

# A measure space approach to optimal source placement

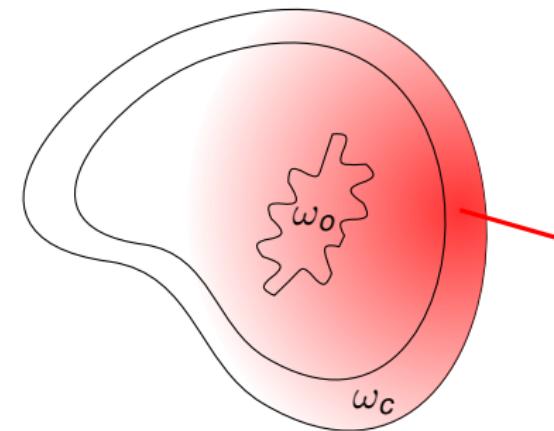
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# Motivation

- Optimization of light source locations in diffusive optical tomography
- Standard approach (discrete): **combinatorial explosion** with DOFs, requires initial set of feasible locations
- **Here:** Consider fictitious distributed “control field”, apply **sparse control** techniques [Stadler '09]  
~~ localization of sources
- Goal: Homogeneous illumination (application in phototherapy)



# Sparse control problem

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- $\omega_o, \omega_c$  subdomains of  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n = 2, 3$ ;  $\Gamma := \partial\Omega$
- $A$  linear elliptic operator
- $z \in L^\infty(\omega_o)$  given target
- $L^1$ -type norms **promote sparsity**  $\rightsquigarrow$  sparse controls
- **Measure space** required for well-posedness

Alternative: control constraints

[Stadler '09, D./G. Wachsmuth '11, Herzog/Casas/G. Wachsmuth]

# Sparse control problem

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- $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)$  Radon measures with compact support on  $\bar{\omega}_c \setminus \Gamma$
- topological dual of  $C_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c) := \{v \in C(\bar{\omega}_c) : v|_{\partial\omega_c \cap \Gamma} = 0\}$   
 $(\bar{\omega}_c \setminus \Gamma$  locally compact Hausdorff space)
- $\|u\|_{\mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} = \sup_{\|\varphi\|_{C_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \leq 1} \int \varphi \, du$   
 $(= \|u\|_{L^1(\omega_0)} \text{ for } u \in L^1(\omega_0))$
- Partial observation requires primal-(pre)dual approach

# Problem formulation

**Assumption:** adjoint  $A^*$  is isomorphism from  $W_0^{1,q'}(\Omega)$  to  $W^{-1,q'}(\Omega) := (W_0^{1,q'}(\Omega))^*$  for  $q \in (1, \frac{n}{n-1})$  and  $q' = \frac{q-1}{q} \in (n, \infty)$

Then:  $W_0^{1,q'}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow C_0(\bar{\Omega})$ ,  $\mathcal{M}(\Omega) \hookrightarrow W^{-1,q}(\Omega)$  compact,

- State equation  $Ay = \mu$ ,  $y|_{\Gamma} = 0$ , has unique solution  $y \in W_0^{1,q}(\Omega)$  for every  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(\Omega)$
- Control-to-state mapping (formal definition)

$$S_\omega : \mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c) \rightarrow L^2(\omega_o), \quad u \mapsto (A^{-1}(\chi_{\omega_c} u))|_{\omega_o}$$

is bounded linear operator, strongly continuous:

$$u_k \rightharpoonup^\star u \text{ in } \mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c) \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_\omega(u_k) \rightarrow S_\omega(u) \text{ in } L^2(\omega_o)$$

(smooth domain and coeff's; otherwise see [Meyer/Panizzi/Schiela '10])

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Reduced problem

$$(P) \quad \min_{u \in \mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \frac{1}{2} \|S_\omega u - z\|_{L^2(\omega_o)}^2 + \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)}$$

Existence of minimizer from standard arguments  
(weak- $\star$  topology on  $\mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)$ )

# Optimality system

Fenchel predual approach: Fenchel duality theorem yields

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{q \in L^2(\omega_o)} & \frac{1}{2} \|q - z\|_{L^2(\omega_o)}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|z\|_{L^2(\omega_o)}^2 + I_{\{\|v\|_{C_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \leq \alpha\}}({}^*S_\omega q) \\ &= \min_{u \in \mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \frac{1}{2} \|S_\omega u - z\|_{L^2(\omega_o)}^2 + \alpha \|-u\|_{\mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \end{aligned}$$

with indicator function  $I$ , “preadjoint”:  $S_\omega = ({}^*S_\omega)^*$ ,

$${}^*S_\omega : L^2(\omega_o) \rightarrow C_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c), \quad \varphi \mapsto (A^{-*}(\chi_{\omega_o})\varphi)|_{\omega_c}$$

# Optimality system

Minimizers  $q^*$ ,  $u^*$  satisfy extremality relations

$$\begin{cases} S_\omega u^* = q^* + z, \\ -u^* \in \partial I_{\{\|q\|_{C_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \leq \alpha\}}({}^*S_\omega q^*). \end{cases}$$

- Introduce  $p^* = {}^*S_\omega(q^*) = {}^*S_\omega(S_\omega u^* - z) \in W^{1,q'}(\omega_c)$
- Express subdifferential of indicator function (normal cone) as variational inequality

# Optimality system

## Theorem

Let  $u^* \in \mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)$  be a solution to  $(\mathcal{P})$ . Then there exists a  $p^* \in \mathcal{C}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)$  satisfying

$$(OS) \quad \begin{cases} {}^*S_\omega {}^*(S_\omega u^* - z) = p^* \\ \langle u^*, p^* - p \rangle_{\mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c), \mathcal{C}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \leq 0, \quad \|p^*\|_{\mathcal{C}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \leq \alpha \end{cases}$$

for all  $p \in \mathcal{C}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)$  with  $\|p\|_{\mathcal{C}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \leq \alpha$ .

~~~ **sparsity** of optimal control:  $\text{supp } u^* \subset \{x \in \bar{\omega}_c : |p^*(x)| = \alpha\}$

# Non-negative Controls

Control by light sources  $\rightsquigarrow$  enforce **non-negativity** of controls

## Problem

$$\begin{cases} \min_{u \in \mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c), u \geq 0} \frac{1}{2} \|y - z\|_{L^2(\omega_0)}^2 + \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \\ \text{subject to } Ay = \chi_{\omega_c} u, \quad y|_\Gamma = 0 \end{cases}$$

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## Fenchel duality

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{q \in L^2(\omega_o)} \frac{1}{2} \|q - z\|_{L^2(\omega_o)}^2 - \frac{1}{2} \|z\|_{L^2(\omega_o)}^2 + I_{\{v \geq -\alpha\}}({}^*S_\omega q) \\ &= \min_{u \in \mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \frac{1}{2} \|S_\omega u - z\|_{L^2(\omega_o)}^2 + \alpha \| -u \|_{\mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} + I_{\{v \leq 0\}}(-u) \end{aligned}$$

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## Optimality system

$$(OS_+) \quad \begin{cases} {}^*S_\omega(S_\omega u^* - z) = p^*, \\ \langle u^*, p^* - p \rangle_{\mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c), \mathcal{C}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \leq 0, \quad p^* \geq -\alpha \end{cases}$$

for all  $p \in \mathcal{C}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)$  with  $p \geq -\alpha$ .

# Regularization

Numerical solution challenging due measure space structure  
~~ consider Moreau–Yoshida regularization for  $c > 0$ :

Find  $u_c \in L^2(\omega_c)$ ,  $p_c \in W^{1,q'}(\omega_c)$  with

$$(OS_c) \quad \begin{cases} p_c = S_\omega^*(S_\omega u_c - z) \\ -u_c = c \max(0, p_c - \alpha) + c \min(0, p_c + \alpha) \end{cases}$$

(Here:  $S_\omega : L^2(\omega_c) \rightarrow L^2(\omega_o)$ , adjoint  $S_\omega^*(\varphi) = {}^*S_\omega(\varphi) \in W^{1,q'}(\omega_c)$ )

Alternative: Approximation by Dirac measures [Bredies/Pikkarainen '10,  
Casas/C/Kunisch '11]

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**Existence:**  $(OS_c)$  optimality conditions for minimizer of

$$\min_{u \in L^2(\omega_c)} \frac{1}{2} \|S_\omega u - z\|_{L^2(\omega_o)}^2 + \alpha \|u\|_{L^1(\omega_c)} + \frac{1}{2c} \|u\|_{L^2(\omega_c)}^2$$

**Uniqueness:** Strict convexity due to  $\|u\|_{L^2(\omega_c)}^2$

# Convergence

## Theorem

Let  $(u_c, p_c) \in L^2(\omega_c) \times W^{1,q'}(\omega_c)$  be a solution of  $(OS_c)$  for  $c > 0$ , then we have as  $c \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\begin{aligned} u_c &\rightharpoonup^* u^* \quad \text{in } \mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c) \\ p_c &\rightarrow p^* \quad \text{in } \mathcal{C}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c) \end{aligned}$$

(subsequently) to solution  $(u^*, p^*) \in \mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c) \times \mathcal{C}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)$  of  $(OS)$ .

~~~ Continuation strategy for  $c \rightarrow \infty$

# Non-negative controls

## Regularized optimality system

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# Semi-smooth Newton method

Consider (OS<sub>c</sub>) as  $F(u_c) = 0$  for  $F : L^2(\omega_c) \rightarrow L^2(\omega_c)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F(u) = & u + c \max(0, S_\omega^*(S_\omega u - z) - \alpha) \\ & + c \min(0, S_\omega^*(S_\omega u - z) + \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

$S_\omega^* : L^2(\omega_o) \rightarrow W_0^{1,q'}(\Omega)$   $\Rightarrow$   $F$  semi-smooth, chain rule:

## Newton derivative

$$D_N F(u) \delta u = \delta u + c \chi_{\{|S_\omega^*(S_\omega u - z)| > \alpha\}} (S_\omega^* S_\omega \delta u)$$

$$(\chi_{\{|p| > \alpha\}}(x) = 1 \text{ if } |p(x)| > \alpha, \text{ else } 0)$$

# Semi-smooth Newton method

## Semi-smooth Newton step

$$D_N F(u^k) \delta u = -F(u^k), \quad u^{k+1} = u^k + \delta u$$

~~~ Solve by Krylov method

## Theorem

For any  $\alpha, c > 0$ , the semi-smooth Newton method converges locally superlinearly.

(“Globalization” by continuation strategy for  $c$ )

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~ $\rightsquigarrow$  Semi-smooth Newton step

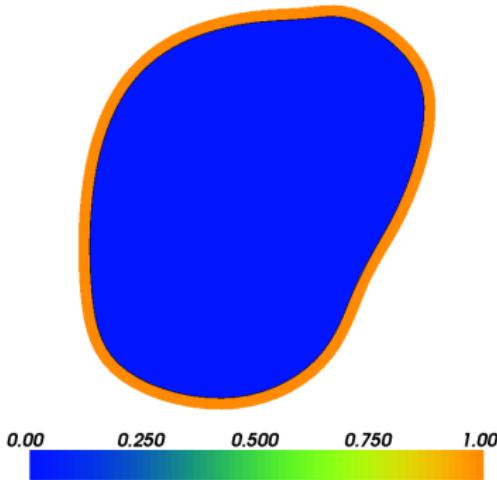
$$\begin{aligned} \delta u + c \chi_{\{S_\omega^*(S_\omega u^k - z) < -\alpha\}} (S_\omega^* S_\omega \delta u) \\ = -u^k - c \min(0, S_\omega^*(S_\omega u - z) + \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

# Model problem

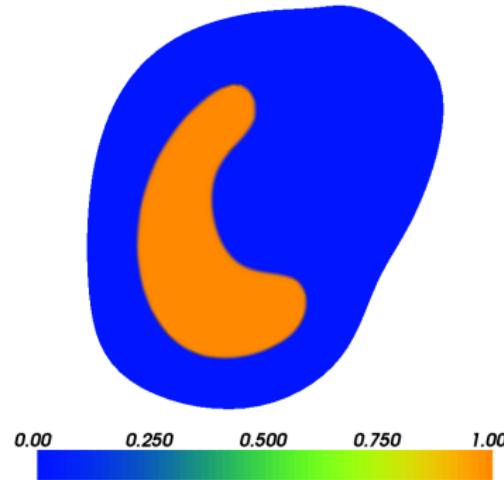
$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{y,u \geq 0} \frac{1}{2} \|y - z\|_{L^2(\omega_0)}^2 + \alpha \|u\|_{\mathcal{M}_\Gamma(\bar{\omega}_c)} \\ \text{s.t. } & \begin{cases} -\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2(\mu_a + \mu_s)} \nabla y \right) + \mu_s y = \chi_{\omega_c} u & \text{on } \Omega, \\ \frac{1}{2(\mu_a + \mu_s)} \partial_\nu y + \rho y = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

- describes diffusive light transport (e.g., in photochemotherapy)
- $\mu_a$  absorption coefficient,  $\mu_s$  scattering coefficient,  
 $\rho$  reflection coefficient
- homogeneous illumination:  $z \equiv 1$
- Finite element discretization (FEniCS)  
( $u$  piecewise constant,  $y$  piecewise linear)

# Example: Geometry

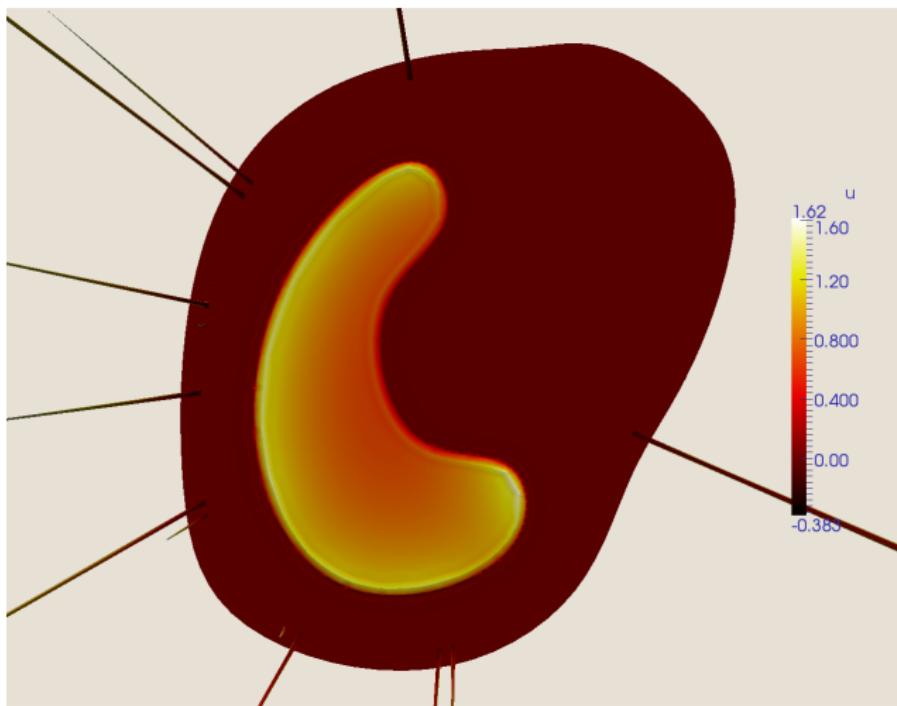


(a) control domain  $\omega_c$

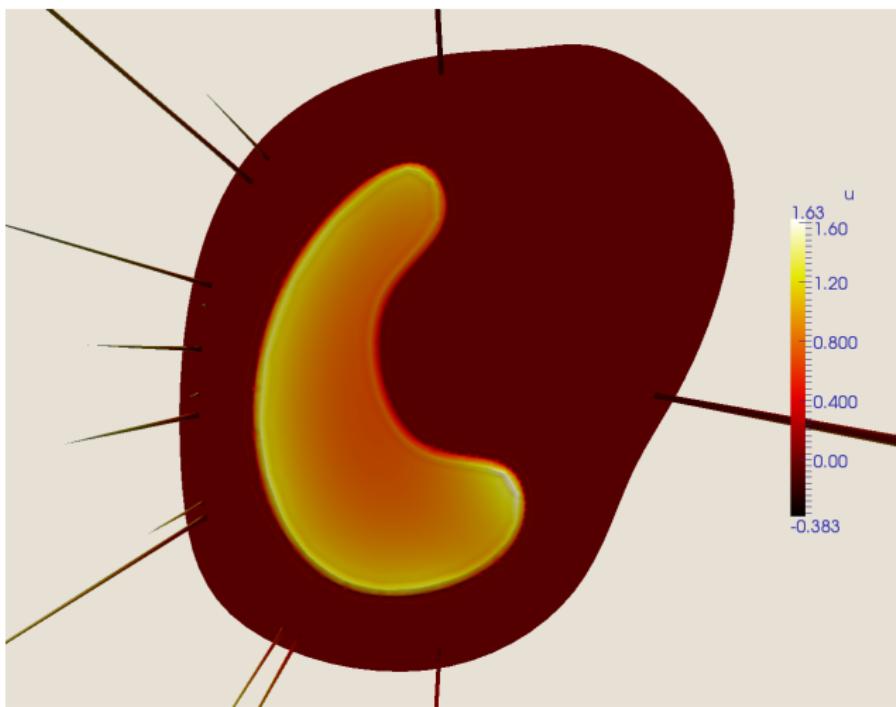


(b) observation domain  $\omega_o$

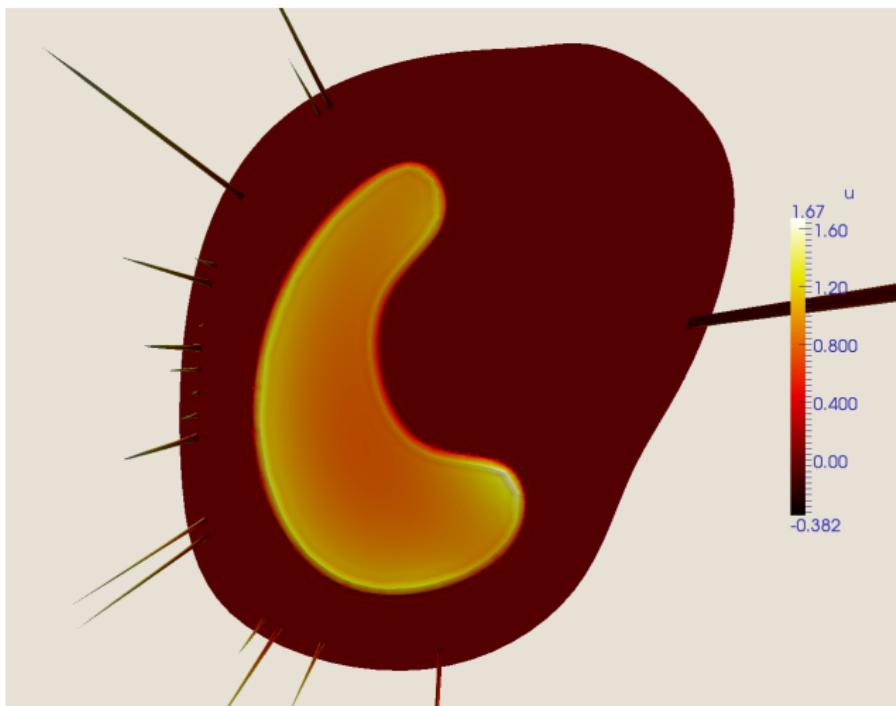
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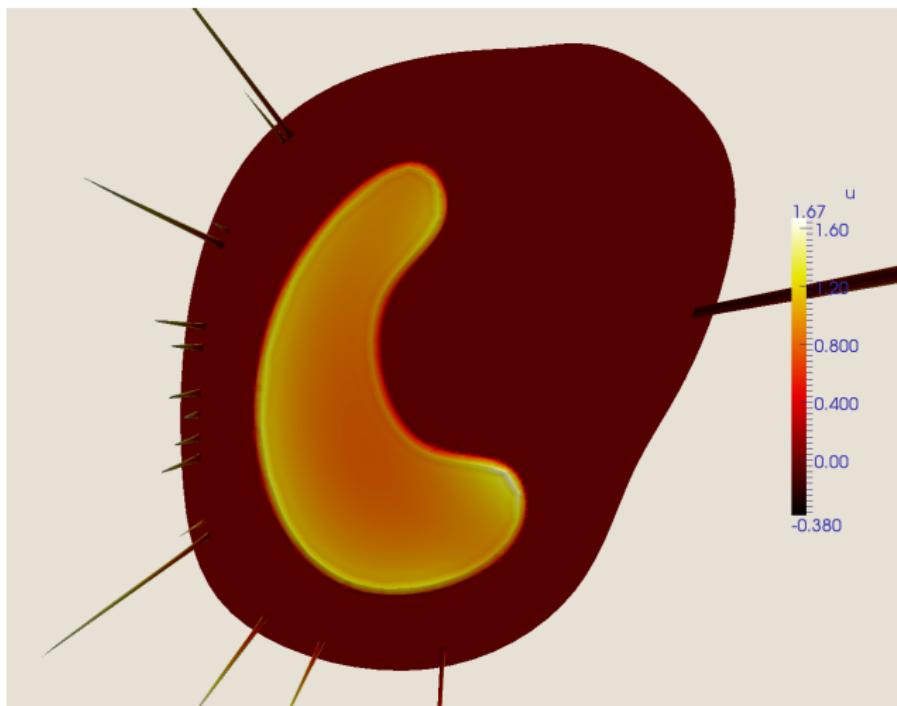
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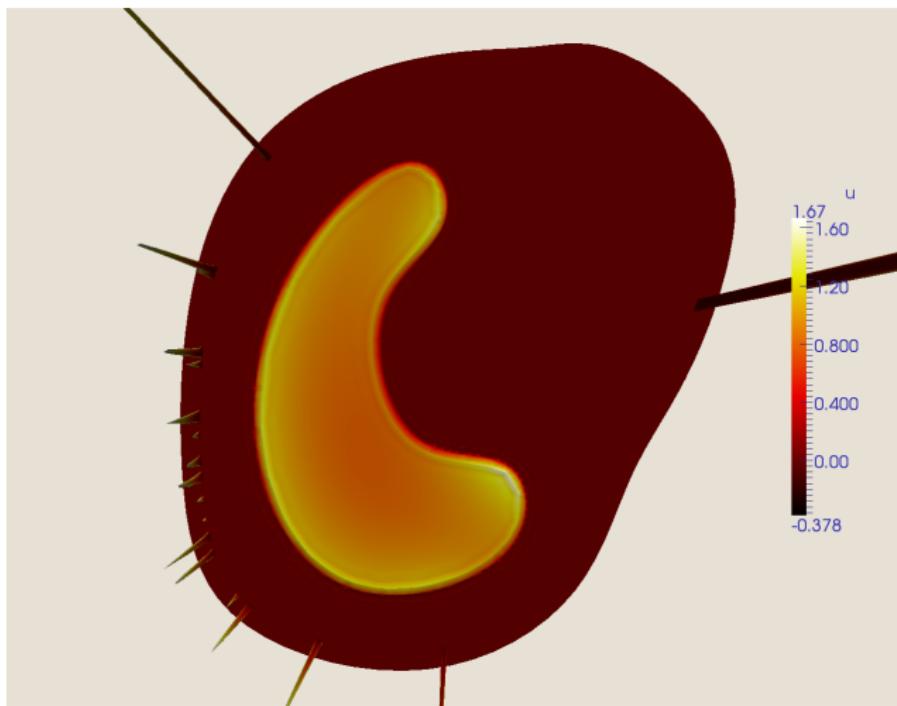
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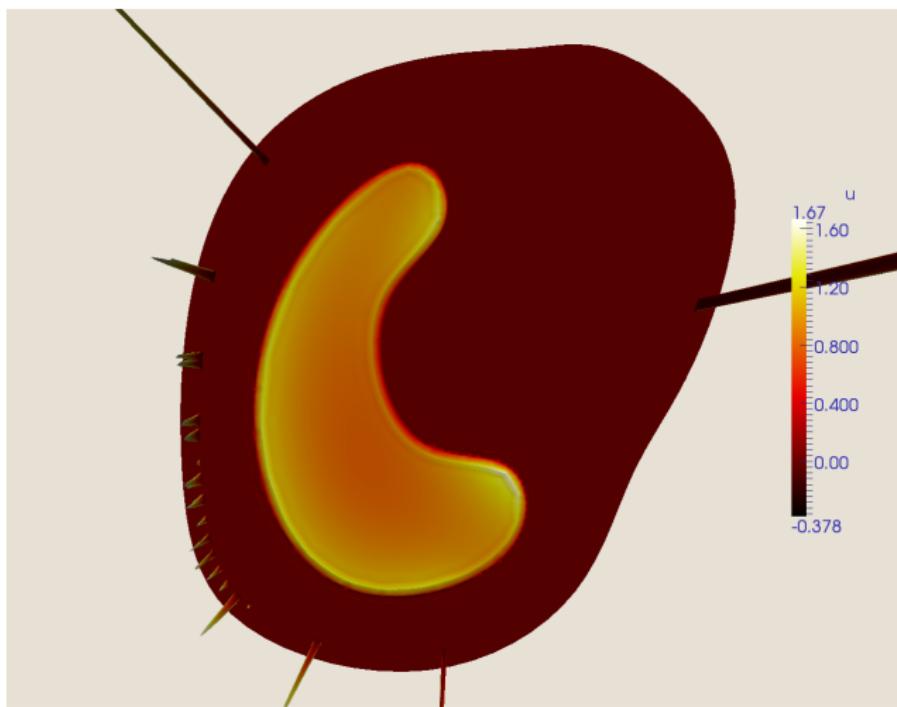
**Example:**  $\alpha = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$



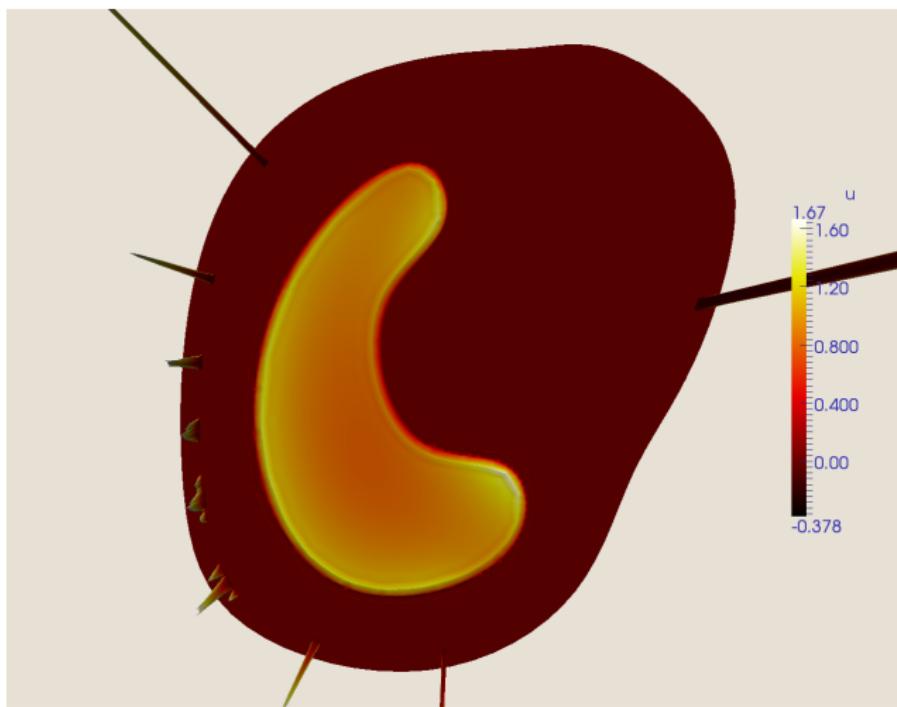
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# Application to source placement

Measure space approach assumes

- Point sources
- Linear control costs

Not necessarily true in applications

~~~ decouple optimization of **location** and **magnitude** (“debiasing”)

# Application to source placement

Debiasing comparison:

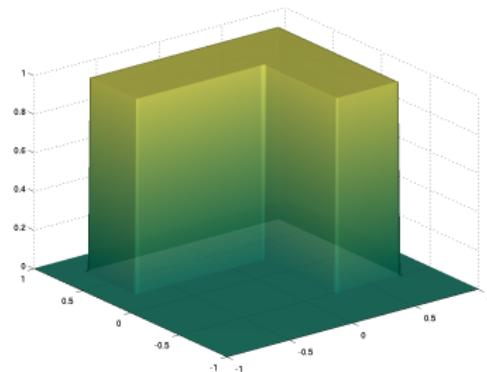
- 1 Solve measure space problem for large  $\alpha$  (strong localization)
- 2 Select dominant “peaks”, surrounding patches  $\omega_i$
- 3 Solve

$$\begin{cases} \min_{u \in \mathbb{R}^m} \frac{1}{2} \|y - z\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2 + \frac{\beta}{2} |u|_2^2, \\ -\Delta y = \sum_{i=1}^m \chi_{\omega_i} u_i, \quad y|_\Gamma = 0 \end{cases}$$

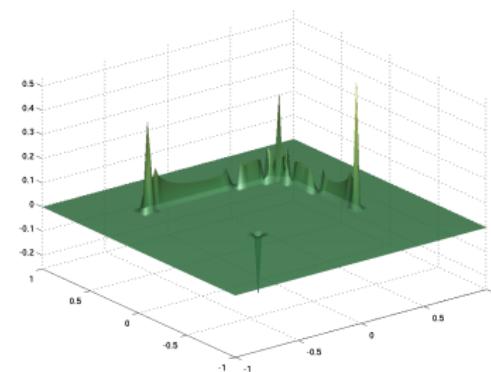
$\beta$  chosen such that  $|u^*|_2 \approx M$  (given)

- 4 Repeat for heuristic patches (same area), same  $M$
- 5 Compare tracking error  $\|y^* - z\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$

# Source placement: Geometry

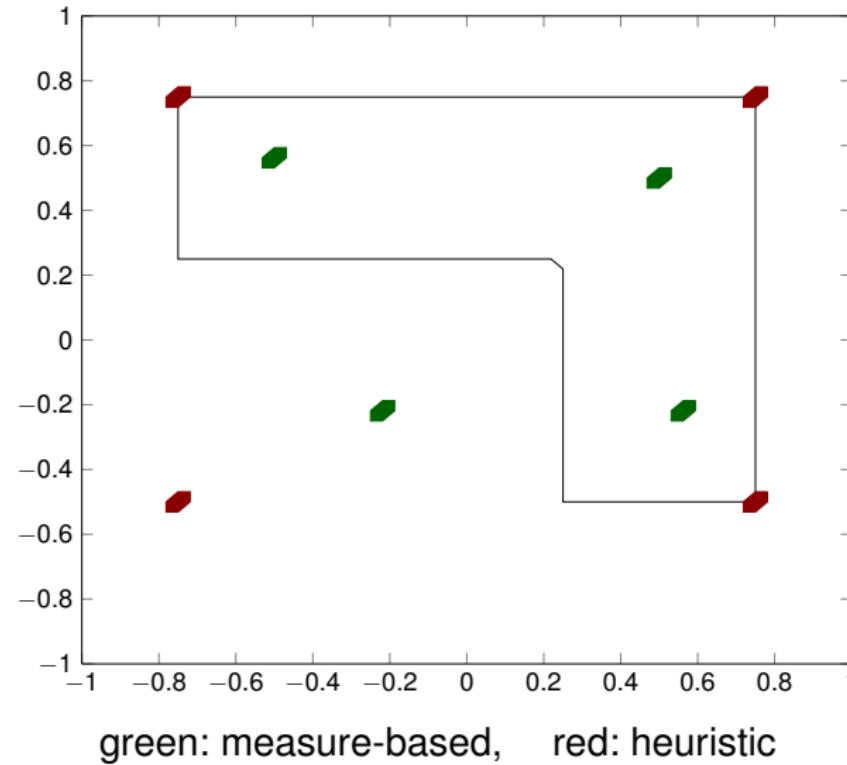


(a) target  $z$

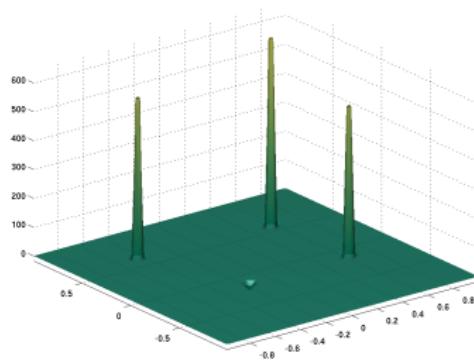


(b) sparse control

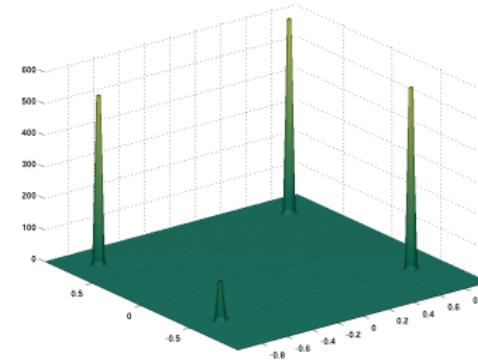
# Source placement: Control patches



# Source placement: Optimal controls



(a) measure-based  
(tracking error 0.44843)



(b) heuristic  
(tracking error 0.86210)

# Conclusion

## Outlook:

- Application to source placement optimization in photochemotherapy
- Nonlinear problems (approach is extendable)
- Long-term goal: Optimal experiment design in diffusive optical tomography

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## Preprint, MATLAB code:

<http://www.uni-graz.at/~clason/publications.html>