

Cosmological Signal Processing

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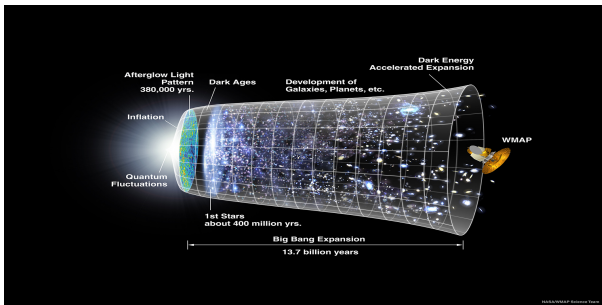
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Cosmological concordance model

- **Concordance model of modern cosmology** emerged recently with many cosmological parameters constrained to high precision.
- General description is of a Universe undergoing accelerated expansion, containing 4% ordinary baryonic matter, 22% cold dark matter and 74% dark energy.
- Structure and evolution of the Universe constrained through cosmological observations.



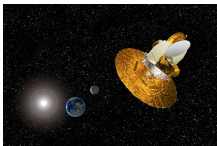
[Credit: WMAP Science Team]

Observations of the cosmic microwave background (CMB)

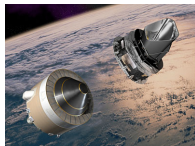
- Full-sky observations of the cosmic microwave background (CMB).



(a) COBE (launched 1989)



(b) WMAP (launched 2001)



(c) Planck (launched 2009)

- Each new experiment provides dramatic improvement in precision and resolution of observations.

(cobe 2 wmap movie)

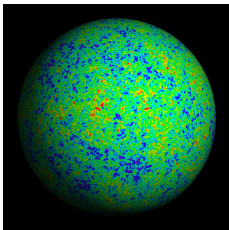
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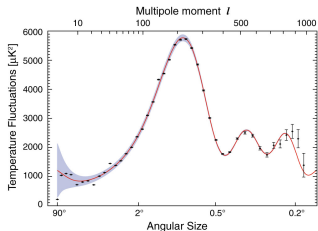
(e) Planck observing strategy [Credit: Planck Collaboration]

Cosmic microwave background (CMB)

- Observations of the CMB made by WMAP have played a large role in constraining the cosmological concordance model.



(a) Temperature anisotropies



(b) Power spectrum

Figure: CMB observations [Credit: WMAP Science Team]

- Although a general cosmological concordance model is now established, many details remain unclear. Study of **well-motivated extensions** of the cosmological concordance model now important.
- CMB **observed on spherical manifold**, hence the geometry of the sphere must be taken into account in any analysis.

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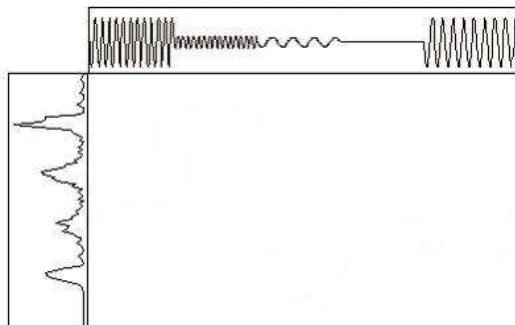


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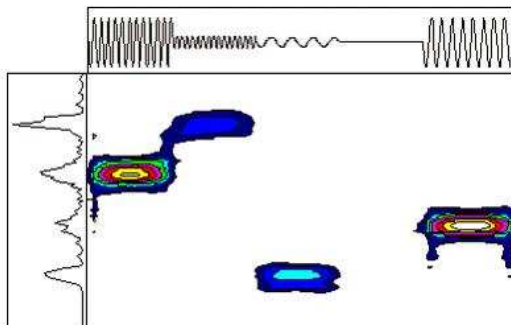


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Wavelet transform in Euclidean space

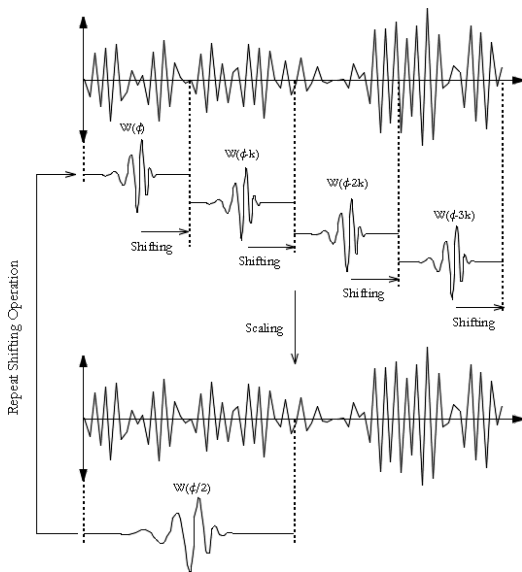


Figure: Wavelet scaling and shifting (image from <http://www.wavelet.org/Tutorial/>)

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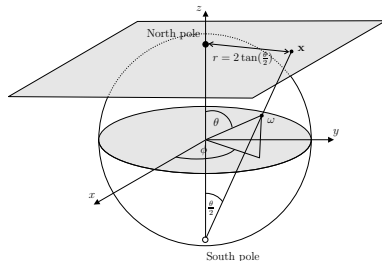


Figure: Stereographic projection.

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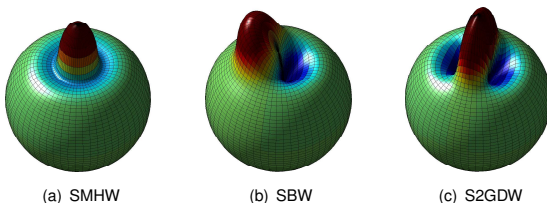


Figure: Spherical wavelets at scale $a, b = 0.2$.

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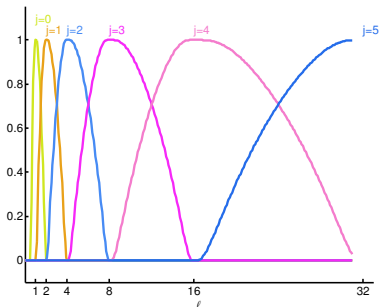


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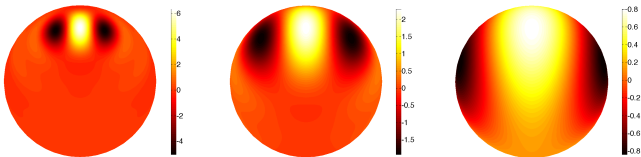


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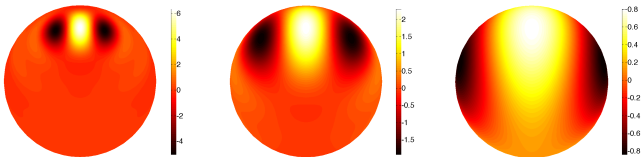


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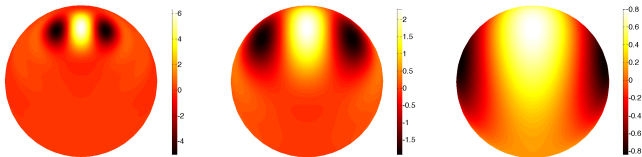


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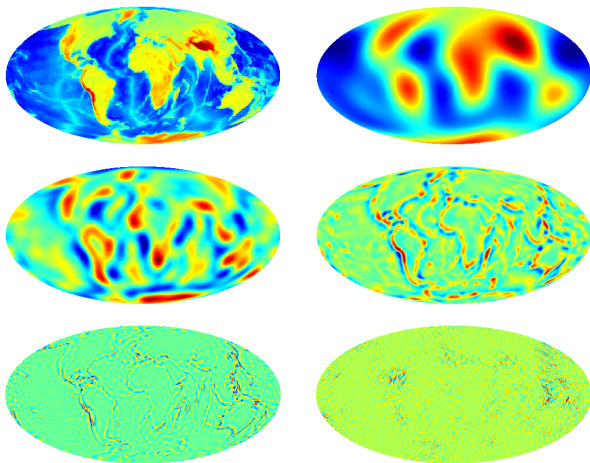


Figure: Scale-discretised wavelet transform of a topography map of the Earth.

Codes for scale-discretised wavelets on the sphere

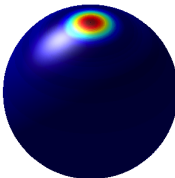


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S2LET code

S2LET: A code to perform fast wavelet analysis on the sphere

Leistedt, JDM, Wiaux, Vandergheynst (2012)

- C, Matlab, IDL, Java
- Support only axisymmetric wavelets at present
- Future extensions:
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 - Faster algorithms to perform wavelet transforms
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Observational signatures of cosmic strings

- **Spacetime** about a cosmic string is canonical, with a three-dimensional wedge removed (Vilenkin 1981).
- Strings moving transverse to the line of sight induce **line-like discontinuities** in the CMB (Kaiser & Stebbins 1984).
- The amplitude of the induced contribution scales with $G\mu$, the **string tension**.

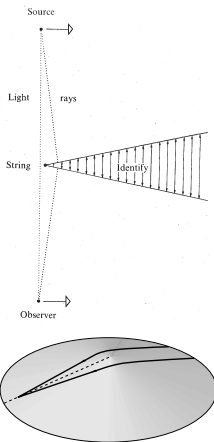
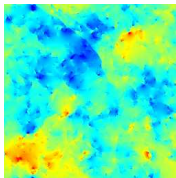


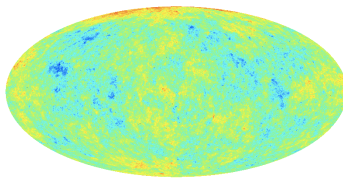
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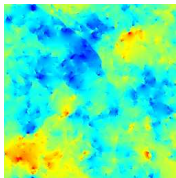


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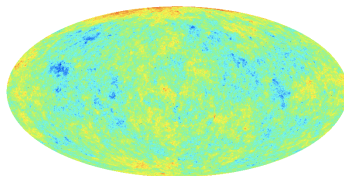
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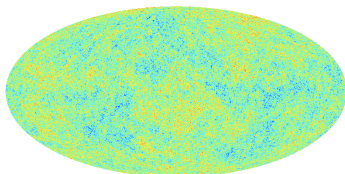


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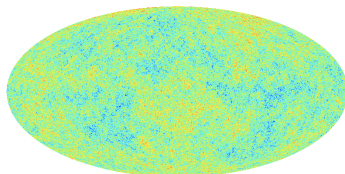


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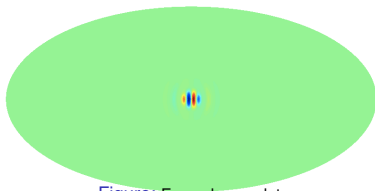


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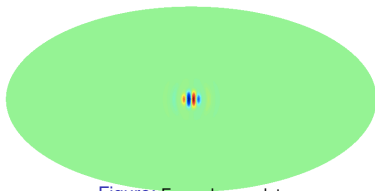


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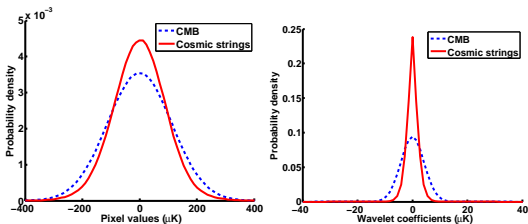


Figure: Distribution of CMB and string signal in pixel (left) and wavelet space (right).

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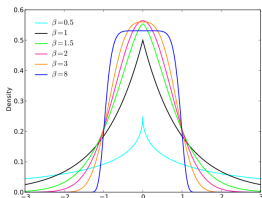


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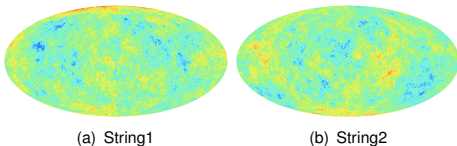


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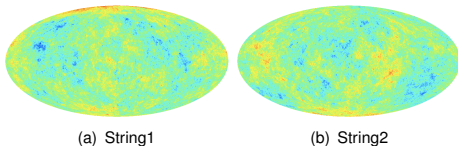


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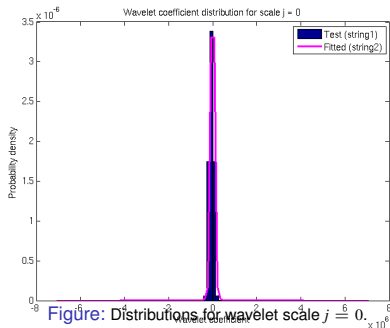


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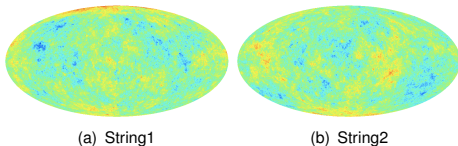


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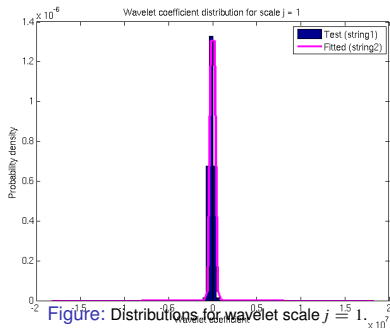


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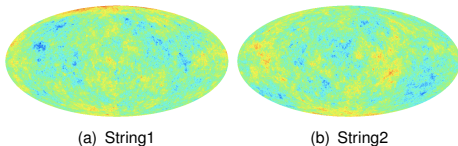


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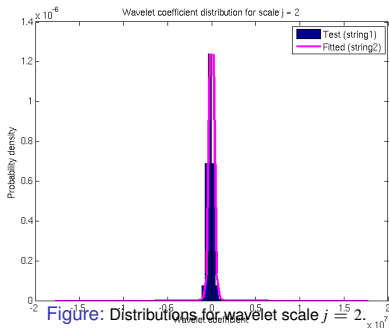


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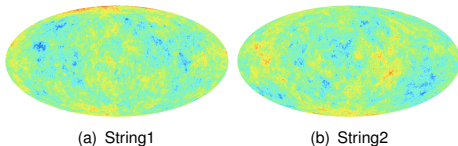


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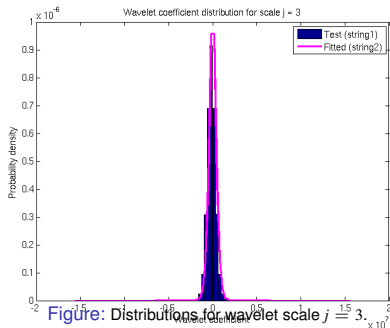


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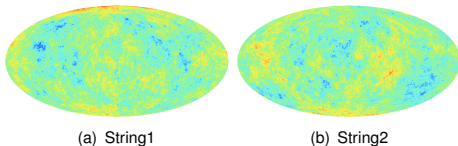


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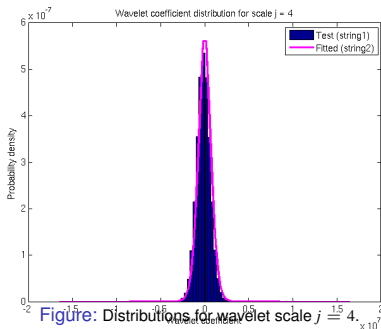


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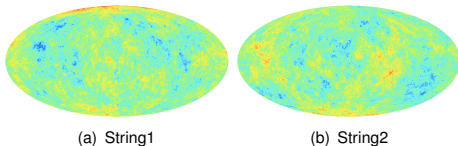


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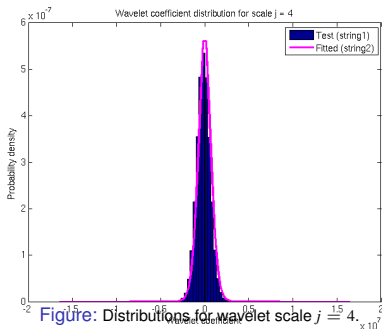


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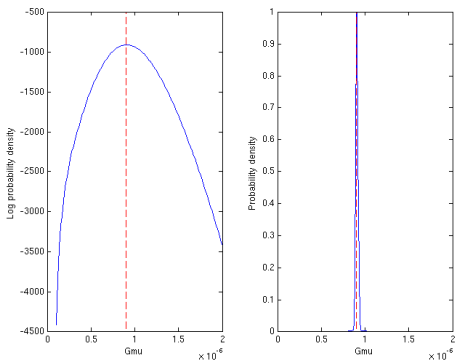


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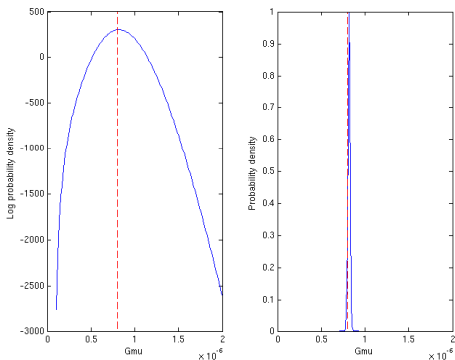


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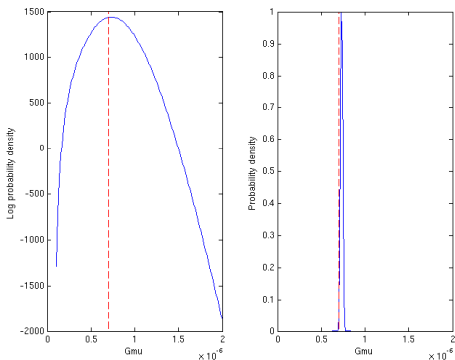


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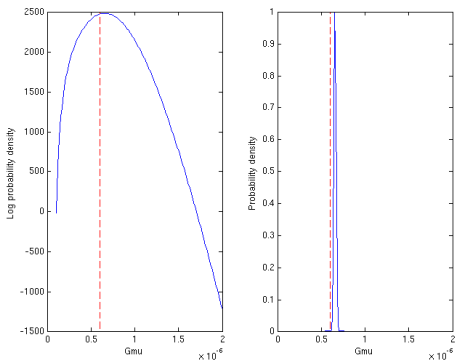


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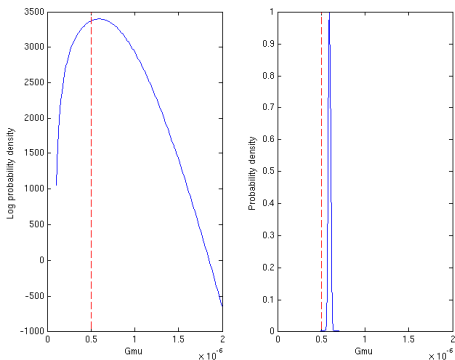


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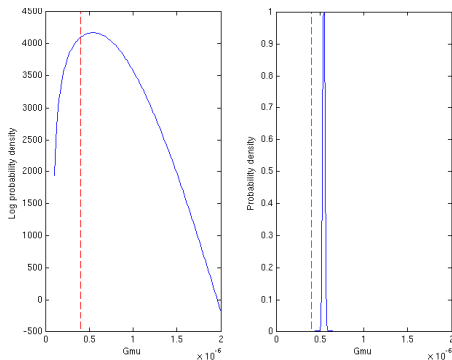


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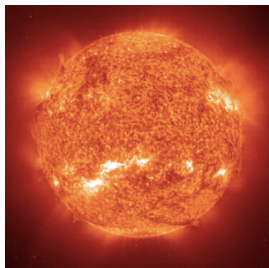
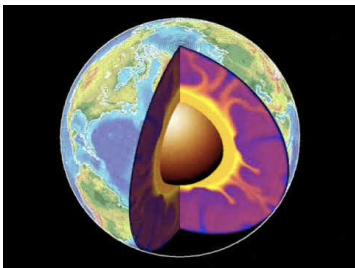
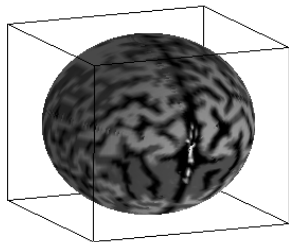
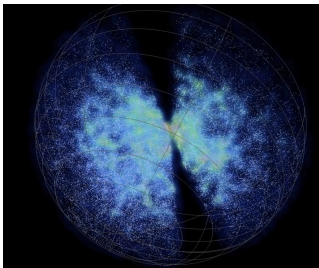
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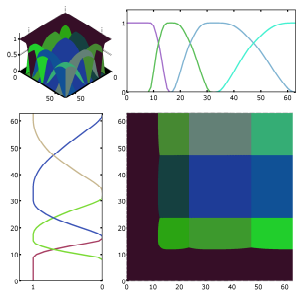


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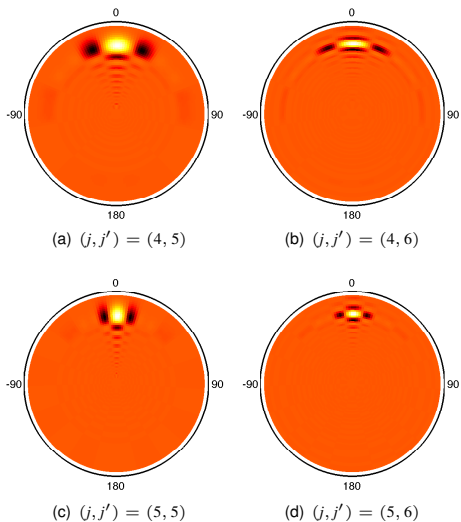


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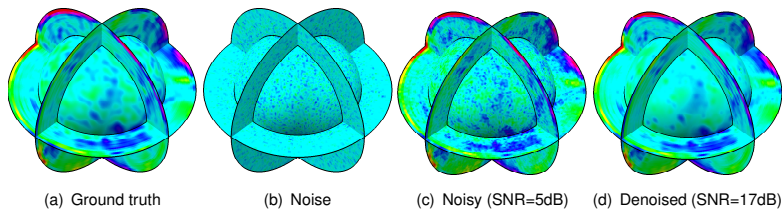


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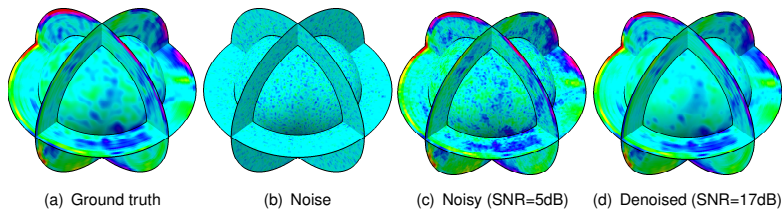


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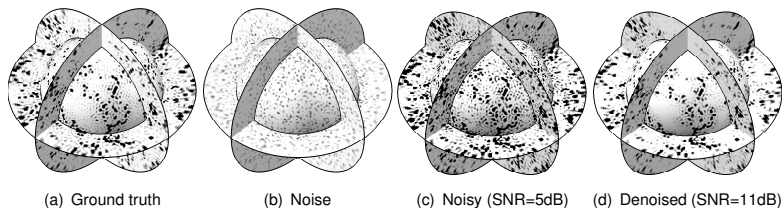
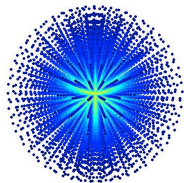


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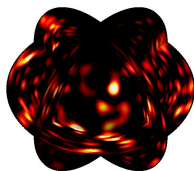


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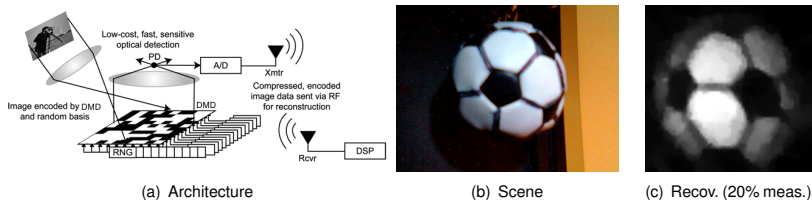


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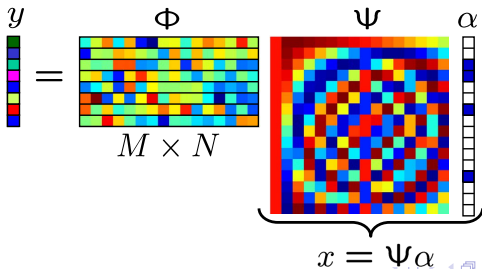
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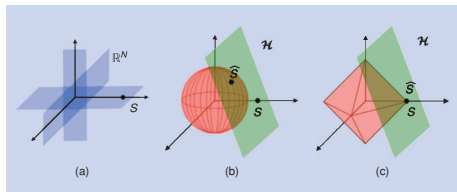
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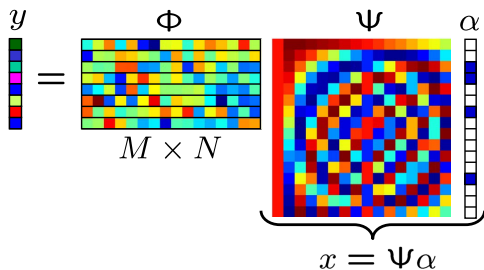
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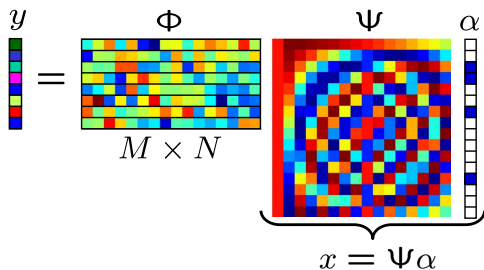
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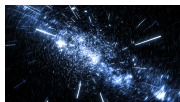
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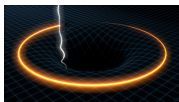
- **Square Kilometre Array (SKA)** first observations planned for 2019.
- Many other pathfinder telescopes under construction, *e.g.* LOFAR, ASKAP, MeerKAT, MWA.
- **New modelling and imaging techniques required** to ensure the next-generation of interferometric telescopes reach their full potential.



Figure: Artist impression of SKA dishes. [Credit: SKA Organisation]



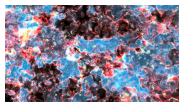
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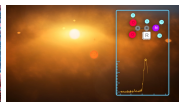
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(c) Cosmic magnetism



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Figure: SKA science goals. [Credit: SKA Organisation]

Radio interferometry

- The **complex visibility** measured by an interferometer is given by

$$\begin{aligned} y(\mathbf{u}, w) &= \int_{D^2} A(\mathbf{l}) x_p(\mathbf{l}) e^{-i2\pi[\mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{l}+w(n(\mathbf{l})-1)]} \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{n(\mathbf{l})} \\ &= \int_{D^2} A(\mathbf{l}) x_p(\mathbf{l}) C(\|\mathbf{l}\|_2) e^{-i2\pi\mathbf{u}\cdot\mathbf{l}} \frac{d^2\mathbf{l}}{n(\mathbf{l})}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{l} = (l, m)$, $\|\mathbf{l}\|^2 + n^2(\mathbf{l}) = 1$ and the **w-component** $C(\|\mathbf{l}\|_2)$ is given by

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- Interferometric imaging: **recover an image from noisy and incomplete Fourier measurements.**

Radio interferometric inverse problem

- Consider the resulting **ill-posed inverse problem** posed in the discrete setting:

$$y = \Phi x + n ,$$

with:

- incomplete Fourier measurements taken by the interferometer y ;
 - linear measurement operator Φ ;
 - underlying image x ;
 - noise n .
- **Measurement operator $\Phi = \mathbf{MFC A}$** incorporates:
 - **primary beam A** of the telescope;
 - **w -component modulation C** (responsible for the **spread spectrum** phenomenon);
 - **Fourier transform F** ;
 - **masking M** which encodes the incomplete measurements taken by the interferometer.

Interferometric imaging with compressed sensing

- Solve by applying a **prior on sparsity** of the signal in a **sparsifying basis** Ψ or in the **magnitude of its gradient**.
- Recover image by solving:

- **Basis Pursuit denoising** problem

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- **Total Variation (TV) denoising** problem

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- ℓ_1 -norm $\|\cdot\|_1$ is given by the sum of the absolute values of the signal.
- TV norm $\|\cdot\|_{\text{TV}}$ is given by the ℓ_1 -norm of the gradient of the signal.
- Tolerance ϵ is related to an estimate of the noise variance.

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where $W \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D}$ is a diagonal matrix with positive weights.

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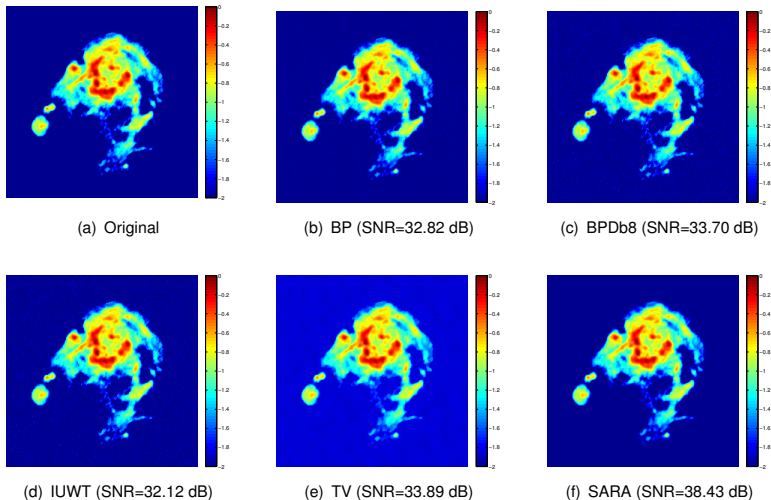


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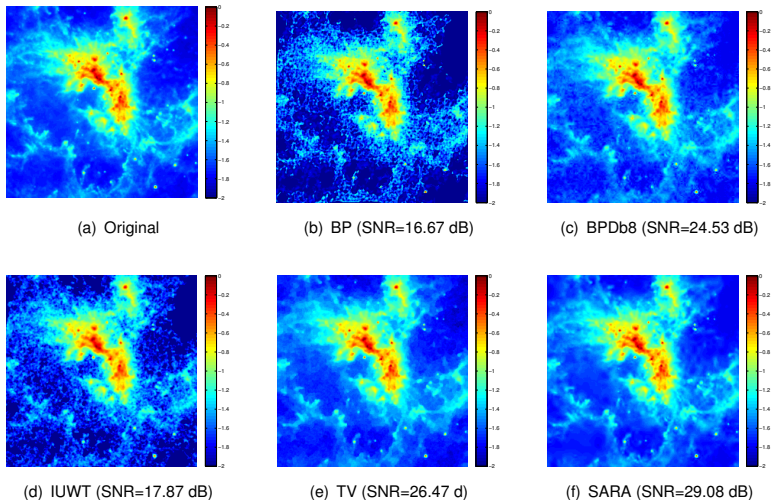
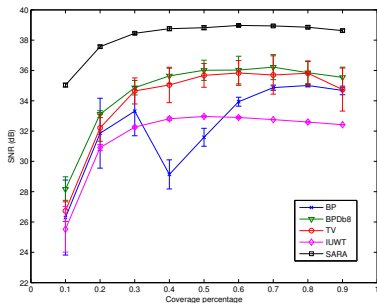
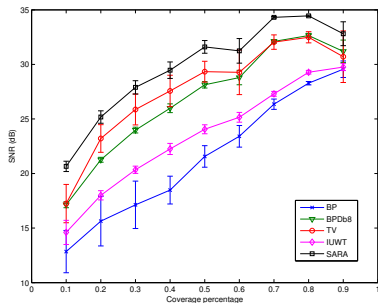


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