



## Multiresolution Analysis

**DS-GA 1013 / MATH-GA 2824 Optimization-based Data Analysis**

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Frames

Short-time Fourier transform (STFT)

Wavelets

Thresholding

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be an inner-product space

A frame of  $\mathcal{V}$  is a set of vectors  $\mathcal{F} := \{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots\}$  such that for every  $\vec{x} \in \mathcal{V}$

$$c_L \|\vec{x}\|_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}^2 \leq \sum_{\vec{v} \in \mathcal{F}} |\langle \vec{x}, \vec{v} \rangle|^2 \leq c_U \|\vec{x}\|_{\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle}^2$$

for fixed positive constants  $c_U \geq c_L \geq 0$

The frame is a *tight frame* if  $c_L = c_U$

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## Analysis operator

The analysis operator  $\Phi$  of a frame maps a vector to its coefficients

$$\Phi(\vec{x})[k] = \langle \vec{x}, \vec{v}_k \rangle$$

For any finite frame  $\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m\}$  of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  the analysis operator is

$$F := \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1^* \\ \vec{v}_2^* \\ \dots \\ \vec{v}_m^* \end{bmatrix}$$

## Frames in finite-dimensional spaces

$\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_m$  are a frame of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  if and only if  $F$  is **full rank**

In that case,

$$c_U = \sigma_1^2$$

$$c_L = \sigma_n^2$$

Proof:

$$\sigma_n^2 \leq \|F\vec{x}\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=1}^m \langle \vec{x}, \vec{v}_j \rangle^2 \leq \sigma_1^2$$

# Pseudoinverse

If an  $n \times m$  tall matrix  $A$ ,  $m \geq n$ , is full rank, then its **pseudoinverse**

$$A^\dagger := (A^*A)^{-1} A^*$$

is well defined, is a **left inverse** of  $A$

$$A^\dagger A = I$$

and equals

$$A^\dagger = VS^{-1}U^*$$

where  $A = USV^*$  is the SVD of  $A$

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# Motivation

Spectrum of speech, music, etc. varies over time

**Idea:** Compute frequency representation of *time segments* of the signal



# Short-time Fourier transform

The short-time Fourier transform (STFT) of a function  $f \in \mathcal{L}_2[-1/2, 1/2]$  is

$$\text{STFT } \{f\} (k, \tau) := \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} f(t) \overline{w(t - \tau)} e^{-i2\pi kt} dt$$

where  $w \in \mathcal{L}_2[-1/2, 1/2]$  is a **window** function

Frame vectors:  $v_{k,\tau}(t) := w(t - \tau) e^{i2\pi kt}$

# Discrete short-time Fourier transform

The STFT of a vector  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is

$$\text{STFT} \{f\} (k, l) := \langle \vec{x} \circ \vec{w}_{[l]}, \vec{h}_k \rangle$$

where  $w \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is a **window** vector

Frame vectors:  $v_{k,l}(t) := \vec{w}_{[l]} \circ \vec{h}_k$

# STFT

Length of window and shifts are chosen so that shifted windows **overlap**

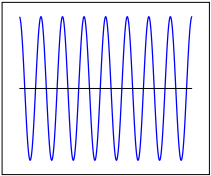
In that case the STFT is a **frame**

We can invert it using fast algorithms based on the FFT

Window should not produce spurious high-frequency artifacts

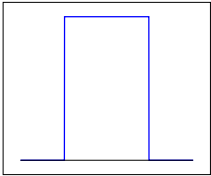
# Rectangular window

Signal

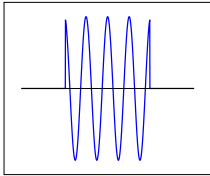


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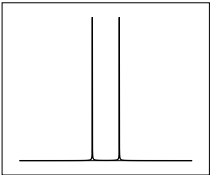
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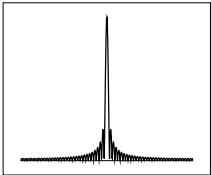
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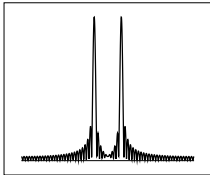
Spectrum



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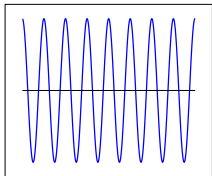


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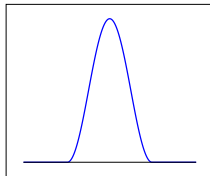


# Hann window

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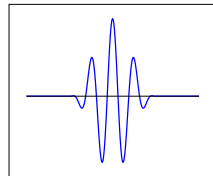


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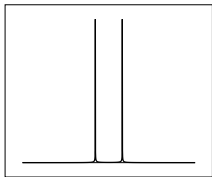


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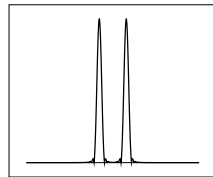
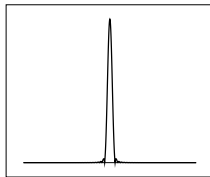


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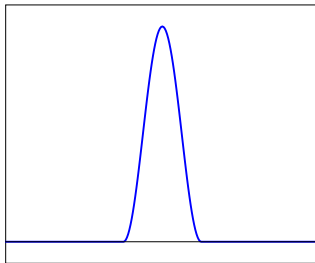
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Frame vector  $l = 0, k = 0$

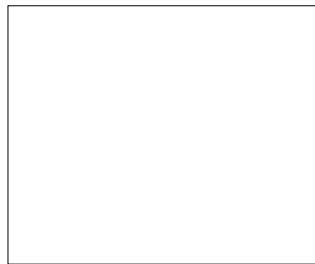
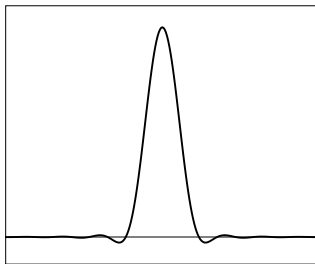
Real part



Imaginary part

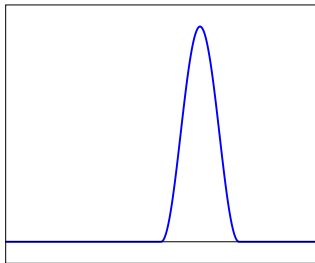


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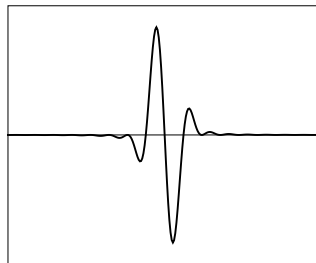
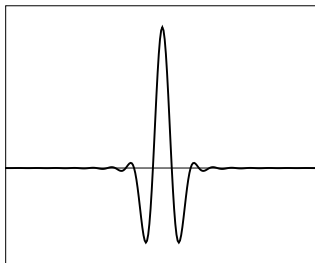
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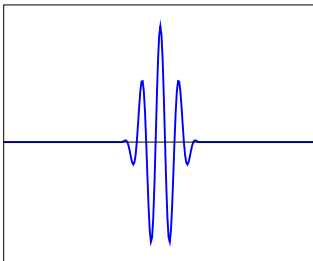


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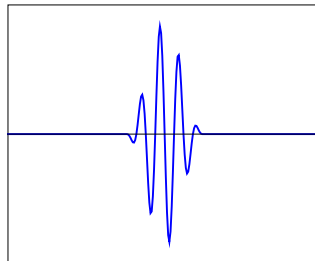


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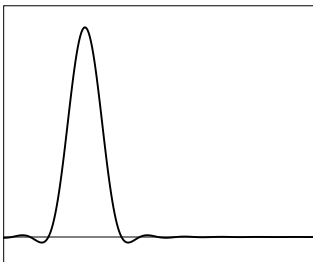
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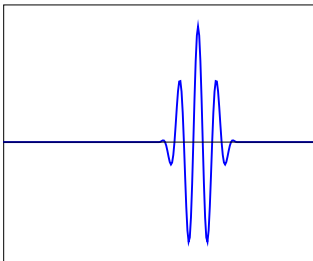
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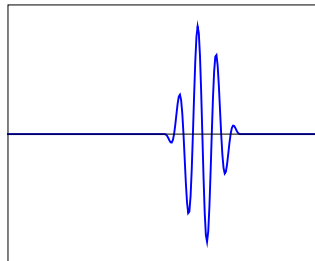


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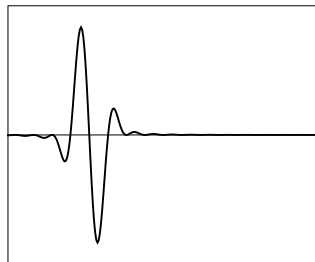
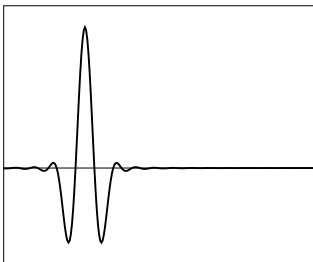
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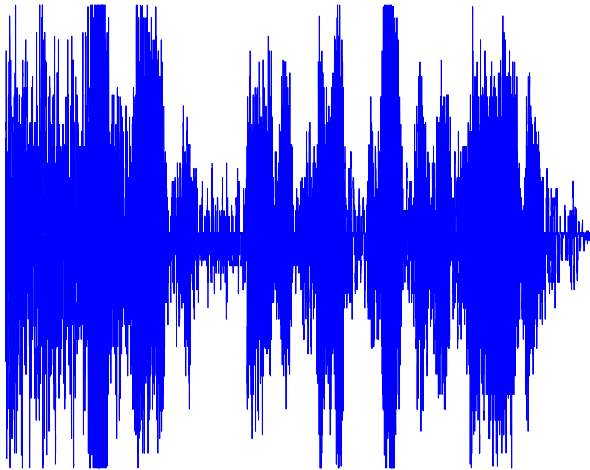
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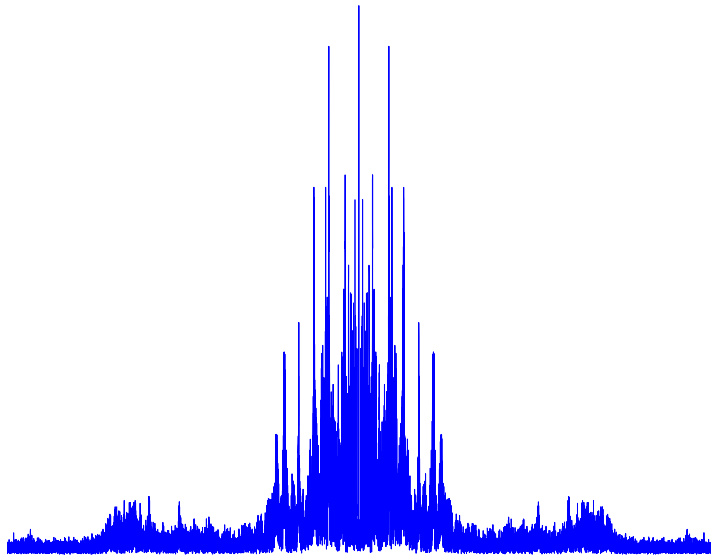
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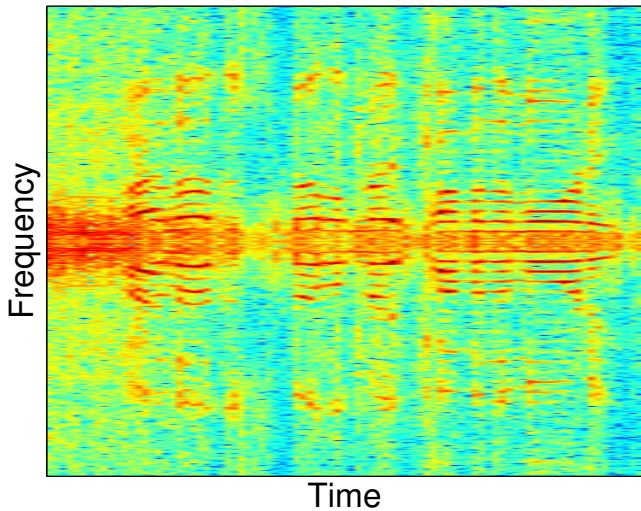
# Speech signal



# Spectrum



# Spectrogram (log magnitude of STFT coefficients)



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# Wavelet transform

Motivation: Extracting features at different **scales**

Idea: Frame vectors are **scaled**, **shifted** copies of a fixed function

An additional function captures **low-pass** component at largest scale

# Wavelet transform

The wavelet transform of a function  $f \in \mathcal{L}_2[-1/2, 1/2]$  depends on a choice of **scaling function** (or *father wavelet*)  $\phi$  and **wavelet** function (or *mother wavelet*)  $\psi$

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$$W_{\phi}\{f\}(\tau) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \int f(t) \overline{\phi(t - \tau)} dt$$

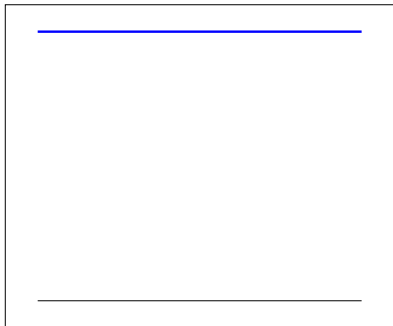
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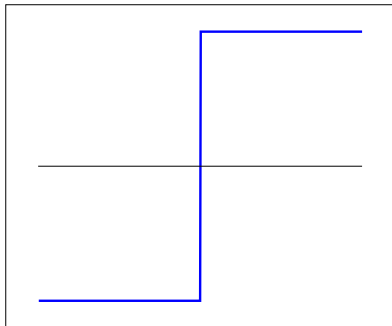
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# Haar wavelet

Scaling function



Mother wavelet



Wavelets are **band-pass** filters, scaling functions are **low-pass** filters



# Discrete wavelet transform

The discrete wavelet transform depends on a choice of **scaling** vector  $\vec{\phi}$  and **wavelet**  $\vec{\psi}$

The scaling coefficients are

$$W_{\vec{\phi}}\{f\}(l) := \langle \vec{x}, \vec{\phi}_{[l]} \rangle$$

The wavelet coefficients are

$$W_{\vec{\psi}}\{f\}(s, l) := \langle \vec{x}, \vec{\psi}_{[s, l]} \rangle,$$

where

$$\vec{\psi}_{[s, l]}[j] := \vec{\psi} \left[ \frac{j - l}{s} \right]$$

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Scale

$$2^0$$

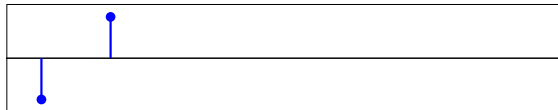
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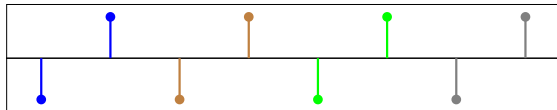


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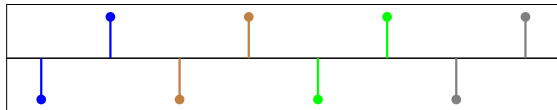
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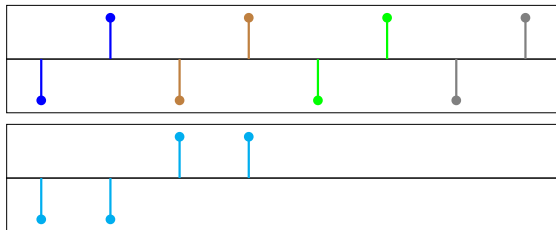


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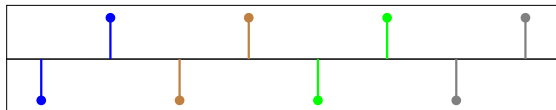
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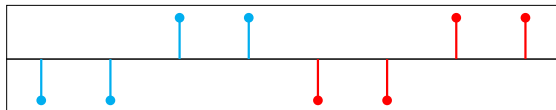
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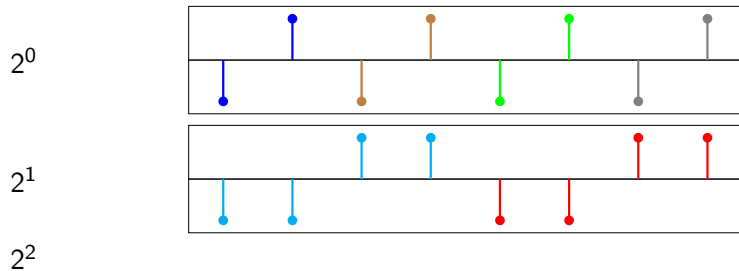
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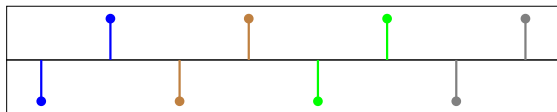


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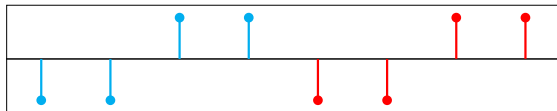
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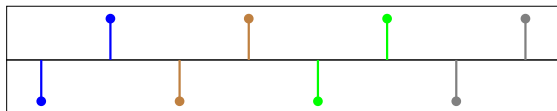


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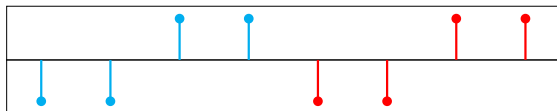
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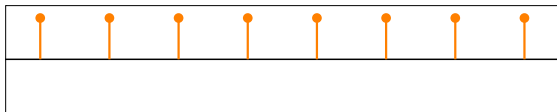
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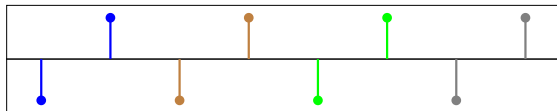
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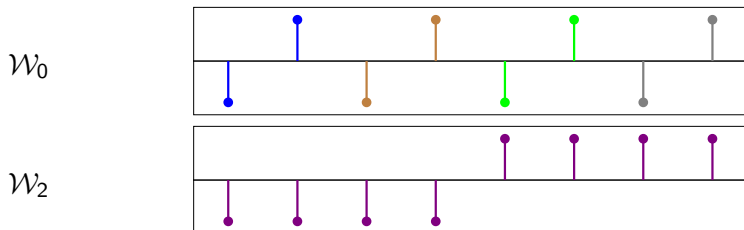




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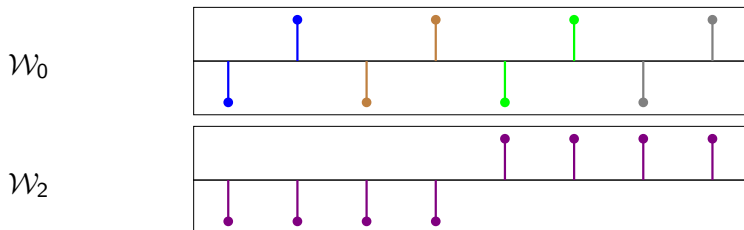
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$\mathcal{W}_k$  is the span of  $\vec{\psi}$  **dilated** by  $2^k$  and **shifted** by multiples of  $2^{k+1}$



$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}_k} \vec{x}$  is an approximation of  $\vec{x}$  at **scale**  $2^k$

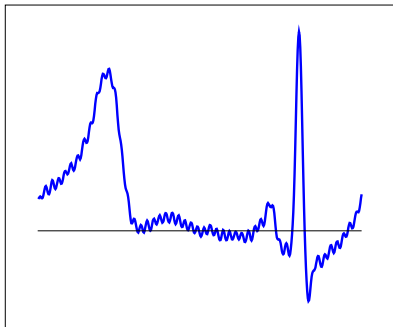
# Multiresolution decomposition

## Properties

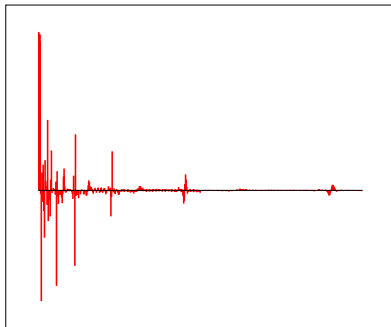
- ▶  $\mathcal{V}_0 = \mathbb{C}^n$  (approximation at scale  $2^0$  is perfect)
- ▶  $\mathcal{V}_k$  is invariant to translations of scale  $2^k$
- ▶ Dilating vectors in  $\mathcal{V}_j$  by 2 yields vectors in  $\mathcal{V}_{j+1}$

# Electrocardiogram

Signal

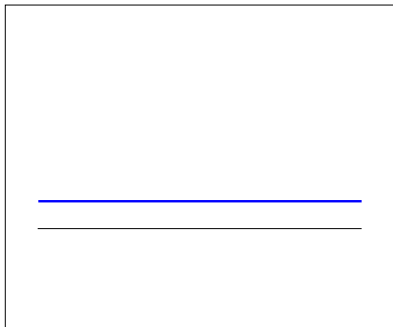


Haar transform

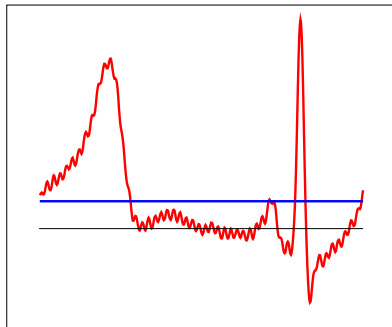


Scale  $2^9$

$\mathcal{P}_{W_9} \vec{x}$

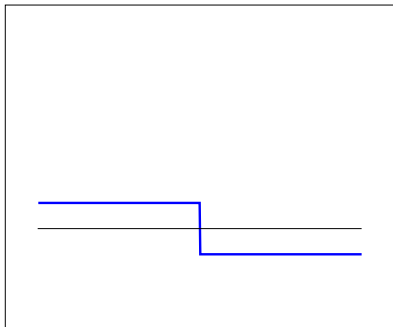


$\mathcal{P}_{V_9} \vec{x}$

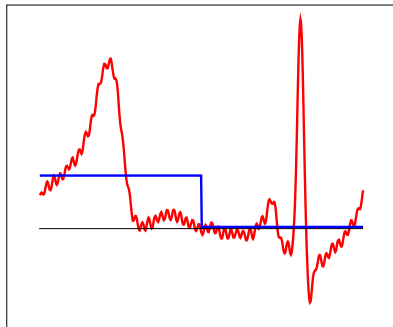


Scale  $2^8$

$\mathcal{P}_{W_8} \vec{x}$

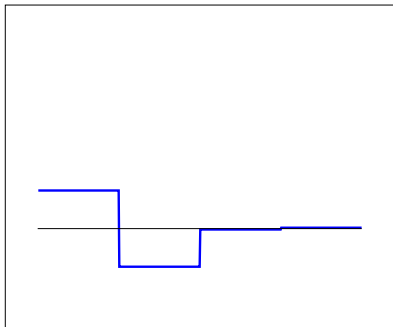


$\mathcal{P}_{V_8} \vec{x}$

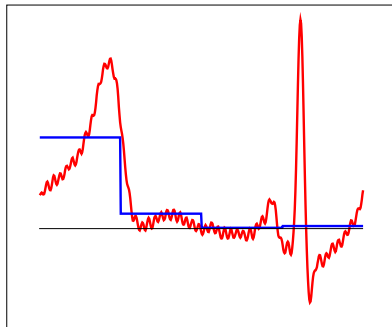


Scale  $2^7$

$\mathcal{P}_{W_7} \vec{x}$

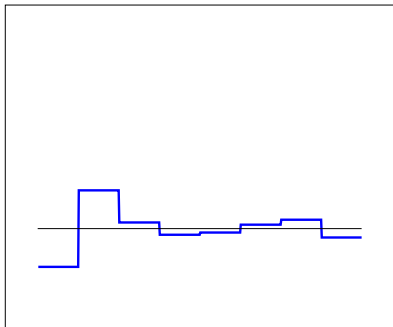


$\mathcal{P}_{V_7} \vec{x}$

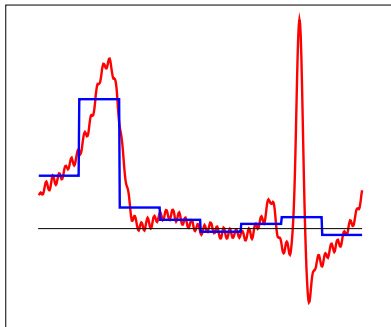


Scale  $2^6$

$\mathcal{P}_{W_6} \vec{x}$



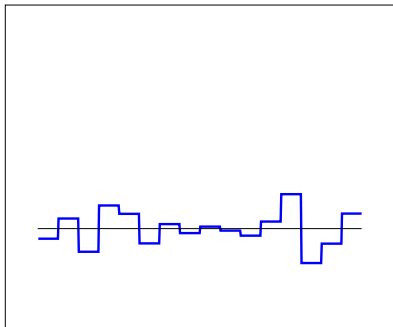
$\mathcal{P}_{V_6} \vec{x}$



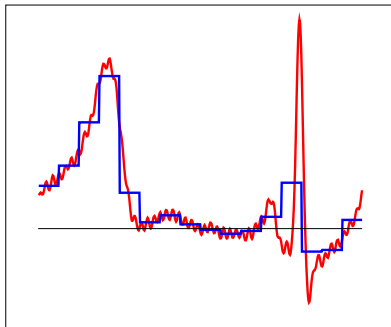


Scale  $2^5$

$\mathcal{P}_{W_5} \vec{x}$

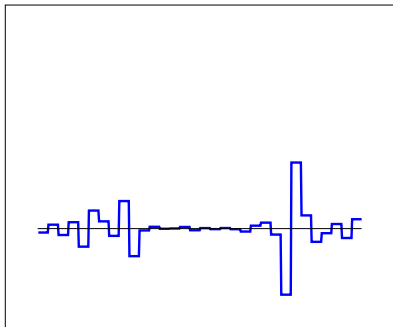


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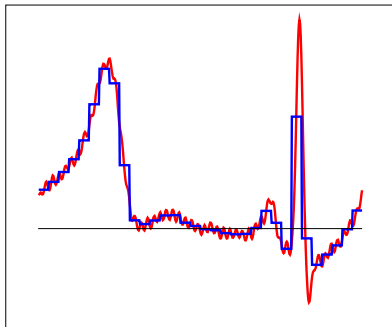


Scale  $2^4$

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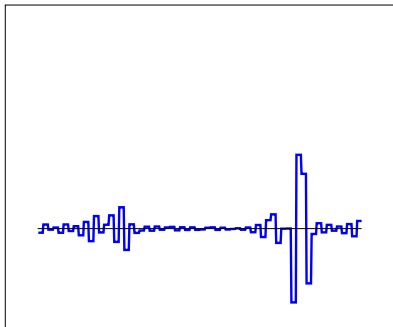


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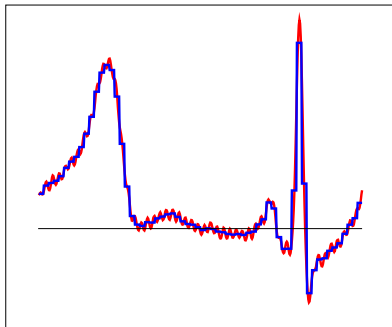


Scale  $2^3$

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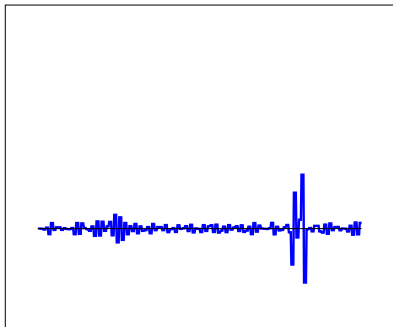


$\mathcal{P}_{V_3} \vec{x}$

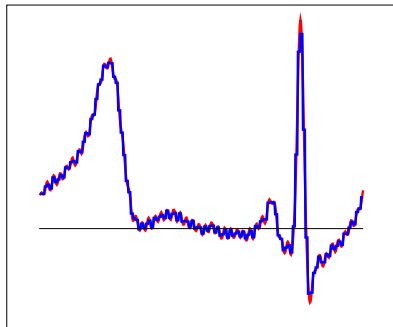


Scale  $2^2$

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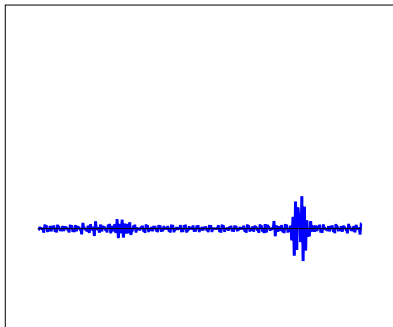


$\mathcal{P}_{V_2} \vec{x}$

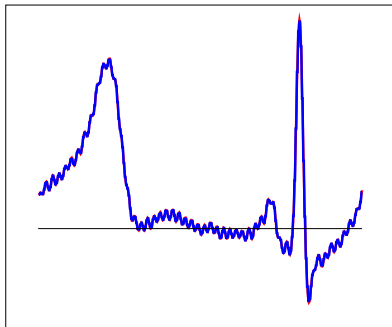


Scale  $2^1$

$\mathcal{P}_{W_1} \vec{x}$

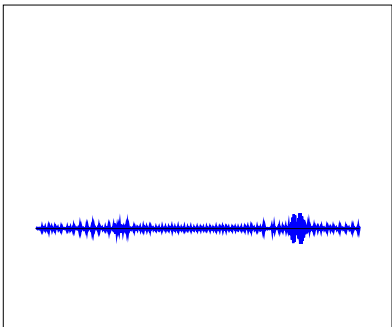


$\mathcal{P}_{V_1} \vec{x}$

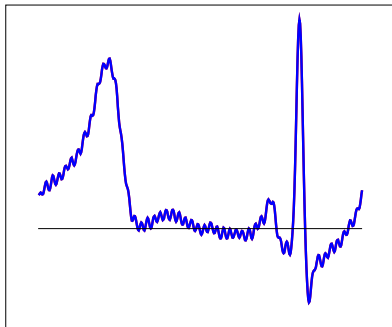


Scale  $2^0$

$\mathcal{P}_{W_0} \vec{x}$



$\mathcal{P}_{V_0} \vec{x}$



## 2D Wavelets

Extension to 2D by using outer products of 1D atoms

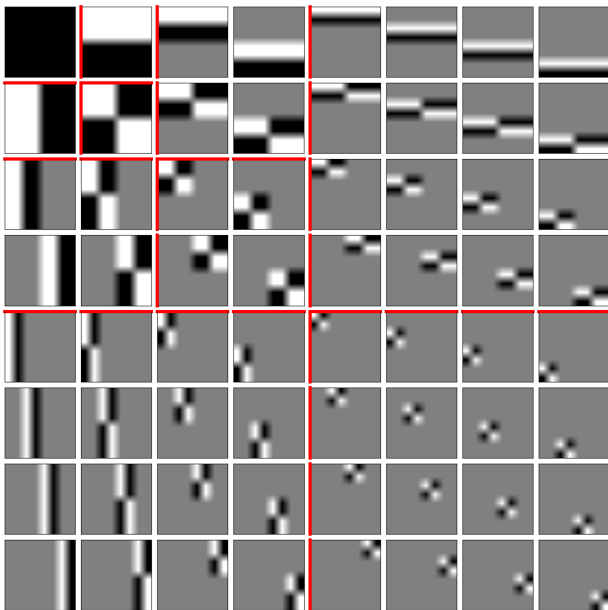
$$\xi_{s_1, s_2, k_1, k_2}^{2D} := \xi_{s_1, k_1}^{1D} \left( \xi_{s_2, k_2}^{1D} \right)^T$$

The JPEG 2000 compression standard is based on 2D wavelets

Many extensions:

Steerable pyramid, ridgelets, curvelets, bandlets, . . .

## 2D Haar transform

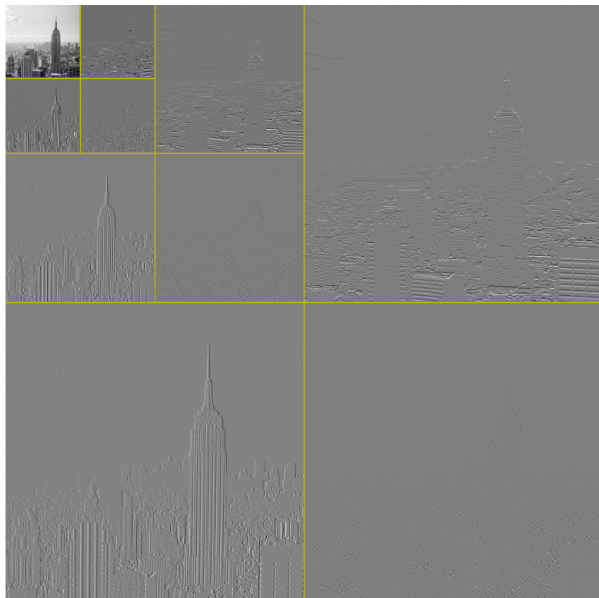




## 2D wavelet transform



## 2D wavelet transform



Frames

Short-time Fourier transform (STFT)

Wavelets

**Thresholding**

# Denoising

**Aim:** Extracting information (**signal**) from data in the presence of uninformative perturbations (**noise**)

Additive noise model

data = signal + noise

$$\vec{y} = \vec{x} + \vec{z}$$

**Prior** knowledge about structure of signal vs structure of noise is required

# Assumption

- ▶ Signal is a sparse superposition of basis/frame vectors
- ▶ Noise is **not**

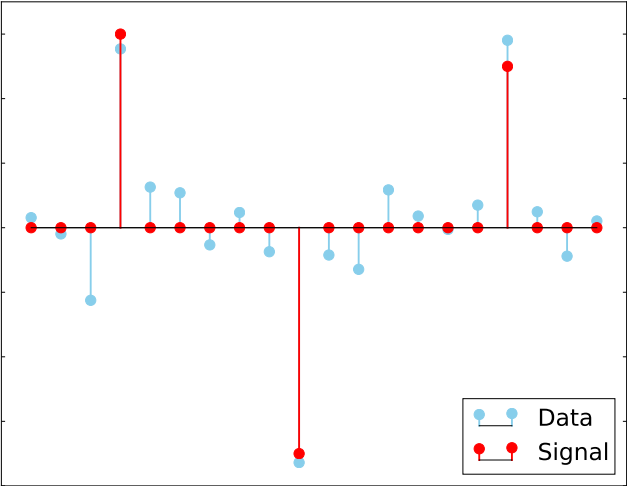
# Assumption

- ▶ Signal is a sparse superposition of basis/frame vectors
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Example:

Gaussian noise  $\vec{z}$  with covariance matrix  $\sigma^2 I$ , distribution of  $F\vec{z}$ ?

# Example



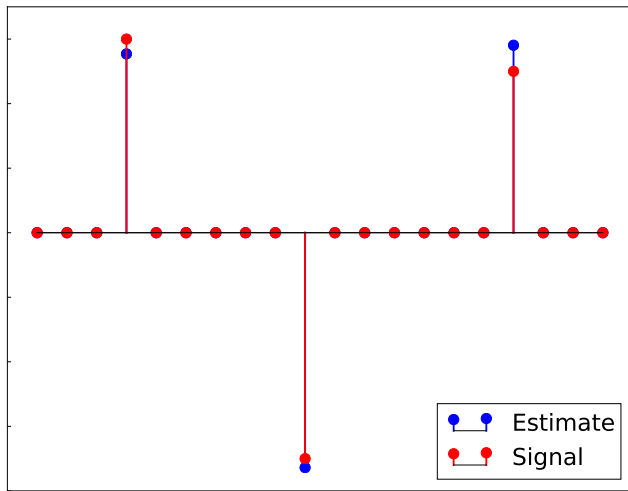
# Thresholding

Hard-thresholding operator

$$\mathcal{H}_\eta(\vec{v})[j] := \begin{cases} \vec{v}[j] & \text{if } |\vec{v}[j]| > \eta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

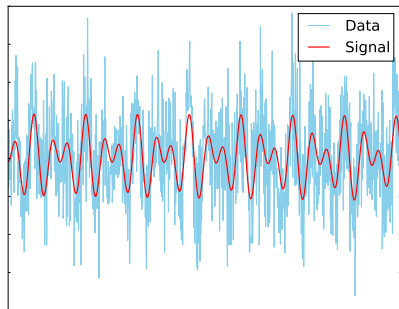


## Denoising via hard thresholding

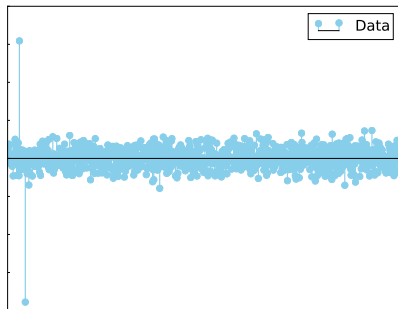


# Multisinusoidal signal

$\vec{y}$



$F\vec{y}$



## Denoising via hard thresholding

Data:  $\vec{y} = \vec{x} + \vec{z}$

**Assumption:**  $F\vec{x}$  is sparse,  $F\vec{z}$  is not

1. Apply the hard-thresholding operator  $\mathcal{H}_\eta$  to  $F\vec{y}$
2. If  $F$  is a basis, then

$$\vec{x}_{\text{est}} := F^{-1}\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$

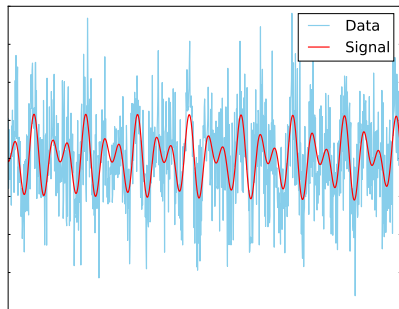
If  $F$  is a frame,

$$\vec{x}_{\text{est}} := F^\dagger\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y}),$$

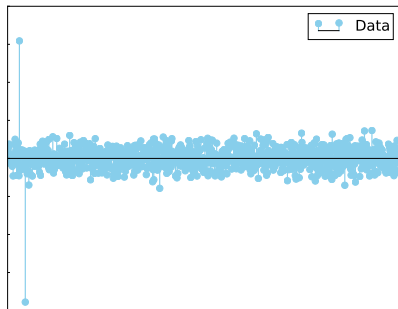
where  $F^\dagger$  is the pseudoinverse of  $F$  (other left inverses of  $F$  also work)

# Denoising via hard thresholding in Fourier basis

$\vec{y}$

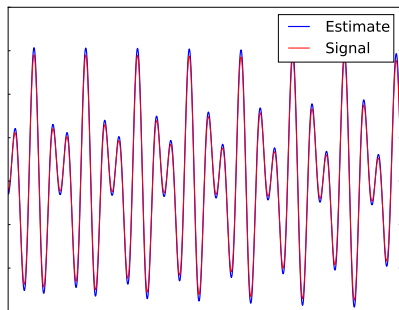


$F\vec{y}$

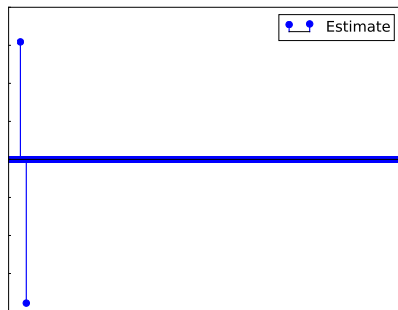


# Denoising via hard thresholding in Fourier basis

$$F^{-1}\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$



$$\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$

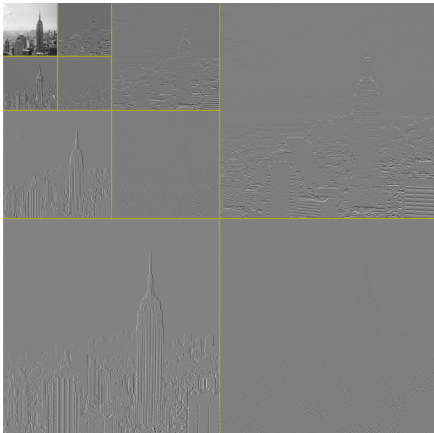


# Image denoising

$\vec{x}$

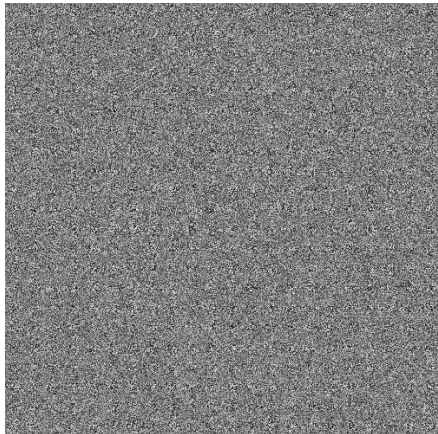


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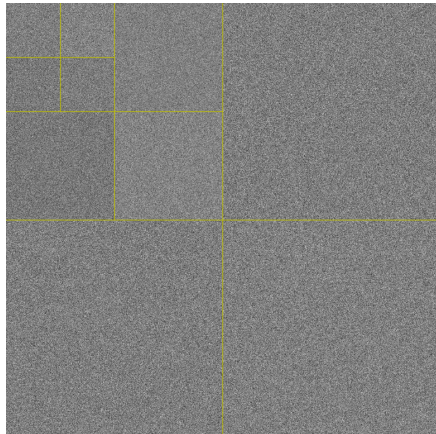


# Image denoising

$\vec{z}$



$F\vec{z}$

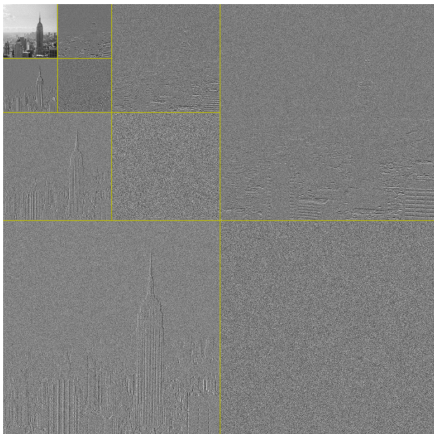


# Data (SNR=2.5)

$\vec{y}$

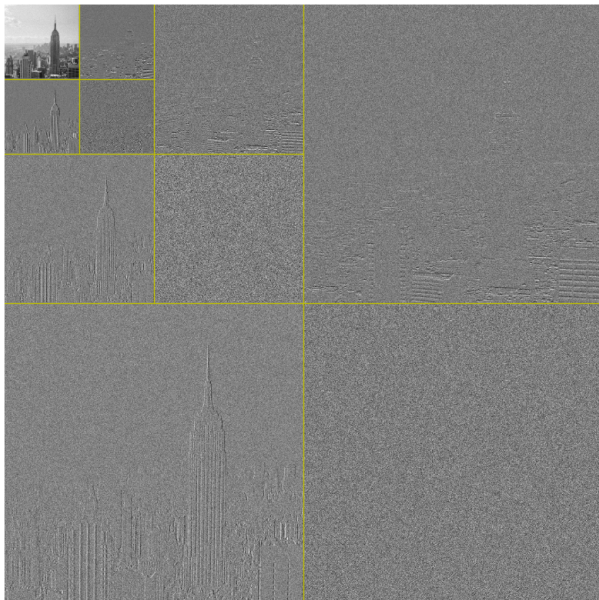


$F\vec{y}$

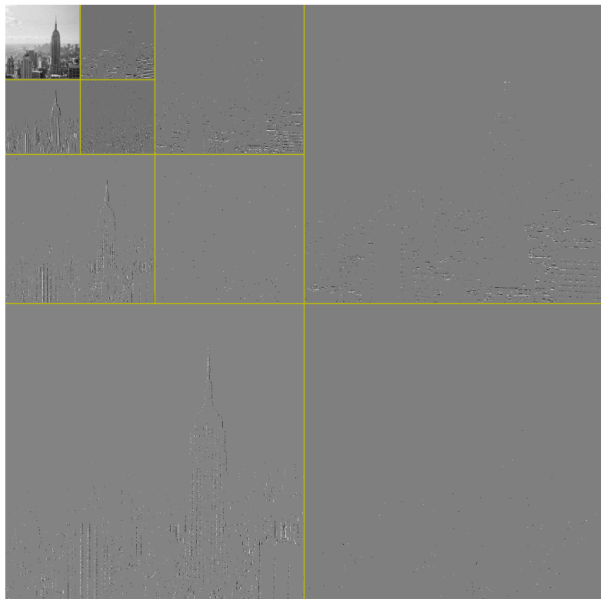




$F\vec{y}$



$\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$



$$F^{-1}\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$



$\vec{y}$

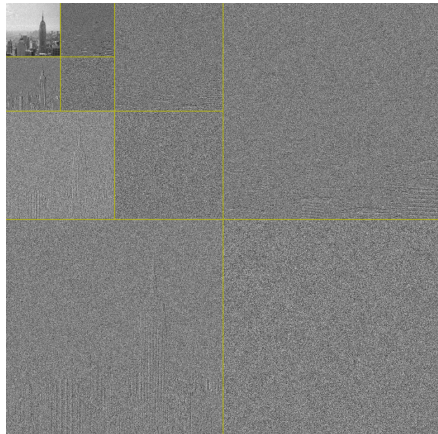


# Data (SNR=1)

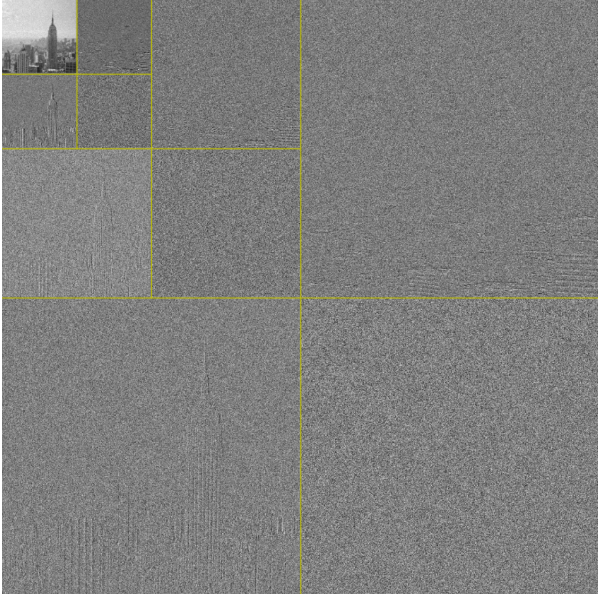
$\vec{y}$



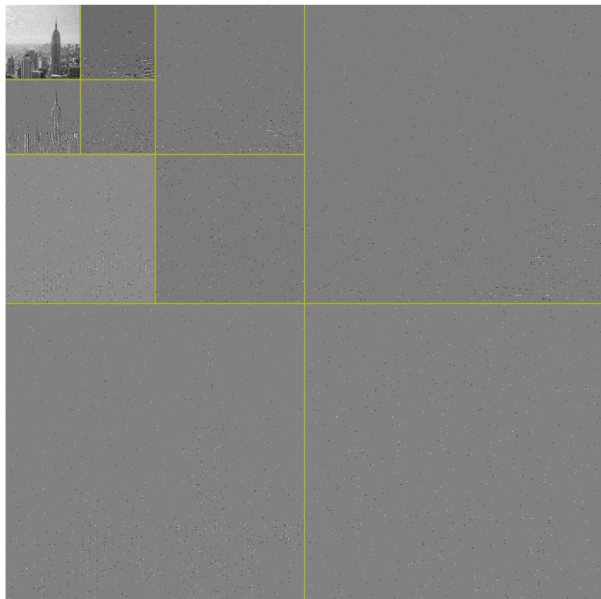
$F\vec{y}$



$F\vec{y}$



$\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$



$$F^{-1}\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$





$\vec{y}$



# Image denoising

$\vec{y}$



$F^{-1}\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$

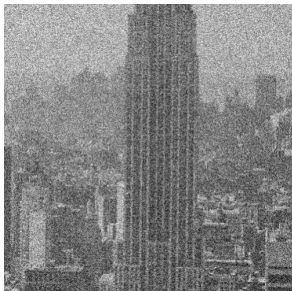


$\vec{x}$



# Denoising via thresholding

$\vec{y}$



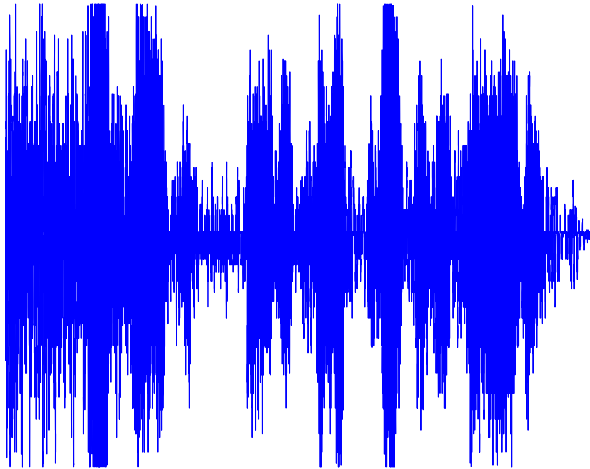
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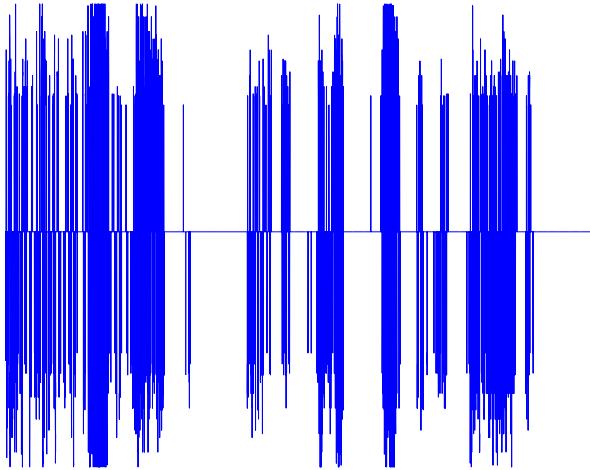
$\vec{x}$



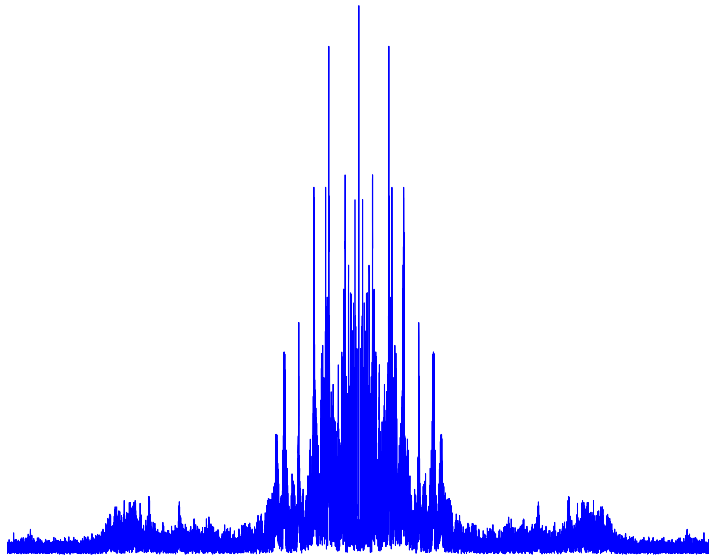
# Speech denoising



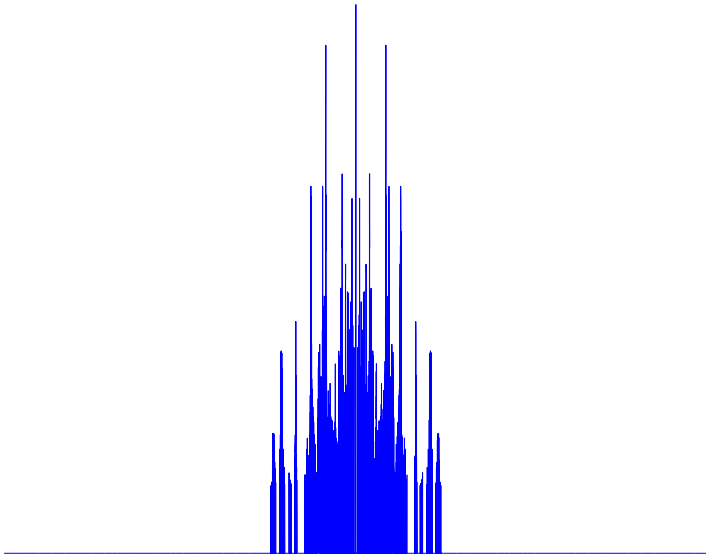
# Time thresholding



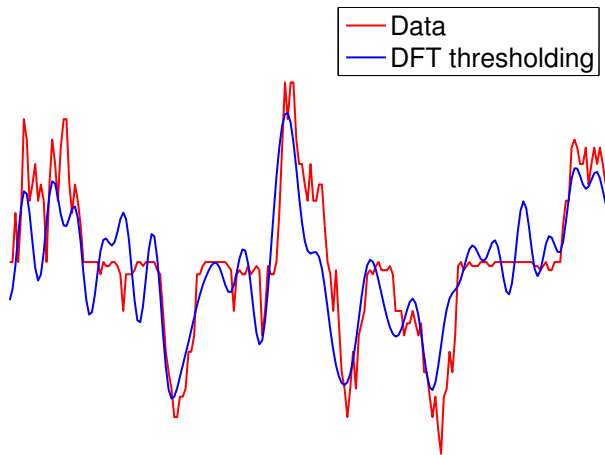
# Spectrum



# Frequency thresholding

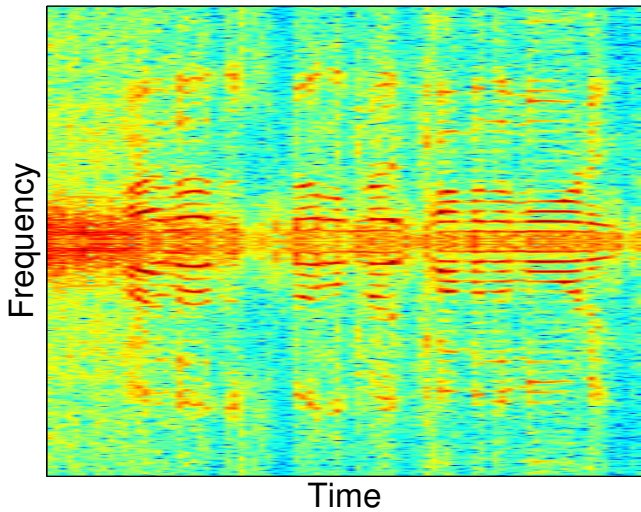


# Frequency thresholding

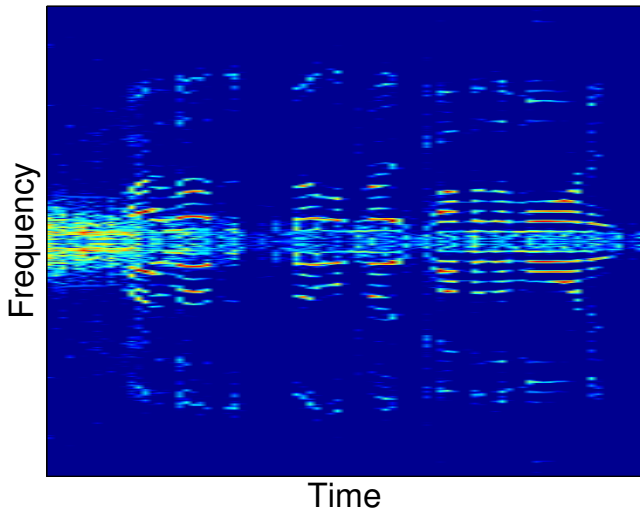




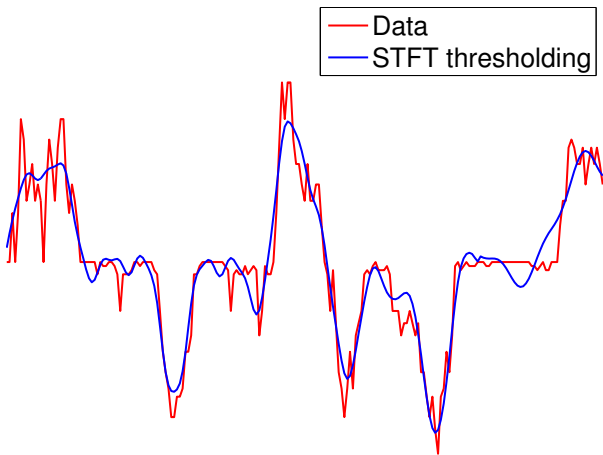
# Spectrogram (STFT)



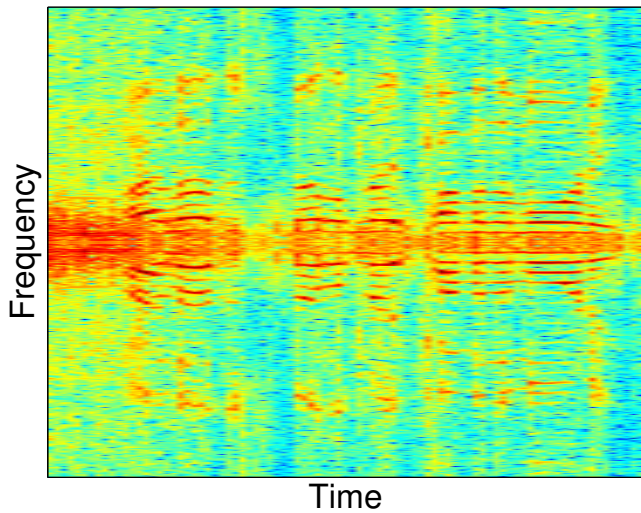
## STFT thresholding



# STFT thresholding



Coefficients are structured

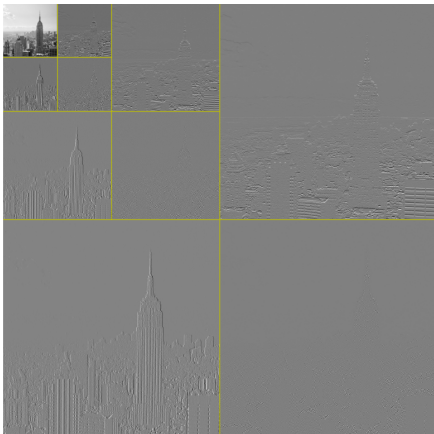


# Coefficients are structured

$\vec{x}$



$F\vec{x}$



# Block thresholding

**Assumption:** Coefficients are *group sparse*, nonzero coefficients *cluster* together

Partition coefficients into blocks  $\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{I}_2, \dots, \mathcal{I}_k$   
and threshold whole blocks

$$\mathcal{B}_\eta(\vec{v})[j] := \begin{cases} \vec{v}[j] & \text{if } j \in \mathcal{I}_j \text{ such that } \|\vec{v}_{\mathcal{I}_j}\|_2 > \eta, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

## Denoising via block thresholding

1. Apply the hard-thresholding operator  $\mathcal{B}_\eta$  to  $F\vec{y}$
2. If  $F$  is a basis, then

$$\vec{x}_{\text{est}} := F^{-1}\mathcal{B}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$

If  $F$  is a frame,

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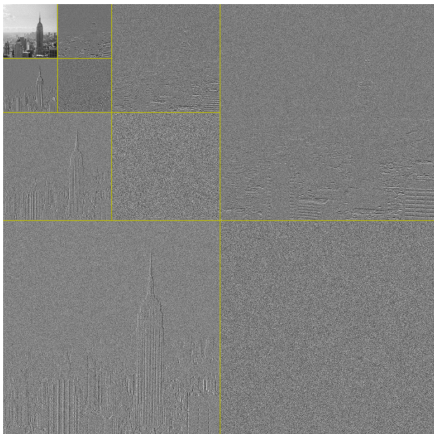
where  $F^\dagger$  is the pseudoinverse of  $F$  (other left inverses of  $F$  also work)

# Image denoising (SNR=2.5)

$\vec{y}$

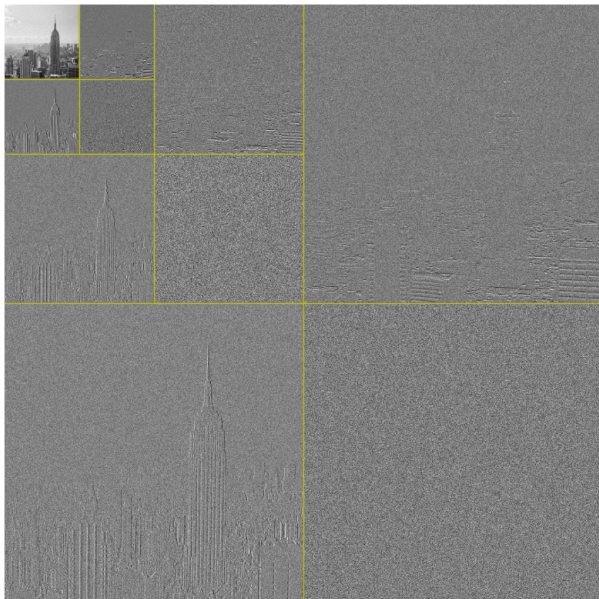


$F\vec{y}$

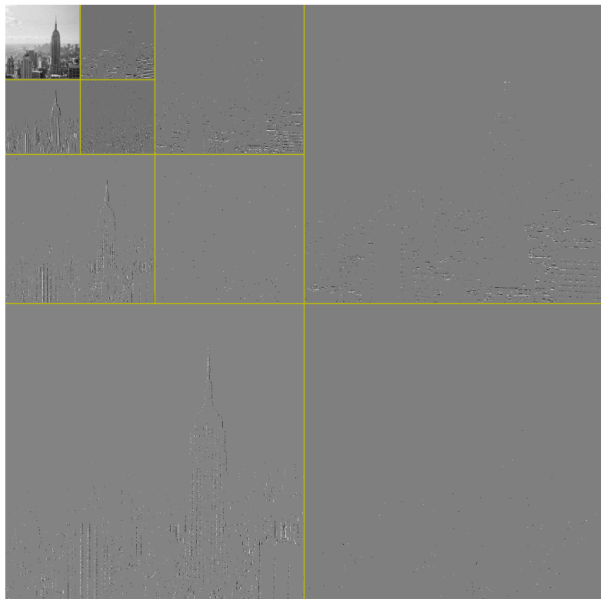




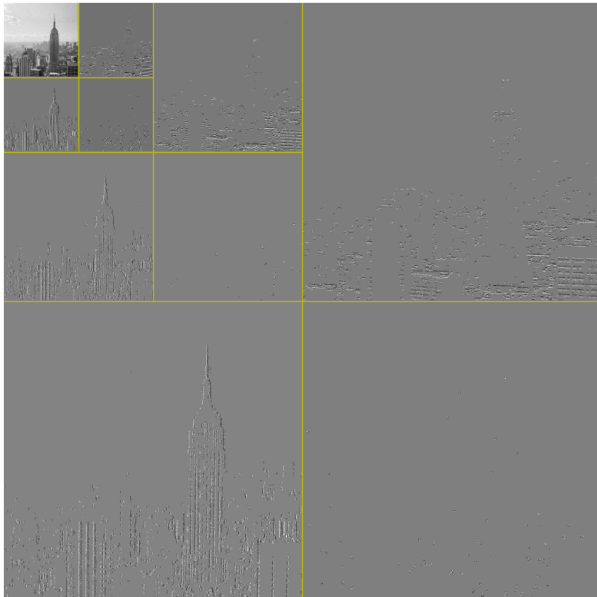
$F\vec{y}$



$\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$



$$\mathcal{B}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$



$$F^{-1}\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$



$$F^{-1}\mathcal{B}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$

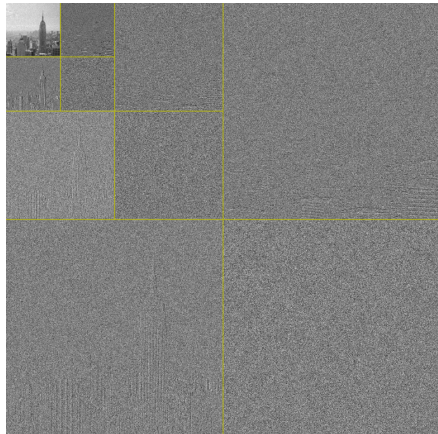


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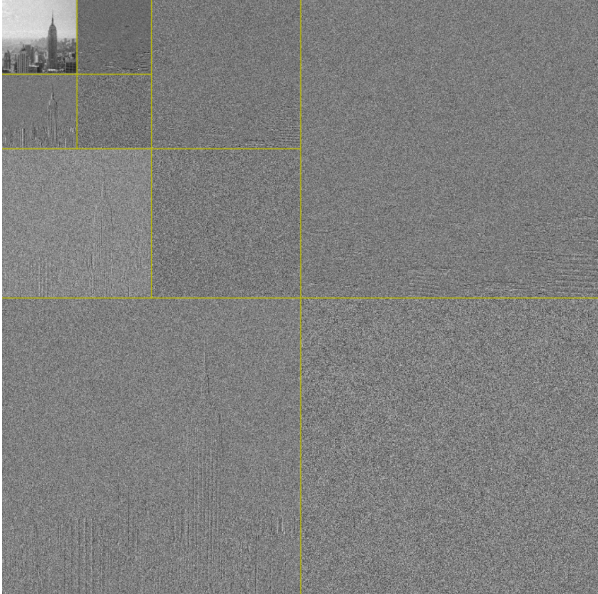
$\vec{y}$



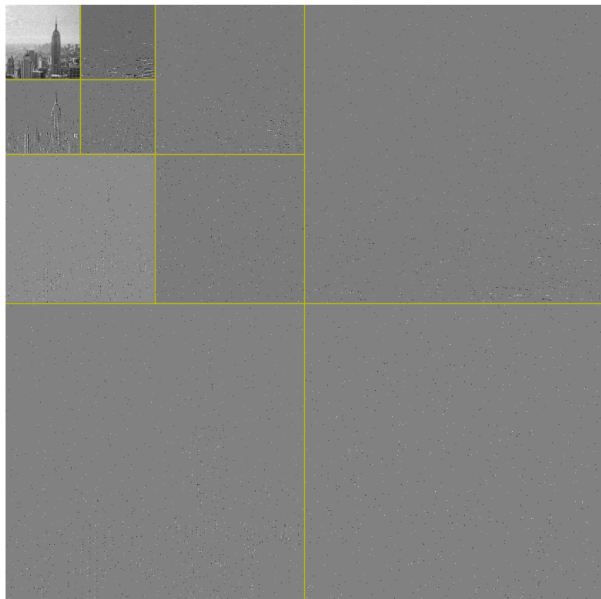
$F\vec{y}$



$F\vec{y}$

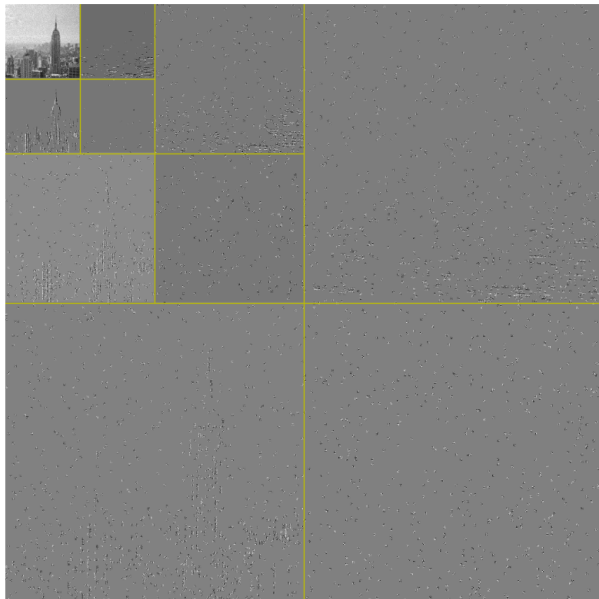


$\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$





$\mathcal{B}_\eta(F\vec{y})$



$$F^{-1}\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$



$$F^{-1}\mathcal{B}_\eta(F\vec{y})$$



# Denoising via thresholding

$\vec{y}$



$F^{-1}\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$



$\vec{x}$



# Denoising via thresholding

$\vec{y}$



$F^{-1}\mathcal{B}_\eta(F\vec{y})$

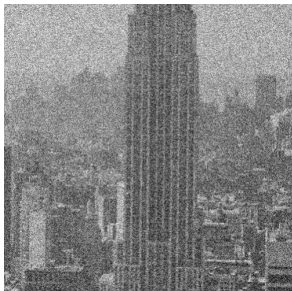


$\vec{x}$



# Denoising via thresholding

$\vec{y}$



$F^{-1}\mathcal{H}_\eta(F\vec{y})$

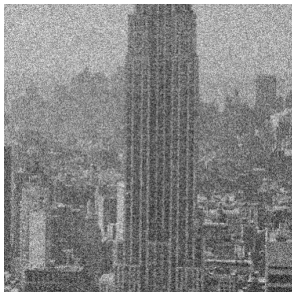


$\vec{x}$

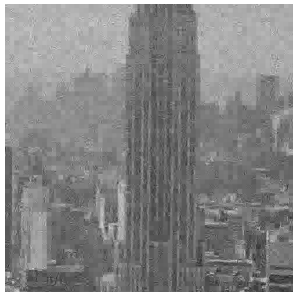


# Denoising via thresholding

$\vec{y}$



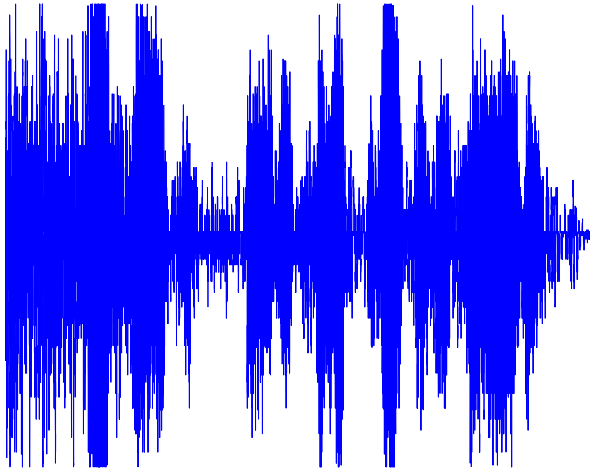
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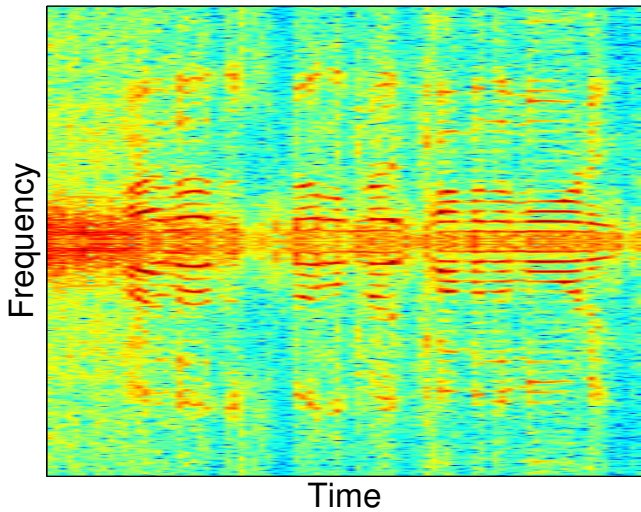


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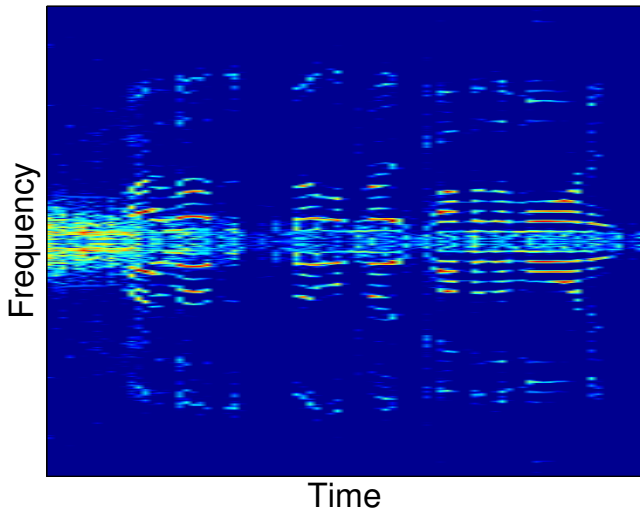




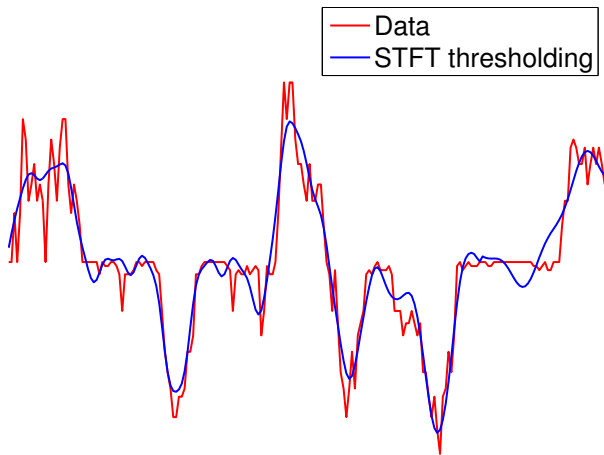
# Spectrogram (STFT)



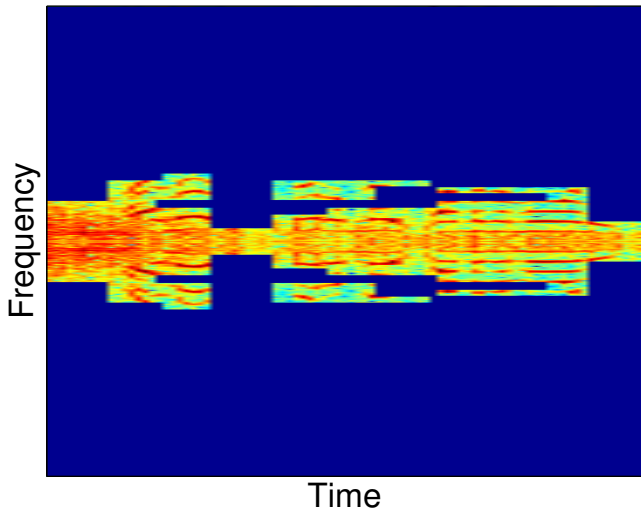
## STFT thresholding



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## STFT block thresholding



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