

# Convex Optimization

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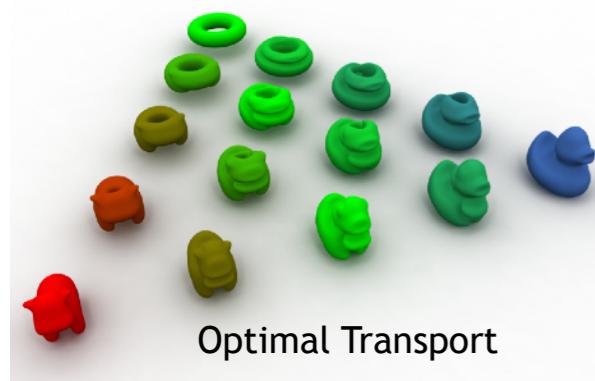
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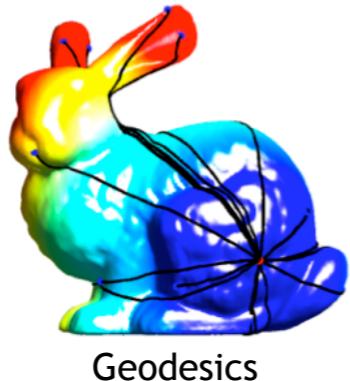
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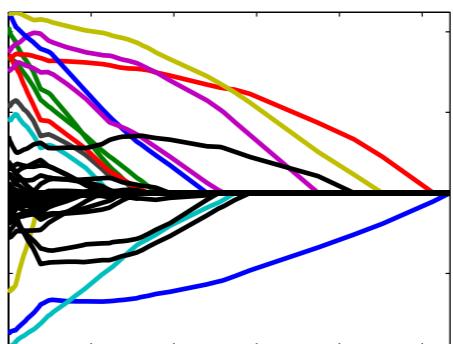
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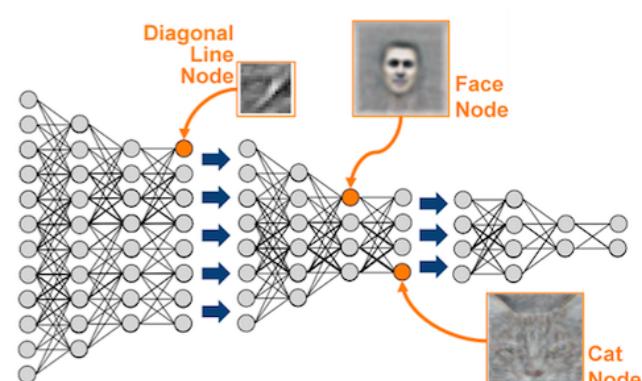
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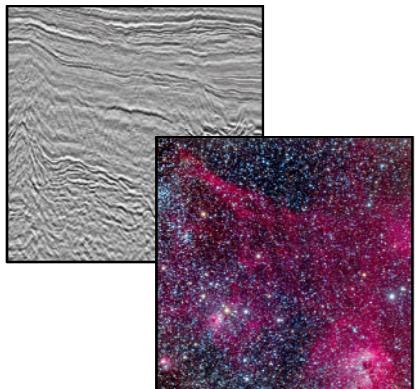
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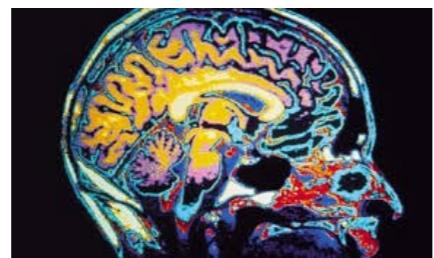
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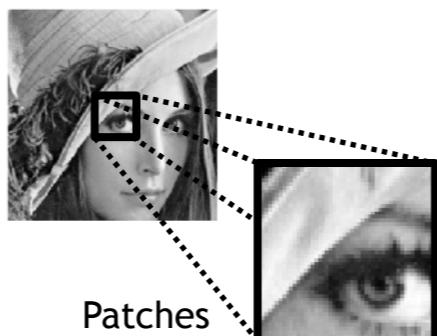
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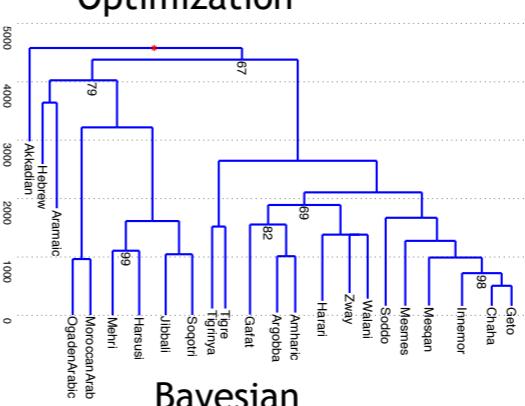
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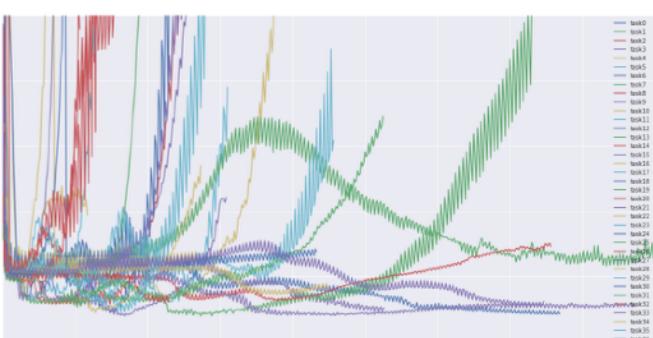
Neuro-imaging



Patches



Bayesian



Parallel/Stochastic

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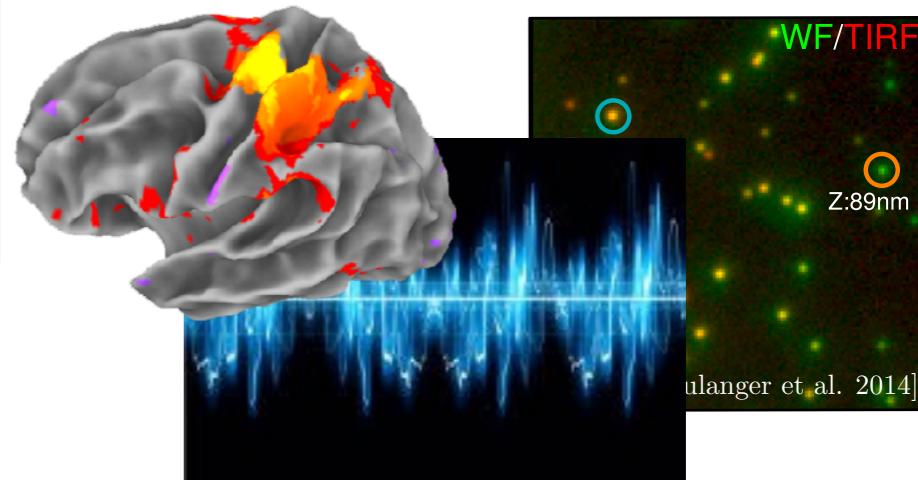
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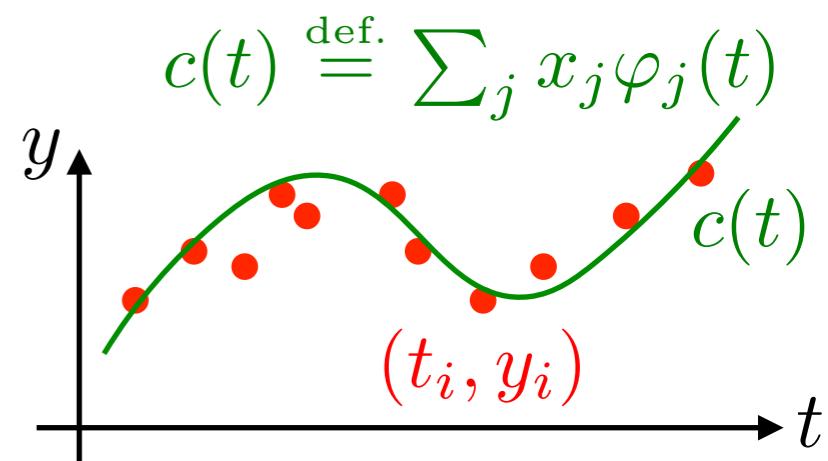
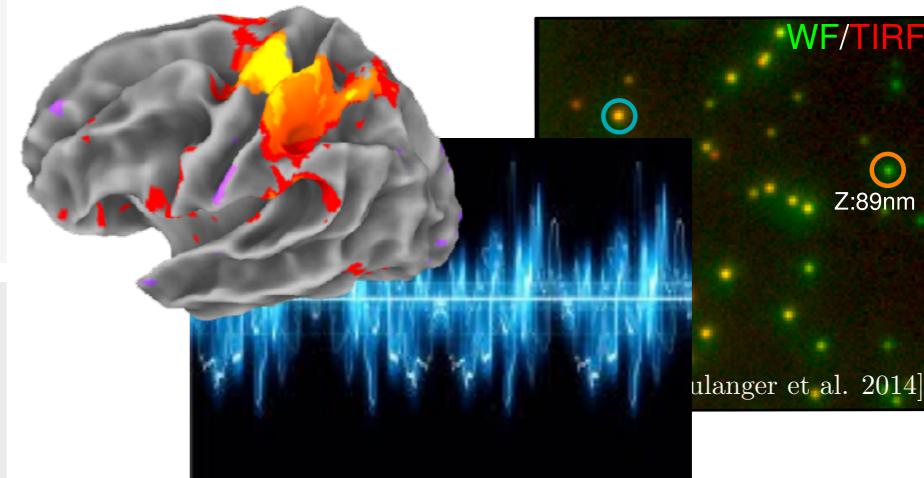
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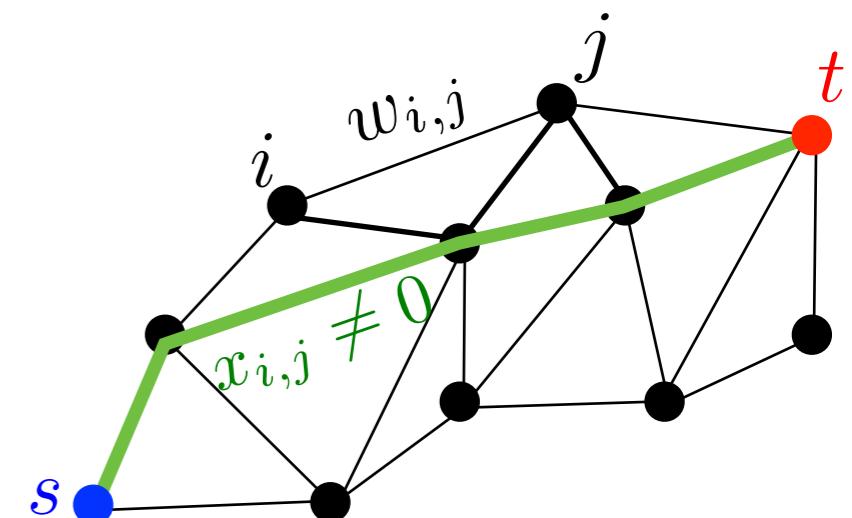
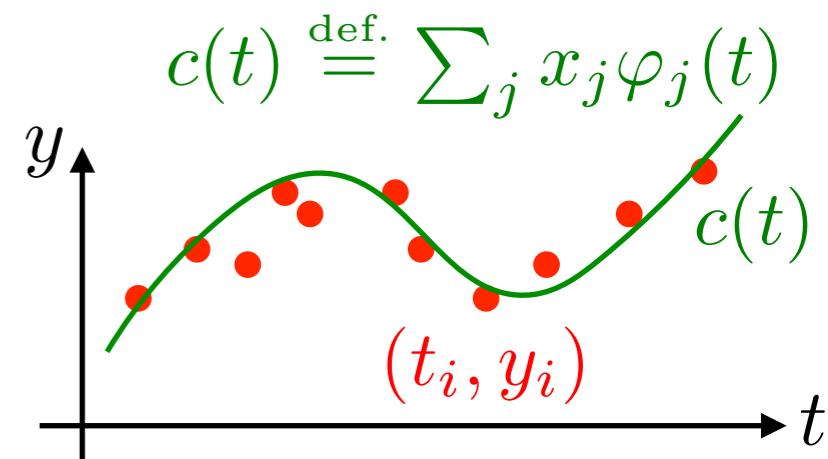
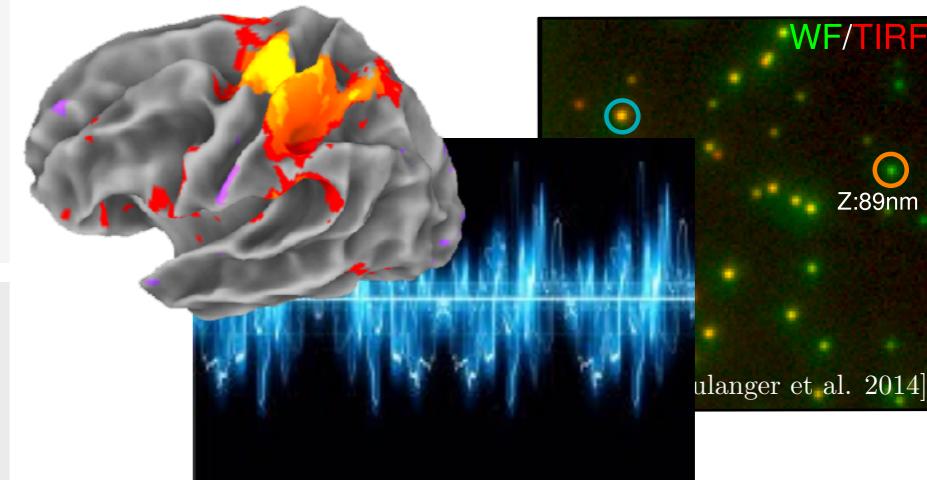
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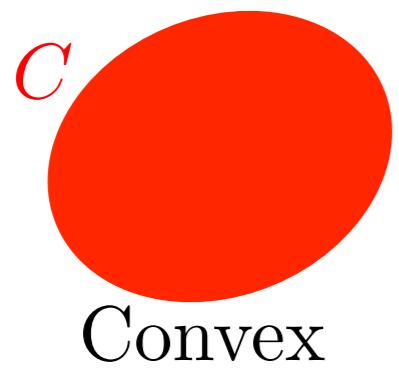
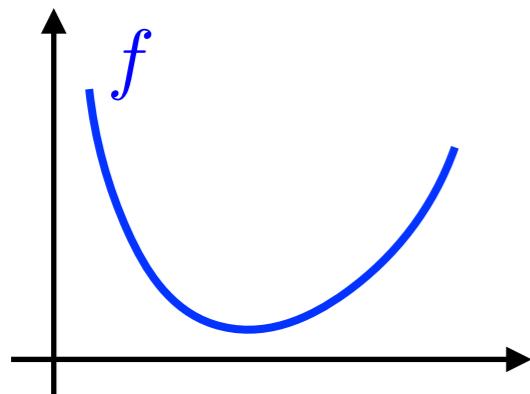
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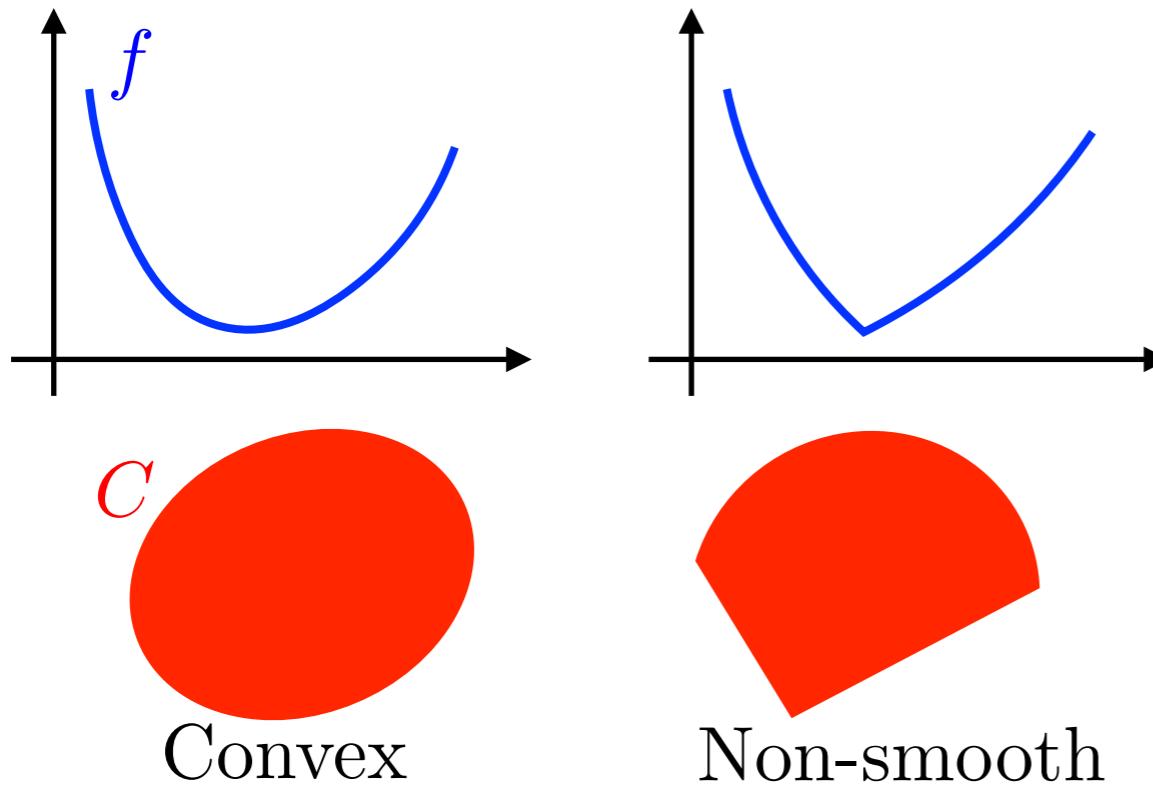


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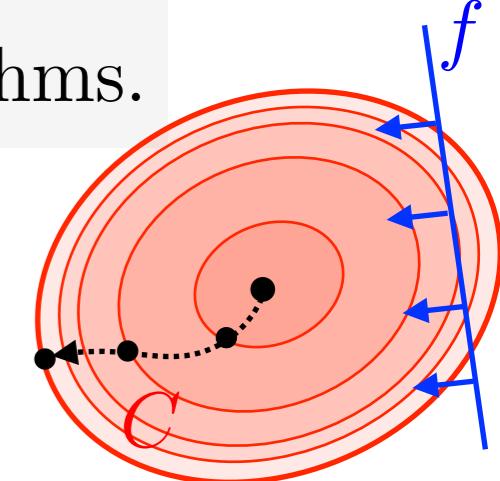
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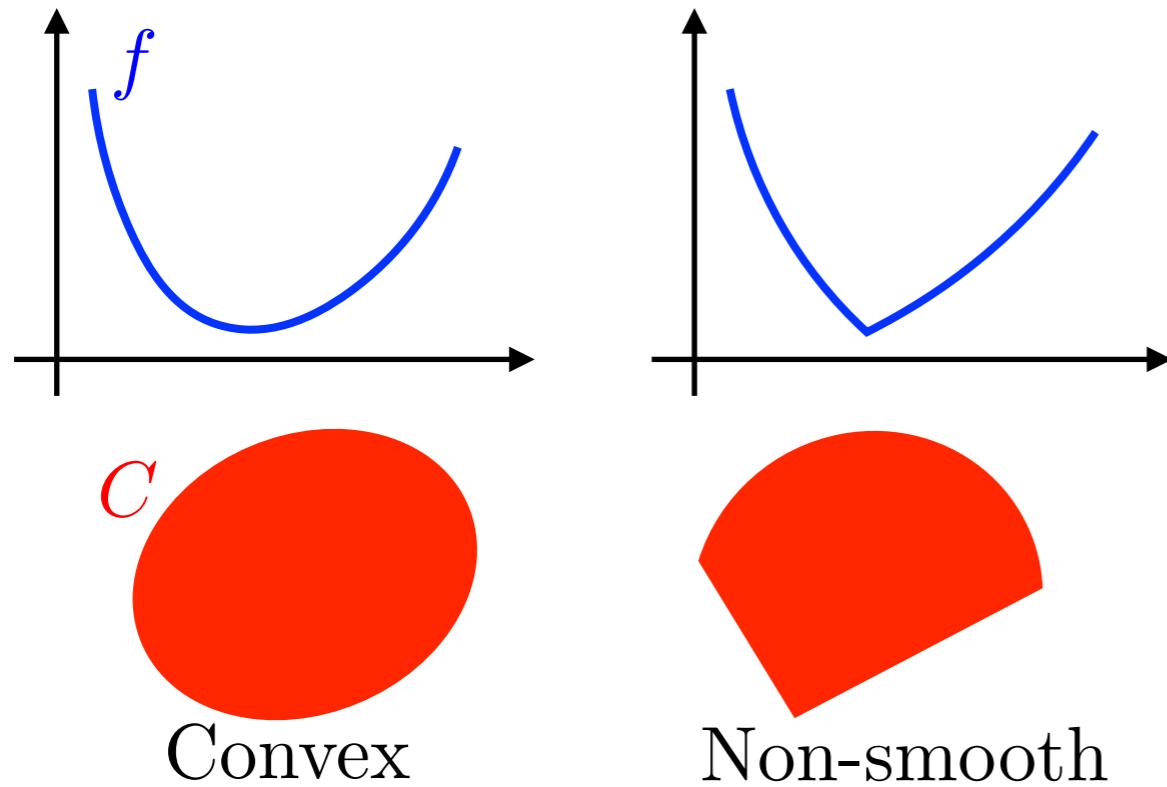
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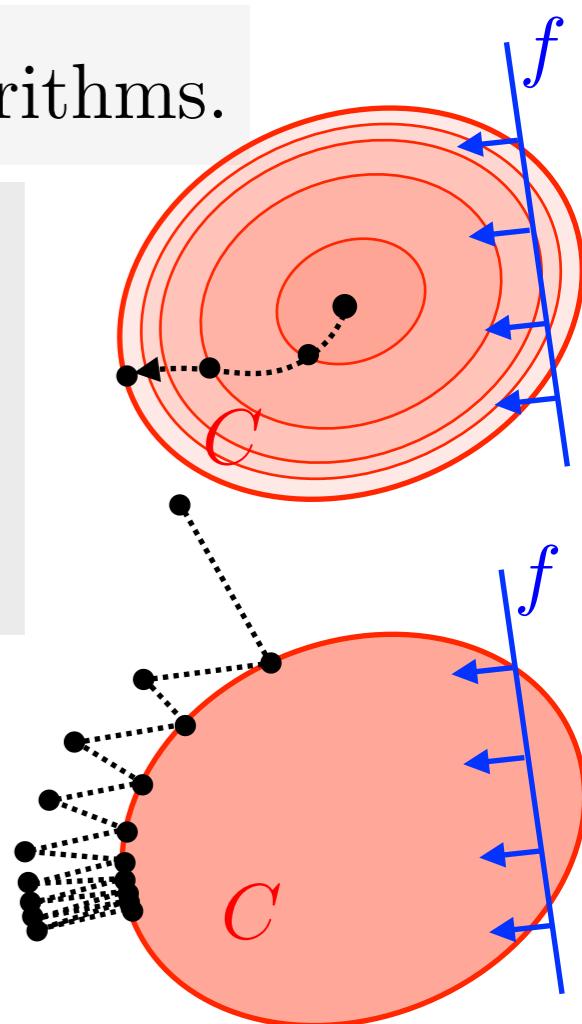
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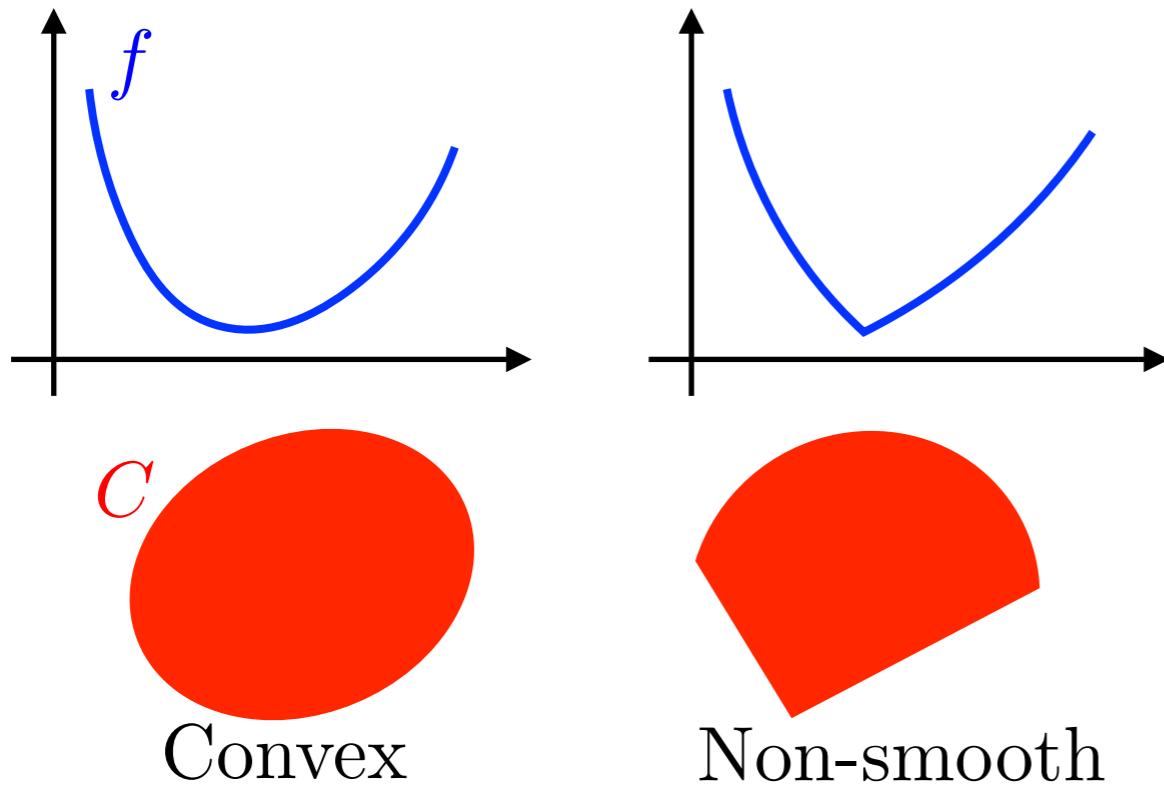
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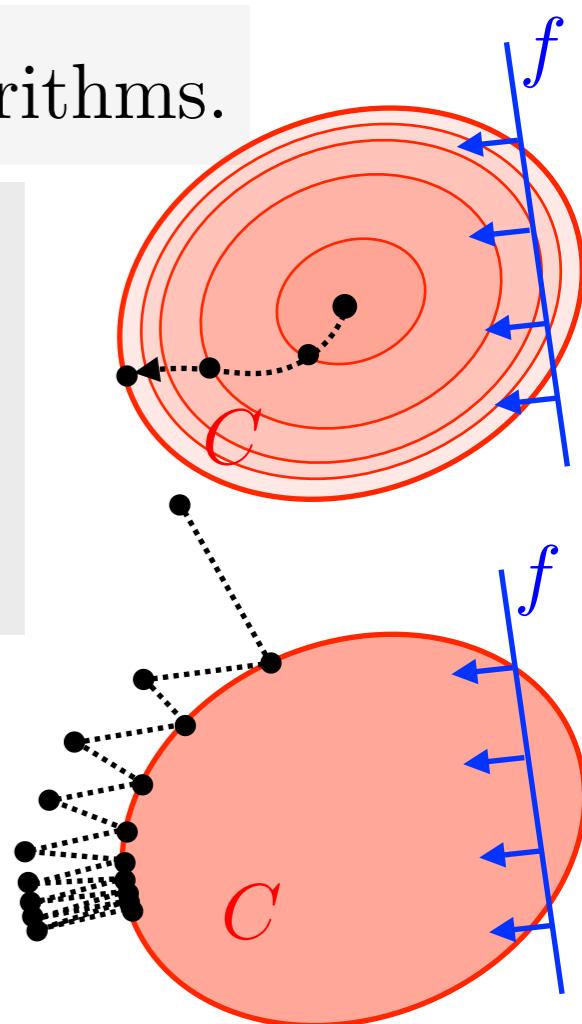
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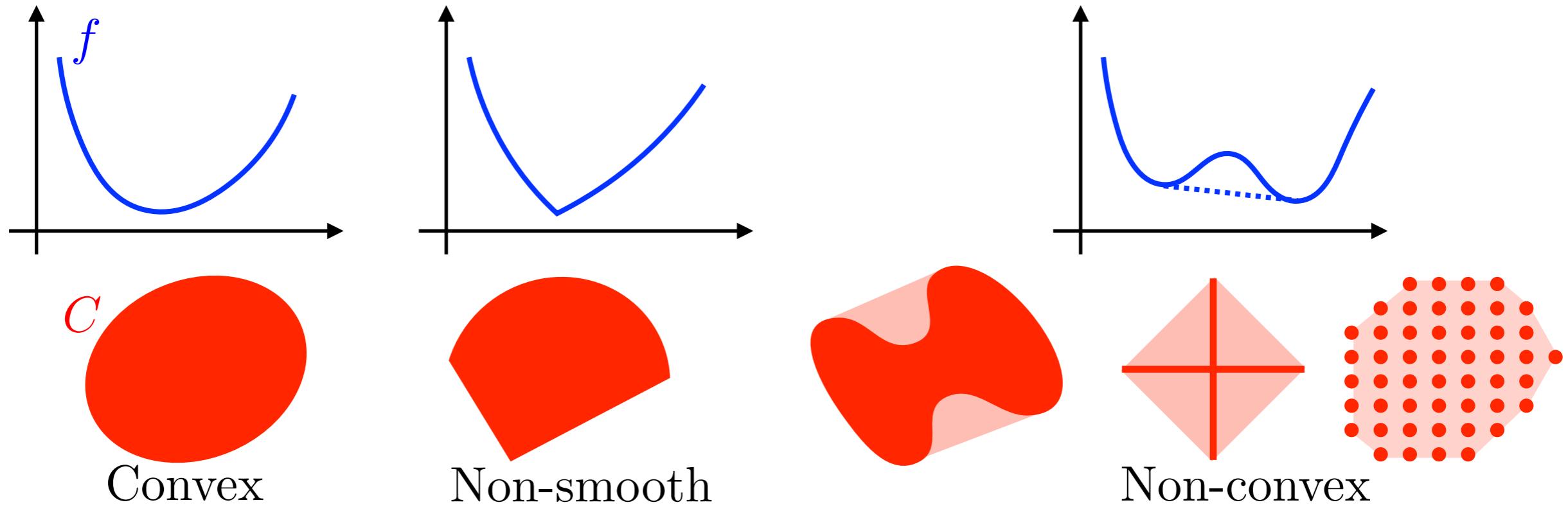
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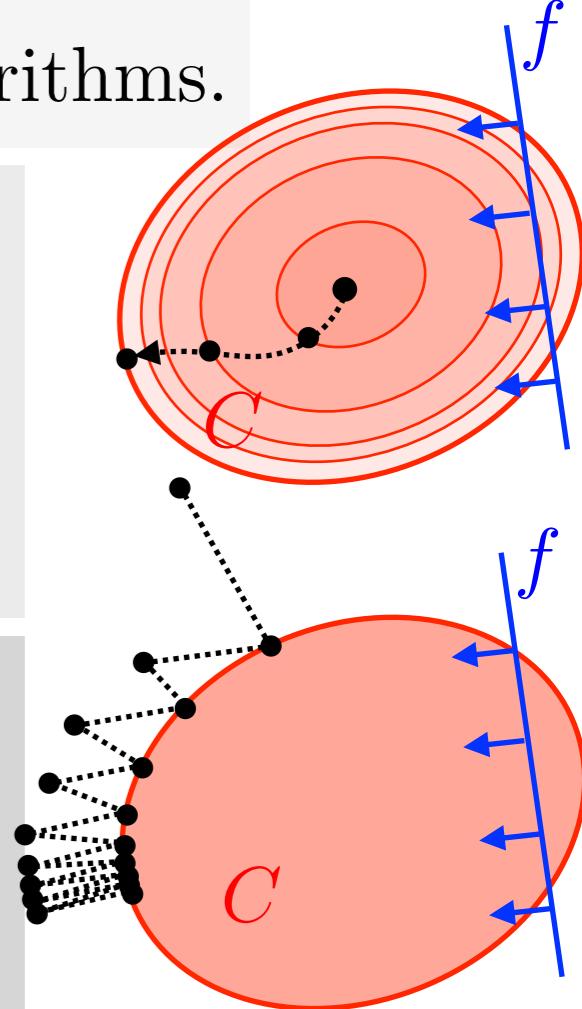
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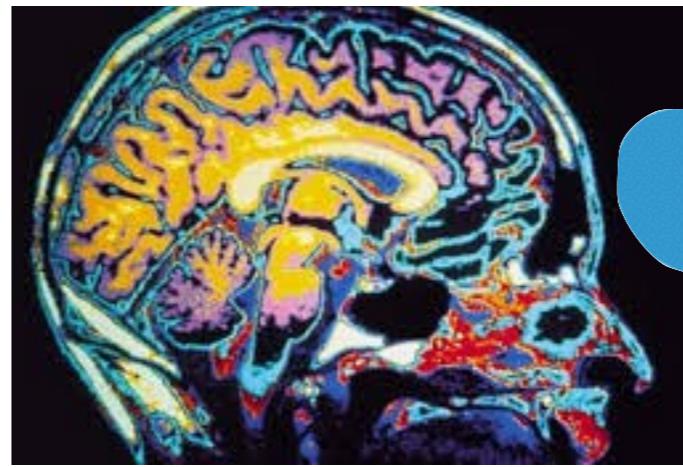
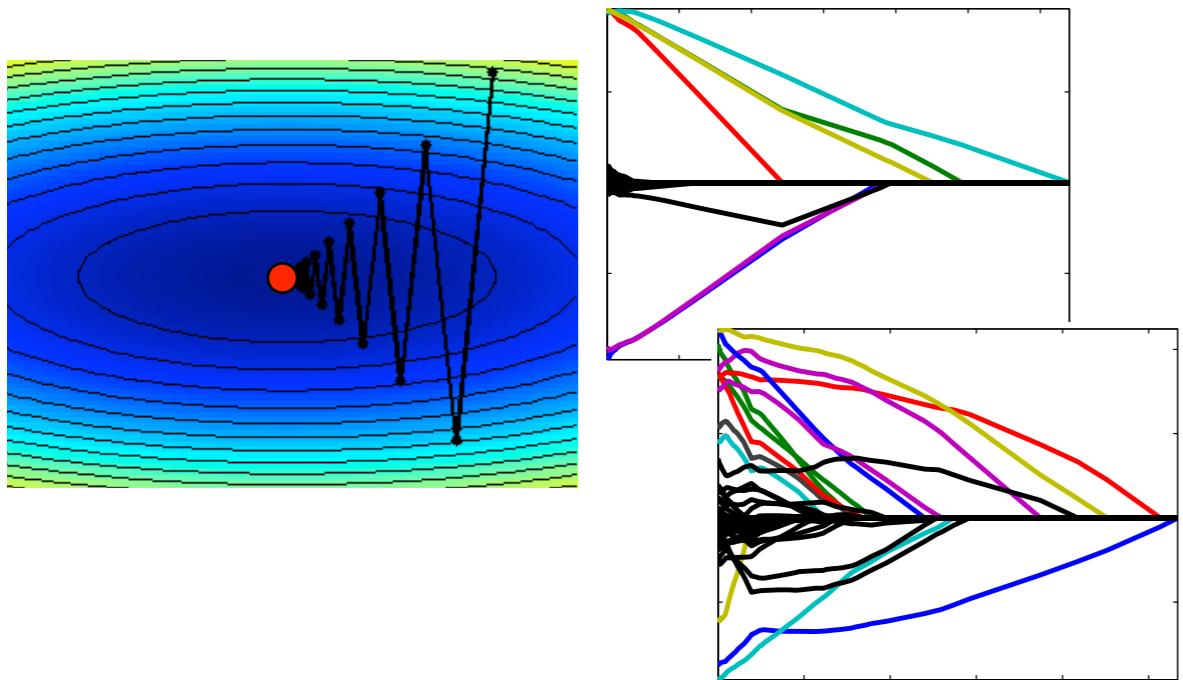
*Non-convexity is hard:* convexification is sometime possible.

- sparsity with  $\ell^1$ , low-rank with nuclear norm.
- Lasserre SDP hierarchy (small size).



# What's next

Alexandre Gramfort: sparsity, applications in ML/imaging.



Matthieu Kowalski: proximal methods, applications in audio.

