



**Sparsity in Astrophysics:  
from Wavelets to Compressed Sensing**

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Sparsity and the Bayesian Controversy Story

What is Sparsity

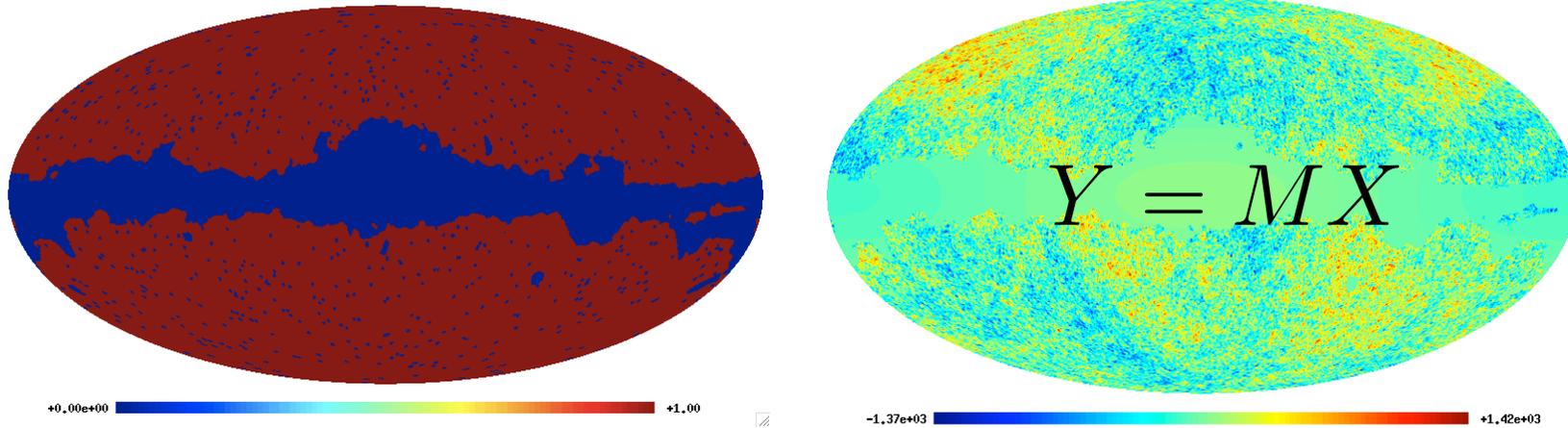
Compressed Sensing

Inverse Problem Tour and Sparse Recovery

Sparsity and 3D Weak Lensing

# Interpolation of Missing Data: Sparse Inpainting

Where  $M$  is the mask:  $M(i,j) = 0 \implies$  missing data  
 $M(i,j) = 1 \implies$  good data



$$\min_{\alpha} \|\alpha\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad Y = M\Phi\alpha$$

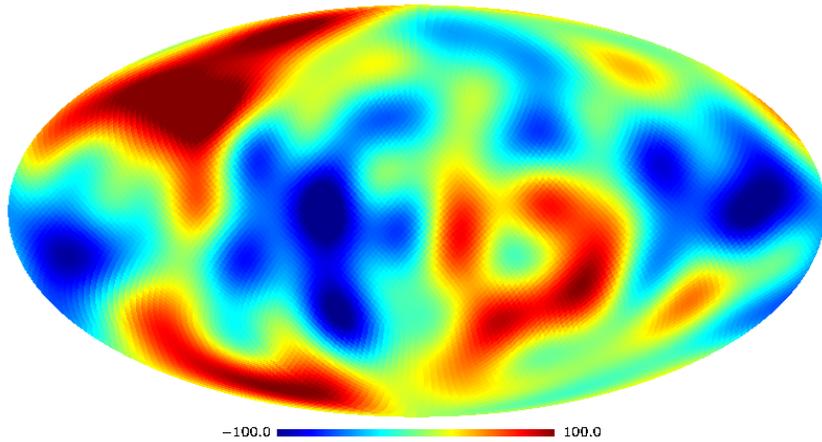
$$X = \Phi\alpha \quad \Phi = \text{Spherical Harmonics}$$

$$\|\alpha\|_1 = \sum_k |\alpha_k|$$

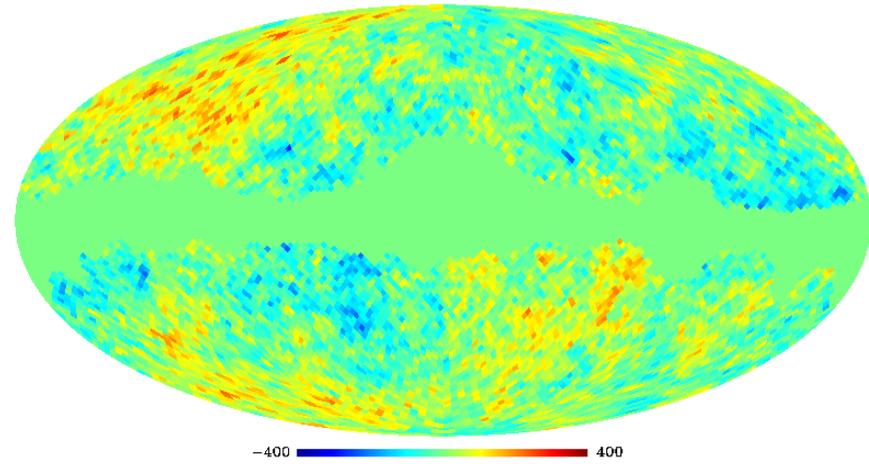
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# Large CMB Scale Analysis

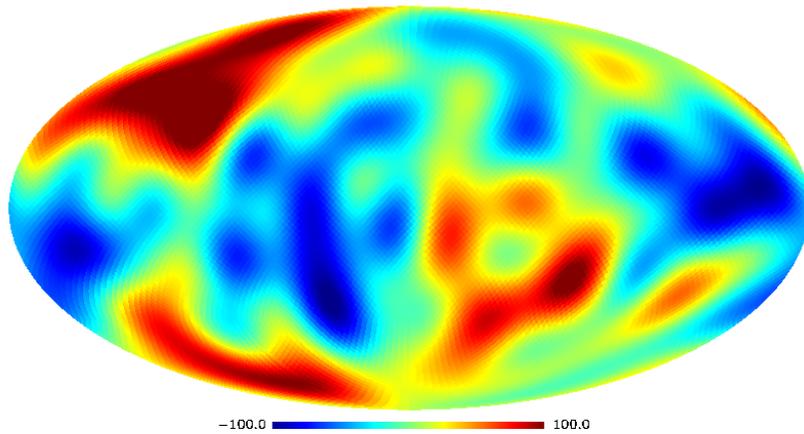
Simulated CMB ( $l_{\max}=10$ )



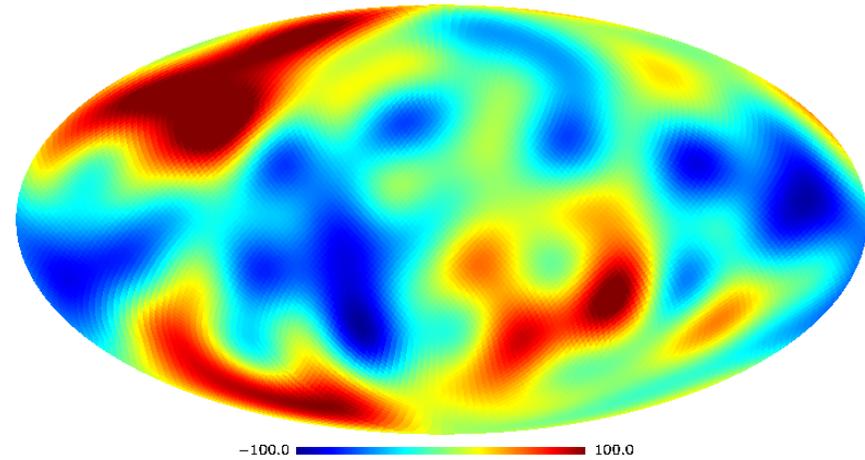
Masked Simulated Data (Fsky=77%)



DR Sparse Constraint Inpainting: Mask Fsky = 87%

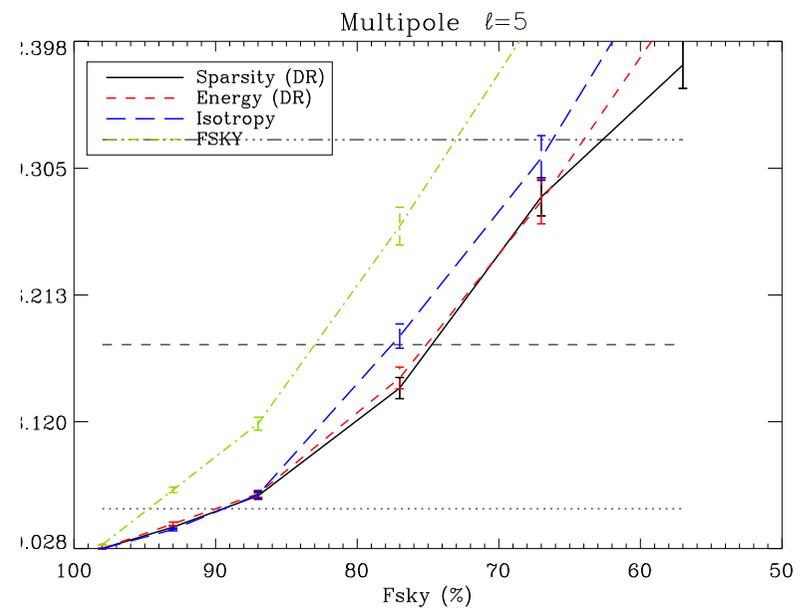
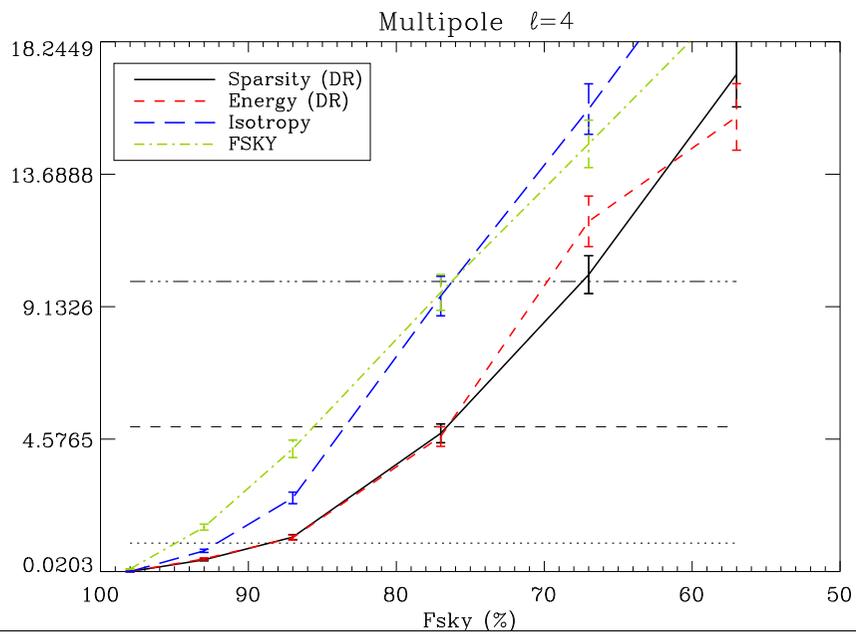
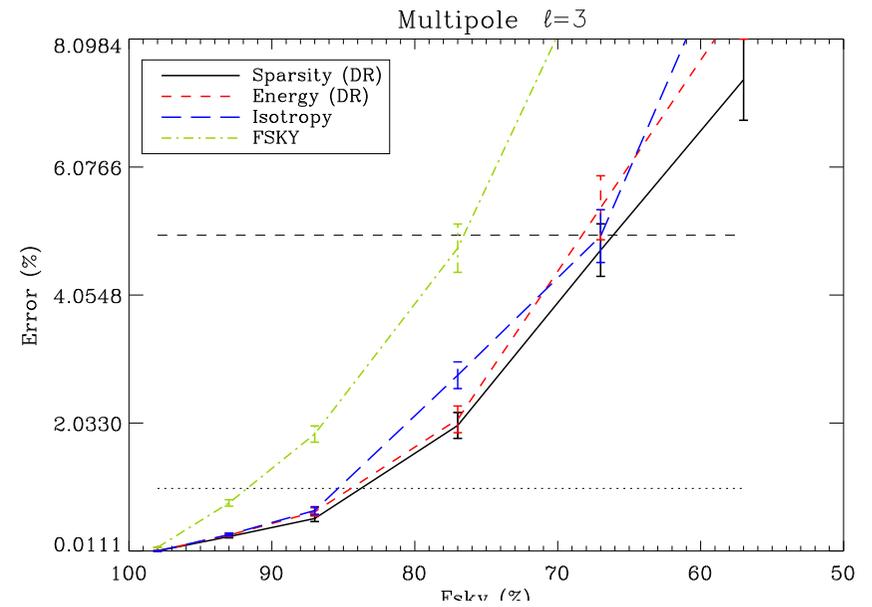
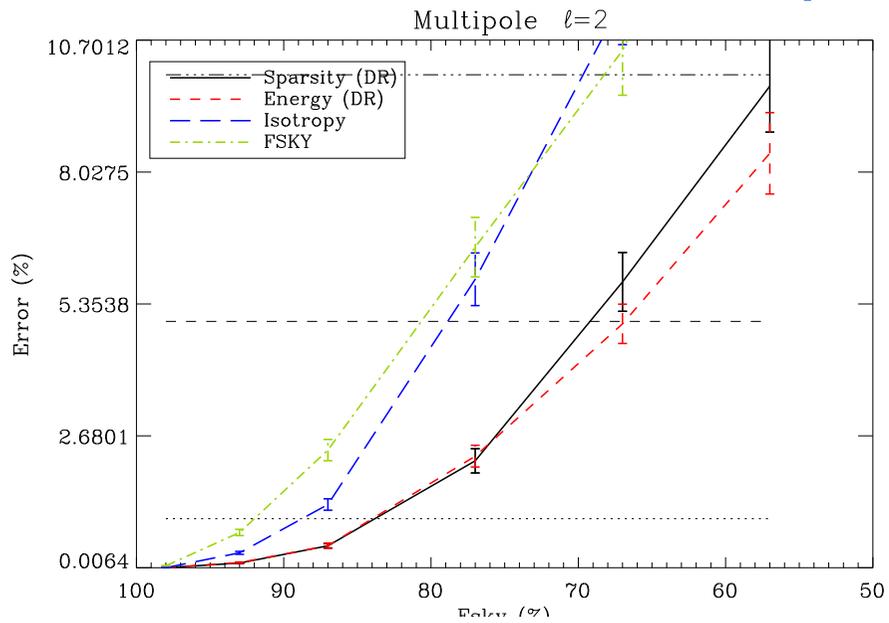


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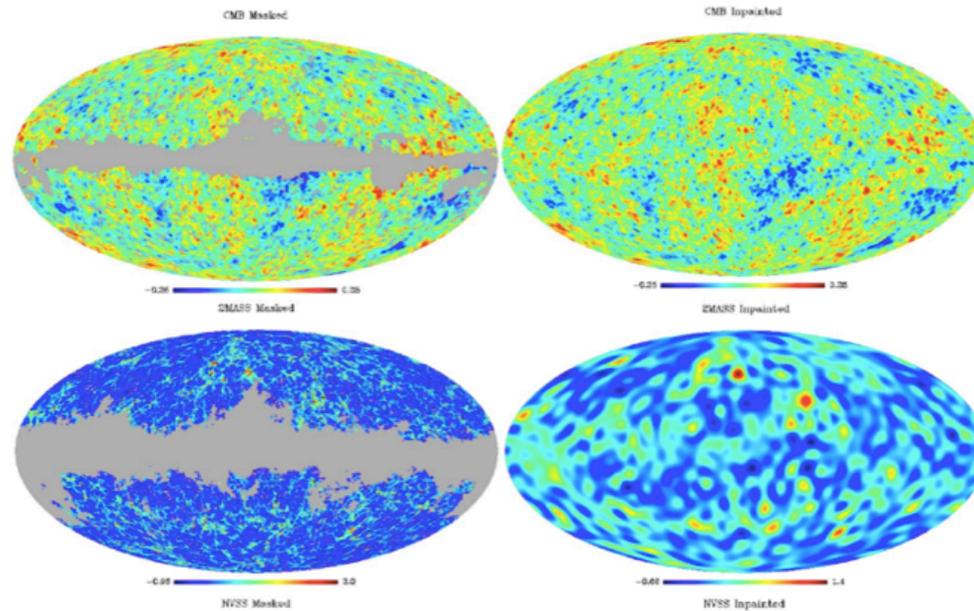
# Inpainting



# Inpainting & CMB ANOMALIES



A. Rassat



=> Low power no longer significant after subtraction of ISW signal

=> Subtracting the ISW effect removes CMB quad/oct anomaly

A. Rassat, J-L. Starck, and F.X. Dupe, "Removal of two large scale Cosmic Microwave Background anomalies after subtraction of the Integrated Sachs Wolfe effect", *Astronomy and Astrophysics*, submitted.

## Bayesian Perspective

$$Y = MX = M\Phi\alpha \text{ with } \|\alpha\|_1 \text{ minimum}$$

Prior on the solution:  $P(\alpha) = e^{-\lambda\|\alpha\|_1}$

Gaussian noise prior:  $P(Y/\alpha) = e^{-\|Y - A\Phi\alpha\|_2^2}$

Bayes:  $P(\alpha|Y) = P(Y|\alpha)P(\alpha)$



Maximum a Posteriori (MAP)

$$\min_{\alpha} -\log (P(\alpha|Y)) = \| Y - A\Phi\alpha \|_2^2 + \lambda \| \alpha \|_1,$$

## Bayesian Perspective

Prior: 
$$P(\alpha) = e^{-\lambda \|\alpha\|_1}$$

### Severe Critics from Bayesian Cosmologists against CMB Sparse Inpainting

- 1- Sparsity consists in assuming an anisotropy and a non Gaussian prior, which **does not make sense** for the CMB, which is Gaussian and isotropic.
- 2- Sparsity **violates** the rotational invariance: The critic here is that a linear combinations of independent exponentials are not independent exponentials.
- 3- The  $l_1$  norm that is used for sparse inpainting **arose purely out of expediency** because under certain circumstances it reproduces the results of the  $l_0$  norm, (which arises naturally in the context of strict as opposed to weak sparsity) without necessitating combinatorial optimization.
- 4- There is **no mathematical proof** that sparse regularization preserves/recovers the original statistics.

# What is Sparsity?

A signal  $s$  ( $n$  samples) can be represented as sum of weighted elements of a given dictionary

Dictionary (basis, frame)

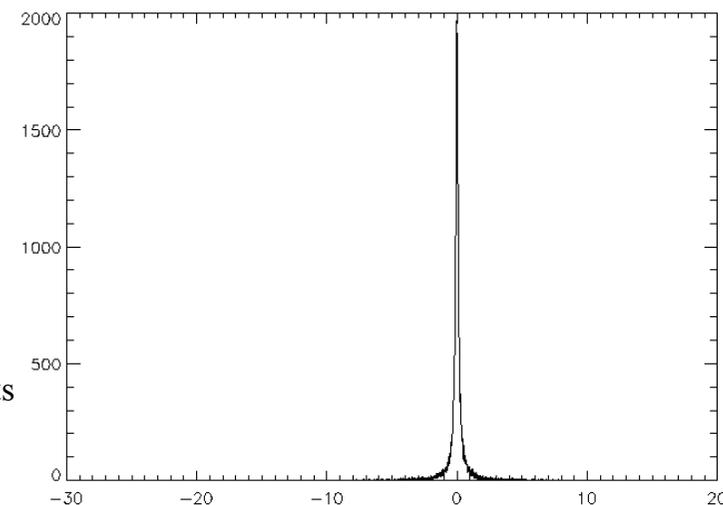
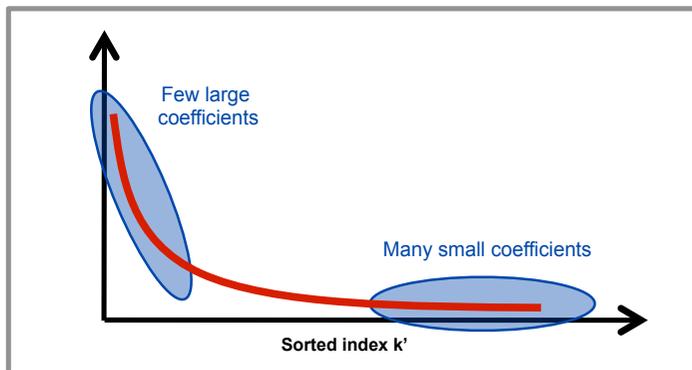
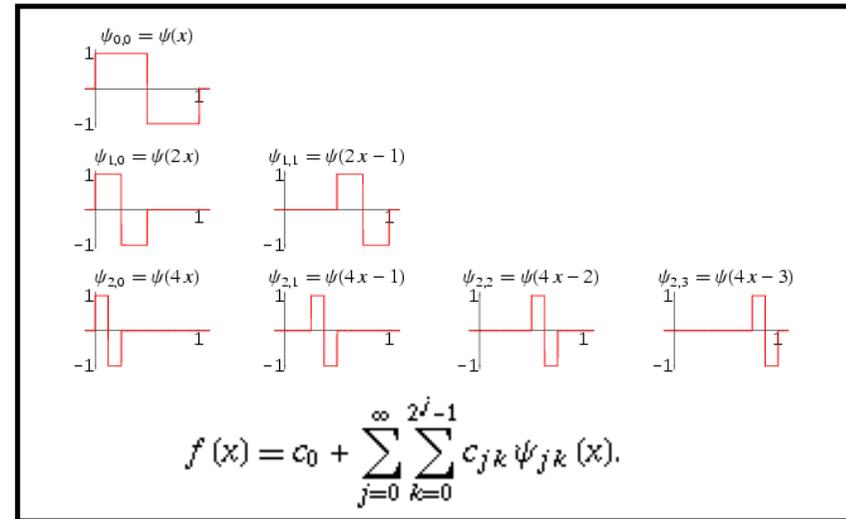
$$\Phi = \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_K\}$$

Ex: Haar wavelet

Atoms

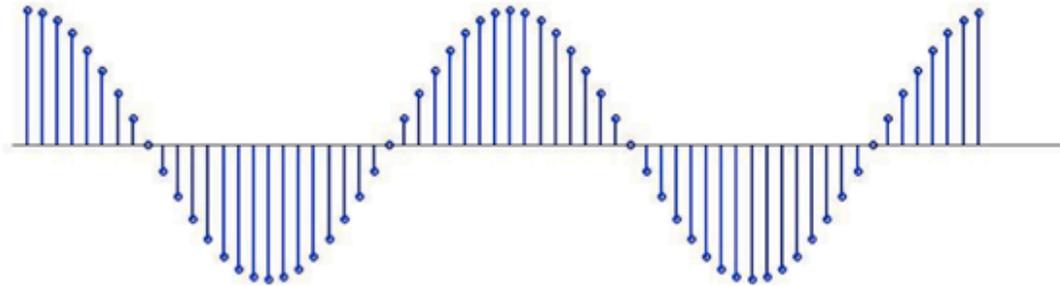
$$s = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \phi_k = \Phi \alpha$$

coefficients



- Fast calculation of the coefficients
- Analyze the signal through the statistical properties of the coefficients
- Approximation theory uses the sparsity of the coefficients

# Strict Sparsity: k-sparse signals



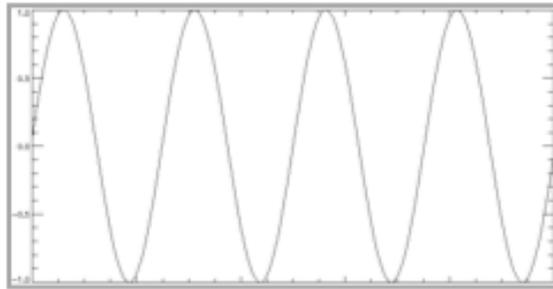
**A sine wave in  
real space...**

**...can be a Dirac  
in Fourier space.**

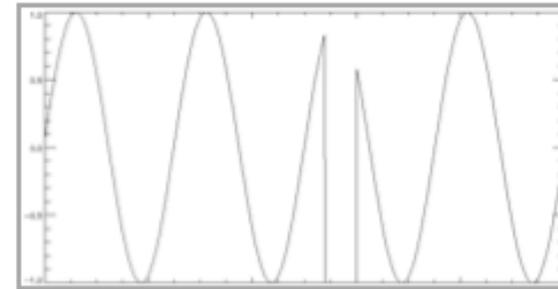


**Sinusoids are  
sparse in the  
Fourier domain.**

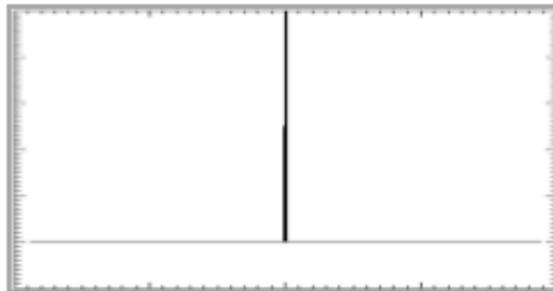
# Minimizing the $l_0$ norm



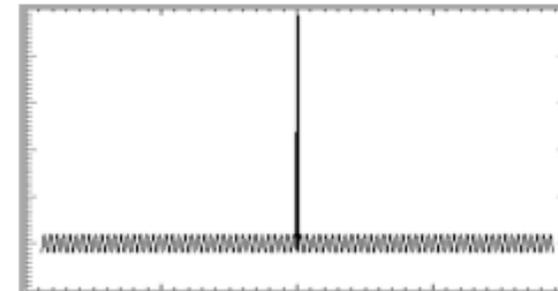
Sine curve



Truncated sine curve

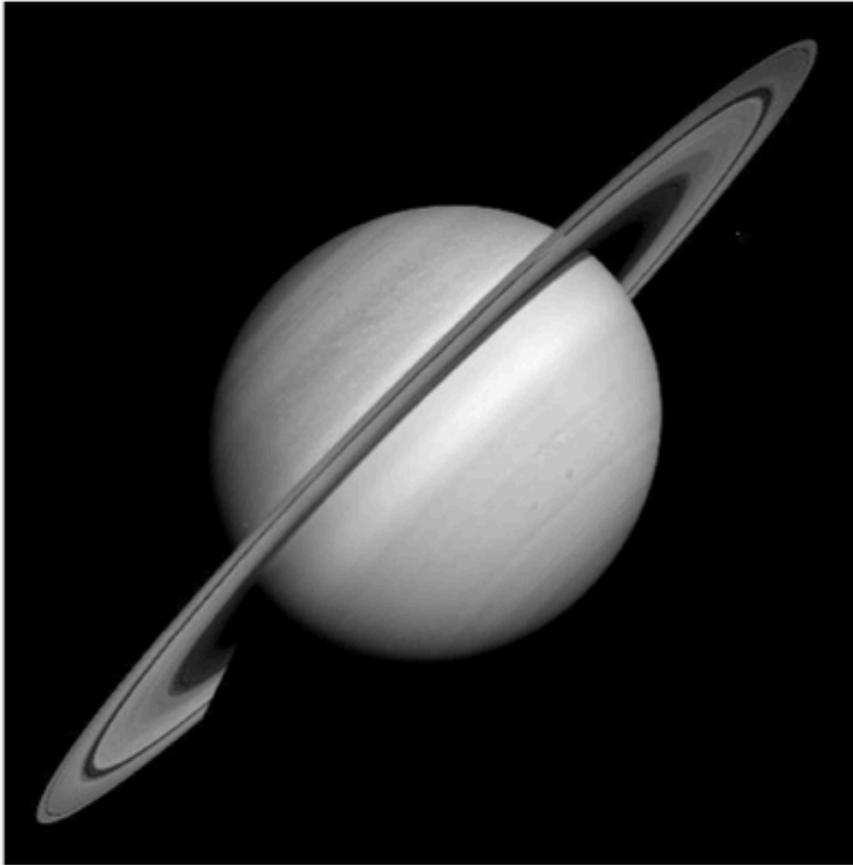


TF of a sine curve



TF of a truncated sine curve

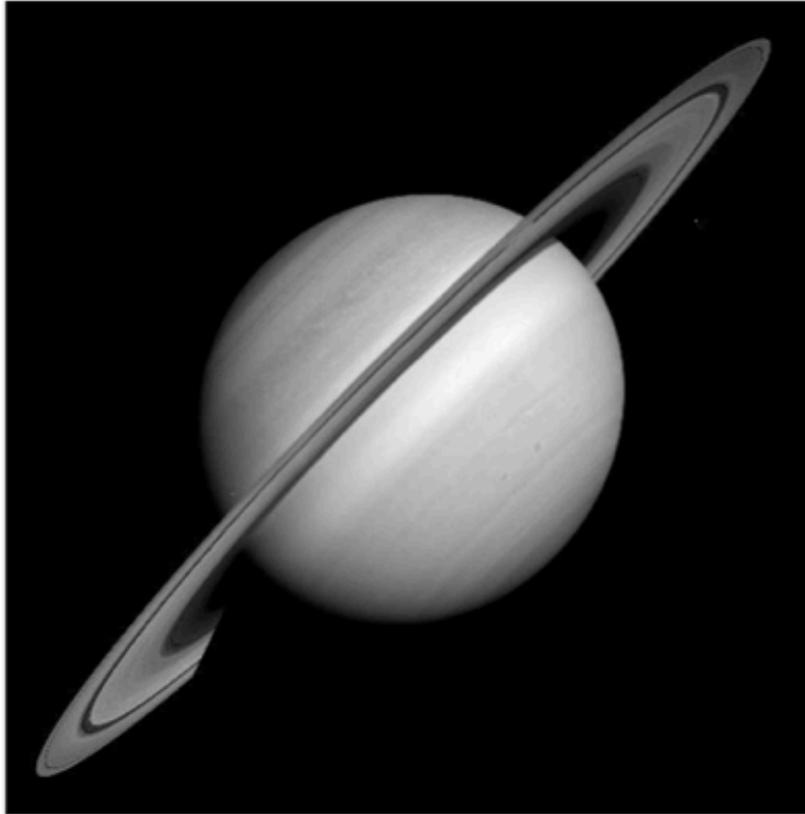
with  $0^0 = 0$ , 
$$\| \alpha \|_0 = \sum_k \alpha_k^0 = \# \{ \alpha_k \neq 0 \}$$



**The top 1% of the  
coefficients concentrate  
only 8.66% of the energy.  
Not sparse...**



**1% largest coefficients in real space  
(the others are set to 0)**

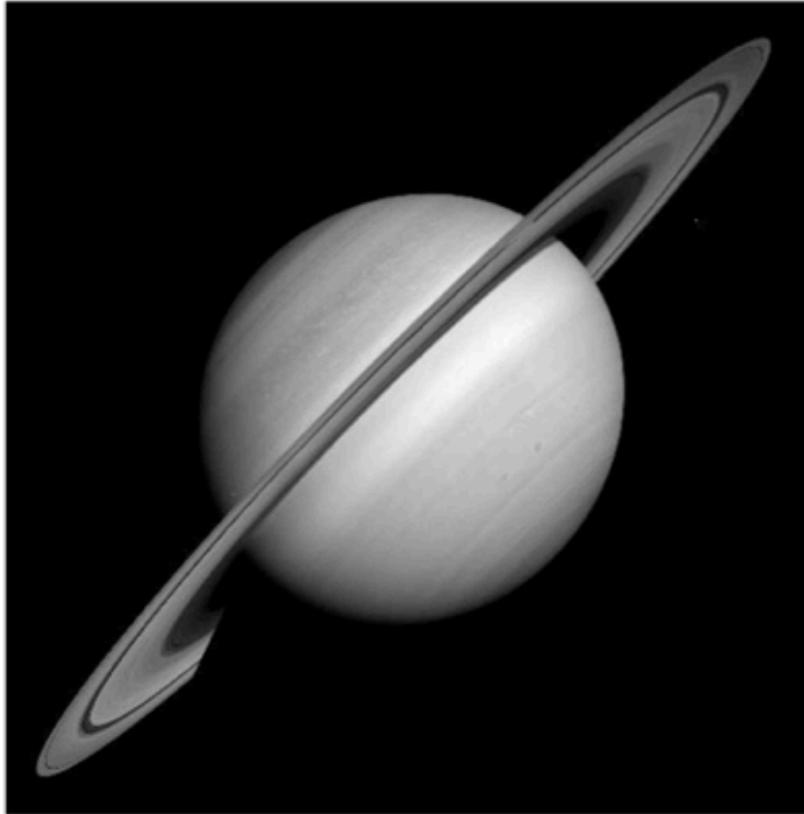


**The wavelet coefficients encode edges and large scale information.**



Wavelet transform

1% largest coefficients in wavelet space  
(the others are set to 0)



**1% of the wavelet coefficients  
concentrate 99.96% of the energy:  
This can be used as a *prior*.**



Reconstruction, after throwing away  
99% of the wavelet coefficients

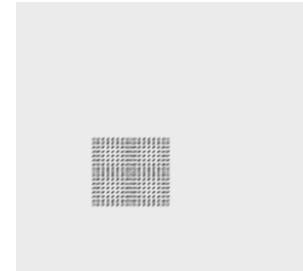
**Sparsity Model 1:** we consider a dictionary which has a fast transform/reconstruction operator:

$$\Phi = \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_K\}$$

$$s = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \phi_k = \Phi \alpha$$

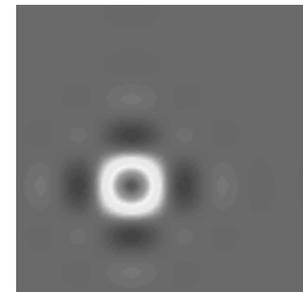
Local DCT

Stationary textures  
Locally oscillatory



Wavelet transform

Piecewise smooth  
Isotropic structures



Curvelet transform

Piecewise smooth,  
edge





# Compressed Sensing

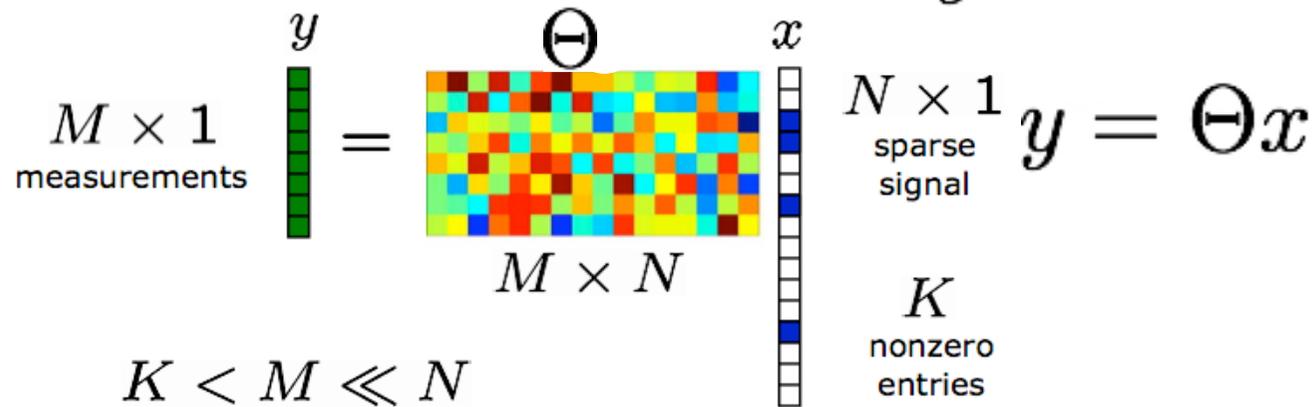


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## A non linear sampling theorem

**“Signals with exactly  $K$  components different from zero can be recovered perfectly from  $\sim K \log N$  incoherent measurements”**

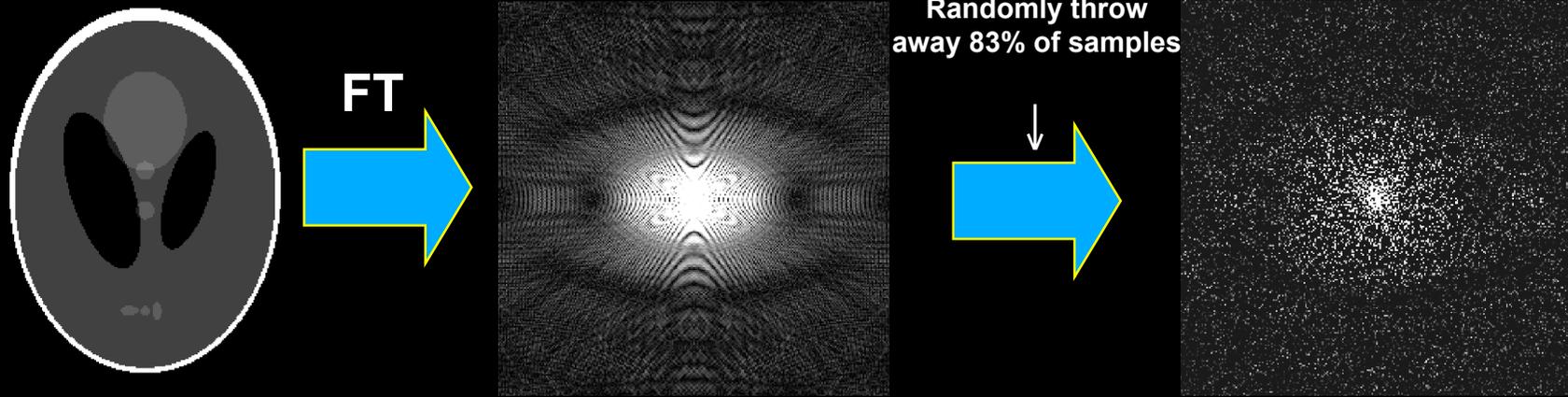
Replace samples with *few linear projections*  $y = \Theta x$



Reconstruction via non linear processing:

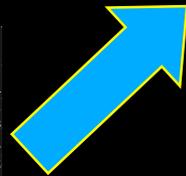
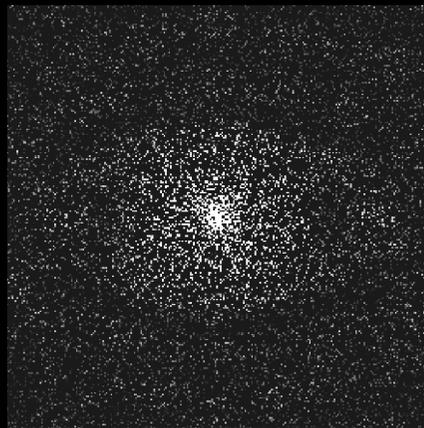
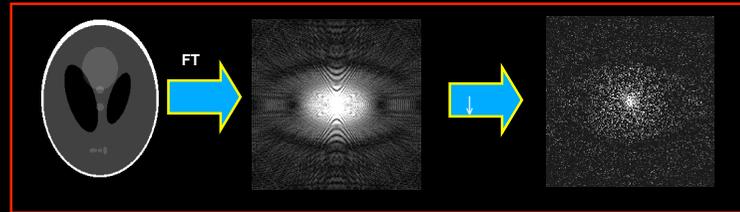
$$\min_x \|x\|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad y = \Theta x$$

# A Surprising Experiment\*

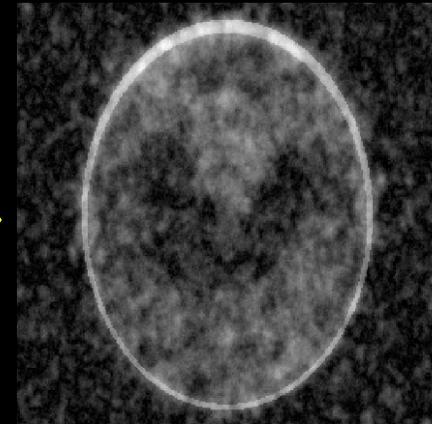
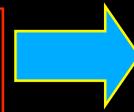


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# A Surprising Result\*

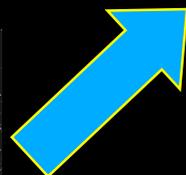
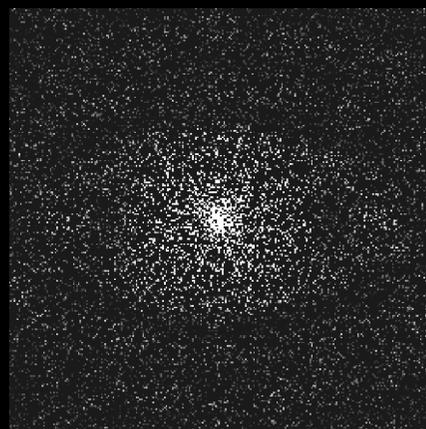
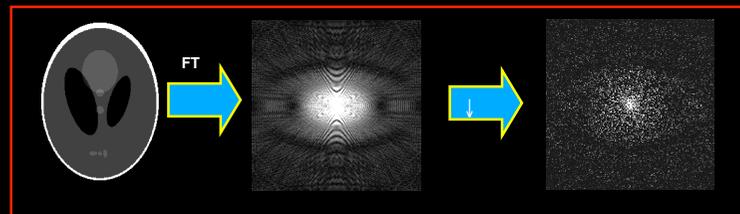


**Minimum - norm  
conventional linear  
reconstruction**

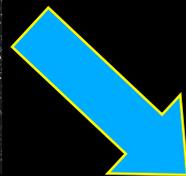
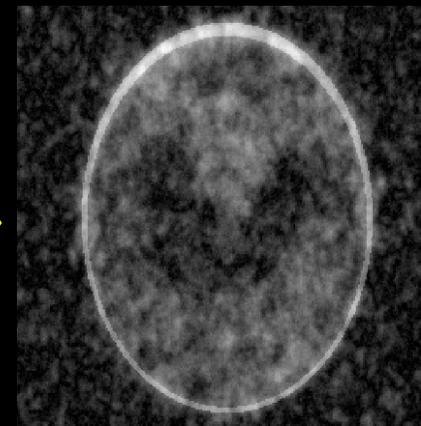
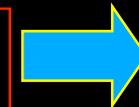


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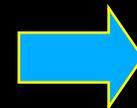
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$\ell_1$  minimization



## Compressed sensing and the Bayesian interpretation failure

The first critic is that the  $l_1$  regularization is equivalent to assume that the solution is Laplacian and not Gaussian, which does not make sense in case of CMB analysis.

~~==> The MAP solution verifies the distribution of the prior.~~

(Nikolova, 2007; Gribonval, 2011, Gribonval, 2012, Unser, 2012)

### **The beautiful Compressed Sensing counter-example**

but  $x$  does NOT follow a Laplacian distribution

## What Bayesian Perspective Cannot See !!!

For most Bayesian cosmologists, if a prior derives an algorithm, therefore to use this algorithm, we must have the coefficients distributed according to this prior.

**But this is simply a false logical chain.**

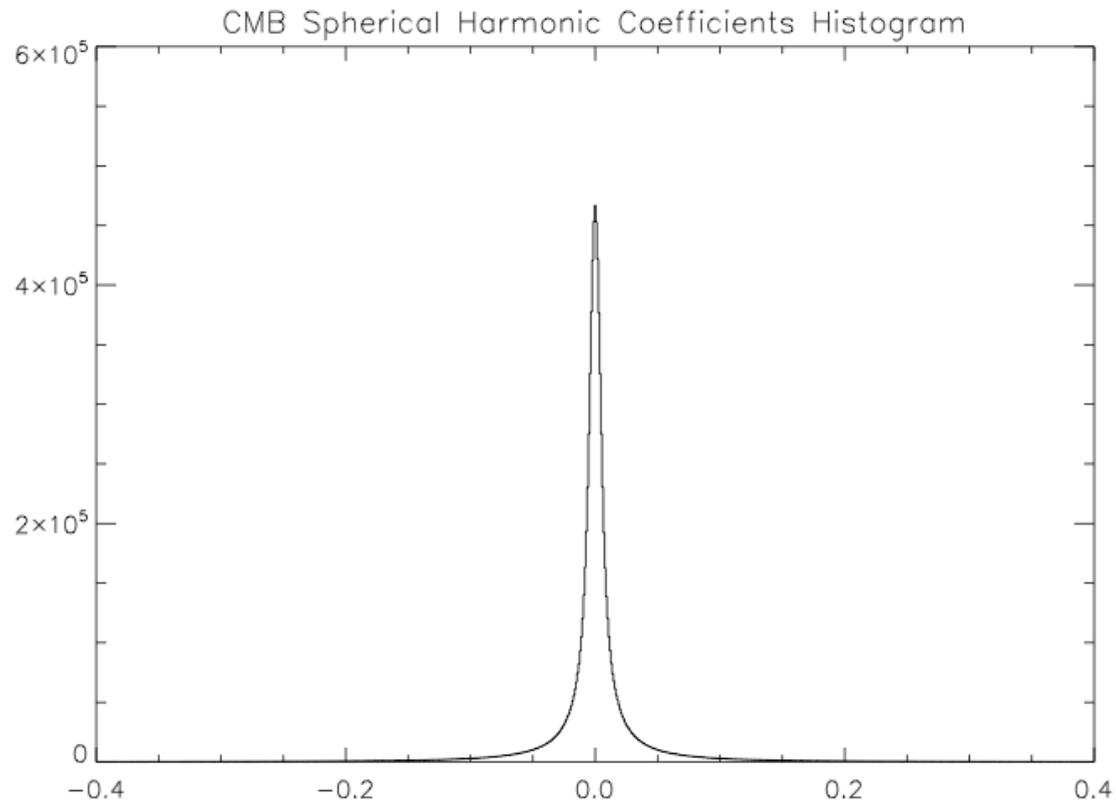
What compressed sensing shows is that:

we can have prior A be completely true, but impossible to use for computation time or any other reason, and can use prior B instead, and get the correct results!

## But what is exactly the prior in the sparse analysis ?

Bayesian: each (spherical harmonic) coefficient is a realization of a stochastic process.

Sparsity: we see the data as a function, and the coefficients follows a given distribution. Even if each spherical harmonic coefficient is a realization of Gaussian variable, the distribution of all coefficients is not necessary Gaussian.



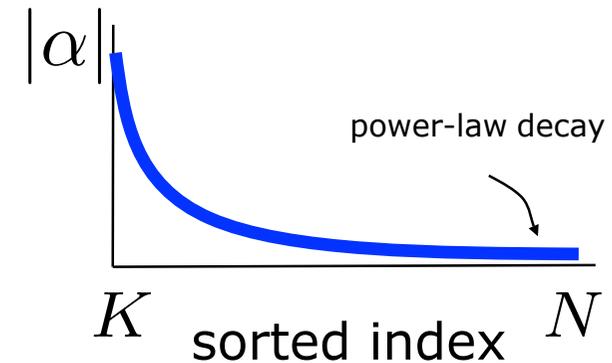
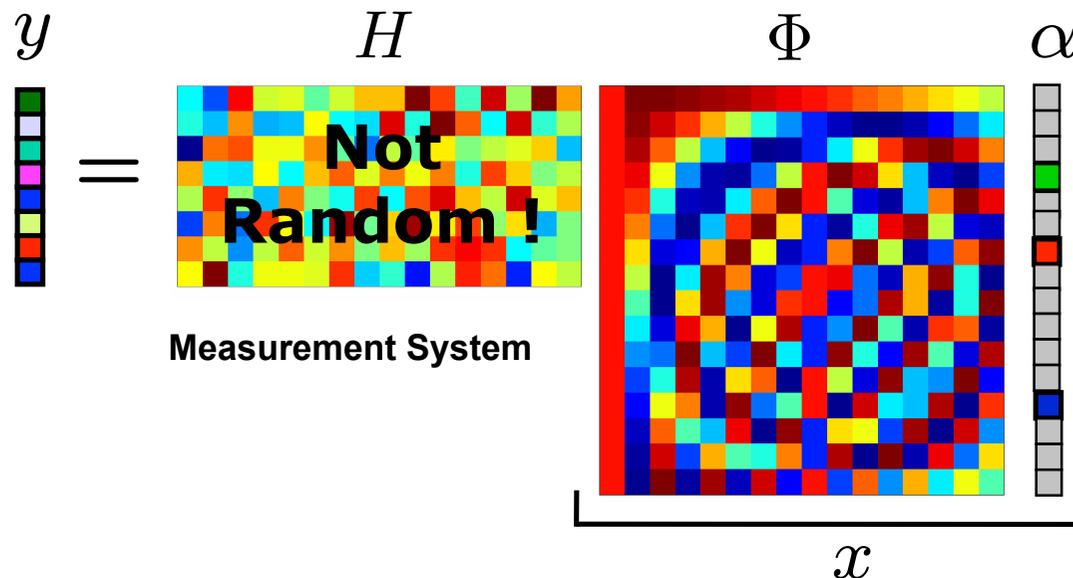
## INVERSE PROBLEM TOUR and SPARSE RECOVERY

$$Y = HX + N$$

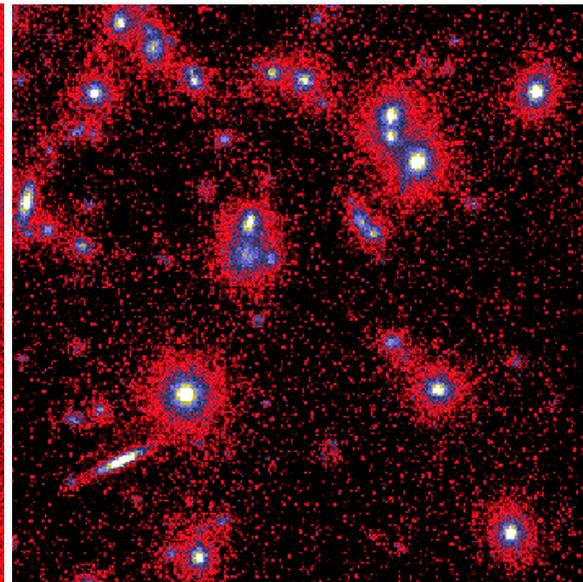
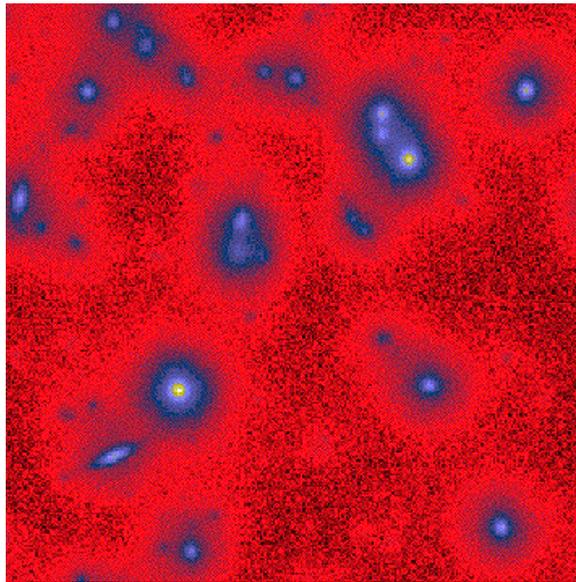
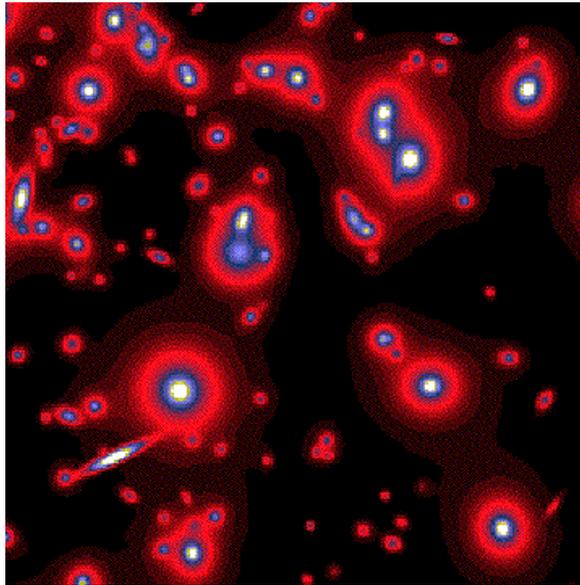
$$X = \Phi\alpha, \text{ and } \alpha \text{ is sparse}$$

- Denoising
- Deconvolution
- Component Separation
- Inpainting
- Blind Source Separation
- Minimization algorithms
- Compressed Sensing

$$\min_{\alpha} \|\alpha\|_p^p \text{ subject to } \|Y - H\Phi\alpha\|^2 \leq \epsilon$$



# DECONVOLUTION SIMULATION



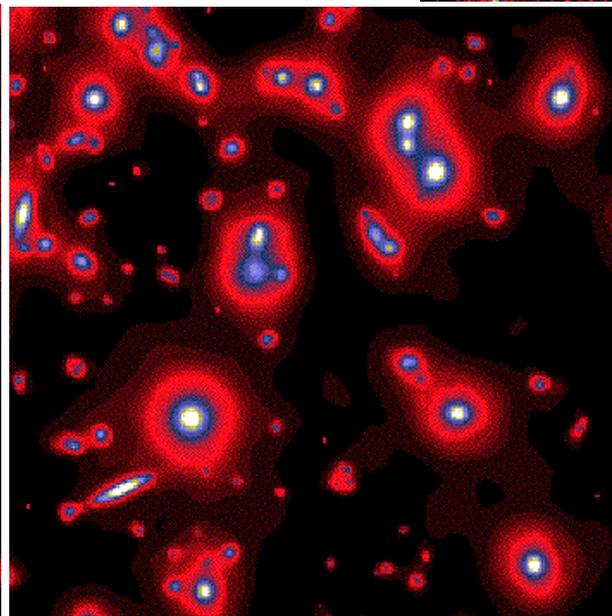
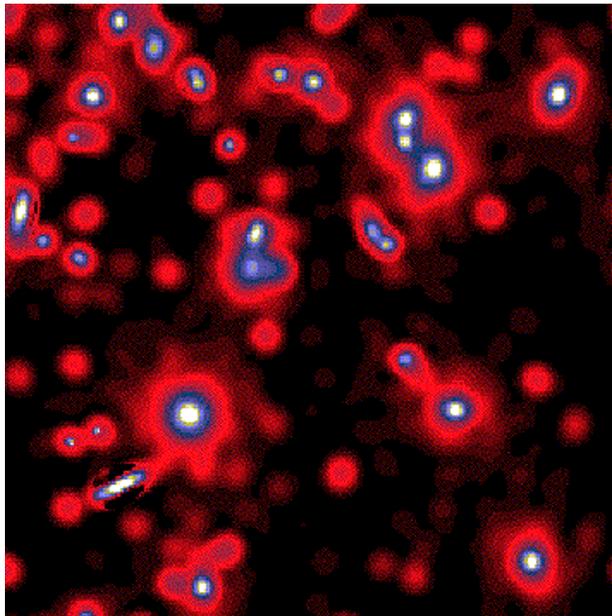
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Wavelet



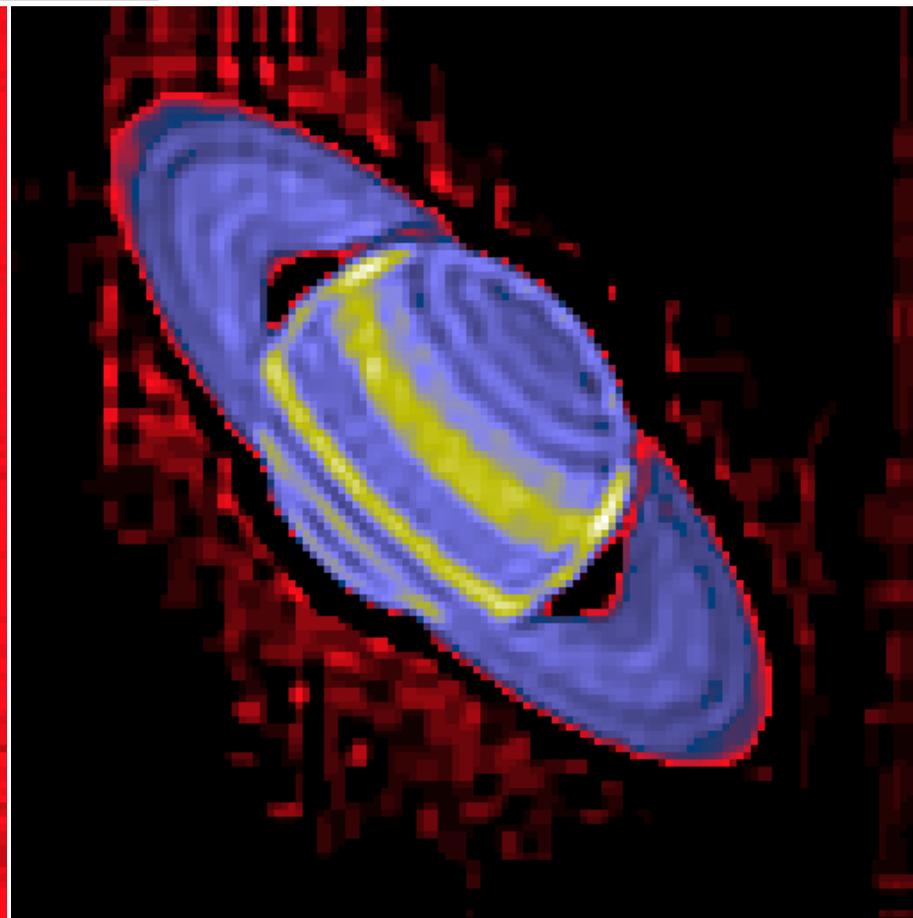
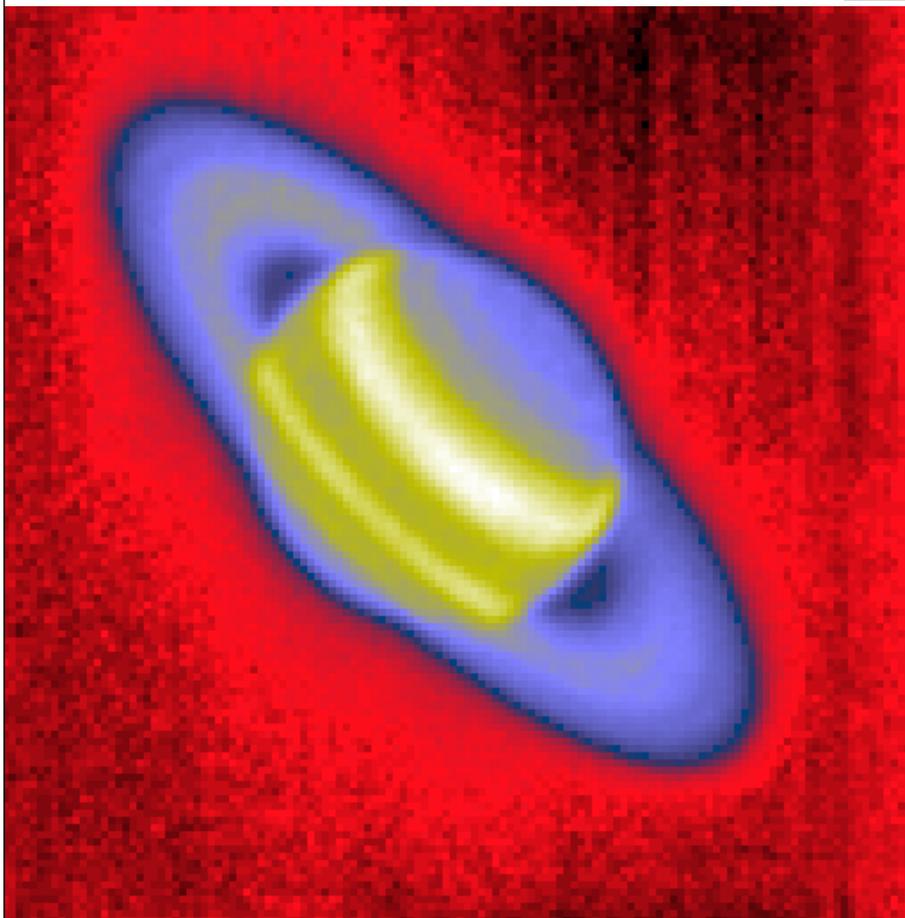
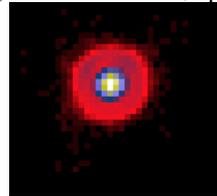
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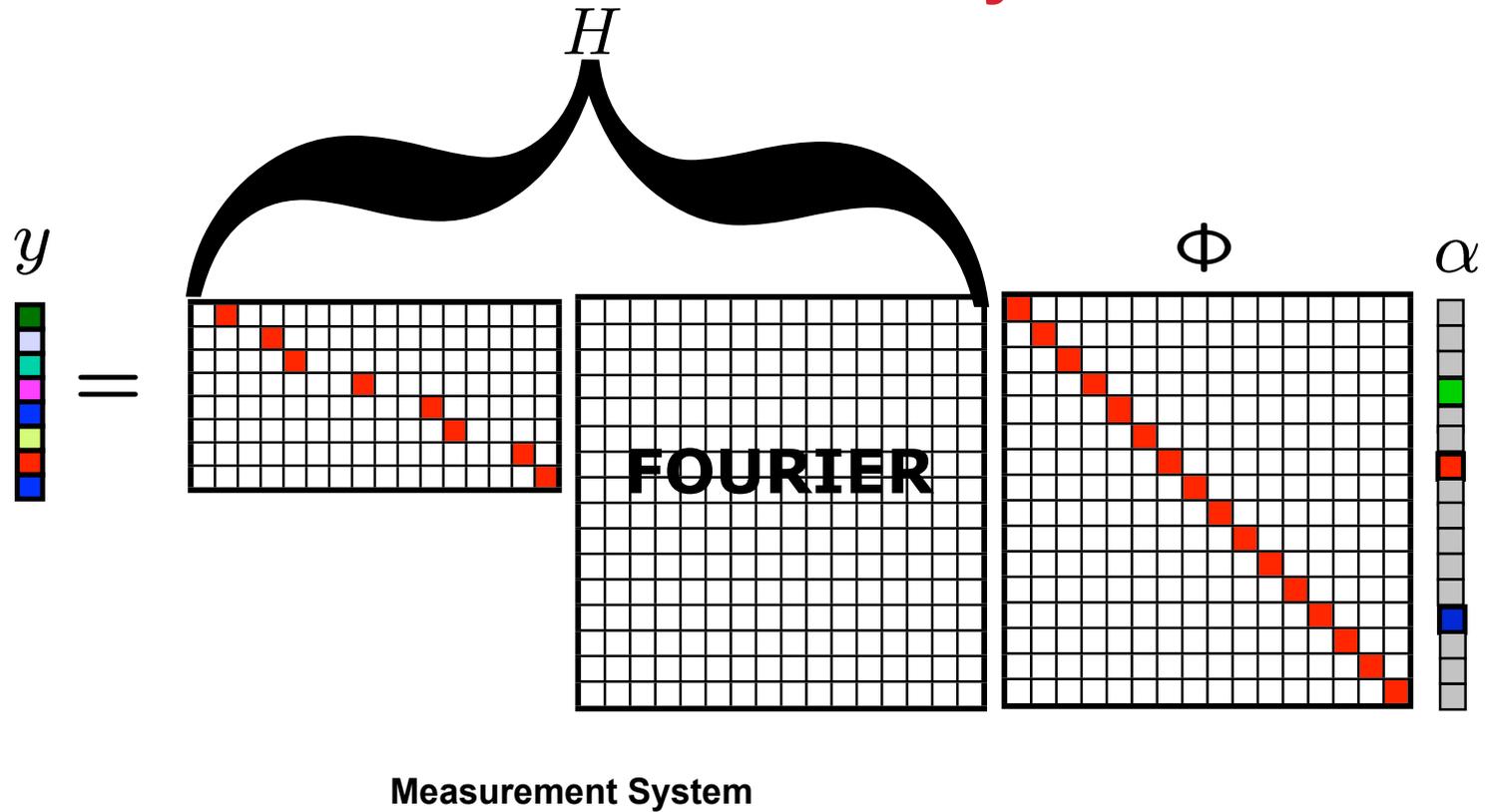


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# Radio-Interferometry



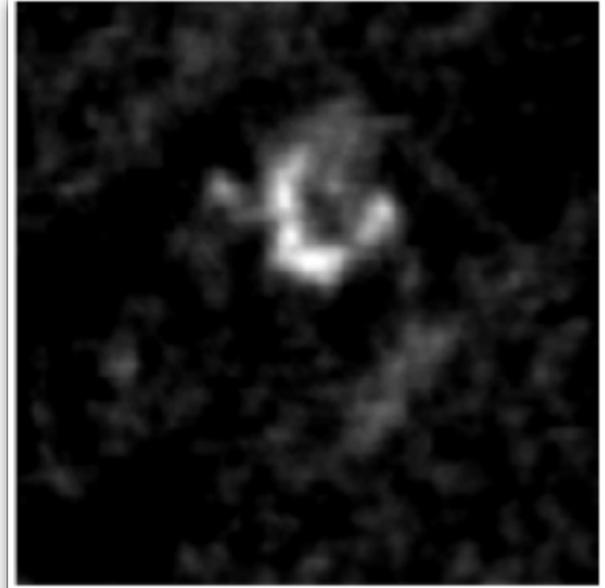
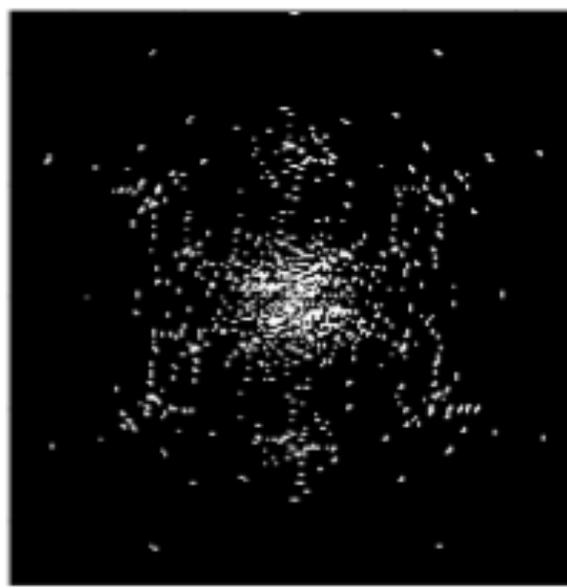
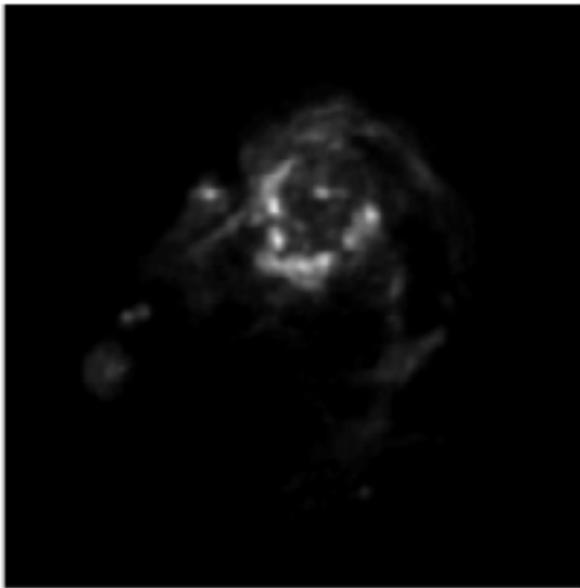
$\Rightarrow$  See (McEwen et al, 2011; Wenger et al, 2010; Wiaux et al, 2009; Cornwell et al, 2009; Suskimo, 2009; Feng et al, 2011).

# CS-Radio Astronomy

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The Applications of Compressive Sensing to Radio Astronomy: I Deconvolution

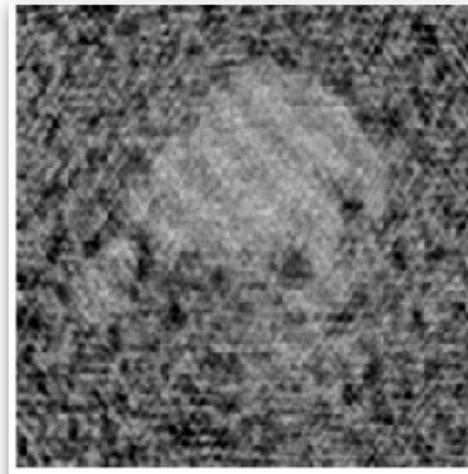
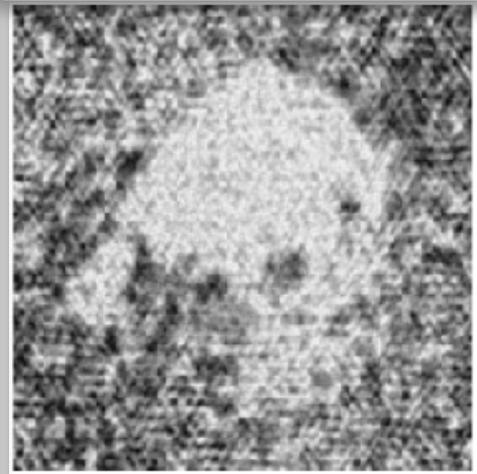
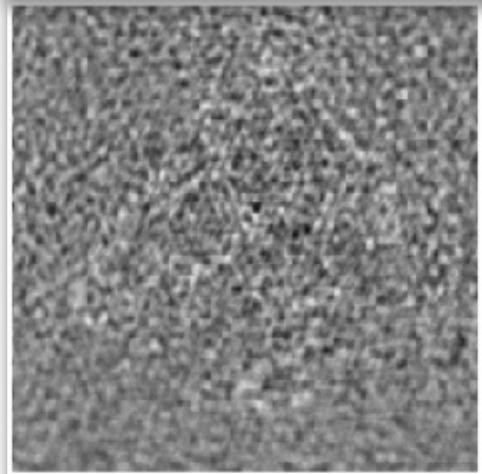
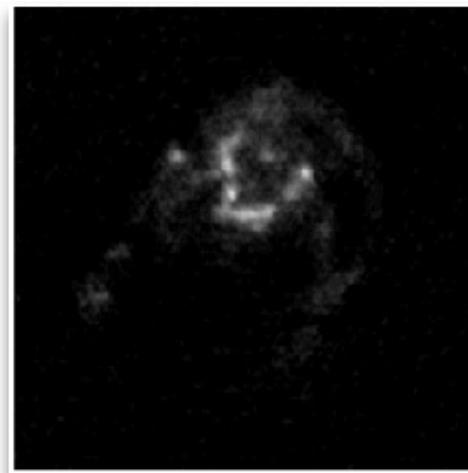
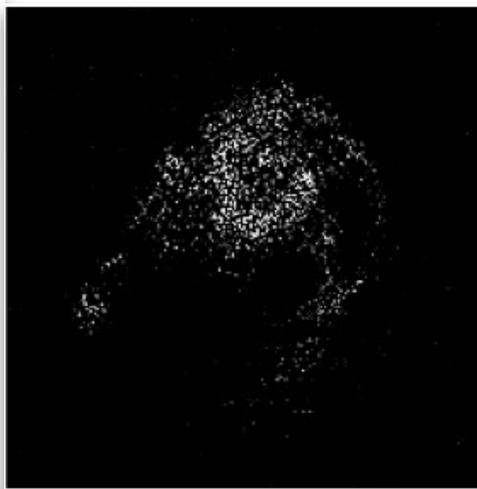
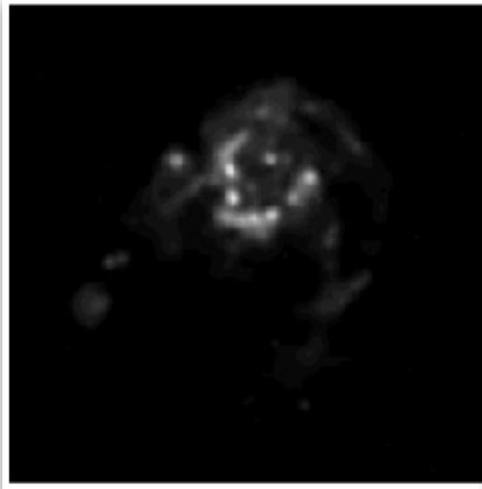
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Australian Square Kilometer Array Pathfinder (ASKAP) radio telescope.

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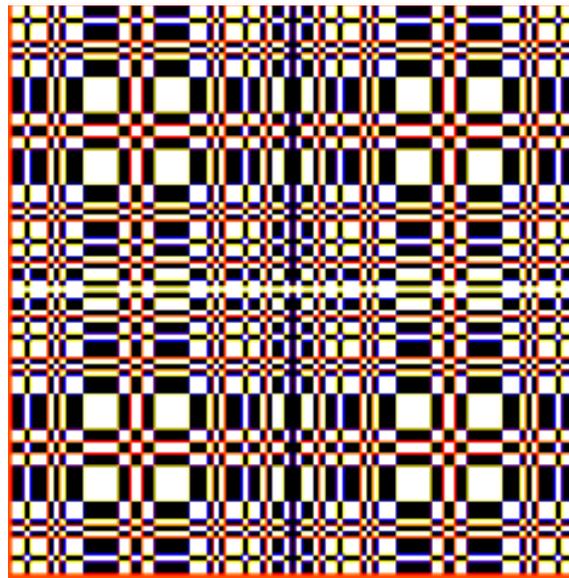
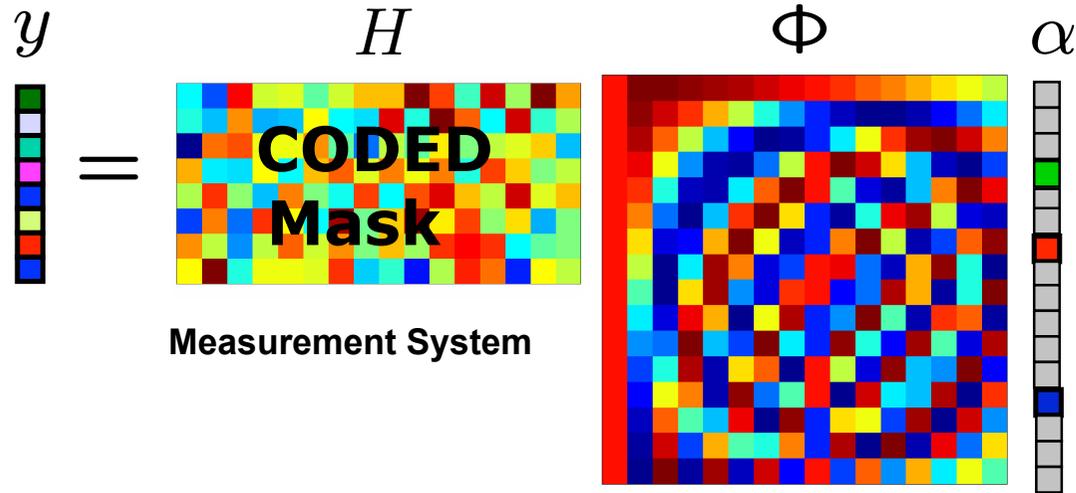
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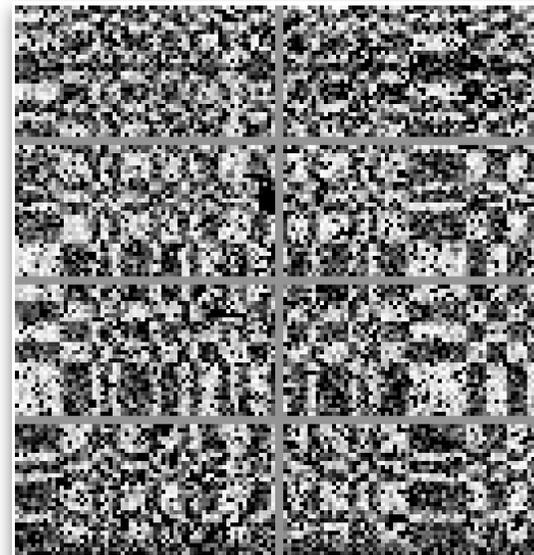
Hogbom CLEAN

MEM residual

# Gamma Ray Instruments (Integral) - Acquisition with coded masks



**INTEGRAL/IBIS Coded Mask**



**Crab Nebula Integral Observation**

Courtesy I. Caballero, J. Rodriguez (AIM/Saclay)

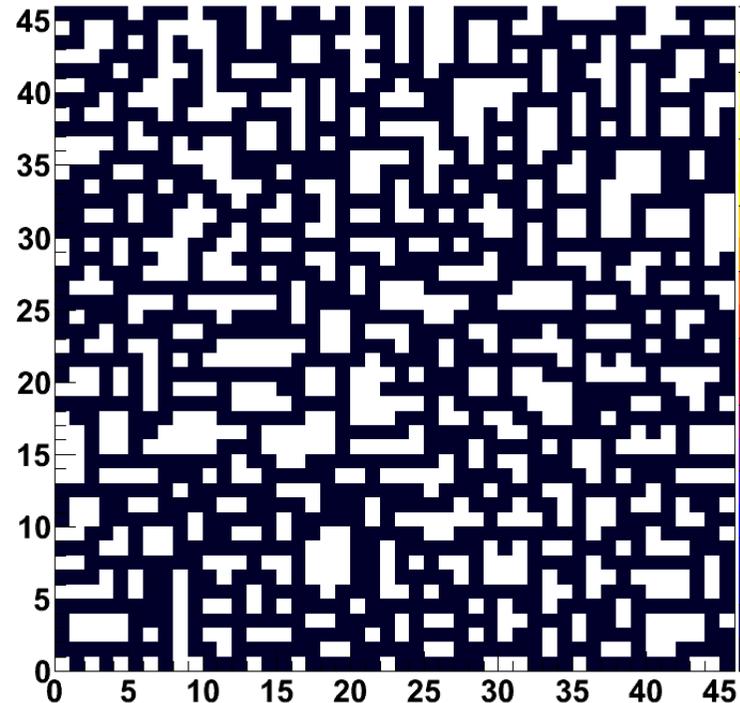
# SVOM (future French-Chinese Gamma-Ray Burst mission)

saclay  
irfu

- **ECLAIRs** france-chinese satellite 'SVOM' (launch in 2014-2015)  
*Gamma-ray detection in energy range 4 - 120 keV*  
*Coded mask imaging (at 460 mm of the detector plane)*

## Physical mask pattern

(46 x 46 pixels of 11.7 mm)

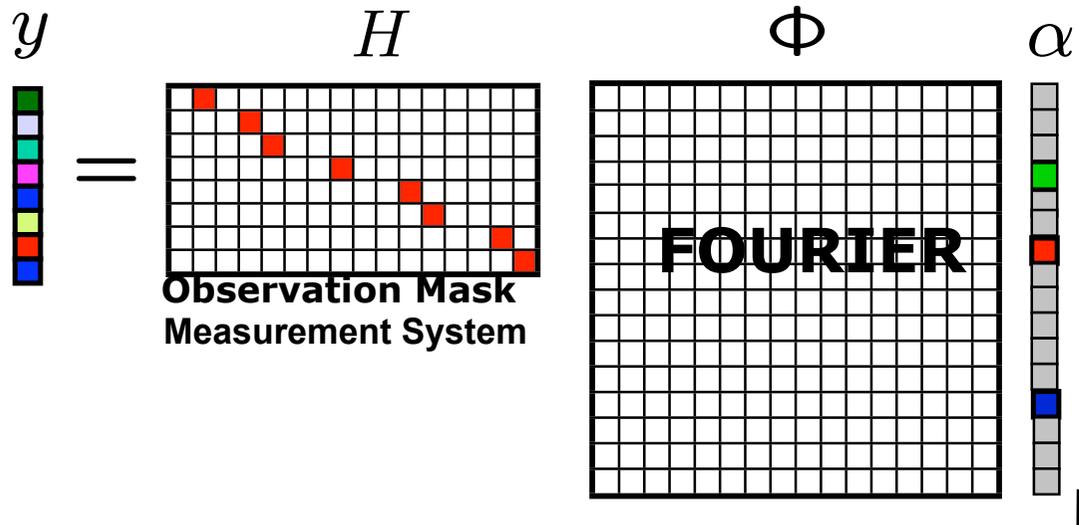


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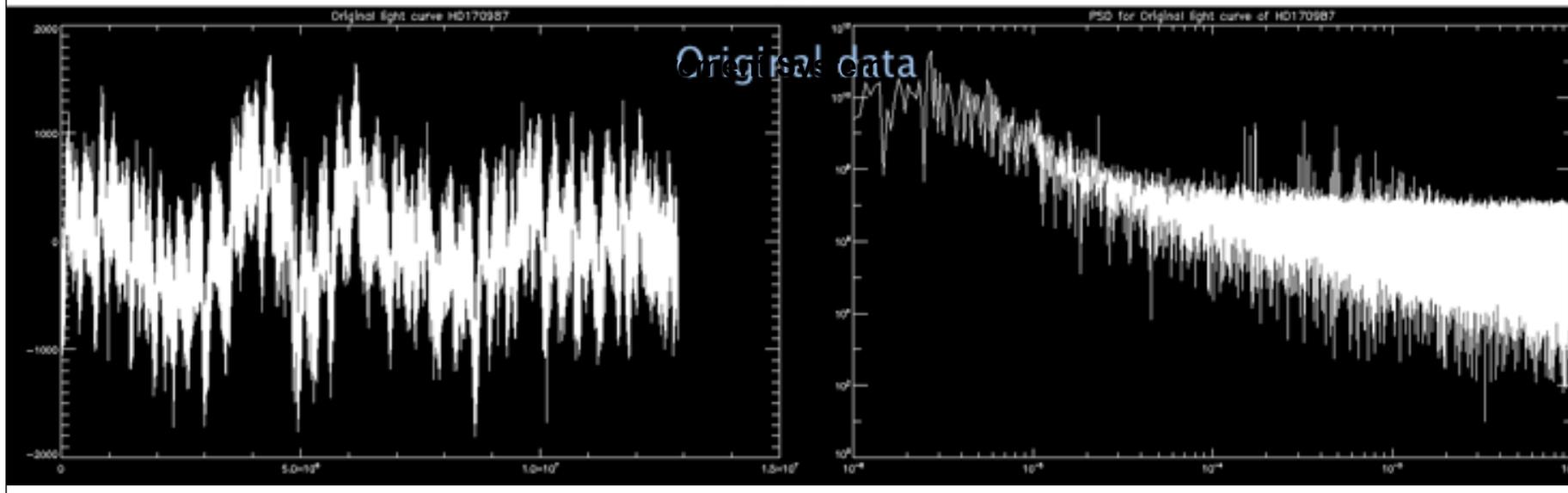
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# Missing Data

## Period detection in temporal series

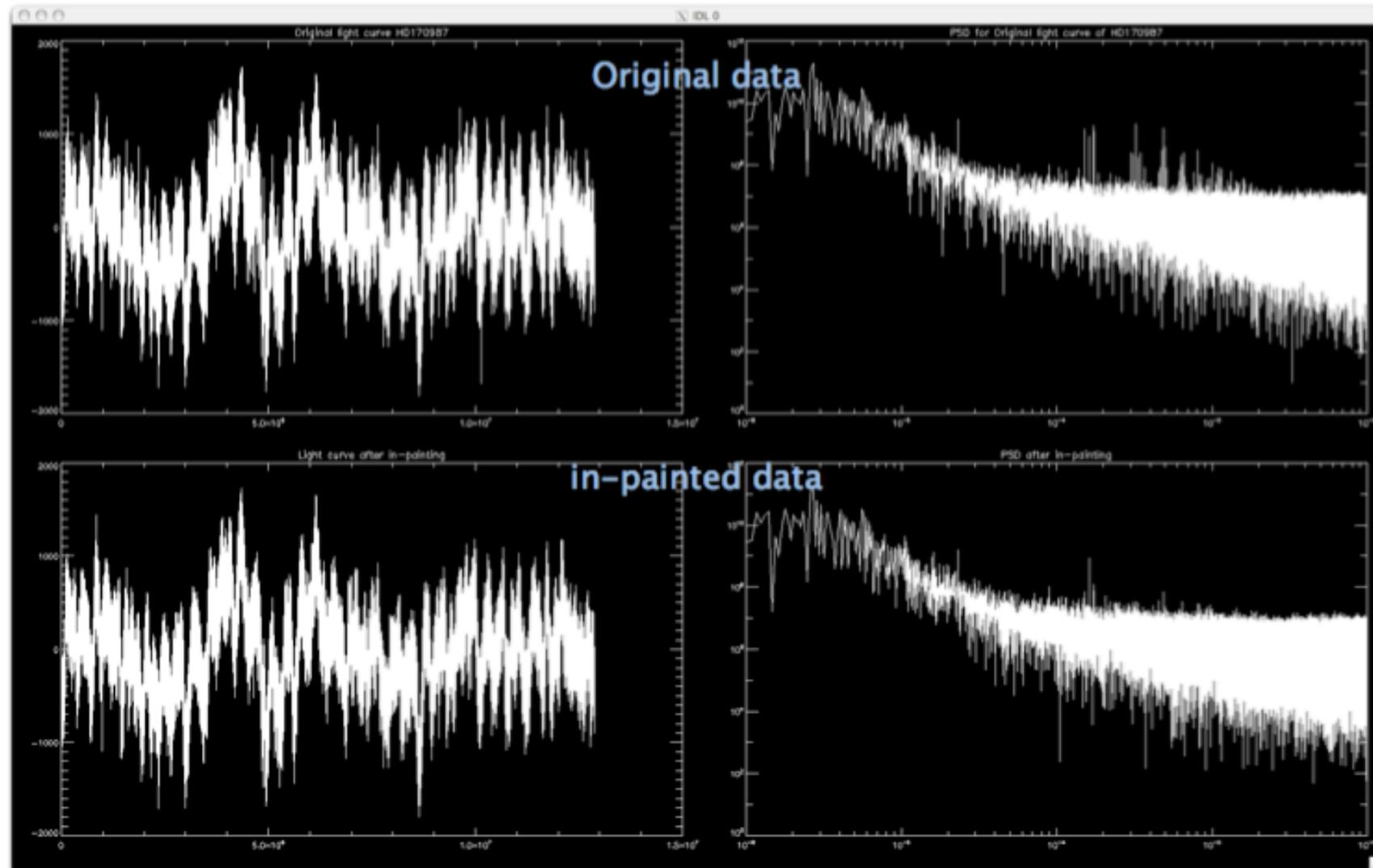


COROT: HD170987



# COROT: HD170987 with in-painting

[arXiv:1003.5178](https://arxiv.org/abs/1003.5178)

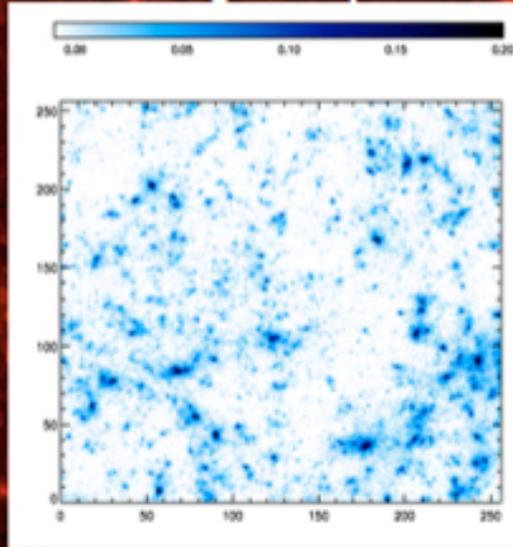


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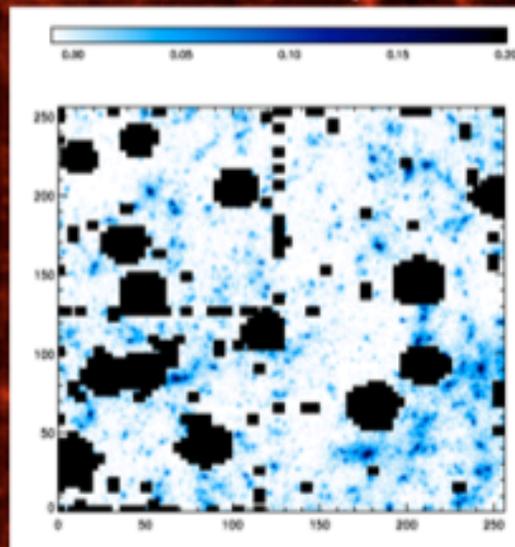
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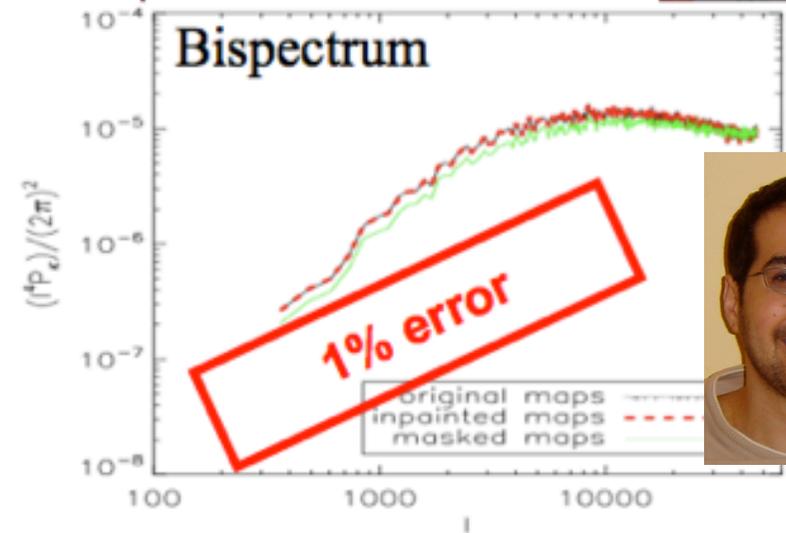
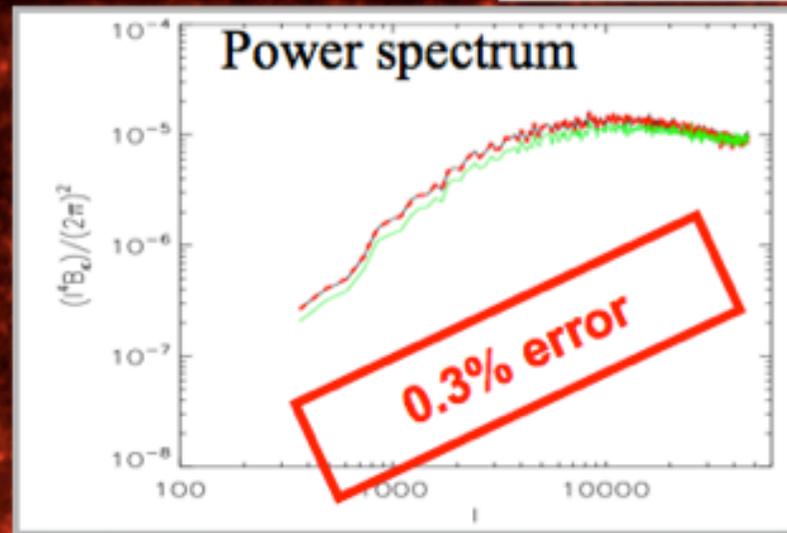
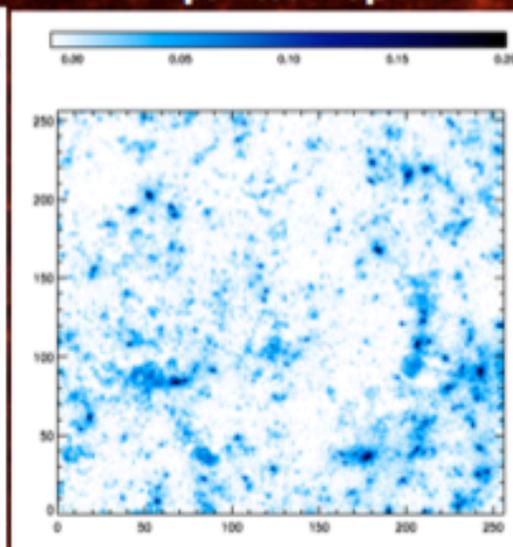
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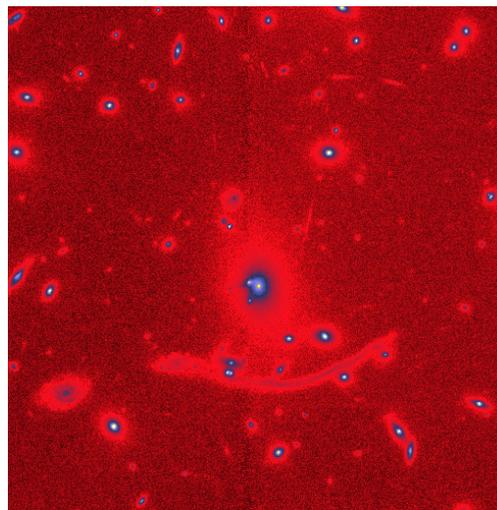
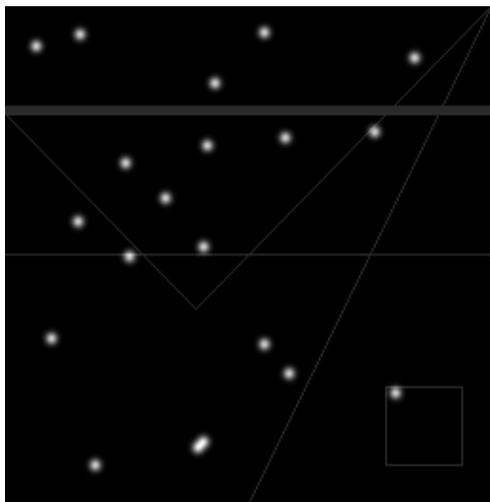
Masked map



Inpainted map



**PB:** a given transform does not necessary provide a good dictionary for all features contained in the data.





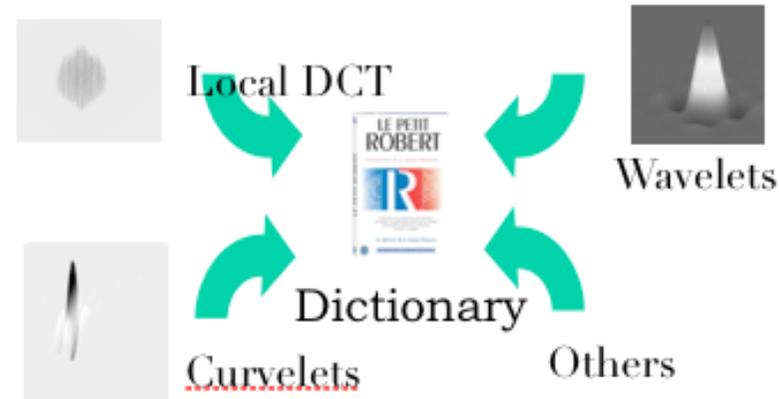
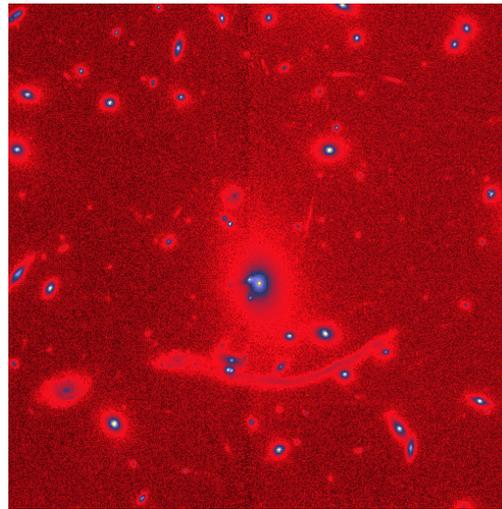
# Morphological Diversity



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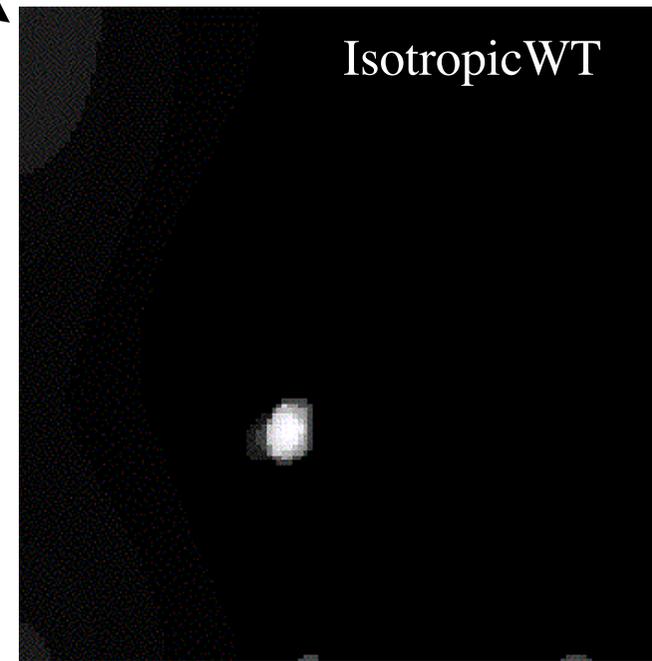
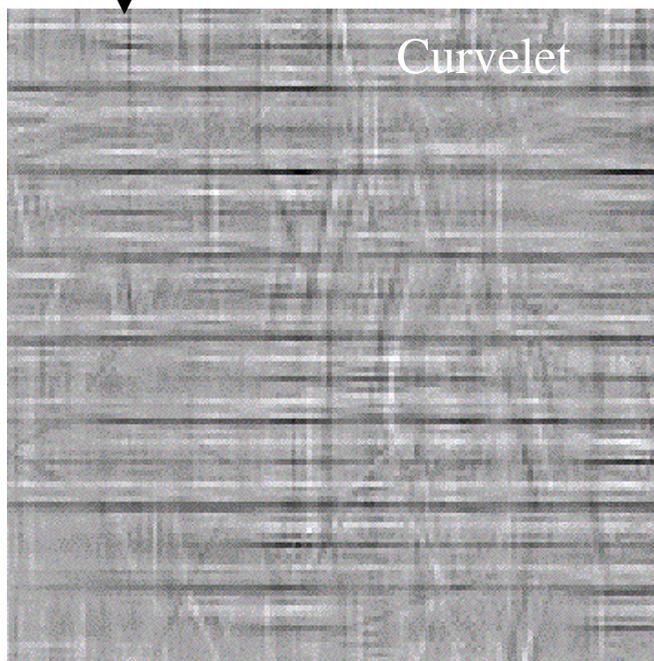
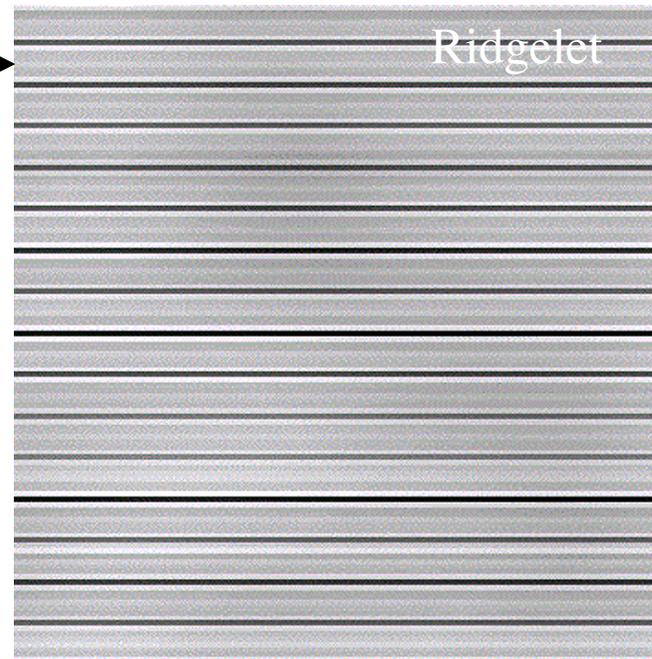
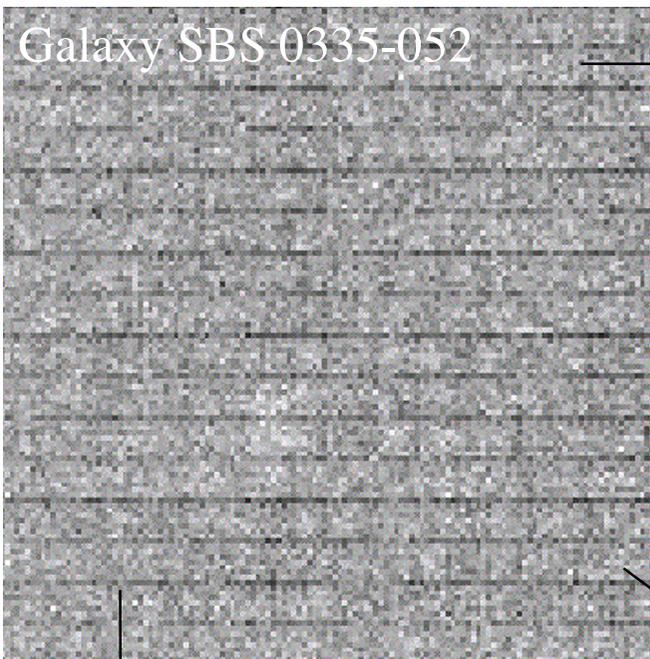
$$\phi = [\phi_1, \dots, \phi_L], \quad \alpha = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L\}, \quad s = \phi\alpha = \sum_{k=1}^L \phi_k \alpha_k$$

**Sparsity Model 2:** we consider a signal as a sum of K components  $s_k$ ,  $s = \sum_{k=1}^K s_k$  each of them being sparse in a given dictionary :

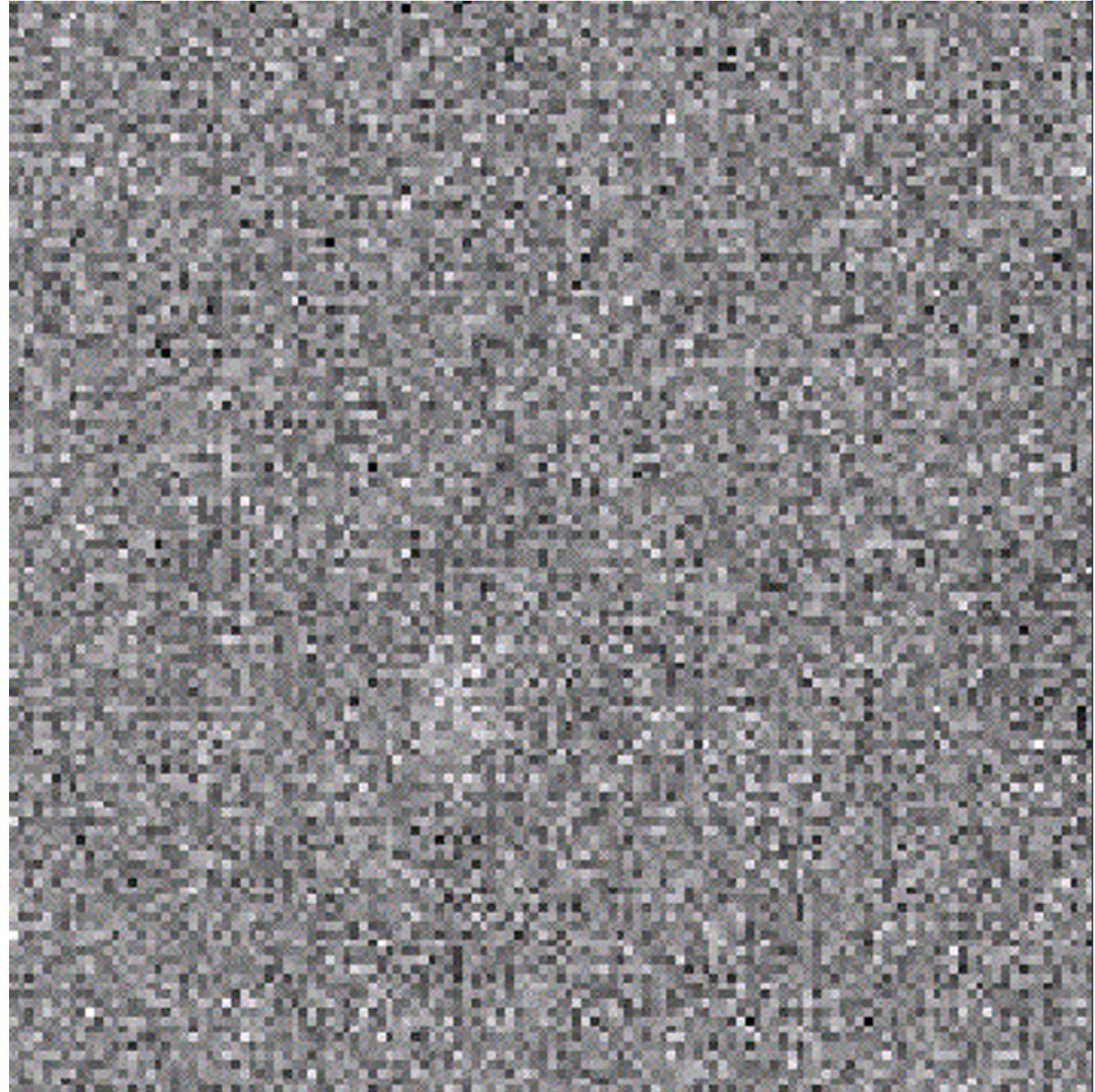
$$s_k = \Phi_k \alpha_k$$

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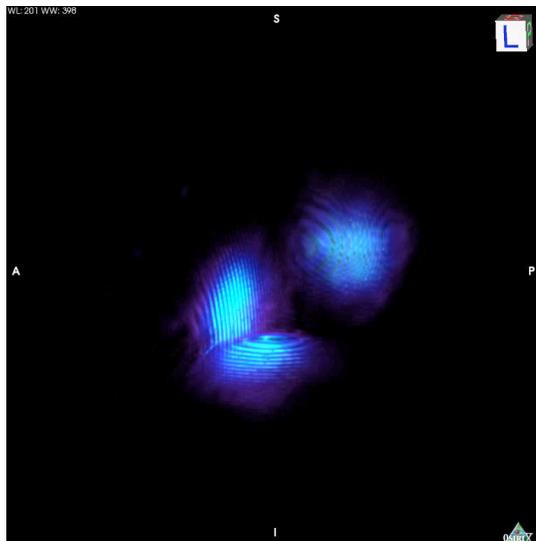


# 3D Morphological Component Analysis

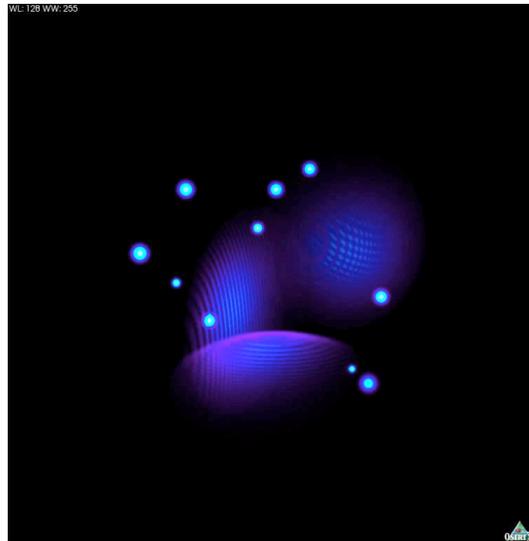


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Shells



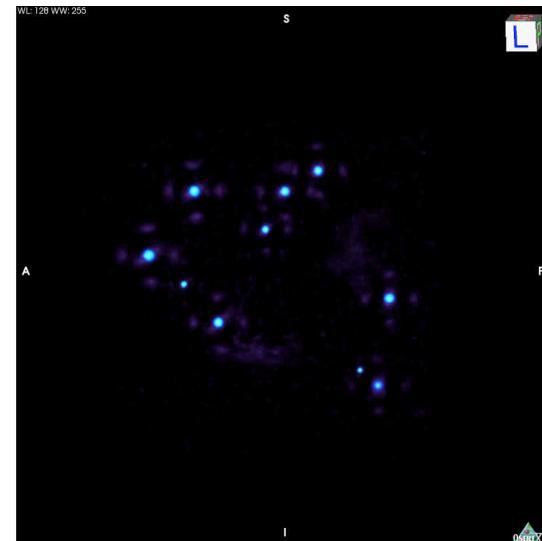
Original (3D shells + Gaussians)



Dictionary

RidCurvelets + 3D UDWT.

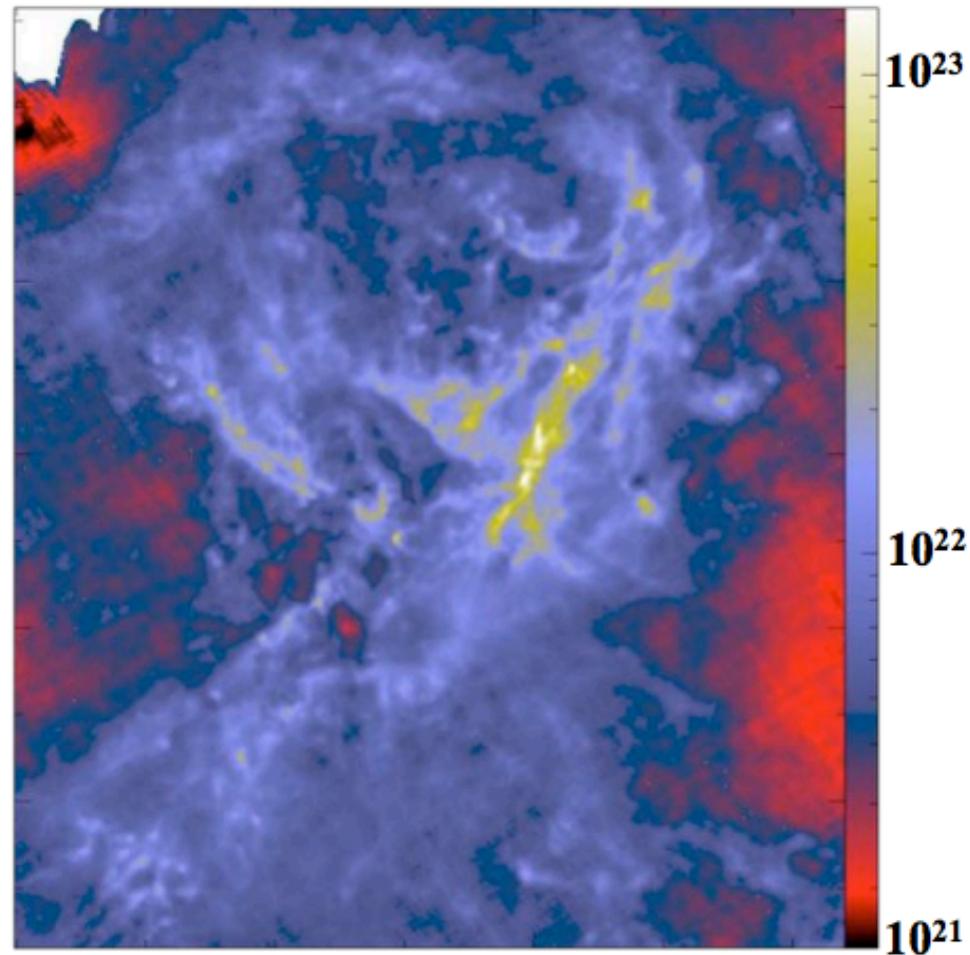
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Revealing the structure of one of the nearest  
infrared dark clouds (Aquila Main:  $d \sim 260$  pc)

**Herschel (SPIRE+PACS)**  
**Column density map ( $\text{H}_2/\text{cm}^2$ )**



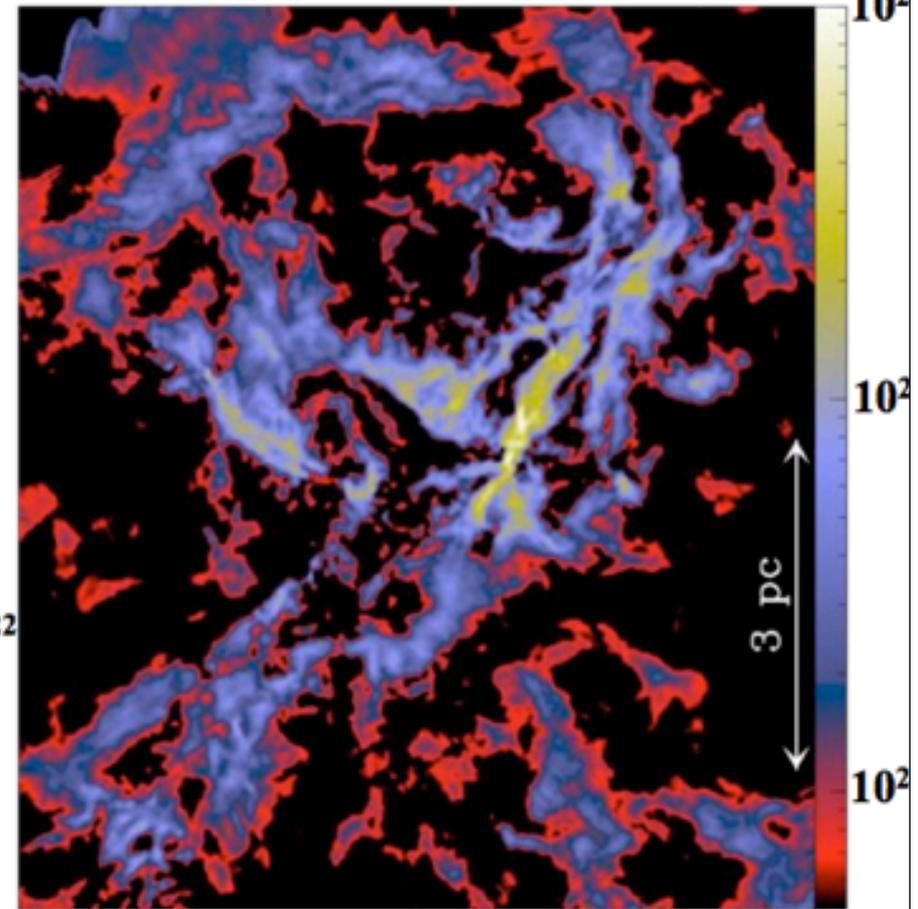
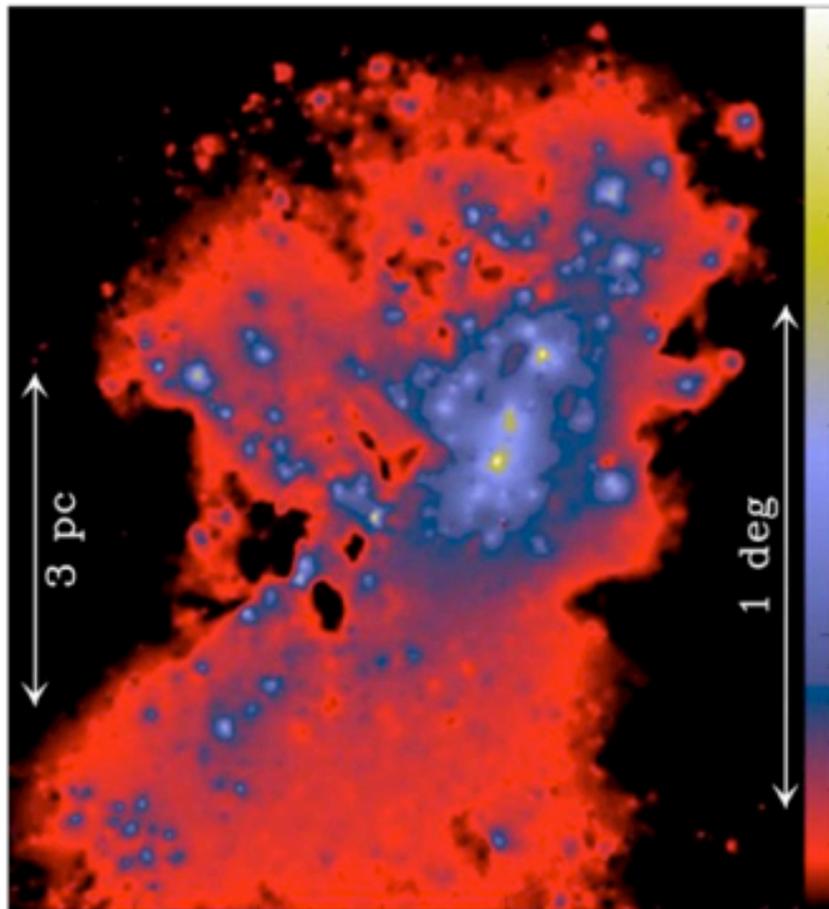
# Dense cores form primarily in filaments

## Morphological Component Analysis:

*Herschel* Column density map

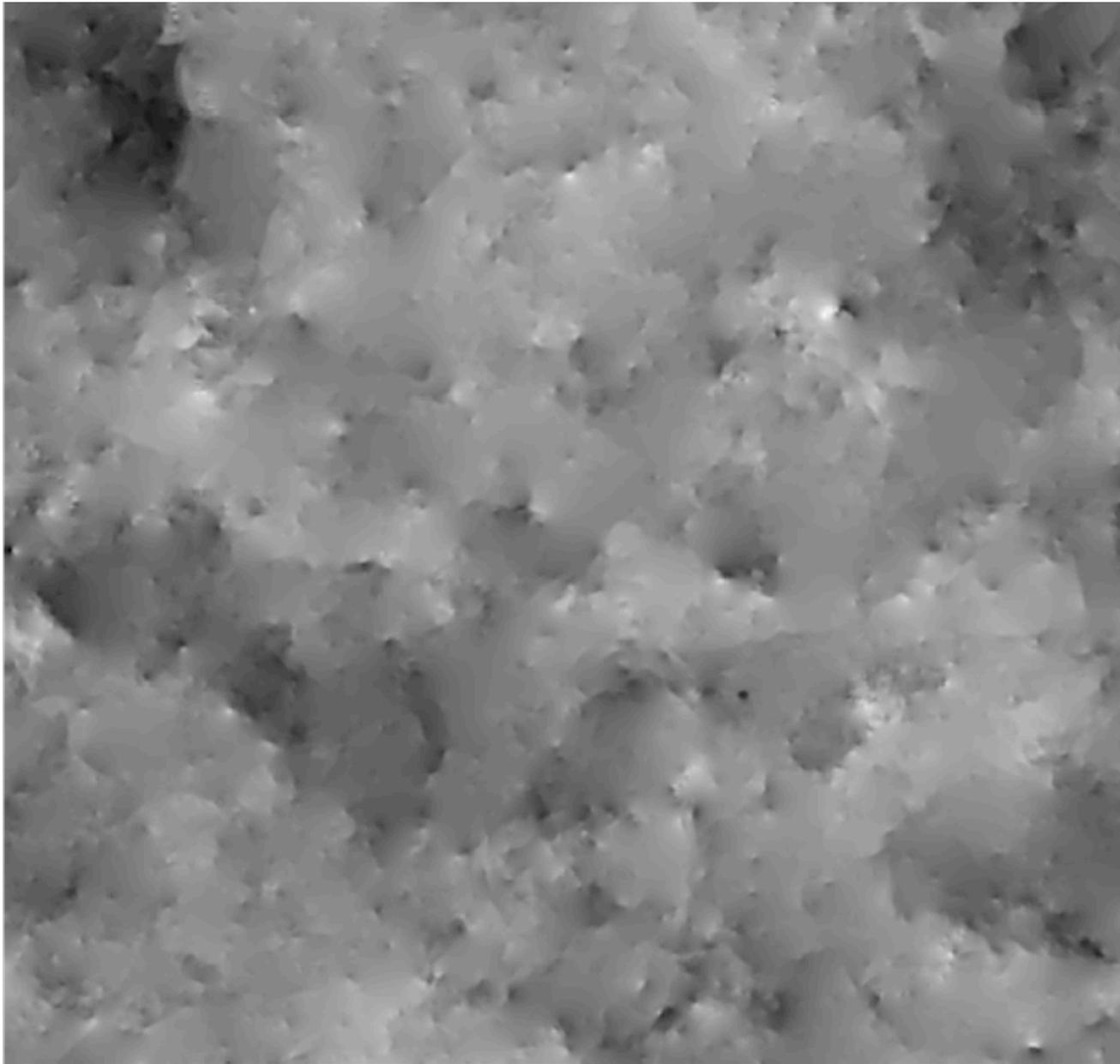
(P. Didelon based on  
Starck et al. 2003)

**Wavelet component ( $H_2/cm^2$ )**  $\stackrel{\text{Cores}}{=}$  **Curvelet component ( $H_2/cm^2$ )**  $\stackrel{\text{Filaments}}{+}$

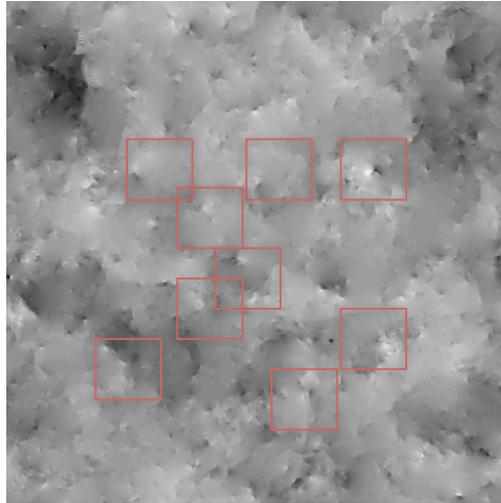


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## Simulated Cosmic String Map



# Dictionary Learning



Training basis.

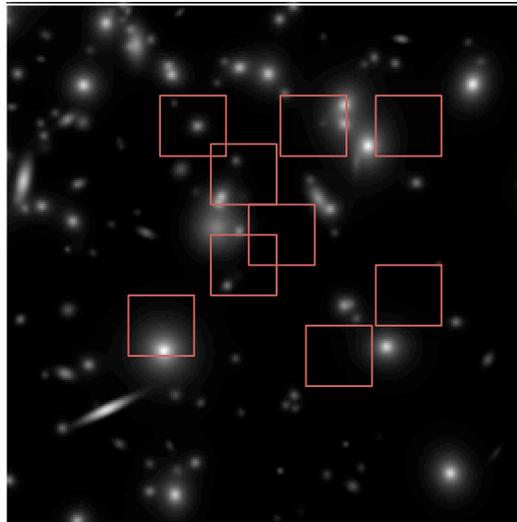
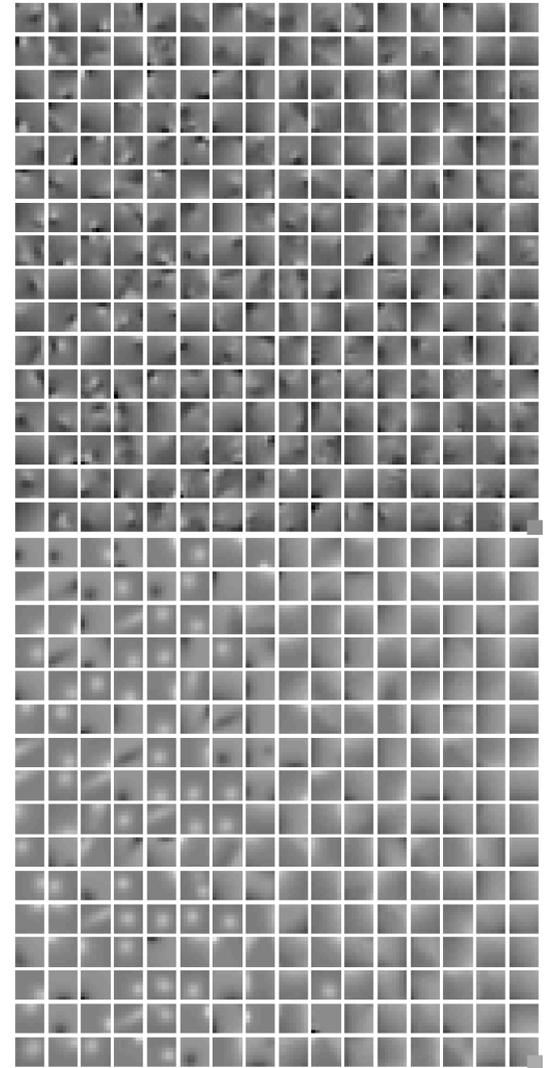


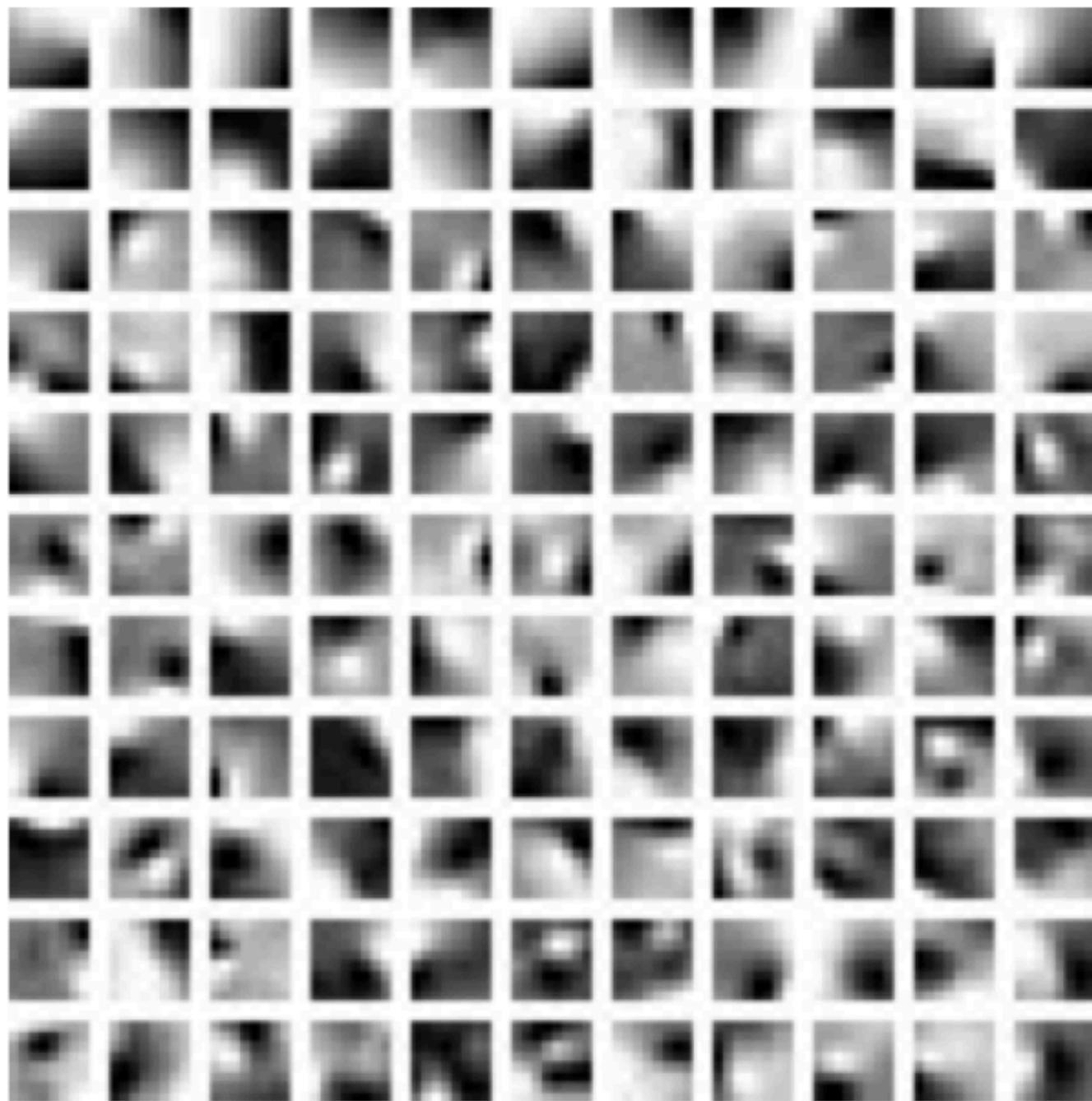
$$(\hat{D}, \hat{A}) = \underset{\substack{D \in C_1 \\ A \in C_2}}{\operatorname{argmin}} (Y = DA)$$

DL: Matrix Factorization problem

$C_1$ : Constraints on the Sparsifying dictionary D

$C_2$ : Constraints on the Sparse codes



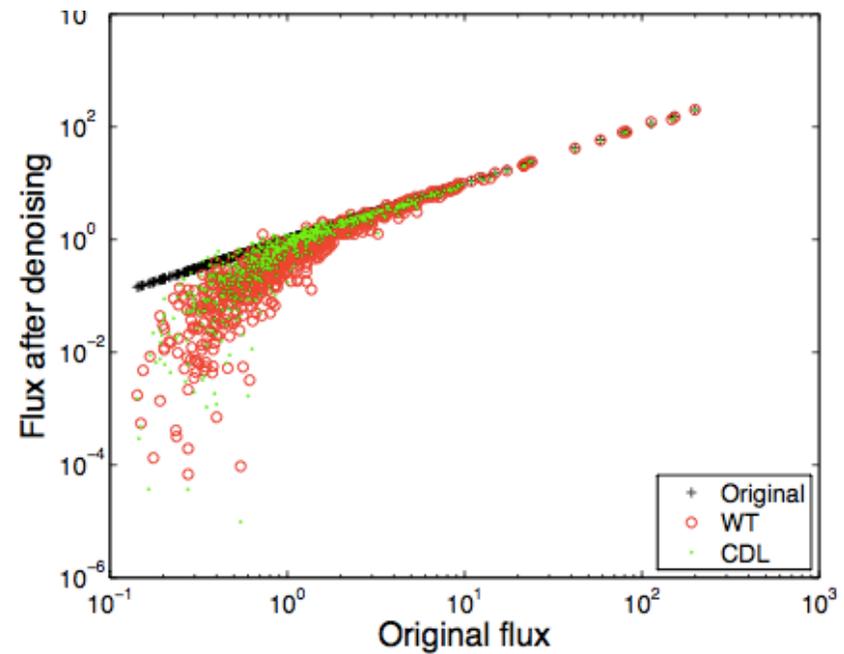
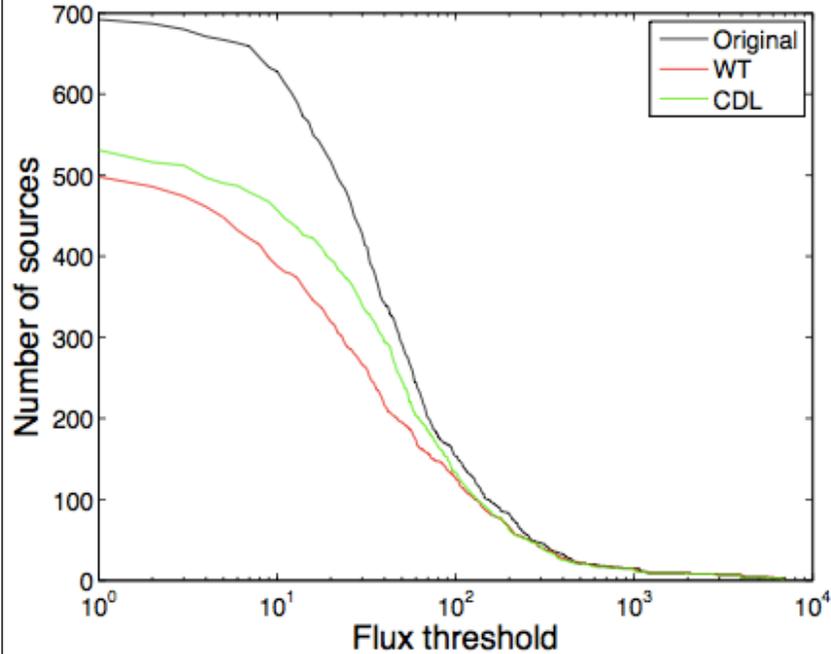
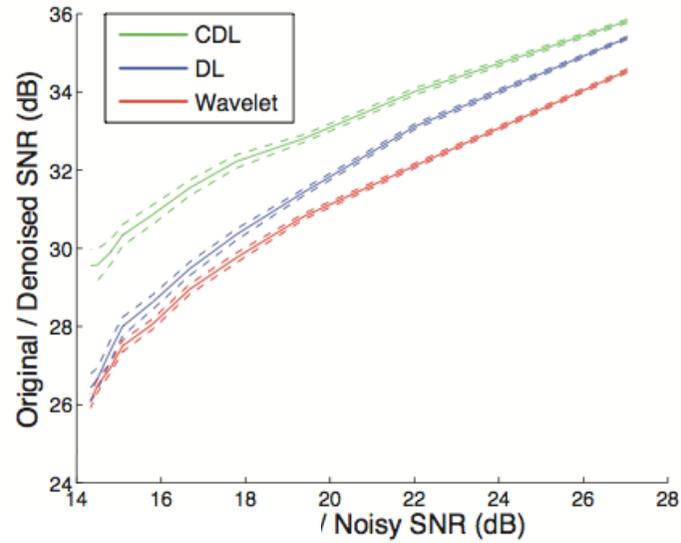






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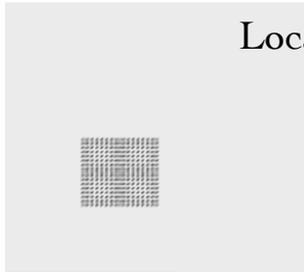


**Sparsity Model 1:** we consider a dictionary which has a fast transform/reconstruction operator:

$$\Phi = \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_K\}$$

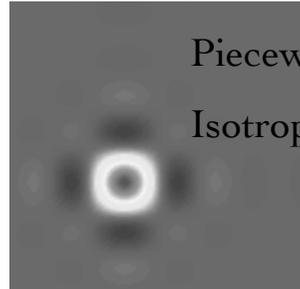
$$s = \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \phi_k = \Phi \alpha$$

Local DCT Stationary textures



Locally oscillatory

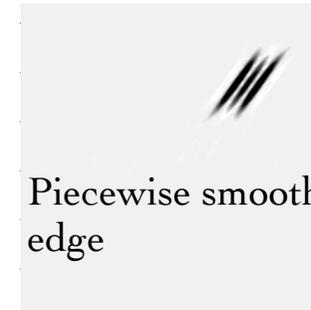
Wavelet transform



Piecewise smooth

Isotropic structures

Curvelet transform



Piecewise smooth, edge

**Sparsity Model 2:** Morphological Diversity:

$$\phi = [\phi_1, \dots, \phi_L], \quad \alpha = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L\}, \quad s = \phi \alpha = \sum_{k=1}^L \phi_k \alpha_k$$

**Sparsity Model 3:** we adapt/learn the dictionary directly from the data

Model 3 can be also combined with model 2:



**Advantages of model 1:** extremely fast.

**Advantages of model 2:**

- more flexible to model 1.
- The coupling of local DCT+curvelet is well adapted to a relatively large class of images.

**Advantages of model 3:**

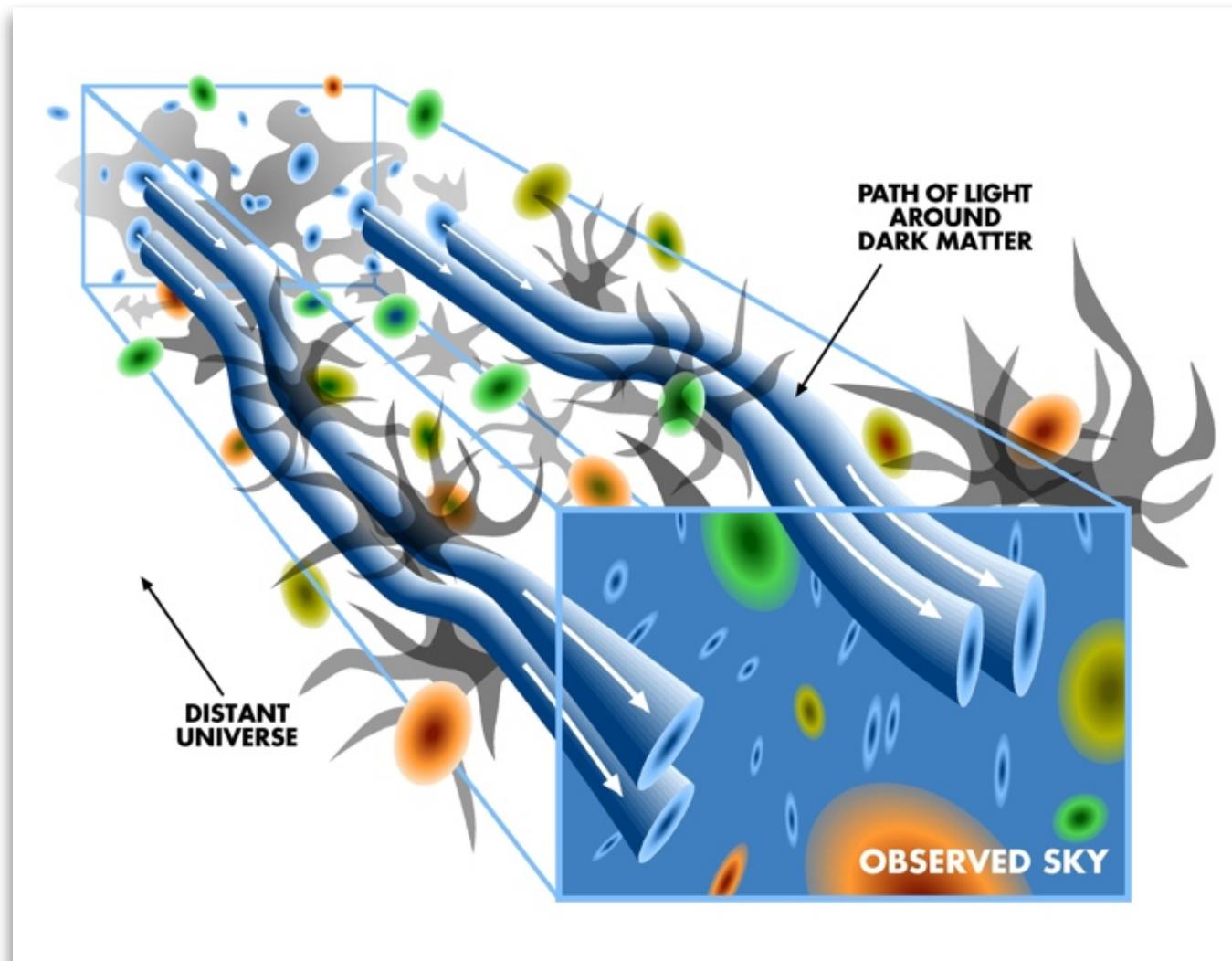
atoms can be obtained which are well adapted to the data, and which could never be obtained with a fixed dictionary.

**Drawback of model 3 versus model 1,2:**

We pay the price of dictionary learning by being less sensitive to detect very faint features.

Complexity: Computation time, parameters, etc

# 3D Weak Lensing

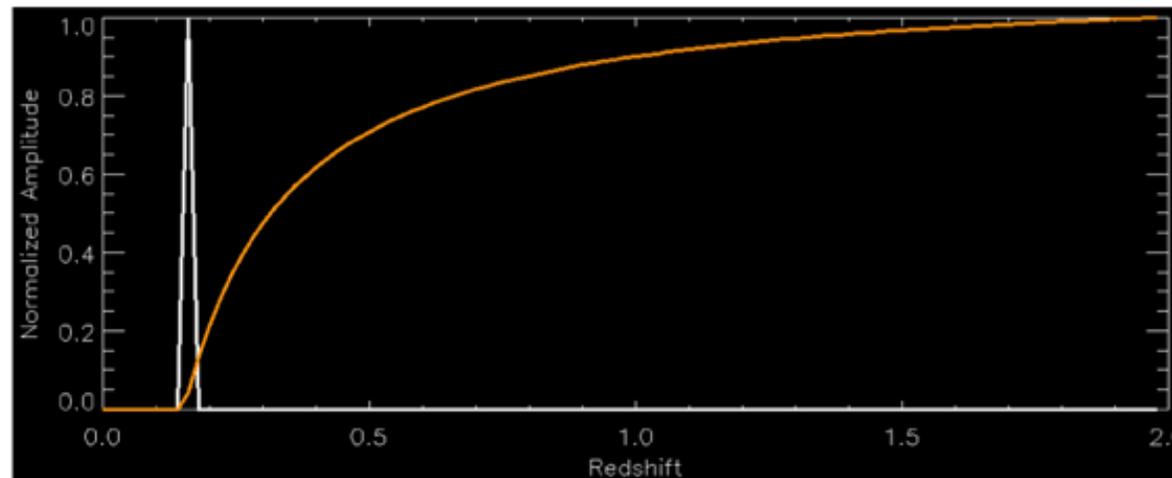


# The reconstruction problem

- Along one line of sight, the convergence  $\kappa$  can be linked to the density contrast  $\delta$  through:

$$\kappa(\theta) = Q\delta(\theta)$$

where  $Q$  is the lensing efficiency matrix. Depends on cosmology and binning of the data.



**Still Unknown:** Convergence  $\kappa$   
(in orange)

**Even less known:** Density contrast  $\delta$   
(in white)

# 3D Weak Lensing

The convergence  $\kappa$ , as seen in sources of a given redshift bin, is the linear transformation of the matter density contrast,  $\delta$ , along the line-of-sight (Simon et al 2009):

$$\kappa = Q\delta + N \quad \text{with} \quad \delta(r) \equiv \rho(r)/\bar{\rho} - 1$$

$$Q_{i\ell} = \frac{3H_0^2\Omega_M}{2c^2} \int_{w_\ell}^{w_{\ell+1}} dw \frac{\bar{W}^{(i)}(w)f_K(w)}{a(w)}, \quad \bar{W}^{(i)}(w) = \int_0^{w^{(i)}} dw' \frac{f_K(w-w')}{f_K(w')} \left( p(z) \frac{dz}{dw} \right)_{z=z(w')}$$

where  $H_0$  is the hubble parameter,  $\Omega_M$  is the matter density parameter,  $c$  is the speed of light,  $a(w)$  is the scale parameter evaluated at comoving distance  $w$ , and

$$f_K(w) = \begin{cases} K^{-1/2} \sin(K^{1/2}w), & K > 0 \\ w, & K = 0 \\ (-K)^{-1/2} \sinh([-K]^{1/2}w) & K < 0 \end{cases},$$

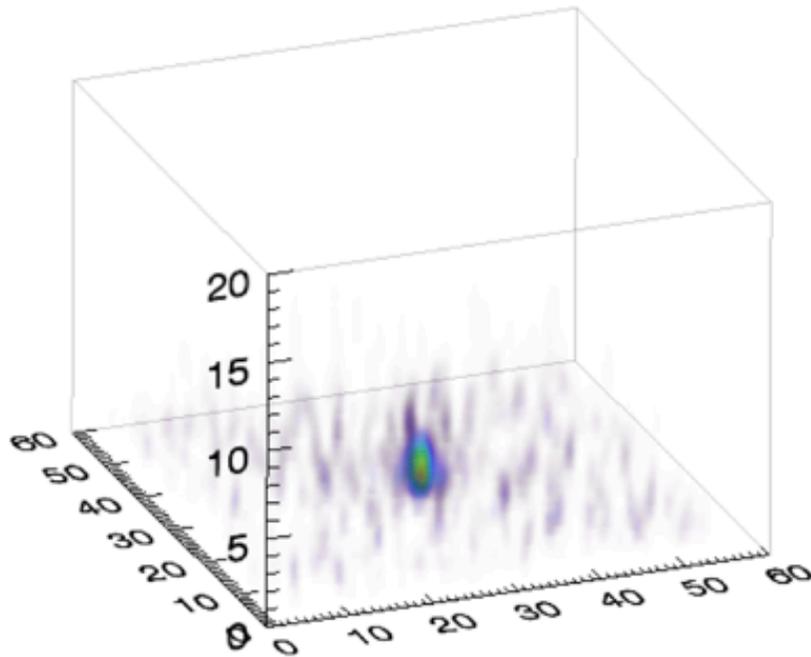
gives the comoving angular diameter distance as a function of the comoving distance and the curvature,  $K$ , of the Universe.

# The reconstruction problem

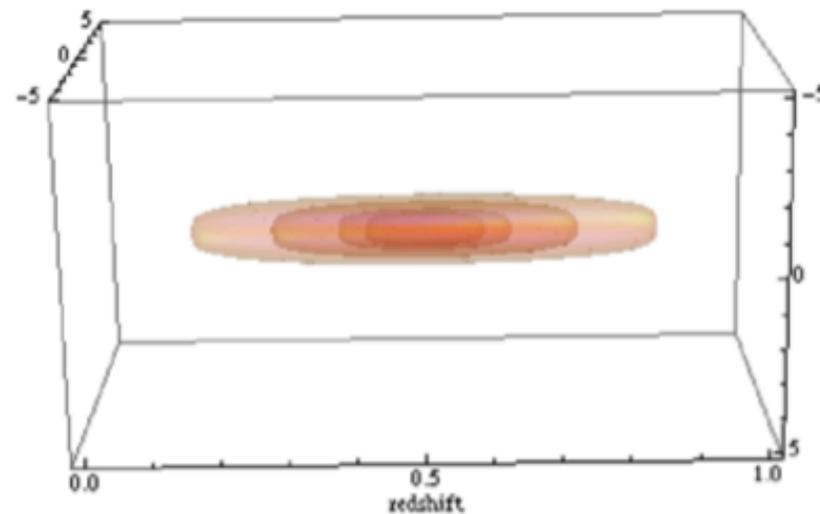
## Linear inversion methods

- Structures are smeared along the line of sight
- Bias in the reconstructed redshift
- Amplitude of density contrast heavily damped
- Overall noisy reconstruction

### Reconstruction of a single cluster :



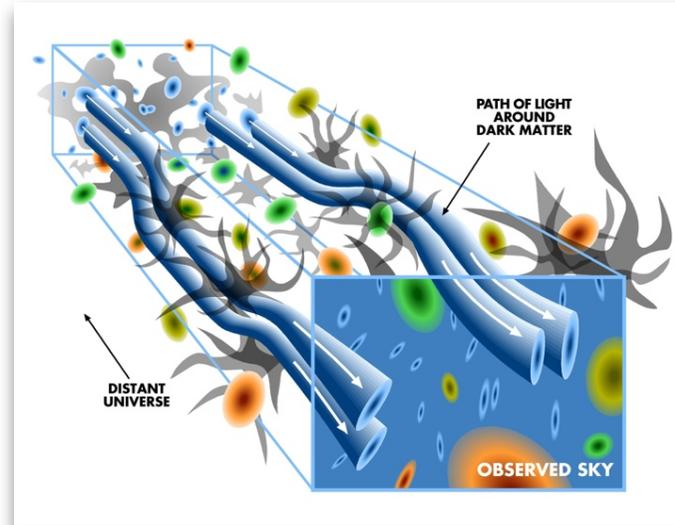
### Typical response to a halo (from [Simon et al. (2009)])



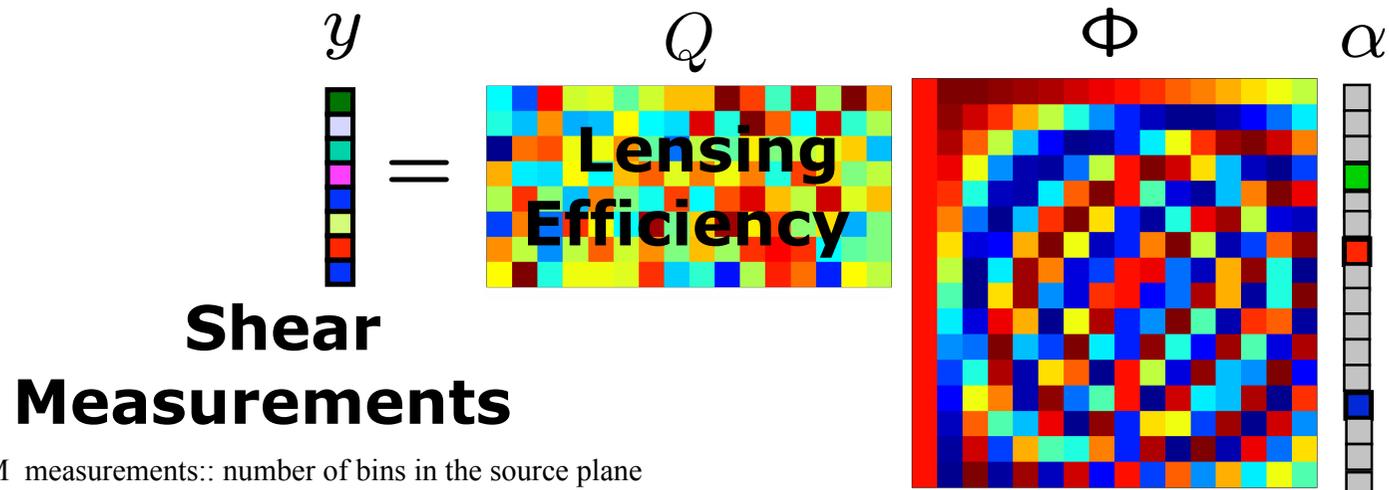
# CS-Weak Lensing



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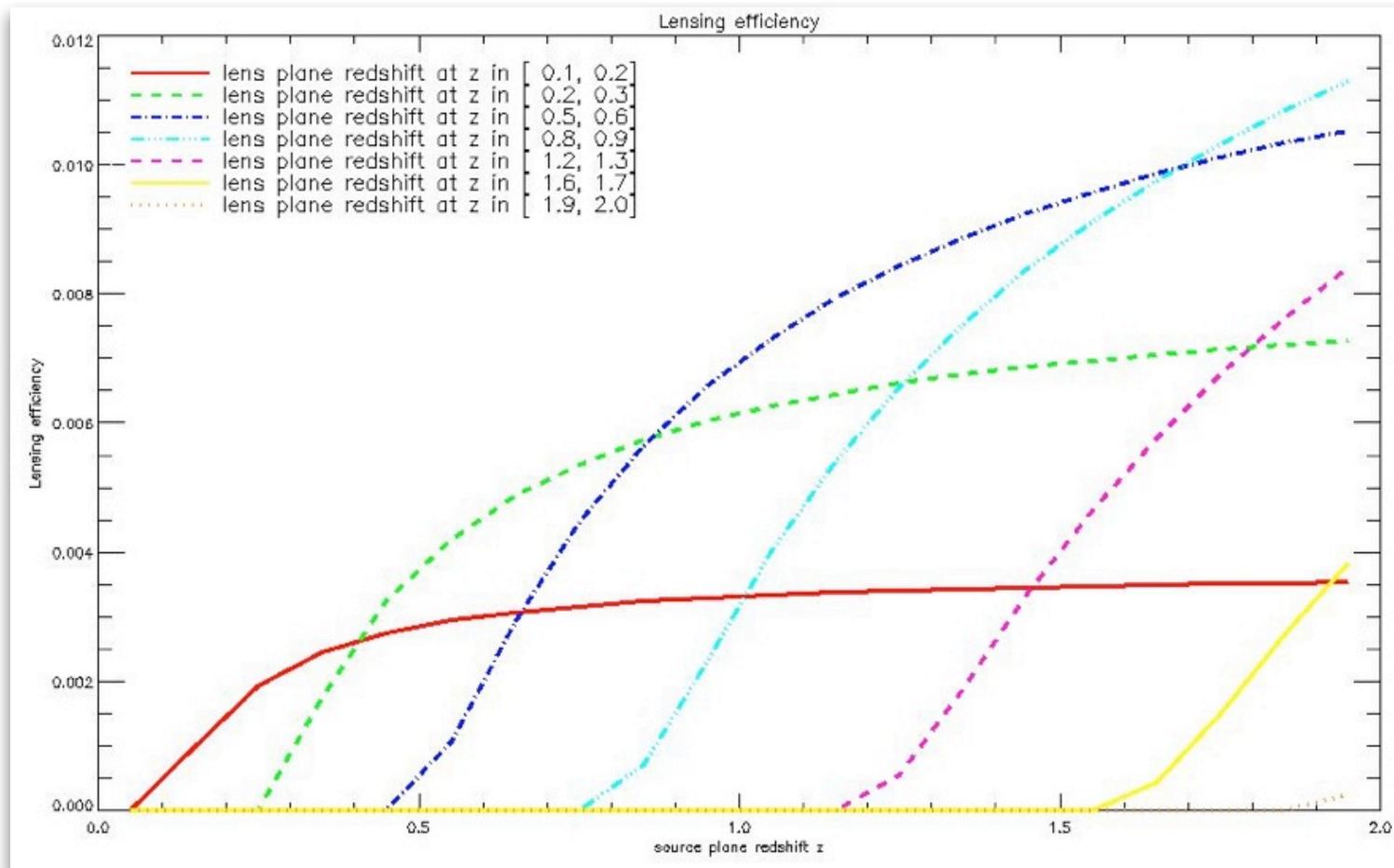
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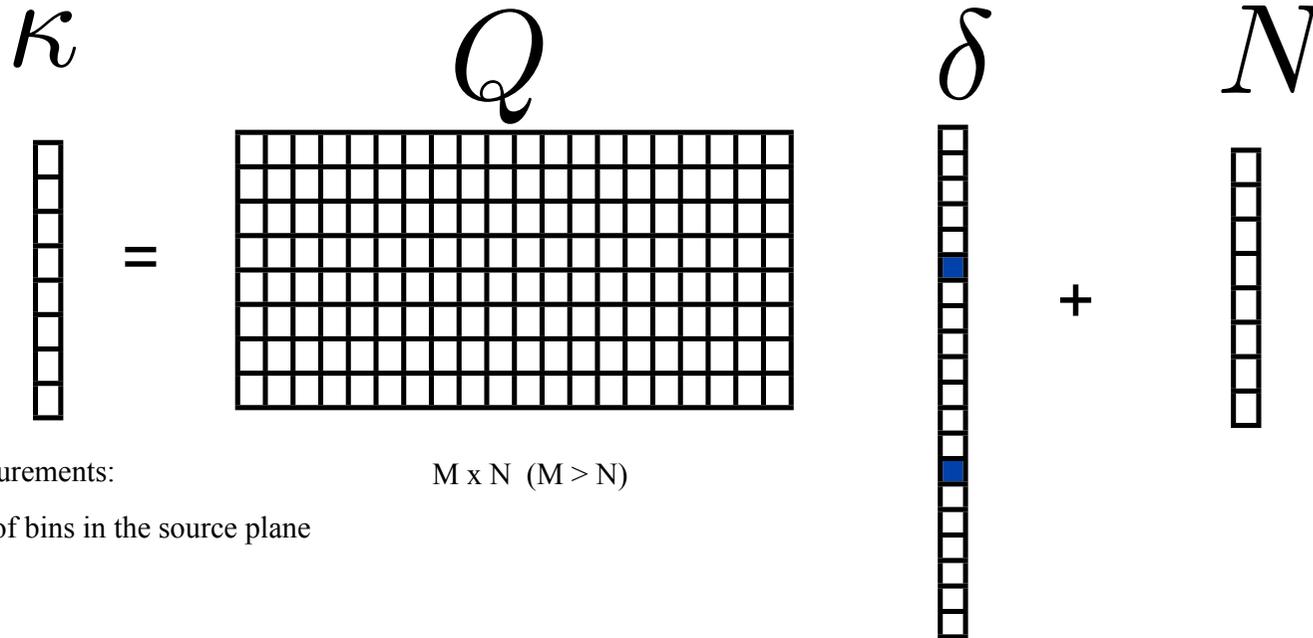
M measurements:: number of bins in the source plane

N redshift bin for the density contrast

# 3D Weak Lensing



# 3D Weak Lensing



M measurements:  
number of bins in the source plane

$M \times N$  ( $M > N$ )

N redshift bin for the density contrast

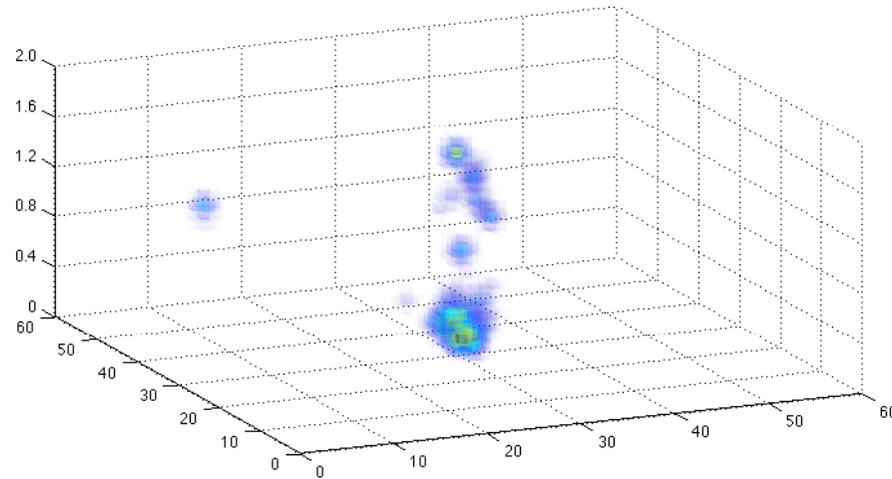
$\delta$  is sparse.

Q spreads out the information in  $\delta$  along  $\kappa$  bins.

More unknown than measurements

# 3D Weak Lensing

$$\min_{\delta} \|\delta\|_1 \quad s.t. \quad \frac{1}{2} \|\gamma - Q\delta\|_{\Sigma^{-1}}^2 \leq \epsilon$$



Reconstructions of two clusters along the line of sight, located at a redshift 0.2 and 1.0 (data binned into  $N_{sp} = 20$  redshift bins, but aim to reconstruct onto  $N_{lp} = 25$  redshift bins).

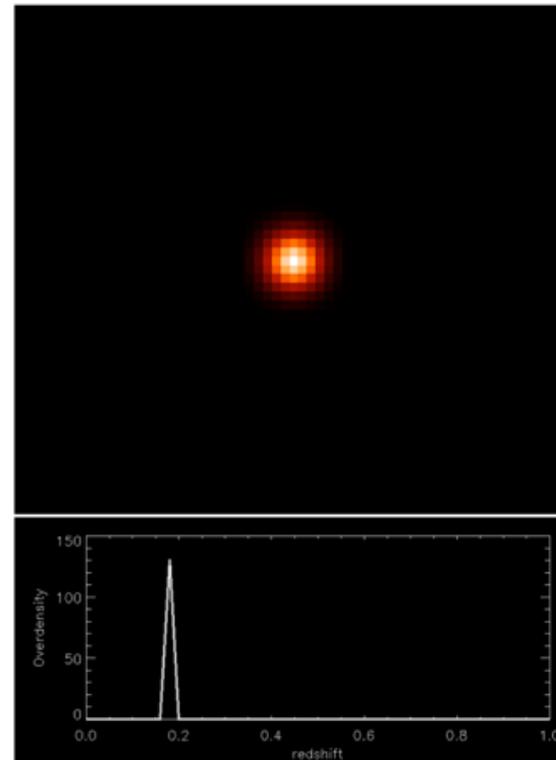
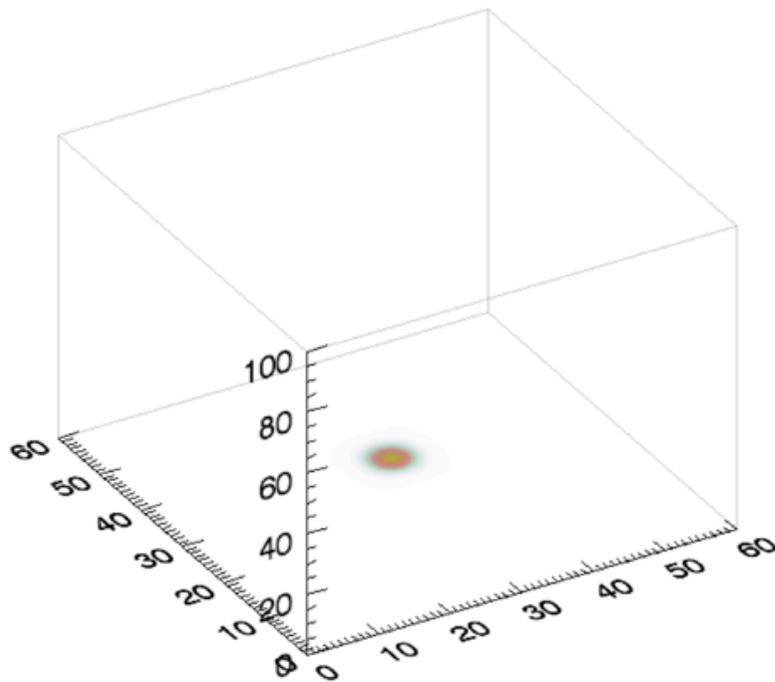
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# Full 3D Weak Lensing

$$\min_{\alpha} \|\alpha\|_1 \quad s.t. \quad \frac{1}{2} \|\gamma - Q\Phi\alpha\|_{\Sigma^{-1}}^2 \leq \epsilon$$

$\delta = \Phi\alpha$        $\Phi = 2D$  Wavelet Transform on each redshift bin

Example of the reconstruction of a cluster at redshift  $z=0.2$  using 5 times more reconstruction bin:



- Sparsity is very efficient for
  - Inverse problems (denoising, deconvolution, etc).
  - Inpainting
  - Component Separation (LOFAR, WMAP, PLANCK).
  
- Be very careful with Bayesian interpretation.
  
- Perspectives
  - CMB
  - Weak lensing
    - Test the 3D reconstruction algorithm on a simulated weak lensing survey from nbody simulations.
    - Apply the algorithm to real data (COSMOS, CFHTLS) with all the added fun (non-Gaussian noise, photometric redshift errors, missing data...)



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