



EXO-CARTOGRAPHY

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PRESENTATION CONTENT

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What is the map and the signal

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How orientation determines the signal

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How do we calculate this signal

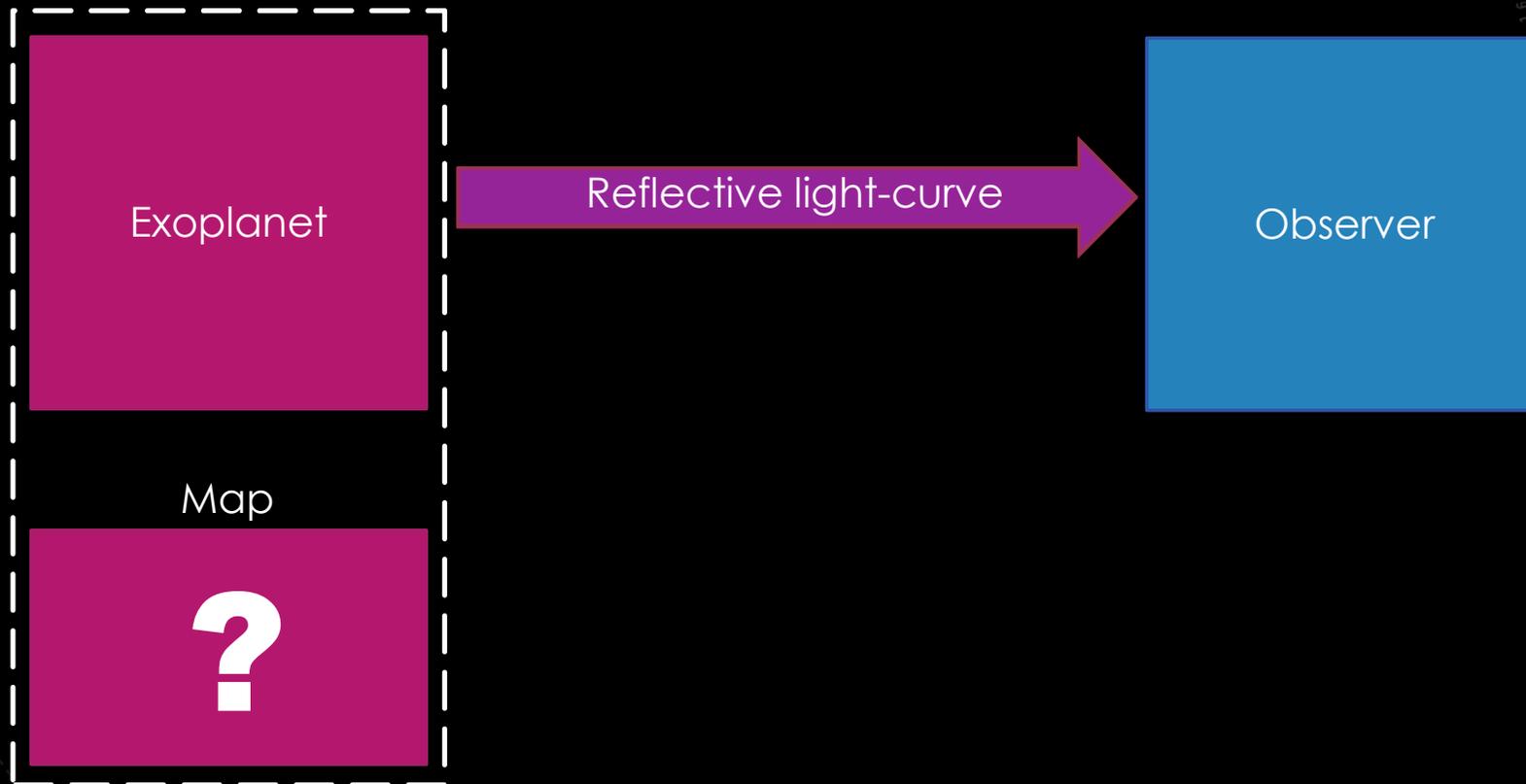
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Retrieve the map with known orientation

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Retrieve the map with unknown orientation

TO RECONSTRUCT A SURFACE MAP

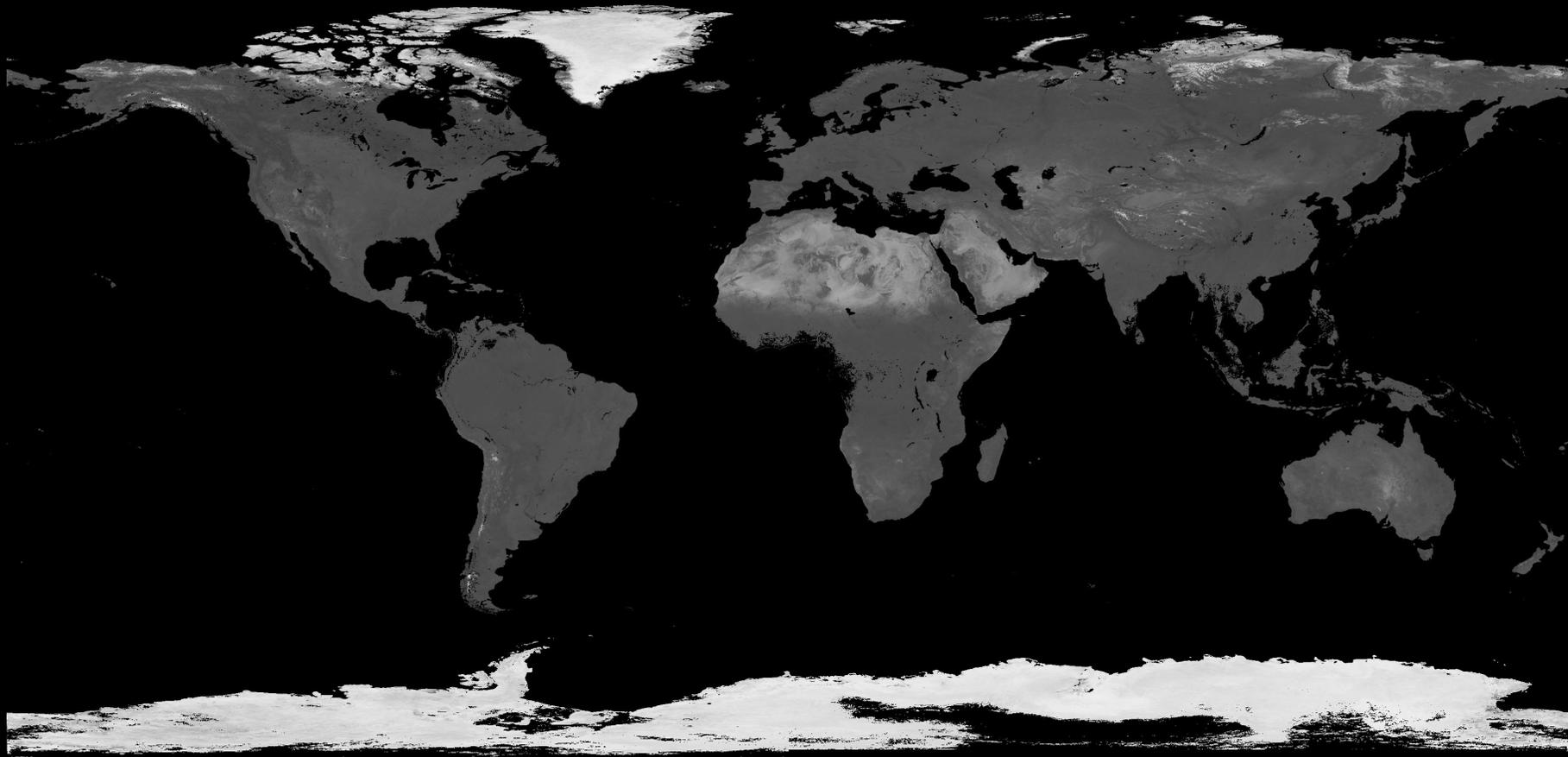


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ALBEDO



- **Albedo** ([/æɪl'bi:dou/](#)) ([Latin](#): *albedo*, meaning 'whiteness')
- Absorption of light at the surface
- Expressed as a number between 0 and 1
 - 0: surface absorbs all light
 - 1: surface reflects all light

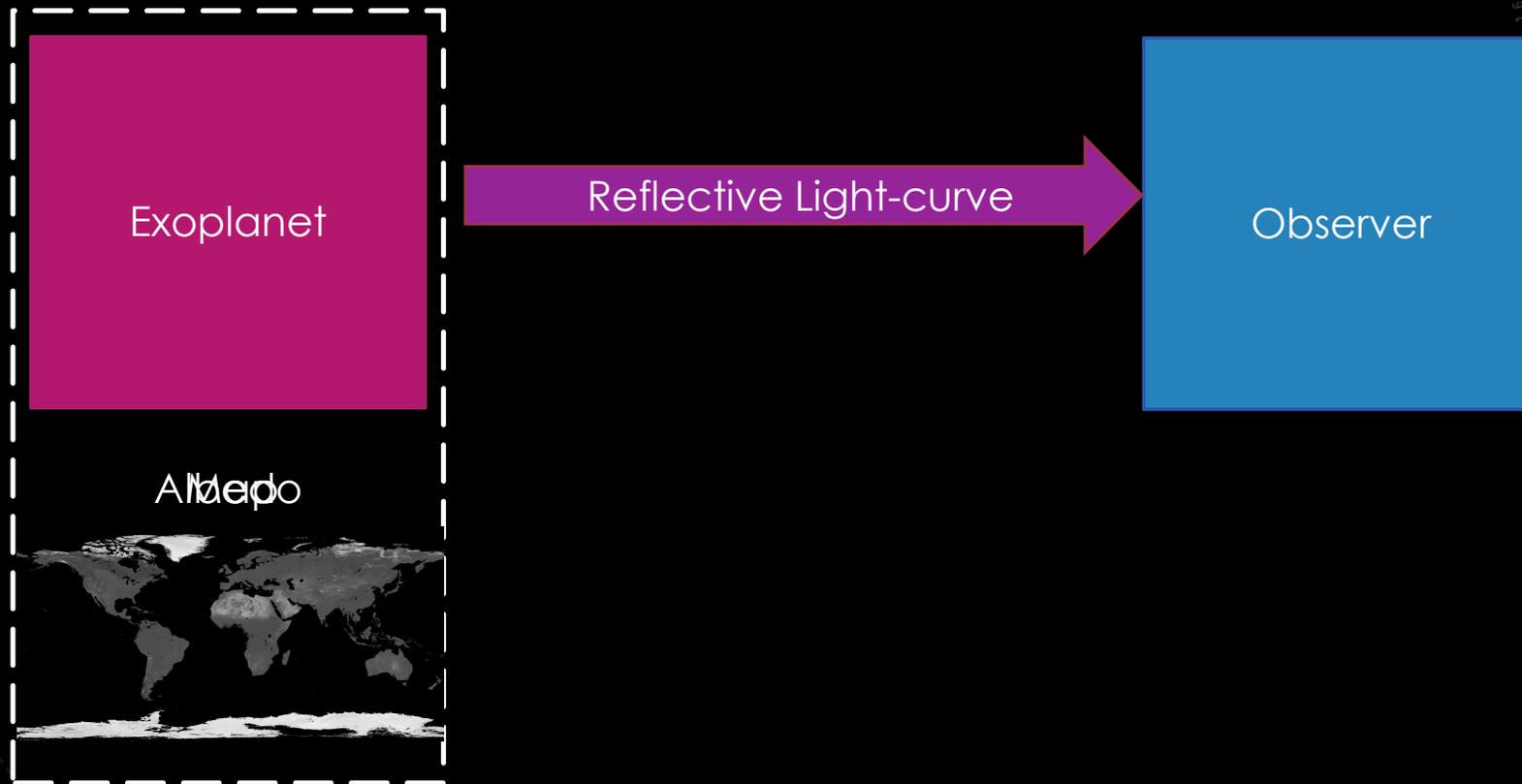


ALBEDO MAP OF EARTH

Source: NASA

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TO RECONSTRUCT A SURFACE MAP



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WHAT DETERMINES THE LIGHT-CURVE: THE MAP

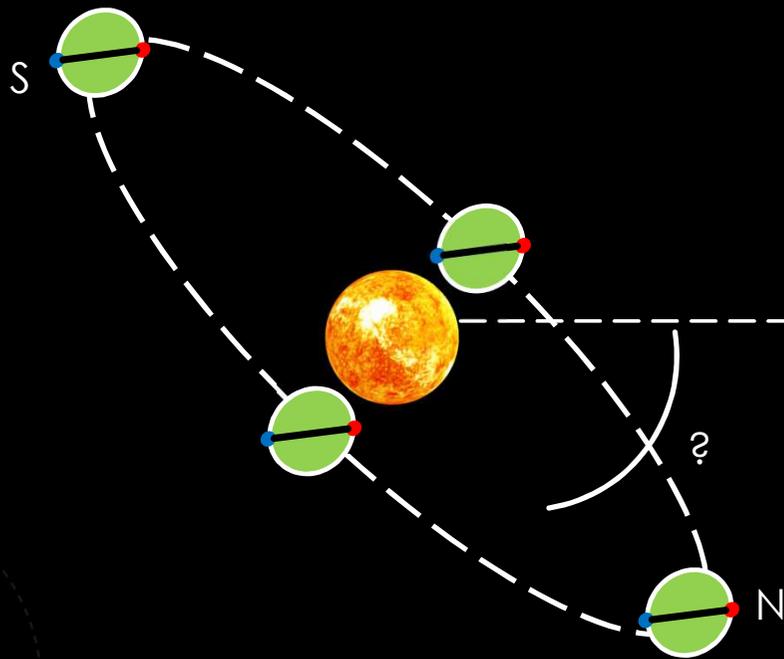


- Half of the planet is illuminated by the star
- Half of the planet is visible to ET
- Rotation gives a signal, dependent on the map



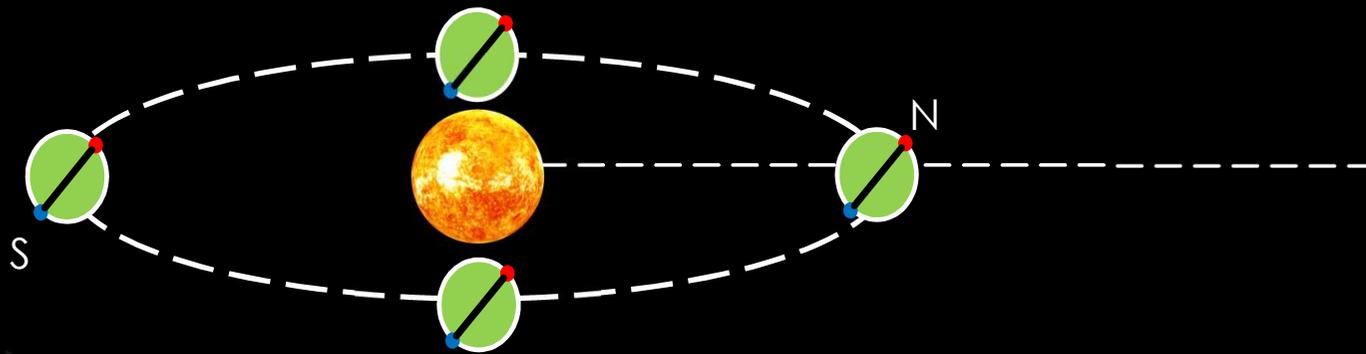
WHAT DETERMINES THE LIGHT-CURVE: ORIENTATION

- north-south axis
- Observer perspective



WHAT DETERMINES THE LIGHT-CURVE: ORIENTATION

- north-south axis
- Observer perspective: Edge-on observation



NEXT GEAR



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THE REFLECTIVE LIGHT CURVE EQUATION

- Vectors

- Planet

\mathbf{r}

- Surface

\mathbf{s}

- Observer

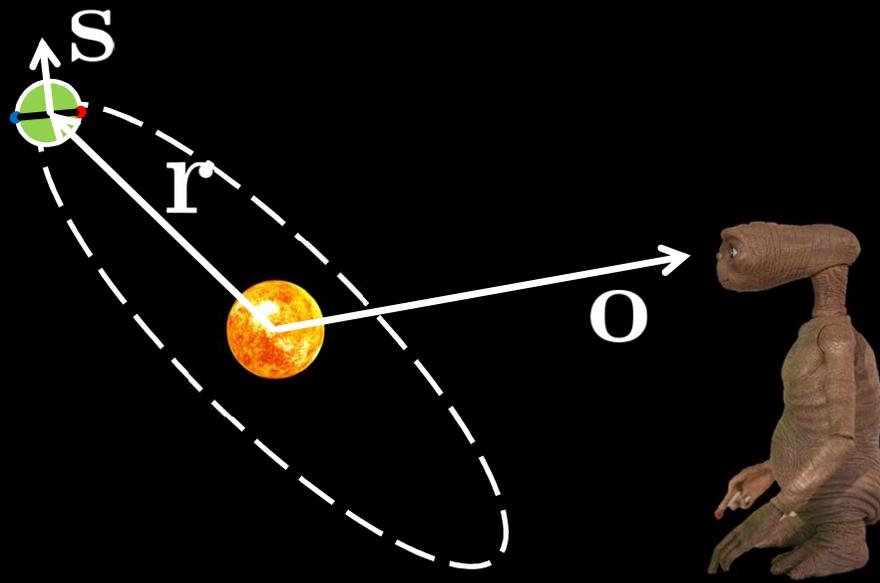
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- Albedo Map

$M(\mathbf{s})$

- Light-curve

$f(t)$



$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \iint_{\text{vis}} (-\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{s}})(\hat{\mathbf{s}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{o}}) M(\mathbf{s}) d^2 S$$

THE REFLECTIVE LIGHT CURVE EQUATION

$$f(t)$$



The light-curve

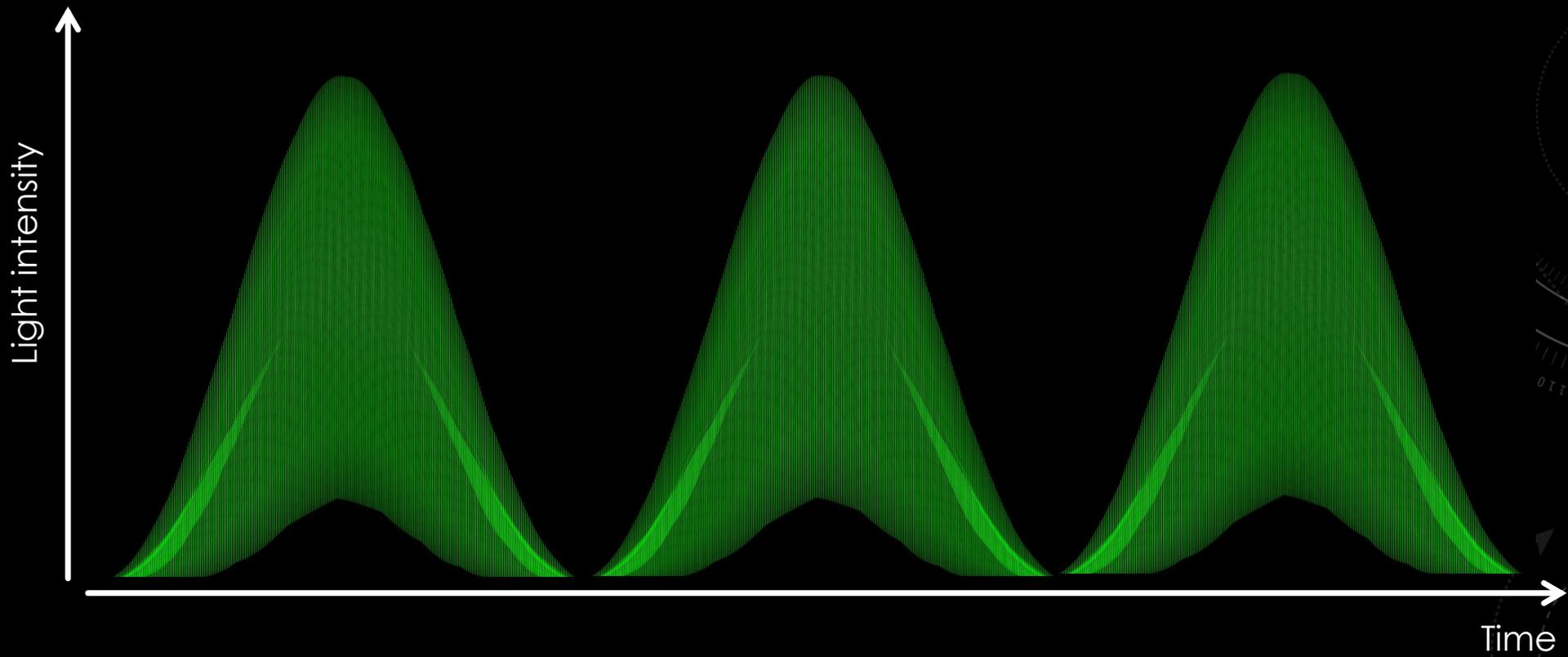


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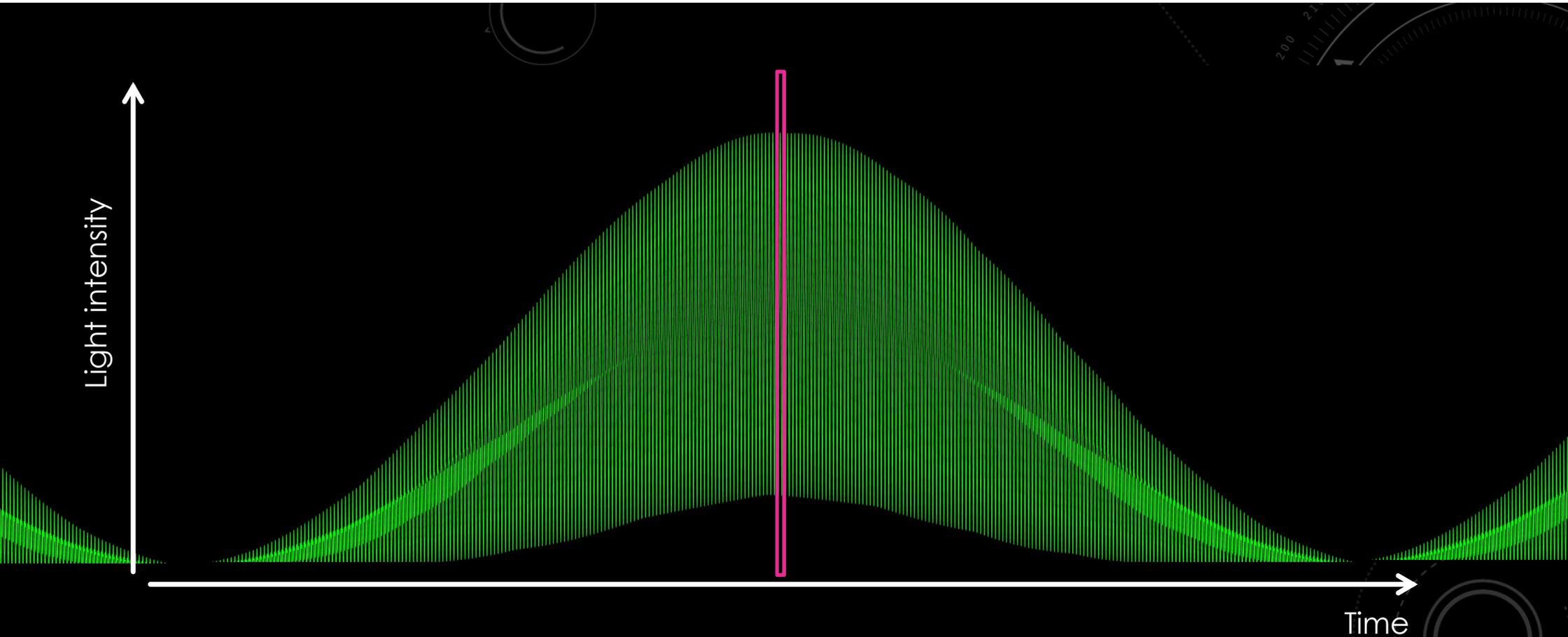
$$f(t) = A(M)$$



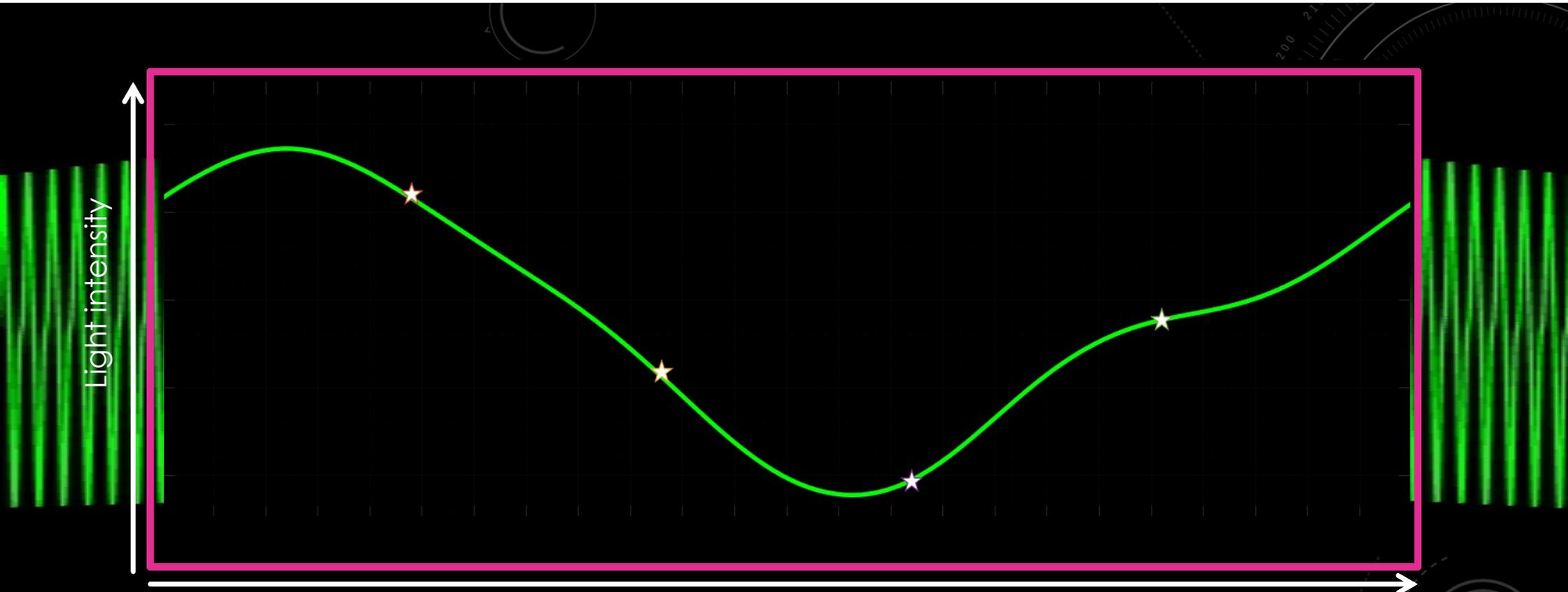


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Light-curve, multiple years



03 Light-curve, one year



03 Light-curve, one day

HOW TO INVERT WITH KNOWN TILT

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \iint_{\text{vis}} (-\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{s}})(\hat{\mathbf{s}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{o}}) M(\mathbf{s}) d^2 S$$

$$f(t) = A(M)$$

$$A(M_1 + M_2) = A(M_1) + A(M_2)$$

$$A(cM_1) = cA(M_1)$$

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Projecting

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⋮

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$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}$$



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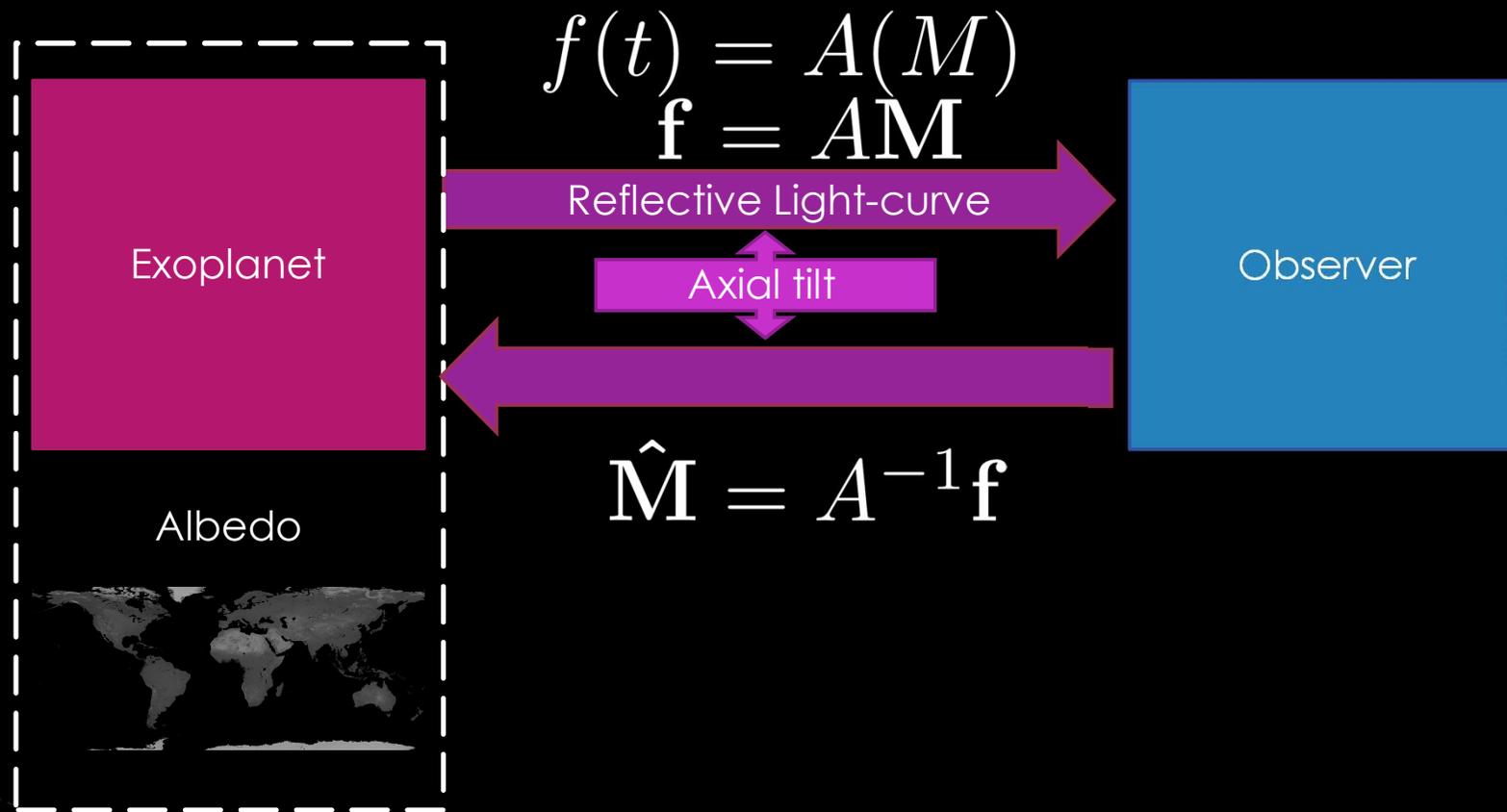
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$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{f}$$

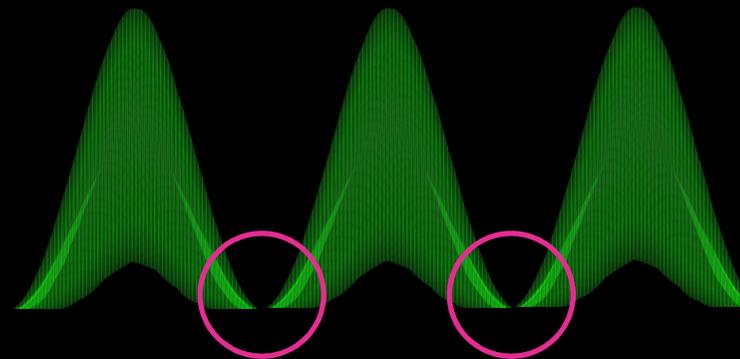


TO RECONSTRUCT A SURFACE MAP



IS THE TRANSFORMATION INVERTIBLE?

- A is not injective \Leftrightarrow Multiple maps give the same signal
 - Observer cannot see the north pole
 - Change the map on the north pole \rightarrow
 - Same signal
- A is not surjective \Leftrightarrow Not all light-curves can occur
 - When the planet is between the star and the observer
 - Nothing is illuminated and visible \rightarrow
 - For this t : $f(t) = 0$
- A solution does exist



IS THE TRANSFORMATION INVERTIBLE?

Surface Maps

\mathbb{C}^n

Row(A)

Light-curves

\mathbb{C}^m

Im(A)

A (not surjective,
not injective)

A (not injective)

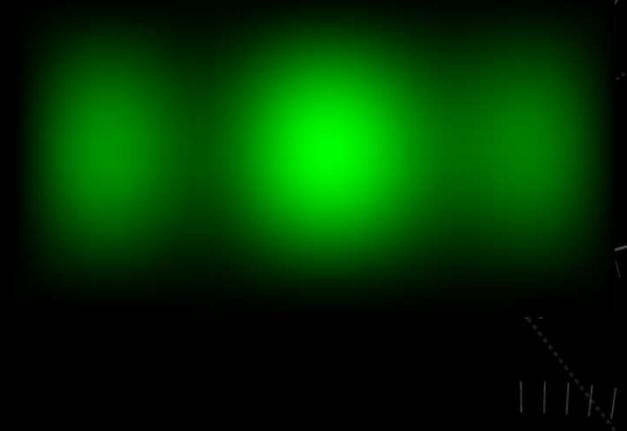
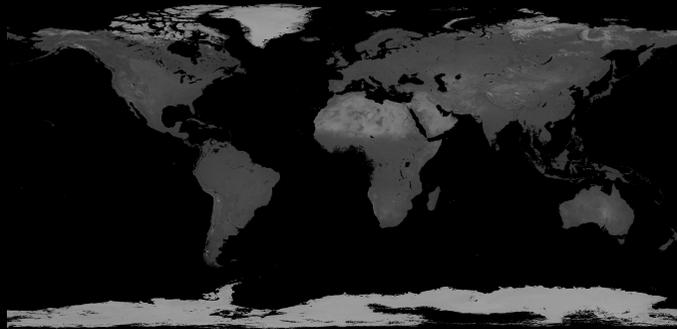
A (bijective)

Pseudoinverse
 A^+ (bijective)

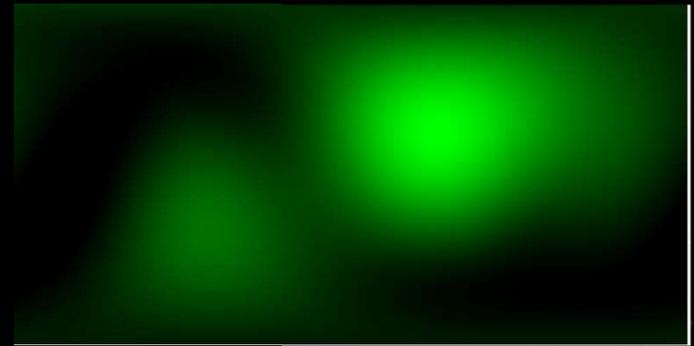
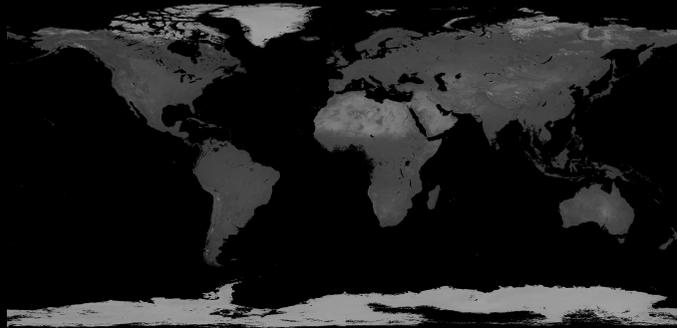
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RECONSTRUCTING EARTH'S SURFACE MAP

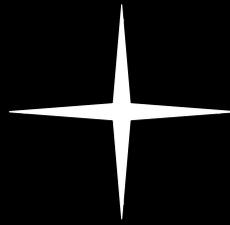
Non-tilted



tilted



HOW TO INVERT WITH UNKNOWN TILT



05

UNKNOWN TILT

Surface Maps

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Row(A)

Light-curves

\mathbb{C}^m

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UNKNOWN TILT

Light-curves

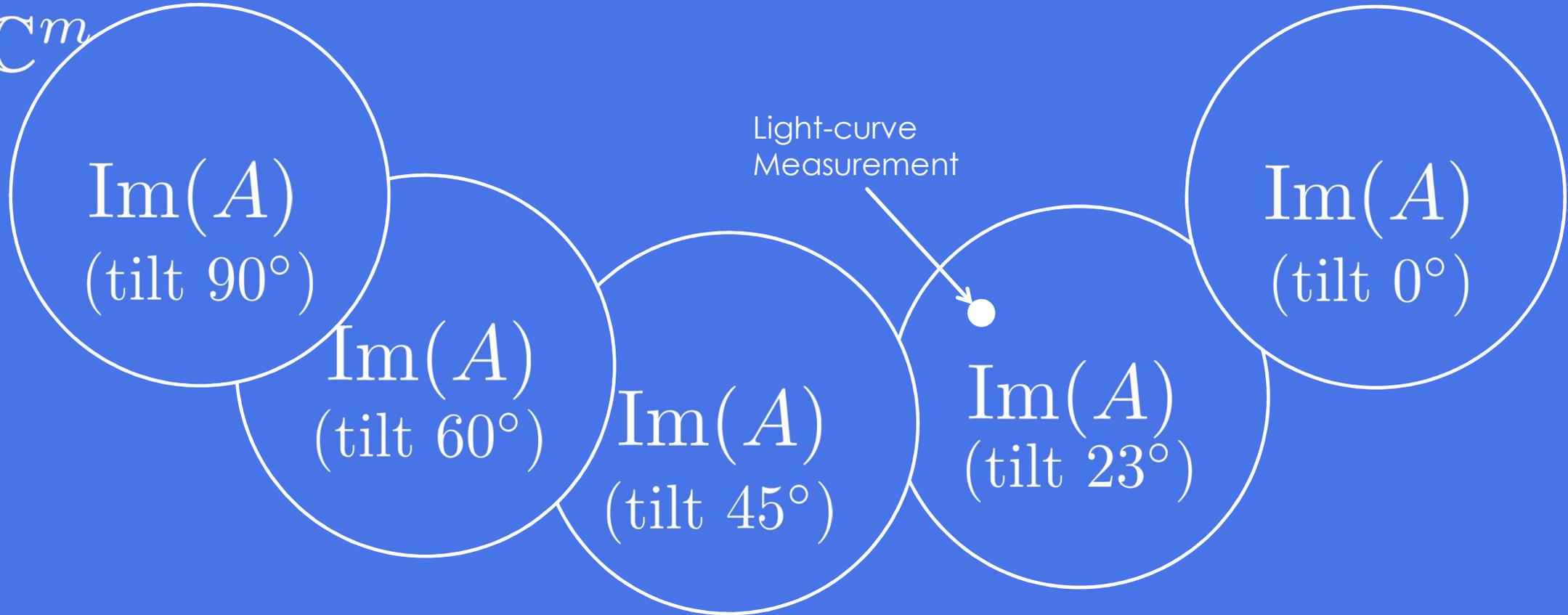
\mathbb{C}^m

$\text{Im}(A)$

UNKNOWN TILT?

Light-curves

C_m



DOES TILT AFFECT THE IMAGE?

Light-curves

C_m

$\text{Im}(A)$
(tilt 90°)

$\text{Im}(A)$
(tilt 60°)

$\text{Im}(A)$
(tilt 45°)

$\text{Im}(A)$
(tilt 23°)

$\text{Im}(A)$
(tilt 0°)

Light-curve
Measurement

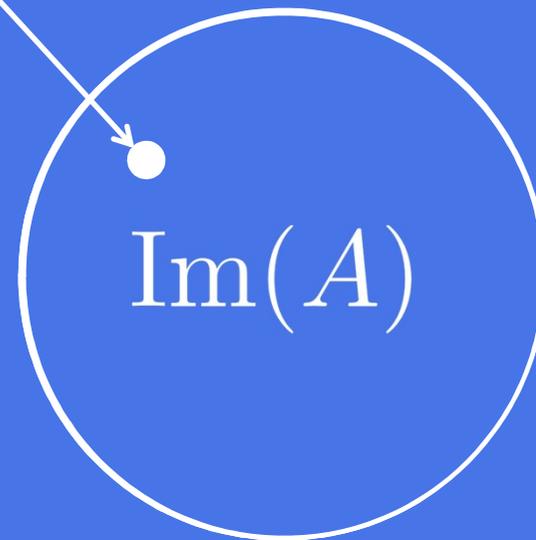


DOES TILT AFFECT THE IMAGE? NO!

Light-curves

\mathbb{C}^m

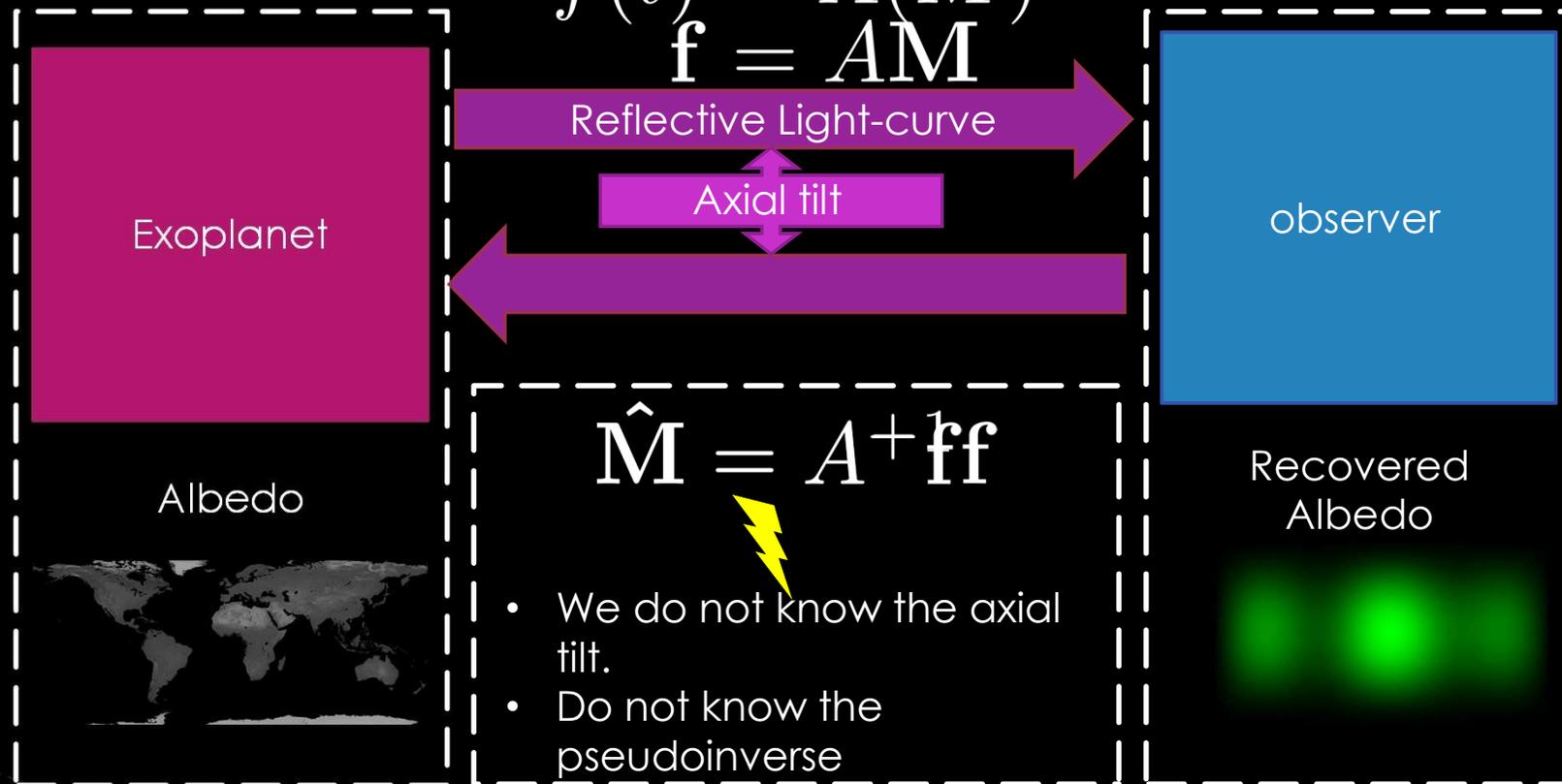
Light-curve
Measurement

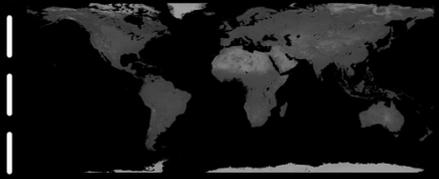


TO RECONSTRUCT A SURFACE MAP

$$f(t) = A(M)$$

$$\mathbf{f} = AM$$



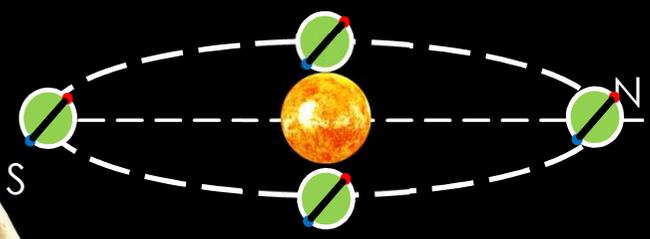


- We do not know the axial tilt.
- Do not know the pseudoinverse

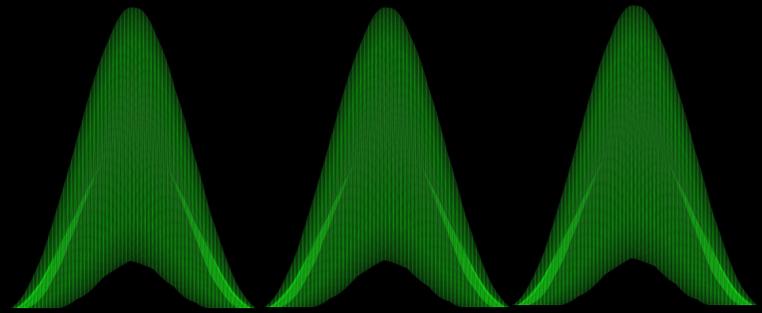


CONCLUSIONS

- We can reconstruct the albedo map of an exoplanet if we know the tilt
- The image of the transformation is not a function of the tilt →
 - No reconstructions of maps with unknown tilt



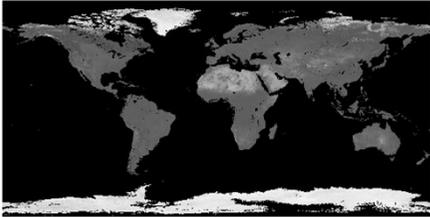
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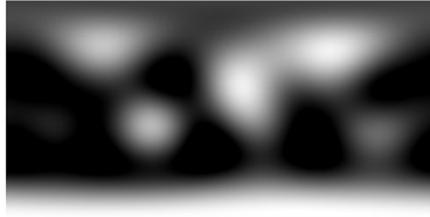
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Albedo Map of Earth



Map with $l_{max} = 5$



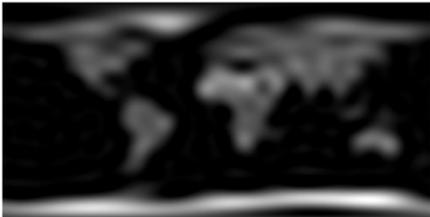
Map with $l_{max} = 10$



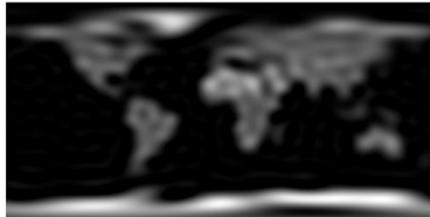
Map with $l_{max} = 15$



Map with $l_{max} = 20$



Map with $l_{max} = 25$



DECOMPOSITION OF THE MAP

$$M(\theta_p, \phi_p) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l M_l^m Y_l^m(\theta_p, \phi_p)$$

OTHER PLANETS OR MOONS?

- What to do if there is more than one planet in the solar system?
- Other frequencies

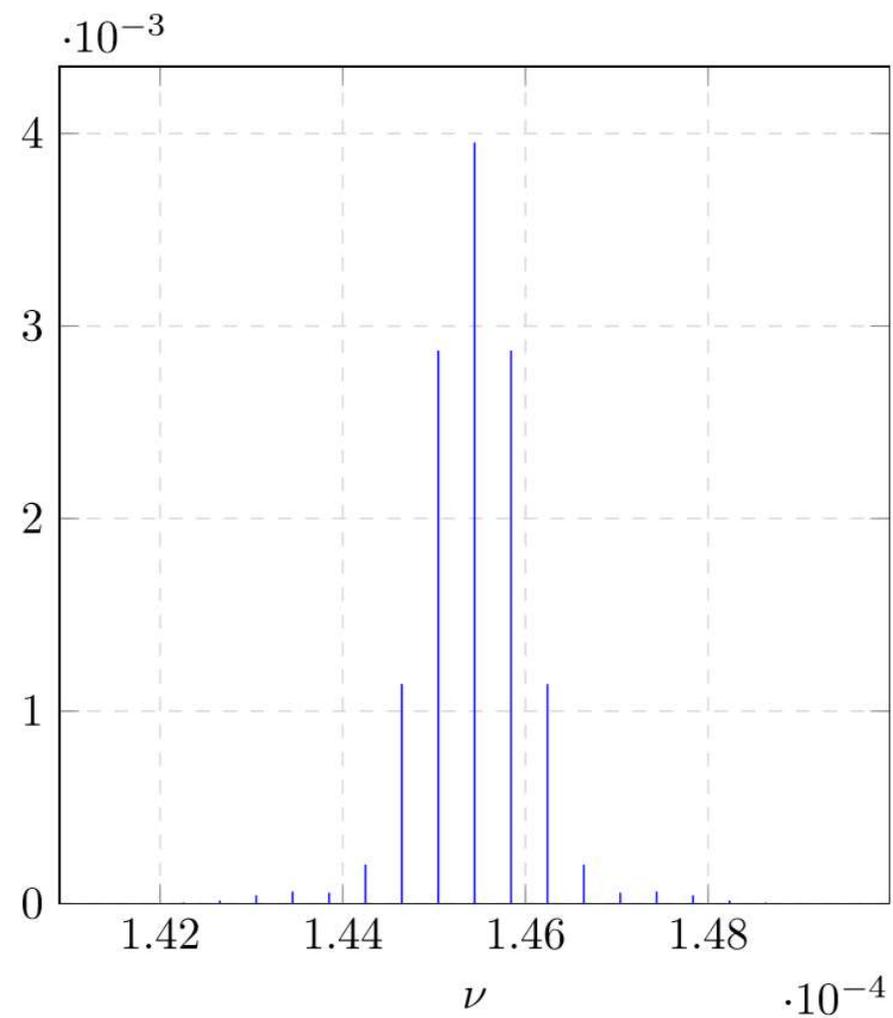
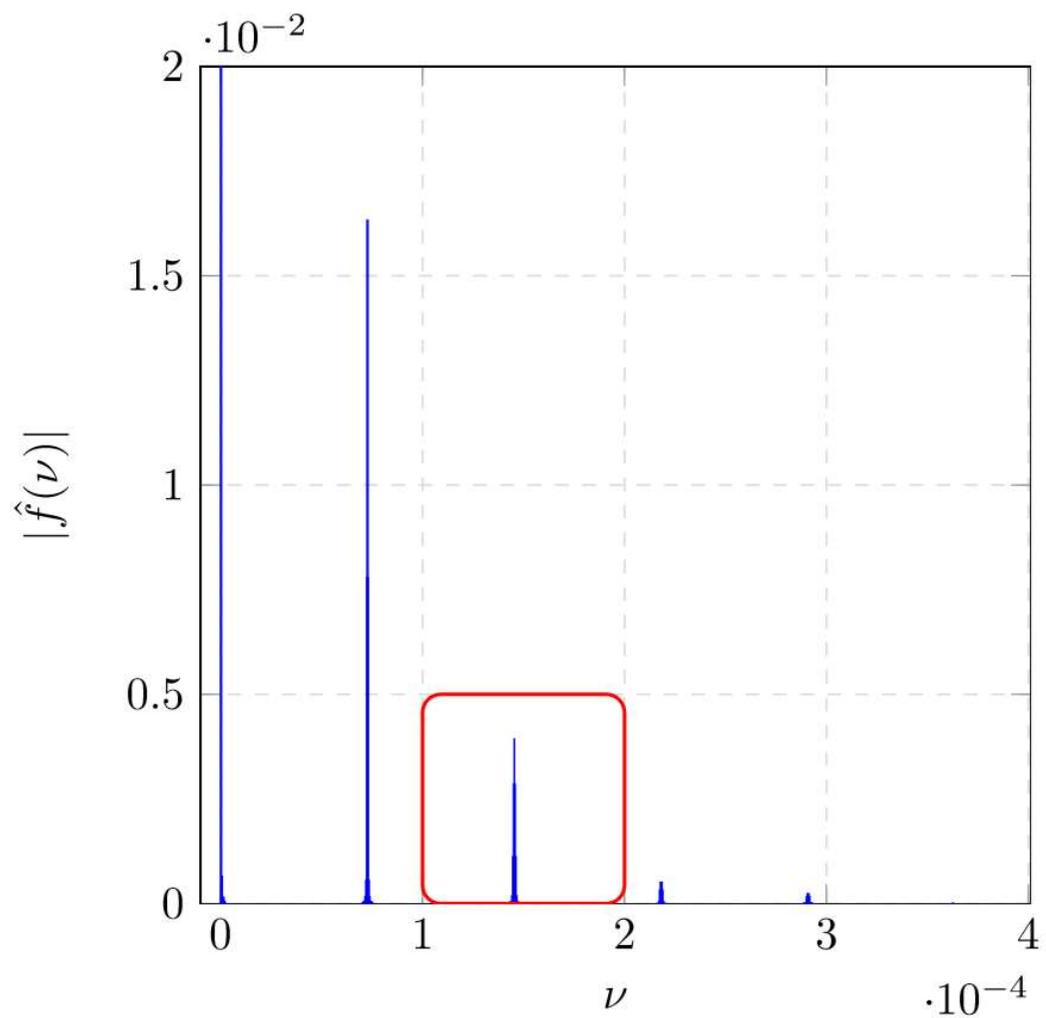
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- Could aliens see earth this way?
- No: to much noise from the sun

WHY DO WE WANT THIS MAP?

- Information about extraterrestrial life
- Insight in plate tectonics

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Average value of albedo per longitude

