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# Iterative hard thresholding based algorithms for low-rank tensor recovery

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# Tensor-related research @ I3S

- Tensor models (de Almeida, da Costa, Favier)
  - Block constrained CPD
  - Generalized Paratuck
  - Nested CPD
  - Nested Tucker
  - Overview of constrained CPD models
  - 7 j. papers, 1 book chapter
- Estimation of structured CPD models (Goulart, Cohen, Boyer, Boizard, Favier, Kibangou, Comon)
  - 4 conf. papers, 2 j. papers
- Tensor completion (Goulart, Favier):
  - 1 conf. paper, 1 j. paper (submitted)

# Tensor-related research @ I3S

- System identification (Kibangou, Khouaja, Fernandes, Bouilloc, Favier)
  - HOS-based linear system identification
  - Nonlinear system modeling and identification : Block structured systems (Wiener, Hammerstein, W-H), Volterra systems
  - 13 j. papers
- SAR image processing (Porges, Thales)
  - 2 conf. papers
- Wireless communications:
  - MIMO nonlinear systems (A. Fernandes, Favier)
  - MIMO point-to-point systems (de Almeida, Bouilloc, da Costa, Favier)
  - MIMO cooperative relay systems (Ximenes, de Almeida, Freitas, Favier)
  - 4 book ch., >20 j. papers, >30 conf. papers
- Tensor completion for traffic data estimation (Goulart, Kibangou, Favier)

# Low-rank tensor recovery (LRTR)

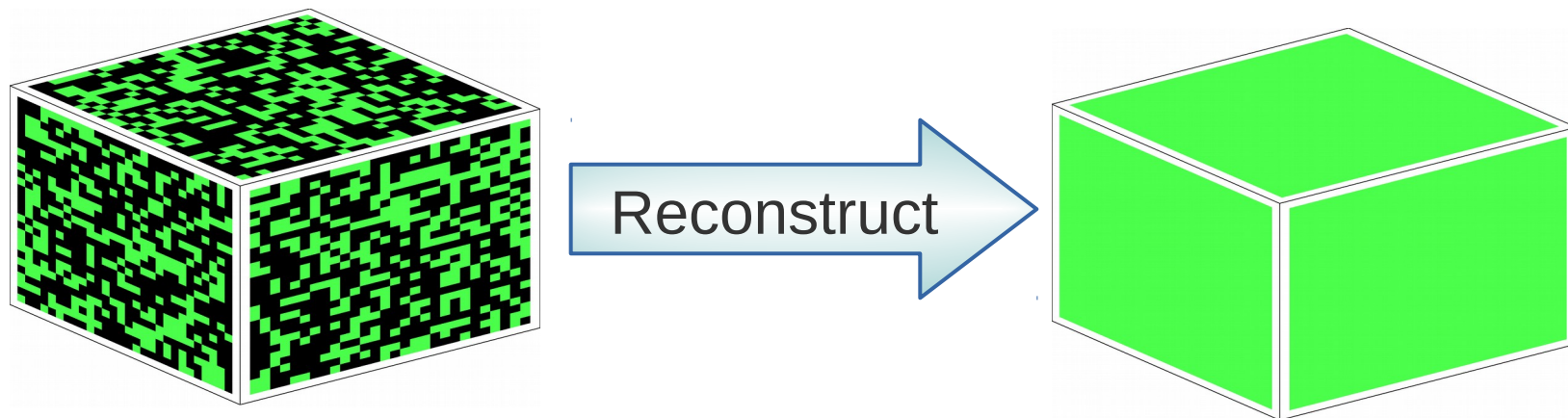
- Recover  $\mathcal{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_1 \times \dots \times N_P}$  from

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{X}) + \mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^M, \quad M < N_1 \dots N_P$$

↳ linear measurement operator (MO)

Premise :  $\mathcal{X}$  has low rank

- Most usual setting : Tensor Completion (TC)





# Which rank?

- **Tensor rank** : CPD model

$$\mathbf{x} = \sum_r \bigotimes_{p=1}^P \mathbf{a}_r^{(p)}$$



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{DOF} \\ \mathcal{O}(PNR) \end{array}$$

- **Multilinear rank** : Tucker model

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{g} \times_{p=1}^P \mathbf{U}^{(p)}}_{R_1 \times R_2 \times \cdots \times R_P}$$



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{DOF} \\ \mathcal{O}(R^P + PNR) \end{array}$$

- Ideally : recovery from  $M = \mathcal{O}(\text{DOF})$
- Typical sampling bounds :  $\mathcal{O}(RN^{P-1})$

# Main approaches

convex

- Minimizing sum of nuclear norms (SNN)

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{X})\|_2^2 + \lambda \sum_{p=1}^P \gamma_p \|\mathbf{X}_{\langle p \rangle}\|_*$$

- Tensor nuclear norm : conditional gradient

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}} J(\mathbf{X}) + \lambda \|\mathbf{X}\|_*$$

- search direction : best rank-one approx.

non-convex

- Low-rank matrix factorization of unfoldings

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}_p, \mathbf{Z}_p} \sum_p^P \alpha_p \left\| \begin{matrix} \mathbf{W}_p & \mathbf{Z}_p \\ N_p \times R_p & R_p \times \bar{N}_p \end{matrix} - \mathbf{X}_{\langle p \rangle} \right\|_F^2 \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{y}$$

- Constrained least-squares :  $\min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{S}} J(\mathbf{X})$

- Riemannian opt., iterative hard thresholding

# Iterative hard thresholding (IHT)

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{L}_r} \frac{1}{2} J(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_J(\mathbf{x}) &= -\mathcal{A}^* (\mathbf{y} - \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x})) \\ \mathbf{x}_{k+1} &= \mathcal{H}_r(\mathbf{x}_k - \mu_k \nabla_J(\mathbf{x}_k)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_r = \mathcal{L}_{(R_1, \dots, R_P)} = \{\mathbf{x} : \text{rank}(\mathbf{X}_{\langle p \rangle}) \leq R_p\}$$

Ideally : HT operator projects onto  $\mathcal{L}_r$   
Intractable  $\Rightarrow$  approximate projection

- Desirable properties :
  - 1) Accuracy (e.g., bounded error)
  - 2) Low computing cost
  - 3) Analytical tractability



# Tensor IHT (TIHT) [Rauhut 2013]

- **HT** : truncated HOSVD [De Lathauwer 2000]

- Projection onto dominant modal subspaces

$$\mathcal{H}_r(\mathcal{X}) = \mathcal{X} \times_{p=1}^P \mathbf{U}^{(p)} (\mathbf{U}^{(p)})^T, \quad \mathbf{U}^{(p)} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_p \times R_p}$$

- Quasi-optimal

$$\|\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{H}_r(\mathcal{X})\|_F \leq \sqrt{P} \min_{\mathcal{Z} \in \mathcal{L}_r} \|\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{Z}\|_F$$

- Complexity

$$\mathcal{O} \left( \sum_p N_p \bar{N}_p \min\{N_p, \bar{N}_p\} \right) \quad \bar{N}_p = \prod_{q \neq p} N_q$$

- Suboptimality makes the analysis hard

- Needs additional assumptions

# SeMPIHT algorithm

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathcal{S}_r (\mathbf{x}_k + \mu_k \mathcal{A}^* (\mathbf{y} - \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}_k)))$$

- Sequentially optimal projections onto dominant subspaces [Vannieuwenhoven 2012]

$$\mathbf{x} \xrightarrow{\Pi_{R_1}} \mathbf{v}_1 \xrightarrow{\Pi_{R_2}} \cdots \xrightarrow{\Pi_{R_{P-1}}} \mathbf{v}_{P-1} \xrightarrow{\Pi_{R_P}} \mathbf{v}_P = \mathcal{S}_r(\mathbf{x})$$

- **Cheaper**, as dimensions can be gradually reduced

$$\mathbf{v}_p = \mathbf{v}_{p-1} \times_p (\mathbf{U}^{(p)})^T$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow R_1 \times \cdots \times R_p \times N_{p+1} \times \cdots \times N_P$$

- Quasi-optimal

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathcal{S}_r(\mathbf{x})\|_F \leq \sqrt{P} \min_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{L}_r} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_F$$

# SeMPIHT : step size choice

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{r}} (\mathbf{x}_k + \mu_k \mathcal{A}^* (\mathbf{y} - \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x}_k)))$$

- Improved step size (ISS) heuristic [Goulart 2015]

$$\alpha \omega(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}, \mathbf{x}_k) \leq \mu_k < \omega(\mathbf{x}_{k+1}, \mathbf{x}_k), \quad \alpha < 1$$

## TIHT [Rauhut 2013]

$$\mu_k = \frac{\|\nabla J\|_F^2}{\|\mathcal{A}(\nabla J)\|_2^2}$$

- Often, too small steps

## NTIHT [Rauhut 2016]

$$\mu_k = \|\mathbf{g}_k\|_F^2 \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{g}_k)\|_2^{-2}$$
$$\mathbf{g}_k = \nabla J \times_{p=1}^P \mathbf{U}^{(p)} \mathbf{U}^{(p)T}$$

- Comparable to ISS

# Analysis of SeMPIHT

- Exploits sequential optimality of modal proj.
- Based on Restricted Isometry Property (RIP)

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{L}_r, \quad (1 - \delta_r) \|\mathbf{x}\|_F^2 \leq \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \leq (1 + \delta_r) \|\mathbf{x}\|_F^2$$

**Theorem** [Goulart 2016 (submitted)] :

- If  $\delta_{\mathbf{r}_{3,p}} < 2^{-P}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_{3,p} = (N_1, \dots, 3R_p, \dots, N_P)$ ,

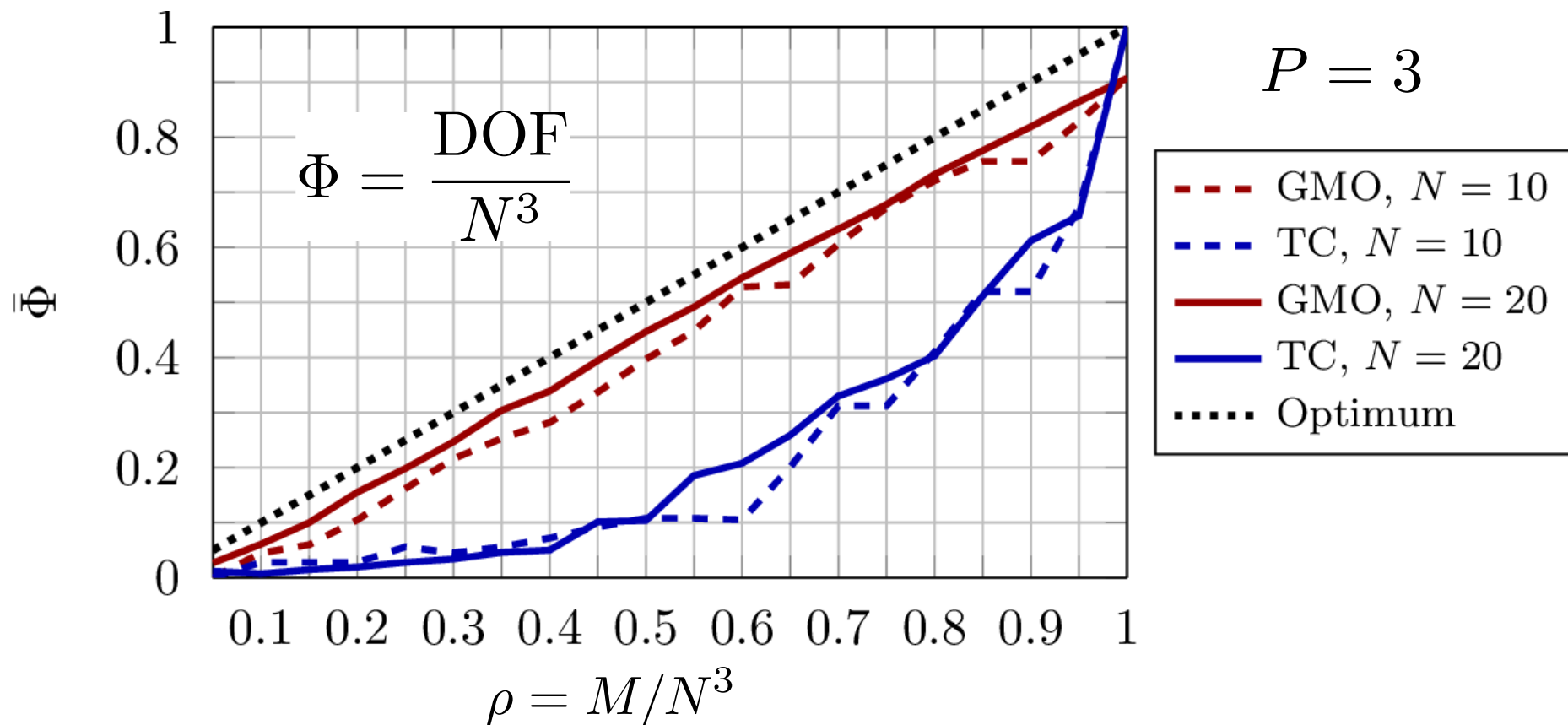
$$\|\mathbf{x}_r - \mathbf{x}_k\|_F \leq \xi^k \|\mathbf{x}_r - \mathbf{x}_0\|_F + \gamma \|\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_r) + \mathbf{e}\|_2$$

$$\xi = 2^P \delta_{\mathbf{r}_{3,p}} < 1 \quad \gamma = 2^P \sqrt{1 - \delta_{\mathbf{r}_{3,p}}} / (1 - \xi)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_r \in \arg \min_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{L}_r} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_F$$

# Sampling bounds

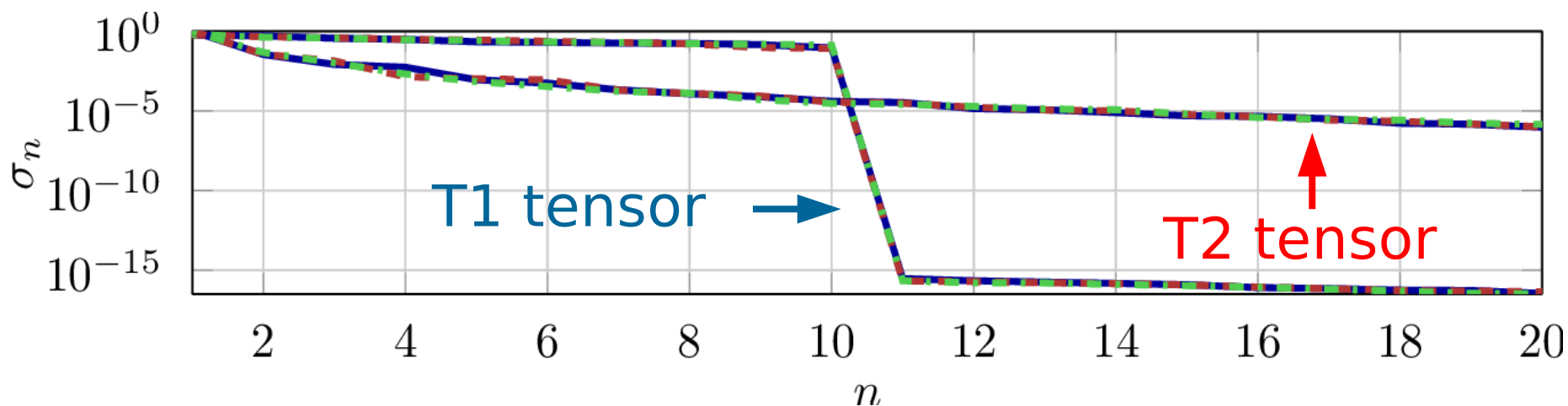
- Suboptimal :  $\mathcal{O}(RN^{P-1})$
- Empirically : optimal for Gaussian MO





# Experimental evaluation

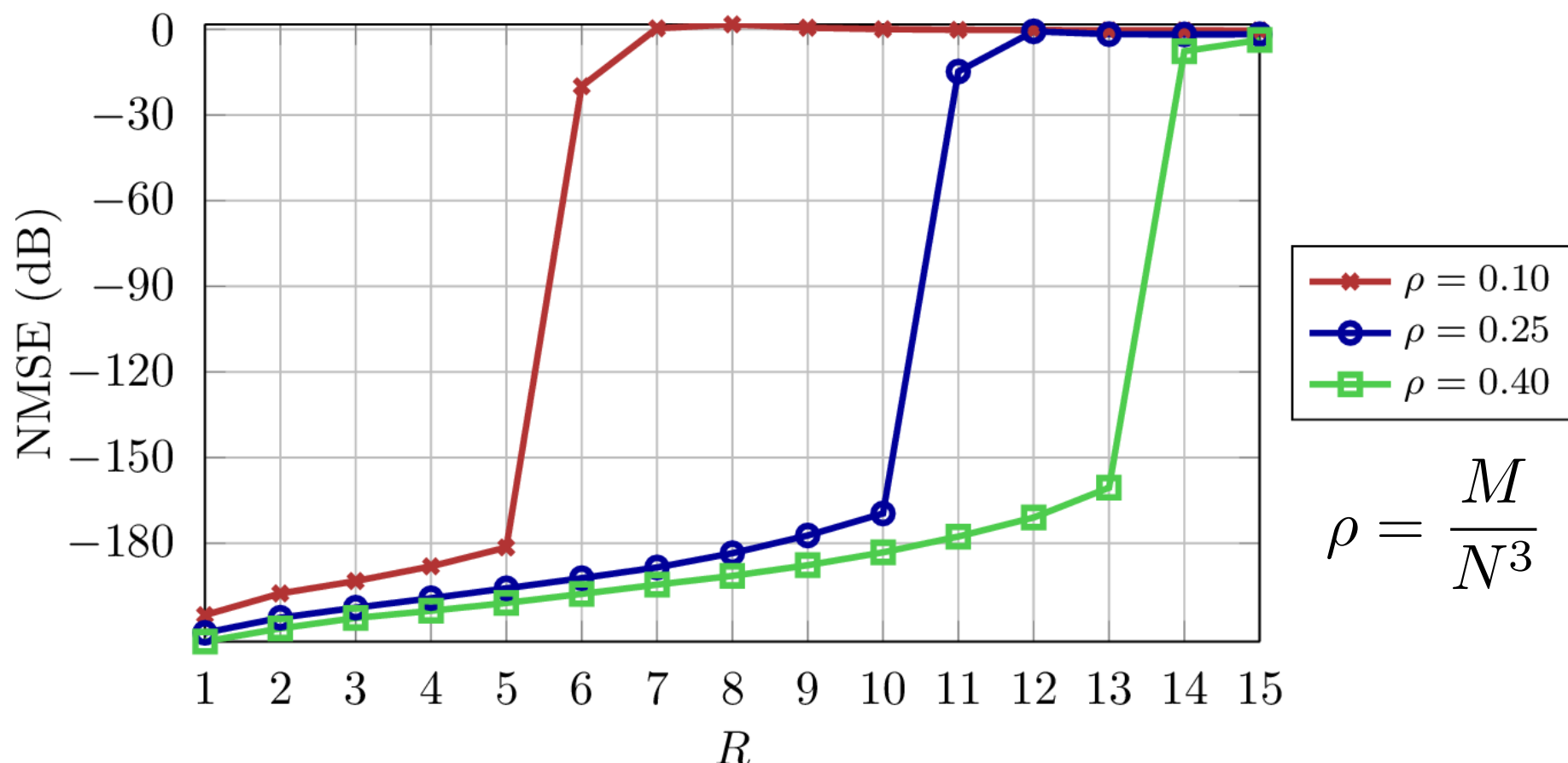
- Measurement operators :
  - (1) Gaussian MOs ; (2) Sampling MOs (TC)
- Random tensor classes :
  - **T1 tensors** : mrank exactly low
  - **T2 tensors** : fast decaying modal spectra



- Criterion :  $\text{NMSE} = \|\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}\|_F^2 / \|\mathbf{x}\|_F^2$

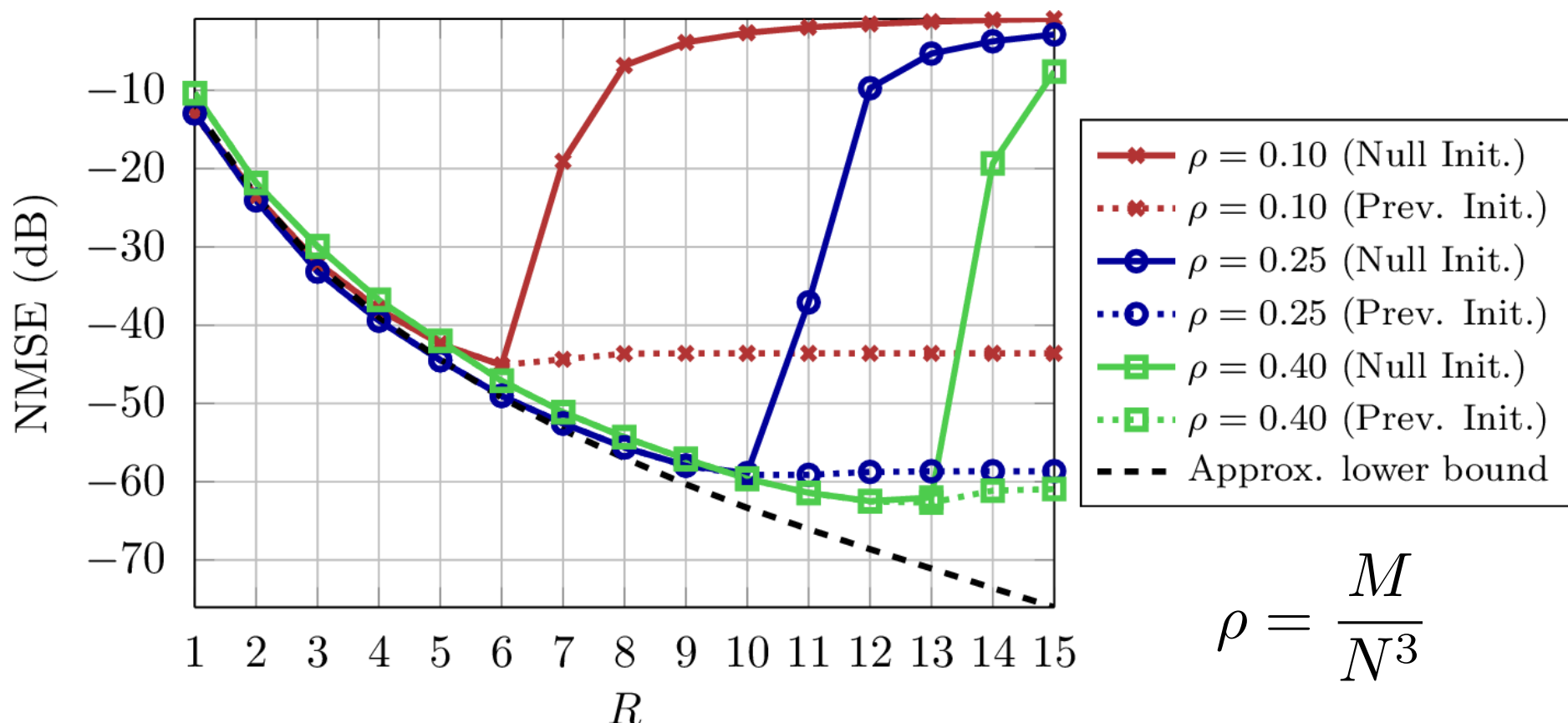
# Recovery performance (Gauss. MO)

- Recovery of 20x20x20 **T1** tensors



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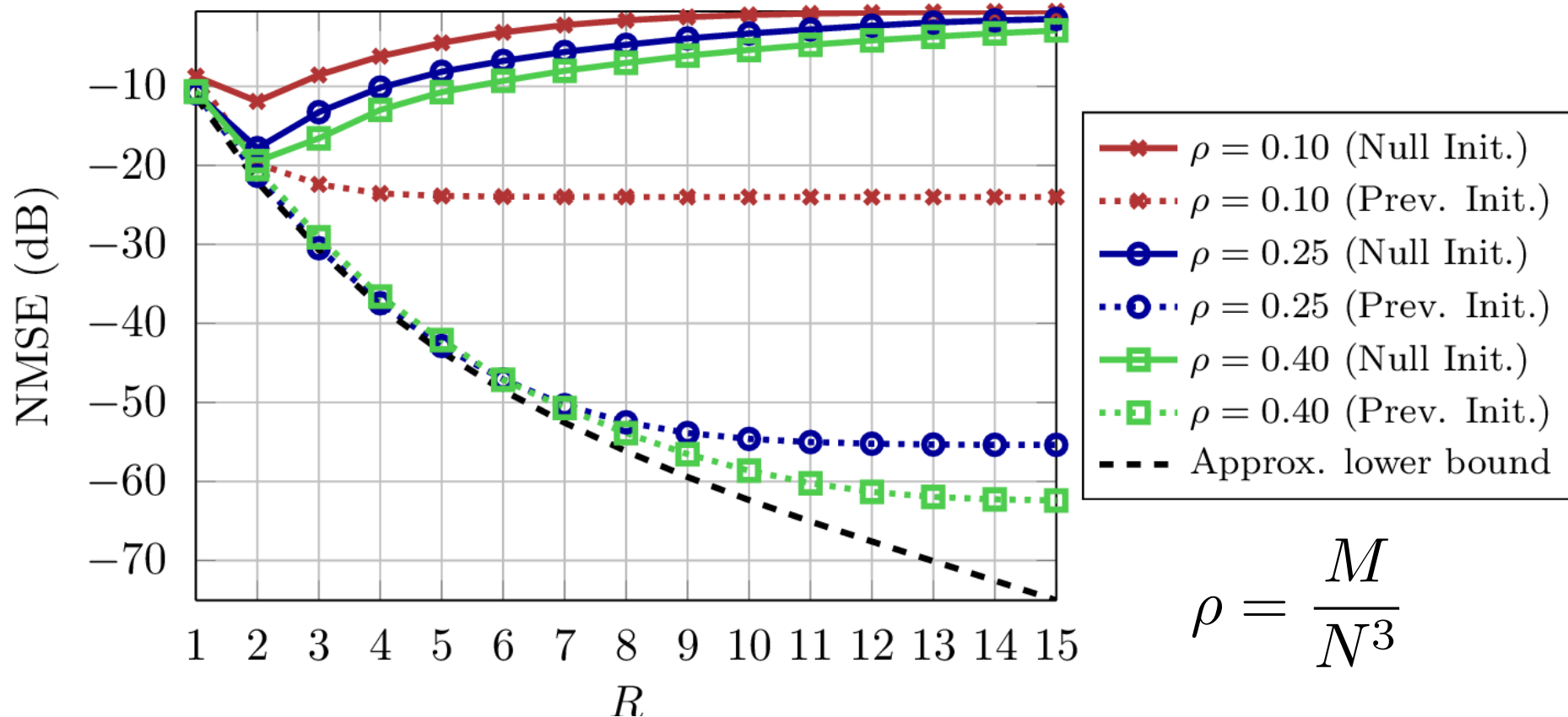
- Recovery of 20x20x20 **T2 tensors**



$$\rho = \frac{M}{N^3}$$

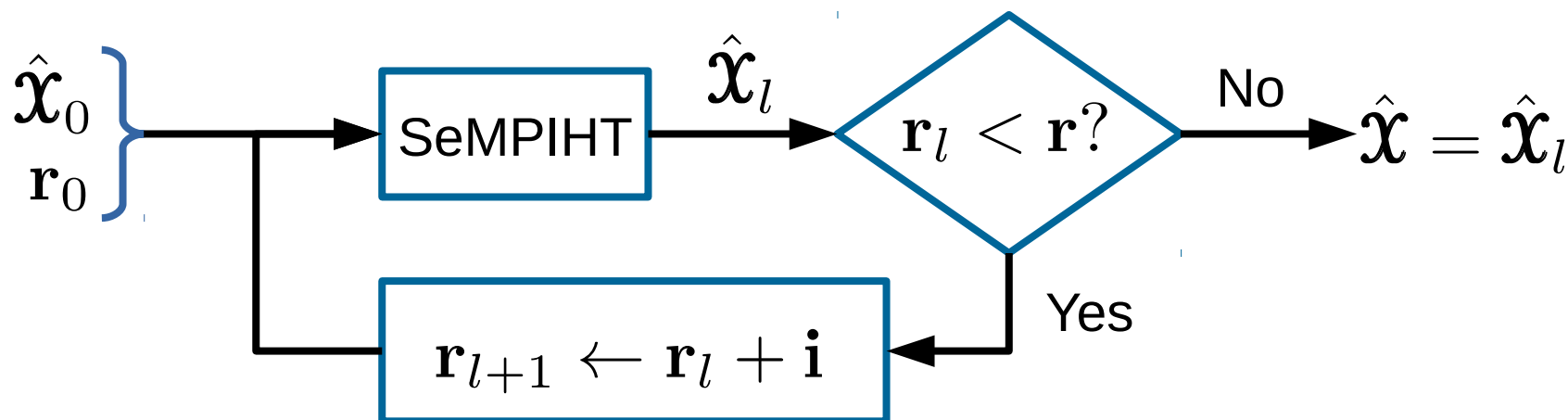
# Recovery performance (TC)

- Recovery of **T2 tensors**
  - Non-ideal coherence properties



# SeMPIHT with gradual rank increase (GRI)

- Starts off with low mrank components  $\mathbf{r}_0$
- Runs SeMPIHT, increments components and repeats, until attaining the target mrank  $\mathbf{r}$

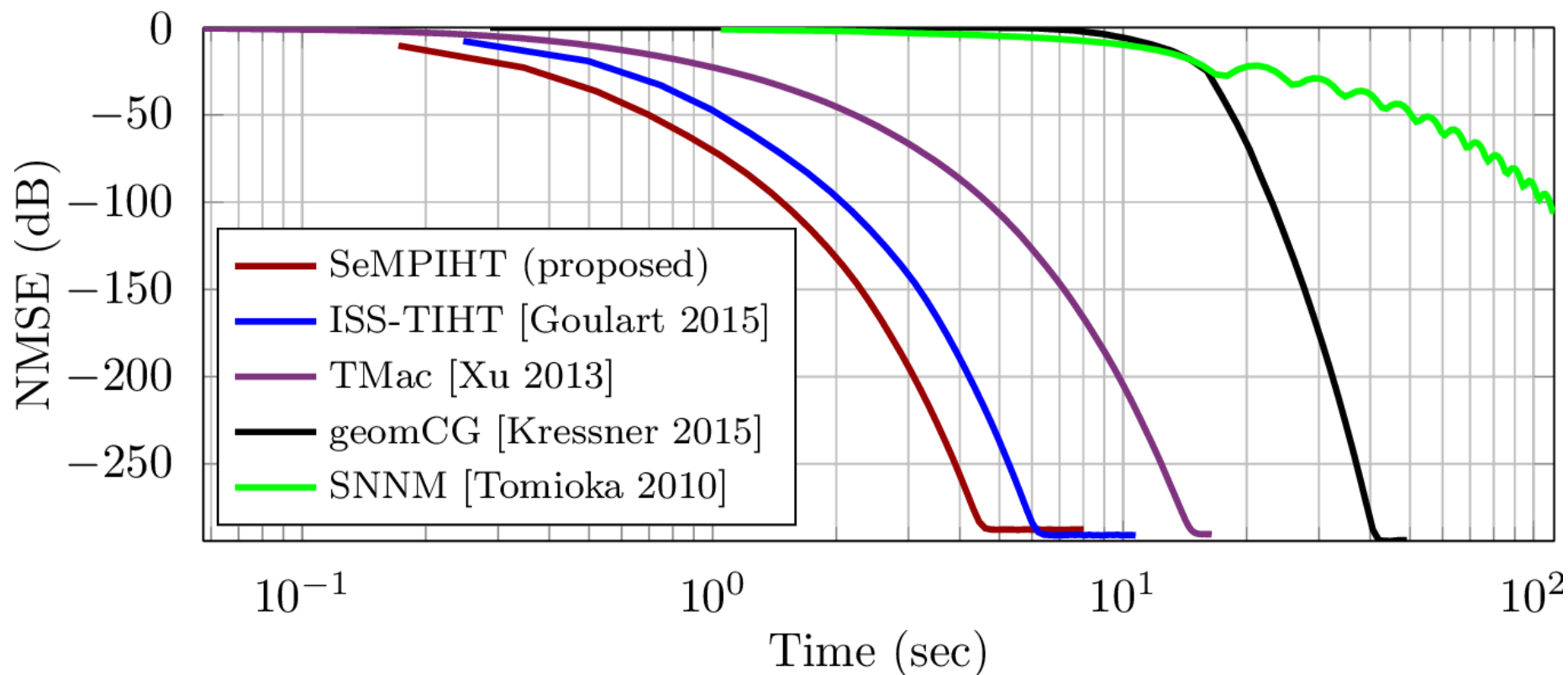


- Continuation scheme yielding increasingly complex intermediate solutions
- Accelerates convergence
- Avoids degradation due to non-ideal coherence properties
- Only makes sense for decaying spectra (**T2 tensors**)



# Convergence speed (TC)

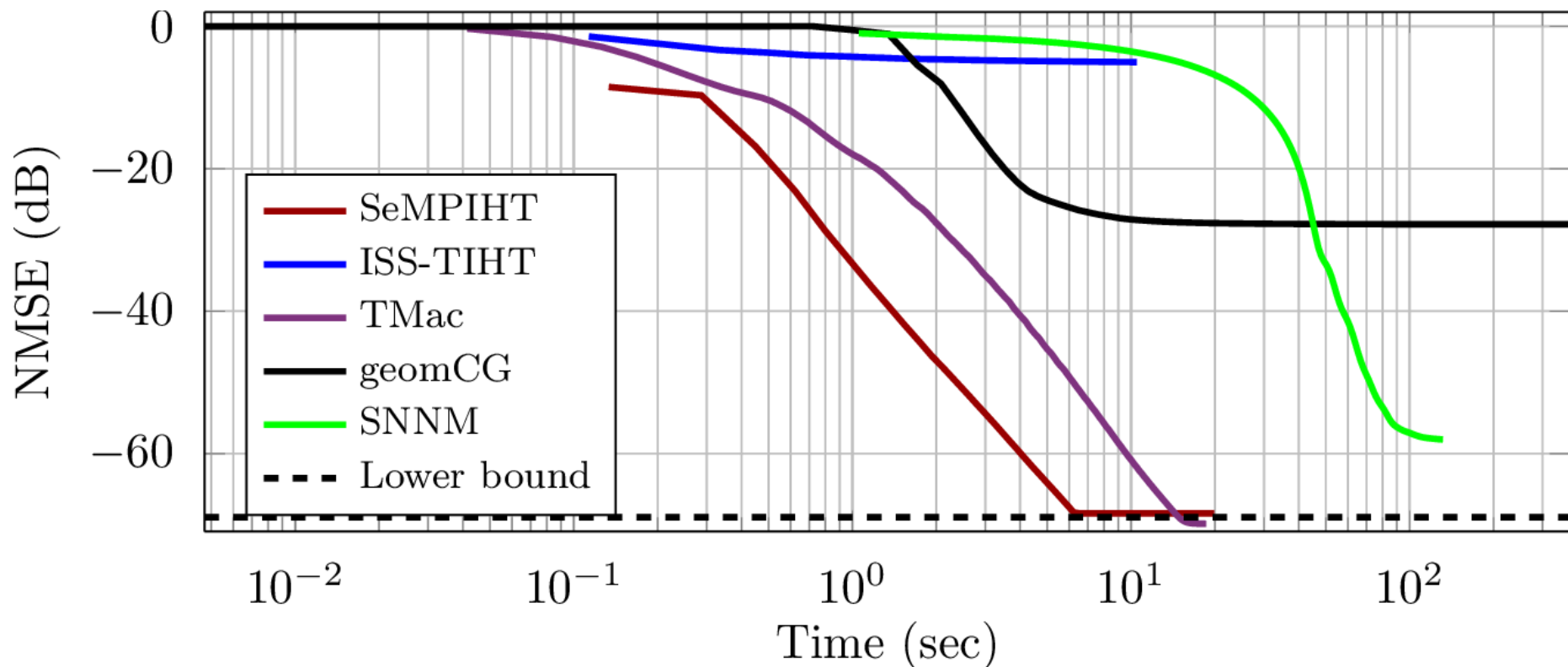
- 100x100x100 **T1 tensors** (without GRI)
- $\rho = 0.2$ ,  $\mathbf{r} = (10, 10, 10)$



- Cost reduction due to SeMP

# Convergence speed (TC)

- 100x100x100 **T2 tensors**
- $\rho = 0.2$ ,  $\mathbf{r} = (30, 30, 30)$



- GRI allows escaping local minima

# Concluding remarks

- SeMP is less costly than truncated HOSVD, having superior or comparable performance in IHT
- Sequential optimality of projections enables deriving performance bounds
- Yet, implied sampling bounds are suboptimal
  - Observed : optimal for Gaussian MOs
- GRI improves convergence speed, stabilizes error when model is overcomplex and copes with non-ideal coherence in TC

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