

# Fast Polar Fourier Transform

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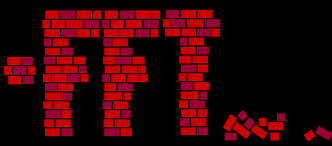
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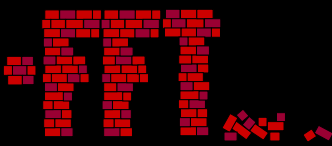
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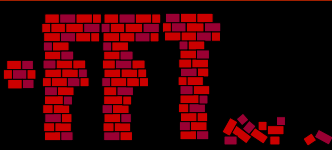
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- Background & Motivation
- New Approach and its Results



# 1. Thinking Polar - Continuum

□ For today  $f(x,y)$  function of  $(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

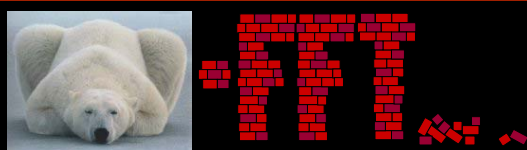
□ Continuous Fourier Transform

$$\hat{f}(u, v) = (\mathfrak{F}f)(x, y) = \int \int f(x, y) \exp\{-ixu - iyv\} dx dy$$

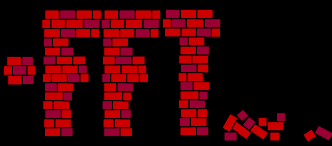
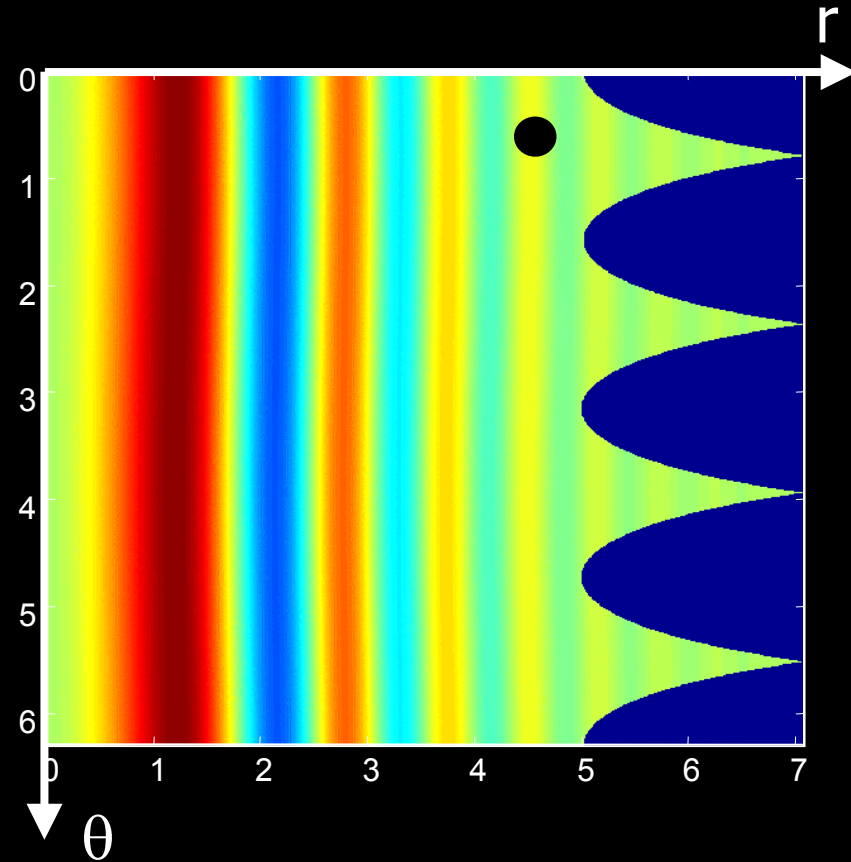
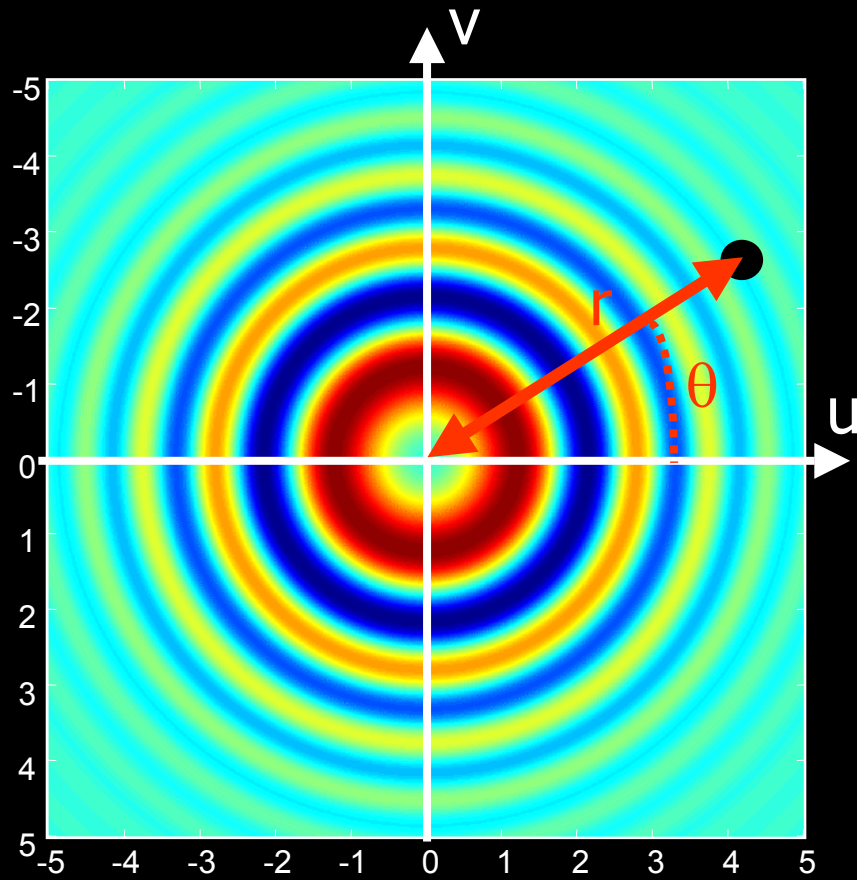
□ Polar coordinates:  $u=r \cdot \cos(\theta)$  ,  $v=r \cdot \sin(\theta)$

□ Polar Fourier Transform

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}(r, \theta) &= \hat{f}(r \cdot \cos(\theta), r \cdot \sin(\theta)) = \\ &= \int \int f(x, y) \exp\{-ixr \cdot \cos(\theta) - iy \cdot \sin(\theta)\} dx dy \end{aligned}$$



# 1. Thinking Polar - Continuum

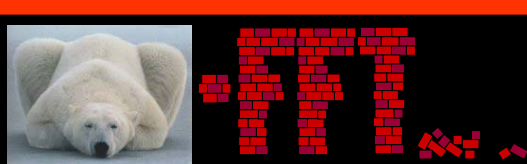


## Natural Operations: 1. Rotation

Using the polar coordinates, rotation is simply a shift in the angular variable.

- Let  $Q_{\theta_0}$  be the operator of planar rotation by  $\theta_0$  degrees
- Rotation of a function  $f_{\theta_0}(x, y) = f(Q_{\theta_0}\{x, y\})$
- In polar coordinates – shift in angular variable

$$\tilde{f}_{\theta_0}(r, \theta) = \tilde{f}(r, \theta - \theta_0)$$



## Natural Operations: 2. Scaling

Using the polar coordinates, 2D scaling is simply a 1D scaling in the radial variable.

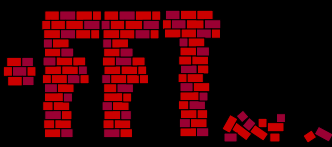
□ Let  $S_\alpha$  be the operator of planar scaling by a factor  $\alpha$

□ Scaling of a function  $f_\alpha(x, y) = f(S_\alpha\{x, y\})$

□ In polar coordinates – 1D scale in radial variable

$$\tilde{f}_\alpha(r, \theta) = \text{Const} \cdot \tilde{f}(\alpha r, \theta)$$

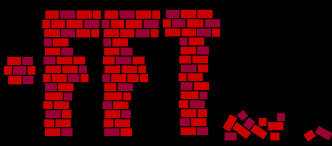
□ Using log-Polar coordinates - shift in the radial variable.



## Natural Operations: 3. Registration

Using the polar coordinates, rotation+shift registration simply amounts to correlations.

- $f(x,y)$  and  $g(x,y)$  satisfy:  $f(x,y) = g(Q_{\theta_0}\{x,y\} + \{x_0,y_0\})$
- Goal: given  $f$  and  $g$ , recover  $\{x_0, y_0, \theta_0\}$ .
- Obtaining  $\tilde{f}(r, \theta)$  and  $\tilde{g}(r, \theta)$ , angular cross-correlation on the absolute values gives the angle  $\theta_0$ .
- After compensating for this angle, cross-correlation on regular Fourier transform gives the shift.





# Natural Operations: 4. Tomography

Using the polar coordinates, we obtain a method to obtain the Inverse Radon Transform.

□ Radon Transform:

$$Rf(t, \theta) = \iint f(x, y) \delta(x \cos(\theta) + y \sin(\theta) - t) dx dy$$

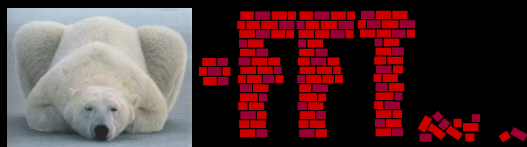
□ Goal: Given  $Rf(t, \theta)$ , recover  $f$ .

□ Projection-Slice-Theorem:  $(\mathfrak{T}_1 Rf)(t, \theta) = \tilde{f}(r, \theta)$

□ Reconstruction:  $Rf \mapsto \tilde{f} \mapsto \hat{f} \mapsto f$



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## Natural Operations: 5. Singularities

- $f$  is smooth ( $C^\infty$ ) apart from discontinuity along line

$$x \cos(\theta_0) + y \sin(\theta_0) = t$$

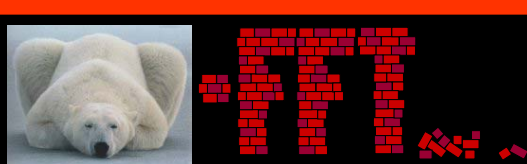
- Radial asymptotics for  $\theta \neq \theta_0$  :

$$\tilde{f}(r, \theta) = o\{r^{-m}\}, \quad r \rightarrow \infty, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- Radial asymptotics for  $\theta = \theta_0$  :  $\tilde{f}(r, \theta) = c/|r|, \quad r \rightarrow \infty$

- For curves (– vertical to their direction):

$$\tilde{f}(r, \theta) = c/|r|^{3/2}, \quad r \rightarrow \infty$$



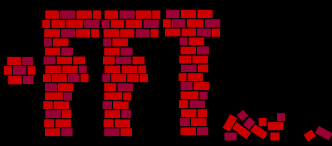
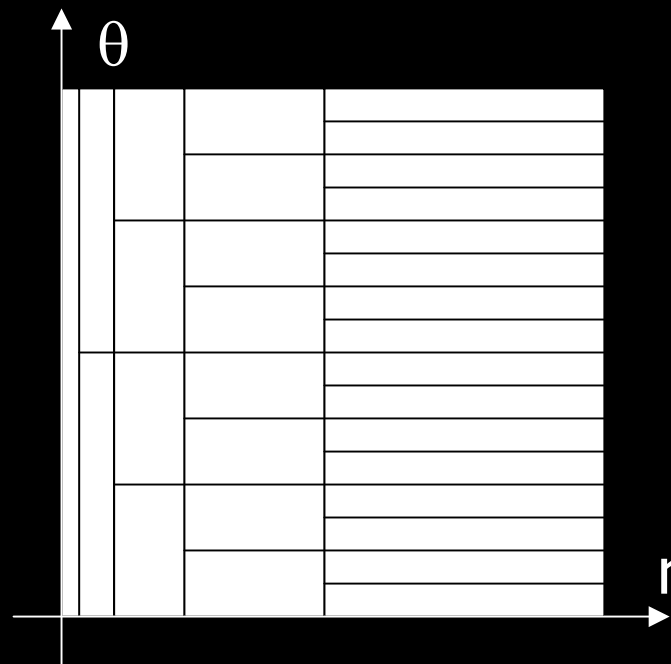
# Natural Operations: More

## □ New orthonormal bases


- Ridgelets
- Curvelets
- Fourier Integral operations
- Ridgelet packets

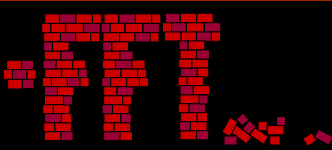
## □ Analysis of textures

## □ More ...



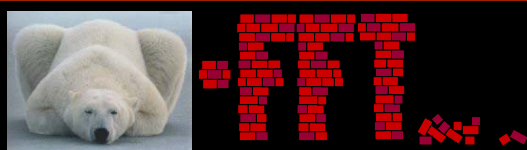
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## 2. Thinking Polar - Discrete

- ❑ Certain procedures very important to digitize
  - Rotation,
  - Scaling,
  - Registration,
  - Tomography, and
  - ...
- ❑ These look so easy in continuous theory – Can't we use it in the discrete domain?
- ❑ Why not Polar-FFT?



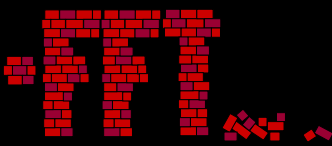
# The FFT Miracle

## □ 1D Discrete Fourier Transform

- The miracle of 1D fast procedure is built on the fact that we have equi-spaced points in time and frequency.
- The result is 1D-FFT. Its complexity is  $O(5N\log_2 N)$  operations instead of  $O(N^2)$  by direct approach.

## □ 2D Discrete Fourier Transform

- Space and frequency grids are both Cartesian.
- Can be broken (separable) into 1D-FFT operations.



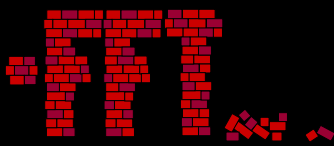
# 2D DFT - Definition

□ The 2D-Fourier Transform on  $\{f[k_1, k_2], 0 \leq k_1, k_2 < N\}$

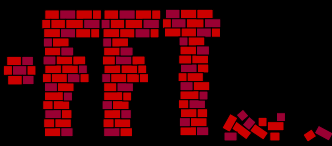
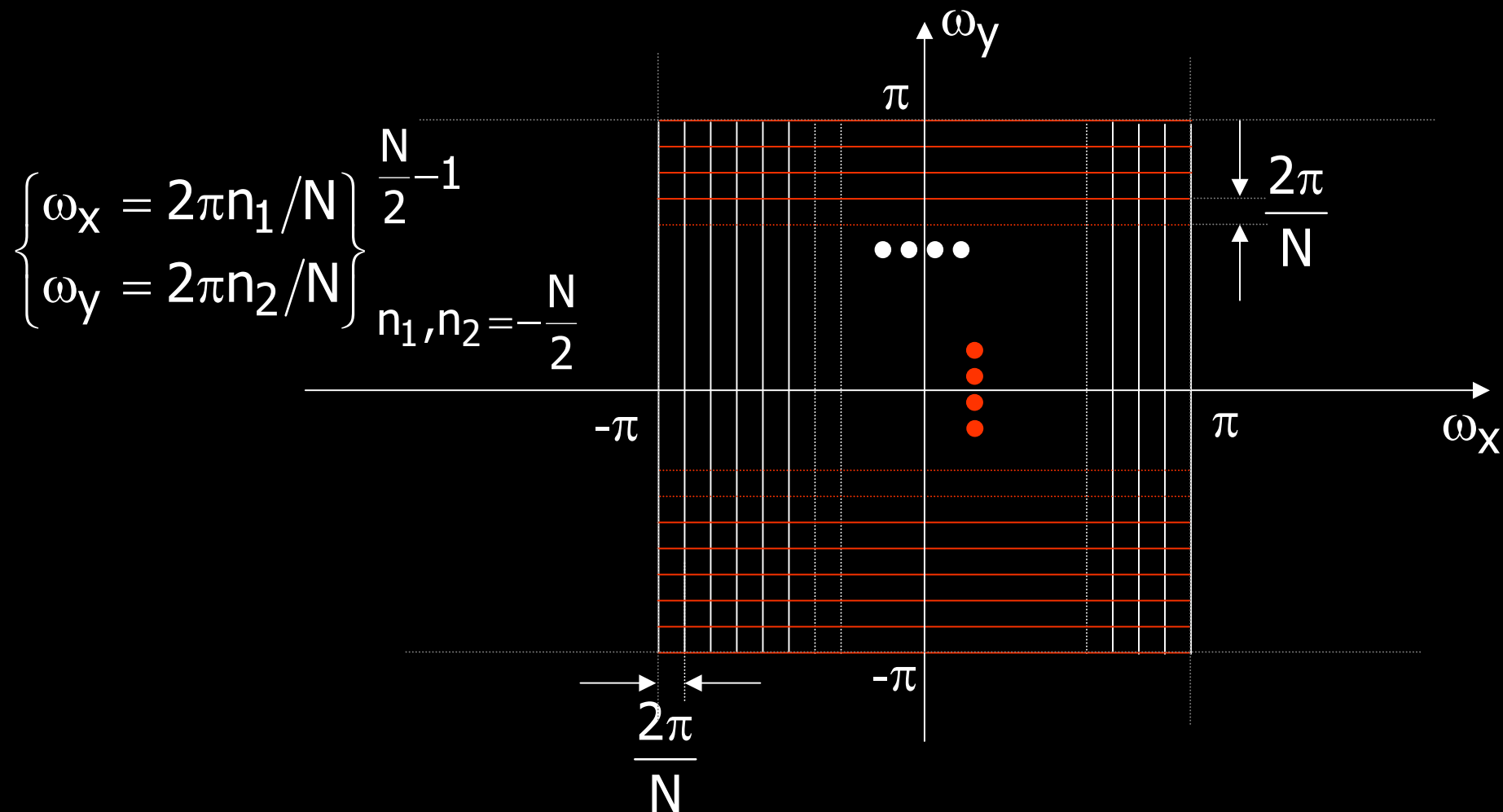
$$F(\omega_x, \omega_y) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} f[k_1, k_2] \exp\{-ik_1\omega_x - ik_2\omega_y\}$$

□ 2D-DFT for  $\{\omega_x = 2\pi n_1/N, \omega_y = 2\pi n_2/N\}_{n_1, n_2=0}^{N-1}$

$$F[n_1, n_2] = \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} f[k_1, k_2] \exp\left\{-\frac{i2\pi}{N}(k_1 n_1 + k_2 n_2)\right\}$$



# 2D DFT – Frequency Grid



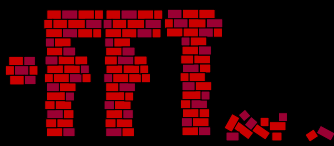


# 2D FFT

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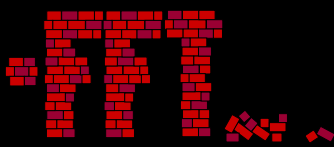
$$= \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \exp \left\{ -\frac{i2\pi k_1 n_1}{N} \right\} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} f[k_1, k_2] \exp \left\{ -\frac{i2\pi k_2 n_2}{N} \right\}$$

- $\hat{f}[k_1, n_2]$  is obtained by 1D-FFT over the rows of  $f[k_1, k_2]$  and fill into the original array.
- The remaining stage is to do the same on the columns of  $\hat{f}[k_1, n_2]$  obtaining  $F[n_1, n_2]$ .



## 2D FFT Complexity

- ❑ Applying 1D-FFT on a sequence of  $N$  samples requires  $O(5N\log_2 N)$  operations.
- ❑ In the 2D FFT, we have  $N$  such 1D FFT-s for the rows and  $N$  such 1D FFT-s for the columns.
- ❑ Thus: 2D-FFT requires  $O(10N^2\log_2 N)$  operations, instead of  $O(N^4)$  by the direct approach.
- ❑ Important Feature: All operations are 1D operations, processing one columns/row at a time – leading to **efficient cache usage**.

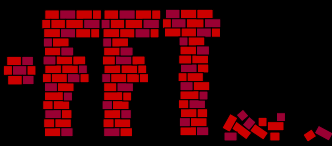
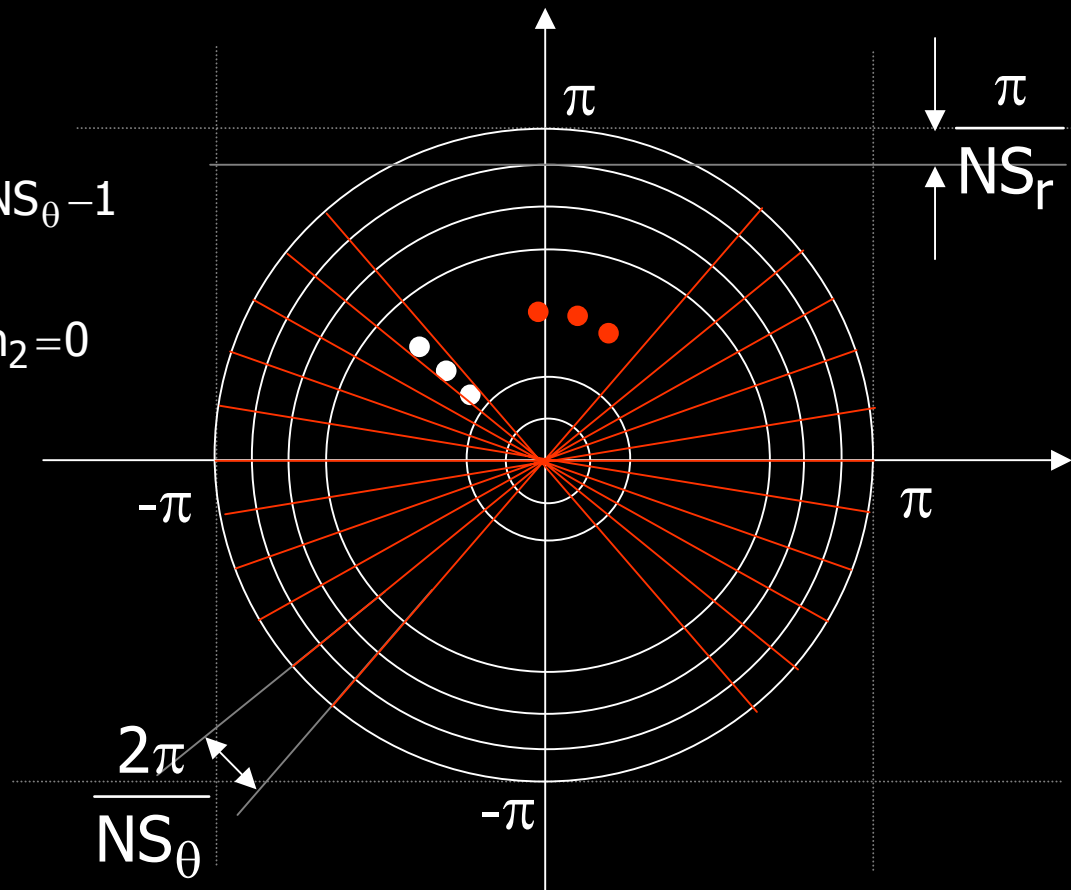


# Discrete Polar Coordinates?

Choice of grid?

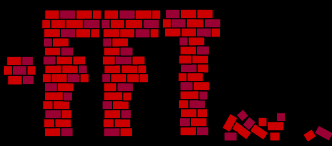
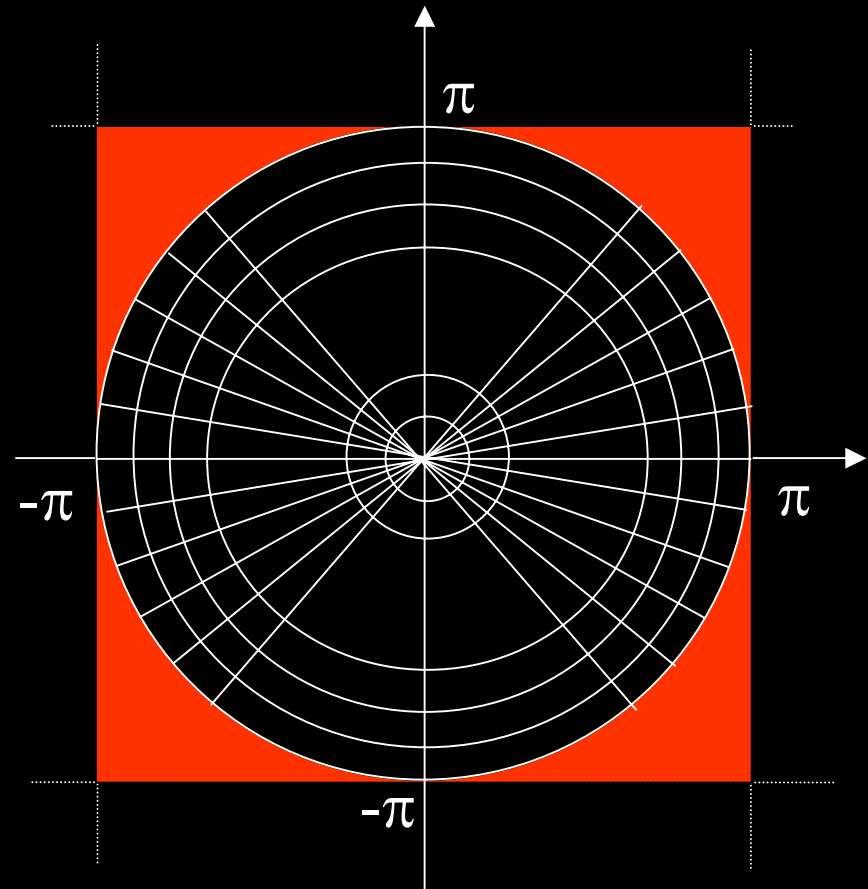
$$\left\{ r = \frac{\pi n_1}{NS_r} \right\}_{n_1=0}^{NS_r-1}, \left\{ \theta = \frac{2\pi n_2}{NS_\theta} \right\}_{n_2=0}^{NS_\theta-1}$$

Resulting with  $NS_\theta$   
rays with  $NS_r$   
elements on each [For  
 $S_\theta=S_r=1$ , we have  $N^2$   
grid points].



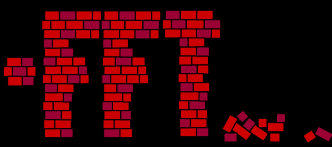
# Grid Problematics

- ❑ Grid spacing?
- ❑ Fate of corners?
- ❑ No X-Y separability !!



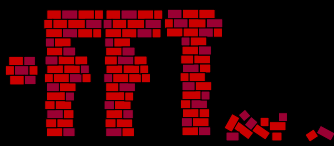
## Polar FFT - Current Belief

- ❑ Current widespread belief is that there cannot be a fast method for implementing the Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) on the polar grid.
- ❑ See for example
  - “The DFT: an owner’s manual” by Briggs and Henson, SIAM, 1995.
  - A comprehensive and authoritative book on the Discrete Fourier Transform.
  - Index item: ***Polar Domain.***
  - Index entry: no FFT for polar domain (p. 284).




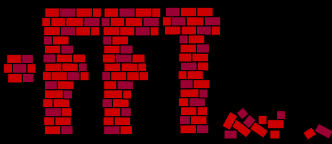
## Consequence of non-existence

- ❑ Continuous Fourier – vague inspiration only.
- ❑ Fourier in implementations widely deprecated.
- ❑ Fragmentation: each field special algorithm.



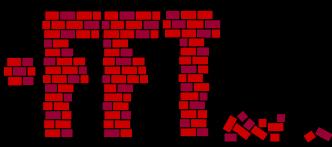
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# 3. Current State-Of-The-Art

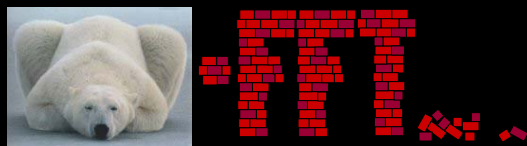
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  - Data in Cartesian set.
  - Approximate transform in non-Cartesian set.
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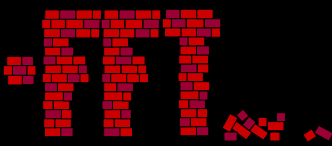
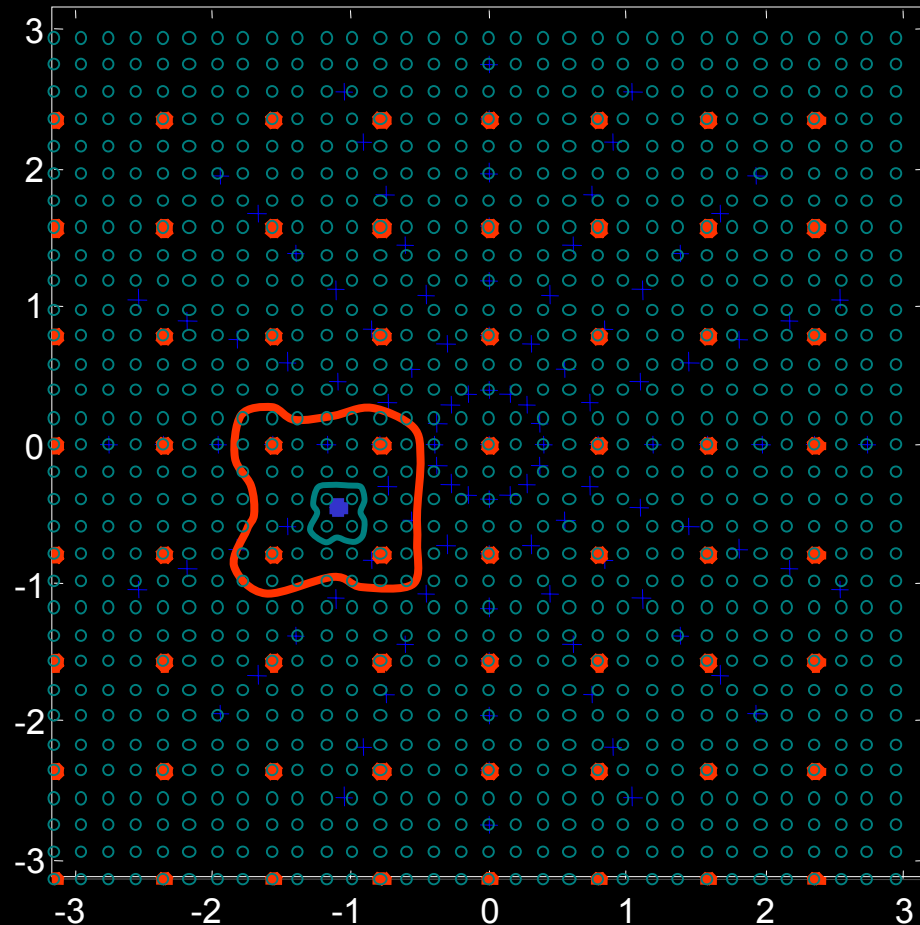
## USFFT - Rational

- ❑ Define over-sampled Cartesian grid.
- ❑ Rapidly evaluate FT at over-sampled grid:
  - Function values  $F$ .
  - (possibly) partial derivatives through order  $L$ .
- ❑ Associate several neighboring Cartesian points to each polar grid point.
- ❑ Approximate interpolation using the Cartesian values (and derivatives) to get the polar grid values.



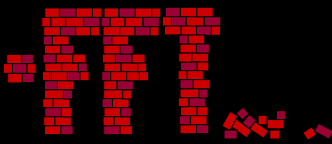
# USFFT - Interpolation

- + Destination Polar grid
- Critically sampled Cartesian grid
- Over-sampled Cartesian grid



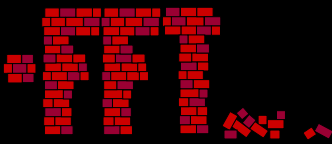
## Our Reading of Literature

- ❑ Boyd (1992) – Over-sampling and interpolation by Euler sum acceleration or Langrangian interpolation.
- ❑ Dutt-Rokhlin (1993,1995) - Over-sampling and interpolation by the Fast-Multipole method.
- ❑ Anderson-Dahleh (1996) – Oversampling and obtaining the partial derivatives, and then interpolating by Taylor series.
- ❑ Ware (1998) – Survey on USFFT methods.



## USFFT for $T^+$

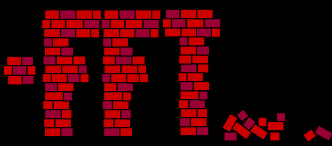
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- ❑ Approximate interpolation using the Polar values (and derivatives) to get the Cartesian grid values.
- ❑ Perform the Cartesian 2D Inverse-FFT.



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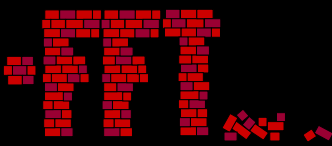
Direct Fourier method with over-sampling and interpolation (also called gridding) – see

- ❑ Natterer (1985).
- ❑ Jackson, Meyer, Nishimura and Macovski (1991).
- ❑ Schomberg and Timmer (1995).
- ❑ Choi and Munson (1998).




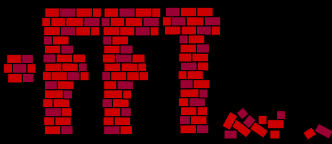
## USFFT Problematics

- ❑ Several involved parameters:
  - Over-sampling factor,
  - Method of interpolation, and
  - Order of interpolation.
- ❑ Good accuracy calls for extensive over-sampling.
- ❑ Correspondence overhead: spoils vectorizability of algorithm, and causes high cache misses.
- ❑ Emotionally involved.



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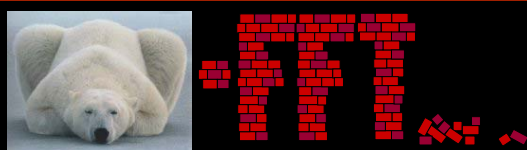
# 4. Our Approach - General

We propose a

## **Fast Polar Fourier Transform**

with the following features:

- Low complexity –  $O(\text{Const} \cdot N^2 \log_2 N)$
- Vectorizability – 1D operations only
- Non-Expansiveness – Factor 2 (or 4) only
- Stability – via Regularization
- Accuracy – 2 orders of magnitude over USFFT methods



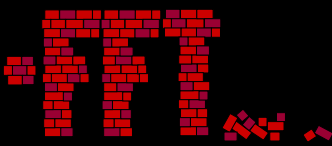


## Strategy to obtain Polar FFT


- Define an intermediate “Polar-Like” grid that
  - Is close to the polar grid,
  - It enables fast and exact FFT evaluation with 1D FFT-s only, and
  - It enables going to the exact polar grid by 1D interpolations.

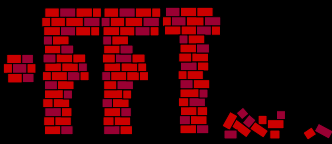
This will be the **Pseudo-Polar** grid.

- Close the gap between Pseudo-Polar and exact Polar by 1D high-accuracy interpolation.



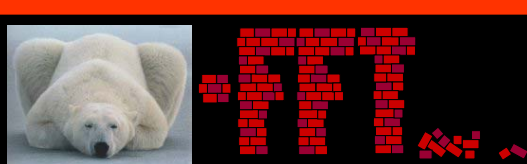
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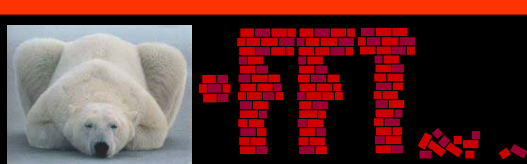
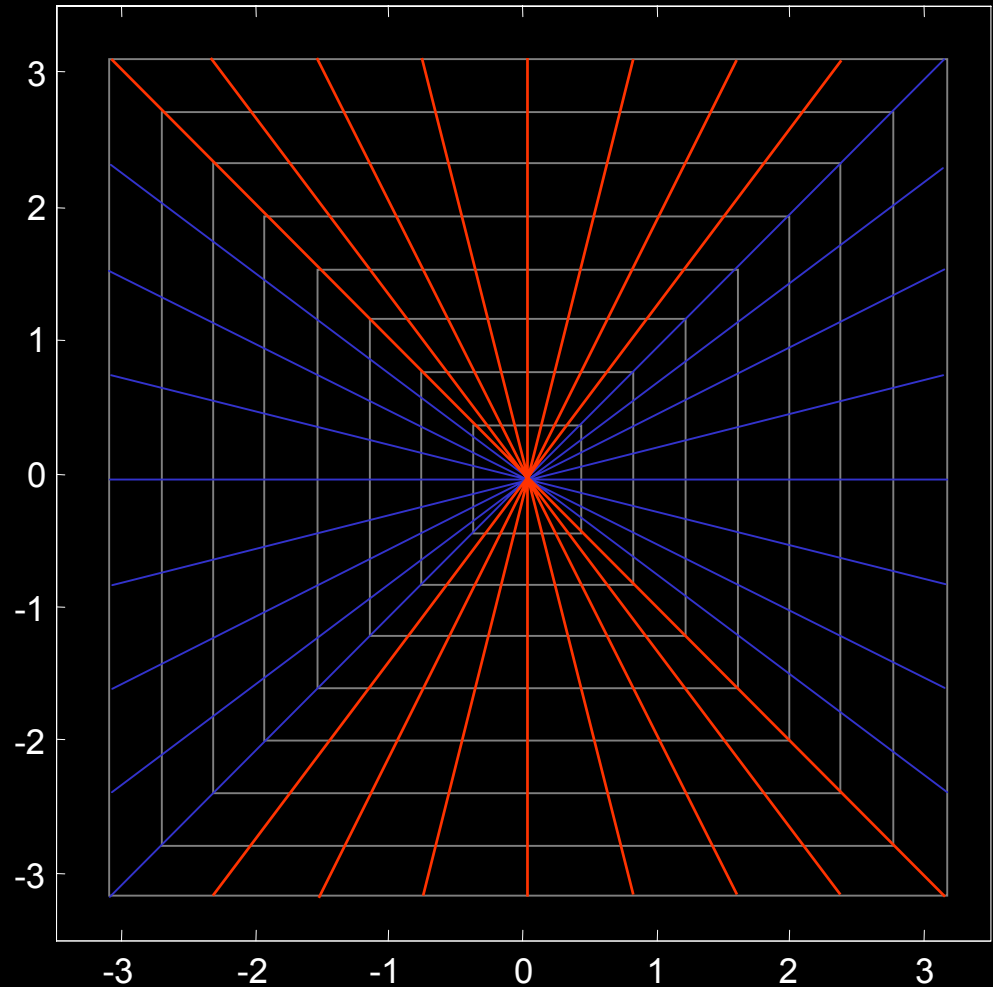
# 5. The Pseudo-Polar FFT

- ❑ Developed by Averbuch, Coifman, Donoho, Israeli, and Waldén (1998).
- ❑ Basic idea: Define a “Polar-Like” grid that replaces concentric circles by squares, and equispaced angles by equispaced distances.
- ❑ The resulting grid enables fast Fourier Transform evaluation – ACCURATELY!!!
- ❑ Applications: Tomography, image processing, Ridgelets, and more.



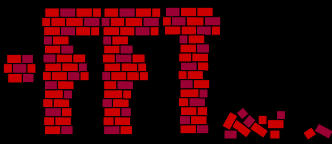
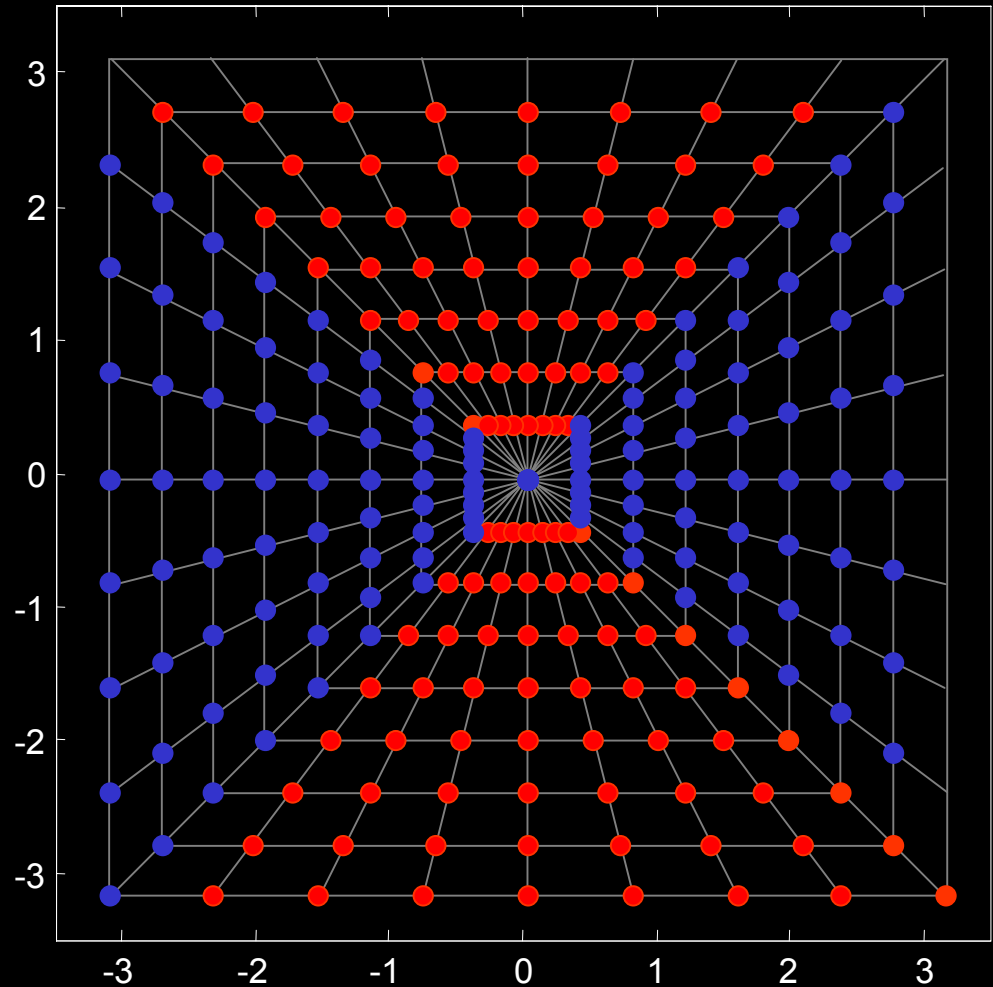
# The Pseudo-Polar Skeleton

- $NS_r$  equi-spaced concentric squares,
- $NS_t$  equi-spaced points along each line (end-to-end),
- We separate our treatment to basically vertical and basically horizontal lines.



# The Pseudo-Polar Grid

- ❑ In this example, we have 16 lines with 16 points along each one.
- ❑ Note that the outer square is not fully covered.
- ❑ The angles are not equally-spaced!!



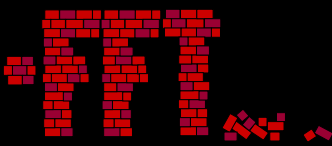
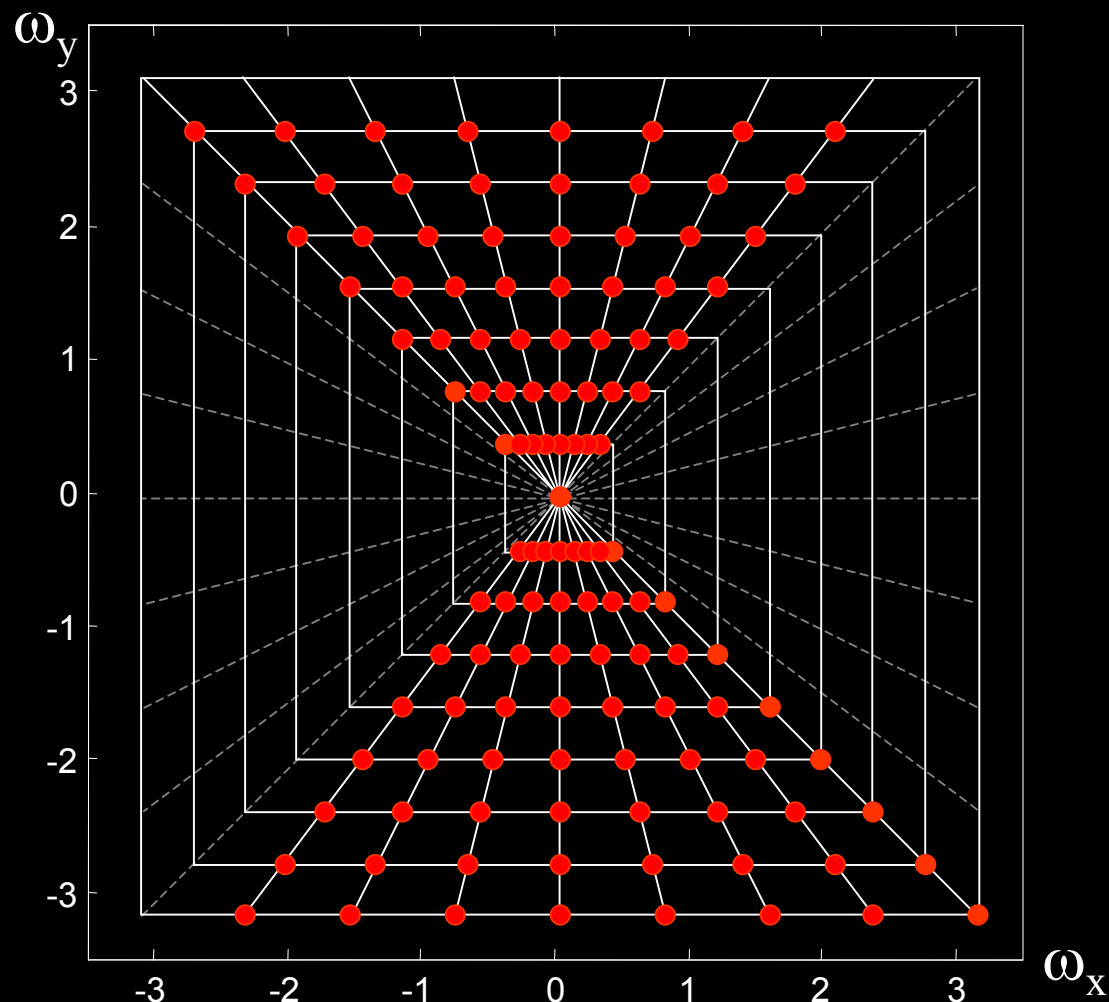
# The Pseudo-Polar Sampling

Basically vertical lines:

$$\left\{ \omega_y = \frac{2\pi\ell}{NS_r} \right\}_{\ell=-NS_r/2}^{NS_r/2-1}$$

$$\left\{ \omega_x = \frac{2m}{NS_t} \omega_y \right\}_{m=-NS_t/2}^{NS_t/2-1}$$

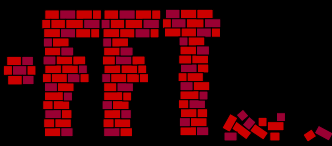
For  $S_t=S_r=1$ , we have  
 $N^2$  grid points



# The Pseudo-Polar FT – Stage 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(\omega_x, \omega_y) &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} f[k_1, k_2] \exp \left\{ -ik_1 \omega_x - ik_2 \omega_y \right\} = \\
 &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} f[k_1, k_2] \exp \left\{ -ik_1 \frac{2m}{NS_t} \omega_y - ik_2 \omega_y \right\} = \\
 &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \exp \left\{ -ik_1 \frac{2m}{NS_t} \omega_y \right\} \underbrace{\sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} f[k_1, k_2] \exp \left\{ -ik_2 \omega_y \right\}}_{=\hat{f}[k_1, \ell]}
 \end{aligned}$$

➡ This part is obtained by 1D-FFT along the rows !!

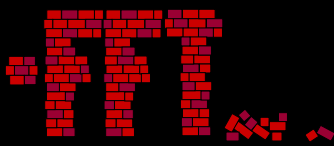


# The Pseudo-Polar FT – Stage 2

$$F(\omega_x, \omega_y) = F[m, \ell] = \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}[k_1, \ell] \exp \left\{ -ik_1 m \frac{2\omega_y}{NS_t} \right\}$$

- This summation takes columns of  $\hat{f}[k_1, \ell]$  (being equi-spaced 1D signals) and computes Fourier transform of it.
- The destination grid points are also 1D equi-spaced in the frequency domain, BUT THEY ARE NOT IN THE RANGE  $[-\pi, \pi]$ , but rather  $[-\omega_y, \omega_y]$ .
- This task is called Fractional Fourier/Chirp-Z Transform.

Fast Track



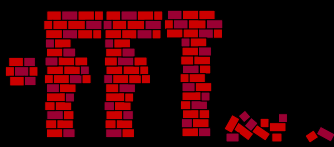


# Fractional Fourier Transform

$$F[m] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f[k] \exp \left\{ -i \frac{2\pi km}{N} \cdot \alpha \right\}$$

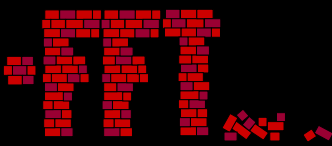
- For  $\alpha=1$  we get the ordinary 1D-FFT,
- For  $\alpha=-1$  we get the ordinary 1D-IFFT,
- There exists a Fast Fractional Fourier Transform with the complexity of  $O(20 \cdot N \log_2 N)$ , based on 1D-FFT operations.

See: Fast fractional Fourier transforms and applications, by D. H. Bailey and P. N. Swartztrauber, *SIAM Review*, 1991, and also Bluestein, Rabiner, and Rader (1960's).

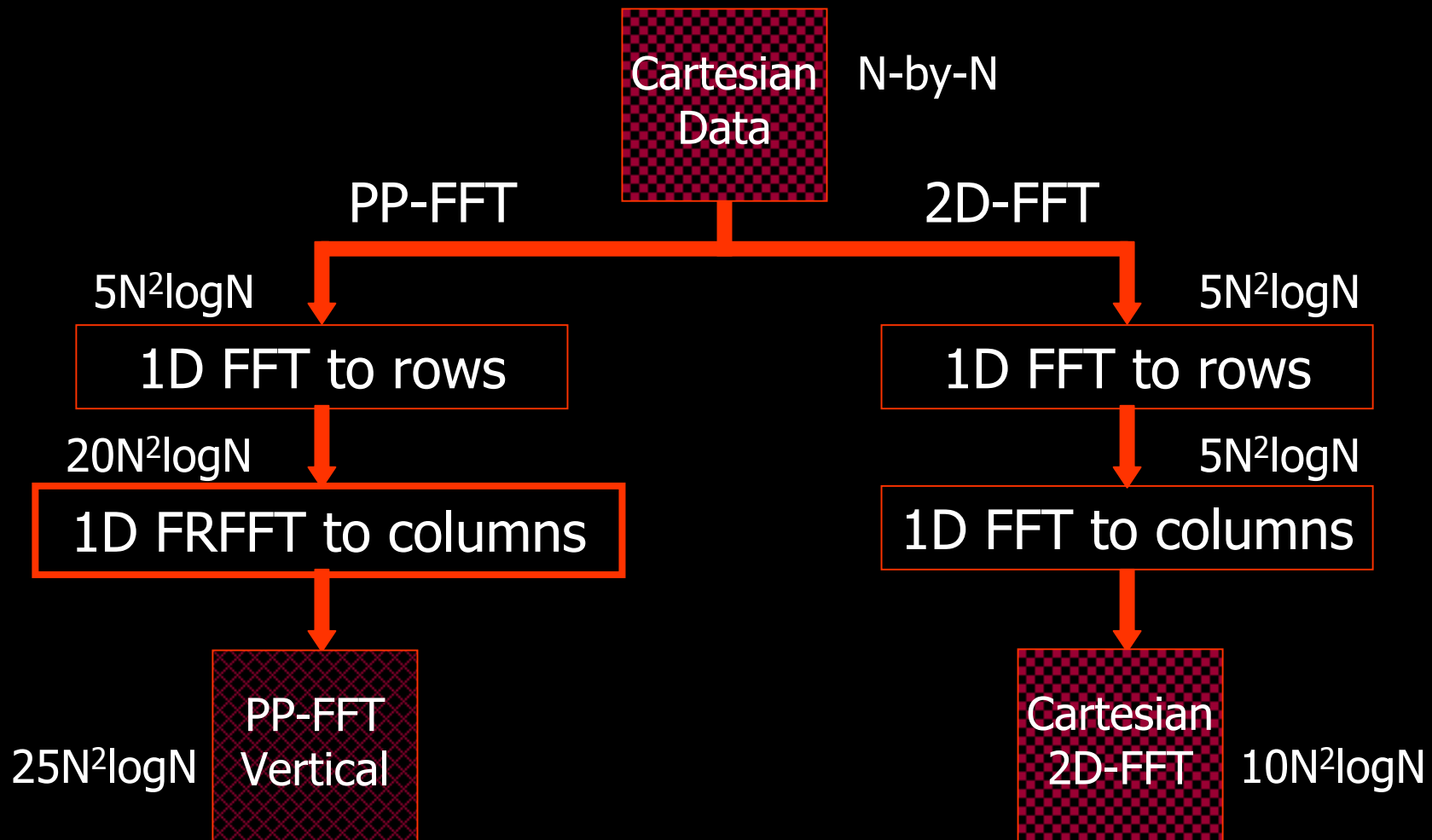


# FR-FFT Detailed

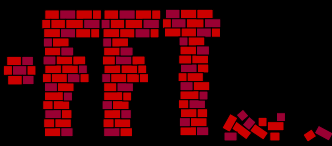
$$\begin{aligned}
 F[m] &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f[k] \exp \left\{ -i \frac{2\pi k m}{N} \cdot \alpha \right\} = \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f[k] \exp \left\{ -i \frac{\pi [(k-m)^2 - k^2 - m^2]}{N} \cdot \alpha \right\} = \\
 &= \underbrace{e^{i \frac{\pi m^2}{N} \alpha}}_{\text{Post Multiplication}} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \underbrace{f[k] \cdot e^{i \frac{\pi k^2}{N} \alpha}}_{\text{Pre-Multiplication}} \cdot \exp \left\{ -i \frac{\pi (k-m)^2}{N} \alpha \right\}}_{\text{Convolution}}
 \end{aligned}$$



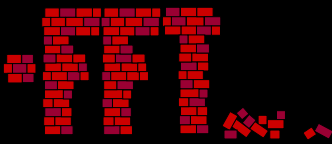
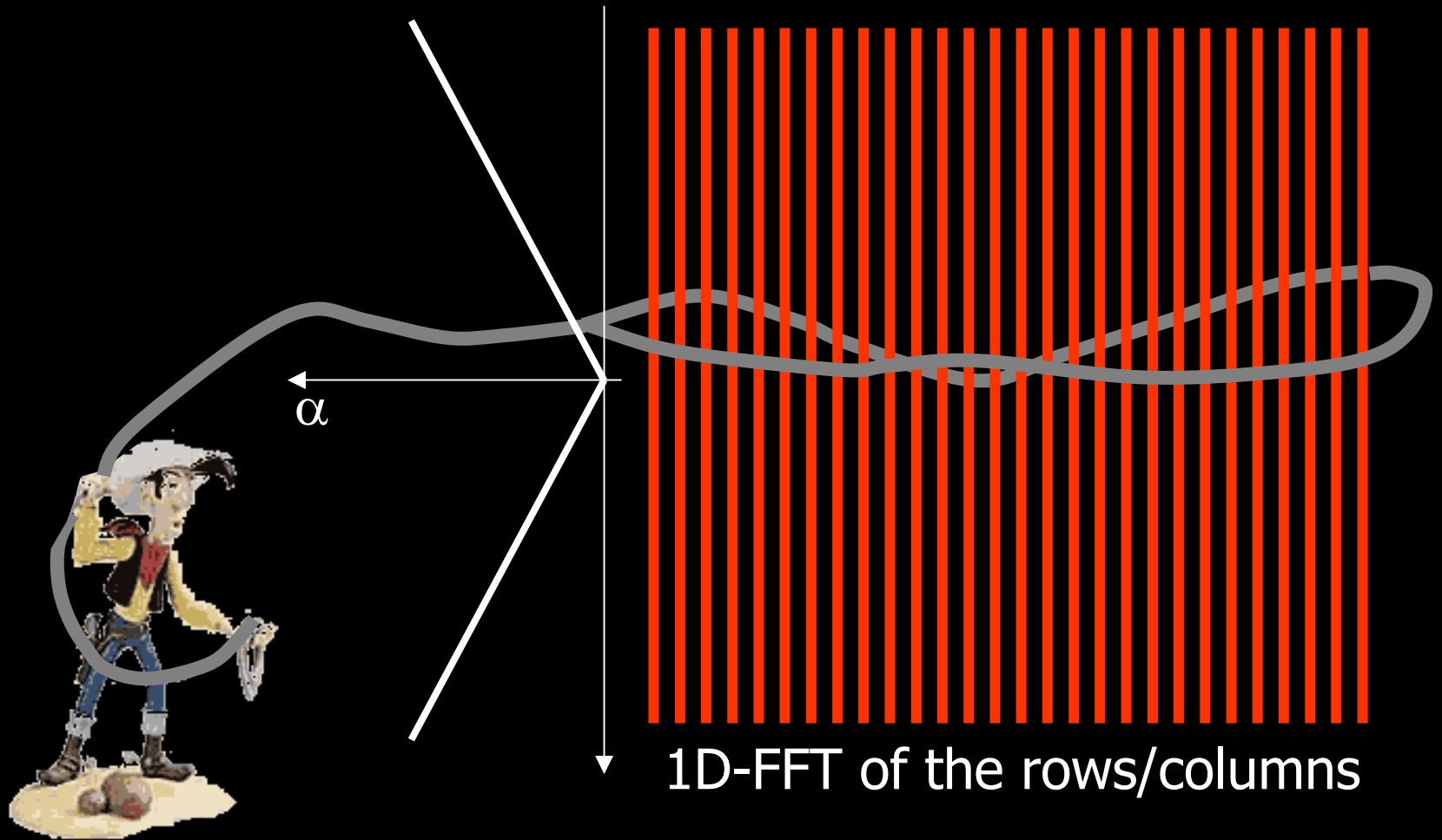
# PP-FFT versus 2D-FFT



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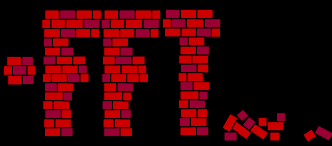


## PP-FFT Intuition




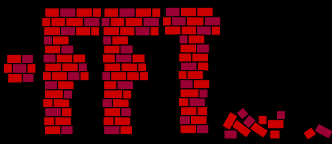
## The PP-FFT - Properties

- ❑ The transform is exact in exact arithmetic – no approximations involved.
- ❑ There are no parameters involved !!
- ❑ Order of complexity -  $O(50 \cdot N^2 \log_2 N)$ , compared to  $O(N^4)$  in the direct approach.
- ❑ Only 1D operations are required.
- ❑ The chosen grid yields a stable transform with low condition number ( $\sim 5$ ).



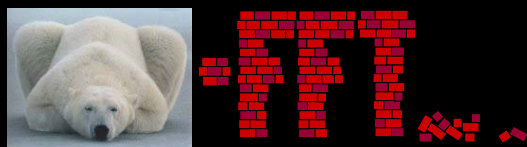
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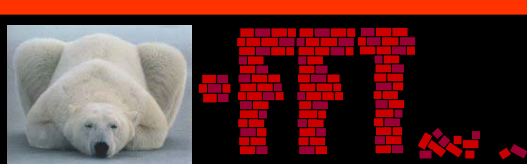
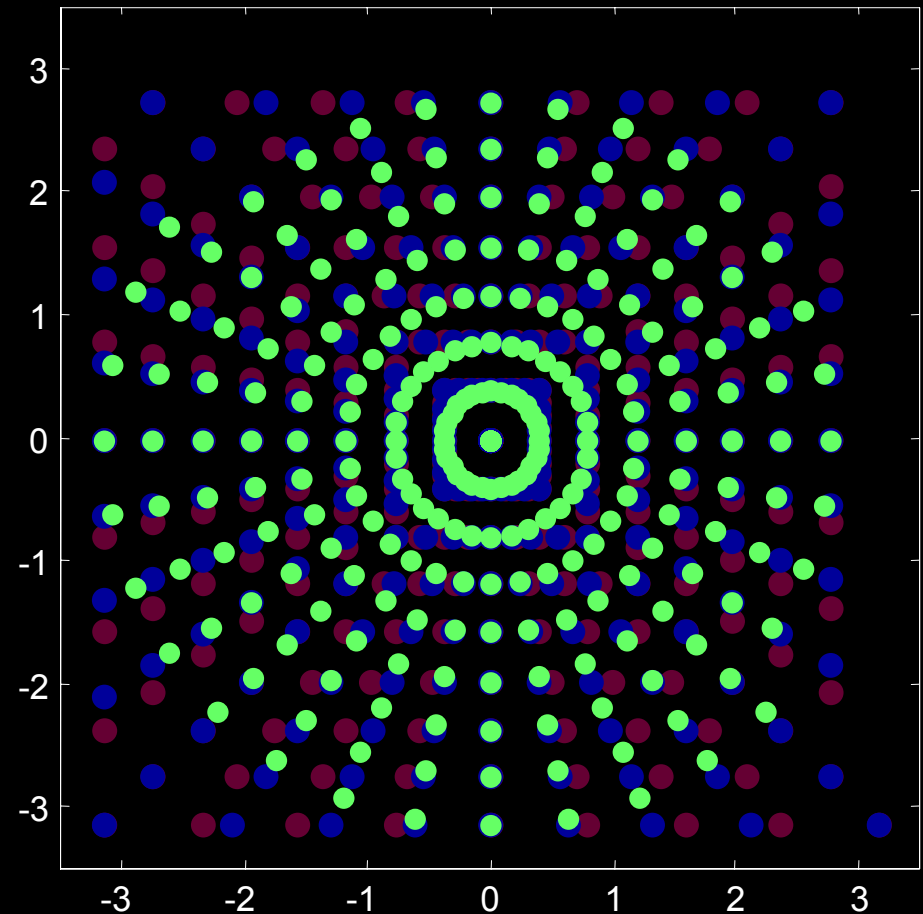
# 6. From Pseudo-Polar to Polar

- Goal: Given the Fourier Transform on the Pseudo-Polar grid, approximate (accurately) the values on the Polar grid.
- Method: Two stages of **1D** interpolations
  - Replacing every row/column on the concentric squares with new angularly equi-spaced points.
  - Replacing every line (ray) with equi-spaced points with a new set of values on this very line.



# The Interpolation Stages

- The original Pseudo-Polar Grid
- Warping to equi-spaced angles
- Warping each ray to have the same step

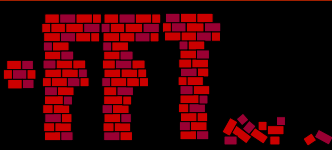
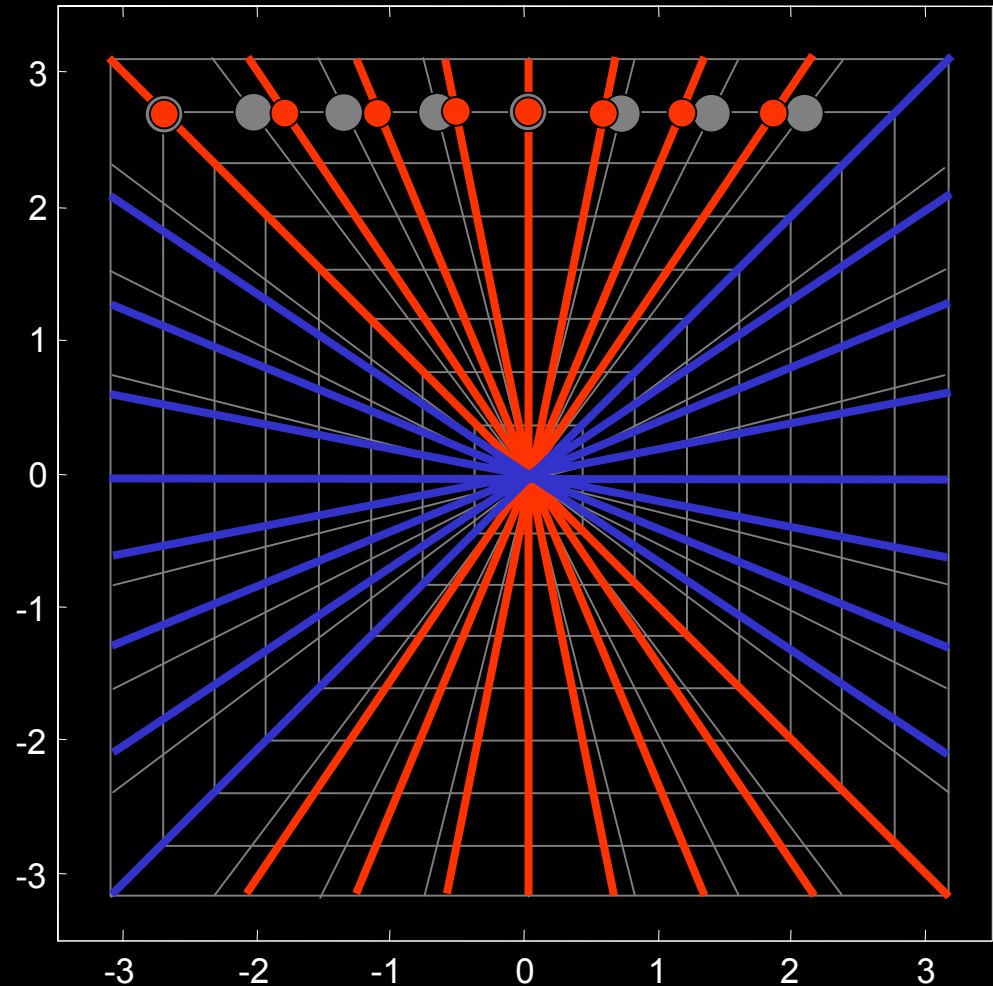




## First Interpolation Stage

Rotation of the rays to have equi-spaced angles (S-Pseudo-Polar grid):

- ❑ Warping each set of points on a side of a concentric square.
- ❑ Done separately for the basically horizontal and vertical lines.



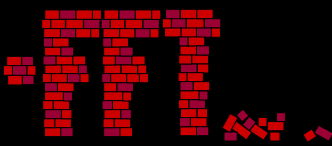
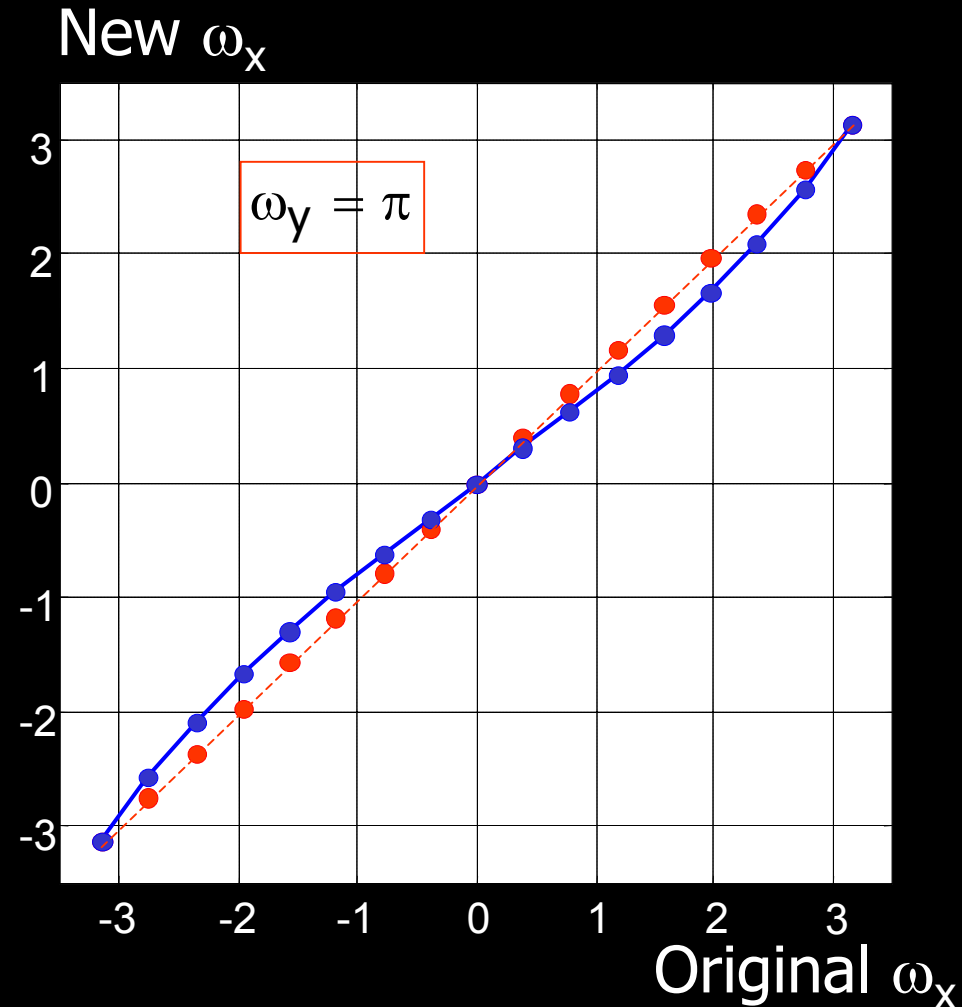
# The Required Warping

Basically vertical lines:

$$\left\{ \omega_y = \frac{2\pi\ell}{NS_r}, \omega_x = \frac{2m}{NS_t} \omega_y \right\}_{\ell, m = -NS_t/2}^{NS_t/2 - 1}$$



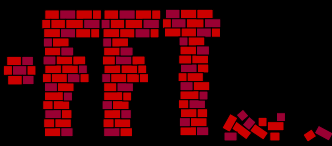
$$\left\{ \omega_x = \omega_y \cdot \tan\left(\frac{m\pi}{2NS_t}\right) \right\}_{m = -NS_t/2}^{NS_t/2 - 1}$$



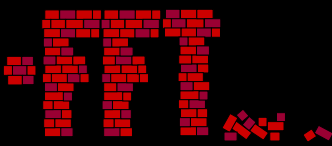
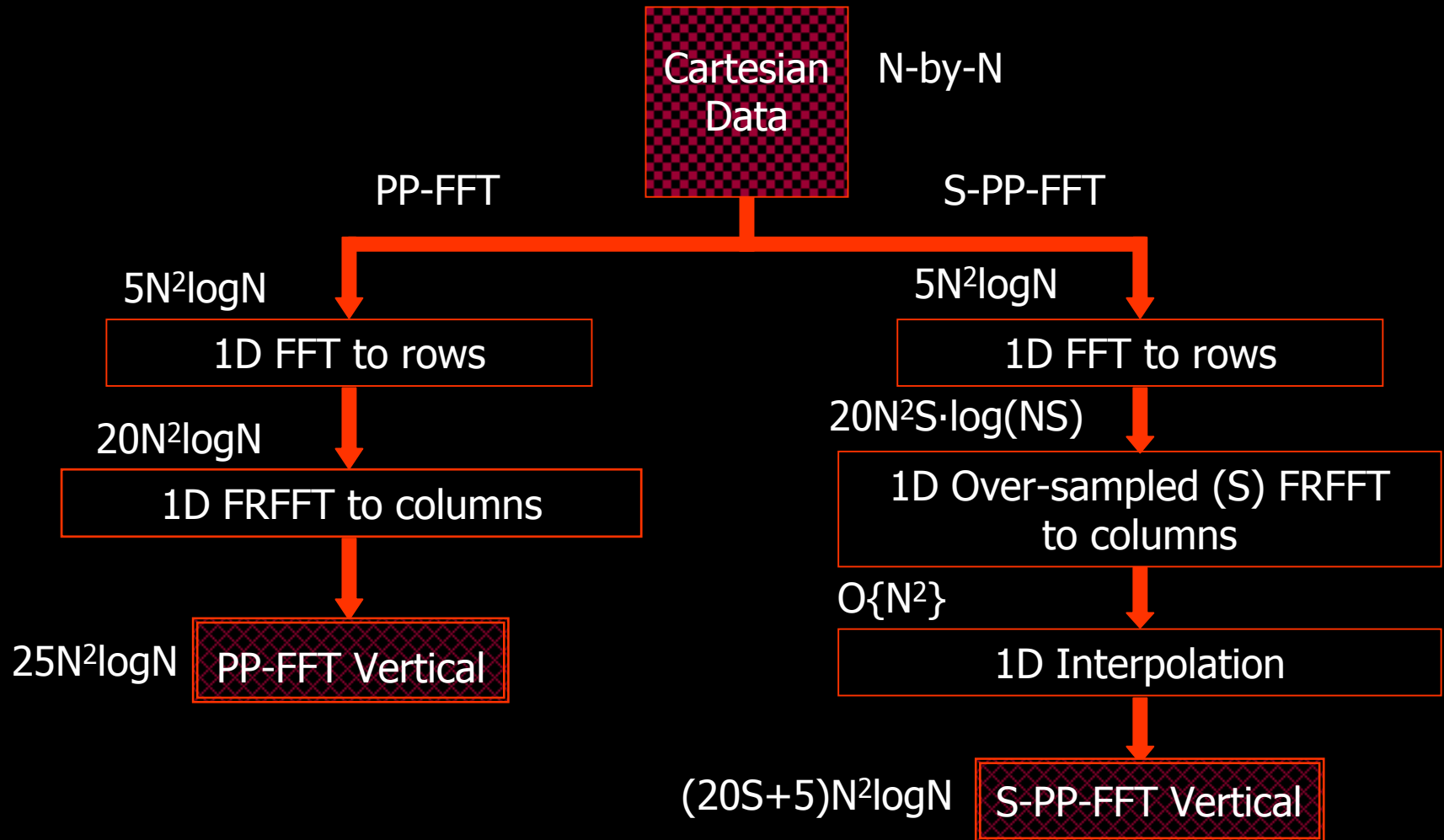
# Interpolation As 1D Operation

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(\omega_x, \omega_y) &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} f[k_1, k_2] \exp \{ -ik_1 \omega_x - ik_2 \omega_y \} = \\
 &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \exp \left\{ -ik_1 \tan \left( \frac{m\pi}{2NS_t} \right) \omega_y \right\} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} f[k_1, k_2] \exp \{ -ik_2 \omega_y \} = \\
 &= \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \exp \left\{ -ik_1 \tan \left( \frac{m\pi}{2NS_t} \right) \omega_y \right\} \hat{f}[k_1, \ell]
 \end{aligned}$$

- It is a 1D operation – But it is not the Fractional-FFT.
- Can be computed by over-sampled FRFFT and interpolation.



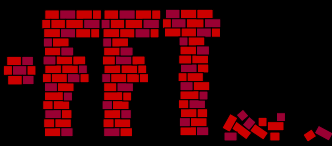
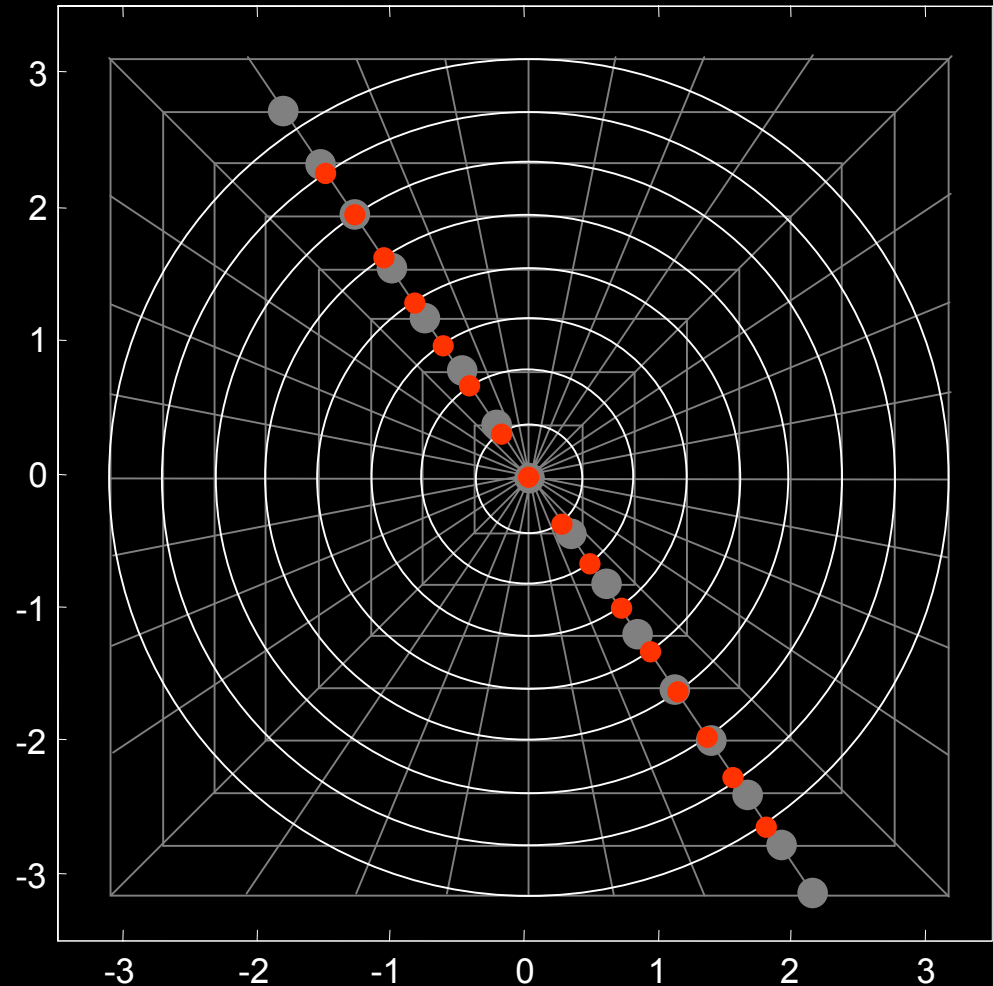
# The Actual Interpolation



## Second Interpolation Stage

Squeezing the rays to have the same equi-spaced sampling  
(Creating the Polar grid):

- ❑ Warping each set of points along a ray.
- ❑ Both the source and destination seq. are uniformly sampled.

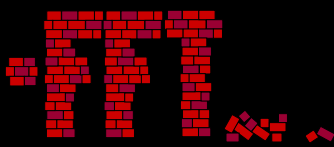


# Interpolation as 1D Operation

- As opposed to the previous interpolation stage, this stage requires the 2D data to be perfectly exact. Thus, 1D interpolation is an approximation!!
- BUT: we have proven that the function

$$F(r, \theta) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{N-1} \hat{f}[k_1, k_2] e^{-ir \cdot (k_1 \cos(\theta) + k_2 \sin(\theta))}$$

is band limited (i.e. smooth) and thus low  $S_r$  values (around 2-4) lead to good accuracy.

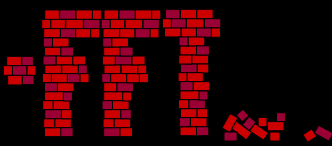
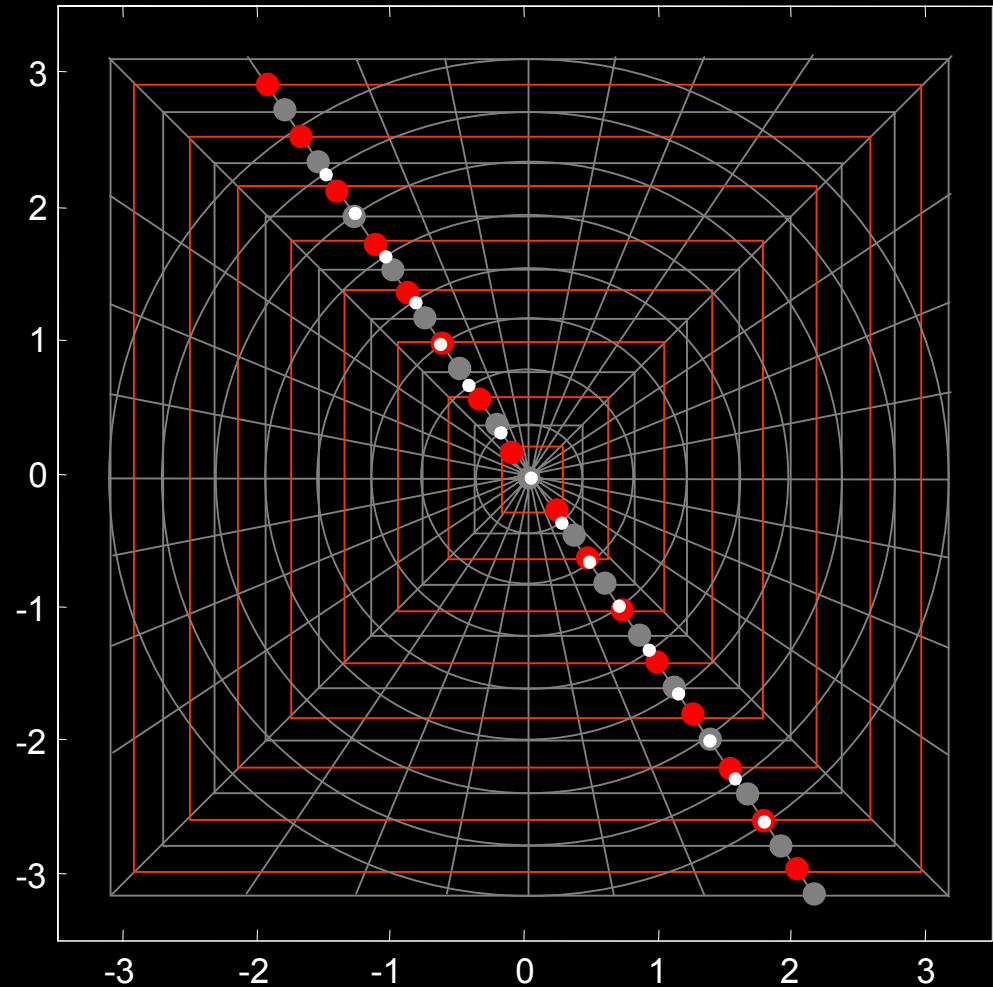


## Over-Sampling Along Rays

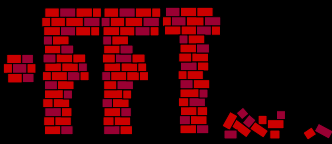
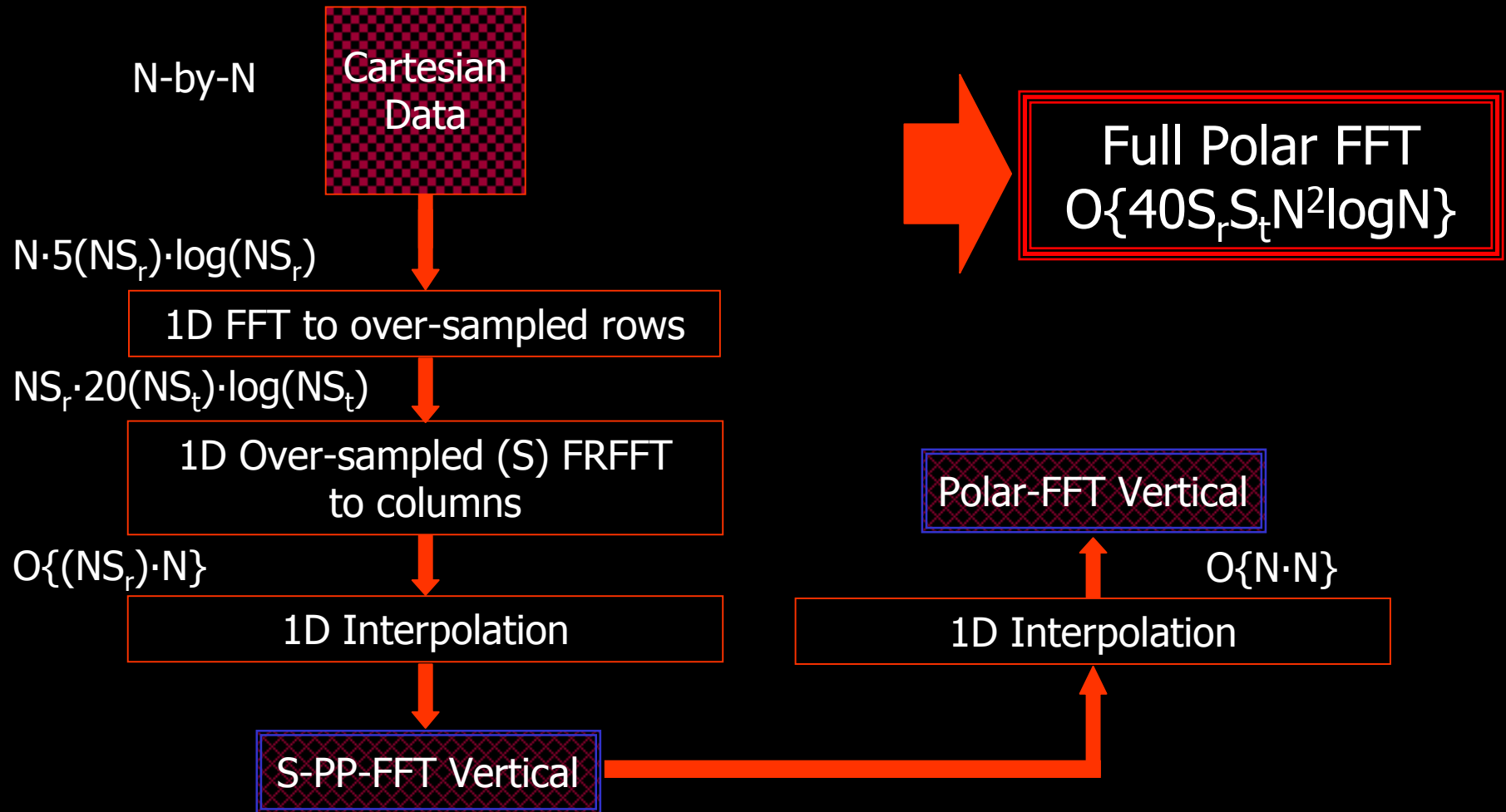
❑ Over-sampling along rays cannot be done by taking the 1D ray and over-sampling it.

❑  $S_r > 1$ :

- More concentric squares.
- $S_r$  longer 1D-FFT's at the beginning of the algorithm.
- $S_r$  times FRFFT operations.



# The Actual Interpolation





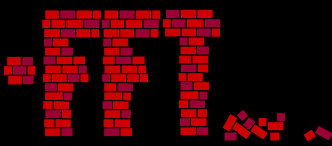
## To Summarize

We propose a


### **Fast Polar Fourier Transform**

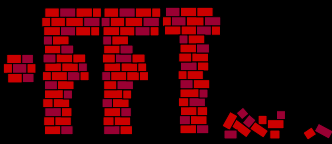
with the following features:

- Low complexity –  $O(\text{Const} \cdot N^2 \log_2 N)$
- Vectorizability – 1D operations only
- Non-Expansiveness – Factor 2 (or 4) only
- Stability – via Regularization
- Accuracy – 2 orders of magnitude over USFFT methods



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# 7. Algorithm Analysis

We have a code performing the Polar-FFT in Matlab:

```
Y=Polar_FFT(X);
```

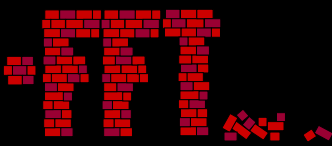
OR

```
Y=Polar_FFT(X, St, Sr);
```

Where: X – Input array of N-by-N samples

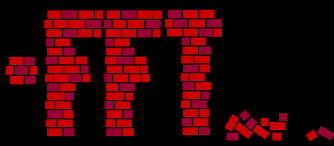
S<sub>t</sub>, S<sub>r</sub> – Over-sampling factors in the approximations

Y – Polar-FFT result as an 2N-by-2N array with rows being the rays and columns being the concentric circles.



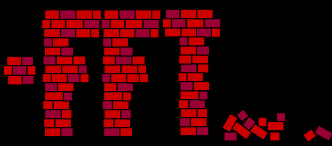
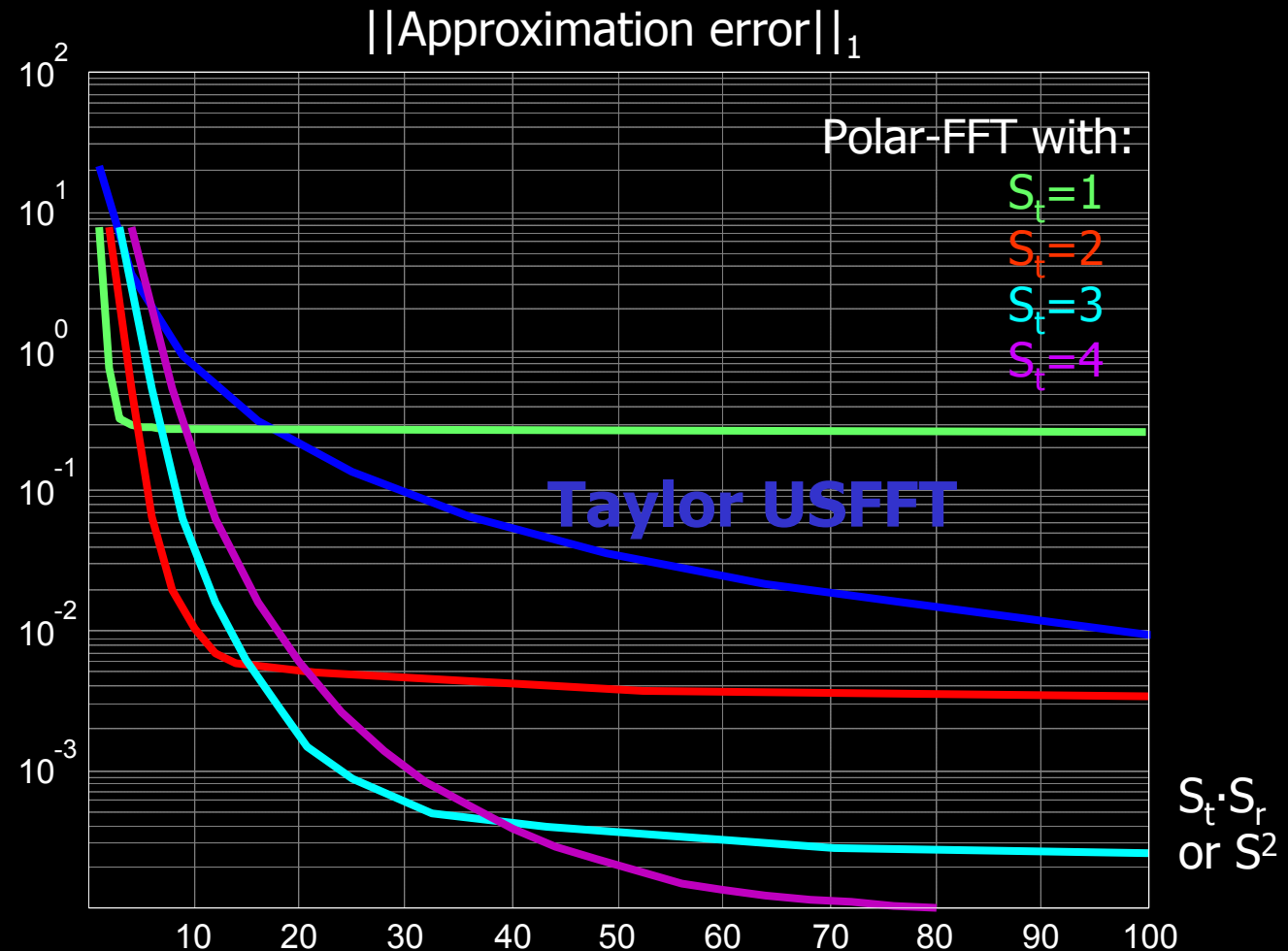
# The Implementation

- ❑ The current Polar-FFT code implements Taylor method for the first interpolation stage and spline ONLY (no-derivatives) for the second stage.
- ❑ For comparison, we demonstrate the performance of the USFFT method with over-sampling  $S$  and interpolation based on the Taylor interpolation (found to be the best).



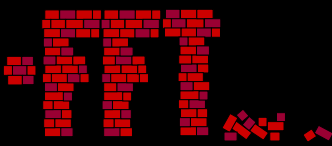
# Error for Specific Signal

- Input is random 32-by-32 array,
- USFFT method uses one parameter whereas there are two for the up-sampling in the Polar-FFT.
- Thumb rule:  $S_r \cdot S_t = S^2$ .



## Error For Specific Signals

- ❑ Similar curves are obtained of  $||*||_{\infty}$  and  $||*||_2$  norms.
- ❑ Similar behavior is found for other signals.
- ❑ Conclusion: For the proper choice of  $S_t$  and  $S_r$ , we get 2-orders-of-magnitude improvement in the accuracy when comparing the best USFFT method and the Polar-FFT.
- ❑ Further improvement should be achieved for Taylor interpolation in the second stage.

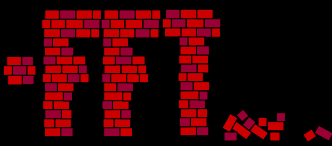


# The Transform as a Matrix

All the involved transformations (accurate and approximate) are linear - they can be represented as a matrix of size  $4N^2$ -by- $N^2$ .



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Approximate} \\ \downarrow \\ \underline{Y}_a = \underline{A} \underline{x} \\ \text{Or} \\ \underline{Y}_t = \underline{T} \underline{x} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{True} \end{array}$$

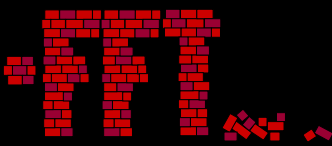


# Regularization of T/A

- ❑ An input signal of N-by-N is transformed to an array or 2N-by-2N.
- ❑ For N=16, **T** size is 1024-by-256, and  $\kappa \approx 60,000$  (bad for inversion).
- ❑ Adding the assumption that the Frequency corners should be zeroed, we obtain

$$\underline{y} = \mathbf{T}_{\text{Polar}} \underline{x} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_{\text{Polar}} \\ \mathbf{T}_{\text{Corner}} \end{bmatrix} \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{y} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

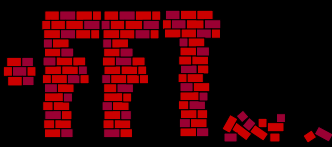
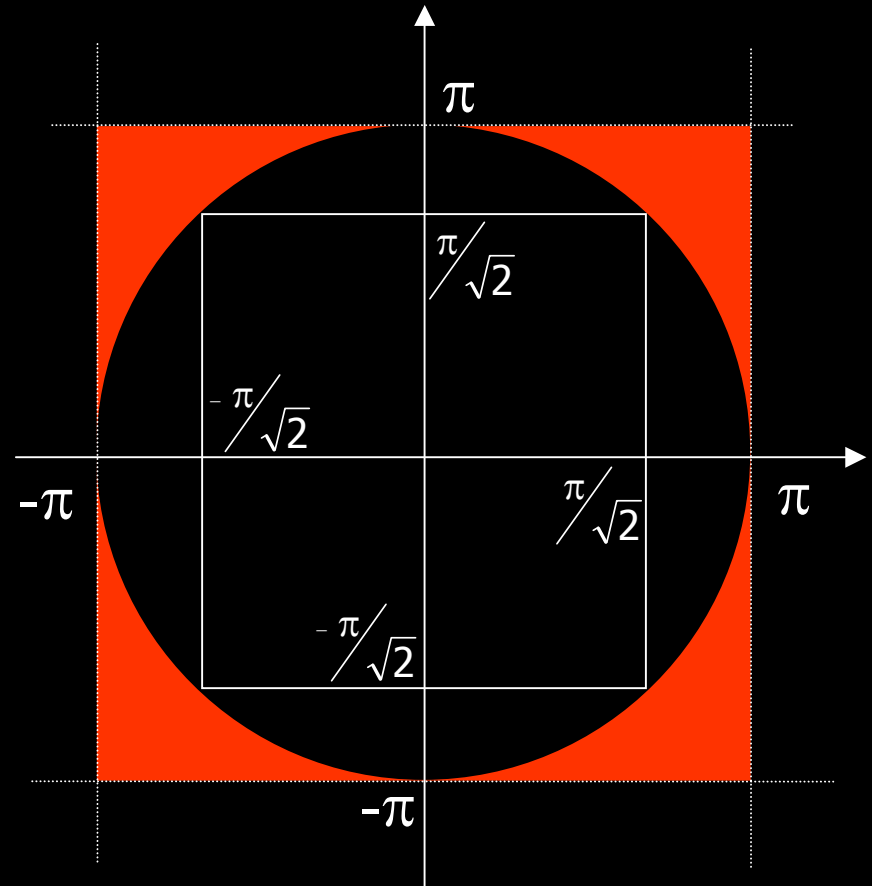
and the condition number becomes  $\kappa \approx 5$  !!!





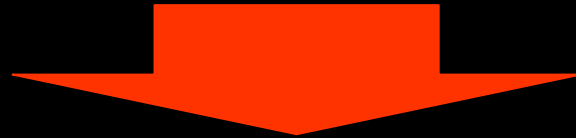
## Discarding the Corners?

- ❑ If the given signal was sampled at 1.4142 the Nyquist Rate, the corners can be removed.
- ❑ If it is not, over-sampling it can be done by FFT.



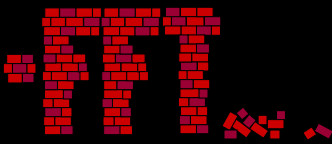
# Error Analysis – Worst Signal

Approximation error is :  $(\mathbf{A}_{\text{Polar-FFT}} - \mathbf{T})\underline{x} = \underline{e}_{\text{Polar-FFT}}$



$$\text{Worst error : } \{\underline{x}_{\text{worst}}, e_{\text{worst}}^2\} = \underset{\underline{x}}{\text{Arg/Min}} \frac{\|(\mathbf{A}_{\text{Polar-FFT}} - \mathbf{T}_{\text{Polar}})\underline{x}\|_2^2}{\|\underline{x}\|_2^2}$$

$$\text{Worst relative error : } \{\underline{x}_{\text{rworst}}, e_{\text{rworst}}^2\} = \underset{\underline{x}}{\text{Arg/Min}} \frac{\|(\mathbf{A}_{\text{Polar-FFT}} - \mathbf{T}_{\text{Polar}})\underline{x}\|_2^2}{\|\mathbf{T}_{\text{Polar}}\underline{x}\|_2^2}$$



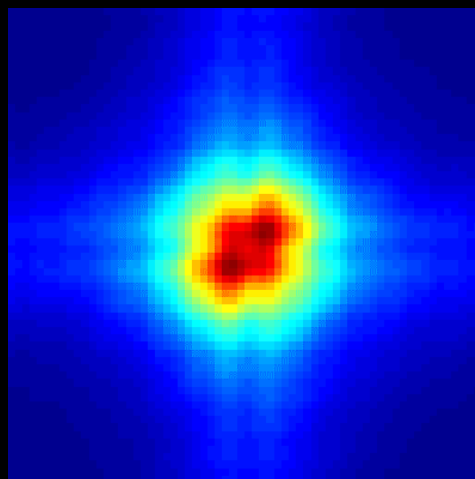
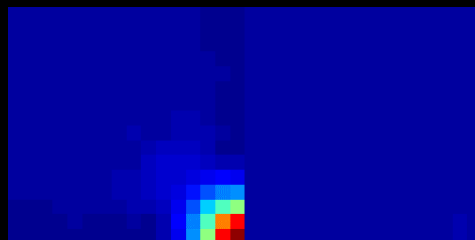
# Worst Signal - Results

$$N=16 \rightarrow \mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{1024 \times 256}, S=S_r=S_t=4$$

## USFFT

worst signal (abs.  
Value)  $\lambda=3.469$

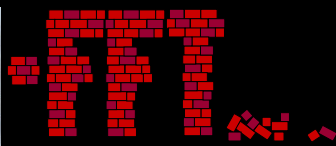
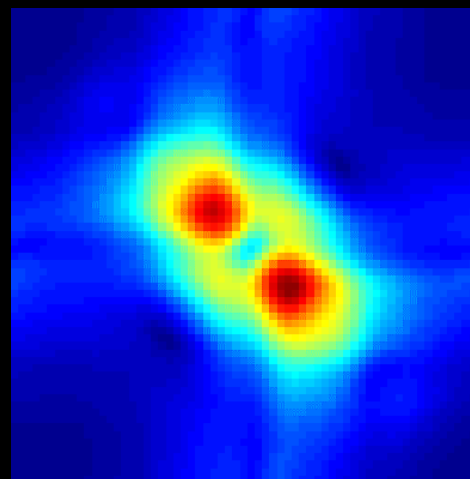
The worst case  
signal in the freq.  
Domain (abs. and  
shifted)



## Polar-FFT

worst signal (abs.  
Value)  $\lambda=0.0319$

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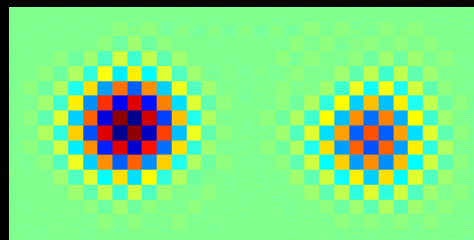


# Relative Worst Signal - Results

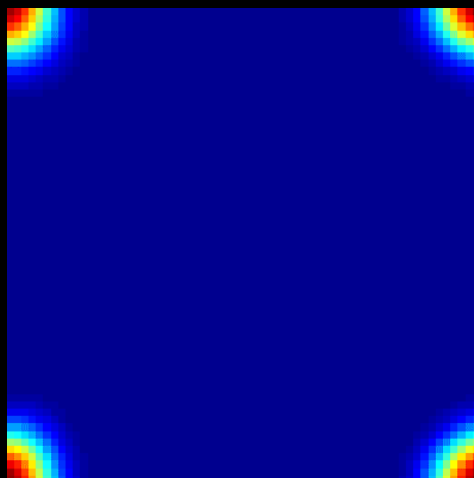
Same parameters:  $N=16 \rightarrow \mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{1024 \times 256}$ ,  $S=S_r=S_t=4$

USFFT

worst signal (abs.  
Value)  $\lambda=0.0613$

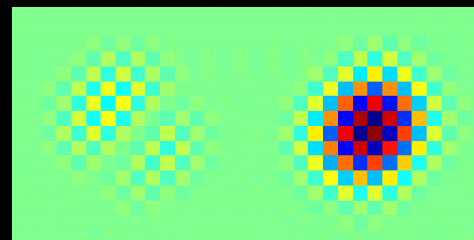


The worst case  
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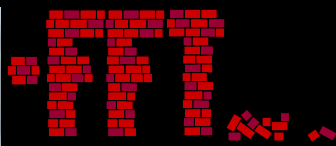
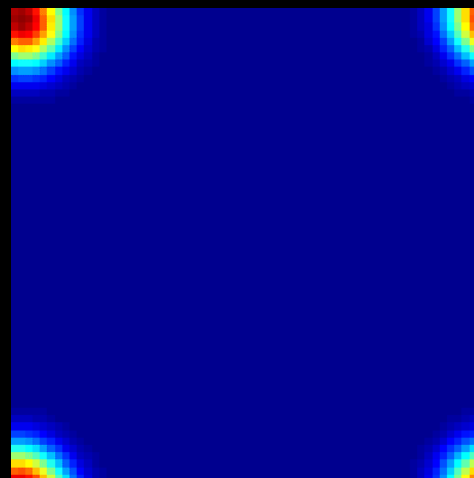


Polar-FFT

worst signal (abs.  
Value)  $\lambda=0.0023$



The worst case  
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Domain (abs. and  
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# Comparing Approximations

- Solve for the eigenvalue/vectors of the matrix

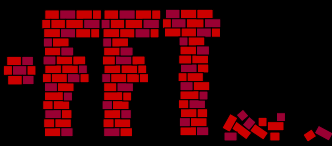
$$(\mathbf{A}_{\text{Polar-FFT}} - \mathbf{T}_{\text{Polar}})^H (\mathbf{A}_{\text{Polar-FFT}} - \mathbf{T}_{\text{Polar}})$$

and obtained  $\{\lambda_k, \underline{x}_k\}_{k=1}^{N^2}$  ( $\lambda_k$  in ascending order).

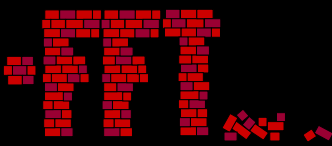
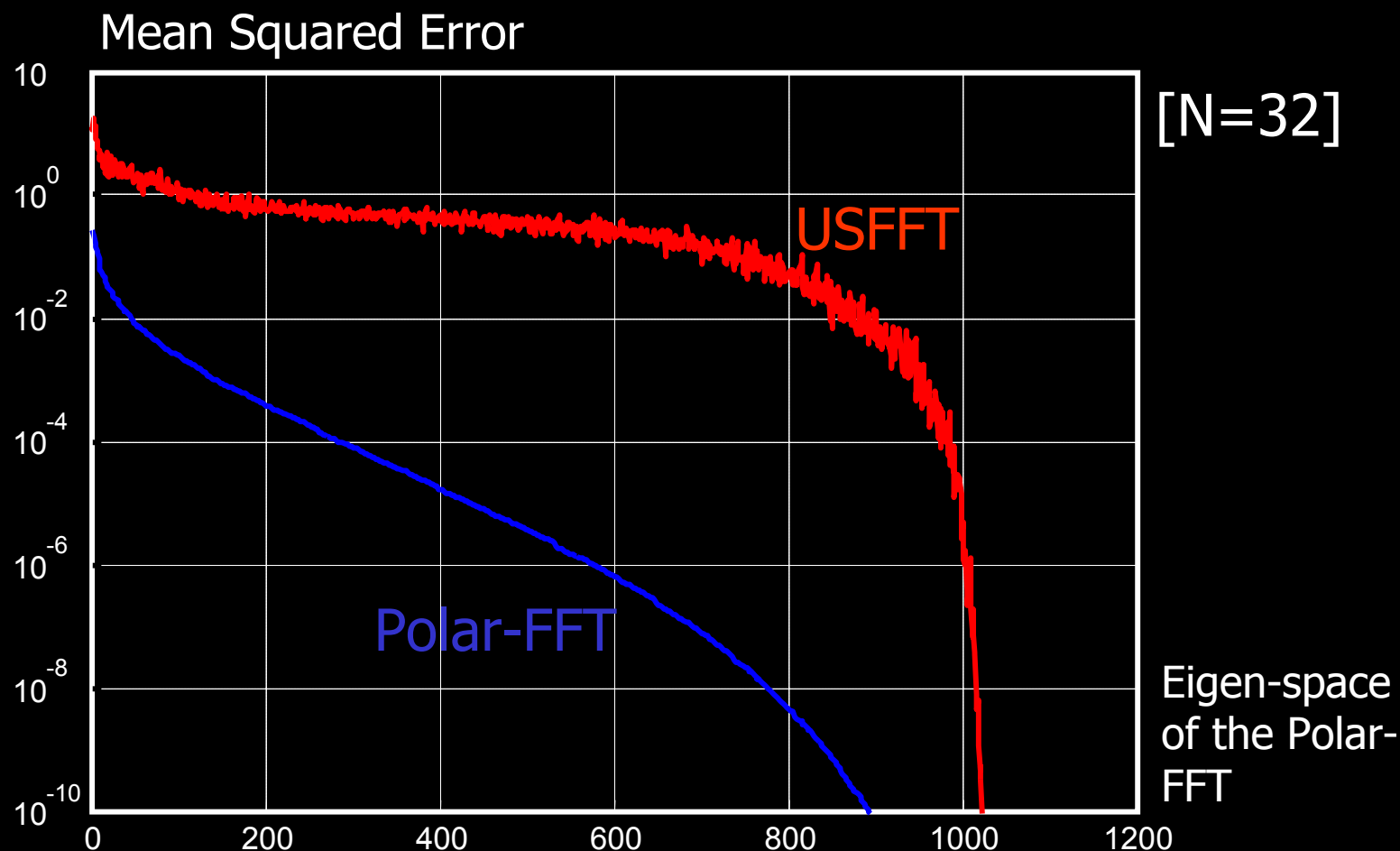
- Compare to  $\mathbf{A}_{\text{USFFT}}$  by computing

$$\alpha_k = \|(\mathbf{A}_{\text{USFFT}} - \mathbf{T}_{\text{Polar}})\underline{x}_k\|_2^2$$


using the above eigenvectors and compare to  $\lambda_k$ .

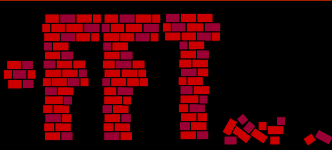


# Comparing Approximations - Results



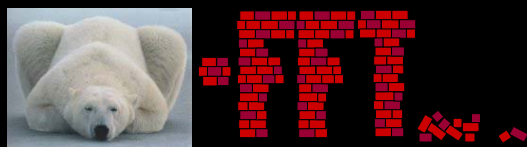
# Agenda

1. Thinking Polar – Continuum
2. Thinking Polar – Discrete
3. Current State-Of-The-Art
4. Our Approach - General
5. The Pseudo-Polar Fast Transform
6. From Pseudo-Polar to Polar
7. Algorithm Analysis
8.  Open questions & Future work



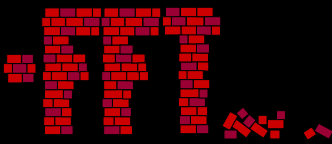
# 8. Open questions & Future work

- ❑ Polar Inverse FFT - Choice of pre-conditioning.
- ❑ Efficient implementation of the inverse.
- ❑ Bounding the approximation error theoretically.
- ❑ Further improving the interpolation stages.
- ❑ Solve analytically for the worst signals for  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .
- ❑ Eigenvalue-analysis for large  $N$  using the QR/QZ.
- ❑ Error analysis for families of signals (e.g. smooth).
- ❑ Applications (rotation, registration, Tomography, Transforms, and more) – Theory and Experiments.



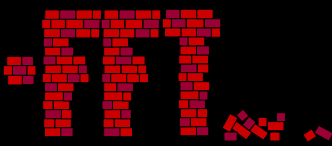
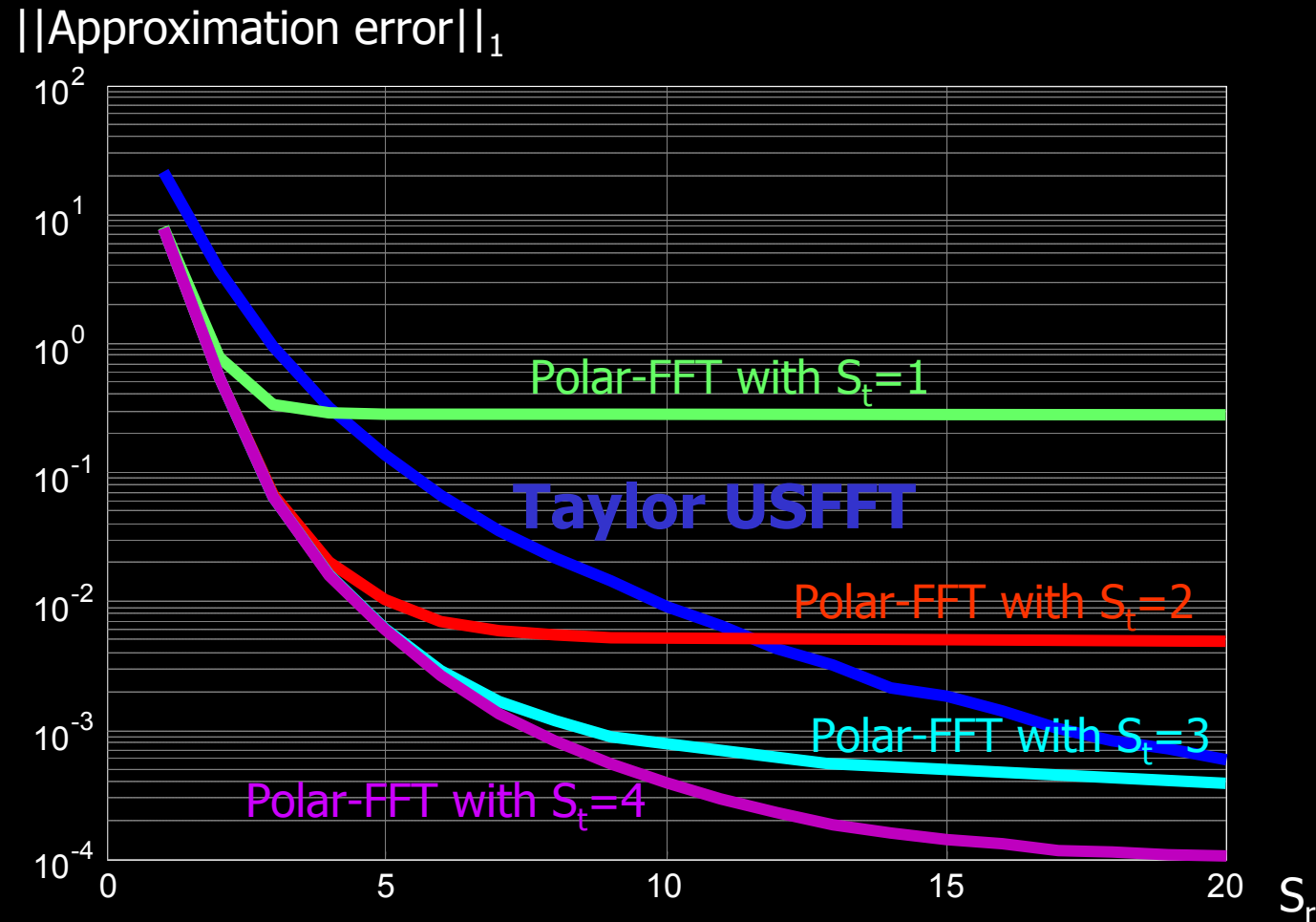


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## Error for Specific Signal

- Input is random 32-by-32 array,
- USFFT method uses one parameter whereas there are two for the up-sampling in the Polar-FFT.
- Thumb rule:  $S_r \cdot S_t = S^2$ .

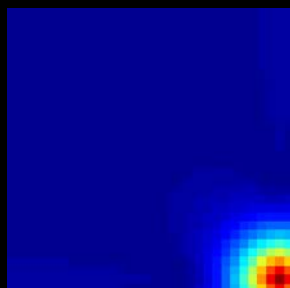


# Worst Signal - Results

$$N=32 \rightarrow \mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{4096 \times 1024}, S=S_r=S_t=4$$

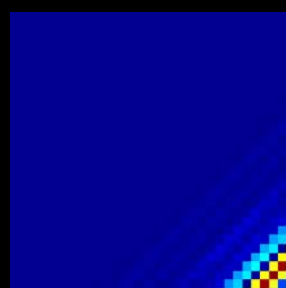
## USFFT

worst signal (abs.  
Value)  $\lambda=30.049$

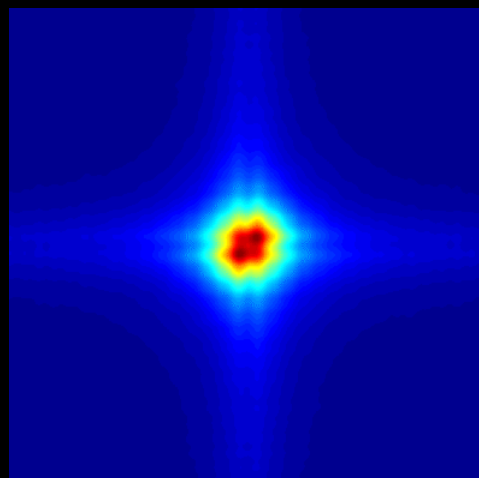


## Polar-FFT

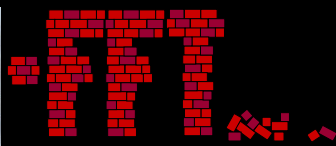
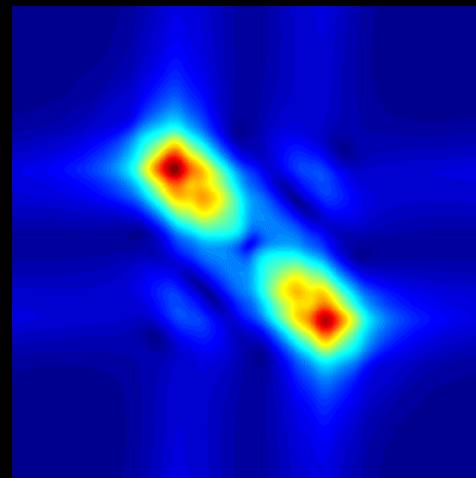
worst signal (abs.  
Value)  $\lambda=0.28$



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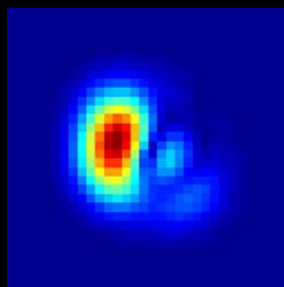


# Relative Worst Signal - Results

Same parameters:  $N=32 \rightarrow \mathbf{T} \in \mathbb{C}^{4096 \times 1024}$ ,  $S=S_r=S_t=4$

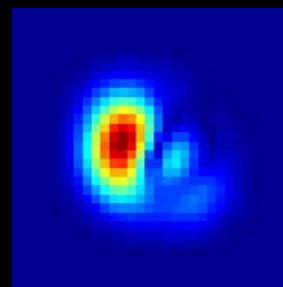
USFFT

worst signal (abs.  
Value)  $\lambda=97.34$

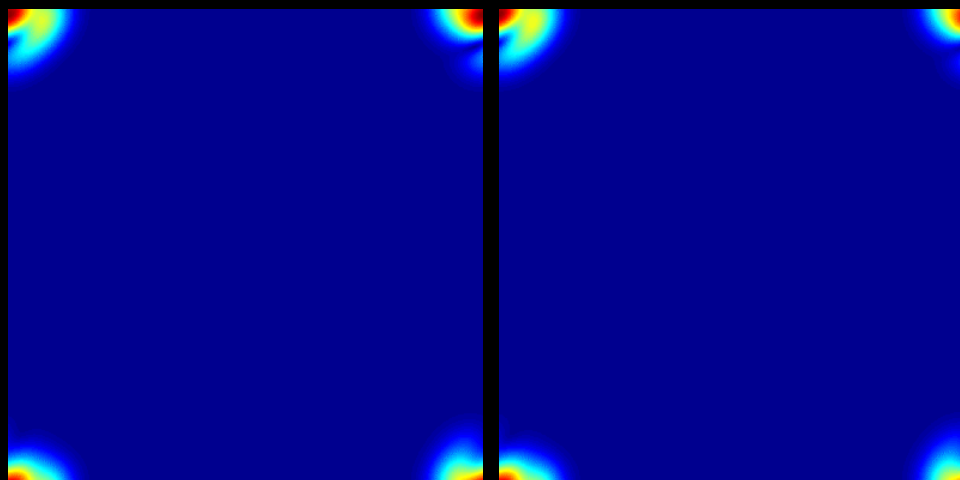


Polar-FFT

worst signal (abs.  
Value)  $\lambda=3.19$



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