

# **Signal processing methods for improving medical imaging**

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CSP Seminar

## *Inverse Problem Regularization Using Sparsity Models*

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4:00pm - 5:00pm

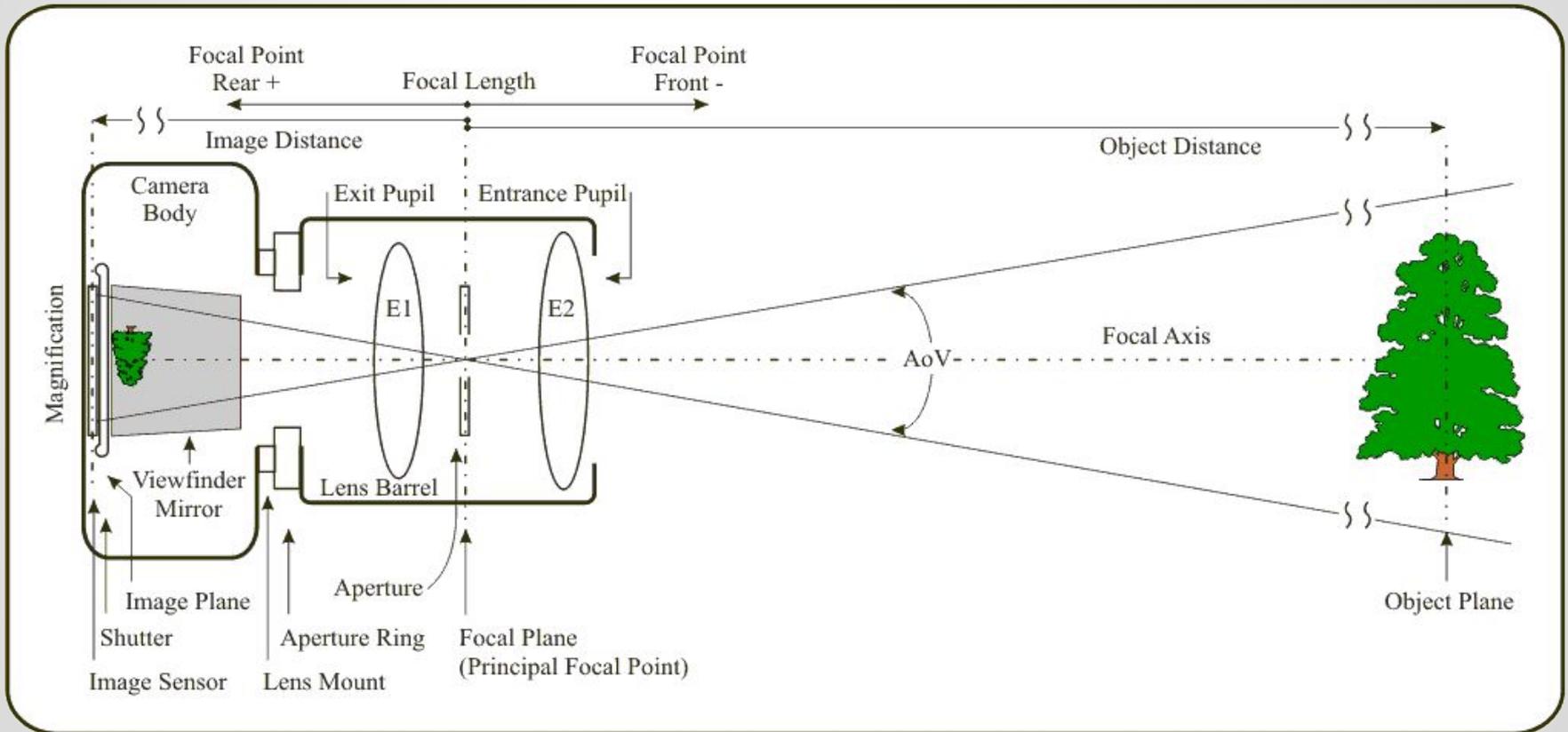
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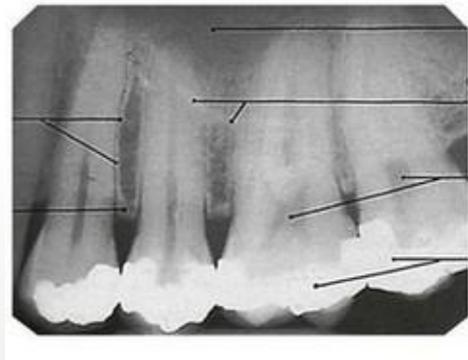
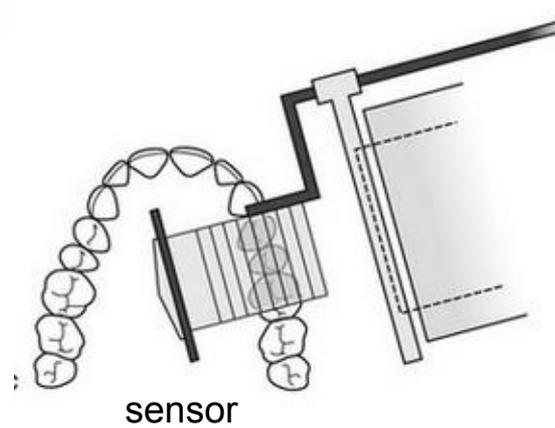
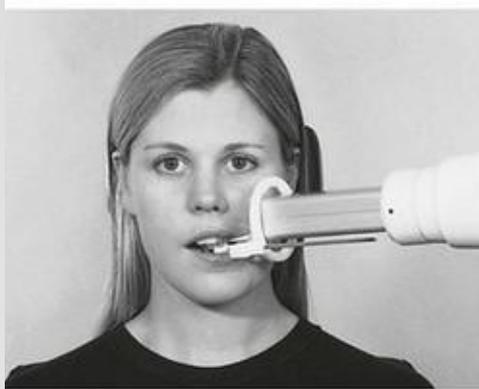
### About the Event

Inverse problems are usually ill-conditioned or ill-posed, meaning that there are multiple candidate solutions that all fit the measured data equally or reasonably well. Some type of prior information or modeling assumptions are needed to distinguish among candidate solutions. This talk will summarize a variety of classical and contemporary methods for regularizing inverse problems, emphasizing methods based on sparse signal models. A recent dictionary learning method that is more compute efficient than K-SVD will be highlighted as a regularizer, and used to perform sparse-view tomographic image reconstruction. The presentation will have equal parts of colorful pictures and mathematical formulas and be aimed a level suitable for students in EECS 556. Joint work with Sai Ravishankar and Raj Nadakuditi

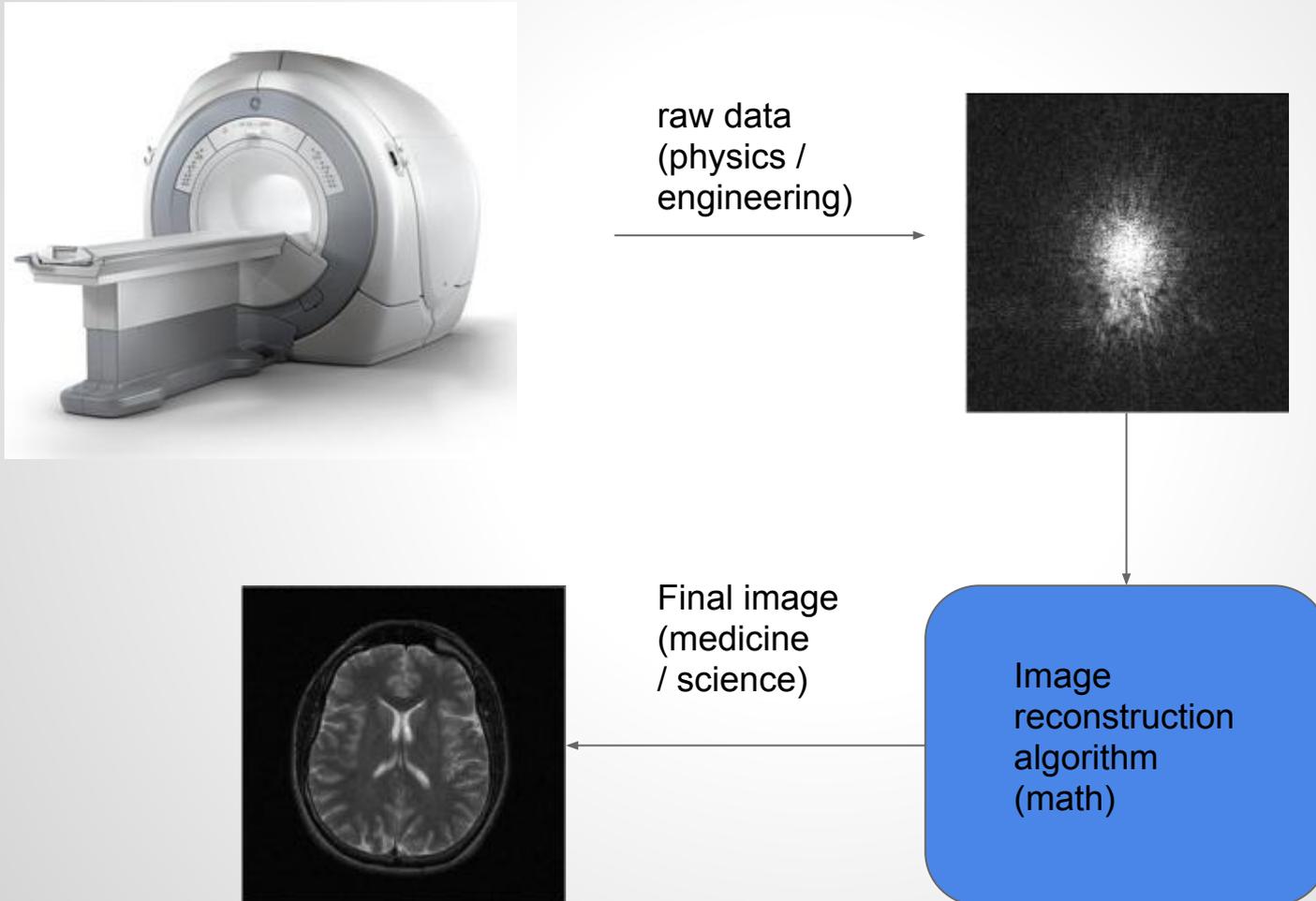
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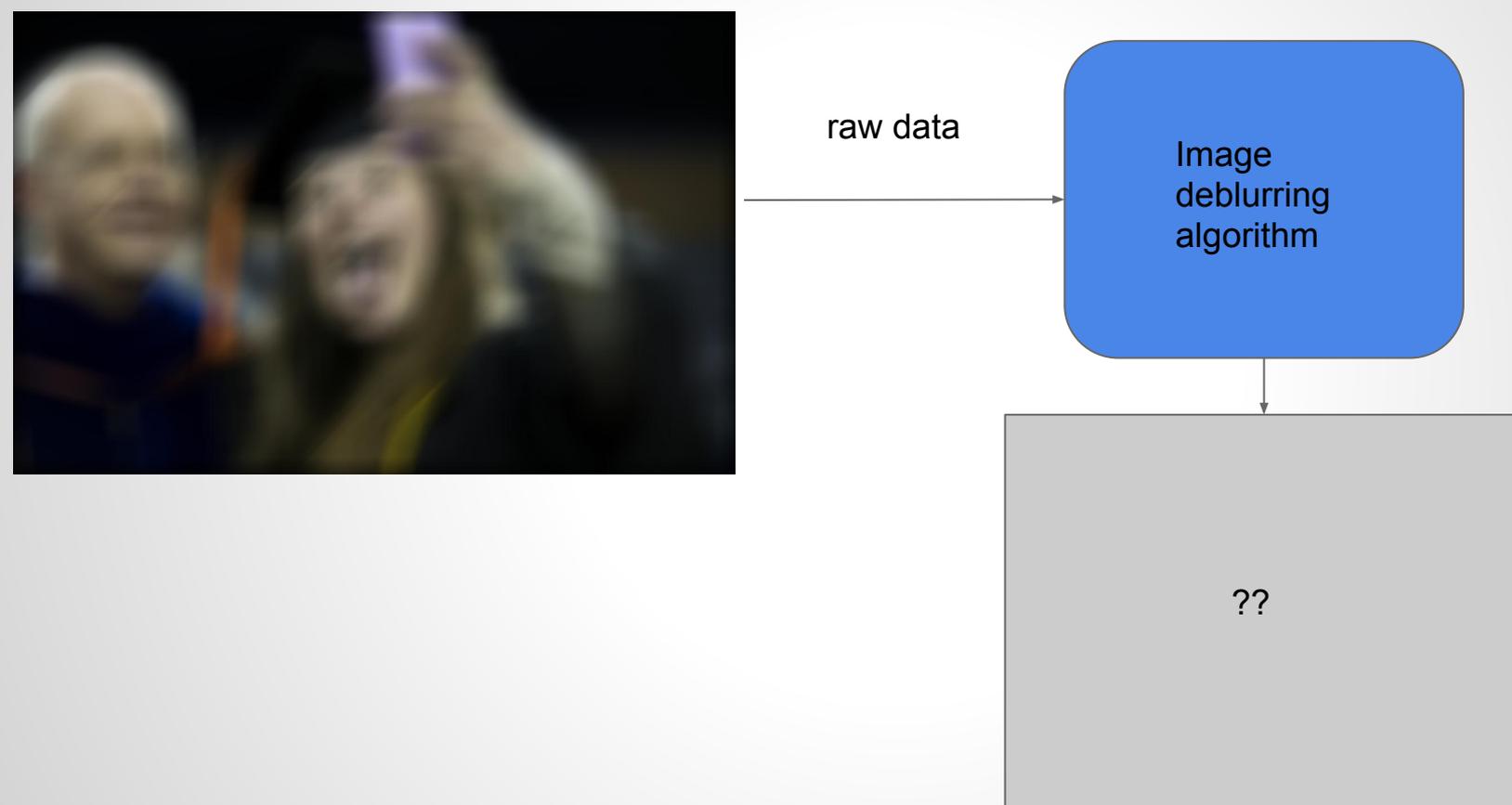
# Image formation 102: radiography



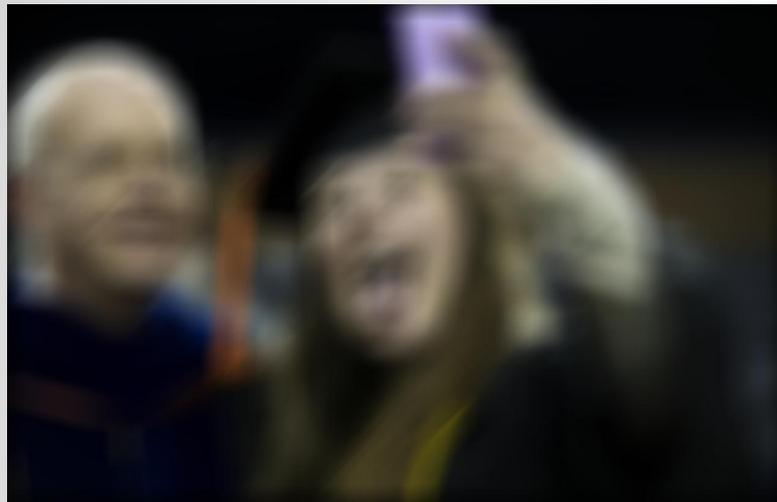
# Image formation: CT/MRI/PET/SPECT



# Image deblurring - an inverse problem



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raw data

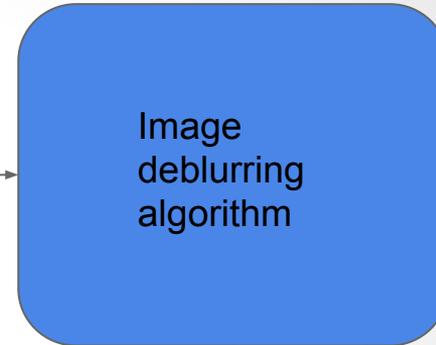
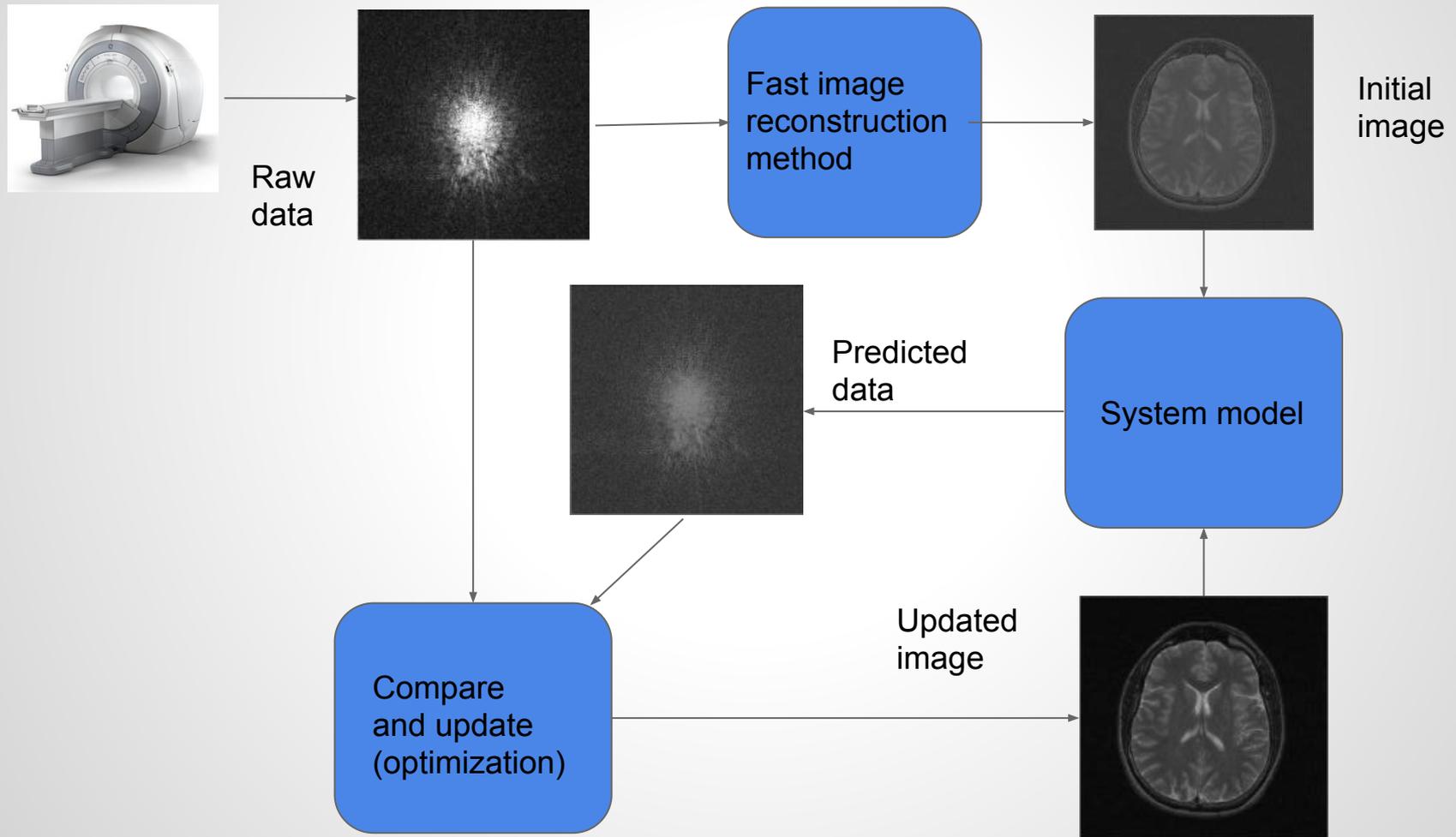


Image  
deblurring  
algorithm



# Iterative image reconstruction



# William (Bill) Root (1919-2007)

Born 1919 in Iowa

1940 BSEE from Iowa state

1949 MSEE at MIT

1952 PhD in Math at MIT

1961 UM AERO Dept.

1986 UM EECS Dept.

1986 IEEE Shannon Award



First chair of the graduate program in computer, information, and control engineering (CICE)

# Early work on inverse problems!

William L. Root

Vol. 4, No. 1/January 1987/J. Opt. Soc. Am. A 171

## Ill-posedness and precision in object-field reconstruction problems

William L. Root

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Received April 18, 1986; accepted September 9, 1986

The inherent stability or instability in reconstructing an object field, in the presence of observation noise, for a class of ill-posed problems is investigated for situations in which constraints are imposed on the object fields. The class of ill-posed problems includes inversion of truncated Fourier transforms. Two kinds of constraint are considered. It is shown that if the object field is restricted to a subset of  $L_2$  space over  $R^n$  that is bounded, closed, convex, and has nonempty interior, then a (nonlinear) least-squares estimate always exists but is unstable. It is also shown that if one is primarily concerned with the situation in which the object field belongs to a compact parallelepiped in  $L_2$ , aligned in a natural way, there is a satisfactory, stable linear estimate that is optimal according to a min-max criterion. This also leads to a nonlinear modification for the case in which the object field is actually restricted to the parallelepiped. A summary of some relevant mathematical background is included.

# Fundamental limits

L. S. Joyce and W. L. Root

Vol. 1, No. 2/February 1984/J. Opt. Soc. Am. A 149

## Precision bounds in superresolution processing

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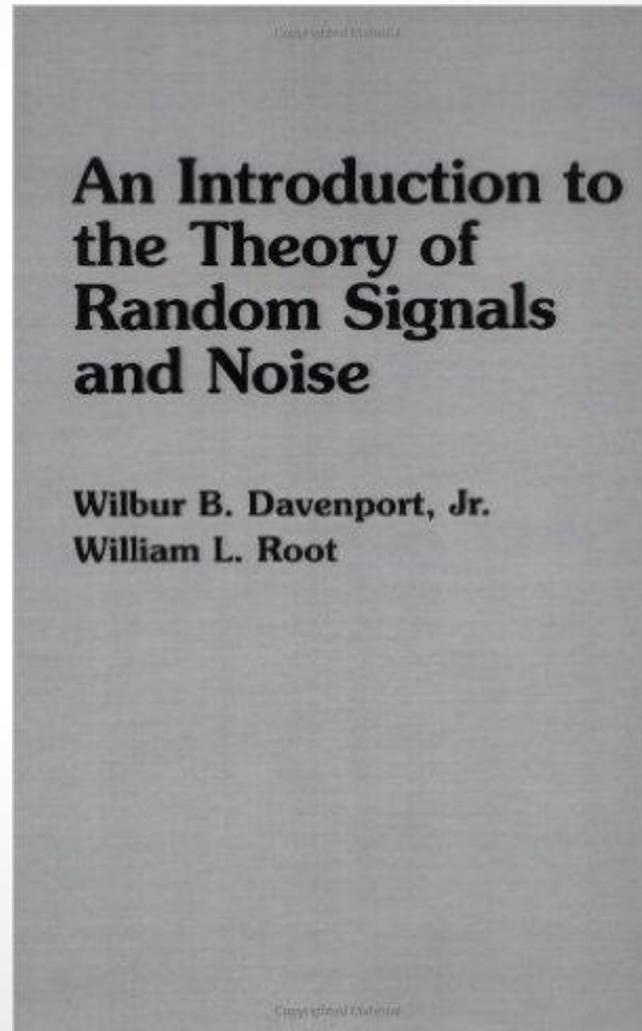
Received June 13, 1983; accepted September 26, 1983

A rather large class of problems involving the determination of an object function from observation is linear-inversion problems for which unique solutions exist but that have the property that any signal-processing algorithm designed to approximate the exact solution too precisely is unstable. This is because the problems are ill posed. The precision attainable in a class of such problems is treated here abstractly in terms of a concept called a linear-precision gauge, which essentially involves an ordered family of linear estimators. Fundamental properties of linear-precision gauges are demonstrated and discussed. A major portion of the paper is given over to applying the linear-precision gauge concept and results to Fourier imaging problems that can occur, for example, in radar and tomography.

# Books

1958

McGraw Hill



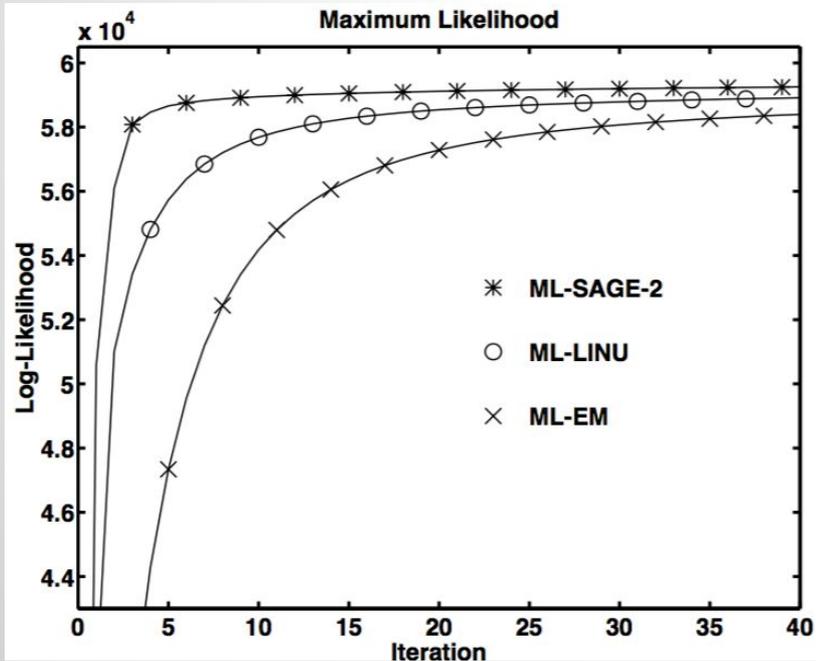
# Early work with Alfred Hero

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IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON SIGNAL PROCESSING, VOL. 42, NO. 10, OCTOBER 1994

## Space-Alternating Generalized Expectation-Maximization Algorithm

Jeffrey A. Fessler, *Member, IEEE*, and Alfred O. Hero, *Member, IEEE*



# SPECT imaging with Ed Ficaro

## Simultaneous Transmission/Emission Myocardial Perfusion Tomography

### Diagnostic Accuracy of Attenuation-Corrected $^{99m}\text{Tc}$ -Sestamibi Single-Photon Emission Computed Tomography

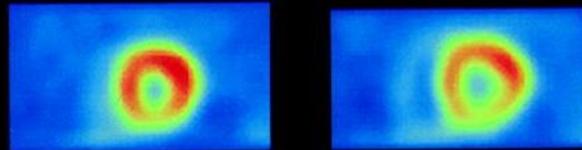
Edward P. Ficaro, PhD; Jeffrey A. Fessler, PhD; Paul D. Shreve, MD;  
James N. Kritzman, BS; Patricia A. Rose, BA; James R. Corbett, MD

Circulation.  
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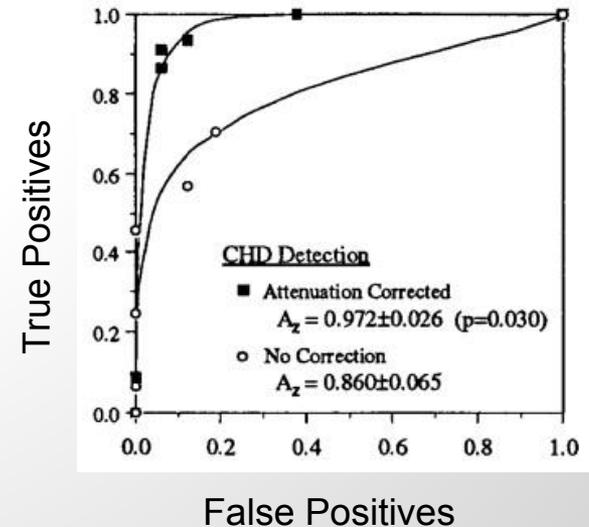
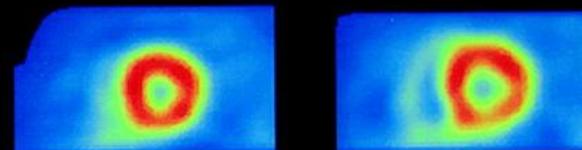
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Uncorrected



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Attenuation Corrected



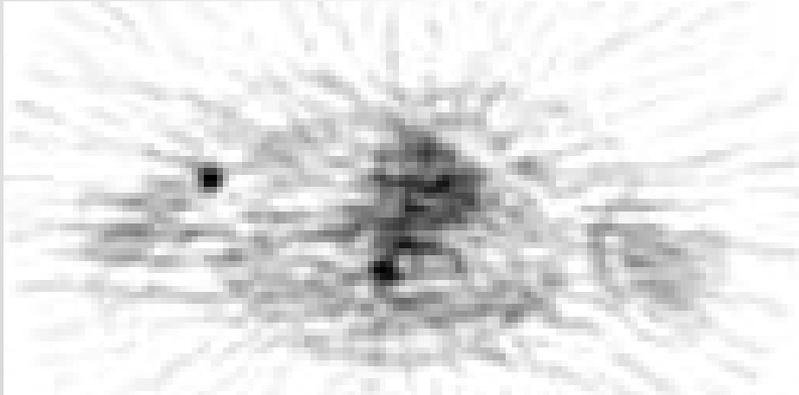
# PET Reconstruction - 1994

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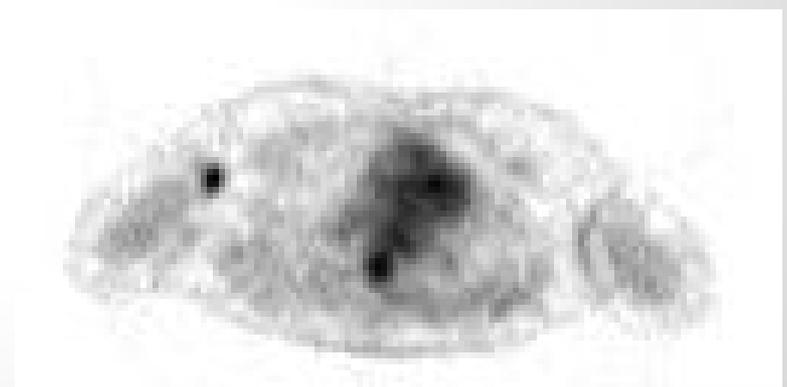
IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MEDICAL IMAGING, VOL. 13, NO. 2, JUNE 1994

## Penalized Weighted Least-Squares Image Reconstruction for Positron Emission Tomography

Jeffrey A. Fessler



Original  
(Filtered Backprojection)



Improved  
(Statistical Image Reconstruction)

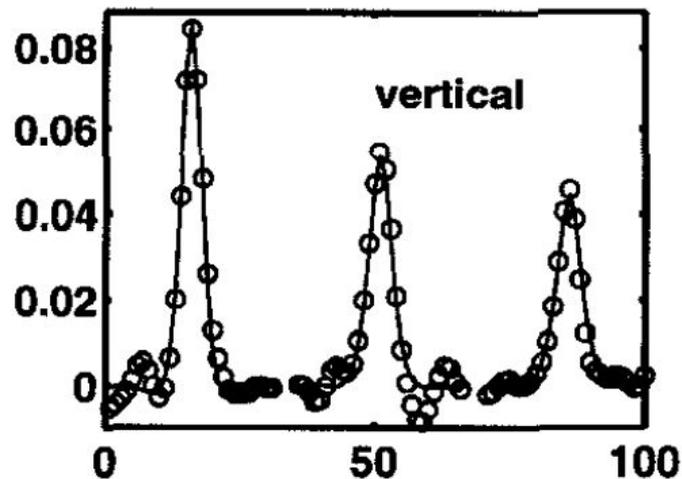
# Resolution and noise analyses

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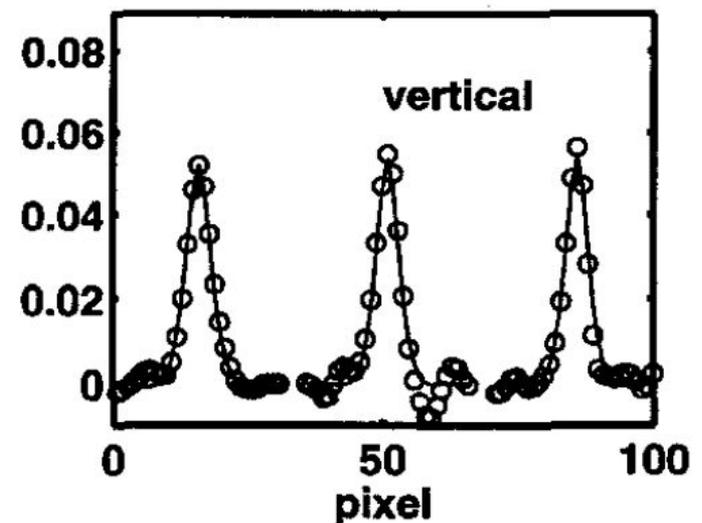
IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON IMAGE PROCESSING, VOL. 5, NO. 9, SEPTEMBER 1996

## Spatial Resolution Properties of Penalized-Likelihood Image Reconstruction: Space-Invariant Tomographs

Jeffrey A. Fessler, *Member, IEEE*, and W. Leslie Rogers, *Member, IEEE*



Original



Modified

# Resolution and noise - 20+ years

- Thanks to Rich Wahl...
- At least 8 PhD students
- Along the way, methods adopted in
  - Siemens pre-clinical PET scanners
  - GE clinical PET scanners
  - GE low-dose X-ray CT systems
- Hundreds of equations...

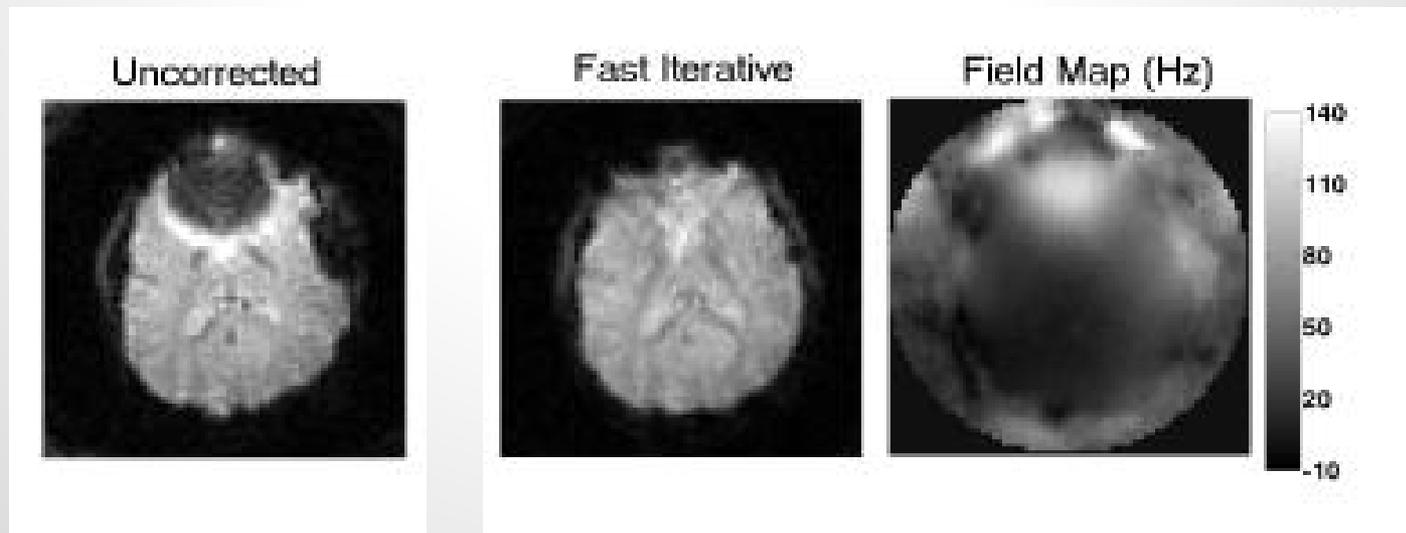
# 2001 an MRI odyssey with Doug Noll

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IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MEDICAL IMAGING, VOL. 22, NO. 2, FEBRUARY 2003

## Fast, Iterative Image Reconstruction for MRI in the Presence of Field Inhomogeneities

Bradley P. Sutton\*, *Student Member, IEEE*, Douglas C. Noll, *Member, IEEE*, and Jeffrey A. Fessler, *Senior Member, IEEE*



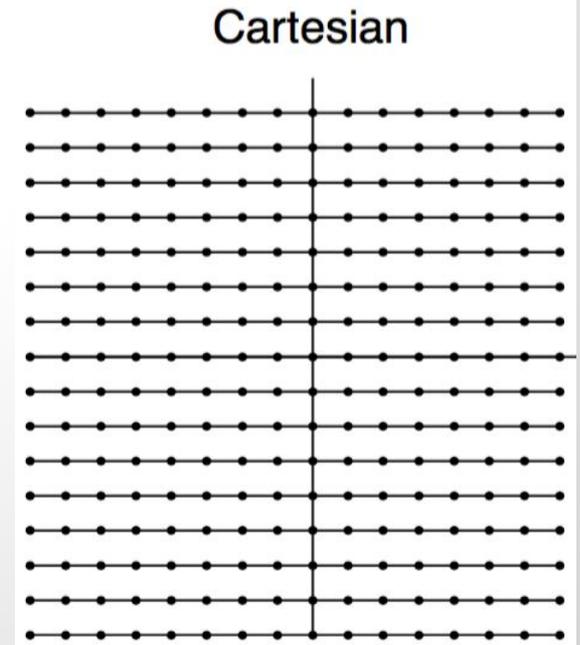
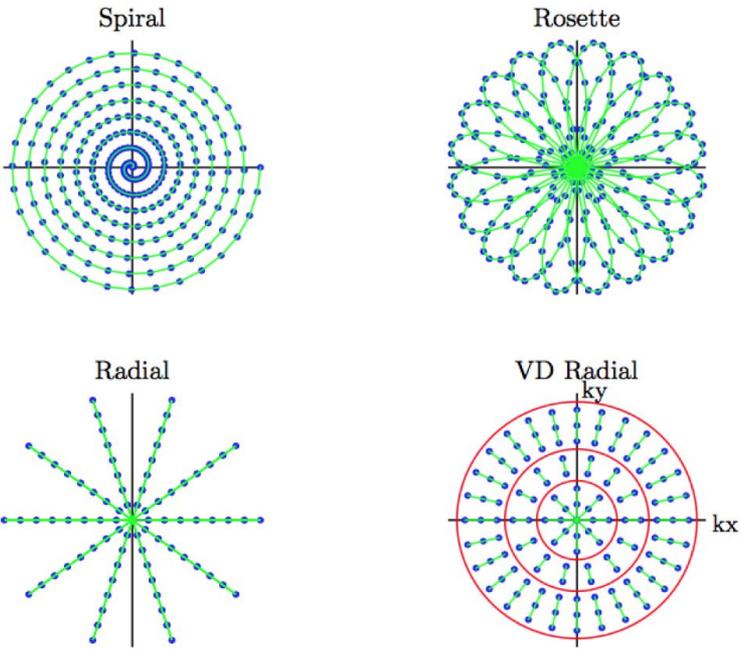
# Non-Uniform FFT (NUFFT)

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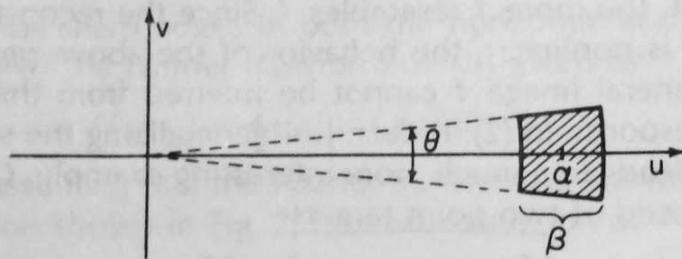
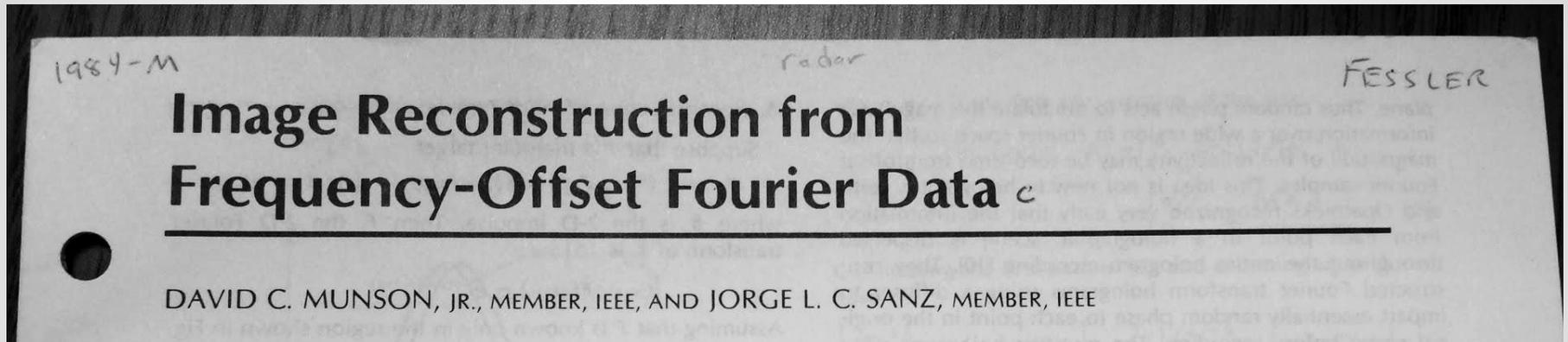
IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON SIGNAL PROCESSING, VOL. 51, NO. 2, FEBRUARY 2003

## Nonuniform Fast Fourier Transforms Using Min-Max Interpolation

Jeffrey A. Fessler, *Senior Member, IEEE*, and Bradley P. Sutton, *Member, IEEE*



# Back to 1984



**Fig. 1.** Region of known Fourier-domain data  $F(u, v)$  in spotlight mode synthetic-aperture radar. Typically  $\beta \ll \alpha$  and  $\theta$  is quite small as shown.

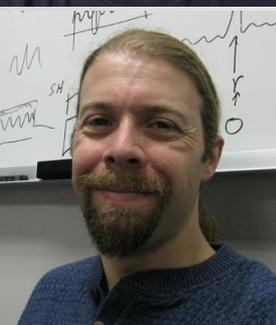
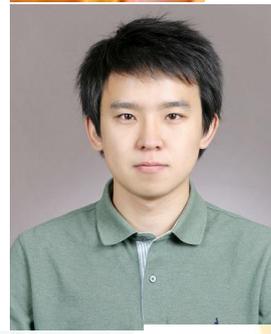
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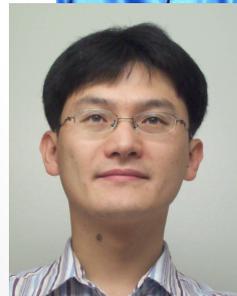
## Novel Methods to Accelerate CS Radar Imaging by NUFFT

Shilong Sun, Guofu Zhu, Member, IEEE, and Tian Jin, Member, IEEE

# Past PhD Students



# Past co-advised PhD students



# Current PhD students / postdoc



# PET again: from 2003 to 2015



## Quantitative comparison of OSEM and penalized likelihood image reconstruction using relative difference penalties for clinical PET

Sangtae Ahn<sup>1,3</sup>, Steven G Ross<sup>2</sup>, Evren Asma<sup>1,4</sup>, Jun Miao<sup>2</sup>,  
Xiao Jin<sup>2</sup>, Lishui Cheng<sup>1</sup>, Scott D Wollenweber<sup>2</sup> and  
Ravindra M Manjeshwar<sup>1</sup>

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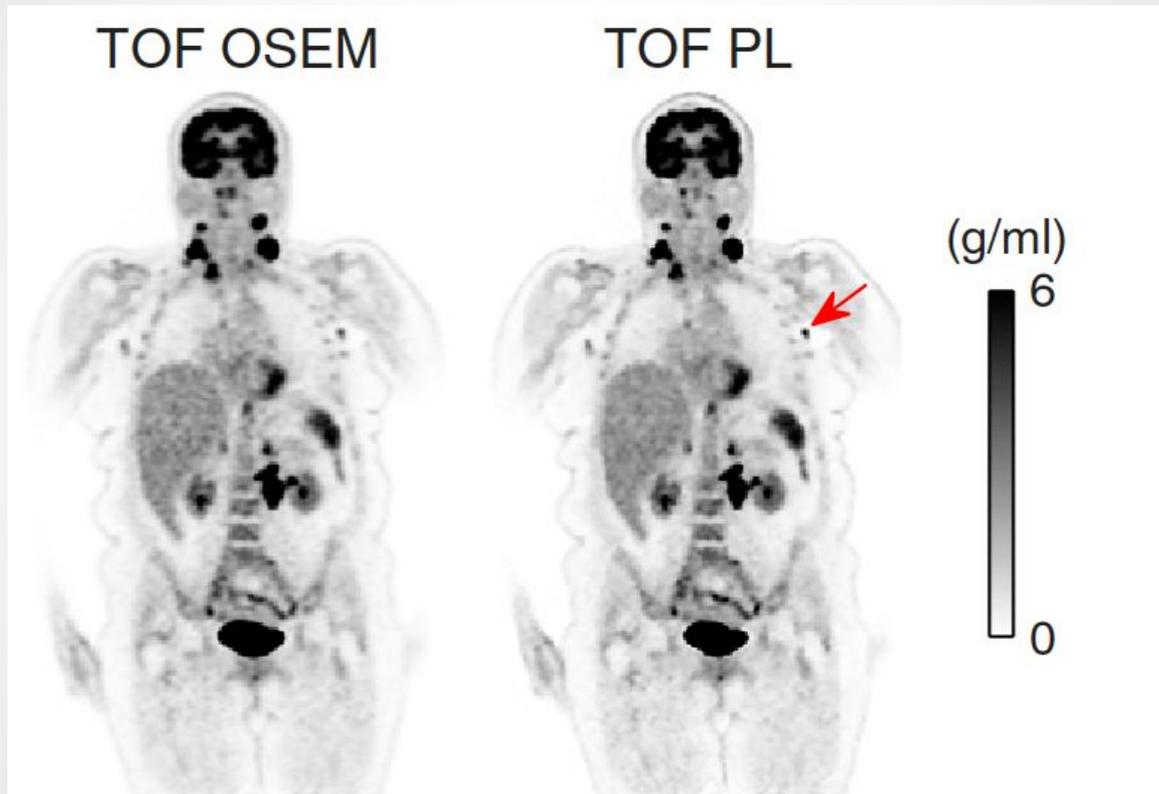
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Ahn S, Asma E, Ross S G and Manjeshwar R M 2013 Partial volume correction for penalized-likelihood image reconstruction in oncological PET applications *Proc. IEEE Nuclear Science Symp. Medical Imaging Conf.* (doi:10.1109/NSSMIC.2013.6829071)

Ahn S and Fessler J A 2003 Globally convergent image reconstruction for emission tomography using relaxed ordered subsets algorithms *IEEE Trans. Med. Imaging* **22** 613–26

Fessler J A and Rogers W L 1996 Spatial resolution properties of penalized-likelihood image reconstruction: space invariant tomographs *IEEE Trans. Image Process.* **5** 1346–58

# PET illustration



old

new

# Low-dose X-ray CT imaging

## The Michigan Daily

### New CT technology decreases radiation

By Mary Hannahan, Daily Staff Reporter

Published January 29, 2012

Patients undergoing diagnostic work at the University of Michigan Health System may now feel safer with the implementation of new state-of-the-art imaging technology that decreases the damaging side effects of radiation exposure.

UMHS is the first teaching hospital in North America to institute Veo, a new clinical technology developed by General Electric that allows CT scans to be performed using a significantly lower dose of radiation than a conventional scan.

Jeff Fessler, a professor of electrical engineering, computer science, radiology and biomedical engineering, contributed to the development of Veo. As CT scans continue to be used on patients more often, Fessler said it's important to reduce the amount of radiation used in order to prevent harmful side effects on patients.

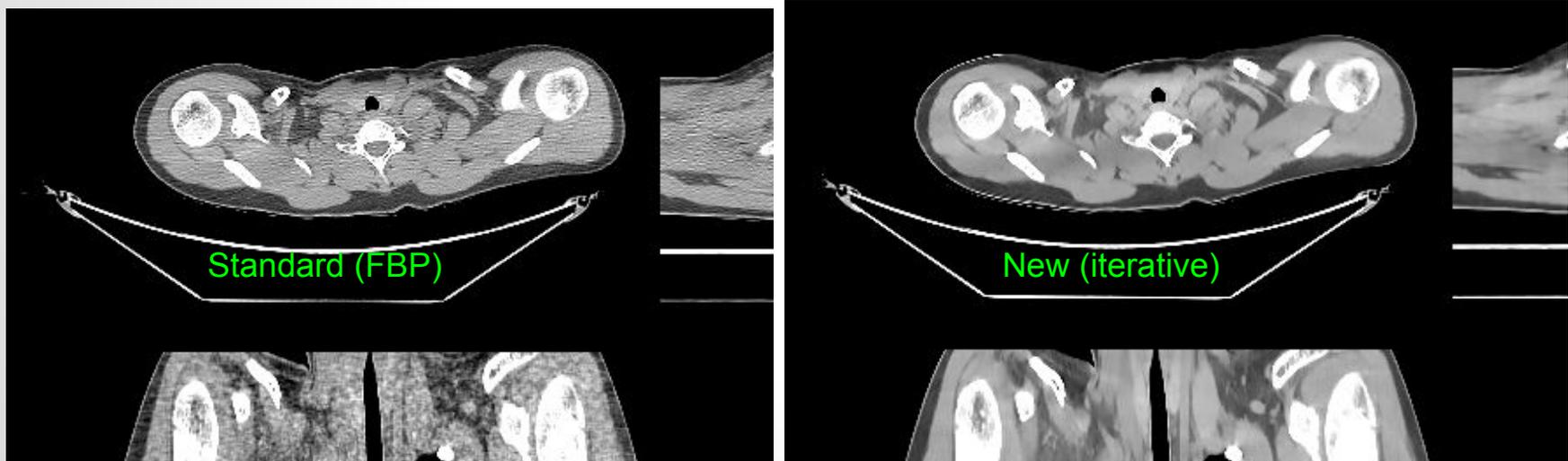
# Parallelizable algorithms for CT

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## Alternating Dual Updates Algorithm for X-ray CT Reconstruction on the GPU

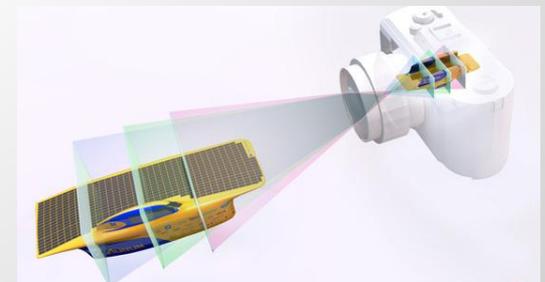
Madison G. McGaffin, *Member, IEEE*, and Jeffrey A. Fessler, *Fellow, IEEE*



Ongoing work with Tom Wenisch, Ella Kazerooni, Heang-Ping Chan, Lubomir Hadjiiski, Mitch Goodsitt, ...

# Ongoing collaborations

- Volker Sick: plenoptic imaging of chemiluminescence
- James Balter and Yue Cao: free-breathing liver MRI for radiotherapy
- Ella Kazerooni and Prachi Agarwal and Mitch Goodsitt and Tom Wensch et al.: low-dose lung CT
- Doug Noll and Jon Nielsen: MRI RF pulse design and fast fMRI
- Jon Nielsen and Roger Albin: quantitative MRI for neuroimaging
- Yuni Dewaraja: SPECT for radionuclide therapy
- Heang-Ping Chan: digital breast tomosynthesis
- Laura Balzano: dictionary and subspace learning
- Raj Nadakuditi and Sai Ravishankar: sparse signal modeling
- Zhong He: 3D gamma imaging
- Ted Norris and Zhaohui Zhong:  
light-field imaging using transparent sensors
- ...



# Future directions?

“Ultra-low dose CT image reconstruction based on big data priors”

UM-SJTU seed project

With Prof. Yong Long, UM-SJTU joint institute





# Summary