

**COMPRESSED SENSING SIGNAL RECOVERY**  
**VIA**  
**A\* ORTHOGONAL MATCHING PURSUIT**

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# Compressed Sensing (CS) Problem

**CS question:** Acquire a sparse signal  $\mathbf{x}$  of length  $N$  via  $M < N$  (random) observations

➤ Define:  $\mathbf{x}$  :  $K$ -sparse vector of length  $N \gg K$   
 $\mathbf{y}$  : observed vector of length  $M$   
 $\Phi$  : observation matrix of size  $M \times N$  } s. t.  $\mathbf{y} = \Phi \mathbf{x}$

**CS reconstruction problem:**

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_0 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \Phi \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$$

Broad categorisation of reconstruction approaches

- Greedy Pursuits
- Convex Optimization ( $l_1$  minimization)
- Nonconvex Minimization ( $l_p$  minimization,  $0 < p < 1$ )
- Bayesian Methods

# Matching Pursuits

**Matching pursuits:** iteratively build up / refine a sparse solution.

- Matching Pursuit,
- Orthogonal Matching Pursuit,
- Compressive Sampling Matching Pursuit and Subspace Pursuit (SP),
- Regularised OMP, etc.

## Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP)

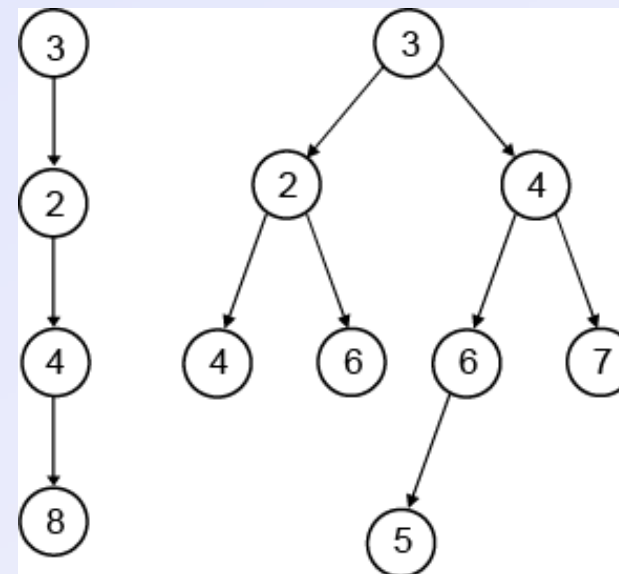
- Identify a non-zero coefficient per iteration:
  - Select dictionary atom having max. inner-product with the residue.
  - Compute orthogonal projection of the residue over the set of selected atoms

# Single vs. Multi-Path

Single path strategies fall into errors especially when  $K$  increases.

## Multi path strategy:

- Consider more than one alternative at each expansion
- Search among a number of dynamically evolving candidates.
- Follow the most promising one, provided an appropriate path selection algorithm.



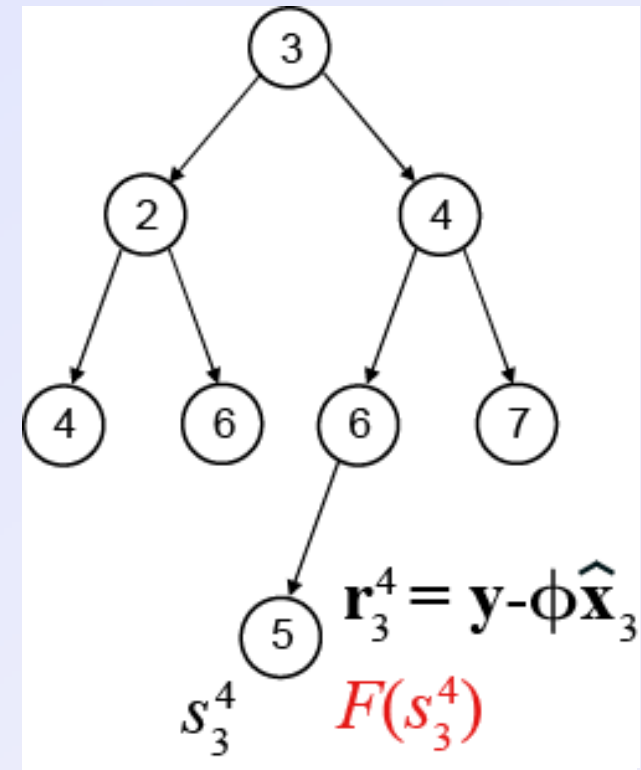
## A\* Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (A\*OMP)

Combine A\* search and OMP

# A\*OMP: Best-first Search for CS

CS Problem:  $\arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \|\mathbf{x}\|_0$  s.t.  $\Phi \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$

- Nodes: dictionary elements
- $i$ 'th path: candidate solution  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i$
- Each path has a residue.
- Each path is assigned a cost.



**A\***: build up and dynamically evaluate the search tree.

At each iteration,

- choose best path
- expand the best path

# A\* OMP – The Algorithm

## A\*OMP:

Initialize the tree: / initial nodes

Select the best path (with minimum cost)

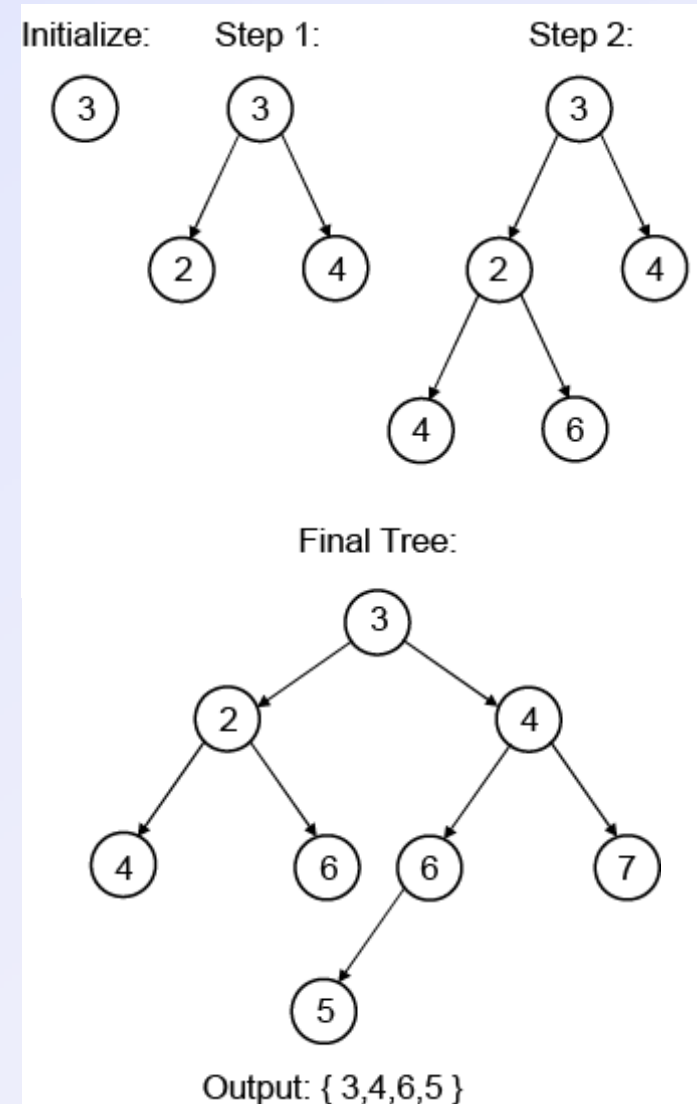
Iterate

Expand best path by its best  $B$  children (having max. inner-product with residue)

- Update residues (orthogonal proj.)
- Update cost of paths

Select the best path

Terminate when best path has length  $K$



# A\* OMP – Algorithmic Stages

Three important stages should be defined:

- i. **Initialization:** choose  $l$  nodes with max. inner-product to  $\mathbf{y}$
- ii. **Selection of the best path:** how to compare paths with different lengths?
- iii. **Expansion of the best path:** how to avoid too many paths in the tree?



# A\* OMP – Best Path Selection

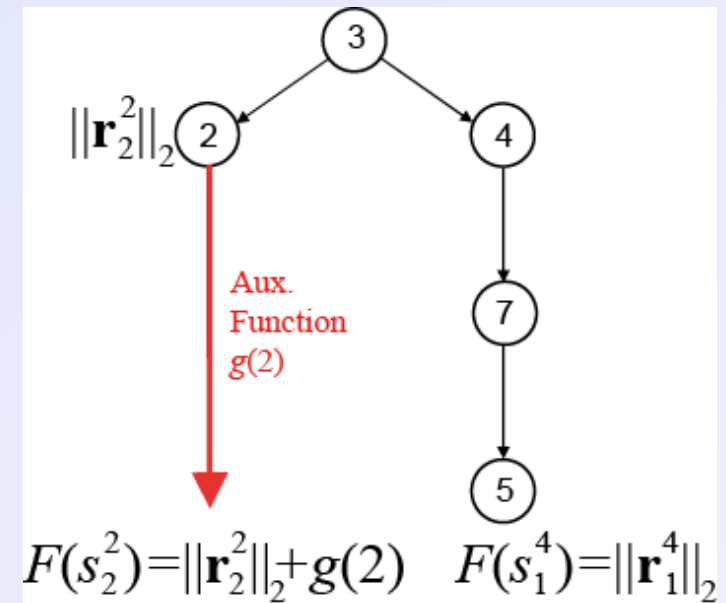
Cost model should compare paths with different lengths:

➤ *Auxiliary function mechanism* of A\*

➤ Based on  $\|\mathbf{r}_i\|_2$

➤ Should reflect how much  $\|\mathbf{r}_i\|_2$  would decrease if the path were complete.

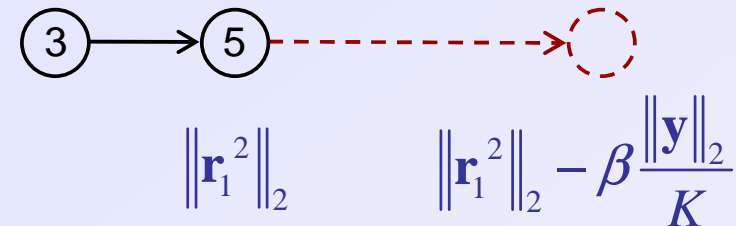
➤ Define cost models that generally (and loosely) hold.



# A\* OMP – Cost Models

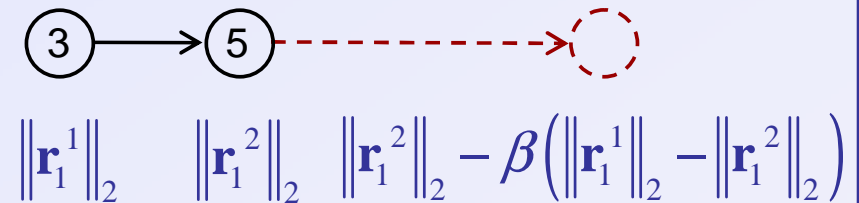
Additive cost model:

$$F_{add}(s_i^l) = \|\mathbf{r}_i^l\|_2 - \beta \frac{K-l}{K} \|\mathbf{y}\|_2$$



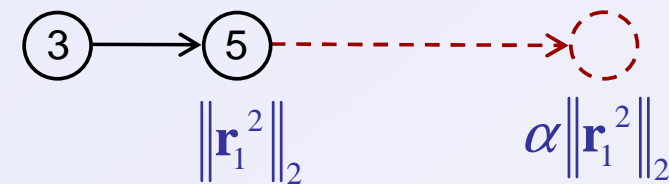
Adaptive cost model:

$$F_{adap}(s_i^l) = \|\mathbf{r}_i^l\|_2 - \beta(K-l)(\|\mathbf{r}_i^{l-1}\|_2 - \|\mathbf{r}_i^l\|_2)$$



Multiplicative cost model:

$$F_{mul}(s_i^l) = \alpha^{K-l} \|\mathbf{r}_i^l\|_2$$



# A\* OMP – Expansion of the selected path

A\* expands all children of the selected branch  $\rightarrow$  too many paths ( $\sim N^K$ ).

## i. Extensions per path pruning:

Exploit  $K \ll N$  (Many of the children are irrelevant.)

$\rightarrow$  Expand only the best  $B$  children

## ii. Stack Size pruning:

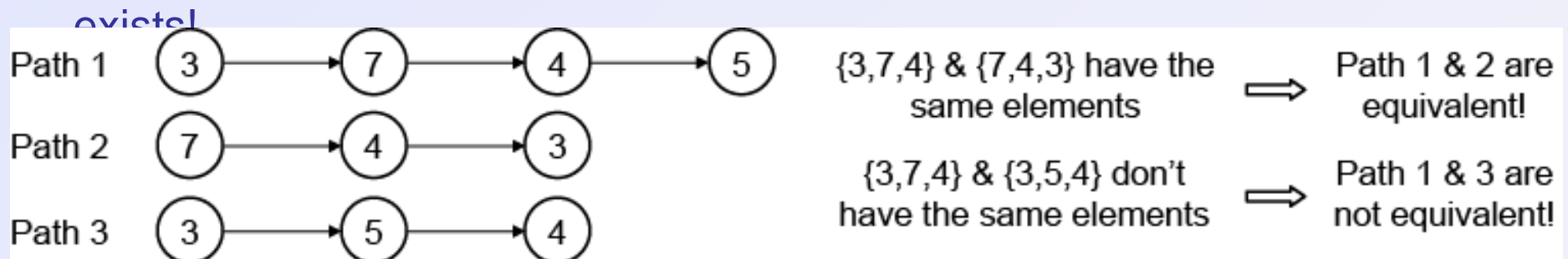
$\rightarrow$  Limit max. stored paths to  $P$ .

$\rightarrow$  If number of paths exceeds  $P$  remove worst paths.

## iii. Equivalent Path Pruning:

Permutations of nodes within a path are equivalent.

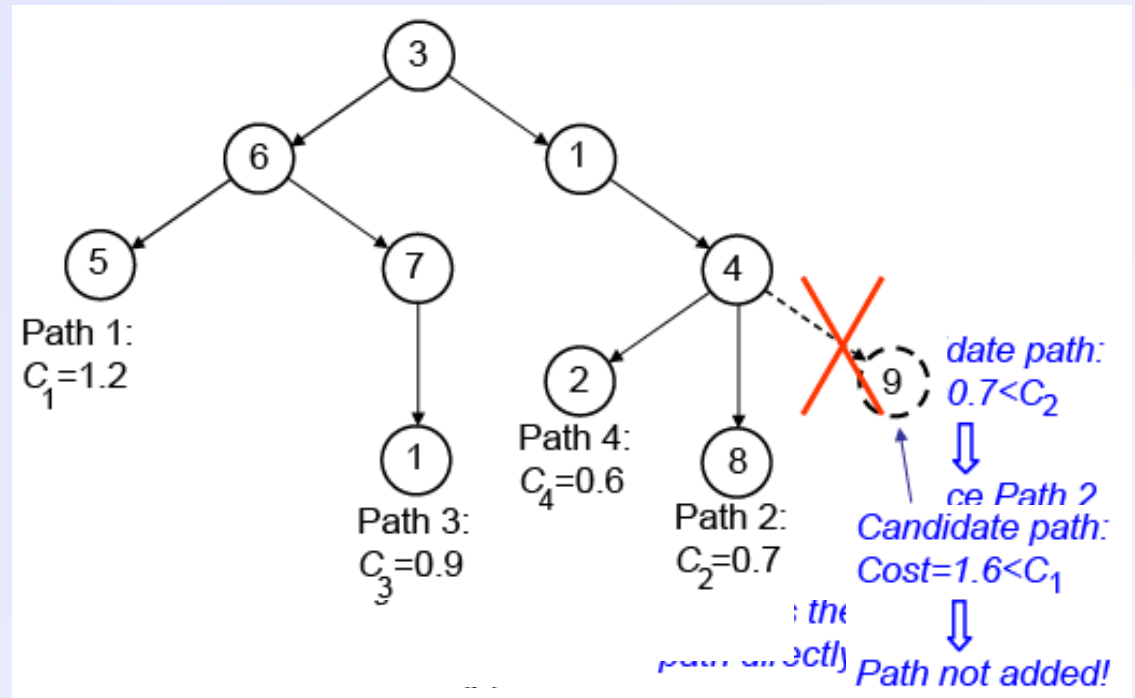
$\rightarrow$  Add a path to the tree iff no equivalent path already



# A\* OMP – A Single Iteration

- $l = 1$
- $P = 4$
- $B = 3$

- i. Best path: 4  
Best extensions: 2, 8 and 9
- ii. Add node 2
- iii. Add node 8, remove the worst path (2).
- iv. Ignore node 9

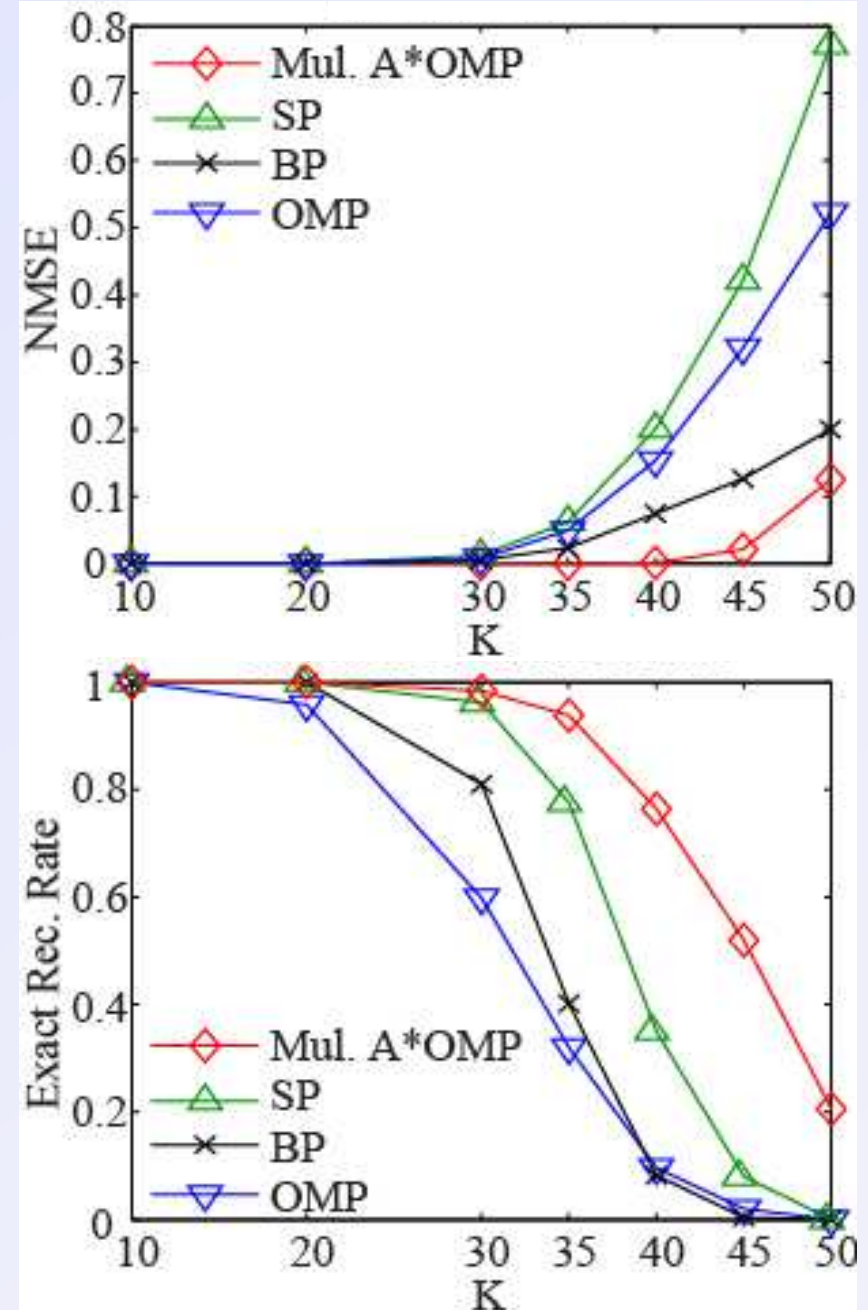


# A\*OMP Performance – 1D

**Problem:** CS reconstruction of synthetical 1D signals

- Nonzero coefs. drawn from **standart normal distribution**
- $N = 256$
- $M = 100$
- $K = \{10 - 50\}$
- 500 random vectors for each  $K$
- Individual random Gaussian observation matrix for each vector

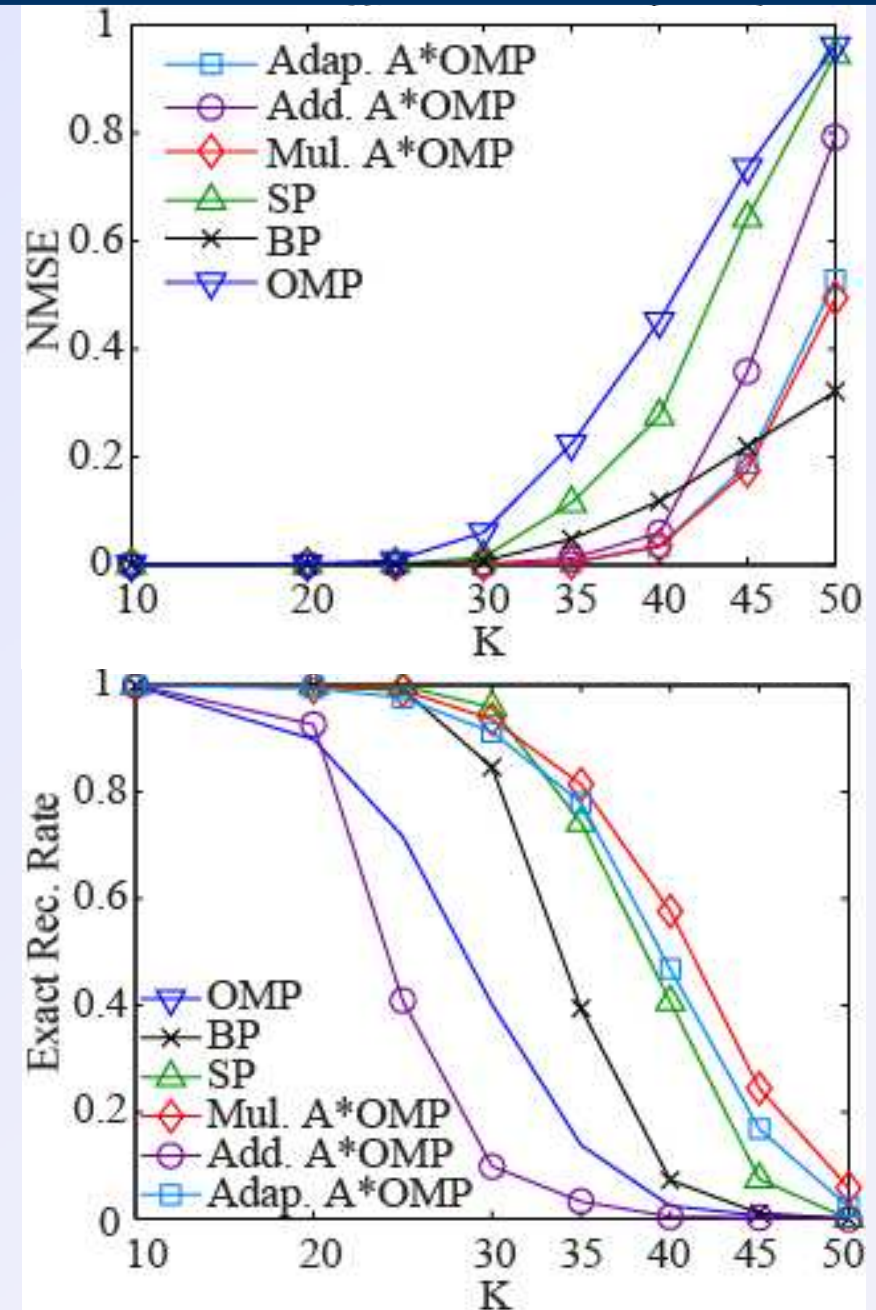
**A\*OMP outperforms other algorithms!**



# A\*OMP Performance – 1D

- Nonzero coefs. drawn from uniform distribution  $U[-1,1]$
- $N = 256$
- $M = 100$
- $K = \{10 - 50\}$
- 500 random vectors
- Individual random Gaussian observation matrices

**A\*OMP outperforms other algorithms!**



# A\*OMP Performance - Images

**Problem:** CS reconstruction of well-known images

- block-processing (8x8 blocks)
- 14-sparse (preprocessed) blocks in Haar Wavelet Basis
- 32 Gaussian observations from each block

Reconstruction Error (peak-SNR)

	BP	OMP	SP	Mul-A*OMP	
				B = 2	B = 3
Lena	27.5	23.6	21.5	30.2	33.3
Tracy	34.6	30.8	27.9	38	42.5
Pirate	25.7	21.7	19.3	27.5	30.5
Cameraman	28.4	24.7	22.5	32.6	36.9
Mandrill	22.3	18.4	16.1	24.1	26.7



# A\*OMP Performance - Images

## Reconstructed Images



BP

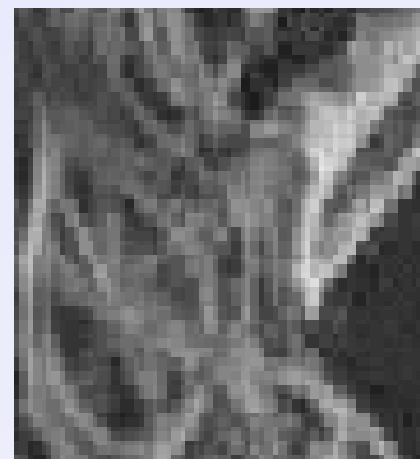
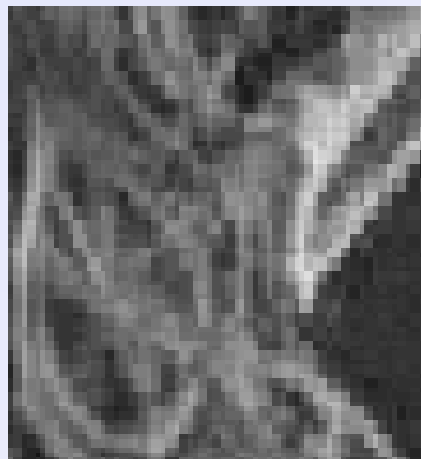
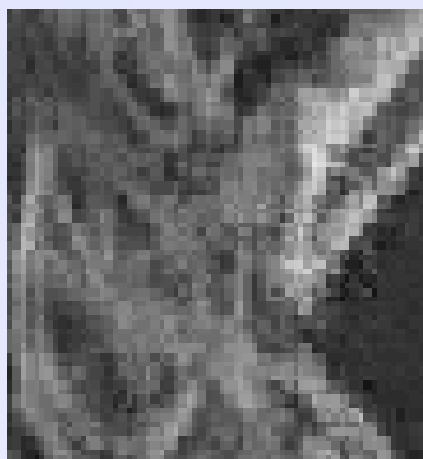
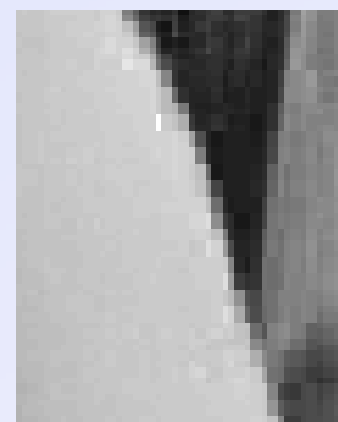
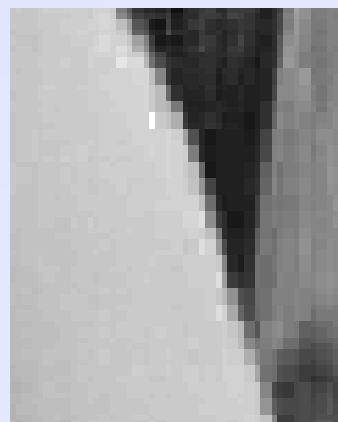
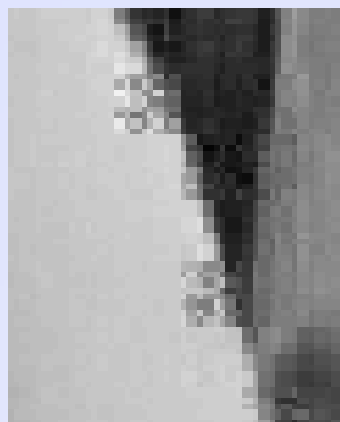


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## Reconstruction Details



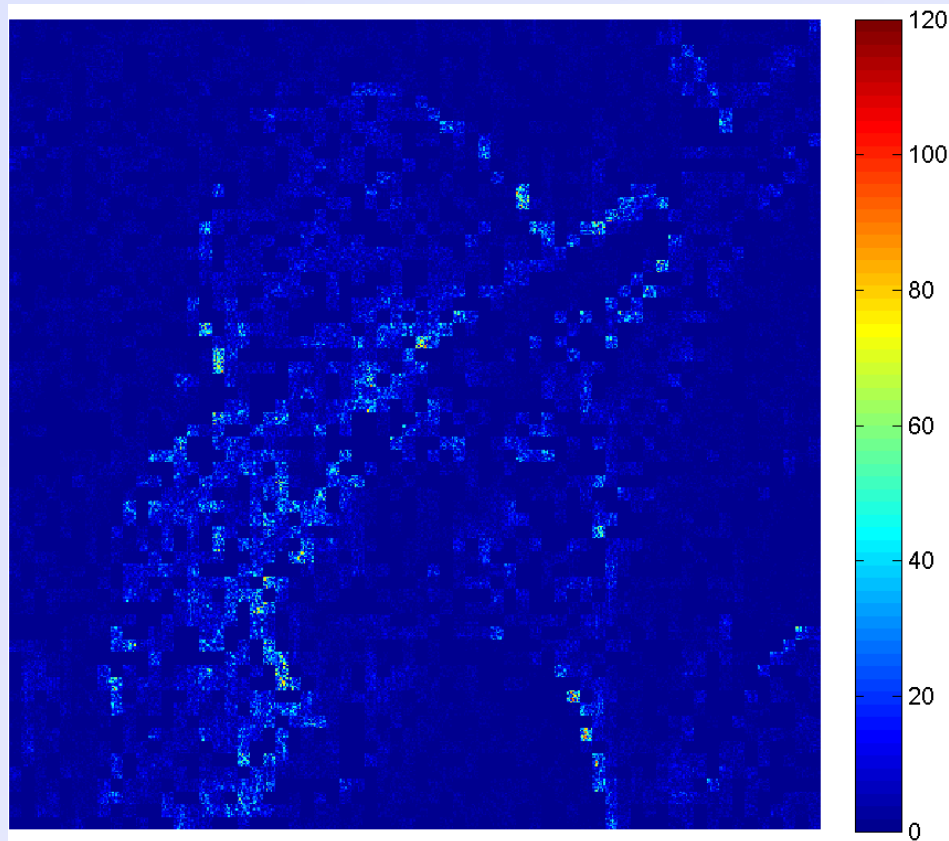
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Target Image

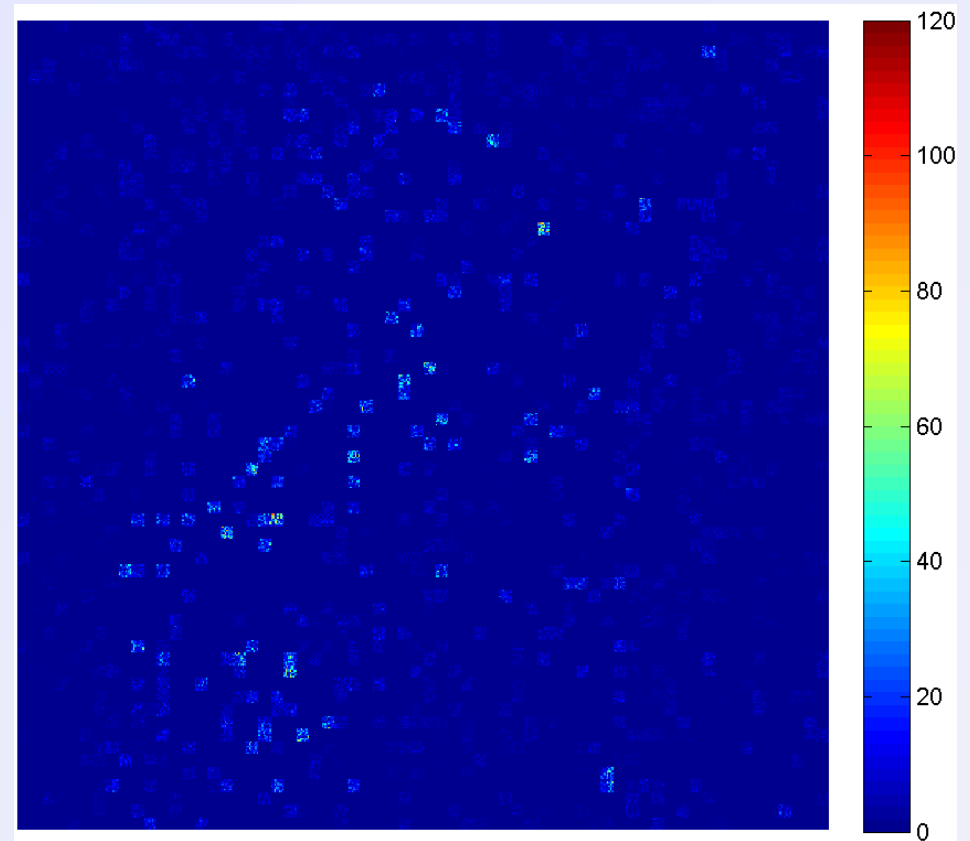
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# A\*OMP Performance - Images

Reconstruction Error per Pixel



BP



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# Conclusions

- **A\*OMP**: Multi-path search strategy that combines best-first search and OMP:
  - build up and dynamically evaluate the search tree
  - favor the paths that minimize the cost function
- Two dynamic cost functions (multiplicative and adaptive) in addition to the additive cost function
- Better reconstruction than OMP, SP and BP
- Matlab code available at:  
  
<http://myweb.sabanciuniv.edu/karahanoglu/research/>
- Real time implementation is also coming soon...