# Blind Deblurring using Internal Patch Recurrence

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#### **Blurry image** *y*



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#### Deblurring





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y = x \* k

#### Sharp image *x*



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**Regardless of the PSF !!!** 

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The <u>unknown</u> sharp patches <u>surface out</u> in coarse scales of the blurry image!



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#### Nonblind deblurring: Zoran & Weiss – ICCV 2011

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## Levin *et al.*



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