

# Iterative Krylov Subspace Methods for Sparse Reconstruction

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Example: **General** Tikhonov  $\Leftrightarrow$  **preconditioned standard** Tikhonov:

$$\min_x \|b - AL^{-1}Lx\|_2^2 + \lambda \|Lx\|_2^2 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \min_{\tilde{x}} \|b - \tilde{A}\tilde{x}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\tilde{x}\|_2^2$$

$$\tilde{A} = AL^{-1}, \quad \tilde{x} = Lx$$

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Question: How to extend ideas to more general/complicated regularization?

## Other Regularization Methods

In this talk we focus on solving

$$\min_x \|b - Ax\|_2^2 + \lambda \mathcal{R}(x)$$

where

- $\mathcal{R}(x) = \|x\|_p^p = \sum |x_i|^p, \quad p \geq 1$

For example,

- $p = 2$  is standard Tikhonov regularization
- $p = 1$  enforces sparsity

or

- $\mathcal{R}(x) = \left\| \sqrt{(D_h x)^2 + (D_v x)^2} \right\|_1$  (Total Variation)

## Many Previous Works ...



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# Related Previous Work



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$$\tilde{x}_{m-1} = D_{hv} x_{m-1}, \quad \tilde{S}_m = \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{\sum_{i=1}^{2(N-n)} (\tilde{x}_{m-1})_i}} \right), \quad S_m = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{S}_m & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{S}_m \end{pmatrix}$$

# Krylov Subspace Methods for Tikhonov Regularization

Our approach: Similar to Wholberg and Rodriguez, combined with ideas in:



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*Appl. Numer. Math.*, 62:1215–1228, 2012.



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- Easier to solve projected problem.
- As subspace grows (more iterations), get better approximations.



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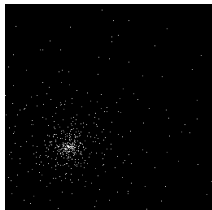
# Modifying Krylov Subspace Projection Method

- Our previous explanation of projection method assumed  $L_m = L$ .
- That is,  $L$  did not change at each iteration.
- If  $L_m$  is changing at each iteration, need to use “Flexible” Krylov subspace methods; see, for example  
Y. Saad, Iterative Methods for Sparse Linear Systems, 2nd edition, SIAM, Philadelphia, 2003.
- Implementation details get tedious, so we skip these.

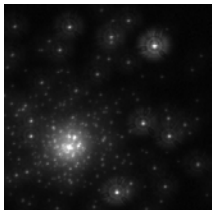
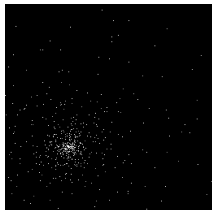
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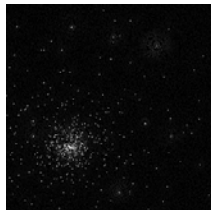
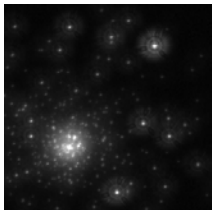
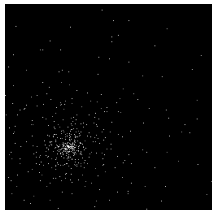
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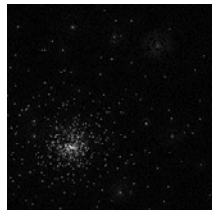
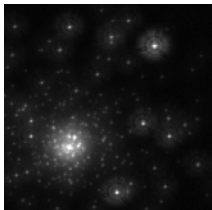
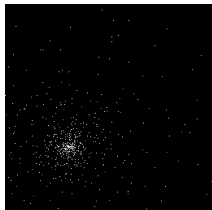
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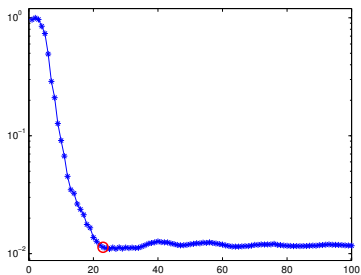
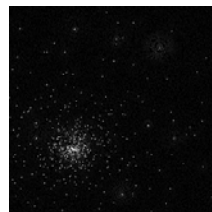
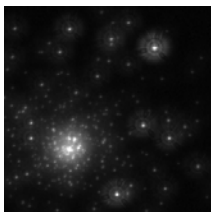
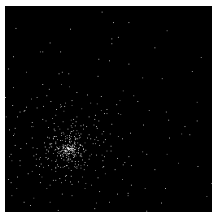


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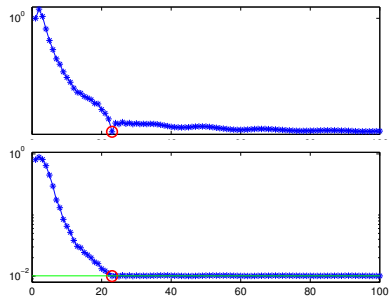
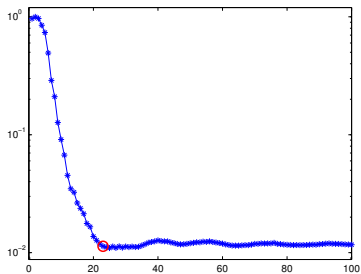
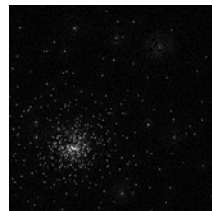
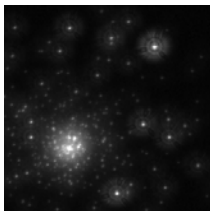
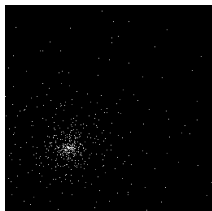
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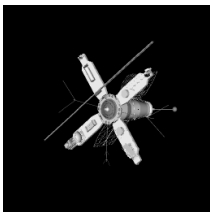
is complicated, and not easy to invert.

- If  $L_m$  is not easy to invert, cost per iteration increases dramatically.
- So, we incorporate a restart strategy:
  - Restart when discrepancy principle is satisfied (residual reaches noise level).
  - Apply  $L_m$  at each restart.
  - Can also enforce nonnegativity with each restart.

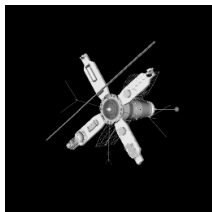
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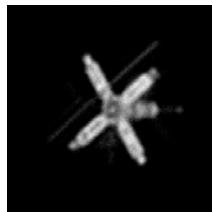
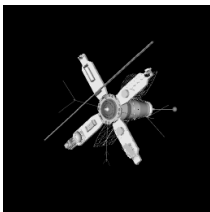
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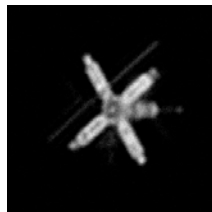
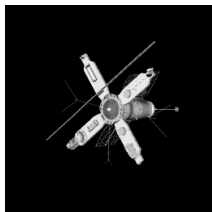
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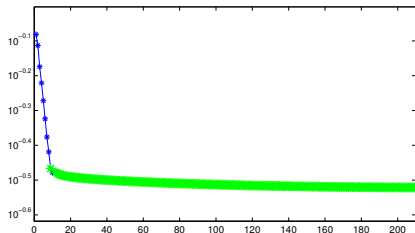
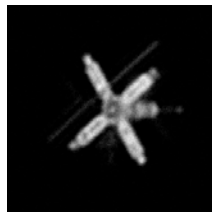
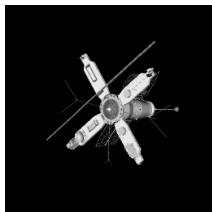


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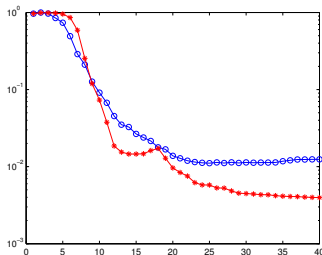
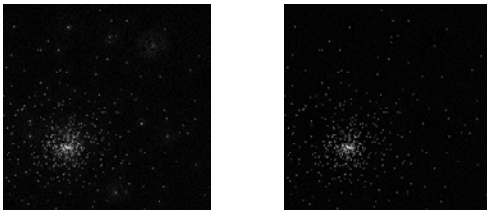
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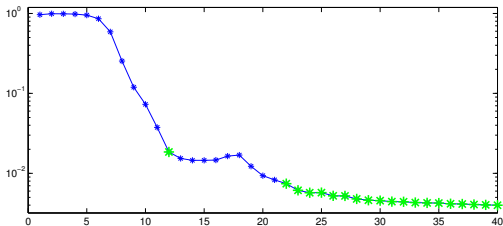
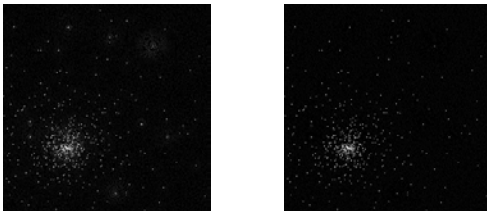
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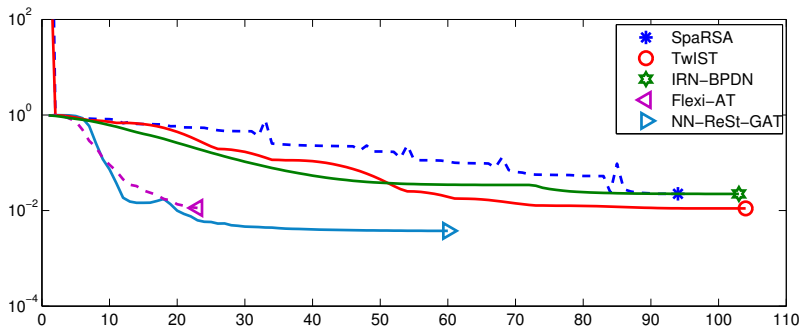


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## Comparison with other method: Sparse Reconstructions

Method	Relative Error	Iterations	Total Time	Average Time
SpaRSA	$2.2365 \cdot 10^{-2}$	94	24.76	0.26
NESTA	$1.7800 \cdot 10^{-2}$	248	306.17	1.23
TwIST	$1.1089 \cdot 10^{-2}$	104	28.02	0.27
l1_ls	$2.2257 \cdot 10^{-2}$	298	683.55	2.29
IRN-BPDN	$2.2294 \cdot 10^{-2}$	103	35.72	0.35
AT	$1.8512 \cdot 10^{-2}$	12	0.91	0.08
RR-AT	$1.9171 \cdot 10^{-2}$	18	3.77	0.21
Flexi-AT	$1.1345 \cdot 10^{-2}$	23	2.44	0.11
ReSt-GAT	$1.1033 \cdot 10^{-2}$	51	5.95	0.12
NN-ReSt-GAT	$3.7530 \cdot 10^{-3}$	60	6.25	0.10

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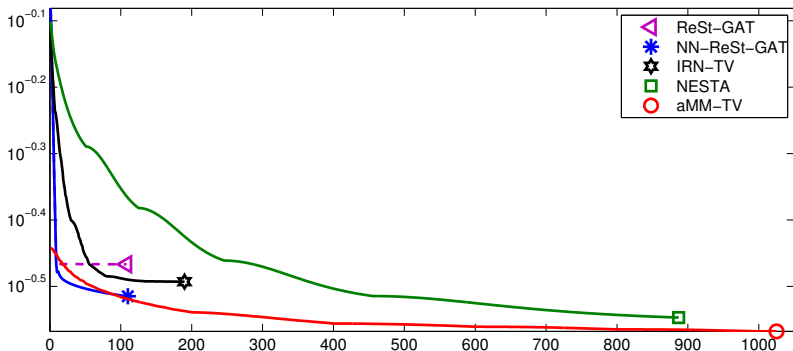
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Method	Relative Error	Iterations	Total Time	Average Time
aMM-TV	$2.7056 \cdot 10^{-1}$	1025	2159.35	2.10
IRN-TV	$3.2141 \cdot 10^{-1}$	190	14.67	0.08
NESTA	$2.8382 \cdot 10^{-1}$	887	69.57	0.08
ReSt-GAT	$3.4138 \cdot 10^{-1}$	108	12.87	0.12
NN-ReSt-TV	$3.0556 \cdot 10^{-1}$	110	13.37	0.12
AT	$3.4176 \cdot 10^{-1}$	9	0.34	0.04
GAT	$3.4809 \cdot 10^{-1}$	9	0.70	0.08
RR-AT	$3.5321 \cdot 10^{-1}$	14	1.39	0.10

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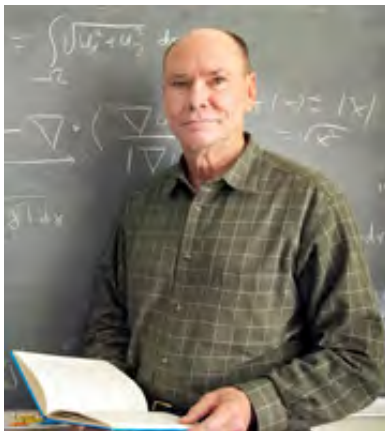
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# Concluding Remarks

- Preconditioning (on the right) for ill-posed inverse problems:
  - Not used to improve condition number.
  - Used to regularize solution.
- Simple and efficient Krylov subspace methods for  $\mathcal{R}(x) = \|Lx\|_2^2$  can be adapted to:
  - Sparse ( $\|\cdot\|_1$ ) or TV regularization.
  - Requires flexible Krylov subspace framework.
  - Can incorporate regularization parameter choice methods and stopping criteria.
  - Restarting may be needed, but can be useful when enforcing projection constraints (e.g., nonnegativity).

# A Bob Plemmons Story



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With the computer, then came ...



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and recognition by his peers ...



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