

# Instance-Optimal Compressed Sensing via Posterior Sampling

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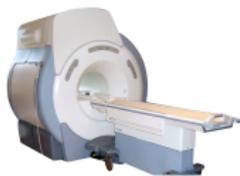
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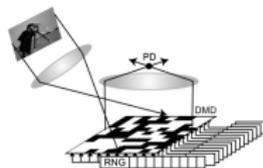
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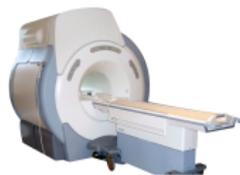
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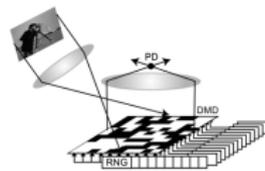
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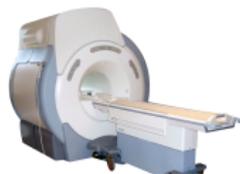


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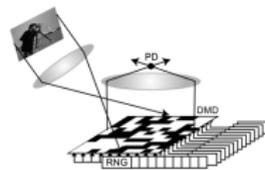
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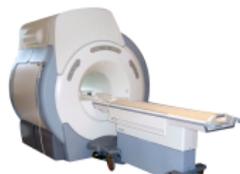


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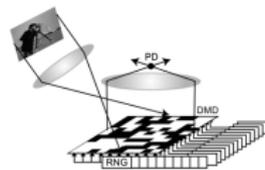
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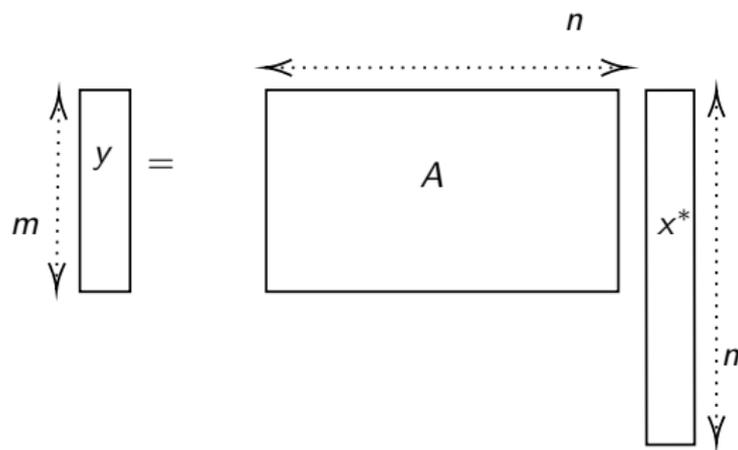
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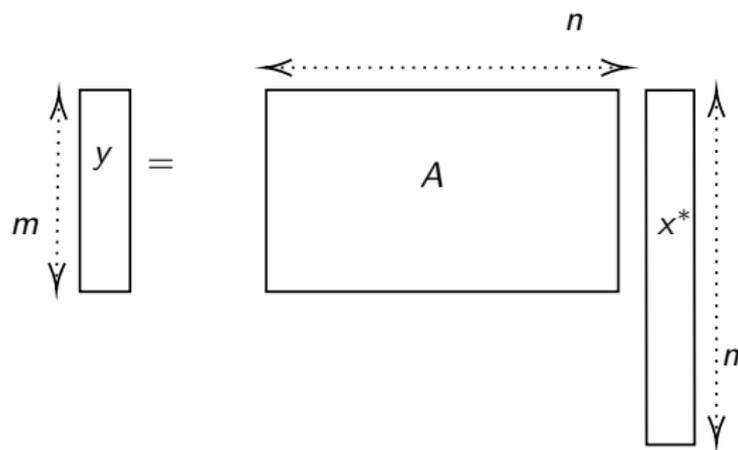
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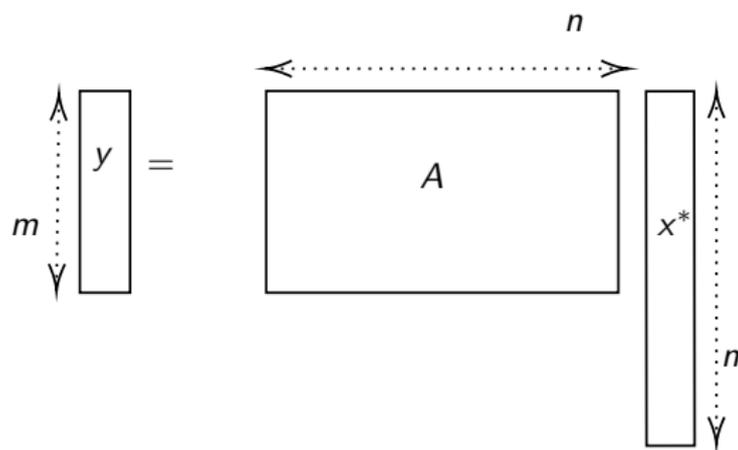
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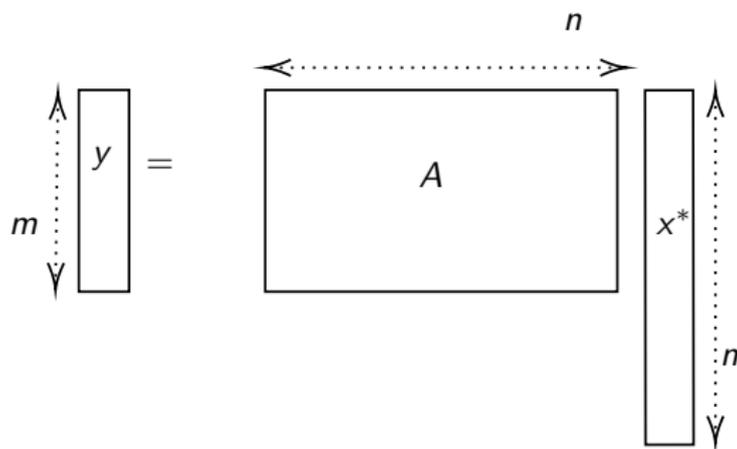
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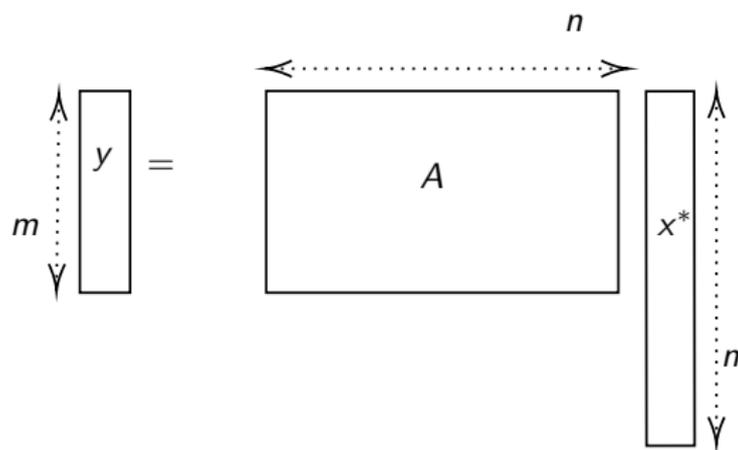
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  - ▶ Algorithm for recovery MAP / Maximum Likelihood.

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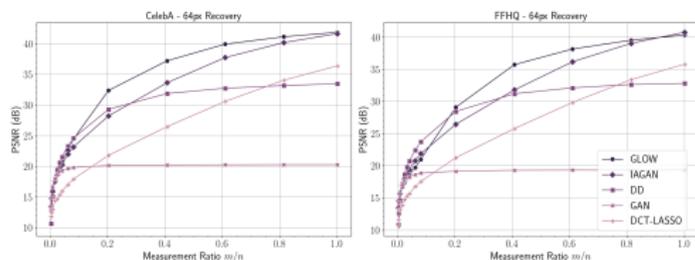
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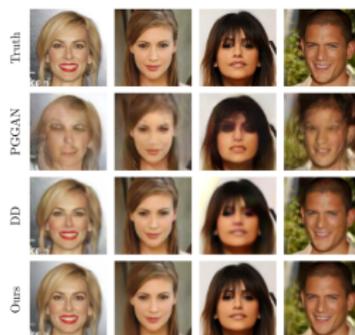
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For *arbitrary*  $A$ , any algorithm that achieves  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$ -recovery requires

$$m \geq \Omega \left( \frac{\log \text{Cov}_{C\varepsilon, C\delta}(R)}{\log(r\|A\|_{\infty}/\varepsilon)} \right)$$

for some constant  $C > 0$ .

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### Sampling + Gaussian measurements is robust to incorrect prior

If  $x^* \sim R$  but your prior is  $P \neq R$ , the guarantee still holds if  $P$  and  $R$  are  $\varepsilon$ -close in Wasserstein distance.

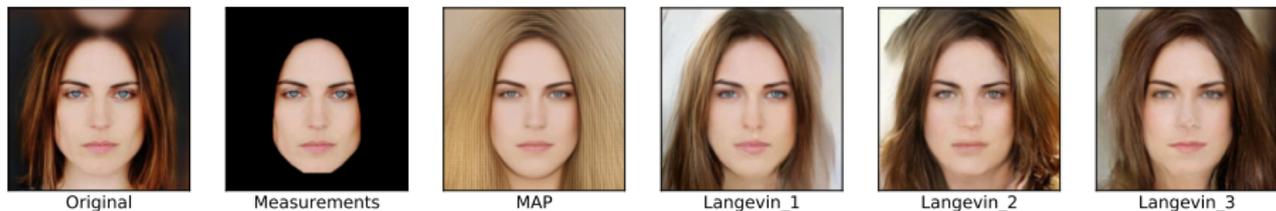
# Experiments - Compressed Sensing

Implement Posterior Sampling via Annealed Langevin Dynamics



Figure: FFHQ dataset using NCSNv2 model (Song & Ermon 2020).

# Experiments - Inpainting



**Figure:** CelebA dataset using GLOW model (Kingma & Dhariwal 2018).

- MAP estimate is averaged-out, similar to eigenfaces.
- Posterior sampling is more realistic & can be sampled multiple times for diversity.

# Thank you!

- Code & models:  
<https://github.com/ajiljalal/code-cs-fairness>
- Related paper on fairness: Fairness for Image Generation with Uncertain Sensitive Attributes (ICML 2021)