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INVERSE PROBLEMS AND OPTIMIZATION

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Jeopardy - The everyday Inverse problem:

“It was in 1905”

“When did Einstein publish his Theory of Relativity ?”

“When did Robert Koch get the Nobel Price in Medicine?”

“When was my grandmother born?”

“When did Norway and Sweden split up from the union?”

- The information is incomplete and non-conclusive
- Different input leads to the same result
- The "most probable" input depends on circumstances

direct problem: given the question, find the answer

inverse problem: given the answer, find the question

Well-posed problems (Hadamard, 1923):

- a solution always exists
- there is only one solution
- a small change in the problem leads to a small change in the solution

Ill-posed problems:

- a solution may not exist
- there may be more than one solution
- a small change in the problem leads to a big change in the solution

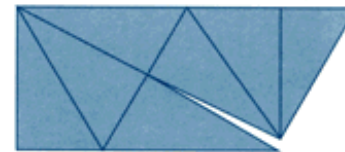
INVERSE PROBLEMS ARE (ALMOST) ALWAYS ILL-POSED!

SOME FAMOUS INVERSE PROBLEMS

- Marc Kac (1966): "Can you hear the shape of a drum?"
- Computer Tomography
- Seismic Inversion
- Image Restoration

NO, you can't hear the shape of a drum, but you can hear

- the area,
- the length of the boundary,
- and the number of holes!



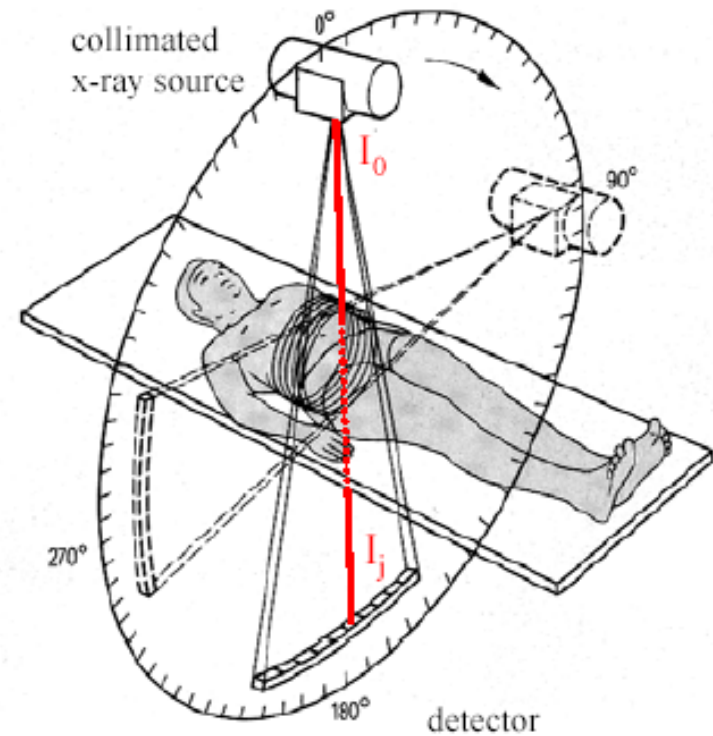
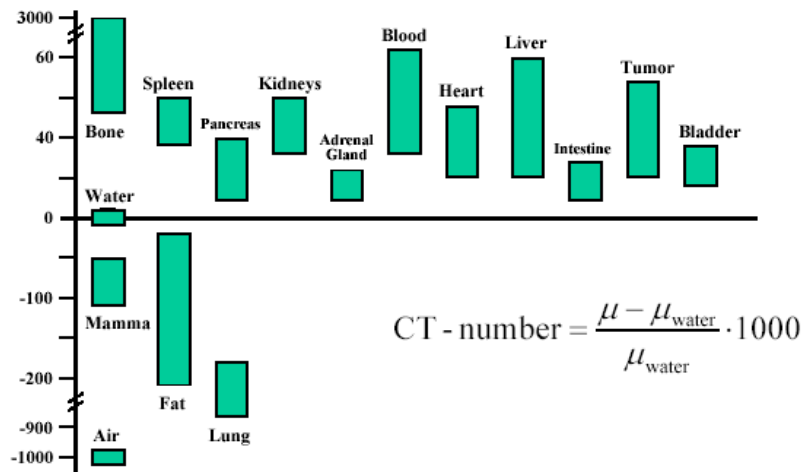
<http://www.ams.org/new-in-math/hap-drum/hap-drum.html>

COMPUTER TOMOGRAPHY

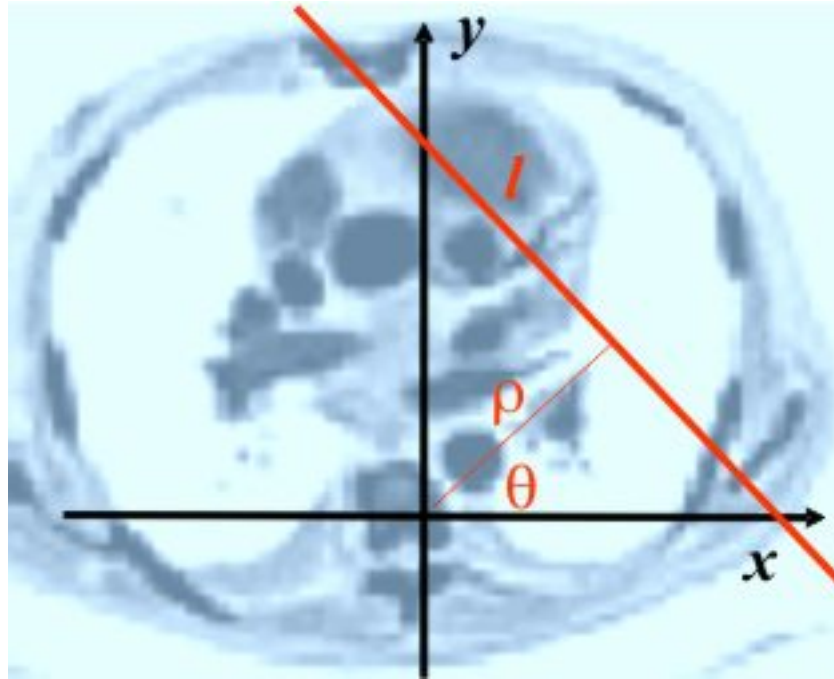


http://www.iwr.uni-heidelberg.de/groups/ngg/Tutorial/TutCT_121203_Lauritsch.pdf

CT-numbers of tissue in Hounsfield units (HU)



$$I_j = I_0 \exp\left(-\int_{\text{line}_j} \mu(\mathbf{x}) dl\right)$$



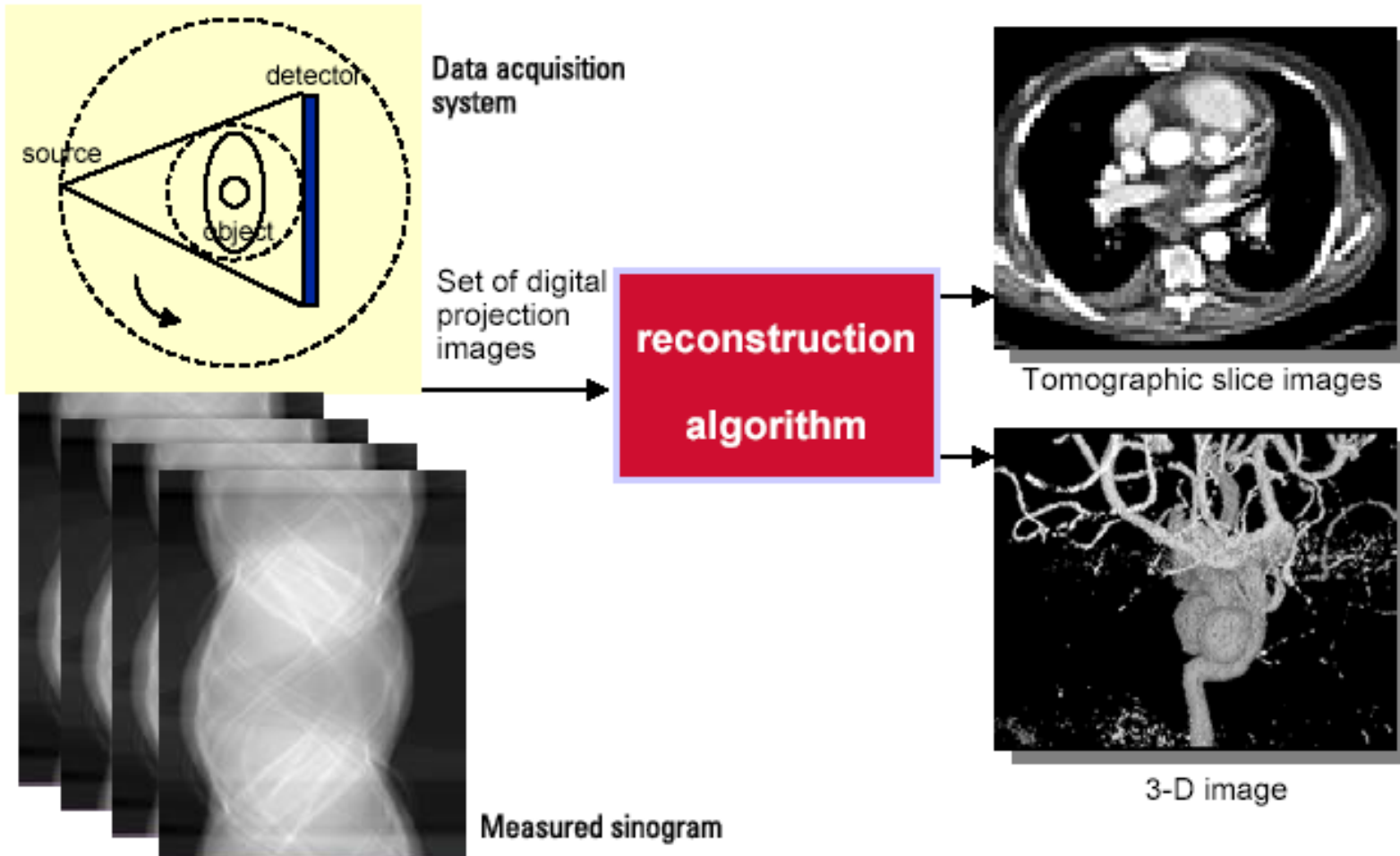
Radon transform: Based on line integrals

$$\mathfrak{R}\mu(\rho, \theta) = \hat{\mu}(\rho, \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mu(\rho \cos \theta - t \sin \theta, \rho \sin \theta + t \cos \theta) dt$$

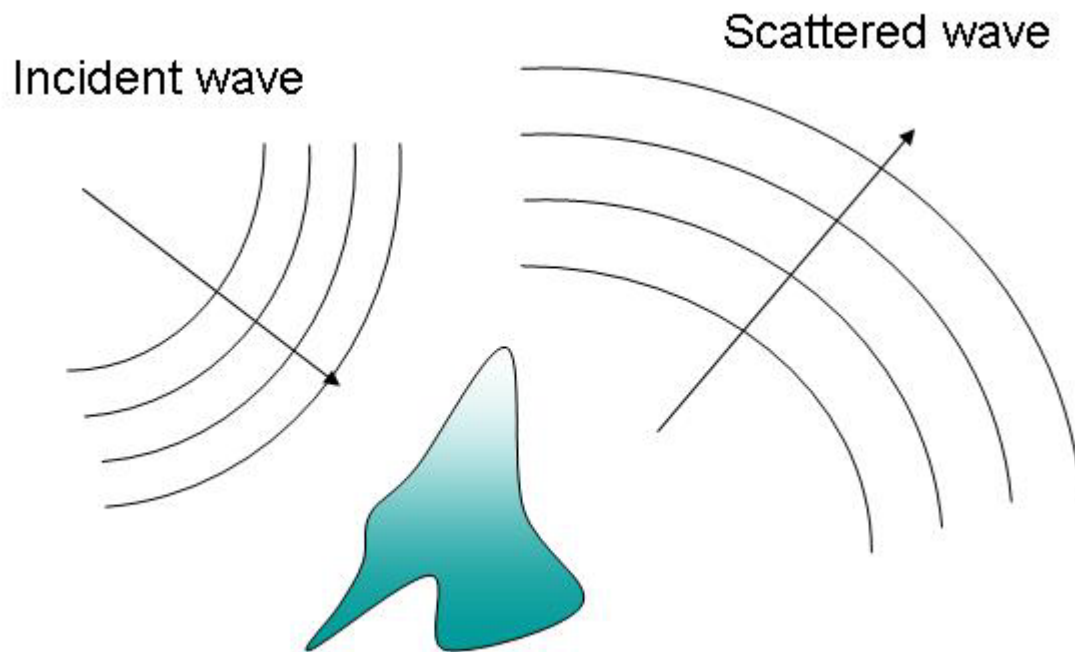
Inverse problem:

$$\mu(\mathbf{x}) = \mathfrak{R}^{-1}(\hat{\mu}(\rho, \theta))$$

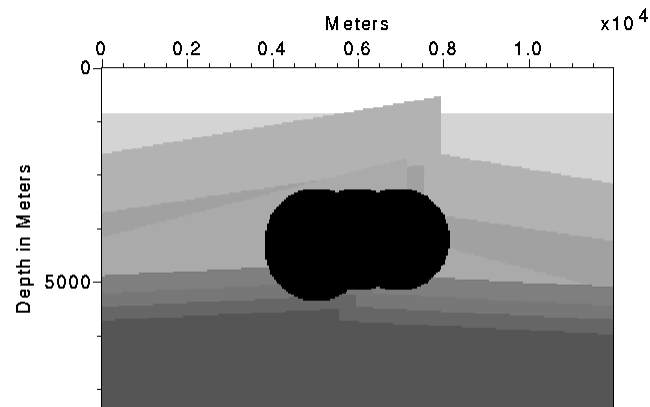
Reconstructive Methods



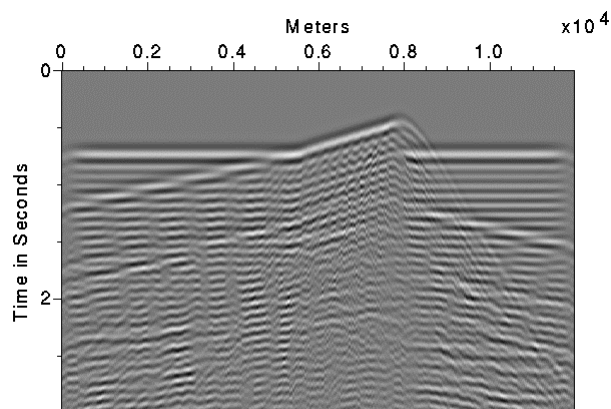
INVERSE SCATTERING



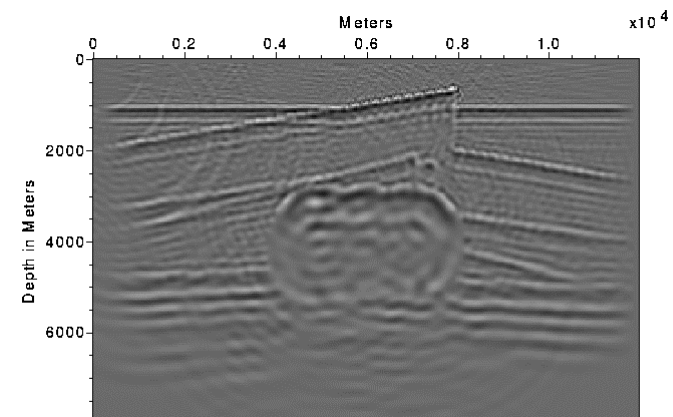
Seismic inversion



Salt Intrusion Model, 200 by 300 grid



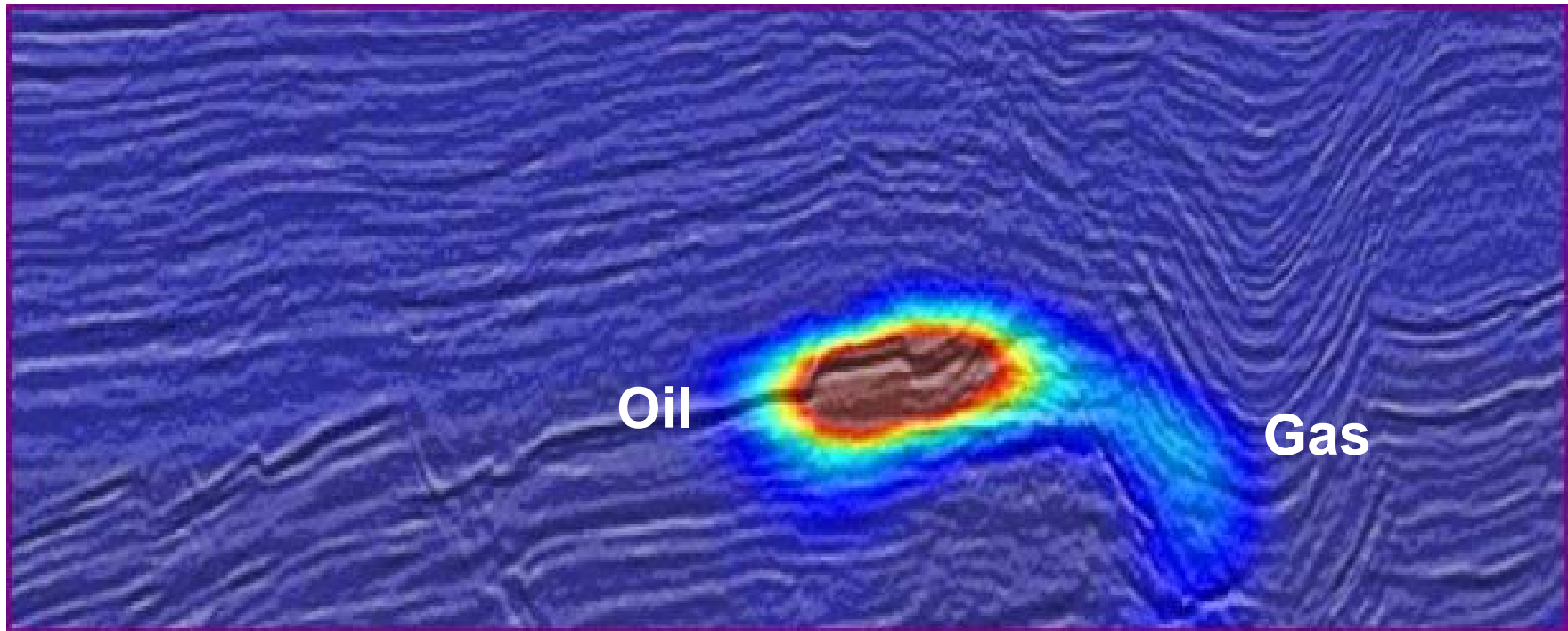
Salt Intrusion Exploding Reflector Data, $dt=0.002$



Salt Intrusion Reverse Time Migration, Grid Spacing = 40 Meters

<http://www.mgnet.org/~douglas/Classes/cs521-s00/asdf/asdf.ppt>

**Resistivity map for a major North Sea field,
3D EM method.
(Data courtesy of EMGS and Statoil Hydro)**

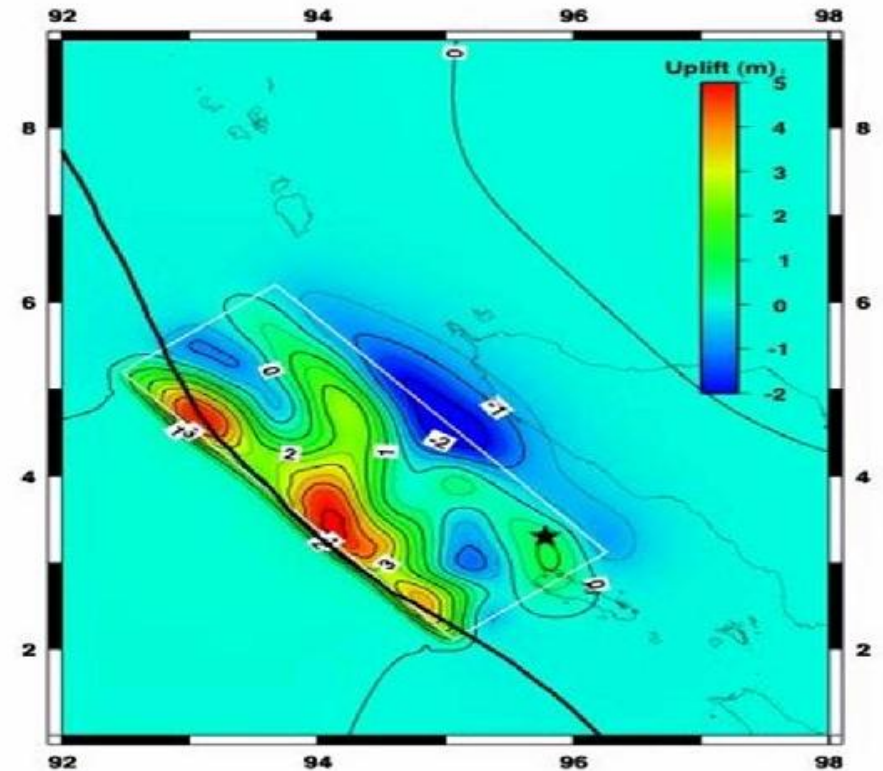
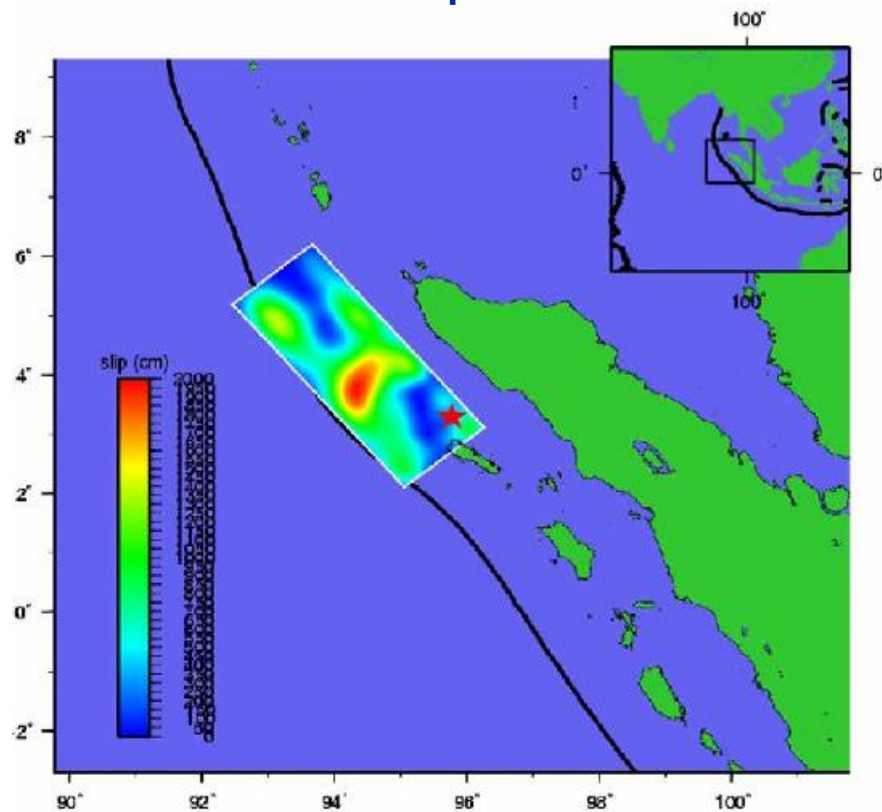


(Houston Geological Society)

Compute sea floor motion from seismic recordings:

Slip

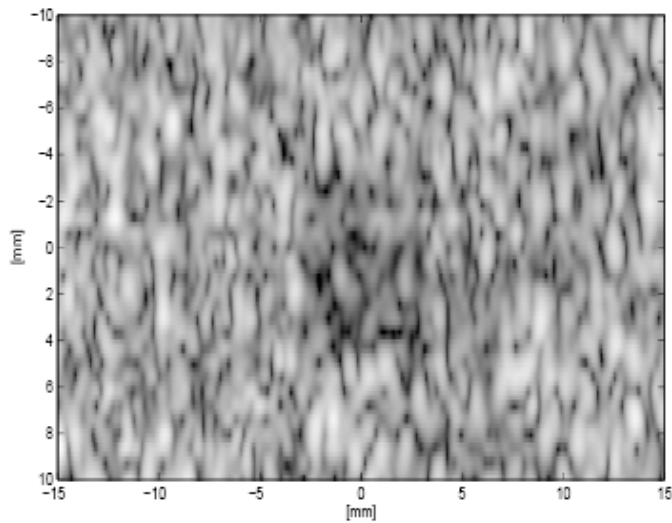
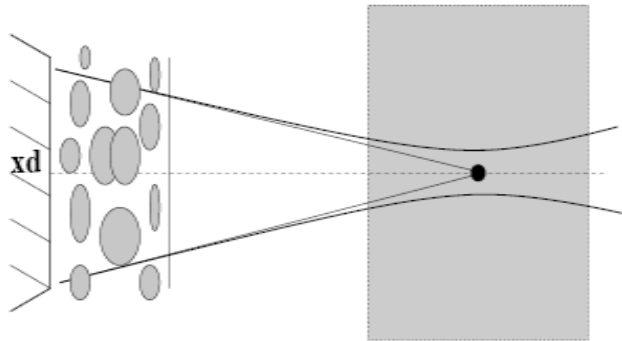
Uplift



(The December 26, 2004, Sumatran Tsunami)

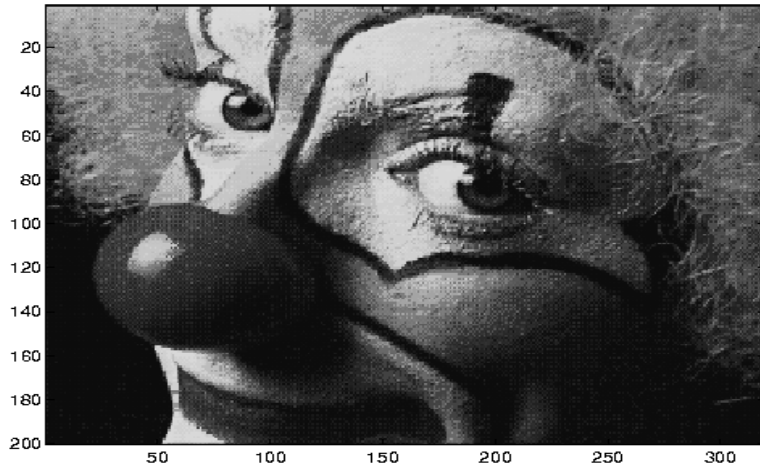
(Bjørn Gjevik, UiO. Published by Caltech)

MEDICAL ULTRASOUND

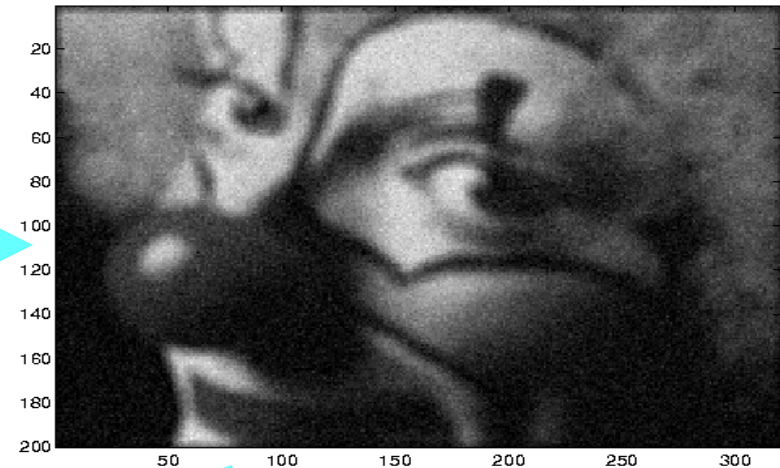


(Trond Varslot)

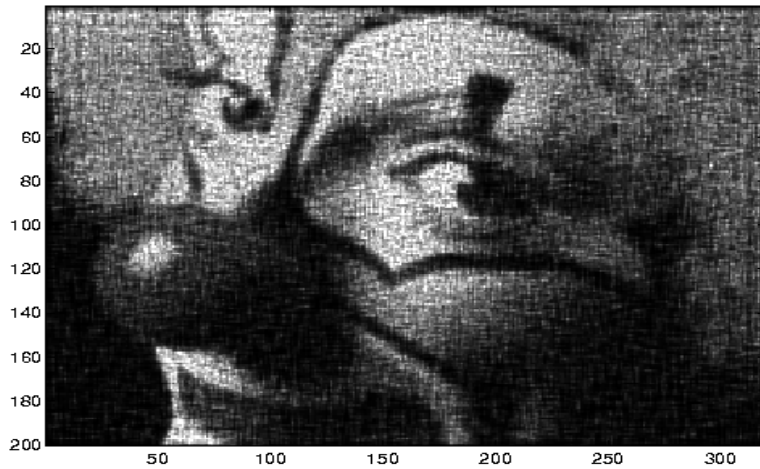
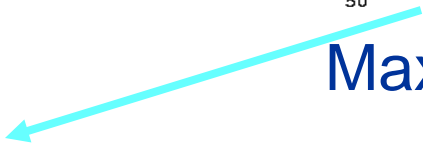
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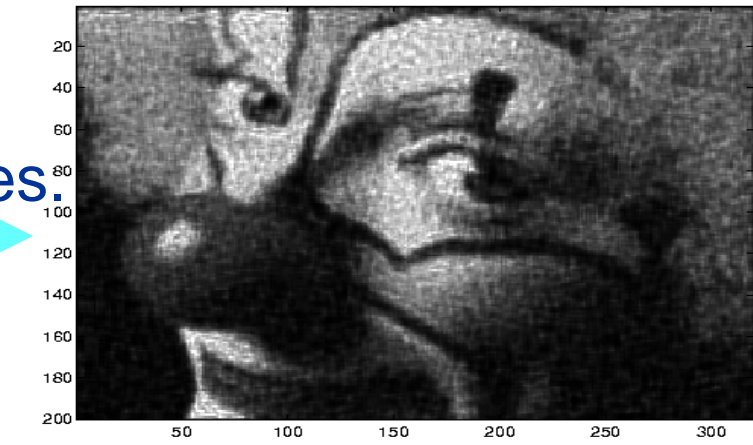
Blur



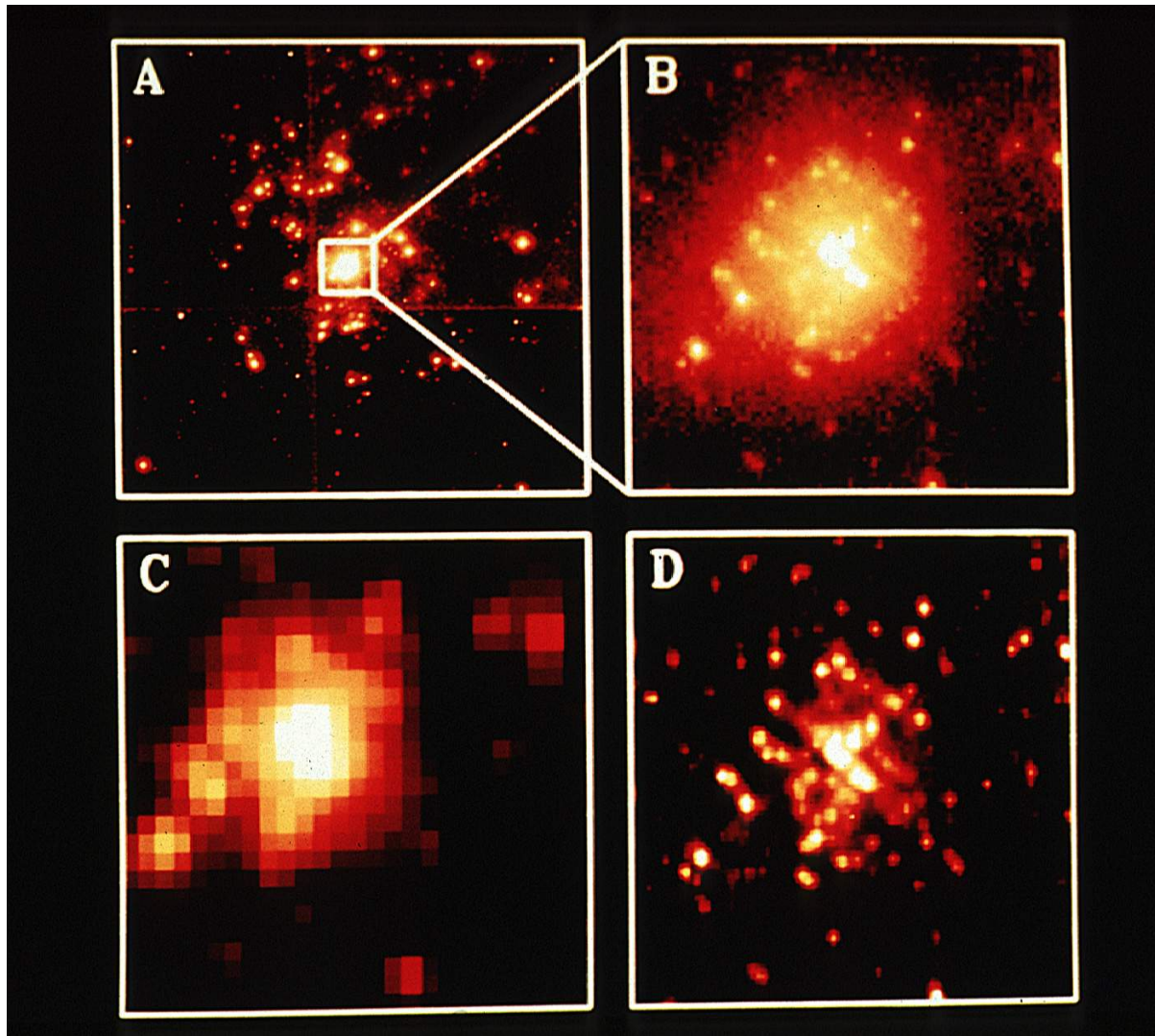
Max. Entropy restoration



Noise
suppres.



http://mip.ups-tlse.fr/~noll/noll_tutorial.html

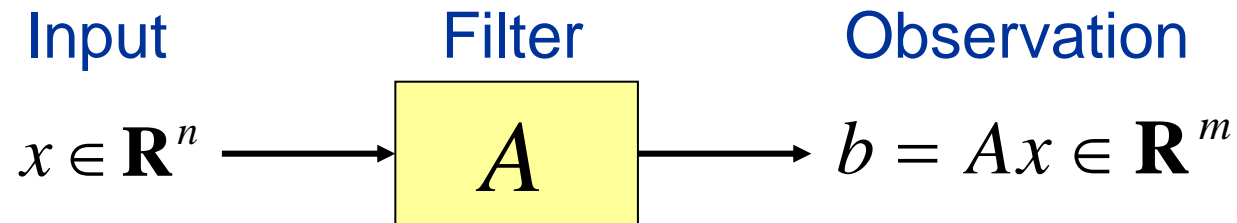


A: Original HST photo.
C: Ground telescope image.

B: Enlarged section.
D: Digitally enhanced image.

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LINEAR, NOISE-FREE PROBLEMS



Singular value decomposition: $A = U\Sigma V'$

$$x^* = A^+b = V\Sigma U'b = \sum_{j=1}^{\text{rank}(A)} v_j \frac{u_j'b}{\sigma_j} \quad (\text{unstable})$$

Regularization: *Truncated SVD (TSVD):*

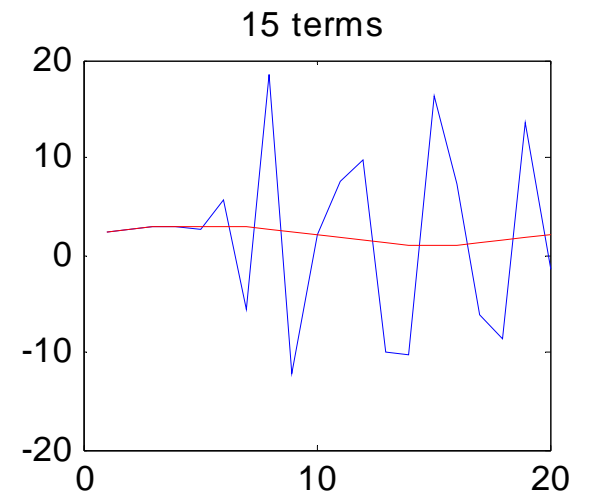
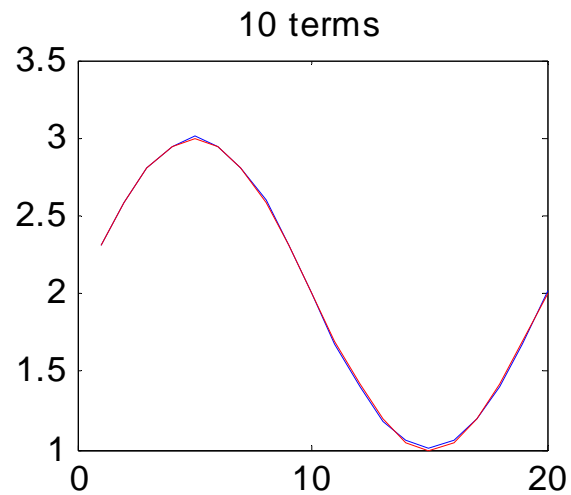
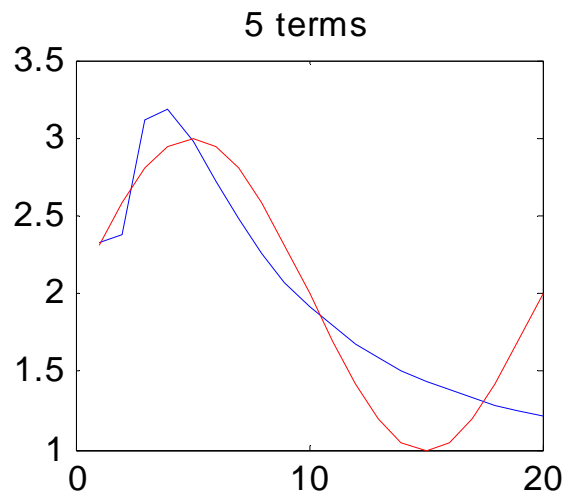
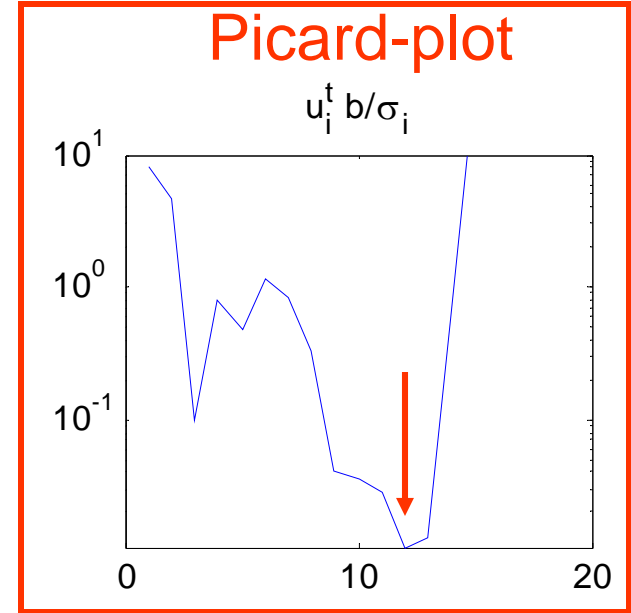
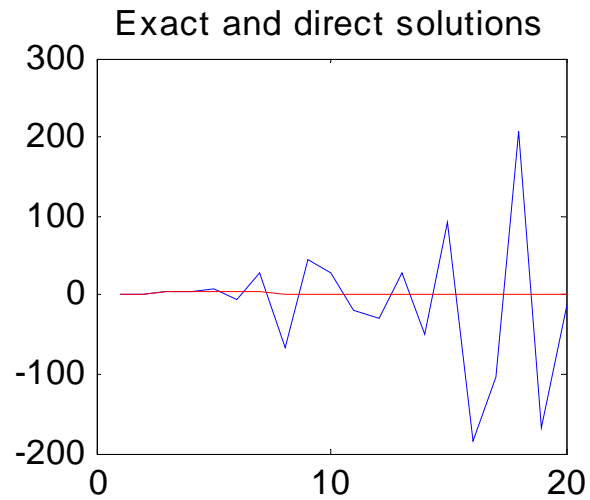
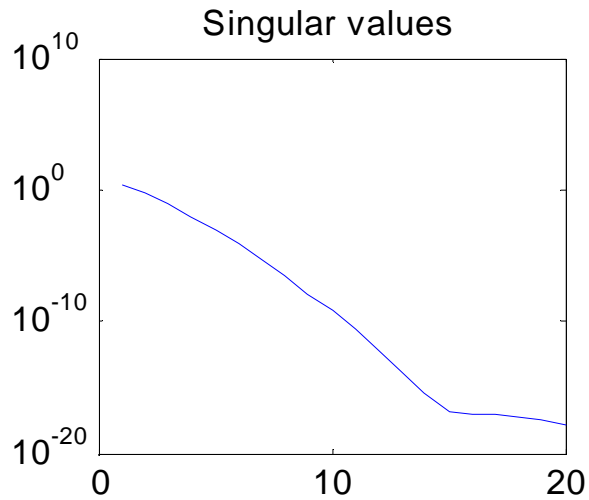
$$x^K = \sum_{j=1}^K v_j \frac{u_j'b}{\sigma_j}$$

Example: The Hilbert Matrix System

$$Hx = b$$

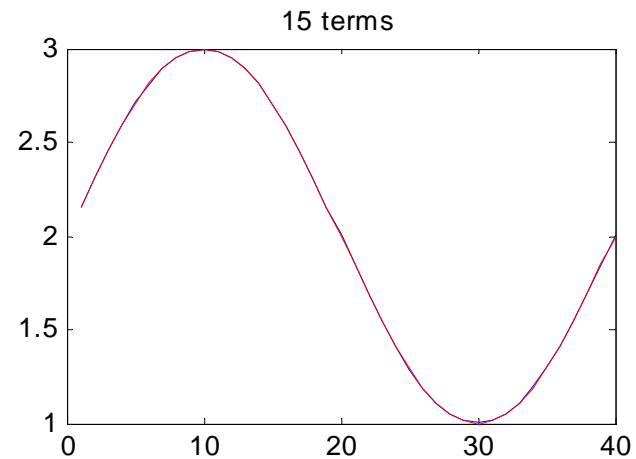
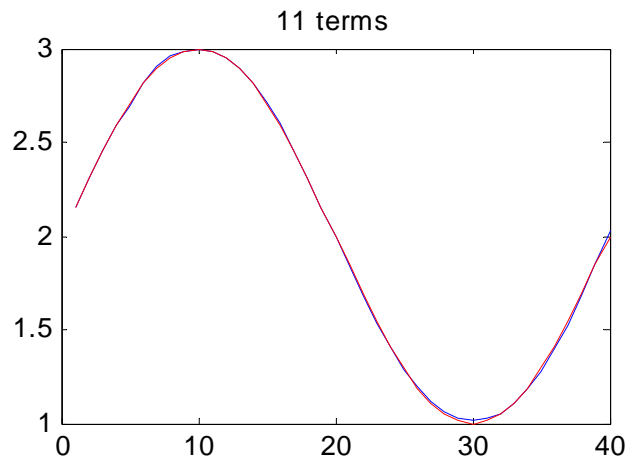
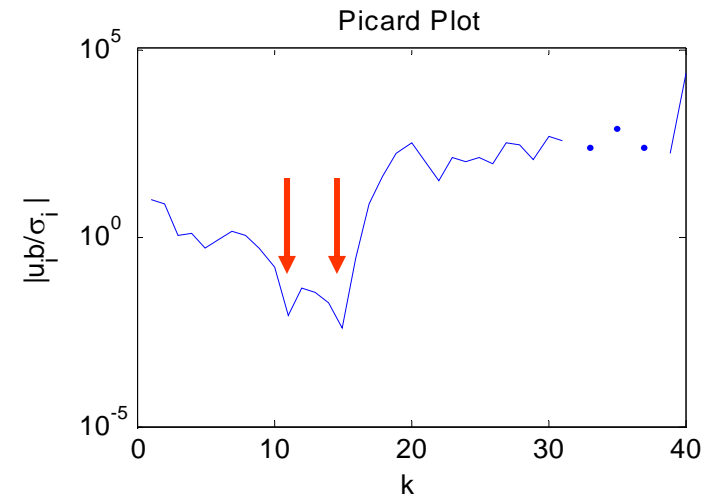
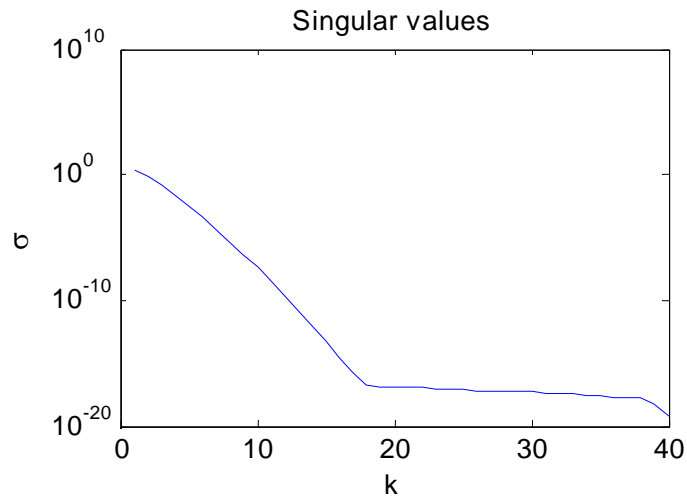
$$H_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & \dots & \frac{1}{n} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{3} & & \dots & \frac{1}{n+1} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{n} & \frac{1}{n+1} & & \dots & \frac{1}{2n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_{ij} = \int_0^1 x^{i-1} x^{j-1} dx$$



(cond. Number = 1.5×10^{18})

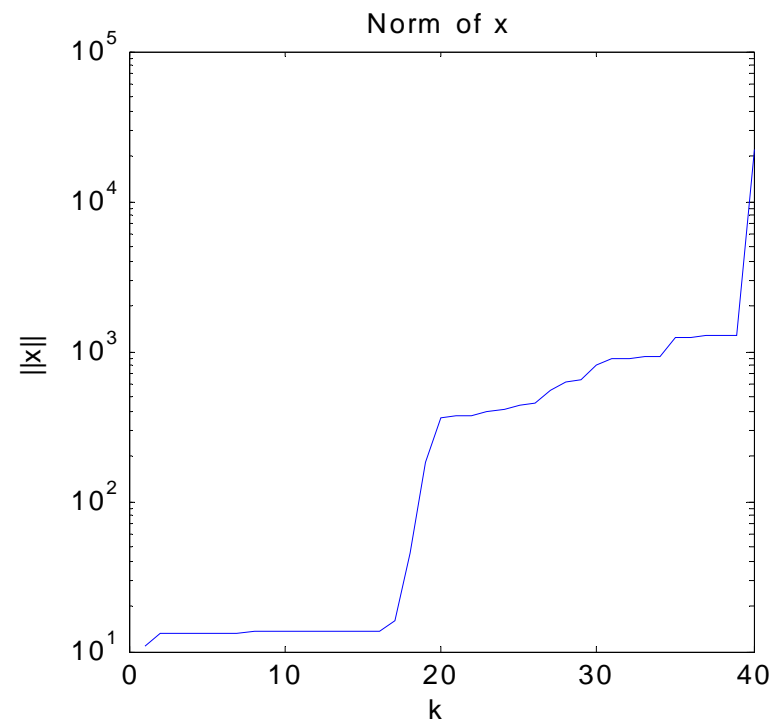
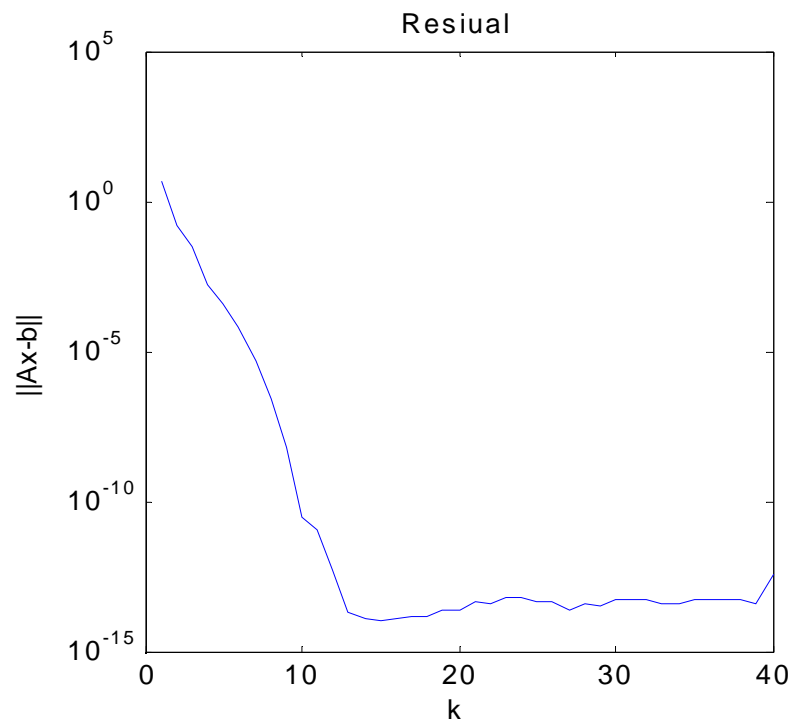
Hilbert problem cont. ...



The Picard plot shows $|\alpha_j|$:
$$x^* = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j v_j, \quad \alpha_j = \frac{u_j' b}{\sigma_j}$$

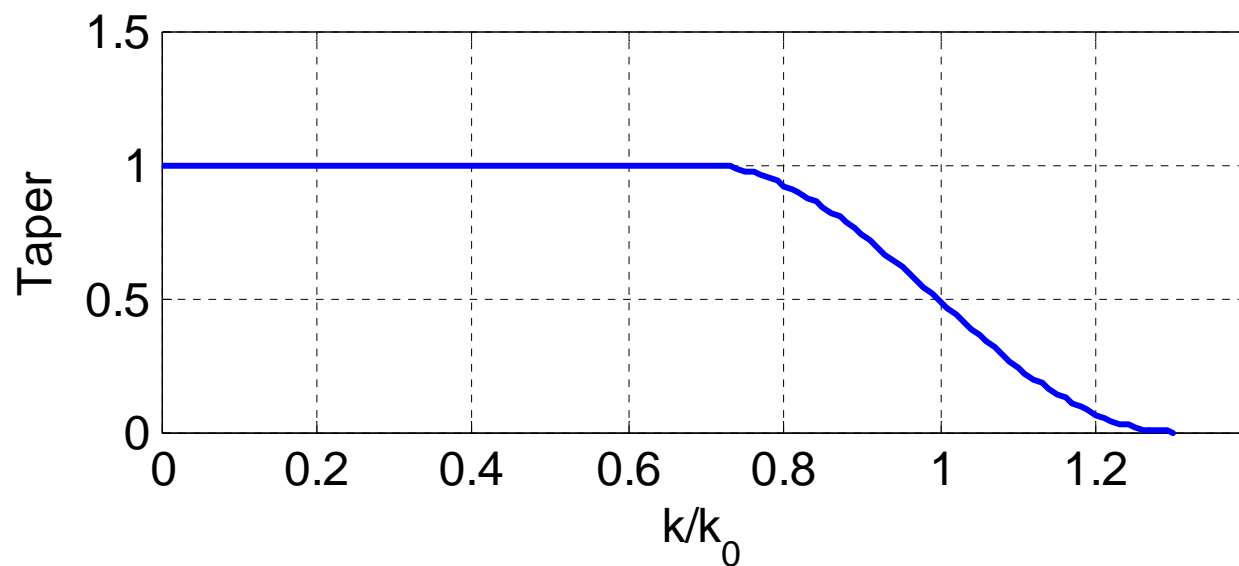
Hilbert problem cont. ...

WARNING:
A small residual does not mean a good solution
for ill-conditioned problems:



Hilbert problem cont. ...

A smooth cut-off: The *cosine taper*



TIKHONOV REGULARIZATION

- We expect that X is close to X_0 :

$$X^* = \arg \min_X \left\{ \underbrace{\|T(X) - Y\|^2}_{\text{Error term}} + \underbrace{\mu}_{\text{Weight}} \underbrace{\|X - X_0\|^2}_{\text{Regularization term}} \right\}$$

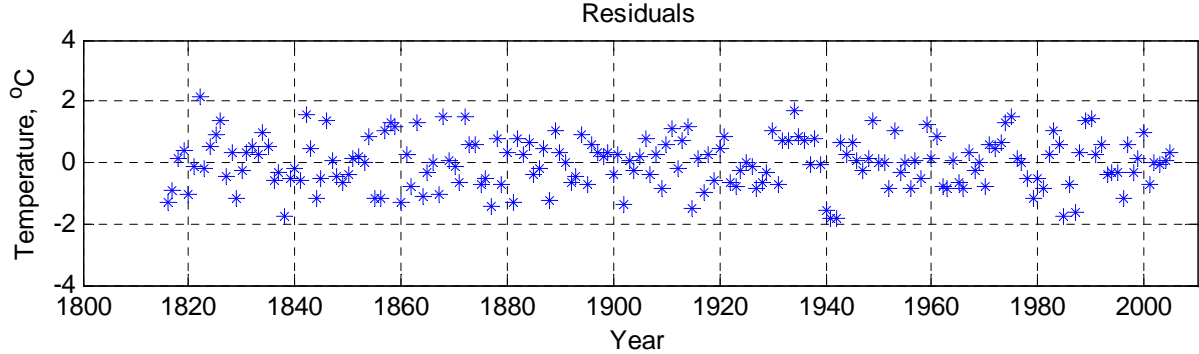
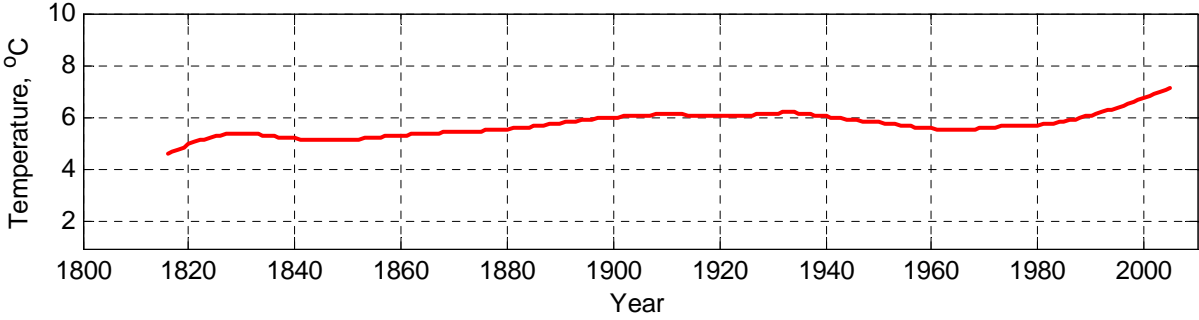
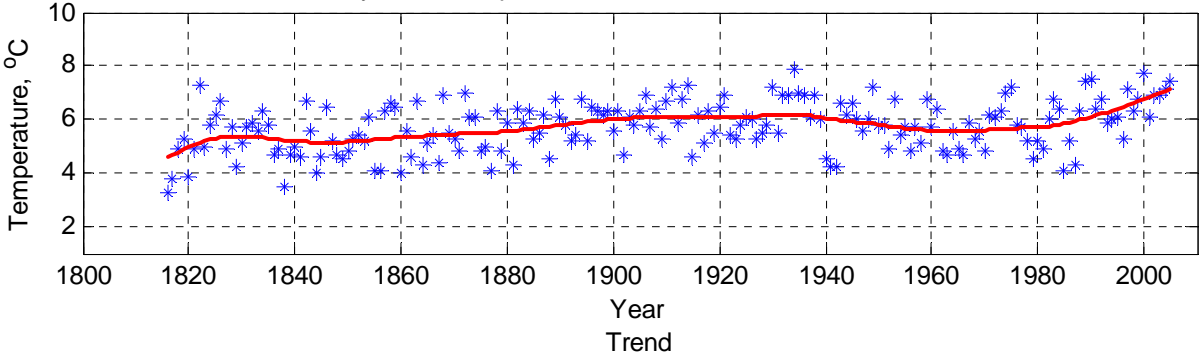
- We expect that X is *smooth*:

$$X^* = \arg \min_X \left\{ \|T(X) - Y\|^2 + \mu \|L(X)\|^2 \right\}$$

(The L operator punishes irregularities)

Hodrick-Prescott Filter

Yearly mean temperatures and trend curve, Blindern, Oslo



$\{x_i\}$ Data

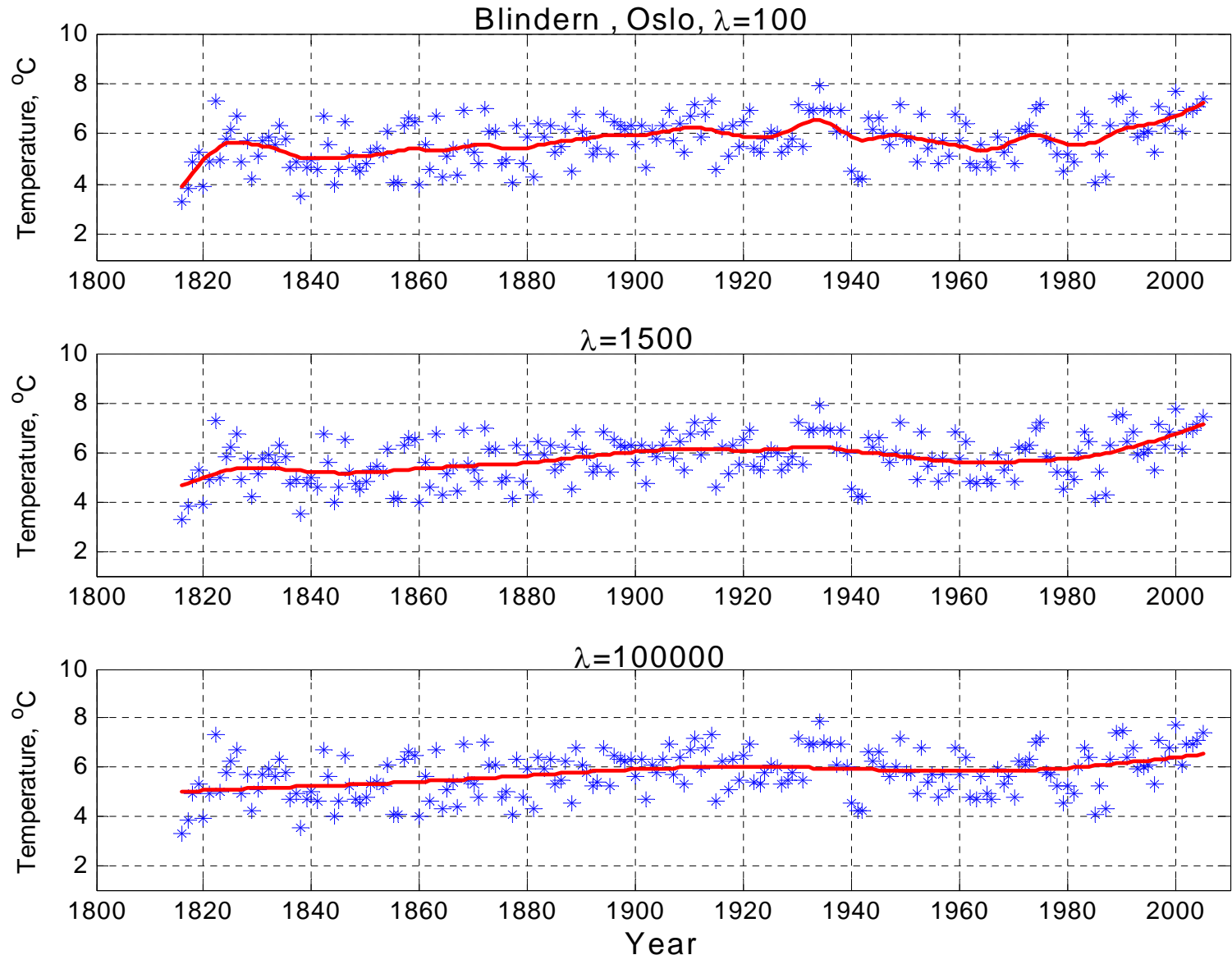
$\{t_i\}$ Trend curve

$$\min_t \left(\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - t_i)^2 + \lambda \sum_{i=2}^{N-1} (t_{i+1} - 2t_i + t_{i-1})^2 \right)$$

Error term

Regularization

N unknowns!



THE KEY PROBLEM

- How to select the best/most probable/optimal solution
 - How to dampen "ill-conditionness"
(regularize - but not exaggerate!)

Example: *Tikhonov regularization*

$$X^* = \arg \min_X \left\{ \|T(X) - Y\|^2 + \mu \|X - X_0\|^2 \right\}$$

μ small: solution unstable (ill-conditioned problem)

μ large: $X^* \approx X_0$ (even if our "knowledge" X_0 is false!)

FINDING THE OPTIMAL REGULARIZATION:

- Truncated SVD – Picard Plot
- Wiener Filter
- Morozov's Discrepancy Principle
- The L-curve
- Iteration truncation

There is no generally best method!

FREDHOLM INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

$$y(t) = \int_0^1 K(t, \tau) x(\tau) d\tau$$

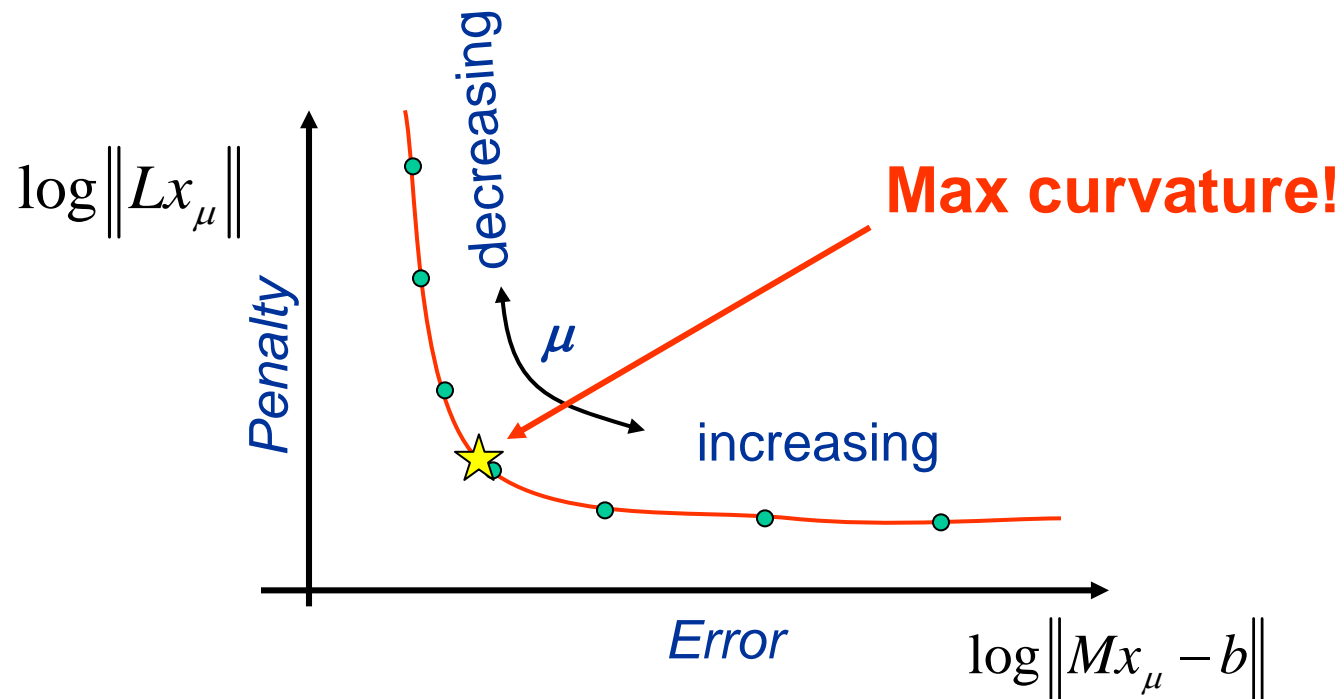
$K(t, \tau)$ is called the *kernel*

Discretized Fredholm Integral Equations
are generally ill-conditioned

L-CURVE ANALYSIS

(Per Chr. Hansen, DTU)

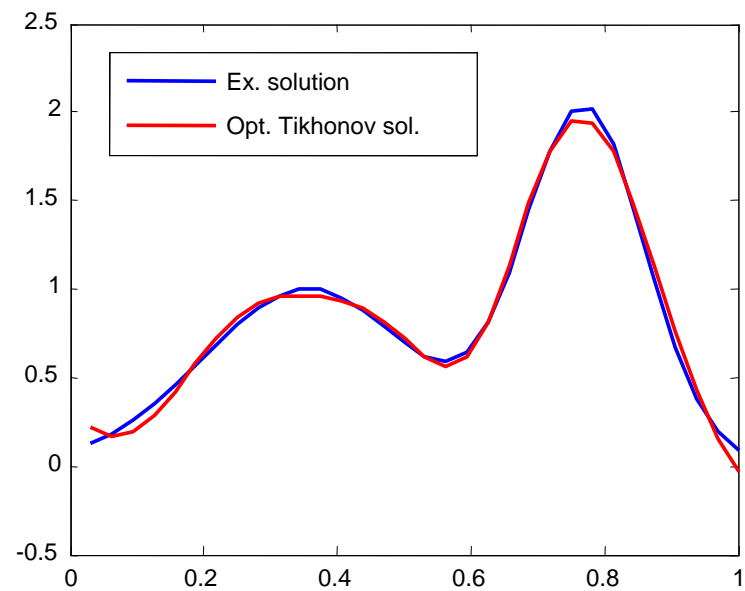
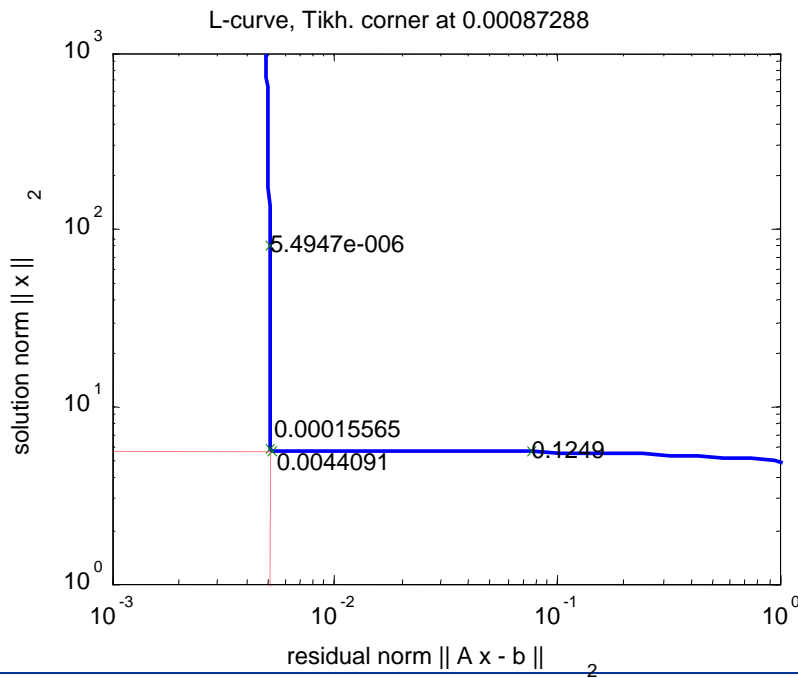
Plot the two terms in the Tikhonov objective function:



$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} K(t, s) x(s) ds = b(t)$$

$$K(t, s) = (\cos s + \cos t) \frac{\sin^2(\pi(\sin s + \sin t))}{\pi^2(\sin s + \sin t)^2}$$

$$x_{sol}(t) = a_1 \exp\left(-\frac{(t-t_1)^2}{c_1^2}\right) + a_2 \exp\left(-\frac{(t-t_2)^2}{c_2^2}\right)$$



ITERATIVE METHODS

The basic iterative method for a linear equation

$$Ax = b, A > 0,$$

is

$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \omega(b - Ax_k), k = 0, 1, \dots$$

(“fix-point iteration”)

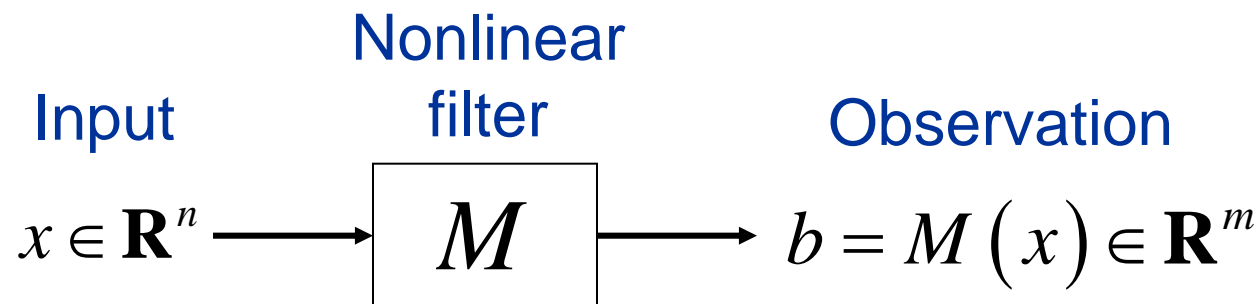
ω is called a *relaxation parameter*.

Convergence if ω is chosen so that

$$\|I - \omega A\| < 1$$

Fix point iteration is used for inverse problems
as a *general* technique where the

number of iterations is the regularization!



$$x_{k+1} = x_k + \omega(b - M(x_k)), k = 0, 1, \dots, k_{opt}$$

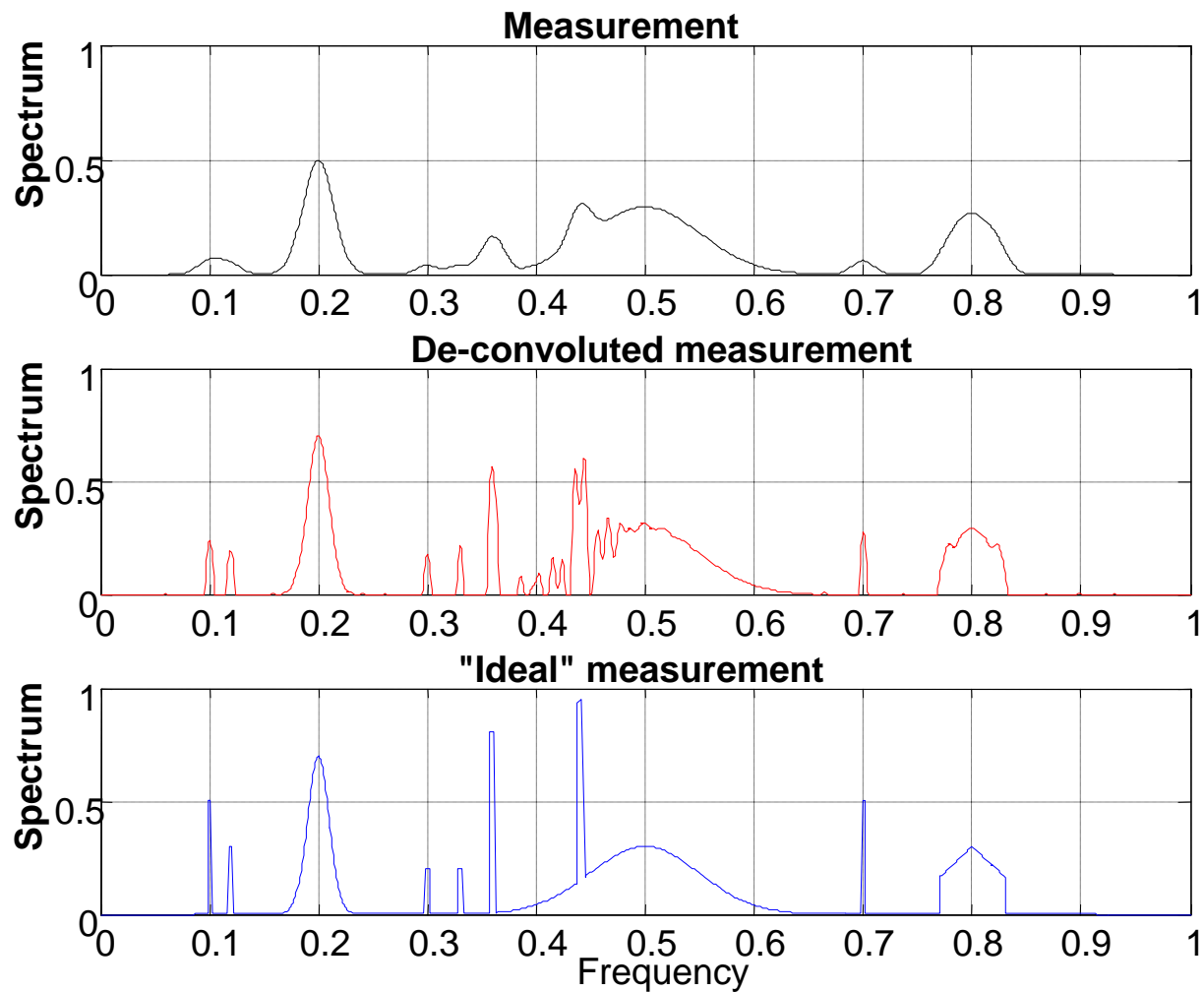
Common name: ***vanCittert iteration***

DE-CONVOLUTION OF SPECTRAL DATA

- Astronomy
- Mass spectrography
- Optics
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

Measurement should consist of narrow “spectral lines”,
but the instrument “blurs” the lines:

“De-blurring” is needed!



$$x_{k+1} = \max \left[0, x_k + \omega (b - g_{blur} * x_k) \right], k = 0, 1, \dots, k_{opt}$$

2000 iterations!

A very common situation in image processing:

$$BI(\mathbf{x}) = f_{PS} * I(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^2} f_{PS}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) I(\mathbf{y}) d\mathbf{y}$$

I : Image

BI : Blurred image

f_{PS} : Point Spread Function

$BI \rightarrow I$: "Deconvolution"

$$I_{k+1} = \max \left[0, I_k + \omega (BI - f_{PS} * I_k) \right], \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, k_{stop}$$

(NB: Should have some idea about f_{PS} !)

Blurred image



$\omega=2$, It.no.=4



$\omega=2$, It.no.=8



$\omega=2$, It.no.=12



$\omega=2$, It.no.=16



$\omega=2$, It.no.=20



Blurred image



$\omega = 2.3$, It.no.=4



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$\omega = 2.3$, It.no.=20



Blurred image



Original image



$\Omega = 2$, It. no. = 20



vanCittert/Landweber iteration is simple and fast!

MORE INFORMATION:

Google: "Inverse Problems" 1 850 000 hits!

Bibsys: "Inverse Problems" 155 items

Wikipedia:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inverse_problem
(incomplete)

Per Chr. Hansen's home page:

<http://www.imm.dtu.dk/~pch/> (recommended!)

Albert Tarantola's home page:

<http://www.ipgp.fr/~tarantola/> (amusing!)