

# Deep unfolded proximal algorithms

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# Introduction to inverse problems

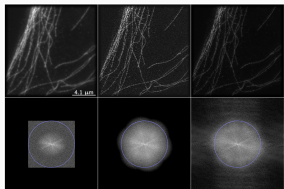
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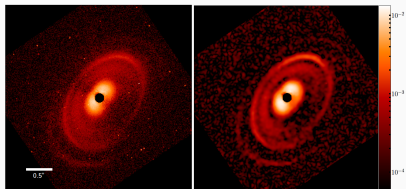
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- $A : \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$ : linear degradation (e.g. a blur)
- $\varepsilon$ : noise (e.g. Gaussian noise)



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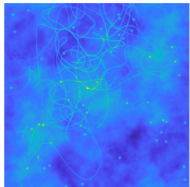
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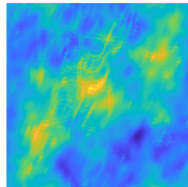


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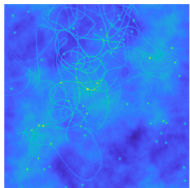
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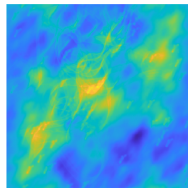


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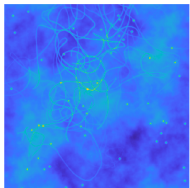
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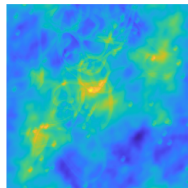


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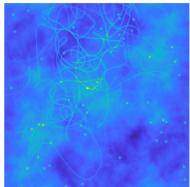


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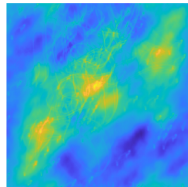
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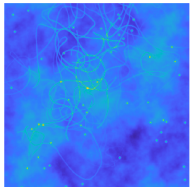
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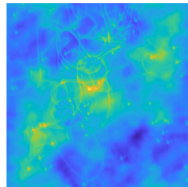


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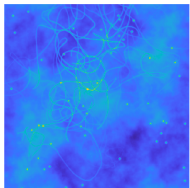
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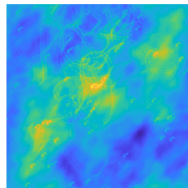


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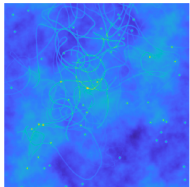
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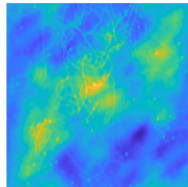


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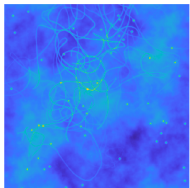
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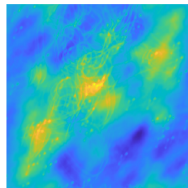


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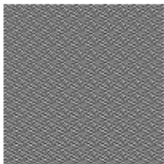
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→ **Goal:** Restore the degraded image  $\mathbf{z}$  i.e., find  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  close to  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \underset{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N}{\text{Argmin}} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2}_{\text{Data-term}} + \underbrace{\lambda R(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{Penalization}}$$



(a) Degraded



(b) Inverse filtering



Quadratic regularisation



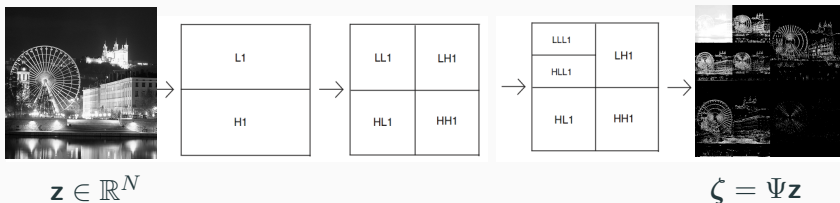
(e) Total variation

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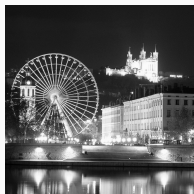
- Wavelets: sparse representation of most natural signals.
- Filterbank implementation of a dyadic wavelet transform:

$$\Psi \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}.$$

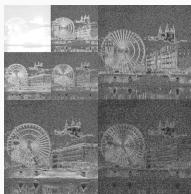


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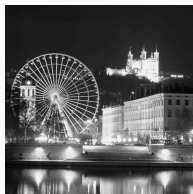
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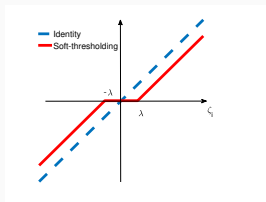


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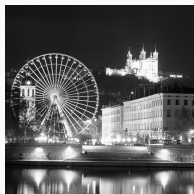
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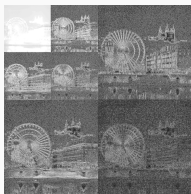


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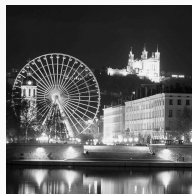
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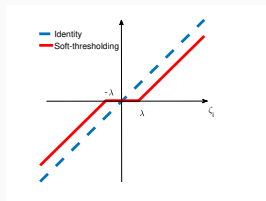


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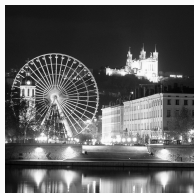
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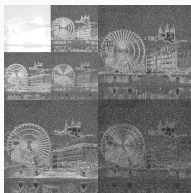


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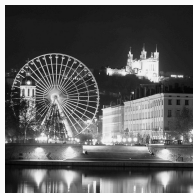
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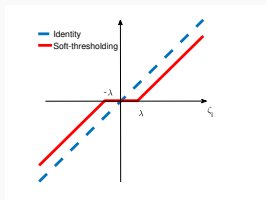
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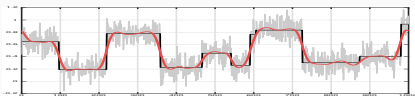


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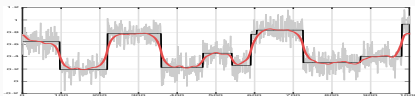
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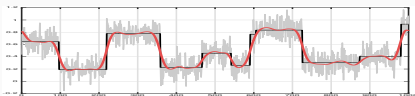
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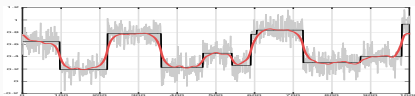
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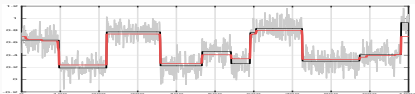


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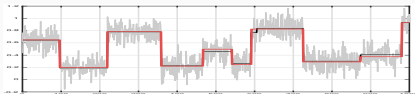


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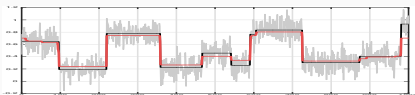


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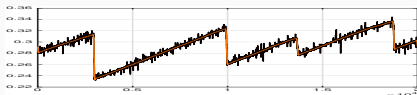
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- X-lets
- Sparse coding
- Horizontal/vertical gradients: TV
- Hessian operator
- Nonlocal total variation: weighted nonlocal gradients: NLTV
- Local dictionaries of patches

(webpage L. Duval)(Aharon, Elad, Bruckstein, 2006) (Mairal, Sapiro, Elad, 2007)(Gilboa, Osher, 2008)(K Bredies, K Kunisch, T Pock, 2010)(Jacques, Duval, Chaux, Peyré, 2011) (S Lefkimmiatis, A Bourquard, M Unser, 2011) (Zoran, Weiss, 2011) (G Kutyniok, D Labate, 2012)(Chierchia et al., 2014)(Boulanger et al., 2018)...

# Proximal algorithms

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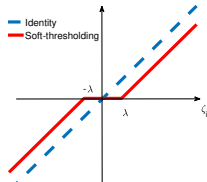
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➔ More complicated task:  $\text{prox}_{f_1+f_2}$ ,  $\text{prox}_{f \circ \Psi}$ .

## Iterative scheme

→ Minimization problem :

$$\hat{x} \in \underset{x}{\text{Argmin}} f_1(x) + f_2(x)$$

→ Design of a recursive sequence of the form

$$(\forall k \in \mathbb{N}) \quad x^{[k+1]} = \Phi x^{[k]},$$

Gradient descent	$\Phi = \mathbf{I} - \tau(\nabla f_1 + \nabla f_2)$
Proximal point algorithm	$\Phi = \text{prox}_{\tau(f_1+f_2)}$
Forward-Backward	$\Phi = \text{prox}_{\tau f_2}(\mathbf{I} - \tau \nabla f_1)$
Peaceman-Rachford	$\Phi = (2 \text{prox}_{\tau f_2} - \mathbf{I}) \circ (2 \text{prox}_{\tau f_1} - \mathbf{I})$
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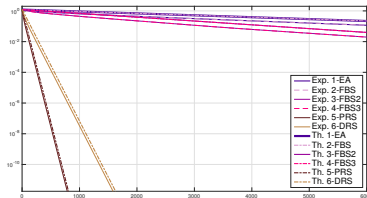
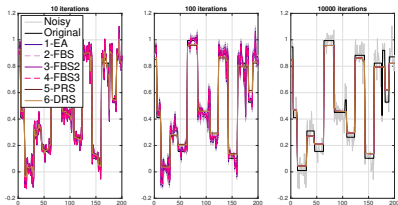
# Iterative schemes: prox versus grad

➔ Minimization problem :

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➔ **Convergence of the sequence**  $(x^{[k+1]})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  already derived in the literature under specific assumptions for each algorithms.

➔ **New result: Convergence rate and comparisons:** requires **strong convexity** ( $f - \frac{\rho}{2} \|\cdot\|^2$  convex). [Briceño-Arias, P., 2021]



➔ Minimization problem :

$$\hat{x} \in \underset{x}{\text{Argmin}} f_1(x) + h_2(\Psi x)$$

- Require the computation of  $\text{prox}_{h_2(\Psi \cdot)}$ . **Few closed form.**
- Reformulation in the dual:  $\min_{w \in \mathcal{G}} f_1^*(-\Psi^* w) + h_2^*(w)$ ,
- Primal-dual algorithms:  $\min_x f_1(x) + f_2(x) + h_2(\Psi x)$ ,  
[Condat,2013][Vũ,2013] [Chambolle-Pock,2011]  
→ with  $f_1$   $\nu$ -gradient Lipschitz.

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# Iterative scheme

→ Minimization problem :

$$\hat{x} \in \underset{x}{\operatorname{Argmin}} f_1(x) + h_2(\Psi x)$$

- Require the computation of  $\operatorname{prox}_{h_2(\Psi \cdot)}$ . **Few closed form.**
- Reformulation in the dual:  $\min_{w \in \mathcal{G}} f_1^*(-\Psi^* w) + h_2^*(w)$ ,
- Primal-dual algorithms:  $\min_x f_1(x) + f_2(x) + h_2(\Psi x)$ ,  
[Condat,2013][Vũ,2013] [Chambolle-Pock,2011]  
→ Acceleration with  $f_2$  **strongly convex.**

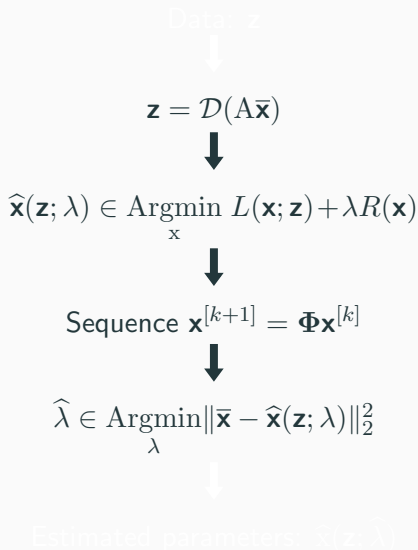
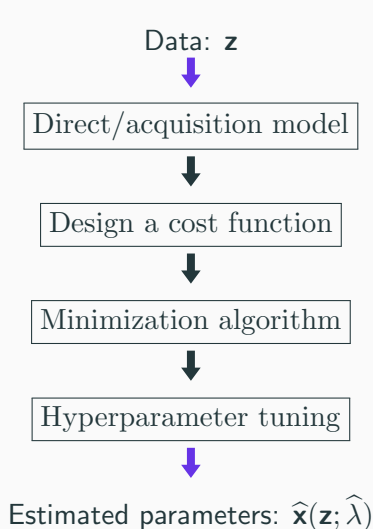
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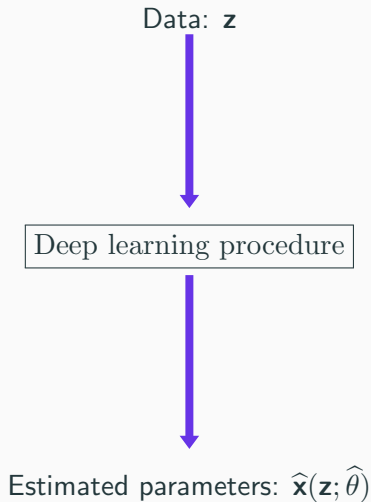
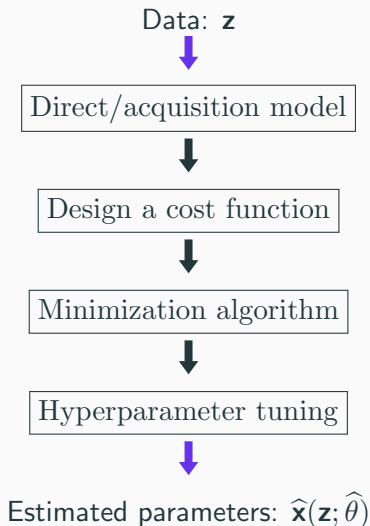
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# Context



## Standard learning and deep learning





# **Design Deep-NN architectures with proximal algorithms**

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## Generalities about deep learning

- **Database:**  $\mathcal{S} = \{(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{c}_i) \in \mathcal{H} \times \mathcal{G} \mid i \in \{1, \dots, \mathbb{L}\}\}$
- **Goal:** Learn a prediction function  $d_{\theta}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$
- **Deep NN predictor:**

$$d_{\theta}(\mathbf{u}) = \eta^{[K]}(\mathbf{W}^{[K]} \dots \eta^{[1]}(\mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{u} + b^{[1]}) \dots + b^{[K]})$$

- ⊙ Linear operators:  $\mathbf{W}^{[1]}, \mathbf{W}^{[2]}, \dots, \mathbf{W}^{[K]}$
- ⊙ Activation functions:  $\eta^{[1]}, \eta^{[2]}, \dots, \eta^{[K]}$
- ⊙ Biases vectors:  $b^{[1]}, b^{[2]}, \dots, b^{[K]}$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \{\mathbf{W}^{[1]}, \dots, \mathbf{W}^{[K]}, b^{[1]}, \dots, b^{[K]}\}$$

- A NN is characterise by a set of parameters  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^S$  that are learned during a **training process**:

$$\underset{\theta}{\text{minimise}} \quad \frac{1}{\#\mathbb{L}} \sum_{i=1}^{\mathbb{L}} F(\mathbf{c}_i, d_{\theta}(\mathbf{u}_i)) + \lambda R(\theta)$$

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$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \in \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^S}{\text{Argmin}} \frac{1}{\#\mathbb{I}} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i - d_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}_i)\|^2$$

• **Testing:**

• The learned NN  $d_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}$  is then validated on the testing set. A properly trained network should satisfy

$$(\forall j \in \mathbb{J}) \quad \bar{\mathbf{x}}_j \approx d_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}(\mathbf{z}_j).$$

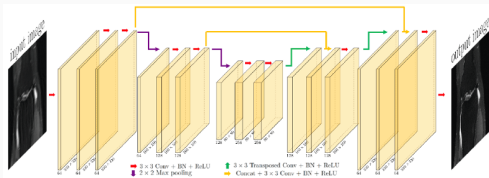
## End-to-end approaches

- Start from an estimate  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$  (e.g. backprojected image in MRI):

$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{z}$  and apply the NN as a *post-processing* :

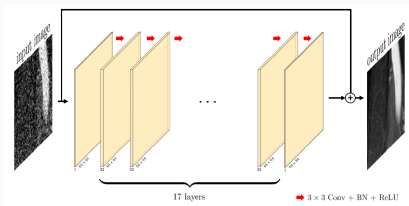
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- Example: Unet architectures



## 👉 Plug&Play approaches

- 👉 NNs can be incorporated into optimisation algorithms (e.g. FB, HQS)
- 👉 Usually simple NN architectures are used in PnP.
- 👉 Example: DnCNN architecture



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$$\text{Find } \hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \text{Argmin} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \lambda R(\mathbf{x})$$

- NNs incorporated in forward-backward scheme:

$$\mathbf{x}^{[k+1]} = \text{prox}_{\lambda R}(\mathbf{x}^{[k]} - \mathbf{A}^*(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^{[k]} - \mathbf{z}))$$

- $\text{prox}_{\lambda R}$  acts as a denoiser and can be replaced by standard denoiser such as BM3D, NLmeans,... or NN architectures.

$$\mathbf{x}^{[k+1]} = d_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^{[k]} - \mathbf{A}^*(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^{[k]} - \mathbf{z}))$$

- Convergence of  $(\mathbf{x}^{[k]})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  ensured if denoiser firmly nonexpansive.
  - ✗ Most of the existing denoisers used in PnP do **not** satisfy this condition
  - ✓ Recent works propose denoisers that can be built to satisfy this condition

(Hasannasab *et al.* 2020, Terris *et al.* 2020, Terris *et al.* 2021, Repetti *et al.* 2022)



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- End-to-end approaches
- Plug&Play approaches
- Unfolded/unrolled approaches

# Unfolded networks

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# Synthesis formulation & proximal gradient descent: LISTA

## • Synthesis formulation:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\Psi^* \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \quad \text{where } \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{A}\Psi^* \in \mathbb{R}^{\bar{N} \times N}$$

## • Forward-backward iterations:

$$\mathbf{x}^{[k+1]} = \text{prox}_{\tau\lambda\|\cdot\|_1}(\mathbf{x}^{[k]} - \tau\mathbf{H}^*(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}^{[k]} - \mathbf{z}))$$

## • Reformulation:

$$\mathbf{x}^{[k+1]} = \text{prox}_{\tau\lambda\|\cdot\|_1}((\mathbf{I} - \tau\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})\mathbf{x}^{[k]} + \tau\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{z})$$

## • Layer network: [Gregor, LeCun, 2010]

$$\mathbf{x}^{[k+1]} = \underbrace{\text{prox}_{\tau\lambda\|\cdot\|_1}}_{\eta^{[k]}} \left( \underbrace{\text{Id} - \tau\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H}}_{\mathbf{W}^{[k]}} \mathbf{x}^{[k]} + \underbrace{\tau\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{z}}_{\mathbf{b}^{[k]}} \right)$$



## Preliminary remarks

[Combettes, Pesquet, 2020]

- **Most of activation functions are proximity operator** :  
ReLU, Unimodal sigmoid, Softmax ...
- Let  $W^{[k]}$  be a bounded linear operators,  $b_k$  a vector,  $\eta_k$  proximity operators (1/2-averaged operator),  
 $d_{\theta} = T_K \circ \dots \circ T_1$  with  $T_k = \eta_k(W_k \cdot + b_k)$  model allows to derive tight Lipschitz bounds for feedforward neural networks in order to evaluate their **robustness** i.e.

$$\|d_{\theta}(x + \epsilon) - d_{\theta}(x)\| \leq \chi \|\epsilon\|$$

# Analysis formulation and the proposed DeepPDNet

→ Analysis formulation:  $\min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}\|_1$  where  $\mathbf{H} = \lambda\Psi$

→ Condat-Vũ iterations:

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→ Network with fixed layer:  $\theta = \{H, \tau, \gamma\}$

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→ Network with variable layers:  $\theta = \{H^{[k]}, \tau^{[k]}, \gamma^{[k]}, \}_{1 \leq k \leq K}$

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+ specificities for the first and last layers.

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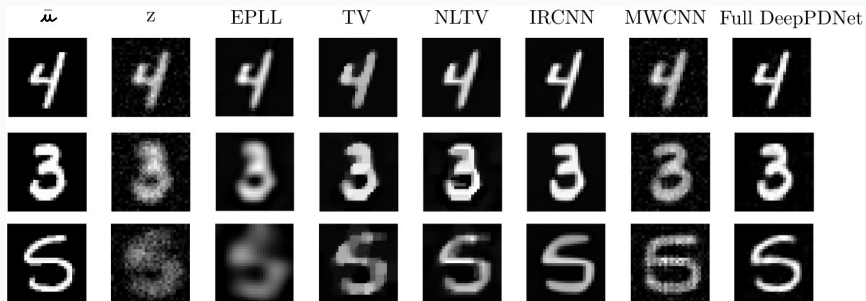
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where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{[k]}}{\partial \mathbf{u}^{[k-1]}} &= \frac{d\eta^{[k]}(\mathbf{v}^{[k]})}{d\mathbf{v}^{[k]}} \mathbf{W}^{[k]} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}^{[k]}}{\partial \theta^{[k]}} &= \left( \frac{\partial \eta^{[k]}(\mathbf{v}^{[k]})}{\partial \mathbf{v}^{[k]}} \left( \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}^{[k]}}{\partial \theta^{[k]}} \mathbf{u}^{[k-1]} + \frac{\partial b^{[k]}}{\partial \theta^{[k]}} \right) + \frac{\partial \eta^{[k]}(\mathbf{v}^{[k]})}{\partial \theta^{[k]}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

with  $\mathbf{v}^{[k]} = \mathbf{W}^{[k]} \mathbf{u}^{[k-1]} + b^{[k]}$  and  $\mathbf{u}^{[k]} = \eta^{[k]}(\mathbf{v}^{[k]})$

# Analysis formulation and proposed DeepPDNet



## Design of $H_k$ : global vs local structured $H_k$

→ **Proposed DeepPDNet**: linear transform  $H_k \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times N}$ , where each row corresponds to a learned pattern of the image.

→ **Studied architectures for  $H_k$** :

- dense matrix,
- block-sparse matrix inspired by the local patch dictionary,
- combination of dense and block-sparse matrices.

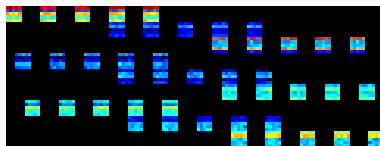
→ **Examples of  $H_k$** :

Dense matrix



$45 \times 121$  and  $\|H_k\|_0 = 1210$

Block-sparse matrix



$45 \times 121$  and  $\|H_k\|_0 = 1125$

## Design of $H_k$ : global vs local structured $H_k$

→ **Fully connected layer or convolutional layer** are implemented in  $(W^{[k]})_{1 \leq k \leq K}$  as being either a dense matrix or a block-sparse matrix.

→ **DeepPDNet**:  $W^{[k]}$  has a special structure coming from Condat-Vũ proximal iterations, whose expression is:

$$W^{[k]} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Id} - \tau_k A^* A & -\tau_k (H_k)^* \\ \sigma_k H_k (\text{Id} - 2\tau_k A^* A) & \text{Id} - 2\tau_k \sigma_k H_k (H_k)^* \end{pmatrix}.$$

In this work, dense matrix or block-sparse matrix at the level of the analysis operator  $H_k$ .



## Design of $H_k$ : global vs local structured $H_k$

→ Value of  $P$  and sparsity rate for different choices of local sparse  $H_k$ .

Setting	"f28s28n10"	"f14s7n10"	f7s7n10'	"f7s3n10"	"f5s2n10"
P	10	90	160	640	1210
Sparsity rate	0%	75%	93.75%	93.75%	96.81%

→ Comparison results between global and local  $H_k$  on the validation set of MNIST dataset from data degraded by a uniform  $3 \times 3$  blur and a Gaussian noise with  $\alpha = 20$ .

$P$	PSNR		SSIM	
	Global	Local sparse	Global	Local sparse
10	21.64	21.61	0.7846	0.7831
90	22.35	23.06	0.8052	0.8287
160	22.35	23.06	0.8052	0.8370
640	22.49	24.48	0.8076	0.9122
1210	22.49	24.80	0.8112	0.9278

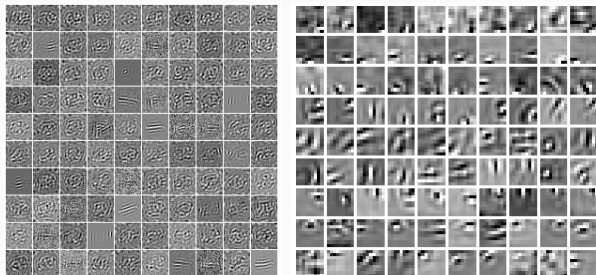
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➔ **Performance of combination of multiple local sparse filters** on the validation MNIST dataset with uniform blur filter  $3 \times 3$  and Gaussian noise  $\alpha = 20$ .

Fusion	P	PSNR/SSIM
"f5s2n10"	1210	24.80/0.9278
"f5s2n10" + "f7s3n10"	1700	25.04/0.9317
"f5s2n10" + "f7s3n10" + "f14s7n10"	1790	25.06/0.9301
"f5s2n10" + "f7s3n10" + "f14s7n10" + "f28s28n10"	1800	25.33/0.9335

## Design of $H_k$ : global vs local structured $H_k$

→ Visualization of the rows of  $H_k$  for the layer  $k = 6$  on the validation MNIST dataset with uniform blur filter  $3 \times 3$  and Gaussian noise  $\alpha = 20$



# Partial versus Full DeepPDNet

- Partial:  $\gamma_k = 0.99 \frac{(1/\tau_k - \|A\|^2/2)}{\|H_k\|^2}$
- Full: All parameters are learned.

Method	3 × 3 Blur			5 × 5 Blur	7 × 7 Blur
	$\alpha = 10$	$\alpha = 20$	$\alpha = 30$	$\alpha = 20$	$\alpha = 20$
	PSNR/SSIM	PSNR/SSIM	PSNR/SSIM	PSNR/SSIM	PSNR/SSIM
EPLL	24.02/0.8564	20.99/0.7628	19.05/0.6871	16.42/0.5629	13.97/0.3265
TV	25.07/0.8583	19.58/0.7004	18.86/0.6681	18.86/0.6681	16.31/0.5665
NLTV	25.49/0.8697	21.98/0.7738	20.73/0.7353	20.73/0.7353	16.79/0.6228
MWCNN	19.16/0.7219	18.53/0.6782	17.78/0.6499	15.83/0.5343	13.04/0.3175
IRCNN	<b>28.52/0.8904</b>	25.00/0.8193	22.63/0.7723	21.46/0.7698	18.29/0.6546
P-DeepPDNet	23.67/0.8366	22.03/0.7983	20.93/0.7750	17.96/0.6534	16.21/0.5505
F-DeepPDNet	27.40/ <b>0.9410</b>	<b>25.09/0.9254</b>	<b>23.61/0.9097</b>	<b>22.43/0.8738</b>	<b>20.43/0.8157</b>

# BSD dataset

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$z$



TV



NLTV



EPLL



MWCNN



IRCNN



Full DeepPDNet



# BSD dataset

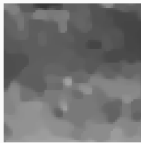
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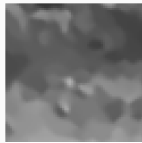
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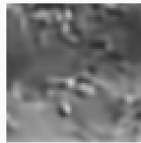
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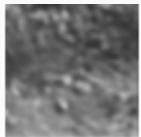
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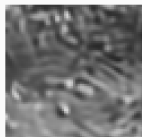
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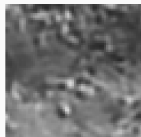
MWCNN



IRCNN



Full DeepPDNet



# BSD dataset

Method	Blur filter $3 \times 3$			Blur filter $5 \times 5$		
	$\alpha = 15$	$\alpha = 25$	$\alpha = 50$	$\alpha = 15$	$\alpha = 25$	$\alpha = 50$
	PSNR/SSIM	PSNR/SSIM	PSNR/SSIM	PSNR/SSIM	PSNR/SSIM	PSNR/SSIM
TV	25.52/0.6746	25.16/0.6634	23.27/0.5836	24.04/0.6141	23.83/0.6047	22.77/0.5622
NLTV	25.86/0.6875	25.49/0.6780	23.52/0.5932	24.22/0.6238	24.02/0.6165	22.88/0.5711
EPLL	27.01/0.7450	25.60/0.6785	23.72/0.6137	25.32/0.6674	24.38/0.6198	22.99/0.5715
MWCNN	26.56/0.7537	25.76/0.7136	<b>23.88/0.6265</b>	24.39/0.6533	24.03/0.6313	22.88/ <b>0.5759</b>
IRCNN	26.78/ <b>0.7840</b>	<b>26.13/0.7203</b>	23.63/0.5981	24.66/ <b>0.6947</b>	24.64/ <b>0.6555</b>	22.96/0.5651
DeepPDNet (Q=28, K=6)	25.83/0.6628	24.63/0.6042	23.37/0.5789	24.44/0.6086	23.62/0.5612	22.27/0.5026
DeepPDNet (Q=10, K=20)	<b>27.33/0.7637</b>	25.95/0.7055	23.69/0.6052	<b>25.48/0.6819</b>	<b>24.66/0.6430</b>	<b>23.04/0.5717</b>

**Unfolded networks: faster algorithm  
better DNN architecture ?**

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## Focus on denoising problem

→ **Minimization problem** :  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\Psi \mathbf{x}\|_1$

→ **Dual reformulation**:  $\hat{\mathbf{w}} \in \underset{\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{G}}{\text{Argmin}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z} - \Psi^\top \mathbf{w}\|^2 + \iota_{\|\cdot\|_\infty \leq 1}(\mathbf{w})$

- Primal solution:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{z} - \Psi^\top \hat{\mathbf{w}}$ .
- Solution obtained with proximal gradient based procedure.
- Accelerated schemes (e.g., FISTA).

→ **Primal-dual algorithms**:

- Resolution with Chambolle-Pock iterations.
- Acceleration when the data-term is **strongly convex**.

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Hyperparameters setting:  $\tau > 0$ ,  $\gamma > 0$ , such that  $\tau\gamma\|\Psi\|^2 < 1$

For  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{w}^{[k+1]} = \text{prox}_{\tau\|\cdot - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2}(\mathbf{w}^{[k]} - \tau\Psi^* \mathbf{x}^{[k]}) \\ \mathbf{x}^{[k+1]} = \text{prox}_{\gamma\|\cdot\|_1^*}(\mathbf{x}^{[k]} + \gamma\Psi(2\mathbf{w}^{[k+1]} - \mathbf{w}^{[k]})) \end{cases}$$

## (F)ISTA in the dual

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→ **(F)ISTA to solve dual reformulation:**

Set  $\mathbf{w}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{F}|}$ , and  $\mathbf{y}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{F}|}$ . For every iteration  $k$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{w}_{k+1} &= \text{prox}_{\iota_{\|\cdot\|_\infty \leq 1}} \left( (\mathbf{I} - \tau_k \Psi \Psi^\top) \mathbf{y}_k + \tau_k \Psi \mathbf{z} \right) \\ \mathbf{y}_{k+1} &= (1 + \alpha_k) \mathbf{w}_{k+1} - \alpha_k \mathbf{w}_k \end{cases}$$

→ **Preliminary remarks:**

- FISTA:  $(\mathbf{w}_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$  when  $\alpha_k = \frac{t_k - 1}{t_{k+1}}$  and  $t_{k+1} = \frac{k+a-1}{a}$ ,  $a > 2$ ,  $\tau < \frac{1}{\|\Psi\|^2}$  and  $\tilde{F}(\mathbf{w}_k) - \tilde{F}(\hat{\mathbf{w}}) \leq \frac{\zeta}{k^2}$ .
- ISTA: When  $\alpha_k \equiv 0$ ,  $(\mathbf{w}_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $\hat{\mathbf{w}}$  when  $\tau < \frac{2}{\|\Psi\|^2}$  for this limit case, and  $\tilde{F}(\mathbf{w}_k) - \tilde{F}(\hat{\mathbf{w}}) \leq \frac{\zeta}{k}$ .
- (F)ISTA:  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{z} - \Psi^\top \hat{\mathbf{w}}$

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$$\begin{cases} w_{k+1} &= \text{prox}_{\ell_{\|\cdot\|_{\infty} \leq 1}} \left( (\mathbf{I} - \tau_k \Psi \Psi^T) y_k + \tau_k \Psi \mathbf{z} \right) \\ y_{k+1} &= (1 + \alpha_k) w_{k+1} - \alpha_k w_k \end{cases}$$

→ **Proposition** : The proximity operator of the conjugate of the  $\ell_1$ -norm scaled by parameter  $\lambda > 0$  fits the HardTanh activation function, i.e., for every  $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_i)_{1 \leq i \leq N}$ :

$$P_{\|\cdot\|_{\infty} \leq \lambda}(\mathbf{x}) = \text{HardTanh}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{x}) = (p_i)_{1 \leq i \leq N}$$

where

$$p_i = \begin{cases} -\lambda & \text{if } p_i < -\lambda, \\ \lambda & \text{if } p_i > \lambda, \\ p_i & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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→ **Unfolded (F)ISTA:**  $\theta = \{\Psi_1^{[k]}, \Psi_2^{[k]}, \alpha_k, \}_{1 \leq k \leq K}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w^{[k]} \\ w^{[k+1]} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} \\ \text{HardTanh}_1 \end{Bmatrix}}_{\eta^{[k]}} \left( \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} \\ -\alpha_{k-1}(\mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} - \Psi_1^{[k]} \Psi_2^{[k]}) & (1 + \alpha_{k-1})(\mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} - \Psi_1^{[k]} \Psi_2^{[k]}) \end{bmatrix}}_{W^{[k]}} \begin{bmatrix} w^{[k-1]} \\ w^{[k]} \end{bmatrix} \right) + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Psi_1^{[k]} \mathbf{z}_l \end{bmatrix}}_{b^{[k]}}$$

# Network Deep-(F)ISTA-GD

→ **Network:** For every layer  $k \in \{2, \dots, K - 1\}$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} W^{[1]} = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi_1^{[1]} \\ (\mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} - \Psi_1^{[1]} \Psi_2^{[1]}) \Psi_1^{[1]} \end{bmatrix}, \\ b^{[1]} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Psi_1^{[1]} \mathbf{z}_l \end{bmatrix}, \eta^{[1]} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} \\ \text{HardTanh}_\lambda \end{array} \right\}, \\ W^{[k]} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} \\ -\alpha_{k-1}(\mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} - \Psi_1^{[k]} \Psi_2^{[k]}) & (1 + \alpha_{k-1})(\mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} - \Psi_1^{[k]} \Psi_2^{[k]}) \end{bmatrix}, \\ b^{[k]} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Psi_1^{[k]} \mathbf{z}_l \end{bmatrix}, \eta^{[k]} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} \\ \text{HardTanh}_\lambda \end{array} \right\}, \\ W^{[K]} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\Psi_2^{[K]} \end{bmatrix}, b^{[K]} = \mathbf{z}_l, \eta^{[K]} = \mathbf{I}_N. \end{array} \right.$$

→ **Proposition:** If  $\Psi_1^{[k]} = \tau_k \Psi$  and  $\Psi_2^{[k]} = \Psi^\top$ , then  
Deep-(F)ISTA-GD network fits the generic (F)ISTA scheme.

➔ **Minimization problem:**  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|^2 + \|\Psi \mathbf{x}\|_1$

➔ **(Sc)CP to solve the minimization problem:**

Set  $\mathbf{w}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{F}|}$ , and  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathbb{F}|}$ . For every iteration  $k$ ,

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{w}_{k+1} = \text{prox}_{\ell_{\|\cdot\|_\infty \leq 1}} \left( \mathbf{w}_k + \tau_k \Psi \left( (1 + \alpha_k) \mathbf{x}_k - \alpha_k \mathbf{x}_{k-1} \right) \right) \\ \mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \text{prox}_{\frac{\sigma_k}{2} \|\cdot - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2} \left( \mathbf{x}_k - \sigma_k \Psi^\top \mathbf{w}_{k+1} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

➔ **Remarks :**

- ScCP:  $\alpha_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2\gamma\sigma_k}}$ ,  $\sigma_{k+1} = \alpha_k \sigma_k$ ,  $\tau_{k+1} = \frac{\tau_k}{\alpha_k}$ .
- CP:  $\gamma = 0$ ,  $\sigma_k \equiv \sigma$ ,  $\tau_k \equiv \tau$  and assuming  $\sigma\tau \|D\|^2 < 1$ .
- $(\mathbf{x}_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ .
- Convergence rate  $O(1/k)$  for CP and  $O(1/k^2)$  for ScCP.

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➔ **Remarks :**

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# (Sc)CP

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_k \\ \mathbf{w}_{k+1} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{Bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_N \\ \text{HTanh}_1 \end{Bmatrix}}_{\eta^{[k]}} \left( \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1 + \sigma_{k-1}} & -\frac{\sigma_{k-1}}{1 + \sigma_{k-1}} \Psi_2^{[k-1]} \\ \left( \frac{1 + \alpha_k}{1 + \sigma_{k-1}} - \alpha_k \right) \Psi_1^{[k]} & \mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} - \frac{(1 + \alpha_k) \sigma_{k-1}}{1 + \sigma_{k-1}} \Psi_1^{[k]} \Psi_2^{[k-1]} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{W}^{[k]}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{k-1} \\ \mathbf{w}_k \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sigma_{k-1}}{1 + \sigma_{k-1}} \mathbf{z} \\ \frac{(1 + \alpha_k) \sigma_{k-1}}{1 + \sigma_{k-1}} \Psi_1^{[k]} \mathbf{z} \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{b}^{[k]}} \right)$$

# Network Deep-(Sc)CP-GD

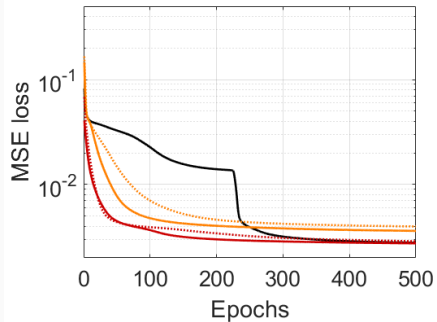
→ **Network:** For every layer  $k \in \{2, \dots, K-1\}$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} W^{[1]} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_N \\ 2D_1^{[1]} \end{bmatrix}, b^{[1]} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \eta^{[1]} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{I}_N \\ \text{HardTanh}_\lambda \end{array} \right\}, \\ W^{[k]} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{1+\sigma_{k-1}} & -\frac{\sigma_{k-1}}{1+\sigma_{k-1}} \Psi_2^{[k-1]} \\ \frac{1+\alpha_k}{1+\sigma_{k-1}} \Psi_1^{[k]} - \alpha_k \Psi_1^{[k]} & \mathbf{I}_{|\mathbb{F}|} - \frac{(1+\alpha_k)\sigma_{k-1}}{1+\sigma_{k-1}} \Psi_1^{[k]} \Psi_2^{[k-1]} \end{bmatrix}, \\ b^{[k]} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sigma_{k-1}}{1+\sigma_{k-1}} \mathbf{z} \\ \frac{(1+\alpha_k)\sigma_{k-1}}{1+\sigma_{k-1}} \Psi_1^{[k]} \mathbf{z} \end{bmatrix}, \eta^{[k]} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{I}_N \\ \text{HardTanh}_\lambda \end{array} \right\}, \\ W^{[K]} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_N & 0 \end{bmatrix}, b^{[K]} = 0, \eta^{[K]} = \mathbf{I}_N. \end{array} \right.$$

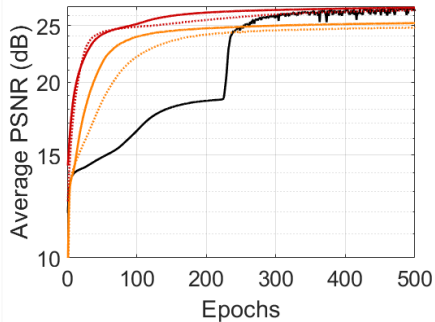
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# Performance Gaussian image denoising

Training loss



PSNR on test dataset



Original



Noisy



TV



NL-TV



DnCNN



Proposed



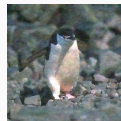
PSNR/SSIM

14.1/0.25

26.0/0.84

26.6/0.85

27.9/0.86

**28.2/0.87**

PSNR/SSIM

14.1/0.13

26.0/0.76

27.7/0.79

28.5/0.79

**28.8/0.81**

Original



Noisy



TV



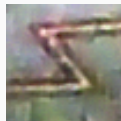
NL-TV



DnCNN



Proposed



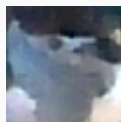
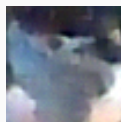
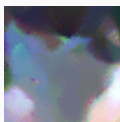
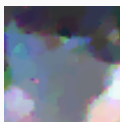
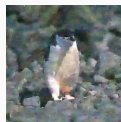
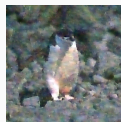
PSNR/SSIM

8.13/0.09

23.6/0.76

24.0/0.76

24.4/0.76

**25.2/0.80**

PSNR/SSIM

8.14/0.043

24.5/0.64

25.1/0.65

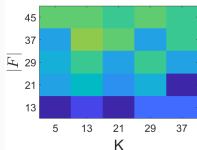
25.4/0.65

**25.9/0.70**

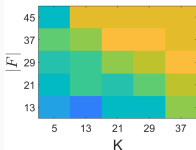
# Architecture comparisons for denoising

## SNR

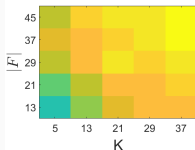
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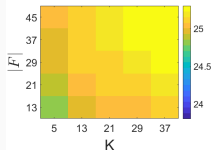
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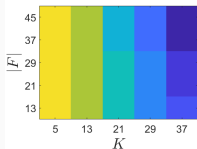


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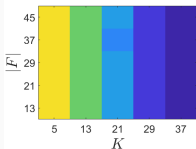


Robustness:  $\|f_{\theta}(\mathbf{z} + \epsilon) - f_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})\| \leq \chi \|\epsilon\|$ .

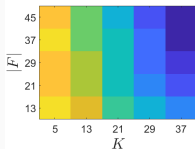
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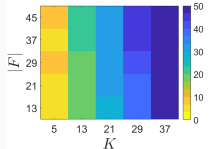
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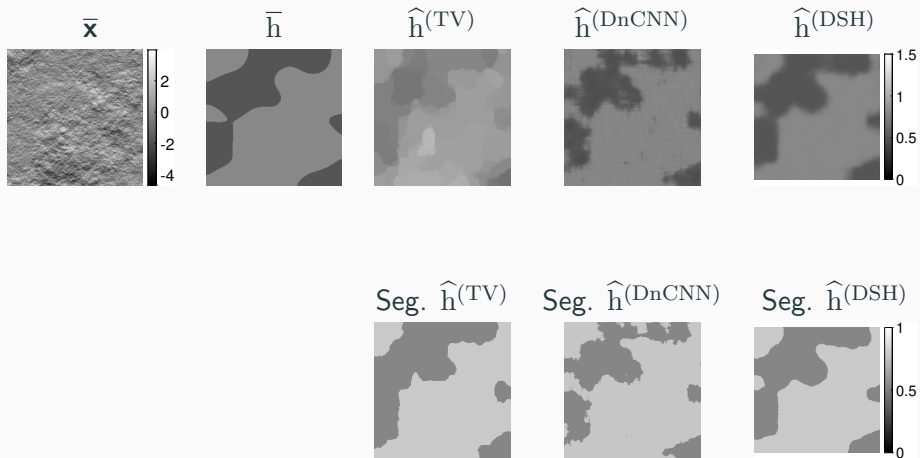
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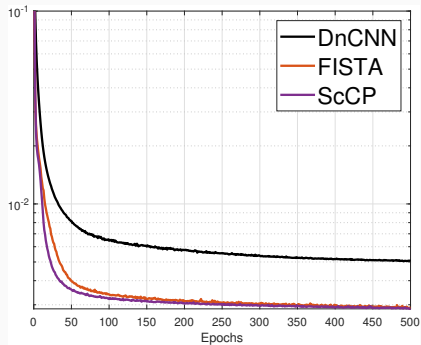
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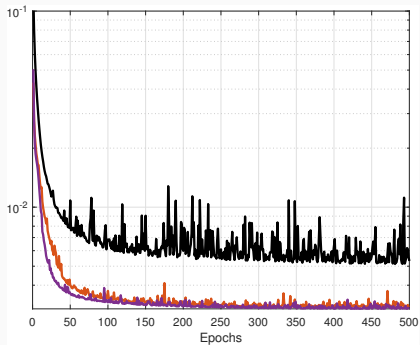
# Performance texture segmentation



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(i)



(ii)



# Conclusions

- Unfolded architecture allowing to go from standard variational approached to deep learning architectures depending on the learned  $\theta$ :
  - $\theta = \lambda$
  - $\theta = (\sigma, \tau)$
  - $\theta = (\sigma_k, \tau_k)$
  - $\theta = (\sigma_k, \tau_k, \mathbb{H}_k)$
- Relation between activation functions and proximal operators.
- Unfolded primal-dual proximal algorithms provide comparable or better performance than state-of-the-art deep learning methods in image restoration.
- Faster schemes lead to better performance. ScCP appears to be the “best” unfolded architecture.

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