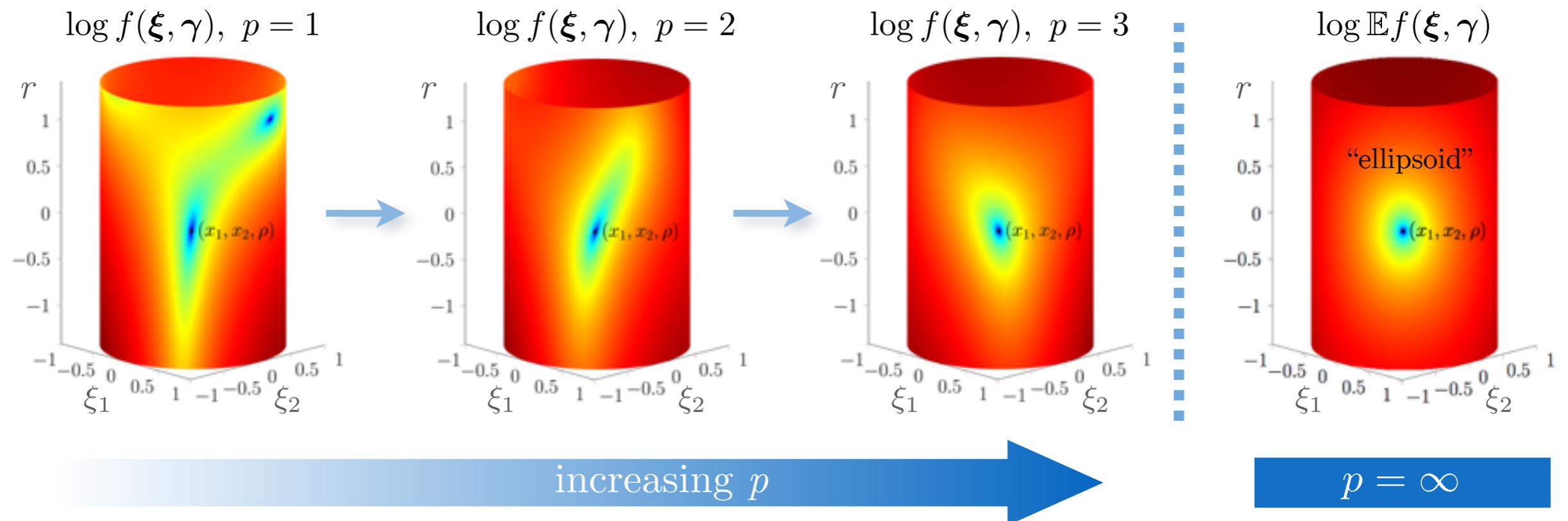
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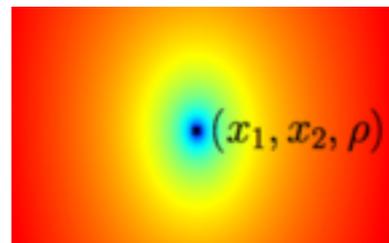
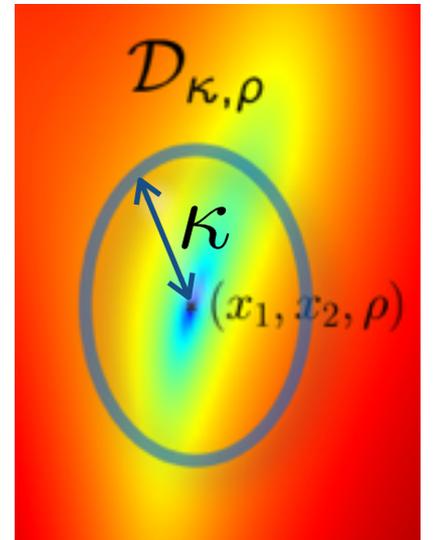


Geometric Analysis

- ▶ Conclusion:
- ▶ Hope for *local convexity*
in a neighborhood (an “ellipsoid” of radius κ)

$$\mathcal{D}_{\kappa, \rho} := \{(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathcal{C}_\rho : \Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \leq \kappa^2 \|\boldsymbol{x}^*\|_2^2\}$$

with distance $\Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) := \|\boldsymbol{\xi} - \boldsymbol{x}^*\|^2 + \frac{\|\boldsymbol{x}^*\|^2}{m} \|\boldsymbol{\gamma} - \boldsymbol{d}^*\|^2$
 $\approx_\rho 2 \mathbb{E}f(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma})$ if $\boldsymbol{\gamma} \in \mathcal{C}_\rho$.

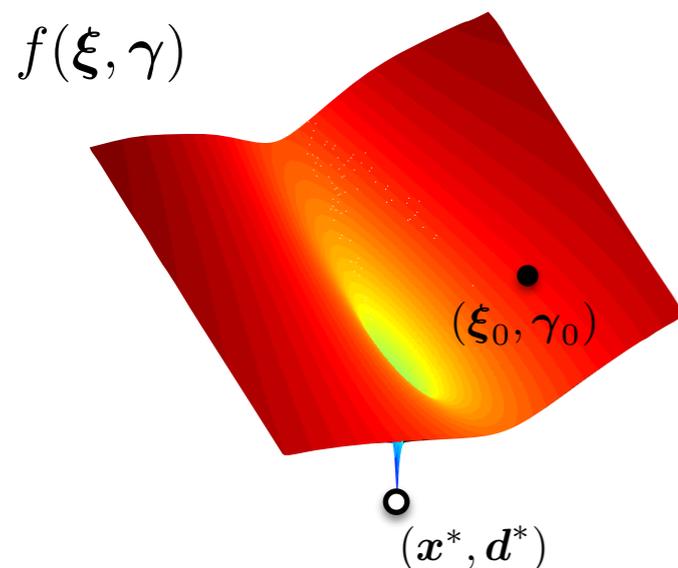


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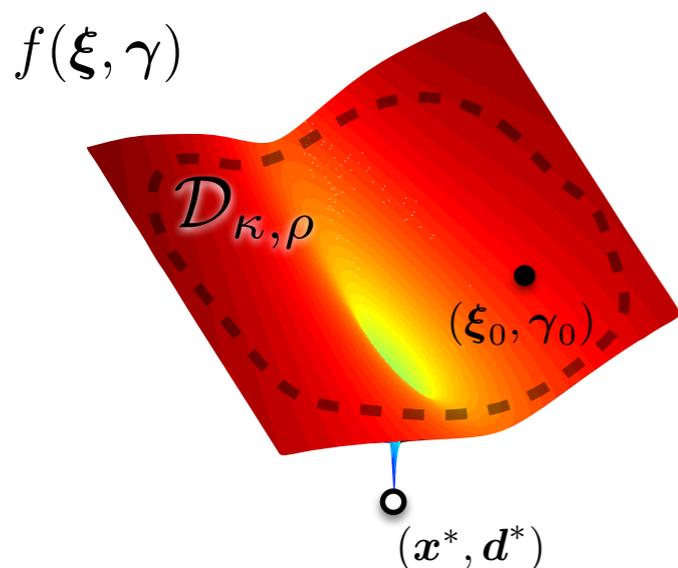
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then

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with prob. failure $\lesssim e^{-c\delta^2 mp} + (mp)^{-t}$ ($c > 0$).

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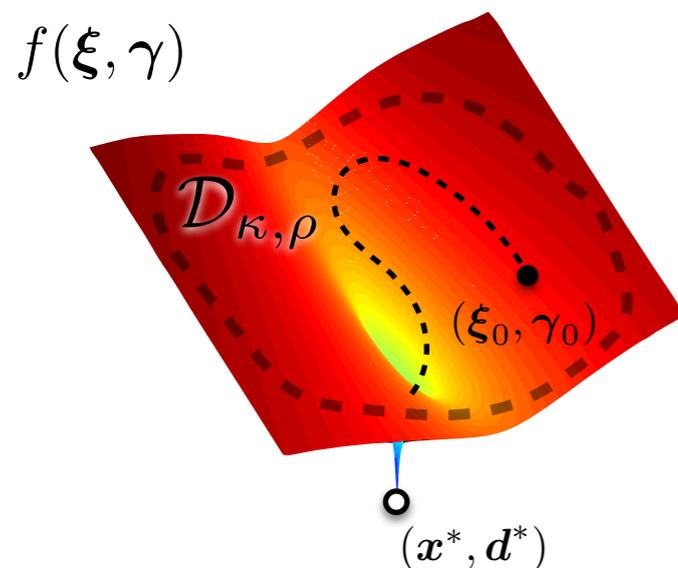
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 {Line search in $\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}$ }

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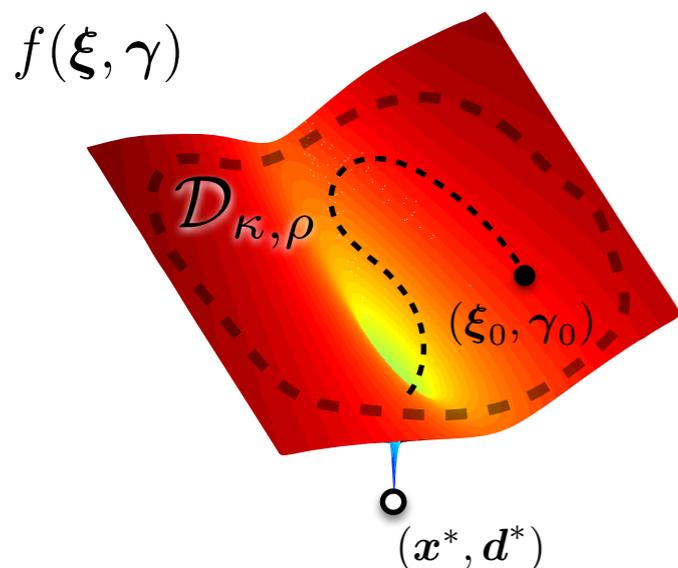
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$$\Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{k+1}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{k+1}) \leq \overset{\text{(from } P_{C_\rho})}{\Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}_{k+1}, \underline{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}_{k+1})} \underset{?}{<} \Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_k)? \quad (\text{at any } k \geq 0)$$

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① (must be > 0)
Gradient Angle Part

$$\Delta(\xi_{k+1}, \underline{\gamma}_{k+1}) = \Delta(\xi_k, \gamma_k) - 2 \left(\mu_\xi \langle \nabla_\xi f(\xi_k, \gamma_k), \xi_k - \mathbf{x}^* \rangle + \mu_\gamma \frac{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2}{m} \langle \nabla_\gamma^\perp f(\xi_k, \gamma_k), \gamma_k - \mathbf{g}^* \rangle \right) + \underbrace{\mu_\xi^2 \|\nabla_\xi f(\xi_k, \gamma_k)\|_2^2 + \mu_\gamma^2 \frac{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2}{m} \|\nabla_\gamma^\perp f(\xi_k, \gamma_k)\|_2^2}_{\text{?}} < \Delta(\xi_k, \gamma_k)$$

② Gradient Magnitude Part
(must be bounded)

with $\Delta(\xi, \gamma) := \|\xi - \mathbf{x}^*\|^2 + \frac{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2}{m} \|\gamma - \mathbf{d}^*\|^2$

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$$\rho < \frac{1}{9}(1 - 2\delta),$$

then, $\exists \eta, L > 0$ (only depending on δ and ρ) such that, $\forall (\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \in \mathcal{D}_{\kappa, \rho}$,

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \left\langle \nabla^\perp f(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}), \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi} - \mathbf{x}^* \\ \boldsymbol{\gamma} - \mathbf{d}^* \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle \geq \frac{1}{2} \eta \Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \quad (\text{Bounded angle})$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \|\nabla^\perp f(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma})\|^2 \leq L^2 \Delta(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \quad (\text{Lipschitz gradient})$$

with prob. failure $\lesssim e^{-c\delta^2 mp} + e^{-c'\delta^2 p} + (mp)^{-t}$ (for some $c, c' > 0$).

Proof ingredients:

Measure concentration on sub-Gaussian r.v., Matrix Bernstein inequality, non-uniformity wrt \mathbf{x}^* and \mathbf{d}^* .

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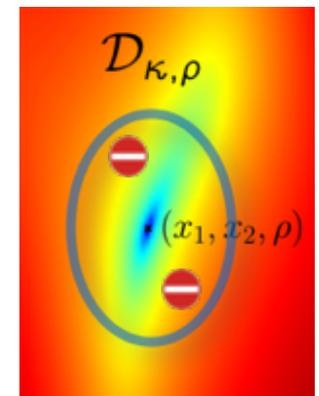
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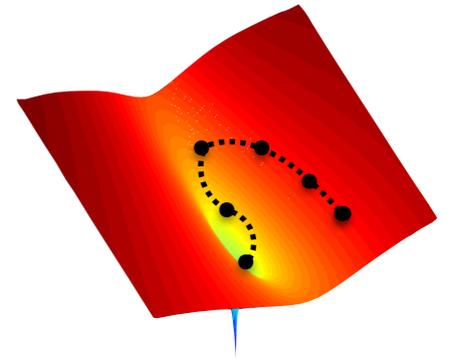
$\Rightarrow \|\nabla^\perp f(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma})\| \neq 0$ but on the solution in $\mathcal{D}_{\kappa, \rho}$!

(no spurious minima)

\Rightarrow allows convergence for $\mu_\gamma = \mu_\xi \frac{m}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|}$.



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Combining previous propositions gives then ...

Theorem. Let $0 < \delta < 1$, $t > 0$, and define $\kappa^2 := \delta^2 + \rho^2$. If

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then, $\exists \eta, L > 0$ (only depending on δ and ρ) such that, with probability exceeding

$$1 - C[e^{-c\delta^2 p} + e^{-c\delta^2 mp} + (mp)^{-t}]$$

for some $C, c > 0$, our descent algorithm initialized on $(\boldsymbol{\xi}_0, \boldsymbol{\gamma}_0)$ with $\mu_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} = \mu$ and $\mu_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} = \mu \frac{m}{\|\mathbf{x}^*\|_2^2}$ gives jointly, at each iteration k ,

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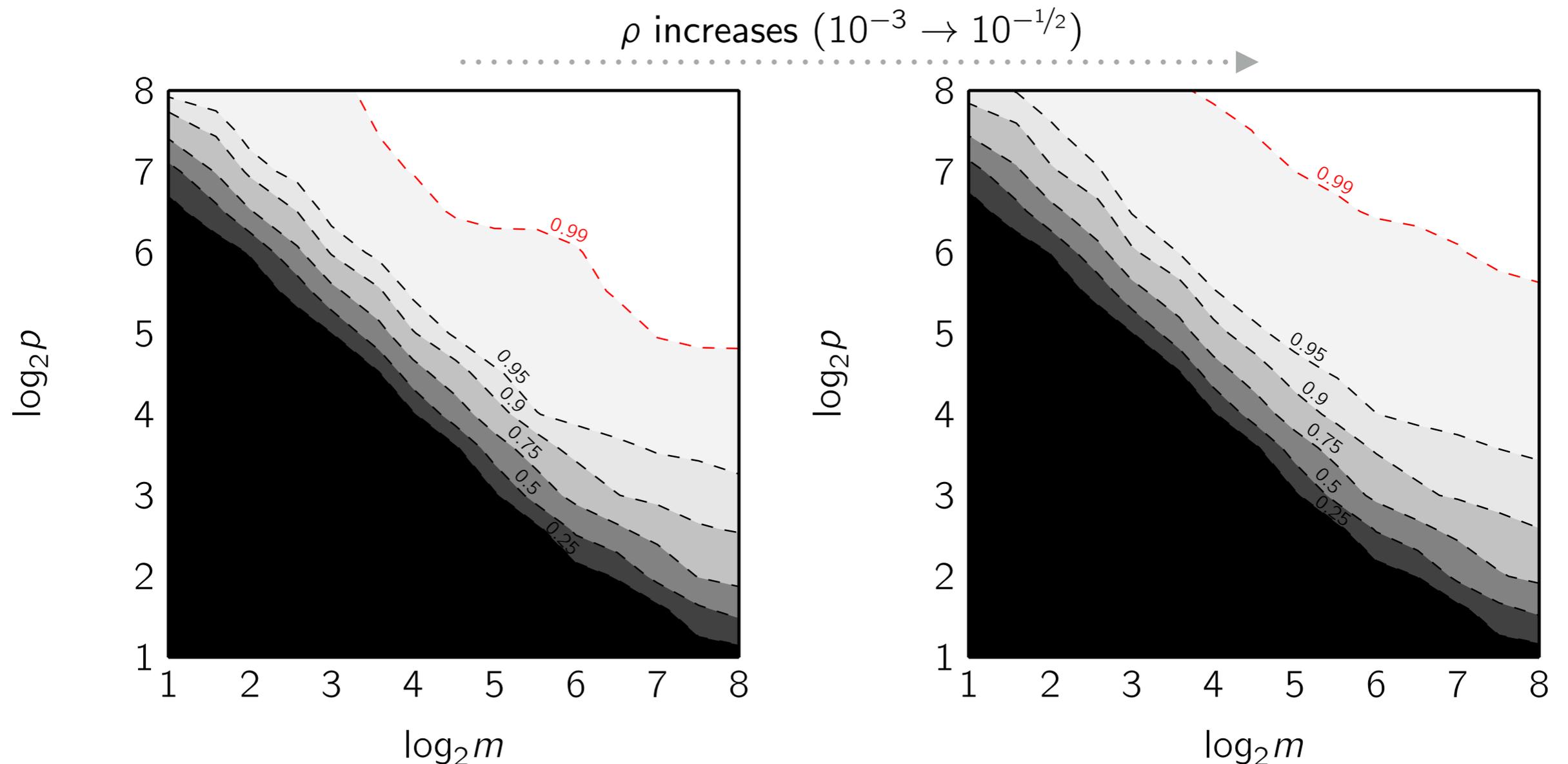
Roughly speaking, for ρ small enough,
we need n and $p > 1$ large enough,
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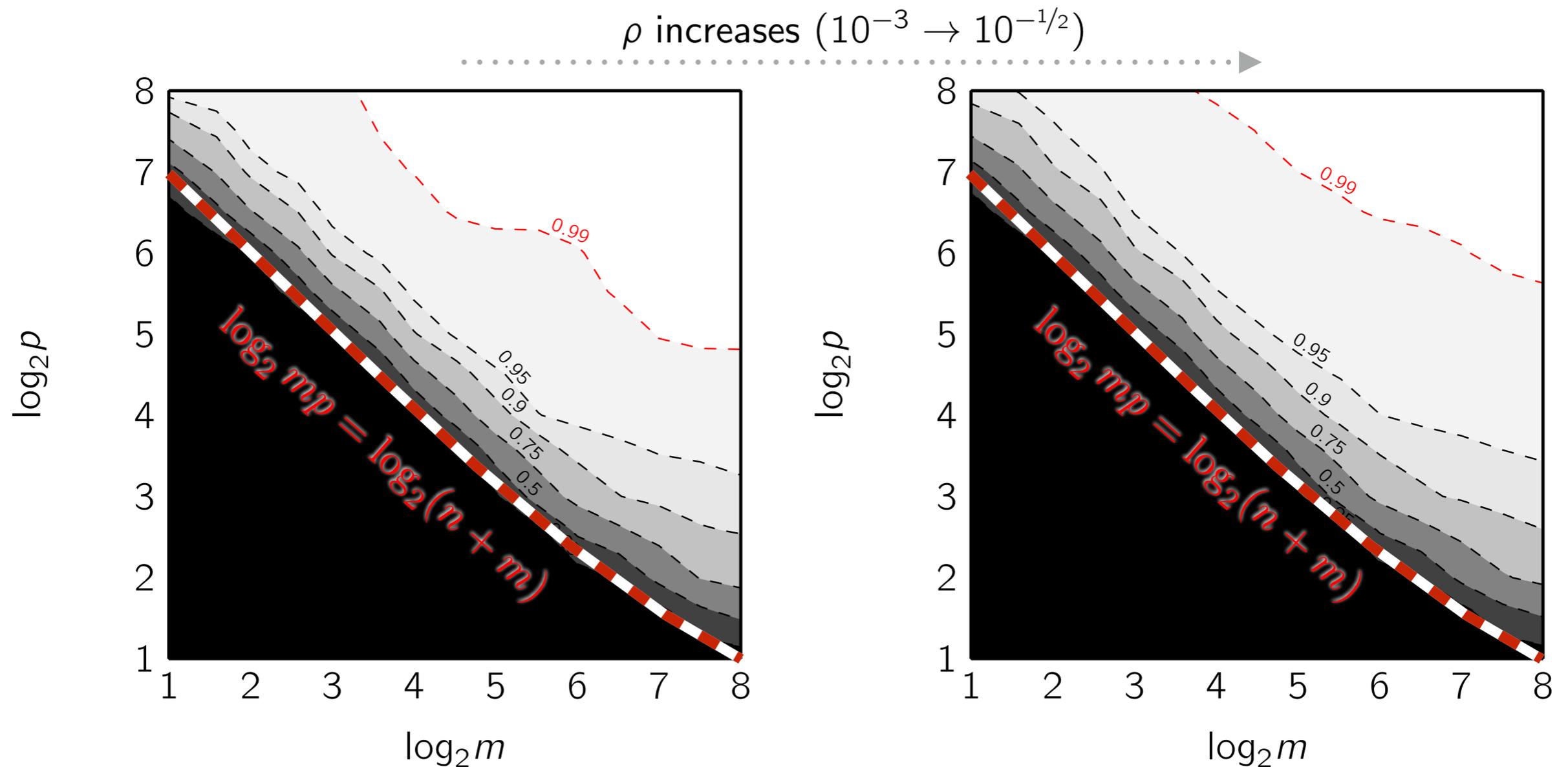


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e.g.,

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Pluto

(NewHorizon 2015)

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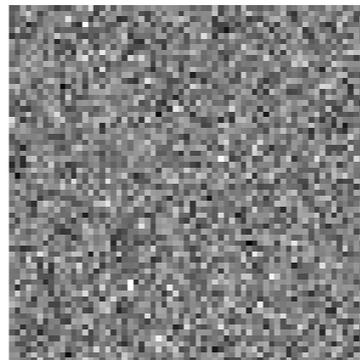
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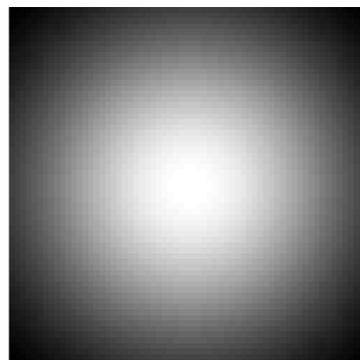
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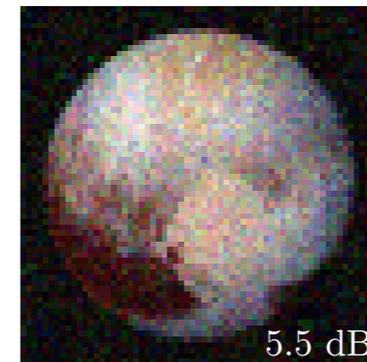
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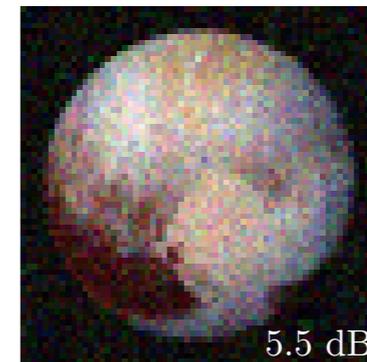
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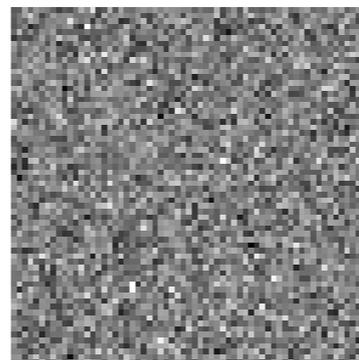


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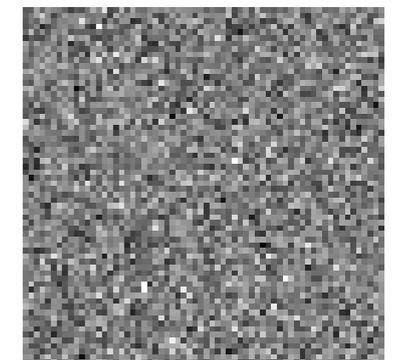
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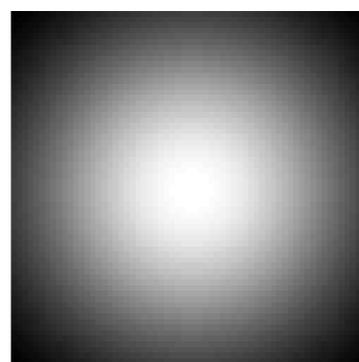


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- PGD c. time: 2' here and still ok for large n (in paper: 40' for $n=16384, m=1024, p=32$)

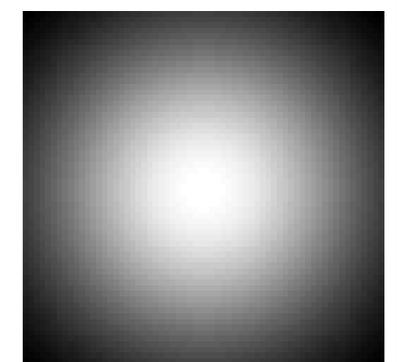
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- Also converges with *fast* and structured random matrices A_l (e.g., *subsampled random convolution, spread-spectrum*) (not covered by current theory).

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Recover (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{d}) from $\{\mathbf{y}_l = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{d}) \mathbf{A}_l \mathbf{x} : 1 \leq l \leq p\}$

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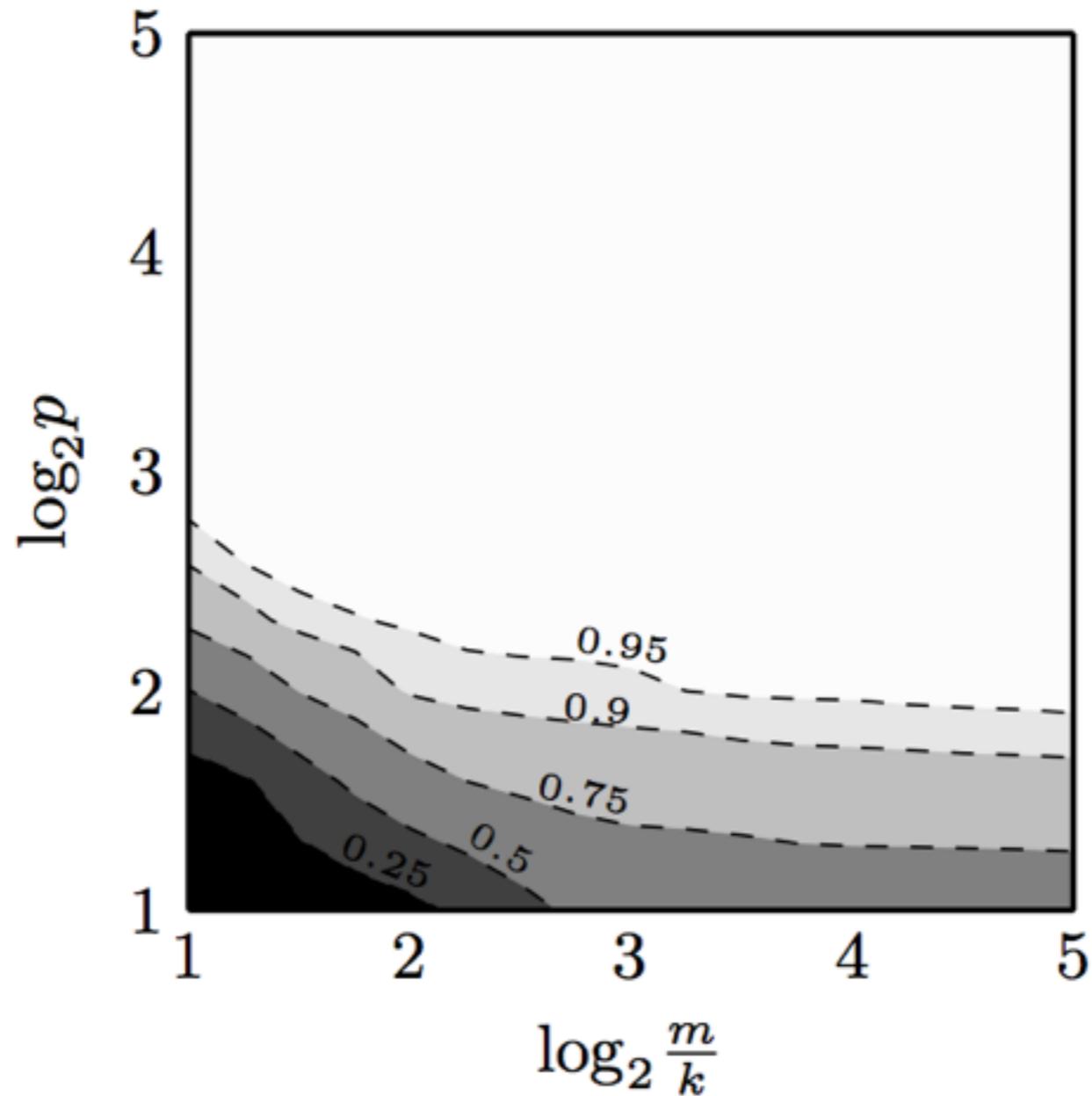
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- 3: $\xi_{j+1} := \Psi \mathcal{H}_k[\Psi^\top (\xi_j - \mu_\xi \nabla_{\xi} f(\xi_j, \gamma_j))]$ {Signal Update}
- 4: $\underline{\gamma}_{j+1} := \gamma_j - \mu_\gamma \nabla_{\gamma}^\perp f(\xi_j, \gamma_j)$ {Gain Update}
- 5: $\gamma_{j+1} := P_{C_\rho} \underline{\gamma}_{j+1}$ {Projection on C_ρ }
- 6: $j := j + 1$
- 7: **end while**

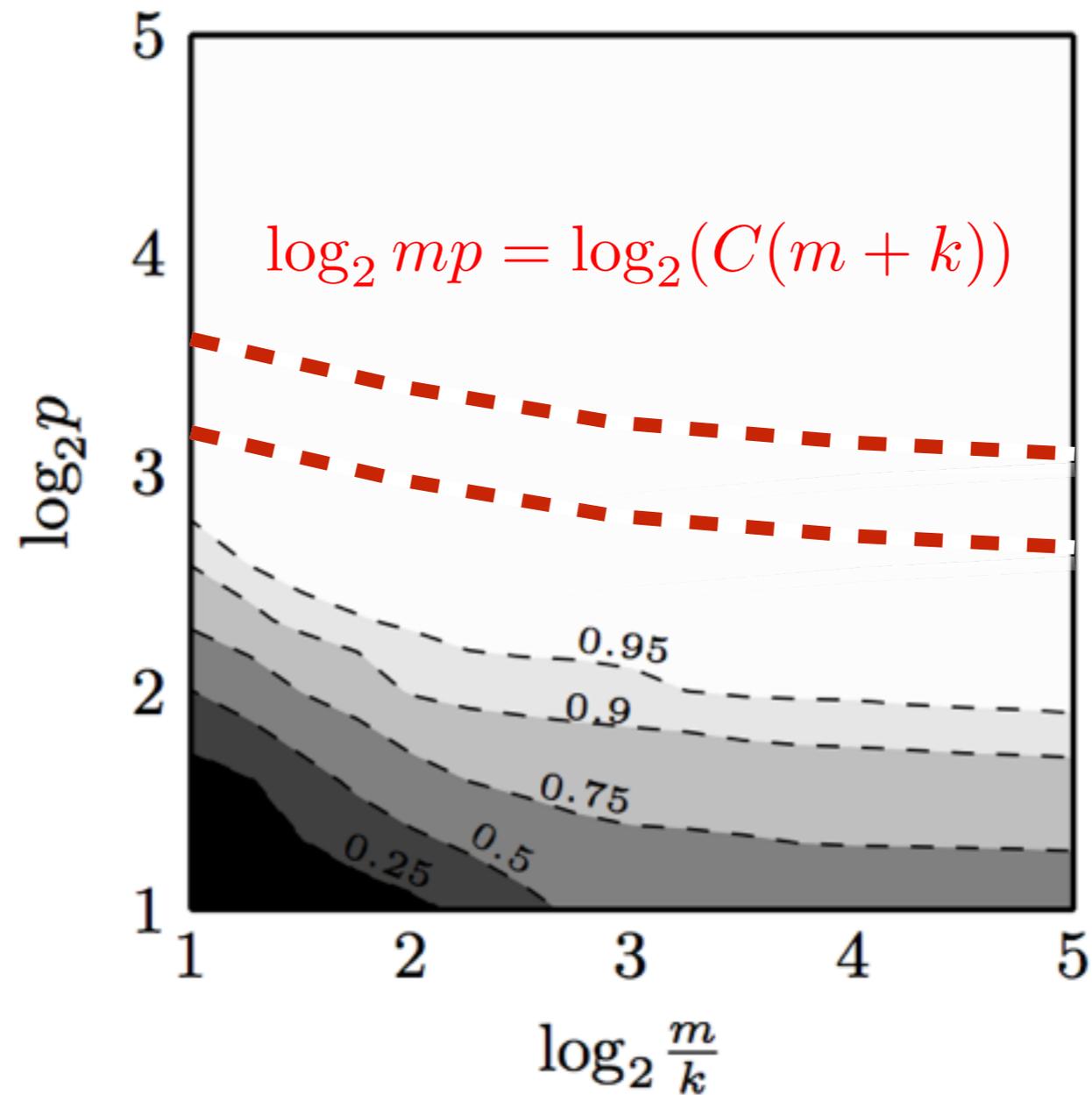
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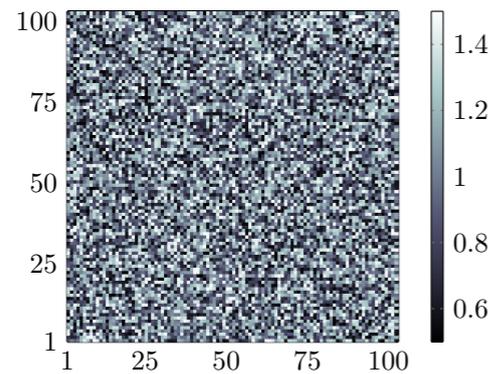
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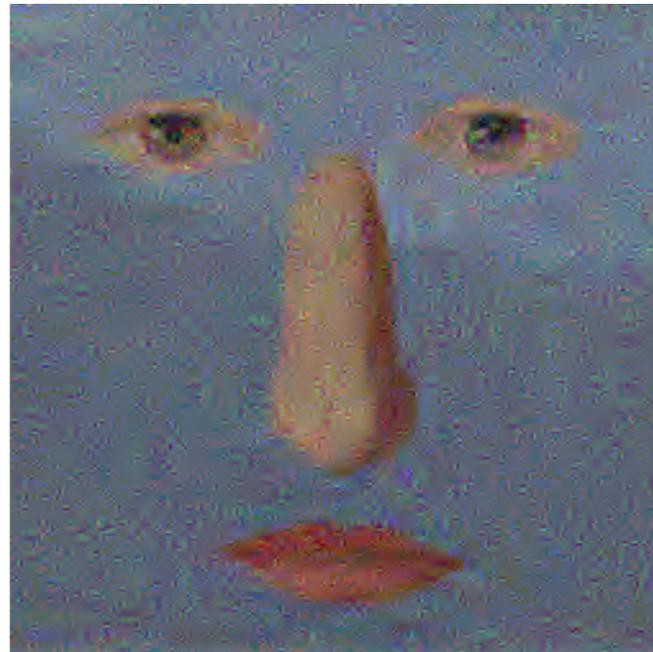
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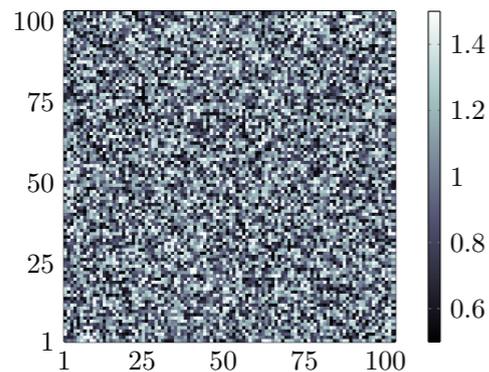
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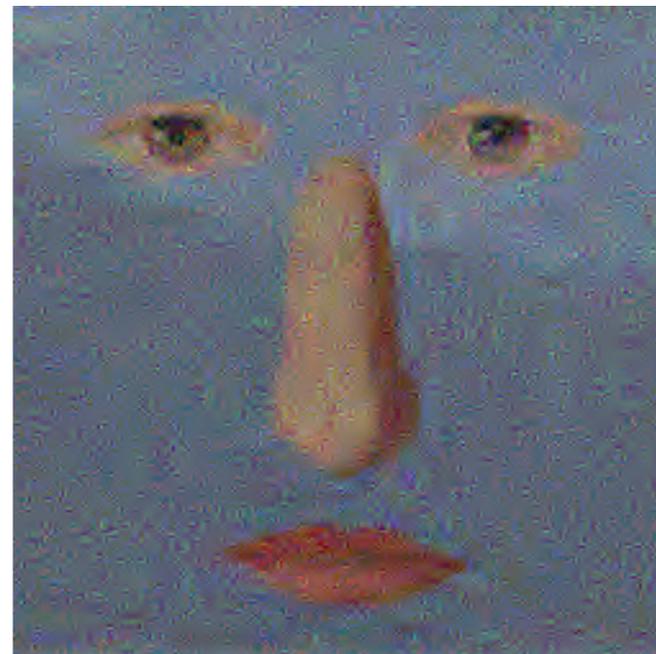
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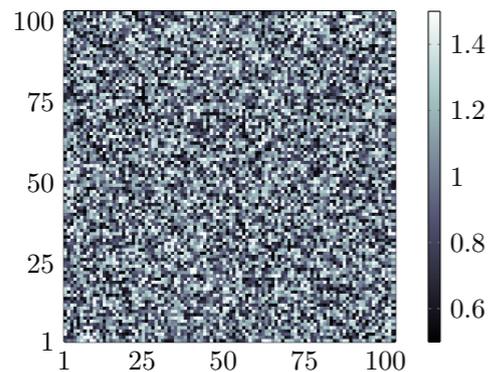
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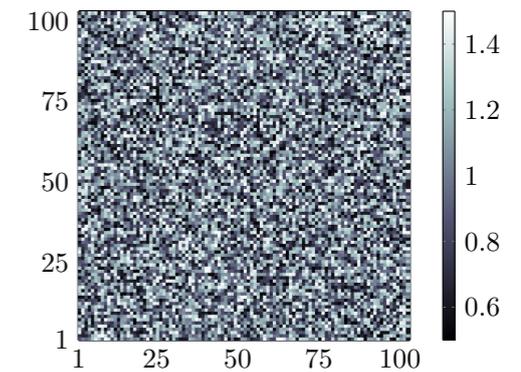
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 - More advanced calibration? (e.g., through matrix probing).

Thank you for you attention!

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