# Subsampling at Information Theoretically Optimal Rates

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# A classical compressive sensing application

Sampling a random signal with sparse support in frequency domain.

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#### An overview on spatial coupling

# Spatially coupled sensing matrix



- $\blacktriangleright$  ~ independent entries
- $\blacktriangleright$  ~ band diagonal

▶  $m, n, \ell \to \infty$ , with  $m/n \to \delta \in (0, 1), \, \ell/n \to 0$ 



Coordinates of x

Coordinates of y









# Bayes-optimal AMP

[Donoho, Maleki, Montanari 2009] [Donoho, Javanmard, Montanari 2011]

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# Does the spatial coupling phenomenon survive for physically constrained sensing matrices?

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$$\blacktriangleright \ x(1),\ldots,x(n)\sim_{\rm i.i.d.} (1-\varepsilon)\delta_0+\varepsilon\, {\rm Normal}(0,1)$$

• Will it work for 
$$m \ge n\varepsilon + o(n)$$
?

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## Phase transition



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- Scheme II: Bayesian AMP, Random Fourier.
- Scheme III:  $\ell_1$ , Random Gabor.

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