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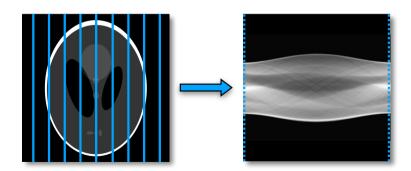
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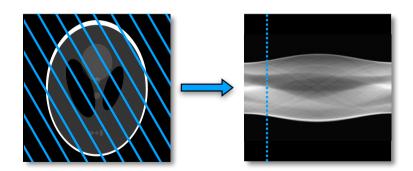
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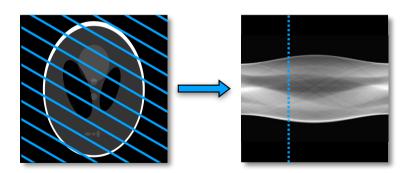
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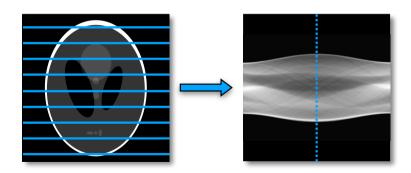


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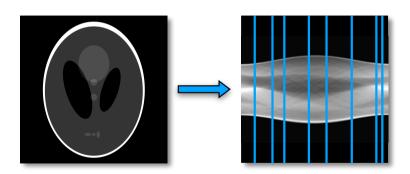


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Figure: Wavelet coefficients



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An example: Magnetic Resonance Imaging



Measurements: F = Fourier transform



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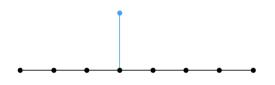
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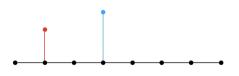
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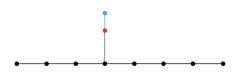








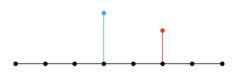








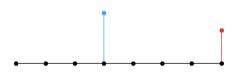




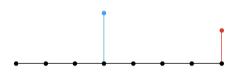








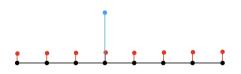




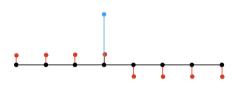




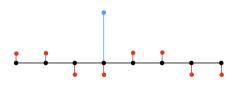




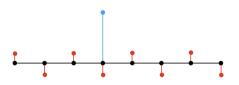




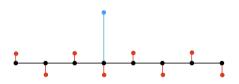














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Figure: **First example**: $B = \sqrt{M}$



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Figure: **Second example**: B=1



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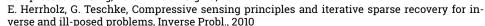
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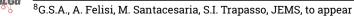
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Conclusions

Past

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- Empirical evidence for compressed sensing Radon transform

Present

- Abstract theory of sample complexity
- Rigorous theory of compressed sensing for the sparse Radon transform

Future

- ► Wavelets → shearlets, curvelets, etc.
- ▶ Generalisation to other ill-posed problems, possibly nonlinear





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