

A LEVEL SET METHOD FOR THE INVERSE EEG/MEG PROBLEM

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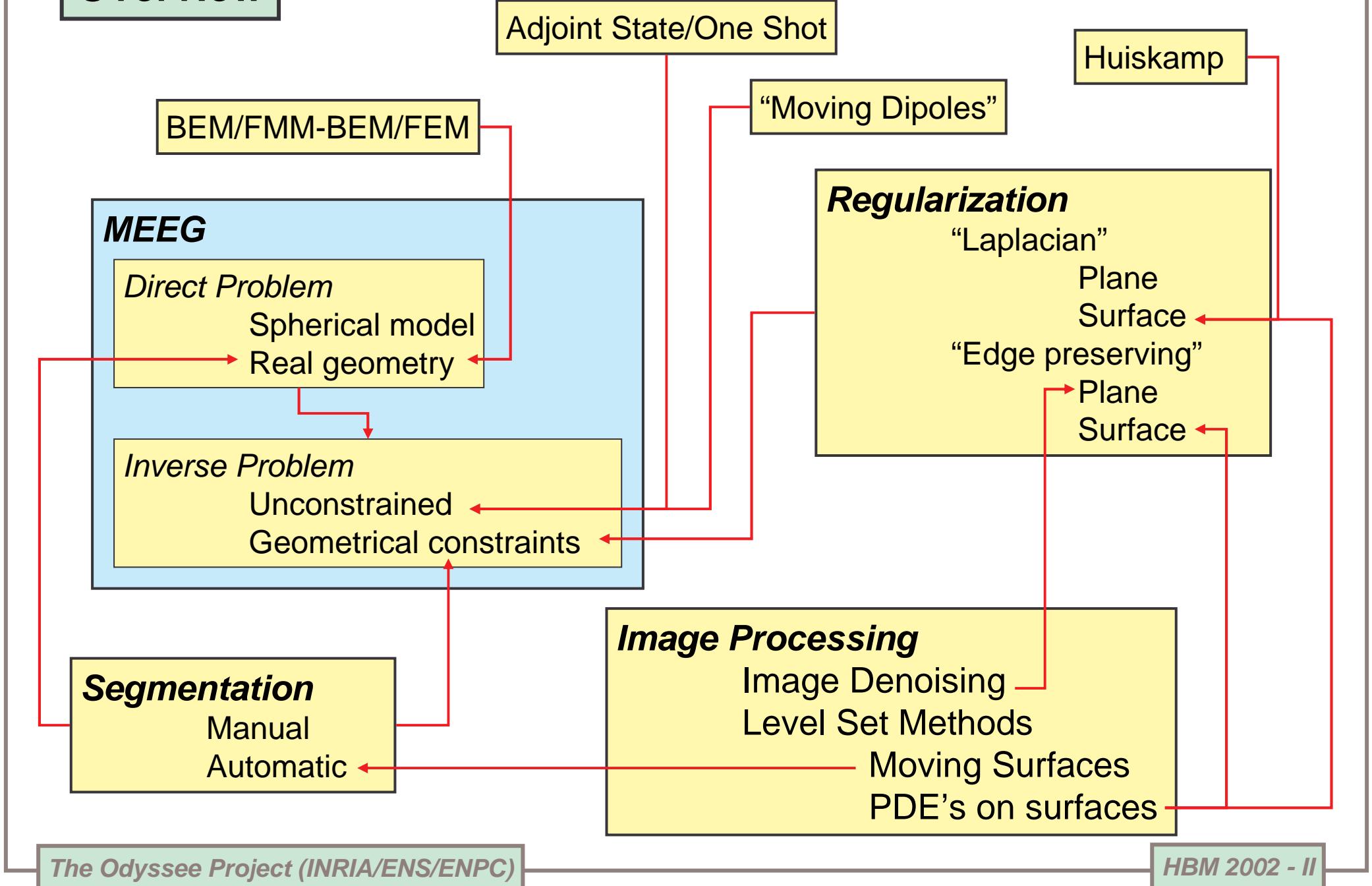
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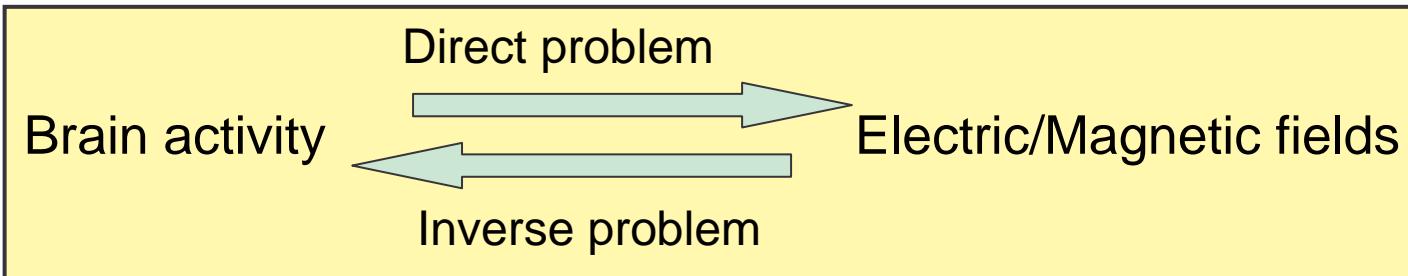
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Overview



Direct problem (I)



Direct problem: $\mathbf{J}^p \rightarrow V, \mathbf{B}$

$$\nabla \cdot (\sigma \nabla V) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}^p$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{\Omega} V(\mathbf{r}') \nabla' \sigma \times \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \right) d\mathbf{r}'$$

$$\mathbf{B}_0(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{J}^p(\mathbf{r}') \times \nabla' \left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|} \right) d\mathbf{r}'$$

[Cohen 68, Geselowitz 67, Hamalainen/Ilmoniemi 84, Mosher/Leahy 97]

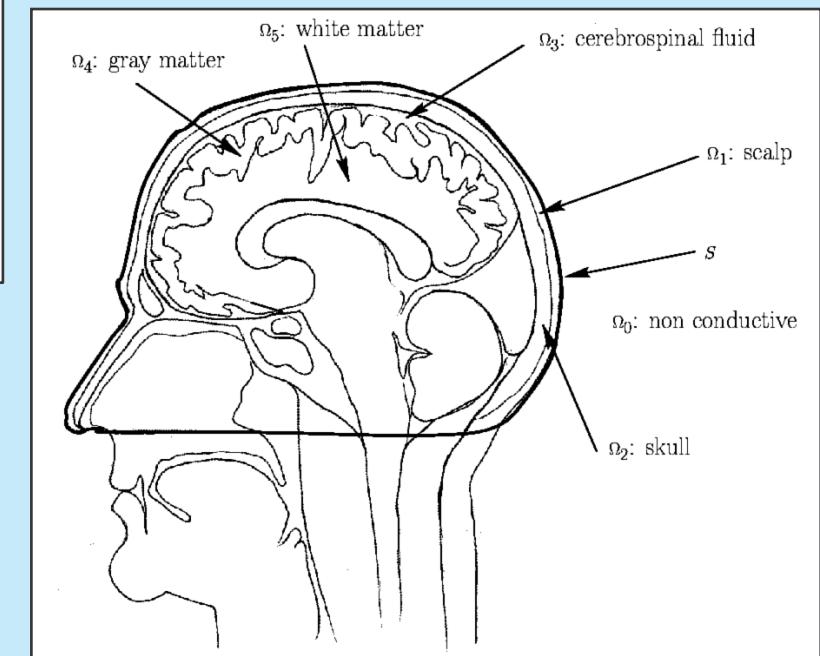
Direct Problem (II)

Equivalent Geometry

- **Exact Solutions** (spheres)
[de Munck 92, Berg/Sherg 94, Zhang 95]

Exact Geometry

- **Finite Differences** *[Hedoux 95]*
- **Finite Elements (FEM)**
*[Dale/Sereno 93, Baillet/Garnero 98,
Clerc/Dervieux/Faugeras/Keriven/Kybic/Papadopoulo 02]*
- **Integral Methods**
(BEM) *[Sarvas 87, Ferguson/Stroink 97]*
(FMM-BEM) *[Clerc/Faugeras/Keriven/Kybic/Papadopoulo 02]*



Inverse Problem (I)

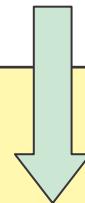
$$V, \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{J}^p$$

- **Moving Current Dipoles**

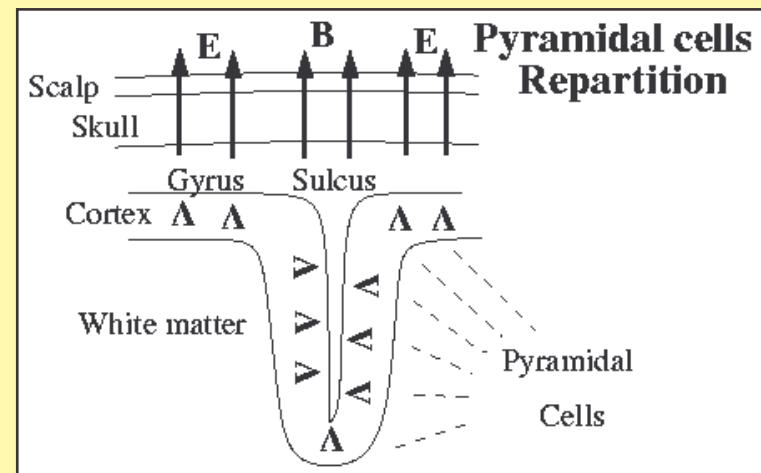
[Mosher/Lewis/Leahy 92, Mosher/Leahy 99]

- **Geometrical constraints**

[Baillet/Garnero 97, Faugeras et al 99]



- Here, \mathbf{J}^p is a density of current dipoles on the cortical surface, and normal to it.



Inverse Problem (II)

V, \mathbf{B} are now linear functions of \mathbf{J}^p

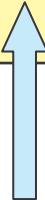
Regularization:

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{\mathbf{J}^p} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \|V_i(\mathbf{J}^p) - V_i^{mes}\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m \|\mathbf{B}_i(\mathbf{J}^p) - \mathbf{B}_i^{mes}\|^2 \\ & + \alpha \int_S |\nabla \mathbf{J}^p|^2 dS \end{aligned}$$

... is an **inverse problem!**

- Direct problem: $I \rightarrow I_N$
- Inverse problem: $I_N \rightarrow I$

$$\inf_I \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (I - I_N)^2 dx + \alpha \int_{\Omega} g(|\nabla I|) dx$$



“Data term”

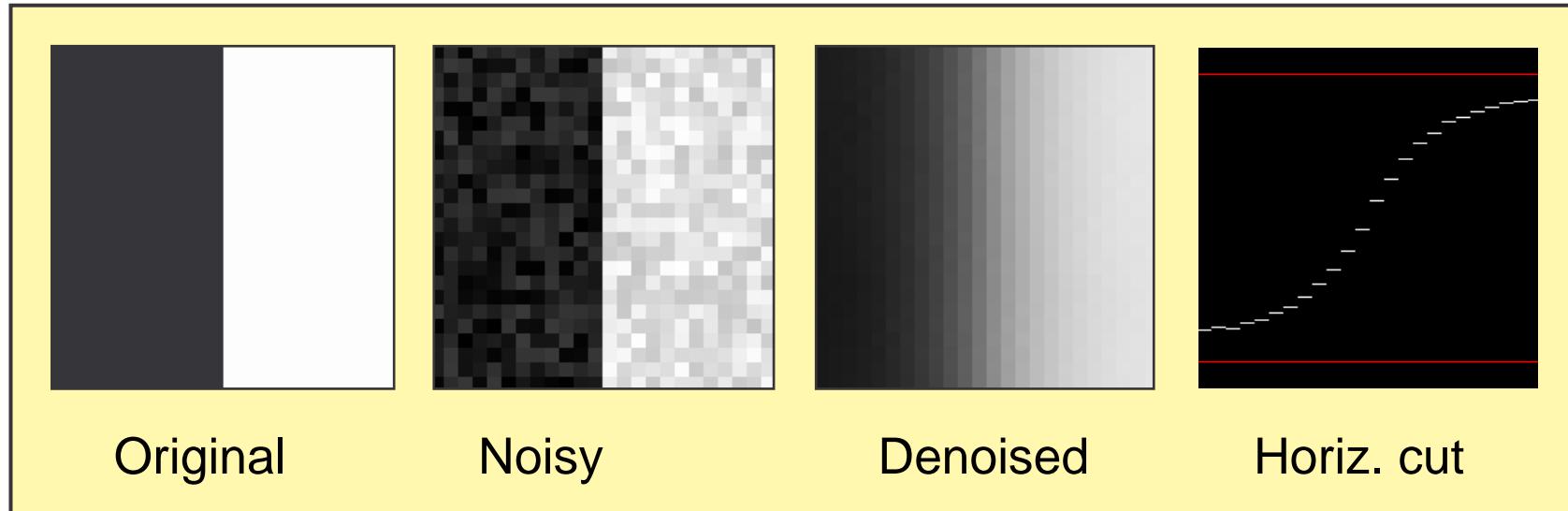


Regularization term

Isotropic Diffusion

$$g(s) = \frac{1}{2}s^2 \quad [Tikhonov 63, Witkin 83, Koenderink 84]$$

Gradient steepest descent: $\frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = (I_N - I) + \alpha \Delta I$

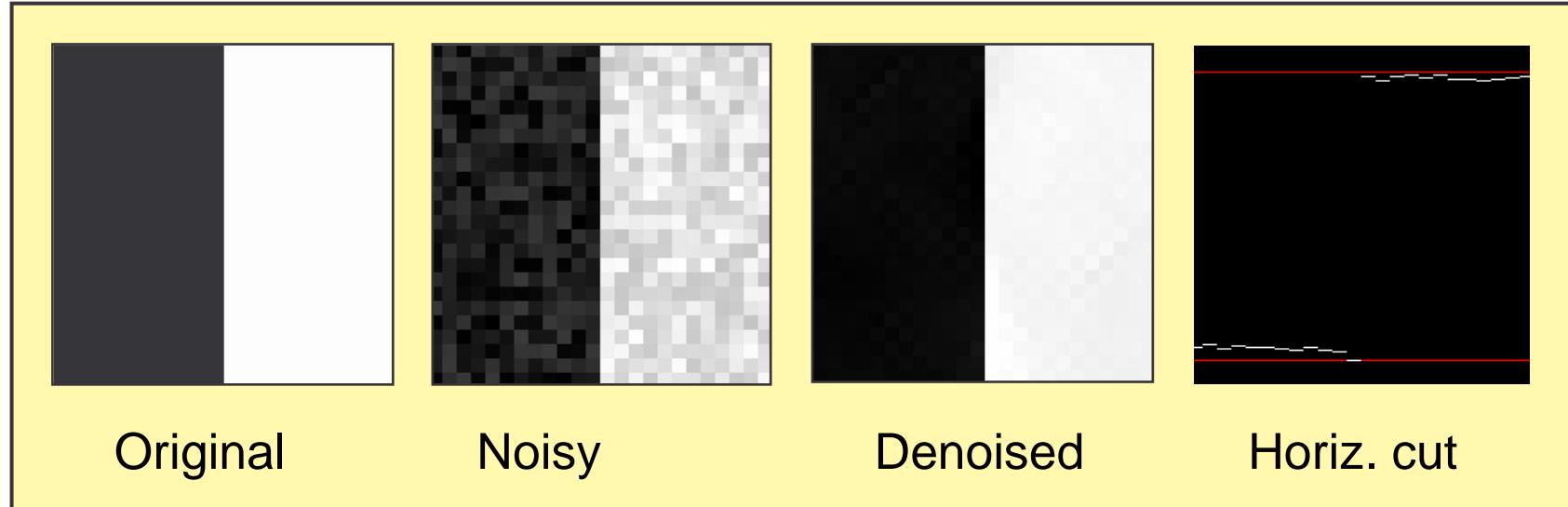


Not “edge preserving”!

Anisotropic Diffusion

Total variation $g(s) = s$ [Rudin/Osher/Fatemi 92]

Gradient steepest descent: $\frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = (I_N - I) + \alpha \text{div}\left(\frac{\nabla I}{|\nabla I|}\right)$



Edge preserving!

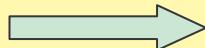
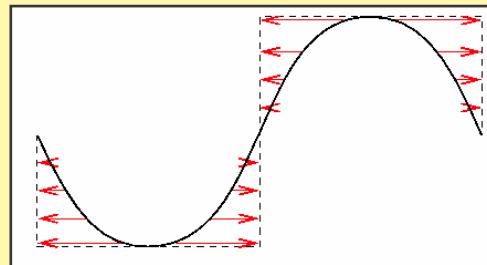
Other possible image processing tools

Other anisotropic diffusions

- [Perona/Malik 90, Malladi/Sethian 96, Alvarez/Mazora 94,]

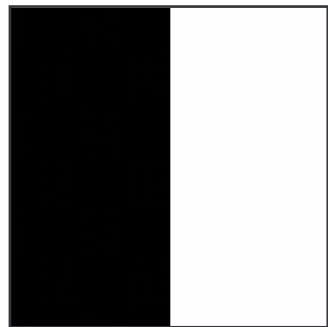
Reaction (shock filters)

- [Osher/Rudin 90, Kornprobst/Deriche/Aubert 96]

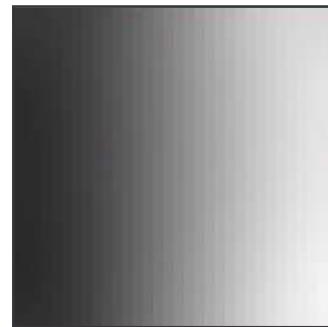


MEEG – Constrained on a plane

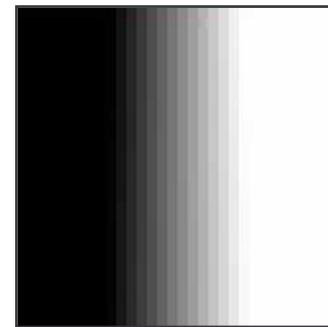
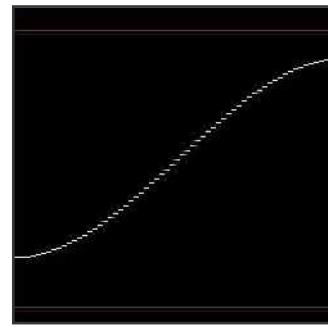
EEG only, 16 electrodes



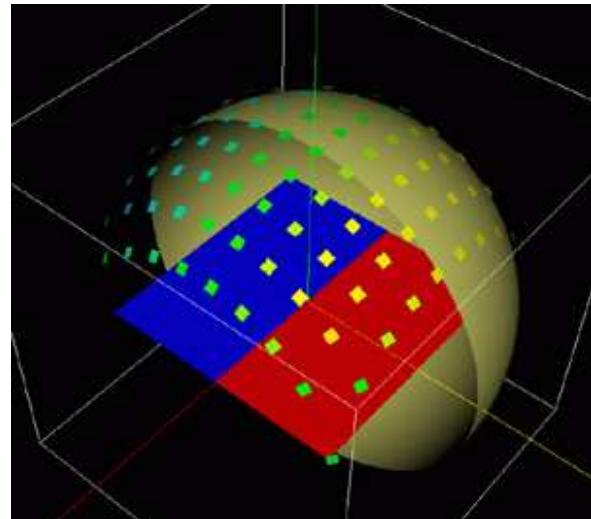
Activity



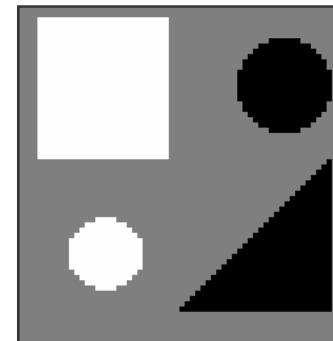
Recovered (isotrop. diff.)



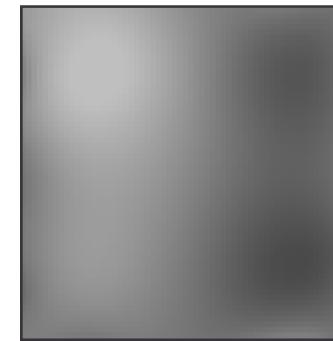
Recovered (Total variation)



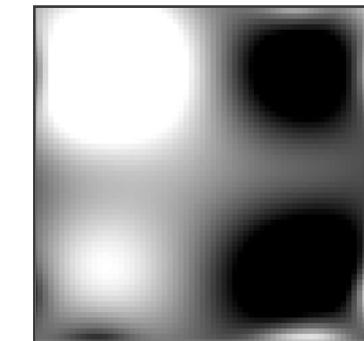
Configuration with 100 electrodes



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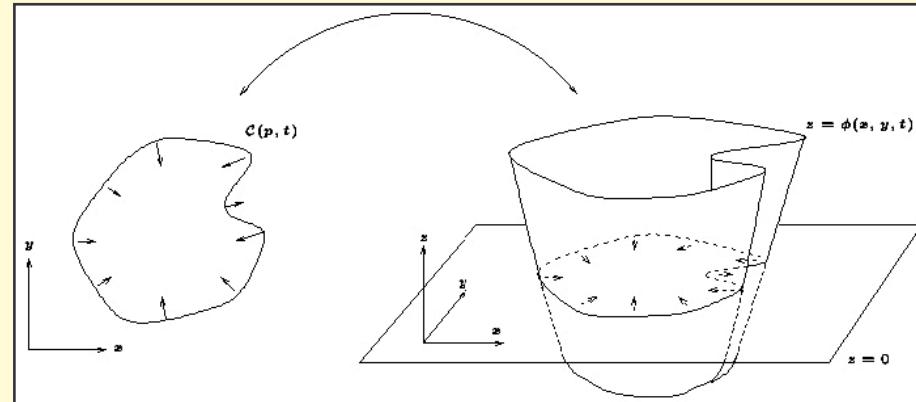


Isotropic



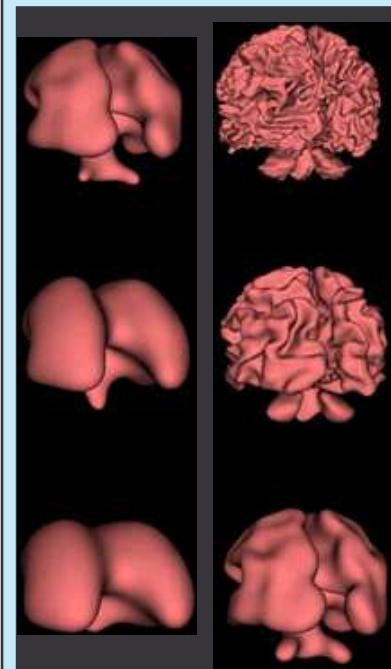
Total variation

Level Set (I): Cortical surface extraction

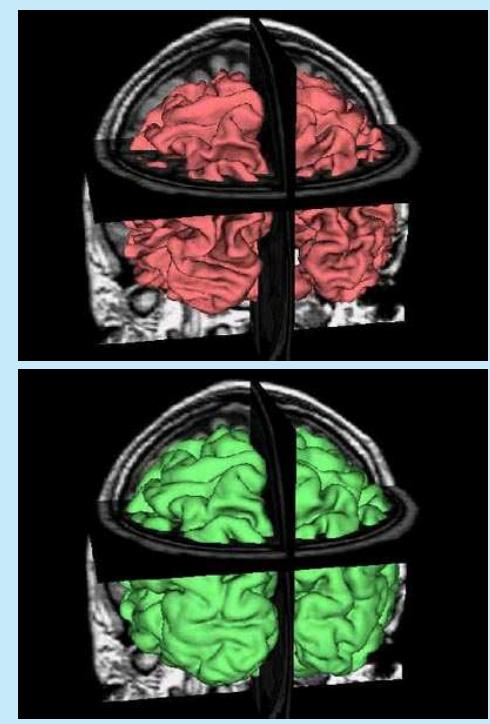
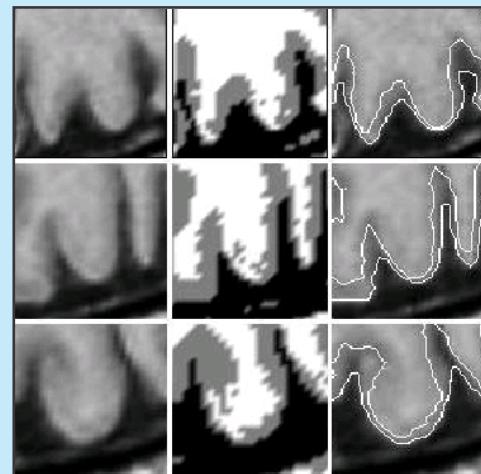


Level Set Method [Osher/Sethian 88]

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = \beta \mathbf{N}$$
$$\updownarrow C(., t) = \{\phi(x, t) = 0\}$$
$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \beta |\nabla \phi|$$



Application to cortex segmentation
from MRI [Faugeras/Gomes 99]
(Two coupled surfaces)



Level Set (II): PDE's on surfaces

[Bertalmio/Cheng/Osher/Sapiro 00]

- Surface

$$S = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^3 : \phi(x) = 0\}$$

- Surface PDE

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \Delta_S u$$

- Extension

$$\nabla u \cdot \nabla \phi = 0$$

- 3D PDE

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{|\nabla \phi|} \nabla \cdot (P_{\nabla \phi} \nabla u |\nabla \phi|)$$

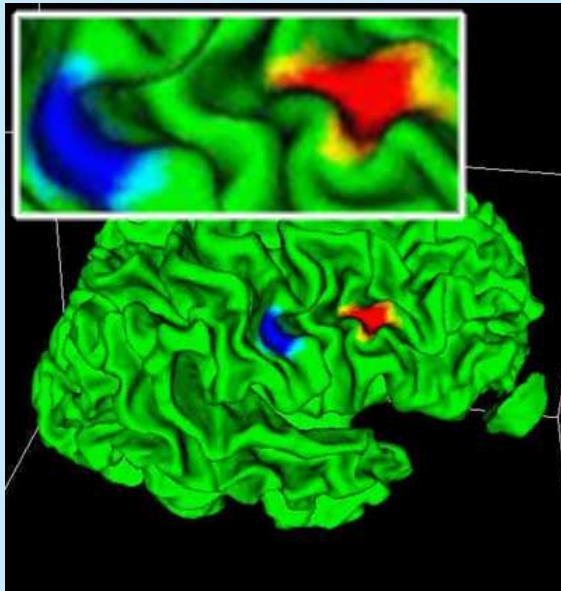

(projection onto the plane normal to a given vector)

- Simpler and more accurate than finite difference formula on triangulated Surfaces ([Huiskamp])
- Allows other PDE's (e.g. total variation)

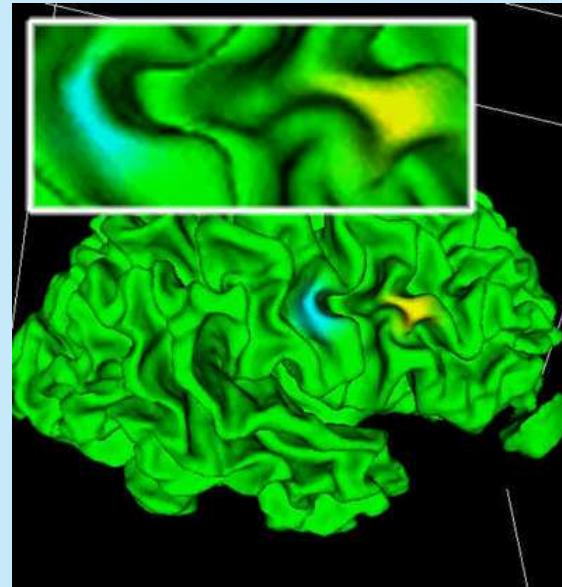
MEEG – Constrained to the cortex

$$\inf_{\mathbf{J}^p} \text{"Data term"} + \alpha \int_S g(|\nabla_S \mathbf{J}^p|) dS$$

Real geometry, Synthetic data + noise, EEGx64 + MEGx64



Activity

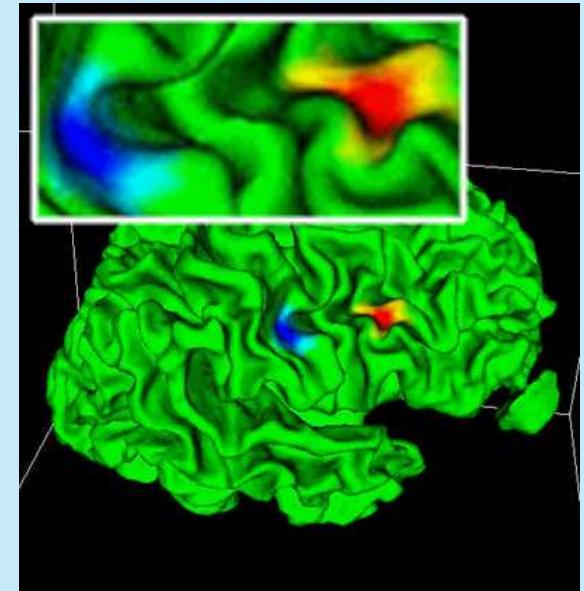


Isotropic diffusion

$$\text{regul.: } \int |\nabla \mathbf{J}^p|^2$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (P_{\nabla \phi} \nabla u)$$

$$\phi(x) = d(x, S), \quad \mathbf{J}^p = u|_S$$



Total variation

$$\text{regul.: } \int |\nabla \mathbf{J}^p|$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{P_{\nabla \phi} \nabla u}{|P_{\nabla \phi} \nabla u|} \right)$$

$$\phi(x) = d(x, S), \quad \mathbf{J}^p = u|_S$$

Conclusion

- Novel framework
 - Simple and accurate surface Laplacian computation
 - Allowing other regularization terms (total variation, ...)
preserving edges

Future work

- Other regularization and image processing tools (shocks?)
- Which functional space for \mathbf{J}^p ?
- Adding time (space-time regularization preserving discontinuities)
- Real data