Abstract: Approximate Message Passing or AMP is a class of low complexity, scalable algorithms used to solve high-dimensional noisy linear regression problems where the goal is to estimate a vector $x$ from a noisy measurement $y = Ax + e$. AMP has the attractive feature that its performance, measured for example by the squared error loss, can be tracked accurately by a scalar iteration referred to as state evolution.

In this talk, I will present recent performance guarantees for analysis of the algorithm under various problem conditions and I will introduce applications of the algorithm in communications and signal processing. In particular, I will show how it can be used as a low-complexity, capacity-achieving decoder for sparse regression codes over Shannon’s additive white Gaussian noise channel and for efficient image and video reconstruction for signals with dependencies modeled by a Markov random field prior.

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