Welcome to the QIM + CIL (Core Imaging Library) Reconstruction Workshop: Understanding the impact on image analysis

Grab some post-its and, on separate post-its, write:

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Keep your post-its, we will talk about them later!

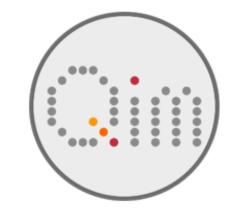








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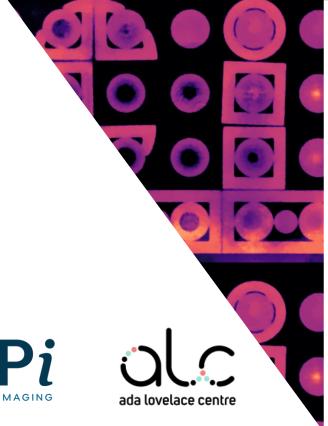
Reproducible Tomographic Image Processing with the Core Imaging Library

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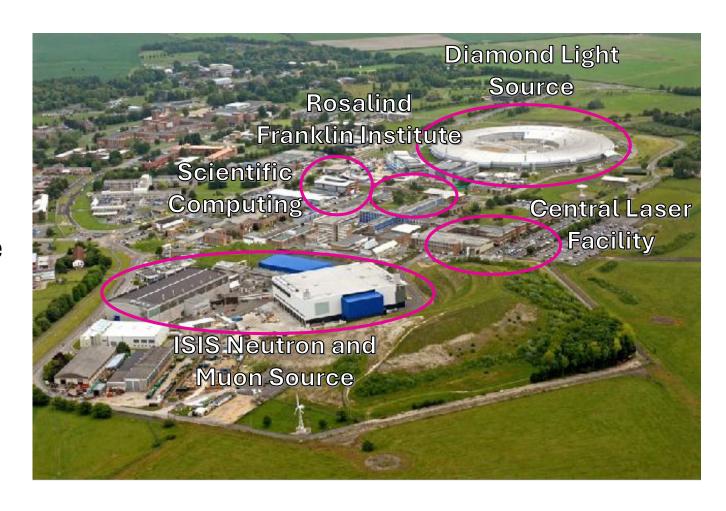






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- Scientific Computing provides computing infrastructure, software, support and expertise
- CIL team also at DTU and Finden







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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









Goals for this workshop

- Introduce tomography and the Core Imaging Library (CIL)
 - Standard reconstruction methods
 - Data processing in CIL
 - Iterative reconstruction methods

- Show example tailored reconstruction methods on challenging data
- Get you ready to use CIL on your own data





Introductions

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Training plan

Session 1 – Welcome, reading and preprocessing (1 hr 30 mins)

- Welcome and introductions (10mins)
- Introduction to CIL (15mins)
- Get started with the cloud and ESRF pipeline example (20mins)
- Review of ESRF reconstruction pipeline (10mins)
- Exercises preprocessing or construction your own reader (25mins)
- Wrap up of first session (10mins)

Break (30mins)

Session 2 – introduction to iterative reconstruction methods (1 hr 15 mins)

- Intro to iterative reconstruction methods (10mins)
- Example limited angle notebook (20mins)
- Review of the limited angle notebook (10mins)
- Intro to regularisation (10mins)
- Notebooks to explore regularisation (25mins)

Final questions, discussions and next steps (15mins)

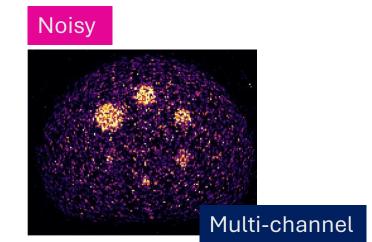


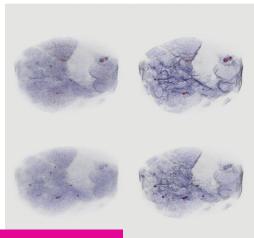




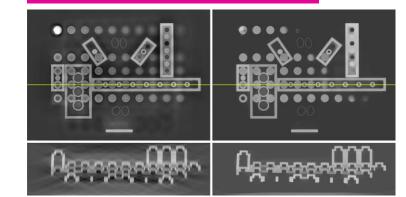
Core Imaging Library (CIL)

- Open-source python framework for CT
- Methods for cone and parallel beam geometries
- Tools for reading, processing, reconstructing and visualising CT data
- Optimisation tools for iterative reconstruction methods with a focus on challenging data





Non-standard Geometries

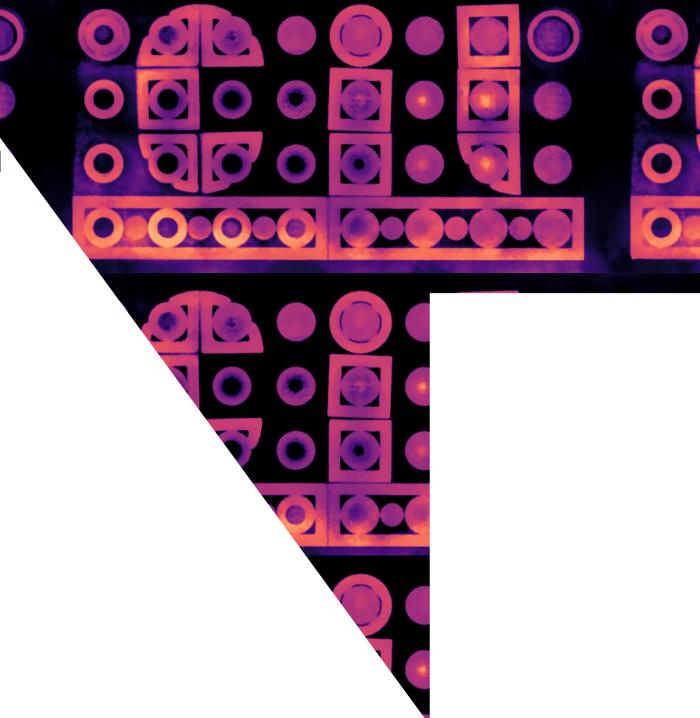








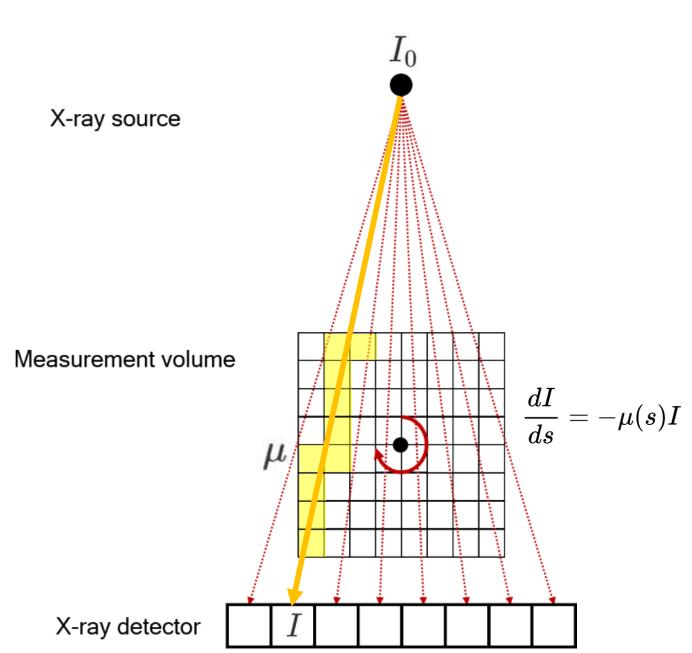
Filtered Back Projection Reconstruction



Tomography

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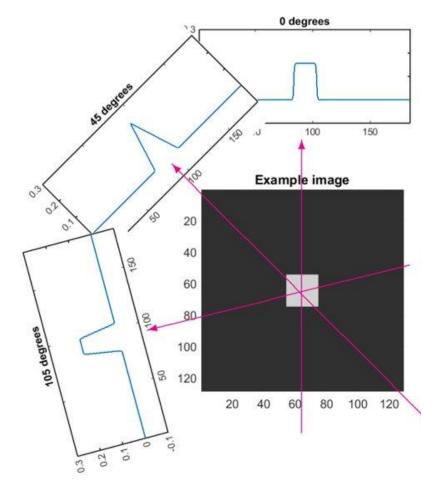
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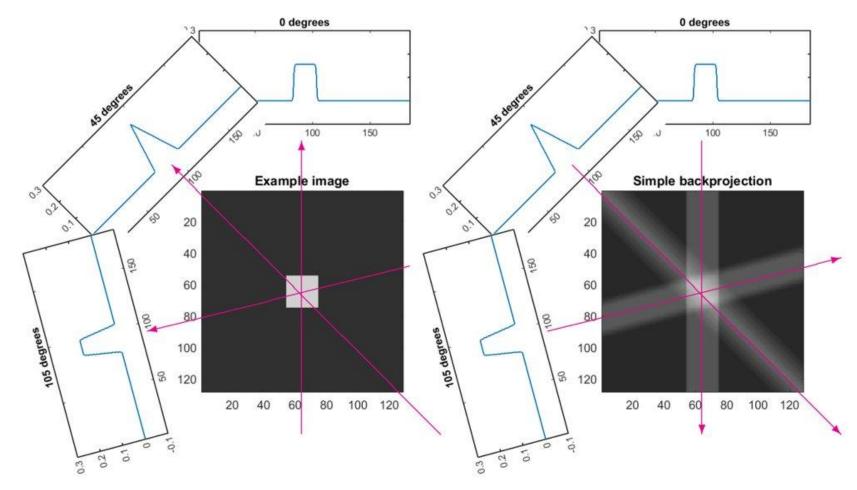












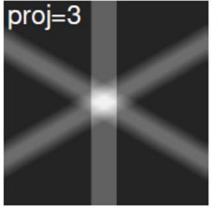


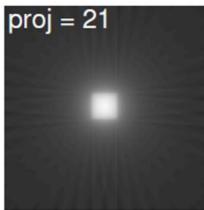


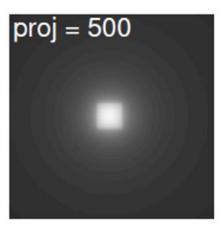


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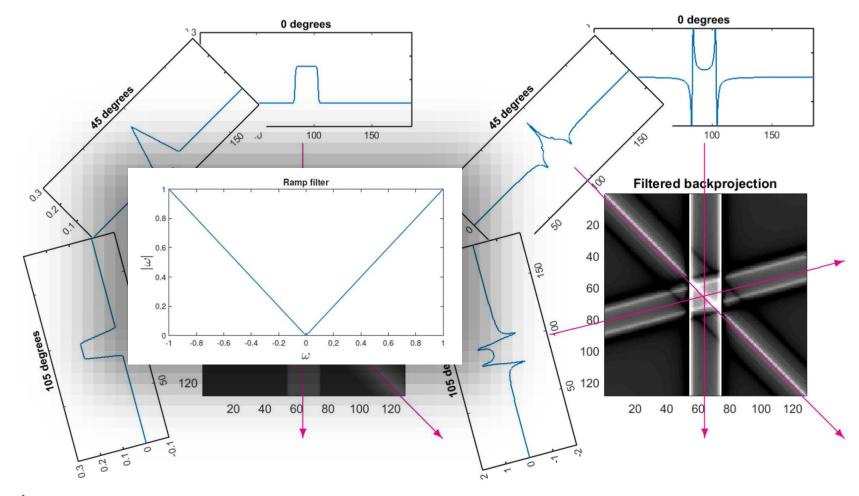






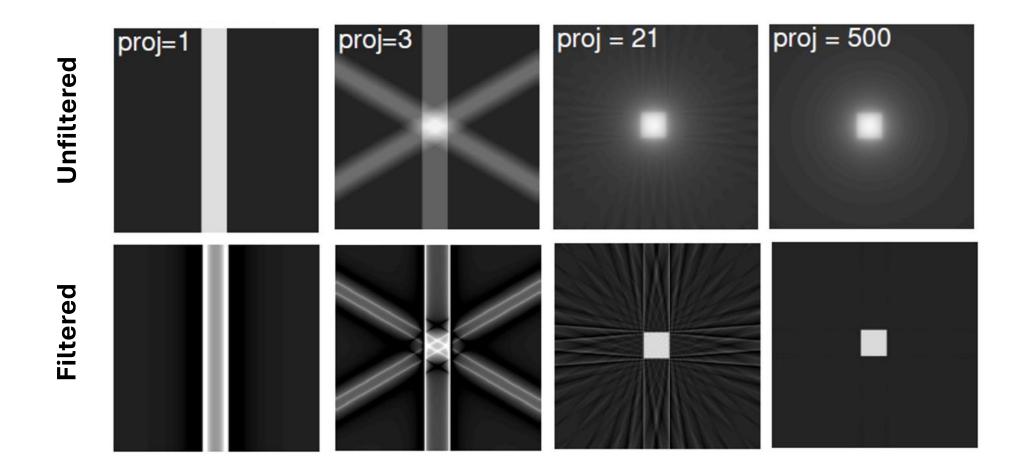


















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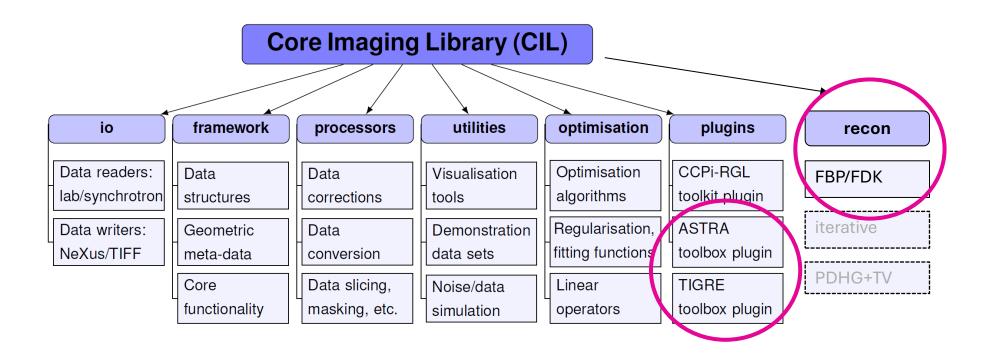








Filtered Back Projection in CIL



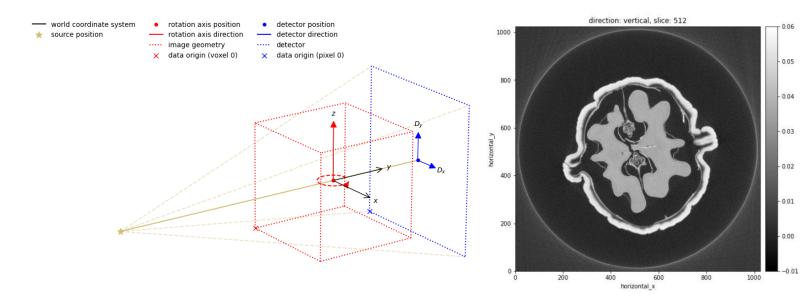




Filtered Back Projection in CIL

- Accelerated with TIGRE ☐ or ASTRA ☒ toolboxes
- Optimised standard algorithms for large data

```
data = ZEISSDataReader(filename).read()
data = TransmissionAbsorptionConverter()(data)
show_geometry(data.geometry)
recon = FDK(data).run()
show2D(recon)
```



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Data Processing Methods

framework

Data

structures

Geometric

meta-data

functionality

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Data readers:

Data writers:

NeXus/TIFF

lab/synchrotron

Core Imaging Library (CIL)

rocessors

corrections

conversion

Data slicing,

masking, etc.

Data

Data

utilities

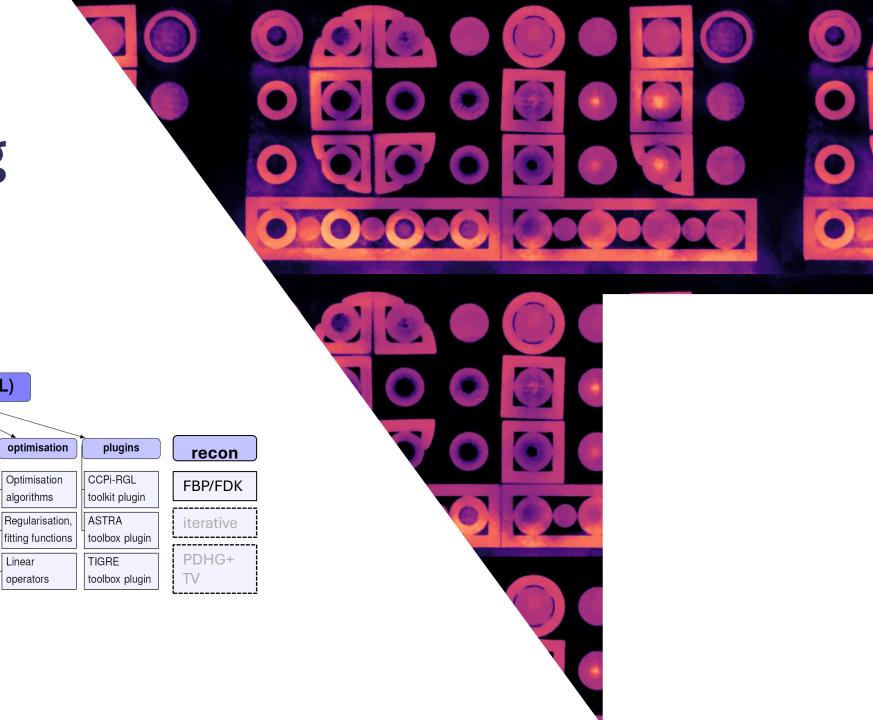
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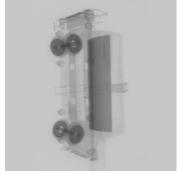
Noise/data

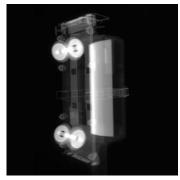
simulation



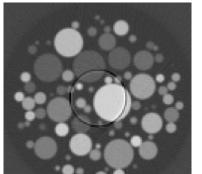
Data processing methods

Convert to absorption





Ring removal

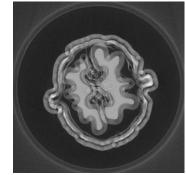


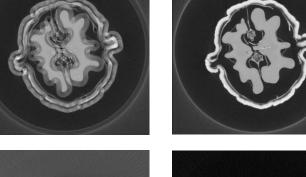


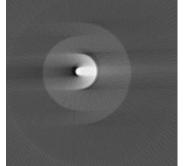


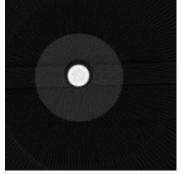


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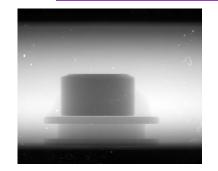


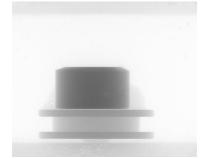




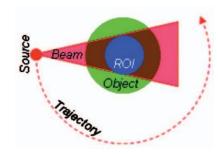


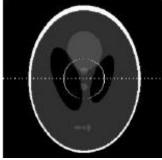
Flat-field correction

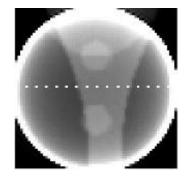


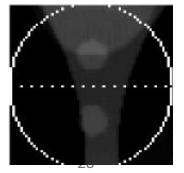


Region of interest scans





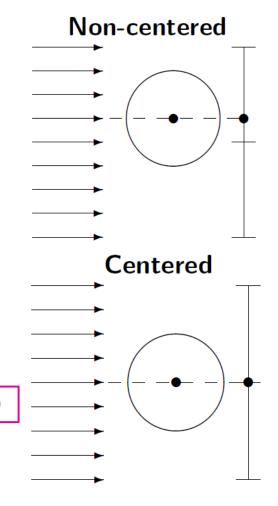




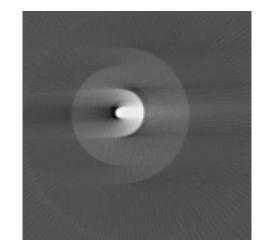
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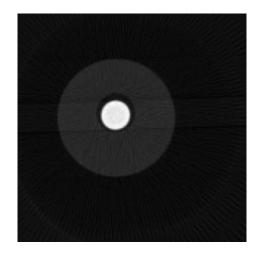
- CoR: The projection of the axis of rotation onto the detector
- Reconstruction assumes axis of rotation is horizontally centred on detector
- Offset introduces blurring and artifacts
- We correct for this by updating our geometry

CentreOfRotationCorrector.image_sharpness()(data)



Parallel Beam







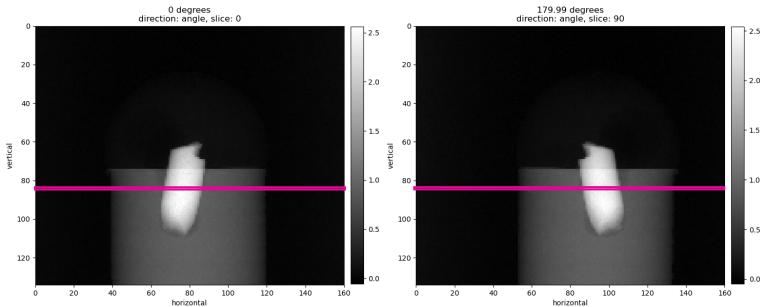






Centre of Rotation in CIL – X Correlation

- For parallel beam geometry
- Requires two rows 180 degrees apart



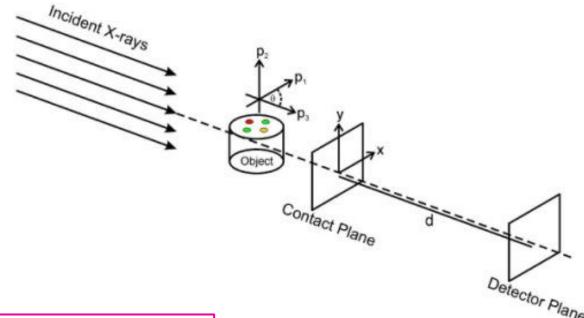






Phase retrieval

- Phase contrast imaging combines absorption data with phase information
- Can provide additional contrast for samples with similar materials
- Phase retrieval methods (e.g. Paganin) separate phase information and boost signal to noise (SNR)



```
processor = PaganinProcessor(delta=delta, beta=beta,
                             energy=energy, energy_units='keV',
                             full retrieval=False)
processor.set input(data before)
data = processor.get output()
```





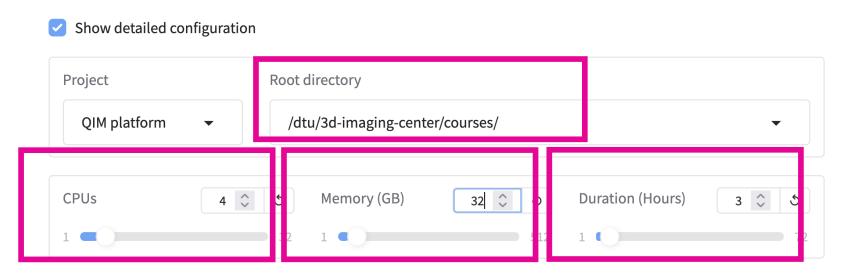


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• Exercises at CIL Jupyter notebook server:

https://dev.platform.qim.dk/tools/jupyter-launcher

Jupyter Launcher



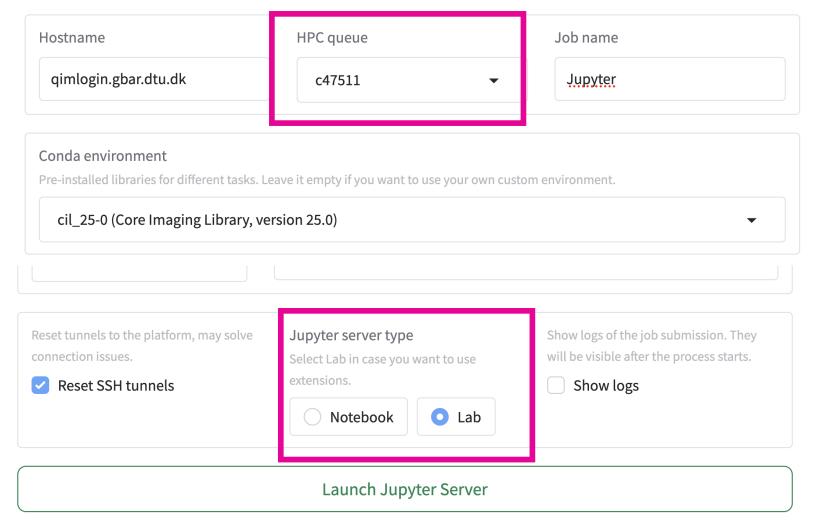








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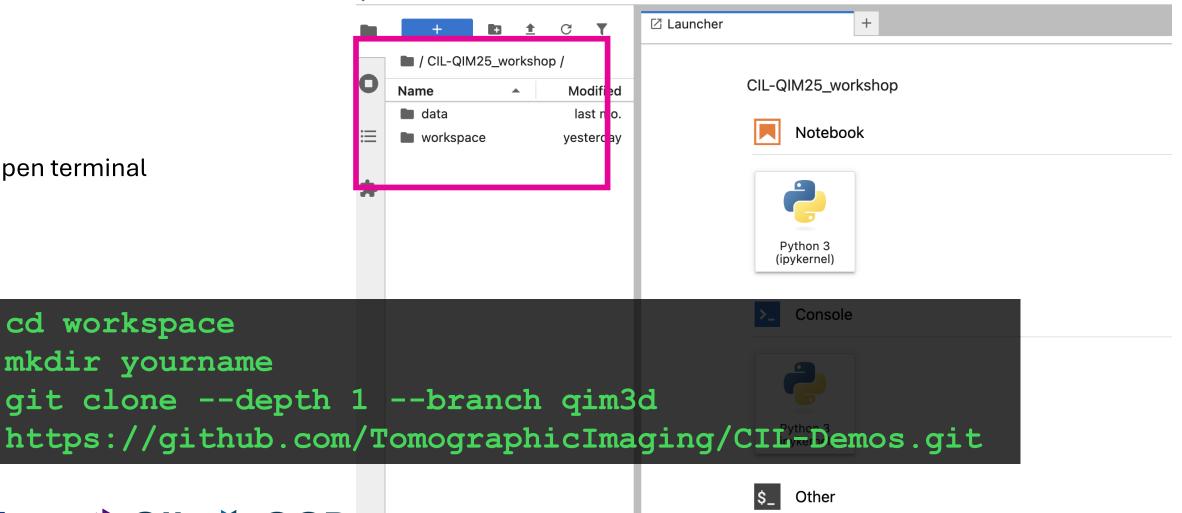






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Open terminal







cd workspace

mkdir yourname







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CIL ESRF pipeline

CIL-Demos/demos/4_Deep_Dives/05_esrf_pipeline.ipynb

- Pipeline specifically designed for ESRF data
- Configurable for reading different datasets
- Demonstrating pre-processors for common artefacts in synchrotron datasets

20 minutes to run the notebook, then discussion





CIL ESRF pipeline discussion

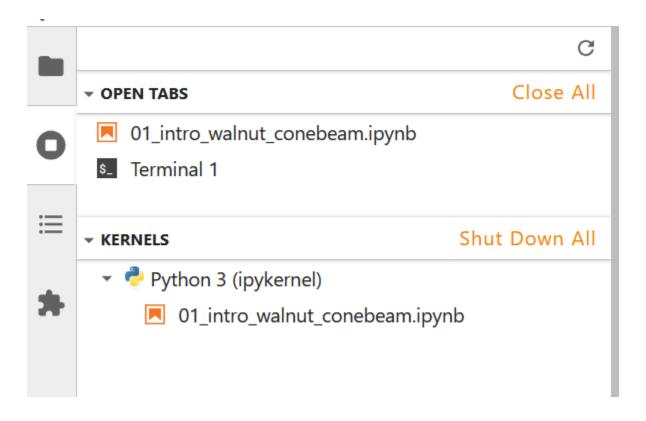








Shut Down Notebooks



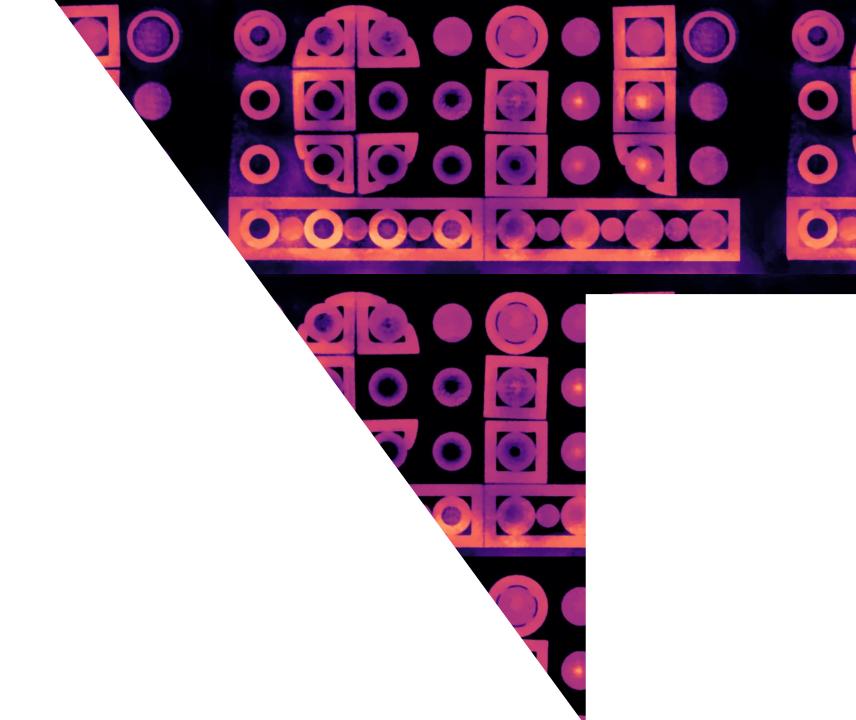








Over to you!



Exercises

- Notebooks with lines for you to fill in!
- Either:
 - More investigation of pre-processing methods:

CIL-Demos/demos/1_Introduction/exercises/02_preprocessing_seeds_conebeam.ipynb

• Try configuring a custom data reader:

CIL-Demos/demos/1_Introduction/exercises/03_where_is_my_reader.ipynb

25 minutes to run the notebook, then discussion









Exercise discussion







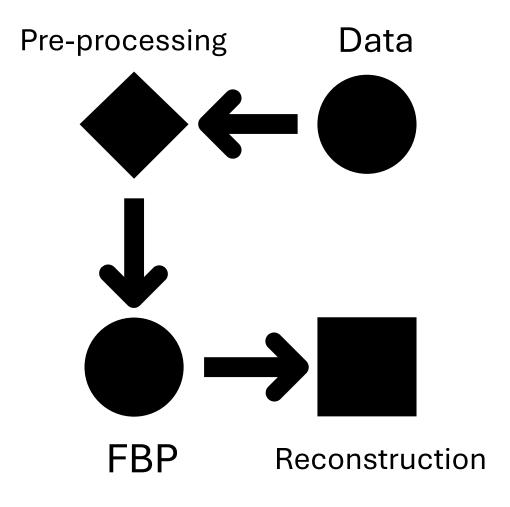


Wrap up

Filtered back-projection is very good!

- If your data is good it should work well
- Make sure you've defined your geometry correctly
- Do any necessary preprocessing

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





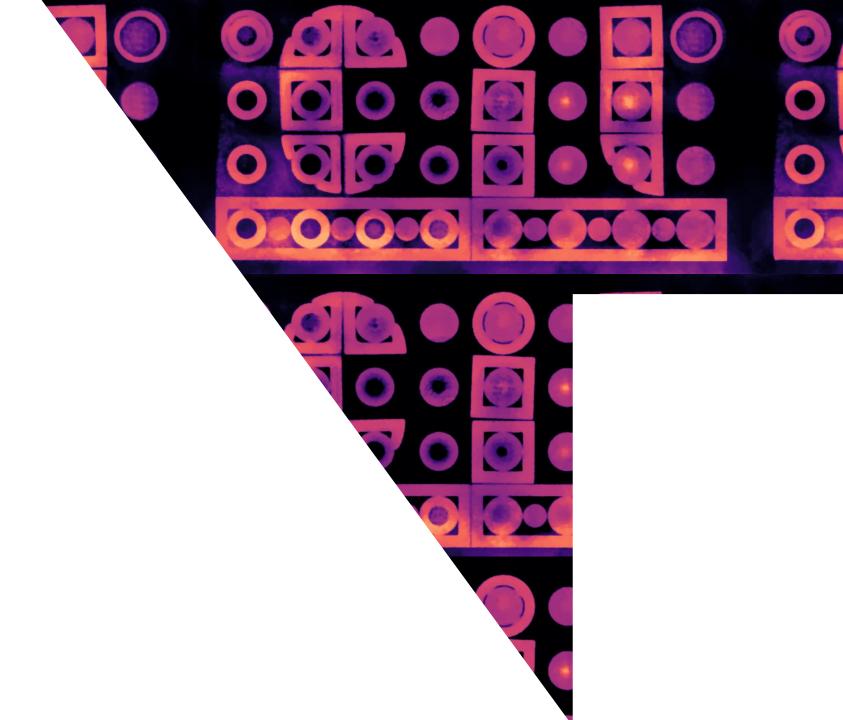




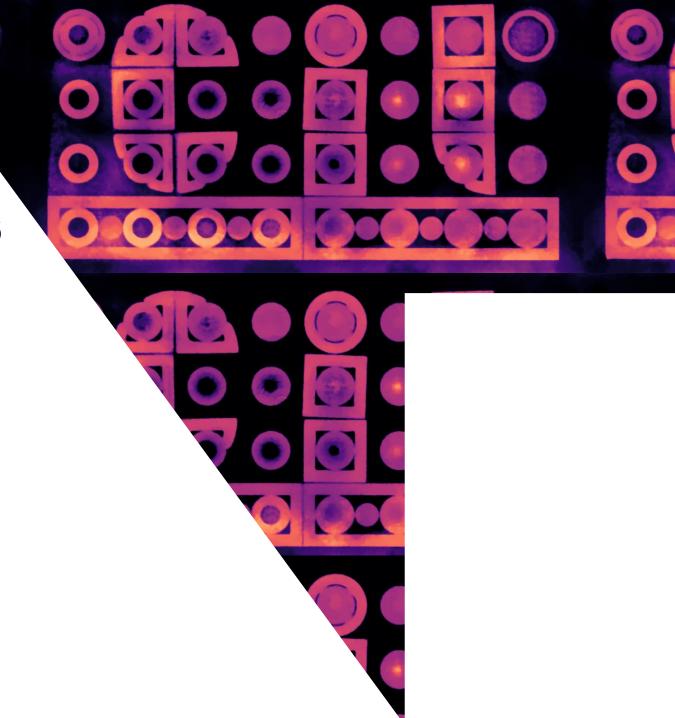




30min break



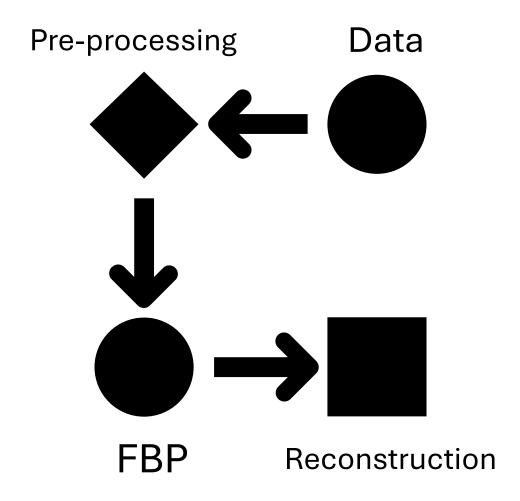
Introduction to Iterative Reconstruction Methods



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Take-away

Filtered back-projection is very good! If data is good, look no further!

If data is *bad*, iterative reconstruction may help, but Different kinds of *bad* need different methods.

CIL provides a range of iterative reconstruction methods for CT and other inverse problems

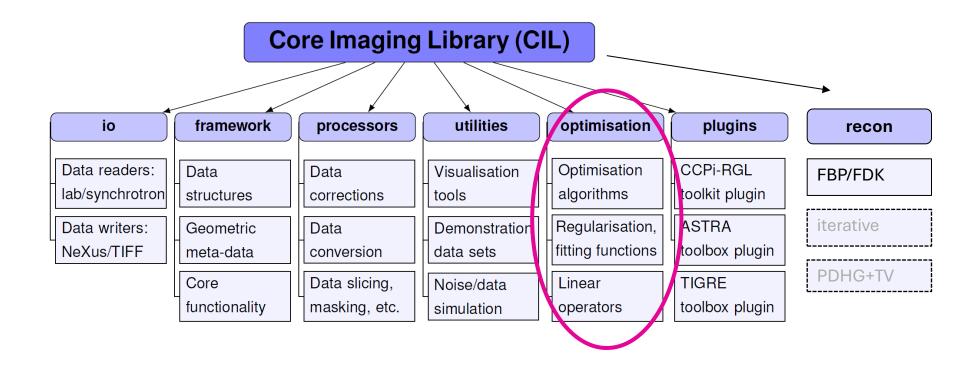








Iterative reconstruction methods







Imaging Model for Iterative Reconstruction

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

X-ray source

Extremely large set of linear equations!

Measurement volume

- Assume the object is constant in each pixel
- ullet u_i is the j-th pixel value
- ullet a_{ij} is the path length in the j-th pixel

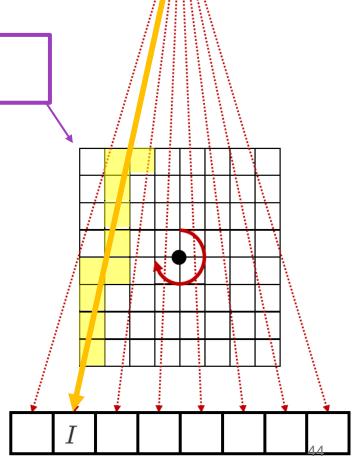




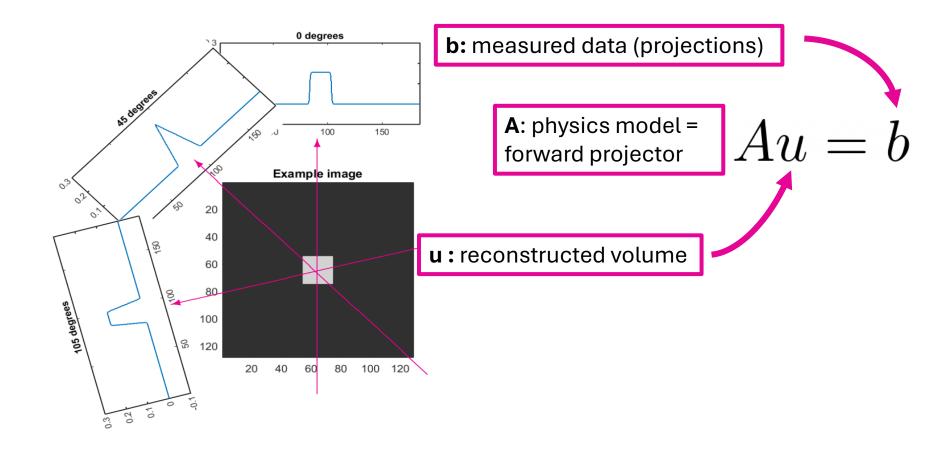




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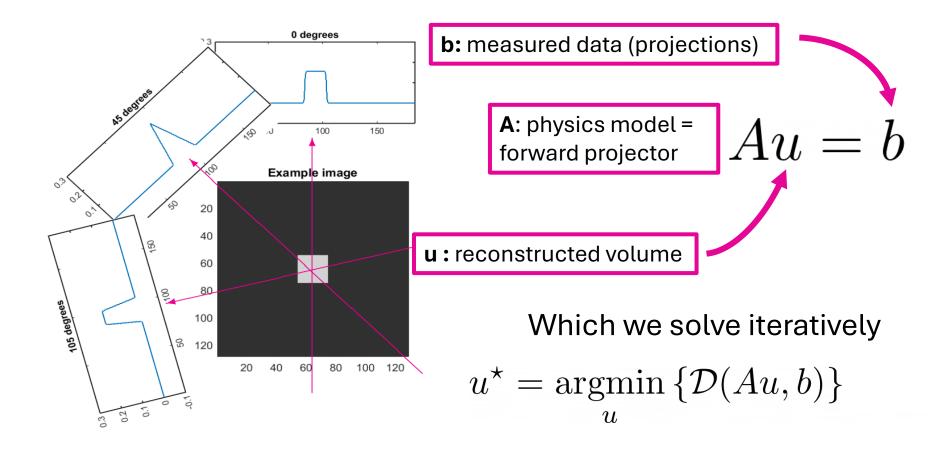
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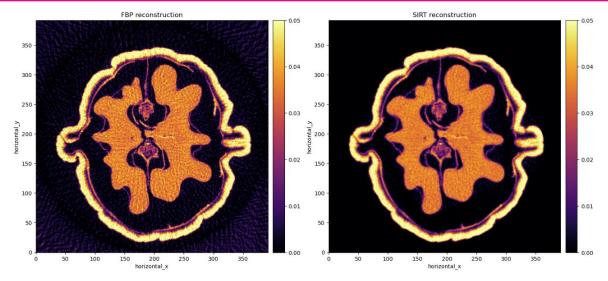


Iterative Reconstruction in CIL

$$Au = b$$

Construct the iterative reconstruction method based on optimisation algorithms and objective functions

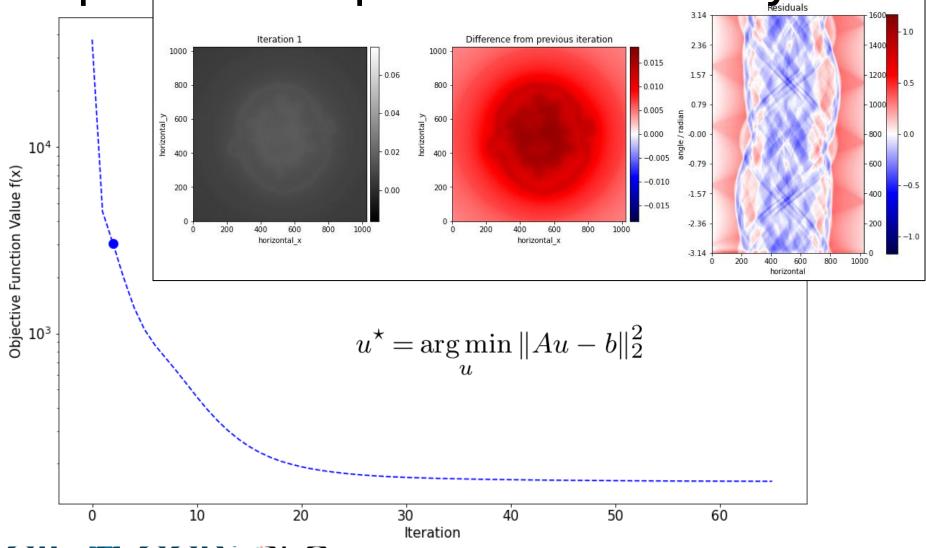
$$u^* = \underset{u}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{ \mathcal{D}(Au, b) \}$$











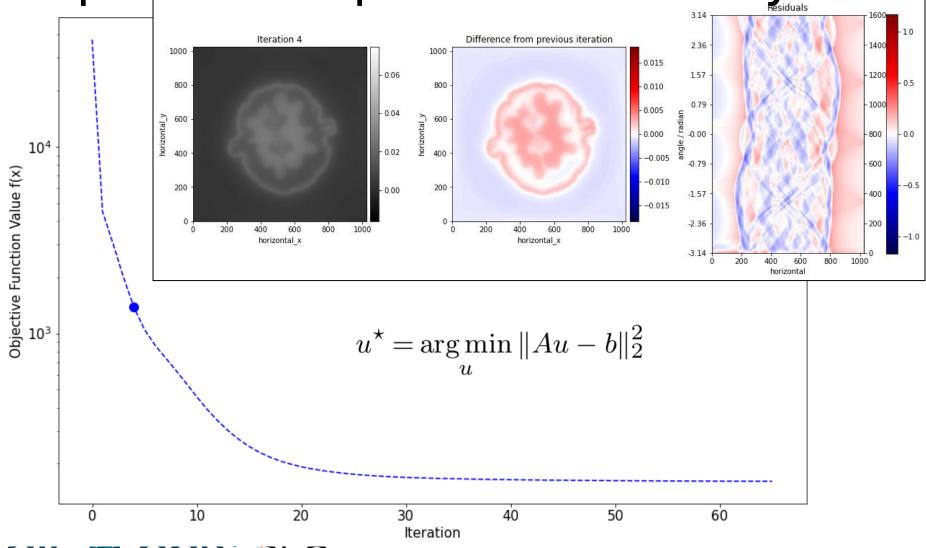












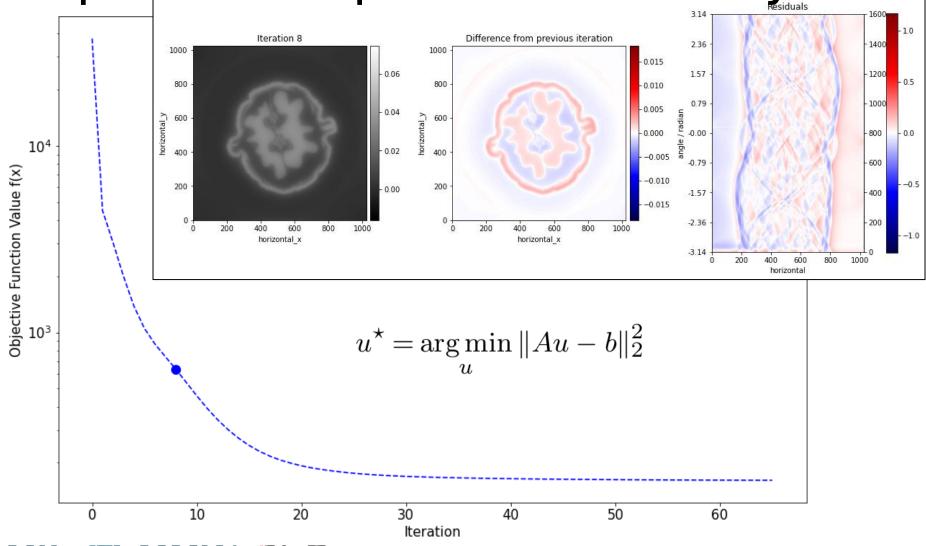












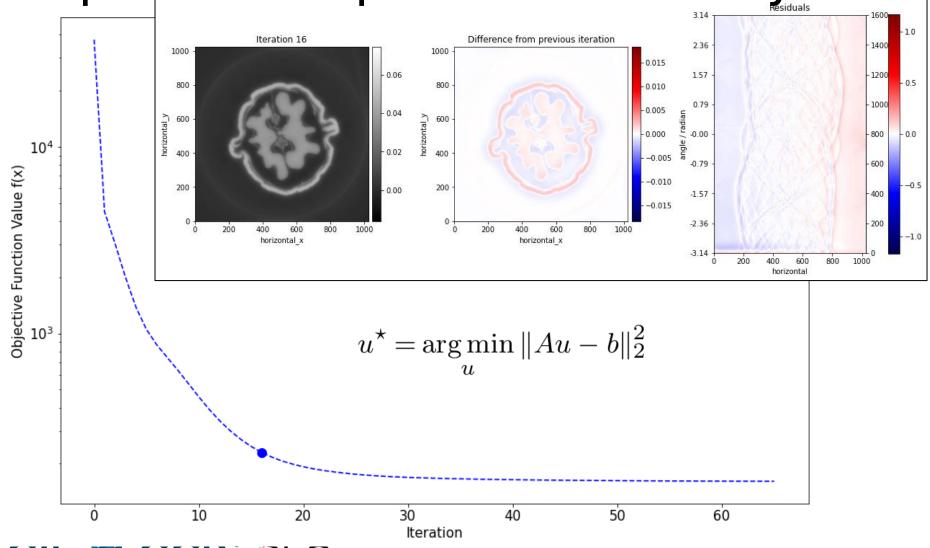












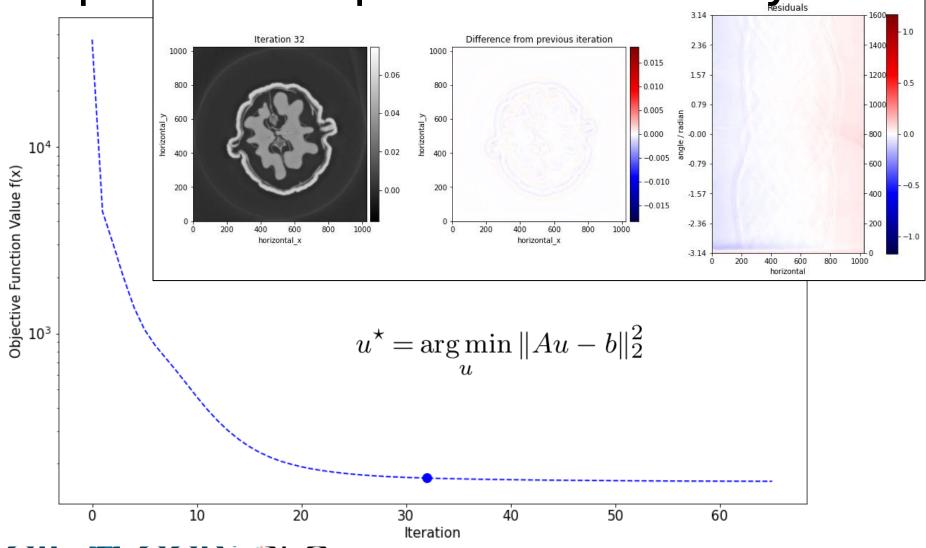












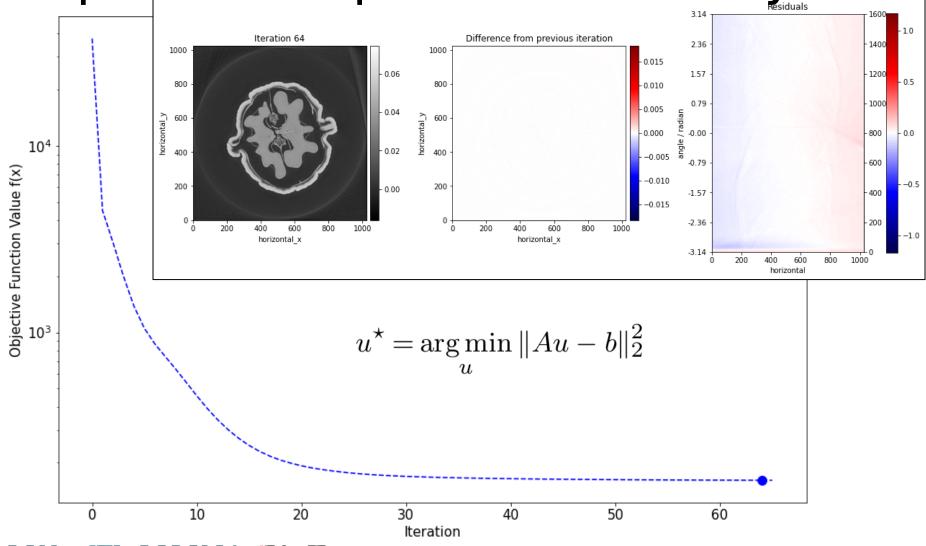






















Iterative reconstruction demo

CIL-Demos/demos/1_Introduction/05_usb_limited_angle_fbp_sirt notebook

- Compare SIRT reconstruction to FBP reconstruction on limited angle data.
- Modify image geometry to reduce reconstruction volume to save memory and time.

20 minutes to run the notebook, then discussion

Extension: run with different numbers of angles or try 1_Introduction/04_FBP_CGLS_SIRT.ipynb





Iterative reconstruction demo - discussion

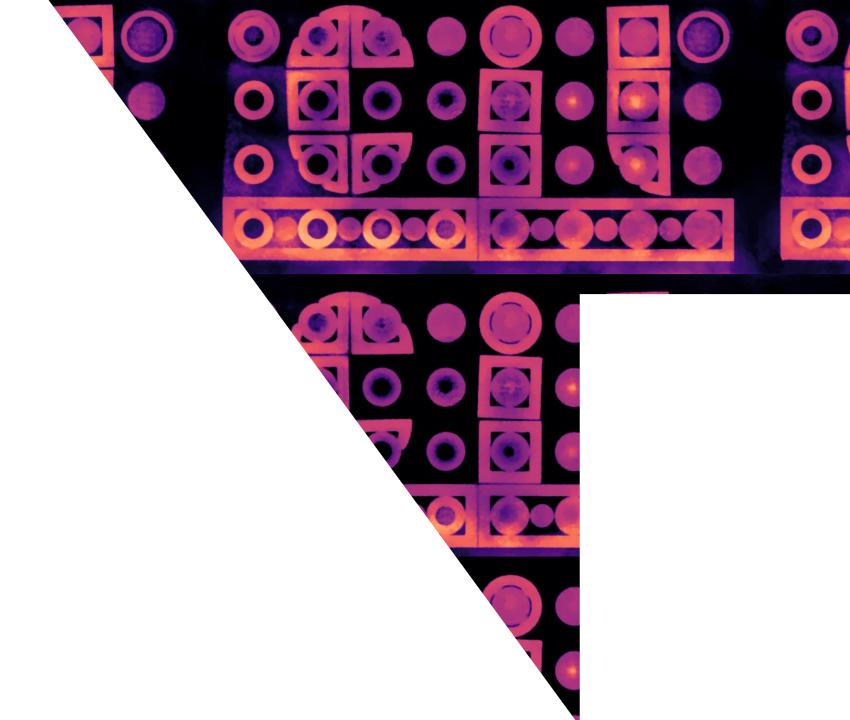








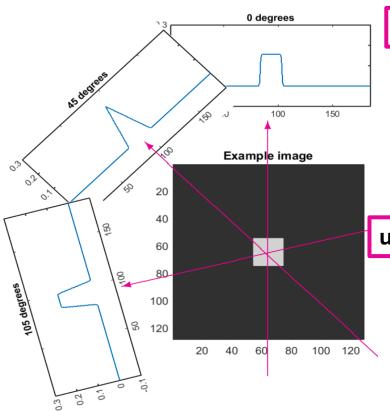
Introduction to Regularisation



Iterative Reconstruction

Ill posed problem)





b: measured data (projections)

A: physics model = forward projector

Au = b

u: reconstructed volume

In case either:

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

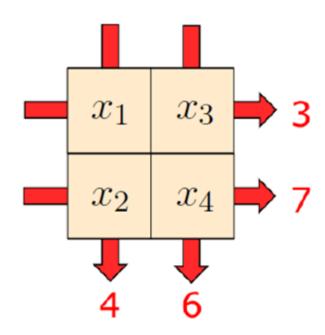
Which we solve iteratively

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





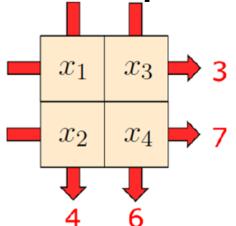










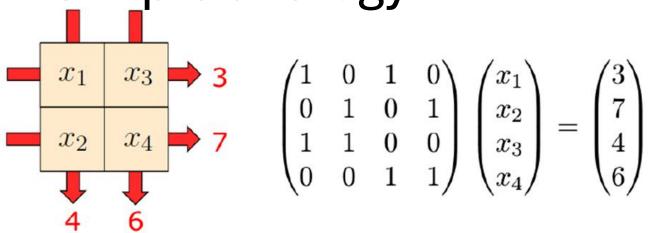












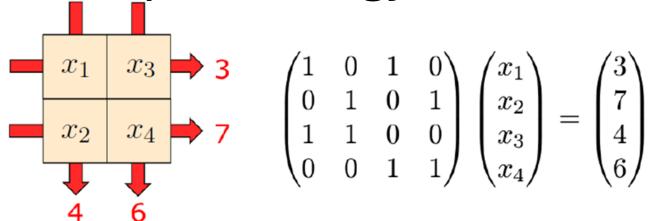
Infinitely many solutions $(k \in \Re)$:











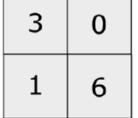
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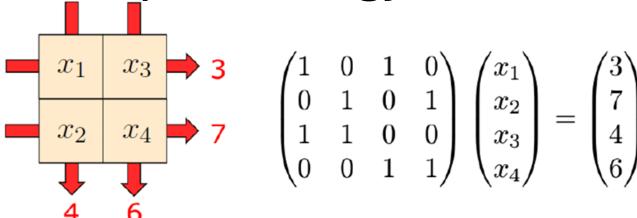
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x_2	x_4	_	3	4	T K X	1	-1

2	1
2	5

Prior: solution is integer and non-negative





Infinitely many solutions $(k \in \Re)$:

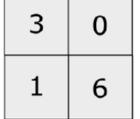
0	3
4	3

1	2	
3	4	

Sum of squares of the values is smallest

2	1
2	5

Prior: solution is integer and non-negative

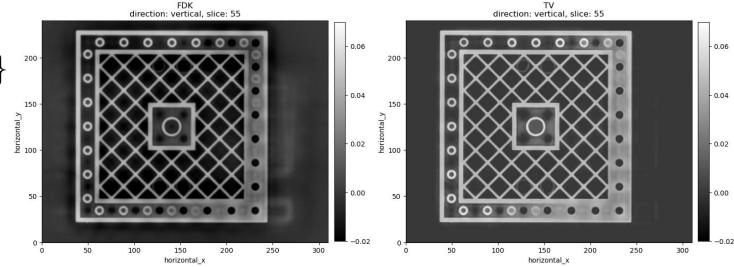


Iterative Reconstruction in CIL

$$Au = b$$

Construct the iterative reconstruction method based on optimisation algorithms and objective functions

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







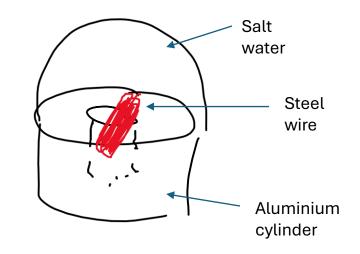




Demonstration dataset

- 3D parallel-beam X-ray CT dataset from Beamline I13-2, Diamond Light Source.
- 0.5 mm aluminium cylinder with a piece of steel wire embedded in a small drilled hole. A droplet of salt water was placed on top, causing corrosion to form hydrogen bubbles.
- 160x135 15 projections over 180°

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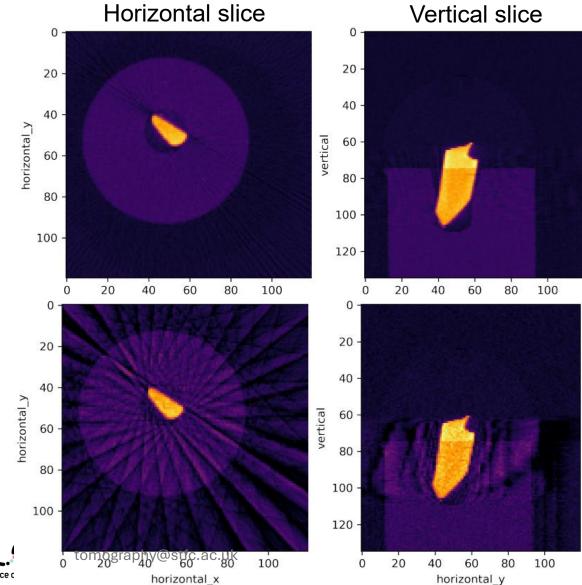




Demonstration dataset

90 projections

15 projections



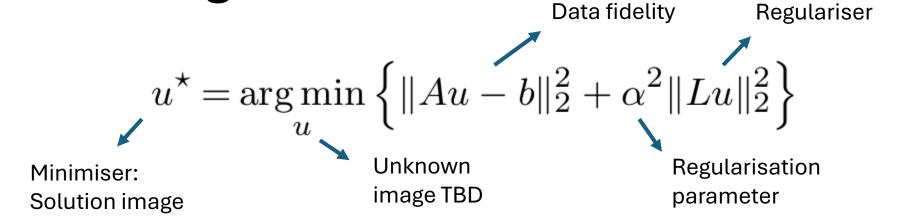


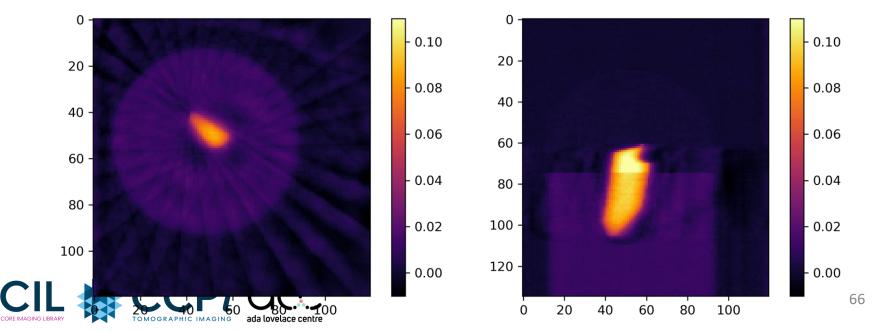




Smooth Regularisation: Tikhonov

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Smooth Regularisation: Anisotropic Tikhonov $u^* = \arg\min_{u} \left\{ \|Au - b\|_2^2 + \alpha_x^2 \|L_x u\|_2^2 + \alpha_y^2 \|L_y u\|_2^2 + \alpha_z^2 \|L_z u\|_2^2 \right\}$

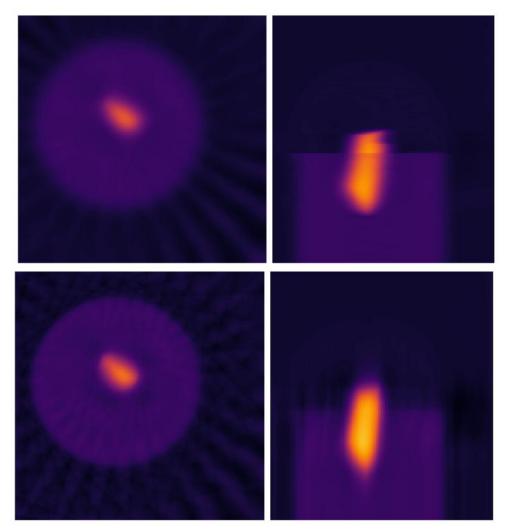
$$u^* = \underset{u}{\operatorname{arg\,min}} \left\{ ||Au - b||_2^2 + \alpha_x^2 ||L_x u||_2^2 + \alpha_y^2 ||L_y u||_2^2 + \alpha_z^2 ||L_z u||_2^2 \right\}$$

Large horizontal, small vertical smoothing

Small horizontal, large vertical smoothing



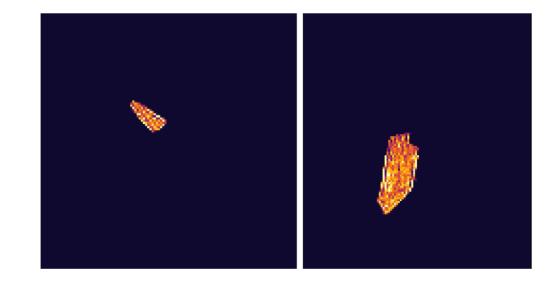




Sparsity: L1 Regularization

L1-norm regularisation:

$$||u||_1 = \sum_j |u_j|$$







Sparsity and Total Variation Regularization

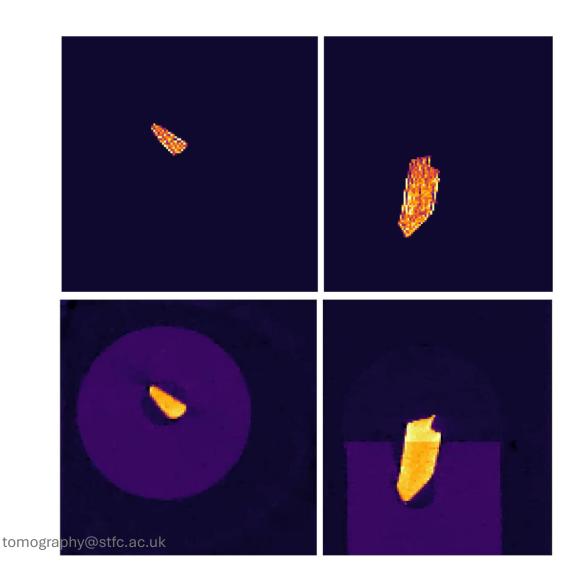
L1-norm regularisation:

$$||u||_1 = \sum_j |u_j|$$

Total variation regularisation:

$$\sum_{j} \|D_{j}u\|_{2}$$





Regularisation demos

- Either:
 - Laminography example:

CIL-Demos/demos/2_Iterative/05_Laminography_with_TV.ipynb

Results of different regularisation choices

CIL-Demos/demos/2_Iterative/01_optimisation_gd_fista.ipynb

25 minutes to run the notebook, then discussion





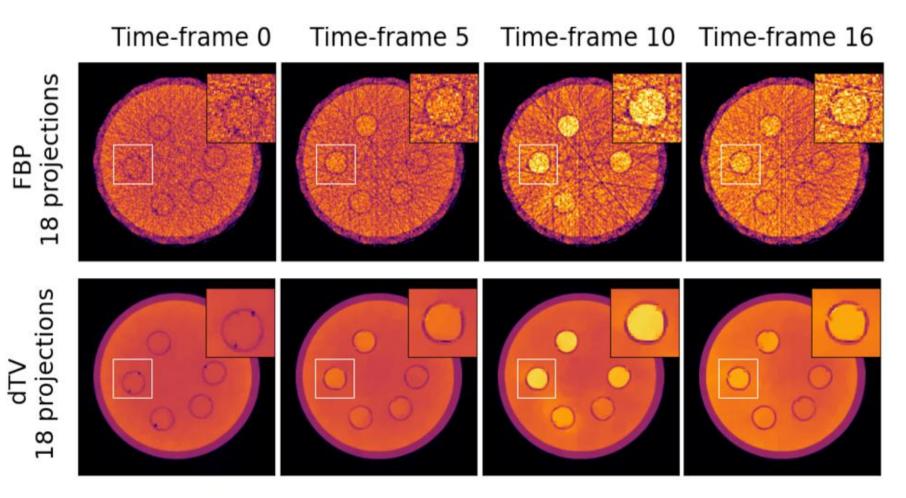




CIL example - few-view dynamic CT

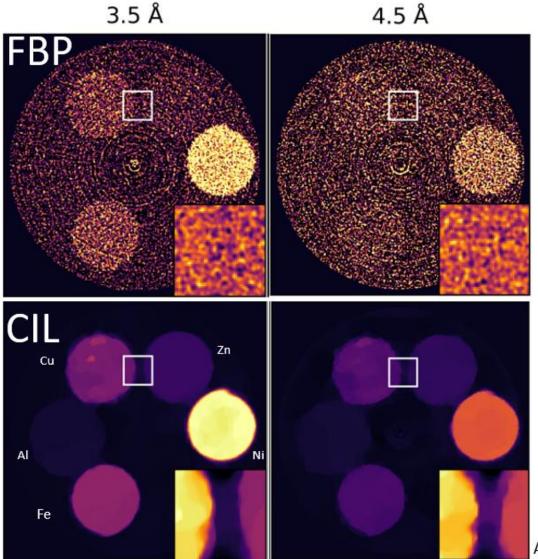
Filtered backprojection

Directional TV propagating edges from pre and post scan

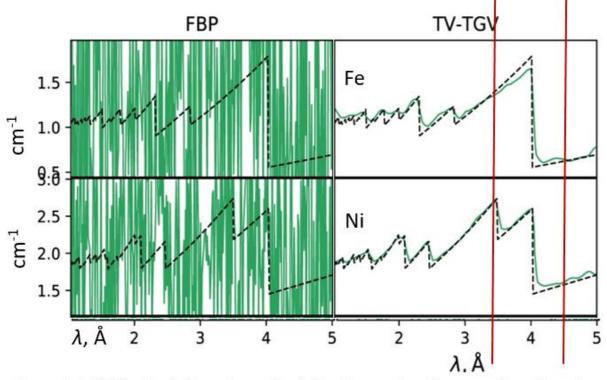


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Energy-resolved neutron CT



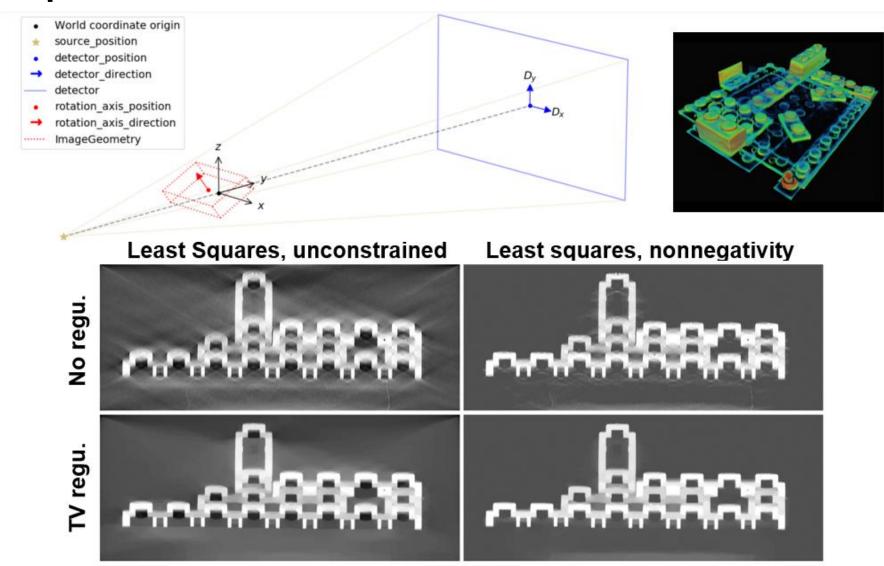
- Proposed spatio-spectral TV-TGV regularization
- Enables clear identification of Bragg edges in 3D



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CIL example - non-standard scan





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
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ver/upper) constraints
lata fidelity

 identityoperator
MaskOperator
SymmetrisedGradientOperator
ZeroOperator
ProjectionOperator
 ProjectionOperator

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squared L^2 -norm: $ x _2^2 = \sum_i x_i^2$
least-squares data fidelity: $ Ax -$
mixed $L^{2,1}$ -norm: $ (U_1; U_2) _{2,1} = $
smooth $L^{2,1}$ -norm: $ (U_1; U_2) _{2,1}^S =$

least-squares data fidelity: $ Ax - b _2^2$
mixed $L^{2,1}$ -norm: $\ (U_1; U_2)\ _{2,1} = \ (U_1^2 + U_2^2)^{1/2}\ _1$
smooth $L^{2,1}$ -norm: $\ (U_1; U_2)\ _{2,1}^S = \ (U_1^2 + U_2^2 + \beta^2)^{1/2}\ _1$
weighted squared L^2 -norm: $ x _w^2 = \sum_i (w_i \cdot x_i^2)$

WeightedL2NormSquared

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



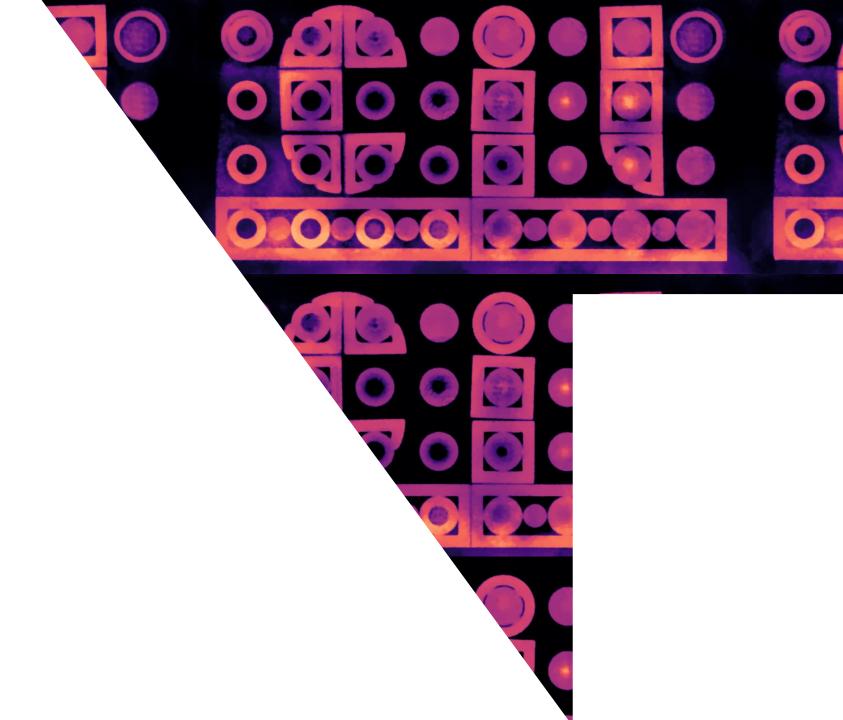




Optimisation algorithms in CIL

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 $\mathrm{A}u=b$ 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 $\min_{u} f(u) + g(v) f(x)$ subject to $Au + Bv = b$	
Stochastic algorithms	where both f and g are corrected prox $_{ au g}(u) = \operatorname*{argmin}_{v} \left\{ au g(v) + \frac{1}{2} \ v - u\ _2^2 \right\}$	

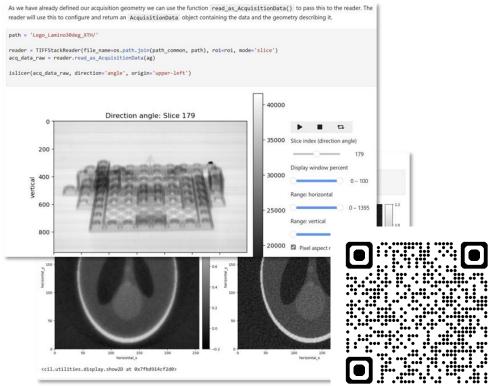
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Demos and examples

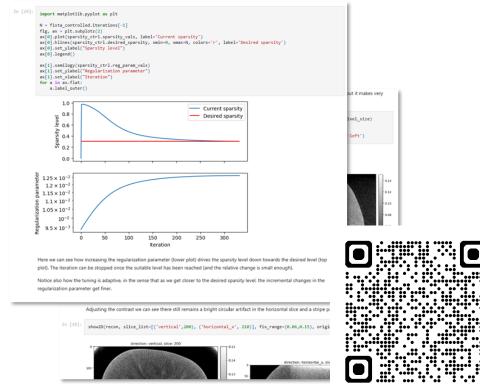
21+ demo notebooks

☐ TomographicImaging/CIL-Demos



14 contributed notebooks showcasing interesting uses of CIL

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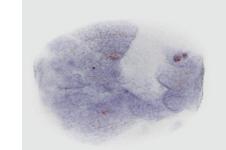
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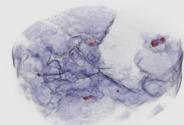
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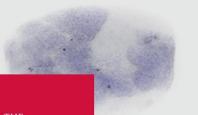
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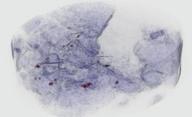
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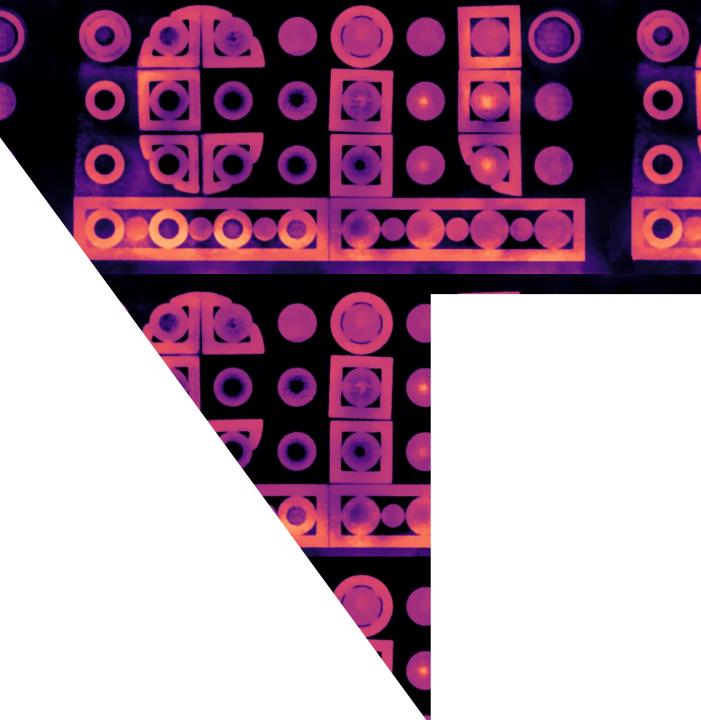








The CIL and Wider CCPi Community



CIL User Community



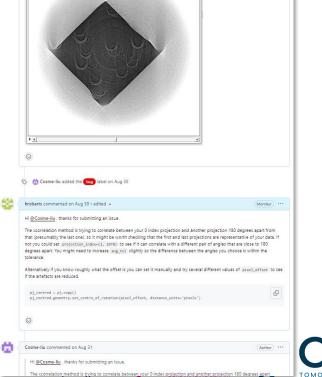


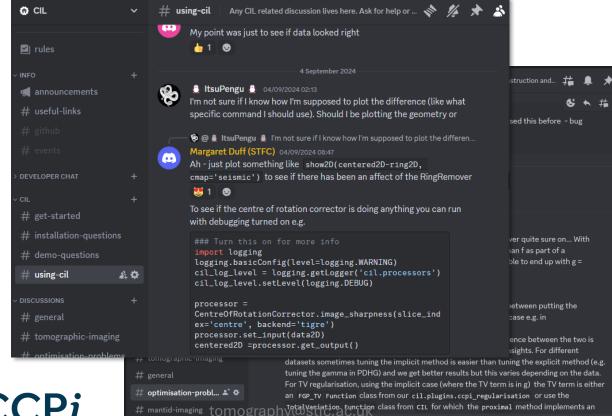
And CIL discord with 200+ users

General and tailored support Fortnightly User **Drop-ins**

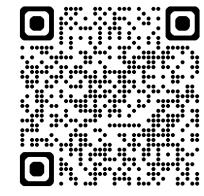












CIL User Community Events

Travel grants

In person and online training

Annual User Meeting

Data and software hackathons

Fortnightly Show and Tell Meetings



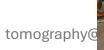
For more details... https://ccpi.ac.uk











CIL User meeting

- 27th-30th January
- Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Oxfordshire, UK.

An opportunity to meet others using CIL, share your work, and help shape its future

- Talks from the CIL community
- Training and Hackathon
- Poster session and networking opportunities

For more information:

https://ccpi.ac.uk/events/cil-um-26/



CIL Data Hackathon

- 18th-20th November
- Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Oxfordshire, UK
- Daresbury Laboratory, Cheshire, UK

Help us create a library of example readers showcasing the use of each reader on open-access CT datasets.

For more information:

https://ccpi.ac.uk/events/cil-ct-data-reader-hackathon/



Wrap up

- CIL is an Open Source mostly Python library for all your tomographic needs:
 - I/O
 - pre-processing
 - Reconstruction
 - Visualisation
- Developer Support, user driven, long term funding
- Join the community Discord
- https://www.ccpi.ac.uk/CIL



