# Penalized likelihood estimators for Inverse Problems with Poisson data

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# Photonic imaging I

We consider applications from photonic imaging:

- Fluorescence microscopy (in collaboration with the Lab of Stefan Hell, Nobel price for chemistry 2014)
- X-ray diffraction imaging (SFB 755 'nanoscale photonic imaging' in collaboration with the Lab of Tim Salditt)
- Positron Emission Tomography
- Astronomical imaging



# Photonic imaging II







Unknown  $\bar{u}$ 

ldeal data  $ar{g}$ 

- *F* is typically not continuously invertible due to its smoothing properties (e.g. compactness)
- Ideal data is not available, observables typically arise from measuring an energy
- At low energies the quantization of energy is the main source of noise
- Given an ideal photon detector, the observables obey a Poisson distribution

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### Discrete model

- Suppose the imaging procedure is modeled by a mapping  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$
- Let  $\bar{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  denote the exact solution we seek for and  $\bar{g} := F(\bar{u})$ , require  $\bar{g} \ge 0$
- For the data  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  the value  $\mathbf{Y}_i$  is the number of photon counts in detector region  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$
- In the ideal case  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is a random variable such that  $\mathbf{Y}_i \sim \operatorname{Poi}(\bar{g}_i)$ , e.g.

$$\mathbf{P}\left[\mathbf{Y}_{i}=k\right]=\frac{\left(\bar{g}_{i}\right)^{k}}{k!}\exp\left(-\bar{g}_{i}\right).$$

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A continuous model for Inverse Problems with Poisson data

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# Continuous model

- Now  $F: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$  with Banach spaces  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y} \subset \mathsf{L}^1(\mathbb{M})$
- Consequently  $ar{u}\in\mathcal{X}$  and  $ar{g}:=$   $F\left(ar{u}
  ight)\in\mathsf{L}^{1}\left(\mathbb{M}
  ight)$ , require  $ar{g}\geq0$
- Say the total number of observed photons is n and their positions are  $x_i \in \mathbb{M}$
- n can be influenced by the 'exposure time', mathematically described by a scaling factor t > 0

#### Data model

The observed data is a scaled **Poisson process**  $G_t = \tilde{G}_t/t$ ,  $\tilde{G}_t = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i}$  with intensity  $\bar{g}$ , i.e. the measure  $\tilde{G}_t$  satisfies the following axioms:

**1** For each choice of disjoint, measurable sets  $A_1, ..., A_n \subset \mathbb{M}$  the random variables  $\tilde{G}_t(A_j)$  are stochastically independent.

**2** 
$$\mathbf{E}\left[\tilde{G}_{t}(A)\right] = \int_{A} t\bar{g} \, \mathrm{d}x$$
 for all  $A \subset \mathbb{M}$  measurable.

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#### Poisson point processes

# Noise level I

Poisson distribution incorporated, in fact it holds

$$\tilde{G}_t(A) \sim \operatorname{Poi}\left(t\int\limits_A \bar{g} \,\mathrm{d}x\right)$$

for all measurable  $A \subset \mathbb{M}$ , but ...

no clear definition of the noise level so far!

#### Note: Similar statistical model is used by

L. Cavalier and J.-Y. Koo.

Poisson intensity estimation for tomographic data using a wavelet shrinkage approach IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, 48(10):2794–2802, 2002.

#### A. Antoniadis and J. Bigot. Poisson inverse problems.

The Annals of Statistics, 34(5):2132-2158, 2006.

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## Noise level II

- Recall:  $\tilde{G}_t = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{x_i}$ .
- For a function g let

$$\int_{\mathbb{M}} g \,\mathrm{d}\tilde{G}_t := \sum_{i=1}^n g\left(x_i\right)$$

• Then

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\int_{\mathbb{M}} g \,\mathrm{d}G_t\right] = \int_{\mathbb{M}} g \bar{g} \,\mathrm{d}x,$$
$$\mathbf{Var}\left[\int_{\mathbb{M}} g \,\mathrm{d}G_t\right] = \frac{1}{t^2} \mathbf{E}\left[\int_{\mathbb{M}} g^2 \,\mathrm{d}\tilde{G}_t\right] = \frac{1}{t} \int_{\mathbb{M}} g^2 \bar{g} \,\mathrm{d}x.$$

- Thus the value of any bounded linear functional at the unknown quantity  $\bar{g}$  can be estimated unbiasedly with a variance proportional to  $\frac{1}{t}$ .
- $\rightsquigarrow$  For our analysis, such a property is needed uniformly!

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# A uniform concentration inequality for Poisson processes I Uniform concentration inequality (Reynaud-Bouret 2003)

- ${f_a}_{a \in A}$  countable family of functions with values in [-b, b]
- $Z := \sup_{a \in A} \left| \int_{\mathbb{M}} f_a(x) \left( \mathrm{d} G_t \bar{g} \mathrm{d} x \right) \right|$
- $v_0 := \sup_{a \in A} \int_{\mathbb{M}} f_a^2(x) \, \overline{g} \, \mathrm{d}x$

Then for all  $\rho, \varepsilon > 0$  it holds

$$\mathbf{P}\left[Z \ge (1+\varepsilon) \, \mathbf{E}\left[Z\right] + \frac{\sqrt{12 v_0 \rho}}{\sqrt{t}} + \left(\frac{5}{4} + \frac{32}{\varepsilon}\right) \frac{b\rho}{t}\right] \le \exp\left(-\rho\right).$$

#### P. Reynaud-Bouret.

Adaptive estimation of the intensity of inhomogeneous Poisson processes via concentration inequalities.

Probability Theory and Related Fields, 126(1):103-153, 2003.

 $\rightsquigarrow$  analogue to Talagrand's concentration inequalities for empirical processes!

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## A uniform concentration inequality for Poisson processes II

Uniform concentration inequality (W., Hohage 2012)

Suppose  $\mathbb{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is bounded & Lipschitz, s > d/2 and set

$$\mathfrak{G}(R):=\{g\in H^s(\mathbb{M}):\|g\|_{H^s}\leq R\}.$$

Then  $\exists \ c = c \left(\mathbb{M}, s, \|ar{g}\|_{L^1}\right) > 0$  such that

$$\mathbf{P}\left[\sup_{g\in\mathfrak{G}(R)}\left|\int_{\mathbb{M}}g\left(\mathrm{d}G_{t}-\bar{g}\,\mathrm{d}x\right)\right|\geq\frac{\rho}{\sqrt{t}}\right]\leq\exp\left(-\frac{\rho}{cR}\right)$$

for all  $R \ge 1$ ,  $t \ge 1$  and  $\rho \ge cR$ .



#### F. Werner and T. Hohage.

Convergence rates in expectation for Tikhonov-type regularization of Inverse Problems with Poisson data.

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Projection estimators

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# Regularization by projection

- Suppose F = T is bounded, linear and positive definite (but not necessarily continuously invertible!), for simplicity X = Y = L<sup>2</sup> (M).
- Regularization by projection:  $V_n \subset \mathcal{X}$  with dim  $(V_n) < \infty$  and

$$\hat{u}_n^{\text{proj}} := \underset{u \in V_n}{\operatorname{argmin}} \| T u - \bar{g} \|_{\mathcal{Y}}^2$$
(1)

• If  $\{v_1, ..., v_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $V_n$ , then

$$\hat{u}_n^{\mathrm{proj}} \in V_n$$
:  $\langle T \hat{u}_n^{\mathrm{proj}}, v_j \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{M}} v_j \bar{g} \, \mathrm{d}x, \qquad 1 \leq j \leq n.$ 

- Define  $\hat{u}_n^{\text{proj}}$  also in the noisy case by replacing  $\bar{g}$  by  $G_t$ .
- In principle the norm in (1) can be replaced by any other loss, but ...
- ... for the natural Poissonian choice (Kullback-Leibler divergence) this leads to problems proving existence of  $\hat{u}_n^{\mathrm{proj}}$  and stability.

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#### Projection estimators

Some (simplified) results - Cavalier & Koo 2002

$$\hat{u}_n^{\mathrm{proj}} \in V_n: \qquad \left\langle T \hat{u}_n^{\mathrm{proj}}, v_j \right\rangle = \int_{\mathbb{M}} v_j \, \mathrm{d}G_t, \qquad 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

- $V_n$  = suitable wavelet space, T = Radon transform
- The projection estimator exists and depends 'continuously' on the data
- For  $t \to \infty$ : If  $u \in B^s_{p,q}$ , then

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\left\|\hat{u}_{n}^{\mathrm{proj}}-\bar{u}\right\|_{\mathcal{X}}^{2}\right]=\mathcal{O}\left(t^{-\frac{s}{2s+3}}\right)$$

with an a priori choice of n = n(t, s, p, q)

- This convergence rate is optimal among all estimators (linear and nonlinear)
- For an adaptive choice of n, a log (t)-factor is lost!

Note: The results of Cavalier & Koo 2002 are not based on the uniform concentration inequality, but on estimates for the Gaussian approximation.

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#### Projection estimators

Some (simplified) results - Antoniadis & Bigot 2006

$$\hat{u}_n^{\mathrm{proj}} \in V_n$$
:  $\langle T \hat{u}_n^{\mathrm{proj}}, v_j \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{M}} v_j \, \mathrm{d}G_t, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n.$ 

- V<sub>n</sub> = exp (U<sub>n</sub>) with a suitable Wavelet space U<sub>n</sub>, T = ν-smoothing operator
- Corresponding estimator (if existent) is always non-negative and depends continuously on the data
- As  $t \to \infty$ , the estimator exists with probability 1.
- For  $t \to \infty$ : If  $u = \exp(v)$ ,  $v \in B^s_{p,q}$ , then

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\left\|\hat{u}_{n}^{\mathrm{proj}}-\bar{u}\right\|_{\mathcal{X}}^{2}\right]=\mathcal{O}\left(t^{-\frac{s}{2s+2\nu+d}}\right)$$

with an a priori choice of n

- This convergence rate is optimal among all estimators
- For an adaptive choice of n, a log (t)-factor is lost!

Note: Antoniadis & Bigot 2006 do use Reynaud-Bouret's concentration inequality.

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Penalized likelihood estimators

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# Variational estimation I

- Disadvantage of the aforementioned methods: design does not rely on Poisson distribution!
- Different approach: likelihood methods! Minimize

$$u\mapsto\mathcal{S}\left(\mathsf{G}_{t};\mathsf{F}\left(u
ight)
ight):=-\ln\left(\mathsf{P}\left[\mathsf{G}_{t}\;\middle|\; ext{the exact density is }\mathsf{F}\left(u
ight)
ight]
ight)$$

over all admissible u.

 Still ill-posed due to ill-posedness of the original problem → penalization!

$$\hat{u}_{\alpha} \in \operatorname*{argmin}_{u \in \mathfrak{B}} \left[ \mathcal{S} \left( \mathsf{G}_{t}; \mathsf{F} \left( u \right) \right) + \alpha \mathcal{R} \left( u \right) \right]$$

where  $\mathcal{R}$  is a convex penalty term and  $\alpha > 0$  a regularization parameter.

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# Variational estimation II

$$\hat{u}_{\alpha} \in \operatorname*{argmin}_{u \in \mathfrak{B}} \left[ \mathcal{S} \left( G_t; F(u) \right) + lpha \mathcal{R} \left( u \right) \right]$$

- Main issue in the analysis: data fidelity term lacks of a triangle-type inequality!
- These methods (Tikhonov regularization) have been extensively studied in the (deterministic) Inverse Problems community: Eggermont & LaRiccia 1996, Resmerita & Anderssen 2007, Pöschl 2007, Bardsley & Laobeul 2008, Bardsley & Luttman 2009, Bardsley 2010, Flemming 2010 & 2011, Benning & Burger 2011, Lorenz & Worliczek 2013 ...
- Here: exploit deterministic results + concentration inequality to handle statistic case.

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# Data fidelity terms

• Negative log-likelihood for a scaled Poisson process:

$$\mathcal{S}_0\left(G_t;g
ight) = \int_{\mathbb{M}} g \,\mathrm{d}x - \int_{\mathbb{M}} \ln\left(g
ight) \,\mathrm{d}G_t, \qquad g \geq 0 \,\,\mathrm{a.e.}$$

• ideal data misfit functional for exact data  $\bar{g}$  given by

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\mathcal{S}_{0}\left(G_{t};g\right)\right] - \mathbf{E}\left[\mathcal{S}_{0}\left(G_{t};\bar{g}\right)\right] = \int_{\mathbb{M}} \left[g - \bar{g} - \bar{g}\ln\left(\frac{g}{\bar{g}}\right)\right] \, \mathrm{d}x$$

which is the Kullback-Leibler divergence  $\mathbb{KL}(\bar{g}; g)$ .

• we introduce a shift  $\sigma > 0$  and consider

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_{\sigma}\left(\mathcal{G}_{t};g
ight) &:= \int_{\mathbb{M}} g \, \mathrm{d}x - \int_{\mathbb{M}} \ln\left(g+\sigma
ight) \left(\mathrm{d}\mathcal{G}_{t}+\sigma \mathrm{d}x
ight) \ \mathcal{T}\left(ar{g};g
ight) &:= \mathbb{KL}\left(ar{g}+\sigma;g+\sigma
ight) \end{aligned}$$

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# Assumptions

#### Assumptions on the problem

- $(\mathcal{X}, \tau_{\mathcal{X}})$  top. vector space,  $\tau_{\mathcal{X}}$  weaker than norm topology, and  $\mathfrak{B} \subset \mathcal{X}$  closed and convex.
- $F: \mathfrak{B} \to \mathsf{L}^1(\mathbb{M})$  with  $\mathbb{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  bounded & Lipschitz and **1**  $F: \mathfrak{B} \to \mathsf{L}^1(\mathbb{M})$  is  $\tau_{\mathcal{X}} - \tau_{\omega}$ -sequentially continuous. **2**  $F(u) \ge 0$  a.e. for all  $u \in \mathfrak{B}$ . **3** There exists s > d/2 such that  $F(\mathfrak{B})$  is a bounded subset of  $H^{s}(\mathbb{M})$ .

#### Assumptions on the method

- $\mathcal{R}: \mathfrak{B} \to (-\infty, \infty]$  is convex, proper and  $\tau_{\mathcal{X}}$ -sequentially lower semicontinuous.
- $\mathcal{R}$ -sublevelsets  $\{u \in \mathcal{X} \mid \mathcal{R}(u) \leq M\}$  are  $\tau_{\mathcal{X}}$ -sequentially pre-compact.

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Consistency

$$\hat{u}_{\alpha} \in \underset{u \in \mathfrak{B}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[ \mathcal{S}_{\sigma} \left( \mathcal{G}_{t}; \mathcal{F} \left( u \right) \right) + \alpha \mathcal{R} \left( u \right) \right]$$

Under the assumptions, for all t > 0 a minimizer  $\hat{u}_{\alpha}$  exists with prob. 1.

Consistency (Hohage, W. 2015)

If  $\alpha$  is chosen according to a rule  $\bar{\alpha}$  fulfilling

$$\lim_{t\to\infty}\bar{\alpha}\left(t,G_t\right)=0,\qquad \lim_{t\to\infty}\frac{\ln\left(t\right)}{\sqrt{t}\bar{\alpha}\left(t,G_t\right)}=0,$$

then

$$\forall \ \varepsilon > 0 \ : \qquad \lim_{t \to \infty} \mathbf{P} \left[ \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{R}}^{u^*} \left( \hat{u}_{\bar{\alpha}(t,G_t)}, \bar{u} \right) > \varepsilon \right] = 0.$$

Т.

T. Hohage and F. Werner.

Inverse Problems with Poisson Data: statistical regularization theory, applications and algorithms.

Topical review for Inverse Problems, in preparation, 2015

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#### Source condition

- As the problem is ill-posed, convergence rates can only be obtained for  $\bar{u}$  in a strict subset  $M \subset \mathcal{X}$
- Here the set *M* is described by a variational inequality as source condition:

$$\beta \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{R}}^{u^{*}}\left(u,\bar{u}\right) \leq \mathcal{R}\left(u\right) - \mathcal{R}\left(\bar{u}\right) + \varphi\left(\mathcal{T}\left(\bar{g};F\left(u\right)\right)\right)$$
(2)

for all  $u \in \mathfrak{B}$  with  $\beta > 0$ .  $\varphi$  is assumed to fulfill

- $\varphi(0) = 0$ ,
- φ ∕,
- φ concave.
- Now the source set  $M = M_{\mathcal{R}}^{\varphi}(\beta)$  consists of all  $\bar{u} \in \mathfrak{B}$  satisfying (2).

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# Convergence rates

#### A priori convergence rates (W., Hohage 2012)

Then for  $\alpha = \alpha \left( t \right)$  chosen appropriately we obtain for  $\bar{u} \in M^{\varphi}_{\mathcal{R}} \left( \beta \right)$  that

$$\mathsf{E}\left[\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{R}}^{u^{*}}\left(\hat{u}_{lpha},ar{u}
ight)
ight]=\mathcal{O}\left(arphi\left(rac{1}{\sqrt{t}}
ight)
ight),\qquad t
ightarrow\infty.$$



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Convergence rates in expectation for Tikhonov-type regularization of Inverse Problems with Poisson data.

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## Convergence rates for unknown $\varphi$

Suppose moreover  $\mathcal{X}$  Hilbert space,  $\mathcal{R}(u) = \|u - u_0\|_{\mathcal{X}}^2$ ,  $\beta \geq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\varphi^{1+\varepsilon}$  concave ( $\varepsilon > 0$ ). Set

• 
$$r > 1$$
,  $\tau > 0$  sufficiently large  
•  $\alpha_j := \frac{\tau \ln(t)}{\sqrt{t}} r^{2j-2}$  for  $j = 2, ..., m$  such that  $\alpha_{m-1} < 1 \le \alpha_m$ 

•  $j_{\text{bal}} := \max\left\{j \le m \mid \left\|\hat{u}_{\alpha_i} - \hat{u}_{\alpha_j}\right\|_{\mathcal{X}} \le 4\sqrt{2}r^{1-i} \text{ for all } i < j\right\}$ 

A posteriori convergence rates (W., Hohage 2012)

For  $ar{u}\in M_{\mathcal{R}}^{arphi}\left(eta
ight)$  we obtain

$$\mathsf{E}\left[\left\|\hat{u}_{\alpha_{j_{\mathrm{bal}}}}-\bar{u}\right\|_{\mathcal{X}}^{2}\right]=\mathcal{O}\left(\varphi\left(\frac{\ln\left(t\right)}{\sqrt{t}}\right)\right)\qquad\text{as}\qquad t\to\infty.$$

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## Iterative variational estimation I

• So far:

$$\hat{u}_{lpha}\in \operatorname*{argmin}_{u\in\mathfrak{B}}\left[\mathcal{S}_{\sigma}\left(\mathcal{G}_{t};F\left(u
ight)
ight)+lpha\mathcal{R}\left(u
ight)
ight]$$

- Disadvantage: If F is nonlinear, then the functional lacks of convexity!
- $\hat{u}_{\alpha}$  might be difficult to determine due to many local minima.
- Remedy: Combine with a Newton method! Choose  $u_0 \in \mathfrak{B}$  and set

$$\hat{u}_{n+1} \in \underset{u \in \mathfrak{B}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[ \mathcal{S}_{\sigma} \left( \mathcal{G}_{t}; F\left( \hat{u}_{n} \right) + F'\left[ \hat{u}_{n} \right] \left( u - \hat{u}_{n} \right) \right) + \alpha_{n} \mathcal{R}\left( u \right) \right]$$

• Choose the regularization parameters such that

$$\alpha_n \searrow 0, \qquad 1 \le \frac{\alpha_n}{\alpha_{n+1}} \le C$$

as  $n \to \infty$ .

• Only free parameter: Stopping index  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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# Iterative variational estimation II

$$\hat{u}_{lpha} \in \operatorname*{argmin}_{u \in \mathfrak{B}} \left[ \mathcal{S}_{\sigma} \left( \mathcal{G}_{t}; \mathcal{F} \left( u 
ight) 
ight) + lpha \mathcal{R} \left( u 
ight) 
ight]$$

#### VS

$$\hat{u}_{n+1} \in \underset{u \in \mathfrak{B}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[ \mathcal{S}_{\sigma} \left( \mathcal{G}_{t}; F\left( \hat{u}_{n} \right) + F'\left[ \hat{u}_{n} \right] \left( u - \hat{u}_{n} \right) \right) + \alpha_{n} \mathcal{R} \left( u \right) \right]$$

- Due to linearization: in each iteration a convex subproblem has to be solved.
- As we employ a Newton-method, we expect only a few iterations to be required.
- But still higher computational effort.
- Theory: Restriction on the nonlinearity required!

# Nonlinearity condition

#### Generalized tangential cone condition

There exist constants  $\eta$  (later assumed to be sufficiently small) and  $C \ge 1$ such that

$$\frac{1}{C}\mathcal{T}\left(\bar{g};F\left(v\right)\right) - \eta\mathcal{T}\left(\bar{g};F\left(u\right)\right) \leq \mathcal{T}\left(\bar{g};F\left(u\right) + F'\left(u;v-u\right)\right)$$
$$\leq C\mathcal{T}\left(\bar{g};F\left(v\right)\right) + \eta\mathcal{T}\left(\bar{g};F\left(u\right)\right)$$

for all  $u, v \in \mathfrak{B}$ .

- condition is fulfilled with  $\eta = 0$  if F is linear
- generalization of the tangential cone condition which is standard in inverse problems analysis
- can be weakened if the solution  $\bar{u}$  is smooth enough ( $\varphi(t) = \sqrt{t}$ ).

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#### Convergence rates

#### A priori convergence rates (W., Hohage 2013)

Then for  $n=n\left(t
ight)$  chosen appropriately we obtain for  $ar{u}\in M_{\mathcal{R}}^{arphi}\left(eta
ight)$  that

$$\mathsf{E}\left[\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{R}}^{u^{*}}\left(\hat{u}_{n},\bar{u}\right)\right]=\mathcal{O}\left(\varphi\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}\right)\right),\qquad t\to\infty.$$

#### A posteriori convergence rates (W., Hohage 2013)

For *n* chosen by a Lepskiı̃-type rule we obtain for  $ar{u} \in M^{arphi}_{\mathcal{R}}\left(eta
ight)$  that

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\|\hat{u}_{n_{\mathrm{bal}}}-\bar{u}\|_{\mathcal{X}}^{2}\right]=\mathcal{O}\left(\varphi\left(\frac{\ln\left(t\right)}{\sqrt{t}}\right)\right), \qquad t\to\infty.$$

T. Hohage and F. Werner.

Iteratively regularized Newton-type methods with general data misfit functionals and applications to Poisson data.

Numerische Mathematik 123(4), 745-779, 2013.

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# Consistency

$$\hat{u}_{n+1} \in \underset{u \in \mathfrak{B}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[ \mathcal{S}_{\sigma} \left( \mathcal{G}_{t}; F\left(\hat{u}_{n}\right) + F'\left[\hat{u}_{n}\right]\left(u - \hat{u}_{n}\right) \right) + \alpha_{n} \mathcal{R}\left(u\right) \right]$$

- General consistency is unclear. But:
- it can be shown that for any  $\bar{u}$  a variational source condition is fulfilled.
- So if the nonlinearity condition holds true we have

$$\mathsf{E}\left[\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{R}}^{u^{*}}\left(\hat{u}_{n},\bar{u}\right)\right]\to0,\qquad t\to\infty$$

for a specific a priori choice n = n(t) and

- under additional conditions on  $\beta,~\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  also

$$\mathbf{E}\left[\left\|\hat{u}_{n_{\mathrm{bal}}}-\bar{u}\right\|_{\mathcal{X}}^{2}\right]\to 0, \qquad t\to\infty$$

for the adaptive Lepskii-type stopping rule.

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Simulations for a phase retrieval problem

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### Phase retrieval in coherent X-ray imaging



$$F(\varphi)(\xi) = \left| \int_{B_{\rho}} \exp\left(-i\xi \cdot x'\right) \exp\left(i\varphi(x')\right) \, dx' \right|^{2} = \left| \mathcal{F}_{2}\left(\exp\left(i\varphi\right)\right)(\xi) \right|^{2}.$$

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## Influence of t

Logarithmic plots of simulated Poisson and exact data for the phase retrieval problem:



(a) simulated Poisson data; we expect  $10^4$  photons per time step

(b) exact data; total number of counts  $10^{\rm 6}$ 

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## Results for $t = 10^4$



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# Results for $t = 10^5$



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# Results for $t = 10^6$



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#### Conclusion

## Presented results

- sound mathematical model joining statistics and inverse problems
- review of some results for projection-type estimators
- (iterative) penalized likelihood estimators:
  - → motivated by Poisson distribution
  - → consistency
  - $\rightsquigarrow$  convergence rates
  - $\rightsquigarrow$  show a good performance in simulations

# Thank you for your attention!

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