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Support Theorems for the Spherical Radon Transform on Manifolds.

Let M be a real-analytic manifold and let S be a real-analytic hypersurface. We prove local support theorems for the spherical Radon transform that integrates over spheres centered at points on S. Our theorems are valid for distributions supported on one side of "tangent surfaces" to S. Very local as well as global theorems will be presented. The proofs involve microlocal analysis of the sphere transform and a microlocal Holmgren theorem of Kawai, Kashiwara, and Hörmander. If time, applications to sonar and stationary sets for the wave equation will be outlined.