

# Spherical signal processing for cosmology

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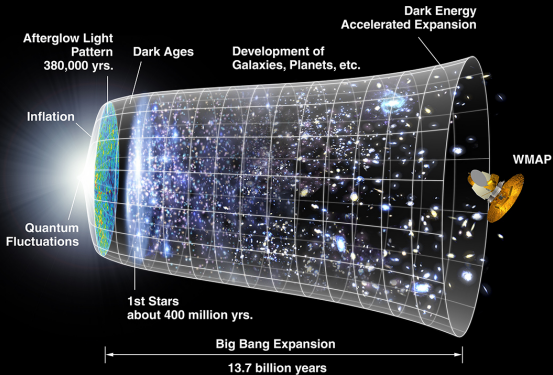
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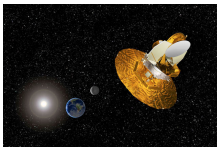
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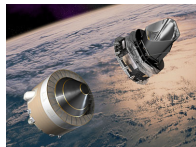
- Full-sky observations of the CMB ongoing.



(a) COBE (launched 1989)



(b) WMAP (launched 2001)



(c) Planck (launched 2009)

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

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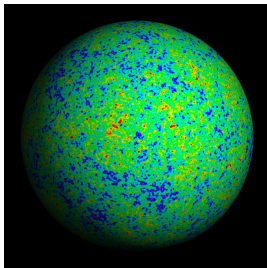
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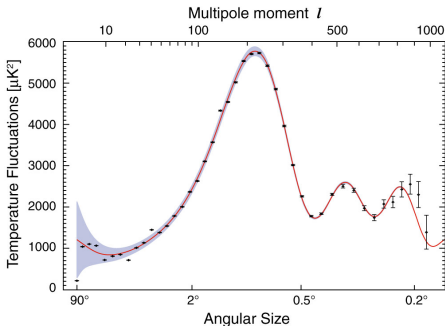
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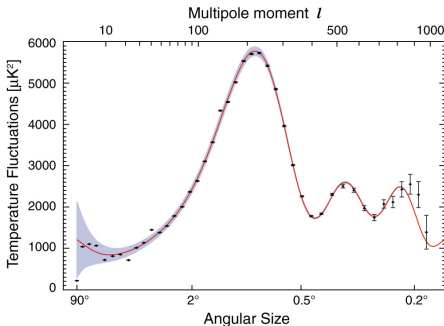
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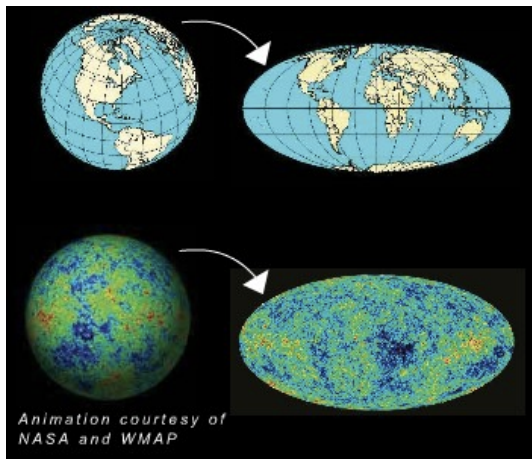
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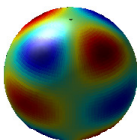
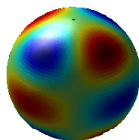
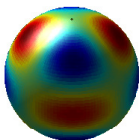
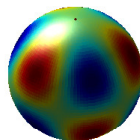
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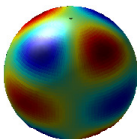
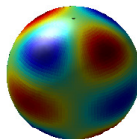
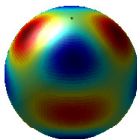
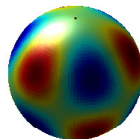
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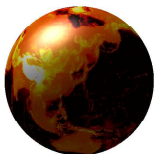
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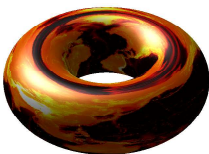
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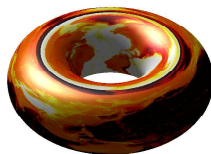
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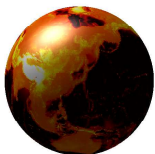
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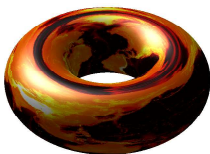
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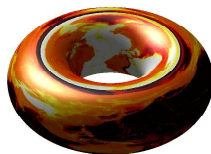
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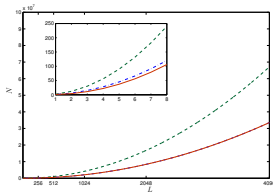
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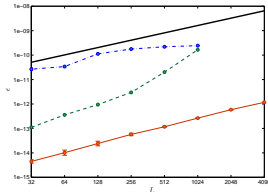
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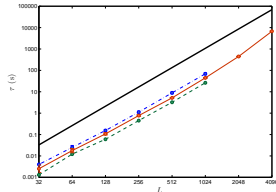
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- **No precomputation** and **very flexible regarding use of Wigner recursions**
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Figure: Performance of various sampling theorems (DH sampling theorem; new sampling theorem)

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## TV inpainting

- Consider inpainting problem  $y = \Phi x + n$  in the context of different sampling theorems, where:
  - the samples of  $f$  are denoted by the concatenated vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ;
  - $N$  is the number of samples on the sphere of the chosen sampling theorem;
  - $M$  noisy measurements  $y \in \mathbb{R}^M$  are acquired;
  - the measurement operator  $\Phi \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$  represents a random masking of the signal;
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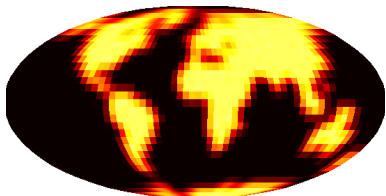
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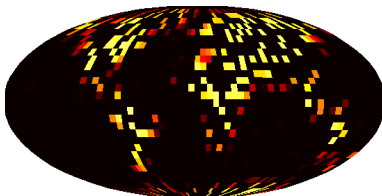
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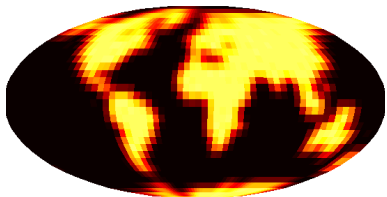


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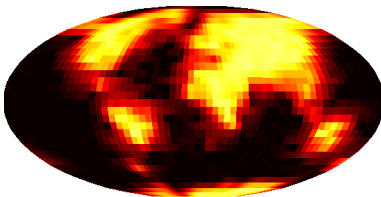
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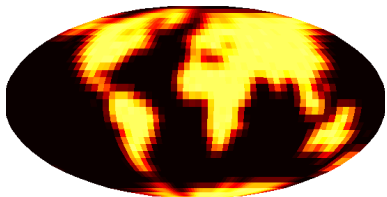


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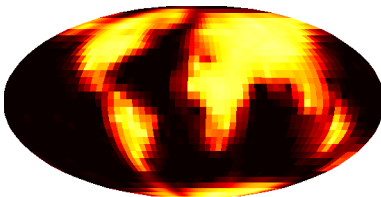
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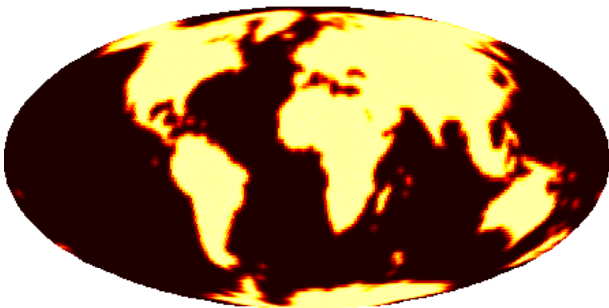


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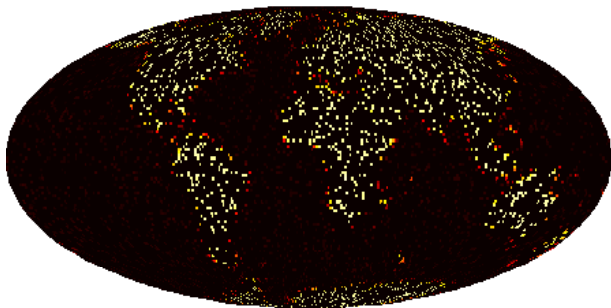


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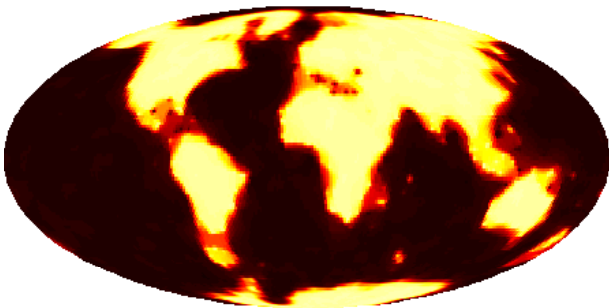


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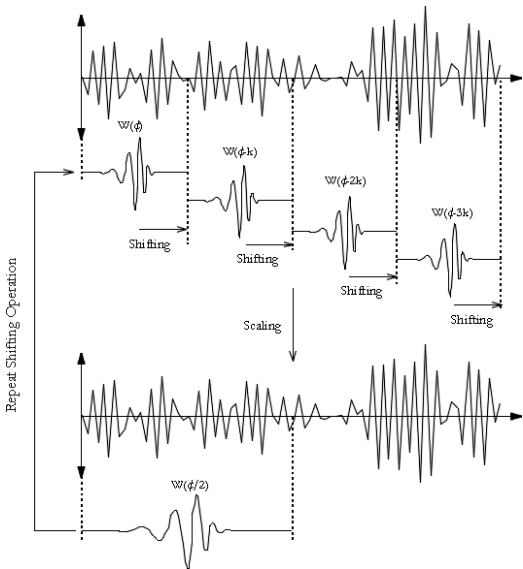


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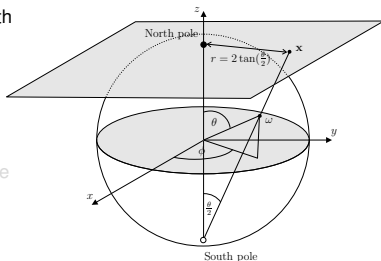
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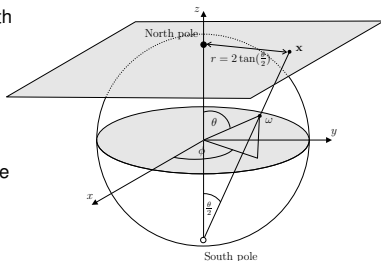
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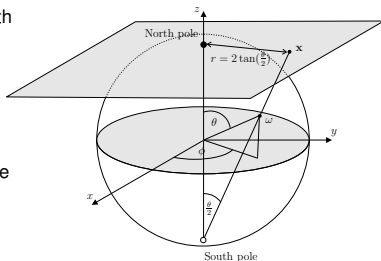
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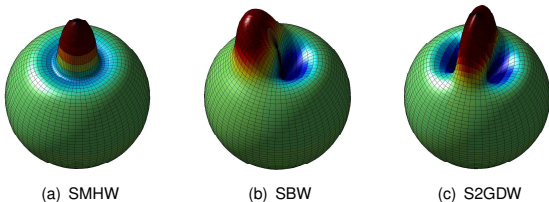


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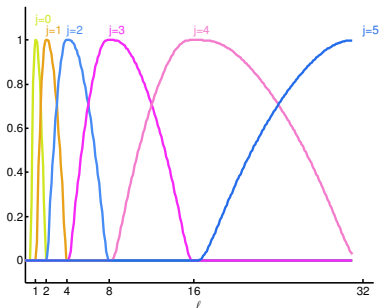


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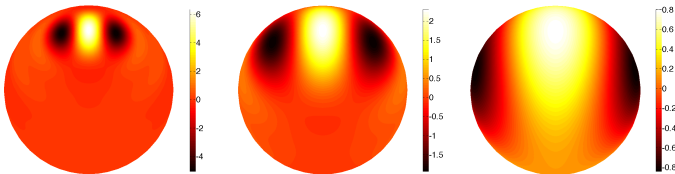


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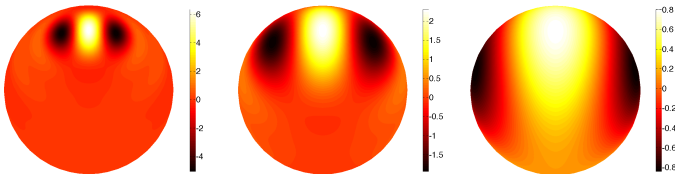


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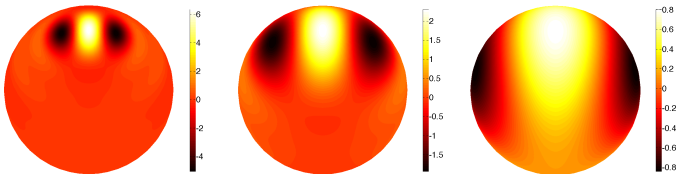
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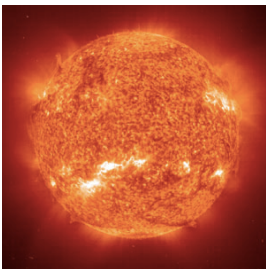
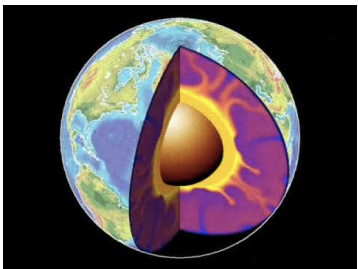
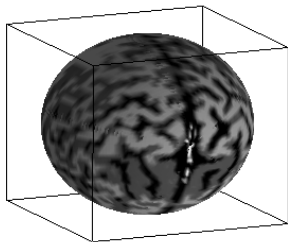
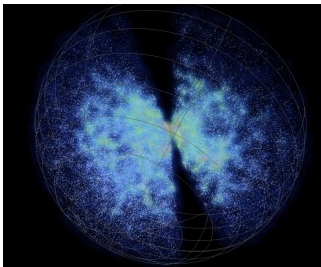
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# Data on the three-ball (solid sphere)



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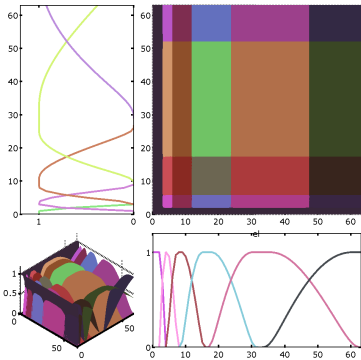


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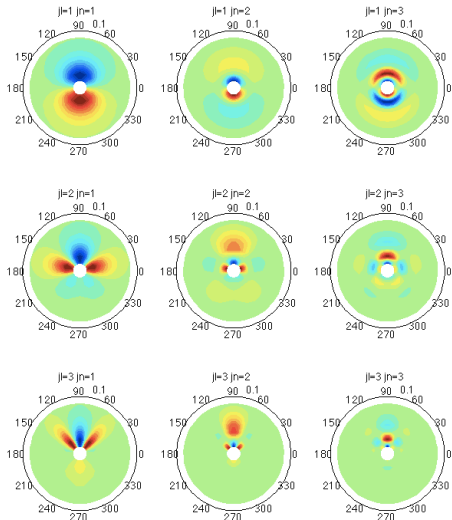


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## Upcoming publication

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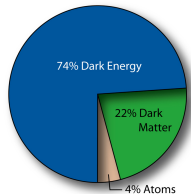
## Codes

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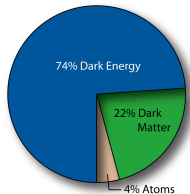
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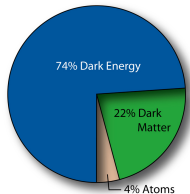


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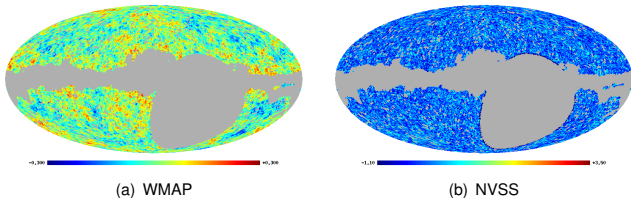


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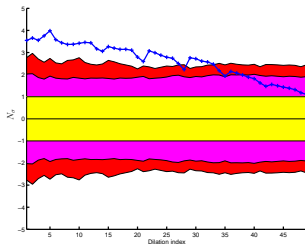


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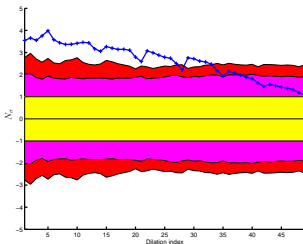


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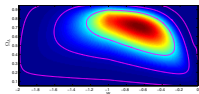


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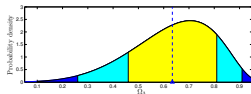
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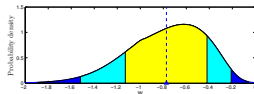
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