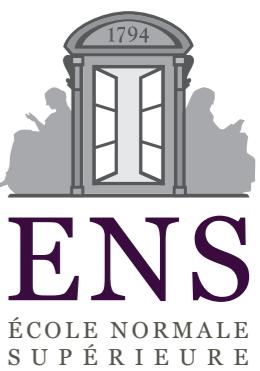


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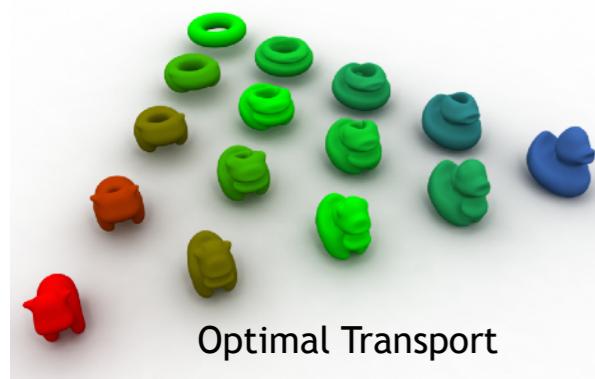
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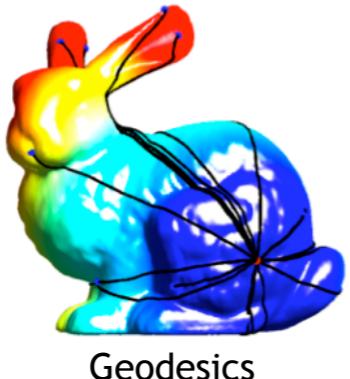
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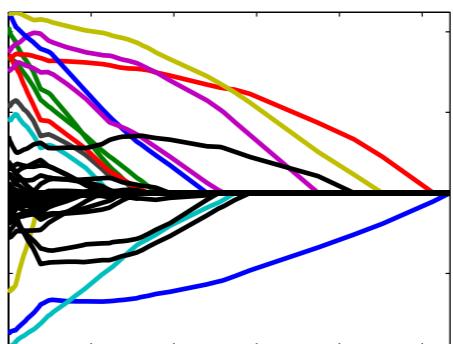
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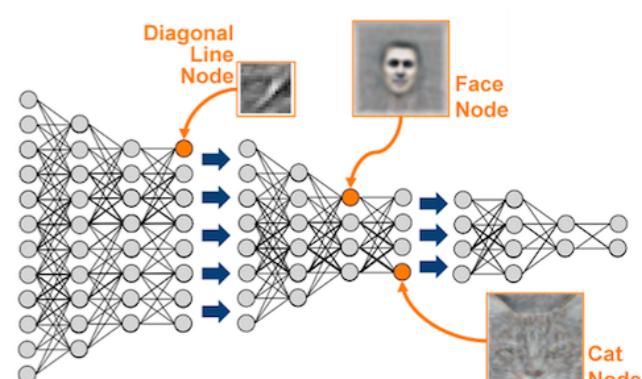
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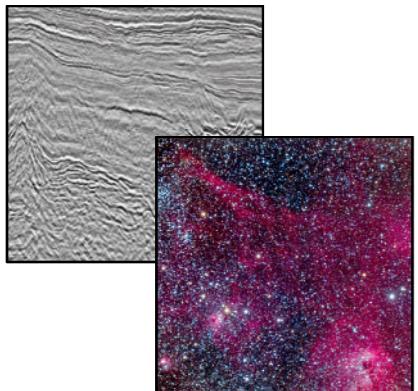
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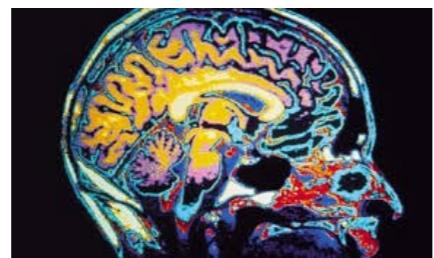
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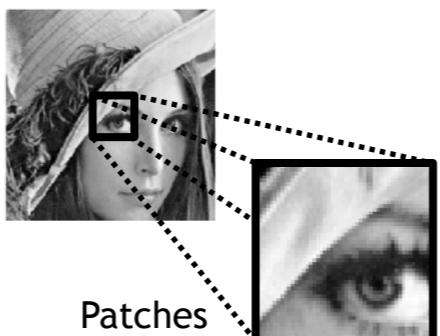
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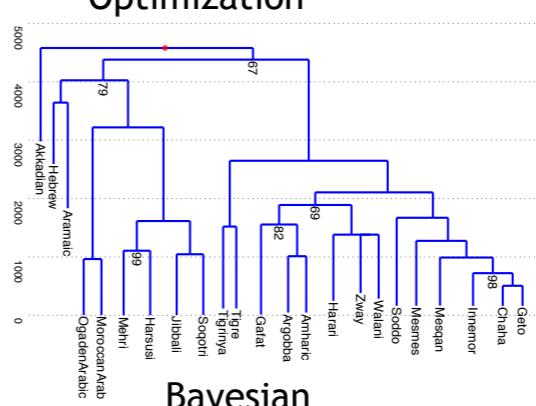
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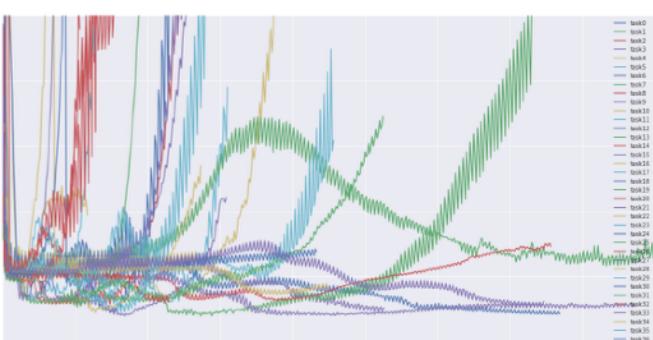
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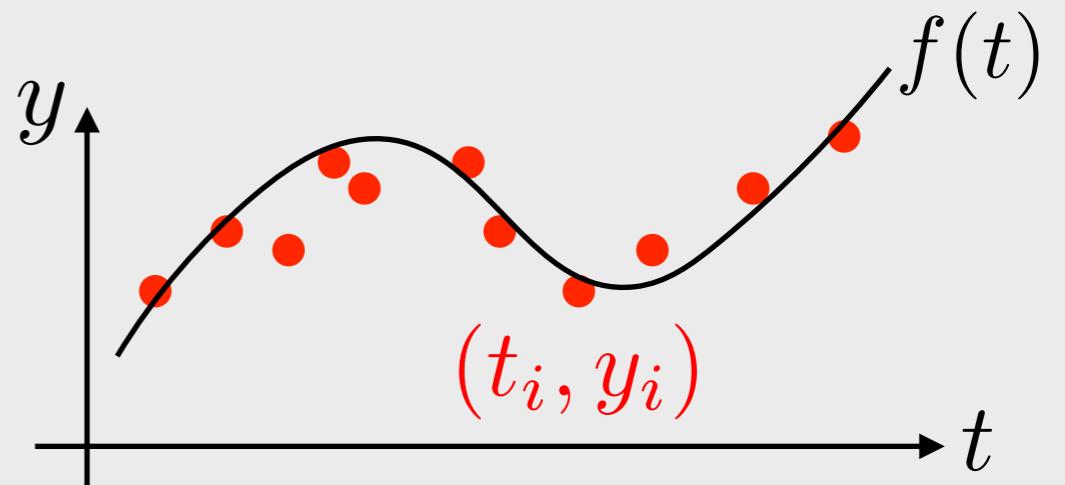
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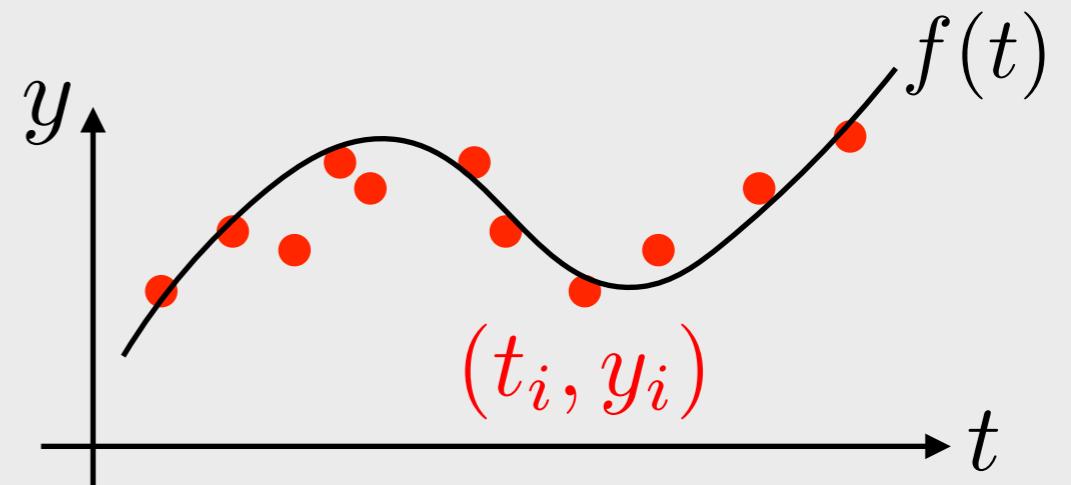
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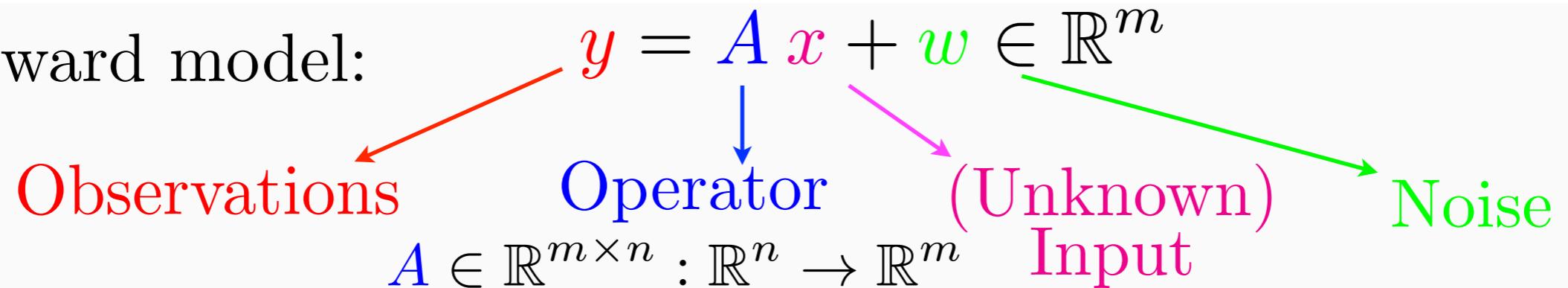
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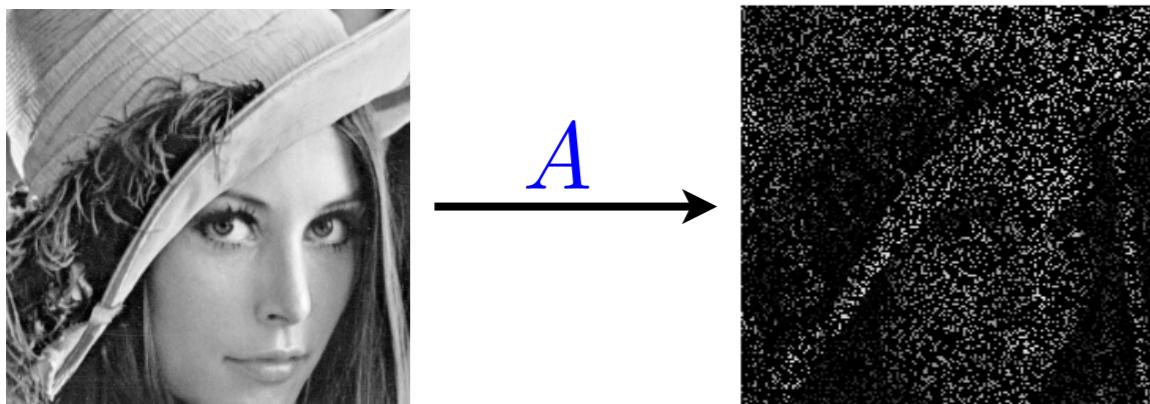
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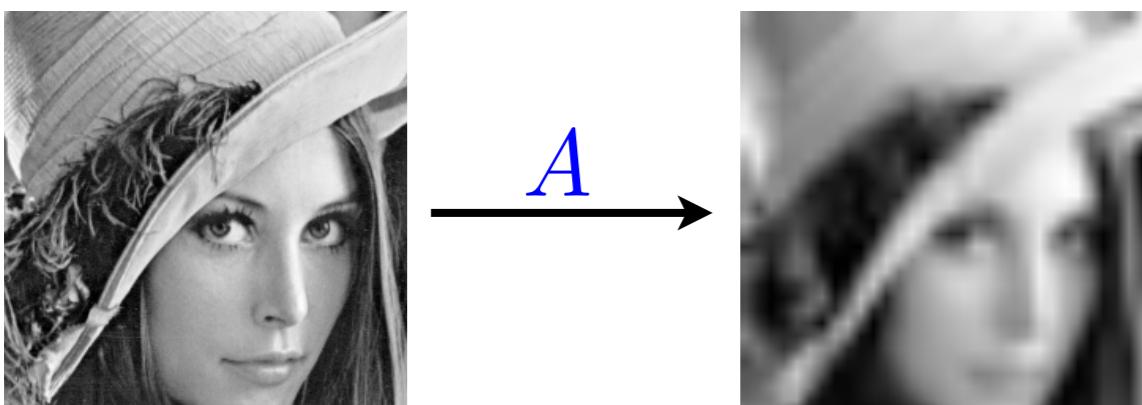
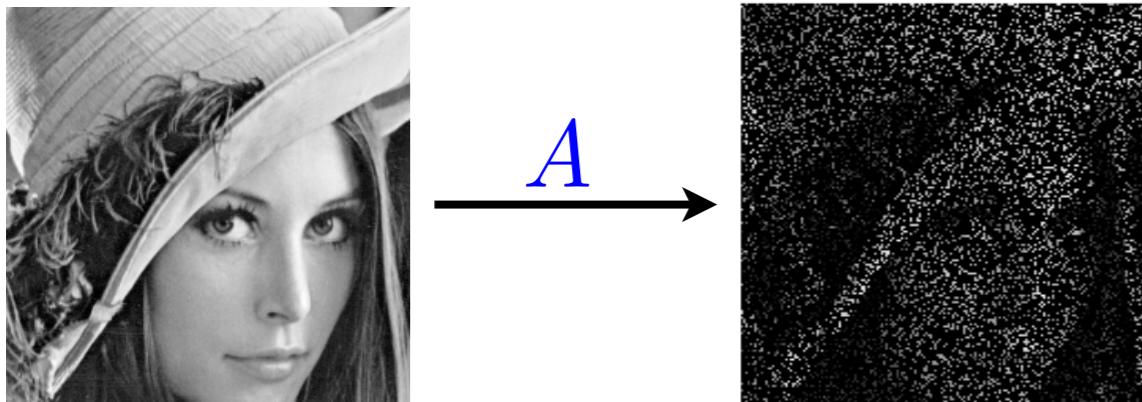
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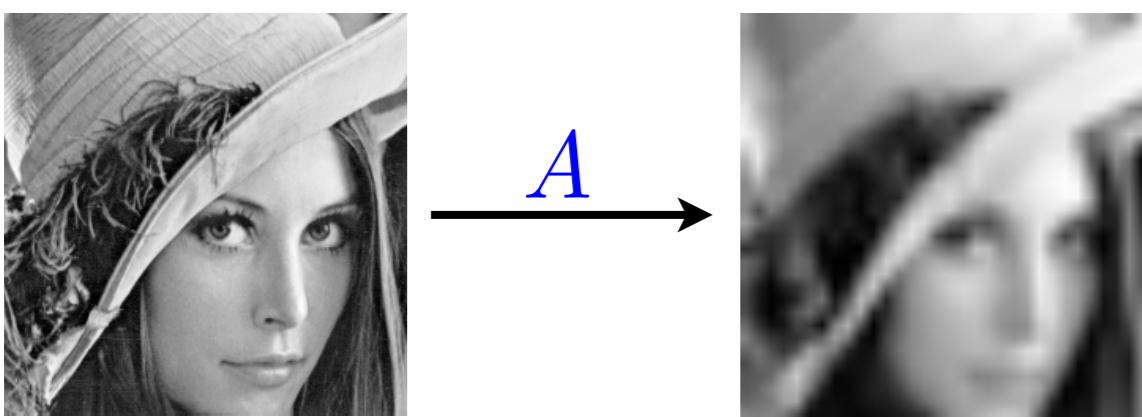
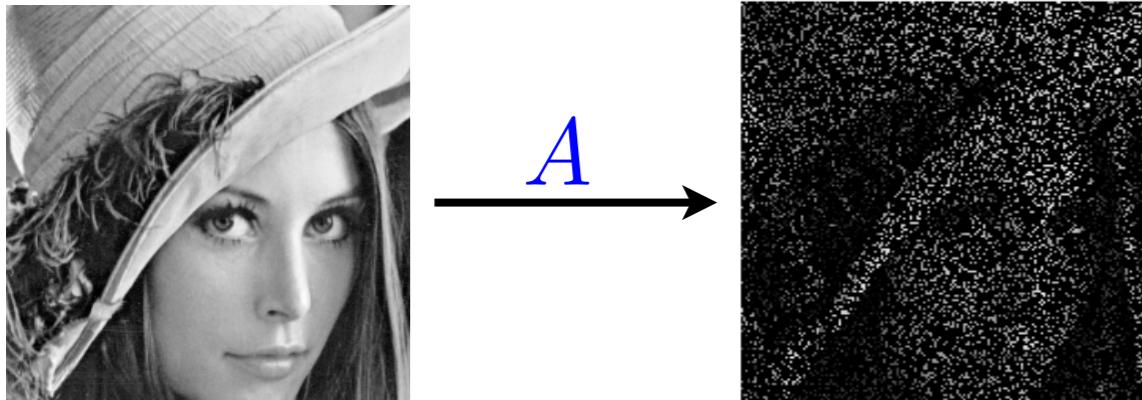
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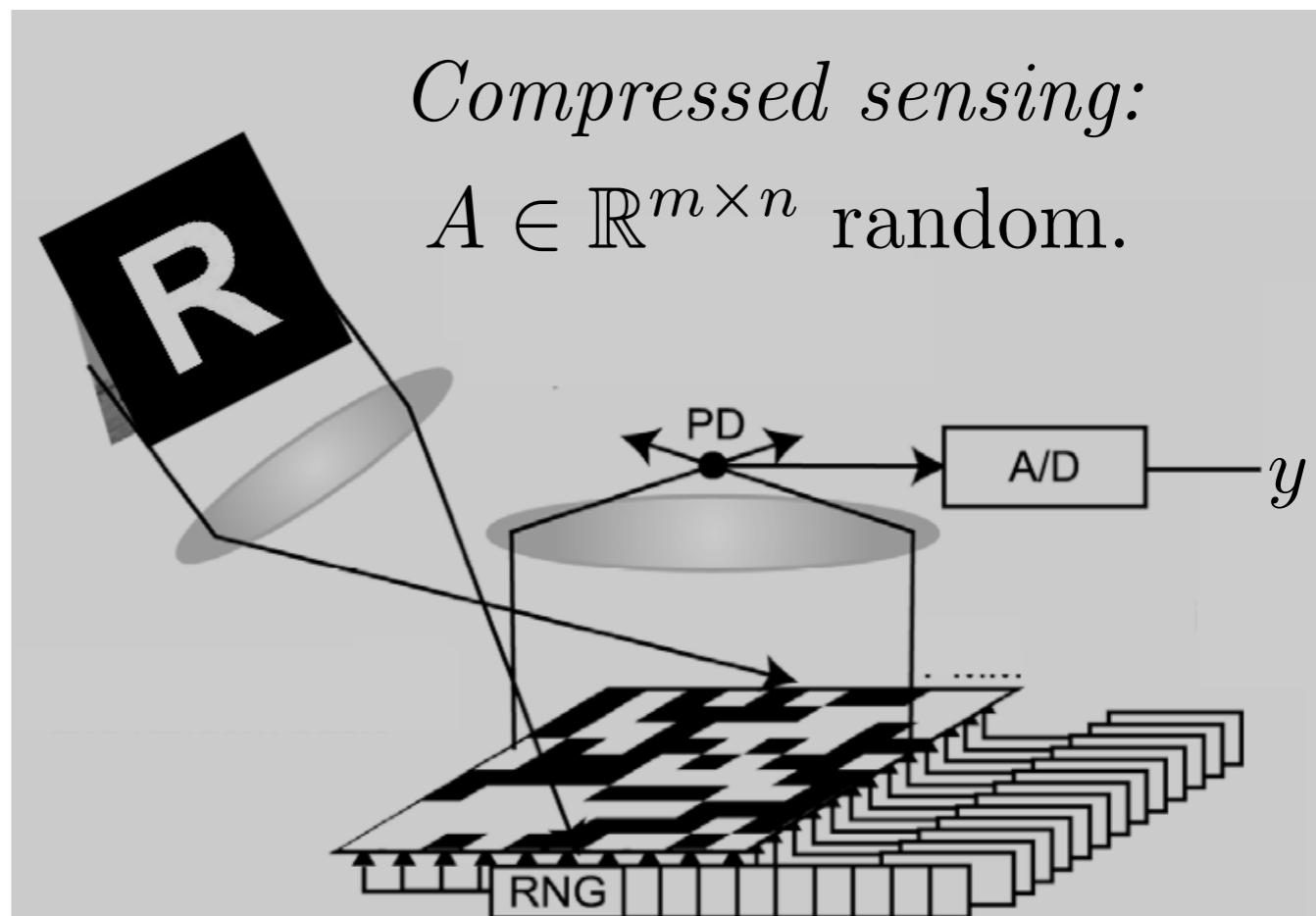
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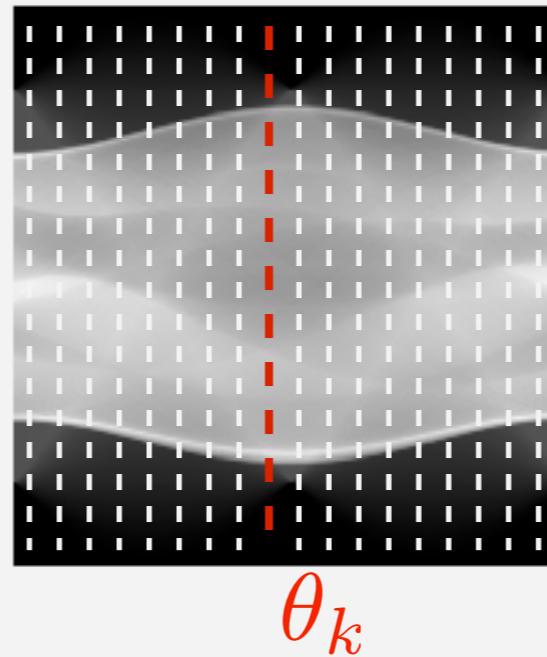
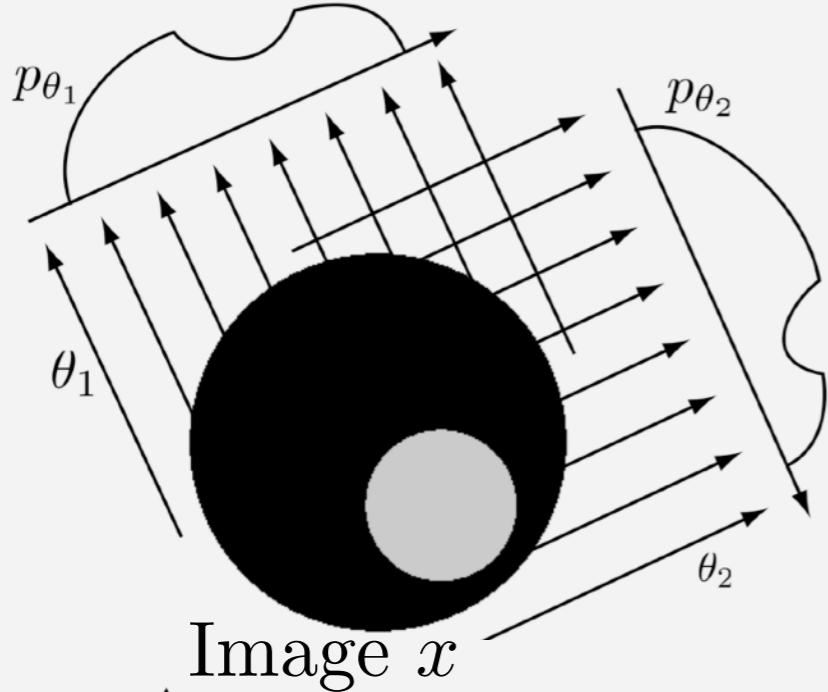
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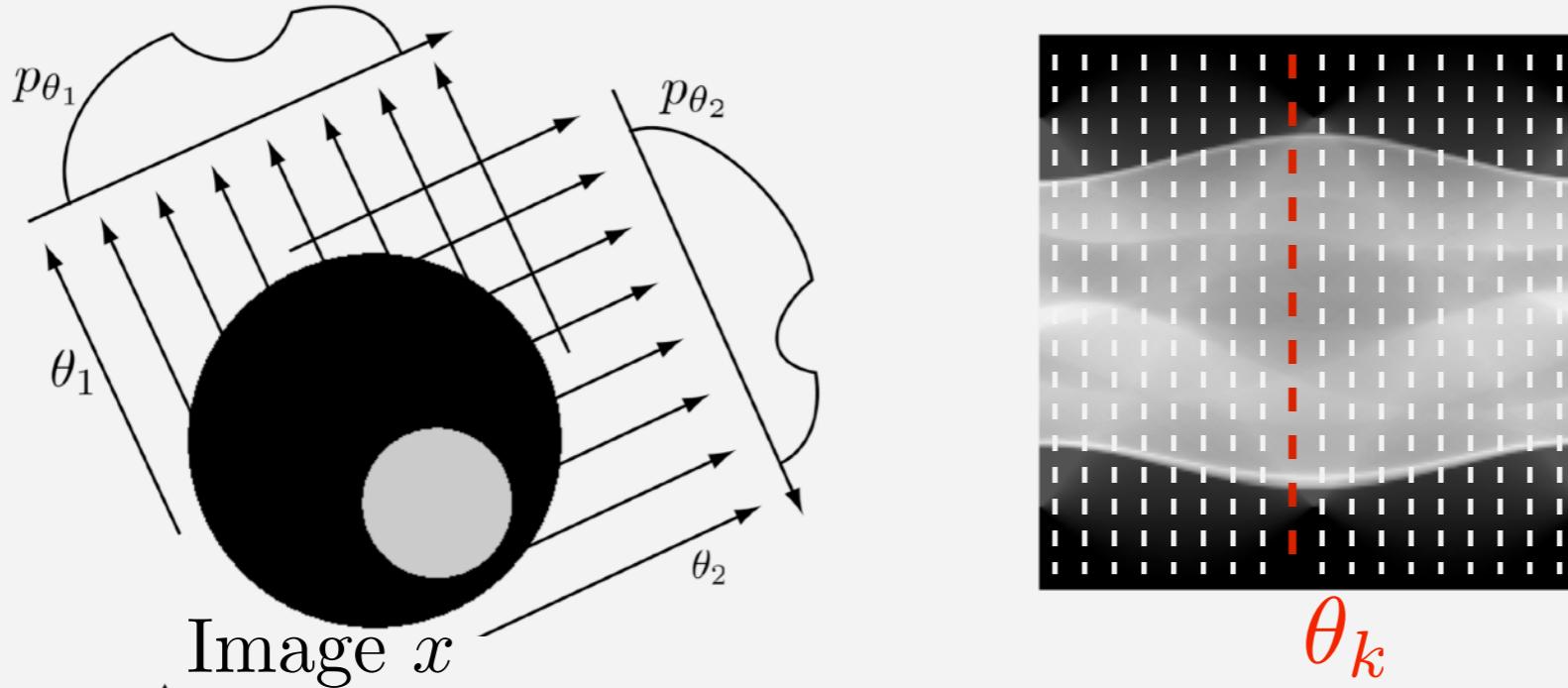
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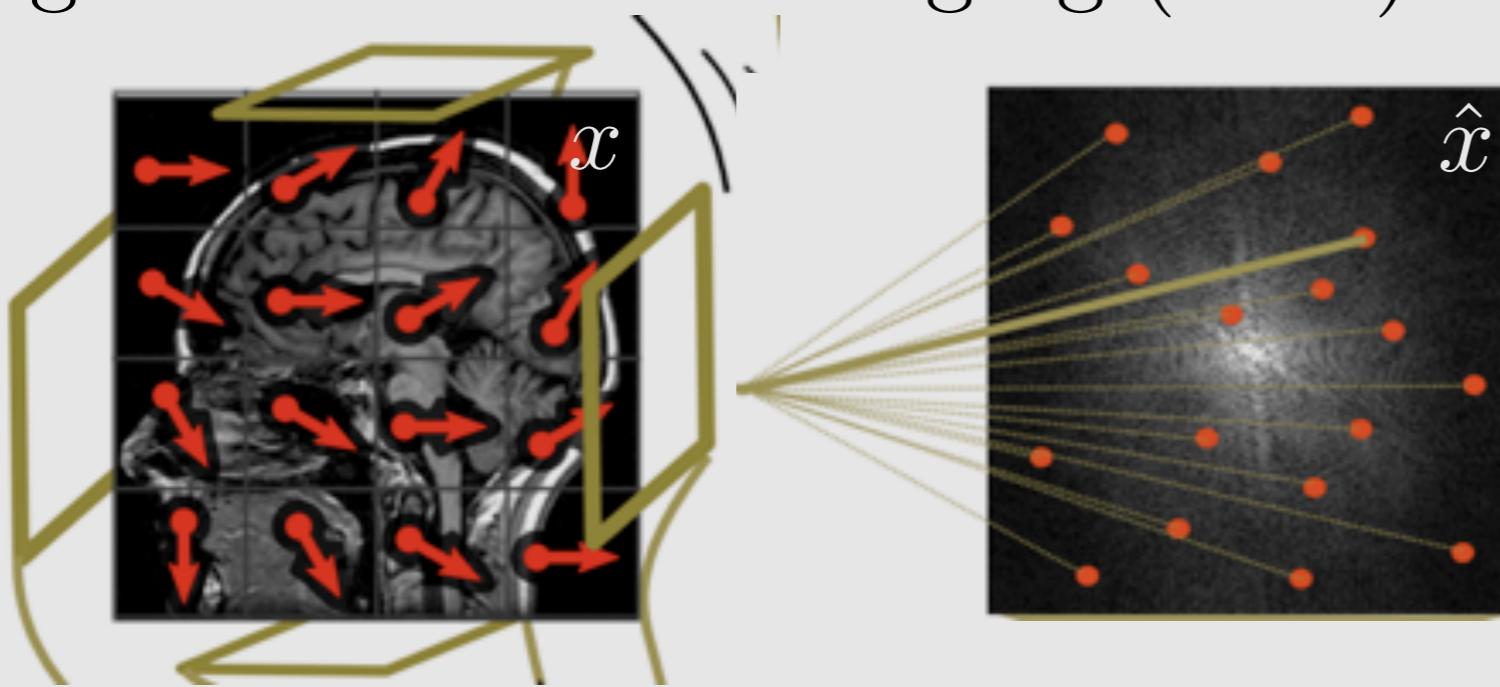


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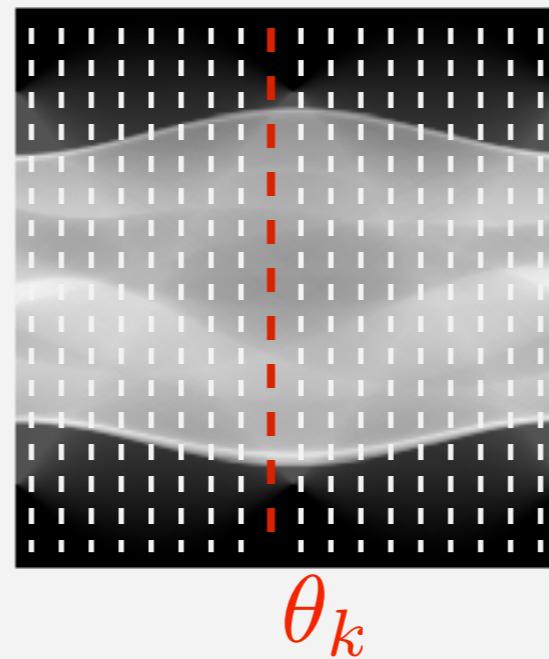
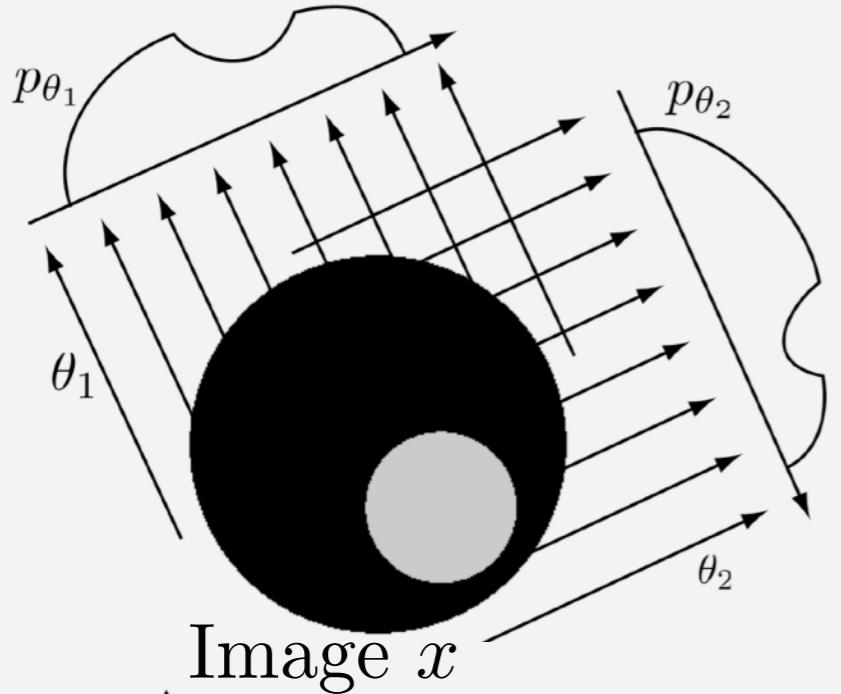


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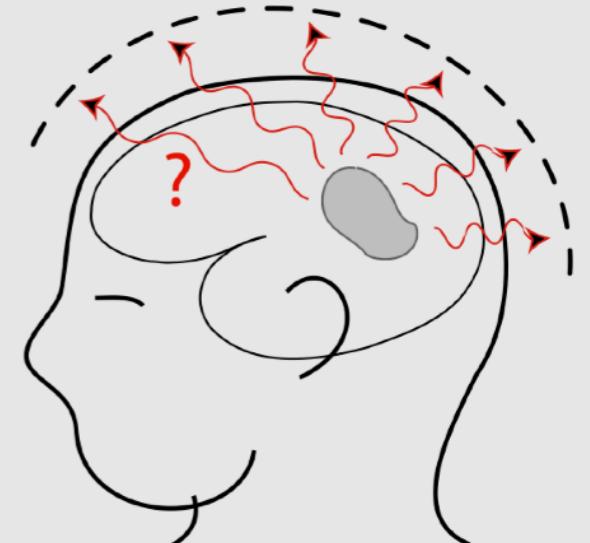
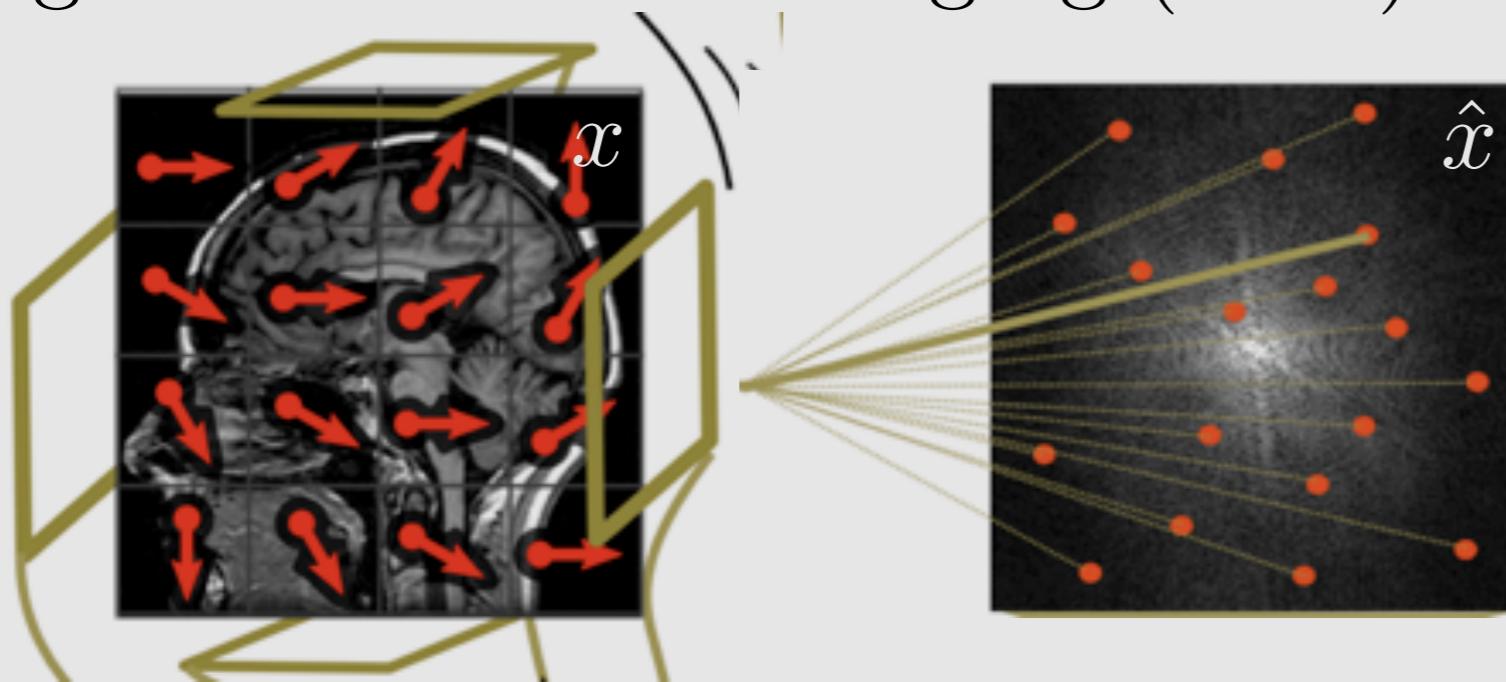


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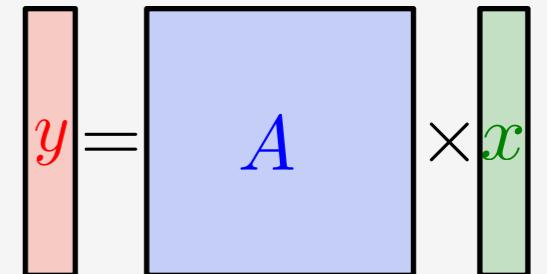


*Other examples: MEG, EEG, ...*

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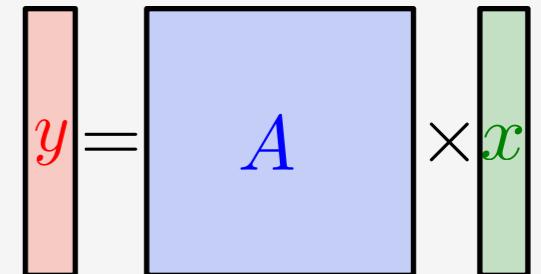
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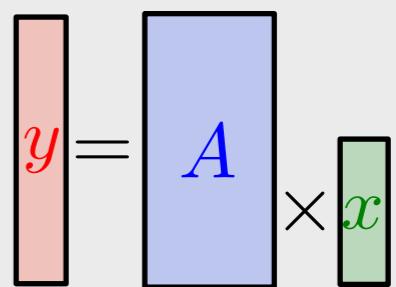
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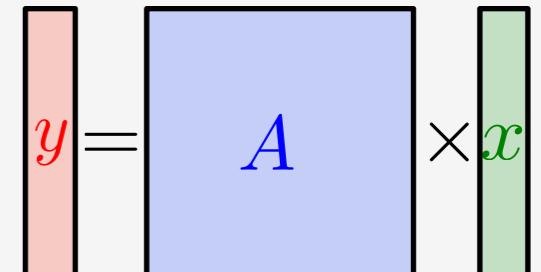
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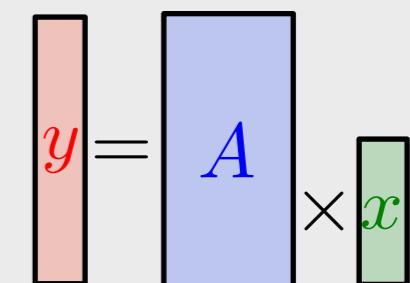
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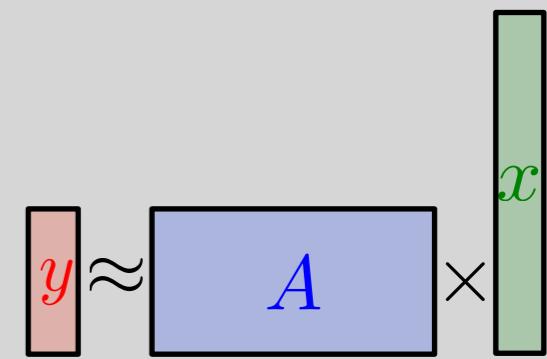
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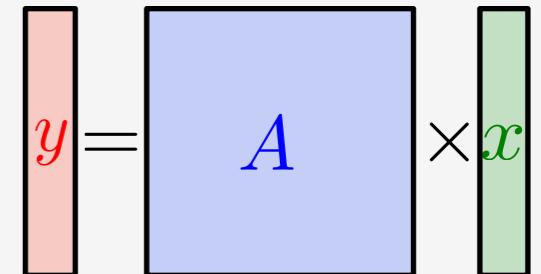
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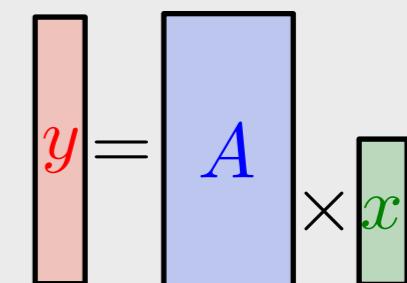
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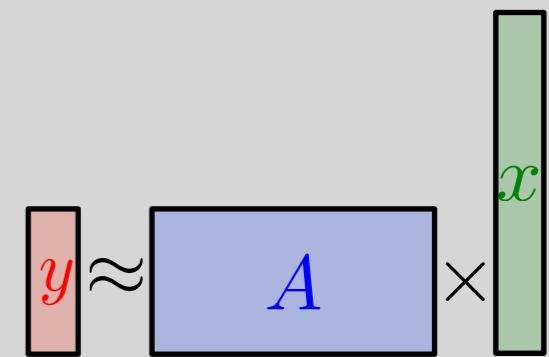
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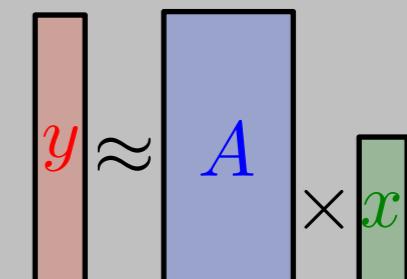
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  - use it for sparse  $A$

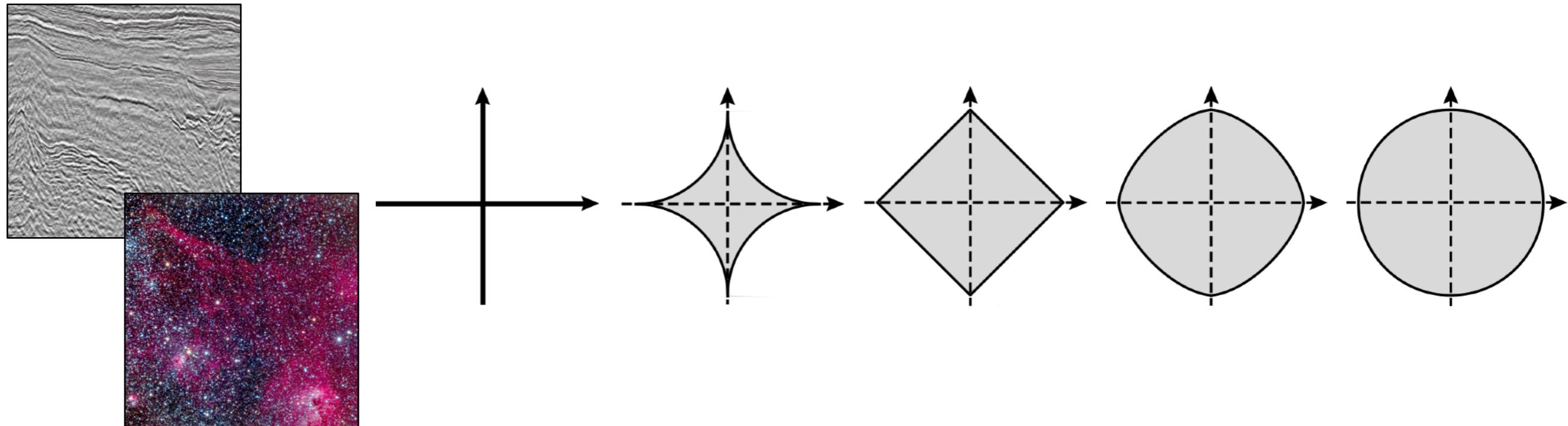
Convergence rate:

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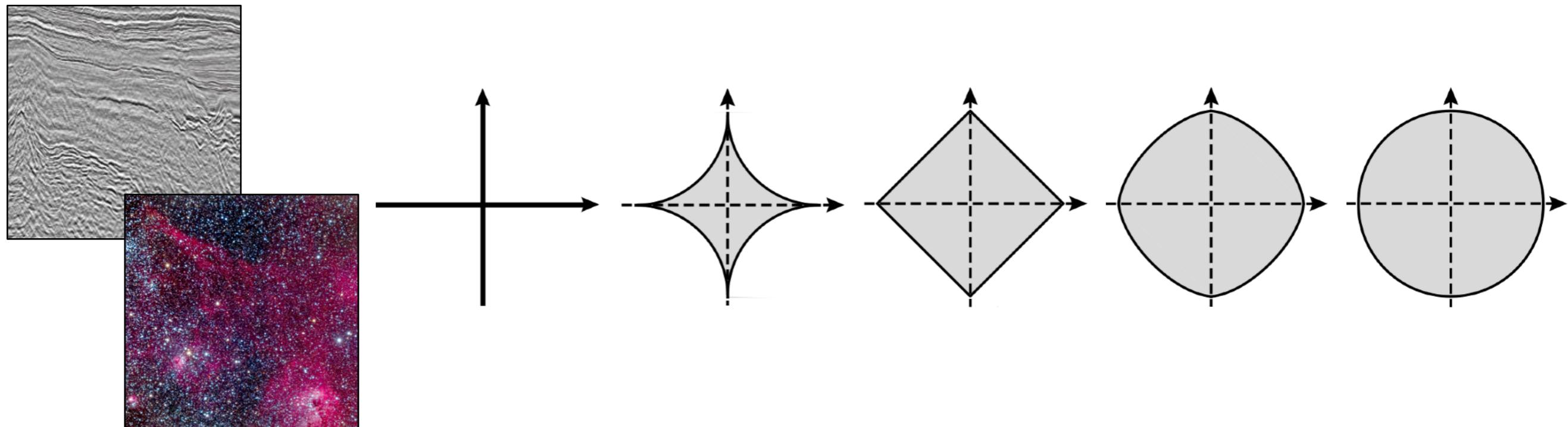


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