
Multi-Resolution Bayesian Compressive Sensing for Sparse Target Inversion

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1 Basic Formulation

Let us consider an inaccessible investigation domain Λ 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 Θ , external to the investigation domain ($\Lambda \cap \Theta = \emptyset$), having radius ρ . The exact location of the sensors are identified by the position vector $\mathbf{r}_s^v = (\rho \cos \theta_s^v \sin \theta_s^v)$, 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 Λ , 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 Λ in terms of relative dielectric permittivity $\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r})$ and electric conductivity $\sigma(\mathbf{r})$ are described by means of the object function $\tau(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) - \varepsilon_0 - \frac{\sigma(\mathbf{r})}{2\pi f \varepsilon_0}$, being f the frequency of the TM plane wave. In order to numerically deal with (1), the investigation domain is discretized into N sub-domains (cells) by means of the Richmond's procedure, providing the matrix form of $\mathbf{E}^v = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{J}_{eq}^v + \mathbf{N}^v$, being G the Green's matrix and \mathbf{N}^v the zero mean additive gaussian noise vector of variance σ^2 . The dielectric features of the N sub-domains described through the discretized form of the object function τ , 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:

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}}_{eq}^v = \arg \left\{ \max \left[\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{J}_{eq}^v | \mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v) \right] \right\}, \quad v = 1, \dots, V \quad (2)$$

More in detail, the algorithm works as follows:

1. *Initialization*: Definition of input parameters of the *BCS* problem, namely the initial estimation of the noise on the scattered data, σ_{init}^2 , and the convergence parameter, γ , and the parameter related to the stopping criterion of the *IMSA*, χ . 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:

$$\ell(\mathbf{a}^v) = -0.5 \left[2S \log(2\pi) + \log(\mathbf{C}) + (\mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v)^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v) \right], \quad v = 1, \dots, V \quad (3)$$

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 ∞ ;

3. *Equivalent Current Retrieval*:

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

$$\mathbf{J}_{eq}^v = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left[\frac{\mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{G}}{\sigma^2} \text{diag}(\mathbf{a}^v) \right]^{-1} \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{E}_{scatt}^v, \quad v = 1, \dots, V \quad (4)$$

4. Features' Retrieval:

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

$$\tau(\mathbf{r}_n^{(i)}) = \frac{1}{V} \sum \frac{\mathbf{J}_{eq}^v(\mathbf{r}_n^{(i)})}{\mathbf{E}_{inc}^v(\mathbf{r}_n^{(i)}) + \sum_{p=1}^N \mathbf{J}_{eq}^p(\mathbf{r}_n^{(i)}) [\int_D \mathbf{G} \mathbf{r}]}, \quad n = 1, \dots, N \quad (5)$$

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 calculated with (5) and evaluation of the following termination condition:

$$\left(\frac{L^{(i-1)} - L^{(i)}}{L^{(i)}} \right) < \chi \quad (6)$$

being $L^{(i)}$ the side of the $RoI \mathcal{D}^{(i)}$. If (6) is met, then stop the iterative process otherwise go to step 2.

2 Analysis with Different Object Shapes - Domain $L = 6.0\lambda$

2.1 E-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: $V = 60$; $\theta_{inc}^v = 0 + (v - 1) \times (360/V)$
- Amplitude: $A = 1.0$
- Frequency: $F = 300$ MHz ($\lambda = 1$)

Background:

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

Scatterer

- E-shaped object, $\ell = 1.5\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r \in \{1.05, 1.10, 1.15, 1.20, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50\}$
- $\sigma = 0$ [S/m]

2.1.1 E-shaped Object, $\ell = 1.5\lambda$, $\tau = 0.10$ - IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles

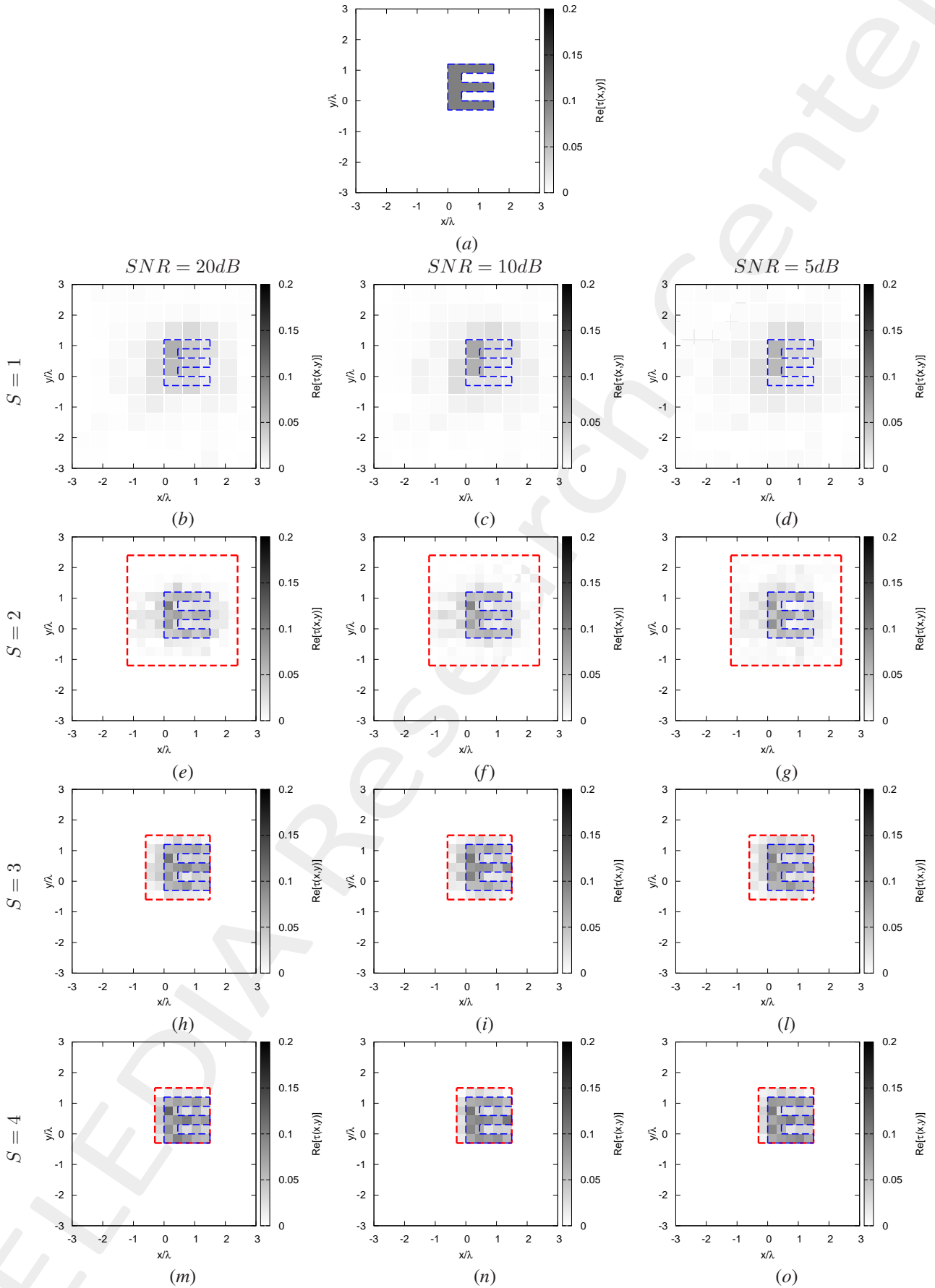


Figure 1: *E*-shaped Object, $\tau = 0.10$ - (a) Actual profile and (b)-(o) IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles for (b)(e)(h)(m) $SNR = 20$ [dB], (c)(f)(i)(n) $SNR = 10$ [dB] and (d)(g)(l)(o) $SNR = 5$ [dB] at the step (b)-(d) $S = 1$, (e)-(g) $S = 2$, (h)-(l) $S = 3$ and (m)-(o) $S = 4$.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	7.65×10^{-3}	4.04×10^{-3}	3.14×10^{-3}	2.38×10^{-3}
ξ_{int}	5.25×10^{-2}	4.12×10^{-2}	3.22×10^{-2}	2.57×10^{-2}
ξ_{ext}	5.29×10^{-3}	2.17×10^{-3}	1.69×10^{-3}	1.20×10^{-3}
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	7.73×10^{-3}	4.08×10^{-3}	3.15×10^{-3}	2.50×10^{-3}
ξ_{int}	5.36×10^{-2}	4.17×10^{-2}	3.20×10^{-2}	2.61×10^{-2}
ξ_{ext}	5.31×10^{-3}	2.21×10^{-3}	1.71×10^{-3}	1.31×10^{-3}
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	7.85×10^{-3}	4.16×10^{-3}	3.15×10^{-3}	2.27×10^{-3}
ξ_{int}	5.37×10^{-2}	4.14×10^{-2}	3.12×10^{-2}	2.30×10^{-2}
ξ_{ext}	5.39×10^{-3}	2.24×10^{-3}	1.73×10^{-3}	1.20×10^{-3}
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	8.38×10^{-3}	4.42×10^{-3}	3.13×10^{-3}	2.22×10^{-3}
ξ_{int}	5.66×10^{-2}	4.30×10^{-2}	3.07×10^{-2}	2.15×10^{-2}
ξ_{ext}	5.78×10^{-3}	2.37×10^{-3}	1.74×10^{-3}	1.21×10^{-3}

Table I: *E-shaped Object*, $\tau = 0.10$ - Reconstruction errors: total (ξ_{tot}), internal (ξ_{int}) and external (ξ_{ext}) errors.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	3.60	2.10	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	49	36
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	3.60	2.10	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	49	36
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	3.60	2.10	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	49	36
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	3.60	2.40	2.10
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	64	49

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

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

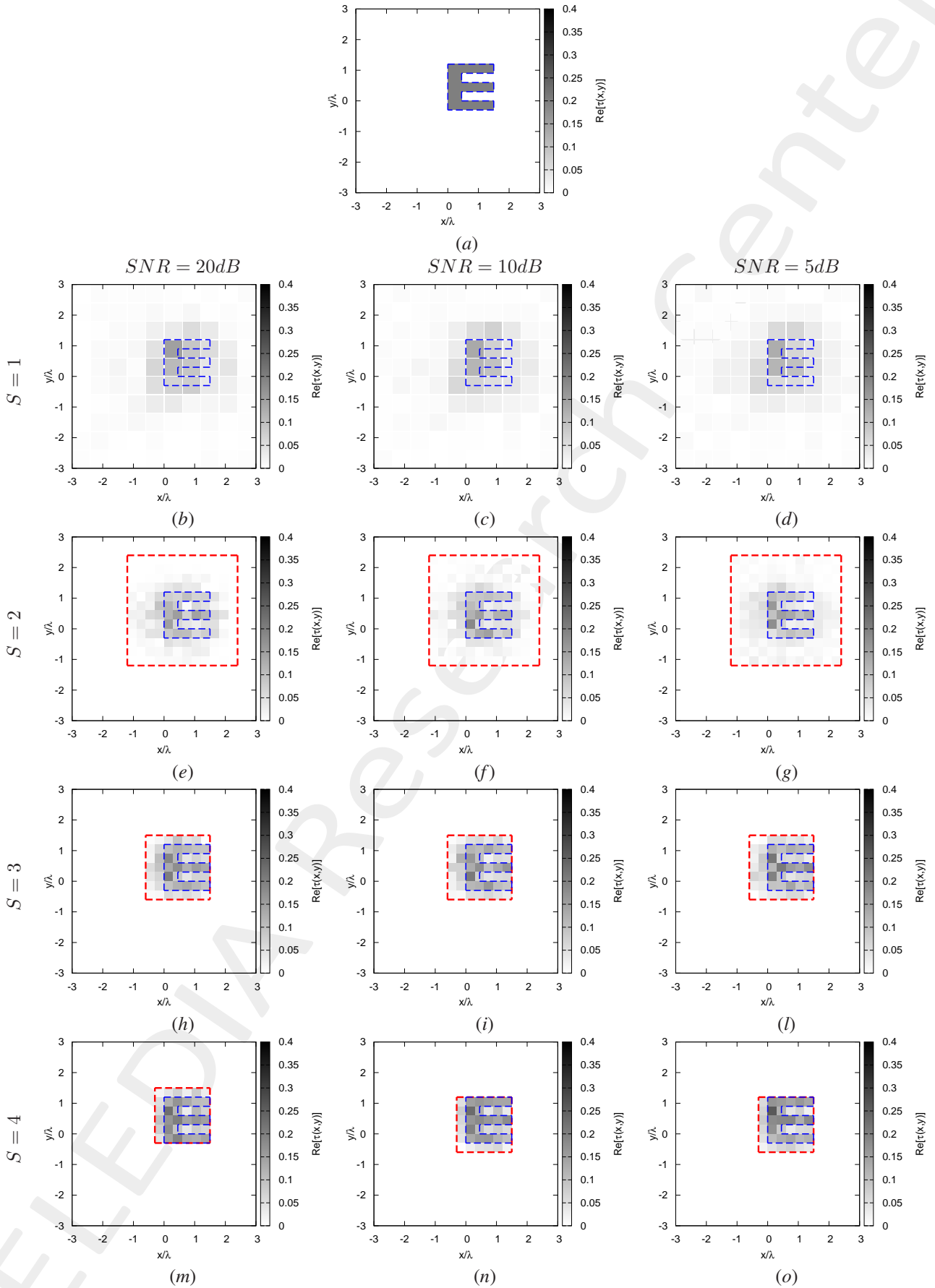


Figure 2: *E*-shaped Object, $\tau = 0.20$ - (a) Actual profile and (b)-(o) IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles for (b)(e)(h)(m) $SNR = 20$ [dB], (c)(f)(i)(n) $SNR = 10$ [dB] and (d)(g)(l)(o) $SNR = 5$ [dB] at the step (b)-(d) $S = 1$, (e)-(g) $S = 2$, (h)-(l) $S = 3$ and (m)-(o) $S = 4$.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	1.57×10^{-2}	8.80×10^{-3}	6.46×10^{-3}	4.23×10^{-3}
ξ_{int}	8.62×10^{-2}	8.46×10^{-2}	6.11×10^{-2}	3.86×10^{-2}
ξ_{ext}	1.17×10^{-2}	4.91×10^{-3}	3.70×10^{-3}	2.40×10^{-3}
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	1.60×10^{-2}	8.89×10^{-3}	6.59×10^{-3}	4.82×10^{-3}
ξ_{int}	8.85×10^{-2}	8.55×10^{-2}	6.13×10^{-2}	4.38×10^{-2}
ξ_{ext}	1.19×10^{-2}	4.96×10^{-3}	3.80×10^{-3}	2.81×10^{-3}
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	1.65×10^{-2}	8.45×10^{-3}	6.50×10^{-3}	4.45×10^{-3}
ξ_{int}	9.33×10^{-2}	7.78×10^{-2}	6.03×10^{-2}	4.03×10^{-2}
ξ_{ext}	1.19×10^{-2}	4.72×10^{-3}	3.80×10^{-3}	2.55×10^{-3}
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	1.76×10^{-2}	9.26×10^{-3}	6.40×10^{-3}	4.62×10^{-3}
ξ_{int}	9.51×10^{-2}	8.35×10^{-2}	5.92×10^{-2}	4.36×10^{-2}
ξ_{ext}	1.28×10^{-2}	5.09×10^{-3}	3.55×10^{-3}	2.61×10^{-3}

Table III: *E-shaped Object*, $\tau = 0.20$ - Reconstruction errors: total (ξ_{tot}), internal (ξ_{int}) and external (ξ_{ext}) errors.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	2.10	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	49	36
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	2.10	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	49	36
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	2.10	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	49	36
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	2.10	1.80	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	49	36

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

2.1.3 E-shaped Object, $\ell = 1.5\lambda$, $\tau = 0.50$ - IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles

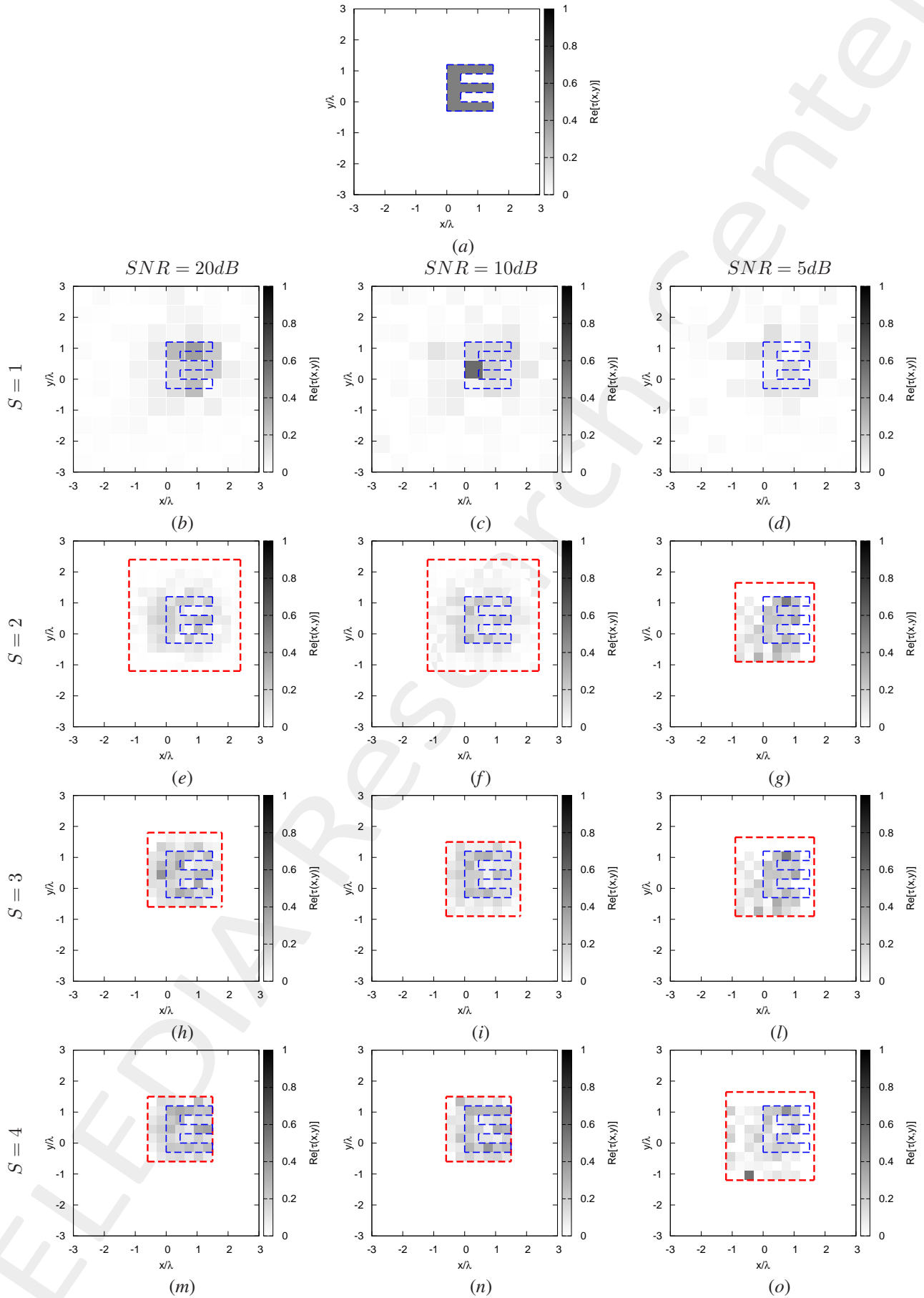


Figure 3: E-shaped Object, $\tau = 0.50$ - (a) Actual profile and (b)-(o) IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles for (b)(e)(h)(m) $SNR = 20$ [dB], (c)(f)(i)(n) $SNR = 10$ [dB] and (d)(g)(l)(o) $SNR = 5$ [dB] at the step (b)-(d) $S = 1$, (e)-(g) $S = 2$, (h)-(l) $S = 3$ and (m)-(o) $S = 4$.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	4.03×10^{-2}	2.25×10^{-2}	1.98×10^{-2}	1.65×10^{-2}
ξ_{int}	1.91×10^{-1}	2.24×10^{-1}	1.97×10^{-1}	1.64×10^{-1}
ξ_{ext}	2.60×10^{-2}	1.15×10^{-2}	1.03×10^{-2}	8.76×10^{-3}
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	3.79×10^{-2}	2.32×10^{-2}	2.14×10^{-2}	1.76×10^{-2}
ξ_{int}	1.90×10^{-1}	2.29×10^{-1}	1.92×10^{-1}	1.76×10^{-1}
ξ_{ext}	2.55×10^{-2}	1.19×10^{-2}	1.18×10^{-2}	9.07×10^{-3}
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	4.18×10^{-2}	2.53×10^{-2}	1.96×10^{-2}	1.72×10^{-2}
ξ_{int}	2.06×10^{-1}	2.22×10^{-1}	1.99×10^{-1}	1.72×10^{-1}
ξ_{ext}	2.48×10^{-2}	1.36×10^{-2}	1.00×10^{-2}	8.78×10^{-3}
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	4.94×10^{-2}	2.75×10^{-2}	2.75×10^{-2}	2.75×10^{-2}
ξ_{int}	2.77×10^{-1}	3.33×10^{-1}	3.33×10^{-1}	3.33×10^{-1}
ξ_{ext}	2.73×10^{-2}	1.12×10^{-2}	1.12×10^{-2}	1.12×10^{-2}

Table V: *E-shaped Object*, $\tau = 0.50$ - Reconstruction errors: total (ξ_{tot}), internal (ξ_{int}) and external (ξ_{ext}) errors.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	2.40	2.10	2.10
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	64	49
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	2.40	2.10	2.10
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	64	49
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	2.40	2.10	2.10
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	64	49
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	1.19	1.19	1.19
$N^{(S)}$	100	112	112	112
$Q^{(S)}$	100	16	16	16

Table VI: *E-shaped Object*, $\tau = 0.50$ - 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 E-shaped Object, $\ell = 1.5\lambda$, $\tau = 1.00$ - IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles

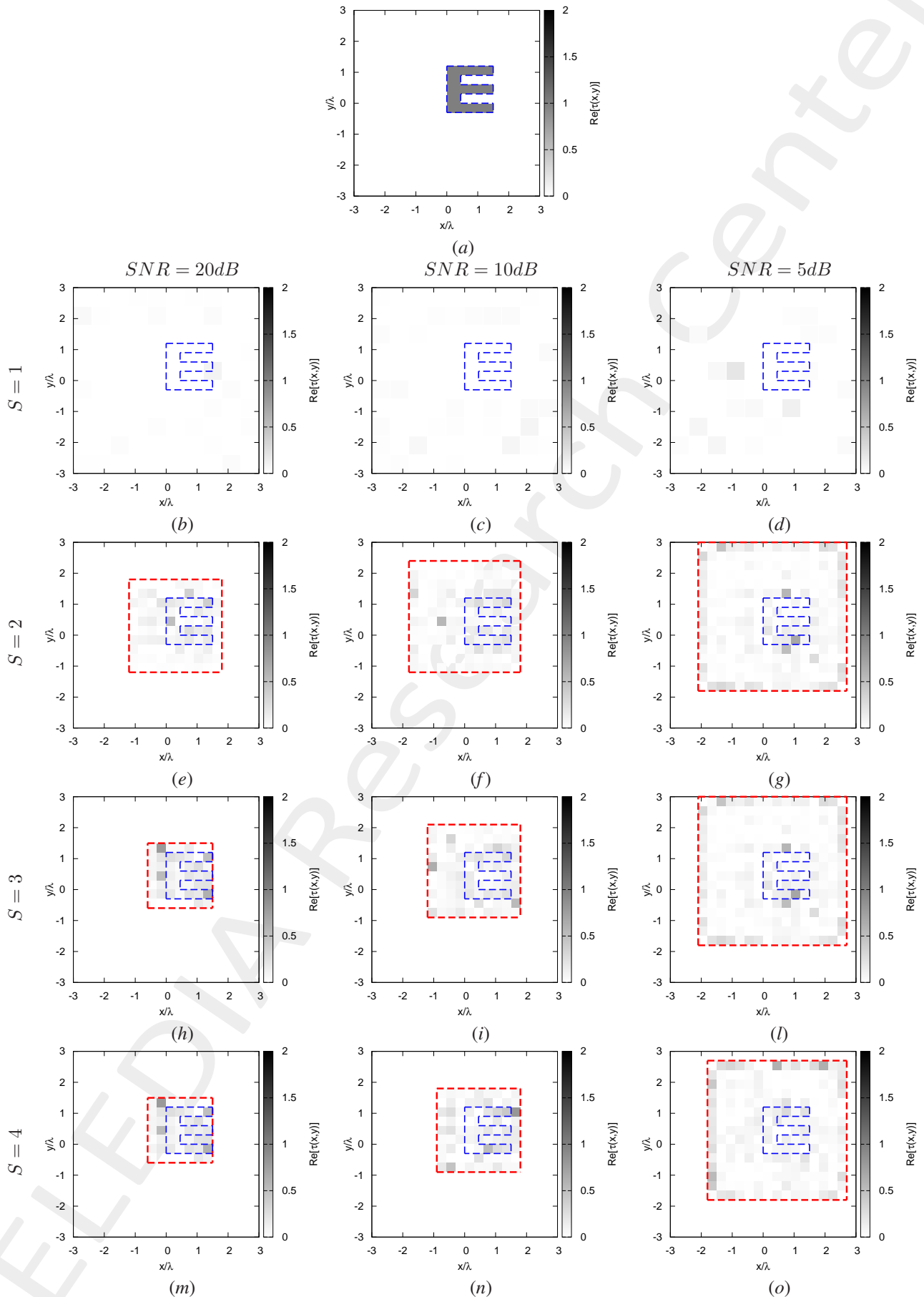


Figure 4: E-shaped Object, $\tau = 1.00$ - (a) Actual profile and (b)-(o) IMSA-BCS reconstructed profiles for (b)(e)(h)(m) SNR = 20 [dB], (c)(f)(i)(n) SNR = 10 [dB] and (d)(g)(l)(o) SNR = 5 [dB] at the step (b)-(d) $S = 1$, (e)-(g) $S = 2$, (h)-(l) $S = 3$ and (m)-(o) $S = 4$.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	6.39×10^{-2}	4.14×10^{-2}	3.35×10^{-2}	3.15×10^{-2}
ξ_{int}	5.89×10^{-1}	4.29×10^{-1}	4.39×10^{-1}	4.36×10^{-1}
ξ_{ext}	3.07×10^{-2}	1.66×10^{-2}	1.11×10^{-2}	8.13×10^{-3}
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	6.11×10^{-2}	3.96×10^{-2}	3.29×10^{-2}	3.29×10^{-2}
ξ_{int}	5.63×10^{-1}	4.41×10^{-1}	4.11×10^{-1}	4.11×10^{-1}
ξ_{ext}	2.78×10^{-2}	1.43×10^{-2}	1.10×10^{-2}	1.10×10^{-2}
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	6.47×10^{-2}	4.68×10^{-2}	4.55×10^{-2}	4.47×10^{-2}
ξ_{int}	5.60×10^{-1}	4.43×10^{-1}	4.43×10^{-1}	4.26×10^{-1}
ξ_{ext}	3.21×10^{-2}	2.01×10^{-2}	1.86×10^{-2}	1.92×10^{-2}
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
ξ_{tot}	1.29×10^{-1}	8.10×10^{-2}	7.34×10^{-2}	7.44×10^{-2}
ξ_{int}	5.58×10^{-1}	4.81×10^{-1}	4.58×10^{-1}	4.63×10^{-1}
ξ_{ext}	8.29×10^{-2}	4.64×10^{-2}	3.98×10^{-2}	4.58×10^{-2}

Table VII: *E-shaped Object*, $\tau = 1.00$ - Reconstruction errors: total (ξ_{tot}), internal (ξ_{int}) and external (ξ_{ext}) errors.

$SNR = 50dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	2.40	2.10	1.80
$N^{(S)}$	100	175	175	175
$Q^{(S)}$	100	100	64	49
$SNR = 20dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	2.10	2.10	2.10
$N^{(S)}$	100	175	175	175
$Q^{(S)}$	100	100	49	49
$SNR = 10dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	3.00	2.69	2.69
$N^{(S)}$	100	208	208	208
$Q^{(S)}$	100	144	100	81
$SNR = 5dB$				
	$S = 1$	$S = 2$	$S = 3$	$S = 4$
$L^{(S)}$	6.00	5.10	4.80	4.50
$N^{(S)}$	100	343	343	343
$Q^{(S)}$	100	324	289	256

Table VIII: *E-shaped Object*, $\tau = 1.00$ - 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 E-shaped Object, $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ - Resume: Errors vs. τ

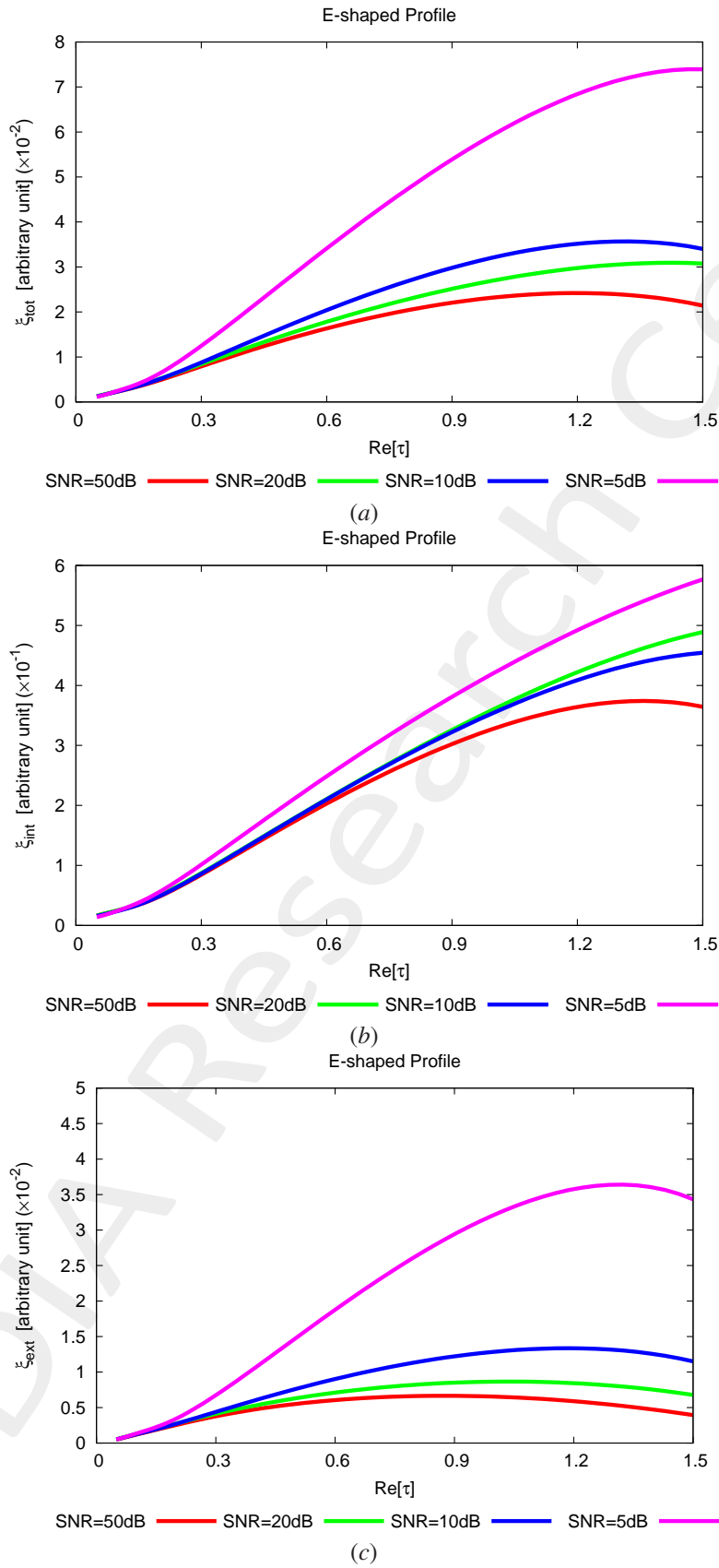


Figure 5: *E-shaped Object* - Reconstruction errors vs. τ : (a) total error, (b) internal error and (c) external error.

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

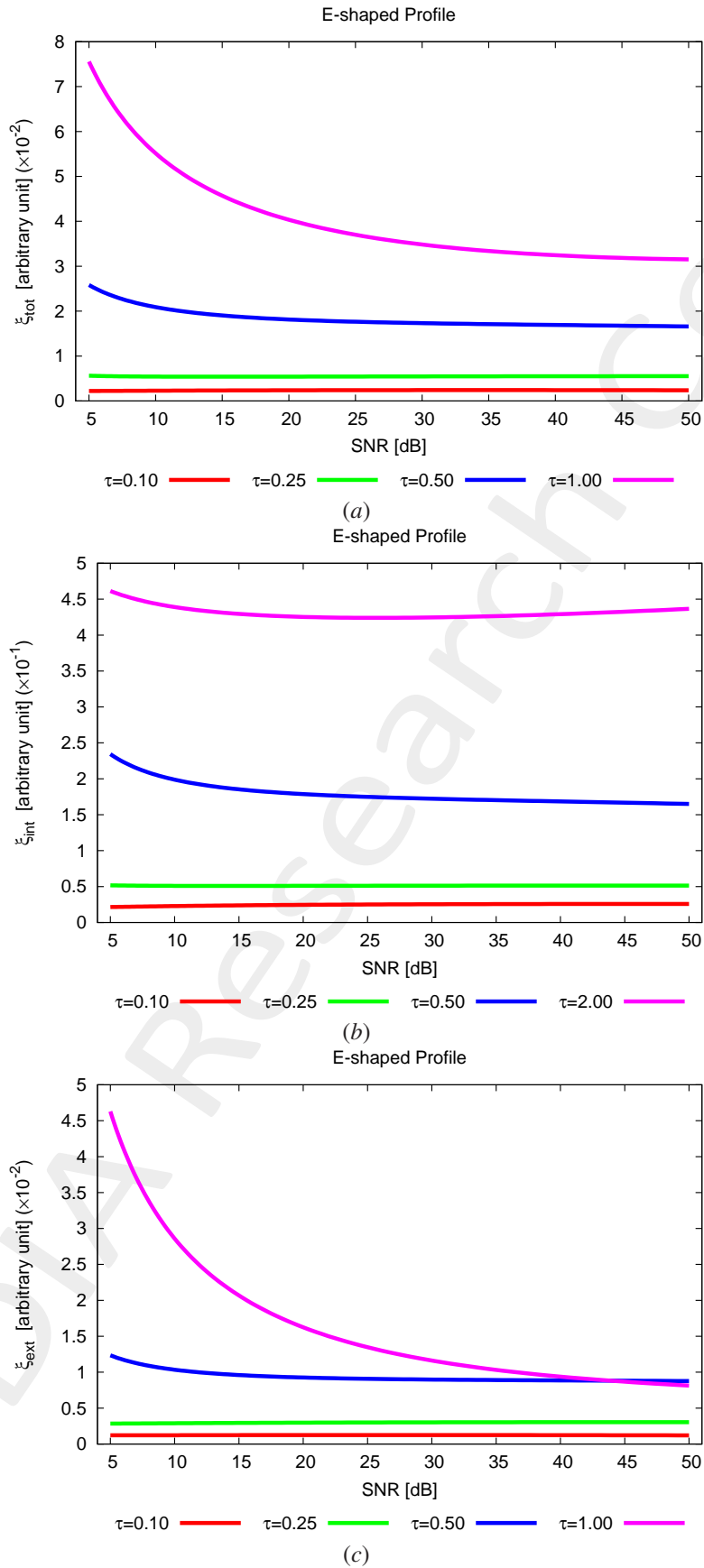


Figure 6: *E-shaped Object* - Reconstruction errors vs. SNR : (a) total error, (b) internal error and (c) external error.

2.1.7 E-shaped Object, $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ - Resume: Errors vs. *IMSA* step, *S*

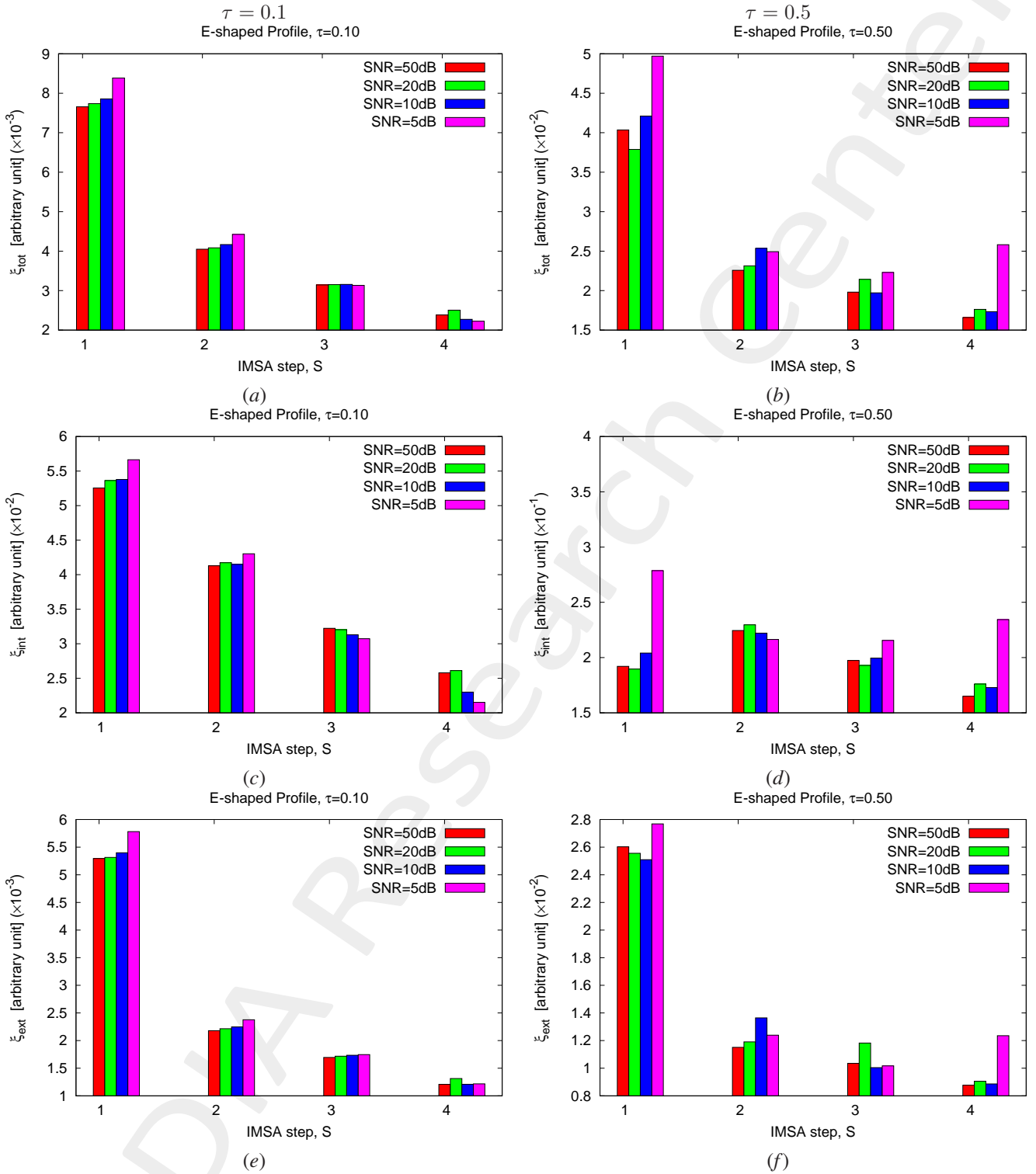


Figure 7: *E-shaped Object* - Reconstruction errors vs. *IMSA* step, *S*: (a)(b) total error, (c)(d) internal error and (e)(f) external error for (a)(c)(e) $\tau = 0.1$ and (b)(d)(f) $\tau = 0.5$.

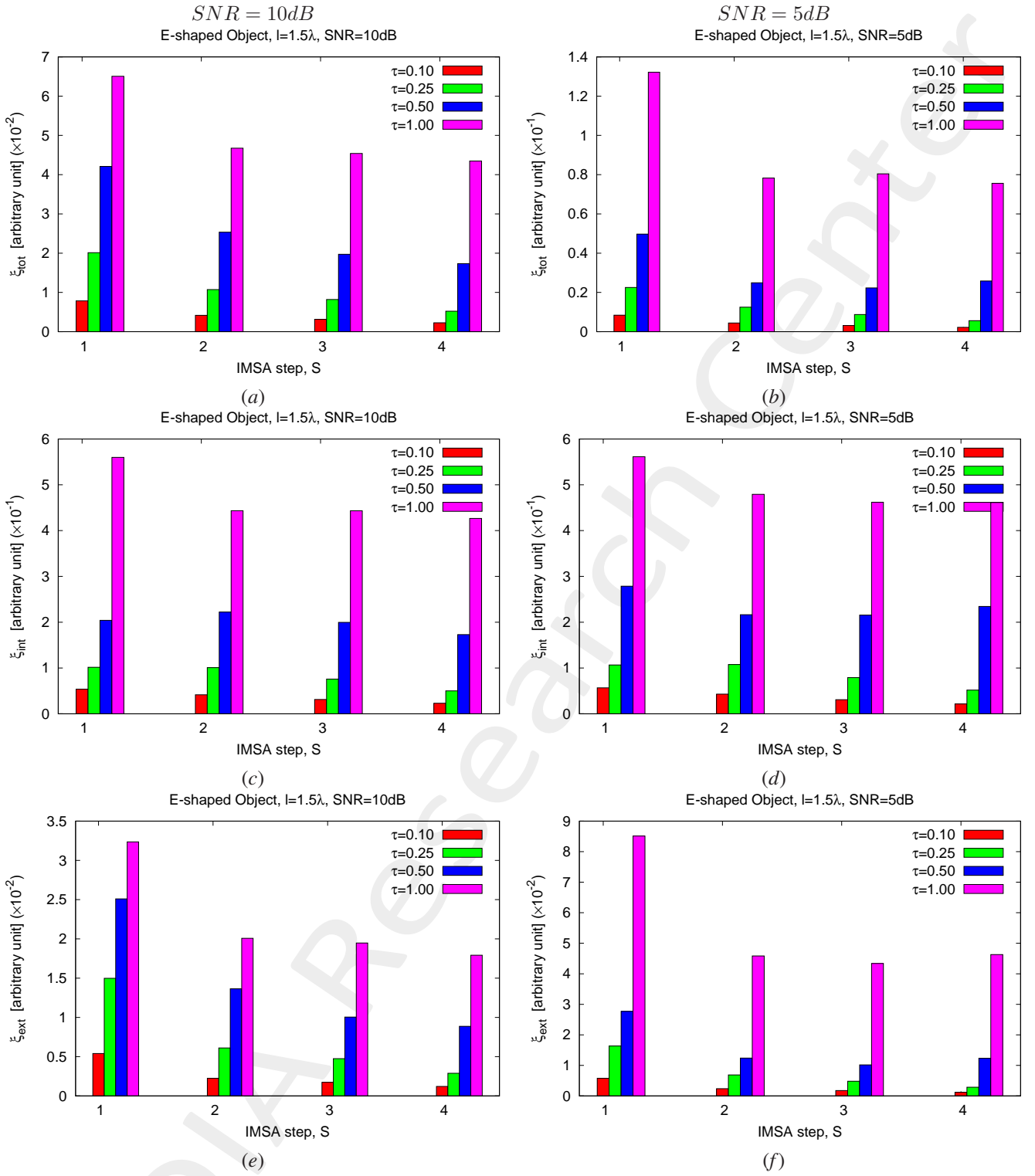


Figure 8: *L-shaped Object*, $\ell = 1.5\lambda$ - Reconstruction errors vs. *IMSA step*, *S*: (a)(b) total error, (c)(d) internal error and (e)(f) external error for (a)(c)(e) *SNR* = 10dB and (b)(d)(f) *SNR* = 5dB.

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