

## The "Wavelet revolution"

- Early 1900's: Haar introduces first orthonormal wavelet
- Late 70's: Quadrature mirror filters
- Early 80's: Multi-resolution pyramids
- Late 80's: Orthonormal wavelets
- 90's: Return to overcomplete (non-aliased) pyramids, especially oriented pyramids
- >250,000 articles published in past 2 decades (as of 2009)
- Best results in most signal/image processing applications



image



































[Lindeberg, 93]























































































reconstructed image

Laplacian pyramid




































## Desirable A/S properties

- minimal (ideally, zero) reconstruction error
- minimal aliasing within subbands
- space-frequency localization
- overcompleteness

- special case: "critical sampling":

$$\sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \frac{1}{k_m} = 1$$

dis-similarity of sampling and basis functions
special case: self-inverting ("tight frame"): G<sub>m</sub>(ω) = H<sub>m</sub>(-ω)

symmetry (or anti-symmetry) of basis functions

## Some A/S examples

- identity (pixel basis)
- Fourier transform
- Block frequency (DFT, DCT) transforms
- Gabor transform
- Laplacian pyramid
- 2-band orthogonal (QMF)
- dyadic wavelets























































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	freq. partition	tight frame	over- sampling	localization	ori/steer	shift inv.	perfect recon.
local freq	uniform	Y	large	fair	possible	possible	possible
block DCT	uniform	Y	1	fair	Ν	N	Y
Gabor (uniform)	uniform	N	1	p:good b:poor	Y/N	N	nearly
lapl. pyr.	octave	N	4/3	good	N/Y	possible	Y
orthog wavelet	octave	Y	1	possible	Y/N	N	Y
haar	octave	Y	1	space: good freq: poor	N	N	Y
steer pyr / curvelets	octave	Y	4K/3	good	Y	Y	nearly