

Fast Magnetic Resonance Imaging: Theory, Technique and Application

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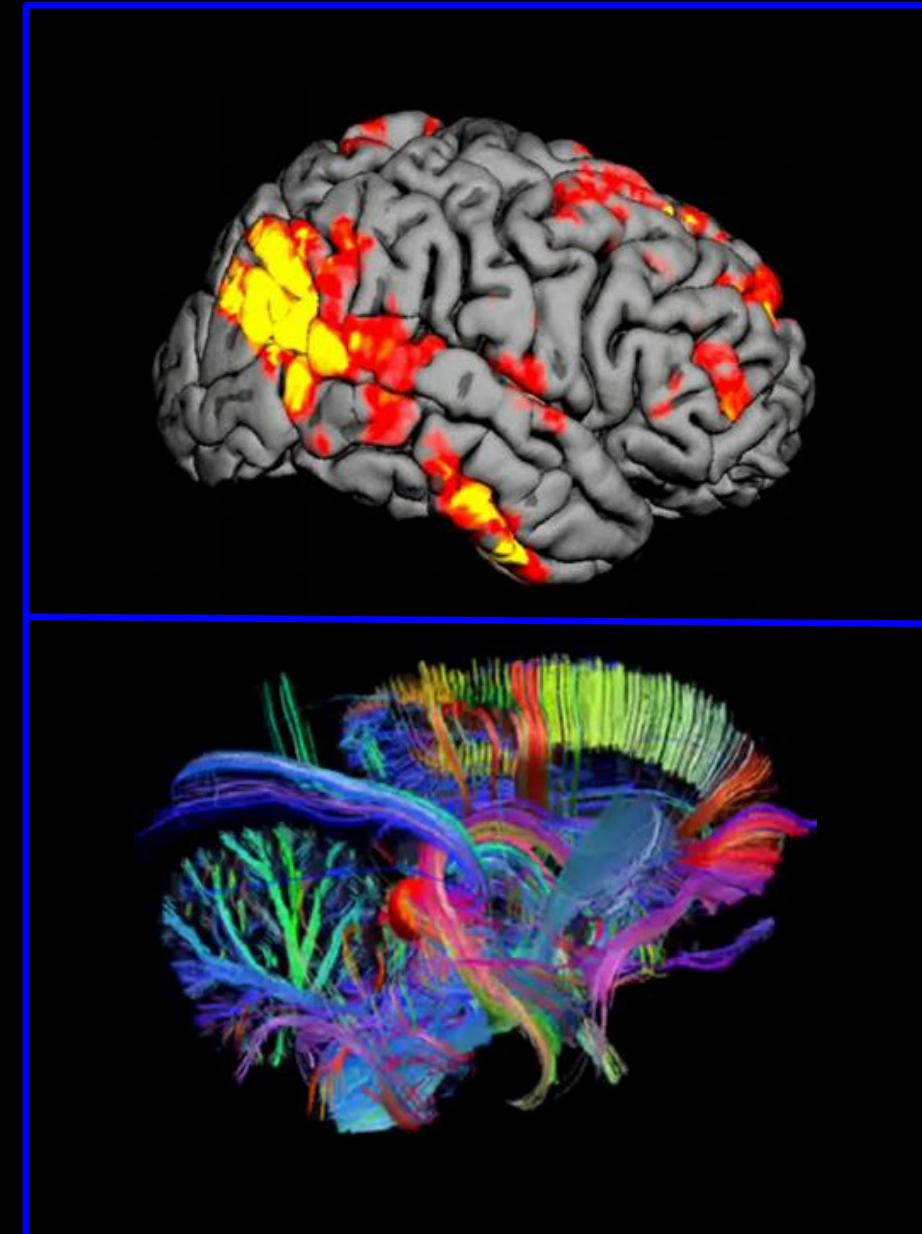
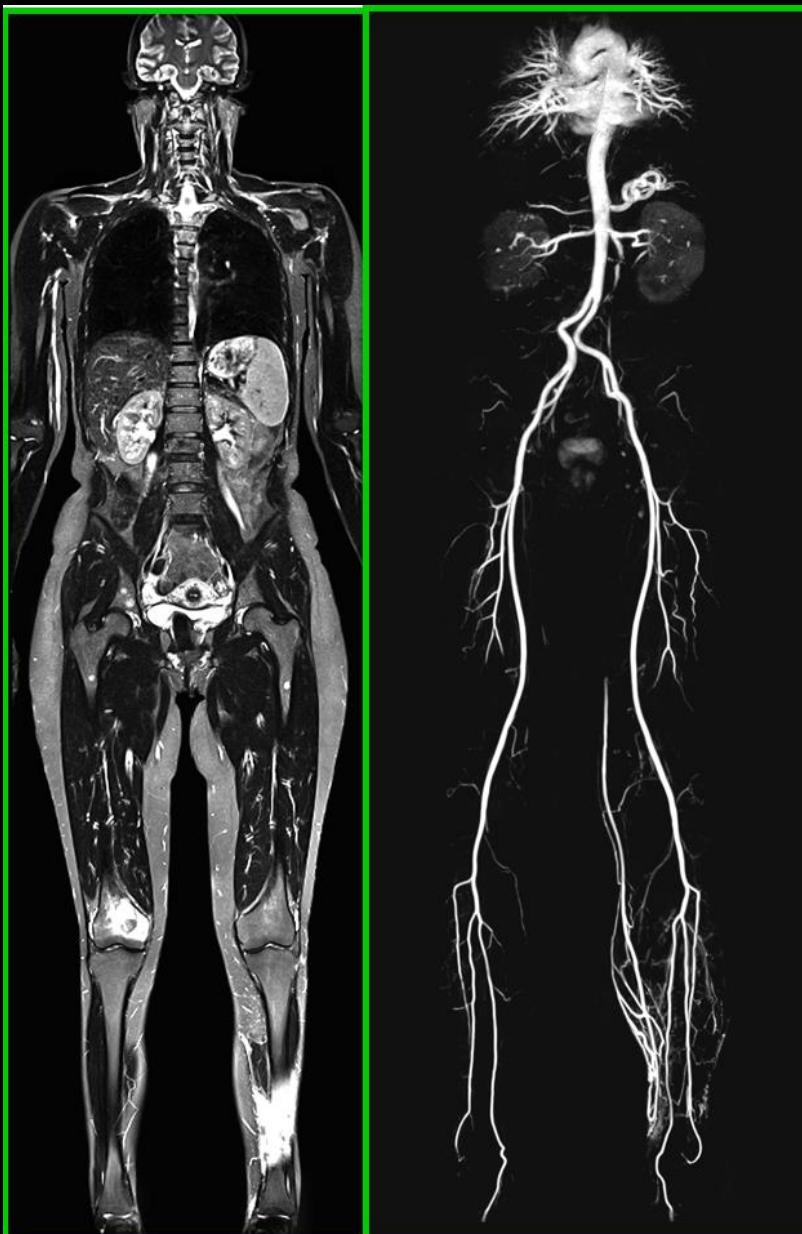


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Outline

- **Background**
- **Parallel Imaging**
- **Compressed sensing based methods**
- **Deep Learning based methods**

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)



Slow imaging speed is the bottle neck of MRI

MRI



Coronary
Artery
Imaging

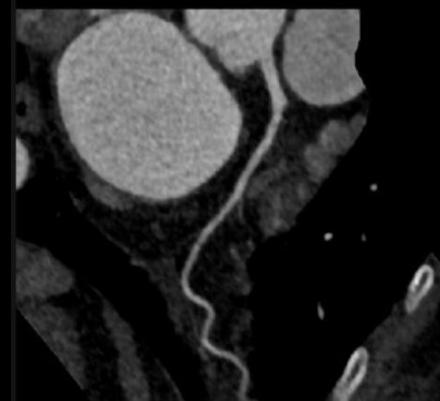


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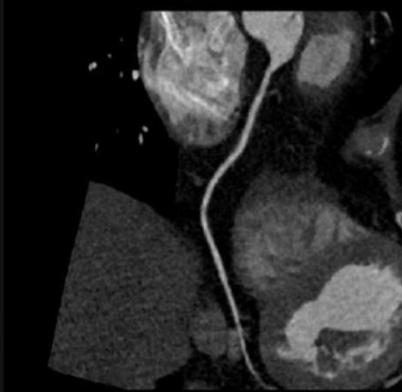
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RCA

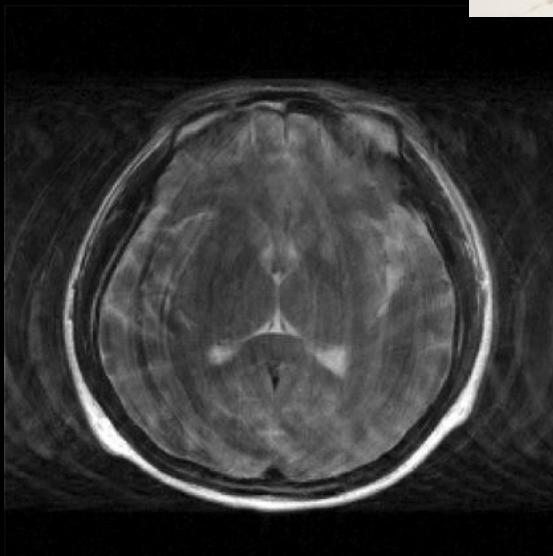


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Drawbacks of Long Acquisition Time



Claustrophobia



Motion artifacts

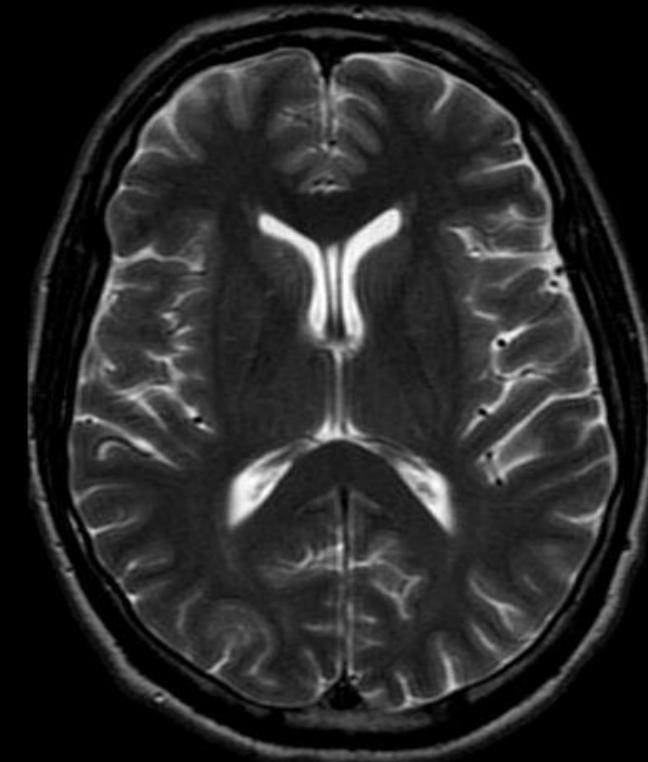
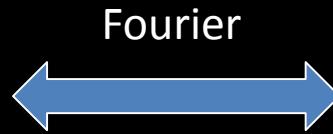
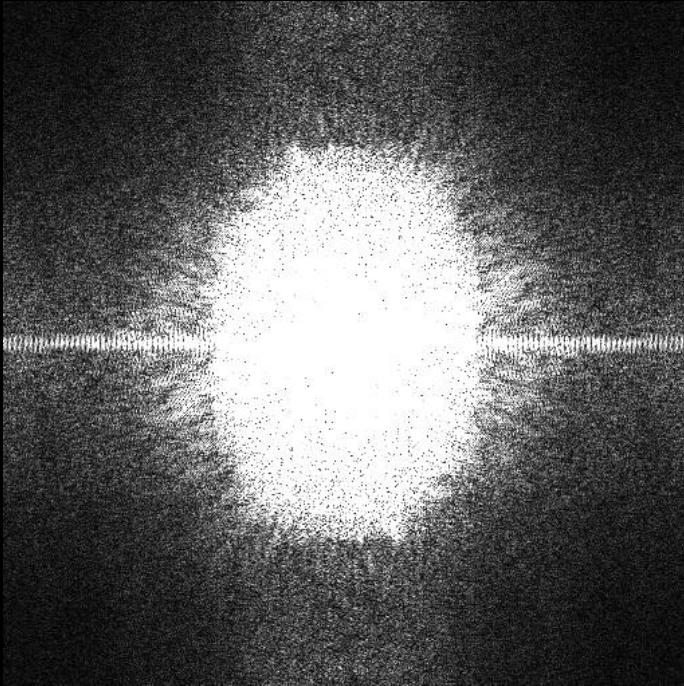


High cost

Spatial domain and MR data space

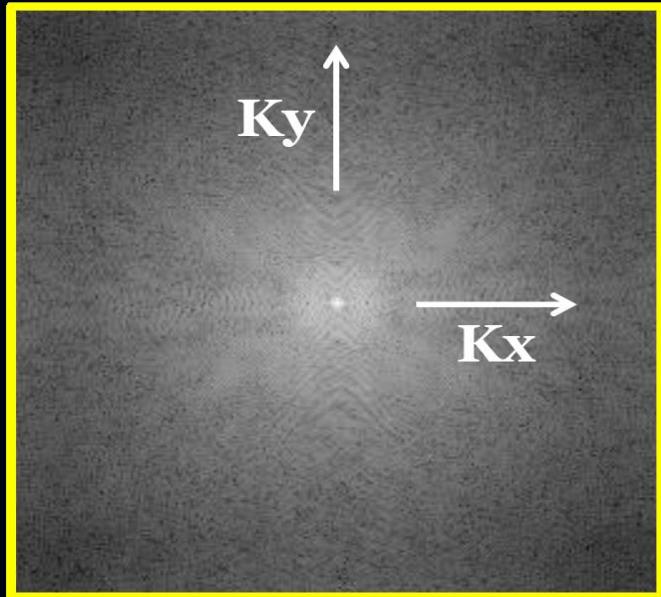
Ideally , the relationship between MR image and k-space data can be formulated as Fourier transform

$$d(\vec{k}) = \int M(\vec{r}) e^{-j2\pi\vec{k}\vec{r}} d\vec{r}$$

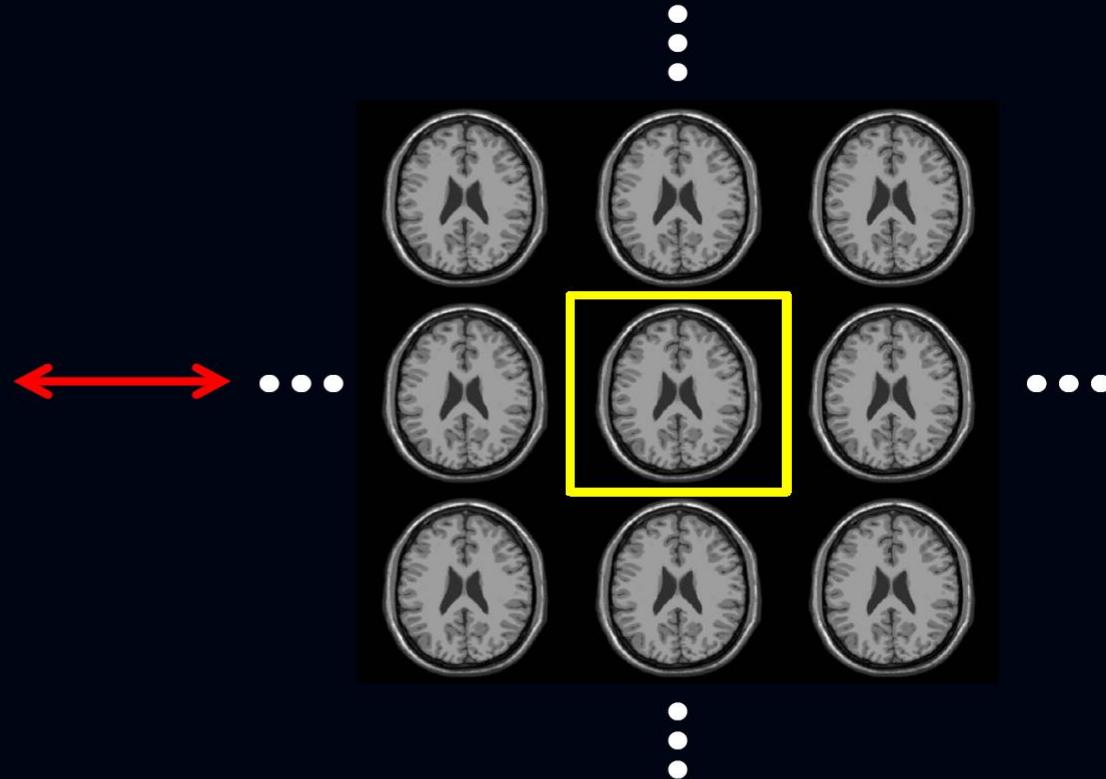


K-space Sampling

Raw data is sampled
in k-space

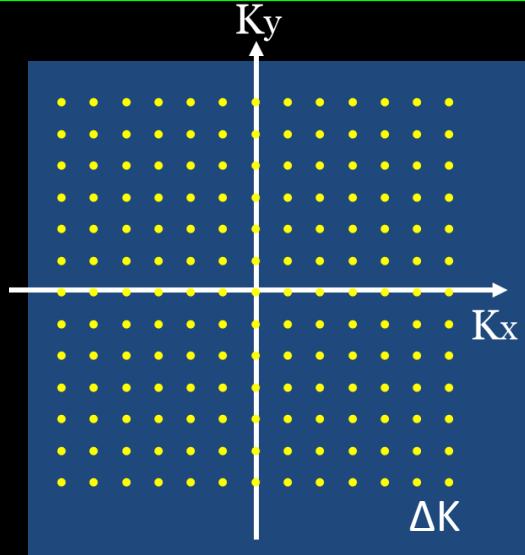
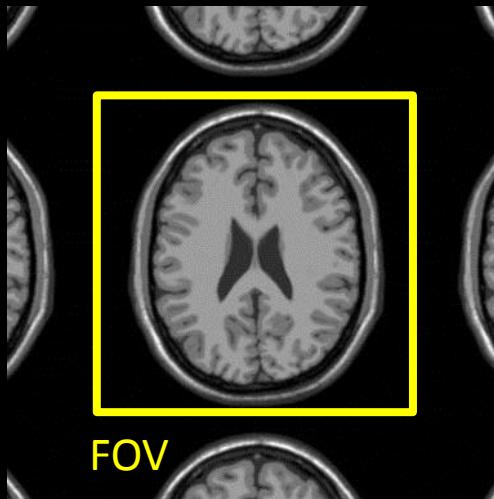


replications
in image space



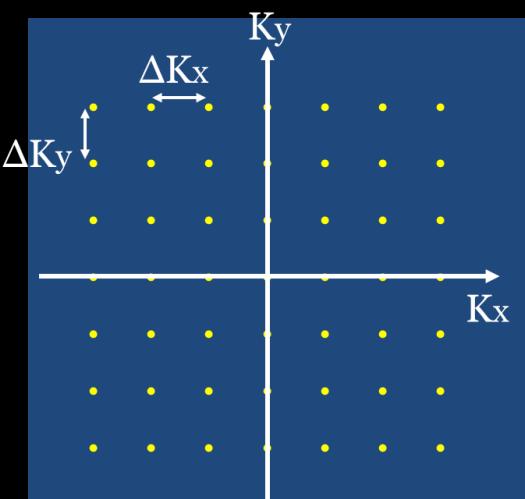
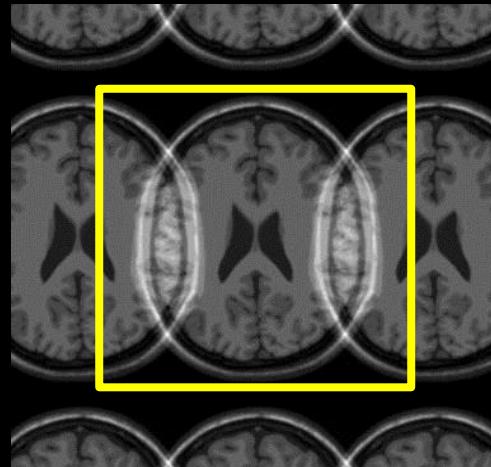
Nyquist-Shannon Sampling Theorem in k-space

NS-sampling



**smaller ΔK
larger FOV**

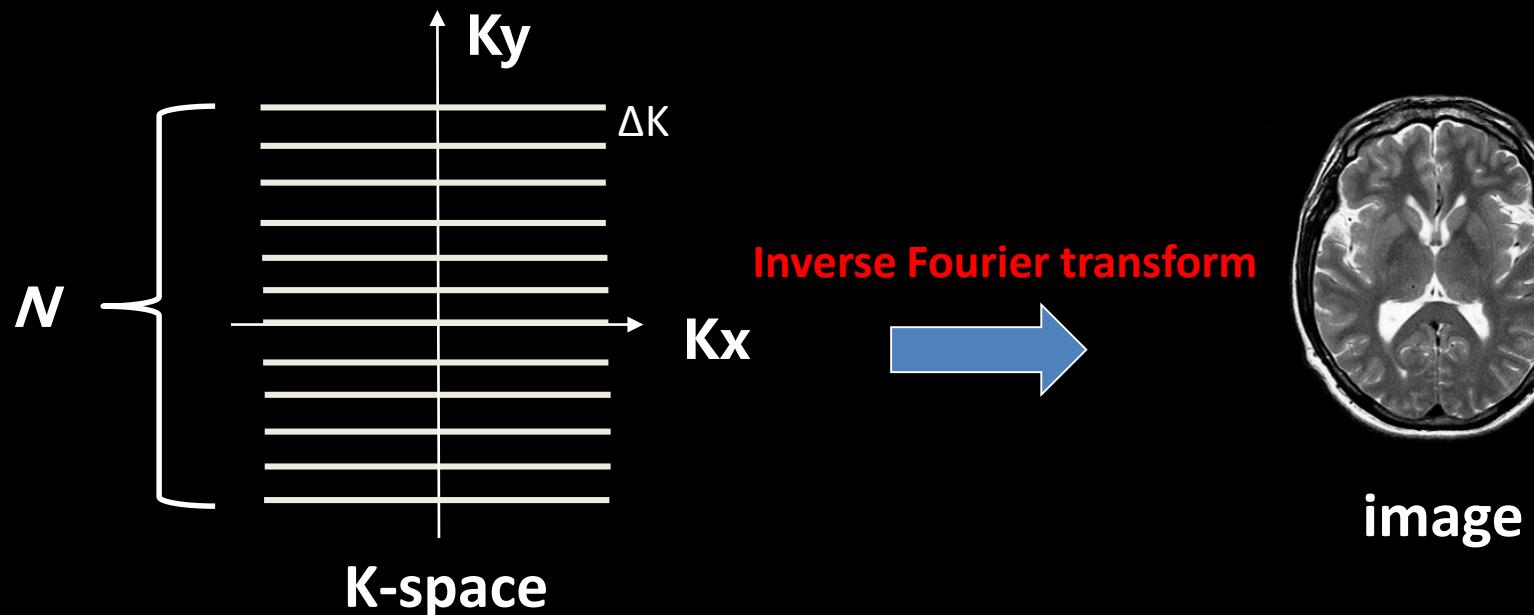
Insufficient
sampling



**larger ΔK
Smaller FOV**

$$\text{FOV} = 1/\Delta K$$

The factors that determine the time of acquisition



$$T = N \downarrow \times TR$$

scan time collected lines line time

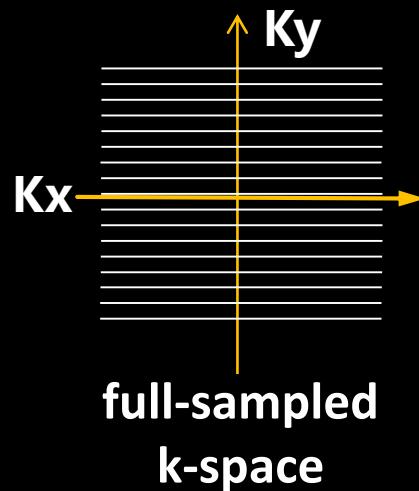
undersampling

Example: spin echo

T1-weighted (T1w) : TR=800ms , N=256 , T=3.4min

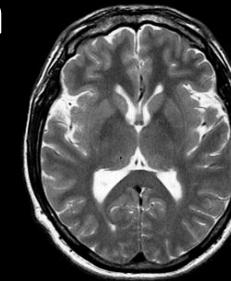
T2-weighted (T2w) : TR=2000ms, N=256, T=8.5min

Accelerate MR imaging from under-sampled k-space



Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem

Fourier transform (FT)



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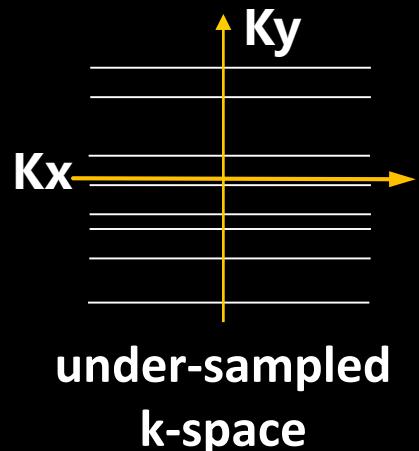
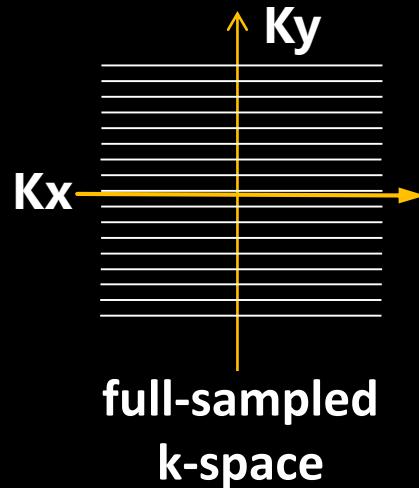


Image reconstruction

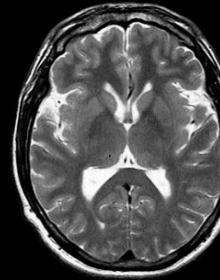
Inverse Problem

Accelerate MR imaging from under-sampled k-space

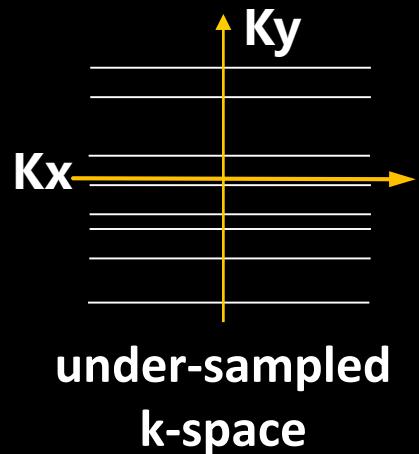


Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem

Fourier transform (FT)



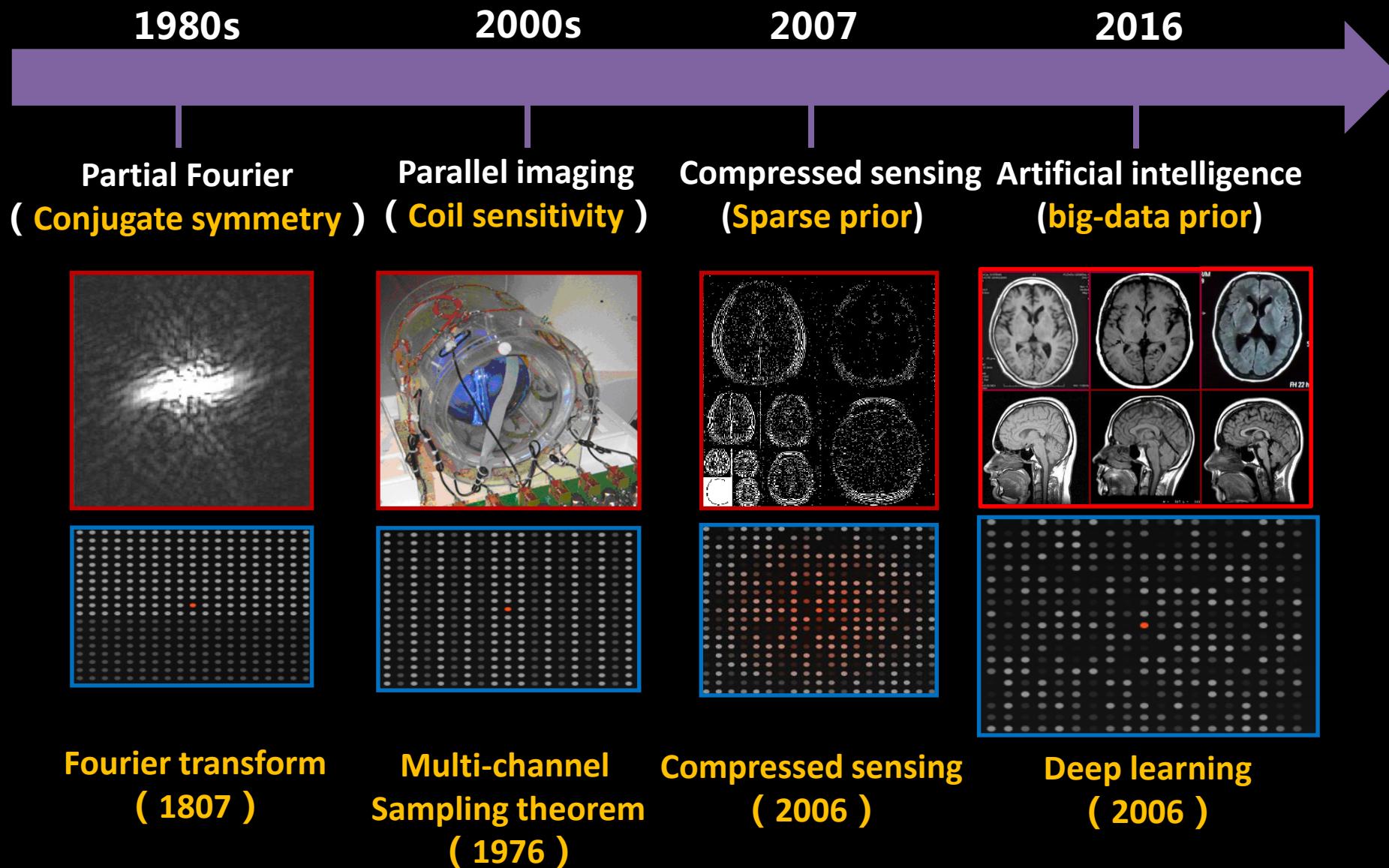
reconstruction



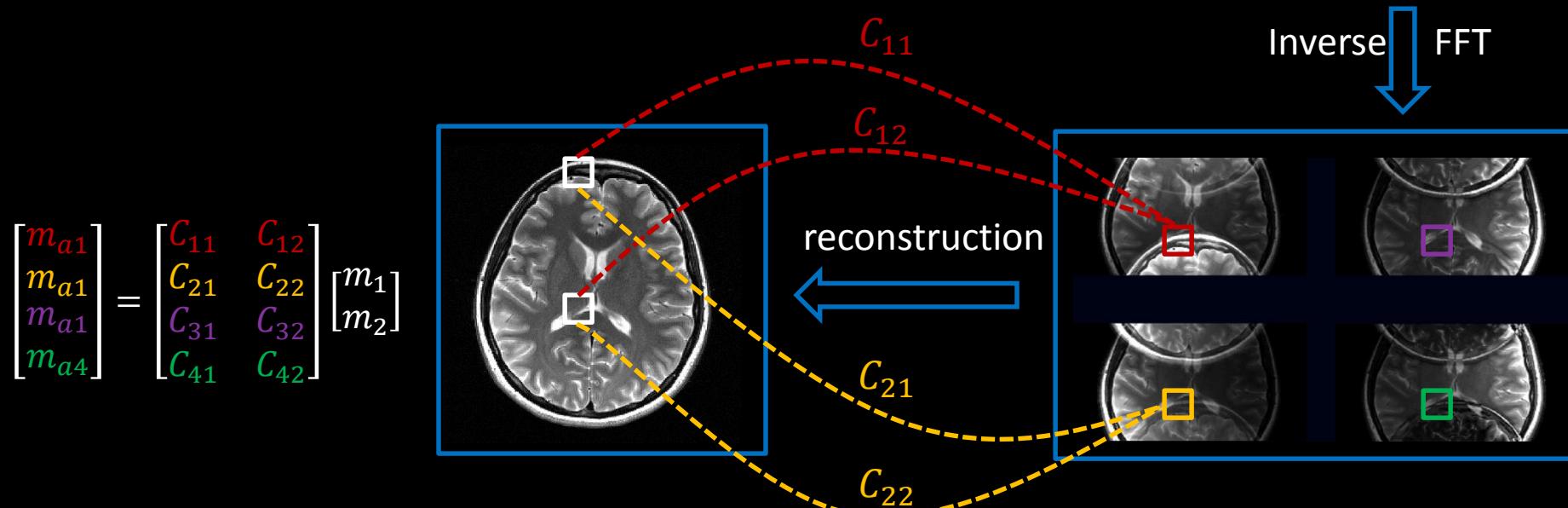
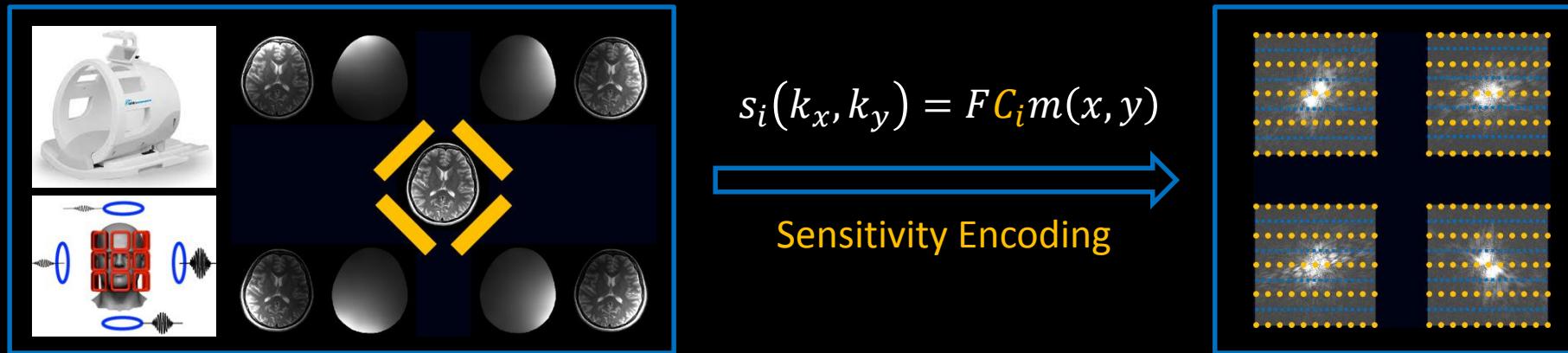
prior information

Some knowledge that
were known before scan

Fast magnetic resonance imaging based on prior knowledge



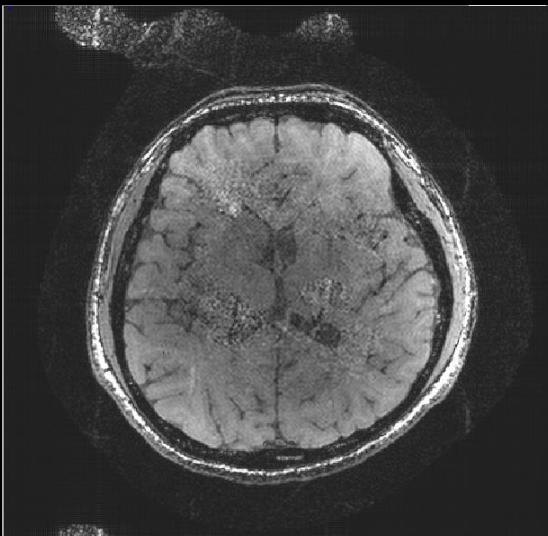
The formulation of parallel MR imaging



reconstruction: solve an inverse problem
Condition number: SNR

The problem of parallel MR imaging — low SNR

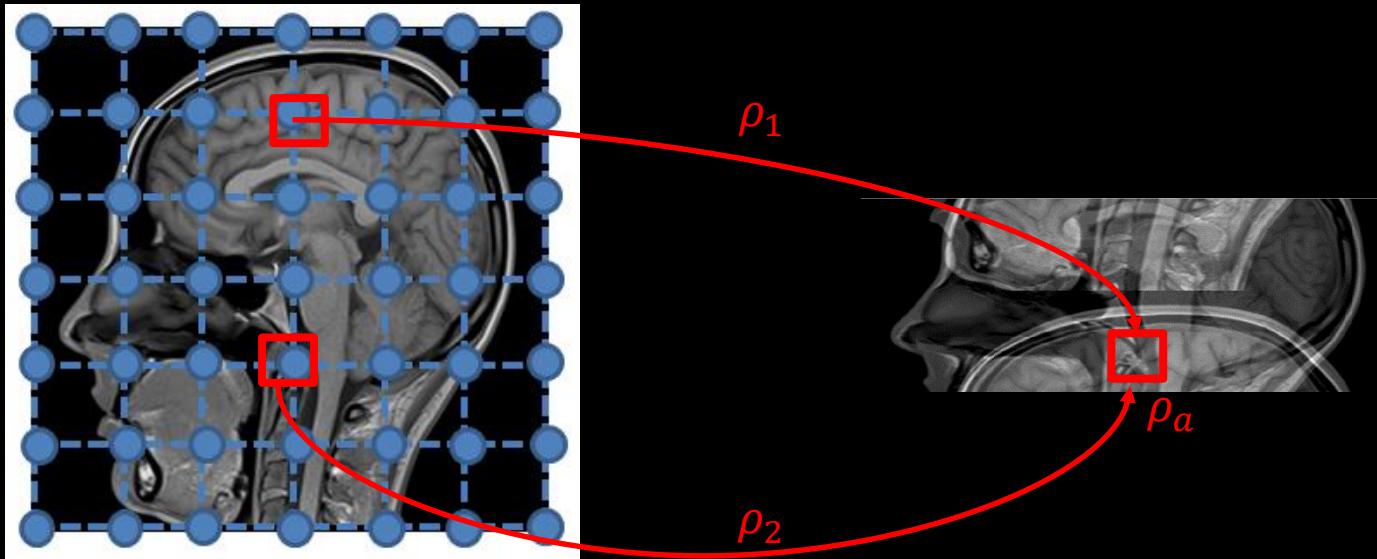
phenomenon



4-fold

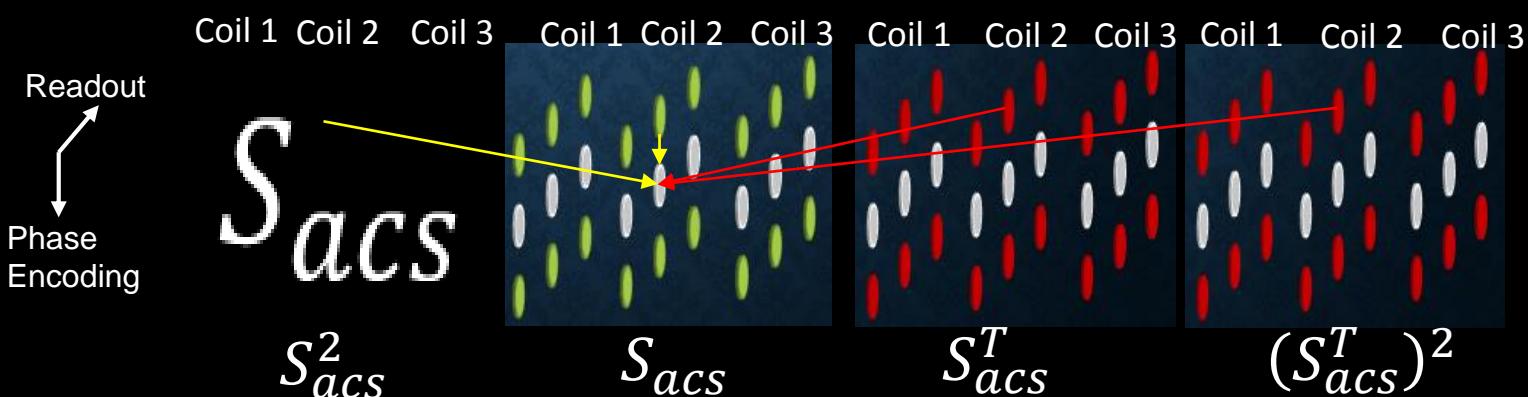
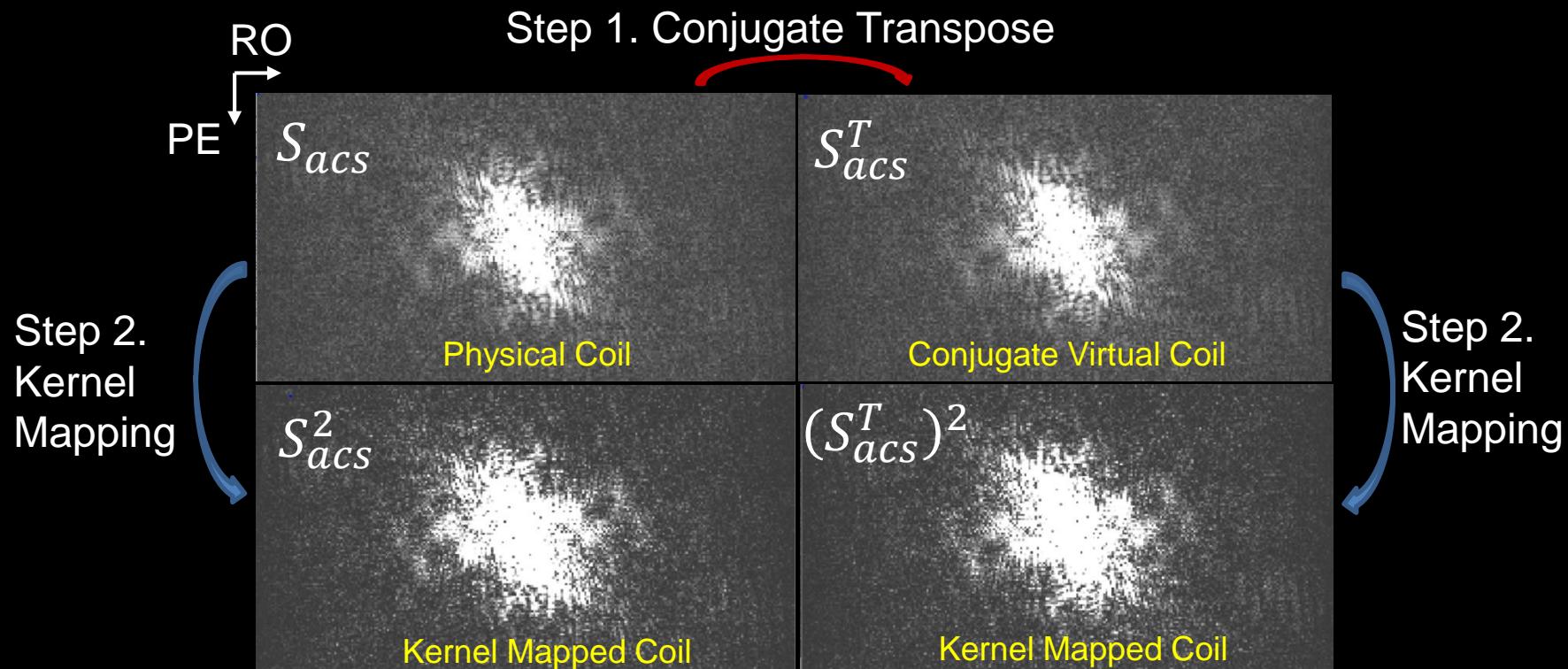
Spatially variant
noise amplification

Reason

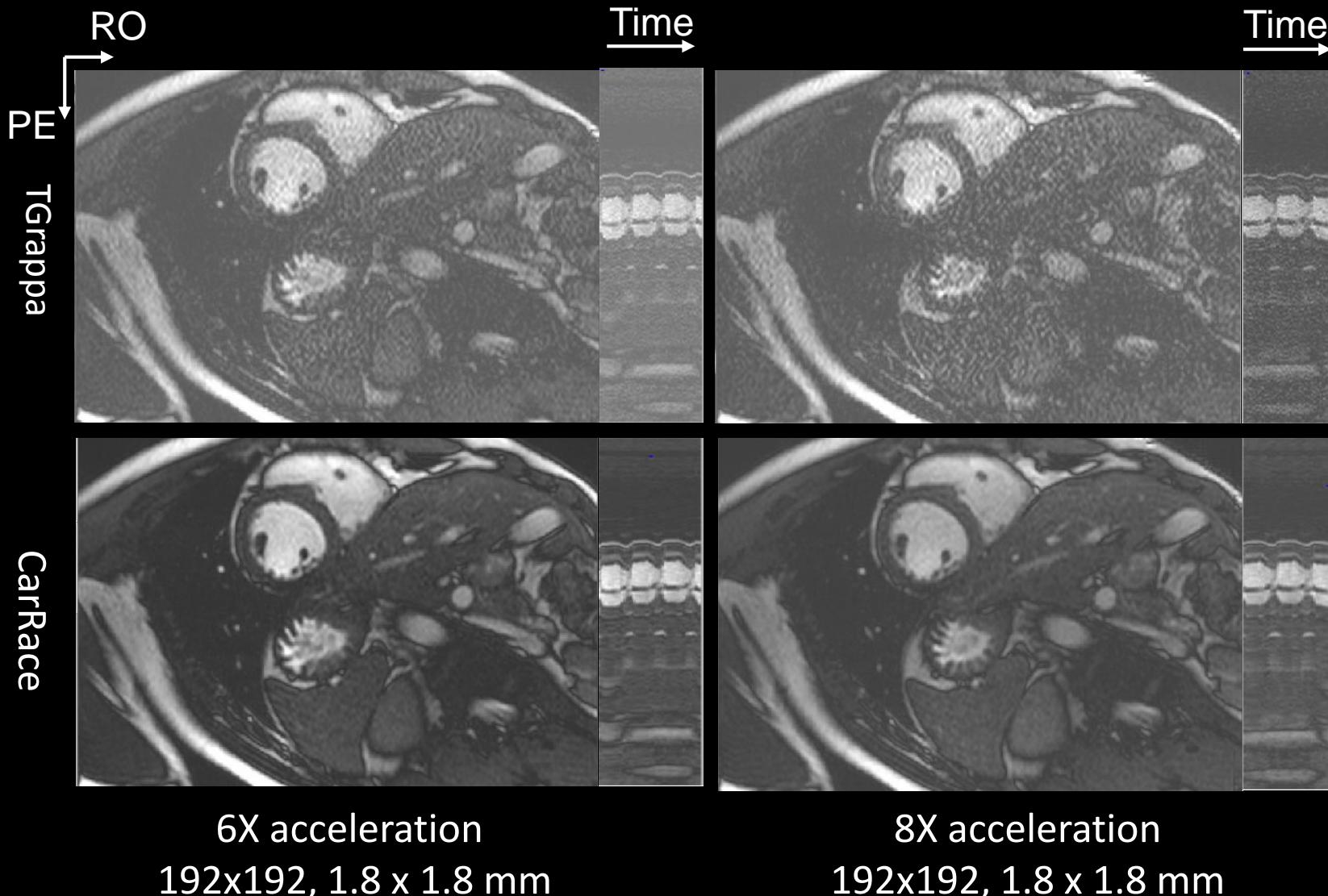


Highly ill-posed

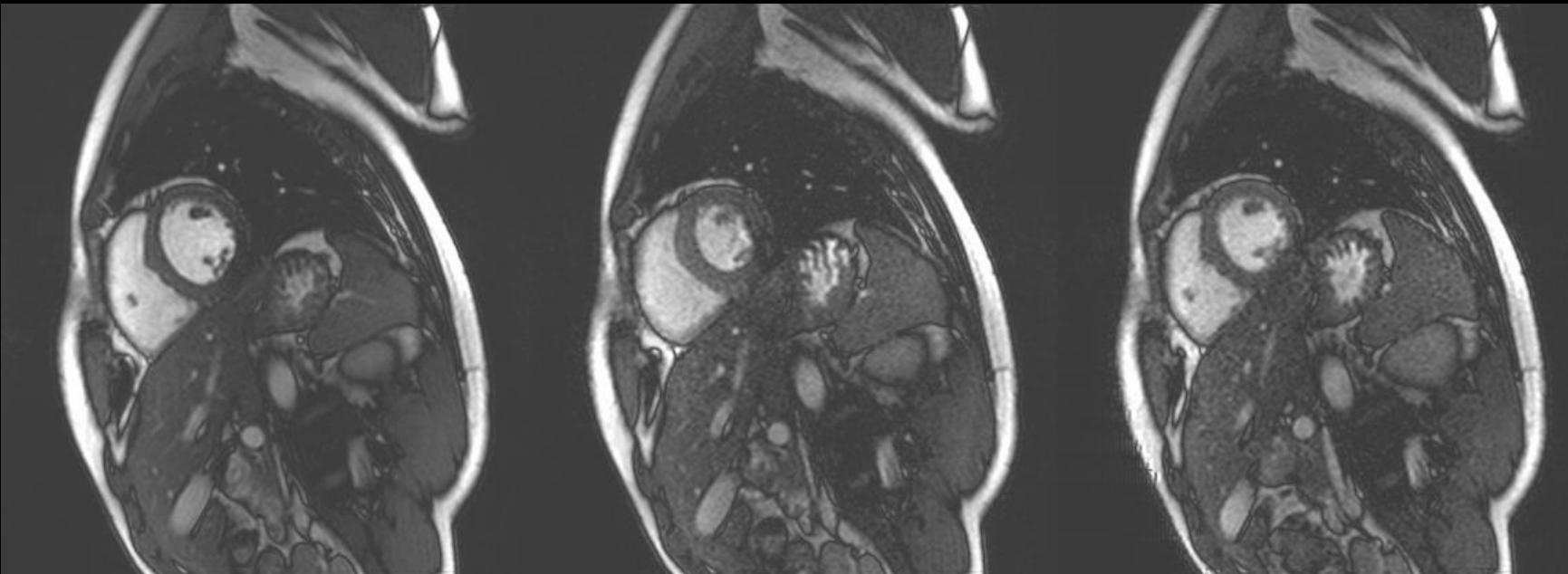
Increasing #equations by using Virtual Coil



CarRace accelerated Real-Time Cine



CarRace: accelerated Real-Time Cine



4X, ~85 ms/frame

6X, ~56 ms/frame

8X, ~40 ms/frame

Sparse Sampling based on compressed sensing



Compressed Sensing (CS): The **sparse** signals can
be reconstructed **accurately from very few**
incoherent measurements by a non-linear



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Imaging innovation: how compressed sensing would change the world of magnetic resonance

How Compressed Sensing will Change the World of MR

Organizers: Craig H. Meyer, Ph.D. & Daniel K. Sodickson, M.D.,
Ph.D.

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|-------|---|-------|---|--|--|
| 07:30 | Welcome & Awards - Debiao Li, Ph.D., 2011-12 ISMRM President | 09:05 | Compressed Sensing Overview, David Donoho, Ph.D. | | |
| | | 09:30 | Compressed Sensing in MRI, Michael Lustig, Ph.D. | | |
| 08:20 | Lauterbur Lecture: MRI: From Science to Society, Vivian S. Lee, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A. | 09:55 | Clinical Applications of Compressed Sensing: Introduction:
Clinical Opportunities & Barriers to Mainstream Use, Shreyas S. Vasanawala, M.D., Ph.D. | | |
| | | 10:05 | Case 1: Sparse Neuroangiogram, Manal Nicolas-Jilwan, M.D. | | |
| | | 10:10 | Case 2: High Spatiotemporal Correlation Cardiac Imaging, Jeanette Schulz-Menger, M.D. | | |

10:15 Adjourn

CS-MRI

$$\min_I \| \Psi I \|_1 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \| F_p I - f \|_2 < \varepsilon$$

F_p : CS encoding matrix

I : image to be reconstructed

Ψ : sparse transform

f : undersampled k-space data

$$\min_{I,D,\Gamma^{(i)}} \left\{ \sum_l \| D\alpha_l^{(i)} - R_l I \|_2^2 + \frac{\nu_1}{2} \| F_p I - f \|_2^2 \right\}$$

$$s.t. \quad \|\alpha_l^{(i)}\|_0 \leq T_0, \forall l$$

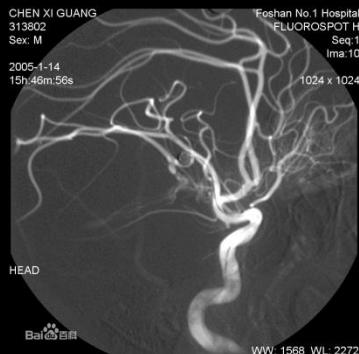
D : Adaptive dictionary

R_l : Extracted l th image patch

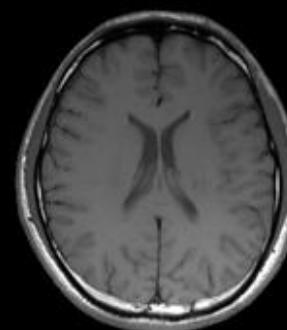
α_l : Sparse representation corresponding to l th patch

Sparsity in MR Images

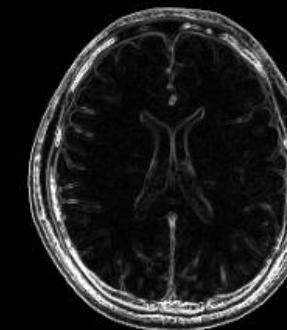
Most MRI images are sparse or can be sparsely represented in some bases



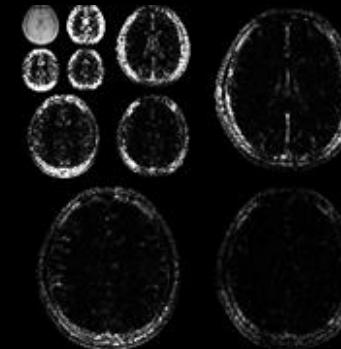
MR Angiography



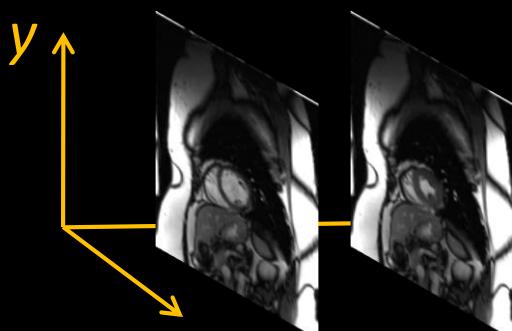
Brain



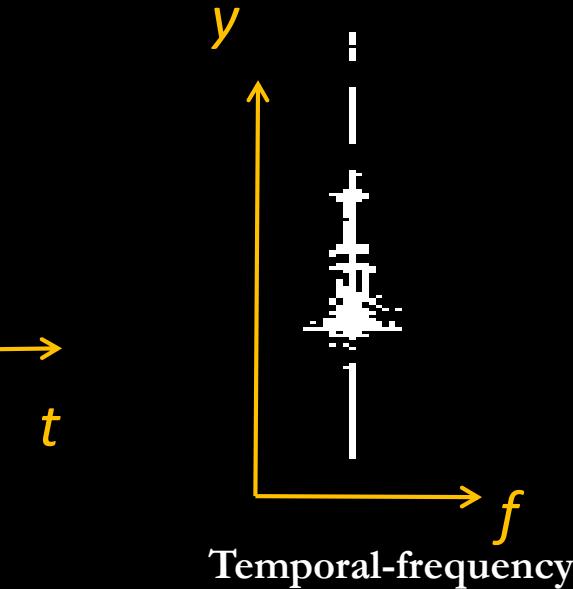
Finite Difference/TV



Wavelet

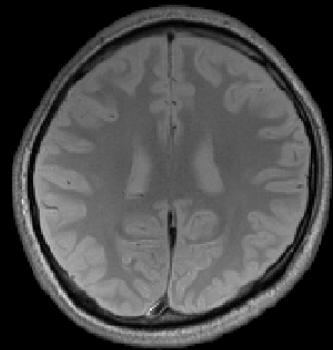


Cardiac cine

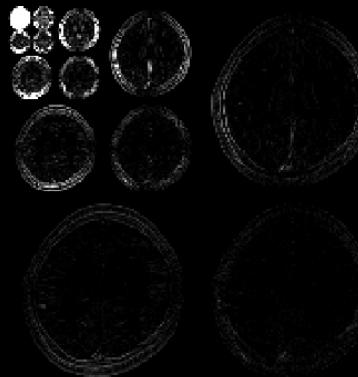


Temporal-frequency

Incoherence



Image



Sparse transform



K-space

➤ **artifacts caused by incoherent undersampling are similar to noise**

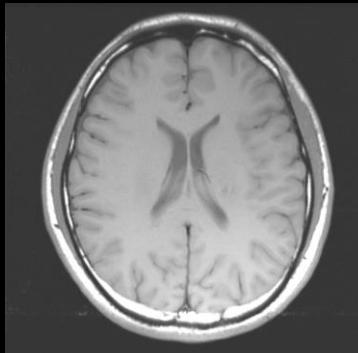
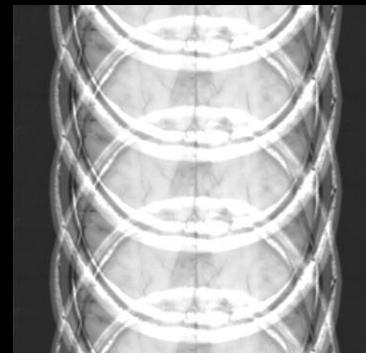
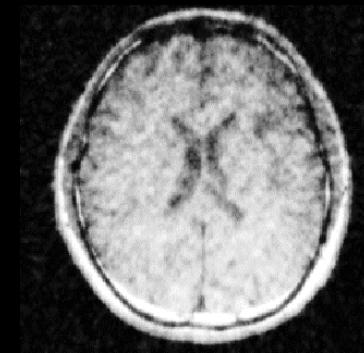


Image by
full sampling



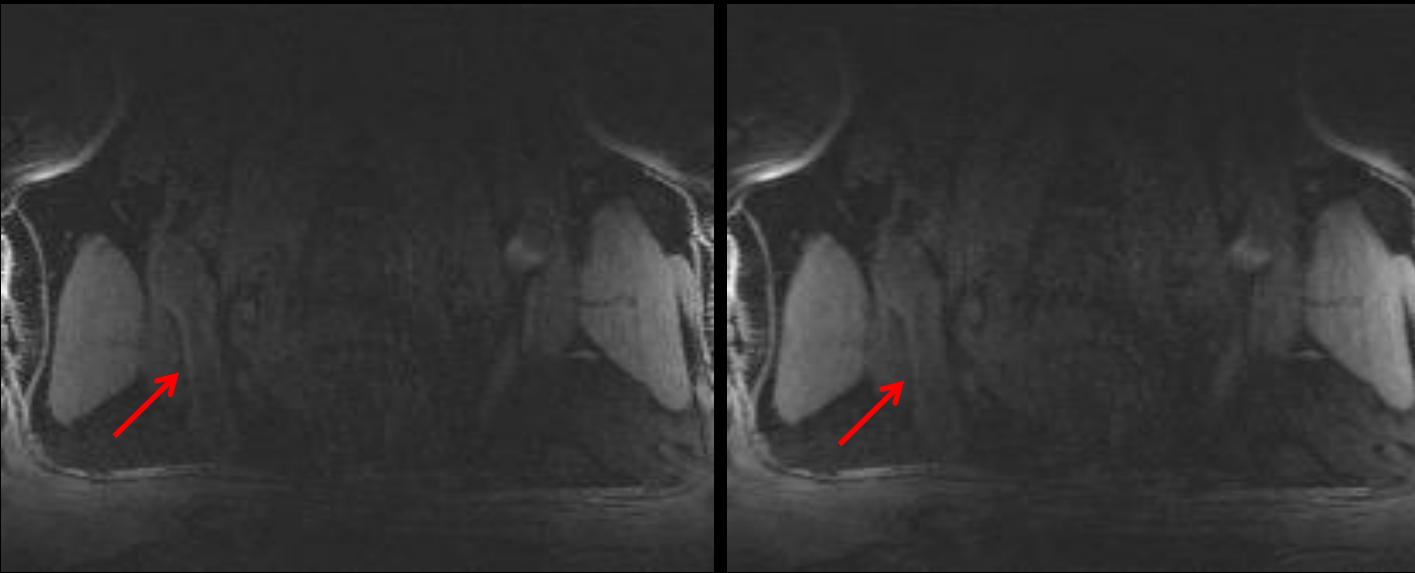
artifacts by
coherent sampling



artifacts caused by
Incoherent sampling

Some Issues in CS-based MR Imaging

- Long reconstruction time
- Complicated parameter-selection
- Losing fine details (“feature”)



Long Reconstruction Time

Reason: nonlinear model, iterative reconstruction

Solution: 1) improve computing power
2) use pre-conditioner

Diagonal pre-conditioner

$$P = \operatorname{argmin}_{P \text{ diagonal}} \|PAA^* - I\|_F^2$$
$$u^{n+1} = (I + \sigma P)^{-1}(u^n + \sigma P(A(2x^n - x^{n-1}) + y))$$
$$x^{n+1} = \operatorname{prox}_{\tau g}(x^n - \tau A^* u^{n+1})$$

Circulant pre-conditioner

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$
$$\mathbf{A} = \mu \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} (\mathbf{RFS}_i)^H \mathbf{RFS}_i + \lambda (\mathbf{D}_x^H \mathbf{D}_x + \mathbf{D}_y^H \mathbf{D}_y) + \gamma \mathbf{W}^H \mathbf{W}$$
$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{F} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{K} \mathbf{F}$$
$$\mathbf{K} = \underbrace{\mu \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} \mathbf{F} \mathbf{S}_i^H \mathbf{F}^H \mathbf{R}^H \mathbf{RFS}_i \mathbf{F}^H}_{\mathbf{K}_c} + \underbrace{\lambda \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{D}_x^H \mathbf{D}_x + \mathbf{D}_y^H \mathbf{D}_y)}_{\mathbf{K}_d} \mathbf{F}^H + \gamma \mathbf{I}$$

[1] F. Ong, et.al., ISMRM2018. [2] J. Gemert, et.al., ISMRM2018

Complicated Parameter-selection

Reason: multi constraints, non-convex function

Solution:

- 1) Test on a big data set and choose the sub-optimal but robust parameters

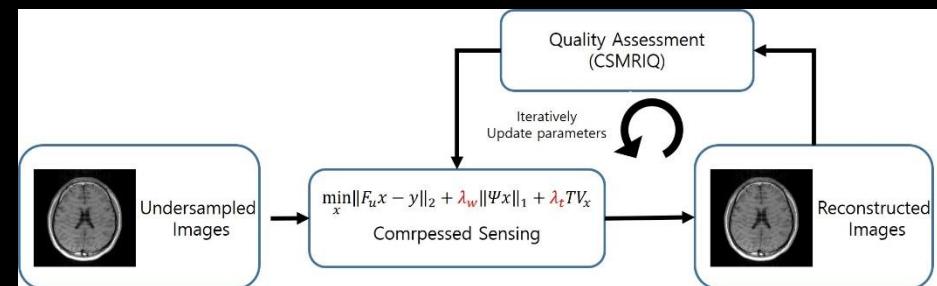
$$\min_I J(I) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|F_p I - f\|_2 \leq \varepsilon$$

$$J(I) = \min_{D, \Gamma} \sum_l \left(\|\alpha_l\|_1 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \|D\alpha_l - R_l I\|_2^2 \right)$$

- 2) Parameter-free methods or automatic parameter selection

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{x}}{\text{minimize}} && \|\mathbf{Wx}\|_1 \\ & \text{subject to} && \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Ax}\|_2 \leq \sigma\sqrt{n}, \end{aligned}$$

① Noise pre-scan
② First-order primal dual algorithm



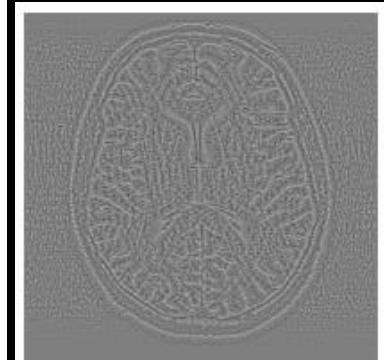
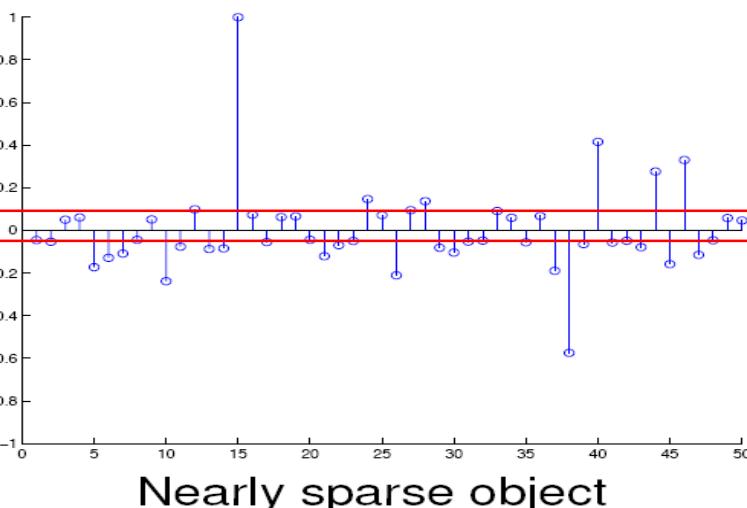
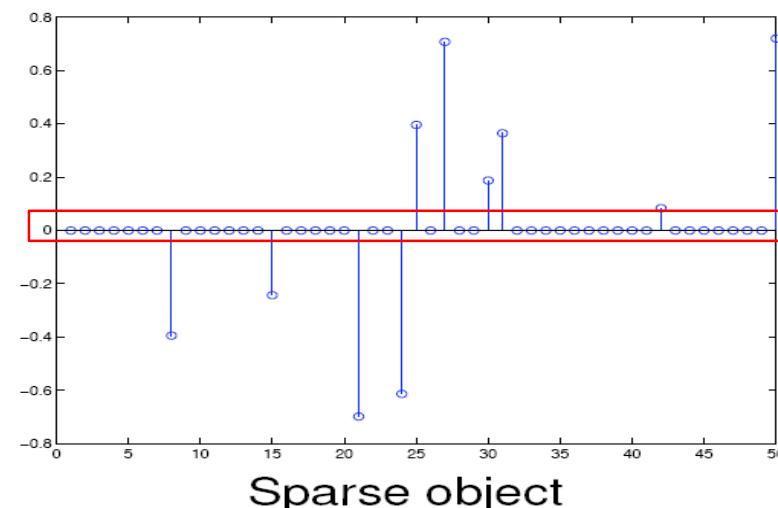
Loosing Details

Reason

$$\| I^* - I \|_2 \leq C_0 \| I - I_S \|_1 / \sqrt{S} + C_1 \varepsilon$$

I^* : Reconstruction solution I_S : Vector I with only S largest components

Details cannot be sparsely represented enough and are lost after nonlinear filtering

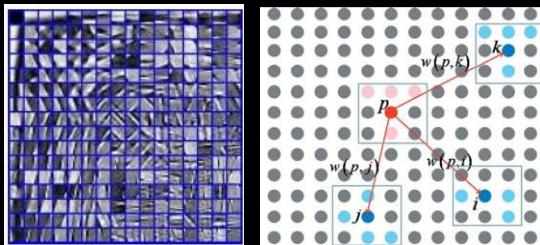


residual image

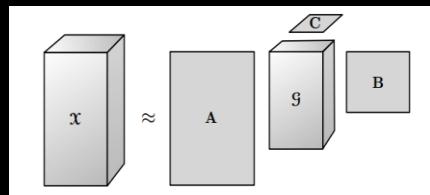
The methods of preserving details

Powerful sparse representation

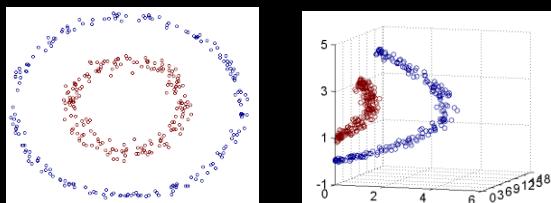
- patch-based methods (dictionary learning, Nonlocal constraint)



- Tensor-based Sparse transformation



- Nonlinear compressed sensing method



Detail restoration

- Iterative regularization method (IRM)

$$u_{k+1} = \arg \min_u \left(\|u\|_{L1} + \lambda \|I + v_k - u\|_2^2 \right)$$
$$v_{k+1} = v_k + I - u_{k+1}$$

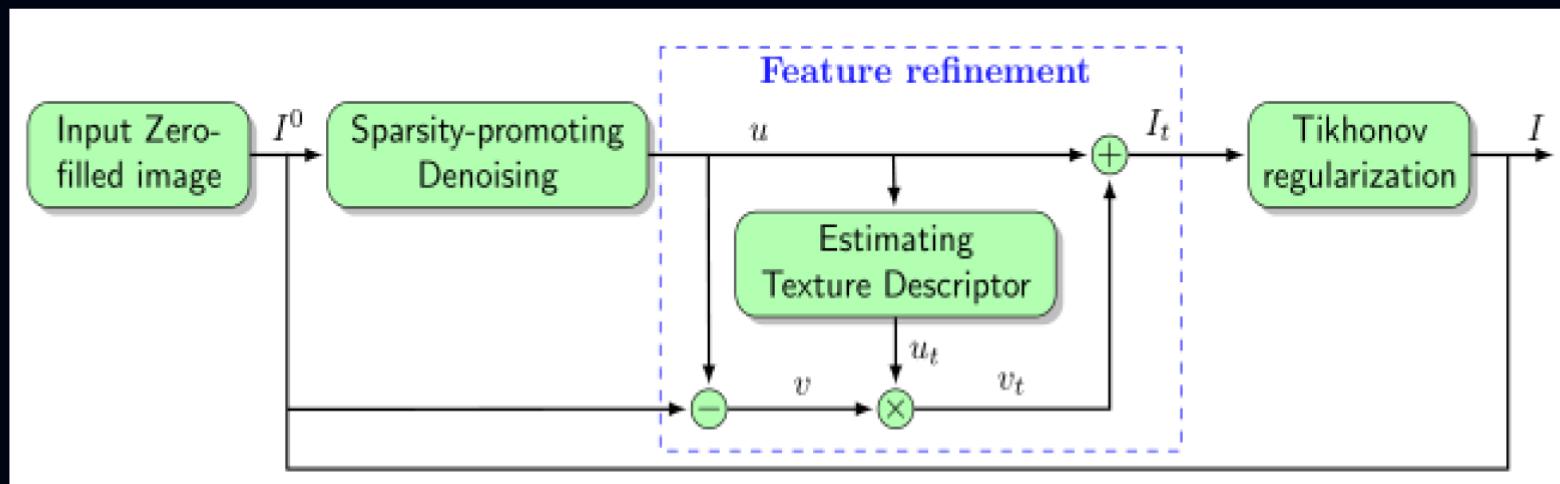
- Bregman iterative method

$$I^{k+1} = \operatorname{argmin}_I \frac{1}{2} \|F_p I - f^k\|_2^2 + \lambda \|I\|_{L1}$$
$$f^{k+1} = f^k + f - F_p I^{k+1}$$

CS-MRI with Iterative Feature Refinement

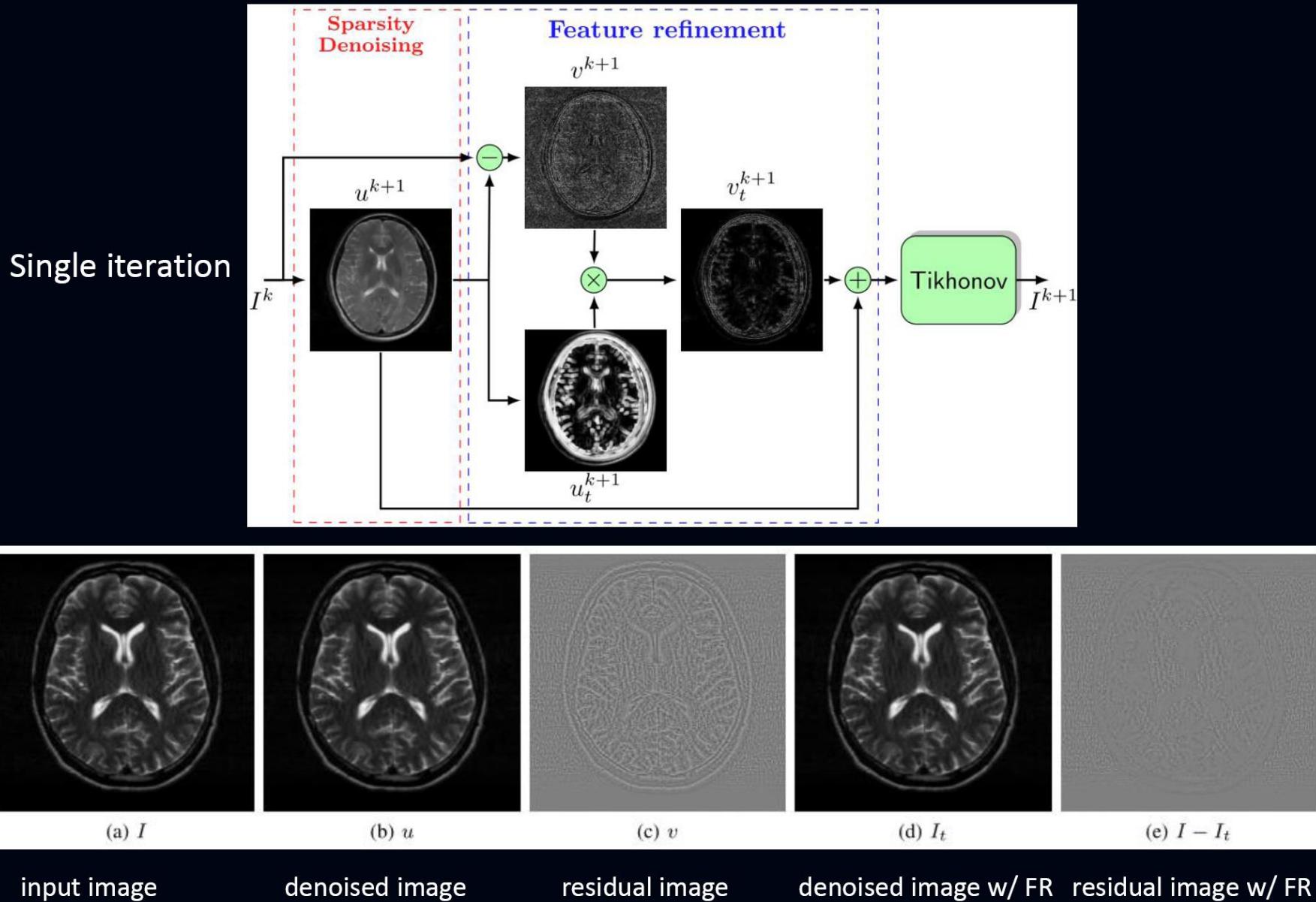
Question: how to only get back the features , but throw away the noise and noise-like artifacts?

Solution: try to extract only features from the residual image and add back to the iteration



IFR-CS

A Close Look at the Iteration



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Shanshan Wang *et al* 2016 *Phys. Med. Biol.* **61** 3291

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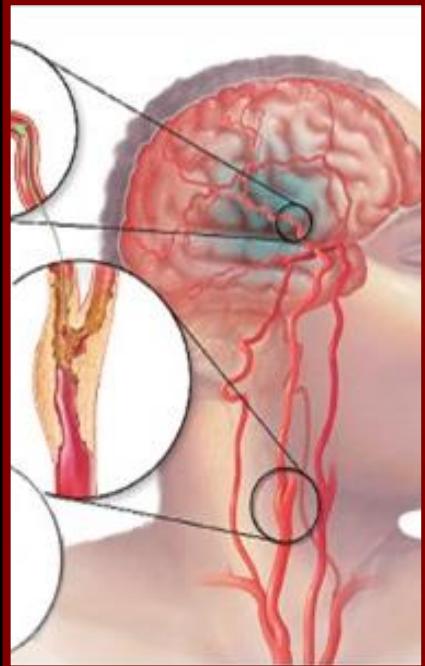
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Application: Whole Brain Vessel Wall Imaging

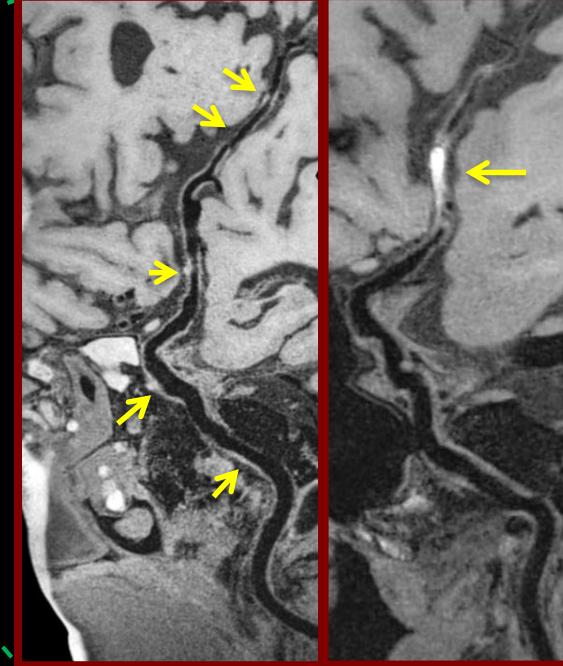
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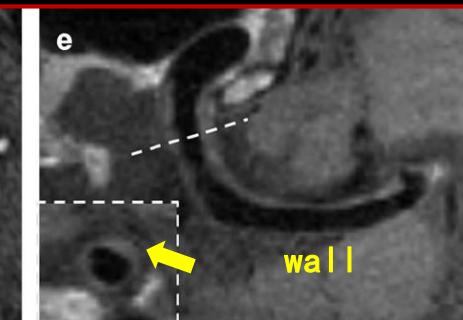
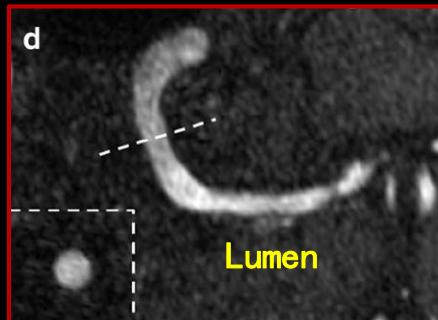
MR Angiography



MR VW imaging

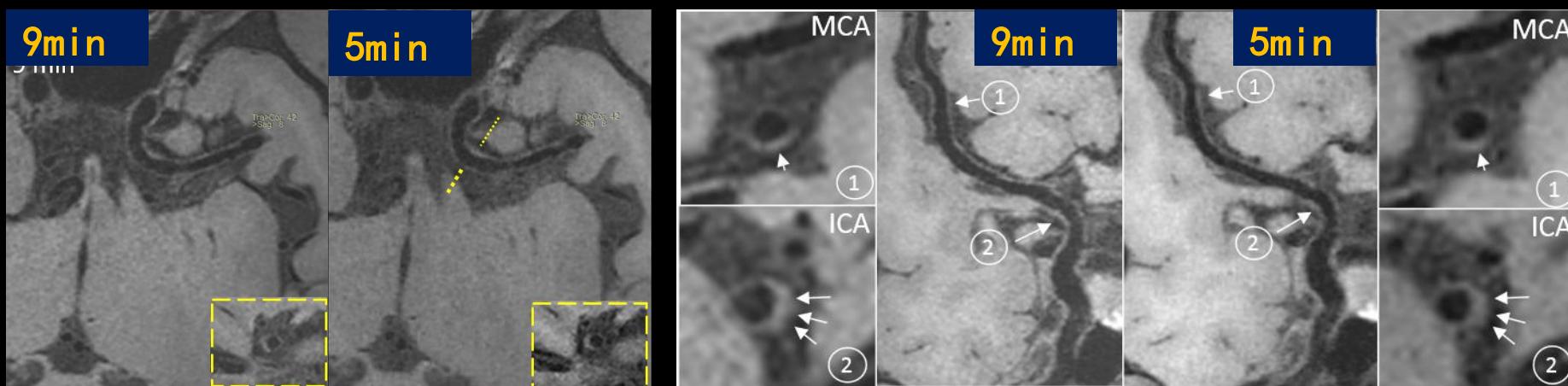


Challenges : high resolution, large FOV and fast scan



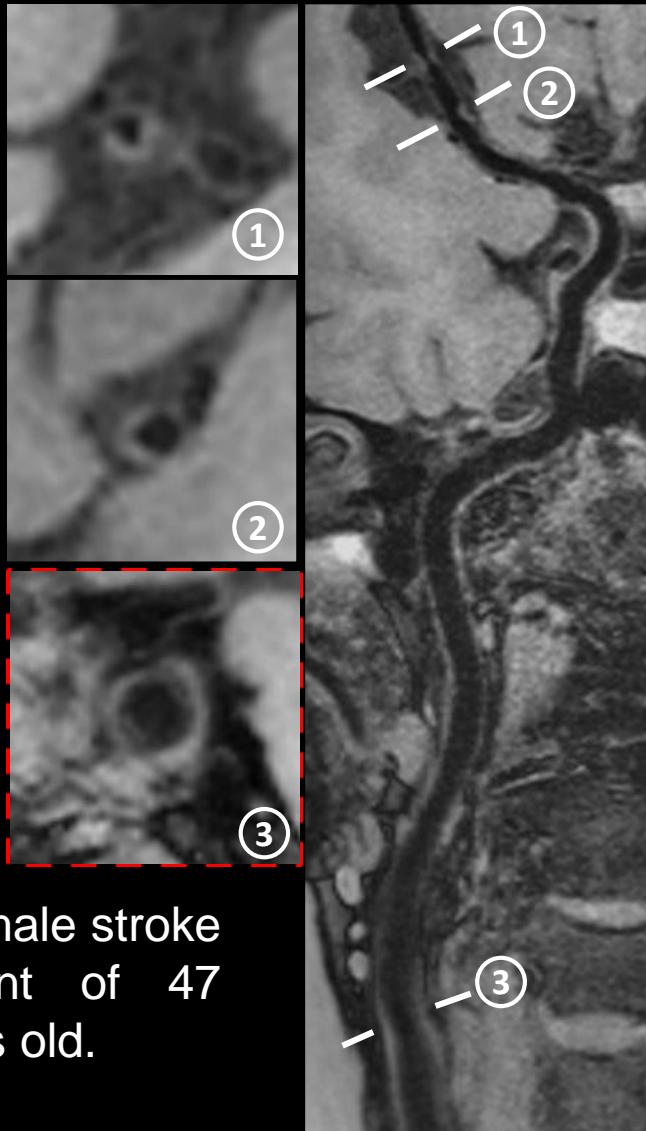
Current: 24min without acceleration , 9min with parallel imaging

5 mins: 3D Whole Brain Vessel Wall Imaging



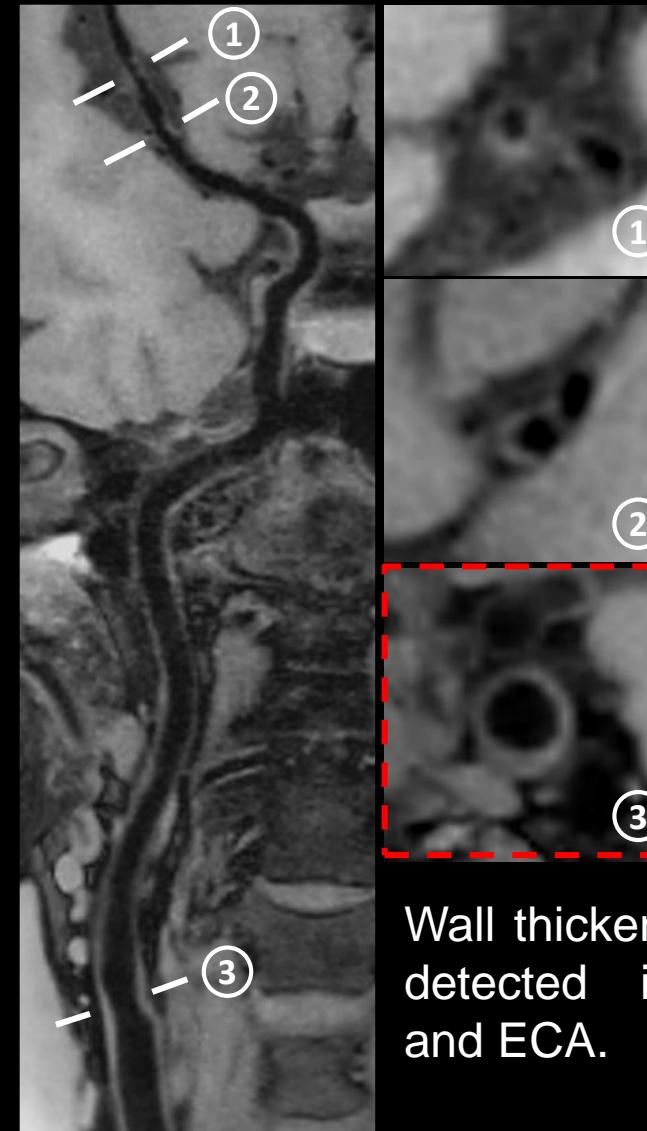
Joint Intracranial and Carotid Arterial Wall Imaging

Parallel Imaging 2.7x in 9:18 min



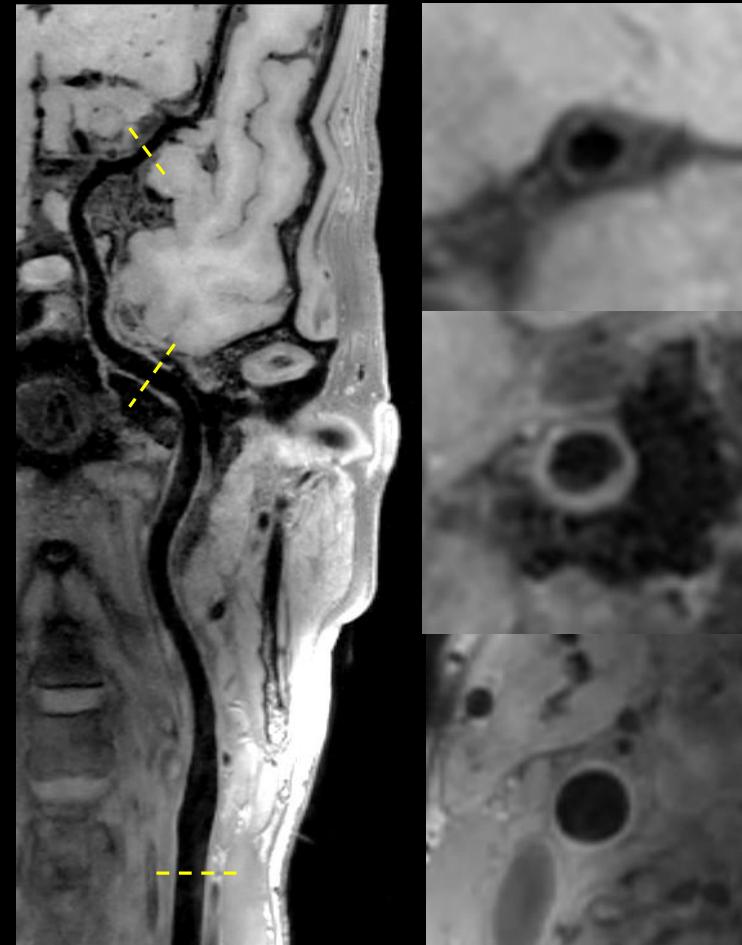
A female stroke patient of 47 years old.

Compressed Sensing 5x in 5 min 0.55mm



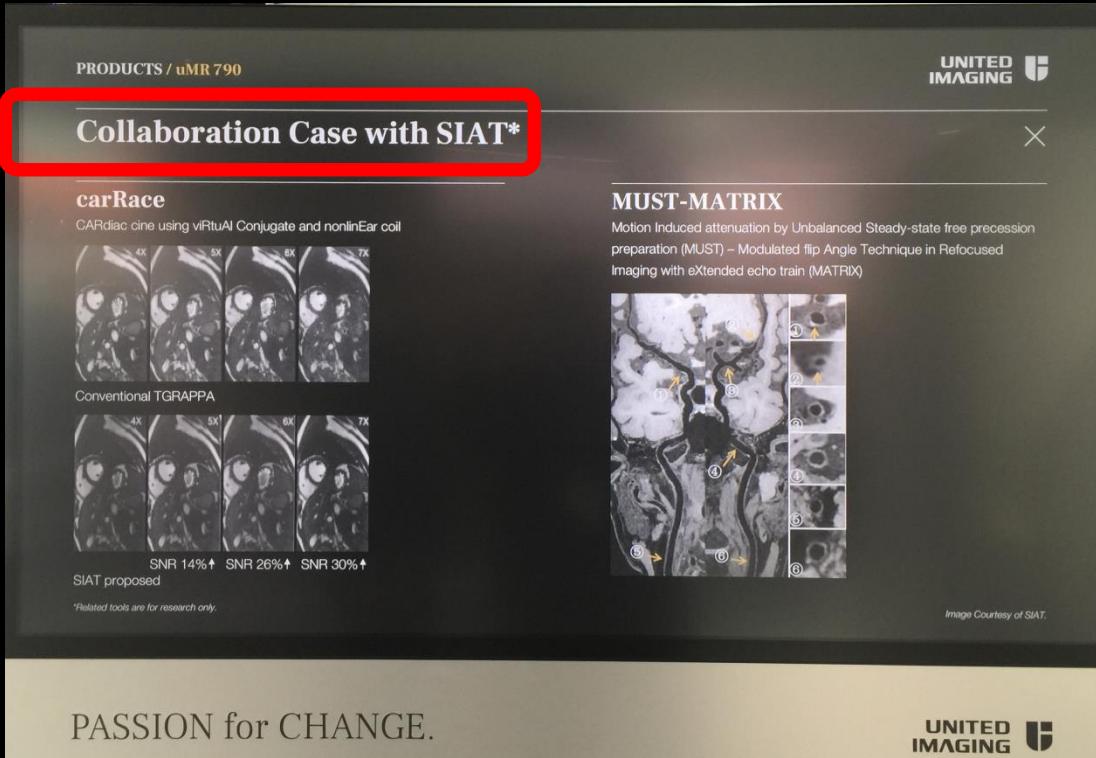
Wall thickening was detected in MCA and ECA.

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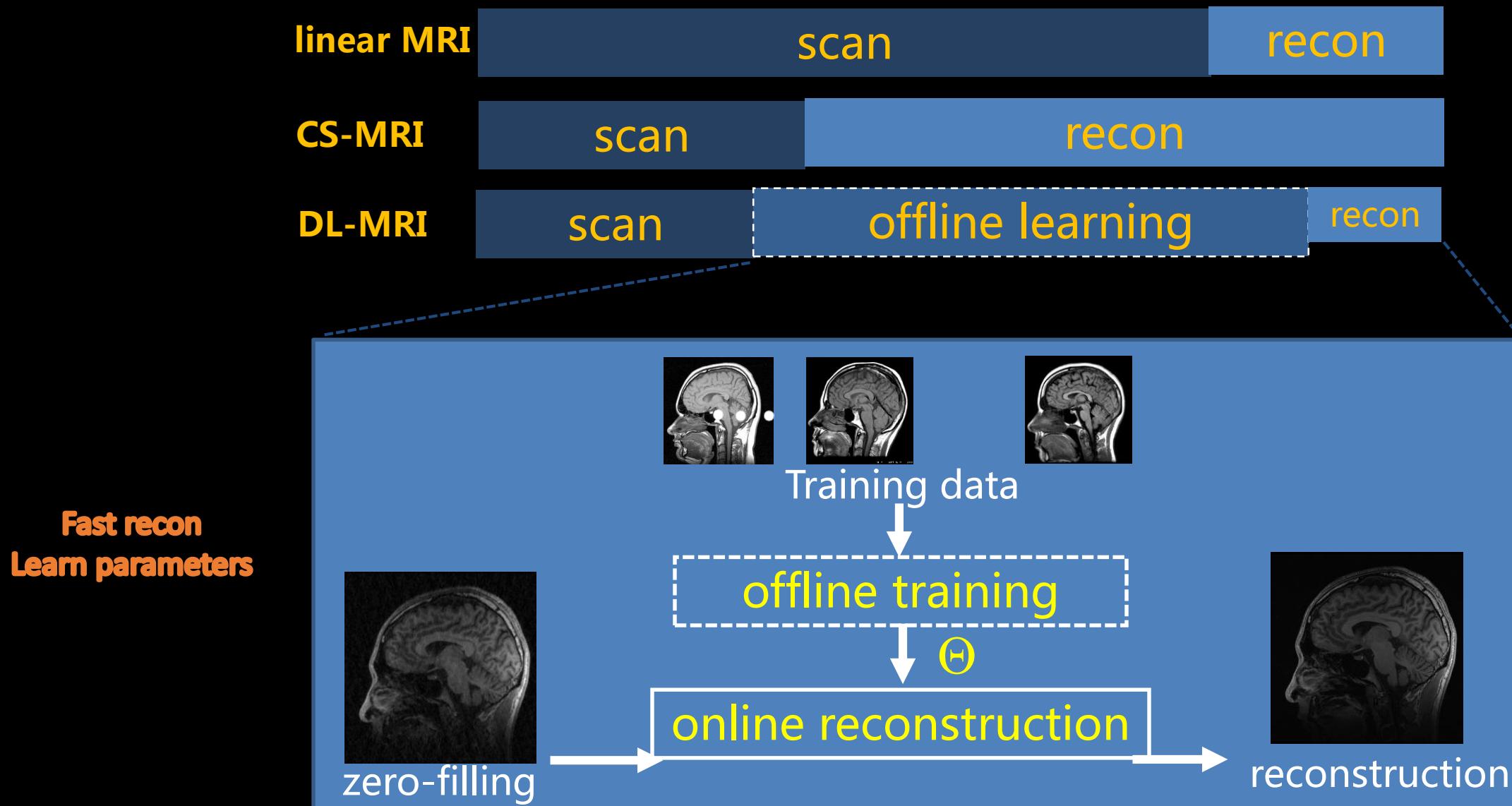
FOV : 230 x 210 x 192 mm
Scan resolution : 0.6 x 0.6 x 0.6 毫米
Coil : 32-channel Head&Neck
TA : 3.5mins
A 62-year old male

Collaboration with industry

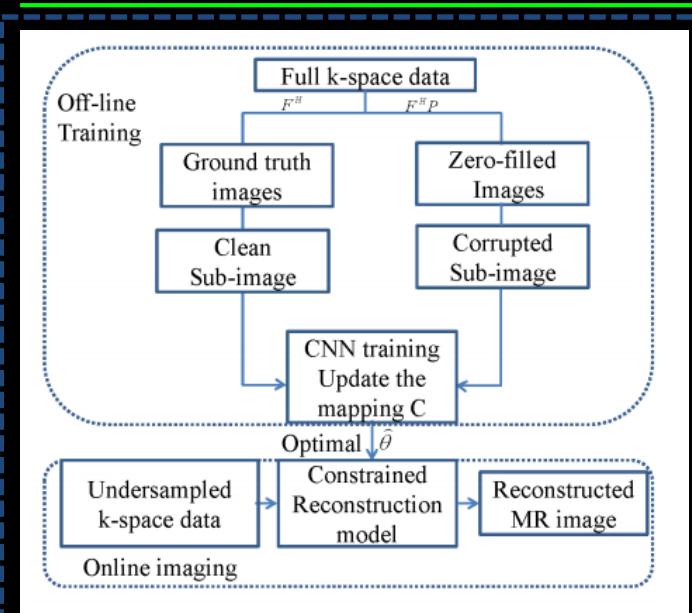


Ultrafast cardiac MR imaging and Vessel Wall Imaging were featured in the 2018 Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) as the highlight of the cooperation between SIAT and United Imaging (UI).

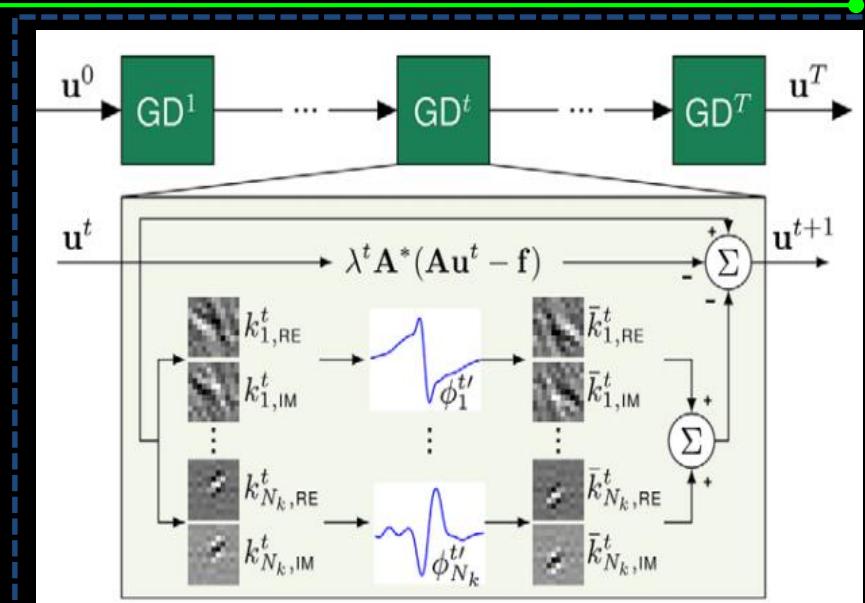
Deep Learning MRI: motivation



Deep Learning MRI : Preliminary work

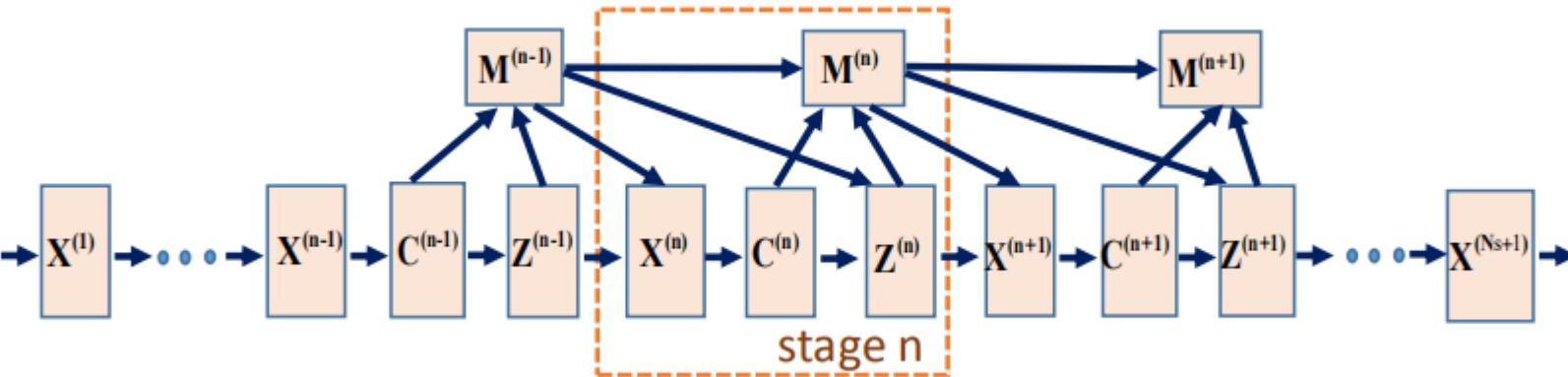
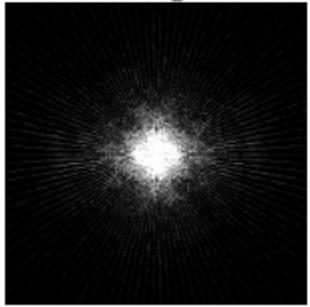


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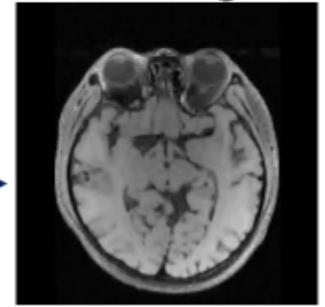


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Sampling data
in k-space



Reconstructed
MR image



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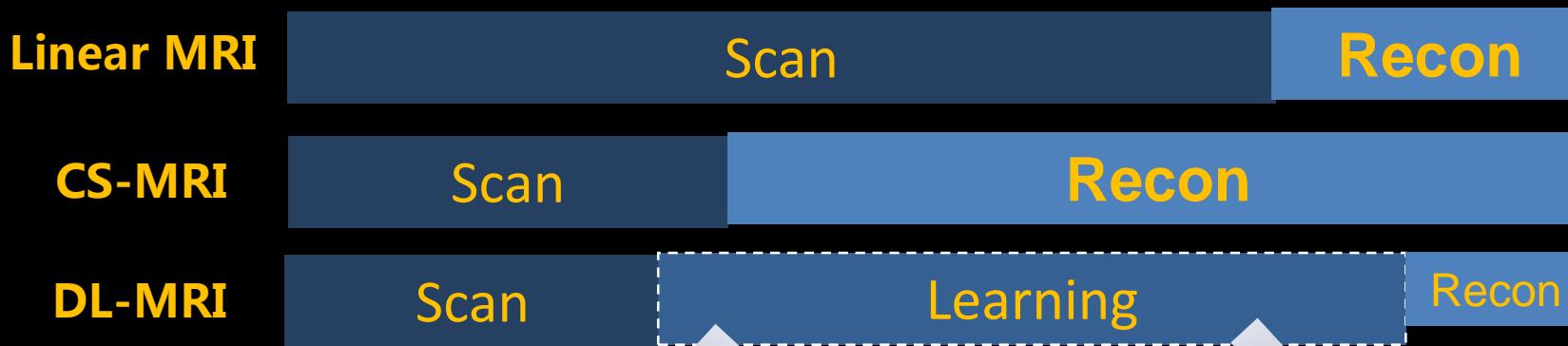
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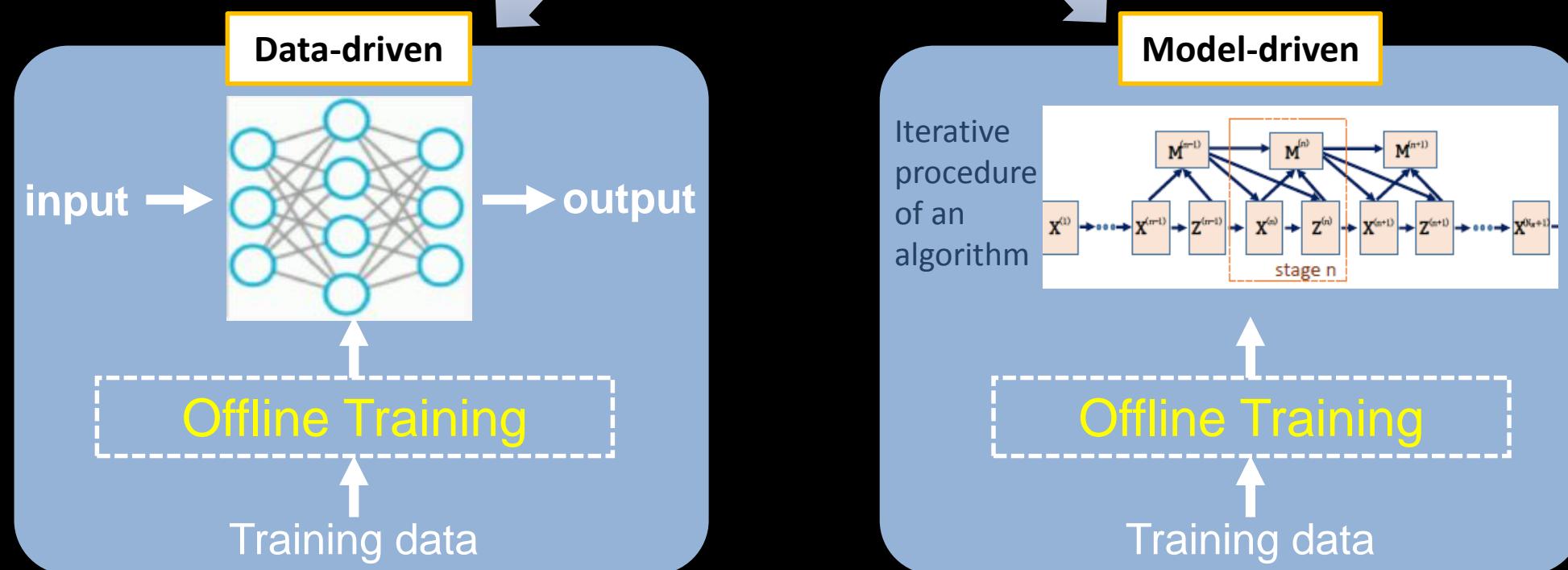
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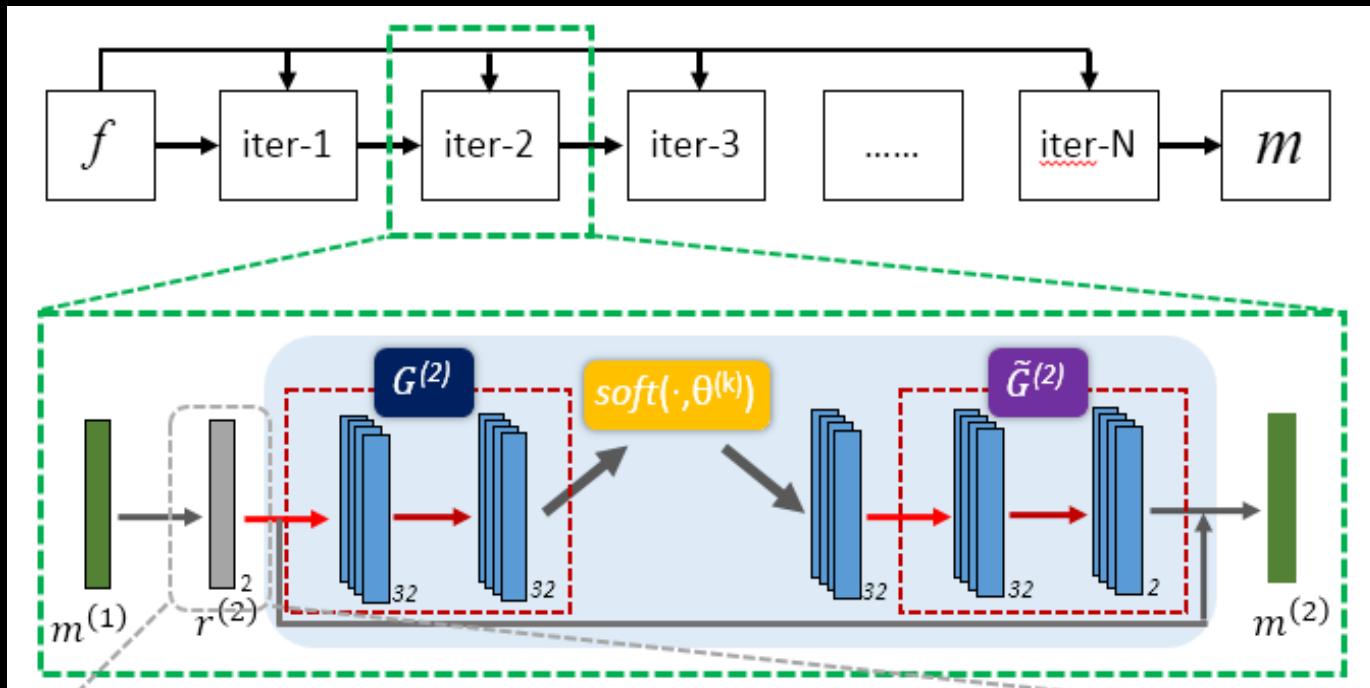


Model-driven Deep Learning

$$\|Ax - f\|_2^2 + \lambda \|F(x)\|_1$$



$$\begin{cases} r^{(n+1)} = x^{(n)} - \rho A^T (Ax^{(n)} - f) \\ x^{(n+1)} = \tilde{F} \left(\text{soft}(F(r^{(n+1)}), \theta) \right) \end{cases}$$



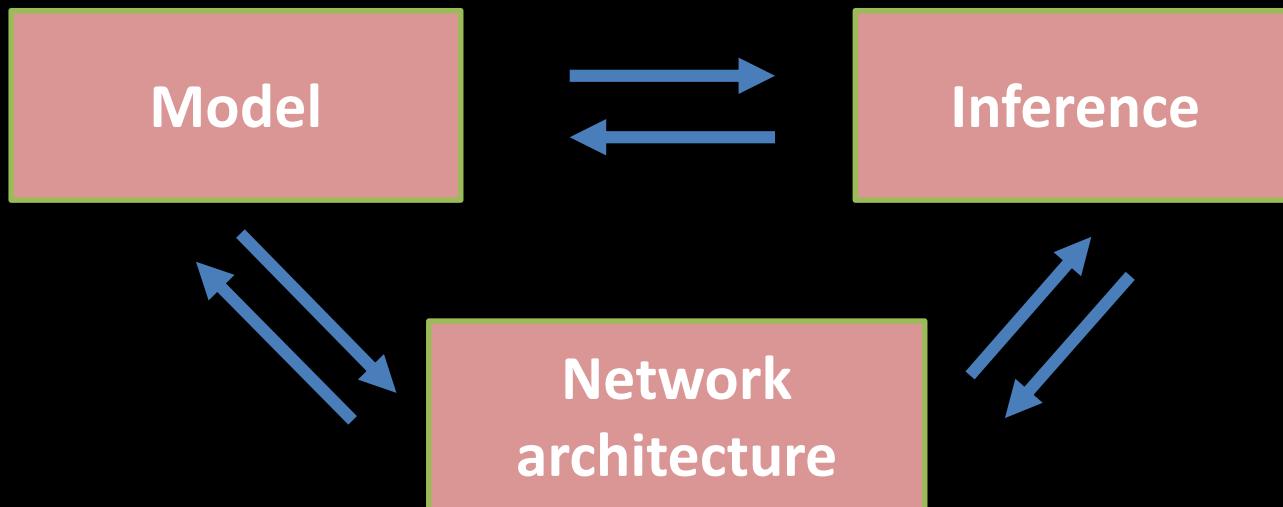
Model-driven Deep Learning



$$\frac{1}{2} \|Ax - f\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\Psi x\|_1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \|Ax - f\|_2^2 + \lambda R(x)$$

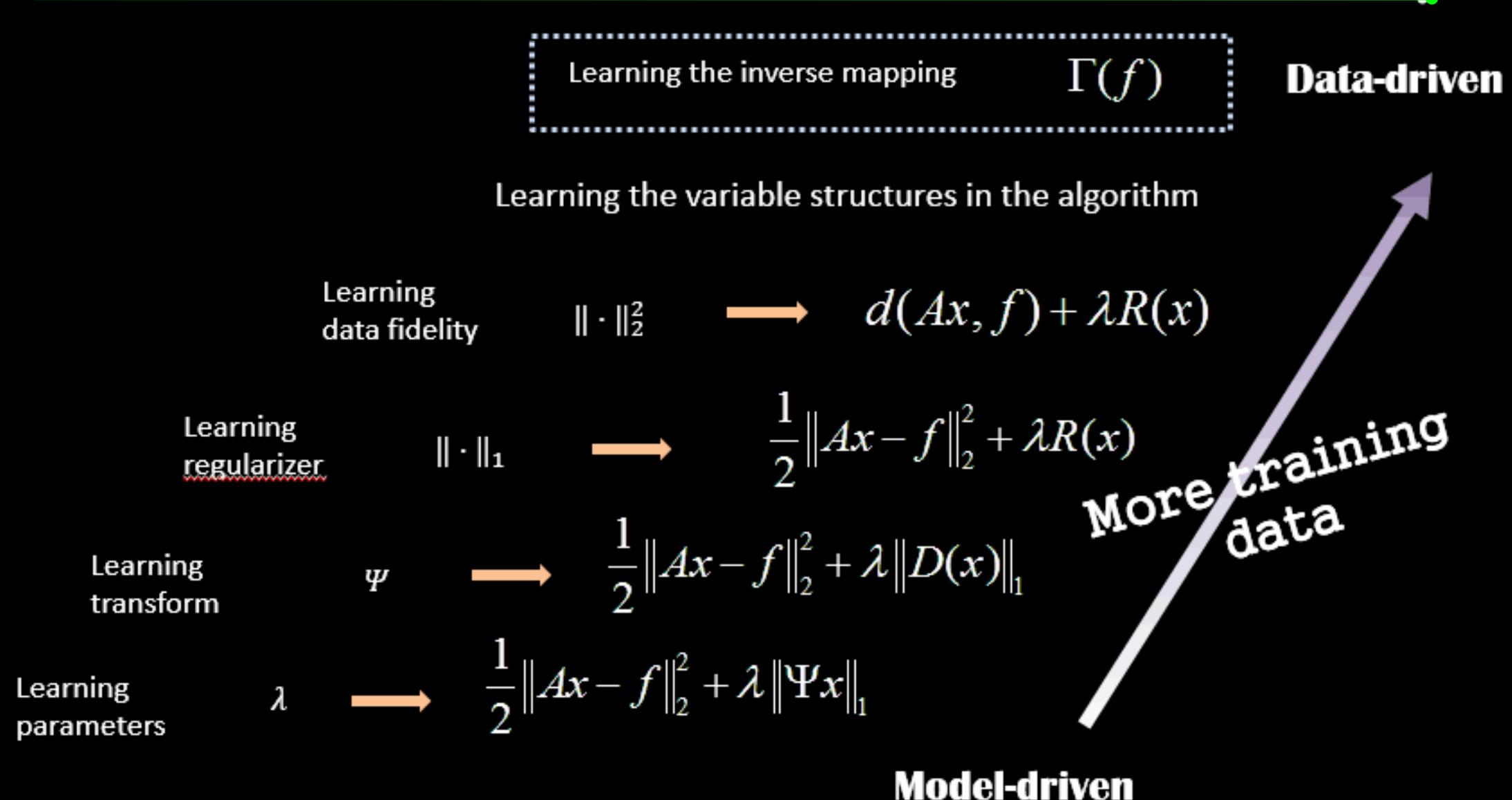
$$d(Ax, f) + \lambda R(x)$$



A could be Fourier encoding
or sensitivity encoding
(learnable)

- CNN
- RNN
- GAN
- ...

Relaxing Constraints in Model-driven Deep Learning



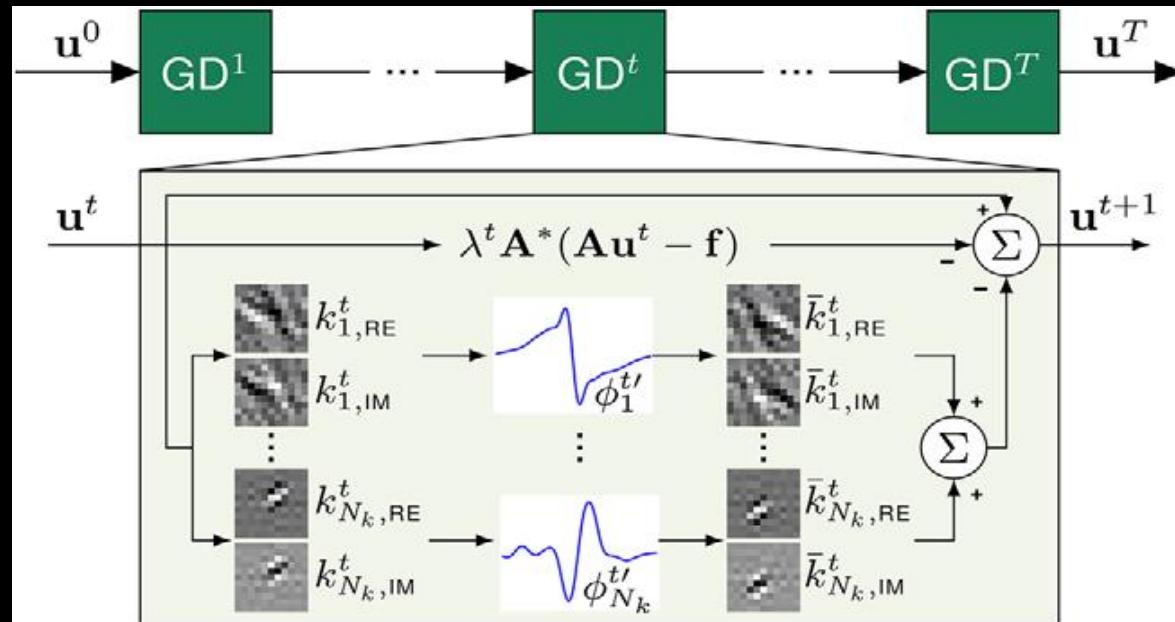
VN (Variational Network)

$$\min \|Ax - y\|_2^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} \langle \Phi_i(K_i x), 1 \rangle$$

Parameters
Transform
Regularizer

Gradient
Decent

$$u^{n+1} = u^n - \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} (K_i^n)^T \Phi_i^n (K_i^n u^n) - \lambda^n A^*(A u^n - y)$$



ADMM-CSnet

$$\min \|Ax - y\|_2^2 + \sum_{l=1}^L \lambda_l g(D_l x)$$

**ADMM
Solver 1**

$$z_l = D_l x$$

Transform domain

$$\begin{cases} X^{(n)}: x^{(n)} = \frac{\left[A^H y + \sum_{l=1}^L \rho_l D_l^T (z_l^{(n-1)} - \beta_l^{(n-1)}) \right]}{[A^H A + \sum_{l=1}^L \rho_l D_l^T D_l]} \\ Z^{(n)}: z_l^{(n)} = S(D_l x^{(n)}) + \beta_l^{(n-1)} \left(\frac{\lambda_l}{\rho_l} \right) \\ M^{(n)}: \beta_l^{(n)} = \beta_l^{(n-1)} + \eta_l (D_l x^{(n)} - z_l^{(n)}) \end{cases}$$

Learnable

Basic-ADMM-CSNet

**ADMM
Solver 2**

$$z = x$$

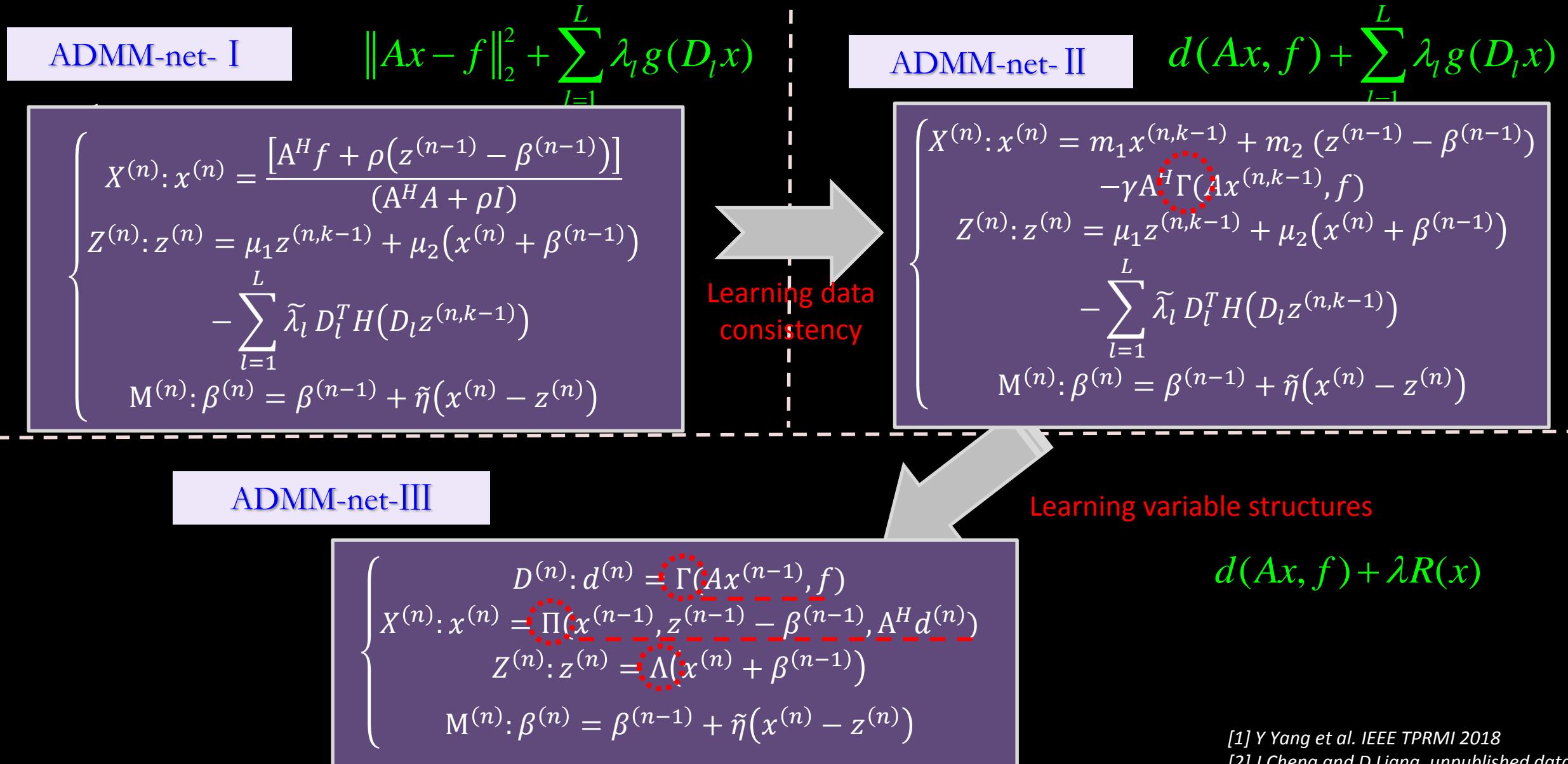
**Parameters
Transform
Regularizer**

Image domain

$$\begin{cases} X^{(n)}: x^{(n)} = \frac{[A^H y + \rho(z^{(n-1)} - \beta^{(n-1)})]}{(A^H A + \rho I)} \\ Z^{(n)}: z^{(n)} = \mu_1 z^{(n,k-1)} + \mu_2 (x^{(n)} + \beta^{(n-1)}) \\ \quad - \sum_{l=1}^L \tilde{\lambda}_l D_l^T H(D_l z^{(n,k-1)}) \\ M^{(n)}: \beta^{(n)} = \beta^{(n-1)} + \tilde{\eta}(x^{(n)} - z^{(n)}) \end{cases}$$

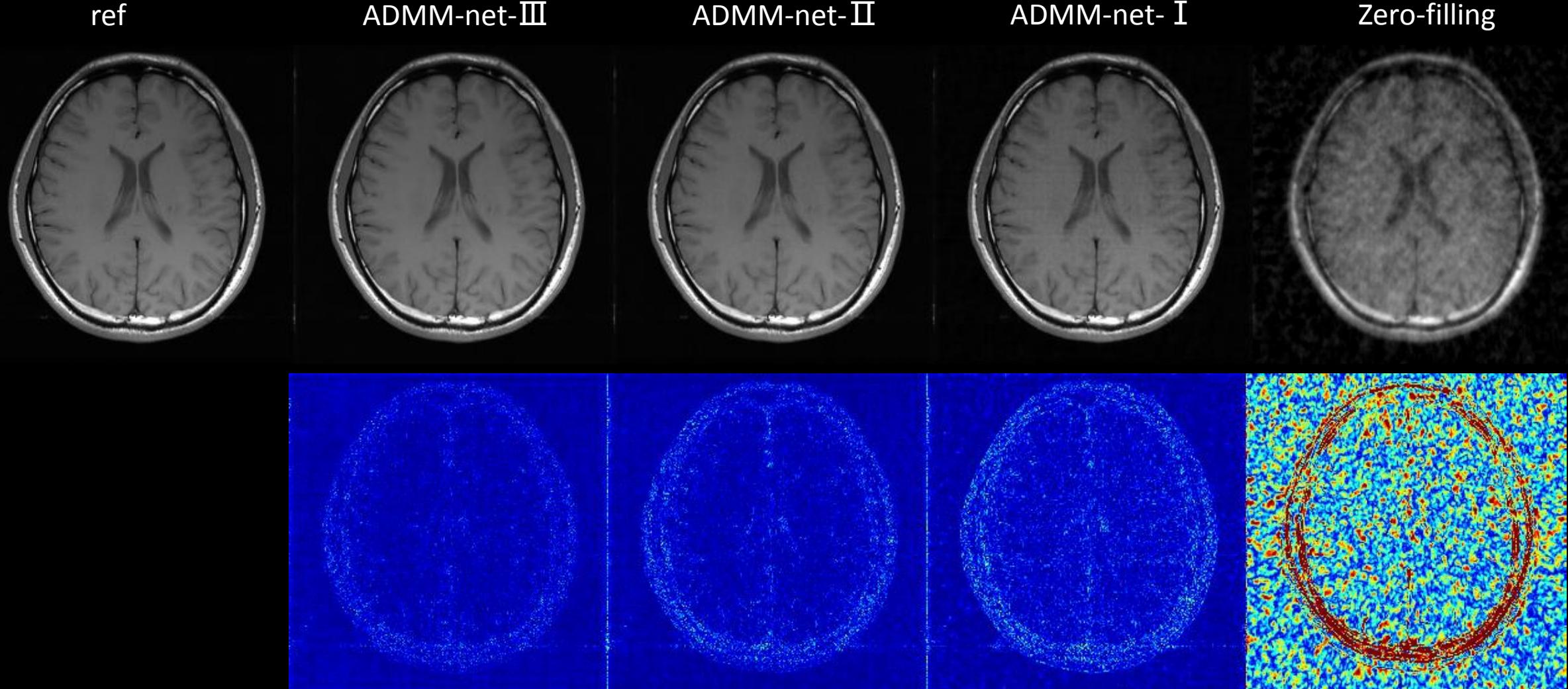
Generic-ADMM-CSNet

ADMM-CSnet

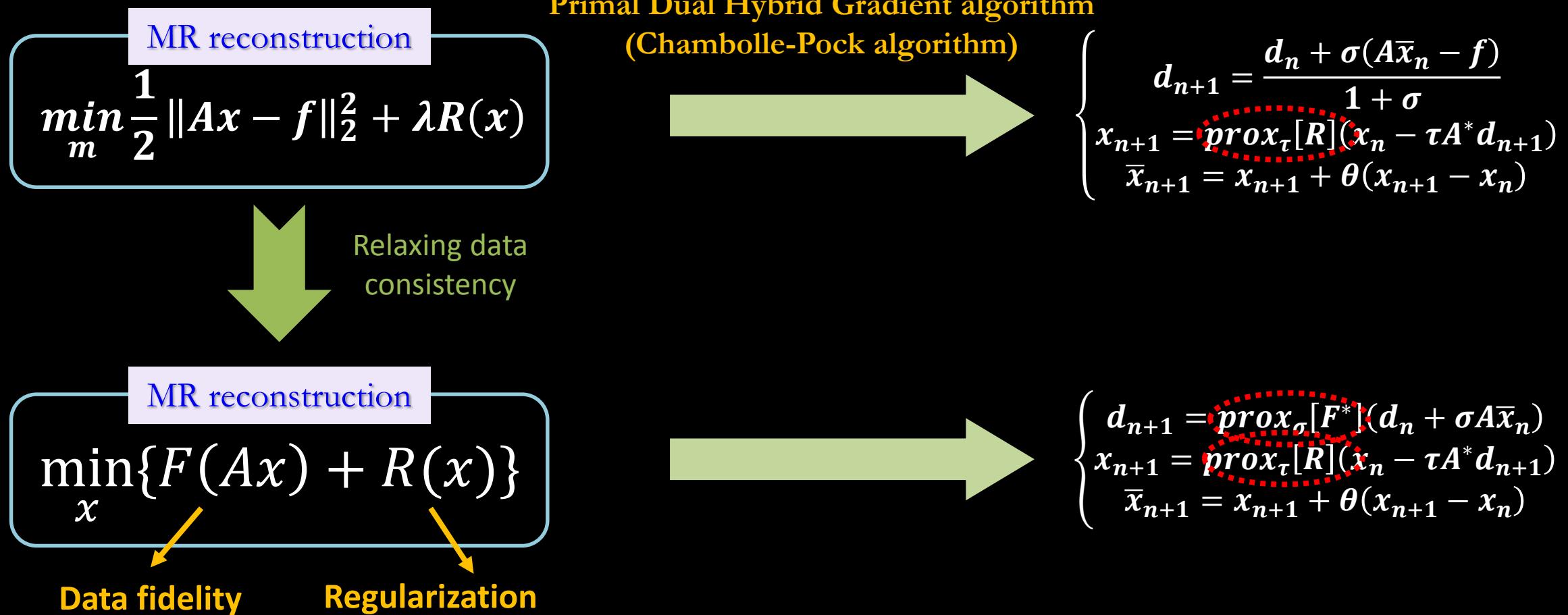


ADMM-CSnet

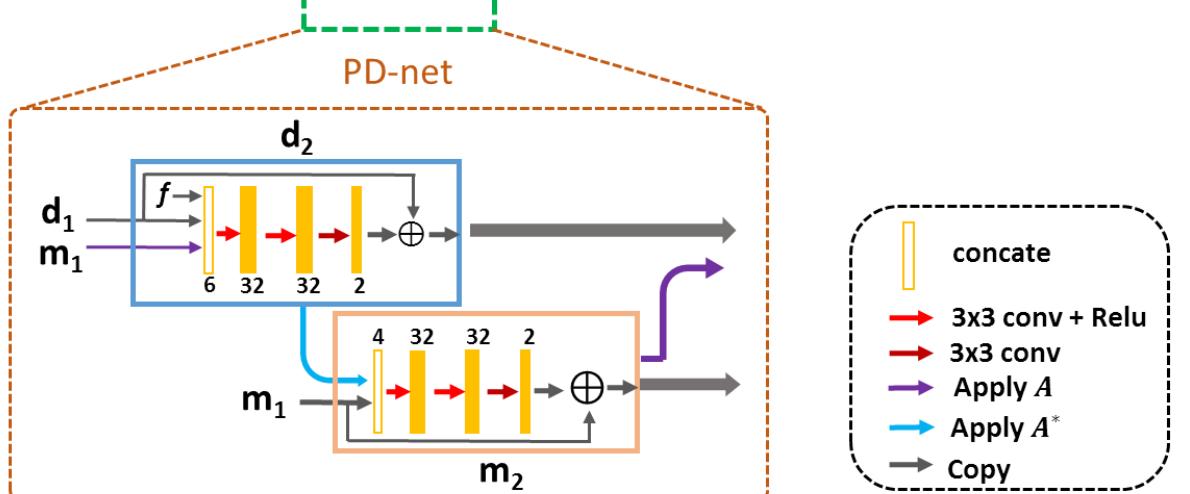
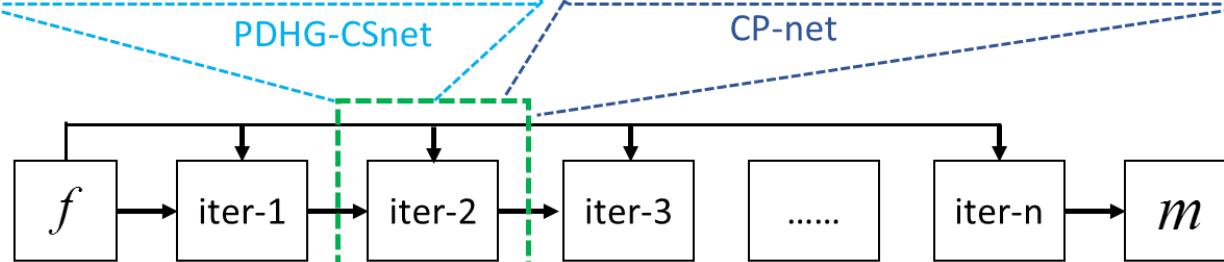
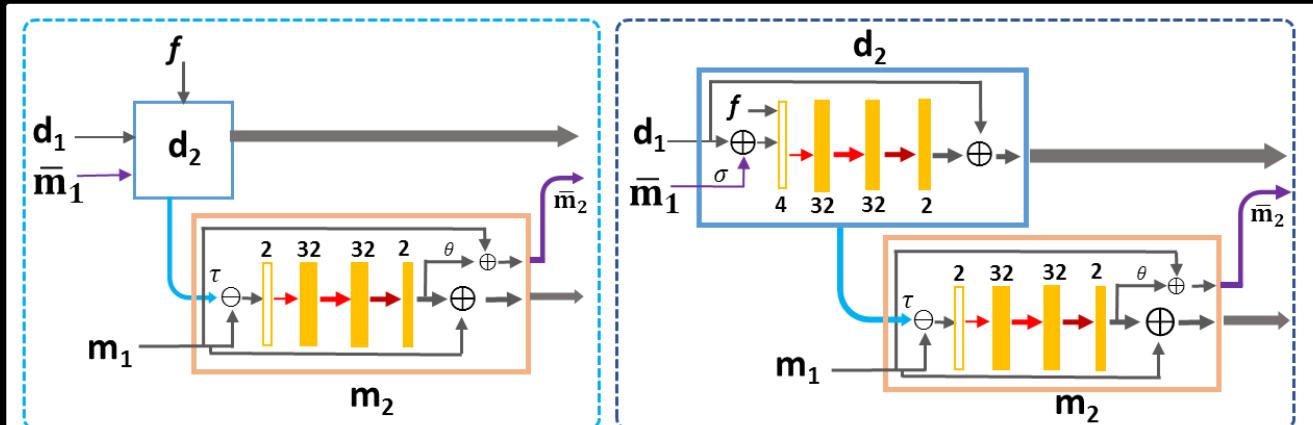
R=6



PDHG-net



PDHG-net



● concat
 → 3x3 conv + Relu
 → 3x3 conv
 → Apply A
 → Apply A^*
 → Copy

PDHG-net- I

$$\|Ax - f\|_2^2 + \lambda R(x)$$

$$\begin{cases} d_{n+1} = \frac{d_n + \sigma(A\bar{x}_n - f)}{1 + \sigma} \\ x_{n+1} = \Lambda(x_n - \tau A^* d_{n+1}) \\ \bar{x}_{n+1} = x_{n+1} + \theta(x_{n+1} - x_n) \end{cases}$$

PDHG-net- II

$$d(Ax, f) + \lambda R(x)$$

$$\begin{cases} d_{n+1} = \Gamma(d_n + \sigma A\bar{x}_n, f) \\ x_{n+1} = \Lambda(x_n - \tau A^* d_{n+1}) \\ \bar{x}_{n+1} = x_{n+1} + \theta(x_{n+1} - x_n) \end{cases}$$

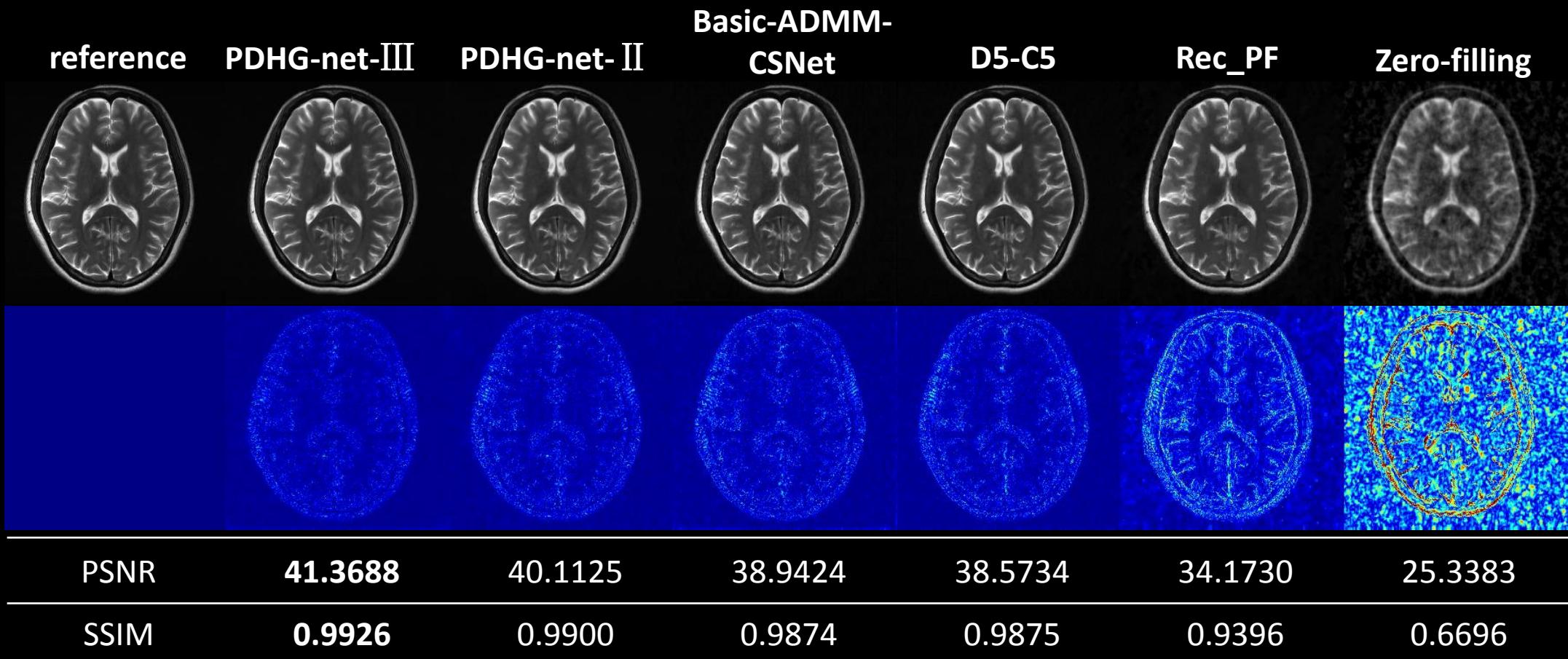
PDHG-net- III

$$d(Ax, f) + \lambda R(x)$$

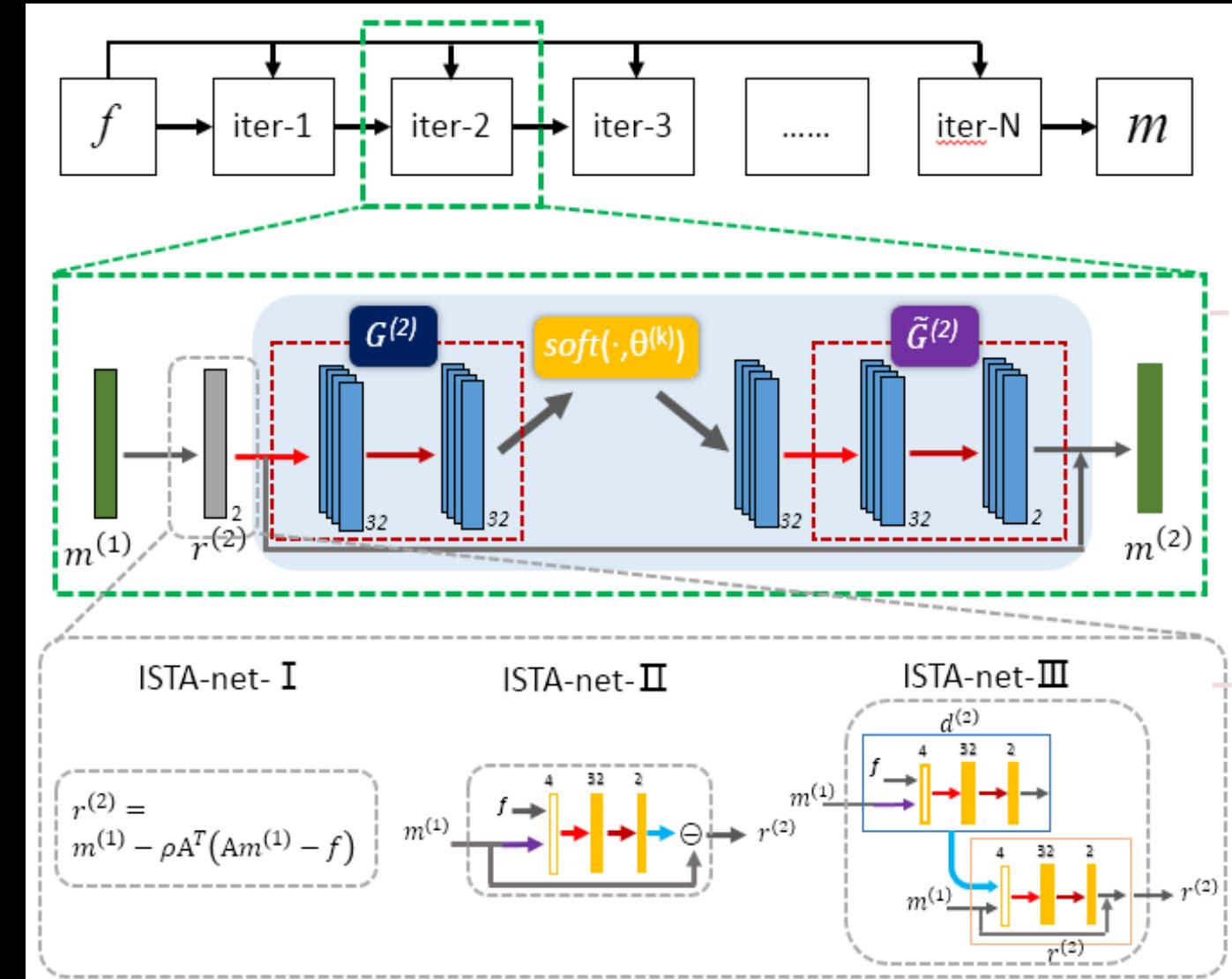
$$\begin{cases} d_{n+1} = \Gamma(d_n, Ax_n, f) \\ x_{n+1} = \Lambda(x_n, A^* d_{n+1}) \end{cases}$$

PDHG-net

R=4



ISTA-net



ISTA-net- I

$$\|Ax - f\|_2^2 + \lambda \|F(x)\|_1$$

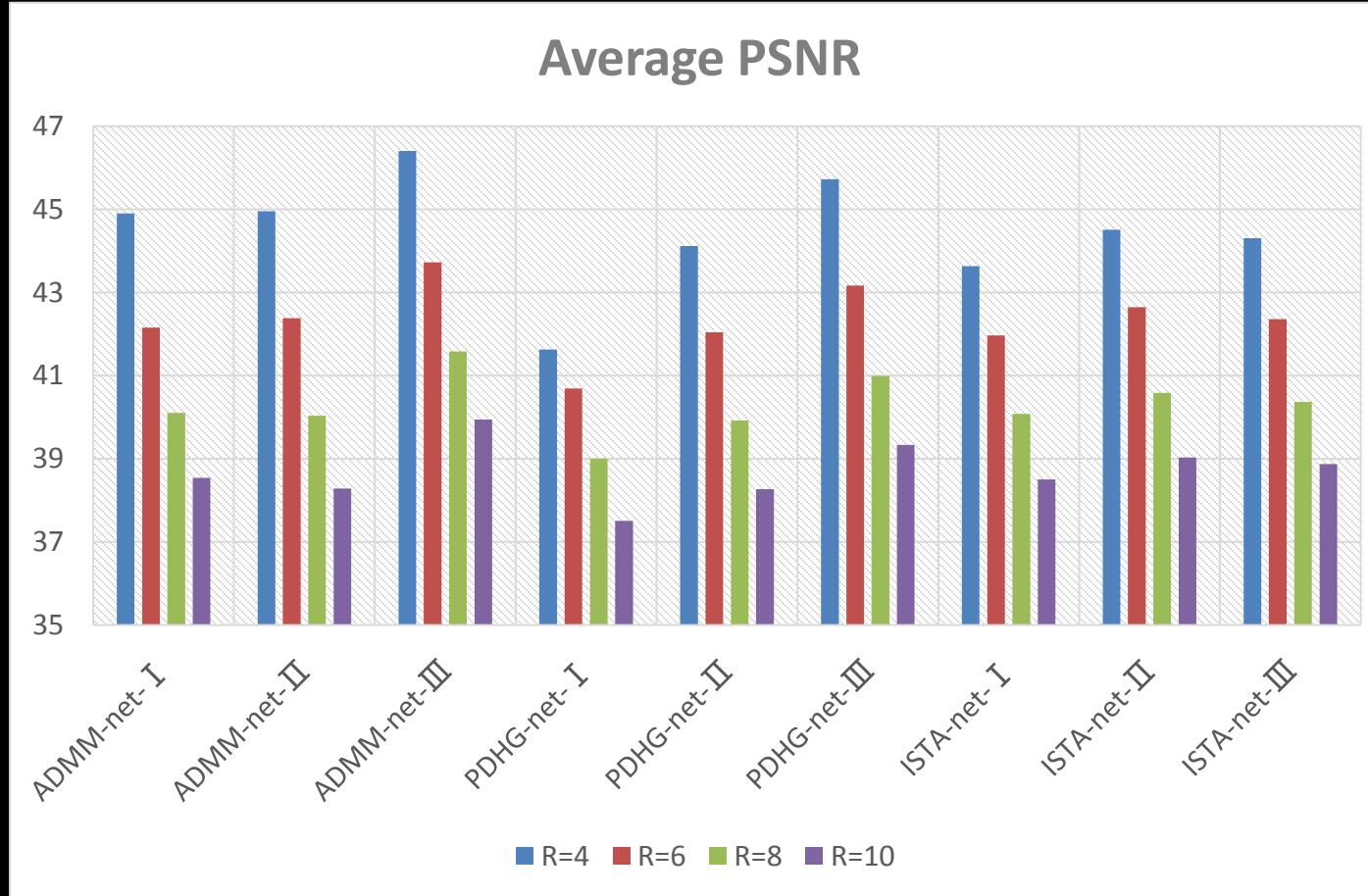
ISTA-net- II

$$d(Ax, f) + \lambda \|F(x)\|_1$$

ISTA-net- III

$$d(Ax, f) + \lambda \|F(x)\|_1$$

Discussion: stability



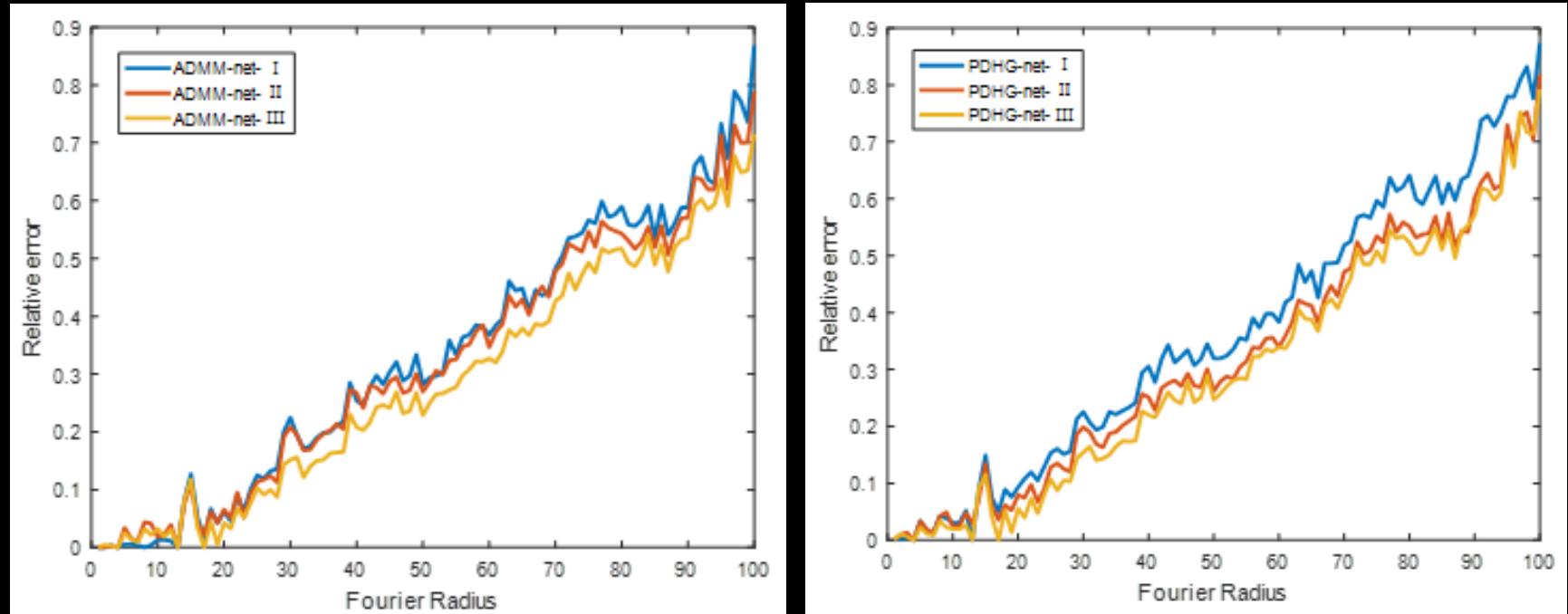
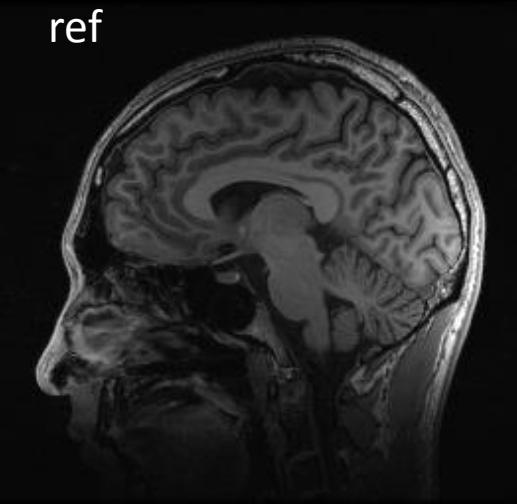
- Test data: 398 human brain 2D slices from 3D data
- 3D T1-weighted SPACE sequence, TE/TR=8.4/1000ms, FOV=25.6×25.6×25.6cm³
- Poisson disk sampling
- Networks trained with R=6

More samples imply better reconstruction quality.

Discussion: stability

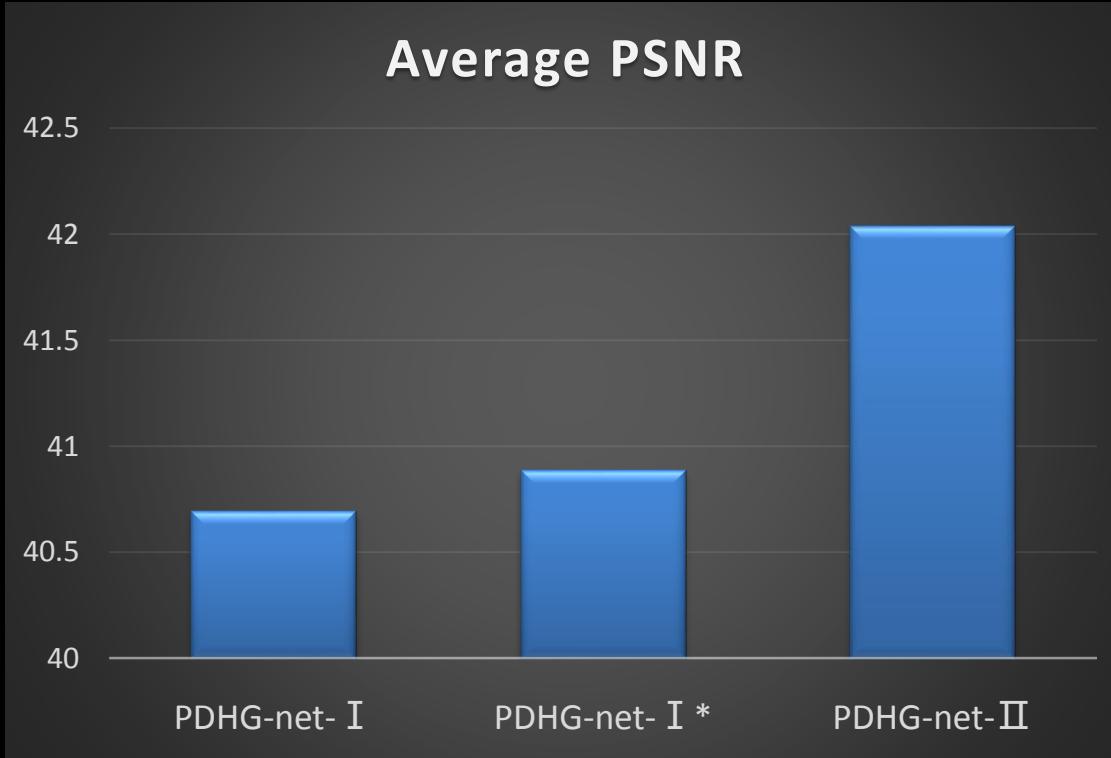
R=6

error spectrum plots (ESP) with Fourier radial



- *the high frequency part of the image has higher error than low frequency part*
- *state III has the lowest*

Discussion: stability



- R=6
- Test data: 398 human brain 2D slices from 3D data
- PDHG-net- **II** has more parameters than PDHG-net- I
- PDHG-net- I * has the same structure as PDHG-net- I but the same number of parameters as PDHG-net- II

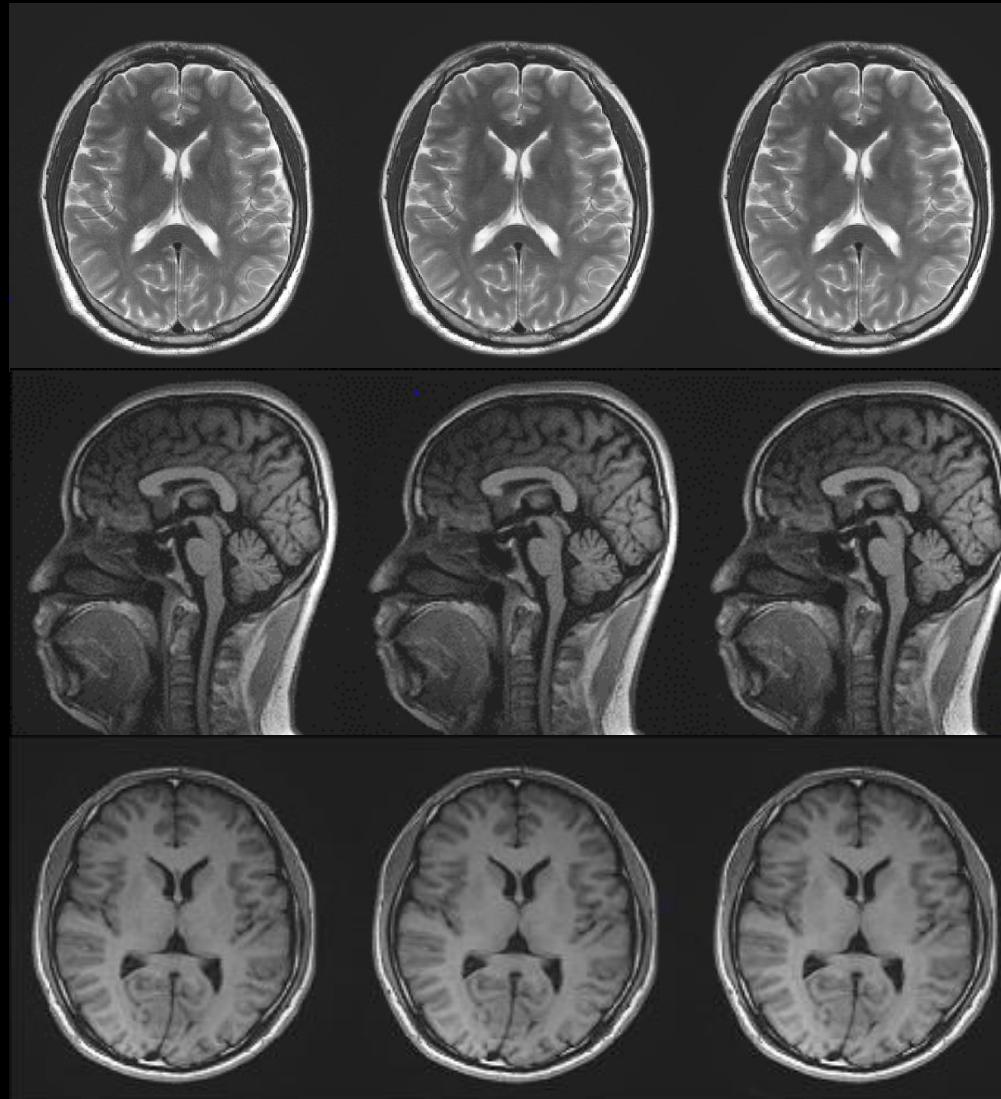
the improvement from state I to state II is induced by the learned data fidelity rather than the deeper network.

ADMM-Net-III Test in Industry

full

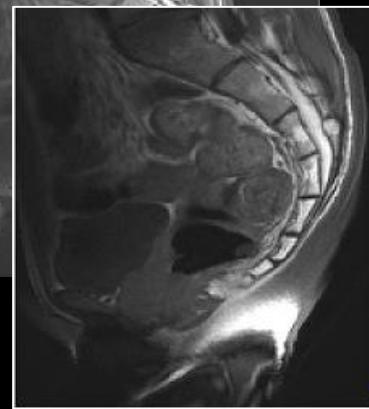
3X

4X

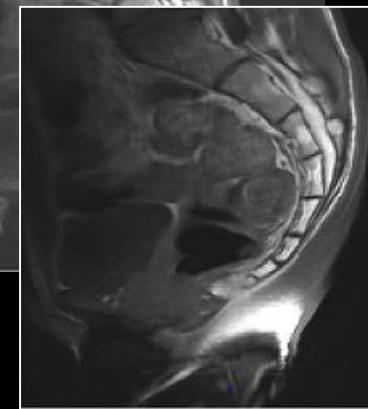


ADMM-Net-III Test in Industry

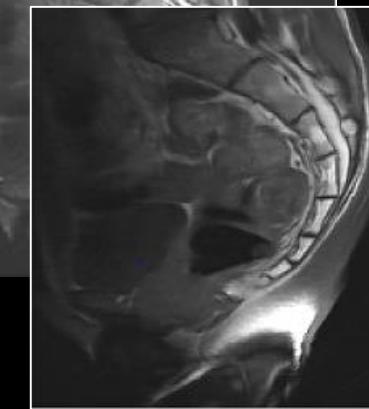
full



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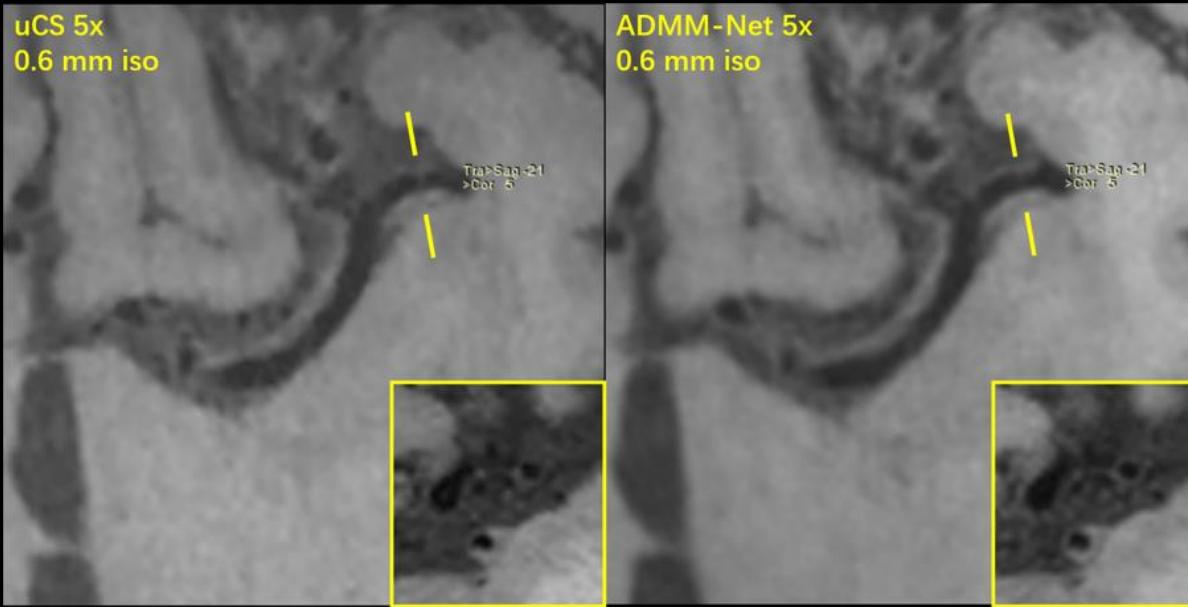


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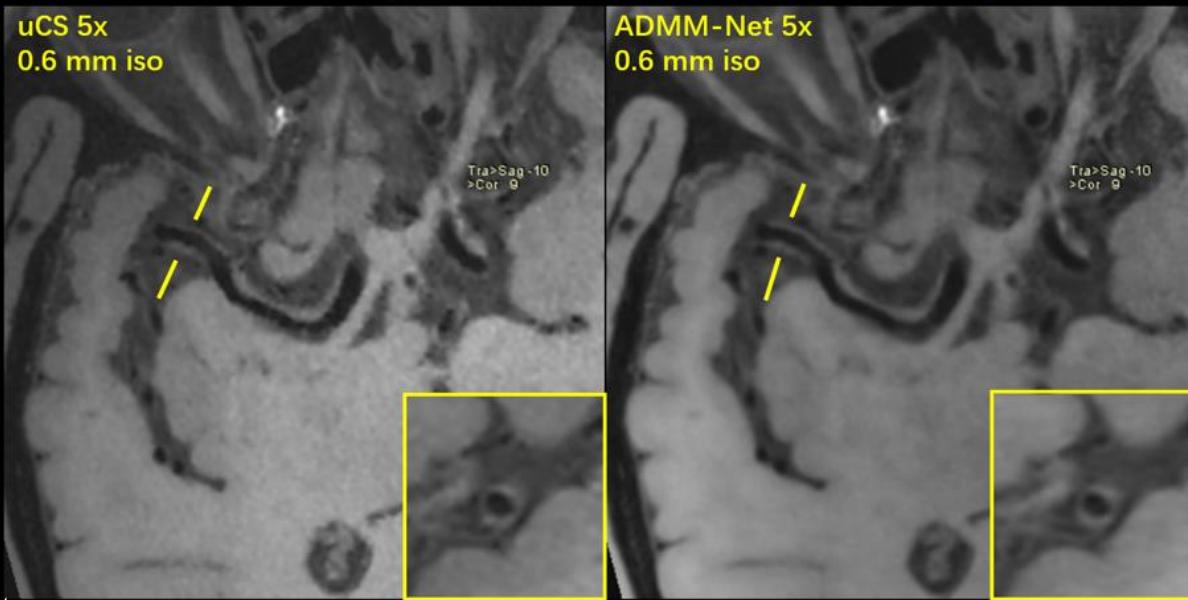


ADMM-Net-III MR VWI in Industry

Left
MCA 2



Right
MCA 2

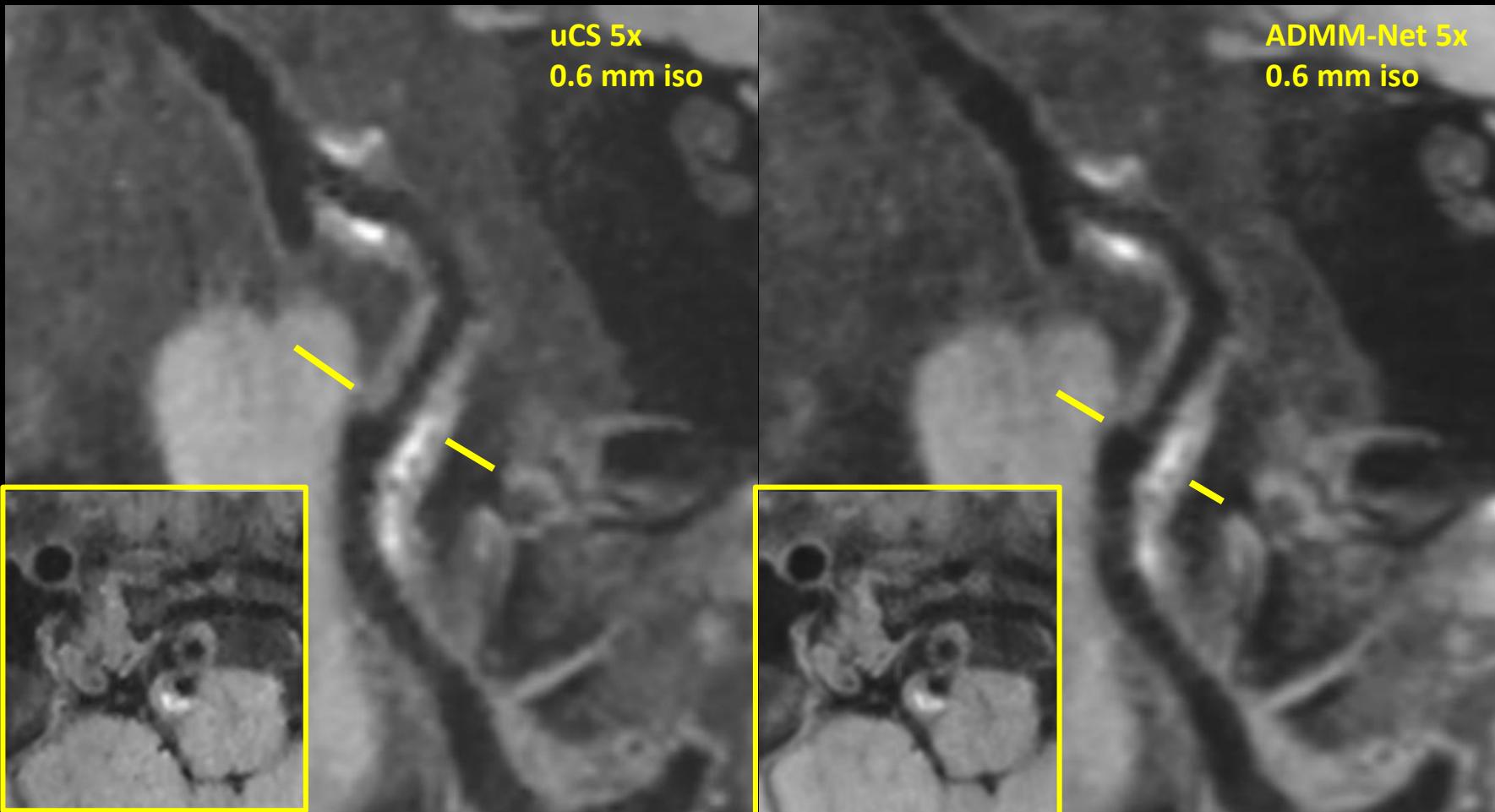


62 years old
Male
TA = 4:48

The ADMM-Net-III gave better SNR and wall depiction quality.

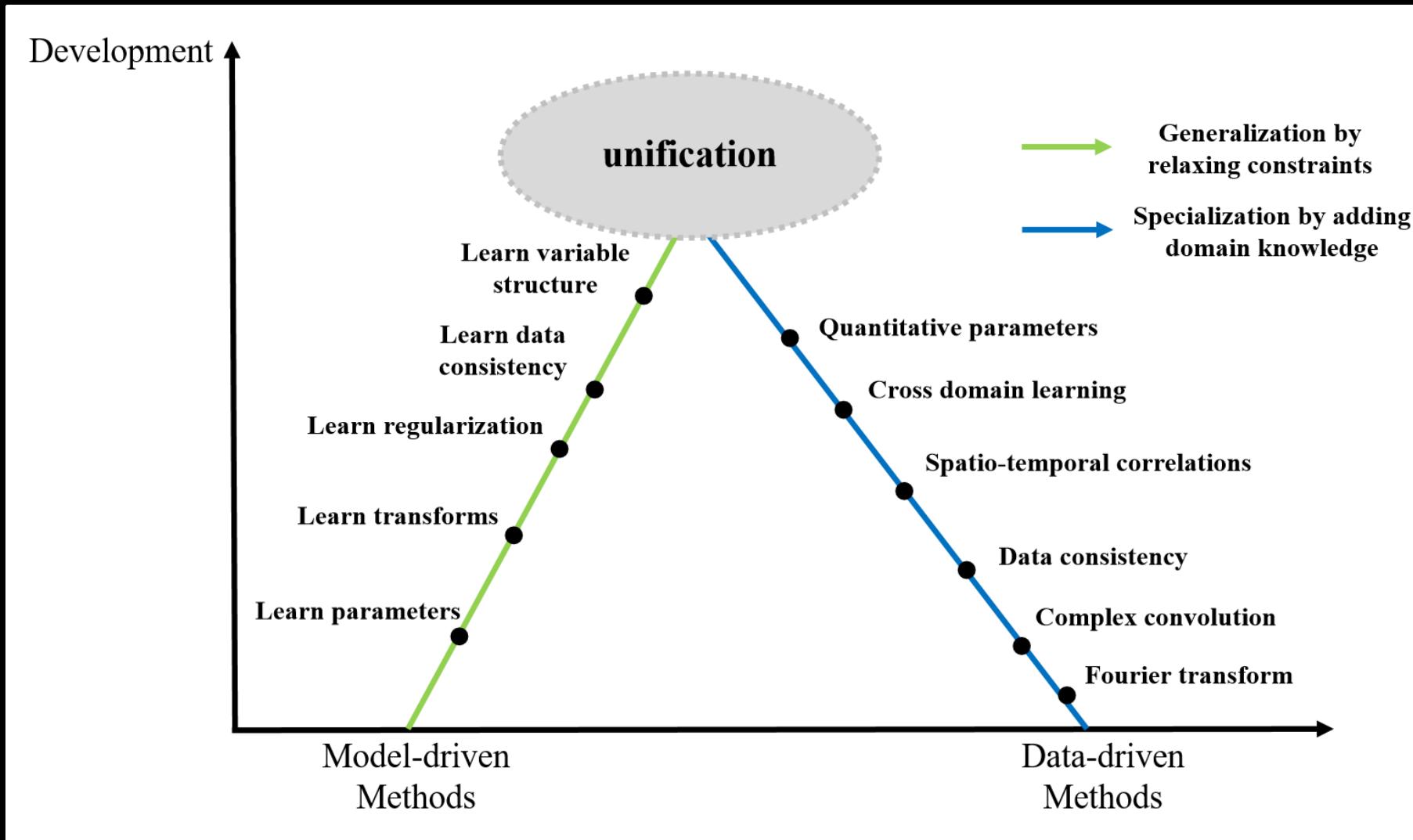
ADMM-Net-III MR VWI in Industry

basilar artery



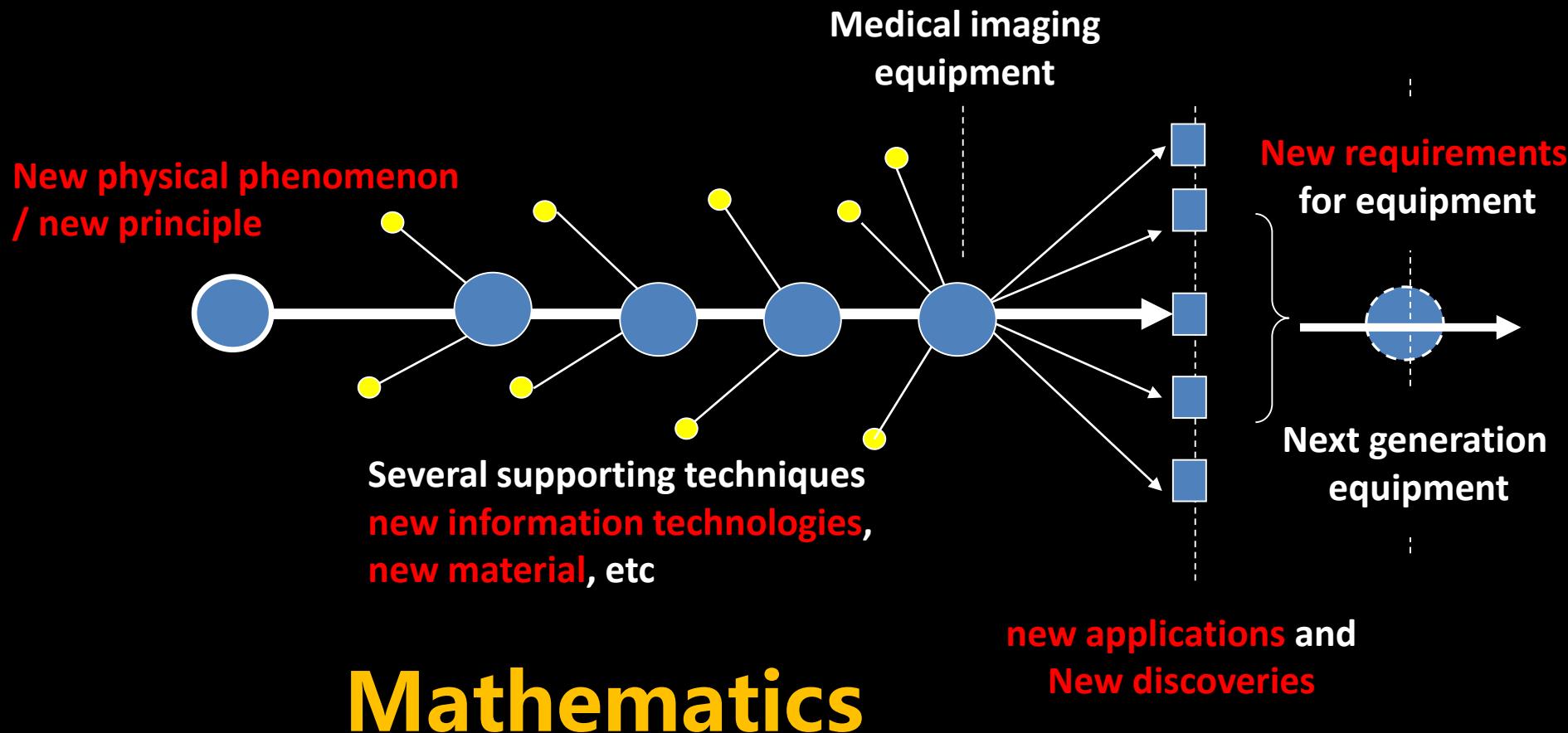
The ADMM-Net-III gave slightly better SNR and similar wall depiction quality.

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Roadmap of medical imaging equipment



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