

# **BCS-based inversion methods within a multi-frequency framework**

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## **Abstract**

In this report, the multi-frequency Multi-Task Bayesian Compressive Sensing (MT-BCS) technique is compared with the Single-Task Bayesian Compressive Sensing one (ST-BCS). The comparison shows how the first method, which concurrently handle the multi-frequency data taking into account the relationship between the correlated inverse problems associated to different illumination frequencies, provides better results. Moreover, single-frequency and multi-frequency approaches have been investigated.

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## Legenda

- SF-ST-BCS is the single-task Bayesian Compressive Sampling-based technique developed in [1] and working at a single frequency.
- MF-ST-BCS is the single-task Bayesian Compressive Sampling-based technique working at multiple frequencies.
- MF-MT-BCS is the multi-task Bayesian Compressive Sampling-based technique that exploits the correlation between multiple illumination frequencies.

# 1 Comparison with ST-BCS

## 1.1 Homogeneous Objects

### 1.1.1 Two Strips of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ , $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$

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- Side of the investigation domain:  $L$

#### Test Case Description

##### Direct solver:

- Square domain divided in  $\sqrt{D} \times \sqrt{D}$  cells
- Domain side:  $L = 3\lambda$  (at the central frequency)
- $D = 1296$  (discretization for the direct solver:  $< \lambda/10$ )

##### Investigation domain:

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- $L = 3\lambda$
- $2ka = 2 \times \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times \frac{L\sqrt{2}}{2} = 6\pi\sqrt{2} = 26.65$
- $\#DOF = \frac{(2ka)^2}{2} = \frac{(2 \times \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times \frac{L\sqrt{2}}{2})^2}{2} = 4\pi^2 \left(\frac{L}{\lambda}\right)^2 = 4\pi^2 \times 9 \approx 355.3$
- $N$  scelto in modo da essere vicino a  $\#DOF$ :  $N = 324$  ( $18 \times 18$ )

##### Measurement domain:

- Measurement points taken on a circle of radius  $\rho = 3\lambda$  (at the central frequency)
- $M \approx 2ka \rightarrow M = 27$

##### Sources:

- $V = 1$  ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ )
- Amplitude:  $A = 1$  (plane waves)
- Number of Frequencies:  $F = 11$
- Frequency Range:  $I_F = [150 \text{ Mhz} : 450 \text{ Mhz}]$  - Frequency Step:  $S_F = [30 \text{ Mhz}]$

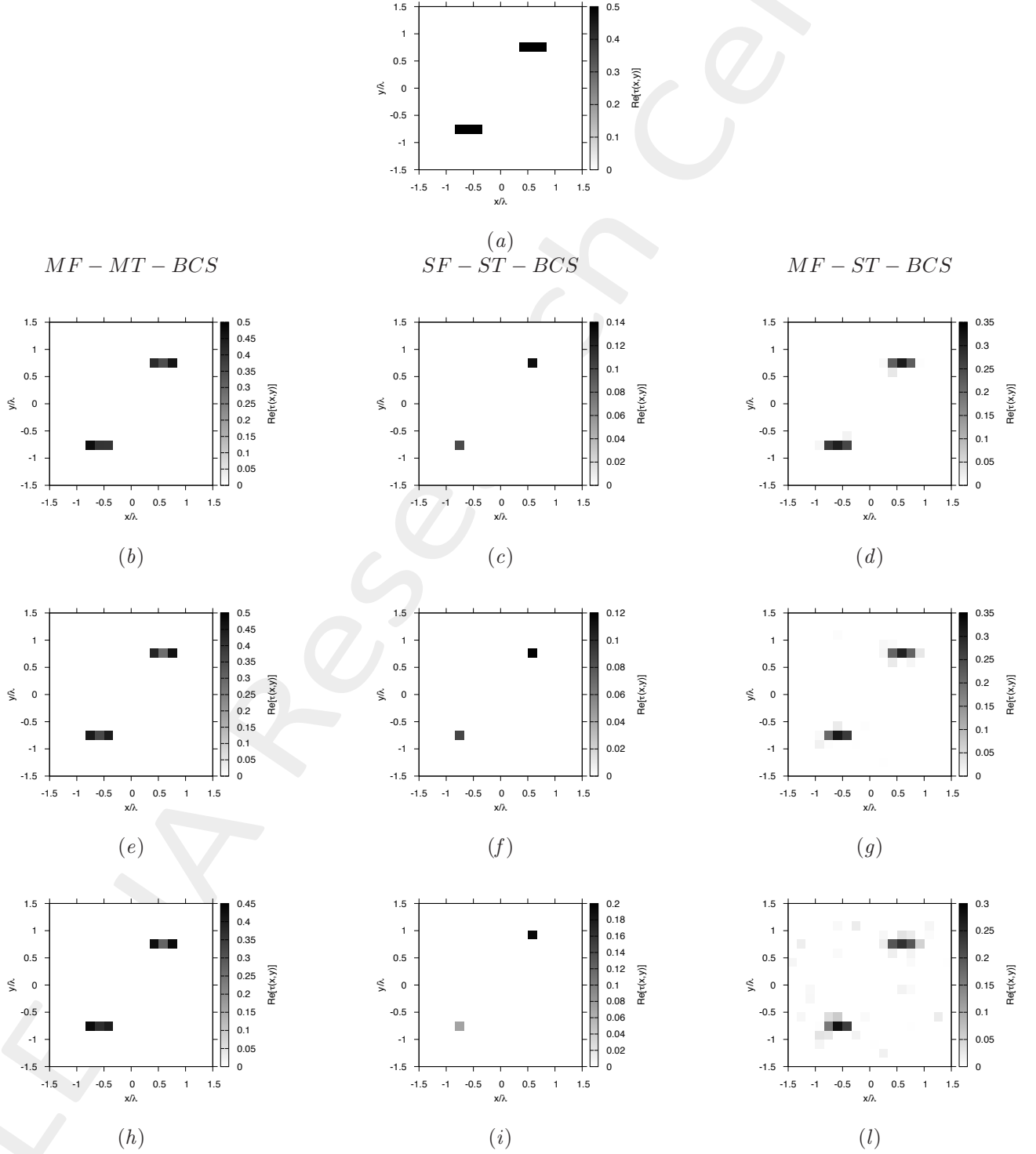
##### Object:

- Two strips of sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$
- $\sigma = 0$  [S/m]

##### MT-BCS parameters:

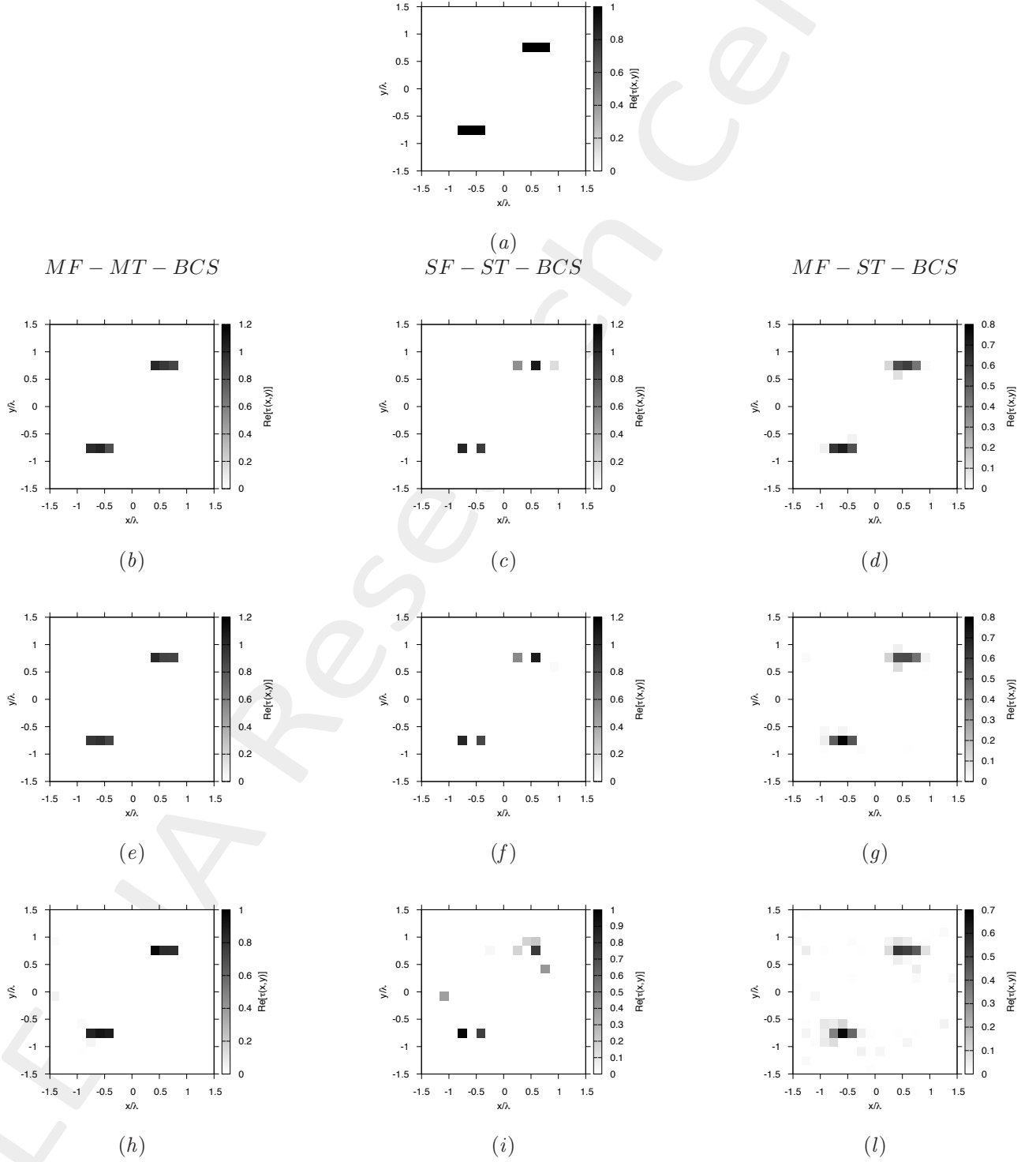
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Two Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  -  $\epsilon_r = 1.5$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



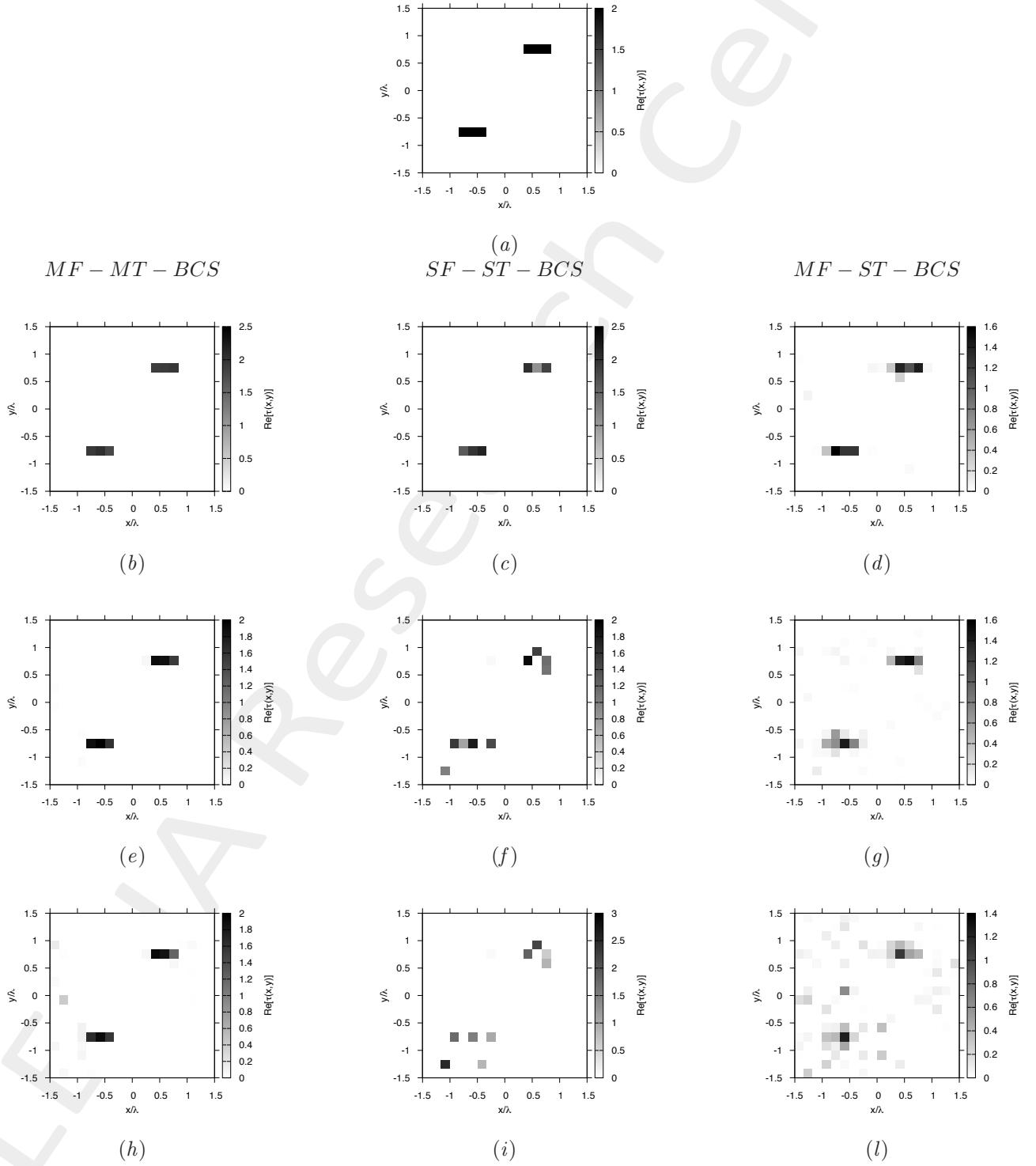
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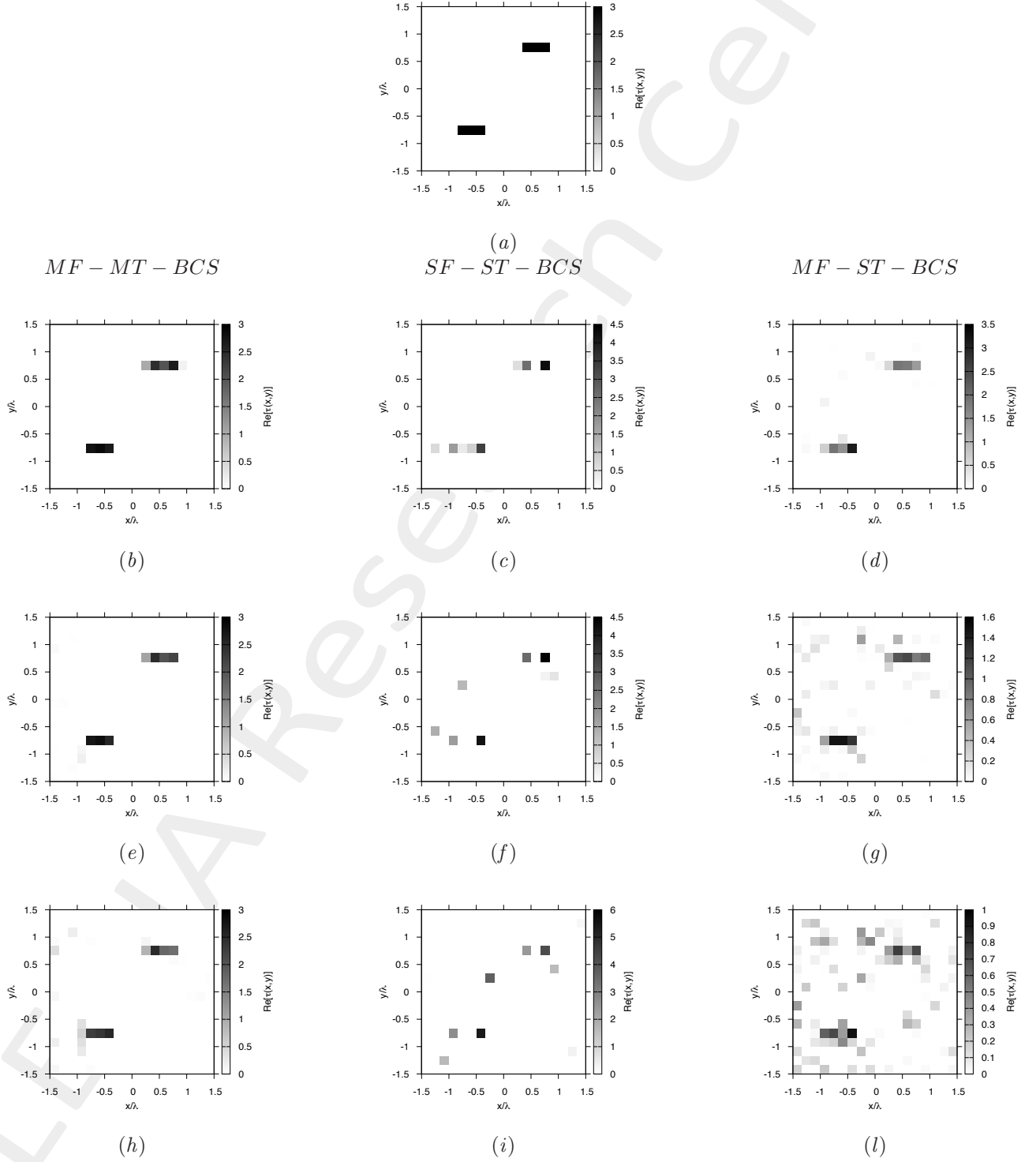
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Two Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  -  $\epsilon_r = 3.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



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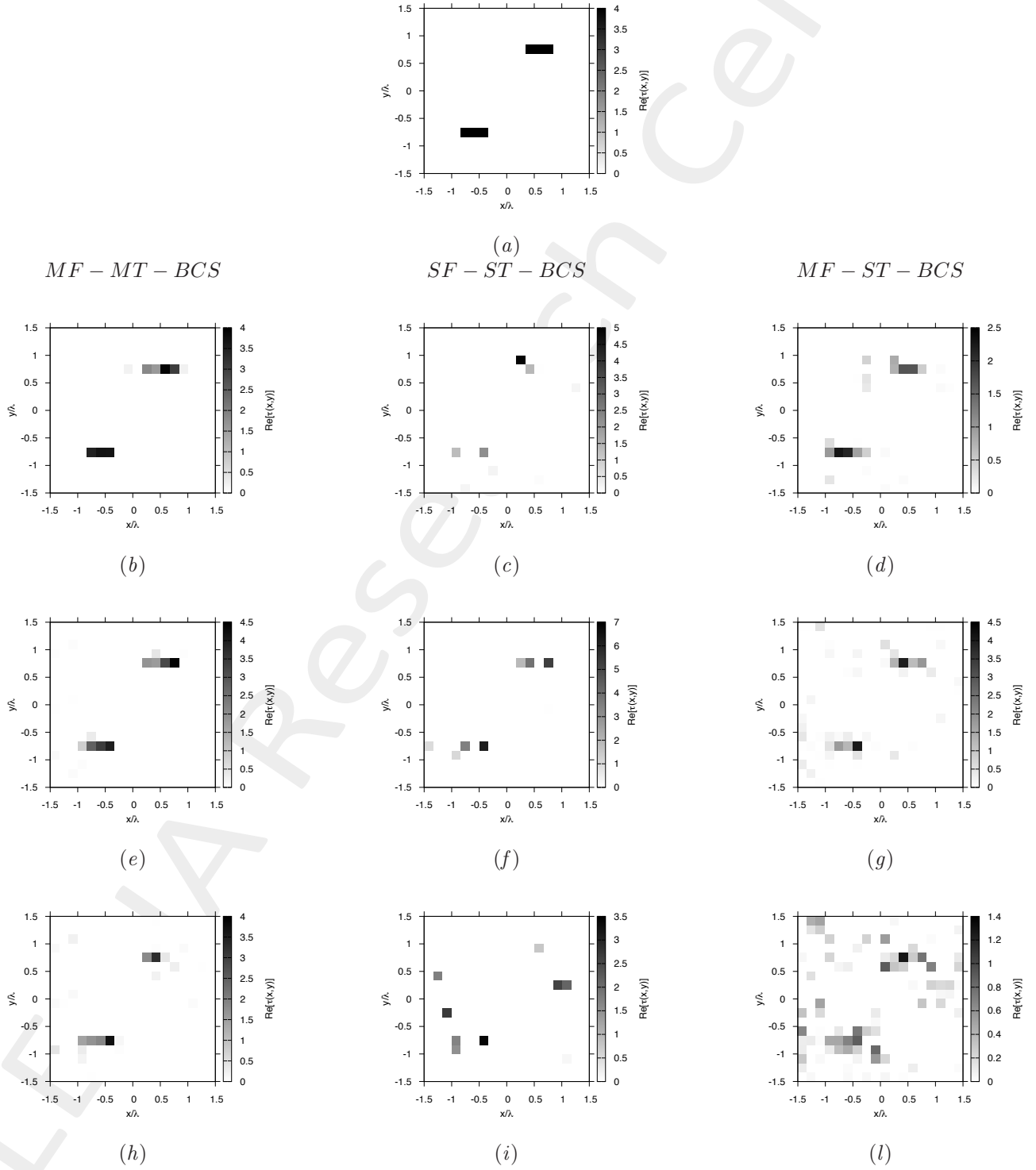
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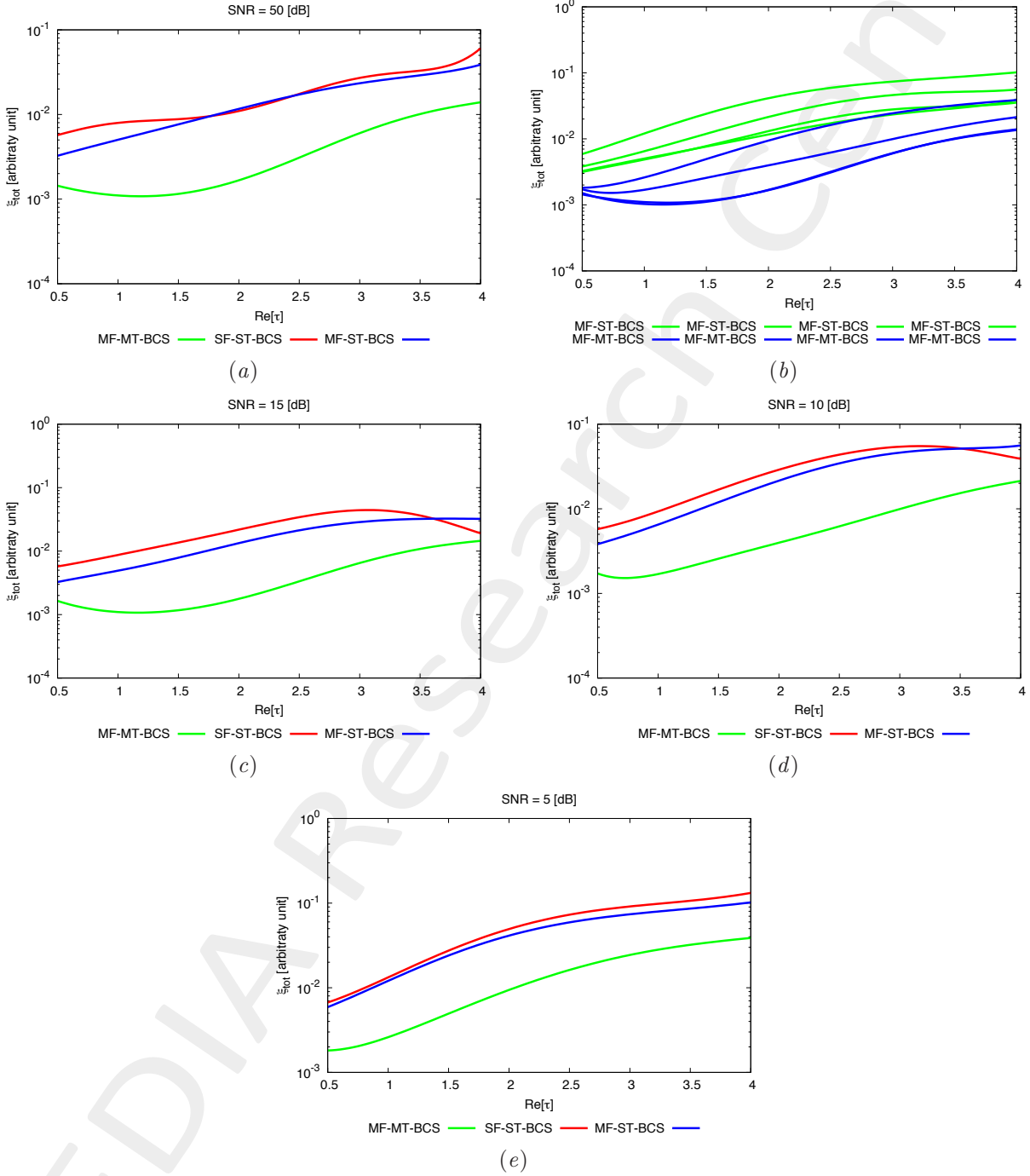


Two Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  -  $\epsilon_r = 5.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



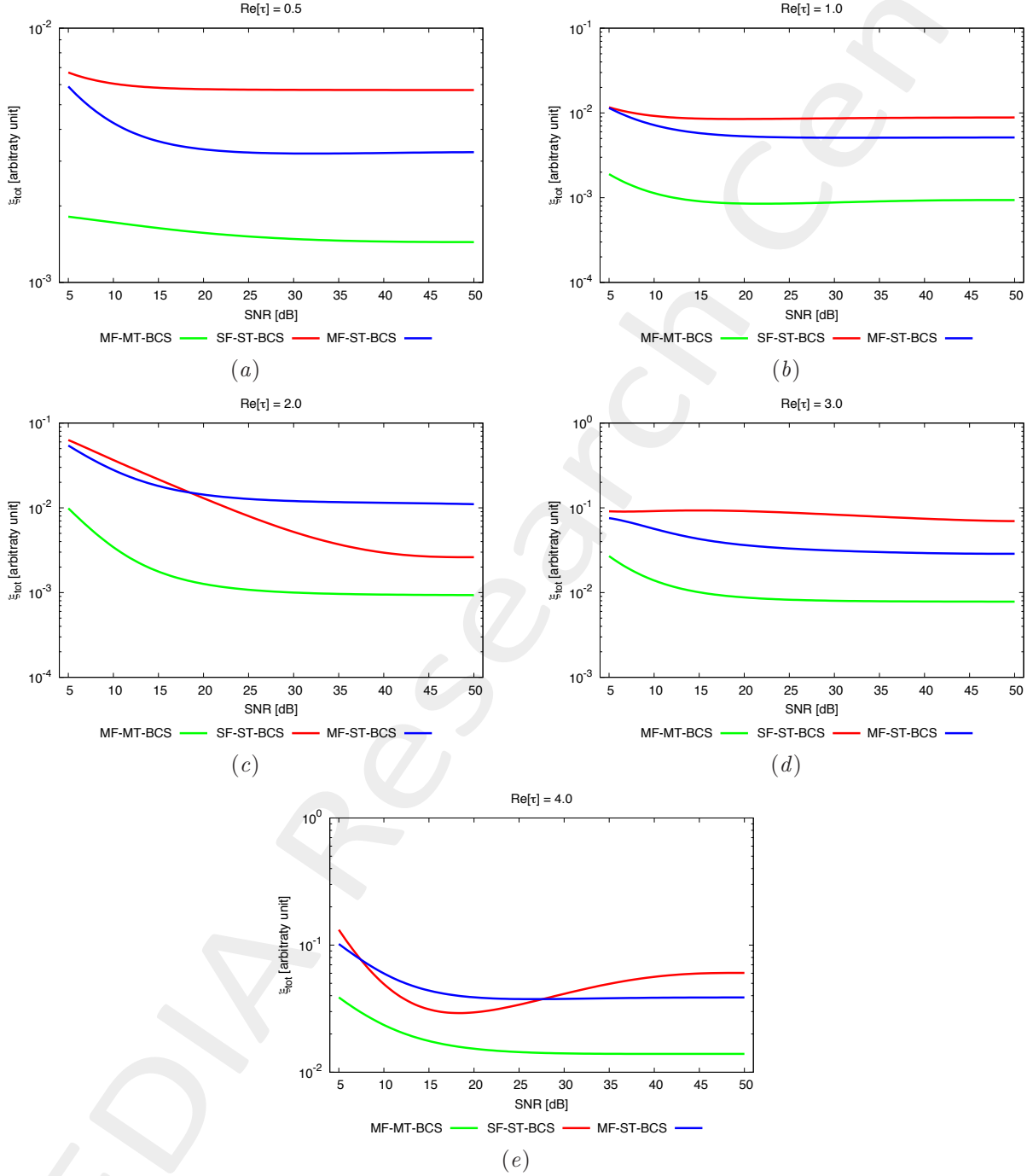
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Two Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  - BCS Errors vs.  $\varepsilon_r$  Comparison



**Figure 40.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $\varepsilon_r$ , for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (a),  $SNR = 20$  [dB] (b),  $SNR = 15$  [dB] (c),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (d) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (e).

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**Figure 41.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $SNR$ , for  $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$  [dB] (a),  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$  [dB] (b),  $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$  [dB] (c),  $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$  [dB] (d) and  $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$  [dB] (e).

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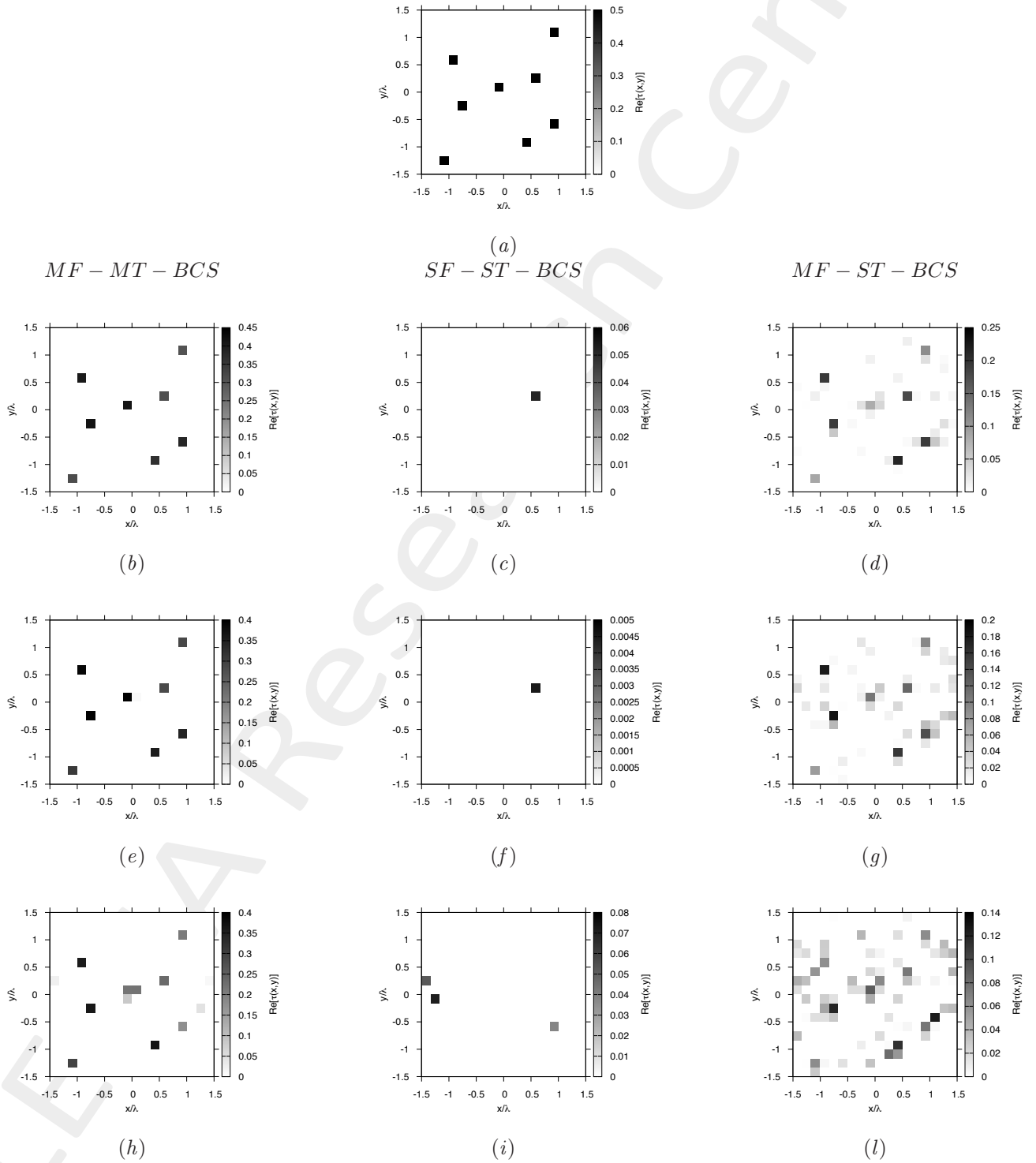
##### Object:

- Eight square cylinders of side  $l = 0.16\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$
- $\sigma = 0$  [S/m]

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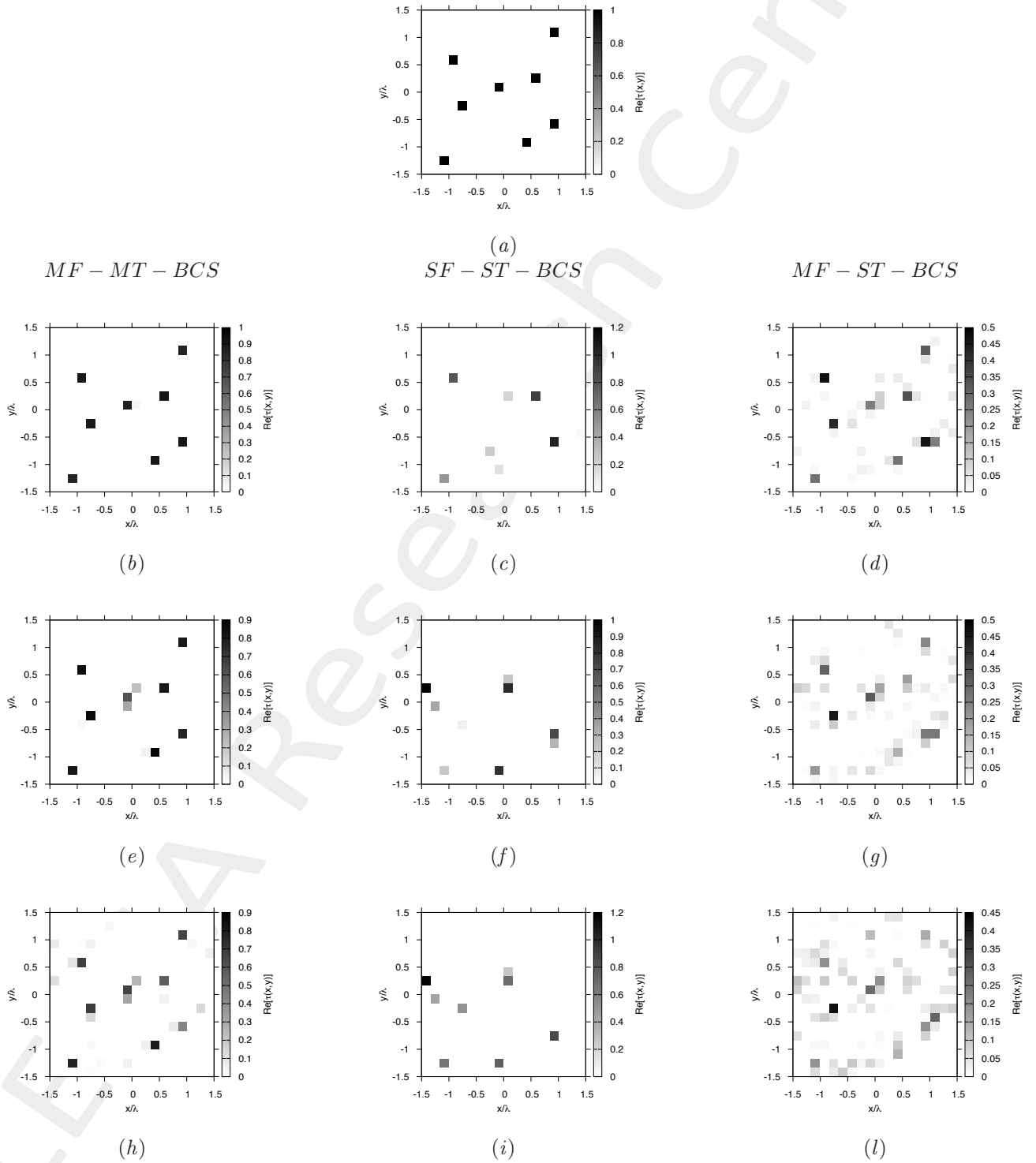
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Eight Homogeneous Pixels of Side  $l = 0.16\lambda$  -  $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



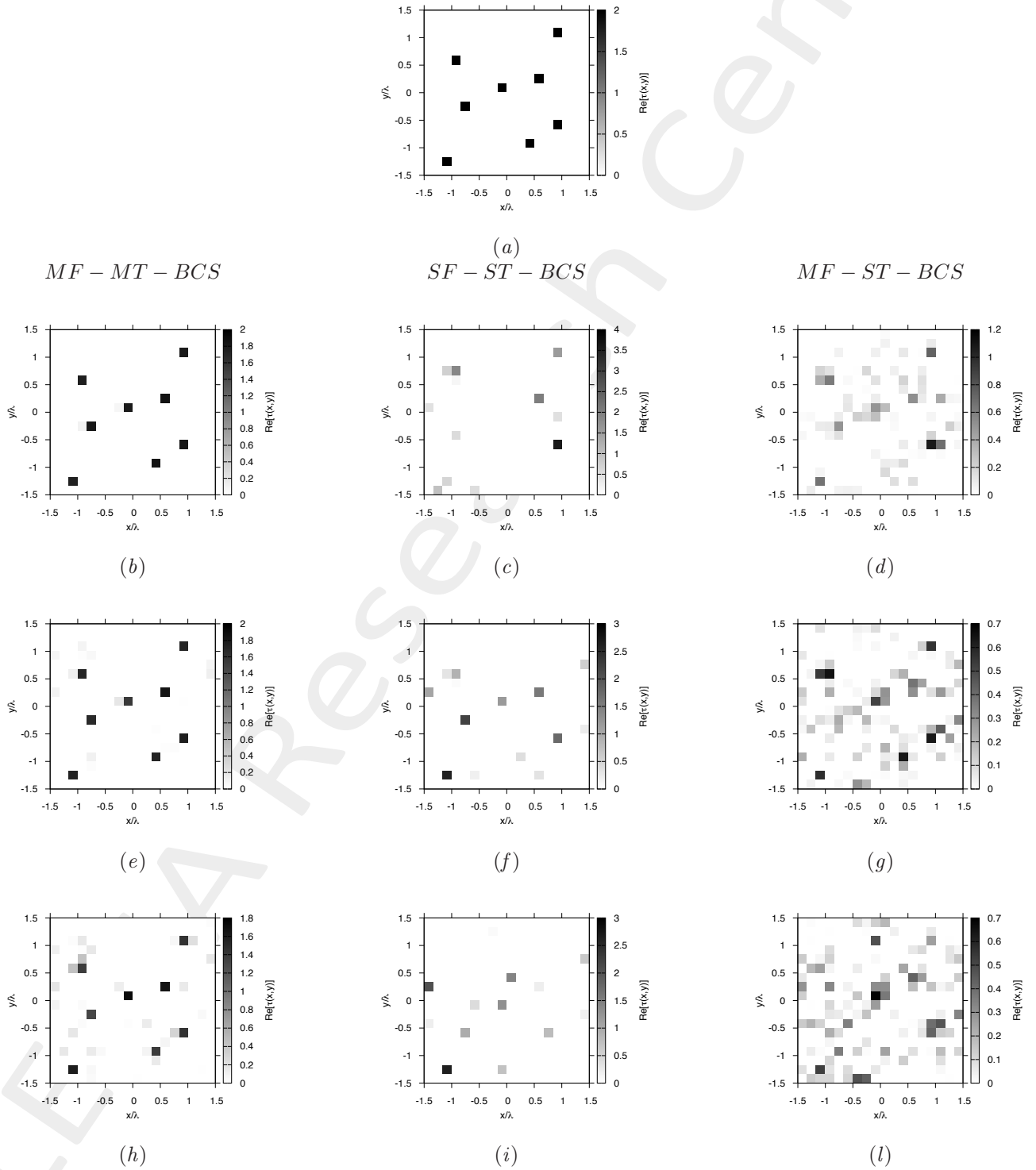
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Eight Homogeneous Pixels of Side  $l = 0.16\lambda$  -  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



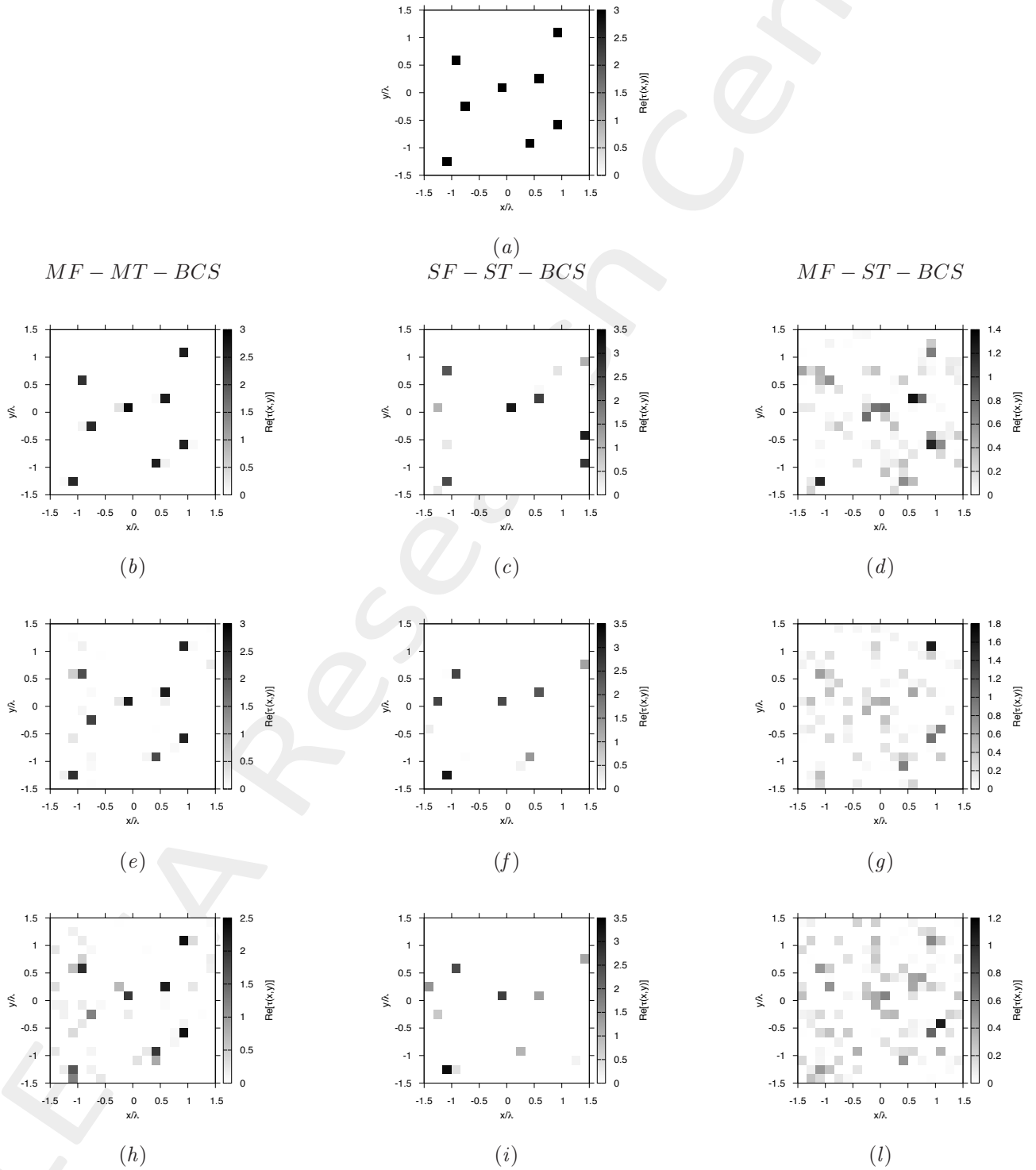
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**Figure 44.** Actual object (a), *MF – MT – BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF – ST – BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF – ST – BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

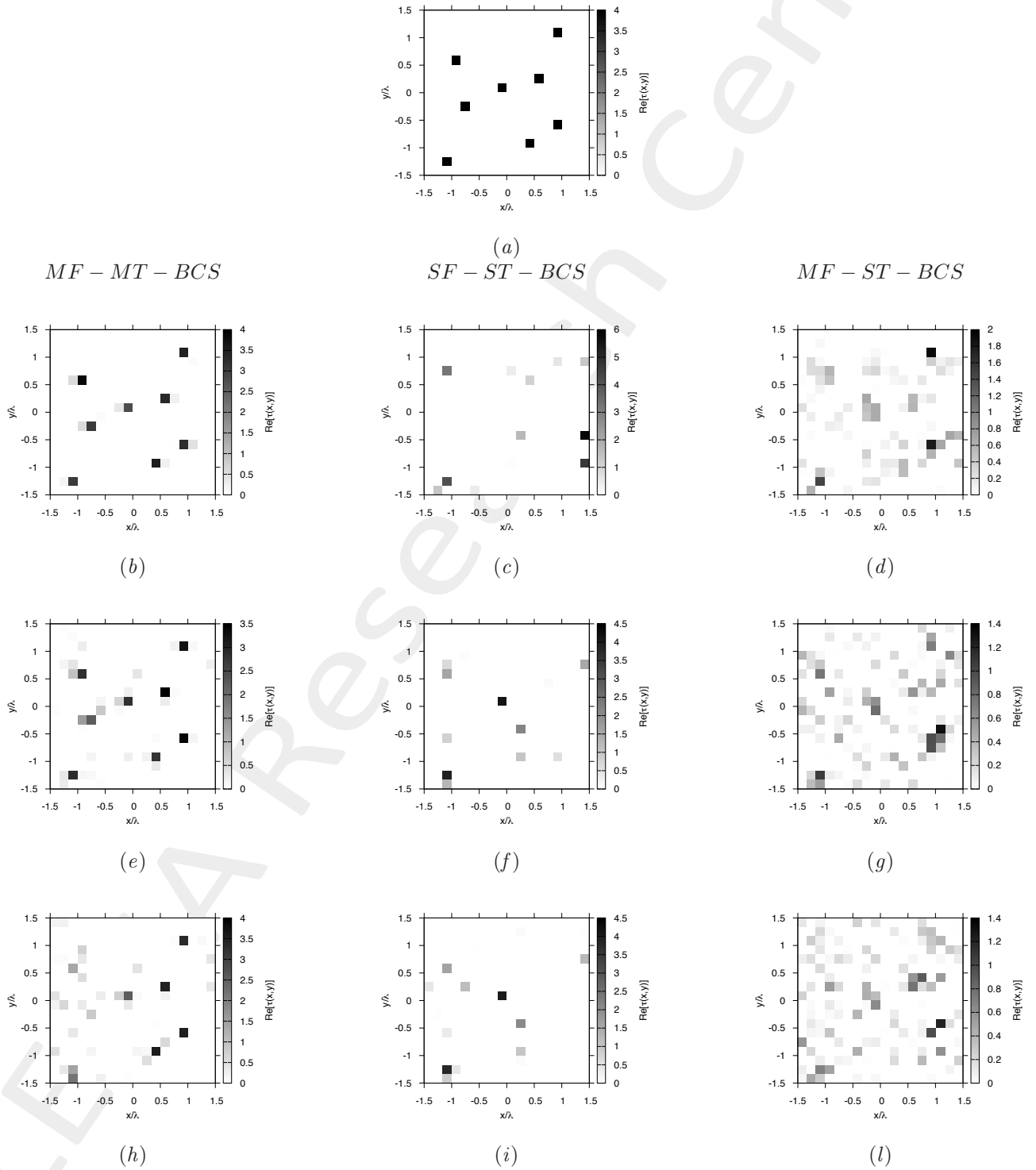
Eight Homogeneous Pixels of Side  $l = 0.16\lambda$  -  $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



**Figure 45.** Actual object (a), *MF – MT – BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF – ST – BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF – ST – BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

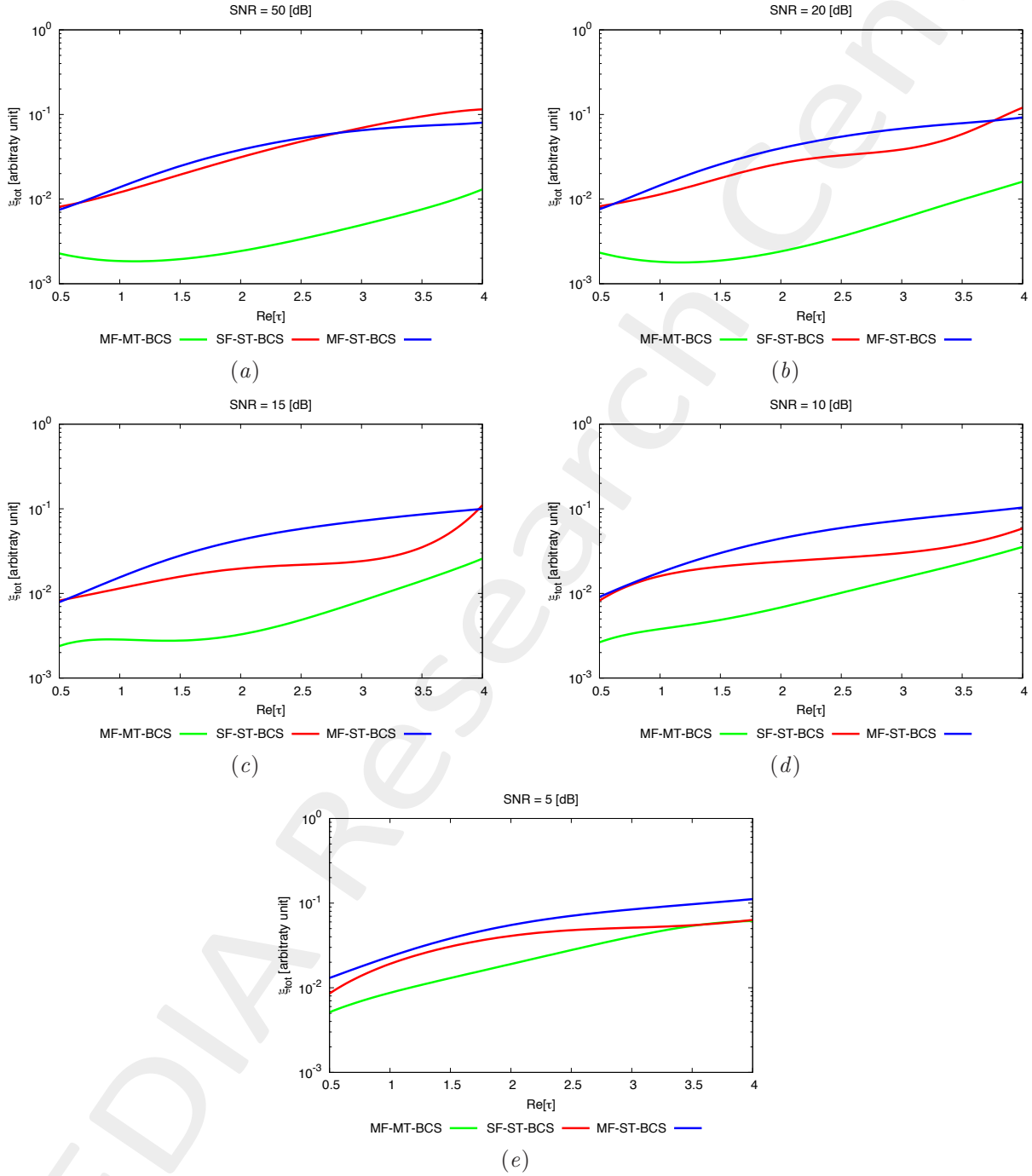


Eight Homogeneous Pixels of Side  $l = 0.16\lambda$  -  $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



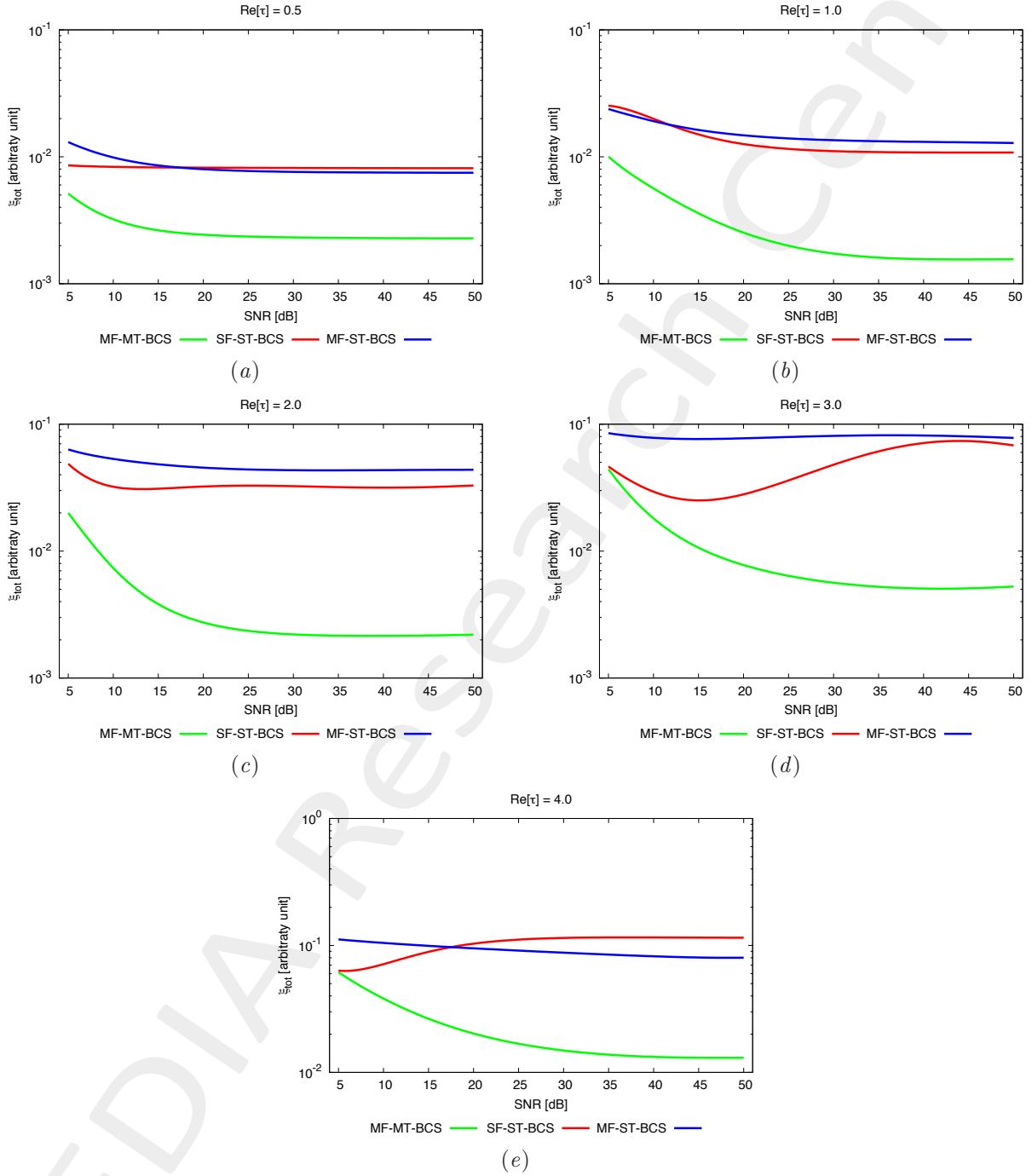
**Figure 46.** Actual object (a), *MF - MT - BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF - ST - BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF - ST - BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

## Eight Homogeneous Pixels of Side $l = 0.16\lambda$ - BCS Errors vs. $\varepsilon_r$ Comparison



**Figure 47.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $\varepsilon_r$ , for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (a),  $SNR = 20$  [dB] (b),  $SNR = 15$  [dB] (c),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (d) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (e).

### Eight Homogeneous Pixels of Side $l = 0.16\lambda$ - BCS Errors vs. $SNR$ Comparison



**Figure 48.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $SNR$ , for  $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$  [dB] (a),  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$  [dB] (b),  $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$  [dB] (c),  $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$  [dB] (d) and  $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$  [dB] (e).

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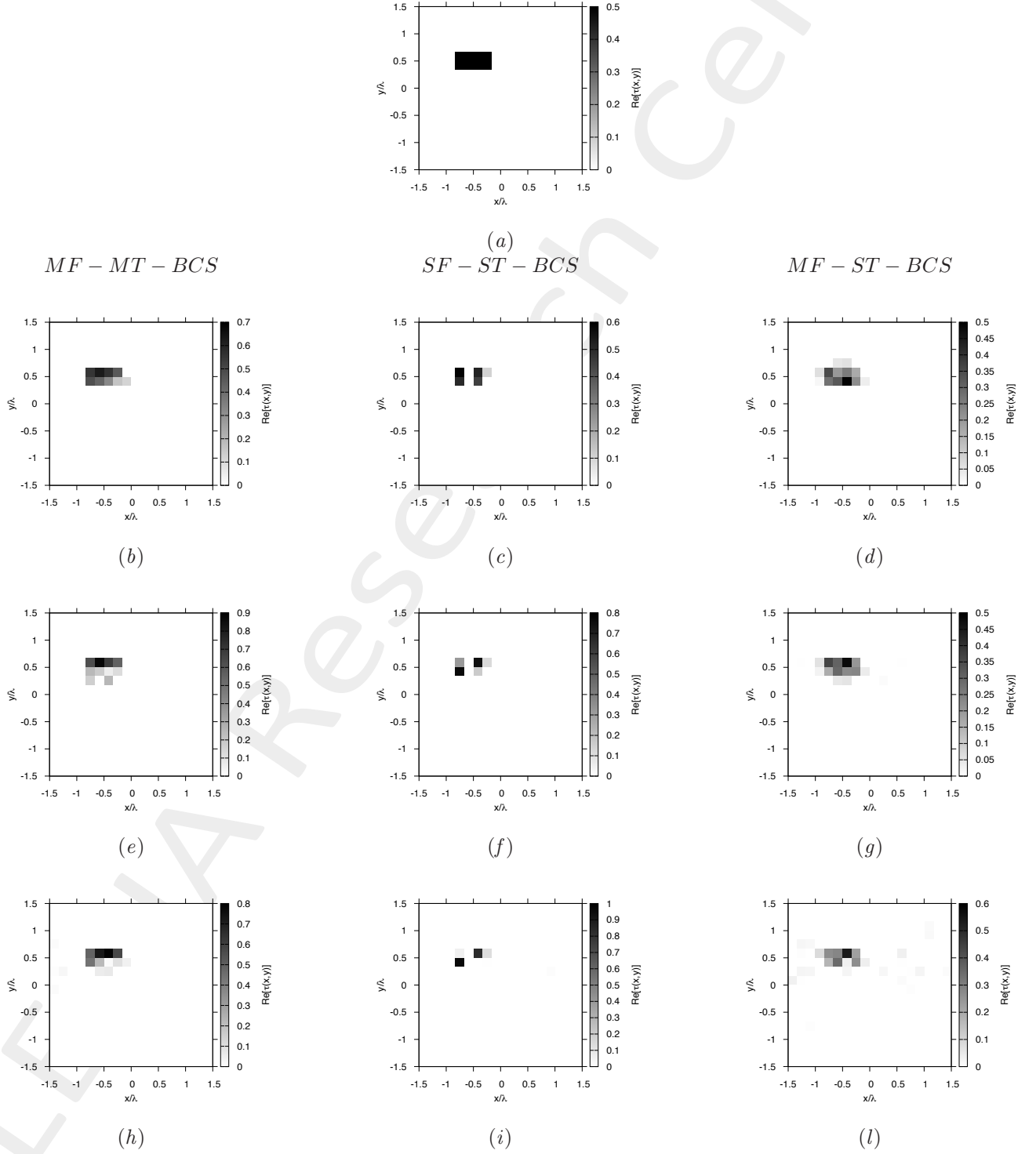
##### Object:

- Rectangle of sides  $l_1 = 0.33\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.66\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$
- $\sigma = 0$  [S/m]

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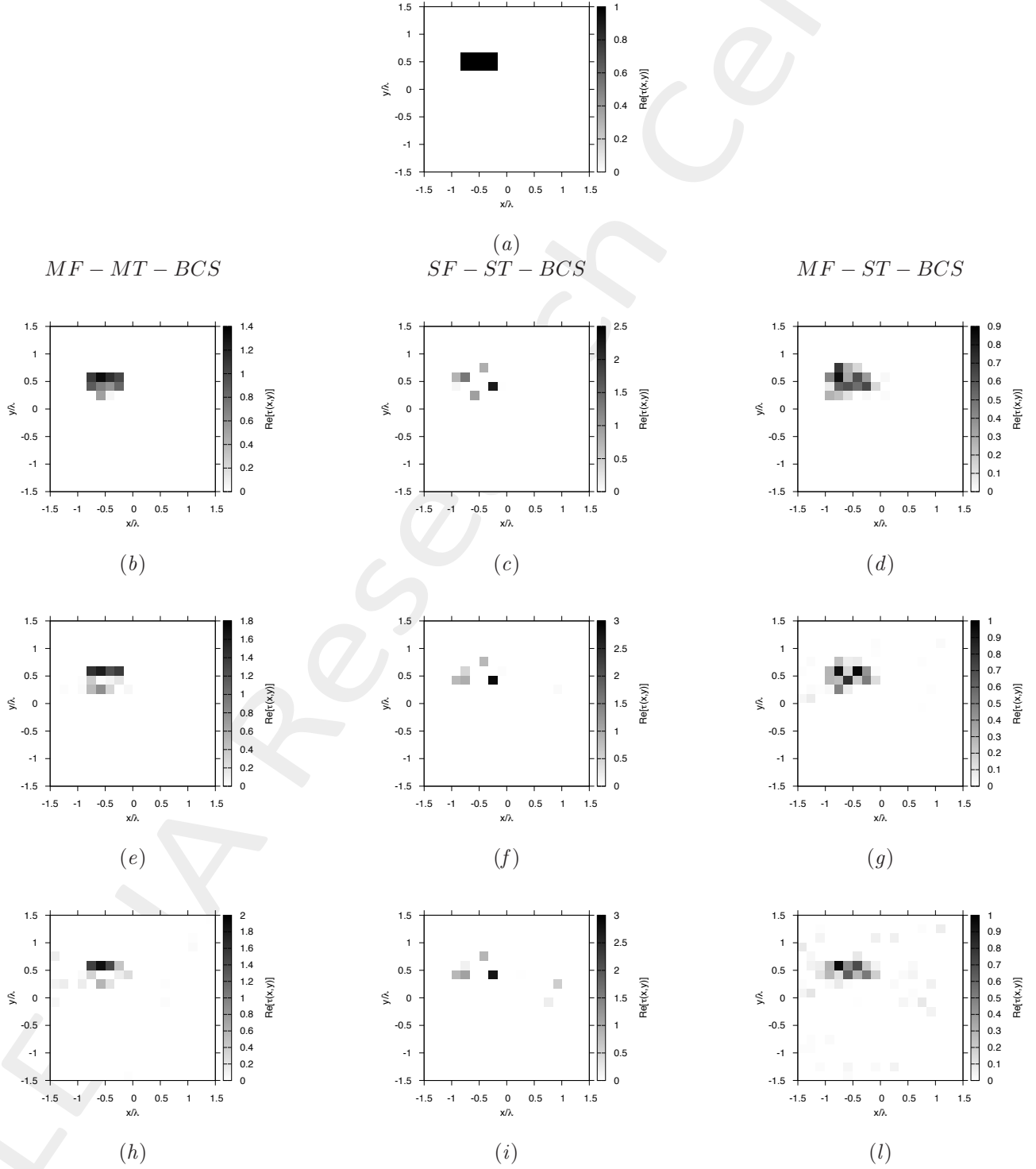
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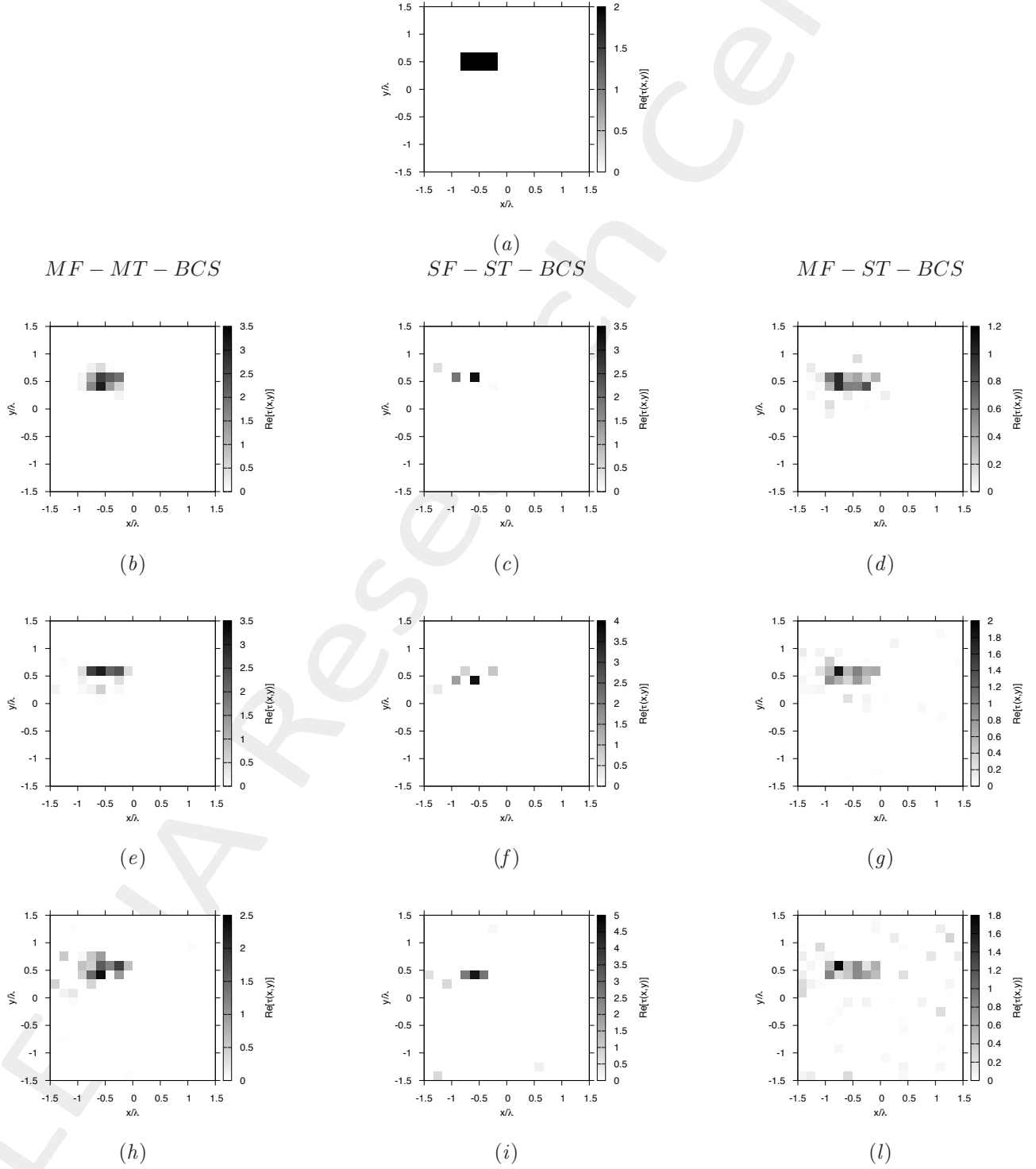
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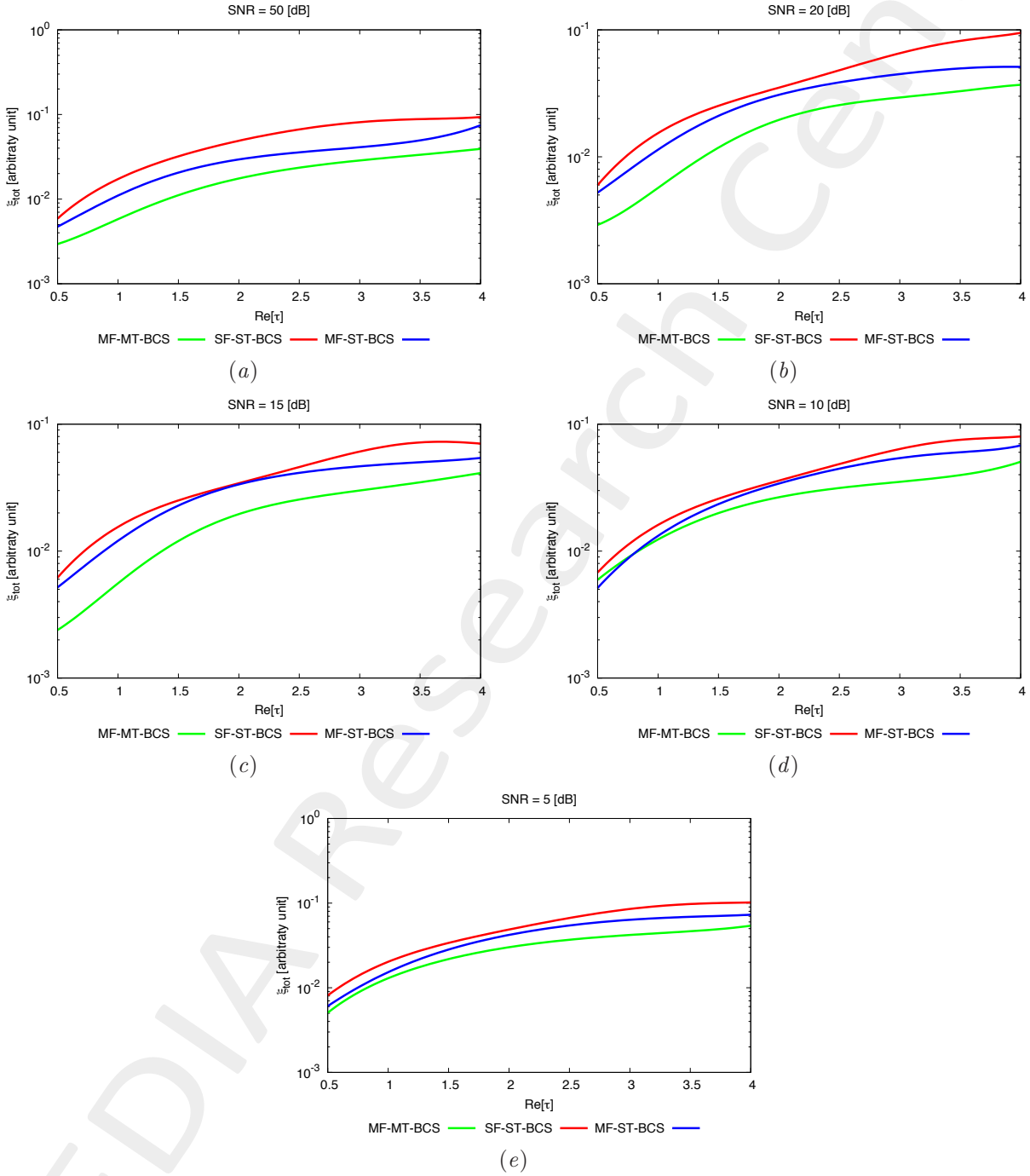
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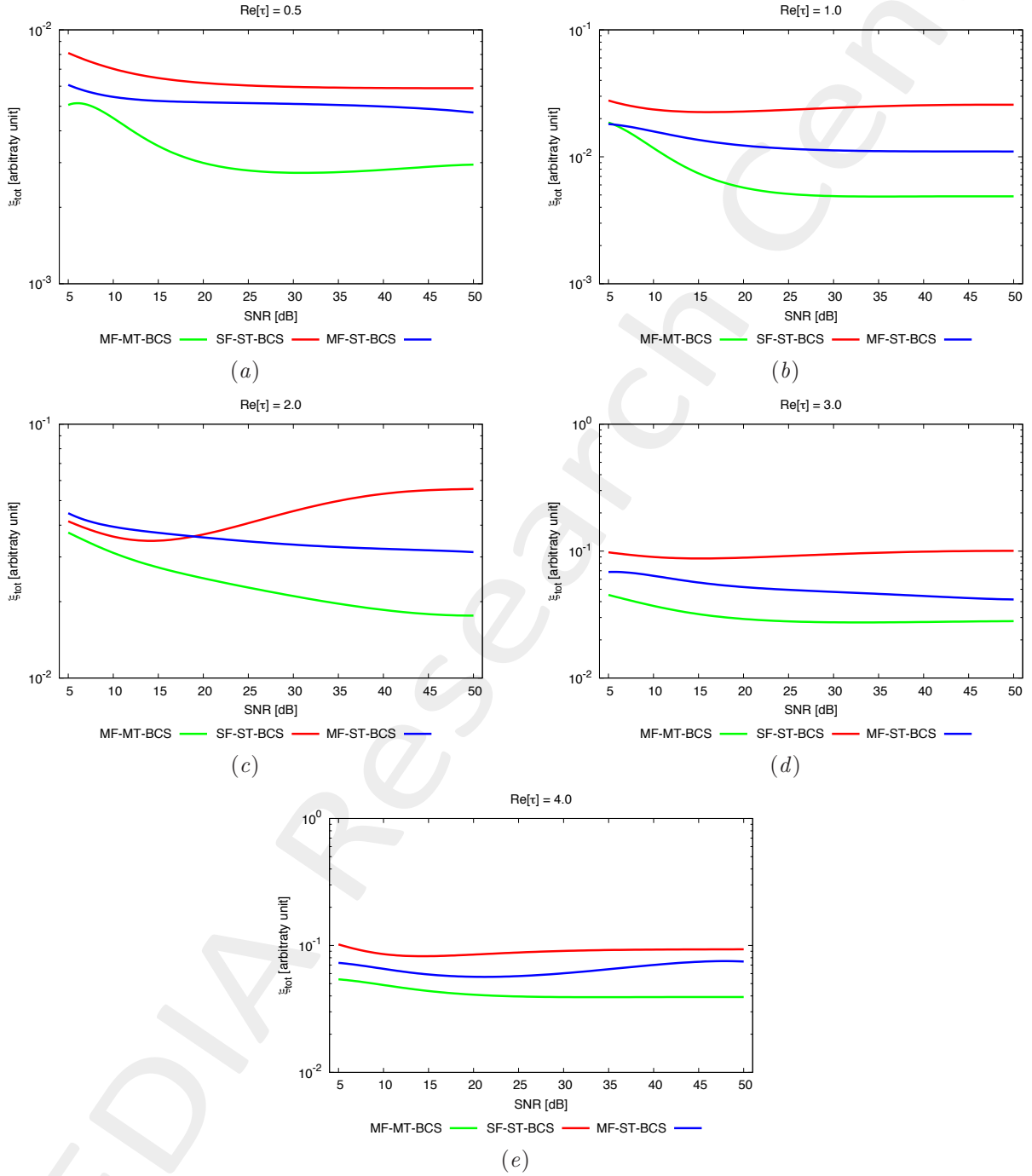
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**Figure 59.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $\varepsilon_r$ , for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (a),  $SNR = 20$  [dB] (b),  $SNR = 15$  [dB] (c),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (d) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (e).



Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1 = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.33\lambda$  - BCS Errors vs.  $SNR$  Comparison



**Figure 60.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $SNR$ , for  $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$  [dB] (a),  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$  [dB] (b),  $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$  [dB] (c),  $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$  [dB] (d) and  $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$  [dB] (e).

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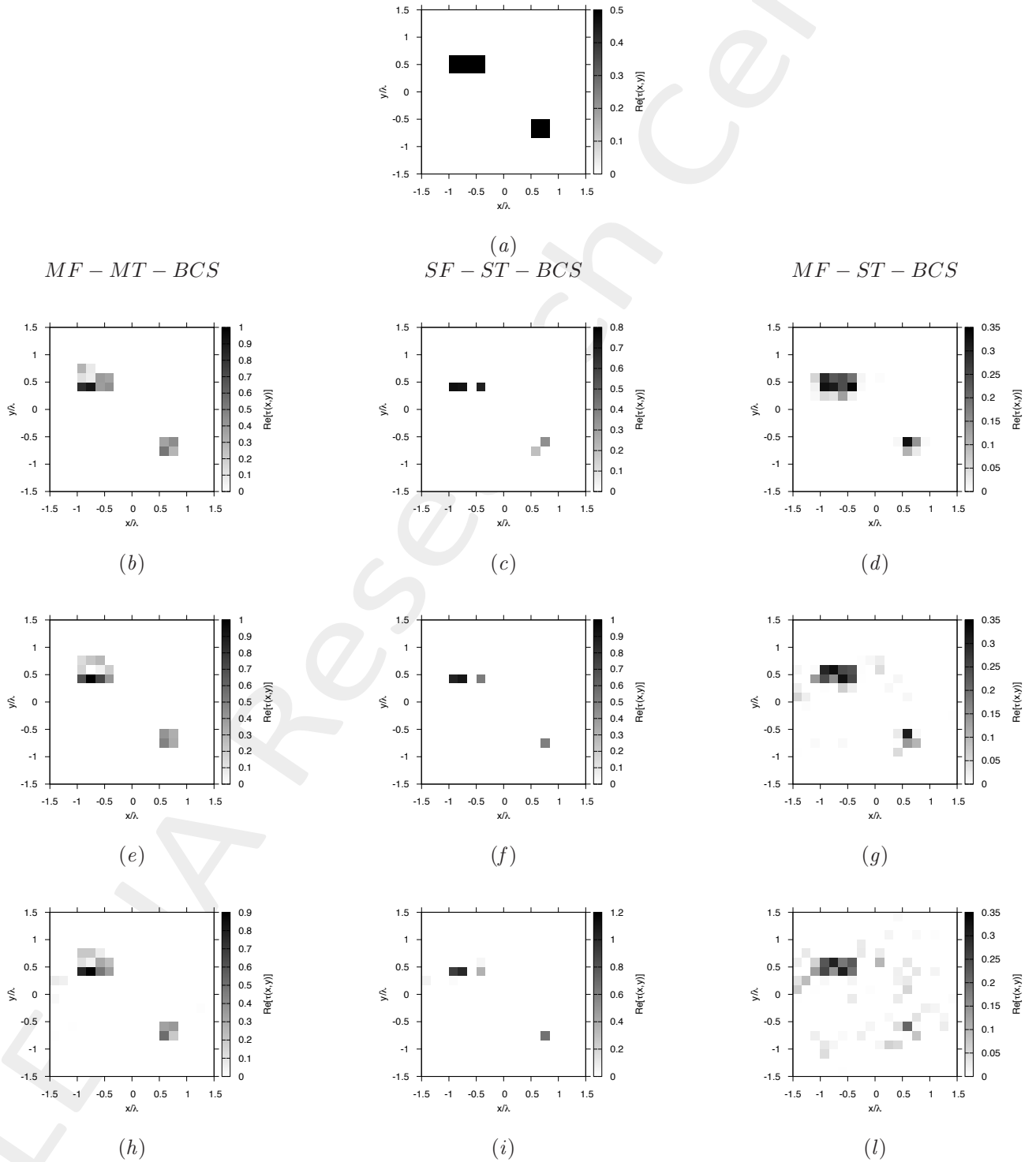
##### Object:

- Rectangle of sides  $l_1^{obj1} = 0.33\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj1} = 0.66\lambda$ ; Square of sides  $l^{obj2} = 0.33\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$
- $\sigma = 0$  [S/m]

##### BCS parameters:

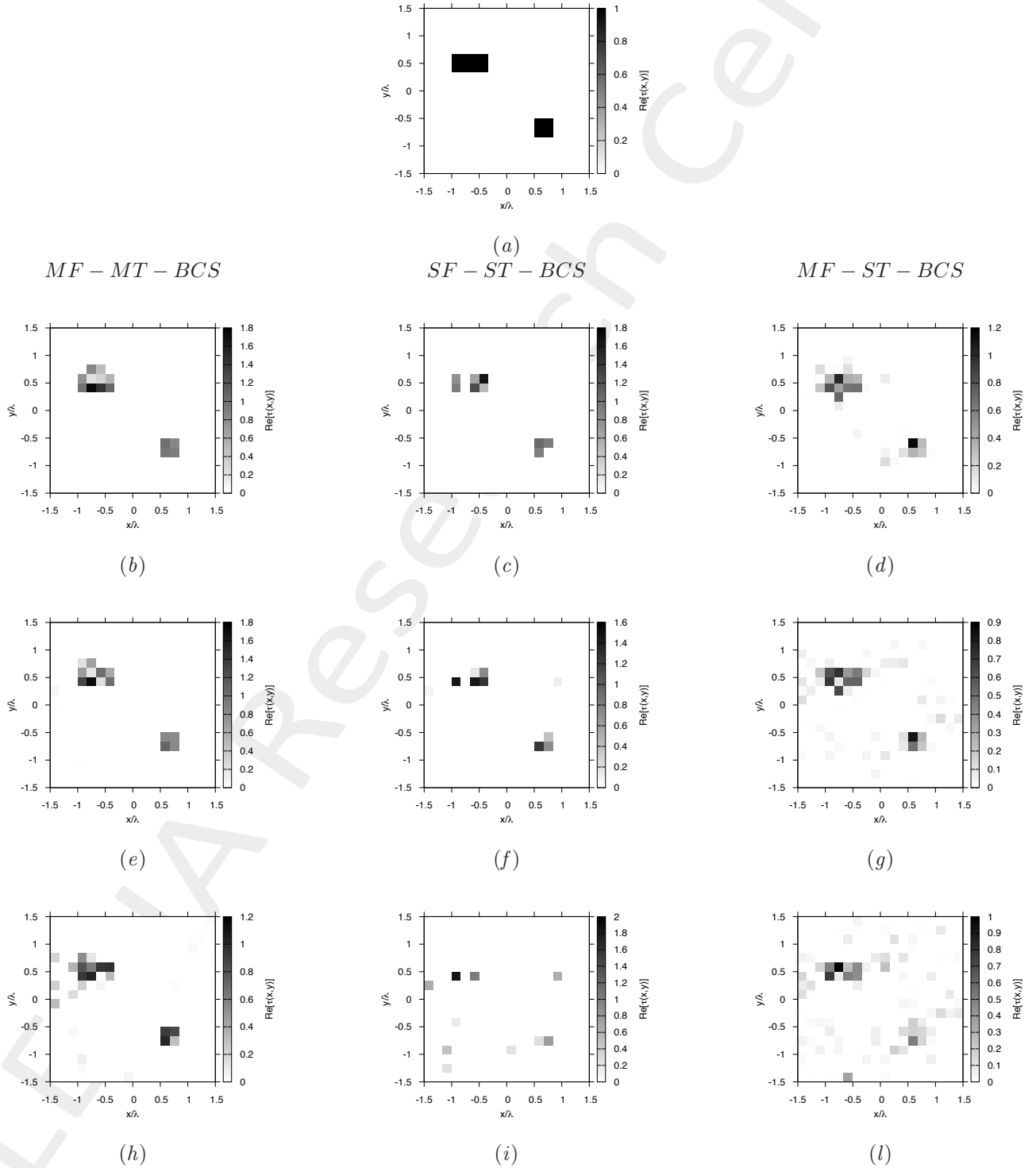
- Gamma prior on noise variance parameters:  $\beta_1 = 6.5 \times 10^{-1}$ ,  $\beta_2 = 5.8 \times 10^{-2}$
- Convergence parameter:  $\tau = 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$  -  $\epsilon_r = 1.5$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



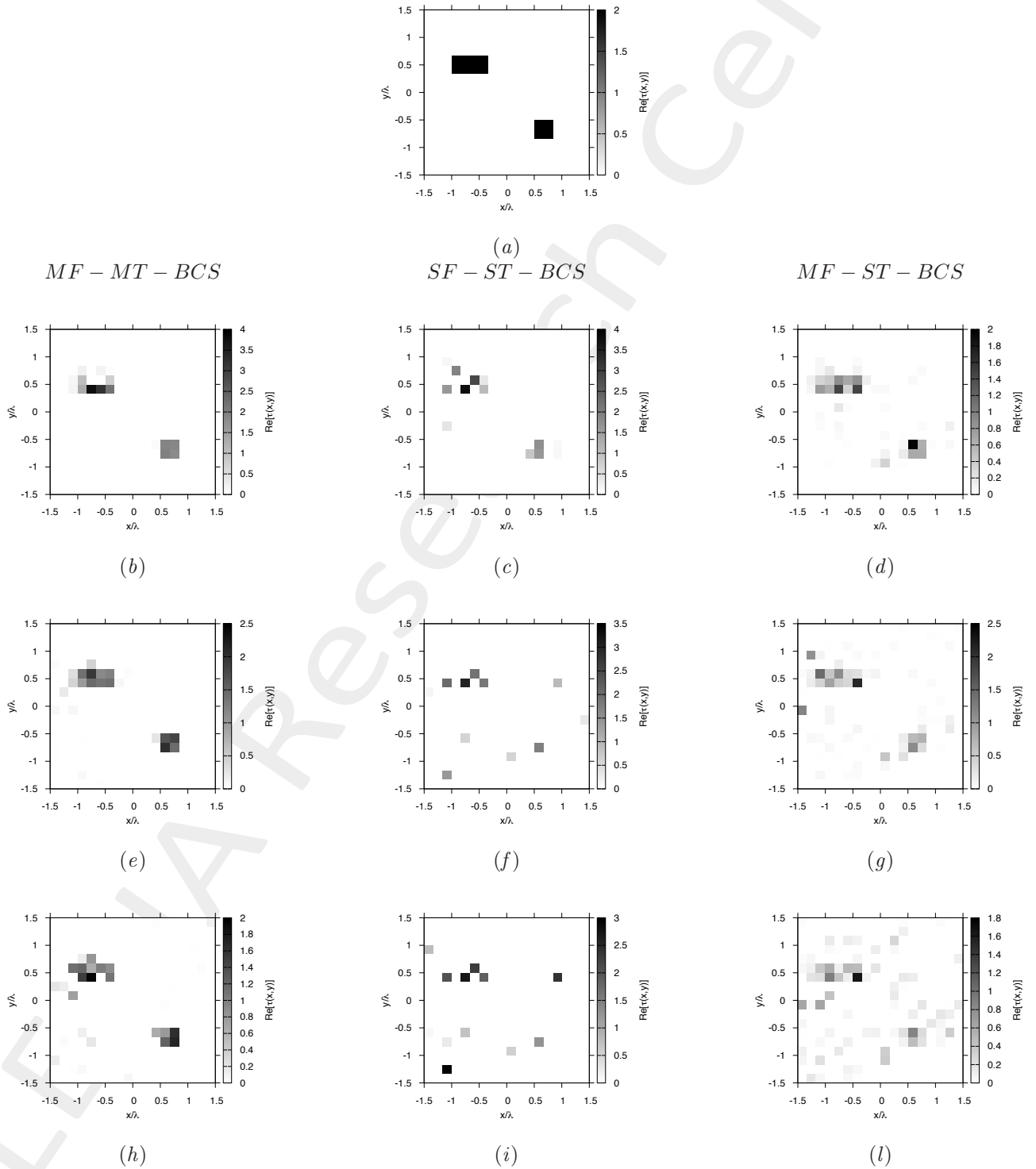
**Figure 61.** Actual object (a), *MF – MT – BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF – ST – BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF – ST – BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$  -  $\epsilon_r = 2.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



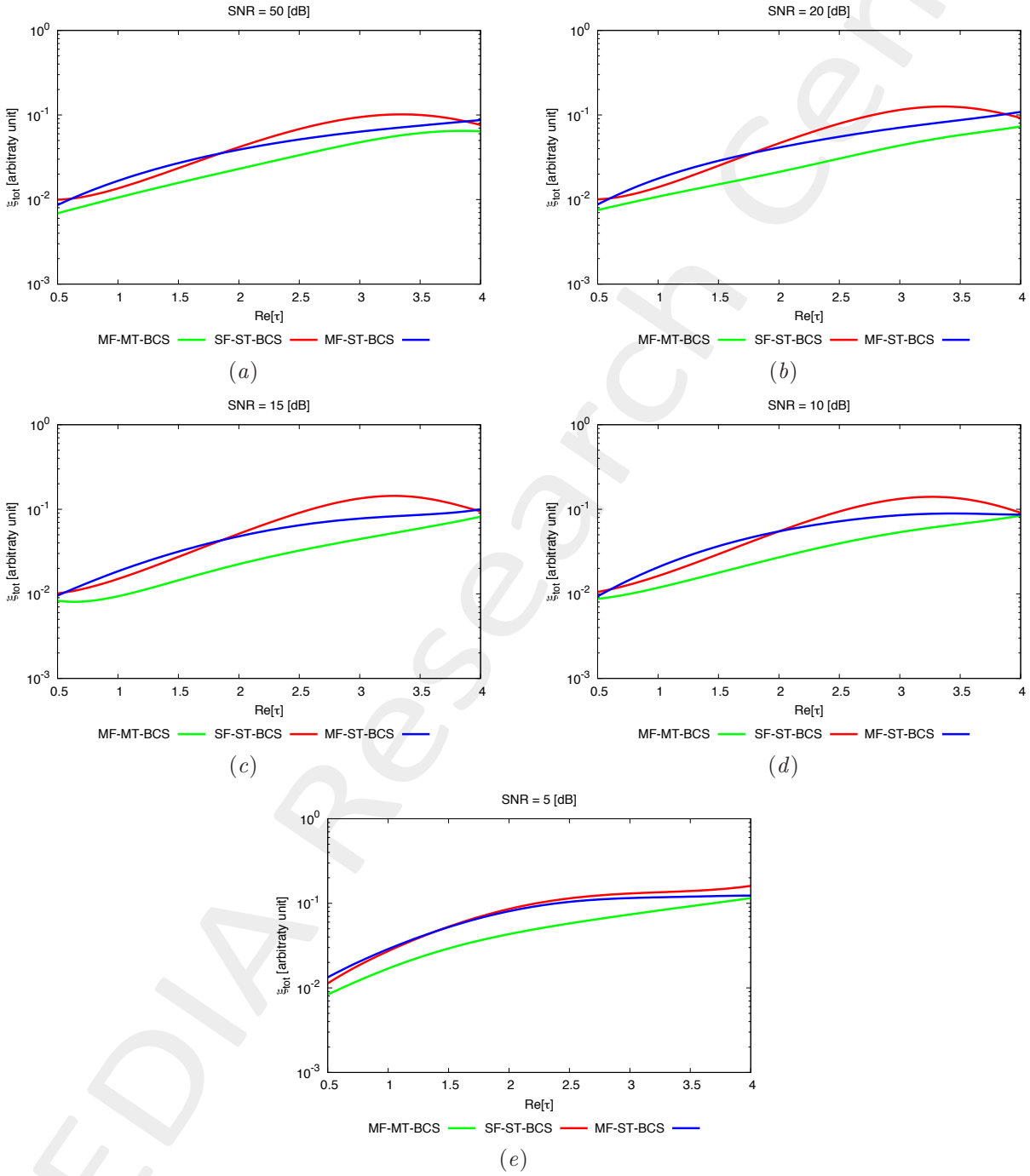
**Figure 62.** Actual object (a), *MF – MT – BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF – ST – BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF – ST – BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$  -  $\epsilon_r = 3.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



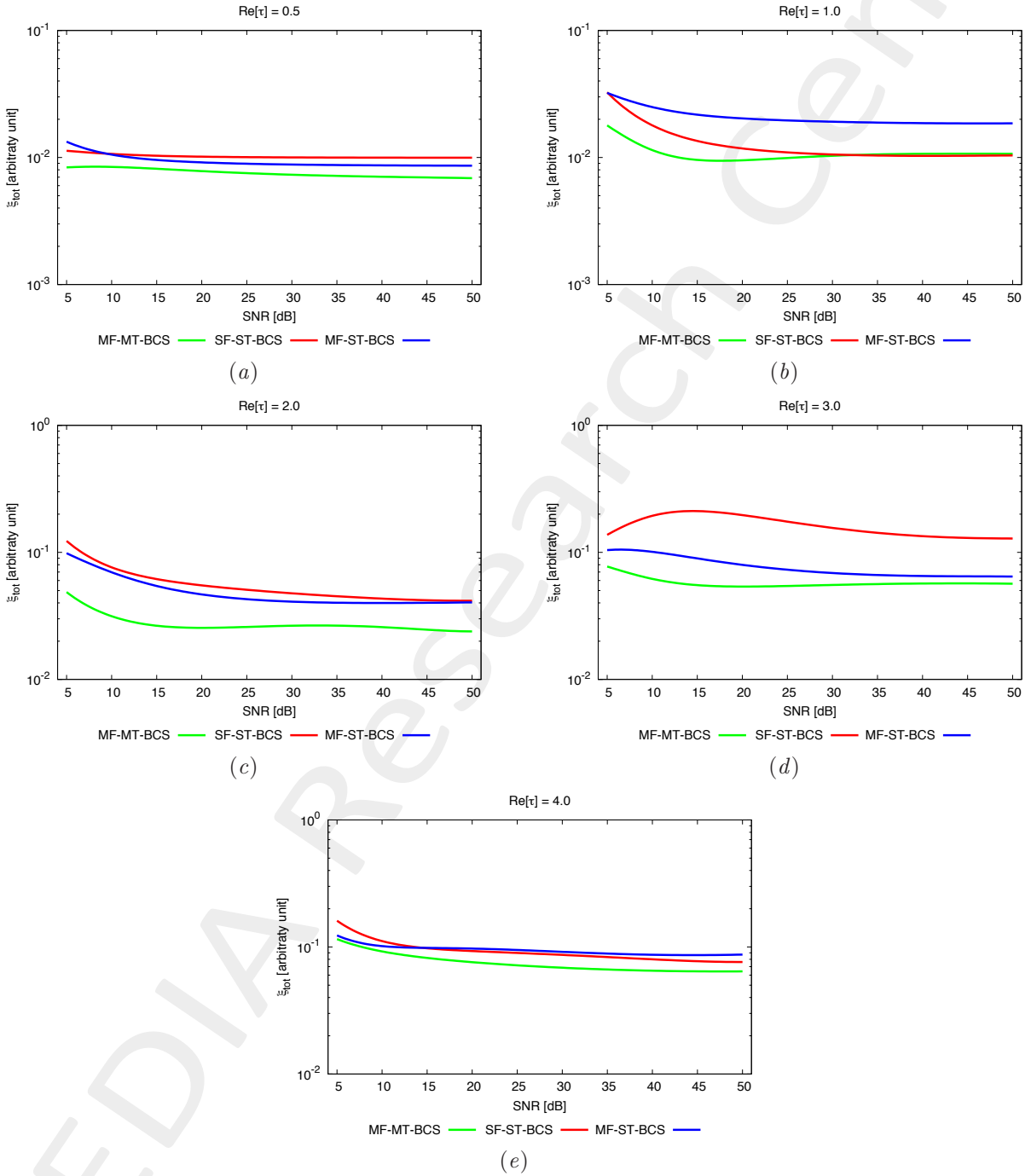
**Figure 63.** Actual object (a), *MF – MT – BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF – ST – BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF – ST – BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

**Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj2} = 0.33\lambda$  - BCS Errors vs.  $\varepsilon_r$  Comparison**



**Figure 64.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $\varepsilon_r$ , for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (a),  $SNR = 20$  [dB] (b),  $SNR = 15$  [dB] (c),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (d) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (e).

**Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj2} = 0.33\lambda$  - BCS Errors vs.  $SNR$  Comparison**



**Figure 65.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $SNR$ , for  $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$  [dB] (a),  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$  [dB] (b),  $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$  [dB] (c),  $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$  [dB] (d) and  $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$  [dB] (e).

## 1.2 Non-Homogeneous Objects

### 1.2.1 Two Strips of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ , $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$

**GOAL:** show the performances of the multi-frequency  $MT - BCS$  when dealing with a sparse scatterer

- Number of frequencies  $F$
- Number of Views:  $V$
- Number of Measurements:  $M$
- Number of Cells for the Inversion:  $N$
- Number of Cells for the Direct solver:  $D$
- Side of the investigation domain:  $L$

#### Test Case Description

##### Direct solver:

- Square domain divided in  $\sqrt{D} \times \sqrt{D}$  cells
- Domain side:  $L = 3\lambda$  (at the central frequency)
- $D = 1296$  (discretization for the direct solver:  $< \lambda/10$ )

##### Investigation domain:

- Square domain divided in  $\sqrt{N} \times \sqrt{N}$  cells
- $L = 3\lambda$
- $2ka = 2 \times \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times \frac{L\sqrt{2}}{2} = 6\pi\sqrt{2} = 26.65$
- $\#DOF = \frac{(2ka)^2}{2} = \frac{(2 \times \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times \frac{L\sqrt{2}}{2})^2}{2} = 4\pi^2 \left(\frac{L}{\lambda}\right)^2 = 4\pi^2 \times 9 \approx 355.3$
- $N$  scelto in modo da essere vicino a  $\#DOF$ :  $N = 324$  ( $18 \times 18$ )

##### Measurement domain:

- Measurement points taken on a circle of radius  $\rho = 3\lambda$  (at the central frequency)
- $M \approx 2ka \rightarrow M = 27$

##### Sources:

- $V = 1$  ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ )
- Amplitude:  $A = 1$  (plane waves)
- Number of Frequencies:  $F = 11$
- Frequency Range:  $I_F = [150 \text{ Mhz} : 450 \text{ Mhz}]$  - Frequency Step:  $S_F = [30 \text{ Mhz}]$

##### Object:

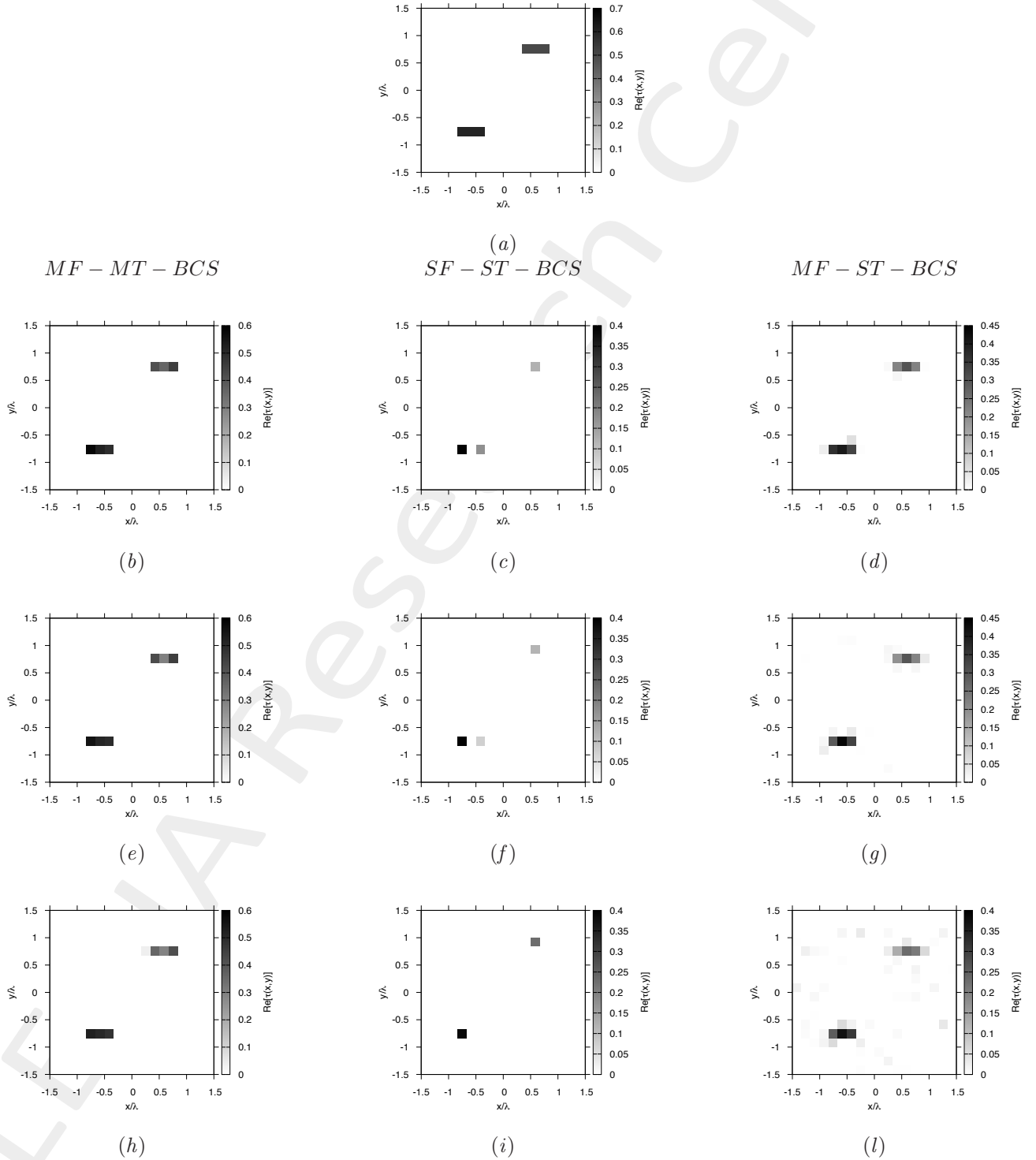
- Two strips of sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r^{obj1} \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$ ,  $\varepsilon_r^{obj2} = 1.6$
- $\sigma = 0$  [S/m]

##### BCS parameters:

- Gamma prior on noise variance parameter:  $\beta_1 = 6.5 \times 10^{-1}$ ,  $\beta_2 = 5.8 \times 10^{-2}$
- Convergenze parameter:  $\tau = 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$

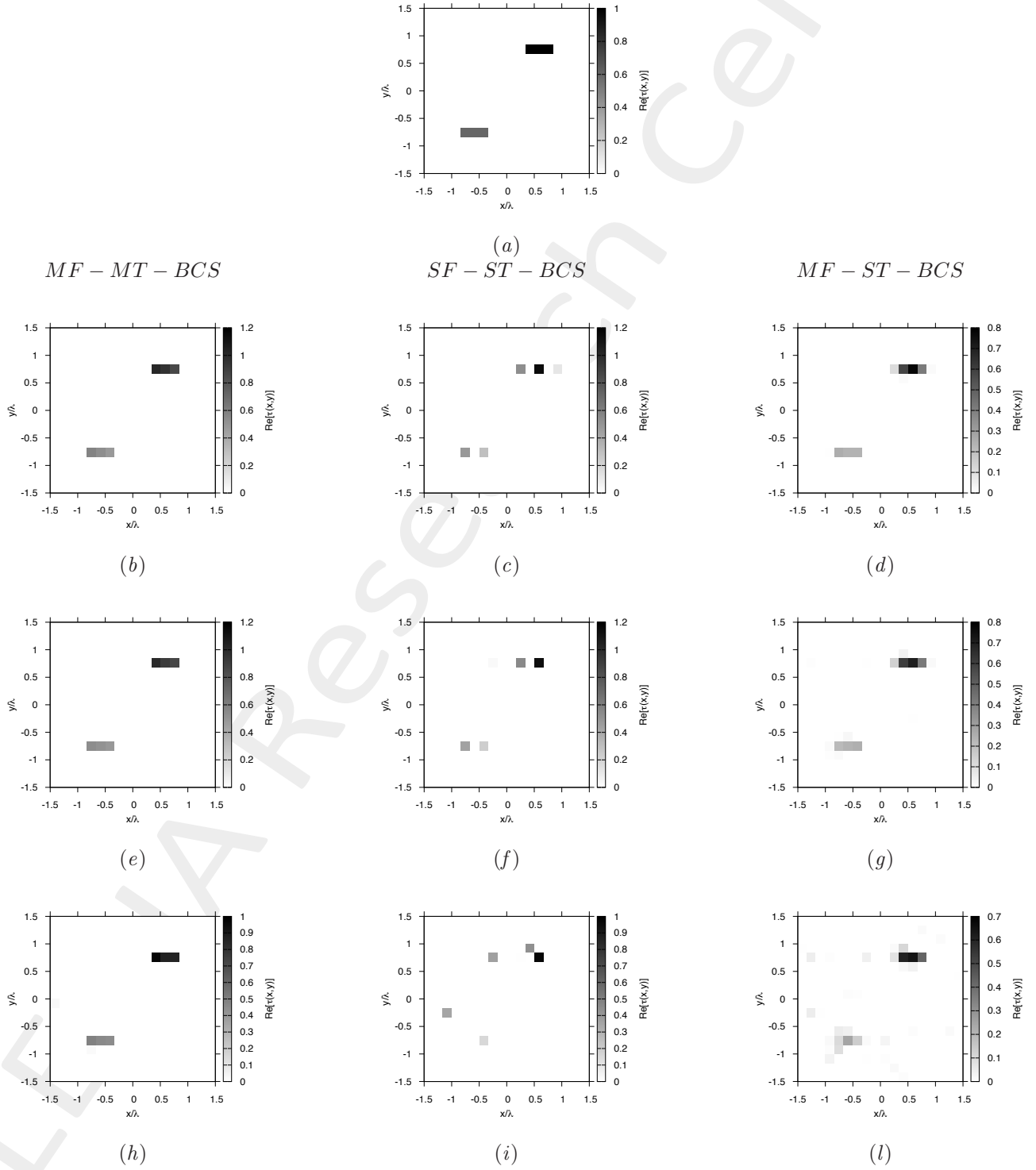


Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  -  $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



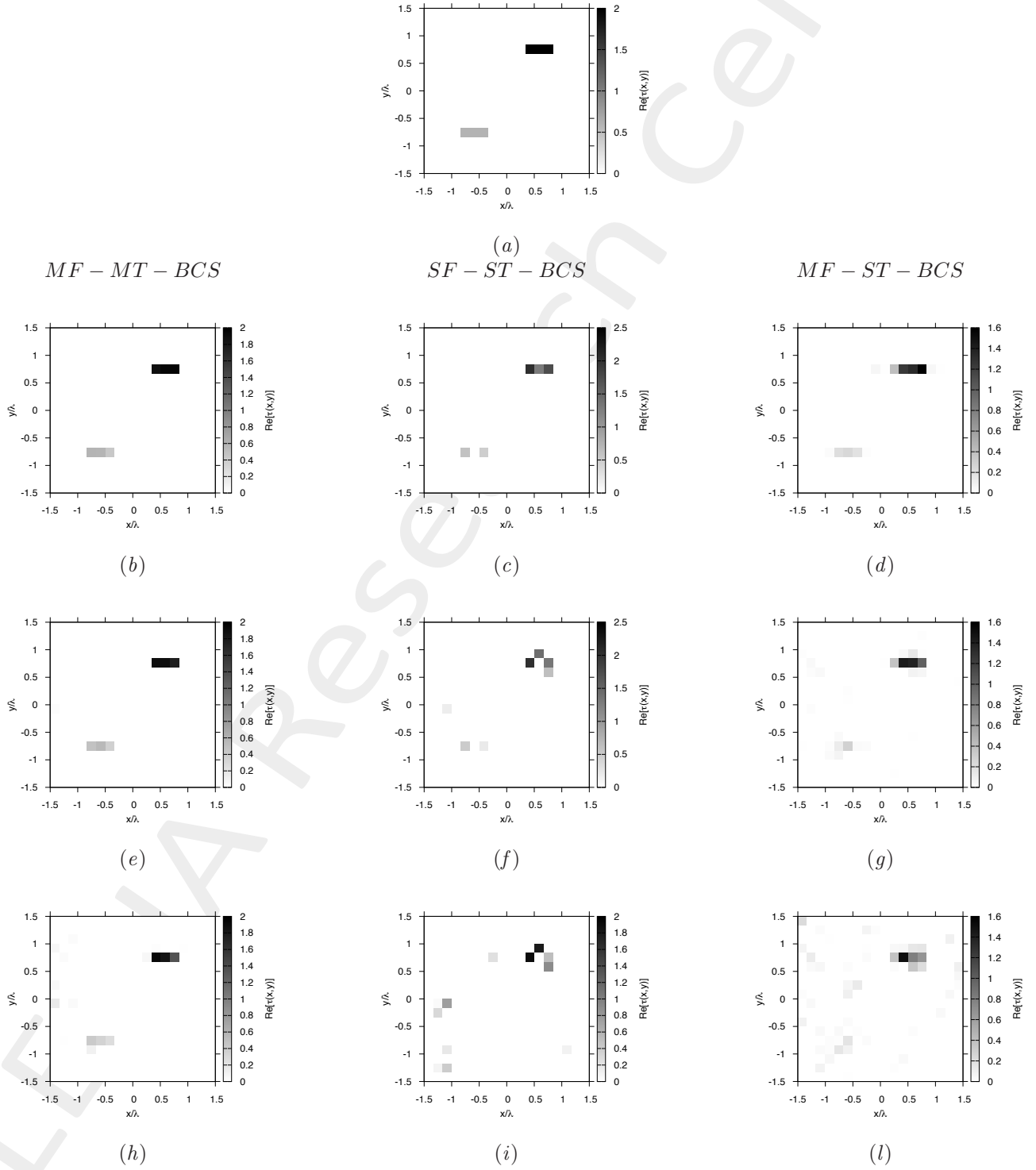
**Figure 66.** Actual object (a), *MF - MT - BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF - ST - BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF - ST - BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  -  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



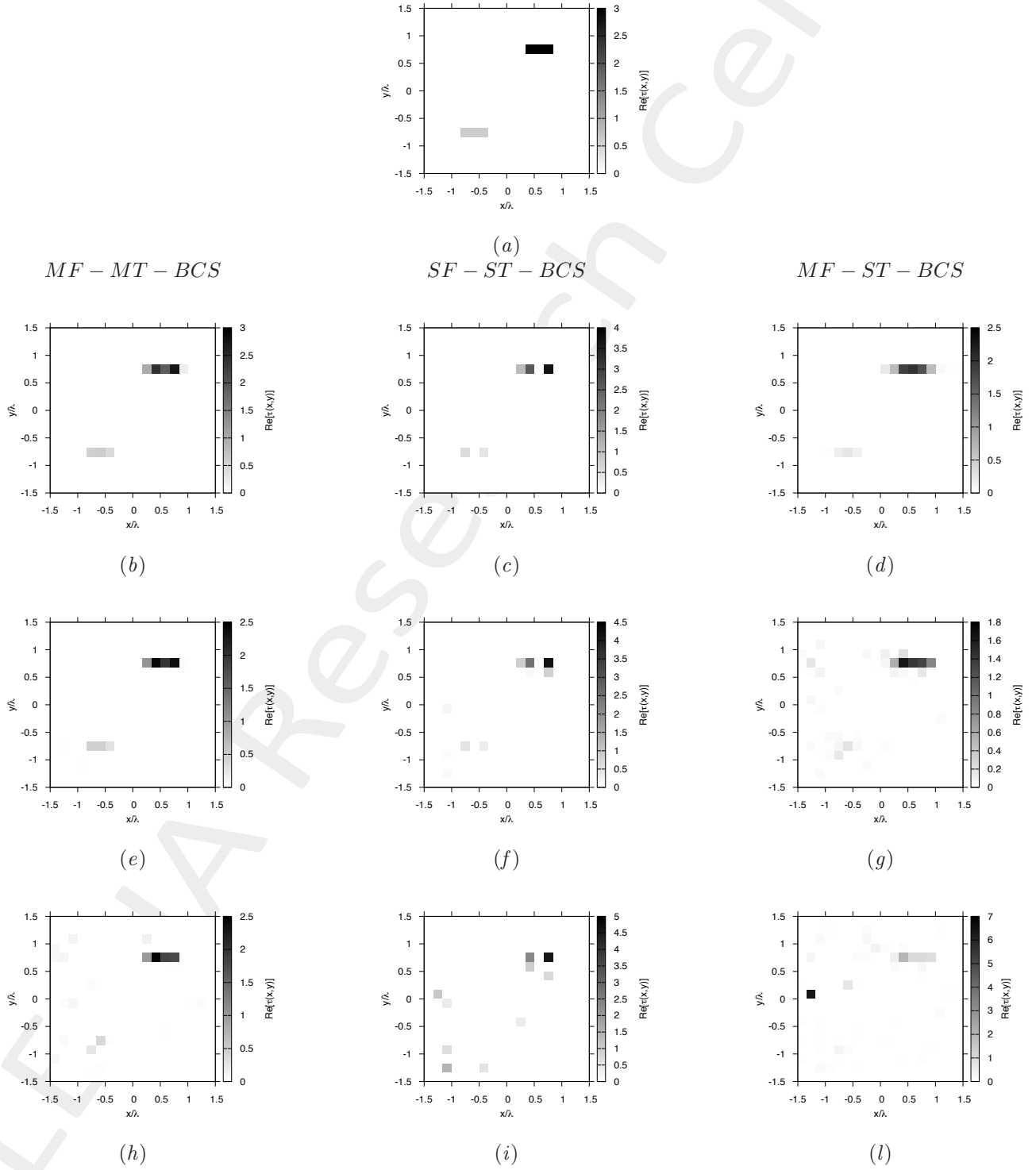
**Figure 67.** Actual object (a), *MF - MT - BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF - ST - BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF - ST - BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  -  $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



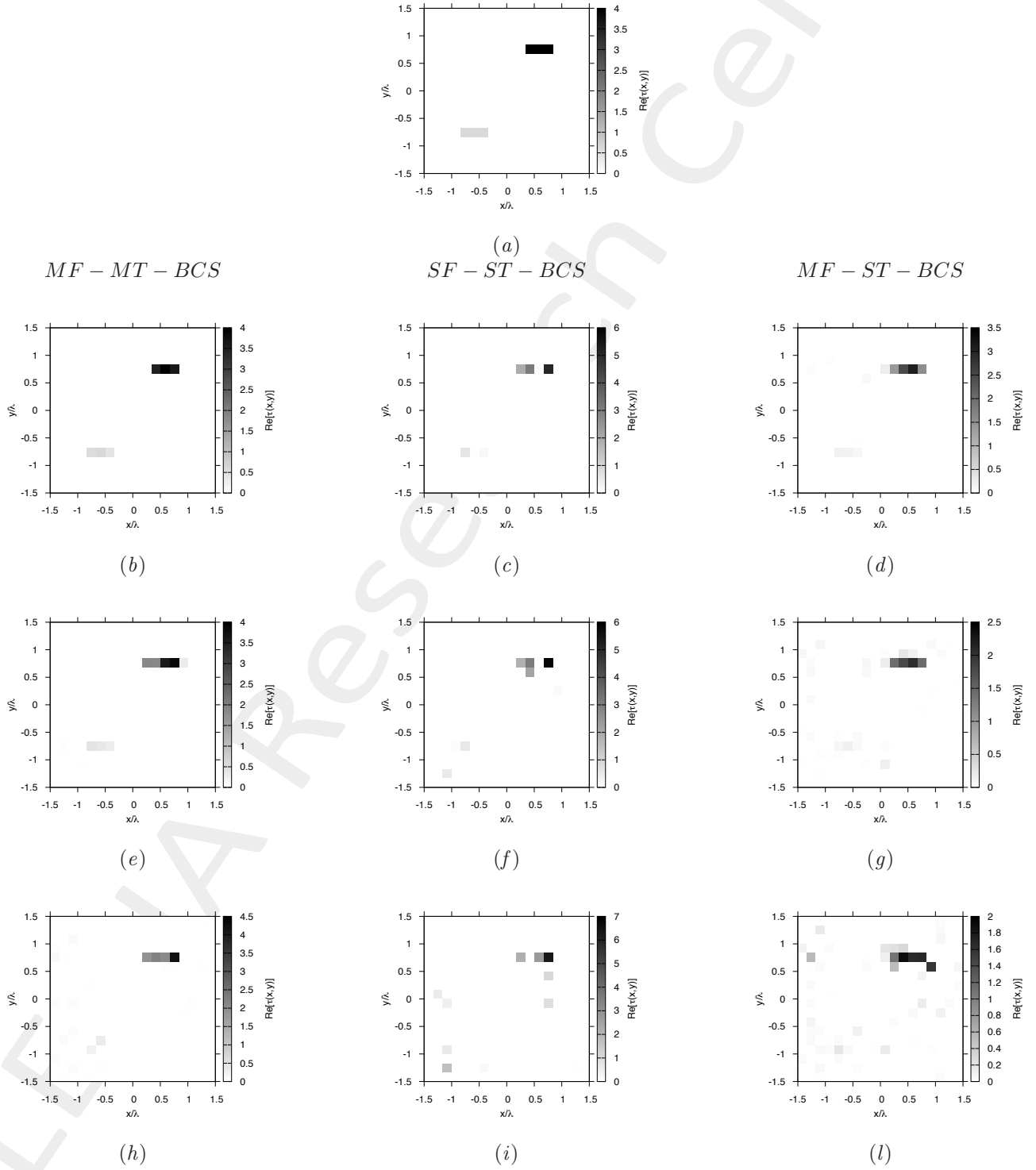
**Figure 68.** Actual object (a), *MF - MT - BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF - ST - BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF - ST - BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  -  $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



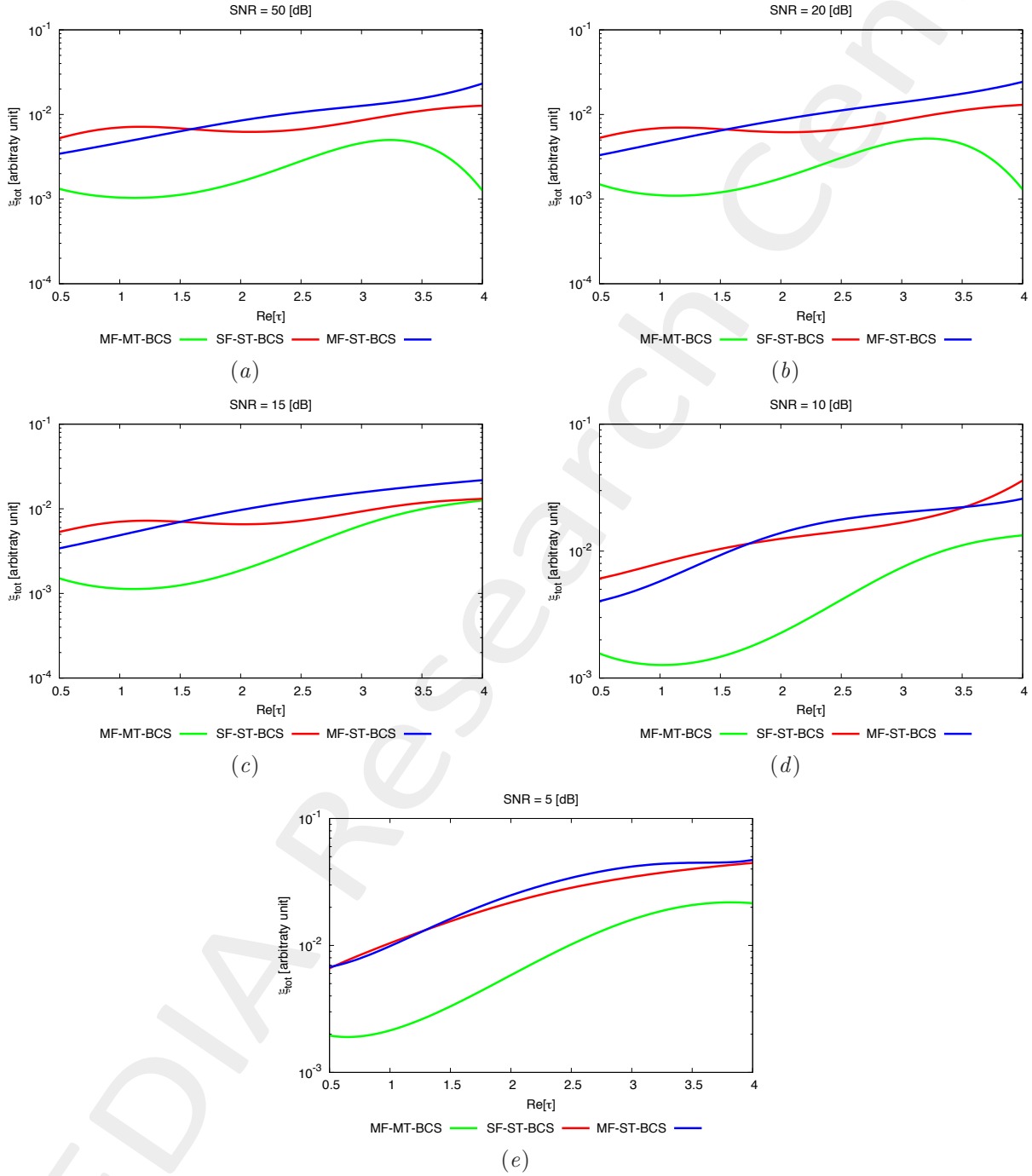
**Figure 69.** Actual object (a), *MF - MT - BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF - ST - BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF - ST - BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  -  $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



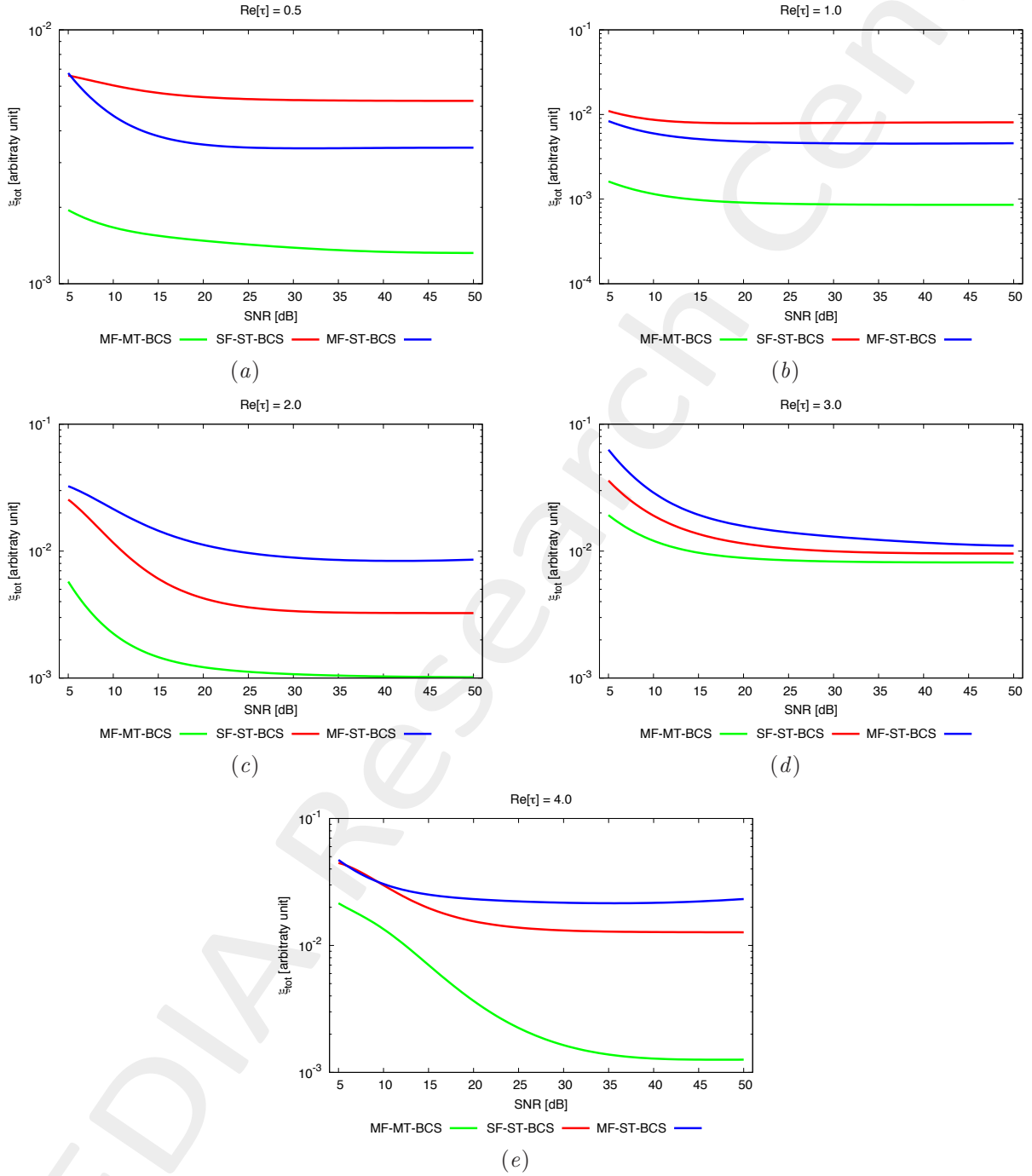
**Figure 70.** Actual object (a), *MF - MT - BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF - ST - BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF - ST - BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  - BCS Errors vs.  $\varepsilon_r$  Comparison



**Figure 71.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $\varepsilon_r$ , for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (a),  $SNR = 20$  [dB] (b),  $SNR = 15$  [dB] (c),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (d) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (e).

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides  $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$ ,  $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$  - BCS Errors vs.  $SNR$  Comparison



**Figure 72.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $SNR$ , for  $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$  [dB] (a),  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$  [dB] (b),  $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$  [dB] (c),  $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$  [dB] (d) and  $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$  [dB] (e).

### 1.2.2 Rectangle of Sides $l_1 = 0.66\lambda$ , $l_2 = 0.33\lambda$ and Square of Side $l_3 = 0.33\lambda$

**GOAL:** show the performances of the multi-frequency *MT – BCS* when dealing with a sparse scatterer

- Number of frequencies  $F$
- Number of Views:  $V$
- Number of Measurements:  $M$
- Number of Cells for the Inversion:  $N$
- Number of Cells for the Direct solver:  $D$
- Side of the investigation domain:  $L$

#### Test Case Description

##### Direct solver:

- Square domain divided in  $\sqrt{D} \times \sqrt{D}$  cells
- Domain side:  $L = 3\lambda$  (at the central frequency)
- $D = 1296$  (discretization for the direct solver:  $< \lambda/10$ )

##### Investigation domain:

- Square domain divided in  $\sqrt{N} \times \sqrt{N}$  cells
- $L = 3\lambda$
- $2ka = 2 \times \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times \frac{L\sqrt{2}}{2} = 6\pi\sqrt{2} = 26.65$
- $\#DOF = \frac{(2ka)^2}{2} = \frac{(2 \times \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times \frac{L\sqrt{2}}{2})^2}{2} = 4\pi^2 \left(\frac{L}{\lambda}\right)^2 = 4\pi^2 \times 9 \approx 355.3$
- $N$  scelto in modo da essere vicino a  $\#DOF$ :  $N = 324$  ( $18 \times 18$ )

##### Measurement domain:

- Measurement points taken on a circle of radius  $\rho = 3\lambda$  (at the central frequency)
- $M \approx 2ka \rightarrow M = 27$

##### Sources:

- $V = 1$  ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ )
- Amplitude:  $A = 1$  (plane waves)
- Number of Frequencies:  $F = 11$
- Frequency Range:  $I_F = [150 \text{ Mhz} : 450 \text{ Mhz}]$  - Frequency Step:  $S_F = [30 \text{ Mhz}]$

##### Object:

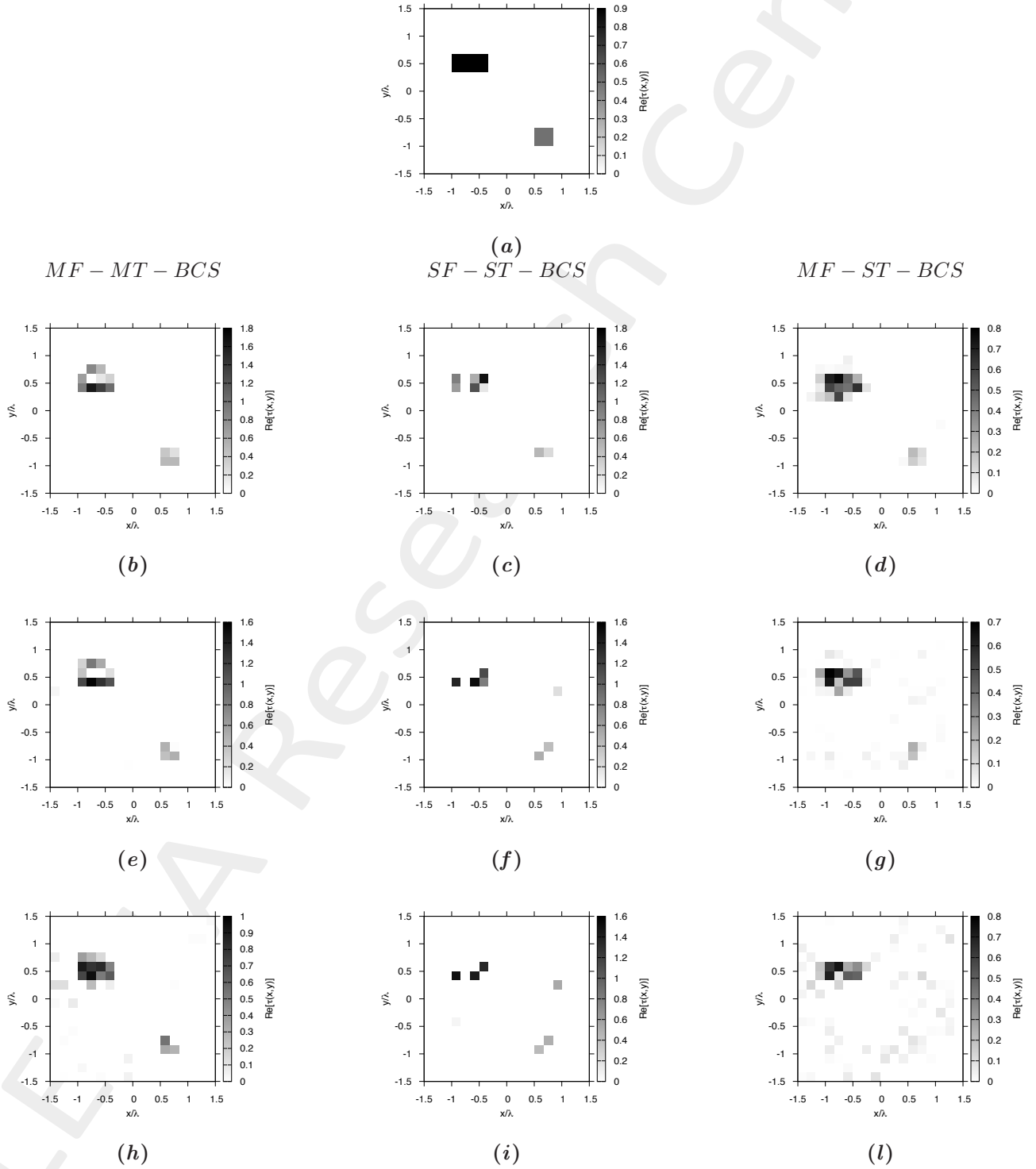
- Rectangle of sides  $l_1^{obj1} = 0.33\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj1} = 0.66\lambda$ ; Square of sides  $l^{obj2} = 0.33\lambda$
- $\epsilon_r^{obj1} = 1.9$ ,  $\epsilon_r^{obj2} \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$
- $\sigma = 0$  [S/m]

##### MT-BCS parameters:

- Gamma prior on noise variance parameters:  $\beta_1 = 6.5 \times 10^{-1}$ ,  $\beta_2 = 5.8 \times 10^{-2}$
- Convergence parameter:  $\tau = 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$

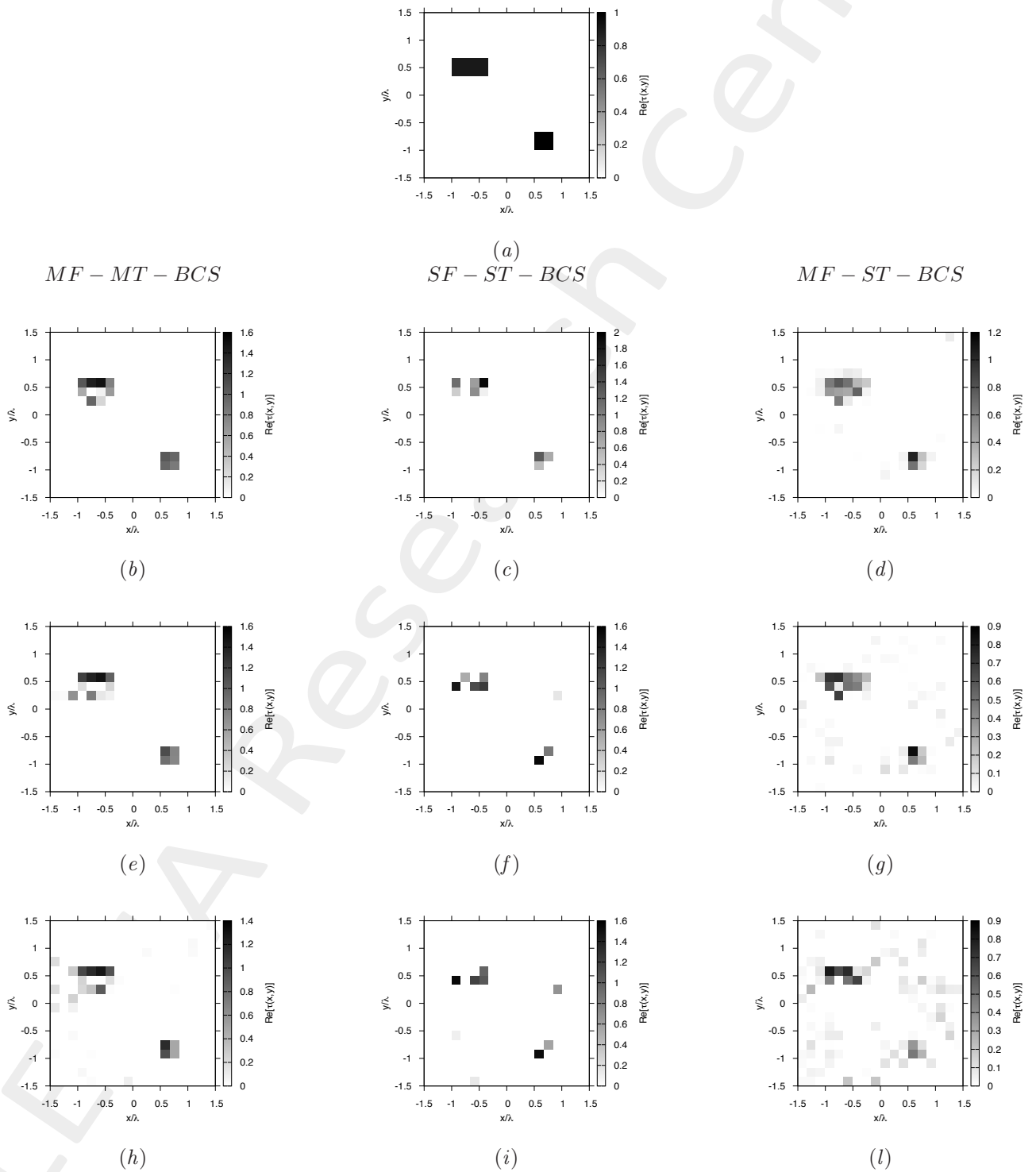


Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj2} = 0.33\lambda$  -  $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



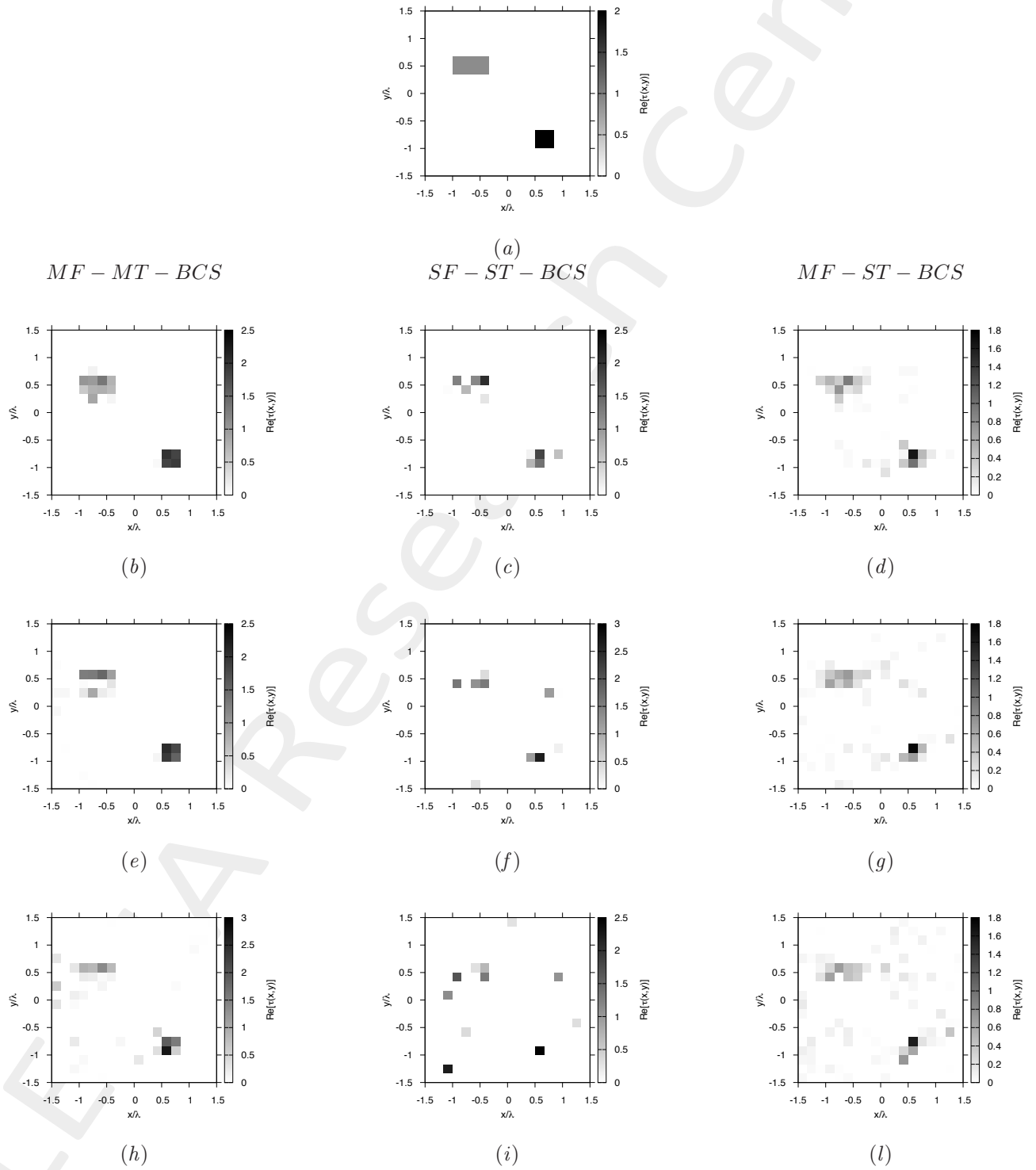
**Figure 80.** Actual object (a), *MF – MT – BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF – ST – BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF – ST – BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$  -  $\epsilon_r = 2.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



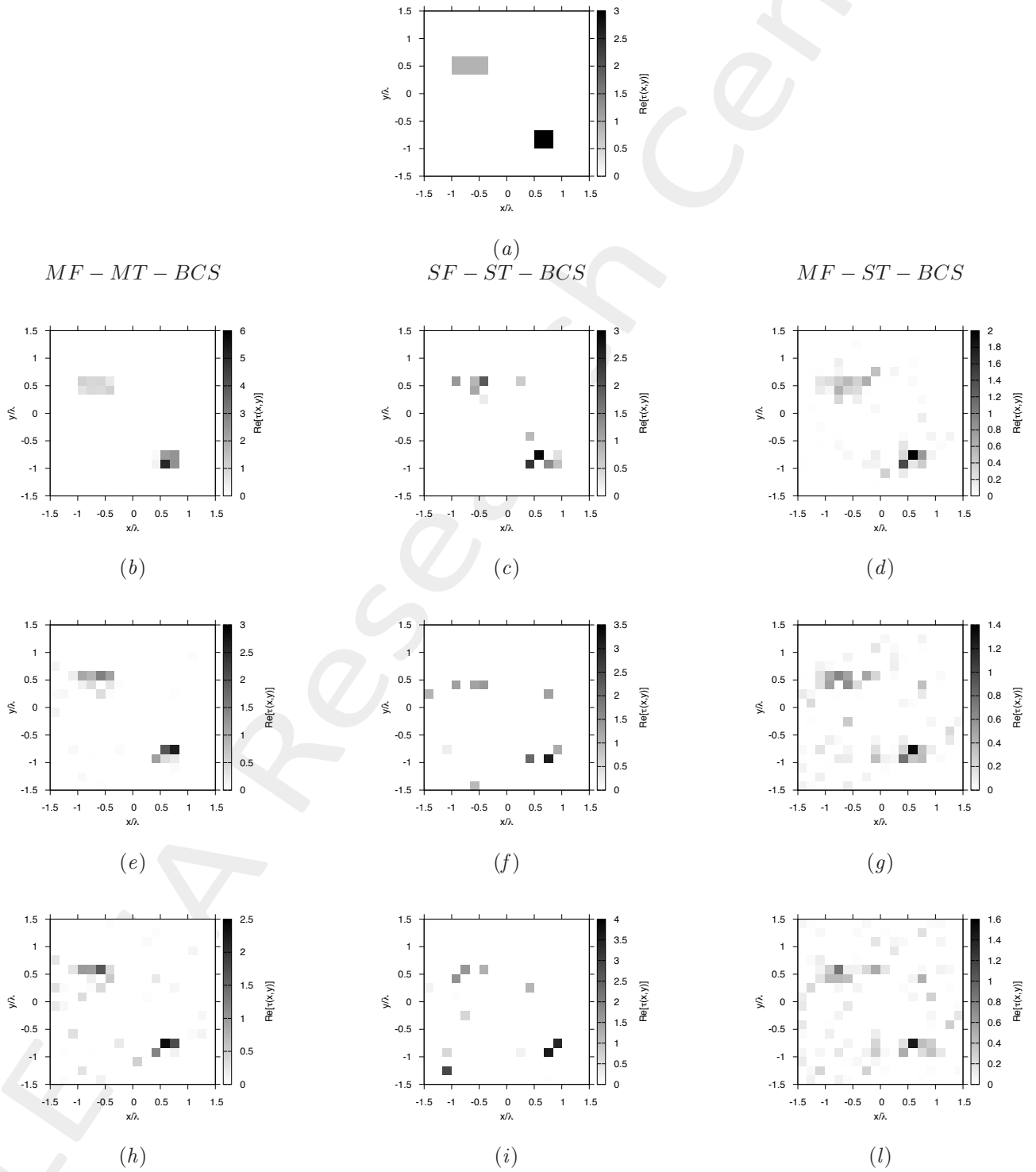
**Figure 81.** Actual object (a), *MF – MT – BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF – ST – BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF – ST – BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj2} = 0.33\lambda$  -  $\epsilon_r = 3.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



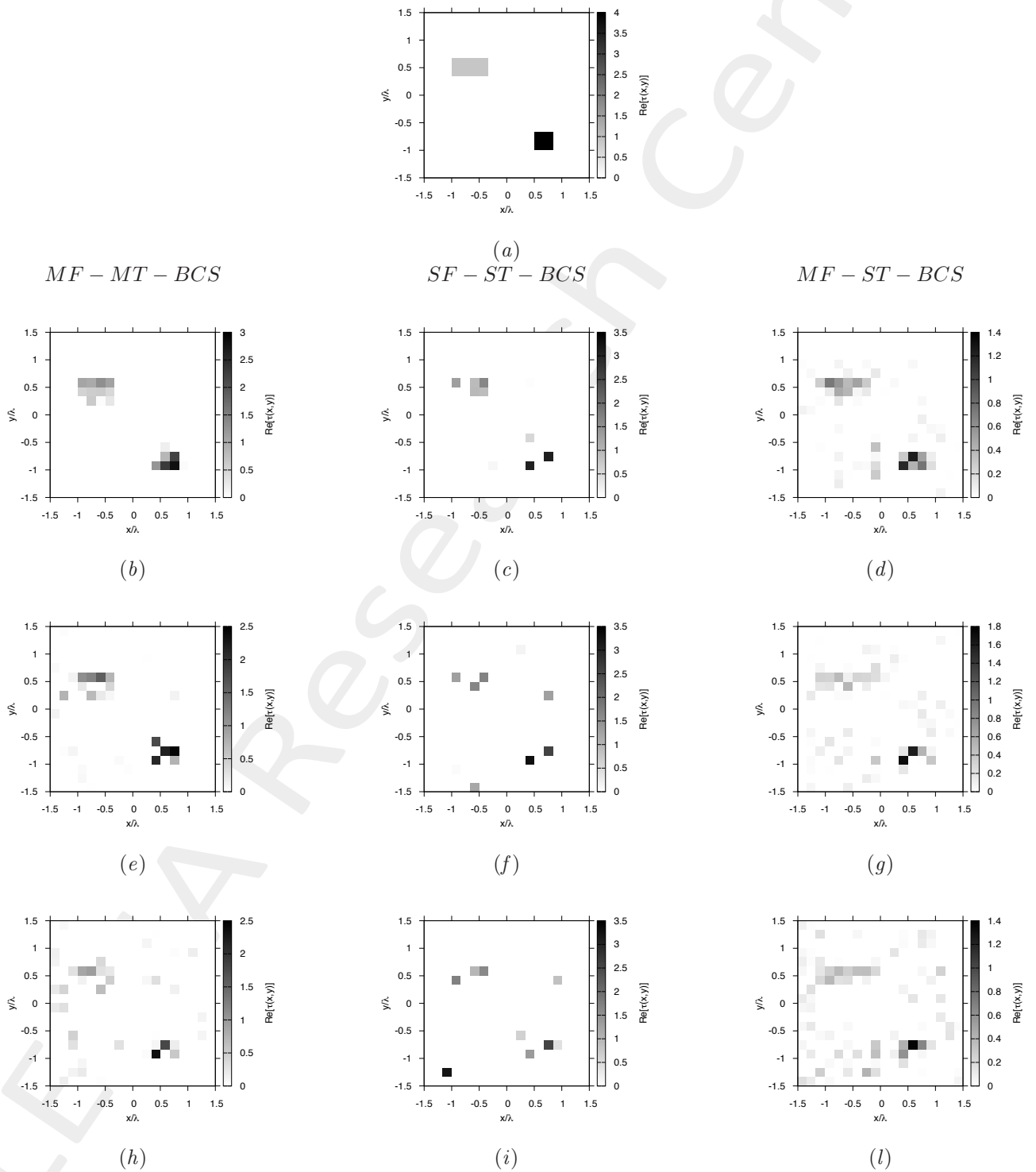
**Figure 82.** Actual object (a), *MF – MT – BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF – ST – BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF – ST – BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj2} = 0.33\lambda$  -  $\epsilon_r = 4.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



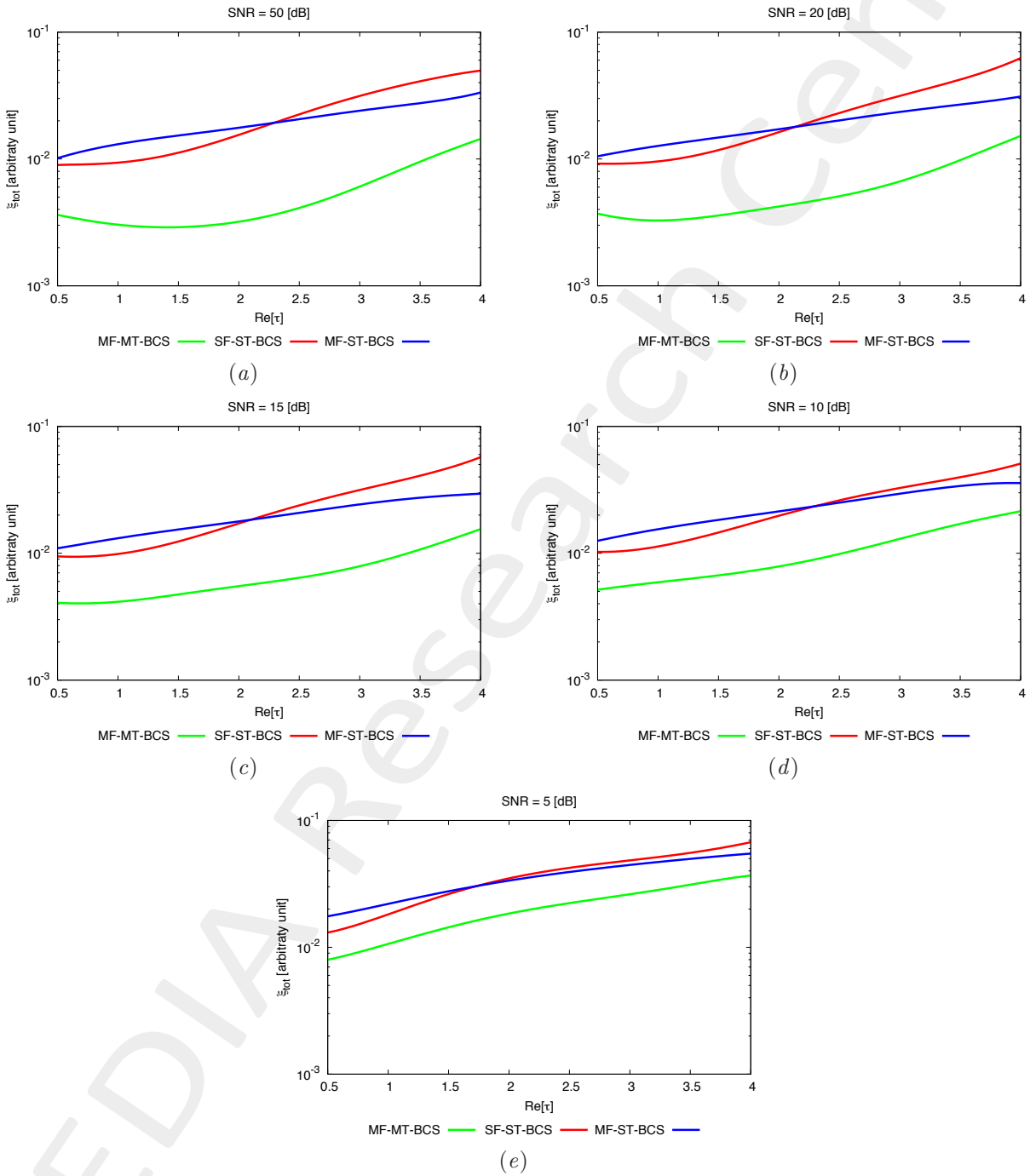
**Figure 83.** Actual object (a), *MF – MT – BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF – ST – BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF – ST – BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj2} = 0.33\lambda$  -  $\epsilon_r = 5.0$  - BCS Reconstructions Comparison



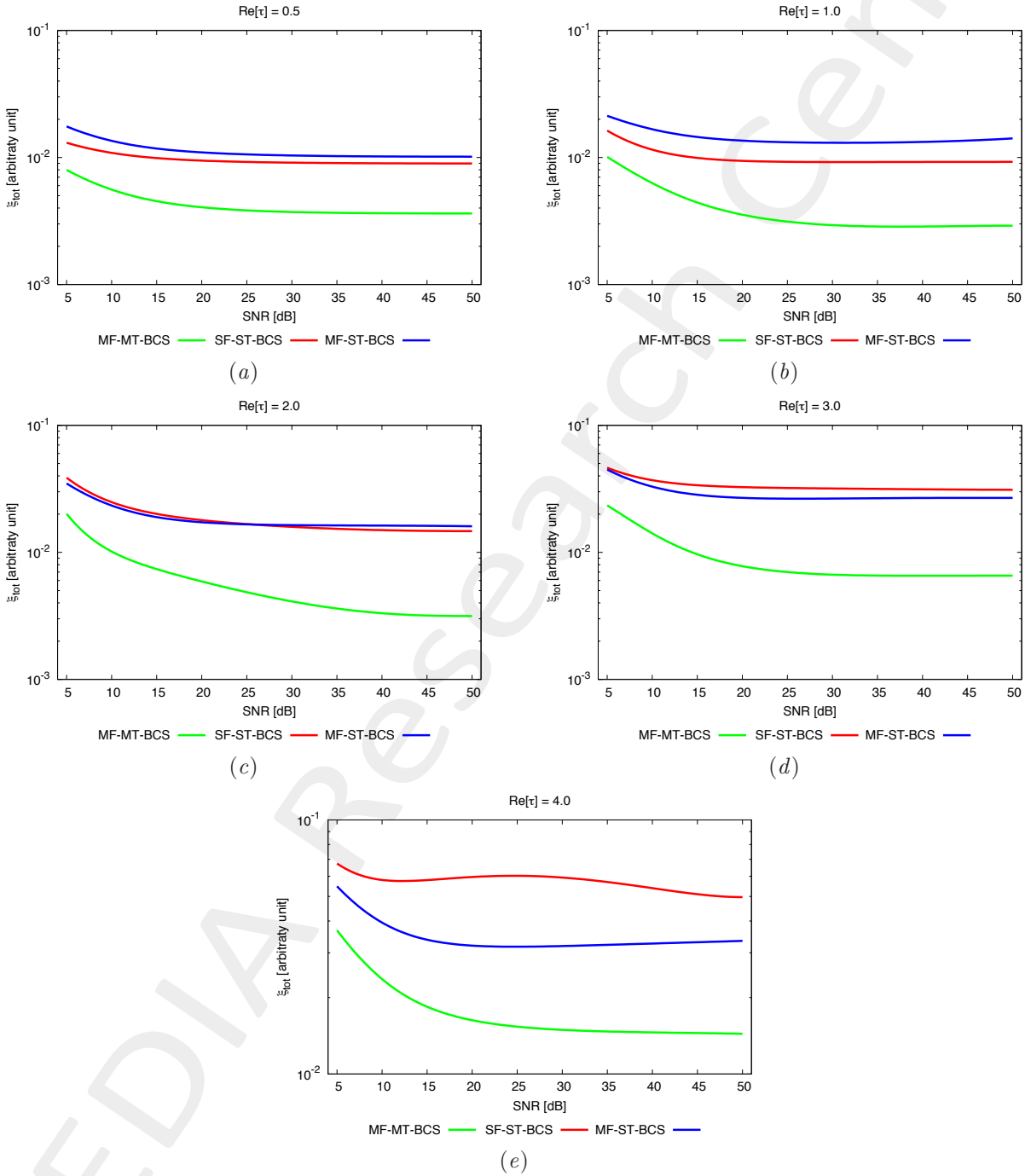
**Figure 84.** Actual object (a), *MF – MT – BCS* reconstructed object (b)(e)(h), *SF – ST – BCS* (c)(f)(i) and *MF – ST – BCS* (d)(g)(l) for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (b)(c)(d),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (e)(f)(g) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (h)(i)(l).

**Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj2} = 0.33\lambda$  - BCS Errors vs.  $\varepsilon_r$  Comparison**



**Figure 85.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $\varepsilon_r$ , for  $SNR = 50$  [dB] (a),  $SNR = 20$  [dB] (b),  $SNR = 15$  [dB] (c),  $SNR = 10$  [dB] (d) and  $SNR = 5$  [dB] (e).

**Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides  $l_1^{obj1} = 0.66\lambda$ ,  $l_2^{obj1} = 0.33\lambda$  and Square of Side  $l^{obj2} = 0.33\lambda$  - BCS Errors vs.  $SNR$  Comparison**



**Figure 86.** Behaviour of total error  $\xi_{tot}$  as a function of  $SNR$ , for  $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$  [dB] (a),  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$  [dB] (b),  $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$  [dB] (c),  $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$  [dB] (d) and  $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$  [dB] (e).

### 1.3 Statistical Analysis - Square Cylinders of Side $l = 0.16\lambda$

**GOAL:** show the statistical performances of the multi-frequency  $MT - BCS$  when dealing with sparse scatterers

- Number of frequencies  $F$
- Number of Views:  $V$
- Number of Measurements:  $M$
- Number of Cells for the Inversion:  $N$
- Number of Cells for the Direct solver:  $D$
- Side of the investigation domain:  $L$

#### Test Case Description

##### Direct solver:

- Square domain divided in  $\sqrt{D} \times \sqrt{D}$  cells
- Domain side:  $L = 3\lambda$  (at the central frequency)
- $D = 1296$  (discretization for the direct solver:  $< \lambda/10$ )

##### Investigation domain:

- Square domain divided in  $\sqrt{N} \times \sqrt{N}$  cells
- $L = 3\lambda$
- $N = 324$

##### Measurement domain:

- Measurement points taken on a circle of radius  $\rho = 3\lambda$  (at the central frequency)
- $M \approx 2ka \rightarrow M = 27$

##### Sources:

- $V \approx 2ka \rightarrow V = 27$
- Amplitude  $A = 1$  (plane waves)
- Number of Frequencies:  $F = 11$
- Frequency Range:  $I_F = [150 \text{ Mhz} : 450 \text{ Mhz}]$  - Frequency Step:  $S_F = [30 \text{ Mhz}]$

##### Object:

- $S \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$  Square cylinders of side  $\frac{\lambda}{6} = 0.16667$
- $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$
- $\sigma = 0$  [S/m]

##### MT-BCS parameters:

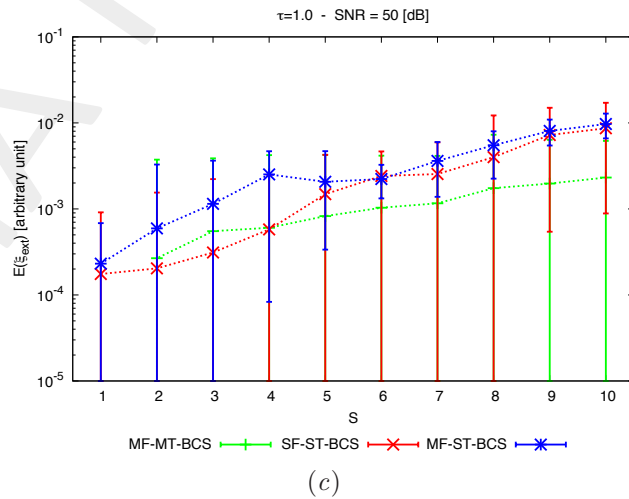
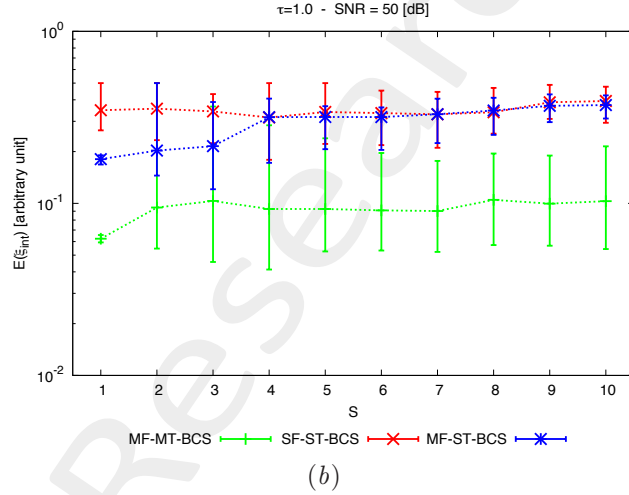
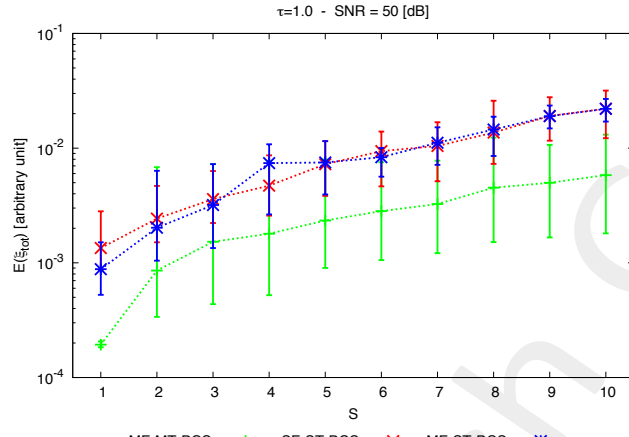
- Gamma prior on noise variance parameters:  $\beta_1 = 6.5 \times 10^{-1}$ ,  $\beta_2 = 5.8 \times 10^{-2}$
- Convergence parameter:  $\tau = 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$

##### Statistical Analysis:

- $K = 14$  random seeds used for each case

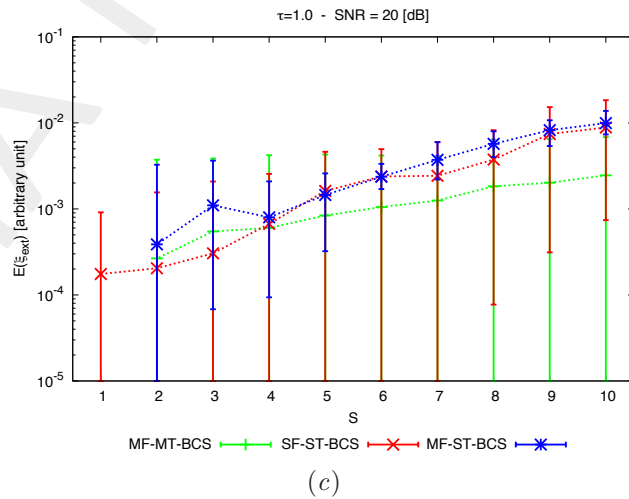
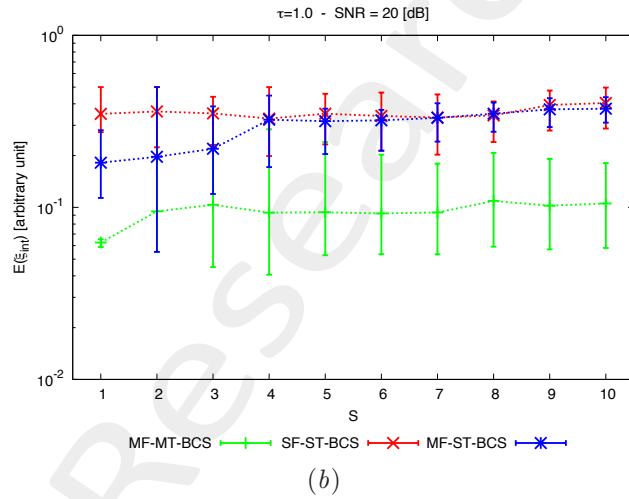
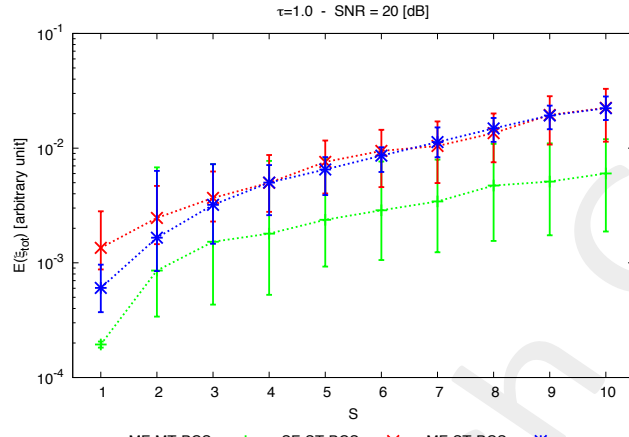


Statistical Analysis - Error Figures - BCS Comparison -  $SNR = 50$  [dB]



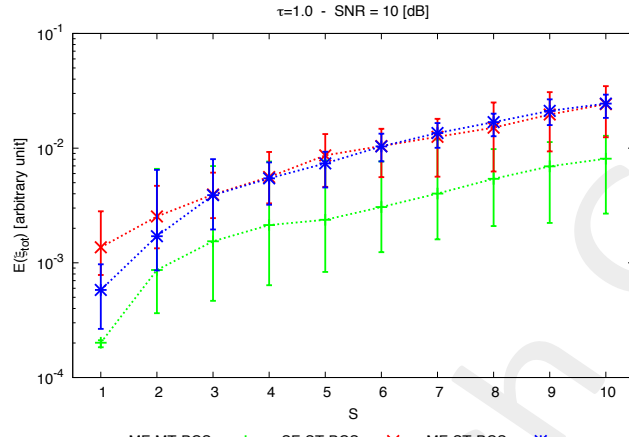
**Figure 87.** Statistical analysis [ $K = 14$ ,  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$ ] - Behaviour of mean, maximum and minimum of the error figures as a function of  $S$  (sparsity factor) of the total error  $\xi_{tot}$  (a), internal error  $\xi_{int}$  (b) and external error  $\xi_{ext}$  (c).

Statistical Analysis - Error Figures - BCS Comparison -  $SNR = 20$  [dB]

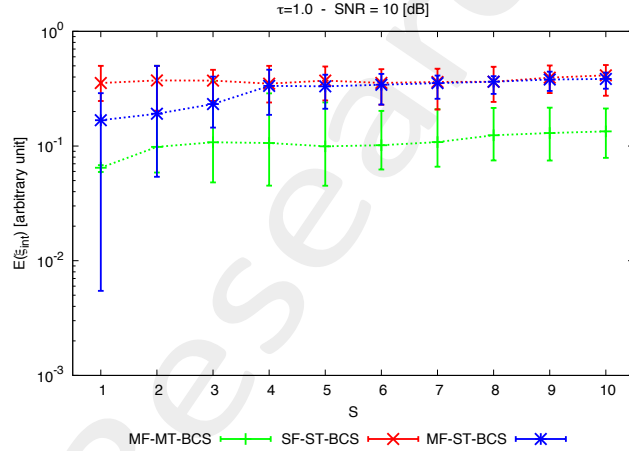


**Figure 88.** Statistical analysis [ $K = 14$ ,  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$ ] - Behaviour of mean, maximum and minimum of the error figures as a function of  $S$  (sparsity factor) of the total error  $\xi_{tot}$  (a), internal error  $\xi_{int}$  (b) and external error  $\xi_{ext}$  (c).

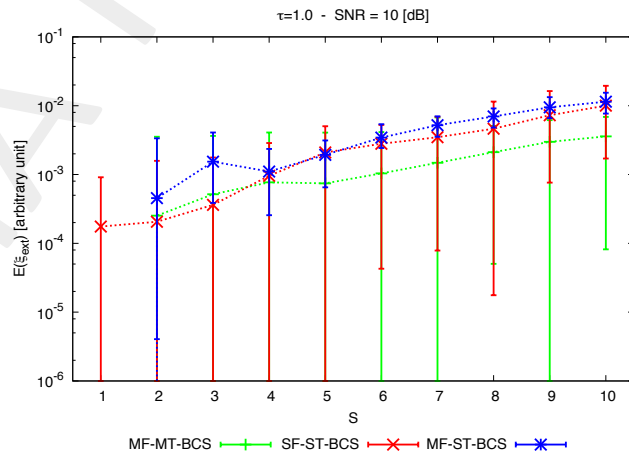
Statistical Analysis - Error Figures - BCS Comparison -  $SNR = 10$  [dB]



(a)



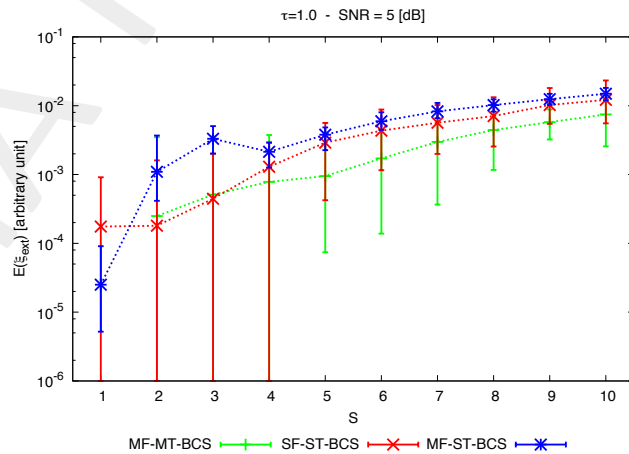
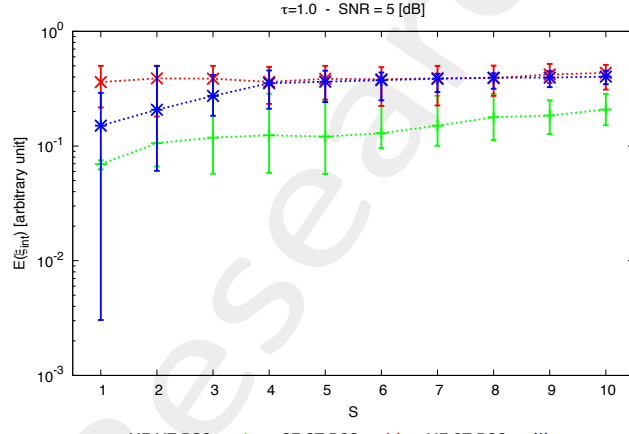
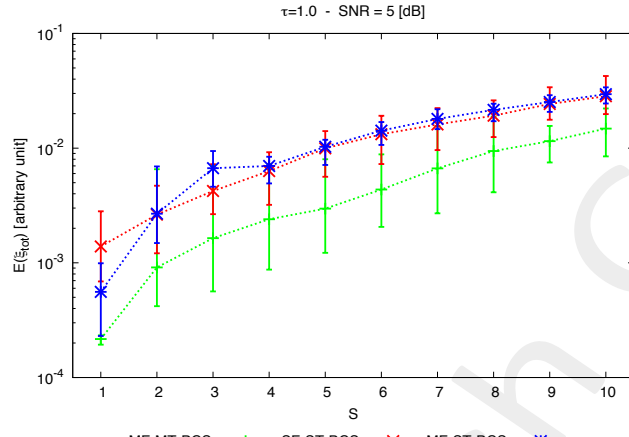
(b)



(c)

**Figure 89.** Statistical analysis [ $K = 14$ ,  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$ ] - Behaviour of mean, maximum and minimum of the error figures as a function of  $S$  (sparsity factor) of the total error  $\xi_{tot}$  (a), internal error  $\xi_{int}$  (b) and external error  $\xi_{ext}$  (c).

Statistical Analysis - Error Figures - BCS Comparison -  $SNR = 5$  [dB]



**Figure 90.** Statistical analysis [ $K = 14$ ,  $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$ ] - Behaviour of mean, maximum and minimum of the error figures as a function of  $S$  (sparsity factor) of the total error  $\xi_{tot}$  (a), internal error  $\xi_{int}$  (b) and external error  $\xi_{ext}$  (c).

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