

# Sparse optimization Algorithms for Dynamic Imaging

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## **Outline**

- ① Minimization Problem / Sparsity**
- ② Algorithm for sparse solutions**
- ③ Dynamic Imaging: Particle Tracking problem**

# Minimization Problem

$X$  Banach space. Solve

$$\min_{u \in X} L(u) + R(u)$$

- **L**  $\leadsto$  **Loss function:** **Smooth** + **Convex**

$$L : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$$
(Close to data)

- **R**  $\leadsto$  **Regularizer:** **Convex** + **1-homogeneous**

$$R : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$$
(Promotes Sparsity)

**Note:** Compactness assumptions  $\implies$  Minimizer exists

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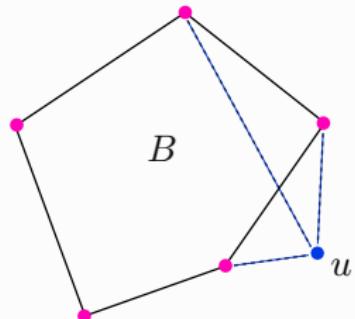
# Sparsity

**Unit Ball** of regularizer  $R$

$$B := \{u \in X : R(u) \leq 1\}$$

**Extremal Points:**  $u \in B$  s.t.

$$\begin{cases} u = \alpha u_1 + (1 - \alpha) u_2 \\ \alpha \in (0, 1), u_1, u_2 \in B \end{cases} \implies u = u_1 = u_2$$



**Definition:**  $u \in X$  **sparse**

Conic combination

$$u = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i u_i, \quad \lambda_i \geq 0, \quad u_i \in \text{Ext}(B)$$

# Main Task

Numerical **Algorithm** to compute

$$\bar{u} \in \arg \min_{u \in X} L(u) + R(u)$$

which is **sparse**

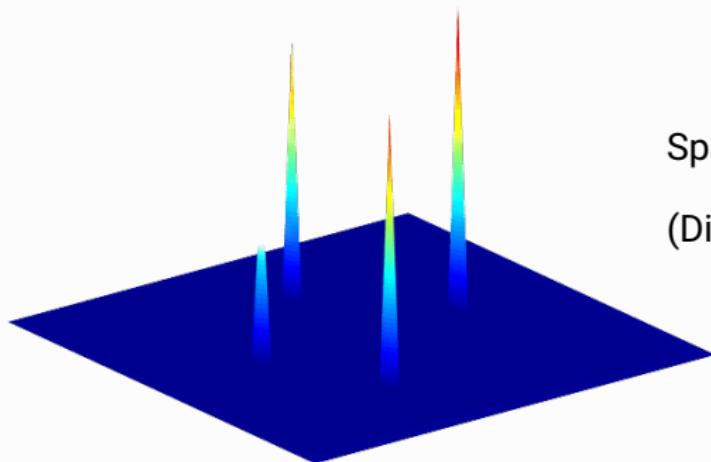
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## Examples:

- ▶ Portfolio optimization  $\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R}^d$
- ▶ Training 2-Layer Neural Networks  $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  Radon Measures
- ▶ Microstructures in Materials  $\rightsquigarrow \text{BV}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  Bounded Variation

# Example: Radon Measures

Banach space:  $X = \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  Radon measures



Sparse Source Identification  
 (Diffusion-Advection Equation)

$$\mu = \sum_i \lambda_i \delta_{x_i}$$

Regularizer:  $R(\mu) := \|\mu\|_{\mathcal{M}}$   $\text{Ext}(B) = \{\pm \delta_x : x \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$

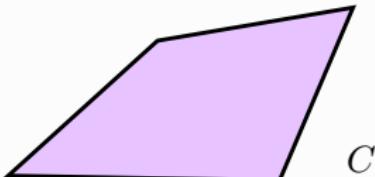
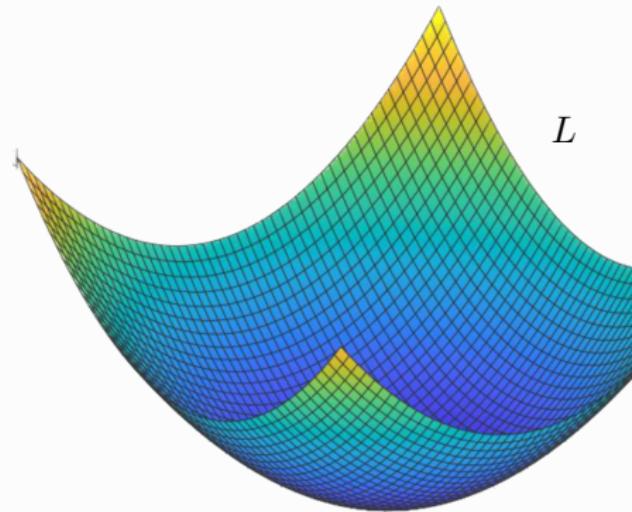
Figure from: Monge, Zuazua. **Systems & Control Letters** (2020)

# Algorithm: Classic Frank-Wolfe

**Problem:** Constrained minimization

$$\min_{x \in C} L(x)$$

- ▶  $L: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  regular convex
- ▶  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^N$  convex compact set



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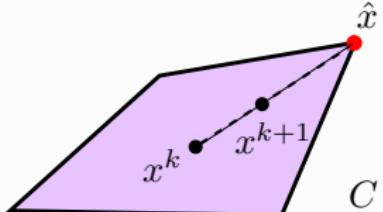
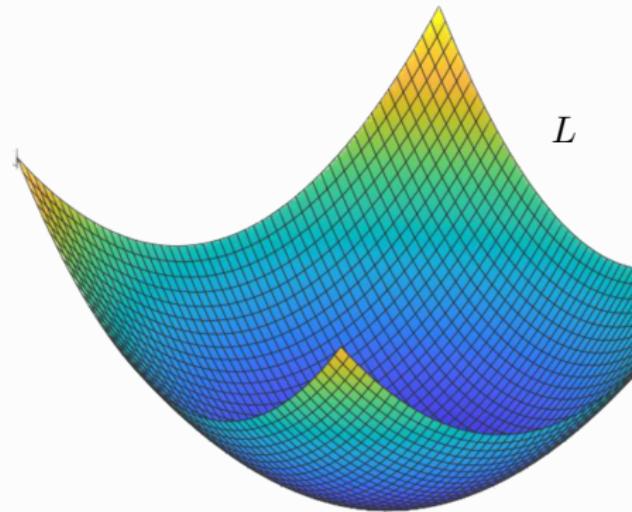
**Frank-Wolfe Algorithm:** Given  $x^k \in C$

- ➊ **Insertion:** Solve linearized problem

$$\min_{x \in C} \langle \nabla F(x^k), x \rangle \quad \mapsto \quad \hat{x}$$

- ➋ **Convex update:** Set

$$x^{k+1} := x^k + \alpha(\hat{x} - x^k), \quad \alpha := \frac{2}{k+2}$$



M. Jaggi. Proceedings of Machine Learning Research (2013)

# Algorithm: Generalized Frank-Wolfe

$$\min_{u \in X} G(u), \quad G := L + R$$

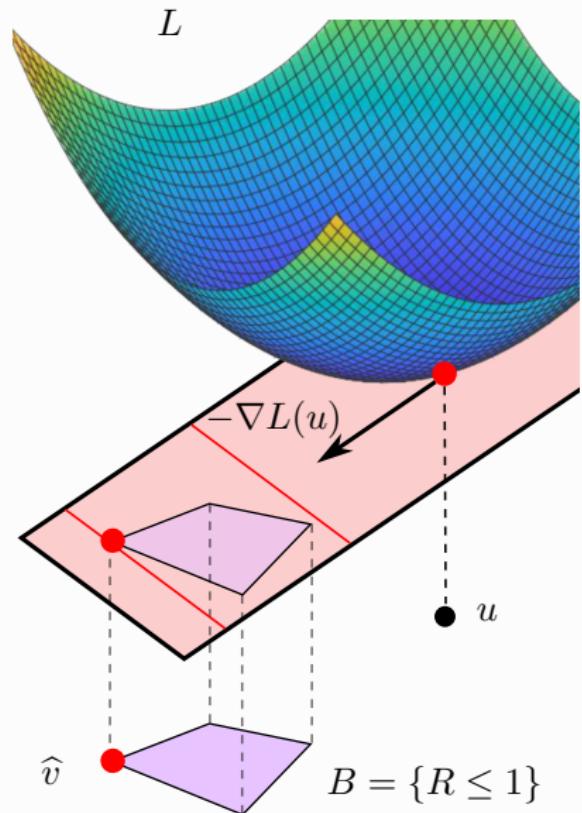
**Idea:** Set  $B = \{R \leq 1\}$ . Consider

$$\min_{u \in X} L(u) + \chi_B(u) \iff \min_{u \in B} L(u)$$

**Descent Direction:** Solve

$$\min_{v \in B} \langle \nabla L(u), v \rangle \mapsto \hat{v}$$

**Lemma [1].**  $\hat{v} \in \text{Ext}(B)$



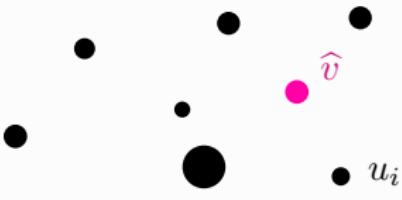
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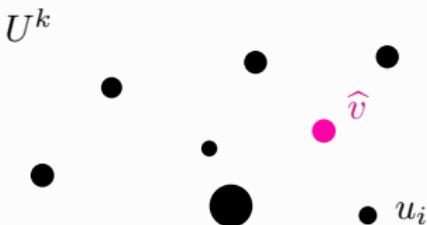
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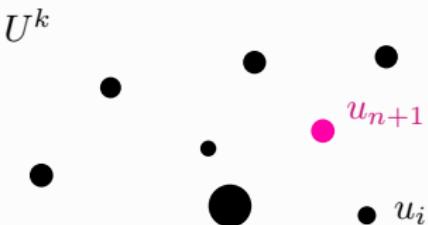
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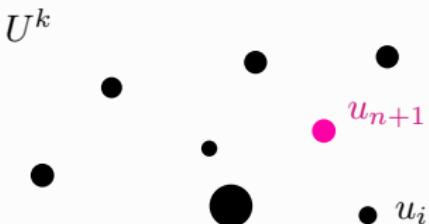
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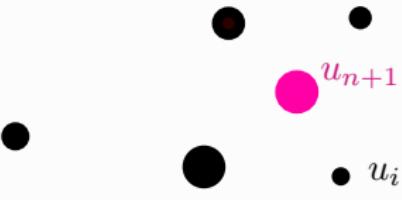
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# Convergence Analysis

## Theorem [1]

$U^k$  sparse iterate generated by Algorithm. Then

$$U^k \xrightarrow{*} \bar{u}, \quad \bar{u} \in \arg \min G, \quad G := L + R$$

General convergence is **sublinear**

$$G(U^k) - \min G \lesssim \frac{1}{k}$$

**Highlight:**  $\bar{u}$  **sparse** + “source condition”  $\implies$  **linear** convergence

$$G(U^k) - \min G \lesssim \frac{1}{2^k}$$

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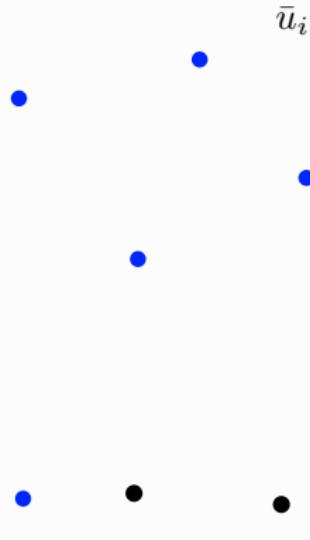
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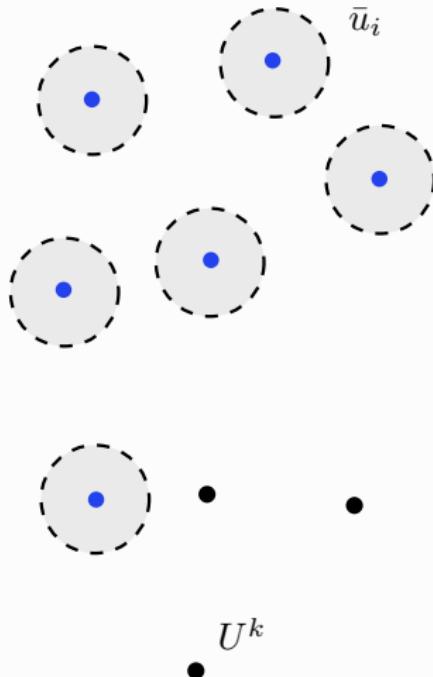
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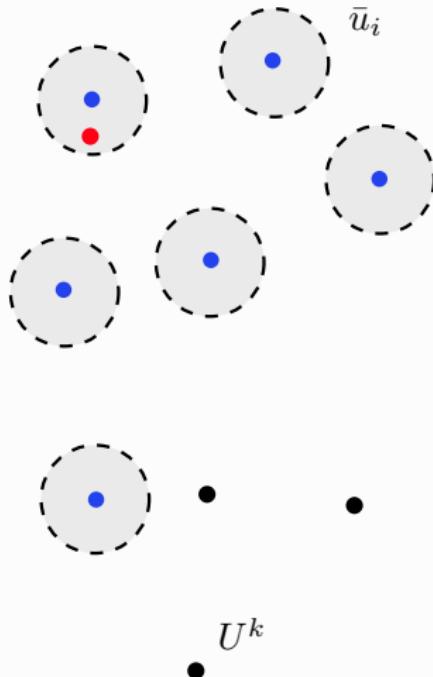
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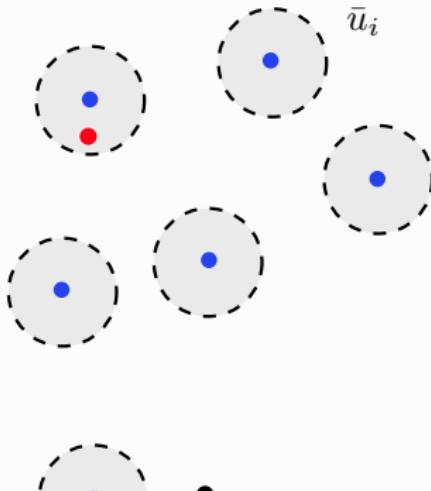
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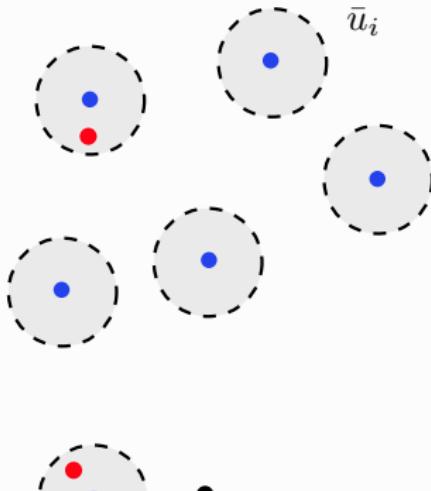
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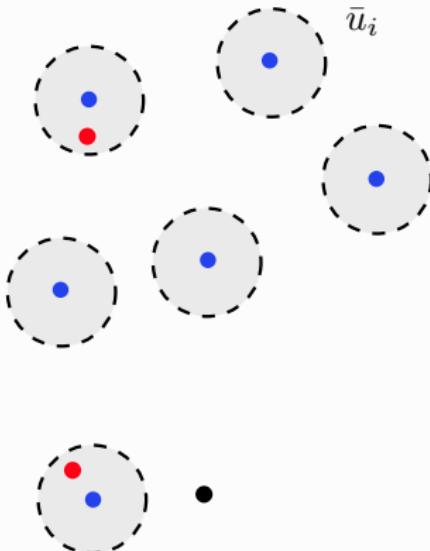
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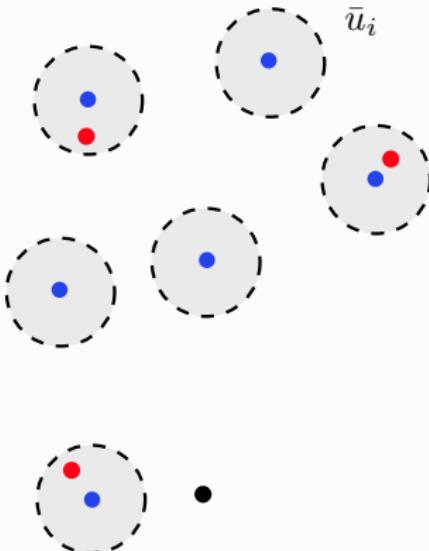
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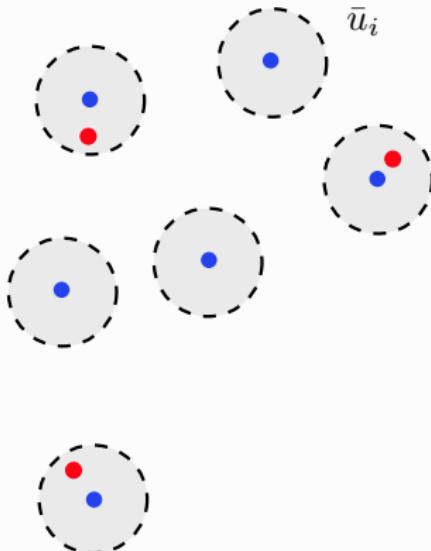
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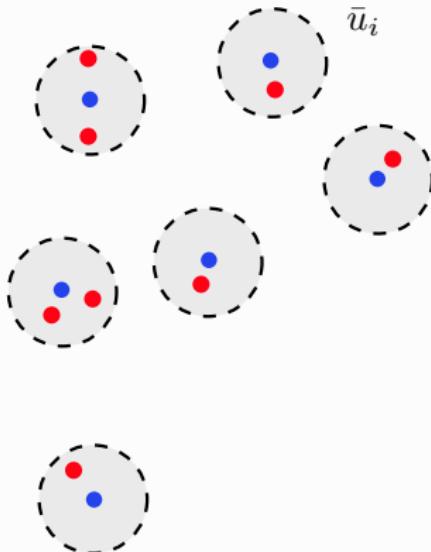
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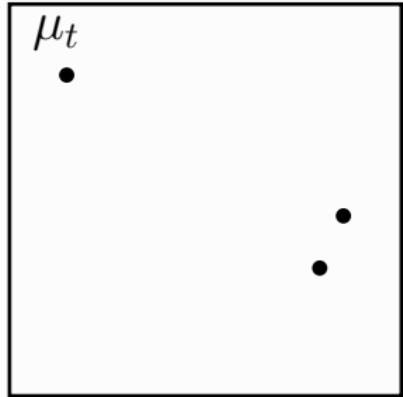
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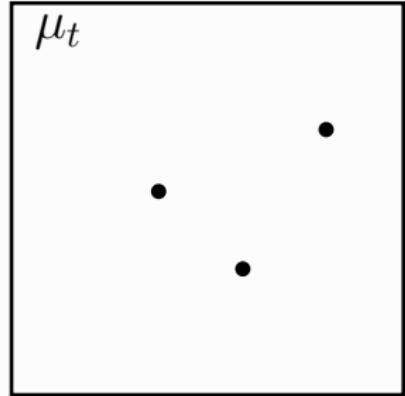
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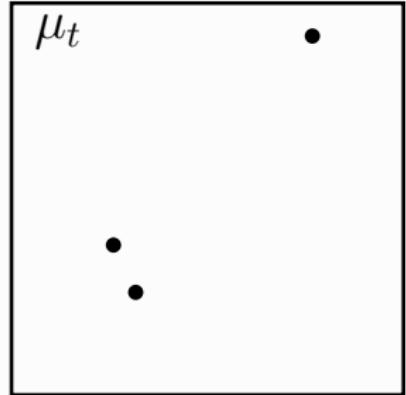
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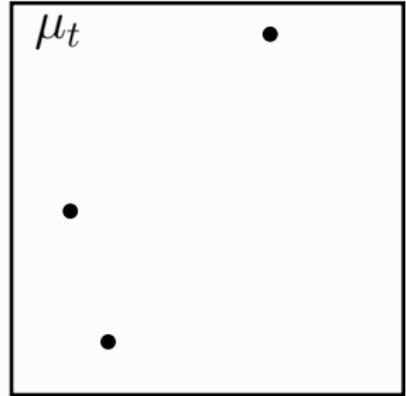
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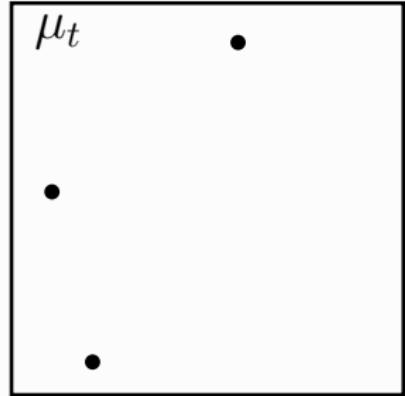
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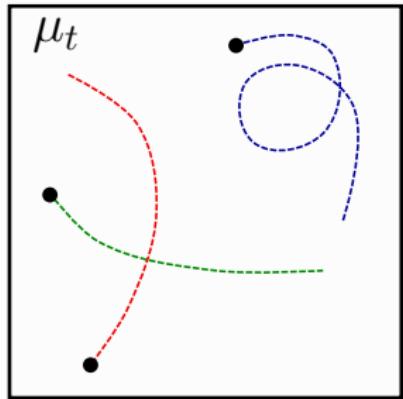
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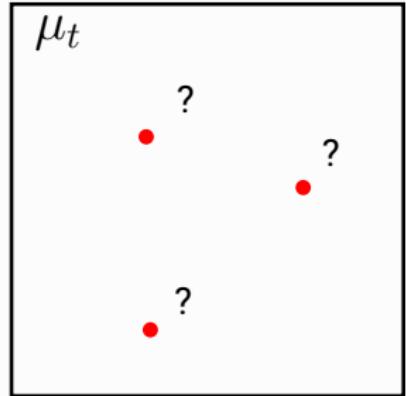
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**Issue:** Motion  $\implies$  Low Scan Time  $\implies$  **Low Data**  $y_t \rightsquigarrow$  **Particles?**

**Global-in-Time:** Full Time-Series  $t \mapsto y_t \rightsquigarrow$  Trajectories  $t \mapsto \mu_t$

# Dynamic Inverse Problem

## Framework:

- ▶ **Image frame:** Spatial domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^N$
- ▶ **Images:** Modelled as Radon Measures  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega)$
- ▶ **Data spaces:** Hilbert spaces  $H_t$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$
- ▶ **Measurement Operators:** linear continuous maps

$$K_t: \mathcal{M}(\Omega) \rightarrow H_t$$

- ▶ **Data points:** Curve  $t \mapsto y_t$  with  $y_t \in H_t$

**Dynamic Inverse Problem:** Find **curve** of measures  $t \mapsto \mu_t \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega)$  s.t.

$$K_t \mu_t = y_t \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, 1]$$

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# Motion-Aware Regularization

**Trajectories:** Curve of measures

$$t \mapsto \mu_t \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega), \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

**Assumptions:**

- $\mu_t$  satisfies **Continuity Equation**

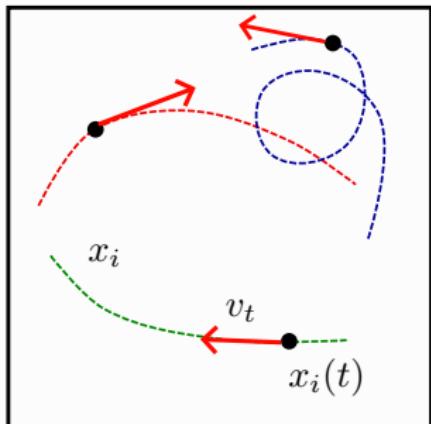
$$\partial_t \mu_t + \operatorname{div}(v_t \mu_t) = 0$$

for some velocity field (to find)

$$v_t : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

- Finite **Kinetic Energy**

$$\int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |v_t(x)|^2 d\mu_t(x) dt < \infty$$



$$\mu_t = \sum_i \delta_{x_i(t)}$$

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# Motion-Aware Regularization

**Minimization Problem:** Given data  $t \mapsto y_t \in H_t$

$$K_t \mu_t = y_t \quad \leadsto \quad \min_{\mu, v} L(\mu) + R(\mu, v)$$

- $L \sim$  **Loss Function:** Fits  $t \mapsto \mu_t$  to given data  $t \mapsto y_t$

$$L(\mu) := \int_0^1 \|K_t \mu_t - y_t\|_{H_t}^2 dt$$

- $R \sim$  **Regularizer:**

$$R(\mu, v) := \underbrace{\int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |v_t(x)|^2 d\mu_t(x) dt}_{\text{Kinetic Energy}} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \underbrace{\partial_t \mu_t + \operatorname{div}(v_t \mu_t)}_{\text{Continuity Equation}} = 0$$

**Note:**  $R$  is connected to **Optimal Transport** (Benamou-Brenier formula)

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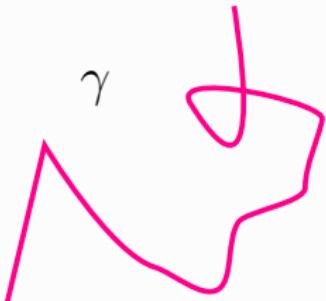
# Extremal Points

$$R(\mu, v) := \int_0^1 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} |v_t(x)|^2 d\mu_t(x) dt \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \partial_t \mu_t + \operatorname{div}(v_t \mu_t) = 0$$

## Theorem [3]

Let  $B = \{R \leq 1\}$ . Then  $\operatorname{Ext}(B)$  are measures  
 $t \mapsto \mu_t$  supported on **Sobolev Curves**

$$t \mapsto \mu_t = \delta_{\gamma(t)}, \quad \gamma \in H^1([0, 1]; \mathbb{R}^2)$$



**Proof Idea:** Probabilistic Superposition Principle  
 for measure solutions to

$$\partial_t \mu_t + \operatorname{div}(v_t \mu_t) = 0 \quad (= g_t \mu_t)$$

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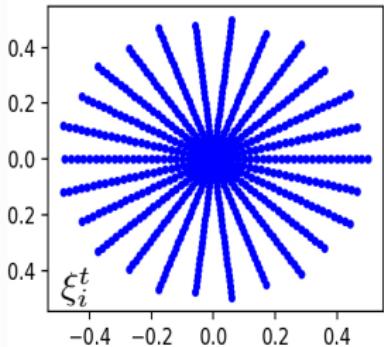
# Application: Dynamic Undersampled MRI

**Fourier Transform:** For  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega)$

$$\hat{\mu}: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \hat{\mu}[\xi] := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{i\xi \cdot x} d\mu(x)$$

**Sampling Frequencies:**  $M_t$  time dependent points

$$\xi_1^t, \dots, \xi_{M_t}^t \in \mathbb{C}$$



Radial Sampling

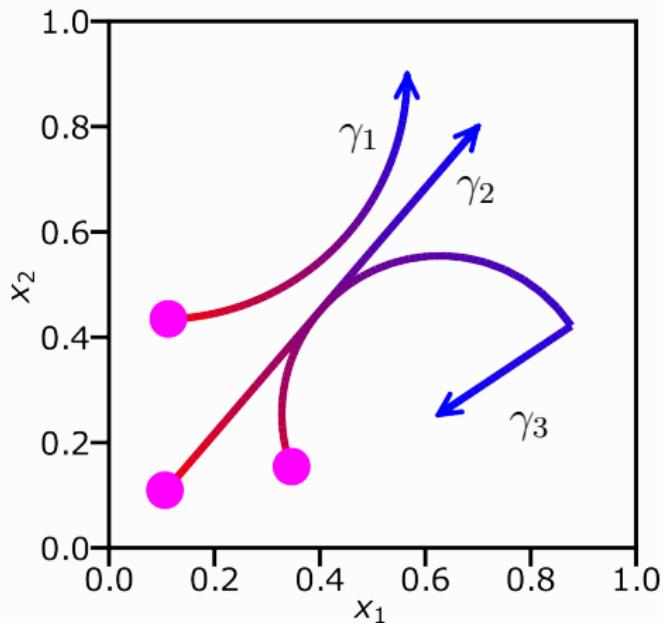
**Forward operators:** linear continuous

$$K_t: \mathcal{M}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{M_t}, \quad K_t \mu := (\hat{\mu}[\xi_1^t], \dots, \hat{\mu}[\xi_{M_t}^t])$$

**Dynamic MRI IP:** Given  $t \mapsto \mu_t \in \mathbb{C}^{M_t}$  find  $t \mapsto \mu_t \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega)$  s.t.

$$K_t \mu_t = y_t \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, 1]$$

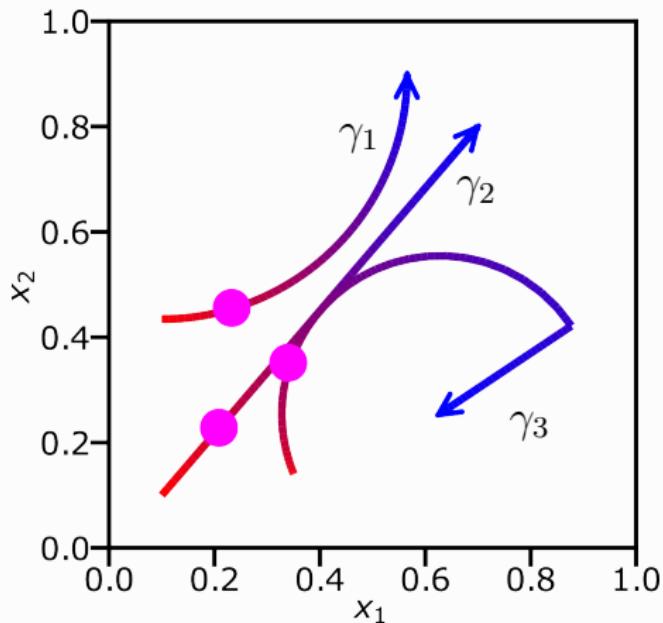
# Dynamic MRI: Experiment



**Ground truth:** Curve of measures

$$\bar{\mu}_t := \delta_{\gamma_1(t)} + \delta_{\gamma_2(t)} + \delta_{\gamma_3(t)}$$

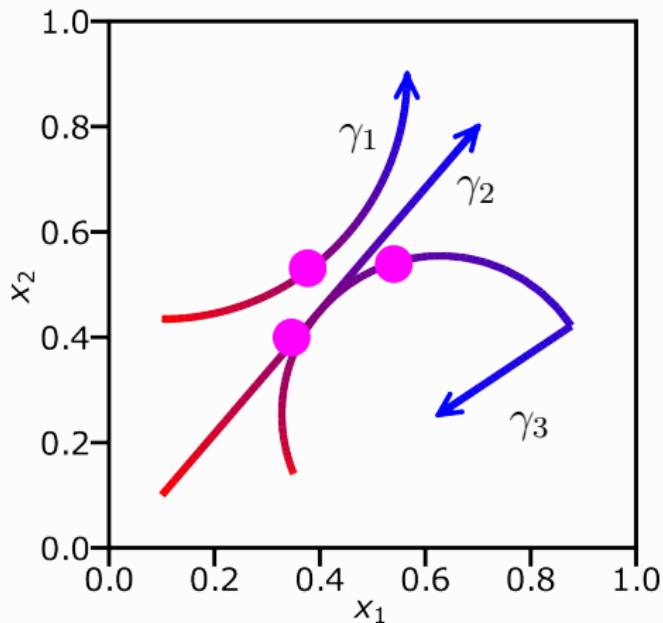
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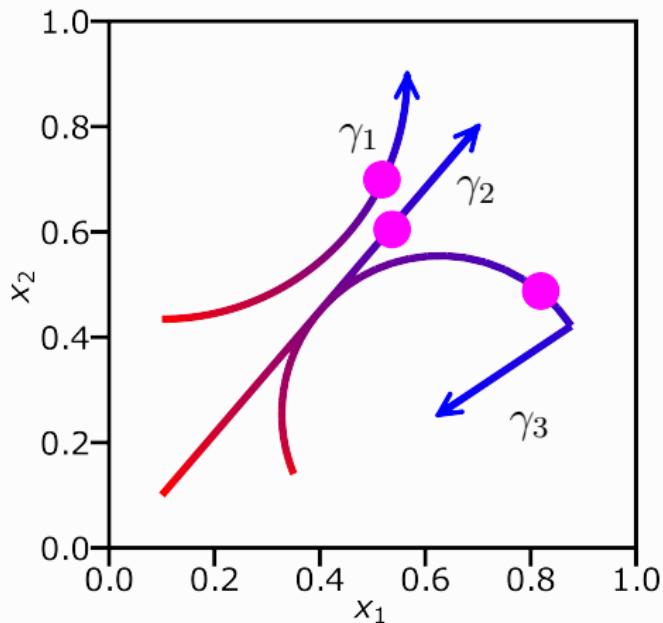
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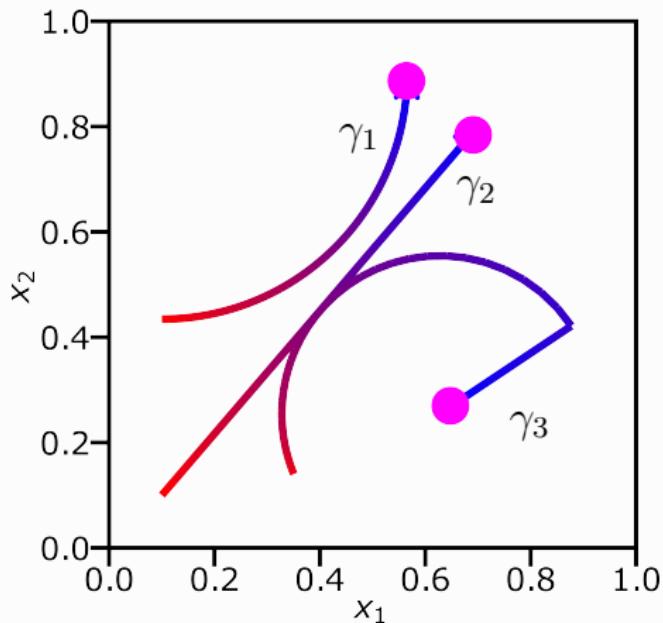
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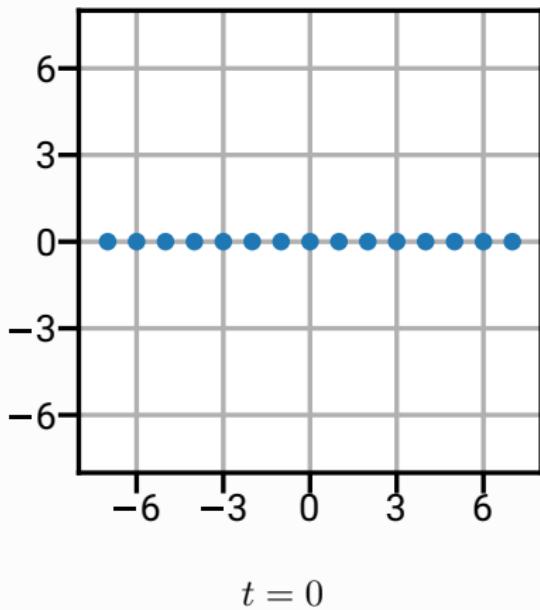
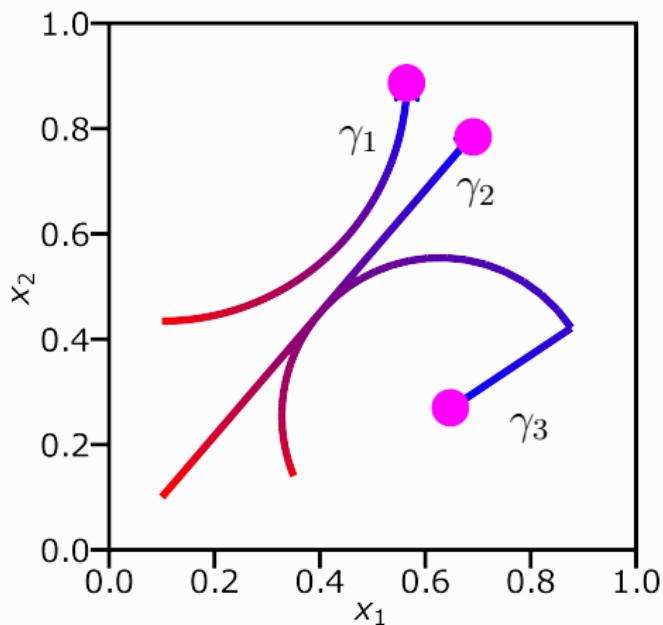
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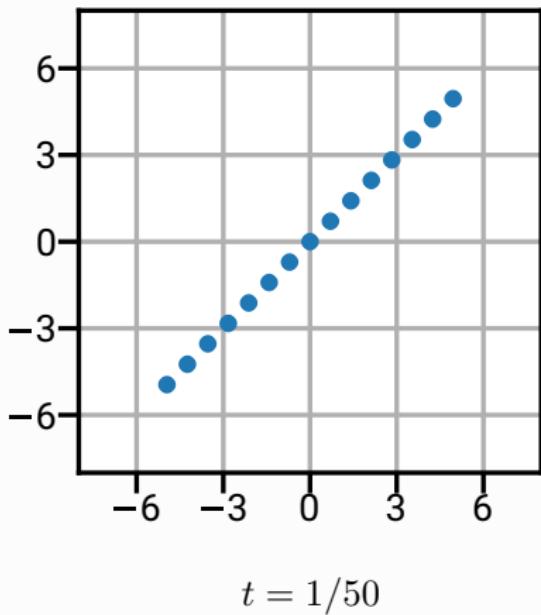
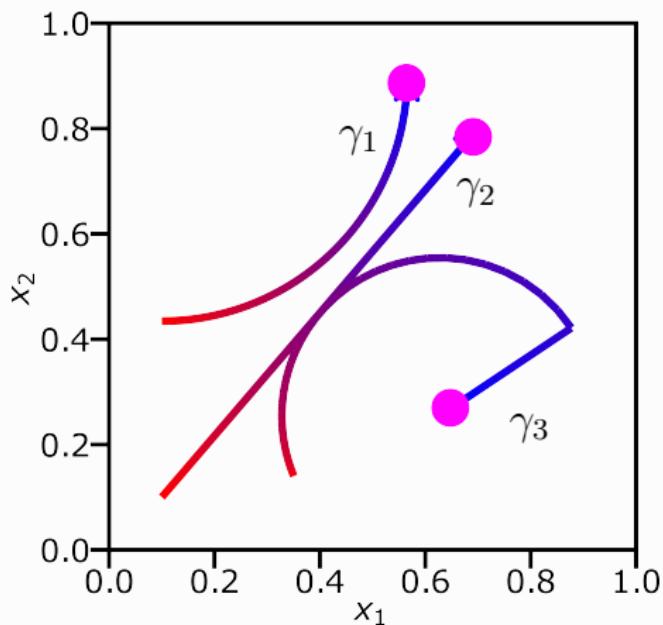
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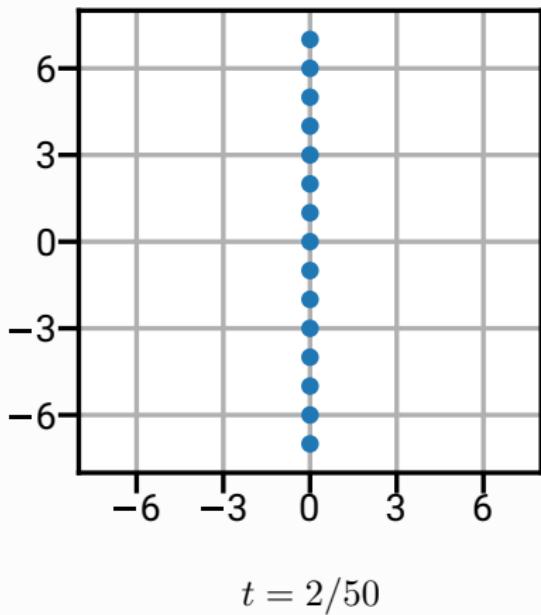
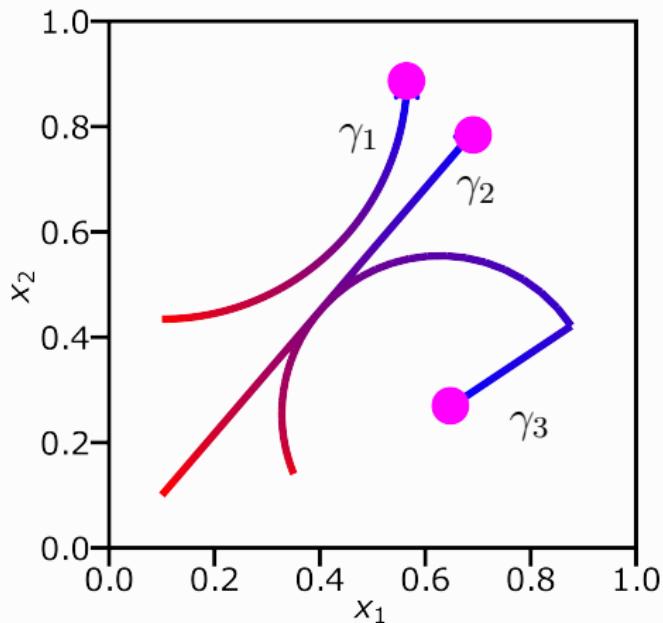
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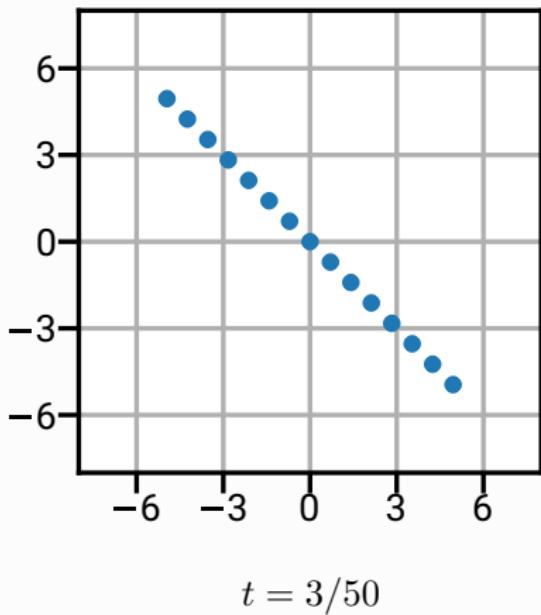
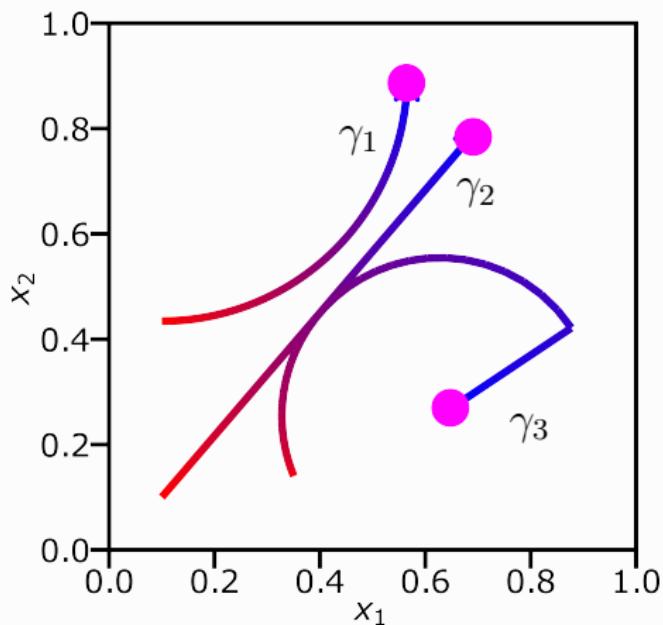
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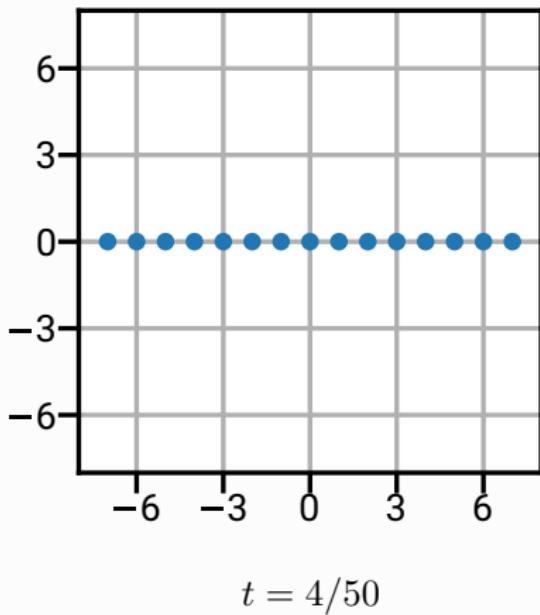
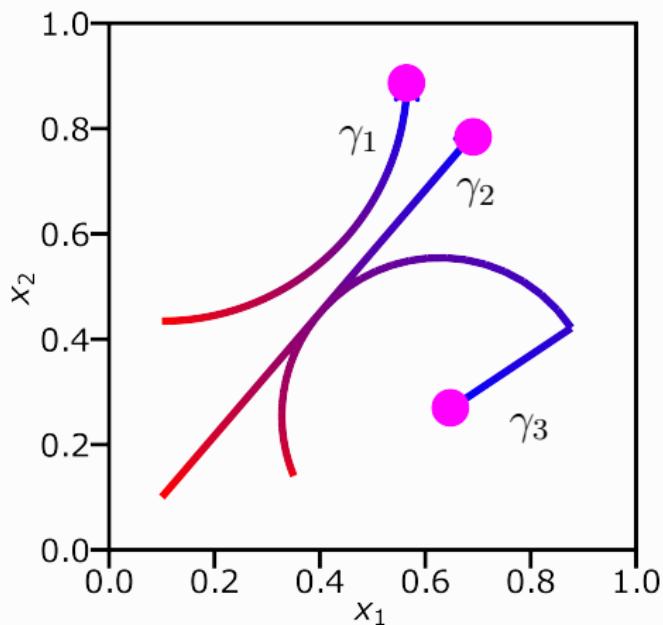
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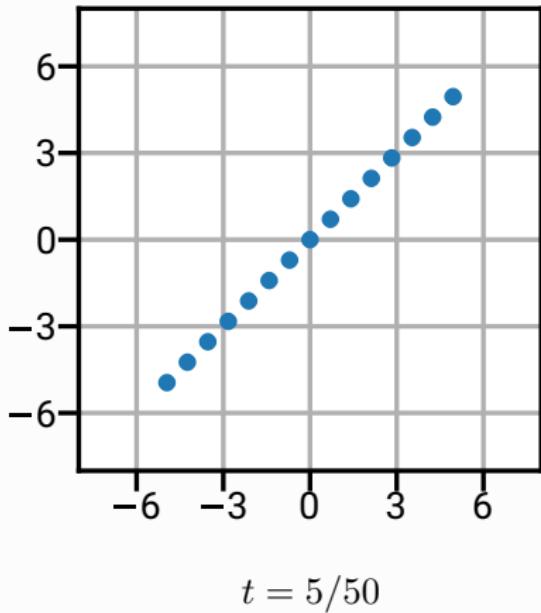
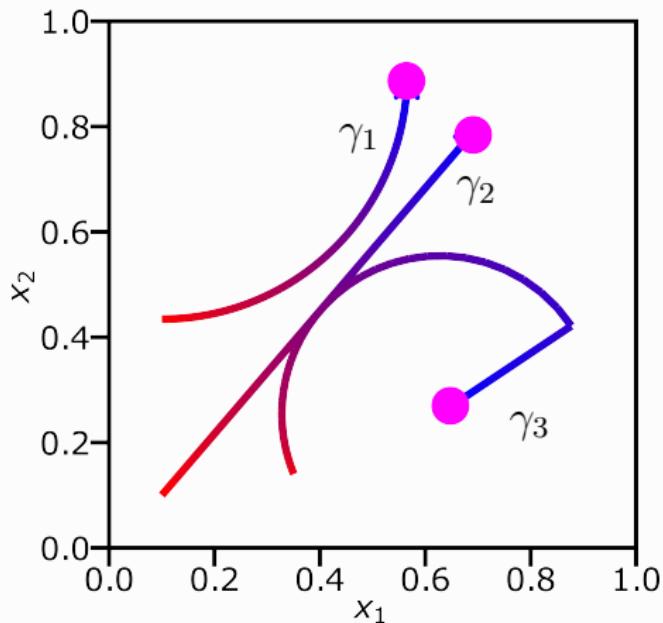
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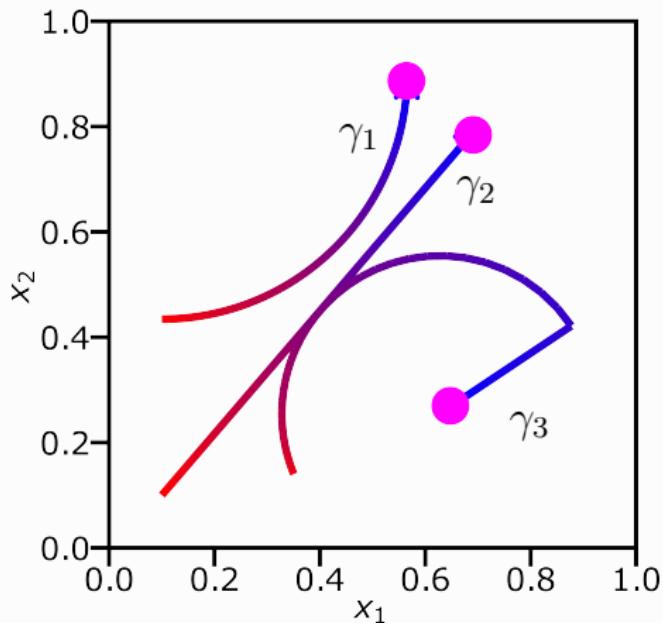
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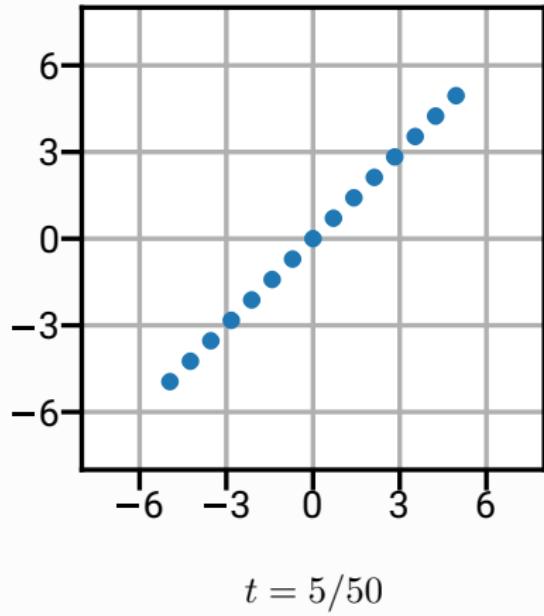
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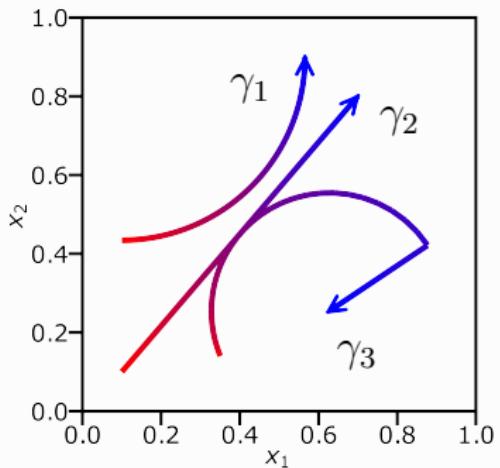
**Data:** Defined by

$$y_t := K_t \mu_t + 20\% \text{ Noise}$$

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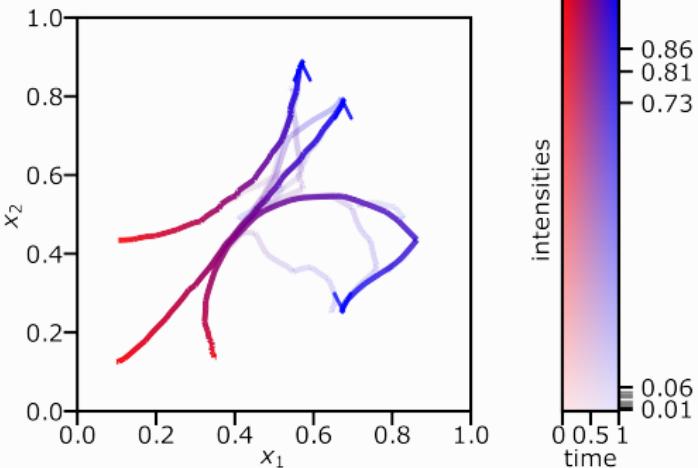
**Algorithm: Generalized Frank-Wolfe**

$$\leadsto t \mapsto \mu_t^k = \sum_{i=1}^M \lambda_i \delta_{\gamma_i(t)}$$



Ground Truth

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Reconstruction with data

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# Conclusion

- ① Algorithm for computing **sparse** solutions to

$$\min_{u \in X} L(u) + R(u)$$

in **Banach** space

- ② **Linear** convergence when solution is **sparse** + “**source condition**”
- ③ General framework for **dynamic** inverse problems
- ④ Application to **Dynamic MRI**

Thank You!

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