

Méthode TRAC: retournement temporel avec condition
aux limites absorbante.
Recréer le passé et application aux problèmes inverses en
ouverture partielle

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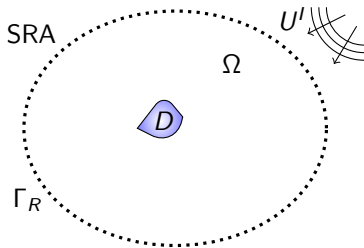
Forward problem

\mathcal{L} is a hyperbolic equation: Maxwell, elasticity, wave equation, ...

An impinging wave U^I illuminates an unknown inclusion D .

The total field U^T satisfies:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{L}(U^T) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d \\ \text{Radiation condition at infinity} \\ \text{Homogeneous Initial Conditions} \end{array} \right.$$



The **scattered field** $U^S := U^T - U^I$ is recorded from $t = 0$ to $t = T_f$ on a Source-Receiver Array (SRA) located on a surface Γ_R that encloses a domain Ω .

Goal: Reconstruct the scattered field from the recorded data on Γ_R .

Numerical simulations were made using Freefem++ (F. Hecht). [▶ Next](#)

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Recreate the past from the SRA

Aim: From the recording on Γ_R , reconstruct the scattered field $U^S(t, x)$.

Problem: Inclusion D is unknown and thus \mathcal{L} is known only in the surrounding medium $\Omega \setminus D$ where it is assumed to be homogeneous.

Three options:

- Find the properties of D by solving an **inverse problem**
- Time Reversal techniques
 - Classical Time Reversal (Larmat, Montagner, Fink, Capdeville, Tourin and Clévéde, 2006)
 - our idea: **Time Reversed Absorbing Conditions (TRAC)**

Recreate the past from the SRA

Based on Time reversibility of hyperbolic equations.

Example: the wave equation

$$\mathcal{L}(U) = 0 \longrightarrow \rho u_{tt} - \operatorname{div}(\mu \nabla u) = 0$$

If $u(t, x)$ is a solution, $u(-t, x)$ is a solution as well since:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(t, x)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u(-t, x)}{\partial t^2}$$

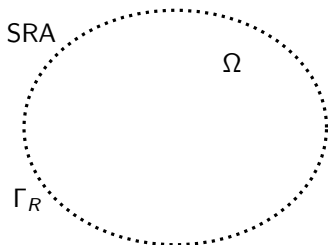
TR approach: Find a BVP whose solution is the time reversed scattered field $U_R^S(t, \cdot) := U^S(T_f - t, \cdot)$. Thus, U_R^S satisfies:

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_0(U_R^S) = 0 & \text{in } (0, T_f) \times \Omega \setminus D \\ U_R^S(t, \cdot) = U^S(T_f - t, \cdot) & \text{on } (0, T_f) \times \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

Problem: No boundary condition on ∂D .

This boundary value problem is **underdetermined**.

Ignore there is an inclusion and solve in whole domain Ω



$$\mathcal{L}_0(W_R^S) = 0 \text{ in } (0, T_f) \times \Omega$$

$$W_R^S(t, \cdot) = U^S(T_f - t, \cdot) \text{ on } (0, T_f) \times \partial\Omega$$

This classical time-reversed solution W_R^S differs from U_R^S .

Left: “Oracle” time reversal, Right: Classical time reversal (20% noise)

“Oracle” means the desired time reverse scattered field. [▶ Next](#)

A closer look at Classical Time Reversal

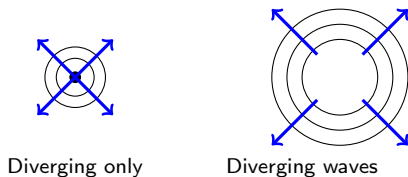


Figure : Forward problem

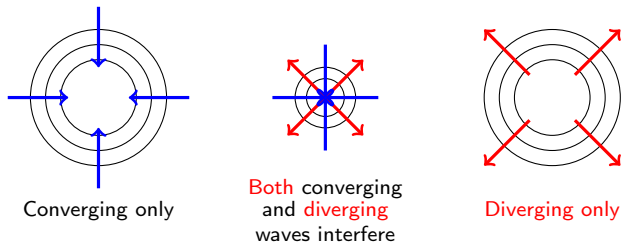


Figure : Problem in the numerical TR: diffraction limit – focal spot of size $\lambda/2$

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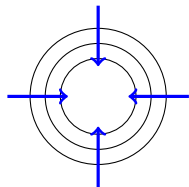
TRAC method

TRAC combines time reversal techniques (Fink, Montagner et al.) and absorbing boundary conditions (Engquist & Majda, Bayliss & Turkel)

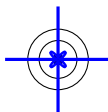
TRAC works **without knowing about the “scatterers”**

- the shape or/and
- the location or/and
- the boundary conditions it satisfies.

Perfect Numeric Time Reversal



Converging only



No interference



⇒ No diffraction limit

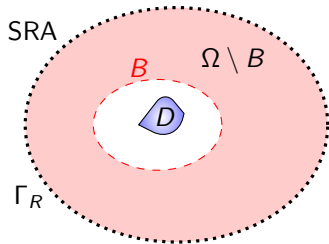
Recall, U_R^S satisfies :

$$\mathcal{L}_0(U_R^S) = 0 \text{ in } (0, T_f) \times \Omega \setminus D$$

$$U_R^S(t, \cdot) = U^S(T_f - t, \cdot) \text{ on } (0, T_f) \times \partial\Omega$$

In order to remove the **underdetermination**, we introduce an artificial domain B enclosing D and solve the reversed problem in $\Omega \setminus B$.

Which boundary condition
on the artificial boundary ∂B ?



Note that the forward scattered field U^S satisfies

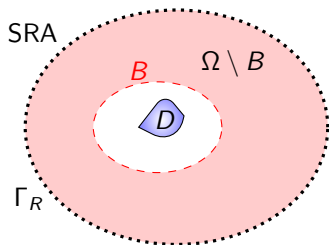
$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_0(U^S) = 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^d \setminus D \\ U^S \text{ satisfies a radiation condition at } \infty \end{cases}$$

Let ABC denote an absorbing boundary condition, we have :

$$\text{ABC}(U^S) = 0 \text{ on } \partial B,$$

We time reverse it :

$$\text{TRAC}(U_R^S) = 0 \text{ on } \partial B$$



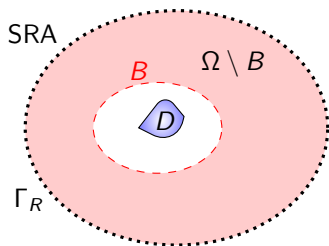
$\text{TRAC}(U_R^S) = 0$ is the missing boundary condition on ∂B .

Recreate the past via *TRAC*

The time reversed solution U_R^S satisfies the following BVP in a restricted domain :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_0(U_R^S) &= 0 \text{ in } (0, T_f) \times \Omega \setminus B \\ U_R^S(t, \cdot) &= U^S(T_f - t, \cdot) \text{ on } \Gamma_R \\ \text{TRAC}(U_R^S) &= 0 \text{ on } \partial B.\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

By solving (1), we are able to **recreate the past**, namely reconstruct U^S in domain $\Omega \setminus B$.



Recreate the past via *TRAC*

Example: the wave equation

$$\mathcal{L}(U) \longrightarrow \rho u_{tt} - \operatorname{div}(\mu \nabla u)$$

The *TRAC* problem reads

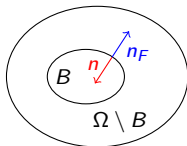
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 u_R^S}{\partial t^2} - \operatorname{div}(\mu_0 \nabla u_R^S) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus B \\ u_R^S(t, \cdot) = u^S(T_f - t, \cdot) & \text{on } \Gamma_R \\ \text{TRAC}(u_R^S) := \frac{\partial u_R^S}{\partial t} + c_0 \frac{\partial u_R^S}{\partial n} - c_0 \kappa \frac{u_R^S}{2} = 0 & \text{on } \partial B \\ \text{zero Cauchy Data} & \end{array} \right. \quad (2)$$

where $c_0 = \sqrt{\mu_0/\rho_0}$ and κ is the [curvature](#) of ∂B .

By solving (2), we are able to [recreate the past](#), namely reconstruct u^S in domain $\Omega \setminus B$.

Time Reversed Absorbing Conditions

The outward normal to B is denoted by n_F whereas the outward normal to $\Omega \setminus B$ is denoted by n .

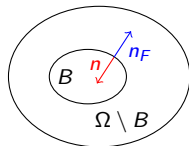


We assume that the forward scattered field, u^S satisfies BT1

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(u^S(t, x)) + c_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial n_F}(u^S(t, x)) + \kappa \frac{c_0}{2}(u^S(t, x)) = 0$$

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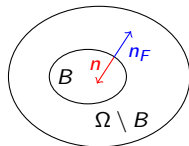
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since $\partial/\partial n_F = -\partial/\partial n$

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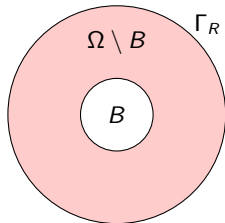
Stability Estimate

The *TRAC* boundary condition differs from BT1 by the minus sign and well posedness might be an issue.

Let $B \in \mathbb{R}^3$ be a ball of radius r_0 and let u satisfy the following equations:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta u = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus B \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma_R \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial n} - \frac{u}{r} \right) = g & \text{on } \partial B \end{array} \right. \quad (3)$$

with $u = u_0$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = u_1$ at $t = 0$.



Proposition

If Ω is a ball of radius R , we have the following stability estimate written for the BVP (3) in spherical coordinates :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\iiint r^2 \sin \phi \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)^2 + c^2 \sin \phi \left(\frac{\partial(ru)}{\partial r} \right)^2 + c^2 \sin \phi \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 + \frac{c^2}{\sin \phi} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \right) \\ + \iint_{r=r_0} cr^2 \sin \phi \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right)^2 = \iint_{r=r_0} cr^2 \sin \phi \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} g \end{aligned}$$

This stability estimate **is not the standard energy estimate**.

Proof: see *Time Reversed Absorbing Conditions*, Assous, Kray, Nataf, Turkel, Comptes Rendus Mathématiques, Serie I (2010)

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Time reversal with *TRAC* (20% noise)

Left: B encloses the inclusion D ; *TRAC* recreates the past
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► Next

TRAC has at least two applications in inverse problems :

- 1 The first application is the **reduction of the size of the computational domain by redefining the reference surface** on which the receivers appear to be located. This is reminiscent of the redatuming method, see Berryhill, 1979.
- 2 The second application is to identify an unknown inclusion D from boundary measurements. This is achieved by using a **trial and error procedure** on the trial domain B .

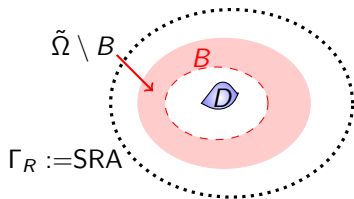
Signal reconstruction with *TRAC*

u_R^T time-reversed total field (exact)

v_R^T *TRAC* reconstruction

relative L^2 -error :

$$E(v_R) = \frac{\|u_R^T - v_R^T\|_{L^2(\tilde{\Omega} \setminus B)}}{\|u_R^T\|_{L^2(\tilde{\Omega} \setminus B)}}$$



Noise/Test	1	2	3	4	5	6	Mean value
0%	6.28%	3.14%	1.93%	3.92%	7.37%	5.18%	4.64%
5%	6.39%	3.37%	2.31%	4.15%	7.50%	5.31%	4.84%
10%	6.72%	4.03%	3.21%	4.68%	7.84%	5.78%	5.38%
20%	8.04%	5.98%	5.32%	6.28%	8.87%	7.21%	6.95%
Mean value	6.86%	4.13%	3.19%	4.76%	7.90%	5.87%	5.45%

Remark : penetrable inclusions such as $c_D = 3$ and $c_0 = 1$.

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Helmholtz equation – Phase conjugation

Example : Helmholtz equation

$$\mathcal{L}(U) \longrightarrow -\omega^2 \hat{u} - c^2 \Delta \hat{u}$$

Time Reversal amounts then to **phase conjugation**, see SAR.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{v}_R(\omega, \vec{x}) &= \int v(-t, \vec{x}) e^{-i\omega t} dt = \int v(t, \vec{x}) e^{i\omega t} dt \\ &= \overline{\int v(t, \vec{x}) e^{-i\omega t} dt} = \bar{v}(\omega, \vec{x}). \end{aligned}$$

TRAC Helmholtz problem :

$$\begin{cases} -\omega^2 \hat{u}_R - c^2 \Delta \hat{u}_R = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \setminus B \\ i\omega \hat{u}_R + c \frac{\partial \hat{u}_R}{\partial n} - \kappa \frac{c \hat{u}_R}{2} = 0 & \text{on } \partial B \\ \hat{u}_R = \bar{\hat{u}} & \text{on } \Gamma_R \end{cases}$$

TRAC in the frequency domain

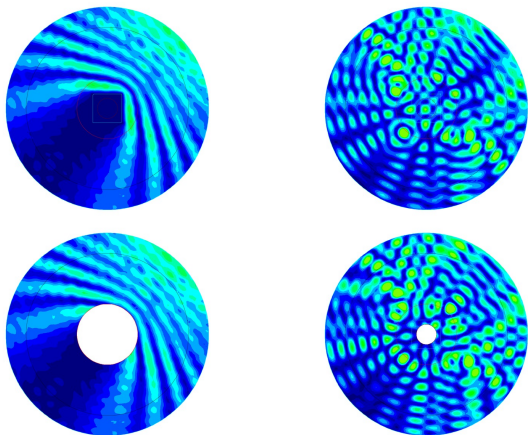


Figure : Soft square shaped inclusion D ; of length 2λ . From left to right, from top to bottom : oracle, classical phase conjugation, *TRAC* with B enclosing the inclusion, *TRAC* with B inside the inclusion.

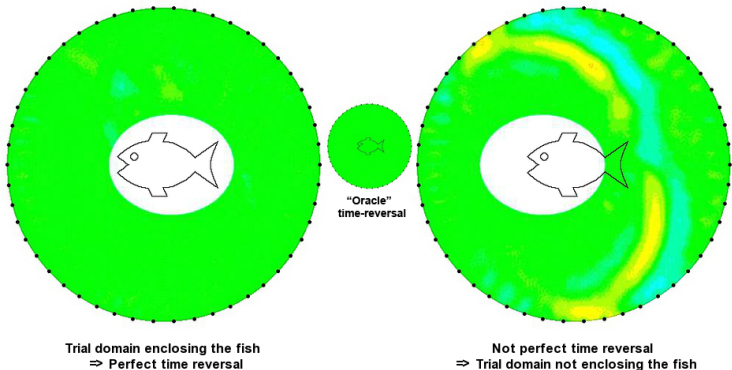
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Principle to identify the inclusion:

- If B encloses the object D , the solution u_R^S to the time reversed BVP coincides with the time reversed of the “forward” solution u^S (“oracle”).
- Conversely, if there is a difference between u_R^S and the reverse of the “forward” solution u^S , we know that domain B does not contain the inclusion.

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Time Reversal with TRAC recreates the past: $t = -0.72$

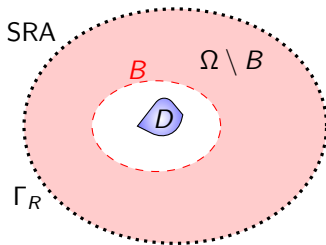


Criterion of objet discrimination

In **full** aperture : final time criterion

$$J_{FT}(B) := \frac{\|v_R^S(T_f, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega \setminus B)}}{\sup_{t \in [0, T_f]} \|u^I(t, \cdot)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}}$$

v_R^S computed time-reverse scattered field
 u^I known forward incident wave



Only Final time solutions are displayed

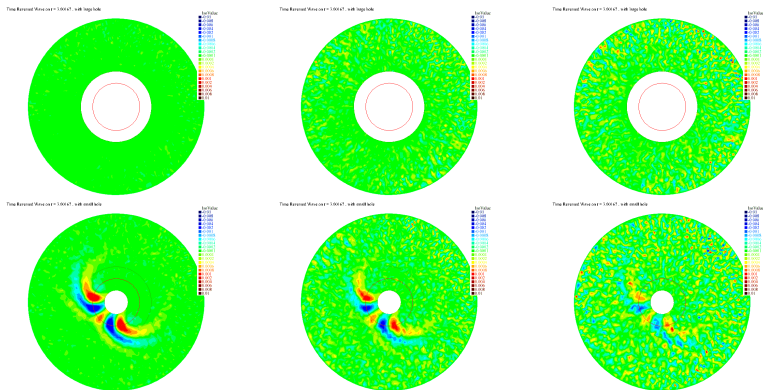


Figure : $Coeff = 10\%$,

$Coeff = 30\%$,

$Coeff = 50\%$

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Time reversal in partial aperture with *TRAC* (20% noise)

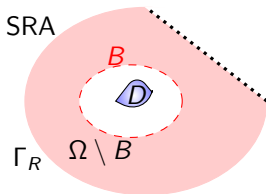
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Criterion of objet discrimination

In **partial** aperture :

cross-correlation image

$$f(\vec{x}) := \int_{t=0}^{t=T_f} v_R^S(T_f - t, \vec{x}) \times u^I(t, \vec{x}) dt,$$



cross-correlation criterion

$$J_{CC}(B) := \frac{\left\| \int_{t=0}^{t=T_f} v_R^S(T_f - t, \cdot) \times u^I(t, \cdot) dt \right\|_{L^\infty(\Omega \setminus B)}}{\left\| \int_{t=0}^{t=T_f} |u^I(t, \cdot)|^2 dt \right\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}},$$

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Resulting image with the cross-correlation function

Imaging by cross-correlation to detect the interfaces of the inclusion

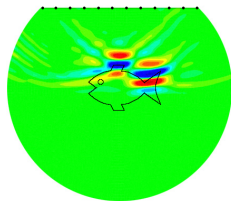
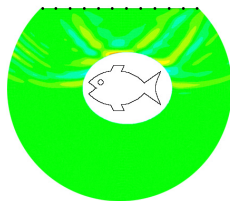
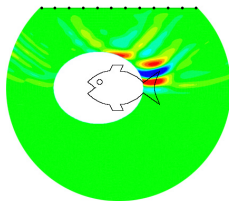


Figure : Classical TR,
 $J_{CC}(B) = 23.01\%$



TRAC enclosing the inclusion,
 $J_{CC}(B) = 7.95\%$



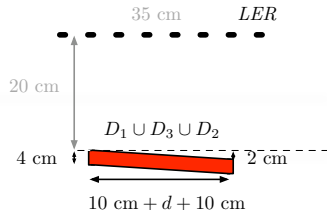
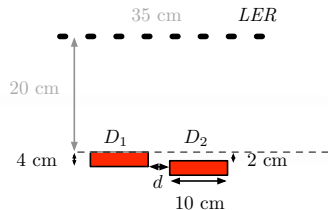
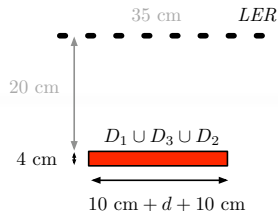
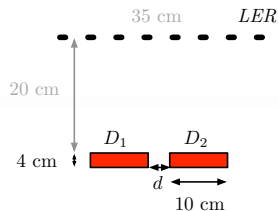
TRAC missing the tail
 $J_{CC}(B) = 21.87\%$

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Four configurations: $\lambda \simeq 10$ cm,

LER := SRA



Two distinct inclusions and a **unique** one, **aligned and not aligned**.

Data from Igel'08, (12th Int. Conf. on Ground Penetrating Radar)

simplified electromagnetic waves in first approximation:

- ε the electric permittivity, μ the magnetic permeability
- $c = \sqrt{1/\varepsilon\mu}$ the velocity.

$$\varepsilon \frac{\partial^2 u(t, r)}{\partial t^2} - \operatorname{div} \left(\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla u(t, r) \right) = 0. \quad (\text{EM})$$

Properties of the mines (iron or plastic):

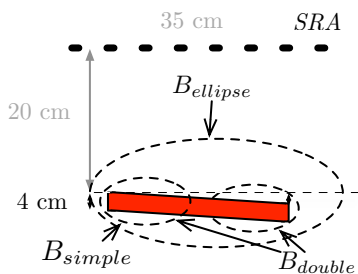
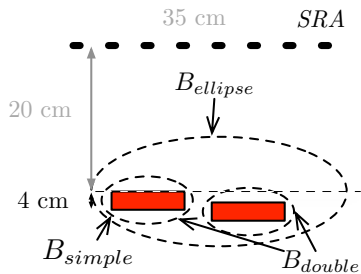
$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r, \quad \mu = \mu_0 \mu_r$$

	soil	iron mine	plastic mine
ε_r	5	1	3
μ_r	1	10,000	1
c_r	0.44	0.01	0.57

See Igel'08.

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Trial domains B



Criterion $J(B)$ designed such that:

$J(B) \gg 1 \Rightarrow$ domain B encloses the inclusion(s)

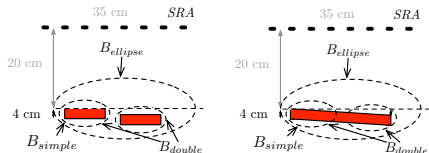
$J(B) \simeq 1, 10 \Rightarrow$ domain B does not enclose the inclusion(s)

Discrimination between one plastic mine and two

Criterion:

$$J(B) \gg 1 \Rightarrow D \subset B$$

$$J(B) \simeq 1, 10 \Rightarrow D \not\subset B$$



Trial domain B	$d = \lambda/4$ Noise	aligned inclusions		non aligned inclusions	
		2 inclusions	1 inclusion	2 inclusions	1 inclusion
$B_{ellipse}$	0%	1513327,65	4964577,64	23816,93	90352,37
	20%	1442376,08	4668092,94	23962,34	99995,21
B_{simple}	0%	2,07	6,72	0,72	1,96
	20%	2,01	6,33	0,68	2,03
B_{double}	0%	163,33	13,68	324,33	17,87
	20%	166,14	14,02	334,11	17,97

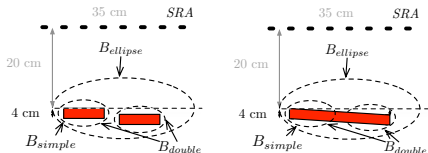
Table : Criterion J for discriminating between one or two plastic mines distant from $\lambda/4 \Rightarrow$ Subwavelength resolution.

Discrimination between one iron mine and two

Criterion:

$$J(B) \gg 1 \Rightarrow D \subset B$$

$$J(B) \simeq 1, 10 \Rightarrow D \not\subset B$$



Trial domain B	$d = \lambda/8$ Noise	aligned inclusions		non aligned inclusions	
		2 inclusions	1 inclusion	2 inclusions	1 inclusion
$B_{ellipse}$	0%	112293,94	197912,87	6899,20	8613,34
	20%	101868,59	194473,61	6371,37	9341,23
B_{simple}	0%	1,90	3,97	0,99	1,48
	20%	1,73	3,83	1,00	1,46
B_{double}	0%	54,05	7,86	200,72	12,52
	20%	49,46	7,23	224,23	12,96

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Conclusion & prospects

- stability and energy estimate
- time and frequency domain method
- redatuming without paraxial approximation
- for solid or penetrable object of any shape
- robust with respect to noise on the recorded data
- full and partial aperture of the SRA
- application to discrimination between one and two close inclusions

Actual work & prospects

- combination of the *TRAC* method and an inverse problem technique (Work by Marie Kray and Maya de Buhan, Paris 5)
- comparison with experimental data (real data)
- other equations: Maxwell, elasticity

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