

# SSVM 2023

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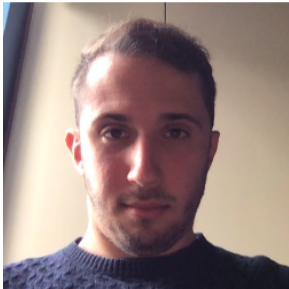
## Compressed sensing for the sparse Radon transform

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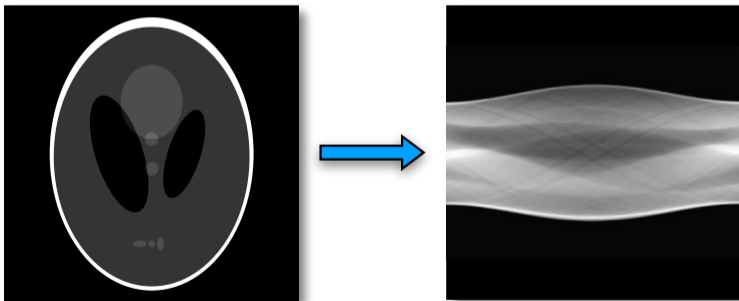
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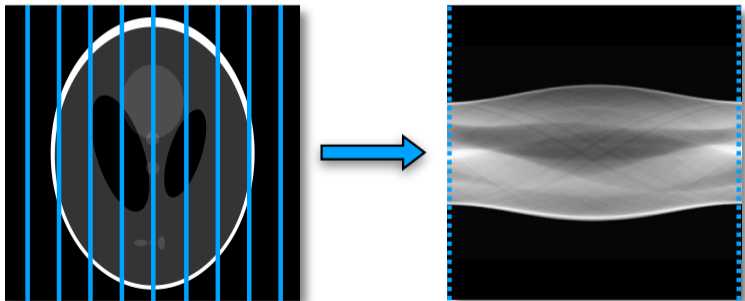
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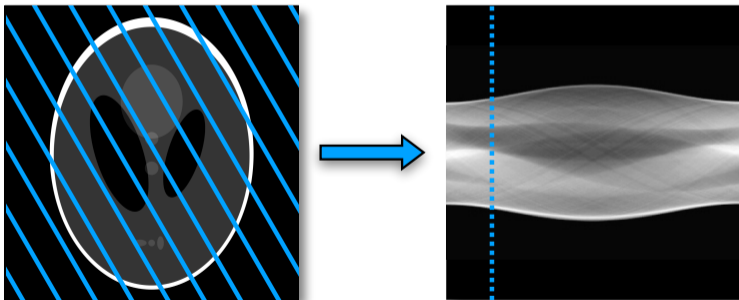
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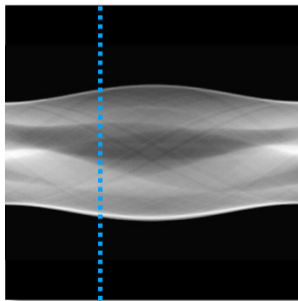
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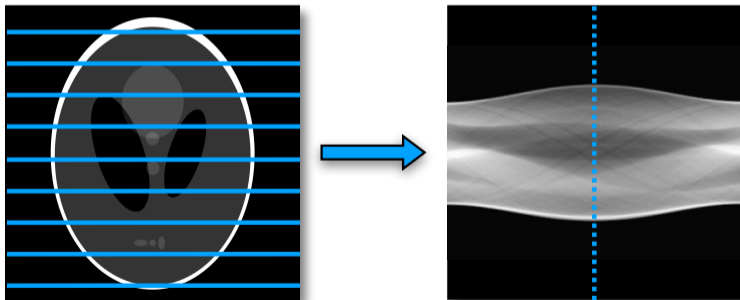
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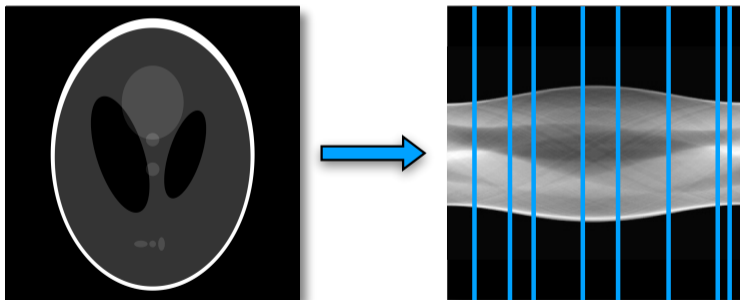
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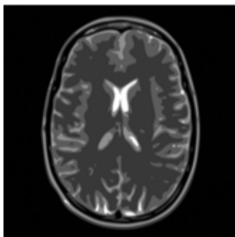
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- ▶ In practice, **compressibility**:

$$u = v + \text{small}, \quad v \in \Sigma_s.$$

## Real-world signals are compressible



Figure: Left: original image - Right: image obtained (roughly) by keeping only the 1% largest coefficients with respect to a discrete wavelet basis (JPEG-2000 compression standard)

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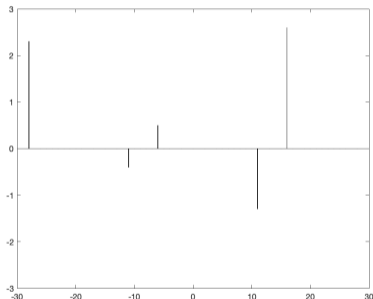
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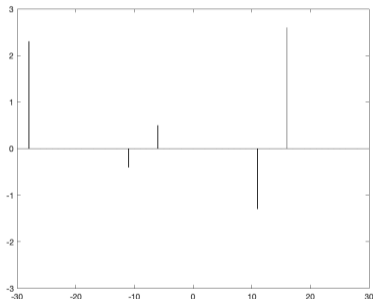
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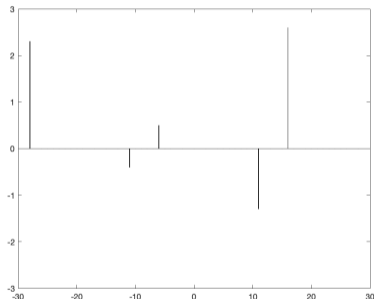
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