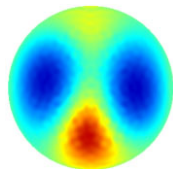


# Reconstruction methods for ill-posed inverse problems



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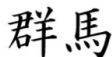
# This my industrial-academic background



1999: PhD, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland



2000: R&D scientist at Instrumentarium Imaging



2002: Postdoc at Gunma University, Japan



2004: R&D scientist at GE Healthcare



2005: R&D scientist at Palodex Group



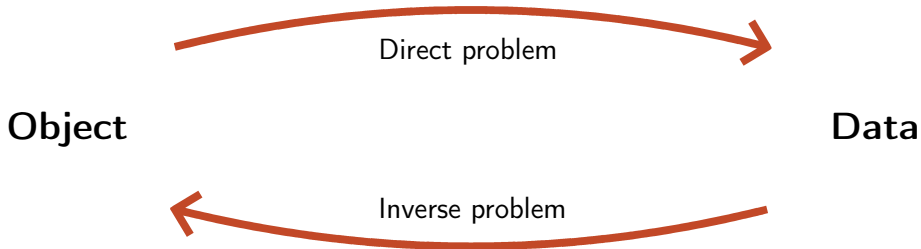
2006: Professor, Tampere University of Technology, Finland



2009: Professor, University of Helsinki, Finland

Direct problem: *given object, determine data*

Inverse problem: *given noisy data, recover object*



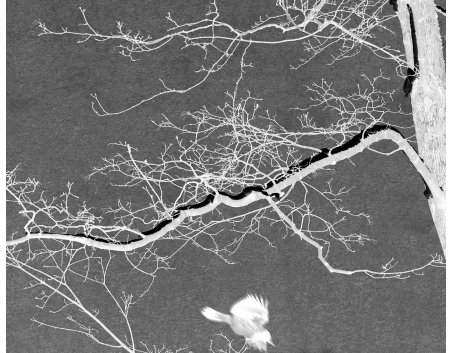
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**Object** (positive photograph)



**Data** (negative photograph)



Forward map: subtraction from a constant

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**Object** (sharp photograph)



**Data** (blurred photograph)

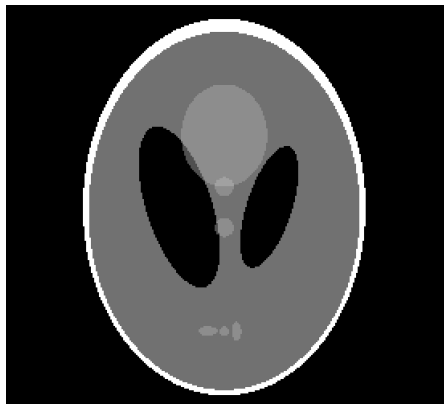


Forward map: convolution operator with smooth kernel

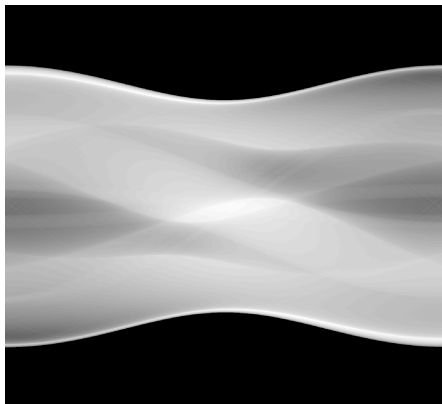
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**Object** (X-ray attenuation)



**Data** (sinogram)

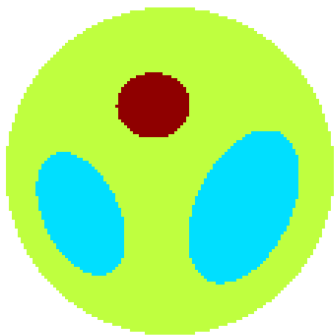


Forward map: discrete Radon transform

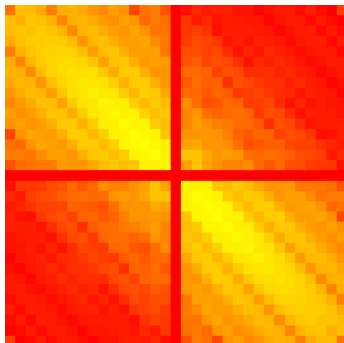
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**Object** (conductivity)



**Data** (voltage-to-current map)



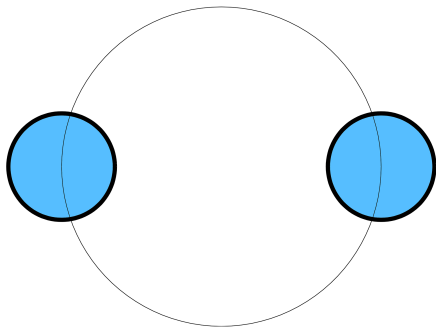
Forward map: electrical boundary measurements



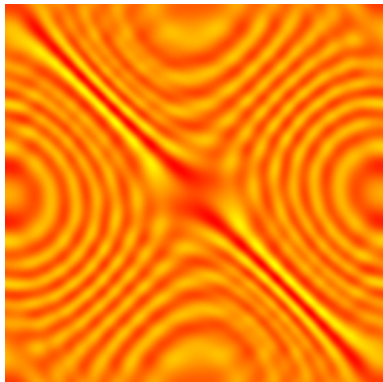
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**Object** (sound-hard obstacles)



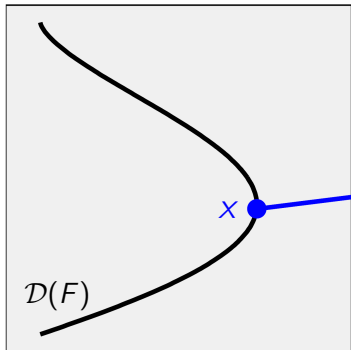
**Data** (far-field pattern)



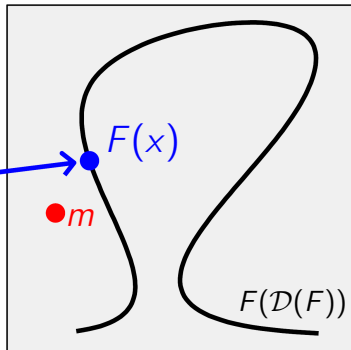
Forward map: far-away values of the scattered acoustic wave

# Inverse problem = interpretation of an indirect measurement modelled by a forward map $F$

Model space  $X$



Data space  $Y$



Consider the measurement model  $m = F(x) + \varepsilon$ . We want to know  $x$ , but all we can do is measure  $m$  that depends indirectly on  $x$ . Moreover, the measurement is corrupted with noise  $\varepsilon$ .

# Ill-posed inverse problems are defined as opposites of well-posed direct problems



Hadamard (1903): a problem is well-posed if the following conditions hold.

1. A solution exists,
2. The solution is unique,
3. The solution depends continuously on the input.

**Well-posed direct problem:**

Input  $x$ , find infinite-precision data  $F(x)$ .

**Ill-posed inverse problem:**

Input noisy data  $m = F(x) + \varepsilon$ , recover  $x$ .

# The solution of an inverse problem is a *set of instructions* for recovering $x$ stably from $m$

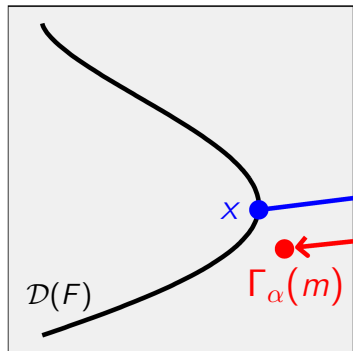
Those instructions need to be

- (i) backed up by rigorous mathematical theory, and
- (ii) implementable as an effective computational algorithm.

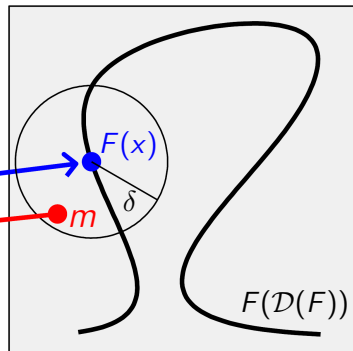
The solution of an ill-posed inverse problems requires complementing insufficient measurement data by *a priori* information. This is done by designing and implementing a *regularization strategy*  $\Gamma_\alpha$ .

Regularization means constructing a continuous map  $\Gamma_\alpha : Y \rightarrow X$  that inverts  $F$  approximately

Model space  $X$



Data space  $Y$



The reconstruction error  $\|\Gamma_{\alpha(\delta)}(m) - x\|_X$  needs to vanish asymptotically as the zero-noise level  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ .

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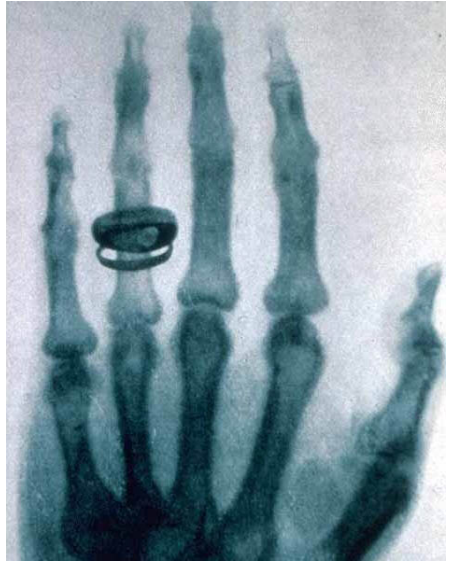
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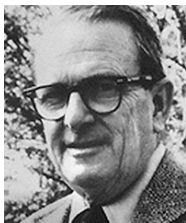
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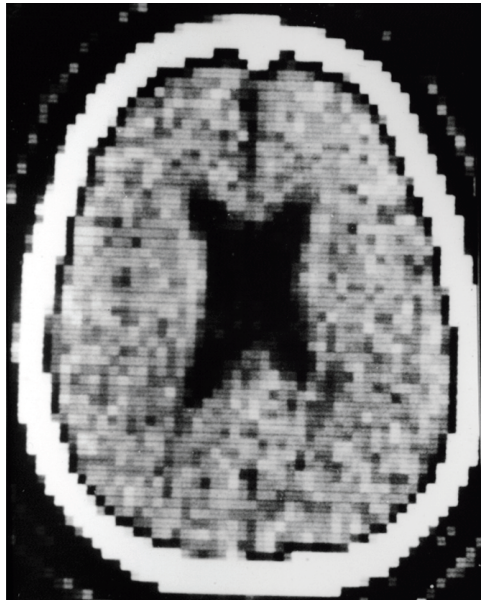
**Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen invented X-rays and was awarded the first Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901**



# Godfrey Hounsfield and Allan McLeod Cormack were the first to develop X-ray tomography



Hounsfield (top) and Cormack received Nobel prizes in 1979.





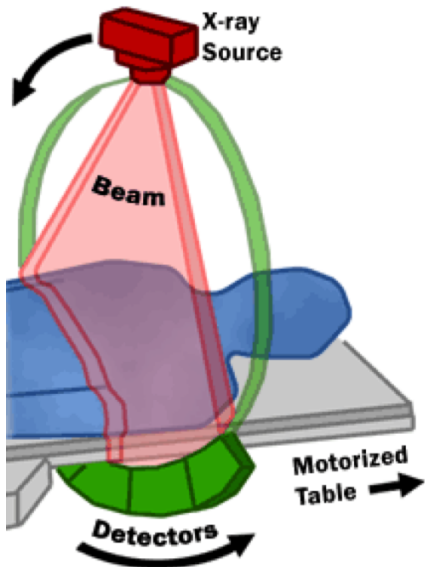
Reconstruction of a function from its line integrals was first invented by Johann Radon in 1917



Johann Radon (1887-1956)

$$f(P) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\overline{F}_p(q)}{q}$$

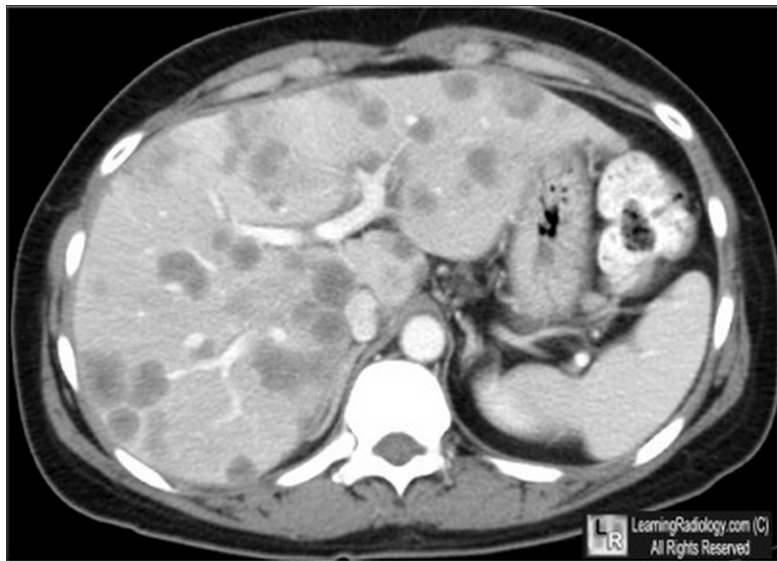
Traditional X-ray tomography requires many projection images using small angular steps



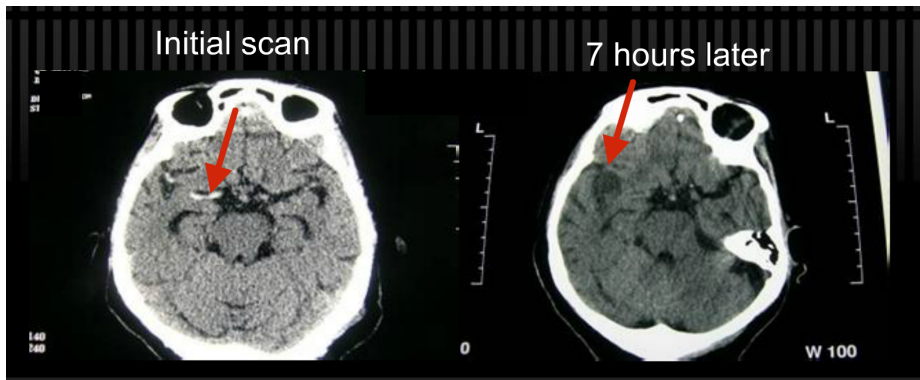
$$\frac{1}{4\pi^2} \int_{S^1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\frac{d}{ds}(Rf)(\theta, s)}{x \cdot \theta - s} ds d\theta$$



## Contrast-enhanced CT of abdomen, showing liver metastases



## Head CT can be used for detecting and monitoring brain hemorrhage

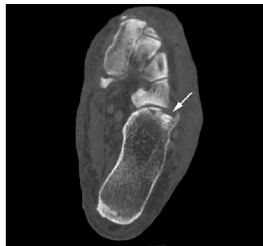


# Unusual variant of the Nutcracker Fracture of the calcaneus and tarsal navicular

Axial slice of the right foot



Another axial slice



Sagittal slice



3D render



[Gajendran, Yoo & Hunter, Radiology Case Reports 3 (2008)]

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**X-ray intensity attenuates inside matter,  
here shown with the Shepp-Logan phantom**

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**X-ray intensity attenuates inside matter,  
here shown with a homogeneous block**

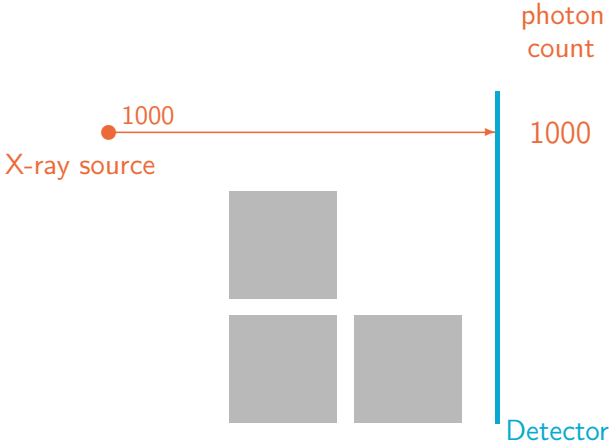
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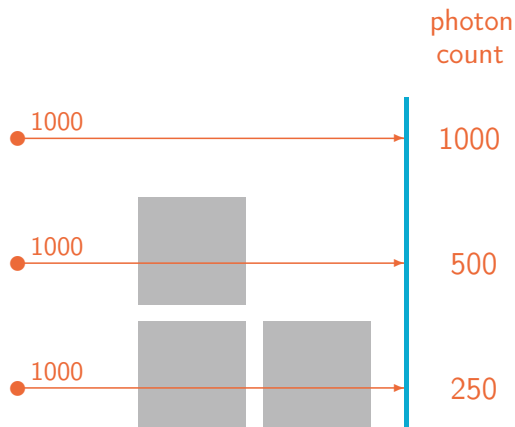
**X-ray intensity attenuates inside matter,  
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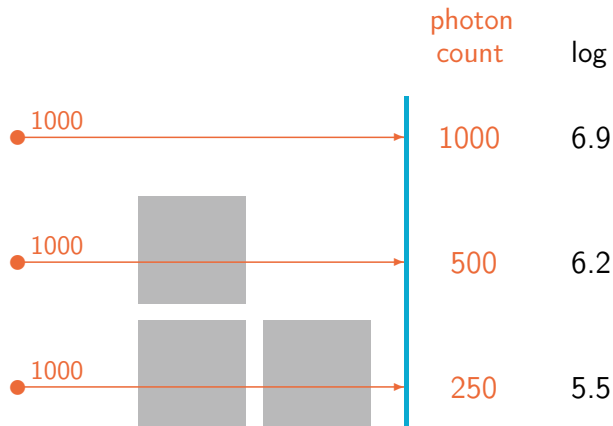
# A digital X-ray detector counts how many photons arrive at each pixel



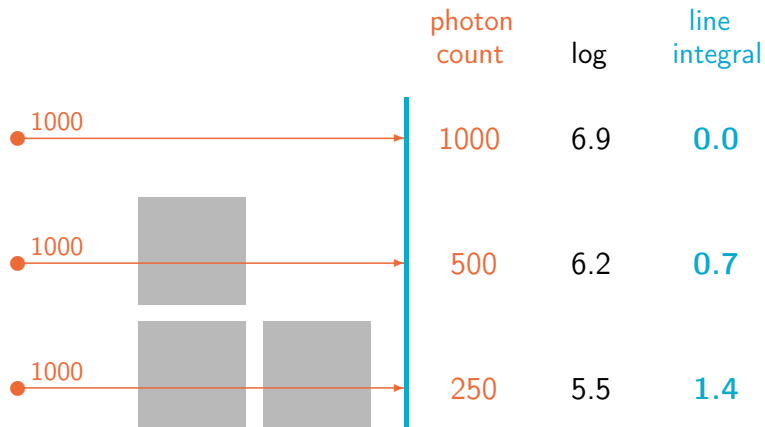
# Adding material between the source and detector reveals the exponential X-ray attenuation law



We take logarithm of the photon counts to compensate for the exponential attenuation law



Final calibration step is to subtract the logarithms from the empty space value (here 6.9)



After calibration we are observing how much attenuating matter the X-ray encounters

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**This sweeping movement is the data collection mode of first-generation CT scanners**

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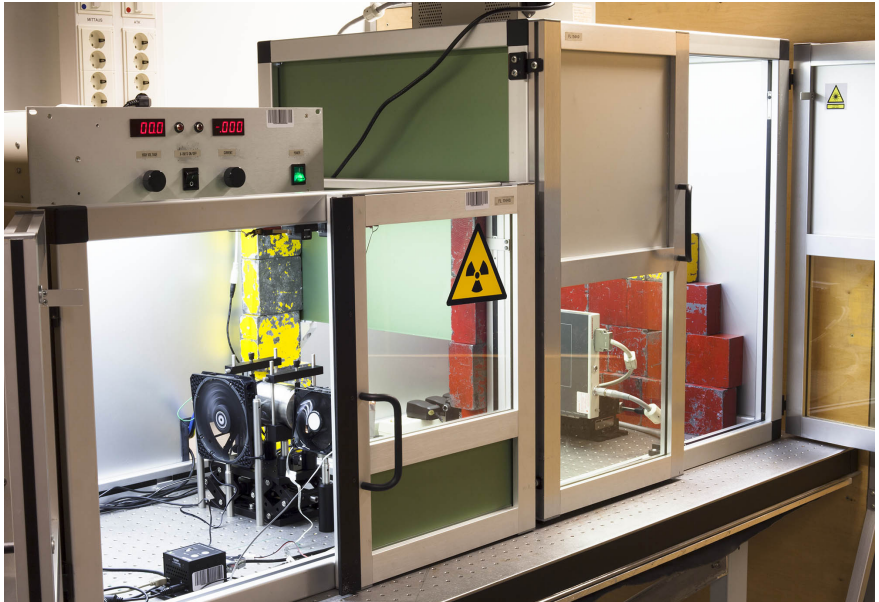
Rotating around the object allows us to form  
the so-called *sinogram*

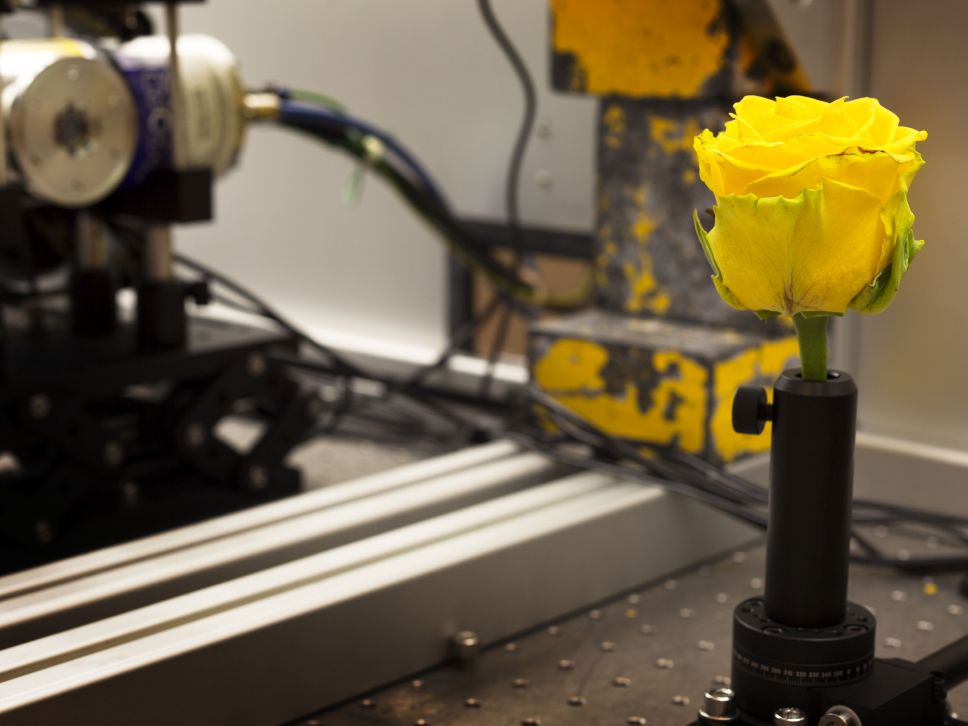
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**This is an illustration of the standard  
reconstruction by filtered back-projection**

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# This is my new X-ray laboratory at University of Helsinki







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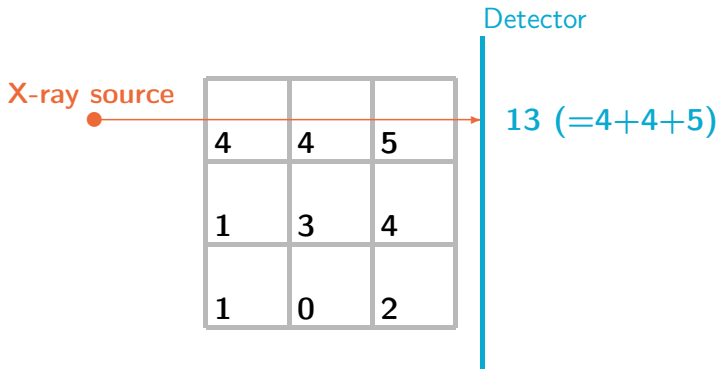
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Let us study a simple two-dimensional example of tomographic imaging

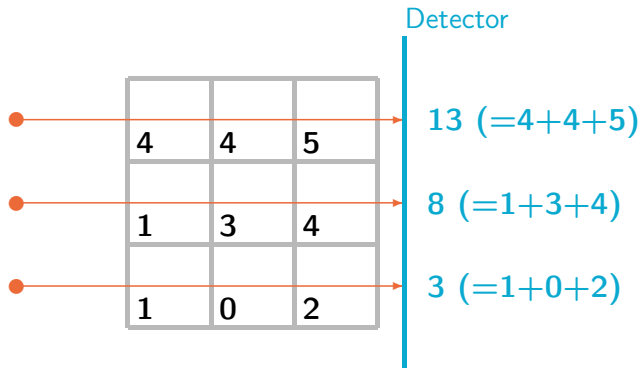
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1	3	4
1	0	2

Tomography is based on measuring densities of matter using X-ray attenuation data

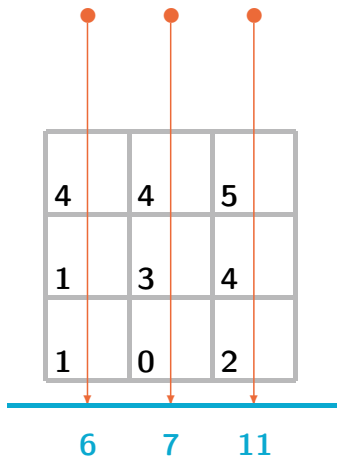




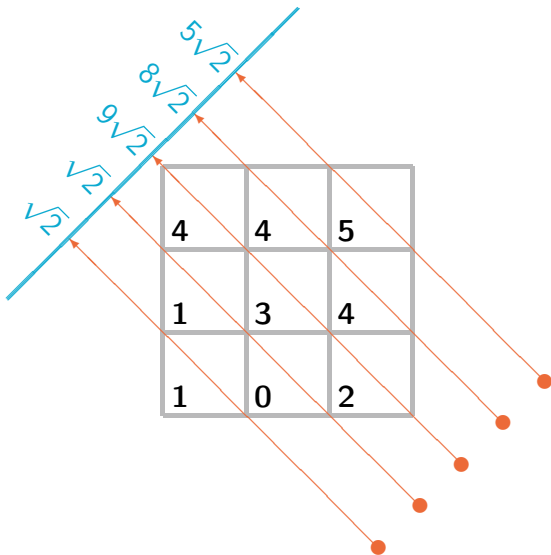
A projection image is produced by parallel X-rays and several detector pixels (here three pixels)



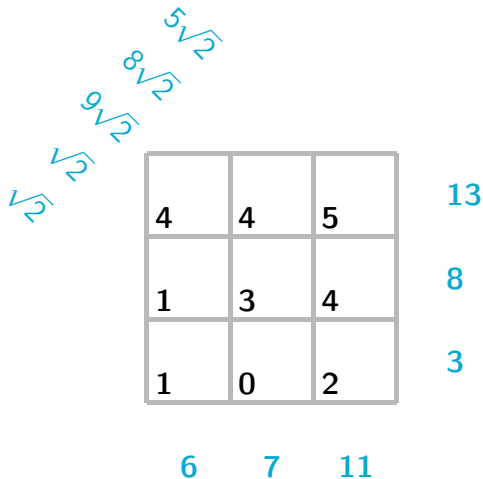
For tomographic imaging it is essential to record projection images from different directions



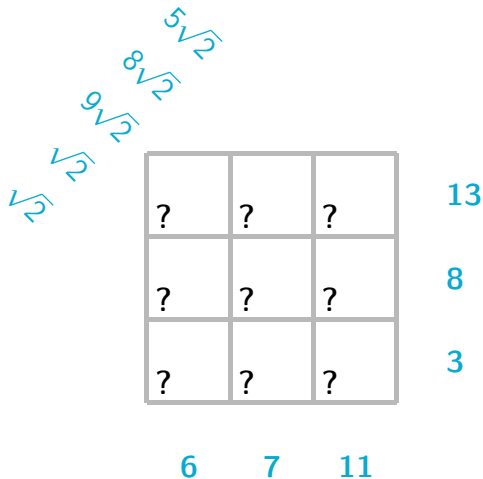
The length of X-rays traveling inside each pixel is important, thus here the square roots



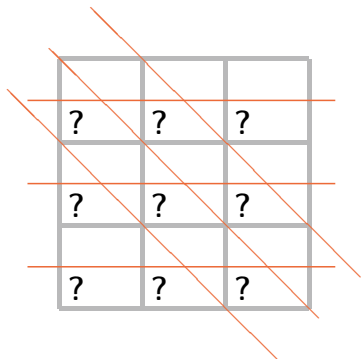
The direct problem of tomography is to find the projection images from known tissue



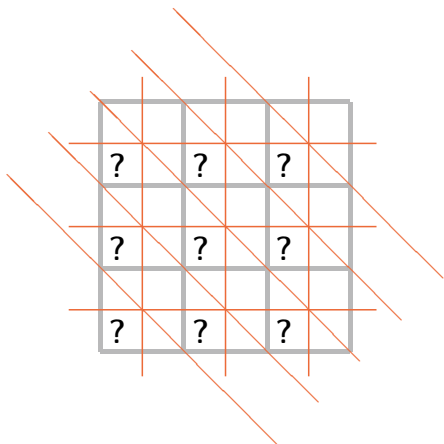
The inverse problem of tomography is to reconstruct the interior from X-ray data



## The limited-angle problem is harder than the full-angle problem

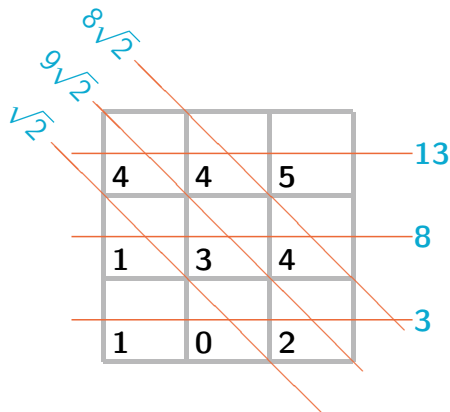


9 unknowns,  
6 equations



9 unknowns,  
11 equations

In limited-angle imaging, different objects may produce the same data

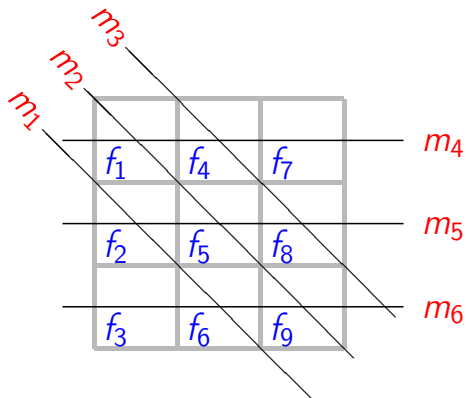


5	6	2
1	5	2
4	0	-1

9	1	3
1	0	7
3	0	0

Reconstruction requires additional *a priori* information

We write the reconstruction problem  
in matrix form



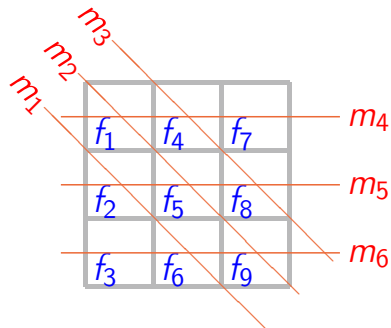
$$f = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ f_3 \\ f_4 \\ f_5 \\ f_6 \\ f_7 \\ f_8 \\ f_9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad m = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \\ m_4 \\ m_5 \\ m_6 \end{bmatrix},$$

Measurement model:  $m = Af + \varepsilon$



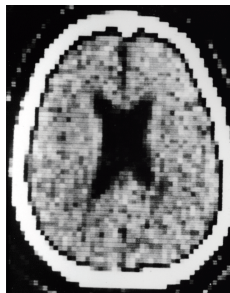
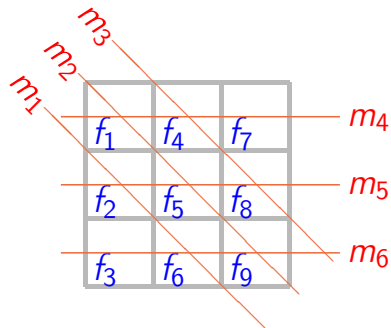
This is the matrix equation related to the above measurement

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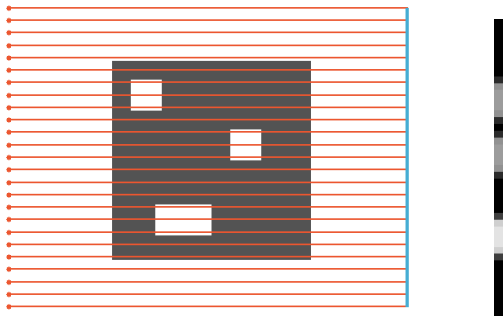


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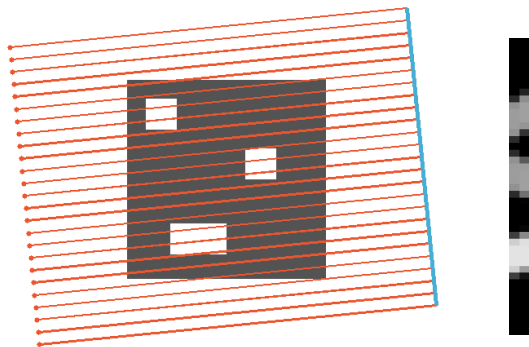
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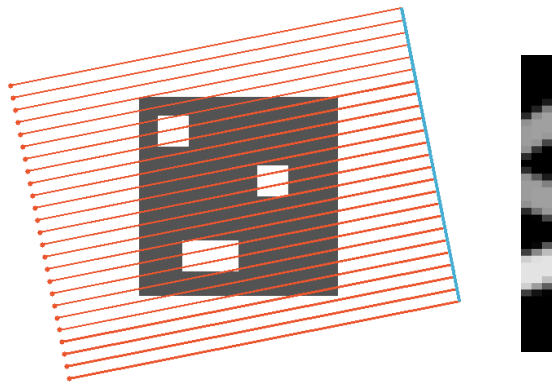
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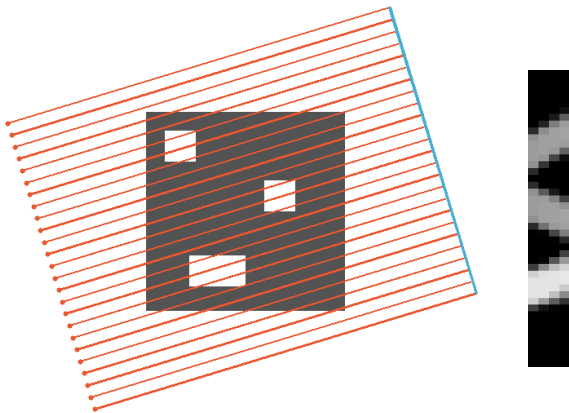
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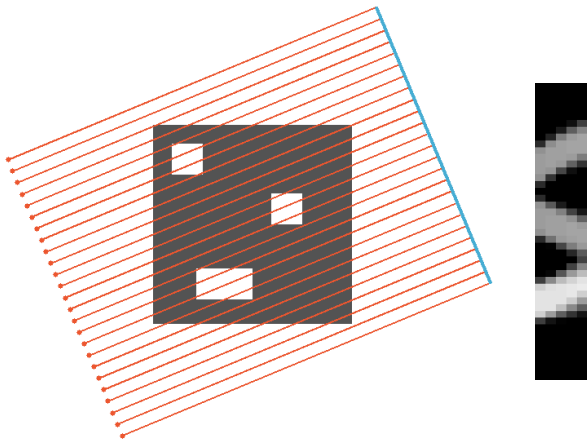
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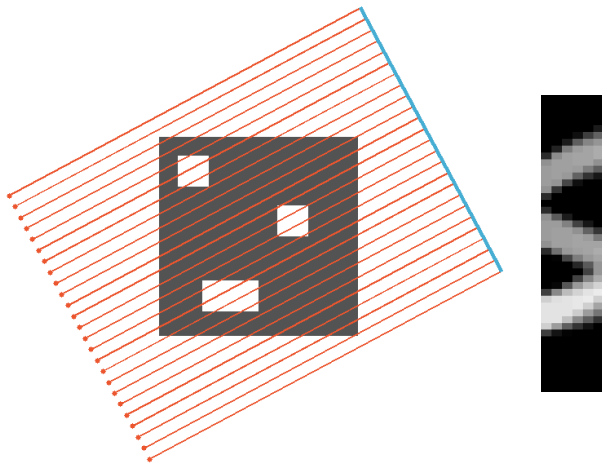
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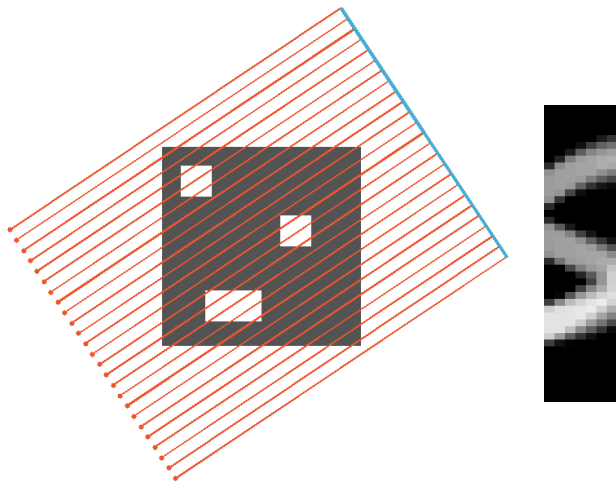


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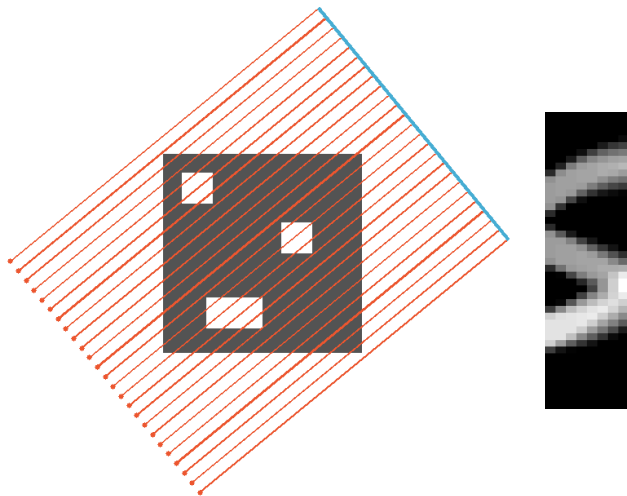




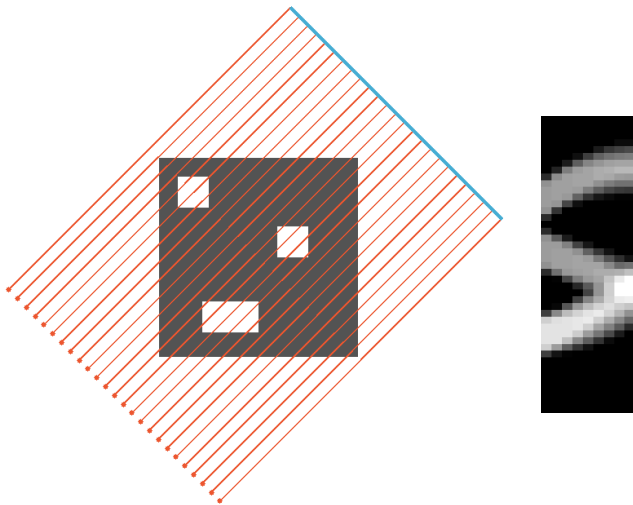
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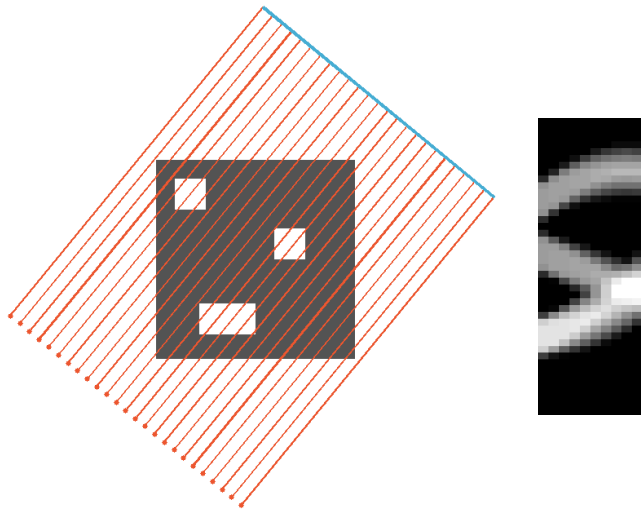
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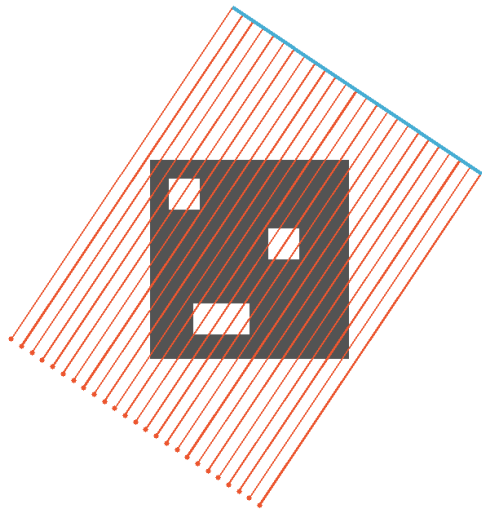
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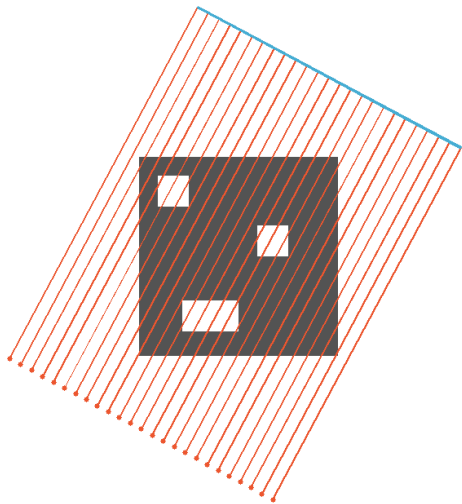
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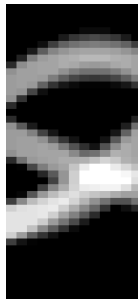
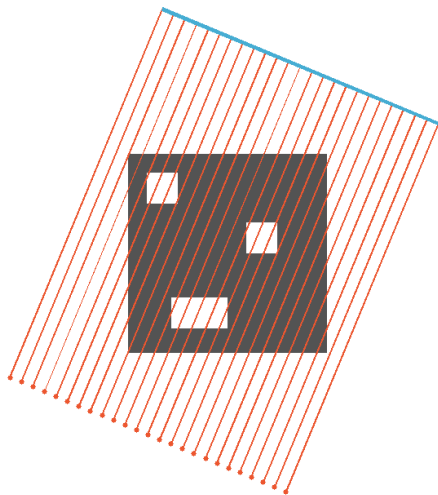
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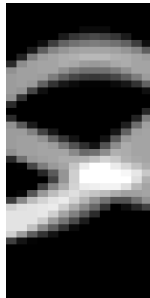
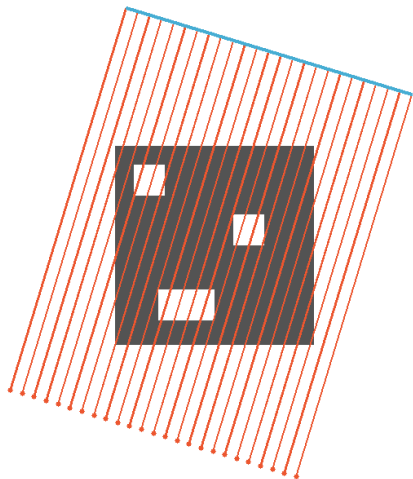
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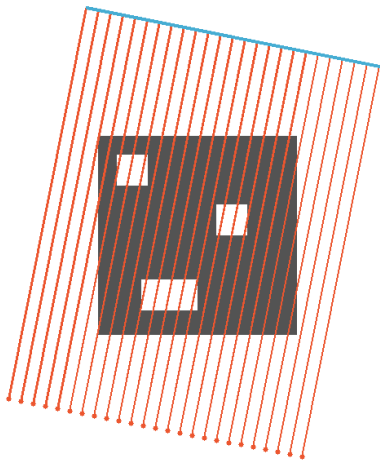


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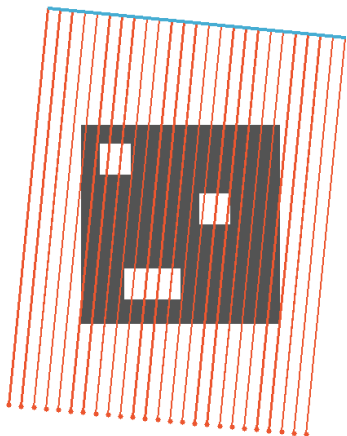




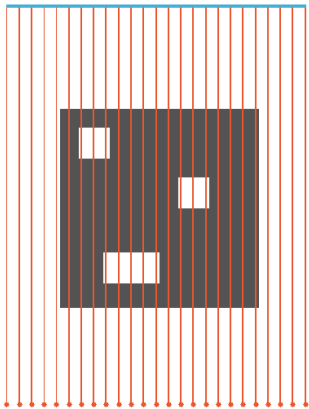
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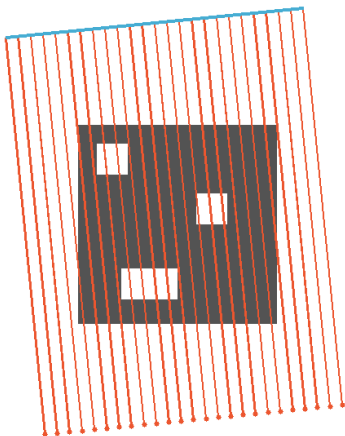
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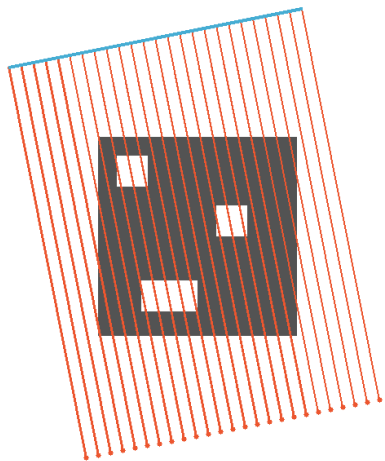
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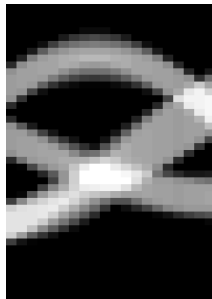
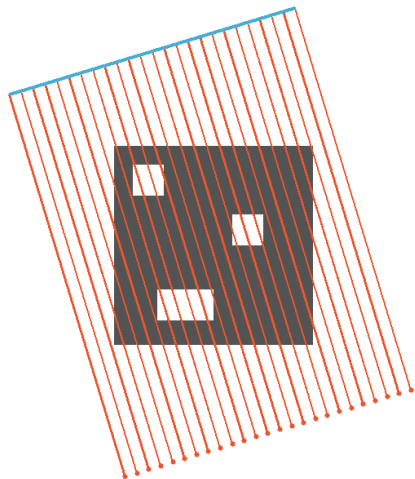
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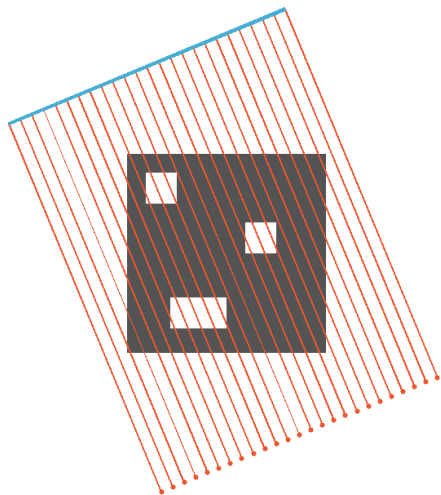
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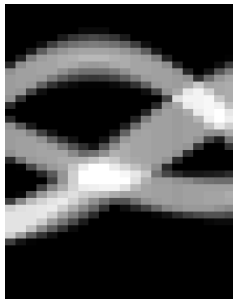
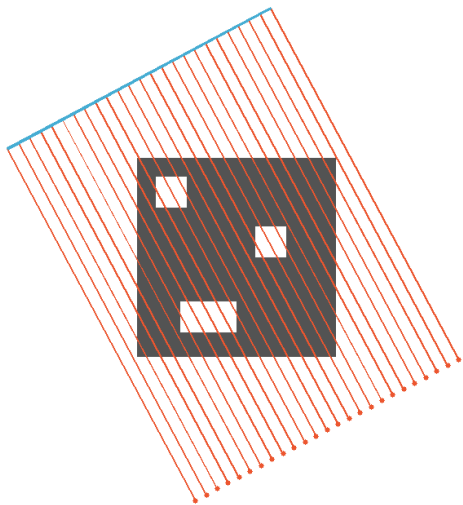
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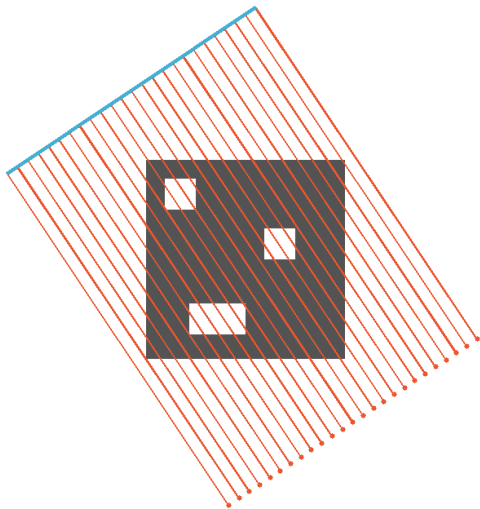


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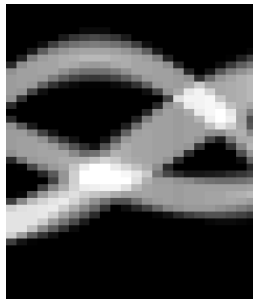
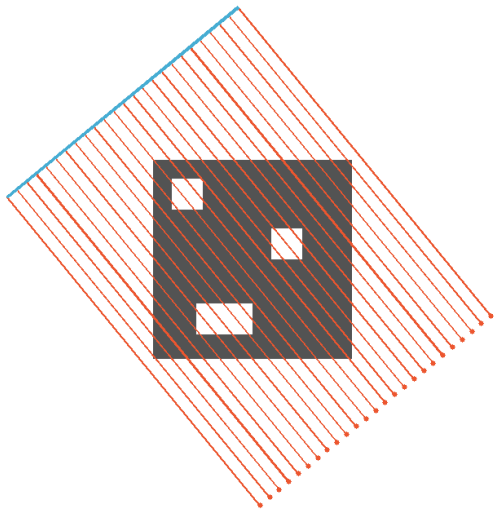




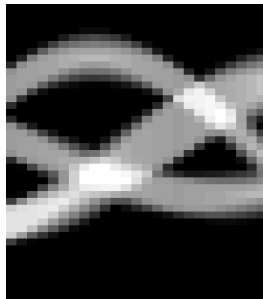
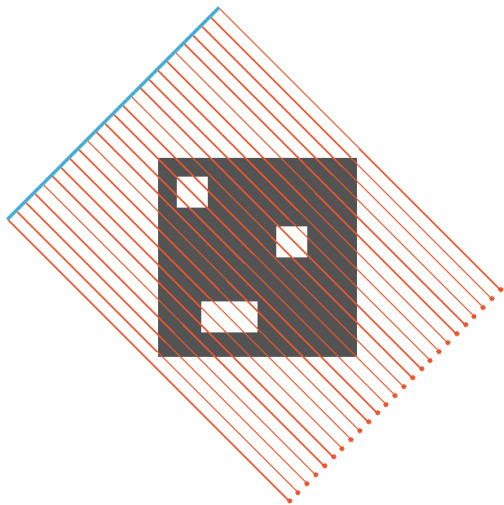
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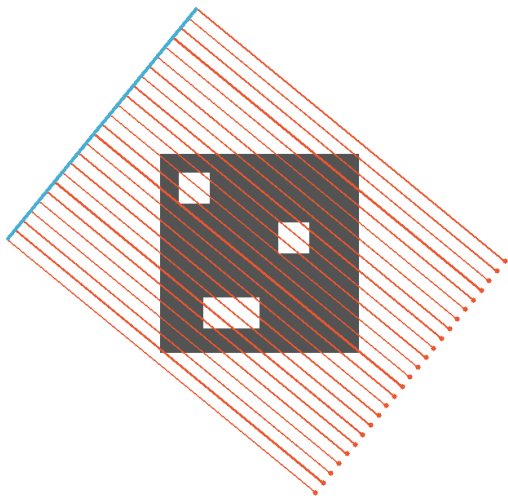
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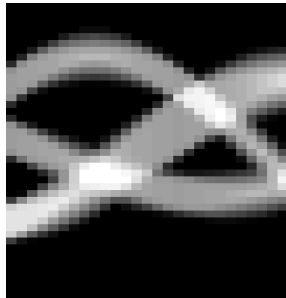
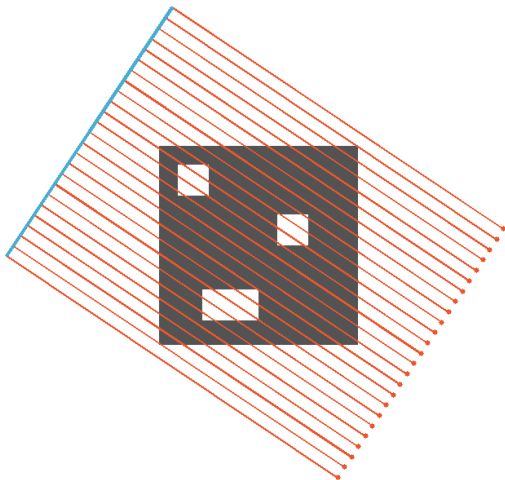
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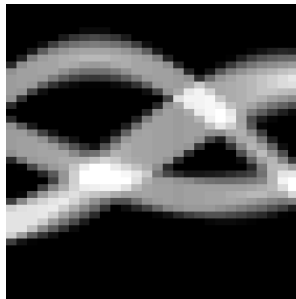
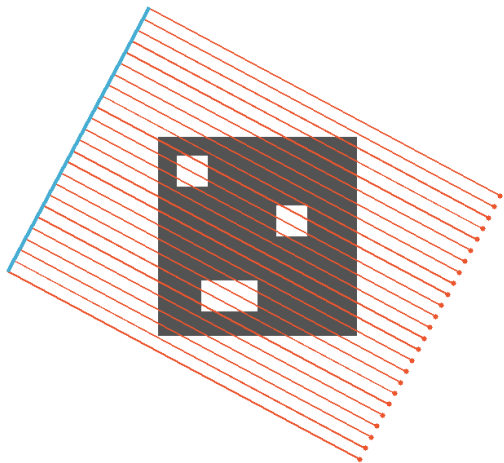
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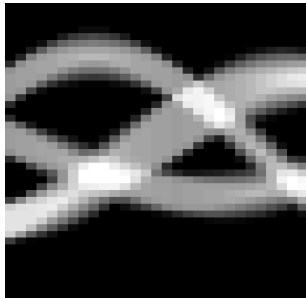
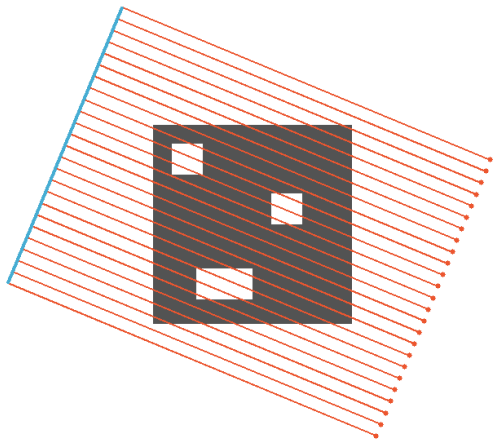
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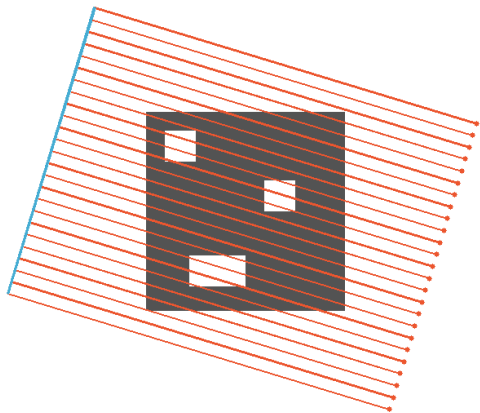
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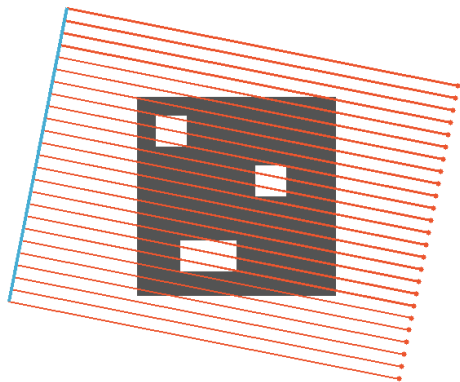


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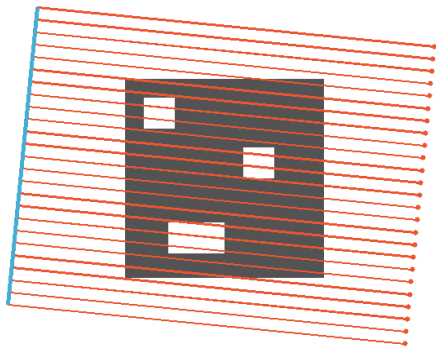




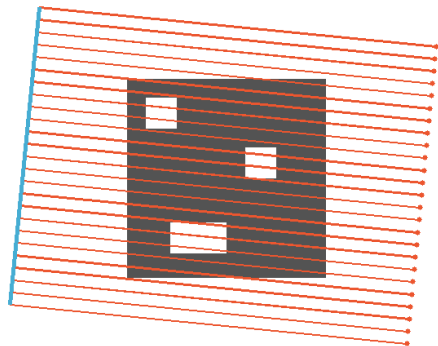
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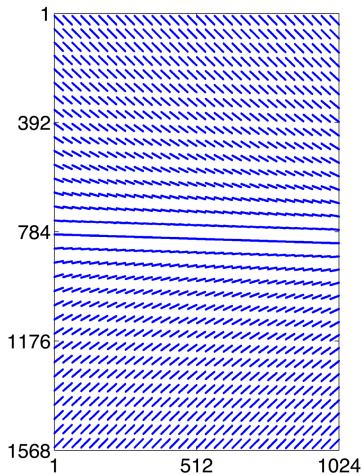


Unknown:  $f \in \mathbb{R}^{32 \times 32}$

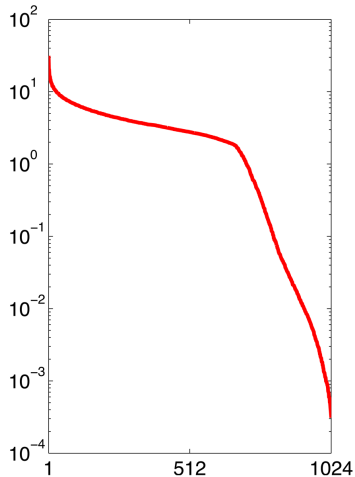


Data:  $Af \in \mathbb{R}^{49 \times 32}$

# The Singular Value Decomposition $A = UDV^T$ allows analysis of any linear inverse problem



Nonzero elements of matrix  $A$



Singular values of matrix  $A$ :  
diagonal of  $D$  in  $A = UDV^T$

## Nonuniqueness in X-ray tomography

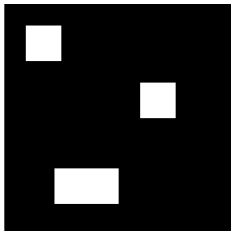
It was noted already in [Cormack 1963], and later analyzed in [Smith, Solmon & Wagner 1977, Theorem 4.2], that a finite number of line integrals does not determine the target uniquely since the measurement operator has a nontrivial nullspace.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *A finite set of radiographs tells nothing at all.*

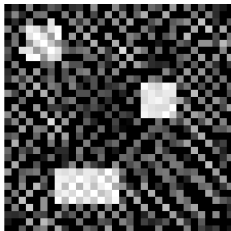
**For some reason this theorem provokes merriment. It is so plainly one of those mathematical ideals untainted by any possibility of practical application.**

# These phantoms have almost the same sinogram

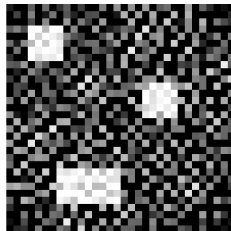
Original phantom



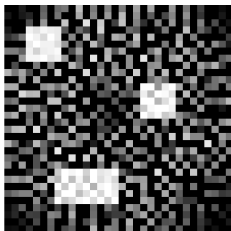
Data error 1%



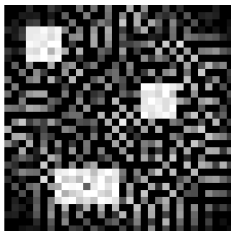
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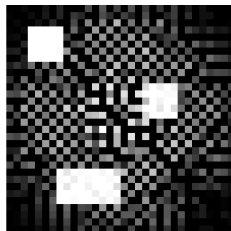
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Data error 0.002%



# Ill-posed inverse problems are defined as opposites of well-posed direct problems



Hadamard (1903): a problem is well-posed if the following conditions hold.

1. A solution exists,
2. The solution is unique,
3. The solution depends continuously on the input.

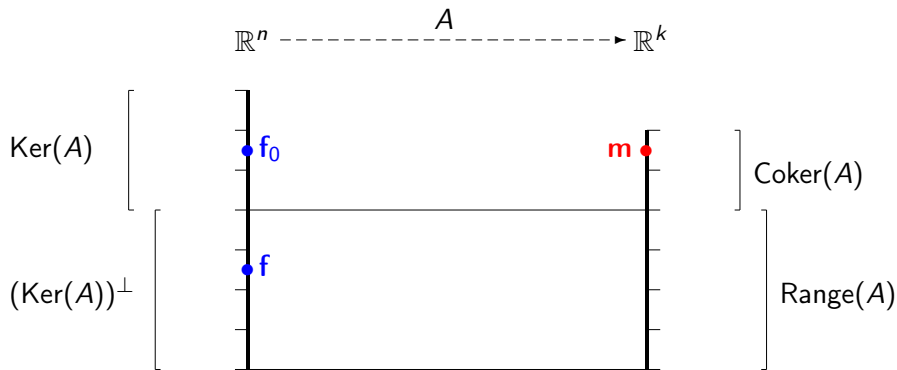
**Well-posed direct problem:**

Input  $f$ , find infinite-precision data  $Af$ .

**Ill-posed inverse problem:**

Input noisy data  $m = Af + \varepsilon$ , recover  $f$ .

## Hadamard's conditions in a linear inverse problem with forward map given by a matrix $A$



The matrix  $A$  maps bijectively between  $(\text{Ker}(A))^\perp$  and  $\text{Range}(A)$ . However, decreasing singular values may make this bijection unstable, leading to trouble with Hadamard's condition 3.



## Recall the singular value decomposition (SVD) of the matrix $A$

$$A = UDV^T = U \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & d_r & & \\ & & & & 0 & \\ \vdots & & & & & \ddots \\ 0 & \cdots & & & & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T$$

Here the singular values  $d_j$  satisfy  $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \cdots \geq d_r > 0$  and  $d_{r+1} = d_{r+2} = \cdots = d_{\min\{k,n\}} = 0$ .

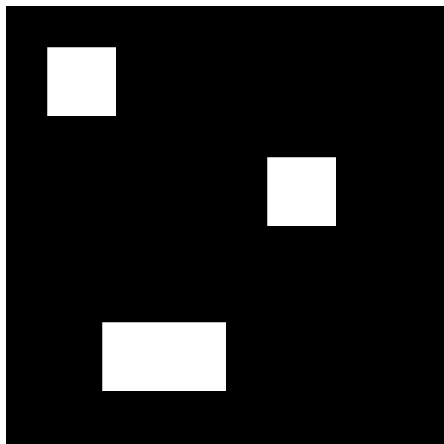
Note that in the case  $r = \min\{k, n\}$  all singular values are positive. If additionally  $n = k$  then  $A$  is invertible. But the *condition number*  $\text{cond}(A) := d_1/d_{\min\{k,n\}}$  is large, and  $A^{-1}$  is numerically unstable.

## The Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse takes care of Hadamard's conditions 1 and 2

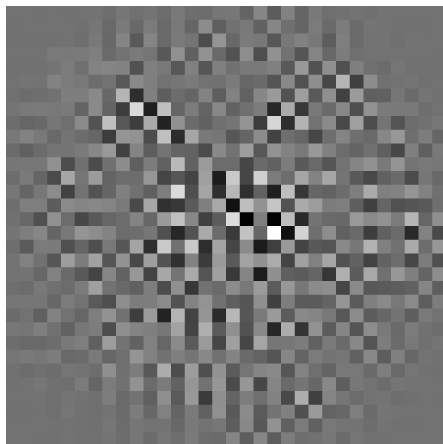
$$A^\dagger = VD^\dagger U^T = V \begin{bmatrix} 1/d_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1/d_2 & & & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & 1/d_r & & \\ & & & & 0 & \\ \vdots & & & & & \ddots \\ 0 & \cdots & & & & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} U^T$$

We can compute **naive reconstruction** as the uniquely defined *minimum norm solution*  $A^\dagger m$ . However, this only works for rank-deficient problems where Hadamard's condition 3 is not active.

# Naive reconstruction using the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse; data has 0.1% relative noise



Original phantom, values between zero (black) and one (white)



Naive reconstruction with minimum  $-14.9$  and maximum  $18.5$

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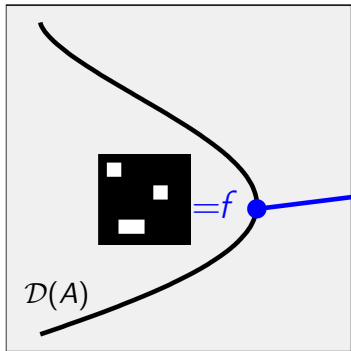
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Further development: edge-preserving EIT

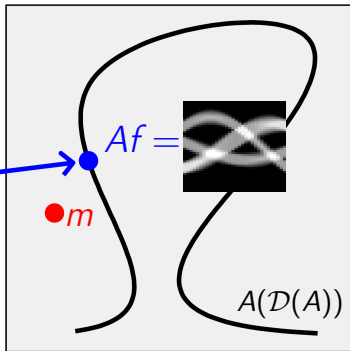
### Open problems

# Inverse problem of X-ray tomography: given noisy sinogram, find a stable approximation to $f$

Model space  $X = \mathbb{R}^{32 \times 32}$

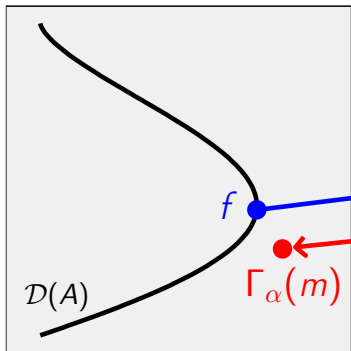


Data space  $Y = \mathbb{R}^{32 \times 49}$

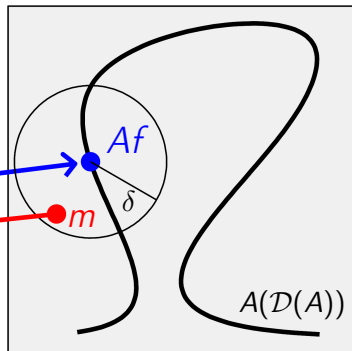


# Tikhonov regularization is the classical option for noise-robust tomographic reconstruction

Model space  $X = \mathbb{R}^{32 \times 32}$



Data space  $Y = \mathbb{R}^{32 \times 49}$



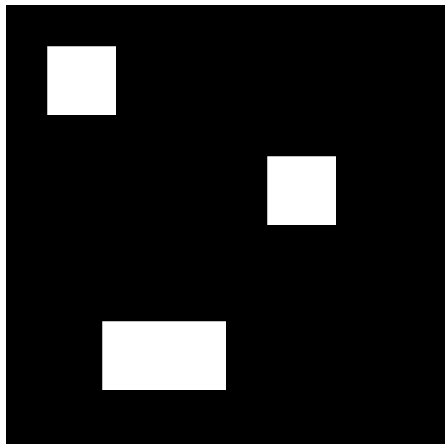
Write a penalty functional  $\Phi(f) = \|Af - m\|_2^2 + \alpha \|f\|_2^2$ , where  $0 < \alpha < \infty$  is a regularization parameter. Define  $\Gamma_\alpha(m)$  by  $\Phi(\Gamma_\alpha(m)) = \min_{f \in X} \{\Phi(f)\}$ .

Tikhonov regularization can be expressed as filtering the singular values of the matrix  $A$

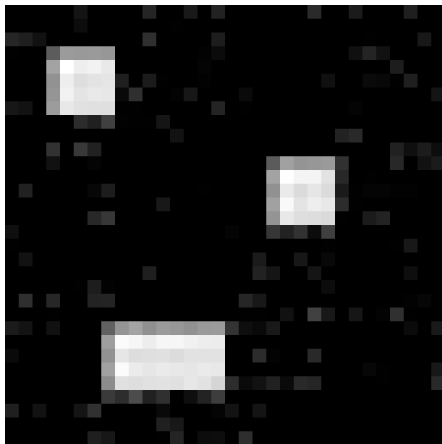
$$V \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d_1}{d_1^2 + \alpha} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \frac{d_{\min\{k,n\}}}{d_{\min\{k,n\}}^2 + \alpha} \end{bmatrix} U^T$$

# Constrained Tikhonov regularization

$$\arg \min_{f \in \mathbb{R}_+^n} \{ \|Af - m\|_2^2 + \alpha \|f\|_2^2 \}$$



Original phantom

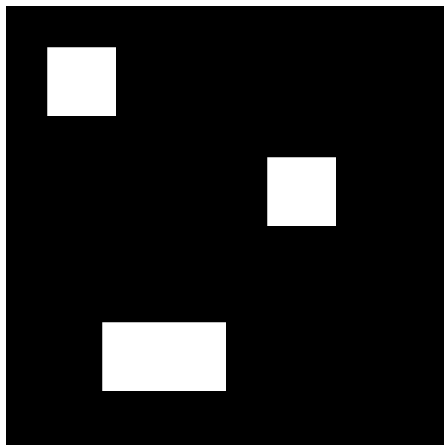


Reconstruction

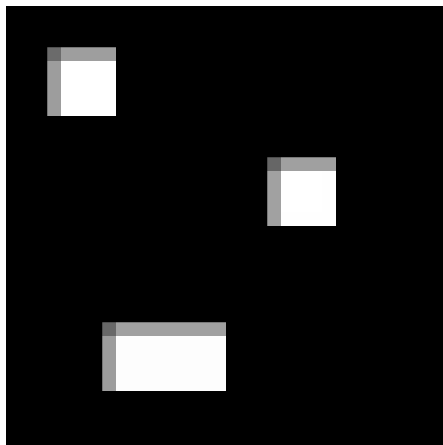
Relative square norm error 35%



Rudin, Osher and Fatemi (1992): total variation regularization  $\arg \min_{f \in \mathbb{R}_+^n} \{ \|Af - m\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\nabla f\|_1 \}$



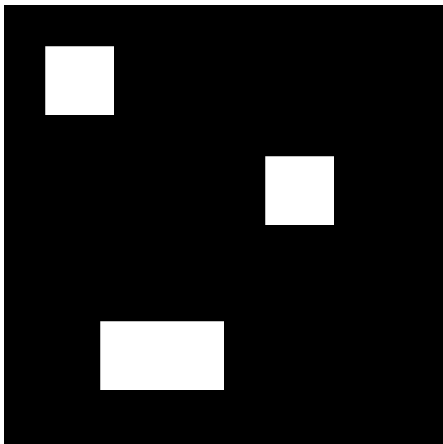
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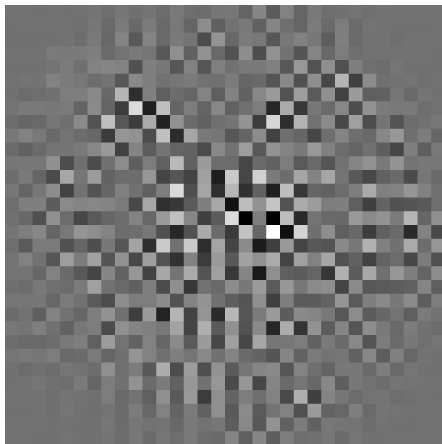
TV regularized reconstruction

Relative square norm error 32%

# Naive reconstruction using the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse



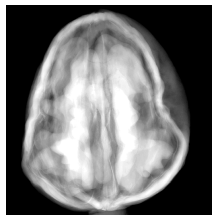
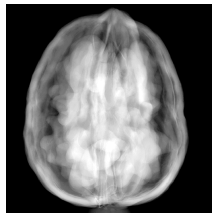
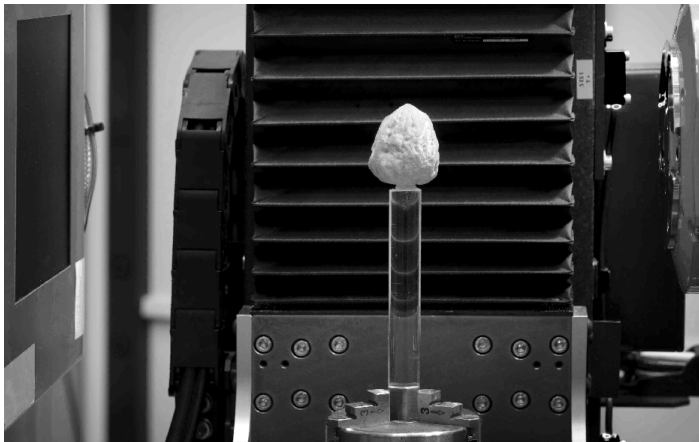
Original phantom



Naive reconstruction

Relative square norm error 1246%

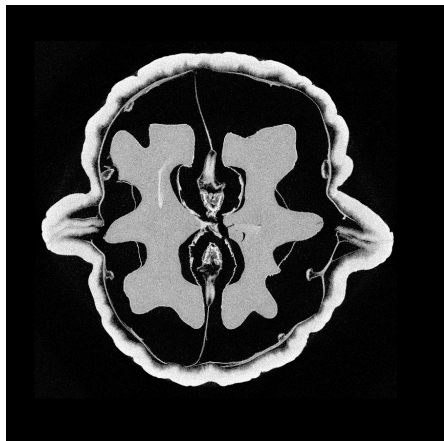
We collected X-ray projection data of a walnut  
from 1200 directions



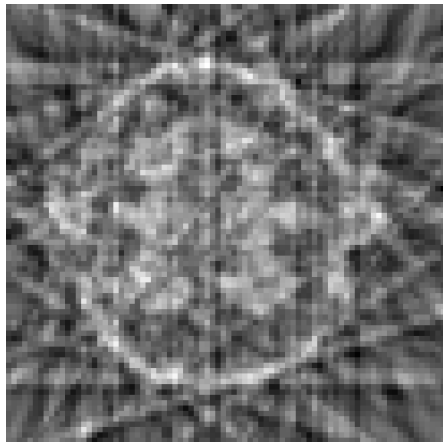
Laboratory and data collection by  
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University of Helsinki.

The data is openly available at  
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# Reconstructions of a 2D slice through the walnut using filtered back-projection (FBP)

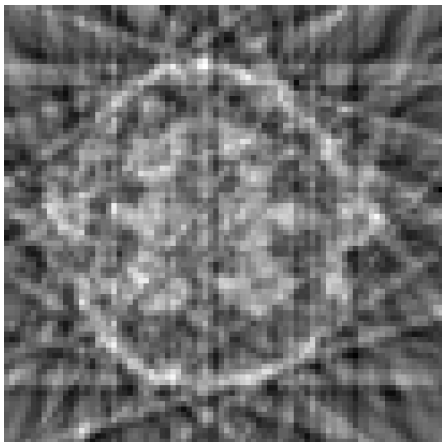


FBP with comprehensive data  
(1200 projections)

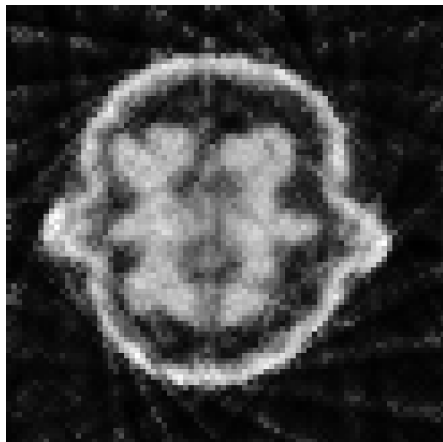


FBP with sparse data  
(20 projections)

# Sparse-data reconstruction of the walnut using non-negative Tikhonov regularization

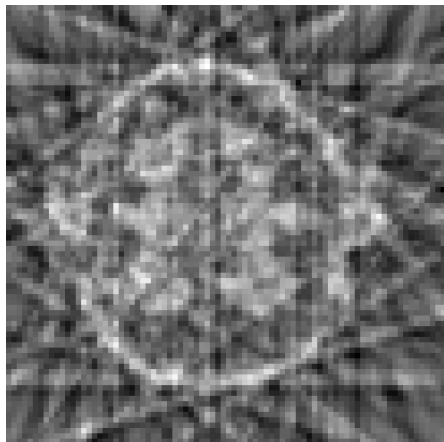


Filtered back-projection

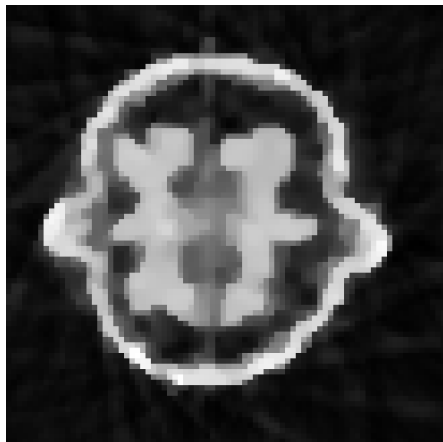


Constrained Tikhonov regularization  
$$\arg \min_{f \in \mathbb{R}_+^n} \{ \|Af - m\|_2^2 + \alpha \|f\|_2^2 \}$$

# Sparse-data reconstruction of the walnut using non-negative total variation regularization



Filtered back-projection



Constrained TV regularization  
$$\arg \min_{f \in \mathbb{R}_+^n} \{ \|Af - m\|_2^2 + \alpha \|\nabla f\|_1 \}$$

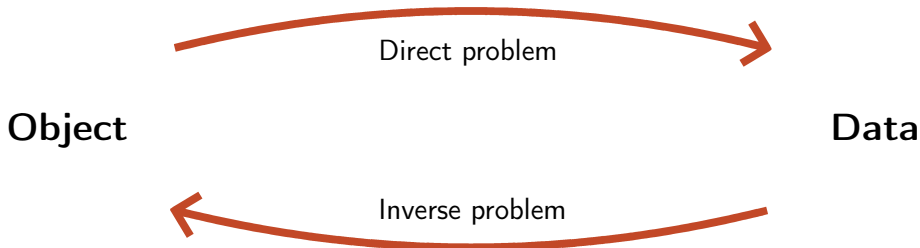
# Take-home messages from our overview of X-ray tomography

## Uniqueness does not save us.

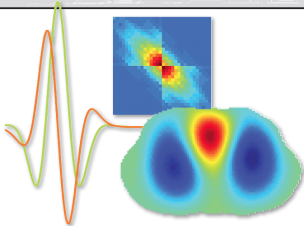
Even with an injective forward map, failure of Hadamard's condition 3 means that we need regularization for solving the inverse problem.

## Non-uniqueness can be handled.

Our stable regularization strategy just needs enough *a priori* information for picking out a unique object among those with same data.



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### **Open problems**

# The VT device was developed in 2001–2012 by

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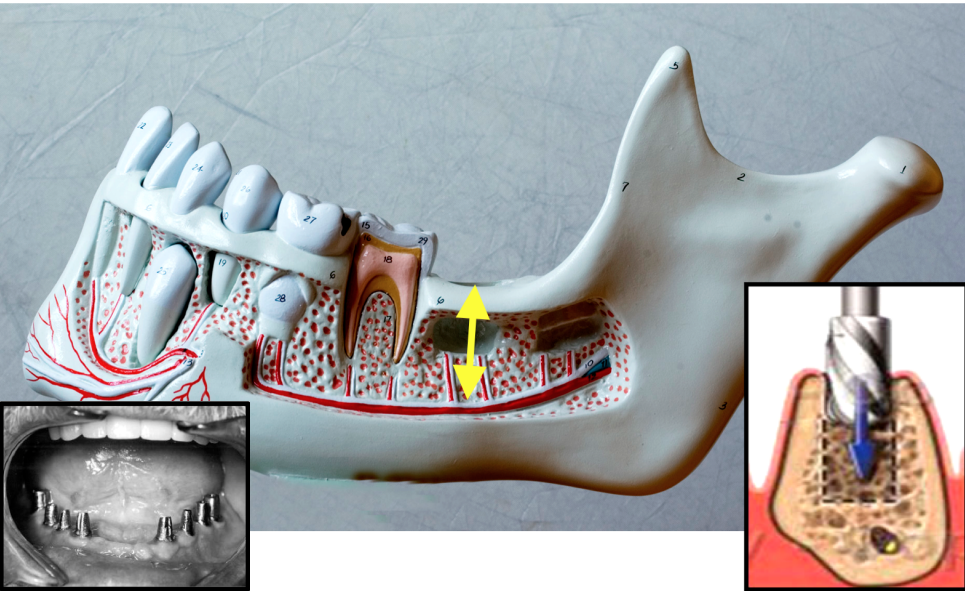
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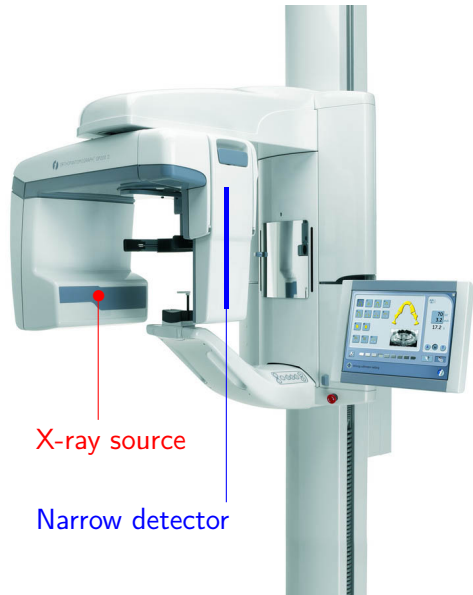
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Application: dental implant planning, where a missing tooth is replaced with an implant



Nowadays, a digital panoramic imaging device is standard equipment at dental clinics



A panoramic dental image offers a general overview showing all teeth and other dento-maxillofacial structures simultaneously.

Panoramic images are not suitable for dental implant planning because of unavoidable geometric distortion.

**We reprogram the panoramic X-ray device so that it collects projection data by scanning**

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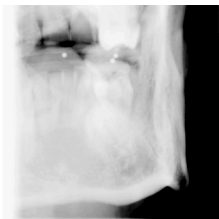
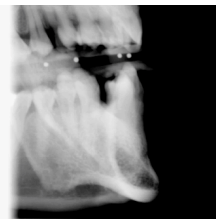
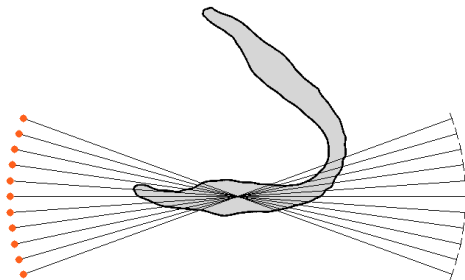
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Number of projection images: 11

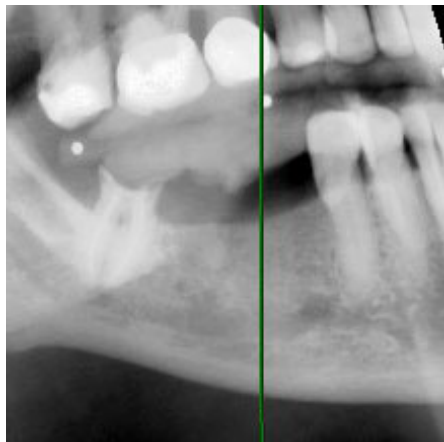
Angle of view: 40 degrees

Image size: 1000×1000 pixels

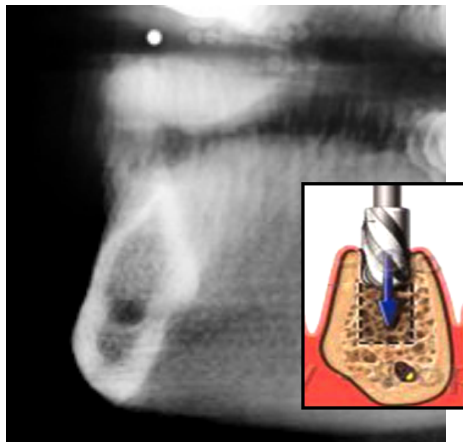
The unknown vector  $f$  has 7 000 000 elements.



Here are example images of an actual patient:  
navigation image (left) and desired slice (right).



Kolehmainen, Vanne, S, Järvenpää, Kaipio, Lassas & Kalke 2006,  
Kolehmainen, Lassas & S 2008



Cederlund, Kalke & Welanders 2009,  
Hyvönen, Kalke, Lassas, Setälä & S  
2010, [U.S. patent 7269241](#)

## The radiation dose of the VT device is lowest among 3D dental imaging modalities

Modality	$\mu\text{Sv}$
Head CT	2100
CB Mercuray	558
i-Cat	193
NewTom 3G	59
<b>VT device</b>	<b>13</b>

[Ludlow, Davies-Ludlow, Brooks & Howerton 2006]

The VT device has been available in the international market since 2008.





# These books are recommended for learning the mathematics of practical X-ray tomography

**1983 Deans:** The Radon Transform and Some of Its Applications

**1986 Natterer:** The mathematics of computerized tomography

**1988 Kak & Slaney:** Principles of computerized tomographic imaging

**1996 Engl, Hanke & Neubauer:** Regularization of inverse problems

**1998 Hansen:** Rank-deficient and discrete ill-posed problems

**2001 Natterer & Wübbeling:** Mathematical Methods in Image Reconstruction

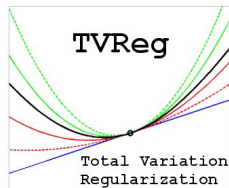
**2008 Buzug:** Computed Tomography: From Photon Statistics to Modern Cone-Beam CT

**2008 Epstein:** Introduction to the mathematics of medical imaging

**2010 Hansen:** Discrete inverse problems

**2012 Mueller & S:** Linear and Nonlinear Inverse Problems with Practical Applications

# Another great resource is Per Christian Hansen's 3D tomography toolbox TVreg



**TVreg:** Software for 3D Total Variation Regularization (for Matlab Version 7.5 or later), developed by Tobias Lindstrøm Jensen, Jakob Heide Jørgensen, Per Christian Hansen, and Søren Holdt Jensen.

Website: <http://www2.imm.dtu.dk/~pcha/TVReg/>

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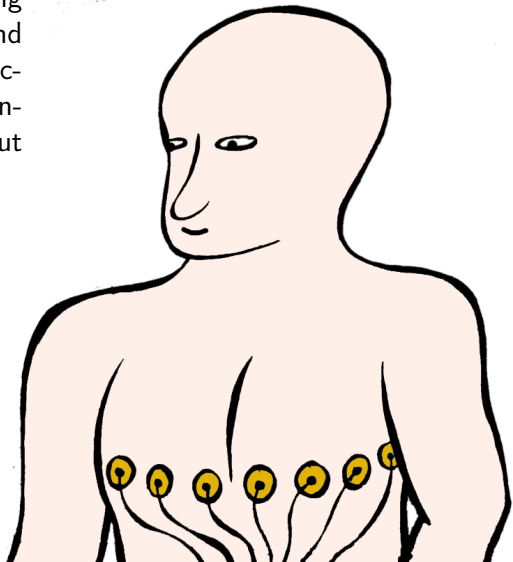
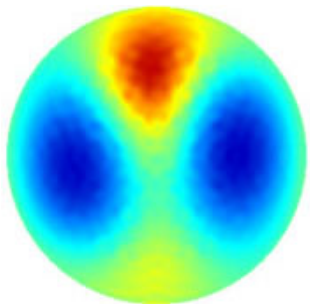
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### Open problems

# Chest imaging is the standard application example of EIT in this talk

Medical applications: monitoring cardiac activity, lung function, and pulmonary perfusion. Also, electrocardiography (ECG) can be enhanced using knowledge about conductivity distribution.



# D-bar reconstruction of *in vivo* chest data

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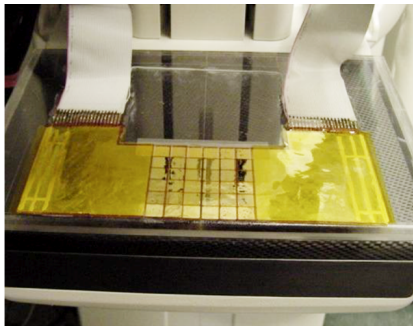
[Montoya & Mueller 2012]

# The most promising use of EIT is detection of breast cancer in combination with mammography

ACT4 and mammography devices

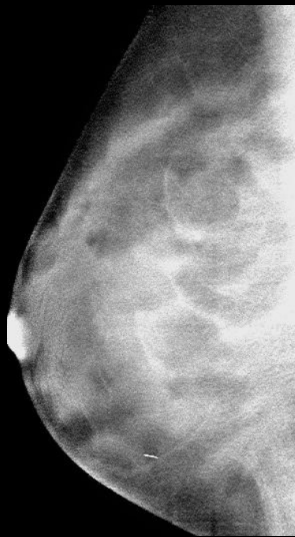
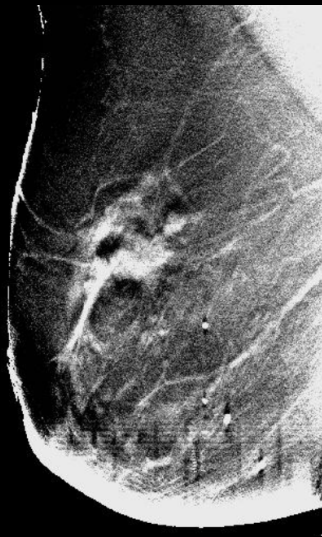


Radiolucent electrodes

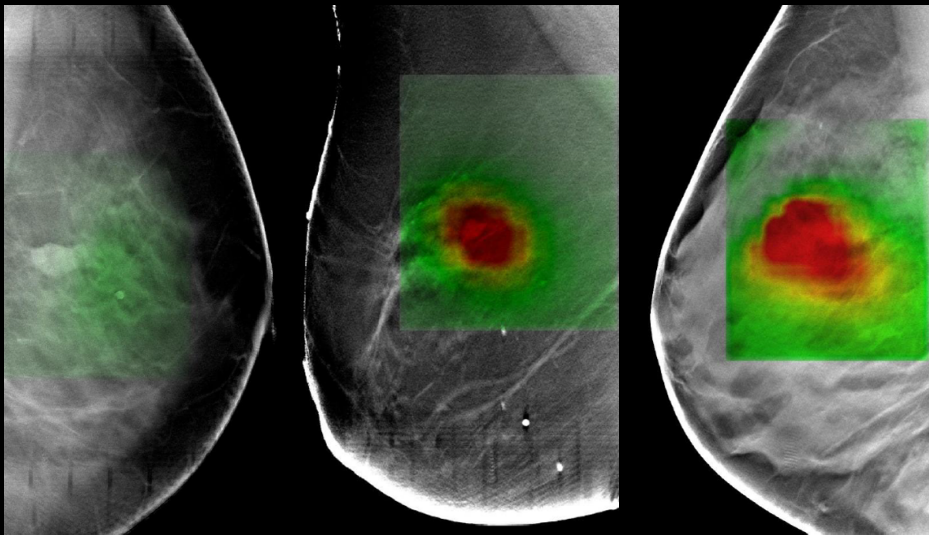


Cancerous tissue is up to four times more conductive than healthy breast tissue [Jossinet 1998]. The above experiment by **David Isaacson's** team measures 3D X-ray mammograms and EIT data at the same time.

Which of these three breasts have cancer?



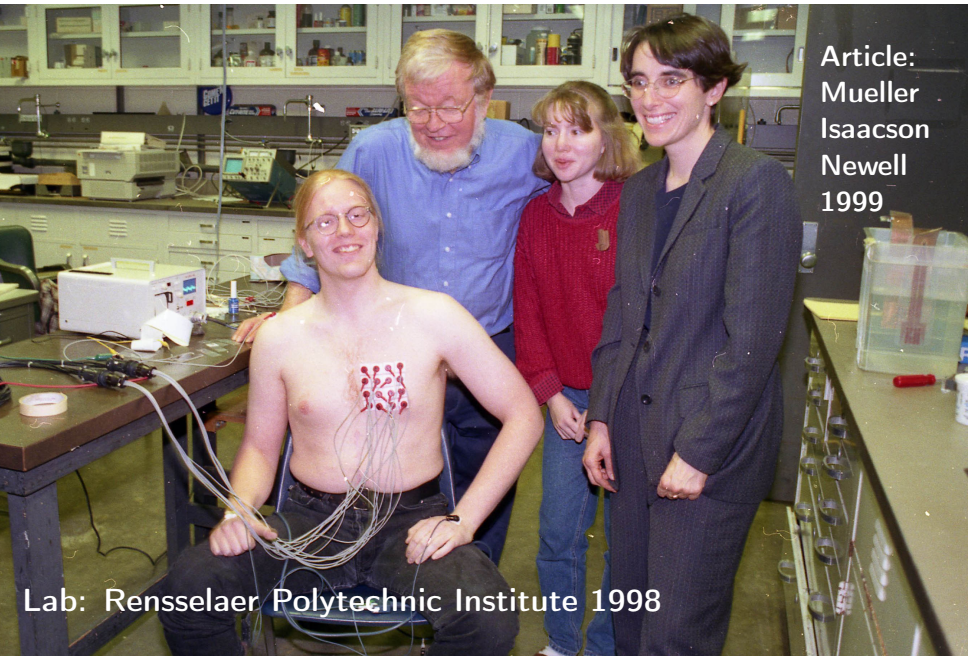
# Spectral EIT can detect cancerous tissue



[Kim, Isaacson, Xia, Kao, Newell & Saulnier 2007]



# EIT can be used for heart imaging



Article:  
Mueller  
Isaacson  
Newell  
1999

Lab: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 1998

# EIT can potentially be used for imaging changes in vocal folds due to excessive voice use

Sao Paulo, February 27, 2013



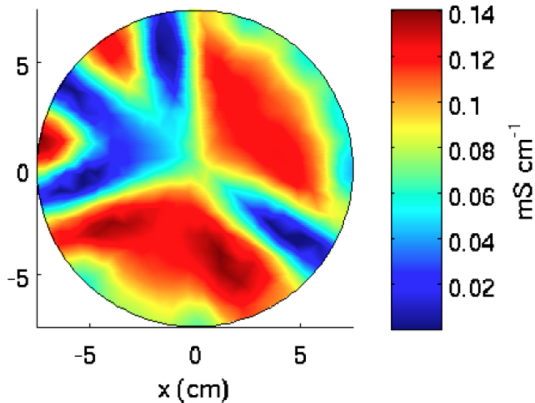
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# EIT can perhaps be used for imaging changes in vocal folds due to dehydration

Fort Collins, March 10, 2015



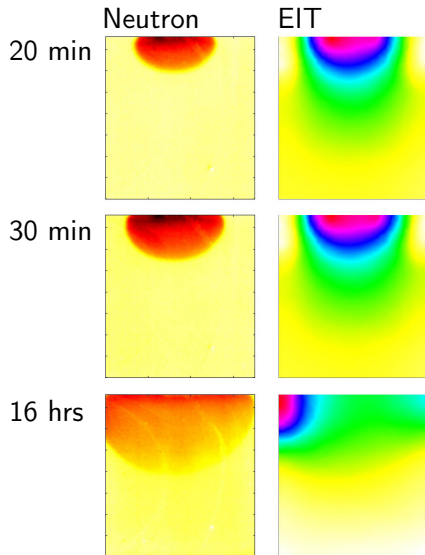
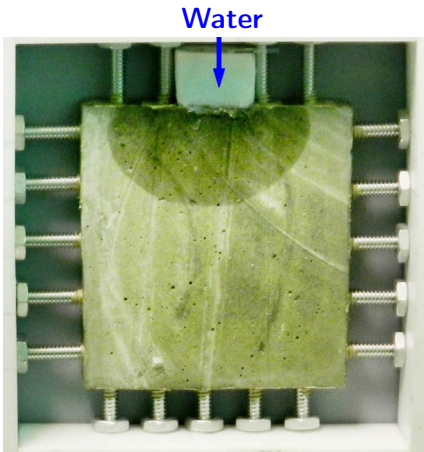
## EIT can be used for nondestructive testing: here for crack detection in concrete structures



[Karhunen, Seppänen, Lehtikoinen, Monteiro & Kaipio 2010]

[Karhunen, Seppänen, Lehtikoinen, Monteiro, Kaipio, Blunt, Hyvönen]

# EIT can be used for nondestructive testing: here for water in concrete structures



[Hallaji, Seppänen & Pour-Ghaz 2015]

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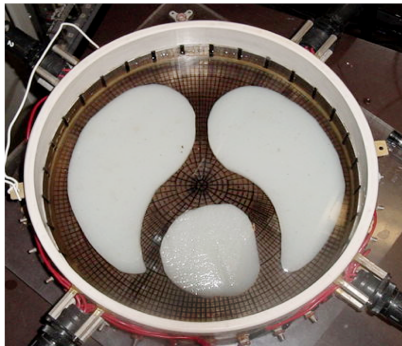
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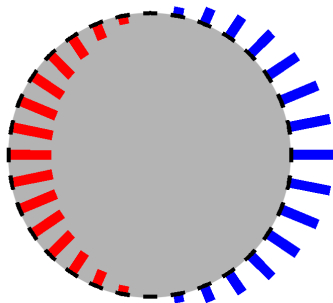
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Saline and agar phantom



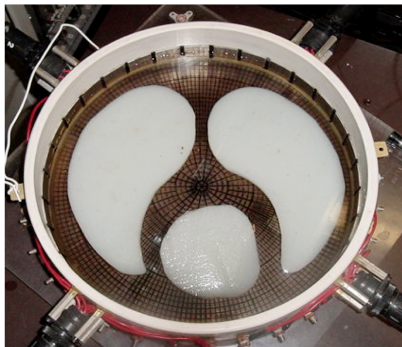
Apply current pattern  $\cos \theta$



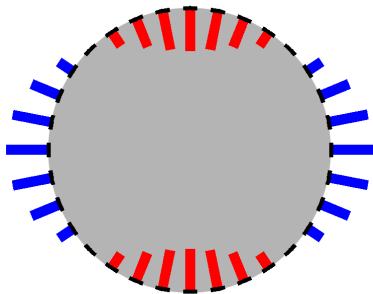
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Apply current pattern  $\cos 2\theta$

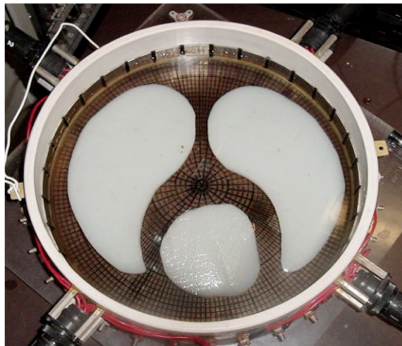


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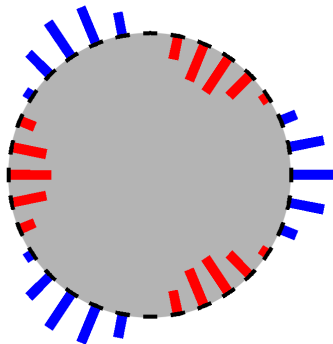


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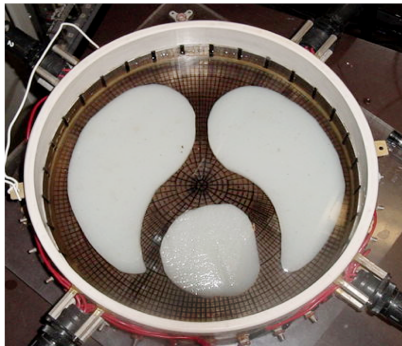
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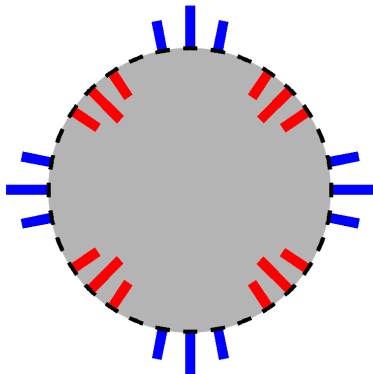
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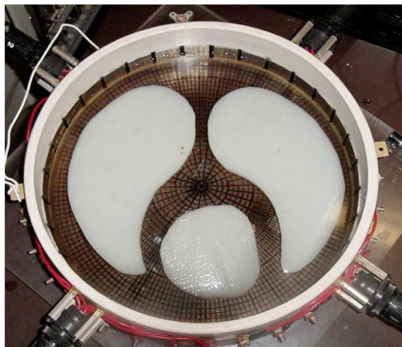
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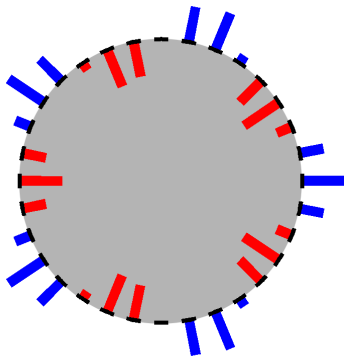
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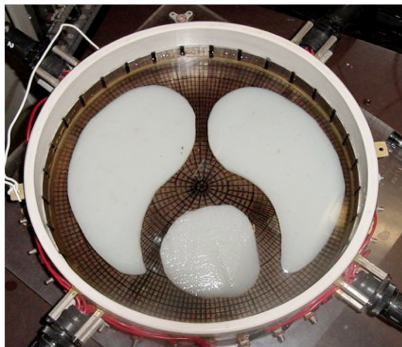
Apply current pattern  $\cos 5\theta$



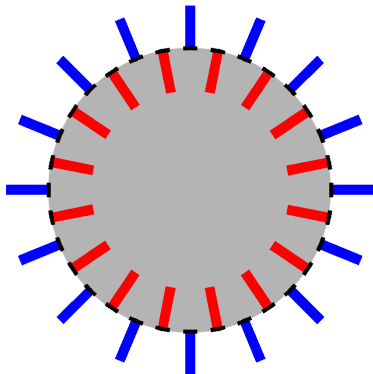
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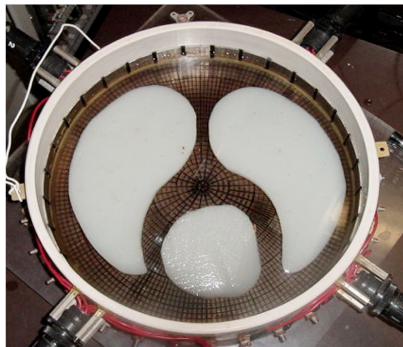
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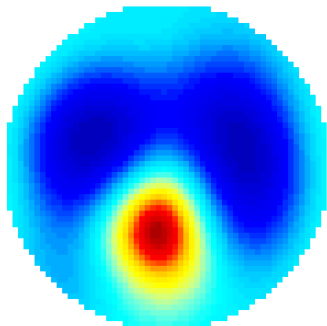
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# The D-bar method works for real EIT data, such as laboratory phantoms and *in vivo* human data

Saline and agar phantom



Reconstruction ( $R = 4$ )



[Isaacson, Mueller, Newell & S 2004]

[Montoya 2012]

# The mathematical model of EIT is the inverse conductivity problem introduced by Calderón

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be the unit disc and let conductivity  $\sigma : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfy

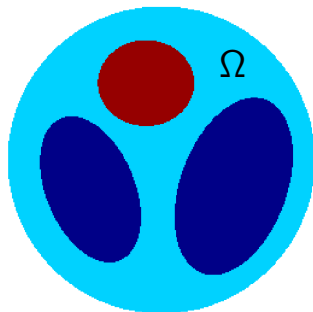
$$0 < M^{-1} \leq \sigma(z) \leq M.$$

Applying voltage  $f$  at the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  leads to the elliptic PDE

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla u = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} = f. \end{cases}$$

Boundary measurements are modelled by the Dirichlet-to-Neumann map

$$\Lambda_\sigma : f \mapsto \sigma \frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}} \Big|_{\partial\Omega}.$$



Calderón's problem is to recover  $\sigma$  from the knowledge of  $\Lambda_\sigma$ . It is a nonlinear and ill-posed inverse problem.

## Why is the forward map $F : \sigma \mapsto \Lambda_\sigma$ nonlinear?

Define a quadratic form  $\mathcal{P}_\sigma$  for functions  $f : \partial\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\mathcal{P}_\sigma(f) = \int_{\Omega} \sigma |\nabla u|^2 dz, \quad (1)$$

where  $u$  is the solution of the Dirichlet problem

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \sigma \nabla u &= 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \\ u|_{\partial\Omega} &= f. \end{cases}$$

Now the map  $\sigma \mapsto \mathcal{P}_\sigma$  is nonlinear because  $u$  depends on  $\sigma$  in (1). Physically,  $\mathcal{P}_\sigma(f)$  is the power needed for maintaining the voltage potential  $f$  on the boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . Integrate by parts in (1):

$$\mathcal{P}_\sigma(f) = \int_{\partial\Omega} f \left( \sigma \frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}} \right) ds = \int_{\partial\Omega} f (\Lambda_\sigma f) ds.$$

**Thus the map  $\sigma \mapsto \Lambda_\sigma$  cannot be linear in  $\sigma$ .**

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# Ill-posed inverse problems are defined as opposites of well-posed direct problems



Hadamard (1903): a problem is well-posed if the following conditions hold.

1. A solution exists,
2. The solution is unique,
3. The solution depends continuously on the input.

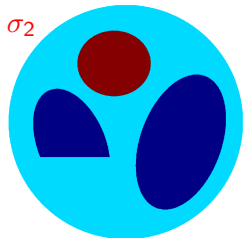
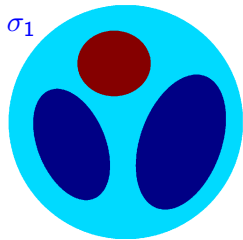
**Well-posed direct problem:**

Input  $\sigma$ , find infinite-precision data  $\Lambda_\sigma$ .

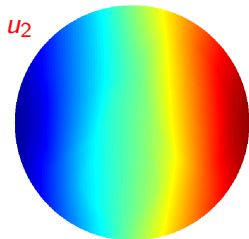
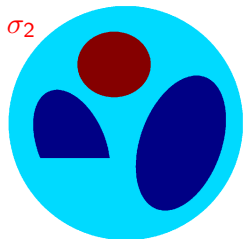
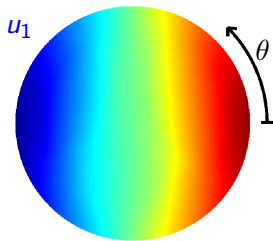
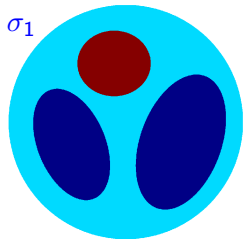
**Ill-posed inverse problem:**

Input noisy data  $\Lambda_\sigma^\delta$ , reconstruct  $\sigma$ .

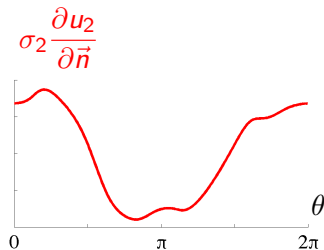
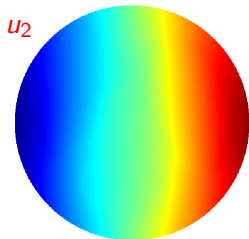
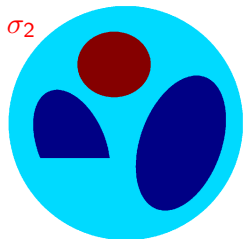
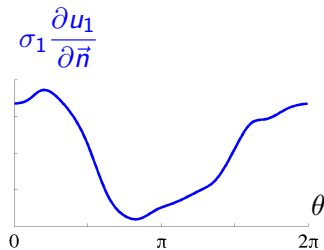
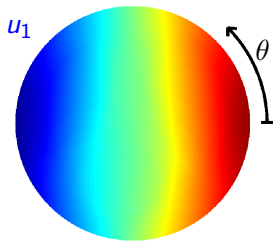
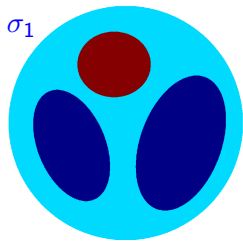
We illustrate the ill-posedness of EIT  
using a simulated example



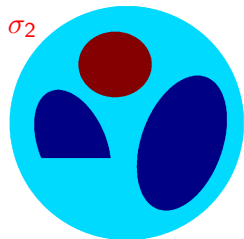
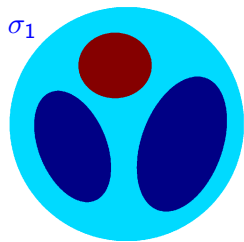
We apply the voltage distribution  $f(\theta) = \cos \theta$  at the boundary of the two different phantoms



# The measurement is the distribution of current through the boundary

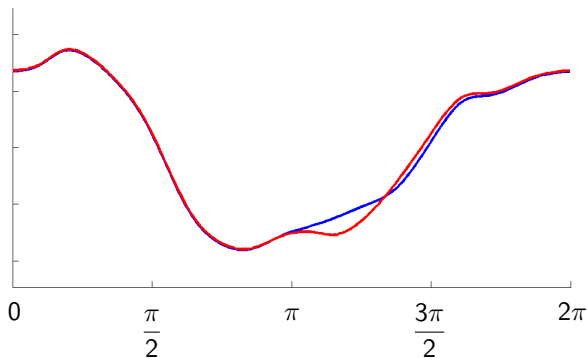


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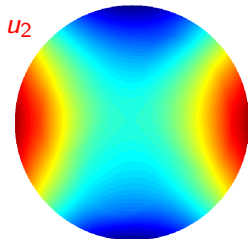
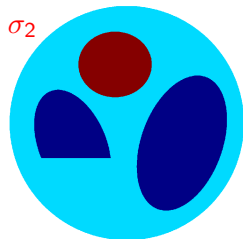
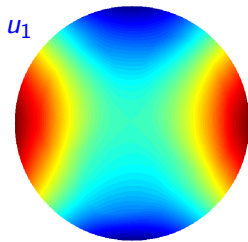
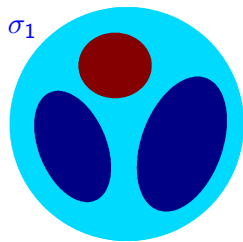


$$\sigma_1 \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \vec{n}}$$

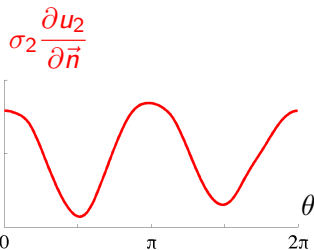
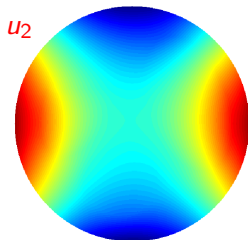
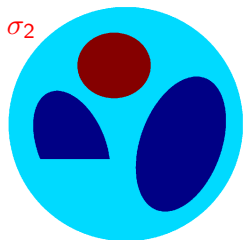
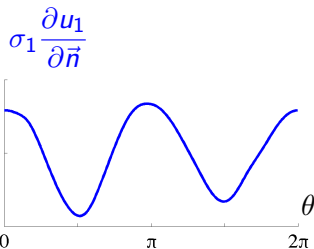
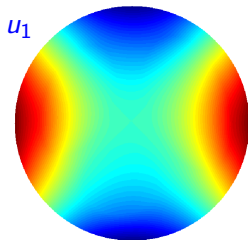
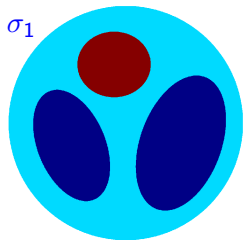
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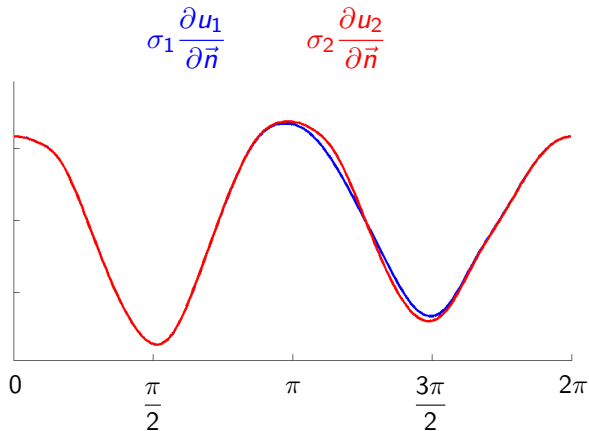
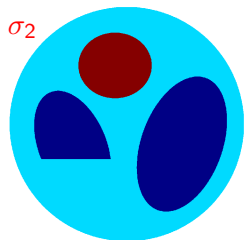
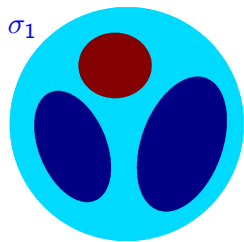
Let us apply the more oscillatory distribution  
 $f(\theta) = \cos 2\theta$  of voltage at the boundary



The measurement is again the distribution of current through the boundary

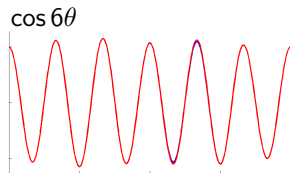
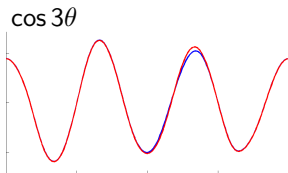
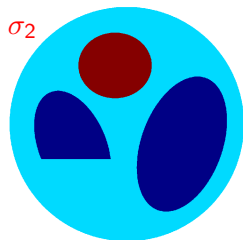
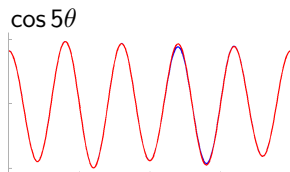
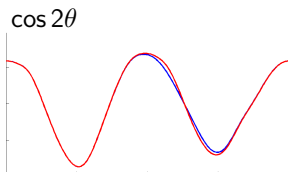
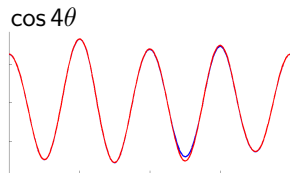
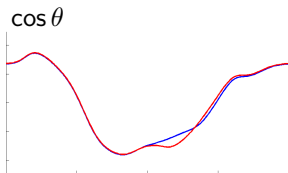
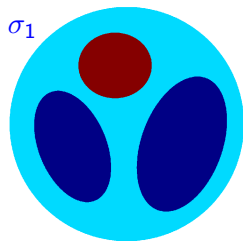


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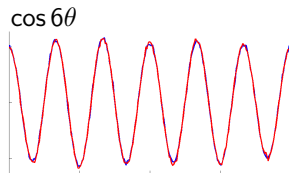
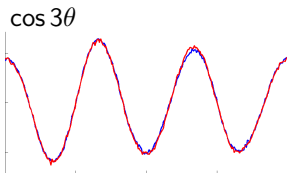
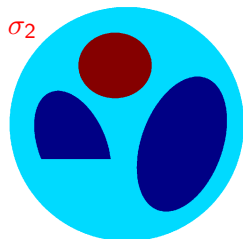
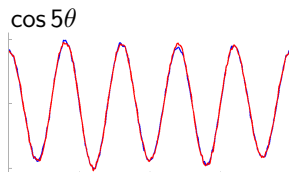
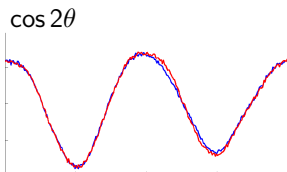
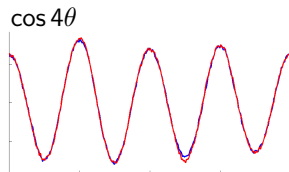
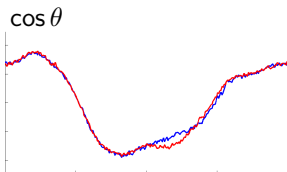
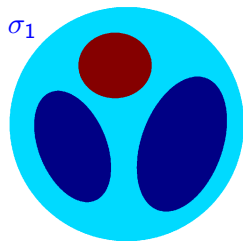




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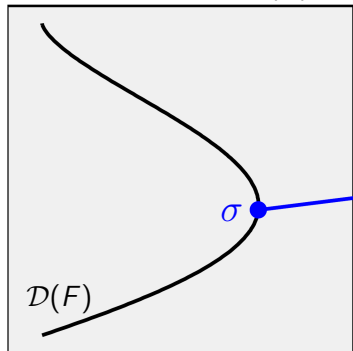


# EIT is an ill-posed problem: noise in data causes serious difficulties in interpreting the data



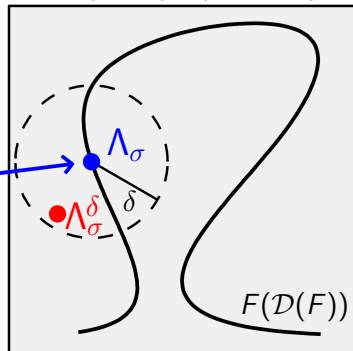
The forward map  $F : X \supset \mathcal{D}(F) \rightarrow Y$   
does not have a continuous inverse!

Model space  $X = L^\infty(\Omega)$



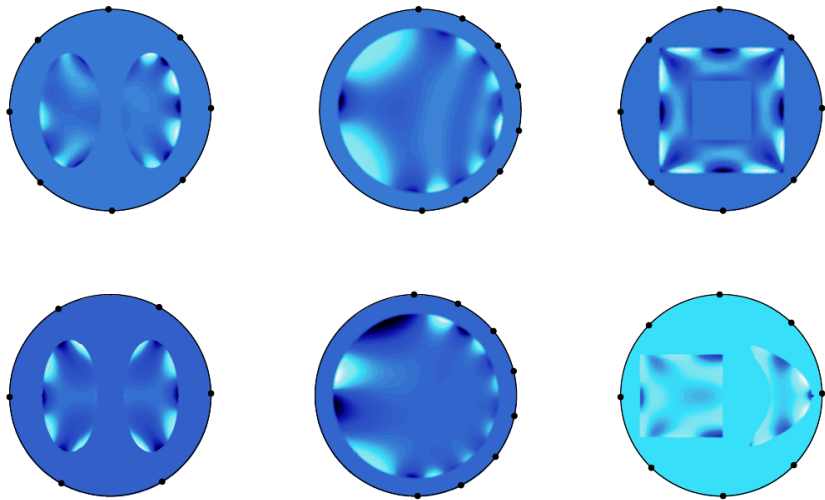
Data space

$Y = L(H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega), H^{-1/2}(\partial\Omega))$



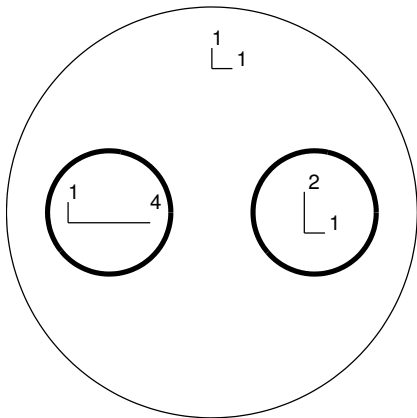
Furthermore, the noisy data  $\Lambda_\sigma^\delta$  does not belong to the range  $F(\mathcal{D}(F))$ .  
So Hadamard's conditions 1 and 3 fail for EIT. How about uniqueness?

## Ghosts, or invisible structures, when using point electrodes in electrical impedance tomography



[Chesnel, Hyvönen & Staboulis 2014]

# Anisotropic, or matrix-valued, conductivities $\sigma$ lead to non-uniqueness in EIT



Let  $\sigma(x) = [\sigma^{ij}(x)]$  be a symmetric and positive-definite  $2 \times 2$  matrix. Define anisotropic DN map by

$$\Lambda_\sigma(f) = \nu \cdot \sigma \nabla u|_{\partial\Omega}.$$

Let  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be a diffeomorphism with  $F|_{\partial\Omega} = \text{Identity}$ . Then

$$\Lambda_{F_*\sigma} = \Lambda_\sigma,$$

where  $F_*$  is the push-forward:

$$(F_*\sigma)^{ij}(y) = \frac{1}{\det \left[ \frac{\partial F^i}{\partial x^j}(x) \right]} \sum_{p,q=1}^2 \frac{\partial F^i}{\partial x^p}(x) \frac{\partial F^j}{\partial x^q}(x) \sigma^{pq}(x) \Big|_{x=F^{-1}(y)}$$

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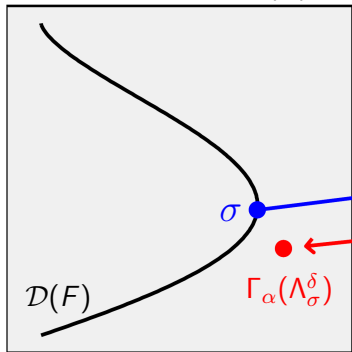
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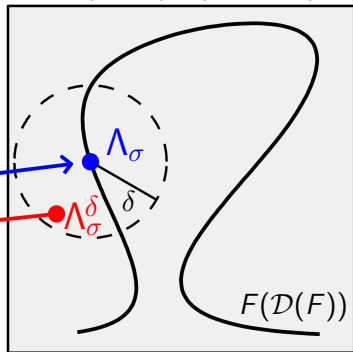
Regularization means constructing a continuous map  $\Gamma_\alpha : Y \rightarrow X$  that inverts  $F$  approximately

Model space  $X = L^\infty(\Omega)$



Data space

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Regularization must be based on combining the incomplete measurement data with a *a priori* information about the conductivity.

## A regularization strategy needs to be constructed so that the assumptions below are satisfied

A family  $\Gamma_\alpha : Y \rightarrow X$  of continuous mappings parameterized by  $0 < \alpha < \infty$  is a *regularization strategy* for  $F$  if

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \|\Gamma_\alpha(\Lambda_\sigma) - \sigma\|_X = 0$$

for each fixed  $\sigma \in \mathcal{D}(F)$ .

Further, a regularization strategy with a choice  $\alpha = \alpha(\delta)$  of regularization parameter is called *admissible* if

$$\alpha(\delta) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0,$$

and for any fixed  $\sigma \in \mathcal{D}(F)$  the following holds:

$$\sup_{\Lambda_\sigma^\delta} \{ \|\Gamma_{\alpha(\delta)}(\Lambda_\sigma^\delta) - \sigma\|_X : \|\Lambda_\sigma^\delta - \Lambda_\sigma\|_Y \leq \delta \} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0.$$



# There are many EIT reconstruction methods:

**Linearization:** Barber, Bikowski, Brown, Calderón, Cheney, Isaacson, Mueller, Newell

**Iterative regularization:** Dobson, Gehre, Harbrecht, Hohage, Hua, Jin, Kaipio, Kindermann, Kluth, Leitão, Lechleiter, Lipponen, Maass, Neubauer, Rieder, Rondi, Santosa, Seppänen, Tompkins, Webster, Woo

**Bayesian inversion:** Fox, Kaipio, Kolehmainen, Nicholls, Pikkarainen, Ronkanen, Seppänen, Somersalo, Vauhkonen, Voutilainen

**Resistor network methods:** Borcea, Druskin, Mamonov, Vasquez

**Layer stripping:** Cheney, Isaacson, Isaacson, Somersalo

**D-bar methods:** Astala, Bikowski, Bowerman, Delbary, Hamilton, Hansen, Herrera, Isaacson, Kao, Knudsen, Lassas, Montoya, Mueller, Murphy, Nachman, Newell, Päivärinta, Perämäki, Saulnier, Santacesaria, S, Tamasan, Tamminen

**Teichmüller space methods:** Kolehmainen, Lassas, Ola, S

**Methods for partial information:** Alessandrini, Ammari, Bilotta, Brühl, Eckel, Erhard, Gebauer, Hanke, Harrach, Hyvönen, Ide, Ikehata, Isozaki, Kang, Kim, Kress, Kwon, Lechleiter, Lim, Maass, Morassi, Nakamura, Nakata, Potthast, Rossetand, Seo, Sheen, S, Staboulis, Turco, Uhlmann, Wang, ...

**1. Tikhonov regularization:** write a penalty functional

$$\Phi(x) = \|\Lambda_{\tilde{\sigma}} - \Lambda_{\sigma}^{\delta}\|_Y^2 + \alpha \|\tilde{\sigma}\|_X^2,$$

and define  $\Gamma_{\alpha}(\Lambda_{\sigma}^{\delta})$  by  $\Phi(\Gamma_{\alpha}(\Lambda_{\sigma}^{\delta})) = \min_{\tilde{\sigma} \in X} \{\Phi(\tilde{\sigma})\}$ .

**Pro:** The same code applies to many problems.

**Con:** Repeated solution of direct problem needed.

**Con:** Prone to get stuck in local minima.

Current theory of iterative regularization does not cover full EIT because of high degree of nonlinearity.

[Lechleiter-Rieder 2006&2008, Harbrecht-Hohage 2009, Jin-Maass 2012].



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## 2. Problem-specific regularization

**Pro:** Can deal efficiently with a specific nonlinearity.

**Con:** Each code applies to only one problem.

EIT: [Ikehata 2002, Ikehata-S 2004, Knudsen-Lassas-Mueller-S 2009]

# I recommend these books for studying iterative regularization for nonlinear inverse problems

**1996 Engl, Hanke & Neubauer:**

Regularization of inverse problems

**2008 Kaltenbacher, Neubauer & Scherzer:**

Iterative regularization methods for nonlinear ill-posed problems

**2012 Schuster, Kaltenbacher, Hofmann & Kazimierski:**

Regularization methods in Banach spaces

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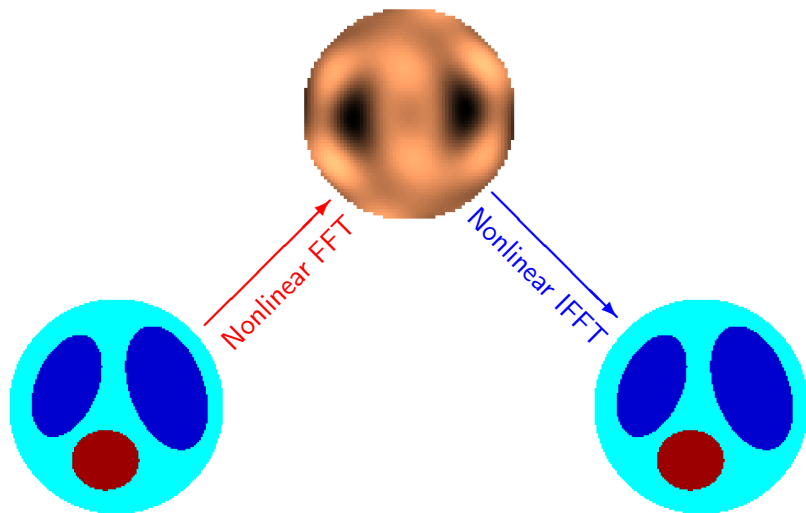


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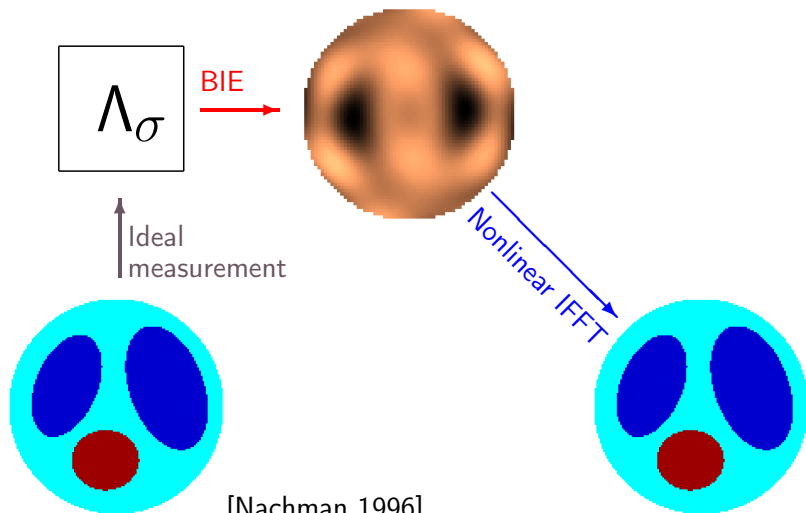


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There exists a nonlinear Fourier transform adapted to electrical impedance tomography

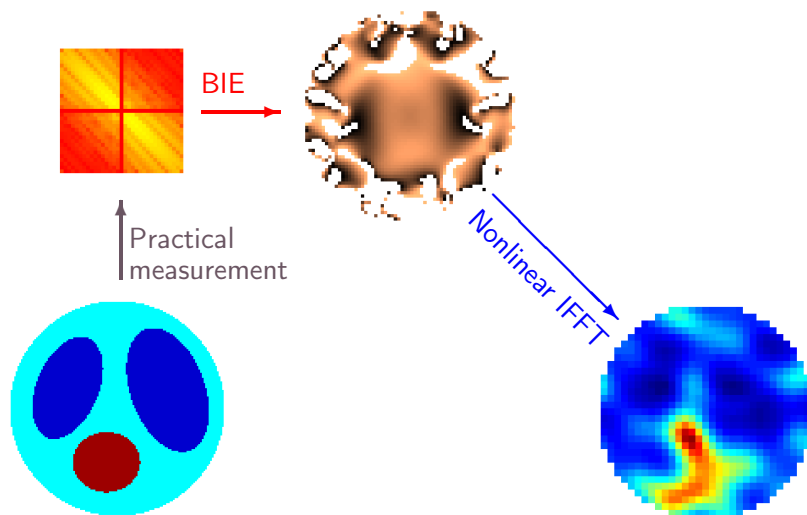


# The nonlinear Fourier transform can be recovered from infinite-precision EIT measurements

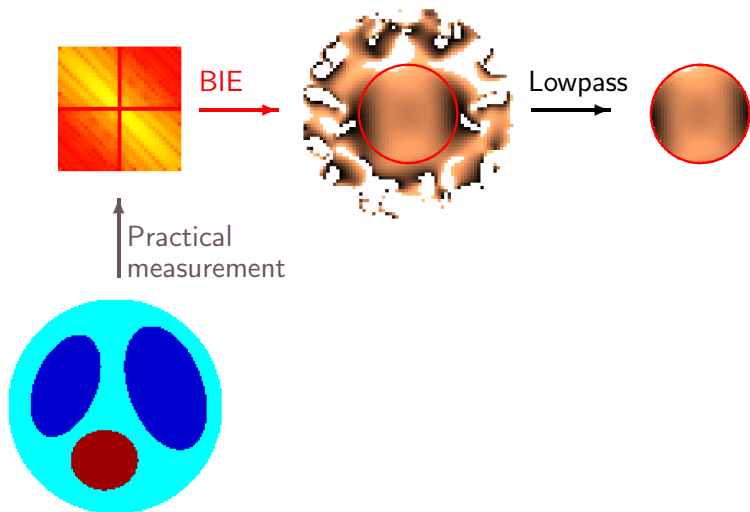


[Nachman 1996]

# Measurement noise prevents the recovery of the nonlinear Fourier transform at high frequencies

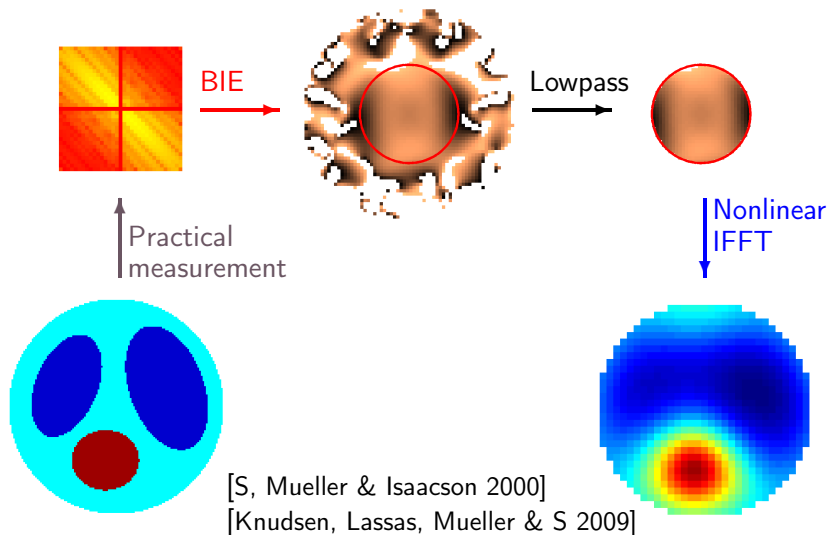


We truncate away the bad part in the transform;  
this is a nonlinear low-pass filter





There is currently only one regularized method for reconstructing the full conductivity distribution



## Infinite-precision data:

Solve boundary integral equation

$$\psi(\cdot, k)|_{\partial\Omega} = e^{ikz} - \mathcal{S}_k(\Lambda_\sigma - \Lambda_1)\psi$$

for every complex number  $k \in \mathbb{C} \setminus 0$ .

Evaluate the scattering transform:

$$\mathbf{t}(k) = \int_{\partial\Omega} e^{i\bar{k}\bar{z}}(\Lambda_\sigma - \Lambda_1)\psi(\cdot, k) ds.$$

Fix  $z \in \Omega$ . Solve D-bar equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial\bar{k}}\mu(z, k) = \frac{\mathbf{t}(k)}{4\pi\bar{k}} e^{-i(kz + \bar{k}\bar{z})} \overline{\mu(z, k)}$$

with  $\mu(z, \cdot) - 1 \in L^r \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{C})$ .

Reconstruct:  $\sigma(z) = (\mu(z, 0))^2$ .

## Practical data:

Solve boundary integral equation

$$\psi^\delta(\cdot, k)|_{\partial\Omega} = e^{ikz} - \mathcal{S}_k(\Lambda_\sigma^\delta - \Lambda_1)\psi^\delta$$

for all  $0 < |k| < R = -\frac{1}{10} \log \delta$ .

For  $|k| \geq R$  set  $\mathbf{t}_R^\delta(k) = 0$ . For  $|k| < R$

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Set  $\Gamma_{1/R(\delta)}(\Lambda_\sigma^\delta) := (\mu_R^\delta(z, 0))^2$ .

# Main result: nonlinear low-pass filtering yields a regularization strategy with convergence speed

## Theorem (Knudsen, Lassas, Mueller & S 2009)

There exists a constant  $0 < \delta_0 < 1$ , depending only on  $M$  and  $\rho$ , with the following properties. Let  $\sigma \in \mathcal{D}(F)$  be arbitrary and assume given noisy data  $\Lambda_\sigma^\delta$  satisfying

$$\|\Lambda_\sigma^\delta - \Lambda_\sigma\|_Y \leq \delta < \delta_0.$$

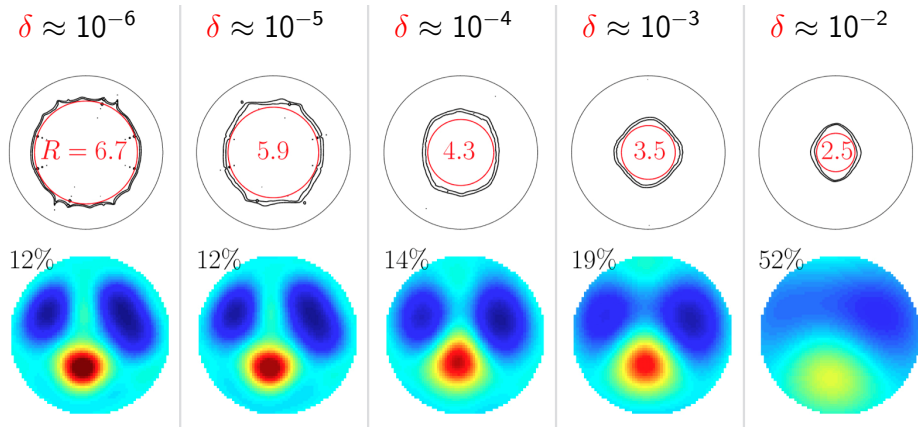
Then  $\Gamma_\alpha$  with the choice

$$R(\delta) = -\frac{1}{10} \log \delta, \quad \alpha(\delta) = \frac{1}{R(\delta)},$$

is well-defined, admissible and satisfies the estimate

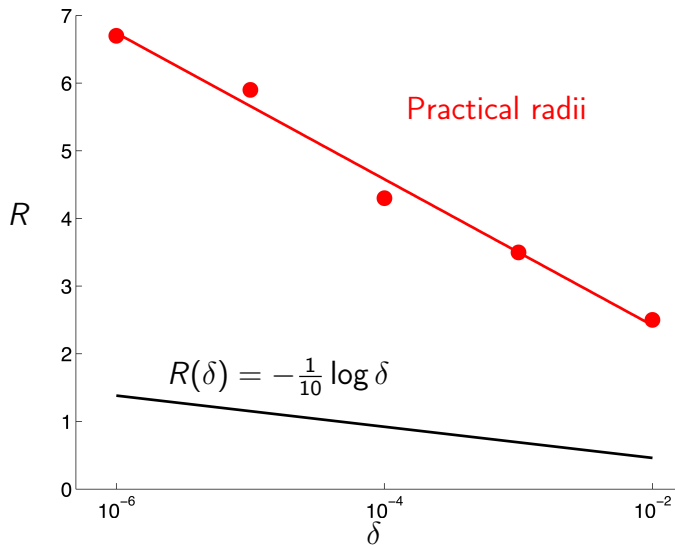
$$\|\Gamma_{\alpha(\delta)}(\Lambda_\sigma^\delta) - \sigma\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq C(-\log \delta)^{-1/14}.$$

# Regularized reconstructions from simulated data with noise amplitude $\delta = \|\Lambda_\sigma^\delta - \Lambda_\sigma\|_Y$



The percentages are the relative square norm errors in the reconstructions.

The observed radii are better (=larger) than those given by the theoretical formula  $R(\delta) = -\frac{1}{10} \log \delta$



# This is a brief history of the two-dimensional regularized D-bar method for EIT

**1966 Faddeev:** Complex geometric optics (CGO) solutions

**1987 Sylvester and Uhlmann:** CGO solutions for inverse boundary-value problems; uniqueness for 3D EIT with smooth conductivities and infinite-precision data

**1988 R. G. Novikov:** Outline of the core ideas of the D-bar method; no rigorous proof

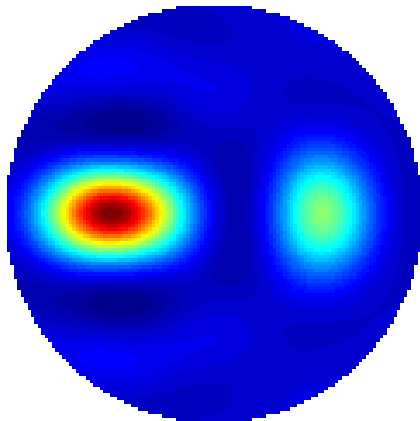
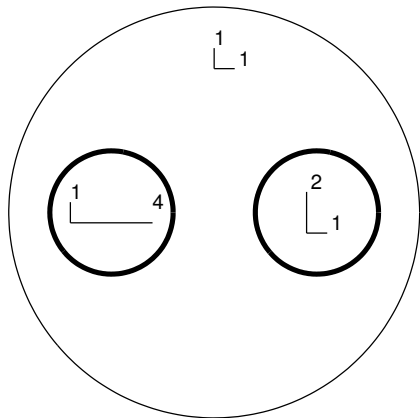
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**2000 S, Mueller and Isaacson:** Numerical implementation of Nachman's proof using a Born approximation

**2006 Isaacson, Mueller, Newell and S:** Application of the D-bar method to EIT data measured from a human subject

**2009 Knudsen, Lassas, Mueller and S:** Regularization proof

# The D-bar regularization strategy automatically handles non-uniqueness from anisotropy



[Henkin & Santacesaria, *Inverse Problems* 26 (2010)]

[Hamilton, Lassas & S, *Inverse Problems* 30 (2014)]

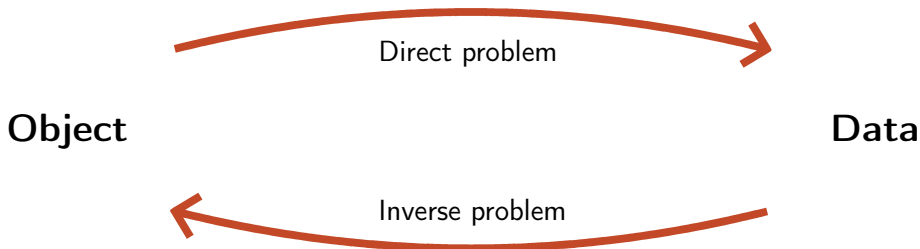
# Take-home messages from our overview of electrical impedance tomography

## Uniqueness does not save us.

Even with an injective forward map, failure of Hadamard's condition 3 means that we need regularization for solving the inverse problem.

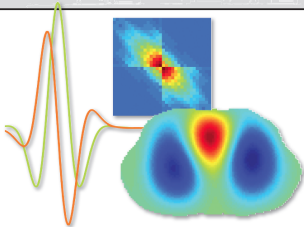
## Non-uniqueness can be handled.

Our stable regularization strategy just needs enough *a priori* information for picking out a unique object among those with same data.





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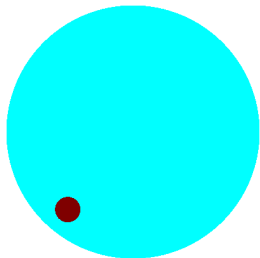
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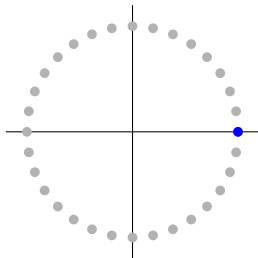
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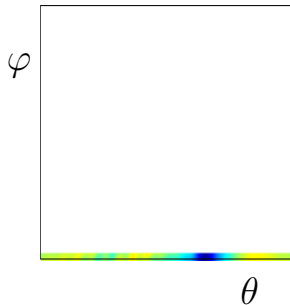
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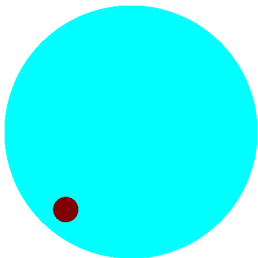


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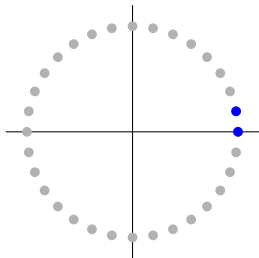
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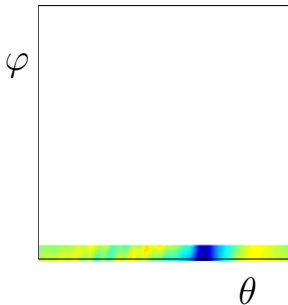
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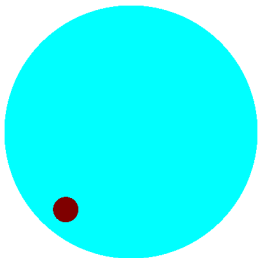


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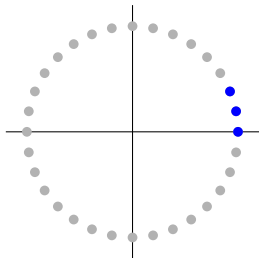
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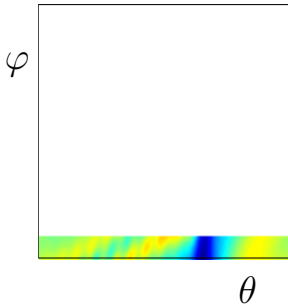
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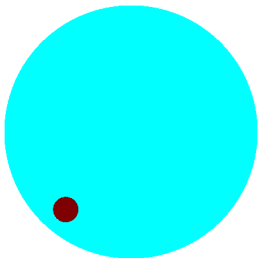


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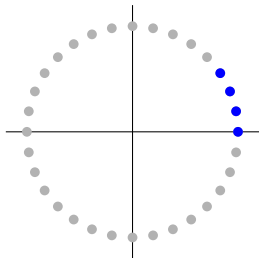
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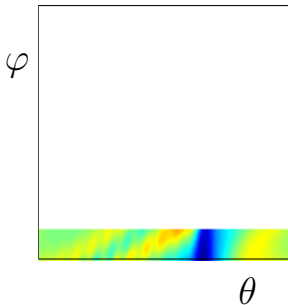
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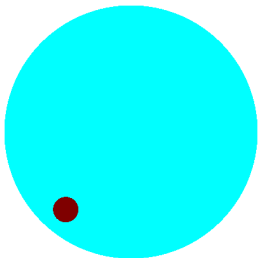


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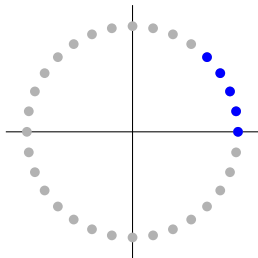
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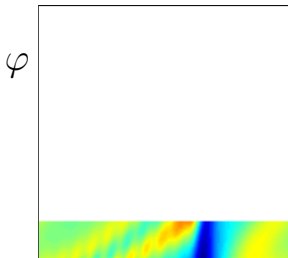
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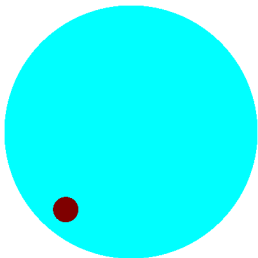
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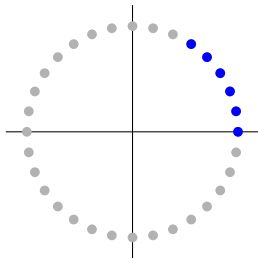
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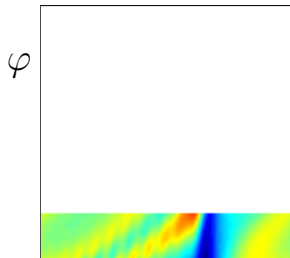
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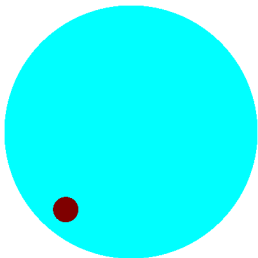


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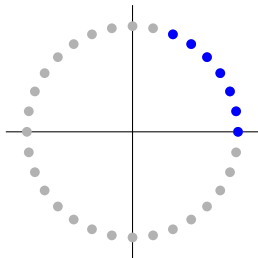
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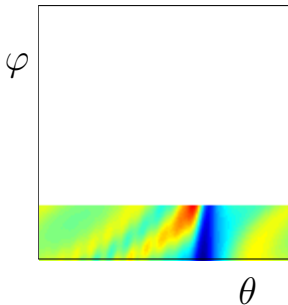
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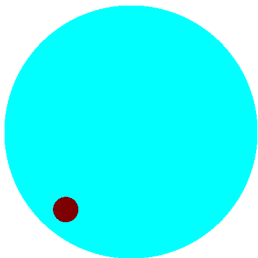


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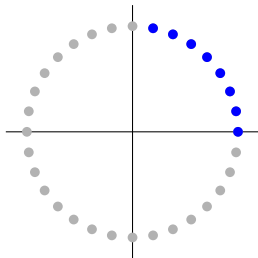
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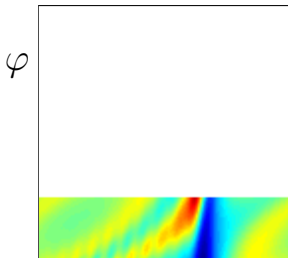
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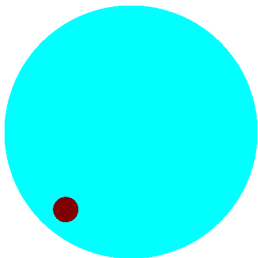


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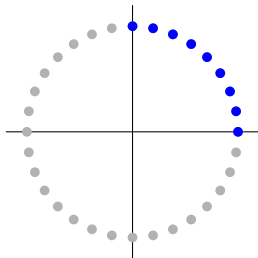
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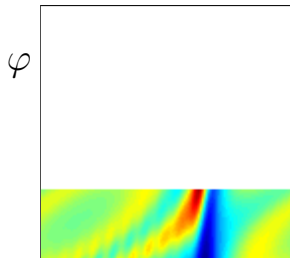
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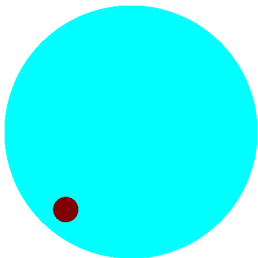


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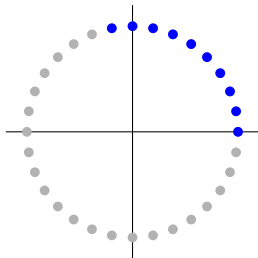
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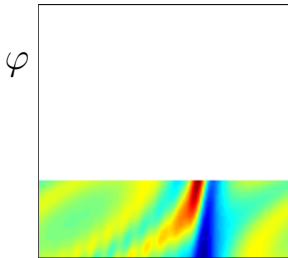
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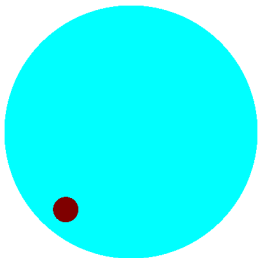


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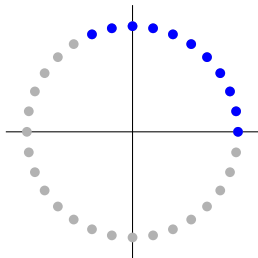
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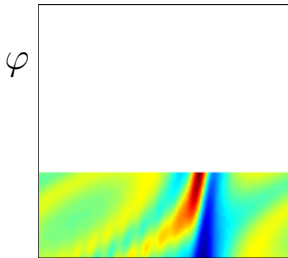
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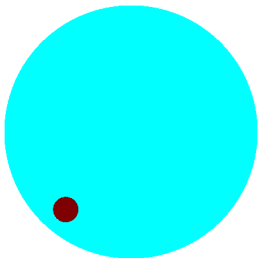


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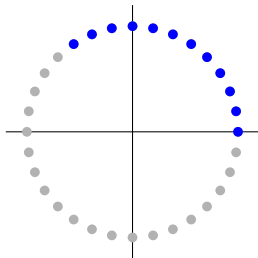
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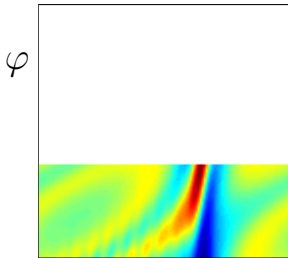
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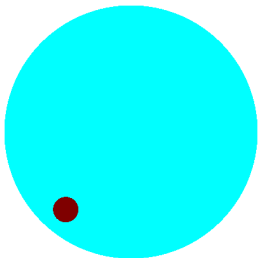


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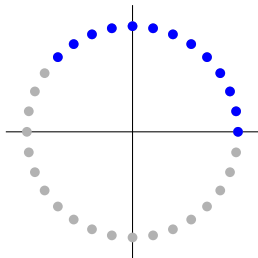
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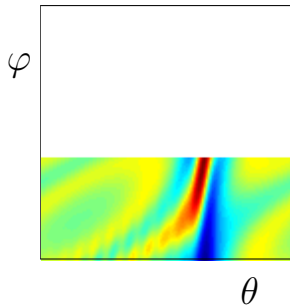
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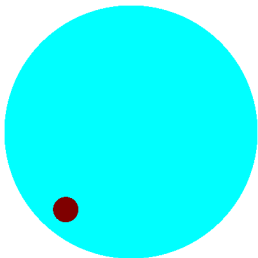
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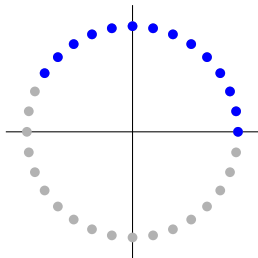
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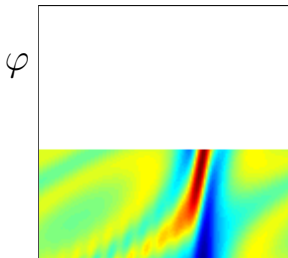
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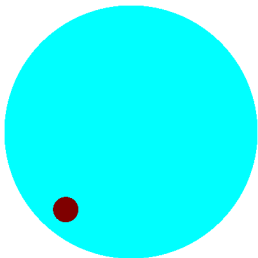


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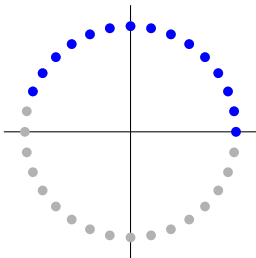
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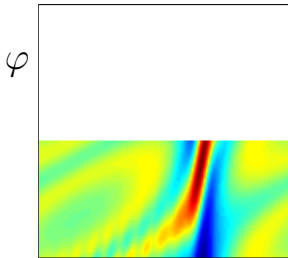
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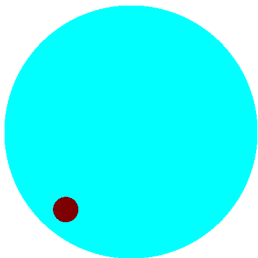


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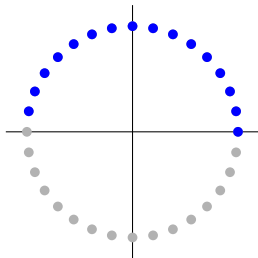
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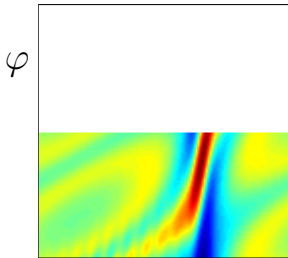
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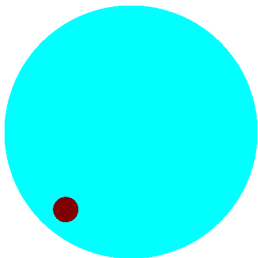


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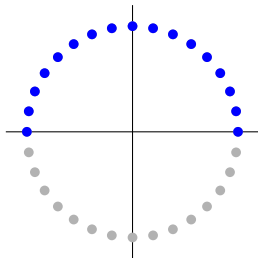
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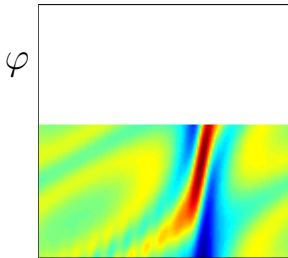
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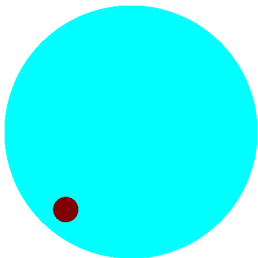


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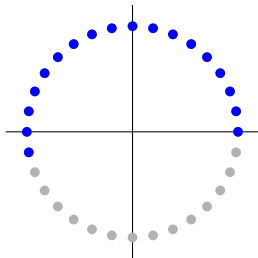
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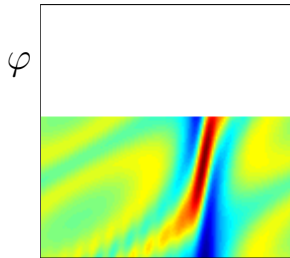
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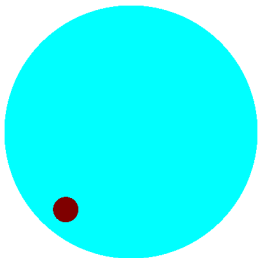


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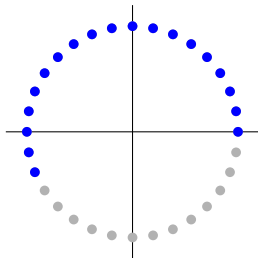
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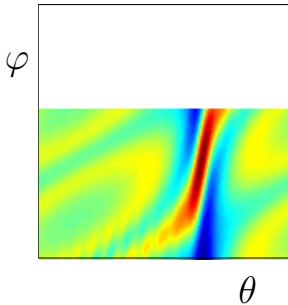
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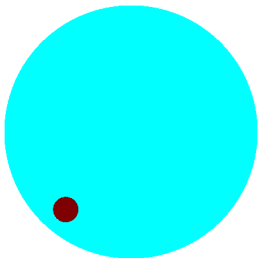


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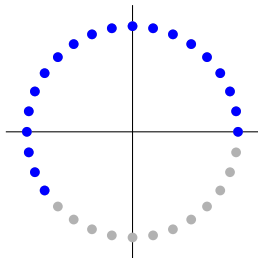
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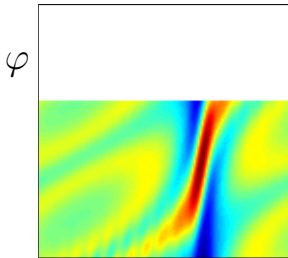
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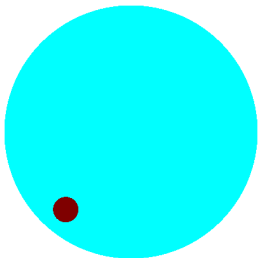


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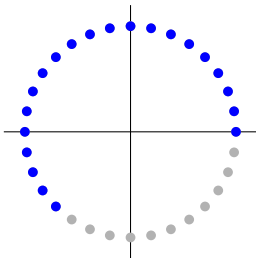
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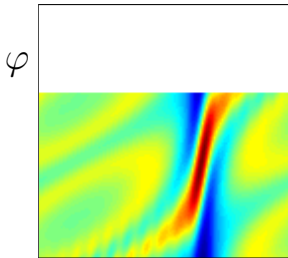
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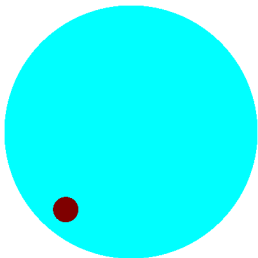
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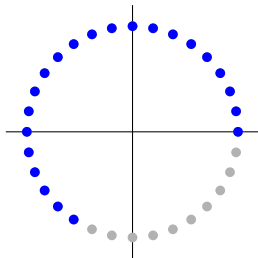
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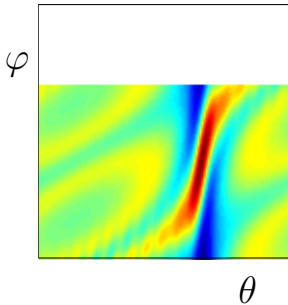
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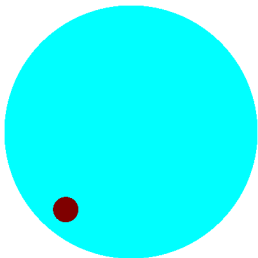


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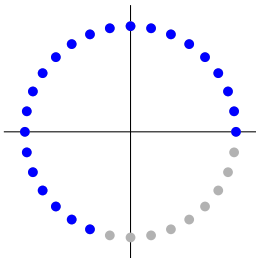
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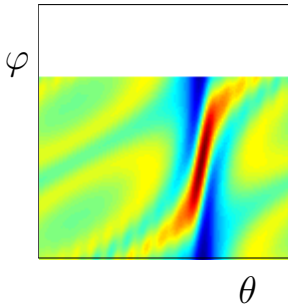
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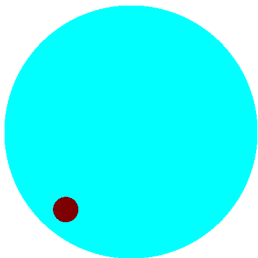


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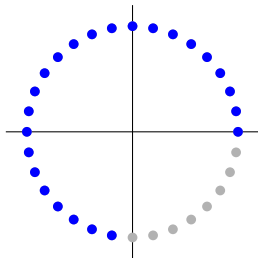
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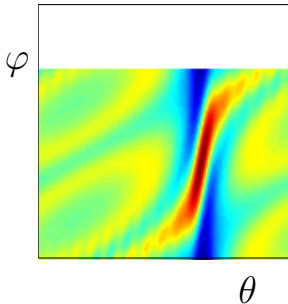
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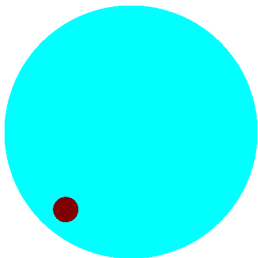


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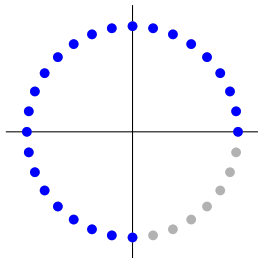
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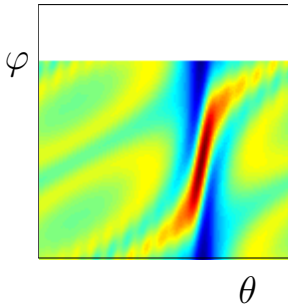
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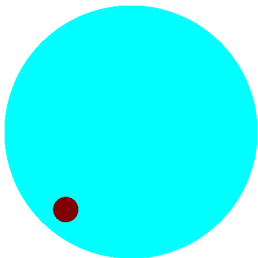


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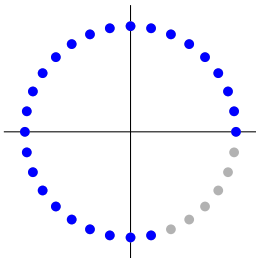
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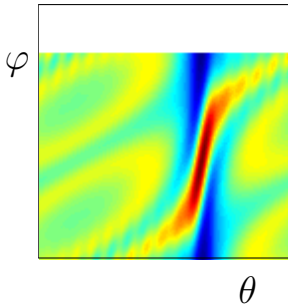
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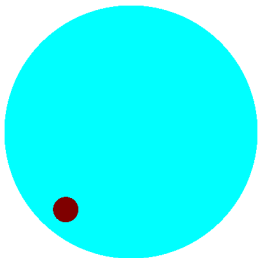


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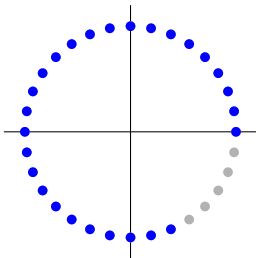
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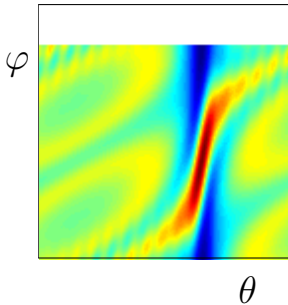
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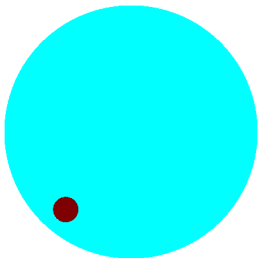


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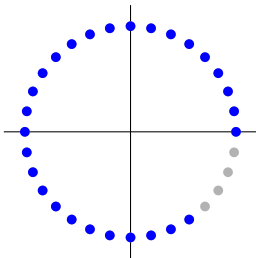
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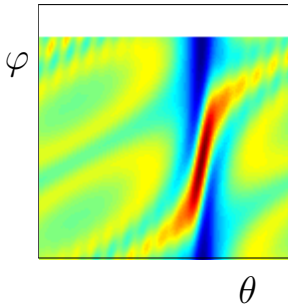
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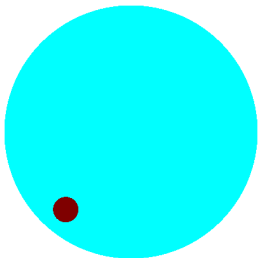


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# CGO sinogram in the context of EIT

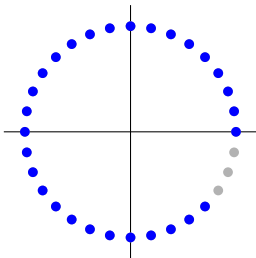
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Conductivity (z-plane)



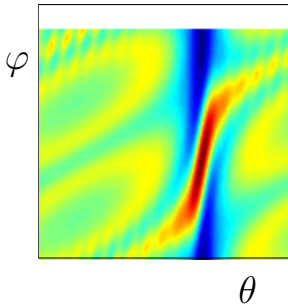
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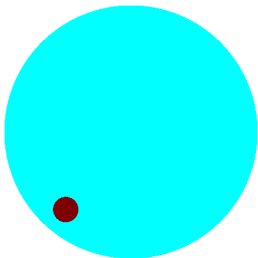
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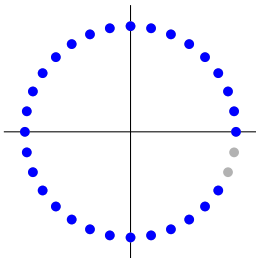
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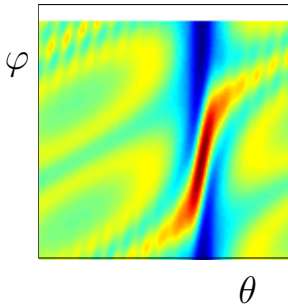
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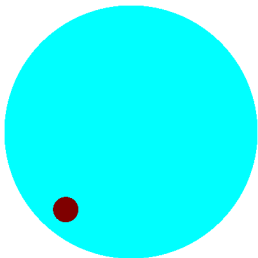


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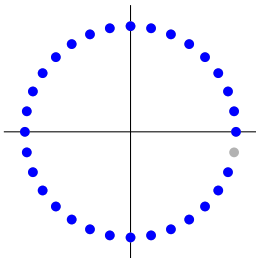
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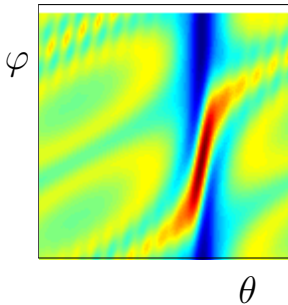
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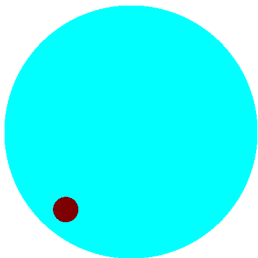


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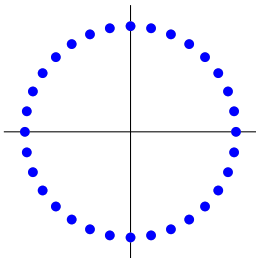
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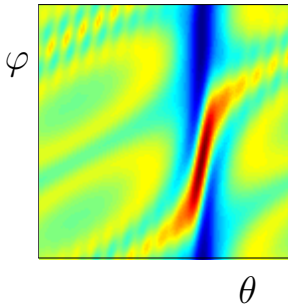
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The CGO sinogram is more intuitive geometrically than the DN matrix: here a simple example

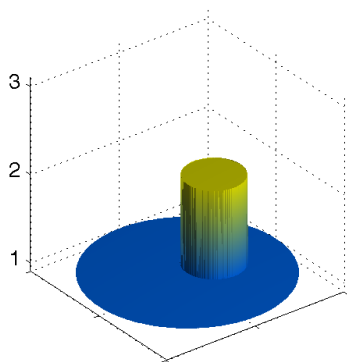
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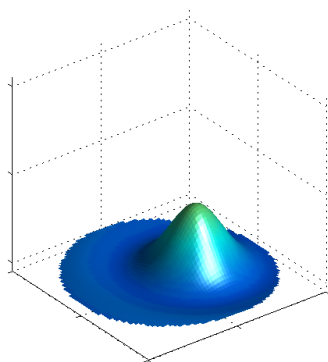
DN matrix

CGO sinogram

Let us use the CGO sinogram for correcting the contrast in a D-bar reconstruction



Conductivity



Reconstruction

We modify the contrast in the reconstruction  
using a parameter  $0 \leq s \leq 1$

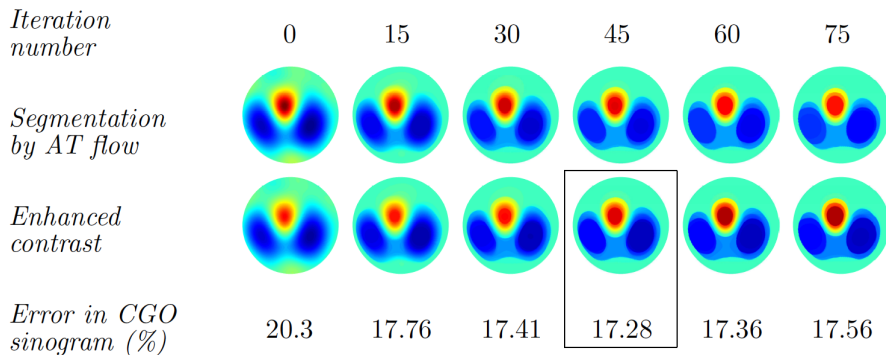
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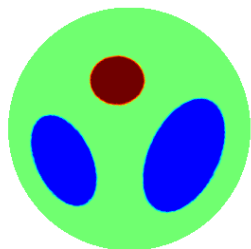


# We choose the best (contrast-enhanced) image from the Ambrosio-Tortorelli segmentation flow

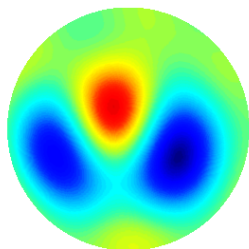


This provides a link between imaging methods and PDE-based inversion.

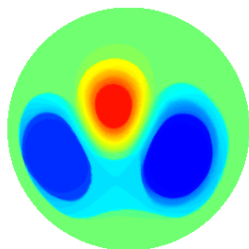
# The CGO-controlled Ambrosio-Tortorelli flow gives a nonlinear, edge-preserving EIT method



Conductivity



D-bar reconstruction



AT and D-bar

[Hamilton, Hauptmann & S 2014]

# Outline

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### Reconstruction with linear forward maps

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- The principle of X-ray tomography
- Non-uniqueness, ghosts, and ill-posedness
- Regularization by minimizing a penalty functional
- Low-dose 3D dental imaging

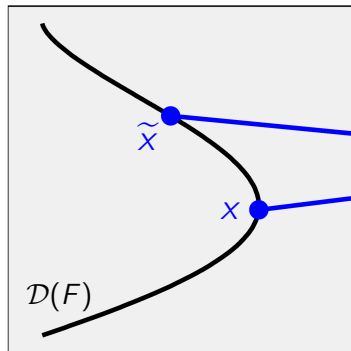
### Reconstruction with nonlinear forward maps

- Electrical impedance tomography (EIT) and its applications
- The principle of EIT
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- Regularization by nonlinear low-pass filtering
- Further development: edge-preserving EIT

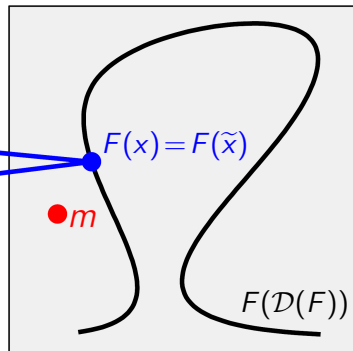
## Open problems

Uniqueness: can two different objects produce the same infinite-precision data?

Model space  $X$



Data space  $Y$

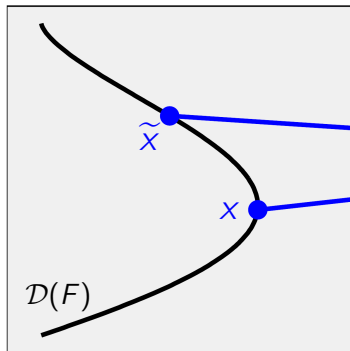


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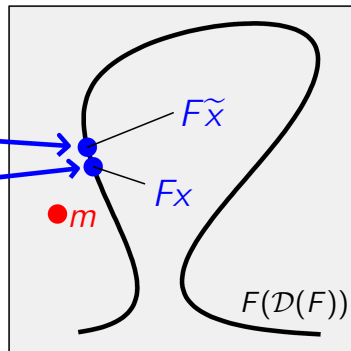
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# Conditional stability research studies the difference between images and preimages

Model space  $X$



Data space  $Y$



Conditional stability results have the form  $\|x - \tilde{x}\|_X \leq f(\|Fx - F\tilde{x}\|_Y)$ , where  $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a continuous function satisfying  $f(0) = 0$ .

However, in general the data is not in the range:  $m \notin F(\mathcal{D}(F))$ .

# The D-bar method based on the Schrödinger equation ( $\sigma \in C^2(\Omega)$ ) is currently most developed

## Theoretical studies

### Uniqueness, no-noise reconstruction

1996 Nachman

### Conditional stability

1997 Liu

### Regularization strategy

2009 Knudsen, Lassas, Mueller, S

## Computational methods

### Feasibility study

2000 S, Mueller, Isaacson

2003 Mueller, S

2004 Knudsen, Mueller, S

### Reconstruction from measured data

2004 Isaacson, Mueller, Newell, S

2006 Isaacson, Mueller, Newell, S

2007 Murphy, Mueller, Newell

2010 deAngelo, Mueller

### Real-time algorithm

2014 Dodd, Mueller

# The D-bar method based on a $2 \times 2$ system ( $\sigma \in C^1(\Omega)$ ) extends to complex impedances

## Theoretical studies

### Uniqueness, no-noise reconstruction

1997 Brown, Uhlmann

2000 Francini

### Conditional stability

2001 Barceló, Barceló, Ruiz

2010 Beretta, Francini

### Regularization strategy

**TO DO!**

## Computational methods

### Feasibility study

2001 Knudsen, Tamasan

2003 Knudsen

2012 Hamilton, Herrera, Mueller,  
von Herrmann

2013 Hamilton, Mueller

### Reconstruction from measured data

2015 Herrera, Vallejo, Mueller, Lima

# The D-bar method based on Beltrami equation can deal with discontinuities ( $\sigma \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ )

## Theoretical studies

### Uniqueness, no-noise reconstruction

2003 Astala, Päivärinta

2005 Astala, Lassas, Päivärinta

### Conditional stability

2007 Barceló, Faraco, Ruiz

2008 Clop, Faraco, Ruiz

### Regularization strategy

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## Computational methods

### Feasibility study

2010 Astala, Mueller, Päivärinta, S

2011 Astala, Mueller, Päivärinta,  
Perämäki, S

2014 Astala, Päivärinta, Reyes, S

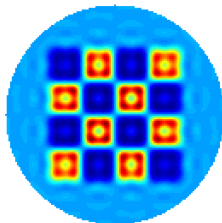
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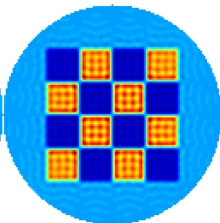


The D-bar method based on Beltrami equation seems to have the appropriate convergence

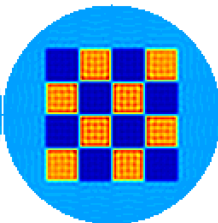
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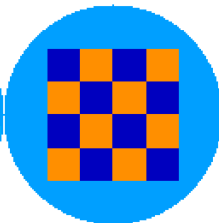
$R = 40$



$R = 50$



True



[Astala, Päivärinta, Reyes & S 2014]

# Tailor-made regularization is needed for many nonlinear inverse problems, not only EIT

A nonlinear Fourier transform approach is available for seismic tomography (positive-energy CGO) and near-infrared optical tomography (negative-energy CGO).

Regularization strategies for them would lead to

- ▶ effective subsurface imaging and geophysical prospection, and
- ▶ monitoring for hemorrhages in neonatal brains.

Currently there are no regularization results available for nonlinear inverse boundary-value problems for parabolic or hyperbolic PDE's.

Such regularization strategies and their computational implementations would be a paradigm shift in inverse problems and imaging science.

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