

# Wavelets on Graphs, an Introduction

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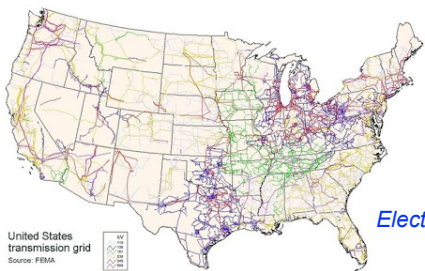
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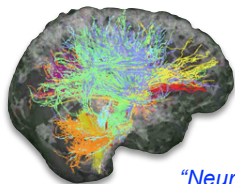
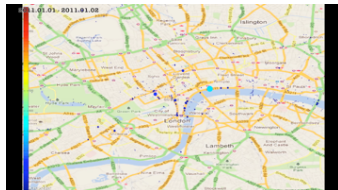


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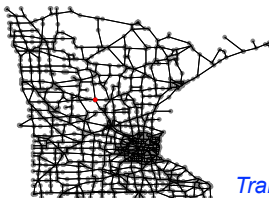


*Electrical Network*

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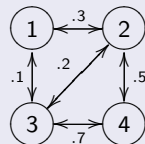
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# Spectral Graph Theory Notation

- Connected, undirected, weighted graph  
 $\mathcal{G} = \{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, W\}$
- Degree matrix  $D$ : zeros except diagonals, which are sums of weights of edges incident to corresponding node



- Non-normalized Laplacian:  $\mathcal{L} := D - W$
- Complete set of orthonormal eigenvectors and associated real, non-negative eigenvalues:

$$\mathcal{L}\chi_\ell = \lambda_\ell \chi_\ell,$$

ordered w.l.o.g. s.t.

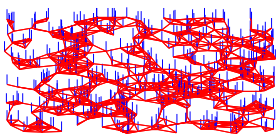
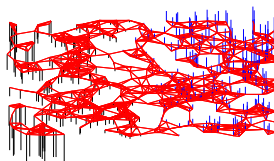
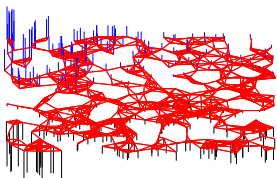
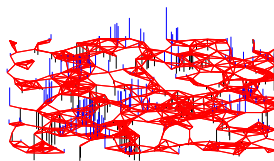
$$0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \dots \leq \lambda_{N-1} := \lambda_{\max}$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & .3 & .1 & 0 \\ .3 & 0 & .2 & .5 \\ .1 & .2 & 0 & .7 \\ 0 & .5 & .7 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} .4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Graph Laplacian Eigenvectors

- Values of eigenvectors associated with lower frequencies (low  $\lambda_\ell$ ) change less rapidly across connected vertices

 $\chi_0$  $\chi_1$  $\chi_2$  $\chi_{50}$

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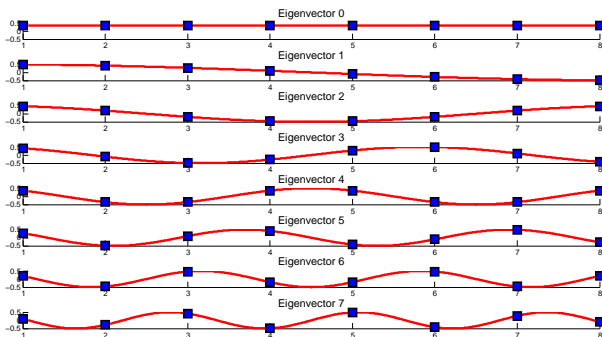


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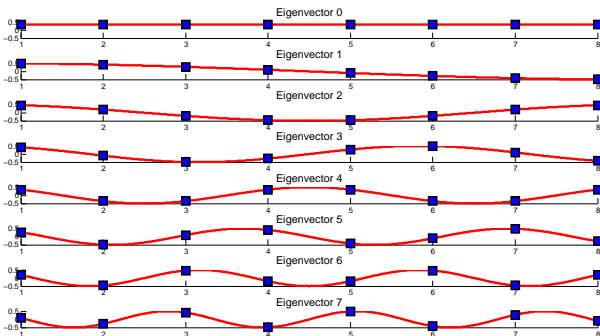


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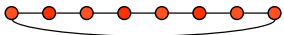
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is the Discrete Cosine Transform matrix (DCT-II, Strang, 1999), which is used in JPEG image compression



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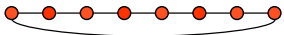
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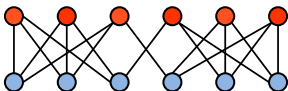
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$$\chi_\ell = \left[ 1, \omega^\ell, \omega^{2\ell}, \dots, \omega^{(N-1)\ell} \right], \text{ where } \omega = e^{\frac{2\pi j}{N}}$$

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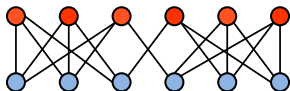
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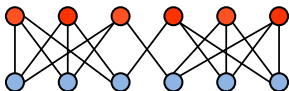
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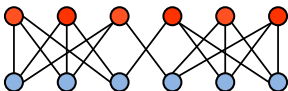
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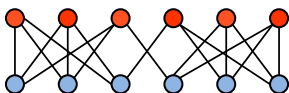
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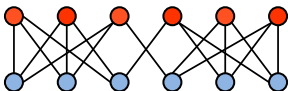
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- For  $\mathcal{L}^{norm}$ ,  $\lambda_\ell = 2 - \lambda_{N-1-\ell}$  and the Laplacian eigenvector property holds for any (non-regular) bipartite graph as well

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$\mathcal{L}f$

$$f^T \mathcal{L}f = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^N W_{ij} (f_i - f_j)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}_1, j \in \mathcal{V}_1^c} W_{ij} \left( \sqrt{\frac{|\mathcal{V}_1^c|}{|\mathcal{V}_1|}} + \sqrt{\frac{|\mathcal{V}_1|}{|\mathcal{V}_1^c|}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}_1^c, j \in \mathcal{V}_1} W_{ij} \left( -\sqrt{\frac{|\mathcal{V}_1^c|}{|\mathcal{V}_1|}} - \sqrt{\frac{|\mathcal{V}_1|}{|\mathcal{V}_1^c|}} \right)^2$$

$$= \left( \frac{|\mathcal{V}_1|}{|\mathcal{V}_1^c|} + \frac{|\mathcal{V}_1^c|}{|\mathcal{V}_1|} + 2 \right) \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}_1, j \in \mathcal{V}_1^c} W_{ij} = N \cdot \text{RatioCut}(\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_1^c)$$

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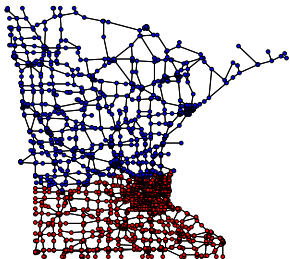
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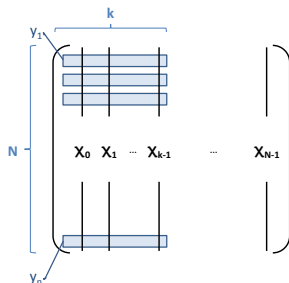
Spectral clustering:  $f_i^* \begin{cases} i \in \mathcal{V}_1 \\ \geq \tau \\ i \in \mathcal{V}_1^c \end{cases}$



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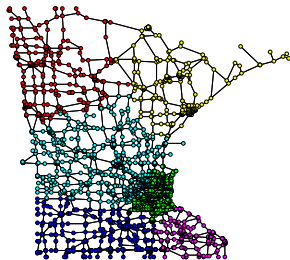
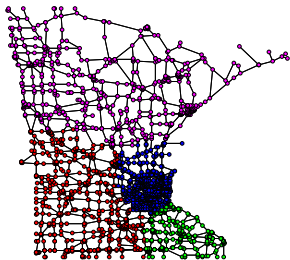
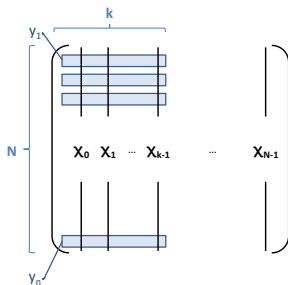
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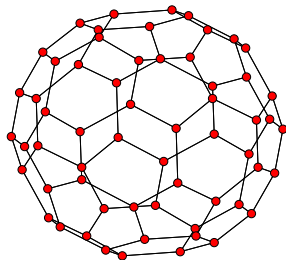
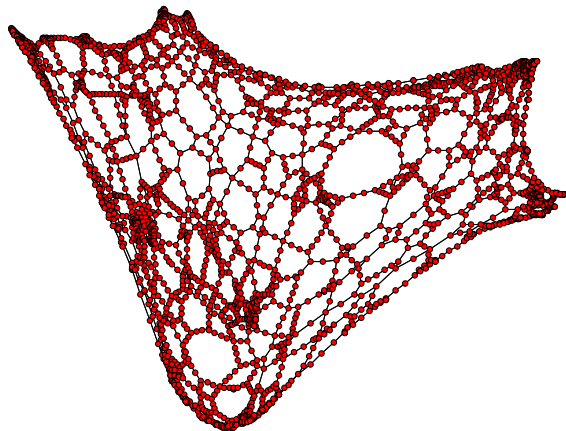
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Use  $\chi_1(i)$  and  $\chi_2(i)$  as the x and y coordinates of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex:



Source: Spielman, 2011

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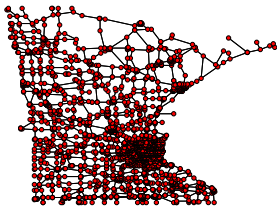
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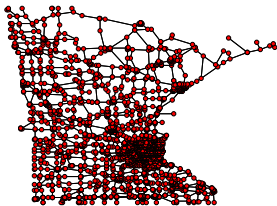
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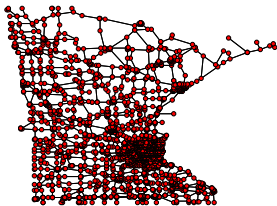


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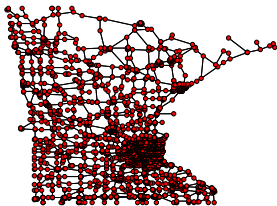


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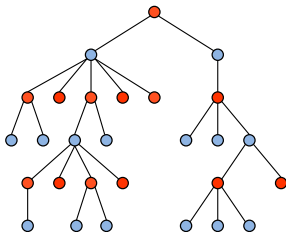
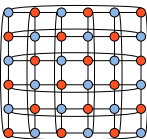
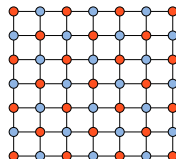
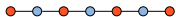
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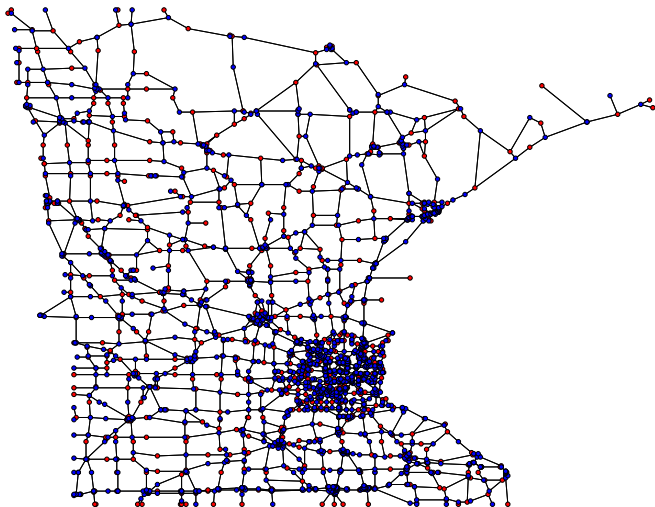
### Theorem (Roth, 1989)

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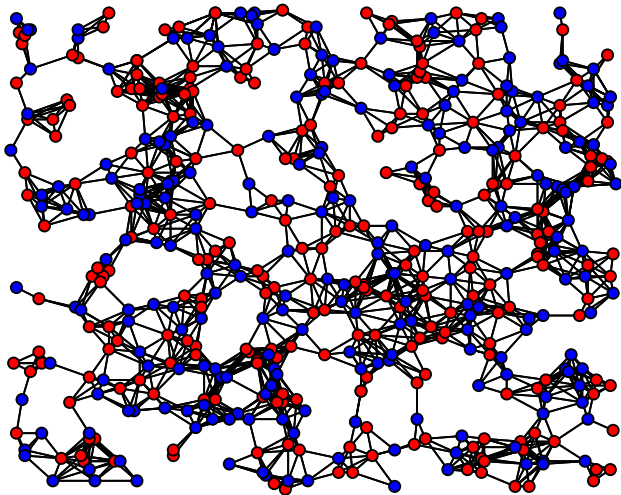
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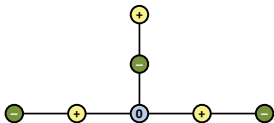
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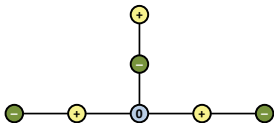


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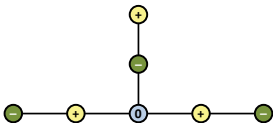


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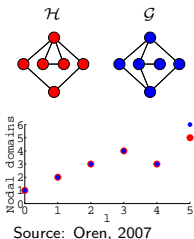
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### BOUNDS ON THE NODAL DOMAINS OF LAPLACIAN EIGENVECTORS (Biyikoğlu *et al.*, 2007)

- 📦 # weak nodal domains of  $\chi_\ell \leq \ell + 1$
- 📦 # strong nodal domains of  $\chi_\ell \leq \ell + s$ , where  $s$  is multiplicity of  $\lambda_\ell$
- 📦  $\chi_{\max}$  has  $N$  strong and weak nodal domains if and only if  $\mathcal{G}$  is bipartite
- 📦  $\ell + 1 - r \leq \#$  strong and weak nodal domains of  $\chi_\ell$ , if  $\lambda_\ell$  is simple and  $\chi_\ell(i) \neq 0, \forall i \in \mathcal{V}$ , where  $r$  is the number of edges that need to be removed from the graph in order to turn it into a tree (Berkolaiko, 2008)



### Important Note

*The bounds on the number of nodal domains of the Laplacian eigenvectors are monotonic in  $\ell$ , but the actual number of nodal domains is not always monotonic in  $\ell$*

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- Fourier transform: expansion of  $f$  in terms of the eigenfunctions of the Laplacian / graph Laplacian

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## Proposition (Equivalent characterizations of graph multiplier operators)

The following are equivalent:

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- $\Psi$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  commute; i.e.,  $\Psi \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P} \Psi$ .

# Unions of Graph Multiplier Operators

- So far, just a single graph multiplier operator
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# Transductive Learning

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Let  $X$  be an array of data points  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$

Each point has a desired class label  $y_k \in Y$  (suppose binary)

At training you have the labels of a subset  $S$  of  $X$   $|S| = l < n$

Getting data is easy but labeled data is a scarce resource

GOAL: predict remaining labels

Rationale: minimize empirical risk on your training data such that

- your model is predictive
- your model is simple, does not overfit
- your model is “stable” (depends continuously on your training set)
- ...

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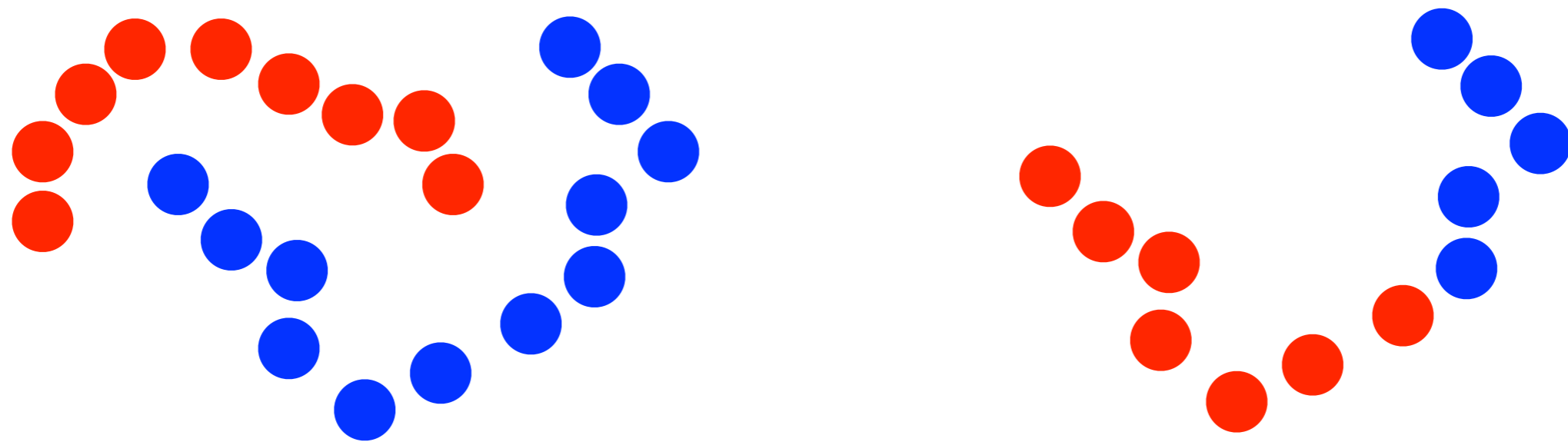
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target function is not globally smooth but it is **locally smooth** over regions of data space that have some **geometrical structure**



Use graph to model this structure

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Example (Belkin, Niyogi)

Affinity between data points represented by edge weights  
(affinity matrix  $W$ )

measure of smoothness:  $\Delta f = \sum_{i,j \in X} \mathbf{W}_{ij} (f(x_i) - f(x_j))^2$   
 $= \mathbf{f}^t L \mathbf{f} \quad L = W - D$

Revisit ridge regression:  $\|\mathbf{X}_S^t \beta - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\beta\|_2^2 + \gamma \beta^t \mathbf{X} L \mathbf{X}^t \beta$

 Solution is smooth in graph “geometry”

# Transduction & Representation

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More general linear model with a dictionary of features ?

$\Phi_X$  dictionary of features on the complete data set (data dependent)

$M$  restricts to labeled data points (mask)

$$\arg \min_{\beta} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{M}\Phi_X\beta\|_2^2 + \alpha\mathcal{S}(\beta)$$

Empirical Risk

Model Selection penalty, sparsity ?  
Smoothness on graph ?

Important Note: our dictionary will be data dependent but its construction is not part of the above optimization

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For any function on the vertex set (vector) we have:

$$\hat{f}(\ell) = \langle \phi_\ell, f \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^N \phi_\ell^*(i) f(i) \quad \text{Graph Fourier Transform}$$

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# Spectral Graph Wavelets

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# Frames

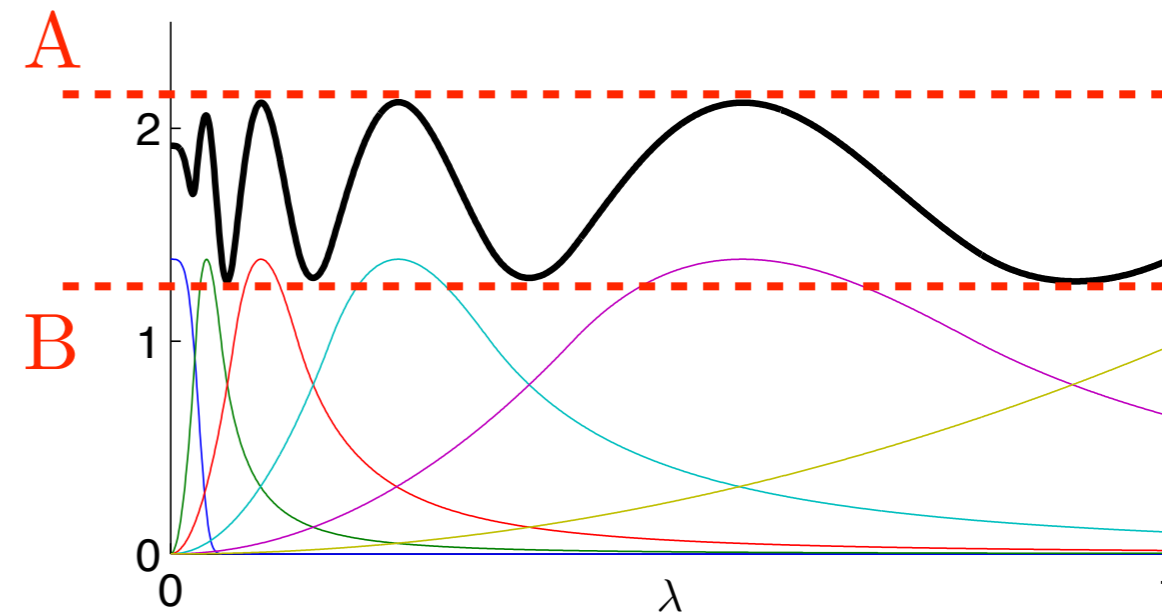
$\exists A, B > 0, \exists h : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  (i.e. scaling function)

$$0 < A \leq h^2(u) + \sum_s g(t_s u)^2 \leq B < \infty$$

*scaling function*

*wavelets*

$$\phi_n = T_h \delta_n = h(\mathcal{L}) \delta_n$$



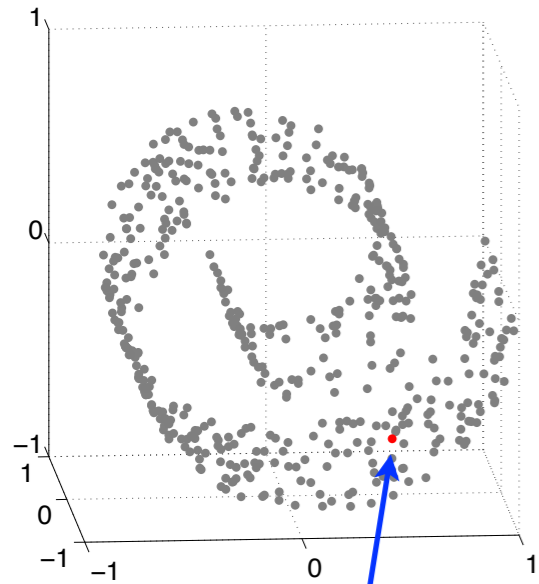
A simple way to get a tight frame:

$$\gamma(\lambda_\ell) = \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{dt}{t} g^2(t\lambda_\ell) \implies \tilde{g}(\lambda_\ell) = \sqrt{\gamma(\lambda_\ell) - \gamma(2\lambda_\ell)}$$

for any admissible kernel  $g$

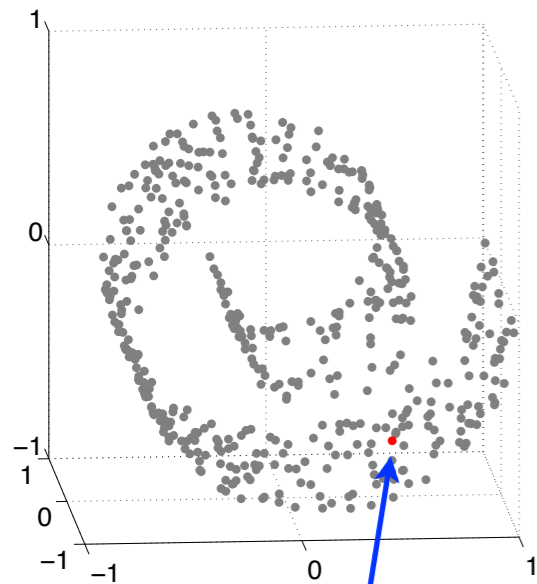
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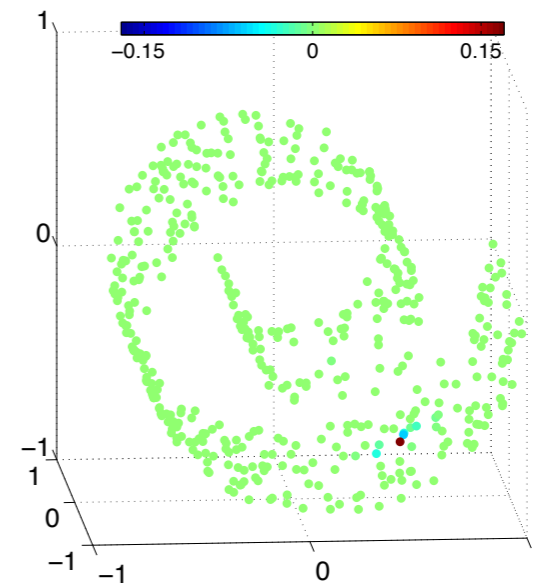
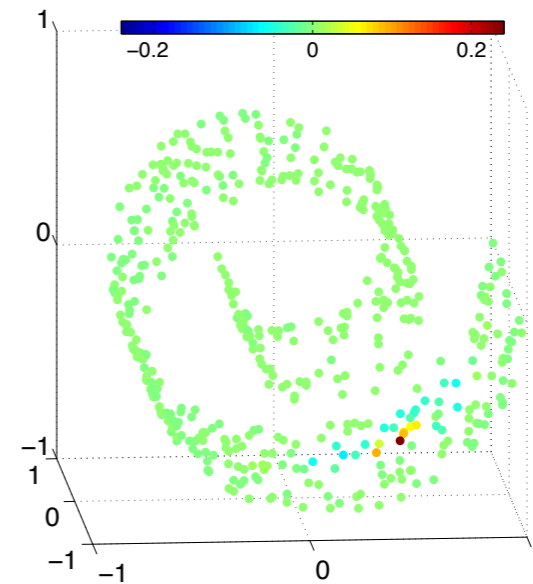
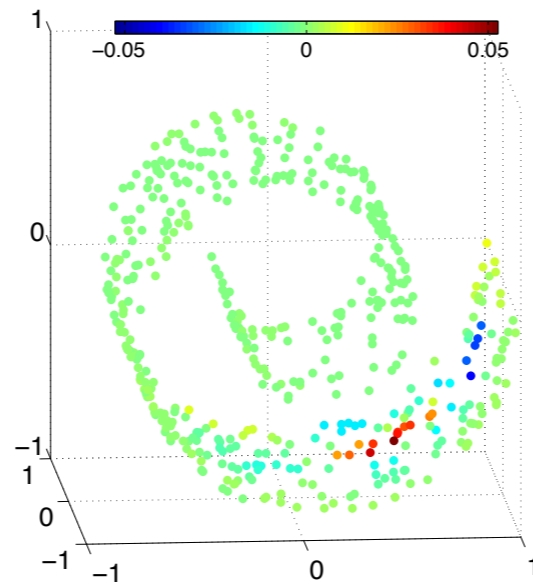


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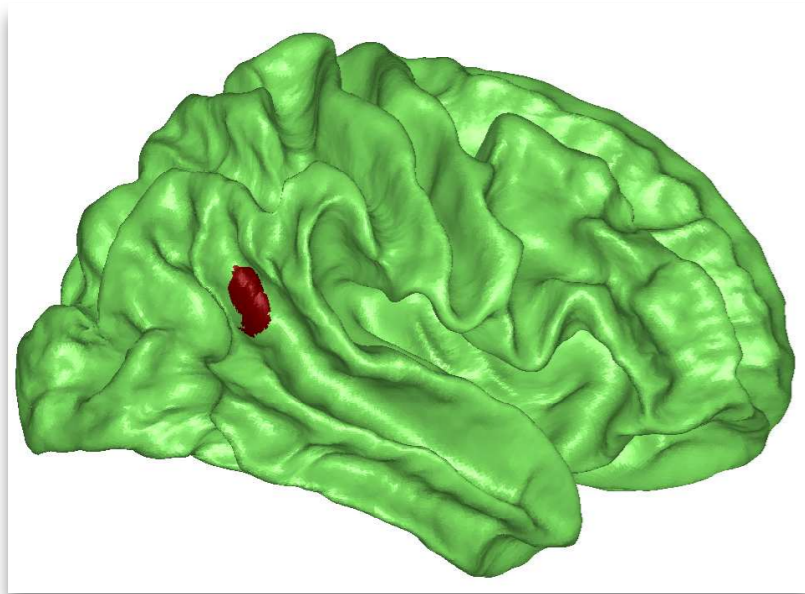
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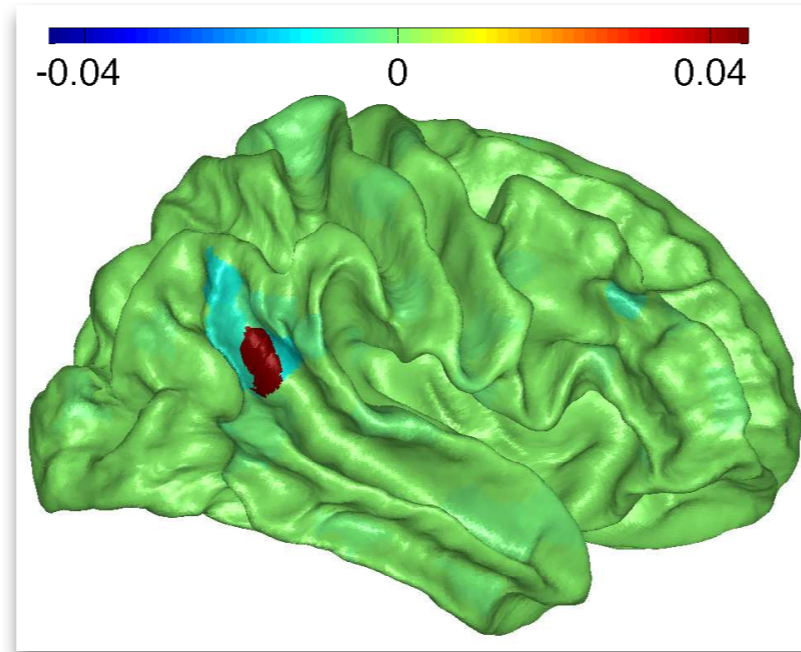
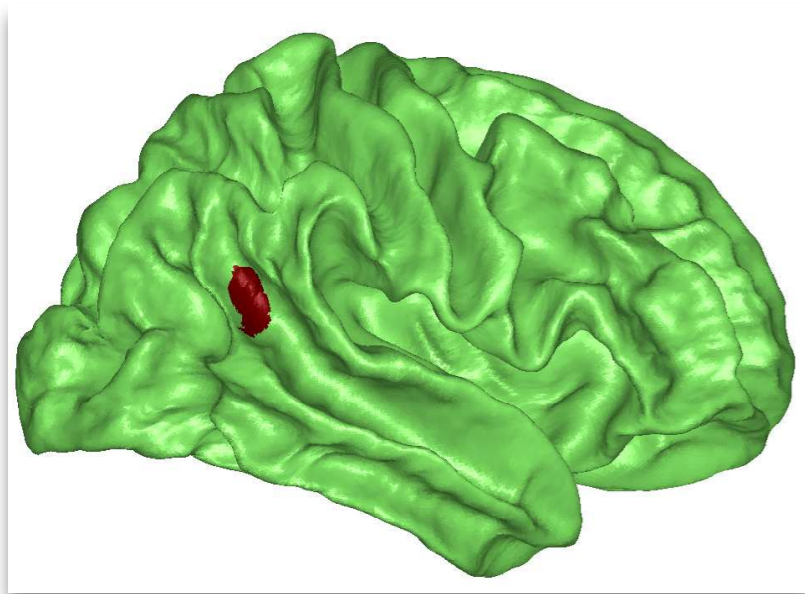
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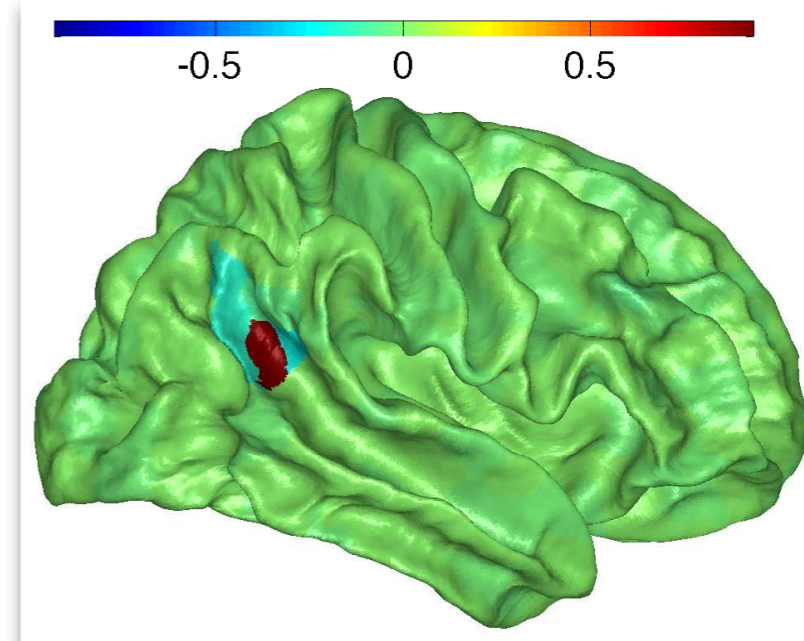
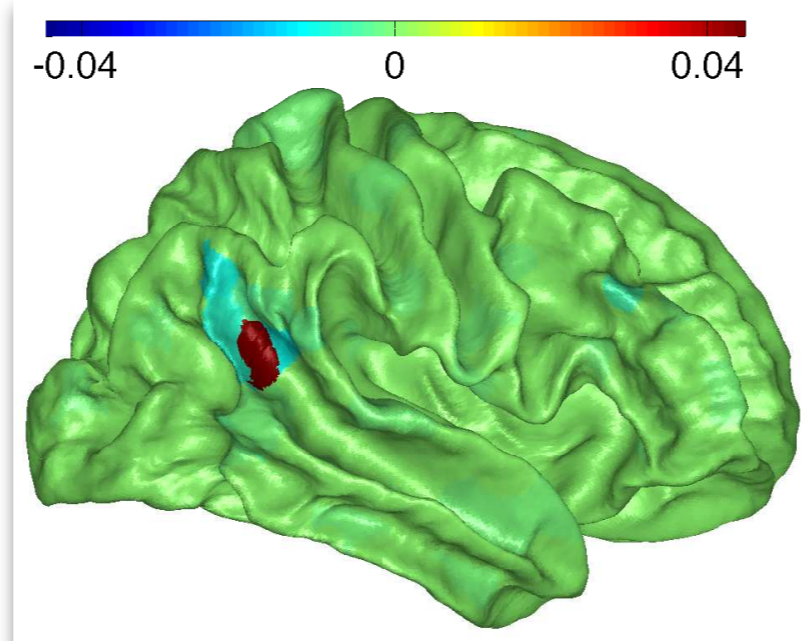
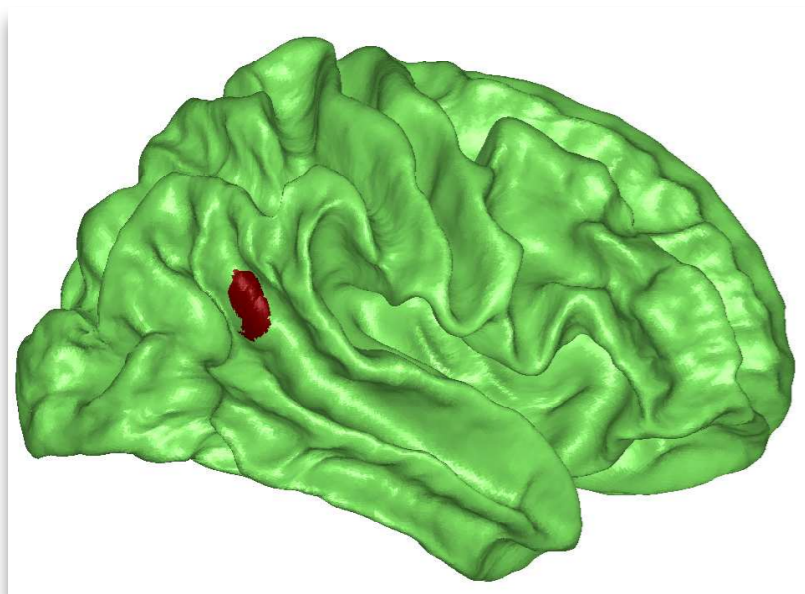
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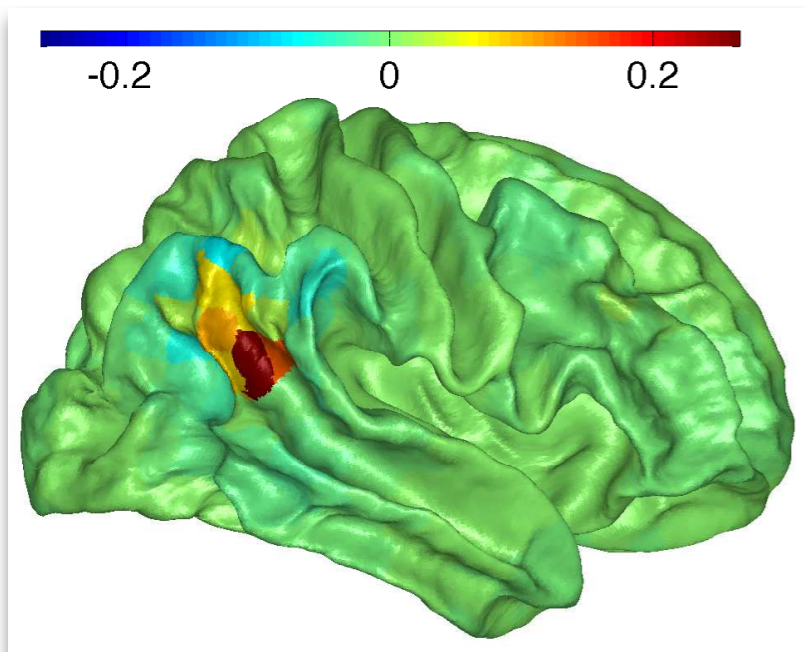
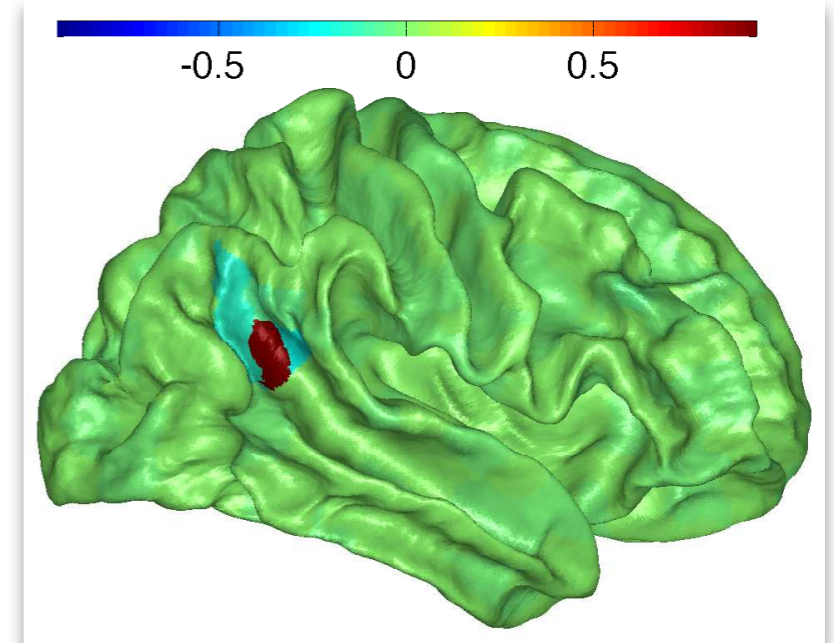
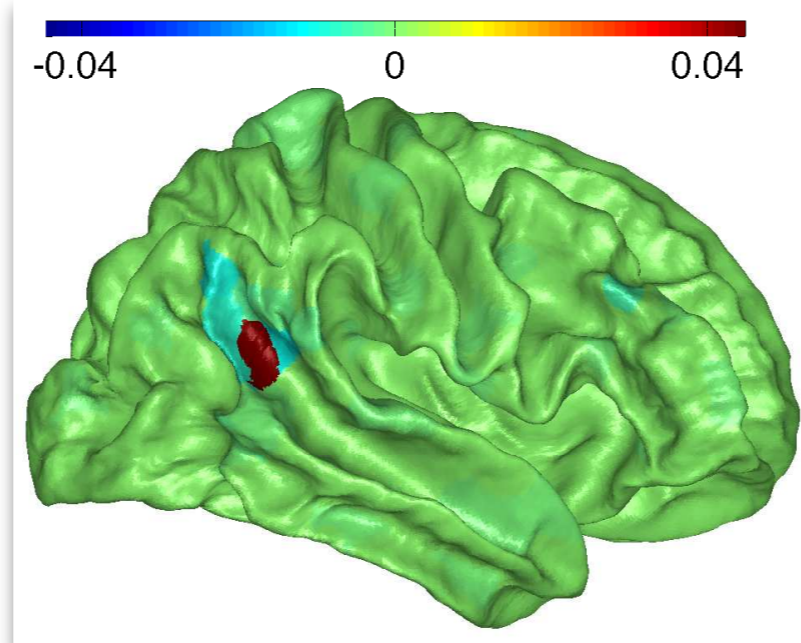
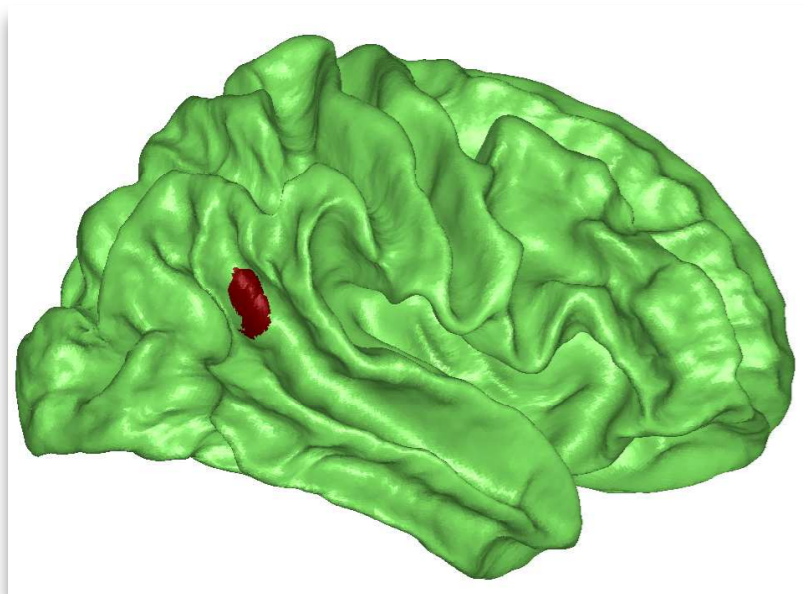


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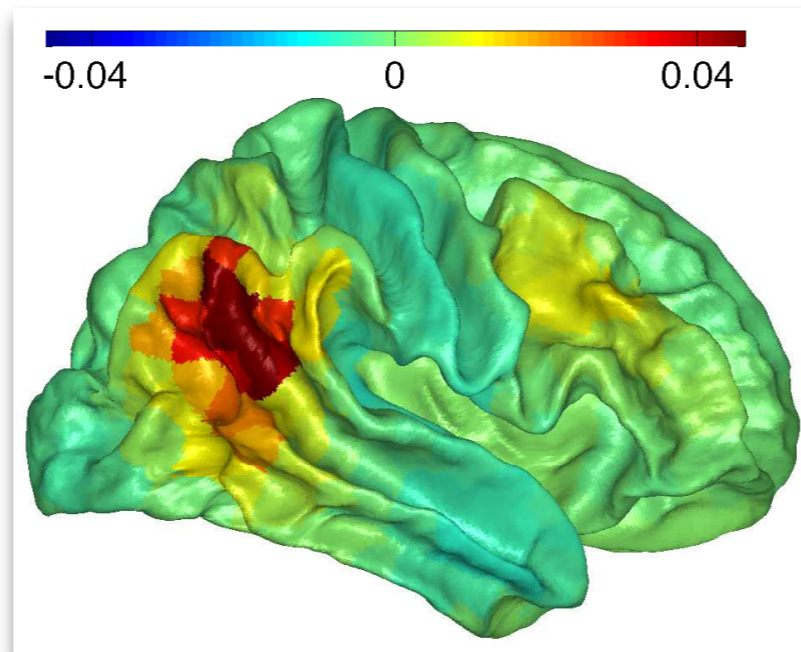
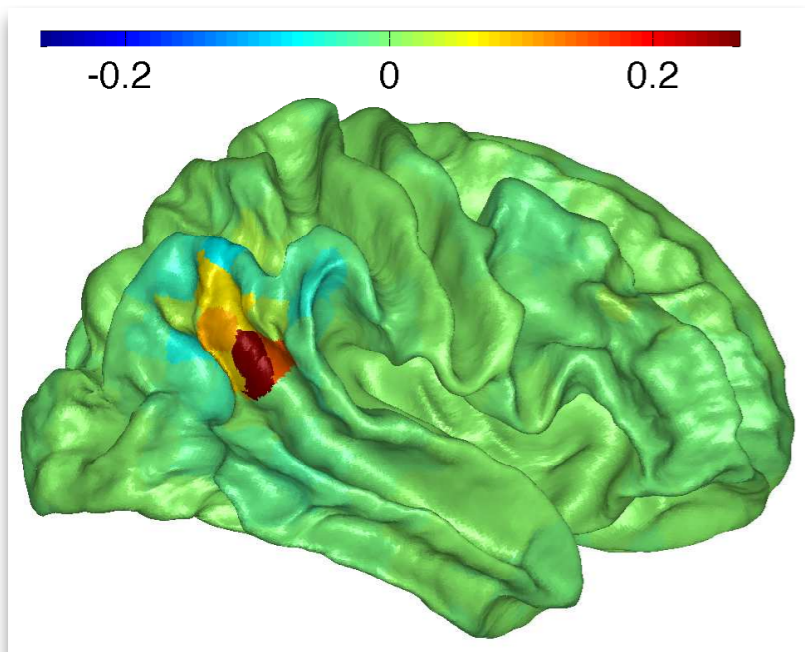
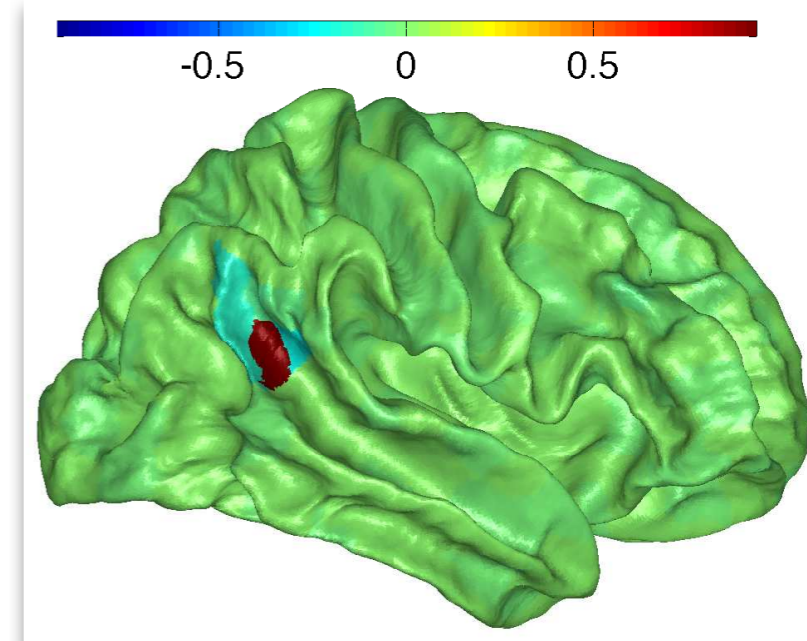
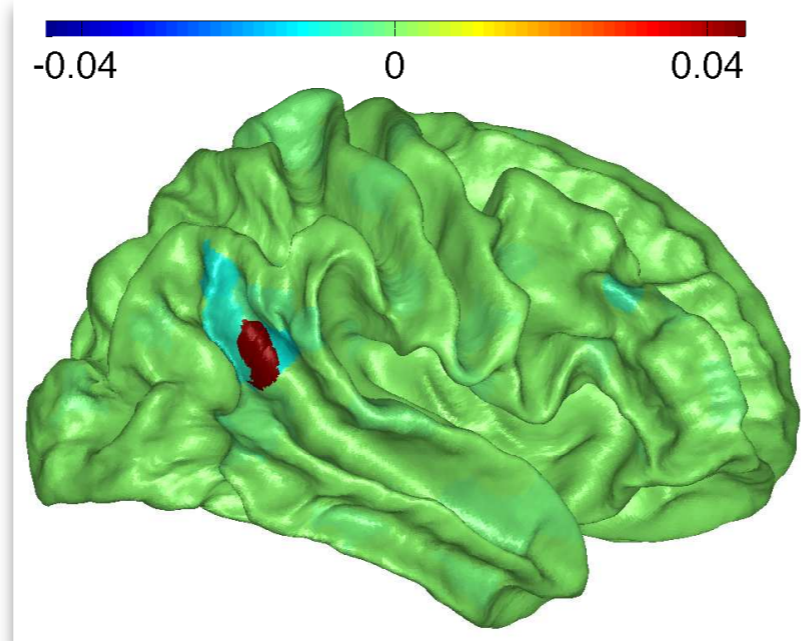
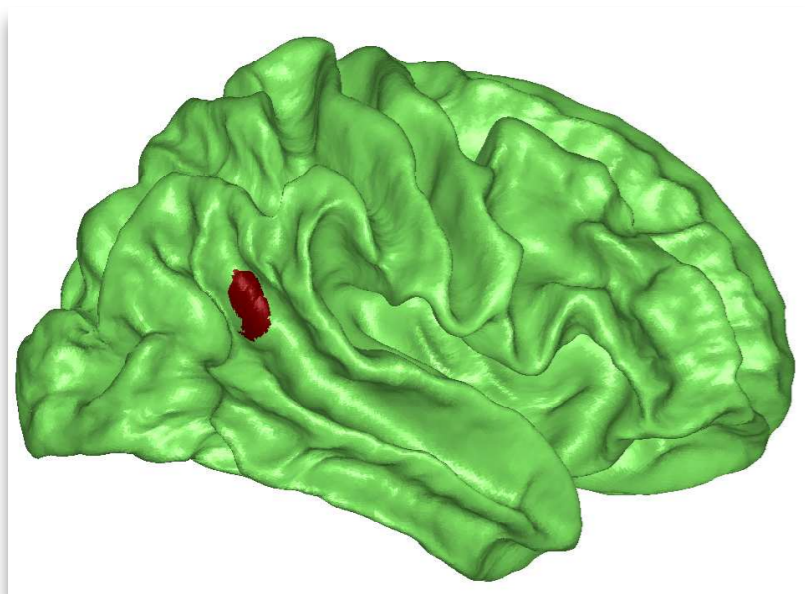




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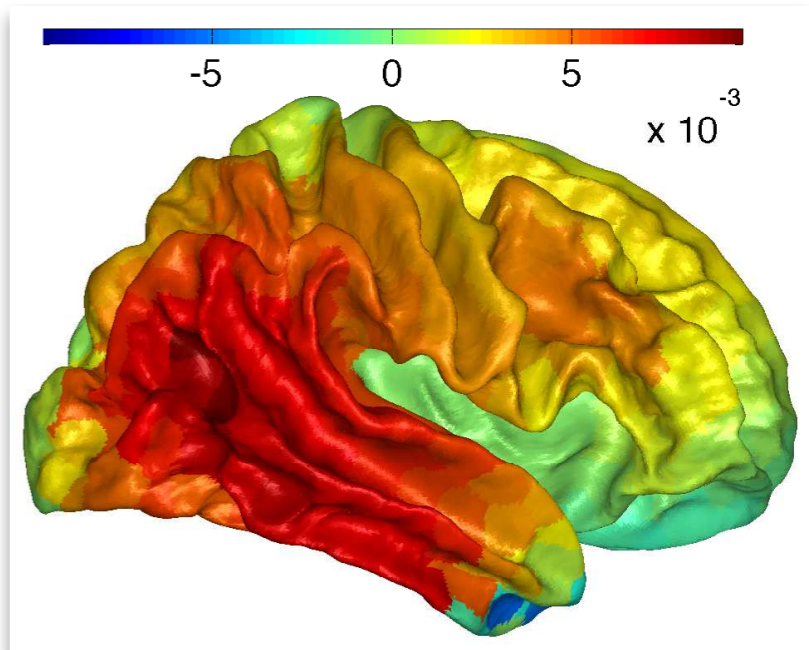
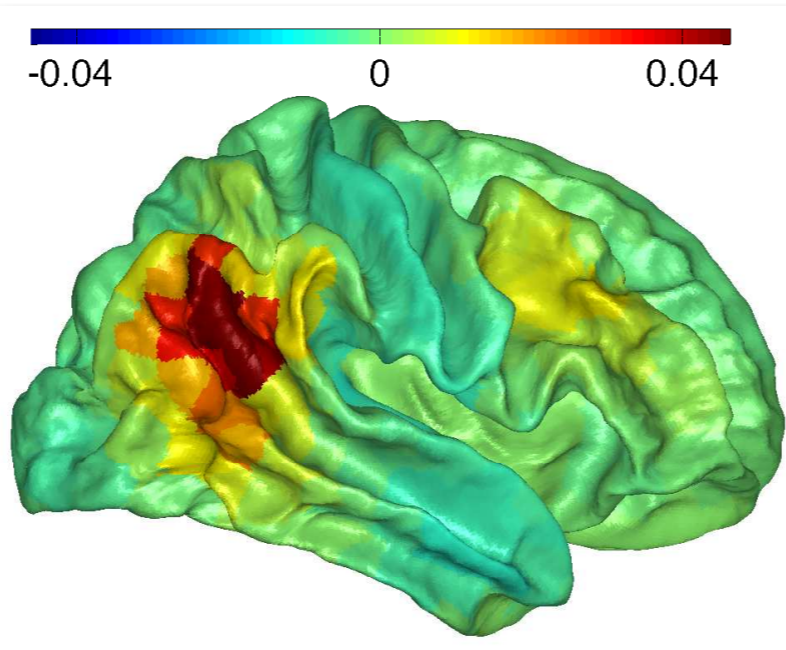
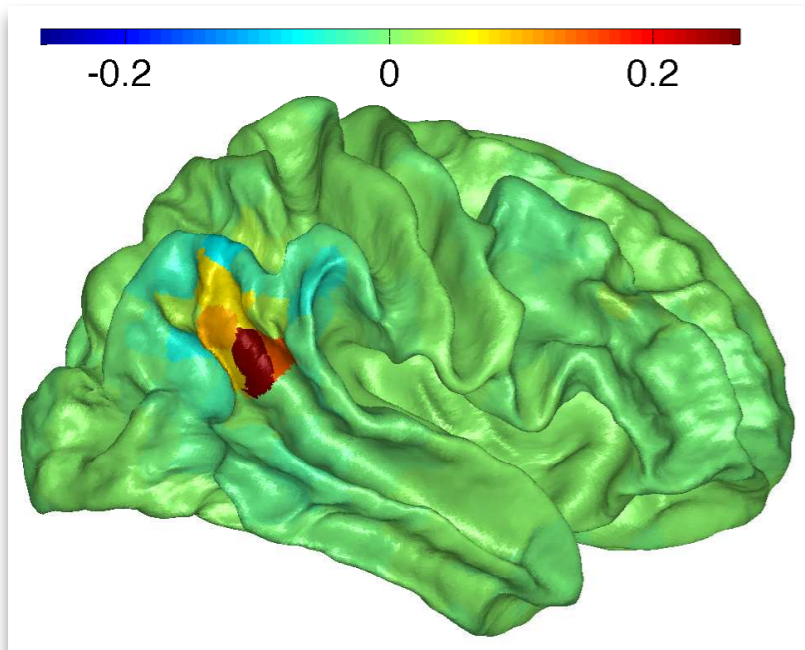
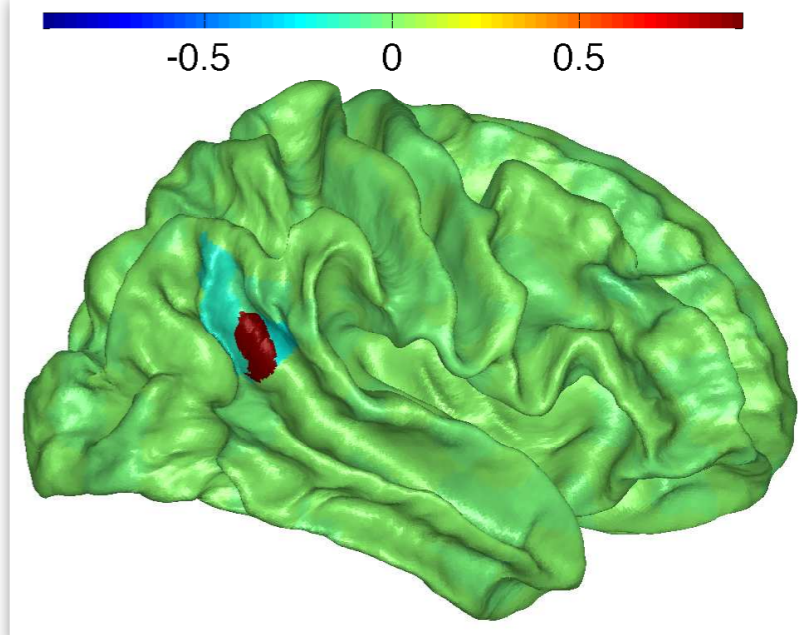
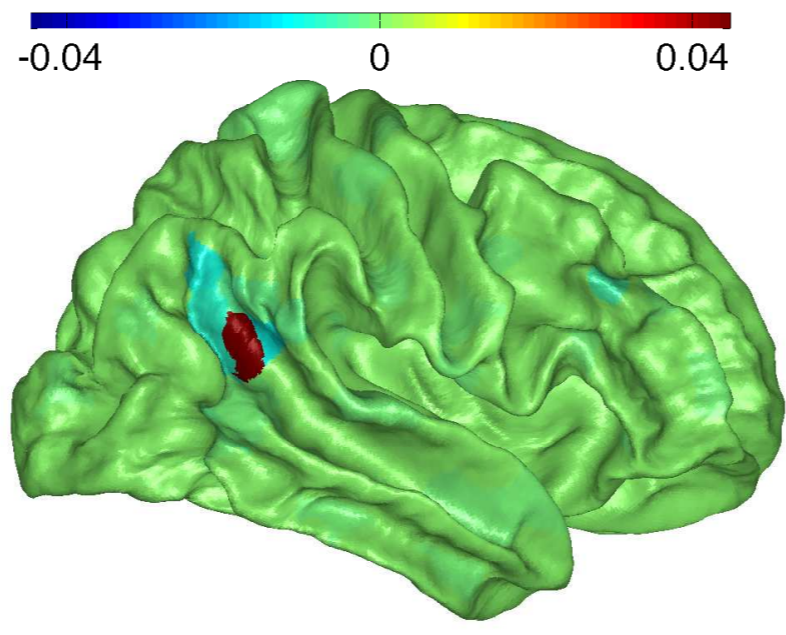
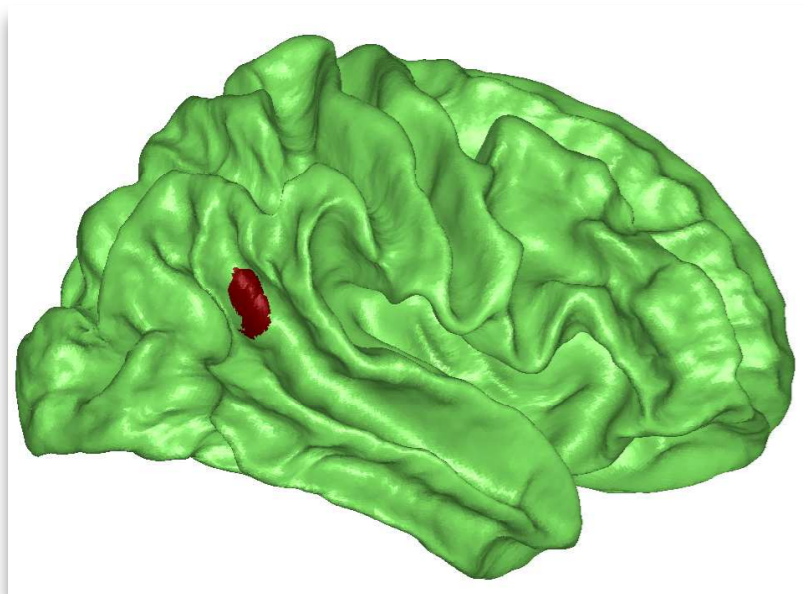


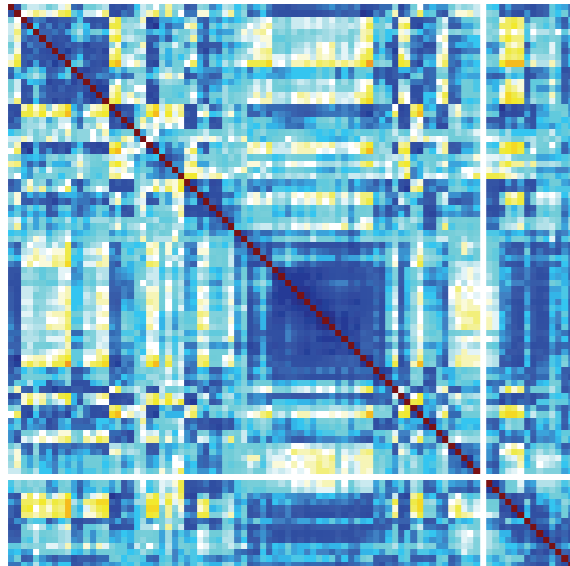
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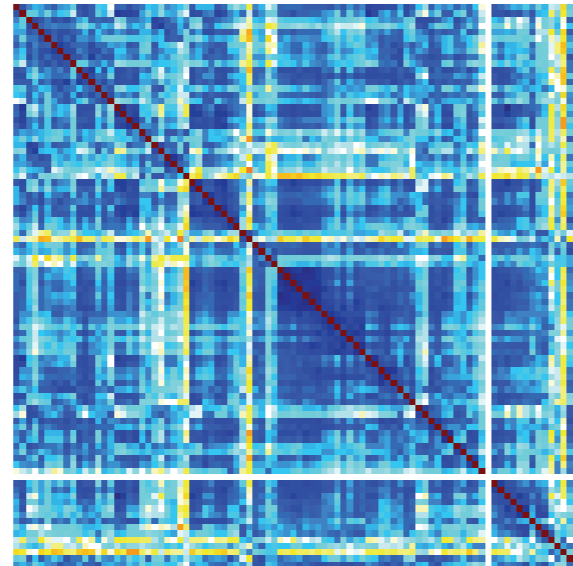


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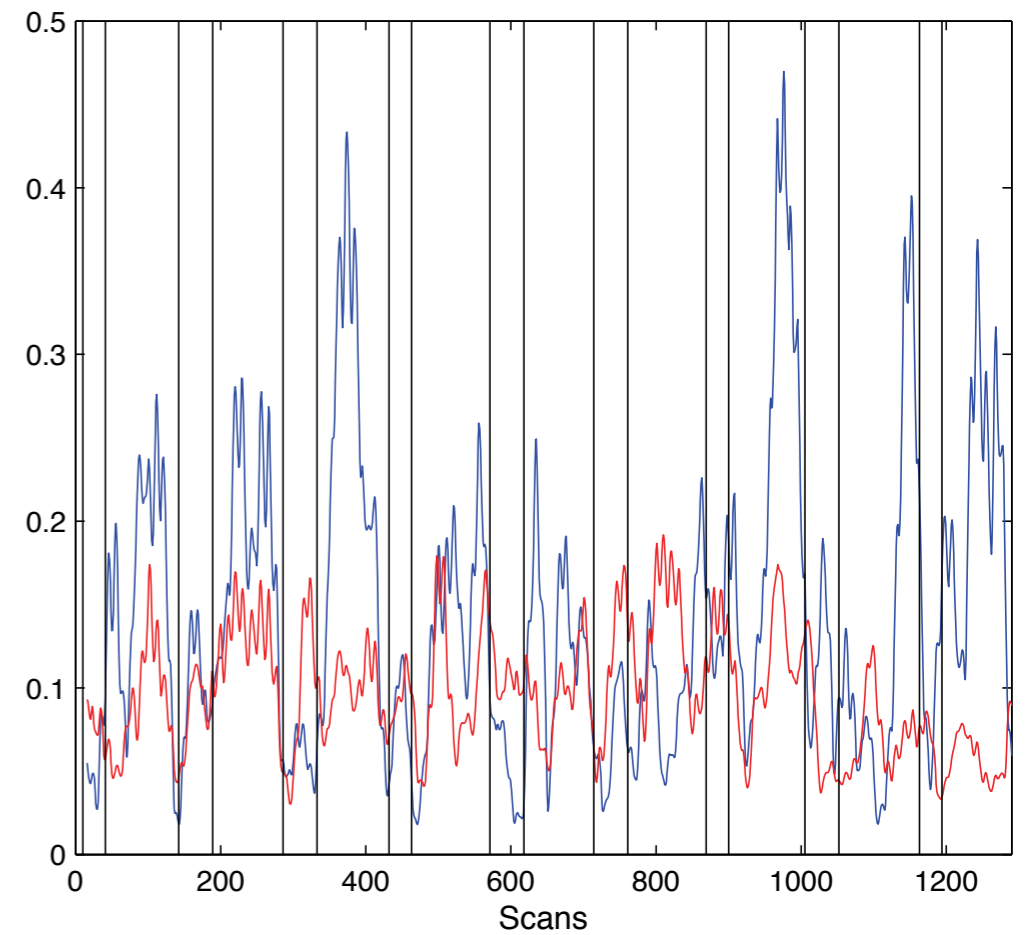


Rest



Movie

## Fraction of energy



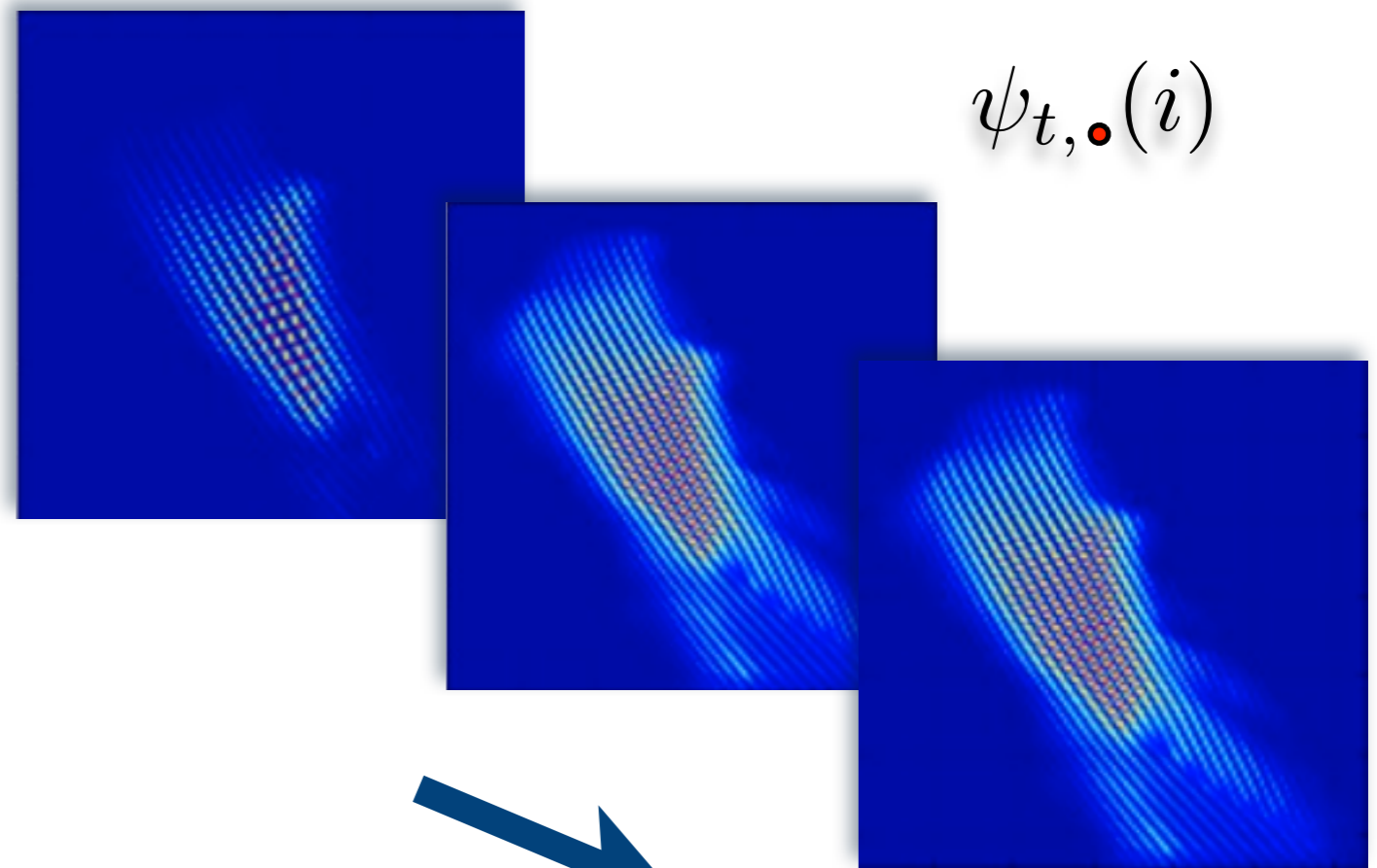
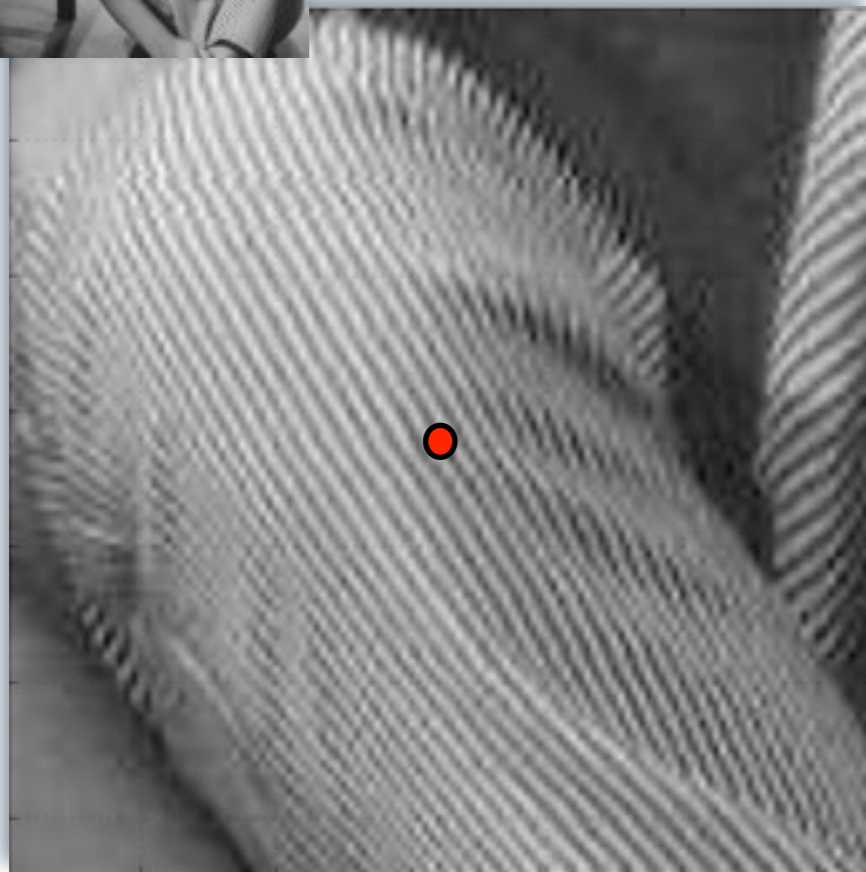
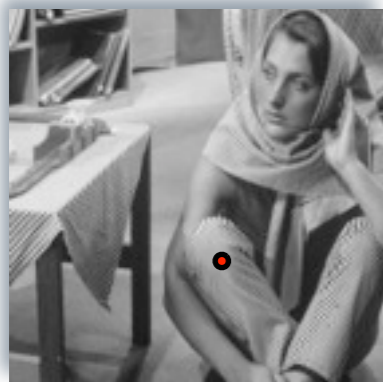
Leonardi & Van de Ville, 2011



# Non-local Wavelet Frame

- Non-local Wavelets are ...

... Graph Wavelets on Non-Local Graph



increasing scale

Interest: good *adaptive* sparsity basis



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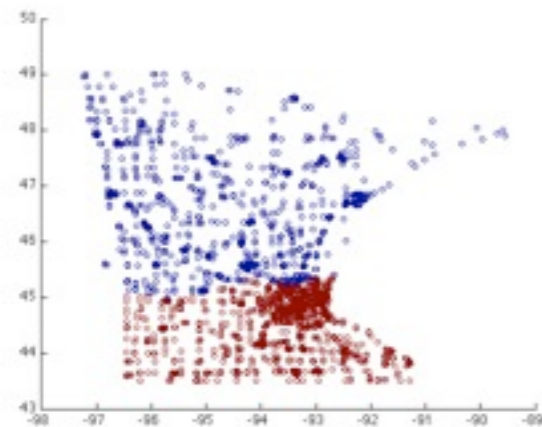
$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in V} |\langle \psi_{2^{-j}, i}, f \rangle|^2 &= \sum_l |g(2^j \lambda_l)|^2 |\hat{f}(\lambda_l)|^2 \\ &= \sum_{2^{-j-1} \lambda_{\max} \leq \lambda_l \leq 2^{-j} \lambda_{\max}} |\hat{f}(\lambda_l)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

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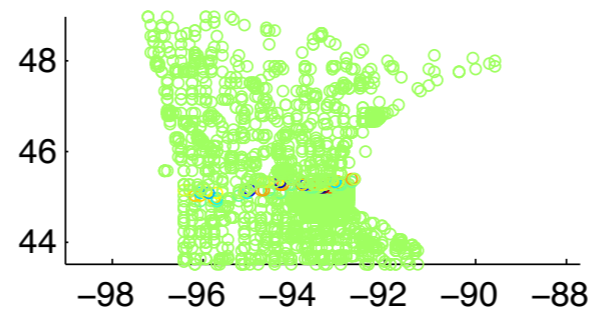
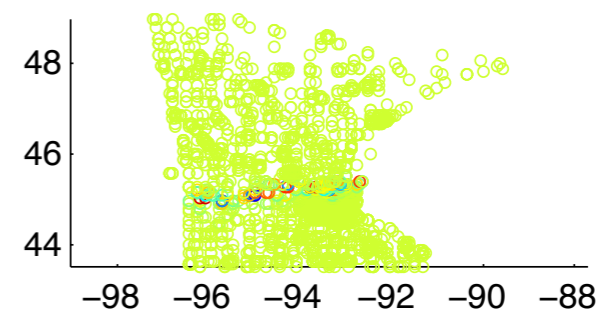
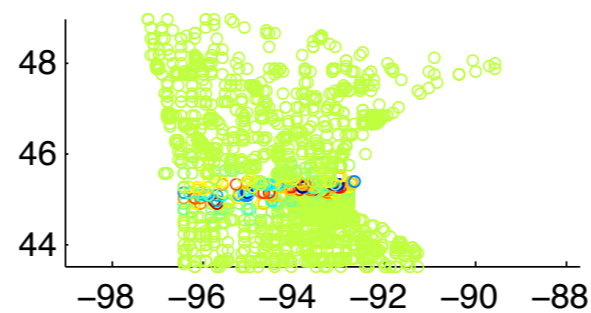
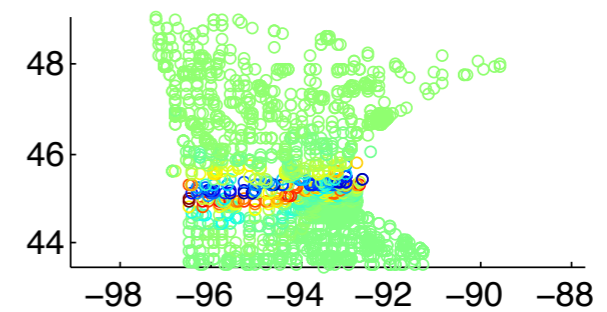
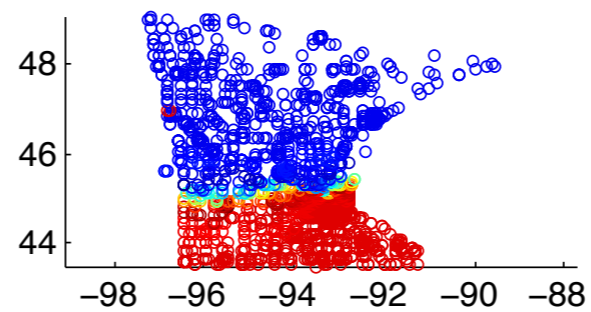
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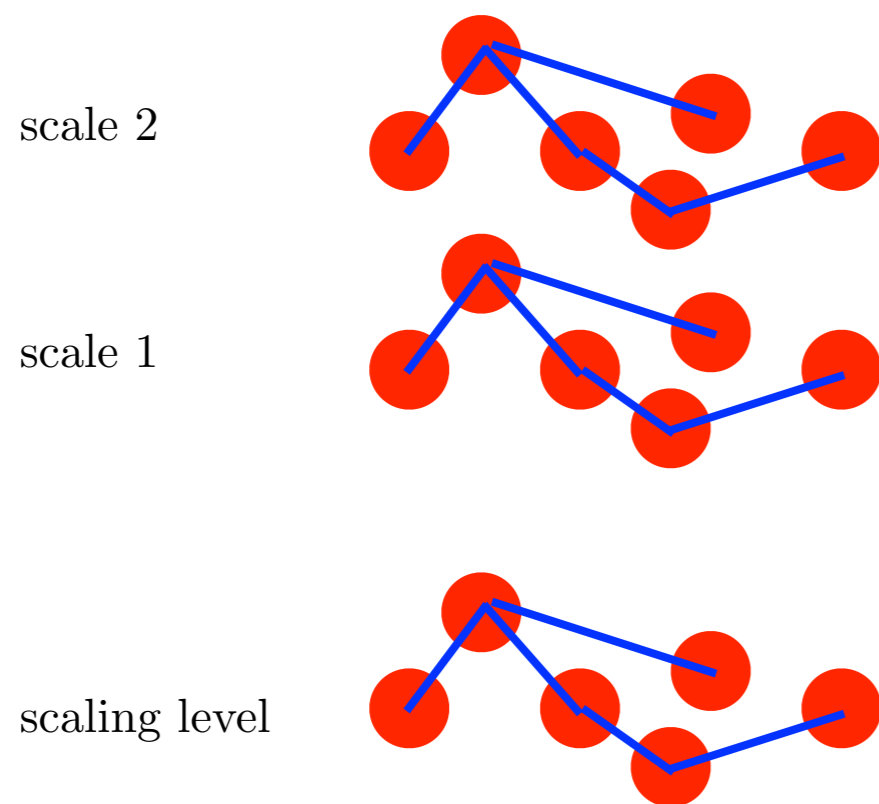
There is no information to determine masked wavelets

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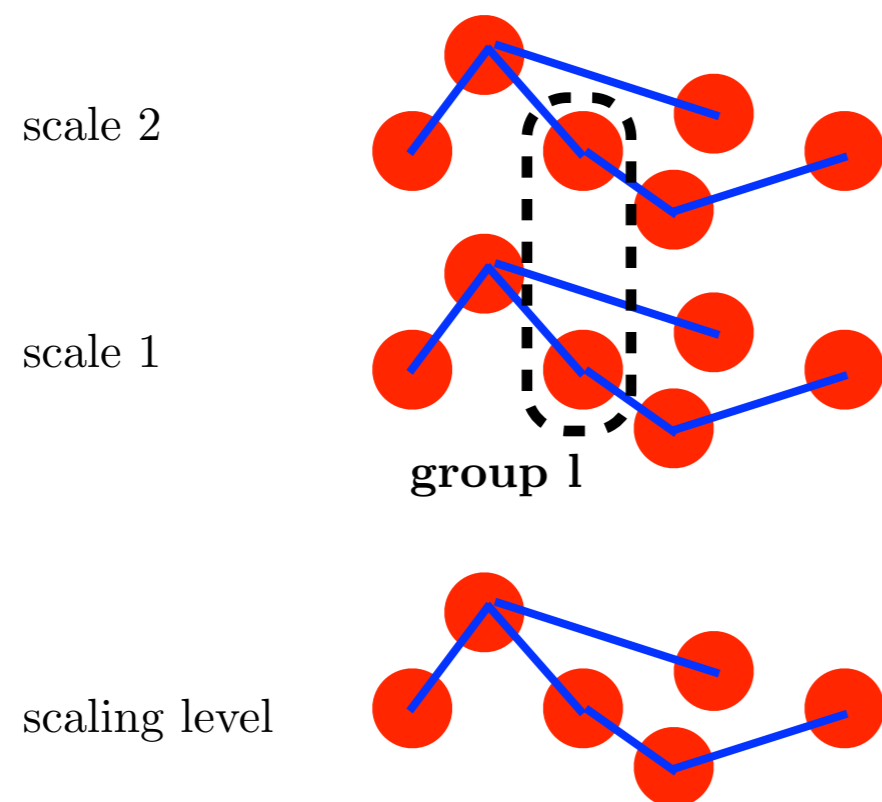


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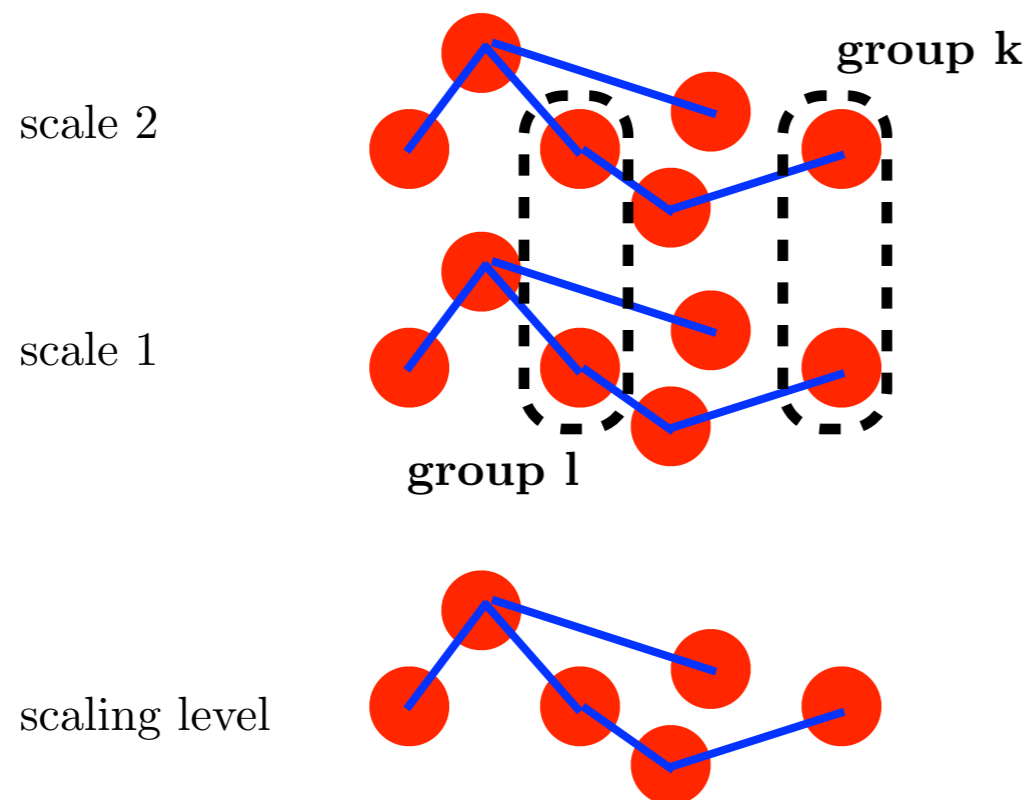


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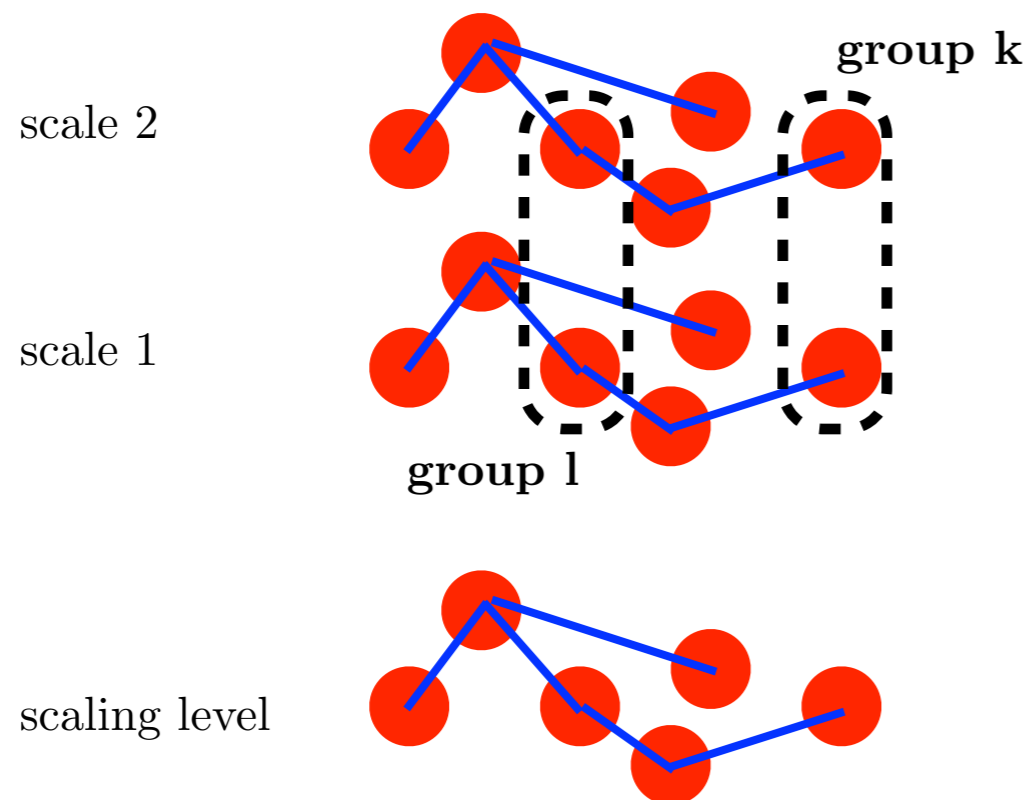


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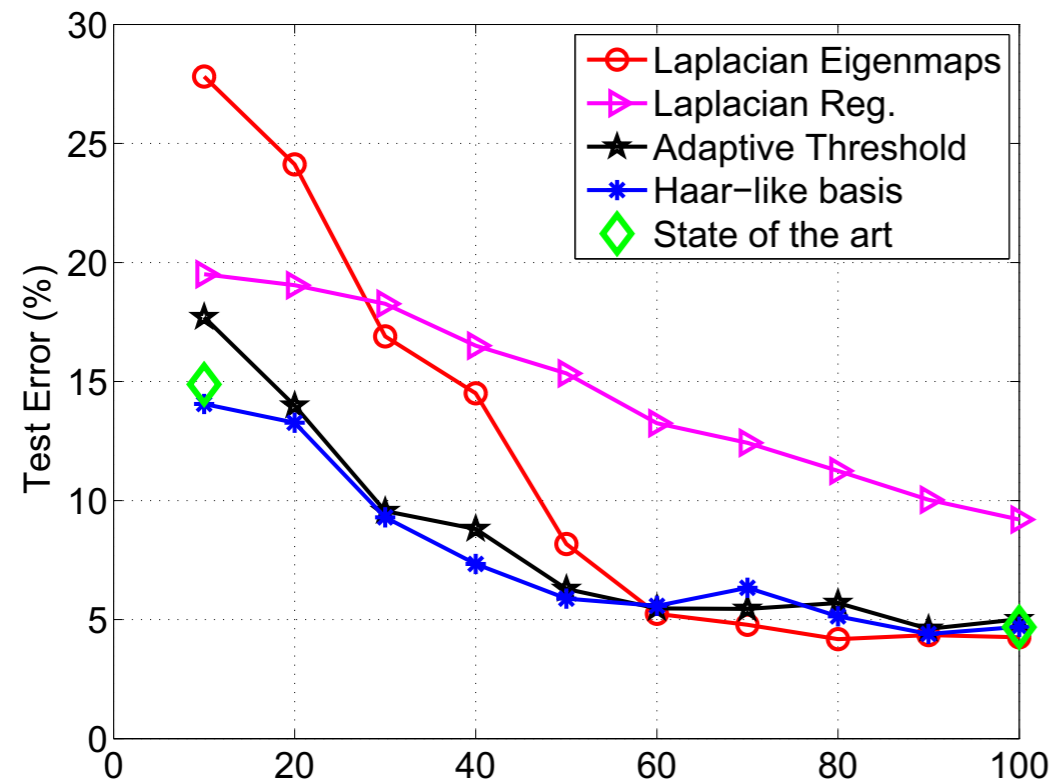
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Inside group, all coefficients can be active

Formulate with mixed-norms  $\|\beta\|_{p,q}$

Simple model, no overlap, optimized like LASSO

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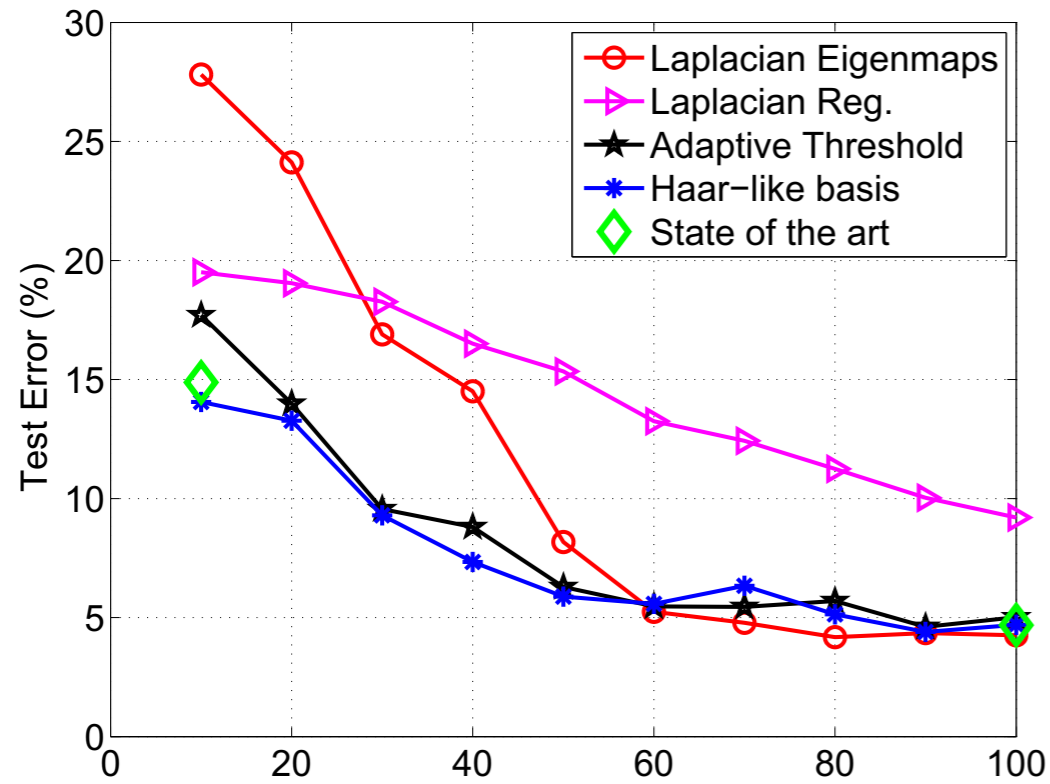


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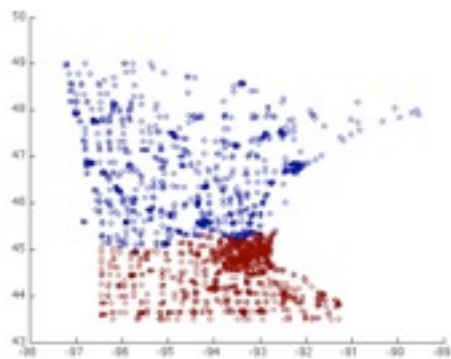


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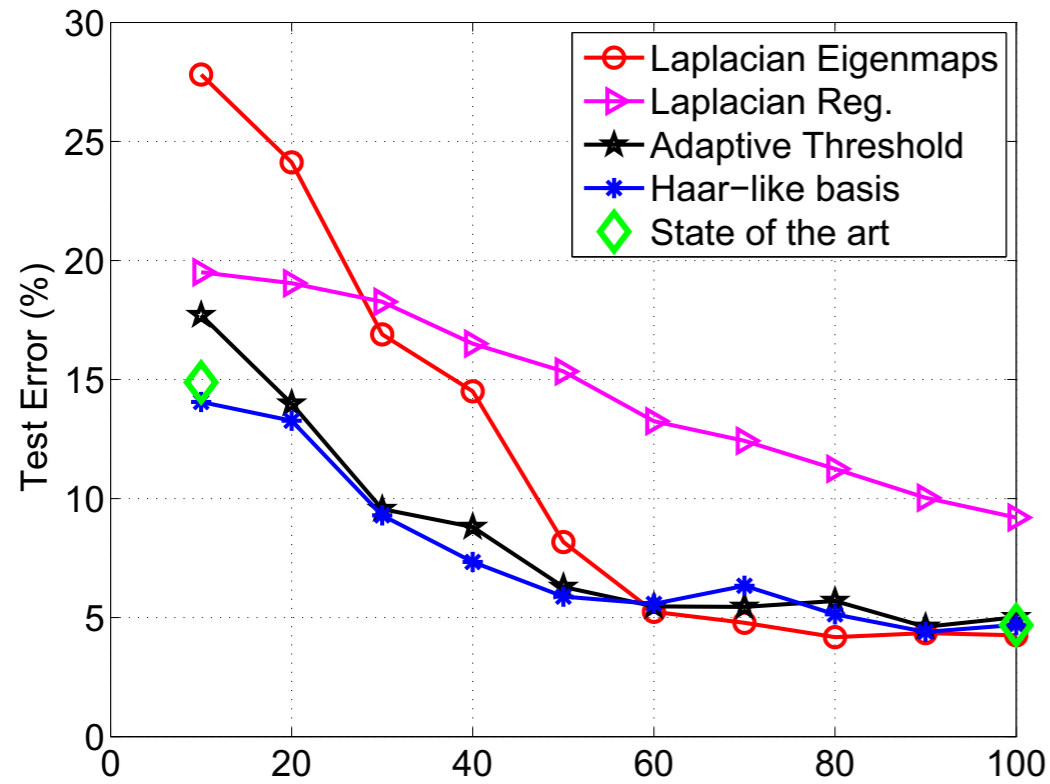


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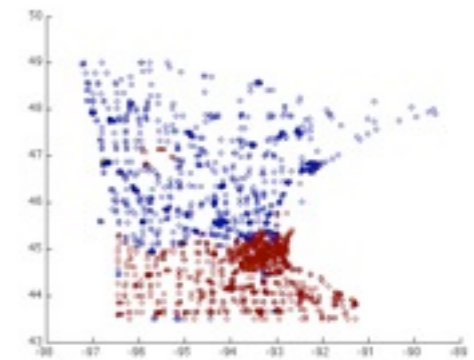
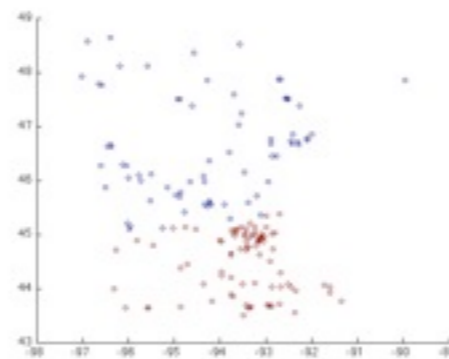
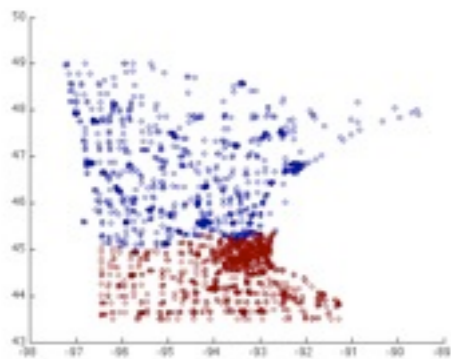


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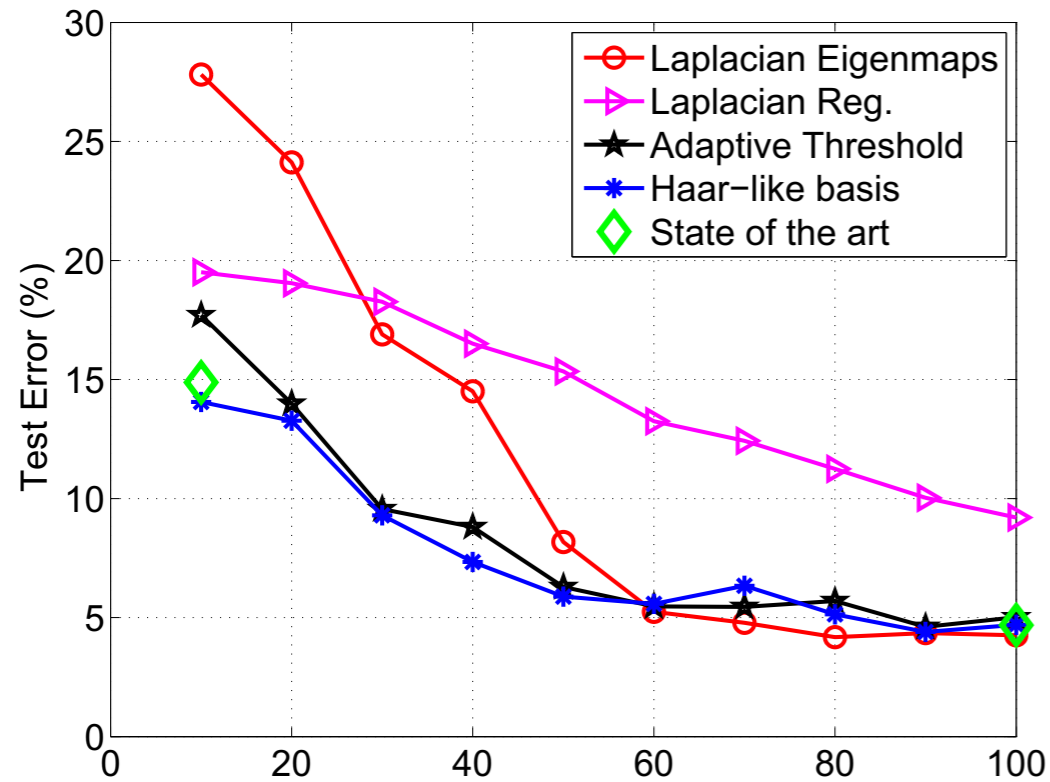
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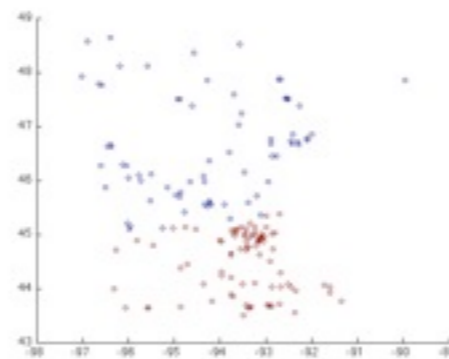
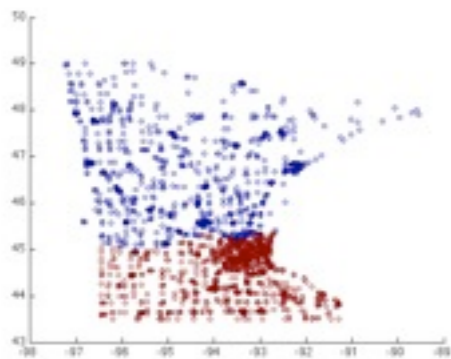


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Remarks:

CAP is the composition of mixed norm and adjacency mat.

For *analysis* coefficients, at small scale  $\sum_{i \in V} \sqrt{\sum_{k \sim i} \beta_{j,k}^2}$  behaves like TV

# Graph wavelets

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- Redundancy breaks sparsity
  - can we remove some or all of it ?
- Faster algorithms
  - traditional wavelets have fast filter banks implementation
  - whatever scale, you use the same filters
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- Goal: solve both problems at one

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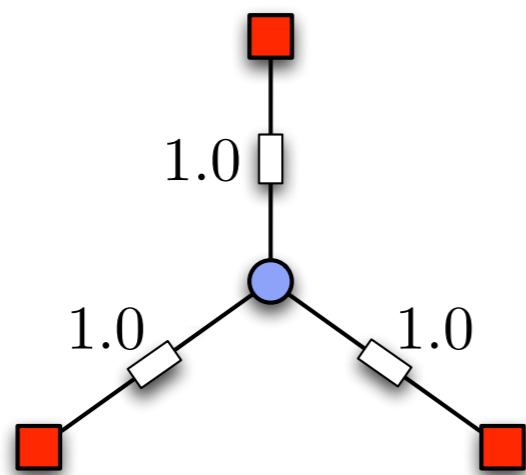


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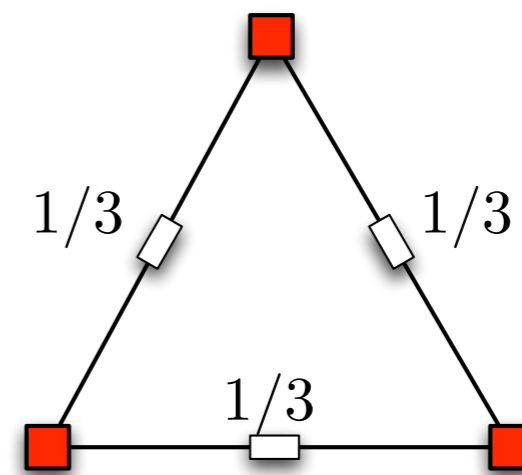
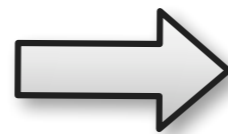
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Kron-reduced Laplacian:  $\mathbf{L}_r = k^2\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$

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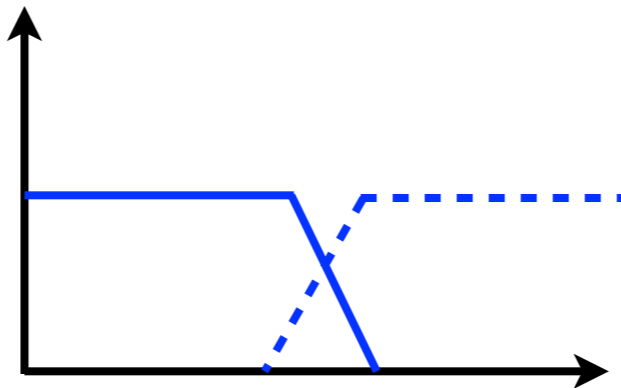
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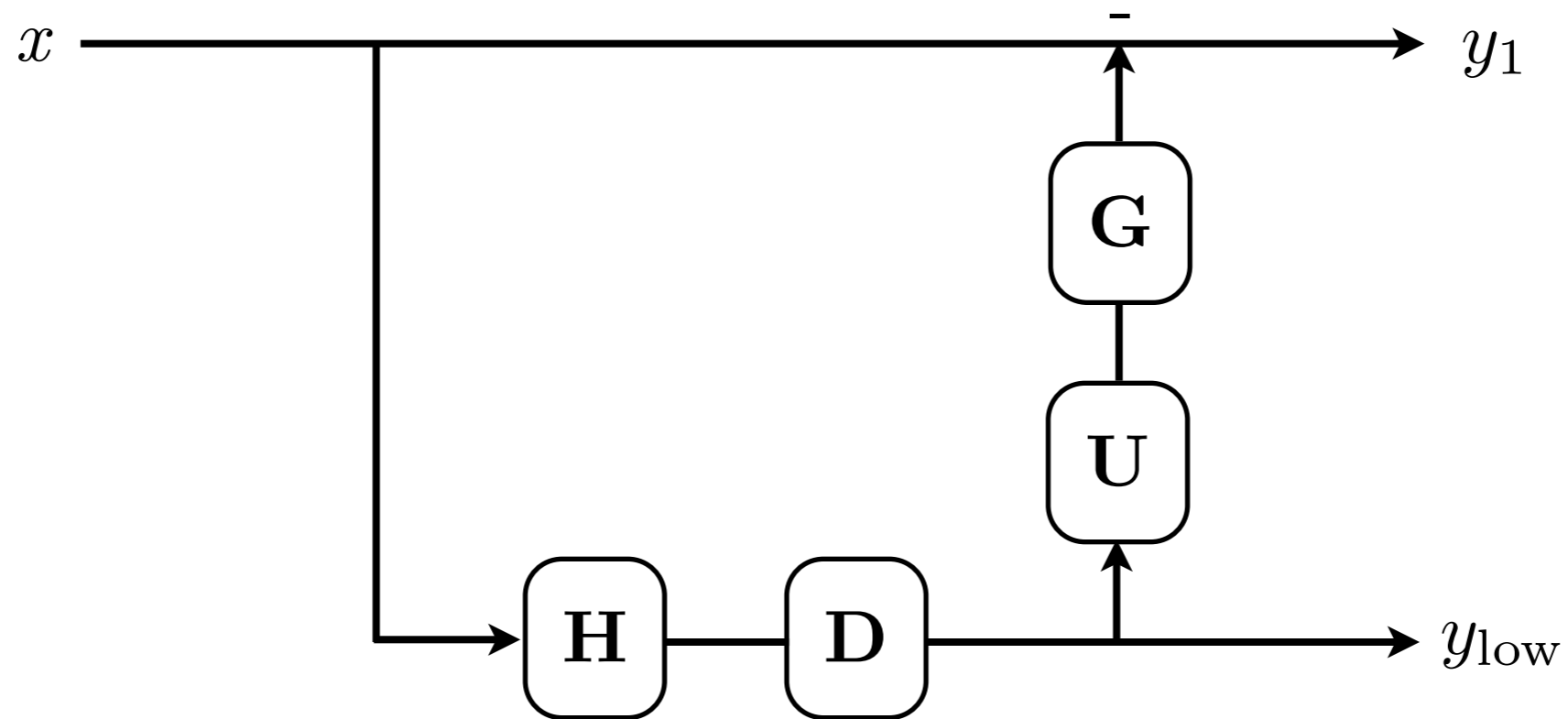
Kron-reduced Laplacian:  $\mathbf{L}_r = k^2\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^T$

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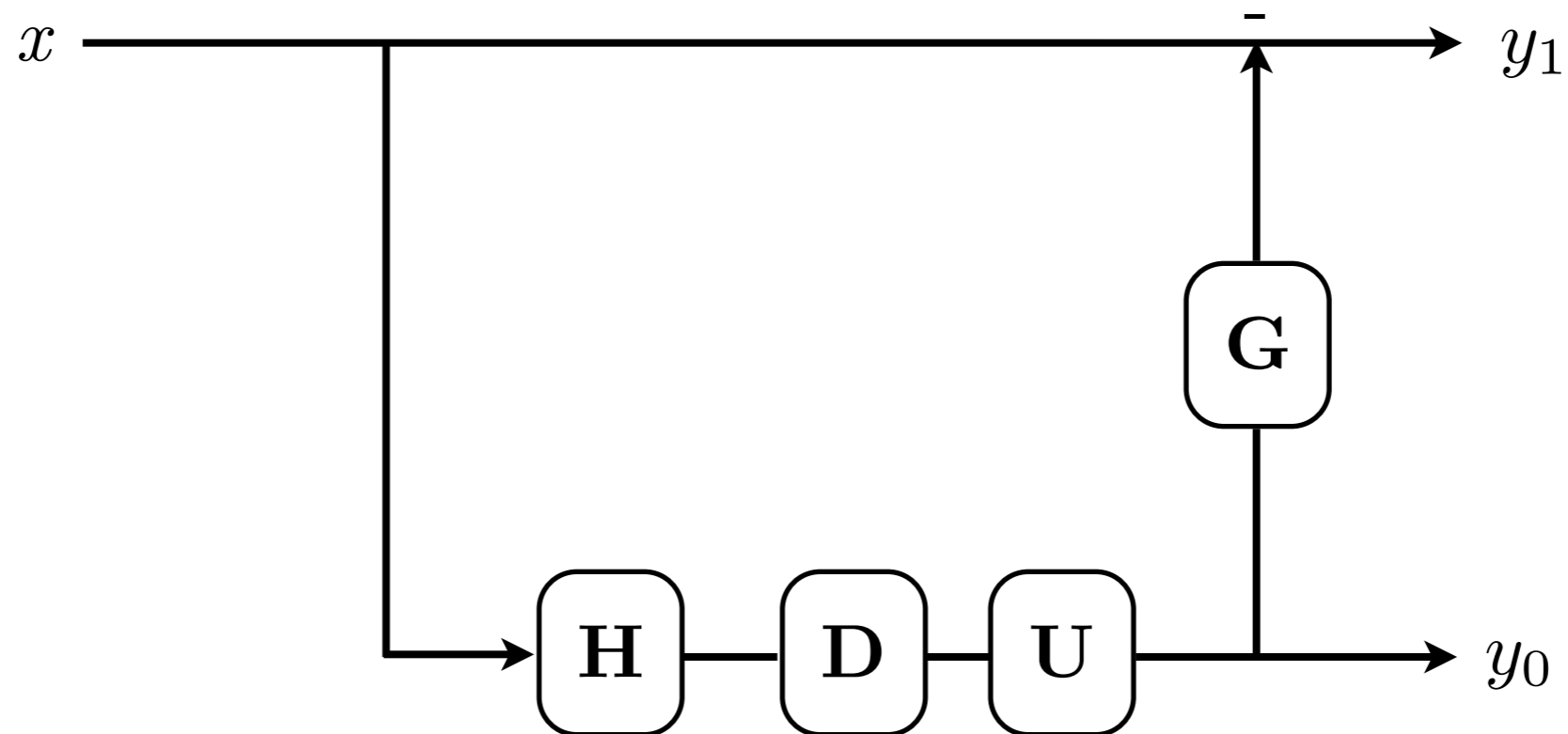
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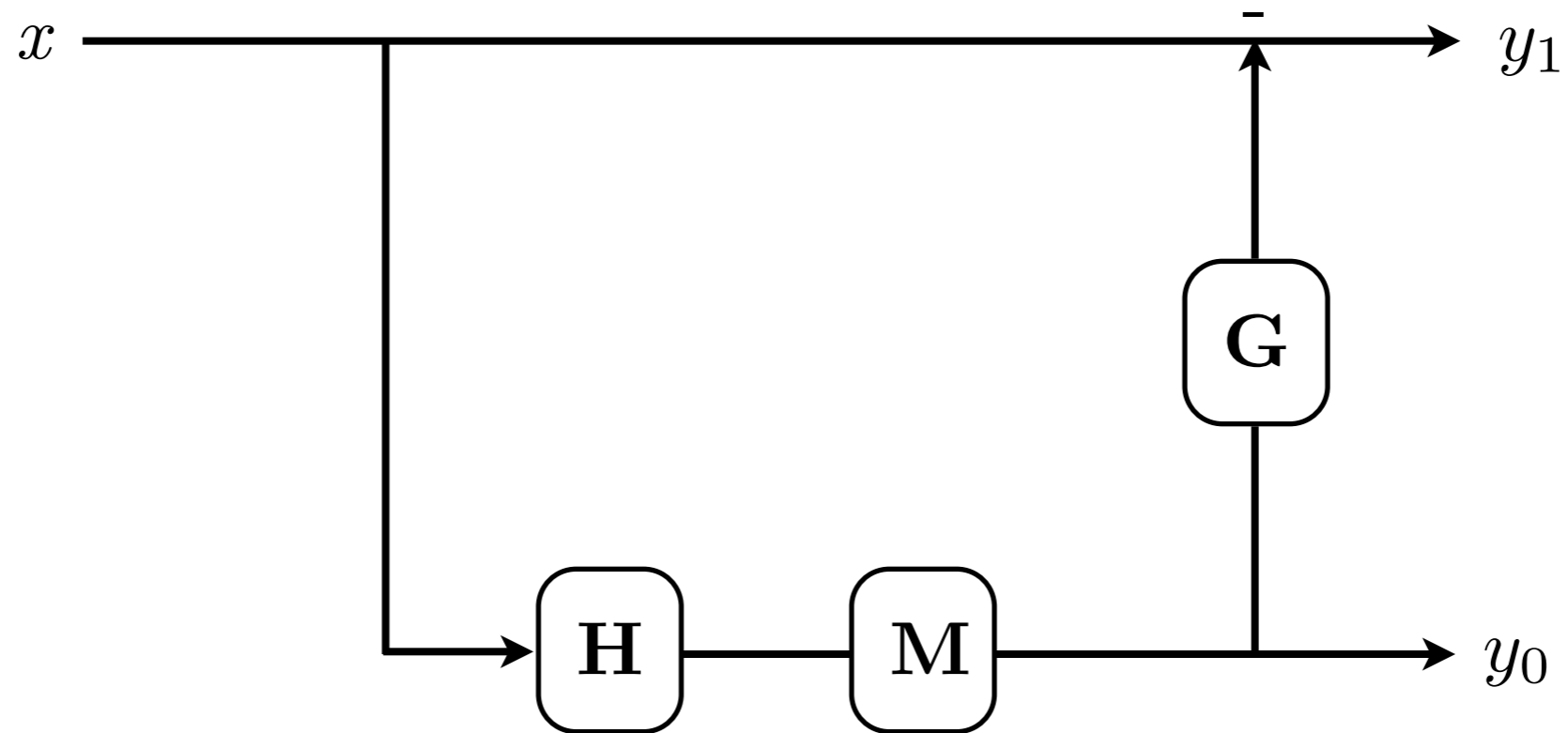
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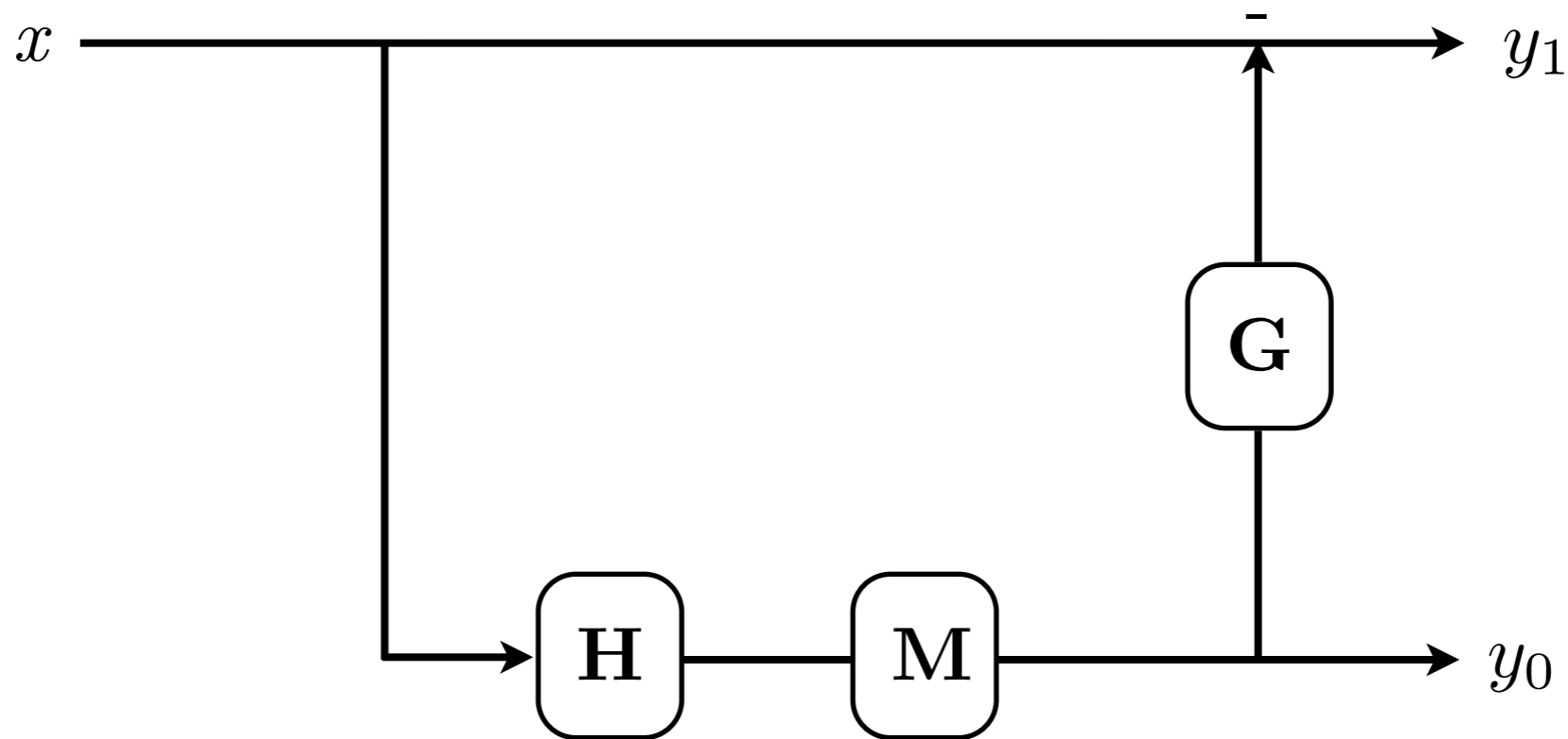
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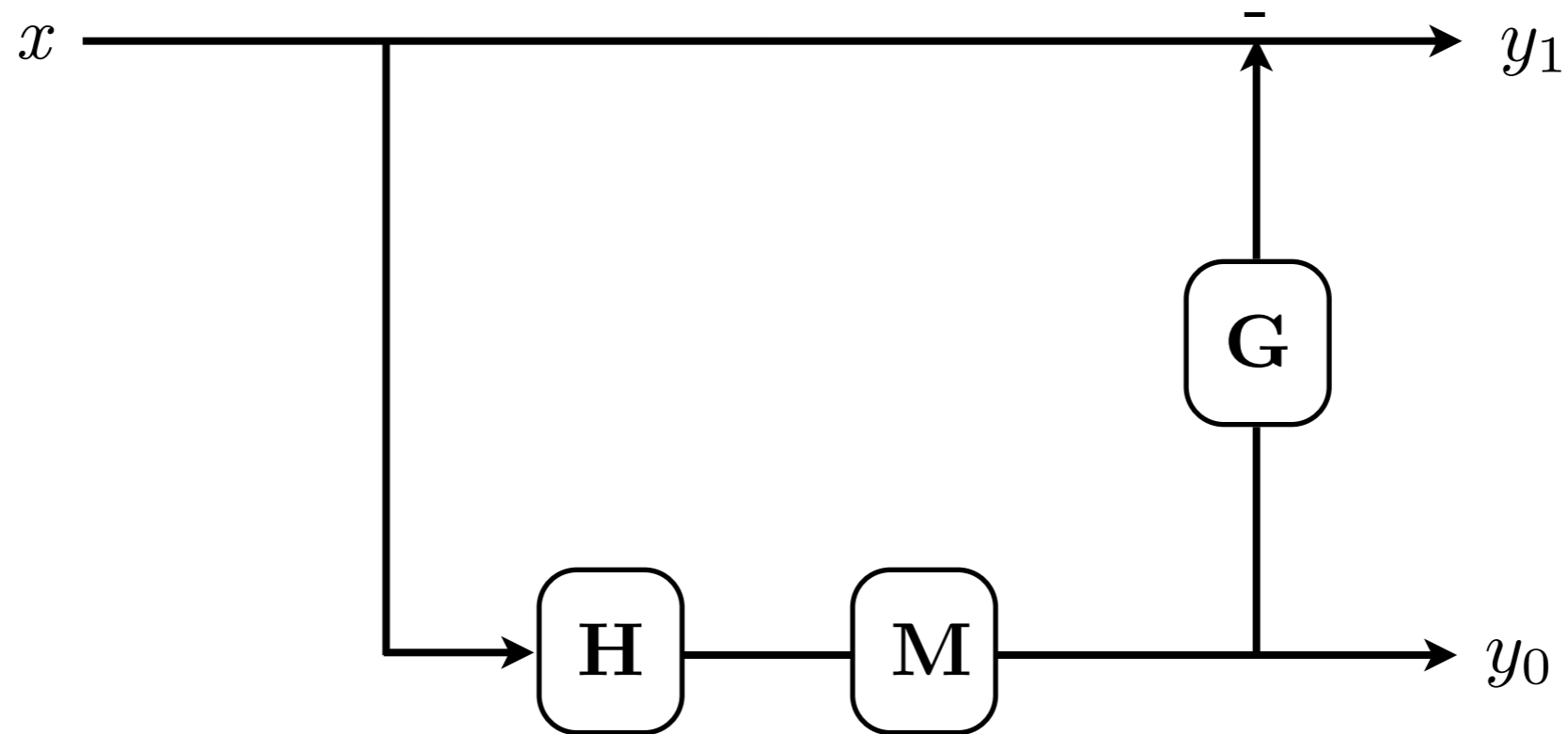
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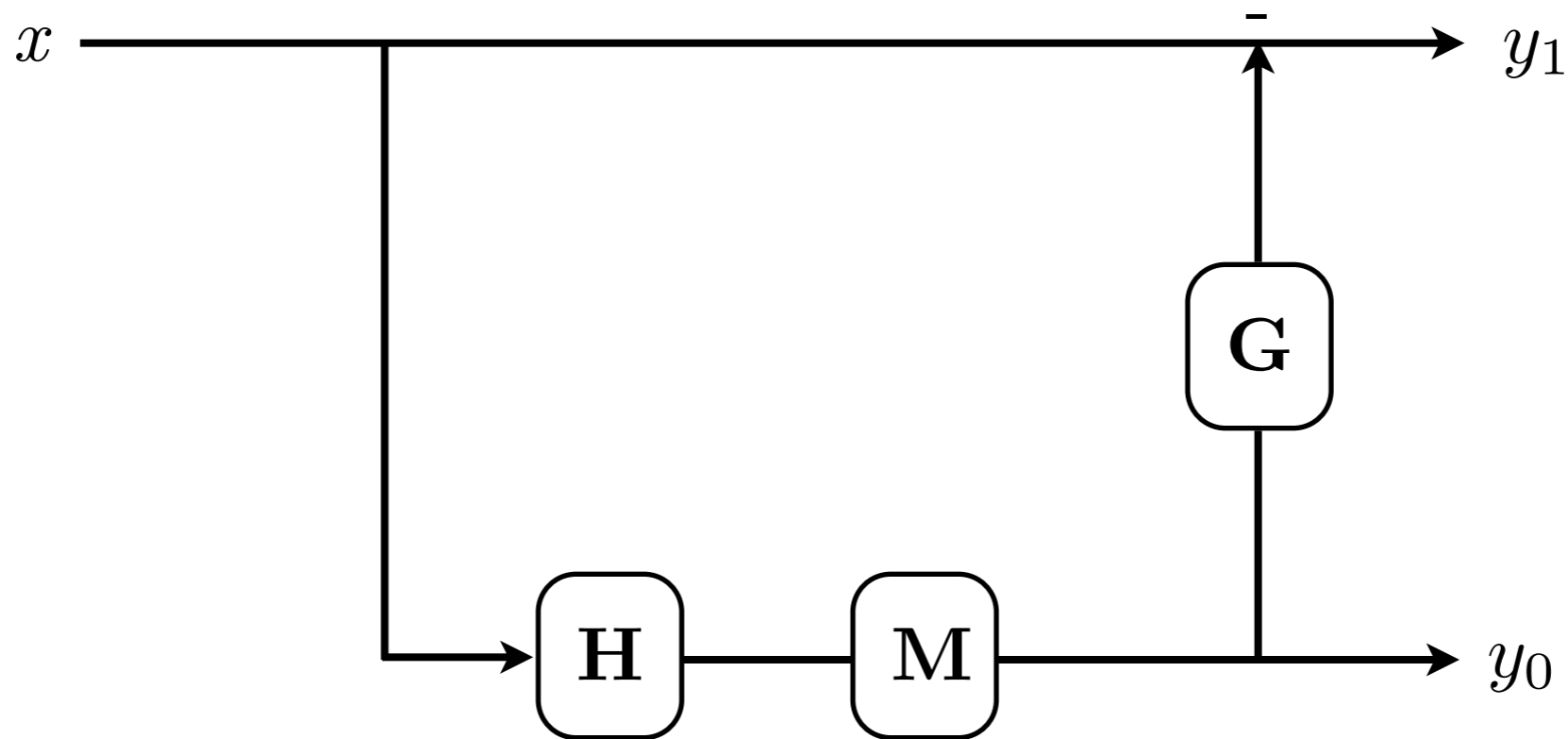
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Simple (traditional) left inverse

$$\hat{x} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}}_{\mathbf{T}_s} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}}_y$$

$$\mathbf{T}_s \mathbf{T}_a = \mathbf{I} \quad \text{with no conditions on } \mathbf{H} \text{ or } \mathbf{G}$$

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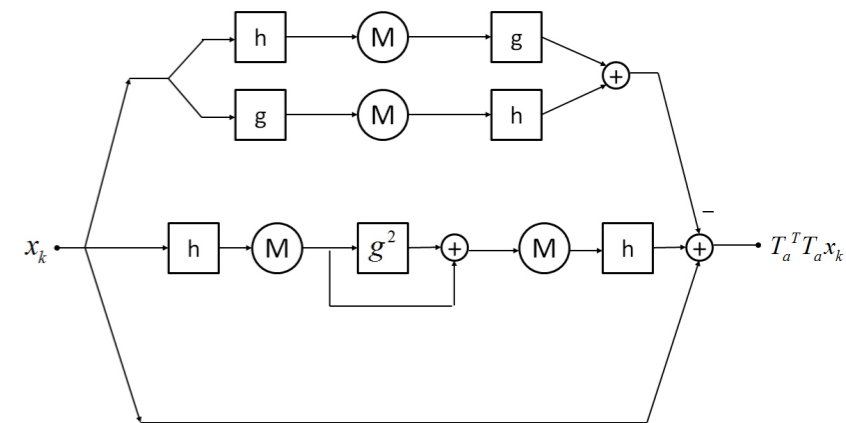
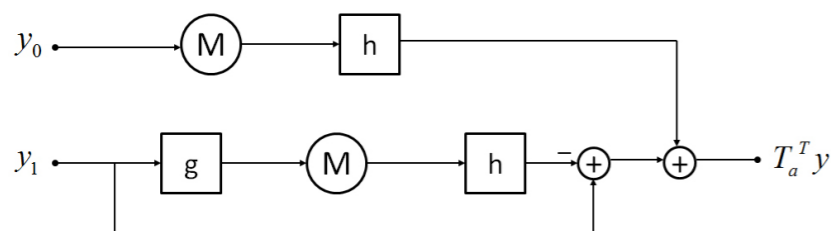
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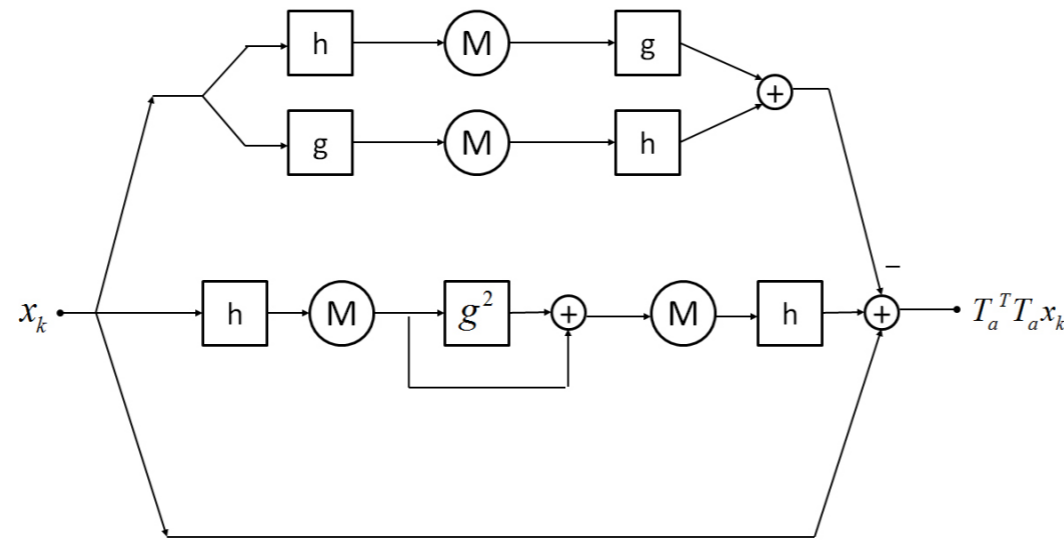
$$\arg \min_x \|\mathbf{T}_a x - y\|_2^2 \longrightarrow \hat{x}_{k+1} = \hat{x}_k + \tau \mathbf{T}_a^T (y - \mathbf{T}_a \hat{x}_k)$$

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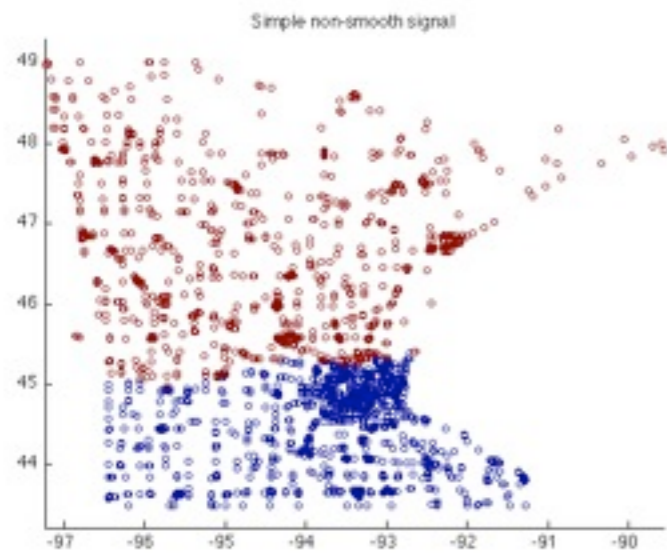
we can easily implement  $\mathbf{T}_a^T \mathbf{T}_a$  with filters and masks:



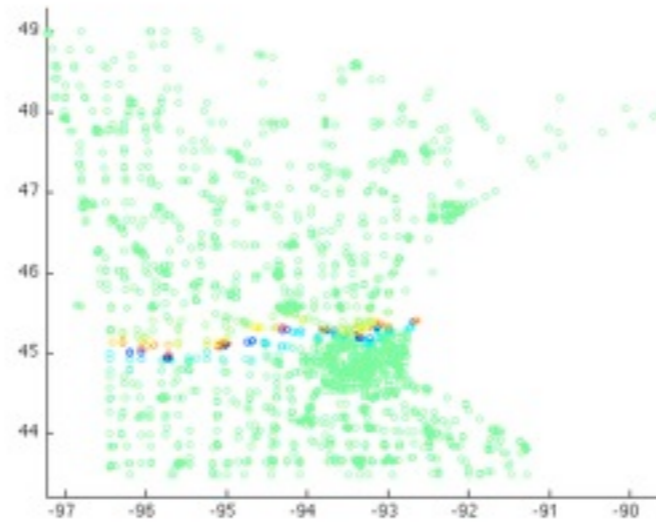
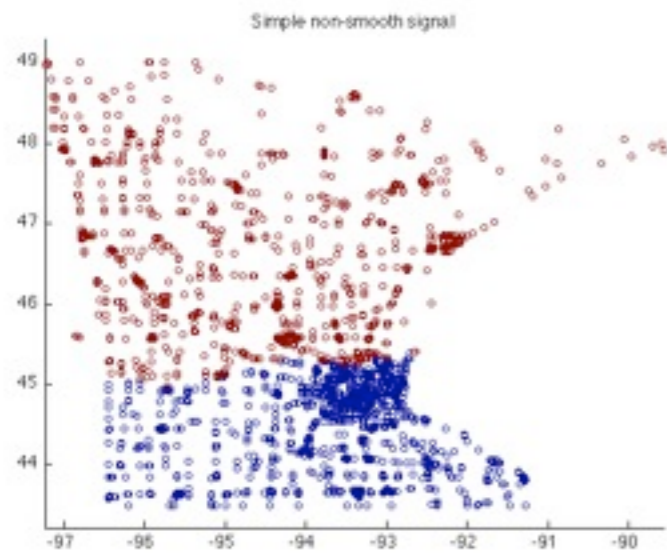
With the real symmetric matrix  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{T}_a^T \mathbf{T}_a$  and  $b = \mathbf{T}_a^T y$

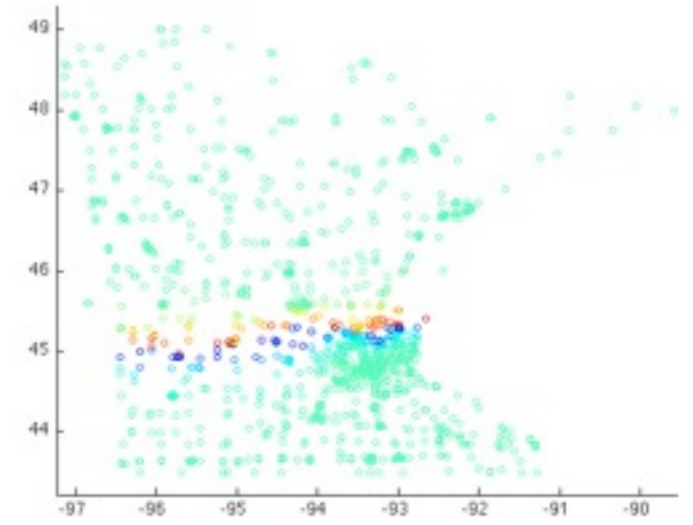
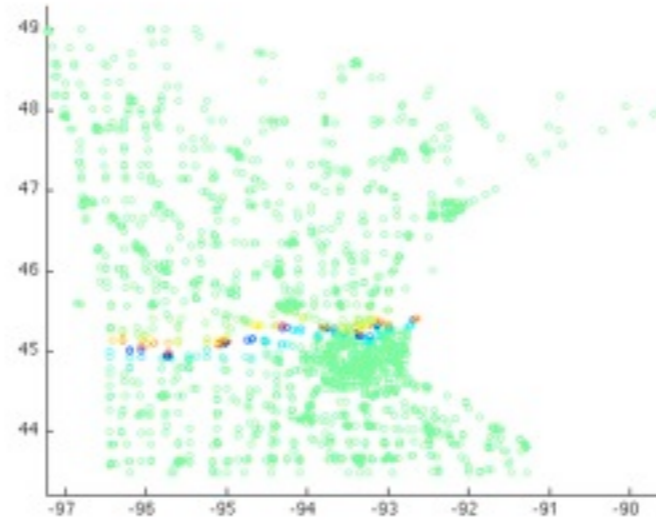
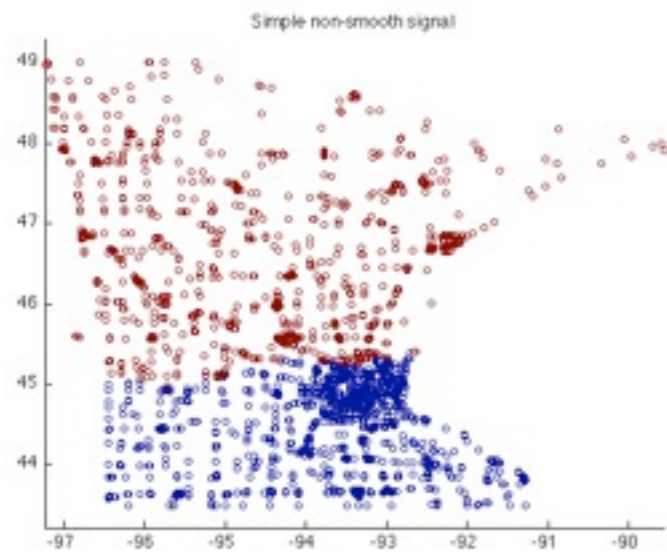
$$x_N = \tau \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} (\mathbf{I} - \tau \mathbf{Q})^j b$$

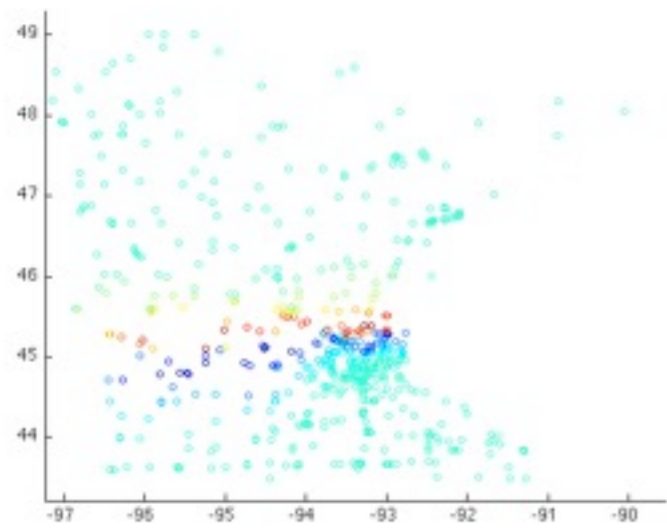
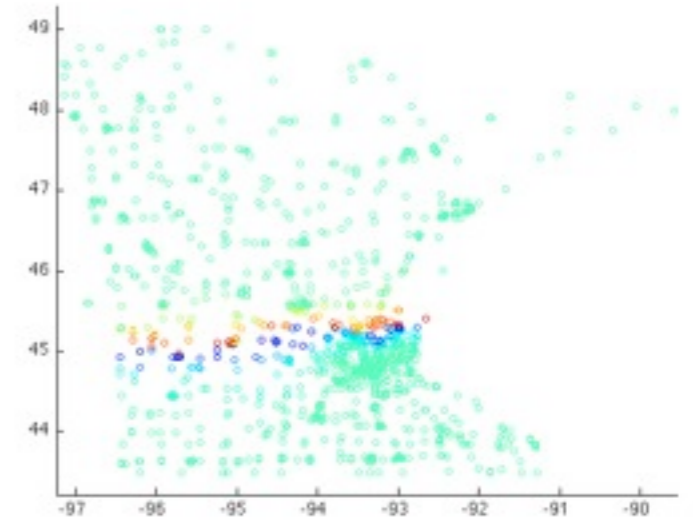
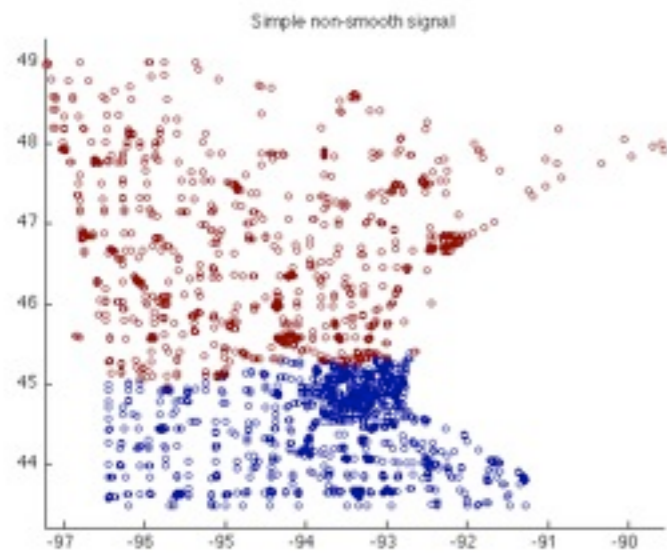
Use Chebyshev approximation of:  $L(\omega) = \tau \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} (1 - \tau \omega)^j$

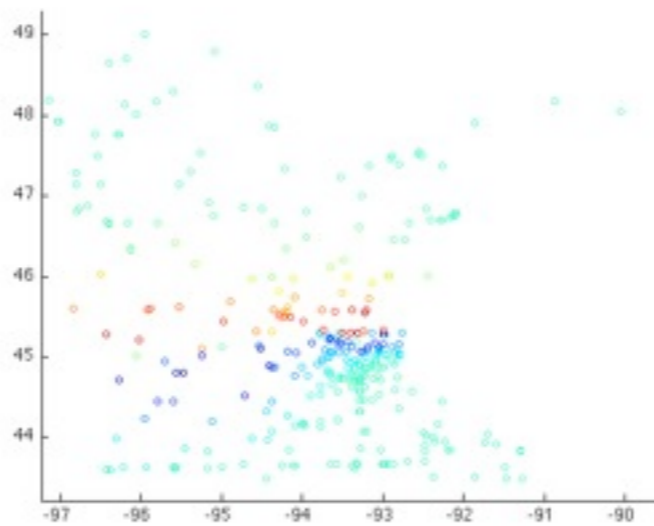
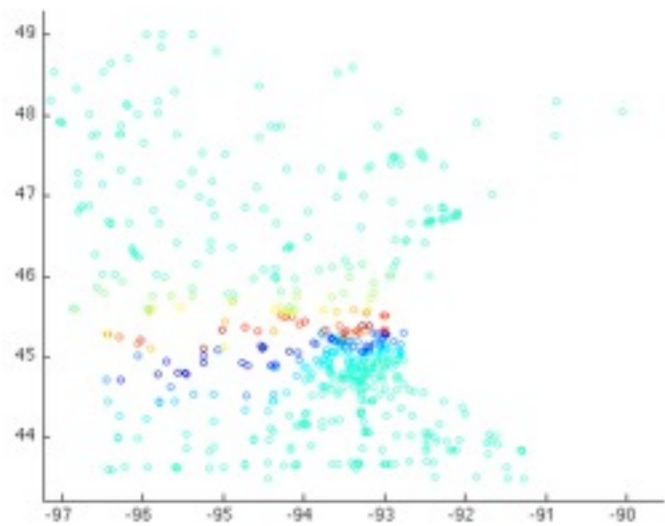
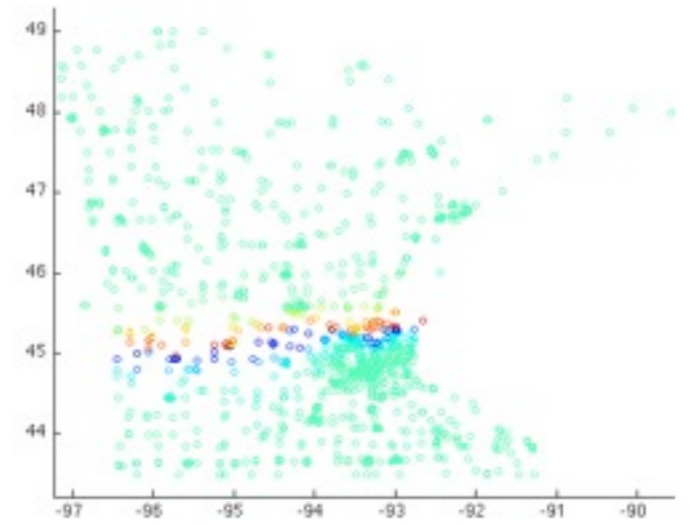
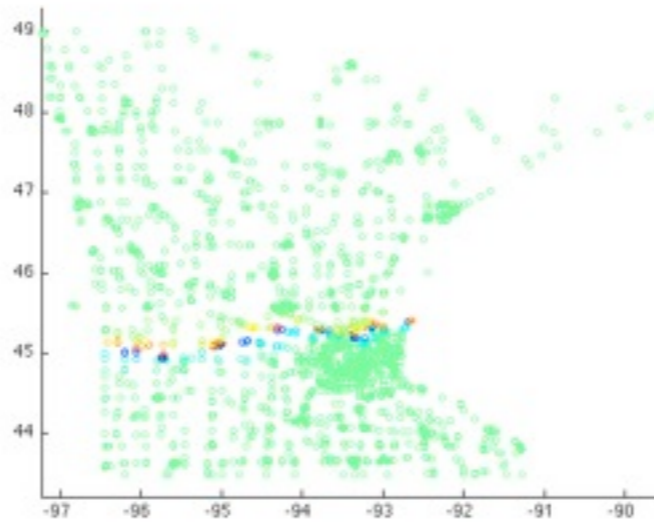
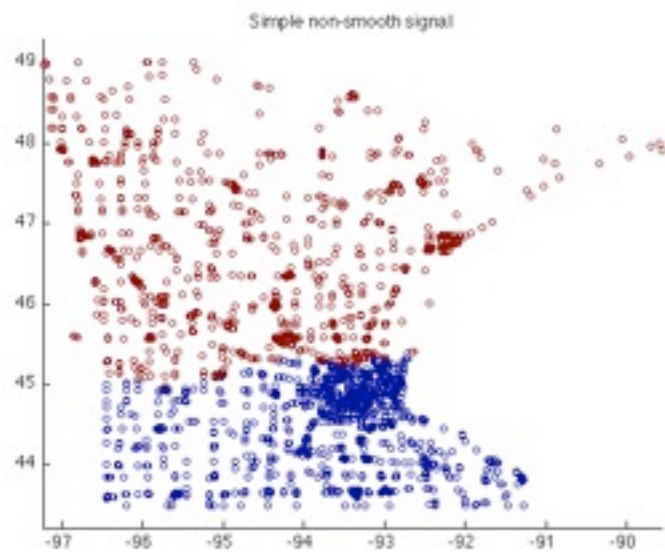




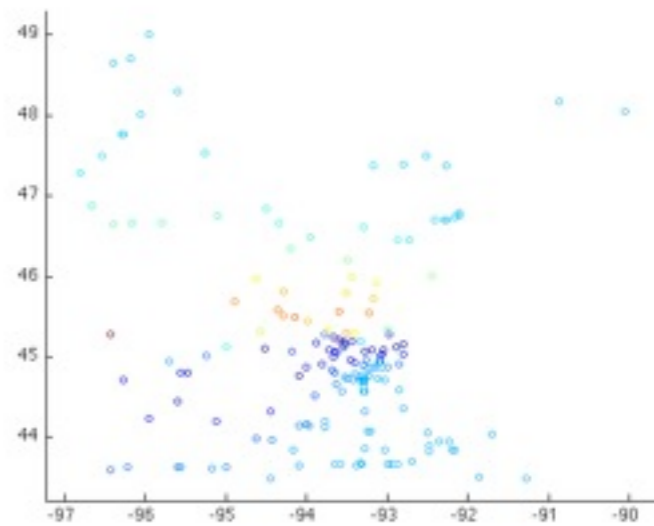
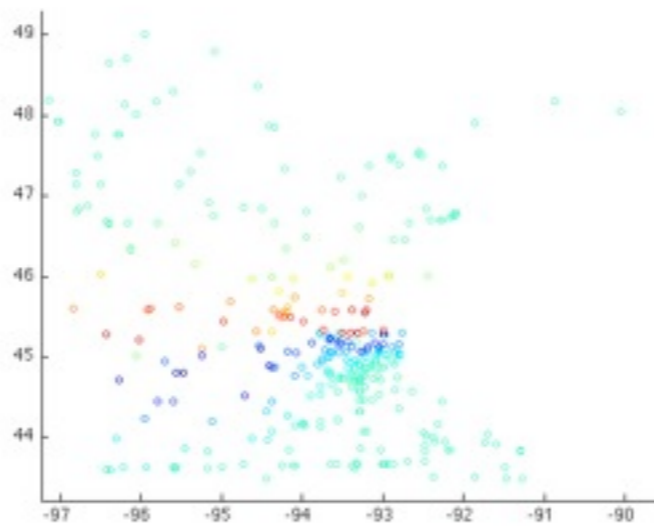
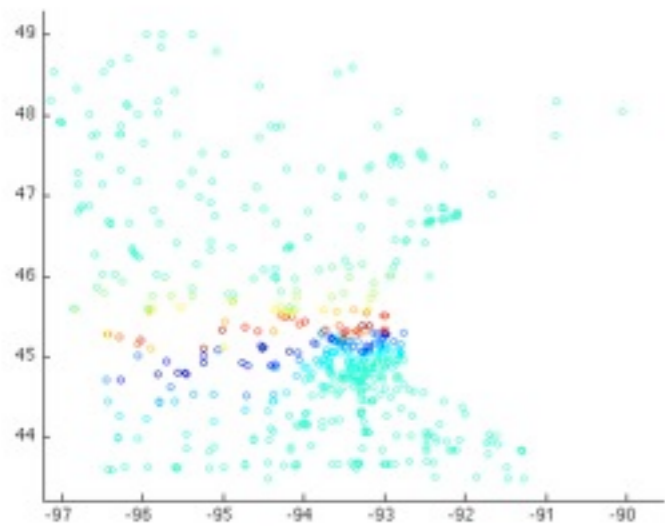
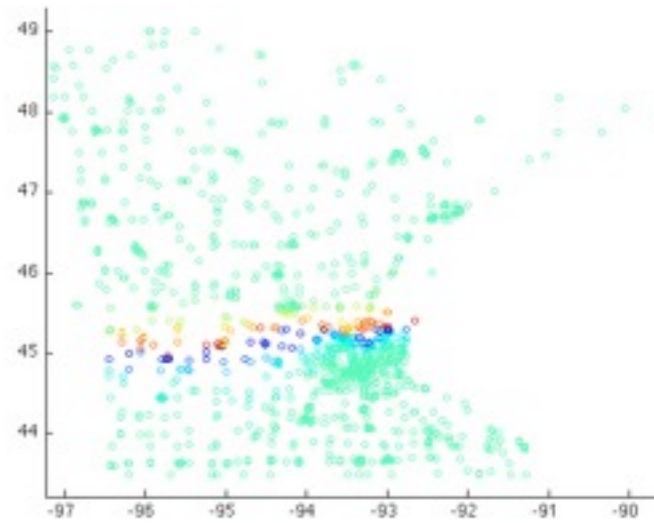
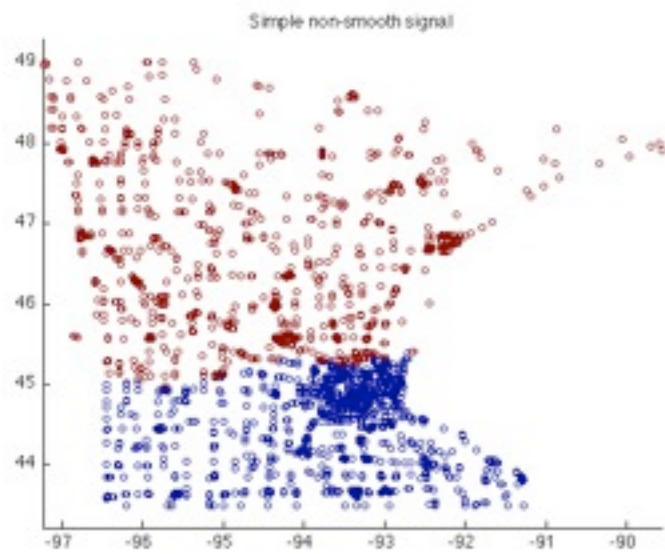








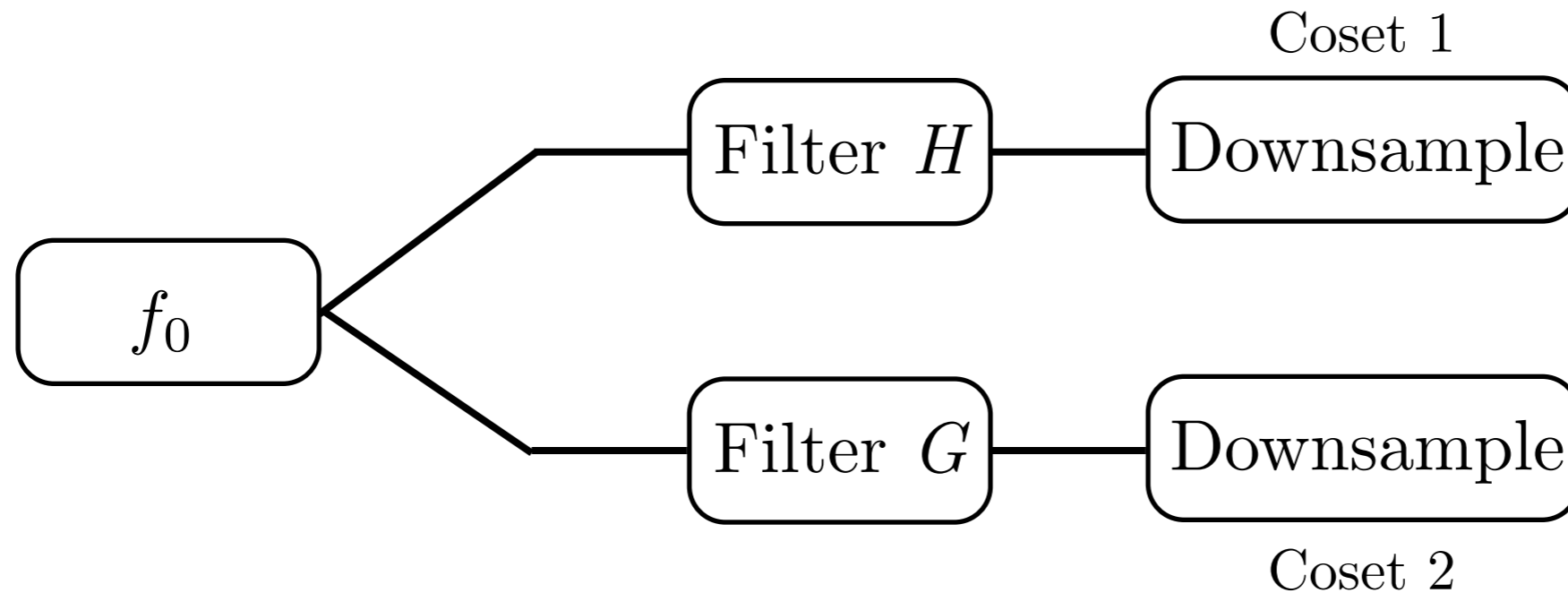




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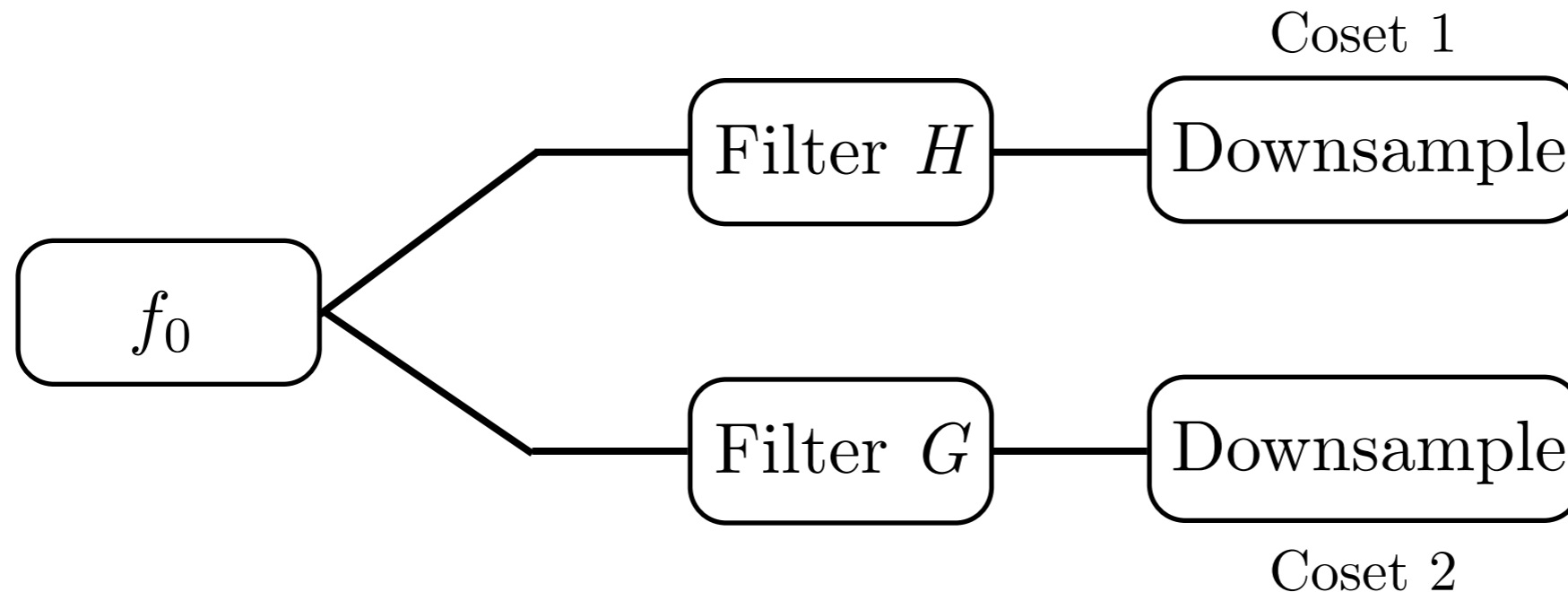
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**Theorem:** For a  $k$ -RBG, the filter bank is perfect-reconstruction IFF

$$|H(i)|^2 + |G(i)|^2 = 2$$

$$H(i)G(N - i) + H(N - i)G(i) = 0$$

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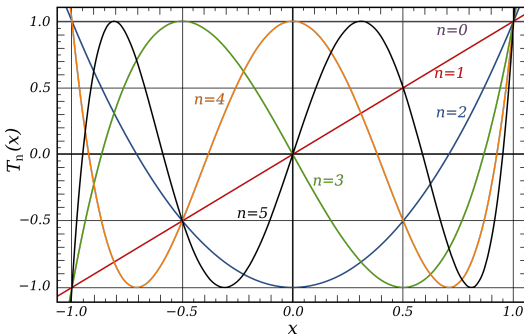


# Chebyshev Polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} \blacksquare T_n(x) &:= \cos(n \arccos(x)), \\ &x \in [-1, 1], \\ &n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \blacksquare T_0(x) &= 1 \\ T_1(x) &= x \\ T_k(x) &= 2xT_{k-1}(x) - T_{k-2}(x) \end{aligned}$$

for  $k \geq 2$



Source: Wikipedia.

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$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi f)_n &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{N-1} g(\lambda_\ell) \hat{f}(\ell) \chi_\ell(n) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{N-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \bar{T}_k(\lambda_\ell) \right] \hat{f}(\ell) \chi_\ell(n) \\ &\approx \sum_{\ell=0}^{N-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^K c_k \bar{T}_k(\lambda_\ell) \right] \hat{f}(\ell) \chi_\ell(n) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2} c_0 f + \sum_{k=1}^K c_k \bar{T}_k(\mathcal{L}) f \right)_n := (\tilde{\Phi} f)_n \end{aligned}$$

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- This corresponds to the number of edges in the communication graph
- Large, sparse graph  $\Rightarrow \tilde{\Phi}f$  far more efficient than  $\Phi f$



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## Proposition (see, e.g., Mason and Handscomb, 2003)

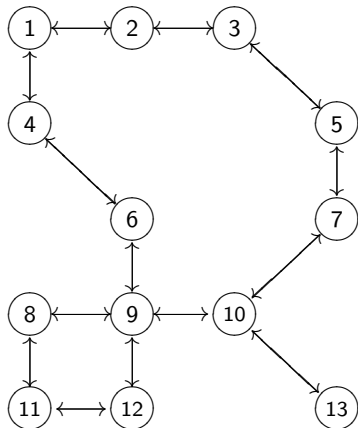
If  $g_j(\cdot)$  has  $M + 1$  continuous derivatives for all  $j$ , then  $B(K) = \mathcal{O}(K^{-M})$ .

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# Motivating Application: Distributed Denoising

- Sensor network with  $N$  sensors
- Noisy signal in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ :  $y = x + \text{noise}$
- Node  $n$  only observes  $y_n$  and wants to estimate  $x_n$
- No central entity - nodes can only send messages to their neighbors in the communication graph
- However, communication is costly
- Prior info, e.g., signal is smooth or piecewise smooth w.r.t. graph structure
  - ▣ If two sensors are close enough to communicate, their observations are more likely to be correlated



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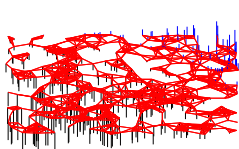
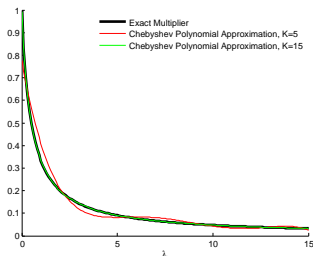
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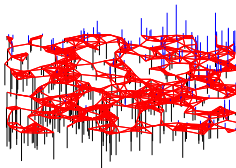
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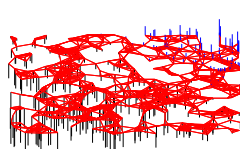
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$\operatorname{argmax}_{j \in \{1, 2, \dots, \kappa\}} F_{nj}^{opt}$ , where  $\mathbf{F}^{opt}$  is the solution to

$$\mathbf{F}^{opt} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times \kappa}} \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa} \{ \tau \| \mathbf{F}_{:,j} - \mathbf{Y}_{:,j} \|_2^2 + \| \mathbf{F}_{:,j} \|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \}$$

- ⊞  $\| \mathbf{f} \|_{\mathcal{H}}^2 = \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{f} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}} := \langle \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{P} \mathbf{f} \rangle = \mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{f}$  for different choices of real, symmetric, positive semi-definite matrices  $\mathbf{P}$

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- This type of framework provides a way to distribute a number of existing (centralized) semi-supervised classification and regression methods from the machine learning literature

# Summary

- A number of distributed signal processing tasks can be represented as applications of graph multiplier operators
- We approximate the graph multipliers by Chebyshev polynomials
- The recurrence relations of the Chebyshev polynomials make the approximate operators readily amenable to distributed computation
- The communication required to perform distributed computations only scales with the size of the network through the number of edges in the communication graph
- The proposed method is well-suited to large-scale networks with sparse communication graphs

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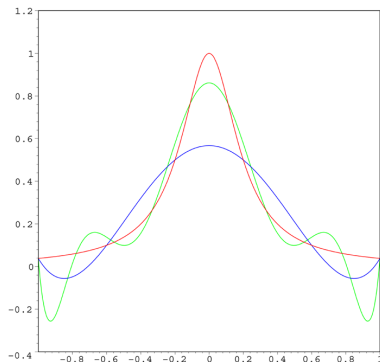
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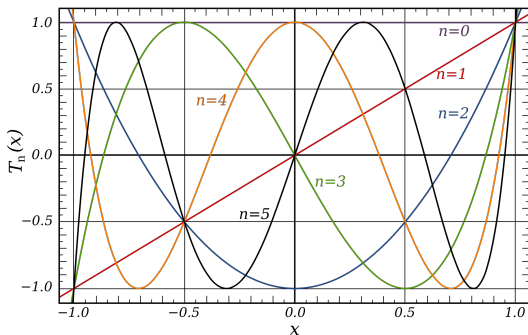
- Fix  $n + 1$  points in  $[-1, 1]$
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Red is function to be approximated, blue is fifth order approx., green is ninth order approx. Source: Wikipedia.

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- $T_n(x) := \cos(n \arccos(x))$ ,  $x \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- Chebyshev nodes:  $T_n(x) = 0$  at  $x_i = \cos\left(\frac{2i-1}{2n}\pi\right)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- $T_n(x)$  has  $n + 1$  extrema at  $\cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$
- Maximum magnitude alternates between 1 and -1 at these  $n + 1$  points



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- Can iterate by setting new interpolation points to be those with the largest magnitude of error in previous round
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📦 To shift the domain from  $[-1,1]$  to  $[0,A]$ , define

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- Chebyshev polynomials form an orthogonal basis for  $L^2\left([-1, 1], \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right)$

$$\boxed{\text{cube}} \quad \langle T_m, T_n \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{T_m(x)T_n(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } m = n > 0 \\ \pi & \text{if } m = n = 0 \end{cases}$$

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- If  $h(\cdot)$  has  $M + 1$  continuous derivatives,

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