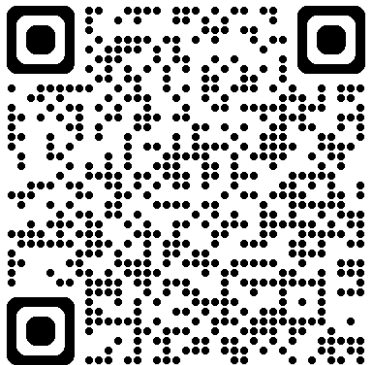


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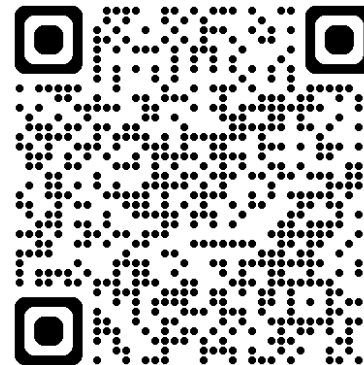
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Hands-on training for the Core Imaging Library (CIL)

an open-source reconstruction platform for challenging
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Our goals with this course

- Introduction to iterative methods for XCT with CIL
- Support you in trying out CIL with our Jupyter notebook demos on the cloud
- Set you up to continue exploring CIL for your own data

Your feedback from yesterday

🗨️ Name one thing we could improve about today's course?

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💬 11

More ellaborate explanation of functions/methods

More time for exercises 😊

No, it was really interesting and well supported, thank you!

Maybe some recommended reading a few weeks back
would have been nice

All was quite right and well organised.

I think it was very good and I enjoyed the course very
much.

more time on exercise to allow exploration.

Well organized!

Keep up the good work

Very well organized! Thanks!

Slower paced

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- Then log in with the username and password you set.
- Select the **Tomography environment** server and press "start":

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Password:

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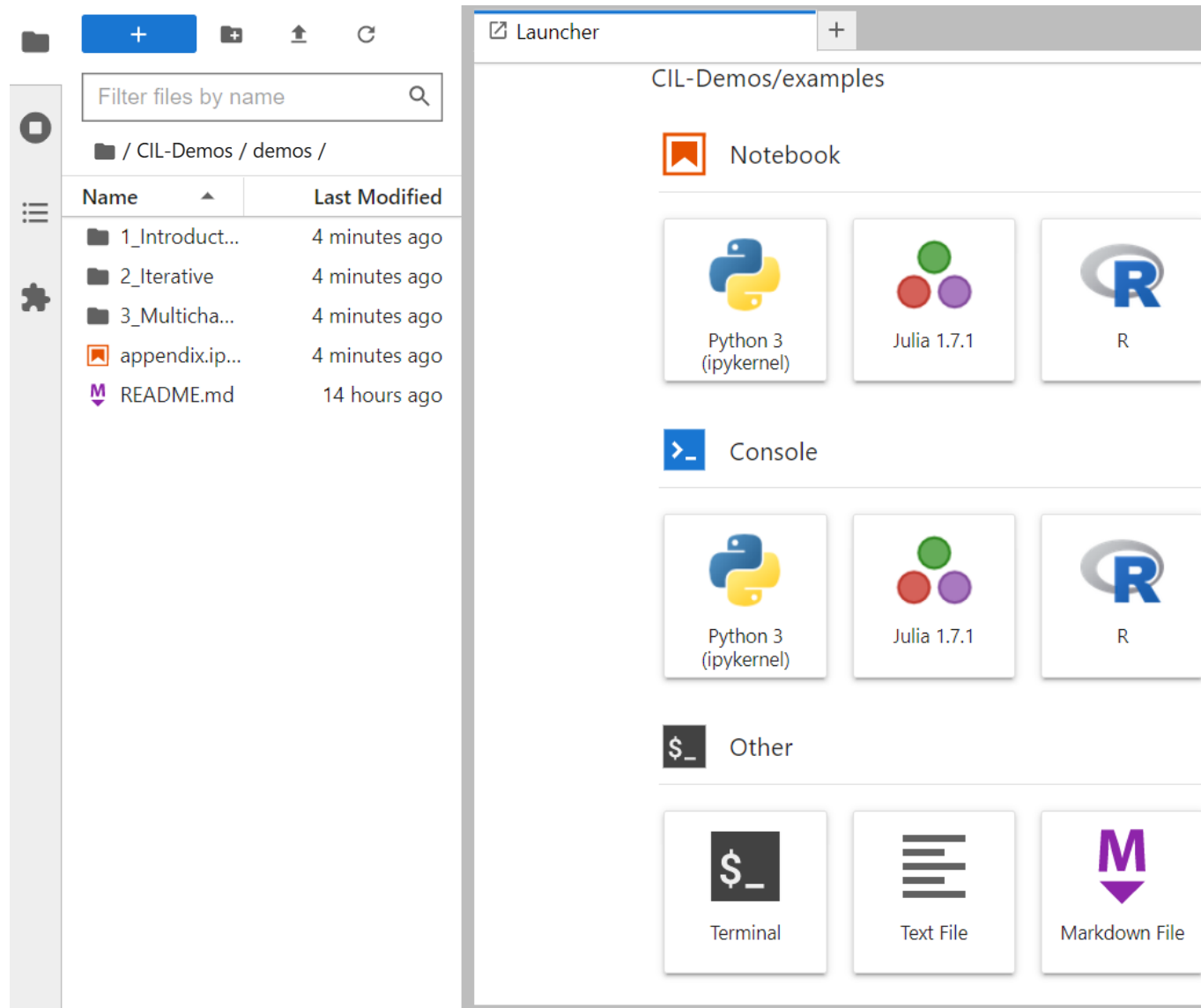
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- ☐ Pytorch and Tensorflow environment
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- ☒ **Tomography environment**
Environment for CIL. This configuration gives you 6 CPUs, 30GB RAM, and a GPU.
- ☐ ML 2025
Environment for ML 2025. This configuration gives you 6 CPUs, 30GB RAM, and a GPU.

Start

Once you've logged in ...



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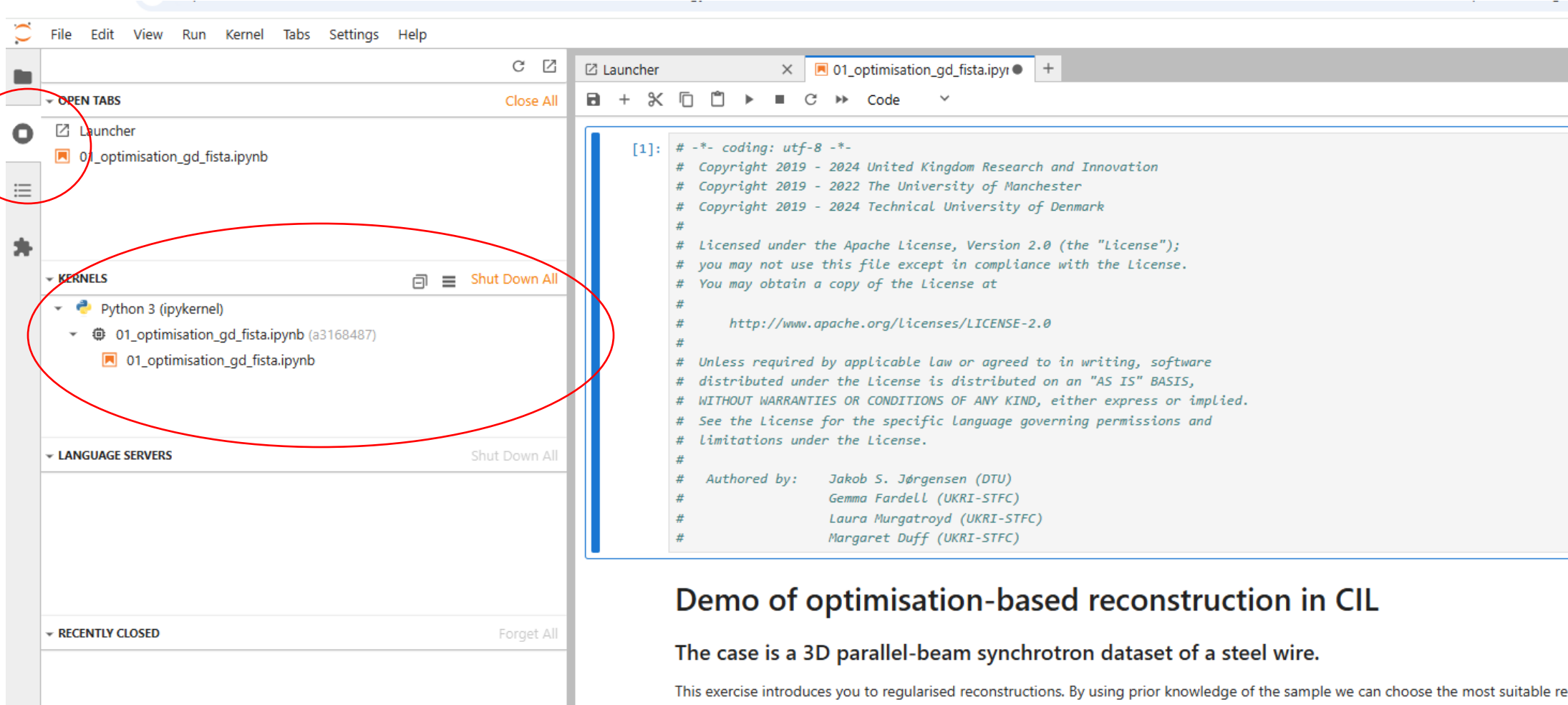
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- Path: / CIL-Demos / demos /
- Table of files:

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Launcher:

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Killing kernels – IMPORTANT



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Demo of optimisation-based reconstruction in CIL

The case is a 3D parallel-beam synchrotron dataset of a steel wire.

This exercise introduces you to regularised reconstructions. By using prior knowledge of the sample we can choose the most suitable reg

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Tomographic Imaging

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reconstruction methods (FBP and FDK), pre-processing techniques, and
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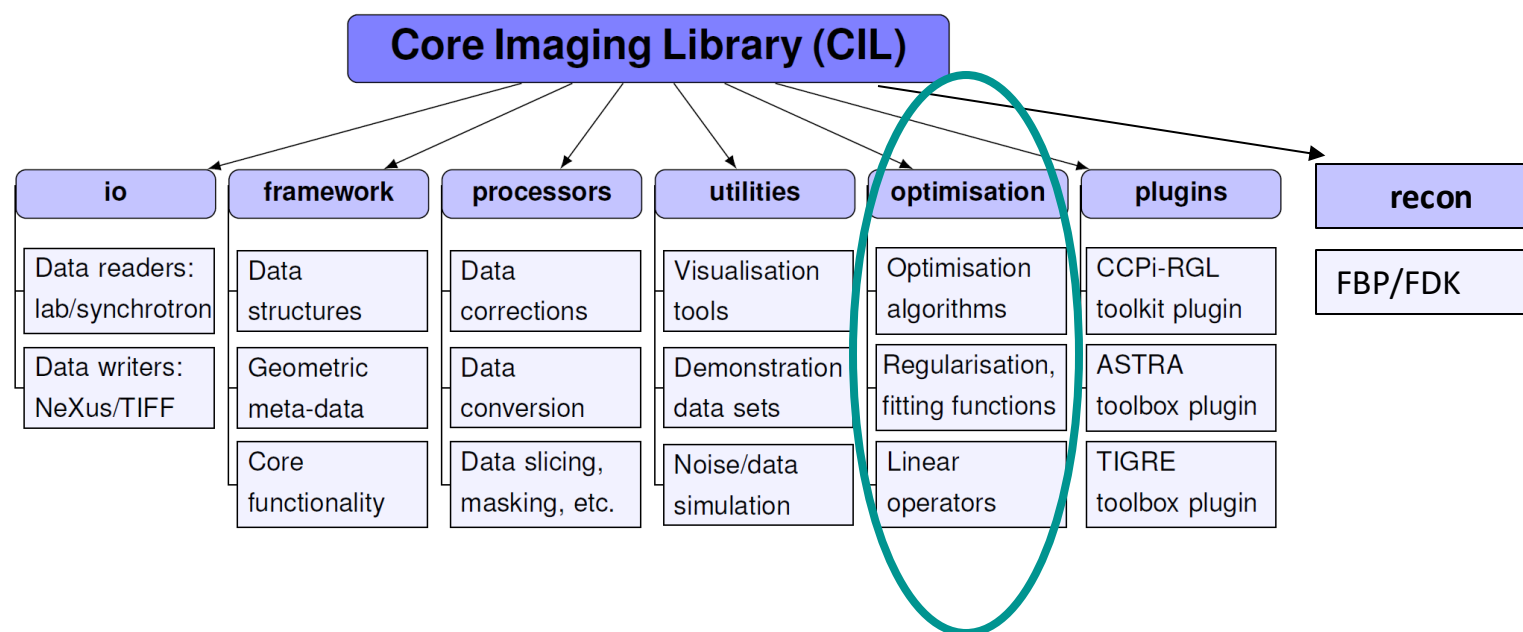
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CIL reminder

What is the Core Imaging Library?

- A Python library for **processing** and **reconstruction** of tomography data.
- Optimised standard methods, such as **Filtered Back Projection**
- Special emphasis on *challenging data sets*: noisy, non-standard, incomplete, multi-channel, ...
- Highly modular to allow creation of bespoke pipelines.
- Apache v2 license.
- Actively developed on GitHub: <https://github.com/TomographicImaging/CIL>

CIL Module Structure and Contents



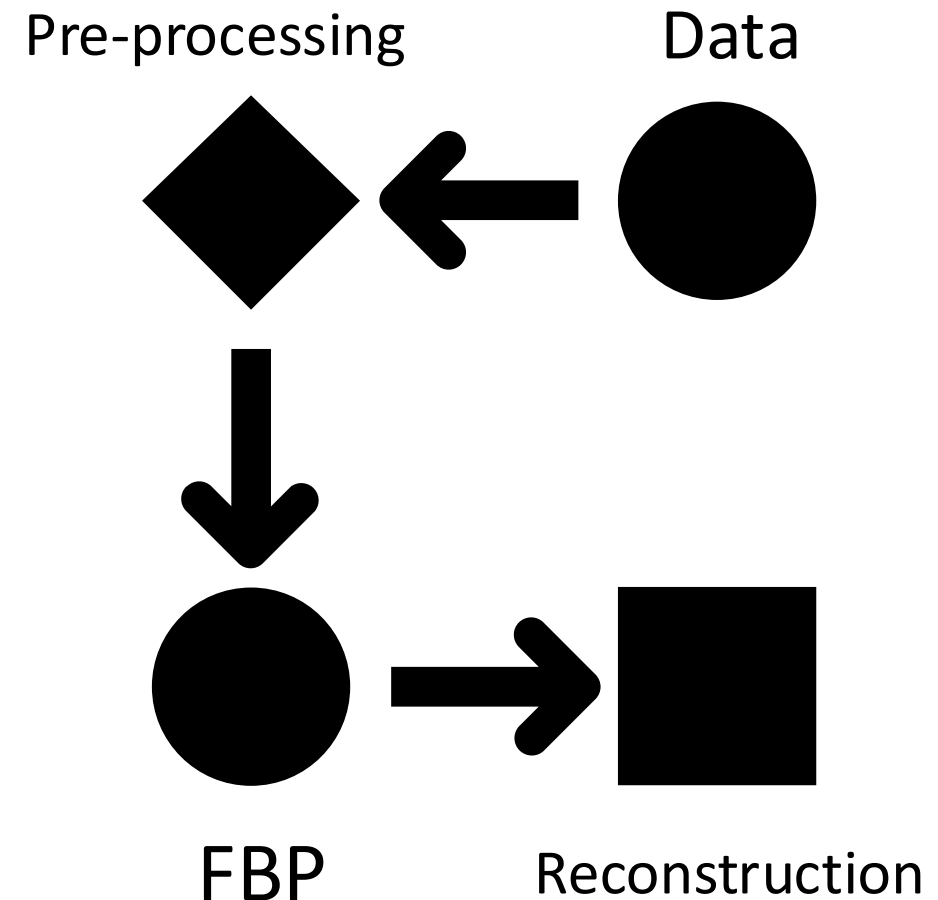
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From hackmd:

**Are FDK and FBP the only
reconstruction options available
from CIL directly?**



Physicist joke

$$\alpha|Yes\rangle + \beta|No\rangle$$

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Take-away messages

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

Imaging Model for Iterative Reconstruction

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = \exp \int_{L_i} -\mu(s) ds$$

X-ray source

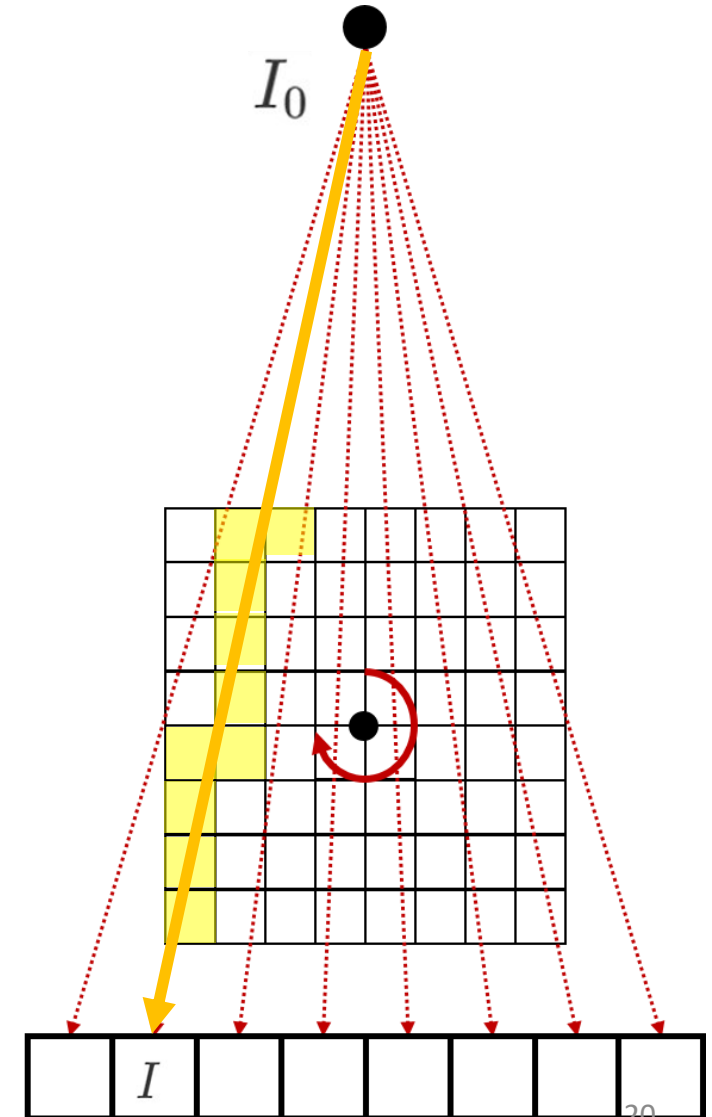
$$b_i = -\log \frac{I_i}{I_0} = \int_{L_i} \mu(s) ds$$

$$b_i = \sum_j a_{ij} u_j$$

Measurement volume

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

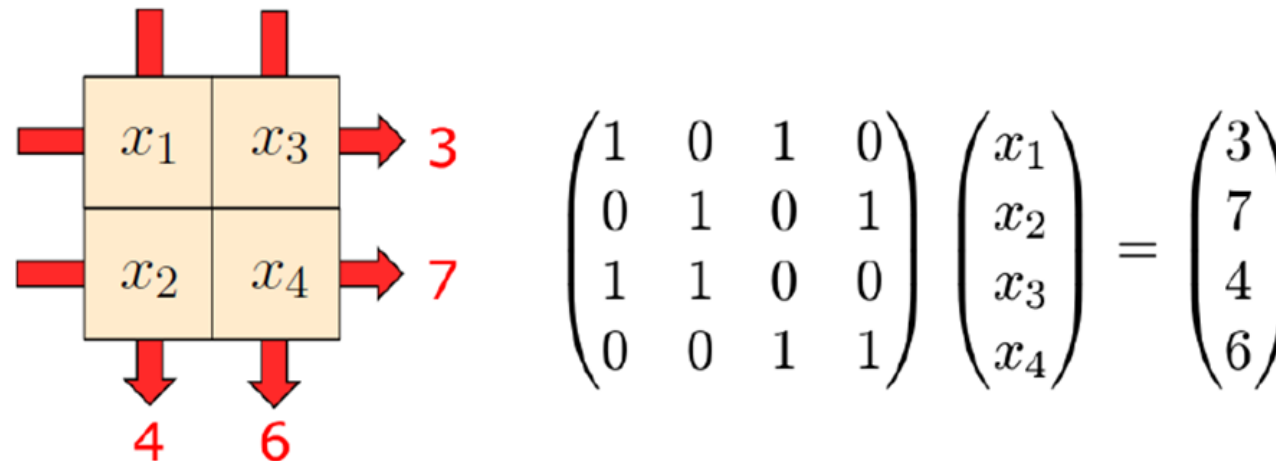
X-ray detector



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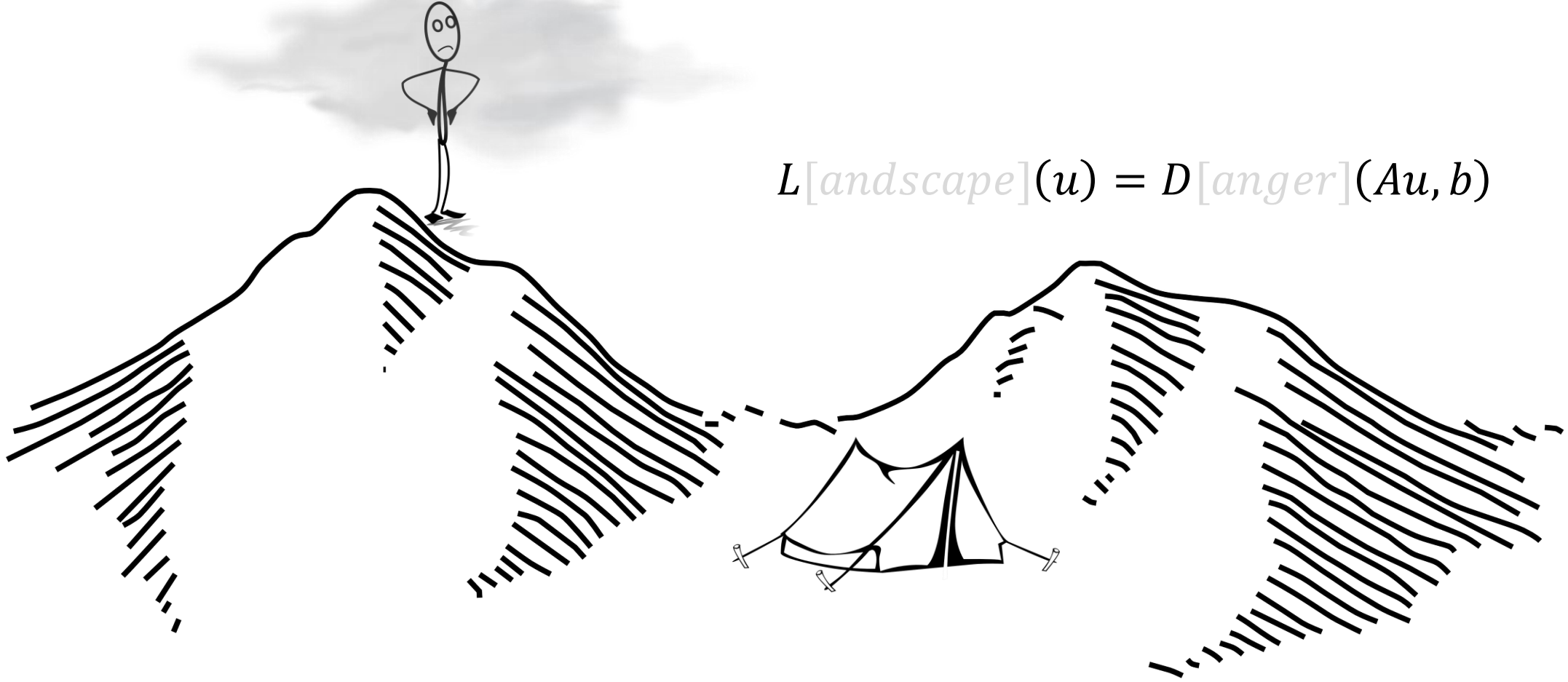
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Plan on how to minimise

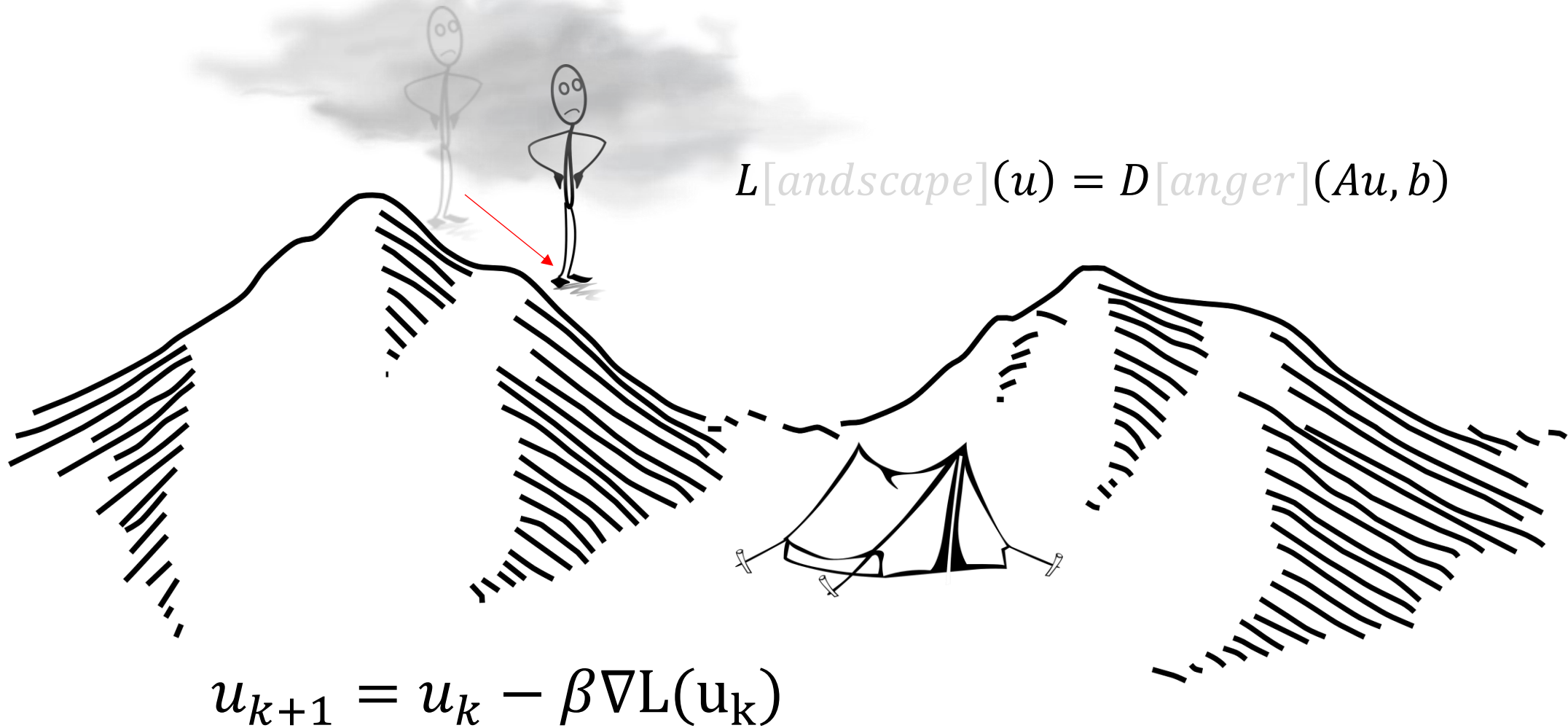

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What you want to minimise

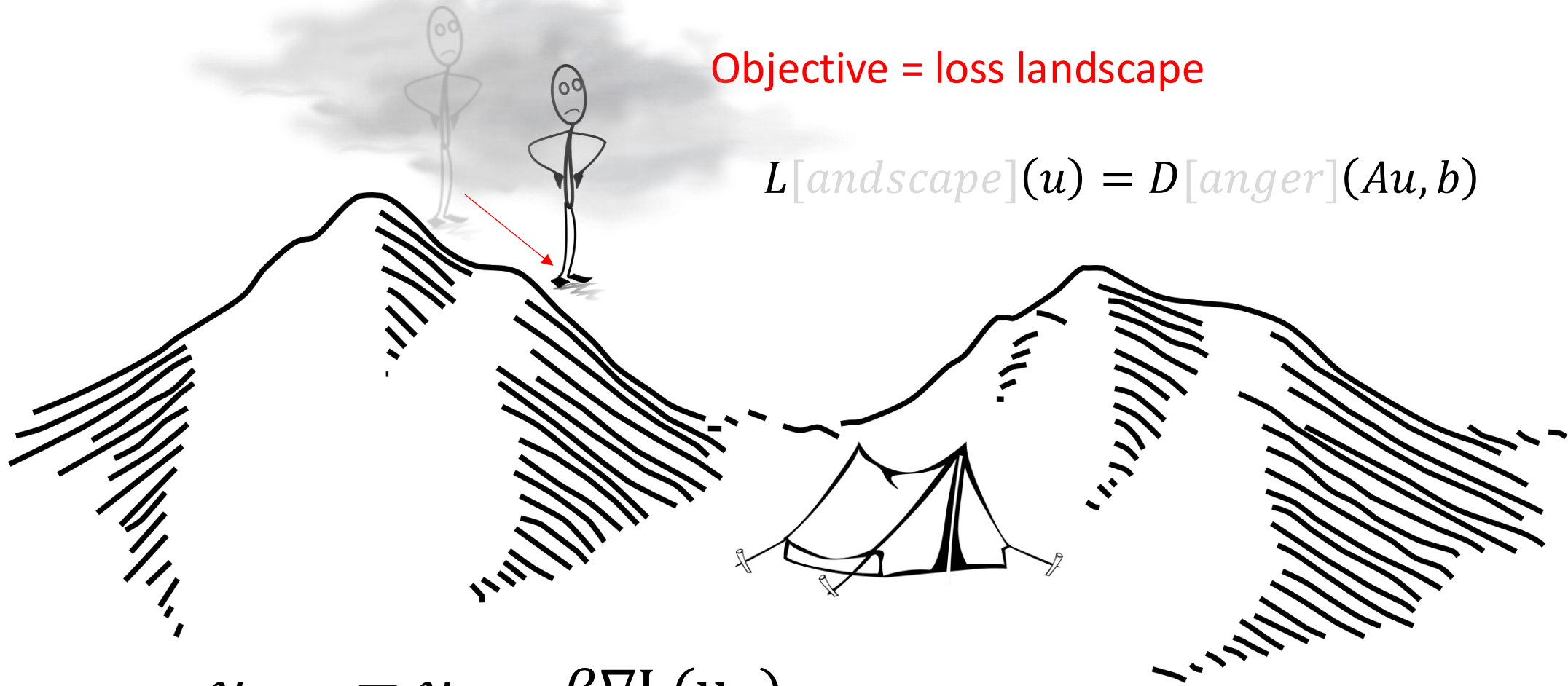
Optimisation algorithms



Optimisation algorithms – Gradient Descent



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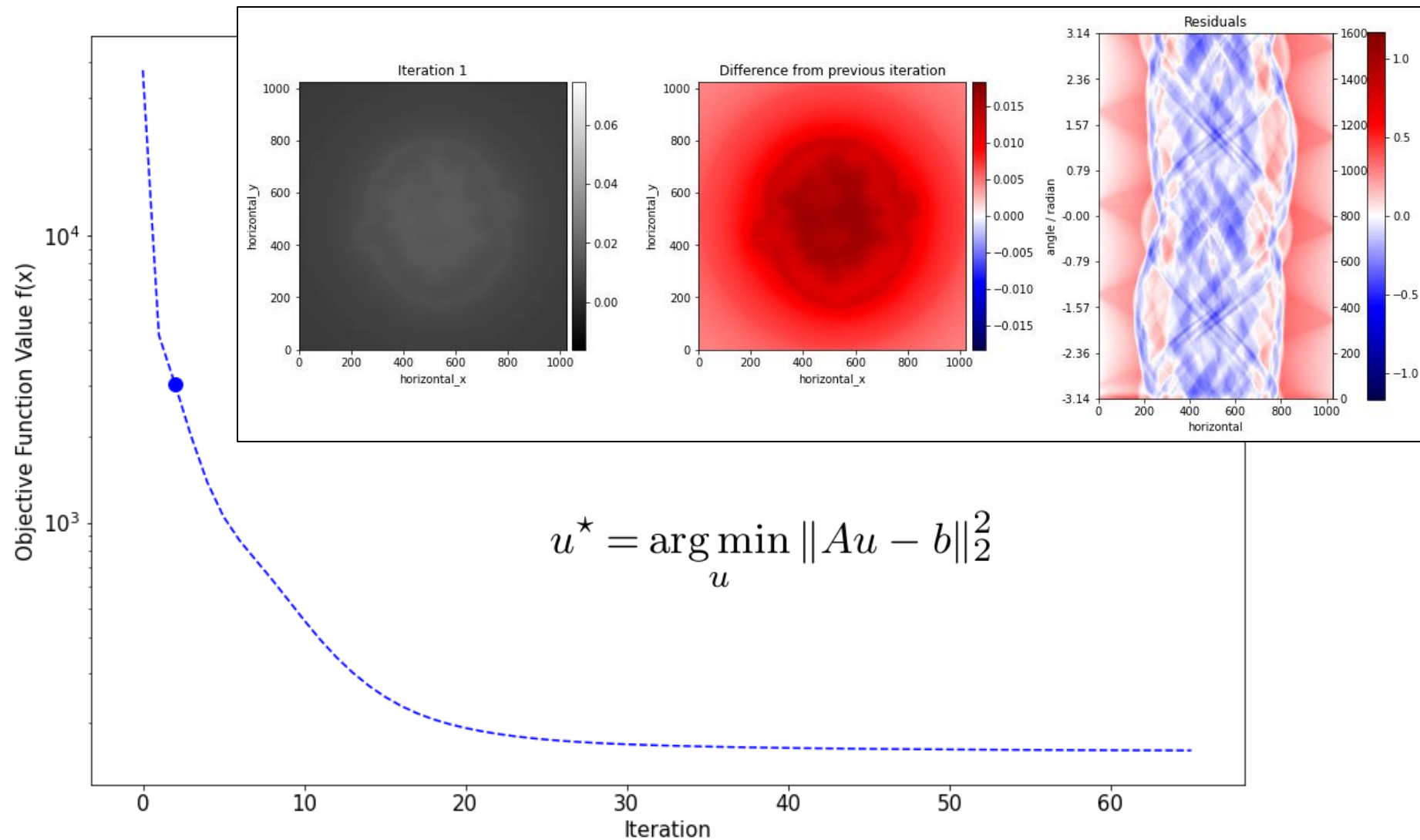
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$$L[\textit{andscape}](u) = D[\textit{anger}](Au, b)$$

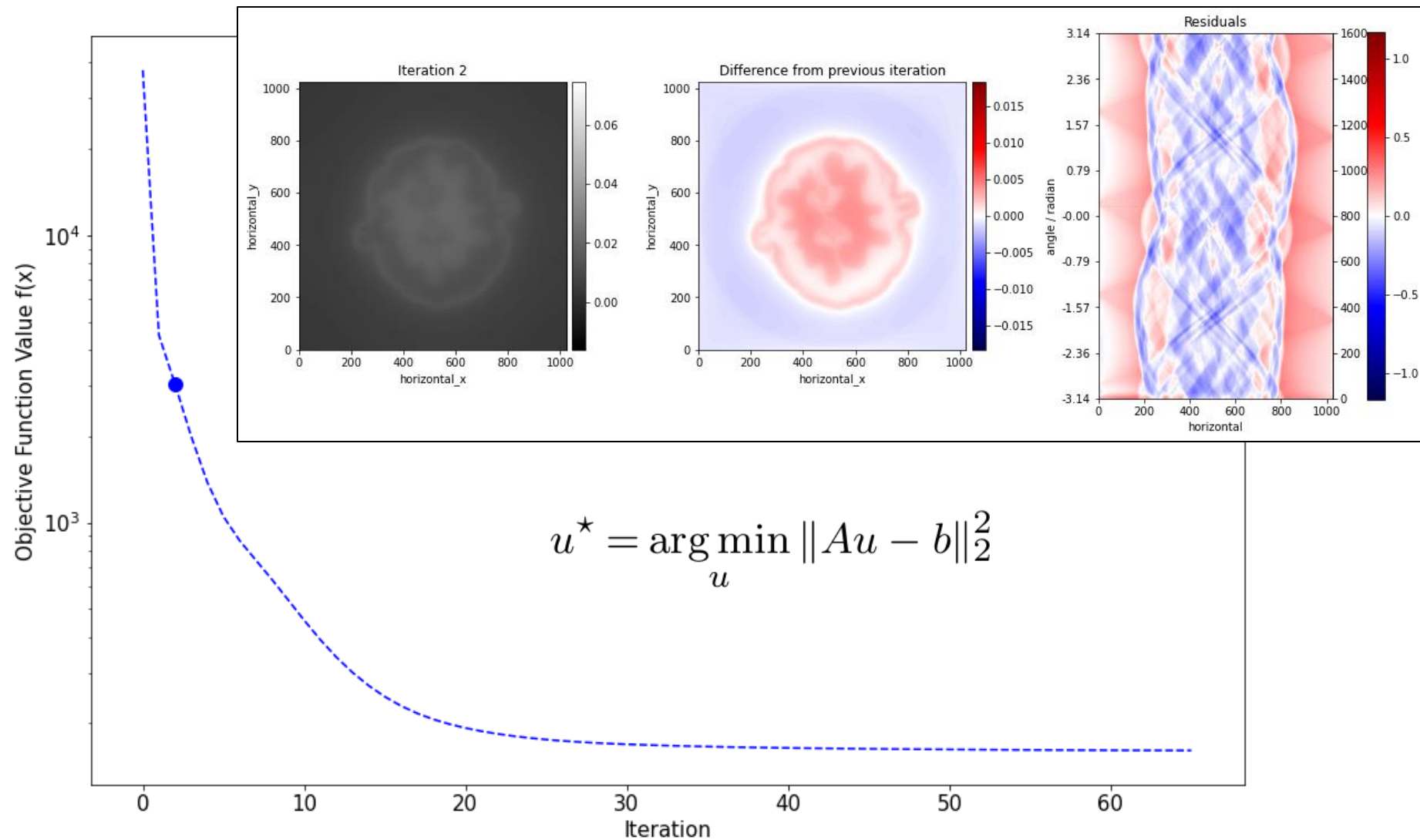
$$u_{k+1} = u_k - \beta \nabla L(u_k)$$

Optimisation algorithm = plan to get to the bottom

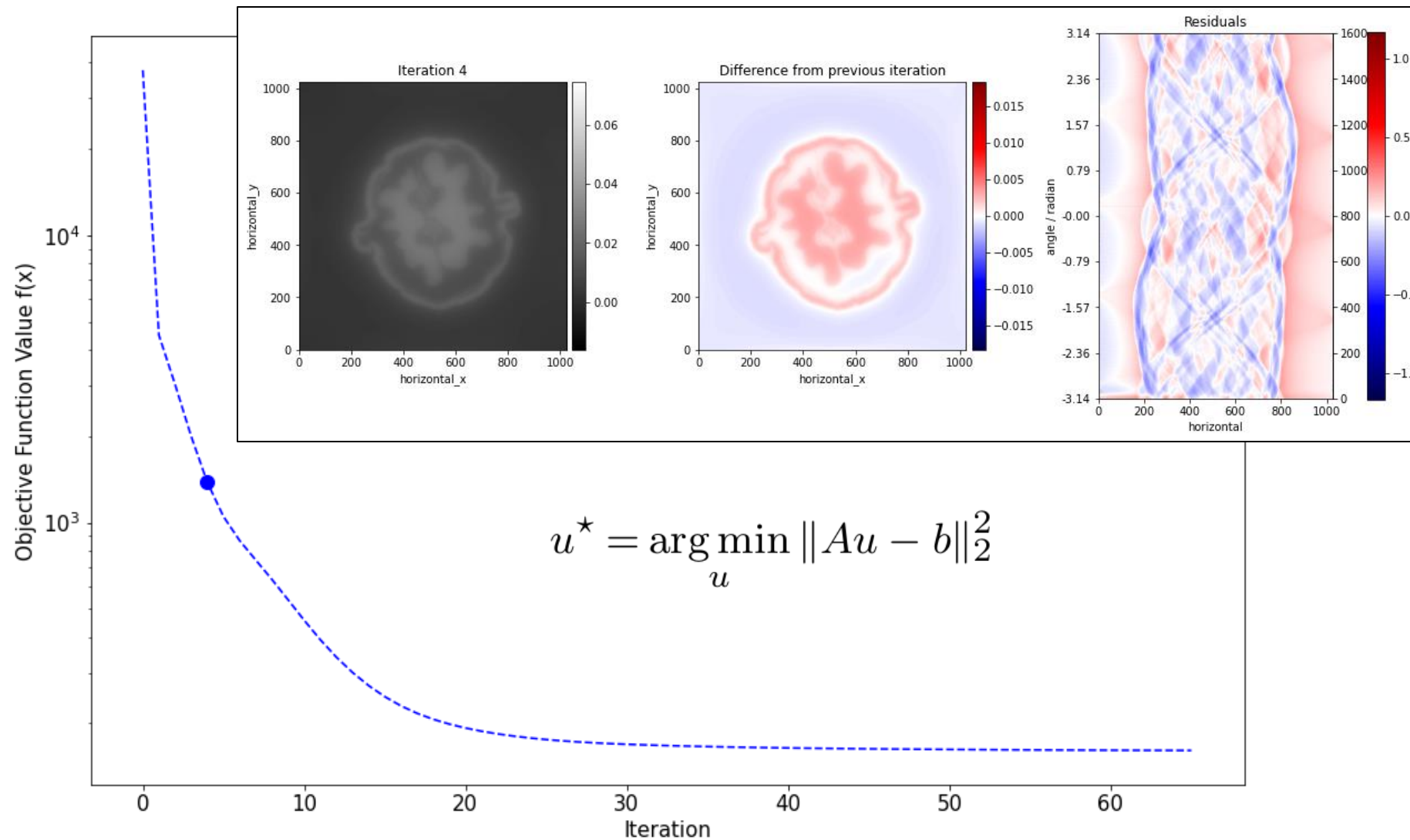
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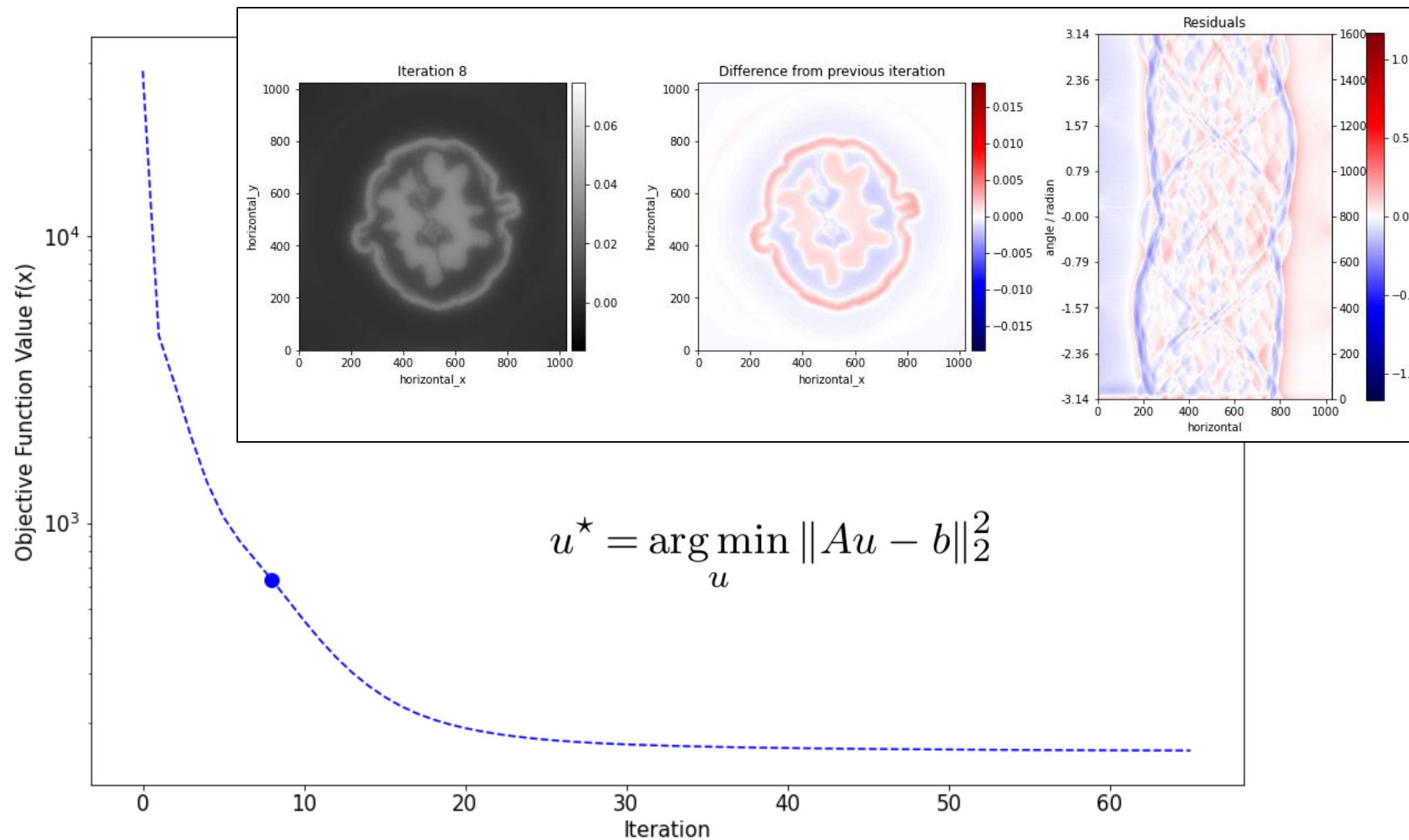
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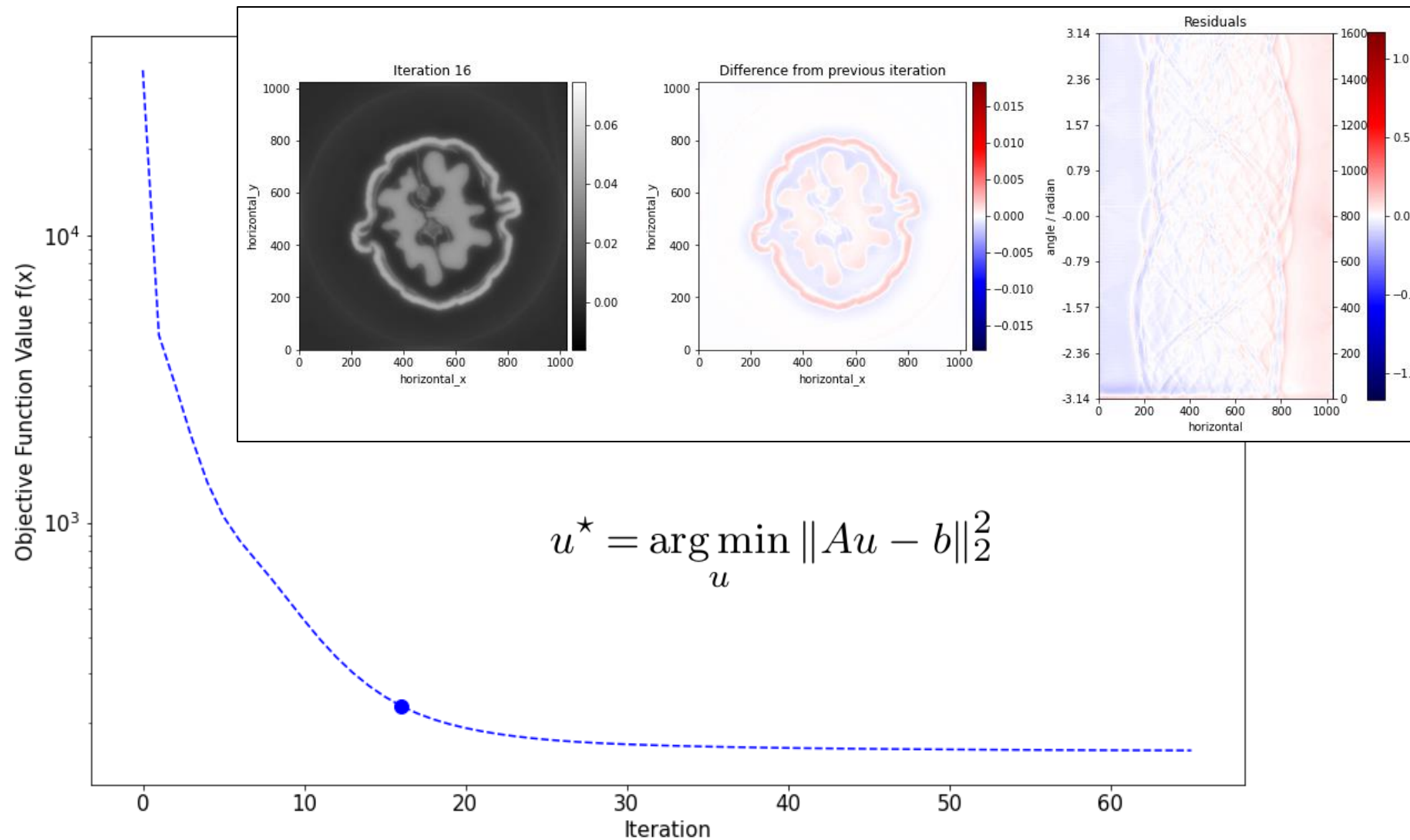
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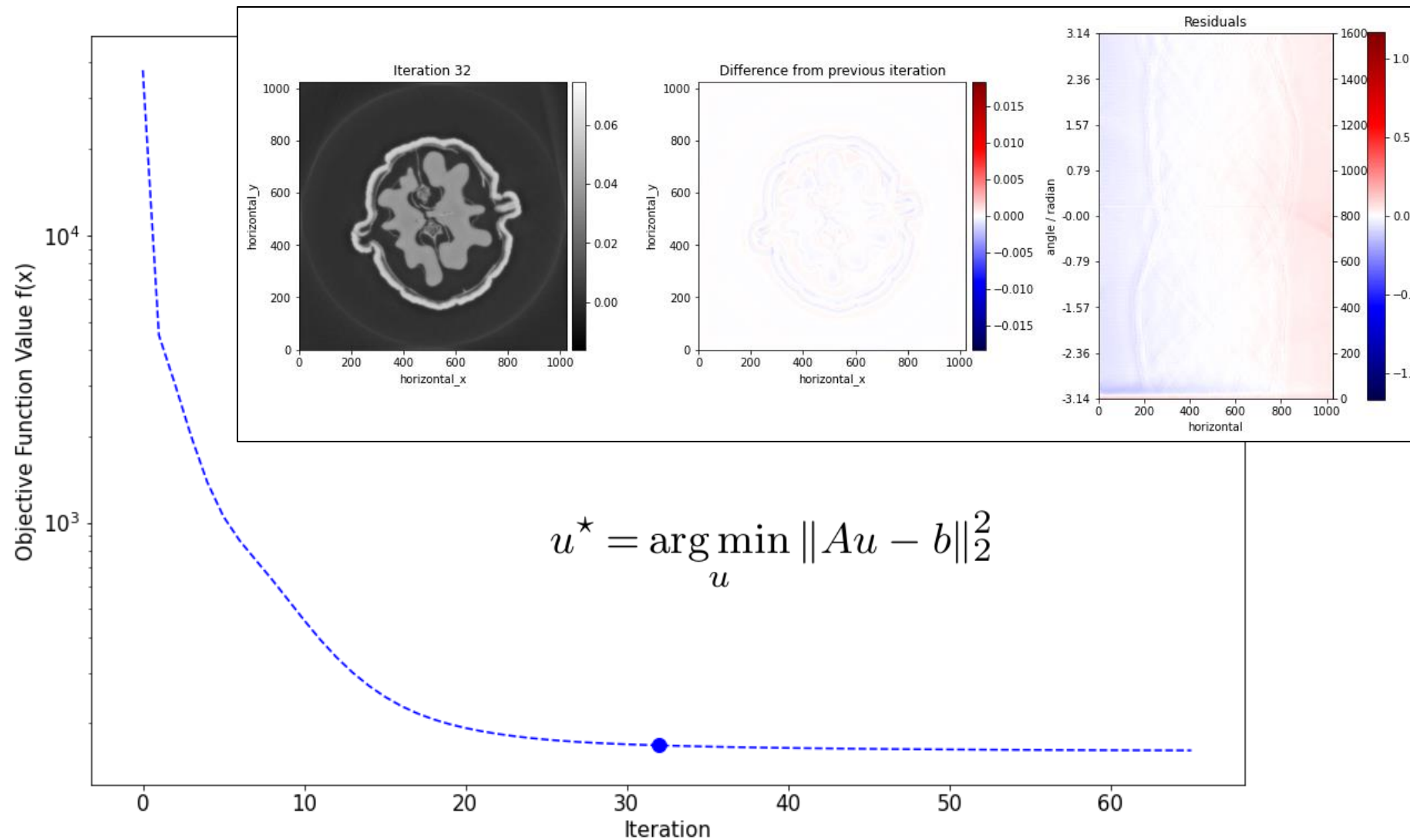
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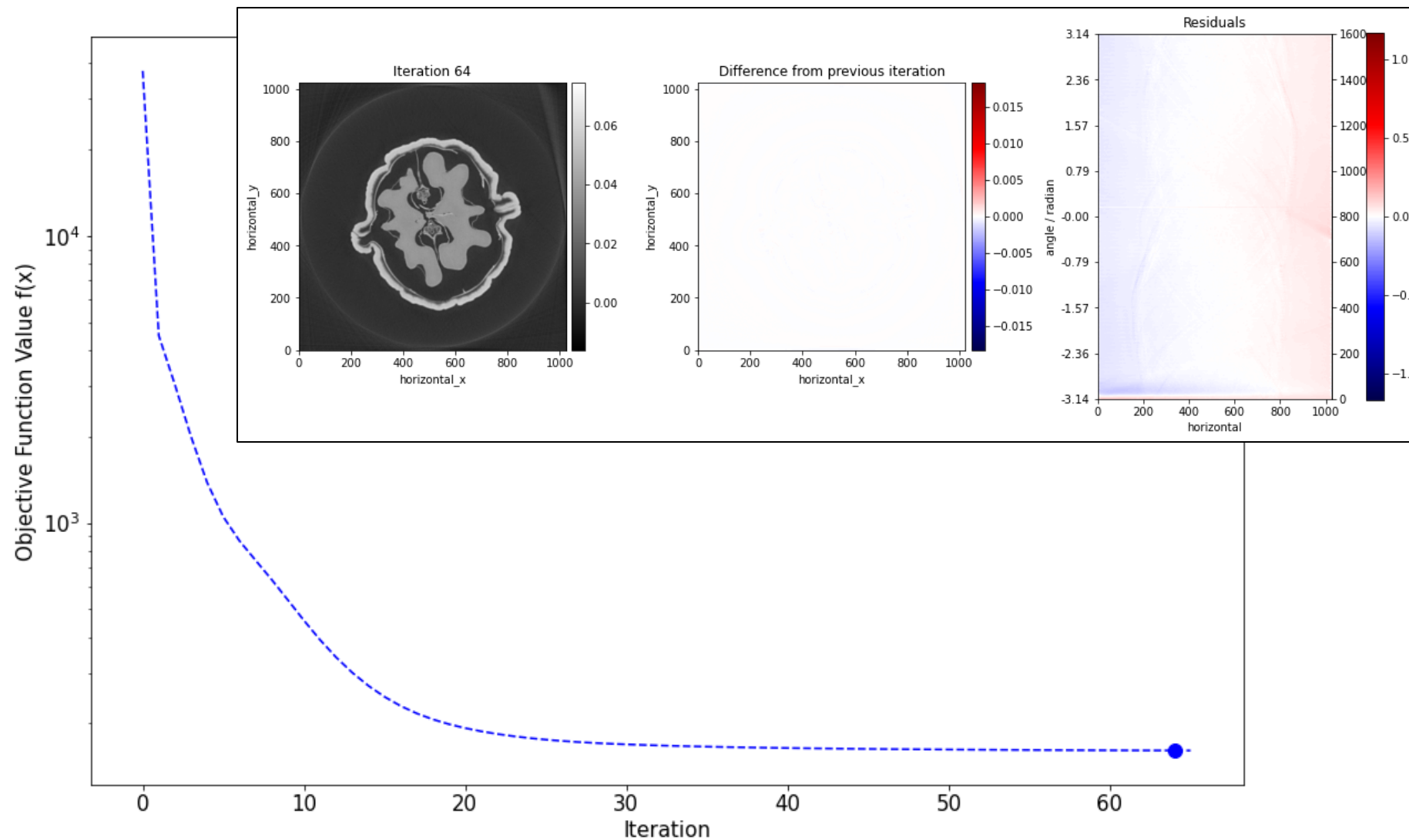
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Try this out in breakout rooms

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Summary and questions

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- comparisons of CGLS, SIRT and FBP reconstructions in CIL
- the terms optimisation objective and optimisation algorithm

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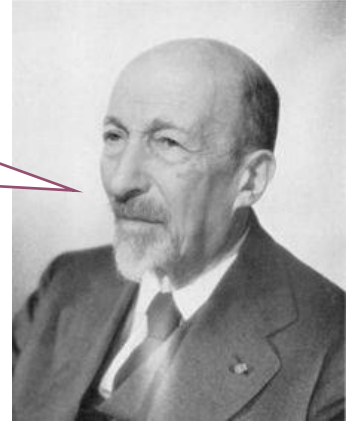
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Ill posed problem

In case either:

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2. Not unique solution
3. Solution sensitive to noise

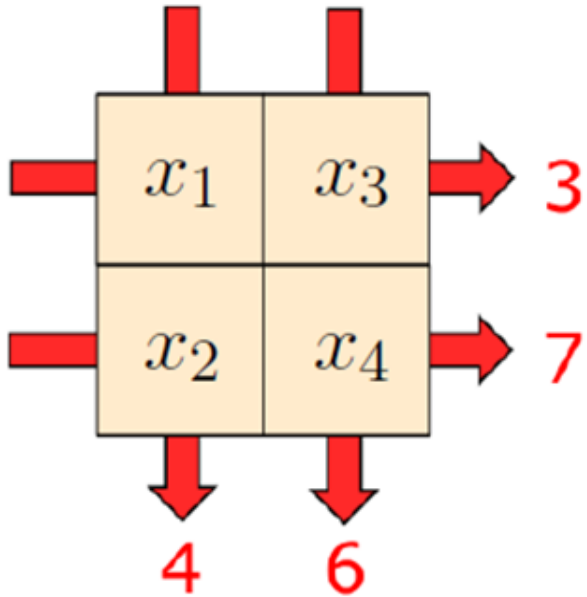


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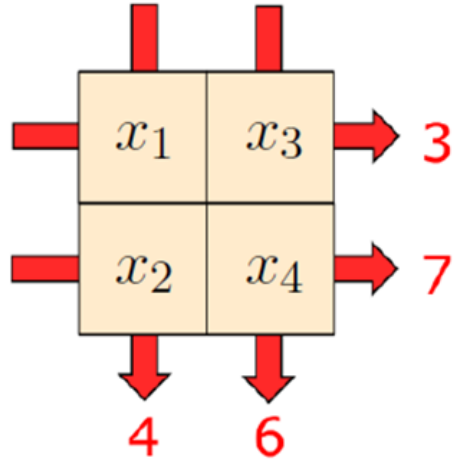
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Sudoku analogy

$$Au = b$$

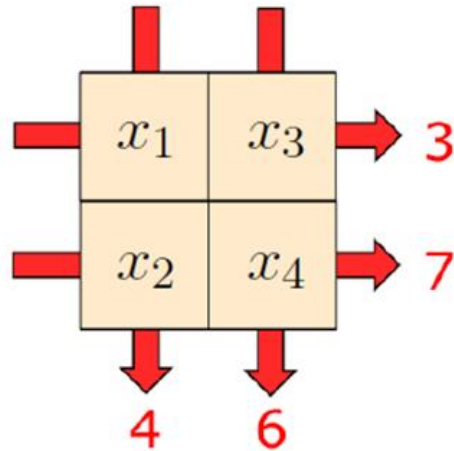


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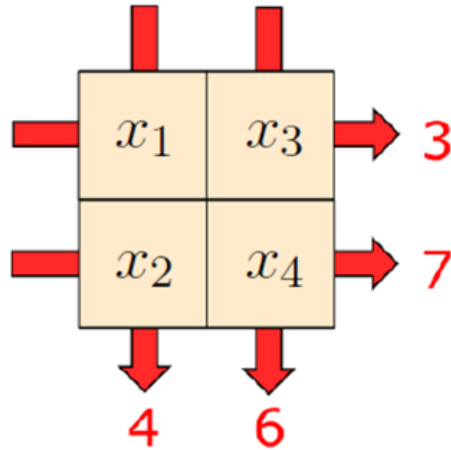


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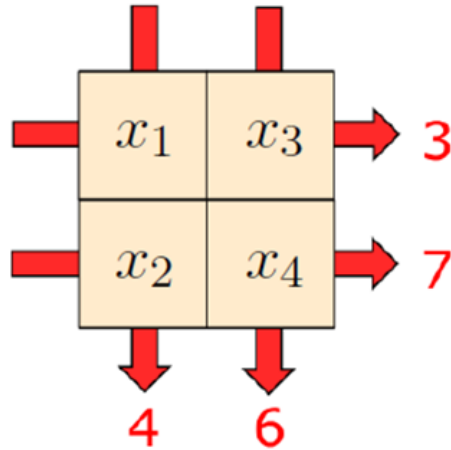
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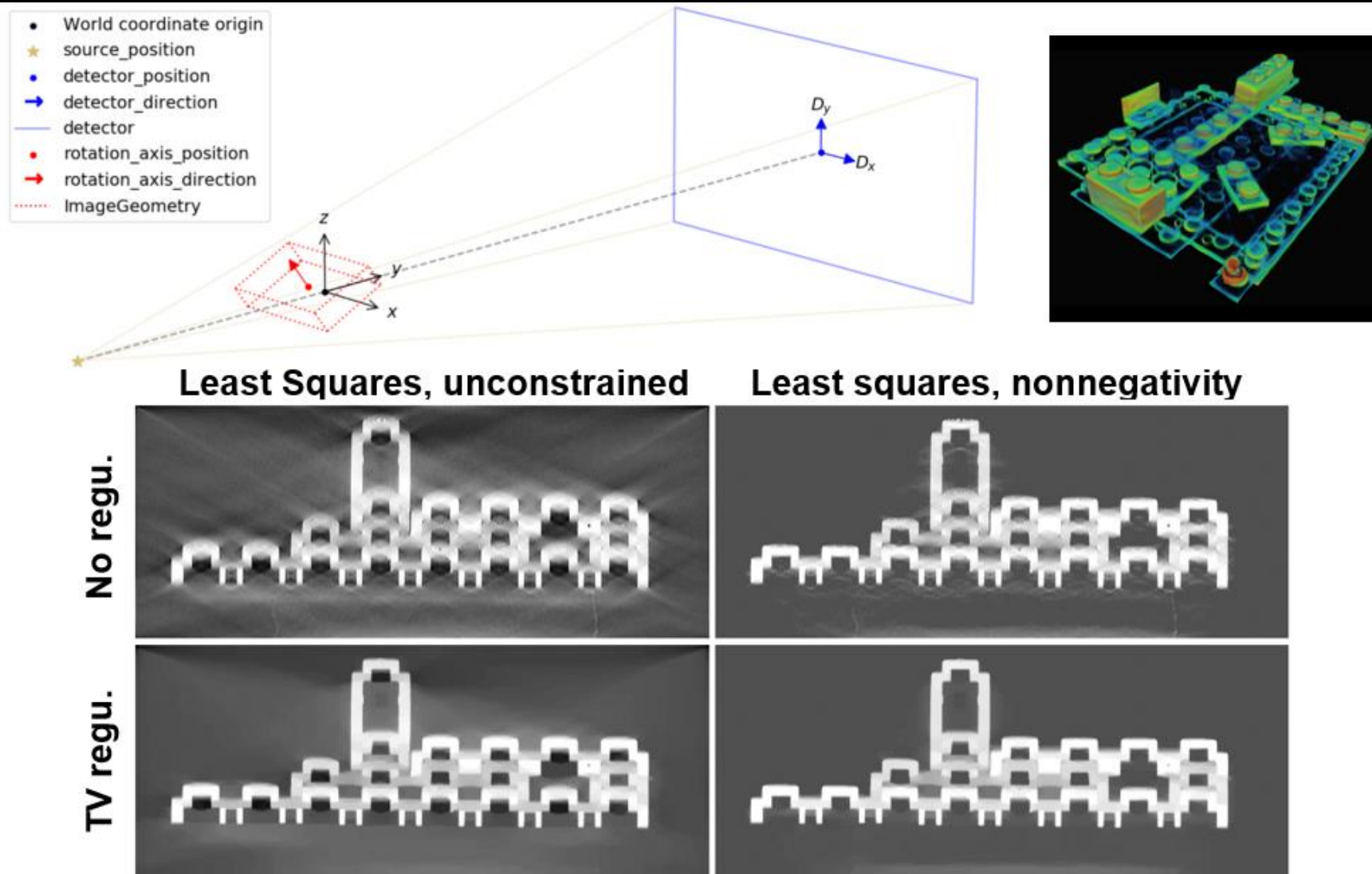
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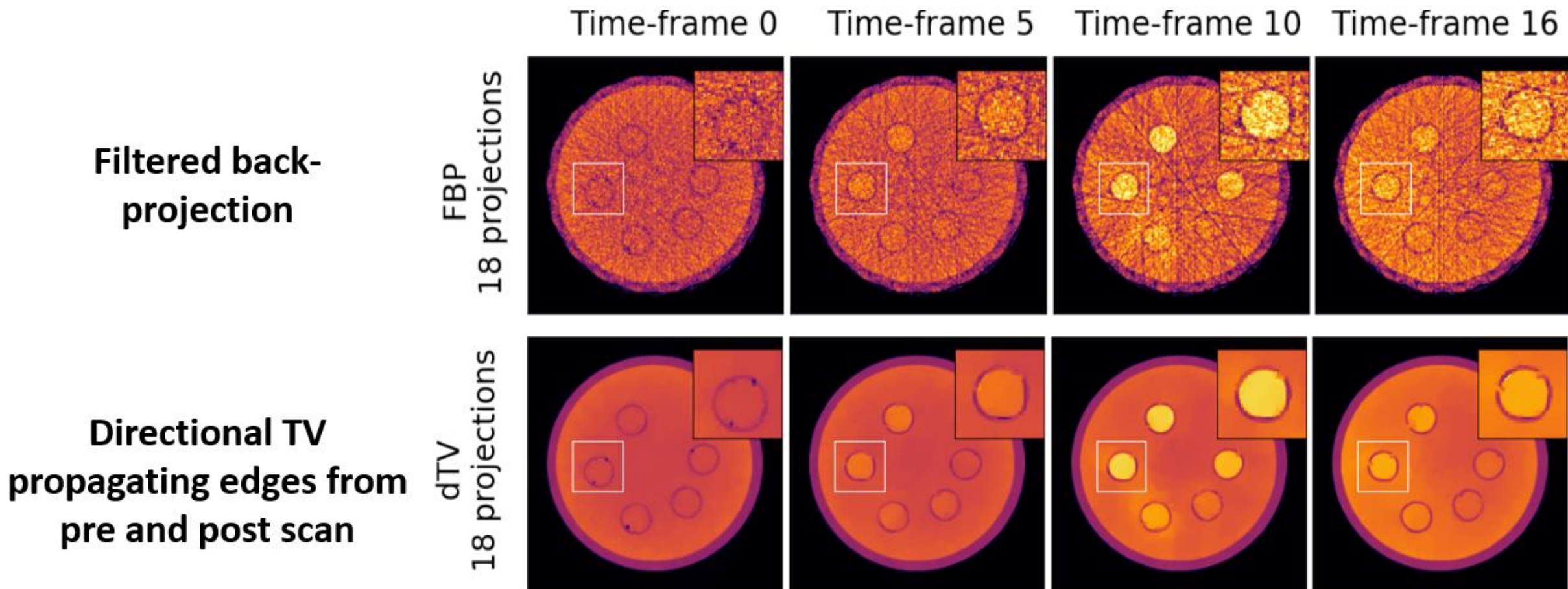
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CIL example - non-standard scan

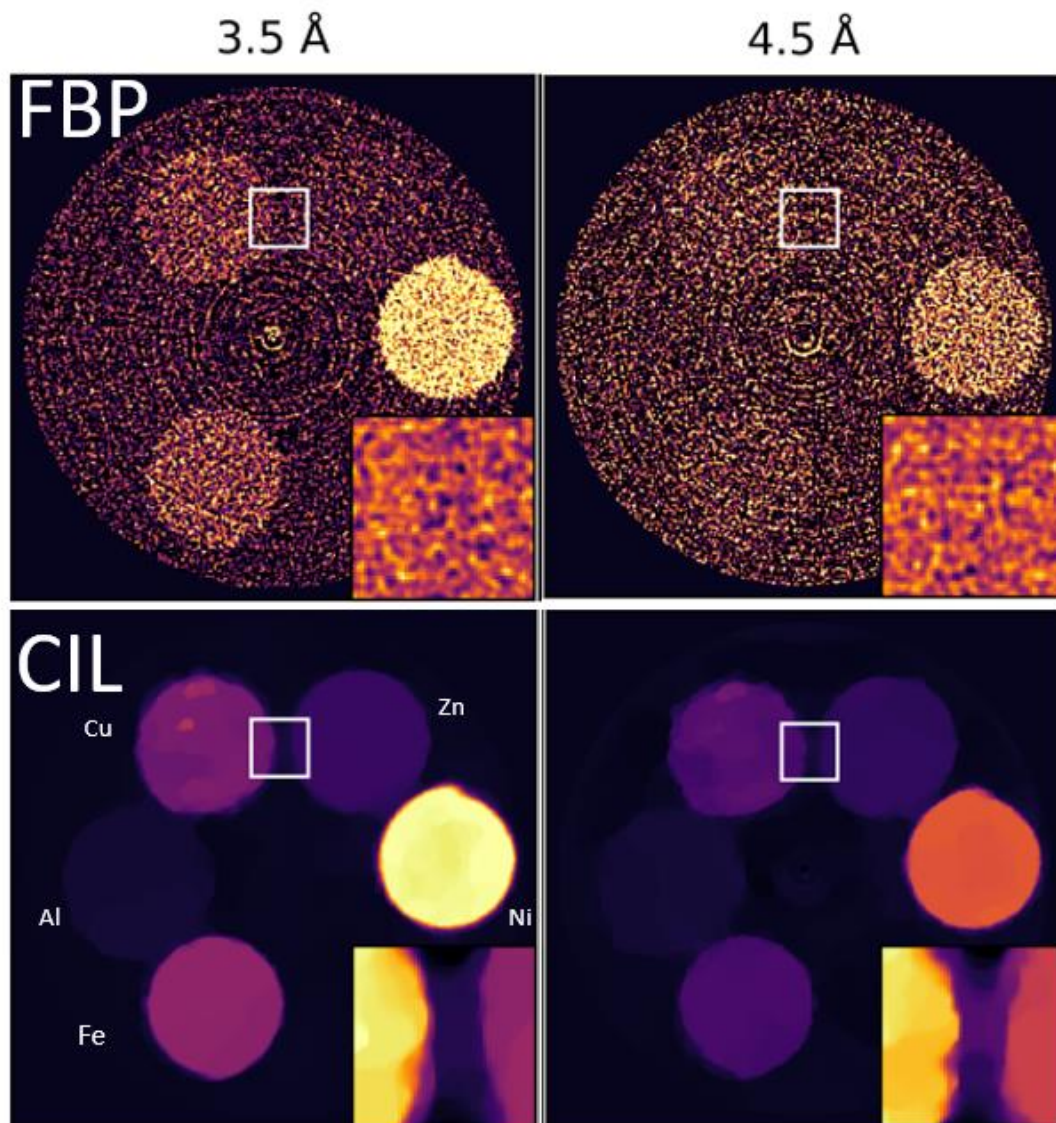


CIL example - few-view dynamic CT

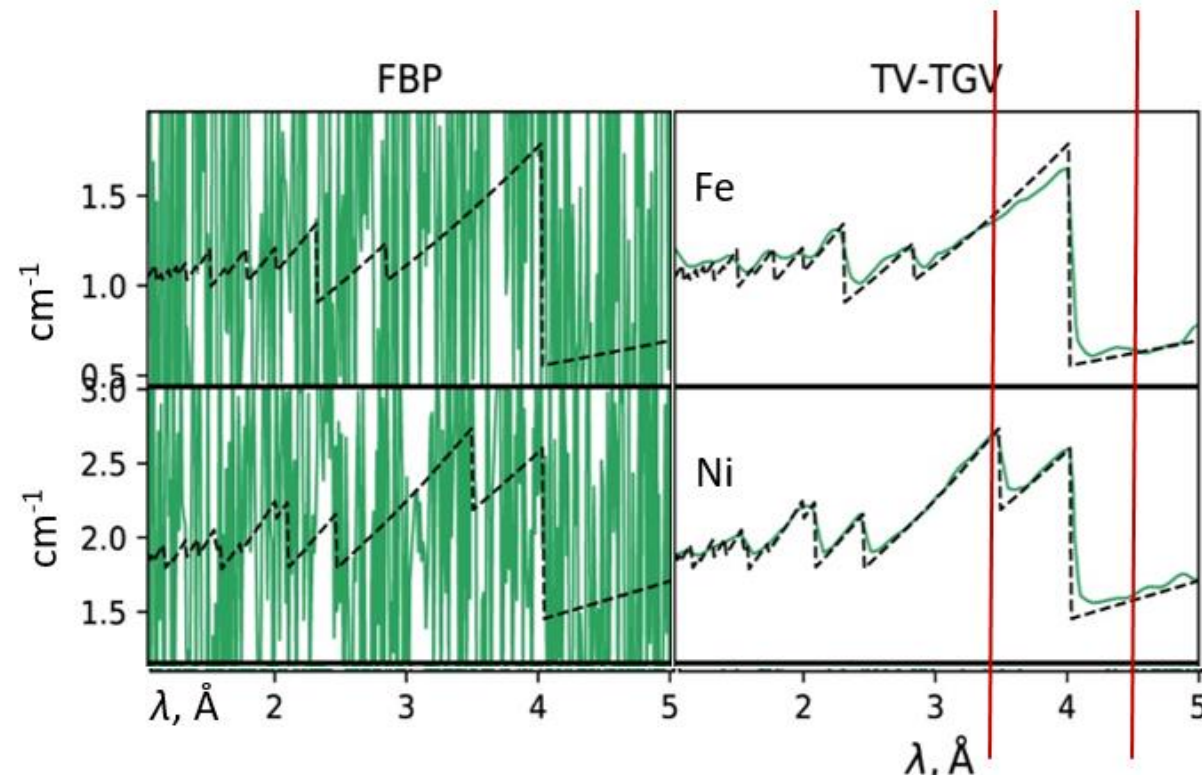


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Energy-resolved neutron CT



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



Ametova et al. 2021: *Crystalline phase discriminating neutron tomography using advanced reconstruction methods*, J. Physics D, <https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6463/ac02f9>

Regularization notebook walk-through

PyData22_deblurring.ipynb


Go to:
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Learning Objectives:

- Load a CIL example dataset
- Set-up a deblurring inverse problem
- Compare the results of different regularisation choices : Tikhonov, L1-Norm, Total-Variation
- Solve different optimisation problems with the same algorithm: FISTA

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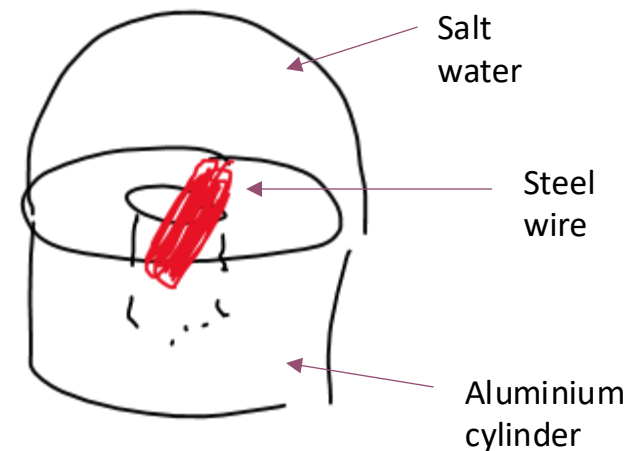
Functions in CIL

name	description
BlockFunction	separable sum of multiple functions
ConstantFunction	function taking the constant value
OperatorCompositionFunction	compose function f and operator A : $f(Ax)$
IndicatorBox	indicator function for box (lower/upper) constraints
KullbackLeibler	Kullback–Leibler divergence data fidelity
L1Norm	L^1 -norm: $\ x\ _1 = \sum_i x_i $
L2NormSquared	squared L^2 -norm: $\ x\ _2^2 = \sum_i x_i^2$
LeastSquares	least-squares data fidelity: $\ Ax - b\ _2^2$
MixedL21Norm	mixed $L^{2,1}$ -norm: $\ (U_1; U_2)\ _{2,1} = \ (U_1^2 + U_2^2)^{1/2}\ _1$
SmoothMixedL21Norm	smooth $L^{2,1}$ -norm: $\ (U_1; U_2)\ _{2,1}^S = \ (U_1^2 + U_2^2 + \beta^2)^{1/2}\ _1$
WeightedL2NormSquared	weighted squared L^2 -norm: $\ x\ _w^2 = \sum_i (w_i \cdot x_i^2)$
TotalVariation	$TV(u) = \ Du\ _{2,1} = \sum_{i,j} \left(\sqrt{(D_y u)^2 + (D_x u)^2} \right)_{i,j}$
WeightedL1Norm	$\ x\ _{1,w} = \sum_i x_i w_i $
ApproximateGradientSumFunction	...
SGFunction	 ...

Demonstration dataset

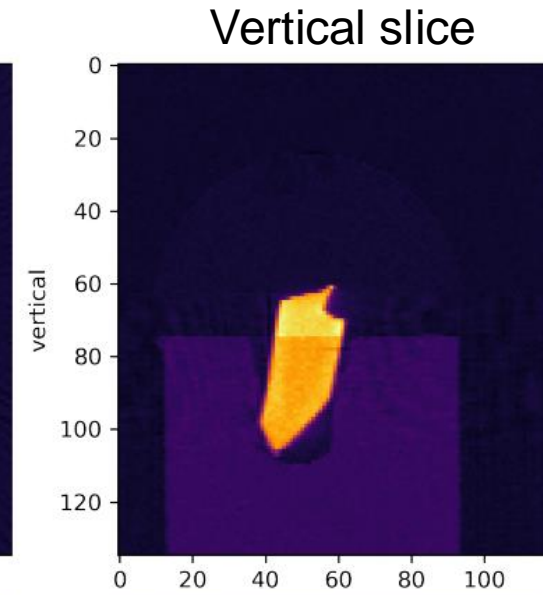
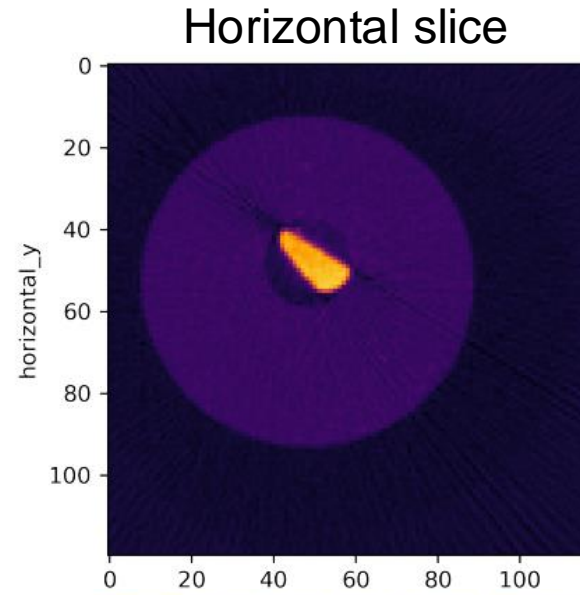
- 3D parallel-beam X-ray CT dataset from Beamline I13-2, Diamond Light Source.
- 0.5 mm aluminium cylinder with a piece of steel wire embedded in a small drilled hole. A droplet of salt water was placed on top, causing corrosion to form hydrogen bubbles.
- 160x135 15 projections over 180°

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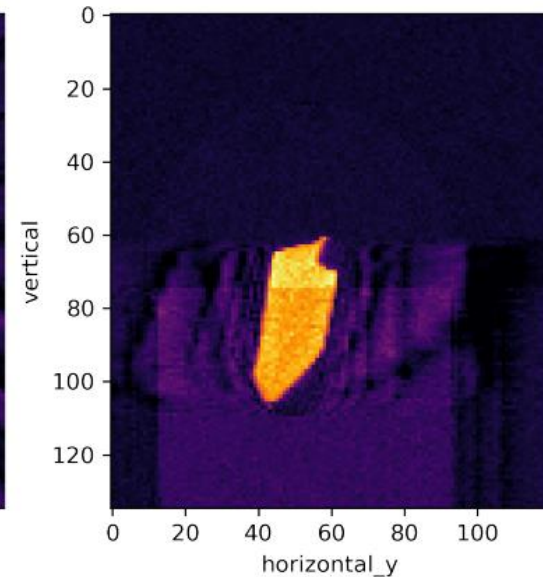
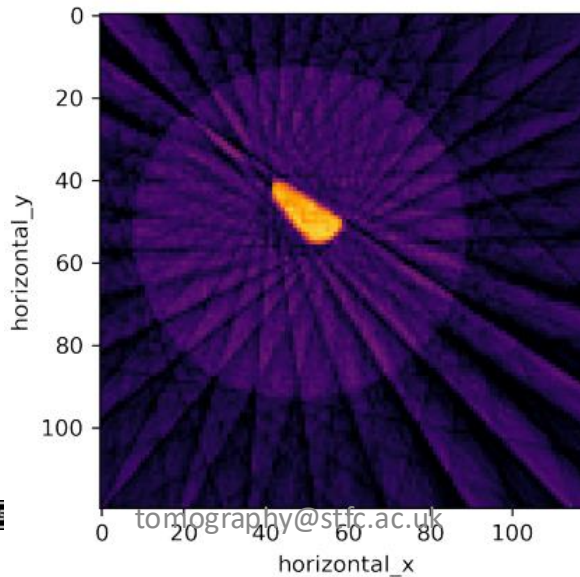


Demonstration dataset

90
projections



15
projections



Try that out in breakout rooms:

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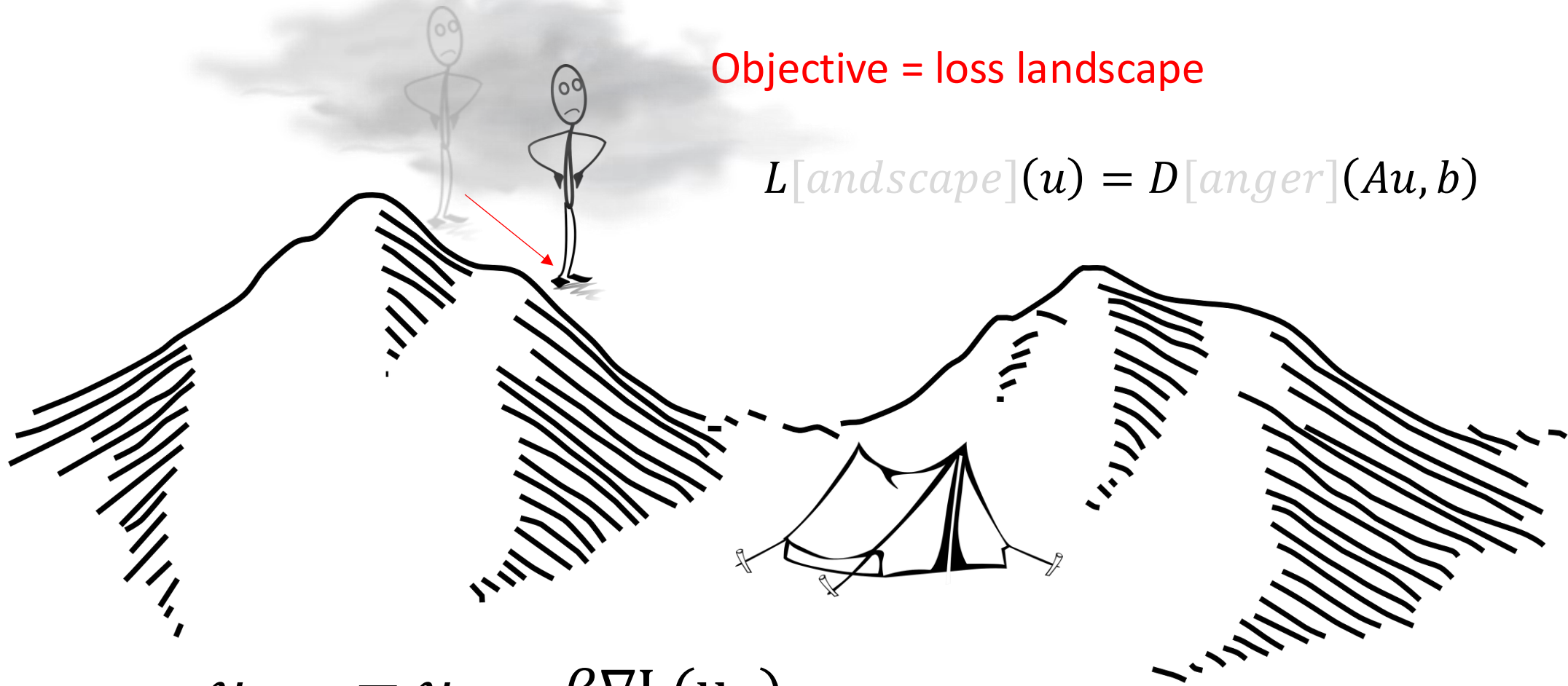
`CIL-Demos/demos/2_iterative/01_optimisation_gd_fista.ipynb`

Learning Objectives:

- 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

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Optimisation algorithms – Gradient Descent



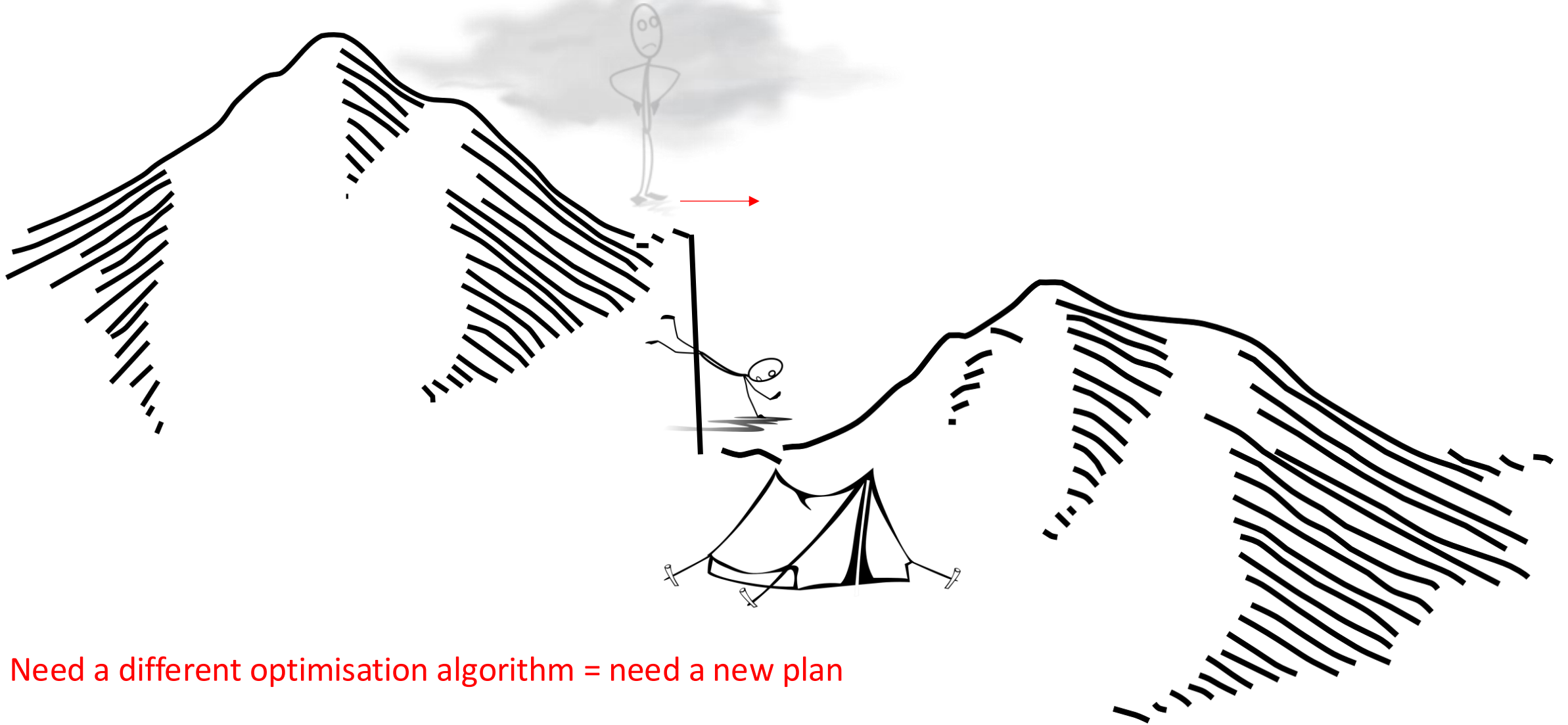
Objective = loss landscape

$$L[\textit{andscape}](u) = D[\textit{anger}](Au, b)$$

$$u_{k+1} = u_k - \beta \nabla L(u_k)$$

Optimisation algorithm = plan to get to the bottom

Optimisation algorithms – Non smooth



Need a different optimisation algorithm = need a new plan

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

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: $\ (U_1; U_2)\ _{2,1} = \ (U_1^2 + U_2^2)^{1/2}\ _1$
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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 and have “simple” proximals.
Stochastic algorithms...	Training coming soon...

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Summary and questions

We have seen:

- How additional regularisation terms in your optimisation objective can change the reconstruction
- How to implement Tikhonov, Non-negativity, L1-Norm, Total-Variation regularisation in CIL and compare the results
- That different choices of optimisation objective require different optimisation algorithms

Break

Welcome, intro and cloud set-up 1-1:15 – Edo

Intro to optimisation – 1:15-2:15 – Edo

- Intro lecture
- Time to explore: demos/1_Introduction/04_FBP_CGLS_SIRT.ipynb
- Extension: demos/1_Introduction/05_USB
- **Break**

Intro to regularisation 2:30-3:45 – Jakob

- Intro lecture
- Demo: binder/PyData22_deblurring.ipynb
- Notebook: 2_Iterative/Optimisation_gd_fista.ipynb
- **Break**

Time to explore and discuss – 4:00-4:45 – Jakob

- Notebook: 2_Iterative/05_Laminography_with_TV.ipynb
- Notebook: 3_Multichannel/03_Hyperspectral_reconstruction.ipynb

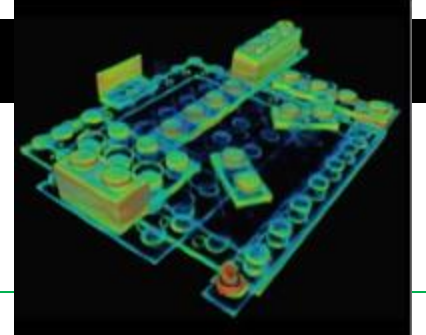
Conclusions 4:45-5 – Edo

Time to explore and discuss

Time to explore

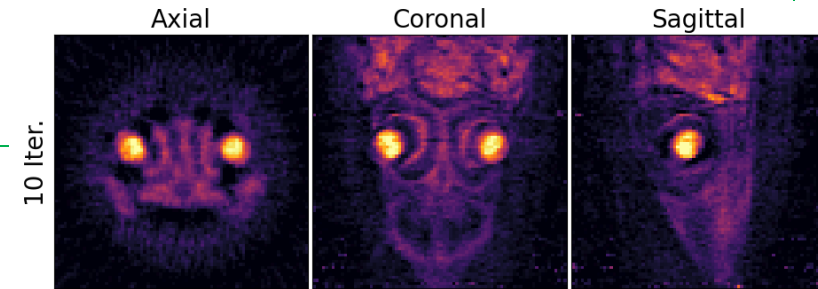
Option 1 : CIL-Demos/demos/2_Iterative/05_Laminography_with_TV.ipynb

- Construct an advanced AcquisitionGeometry by-hand to describe the tilted and offset data
- Use this geometry to read in a tiff stack and create an AcquisitionData object
- Create a custom ImageGeometry around the flat sample
- Reconstruct the data with LS and TV



Option 2: CIL-Demos/demos/3_Multichannel/03_Hyperspectral_reconstruction.ipynb

- Identify the key differences in building Image/Acquisition Geometries and Operators for hyperspectral datasets
- Build your own reconstructions using FDK, CGLS and PDHG
- Determine optimum regularisation parameters based on reconstruction method
- Evaluate the effectiveness of each reconstruction routine using spatial and energy profiles.



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- 002 – Deblurring with CIL
- 003 – 1D integral inverse problem
- 004 – Dynamic CT example
- 005 – Dynamic MR example (with SIRF)
- 006 – CT simulation with gVXR
- 007 – Hyperspectral regularisation
- 008 - Poisson noise models for the data discrepancy term
- 009 – Offset CT reconstruction of an apple
- 010 – Bruker Skyscan reader and reconstruction
- 011 – Phase contrast Exciscope data
- 012 – Wavelet sparsity control regularization
- 013 – anisotropic regularization for FILD measurements
- 014 – GVXR simulation and CIL CPU reconstruction
- One more currently in review!

<https://github.com/TomographicImaging/CIL-User-Showcase>

Questions?

Feedback and next steps

Welcome, intro and cloud set-up 1-1:15

Building your own optimisation problem using the block framework– 1:15-2:30 – Jakob

- Demo: 2_Iterative/02_tikhonov_block_framework.ipynb
- Block framework example lecture
- Notebook: 4_Deep_Dives/03_htc_2022.ipynb
- **Break**

Customising your optimisation method- 2:45-3:30 – Margaret

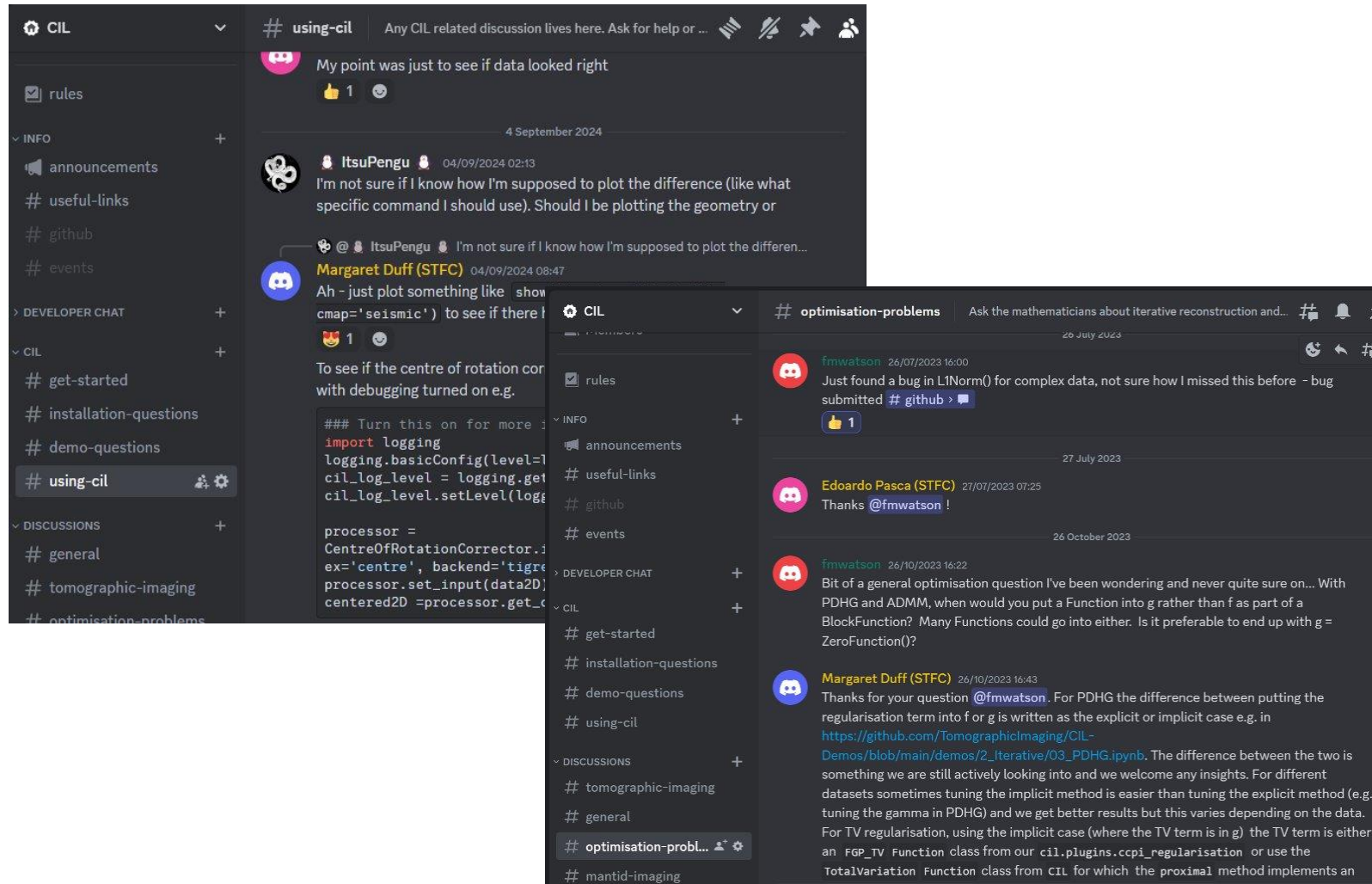
- Demo notebook: 4_Deep_Dives/01_callbacks.ipynb
- Notebook: 4_Deep_Dives/04_preconditioner_stepsize.ipynb
- **Break**

Time to explore and discuss – 3:45-4:45 – Margaret

- Notebook: 1_Introduction/exercises/03_where_is_my_reader.ipynb
- Notebook: 4_Deep_Dives/04_phase_retrieval.ipynb
- Notebook: 3_Multichannel/02_Dynamic_CT.ipynb
- Notebook: 4_Deep_Dives/06_directional_TV.ipynb

Conclusions and further support 4:45-5 – Edo

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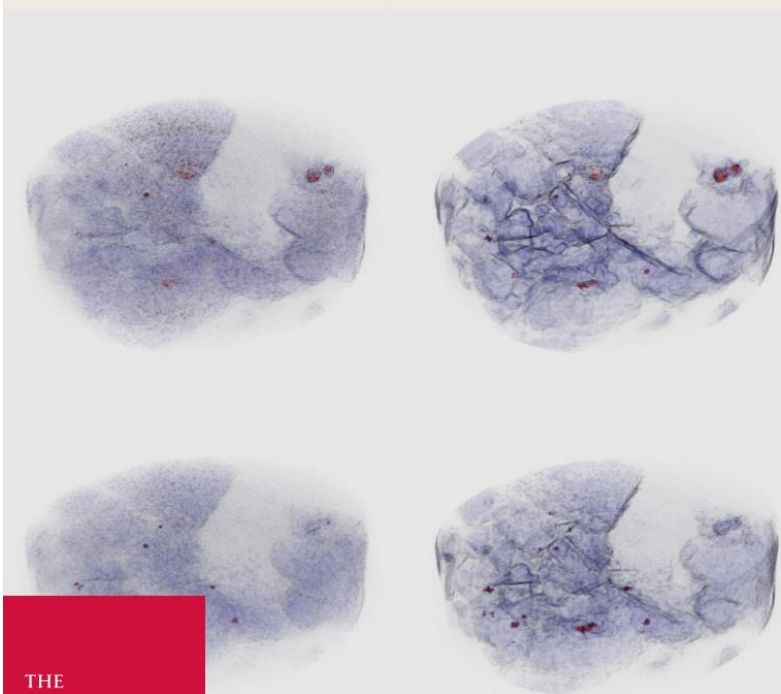
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Thank you - and see you again tomorrow!

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Spare slides

Smooth Regularisation: Tikhonov

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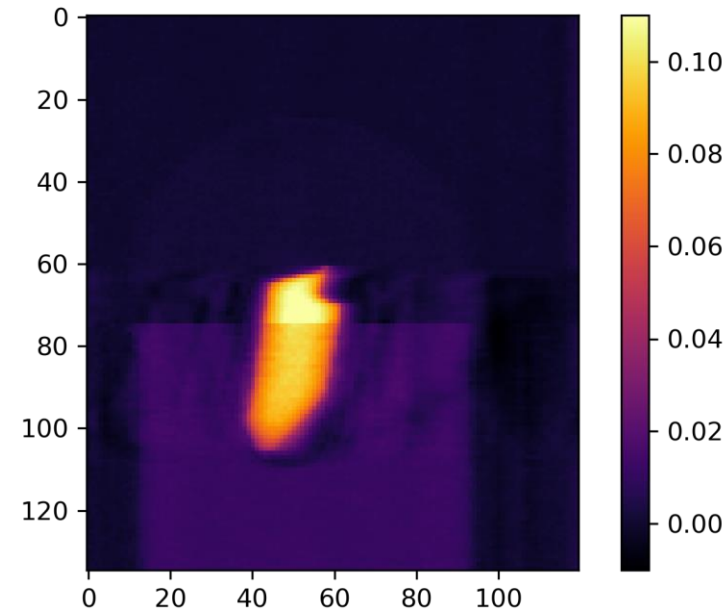
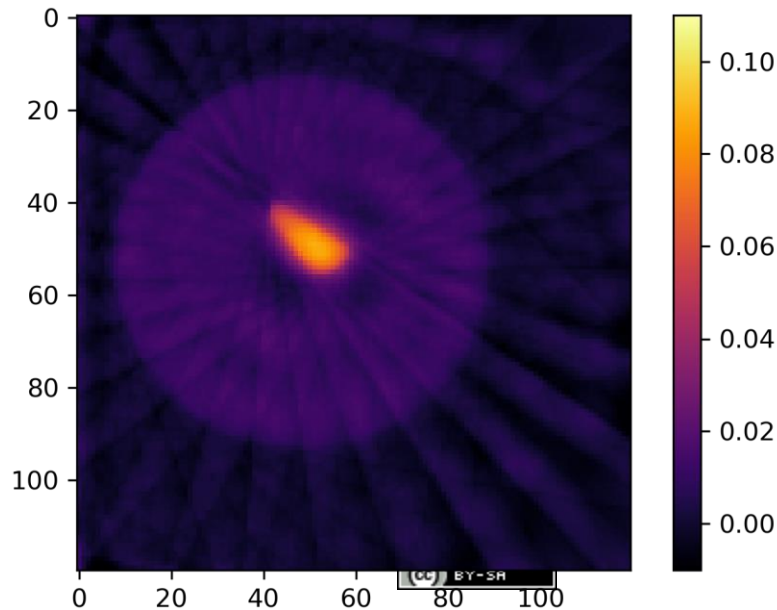
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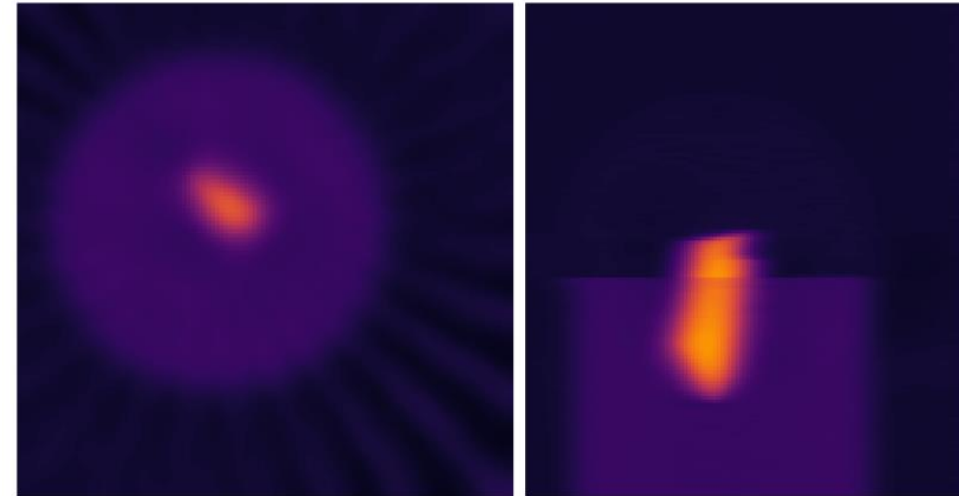
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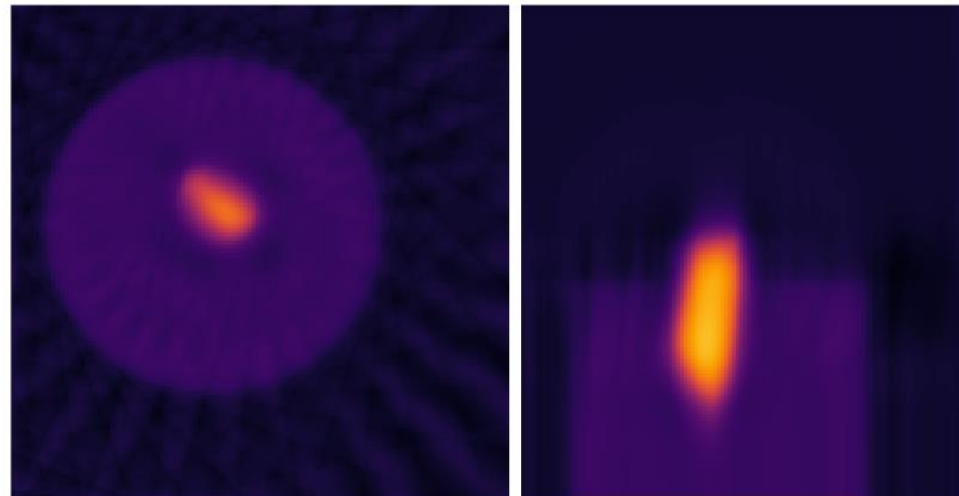
Smooth Regularisation: Anisotropic Tikhonov

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**Large horizontal,
small vertical smoothing**



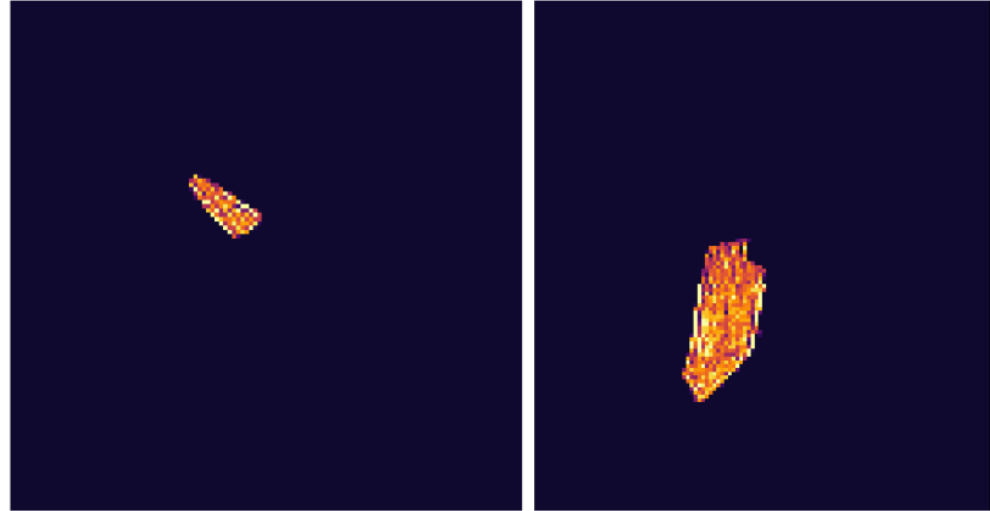
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Sparsity: L1 Regularization

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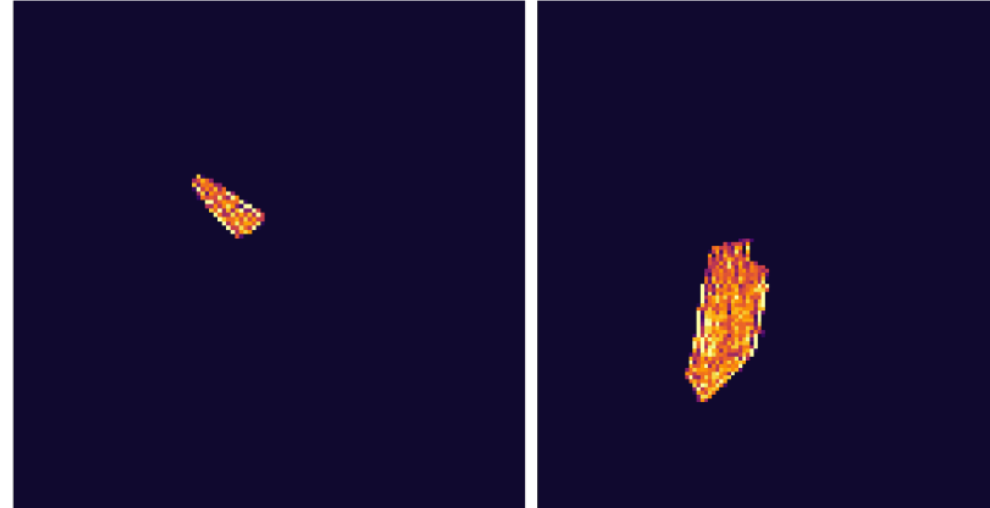
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Sparsity and Total Variation Regularization

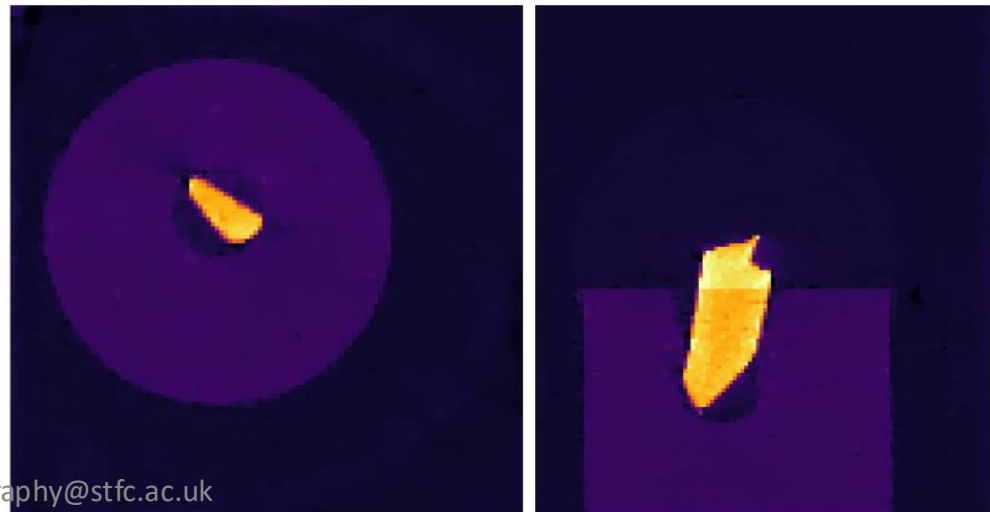
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Total variation regularisation:

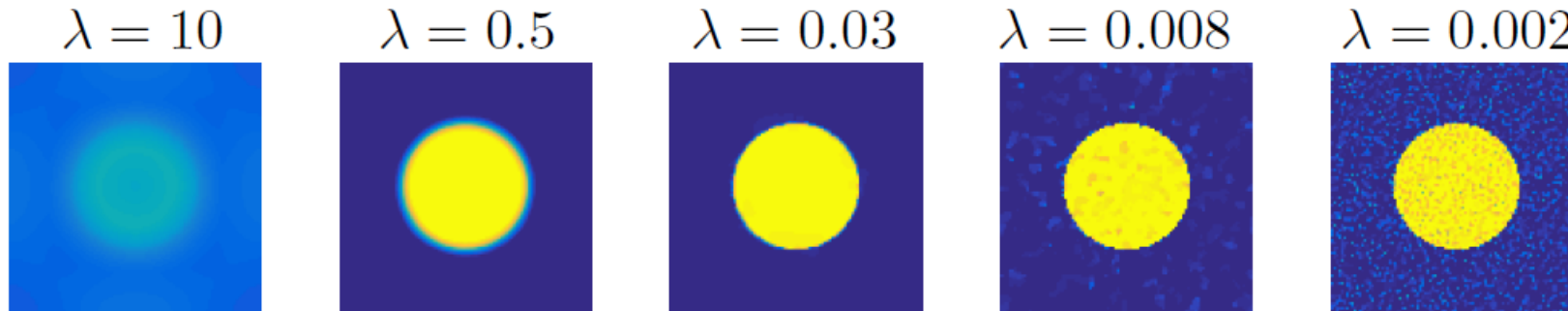
$$\sum_j \|D_j u\|_2$$



Effect of the Regularisation Parameter

Total variation regularization:

$$\min_u \|Au - b\|_2^2 + \lambda \cdot \text{TV}(u)$$



- ▶ Large λ : Almost only effect of regularizer. $\text{TV} \rightarrow \text{Constant}$.
- ▶ Small λ : Almost just least-squares solution.
- ▶ Best trade-off?

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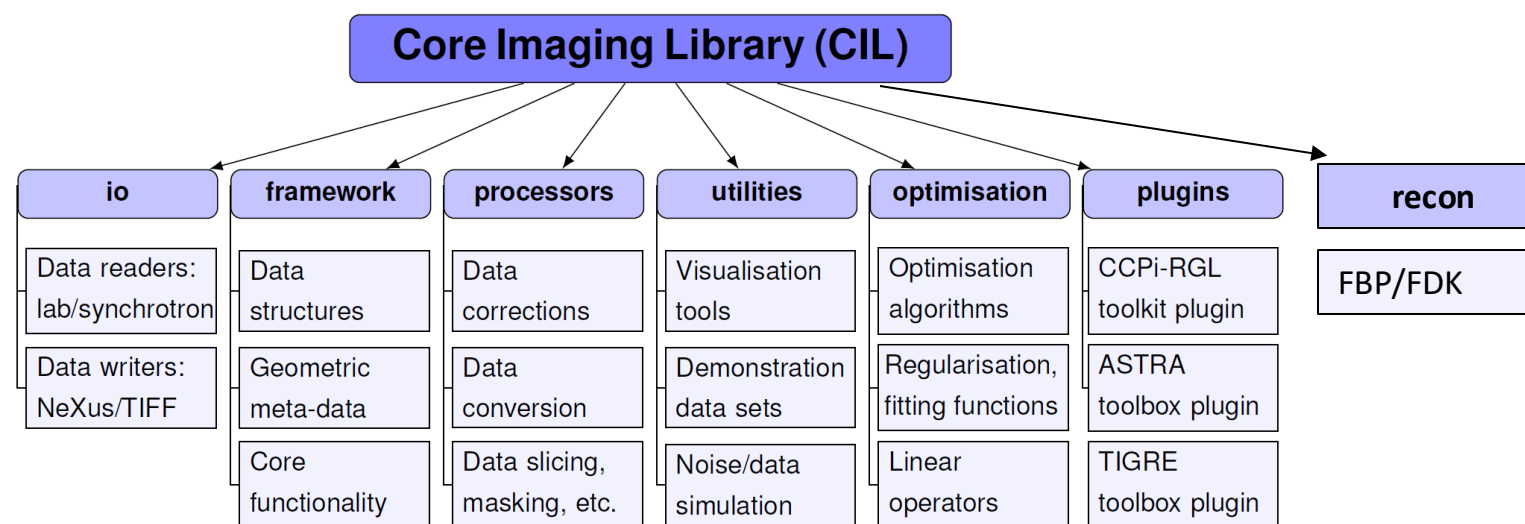


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Who is CIL for?

- CT experimentalists
 - **Optimised** standard algorithms for large data
 - Batch processing
 - To utilise reconstruction algorithms for **poor data quality** or to handle novel imaging modalities
- Image processing specialists
 - to easily implement new reconstruction algorithms
 - **assess** them against existing ones.

CIL Module Structure and Contents



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Documentation



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
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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.

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Filtered Back Projection (FBP)

Pros

- Fast as based on FFT and backprojection
- Few parameters
- Typically works very well
- Reconstruction behaviour well understood

Cons

- 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

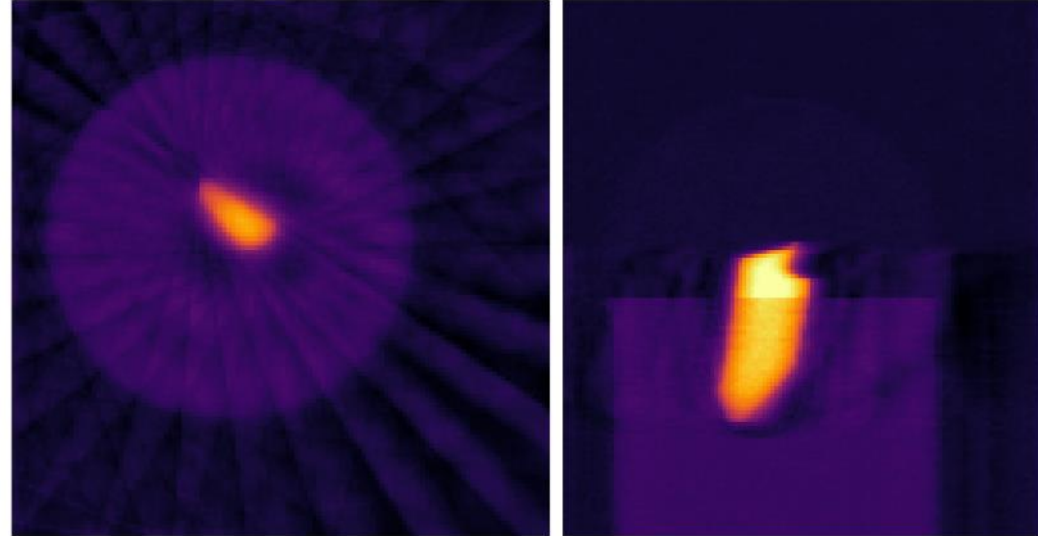
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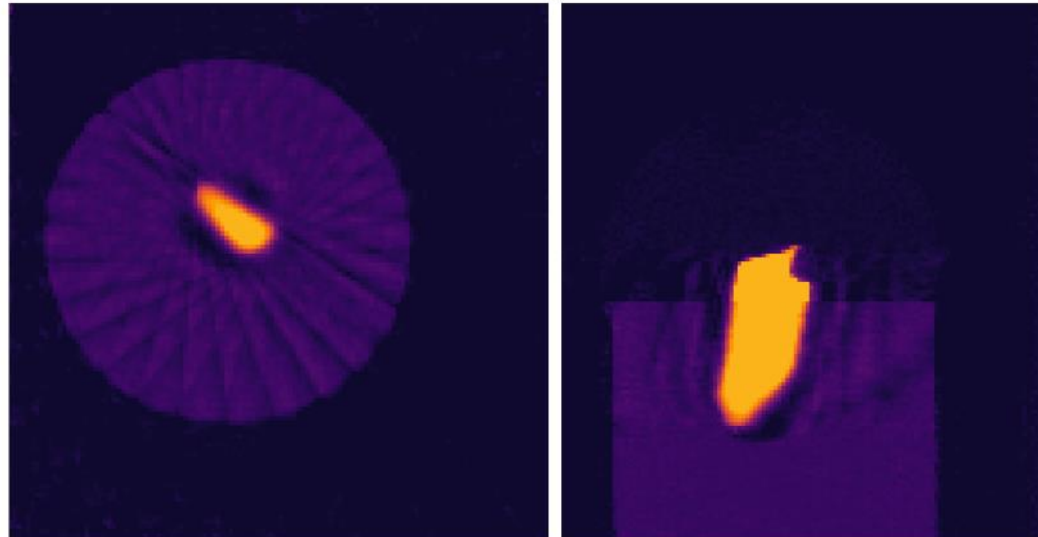
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SIRT

As above and allowing
lower and upper bounds
on pixel values, here
Non-negative and ≤ 0.9

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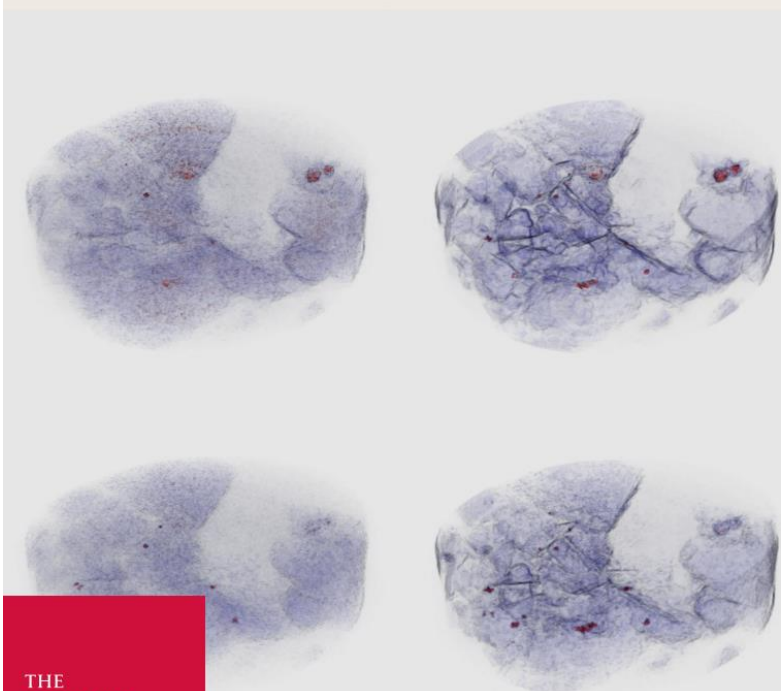
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Conclusion

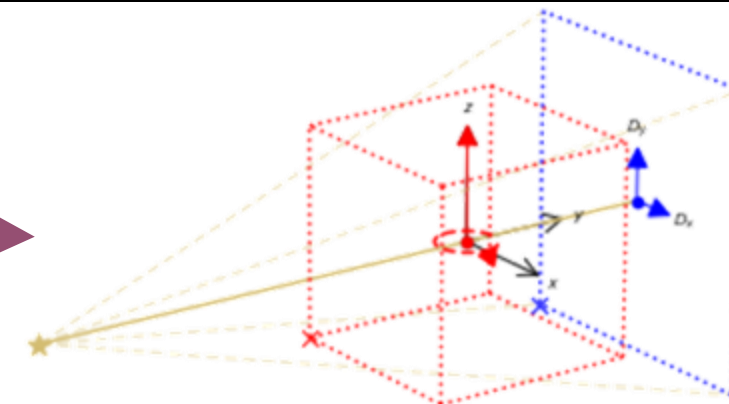
- CIL is a Open Source mostly Python library for all your tomographic needs:
 - I/O
 - pre-processing
 - Reconstruction
 - Visualisation
- Developer Support, user driven, long term funding
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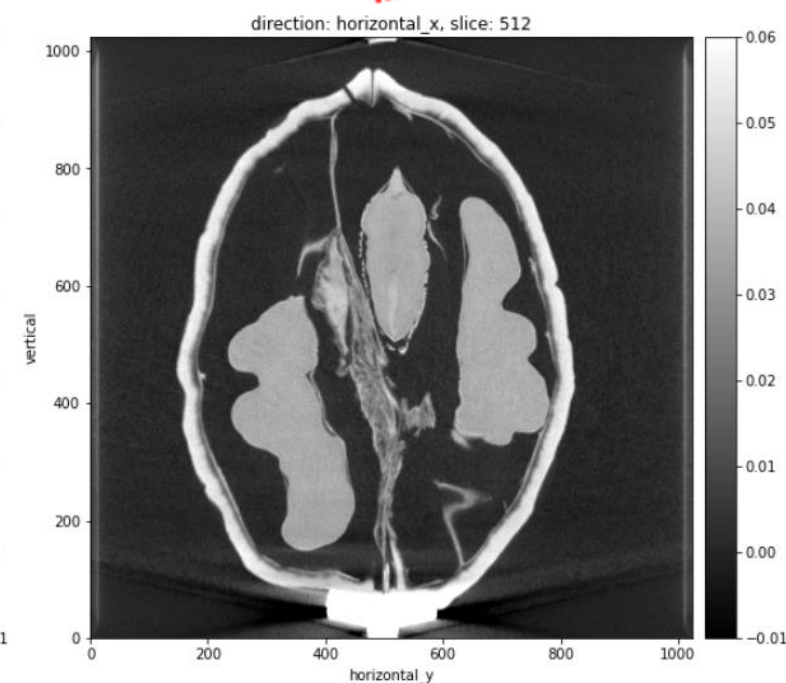
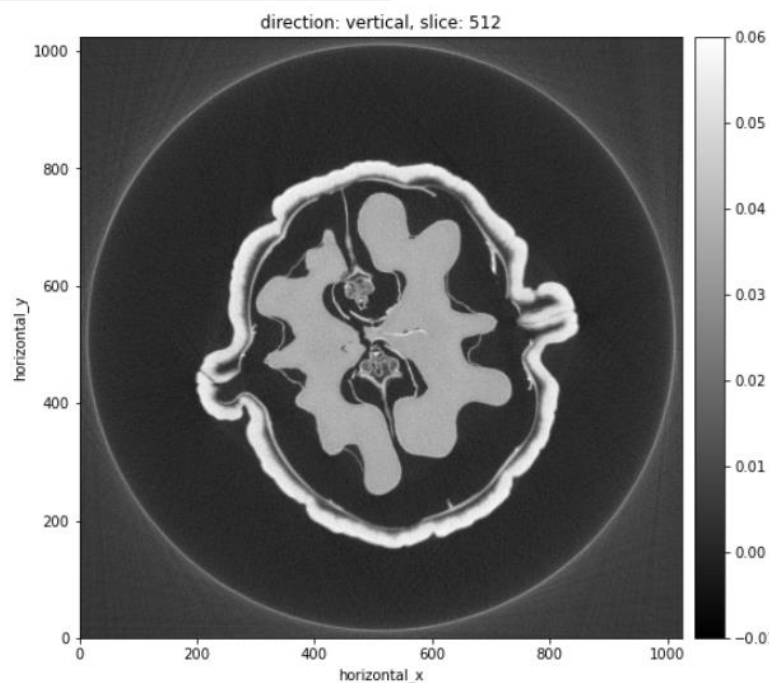
Core Imaging Library for CT and other inverse problems

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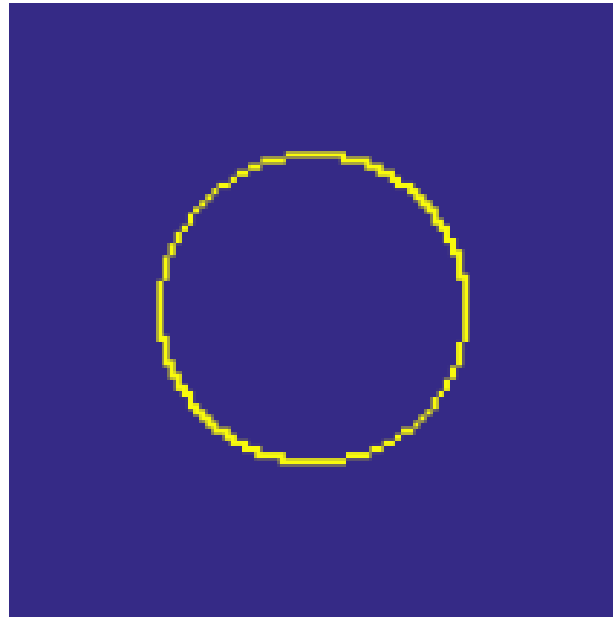
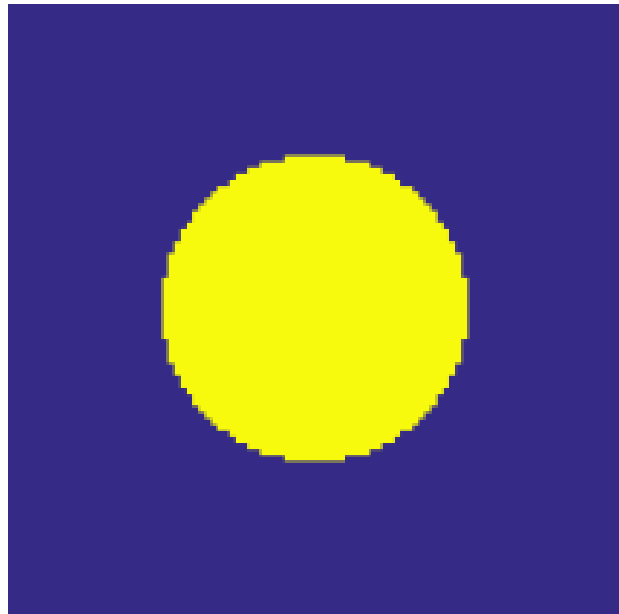


- Data readers/writers
- Pre-processing tools
- Image reconstruction
- *Near math* optimisation syntax
- Visualisation
- 2D, 3D and 4D data
- TIGRE and ASTRA backend

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What is Total Variation?



- Measures variation of an image
- Sum of gradient magnitude image
$$\text{TV}(u) = \sum_j \|D_j u\|_2$$
- Prior: few homogeneous regions with simple boundaries
- Quite successful in tomography, in particular for reduced data