

OPTIMAL DESIGN IN MEDICAL INVERSION

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INTRODUCTION

EXPOSITION - INVERSE PROBLEMS

- Aim: infer model
- Given
 - Design parameters
 - Measurements
 - Observation model

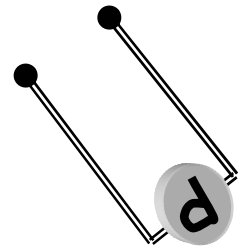
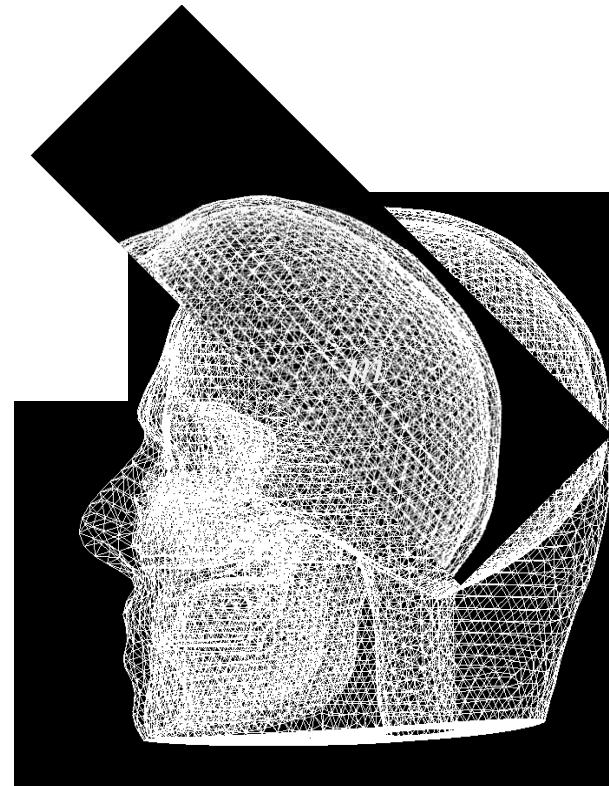
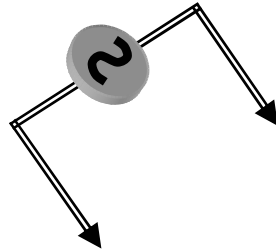
$$F(m; y) + h = d(m; y)$$

- Naïve inversion ... Fails...

$$\|m - \hat{m}\|^2 = O(1)$$

- Cast as an optimization problem

$$\hat{m} = \operatorname{argmin} \underbrace{\|F(m; y) - d(y)\|^2}_{\text{data fit}} + \underbrace{S(m)}_{\text{regularization}}$$



HOW TO IMPROVE MODEL RECOVERY ?

$$\hat{m} = \arg \min \underbrace{\|F(m; y) - d(y)\|_2^2}_{\text{data fit}} + \underbrace{S(m)}_{\text{regularization}}$$

- How can we ...
 - Improve observation model ?
 - Extract more information in the measurement procedure ?
 - Use more meaningful a-priori information ?
 - Provide more efficient optimization schemes ?
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PART I

REGULARIZATION DESIGN

REGULARIZATION DESIGN - BACKGROUND

REGULARIZATION APPROACHES

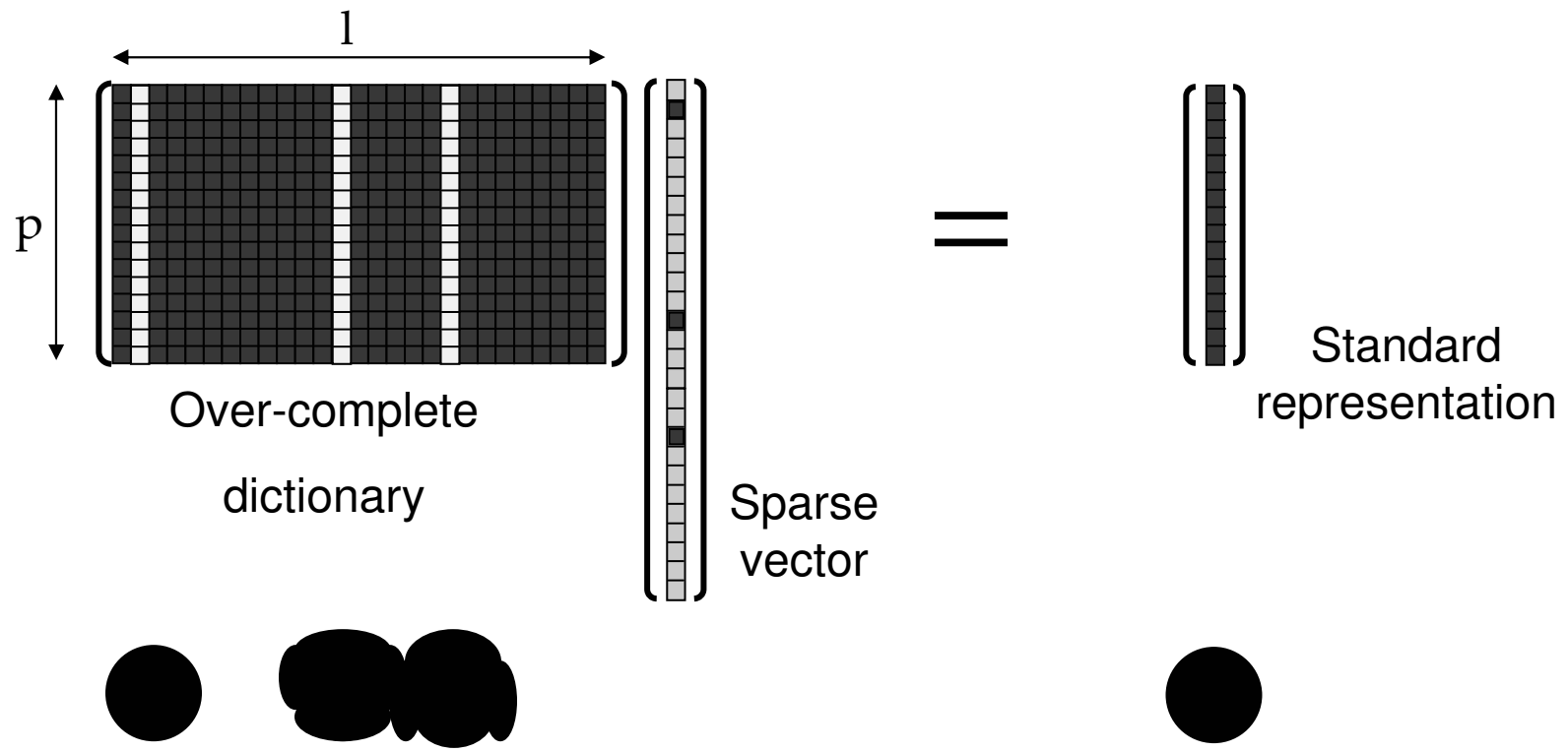
- Why regularization is necessary ?
 - Imposes a-priori information
 - Stabilizes the inversion process
 - Provides a unique solution

$$\hat{m} = \arg \min \underbrace{\|F(m; y) - d(y)\|_2^2}_{\text{data fit}} + \underbrace{S(m)}_{\text{regularization}}$$

- Two approaches
 - Explicit
 - Sparse representation
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HOW TO REPRESENT SPARSELY ?

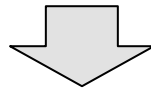
- Principle of parsimony True model can be represented by a small number of parameters
- Each column is a prototype model atom
- Sparse representation vector



SPARSE REPRESENTATION

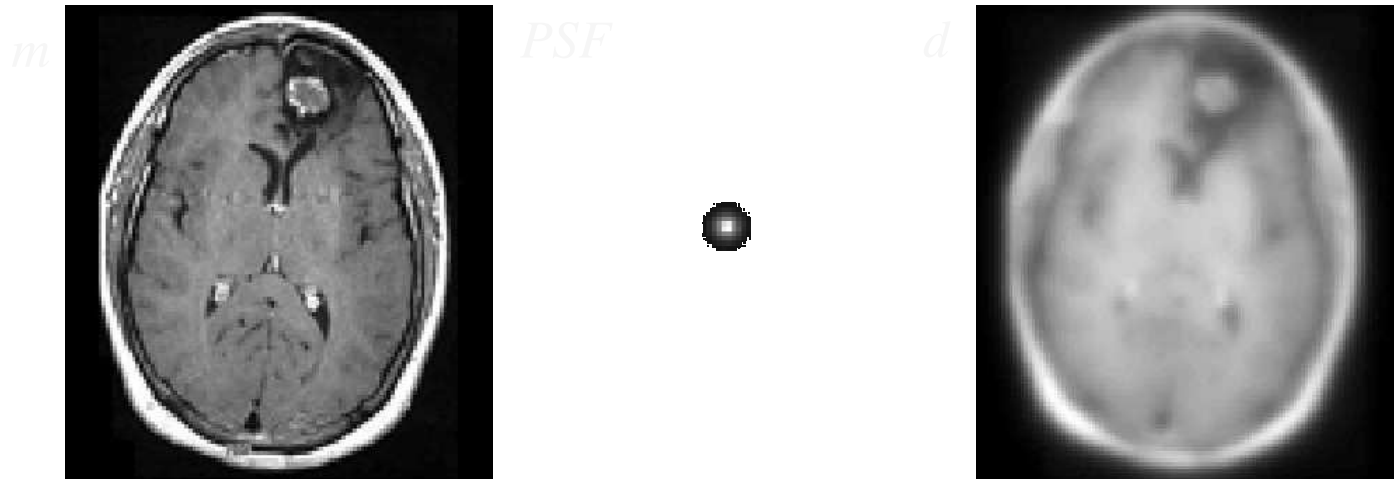
- Ideally sparsest solution achieved by ℓ_1 -norm' penalty
- Non-convex NP-hard combinatorial problem
- Instead employ ℓ_2 -norm (Donoho 2006)

$$\hat{m} = \arg \min_m \underbrace{\|F(m; y) - d(y)\|_2^2}_{\text{data misfit}} + \underbrace{S(m)}_{\text{regularization}}$$

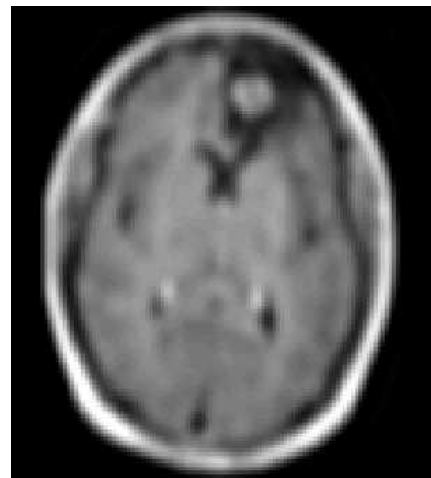


$$\hat{u} = \arg \min_u \left\| F(Du; y) - d(y) \right\|_2^2 + a \|u\|_1$$

SPARSE REPRESENTATION PERFORMANCE



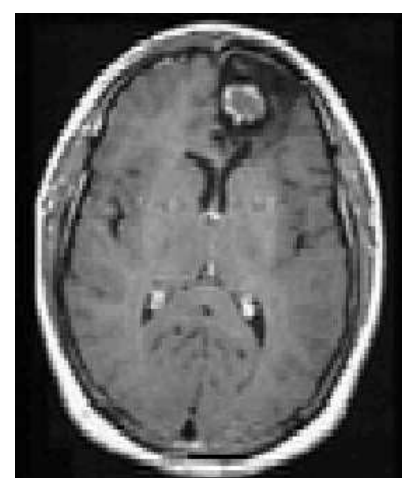
Energy



Smoothness

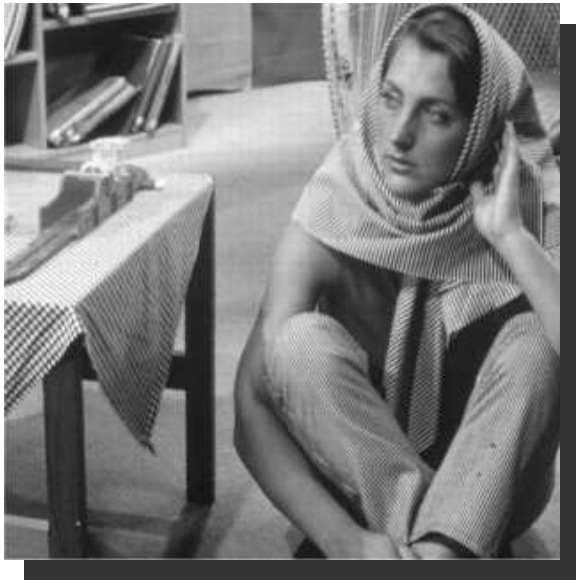


Total Variation



Sparse Representation

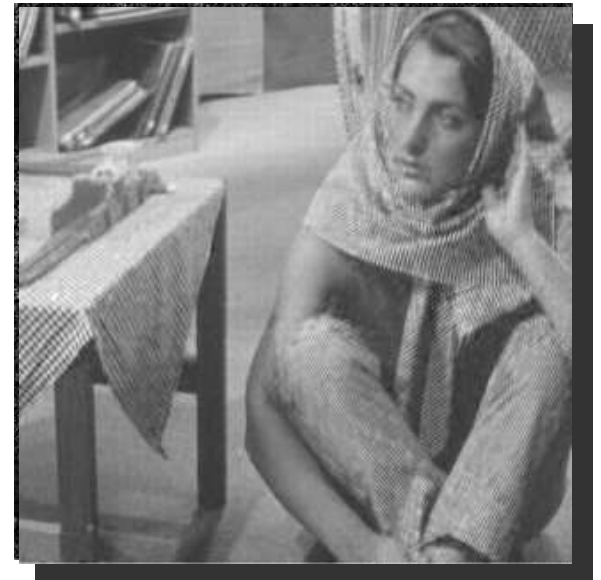
SPARSE REPRESENTATION PERFORMANCE - DIFFERENT OPERATORS



m_T



$F_1(m)_{\#_1} h = d_1$

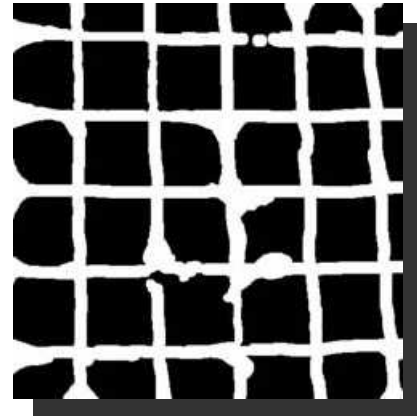


$F_2(m)_{\#_2} h = d_2$

SPARSE REPRESENTATION PERFORMANCE - DIFFERENT DICTIONARIES



d



F



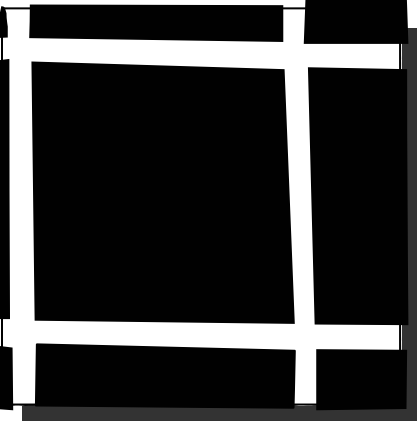
$D_1 u_1$



$D_2 u_2$



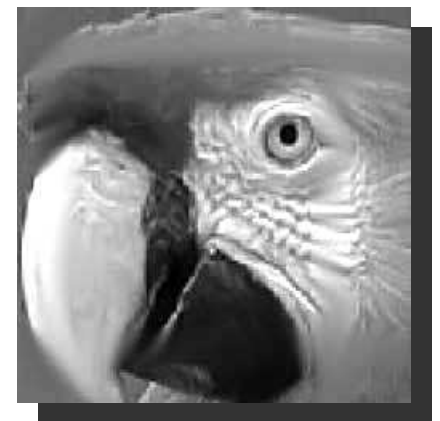
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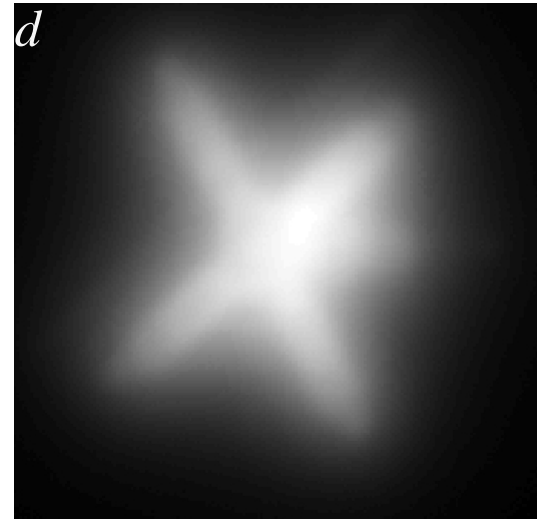
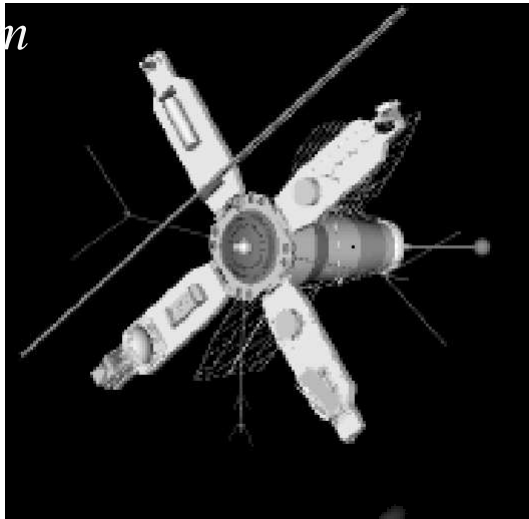


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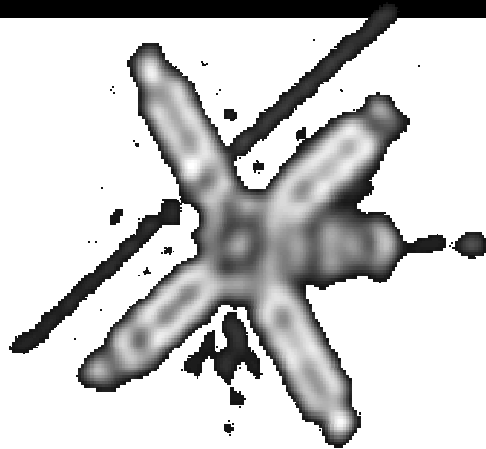


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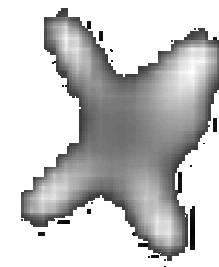
SPARSE REPRESENTATION PERFORMANCE



Singular
vectors



Lanczos Hybrid Bidiagonalization
Regularization (HyBR)



Wavelets

Gradient Projection Sparse
Representation (GPSR)

Chung, Nagy, O'Leary 2006

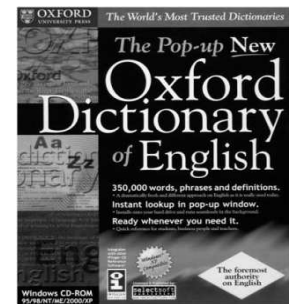
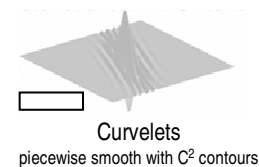
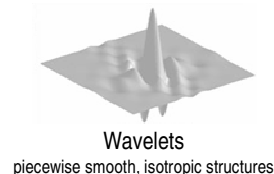
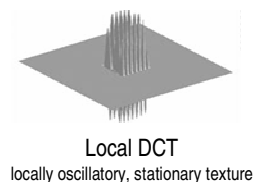
Figueiredo, Nowak, Wright 2007

IMPLICIT REGULARIZATION - RATIONALE

- Sometimes sparse representation performs well, sometimes not...

Why?

- Model and operator dependent
- Some dictionaries perform better than others for specific problems
- should be chosen such that it sparsifies the representations



- One approach: choose from a known set of transforms (Steerable wavelet, Curvelet, Contourlets, Bandlets, Singular vectors...)
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IMPLICIT REGULARIZATION BY DICTIONARY DESIGN

- **Objective** vs. **subjective** function
 - Heuristic choice of regularization functional based on ad-hoc assumptions
 - Solutions are intrinsically subjective to the regularization functional choice

How to construct more objective regularization functionals ?

Design a dictionary by learning from authentic examples $\{m_1, \dots, m_s\}$

- Adaptability - account for the problem's statistics (model, operator and noise)
 - Efficiency and precision - use the right jargon to express a message/model
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DICTIONARY DESIGN - PREVIOUS WORK

- Approximated Maximum Likelihood (*Olshusen & Field 1996, 1997*)
- Overcomplete ICA (*Lewicki 2000*)
- Method of Optimal Directions (*Engan et al 2001, 2005*)
- Sparse Bayesian Learning (*Girolami 2001, Wipf 2005*)
- FOCUSS (*Delgado et al 2003*) - Bayesian MAP & relative complexity
- K-SVD (*Aharon & Elad 2006*)
- FOCUSS+ (*Murray & Delgado 2007*)

But

- All addressed sparse coding observation operator was identity F
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REGULARIZATION LEARNING –
STATISTICAL MERIT

DICTIONARY LEARNING - OPTIMALITY CRITERION

- Loss

$$L(m, D) := \left\| \hat{m}(d(h), D, u) - m \right\|_2^2$$

β Depends on the noise h

β Depends on an unknown model m

- Mean Square Error

$$MSE(m, D) := \mathbf{E}_h \left\| \hat{m}(d(h), D, u) - m \right\|_2^2$$

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DICTIONARY LEARNING - OPTIMALITY CRITERION

- Bayes risk

$$R_{true}(M, D) := \mathbf{E}_{em} \left\| \hat{m}(D, u) - m \right\|_2^2 \quad \text{\textcircled{B}} \text{ Computationally infeasible}$$

- Bayes empirical risk

- Assume a set of feasible authentic model examples $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^s$ is available

$$R_{empirical}(m, D) = \mathbf{E}_h \sum_{i=1}^s \left\| \hat{m}_i(D, u_i) - m_i \right\|_2^2$$

REGULARIZATION LEARNING – OPTIMIZATION FRAMEWORK

OVER-COMPLETE DICTIONARY DESIGN - FORMULATION

- Bi-level optimization problem

$$\hat{D} = \arg \min_{\hat{D}} \frac{1}{s} \mathbf{E}_h \hat{\mathbf{a}} \sum_{i=1}^s \left\| \hat{m}_i(D, u_i) - m_i \right\|_2^2$$
$$\text{s.t. } u_i = \arg \min_{u_i} \left\| F(Du_i; \mathbf{y}) - d_i(\mathbf{y}) \right\|_2^2 + a \|u_i\|_1$$

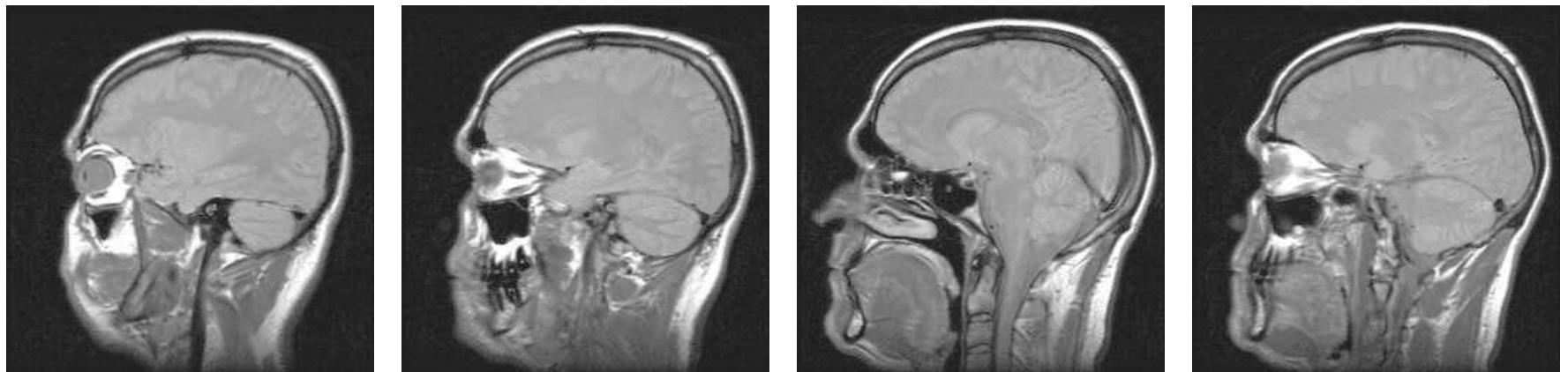
- Non-smooth ℓ_1 - norm is replaced by a smooth optimization problem with inequality constraints
- Sensitivity by differentiating the necessary conditions of the decomposition

$$\frac{\mathbb{J}p_i}{\mathbb{J}D_k} = f(D, p, F) \quad \frac{\mathbb{J}q_j}{\mathbb{J}D_k} = g(D, p, F)$$

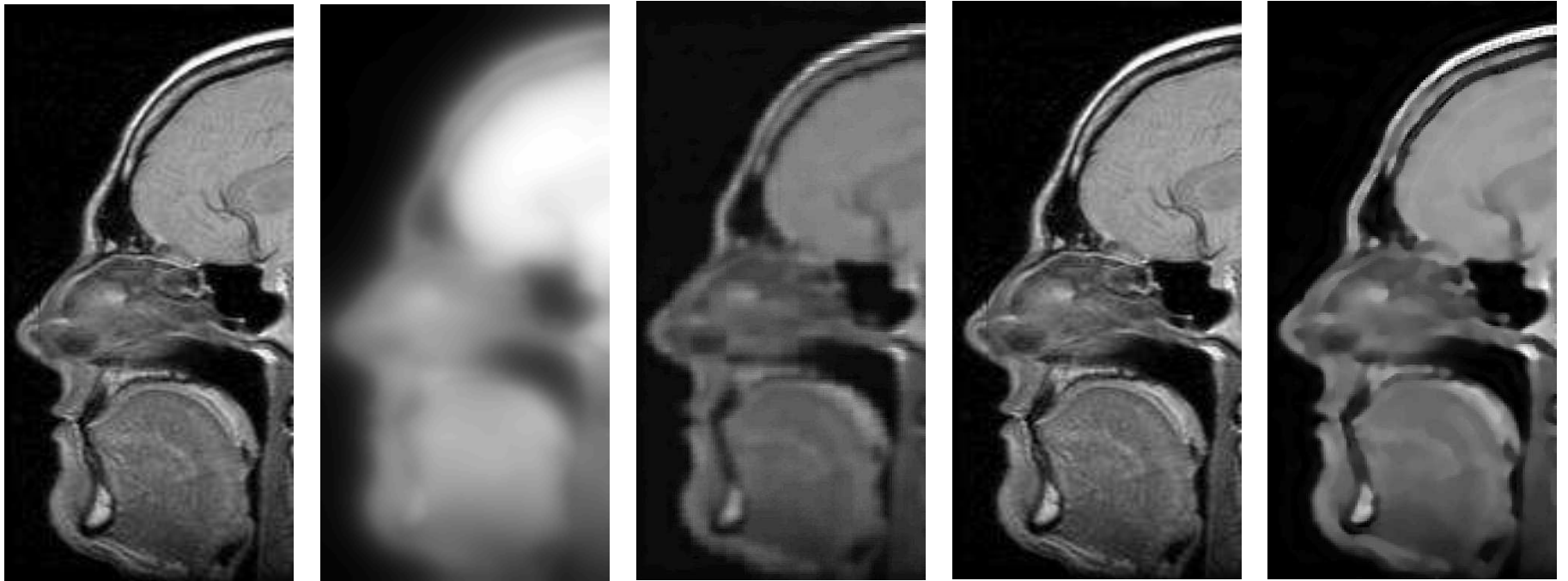
- Non-smooth optimization framework Modified L-BFGS (*Overton 2003*)

REGULARIZATION DESIGN –
NUMERICAL RESULTS

DICTIONARY DESIGN - TRAINING SET



DICTIONARY DESIGN - COMPARISON



m_T

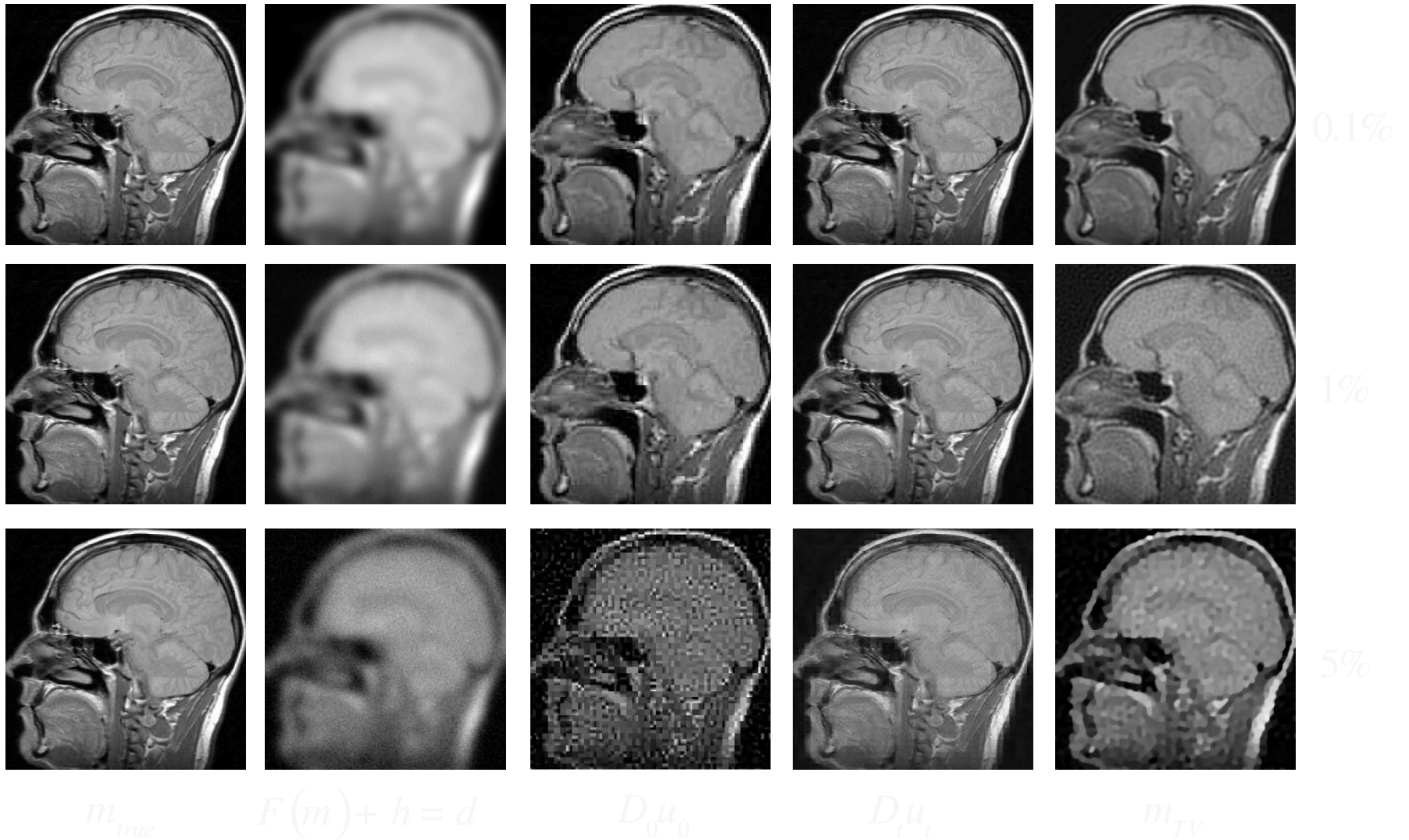
$F(m_T) + h = d$

$D_0 u_0$

$D_l u_l$

m_{TV}

DICTIONARY LEARNING – ASSESSMENT WITH NOISE

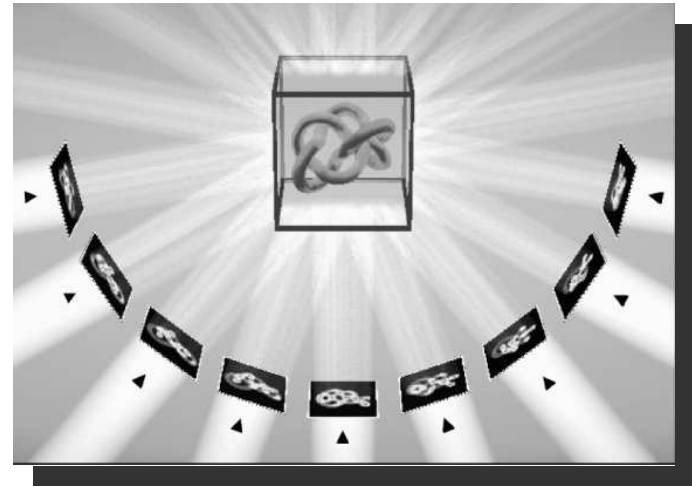
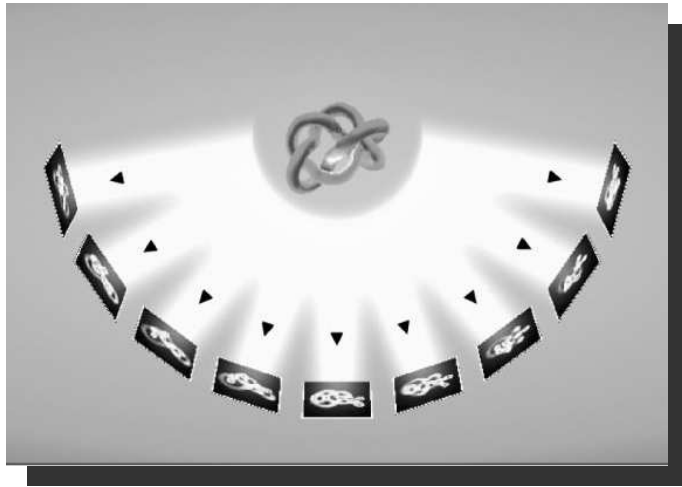


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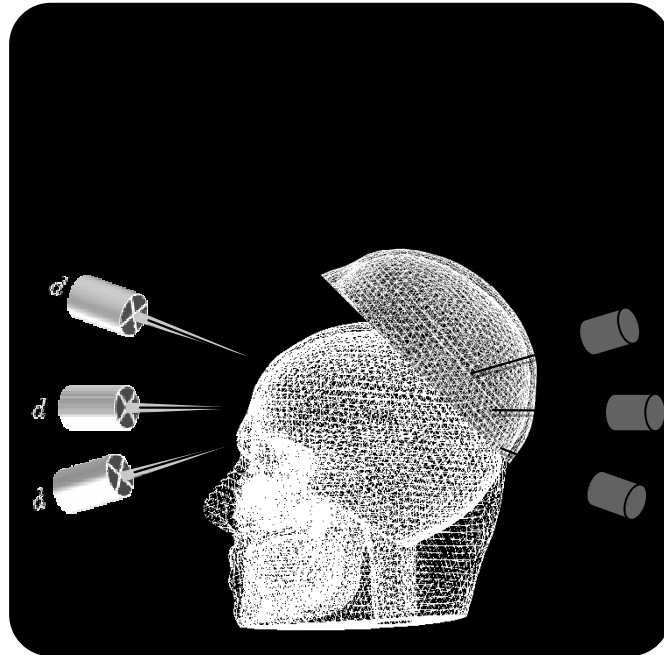
OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN -
MOTIVATION

MOTIVATION – LIMITED ANGLE TOMOGRAPHY



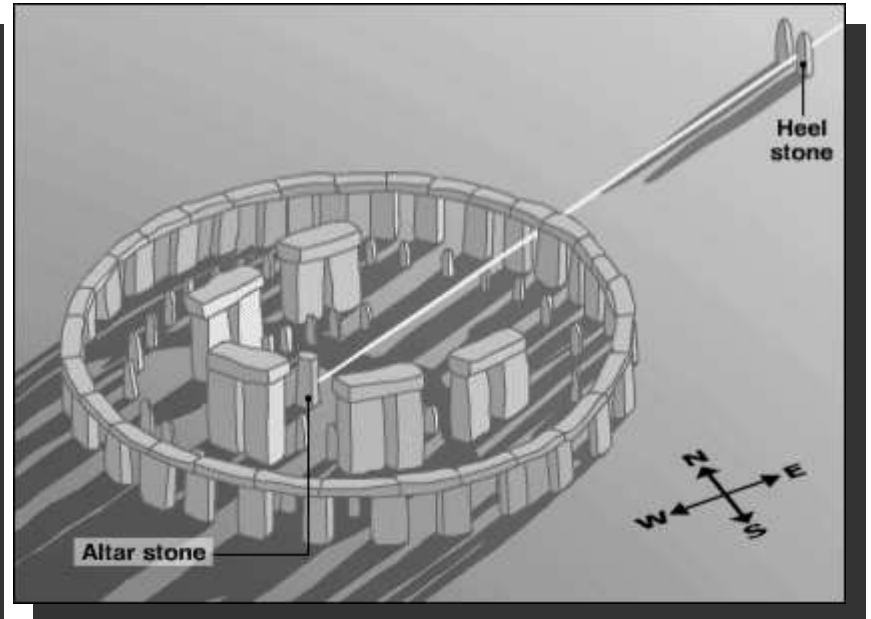
MOTIVATION – DIFFUSE OPTICAL TOMOGRAPHY



MOTIVATION – ULTRASOUND IMAGING

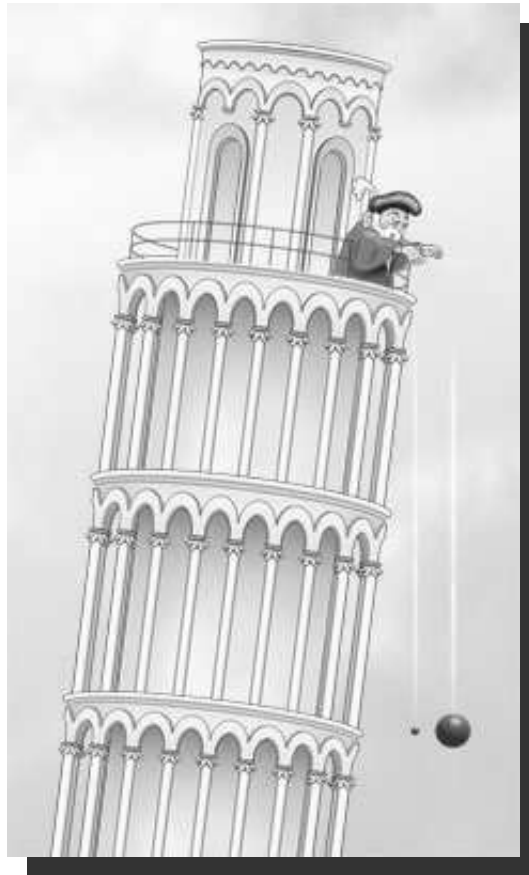


DESIGN EXPERIMENTAL LAYOUT



Stonehenge, 2500 B.C.

DESIGN EXPERIMENTAL PROCESS



Galileo Galilei, 1564-1642

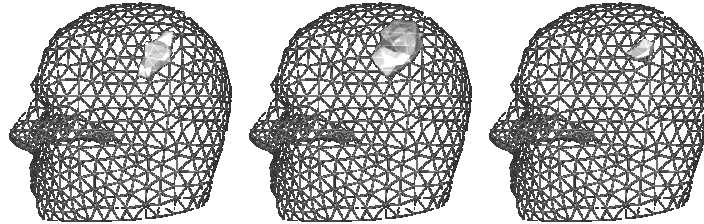
RESPECT EXPERIMENTAL CONSTRAINTS...



French nuclear test, Mururoa, 1970

OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN -
BACKGROUND

ILL VS. WELL-POSED OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN



$$\hat{m} = \operatorname{argmin} \left\| \underbrace{F(m; y) - d(y)}_{\text{data fit}} \right\|^2 + \underbrace{S(m)}_{\text{regularization}}$$

- Previous work
 - Well-posed problems - well established (*Fedorov 1997, Pukelsheim 2006*)
 - Ill-posed problems - under-researched (*Curtis 1999, Bardow 2008*)
- Many practical problems in engineering and sciences are ill-posed (under-determined)

What makes non-linear ill-posed problems so special ?

OPTIMALITY CRITERIA IN OVER-DETERMINED PROBLEMS

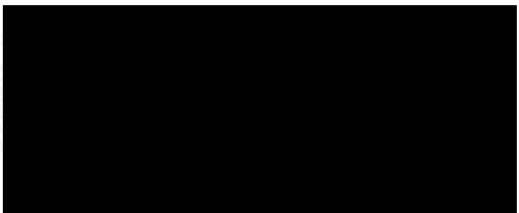
- For linear inversion, employ Tikhonov regularized least squares solution

$$\hat{m} = (J^T J + \alpha L^T L)^{-1} J^T d = J \circ \frac{\mathbb{F}(m, y)}{\mathbb{F}m}$$

- Bias - variance decomposition

$$\mathbb{E} \|\hat{m} - m\|_2^2 = s^2 \text{trace} \left[C(y)^{-2} J^T \right]$$

variance



- For over-determined problems
- A-optimal design problem

$$\min_y \text{trace} \left[C(y)^{-1} \right]$$



OPTIMALITY CRITERIA IN OVER-DETERMINED PROBLEMS

- Optimality criteria of the information matrix
 - A-optimal design average variance

$$\min_y \operatorname{trace} \left(\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial \theta^2} (y) \right)^{-1}$$

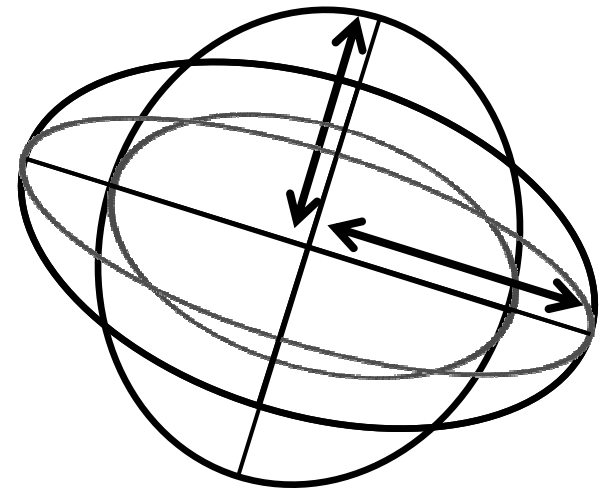
- D-optimality uncertainty ellipsoid

$$\min_y \det \left(\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial \theta^2} (y) \right)^{-1}$$

- E-optimality minimax

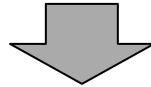
$$\min_y \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \operatorname{eig} \left(\frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial \theta^2} (y) \right)^{-1}$$

- Almost a complete alphabet...
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THE PROBLEM...

- For non-linear ill-posed problems none of these apply !
 - Non-linearity bias-variance decomposition is impossible
 - Ill-posedness controlling variance alone reduces mildly the error



What strategy can be used ?

Proposition 1 - Common practice so far

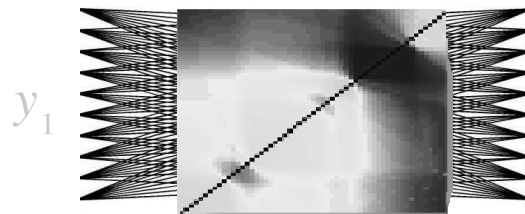
Trial and Error...

EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN BY TRIAL AND ERROR

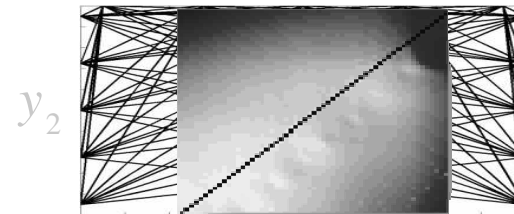
- Pick a model



- Run observation model of different experimental designs, and get data



$$F(m_T, y_1) + h = d_1$$



$$F(m_T, y_2) + h = d_2$$

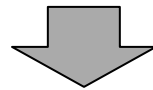
- Invert and compare recovered models



- Choose the experimental design that provides the best model recovery

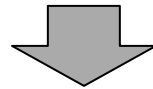
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What **other** strategy can be used ?

Proposition 2 - Minimize bias and variance altogether by some optimality criterion



How to define the optimality criterion ?

OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN -
STATISTICAL MERIT

OPTIMALITY CRITERION

- Loss

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OPTIMALITY CRITERION

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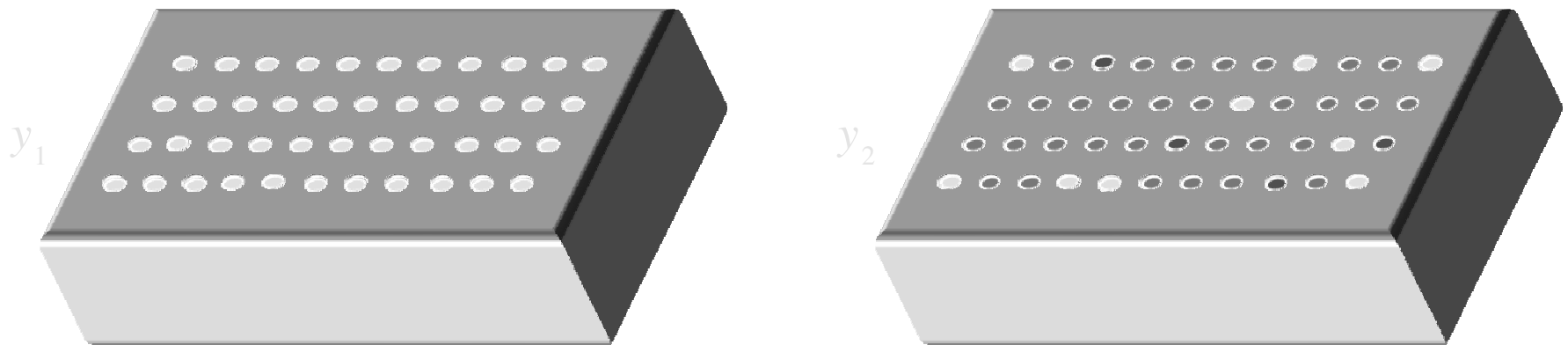
- Bayes empirical risk
 - Assume a set of feasible authentic model examples is available

$$R(m, y) := \frac{1}{sk} \mathring{\mathbf{a}}_{i,j=1}^{k,s} \left\| \hat{m}_{ij}(y) - m_j \right\|_2^2$$

How can be regularized ?

OPTIMALITY CRITERION – SPARSITY CONTROLLED DESIGN

- Regularized empirical risk - Direct density penalty for activation
- Assume: fixed number of experiments



- Let y
- The data

$$d(m, y) = F(m, V \{ Q \}) + h = V \cdot A(m)^{-1} Q + h$$

- Regularized risk

$$R_{reg}(m, y) := \frac{1}{sk} \sum_{i,j=1}^{k,s} \left\| \hat{m}_{ij}(y) - m_j \right\|_2^2 + b \|y\|_p$$

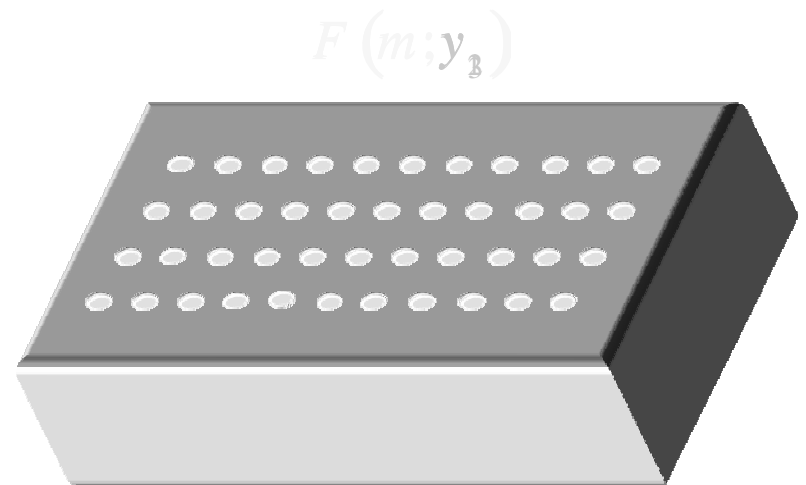
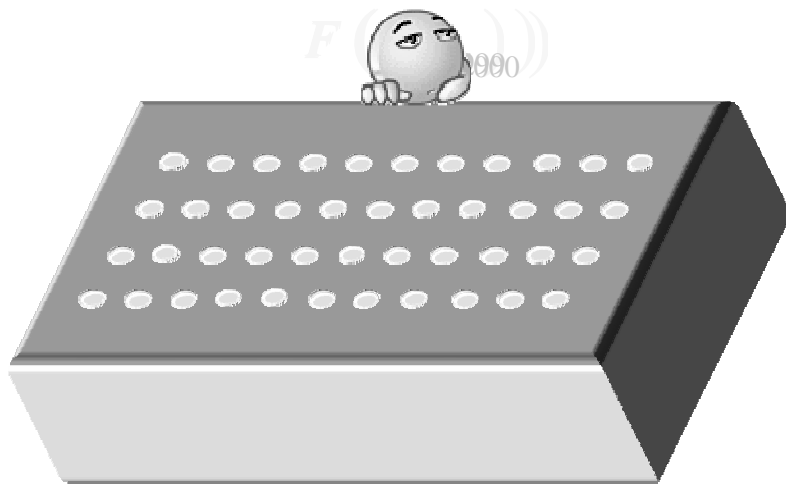
OPTIMALITY CRITERION – SPARSITY CONTROLLED DESIGN

- Regularized empirical risk - Direct approach
 - Total number of experiments may be large
 - Effective when activation of each source and receiver is expensive
 - Derivatives of the forward operator w.r.t. y → difficult...



OPTIMALITY CRITERION – SPARSITY CONTROLLED DESIGN

- Regularized empirical risk - Weights formulation
- Density penalty over selected experiments from a predefined set



OPTIMALITY CRITERION – SPARSITY CONTROLLED DESIGN

- Regularized empirical risk - Weights formulation

- Let \mathcal{D} be discretization of the space

- Let

- The observation operator is weighted

$$W^{\frac{1}{2}} (F(m) + h) = W^{\frac{1}{2}} d(m) \quad W^{\frac{1}{2}} = \text{diag}(\sqrt{w})$$

- If  experiment is not conducted

$$R_{reg}(m, w) := \frac{1}{sk} \sum_{i,j=1}^{k,s} \|\hat{m}_{ij}(w) - m_j\|_2^2 + b \|w\|_p, \quad w^3 = 0$$

OPTIMALITY CRITERION – SPARSITY CONTROLLED DESIGN

- Regularized empirical risk - Weights formulation
 - Suitable when each experiment conduction is costly
 - Source and receiver activation may be highly populated
- Less DOF
- No explicit access to the observation operator needed



OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN -
OPTIMIZATION FRAMEWORK

THE OPTIMIZATION PROBLEMS

- Direct formulation

$$\min_y \frac{1}{sk} \sum_{i,j=1}^{k,s} \left\| \hat{m}_{ij}(y) - m_j \right\|_2^2 + b \|y\|_p$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \hat{m}_{ij} = \arg \min_{\hat{m}_{ij}} \left\| F(\hat{m}_{ij}; y) + h_i - F(m_j; y) \right\|_2^2 + S(m_{ij})$$

- Weights formulation

$$\min_w \frac{1}{sk} \sum_{i,j=1}^{k,s} \left\| \hat{m}_{ij}(w) - m_j \right\|_2^2 + b \|w\|_p$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \hat{m}_{ij} = \arg \min_{\hat{m}_{ij}} \left\| W^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(F(\hat{m}_{ij}) + h_i - F(m_j) \right) \right\|_2^2 + S(m_{ij})$$

$$w \geq 0$$

THE OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

- Bi-level optimization problem

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$$w \geq 0$$

- Assuming the lower optimization level is:
 - Convex with a well defined minimum
 - With no inequality constraints

$$\min_y \frac{1}{sk} \sum_{i,j=1}^{k,s} \left\| m_{ij}(w) - m_j \right\|_2^2 + b \|w\|_p$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad c_{ij} \circ c(m_{ij}, m_j, w) = J(m_{ij})^* W \left(F(\hat{m}_j) + h_i - F(m_j) \right) + S'(m_{ij}) = 0$$

$$w \geq 0$$

THE OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

- m is eliminated from the equations and viewed as a function of
- Compute gradient by implicit differentiation

$$\frac{\partial c_{ij}}{\partial m_{ij}} = J(m_{ij})^* W J(m_{ij}) + S \Phi(m_{ij}) + K_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\partial c_{ij}}{\partial w} = J(m_{ij})^* \text{diag}(F(m_{ij}) - d_{ij})$$

- The sensitivity

$$M_{ij} := \frac{\partial m_{ij}}{\partial w} = - \frac{\frac{\partial c_{ij}}{\partial w}}{\frac{\partial c_{ij}}{\partial m_{ij}}}$$

- The reduced gradient

$$\tilde{N}_w R_b(w, m_{ij}(w)) = \frac{1}{LK} \dot{a}_{i,j} M_{ij}^* (m_{ij} - m_i) + b e$$

OPTIMAL EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN –
NUMERICAL STUDIES

IMPEDANCE TOMOGRAPHY – OBSERVATION MODEL

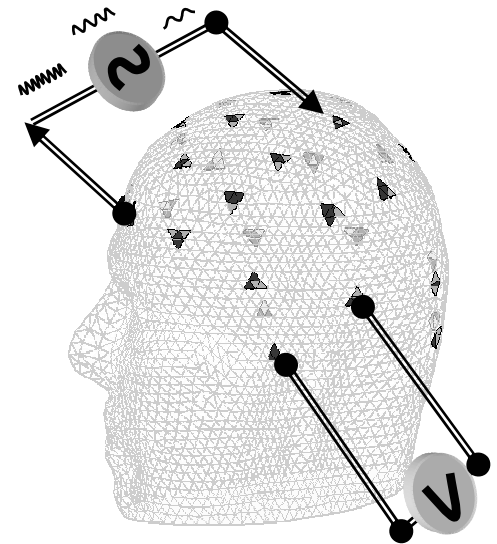
- Governing equations

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{N} \times (m \tilde{N} u) &= 0 && \text{in } W \\ B.C. &&& \text{on } \partial W \end{aligned}$$

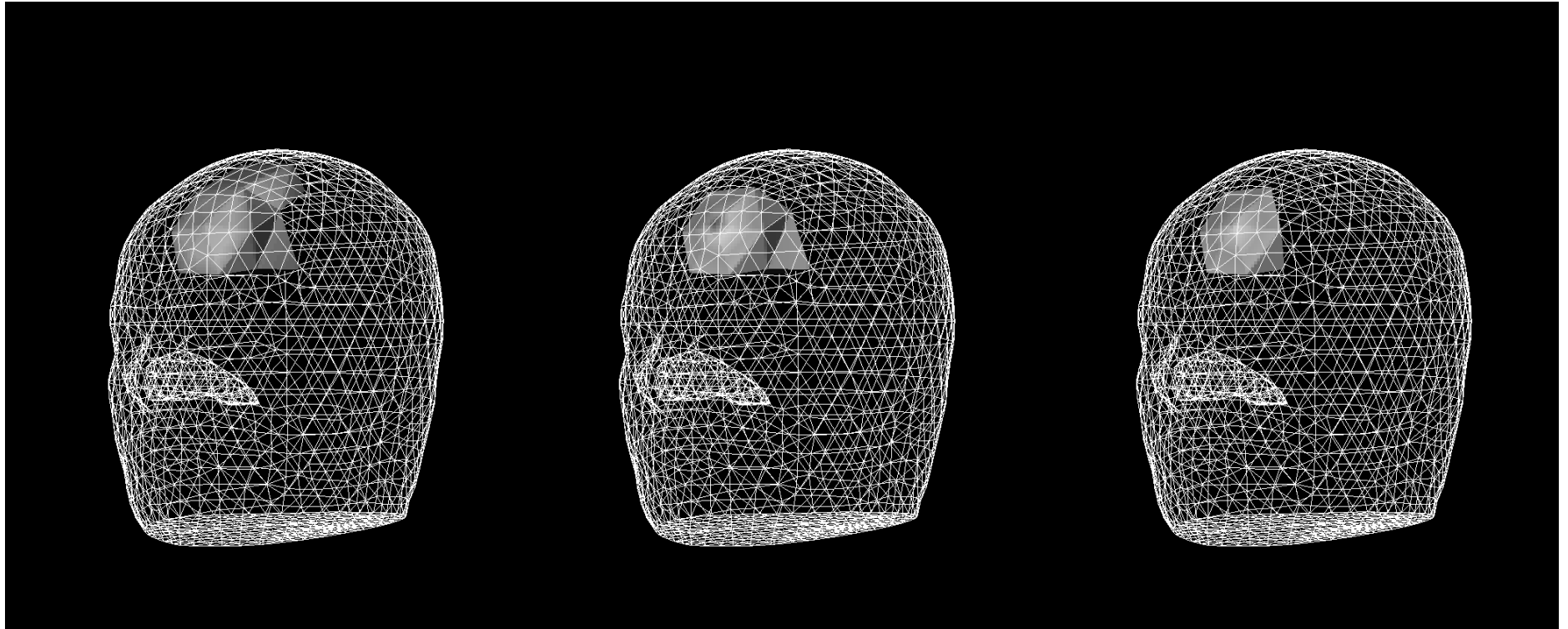
- Following Finite Element discretization
 - Given model and design settings
 - Find data ,

$$A(m)u = Q$$

$$d(m, y) = F(m, V, \underbrace{Q}_y) + h = V \cdot A(m)^{-1} Q + h$$



IMPEDANCE TOMOGRAPHY – DESIGNS COMPARISON



Naive design

True model

Optimized design

MAGNETO-TULLERICS TOMOGRAPHY – OBSERVATION MODEL

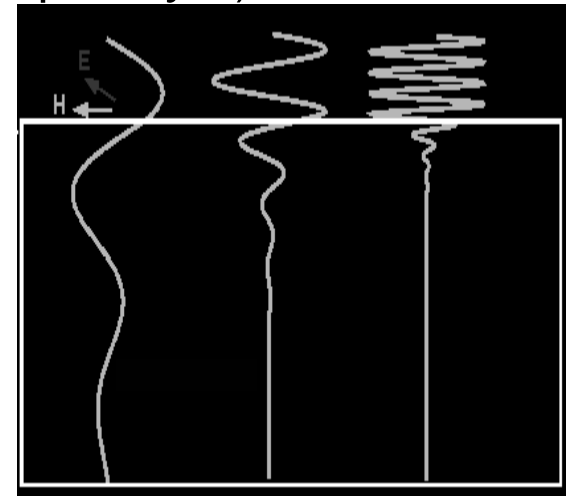
- Governing equations

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{N}}' \tilde{m}'^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{N}}' \tilde{\mathbf{E}}' - i\omega m \tilde{\mathbf{E}}' &= i\omega \mathbf{s}' && \text{in } W \\ \tilde{\mathbf{N}}' \tilde{\mathbf{E}}' \cdot \hat{n} &= 0 && \text{on } \partial W \end{aligned}$$

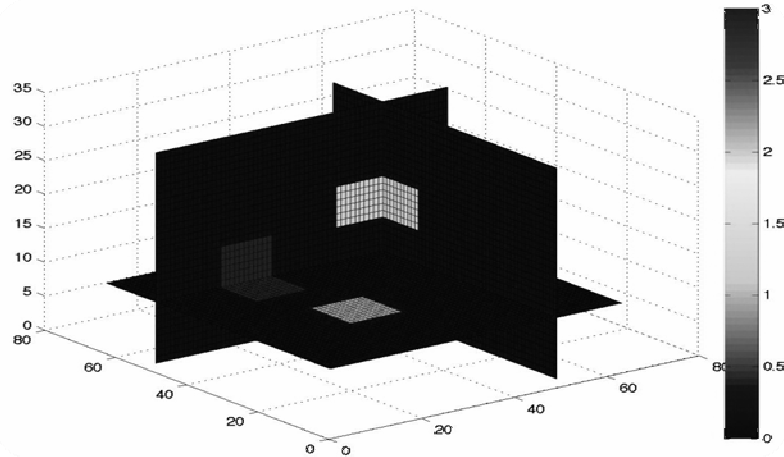
- Following Finite Volume discretization

- Given: model \tilde{m}' and design settings \mathbf{s}' (frequency ω)
- Find: data d , \mathbf{y}

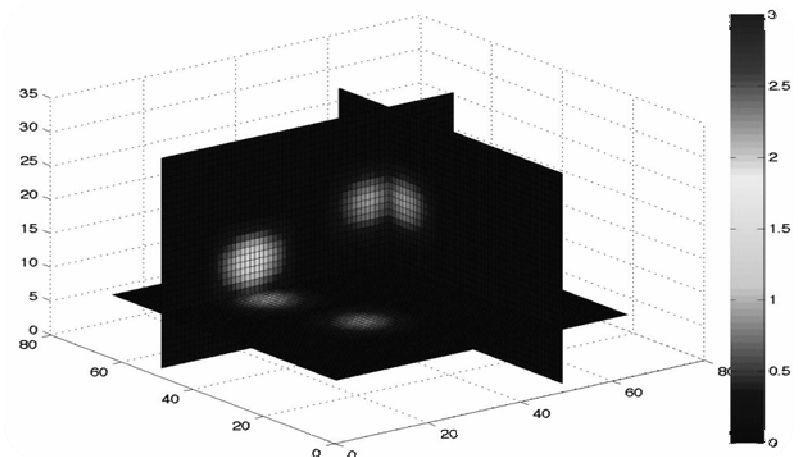
$$d(m; \omega) = V_w^* A_w(m; \omega)^{-1} i\omega \mathbf{s}' + h$$



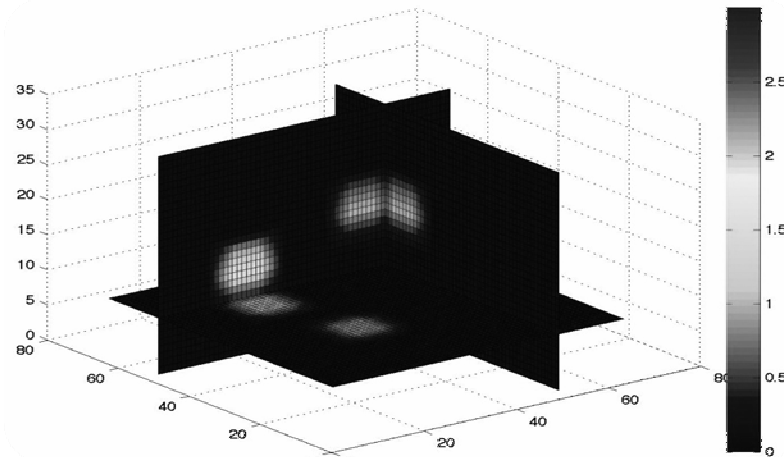
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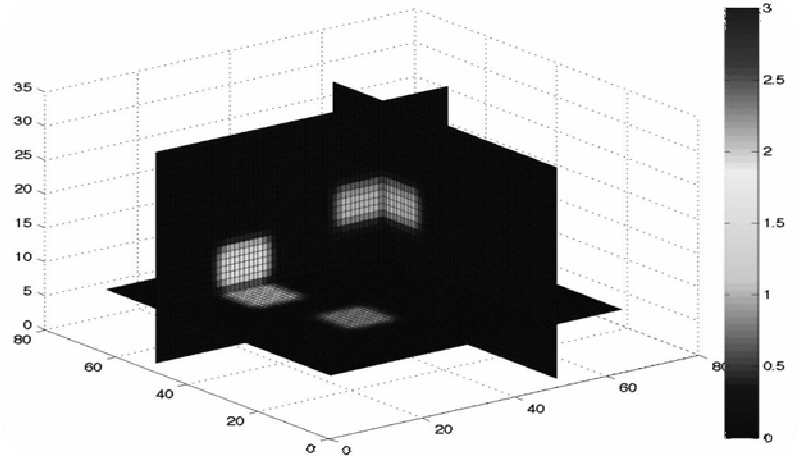
True model



Naive design

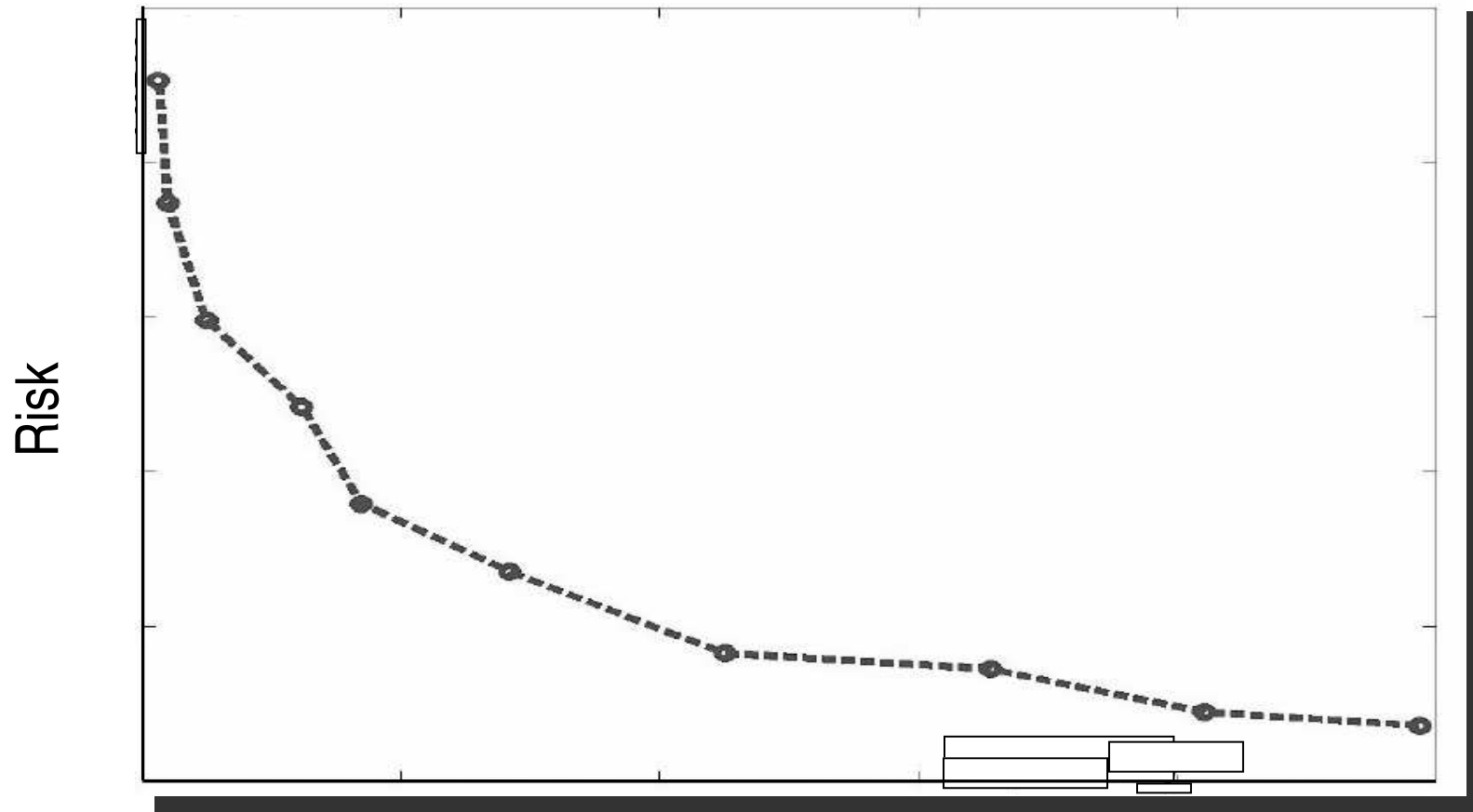


Optimal linearized design



Optimized non-linear design

THE PARETO CURVE – A DECISION MAKING TOOL



SUMMARY

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- Generic approaches for design in ill-posed inverse problems
 - Design of adaptive regularization
 - Optimal experimental design
 - Only two (important) elements in the big puzzle...
 - New frontiers in inverse problems and optimization
 - Vast range of applications in medical imaging, that offers:
 - Faster
 - Safer
 - Higher fidelity image reconstructions
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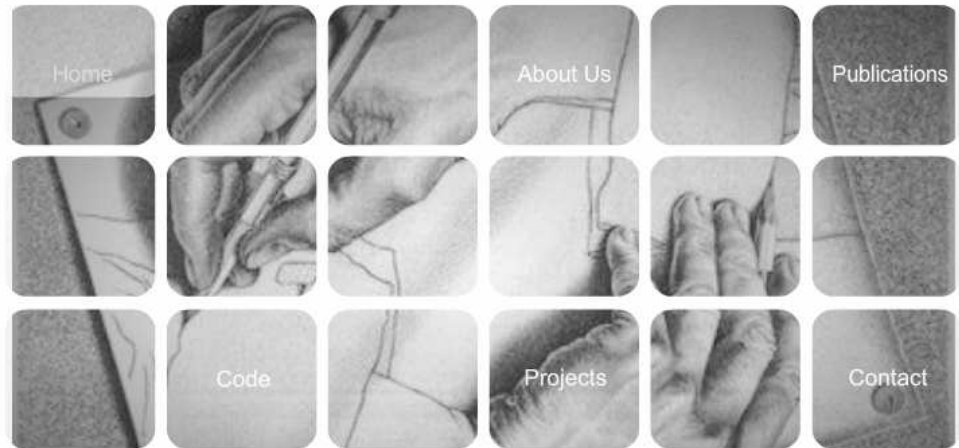


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