

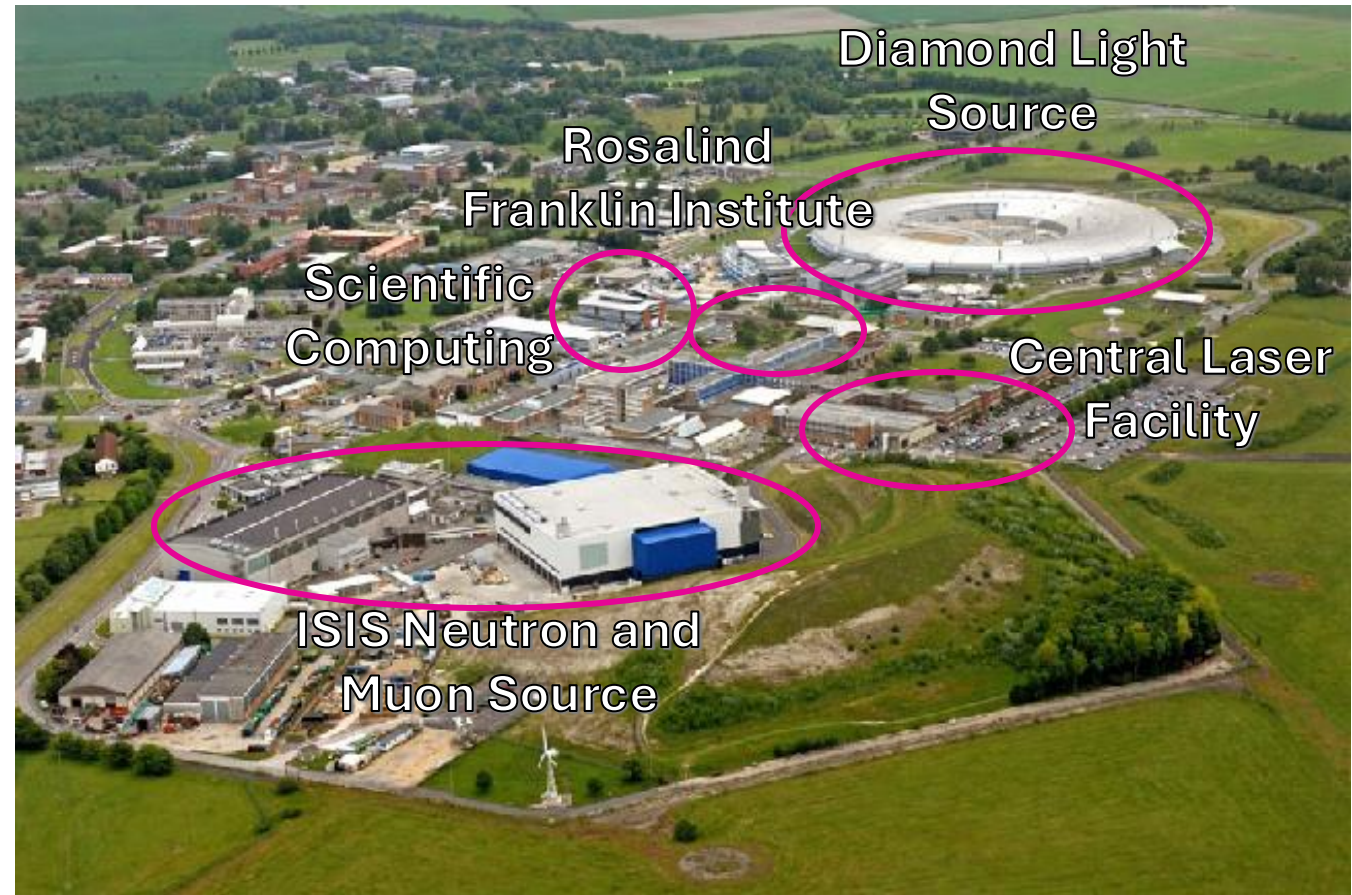
Using the Core Imaging Library (CIL) for inverse imaging problems with applications in CT

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- Run facilities at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, UK
- Scientific Computing provides computing infrastructure, software, support and expertise
- CIL team also at DTU and Finden



STFC Tomography and Imaging

- CCPi: Bring together expertise in computational research for tomography and imaging
 - Open-source software development, maintenance and distribution
 - Methods development
 - Community building
 - Training and user support network



Plan for this workshop

- Introduce tomography and the Core Imaging Library (CIL)
 - Standard reconstruction methods for CT
 - The importance of data (pre) processing
- Introduction to imaging inverse problems
 - Variational regularisation
 - CIL optimisation toolkit
- Combining mathematical approaches for deep learning
 - Ideas from the literature
 - Example in CIL
 - Over to you!

Confidence level check

- Python and jupyter notebooks



- Inverse imaging problems

- Computed tomography

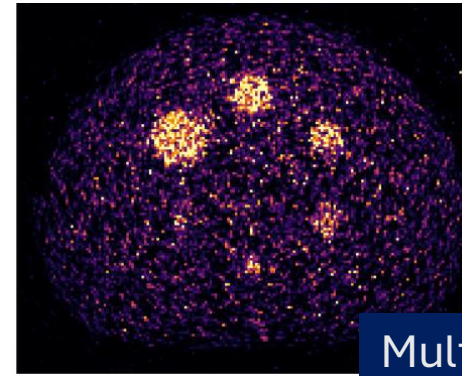


- Deep learning inverse problem approaches

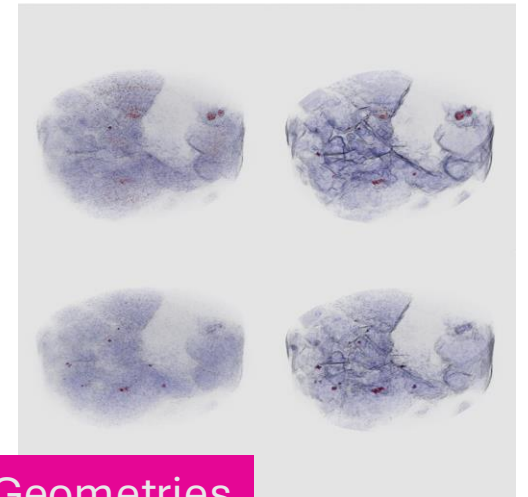
Core Imaging Library (CIL)

- Open-source python framework for CT and other inverse problems
- Methods for cone and parallel beam geometries for CT
- Tools for reading, processing, reconstructing and visualising CT data
- Optimisation tools for iterative reconstruction methods with a focus on challenging data
- Apache v2 license.
- Actively developed on GitHub:
<https://github.com/TomographicImaging/CIL>

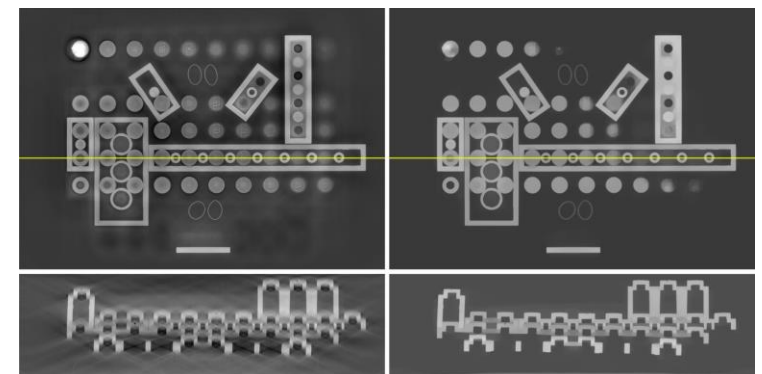
Noisy



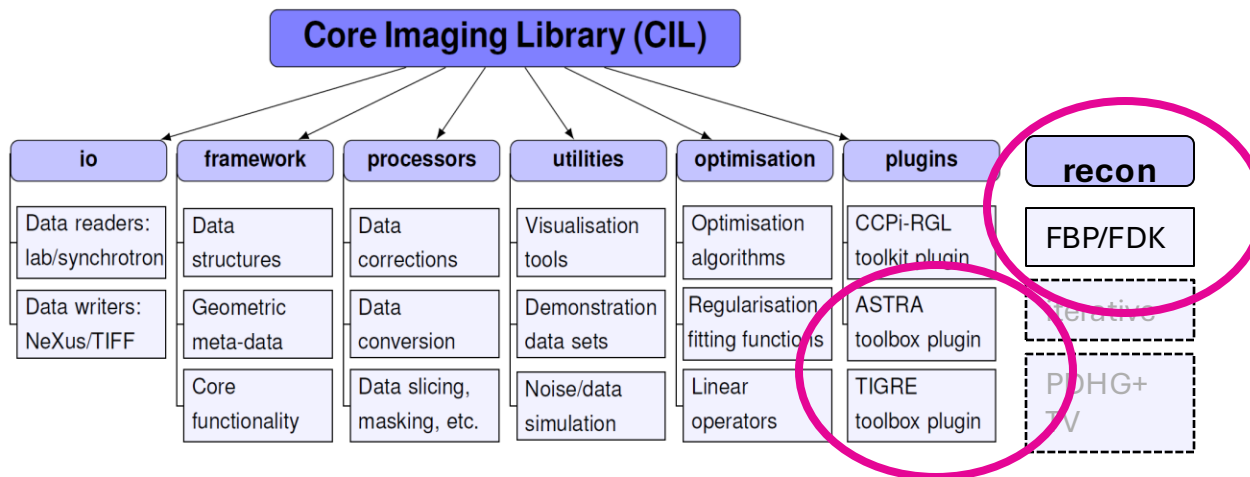
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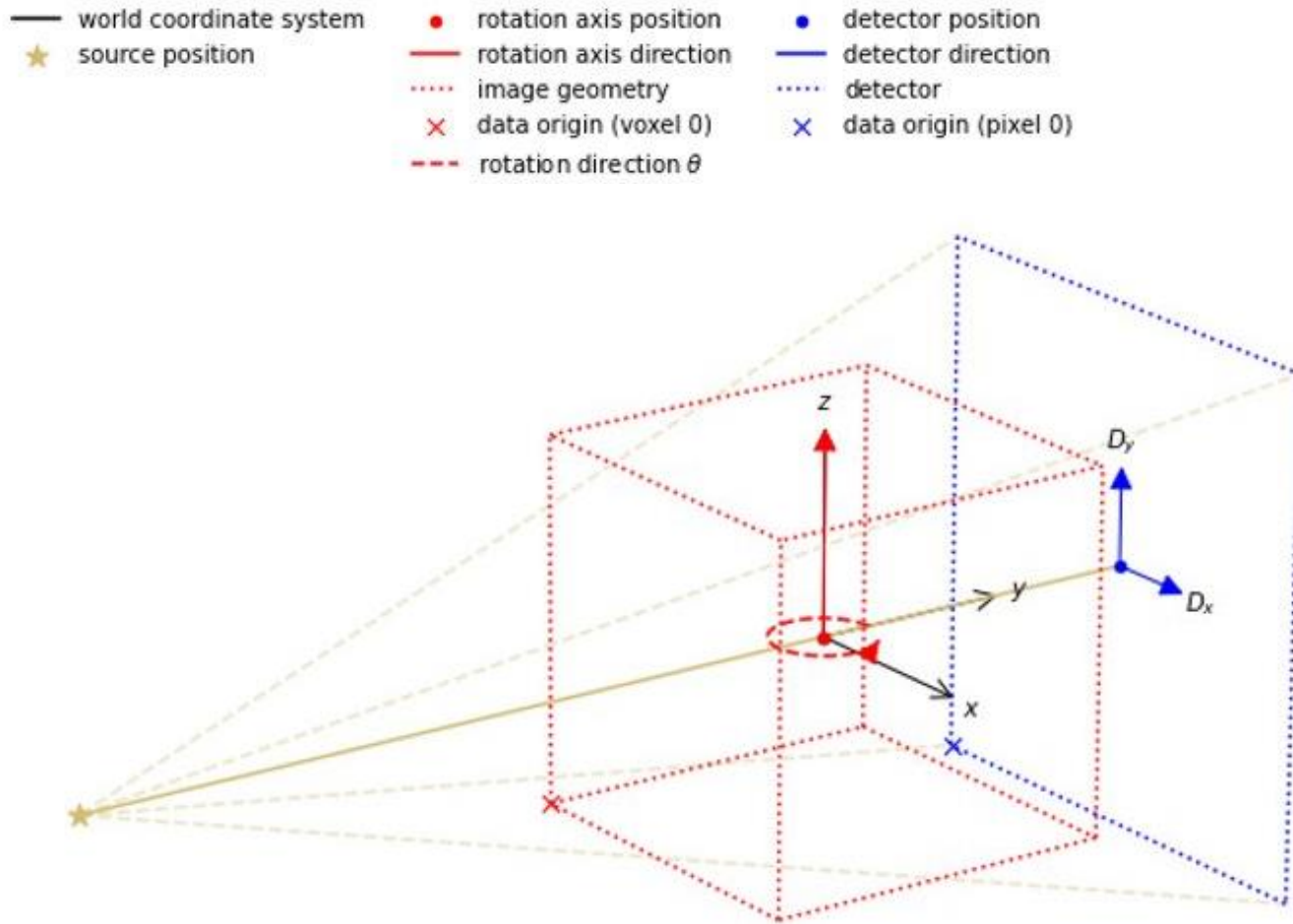
Non-standard Geometries



Intro to CT and FBP



Tomography



Beer-Lambert Law

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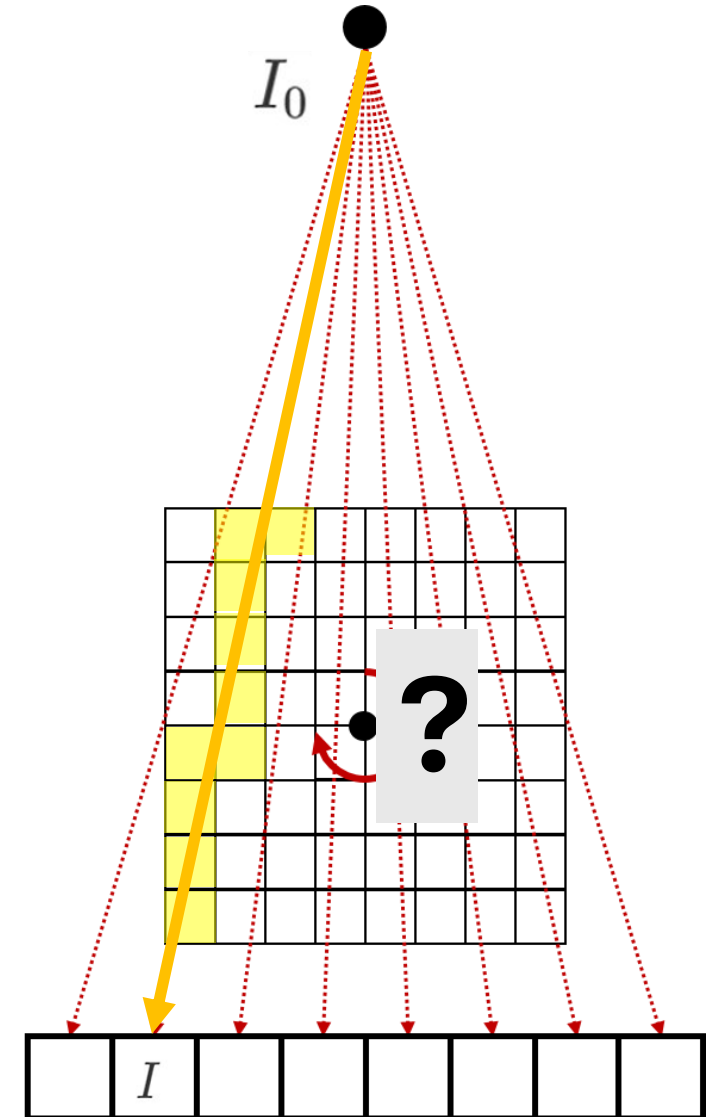
Measurement volume

Reconstructed volume:

- map of linear attenuation coefficients (μ)
- often expressed in cm^{-1}

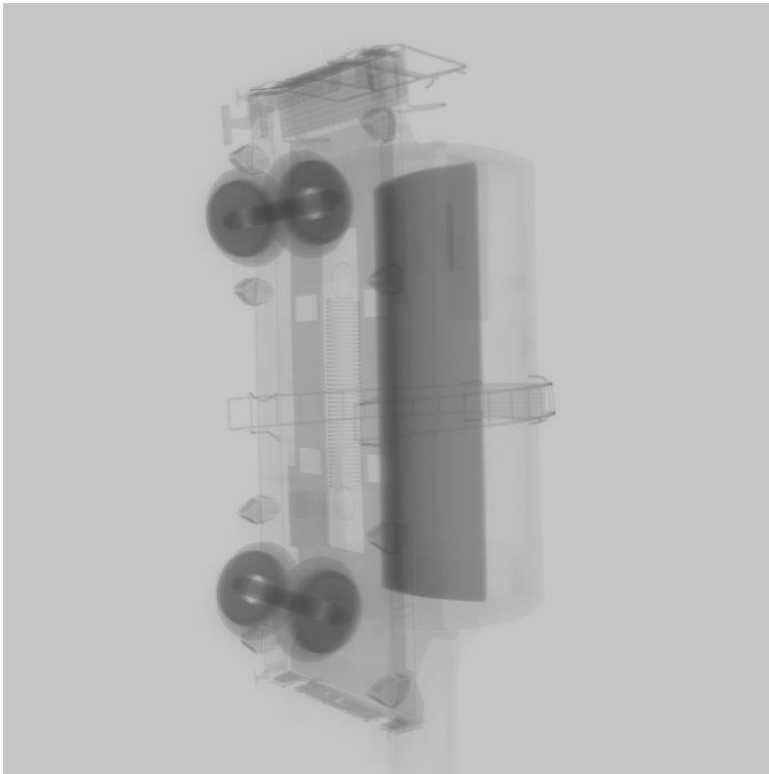
X-ray source

X-ray detector

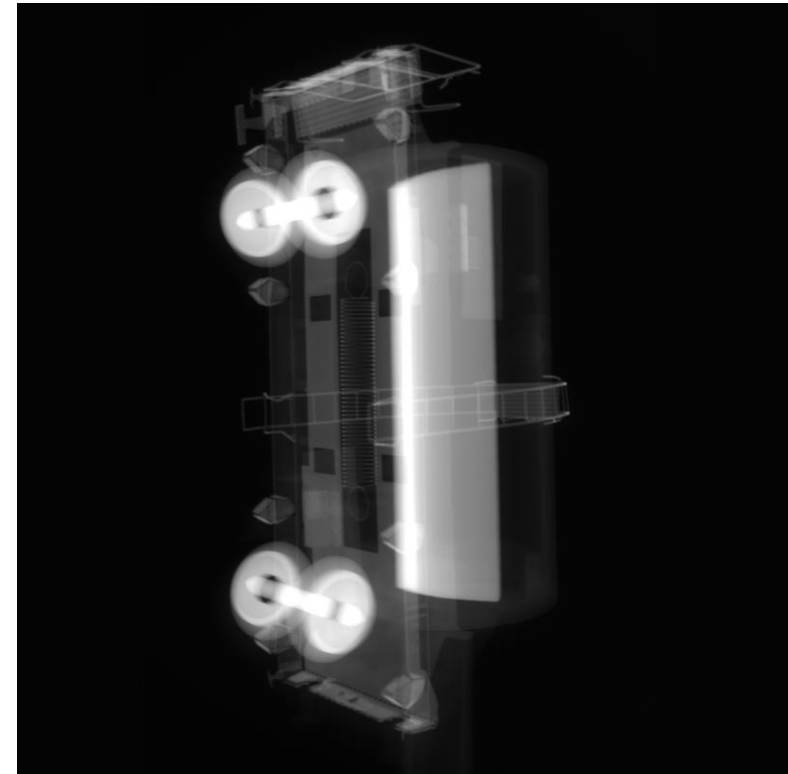


Minus log

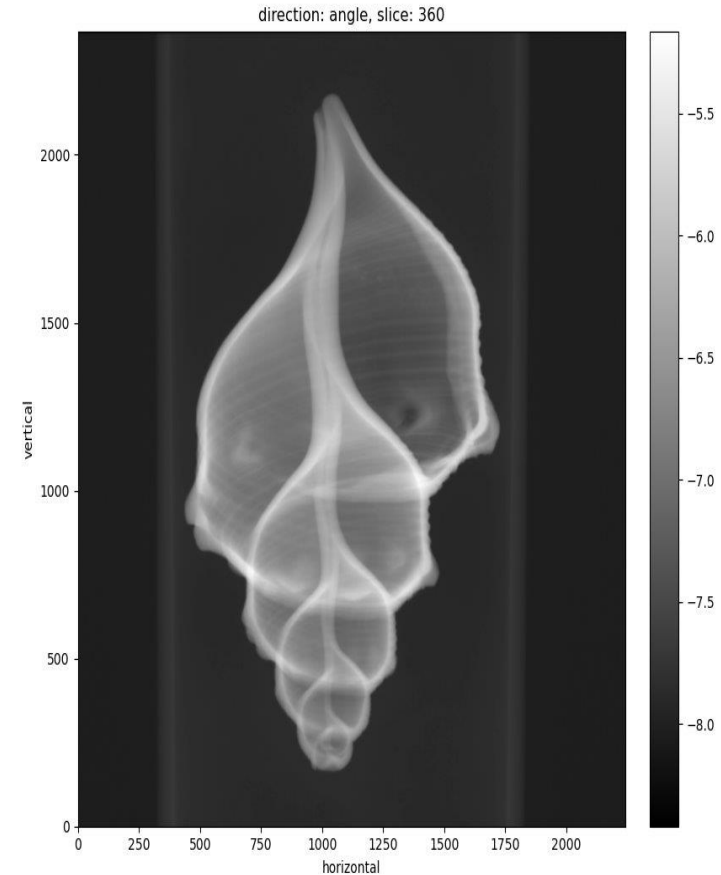
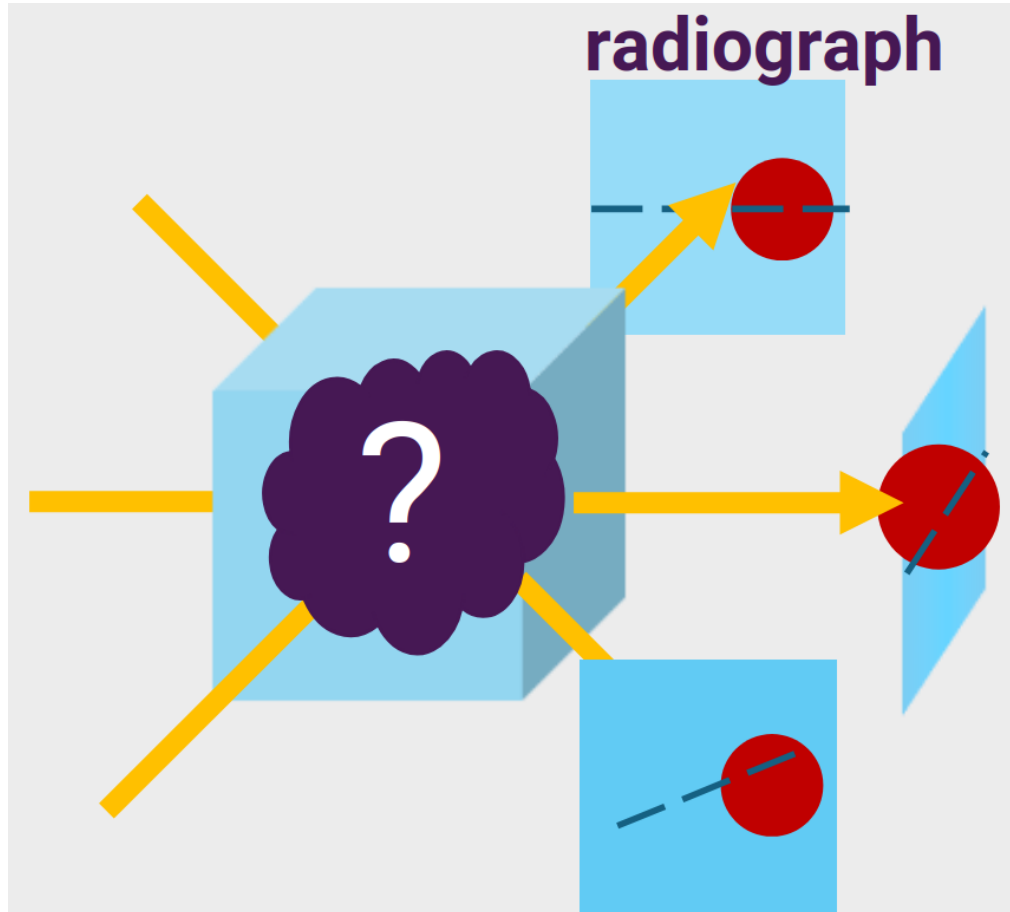
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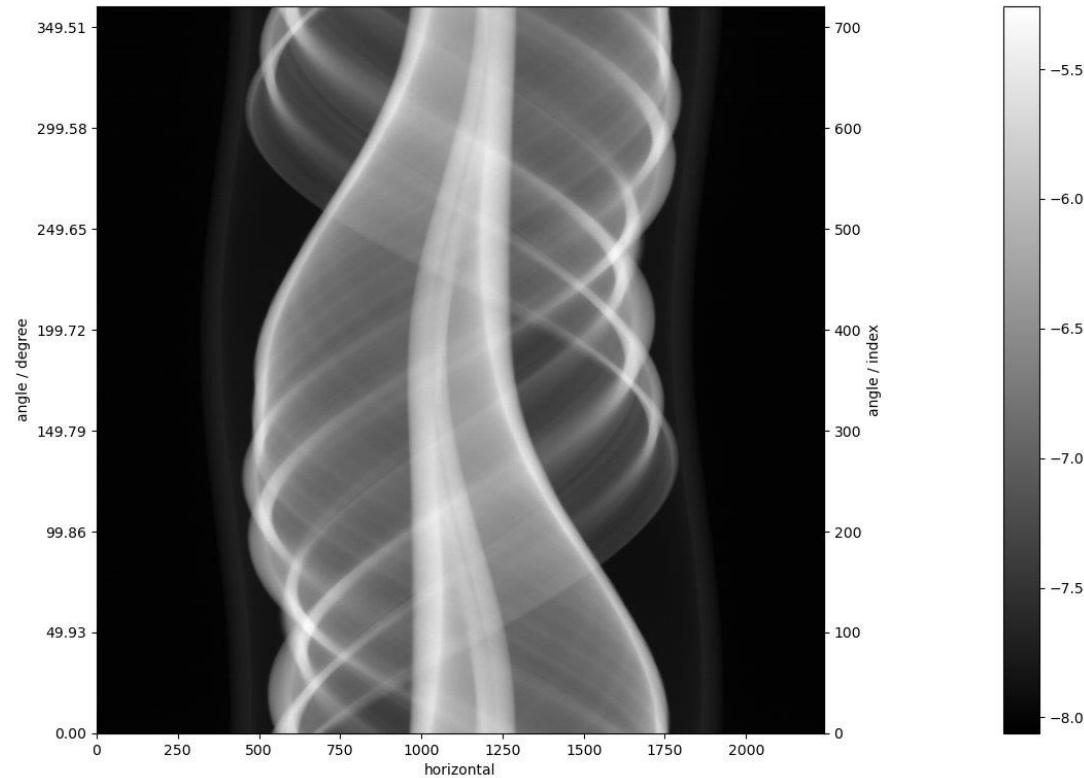
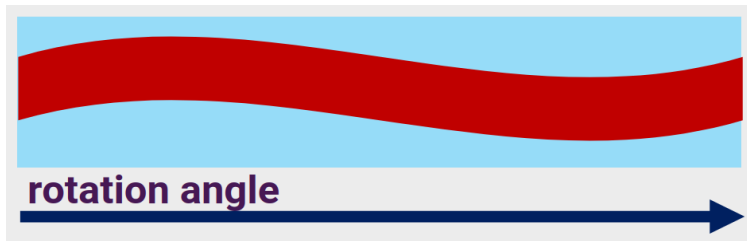
Take many projections



An x-ray radiograph of a shell measured at the University of Helsinki [1]

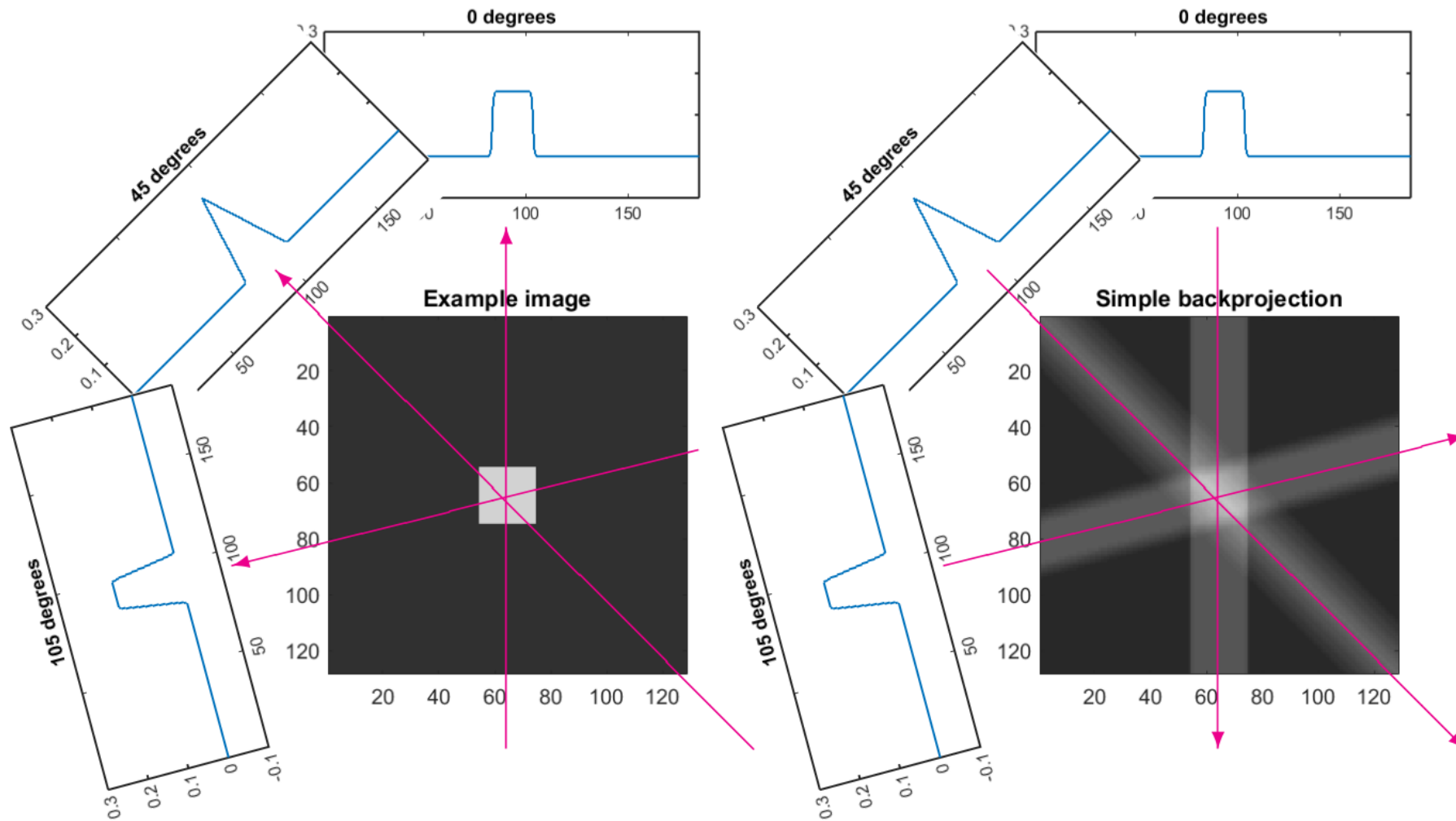
[1] Kamutta, E., Mäkinen, S., & Meaney, A. (2022). Cone-Beam Computed Tomography Dataset of a Seashell (1.1.0) [Data set]. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6983008>

Sinogram: How the attenuation changes as we rotate the object

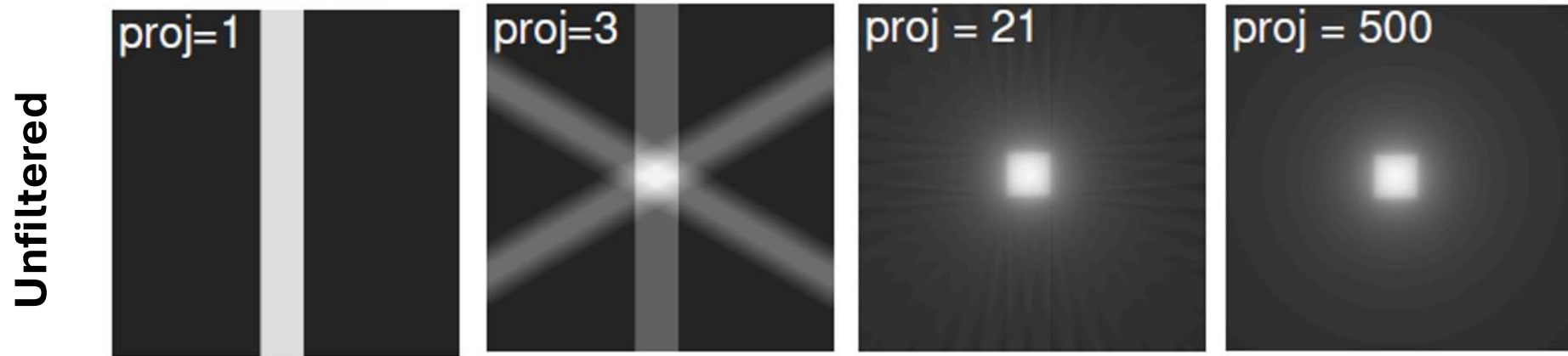


The shell has a much more complex sinogram

Filtered Back Projection (FBP)

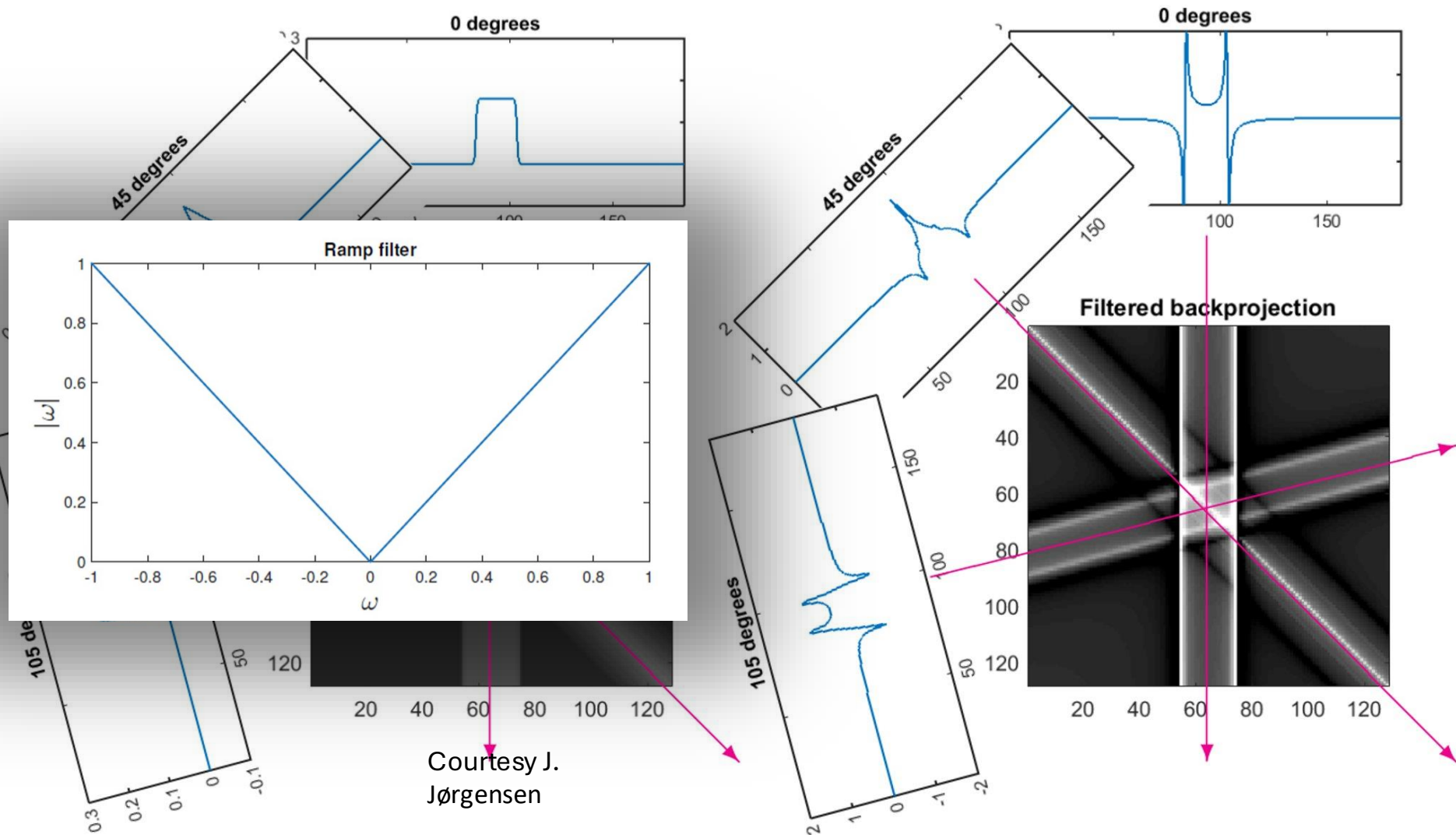


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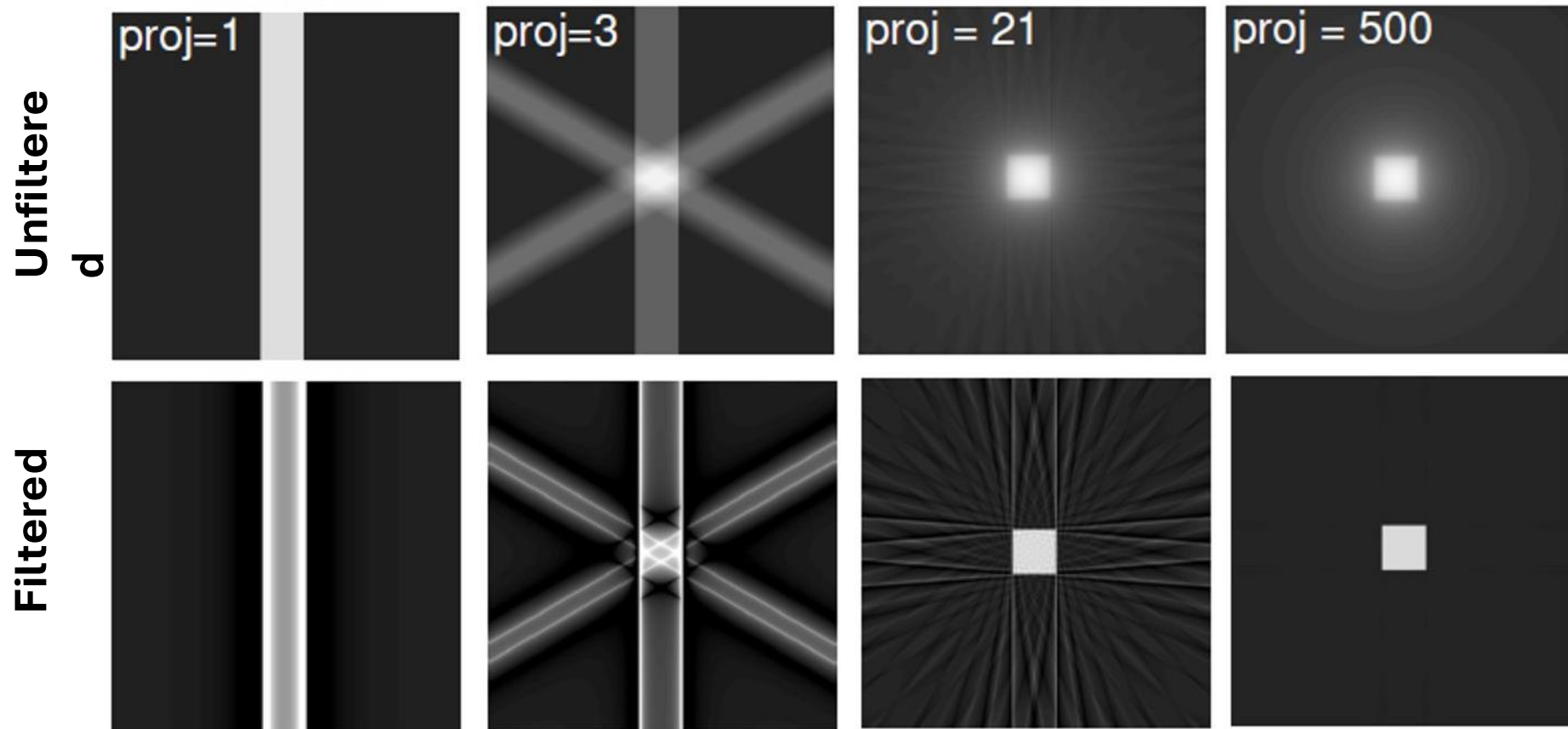
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- Few parameters
- Typically works very well
- Reconstruction behaviour well understood

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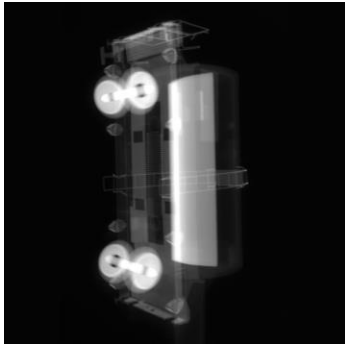
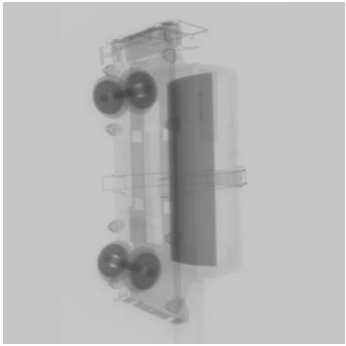
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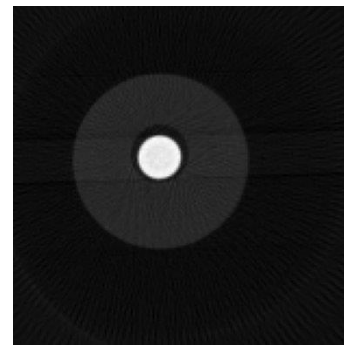
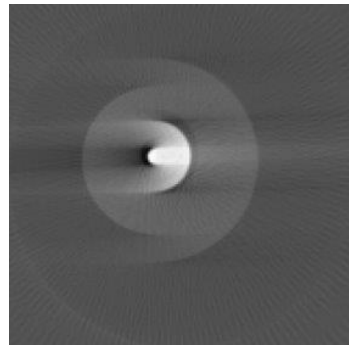
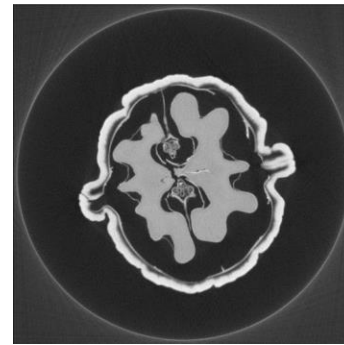
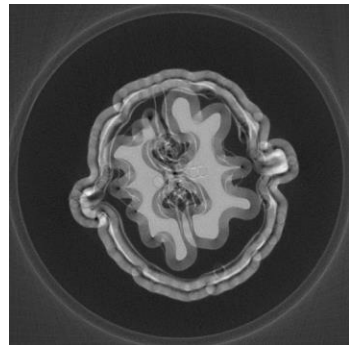
- Number of projections needed proportional to acquisition panel size
- Full angular range required (**limited angle** problem)
- Modest amount of noise tolerated
- Fixed scan geometries
- Cannot make use of prior knowledge such as non-negativity

Data processing methods

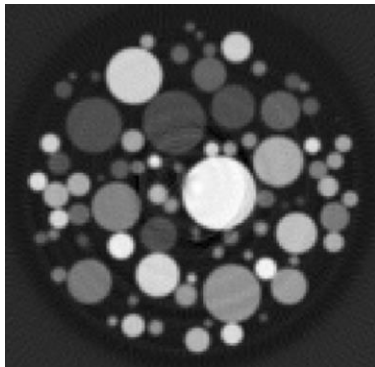
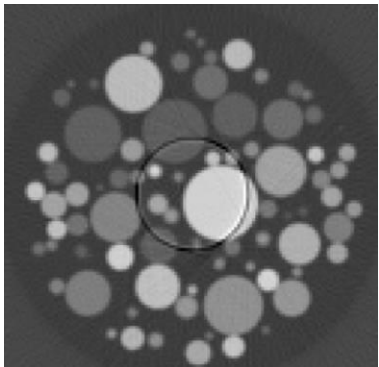
Convert to absorption



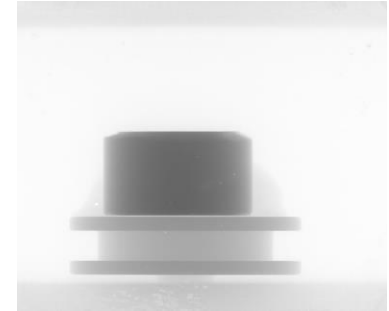
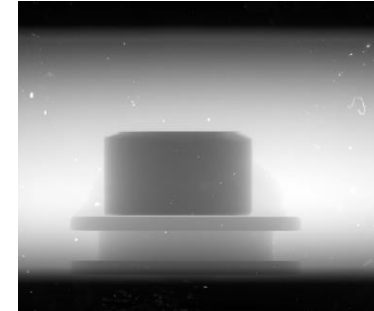
Centre of Rotation correction



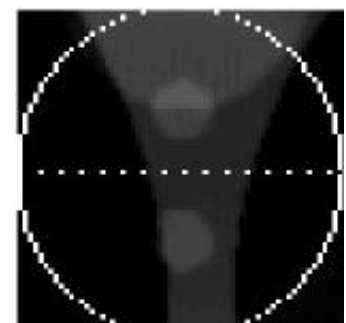
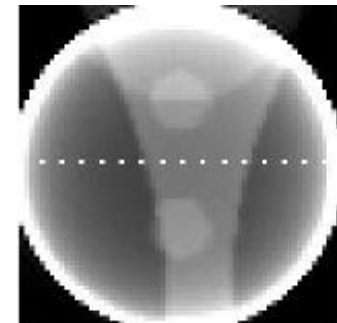
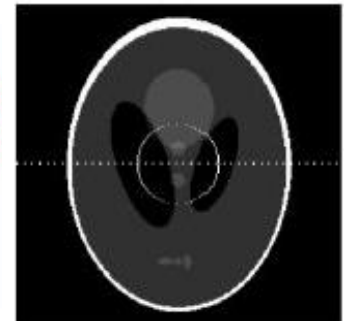
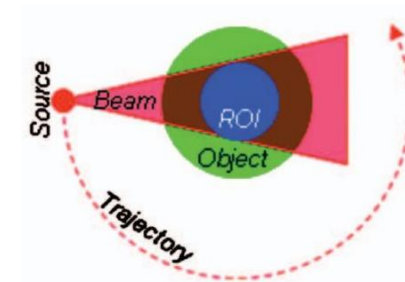
Ring removal



Flat-field correction

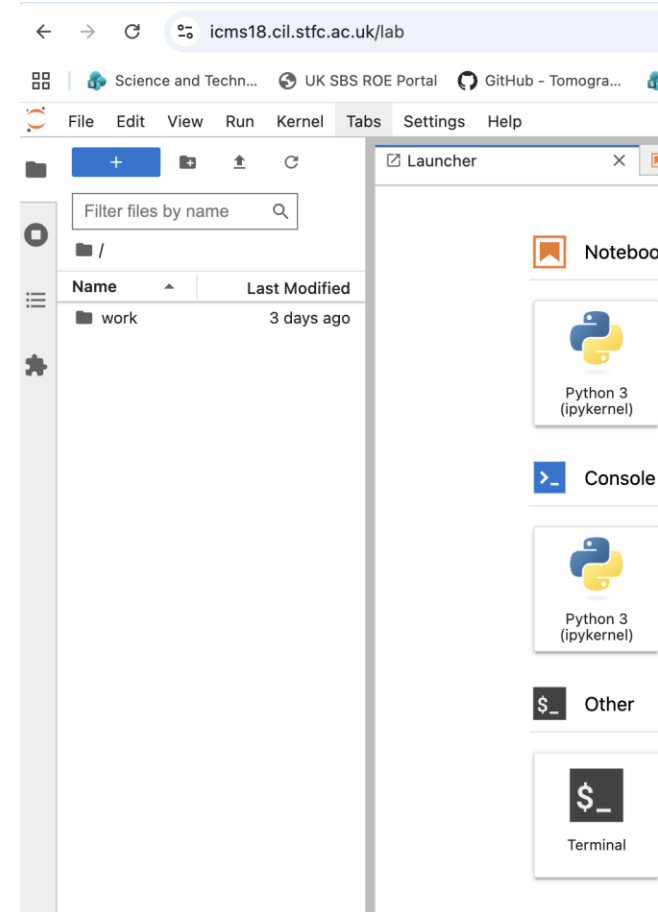


Region of interest scans



Accessing the jupyter system

- 1) Get into pairs or threes (we have 17 compute set-ups)
- 2) We will give you a link and a password
- 3) Follow the link and type in your password
- 4) (Hopefully) you will see something like this:



Example reconstruction - walkthrough

CIL-Demos/demos/1_introduction/01_intro_walnut_conebeam.ipynb

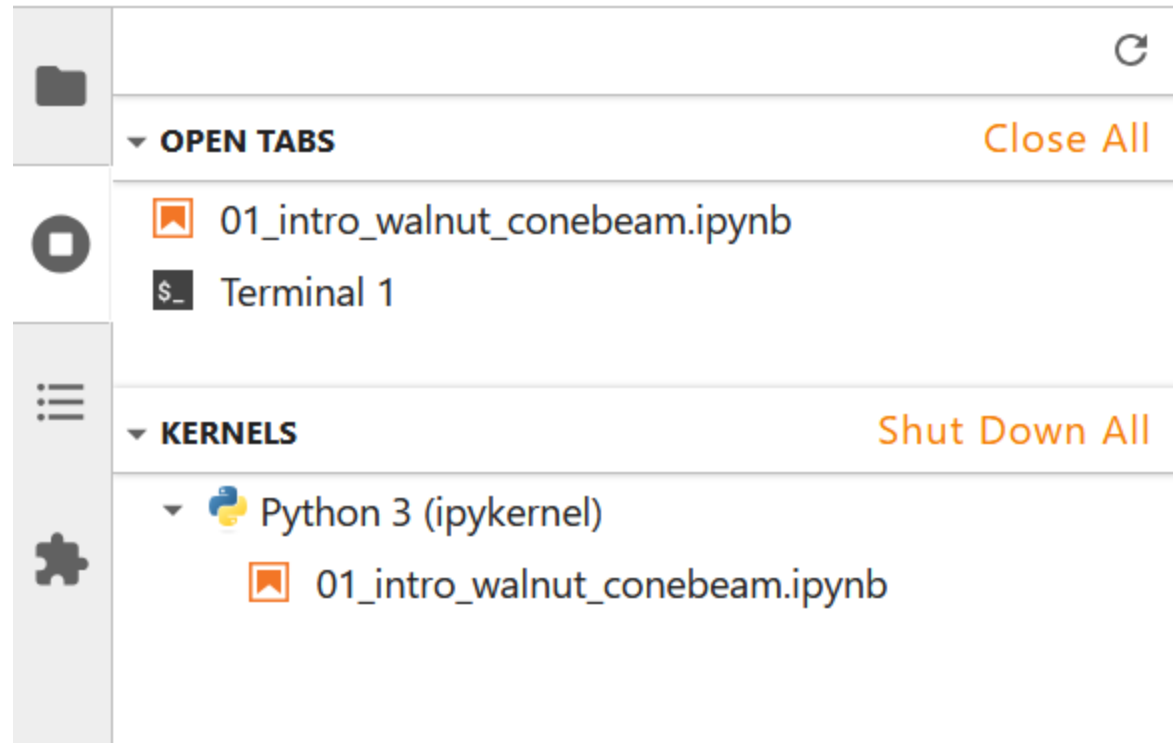
- Load and investigate a dataset
- Convert from Transmission to Absorption
- Compute a FDK reconstruction

Example reconstruction

CIL-Demos/demos/1_introduction/01_intro_sandstone_parallel_roi.ipynb

- Load and investigate a dataset
- Determine geometric information and set up data structures
- Apply basic pre-processors
- Compute a FBP reconstruction

Shut Down Notebooks

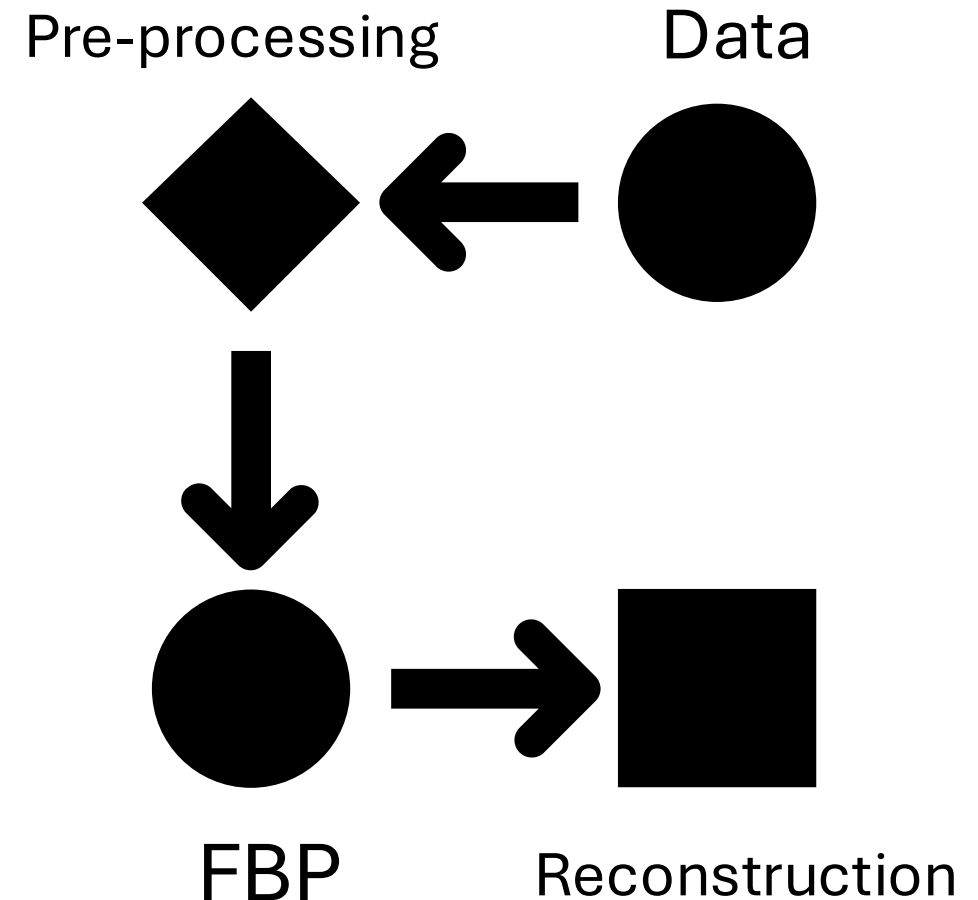


Wrap up

Filtered back-projection is **very good!**

- If your data is good it should work well
- Do any necessary pre-processing

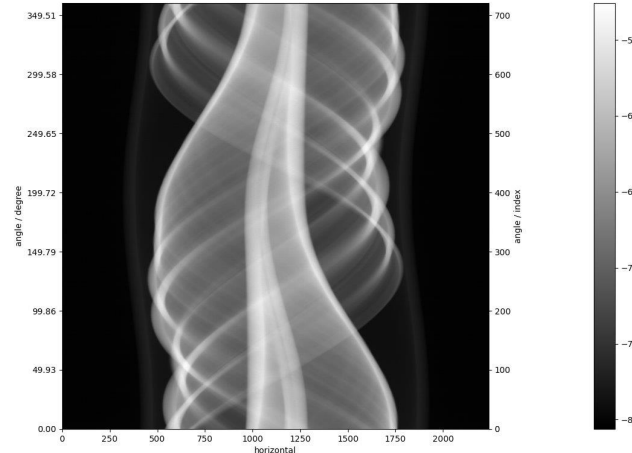
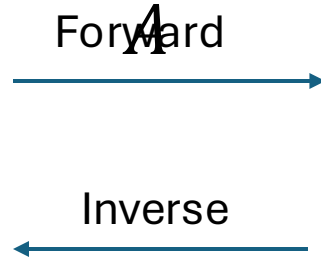
If your data is not good... consider other methods



Introduction to inverse problems and iterative reconstruction methods

Inverse problems

Ill posed problem



In case either:

1. No solution
2. Not unique solution
3. Solution sensitive to noise
4. Modelling errors in **A**

$$Au = b$$

Forward model

Image to reconstruct

Data

Inverse problem example - CT

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$$b_i = \sum_j a_{ij} u_j \rightarrow Au = b$$

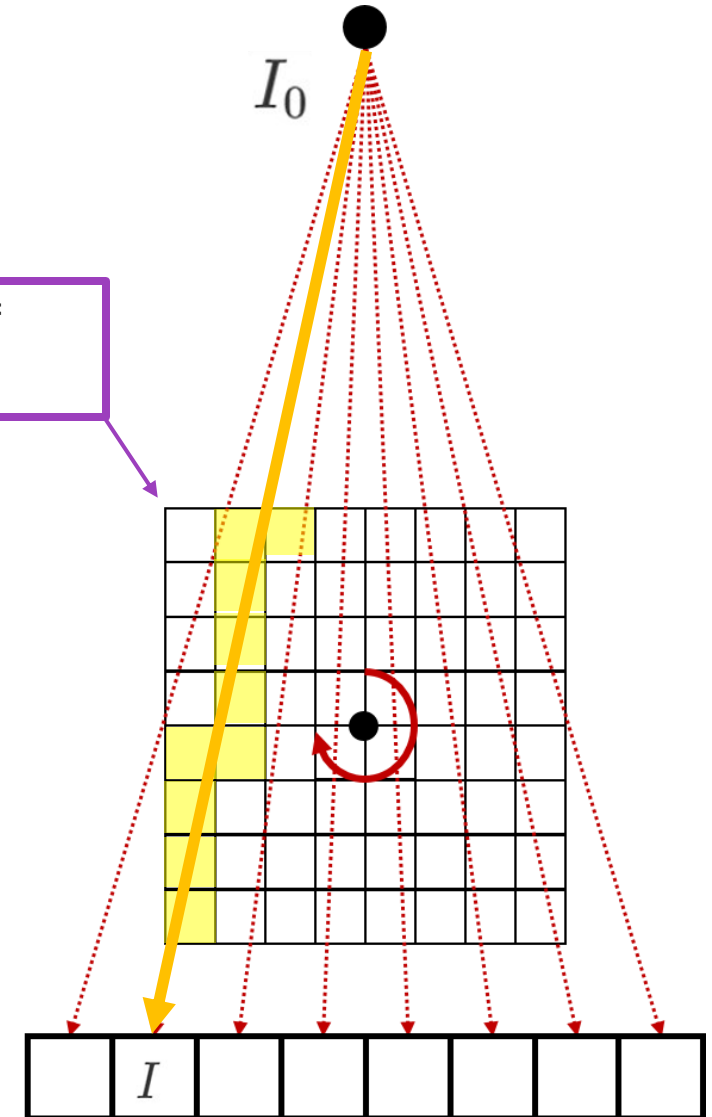
- Assume object is constant in each pixel
- u_j value of pixel j
- a_{ij} path length of ray i in pixel j

X-ray source

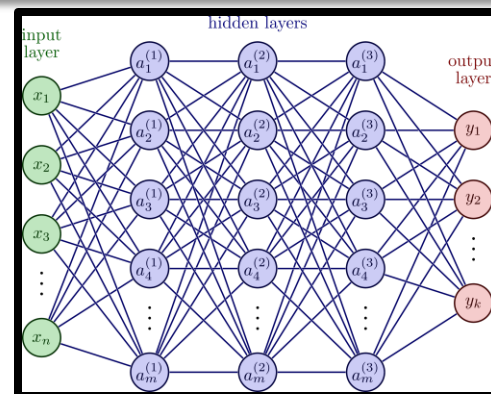
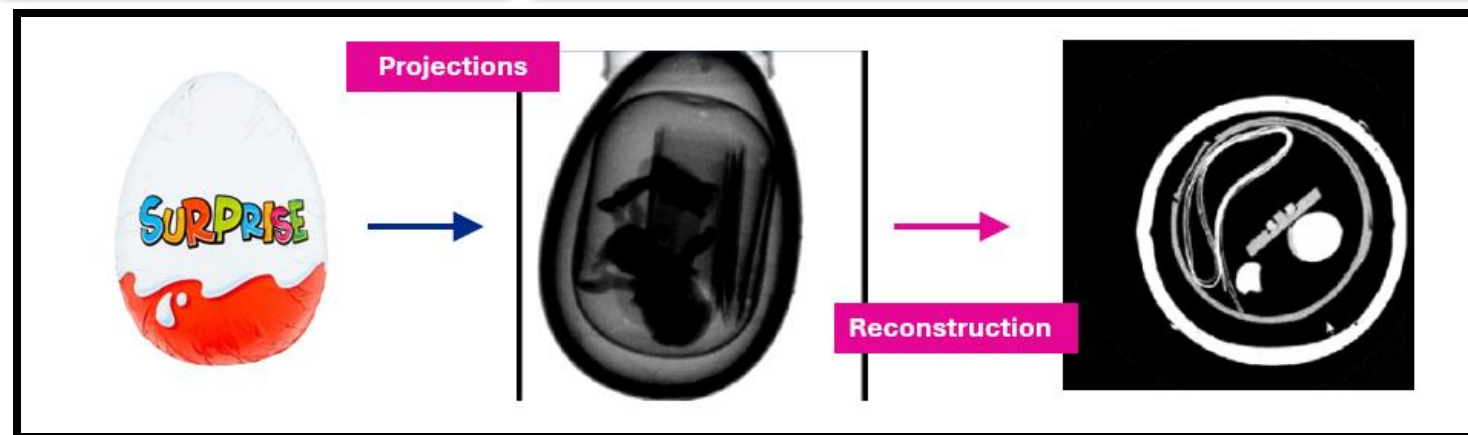
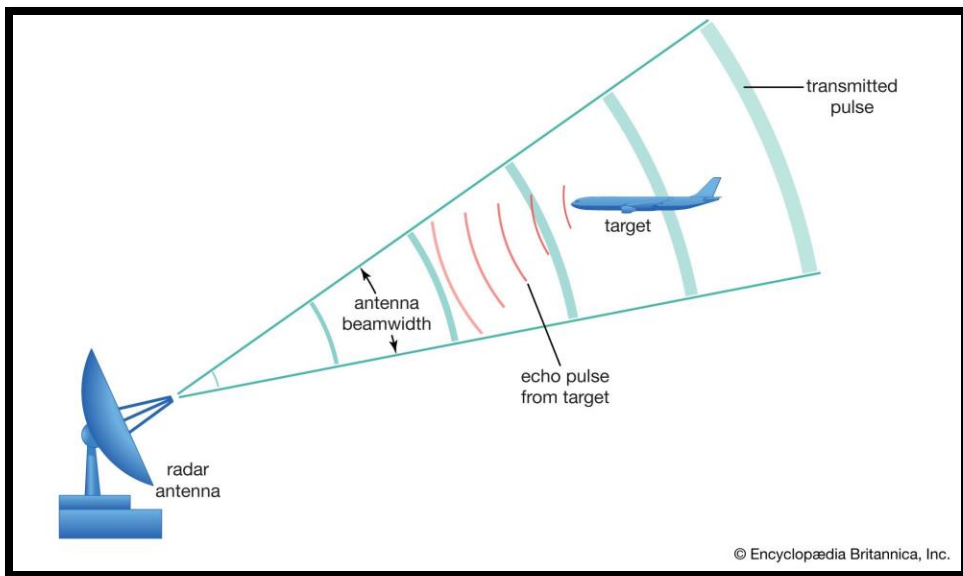
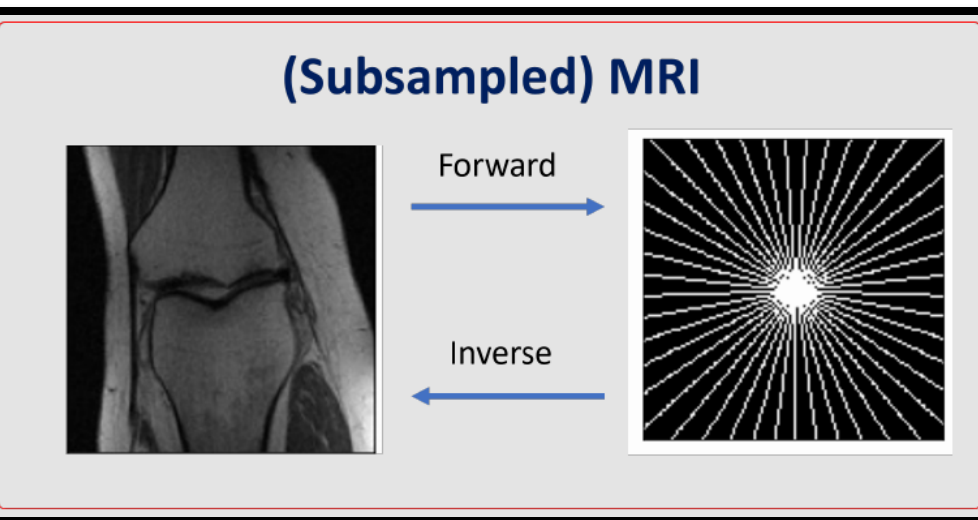
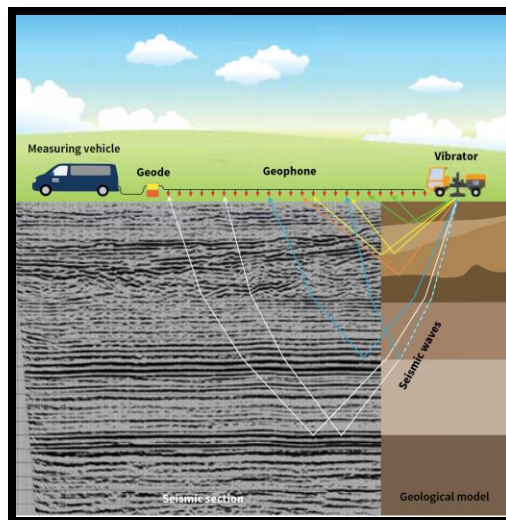
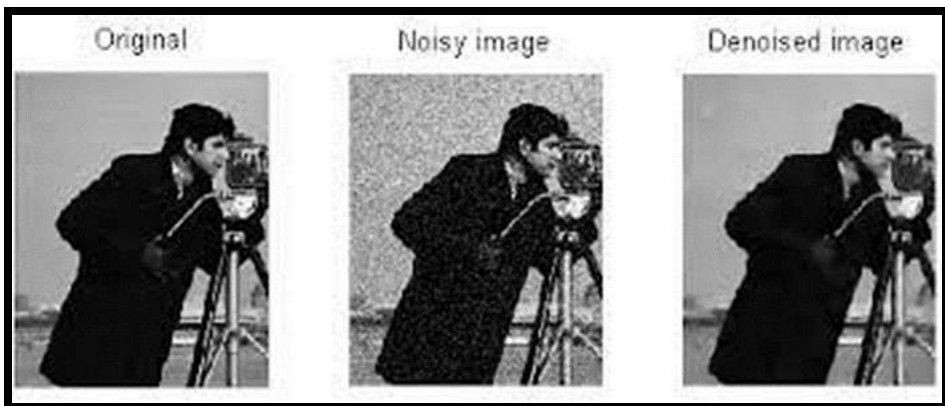
Extremely large set of linear equations!

Measurement volume

X-ray detector



Other examples



Why iterative methods?

- Direct inversion (e.g., FBP) subject to noise and incomplete data
- Iterative methods allow to incorporate noise models, priors etc.
- Most CT iterative reconstructions use regularization

$$u^{\star} = \underset{u}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{ \mathcal{D}(Au, b) + \alpha \cdot \mathcal{R}(u) \}$$

Regularisation parameter

Data discrepancy term

Regularisation term

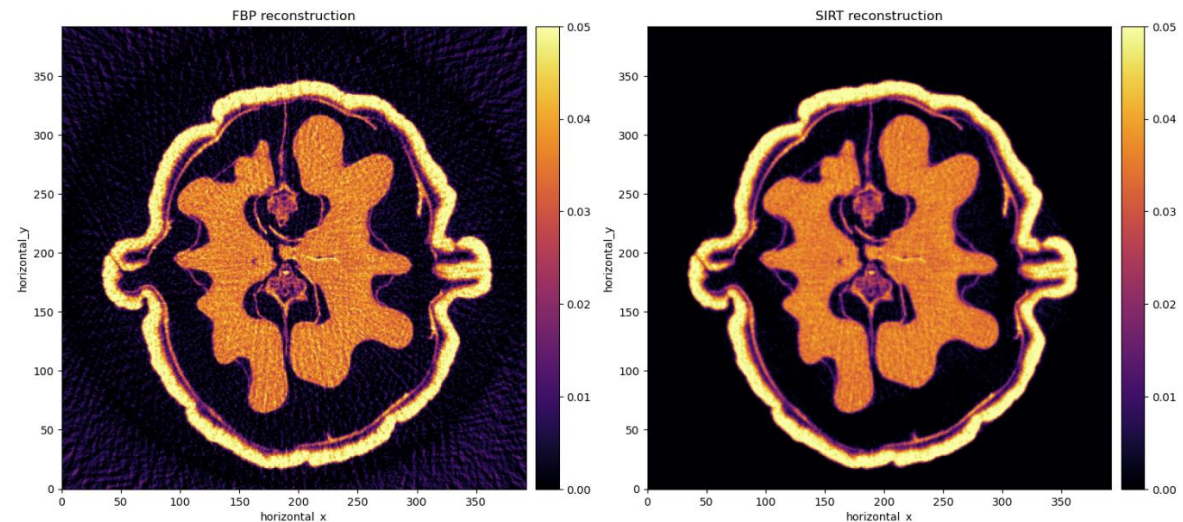
Example – no regularisation

$$Au = b$$

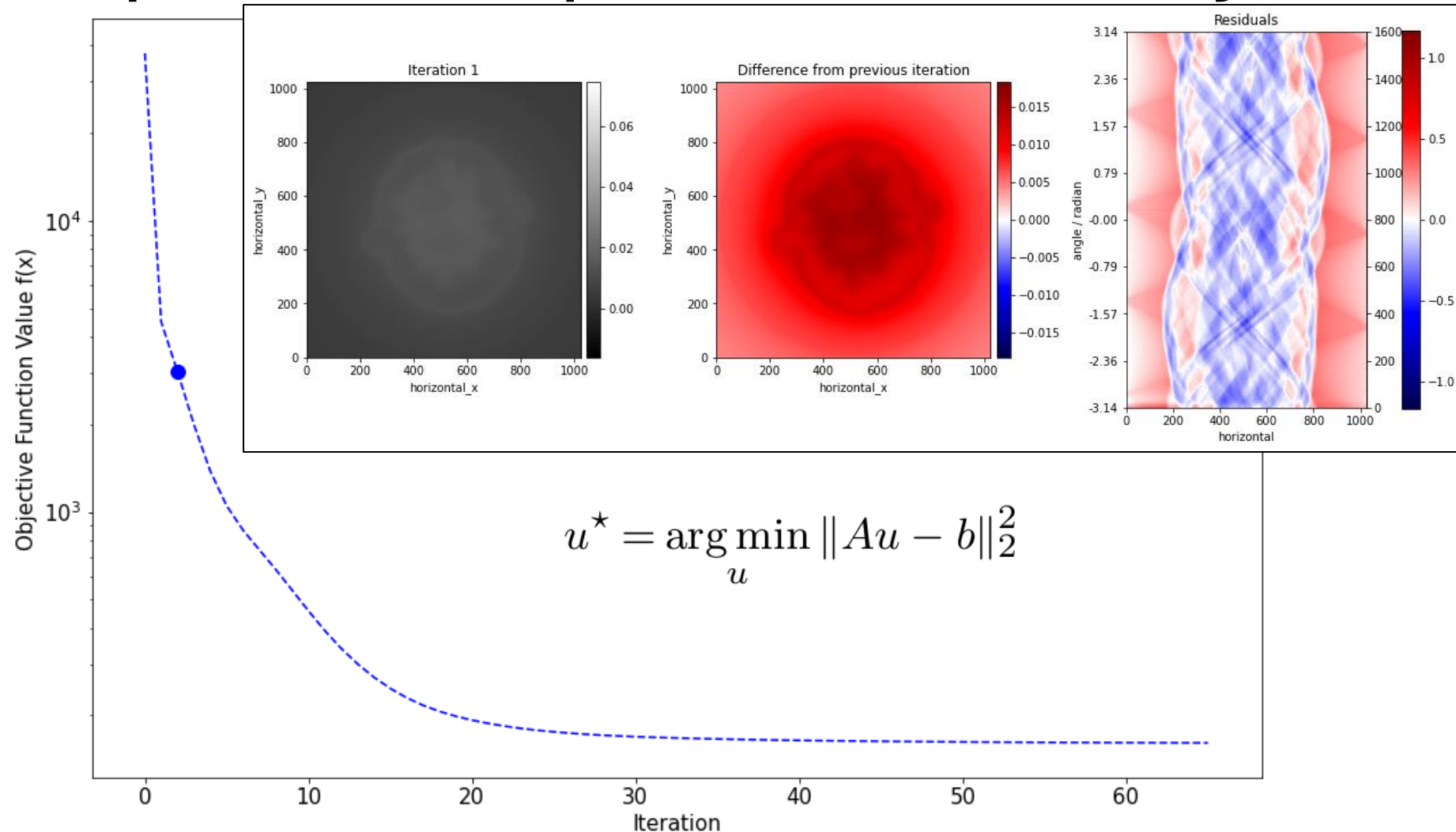
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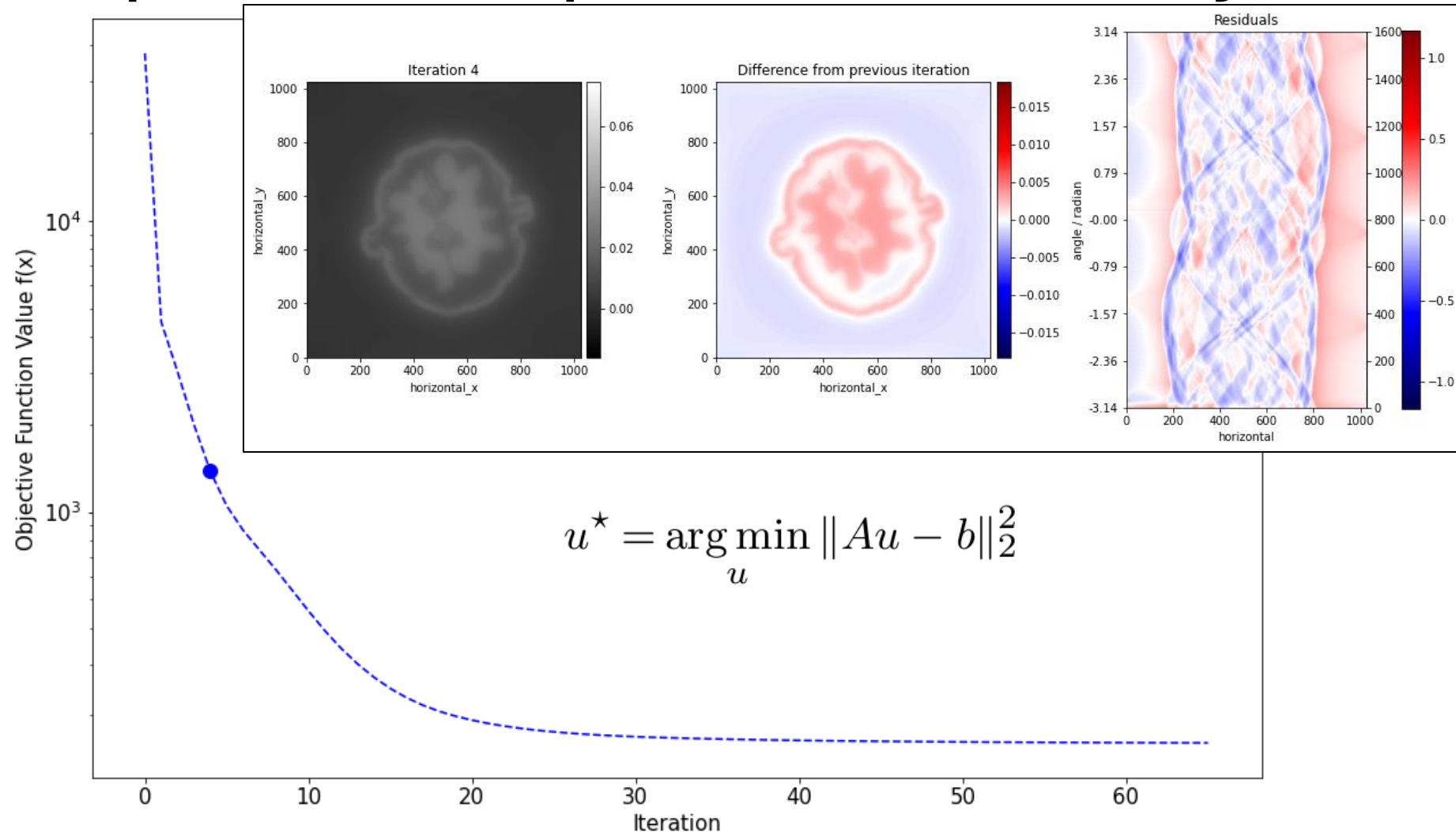
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A = ProjectionOperator(ig, ag)
init = ig2D.allocate(0)
sirt = SIRT(initial = x_init, operator = A , data = b)
sirt.run(300, verbose=1)
sirt_recon = sirt.solution
show2D([fbp_recon, sirt_recon],
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        cmap = 'inferno', fix_range=(0,0.05))
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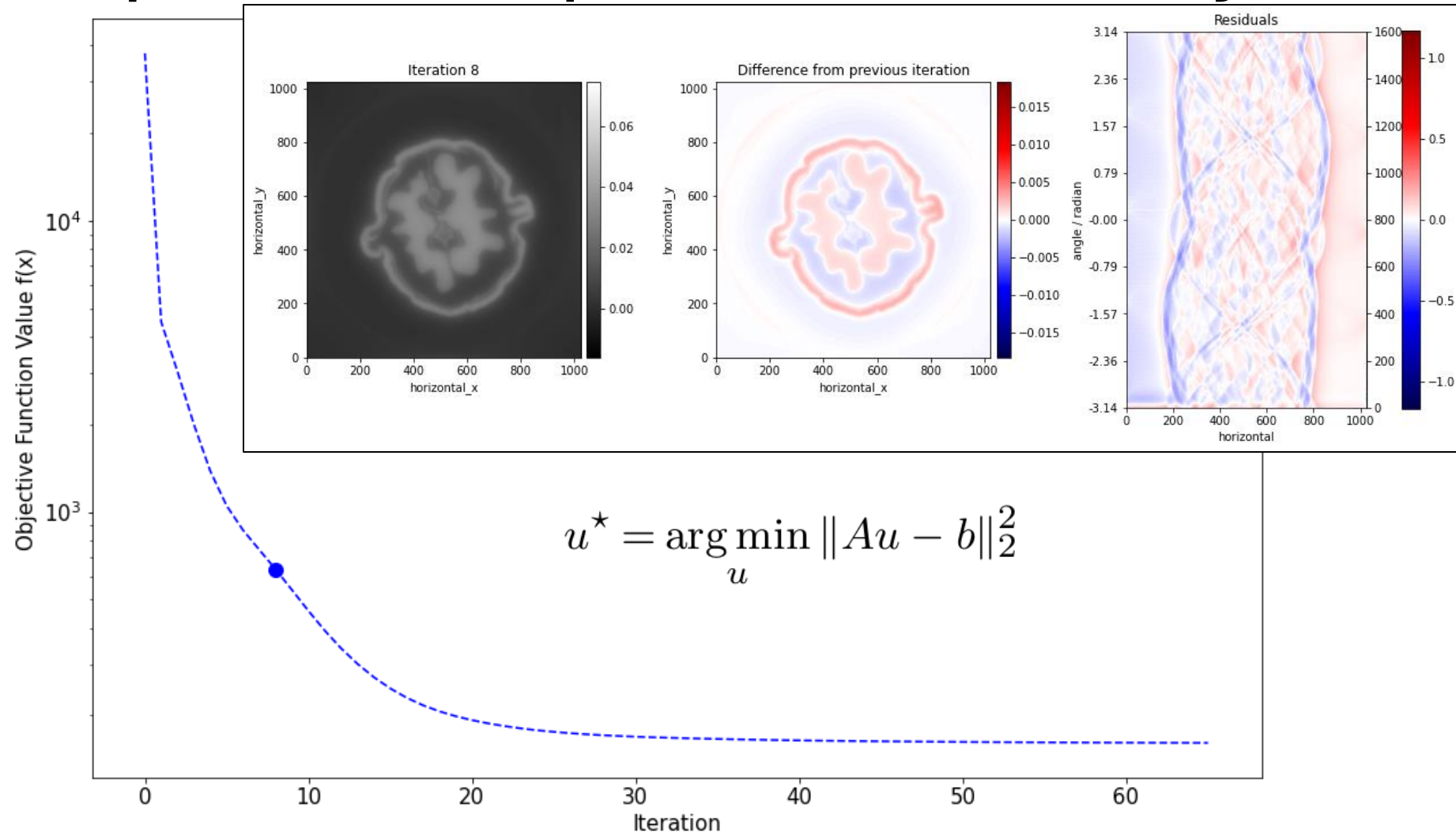
Solve optimisation problem iteratively



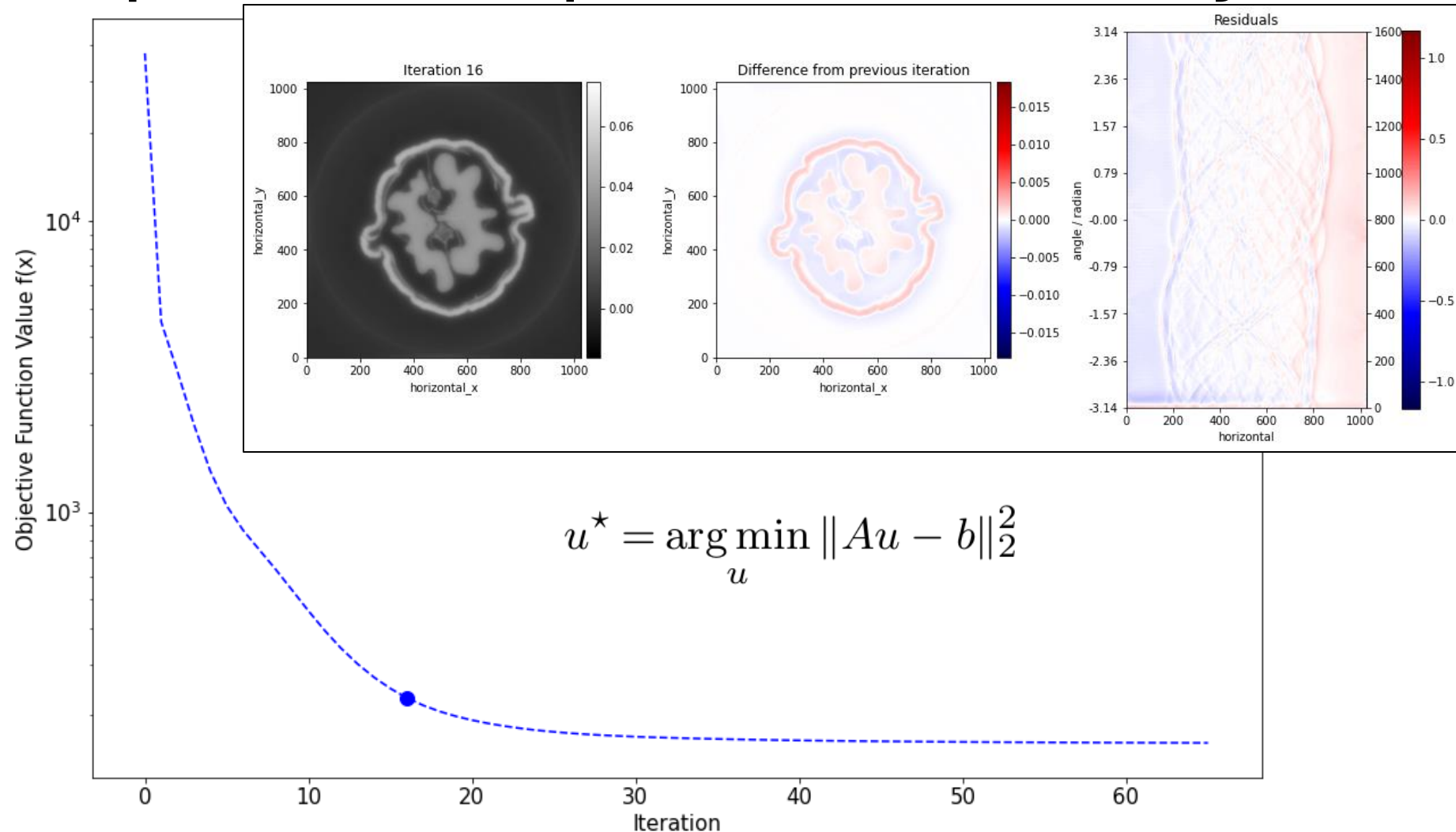
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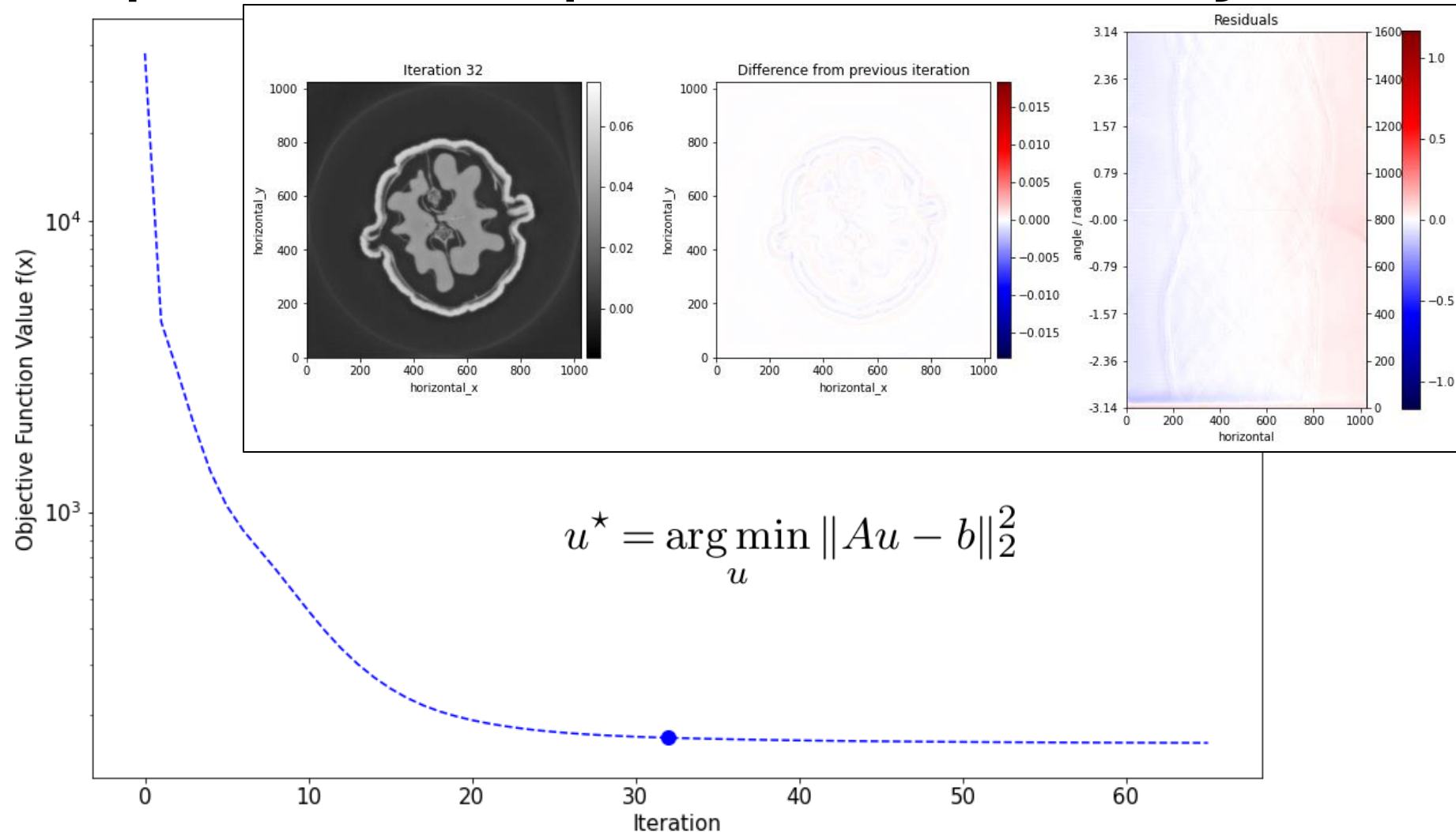
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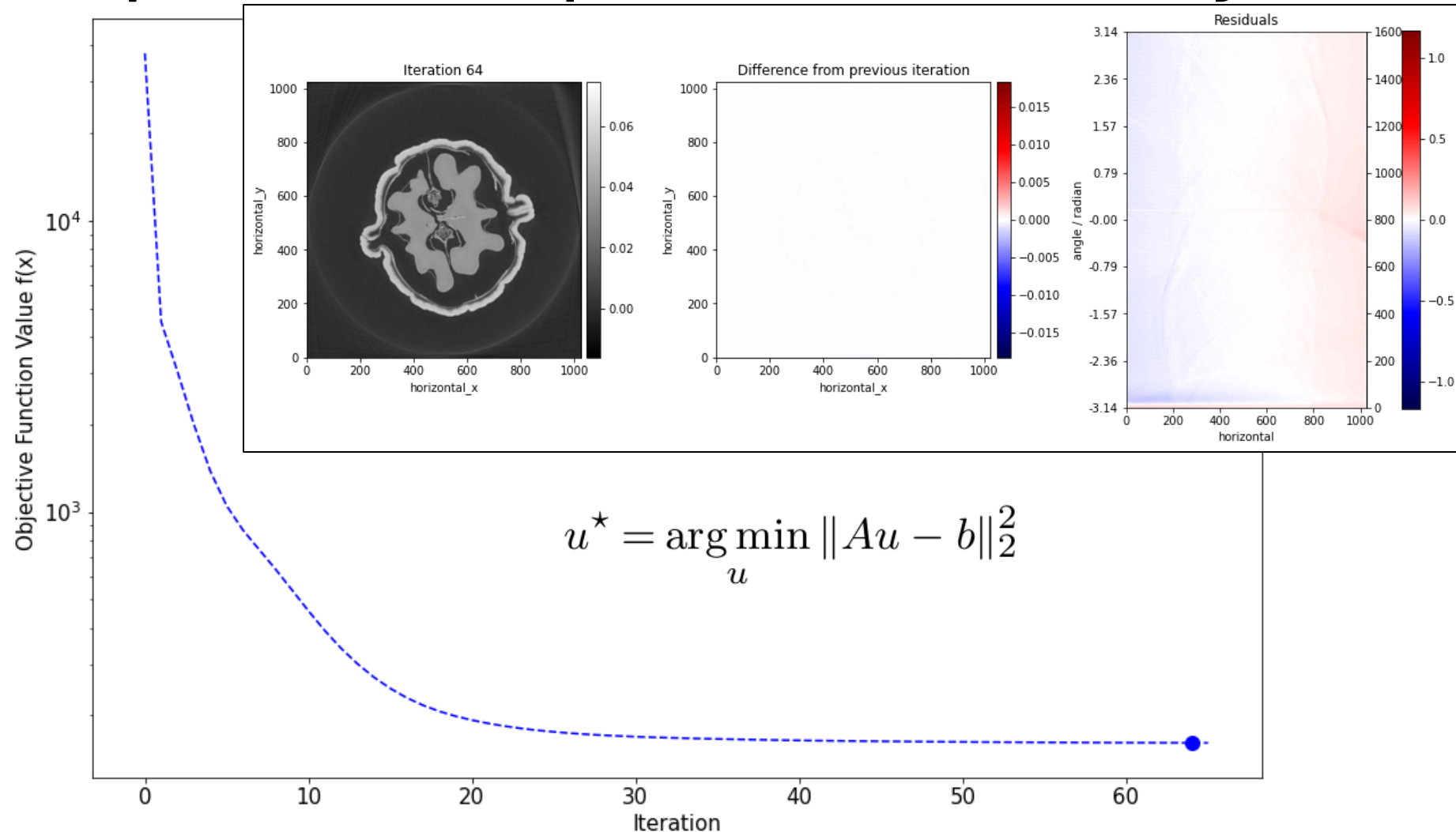
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Example with regularisation

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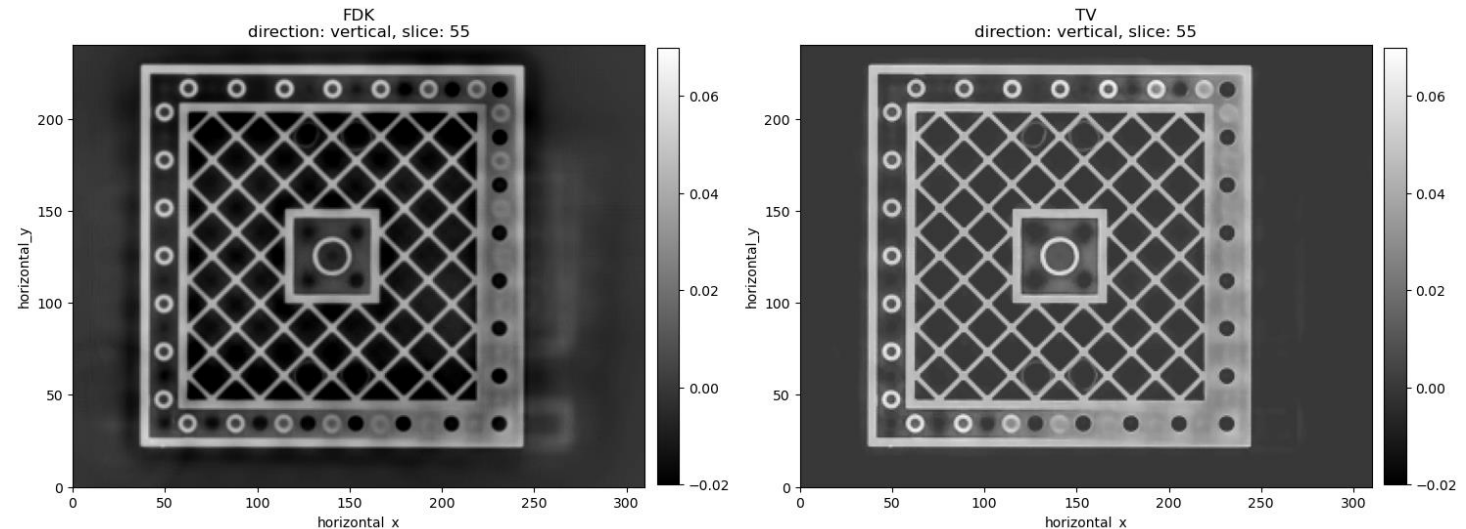
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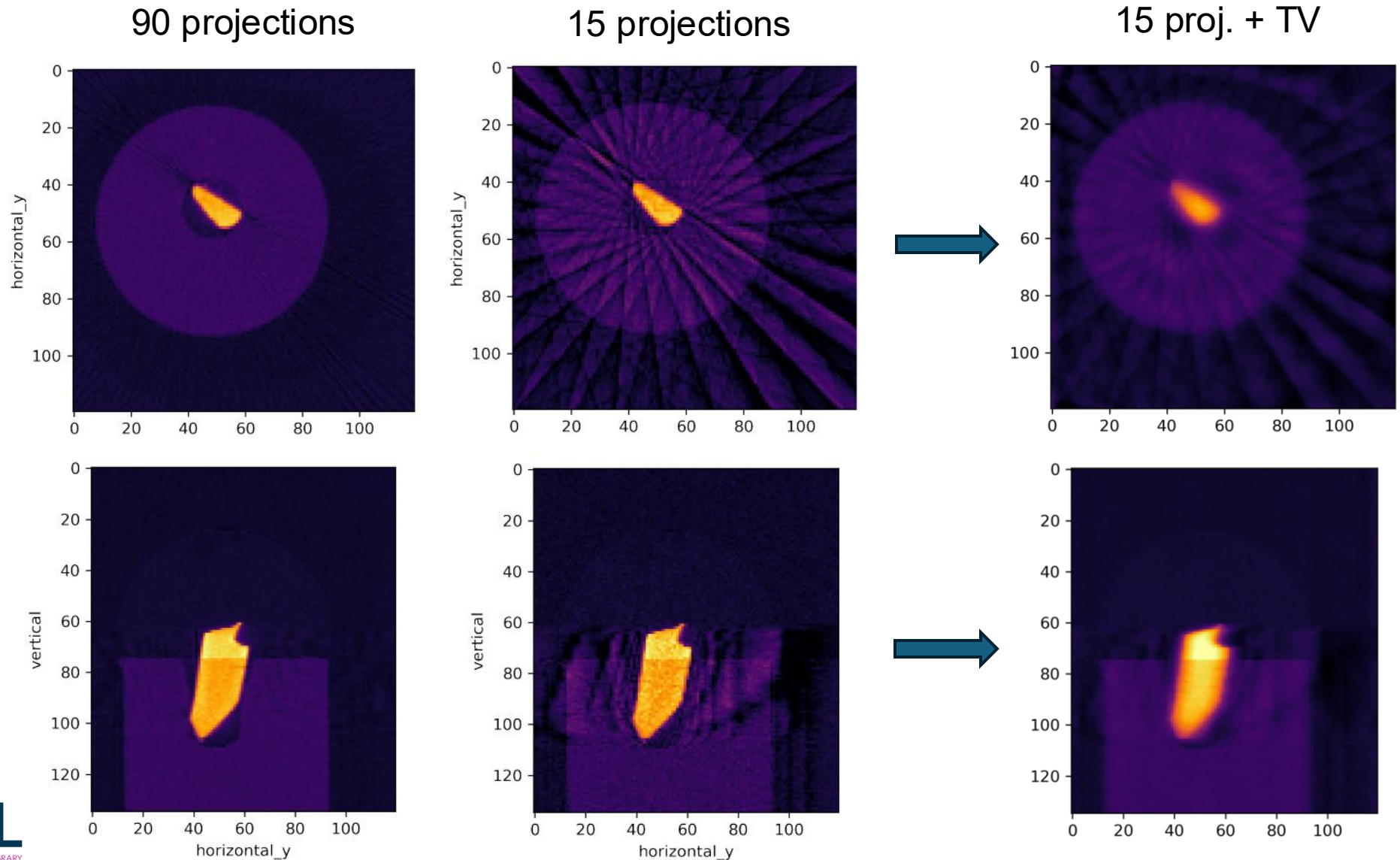
```
Projector = ProjectionOperator(ig, ag)
LS = LeastSquares(A=Projector, b=data)
TV = FGP_TV(alpha=0.05, nonnegativity=True, device='gpu')

fista_TV = FISTA(initial=FDK_reco, f=LS, g=TV,
                  max_iteration=1000, update_objective_interval=10)
fista_TV.run(100)
TV_reco = fista_TV.solution

show2D([FDK_recon, TV_recon])
```



Another example of regularisation



Iterative reconstruction walkthrough

[CIL-Demos/blob/main/binder/PyData22_deblurring.ipynb](#)

- See a non-CT inverse problem - deblurring
- See the effect of different regularisation functions

Iterative reconstruction – over to you!

CIL-

Demos/blob/main/demos/2_iterative/01_optimisation_gd_fista.ipynb

- Load a dataset and reconstruct with FBP
- Set-up a least-squares problem to solve using CIL's algorithms, a projection operator and objective function
- Add regularisation to the least-squares problem and compare the results: Tikhonov, Non-negativity, L1-Norm, Total-Variation
- Solve the optimisation problem with the appropriate algorithm: Gradient Descent, FISTA, PDHG

30 minutes to run the notebook, then discussion

- Extension options: https://github.com/TomographicImaging/CIL-Demos/blob/main/demos/3_Multichannel/02_Dynamic_CT.ipynb or https://github.com/TomographicImaging/CIL-Demos/blob/main/demos/4_Deep_Dives/03_htc_2022.ipynb

CIL Optimisation module

name	description	problem type solved
CGLS	conjugate gradient least squares	least squares
SIRT	simultaneous iterative reconstruction technique	weighted least squares
GD	gradient descent	smooth
FISTA	fast iterative shrinkage-thresholding algorithm	smooth + non-smooth
LADMM	linearized alternating direction method of multipliers	non-smooth
PDHG	primal dual hybrid gradient	non-smooth
SPDHG	stochastic primal dual hybrid gradient	non-smooth

actions
value
operator $A: f(Ax)$
lower/upper) constraints
data fidelity

IdentityOperator	L2Norm	$L^2\text{-norm: } \ x\ _2 = \sqrt{\sum_i x_i ^2}$
MaskOperator	L2NormSquared	squared L^2 -norm: $\ x\ _2^2 = \sum_i x_i^2$
SymmetrisedGradientOperator	LeastSquares	least-squares data fidelity: $\ Ax - b\ _2^2$
ZeroOperator	MixedL21Norm	mixed $L^{2,1}$ -norm: $\ (U_1; U_2)\ _{2,1} = \ (U_1^2 + U_2^2)^{1/2}\ _1$
ProjectionOperator	SmoothMixedL21Norm	smooth $L^{2,1}$ -norm: $\ (U_1; U_2)\ _{2,1}^S = \ (U_1^2 + U_2^2 + \beta^2)^{1/2}\ _1$
ProjectionOperator	WeightedL2NormSquared	weighted squared L^2 -norm: $\ x\ _w^2 = \sum_i (w_i \cdot x_i^2)$

TotalVariation

$$TV(u) = \|Du\|_{2,1} = \sum_{i,j} \left(\sqrt{(D_y u)^2 + (D_x u)^2} \right)_{i,j}$$

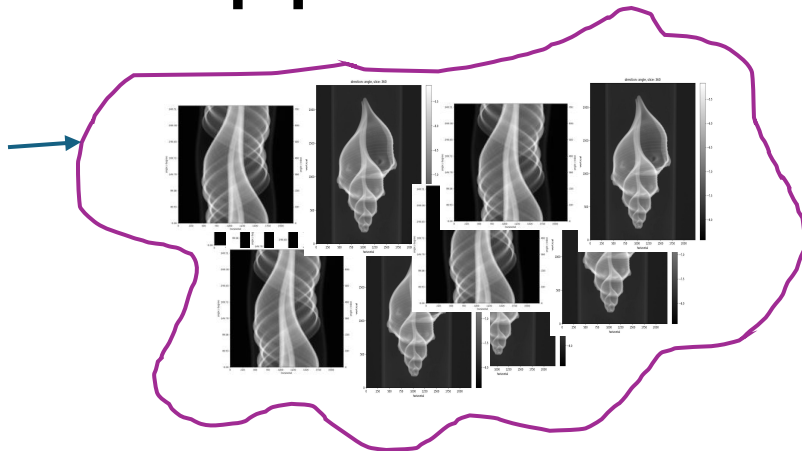
Optimisation algorithms in CIL

Gradient Descent (GD)	When your objective is convex and differentiable
Conjugate Gradient Least Squares (CGLS)	For minimising a least squares problem e.g. $\min_u \ Au - b\ _2^2$
Simultaneous Iterative Reconstruction Technique (SIRT)	To solve problems of the form $Au = b$ with optional constraints
Iterative Shrinkage-Thresholding Algorithm (ISTA)	To solve problems of the form $\min_u f(u) + g(u)$ where f is convex and differentiable and g is convex with a simple proximal operator
Fast Iterative Shrinkage-Thresholding Algorithm (FISTA)	Like ISTA but accelerated
Primal Dual Hybrid Gradient (PDHG)	To solve problems of the form $\min_u f(Au) + g(u)$ where f is convex and has a “simple” proximal method of its conjugate and g is convex with a “simple” proximal.
Stochastic Primal Dual Hybrid Gradient (SPDHG)	Similar to PDHG but where f can be written as a separable sum
Linearized Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (LADMM)	To solve problems of the form $\min_u f(u) + g(v)$ subject to $Au + Bv = b$ where both f and g are convex
Stochastic algorithms...	Training coming soon... $\text{prox}_{\tau g}(u) = \arg \min_v \left\{ \tau g(v) + \frac{1}{2} \ v - u\ _2^2 \right\}$

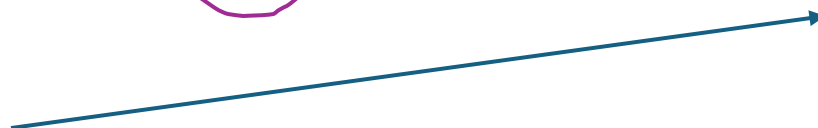
Deep learning approaches to inverse problems

Types of approaches

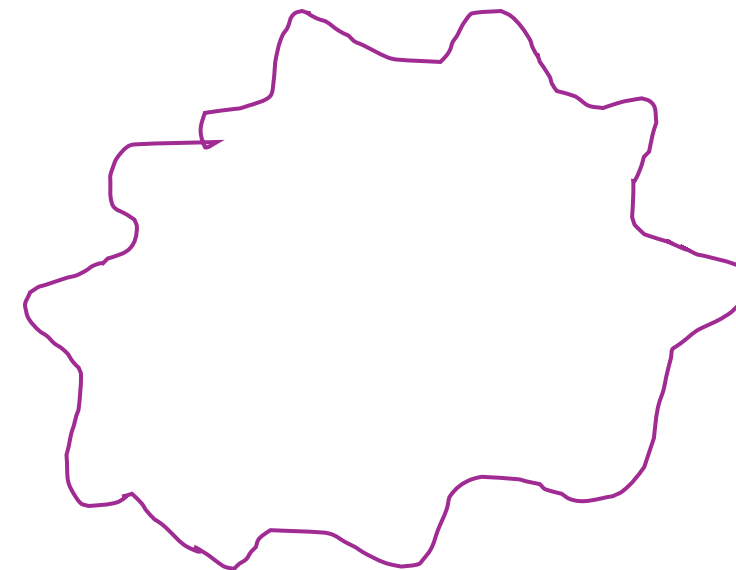
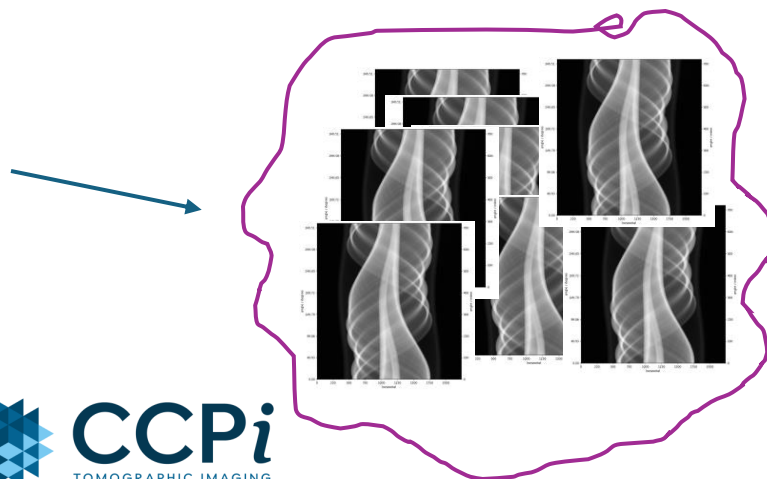
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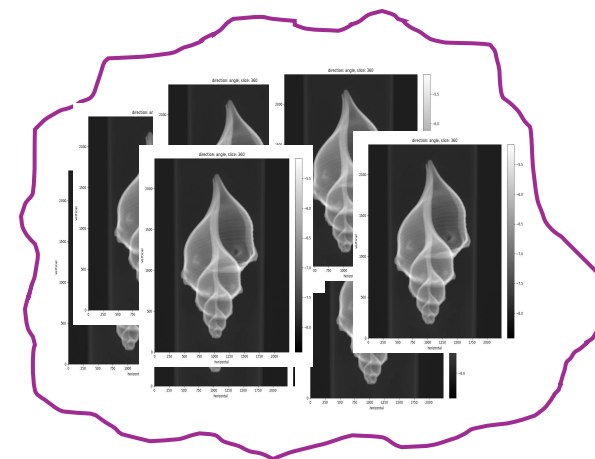
- Unsupervised

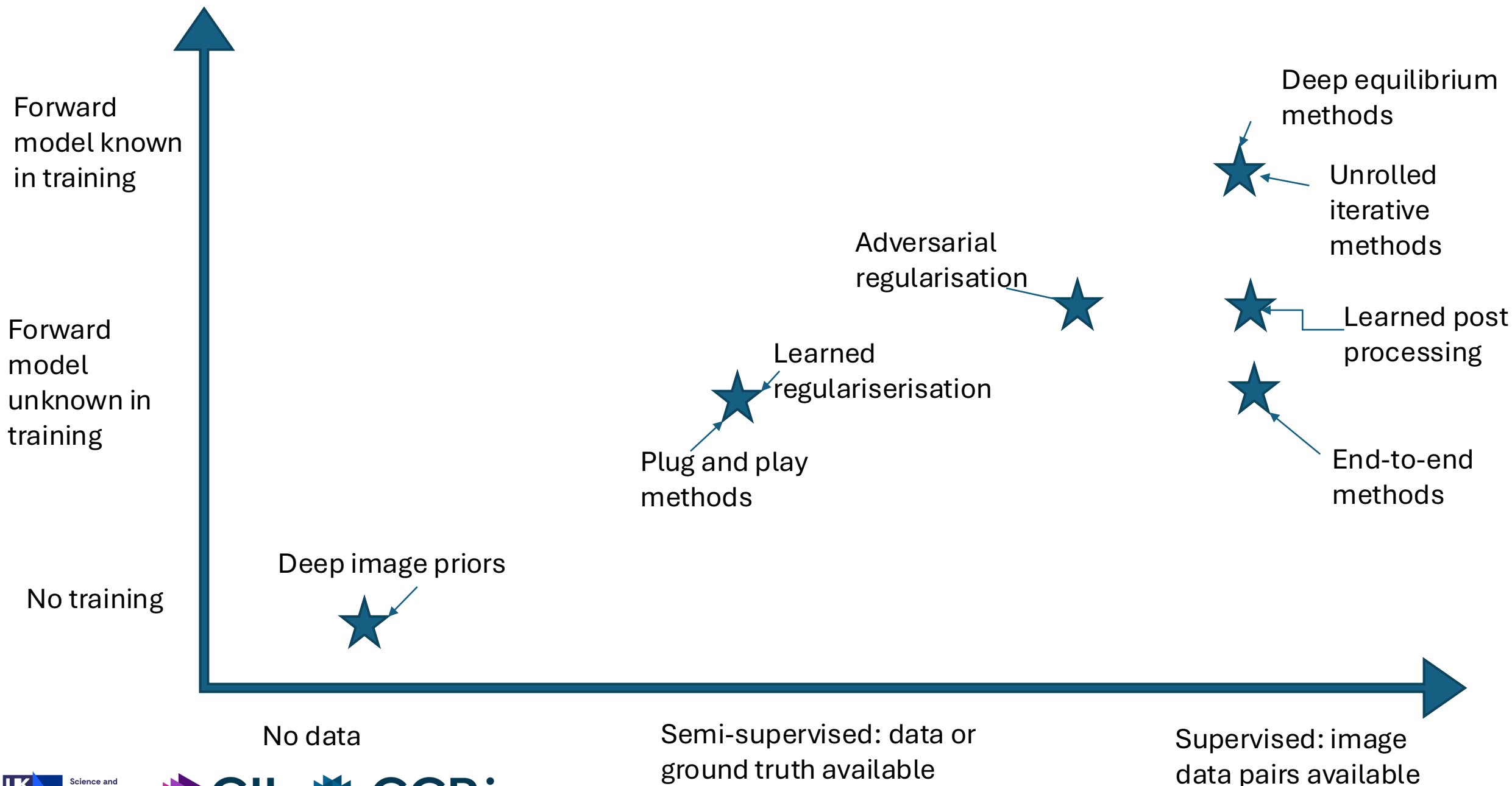


- Semi-supervised



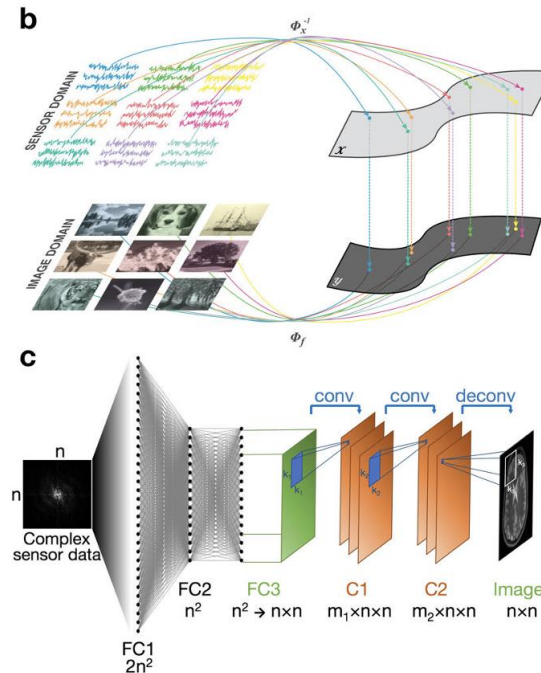
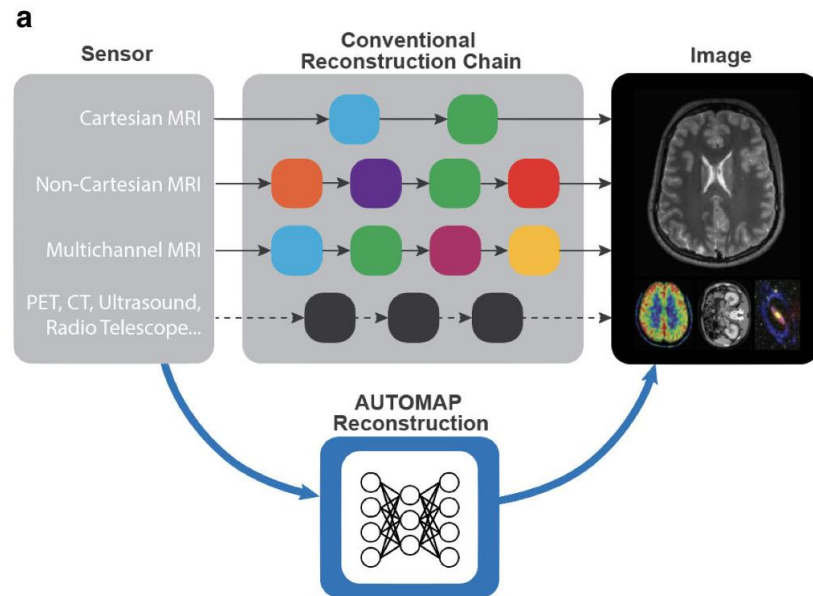
or





End-to-end methods

Idea: Train a network to go straight from data to reconstruction
e.g. AUTOMAP (2018)



Pros:

- Don't need any understanding on the physics
- Quick to evaluate

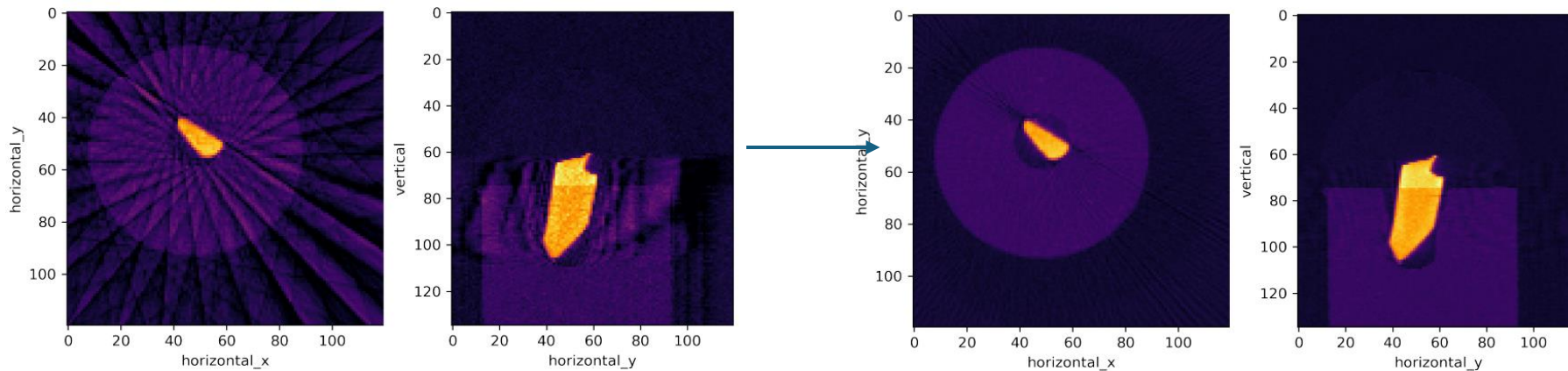
Cons:

- Needs a lot of data to be in any way robust or generalizable
- Networks have to map between very different spaces
- No guarantees the results are even physically reasonable
- Annoys lots of mathematicians and physicists!

Zhu, B., Liu, J., Cauley, S. *et al.* Image reconstruction by domain-transform manifold learning. *Nature* **555**, 487–492 (2018).
<https://doi.org/10.1038/nature25988>

Learned post-processing

Idea: Train a network to go from a rough reconstruction to a good reconstruction



Pros:

- Should do at least as well as the rough reconstruction
- Speed depends on rough reconstruction method but often quick to evaluate

Cons:

- You lose the guarantee that the reconstruction matches the data**
- Depends on the quality of the initial reconstruction
- Requires lots of examples of good data

Ji Zhao, Zhiqiang Chen, Li Zhang, and Xin Jin. “Few-view CT reconstruction method based on deep learning”. In: 2016 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium, Medical Imaging Conference and Room-Temperature Semiconductor Detector Workshop (NSS/MIC/RTSD) (2016), pp. 1–4.

Johannes Schwab, Stephan Antholzer, and Markus Haltmeier. “Deep null space learning for inverse problems: Convergence analysis and rates”. In: Inverse Problems 35 (2 2019), p. 025008.

Deep iterative-unrolled methods

We wish to minimize $D(u) = \|Au - b\|_2^2$ we could use gradient descent

$$u_{k+1} = u_k - \alpha_k \nabla D(u)_k \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

In iterative unrolled methods we do two things

1. Replace some part of the method with a neural network
2. Fix the final number of iterations

e.g. “Learning to learn by gradient descent”

$$u_{k+1} = u_k - f_{\theta_k}(\nabla D(u_k)) \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots K$$

Lots more examples for different algorithms!

Pros:

- Quick to evaluate
- Can include physical knowledge e.g. of the forward model
- Could do at least as well as the iterative model

Cons:

- You lose any guarantees
- Needs a lot of data to train

Andrychowicz, M., Denil, M., Gomez, S., Hoffman, M.W., Pfau, D., Schaul, T., Shillingford, B. and De Freitas, N., 2016. Learning to learn by gradient descent by gradient descent. *Advances in neural information processing systems*, 29.

Adler, J. and Öktem, O., 2018. Learned primal-dual reconstruction. *IEEE transactions on medical imaging*, 37(6), pp.1322-1332.

Learned regularisation

A couple of examples (in a large field):

- Regularisation by denoising

For a denoiser $W: X \rightarrow X$, consider $\operatorname{argmin}_{u \in X} D(Au, b) + \alpha \|W(u) - u\|_2^2$

- Adversarial regularisation

For a discriminator $W: X \rightarrow R_+$ where W is a neural network trained to give large values for “bad” images and small values for “good” images. Consider

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{u \in X} D(Au, b) + W(u)$$

Romano, Y., Elad, M. and Milanfar, P., 2017. The little engine that could: Regularization by denoising (RED). *SIAM journal on imaging sciences*, 10(4), pp.1804-1844.

Lunz, S., Öktem, O. and Schönlieb, C.B., 2018. Adversarial regularizers in inverse problems. *Advances in neural information processing systems*, 31.

Pros:

- Can be “explainable”
- Often can be trained using semi-supervised data

Cons:

- Often your networks are not convex so optimization becomes hard
- Iterative optimization can be slow

Deep Image Prior Methods

Before we wished to minimise

$$u^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_u D(Au, b) + \alpha R(u)$$

Consider now

$$\theta^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_u D(AG(\theta), b) + \alpha R(u)$$

Where the solution $u^* = G(\theta^*)$ and G is a network with weights θ .

Pros:

- Requires no training data
- Can benefit from implicit priors in Neural network

Cons:

- Need to train a NN to reconstruct each image
- Often requires early stopping

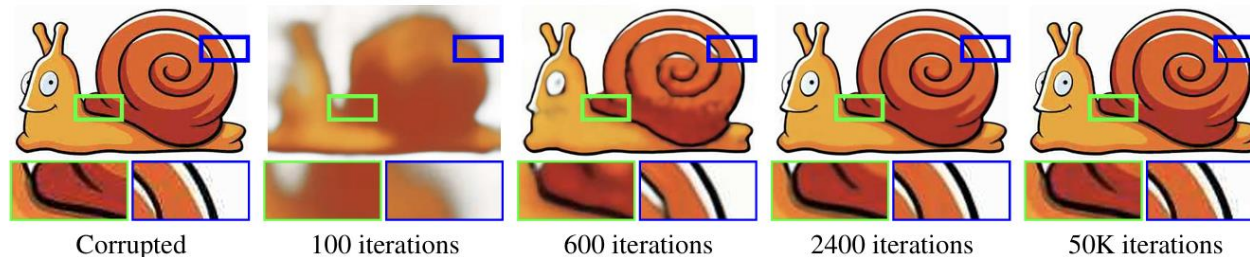


Figure 3: **Blind restoration of a JPEG-compressed image.** (*electronic zoom-in recommended*) Our approach can restore an image with a complex degradation (JPEG compression in this case). As the optimization process progresses, the deep image prior allows to recover most of the signal while getting rid of halos and blockiness (after 2400 iterations) before eventually overfitting to the input (at 50K iterations).

Ulyanov, D., Vedaldi, A. and Lempitsky, V., 2018. Deep image prior. In *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition* (pp. 9446-9454).

Plug and play methods

Proximal gradient descent methods optimize objectives such as

$$\operatorname{argmin}_u f(u) + g(u)$$

With steps

$$u_{k+1} = \operatorname{prox}_{\alpha_k, g}(u_k - \alpha_k \nabla f(u_k))$$

where

$$\operatorname{prox}_{\alpha_k, g}(u) = \operatorname{argmin}_x \frac{1}{2} \|x - u\|_2^2 + \alpha_k g(x)$$

in plug and play methods we replace this proximal with a learned denoiser.

There are many variations with different algorithms and denoisers.

Pros:

- Removes the need to explicitly define a regulariser
- In *some* cases can give convergence guarantees
- Can be trained with semi-supervised data

Cons:

- Iterative optimization methods can be computationally expensive

Venkatakrishnan, S.V., Bouman, C.A. and Wohlberg, B., 2013, December. Plug-and-play priors for model based reconstruction. In *2013 IEEE global conference on signal and information processing* (pp. 945-948). IEEE.

More areas to explore

We haven't mentioned:

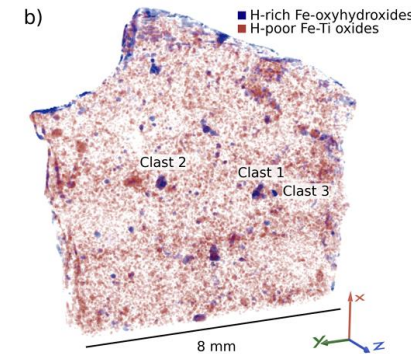
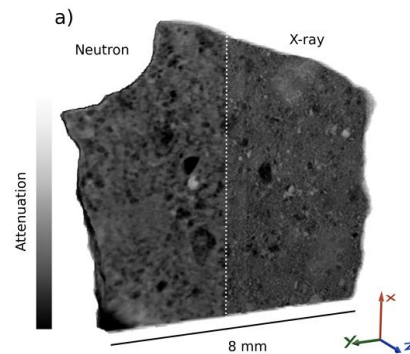
- Lots of extensions and adaptations of these methods
- Deep equilibrium methods
- Noise2noise, Noise2inverse...
- Bilevel learning approaches
-

Some places to look further (very incomplete list):

- Deep inverse <https://deepinv.github.io/deepinv/>
- Learned Iterative Optimisation Networks for CT (LION): <https://github.com/CambridgeCIA/LION>
- S. Mukherjee, A. Hauptmann, O. Öktem, M. Pereyra and C. -B. Schönlieb, "Learned Reconstruction Methods With Convergence Guarantees: A survey of concepts and applications," in *IEEE Signal Processing Magazine*, vol. 40, no. 1, pp. 164-182, Jan. 2023, doi: 10.1109/MSP.2022.3207451.
- Many more...

Challenges of Deep Learning and Inverse Problem Approaches

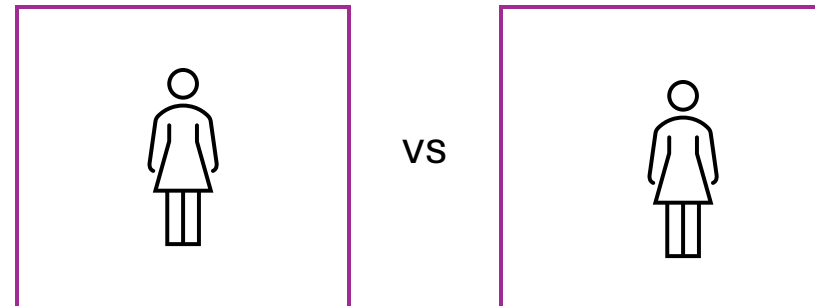
- Not enough data
- Too much data (data sizes)
- The needs of scientists/users
 - How do you define what a good image is?



Naver, E.B., et al. 2026. Direct detection of hydrogen reveals a new macroscopic crustal water reservoir on early Mars. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2601.08390*.



Waygate – NXCT Warwick – 4kx4k detector



A CIL example

CIL-User-Showcase/016_cil_torch_fista_pnp/fista_with_denoiser.ipynb

- How to create a CIL function to wrap a pytorch function or operator
- Examples of image reconstruction using a pre-trained denoiser in CIL
- Timings of the data copies between pytorch and CIL

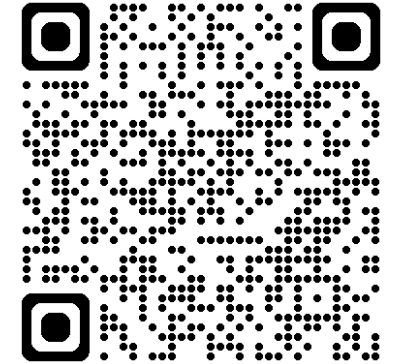
Extensions

- Some ideas in the notebook
- Look at https://github.com/TomographicImaging/CIL-Demos/blob/main/demos/4_Deep_Dives/03_htc_2022.ipynb - can you do better with a trained approach?
- Investigate other deep learning and inverse problem approaches
- Look at other notebooks and showcases

Find out more

Using CIL on your own

 CIL GitHub



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CIL - Core Imaging Library

build passing


Anaconda.org 25.0.0

Last updated 13 Aug 2025

Platforms osx-64,linux-64,win-64

downloads 32k total

launch binder



Welcome to CIL's documentation!

The aim of this package is to enable rapid prototyping of optimisation-based reconstruction problems, i.e. defining and solving different optimization problems to enforce different properties on the reconstructed image, while being powerful enough to be employed on real scale problems.

Firstly, it provides a framework to handle acquisition and reconstruction data and metadata; it also provides a basic input/output package to read data from different sources, e.g. Nikon X-Radia, NeXus.

Secondly, it provides an object-oriented framework for defining mathematical operators and functions as well a collection of useful example operators and functions. Both smooth and non-smooth functions can be used.

Further, it provides a number of high-level generic implementations of optimisation algorithms to solve generically formulated optimisation problems constructed from operator and function objects.

Demos and Examples

A number of demos can be found in the [CIL-Demos](#) repository.

The Core Imaging Library (CIL) is an open-source Python framework imaging with particular emphasis on reconstruction of challenging data. Filtered backprojection reconstruction tends to be insufficient for high non-standard or multichannel data arising for example in dynamic, spiral tomography. CIL provides an extensive modular optimisation framework reconstruction methods including sparsity and total variation regularisation for loading, preprocessing and visualising tomographic data.

Documentation

The documentation for CIL can be accessed [here](#).

Installation of CIL

Conda

Binary installation of CIL can be achieved with `conda`.

We recommend using either `miniconda` or `miniforge`, which are both available for `conda`. We also recommend a `conda` version of at least `23.10`.

Demos and examples

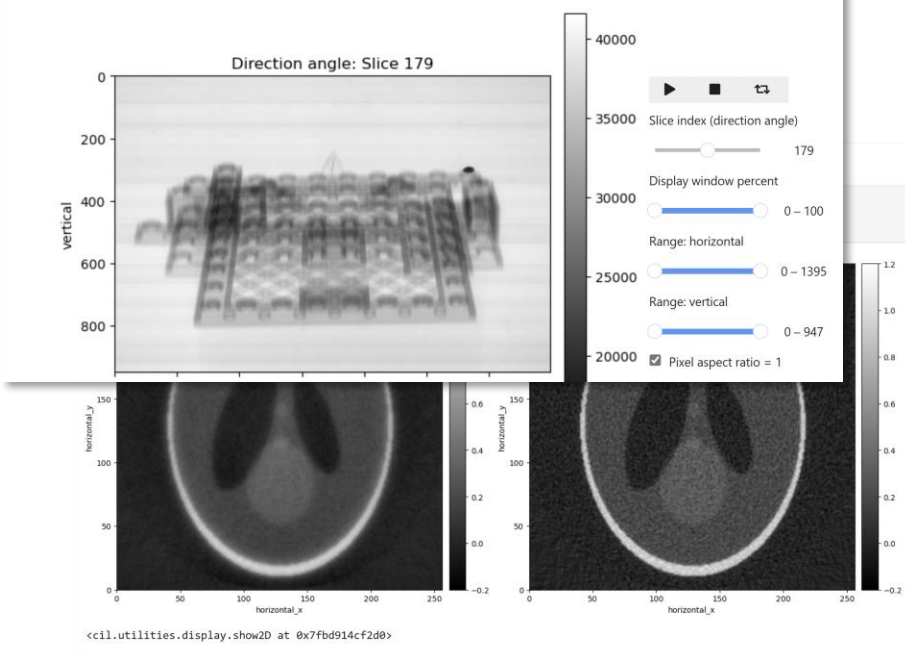
21+ demo notebooks

As we have already defined our acquisition geometry we can use the function `read_as_AcquisitionData()` to pass this to the reader. The reader will use this to configure and return an `AcquisitionData` object containing the data and the geometry describing it.

```
path = 'Lego_Lamino30deg_XTH/'

reader = TIFFStackReader(file_name=os.path.join(path_common, path), roi=roi, mode='slice')
acq_data_raw = reader.read_as_AcquisitionData(ag)

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```

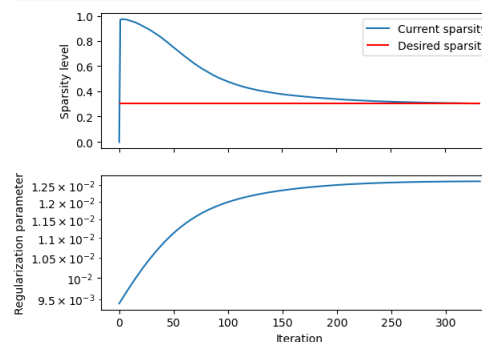


14 contributed notebooks showcasing interesting uses of CIL

```
In [24]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

N = fista_controlled.iterations[-1]
fig, ax = plt.subplots(2)
ax[0].plot(sparsity_ctrl.sparsity_vals, label='Current sparsity')
ax[0].hlines(sparsity_ctrl.desired_sparsity, xmin=0, xmax=N, colors='r', label='Desired sparsity')
ax[0].set_ylabel("Sparsity level")
ax[0].legend()

ax[1].semilogy(sparsity_ctrl.reg_param_vals)
ax[1].set_ylabel("Regularization parameter")
ax[1].set_xlabel("Iteration")
for a in ax.flat:
    a.label_outer()
```

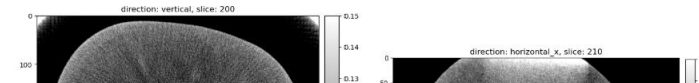



Here we can see how increasing the regularization parameter (lower plot) drives the sparsity level down towards the desired level (top plot). The iteration can be stopped once the suitable level has been reached (and the relative change is small enough).

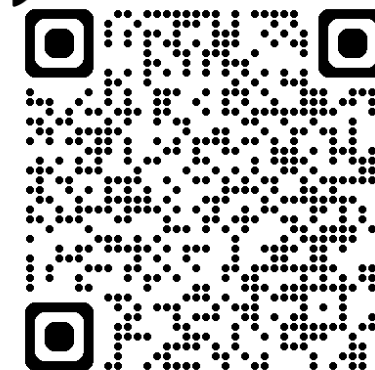
Notice also how the tuning is adaptive, in the sense that as we get closer to the desired sparsity level, the incremental changes in the regularization parameter get finer.

Adjusting the contrast we can see there still remains a bright circular artifact in the horizontal slice and a stripe pattern in the vertical slice.

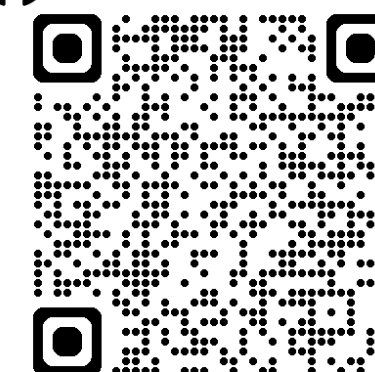
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In [18]: show2D(recon, slice_list=[('vertical', 200), ('horizontal_x', 210)], fix_range=(0.05, 0.15), origin='upper-left')
```



 CIL-Demos



 User showcase



CIL Publications

Jørgensen et al.: *Core Imaging Library - Part I: a versatile Python framework for tomographic imaging* Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A. **379** 20200192 (2021) DOI: [10.1098/rsta.2020.0192](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsta.2020.0192)

Papoutsellis et al.: *Core Imaging Library - Part II: multichannel reconstruction for dynamic and spectral tomography* Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A. **379** 20200193 (2021) DOI: [10.1098/rsta.2020.0193](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsta.2020.0193)

Jørgensen et al.: *A directional regularization method for the limited-angle Helsinki Tomography Challenge using the Core Imaging Library (CIL)*, Applied Mathematics for Modern Challenges, Volume **1**, Issue 2: 143-169. (2023) [10.3934/ammc.2023011](https://doi.org/10.3934/ammc.2023011)

Ametova et al.: *Crystalline phase discriminating neutron tomography using advanced reconstruction methods*, J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys. **54** 325502 (2021) DOI [10.1088/1361-6463/ac02f9](https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6463/ac02f9)

Warr R. et al.: *Enhanced hyperspectral tomography for bioimaging by spatio-spectral reconstruction* Sci Rep **11**, 20818 (2021) DOI: [10.1038/s41598-021-00146-4](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-021-00146-4)

Brown R. et al.: *Motion estimation and correction for simultaneous PET/MR using SIRF and CIL* Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A. **379** 20200208 (2021) DOI: [10.1098/rsta.2020.0208](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsta.2020.0208)

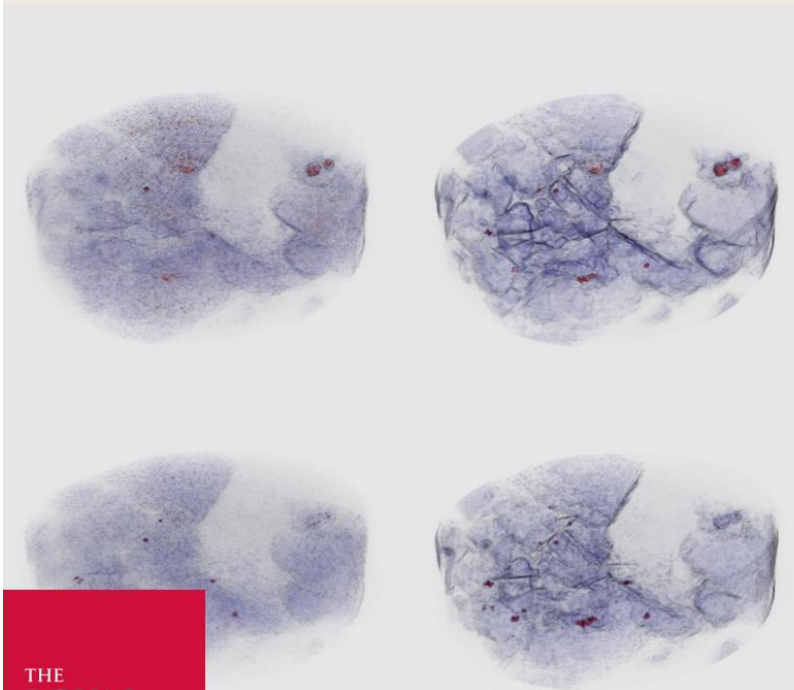
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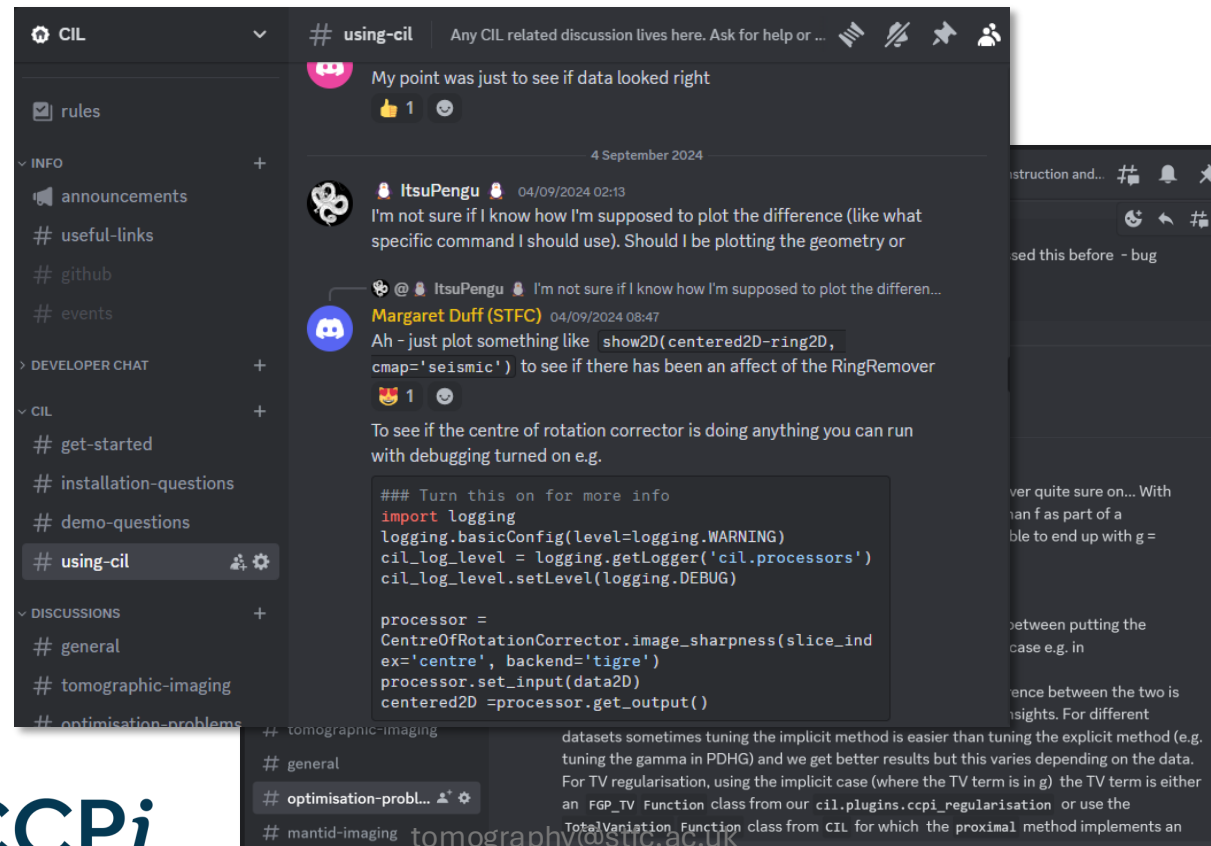
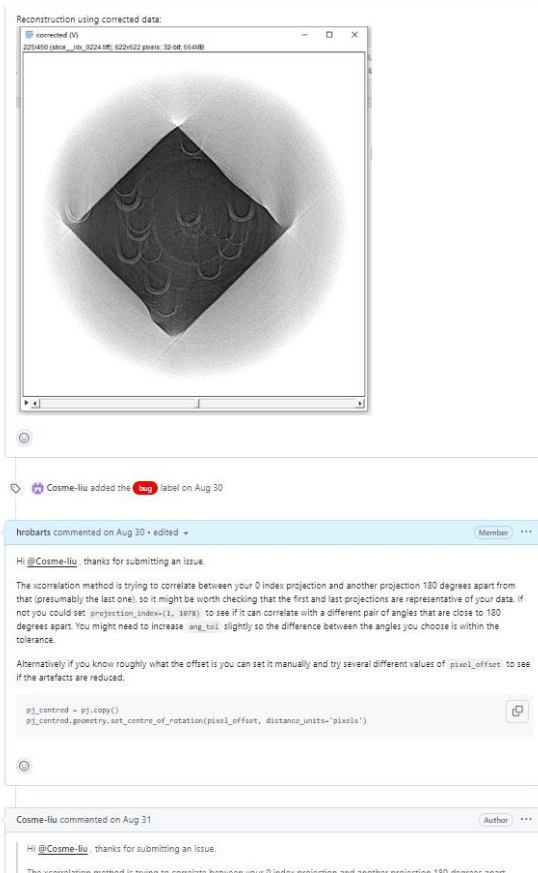
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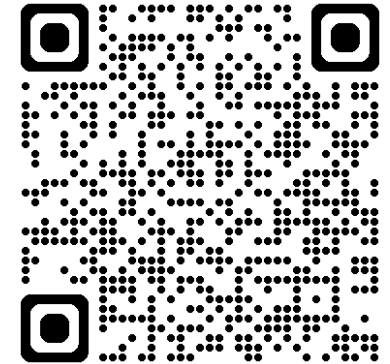
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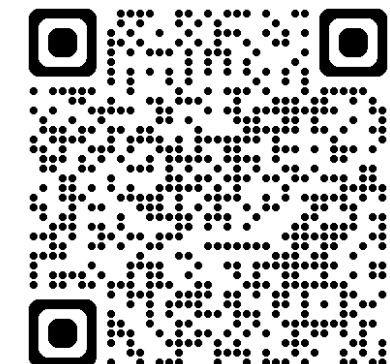
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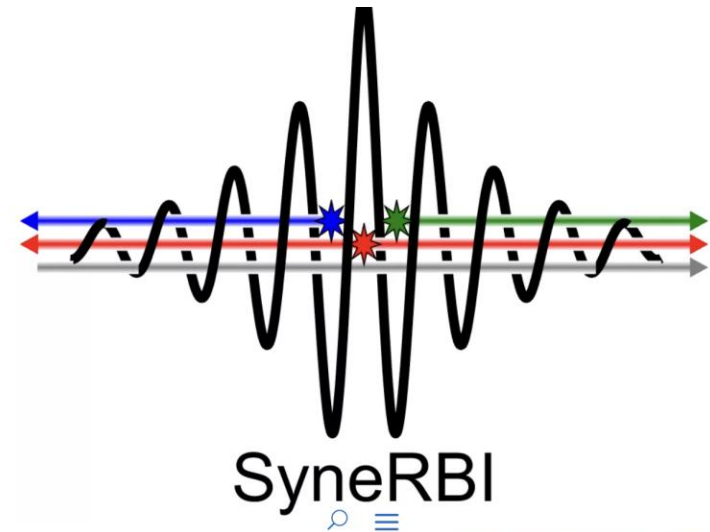
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Wrap up

- CIL is an Open Source mostly Python library for all your tomographic needs:
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 - pre-processing
 - Reconstruction
 - Visualisation
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