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# **Compressive Sampling for Scattering Data Collection in Microwave Imaging**

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# 1 Numerical Results, Part #2: Retrieval of Non-Aggregated Pixels

Numerical results, Part #2: Retrieval of the Contrast Profile via  $\ell_1$ -Minimization

## 1.1 $\ell_1$ Parameters Calibration

OBJECTIVE: This Sub-Section is aimed at calibrating the input parameter of the  $\ell_1$ -Magic solver used to solve the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \| \mathbf{J}_{eq}^v \|_1 \\ & \text{subject to } \| \mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v - \mathbf{G} \mathbf{J}_{eq}^v \|_2 \leq \eta \end{aligned} . \quad (1)$$

The parameter  $\eta$  control the matching with the data: since it depends on the number of sampling points  $M$ , an auxiliary parameter  $\gamma_{init}$  will be calibrated. Then, the parameter  $\eta$  will be find according to:

$$\eta = \gamma_{init} \| \mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v \|_2 \quad (2)$$

The data matching parameter is also analyzed in the following, which is defined as

$$\chi = \| \mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v - \mathbf{G} \mathbf{J}_{eq}^v \|_2 \quad (3)$$

### Test Case Description

#### Direct solver:

- Side of the investigation domain:  $L = 3.0\lambda$
- 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:  $N = 324$

#### Measurement domain:

- Total number of measurements:  $M \in [2 : 38]$
- Measurement points placed on circles of radius  $\rho = 3.0\lambda$

#### Sources:

- Plane waves

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- Number of views:  $V = 1$ ;  $\theta_{inc}^v = 0^\circ$
  - Amplitude:  $A = 1.0$
  - Frequency:  $F = 300 \text{ MHz}$  ( $\lambda = 1$ )

**Background:**

- $\epsilon_r = 1.0$
- $\sigma = 0 \text{ [S/m]}$
- Scatterers size/sparsity factor:  $S = 1$

### 1.1.1 Calibration of $\gamma_{init}$ - $S = 1$

#### Original Profile

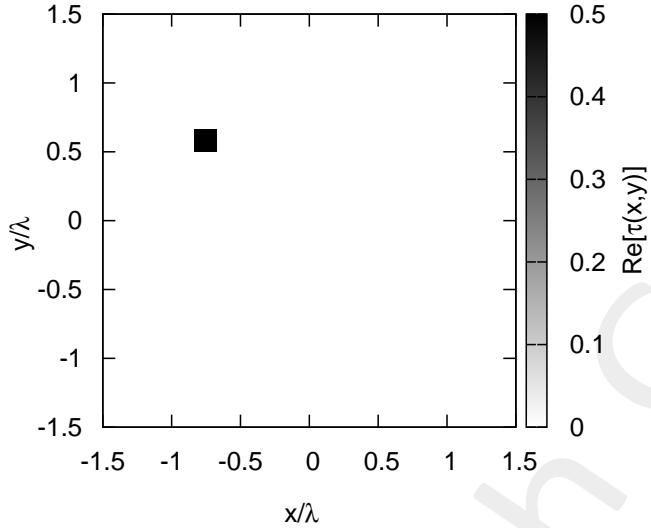


Figure 1: (a) Actual profile.

#### Average Reconstruction Errors vs. $\gamma_{init}$

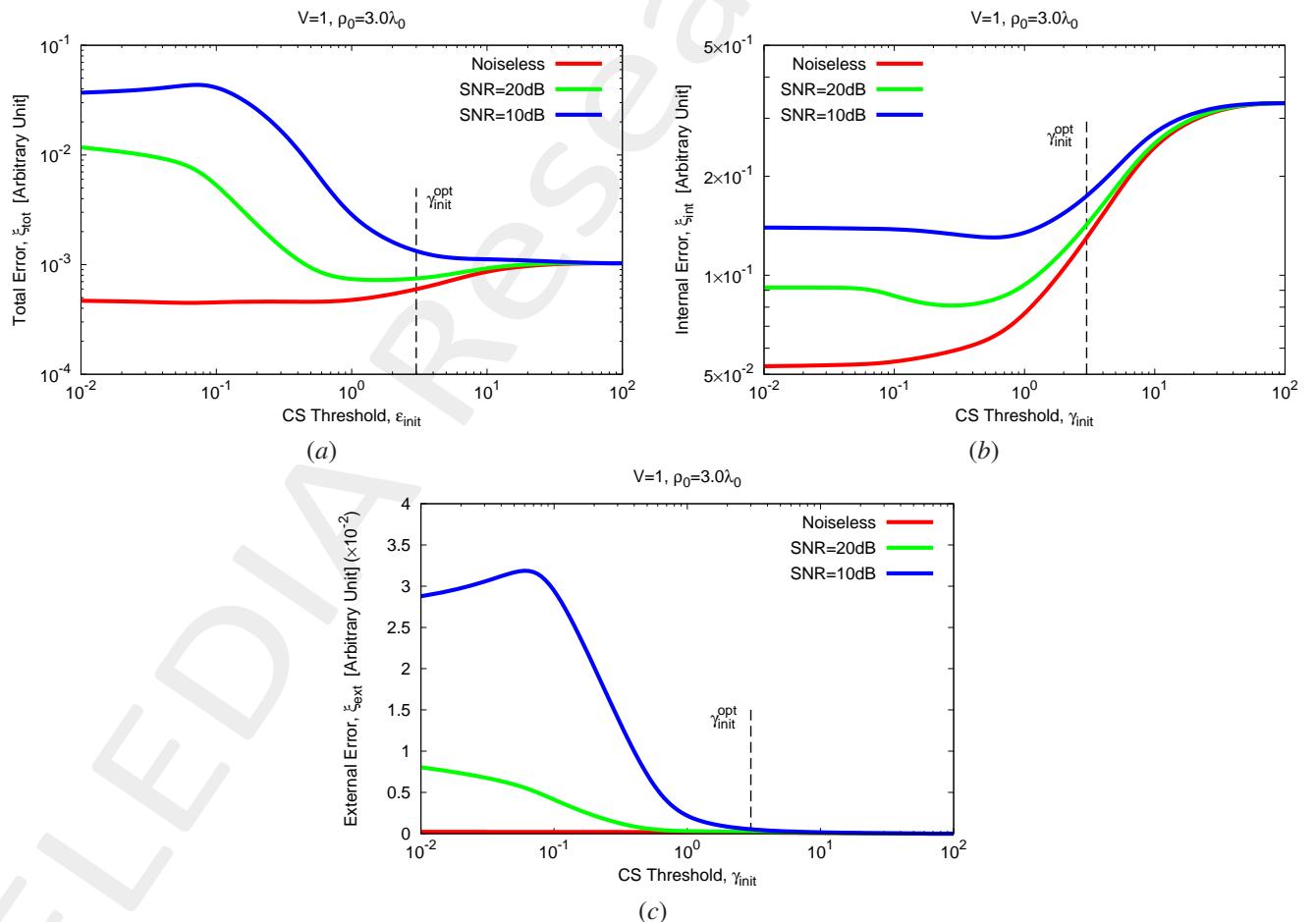


Figure 2: (a) Total, (b) internal and (c) external average reconstruction errors.

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OUTCOMES:

- The optimal parameter  $\gamma_{init}$  has been found to be  $\gamma_{init} = 3.0$  through the calibration process.

## Reconstruction Errors and Data Matching vs. $\gamma_{init}$ and $M$

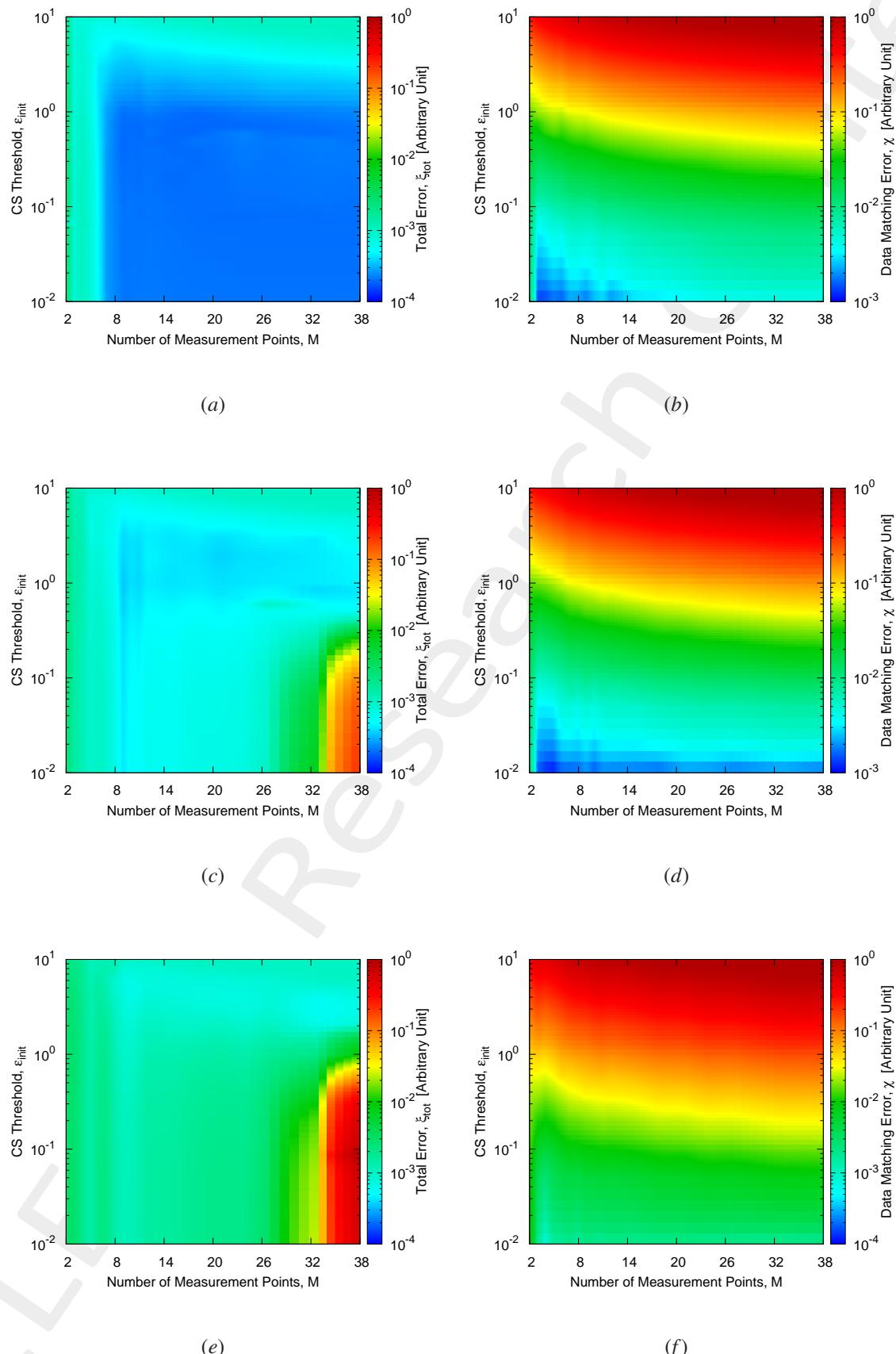


Figure 3: (a)(c)(e) Total reconstruction error and (b)(d)(f) data matching error as a function of  $M$  and  $\gamma_{init}$  considering (a)(b) Noiseless case, (c)(d)  $SNR = 20$  [dB] and (e)(f)  $SNR = 10$  [dB].

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OUTCOMES:

Figures 3(c) and 3(e) show that for noisy cases and number of measurement points higher than  $M > 27$  the results are affected by the overfitting phenomenon (i.e., the matching error is low but the reconstruction error is high since the solution found is corrupted by the presence of noise on the matched data).

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## 1.2 Preliminary Result - $S = 1$ , Single Pixel

OBJECTIVE: This Section is aimed to validate the proposed approach through a preliminary test case in which a simple single-pixel object is reconstructed. The performance in terms of reconstruction accuracy are evaluated in a comparative fashion with the results obtained when using a *uniform* measurement setup.

### Test Case Description

#### Direct solver:

- Side of the investigation domain:  $L = 3.0\lambda$
- 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:  $N = 324$

#### Measurement domain:

- Total number of measurements:  $M \in [2 : 38]$
- Measurement points placed on circles of radius  $\rho = 3.0\lambda$

#### Sources:

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

#### Background:

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

#### Scatterer:

- Scatterers size/sparsity factor:  $S = 1$
- Contrast:  $\tau = 0.5$

### 1.2.1 $S = 1, SNR = 20$ [dB]

#### Reconstructed Profiles

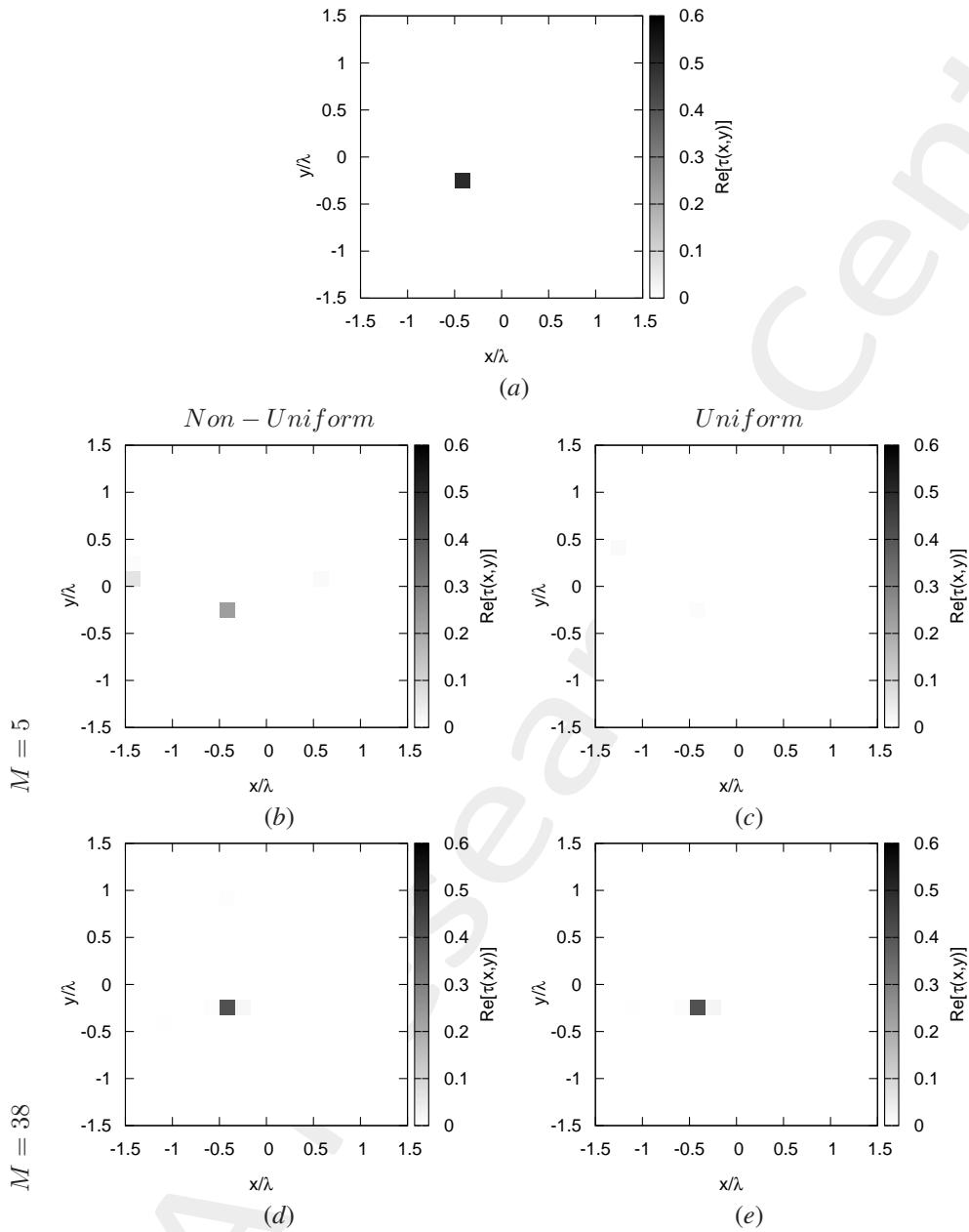


Figure 4: (a) Actual and (b)-(e) reconstructed profiles considering non-uniform optimized and uniform measurement setup.

## Resume Error Figures - Total, Internal and External Errors vs. $M$

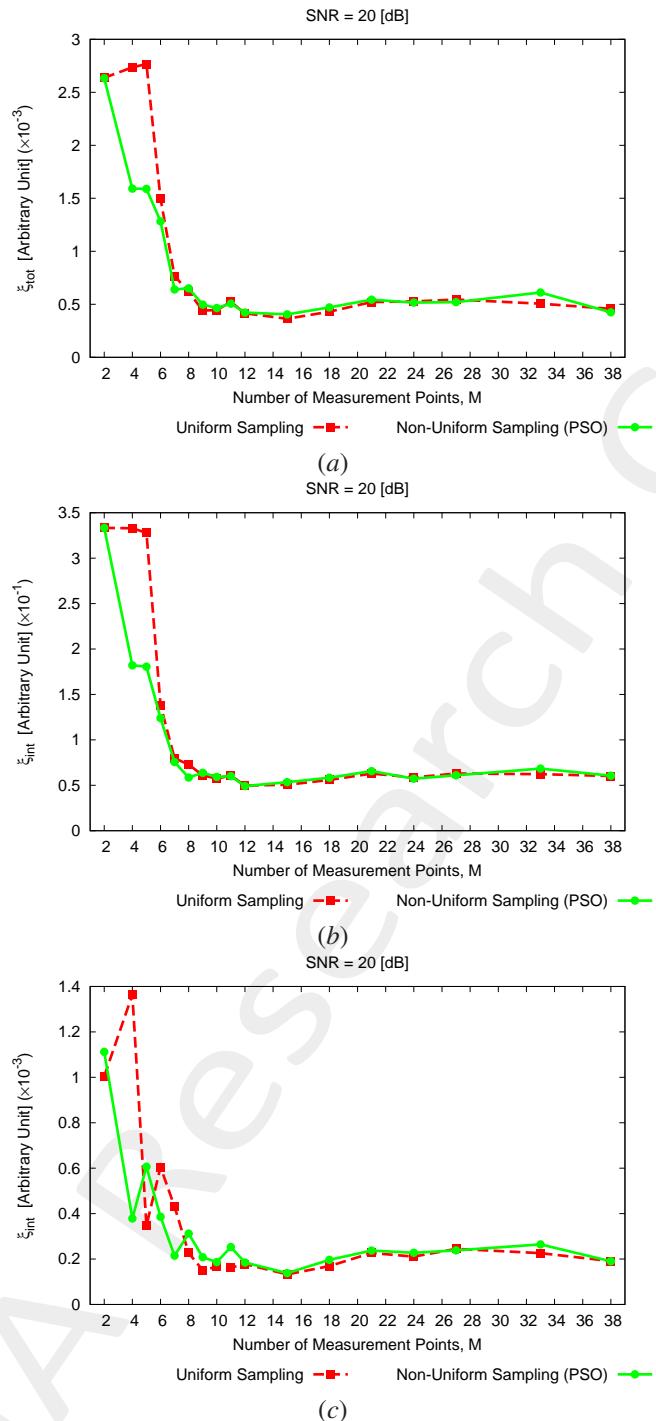


Figure 5: (a) Total, (b) internal and (c) external reconstruction errors vs. number of measurement points  $M$  shown in a comparative fashion with those obtained when using a *uniform* measurement setup.

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### 1.3 Retrieval of Non-Aggregated Pixels

OBJECTIVE: This Section is aimed to validate the proposed approach when considering multiple non-adjacent/non-aggregated single-pixel scatterers. The performance in terms of reconstruction accuracy are still evaluated in a comparative fashion with the results obtained when using a *uniform* measurement setup.

#### Test Case Description

##### Direct solver:

- Side of the investigation domain:  $L = 3.0\lambda$
- 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:  $N = 324$

##### Measurement domain:

- Total number of measurements:  $M \in [2 : 38]$
- Measurement points placed on circles of radius  $\rho = 3.0\lambda$

##### Sources:

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

##### Background:

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

##### Scatterer:

- Scatterers size/sparsity factor:  $S = 1, 2, 3, 4$
- Contrast:  $\tau = 0.5$

### 1.3.1 Non-Aggregated Pixels, $S = 2$ , $SNR = 20$ [dB]

#### Reconstructed Profiles

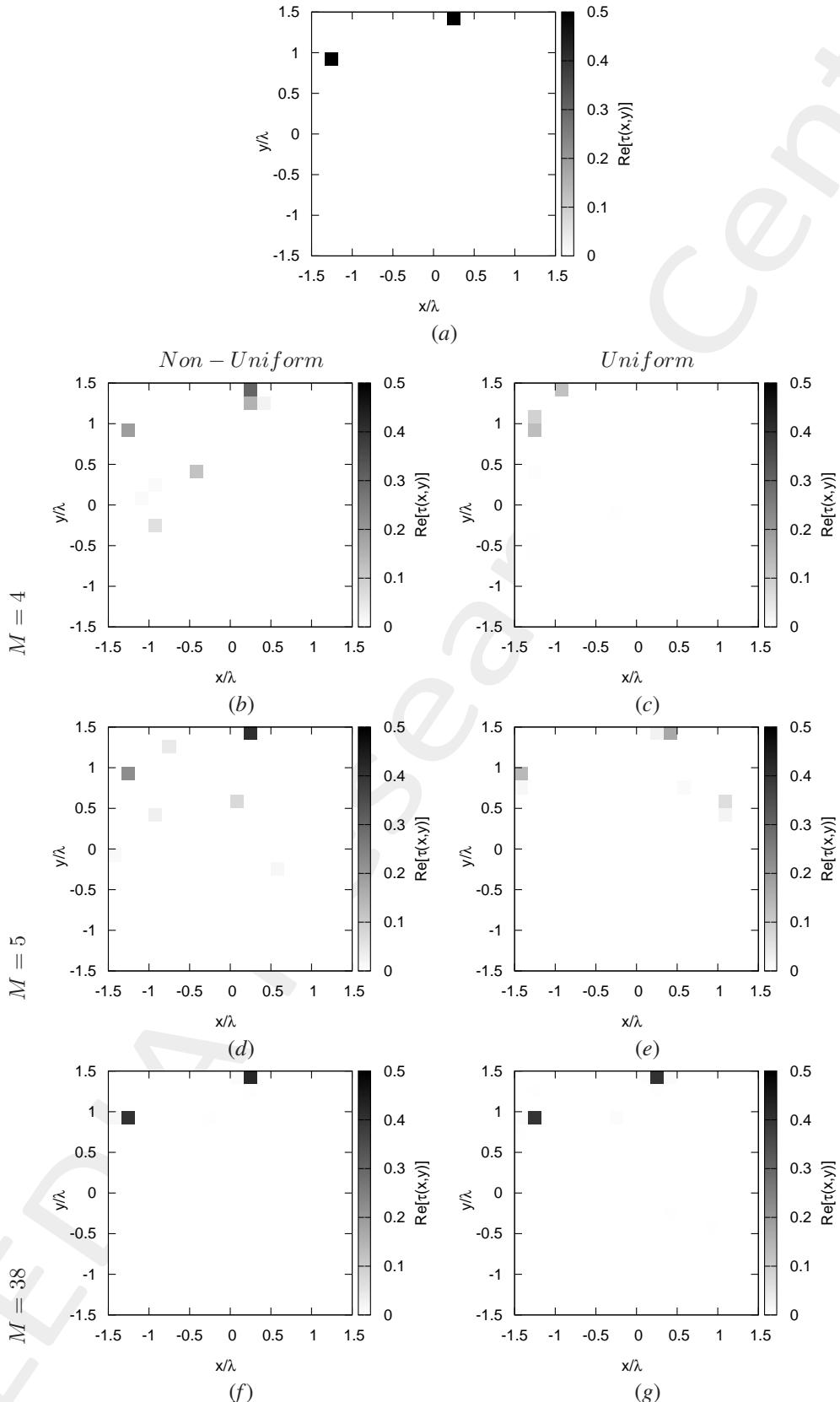


Figure 6: (a) Actual and (b)(c) reconstructed profiles considering (b)(d)(f) non-uniform optimized and (c)(e)(g) uniform measurement setup with (b)(c) minimum, (d)(e) intermediate/best and (f)(g) maximum  $M$ .

### 1.3.2 Non-Aggregated Pixels, $S = 2$ , $SNR = 10$ [dB]

#### Reconstructed Profiles

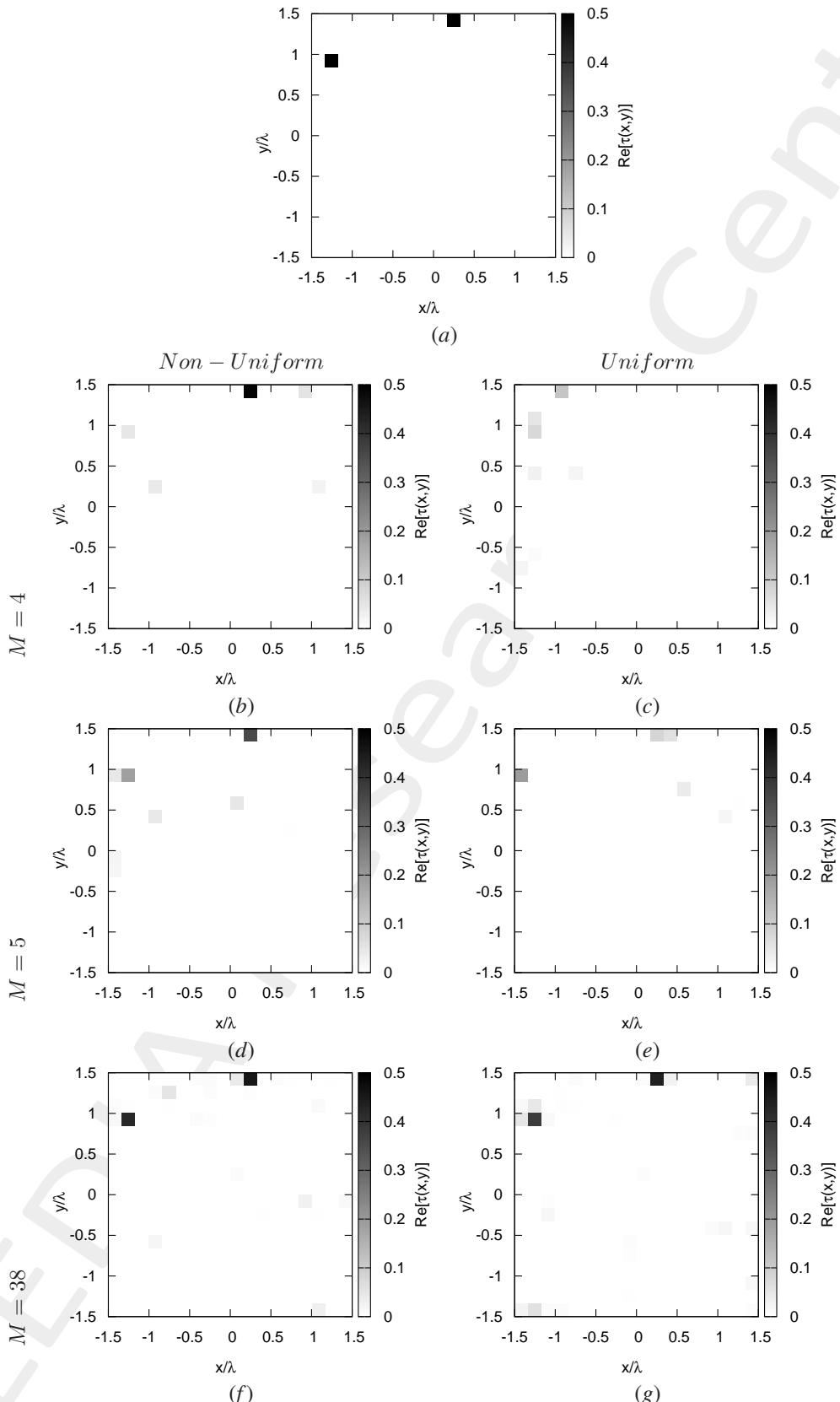


Figure 7: (a) Actual and (b)(c) reconstructed profiles considering (b)(d)(f) non-uniform optimized and (c)(e)(g) uniform measurement setup with (b)(c) minimum, (d)(e) intermediate/best and (f)(g) maximum  $M$ .

### 1.3.3 Non-Aggregated Pixels, $S = 3$ , $SNR = 10$ [dB]

#### Reconstructed Profiles

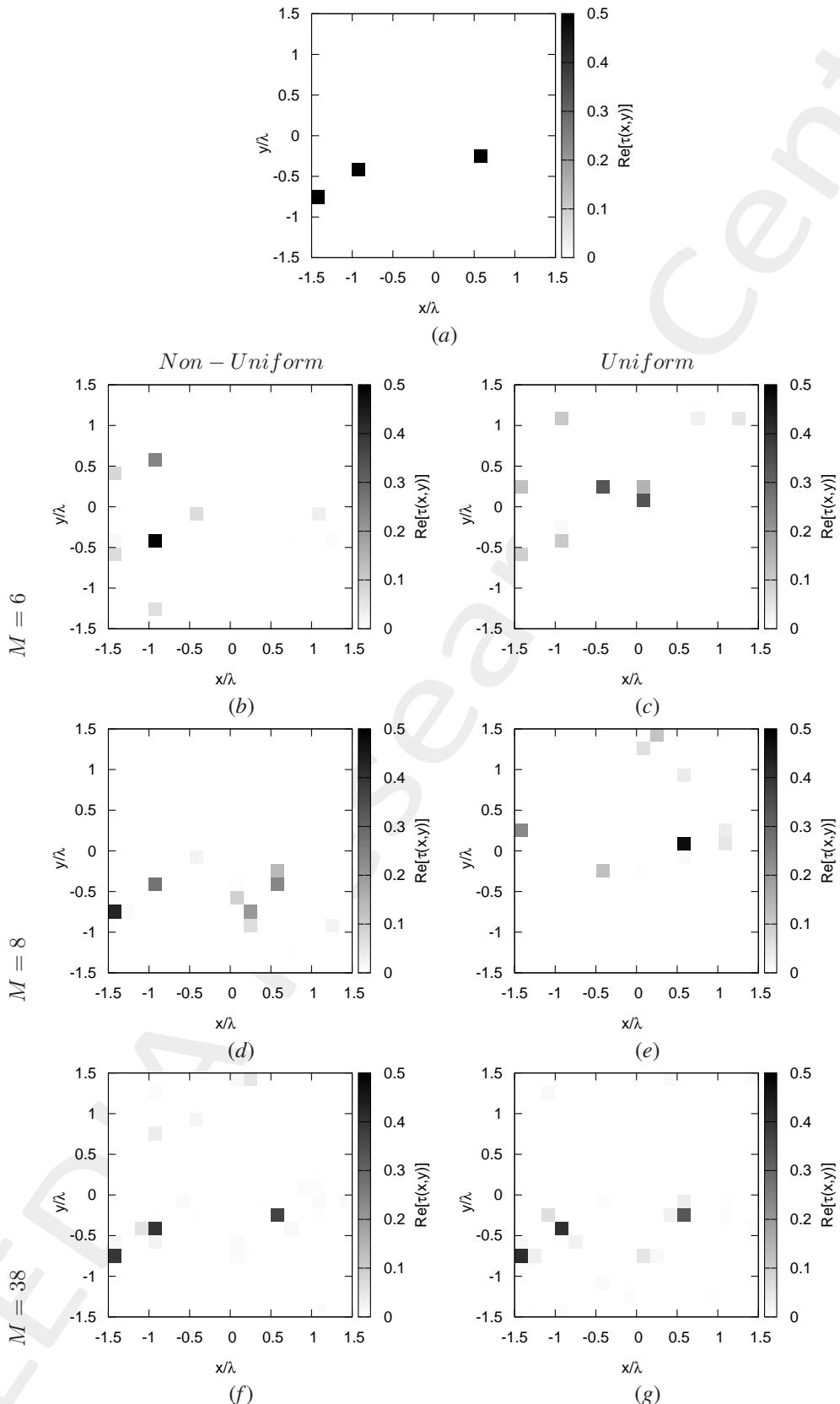


Figure 8: (a) Actual and (b)(c) reconstructed profiles considering (b)(d)(f) non-uniform optimized and (c)(e)(g) uniform measurement setup with (b)(c) minimum, (d)(e) intermediate/best and (f)(g) maximum  $M$ .

## Resume Error Figures - Total, Internal and External Errors vs. $M$

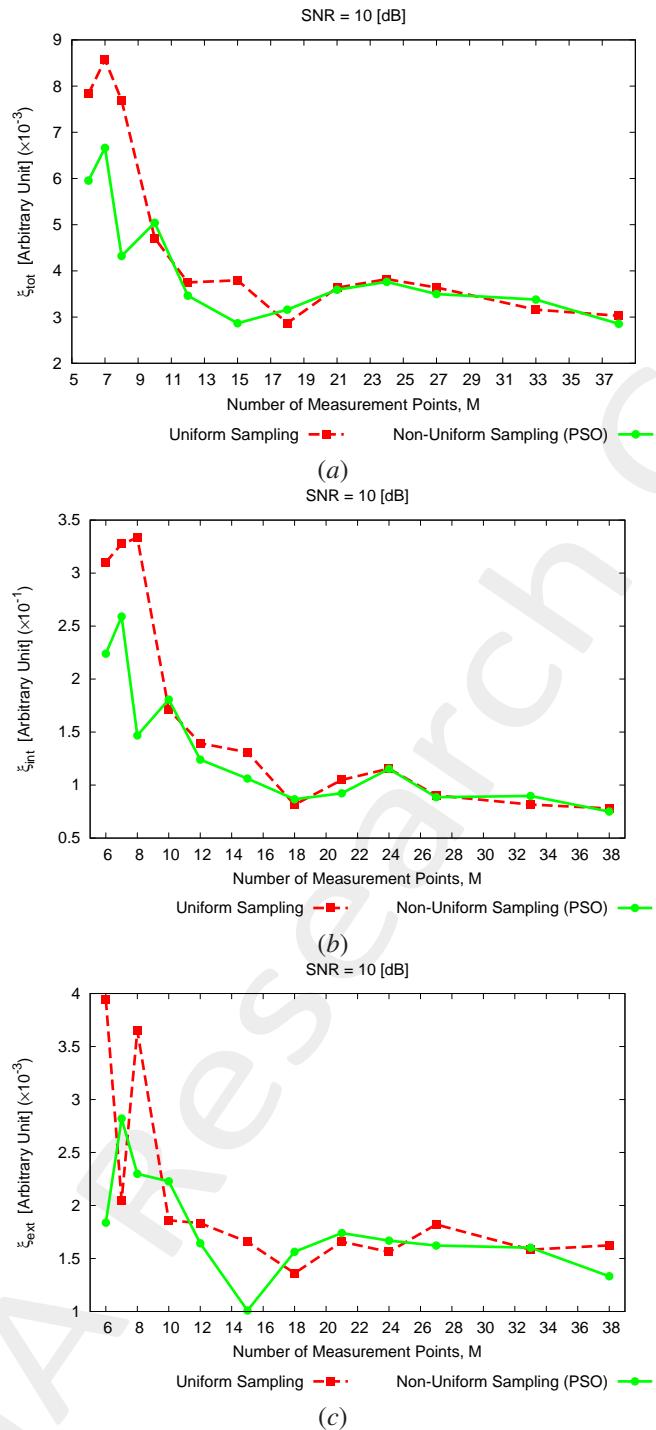


Figure 9: (a) Total, (b) internal and (c) external reconstruction errors vs. number of measurement points  $M$  shown in a comparative fashion with those obtained when using a *uniform* measurement setup.

### 1.3.4 Non-Aggregated Pixels, $S = 4$ , $SNR = 20$ [dB]

#### Reconstructed Profiles

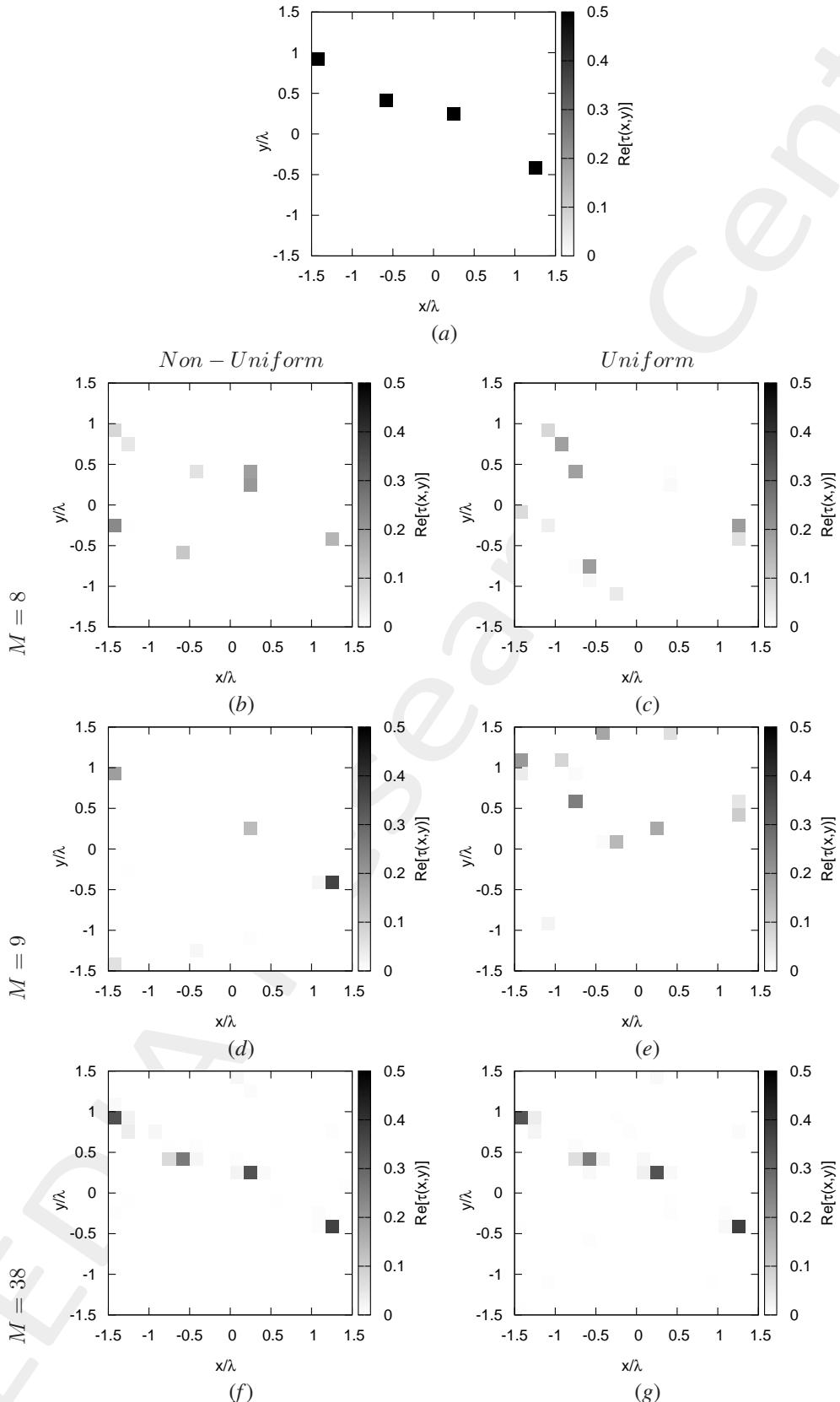


Figure 10: (a) Actual and (b)(c) reconstructed profiles considering (b)(d)(f) non-uniform optimized and (c)(e)(g) uniform measurement setup with (b)(c) minimum, (d)(e) intermediate/best and (f)(g) maximum  $M$ .

## Resume Error Figures - Total, Internal and External Errors vs. $M$

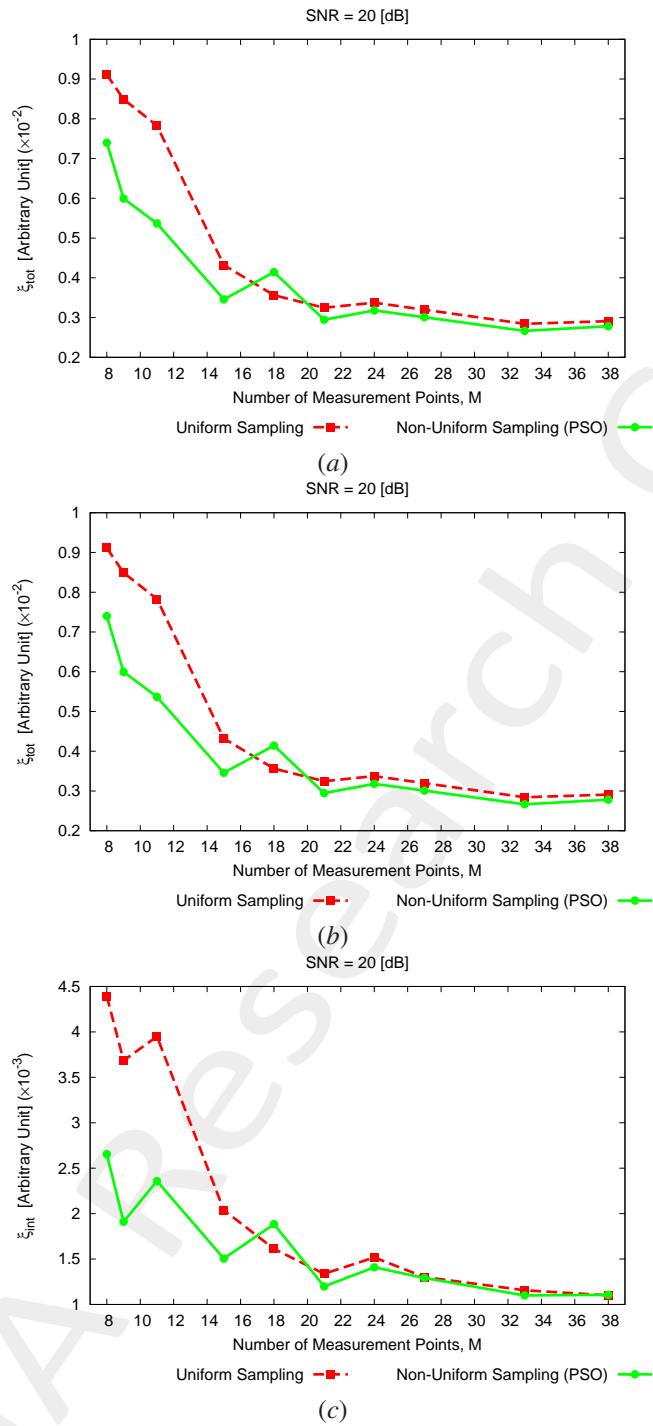


Figure 11: (a) Total, (b) internal and (c) external reconstruction errors vs. number of measurement points  $M$  shown in a comparative fashion with those obtained when using a *uniform* measurement setup.

### 1.3.5 Non-Aggregated Pixels, $S = 5$ , $SNR = 20$ [dB]

#### Reconstructed Profiles

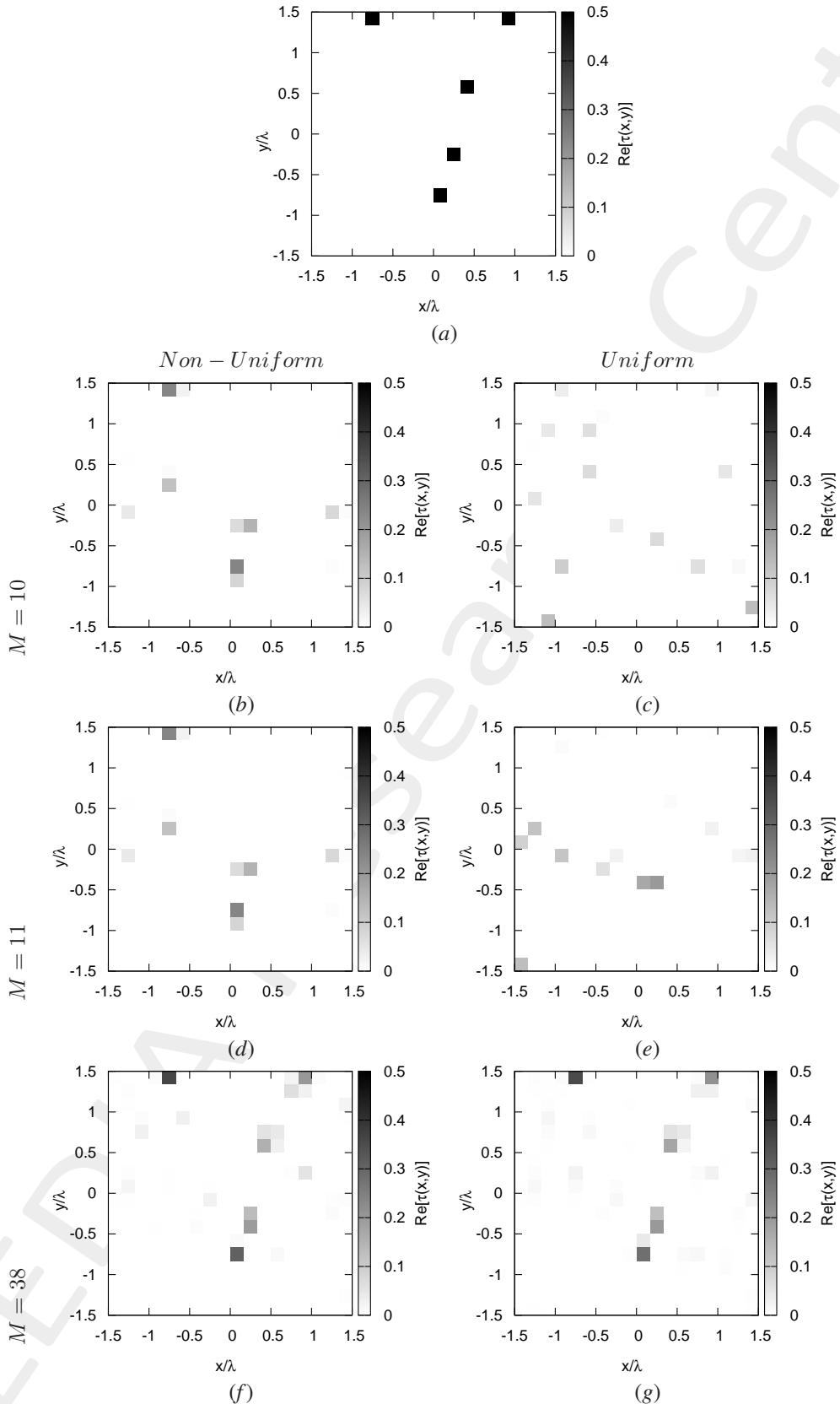


Figure 12: (a) Actual and (b)(c) reconstructed profiles considering (b)(d)(f) non-uniform optimized and (c)(e)(g) uniform measurement setup with (b)(c) minimum, (d)(e) intermediate/best and (f)(g) maximum  $M$ .

## Resume Error Figures - Total, Internal and External Errors vs. $M$

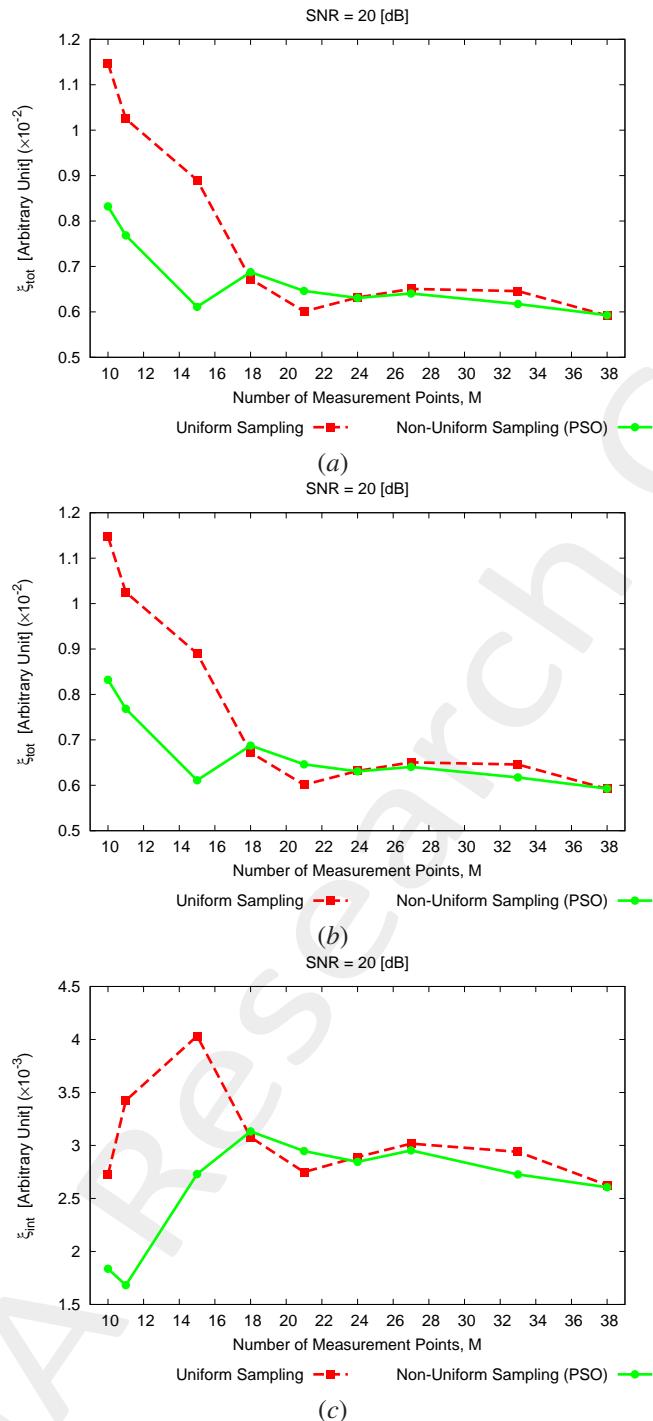


Figure 13: (a) Total, (b) internal and (c) external reconstruction errors vs. number of measurement points  $M$  shown in a comparative fashion with those obtained when using a *uniform* measurement setup.

### 1.3.6 Non-Aggregated Pixels, $S = 5$ , $SNR = 10$ [dB]

#### Reconstructed Profiles

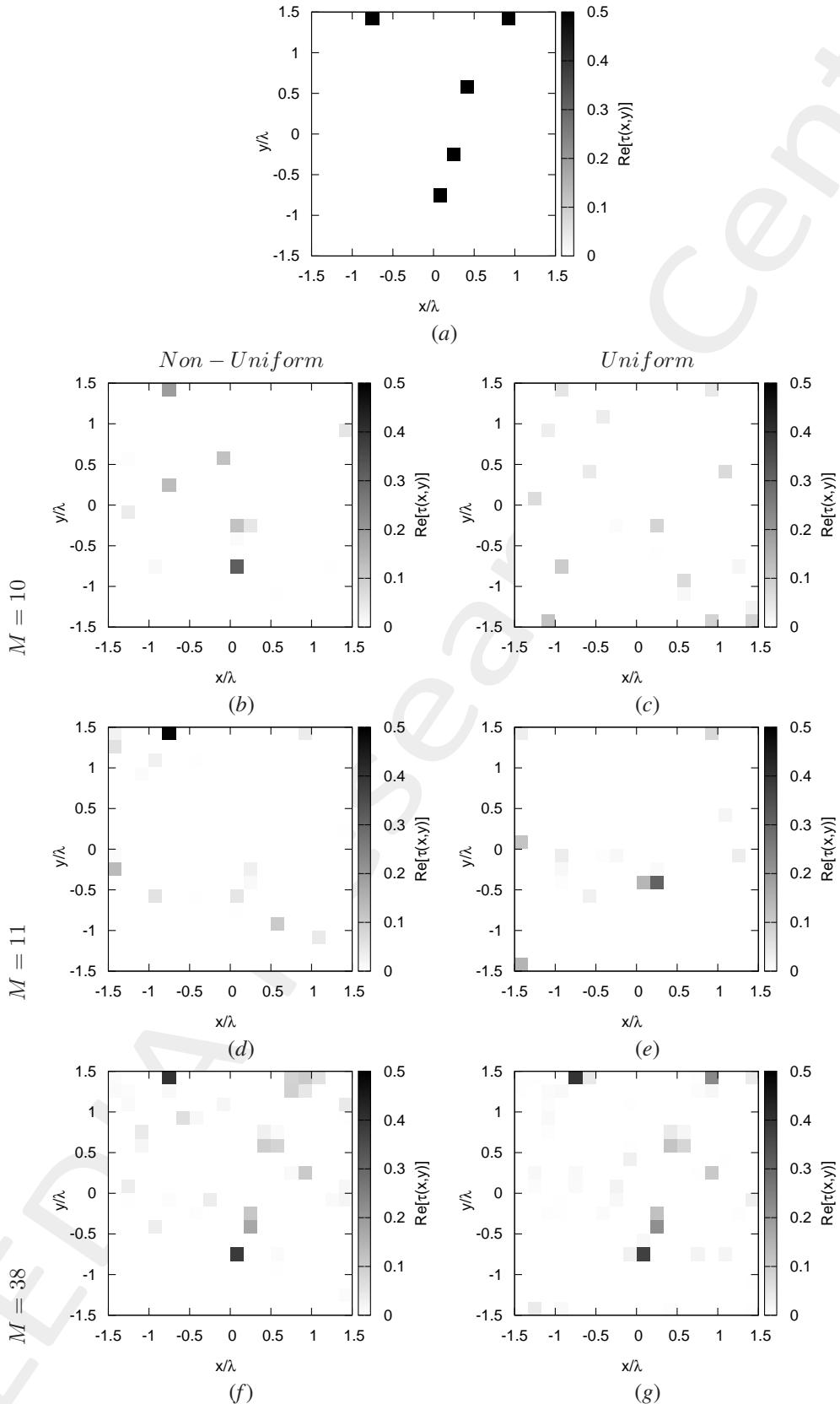


Figure 14: (a) Actual and (b)(c) reconstructed profiles considering (b)(d)(f) non-uniform optimized and (c)(e)(g) uniform measurement setup with (b)(c) minimum, (d)(e) intermediate/best and (f)(g) maximum  $M$ .

## Resume Error Figures - Total, Internal and External Errors vs. $M$

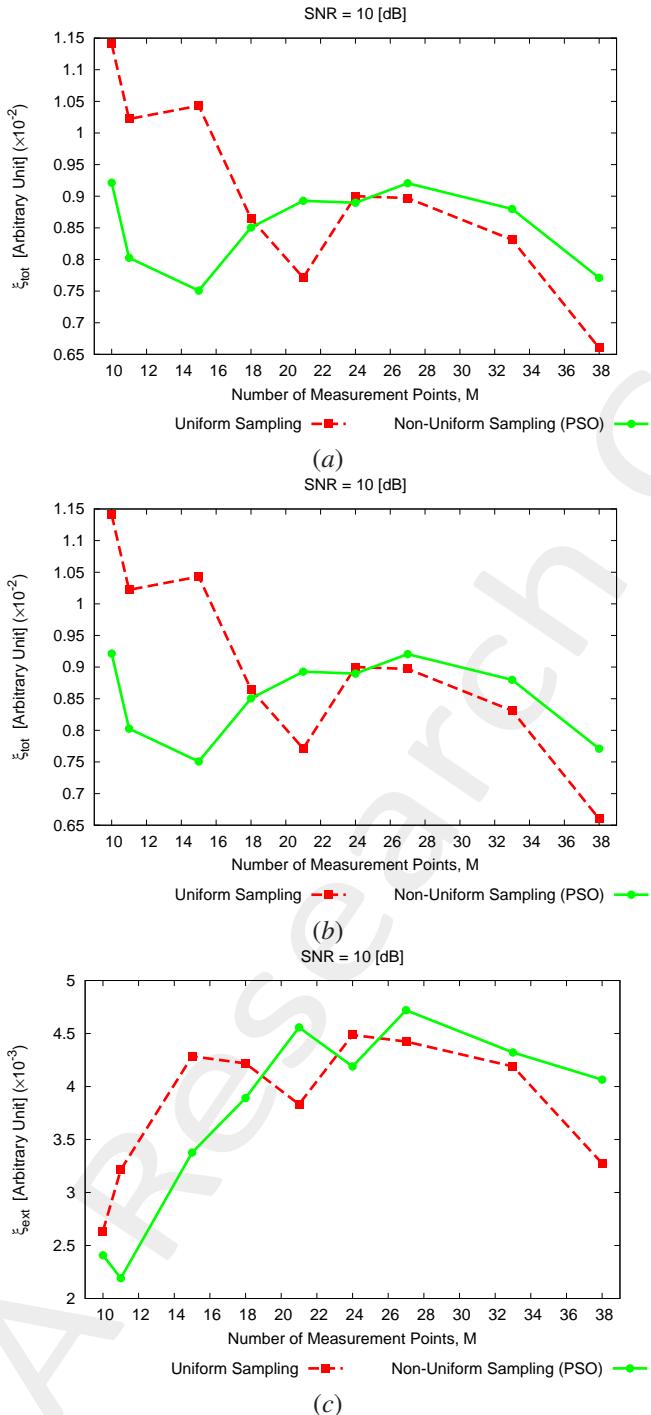


Figure 15: (a) Total, (b) internal and (c) external reconstruction errors vs. number of measurement points  $M$  shown in a comparative fashion with those obtained when using a *uniform* measurement setup.

## OUTCOMES:

- If the scattered field samples are collected by the sensor placed within the observation domain according to the non-uniform optimized distributions the reconstruction errors are generally lower (or almost equal in some cases) than those obtained considering a conventional uniform distribution (in which the sensor are equally-spaced), whatever

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the scatterer distribution. However, sometimes the use of a uniform distribution provides better results (in terms of reconstruction error), but in such cases the reconstruction is not accurate (i.e., the reconstruction fails for both the non-uniform and uniform cases);

- When the number of measurement points approaches the maximum theoretical number necessary to estimate the whole amount of information provided by the scattered field, the reconstruction are generally very similar in both the non-uniform and uniform cases.

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More information on the topics of this document can be found in the following list of references.

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