

Multi-Task Bayesian Compressive Sensing for microwave imaging exploiting multi-frequency data

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Abstract

This report deals with the multi-frequency Multi-Task Bayesian Compressive Sensing (BCS) technique for retrieving the dielectric features of sparse scatterers within an inaccessible investigation domain. A calibration of the MT-BCS method is firstly proposed, before to evaluate the performance of the algorithm on a wide set of scatterer configurations, showing that additional information can be educed from different illumination frequencies to improve the quality of the reconstructions. The impact of the number of frequencies exploited during the reconstruction process on the results is also investigated.

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1 Calibration

1.1 Square Cylinder $l = 0.33\lambda$

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- $D = 1296$ (discretization for the direct solver: $< \lambda/10$)

Investigation domain:

- Square domain divided in $\sqrt{N} \times \sqrt{N}$ cells
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- $2ka = 2 \times \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \times \frac{L\sqrt{2}}{2} = 6\pi\sqrt{2} = 26.65$
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- N scelto in modo da essere vicino a $\#DOF$: $N = 324$ (18×18)

Measurement domain:

- Measurement points taken on a circle of radius $\rho = 3\lambda$
- $M \approx 2ka \rightarrow M = 27$

Sources:

- $V = 1$ ($\theta = 0^\circ$)
- Amplitude: $A = 1$ (plane waves)
- Number of Frequencies: $F = \{3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13\}$ (selected around a central frequency $F_c = 300$ MHz)
- Frequency Range: $I_F = \{100, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200, 220, 240, 260, 280, 300, 320, 340, 360, 380, 400\}$ MHz

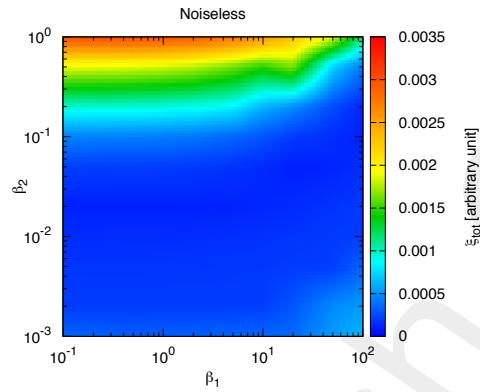
Object:

- Square cylinder of side $\frac{\lambda}{3} = 0.3333$
- $\epsilon_r = 2.0$
- $\sigma = 0$ [S/m]

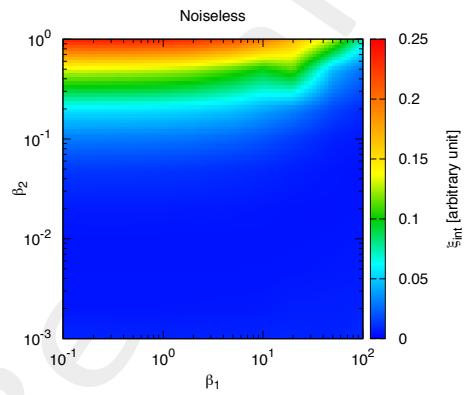
BCS parameters:

- Gamma prior on noise variance parameter: $\beta_1 \in \{1 \times 10^{-1}, 2 \times 10^{-1}, 5 \times 10^{-1}, 1 \times 10^0, 2 \times 10^0, 5 \times 10^0, 1 \times 10^{+1}, 2 \times 10^{+1}, 5 \times 10^{+1}, 1 \times 11 \times 10^{+2}\}$
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- Convergenze parameter: $\tau = 1.0 \times 10^{-8}$

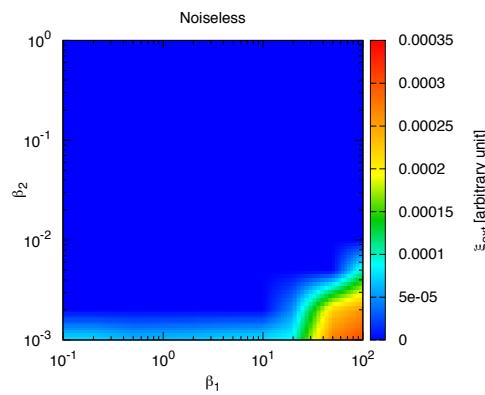
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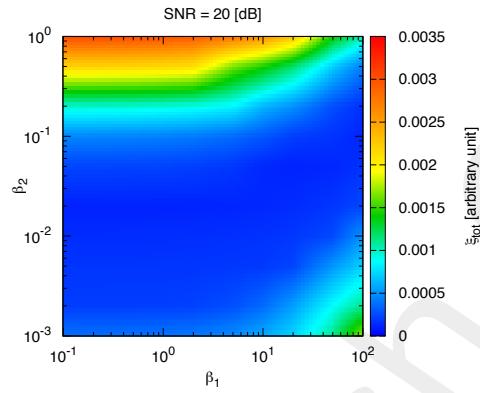
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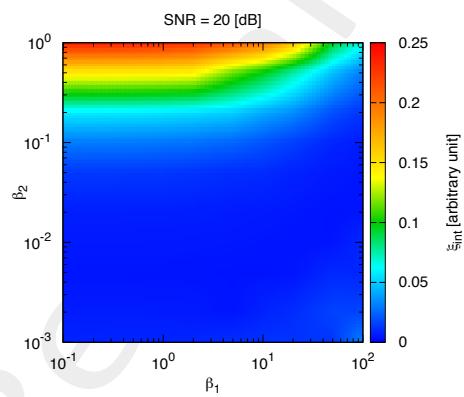
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Figure 1. Noiseless - Total error ξ_{tot} (a), internal error ξ_{int} (b) and external error ξ_{ext} (c).

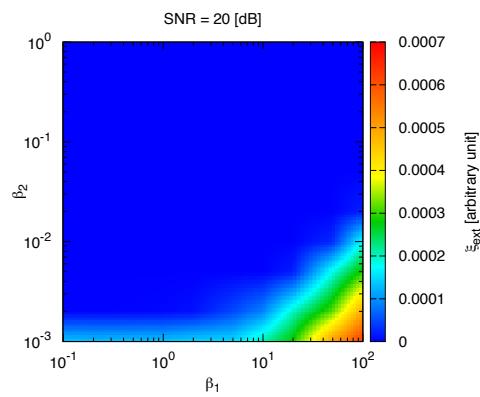
β_1 and β_2 Calibration - $SNR = 20$ [dB]



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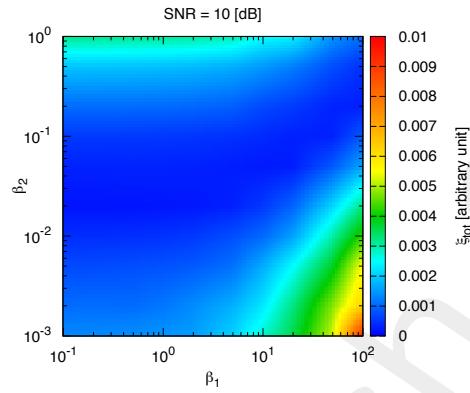
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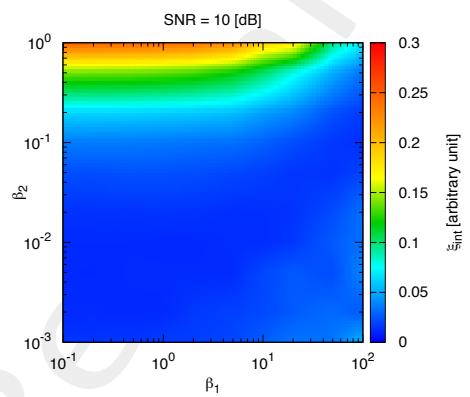
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Figure 2. $SNR = 20$ [dB] - Total error ξ_{tot} (a), internal error ξ_{int} (b) and external error ξ_{ext} (c).

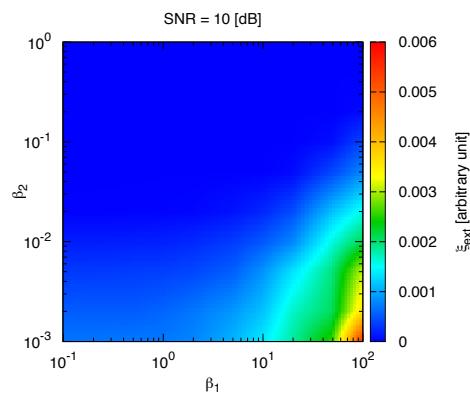
β_1 and β_2 Calibration - $SNR = 10$ [dB]



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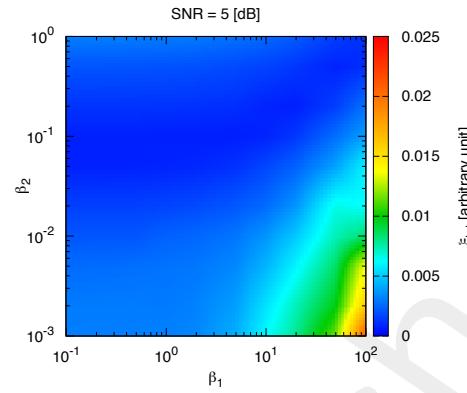
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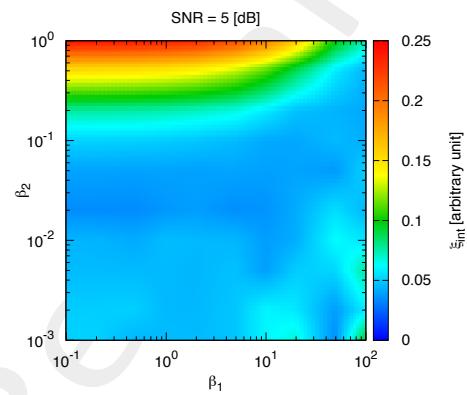
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Figure 3. $SNR = 10$ [dB] - Total error ξ_{tot} (a), internal error ξ_{int} (b) and external error ξ_{ext} (c).

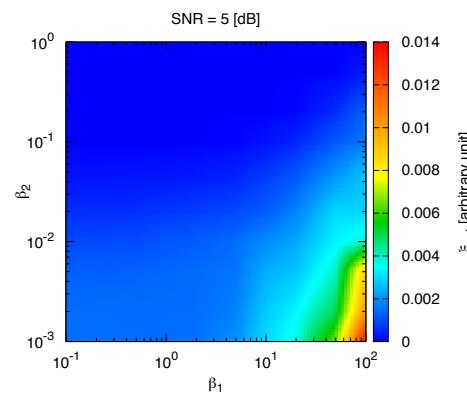
β_1 and β_2 Calibration - $SNR = 5$ [dB]



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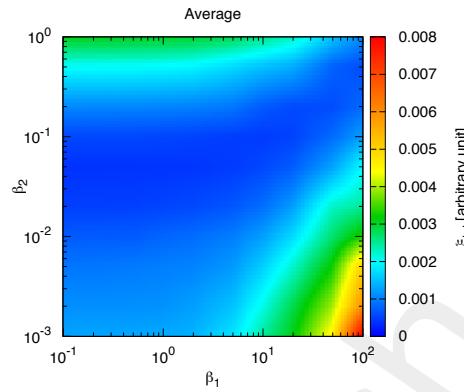
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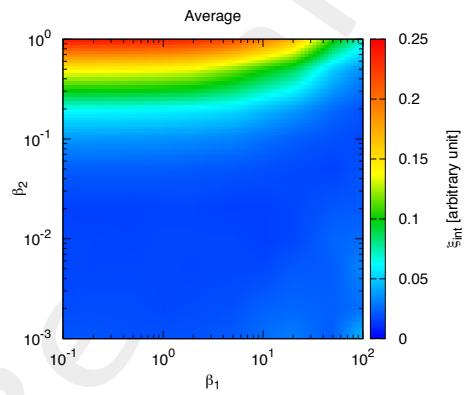
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Figure 4. $SNR = 5$ [dB] - Total error ξ_{tot} (a), internal error ξ_{int} (b) and external error ξ_{ext} (c).

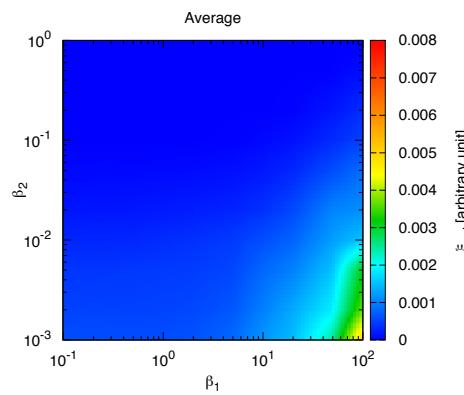
β_1 and β_2 Calibration - Average



(a)



(b)



(c)

Figure 5. Average - Total error ξ_{tot} (a), internal error ξ_{int} (b) and external error ξ_{ext} (c).

Observations:

The error function ξ_{tot} (averaged considering different SNR values: Noiseless, $SNR = 20dB$, $SNR = 10dB$ and $SNR = 5dB$) depending on the parameters (β_1, β_2) has a global minimum in $(a = 6.5 \times 10^{-1}, b = 5.8 \times 10^{-2})$.

Nr. Frequencies (F) Calibration

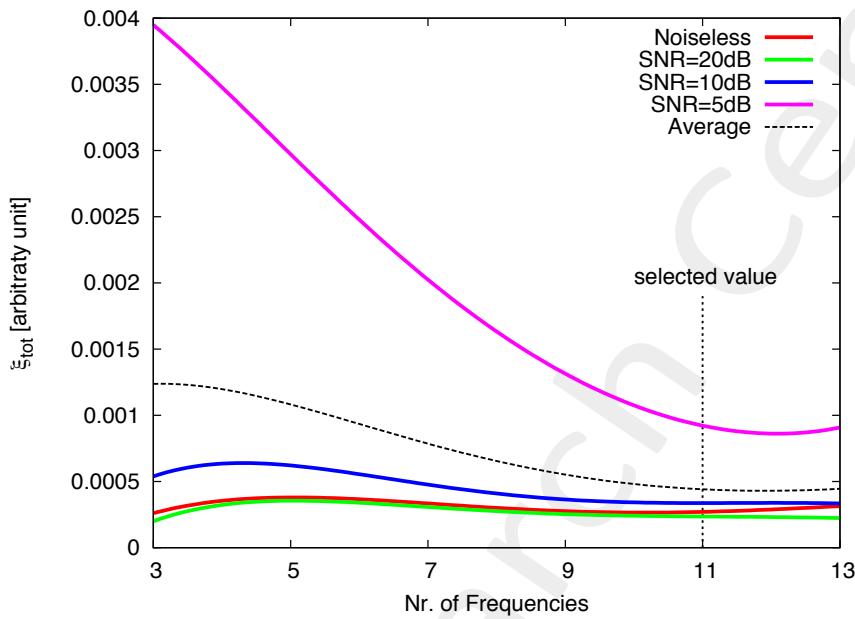


Figure 6. Total error ξ_{tot} vs. Nr. of Frequencies F .

Frequency Range (I_F) Calibration

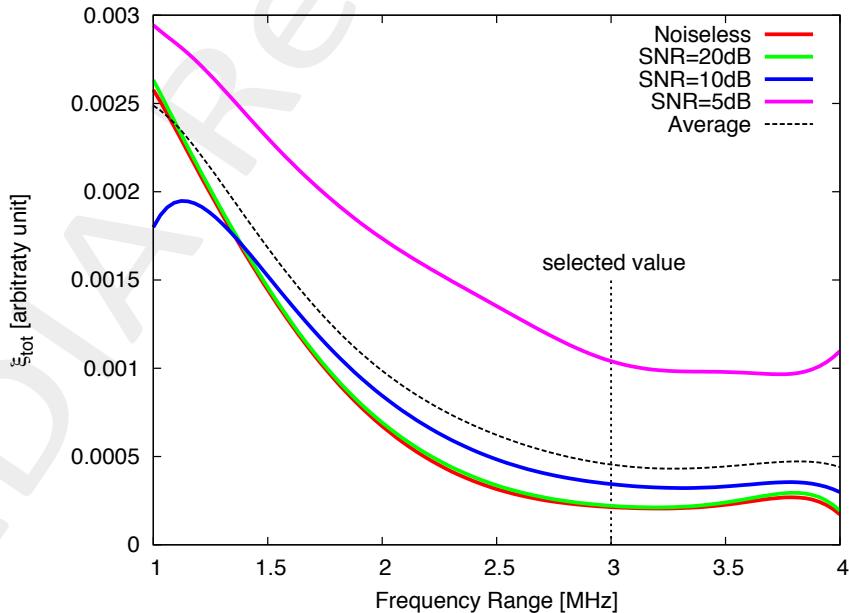


Figure 7. Total error ξ_{tot} vs. Frequency Range I_F .

2 Basic Tests

2.1 Homogeneous Objects

2.1.1 Strip of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$

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Sources:

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- Number of Frequencies: $F = 11$
- Frequency Range: $I_F = [150 \text{ Mhz} : 450 \text{ MHz}]$ - Frequency Step: $S_F = [30 \text{ Mhz}]$

Object:

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

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Homogeneous Strip of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Reconstruction Profiles

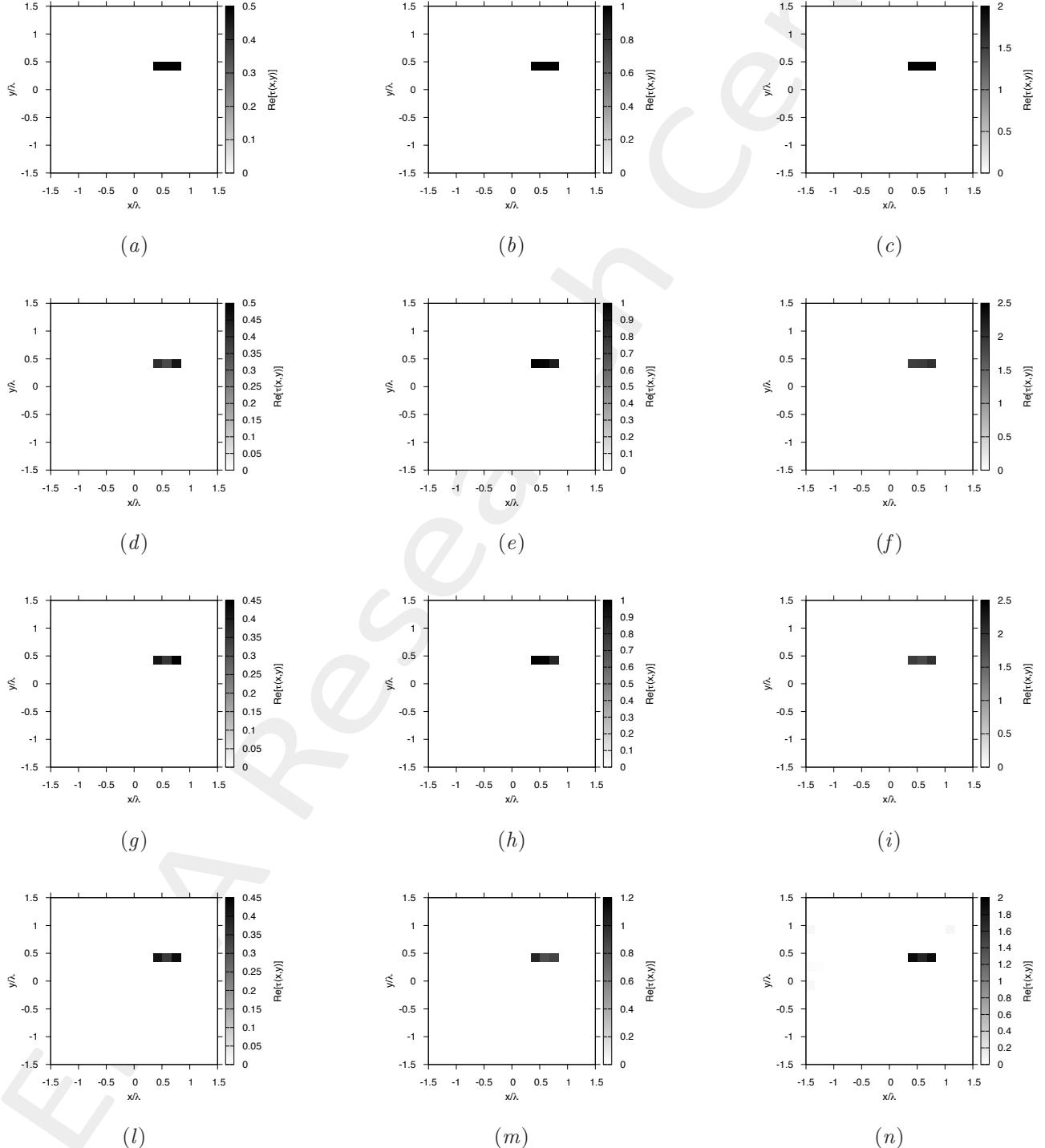


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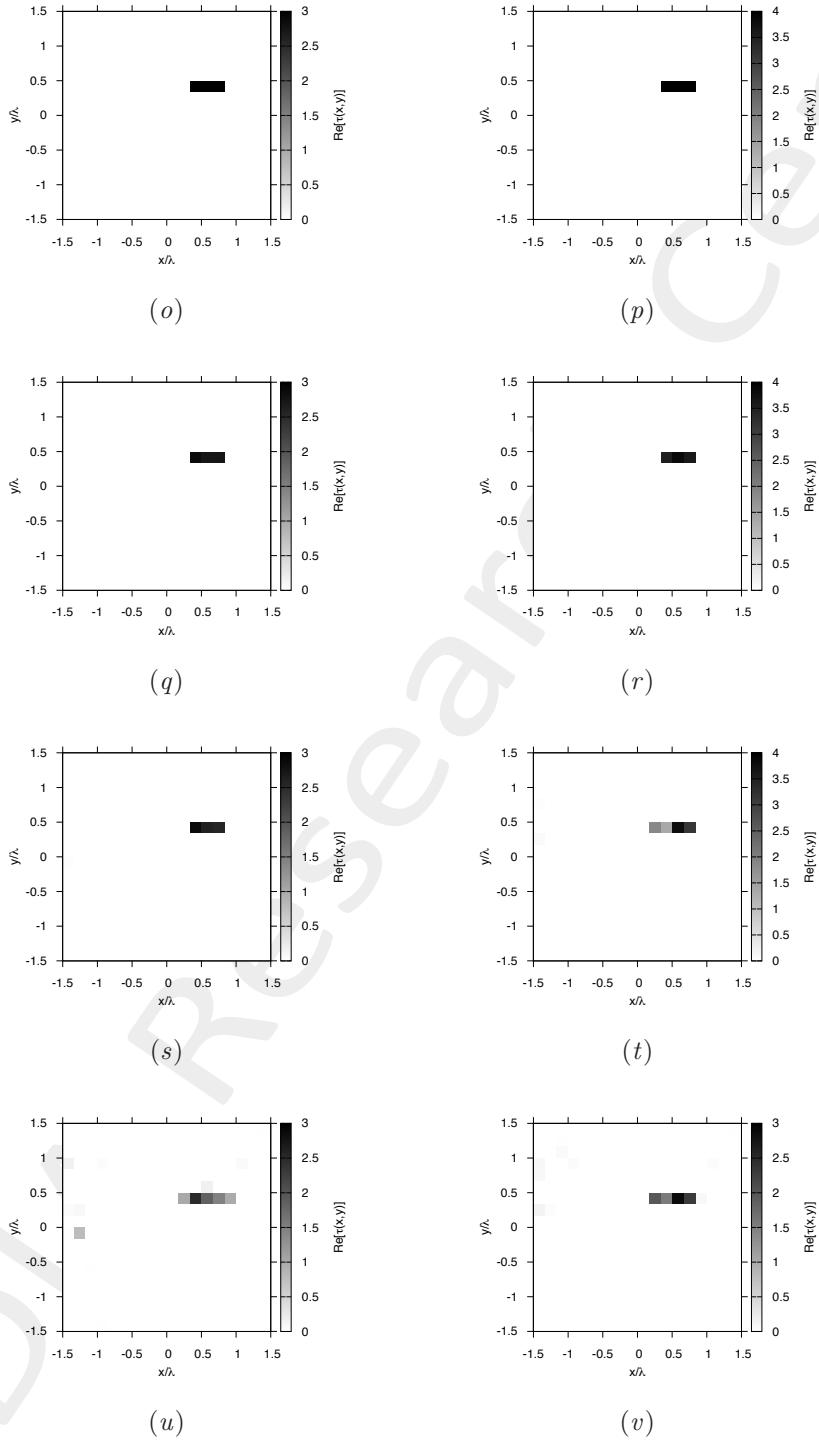


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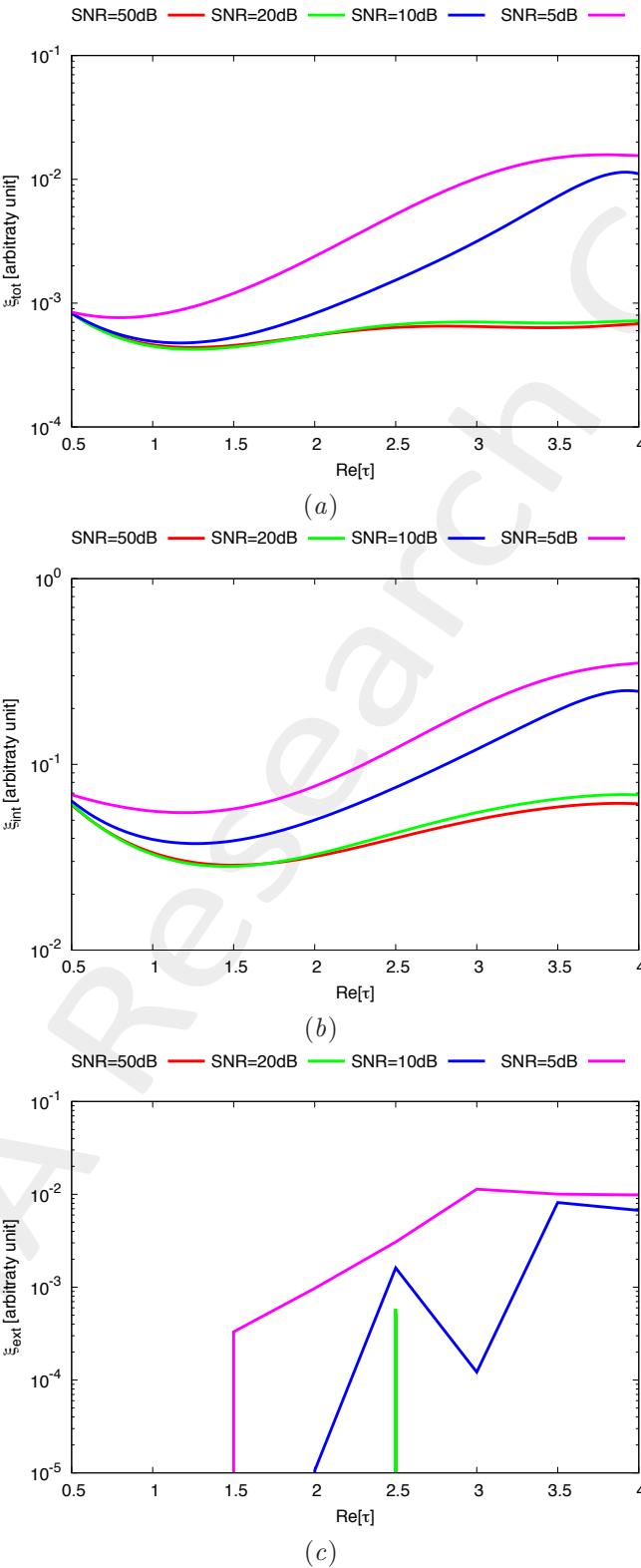


Figure 9. Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different SNR values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Homogeneous Strip of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Error Figures vs. SNR

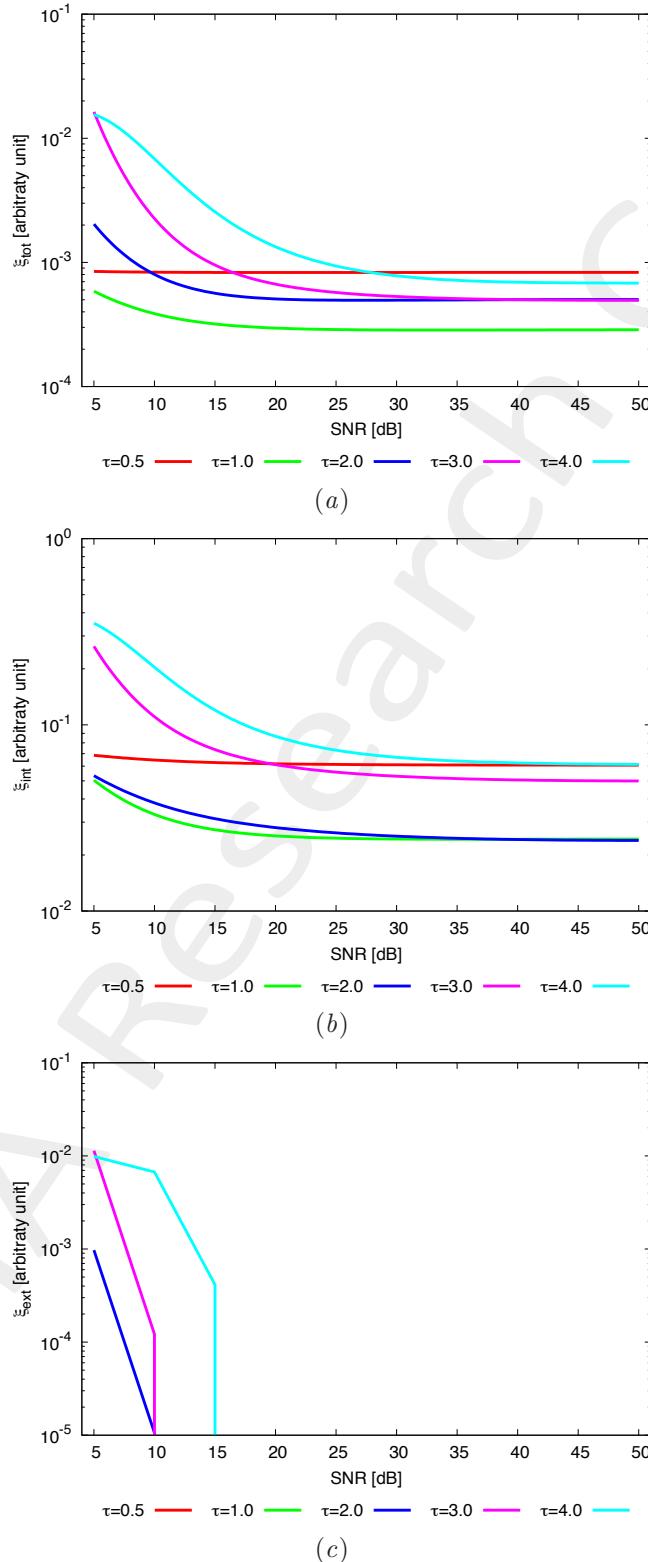


Figure 10. Behaviour of error figures as a function of SNR, for different ε_r values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

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

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- 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 $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$
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Two Homogeneous Strips of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Reconstruction Profiles

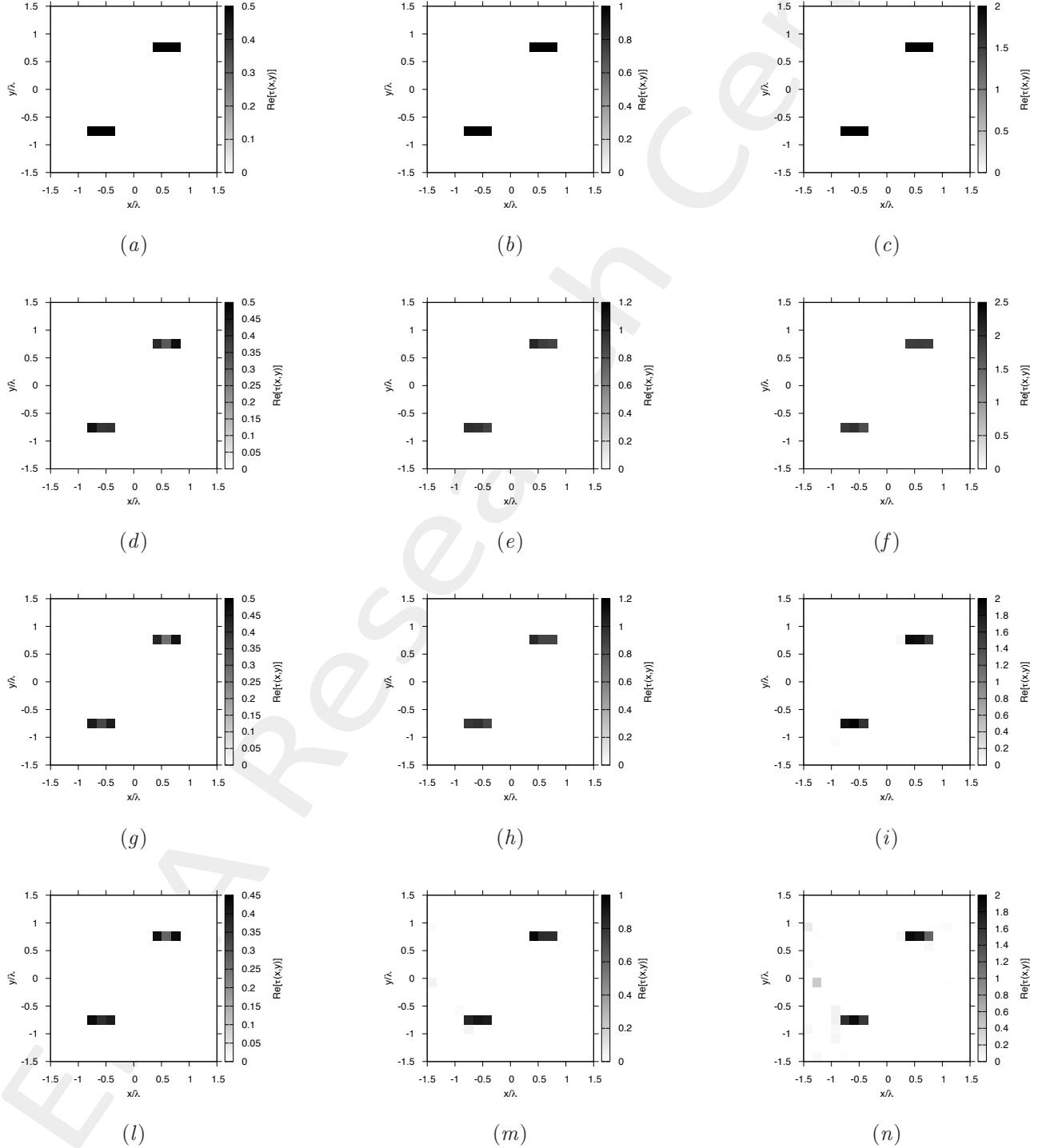


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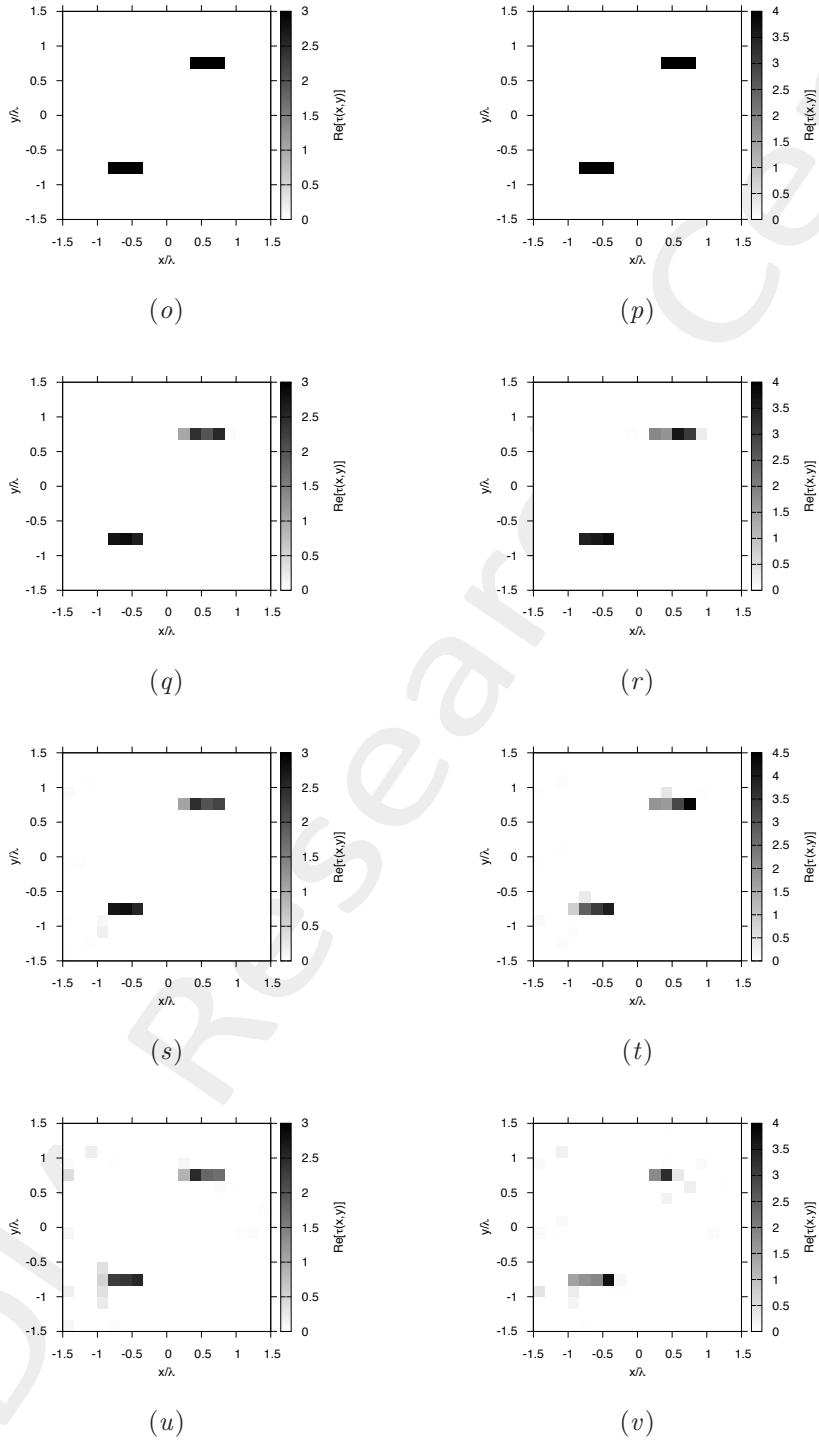


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Two Homogeneous Strips of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Error Figures vs. ε_r

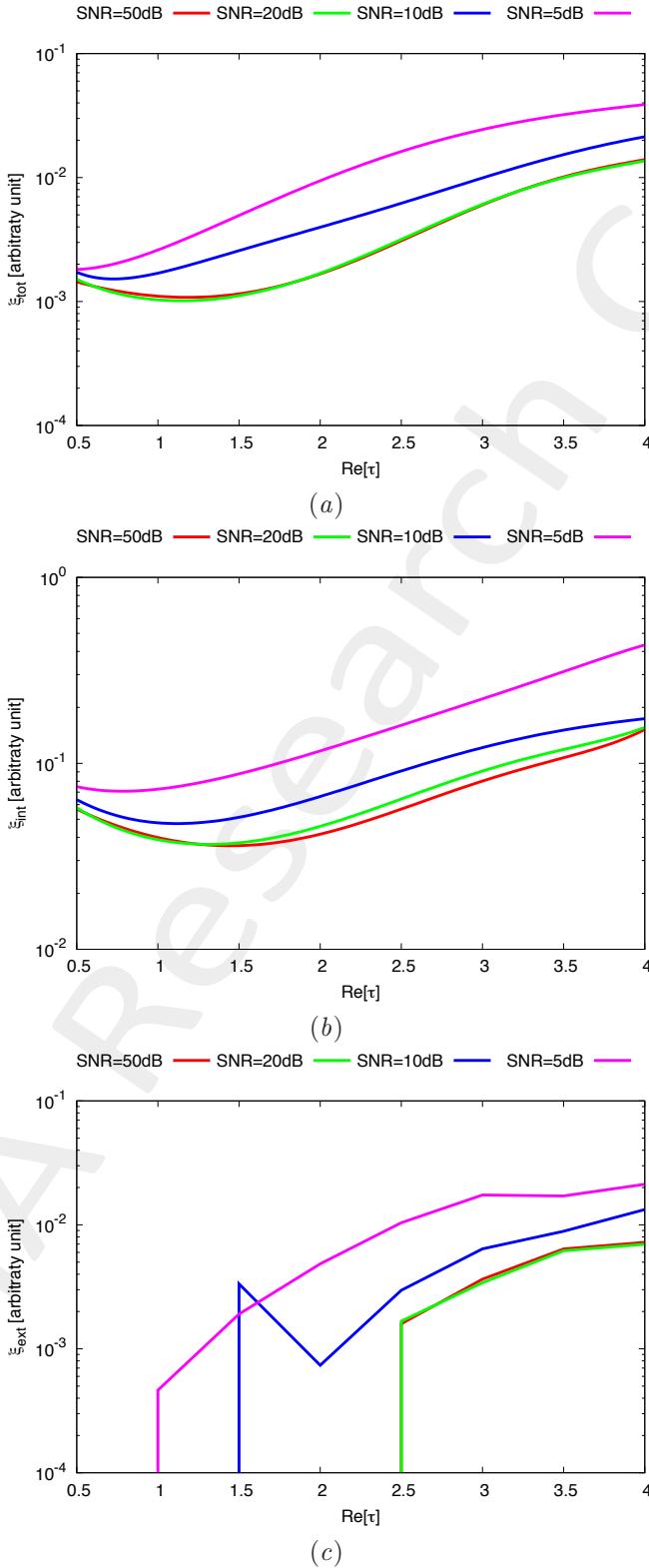


Figure 12. Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different *SNR* values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

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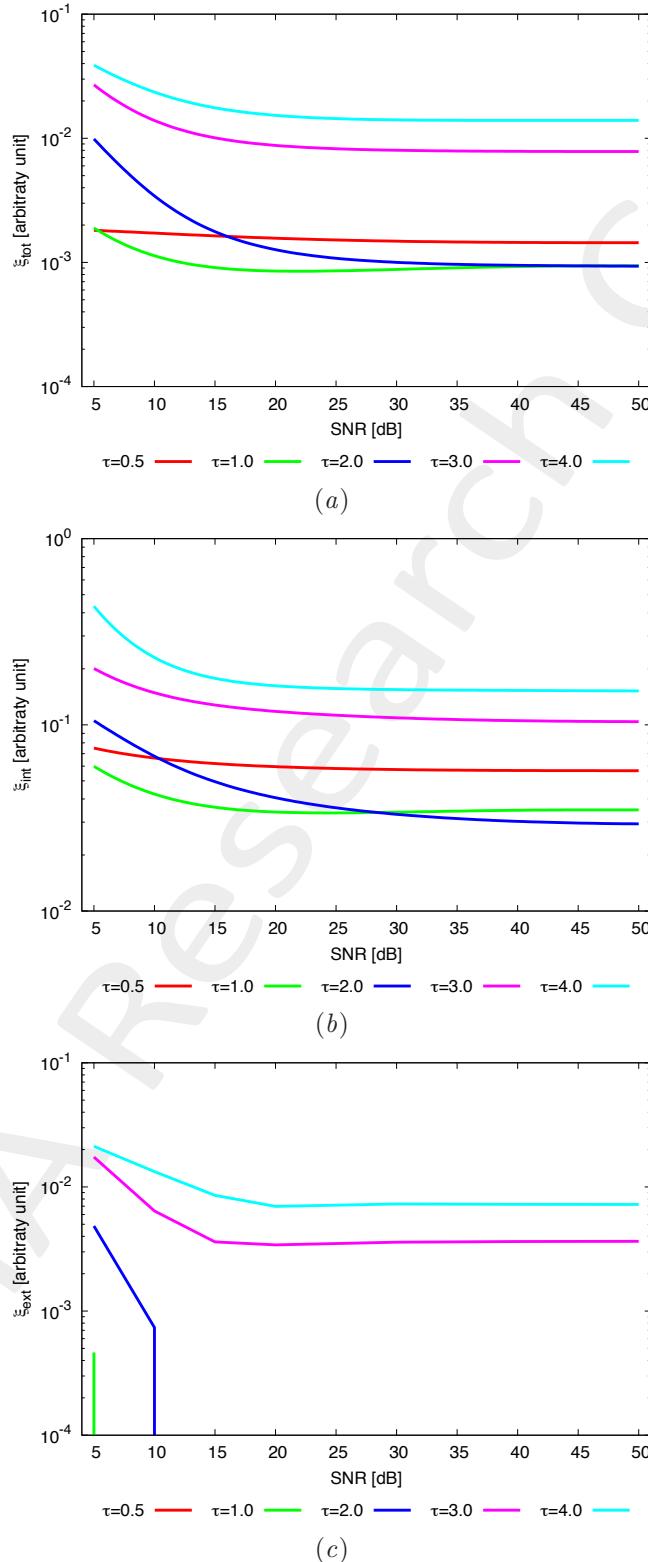


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2.1.3 Eight Pixels of Side $l = 0.16\lambda$

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Object:

- Eight square cylinders of side $l = 0.16\lambda$
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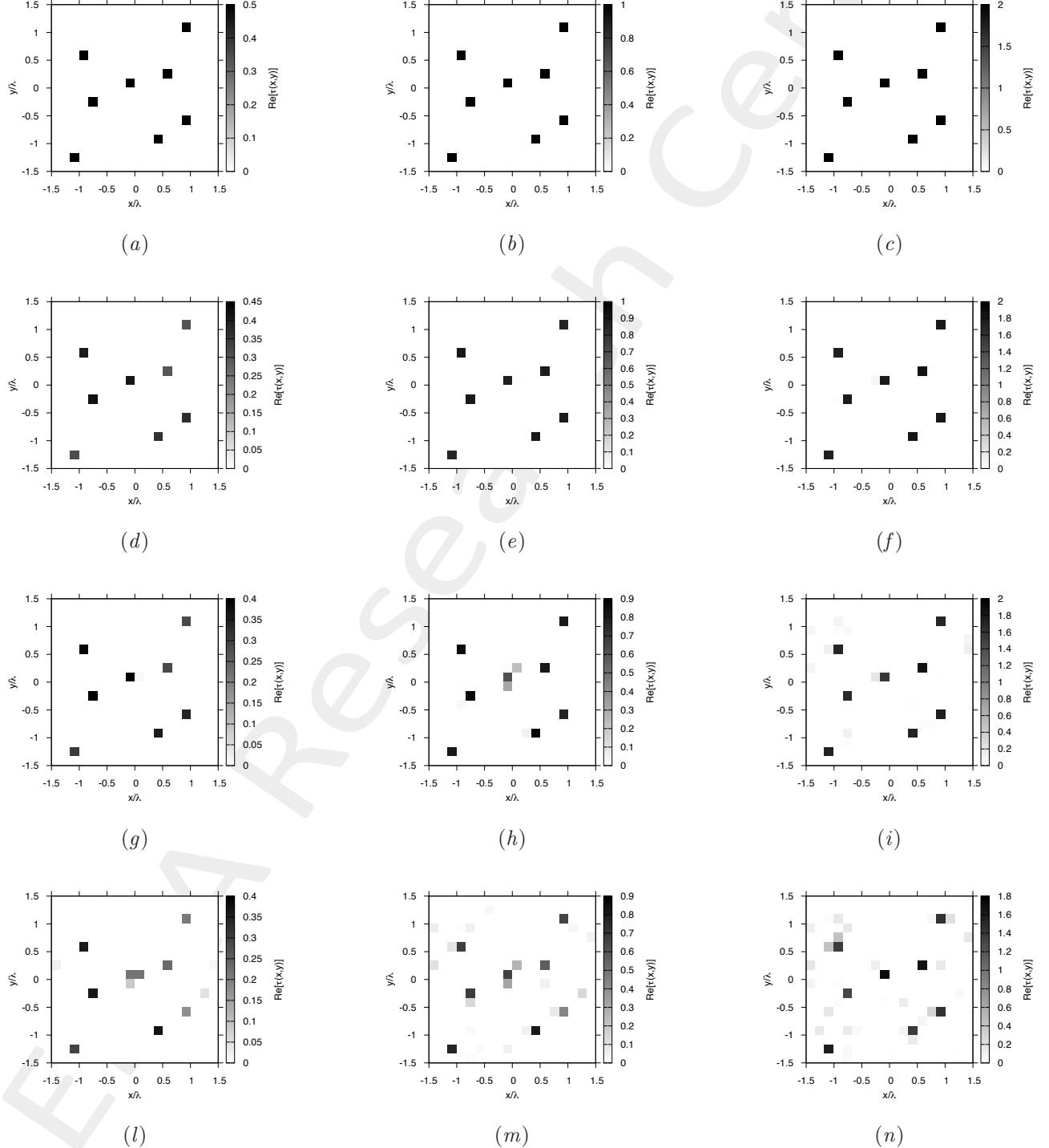


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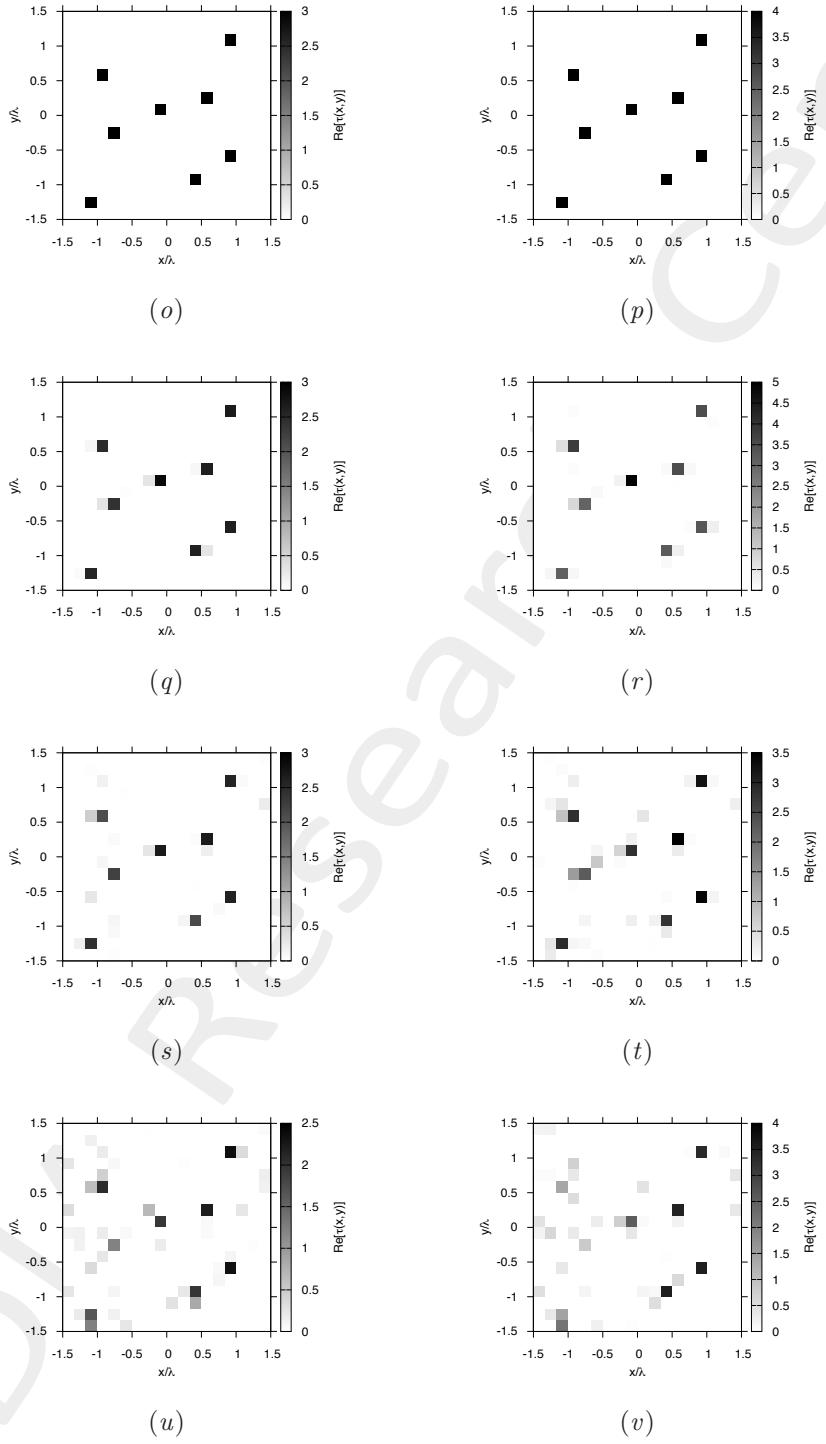


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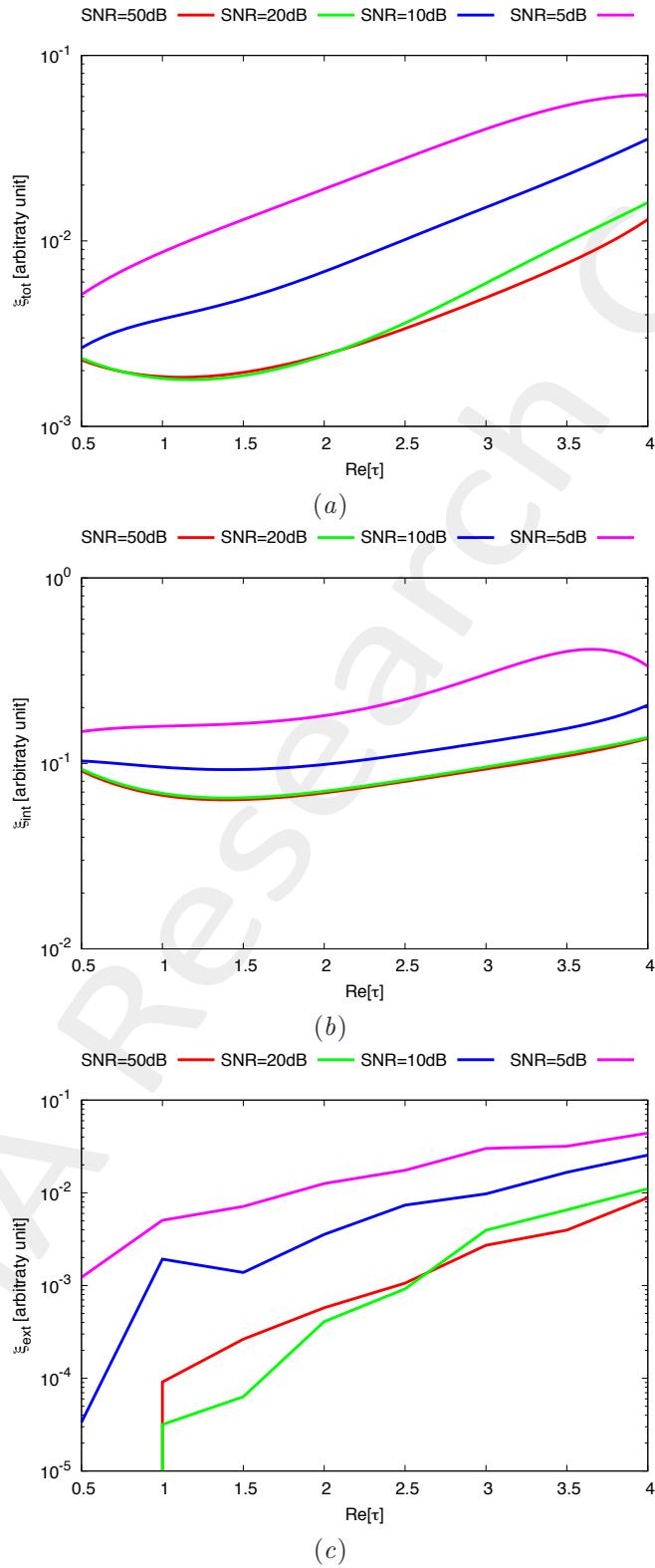


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Eight Homogeneous Pixels of Side $l = 0.16\lambda$ - Error Figures vs. SNR

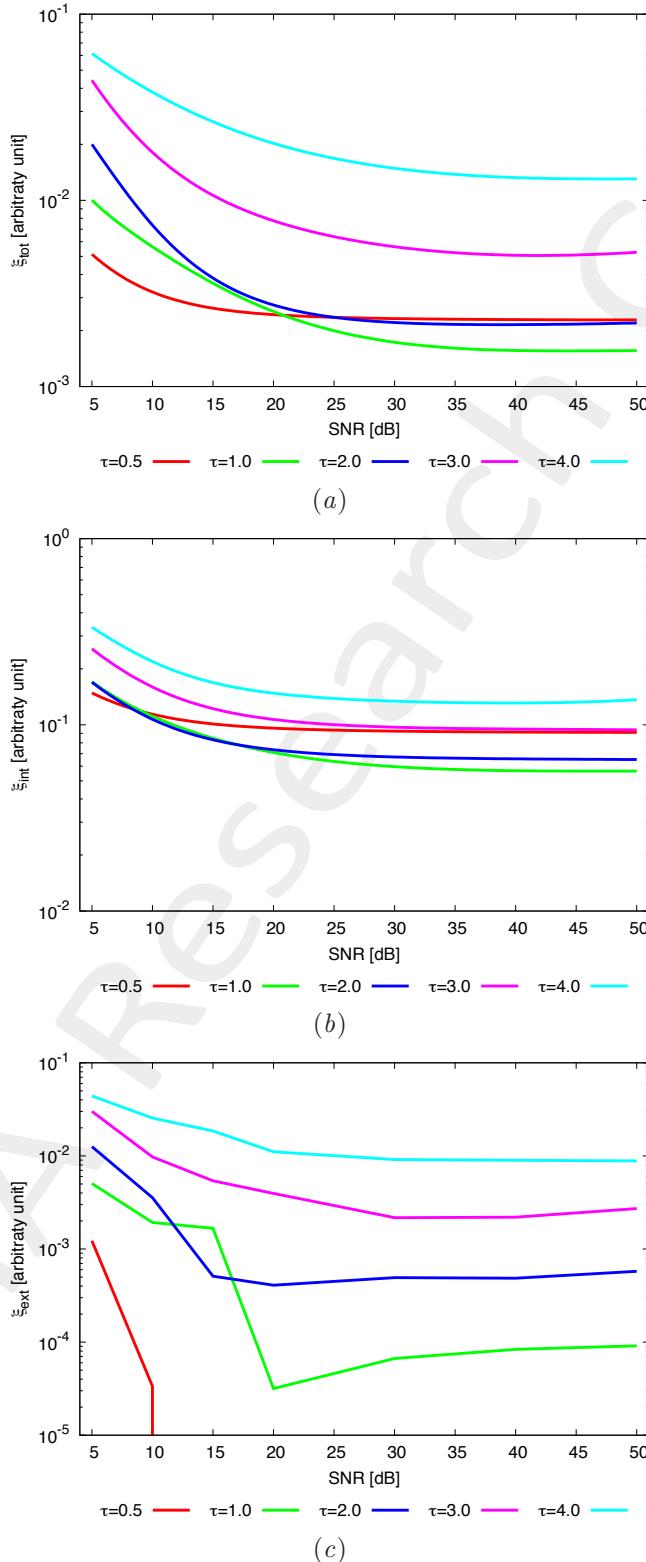


Figure 16. Behaviour of error figures as a function of SNR , for different ε_r values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

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- Frequency Range: $I_F = [150\text{ Mhz} : 450\text{MHz}]$ - Frequency Step: $S_F = [30\text{ Mhz}]$

Object:

- Strip of sides $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.50\lambda$; Square cylinder of side $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$; L-shaped cylinder
- $\varepsilon_r \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$
- $\sigma = 0$ [S/m]

MT-BCS parameters:

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

Three Homogeneous Objects of Different Shapes - Reconstruction Profiles

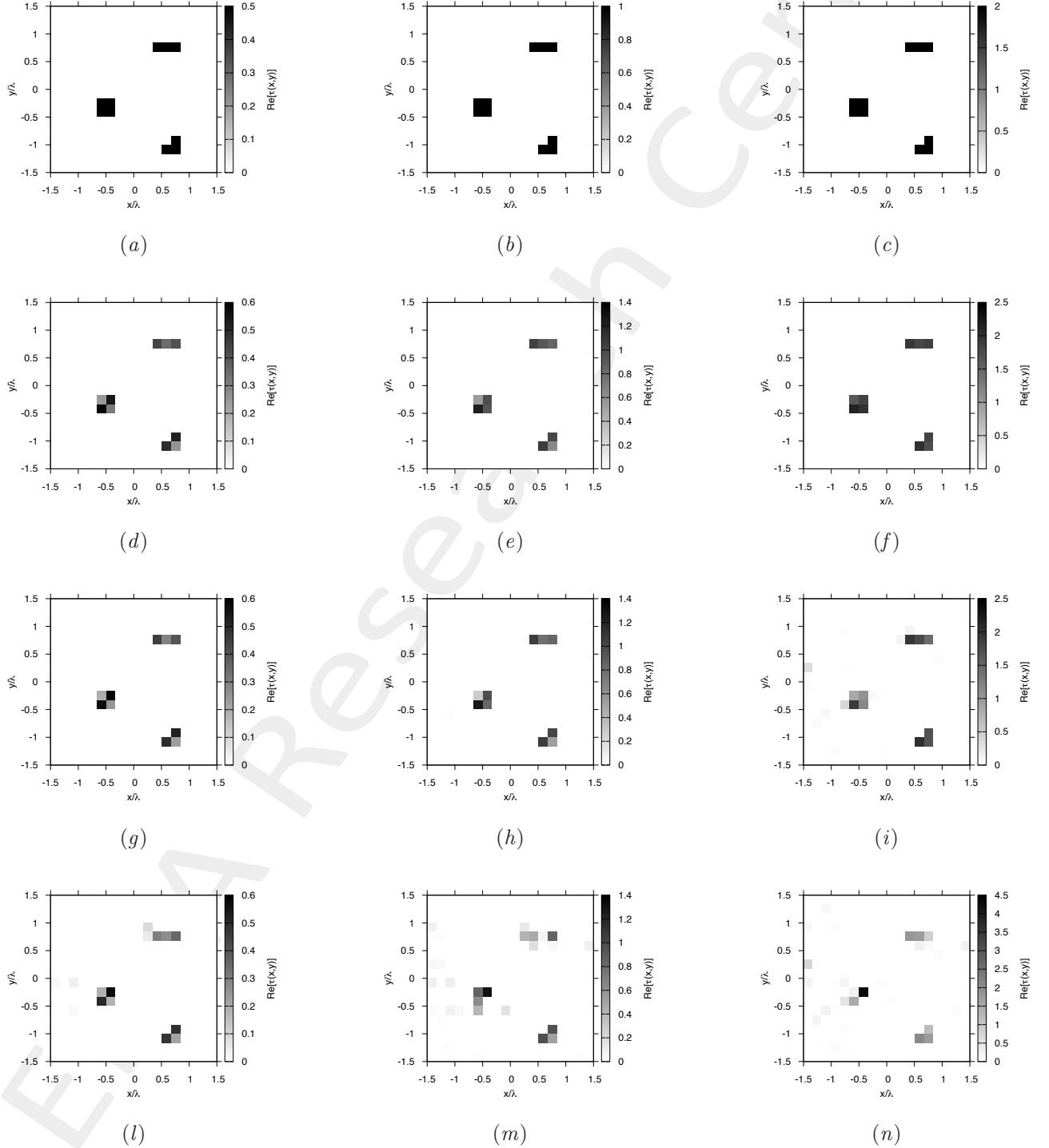


Figure 17. Actual object (a)(b)(c) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$ (d)(g)(l), $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$ (e)(h)(m), and $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$ (f)(i)(n), for $\text{SNR} = 20$ [dB] (d)(e)(f), $\text{SNR} = 10$ [dB] (g)(h)(i) and $\text{SNR} = 5$ [dB] (l)(m)(n).

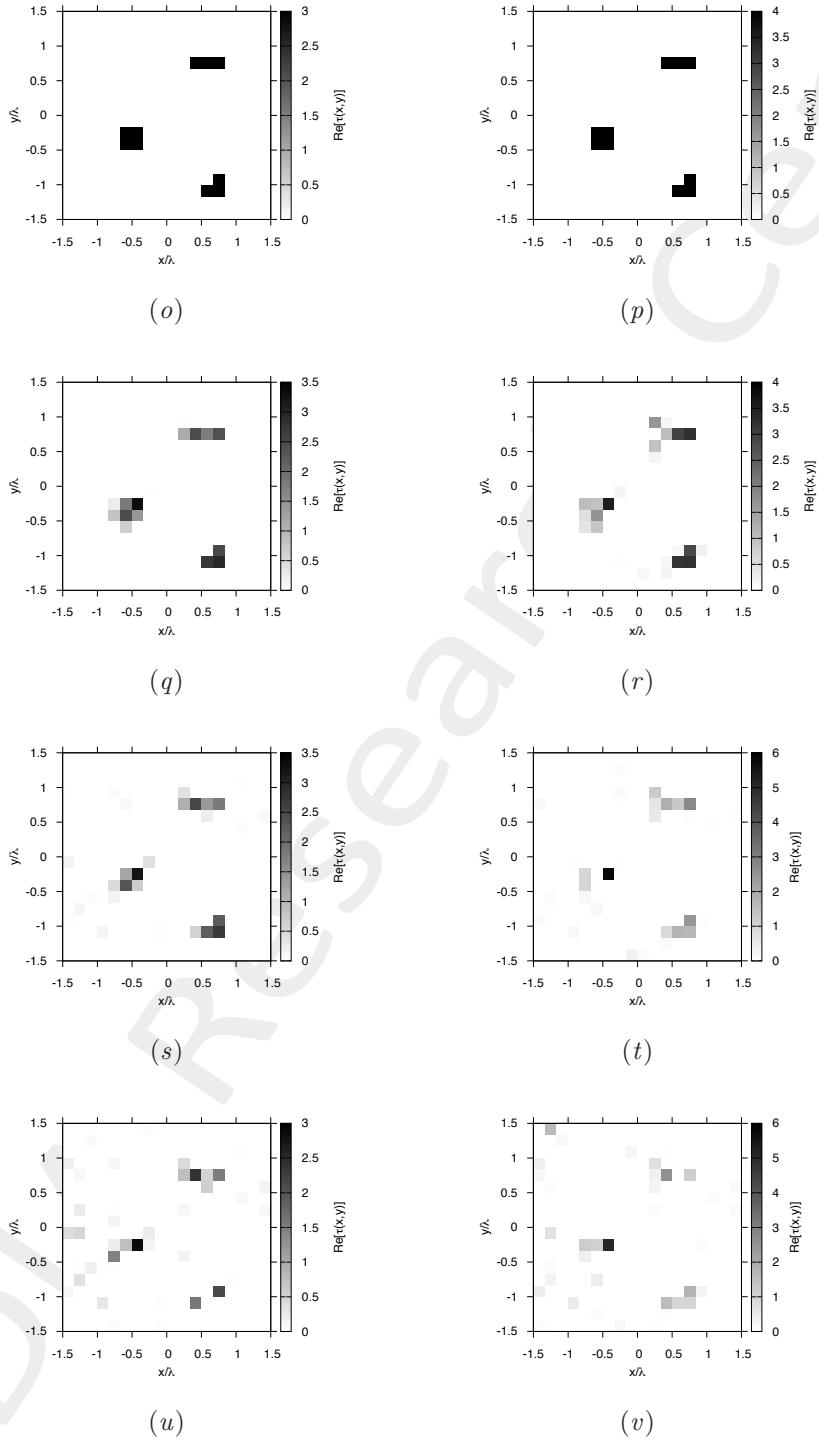


Figure 17. Actual object (o)(p) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$ (q)(s)(u), $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$ (r)(t)(v), for $SNR = 20$ [dB] (q)(r), $SNR = 10$ [dB] (s)(t) and $SNR = 5$ [dB] (u)(v).

Three Homogeneous Objects of Different Shapes - Error Figures vs. ε_r

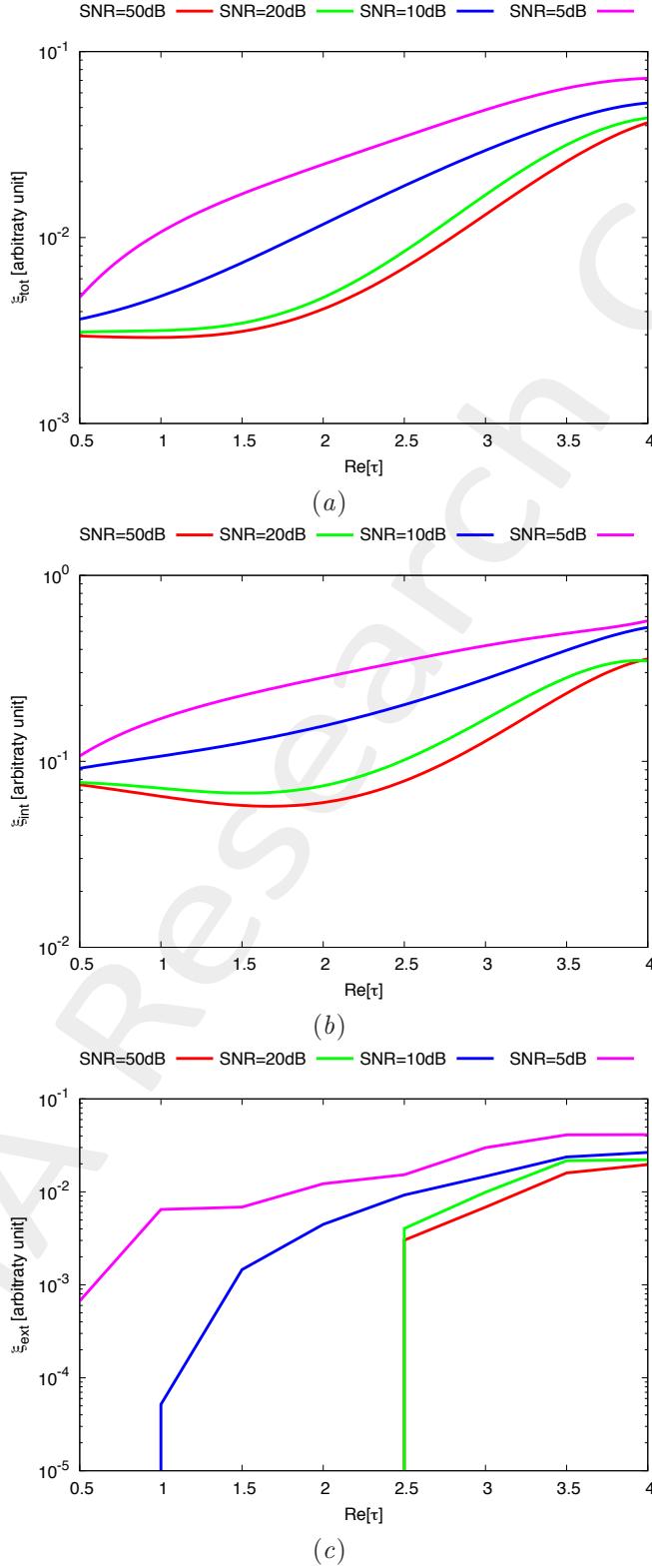


Figure 18. Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different *SNR* values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Three Homogeneous Objects of Different Shapes - Error Figures vs. SNR

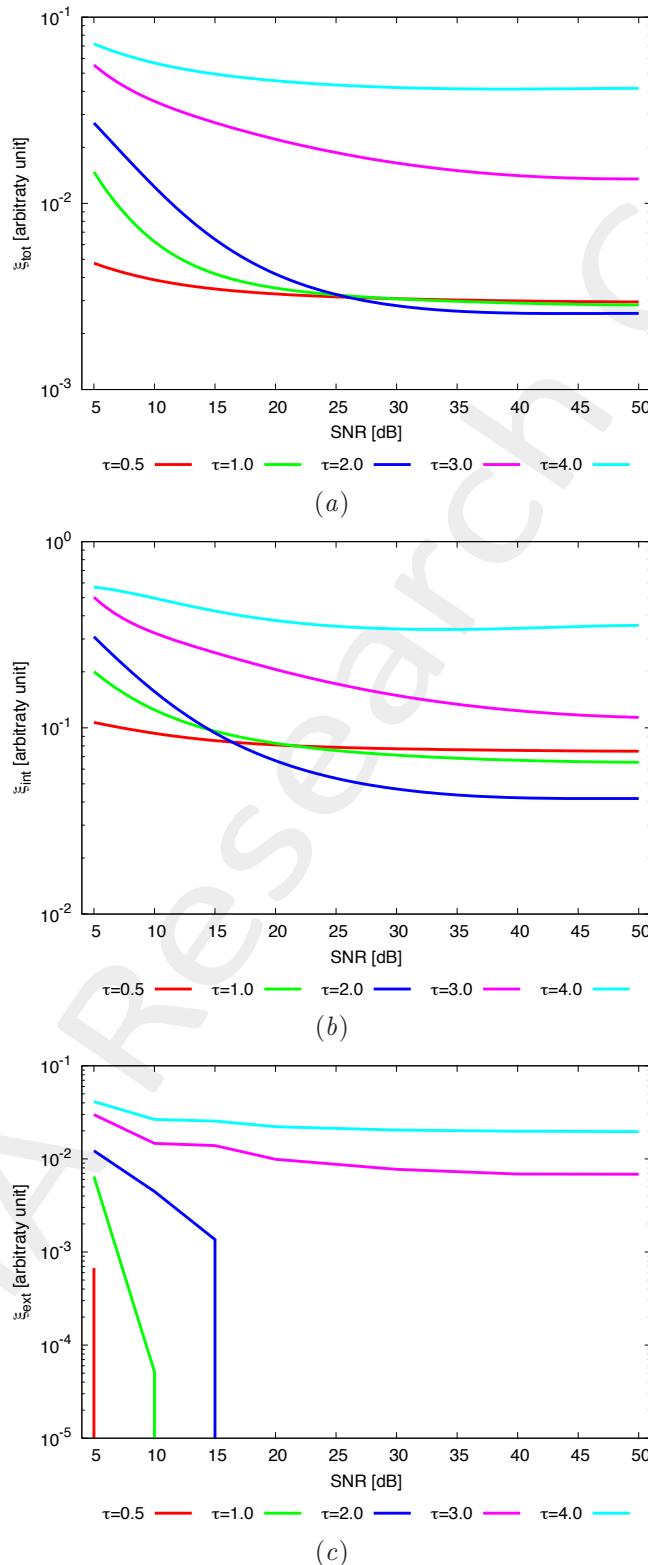


Figure 19. Behaviour of error figures as a function of SNR , for different ε_r values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

2.1.5 Rectangle of Sides $l_1 = 0.66\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.33\lambda$

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 $\#DOF$: $N = 324$ (18×18)

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

MT-BCS parameters:

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

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides $l_1 = 0.66\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.33\lambda$ - Reconstruction Profiles

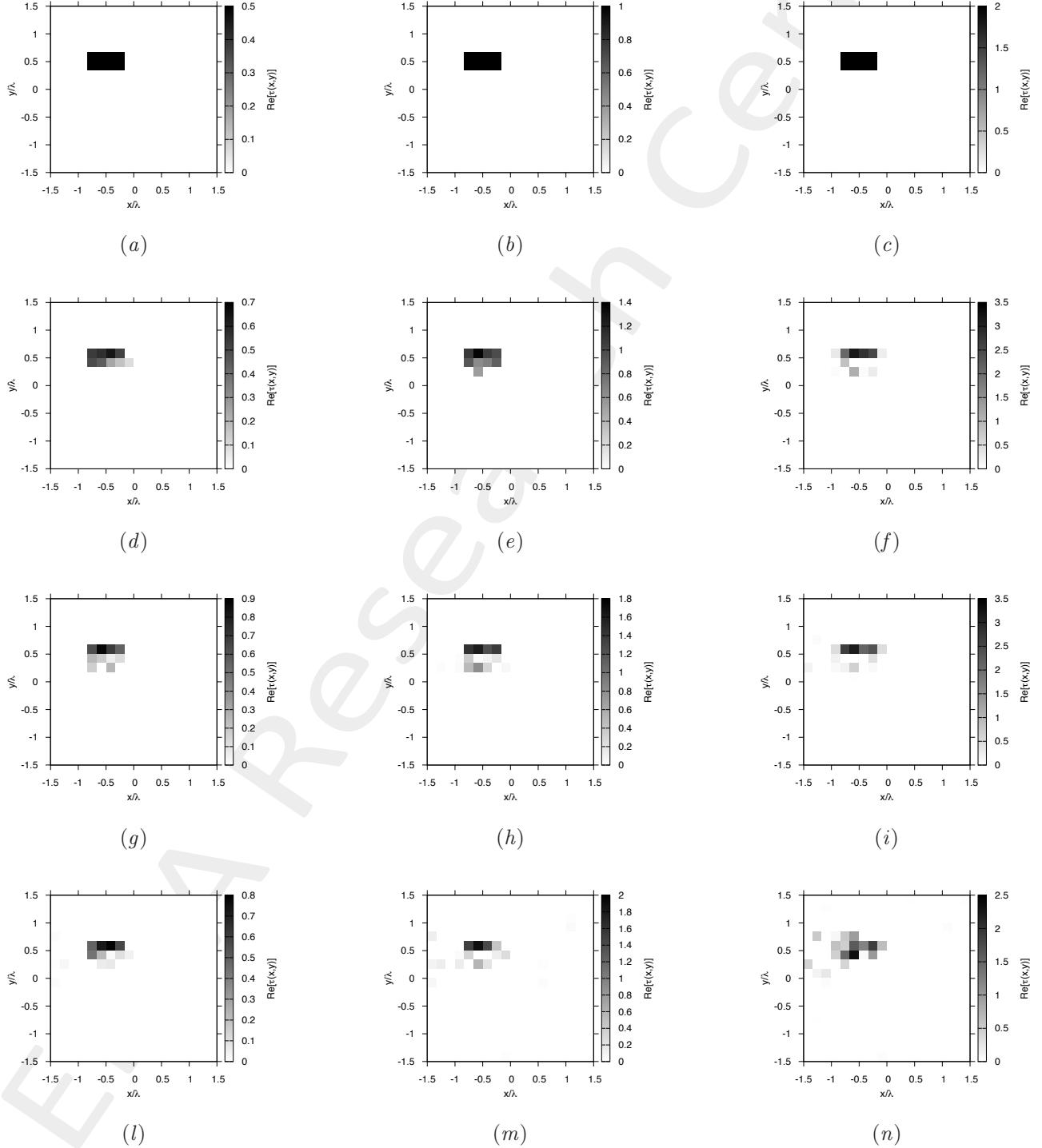


Figure 20. Actual object (a)(b)(c) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$ (d)(g)(l), $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$ (e)(h)(m), and $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$ (f)(i)(n), for $SNR = 20$ [dB] (d)(e)(f), $SNR = 10$ [dB] (g)(h)(i) and $SNR = 5$ [dB] (l)(m)(n).

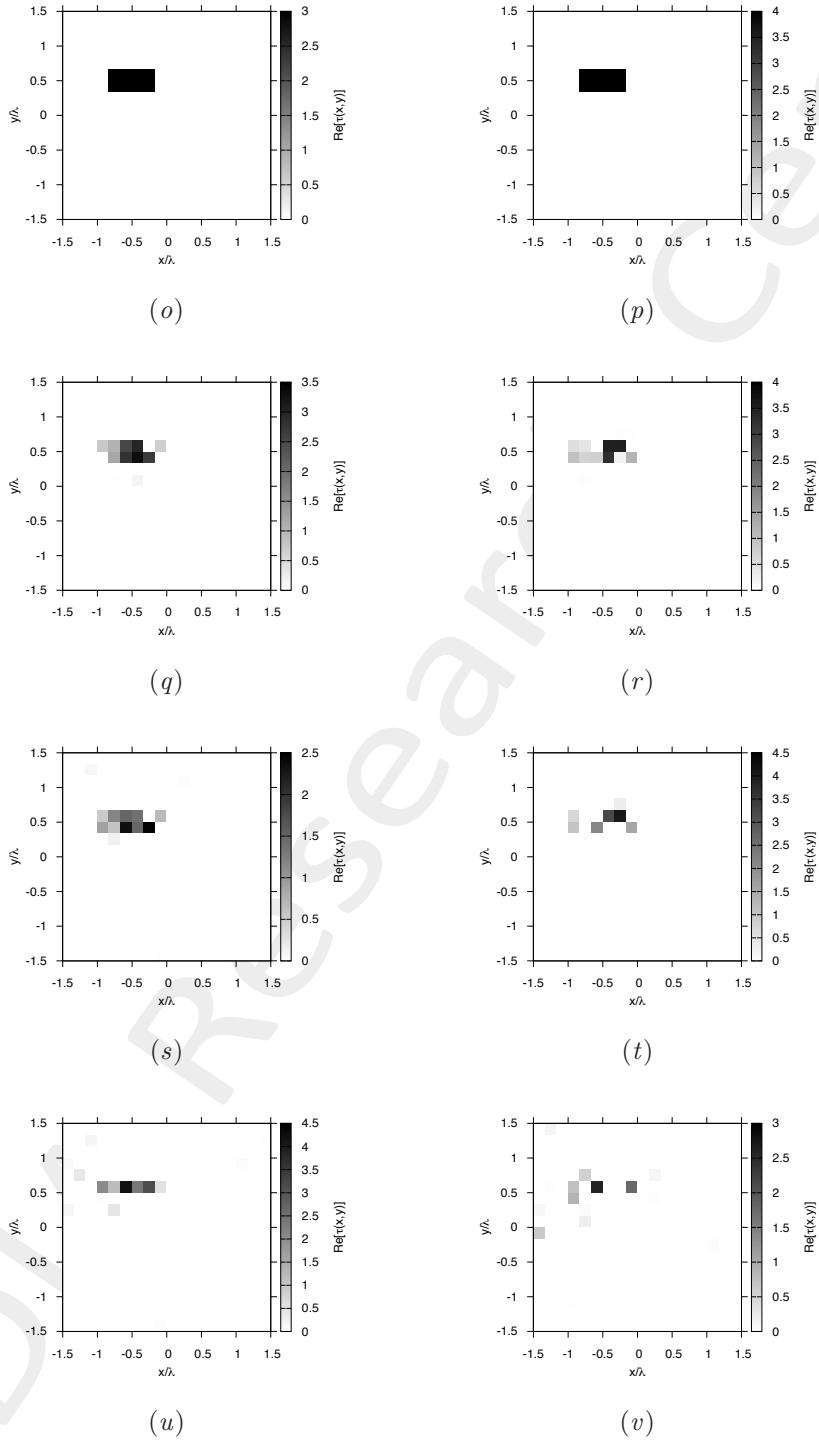


Figure 20. Actual object (o)(p) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$ (q)(s)(u), $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$ (r)(t)(v), for $SNR = 20$ [dB] (q)(r), $SNR = 10$ [dB] (s)(t) and $SNR = 5$ [dB] (u)(v).

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides $l_1 = 0.66\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.33\lambda$ - Error Figures vs. ε_r

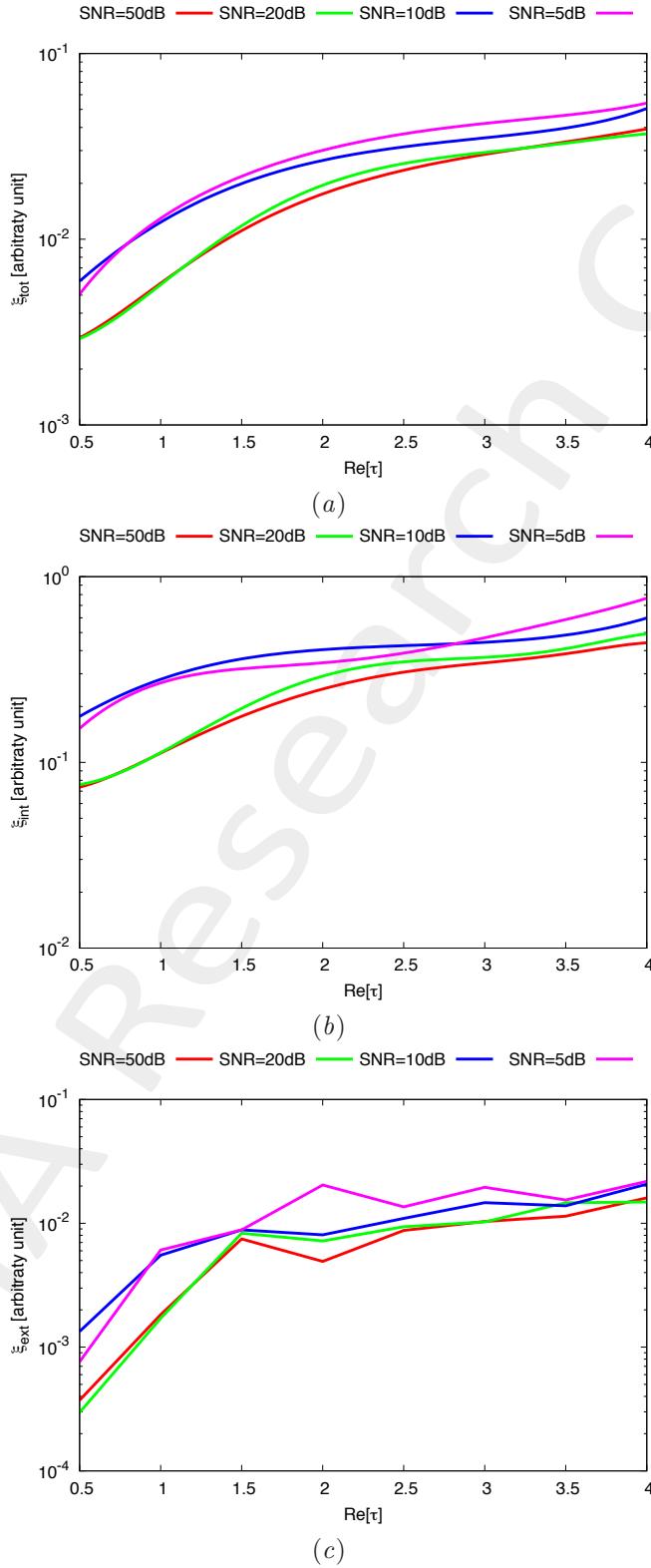


Figure 21. Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different *SNR* values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides $l_1 = 0.66\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.33\lambda$ - Error Figures vs. SNR

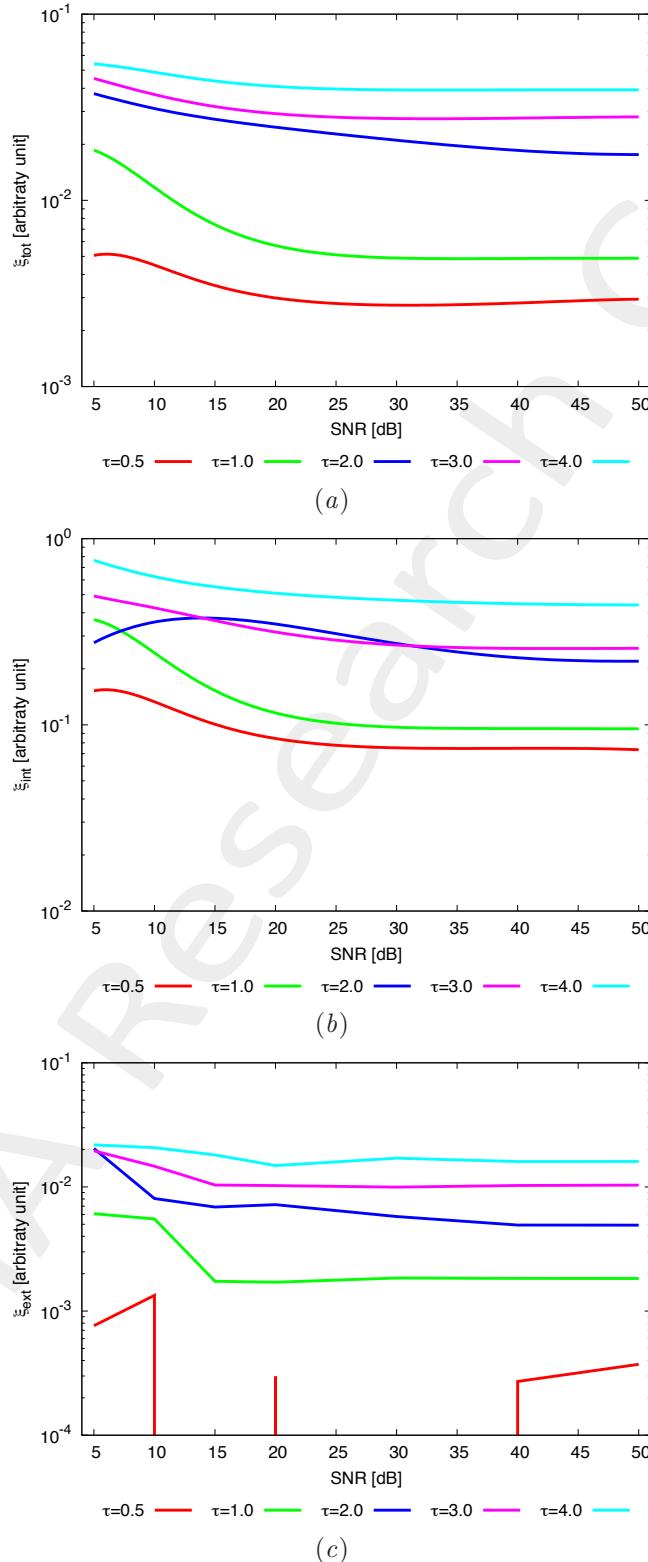


Figure 22. Behaviour of error figures as a function of SNR , for different ε_r values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

2.1.6 Rectangle of Sides $l_1 = 0.66\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.33\lambda$ and Square of Side $l = 0.33\lambda$

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 $\#DOF$: $N = 324$ (18×18)

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 $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$, $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$; Square of sides $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r = \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$
- $\sigma = 0$ [S/m]

MT-BCS parameters:

- Gamma prior on noise variance parameters: $\beta_1 = 6.5 \times 10^{-1}$, $\beta_2 = 5.8 \times 10^{-2}$
- Convergenze 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 $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$ - Reconstruction Profiles

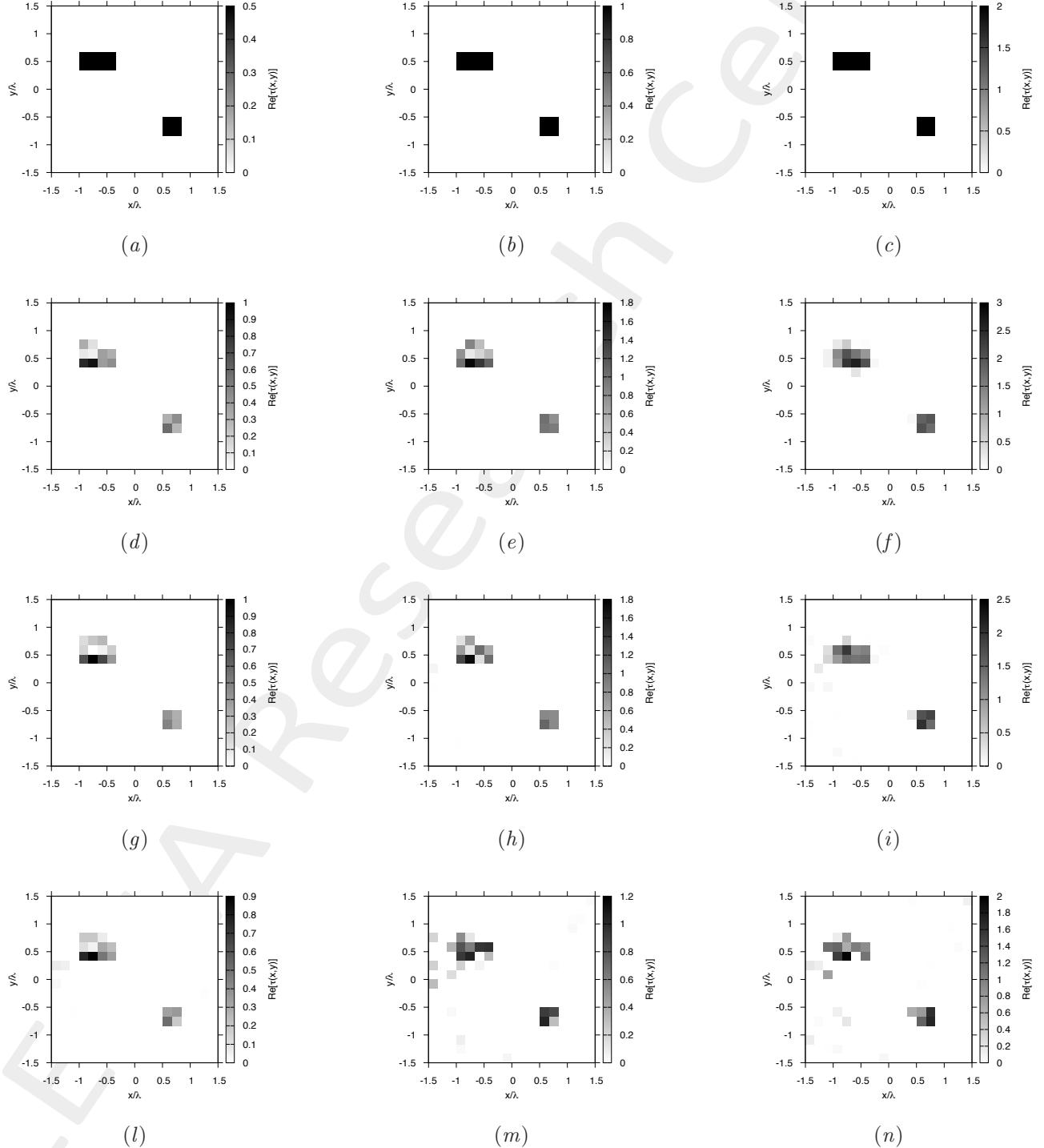


Figure 23. Actual object (a)(b)(c) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$ (d)(g)(l), $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$ (e)(h)(m), and $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$ (f)(i)(n), for $SNR = 20$ [dB] (d)(e)(f), $SNR = 10$ [dB] (g)(h)(i) and $SNR = 5$ [dB] (l)(m)(n).

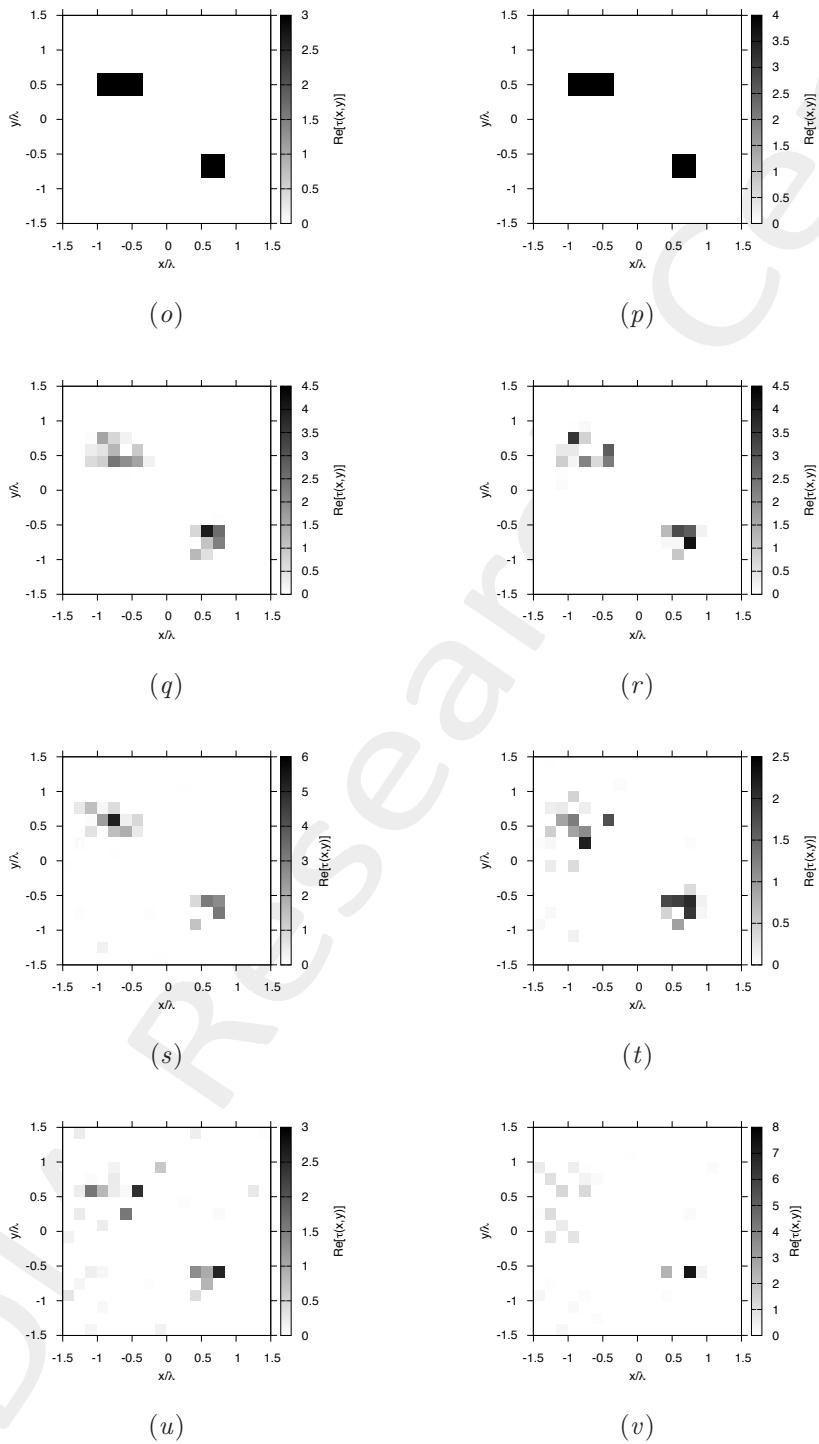


Figure 23. Actual object (o)(p) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$ (q)(s)(u), $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$ (r)(t)(v), for $SNR = 20$ [dB] (q)(r), $SNR = 10$ [dB] (s)(t) and $SNR = 5$ [dB] (u)(v).

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$, $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$ **and Square of Side** $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$ - **Error Figures vs. ε_r**

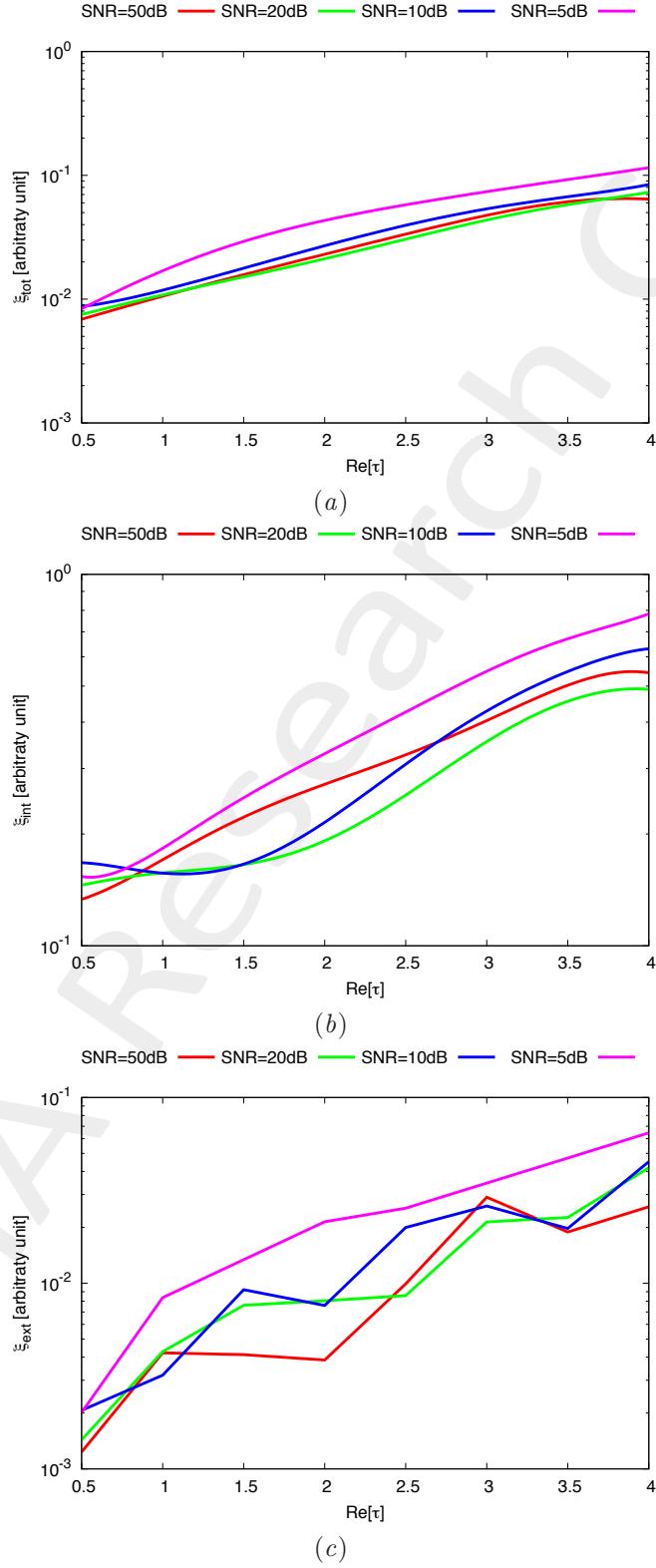


Figure 24. Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different *SNR* values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$, $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$ **and Square of Side** $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$ - **Error Figures vs. SNR**

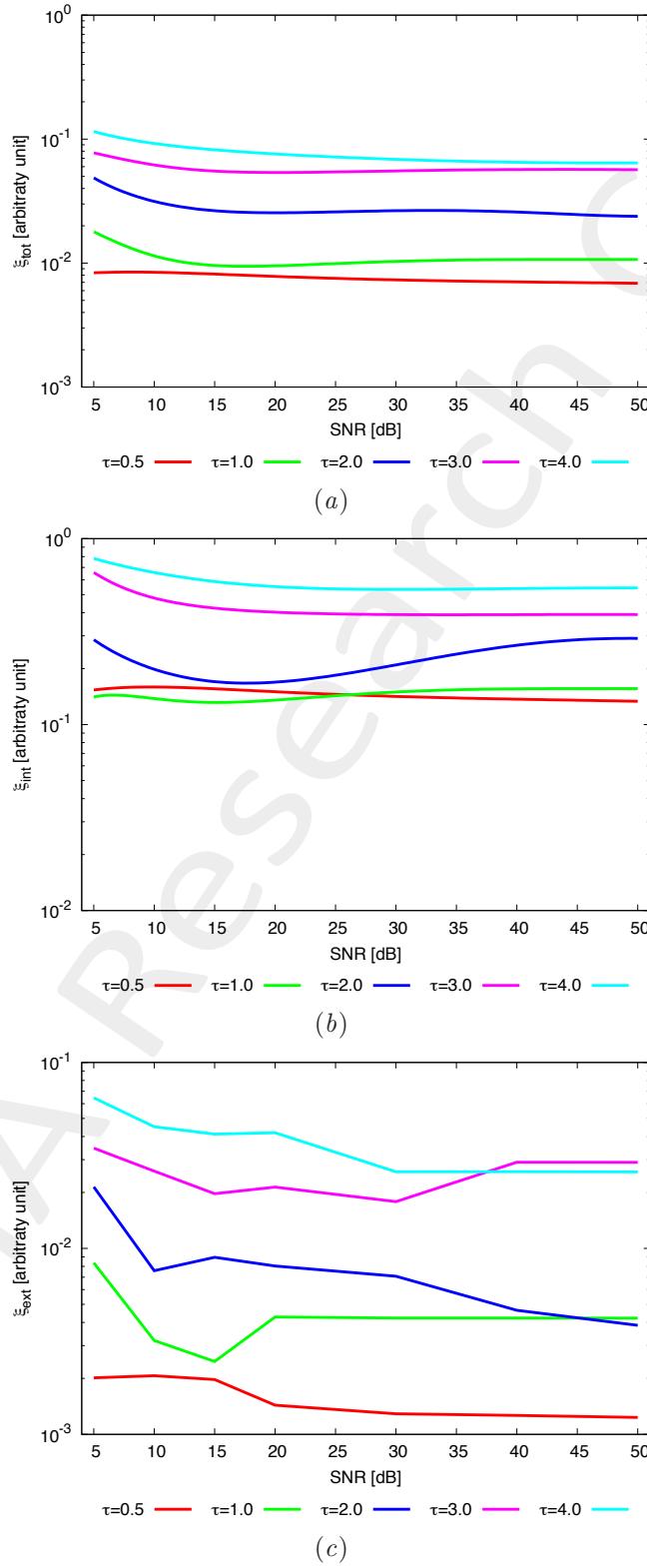


Figure 25. Behaviour of error figures as a function of SNR , for different ε_r values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

2.2 Non-Homogeneous Objects

2.2.1 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 $\#DOF$: $N = 324$ (18×18)

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 $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$
- $\epsilon_r^{obj_1} \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$, $\epsilon_r^{obj_2} = 1.6$
- $\sigma = 0$ [S/m]

MT-BCS parameters:

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

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Reconstruction Profiles

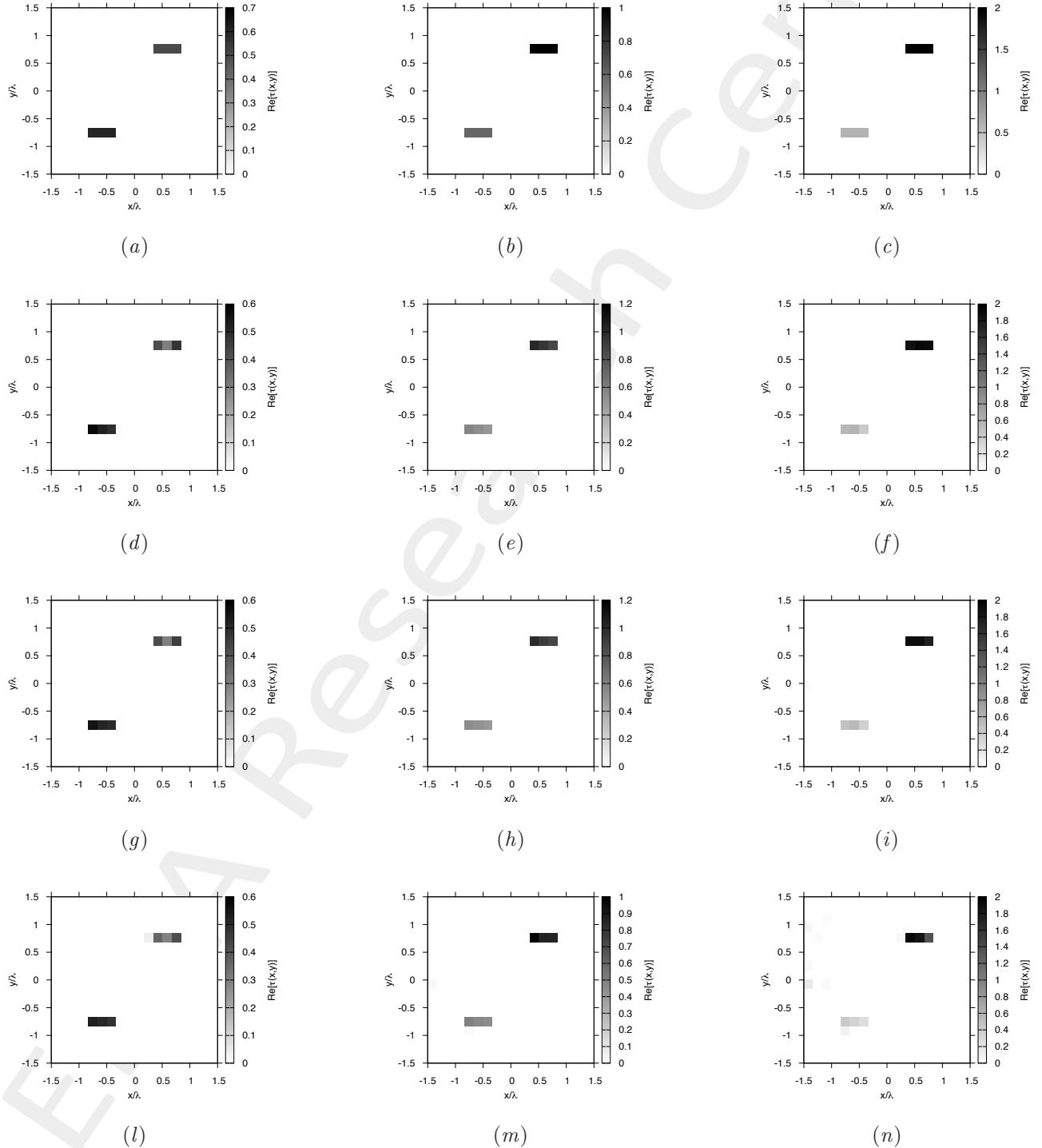


Figure 26. Actual object (a)(b)(c) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$ (d)(g)(l), $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$ (e)(h)(m), and $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$ (f)(i)(n), for $SNR = 20$ [dB] (d)(e)(f), $SNR = 10$ [dB] (g)(h)(i) and $SNR = 5$ [dB] (l)(m)(n).

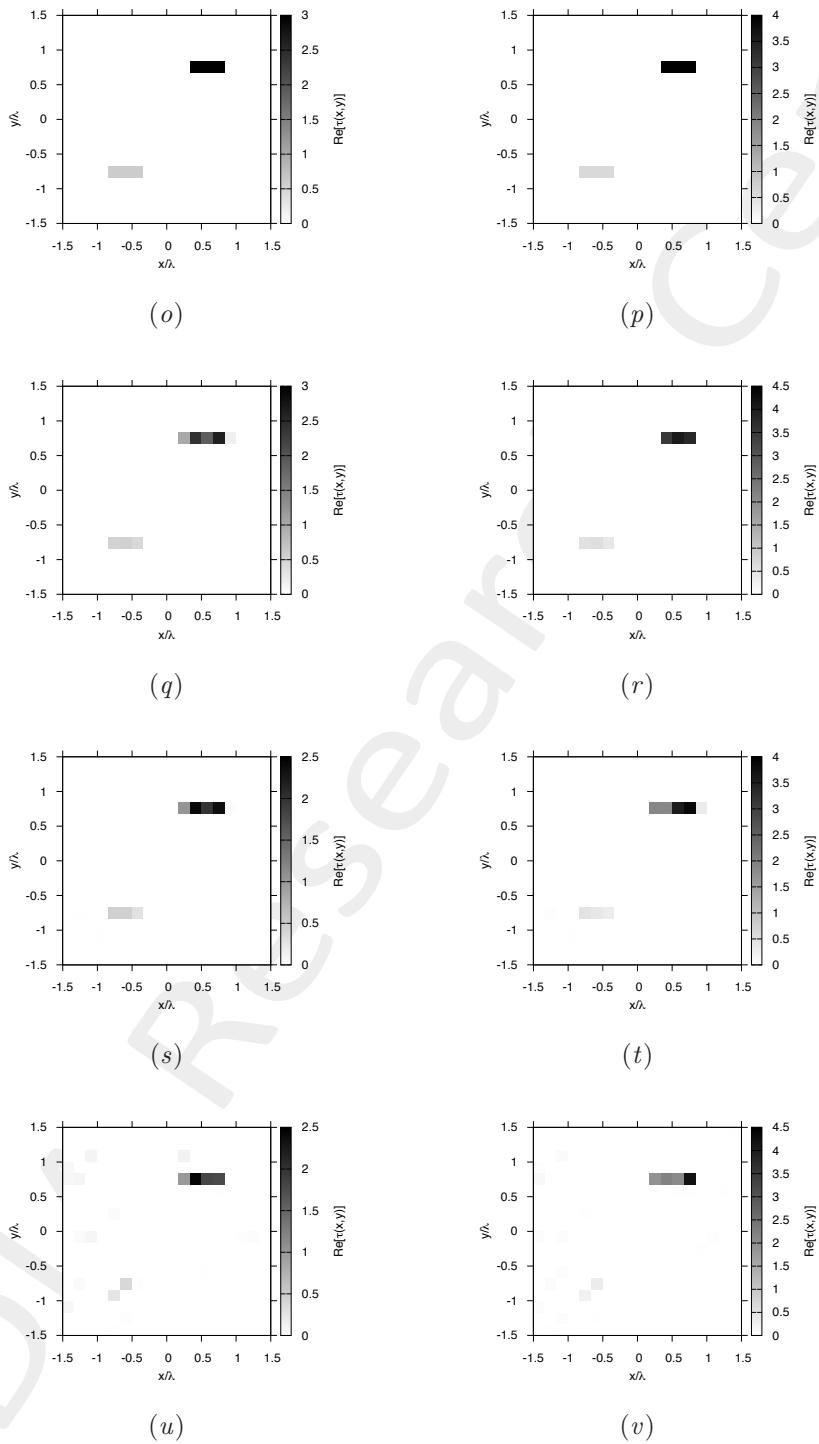


Figure 26. Actual object (*o*)(*p*) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$ (*q*)(*s*)(*u*), $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$ (*r*)(*t*)(*v*), for $SNR = 20$ [dB] (*q*)(*r*), $SNR = 10$ [dB] (*s*)(*t*) and $SNR = 5$ [dB] (*u*)(*v*).

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Error Figures vs. ε_r

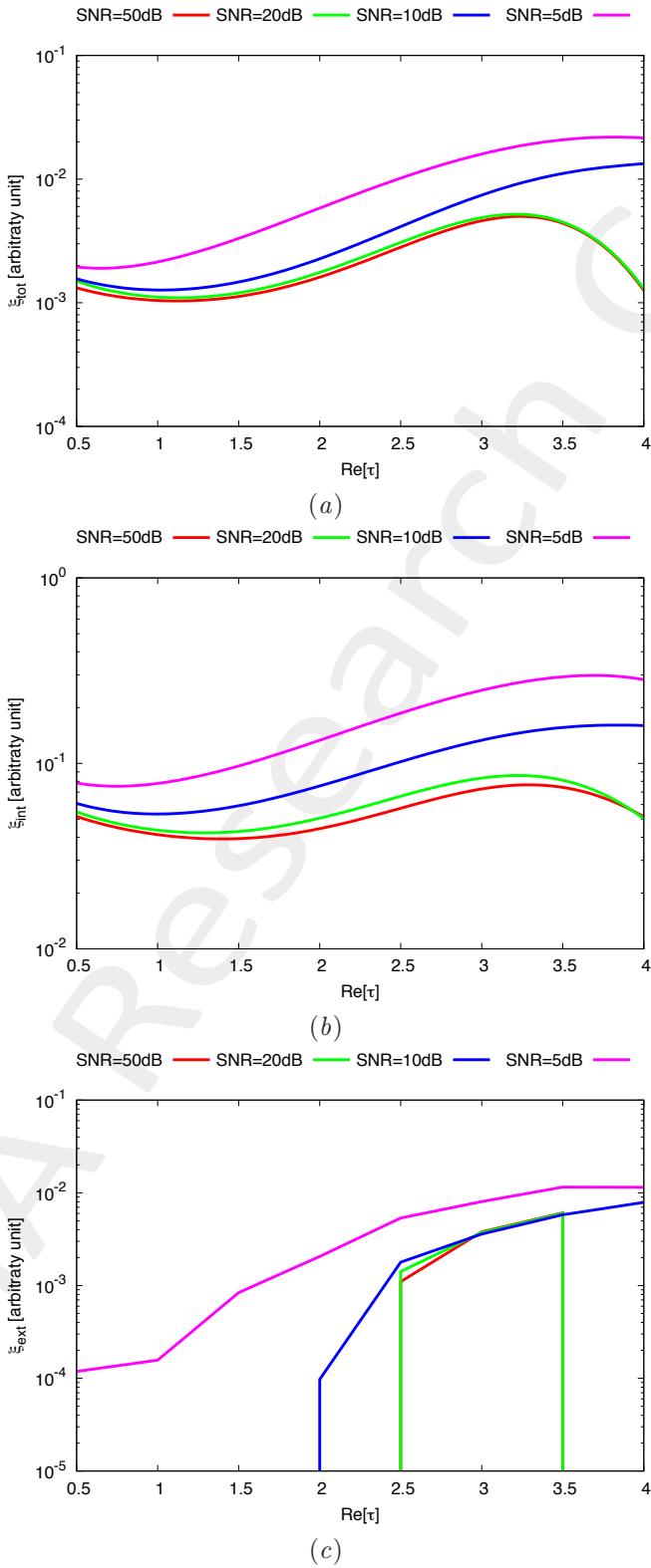


Figure 27. Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different *SNR* values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Error Figures vs. SNR

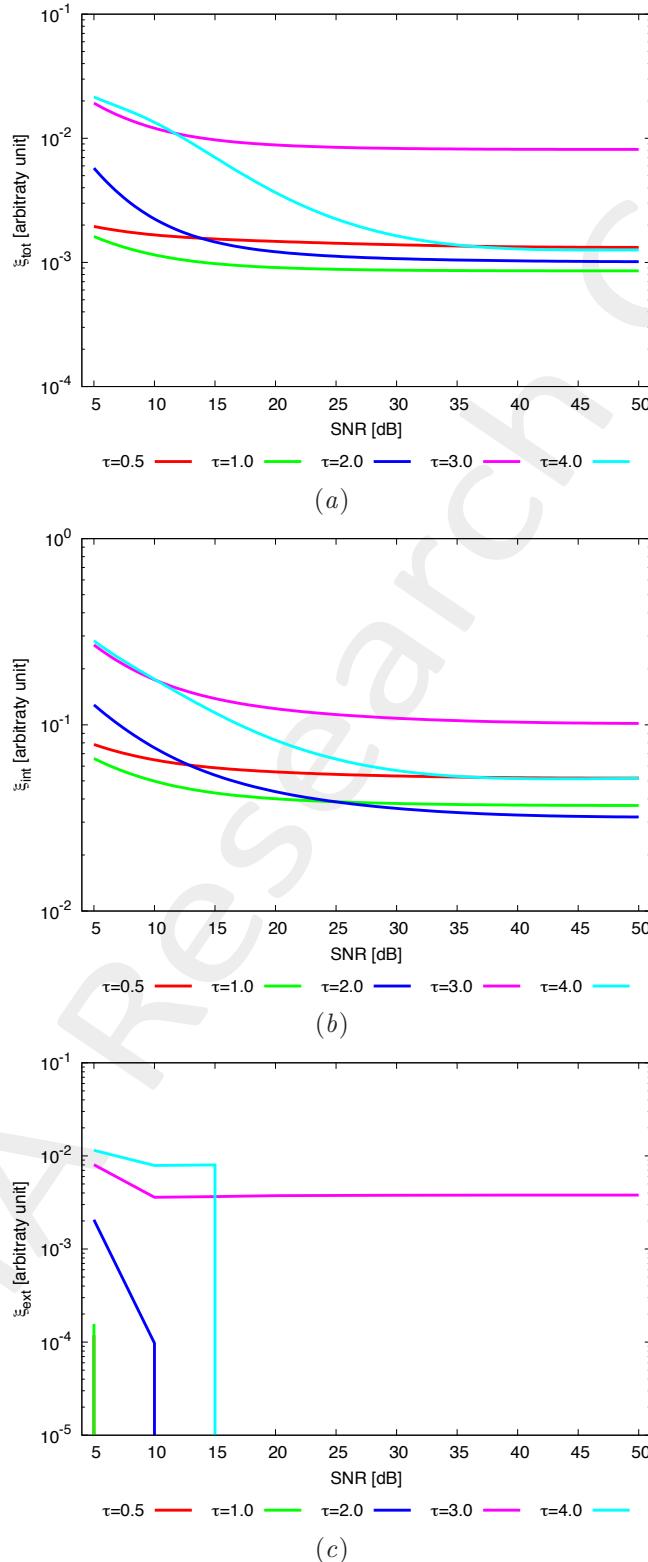


Figure 28. Behaviour of error figures as a function of SNR, for different ε_r values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

2.2.2 Three Objects Different Shapes

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 $\#DOF$: $N = 324$ (18×18)

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:

- Strip of sides $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.50\lambda$; Square cylinder of side $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$; L-shaped cylinder
- $\varepsilon_r^{obj_1} = 1.6$; $\varepsilon_r^{obj_2} = \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$; $\varepsilon_r^{obj_3} = 2.4$
- $\sigma = 0$ [S/m]

MT-BCS parameters:

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

Three Non-Homogeneous Objects of Different Shapes - Reconstruction Profiles

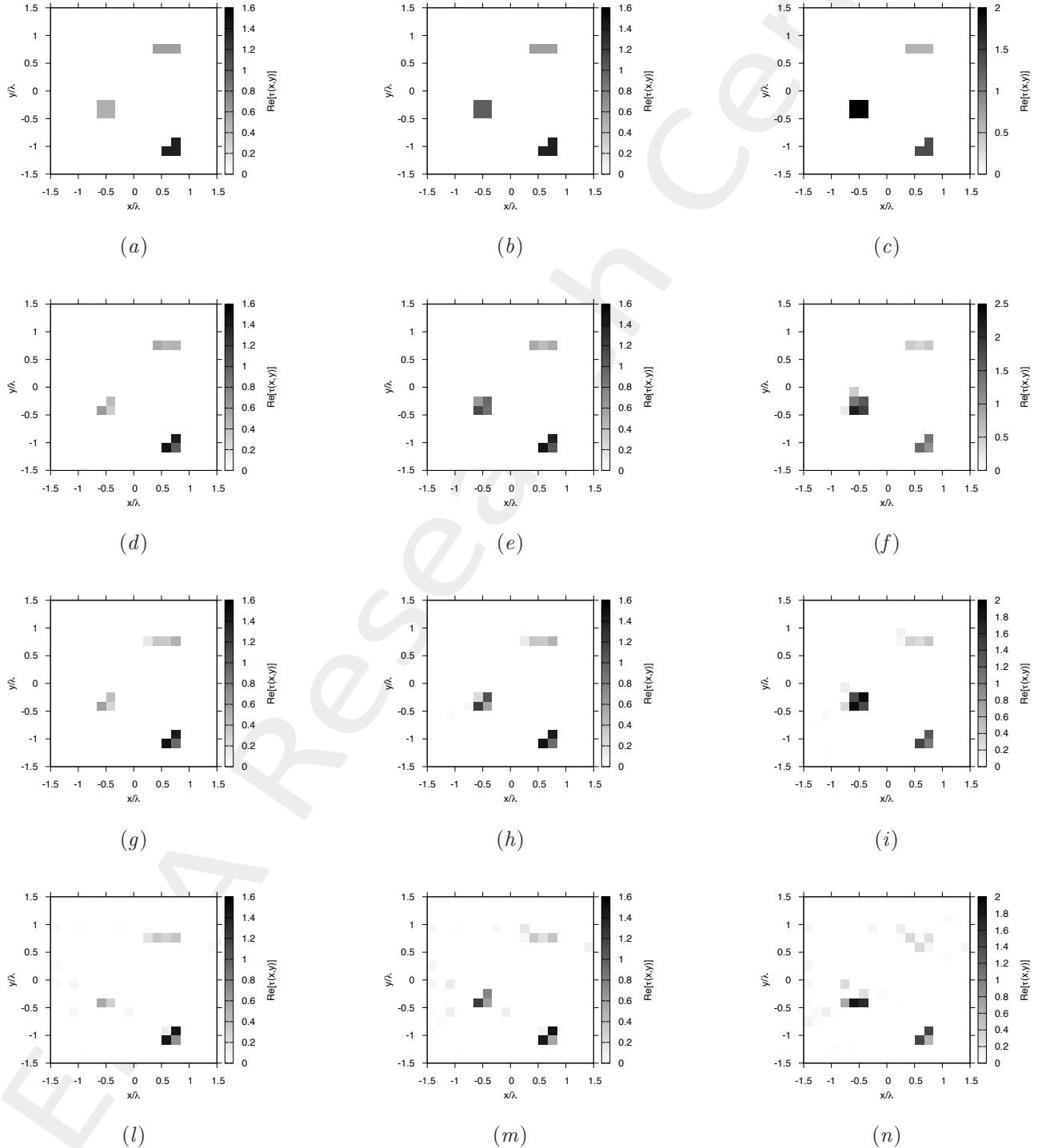


Figure 29. Actual object (a)(b)(c) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$ (d)(g)(l), $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$ (e)(h)(m), and $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$ (f)(i)(n), for SNR = 20 [dB] (d)(e)(f), SNR = 10 [dB] (g)(h)(i) and SNR = 5 [dB] (l)(m)(n).

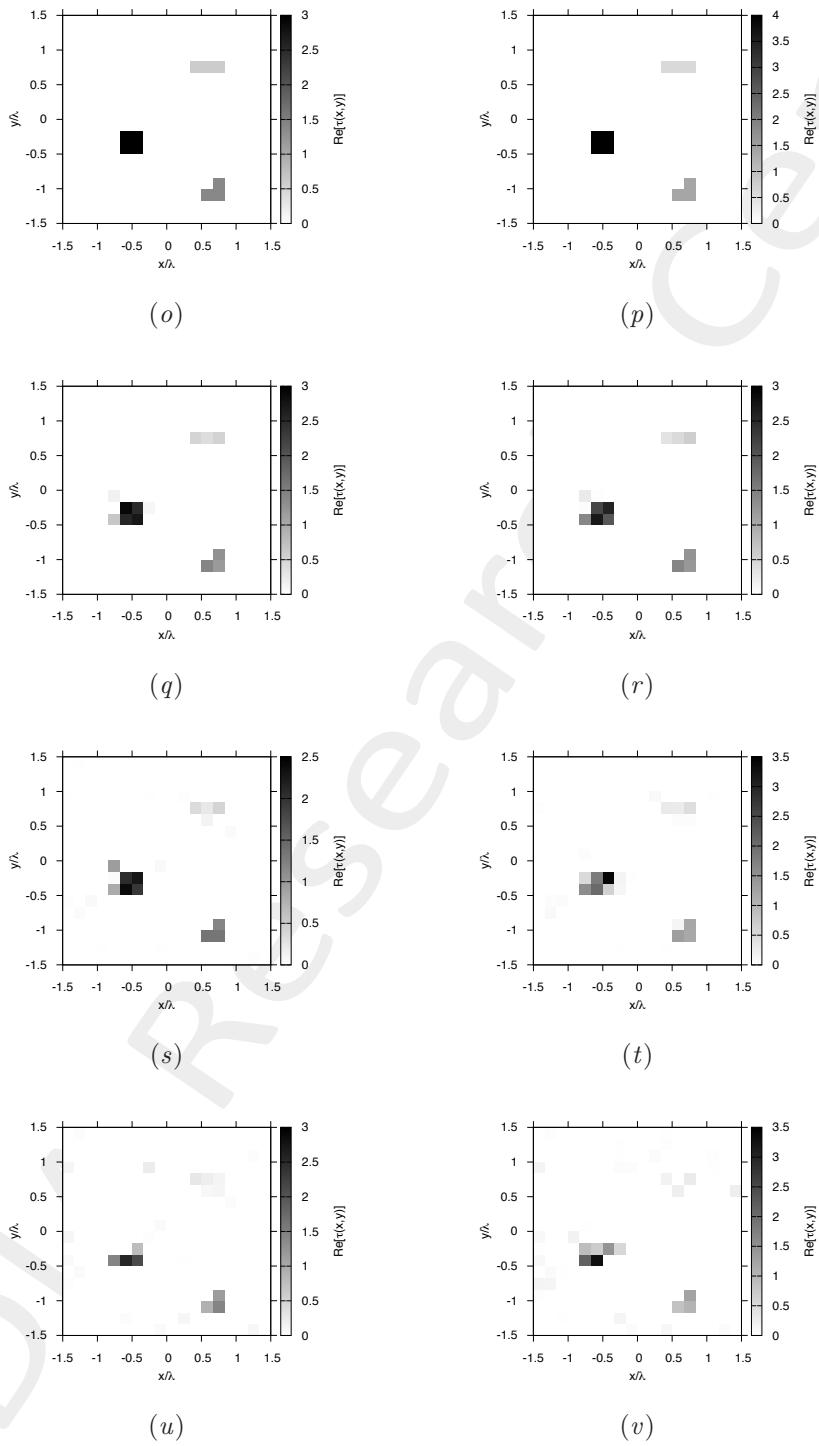


Figure 29. Actual object $(o)(p)$ and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$ $(q)(s)(u)$, $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$ $(r)(t)(v)$, for $SNR = 20$ [dB] $(q)(r)$, $SNR = 10$ [dB] $(s)(t)$ and $SNR = 5$ [dB] $(u)(v)$.

Three Non-Homogeneous Objects of Different Shapes - Error Figures vs. ε_r

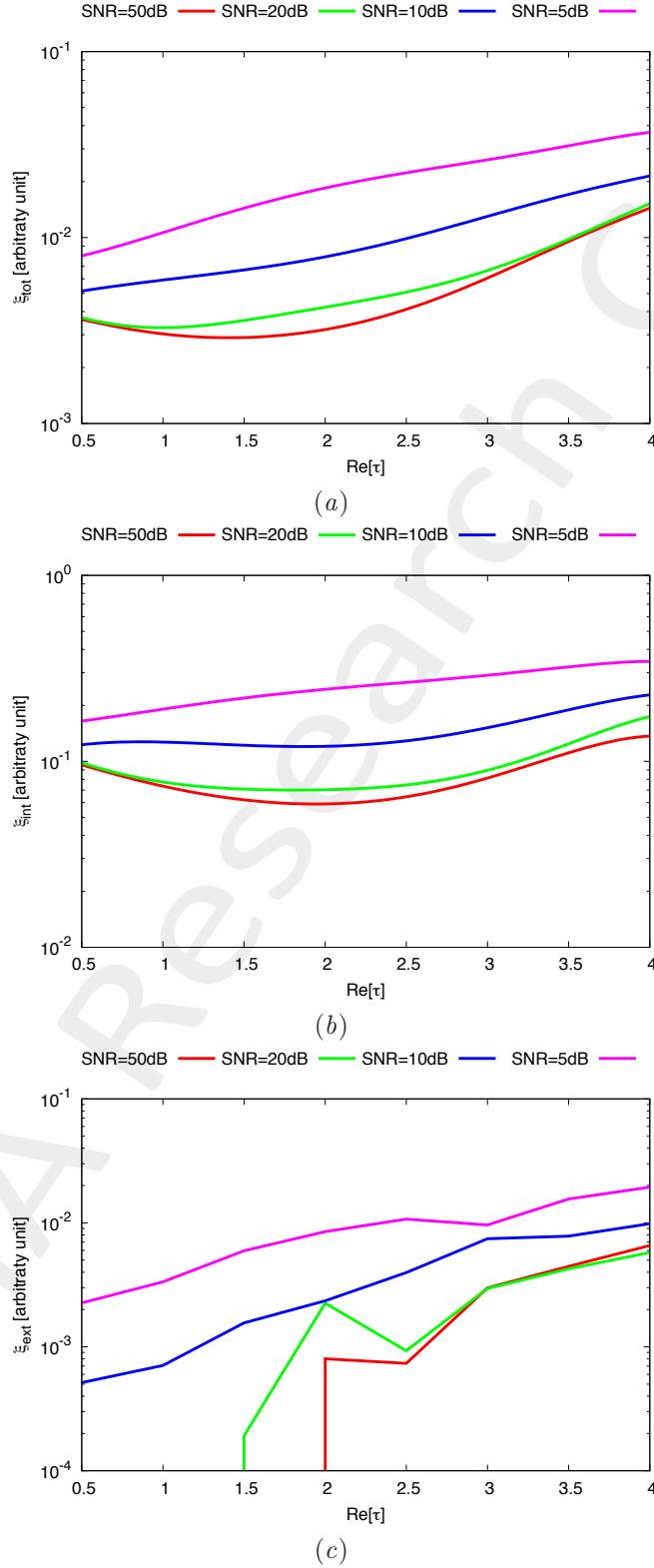


Figure 30. Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different *SNR* values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Three Non-Homogeneous Objects of Different Shapes - Error Figures vs. SNR

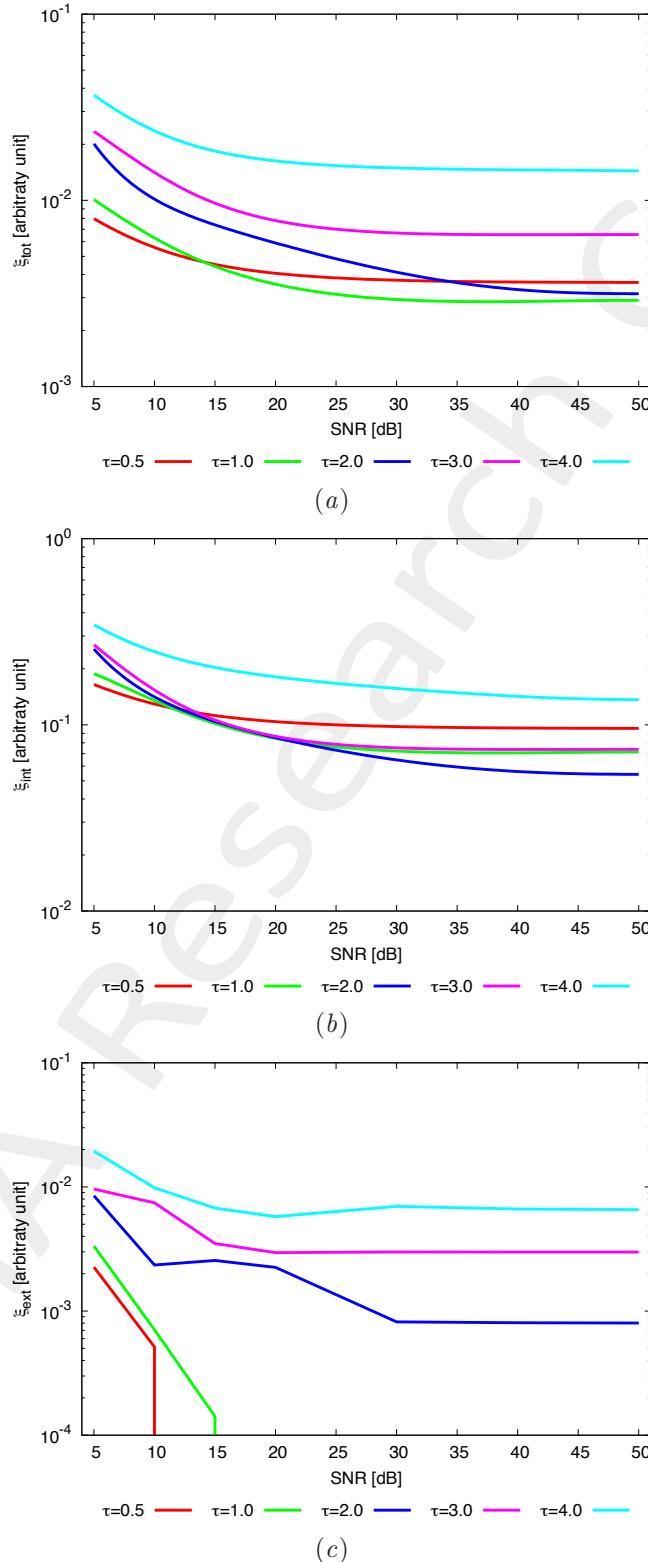


Figure 31. Behaviour of error figures as a function of SNR , for different ε_r values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

2.2.3 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 $\#DOF$: $N = 324$ (18×18)

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 $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$, $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$; Square of sides $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r^{obj_1} = 1.9$, $\varepsilon_r^{obj_2} \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$
- $\sigma = 0$ [S/m]

MT-BCS parameters:

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

Non-Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$, $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$ and Square of Side $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$
- Reconstruction Profiles

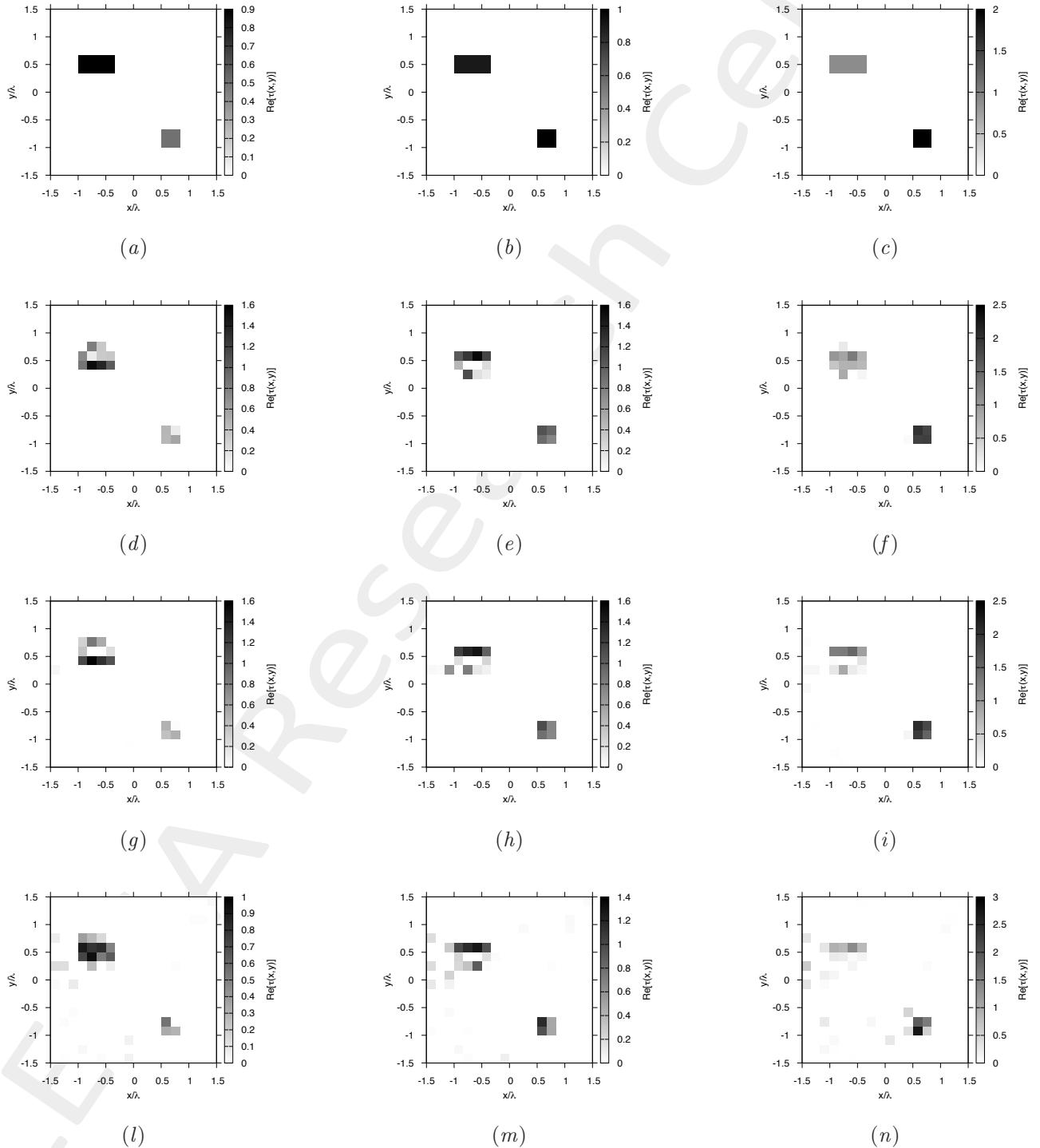


Figure 32. Actual object (a)(b)(c) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 1.5$ (d)(g)(l), $\varepsilon_r = 2.0$ (e)(h)(m), and $\varepsilon_r = 3.0$ (f)(i)(n), for $SNR = 20$ [dB] (d)(e)(f), $SNR = 10$ [dB] (g)(h)(i) and $SNR = 5$ [dB] (l)(m)(n).

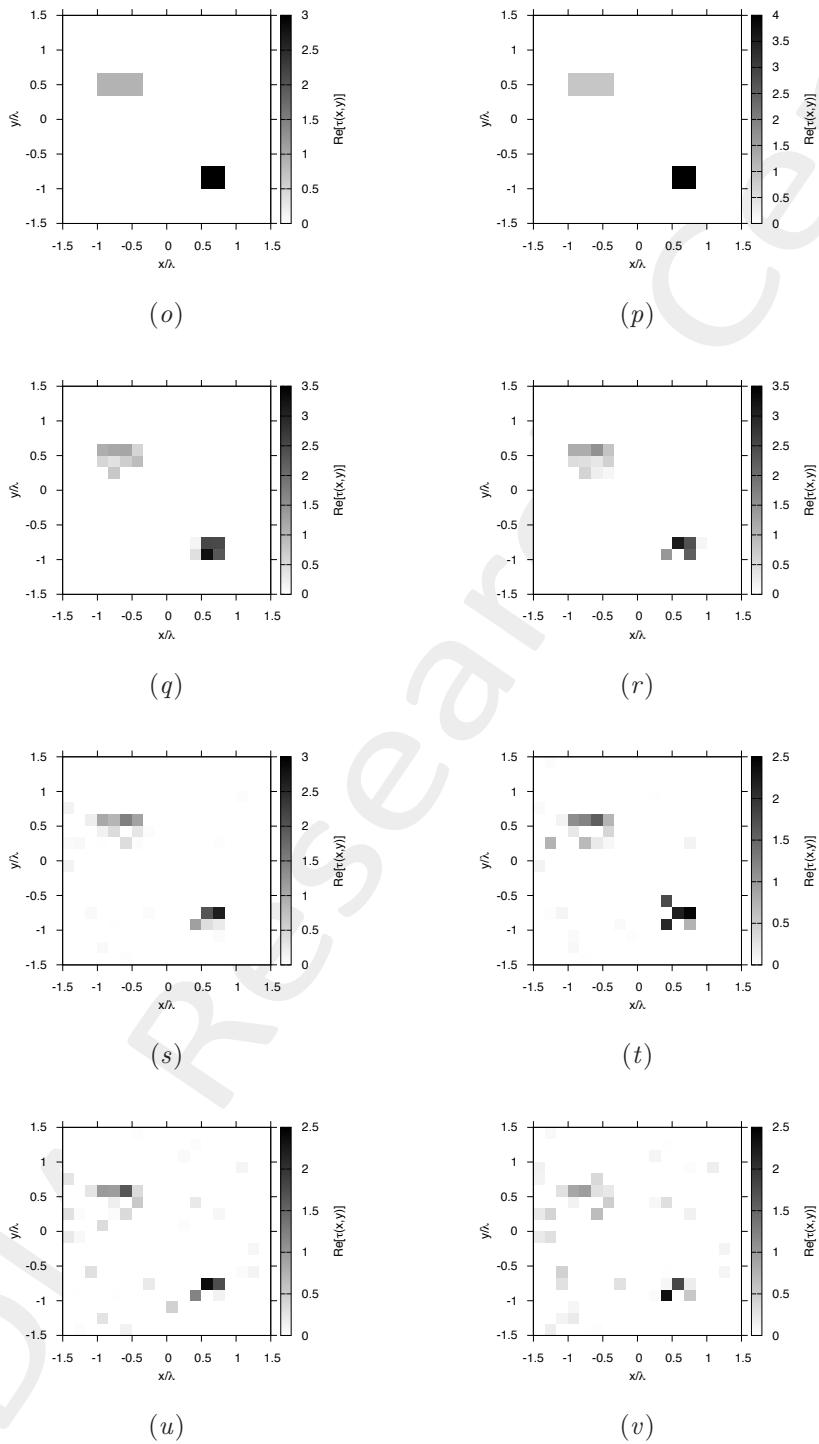


Figure 32. Actual object (o)(p) and MF-MT-BCS reconstructed object with $\varepsilon_r = 4.0$ (q)(s)(u), $\varepsilon_r = 5.0$ (r)(t)(v), for $SNR = 20$ [dB] (q)(r), $SNR = 10$ [dB] (s)(t) and $SNR = 5$ [dB] (u)(v).

Non-Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$, $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$ **and Square of Side** $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$
- Error Figures vs. ε_r

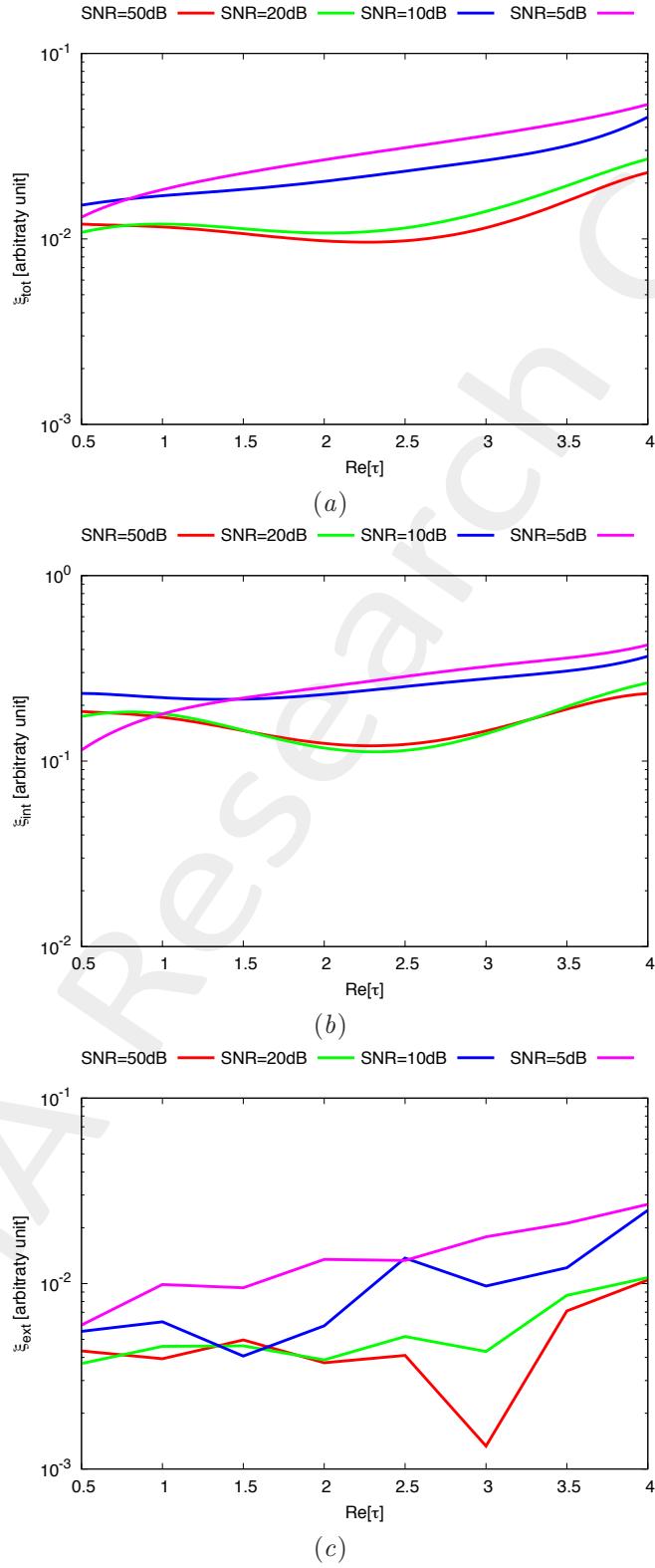


Figure 33. Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different *SNR* values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Non-Homogeneous Rectangle of Sides $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.66\lambda$, $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.33\lambda$ **and Square of Side** $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$
- Error Figures vs. SNR

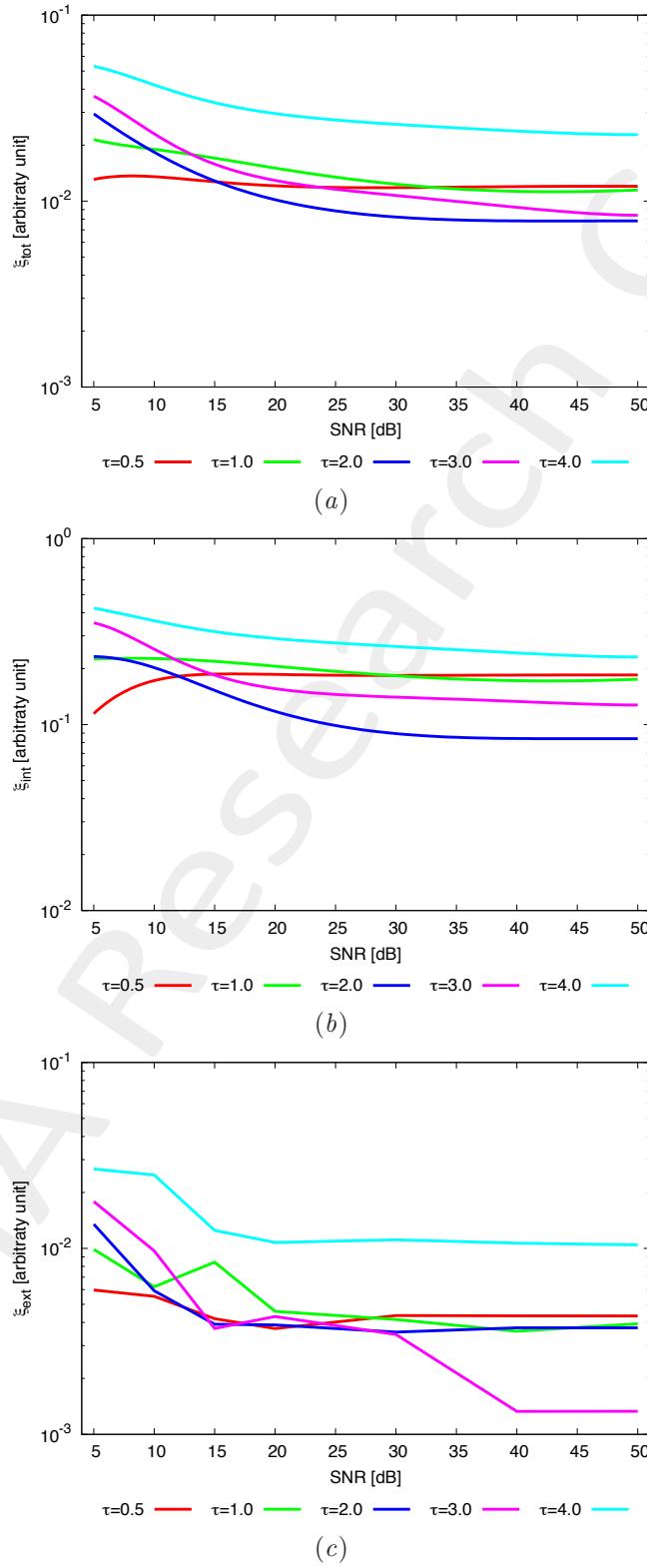


Figure 34. Behaviour of error figures as a function of SNR, for different ε_r values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

3 Varying the Nr. of Frequencies

3.1 Homogeneous Objects

3.1.1 Three Objects Different Shapes

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 $\#DOF$: $N = 324$ (18×18)

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: $F = \in \{3, 5, 7, 11\}$
- Frequency Range: $I_F = [150 \text{ Mhz} : 450 \text{ MHz}]$ - Frequency Step: $S_F = [30 \text{ Mhz}]$

Object:

- Strip of sides $l_1^{obj_1} = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2^{obj_1} = 0.50\lambda$; Square cylinder of side $l^{obj_2} = 0.33\lambda$; L-shaped cylinder
- $\varepsilon_r = \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$
- $\sigma = 0$ [S/m]

BCS parameters:

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

Three Homogeneous Objects of Different Shapes - Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Error Figures vs. ε_r - SNR = 50 [dB]

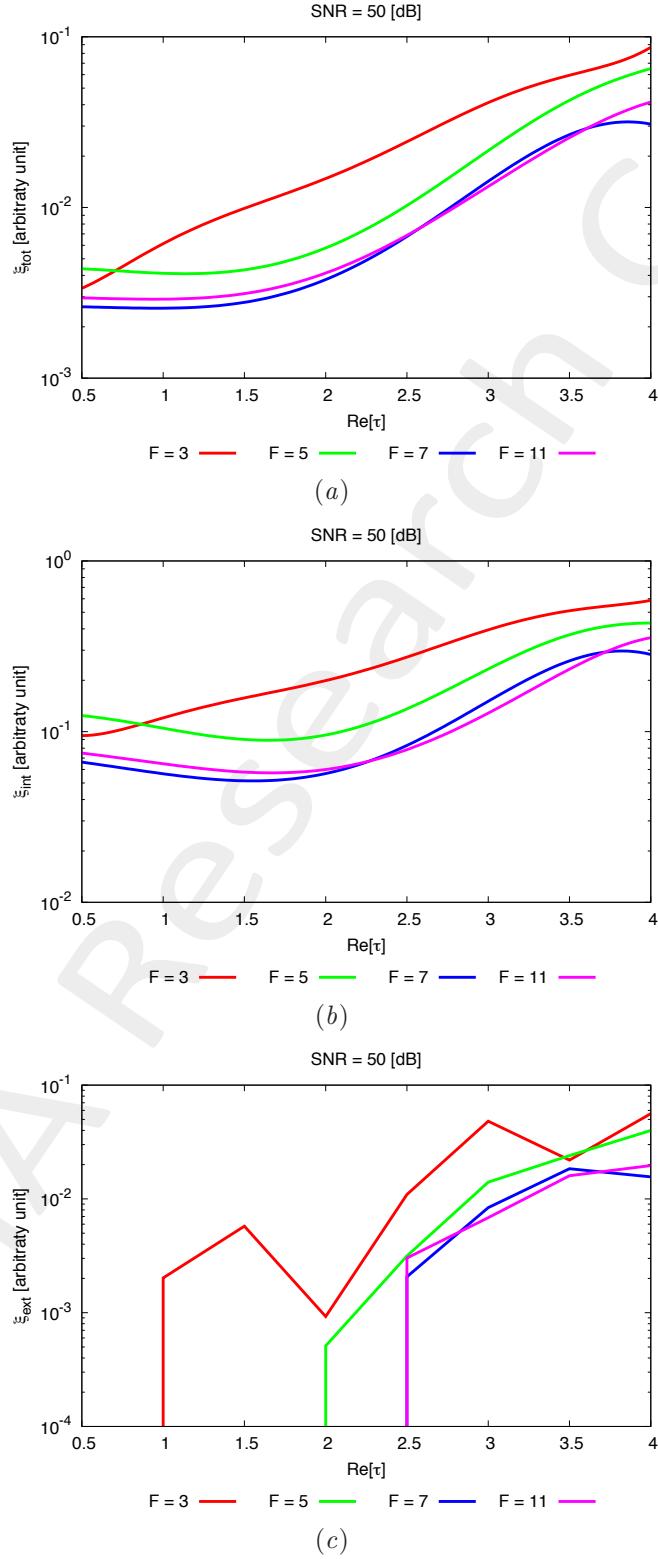


Figure 121. Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different F values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Three Homogeneous Objects of Different Shapes - Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Error Figures vs. ε_r - SNR = 20 [dB]

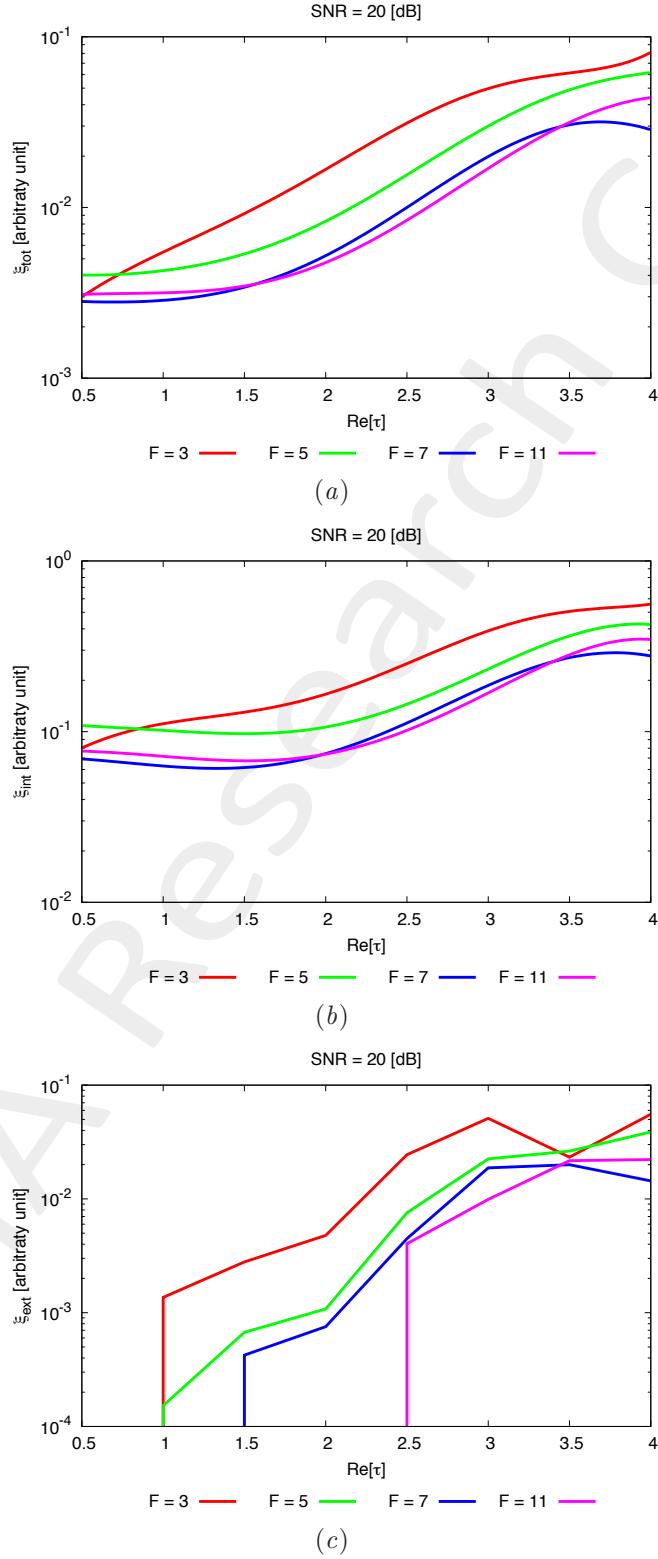


Figure 122. Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different F values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Three Homogeneous Objects of Different Shapes - Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Error Figures vs. ε_r - SNR = 10 [dB]

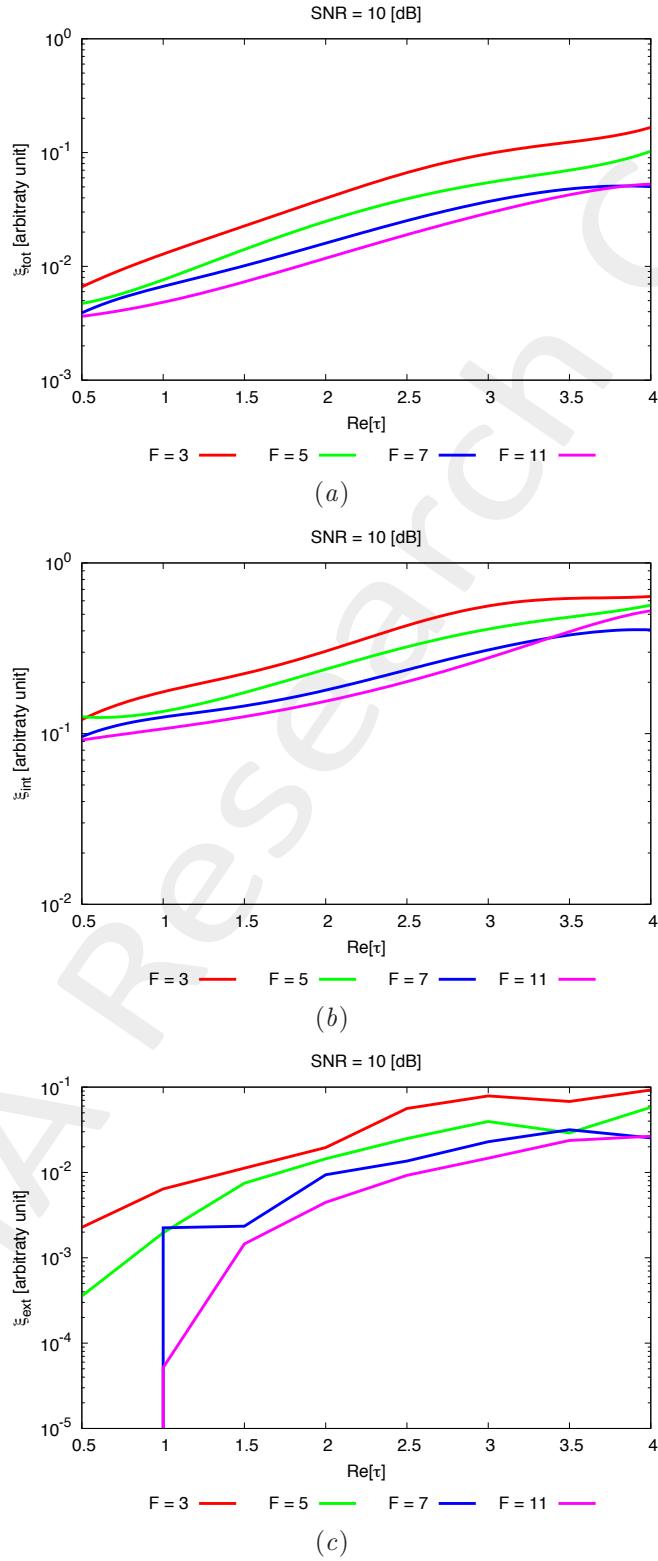


Figure 123. Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different F values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Three Homogeneous Objects of Different Shapes - Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Error Figures vs. ε_r - $SNR = 5$ [dB]

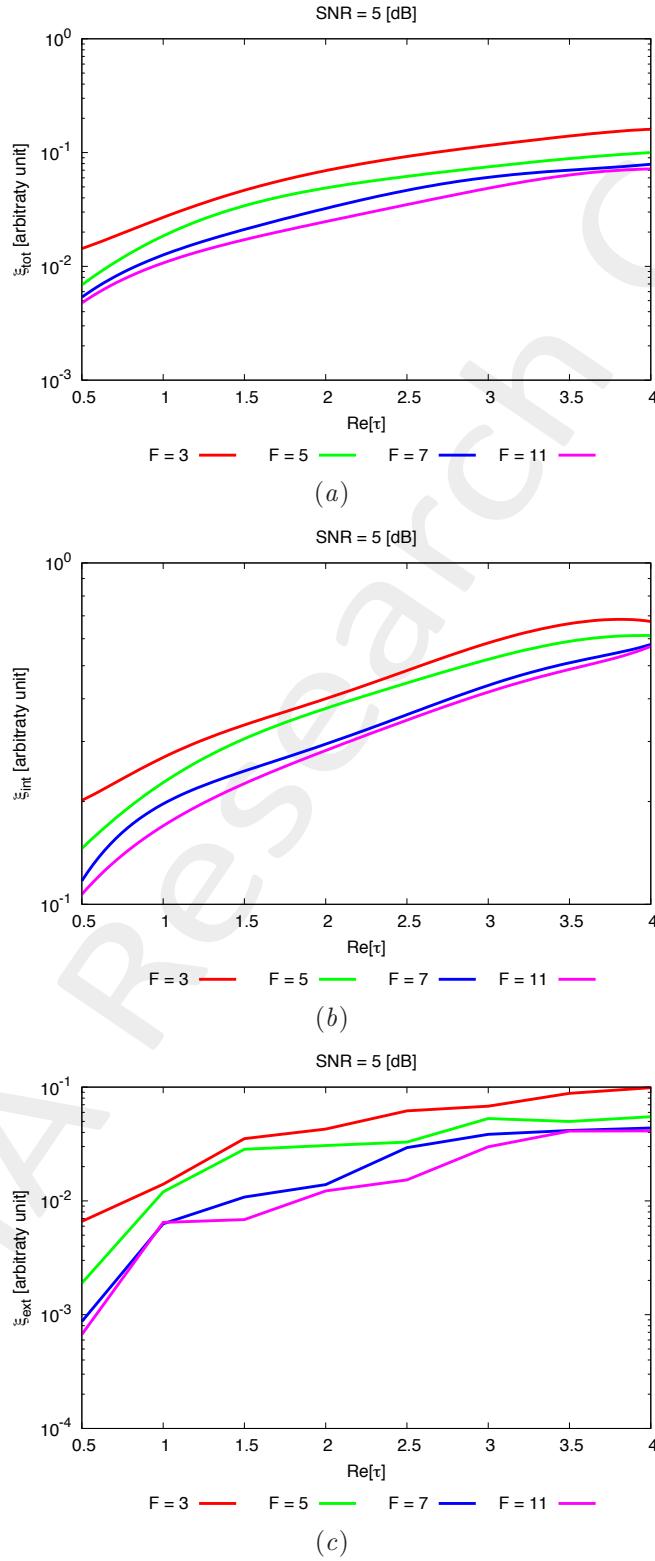


Figure 124. Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different F values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

3.2 Non-Homogeneous Objects

3.2.1 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 $\#DOF$: $N = 324$ (18×18)

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 $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$
- $\varepsilon_r^{obj_1} \in \{1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0\}$, $\varepsilon_r^{obj_2} = 1.6$
- $\sigma = 0$ [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 $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Error Figures vs. ε_r - SNR = 50 [dB]

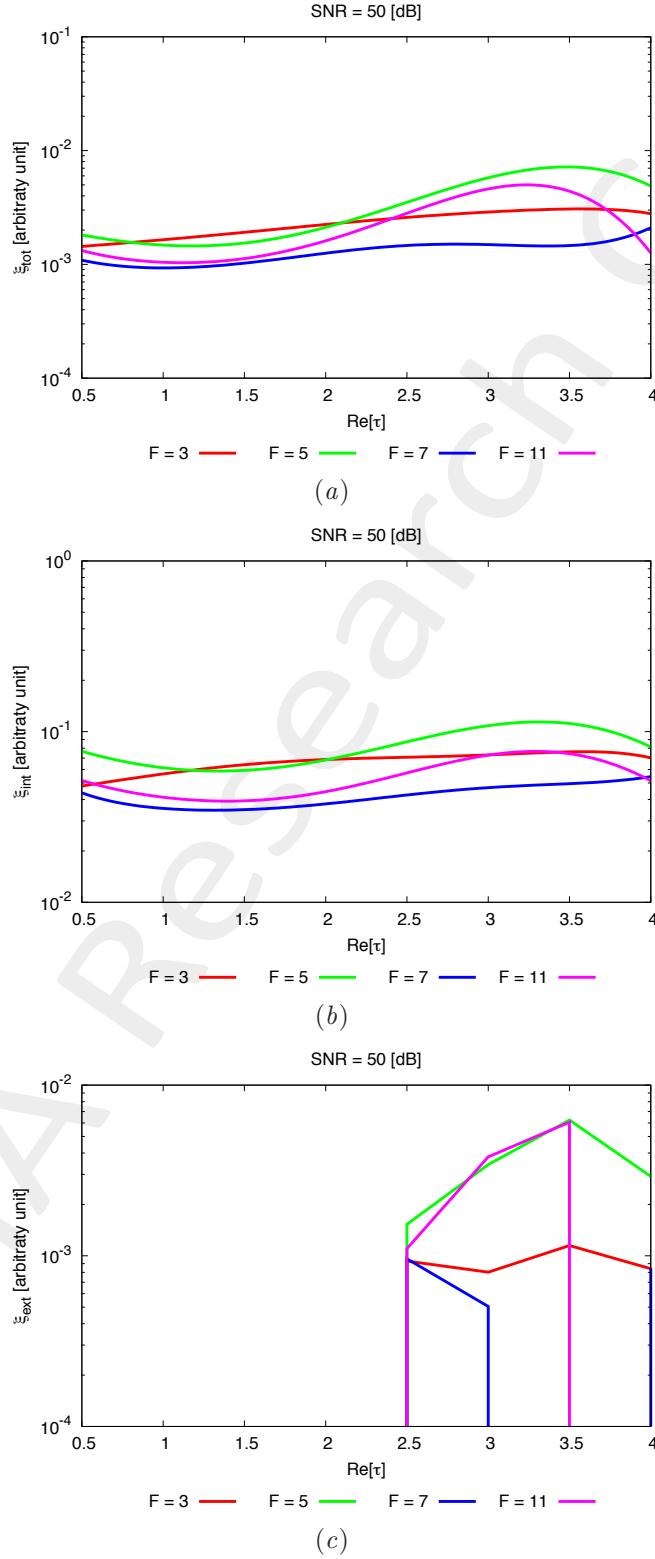


Figure 125. Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different F values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Error Figures vs. ε_r - SNR = 20 [dB]

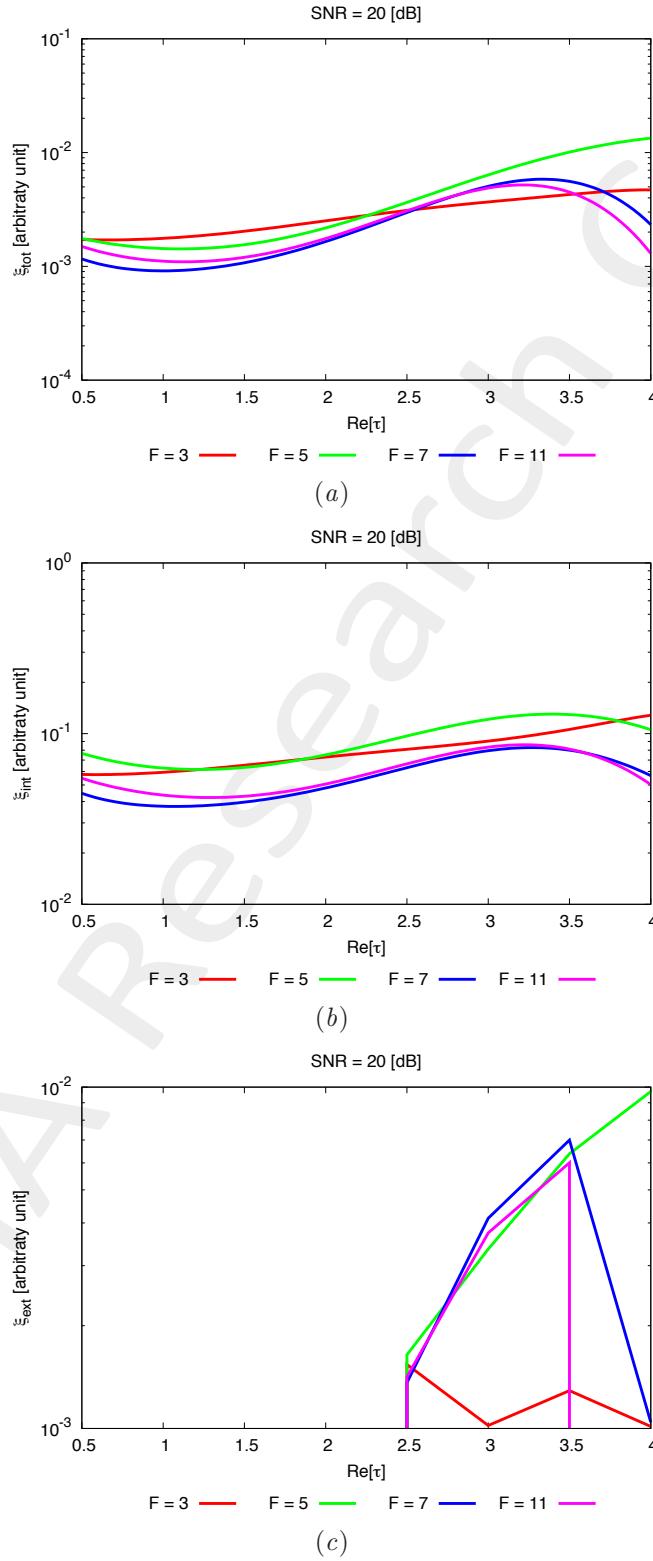


Figure 126. Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different F values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Error Figures vs. ε_r - SNR = 10 [dB]

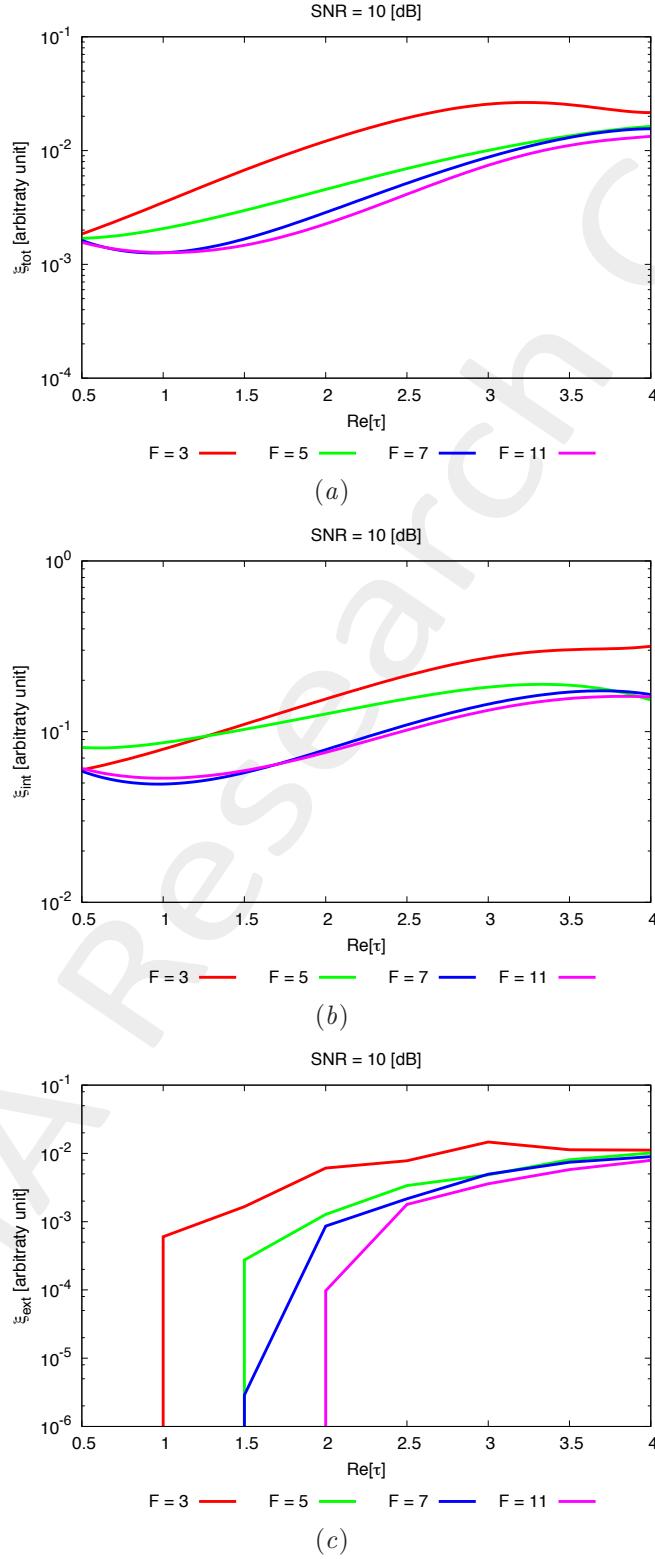


Figure 127. Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different F values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

Two Non-Homogeneous Strips of Sides $l_1 = 0.16\lambda$, $l_2 = 0.50\lambda$ - Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Error Figures vs. ε_r - SNR = 5 [dB]

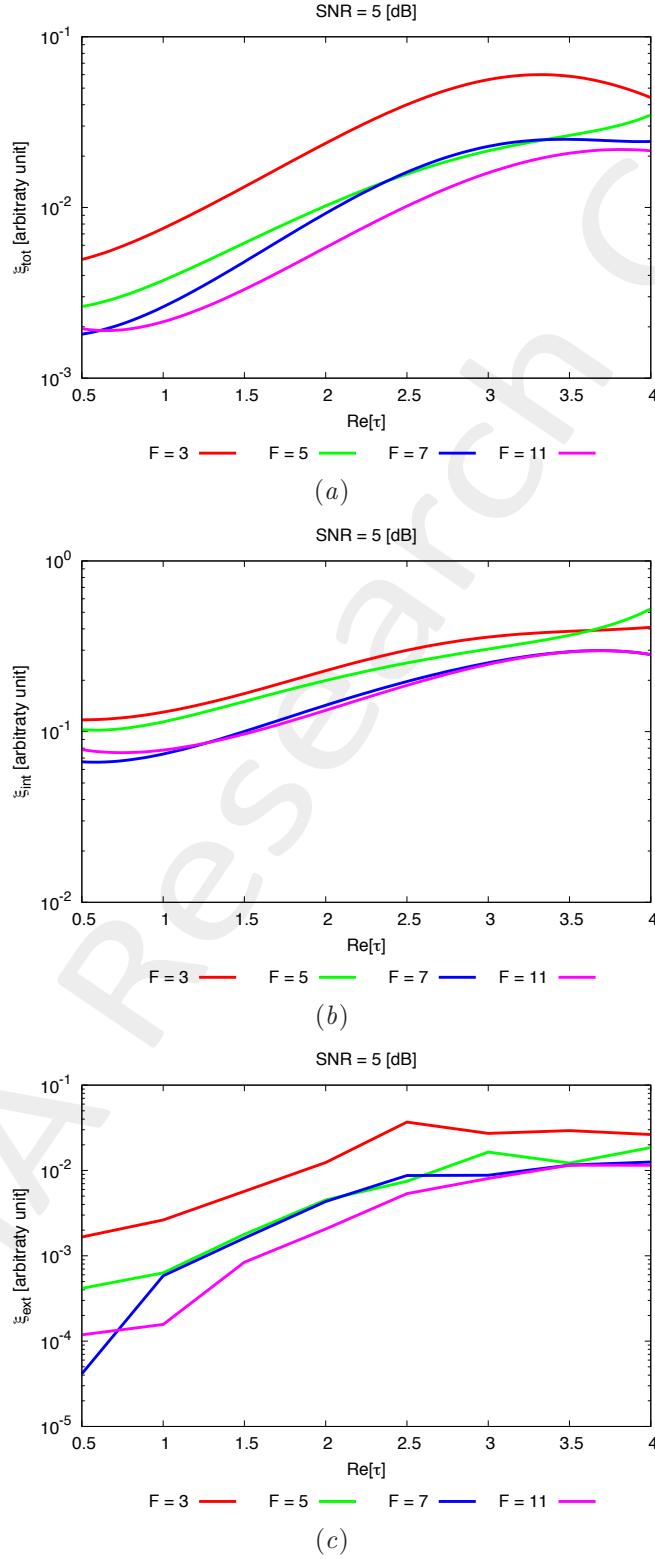


Figure 128. Varying the Nr. of Frequencies - Behaviour of error figures as a function of ε_r , for different F values: (a) total error ξ_{tot} , (b) internal error ξ_{int} , (c) external error ξ_{ext} .

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