# Sparse Fourier Transform (lecture 2)

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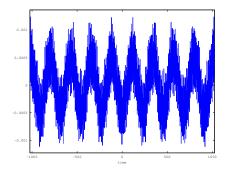
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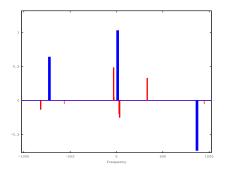
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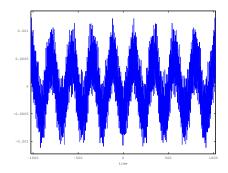
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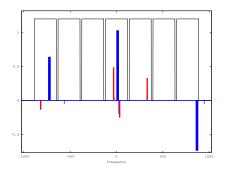
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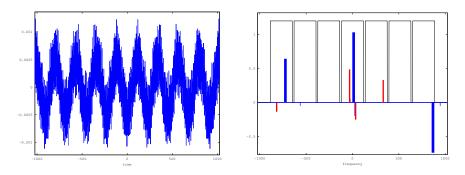
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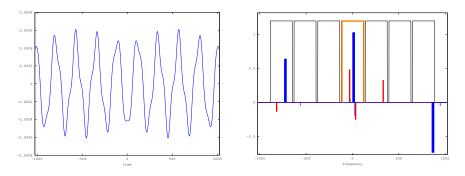






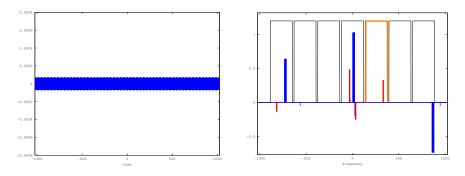
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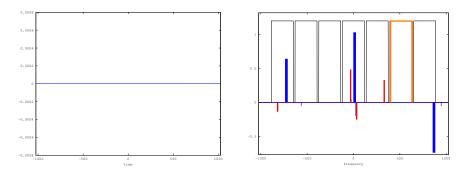
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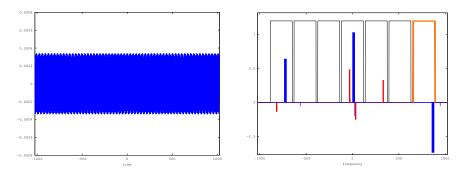
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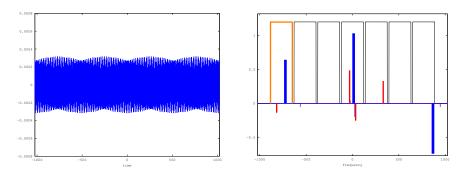
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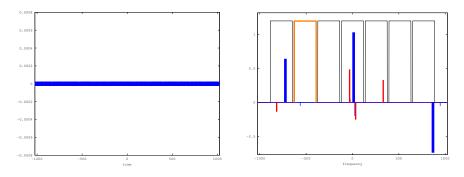
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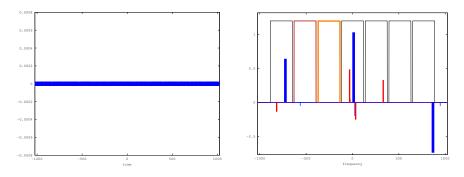
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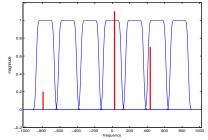
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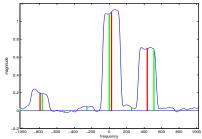
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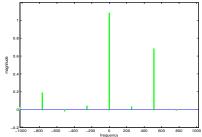
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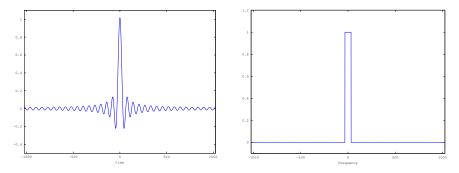
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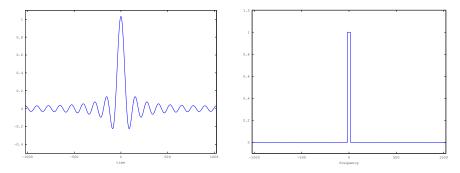
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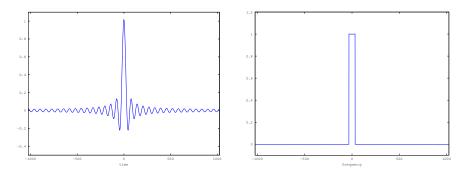
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To sample all signals  $u^{j}$ , j = 0, ..., B - 1 in time domain, it suffices to compute

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Computing  $x \cdot G$  takes supp(G) samples.

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- recovery algorithm (k-sparse noiseless case)

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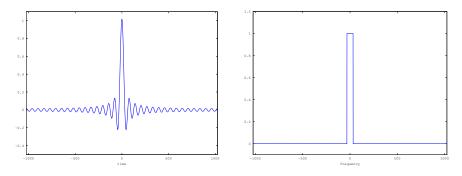
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- select b uniformly at random from [n]
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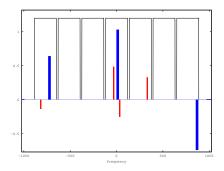
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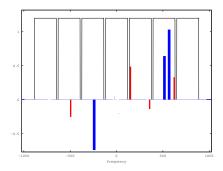
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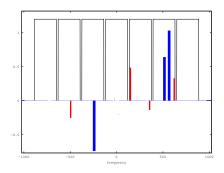


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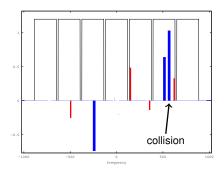
Our filter  $\hat{G}$  will approximate the boxcar. Bound collision probability now.







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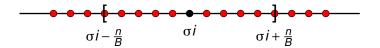
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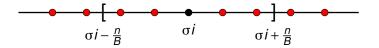
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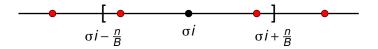
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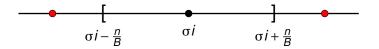
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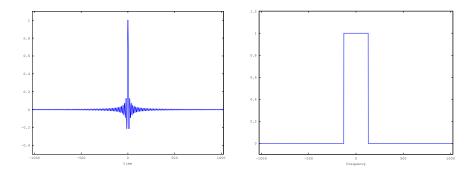
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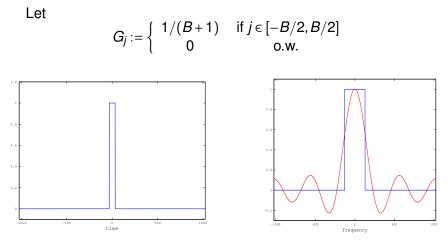
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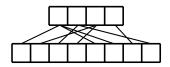


Approximate rectangular filter with a filter G with small support?

#### Need supp(G) $\approx k$ , so perhaps turn the filter around?



Have supp(G) =  $B \approx k$ , but buckets leak



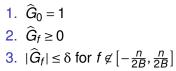


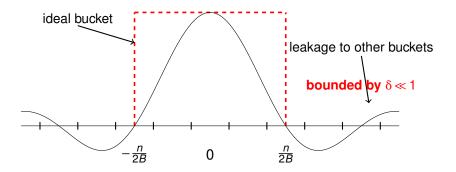


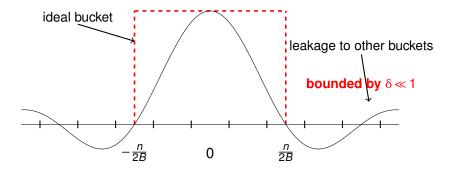
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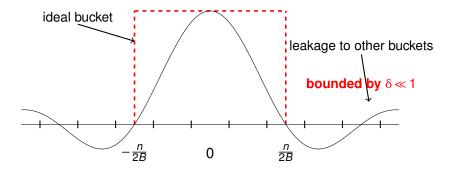






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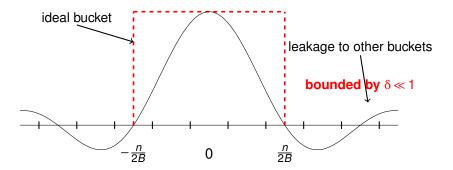


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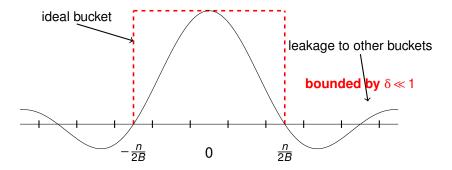


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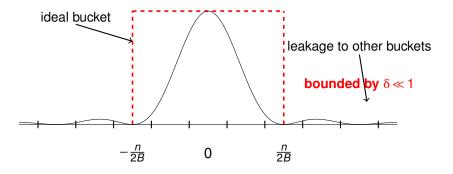


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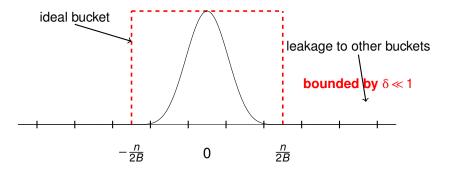
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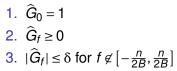
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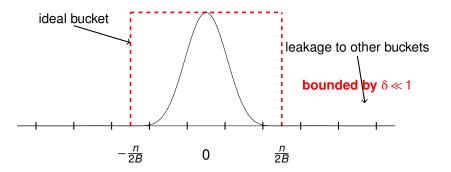
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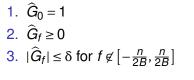
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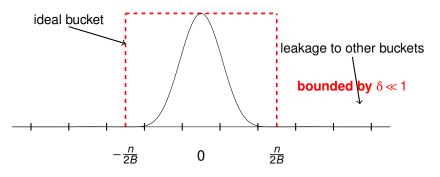




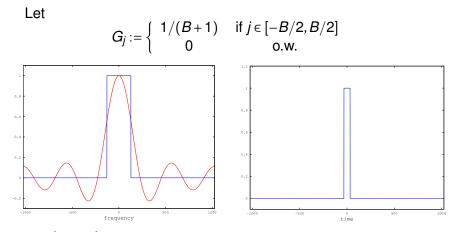
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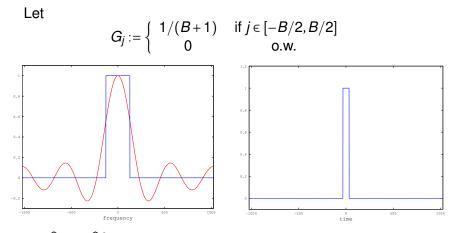




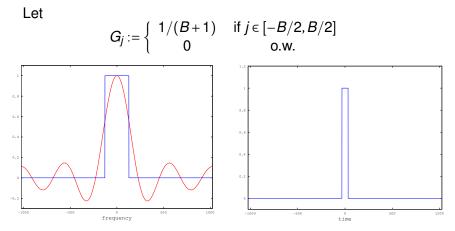
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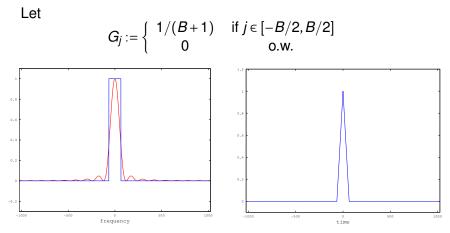


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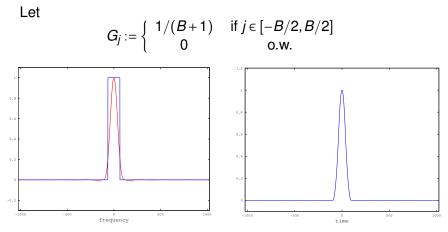


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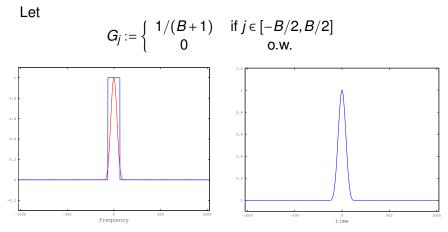
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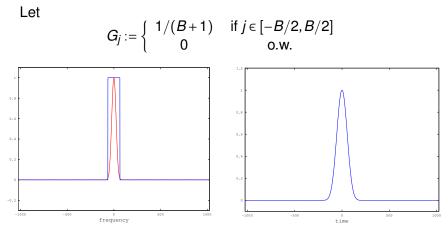
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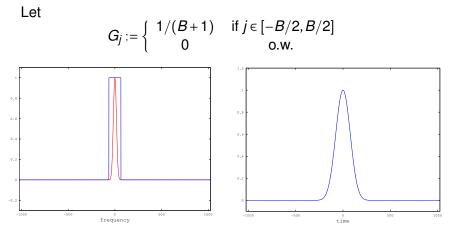
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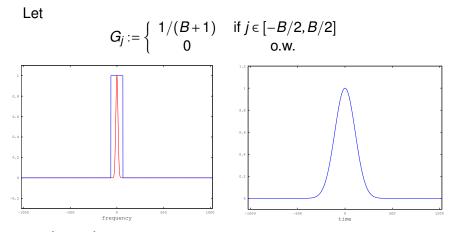
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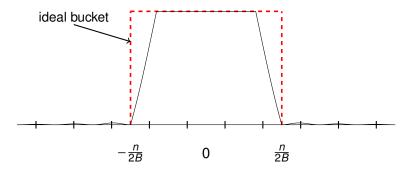
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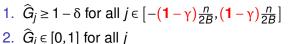
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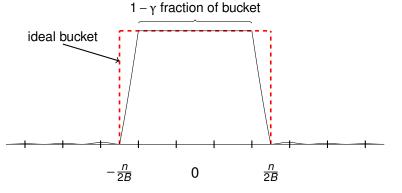
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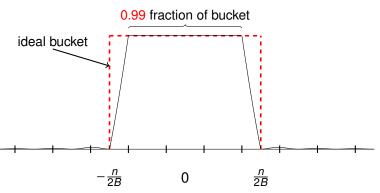
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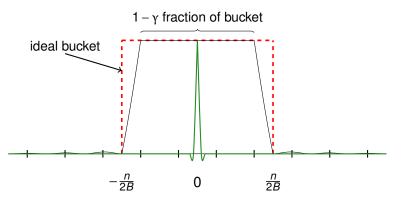
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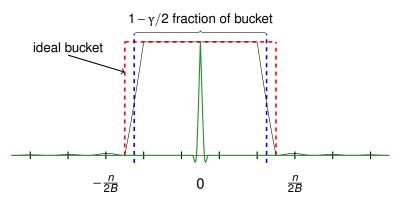


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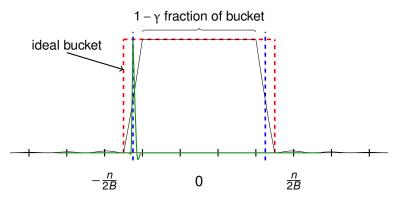
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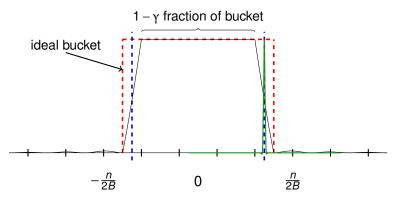
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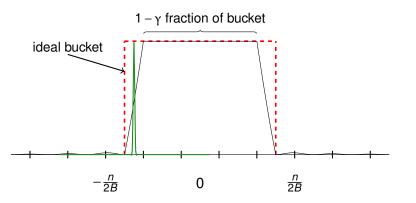
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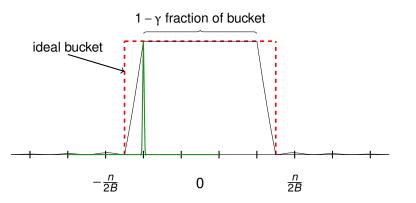
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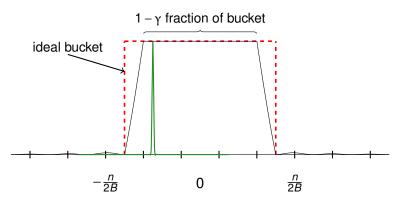
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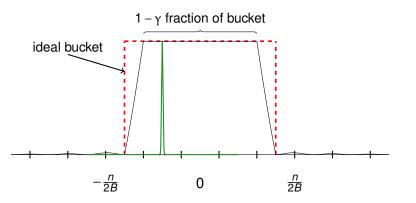
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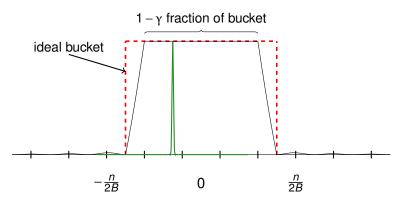
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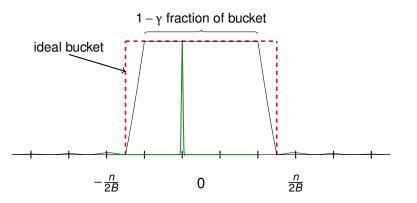
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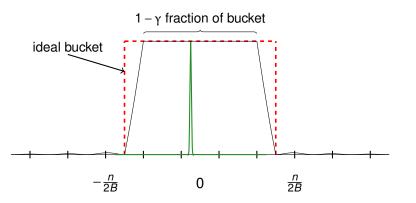
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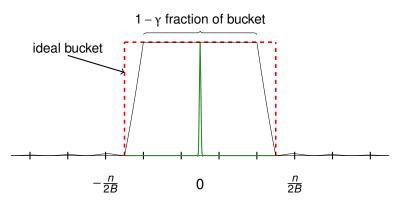
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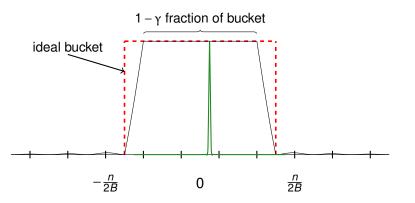
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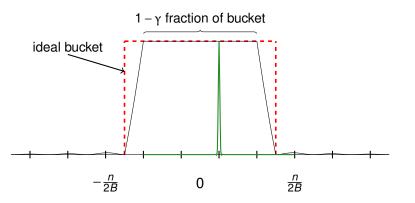
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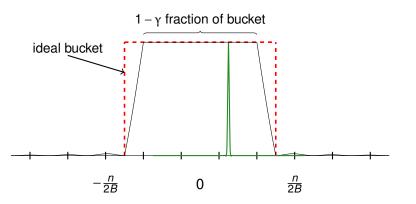
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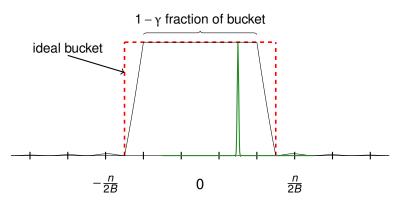
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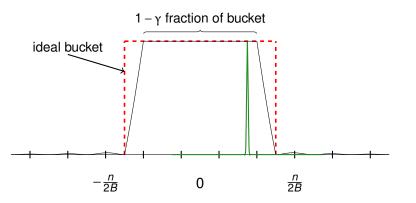
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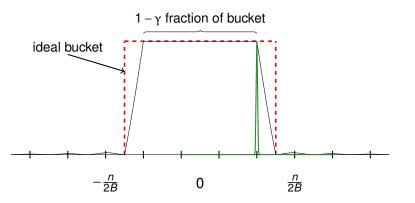
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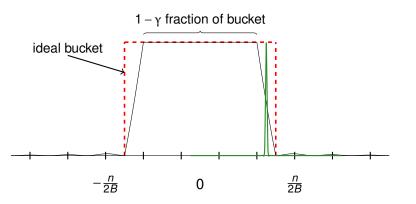
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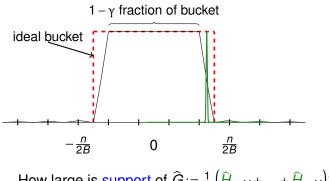
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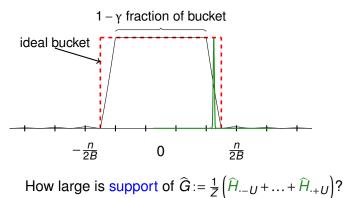
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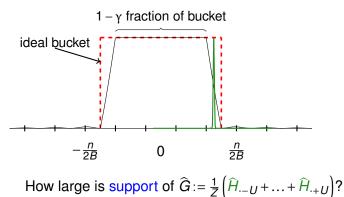
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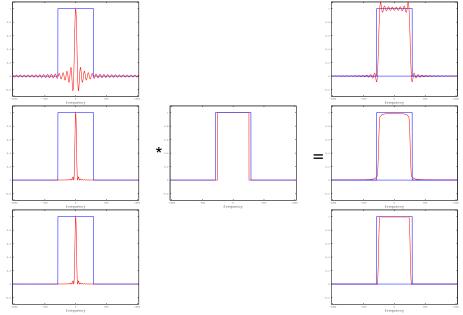
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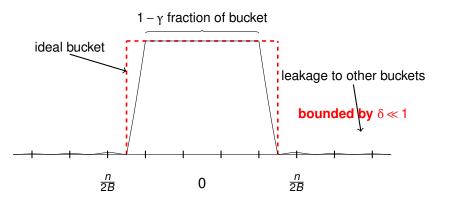
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- *x̂* contains at most *k* coefficients with polynomial precision (e.g. *x̂<sub>f</sub>* in {−*n*<sup>O(1)</sup>,...,*n*<sup>O(1)</sup>})

Then there exists an  $O(k \log n)$  time algorithm that

- outputs at most k potential coefficients
- outputs each nonzero  $\hat{x}_f$  correctly with probability at least  $1 \beta$  for a constant  $\beta > 0$



Let *G* be a  $(B, \delta/n, \gamma)$ -flat window function:

- B buckets
- flat region of width 1 γ
- leakage  $\leq \delta/n = 1/n^{O(1)}$

Such G can be constructed with

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#### PARTIALRECOVERY - algorithm

Main idea: filter, then run 1-sparse algorithm on each subproblem

PARTIAL RECOVERY  $(x, B, \gamma, \delta)$ 

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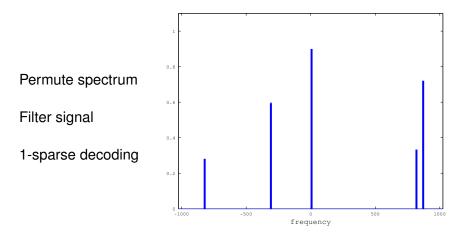
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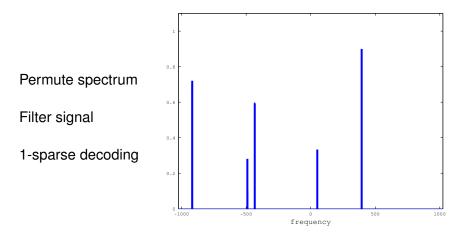
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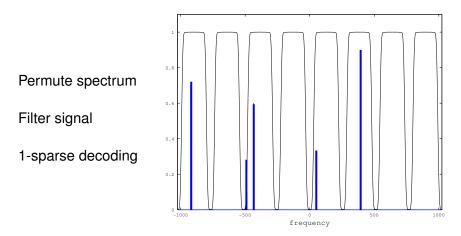
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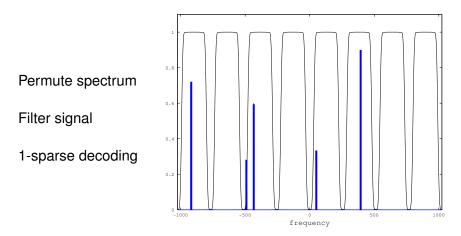
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#### Basic block – analysis

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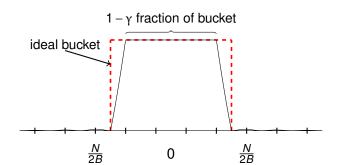
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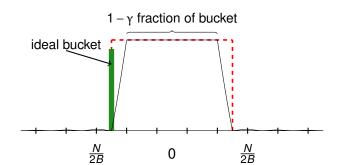


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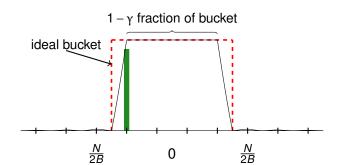


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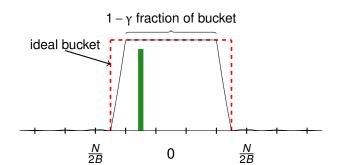


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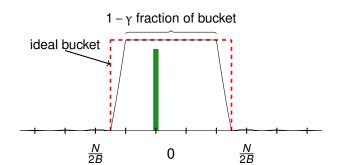


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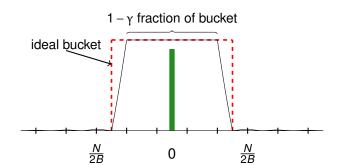


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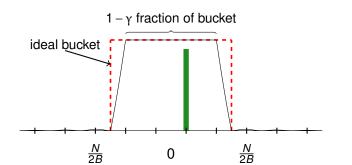


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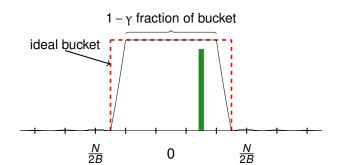


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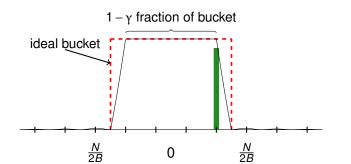


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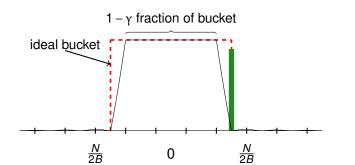


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- 1. Pseudorandom spectrum permutations
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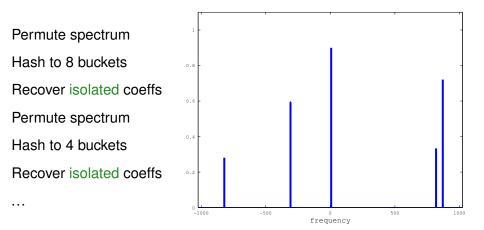
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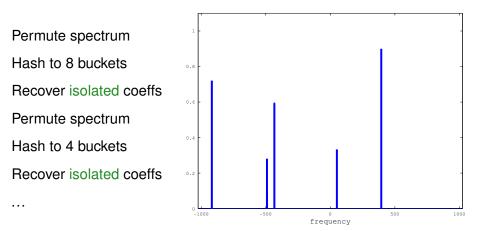
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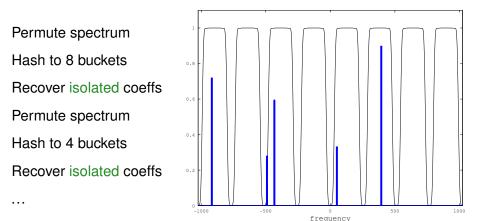
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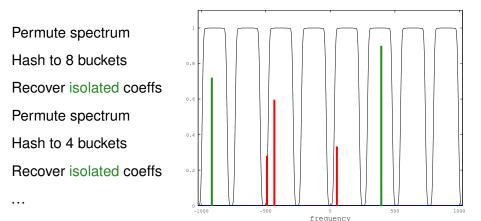
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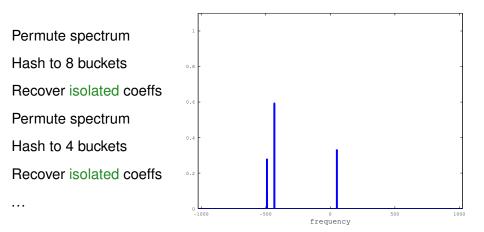
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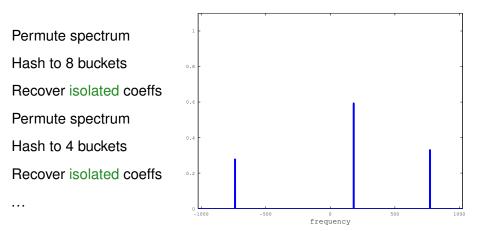


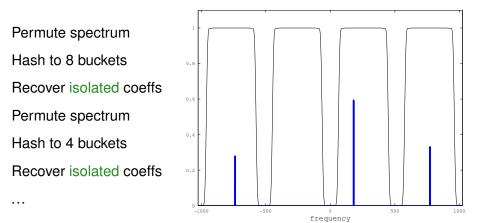


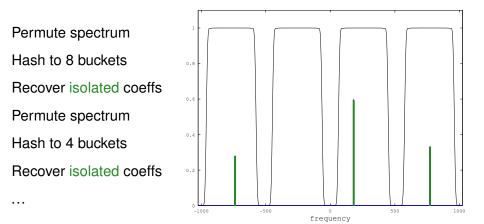












## Modified PARTIALRECOVERY

PartialRecovery( $B, \alpha, List$ )

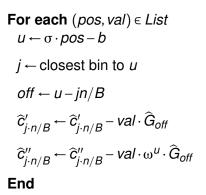
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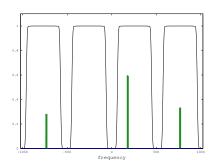
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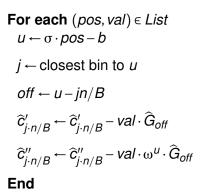


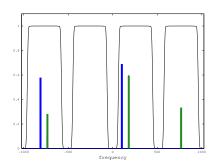
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- ► DFT: O(k log n) + O((k/4) log n) + ... = O(k log n)
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**Suboptimal:** sufficient to measure  $x_0, x_1, ..., x_{2k}$  to reconstruct  $\hat{x}$  if supp $(\hat{x}) \le k$  (exercise).

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For 
$$s = 0, \dots, \log_2 n$$
  
 $r = 1, \dots, O(\log \log n)$ 

(or decode top k elements)

Runtime and sample complexity

Noiseless: runtime  $O(k \log n)$ , sample complexity  $O(k \log n \log \log n)$ 

Noisy: runtime  $O(k \log^2 n)$ , sample complexity  $O(k \log^2 n \log \log n)$ 

O(log log n) can be removed, see Hassanieh-Indyk-Katabi-Price'STOC12

Sample complexity lower bound:  $\Omega(k \log(n/k))$  (Do Ba, Indyk, Price, Woodruff'SODA10)

#### Next lecture:

 $O(k \log n)$  samples and  $O(n \log^3 n)$  runtime (Indyk-Kapralov'FOCS14)