

# Jyväskylä Summer School

## Multiwave Imaging

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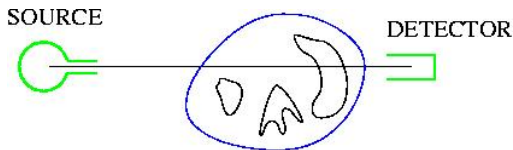
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# Inverse Boundary Problems

Can one determine the internal properties of a medium by making **measurements outside the medium (non-invasive)**?

X-ray tomography (CAT-scans)



Problem: Can we recover the density from attenuation of X-rays?

# X-ray Tomography



Radon solved the problem in 1917  
Determine the integral of density over lines



**Johann Radon**

Nobel Prize in Medicine (1979)

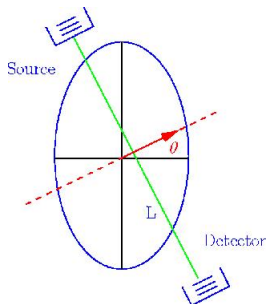


**A. Cormack**



**G. Hounsfield**

# Radon (1917) $n = 2$



$f(x)$  = Unknown function

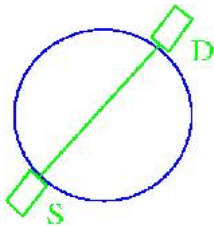
$$I_{\text{detector}} = e^{-\int_L f} I_{\text{source}}$$

$$Rf(s, \theta) = g(s, \theta) = \int_{\langle x, \theta \rangle = s} f(x) dH = \int_L f$$

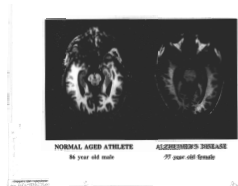
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \text{ p.v. } \int_{S^1} d\theta \int \frac{\frac{d}{ds} g(s, \theta) ds}{\langle x, \theta \rangle - s}$$



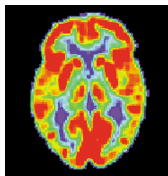
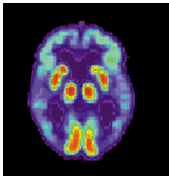
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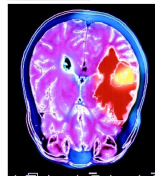
X-ray tomography (CT)



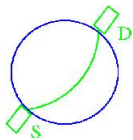
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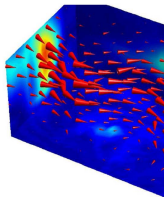
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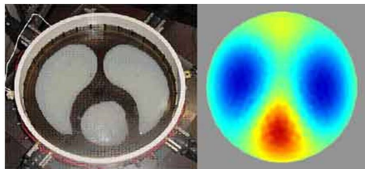
# NONLINEAR (Scattering)



Ultrasound



Electrical Impedance  
Tomography (**EIT**)



# Multi-Modality Imaging

## Superposition of 2 images each obtained with a single wave

One single wave is sensitive only to a given Contrast :

**Ultrasound** to bulk compressibility ,

**Optical wave** to dielectric permittivity and optical absorption,

**Sonic Shear wave** to shear modulus, viscosity

**LF Electromagnetic wave** to electrical impedance, conductivity

**X ray** to density

**Gamma ray** to radio tracer distribution

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**Spatial Resolution** depends on wave physics laws and on sensor technology.

# A difficult problem for radiologists: breast cancer detection

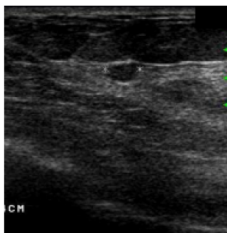
## Ultrasound images of different breast lesions

benign



*Fibrotic  
Lesion*

**Malign**



*Carcinoma  
Grade II*

benign



*Viscous cyst*

Good sensitivity but bad specificity

# How to play Multiwave Imaging ?

## *Three potential Interactions between different waves*

- The interaction of the first wave with tissues **can generate** a second kind of wave

PhotoAcoustic Imaging  
ThermoAcoustic Imaging



- The first wave **IS TAGGED** locally by a second kind of wave

AcoustoOptical Imaging  
Electrical Impedance Imaging with Ultrasound



- A first wave travelling much faster than the second one can be used to produce **a movie** of the slow wave propagation

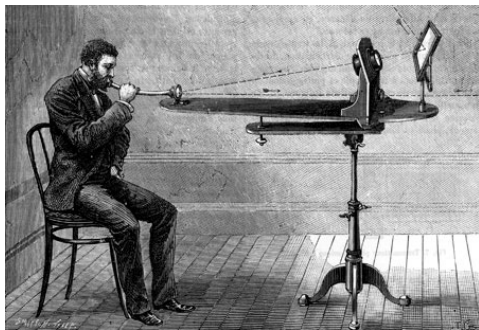
Transient Elastography  
Shear Wave imaging (Supersonic mode)



A unique case that **allows the observation of the near field** of the slow wave inside the body ,

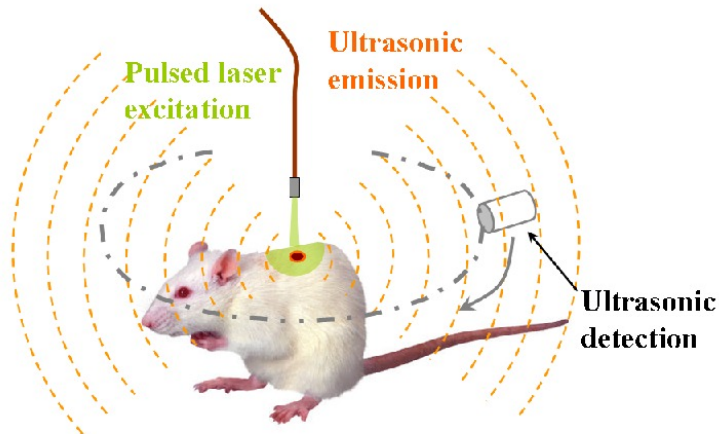
# Photoacoustic Tomography

## Photoacoustic Effect: The sound of light



Picture from Economist  
(The sound of light)

**Graham Bell:** When rapid pulses of light are incident on a sample of matter they can be absorbed and the resulting energy will then be radiated as heat. This heat causes detectable sound waves due to pressure variation in the surrounding medium.



(Loading Melanoma3DMovie.avi)

Lihong Wang (Washington U.)



# Mathematical Model

**First Step**: in PAT and TAT is to reconstruct  $H(x)$  from  $u(x, t)|_{\partial\Omega \times (0, T)}$ , where  $u$  solves

$$\begin{aligned}(\partial_t^2 - c^2(x)\Delta)u &= 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^+ \\ u|_{t=0} &= \beta H(x) \\ \partial_t u|_{t=0} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

**Second Step**: in PAT and TAT is to reconstruct the optical or electrical properties from  $H(x)$  (internal measurements).

# First Step:

## IP for Wave Equation

$c(x) > 0$ : acoustic speed

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t^2 - c^2 \Delta)u &= 0 & \text{in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u|_{t=0} &= f, \\ \partial_t u|_{t=0} &= 0. \end{cases}$$

$f$ : supported in  $\bar{\Omega}$ . **Measurements**:

$$\Lambda f := u|_{[0, T] \times \partial\Omega}.$$

The problem is to reconstruct the unknown  $f$  from  $\Lambda f$ .

# Prior results

## Constant Speed

KRUGER; AGRANOVSKY, AMBARTSOUMIAN, FINCH, GEORGIEVA-HRISTOVA, JIN, HALTMEIER, KUCHMENT, NGUYEN, PATCH, QUINTO, RAKESH, WANG, XU ...

## Variable Speed (Numerical Results)

ANASTASIO ET. AL., BURGHOLZER, COX ET. AL., GEORGIEVA-HRISTOVA, GRUN, HALTMEIR, HOFER, KUCHMENT, NGUYEN, PALTAUFF, WANG, XU...  
(Time reversal)

## Partial Data

Problem is uniqueness, stability and reconstruction with measurements on a part of the boundary. There were no results so far for the variable coefficient case, and there is a uniqueness result in the constant coefficients one by FINCH, PATCH AND RAKESH (2004).

## $\Omega$ =ball, constant speed

$c = 1$ ,  $\Omega$ : unit ball,  $n = 3$ . [Explicit Reconstruction Formulas](#) (FINCH, HALTMEIER, KUNYANSKY, NGUYEN, PATCH, RAKESH, XU, WANG).

$g(x, t) = \Lambda f$ ,  $x \in S^{n-1}$ . In 3D,

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \Delta_x \int_{|y|=1} \frac{g(y, |x-y|)}{|x-y|} dS_y.$$

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{|y|=1} \left( \frac{1}{t} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} g(y, t) \right) \bigg|_{t=|y-x|} dS_y.$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \nabla_x \cdot \int_{|y|=1} \left( \nu(y) \frac{1}{t} \frac{d}{dt} \frac{g(y, t)}{t} \right) \bigg|_{t=|y-x|} dS_y.$$

The latter is a partial case of an explicit formula in any dimension (KUNYANSKY).

$T = \infty$ : a backward Cauchy problem with zero initial data.

$T < \infty$ : time reversal

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} (\partial_t^2 - c^2 \Delta) v_0 & = & 0 \quad \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ v_0|_{[0, T] \times \partial\Omega} & = & \chi h, \\ v_0|_{t=T} & = & 0, \\ \partial_t v_0|_{t=T} & = & 0, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $h = \Lambda f$ ;  $\chi$ : cuts off smoothly near  $t = T$ .

## Time Reversal

$$f \approx A_0 h := v_0(0, \cdot) \quad \text{in } \bar{\Omega}, \text{ where } h = \Lambda f.$$

# Uniqueness

Underlying metric:  $c^{-2}dx^2$ . Set

$$T_0 = \max_{x \in \tilde{\Omega}} \text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega).$$

## Theorem (Stefanov–U, IP 2009)

$T \geq T_0 \implies$  uniqueness.  $T < T_0 \implies$  no uniqueness. We can recover  $f(x)$  for  $\text{dist}(x, \partial\Omega) \leq T$  and nothing else.

The proof is based on the unique continuation theorem by Tataru.

# Stability

$T_1 \leq \infty$ : length of the longest (maximal) geodesic through  $\bar{\Omega}$ .

The “stability time”:  $T_1/2$ . If  $T_1 = \infty$ , we say that the speed is **trapping** in  $\Omega$ .

## Theorem (Stefanov–U)

$T > T_1/2 \implies$  *stability.*

$T < T_1/2 \implies$  *no stability, in any Sobolev norms.*

The second part follows from the fact that  $\Lambda$  is a smoothing FIO on an open conic subset of  $T^*\Omega$ . In particular, if the speed is **trapping**, there is no stability, whatever  $T$ .

# Reconstruction. Modified time reversal

## A modified time reversal, harmonic extension

Given  $h$  (that eventually will be replaced by  $\Lambda f$ ), solve

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lcl} (\partial_t^2 - c^2 \Delta)v & = & 0 \quad \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ v|_{[0, T] \times \partial\Omega} & = & h, \\ v|_{t=T} & = & \phi, \\ \partial_t v|_{t=T} & = & 0, \end{array} \right.$$

where  $\phi$  is the harmonic extension of  $h(T, \cdot)$ :

$$\Delta \phi = 0, \quad \phi|_{\partial\Omega} = h(T, \cdot).$$

Note that the initial data at  $t = T$  satisfies compatibility conditions of first order (no jump at  $\{T\} \times \partial\Omega$ ). Then we define the following pseudo-inverse

$$Ah := v(0, \cdot) \quad \text{in } \bar{\Omega}.$$



We are missing the Cauchy data at  $t = T$ ; the only thing we know there is its value on  $\partial\Omega$ . The time reversal methods just replace it by zero. We replace it by that data (namely, by  $(\phi, 0)$ ), having the same trace on the boundary, that minimizes the energy.

Given  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , the energy in  $U$  is given by

$$E_U(t, u) = \int_U (|\nabla u|^2 + c^{-2}|u_t|^2) \, dx.$$

We define the space  $H_D(U)$  to be the completion of  $C_0^\infty(U)$  under the Dirichlet norm

$$\|f\|_{H_D}^2 = \int_U |\nabla u|^2 \, dx.$$

The norms in  $H_D(\Omega)$  and  $H^1(\Omega)$  are equivalent, so

$$H_D(\Omega) \cong H_0^1(\Omega).$$

The energy norm of a pair  $[f, g]$  is given by

$$\|[f, g]\|_{\mathcal{H}(\Omega)}^2 = \|f\|_{H_D(\Omega)}^2 + \|g\|_{L^2(\Omega, c^{-2}dx)}^2$$

$$A\Lambda f = f - Kf$$

$$Kf = w(0, \cdot)$$

where  $w$  solves

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t^2 - c^2(x) \Delta) w = 0 & \text{in } (0, T) \times \Omega, \\ w|_{[0, T] \times \partial\Omega} = 0, \\ w|_{t=T} = u|_{t=T} - \phi, \\ w_t|_{t=T} = u_t|_{t=T}, \end{cases}$$

where  $u$  solves

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t^2 - c^2 \Delta) u = 0 & \text{in } (0, T) \times \mathbb{R}^n, \\ u|_{t=0} = f, \\ \partial_t u|_{t=0} = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$A\Lambda f = f - Kf$$

Consider the “error operator”  $K$ ,

$$Kf = \text{first component of: } U_{\Omega,D}(-T)\Pi_{\Omega}U_{\mathbb{R}^n}(T)[f, 0],$$

where

- $U_{\mathbb{R}^n}(t)$  is the dynamics in the whole  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,
- $U_{\Omega,D}(t)$  is the dynamics in  $\Omega$  with Dirichlet BC,
- $\Pi_{\Omega} : \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\Omega)$  is the orthogonal projection.

That projection is given by  $\Pi_{\Omega}[f, g] = [f|_{\Omega} - \phi, g|_{\Omega}]$ , where  $\phi$  is the harmonic extension of  $f|_{\partial\Omega}$ .

Obviously,

$$\|Kf\|_{H_D} \leq \|f\|_{H_D}.$$

# Reconstruction (whole boundary)

## Theorem (Stefanov–U, IP 2009)

Let  $T > T_1/2$ . Then  $A\Lambda = I - K$ , where  $\|K\|_{\mathcal{L}(H_D(\Omega))} < 1$ . In particular,  $I - K$  is invertible on  $H_D(\Omega)$ , and the inverse thermoacoustic problem has an explicit solution of the form

$$f = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} K^m A h, \quad h := \Lambda f.$$

If  $T > T_1$ , then  $K$  is compact.

# Reconstruction (whole boundary)

We have the following estimate on  $\|K\|$ :

Theorem (Stefanov–U, IP 2009)

$$\|Kf\|_{H_D(\Omega)} \leq \left( \frac{E_\Omega(u, T)}{E_\Omega(u, 0)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_{H_D(\Omega)}, \quad \forall f \in H_D(\Omega), f \neq 0,$$

where  $u$  is the solution with Cauchy data  $(f, 0)$ .

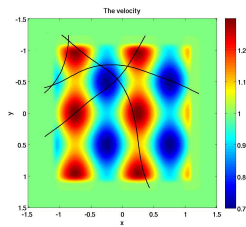
## Summary: Dependence on $T$

- (i)  $T < T_0 \implies$  **no uniqueness**  
 $\Lambda f$  does not recover uniquely  $f$ .  $\|K\| = 1$ .
- (ii)  $T_0 < T < T_1/2 \implies$  **uniqueness, no stability**  
We have uniqueness but not stability (there are invisible singularities). We do not know if the Neumann series converges.  $\|Kf\| < \|f\|$  but  $\|K\| = 1$ .
- (iii)  $T_1/2 < T < T_1 \implies$  **stability and explicit reconstruction**  
This assumes that  $c$  is non-trapping. The Neumann series converges exponentially but maybe not as fast as in the next case ( $K$  contraction but not compact). There is stability (we detect all singularities but some with  $1/2$  amplitude).  $\|K\| < 1$
- (iv)  $T_1 < T \implies$  **stability and explicit reconstruction**  
The Neumann series converges exponentially,  $K$  is contraction and compact (all singularities have left  $\bar{\Omega}$  by time  $t = T$ ). There is stability.  $\|K\| < 1$

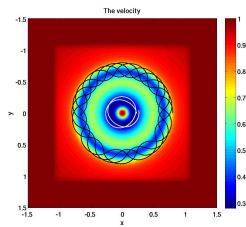
If  $c$  is trapping ( $T_1 = \infty$ ), then (iii) and (iv) cannot happen.

# Numerical Experiments (QIAN-STEFANOV-U-ZHAO, SIAM J. Imaging, 2011)

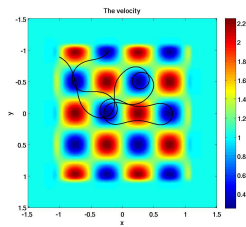
## Sound speed models



non-trapping speed  $c_1$



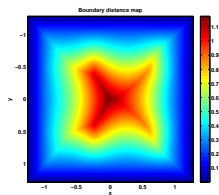
radial trapping speed  $c_2$



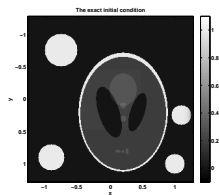
trapping speed  $c_3$

**Figure:** Sound speed models

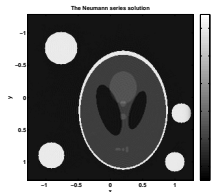
# Shepp-Logan phantom: non-trapping $c_1$ (1)



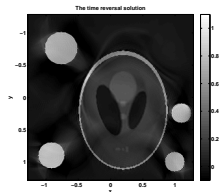
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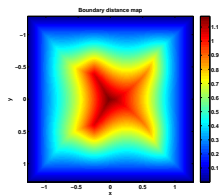


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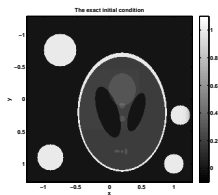
**Figure:** Example 1, non-trapping  $c_1$ ,  $T = 2T_0$ .



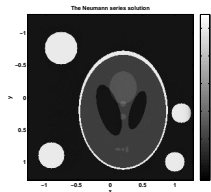
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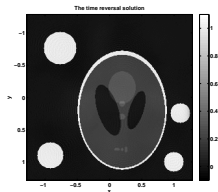
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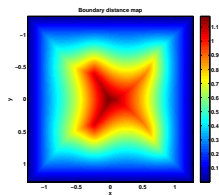
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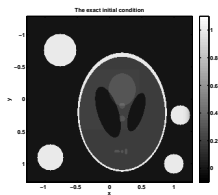
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**Figure:** Example 1, non-trapping  $c_1$ ,  $T = 4T_0$ .

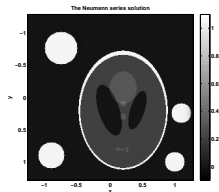
# Shepp-Logan phantom: non-trapping $c_1$ (3)



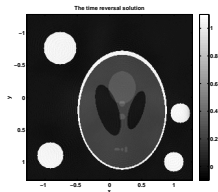
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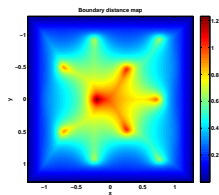
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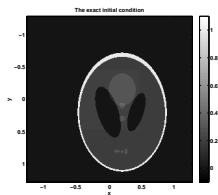
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**Figure:** Example 1, non-trapping  $c_1$ ,  $T = 4T_0$ , with 10% noise.

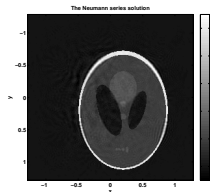
# Shepp-Logan phantom: trapping $c_3$ (4)



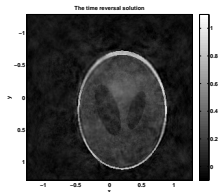
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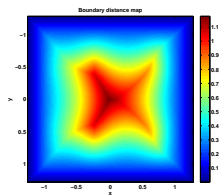
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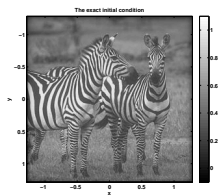
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**Figure:** Example 1, trapping  $c_3$ ,  $T = 4T_0$ .

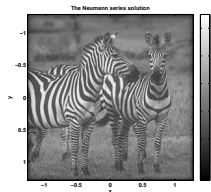
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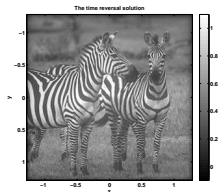
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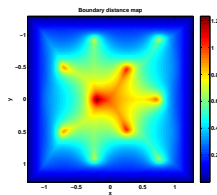
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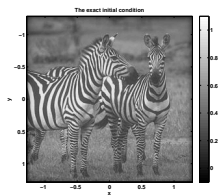
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**Figure:** Example 2, non-trapping  $c_1$ ,  $T = 4T_0$ .

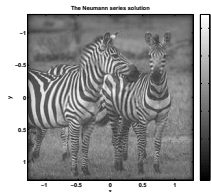
## Zebras: trapping $c_3$ (2)



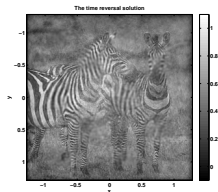
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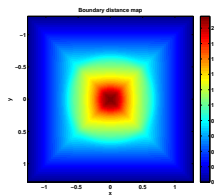
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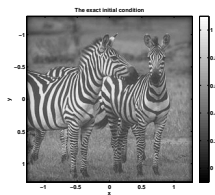
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**Figure:** Example 2, trapping  $c_3$ ,  $T = 4T_0$ .

# Zebras: radial trapping $c_2$ (3)



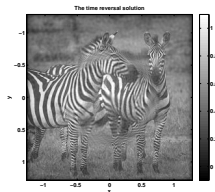
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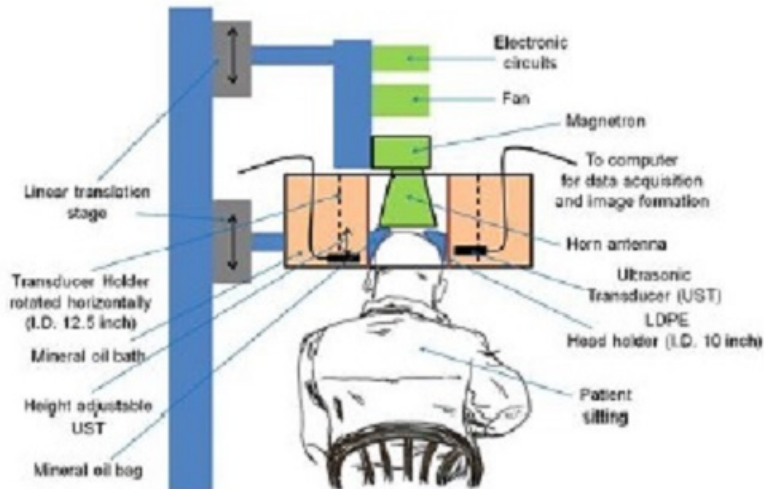
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**Figure:** Example 2, radial trapping  $c_2$ ,  $T = 4T_0$ .

# Transcranial PAT brain imaging



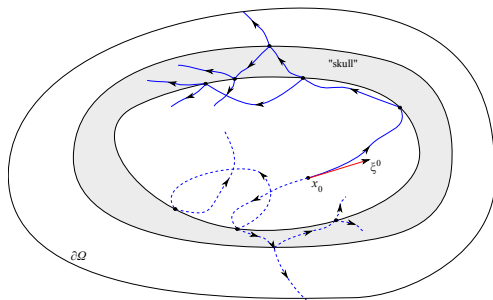
Mark Anastasio-Lihong Wang

Problem: effect of skull on PAT

# Discontinuous Speeds, Modeling Brain Imaging (Proposed by L. Wang)

Let  $c$  be piecewise smooth with a jump across a smooth closed surface  $\Gamma$ . The direct problem is a transmission problem, and there are **reflected** and **refracted** rays.

In **brain imaging**, the interface is the skull. The sound speed jumps by about a factor of 2 there. Experiments show that the ray that arrives first carries about 20% of the energy.



Propagation of singularities in the “skull” geometry



Propagation of singularities is the key again.

(Completely) trapped singularities are a problem, as before. Let  $\mathcal{K} \subset \Omega$  be a compact set such that all rays originating from it are never tangent to  $\Gamma$  and non-trapping. For  $f$  satisfying

$$\text{supp } f \subset \mathcal{K}$$

the Neumann series above still converges (uniformly to  $f$ ).

We need a small modification to keep the support in  $\mathcal{K}$  all the time. We use the projection

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{K}} : H_D(\Omega) \rightarrow H_D(\mathcal{K})$$

for that purpose.

# Reconstruction

## Theorem (Stefanov–U, IP 2011)

*Let all rays from  $\mathcal{K}$  have a path never tangent to  $\Gamma$  that reaches  $\partial\Omega$  at time  $|t| < T$ . Then*

$$\Pi_{\mathcal{K}} A \Lambda = I - K \text{ in } H_D(\mathcal{K}), \text{ with } \|K\|_{H_D(\mathcal{K})} < 1.$$

*In particular,  $I - K$  is invertible on  $H_D(\mathcal{K})$ , and  $\Lambda$  restricted to  $H_D(\mathcal{K})$  has an explicit left inverse of the form*

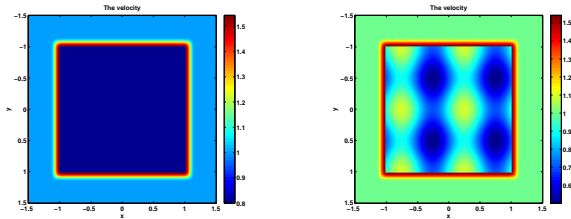
$$f = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} K^m \Pi_{\mathcal{K}} A h, \quad h = \Lambda f.$$

The assumption  $\text{supp } f \subset \mathcal{K}$  means that we need to know  $f$  outside  $\mathcal{K}$ ; then we can subtract the known part.

In the numerical experiments below, we do not restrict the support of  $f$ , and still get good reconstruction images but the invisible singularities remain invisible.

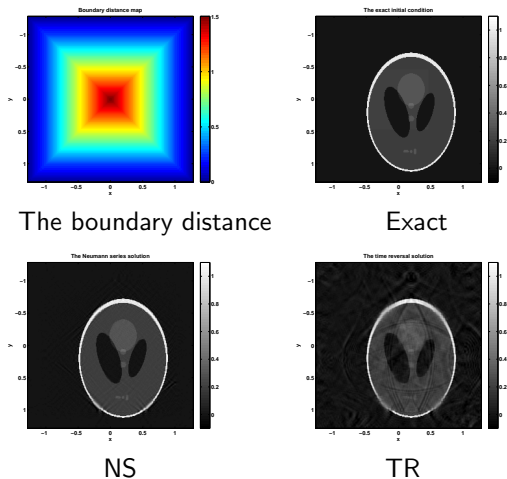
# Numerical experiments

## discontinuous sound speed models



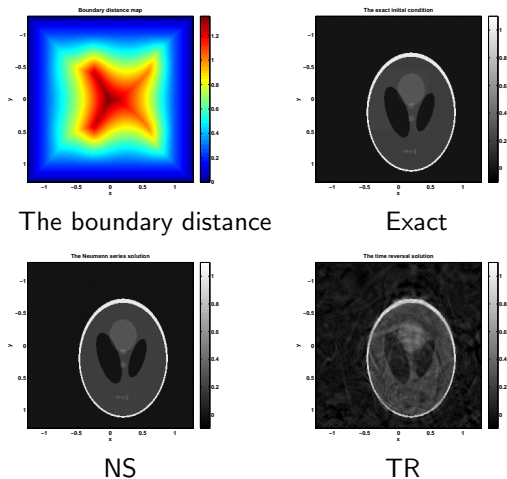
**Figure:** **Left:** a discontinuous piecewise sound speed  $c_4$ ; **Right:** a non-piecewise constant discontinuous sound speed  $c_5$ .

# Shepp-Logan phantom: discontinuous speed $c_4$ (1)



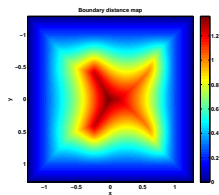
**Figure:** Example 3, discontinuous sound speed  $c_4$ ,  $T = 4T_0$ .

# Shepp-Logan phantom: discontinuous speed $c_5$ (2)

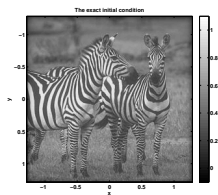


**Figure:** Example 3, discontinuous sound speed  $c_5$ ,  $T = 4T_0$ .

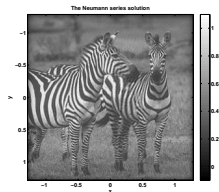
# Zebras: discontinuous speed $c_5$



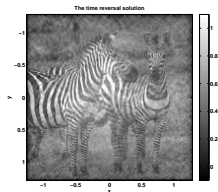
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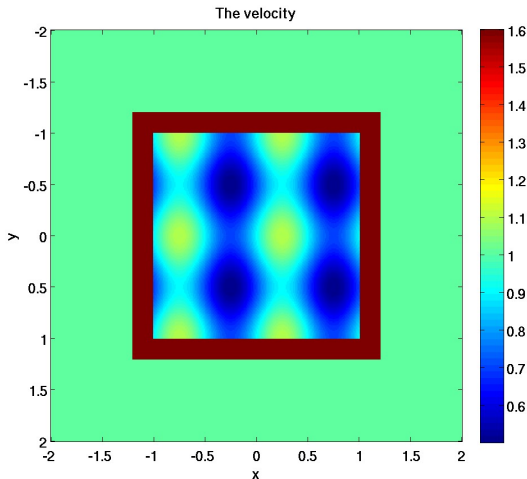
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**Figure:** Example 2, discontinuous sound speed  $c_5$ ,  $T = 4T_0$ .

# Brain imaging of square headed people



The speed jumps by a factor of 2 in average from the exterior of the "skull".  
The region  $\Omega$ , as before, is smaller:  $\Omega = [-1.28, 1.28]^2$ .

# A “skull” speed, Neumann series



original



$T = 2T_0$ , error = 15%



$T = 4T_0$ , error = 9.75%



$T = 8T_0$ , error = 7.55%

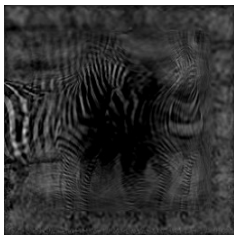
Neumann Series, 15 steps



# A “skull” speed, Time Reversal



original



$T = 2T_0$ , error = 68%



$T = 4T_0$ , error = 23.7%



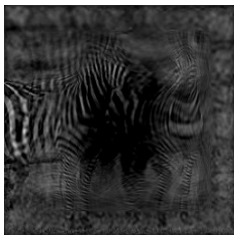
$T = 8T_0$ , error = 78.5%

Time Reversal. There is a lot of “white clipping” in the last image, many values in  $[1, 1.6]$

# A “skull” speed, Time Reversal



original



$T = 2T_0$ , error = 68%



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Time Reversal. The values in last image are compressed from  $[0, 1]$  to  $[-0.05, 1.6]$

# Original vs. Neumann Series vs. Time Reversal



original      NS, error = 7.55%      TR, error = 78.5%

$T = 8T_0$ . Original vs. Neumann Series vs. Time Reversal  
(the latter compressed from  $[0, 1]$  to  $[-0.05, 1.6]$ )

# Measurements on a part of the boundary

Assume that  $c = 1$  outside  $\Omega$ . Let  $\Gamma \subset \partial\Omega$  be a relatively open subset of  $\partial\Omega$ . Assume now that the observations are made on  $[0, T] \times \Gamma$  only, i.e., we assume we are given

$$\Lambda f|_{[0, T] \times \Gamma}.$$

We consider  $f$ 's with

$$\text{supp } f \subset \mathcal{K},$$

where  $\mathcal{K} \subset \Omega$  is a fixed compact.

# Uniqueness

**Heuristic arguments for uniqueness:** To recover  $f$  from  $\Lambda f$  on  $[0, T] \times \Gamma$ , we must at least be able to get a signal from any point, i.e., we want for any  $x \in \mathcal{K}$ , at least one “signal” from  $x$  to reach some  $\Gamma$  for  $t < T$ . Set

$$T_0(\mathcal{K}) = \max_{x \in \mathcal{K}} \text{dist}(x, \Gamma).$$

The uniqueness condition then should be

$$T \geq T_0(\mathcal{K}). \quad (*)$$

## Theorem (Stefanov–U, IP 2011)

*Let  $c = 1$  outside  $\Omega$ , and let  $\partial\Omega$  be strictly convex. Then if  $T \geq T_0(\mathcal{K})$ , if  $\Lambda f = 0$  on  $[0, T] \times \Gamma$  and  $\text{supp } f \subset \mathcal{K}$ , then  $f = 0$ .*

Proof based on Tataru’s uniqueness continuation results. Generalizes a similar result for constant speed by Finch, Patch and Rakesh.

As before, without (\*), one can recover  $f$  on the reachable part of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Of course, one cannot recover anything outside it, by finite speed of propagation. Therefore,

(\*) is an “if and only if” condition for uniqueness with partial data.

# Stability

**Heuristic arguments for stability:** To be able to recover  $f$  from  $\Lambda f$  on  $[0, T] \times \Gamma$  in a *stable way*, we need to recover all singularities. In other words, we should require that

$\forall (x, \xi) \in \mathcal{K} \times S^{n-1}$ , the ray (geodesic) through it reaches  $\Gamma$  at time  $|t| < T$ .

We show next that this is an “if and only if” condition (up to replacing an open set by a closed one) for stability. Actually, we show a bit more.

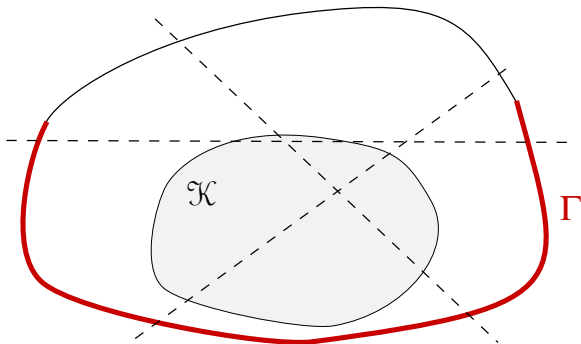
## Proposition (Stefanov–U)

*If the stability condition is not satisfied on  $[0, T] \times \bar{\Gamma}$ , then there is no stability, in any Sobolev norms.*

## A reformulation of the stability condition

- Every geodesic through  $\mathcal{K}$  intersects  $\Gamma$ .
- $\forall (x, \xi) \in \mathcal{K} \times S^{n-1}$ , the travel time along the geodesic through it satisfies  $|t| < T$ .

Let us call the least such time  $T_1/2$ , then  $T > T_1/2$  as before.  
In contrast, any small open  $\Gamma$  suffices for uniqueness.



Let  $A$  be the “modified time reversal” operator as before. Actually,  $\phi$  will be 0 because of  $\chi$  below. Let  $\chi \in C_0^\infty([0, T] \times \partial\Omega)$  be a cutoff (supported where we have data).

## Theorem

$A\chi\Lambda$  is a zero order classical  $\Psi DO$  in some neighborhood of  $\mathcal{K}$  with principal symbol

$$\frac{1}{2}\chi(\gamma_{x,\xi}(\tau_+(x,\xi))) + \frac{1}{2}\chi(\gamma_{x,\xi}(\tau_-(x,\xi))).$$

If  $[0, T] \times \Gamma$  satisfies the stability condition, and  $|\chi| > 1/C > 0$  there, then

- (a)  $A\chi\Lambda$  is elliptic,
- (b)  $A\chi\Lambda$  is a Fredholm operator on  $H_D(\mathcal{K})$ ,
- (c) there exists a constant  $C > 0$  so that

$$\|f\|_{H_D(\mathcal{K})} \leq C \|\Lambda f\|_{H^1([0, T] \times \Gamma)}.$$

(b) follows by building a parametrix, and (c) follows from (b) and from the uniqueness result.

In particular, we get that for a fixed  $T > T_1$ , the classical Time Reversal is a parametrix (of infinite order, actually).



# Reconstruction

One can constructively write the problem in the form

Reducing the problem to a Fredholm one

$$(I - K)f = BA\chi\Lambda f \quad \text{with the r.h.s. given,}$$

i.e.,  $B$  is an explicit operator (a parametrix), where  $K$  is compact with 1 not an eigenvalue.

Constructing a parametrix without the  $\Psi$ DO calculus.

Assume that the stability condition is satisfied in the interior of  $\text{supp } \chi$ . Then

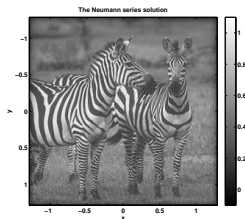
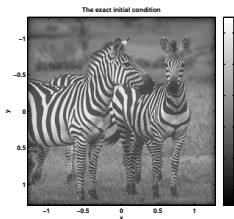
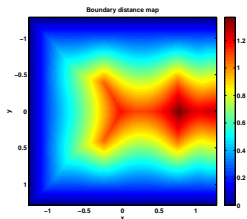
$$A\chi\Lambda f = (I - K)f,$$

where  $I - K$  is an elliptic  $\Psi$ DO with  $0 \leq \sigma_p(K) < 1$ . Apply the formal Neumann series of  $I - K$  (in Borel sense) to the l.h.s. to get

$$f = (I + K + K^2 + \dots)A\chi\Lambda f \quad \text{mod } C^\infty.$$

# Numerical Experiments: partial data

Zebras: non-trapping speed  $c_1$ , one-side missing



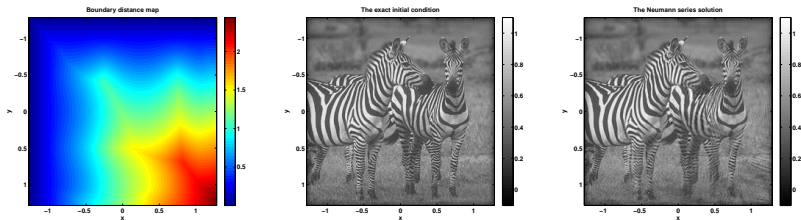
The boundary distance map

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**Figure:** non-trapping sound speed  $c_1$ , one-side missing,  $T = 4.7$ .

# Zebras: non-trapping speed $c_1$ , two-side missing



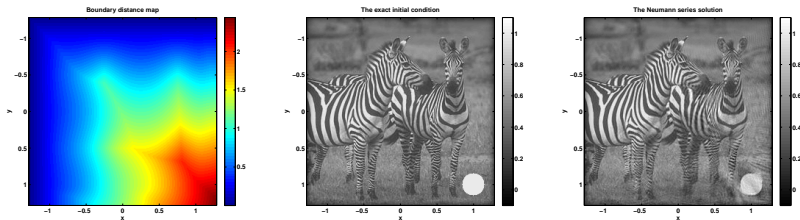
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**Figure:** non-trapping sound speed  $c_1$ , two-side missing,  $T = 4.7$ .

# Modified zebras: non-trapping speed $c_1$ , two-side missing



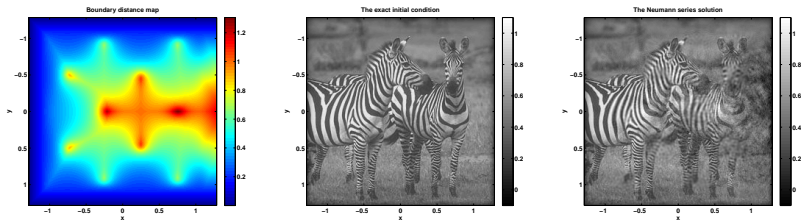
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**Figure:** non-trapping sound speed  $c_1$ , two-side missing,  $T = 4.7$ .

# Zebras: trapping speed $c_3$ , one-side missing



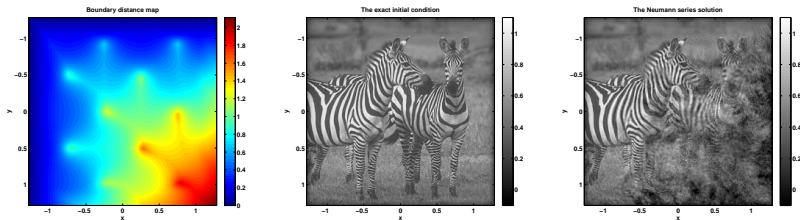
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**Figure:** trapping sound speed  $c_3$ , one-side missing,  $T = 4.92$ .

# Zebras: trapping speed $c_3$ , two-side missing



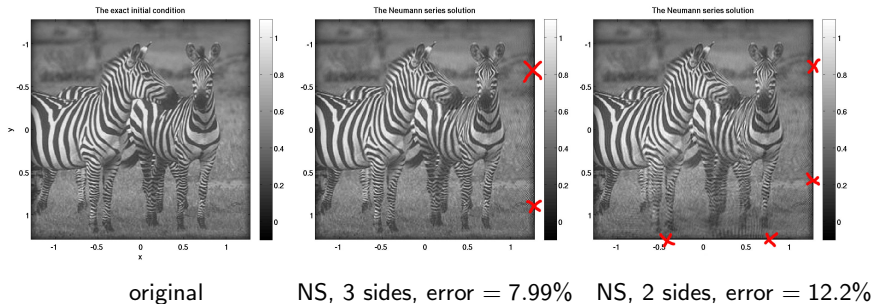
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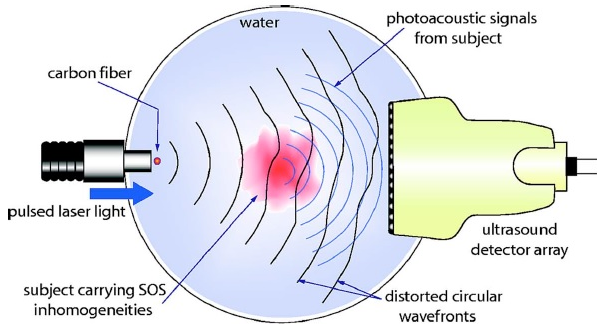
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**Figure:** trapping sound speed  $c_3$ , two-side missing,  $T = 4.92$ .

# Examples: Non-trapping speed, 1 and 2 sides missing



# Determining the sound speed (Manohar et al, Appl. Phys. Lett. 2007)



A schematic of the method to measure speed-of-sound cross-sectional images in a photo-acoustic imager. Ultrasound transients are generated in the absorbing carbon fiber placed in the path of light illuminating the sample. The time-of-arrival of the ultrasound transient is measured at each element of the ultrasound detector array. The photo-acoustic signals from the object can be measured as well.



## 2<sup>nd</sup>-Step: Quantitative Photo-Acoustic Tomography (QPAT)

In the **diffusive regime**, **optical radiation** is modeled by:

$$-\nabla \cdot \gamma(x) \nabla u + \sigma(x) u = 0 \text{ in } X \quad u = g \text{ on } \partial X \quad \text{Illumination,}$$

$$H(x) = \Gamma(x) \sigma(x) u(x) \text{ in } X \quad \text{Internal Functional.}$$

The **objectives** of *quantitative PAT* are to understand:

- What we can reconstruct of  $(\gamma(x), \sigma(x), \Gamma(x))$  from knowledge of  $H_j(x)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq J$  obtained for **illuminations**  $g = g_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq J$ .
- How **stable** the reconstructions are.
- How to choose  $J$  and the **illuminations**  $g_j$ .

## 2<sup>nd</sup>-Step: Quantitative Photo-Acoustic Tomography (QPAT)

In **Thermo-Acoustic Tomography**, **low-frequency** radiation is used.

Using a (scalar) **Helmholtz model** for radiation, **quantitative TAT** is

$$\Delta u + n(x)k^2 u + ik\sigma(x)u = 0 \text{ in } X, \quad u = g \text{ on } \partial X \quad \text{Illumination,}$$

$$H(x) = \sigma(x)|u|^2(x) \text{ in } X \quad \text{Internal Functional.}$$

QTAT consists of uniquely and stably reconstructing  $\sigma(x)$  from knowledge of  $H(x)$  for appropriate illuminations  $g$ .

# QPAT with two/more measurements

$$-\nabla \cdot \gamma(x) \nabla u + \sigma(x) u = 0 \text{ in } X, \quad u = g \text{ on } \partial X, \quad H(x) = \Gamma(x) \sigma(x) u(x).$$

Let  $(g_1, g_2)$  providing  $(H_1, H_2)$ . Define  $\beta = H_1^2 \nabla \frac{H_2}{H_1}$ . **IF:**  $|\beta| \geq c_0 > 0$ , then

## Theorem (Bal-U, IP 2010)

(i)  $(H_1, H_2)$  uniquely determine the whole measurement operator  $g \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial X) \mapsto \mathcal{H}(g) = H \in H^1(X)$ .

(ii) The measurement operator  $\mathcal{H}$  uniquely determines

$$\chi(x) := \frac{\sqrt{\gamma}}{\Gamma \sigma}(x), \quad q(x) := -\left(\frac{\Delta \sqrt{\gamma}}{\sqrt{\gamma}} + \frac{\sigma}{\gamma}\right)(x).$$

(iii)  $(\chi, q)$  uniquely determine  $(H_1, H_2)$ .

**Two well-chosen measurements suffice to reconstruct  $(\chi, q)$ . Three or more measurements give no new information.** (Bal-Ren, 2011)

# Quantitative PAT

The proof of (i) & (ii) is based on the *elimination* of  $\sigma$  to get

$$-\nabla \cdot \chi^2 \left[ H_1^2 \nabla \frac{H}{H_1} \right] = 0 \text{ in } X \quad (\chi, H) \text{ known on } \partial X.$$

Then we verify that  $q := -\left( \frac{\Delta \sqrt{\gamma}}{\sqrt{\gamma}} + \frac{\sigma}{\gamma} \right)(x) = -\frac{\Delta(\chi H_1)}{\chi H_1}.$

(iii) Finally, define  $(\Delta + q)v_j = 0$  to get  $H_j = \frac{v_j}{\chi}.$

The **IF** implies that **vector field**  $H_1^2 \nabla \frac{u_2}{u_1} \neq 0$ . This is a **qualitative** statement on the absence of **critical points** of elliptic solutions.

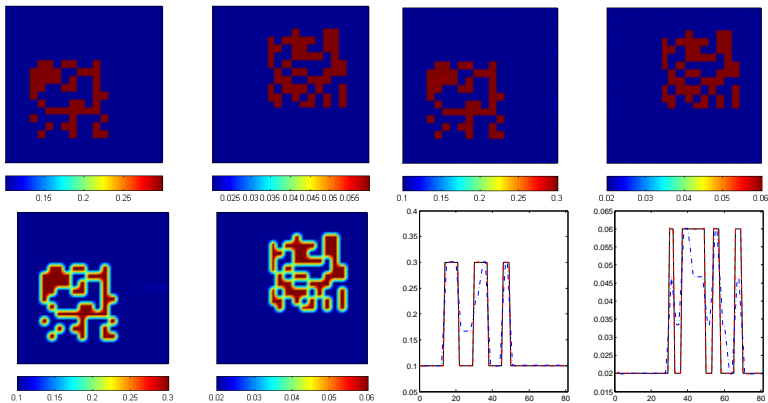
# Stability of the reconstruction

Assuming **IF** satisfied, then the reconstruction of (e.g.)  $\chi$  is **stable**.

**CGO** method. Analyzing the transport equation by the method of characteristics and using CGO solutions, we show that for appropriate illuminations (and for  $k \geq 3$ ):

$$\|\chi - \tilde{\chi}\|_{C^{k-1}(X)} \leq C \|H - \tilde{H}\|_{(C^k(X))^2}.$$

# Reconstruction of two discontinuous parameters



# Stability result for QTAT

$$\Delta u + k^2 u + i\sigma(x)u = 0 \text{ in } X, \quad u = g \text{ on } \partial X, \quad H(x) = \sigma(x)|u|^2.$$

## Theorem (Bal, Ren, U, Zhou'11)

Let  $\sigma$  and  $\tilde{\sigma}$  be uniformly bounded functions in  $Y = H^p(X)$  for  $p > n$  with  $X$  the bounded support of the unknown conductivity.

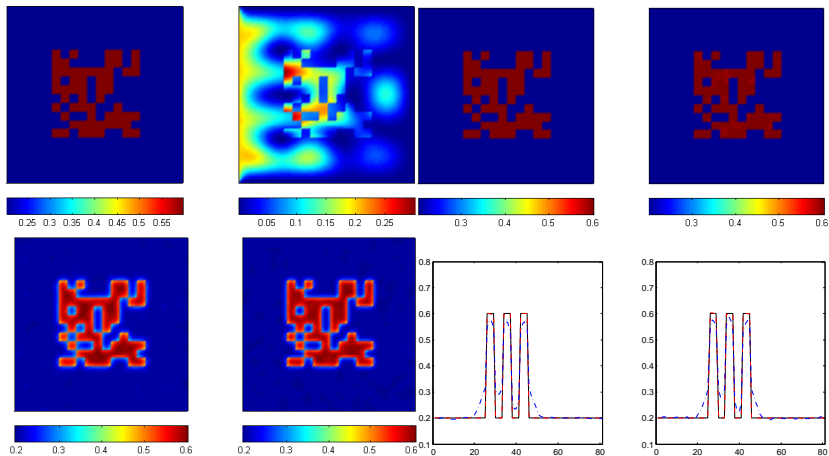
Then there is an **open set of illuminations**  $g$  such that

$$H(x) = \tilde{H}(x) \text{ in } Y \quad \text{implies that} \quad \sigma(x) = \tilde{\sigma}(x) \text{ in } Y.$$

Moreover, there exists  $C$  such that  $\|\sigma - \tilde{\sigma}\|_Y \leq C \|H - \tilde{H}\|_Y$ .

The **inverse scattering problem with internal data** is **well posed**. We apply a **Banach fixed point IF** appropriate functional is a **contraction**.

# Discontinuous conductivity in TAT





# Vector fields and complex geometrical optics

- Take  $\rho \in \mathbb{C}^n$  with  $\rho \cdot \rho = 0$ . Then  $\Delta e^{\rho \cdot x} = 0$ . For  $u_j = e^{\rho_j \cdot x}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ :

$$\Im \left( e^{-(\rho_1 + \rho_2) \cdot x} u_1^2 \nabla \frac{u_2}{u_1} \right) = \Im(\rho_2 - \rho_1),$$

is a **constant** vector field  $2k$  for  $\rho_1 = k + ik^\perp$  and  $\rho_2 = \bar{\rho}_1$ .

- Let  $u_\rho(x) = e^{\rho \cdot x} (1 + \psi_\rho(x))$  be a solution of  $\Delta u_\rho + q u_\rho = 0$ .

## Theorem (Bal-U'10)

. For  $q$  sufficiently smooth and  $k \geq 0$ , we have

$$|\rho| \|\psi_\rho\|_{H^{\frac{n}{2}+k+\varepsilon}_2(X)} + \|\psi_\rho\|_{H^{\frac{n}{2}+k+1+\varepsilon}_2(X)} \leq C \|q\|_{H^{\frac{n}{2}+k+\varepsilon}_2(X)}.$$

- For **illuminations**  $g$  on  $\partial X$  close to **traces of CGO solutions** constructed in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , we obtain “nice” vector fields  $|\beta| \geq c_0 > 0$  and thus an **open set** of **illuminations**  $g$  for which **stable reconstructions are guaranteed**.

# The IFs and the CGOs

Several HIPs require to verify **qualitative** properties of elliptic solutions:

- the absence of **critical points** in QPAT
- the **contraction** of appropriate functionals in QTAT

The existence of open sets of **illuminations**  $g_j$  such that these properties hold is obtained by means of **CGO** solutions.

# Reconstructions from multiple solution measurements

Consider a *general scalar elliptic* equation

$$\nabla \cdot a \nabla u + b \cdot \nabla u + cu = 0 \quad \text{in } X, \quad u = f \quad \text{on } \partial X$$

with  $a, b, c, \nabla \cdot a$  of class  $C^{0,\alpha}(\bar{X})$  for  $\alpha > 0$ , **complex-valued**, and  $\alpha_0 |\xi|^2 \leq \xi \cdot (\Re a) \xi \leq \alpha_0^{-1} |\xi|^2$ . For  $\tau > 0$  a function on  $X$ , define

$$a_\tau = \tau a, \quad b_\tau = \tau b - a \nabla \tau, \quad c_\tau = \tau c$$

and the equivalence class  $\mathbf{c} := (a, b, c) \sim (a_\tau, b_\tau, c_\tau)$ .

Let  $I \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $f_i \in H^{\frac{1}{2}}(\partial X)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq I$  be  $I$  **boundary conditions**. Define  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_I)$ . The **measurement operator**  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{f}}$  is

$$\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{f}} : \mathbf{c} \mapsto \mathfrak{M}_{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{c}) = (u_1, \dots, u_I),$$

with  $u_j$  **solution** of the above elliptic problem with  $f = f_j$ .

# Unique reconstruction up to gauge transformation

$$\nabla \cdot a \nabla u_j + b \cdot \nabla u_j + c u_j = 0 \quad \text{in } X, \quad u_j = f_j \quad \text{on } \partial X, \quad 1 \leq j \leq I.$$

## Theorem (Bal-U 2012)

. Let  $\mathfrak{c}$  and  $\tilde{\mathfrak{c}}$  be two classes of coefficients with  $(a, b, c)$  and  $\nabla \cdot a$  of class  $C^{m,\alpha}(\bar{X})$  for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $m = 0$  or  $m = 1$ . We assume that the above elliptic equation is well posed for  $\mathfrak{c} = (a, b, c)$ .

Then for  $I$  sufficiently large and for an open set of boundary conditions  $\mathfrak{f} = (f_j)_{1 \leq j \leq I}$ , then  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\mathfrak{c})$  **uniquely determines**  $\mathfrak{c}$ . Moreover, we have the following **stability estimate**

$$\begin{aligned} \|(a, b + \nabla \cdot a, c) - (\tilde{a}, \tilde{b} + \nabla \cdot \tilde{a}, \tilde{c})\|_{W^{m,\infty}(X)} &\leq C \|\mathfrak{M}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\mathfrak{c}) - \mathfrak{M}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\tilde{\mathfrak{c}})\|_{W^{m+2,\infty}(X)}, \\ \|b - \tilde{b}\|_{L^\infty(X)} &\leq C \|\mathfrak{M}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\mathfrak{c}) - \mathfrak{M}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\tilde{\mathfrak{c}})\|_{W^{3,\infty}(X)}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $m = 0, 1$  and for an appropriate  $(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}, \tilde{c})$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{c}}$ .

In several settings (typically when CGO solutions are available), we can choose  $I = I_n = \frac{1}{2}n(n+3)$  with  $n$  spatial dimension and with  $I_n$  the dimension of  $\mathfrak{c}$ .

# Unique reconstruction of the gauge

In some situations (such as the practical settings of QPAT and TE/MRE), the gauge in  $\mathfrak{c}$  can be uniquely and stably determined:

## Corollary (Bal-U 2012)

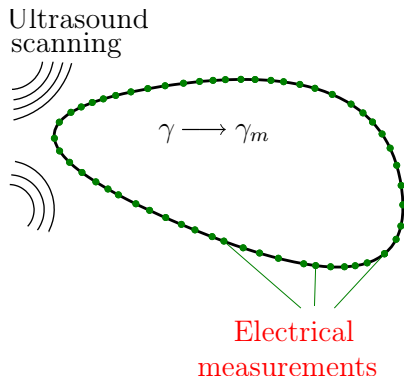
*Under the hypotheses of the preceding theorem, and in the setting where  $b = 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\mathfrak{c})$  **uniquely determines**  $(\gamma, 0, c)$ . Let us define  $\gamma = \tau M^0$  where  $M^0$  has determinant 1. Then we have the following **stability result**:*

$$\|\tau - \tilde{\tau}\|_{W^{1,\infty}(X)} + \|(M^0, c) - (\tilde{M}^0, \tilde{c})\|_{L^\infty(X)} \leq C \|\mathfrak{M}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\mathfrak{c}) - \mathfrak{M}_{\mathfrak{f}}(\tilde{\mathfrak{c}})\|_{W^{2,\infty}(X)}.$$

From the practical point of view, the reconstruction of the determinant of  $\gamma$  is **more stable** than the reconstruction of the **anisotropy** of the (possibly complex valued) tensor  $\gamma$ . This has been observed numerically in a different setting.

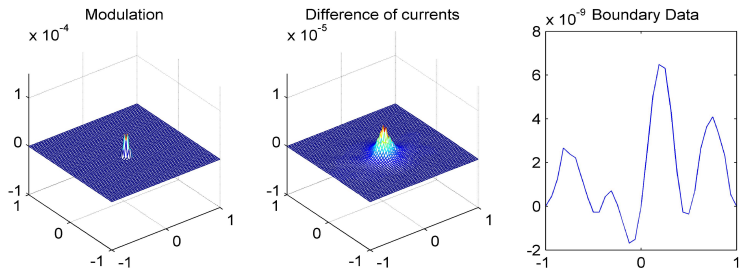
# Acousto-Electric Tomography (AET, also called UM-EIT)

- Scanning with ultrasound
- Ultrasound waves change conductivity
- This change is small but can be detected by electrical measurements on the boundary [Zhang,Wang 2004]
- This additional information solves ill-posedness of diffusion equation.



[Ammari, Bonnetier, Capdeboscq, Tanter and Fink 2008], [Kuchment, Kunyansky 2010, 2011], [Capdeboscq, Fehrenbach, de Gournay and Kavian 2009], [Bal 2011], [Bal, Bonnetier, Monard and Triki 2011], [Bal, Monard 2012], [Kocyigit, 2012], ...

# Inverse Problem of AET



Conductivity after the ultrasound modulation  $m \in C^\infty(\Omega)$  is modeled by

$$\gamma_m(x) = (1 + m(x))\gamma(x)$$

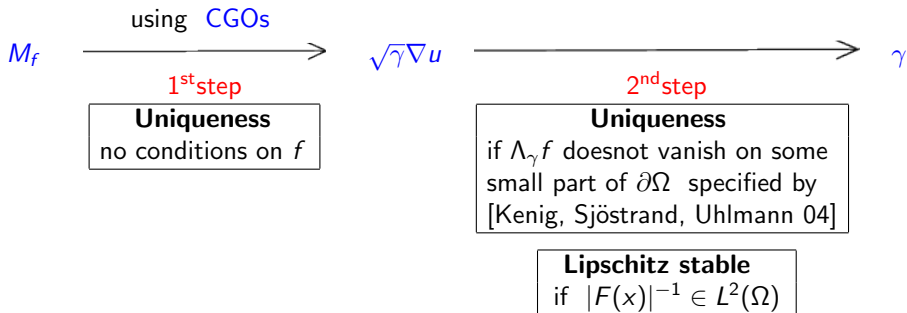
For any fixed potential  $f \in H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$  boundary measurements are

$$M_f(m) := (\Lambda_{\gamma_m} - \Lambda_\gamma)f.$$

Recover  $\gamma$  from the knowledge of  $M_f$ .

# AET : Uniqueness

(Kocyigit, 2012) Uniqueness for one fixed boundary potential  $f \in H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$ .



## Use of CGO solutions

$$\langle M_f(m), g \rangle = \int_{\Omega} \gamma (\nabla u_m - \nabla u) \cdot \nabla G \, dx + \int_{\Omega} m \gamma \nabla u_m \cdot \nabla G \, dx$$

where  $G$  is a CGO solution. Set modulation to :

$$m(x) = e^{(-\rho - ik) \cdot x} \quad (\text{complex modulation is defined by a "linearization"})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Recover } \int_{\Omega} e^{-ik \cdot x} \mu \nabla u \cdot \hat{\rho} \, dx + O\left(\frac{1}{|\rho|}\right)$$



# AET : Inversion

(Kocyigit, 2012) Stable Inversion (one fixed boundary potential  $f$ )

**1<sup>st</sup> step:** Recovery of the current density  $J$  by an iterative algorithm

$$M_f \xrightarrow{\text{1<sup>st</sup> step}} J = \gamma \nabla u \xrightarrow{\text{2<sup>nd</sup> step (same as above)}} \gamma$$

Suppose ultrasound modulation  $m_z$  is focused about  $z \in \Omega$  in  $B_\varepsilon(z)$

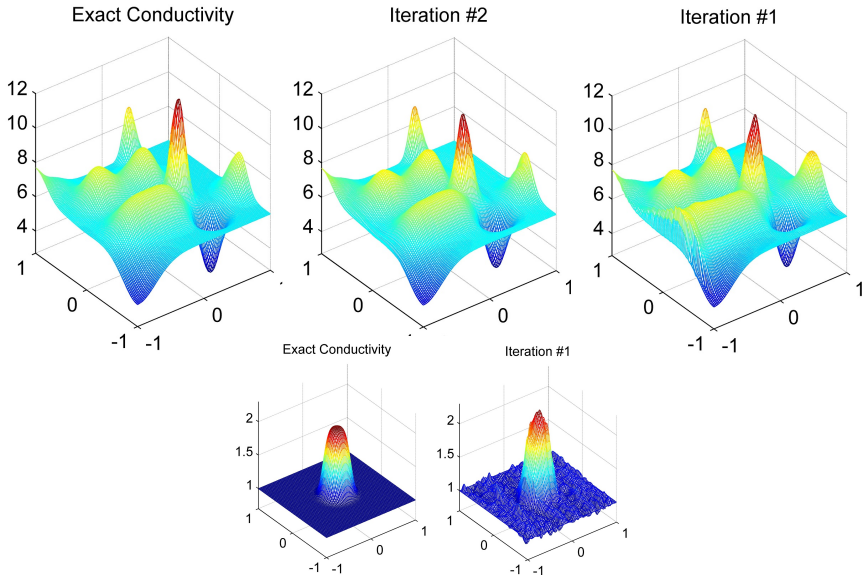
$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon^{-1} \langle M_f(m_z), x_i \rangle e_i \right)_{\text{Known}} = I + R[\gamma] + O(\varepsilon)$$

where  $R$  is the matrix valued operator  $(R[\gamma])_{j,i} := \langle \Lambda_\gamma(r_i|_{\partial\Omega}), x_j \rangle$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta w_i &= -(\nabla m_z)_i, & w_i|_{\partial\Omega} &= 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \\ \nabla \cdot (\gamma \nabla r_i) &= \nabla \cdot (w_i \gamma^{-1} \nabla \gamma), & \partial_\nu r_i &= 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

- Algorithm converges when  $\gamma^{-1} \nabla \gamma$  is small in  $L^2(\Omega)$
- Complexity  $O(N)$ ,  $N$  is the mesh size (i.e. locations of ultrasound focus)

# AET : Numerical Simulations



The noise level of %20 is introduced to the measurement data.

# Electro-seismic effect

When a porous rock is saturated with an electrolyte, electrical field and seismic waves are coupled through the phenomenon of electro-kinetics. The governing macroscopic models of the electro-seismic effect were derived by Pride(1994),

$$\nabla \times E = i\omega\mu H,$$

$$\nabla \times H = (\sigma - i\epsilon\omega)E + L(-\nabla p + \omega^2 \rho_f u) + j_s,$$

*Maxwell equations*

$$-\omega^2(\rho u + \rho_f w) = \nabla \cdot \tau,$$

$$-i\omega w = LE + \frac{\kappa}{\eta}(-\nabla p + \omega^s \rho_f u),$$

$$\tau = (\lambda \nabla \cdot u + c \nabla \cdot w)I + G(\nabla u + \nabla u^T),$$

$$-p = c \nabla \cdot u + M \nabla \cdot w,$$

*Biot's equations*

# Inverse problem of electro-seismic effect

The inverse problem of the electro-seismic effect consists of two steps.

- The first step is to invert Biot's system and recover the internal coupling term  $d := LE$  from boundary measurements. We assume this step is done and mainly focus on the second step.
- By assuming the coupling effect is weak, multiple coupling can be neglected and the coupling system is linearized. The second step of the inverse problem is to invert Maxwell equations

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times E &= i\omega\mu H, \\ \nabla \times H &= (\sigma - i\epsilon\omega)E + j_s\end{aligned}$$

and recover the medium conductivity  $\sigma$  and the coupling coefficient  $L$  from the boundary measurements and the internal coupling data  $d = LE$  from the first step.

# Uniqueness result

## Theorem (J. Chen and Y. Yang, 2012)

Let  $\Omega$  be an open, bounded, connected domain in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with  $C^k$  boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . Assume that  $(L, \sigma)$  and  $(\tilde{L}, \tilde{\sigma})$  are two elements in  $C^{k+1}(\bar{\Omega}) \times H^{\frac{3}{2}+3+d+\epsilon}(\Omega)$  with  $L|_{\partial\Omega} = \tilde{L}|_{\partial\Omega}$ . Let  $D = (d_j)$  and  $\tilde{D} = (\tilde{d}_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 4$ , be the internal data for coefficients  $(L, \sigma)$  and  $(\tilde{L}, \tilde{\sigma})$ , respectively, and with boundary conditions  $G = (g_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 4$ .

Then there is a set of illuminations  $G \in (C^{k+4}(\partial\Omega))^2$ , such that if  $D = \tilde{D}$ , then

$(L, \sigma) = (\tilde{L}, \tilde{\sigma})$  in  $\Omega$ .

# Sketch of the proof

Colton & Päiväranta (1992) constructed CGO solutions to Maxwell equation

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times E - k^2 n E = 0$$

of the form

$$E(x) = e^{i\zeta \cdot x} (\eta + R_\zeta(x)).$$

Let  $E_1, E_2$  be two solutions to the Maxwell equation. We have that

$$E_2 \cdot \nabla \times \nabla \times E_1 - E_1 \cdot \nabla \times \nabla \times E_2 = 0.$$

By substituting  $E_j = d_j/L$ , we have a transport equation

$$\beta \cdot \nabla L + \gamma L = 0.$$

When the boundary illuminations are chosen to be close to the boundary values of CGO solutions, we can prove that, for a constant  $\zeta_0$ ,

$$\|\beta - 4L^2\zeta_0\|_{C^k(\Omega)} = O(1/|\zeta|),$$

Thus the transport equation admits a unique solution.

# Stability result

To consider the stability of the reconstruction, additional geometric information of  $\partial\Omega$  is needed.

## Hypothesis

let  $\Omega$  be an open, bounded, connected domain in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . There exists  $R < \infty$  such that for each  $y \in \partial\Omega$ , we have  $\Omega \subseteq B_y(R)$ , where  $B_y(R)$  is a ball of radius  $R$  that is tangent to  $\partial\Omega$  at  $y$ .

## Theorem (J. Chen and Y. Yang, 2012)

let  $k \geq 3$ . Let  $\Omega$  satisfies the above hypothesis. Assume that  $(L, \sigma)$  and  $(\tilde{L}, \tilde{\sigma})$  are two elements in  $C^{k+1}(\bar{\Omega}) \times H^{\frac{3}{2}+3+k+\epsilon}(\Omega)$  with  $L|_{\partial\Omega} = \tilde{L}|_{\partial\Omega}$ . Let  $D = (d_j)$  and  $\tilde{D} = (\tilde{d}_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 4$ , be the internal data for coefficients  $(L, \sigma)$  and  $(\tilde{L}, \tilde{\sigma})$ , respectively, and with boundary conditions  $G = (g_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 4$ . Then there is a set of illuminations  $G \in (C^{k+4}(\partial\Omega))^4$ , such that

$$\|L - \tilde{L}\|_{C^{k-1}(\Omega)} + \|\sigma - \tilde{\sigma}\|_{C^{k-2}(\Omega)} \leq C\|D - \tilde{D}\|_{C^{k+1}(\Omega)^4}.$$