

# A Multi-Resolution Approach for *BCS*-Based Imaging of Sparse Scatterers

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## Abstract

In this work, a novel Bayesian compressive sensing (*BCS*)-based microwave imaging method is proposed. The developed technique suitably combines the regularization properties of *CS* techniques with those of the iterative multi-scale approach (*IMSA*), in order to exploit the progressively acquired information on the scatterer location and size and improve the overall accuracy of the retrieved images. Toward this end, an innovative information-driven relevance vector machine (*RVM*) has been developed. Some preliminary results are shown to verify the effectiveness of the proposed *IMSA-BCS* strategy.

# 1 Mathematical Formulation

Let us consider an inaccessible investigation domain  $\Lambda$  irradiated by a set of incident transverse-magnetic planes  $E_{inc}^v(\mathbf{r}^v)$ ,  $v = 1, \dots, V$ , impinging from the angular directions  $\theta^v = \frac{2\pi}{V}(v-1)$ , being  $V$  the number of views.

In this working scenario, the scattered field  $E_{scatt}^v(\mathbf{r}_s^v)$ ,  $s = 1, \dots, S$ , is supposed to be measured through a set of  $S$  sensors equally displaced on a circular observation domain  $\Theta$ , external to the investigation domain ( $\Lambda \cap \Theta = \emptyset$ ), having radius  $\rho$ . The exact location of the sensors are identified by the position vector  $\mathbf{r}_s^v = (\rho \cos \theta_s^v \sin \theta^v)$ , being  $\theta_s^v = \theta^v + \frac{2\pi}{S}(s-1)$ .

This scattered field is known to be dependent on the equivalent currents  $J_{eq}^v(\mathbf{r})$  generated in the support of the unknown scatterers placed into the domain  $\Lambda$ , according to the *data equation*

$$E_{scatt}^v(\mathbf{r}_s^v) = -k_0^2 \int_{\Lambda} J_{eq}^v(\mathbf{r}') G(\mathbf{r}_s^v/\mathbf{r}') \quad (1)$$

where  $G(\mathbf{r}_s^v/\mathbf{r}')$  is the Green's function in the free space and  $k_0 = \omega \sqrt{\varepsilon_0 \mu_0}$ . The material properties of the investigation domain  $\Lambda$  in terms of relative dielectric permittivity  $\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r})$  and electric conductivity  $\sigma(\mathbf{r})$  are described by means of the object function

$$\tau(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) - \varepsilon_0 - \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{r})}{2\pi f \varepsilon_0} \quad (2)$$

$f$  being the frequency of the TM plane wave.

In order to numerically deal with (1), the investigation domain is discretized into  $N$  sub-domains (cells), providing the matrix form of

$$\mathbf{E}^v = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{J}_{eq}^v + \mathbf{N}^v \quad (3)$$

$\mathbf{G}$  being the Green's matrix and  $\mathbf{N}^v$  a zero mean additive Gaussian noise vector of variance  $\sigma^2$ . The dielectric features of the  $N$  sub-domains described through the discretized form of the object function  $\tau$  are then retrieved through the following iterative strategy which combines a multi-resolution approach and the *BCS* method, aimed to maximize the a-posteriori probability of the equivalent sources given the scattered field as:

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}}_{eq}^v = \arg \left\{ \max [\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{J}_{eq}^v | \mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v)] \right\}, \quad v = 1, \dots, V \quad (4)$$

More in detail, the algorithms works as follows:

1. *Initialization*: Definition of input parameters of the *BCS* problem, namely the initial estimation of the noise on the scattered data,  $\sigma_{init}^2$ , the convergence parameter,  $\gamma$ , and the parameter related to the stopping criterion of the *IMSA*,  $\chi$ . Set the region of interest equal to the whole domain  $\mathcal{D}^{(1)} = \Lambda$ ;
2. *BCS inversion via "Constrained-RVM"*:
  - (a) increase of the iteration index:  $i = i + 1$ ;
  - (b) solution of the *BCS* problem within the Region of Interest (*RoI*)  $\mathcal{D}^{(i-1)}$  defined at the  $(i-1)$ -th step,

by maximizing the following cost function:

$$\ell(\mathbf{a}^v) = -0.5 \left[ 2S \log(2\pi) + \log(\mathbf{C}) + (\mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v)^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v) \right], \quad v = 1, \dots, V \quad (5)$$

where  $\mathbf{C} = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{G} [\text{diag}(\mathbf{a}^v)]^{-1} \mathbf{G}^T$  and being  $\mathbf{a}^v$  the hyperparameter vector whose entries corresponding to the cells out of the *RoI*  $\mathcal{D}^{(i-1)}$  are forced to  $\infty$ ;

### 3. *Equivalent Current Retrieval:*

Computation of the equivalent currents starting from the hyperparameter vector  $\mathbf{a}^v$  according to:

$$\mathbf{J}_{eq}^v = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G}}{\sigma^2} \text{diag}(\mathbf{a}^v) \right]^{-1} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v, \quad v = 1, \dots, V \quad (6)$$

### 4. *Features' Retrieval:*

Reconstruction of the material properties of the investigation domain taking advantage from the first order Born approximation through

$$\tau(\mathbf{r}_n^{(i)}) = \frac{1}{V} \sum \frac{\mathbf{J}_{eq}^v(\mathbf{r}_n^{(i)})}{\mathbf{E}_{inc}^v(\mathbf{r}_n^{(i)})}, \quad n = 1, \dots, N \quad (7)$$

being  $\mathbf{r}_n^{(i)}$  the barycenter of the n-th cell within the *RoI*  $\mathcal{D}^{(i-1)}$ ;

### 5. *Convergence Check:*

Definition of the new *RoI*  $\mathcal{D}^{(i)}$  according to the contrast function distribution and evaluation of the following termination condition:

$$\left( \frac{L^{(i-1)} - L^{(i)}}{L^{(i)}} \right) < \chi \quad (8)$$

being  $L^{(i)}$  the side of the *RoI*  $\mathcal{D}^{(i)}$ . If such a condition is met, then stop the iterative process, otherwise go to step 2.

## 2 Preliminary Numerical Assessment

### 2.1 L-shaped Object, $\ell = 1.5\lambda$

#### Test Case Description

##### Direct solver:

- Side of the investigation domain:  $L = 6.0\lambda$
- Cubic domain divided in  $\sqrt{D} \times \sqrt{D}$  cells
- Number of cells for the direct solver:  $D = 1600$  (discretization =  $\lambda/10$ )

##### Investigation domain:

- Cubic domain divided in  $\sqrt{N} \times \sqrt{N}$  cells
- Number of cells for the inversion:
  - First Step IMSA:  $N^{(1)} = 100$  (discretization =  $\lambda/10$ )
  - Following Steps IMSA:  $N^{(i)}$  not fixed, defined according to the estimated  $RoI \mathcal{D}^{(i)}$

##### Measurement domain:

- Total number of measurements:  $M = 60$
- Measurement points placed on circles of radius  $\rho = 4.5\lambda$

##### Sources:

- Plane waves
- Number of views:  $V = 60$ ;  $\theta_{inc}^v = 0^\circ + (v - 1) \times (360/V)$
- Amplitude:  $A = 1.0$
- Frequency:  $F = 300$  MHz ( $\lambda = 1$ )

##### Background:

- $\varepsilon_r = 1.0$
- $\sigma = 0$  [S/m]

##### Scatterer

- L-shaped object,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r \in \{1.01, 1.02, 1.04, 1.05, 1.06, 1.08, 1.10, 1.15, 1.20\}$
- $\sigma = 0$  [S/m]

2.1.1 L-shaped Object,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.02$  - IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles

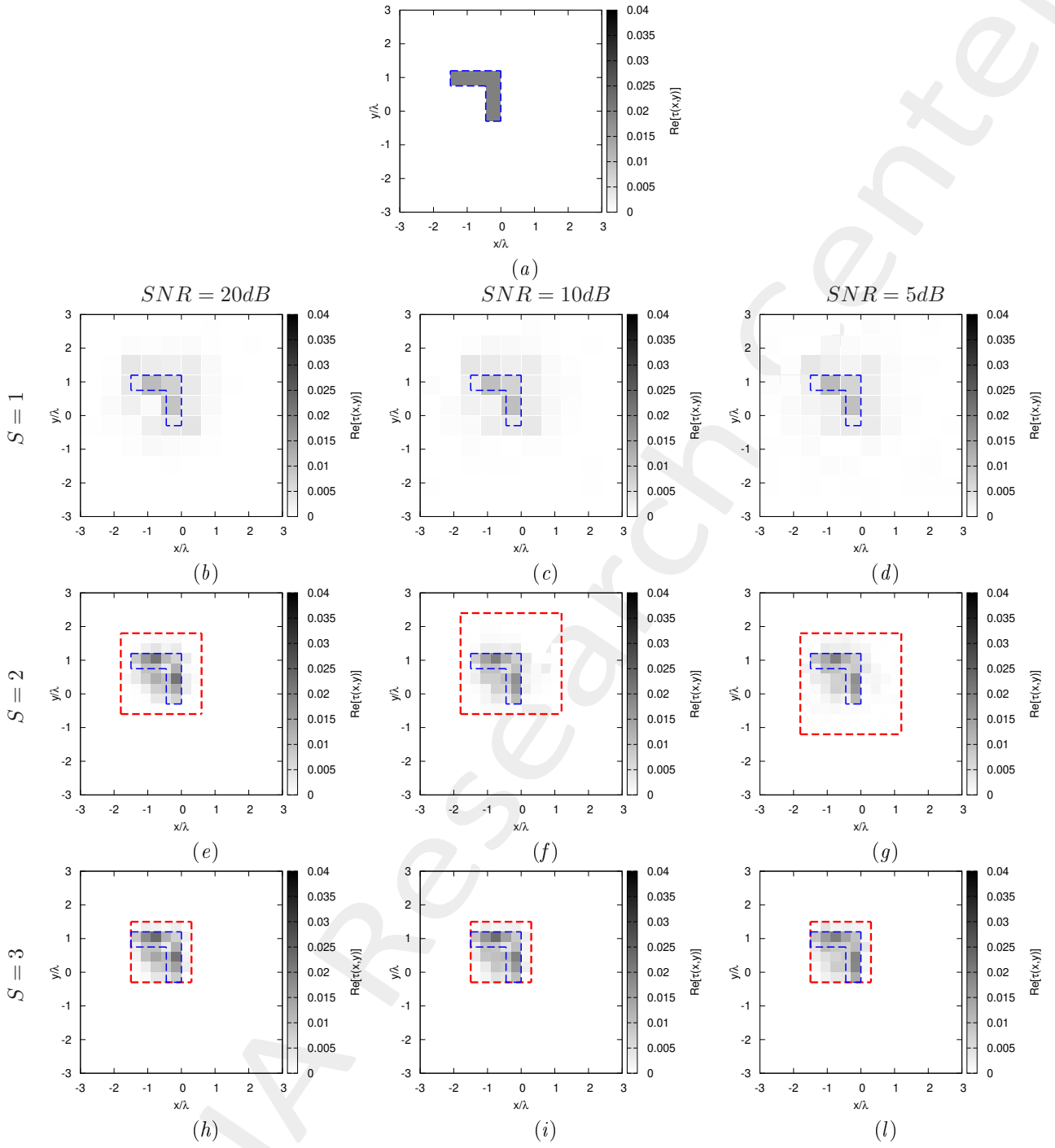


Figure 1: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.02$  - (a) Actual profile and (b)-(o) IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles for (b)(e)(h)  $SNR = 20$  [dB], (c)(f)(i)  $SNR = 10$  [dB] and (d)(g)(l)  $SNR = 5$  [dB] at the step (b)-(d)  $S = 1$ , (e)-(g)  $S = 2$ , and (h)-(l)  $S = 3$ .

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$9.01 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.09 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.64 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.64 \times 10^{-4}$
$\xi_{int}$	$1.20 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.97 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$5.30 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.29 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.39 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.39 \times 10^{-4}$
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$9.09 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.21 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.85 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.72 \times 10^{-4}$
$\xi_{int}$	$1.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.18 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.73 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$5.34 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.35 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.13 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.47 \times 10^{-4}$
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$9.38 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.18 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.69 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.42 \times 10^{-4}$
$\xi_{int}$	$1.22 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.26 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$5.56 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.42 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.12 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.24 \times 10^{-4}$
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$9.73 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.31 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.34 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.34 \times 10^{-4}$
$\xi_{int}$	$1.22 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.84 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.44 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.44 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$5.85 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.01 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.01 \times 10^{-4}$

Table I: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.02$  - Reconstruction errors: total ( $\xi_{tot}$ ), internal ( $\xi_{int}$ ) and external ( $\xi_{ext}$ ) errors.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.50	1.50	1.50
$N^{(S)}$	100	148	148	148
$Q^{(S)}$	100	64	25	25
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.50	1.50	1.50
$N^{(S)}$	100	148	148	148
$Q^{(S)}$	100	64	36	25
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.50	1.50	1.50
$N^{(S)}$	100	175	175	175
$Q^{(S)}$	100	100	36	25
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	175	175	175
$Q^{(S)}$	100	100	36	36

Table II: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.02$  - Investigation domain parameters: restricted investigation domain size  $L^{(S)}$ , total number of cells  $N^{(S)}$  and number of cells within the restricted domain size  $Q^{(S)}$ .

2.1.2 L-shaped Object,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.05$  - IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles

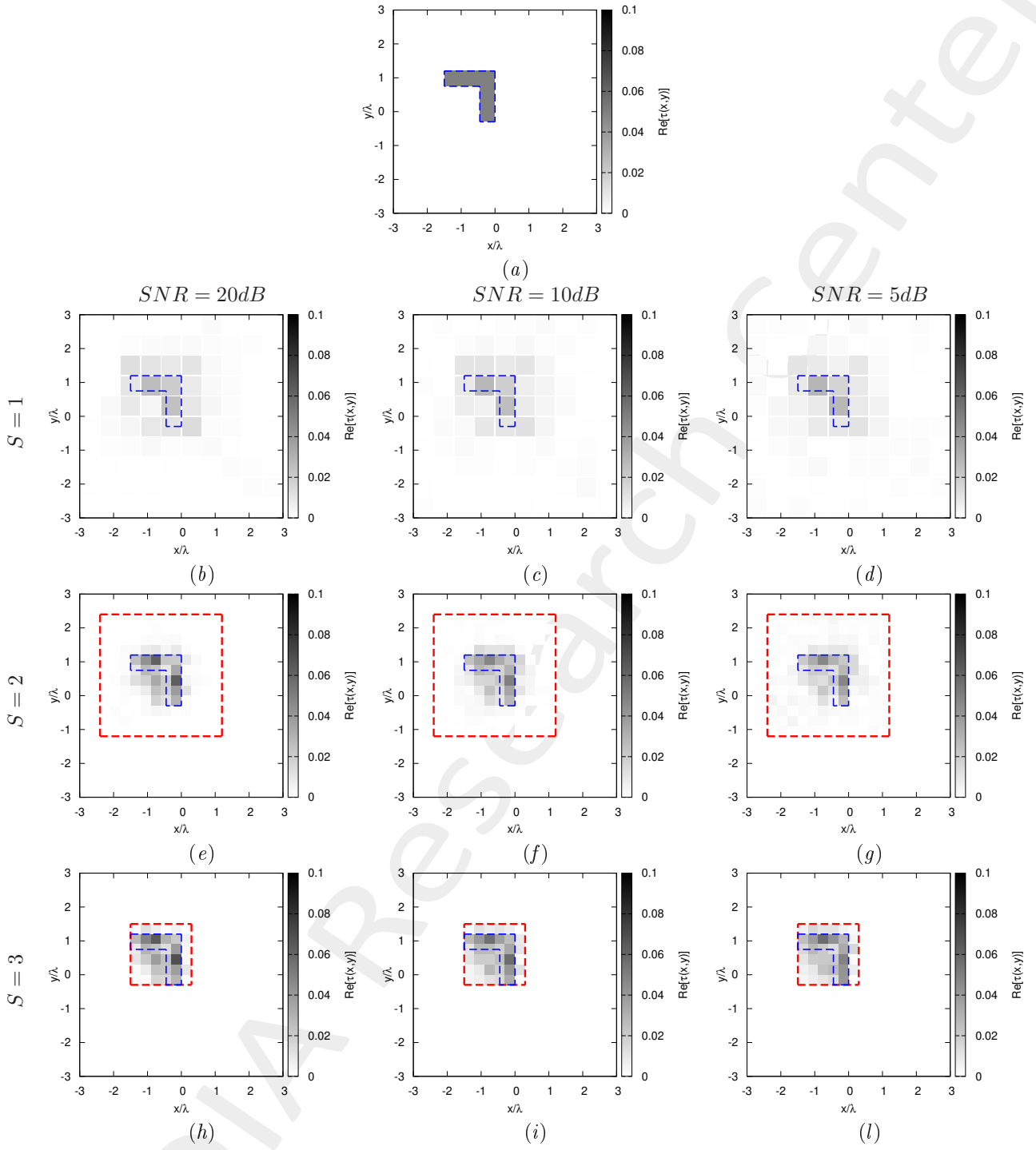


Figure 2: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.05$  - (a) Actual profile and (b)-(o) IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles for (b)(e)(h)  $SNR = 20$  [dB], (c)(f)(i)  $SNR = 10$  [dB] and (d)(g)(l)  $SNR = 5$  [dB] at the step (b)-(d)  $S = 1$ , (e)-(g)  $S = 2$ , and (h)-(l)  $S = 3$ .

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$2.75 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.31 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.23 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.23 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$2.82 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.99 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.99 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$1.87 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.78 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.12 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.12 \times 10^{-4}$
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$2.77 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.23 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.23 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$2.84 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.14 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.98 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.98 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$1.86 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.21 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.17 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.17 \times 10^{-4}$
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$2.81 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.47 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$2.83 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.98 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$1.87 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.23 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.50 \times 10^{-4}$
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$2.93 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.67 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$2.82 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.20 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.66 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.66 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$1.98 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.33 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.73 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.73 \times 10^{-4}$

Table III: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.05$  - Reconstruction errors: total ( $\xi_{tot}$ ), internal ( $\xi_{int}$ ) and external ( $\xi_{ext}$ ) errors.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36

Table IV: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.05$  - Investigation domain parameters: restricted investigation domain size  $L^{(S)}$ , total number of cells  $N^{(S)}$  and number of cells within the restricted domain size  $Q^{(S)}$ .



### 2.1.3 L-shaped Object, $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ , $\tau = 0.10$ - IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles

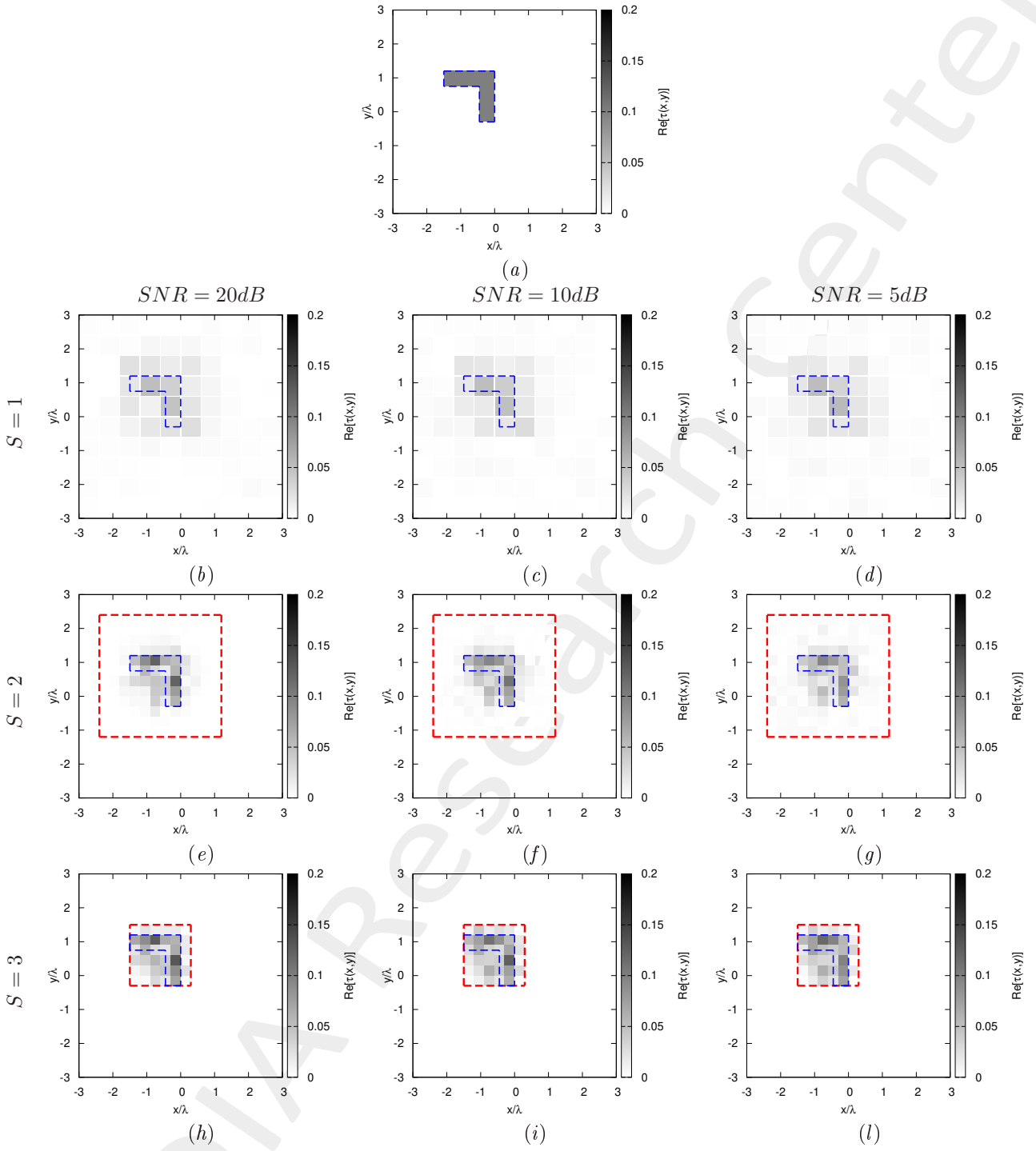


Figure 3: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.10$  - (a) Actual profile and (b)-(o) IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles for (b)(e)(h)  $SNR = 20$  [dB], (c)(f)(i)  $SNR = 10$  [dB] and (d)(g)(l)  $SNR = 5$  [dB] at the step (b)-(d)  $S = 1$ , (e)-(g)  $S = 2$ , and (h)-(l)  $S = 3$ .

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$5.91 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.63 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.36 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.36 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$5.53 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.67 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.50 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.50 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$4.05 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.40 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.21 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.21 \times 10^{-3}$
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$5.89 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.42 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.42 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$5.55 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.99 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.57 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.57 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$4.03 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.51 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.25 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.25 \times 10^{-3}$
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$5.97 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.91 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.55 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.55 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$5.49 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.67 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.55 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.55 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$4.06 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.64 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-3}$
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$6.34 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.91 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.47 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.47 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$5.49 \times 10^{-2}$	$NaN \times 10^{-a}$	$3.22 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.22 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$4.22 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.66 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.36 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.36 \times 10^{-3}$

Table V: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.10$  - Reconstruction errors: total ( $\xi_{tot}$ ), internal ( $\xi_{int}$ ) and external ( $\xi_{ext}$ ) errors.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36

Table VI: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.10$  - Investigation domain parameters: restricted investigation domain size  $L^{(S)}$ , total number of cells  $N^{(S)}$  and number of cells within the restricted domain size  $Q^{(S)}$ .

2.1.4 L-shaped Object,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.15$  - IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles

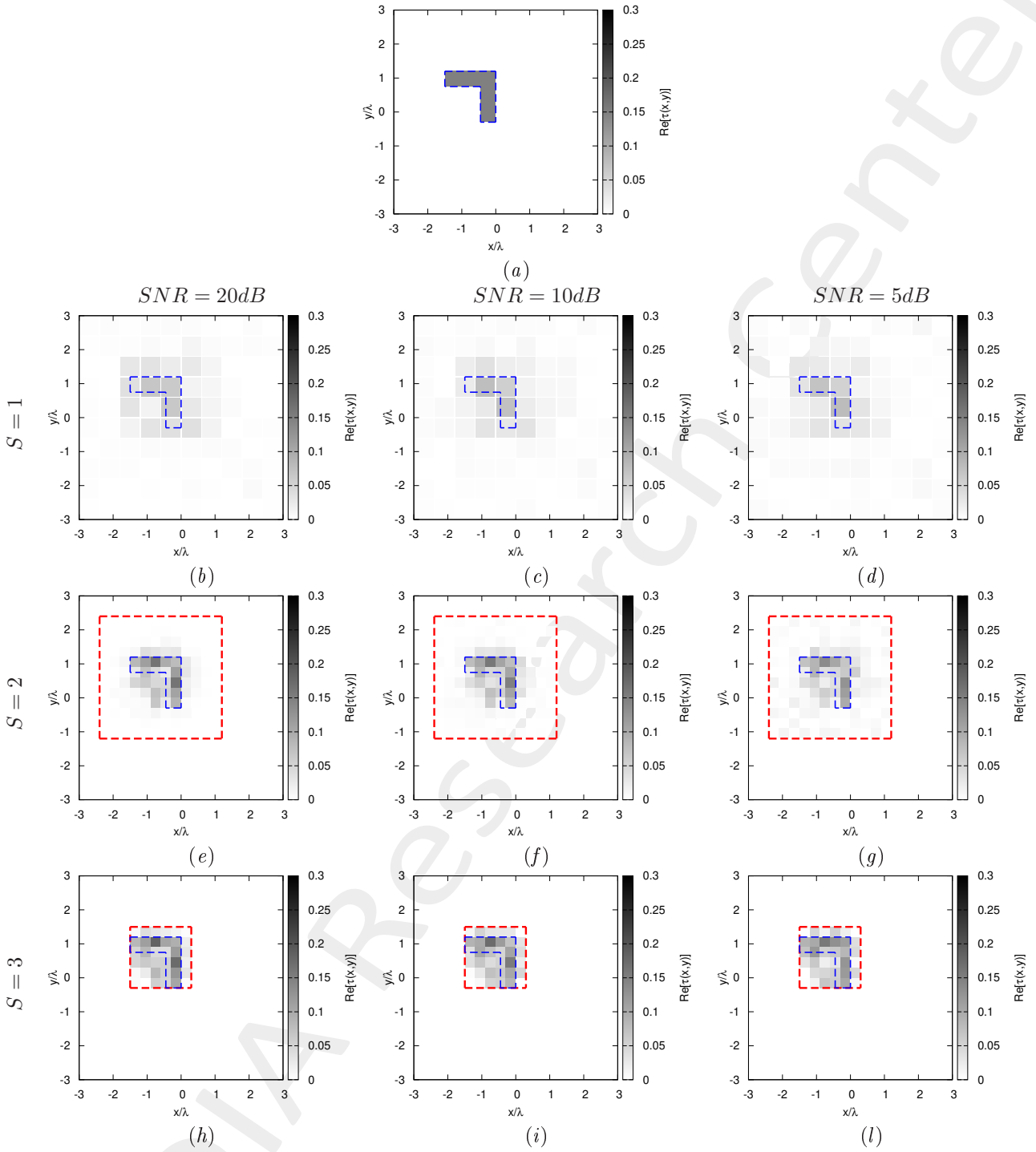


Figure 4: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.15$  - (a) Actual profile and (b)-(o) IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles for (b)(e)(h) SNR = 20 [dB], (c)(f)(i) SNR = 10 [dB] and (d)(g)(l) SNR = 5 [dB] at the step (b)-(d)  $S = 1$ , (e)-(g)  $S = 2$ , and (h)-(l)  $S = 3$ .

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$8.88 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.04 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.48 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.48 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$8.11 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.20 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.62 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.62 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$6.00 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.17 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.79 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.79 \times 10^{-3}$
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$8.92 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.26 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.69 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.69 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$8.01 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.46 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.97 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.97 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$5.97 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.33 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.92 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.92 \times 10^{-3}$
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$9.16 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.68 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.87 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.87 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$8.02 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.41 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.03 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.03 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$6.17 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.59 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.10 \times 10^{-3}$
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.50 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.85 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$7.92 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.05 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.50 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.50 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$6.81 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.12 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.06 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.06 \times 10^{-3}$

Table VII: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.10$  - Reconstruction errors: total ( $\xi_{tot}$ ), internal ( $\xi_{int}$ ) and external ( $\xi_{ext}$ ) errors.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36

Table VIII: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.15$  - Investigation domain parameters: restricted investigation domain size  $L^{(S)}$ , total number of cells  $N^{(S)}$  and number of cells within the restricted domain size  $Q^{(S)}$ .

2.1.5 L-shaped Object,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.20$  - IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles

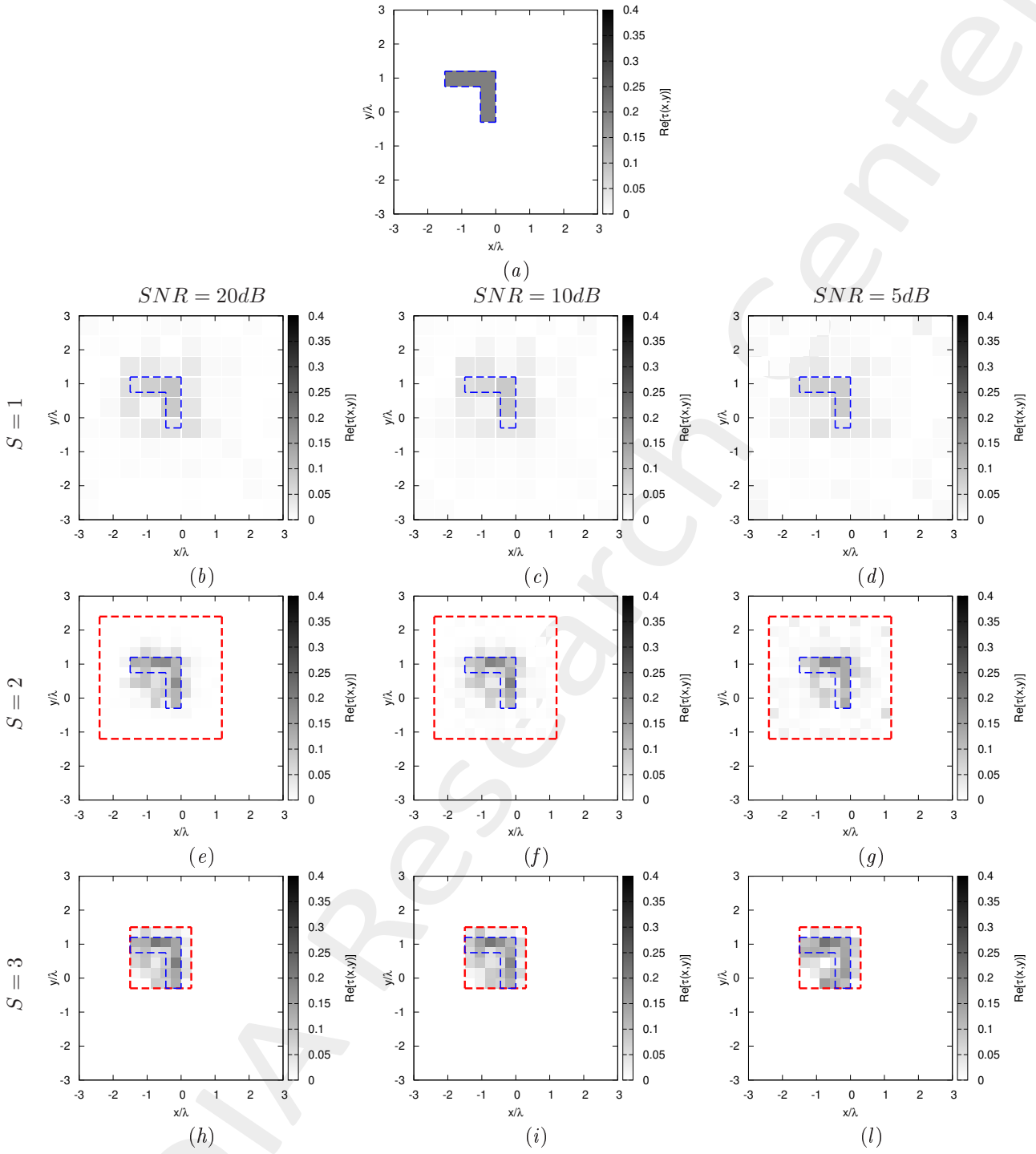


Figure 5: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.20$  - (a) Actual profile and (b)-(o) IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles for (b)(e)(h)  $SNR = 20$  [dB], (c)(f)(i)  $SNR = 10$  [dB] and (d)(g)(l)  $SNR = 5$  [dB] at the step (b)-(d)  $S = 1$ , (e)-(g)  $S = 2$ , and (h)-(l)  $S = 3$ .

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$1.21 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.02 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.90 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.90 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-1}$	$7.30 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.81 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.81 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$8.04 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.23 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.58 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.58 \times 10^{-3}$
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.81 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.83 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.83 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$1.03 \times 10^{-1}$	$6.95 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.87 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.87 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$7.98 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.13 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.51 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.51 \times 10^{-3}$
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$1.27 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.40 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.23 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.23 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-1}$	$7.19 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.41 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.41 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$8.49 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.47 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.75 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.75 \times 10^{-3}$
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$\xi_{tot}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.26 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.85 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.85 \times 10^{-3}$
$\xi_{int}$	$1.06 \times 10^{-1}$	$7.72 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.98 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.98 \times 10^{-2}$
$\xi_{ext}$	$9.55 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.70 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.09 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.09 \times 10^{-3}$

Table IX: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.20$  - Reconstruction errors: total ( $\xi_{tot}$ ), internal ( $\xi_{int}$ ) and external ( $\xi_{ext}$ ) errors.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.80	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	36	36

Table X: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.20$  - Investigation domain parameters: restricted investigation domain size  $L^{(S)}$ , total number of cells  $N^{(S)}$  and number of cells within the restricted domain size  $Q^{(S)}$ .

2.1.1.6 L-shaped Object,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.20$  - IMSA-BCS multi-resolution grids

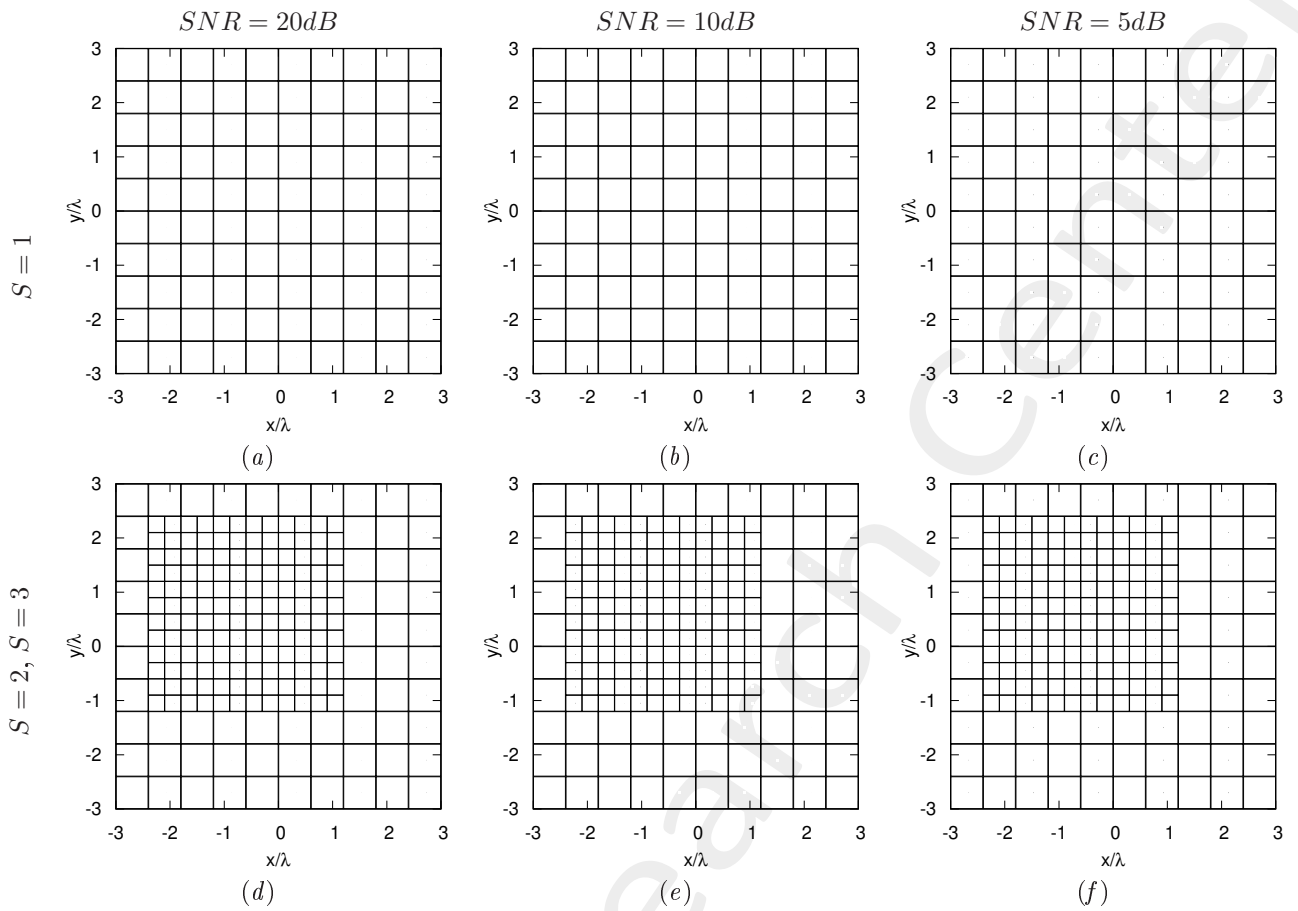


Figure 6: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ ,  $\tau = 0.20$  - Example of IMSA-BCS multi-resolution grids for (a)(d)  $SNR = 20$  [dB], (b)(e)  $SNR = 10$  [dB] and (c)(f)  $SNR = 5$  [dB] at the step (a)-(c)  $S = 1$  and (d)-(f)  $S = 2, 3$ .

2.1.7 L-shaped Object,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$  - Resume: Errors vs.  $\tau$

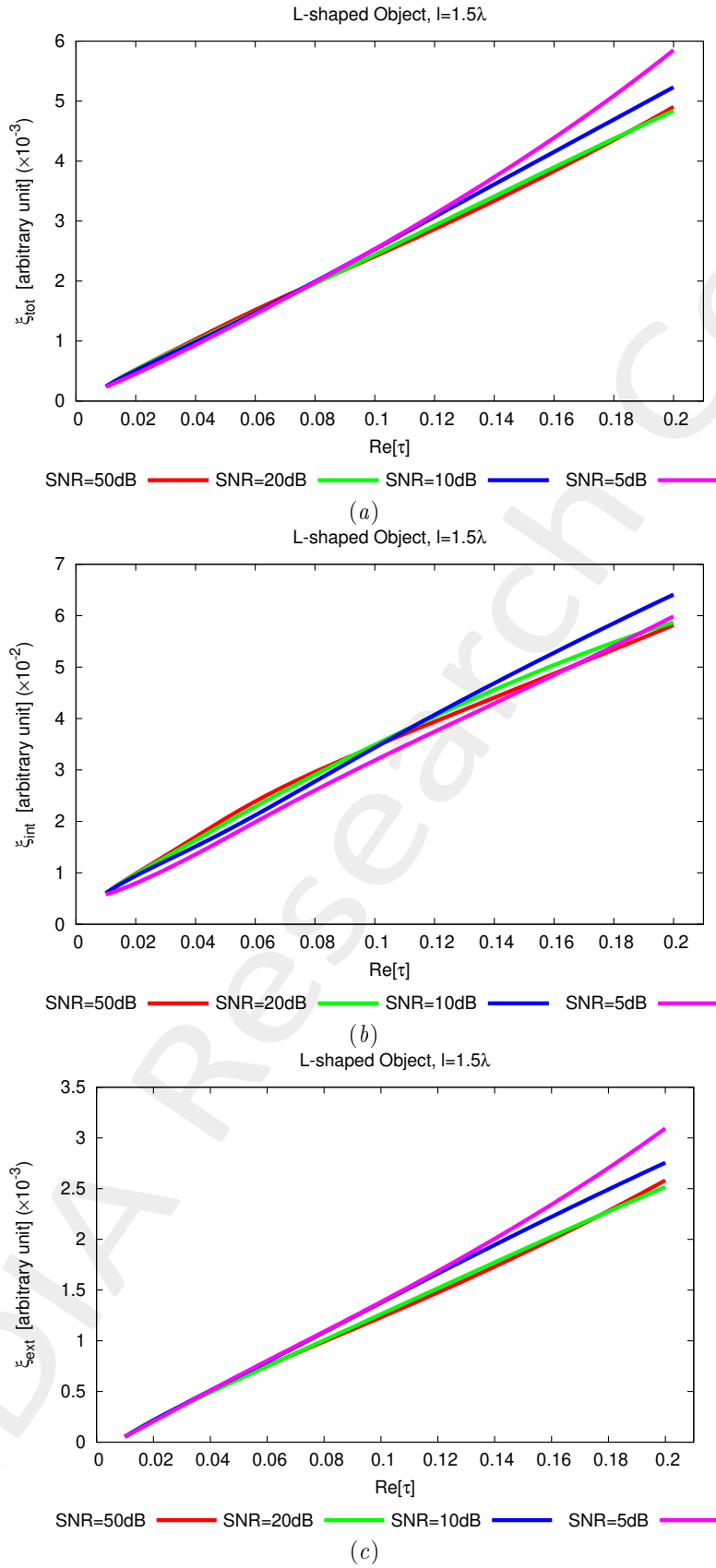


Figure 7: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$  - Reconstruction errors vs.  $\tau$ : (a) total error, (b) internal error and (c) external error.



2.1.8 L-shaped Object,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$  - Resume: Errors vs.  $SNR$

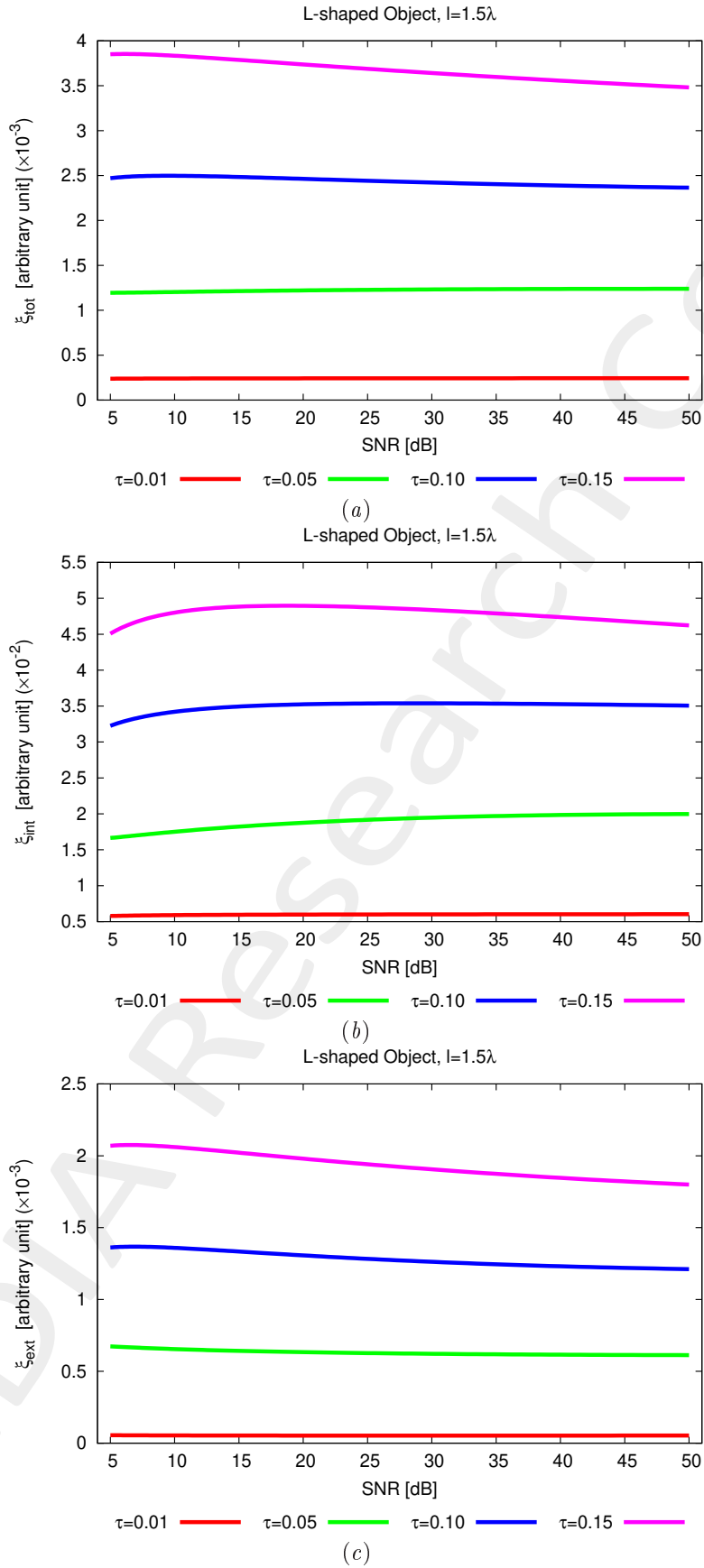


Figure 8: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$  - Reconstruction errors vs.  $SNR$ : (a) total error, (b) internal error and (c) external error.

### 2.1.9 L-shaped Object, $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ - Resume: Errors vs. $IMSA$ step, $S$

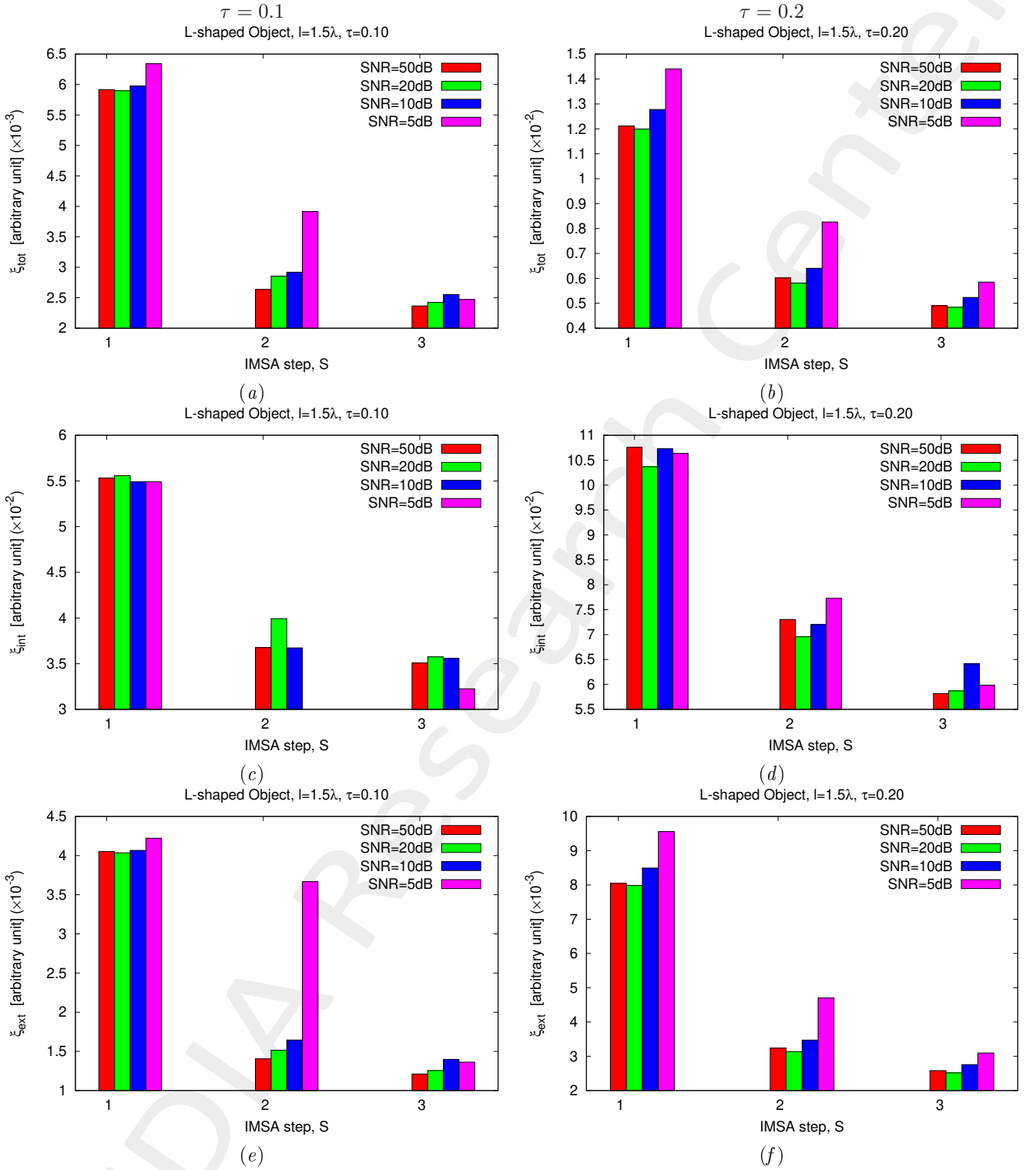


Figure 9:  $L$ -shaped Object,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$  - Reconstruction errors vs.  $IMSA$  step,  $S$ : (a)(b) total error, (c)(d) internal error and (e)(f) external error for (a)(c)(e)  $\tau = 0.1$  and (b)(d)(f)  $\tau = 0.2$ .

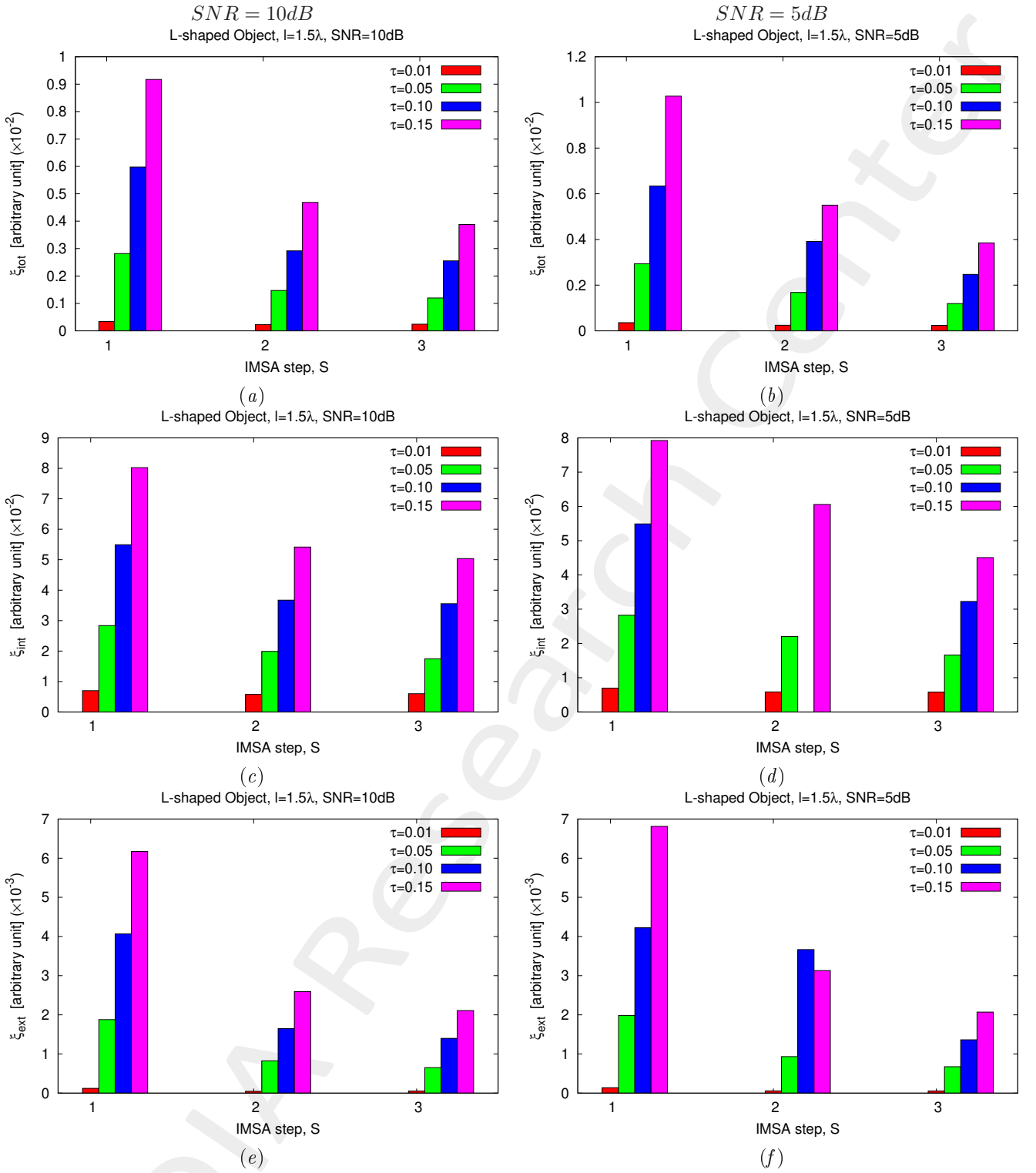


Figure 10: *L-shaped Object*,  $\ell = 1.5\lambda$  - Reconstruction errors vs. *IMSA step*,  $S$ : (a)(b) total error, (c)(d) internal error and (e)(f) external error for (a)(c)(e)  $SNR = 10dB$  and (b)(d)(f)  $SNR = 5dB$ .

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