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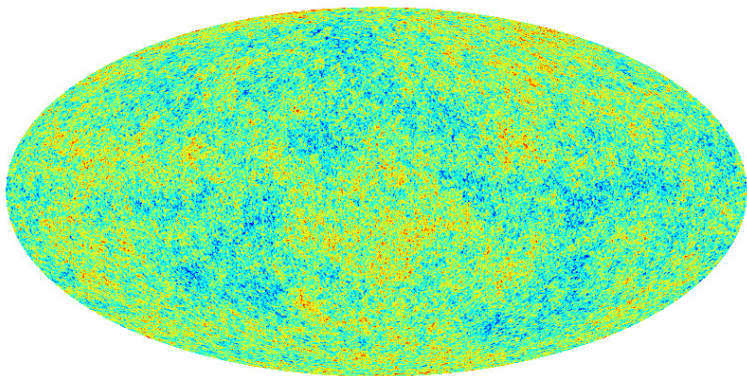
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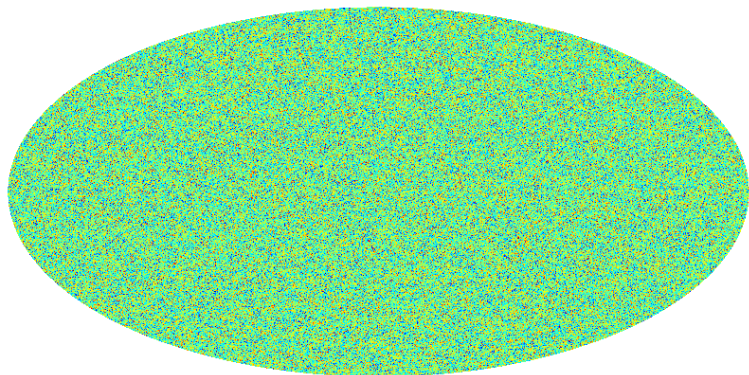
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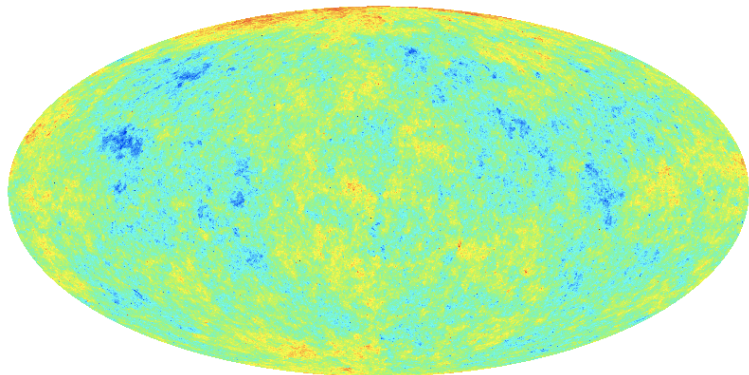
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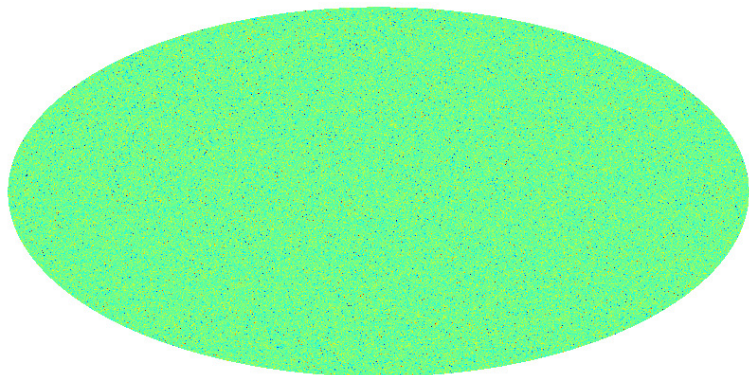
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[Credit: Ringeval *et al.* (2012)]

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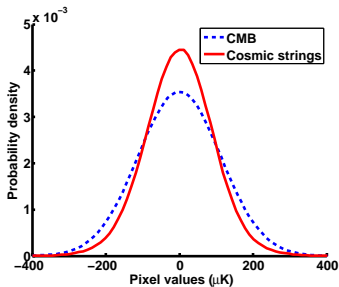
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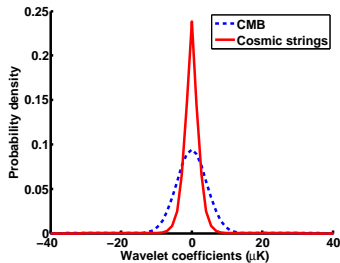
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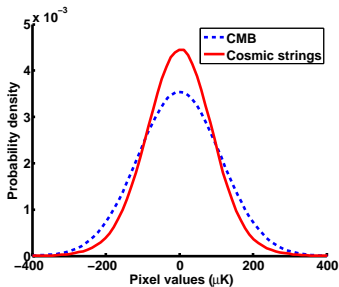
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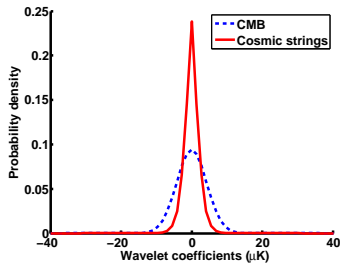
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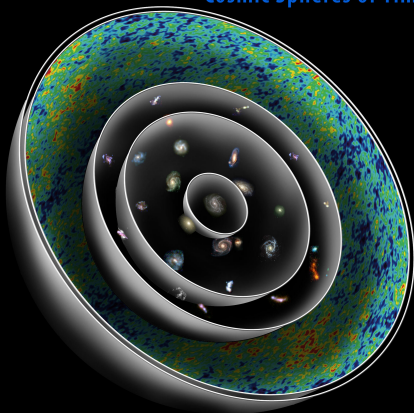
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Cosmological observations live on spherical manifolds

Cosmic Spheres of Time



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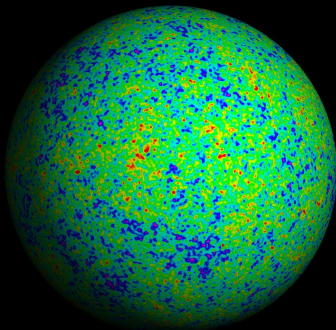
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Cosmic microwave background (CMB)



Credit: WMAP

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- Canonical sampling theorem on the sphere derived by [Driscoll & Healy \(1994\)](#).

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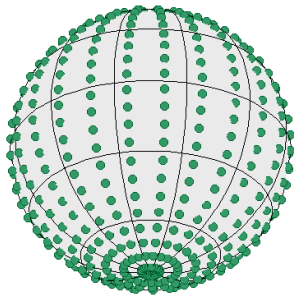


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- **Reduced the Nyquist rate** on the sphere by a factor of **two**.

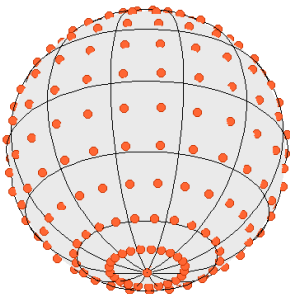
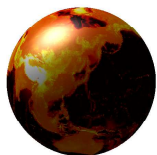


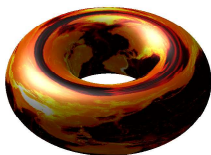
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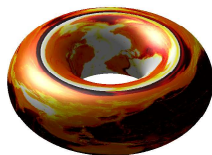
- New sampling theorem follows by **associating the sphere with the torus** through a periodic extension.
- Similar in flavour to making a **periodic extension** in θ of a function f on the sphere.



(a) Function on sphere



(b) Even function on torus



(c) Odd function on torus

Figure: Associating functions on the sphere and torus

Numerical accuracy

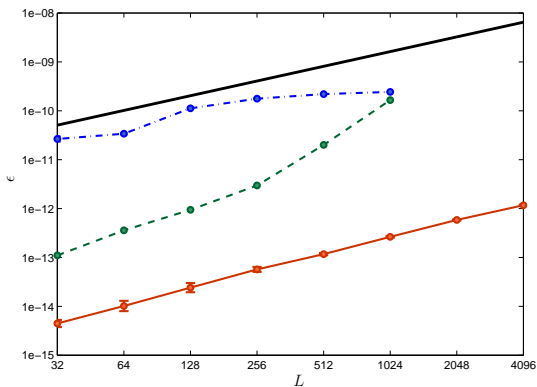


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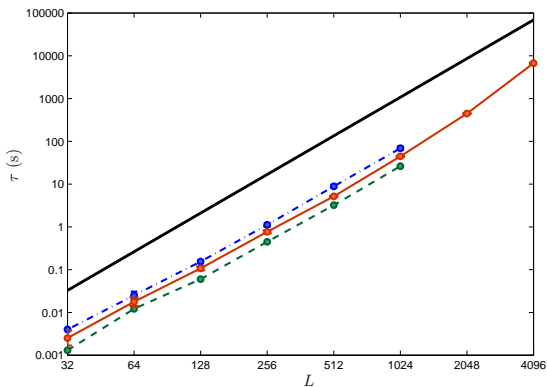
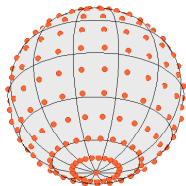


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Code to compute (spin) spherical harmonic transforms



SSHT code: Spin spherical harmonic transforms

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Wavelet transform in Euclidean space

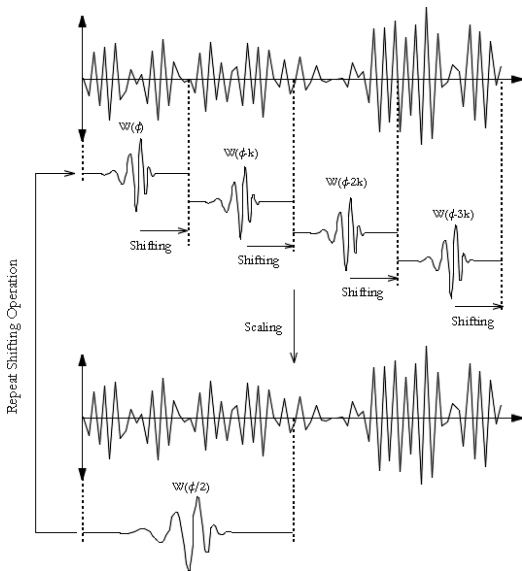


Figure: Wavelet scaling and shifting (Credit: <http://www.wavelet.org/tutorial/>)

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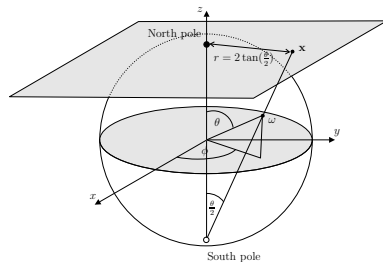


Figure: Stereographic projection.

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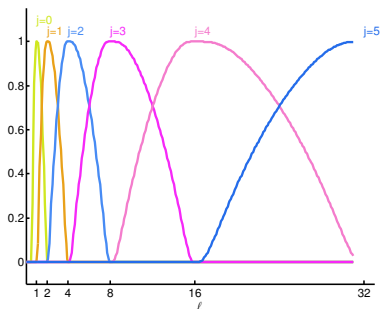


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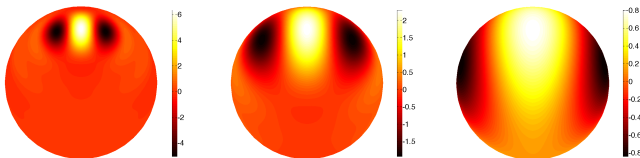


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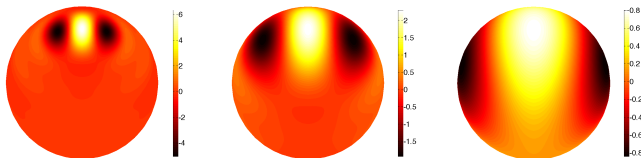


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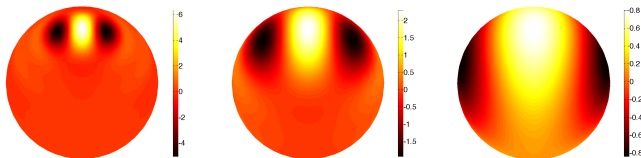


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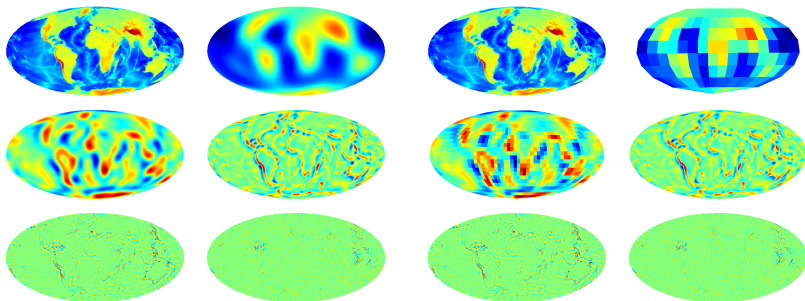
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Scale-discretised wavelet transform of the Earth



(a) Undecimated

(b) Multi-resolution

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

Codes to compute scale-discretised wavelets on the sphere

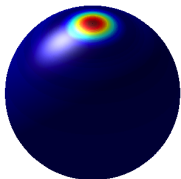


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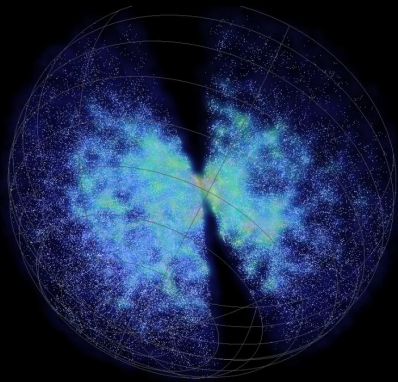
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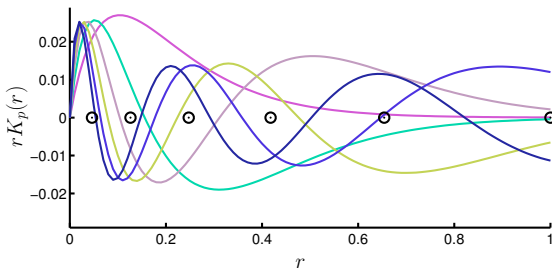


Figure: Functions $rK_p(r)$

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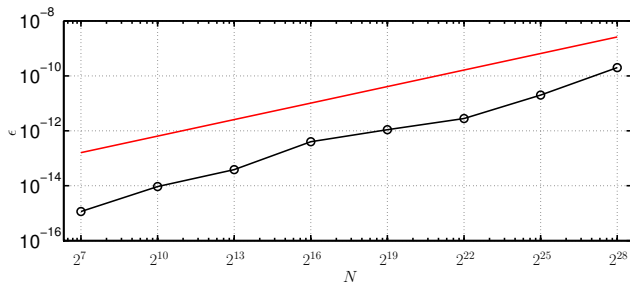


Figure: Numerical accuracy of Fourier-Laguerre transform

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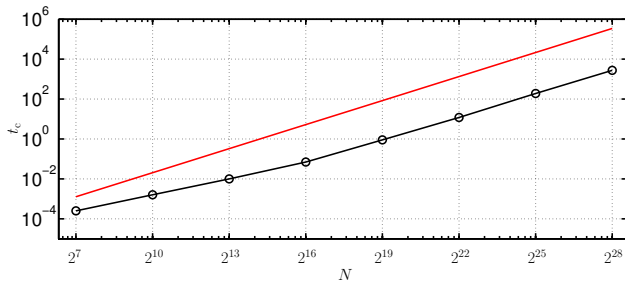
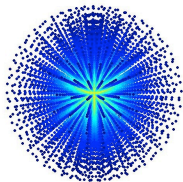


Figure: Computation time of Fourier-Laguerre transform

Code to compute the Fourier-Laguerre transform



FLAG code: Fourier-Laguerre transforms

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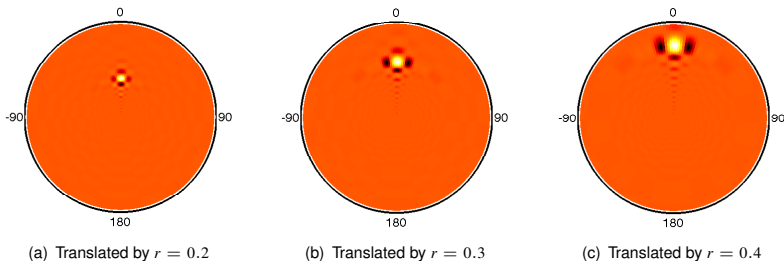


Figure: Slices of an axisymmetric flaglet wavelet plotted on the ball of radius $R = 0.5$.

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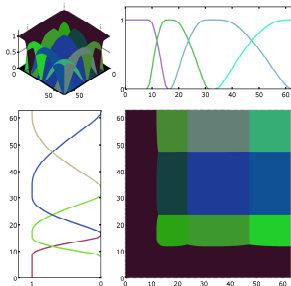


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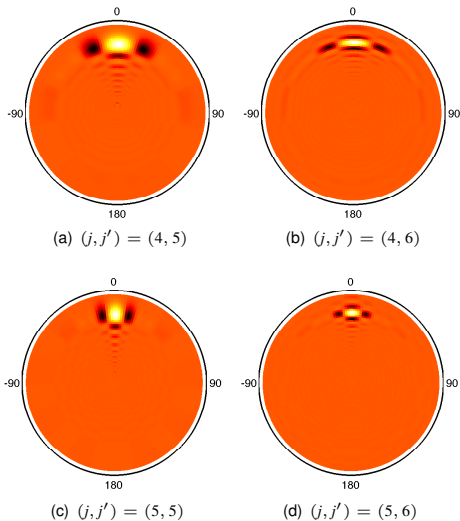


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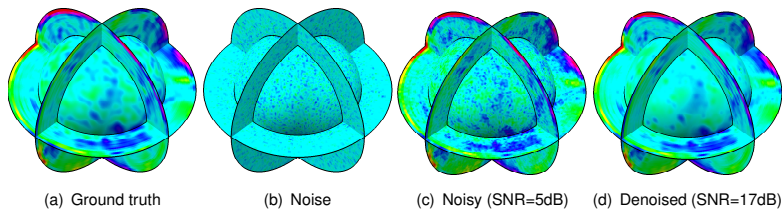


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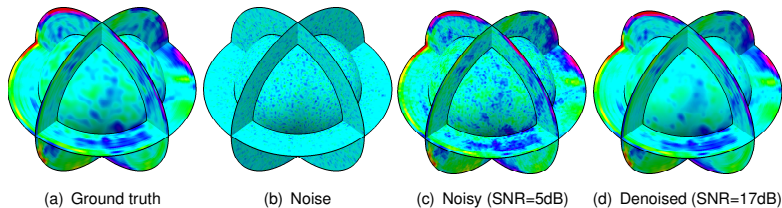


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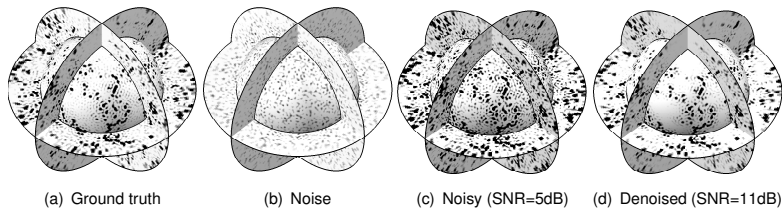
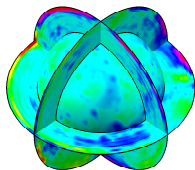


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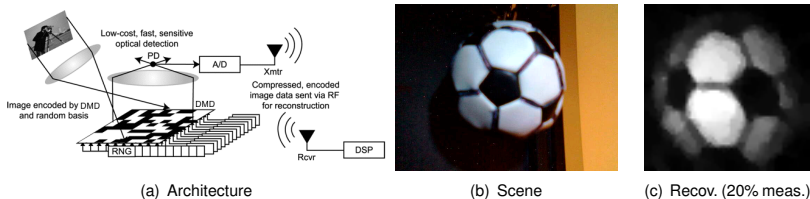


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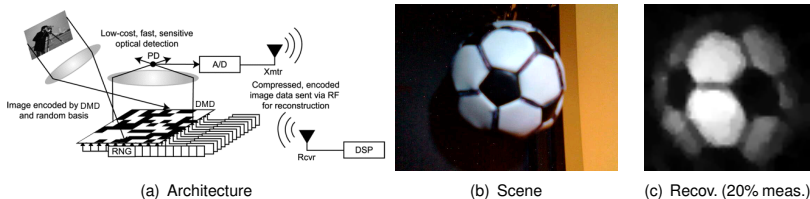


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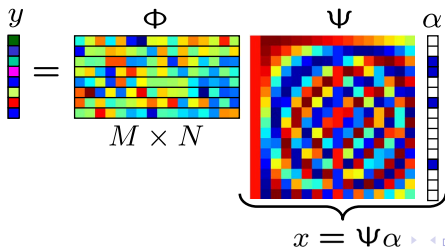
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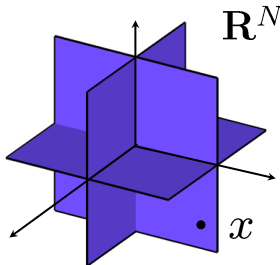


Figure: Space of the sparse vectors [Credit: Baraniuk]

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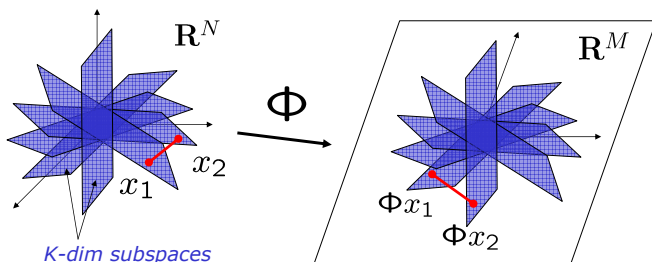


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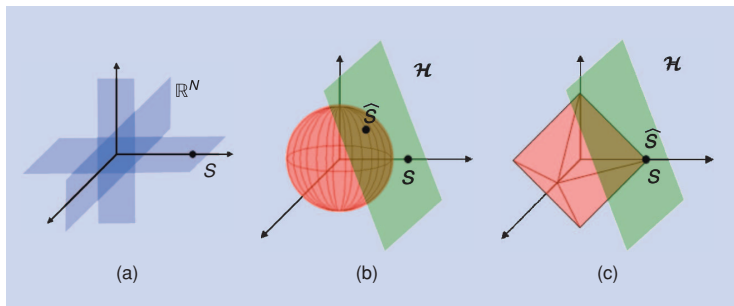


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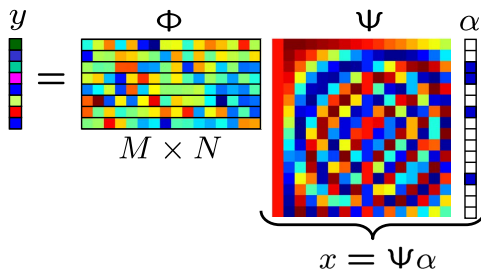
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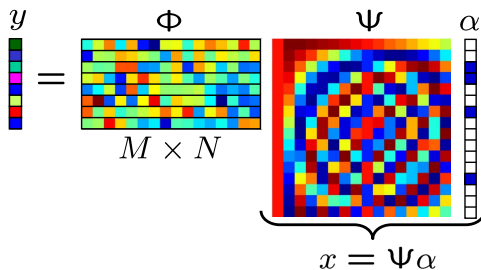
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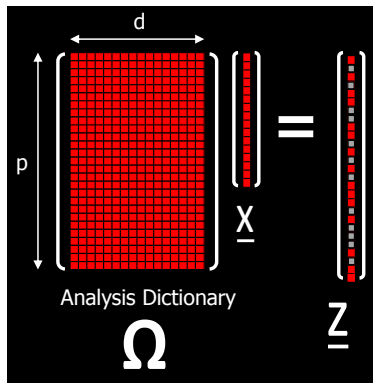
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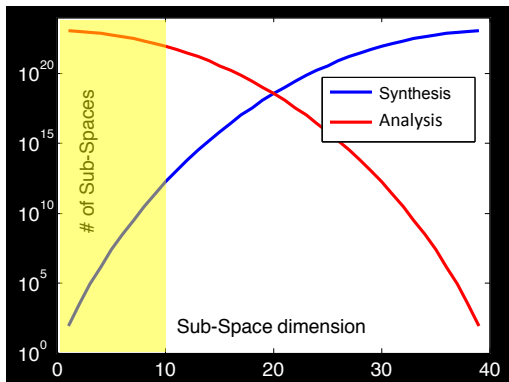
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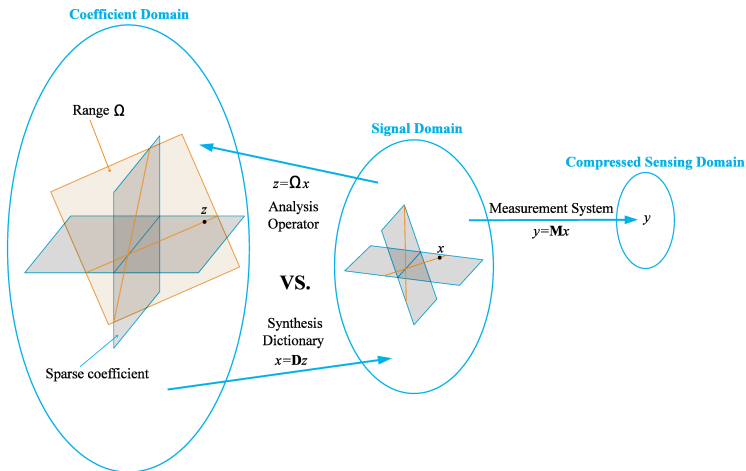


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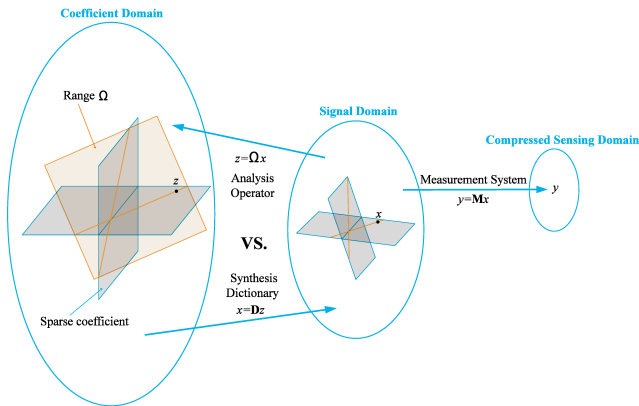


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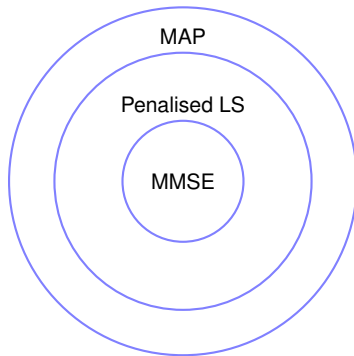
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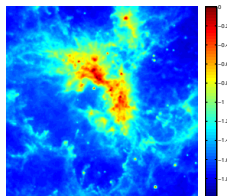
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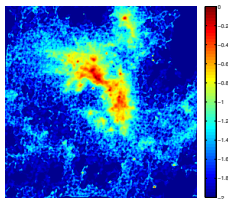
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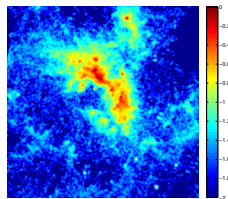
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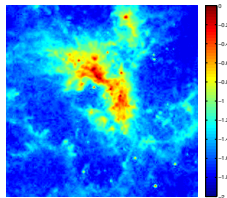
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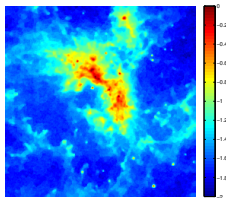
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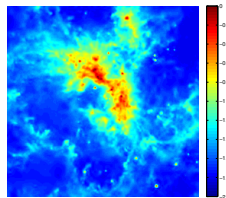
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Figure: Reconstruction example of 30Dor from 30% of visibilities.

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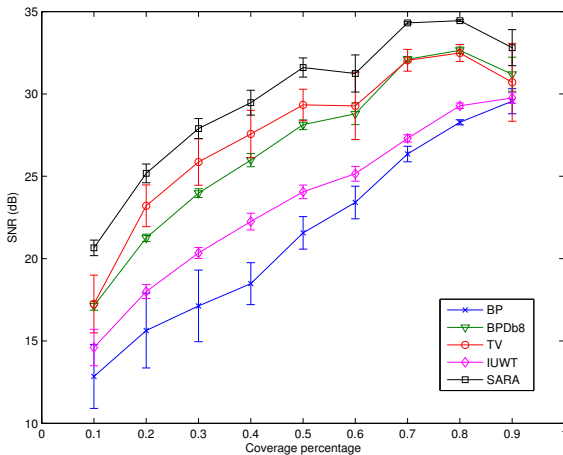


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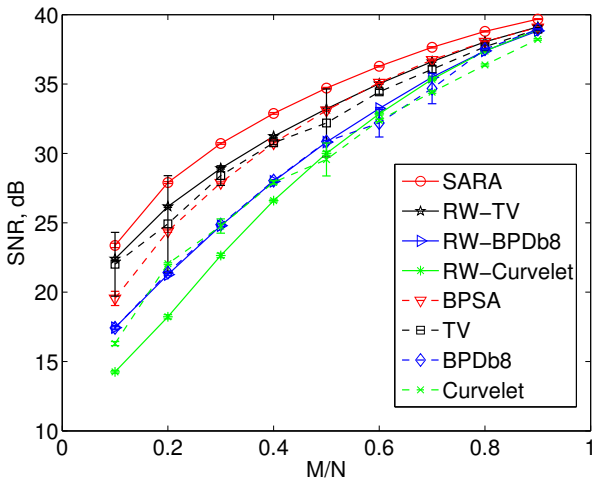


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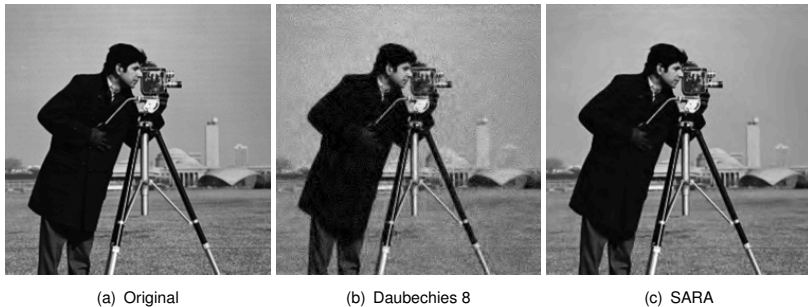


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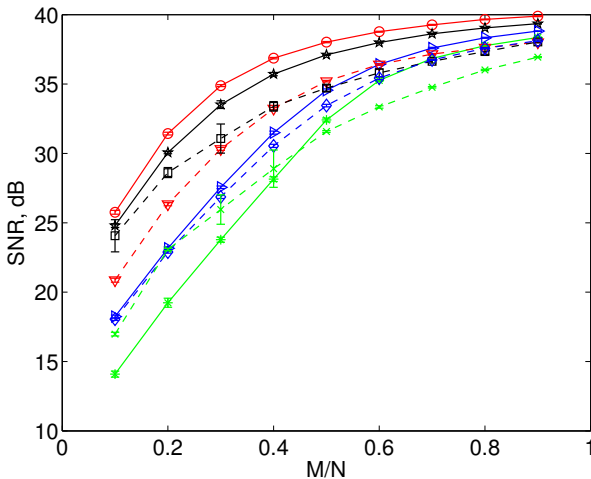


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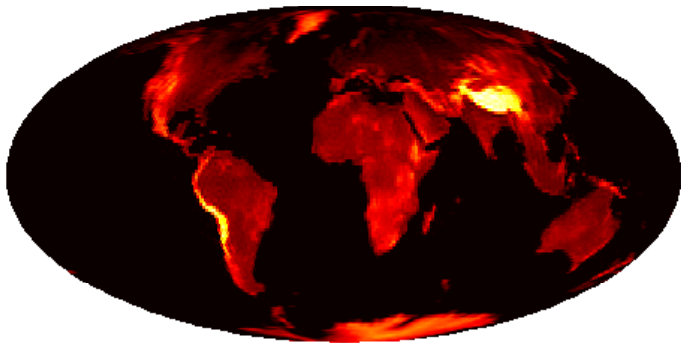


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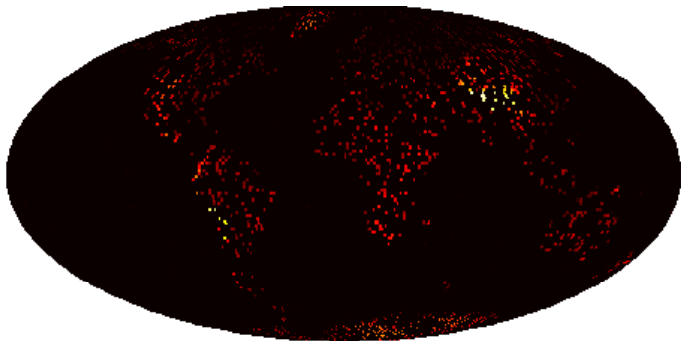


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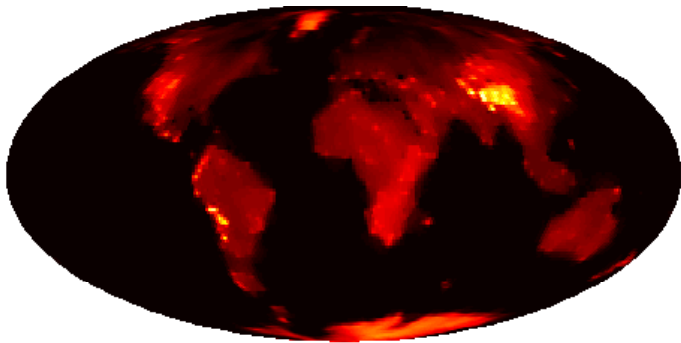


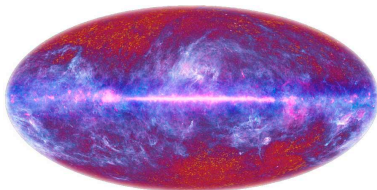
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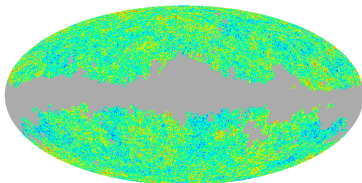
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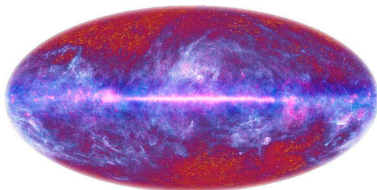
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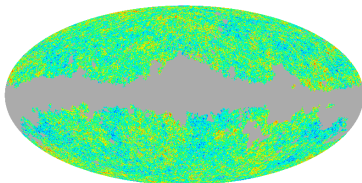
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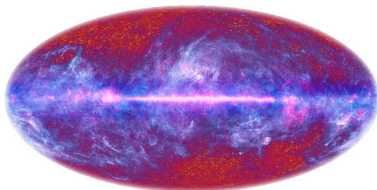
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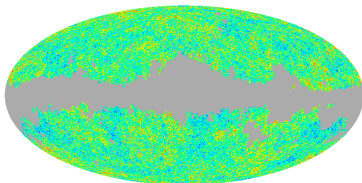
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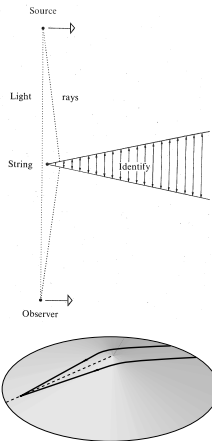
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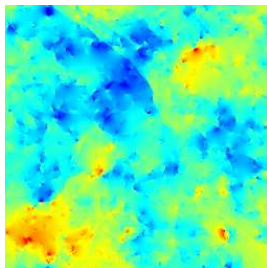


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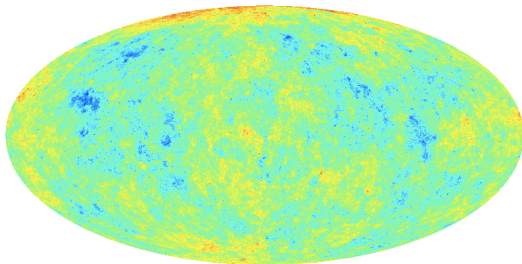
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(a) Flat patch (Fraisse *et al.* 2008)



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Figure: Cosmic string simulations.

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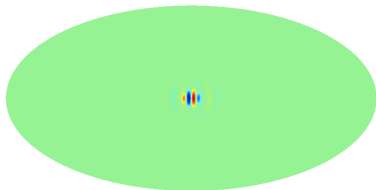


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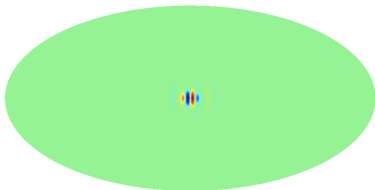


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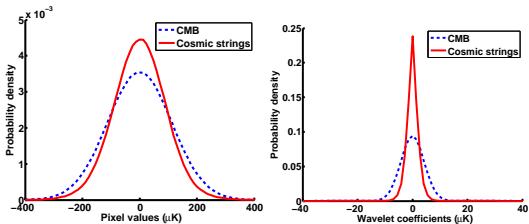


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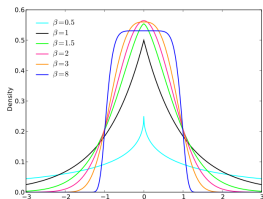


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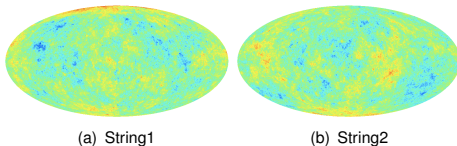


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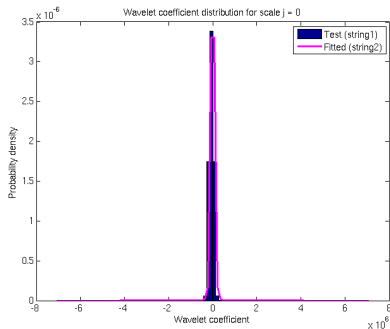


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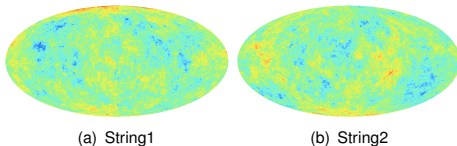


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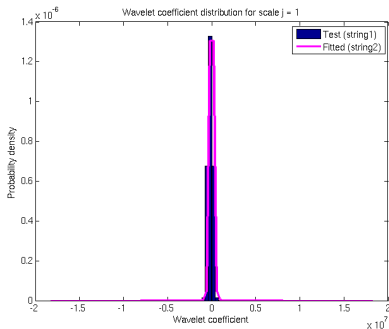


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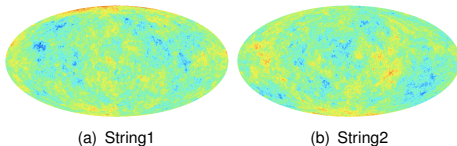


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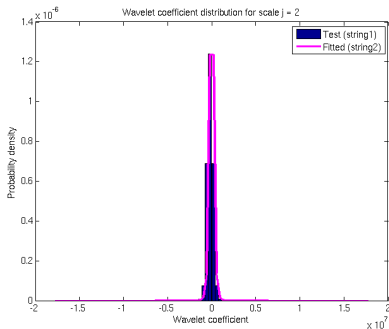


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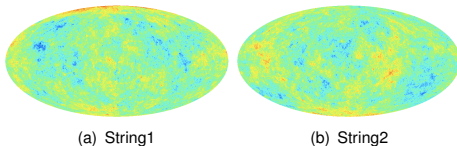


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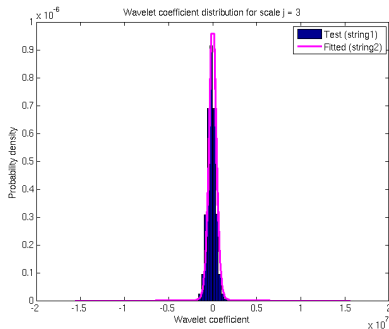


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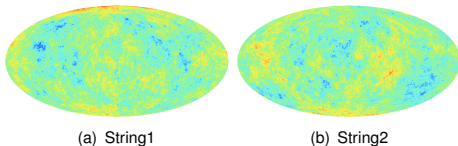


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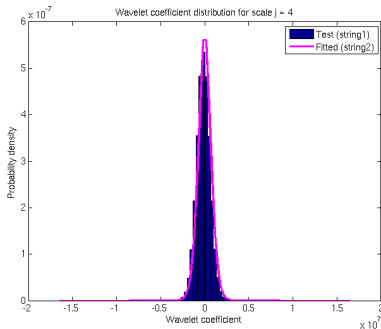


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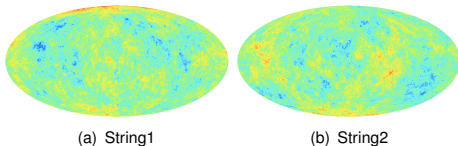


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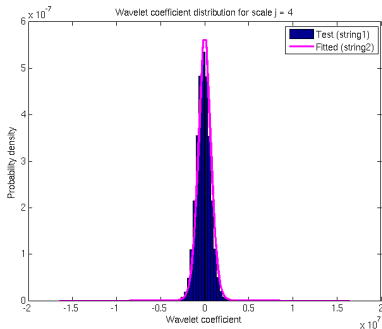


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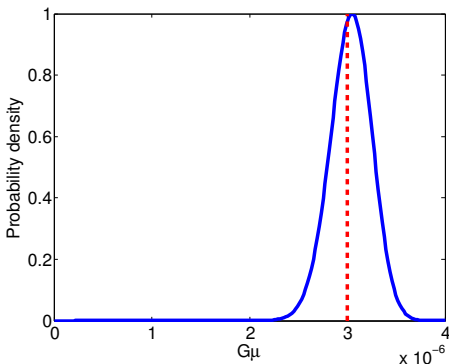


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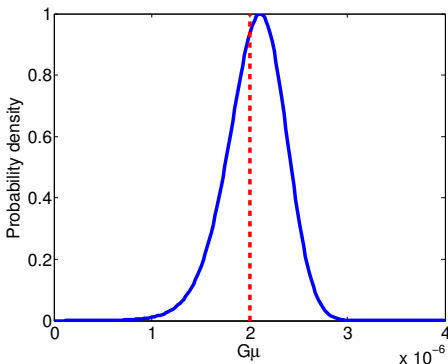


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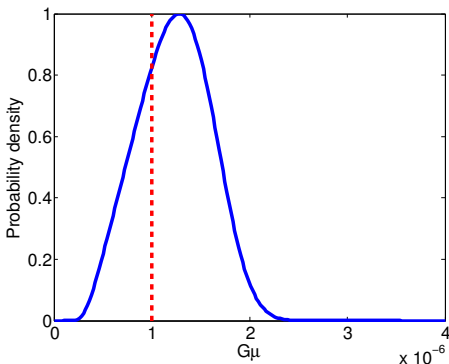


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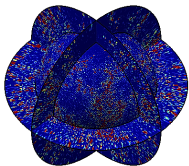
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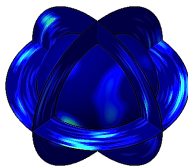
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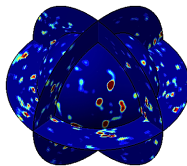
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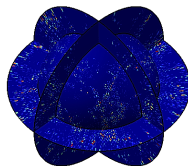
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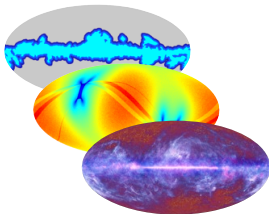


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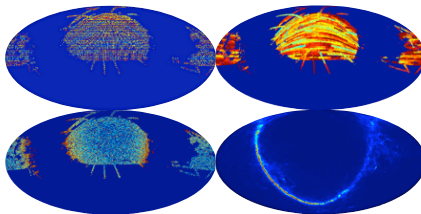


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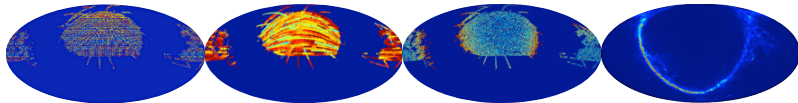
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Extra slides on sparse recovery

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 - **Improves the fidelity of sparse signal reconstruction**.
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$$y = \Phi x + n$$

where:

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ denotes the samples of f ;
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TV inpainting on the sphere

- Develop a framework for **total variation (TV) inpainting** on the sphere as illustrative example to study implications of sampling theorems (McEwen *et al.* 2013).
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- TV inpainting problem **solved in harmonic space**:

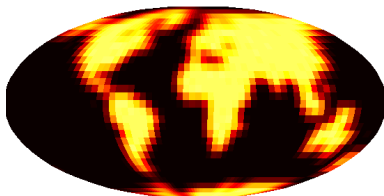
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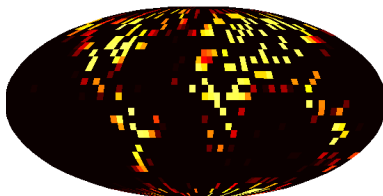
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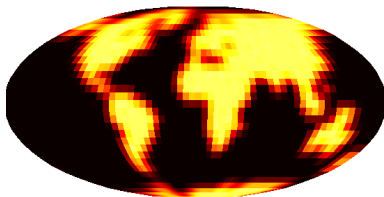


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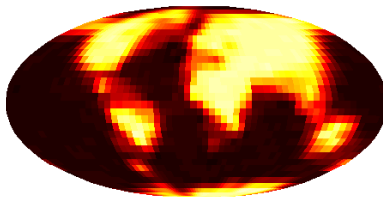
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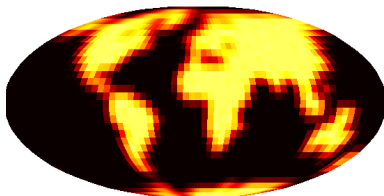


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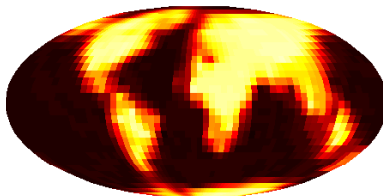
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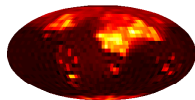
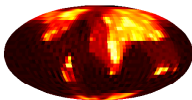
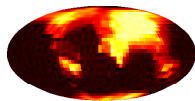
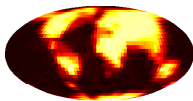
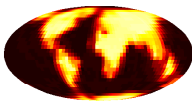
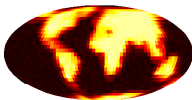
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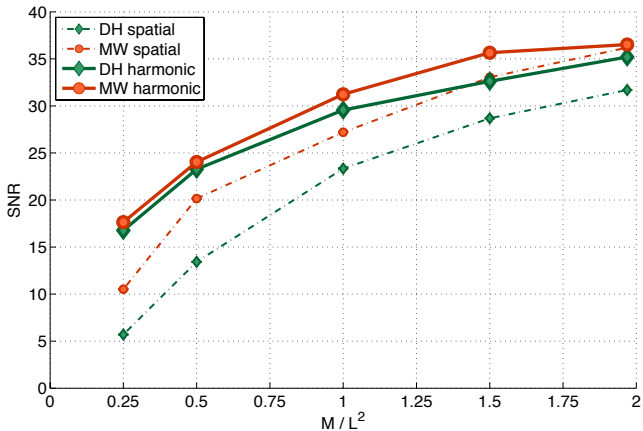


Figure: Reconstruction performance for the DH and MW sampling theorems

TV inpainting: high-resolution simulations

- Previously limited to low-resolution simulations.
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- Develop fast adjoints for the McEwen & Wiaux (2011) sampling theorem only.

Fast adjoint inverse spherical harmonic transform

$$\tilde{s}f^\dagger(\theta_t, \varphi_p) = \begin{cases} sf(\theta_t, \varphi_p), & t \in \{0, 1, \dots, L-1\} \\ 0, & t \in \{L, \dots, 2L-2\} \end{cases}$$

$${}_sF_{mm'}^\dagger = \sum_{t=0}^{2L-2} \sum_{p=0}^{2L-2} \tilde{s}f^\dagger(\theta_t, \varphi_p) e^{-i(m'\theta_t + m\varphi_p)}$$

$${}_s f_{\ell m}^\dagger = (-1)^s i^{m+s} \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} \sum_{m'=-\ell}^{\ell} \Delta_{m'm}^\ell \Delta_{m',-s}^\ell {}_s F_{mm'}^\dagger$$

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Fast adjoint forward spherical harmonic transform

$${}_sG_{mm'}^\dagger = (-1)^s i^{-(m+s)} \sum_{\ell=0}^{L-1} \sqrt{\frac{2\ell+1}{4\pi}} \Delta_{m'm}^\ell \Delta_{m',-s}^\ell {}_s f_{\ell m}$$

$${}_sF_{mm'}^\dagger = 2\pi \sum_{m'=-L}^{L-1} {}_sG_{mm'}^\dagger w(m' - m'')$$

$${}_s\tilde{F}_m^\dagger(\theta_t) = \frac{1}{2L-1} \sum_{m'=-L}^{L-1} {}_sF_{mm'}^\dagger e^{im'\theta_t}$$

$${}_sF_m^\dagger(\theta_t) = \begin{cases} {}_s\tilde{F}_m^\dagger(\theta_t) + (-1)^{m+s} {}_s\tilde{F}_m^\dagger(\theta_{2L-2-t}), & t \in \{0, 1, \dots, L-2\} \\ {}_s\tilde{F}_m^\dagger(\theta_t), & t = L-1 \end{cases}$$

$${}_s f^\dagger(\theta_t, \varphi_p) = \frac{1}{2L-1} \sum_{m=-L}^{L-1} {}_s F_m^\dagger(\theta_t) e^{im\varphi_p}$$

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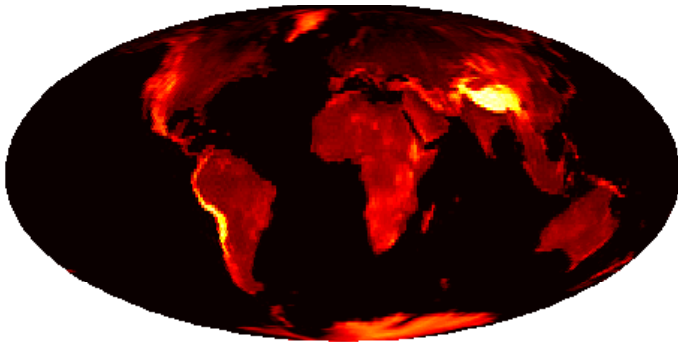


Figure: Ground truth at $L = 128$.

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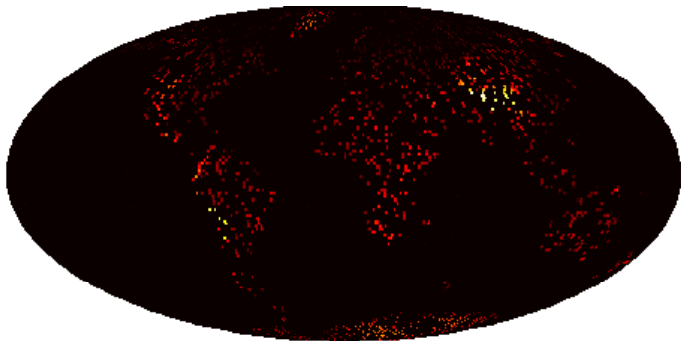


Figure: Measurements at $L = 128$ for $M/2L^2 = 1/8$.

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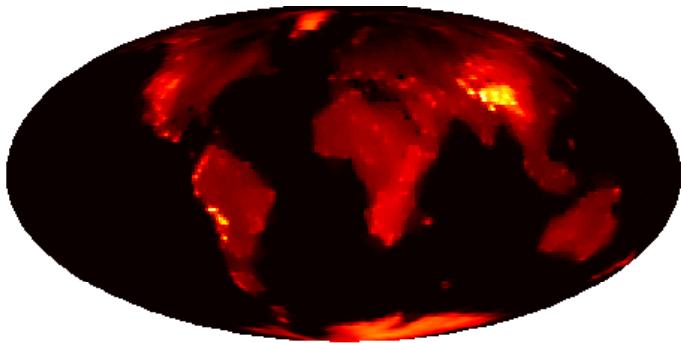


Figure: MW reconstruction in the harmonic domain at $L = 128$ for $M/2L^2 = 1/8$ ($\text{SNR}_1 = 20\text{dB}$).