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Statistics Seminar

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**Adaptive estimation for inverse problems with noisy operators.**

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**Abstract**

Consider an inverse problem with random noise where we want to estimate a function  $f$ . Moreover, suppose that the operator  $A$  that we need to invert is not completely known : we know its eigenfunctions, and observe its singular values but with some noise. To construct our estimator  $\theta^*$ , we minimise a modification of an unbiased risk estimator. We obtain some non asymptotic exact oracle inequality. Considering smooth functions in some standard classes of functions, we prove that  $\theta^*$  is asymptotically minimax among a given class of estimators.

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