

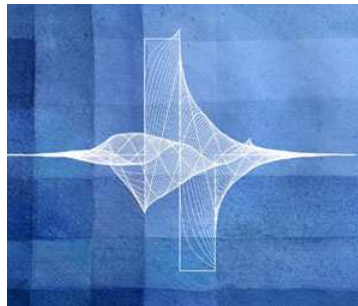
Curvelets, contourlets, shearlets, *lets, etc.: multiscale analysis and directional wavelets for images

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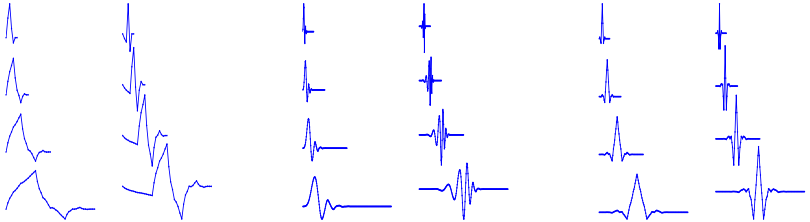
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Wavelets for the eye



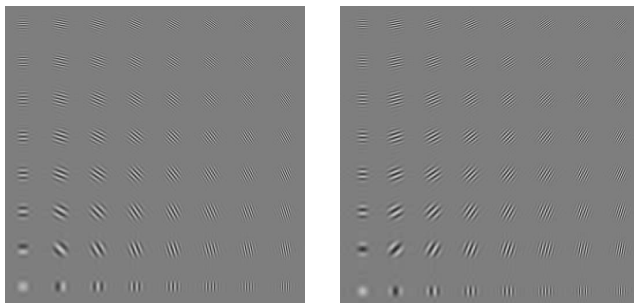
Artlets: painting wavelets (Hokusai/A. Unser)

Wavelets for 1D signals



1D scaling functions and wavelets

Wavelets for 2D images



2D scaling functions and wavelets

1D signals

1D and 2D data appear quite different, even under simple:

- ▶ time shift
- ▶ scale change
- ▶ amplitude drift

1D signals

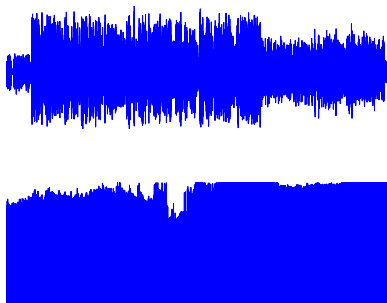


Figure : 1D and 2D \rightarrow 1D related signals

2D images

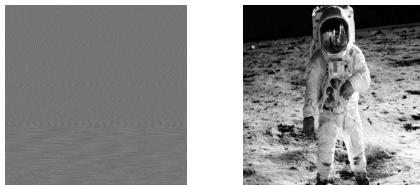


Figure : 1D \rightarrow 2D and 2D related images

1D signals & 2D images

Only time shift/scale change/amplitude drift between:

- ▶ John F. Kennedy Moon Speech (Rice Stadium, 12/09/1962)
- ▶ A Man on the Moon: Buzz Aldrin (Apollo 11, 21/07/196)

Two motivations: JFK + a Rice wavelet toolbox

1.5D signals: motivations for 2D directional "wavelets"

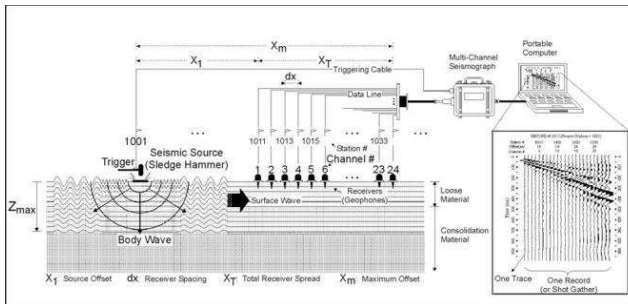


Figure : Geophysics: seismic data recording (surface and body waves)

1.5D signals: motivations for 2D directional "wavelets"

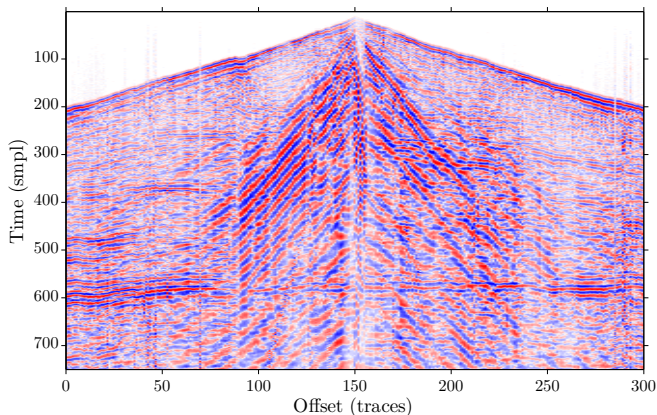


Figure : Geophysics: surface wave removal (before)

1.5D signals: motivations for 2D directional "wavelets"

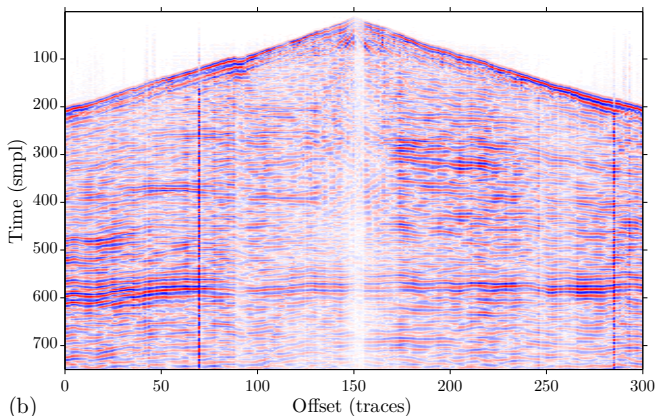


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1.5D signals: motivations for 2D directional "wavelets"

Issues in geophysics:

- ▶ different types of waves on seismic "images"
 - ▶ appear hyperbolic [layers], linear [noise] (and parabolic)
- ▶ not the standard "mid-amplitude random noise problem"
- ▶ no contours enclosing textures, more the converse
- ▶ kind of halfway between signals and images (1.5D)
- ▶ yet local, directional, frequency-limited, scale-dependent structures to separate

Agenda

- ▶ To survey 15 years of improvements in 2D wavelets
 - ▶ spatial, directional, frequency selectivity increased
 - ▶ sparser representations of contours and textures
 - ▶ from fixed to adaptive, from low to high redundancy
 - ▶ generally fast, practical, compact (or sparse?), informative
 - ▶ 1D/2D, discrete/continuous hybridization
- ▶ Outline
 - ▶ introduction + early days (≤ 1998)
 - ▶ fixed: oriented & geometrical (selected):
 - ▶ \pm separable (Hilbert/dual-tree wavelet)
 - ▶ isotropic non-separable (Morlet-Gabor)
 - ▶ anisotropic scaling (ridgelet, curvelet, contourlet, shearlet)
 - ▶ (hidden bonuses):
 - ▶ adaptive, lifting, meshes, spheres, manifolds, graphs
 - ▶ conclusions

In just one slide

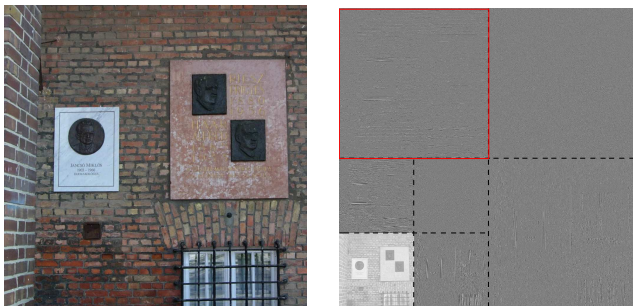


Figure : A standard, “dyadic”, separable wavelet decomposition

Where do we go from here? 15 years, 300+ refs in 30 minutes

Images are pixels (but...):

$$\bar{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 67 & 93 & 129 & 155 \\ 52 & 97 & 161 & 207 \\ 33 & 78 & 143 & 188 \\ 22 & 48 & 84 & 110 \end{pmatrix} \begin{img alt="A 4x4 grayscale image block corresponding to the pixel values in the matrix." data-bbox="578 261 691 406"/>$$

Figure : Image block as a (canonical) linear combination of pixels

- ▶ suffices for (simple) data and (basic) manipulation
 - ▶ counting, enhancement, filtering
- ▶ very limited in higher level understanding tasks
 - ▶ looking for other (meaningful) linear combinations
 - ▶ what about

$$67 + 93 + 52 + 97, 67 + 93 - 52 - 97$$

$$67 - 93 + 52 - 97, 67 - 93 - 52 + 97?$$

Images are pixels (but...):

A review in an active research field:

- ▶ (partly) inspired by:
 - ▶ early vision observations [Marr *et al.*]
 - ▶ sparse coding: wavelet-like oriented filters and receptive fields of simple cells (visual cortex) [Olshausen *et al.*]
 - ▶ a widespread belief in sparsity
- ▶ motivated by first successes (JPEG 2000 compression)
- ▶ aimed either at pragmatic or heuristic purposes:
 - ▶ known formation model *or* unknown information content
- ▶ developed through a legion of *-lets (and relatives)

Images are pixels, wavelets are legion

Room(let) for improvement:

*Activelet, AMlet, Armlet, Bandlet, Barlet, Bathlet, Beamlet, Binlet, Bumplet, Brushlet, Caplet, Camplet, Chirplet, Chordlet, Circlet, Coiflet, Contourlet, Cooklet, Craplet, Cubelet, CURElet, Curvelet, Daublet, Directionlet, Dreamlet, Edgelet, FAMlet, FLaglet, Flatlet, Fourierlet, Framelet, Fresnelet, Gaborlet, GAMlet, Gausslet, Graphlet, Grouplet, Haarlet, Haardlet, Heatlet, Hutlet, Hyperbolet, Icalet (Icalette), Interpolet, Loglet, Marrlet, MIMOlet, Monowavelet, Morelet, Morphlet, Multiselectivelet, Multiwavelet, Needlelet, Noiselet, Ondelette, Ondulette, Prewavelet, Phaselet, Planelet, Platelet, Purelet, QVlet, Radonlet, RAMlet, Randlet, Ranklet, Ridgelet, Riezlet, Ripplet (original, type-I and II), Scalet, S2let, Seamlet, Seislet, Shadelet, Shapelet, Shearlet, Sincllet, Singlet, Slantlet, Smoothlet, Snakelet, SOHOlet, Sparselet, Spikelet, Splinelet, Starlet, Steerlet, Stockeslet, SURE-let (SURElet), Surfacelet, Surflet, Symmlet, S2let, Tetrolelet, Treelet, Vaguelette, Wavelet-Vaguelette, Wavelet, Warblet, Warplet, Wedgelet, Xlet, **not mentioning all those not in -let!***

Now, some reasons behind this quantity

Images are pixels, but altogether different



Figure : Different kinds of images

Images are pixels, but altogether different

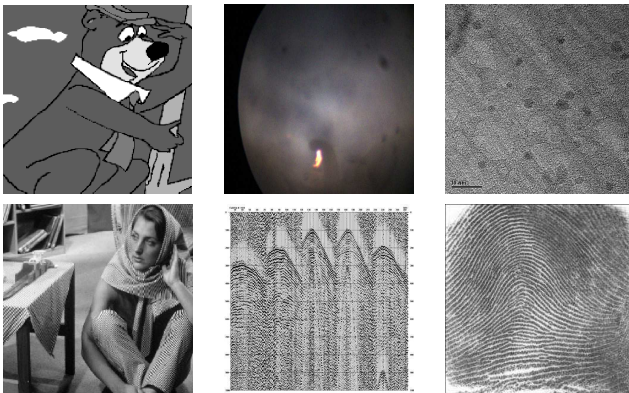


Figure : Different kinds of images

Images are pixels, but might be described by models

“Template” image decomposition models:

- ▶ edge cartoon + texture [Meyer-2001]:

$$\inf_u E(u) = \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u| + \lambda \|v\|_*, f = u + v$$

- ▶ edge cartoon + texture + noise [Aujol-Chambolle-2005]:

$$\inf_{u,v,w} F(u, v, w) = J(u) + J^* \left(\frac{v}{\mu} \right) + B^* \left(\frac{w}{\lambda} \right) + \frac{1}{2\alpha} \|f - u - v - w\|_{L^2}$$

- ▶ heuristically: piecewise-smooth + contours + geometrical textures + noise (or unmodeled)

Images are pixels, but resolution/scale helps with models

Coarse-to-fine and fine-to-coarse relationships

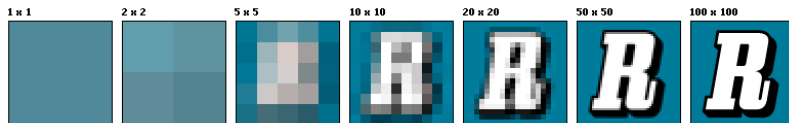


Figure : Notion of sufficient resolution [Chabat *et al.*, 2004]

- ▶ discrete 80's wavelets were “not bad” for: piecewise-smooth (moments) + contours (gradient-behavior) + geometrical textures (oscillations) + noise (orthogonality)
- ▶ yet, not enough with noise, complicated images (poor sparsity decay)

Images are pixels, but decay with regularity

Compressibility vs regularity: MSE with M -term approximation

- ▶ 1D
 - ▶ piecewise $C^\alpha \rightarrow O(M^{-2\alpha})$
- ▶ 2D
 - ▶ $C^\alpha \rightarrow O(M^{-\alpha})$ (standard wavelets)
 - ▶ piecewise $C^\alpha / C^\alpha \rightarrow O(M^{-1})$ (standard wavelets)
 - ▶ piecewise $C^2 / C^2 \rightarrow O(M^{-2})$ (triangulations)
- ▶ Notes:
 - ▶ very imprecise statements, many deeper results
 - ▶ piecewise $C^2 / C^2 \rightarrow O(M^{-2}f(M))$ w/ directional wavelets?
 - ▶ do much better with other regularities ($\alpha \neq 2$, BV)?

Images are pixels, but sometimes deceiving



Figure : Real world image and illusions

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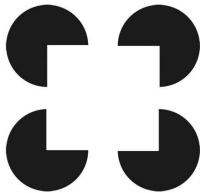


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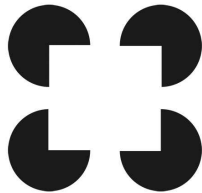


Figure : Real world image and illusions

Images are pixels, but resolution/scale helps

To catch important "objects" in their context

- ▶ use scales, pyramidal or multiresolution schemes,
- ▶ combine w/ different description/detection/modeling:
 - ▶ smooth curve or polynomial fit, oriented regularized derivatives (Sobel, structure tensor), discrete (lines) geometry, parametric curve detectors (e.g. Hough transform), mathematical morphology, empirical mode decomposition, local *frequency estimators*, Hilbert and Riesz (analytic and monogenic), quaternions, Clifford algebras, optical flow, smoothed random models, generalized Gaussian mixtures, warping operators, etc.

Images are pixels, and need efficient descriptions

Depend on application, with sparsity priors:

- compression, denoising, enhancement, inpainting, restoration, contour detection, texture analysis, fusion, super-resolution, registration, segmentation, reconstruction, source separation, image decomposition, MDC, learning, etc.

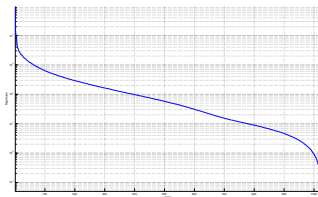


Figure : Image (contours/textures) and decaying singular values

Images are pixels: a guiding thread (GT)



Figure : Memorial plaque in honor of A. Haar and F. Riesz: *A szegedi matematikai iskola világhírű megalapítói*, courtesy Prof. K. Szatmáry

Guiding thread (GT): early days

Fourier approach: critical, orthogonal

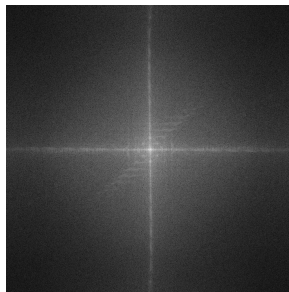


Figure : GT luminance component amplitude spectrum (log-scale)

Fast, compact, practical but not quite informative (not local)

Guiding thread (GT): early days

Scale-space approach: (highly)-redundant, more local

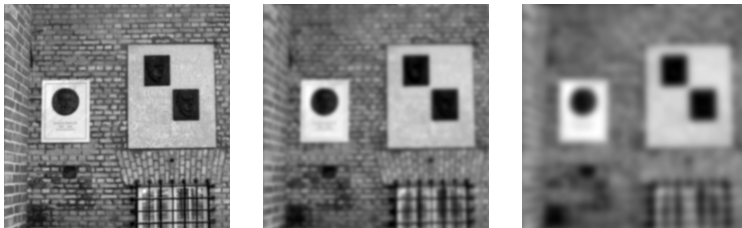


Figure : GT with Gaussian scale-space decomposition

Gaussian filters and heat diffusion interpretation

Varying persistence of features across scales \Rightarrow redundancy

Guiding thread (GT): early days

Pyramid-like approach: (less)-redundant, more local

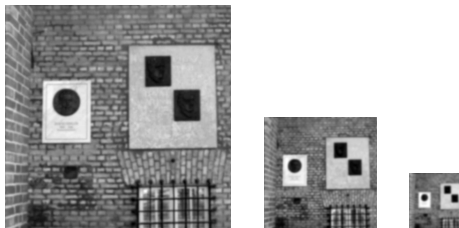


Figure : GT with Gaussian pyramid decomposition

Varying persistence of features across scales + subsampling

Guiding thread (GT): early days

Differences in scale-space with subsampling

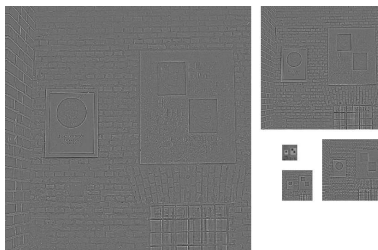


Figure : GT with Laplacian pyramid decomposition

Laplacian pyramid: complete, reduced redundancy, enhances image singularities, low-activity regions/small coefficients, **algorithmic**

Guiding thread (GT): early days

Isotropic wavelets (more **axiomatic**)

Consider

Wavelet $\psi \in \mathbb{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ such that $\psi(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_{\text{rad}}(\|\mathbf{x}\|)$, with $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$, for some radial function $\psi_{\text{rad}} : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (with adm. conditions).

Decomposition and reconstruction

For $\psi_{(\mathbf{b},a)}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{a}\psi(\frac{\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{b}}{a})$, $W_f(\mathbf{b}, a) = \langle \psi_{(\mathbf{b},a)}, f \rangle$ with reconstruction:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{2\pi}{c_\psi} \int_0^{+\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} W_f(\mathbf{b}, a) \psi_{(\mathbf{b},a)}(\mathbf{x}) \, d^2\mathbf{b} \, \frac{da}{a^3}$$

if $c_\psi = (2\pi)^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |\hat{\psi}(\mathbf{k})|^2 / \|\mathbf{k}\|^2 \, d^2\mathbf{k} < \infty$.

Guiding thread (GT): early days

Wavelets as multiscale edge detectors: many more potential wavelet shapes (difference of Gaussians, Cauchy, etc.)

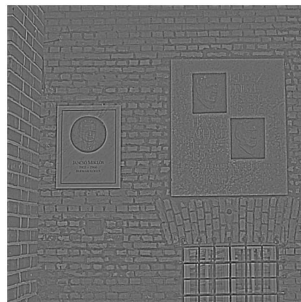
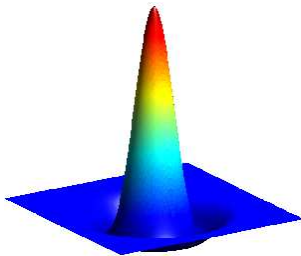


Figure : Example: Marr wavelet as a singularity detector

Guiding thread (GT): early days

Definition

The family \mathcal{B} is a frame if there exist two constants $0 < \mu_b \leq \mu_\# < \infty$ such that for all f

$$\mu_b \|f\|^2 \leq \sum_m |\langle \psi_m, f \rangle|^2 \leq \mu_\# \|f\|^2$$

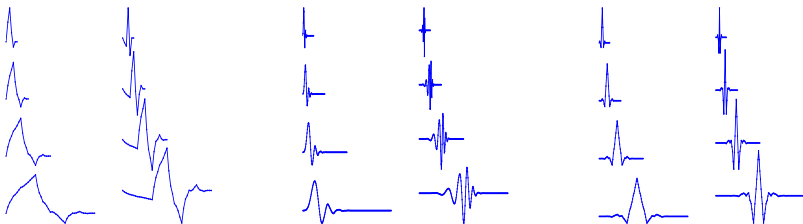
Possibility of discrete orthogonal bases with $O(N)$ speed. In 2D:

Definition

Separable orthogonal wavelets: dyadic scalings and translations $\psi_m(\mathbf{x}) = 2^{-j} \psi^k(2^{-j} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{n})$ of three tensor-product 2-D wavelets

$$\psi^V(\mathbf{x}) = \psi(x_1)\varphi(x_2), \quad \psi^H(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi(x_1)\psi(x_2), \quad \psi^D(\mathbf{x}) = \psi(x_1)\psi(x_2)$$

Guiding thread (GT): early days



1D scaling functions $\psi(x_1)$ and wavelets $\varphi(x_2)$

Guiding thread (GT): early days

So, back to orthogonality with the discrete wavelet transform: fast, compact and informative, but... is it sufficient (singularities, noise, shifts, rotations)?

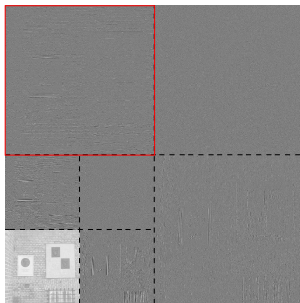


Figure : Discrete wavelet transform of GT

Oriented, \pm separable

To tackle orthogonal DWT limitations

- ▶ 1D, orthogonality, realness, symmetry, finite support (Haar)

Approaches used for simple designs (& more involved as well)

- ▶ relaxing properties: IIR, biorthogonal, complex
- ▶ M -adic MRAs with M integer > 2 or $M = p/q$
- ▶ hyperbolic, alternative tilings, less isotropic decompositions
- ▶ with pyramidal-scheme: steerable Marr-like pyramids
- ▶ relaxing critical sampling with oversampled filter banks
- ▶ complexity: (fractional/directional) Hilbert, Riesz, phaselets, monogenic, hypercomplex, quaternions, Clifford algebras

Oriented, \pm separable

Illustration of a combination of Hilbert pairs and M -band MRA

$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}\{f\}}(\omega) = -i \operatorname{sign}(\omega) \hat{f}(\omega)$$

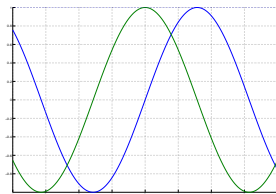


Figure : Hilbert pair 1

Oriented, \pm separable

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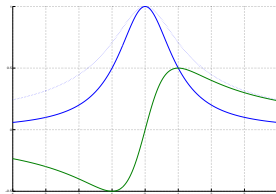


Figure : Hilbert pair 2

Oriented, \pm separable

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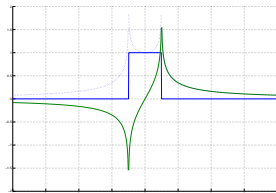


Figure : Hilbert pair 3

Oriented, \pm separable

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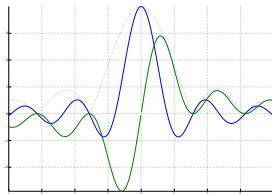


Figure : Hilbert pair 4

Oriented, \pm separable

Illustration of a combination of Hilbert pairs and M -band MRA

$$\widehat{\mathcal{H}\{f\}}(\omega) = -i \operatorname{sign}(\omega) \hat{f}(\omega)$$

Compute two wavelet trees in parallel, wavelets forming Hilbert pairs, and combine, either with standard 2-band or 4-band

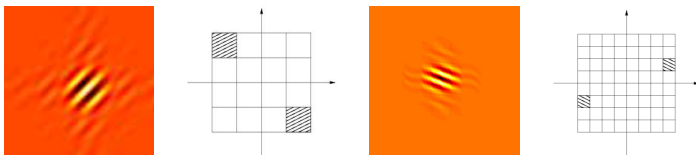


Figure : Dual-tree wavelet atoms and frequency partitioning

Oriented, \pm separable

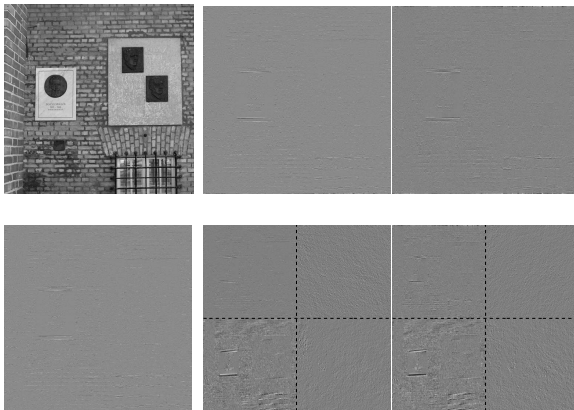


Figure : GT for horizontal subband(s): dyadic, 2-band and 4-band DTT

Oriented, \pm separable



Figure : GT (reminder)

Oriented, \pm separable

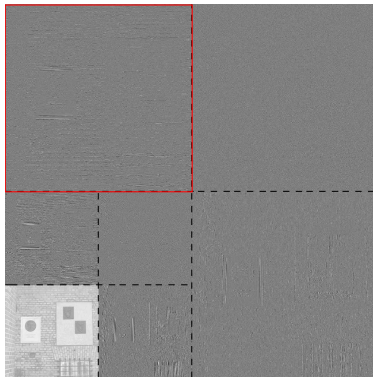


Figure : GT for horizontal subband(s) (reminder)

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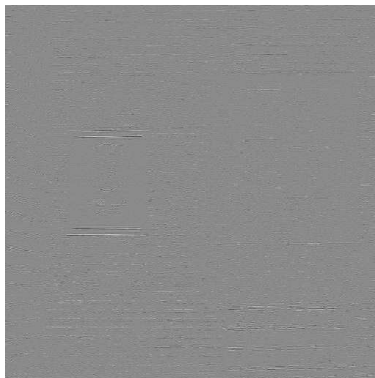


Figure : GT for horizontal subband(s): 2-band, real-valued wavelet

Oriented, \pm separable

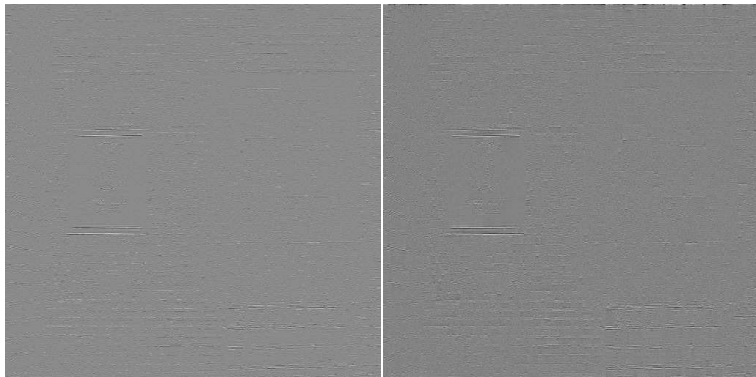


Figure : GT for horizontal subband(s): 2-band dual-tree wavelet

Oriented, \pm separable

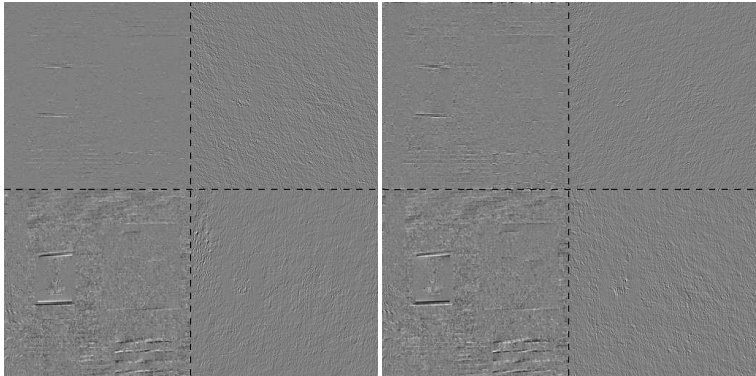


Figure : GT for horizontal subband(s): 4-band dual-tree wavelet

Directional, non-separable

Non-separable decomposition schemes, directly n -D

- ▶ non-diagonal subsampling operators & windows
- ▶ non-rectangular lattices (quincunx, skewed)
- ▶ non-MRA directional filter banks
- ▶ steerable pyramids
- ▶ M -band non-redundant directional discrete wavelets
- ▶ served as building blocks for:
 - ▶ contourlets, surfacelets
 - ▶ first generation curvelets with (pseudo-)polar FFT, loglets, directionlets, digital ridgelets, tetrolets

Directional, non-separable

Directional wavelets and frames with actions of rotation or similitude groups

$$\psi_{(\mathbf{b}, a, \theta)}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{a} \psi\left(\frac{1}{a} R_{\theta}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b})\right),$$

where R_{θ} stands for the 2×2 rotation matrix

$$W_f(\mathbf{b}, a, \theta) = \langle \psi_{(\mathbf{b}, a, \theta)}, f \rangle$$

inverted through

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = c_{\psi}^{-1} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{da}{a^3} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} d^2\mathbf{b} \quad W_f(\mathbf{b}, a, \theta) \psi_{(\mathbf{b}, a, \theta)}(\mathbf{x})$$

Directional, non-separable

Directional wavelets and frames:

- examples: Conical-Cauchy wavelet, Morlet-Gabor frames

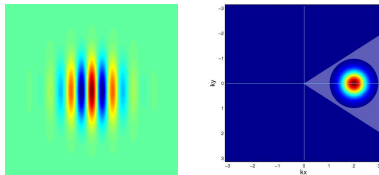


Figure : Morlet Wavelet (real part) and Fourier representation

- possibility to decompose and reconstruct an image from a discretized set of parameters; often (too) isotropic

Directional, anisotropic scaling

Ridgelets: 1-D wavelet and Radon transform $\mathfrak{R}_f(\theta, t)$

$$\mathcal{R}_f(b, a, \theta) = \int \psi_{(\mathbf{b}, a, \theta)}(\mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x}) d^2 \mathbf{x} = \int \mathfrak{R}_f(\theta, t) a^{-1/2} \psi((t-b)/a) dt$$

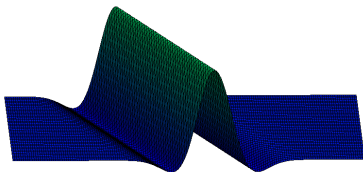


Figure : Ridgelet atom and GT decomposition

Directional, anisotropic scaling

Curvelet transform: continuous and frame

- curvelet atom: scale s , orient. $\theta \in [0, \pi)$, pos. $\mathbf{y} \in [0, 1]^2$:

$$\psi_{s,\mathbf{y},\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_s(R_\theta^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}))$$

$\psi_s(\mathbf{x}) \approx s^{-3/4} \psi(s^{-1/2}x_1, s^{-1}x_2)$ parabolic stretch; ($w \simeq \sqrt{l}$)

Near-optimal decay: C^2 in C^2 : $O(n^{-2} \log^3 n)$

- tight frame: $\psi_{\mathbf{m}}(\mathbf{x}) = \psi_{2^j, \theta_\ell, \mathbf{x}_n}(\mathbf{x})$ where $\mathbf{m} = (j, n, \ell)$ with sampling locations:

$$\theta_\ell = \ell \pi 2^{\lfloor j/2 \rfloor - 1} \in [0, \pi) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_n = R_{\theta_\ell}(2^{j/2}n_1, 2^j n_2) \in [0, 1]^2$$

- related transforms: shearlets, type-I ripplets

Directional, anisotropic scaling

Curvelet transform: continuous and frame

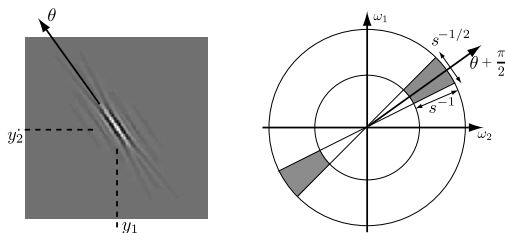


Figure : A curvelet atom and the wegde-like frequency support

Directional, anisotropic scaling

Curvelet transform: continuous and frame

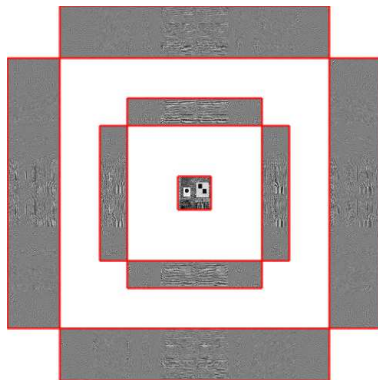


Figure : GT curvelet decomposition

Directional, anisotropic scaling

Contourlets: Laplacian pyramid + directional filter banks

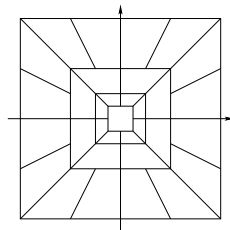
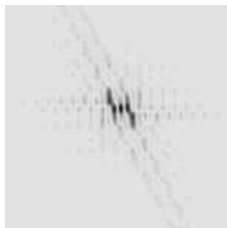
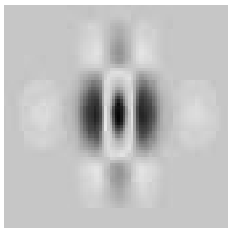


Figure : Contourlet atom and frequency tiling

from close to critical to highly oversampled

Directional, anisotropic scaling

Contourlets: Laplacian pyramid + directional filter banks

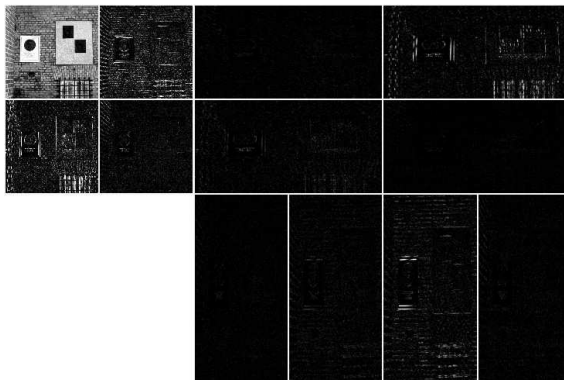


Figure : Contourlet GT (flexible) decomposition

Directional, anisotropic scaling

Shearlets

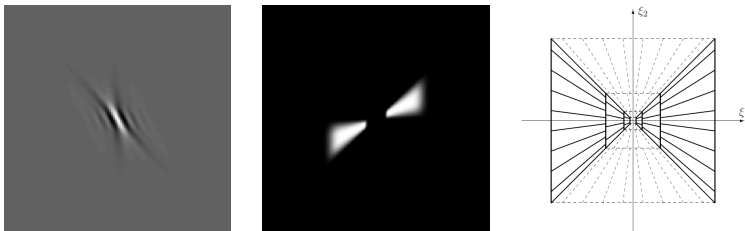


Figure : Shearlet atom in space and frequency, and frequency tiling

Do they have it all?

Directional, anisotropic scaling

Additional transforms

- ▶ previously mentioned transforms are better suited for edge representation
- ▶ oscillating textures may require more appropriate transforms
- ▶ examples:
 - ▶ wavelet and local cosine packets
 - ▶ best packets in Gabor frames
 - ▶ brushlets [Meyer, 1997; Borup, 2005]
 - ▶ wave atoms [Demanet, 2007]

Lifting representations

Lifting scheme is an unifying framework

- ▶ to design adaptive biorthogonal wavelets
- ▶ use of spatially varying local interpolations
- ▶ at each scale j , a_{j-1} are split into a_j^o and d_j^o
- ▶ wavelet coefficients d_j and coarse scale coefficients a_j : apply (linear) operators $P_j^{\lambda_j}$ and $U_j^{\lambda_j}$ parameterized by λ_j

$$d_j = d_j^o - P_j^{\lambda_j} a_j^o \quad \text{and} \quad a_j = a_j^o + U_j^{\lambda_j} d_j$$

It also

- ▶ guarantees perfect reconstruction for arbitrary filters
- ▶ adapts to non-linear filters, morphological operations
- ▶ can be used on non-translation invariant grids to build wavelets on surfaces

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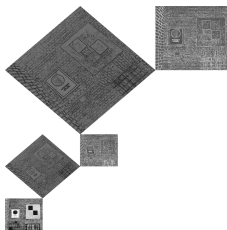
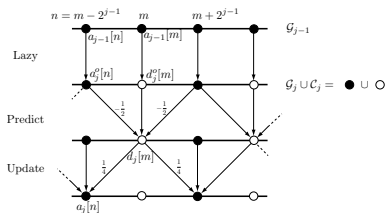


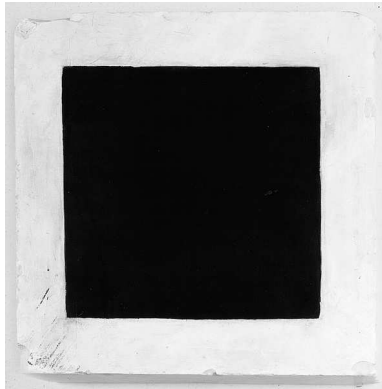
Figure : Predict and update lifting steps; MaxMin lifting of GT

Lifting representations

Extensions and related works

- ▶ adaptive predictions:
 - ▶ possibility to design the set of parameter $\lambda = \{\lambda_j\}_j$ to adapt the transform to the geometry of the image
 - ▶ λ_j is called an association field, since it links a coefficient of a_j^o to a few neighboring coefficients in d_j^o
 - ▶ each association is optimized to reduce the magnitude of wavelet coefficients d_j , and should thus follow the geometric structures in the image
 - ▶ may shorten wavelet filters near the edges
- ▶ grouplets: association fields combined to maintain orthogonality

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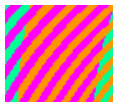
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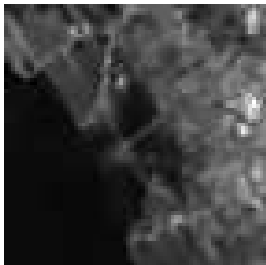
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Different spectral bands

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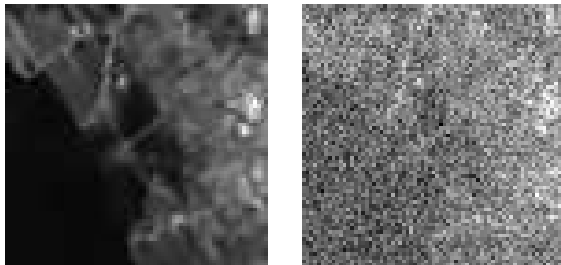
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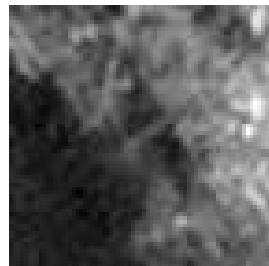
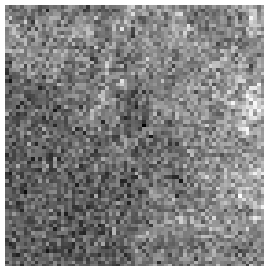
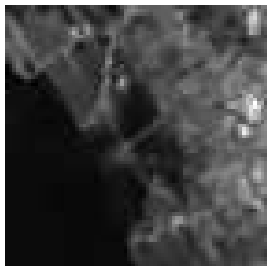
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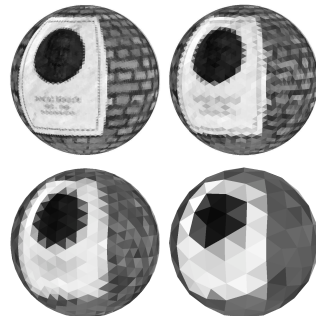
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What else? Images are not (all) flat

Many multiscale designs have been transported, adapted to:

- ▶ meshes
- ▶ spheres
- ▶ two-sheeted hyperboloid and paraboloid
- ▶ 2-manifolds (case dependent)
- ▶ big deal: data on graphs

see 300+ reference list!



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On the sphere, motivated by astronomy and geosciences

- filtering (two-angle spherical param. $\xi = (\theta, \varphi) \in S^2$)

$$(f \star h)(\rho) = \int_{S^2} h(\rho \xi) f(\xi) \, d\mu(\xi),$$

where $\rho \in \text{SO}(3)$ is a rotation (driven by three angles) applied to the point $\xi \in S^2$ and $d\mu(\xi) = \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi$.

- Fourier transform

$$\hat{f}_{\ell m} = \langle Y_{\ell m}, f \rangle = \int_{S^2} Y_{\ell m}^*(\xi) f(\xi) \, d\mu(\xi), \quad f(\xi) = \sum_{\ell, m} \hat{f}_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\xi)$$

with respect to orthonormal basis of *spherical harmonics*

$\mathcal{Y} = \{Y_{\ell m}(\xi) : \ell \geq 0, |m| \leq \ell\}$, i.e. the eigenvectors of the spherical Laplacian

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- ▶ spherical Scale-Space: solution at at time $\tau > 0$ initialized to f

$$f(\xi, \tau) = \sum_{\ell, m} \hat{f}_{\ell m}(\tau) Y_{\ell m}(\xi)$$

with $\hat{f}_{\ell m}(\tau) = \hat{f}_{\ell m} e^{-\ell(\ell+1)\tau}$ and $f(\xi, 0) = f(\xi)$

- ▶ spectral Wavelets

- ▶ spherical wavelets $\psi_a(\xi)$, $W_f(a, \xi) = (f * \psi_a)(\xi)$

$$f(\xi') = \langle f \rangle + \int_{\mathbb{R}_+} \int_{S^2} W_f(a, \xi) \psi_a(\xi' \cdot \xi) \frac{da}{a} d\xi$$

with $\langle f \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{S^2} f(\xi) d\mu(\xi)$

- ▶ MRA on the sphere with QMF
- ▶ needlets

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Some of the other (many) constructions

- ▶ stereographic wavelets
- ▶ Haar transforms (embedded spherical triangulations)

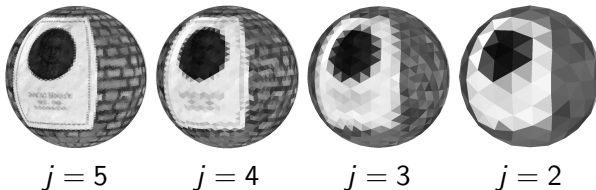


Figure : Projection on the spherical Haar multiresolution

- ▶ steerable wavelets the sphere
- ▶ HEALPix: trans. wavelets, ridgelets, curvelets on the sphere
- ▶ SOHO wavelets, FLaqlets, S2lets

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Some of the other (many) constructions

- ▶ wavelets on general 2-manifolds
- ▶ lifting scheme on meshed surfaces

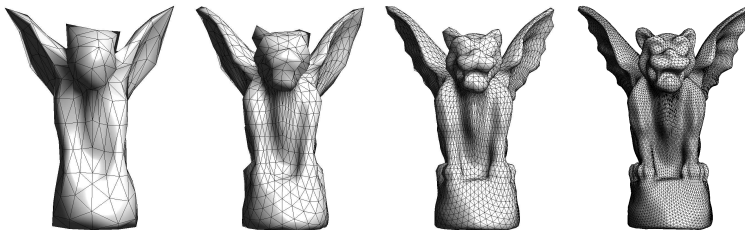


Figure : Multiresolution semi-regular mesh

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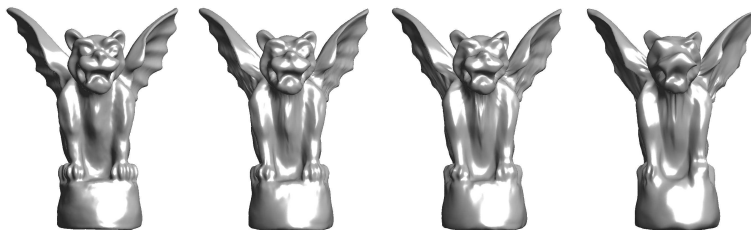


Figure : Surface approximation by thresholding (100%, 10%, 5%, 2%)

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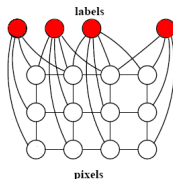


Figure : Image as a graph

Pixels in images may be viewed as *loci*:

- ▶ with connectivity information (even non-local)
- ▶ scalar, vector-valued
- ▶ labeled

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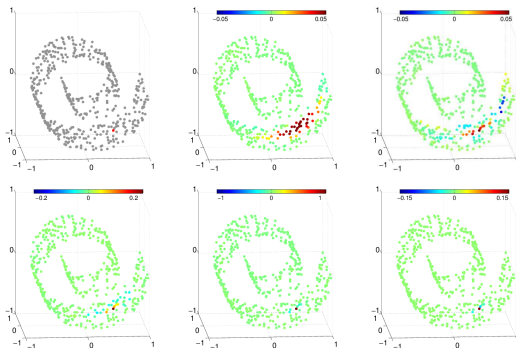


Figure : Wavelets on a swiss roll

Wavelets on graphs [Hammond *et al.*, 2011]

Conclusion: on a (frustrating) panorama



Take-away messages anyway?

If you only have a hammer, every problem looks like a nail

- ▶ Is there a "best" geometric and multiscale transform?
 - ▶ no: intricate data/transform/processing relationships
 - ▶ more needed on asymptotics, optimization, models
 - ▶ maybe: many candidates, progresses awaited:
 - ▶ "so ℓ_2 "! Low-rank (ℓ_0/ℓ_1), math. morph. (+, \times vs max, +)
 - ▶ yes: those you handle best, or (my) on wishlist
 - ▶ mild redundancy, invariance, manageable correlation, fast decay, tunable frequency decomposition, complex or more

Conclusion: on a (frustrating) panorama



Postponed references & toolboxes

- ▶ A Panorama on Multiscale Geometric Representations, Intertwining Spatial, Directional and Frequency Selectivity
Signal Processing, Dec. 2011

Toolboxes, images, and names

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0165168411001356>

<http://www.laurent-duval.eu/siva-panorama-multiscale-geometric-representations.html>

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- ▶ the many *-lets (last picks: Speclets/Gabor shearlets)

Local applications

Weak interest in Lenna-like images



Figure : Geophysics: seismic Lenna

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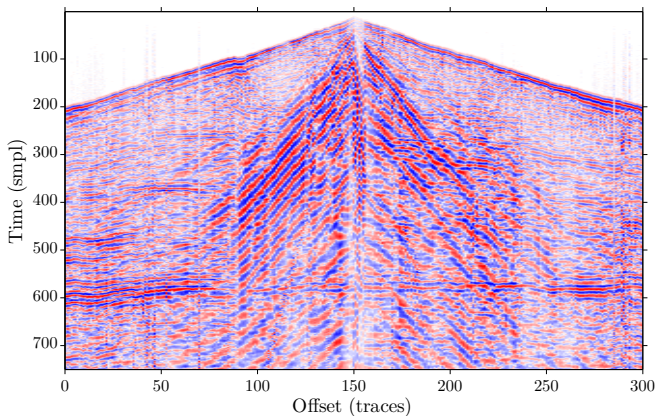


Figure : Geophysics: surface wave removal (before)

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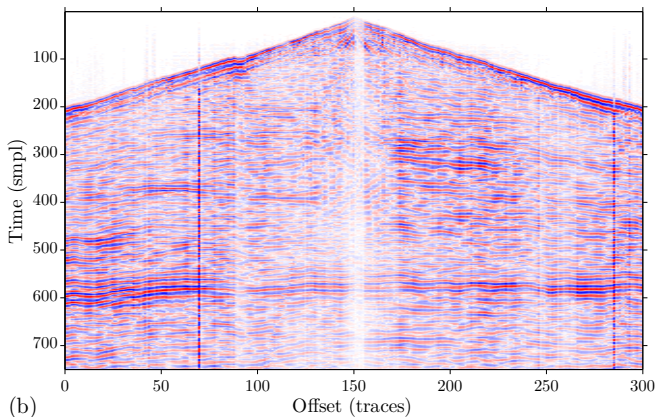


Figure : Geophysics: surface wave removal (after)

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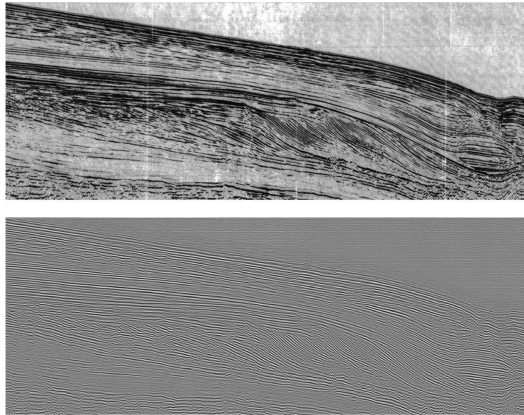


Figure : Geophysics: paper to seismics

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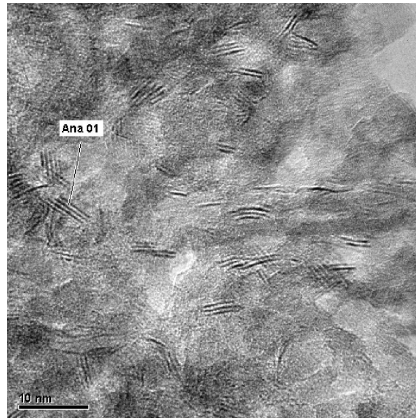


Figure : Catalyst measurements

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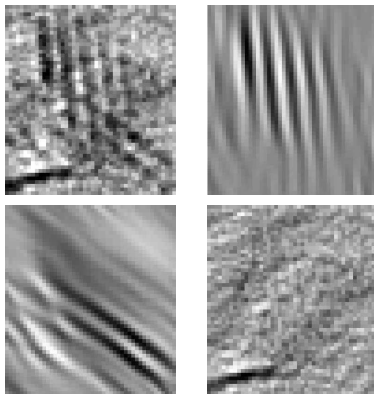


Figure : Process: catalyst measurements