

# Discontinuous Boundaries Regularization Operators for Tikhonov Regularization

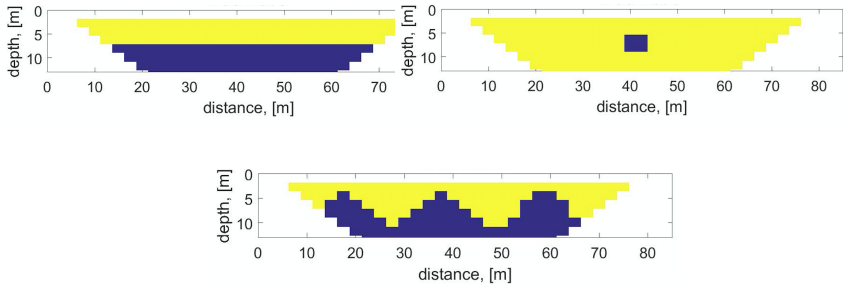
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## Imaging subsurface structure



## Inverse Problem

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m} + \epsilon$$

$\mathbf{d}$  - measurements

$\mathbf{G}$  - forward model, Jacobian for nonlinear model

$\mathbf{m}$  - unknown parameters

$\epsilon$  - random noise

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \|\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m}\|_2^2$$

underdetermined, severely ill-conditioned

## Tikhonov Regularization

$$\mathbf{m}_{L_p} = \underset{\mathbf{m}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad \|\mathbf{W}_d(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m})\|_2^2 + \alpha^2 \|\mathbf{L}_p(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{ref})\|_2^2$$

- $\mathbf{W}_d$  - data weight, typically data error covariance
- $\alpha$  - regularization parameter
  - $\alpha$  large  $\rightarrow$  constraint:  $\|\mathbf{L}_p(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{ref})\|_2^2 \approx 0$
  - $\alpha$  small  $\rightarrow$  problem may stay ill-conditioned
- $\mathbf{L}_p$  -  $p$ th derivative operator
- $\mathbf{m}_{ref}$  - initial parameter estimate

## Outline

- Choice of  $\mathbf{L}_p$ 
  - Adding information to the inverse problem
- Incorporating information about discontinuities
  - Regularization operators
- Electrical Resistance Tomography (ERT)
  - Two-layered, Anomaly and Sinusoidal models

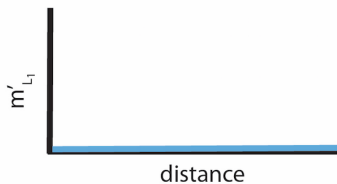
## Choice of $L_p$

$L_0(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{ref})$  - requires good initial estimate  $\mathbf{m}_{ref}$ , otherwise may not regularize the problem.

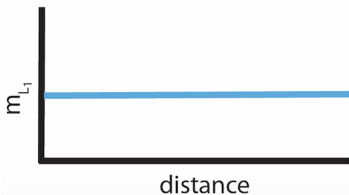
$L_1(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{ref})$  - typically  $L_1\mathbf{m}_{ref} = \mathbf{0}$ , i.e. zero first derivative estimate, requires less prior information than  $L_0$ .

$L_2(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{ref})$  - typically  $L_2\mathbf{m}_{ref} = \mathbf{0}$ , leaves more degrees of freedom than first derivative, so that data has more opportunity to inform parameter estimates.

Hypothetical results -  $\min_{\mathbf{m}} \|\mathbf{W}_d(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m})\|_2^2 + \alpha^2 \|\mathbf{L}_1\mathbf{m}\|_2^2$

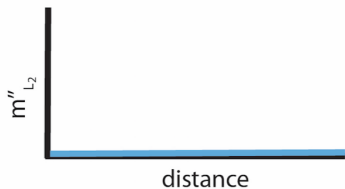


*Large regularization parameter*

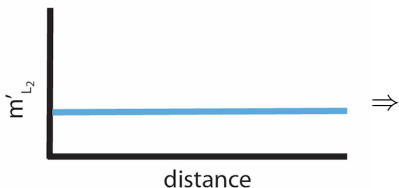


*Data informs constant value*

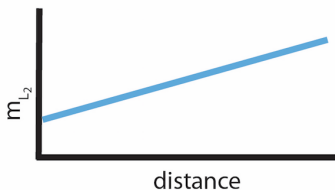
Hypothetical results -  $\min_{\mathbf{m}} \|\mathbf{W}_d(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m})\|_2^2 + \alpha^2 \|\mathbf{L}_2\mathbf{m}\|_2^2$



*Large regularization parameter*



*Data informs constant and slope*





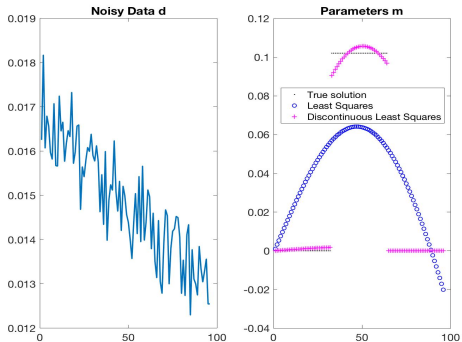
## Incorporating discontinuities in Least Squares<sup>1</sup>

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \|\mathbf{W}_d(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m})\|_2^2 + (\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{ref})^T \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \alpha_2 \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \alpha_3 \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} (\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{m}_{ref})$$

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<sup>1</sup>Mead, 20013

## Wing - 1D problem with discontinuous solution<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>2</sup>P.C. Hansen, 2007

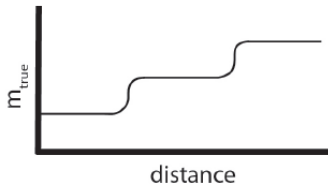
## Regularization operator $\mathbf{R}$ for discontinuities

$$\min_{\mathbf{m}} \|\mathbf{W}_d(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{m})\|_2^2 + \alpha^2 \|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{L}_p\mathbf{m}\|_2^2$$

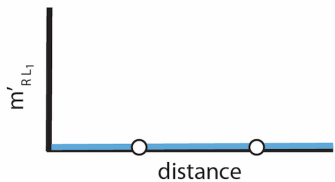
- $R = \text{diag}(r_1, \dots, r_n)$ ,  $r_i = 0$  or  $1$
- $r_i = 0 \rightarrow$  no regularization at discontinuity specified at  $i$   
 $\rightarrow$  no smoothness at  $i$
- Only data informs parameter at discontinuity

## Toy Example - 3 layers, 2 discontinuities

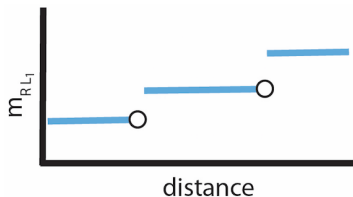
$$\mathbf{R} = \text{diag}(1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1)$$
$$\mathbf{RL}_1\mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \begin{pmatrix} m_2 - m_1 \\ 0 \\ m_4 - m_3 \\ 0 \\ m_6 - m_5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Toy Example - inferred results using  $\alpha^2 \|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{L}_1\mathbf{m}\|_2^2$

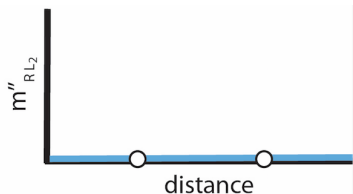


*Large regularization parameter*



*Data gives value at  $\circ$   
and informs constant values*

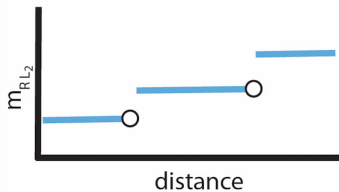
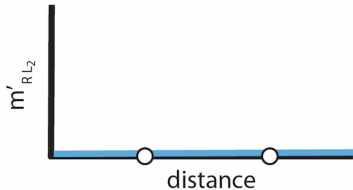
Toy Example - inferred results using  $\alpha^2 \|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{L}_2\mathbf{m}\|_2^2$



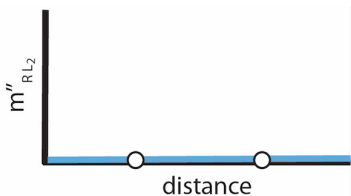
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*Data gives  $\circ \downarrow$  and informs zero*

*Data gives  $\circ$  and informs constants*



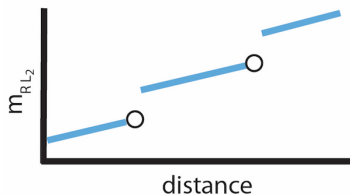
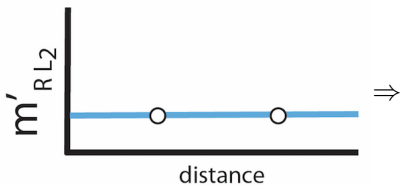
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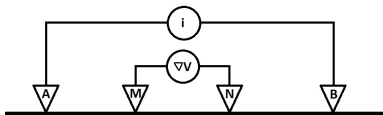
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## Electrical Resistance Tomography (ERT)

$$\nabla \cdot [\sigma(\mathbf{r})\nabla V(\mathbf{r})] = i[\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_A) - \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_B)]$$



Resistivity survey



## Numerical experiments

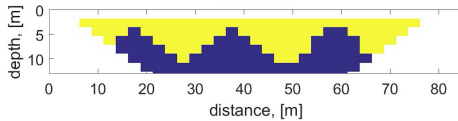
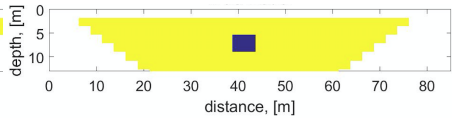
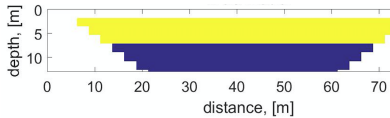
- 2.5D forward model - Fourier transform in  $y$  direction <sup>3</sup>
- 0.1% Gaussian noise

$$\|\mathbf{W}_d(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{m}))\|_2^2 + \alpha^2 \left\{ \|\mathbf{R}_x \mathbf{L}_{px} \mathbf{m}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{R}_z \mathbf{L}_{pz} \mathbf{m}\|_2^2 \right\}$$

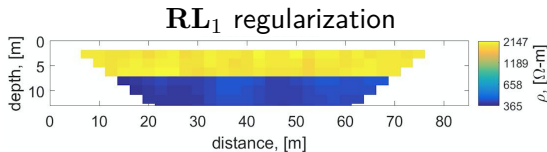
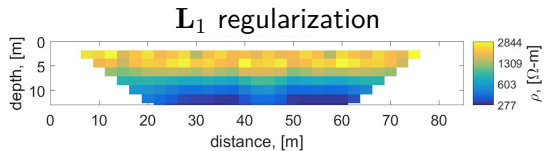
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<sup>3</sup>Pidlisecky and Knight, 2008

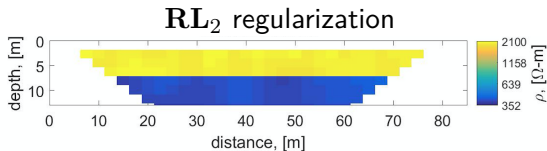
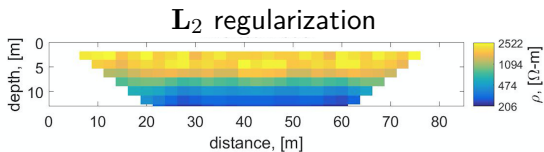
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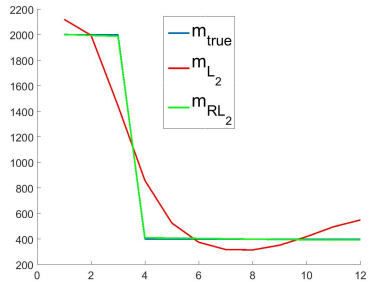
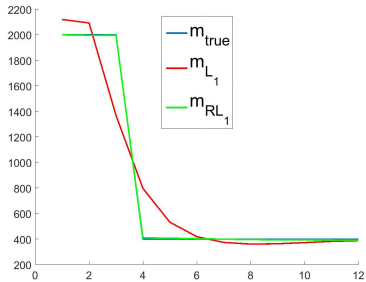
## Inverted layered model with constant variability in subregions



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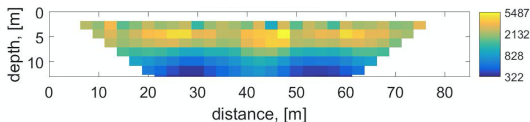
## Averaged vertical slices of resistivity



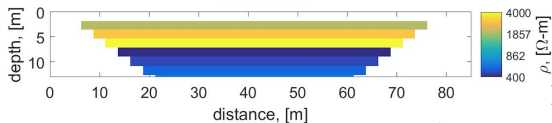
Layered model with constant variability

# Inverted layered model with moderate linear variability in subregions

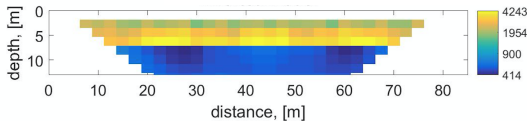
## $L_1$ regularization



## True resistivity

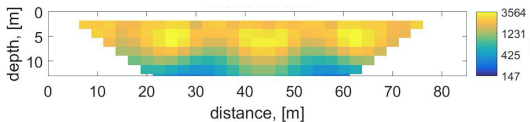


## $RL_1$ regularization

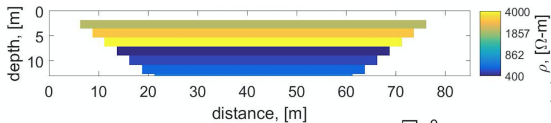


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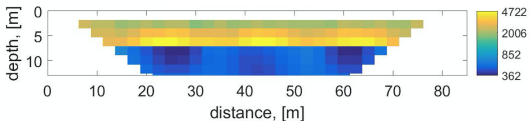
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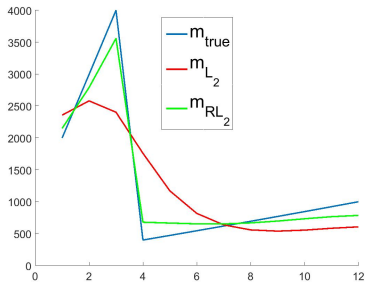
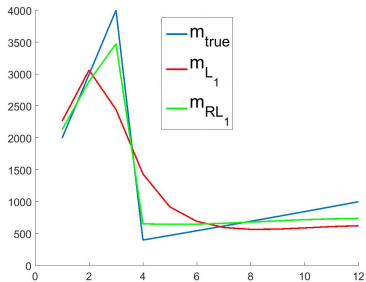
## True resistivity



## $RL_2$ regularization



## Averaged vertical slices of resistivity

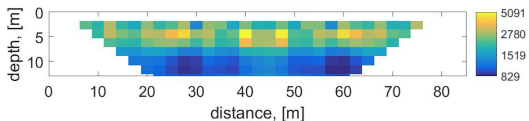


Layered model with moderate linear variability

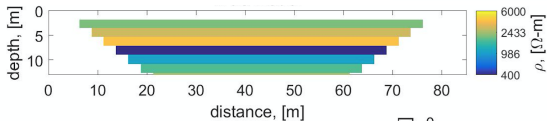


# Inverted layered model with strong linear variability in subregions

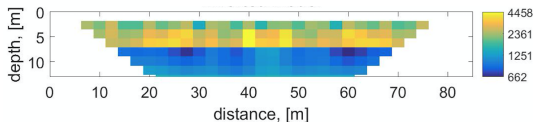
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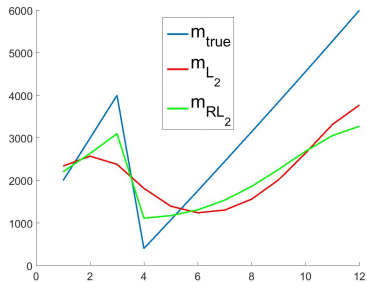
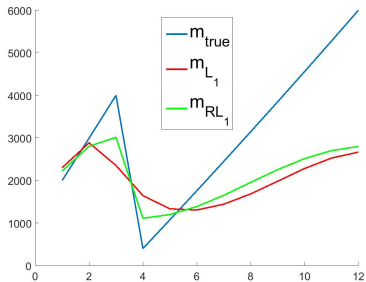
## True resistivity



## $RL_1$ regularization



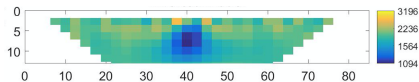
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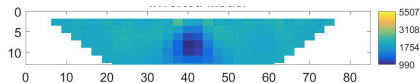
Layered model with strong linear variability

# Inverted anomaly model with constant variability

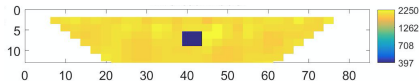
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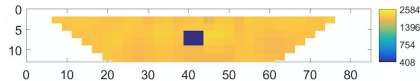
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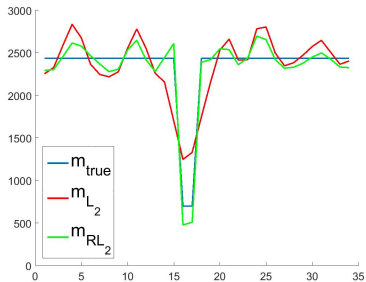
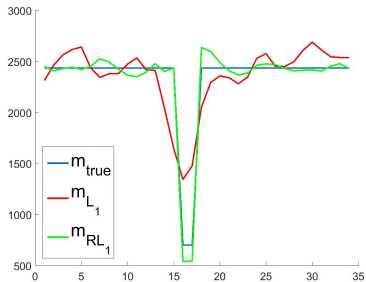
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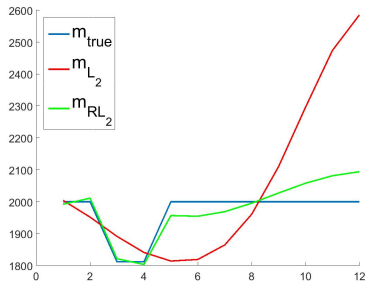
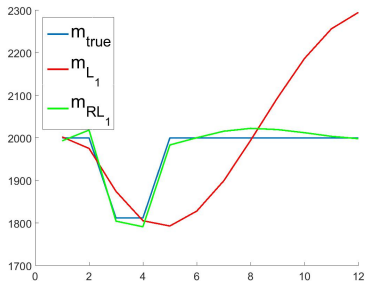


## Averaged horizontal slices of resistivity



Anomaly model with constant variability

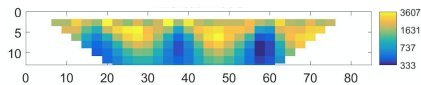
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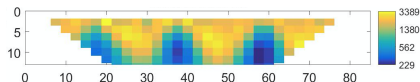
Anomaly model with constant variability

## Inverted sinusoidal model with linear variability

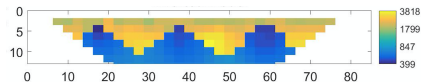
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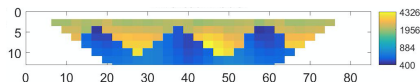
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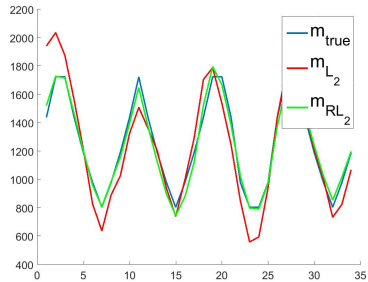
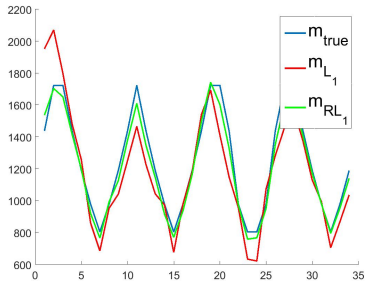
### $RL_1$ regularization



### $RL_2$ regularization



## Averaged horizontal slices of resistivity



Sinusoidal model with linear variability

## Summary

- Sharp discontinuities can be recovered with Tikhonov regularization through regularization operators  $\mathbf{R}$ 
  - requires knowledge of the boundaries.
- Smoothing constraints can be viewed as prior information
  - derivatives don't require good initial estimates.
  - second derivative offers more degrees of freedom.
- Concepts applied to ERT synthetic inversion
  - analysis verified on distant discontinuities, small anomaly, and complex boundary geometry.



Questions?