



# Universal Denoising and Approximate Message Passing

Dror Baron  
North Carolina State University

Joint w/ Yanting Ma and Junan Zhu

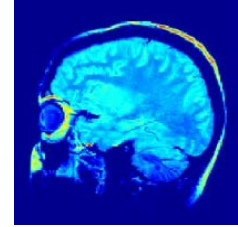
Information Theory and Applications Workshop  
San Diego, CA; February 2015

Supported by NSF CCF-1217749 and ARO W911NF-14-1-0314



# Applications of Linear Inverse Problems (especially compressed sensing)

- Medical imaging (tomography)
- Source and channel coding
- Seismic imaging (oil industry)
- Many more...



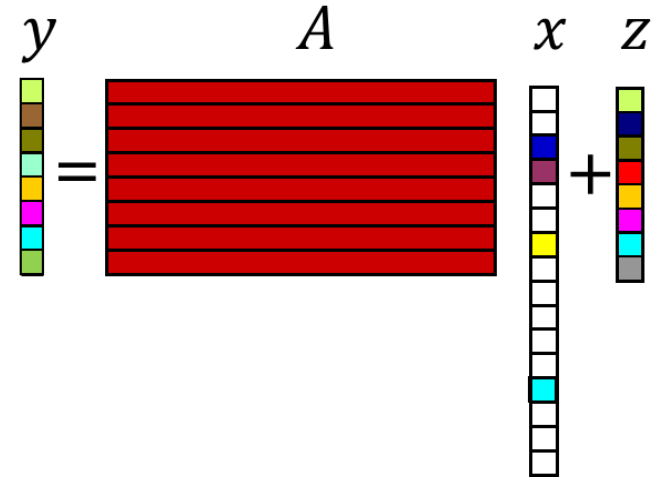
# Motivation

- Input statistics may be *unknown*
- Simple i.i.d. model may be inaccurate
- **Goal**: Approach the minimum mean square error (MMSE) for general *stationary ergodic* input

*Universal algorithm*

# Main Idea

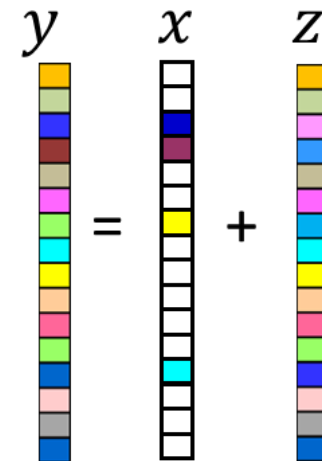
Compressed sensing



*approximate message passing*

[Donoho et al. 2009]

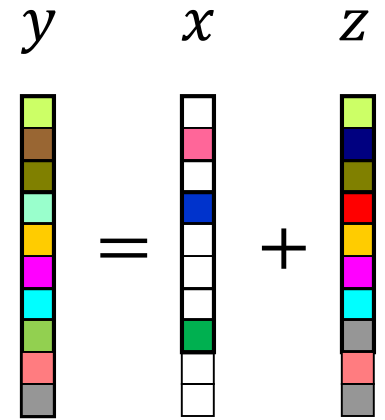
Iterative denoising



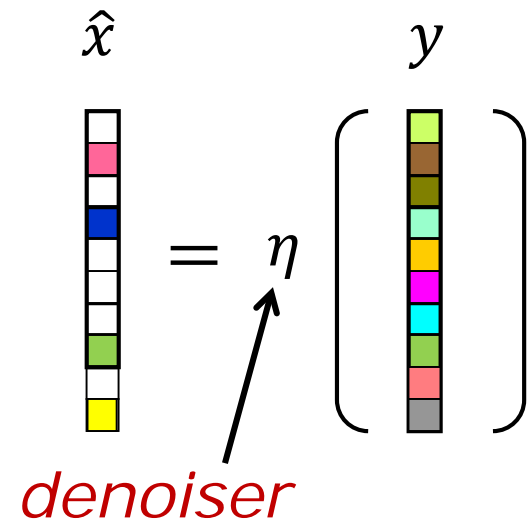
***Denoising***

# Denoising

- Length- $N$  input vector  $x$
- Additive noise  $z$
- Observations  $y = x + z$



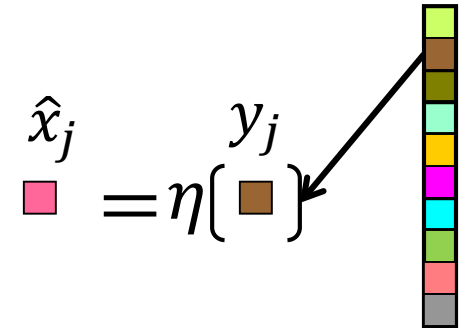
- **Goal:** estimate  $x$  from  $y$
- Minimize  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \|x - \hat{x}\|_2^2 \right]$



# Two Denoising Schemes

- **Symbol-by-symbol scheme**

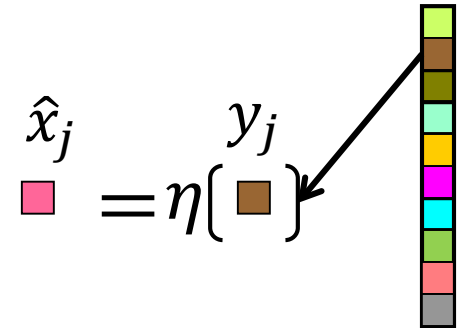
- Bayesian denoiser:  $\hat{x}_j = \mathbb{E}[x_j|y_j]$
- Optimal for *memoryless input*



# Two Denoising Schemes

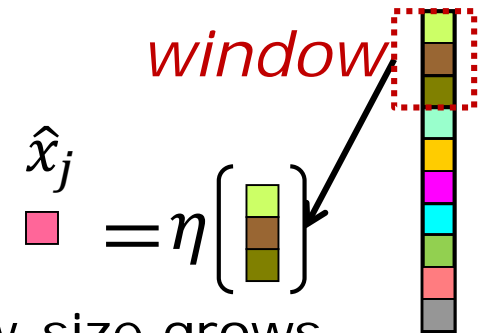
- **Symbol-by-symbol scheme**

- Bayesian denoiser:  $\hat{x}_j = \mathbb{E}[x_j|y_j]$
- Optimal for *memoryless input*



- **Sliding-window scheme**

- Bayesian denoiser:  $\hat{x}_j = \mathbb{E}[x_j|\text{window}]$
- Optimal for *stationary ergodic input* as window-size grows



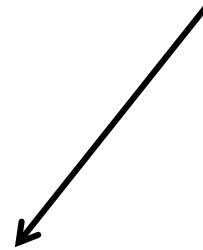
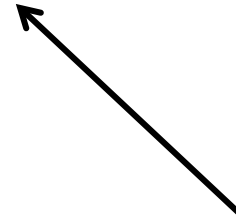


# Two Denoising Schemes

- **Symbol-by-symbol scheme**

- Bayesian denoiser:  $\hat{x}_j = \mathbb{E}[x_j|y_j]$
- Optimal for *memoryless input*

Need *input distribution*  
***unknown***



- **Sliding-window scheme**

- Bayesian denoiser:  $\hat{x}_j = \mathbb{E}[x_j|\text{window}]$
- Optimal for *stationary ergodic input* as window-size grows

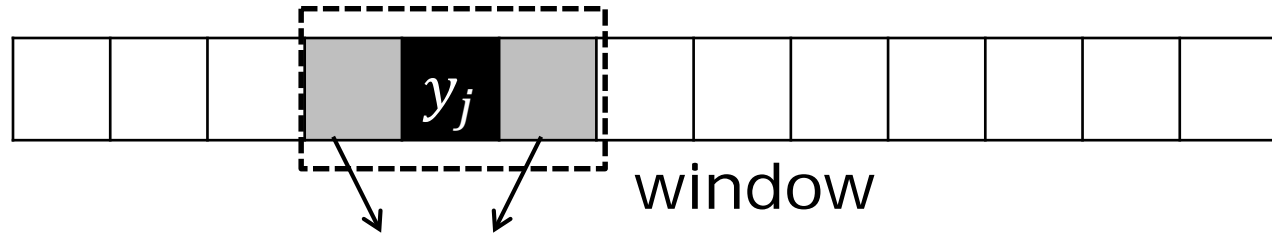
***Denoising Unknown  
Stationary Ergodic Sources***

[Universal Denoising]

Inspired by Tsachy Weissman

# Universal Denoising Based on Context Quantization

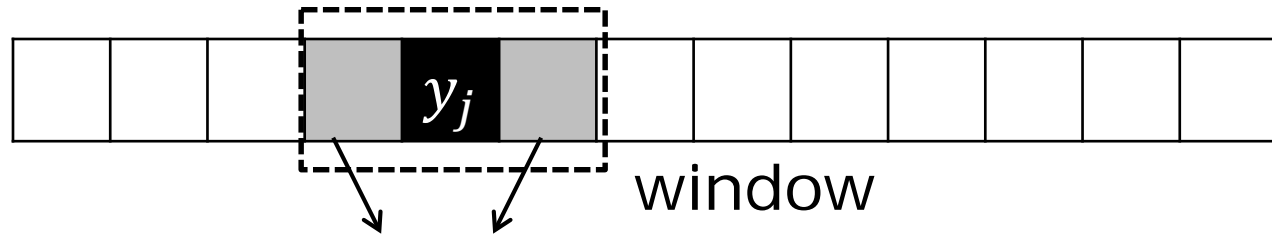
Inspired by [Sivaramakrishnan & Weissman, 2009]



**context** of  $y_j$ :  $(y_{j-1}, y_{j+1})$

# Universal Denoising Based on Context Quantization

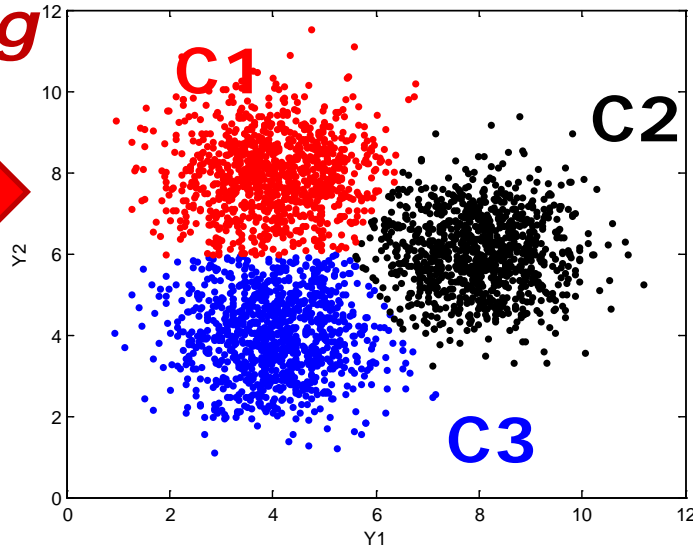
Inspired by [Sivaramakrishnan & Weissman, 2009]



*context* of  $y_j$ :  $(y_{j-1}, y_{j+1})$

*clustering*

$(y_1, y_3)$   
 $(y_2, y_4)$   
•  
•  
•  
 $(y_{N-2}, y_N)$



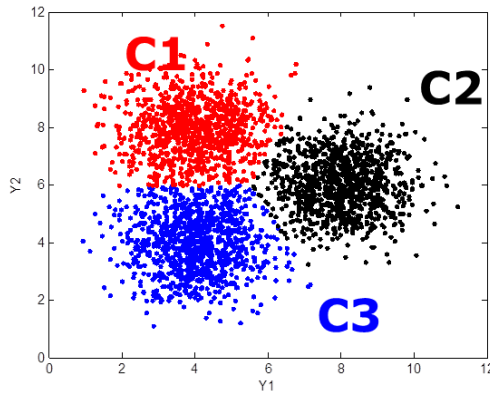
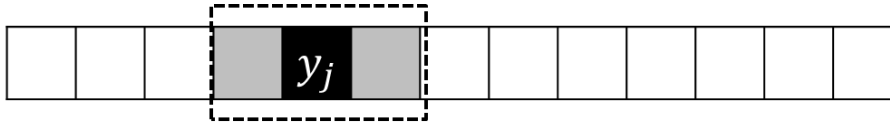
*sub-sequencing*



$$y_{C_l} = \{y_j : (y_{j-1}, y_{j+1}) \in C_l\}$$
$$l = 1, 2, 3.$$

# Universal Denoising Based on Context Quantization

Inspired by [Sivaramakrishnan & Weissman, 2009]



→  $y_{C_l} = \{y_j : (y_{j-1}, y_{j+1}) \in C_l\}$

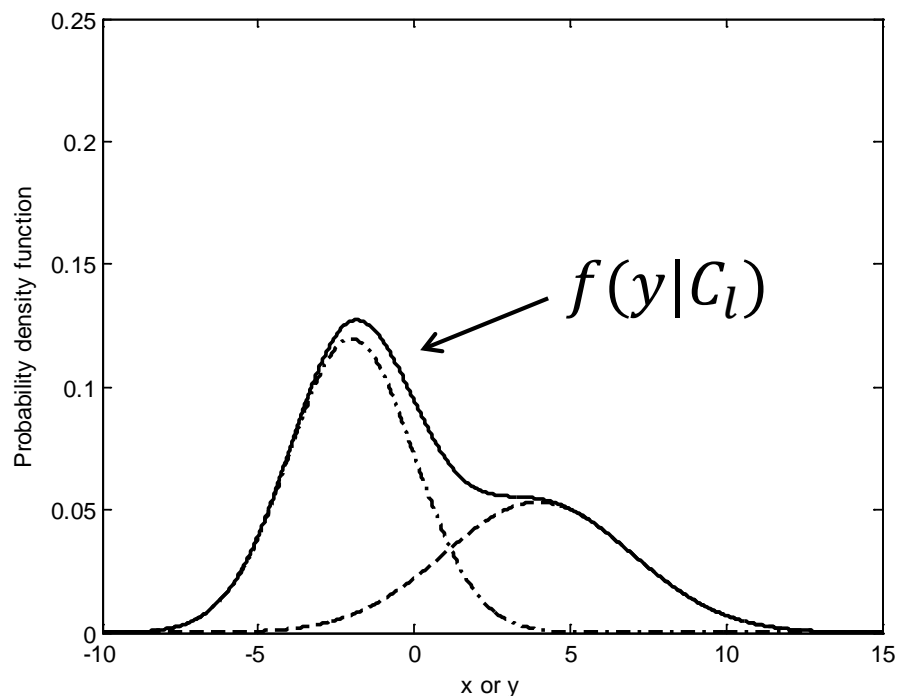
- Symbols in subsequence  $y_{C_l}$  *conditionally independent*
- Apply *symbol-by-symbol scheme*:  $y_{C_l} = x_{C_l} + z_{C_l}$

# Subsequence Denoising [Figueiredo & Jain 2001]

- Consider  $y_{C_l} = x_{C_l} + z_{C_l}$ , where  $z_{C_l} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_z^2 I)$
- Fit *Gaussian mixture* model to noisy subsequence  $y_{C_l}$

$$f(y|C_l) = \sum_{s=1}^S \alpha_s \mathcal{N}(y; \mu_s, \sigma_s^2)$$

**Example:**  
Gaussian mixture  
with two components



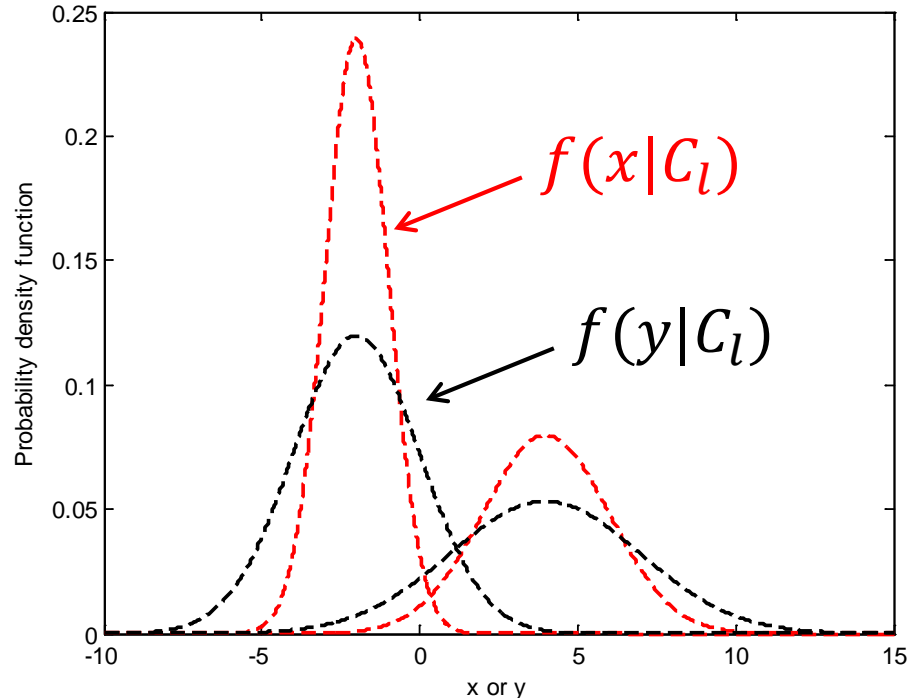
# Subsequence Denoising

- Consider  $y_{C_l} = x_{C_l} + z_{C_l}$ , where  $z_{C_l} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_z^2 I)$
- Fit *Gaussian mixture* model to noisy subsequence  $y_{C_l}$

$$f(y|C_l) = \sum_{s=1}^S \alpha_s \mathcal{N}(y; \mu_s, \sigma_s^2)$$

$$f(x|C_l) = \sum_{s=1}^S \alpha_s \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_s, \sigma_s^2 - \sigma_z^2)$$

**Example:**  
Gaussian mixture  
with two components



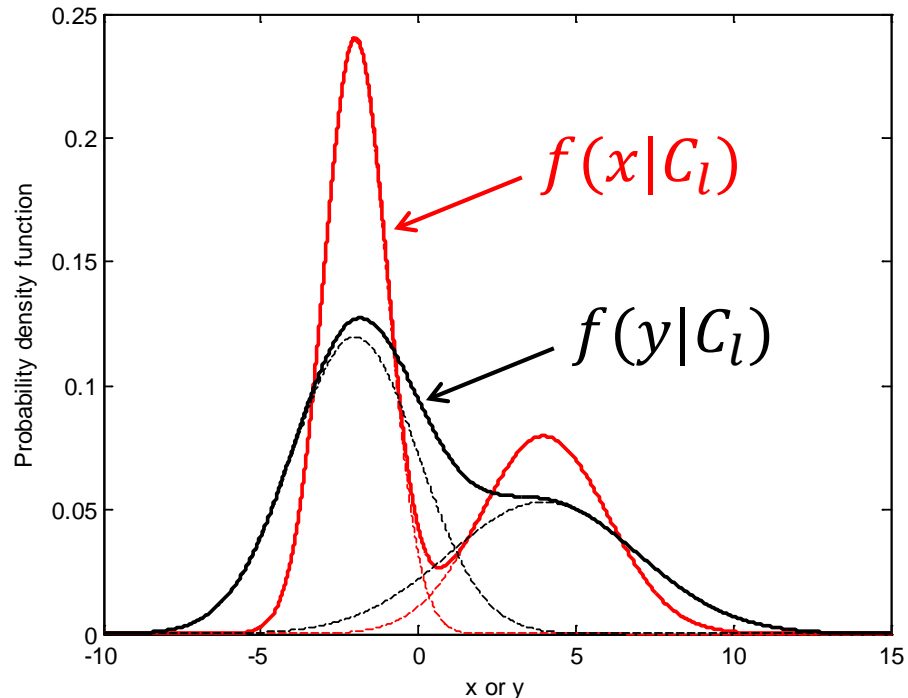
# Subsequence Denoising

- Consider  $y_{C_l} = x_{C_l} + z_{C_l}$ , where  $z_{C_l} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_z^2 I)$
- Fit *Gaussian mixture* model to noisy subsequence  $y_{C_l}$

$$f(y|C_l) = \sum_{s=1}^S \alpha_s \mathcal{N}(y; \mu_s, \sigma_s^2)$$

$$f(x|C_l) = \sum_{s=1}^S \alpha_s \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_s, \sigma_s^2 - \sigma_z^2)$$

**Example:**  
Gaussian mixture  
with two components





# Subsequence Denoising

- Consider  $y_{C_l} = x_{C_l} + z_{C_l}$ , where  $z_{C_l} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_z^2 I)$
- Fit *Gaussian mixture* model to noisy subsequence  $y_{C_l}$

$$f(y|C_l) = \sum_{s=1}^S \alpha_s \mathcal{N}(y; \mu_s, \sigma_s^2)$$

$$\boxed{f(x|C_l)} = \sum_{s=1}^S \alpha_s \mathcal{N}(x; \mu_s, \sigma_s^2 - \sigma_z^2)$$

↑  
approximate input distribution

- Approximate *Bayesian sliding-window denoiser*



# Universal Denoising Based on Context Quantization

Theorem [Siviramakrishnan & Wiessman 2009]:

For *bounded* stationary ergodic input, universal denoiser based on context quantization achieves *minimum mean square error* (MMSE) asymptotically

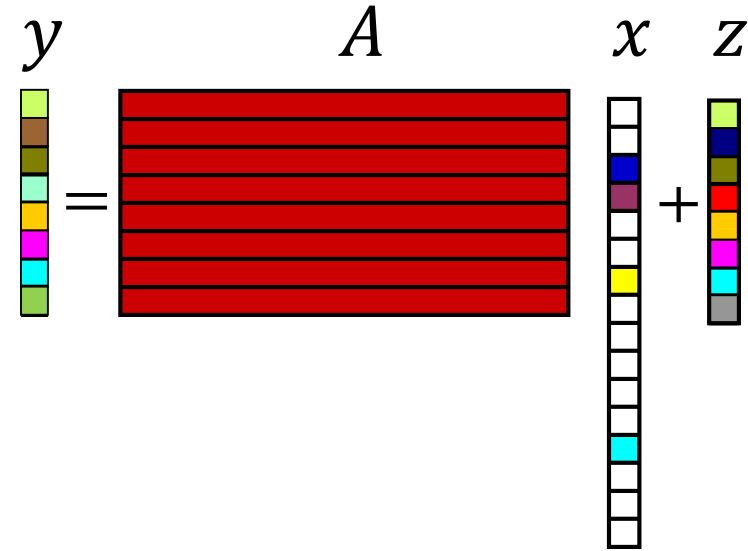
Conjecture: Under some technical conditions

*bounded*  $\longrightarrow$  *unbounded*

***Compressed Sensing  
for Unknown Stationary  
Ergodic Sources***

# Compressed Sensing

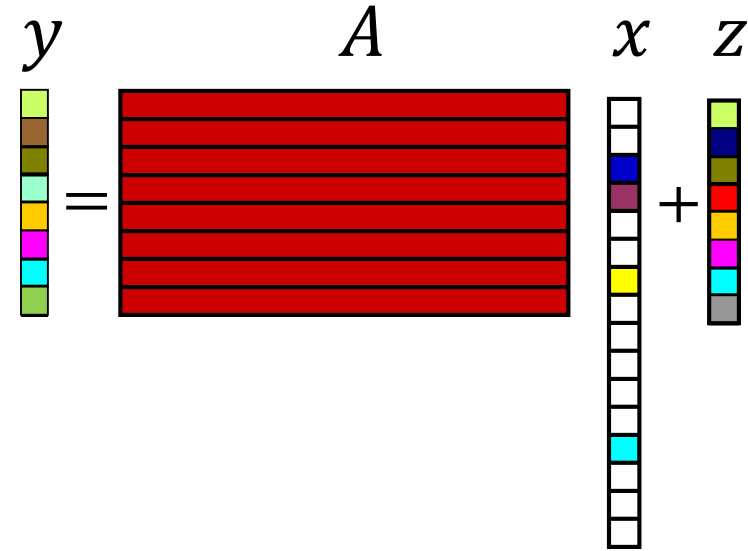
- *Stationary ergodic input*  $x$
- M-by-N measurement matrix  $A$
- Additive white Gaussian noise  $z$
- Observations  $y = Ax + z$



- **Goal:** estimate  $x$  from  $y$  and  $A$
- Minimize  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \|x - \hat{x}\|_2^2 \right]$

# Compressed Sensing

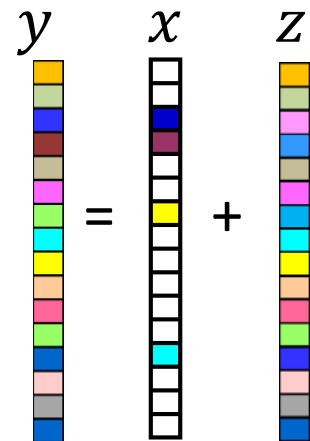
- *Stationary ergodic input*  $x$
- M-by-N measurement matrix  $A$
- Additive white Gaussian noise  $z$
- Observations  $y = Ax + z$



- **Goal:** estimate  $x$  from  $y$  and  $A$

- Minimize  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \|x - \hat{x}\|_2^2 \right]$

- Apply  $\eta_{UD}$  ???

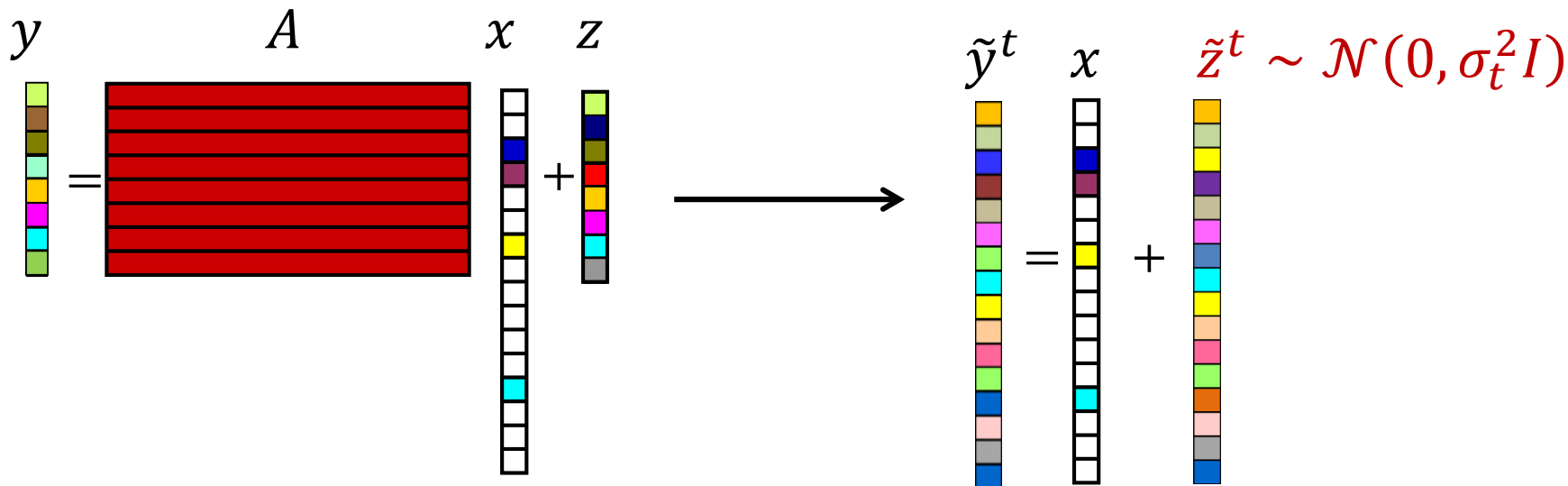


# *Approximate Message Passing*

[Donoho et al. 2009]

# Approximate Message Passing (AMP)

[Donoho et al. 2009]



At iteration  $t$ :

Residual

$$r^t = y - Ax^t + \frac{r^{t-1}}{M/N} < \eta'_{t-1} (x^{t-1} + A^T r^{t-1}) >$$

correction term

Pseudo-data

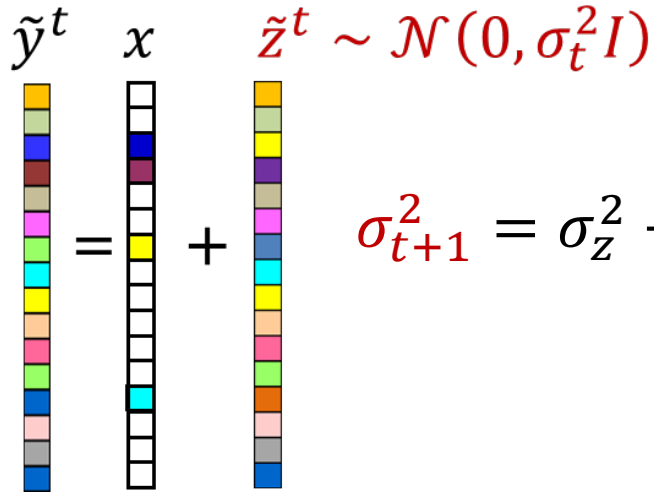
$$\tilde{y}^t = x^t + A^T r^t = x + \tilde{z}^t$$

Denoising

$$x^{t+1} = \eta_t(\tilde{y}^t)$$

# State Evolution of AMP

[Donoho et al. 2009, Bayati & Montanari 2011...]

$$\tilde{y}^t = x + \tilde{z}^t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_t^2 I)$$


$$\sigma_{t+1}^2 = \sigma_z^2 + \frac{1}{M/N} \mathbb{E}[(\eta_t(X + \sigma_t W) - X)^2], \quad W \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

*Symbol-by-symbol scheme*

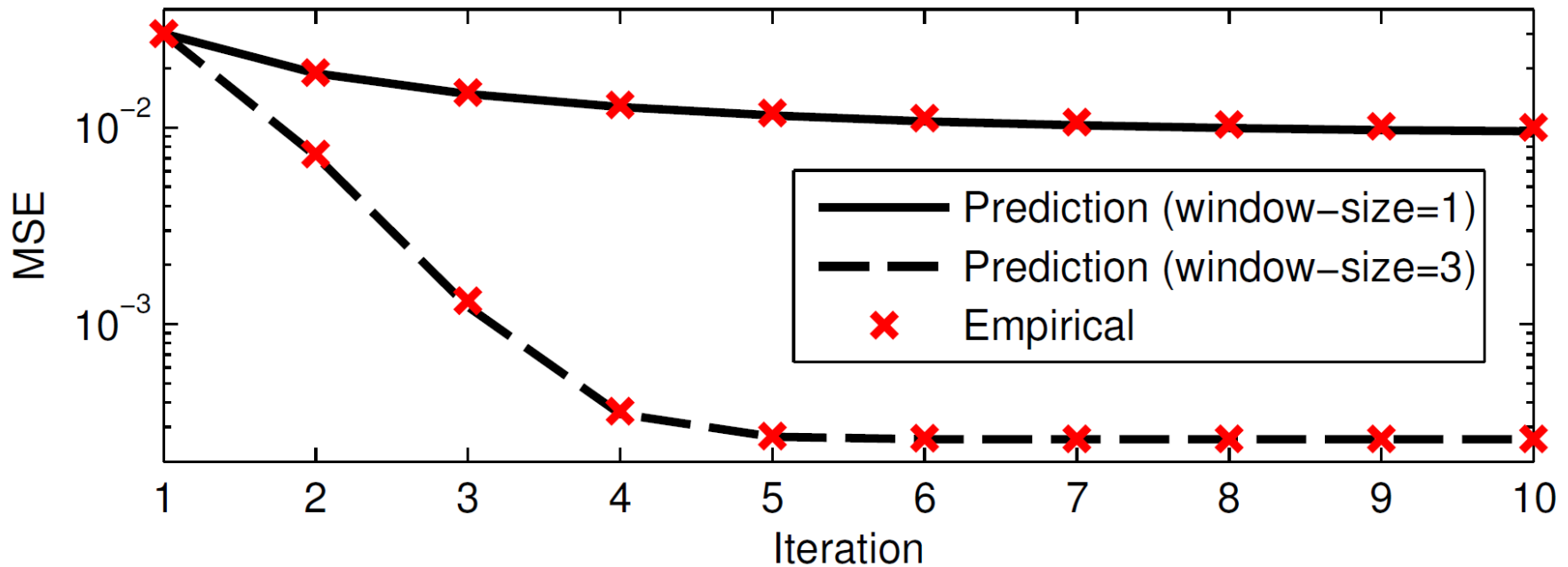
- Separable  $\eta_t$ : rigorously proved [Bayati & Montanari 2011]
- Broader class  $\eta_t$ : conjectured [Donoho et al. 2011]



***AMP with Bayesian  
Sliding-Window Denoiser***

# Markov Input [N=10,000]

- Bayesian denoiser:  $x_j^t = \eta_t(\text{window}) = \mathbb{E}[x_j | \text{window}]$
- *Non-i.i.d.* input
  - *symbol-by-symbol* denoiser suboptimal



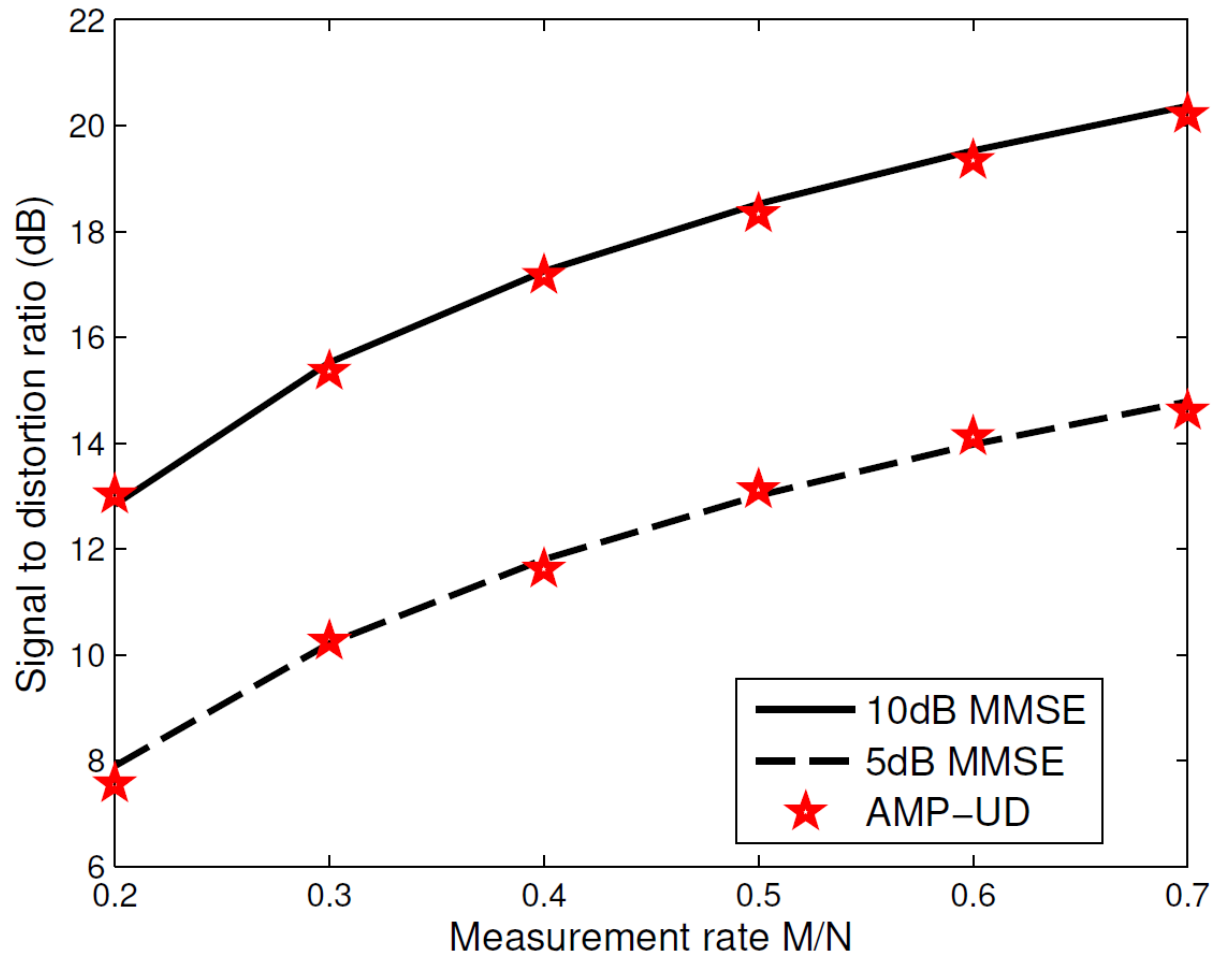
# State Evolution of AMP

Conjecture: State evolution holds for AMP with Bayesian sliding-window denoisers

***AMP with Universal Denoiser***  
**[AMP-UD]**

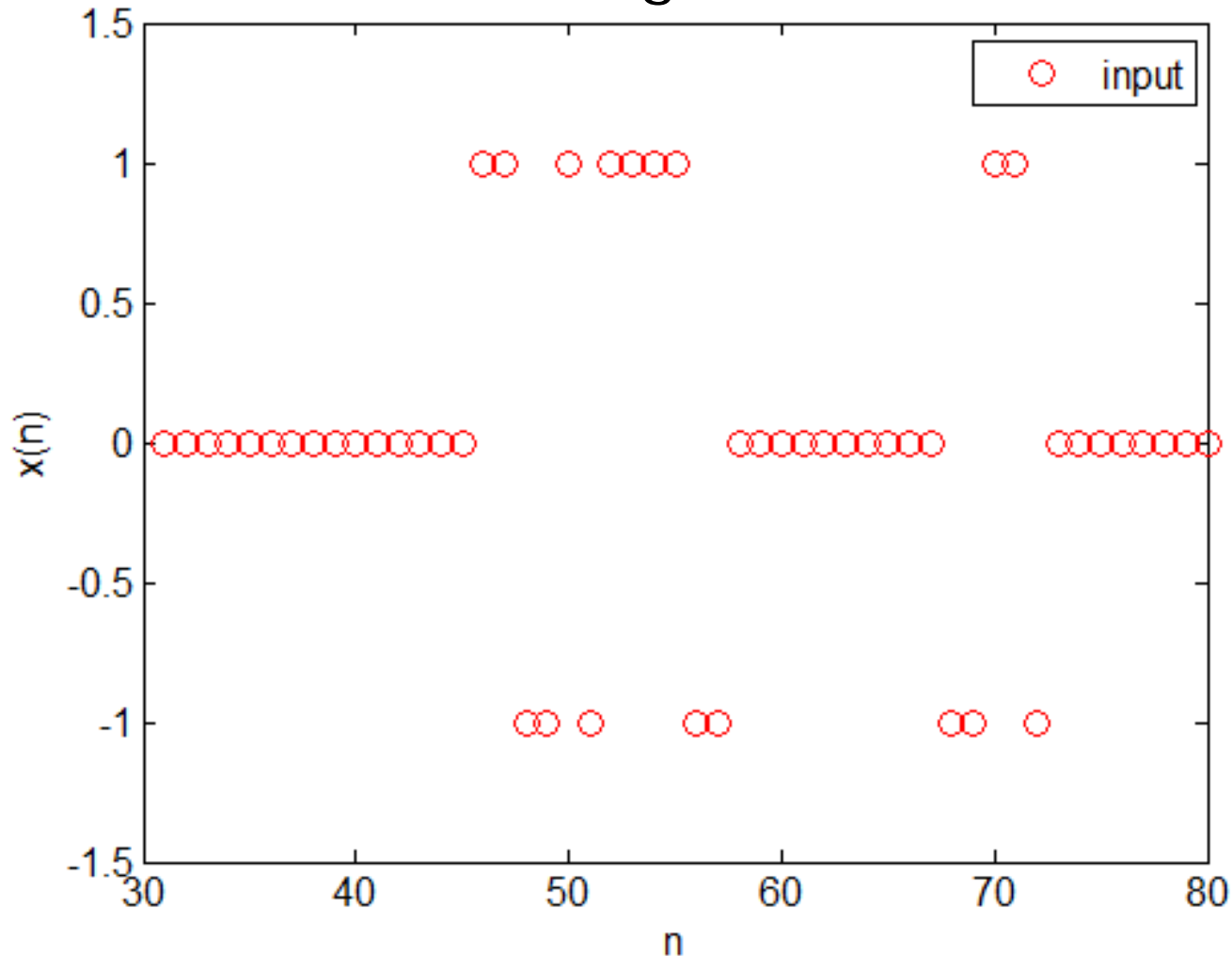
# Sparse Laplace Input [N=10,000]

- i.i.d. input
- $f(x) = 0.97\delta(x) + 0.03\mathcal{L}(0,1)$



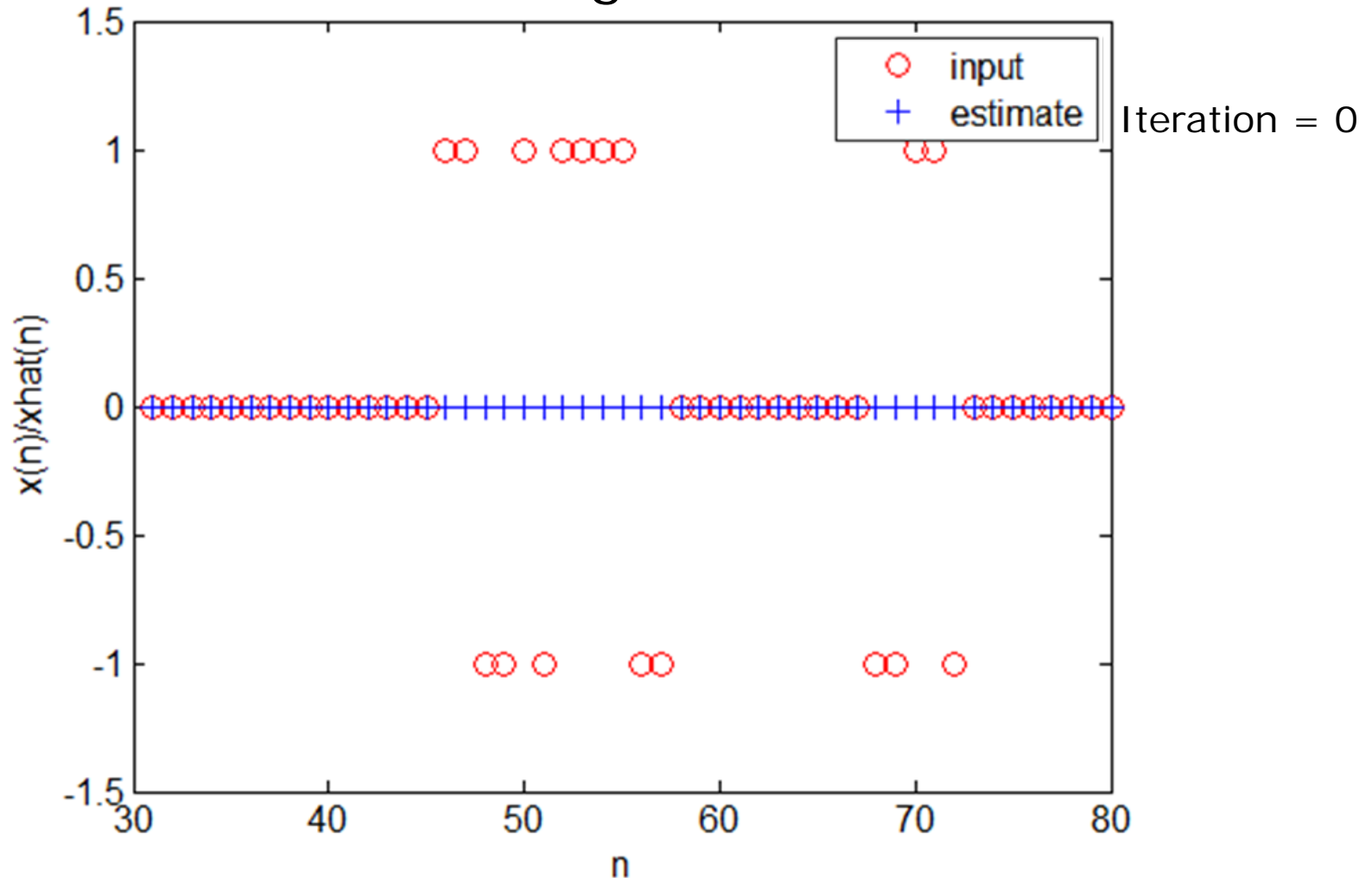
# Markov-Rademacher Input

- Markov machine: zero-state & nonzero-state
- Rademacher  $\pm 1$  when nonzero
- 30% of nonzeros on average



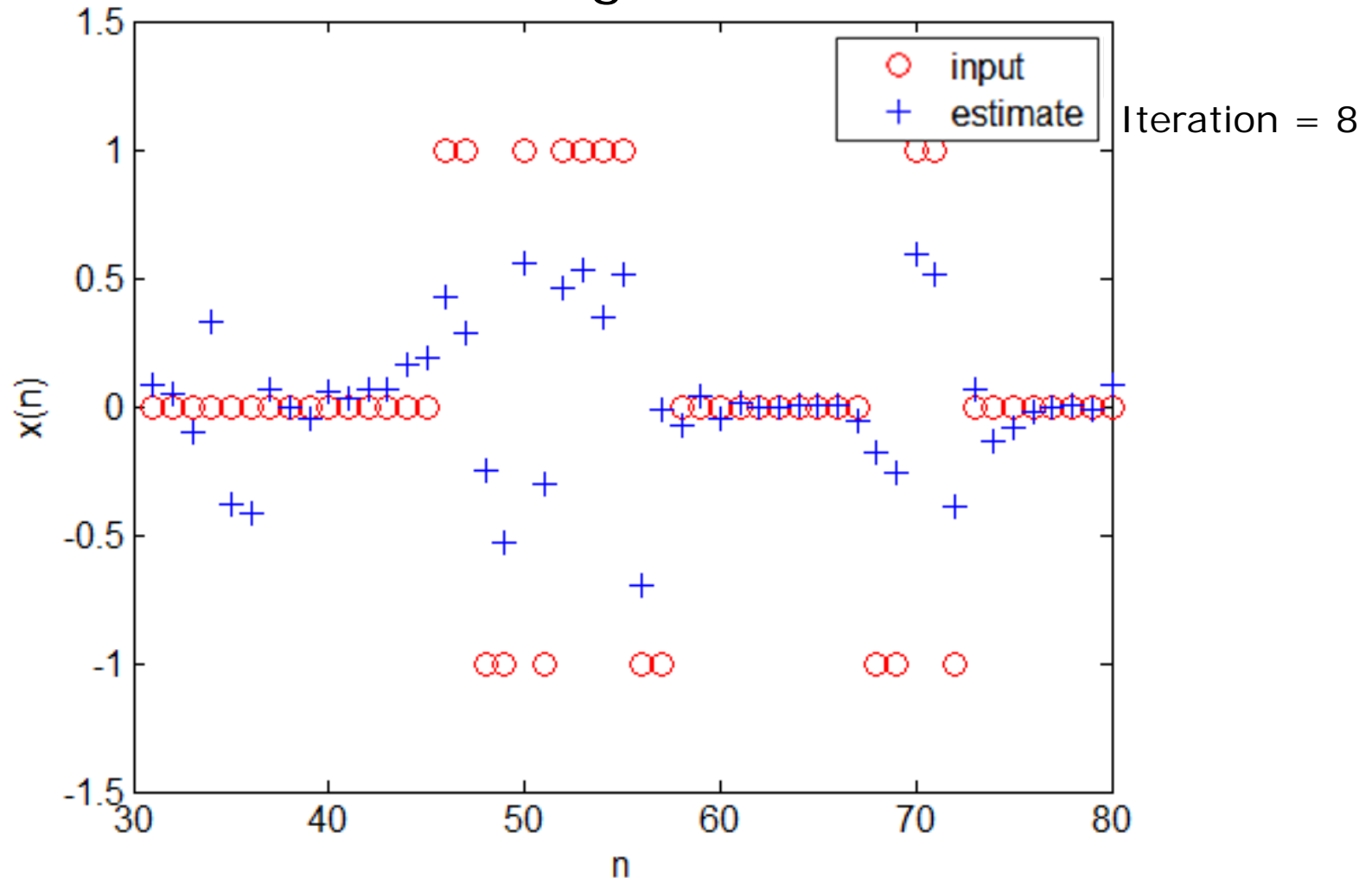
# Markov-Rademacher Input

- Markov machine: zero-state & nonzero-state
- Rademacher  $\pm 1$  when nonzero
- 30% of nonzeros on average



# Markov-Rademacher Input

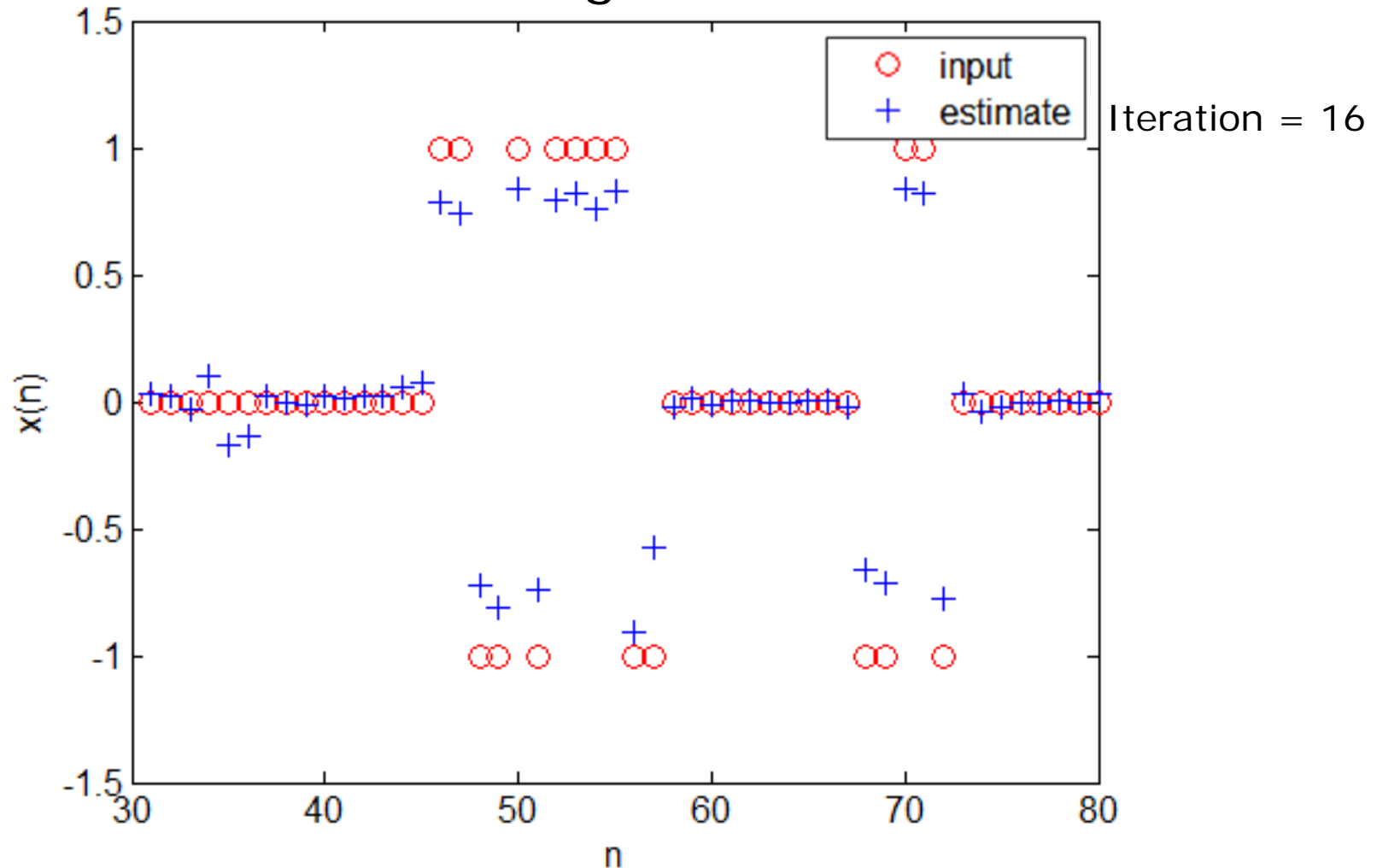
- Markov machine: zero-state & nonzero-state
- Rademacher  $\pm 1$  when nonzero
- 30% of nonzeros on average





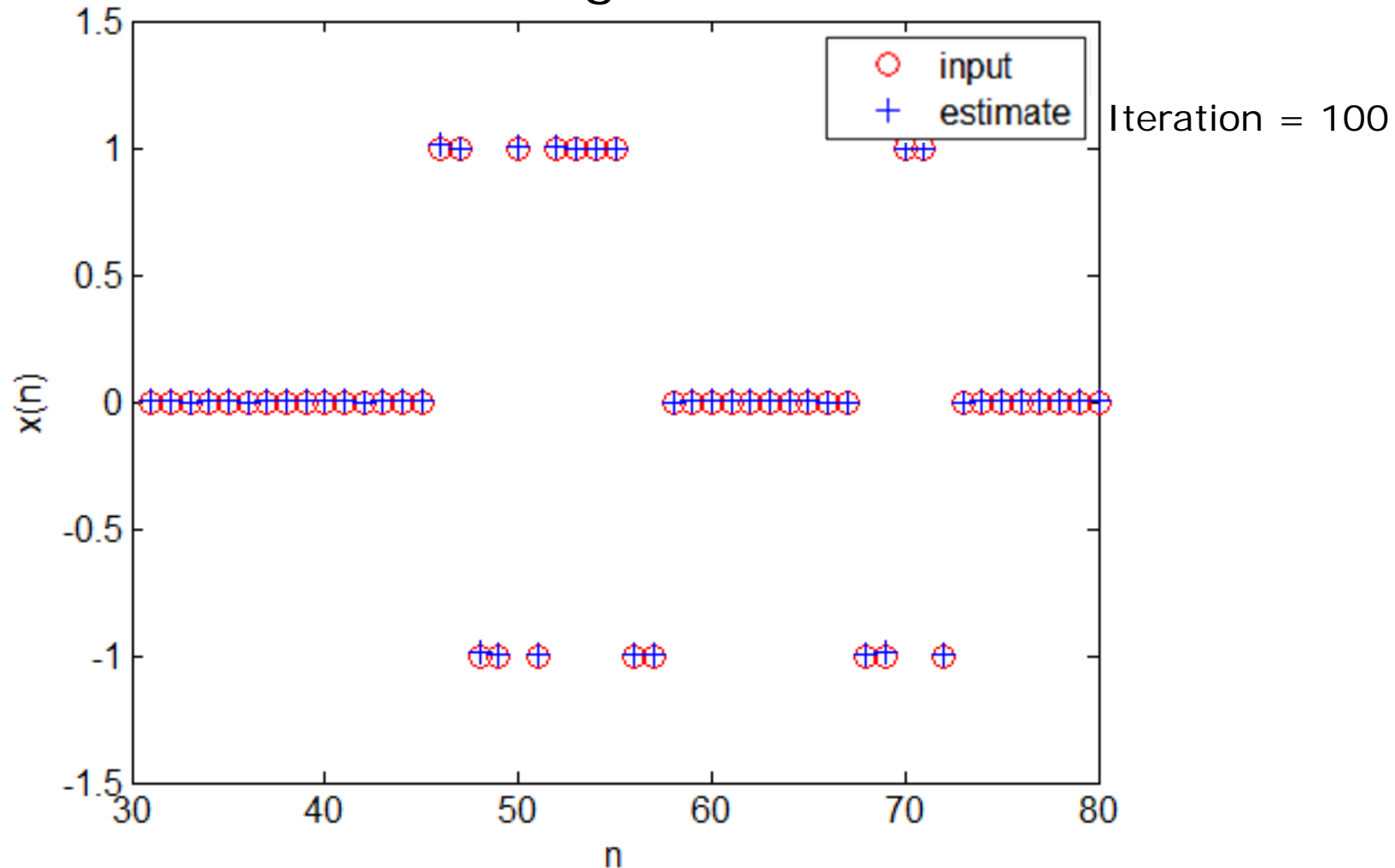
# Markov-Rademacher Input

- Markov machine: zero-state & nonzero-state
- Rademacher  $\pm 1$  when nonzero
- 30% of nonzeros on average



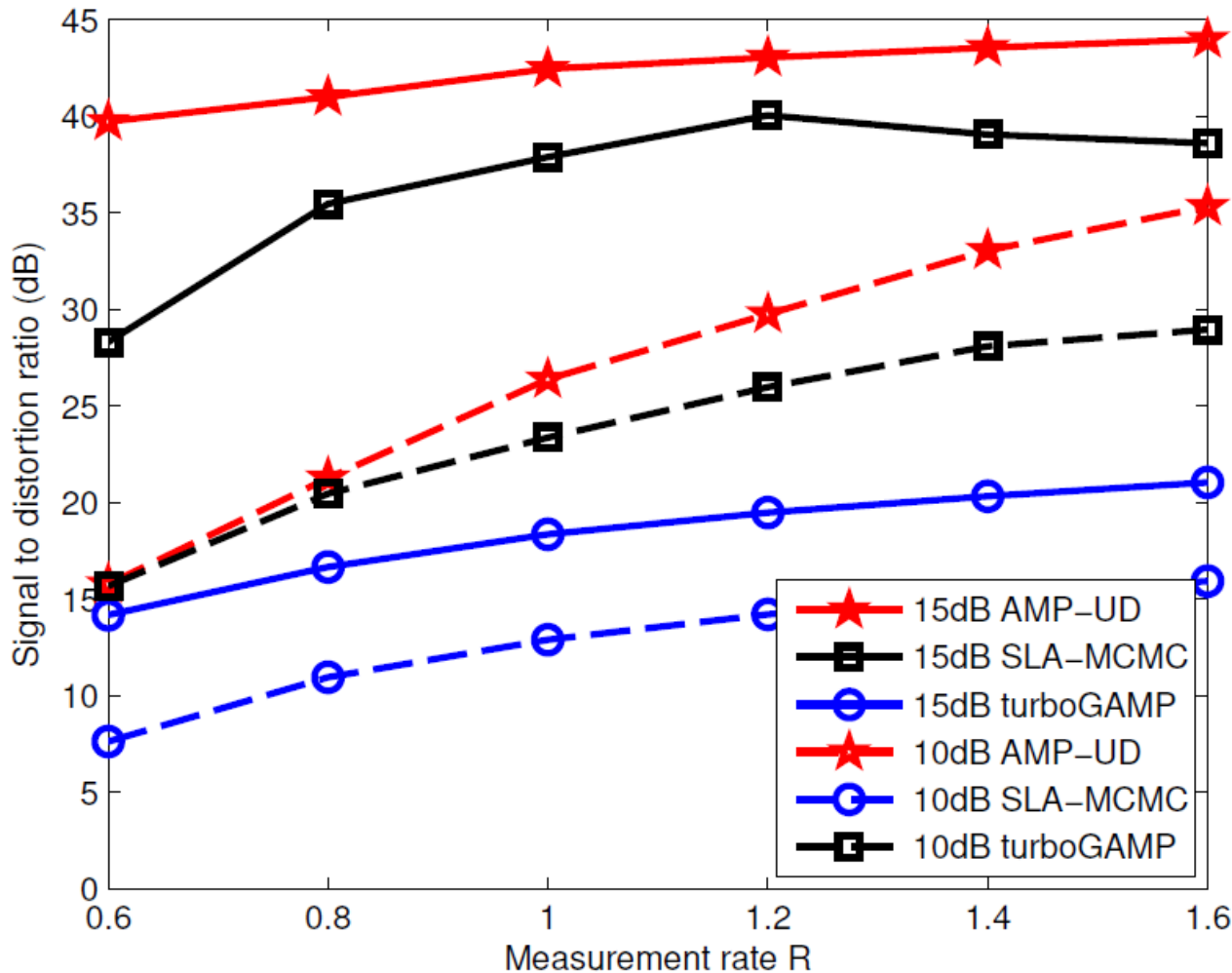
# Markov-Rademacher Input

- Markov machine: zero-state & nonzero-state
- Rademacher  $\pm 1$  when nonzero
- 30% of nonzeros on average



# Markov-Rademacher Input [N=10,000]

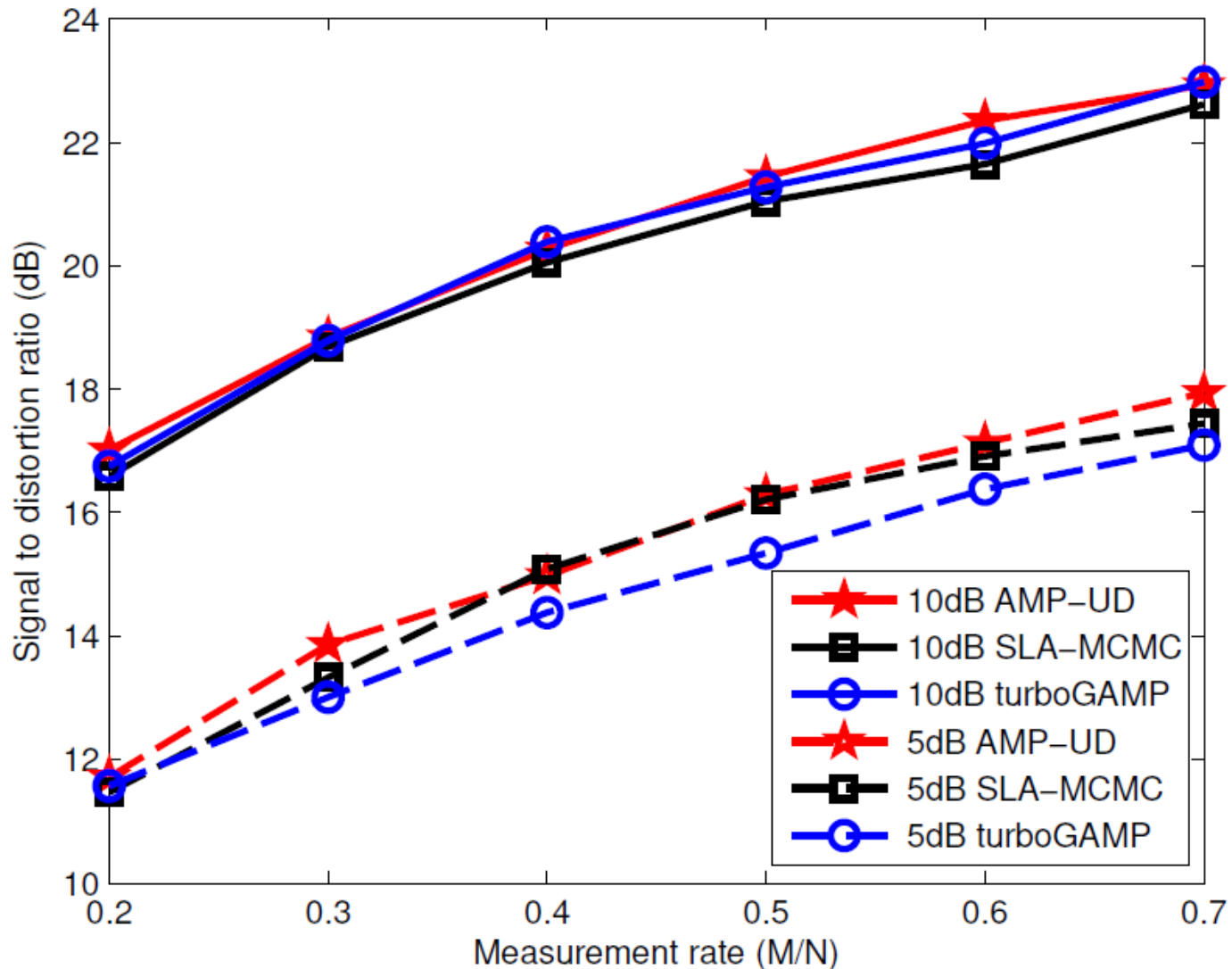
- 30% of nonzeros on average



AMP-UD: 5 minutes  
[Zhu et al. 2014] hours  
[Ziniel et al. 2012] 0.5 hours

# Markov-Uniform Input [N=10,000]

- 10% nonzeros on average
- Nonzeros are uniform  $U[0,1]$



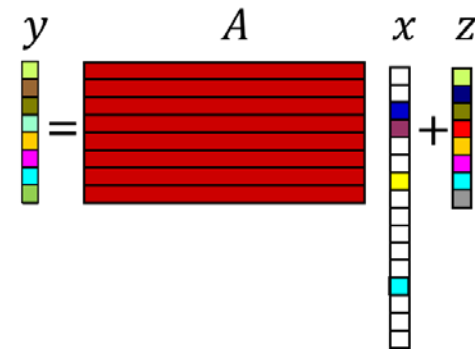
# AMP with Universal Denoiser

## Conjecture:

- AMP+UD achieves the MMSE for unknown stationary ergodic sources
- Under some technical conditions...

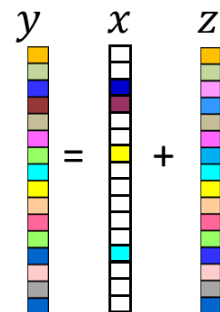
# *Summary*

Compressed sensing



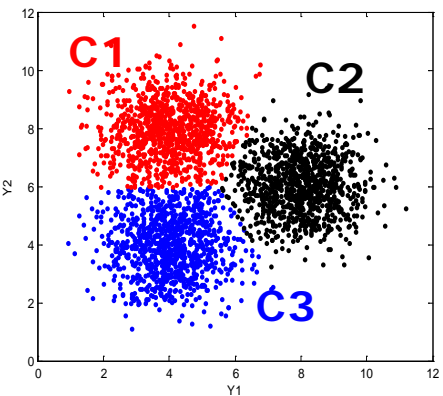
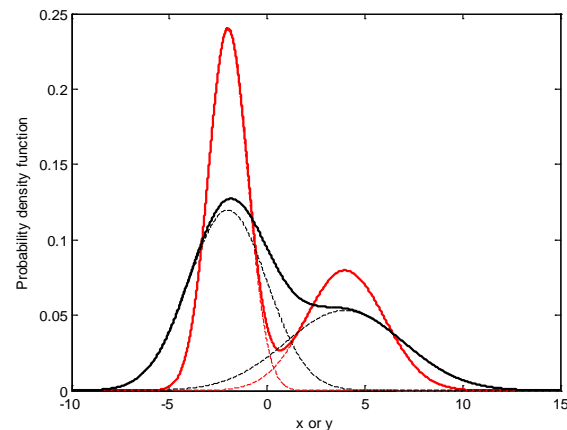
*Approximate message passing*

Universal denoising



*Context quantization*

i.i.d. denoising  
(Gaussian mixture model)



# Future Directions

- Robust subsequence denoising
- Theoretical analysis
- Multi-dimensional input (e.g. images)



***Thank you!***