### A Frame Theoretic View on Inverse Problems

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### Outline

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- Inversion of the Radon Transform by Shearlet Frames

#### Frame Theory Convenient Expansions of Functions



• Expansions of signals 
$$f$$
 of finite energy, i.e.,  
 $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{f : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{C} : \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(x)|^2 dx < \infty\}$ 

$$f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{k} c_k \varphi_k(x) = c_1 \varphi_1(x) + c_2 \varphi_2(x) + \dots$$

in terms of convenient building blocks  $\varphi_k \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

• Shearlet analysis: An alternative to Fourier analysis, where the building blocks  $\{\varphi_k\}$  are dilations (scales), shears and translations of a single function  $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ :

$$\{\varphi_k\} \sim \left\{2^{3j/4}\psi(2^jx_1 + k2^{j/2}x_2 - m_1, 2^{j/2}x_2 - m_2)\right\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$$

• Frames: A generalization of orthonormal bases (ONB) with more flexibility and freedom.

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- Key Property of Frames:

### Redundancy!

#### Frame Theory What is a Frame?



#### Definition

A sequence  $\{\varphi_k\}_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  is a frame for a separable Hilbert space X if

$$\exists A, B > 0 : \quad A \left\| f \right\|^2 \leqslant \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \langle f, \varphi_k \rangle \right|^2 \leqslant B \left\| f \right\|^2 \qquad \text{for all } f \in X.$$

If the upper bound holds, then  $\{\varphi_k\}$  is said to be a Bessel sequence.

#### Definition

Two Bessel sequences  $\{\varphi_k\}$  and  $\{\psi_k\}$  are said to be dual frames if

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \langle f, \varphi_k \rangle \psi_k \quad \text{for all } f \in X.$$

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- A frame has at least one dual frame: the canonical dual  $\{(D_{\Phi}C_{\Phi})^{-1}\varphi_k\}_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$ .

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Signal f Coefficients  $c_k = \langle f, arphi_k 
angle$  Signal  $f = \sum_k c_k \psi_k$ 

- Want: Analysis & synthesis to be linear and continuous operations, often assuming some structure on  $\varphi_k$  and/or  $\psi_k$ 

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Here we ignore a technical Local Integrability Condition. Result for d = 1 due to [Christensen, Hasannasab, L.] and for general  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  by [Führ, Jakobsen, L.]

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then the GSI system is Bessel with bounds B. Here  $C_p^{\#} := (C_p^T)^{-1}$ 



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- It holds  $(K^{-1})^* = (K^*)^{-1}$ ; for short, we write this operator as  $K^{-*}: X \to Y$ .
- $D(K^{-*}) = X \Leftrightarrow K^{-1}$  bounded. If K is compact,  $K^{-1}$  is unbounded.

#### Inverse Problems in Abstract Settings: Dual frame based regularizations Inversion Formula based on Dual Frames



• Take dual frames  $\{\varphi_k\}$  and  $\{\psi_k\}$  for X s.t.  $\varphi_k \in D(K^{-*})$ :

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \langle f, \varphi_k \rangle_X \psi_k$$
 for all  $f \in X$ .

Note that

$$\langle f, \varphi_k \rangle_X = \langle f, K^* K^{-*} \varphi_k \rangle_X = \langle K f, K^{-*} \varphi_k \rangle_Y$$

This gives the inversion formula:

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The inversion formula is now:

$$f = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{1}{\kappa_k} \langle Kf, w_k \rangle_Y \psi_k \qquad \text{for all } f \in D(K).$$

• Or in terms of analysis, synthesis and multiplication operators:

$$f = D_{\Psi} M_{1/\kappa} C_W K f$$

where  $M_{1/\kappa}$  is a (often unbounded) multiplication operator on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  defined by  $M_{1/\kappa} \{c_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} = \{c_k/\kappa_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

Inverse Problems in Abstract Settings: Dual frame based regularizations Regularization Strategy based on Dual Frames II



• We define the recovery operator  $R = D_{\Psi} M_{1/\kappa} C_W$ :

$$R: D(R) \to X, \ Rg = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{\kappa_k} \langle g, w_k \rangle_Y \psi_k \tag{1}$$

where the domain is determined by a Picard condition:

$$D(R) = \left\{ g \in Y : \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\left| \langle g, w_k \rangle_Y \right|^2}{\kappa_k^2} < \infty \right\}.$$

- The recovery strategy from  $\|Kf-g\|<\varepsilon$  is:

$$D_{\Psi}M_{1/\kappa}SC_Wg$$

where  $S: \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) \to \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  is a threshold procedure.

### Shearlet Frames in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ Shearlet Systems in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$

• Anisotropic scaling *A*:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0\\ 0 & 2^{1/2} \end{pmatrix},$$

• Shearing  $S_k$  (direction parameter  $\leftrightarrow$  rotations):

$$S_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The shearlet system generated by  $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  is

$$\left\{\psi_{j,k,m} = D_{S_kA^j}T_m\psi = 2^{3j/4}\psi(S_kA^j \cdot -m) : j \in \mathbb{Z}, k \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{Z}^2\right\}$$

• Frequency localization of  $\psi$ :

$$|\hat{\psi}(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)| \leq C \min(1, |2\gamma_1|^{\alpha}) \min(1, |\gamma_1|^{-\delta}) \min(1, |\gamma_2|^{-\delta})$$

for some  $C>0, \ \alpha > \delta > 3$ 

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 $\psi_{j,k,m}$  for j = 0, k = 0, m = (0,0)



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#### Definition

For  $\phi, \psi, \tilde{\psi} \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , the cone-adapted shearlet system  $SH(\phi, \psi, \tilde{\psi})$  is the union:

 $\{T_k\phi\}_{k\in\mathbb{Z}^2}\cup\{D_{S_kA^j}T_m\psi\}_{j\ge 0,|k|\leqslant \left\lceil 2^{j/2}\right\rceil,m\in\mathbb{Z}^2}\cup\{D_{\tilde{S}_k\tilde{A}^j}T_m\tilde{\psi}\}_{j\ge 0,|k|\leqslant \left\lceil 2^{j/2}\right\rceil,m\in\mathbb{Z}^2}$ 



### Shearlet Frames in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ Shearlet systems as GSI systems

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By the commutator relations

$$D_{A^jS_k}T_m = T_{S_{-k}A^{-j}m}D_{A^jS_k},$$

it follows that

$$\psi_{j,k,m} = D_{S_kA^j}T_m\psi = T_{S_{-k}A^{-j}m}D_{A^jS_k}\psi$$

Hence, the shearlet system on horizontal is a GSI system  $\{T_{C_pk}g_p\}_{k\in\mathbb{Z}^d,p\in P}$  with

$$C_p = C_{(j,k)} = S_{-k}A^{-j}$$
 and  $g_p = g_{(j,k)} = D_{A^jS_k}\psi$ 

where

$$P = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0} \{j\} \times \left[ - \left\lceil 2^{j/2} \right\rceil, \left\lceil 2^{j/2} \right\rceil \right].$$

Similar for the vertical cones and the central box.

### Shearlet Frames in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$ Necessary and Sufficient Conditions



### Necessary condition for Frame (covering of frequency domain)

If the shearlet system  ${\rm SH}(\phi,\psi,\tilde\psi)$  is a frame with bounds A and B, then

$$A \leqslant \left| \hat{\phi}(\gamma) \right|^2 + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{|k| \leqslant \left\lceil 2^{j/2} \right\rceil} \left| \hat{\psi}(S_{-k}^T A^j \gamma) \right|^2 + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{|k| \leqslant \left\lceil 2^{j/2} \right\rceil} \left| \hat{\psi}(\tilde{S}_{-k}^T \tilde{A}^j \gamma) \right|^2 \leqslant B$$

for a.e.  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

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$$\begin{split} B &:= \mathop{\mathrm{ess\,sup}}_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^2} \Big( \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^2} \left| \hat{\phi}(\gamma) \hat{\phi}(\gamma + \alpha) \right| + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{|k| \leqslant \left\lceil 2^{j/2} \right\rceil} \left| \hat{\psi}(S_{-k}^T A^j \gamma) \hat{\psi}(S_{-k}^T A^j \gamma + \alpha) \right| \\ &+ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{|k| \leqslant \left\lceil 2^{j/2} \right\rceil} \left| \hat{\psi}(\tilde{S}_{-k}^T \tilde{A}^j \gamma) \hat{\psi}(\tilde{S}_{-k}^T \tilde{A}^j \gamma + \alpha) \right| \Big) < \infty, \end{split}$$

then  $SH(\phi, \psi, \tilde{\psi})$  is a Bessel system with bounds  $B_{\text{Frame Theoretic View opening}}^{Here} C_{\text{Teplems}}^{\#} := (C_{\text{Teplems}}^{T})^{-1}$ 

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- Since R is bounded, we only have to make

$$\{\kappa_{j,k,m}\Lambda\psi_{j,k,m}\}_{j\ge 0,|k|\leqslant \left\lceil 2^{j/2}\right\rceil,m\in\mathbb{Z}^2}$$

a Bessel system for some choice of  $\kappa_{j,k,m} > 0$ . And similar for the vertical cones and the central box.

- Since  $\Lambda$  is a Fourier multiplier, it commutes with translation:

$$\Lambda T_{C_pk}g_p = T_{C_pk}\Lambda g_p$$

• Hence,  $\Lambda$  maps the shearlet system to a GSI system (that is not a shearlet system!) with generators  $g_p = \Lambda D_{A^j S_k} \psi$ .

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### **Covering of the Horizontal Cone**

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## Inversion of the Radon Transform by Shearlet Frames Future tasks



- We really want the solve the inverse problem under the prior information that  $f \in C \subset X$  for some image class C, e.g., cartoon-like images.
- If  $\{\langle f, \phi_k \rangle\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  belongs (after reordering descending in absolute value) to a weak  $\ell_p$  space for some small p > 0, then so does  $\{\langle Kf, K^{-*}\phi_k \rangle\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ .
- Understand the role of the weights  $\kappa_k$

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