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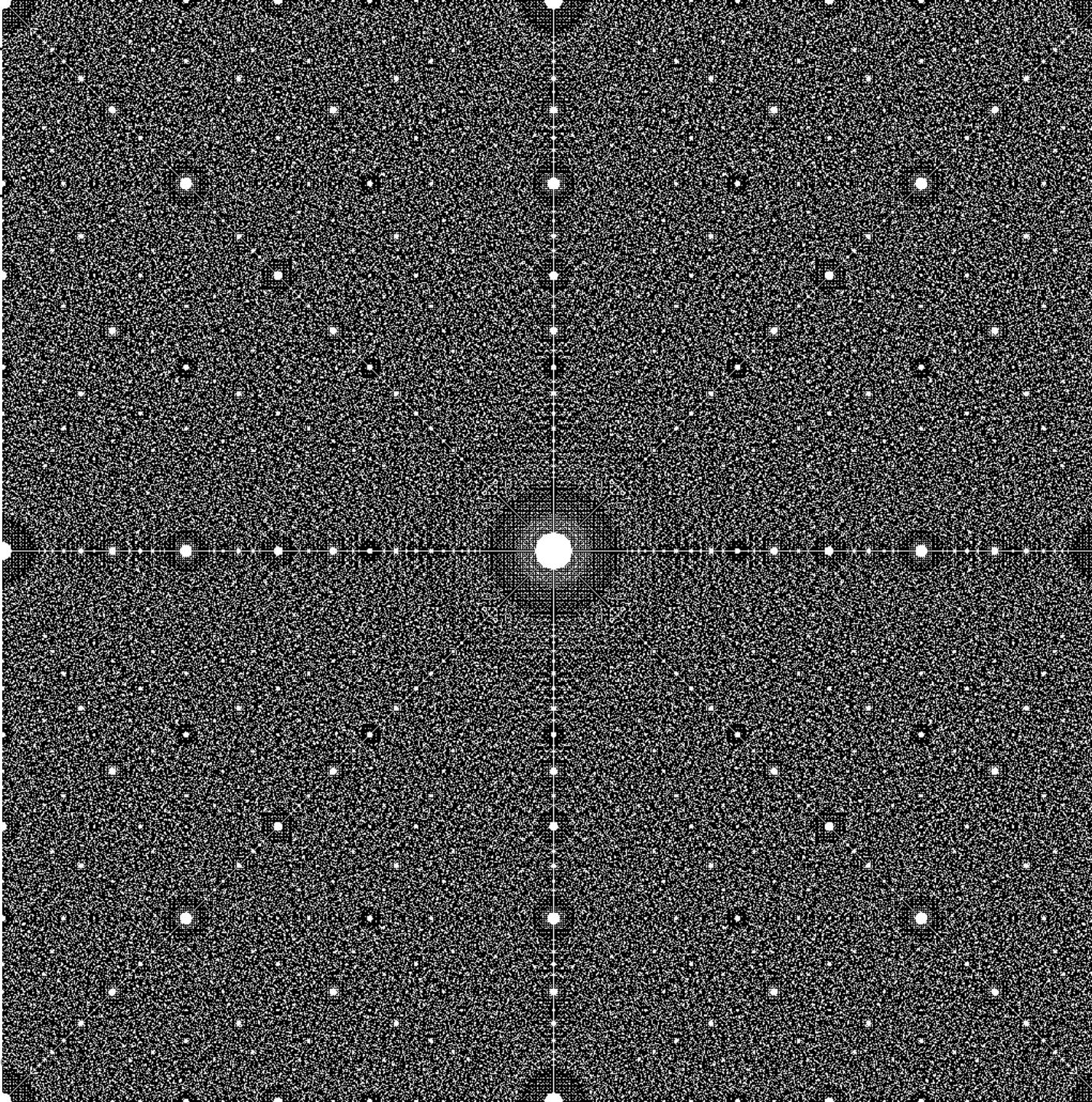
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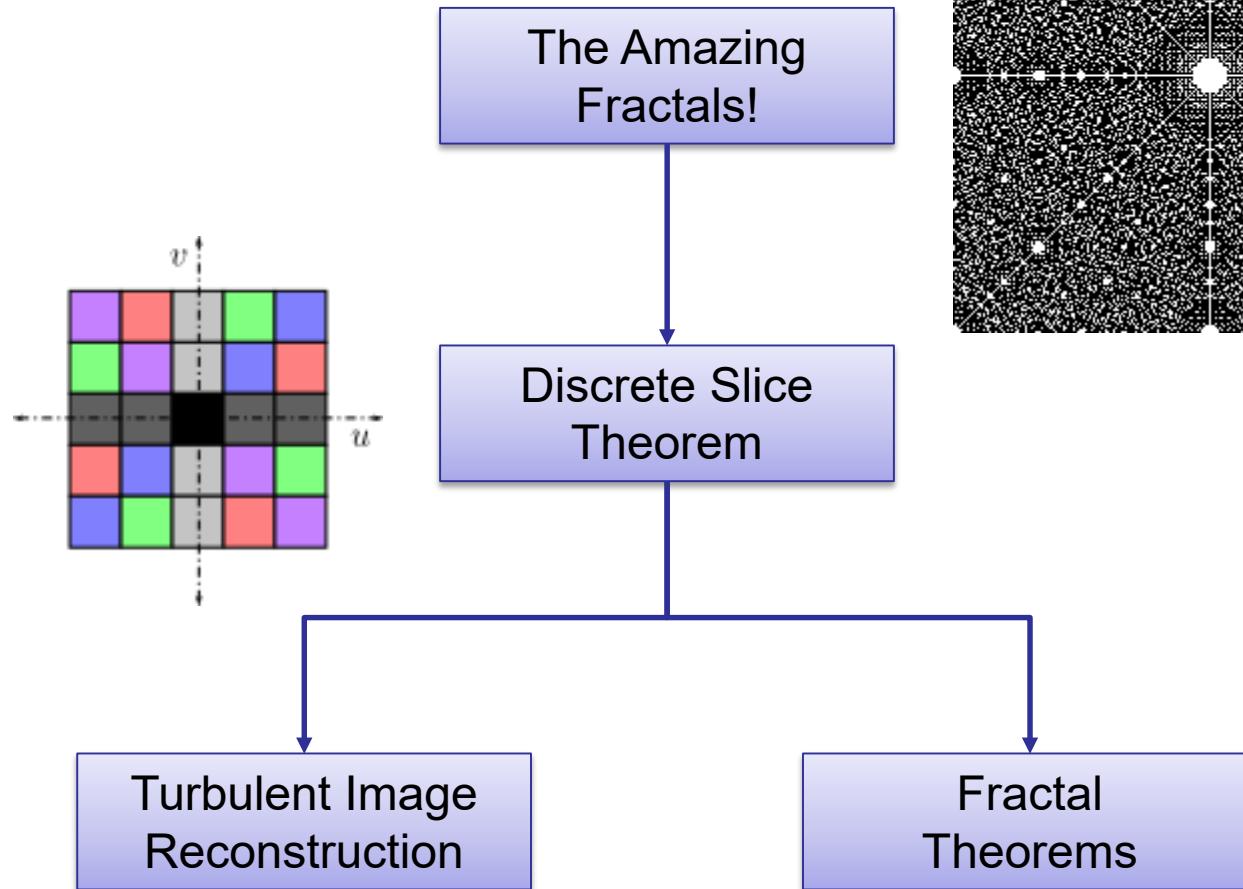
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# Fractal of the Discrete Fourier Transform



$N = 1031$

# Talk Roadmap



- Sparse Fractal Sampling
- Turbulent Image Artefacts
- Maximum Likelihood Reconstruction
- 4X Faster MRI!

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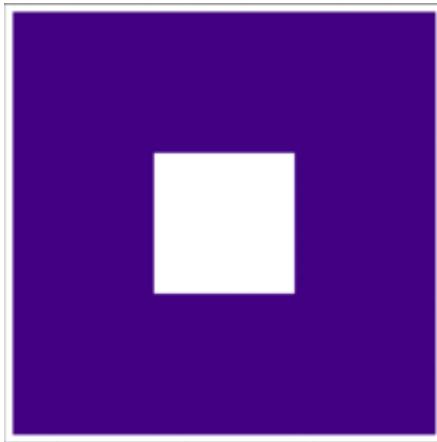
# Amazing Fractals

A Gift of Finite Geometry

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# Fractals

Fractals are self-similar patterns, i.e. repeat themselves, at multiple scales that are created using simple deterministic rules.



Sierpinski carpet

“The construction of the Sierpinski carpet begins with a square. The square is cut into 9 congruent subsquares in a 3-by-3 grid, and the central subsquare is removed. The same procedure is then applied recursively to the remaining 8 subsquares, *ad infinitum*. ”

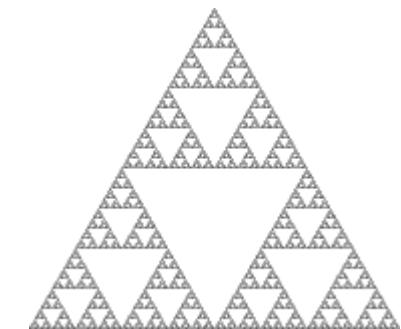
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Fractal Antenna

An example of a fractal antenna design that is typically used in mobile devices for compact multi-band antennas.

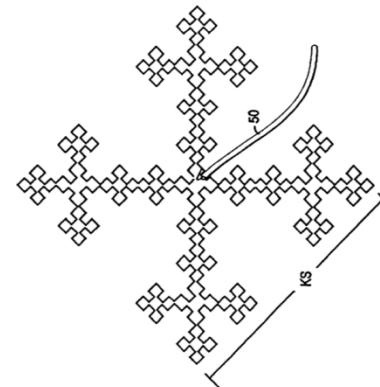
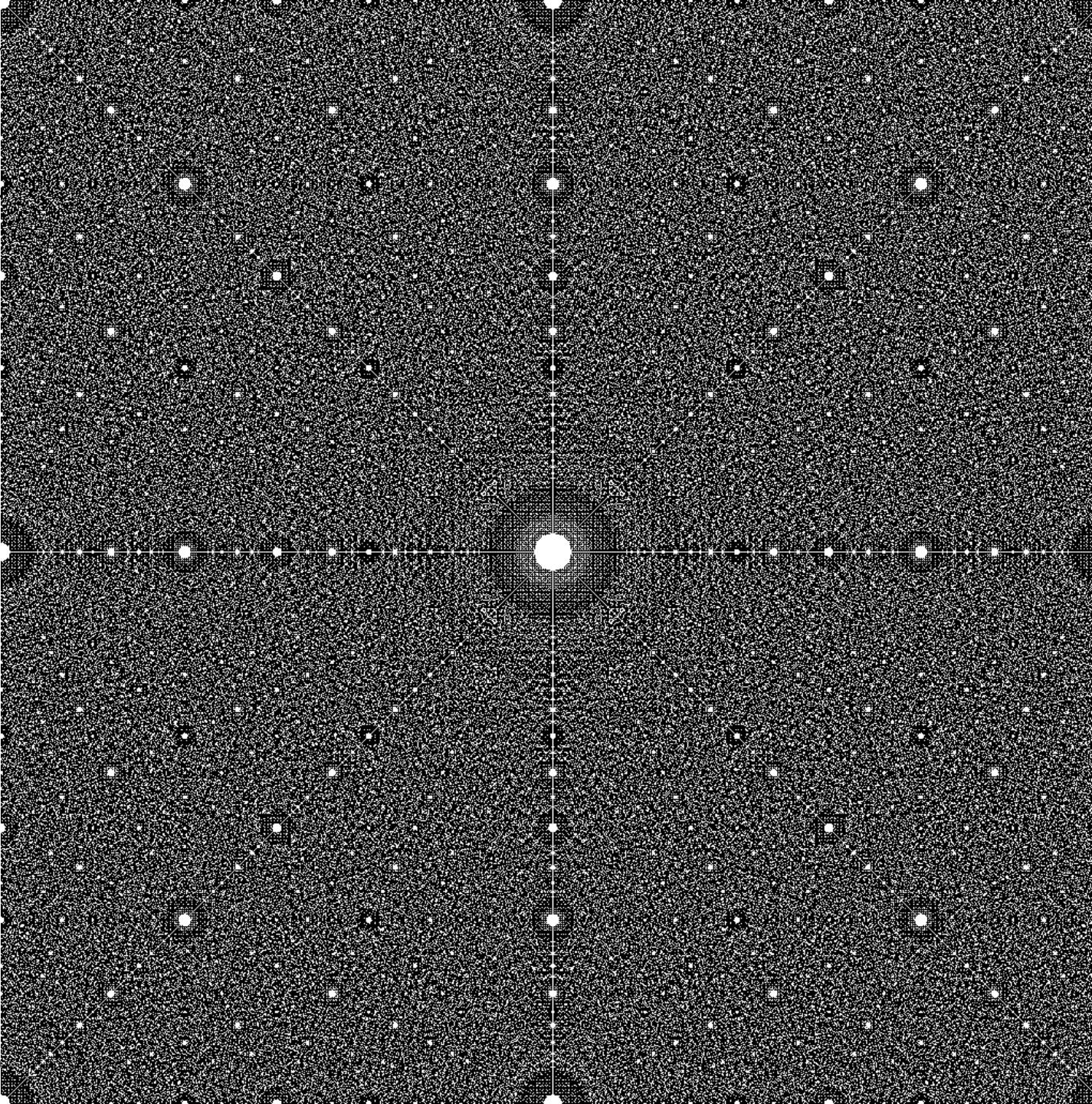


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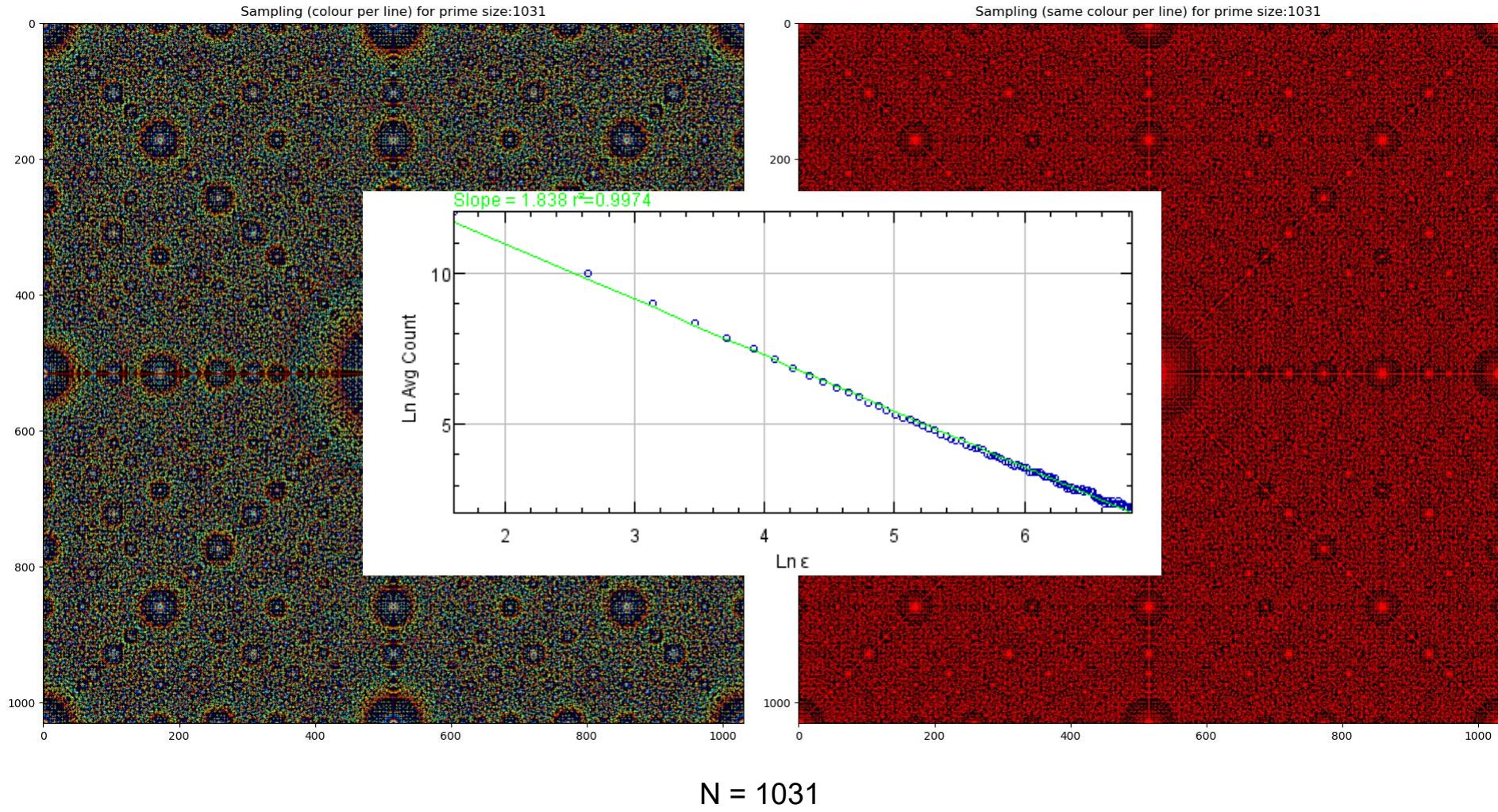
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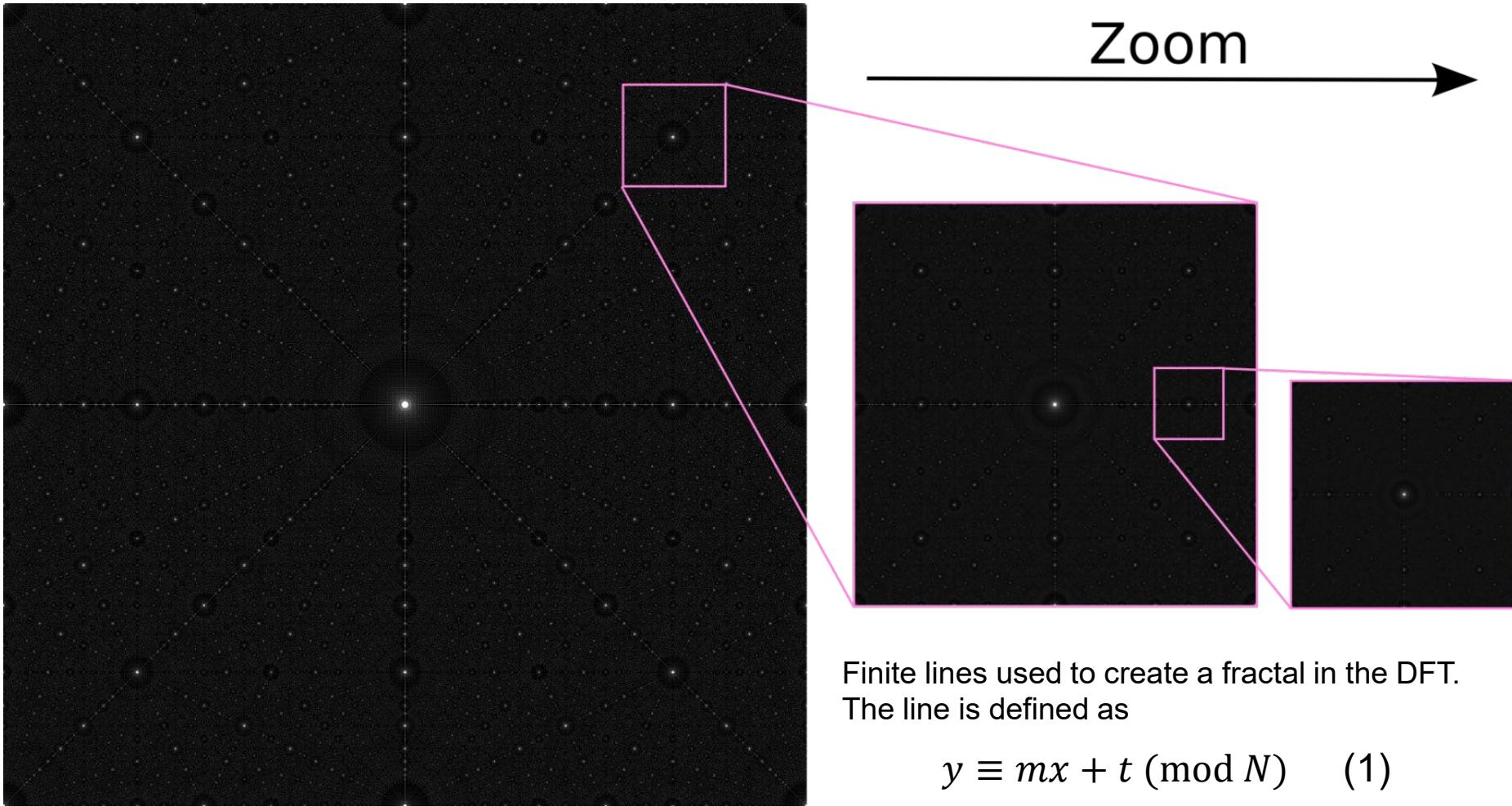
Discrete Fourier Transform of Fractal

# Fractal of the Discrete Fourier Transform



# Finite Fractal

Using discrete periodic lines as slices to create a new fractal in the DFT.



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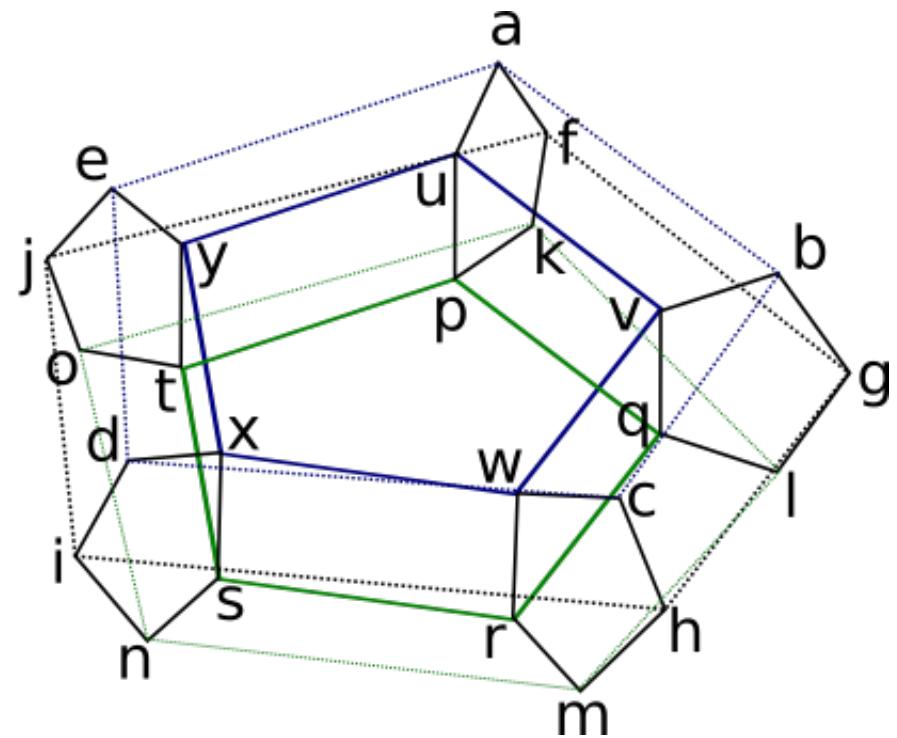
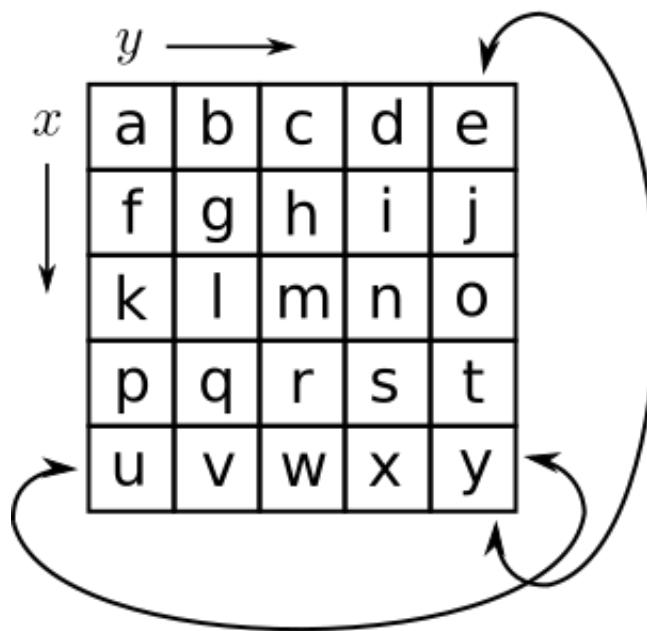
# Discrete Slice Theorem

Tiling within Finite Geometry

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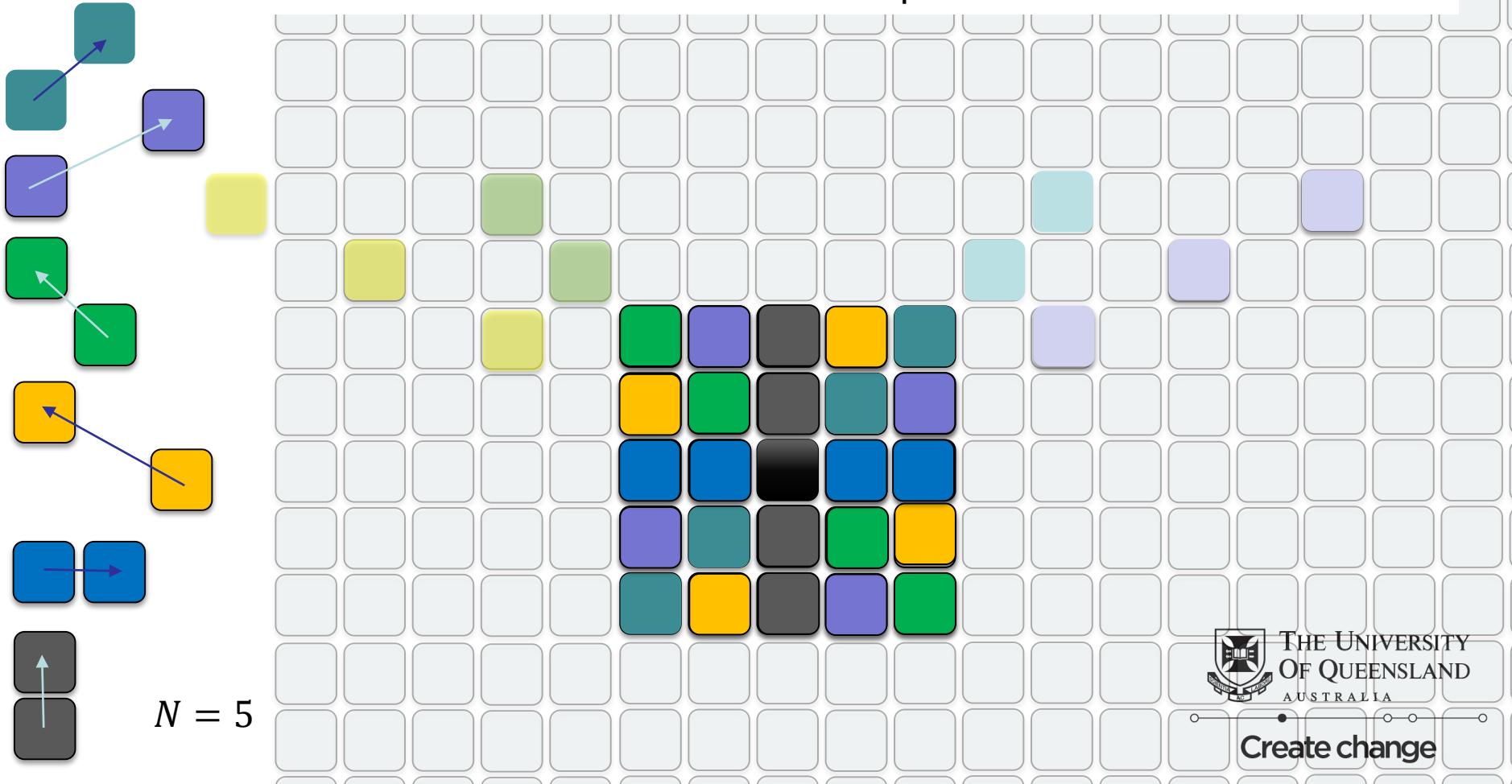
# Finite Geometry

Let's start with an  $N \times N$  space of discrete pixels with periodic boundary conditions.



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Let's start with an  $N \times N$  space of discrete pixels with periodic boundary conditions. Starting from the center, using  $N$  pixels per colour, how many different colours do we need to tile the entire space?



# Finite Geometry

Finite lines tile all of image space exactly once when  $N$  is prime!

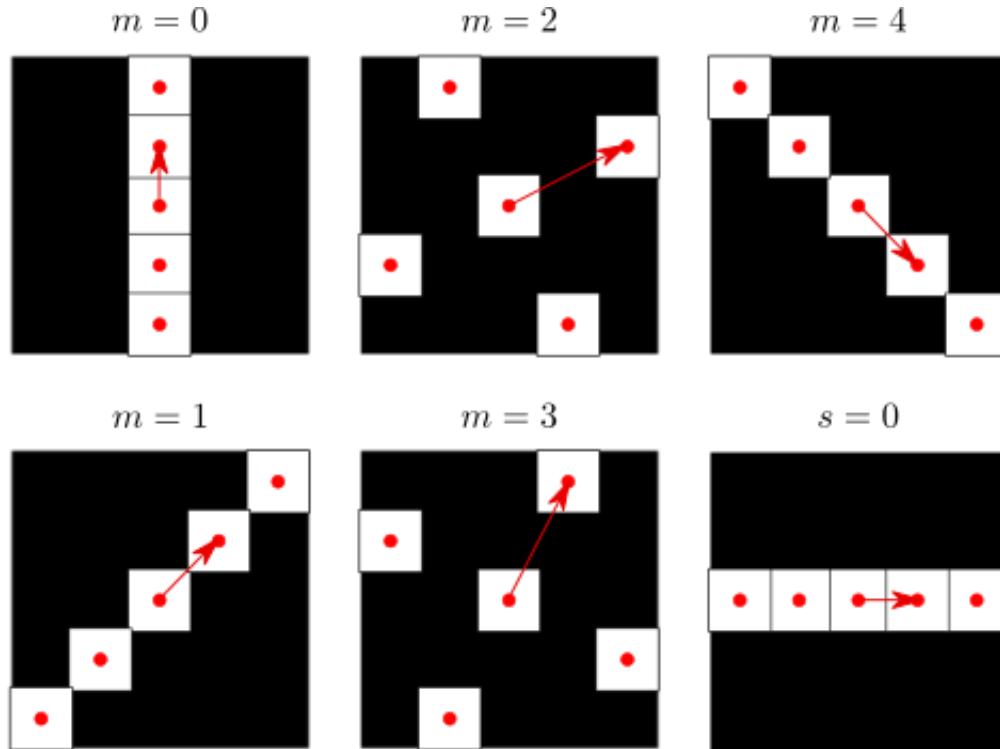


Figure: The tiling defined by equation (1) for a prime-sized image space, where  $N = 5$  and  $t = 0$ . The origin is centered and each white square (and red dot) represents a sample of the line. The lines are generated with increasing  $m$  values.

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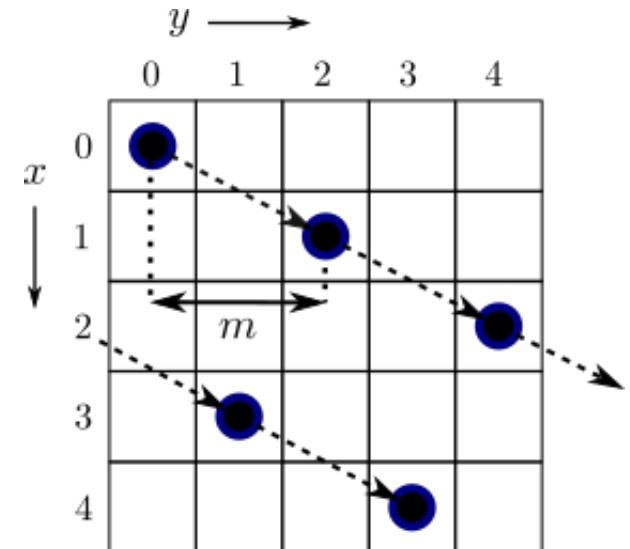
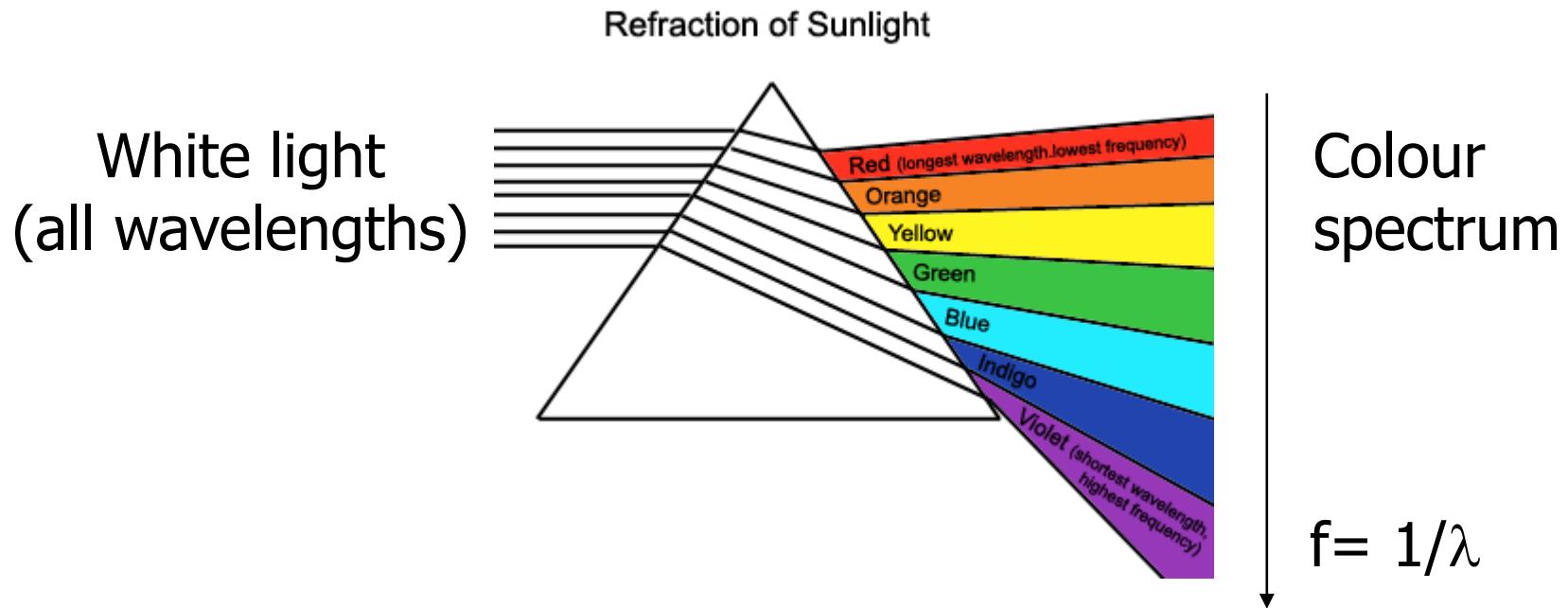


Figure: A finite line for image  $N = 5$  and  $m = 2$ . The line is defined as

$$y \equiv mx + t \pmod{N} \quad (1)$$

# Discrete Fourier Transform

## Refraction Analogy



Think of a Fourier Transform like a prism:  
“Destructs a source signal into its constituent frequencies”

# Discrete Fourier Transform

Given a finite sequence  $x[n]$  of length  $N$ , its DFT  $X[k]$  is

$$\hat{X}(k\Delta\omega) = X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x[n] \exp\left(\frac{-jnk2\pi}{N}\right)$$

where  $0 \leq n, k \leq N - 1$

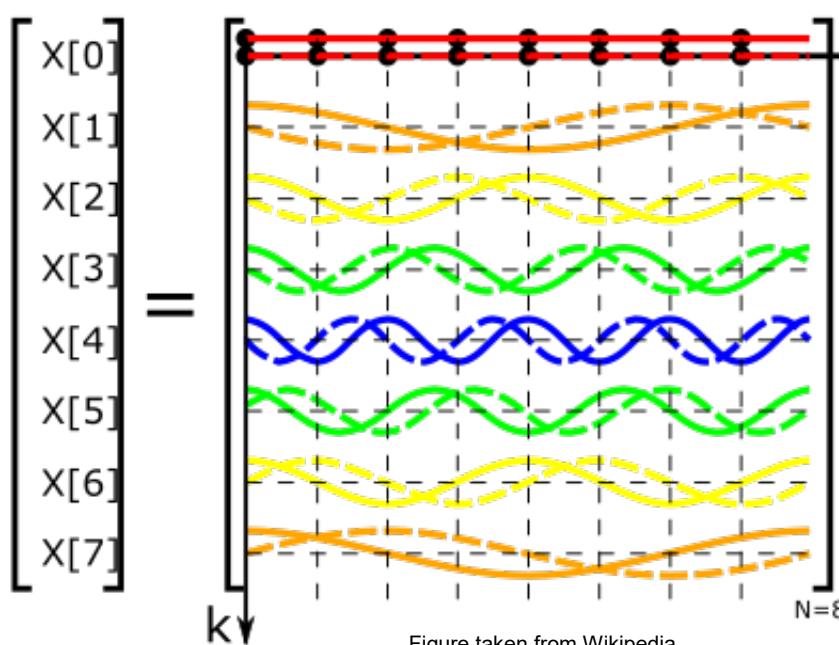
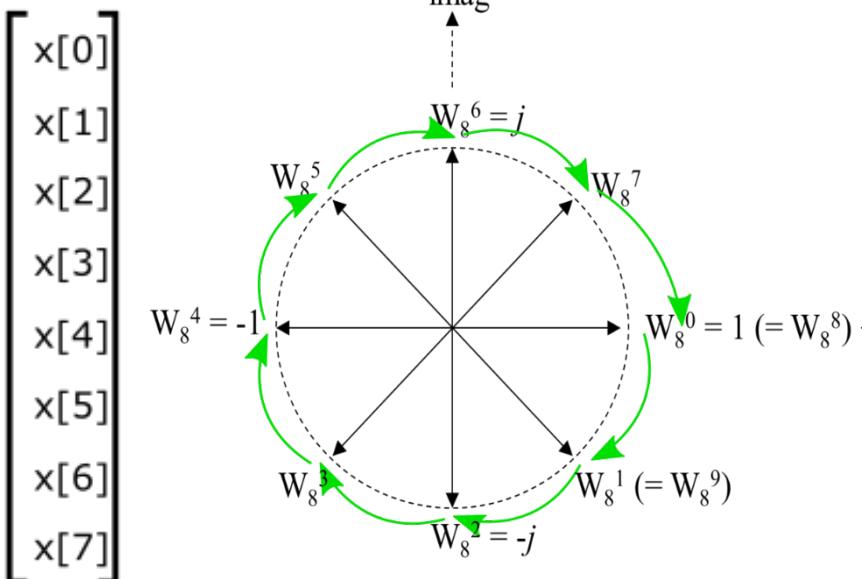


Figure taken from Wikipedia



We are taking the inner product of our sequence with harmonics.

In MRI, we measure the 2D DFT space directly



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# Discrete Fourier Transform

When applied to an image  $x[n, m]$  of length  $N$ , its 2D DFT  $X[k, l]$  is a 2D image of Fourier coefficients. In other words, each ‘pixel’ of the 2D DFT is a magnitude of a particular sine wave required to form the 2D image

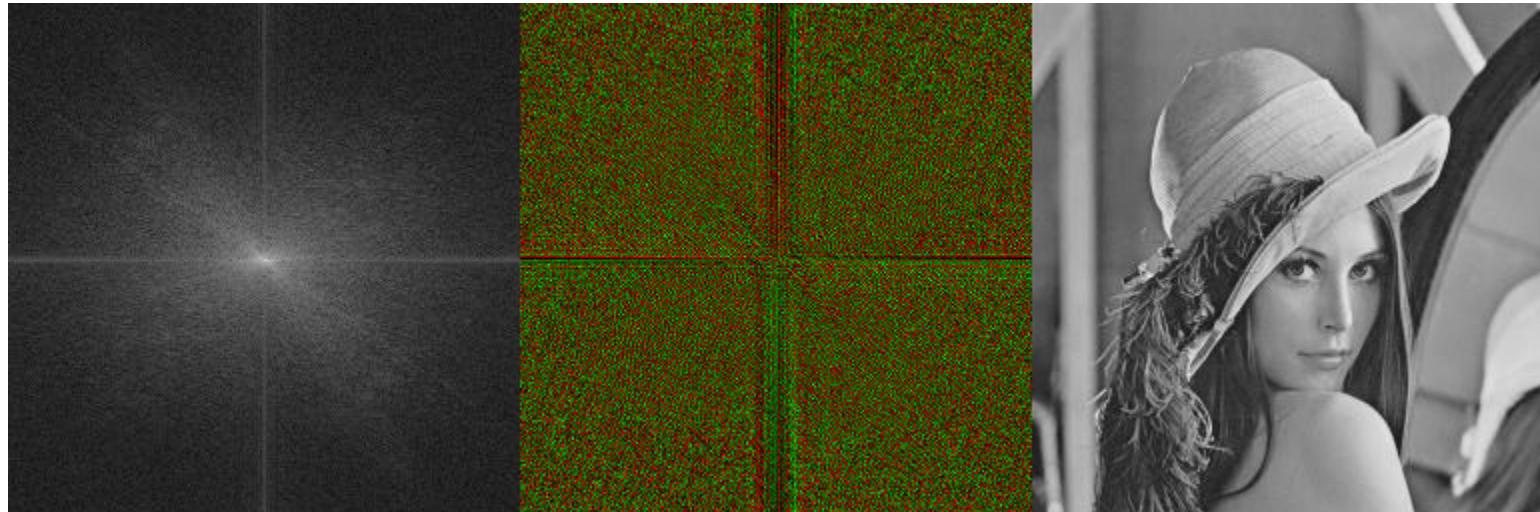


Figure: The magnitude and phase of the 2D DFT of the image of Lena (far right).

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# Discrete Fourier Slice Theorem

Classical Fourier (AKA central or projection) slice theorem of the continuous Fourier transform (FT) exists within the DFT.

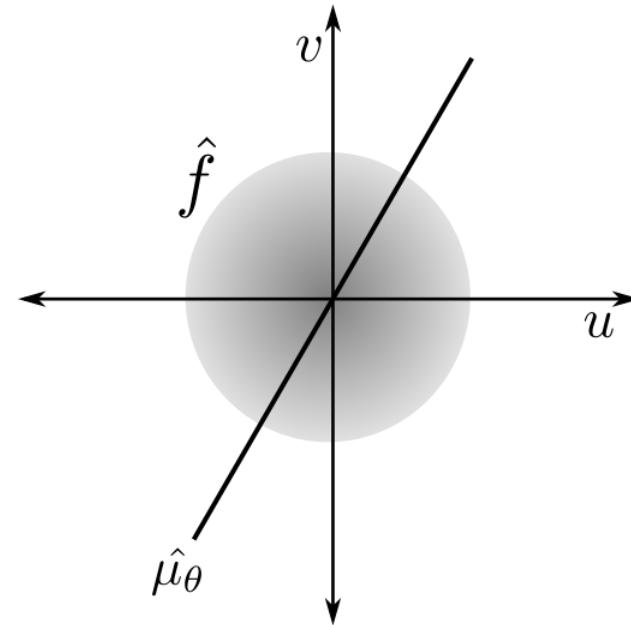
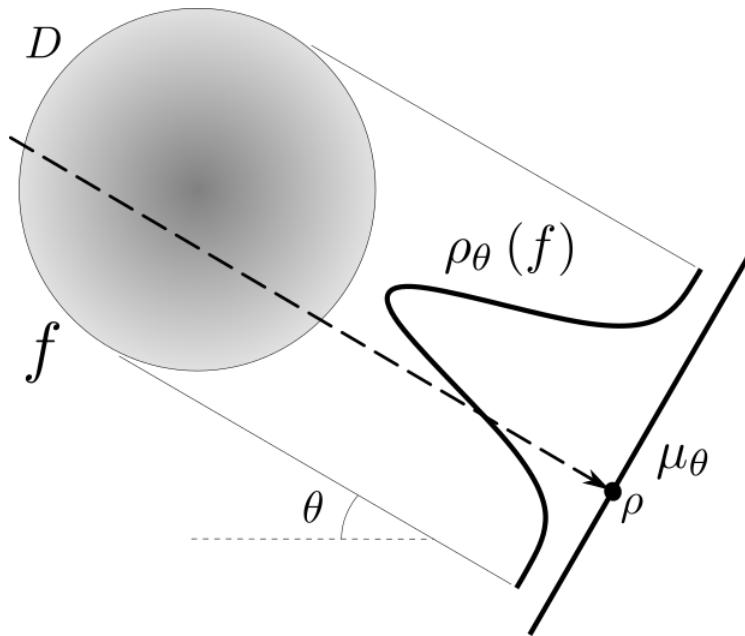


Figure: The (FT of the) projection of  $f$  ( $\mu_1$  at angle  $\theta$ ) is actually a slice of the 2D FT (at angle theta + 90 degrees) of the same function. Here, the projection is defined as a set of line integrals of  $f$  at the same angle  $\theta$ .

# Discrete Fourier Slice Theorem

Thus, the discrete slices of the DFT, and hence the fractal, map to projections of their corresponding images. This is referred to as the discrete (or Finite) Radon transform.

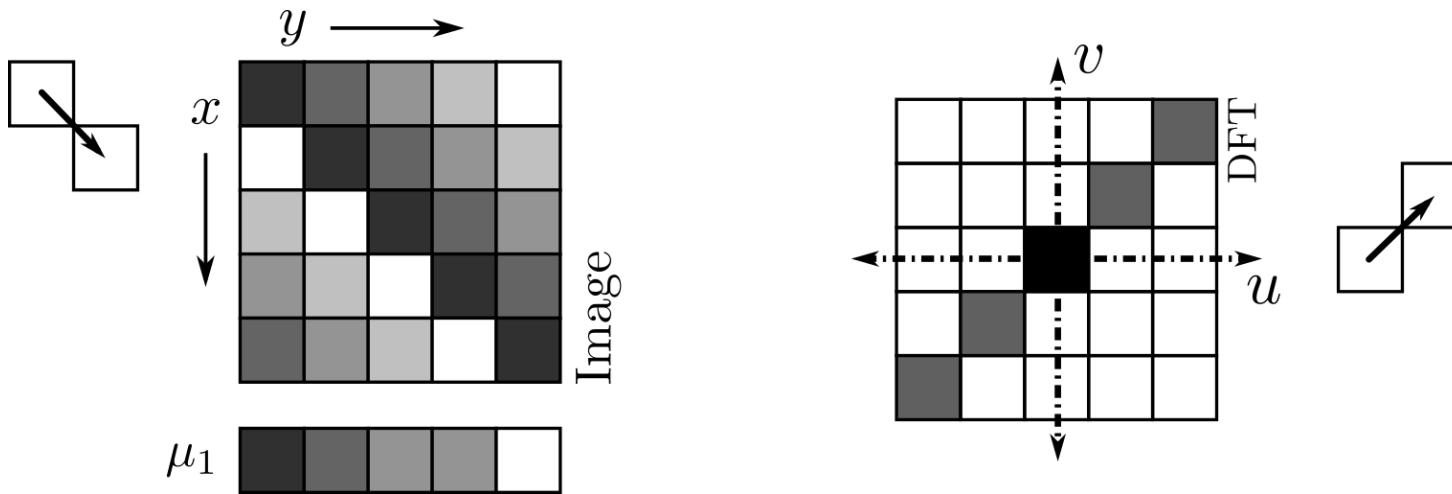


Figure: The (DFT of the) projection of the image ( $\mu_1$  at angle  $m$ ) is actually a slice of the 2D DFT (at angle  $m + 90$  degrees) of the same image. Here, the projection is defined as a discrete pixel sums of the image along the rational vector  $[1, m]$ .

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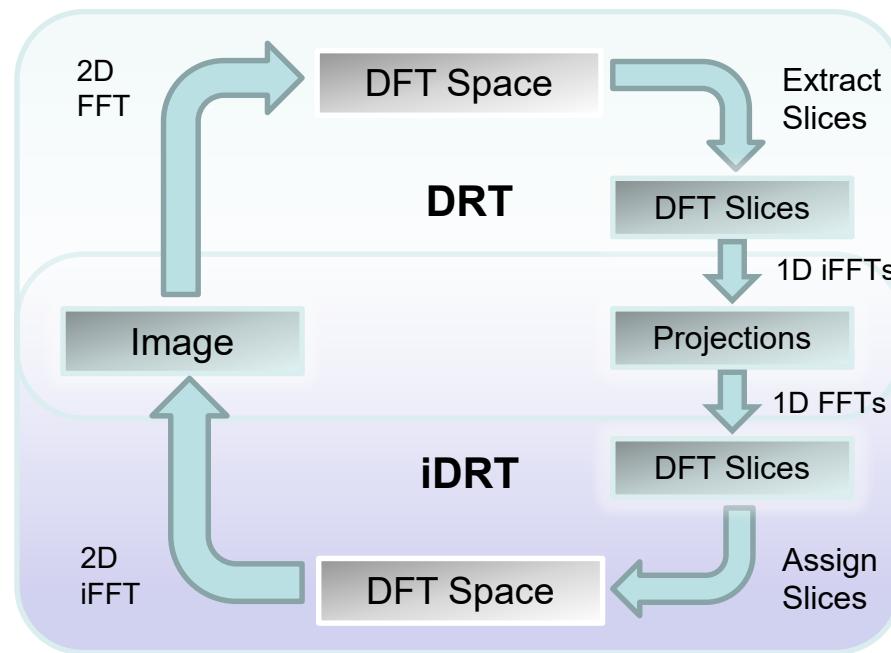


Figure: Computing the DRT and the inverse DRT via the discrete Fourier slice theorem.

# How to get the fractal?

- We choose the lines with the shortest vectors from the origin by using the rational slopes  $q/p$ .
- These rational slopes are known as the Farey sequence when greatest common divisor (GCD) is unity, i.e.  $p$  and  $q$  have no common factor.
- The Farey sequence has amazing mathematical properties in itself forming structures like the Ford circles.

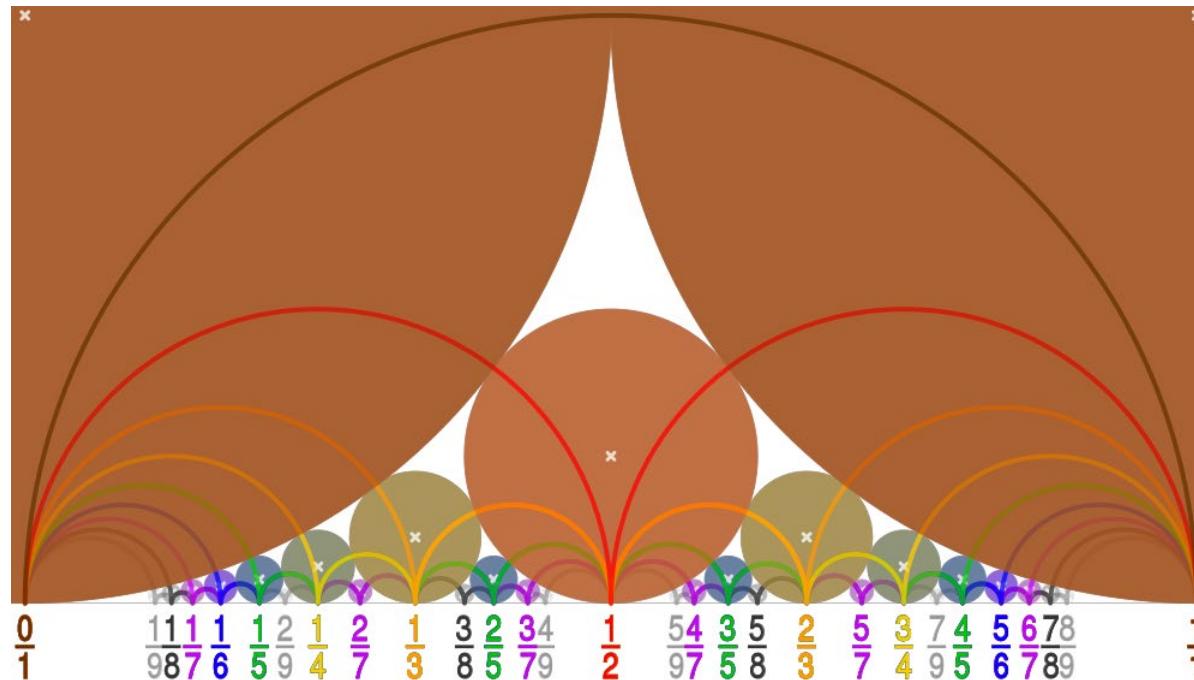
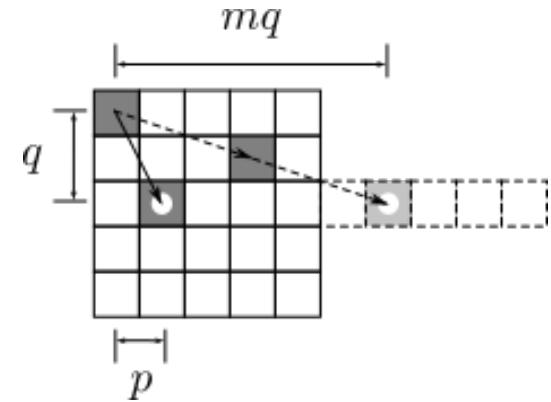
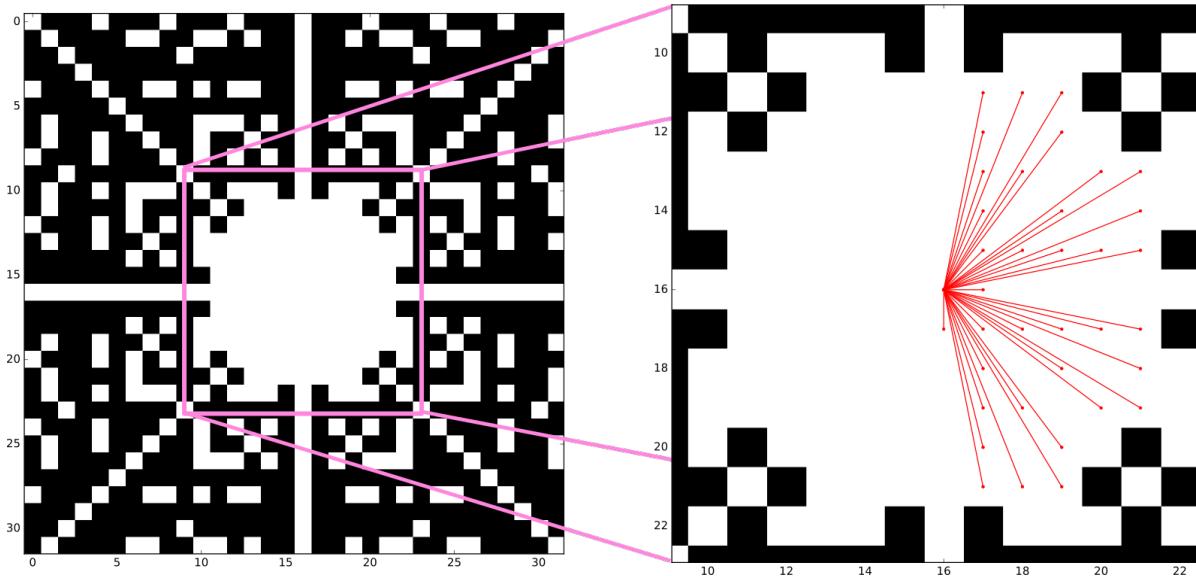


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# How to get the fractal?

- Discrete (aperiodic) lines with Rational slopes  $q/p$  are known to tile the space near the origin.
- These Farey sequence and are easily generated using the mediant property of the sequence
- If  $q_1/p_1$  and  $q_2/p_2$  are successive terms in the sequence of order  $n$  and a sequence begins with  $0/1$  and  $1/n$  until one obtains  $1/1$ , then the neighboring fraction  $q_3/p_3$  in the sequence is

$$\frac{q_3}{p_3} = \frac{q_1+q_2}{p_1+p_2}, \quad (2)$$



Iterate using Pascal's triangle to get all the terms required

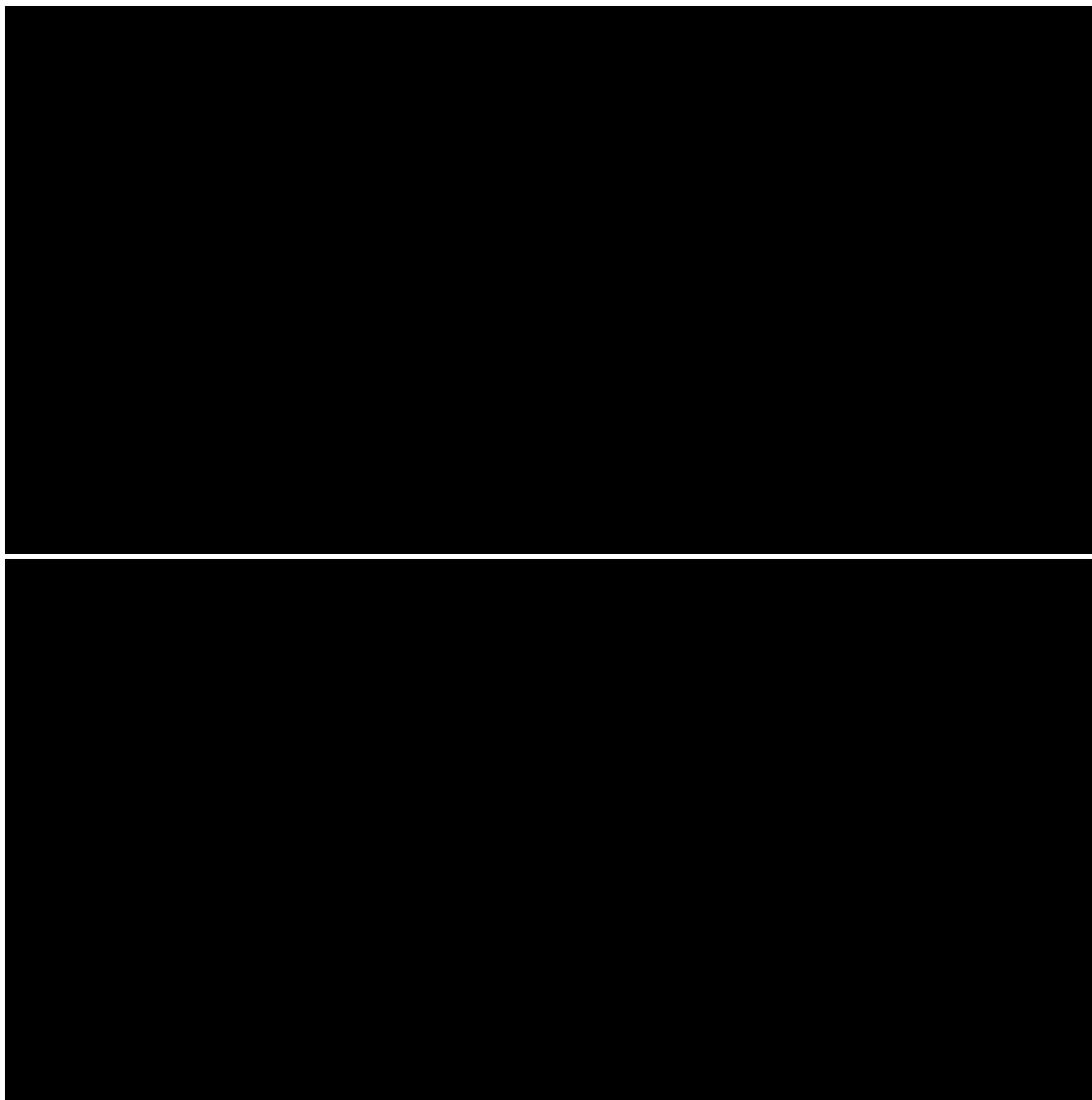
$$\mathfrak{F}_4 = \frac{0}{1}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{1}.$$

$$m \equiv pq^{-1} \pmod{M}, \quad (3)$$

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# Finite Fractal

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# Turbulent Image Reconstruction

Accelerating MR Imaging

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# Introduction – MR Imaging Contrast

- Hydrogen atoms behave like mini bar magnets
- Magnetic fields and radio waves are used to spatially encode the atoms, i.e they become oriented differently based on their position
- Measure the Fourier responses of the encoding to create a  $k$ -space in order to resolve the location of the atoms.

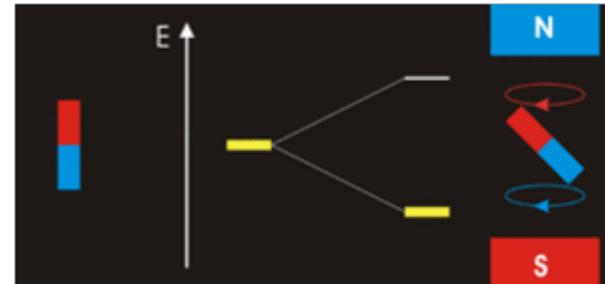
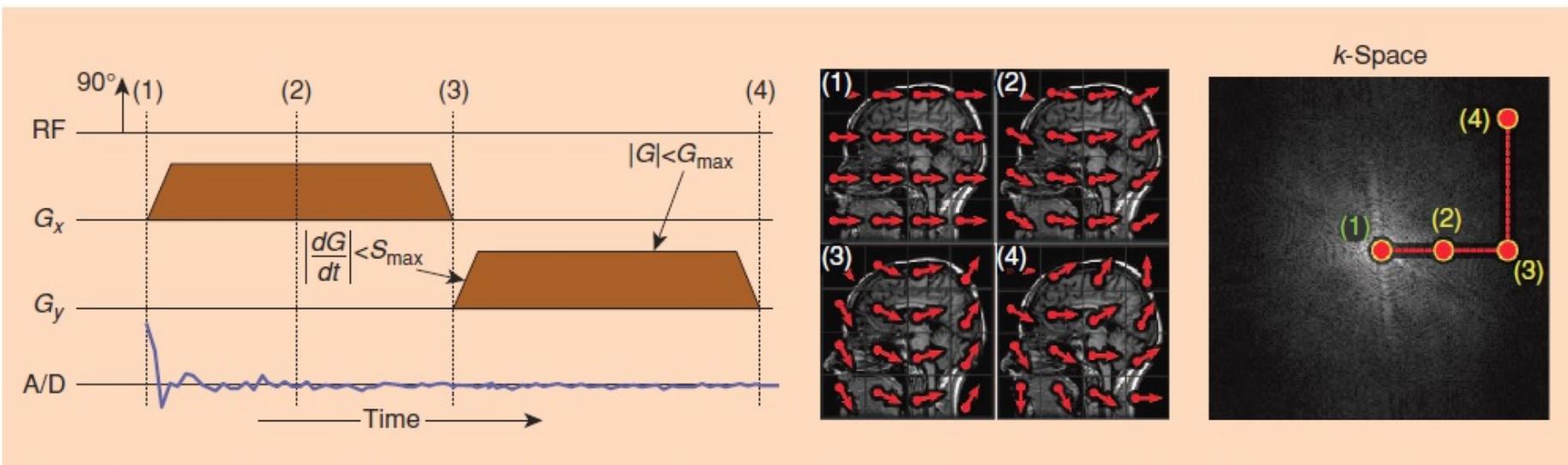


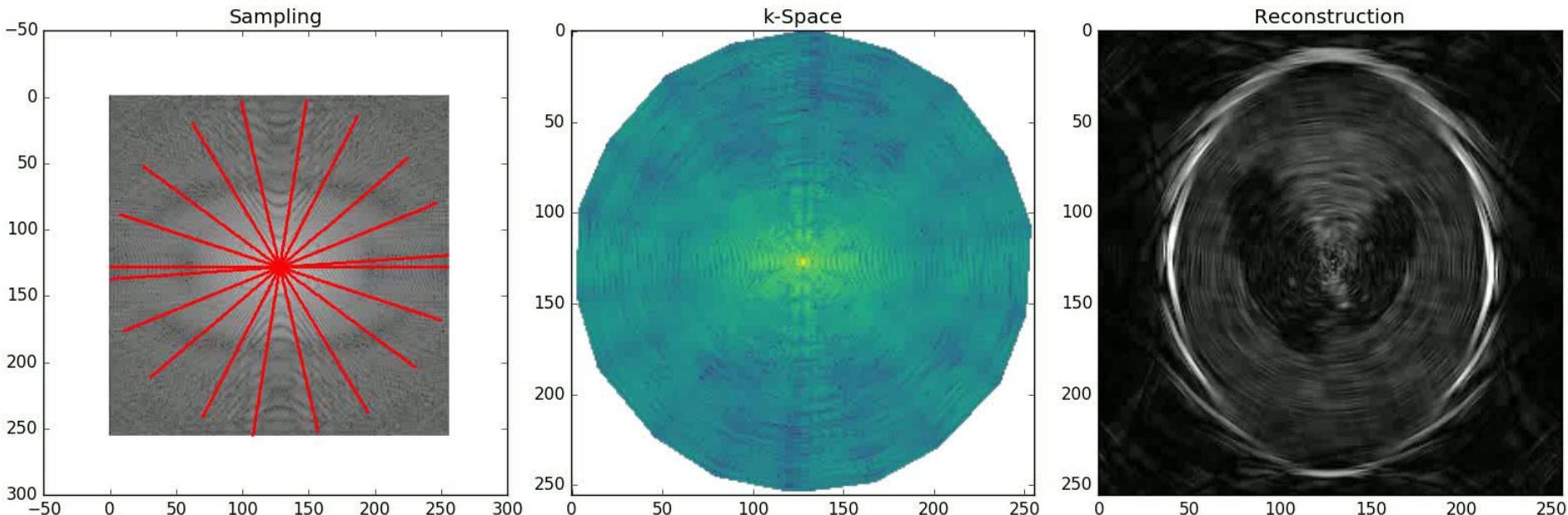
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[FIG 1] The temporal MRI signal directly samples the spatial frequency domain of the image. Gradient fields cause a linear frequency distribution across the image, which produces a linear phase accrual with time. The received signals are spatial frequency samples of the image. The corresponding spatial frequencies are proportional to the gradient waveform area. The gradient is limited in amplitude,  $G_{\max}$ , and slew rate,  $S_{\max}$ , which are both system specific.

# Reconstruction – MR Imaging

- Directly samples an object's Fourier space, referred to also as  $k$ -space.
- Measurements in  $k$ -space need to be made repeatedly (forming a trajectory in this space) to cover this space.
- Therefore, recovering an object comes down to sufficiently sampling an object's  $k$ -space.



# Reconstruction – MR Imaging

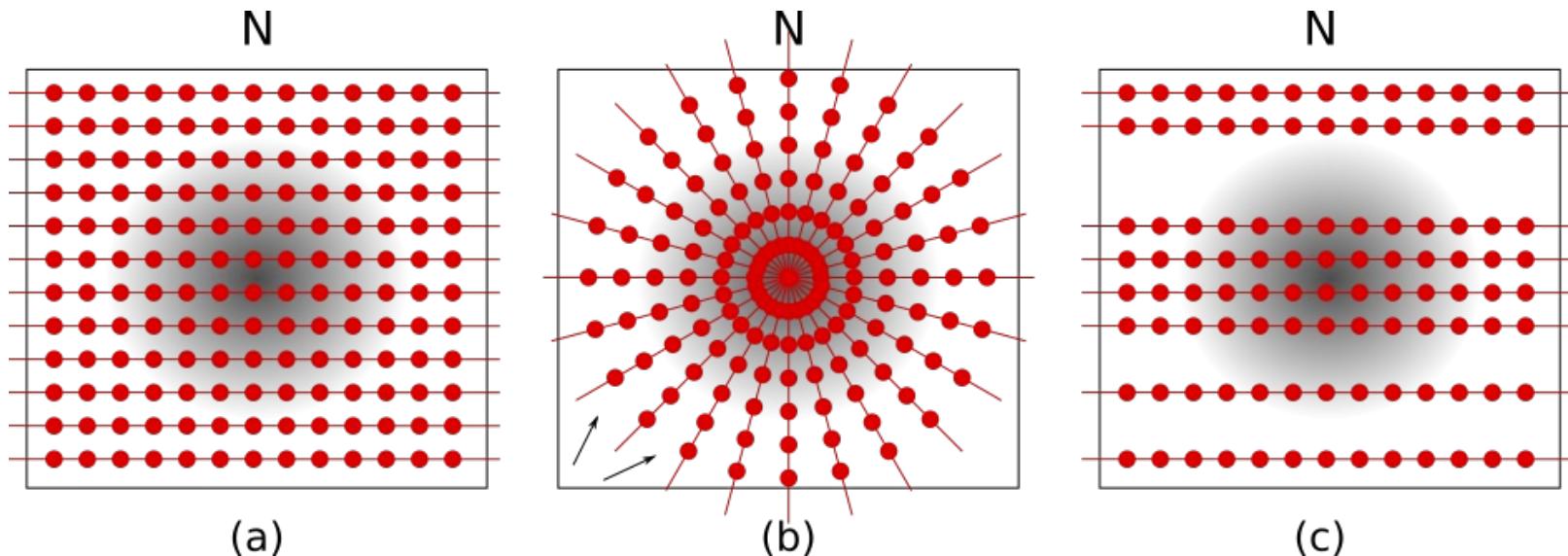


Figure: Measurements are made as k-space trajectories in MR imaging visualized using (red) connected points. (a) shows a Cartesian trajectory. (b) shows a traditional radial trajectory with arrows highlighting the gaps between the lines at high frequencies that can lead to significant artefacts in the recovered image. (c) shows the Cartesian trajectory with random phase encoding for Compressed Sensing type methods.

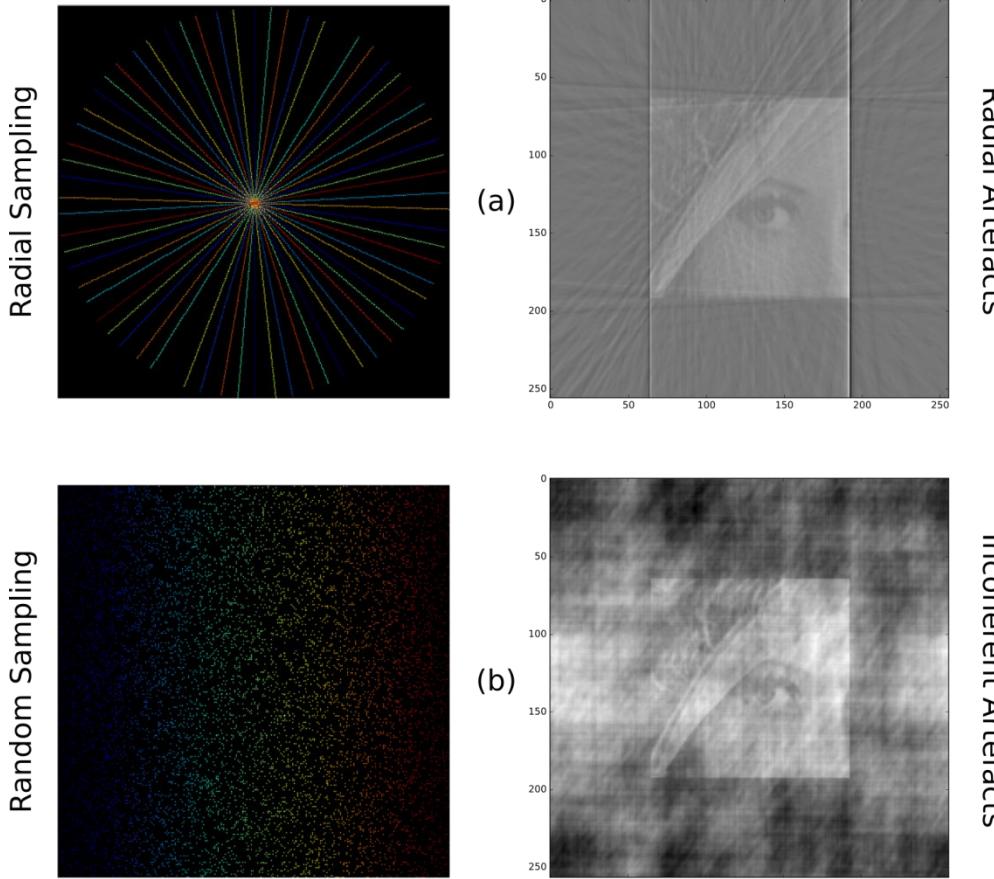
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# Reconstruction – Ghosts

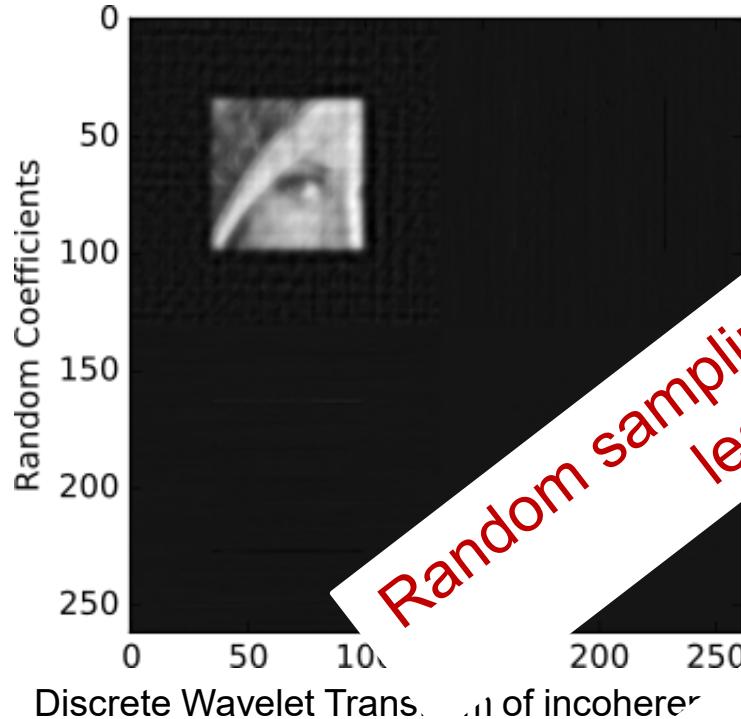
- Missing data in the DFT creates ambiguity about the image
- This manifests itself as reconstruction artefacts known as Ghosts



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# Reconstruction – Ghosts

- Random sampling creates incoherent Ghosts
- However, these Ghosts are also incoherent in an transform if the image is sparse, e.g. the wavelet transform
- We can threshold the Ghosts out, recovering the image



Random Sampling is great theoretically, but does not lead to speed ups in practice

Solution: Use Fractal Sampling

Low-Res. sampling

J-fill w/dc

CS wavelet + TV

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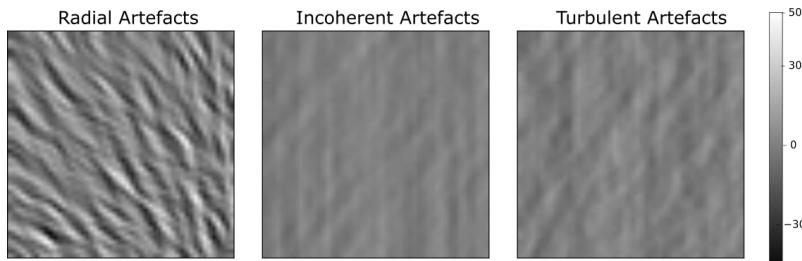
# Reconstruction – Turbulence



- The pattern and its process are akin to trying to see a reflection in the surface of a pond.
- When measuring completely, without trying to be efficient by getting all the information, it is as if there is no disturbance in the pond and the reflection is easy to see.
- However, the conditions must be perfect and, in terms of MRI, it takes a long time to acquire all these measurements, but the image is straight forward to obtain.
- When we discard or have missing measurements, it is as if the surface of the pond is no longer still.
- In fact, the pond surface becomes disturbed with many, many ripples that is usually no way to resolving or reconciling a face on the surface anymore.
- The fractal nature of the pattern allows us to do is to ensure that these ripples interact with each other in such a precise way that they all cancel each other out.
- The cancelling out is done by producing turbulence among the ripples and amounts to a chaotic mixing of image information, which is why the work is called Chaotic Sensing.

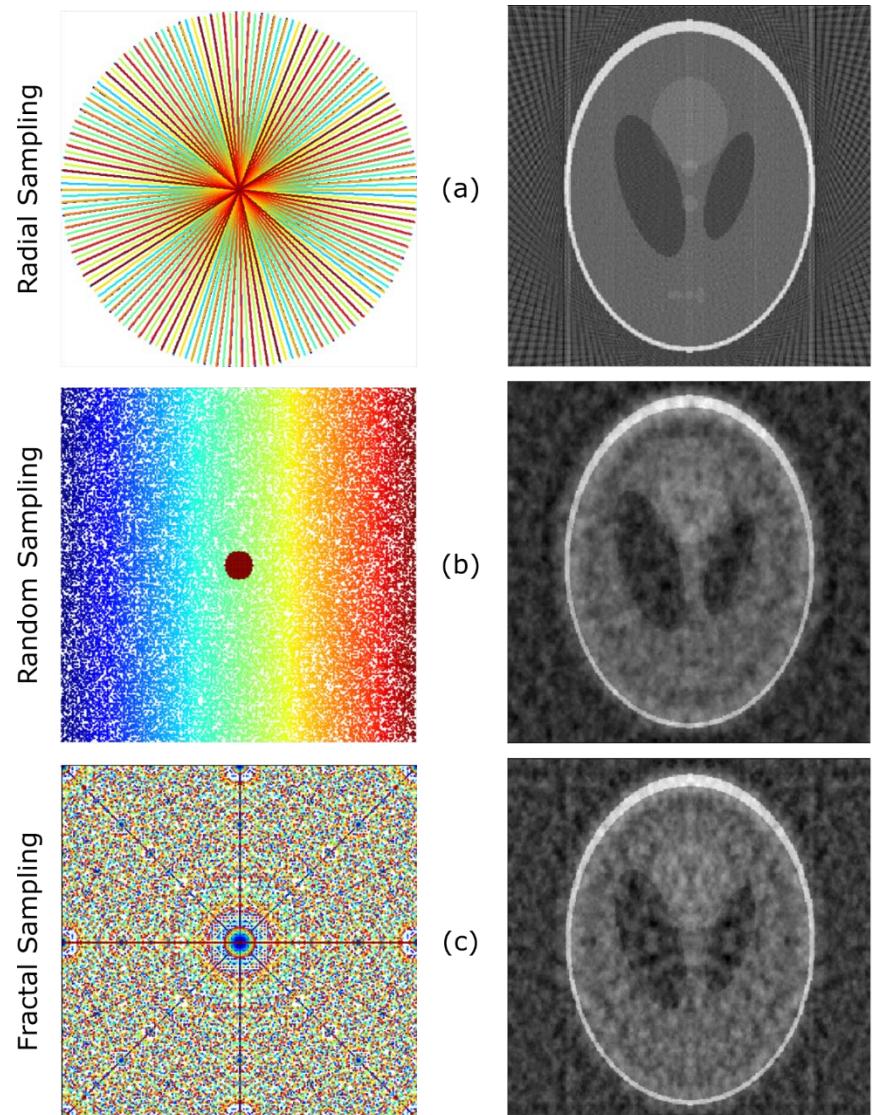
# Reconstruction – Turbulent Ghosts

- This fractal is important because it produces “turbulent” artefacts in the reconstruction
- The term ‘‘turbulent’’ is used because the artefacts are analogous to the dissipation of energy at large scales and low frequencies into many small scales and high frequencies
- It produces a multi-band response in image space, in the same way as fractal antennas were designed [11].



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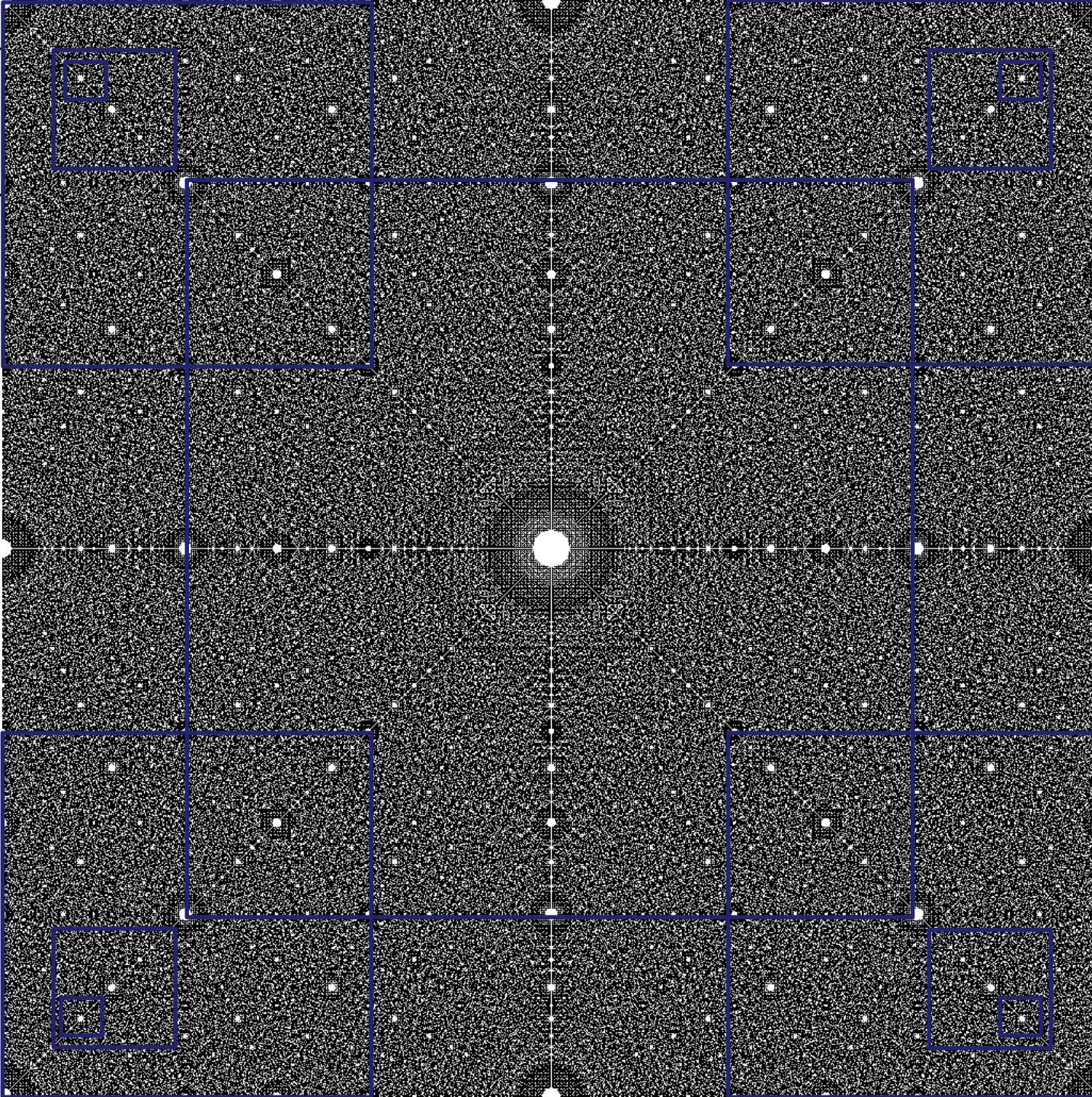


Radial Artefacts

Incoherent Artefacts

Turbulent Artefacts

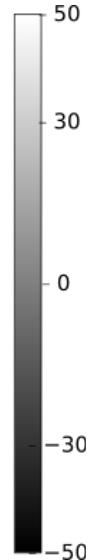
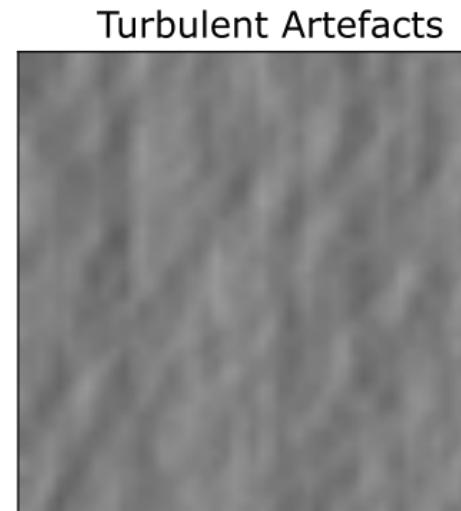
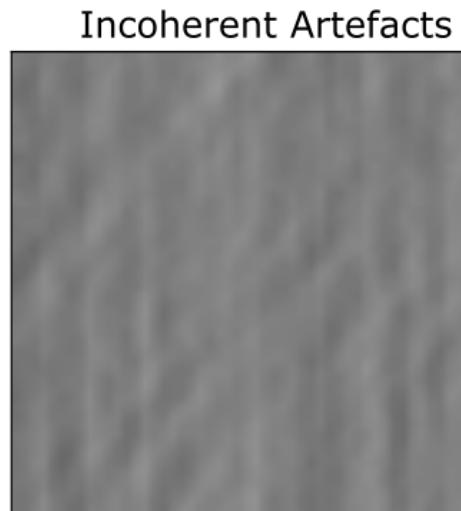
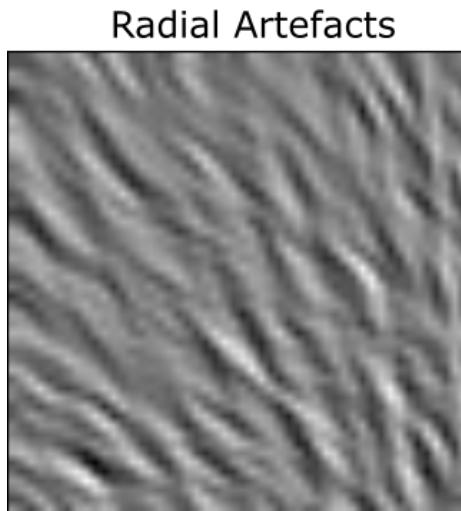
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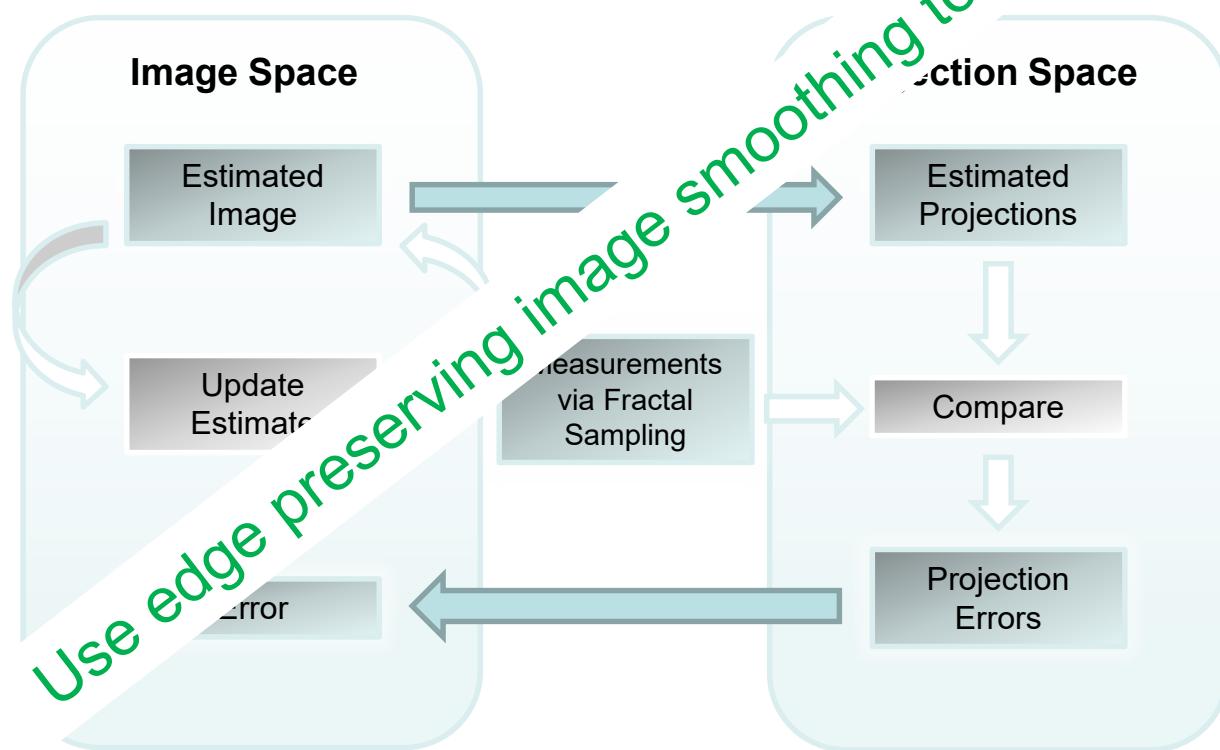
# Reconstruction – Turbulent Ghosts

- Using the measure of turbulence called turbulent intensity  $\tau$  (where  $\tau = \sigma(\vec{v})$ ,  $\vec{v} = g - \bar{g}$ ,  $g = \nabla I$ ,  $\vec{v}$  is known as the velocity fluctuation,  $\nabla I$  is the gradient of the image and  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation)
- The incoherent and turbulent artefacts have similar  $\tau$  values, while both being a few orders of magnitude different to the radial artefacts



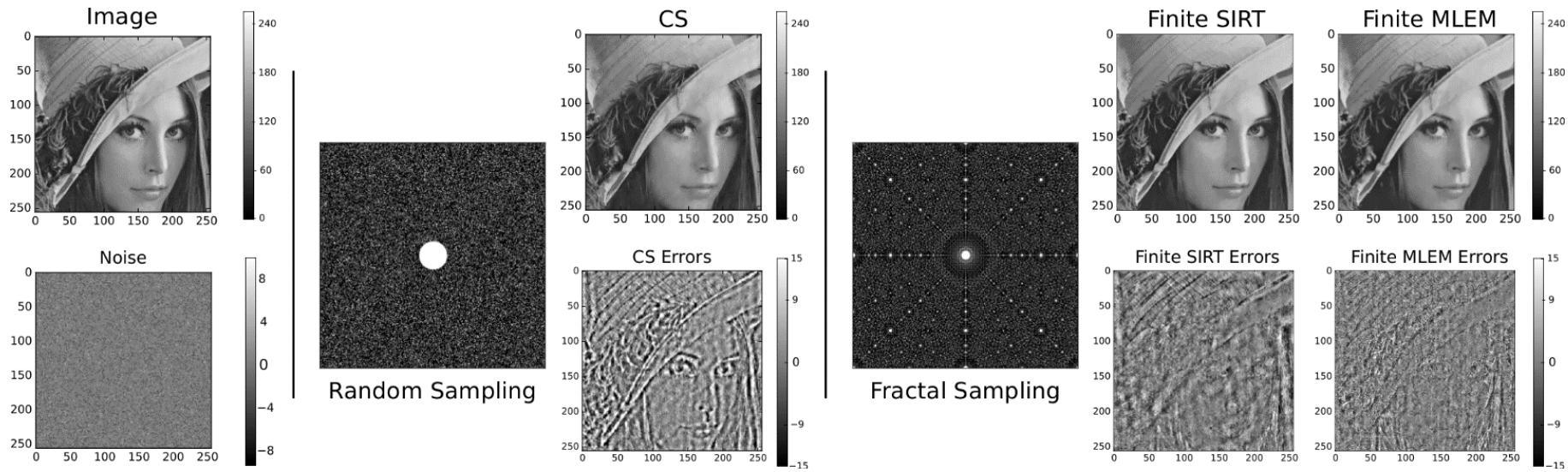
# Reconstruction – Fractal Decomposition

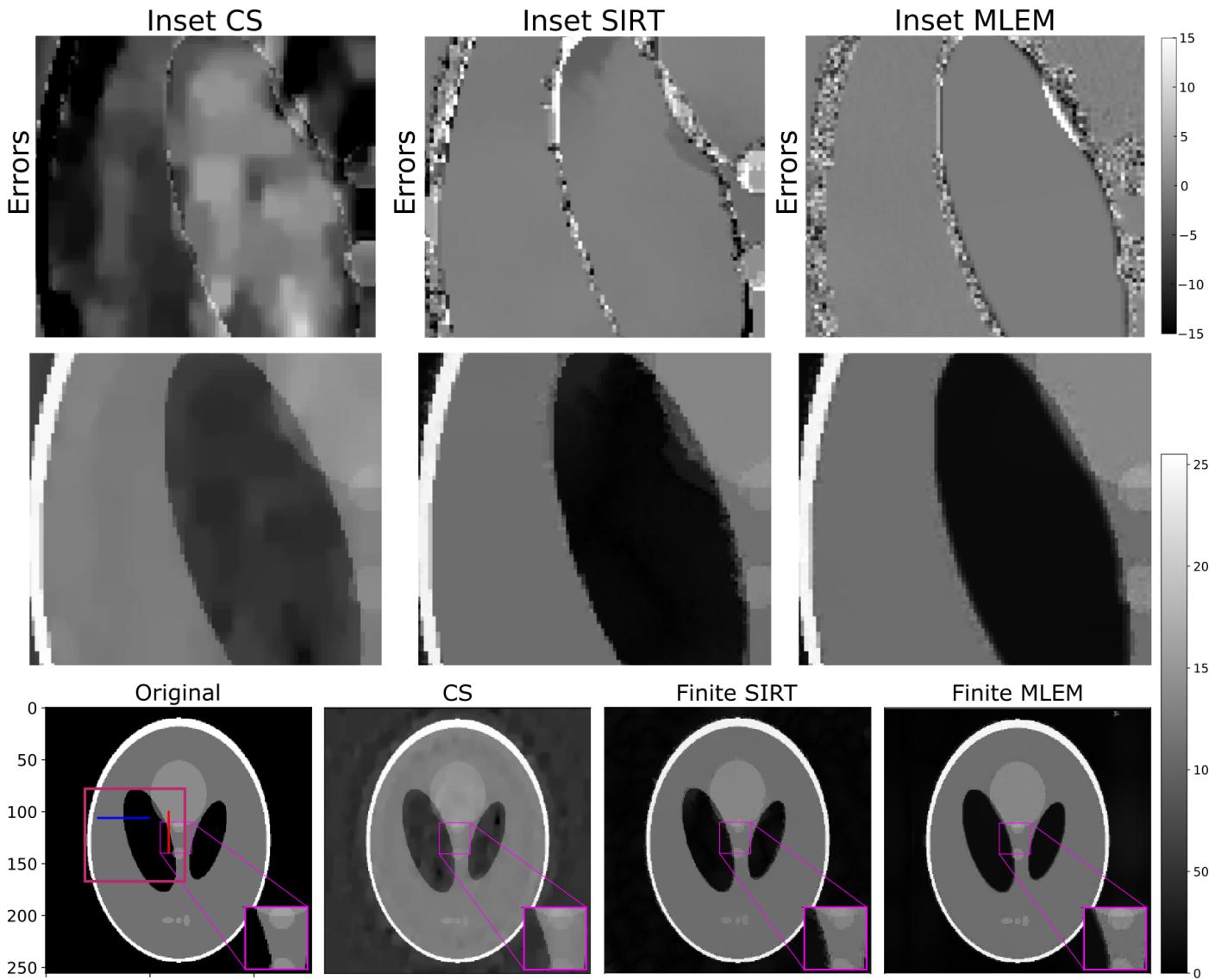
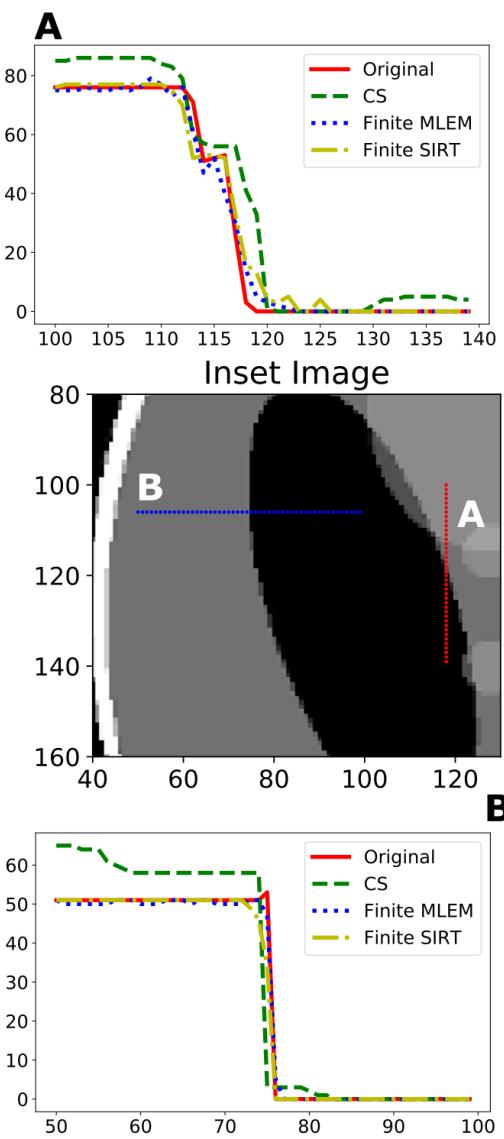
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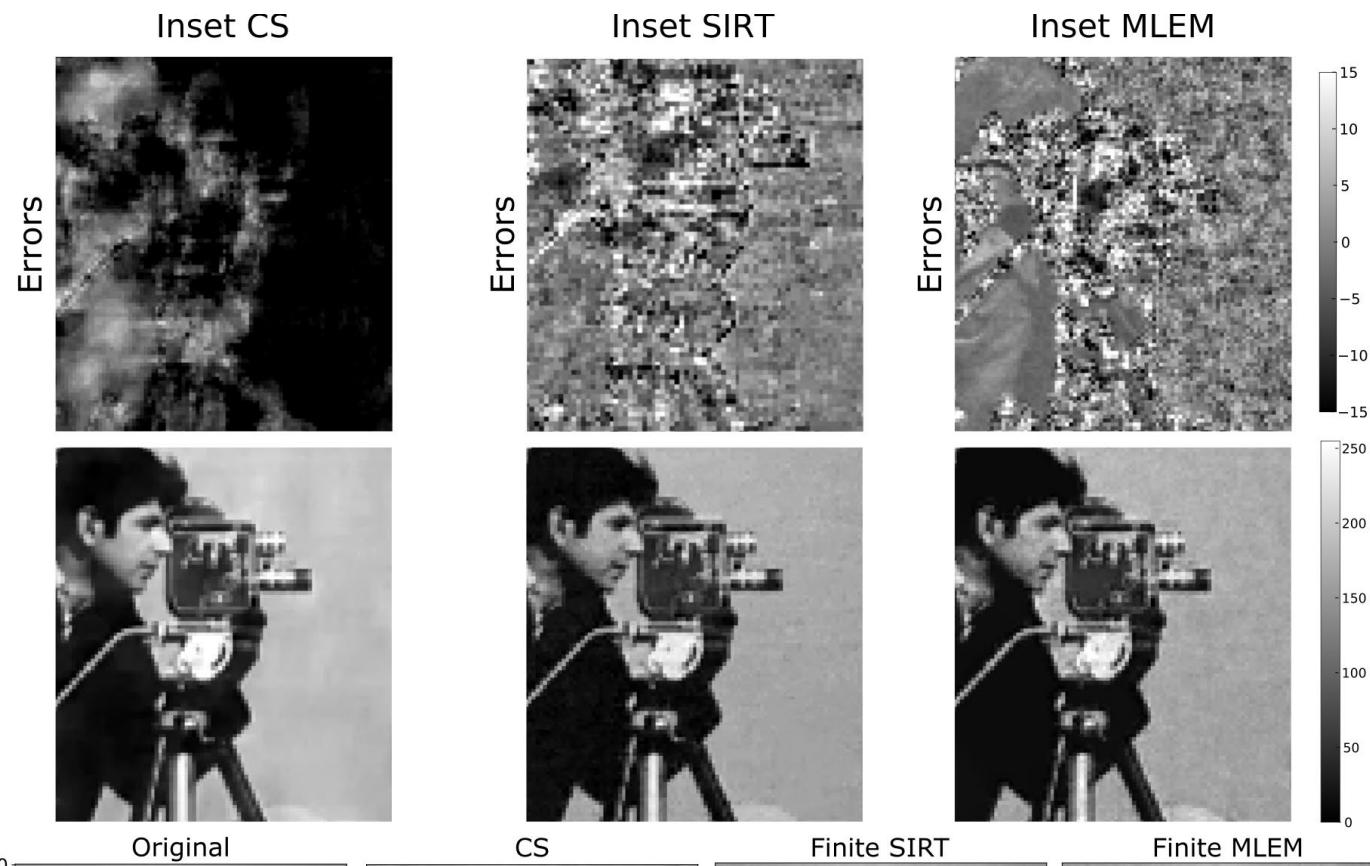
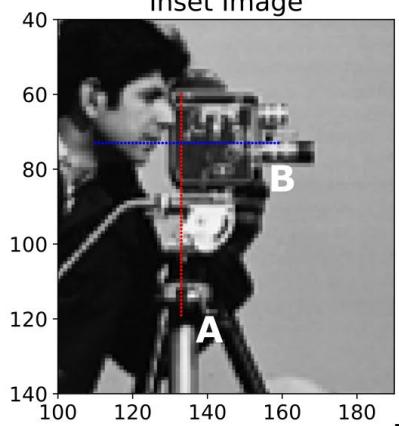
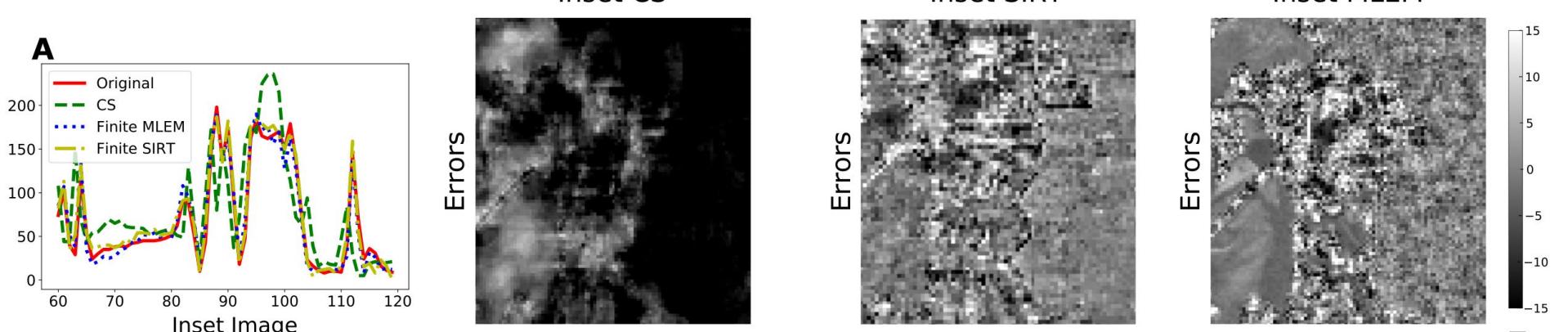
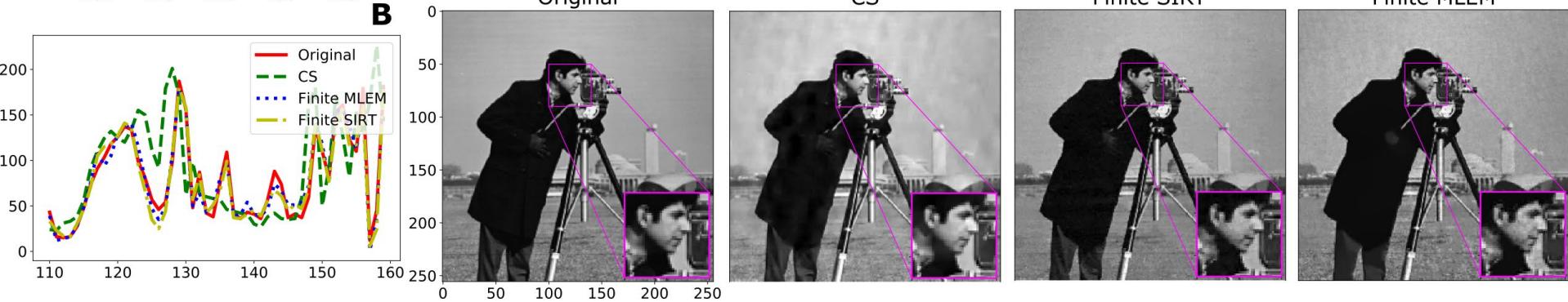


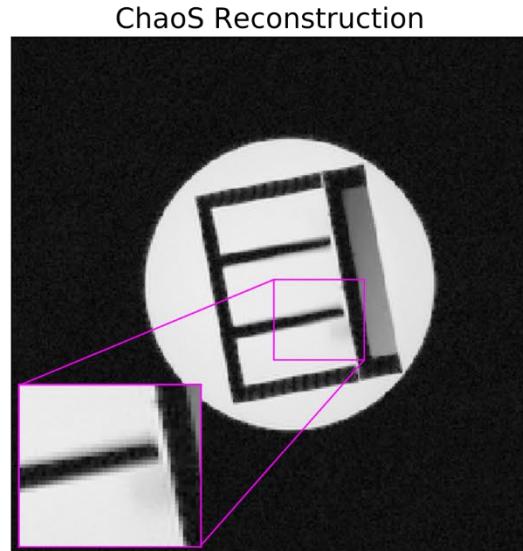
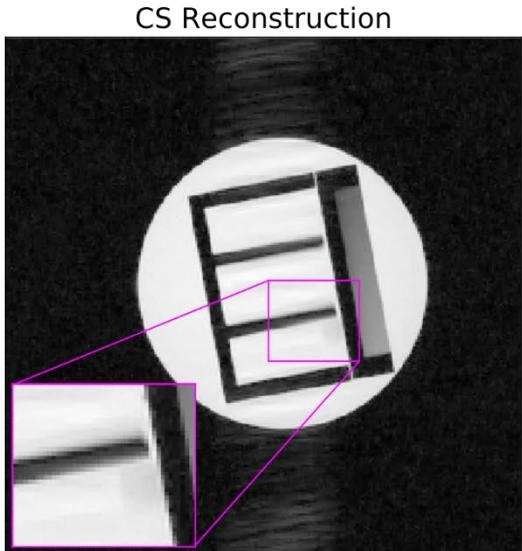
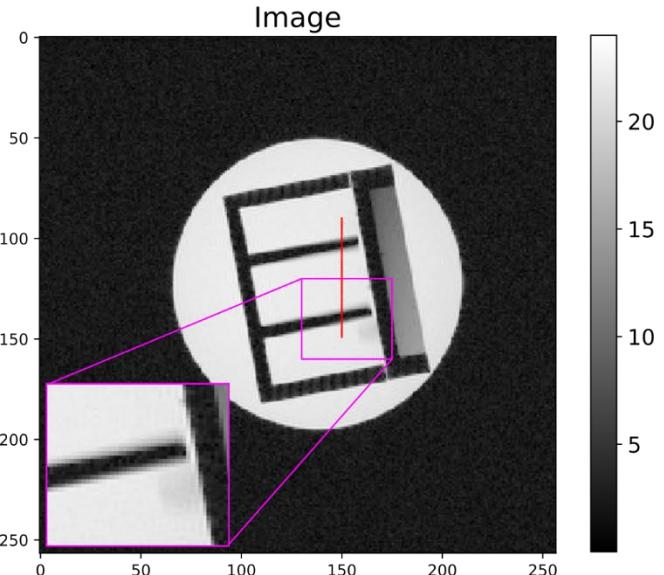
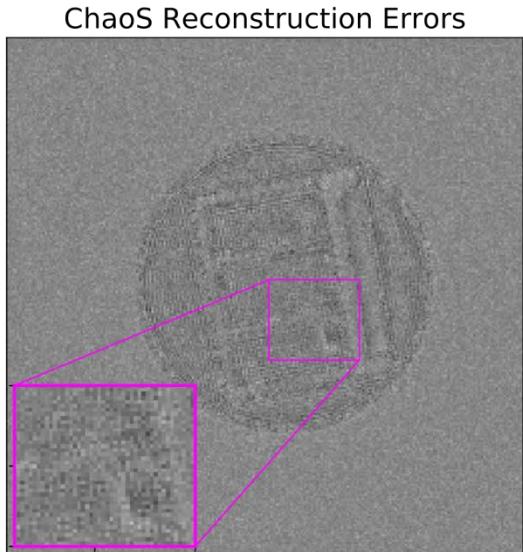
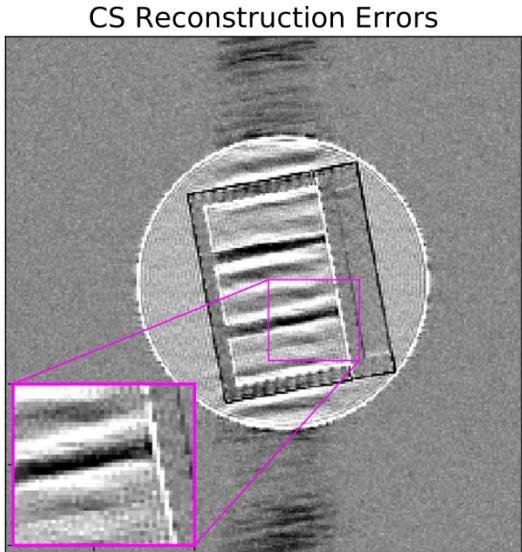
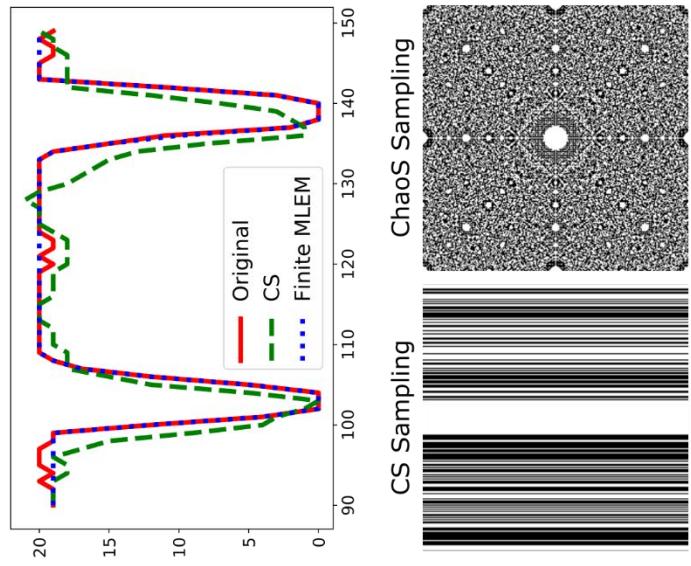
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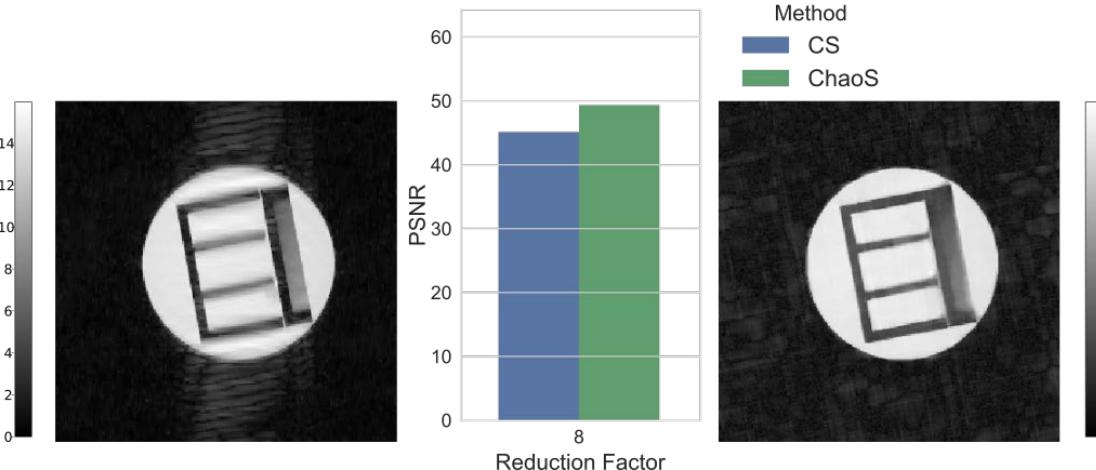
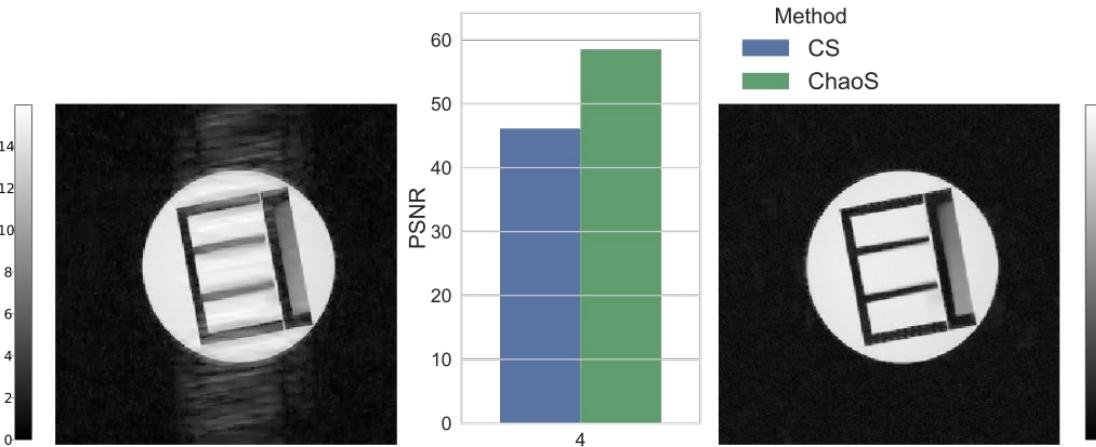
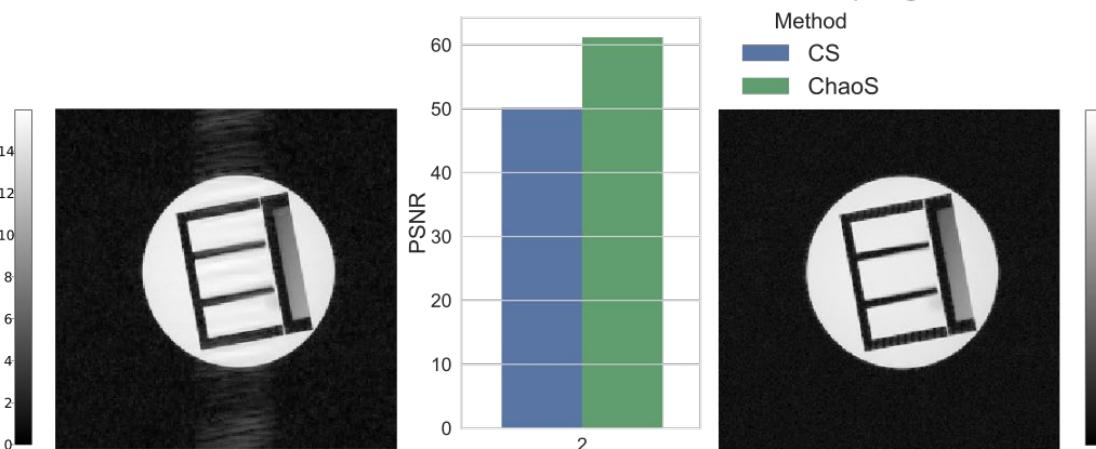


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## Reconstruction Performance vs Undersampling

- A factor of 4 reduction in number of measurements is possible without any significant loss of imaging information
- A factor of 8 although possible, would likely have poor signal-to-noise ratio.
- We hope to implement this scheme for small animals and later clinical pilots in the near future.



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# Conclusion

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- The discrete slice theorem is an important property of the DFT
- The periodicity of the DFT space can produce fractals
- We learnt that fractals could produce turbulence and turbulent artefacts
- A new finite fractal in the DFT allows for speed ups in MR image acquisition through the use of limited imaging data and turbulence.
- Further work is required in understanding the fractal and if other applications of the turbulent nature of DFT can be found

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