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## 1 -- A Bayesian view of sparse signal recovery via Lasso

**Problem:** sparse signal recovery from compressed data

- unknown sparse signal:  $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|\{i : x_i^* \neq 0\}| \leq k \ll n$
- set of observations:

$$y = Ax^* + \eta$$

- sensing matrix:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with  $m \ll n$
- white gaussian noise:  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^m$
- the signal prior is not known

**Lasso solution:**

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|_2^2 + \lambda \|x\|_1, \lambda > 0$$

- equivalent to a **ML estimation**, assuming  $x_i^*$  i.i.d.  $\text{Lap}(0, \lambda^{-1})$ :
- is **invariant** to the signal prior

**Aim: new methods for learning sparsity models able to**

- reduce the number of measurements required for reconstruction
- improve the computational complexity in the estimation

## 3 -- 2LMM tuned iterative shrinkage-thresholding

**Aim: Improve existing methods for Lasso minimization based on shrinkage-thresholding via 2-LMM tuning**

**ISTA** (Daubechies & al., 2004) Start from  $x(0) = 0$  and compute

$$x^{(t+1)} = \eta_{\lambda\tau} [x^{(t)} + \tau A^T (y - Ax^{(t)})]$$

where  $\tau \in (0, 2\|A\|_2^{-2})$ ,  $\eta_\gamma$  thresholding function

$$\eta_\gamma[x] = \text{sgn}(x) \max(|x| - \gamma, 0)$$

- + Convergence: analytical conditions for convergence to a minimum
- Rate: speed is sensitive to local well-conditioning of the matrix  $A$

**Other alternatives:** better rate of convergence and phase transitions, i.e. FISTA (Beck&Teboulle, 2010), AMP (Donoho & al., 2009).

**Proposed solution:** 2LMM-tuning

- incorporate support detection at each iteration
- iterative minimization of weighted Lasso
- use Expectation Maximization to learn the mixture parameters

**Additional material:** C. Ravazzi and E. Magli, "Laplace mixture models for efficient and accelerated compressed sensing", submitted to IEEE Trans. on Signal Processing.

## 2 -- This work: weighted Lasso via 2LMM

**Our solution: new parametric model for the signal able to:**

- combine support detection and estimation
- preserve the simplicity coming from Laplace assumption

**2LMM:**  $x$  is a random variable with i.i.d. entries

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= z_i u_i + (1 - z_i) v_i, \\ u_i &\sim \text{Lap}(0, \alpha), v_i \sim \text{Lap}(0, \beta), \quad 0 \approx \alpha < \beta \\ z_i &\sim \text{Ber}(1 - p) \quad p \ll 1/2 \end{aligned}$$

ML from complete data: **weighted Lasso** solution

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\pi_i |x_i| + \epsilon/n}{\alpha} + \frac{(1 - \pi_i) |x_i| + \epsilon/n}{\beta} - \pi_i \log \frac{1 - p}{\alpha} - (1 - \pi_i) \log \frac{p}{\beta} \right]$$

$z_i$  hidden data,  $\pi_i = \mathbb{P}(z_i = 1 | x, \alpha, \beta, p)$ ,  $x_i$  visible data,  $\alpha, \beta, p$  mixture parameters

### 2LMM-ISTA

Initialization: set  $K, p = K/n, \alpha^{(0)} = \alpha_0, \pi^{(0)} = \mathbb{1}, \epsilon^{(0)} = 1$ ;

for  $t = 1, \dots, \text{Stoptler}$

-  $\ell_1$ -weights:  $\omega_i^{(t+1)} = \pi_i^{(t)} / \alpha^{(t)} + (1 - \pi_i^{(t)}) / \beta^{(t)}$

- Gradient/Thresholding step:

$$x^{(t+1)} = \eta_{\lambda\tau\omega^{(t+1)}} (x^{(t)} + \tau A^T (y - Ax^{(t)}))$$

- Posterior distribution evaluation:

$$\pi^{(t+1)} = \sigma_{n-K} [\mathbb{P}(z_i = 1 | x^{(t+1)}, \alpha^{(t)}, \beta^{(t)}, p)]$$

- Regularization parameter:

$$\epsilon^{(t+1)} = \min \left( \frac{1}{\log(t+1)} + c \|x^{(t+1)} - x^{(t)}\| + \frac{r(x^{(t+1)})_{K+1}}{n}, \epsilon^{(t)} \right)$$

- Parameters estimation:

$$\alpha^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_i \pi_i^{(t+1)} |x_i^{(t+1)}| + \epsilon^{(t+1)}}{\|\pi^{(t+1)}\|_1} \quad \beta^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_i (1 - \pi_i^{(t+1)}) |x_i^{(t+1)}| + \epsilon^{(t+1)}}{\|\mathbb{1} - \pi^{(t+1)}\|_1}$$

end for

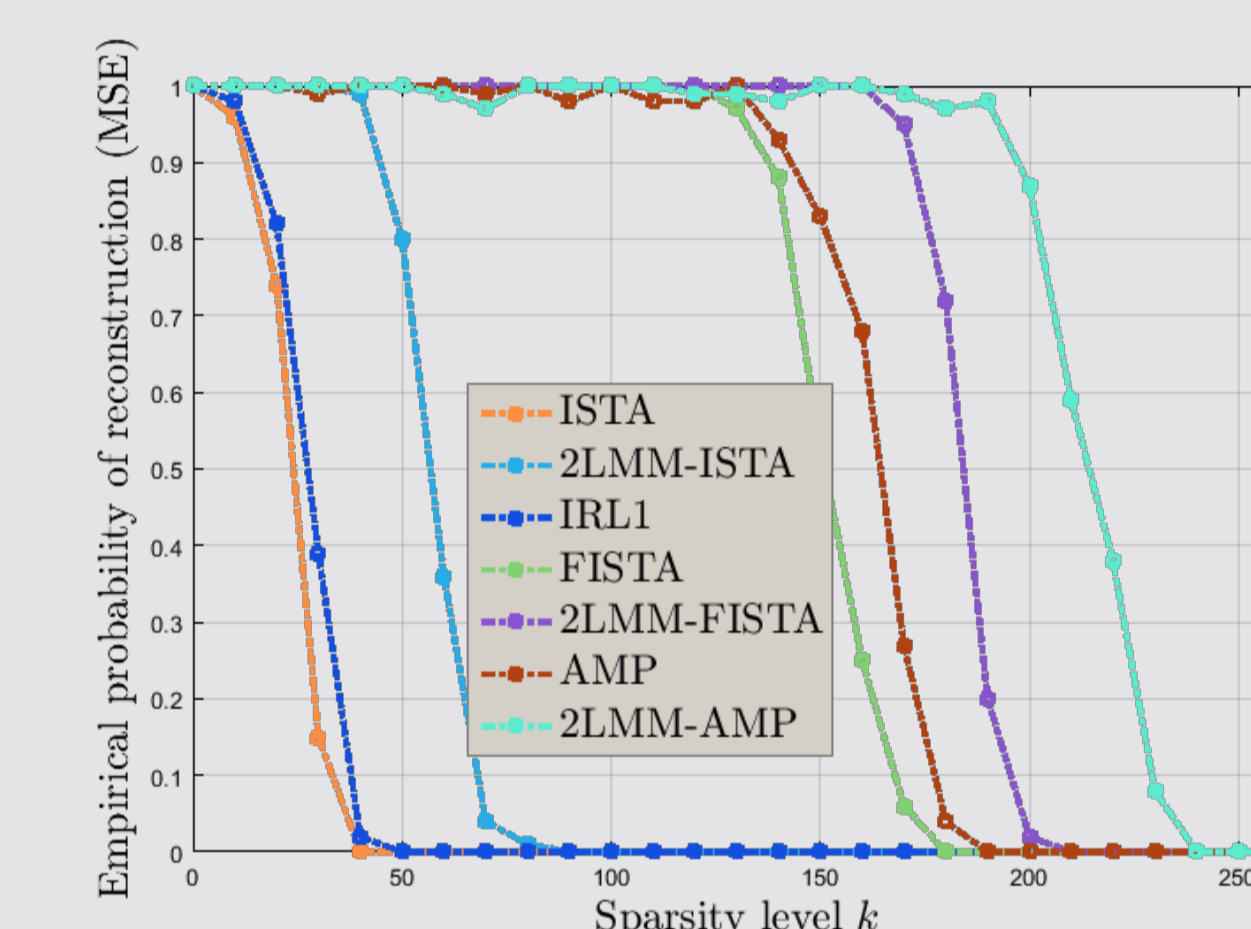
- + Convergence: analytical conditions for convergence to a limit point
- + Rate: faster than classical methods

2LMM-tuning can also be applied to other shrinkage-thresholding methods, e.g. [2LMM-FISTA](#), [2LMM-AMP](#).

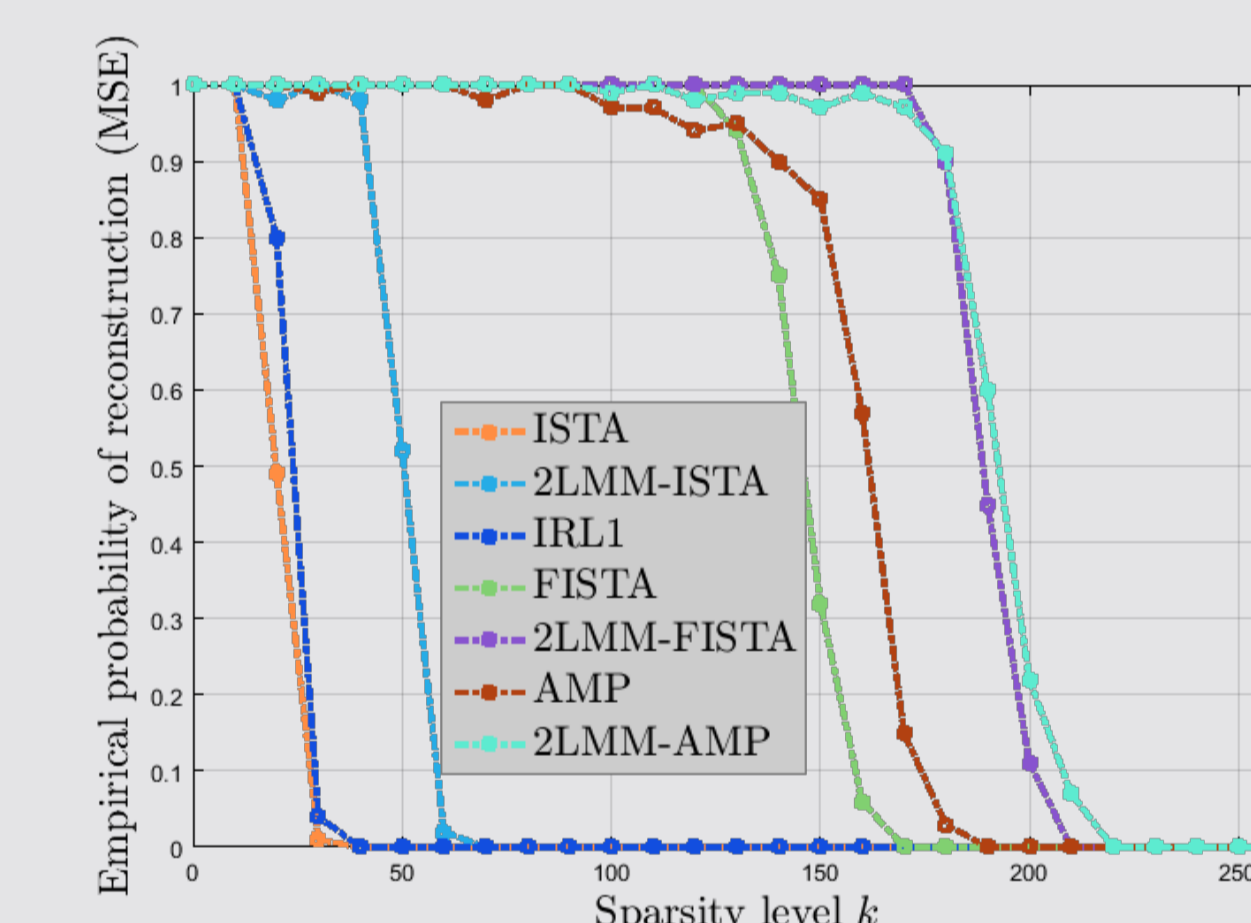
## 4 -- Numerical experiments

Reconstruction from **noise-free measurements**:

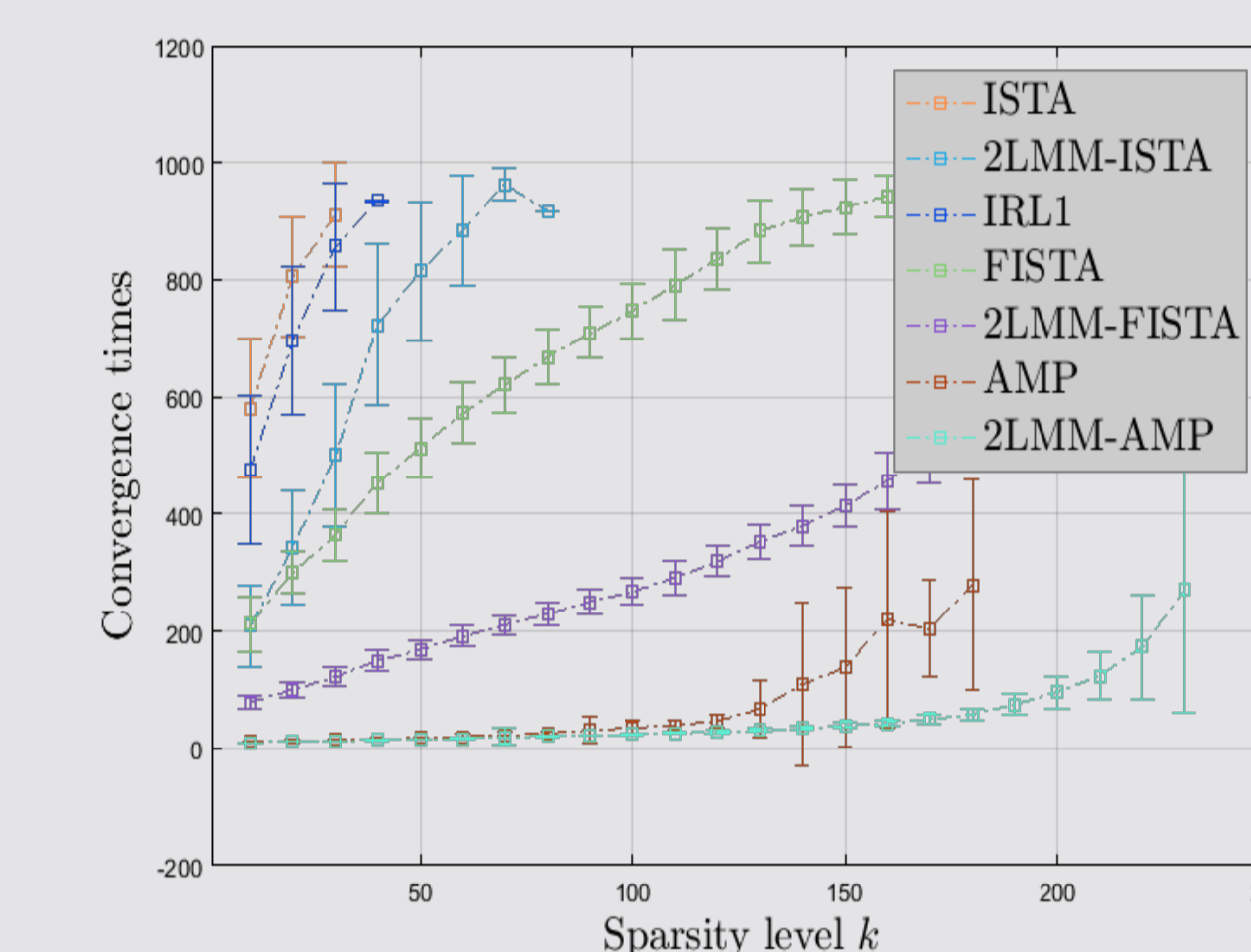
- Sparse signals of length  $n = 512$ , number of measurements  $m = 350$
- Gaussian sensing matrices:  $A_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1/m)$



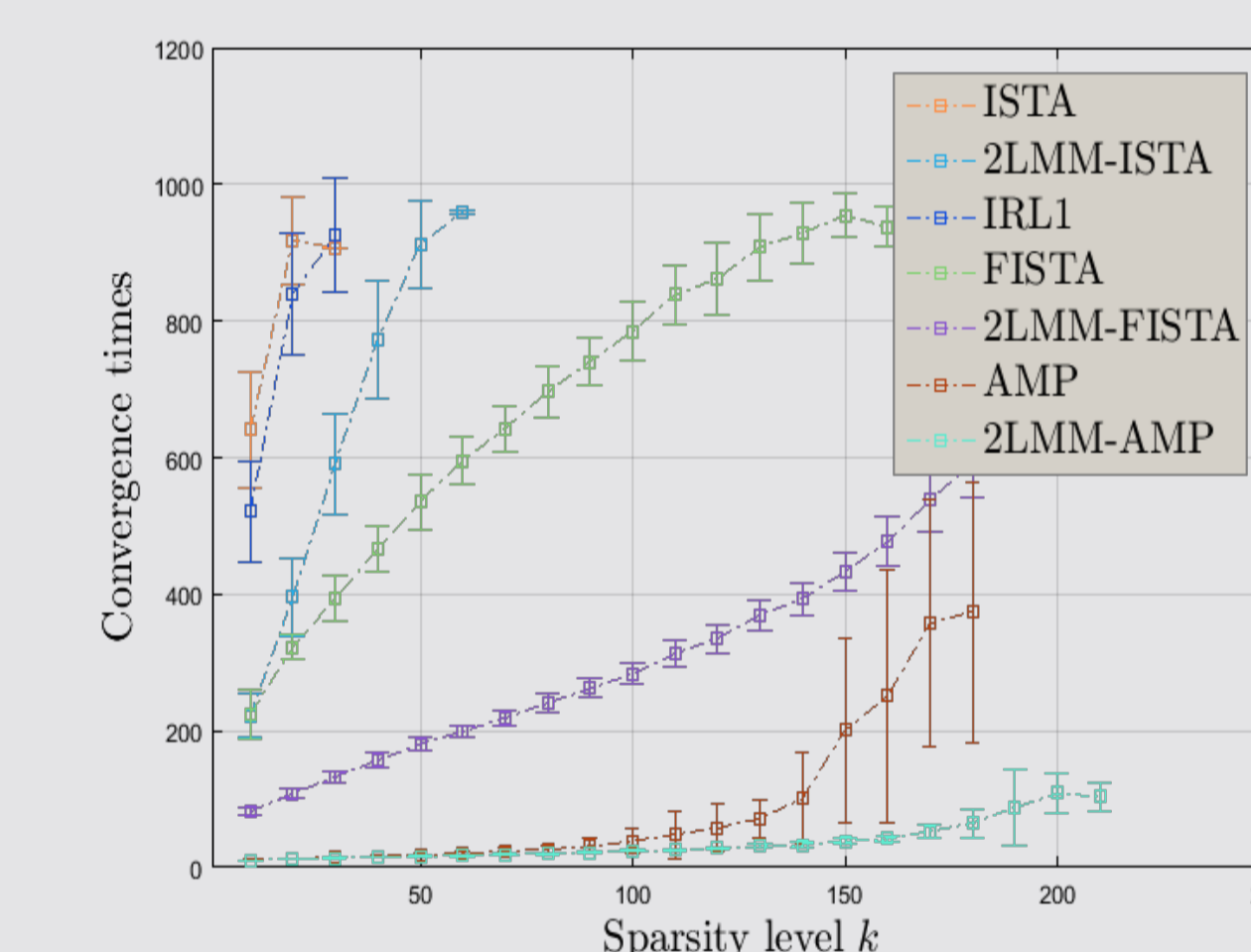
Sparse Bernoulli-Gaussian signals: success (MSE <math>10^{-4}</math>)



Sparse Bernoulli-Binomial signals: success (MSE <math>10^{-4}</math>)

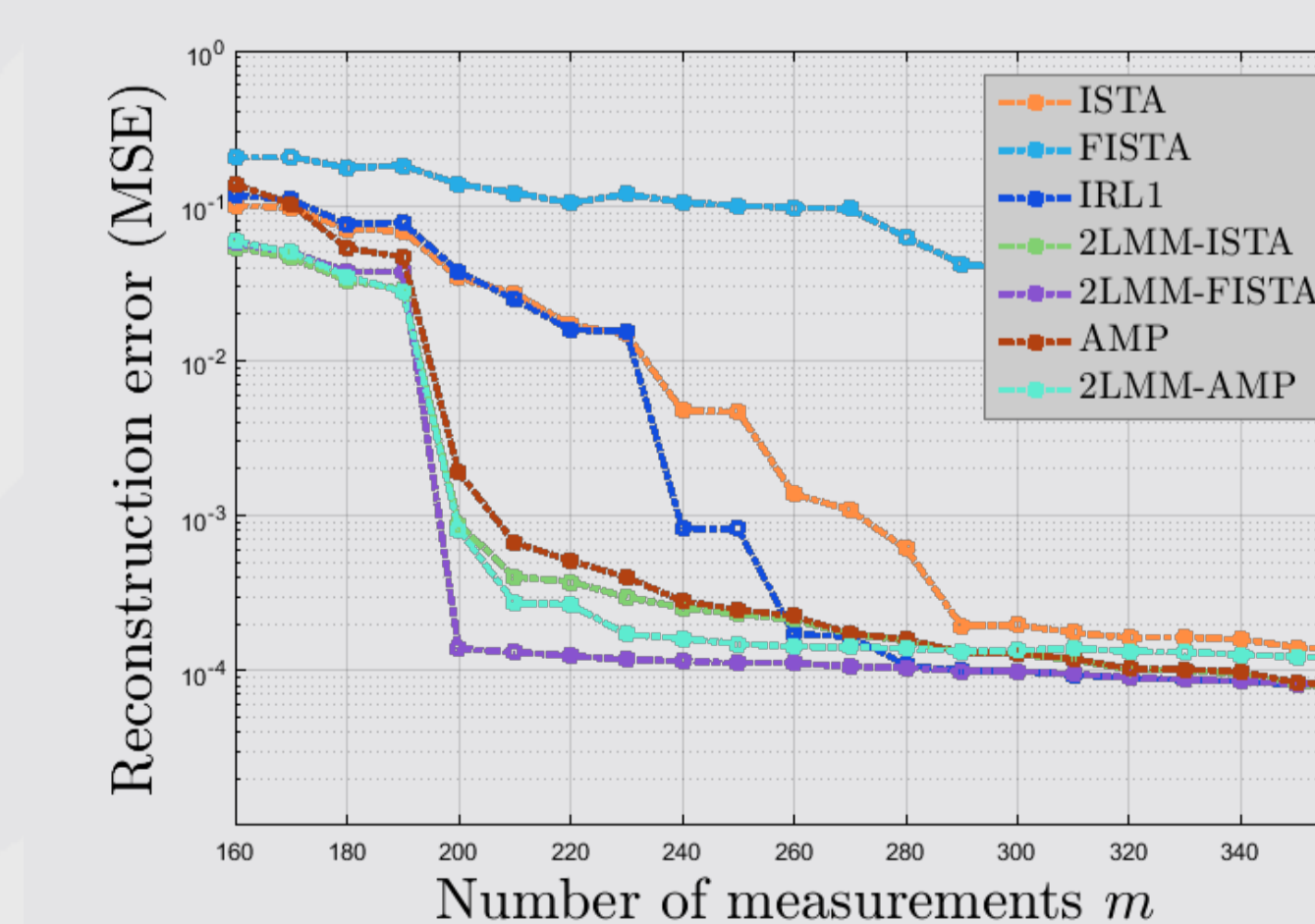


Sparse Bernoulli-Gaussian signals: average running times (CPU Times in [s])



Sparse Bernoulli-Binomial signals: average running times (CPU Times in [s])

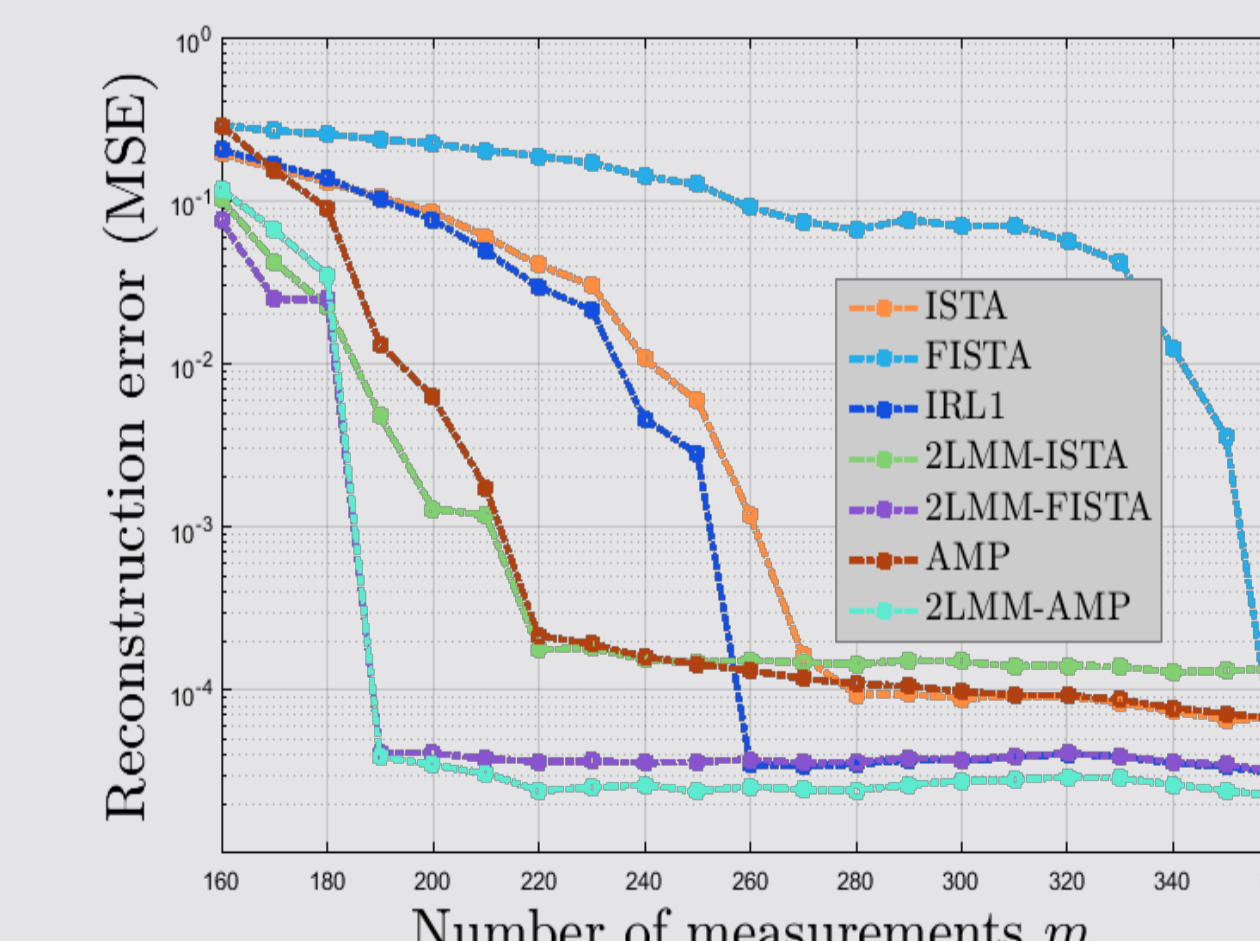
Reconstruction in **imperfect scenarios**:



Not exactly sparse signals:  $x^* = x_0 + \xi$

-  $x_0$  exactly 56-sparse Bernoulli-Gaussian signal of length  $n = 512$ ;

-  $\xi$  random noise with  $\sigma = 0.01$



Reconstruction from noisy measurements

-  $x^*$  exactly 56-sparse Bernoulli-Gaussian signal of length  $n = 512$ ;

-  $\eta$  random noise with  $\sigma = 0.01$