

Sparse recovery with minimal incoherence

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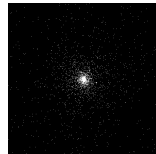
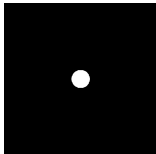
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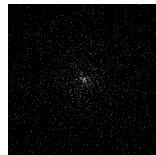
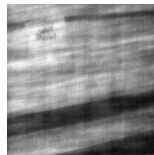
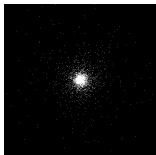


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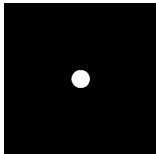


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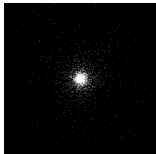
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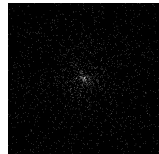
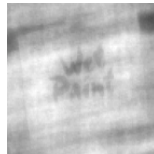
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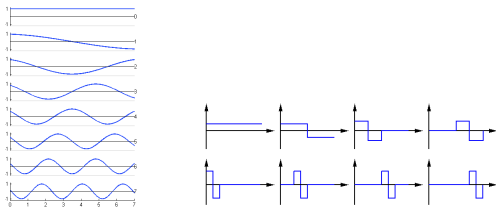
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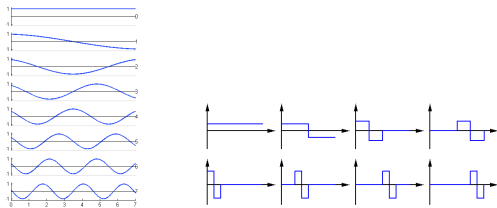


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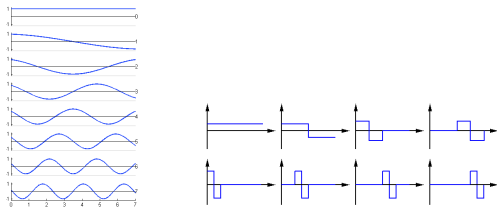


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2D Fourier \rightarrow Haar:

1. $\kappa_{\max}^2 = N$, but $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{l_1, l_2}^N \kappa_{l_1, l_2}^2 \leq \log(N)$, so optimal sparse recovery results up to factor of $\log(N)$.
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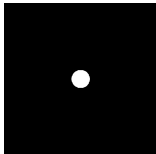
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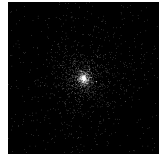
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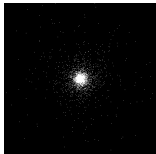
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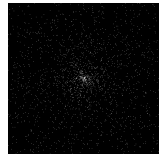
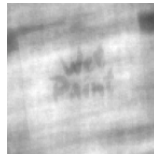
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- ▶ **G. Puy, P. Vandergheynst, and Y. Wiaux, 2011:** Proposed to use what we call “local coherences” to derive sampling strategies for Fourier/wavelet systems.
- ▶ **Adcock, Hansen, Poon, Roman 2013:** Asymptotic incoherence and asymptotic sparsity for Fourier / wavelet systems. Multilevel random subsampling. Take into account structured sparsity in wavelets

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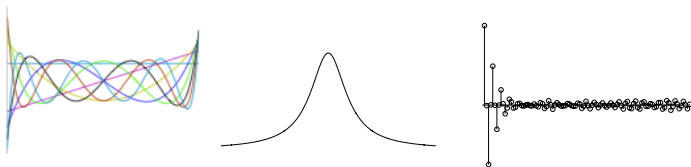
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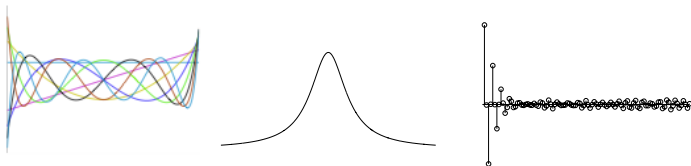
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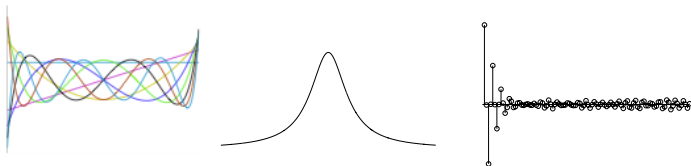
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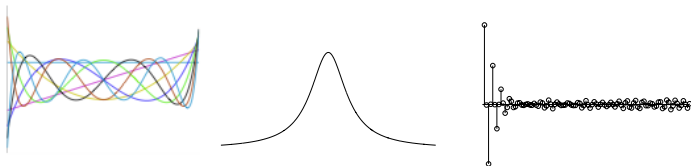
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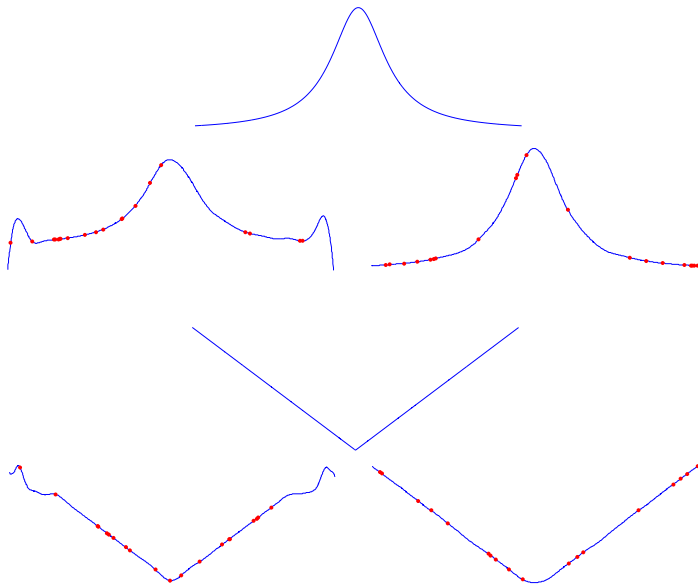
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