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The paper does contain some novelty in the analysis, which established the linear speed up property of the stochastic model-based algorithms for non-smooth and non-convex problems under their assumption A5.

However, this assumption A5 also makes the result no general enough and not applicable to standard stochastic subgradient method for non-smooth problems. This should be clearly marked in the paper. That being said, for problems that satisfy the assumption A5, such as prox-linear method with a special structure of the objective function, having the linear speed is not surprising. The authors need to provide more evidence that such achievement is non-trivial.

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