

Sparse Representations in Computer Vision and Machine Learning

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Prerequisites Linear Algebra
Signals & Systems, Wavelets, Optimization (a good idea)

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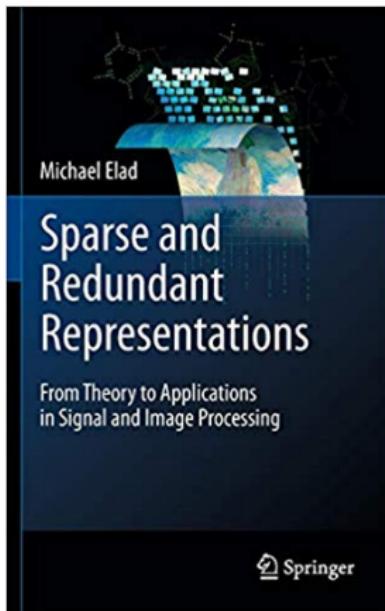
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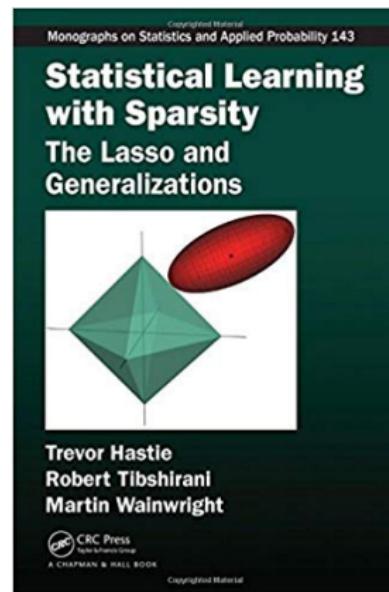
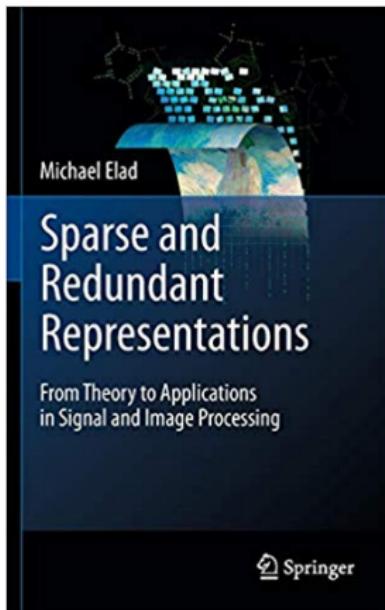
Do not be intimidated by the papers you read. Keep in mind that in most cases, the person who wrote them is not more capable than to you.

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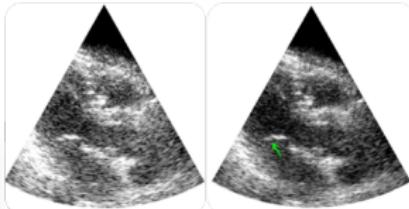
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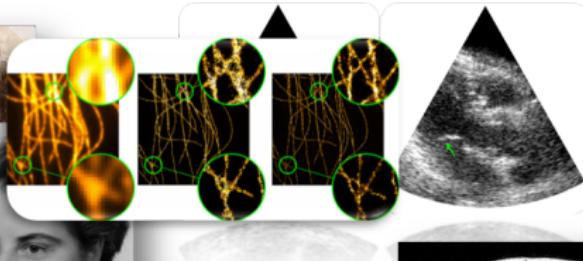


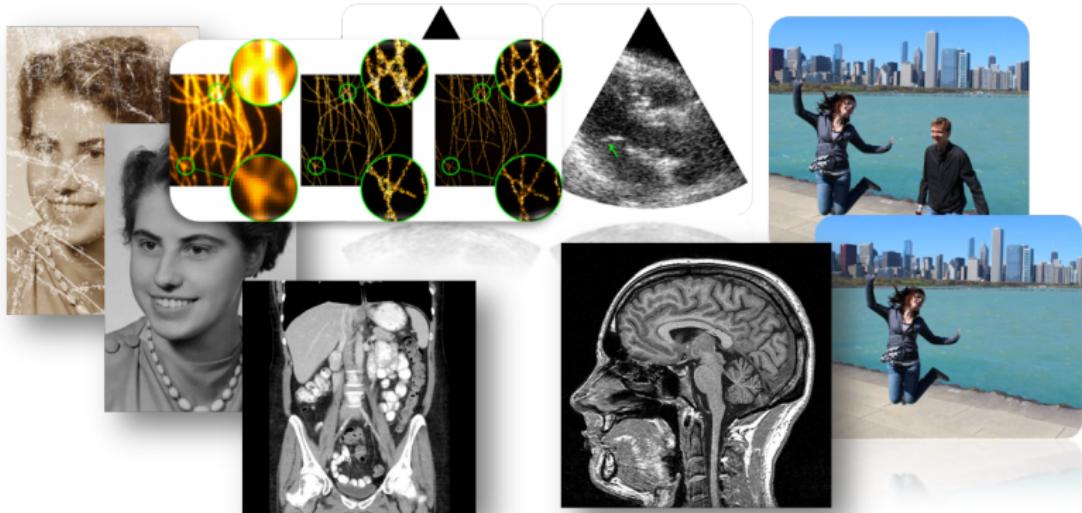
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What is this course all about?

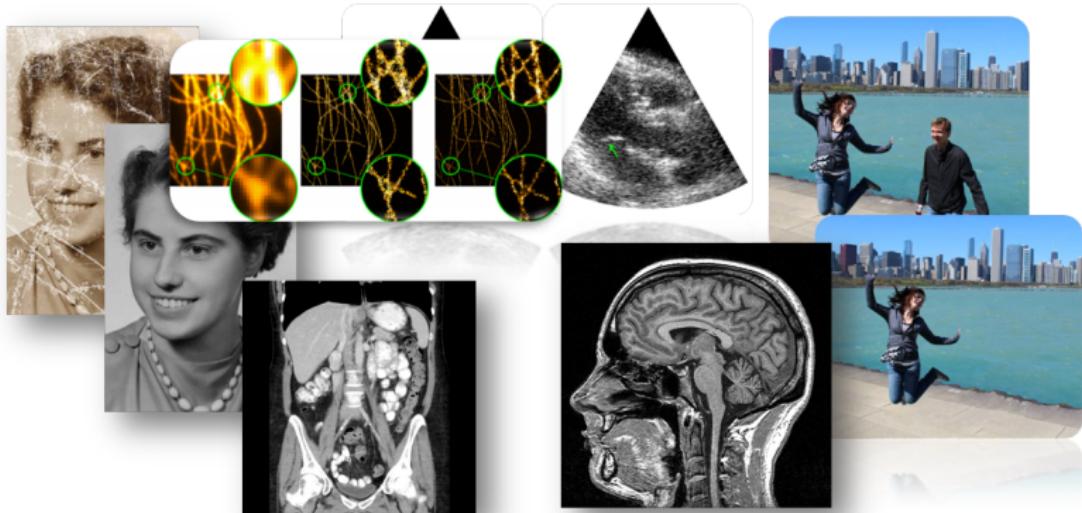








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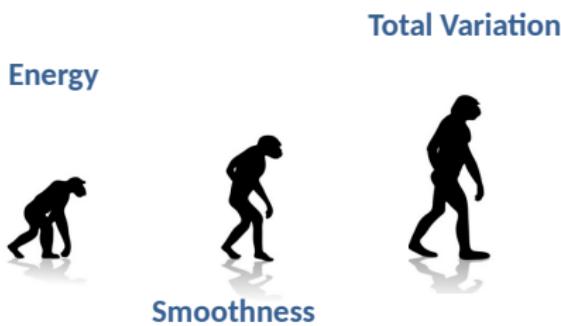


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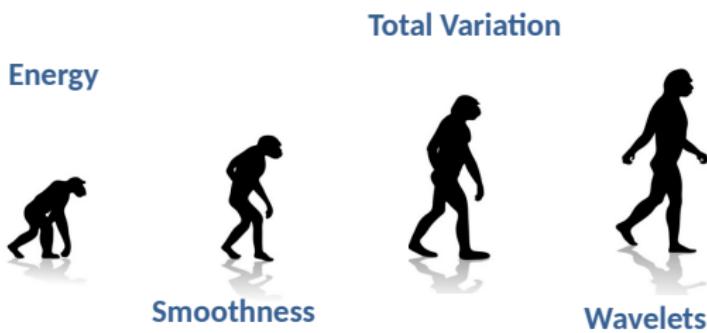


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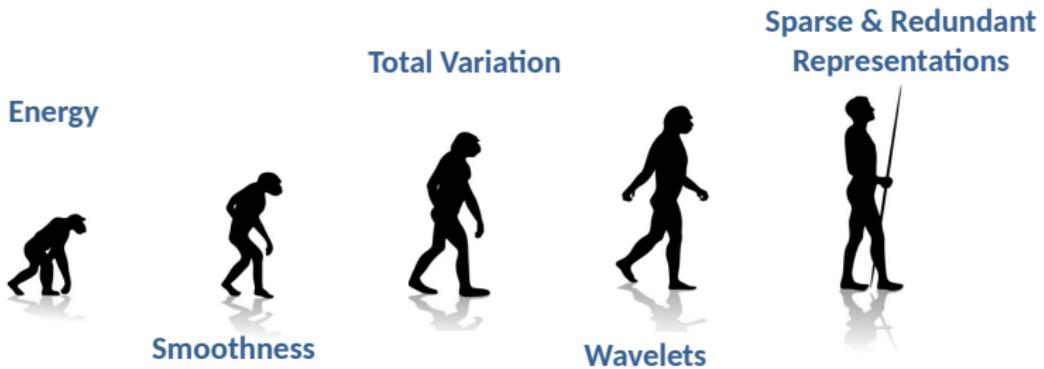


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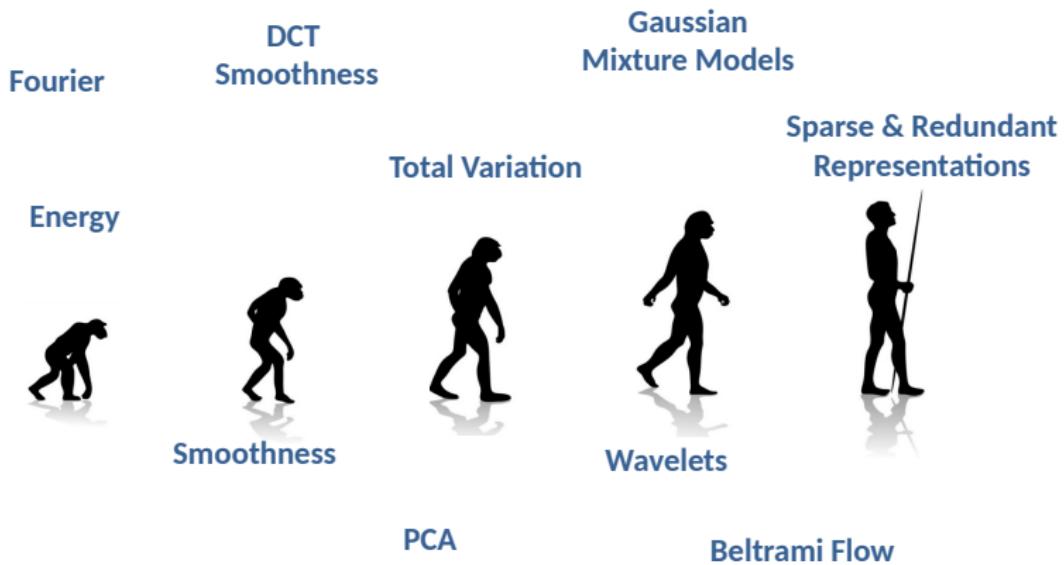


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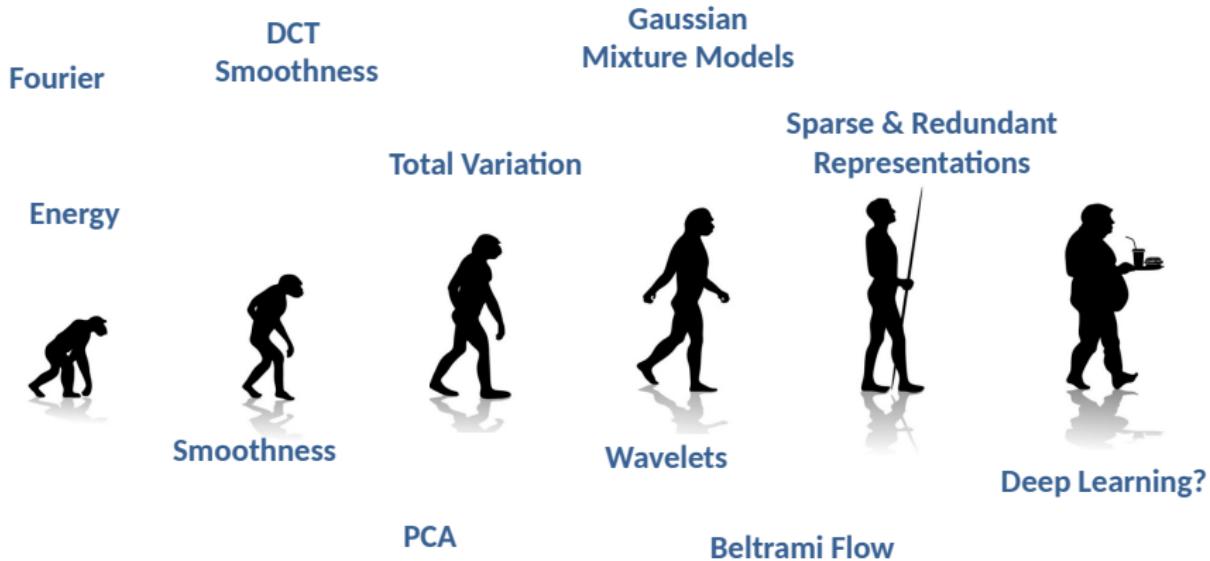
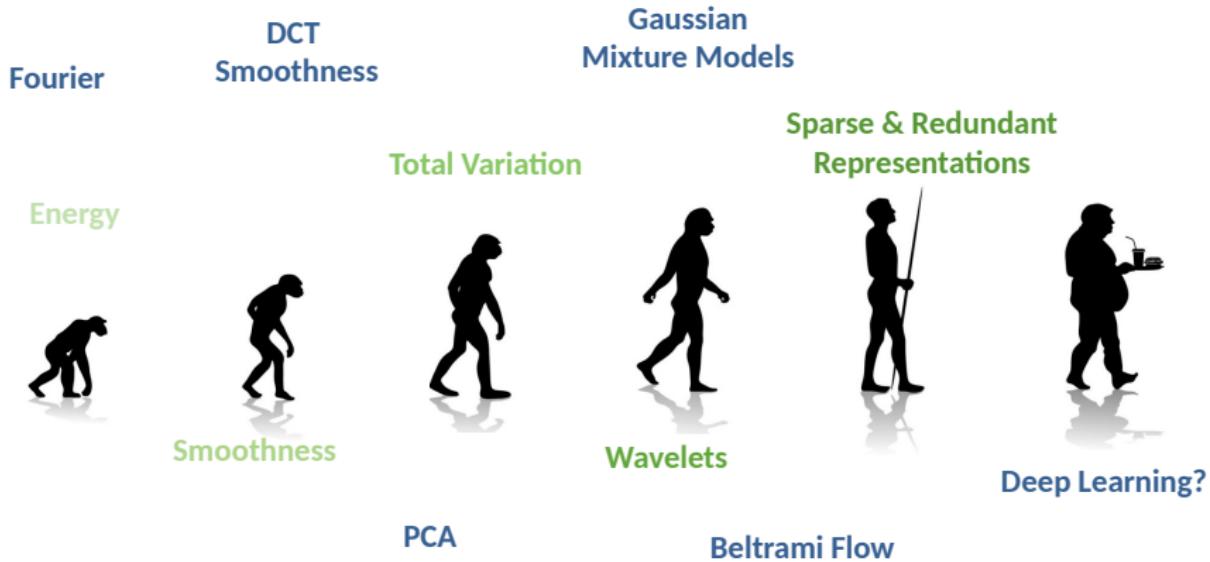


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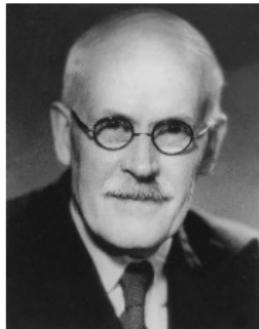
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*“We consider it a good principle
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simplest hypothesis possible”*
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“The existence of simple laws is, then, apparently, to be regarded as a quality of nature; and accordingly we may infer that it is justifiable to prefer a simple law to a more complex one that fits our observations slightly better”

[Wrinch and Jeffreys, 1921]

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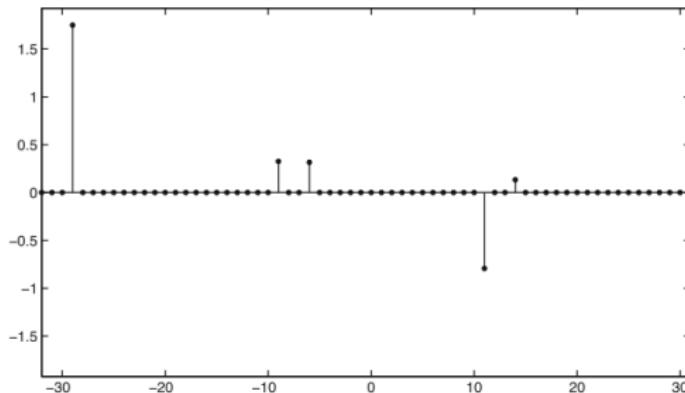
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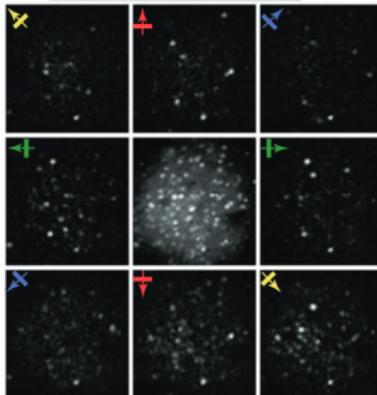
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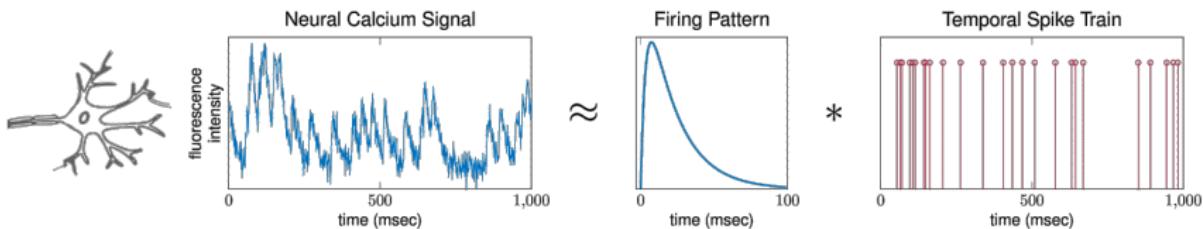
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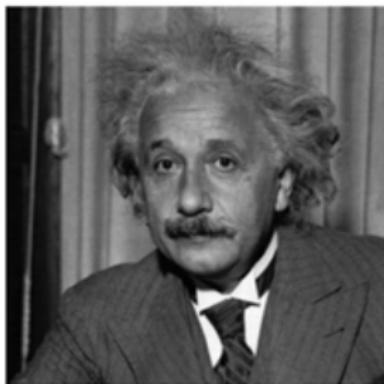
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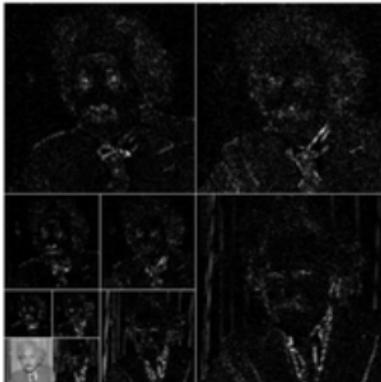
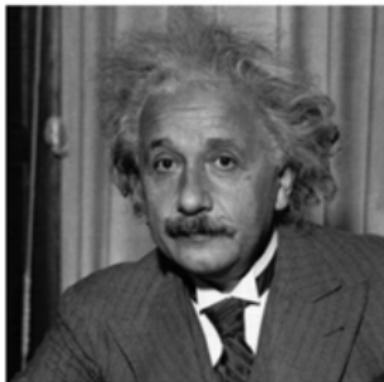
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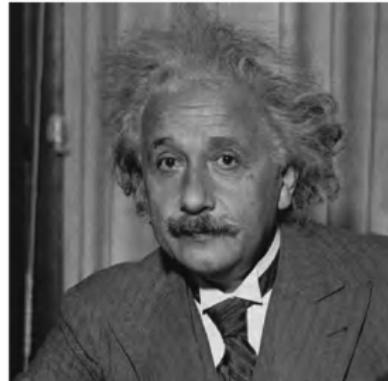
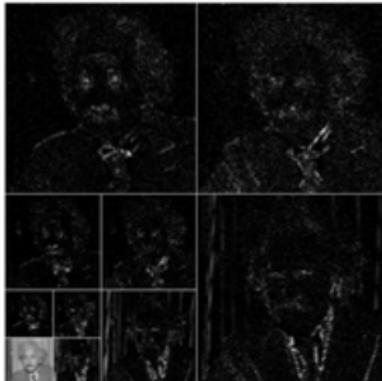
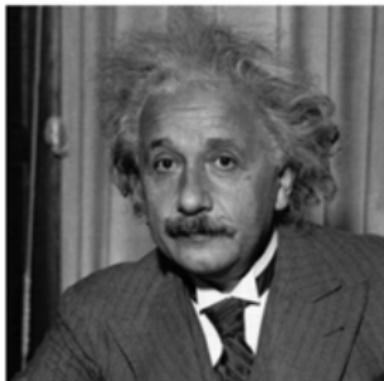
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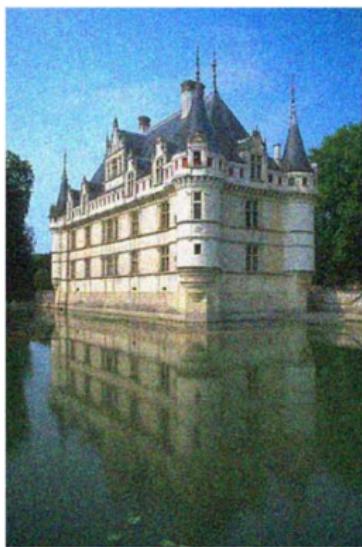
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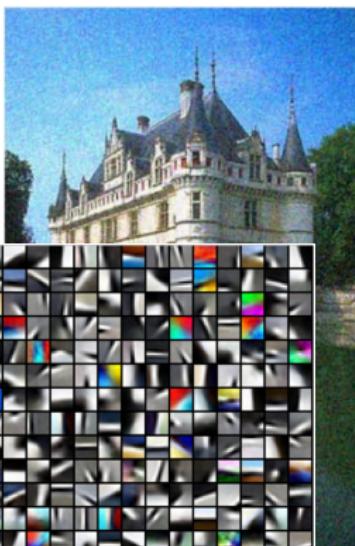
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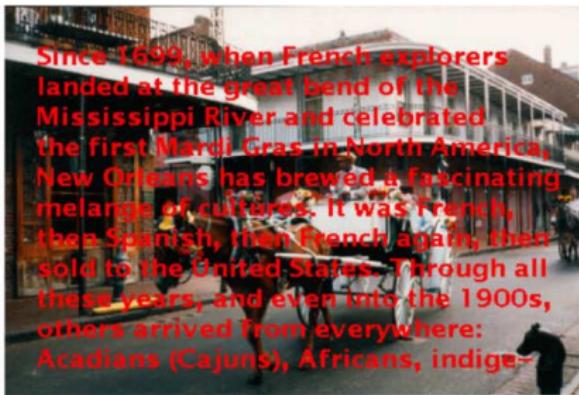
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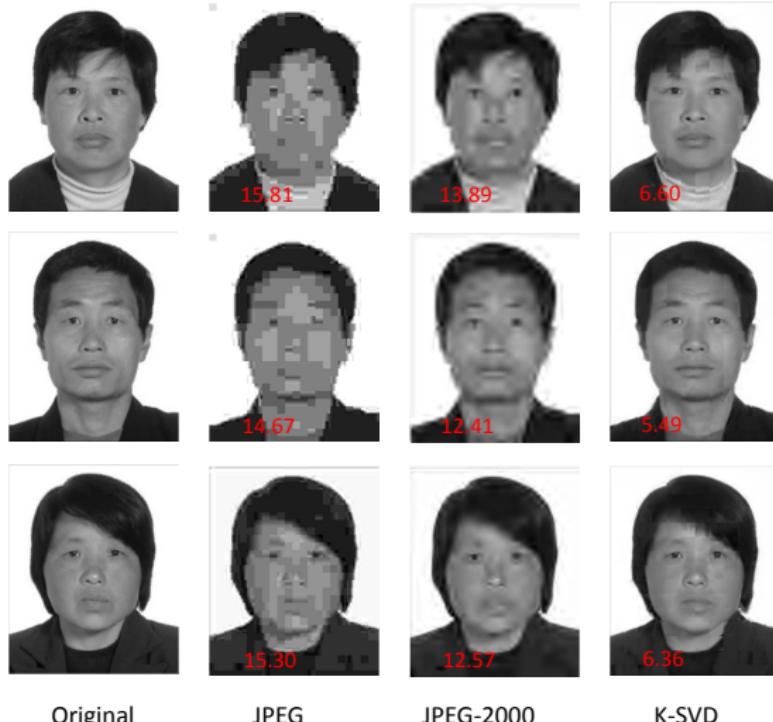
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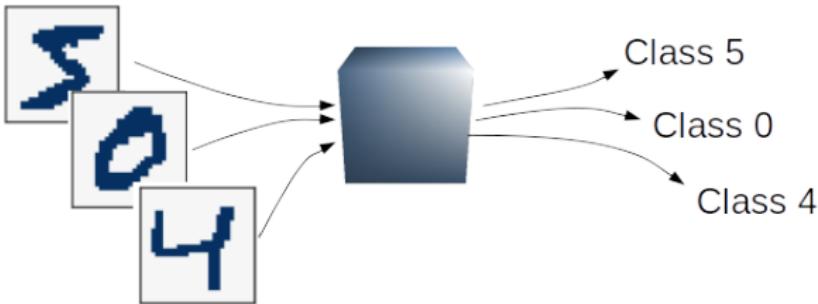
FDA Clears Magnetom Sola 1.5T MRI From Siemens Healthineers

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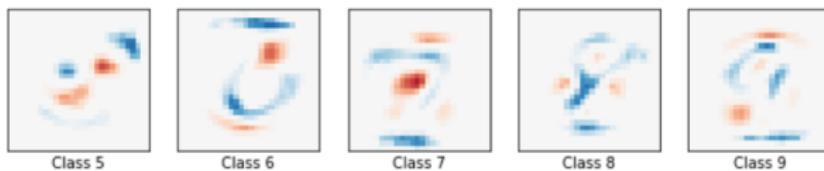
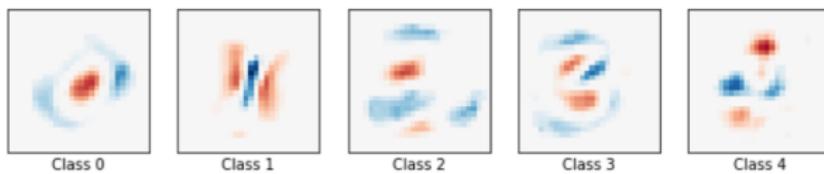
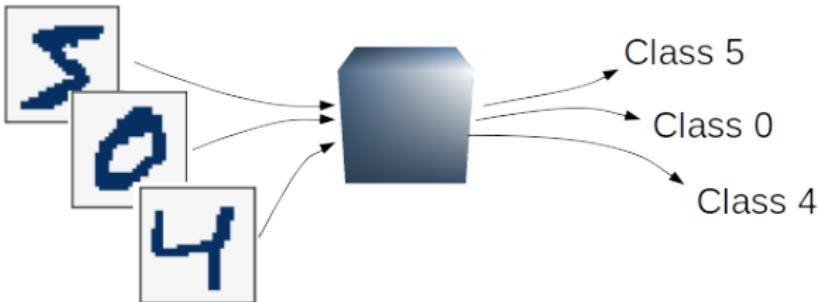


New software enables faster scanning to benefit patients and the facility. Multi-Slice TSE reduces routine musculoskeletal scan times by up to 46 percent. Compressed Sensing not only makes cardiac and dynamic liver exams faster, but also enables imaging of patients who cannot reliably hold their breath.

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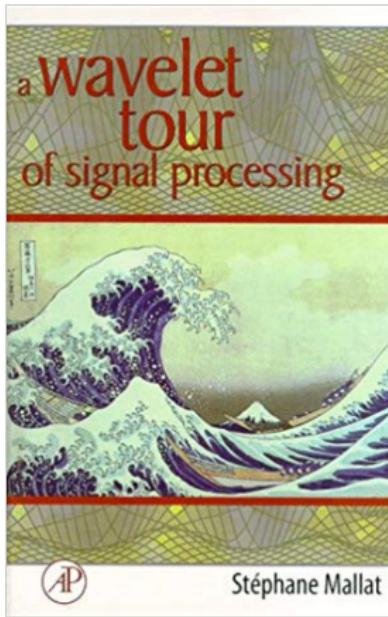


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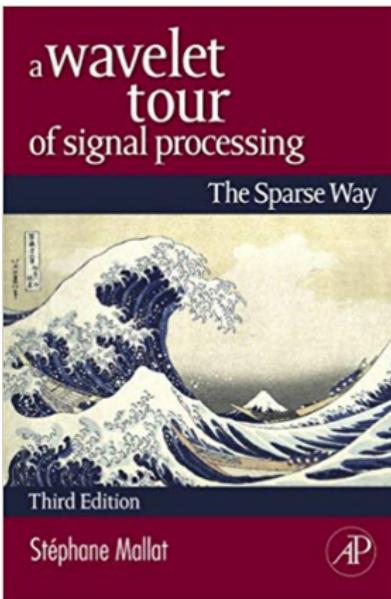
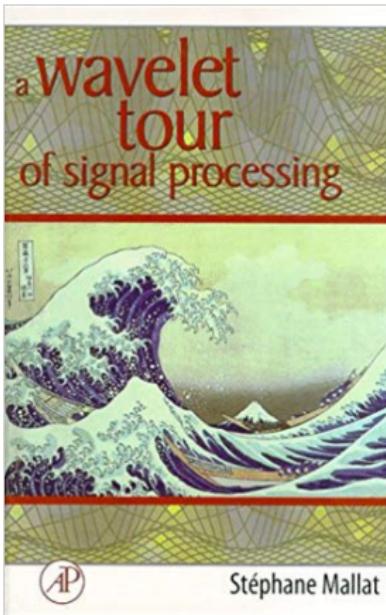


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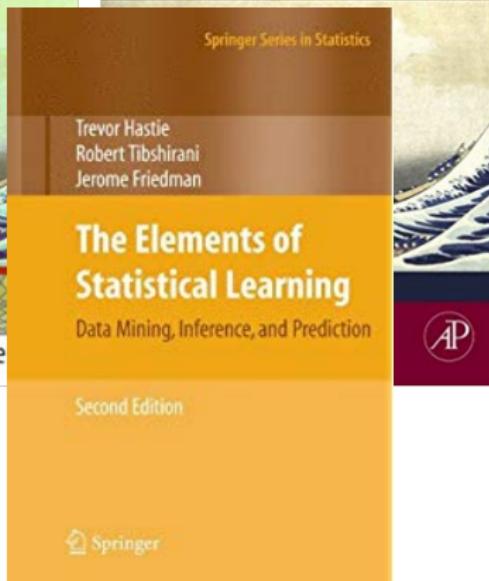
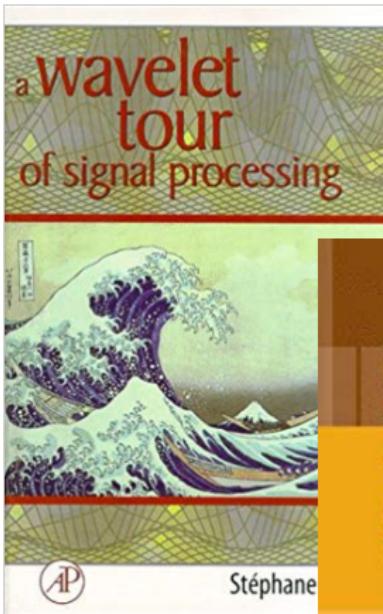
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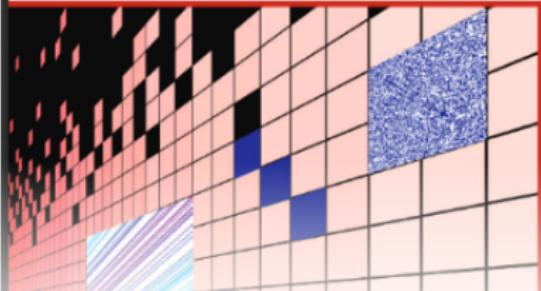
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EXPLOITING STRUCTURE IN BIG DATA ANALYTICS:
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Theoretical Foundations of Deep Learning via Sparse Representations

A multilayer sparse model and its connection to convolutional neural networks



Modeling data is the way we—scientists—believe that information should be explained and handled. Indeed, models play a central role in practically every task in signal and image processing and machine learning. Sparse representation theory (we shall refer to it as *Sparseland*) puts forward an emerging, highly effective, and universal model. Its core idea is the description of data as a linear combination of few atoms taken from a dictionary of such fundamental elements.

Our prime objective in this article is to review a recently introduced [1] model-based explanation of deep learning, which relies on sparse modeling of data. We start by presenting the general story of Sparseland, describing its key achievements. We then turn to describe the convolutional-inverse-cycling (CSC)

“Essentially, all models are wrong, but some are useful”
George E.P. Box