



# Proximal structured sparsity regularization for online reconstruction in high-resolution accelerated MRI

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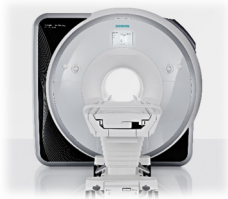
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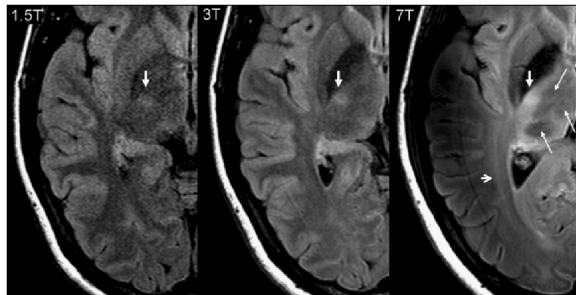
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- 2017: 7 Tesla MR systems FDA-cleared & CE-marked for clinical practice

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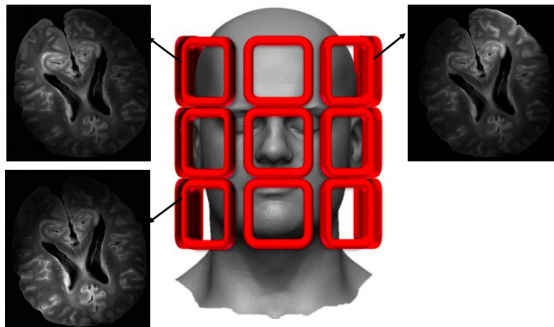


Illustration of multi-receiver coil (phased array).

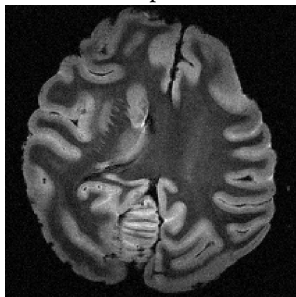
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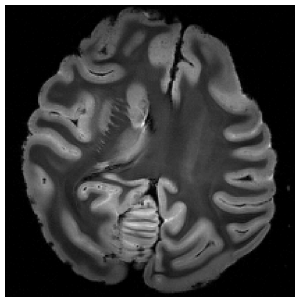
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Single channel acquisition.



Multi-channel acquisition.

Courtesy Carole Lazarus

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Proximal structured sparsity for online MRI reconstruction

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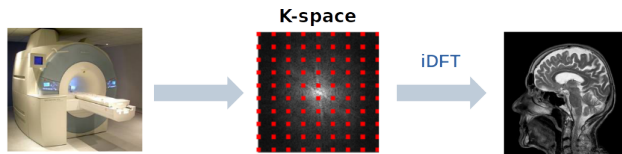
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How can we speed-up the acquisition?

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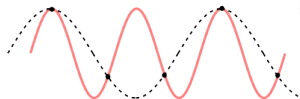


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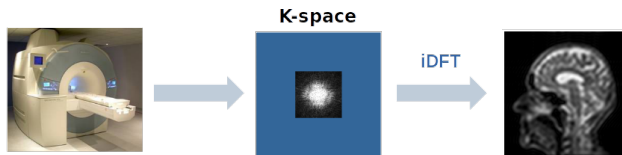


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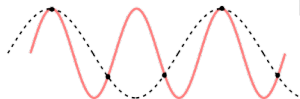


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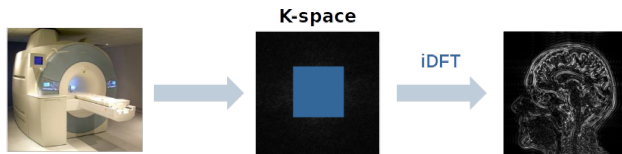


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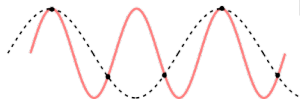


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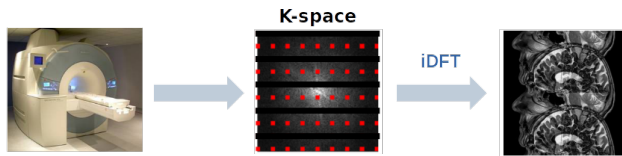
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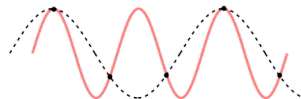


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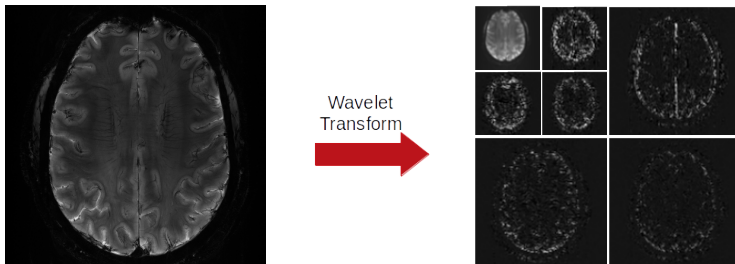


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Compressed sensing<sup>4,5</sup> (CS) relies on three main assumptions:

1. Sparsity: Image to be reconstructed is represented by only a few non-zero coefficients in an transformed domain.



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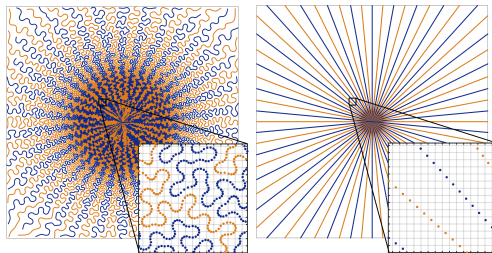
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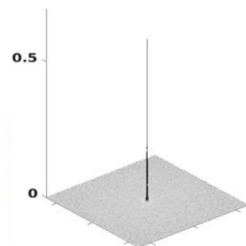
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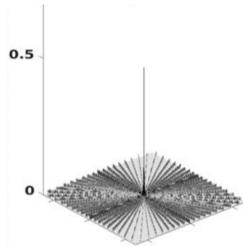
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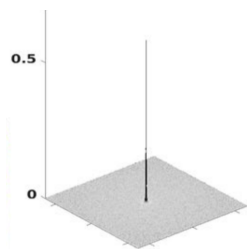
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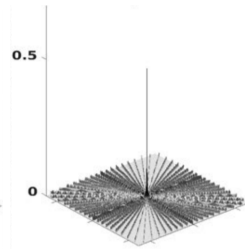
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Non-linear reconstruction: when sparsity meets incoherence

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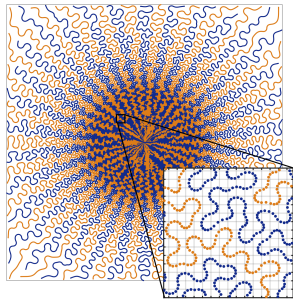


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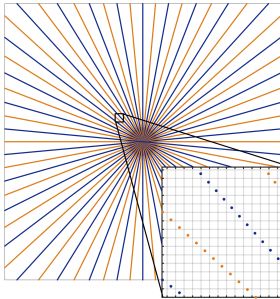
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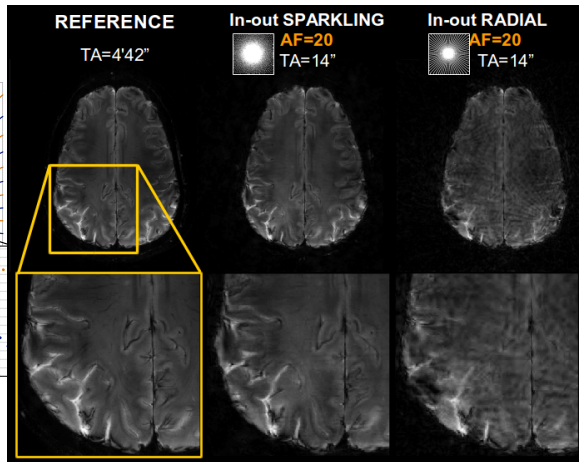
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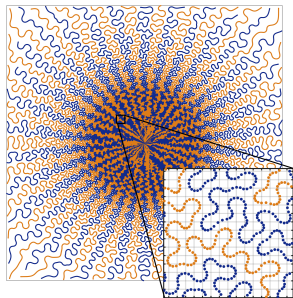
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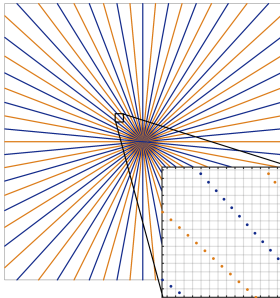
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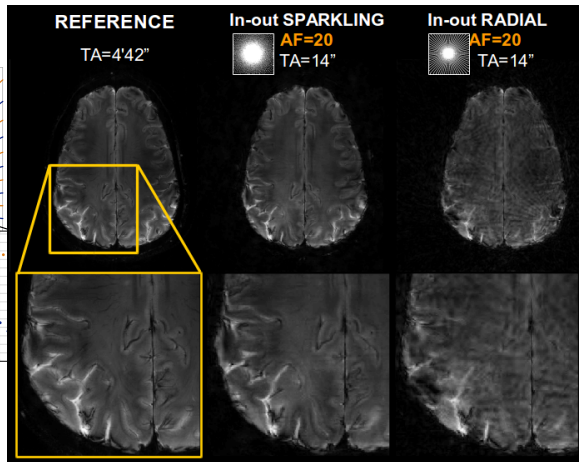


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■ Reconstruction takes 15 min for a 2D slice!



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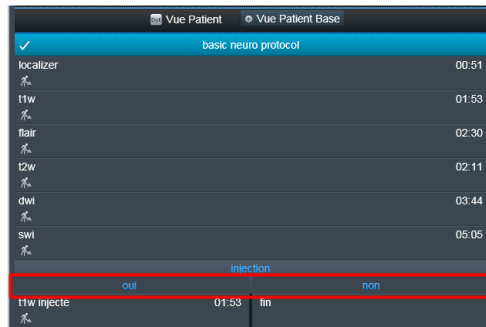


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✓	basic neuro protocol	
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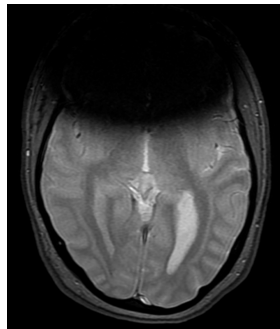


Figure: Orthodontic braces causing loss of signal in GRE/ $T_2^*$ -w images<sup>11</sup>

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Provide a **fast** and **reliable**  
feedback to take a decision on the protocol.

# Toward fast high-resolution imaging in clinical practice

- ✓ High input Signal to Noise-Ratio
  - ✓ Ultra-high field
  - ✓ Multi-channel acquisition
- ✓ Fast acquisition
  - ✓ Variable density sampling
  - ✓ Non-Cartesian acquisition
- ✗ Fast reconstruction
  - ✗ Competitive reconstruction method
  - ✗ Exploit the wasted time of the acquisition

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This part was presented at international conferences in 2019:

Loubna El Gueddari et al. (2019a). “Calibrationless OSCAR-based image reconstruction in compressed sensing parallel MRI”. In: *ISBI 2019*

Loubna El Gueddari et al. (2018). “Self-Calibrating Nonlinear Reconstruction Algorithms for Variable Density Sampling and Parallel Reception MRI”. In: *IEEE SAM workshop*

This part will be submitted in a journal paper

# Non-Cartesian multi-channel MR image reconstruction

State of the art method

Methods can be split in two categories:

1. Recovering a full FOV image: *Self-Calibrated reconstruction*
2. Recovering an image per channel: *Calibrationless reconstruction*

# Non-Cartesian multi-channel MR image reconstruction

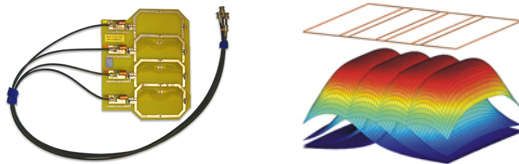
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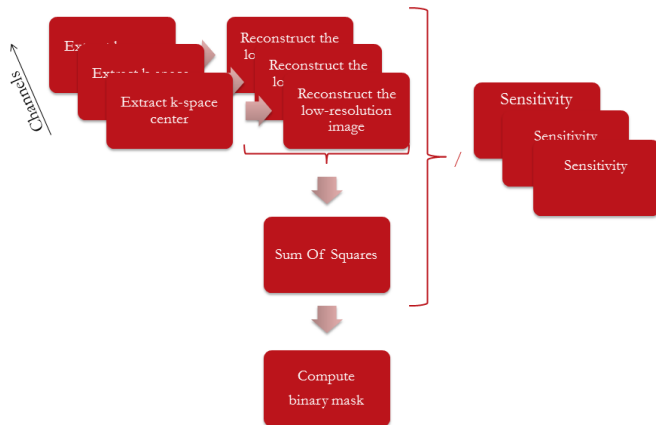
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## Self-Calibrated reconstruction: coil sensitivity profile estimation

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# Non-Cartesian multi-channel MR image reconstruction

## Self-Calibrated reconstruction: experimental protocol

### Acquisition parameters

- Field strength: 7 Tesla
- Resolution:  $0.4 \times 0.4 \times 3 \text{ mm}^3$
- Matrix size:  $512 \times 512$
- Trajectory: Sparkling<sup>13</sup>
- Number of spokes ( $S$ ): 34
- Acceleration/undersampling factors: 15/2.5

### Cartesian Reference

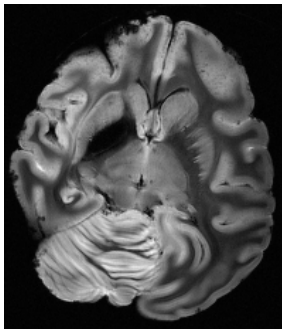


Figure: Ex-vivo baboon brain

### Non-Cartesian sampling

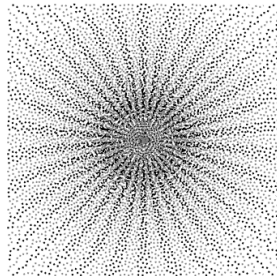


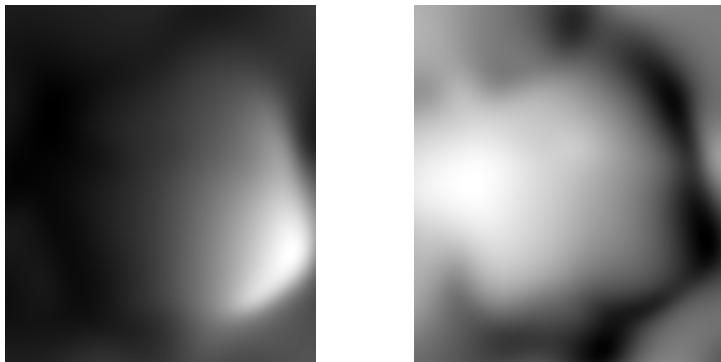
Figure: 15-fold accelerated Sparkling trajectories

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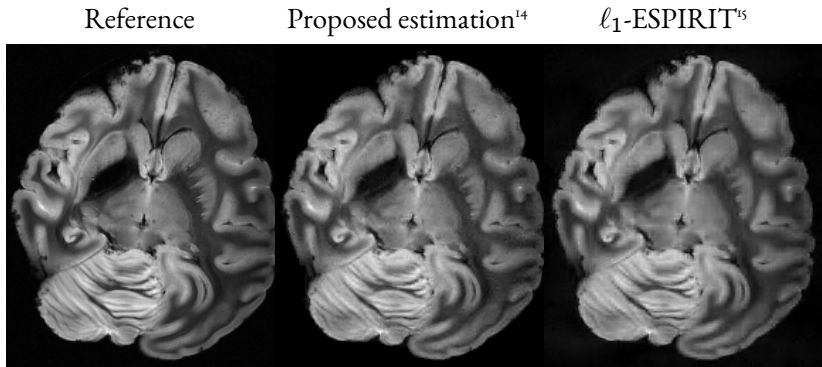
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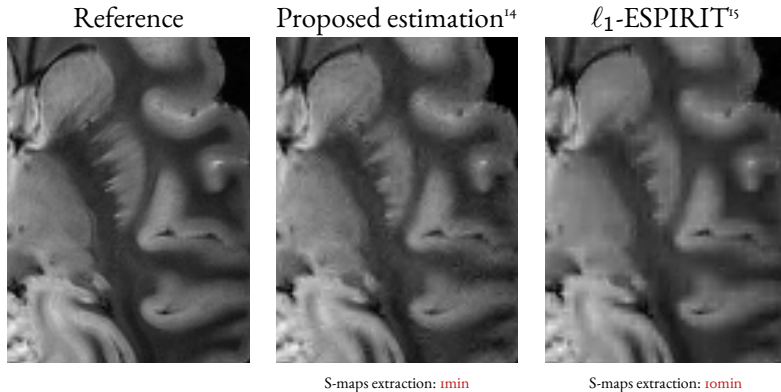
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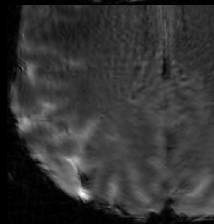
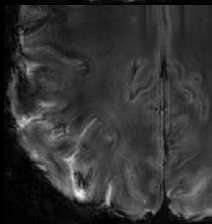
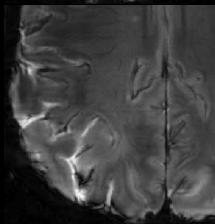
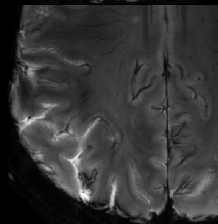
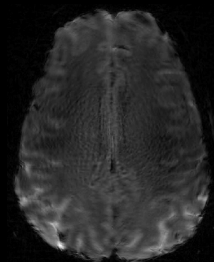
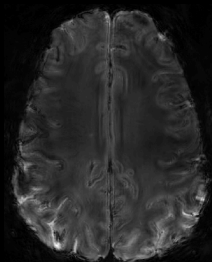
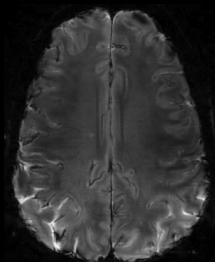
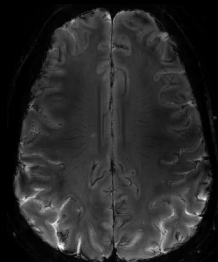
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### 2. Calibrationless reconstruction

- No longer need coil sensitivity profiles
- Exploit redundancy across channels to impose structured sparsity

# Problem statement

Calibration-less MR image reconstruction problem solved using an *analysis formulation*:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{X}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times L}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{F}_\Omega \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}\|_2^2 + \mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{X}). \quad (2)$$

with:

- $\mathbf{Y} = [\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_L]$  with  $\mathbf{y}_\ell \in \mathbb{C}^M$  the  $\ell^{\text{th}}$  channel-specific k-space
- $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_L]$  with  $\mathbf{x}_\ell \in \mathbb{C}^N$  the  $\ell^{\text{th}}$  channel-specific reconstructed image.
- $\mathcal{F}_\Omega$  is the forward under-sampling Fourier operator
- $\boldsymbol{\Psi} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_\Psi \times N}$  linear operator related to a sparse decomposition
- $\mathcal{R}$  is a convex regularization term that promotes sparsity with an explicit proximity operator.

# Optimization algorithm

## Primal dual optimization

We aim to find:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{X}} \in \underset{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times L}}{\operatorname{argmin}} [f(\mathbf{X}) + \mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{X})] \quad (3)$$

where:

- $f$  is convex, differentiable on  $\mathbb{C}^{N \times L}$  and its gradient is  $\beta$ -Lipschitz
- $\mathcal{R} \in \Gamma_0(\mathbb{C}^{N_\Psi \times L})$  with a closed form proximity operator<sup>16</sup>, given by:

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathbf{Z}) = \underset{\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_\Psi \times L}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{V}\|^2 + \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{V}) \quad (4)$$

Note: Those are standard assumption in optimization based image reconstruction methods.

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<sup>16</sup>Moreau 1962, *Comptes Rendus de l'Académie des Sciences de Paris*.

# Optimization algorithm

## Condat-Vũ sequence

Using a primal-dual optimization method proposed by Condat<sup>17</sup>-Vũ<sup>18</sup>:

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### Algorithm 1: Condat-Vũ algorithm

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Data:  $\mathbf{X}_0, \mathbf{Z}_0$

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- if  $\frac{1}{\tau} - \kappa \|\Psi\|^2 \geq \frac{\beta}{2}$  then the algorithm weakly converges to the solution of Eq. (3).
- $\tau$  and  $\kappa$  hyper-parameters set as follows:  $\tau := \frac{1}{\beta}$ ,  $\kappa := \frac{\beta}{2\|\Psi\|^2}$

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<sup>17</sup>Condat 2013, *Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications*.

<sup>18</sup>Vũ 2013, *Advances in computational mathematics*.

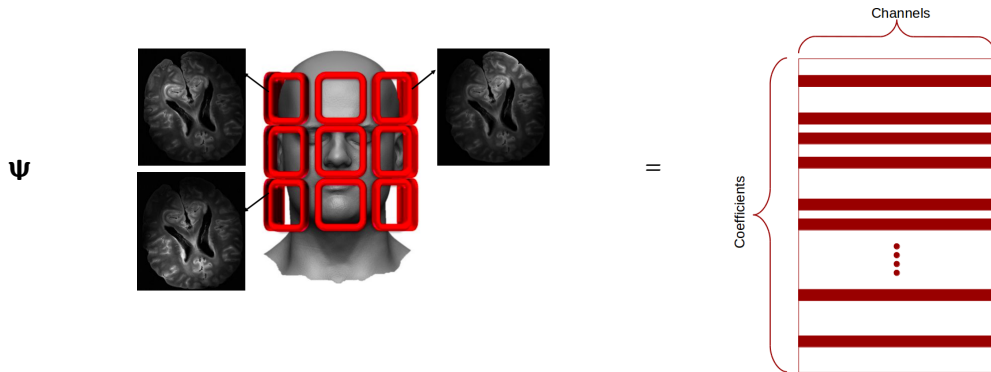
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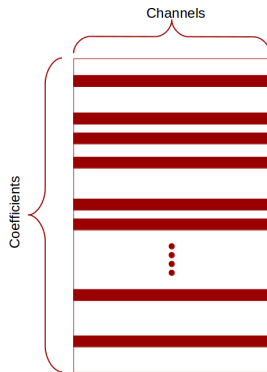
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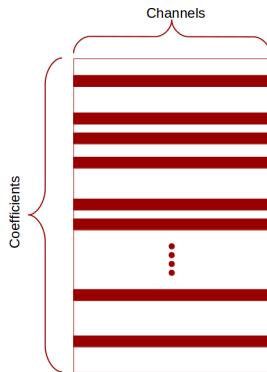


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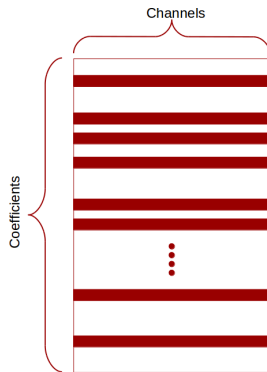
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# Joint sparsity regularization

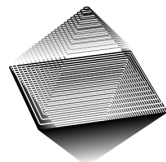
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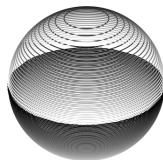
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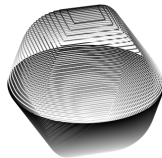
- $\mathcal{G}_k$  corresponds to the set of all subsets of  $\{1, \dots, N_{\Psi} L\}$  of cardinality at most  $k$ .
- $\lambda$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $k \leq N_{\Psi}$  need to be set.



1-support unit ball



3-support unit ball



2-support unit ball in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

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- Let  $\|\cdot\|$  be a norm, its dual norm  $\|\cdot\|_*$  is defined as:

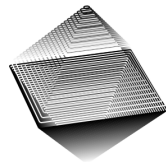
$$\|\mathbf{z}\| = \sup \left\{ \langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \mid \|\mathbf{x}\| \leq 1 \right\}$$

- Fairly simple dual norm:

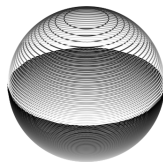
$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_k^{sp*} := \left( \sum_{i=1}^k (|\mathbf{u}|_{\downarrow i})^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

From Hölder's inequality the dual of an  $\ell_p$  norm is an  $\ell_q$  norm with  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$

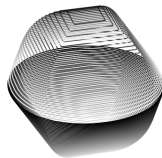
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# Joint sparsity regularization

## Octagonal Shrinkage and Clustering Algorithm for Regression

- Inferring the structure via a pairwise  $\ell_\infty$  norm.
- OSCAR regularization<sup>23</sup>:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}_{\text{c-OSCAR}}(\mathbf{Z}) &= \sum_{p=1}^{N_\Psi} \lambda \left[ \sum_{\ell=1}^L |z_{p\ell}| + \gamma \sum_{\ell < k} \max\{|z_{p\ell}|, |z_{pk}| \} \right] \\ &= \sum_{p=1}^{N_\Psi} \lambda \left[ \sum_{\ell=1}^L (\gamma(\ell-1) + 1) |z_{p\ell}|_{\downarrow} \right]\end{aligned}$$

where:

- $\mathbf{Z}_{\downarrow} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_\Psi \times L}$  the wavelet coefficients sorted in decreasing order, i.e.:  $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}, |z_{p1}| \leq \dots \leq |z_{pL}|$ .
- $\lambda$  and  $\gamma$  are some positive hyper-parameters that need to be set

Note: OSCAR has an explicit proximity operator

<sup>23</sup>Bondell and Reich 2008, *Biometrics*.

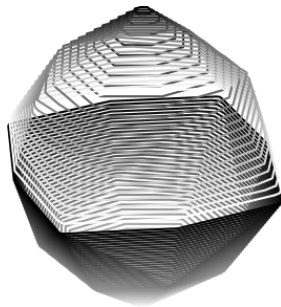


Figure: OSCAR's unit ball

# Experimental set-up

Sequence parameters:

- Ex-vivo human brain
- 7T Siemens Scanner
- 1Tx/32Rx Nova coil
- GRE Sparkling trajectory
- $0.390 \times 0.390 \times 1.5 \text{ m}^3$  resolution
- Acceleration factor of 20 in time
- Under-sampling factor of 2.5
- $\Psi$ : Daubechies 4 transform

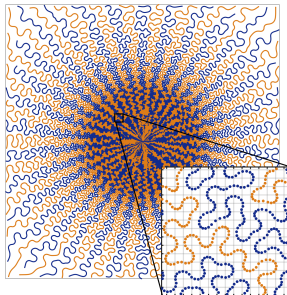


Figure: Sparkling trajectory

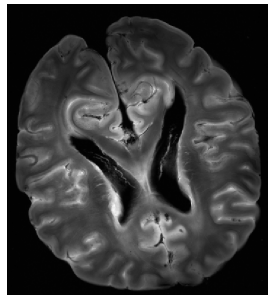


Figure: Ex-vivo Human brain

Hyper-parameters set using a grid-search procedure to maximize the SSIM score.  
Cartesian scan  $512 \times 512$  was acquired and used for reference.

# Results

## Similarity score

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SSIM	0.884	0.885	0.753	0.897	<u>0.901</u>	0.900
pSNR	28.25	26.48	25.52	28.59	29.77	30.29
NRMSE	0.1911	0.2276	0.2536	0.1859	0.1604	0.1510

<sup>24</sup>Uecker et al. 2014, *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*.

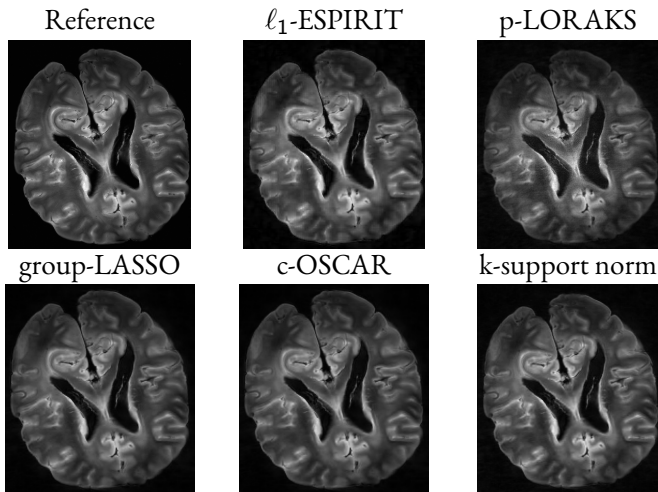
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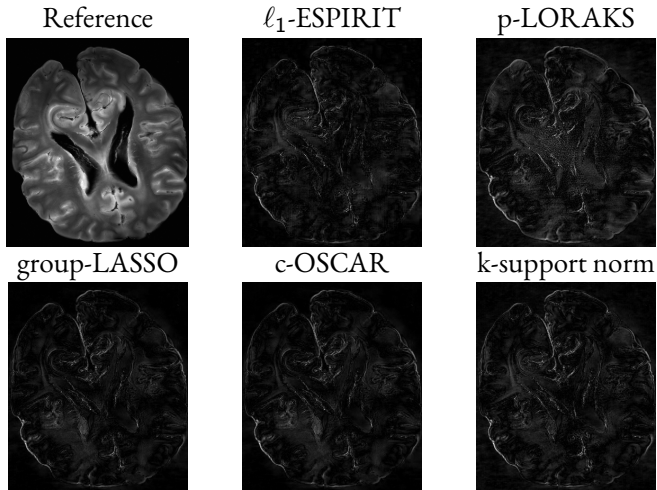
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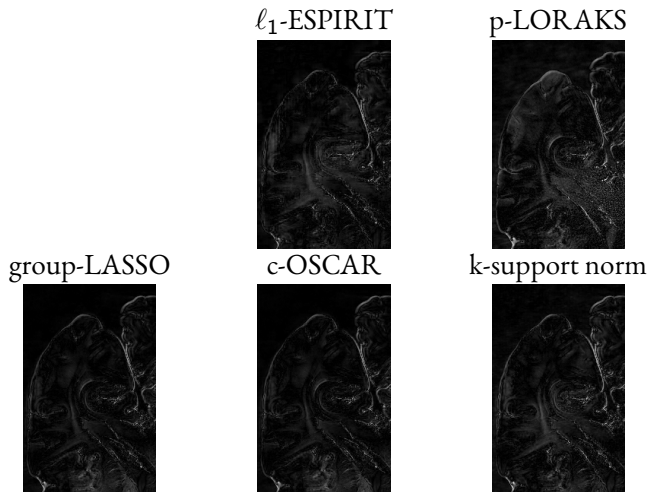
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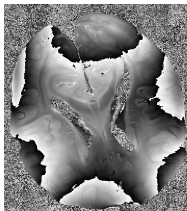
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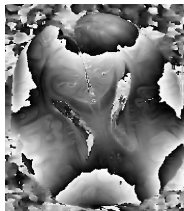
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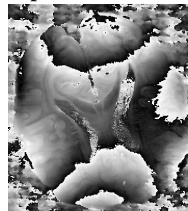
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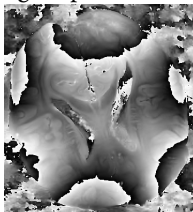
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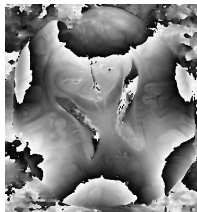
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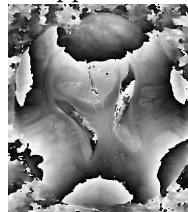
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## Summary:

- Investigate two classes of MR image reconstruction methods for non-Cartesian acquisition
- Propose a simple, versatile, yet efficient algorithm to extract the coil sensitivity profile information
- Investigate new penalization for calibrationless reconstruction

→ How can we speed-up the reconstruction.

- 1 Multi-channel image reconstruction for non-Cartesian acquisition
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## Online CS-MRI reconstruction

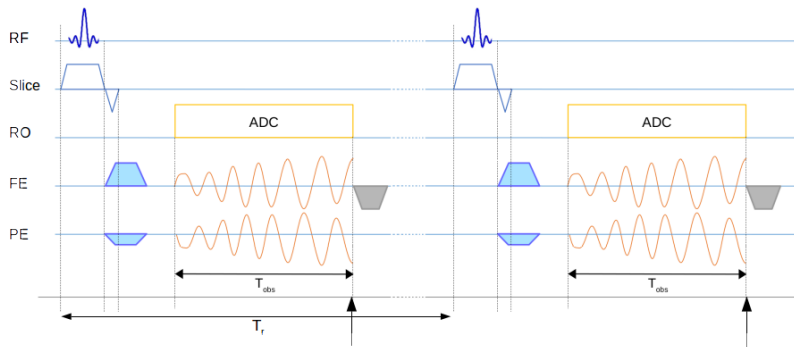
This part was presented at international conferences in 2019:

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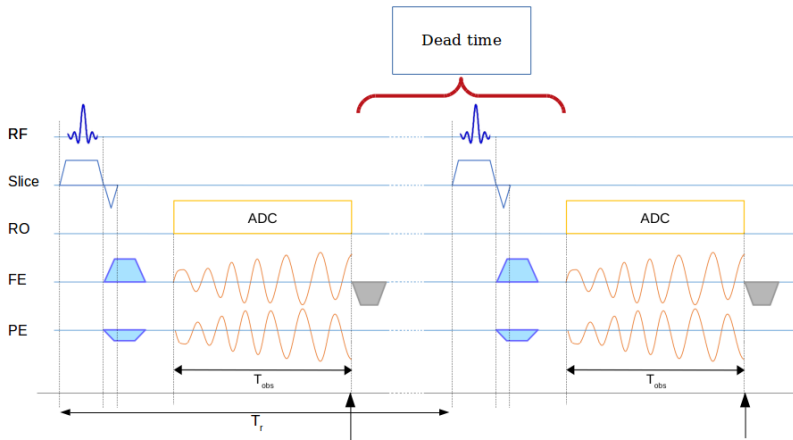
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- Define the  $k$ th mini-batch as  $\Omega_k = \cup_{i=1}^k \Gamma_i$
- Solve partial image reconstruction:

$$\forall k \in \{1, \dots, S\}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}^k = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^N} \frac{S}{2k} \|\mathbf{F}_{\Omega_k} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}_{\Omega_k}\|_{\mathbb{F}}^2 + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{x}\|_1, \quad (5)$$

with:

- $\mathcal{F}_{\Omega_k}$ : undersampled Fourier operator over  $\Omega_k$
- $\mathbf{y}_{\Omega_k}$ : complex-valued k-space measurements over  $\Omega_k$
- $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^k$ : estimated MR image from incomplete data  $\mathbf{y}_{\Omega_k}$

- The problem is convex  $\rightarrow$  final solution does not depend on the initialization.

Online time constraints:

$$n_b \times T_{\text{it}} \approx b_s \times \text{TR}.$$

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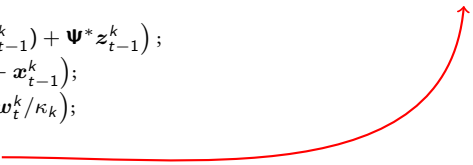
$\mathbf{z}_t^k = \mathbf{w}_t^k - \kappa_k \text{prox}_{g/\kappa_k}(\mathbf{w}_t^k/\kappa_k)$ ;

$(\mathbf{x}_0^{k+b_s}, \mathbf{z}_0^{k+b_s}) \leftarrow (\mathbf{x}_{n_b}^k, \mathbf{z}_{n_b}^k)$ ;

$k \leftarrow k + b_s$ ;

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Warm restart



# Online optimization algorithm

## Single-channel receiver case

To solve Pb (5), we adapted the Condat-Vũ algorithm to the online framework.

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### Algorithm 1: Online primal-dual optimization algorithm.

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initialize  $k = b_s$ ,  $\mathbf{x}^0, \mathbf{z}^0$ ;

while  $k \leq S$  do

$$\tau_k = 1/\beta_k;$$

$$\kappa_k = \beta_k / (2\|\Psi\|^2);$$

for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, n_b$  do

$$\mathbf{x}_t^k = \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^k - \tau_k (\nabla f_{\Omega_k}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}^k) + \Psi^* \mathbf{z}_{t-1}^k);$$

$$\mathbf{w}_t^k = \mathbf{z}_{t-1}^k + \kappa_k \Psi (2\mathbf{x}_t^k - \mathbf{x}_{t-1}^k);$$

$$\mathbf{z}_t^k = \mathbf{w}_t^k - \kappa_k \text{prox}_{g/\kappa_k} (\mathbf{w}_t^k / \kappa_k);$$

$$(\mathbf{x}_0^{k+b_s}, \mathbf{z}_0^{k+b_s}) \leftarrow (\mathbf{x}_{n_b}^k, \mathbf{z}_{n_b}^k);$$

$$k \leftarrow k + b_s;$$

Concatenate batches

# Acquisition parameters for prospective CS

## Single-channel receiver case

### Acquisition parameters

- Field strength: 7 Tesla
- Repetition Time (TR): 550 ms
- Echo Time (TE): 30 ms
- Field of View: 20.4 cm
- Resolution:  $0.4 \times 0.4 \times 3 \text{ mm}^3$
- Matrix size:  $512 \times 512$
- Trajectory: Sparkling<sup>30</sup>
- Number of spokes ( $S$ ): 34
- Acceleration/undersampling factors: 15/2.5

### Cartesian Reference

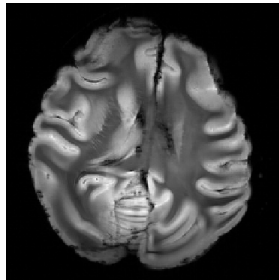


Figure: Ex-vivo baboon brain

### Non-Cartesian sampling

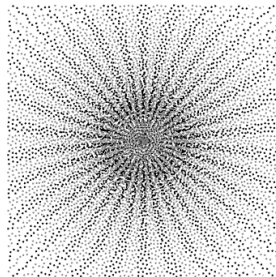


Figure: 15-fold accelerated Sparkling trajectories

<sup>30</sup>Lazarus et al. 2019, *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*

# Reconstruction parameters for online image processing

## Single-channel receiver case

### Online processing constraints

$$n_b \times T_{\text{it}} \approx b_s \times \text{TR.}$$

- Fourier Transform: GPU NUFFT<sup>31</sup>
- Time per iteration:  $T_{\text{it}} \simeq 78.2 \pm 8.9$  ms
- Nb. shots/mini-batch:  $b_s \in \{1, 2, 17, 34\}$
- Nb. iterations/mini-batch:  $n_b \in \{5, 11, 93, 200\}$

### Regularization term

- Sparse transform: 2D decimated Symmlet-8 WT
- Hyper-parameter:  $\lambda$  retrospectively tuned

<sup>31</sup>Lin 2018, *Journal of Imaging*

# Non-Cartesian online CS-MR image reconstruction

Single-channel receiver case

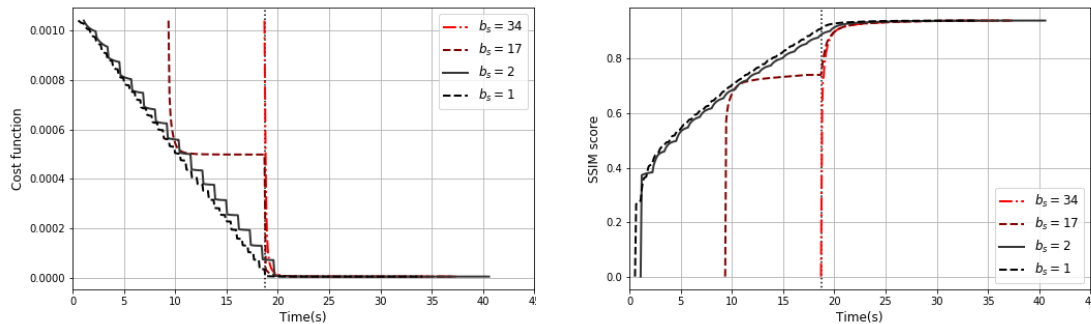


Figure: Evolution of the global cost function (left) and SSIM score (right) over time.

# Non-Cartesian online CS-MR image reconstruction

Single-channel receiver case

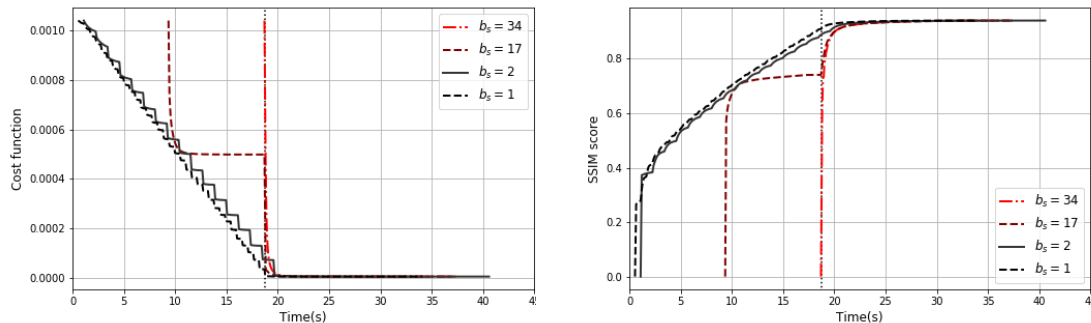


Figure: Evolution of the global cost function (left) and SSIM score (right) over time.

⇒ The smaller the mini-batch size, the sooner and better the image solution.

# Non-Cartesian online CS-MR image reconstruction

Single-channel receiver case

Evolution of the output  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$  over the acquisition, mini-batch size of 1.

Figure: Collected spokes over time

Figure: Evolution of  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k$  over time

# Extension to the multi-channel acquisition

Reconstruction method for multi-channel non-Cartesian acquisitions:

1. Self-Calibrated reconstruction

- ✓ Provides good reconstruction
- ✗ Requires the coil sensitivity maps estimation
- ✗ Gradient-Lipschitz constant depends on the sensitivity profile estimation

2. Calibrationless reconstruction

- ✓ Slightly better reconstruction
  - ✓ Does not rely on coil sensitivity profiles
  - ✓ Lipschitz constant only depends on the sampling pattern
- More suited for online reconstruction



# Extension to the multi-channel acquisition

- Rely on calibrationless reconstruction

$$\widehat{\mathbf{X}}^k = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times L}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{F}_{\Omega_k} \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Y}_{\Omega_k}\|_2^2 + \mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{X}). \quad (6)$$

- with OSCAR as regularization:

$$\mathbf{Z} = \boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{X}, \quad \mathcal{R}_{\text{b-OSCAR}}(\mathbf{Z}) = \sum_{b=1}^B \sum_{j=1}^{P_b} \left( \sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda |z_{\ell,b,j}| + \gamma \sum_{\ell' < \ell} \max\{|z_{\ell,b,j}|, |z_{\ell',b,j}|\} \right), \quad (7)$$

$$\lambda > 0, \gamma > 0.$$

# Acquisition parameters for prospective CS

## Multi-channel receiver case

### Acquisition parameters

- Field strength: 7 Tesla
- Nb of coils ( $L$ ): 32
- Repetition Time (TR): 550 ms
- Field of View: 20.4 cm
- Resolution:  $0.4 \times 0.4 \times 1.5 \text{ mm}^3$
- Trajectory: Sparkling<sup>32</sup>
- Number of spokes ( $S$ ): 34
- Acceleration/undersampling factors: 15/2.5

### Cartesian reference

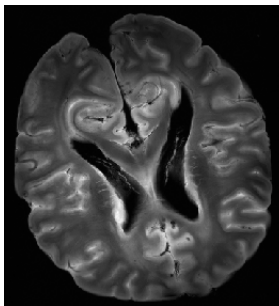


Figure: Ex-vivo human brain

### Non-Cartesian sampling

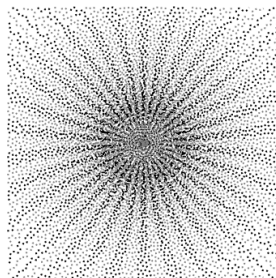


Figure: 15-fold accelerated Sparkling trajectories

<sup>32</sup>Lazarus et al. 2019, *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*

# Reconstruction parameters for online image processing

## Multi-channel receiver case

### Online processing constraints

$$n_b \times T_{\text{it}} \approx b_s \times \text{TR}.$$

- Fourier Transform: GPU NUFFT<sup>33</sup>
- Time per iteration:  $T_{\text{it}} \simeq 4.29 \pm 0.111$  s
- Nb. shots/mini-batch:  $b_s \in \{17, 34\}$
- Nb. iterations/mini-batch:  $n_b \in \{1, 200\}$

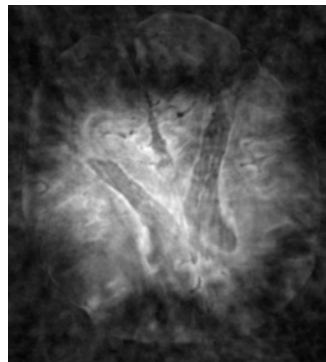
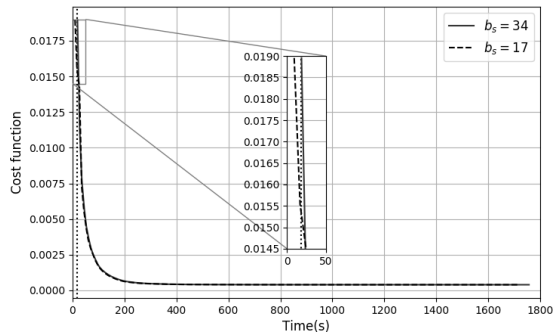
### Regularization term

- Sparse transform: 2D decimated Symmlet-8 WT
- Hyper-parameter:  $(\lambda, \gamma)$  retrospectively tuned

<sup>33</sup>Lin 2018, *Journal of Imaging*

# Results: Prospective non-Cartesian reconstruction

## Online multi-channel reconstruction

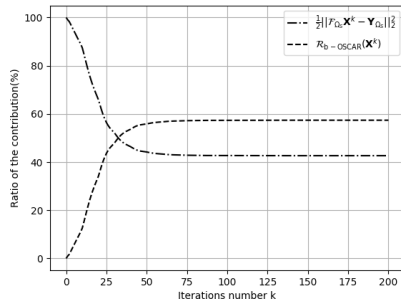
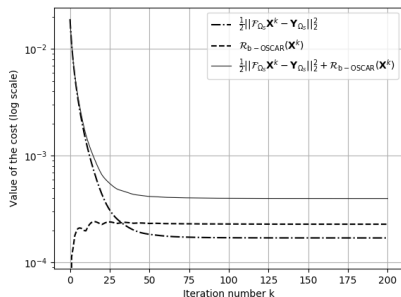


**Figure:** Evolution of the global cost function (left) and estimated image obtained by the end of acquisition.

# Profiling computation time

## Online multi-channel reconstruction

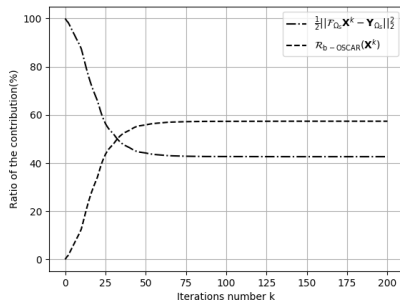
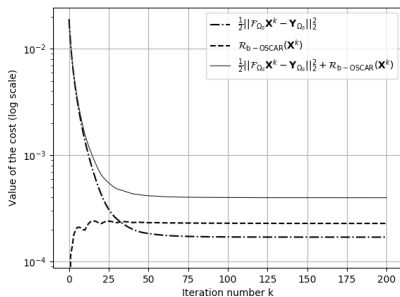
Which term contributes the most to the global cost function?



# Profiling computation time

## Online multi-channel reconstruction

Which term contributes the most to the global cost function?

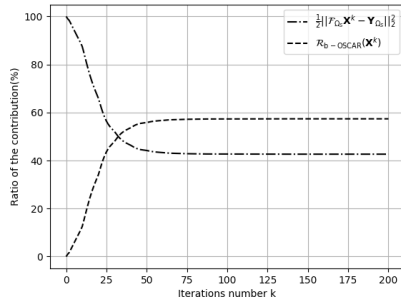
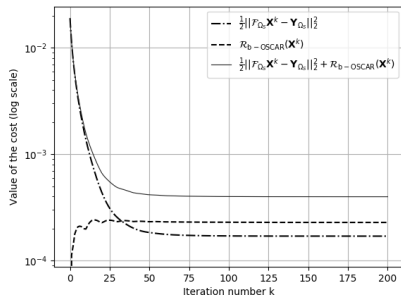


	Gradient step	Proximity op. step	Linear Operator		Total time per iteration
			direct	adjoint	
$S = 34$	750 ms $\pm$ 32.2 ms	847 ms $\pm$ 17.9 ms	998 ms $\pm$ 15.8 ms	667 ms $\pm$ 16.2 ms	4.29 s $\pm$ 111 ms

# Profiling computation time

## Online multi-channel reconstruction

Which term contributes the most to the global cost function?



- The contribution of the data fidelity term is predominant during the first iterations.
- The gradient step only takes a quarter of computing time per iteration.

$\Rightarrow$  During acquisition: minimizing only the smooth term.

# The online trick for parallel imaging

## Multi-channel receiver case

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### Algorithm 1: A fast method for online CS+PI calibration-less reconstruction

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initialize  $k = b_s, \mathbf{X}^0, \mathbf{Z}^0$ ;

while  $k \leq S - b_s$  do

  for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, n_b$  do

$$\quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{X}_t^k = \mathbf{X}_{t-1}^k - (\nabla f_{\Omega_k}(\mathbf{X}_{t-1}^k)) / \beta_k; \end{array} \right.$$

$$\quad \mathbf{X}_0^{k+b_s} \leftarrow \mathbf{X}_{n_b}^k;$$

$$\quad k \leftarrow k + b_s;$$

Adaptive Gradient step

$$\mathbf{Z}_0^S \leftarrow \Psi \mathbf{X}_0^S;$$

$$\tau \leftarrow 1/\beta_S;$$

$$\kappa = \beta_S / (2 \|\Psi\|^2);$$

for  $t = 1, 2, \dots, 200$  do

$$\quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{X}_t^S = \mathbf{X}_{t-1}^S - \tau (\nabla f_{\Omega_S}(\mathbf{X}_{t-1}^S) + \Psi^* \mathbf{Z}_{t-1}^S); \end{array} \right.$$

$$\quad \mathbf{W}_t^S = \mathbf{Z}_{t-1}^S + \kappa \Psi (2\mathbf{X}_t^S - \mathbf{X}_{t-1}^S);$$

$$\quad \mathbf{Z}_t^S = \mathbf{W}_t^S - \kappa \text{prox}_{g/\kappa}(\mathbf{W}_t^S / \kappa);$$

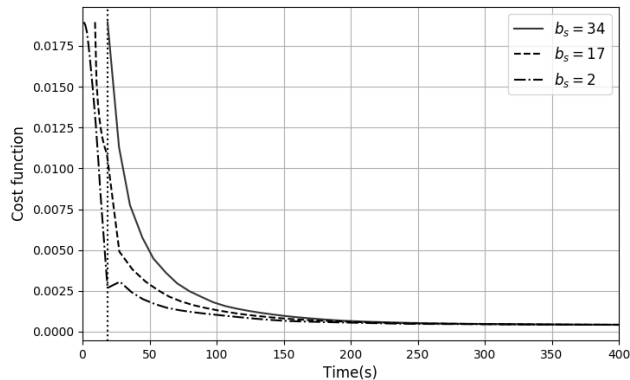
Solving calibration-less problem  
via Condat-Vũ algorithm



# Online calibration-less CS-PI reconstruction

## Multi-channel receiver case

- Minimizing only the data-fidelity term allowed us to reduce the mini-batch size to 2 shots.



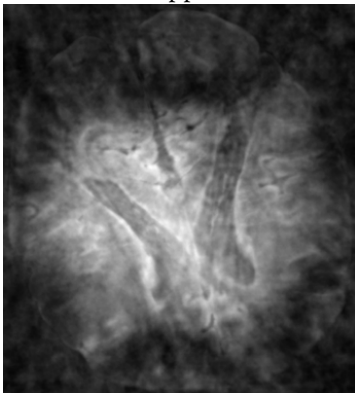
With the online trick

# Online calibration-less CS-PI reconstruction

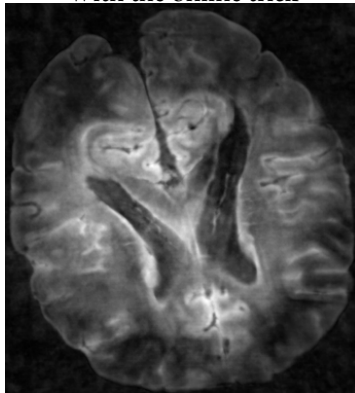
Multi-channel receiver case

## ■ Comparison with the fully online framework

First approach



With the online trick

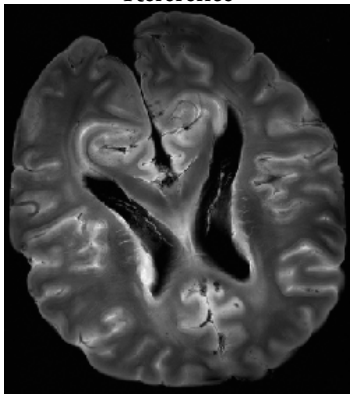


# Online calibration-less CS-PI reconstruction

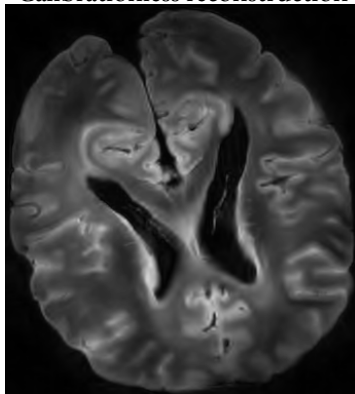
Multi-channel receiver case

- Recovered solution at convergence

Reference



Calibrationless reconstruction



# Online reconstruction

## Partial summary

- Proposed an online reconstruction approach for MR image reconstruction
- Small batches allow to achieve high image quality by the end of acquisition.
- Proposed a calibration-less approach to solve the online multi-channel reconstruction.
- For both single & multi-channel reconstruction has been speed up.

# Toward fast high-resolution imaging in clinical practice

- ✓ High input Signal to Noise-Ratio
    - ✓ Ultra-high field
    - ✓ Multi-channel acquisition
  - ✓ Fast acquisition
    - ✓ Variable density sampling
    - ✓ Non-Cartesian acquisition
  - ✓ Fast reconstruction
    - ✓ Competitive reconstruction method
    - ✓ Exploit the wasted time of the acquisition
- Implementation on the system

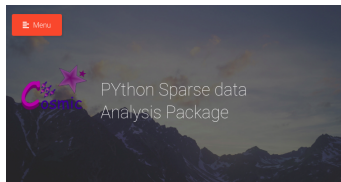
# Outline

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# Image reconstruction

Python package for image reconstruction: PYthon Sparse data Analysis Package (pySAP)

- Free open source python package
- With a dedicated plugin for MRI reconstruction <sup>34</sup>
- Unit-tested & Continuous integration
- Examples
- Documentation



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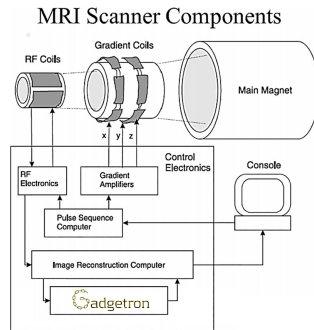
<sup>34</sup>El Gueddari et al. 2020, *ISMRM workshop on Data Sampling*

# Image reconstruction on the scanner

## The Gadgetron project

■ Communication with the Scanner is performed using the Gadgetron<sup>35</sup> framework

- Free & open-source
- Flexible: independent of operating system
- Vendor independent software
- Modular: Modules can be shared across scanners
- Can be used with various programming languages



<sup>35</sup>Hansen and Sørensen 2013, *Magnetic resonance in medicine*



# Conclusion

- The goal of this work was to :
  - Improve the reconstruction quality in multi-channel non-Cartesian high-resolution imaging
  - Provide a feedback during the scan
  - Implement and share the code
- Future work:
  - Hyper-parameters set-up
  - Faster optimization method
- Major bottleneck remains the computation time & memory footprint in 3D high-resolution imaging
  - stochastic implementation

# Publications I

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