

# Applied Harmonic Analysis Methods in Imaging Science

## Introduction

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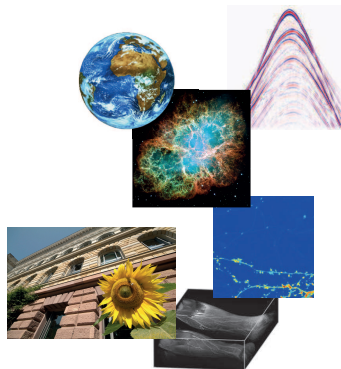
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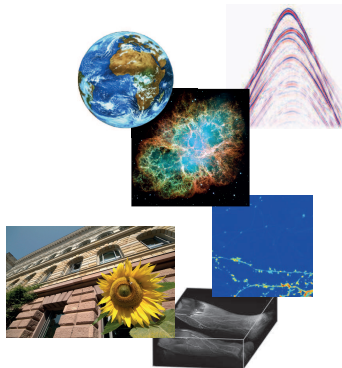


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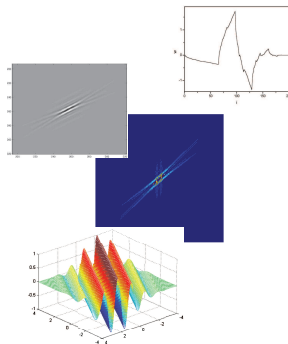
*What has Applied Harmonic Analysis to offer?*

# Applied Harmonic Analysis

Representation systems designed by **Applied Harmonic Analysis** concepts have established themselves as a standard tool in applied mathematics, computer science, and engineering.

## Examples:

- Wavelets.
- Ridgelets.
- Curvelets.
- Shearlets.
- ...



## Key Property:

*Fast Algorithms combined with **Sparse Approximation Properties!***

# An Applied Harmonic Analysis Viewpoint

Exploit a carefully designed representation system  $(\psi_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ :

$$\mathcal{H} \ni f \longrightarrow (\langle f, \psi_\lambda \rangle)_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \longrightarrow \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \langle f, \psi_\lambda \rangle \psi_\lambda = f.$$

Desiderata:

- Special features encoded in the “large” coefficients  $|\langle f, \psi_\lambda \rangle|$ .
- Efficient representations:

$$f \approx \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_N} \langle f, \psi_\lambda \rangle \psi_\lambda, \quad \#(\Lambda_N) \text{ small}$$

Goals:

- Modification of the coefficients according to the task.
- Derive high compression by considering only the “large” coefficients.

# Two Main Viewpoints

## Decomposition:

$$\mathcal{H} \ni f \longrightarrow (\langle f, \psi_\lambda \rangle)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}.$$

- Preprocessing (e.g. denoising).
- Analysis (e.g. feature detection).
- Clustering/Classification.
- ...

## Efficient Representations:

$$f = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} c_\lambda \psi_\lambda.$$

- Compression.
- Regularization of inverse problems.
- Ansatz functions for PDE solvers.
- ...

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- **Decay of Coefficients.** Consider the decay for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  of the sorted sequence of coefficients

$$(|\langle x, \psi_{\lambda_n} \rangle|)_n \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{C}.$$

- **Approximation Properties.** Consider the decay for  $N \rightarrow \infty$  of the error of best  $N$ -term approximation, i.e.,

$$\inf_{\#\Lambda_N=N, (c_\lambda)_\lambda} \left\| x - \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_N} c_\lambda \psi_\lambda \right\| \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathcal{C}.$$

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## Some Advantages of Redundancy:

- Flexibility in expansions  $x = \sum_{\lambda} c_\lambda \psi_\lambda$ .
- Robustness against loss of coefficients  $\langle x, \psi_\lambda \rangle$ .

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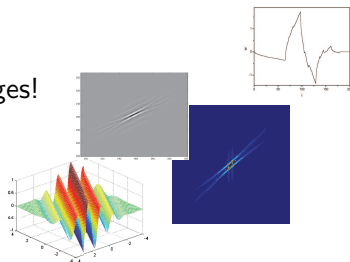
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$$\|x - x_N\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{A} \sum_{n>N} |\langle x, \psi_{\lambda_n} \rangle|^2.$$



## Desiderata:

- Multiscale representation system.
- Convenient structure: Operators applied to one generating function.
- Partition of Fourier domain.
- Space/frequency localization.
- Fast algorithms:  $x \mapsto (\langle x, \psi_\lambda \rangle)_\lambda \rightsquigarrow x$ .
- Optimality for the considered class.  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  In this Talk: Modeling natural images!



# Continuous versus Discrete

## Continuous World:

- Continuous index sets.
- Resolution of Singularities/Wavefront sets.
- More flexibility in scale  $\rightarrow 0$ .
- Allows strong theoretical results.

## Discrete World:

- Discrete index sets.
- (Sparse) approximation properties.
- More efficient numerical realization.

- 1 Continuous World
  - Resolution of Singularities
  - Continuous Wavelet Transform
  - Continuous Shearlet Transform
  - Applications: Edge Detection, ...

- 2 Discrete World
  - Sparse Approximations
  - Discrete Wavelets
  - Directional Representation Systems: Curvelets, Shearlets,...
  - Applications: Inpainting, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, ...

# Applied Harmonic Analysis Methods in Imaging Science Part II

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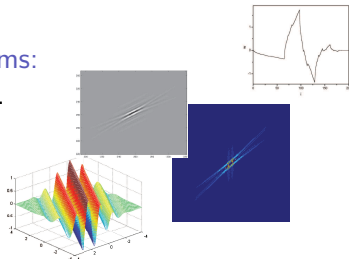
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Selection of different Representation Systems:  
Wavelets, Ridgelets, Curvelets, Shearlets,...

Main Desiderata:

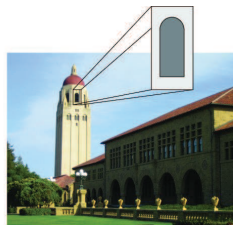
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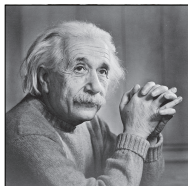
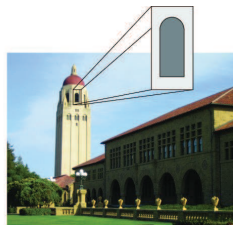
- 1 Sparse Approximation of Images
  - Model Situation
  - Benchmark Result
- 2 Wavelets
- 3 Shearlets
- 4 Applications
  - Denoising
  - Feature Extraction
  - Inpainting
  - Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- 5 3D Shearlets

# What is an Image?

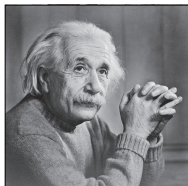
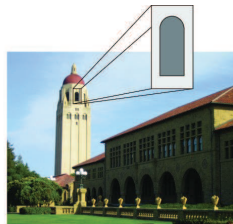
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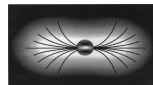
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- Intuitively edges are main structure.
- Justified by neurophysiology.



*Field et al., 1993*

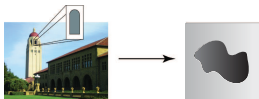
# Fitting Model

Definition (Donoho; 2001):

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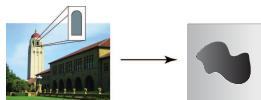
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Theorem (Donoho; 2001):

Let  $(\psi_\lambda)_\lambda \subseteq L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . Allowing only polynomial depth search, we have the following **optimal behavior** for  $f \in \mathcal{E}^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ :

$$\|f - f_N\|_2^2 \asymp N^{-2} \quad \text{and} \quad |\langle f, \psi_{\lambda_n} \rangle| \lesssim n^{-\frac{3}{2}} \quad \text{as } N, n \rightarrow \infty.$$



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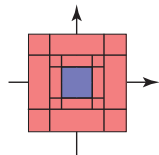
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**Definition (2D):** A **wavelet system** is defined by

$$\{\phi^{(1)}(x - m) : m \in \mathbb{Z}^2\} \cup \{2^j \psi^{(i)}(2^j x - m) : j \geq 0, m \in \mathbb{Z}^2, i = 1, 2, 3\},$$

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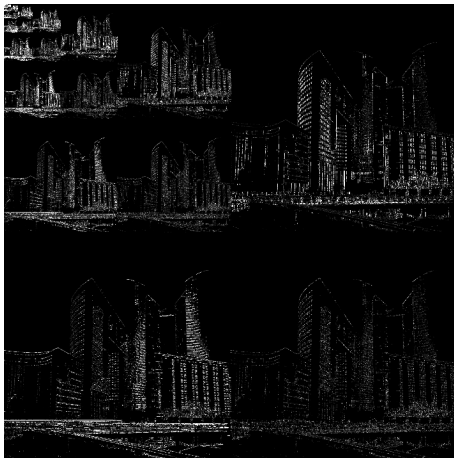
$$\begin{aligned} \psi^{(1)}(x) &= \phi(x_1)\psi(x_2), \\ \phi^{(1)}(x) &= \phi(x_1)\phi(x_2) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi^{(2)}(x) = \psi(x_1)\phi(x_2), \\ \psi^{(3)}(x) &= \psi(x_1)\psi(x_2). \end{aligned}$$



**Theorem:** Wavelets provide optimally sparse approximations for functions  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , which are  $C^2$  apart from point singularities:

$$\|f - f_N\|_2^2 \asymp N^{-1}, \quad N \rightarrow \infty.$$

# Wavelet Decomposition: JPEG2000



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Original



25% Compression



5% Compression

# What can Wavelets do?

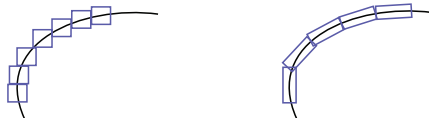
## Problem:

- For  $f \in \mathcal{E}^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , wavelets **only** achieve  $\|f - f_N\|_2^2 \asymp N^{-1}$ ,  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .
- **Isotropic** structure of wavelets:

$$\{2^j \psi\left(\begin{pmatrix} 2^j & 0 \\ 0 & 2^j \end{pmatrix} x - m\right) : j \geq 0, m \in \mathbb{Z}^2\}.$$

- Wavelets **cannot** sparsely represent cartoon-like functions.

## Intuitive explanation:



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## Non-Exhaustive List of Approaches:

- Ridgelets (Candès and Donoho; 1999)
- Curvelets (Candès and Donoho; 2002)
- Contourlets (Do and Vetterli; 2002)
- Bandlets (LePennec and Mallat; 2003)
- **Shearlets** (K and Labate; 2006)

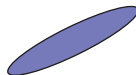
*What is a Shearlet?*



# Scaling and Orientation

Parabolic scaling ('width  $\approx$  length<sup>2</sup>):

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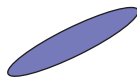
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Orientation via shearing:

$$S_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Advantage:

- Shearing leaves the digital grid  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  invariant.
- Uniform theory for the continuum and digital situation.

Affine systems:

$$\{ |\det M|^{1/2} \psi(M \cdot -m) : M \in G \subseteq GL_2, m \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \}.$$

Definition (K, Labate; 2006):

For  $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , the associated **shearlet system** is defined by

$$\{ 2^{\frac{3j}{4}} \psi(S_k A_{2^j} \cdot -m) : j, k \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \}.$$

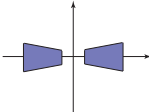
*$\rightsquigarrow$  Can be regarded as discretization of continuous shearlet systems!*

Remarks:

- Advantage: Generated by a unitary representation of the locally compact group  $(\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^2$ .
- Disadvantage: Non-uniform treatment of directions.

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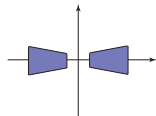
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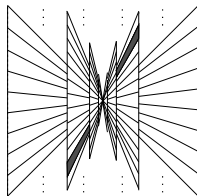
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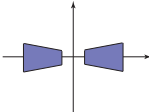


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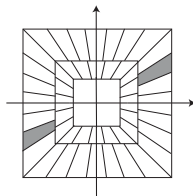
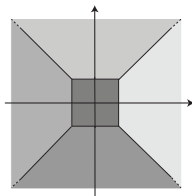
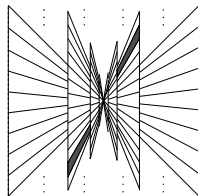
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# (Cone-adapted) Shearlet Systems

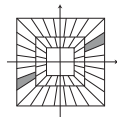
Definition (K, Labate; 2006):

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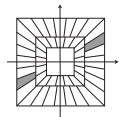
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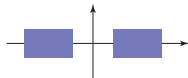
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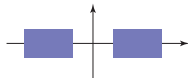


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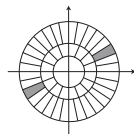
- $W \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  be a wavelet with  $\text{supp}(W) \subseteq (\frac{1}{2}, 2)$ ,
- $V \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  be a 'bump function' with  $\text{supp}(V) \subseteq (-1, 1)$ .

Then the **curvelet system**  $(\gamma_{(j,l,k)})_{(j,l,k)}$  is defined by

$$\hat{\gamma}_{(j,0,0)}(r, \omega) := 2^{-3j/4} W(2^{-j}r) V(2^{\lfloor j/2 \rfloor} \omega)$$

and

$$\gamma_{(j,l,k)}(\cdot) := \gamma_{(j,0,0)}(R_{\theta_{(j,l,k)}}(\cdot - x_{(j,l,k)})).$$



Theorem (Candès, Donoho; 2002):

The Parseval frame of curvelets provides **optimally sparse approximations** of  $f \in \mathcal{E}^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , i.e.,

$$\|f - f_N\|_2^2 \leq C \cdot N^{-2} \cdot (\log N)^3, \quad N \rightarrow \infty.$$



# Framework for Sparse Approximation Results

## General Framework:

- Parabolic Molecules (Grohs, K; 2013) (Flinth; 2013)  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  includes curvelets, shearlets, ...
- $\alpha$ -Molecules (Grohs, Keiper, K, Schäfer; 2016)  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  includes ridgelets, wavelets, curvelets, shearlets, ...

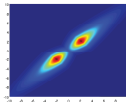
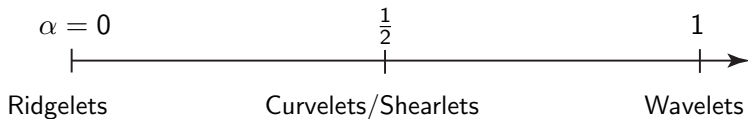


Illustration (“ $\alpha$  = degree of anisotropy”):



Theorem (Grohs, Keiper, K, Schäfer; 2016):

“Sparse approximation results for appropriate function classes can be derived in the very general setting of  $\alpha$ -molecules.”



# Recent Approaches to Fast Shearlet Transforms

[www.ShearLab.org](http://www.ShearLab.org):

- Separable Shearlet Transform (*Lim; 2009*)
- Digital Shearlet Transform (*K, Shahram, Zhuang; 2011*)
- 2D&3D (parallelized) Shearlet Transform (*K, Lim, Reisenhofer; 2013*)

Additional Code:

- Filter-based implementation (*Easley, Labate, Lim; 2009*)
- Fast Finite Shearlet Transform (*Häuser, Steidl; 2014*)
- Shearlet Toolbox 2D&3D (*Easley, Labate, Lim, Negy; 2014*)

Theoretical Approaches:

- Adaptive Directional Subdivision Schemes (*K, Sauer; 2009*)
- Shearlet Unitary Extension Principle (*Han, K, Shen; 2011*)
- Gabor Shearlets (*Bodmann, K, Zhuang; 2013*)

# Boundary Shearlets

Definition (Grohs, K, Ma, and Petersen; 2016):

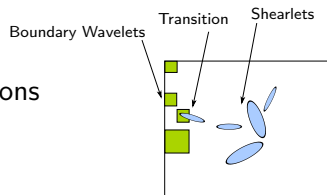
For  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}$  a biorthogonal wavelet basis,  $(\sigma_\eta)_\eta$  a shearlet system, and  $\mathcal{W}_0 := \{\omega_{j,m} \in \mathcal{W} : d(\text{supp } \omega_{j,m}, \partial\Omega) < 2^{-\frac{j-t}{2}}\}$ , the **boundary shearlet system with offset  $t$**  is defined as

$$\{\sigma_\eta : \text{supp } \sigma_\eta \subseteq \Omega\} \cup \mathcal{W}_0$$

Some Results (Grohs, K, Ma, Petersen, and Raslan; 2016):

Boundary shearlet systems...

- ...form a frame for  $L^2(\Omega)$ .
- ...provide optimally sparse approximations for adapted cartoon-like functions.
- ...characterize Sobolev spaces.
- ...can be designed to provide Sobolev frames.



## *Selected Applications...*

# Image Denoising, I



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Noisy Version (20.17dB)



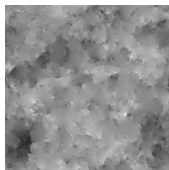
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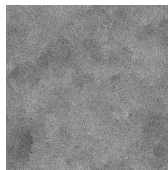
Shearlets (29.20dB, 5.56sec)

(Source: W.-Q Lim; 2011)

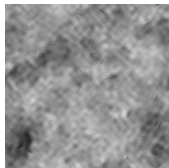
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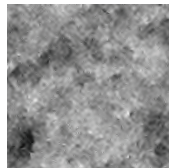
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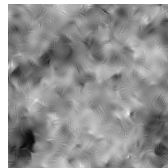
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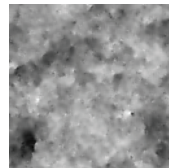
Curvelets (22.10dB)



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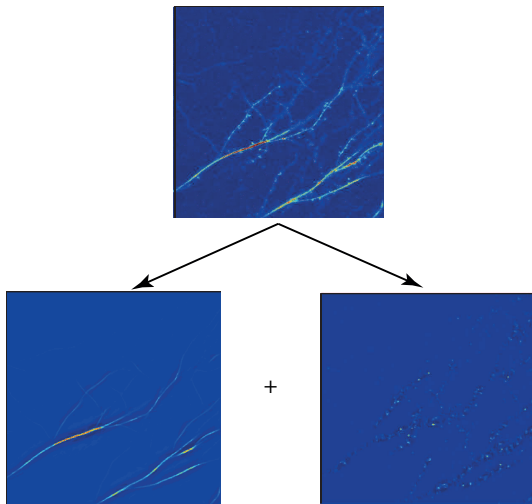
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## Some Earlier Footprints in Inverse Problems:

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- Daubechies, Defries, De Mol (2004): General sparsity constraints.



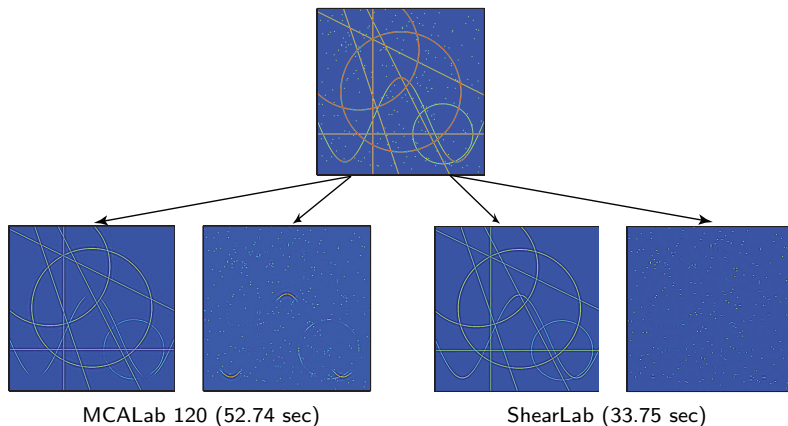
# Numerical Results of Feature Extraction, I



(Source: Brandt, K, Lim, Sündermann; 2011)



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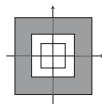
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**Two Sparsifying Systems:**

Wavelets  $(\psi_\lambda)_\lambda$  and Shearlets  $(\sigma_\eta)_\eta$ .

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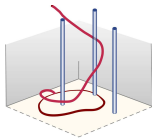
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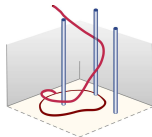
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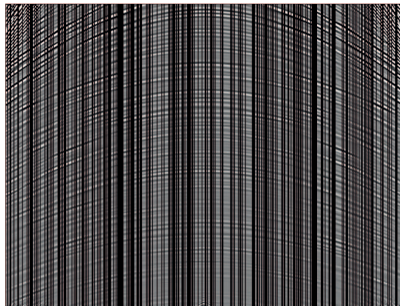
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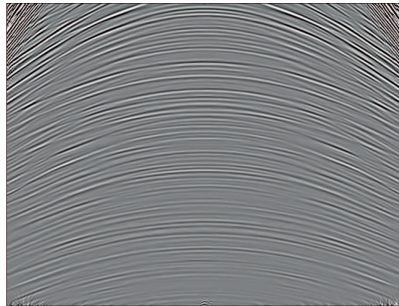
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# Numerical Results of Inpainting, I



Undersampled seismic data

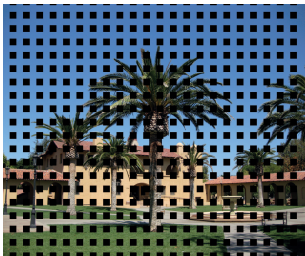
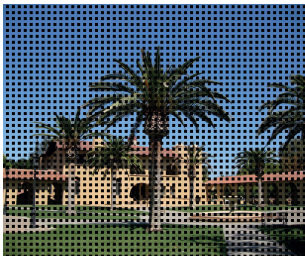


Reconstructed image

(Source: K, Lim; 2012)



# Numerical Results of Inpainting, II



(Source: Kutyniok, Lim; 2014)

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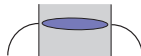
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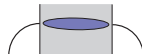
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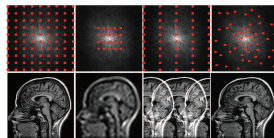
# Application to MRI

## Model Situation:

Reconstruct  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  from Fourier samples  $\hat{f}(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ .

## Goals:

- Fast acquisition  $\longleftrightarrow$  Small set  $\Lambda$
- Optimality result



Initial idea with wavelets: Lustig, Donoho, Pauly; 2007

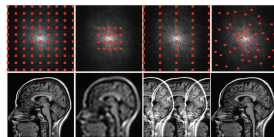
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Reconstruct  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  from Fourier samples  $\hat{f}(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in \Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ .

## Goals:

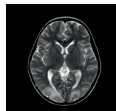
- Fast acquisition  $\longleftrightarrow$  Small set  $\Lambda$
- Optimality result



Initial idea with wavelets: Lustig, Donoho, Pauly; 2007

## General Idea (K, Ma, and Lim; 2014):

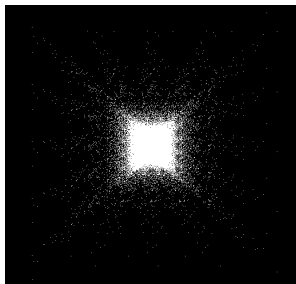
- Model for  $f$ : Cartoon-like functions.
- (Dualizable) shearlets as sparsifying system  $(\sigma_\eta)_\eta$ .
- Directional (random) sampling scheme  $\Lambda$ .
- Algorithmic approach:



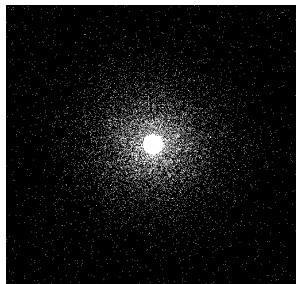
$$\min_f \|(\langle f, \sigma_\eta \rangle)_\eta\|_1 \quad \text{subject to} \quad \|(\hat{f}(\lambda) - g_\lambda)_{\lambda \in \Lambda}\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$$

# Asymptotic Optimality of Shearlet Scheme

## Sampling Schemes:



Directional Sampling Scheme



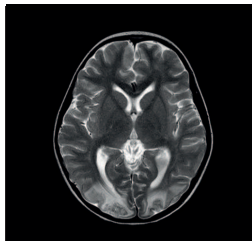
Variable Density Sampling Scheme

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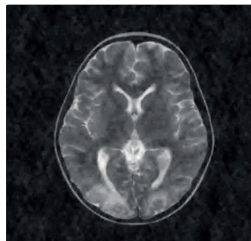
“Using the directional sampling schemes  $(\Delta_M)_M$ ,  $\#\Delta_M = M$ , and  $M \rightarrow \infty$  in combination with dualizable shearlets, this reconstruction scheme  $\mathcal{R}$  is **asymptotically optimal** in the sense that, for all  $f \in \mathcal{E}^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ ,

$$\|f - \mathcal{R}(f, \Delta_M)\|_2^2 \lesssim M^{-2+\delta} \text{ as } M \rightarrow \infty."$$

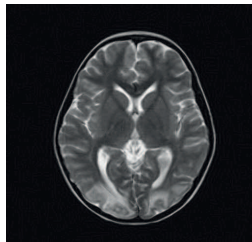
# Numerical Results for 512x512 MRI Image



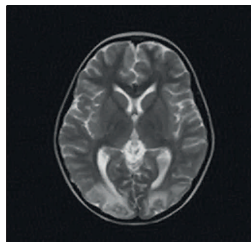
Original



Wavelets + Variable Density Sampling  
(5% sampling rate, 25.00dB)



Shearlet Scheme  
(5% sampling rate, 32.28dB)



Wavelets + Directional Sampling  
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*From 2D to 3D...*

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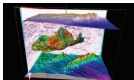
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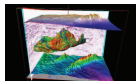
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A different viewpoint:

- Anisotropic features occur in 3D for the first time in different dimensions.
- Transition  $2D \rightarrow 3D$  is unique.



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## Theorem (K, Lemvig, Lim; 2011):

Let  $(\psi_\lambda)_\lambda \subset L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ . Allowing only polynomial depth search, the **optimal asymptotic approximation error** of  $f \in \mathcal{E}^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$  is

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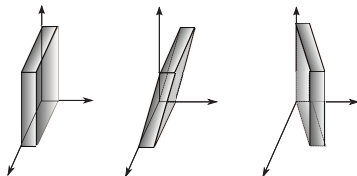
# 3D Shearlets

- **Anisotropic** scaling  $A_j$ :

$$A_j = \begin{pmatrix} 2^j & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{j/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2^{j/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Shearing**  $S_k$ ,  $k = (k_1, k_2)$ :

$$S_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & k_1 & k_2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Pyramid-adapted Shearlet Systems

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The **pyramid-adapted shearlet system**  $\mathcal{SH}(\phi, \psi, \tilde{\psi}, \check{\psi}; c)$  generated by  $\phi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$  and  $\psi, \tilde{\psi}, \check{\psi} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$  is

$$\{\phi(\cdot - cm) : m \in \mathbb{Z}^3\}$$

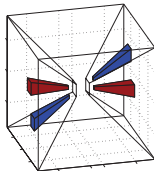
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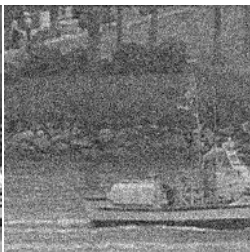
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# Video Denoising, I



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noisy ( $\sigma = 40$  PSNR = 16.06)



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SL3D<sub>2</sub> (PSNR = 27.14)



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SURF (PSNR = 25.91)

# Video Denoising, II

	$\sigma = 10$	20	30	40	50
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- $SL3D_1$ :  $SL3D_1$  with 13, 13 and 49 directions on scales one, two and three (K, Lim, and Reisenhofer, 2016).
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- $NSST$ : Nonsubsampled Shearlet Transform (Negi and Labate; 2013).
- $SURF$ : Surfacelet Transform (Do and Lu; 2007).

*Let's conclude...*

# What to take Home...?

- **Applied Harmonic Analysis** provides various representation systems such as wavelets, ridgelets, curvelets, and shearlets.
- They provide **sparse approximation** for certain classes of images, leading to
  - ▶ **Efficient decompositions** for, e.g., the analysis/processing of images, in particular for **regularization** of inverse problems.
  - ▶ **Sparse representations** for, e.g., compression of images.
- **Continuous** and **discrete** systems/frames and associated **transforms** are available.
- Some applications using **wavelets** and **shearlets** for **regularization**:
  - ▶ Edge Detection.
  - ▶ Feature extraction.
  - ▶ Inpainting.
  - ▶ Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

# THANK YOU!

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# Applied Harmonic Analysis Methods in Imaging Science Part I

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Provided that  $\psi$  satisfies the **admissibility condition** [Calderón, 1964]

$$\int_{a>0} |\psi(a\xi)|^2 \frac{da}{a} = 1, \quad \text{for a.e. } \xi \in \mathbb{R},$$

the **continuous wavelet transform** of  $f$

$$\mathcal{W}_\psi : f \rightarrow \mathcal{W}_\psi f(a, t) = \langle f, \psi_{a,t} \rangle, \quad \text{for } a > 0, t \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

is a linear isometry (from  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  to  $L^2(\mathbb{A})$ ).



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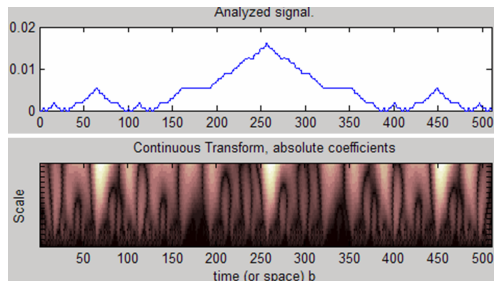
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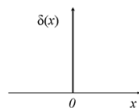
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- This property is a manifestation of the *sparsity and locality* of the wavelet representation and it is critical in multiple signal/image processing applications.



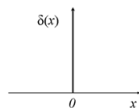
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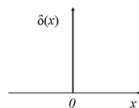
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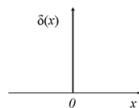
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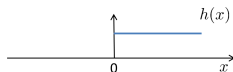
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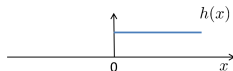
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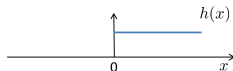
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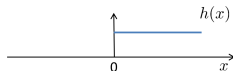
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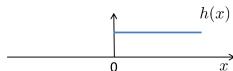
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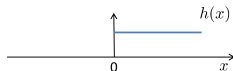
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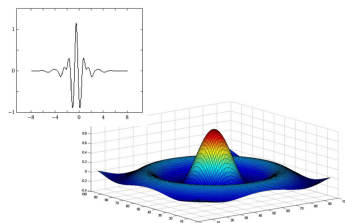
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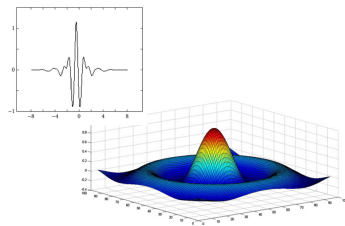
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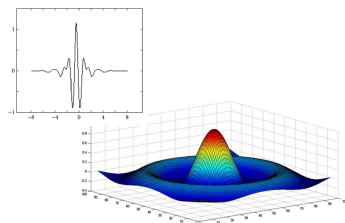
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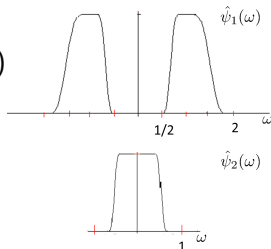
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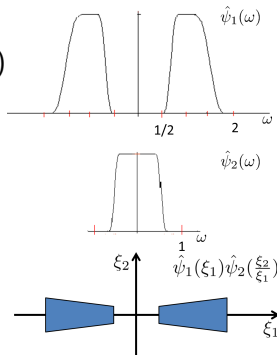
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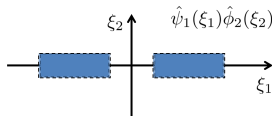
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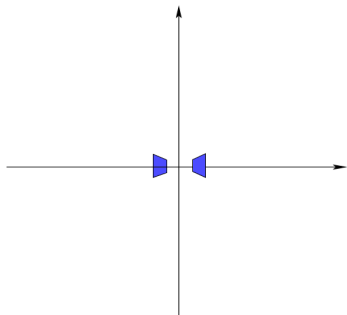
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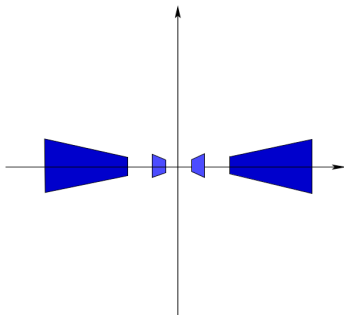
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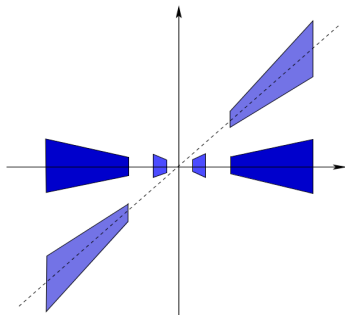
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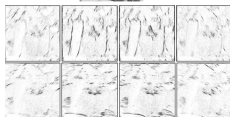
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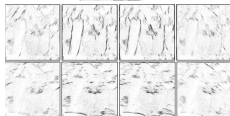
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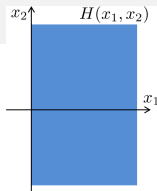


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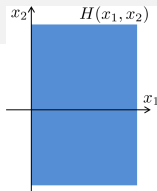


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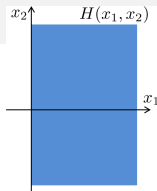
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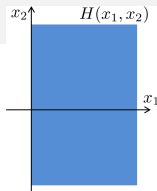
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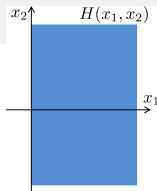
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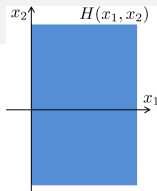
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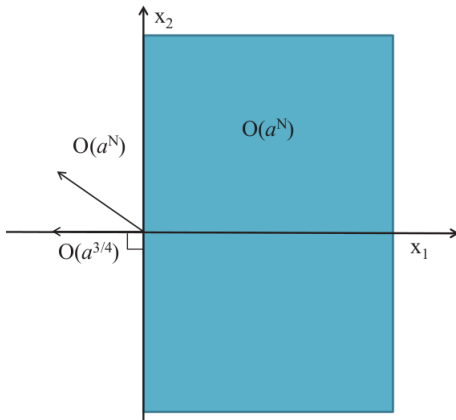
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## Example: Heaviside function (2D)



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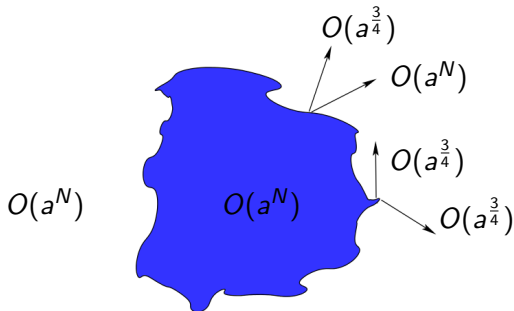
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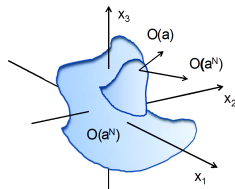




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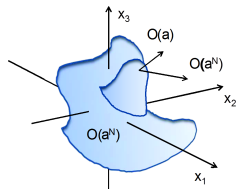
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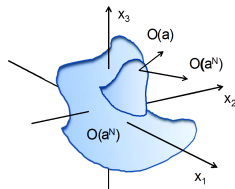
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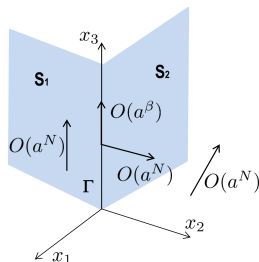
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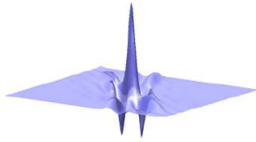
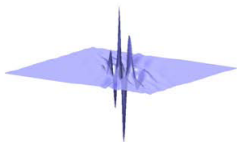
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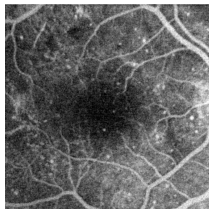
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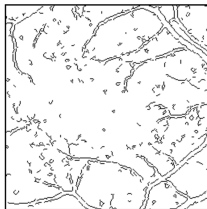


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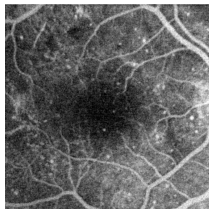


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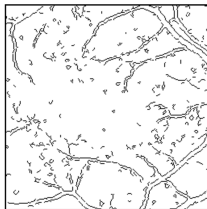
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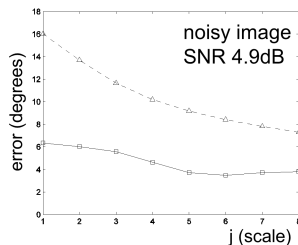
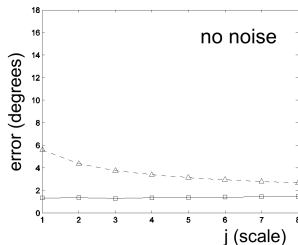
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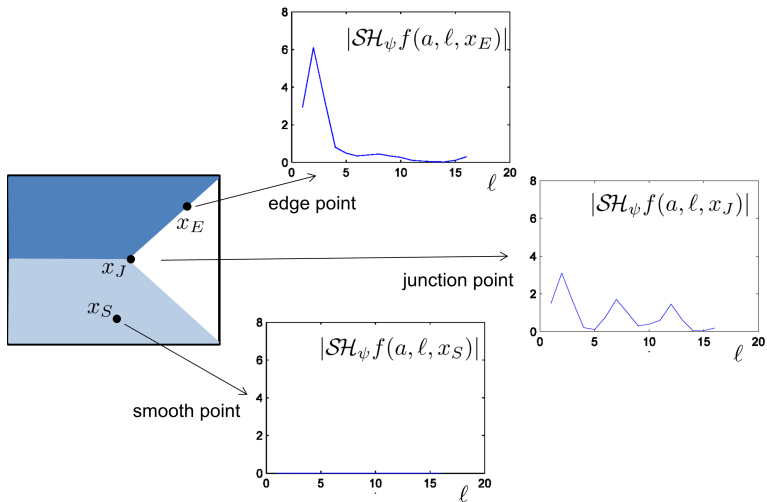
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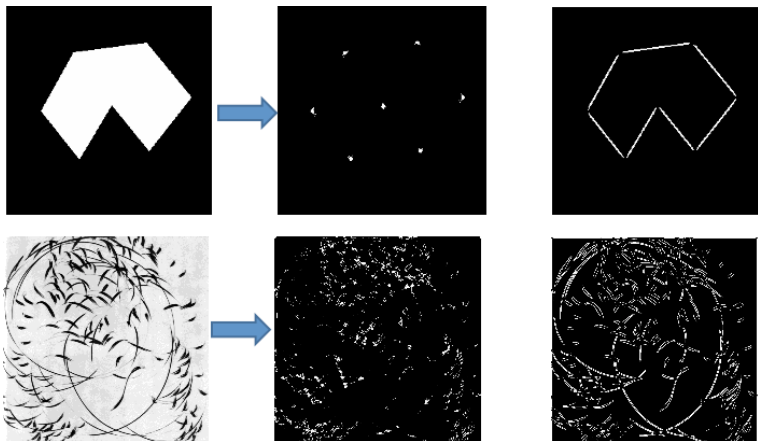
## Single-scale shearlet analysis of **corners and junctions**

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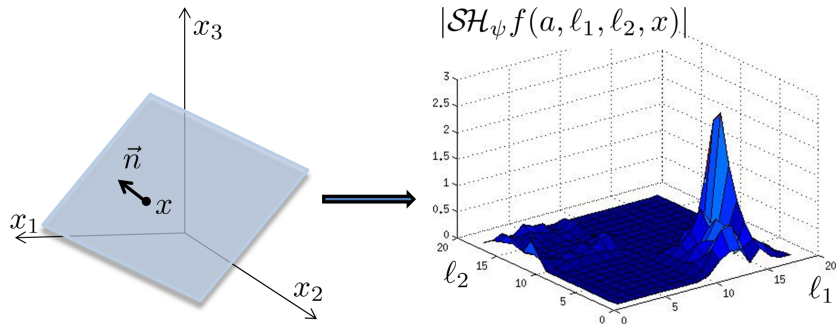


Shearlet multiscale corner detection:  $j = 0$  (Blue);  $j = 1$  (Green);  $j = 2$  (Red);  $j = 3$  (Magenta).



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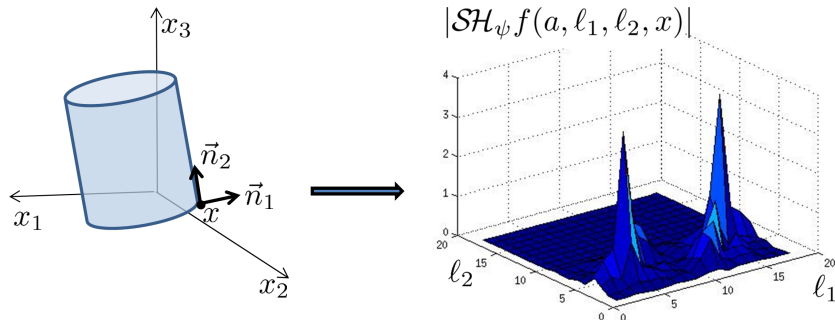


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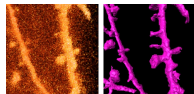
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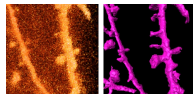
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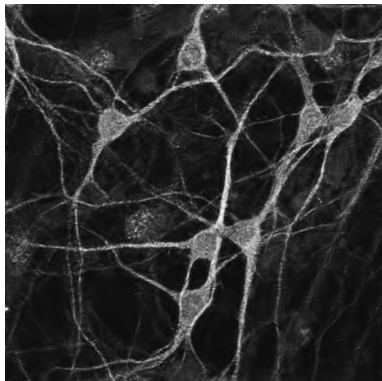
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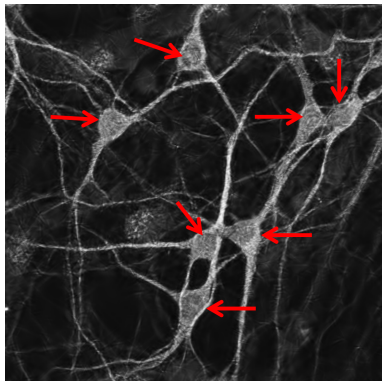
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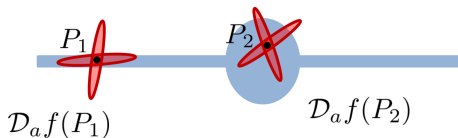
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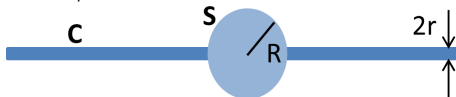
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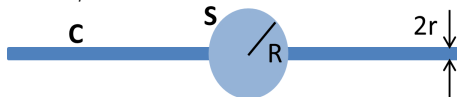
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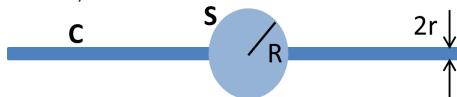


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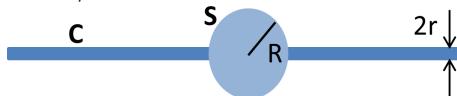
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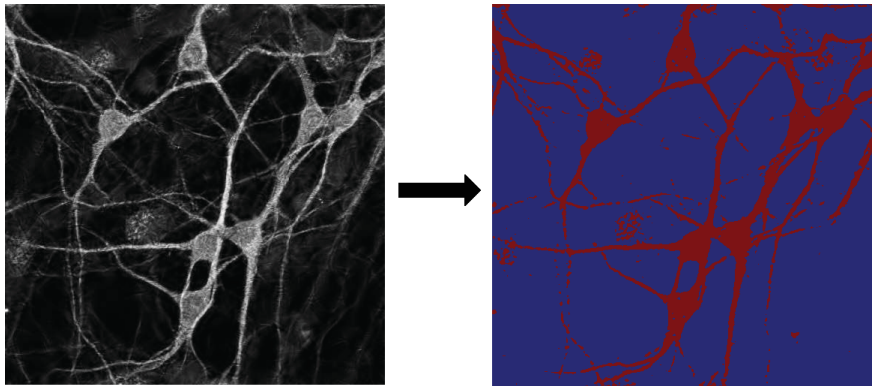
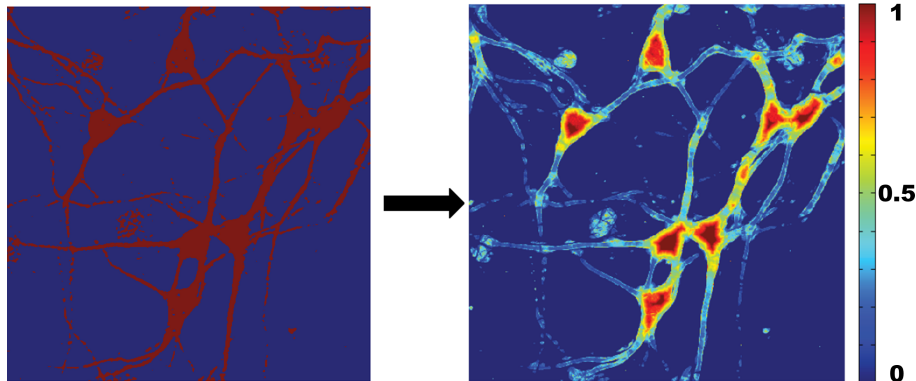


Image segmentation (SVM based)

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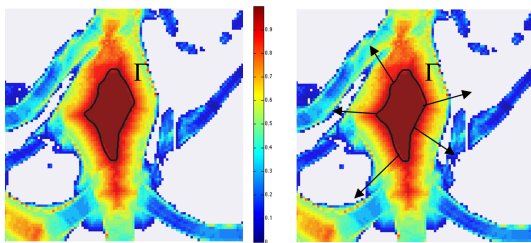


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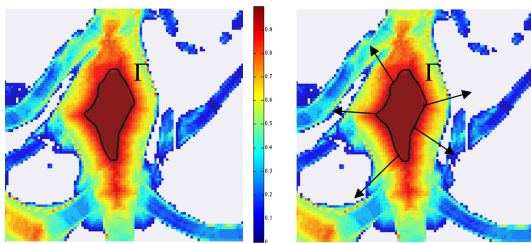


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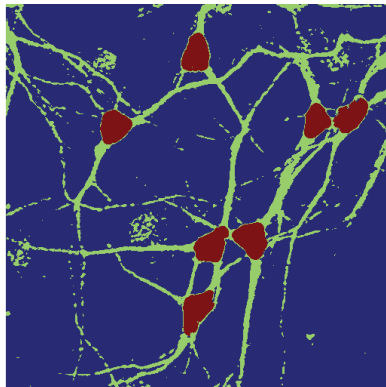
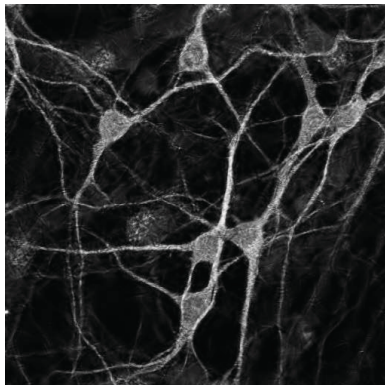
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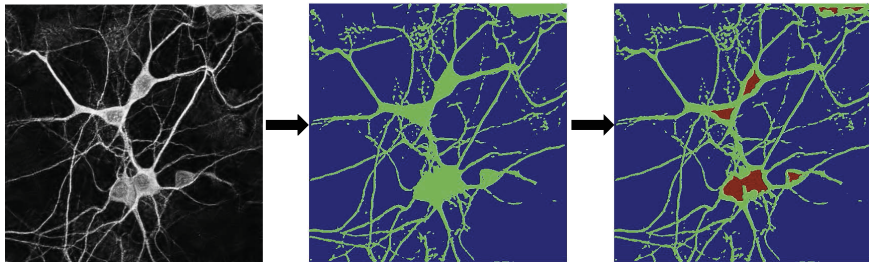


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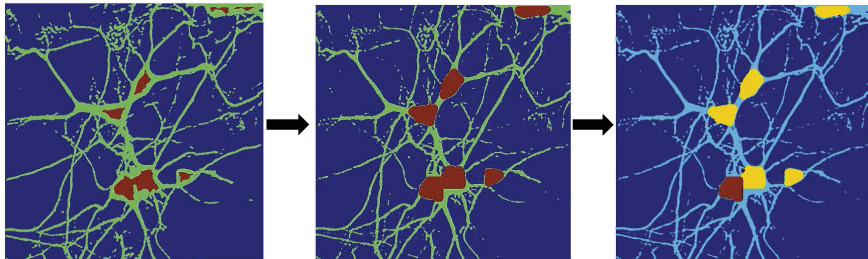
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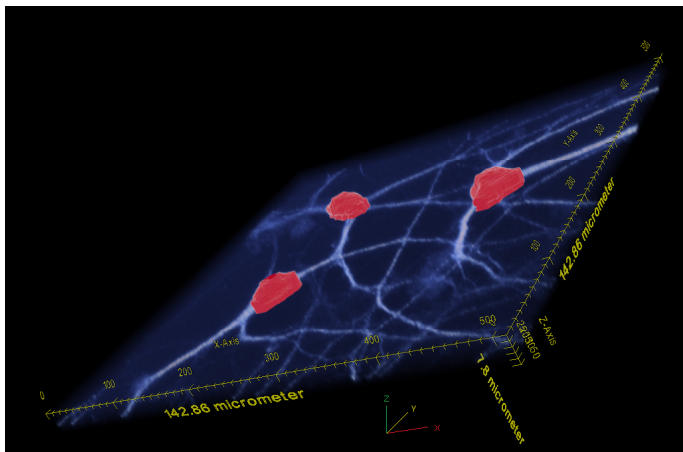
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# Soma Extraction (3D)

Method extends to 3D where soma detection can be combined with the extraction of soma morphology [Bozcan,L,Laezza,Negi,Papadakis,2014]



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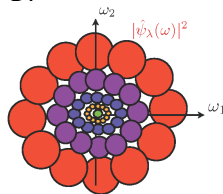
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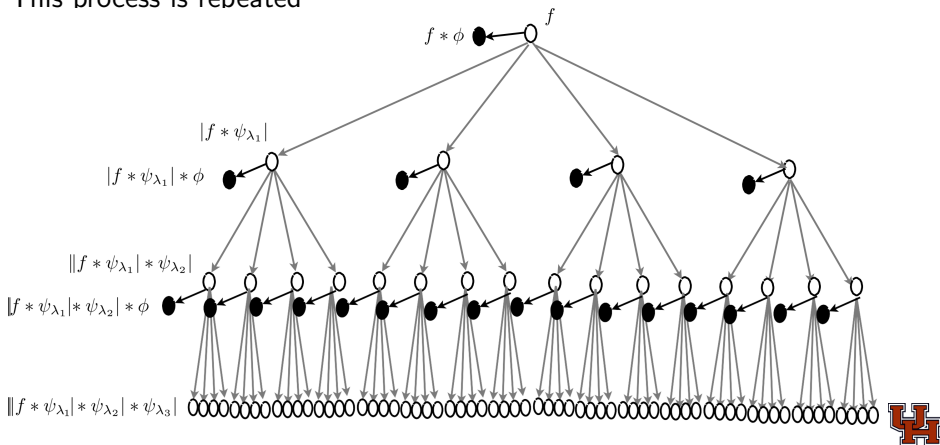


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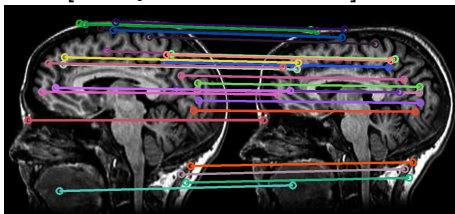
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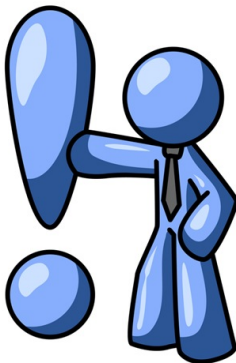
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