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Figure: Wavelet coefficients

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#### An example: Magnetic Resonance Imaging



#### **Measurements**: F = Fourier transform



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



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Figure: Second example: B = 1



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$$\left(\mathfrak{Ru}^{\dagger}(\theta_{1},\cdot),\ldots,\mathfrak{Ru}^{\dagger}(\theta_{\mathfrak{m}},\cdot)\right)\in L^{2}(-1,1)^{\mathfrak{m}}\qquad\longrightarrow\qquad\mathfrak{u}^{\dagger}\in L^{2}(\mathbb{B}_{1})$$

## Theorem

- ▶ Sparsity: unknown  $u^{\dagger} \in L^{2}(\mathcal{B}_{1})$  is s-sparse wrt an ONB of wavelets  $(\varphi_{j,n})_{j,n}$
- $\blacktriangleright$  Measurements:  $\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_m\in[0,\pi]$  chosen uniformly at random with

 $m\gtrsim s\cdot \text{log factors}$ 

Minimization problem:

$$\widehat{u} \in \mathop{\text{arg\,min}}_{\mathfrak{u}} \| \Phi u \|_{1,\mathfrak{w}} \quad : \quad \mathcal{R}_{\theta_1} \mathfrak{u} = \mathcal{R}_{\theta_1} \mathfrak{u}^\dagger, \ \mathfrak{l} = 1, \dots, \mathfrak{m}$$

Then, with high probability,

 $\widehat{\mathfrak{u}}=\mathfrak{u}^{\dagger}$ 

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# Conclusions

#### Past

- > Theory of CS for random matrices and subsampled isometries (e.g. MRI)
- Empirical evidence for compressed sensing Radon transform

#### Present

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

#### Future

- $\blacktriangleright \ \ Wavelets \ \ \rightarrow \ \ shearlets, curvelets, etc.$
- Generalisation to other ill-posed problems, possibly nonlinear







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