

# A Simple Framework for Analog Compressive Sensing

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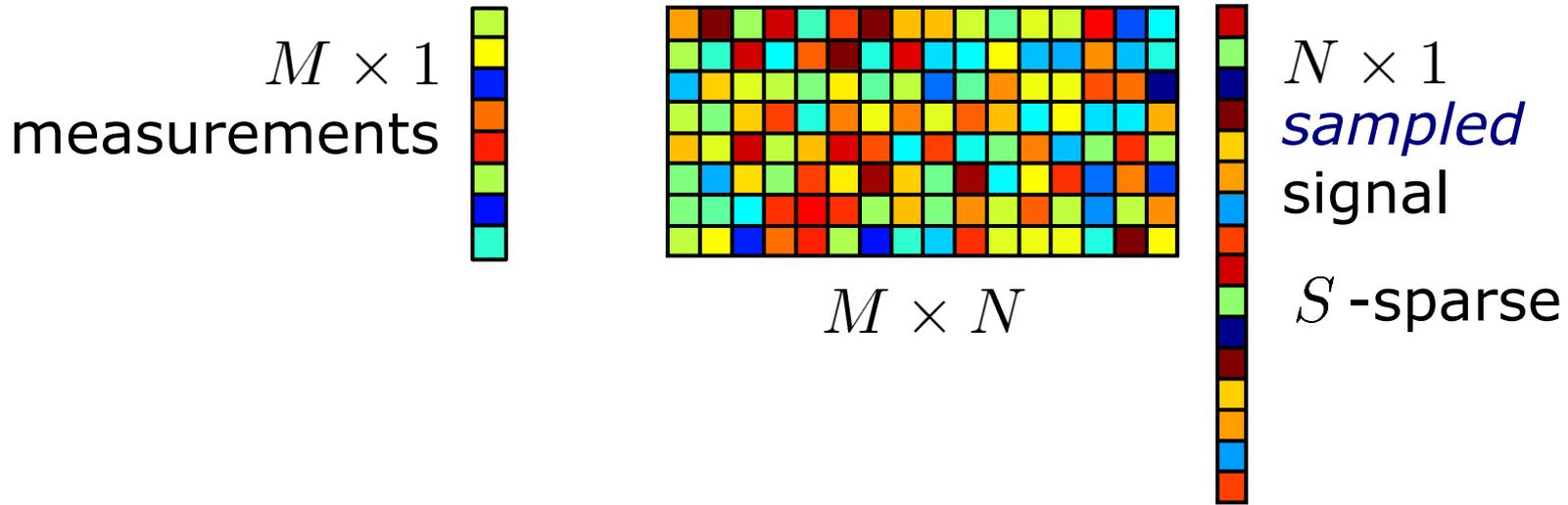
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# Compressive Sensing (CS)

$$y = \Phi x$$



Can we really acquire analog signals with "CS"?

# Potential Obstacles



*Obstacle 1:* CS is discrete, finite-dimensional

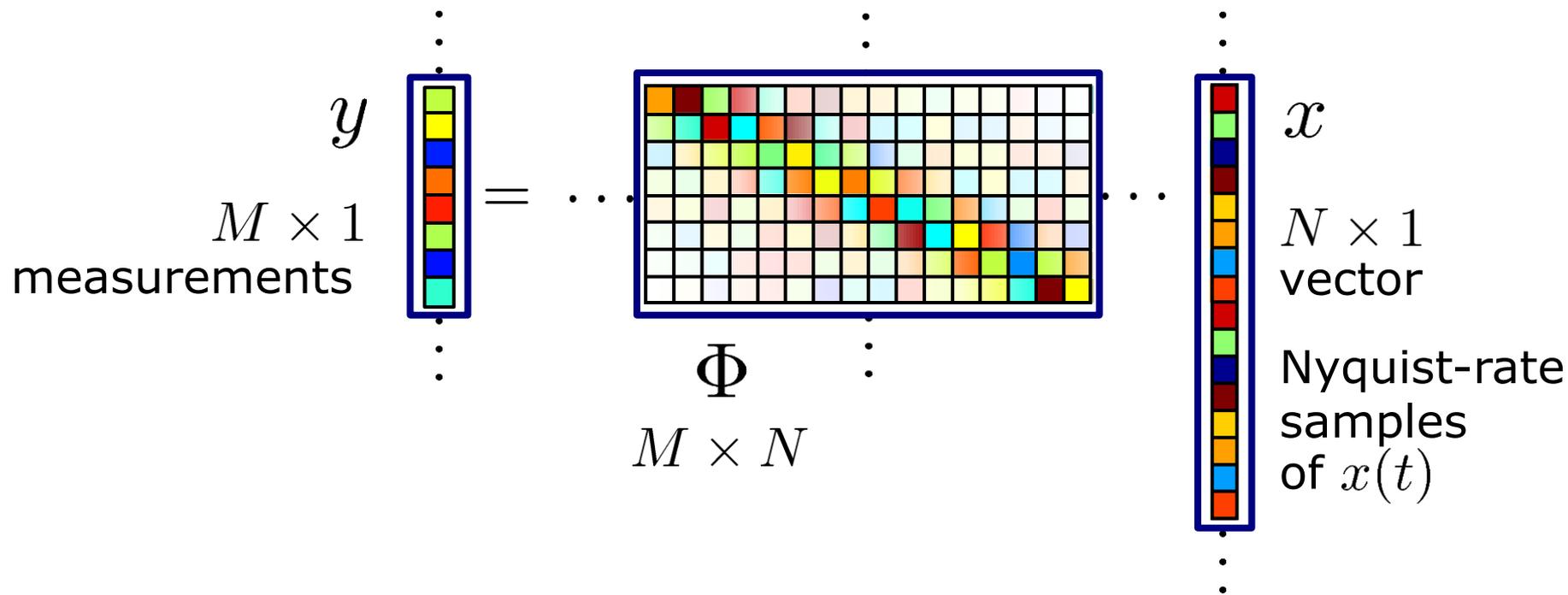
*Obstacle 2:* Analog sparse representations

# Obstacle 1

Map analog sensing to matrix multiplication

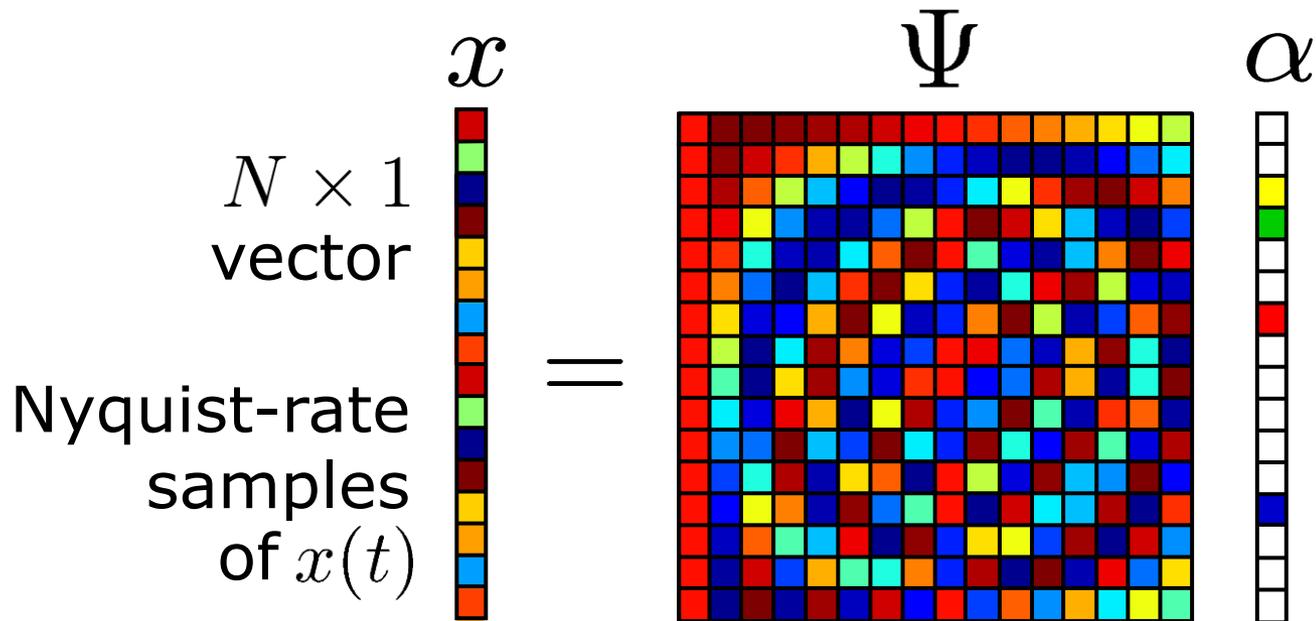
If  $x(t)$  is bandlimited,

$$y[m] = \langle \phi_m(t), x(t) \rangle = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] \langle \phi_m(t), \text{sinc}(t/T_s - n) \rangle$$



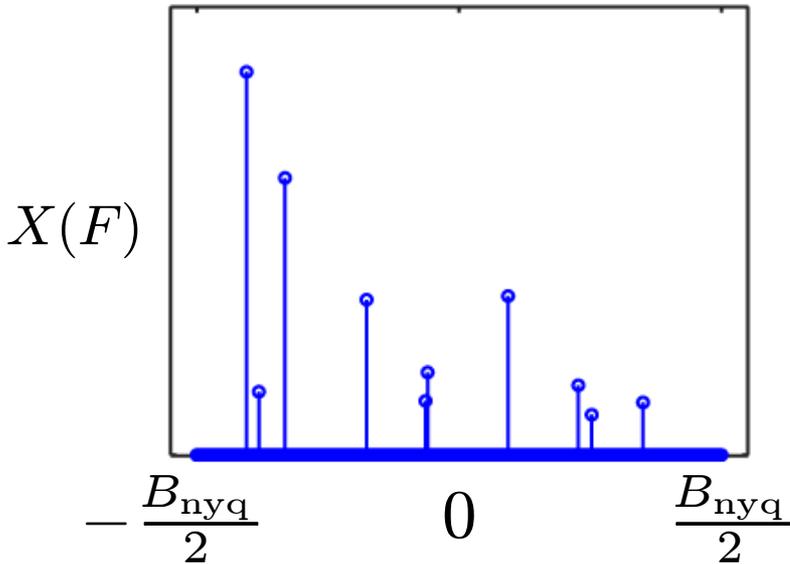
# Obstacle 2

Map analog sparsity into digital sparsity



# Candidate Analog Signal Models

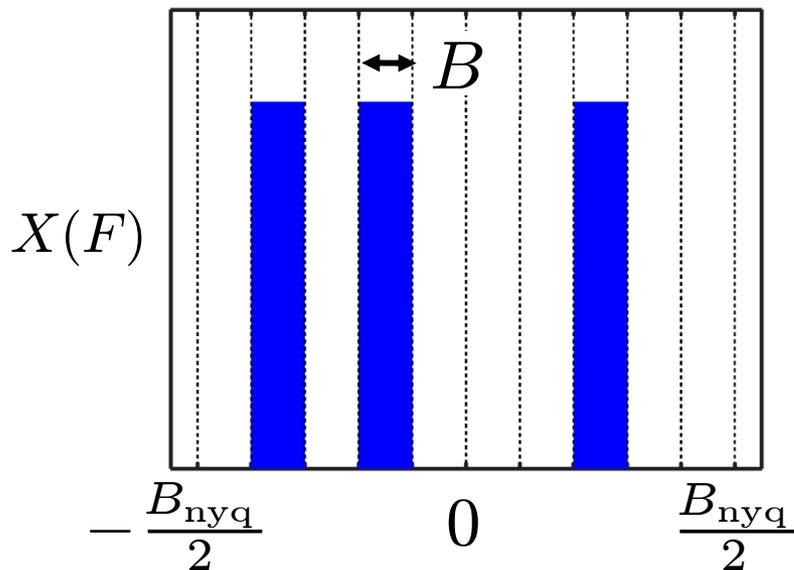
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multitone	sum of $S$ tones	overcomplete DFT	$S$ -sparse



- Typical model in CS
- Coherence
- “Off-grid” tones

# Candidate Analog Signal Models

	Model for $x(t)$	Basis for $x$	Sparsity level for $x$
multitone	sum of $S$ tones	overcomplete DFT	$S$ -sparse
multiband	sum of $K$ bands	?	?



- Landau
- Bresler, Feng, Venkataramani
- Eldar, Mishali

# The Problem with the DFT

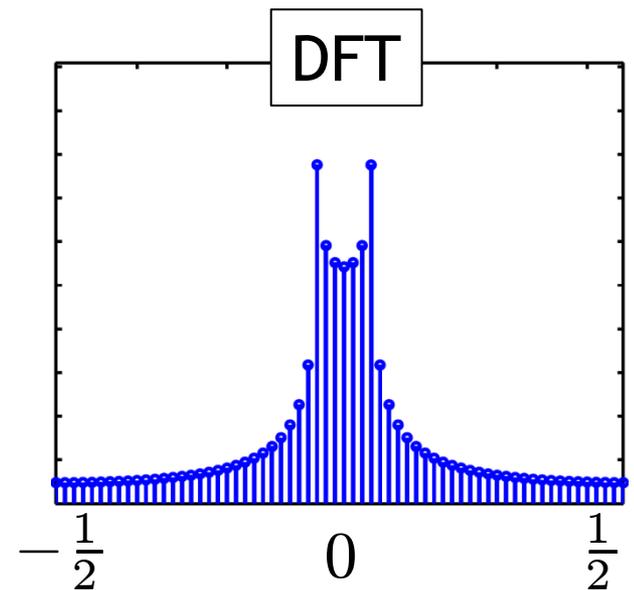
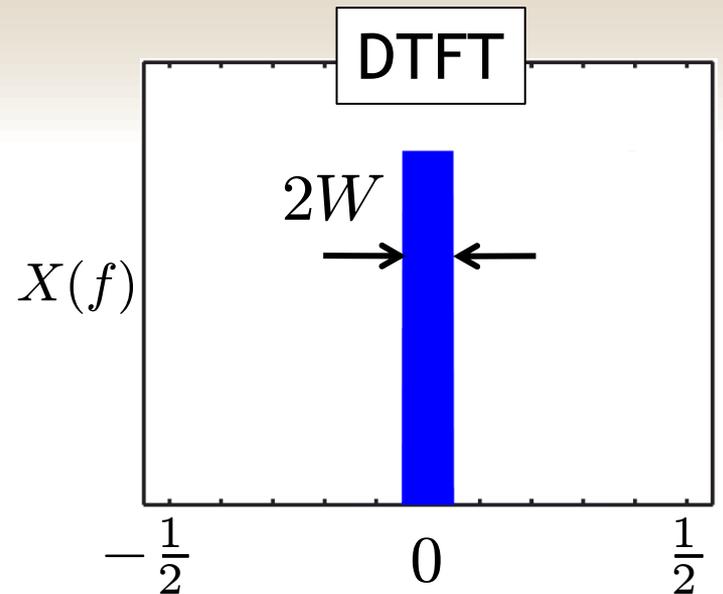
$$x[n] = \int_{-W}^W X(f) e^{j2\pi f n} df, \quad \forall n$$



time-limiting

$$x = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_k e^{\frac{k}{N}}, \quad e_f := \begin{bmatrix} e^{j2\pi f 0} \\ e^{j2\pi f} \\ \vdots \\ e^{j2\pi f(N-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

**NOT SPARSE**



# Another Perspective: Subspace Fitting

$$e_f := \begin{bmatrix} e^{j2\pi f0} \\ e^{j2\pi f} \\ \vdots \\ e^{j2\pi f(N-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose that we wish to minimize

$$\int_{-W}^W \|e_f - P_Q e_f\|_2^2 df$$

over all subspaces  $Q$  of dimension  $k$ .

Optimal subspace is spanned  
by the first  $k$  “DPSS vectors”.

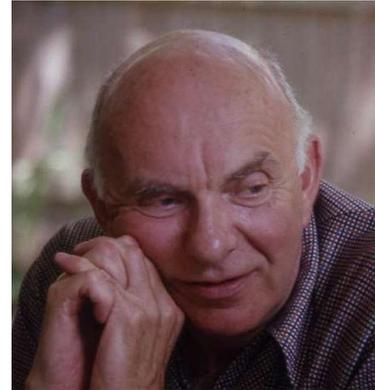
# Discrete Prolate Spheroidal Sequences (DPSS's)

*Slepian [1978]*: Given an integer  $N$  and  $W \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , the DPSS's are a collection of  $N$  vectors

$$s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{N-1} \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

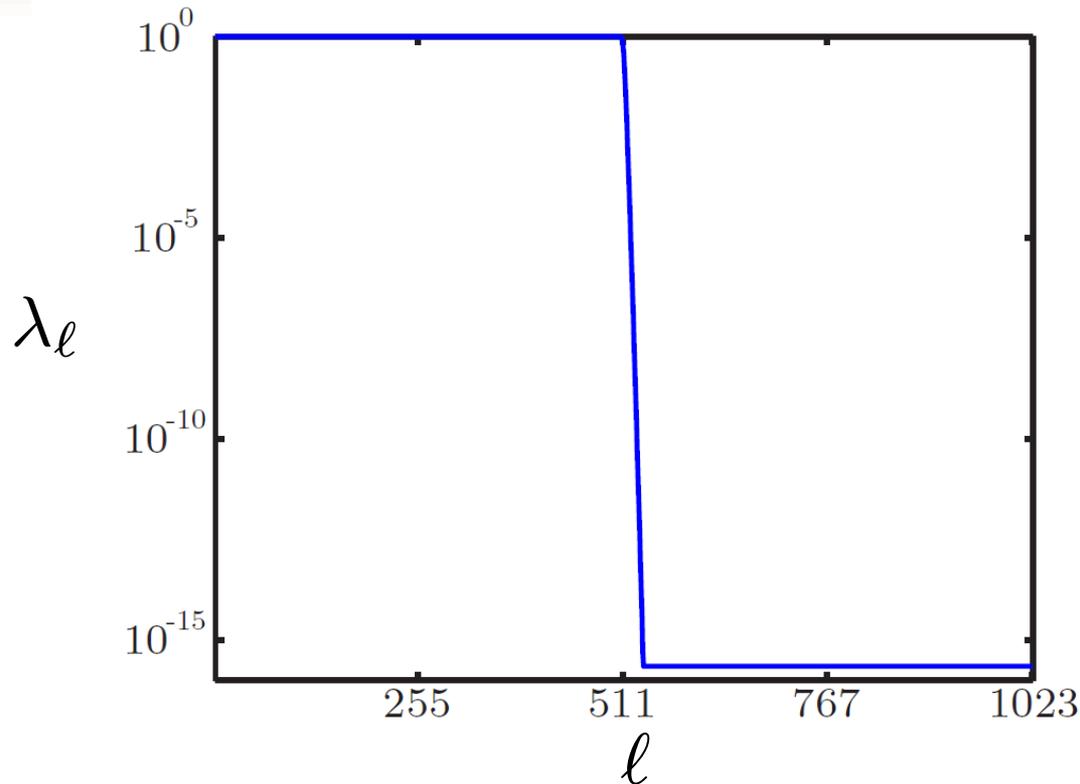
that satisfy

$$\mathcal{T}_N(\mathcal{B}_W(s_\ell)) = \lambda_\ell s_\ell.$$



The DPSS's are perfectly time-limited, but when  $\lambda_\ell \approx 1$  they are highly concentrated in frequency.

# DPSS Eigenvalue Concentration



$$N = 1024$$

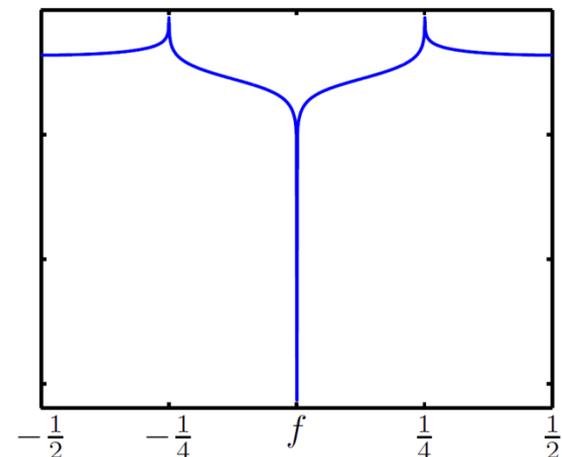
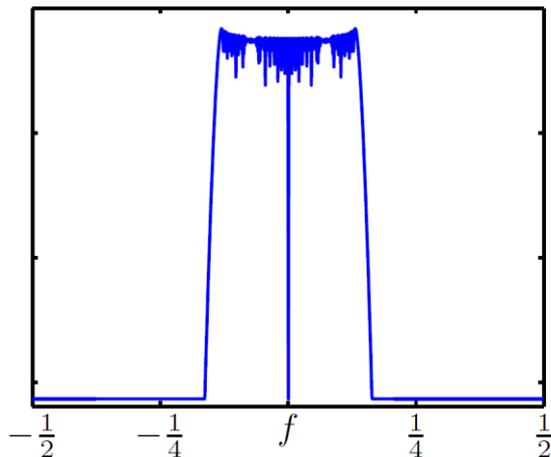
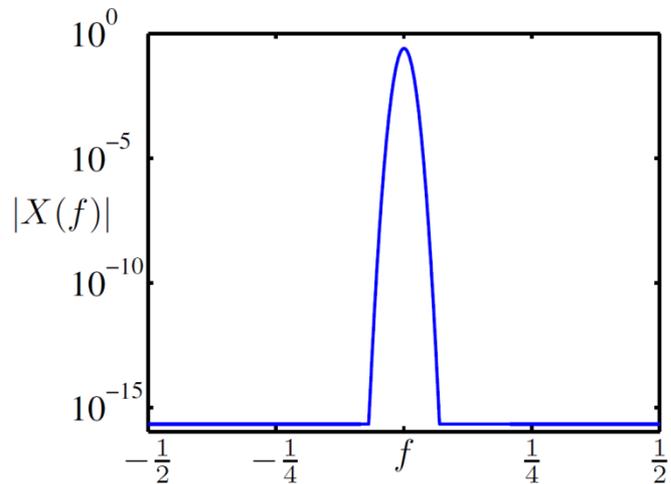
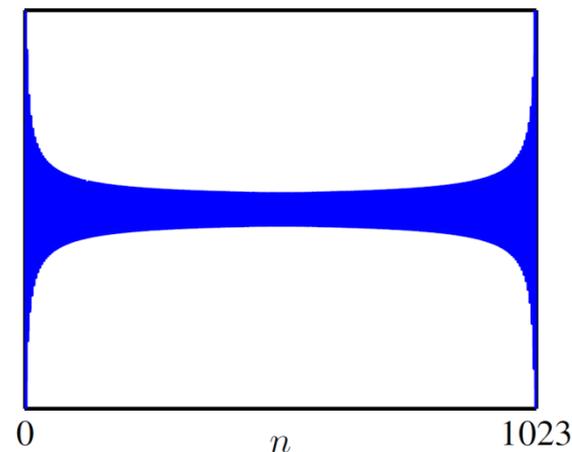
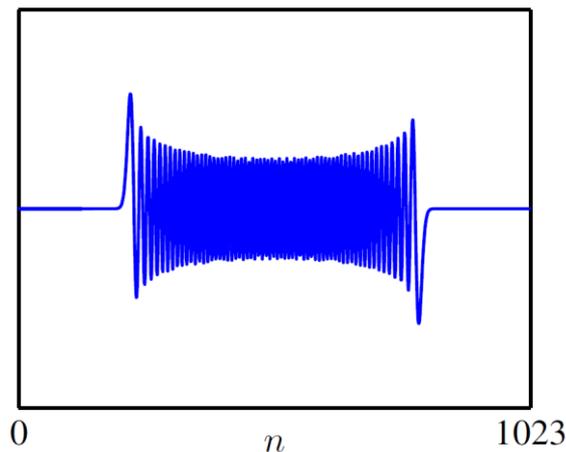
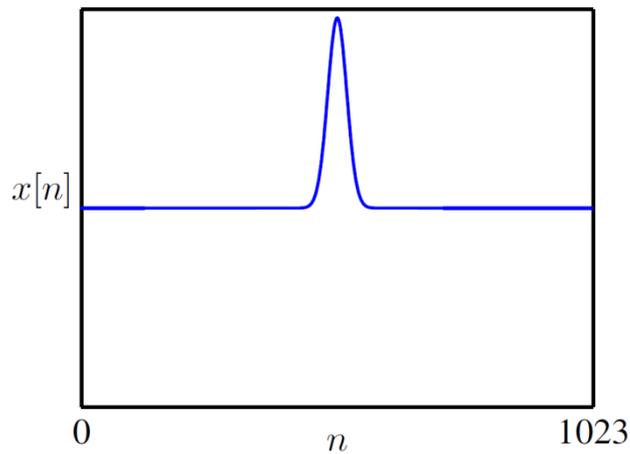
$$W = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$2NW = 512$$

The first  $\approx 2NW$  eigenvalues  $\approx 1$ .  
The remaining eigenvalues  $\approx 0$ .

# DPSS Examples

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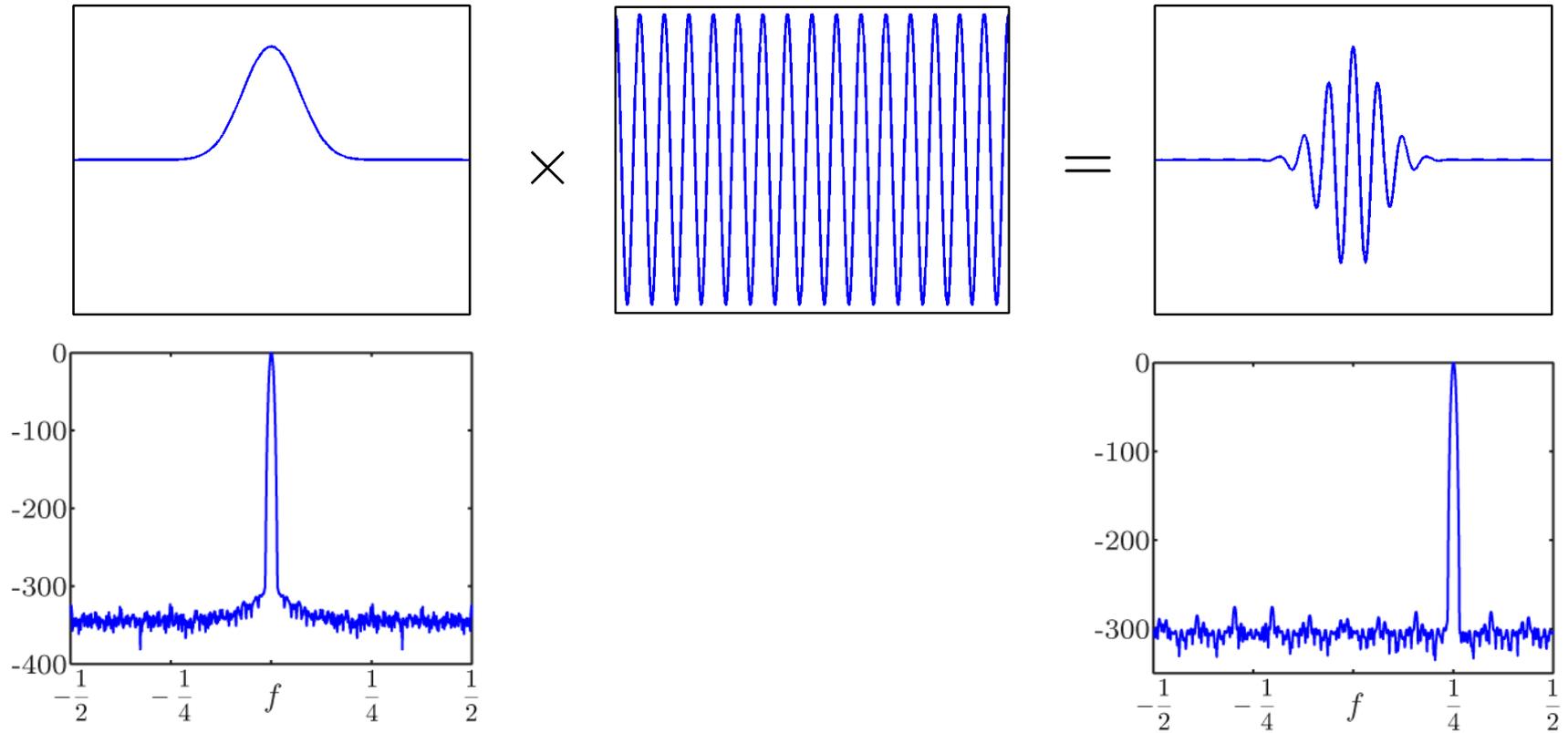


$$\ell = 0$$

$$\ell = 127$$

$$\ell = 511$$

# DPSS's for Bandpass Signals



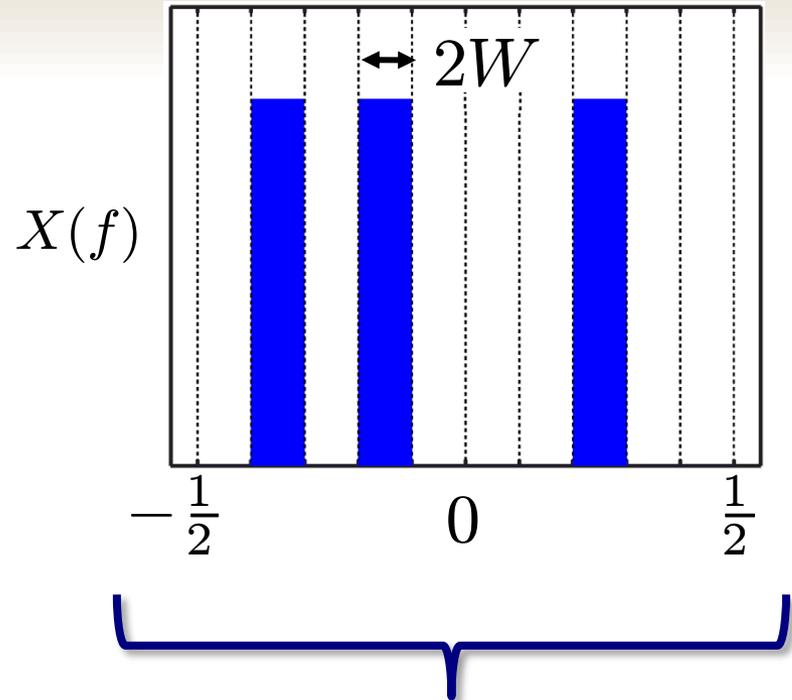
# DPSS Dictionaries for CS

Modulate  $k$  DPSS vectors  
to center of each band:

$$\Psi = [\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_J]$$



approximately square  
if  $k \approx 2NW$



$J$  possible bands

Most multiband signals, when sampled and time-limited,  
are well-approximated by a sparse representation in  $\Psi$ .

# Block-Sparse Recovery

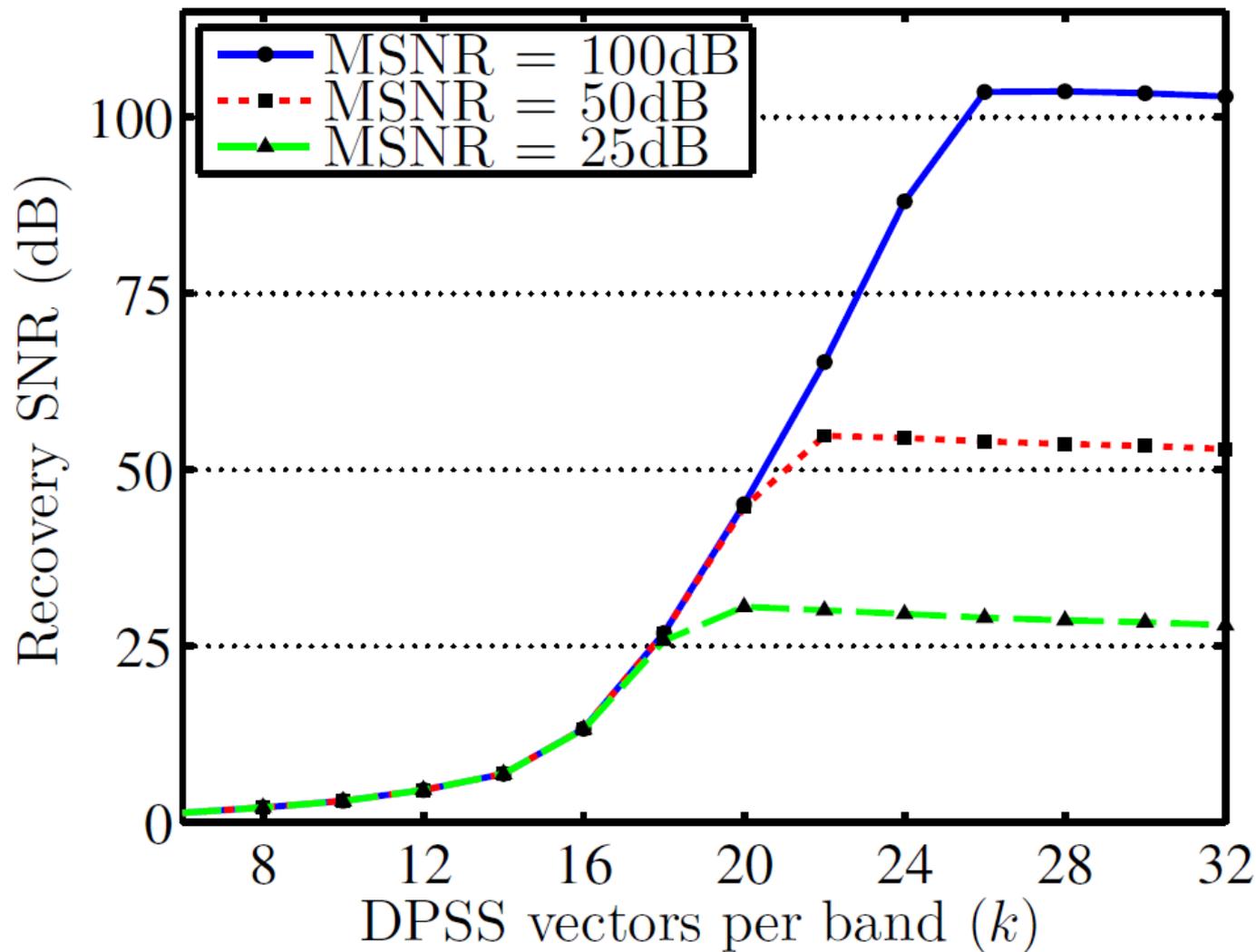
Nonzero coefficients of  $\alpha$  should be clustered in blocks according to the occupied frequency bands

$$x = [\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_J] \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_J \end{bmatrix}$$

This can be leveraged to reduce the required number of measurements and improve performance through “model-based CS”

- Baraniuk et al. [2008], Blumensath and Davies [2009, 2011]
- Group LASSO

# Empirical Results: Noise



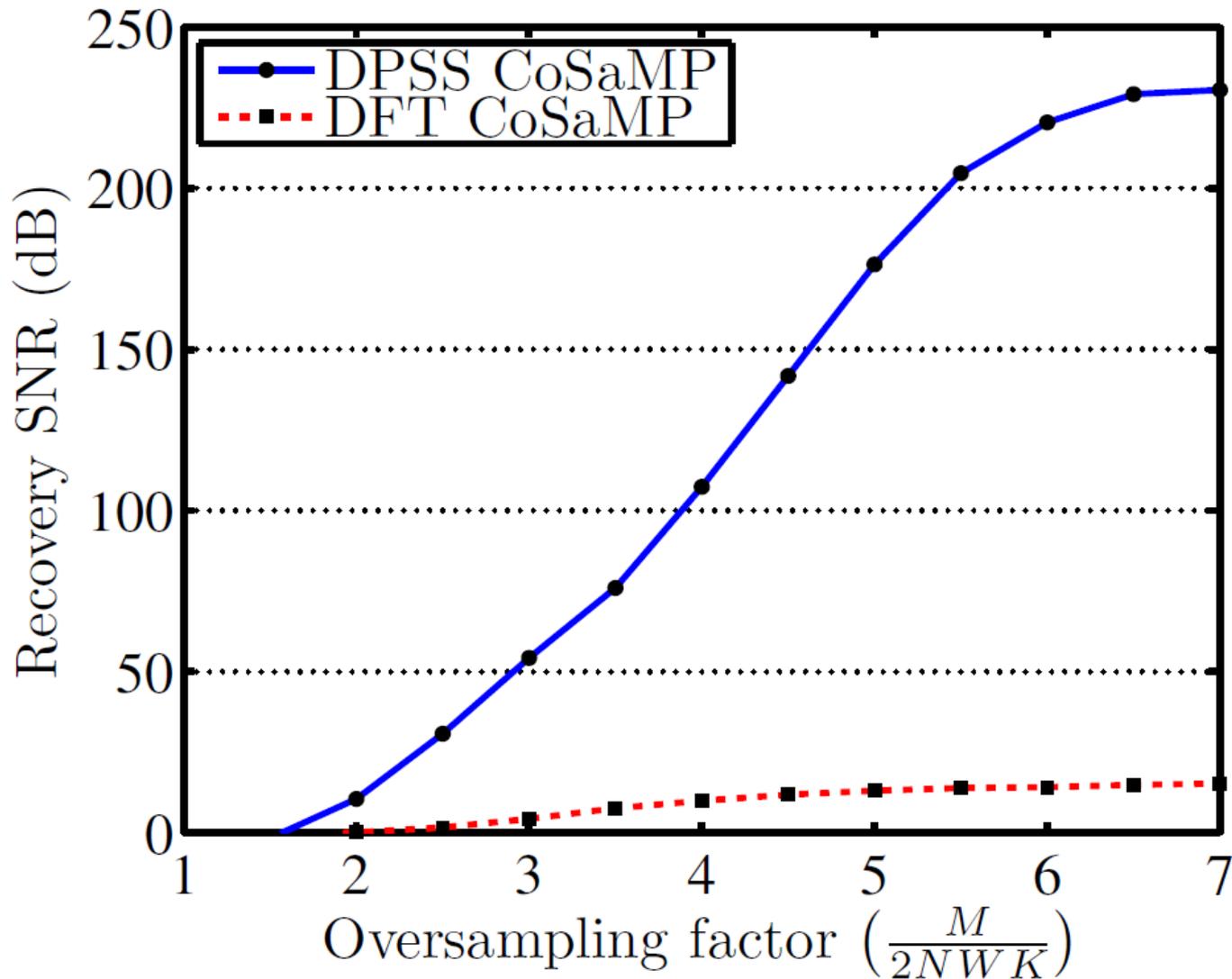
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$$M = 512$$

$$K = 5$$

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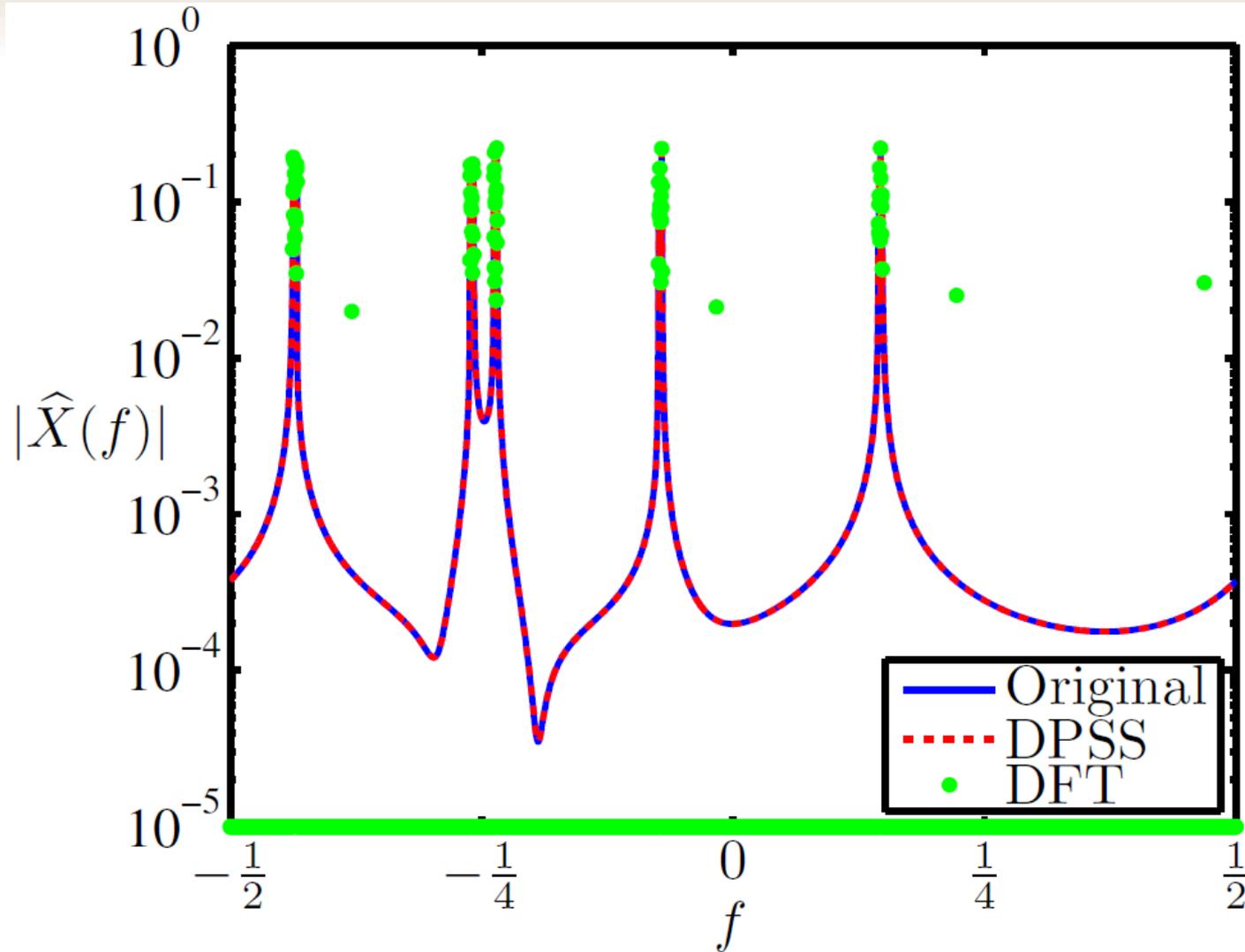


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# Conclusions

- DPSS's can be used to efficiently represent *most* sampled multiband signals
  - far superior to DFT
- Two types of error: *approximation* + *reconstruction*
  - approximation: small for most signals
  - reconstruction: tends to be small
  - delicate balance in practice, seems to be a sweet spot
- This approach combines careful design of  $\Psi$  with more sophisticated sparse models
  - relevant in many contexts beyond ADCs