

# Compressive Sensing:

A new approach to data acquisition

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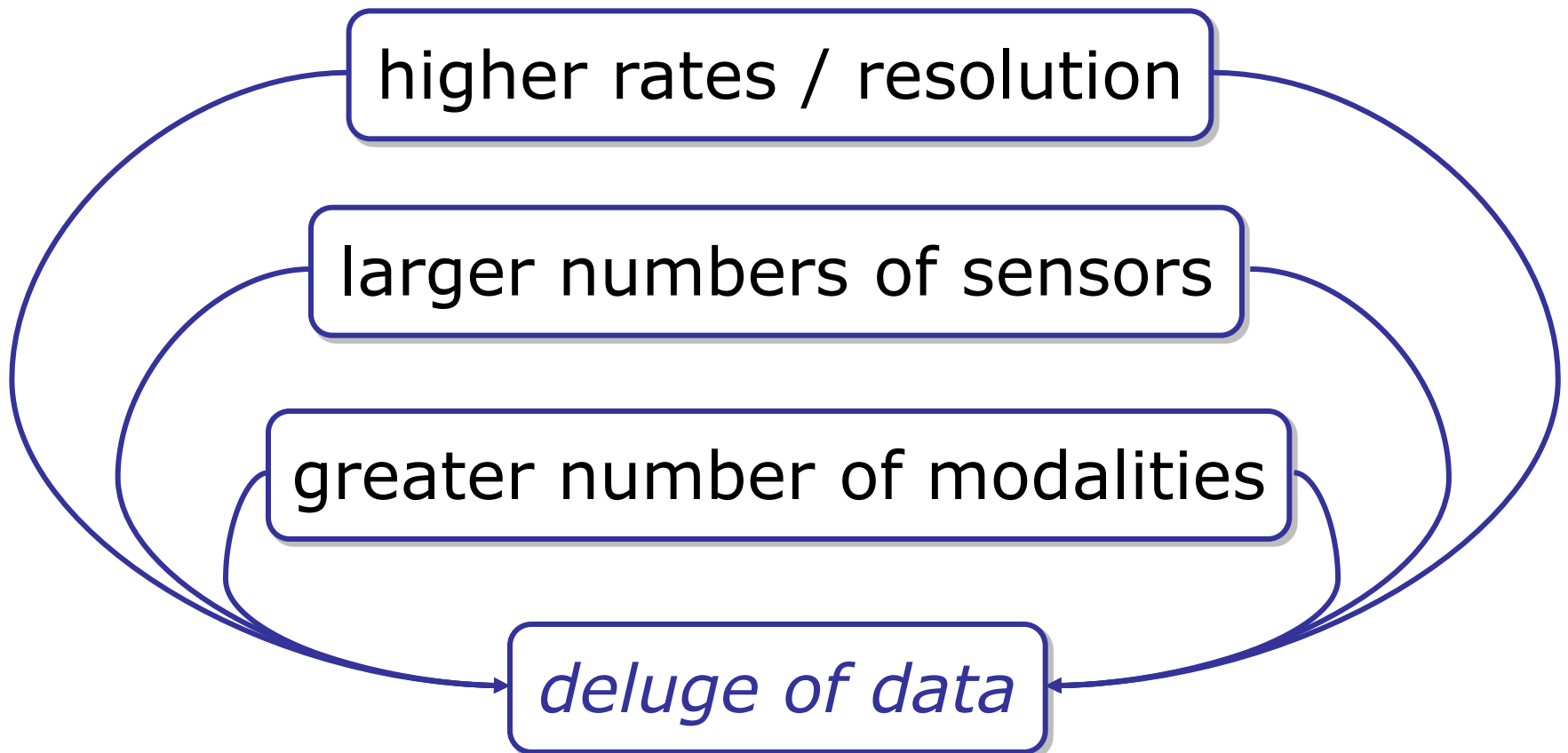


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# Pressure is on Signal Processing

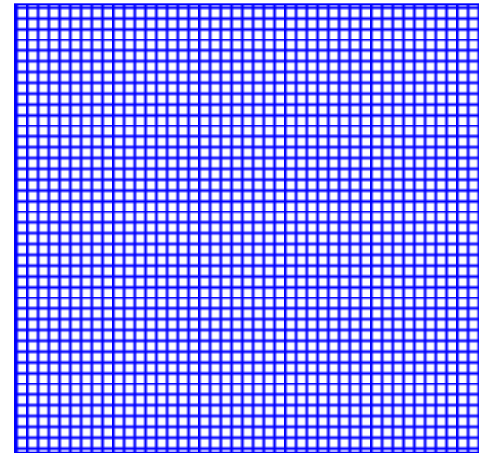
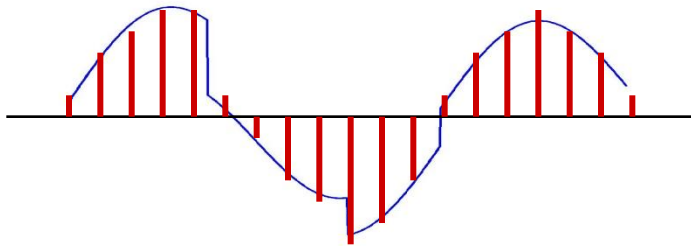
- Increasing pressure on signal/image processing hardware and algs to support



# **Sensing by Sampling**

# Data Acquisition and Representation

- Time: A/D converters, receivers, ...
- Space: cameras, imaging systems, ...



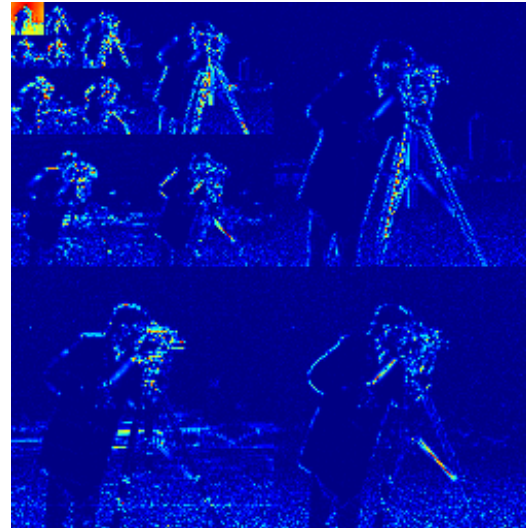
- Foundation: *Shannon sampling theorem*

Must sample at 2x highest frequency of the signal (Nyquist rate)

# Sparsity

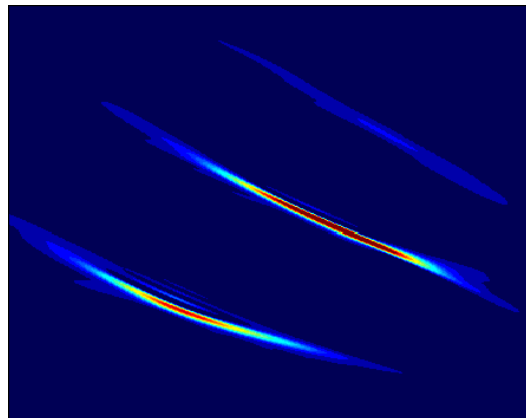
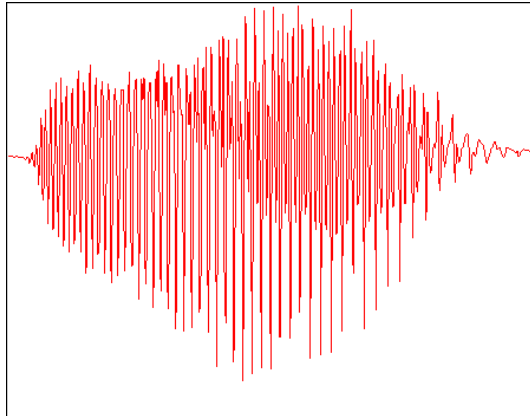
- Many signals can be ***compressed*** in some representation/basis (Fourier, wavelets, ...)

$N$   
pixels



$K \ll N$   
large  
wavelet  
coefficients

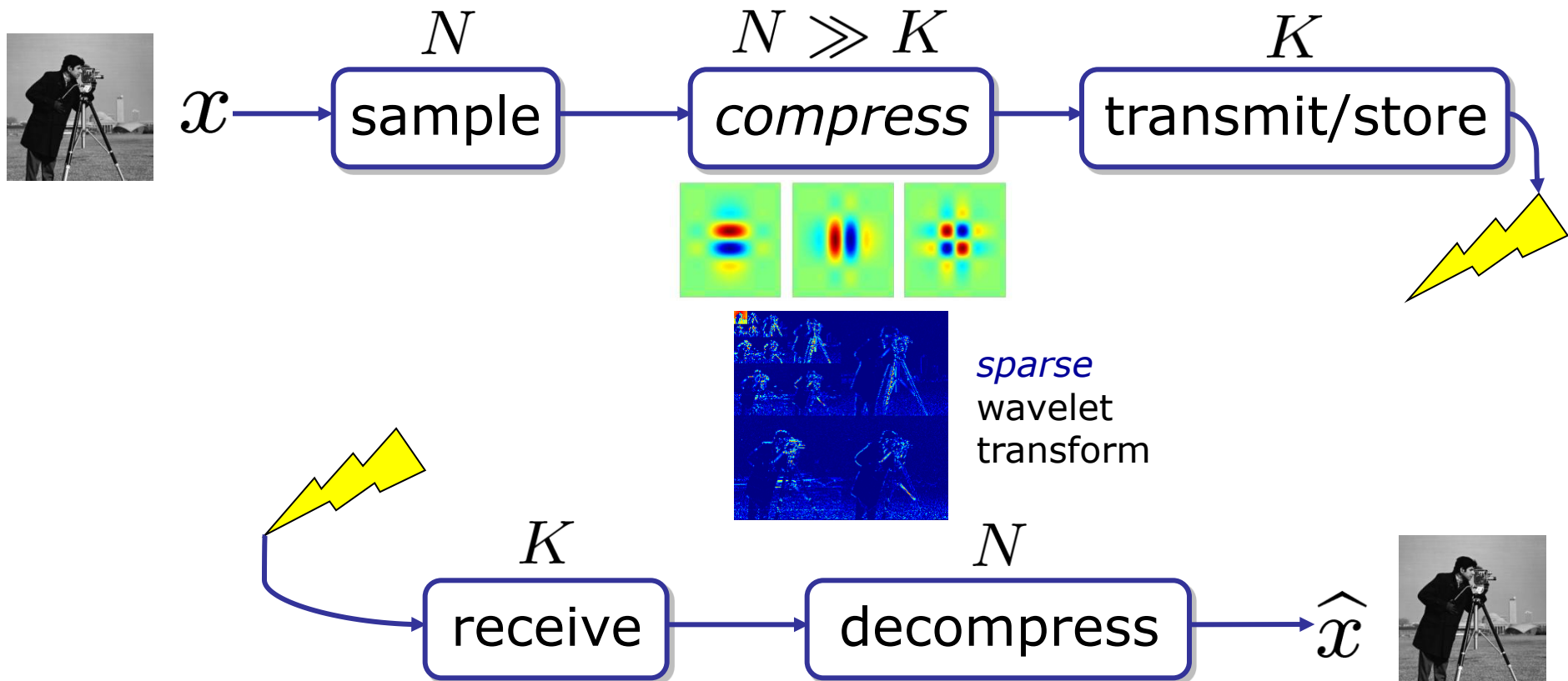
$N$   
wideband  
signal  
samples



$K \ll N$   
large  
Gabor  
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# Sensing by *Sampling*

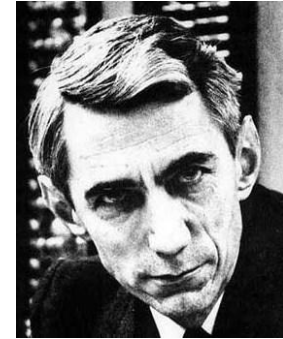
- Standard paradigm for digital data acquisition
  - **sample** data (ADC, digital camera, ...)
  - **compress** data (signal-dependent, nonlinear)



# **Compressive Sensing**

# From Samples to *Measurements*

- Shannon was a *pessimist*
  - worst case bound for *any* bandlimited signal



- ***Compressive sensing*** (CS) principle

“***sparse*** signals can be recovered from a small number of ***nonadaptive linear measurements***”

- integrates sensing, compression, processing
- based on new *uncertainty principles* and the concept of *incoherency* between two bases

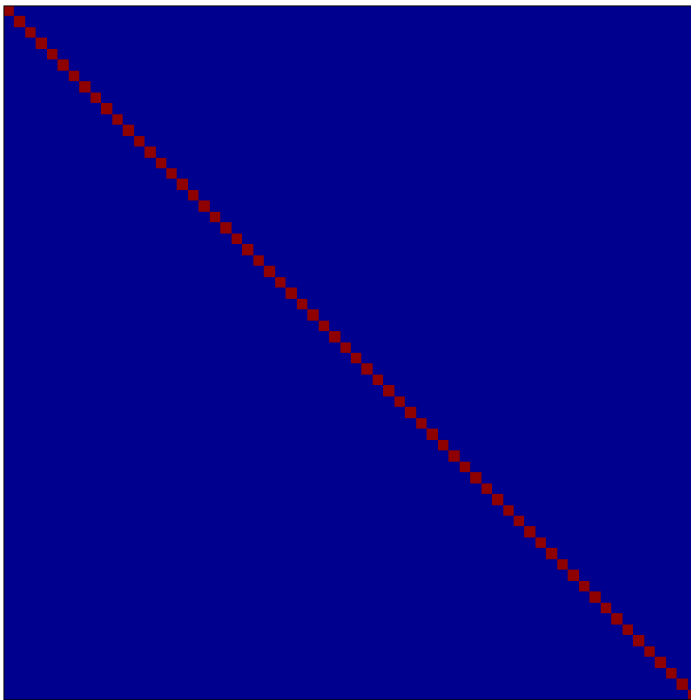


# Incoherent Bases

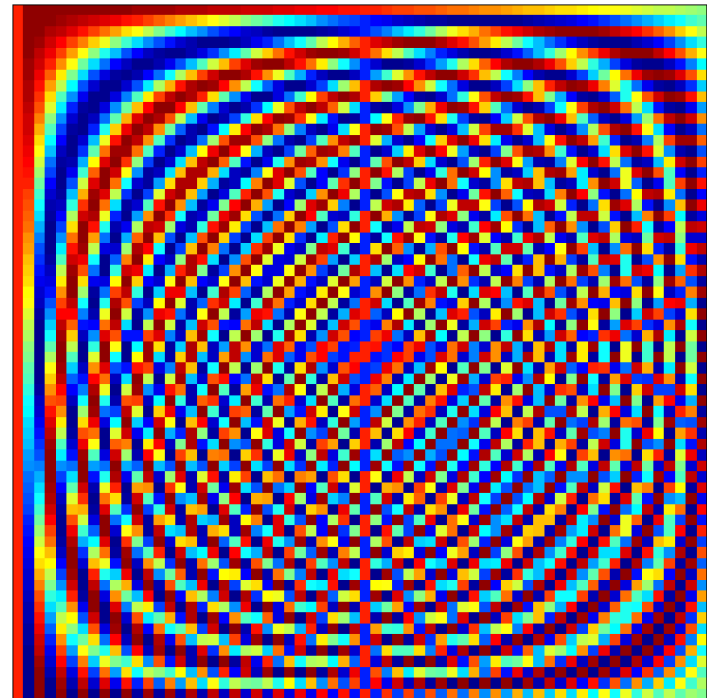
- Spikes and sines (Fourier)  
(Heisenberg)



$$\Psi = I$$



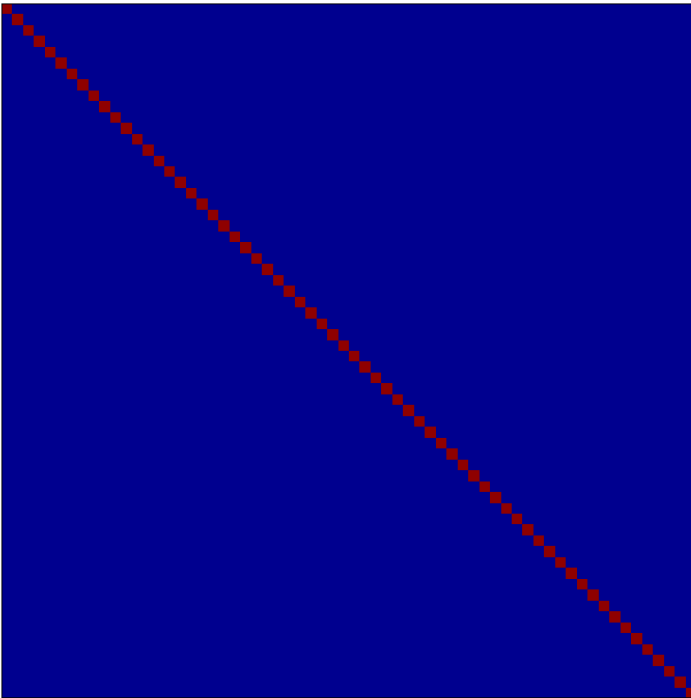
$$\Phi = \text{idct}(I)$$



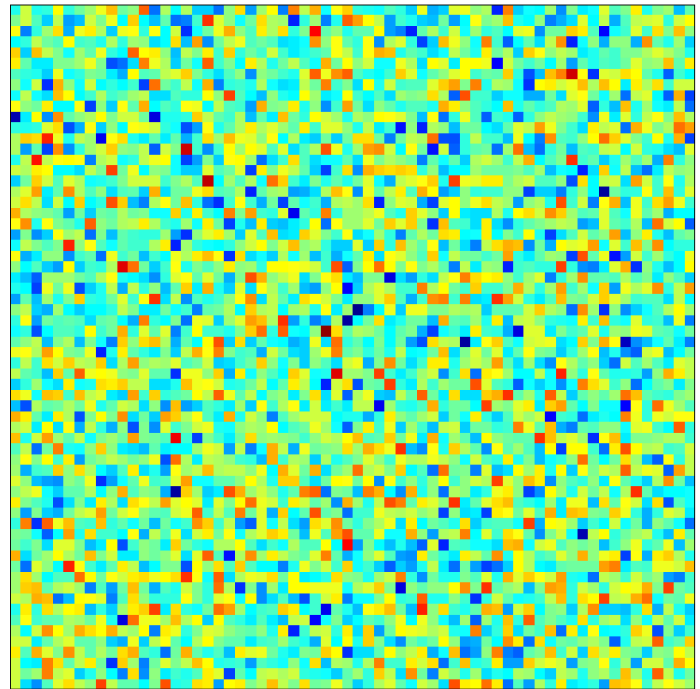
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- Spikes and “random basis”

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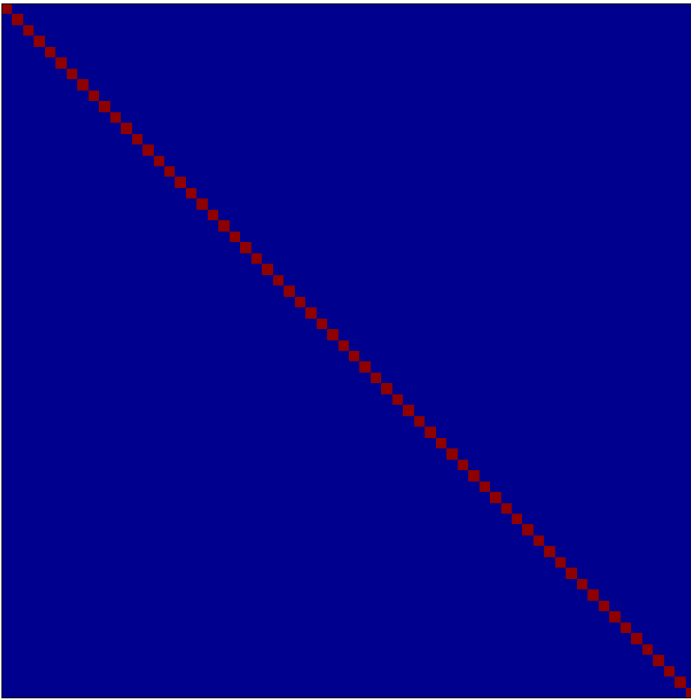
$$\Phi = \text{randn}(N, N)$$



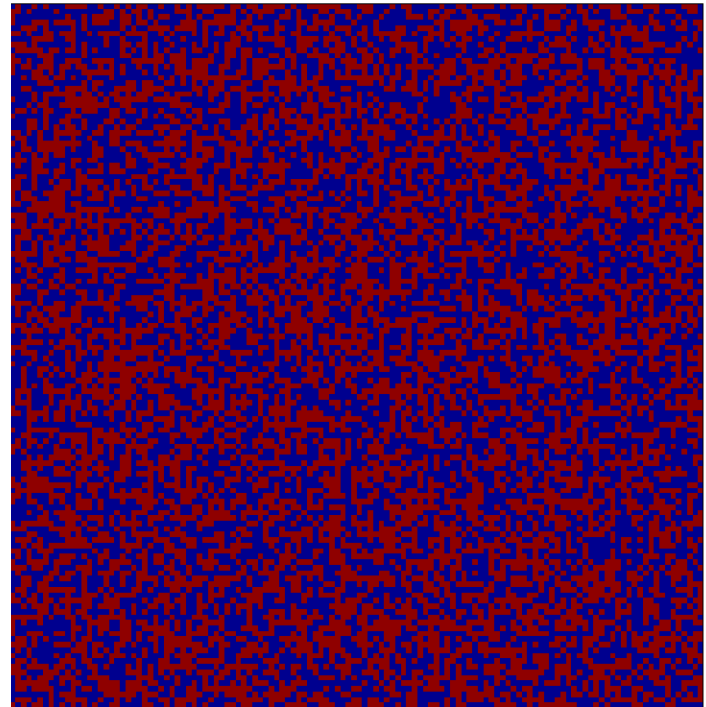
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- Spikes and “random sequences” (codes)

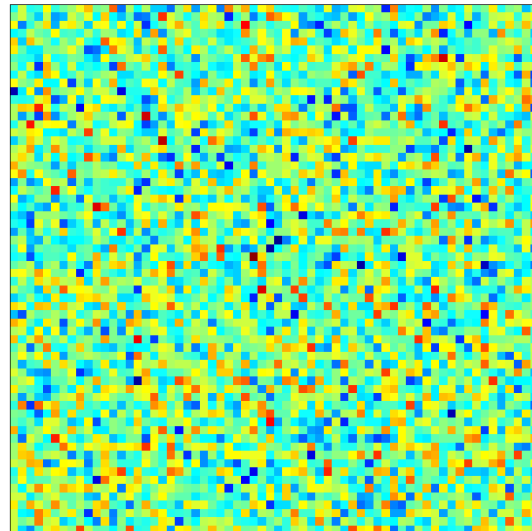
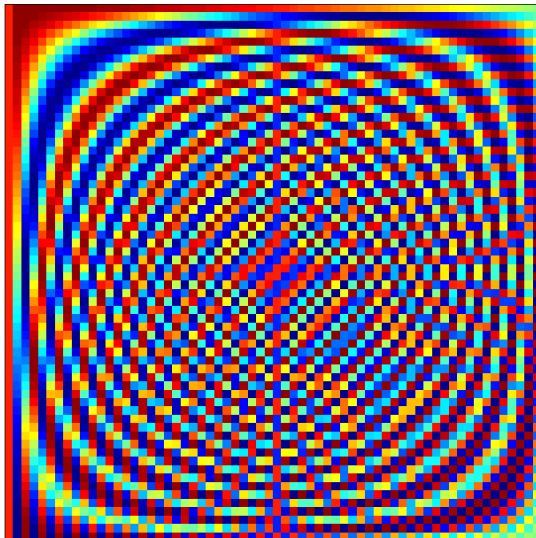
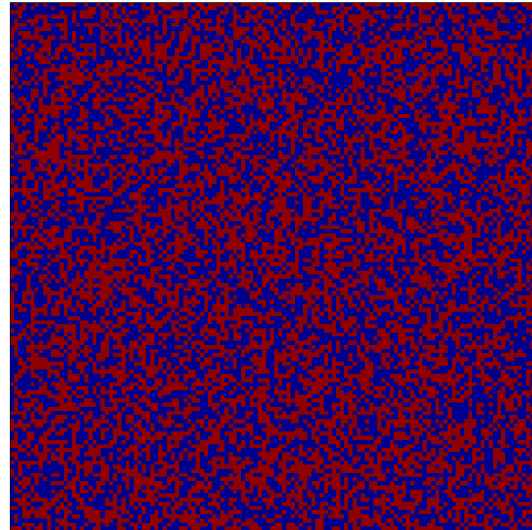
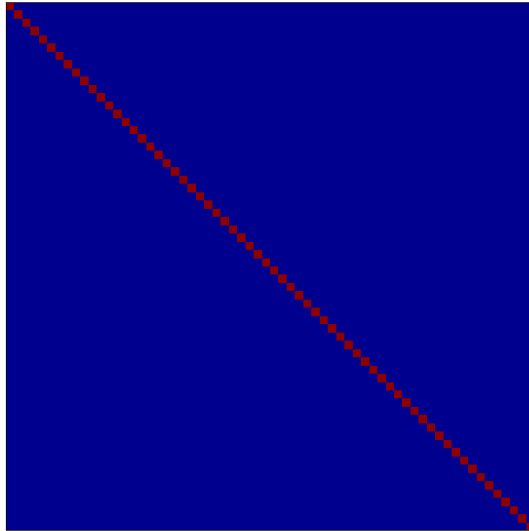
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$$\Phi$$



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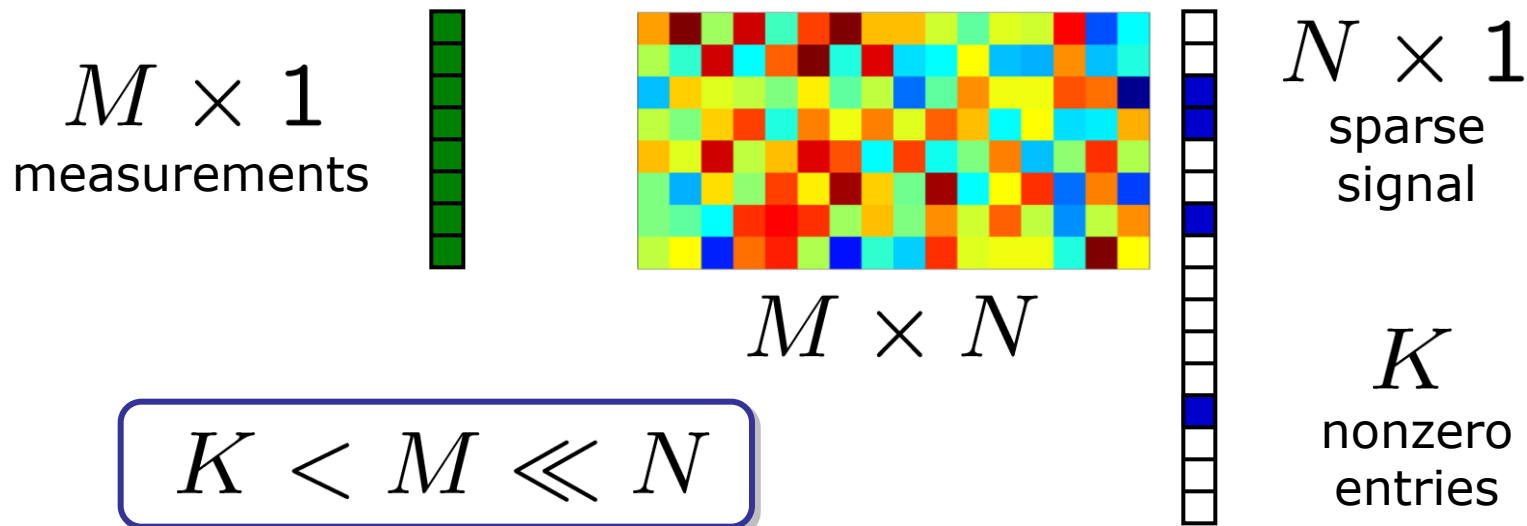


# Compressive Sensing

[Candes, Romberg, Tao; Donoho]

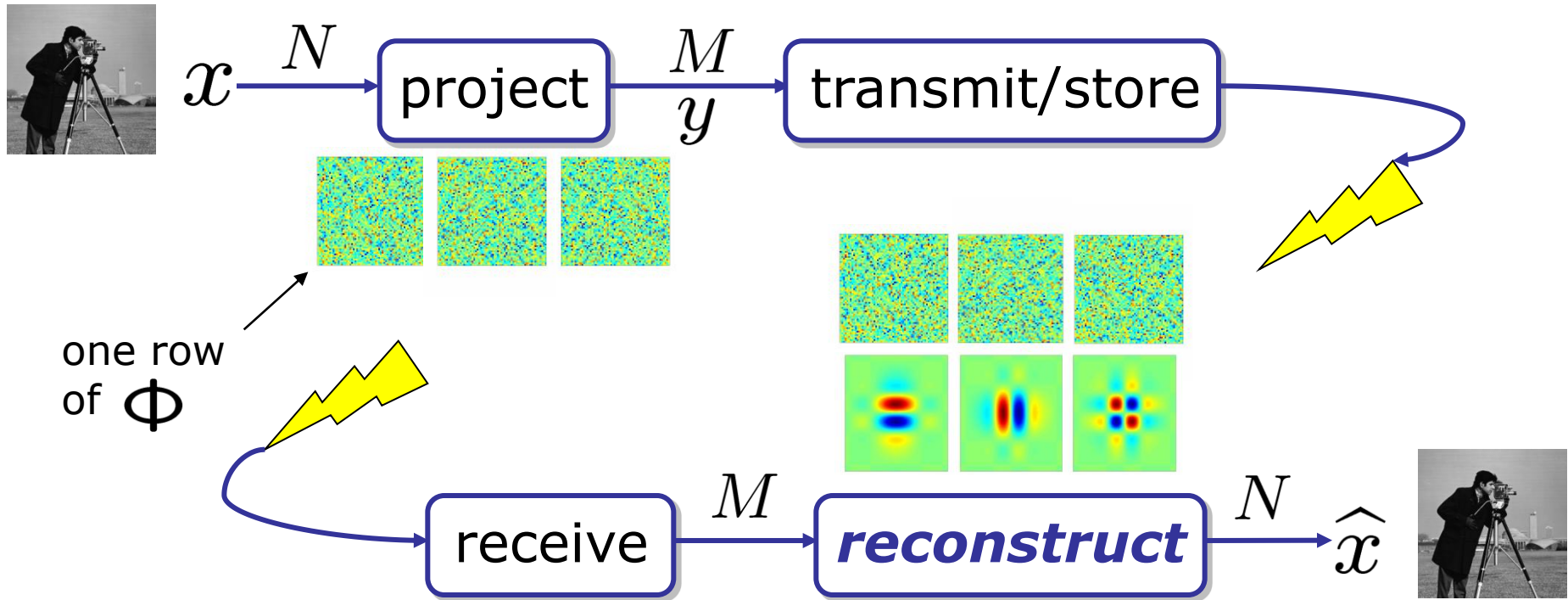
- Signal  $x$  is  $K$ -sparse in basis/dictionary  $\Psi$ 
  - WLOG assume sparse in space domain  $\Psi = I$
- Replace samples with *linear projections*

$$y = \Phi x$$



# Compressive Sensing

- Measure linear projections onto *incoherent* basis where data is *not sparse/compressible*



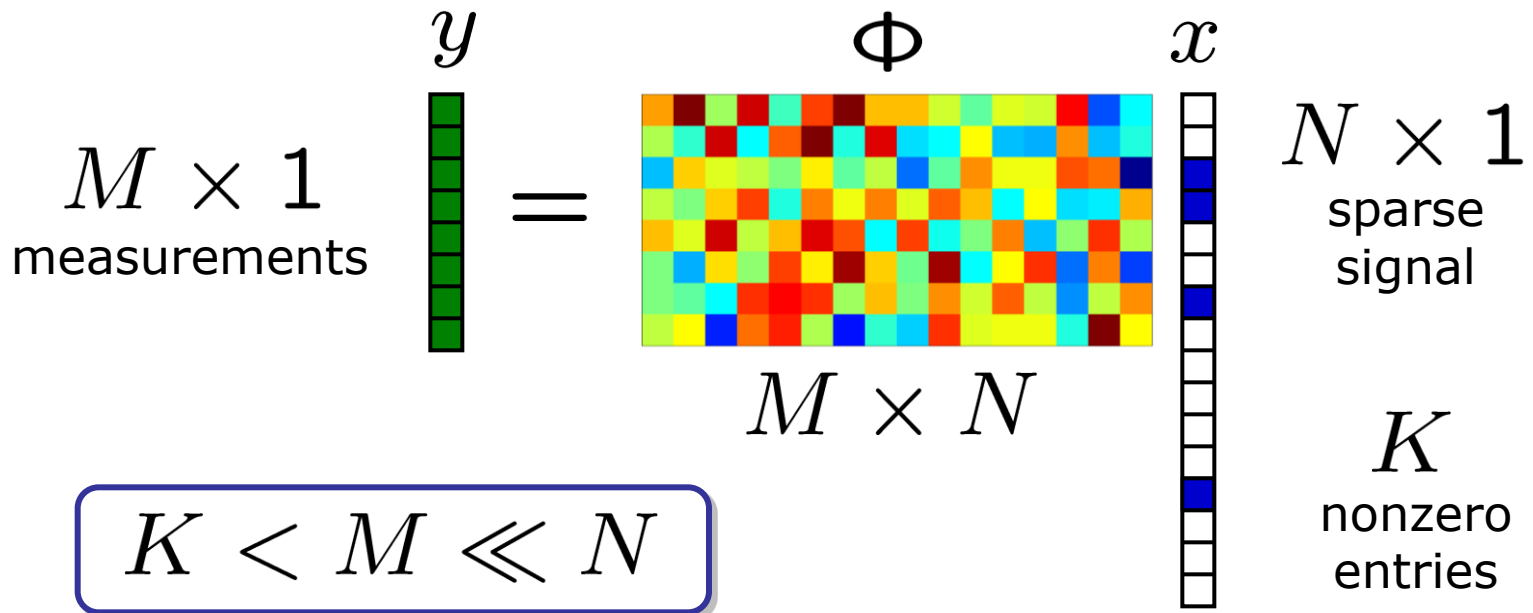
- Reconstruct via *nonlinear processing* (optimization)

# CS Signal Recovery

- Reconstruction/decoding:

given  $y = \Phi x$   
find  $x$

ill-posed  
inverse problem



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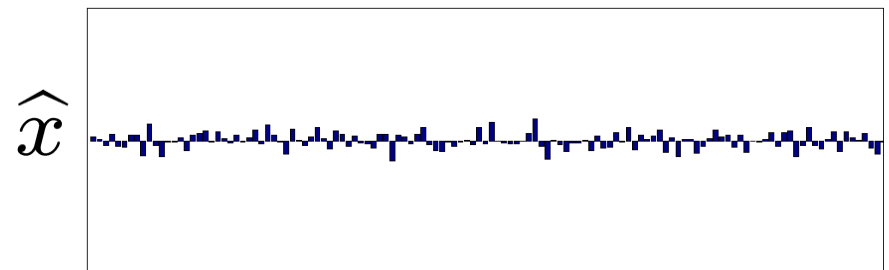
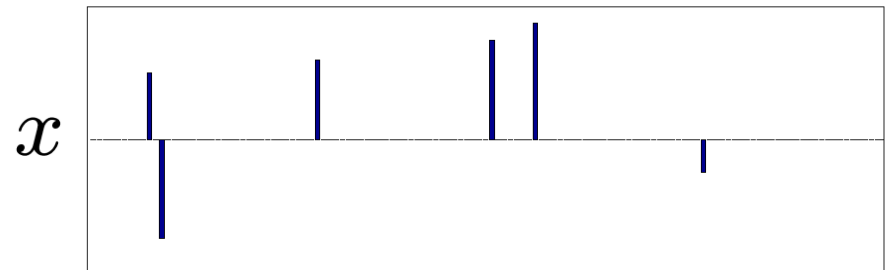
- Reconstruction/decoding:  
(ill-posed inverse problem)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{given } y = \Phi x \\ \text{find } x \end{array}$$

- $\mathbf{L}_2$ :  $\hat{x} = \arg \min_{y=\Phi x} \|x\|_2 \longrightarrow \hat{x} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T y$

- Fast, but *wrong*

- Solution is  
*almost never* sparse





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- $\mathbf{L}_0$ :  $\hat{x} = \arg \min_{y=\Phi x} \|x\|_0$

*number of  
nonzero  
entries*

- Correct, but *slow* (NP-Hard)
- $M = K + 1$  measurements suffice  
[Bresler; Wakin]

# CS Signal Recovery

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(ill-posed inverse problem)

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- $\mathbf{L}_1$ :  $\hat{x} = \arg \min_{y=\Phi x} \|x\|_1 \leftarrow \text{linear program}$

- Gives same answer as  $\mathbf{L}_0$ , mild increase in  $M$   
[Candes et al, Donoho]

$$M = O(K \log(N/K)) \ll N$$

# CS Signal Recovery



original (65k pixels)



20k random  
projections



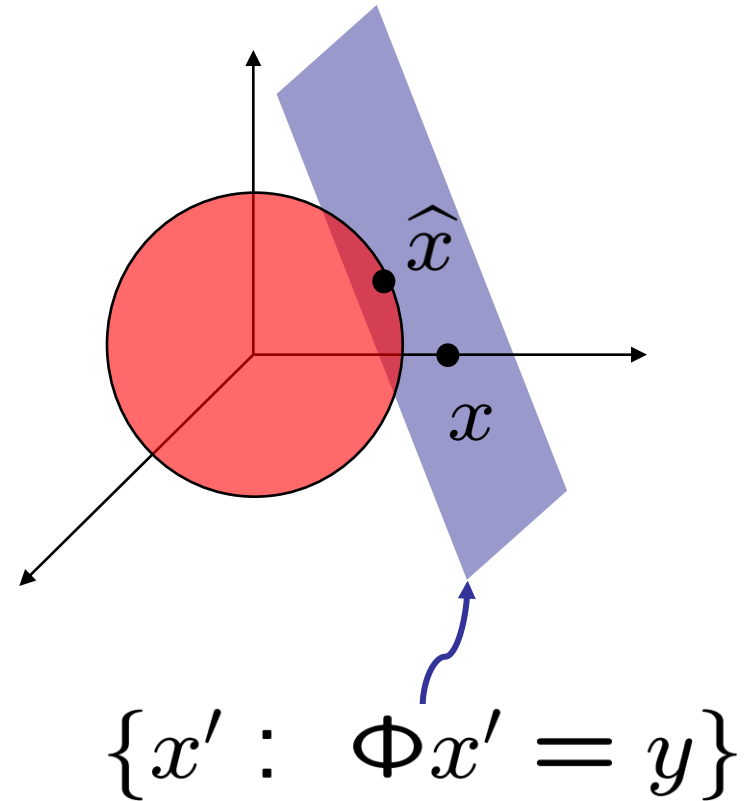
7k-term wavelet  
approximation



# Why $L_2$ Doesn't Work

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_{y=\Phi x'} \|x'\|_2$$

least squares,  
minimum  $L_2$  solution  
is almost **never sparse**

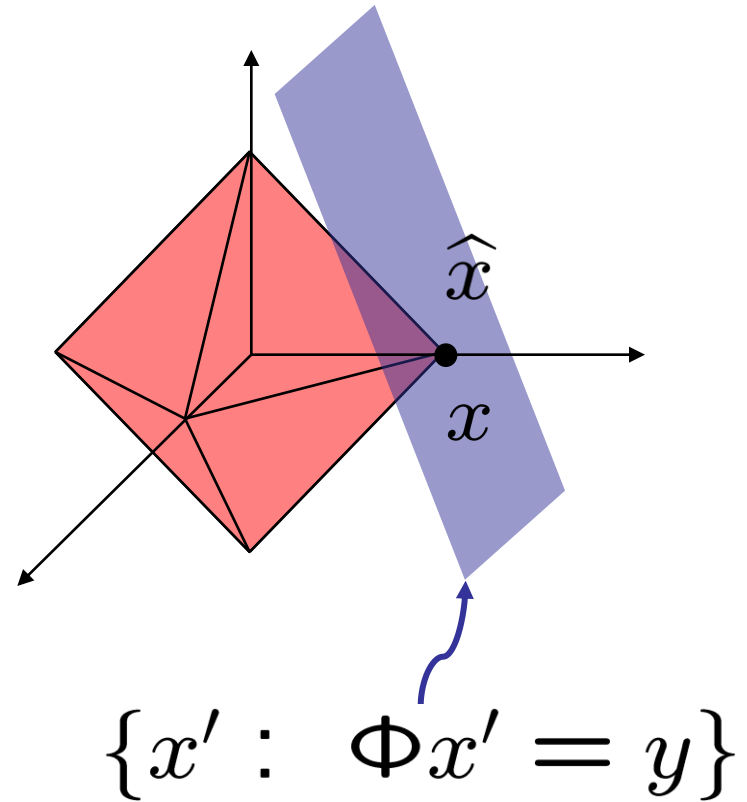


# Why $L_1$ Works

$$\hat{x} = \arg \min_{y=\Phi x'} \|x'\|_1$$

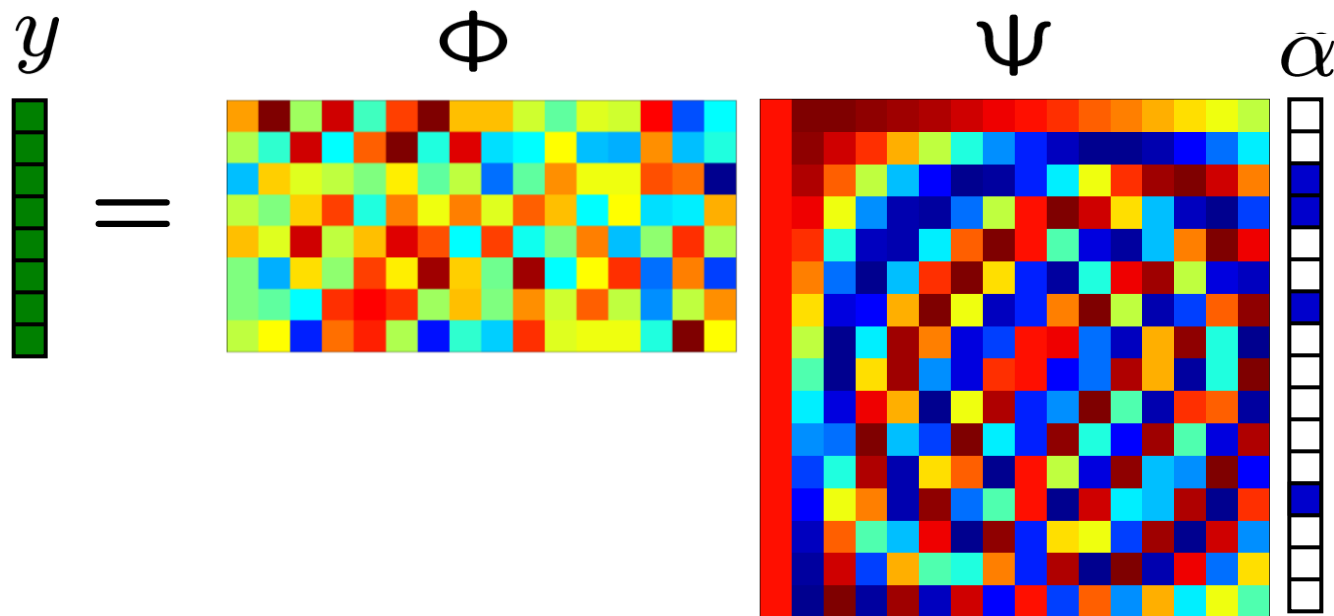
minimum  $L_1$  solution  
= sparsest solution if

$$M = O(K \log(N/K)) \ll N$$



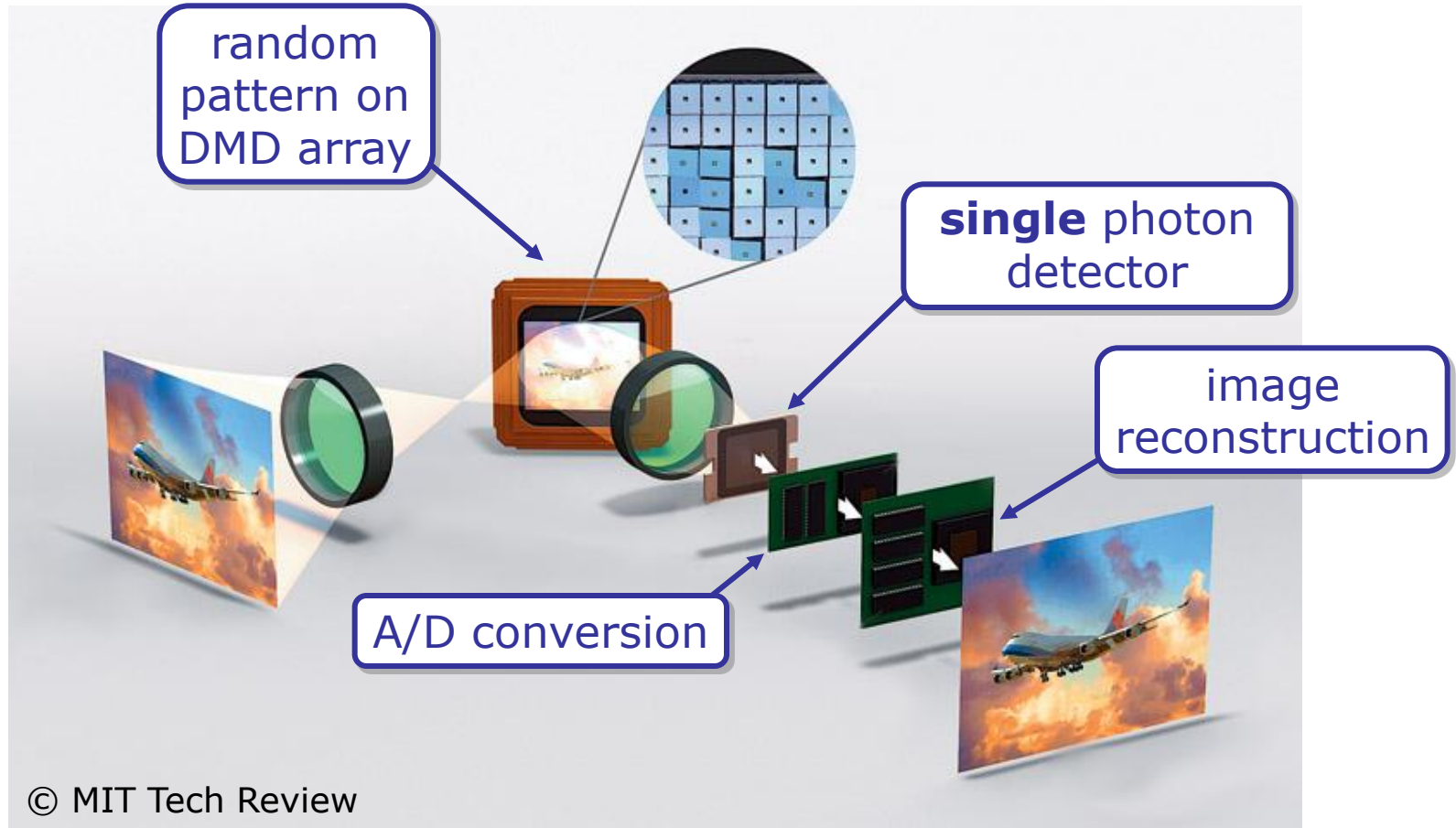
# Universality

- Random matrix is incoherent with *any* fixed orthonormal basis (with high probability)



# **Compressive Sensing in Action**

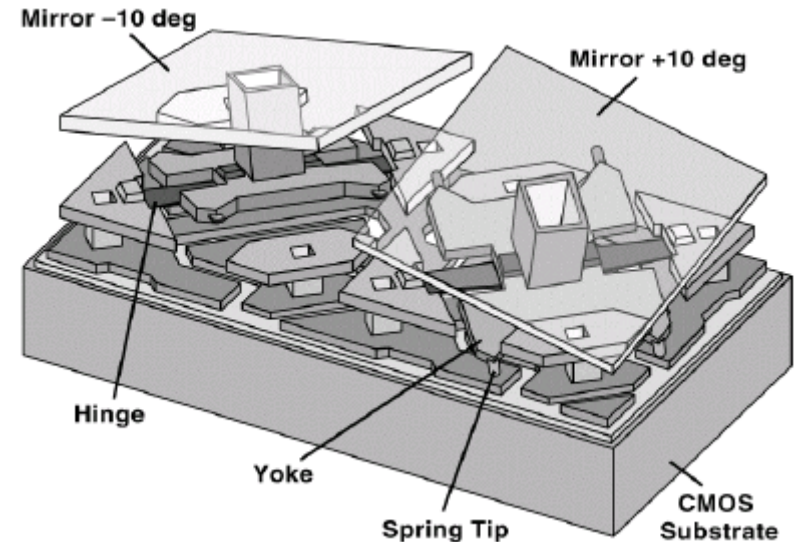
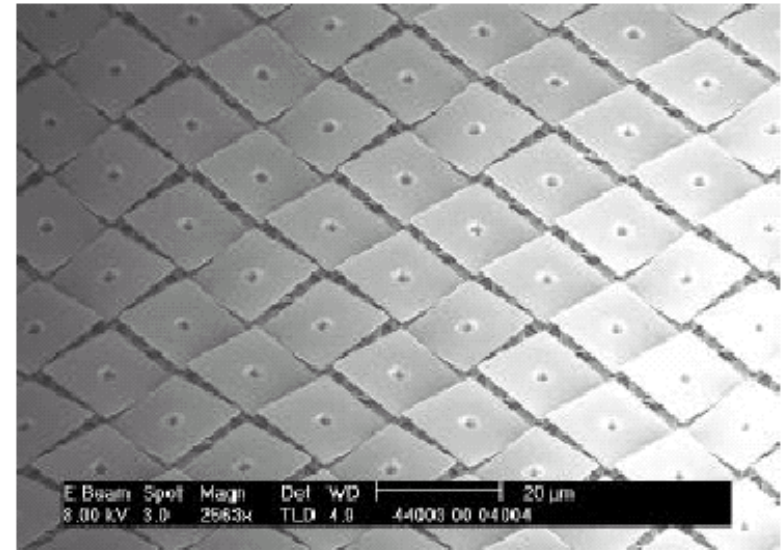
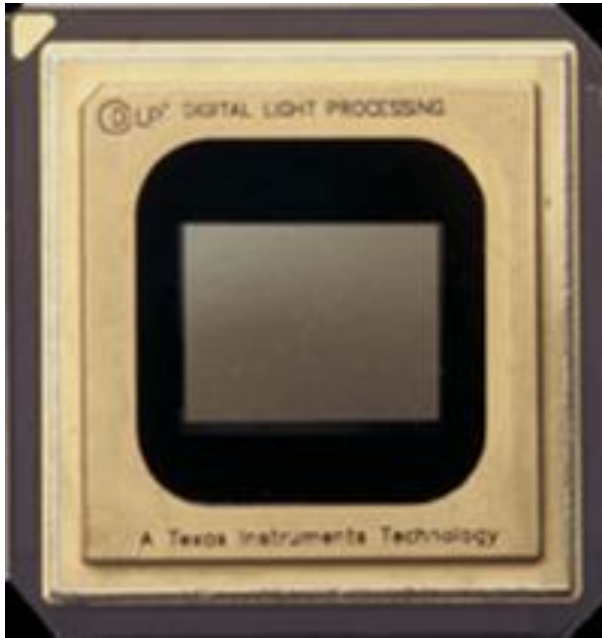
# Single-Pixel CS Camera



- New modalities
- Low cost
- Low power



# TI Digital Micromirror Device (DMD)



# First Image Acquisition



ideal  
256x256 pixels



20x  
sub-Nyquist



50x  
sub-Nyquist



# Second Image Acquisition

- Low-light scenario (photomultiplier tube)
- Used three color filters, separately reconstruct each color range



ideal  
256x256 pixels



10x sub-Nyquist

# World's First Photograph

- 1826, Joseph Niepce
- Farm buildings and sky
- 8 hour exposure



# CS Hallmarks

- CS changes the rules of data acquisition
  - exploits a priori signal *sparsity* information
- **Universal**
  - same random projections / hardware can be used for *any* compressible signal class (*generic*)
- **Democratic**
  - each measurement carries the same amount of information
  - simple encoding
  - robust to measurement loss and quantization
- **Asymmetrical**
  - most processing at decoder

# **Distributed Compressive Sensing**

# Sensor Networks

- Measurement, monitoring, tracking of *distributed physical phenomena* using wireless embedded sensors

- environmental conditions
- industrial monitoring
- chemicals
- weather
- sounds
- vibrations
- seismic
- wildfires
- pollutants
- ...



# Challenges

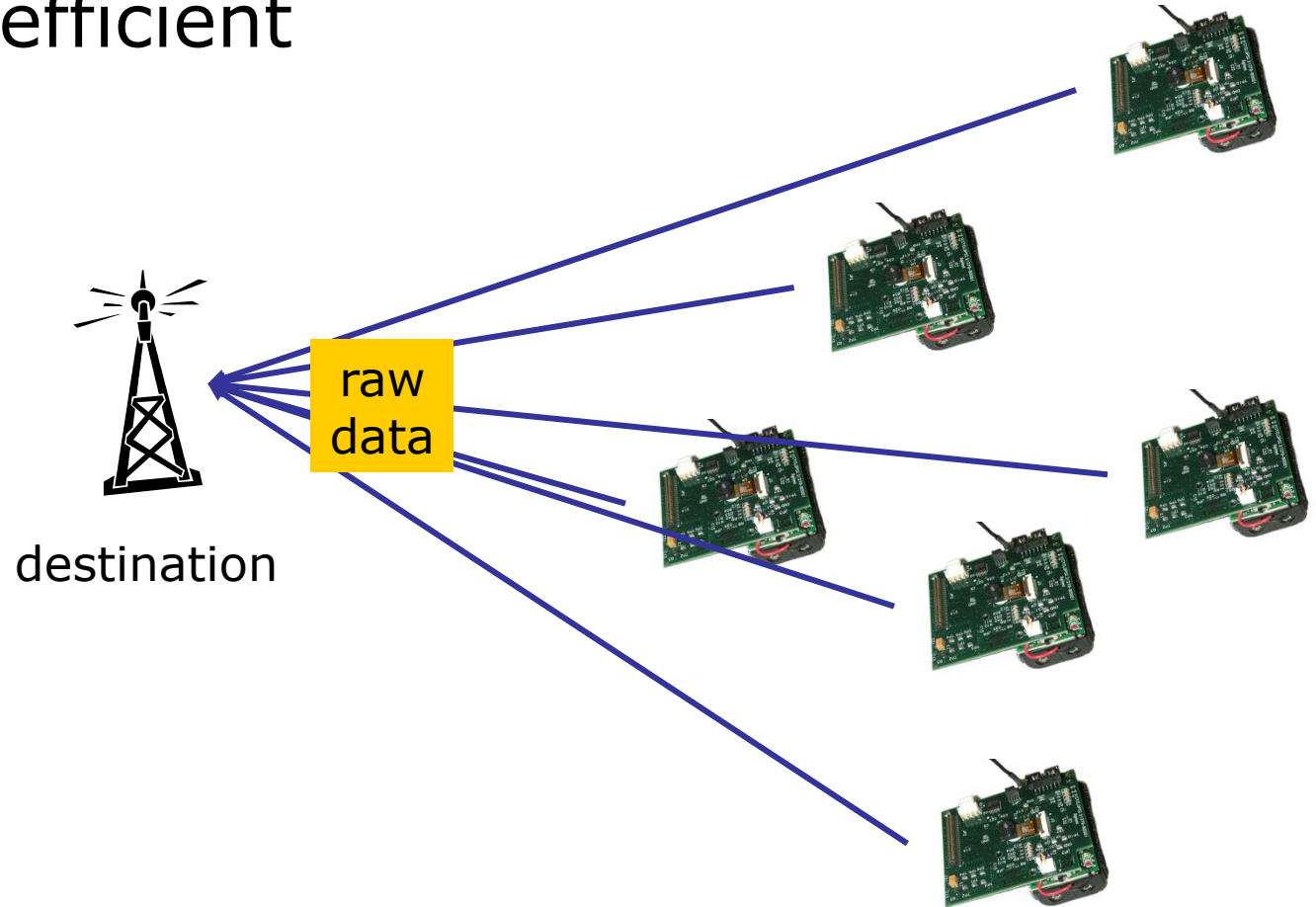
- Computational/power *asymmetry*
  - limited compute power on each sensor node
  - limited (battery) power on each sensor node
- Hostile *communication* environment
  - multi-hop
  - high loss rate
- Must be *energy efficient*
  - minimize communication





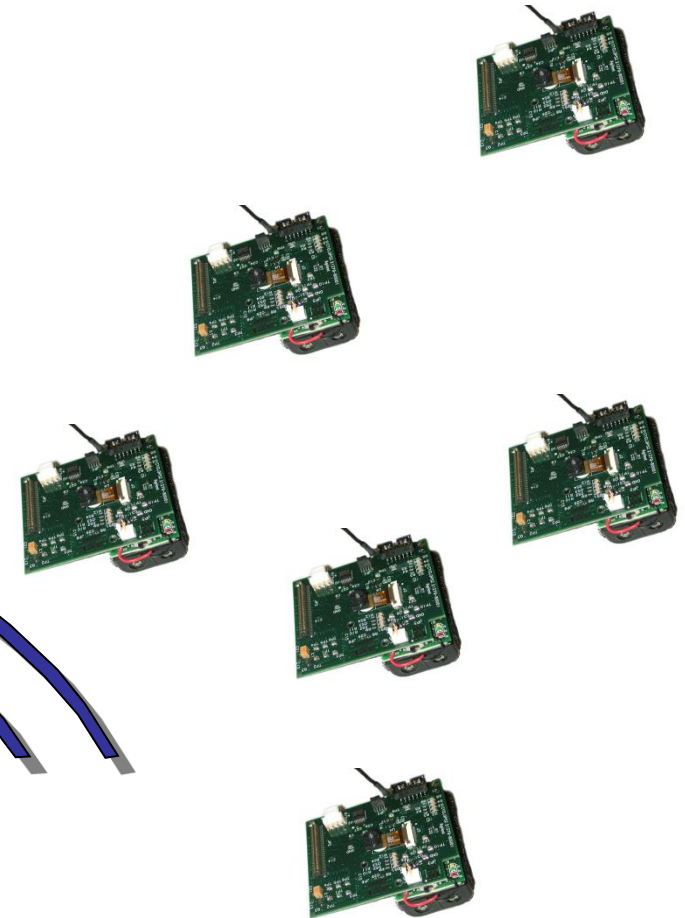
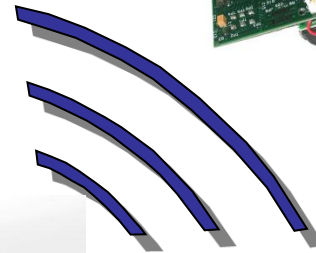
# Distributed Sensing

- Transmitting *raw data* can be inefficient



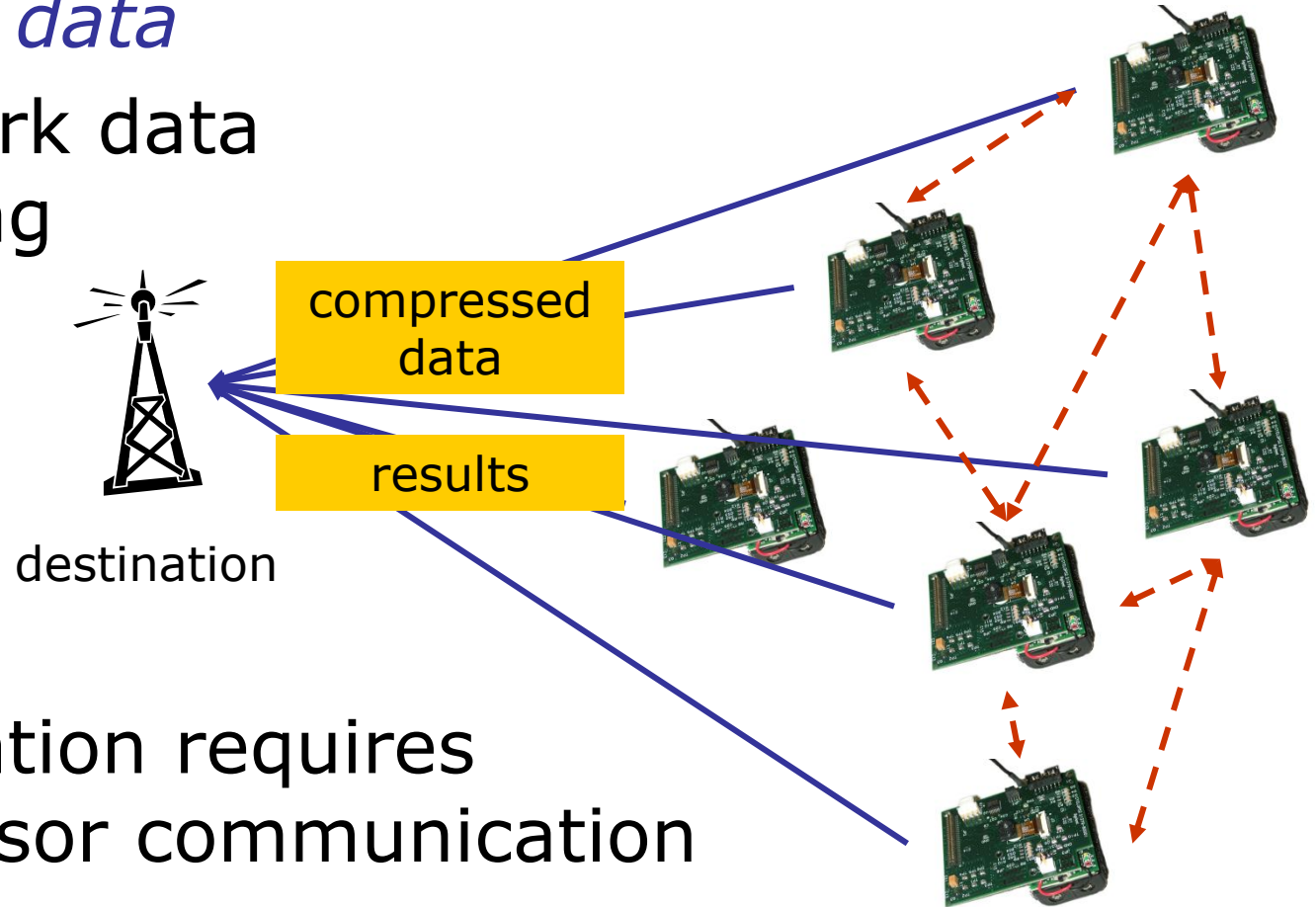
# Distributed Sensing

- Transmitting *raw data* can be inefficient
- Can we exploit
  - *intra-sensor* correlation?
  - *inter-sensor* correlation?



# Collaborative Sensing

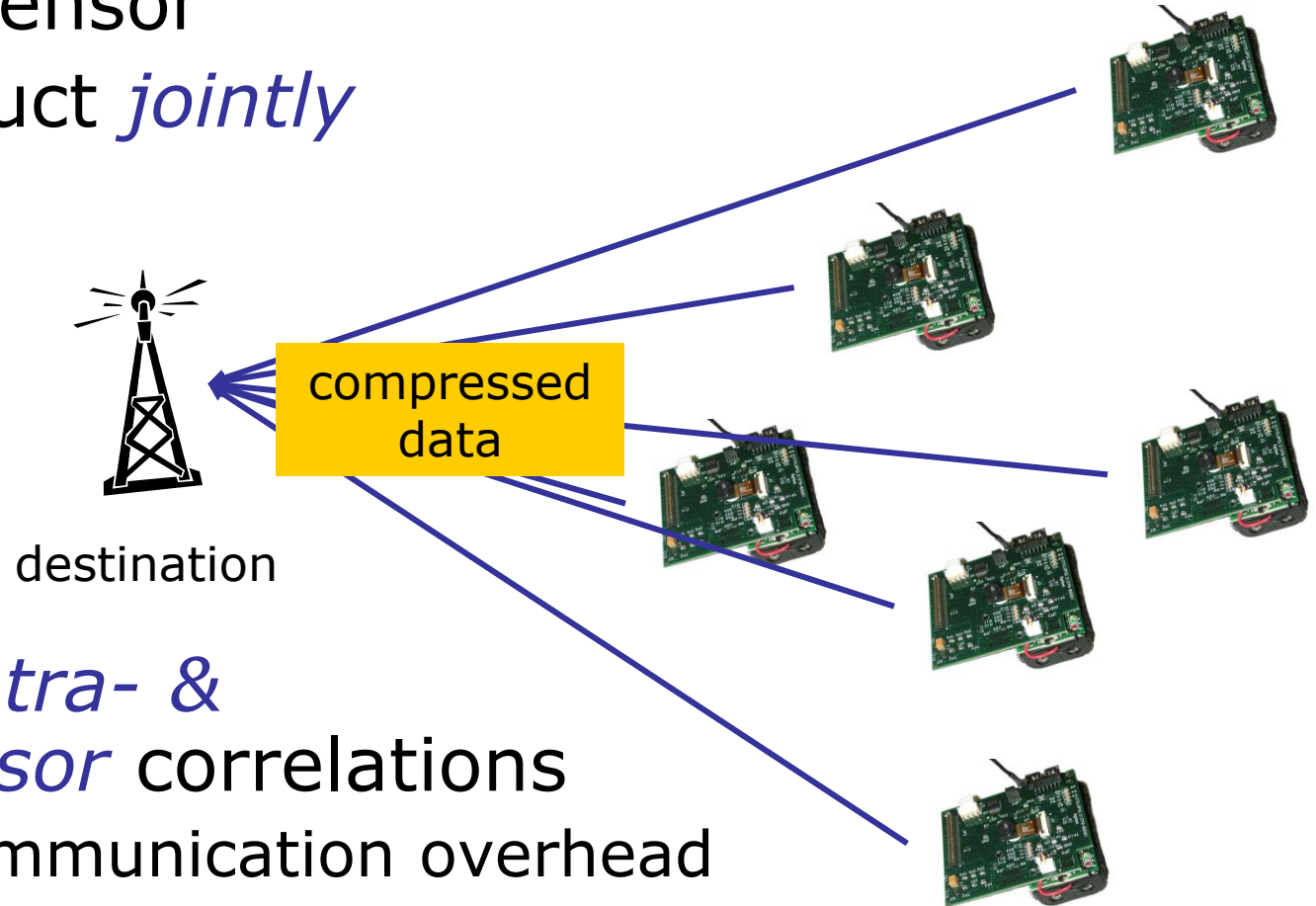
- Output *results* rather than *raw data*
- In-network data processing



- Collaboration requires inter-sensor communication

# Distributed Compressed Sensing

- Take random measurements at each sensor
- Reconstruct *jointly*

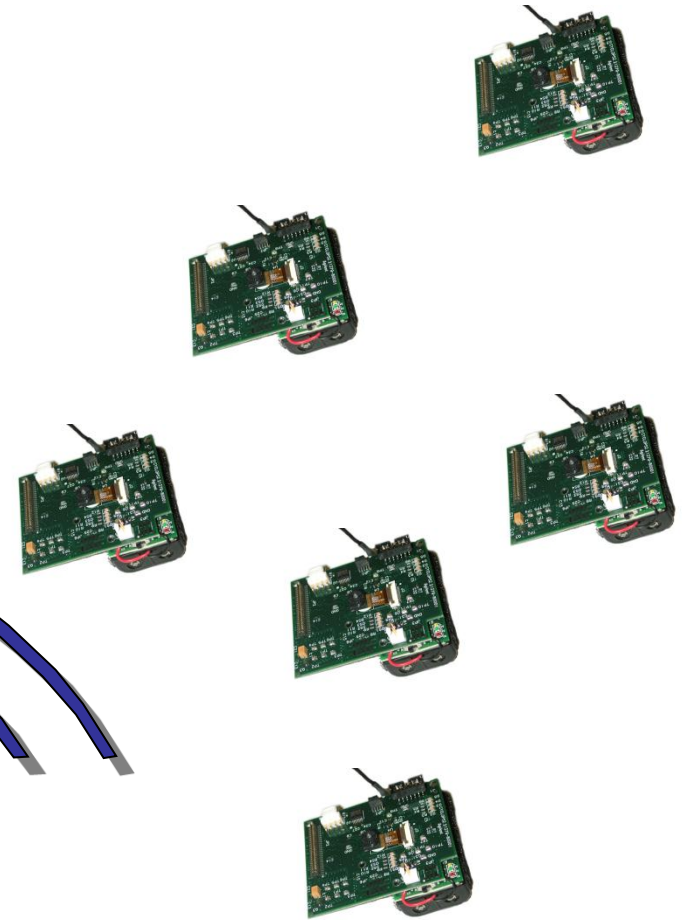
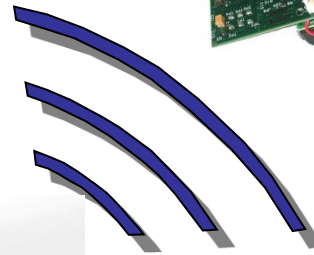


- Exploit *intra- & inter-sensor* correlations
  - Zero communication overhead
- Analogy w/ Slepian-Wolf coding

# Common Sparse Supports Model

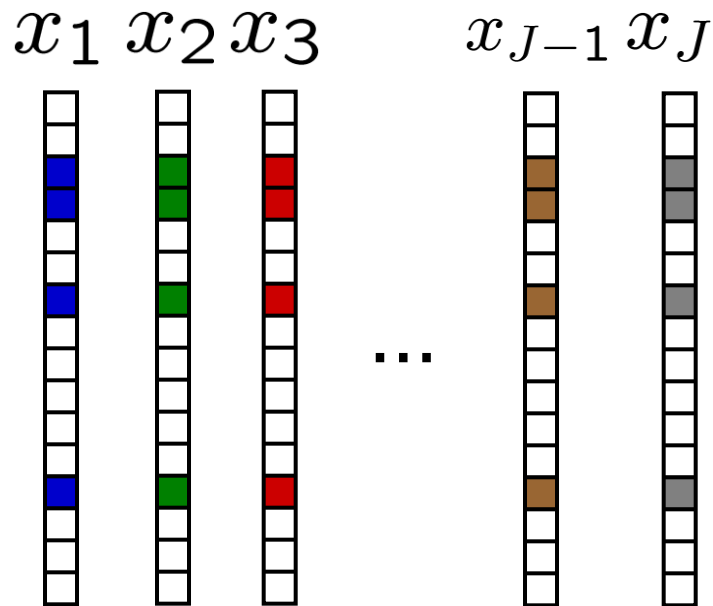
- **Example:  
audio signals**

- sparse in Fourier Domain
- same frequencies received by each node
- different attenuations and delays (magnitudes and phases)



# Common Sparse Supports Model

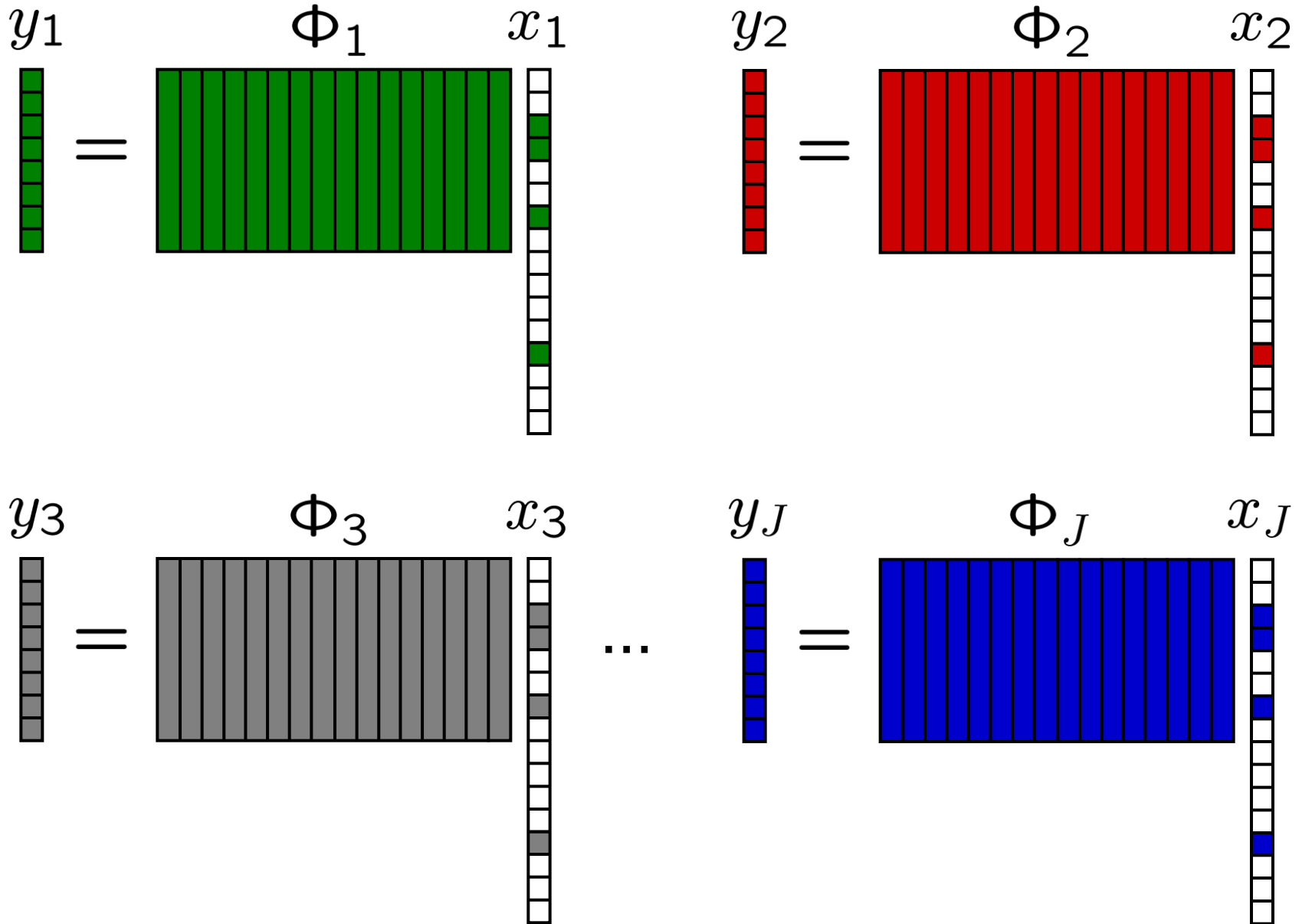
- Measure  $J$  signals, each  $K$ -sparse
- *Signals share sparse components but with different coefficients*



$$x_j = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} x_{j,\omega} \psi_\omega,$$

$$|\Omega| = K$$

# Common Sparse Supports Model



# Ensemble Reconstruction Comparison

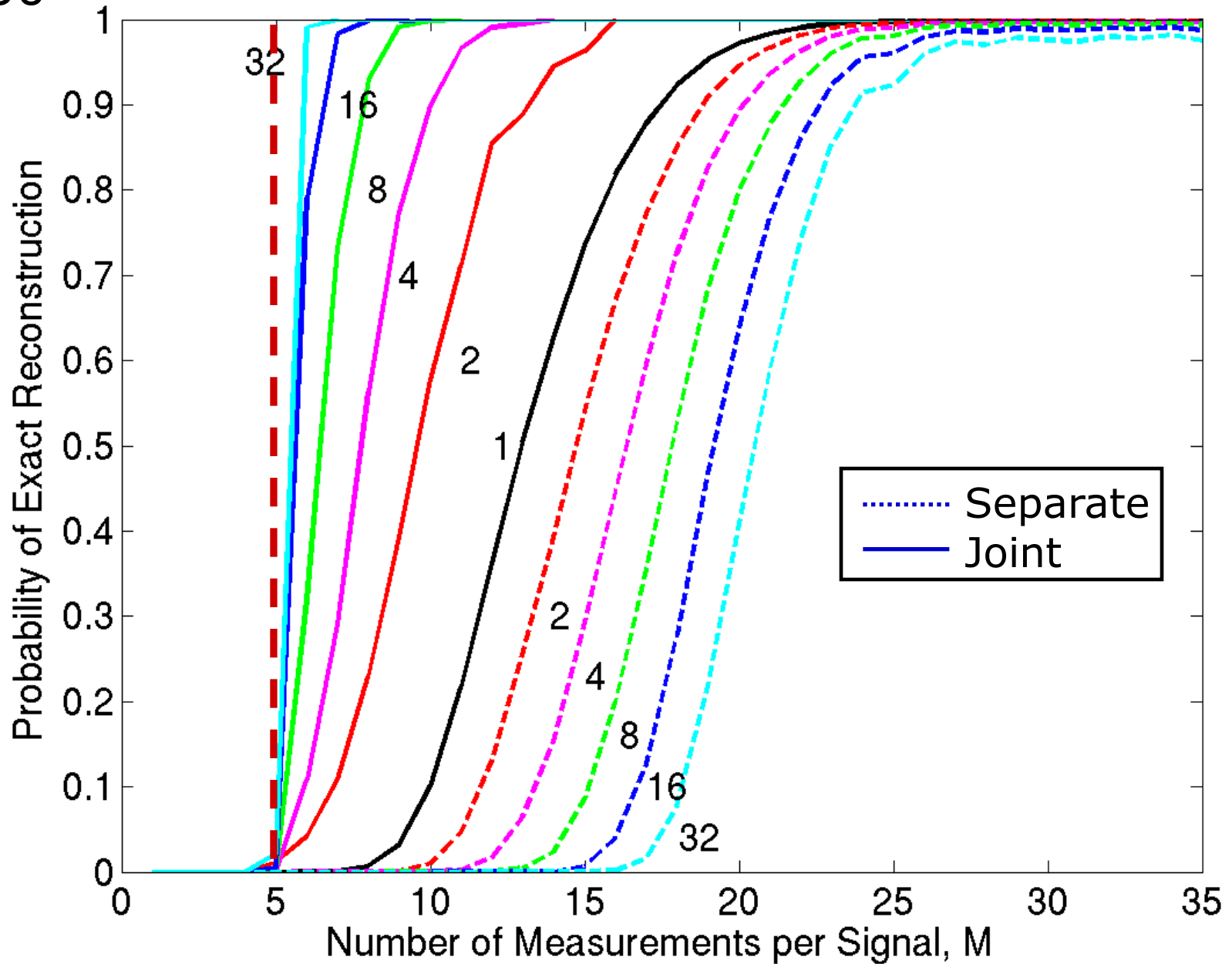
- Separate reconstruction using linear programming
  - measurements per sensor:  $O(K \log(N/K))$
- Simultaneous Orthogonal Matching Pursuit
  - extends greedy algorithms to signal ensembles sharing a sparse support  
[Tropp, Gilbert, Strauss; Temlyakov]
  - measurements per sensor:  $cK$

$$\lim_{J \rightarrow \infty} c = 1$$



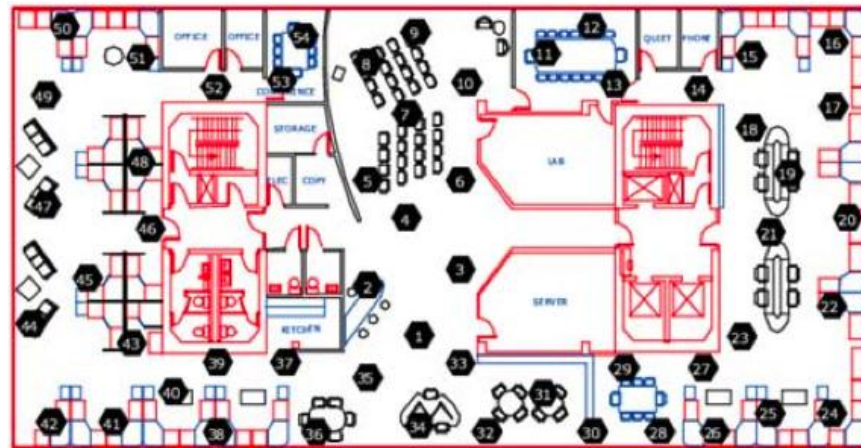
**$K=5$**   
 **$N=50$**

# Simulation

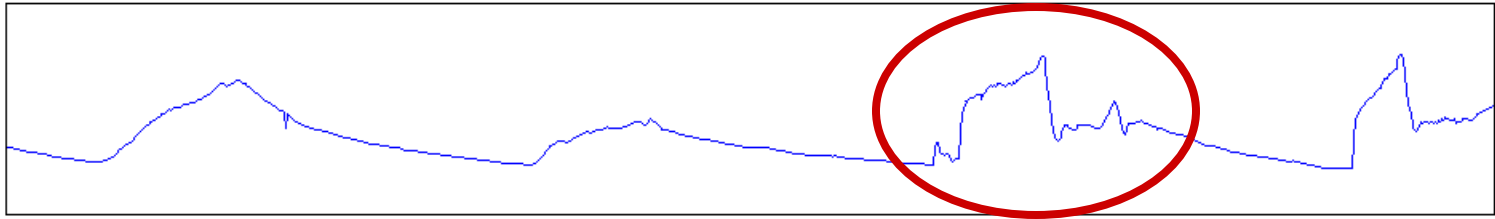


# Real Data Example

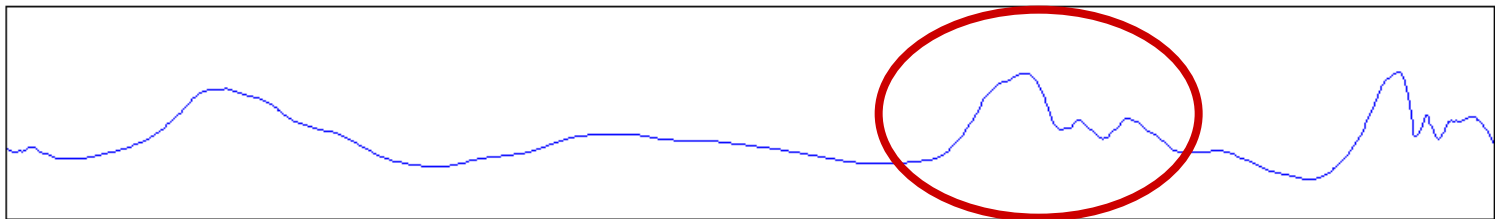
- Environmental Sensing in Intel Berkeley Lab
- $J = 49$  sensors,  $N = 1024$  samples each
- Compare:
  - transform coding  $K$  largest terms per sensor
  - independent CS  $4K$  measurements per sensor
  - DCS  $4K$  measurements per sensor



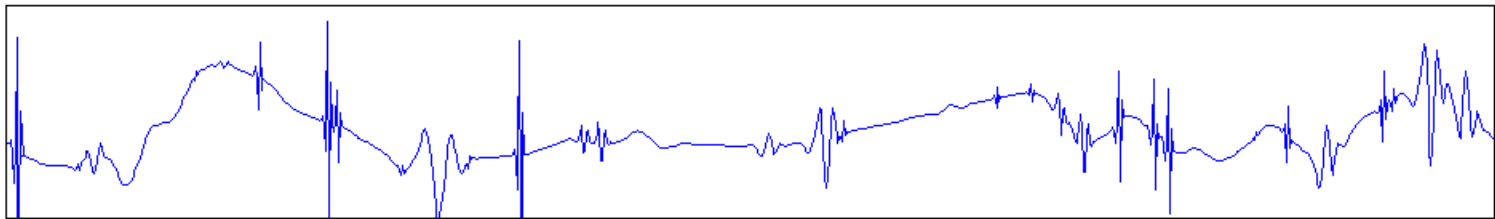
# Temperature – Wavelets, $K = 20$



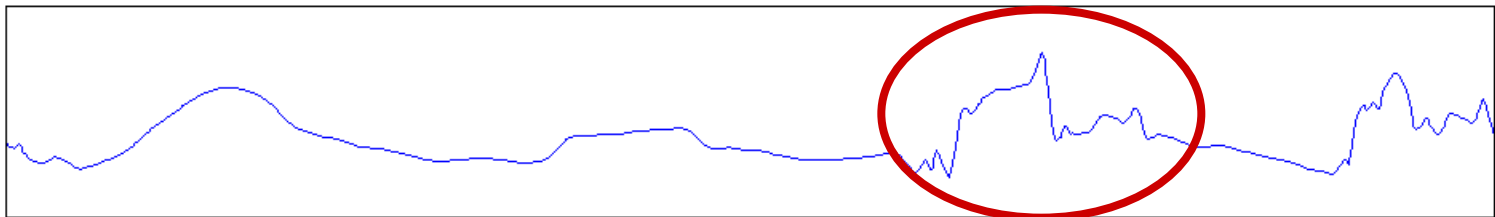
(a) Original



(b) Transform Coding, SNR = 25.9499 dB



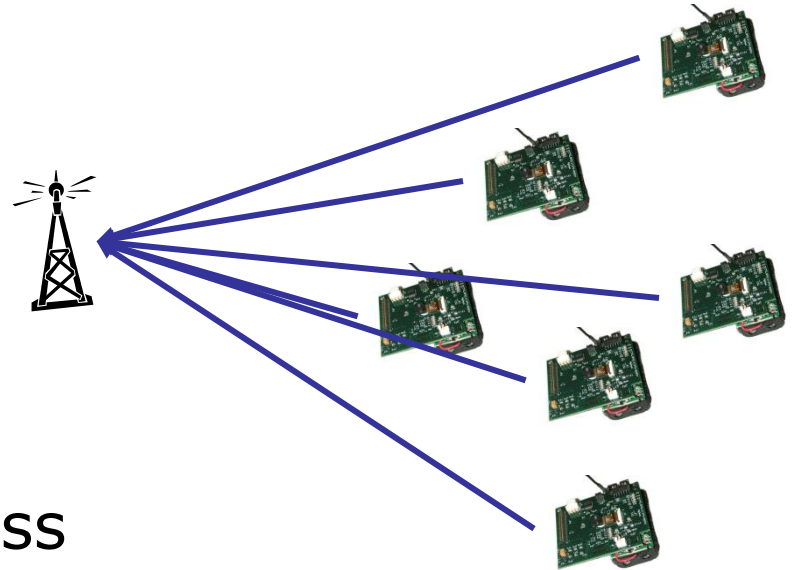
(c) Compressed Sensing, SNR = 16.8255 dB



(d) Distributed Compressed Sensing, SNR = 29.4149 dB

# DCS Benefits

- Random projections for *sensing and encoding*
  - exploit both intra- and inter-sensor correlations
  - **joint source/channel coding**
- Universality
  - generic hardware
- Simple quantization
- Robust
  - to noise, quantization, loss
  - progressive
- Zero inter-sensor collaboration



# Conclusions

- **Compressive sensing**

- exploits signal sparsity/compressibility information
- based on new uncertainty principles
- integrates sensing, compression, processing
- natural for sensor network applications

- Ongoing research

- new algorithms for *analog-to-information* conversion
- *fast algorithms* based on ECC matrices
- manifold models for multiple signals/images
- connections to machine learning

