

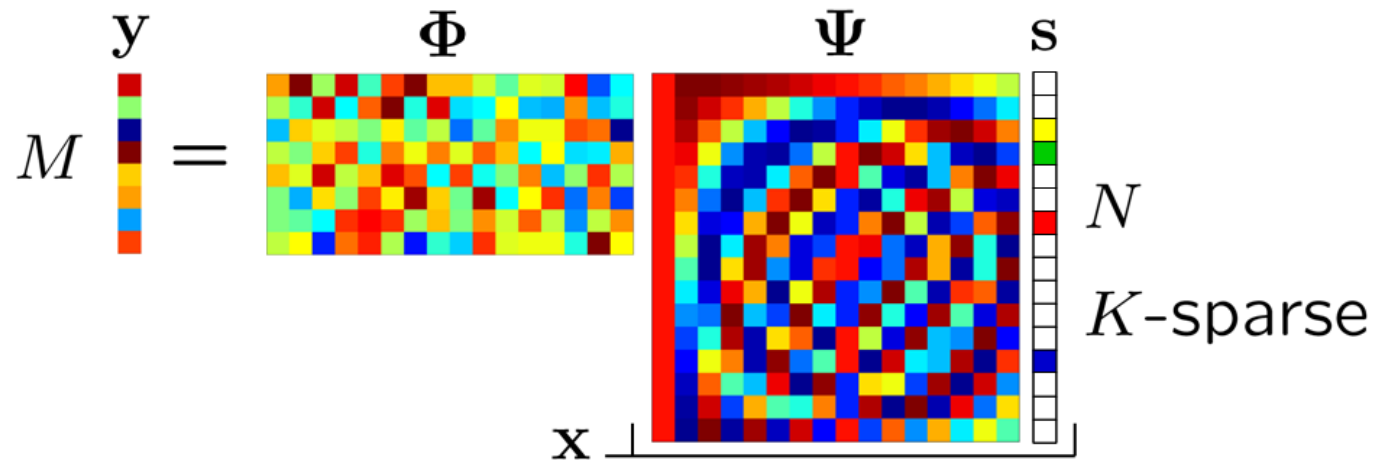
# Convex approaches for group sparse signal recovery in compressed sensing

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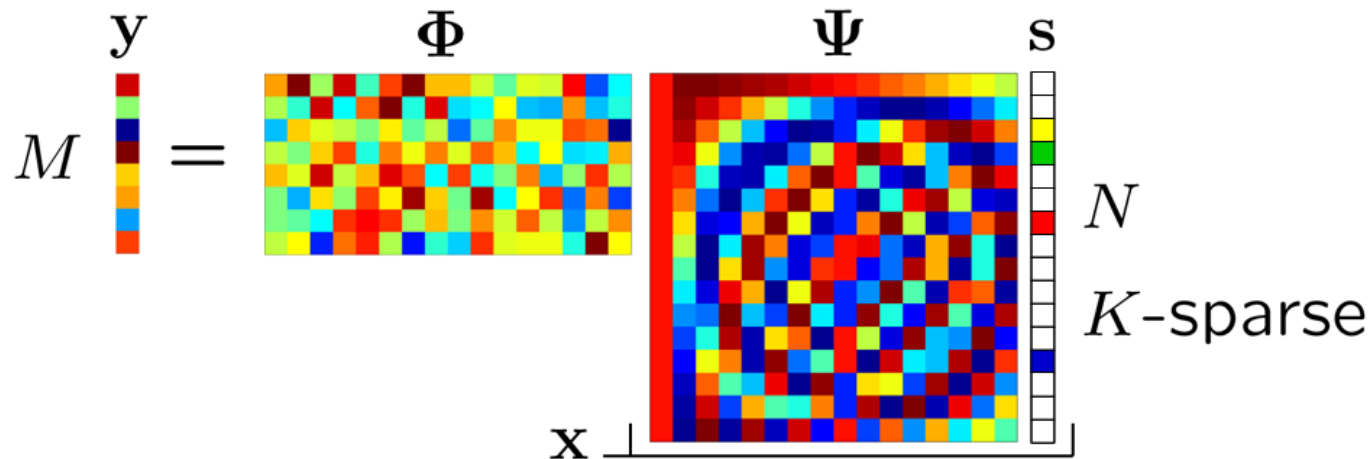
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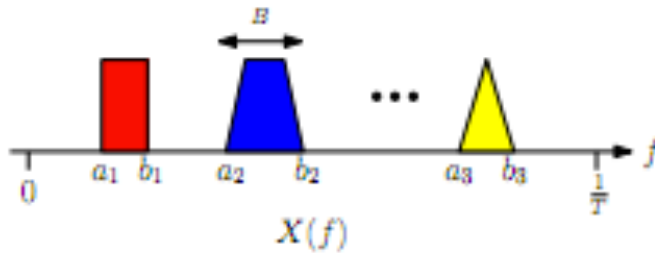
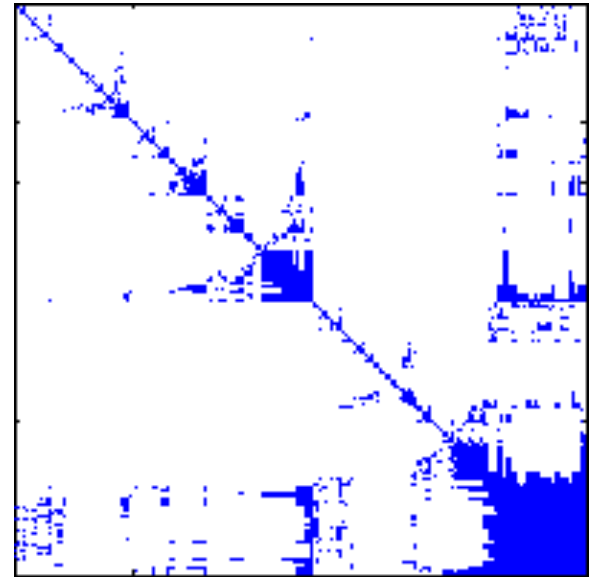
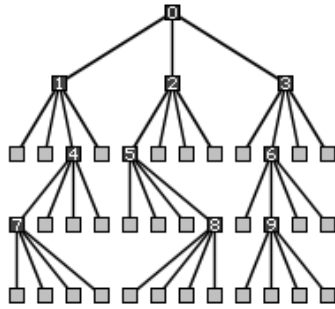
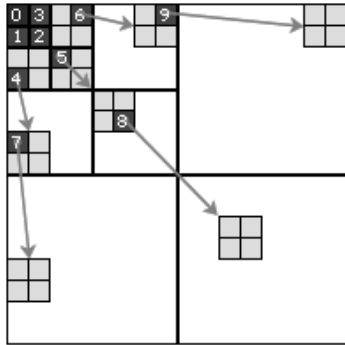
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- **GOAL** : given  $y$ , recover  $s$  (equivalently  $x$ )
- Greedy (OMP) and convex (LASSO) methods to recover  $s$
- $M \sim O(K \log(N))$

# Structured Sparsity

- In several cases, signals exhibit structure within sparsity



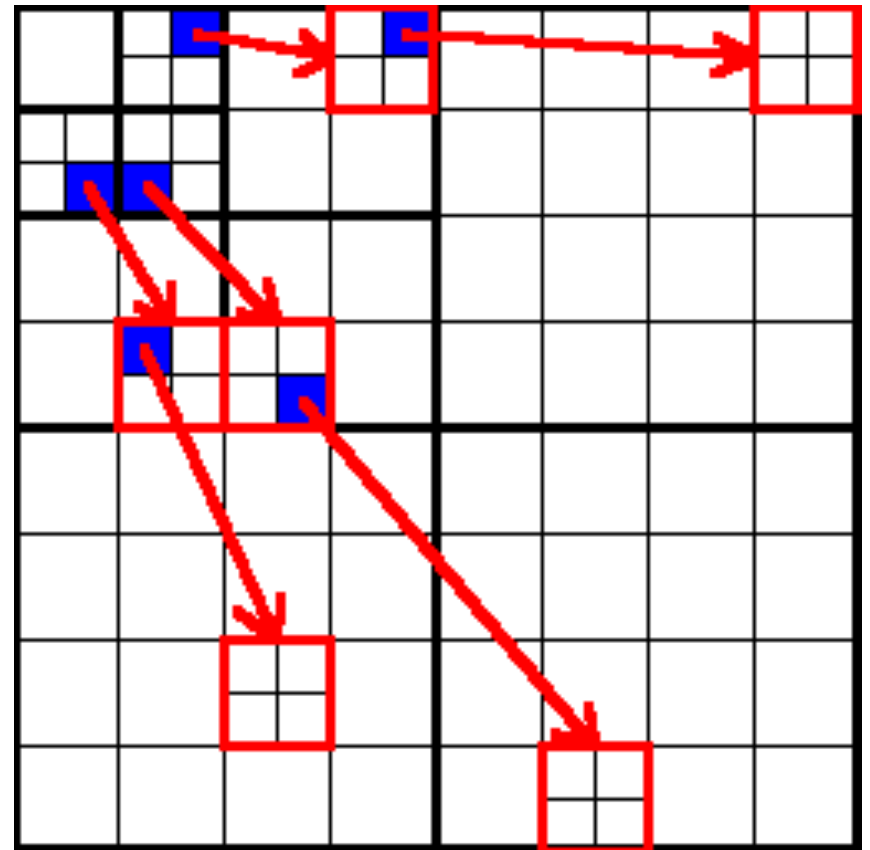
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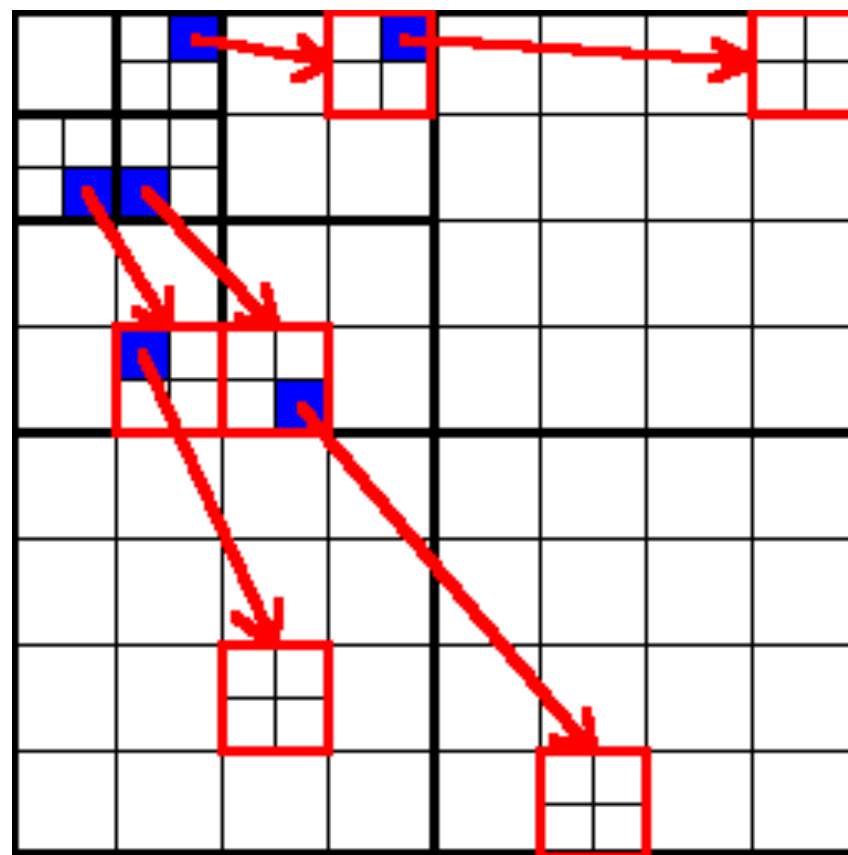
- We can leverage this additional **known** structure to design better recovery algorithms
- Cases addressed before...
  - Disjoint groups [Yuan and Lin '06, Zhang et. al. '09]
  - Tree structures [Jenatton et. al. '09, Baraniuk et. al. '10, La and Do 06, Zhang et. al. '09]
  - Arbitrary overlapping groups [Baraniuk et. al. '10]

We look to apply these (and other) results to denoise images in a Compressed Sensing framework

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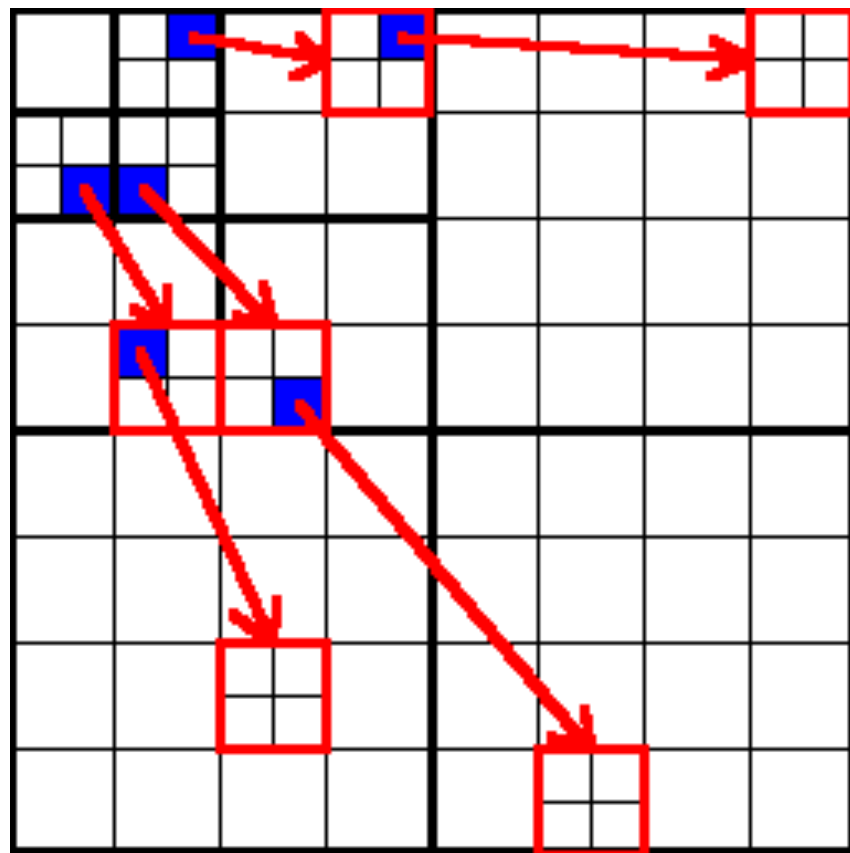


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These methods take into account the inherent tree structure of the coefficients





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The diagram illustrates the standard denoising process. The equation  $y = \Psi s + n$  is shown at the top. Three blue arrows originate from the terms in the equation: one from  $\Psi$  pointing to 'Inverse DWT matrix', one from  $s$  pointing to 'DWT coefficients', and one from  $n$  pointing to 'AWGN'.

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$$y = \Phi \Psi s + n$$

iid Gaussian (or any other)  
measurement matrix

# Wavelet Based Image Restoration

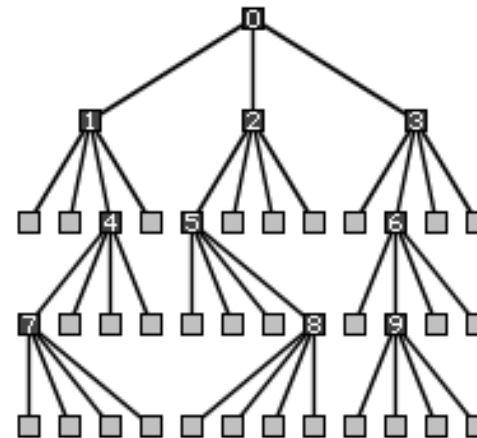
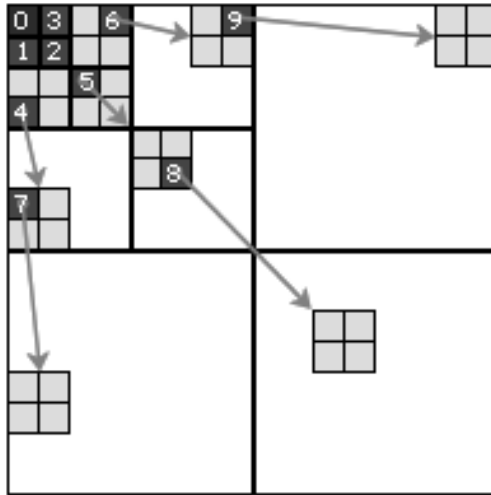
- The measurement matrix **linearly (and randomly) mixes the DWT coefficients**, and hence we can no longer use existing approaches

$$y_i = \sum_j \Phi_{ij} [\Psi s]_j$$

- **GOAL** : given compressive measurements, can we recover the sparse coefficients, while taking advantage of the inherent tree structure **and maintain convexity**?

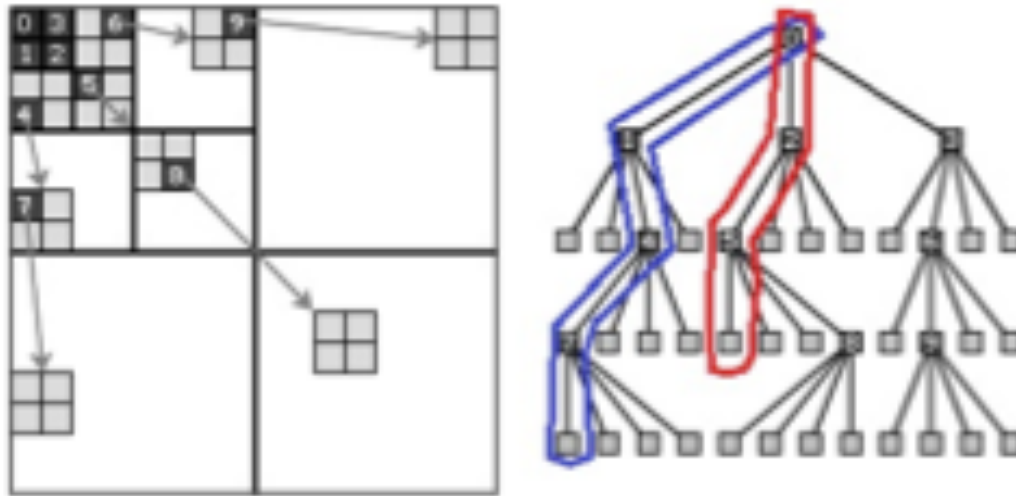
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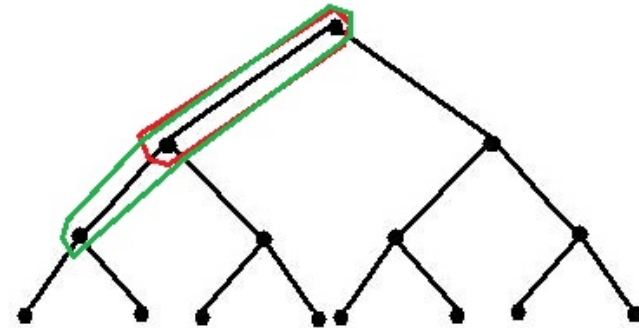
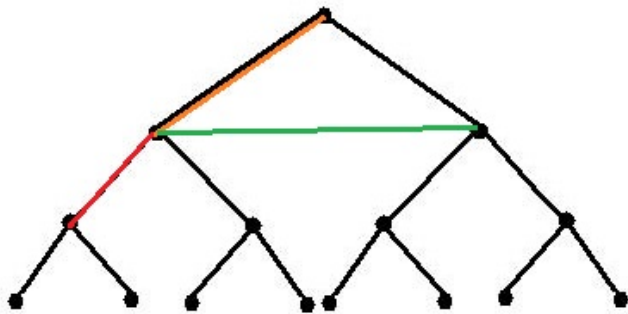
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- The groups overlap, and hence, to recover a union of groups, we use the method by Jacob et. al.
- Resulting coefficient structure same as Jenatton et. al 09

# Other Grouping strategies

- Parent-child pairs, in scale dependencies



- Hierarchical groups along paths of the tree
- Better groupings → better reconstruction

# Group Lasso with Overlap (Jacob et. al. 09)

**Given** groups  $G = \{g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_k\}$

$$A = \Phi\Psi$$

$$\hat{x} = \mathit{arg} \min_x \frac{1}{2} \|y - Ax\|^2 + \lambda\Omega(x)$$

$$\Omega(x) = \inf_{\sum v_g = x} \sum_{g \in G} \|v_g\| \quad v_g = \text{vector with support in } g$$

The norm will look to recover a signal whose support is  
a union of groups

# Denoising

- Cameraman image corrupted by WGN of variance 0.3
- Image resized to 64X64 , vectorized (length 4096)
- # of random samples collected = 800



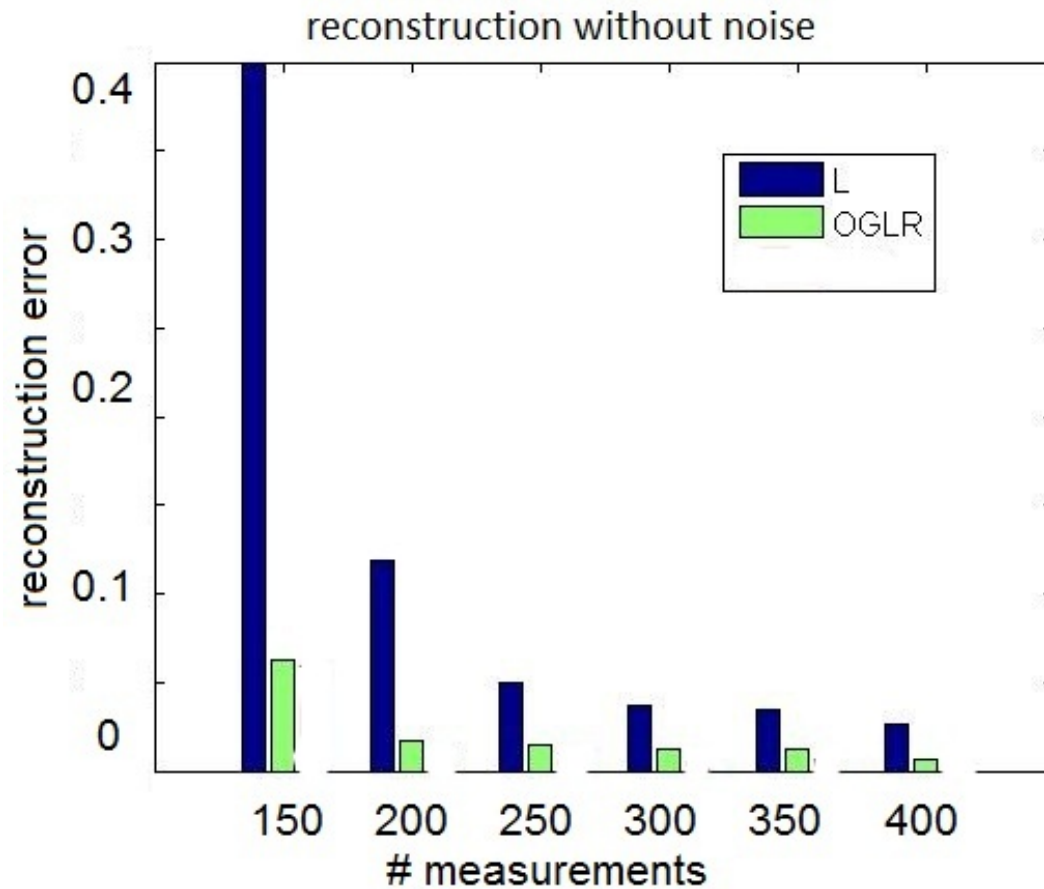
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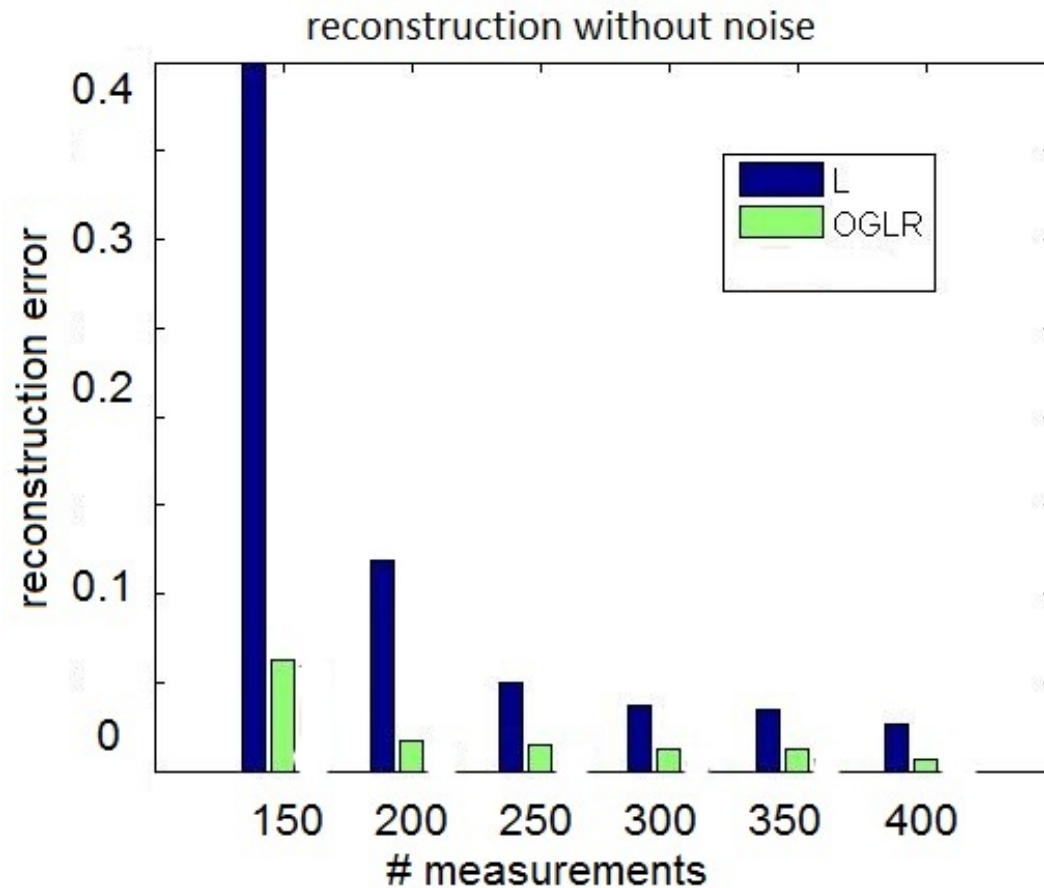
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The group lasso with overlap is equivalent to the minimization of an atomic norm

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So the problem reduces to finding the expected distance between the normal cone and a random gaussian vector

# Exact reconstruction

- 5000 measurements considered. Image size = 128 X 128



(a) Peppers



(b) CoSaMP  
(MSE = 22.8)



(c) Model-Based  
(MSE = 11.1)



(d) OG Lasso  
(MSE = 7.8)

# Summary

- DWT coefficients can be modeled into groups
- Can use convex methods to recover the image
- Superior to lasso in both denoising and deconvolution applications
- Accuracy depends on “proper” grouping
- Derived a bound on the number of measurements needed for exact recovery of structured sparse signals
- Bound is non asymptotic, and applies to ANY grouping

## FUTURE WORK

- “optimal” groupings of DWT coefficients
- Extend to noisy setting

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