

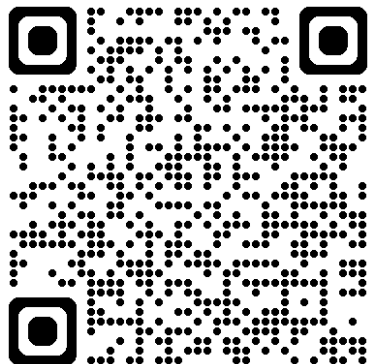
# Welcome CIL online training

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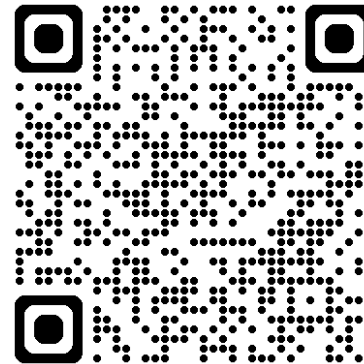
- Check out our HackMD: <https://hackmd.io/@ccpi/cil-online-25>
  - o And answer the icebreaker questions for today!
- Make sure you zoom name is correct
- Check your video and microphone (you will need them later)



CIL Discord



CIL GitHub



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

an open-source reconstruction platform for challenging  
and novel data.

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# Our goals with this course

- Learn how to build your own objective function
- Learn how to customise your own optimisation problems including using callbacks
- See some deep dives into advanced capabilities in 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

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## Conclusions and further support 4:45-5 – Jakob

# Your feedback from Mentimeter

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

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More background math of some methods

More walk-thoughts if possible

More math

Maybe we could concentrate a bit more on the mathematical methods, because we haven't used these before.

More implementation details

More notebook interaction from the instructors.

more maths explanations

If felt a bit like clicking through and not really understanding

Maybe more explanation on what each operator/regularizer/functions does

Instead of covering so much content, is it possible to make a simple module to provide a test of all the things first at a bit lower difficult level and then build on it on the next day?

More indpepth comparison (plusses and minus) of CIL in comparison to other tools.

# Log in to JupyterHub

- Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/cil-online-25> and write your name next to a **username** to claim it for the exercises
- Go to: <https://training.jupyter.stfc.ac.uk/>
- **Sign up with the username** you claimed and a password of your choice.
- No password reset option, so remember your password!
- Then log in with the username and password you set.
- Select the **Tomography environment** server and press "start":

**Sign In**

Username:

Password:

Sign In

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**Sign Up**

Username:

Password:

Create User

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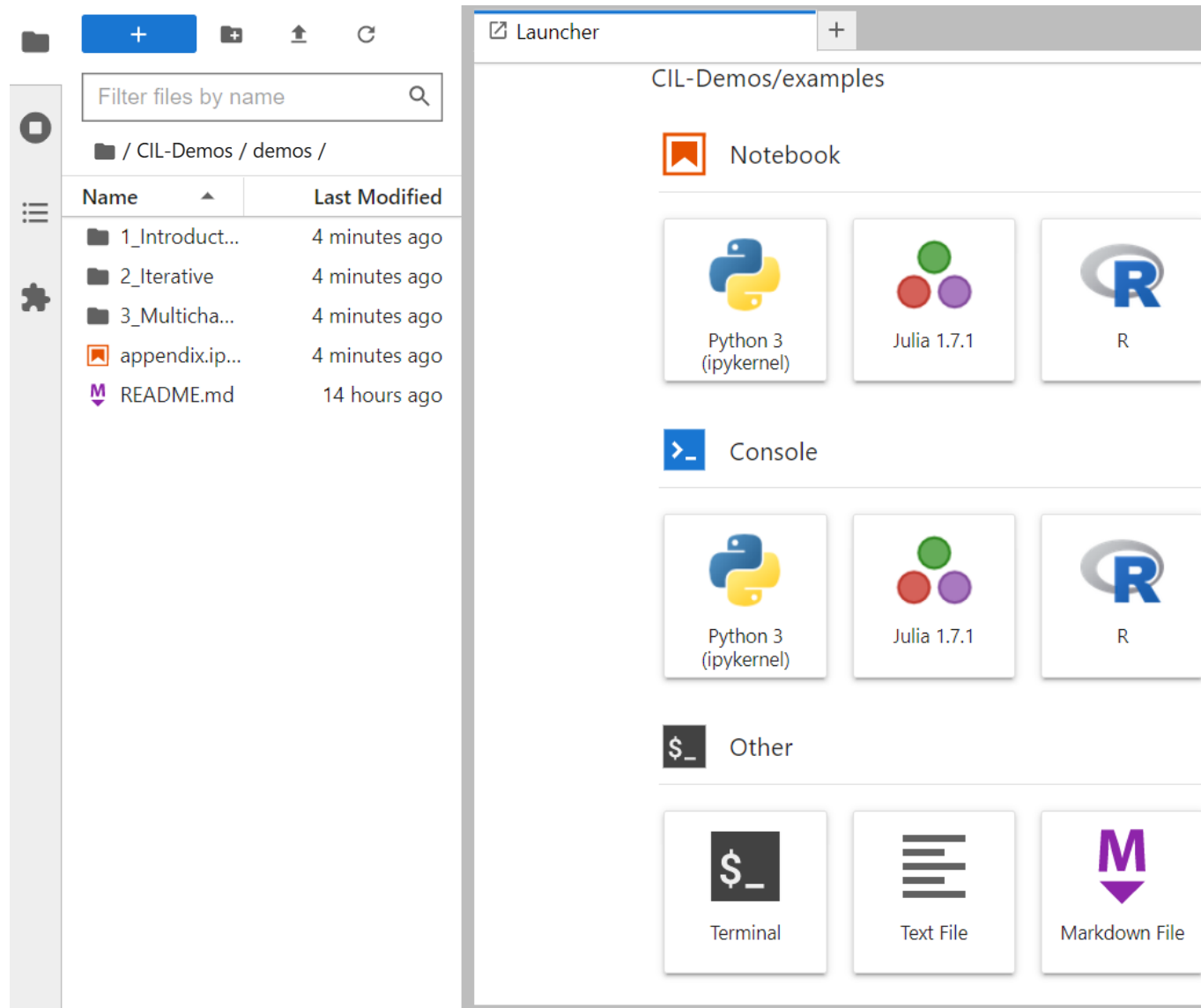
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**Server Options**

- ☐ Default: Minimal environment  
For small jobs and prototyping: 2 CPUs, 1.5GB RAM and no GPU. This is the default, and will usually start in ~2 minutes. During periods of high-contention it may take up to 20 minutes to create.
- ☐ Pytorch and Tensorflow environment  
This environment has pytorch and tensorflow. This configuration gives you 6 CPUs, 30GB RAM and a GPU.
- ☒ **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 ...



The screenshot displays the JupyterLab interface. On the left is the 'File Browser' panel, and on the right is the 'Launcher' panel.

**File Browser Panel:**

- Search bar: Filter files by name
- Current path: / CIL-Demos / demos /
- Table of files:

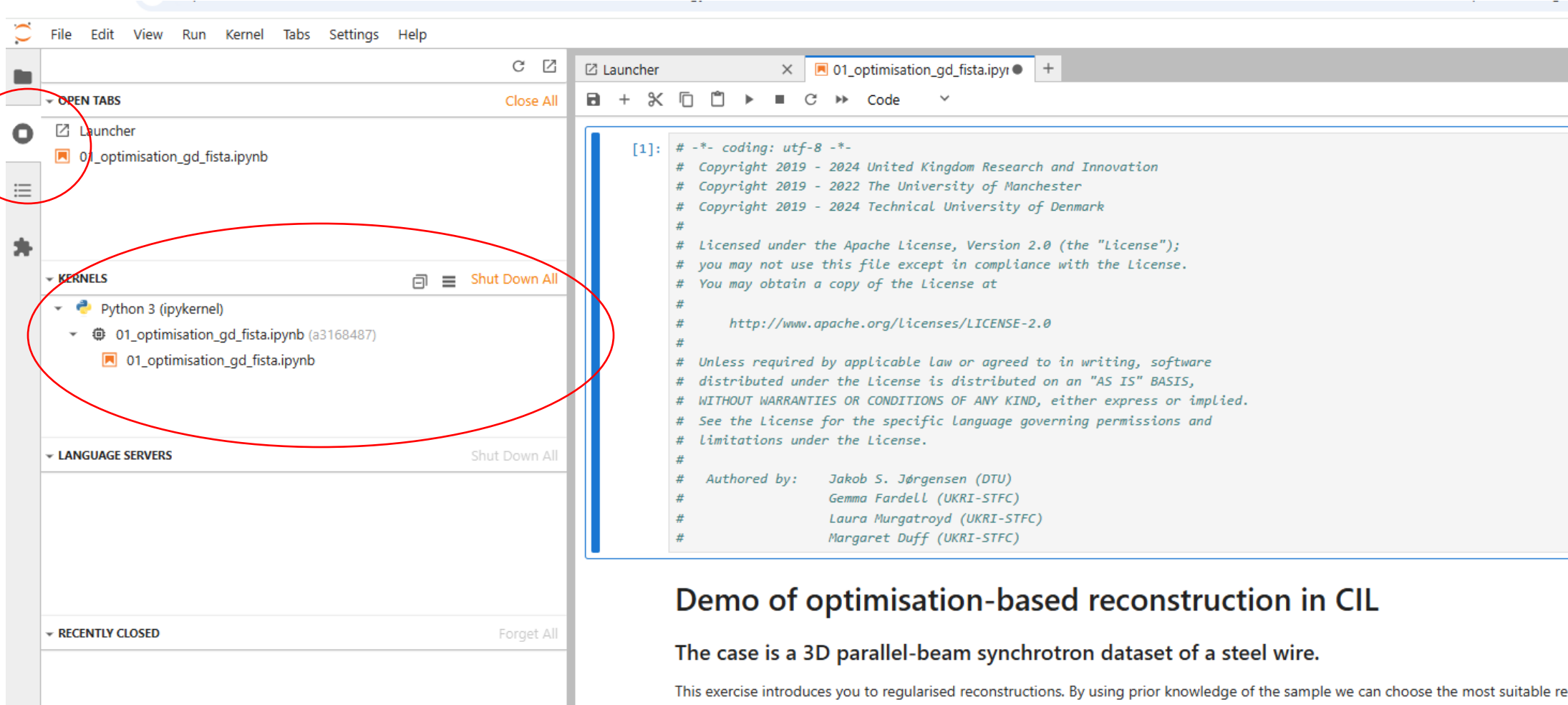
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README.md	14 hours ago

**Launcher Panel:**

- Tab: Launcher
- Section: CIL-Demos/examples
- Category: Notebook
  - Python 3 (ipykernel)
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  - Terminal
  - Text File
  - Markdown File



# Killing kernels – IMPORTANT



The screenshot shows the JupyterLab interface. On the left, the 'Kernels' panel is visible, showing a list of kernels. A red circle highlights the kernel named '01\_optimisation\_gd\_fista.ipynb' (a3168487). The main editor area displays a code cell with the following text:

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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

# Jupyterhub access – until 5pm UK tomorrow

https://training.jupyter.stfc.ac.uk/user/margaret/lab/tree/CIL-Demos/demos/4\_Deep\_Dives/

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- 05\_esrf\_pip... 2 days

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A = ProjectionOperator(image_geometry=ig,
                        acquisition_geometry=absco

F = 0.5*LeastSquares(A = A, b = absorption)+ alp
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try:
    algo_default.run(80)
except ValueError as e:
    print(e)
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

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
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
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<summary>

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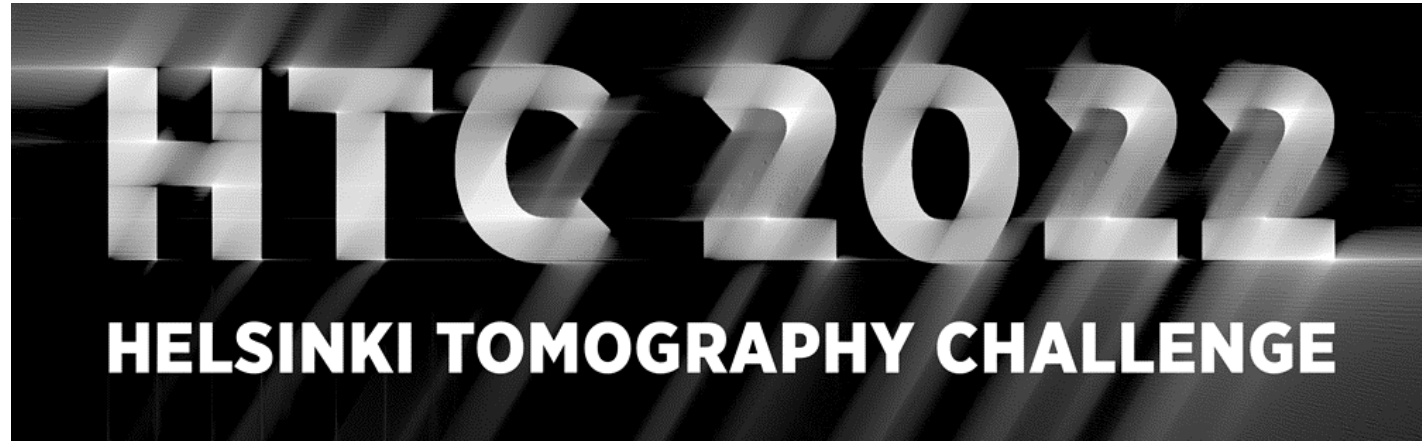
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Learning Objectives:

1. Construct and manipulate BlockOperators and BlockDataContainer, including direct and adjoint operations and algebra.
2. Use Block Framework to solve Tikhonov regularisation with CGLS algorithm.
3. Apply Tikhonov regularisation to tomographic reconstruction and explain the effect of regularisation parameter and operator in regulariser.

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# Example of block framework and modularity



**Competition (CIL team finished 3rd)**

<https://www.fips.fi/HTC2022.php>

**Article describing methods:**

A directional regularization method for the limited-angle Helsinki Tomography Challenge using the Core Imaging Library (CIL)

<https://www.aims sciences.org/article/doi/10.3934/ammc.2023011>



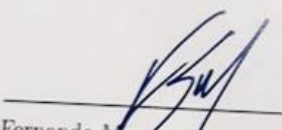
# Special award session, Inverse Days 2022



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## HELSINKI TOMOGRAPHY CHALLENGE 2022 – FINNISH INVERSE PROBLEMS SOCIETY CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

Presented to JAKOB SAUER JØRGENSEN, EDOARDO PASCA, GEMMA FARDELL,  
EVANGELOS PAPOUTSELLIS, AND LAURA MURGATROYD for participating as a team  
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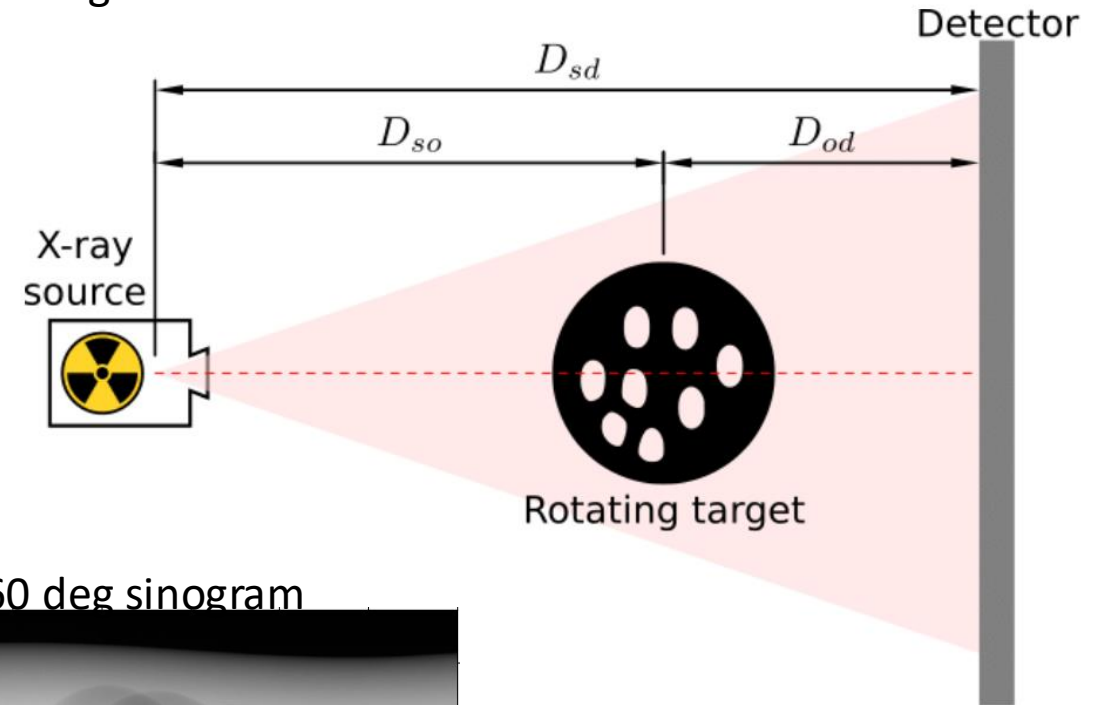
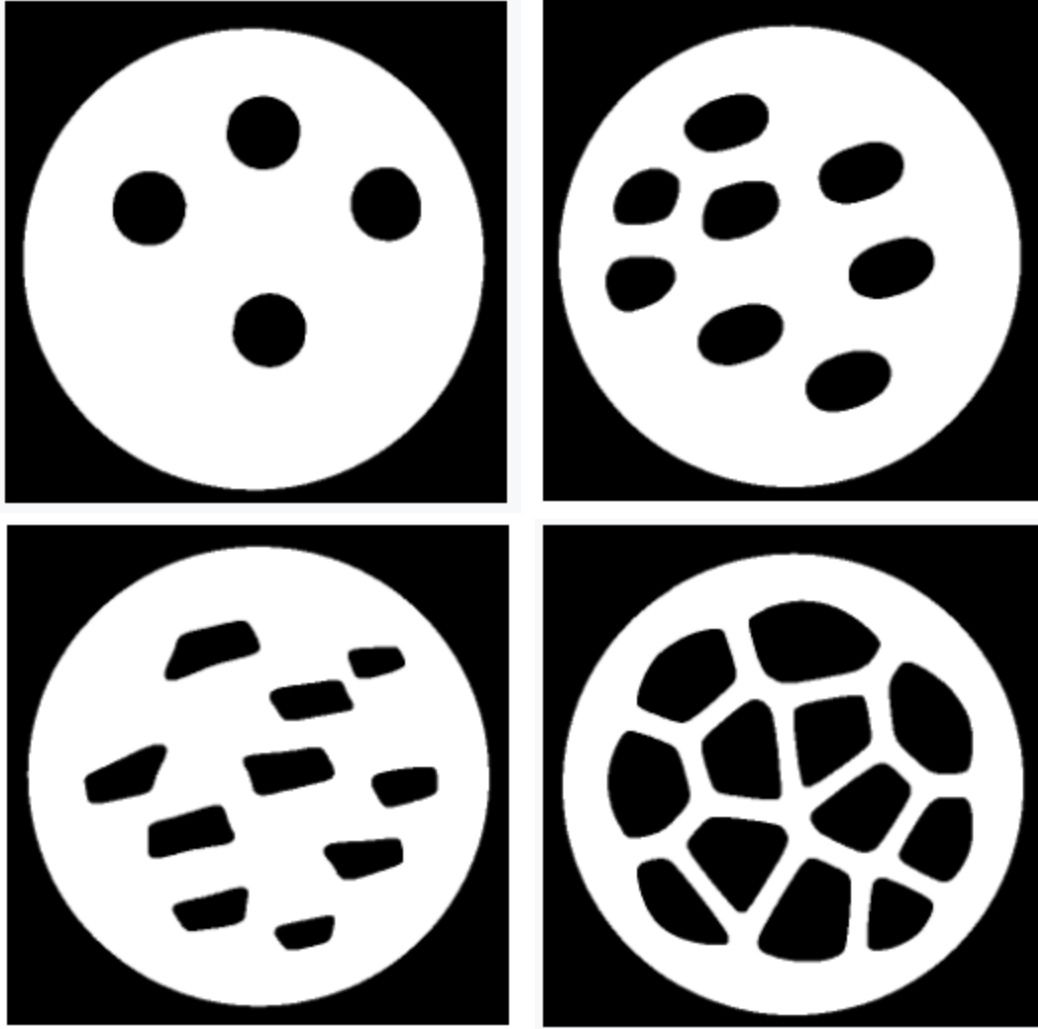
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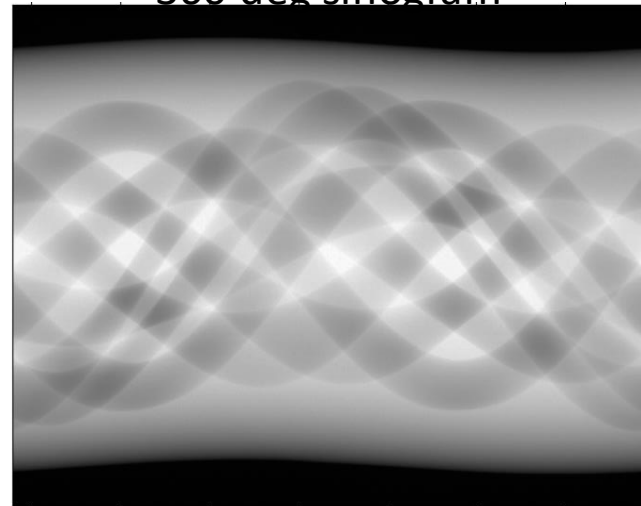


# Test data provided and scan setup

- Four 360 degree measured sinogram data sets to generate limited-angle data from
- Reference reconstructions and segmentations



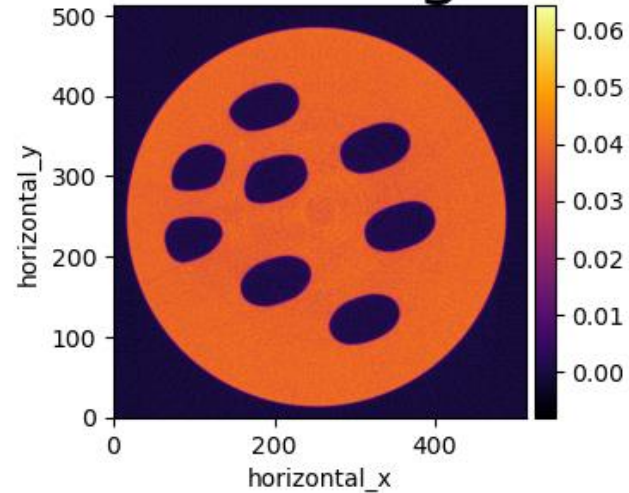
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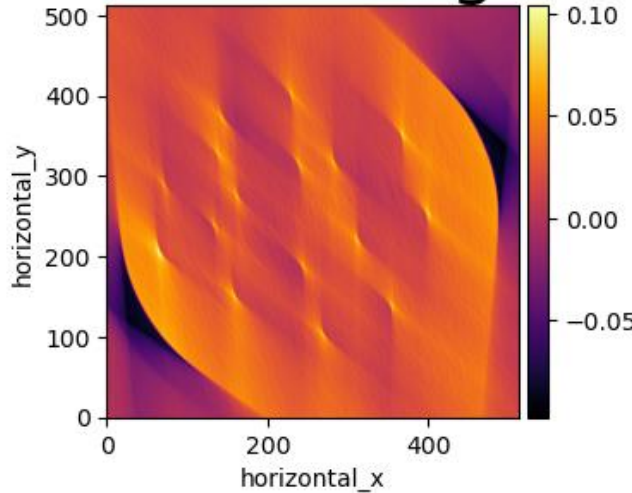
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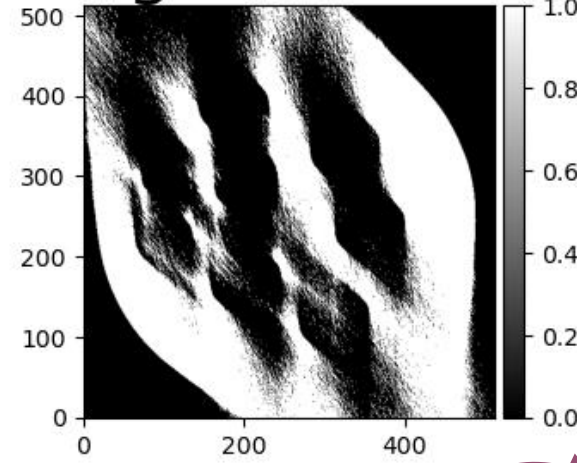
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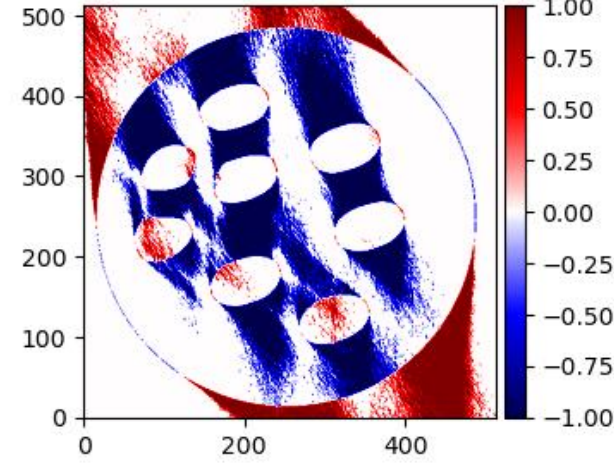
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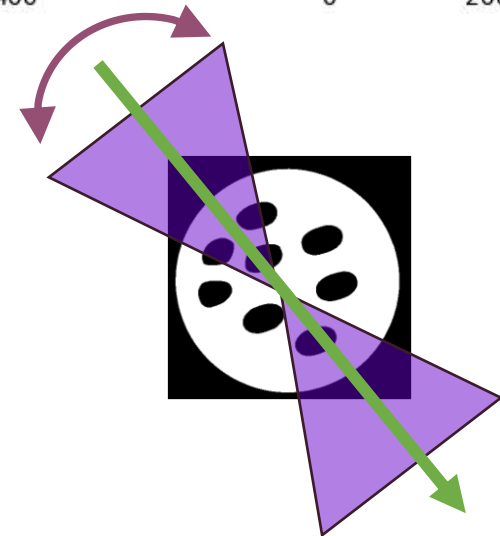
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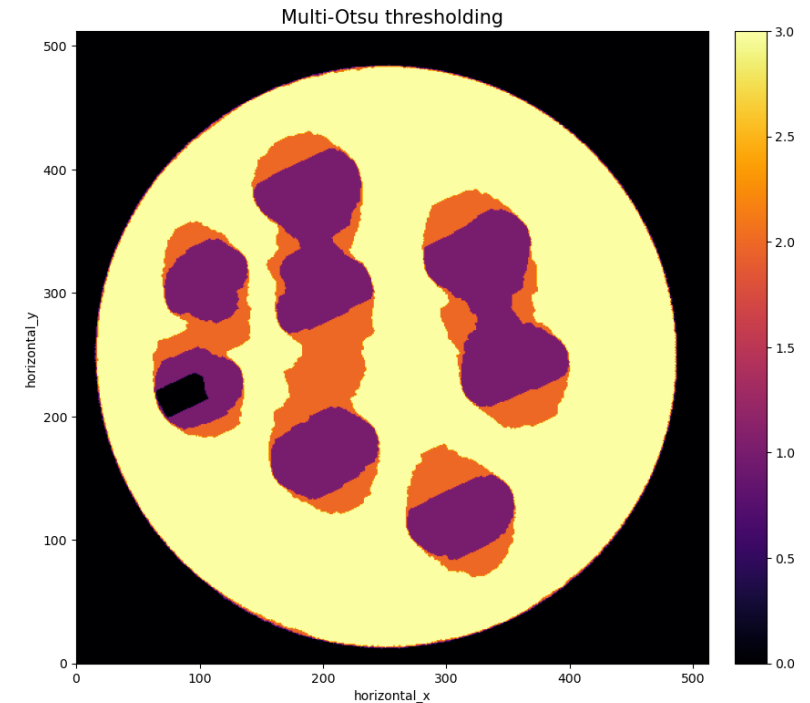
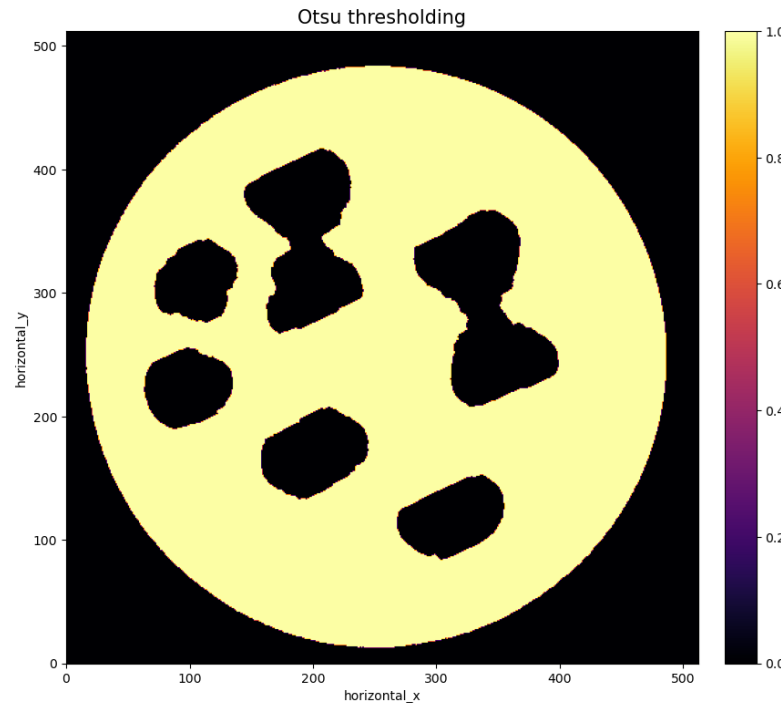
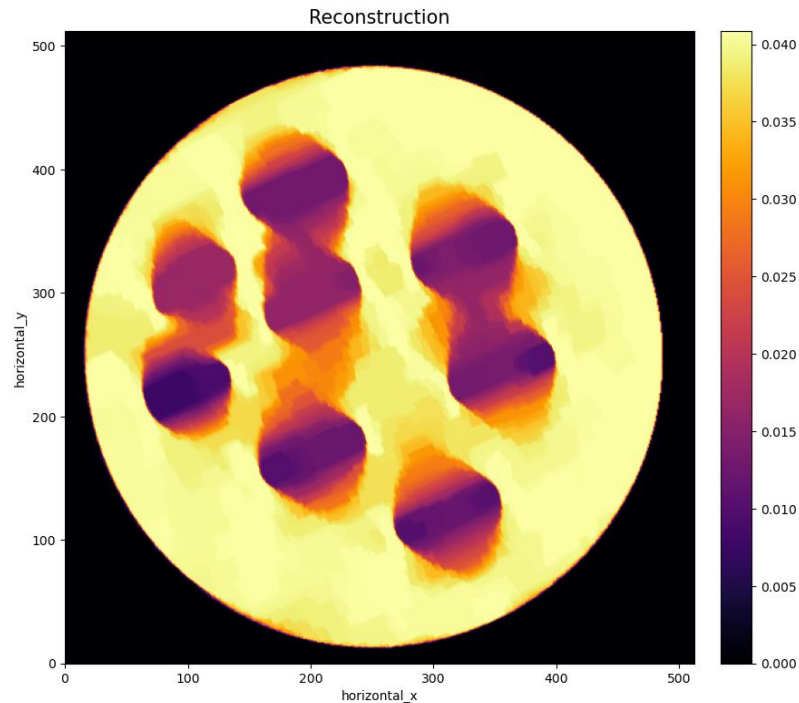


- See how far "**conventional**" CT pre-processing plus variational methods could go
- Use existing general purpose CIL tools as much as possible – limited time for new dev



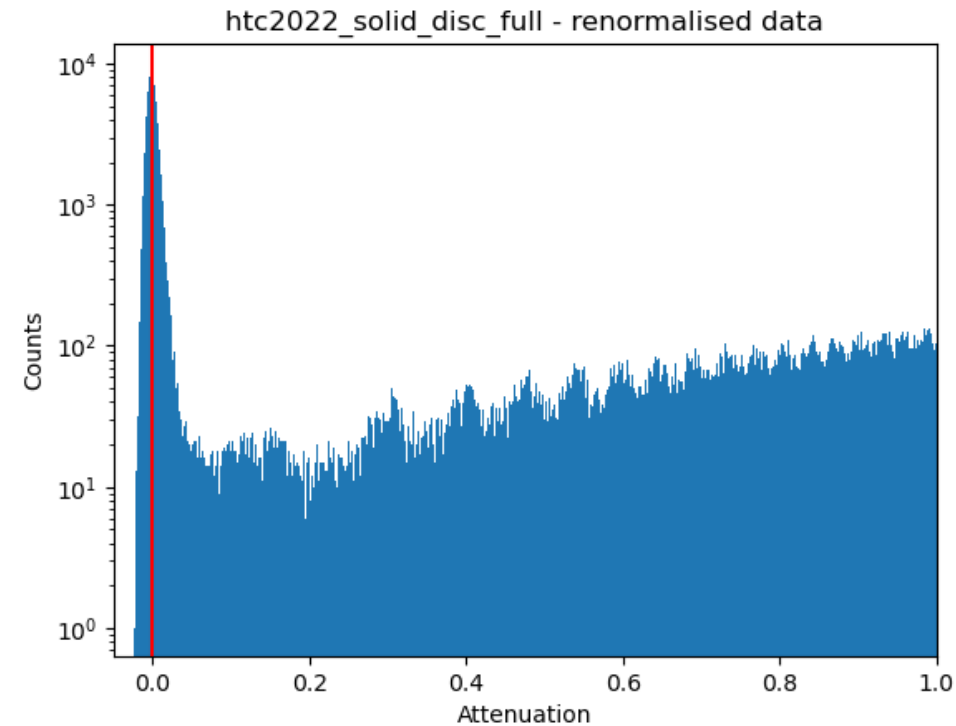
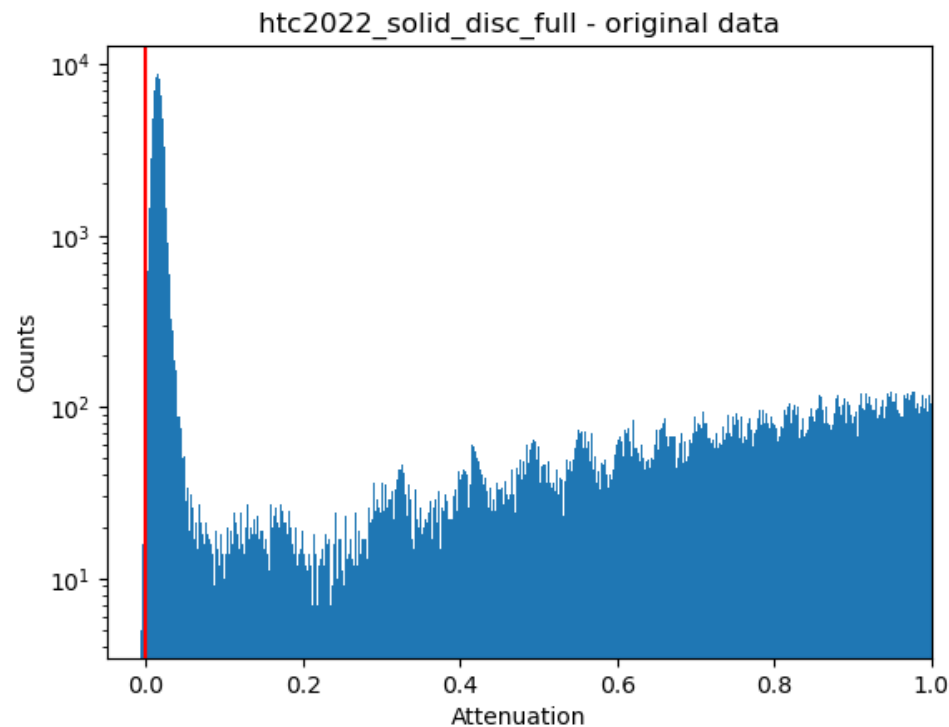
# Segmentation

- 'blind' segmentation of the test data
- Not our expertise!
- Otsu triple-threshold worked consistently for the test data at 30 degrees
- Otsu thresholded segmentation
  - Identifies signal peak
- Otsu triple-thresholded segmentation
  - Strong signal
  - Messy signal
  - Messy background
  - Strong background



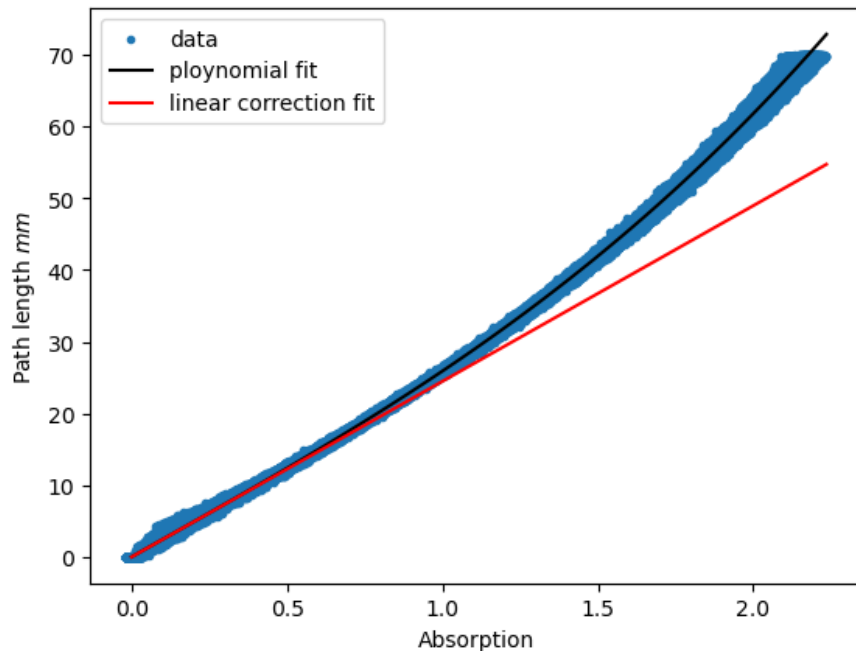
# Renormalization of sinogram

- Background attenuation should have a mean at zero
- Test data had an offset i.e. the normalization image was brighter than the data
  - Convert data back to  $I/I_0$ , renormalize for a peak at 1, convert back to absorption

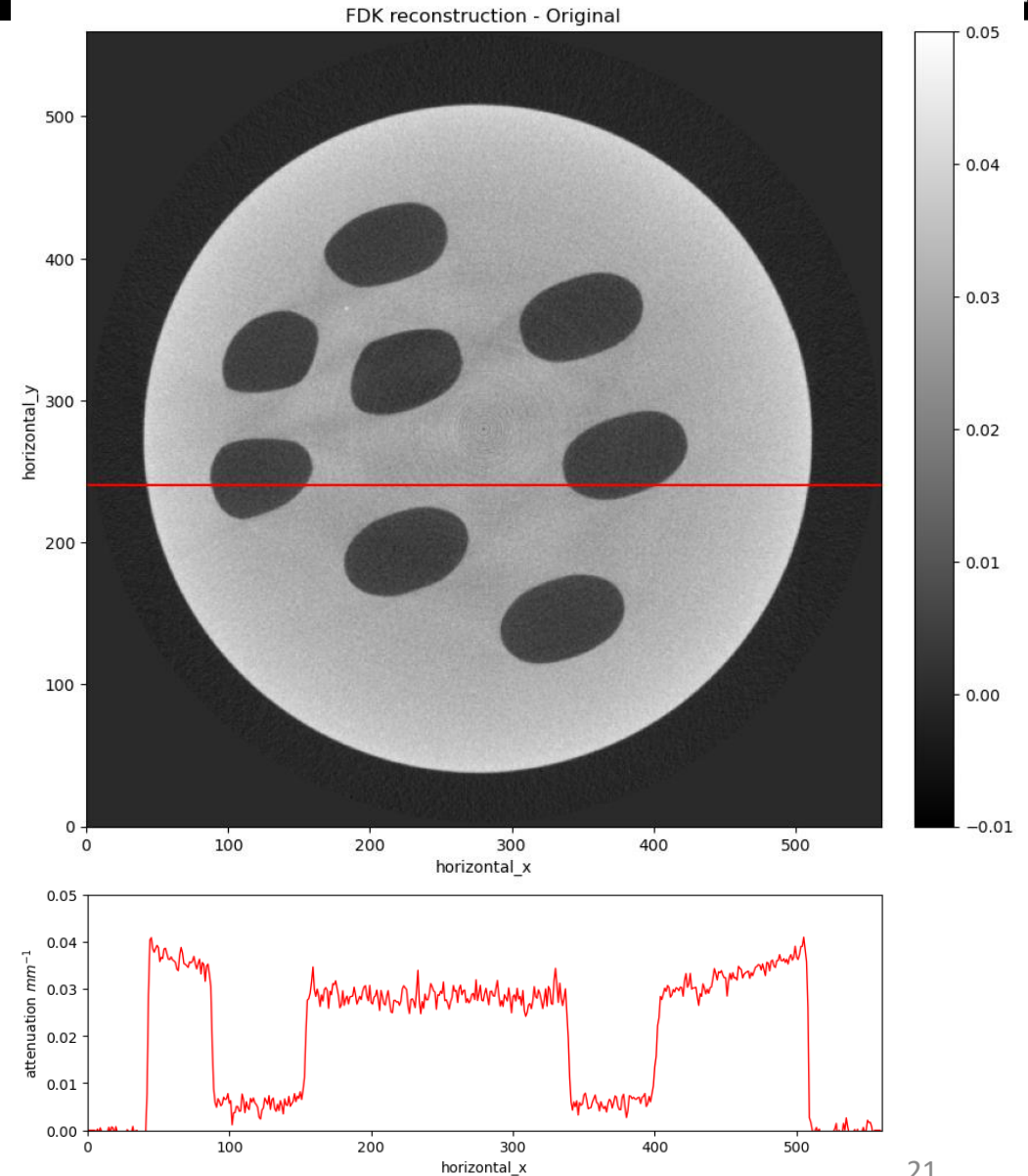


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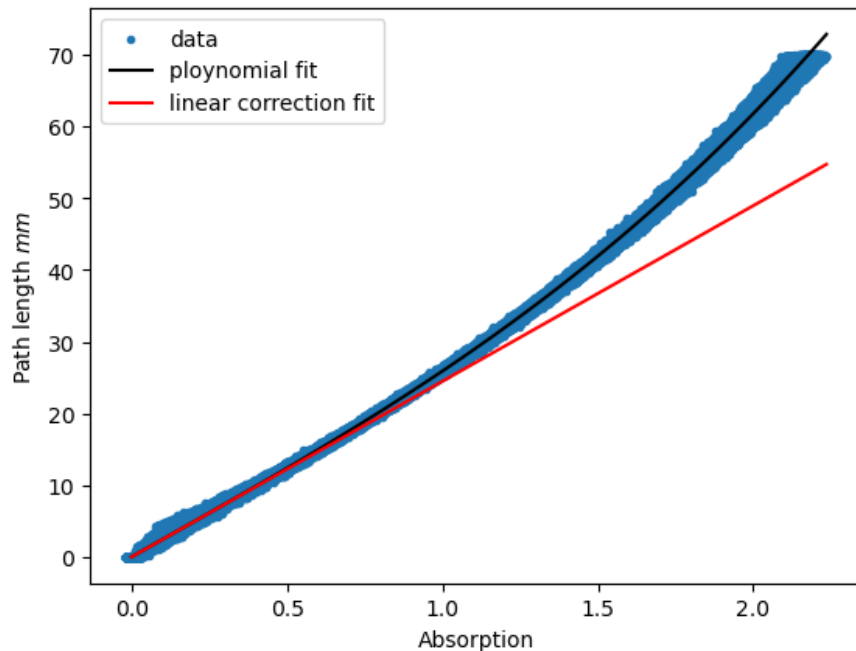
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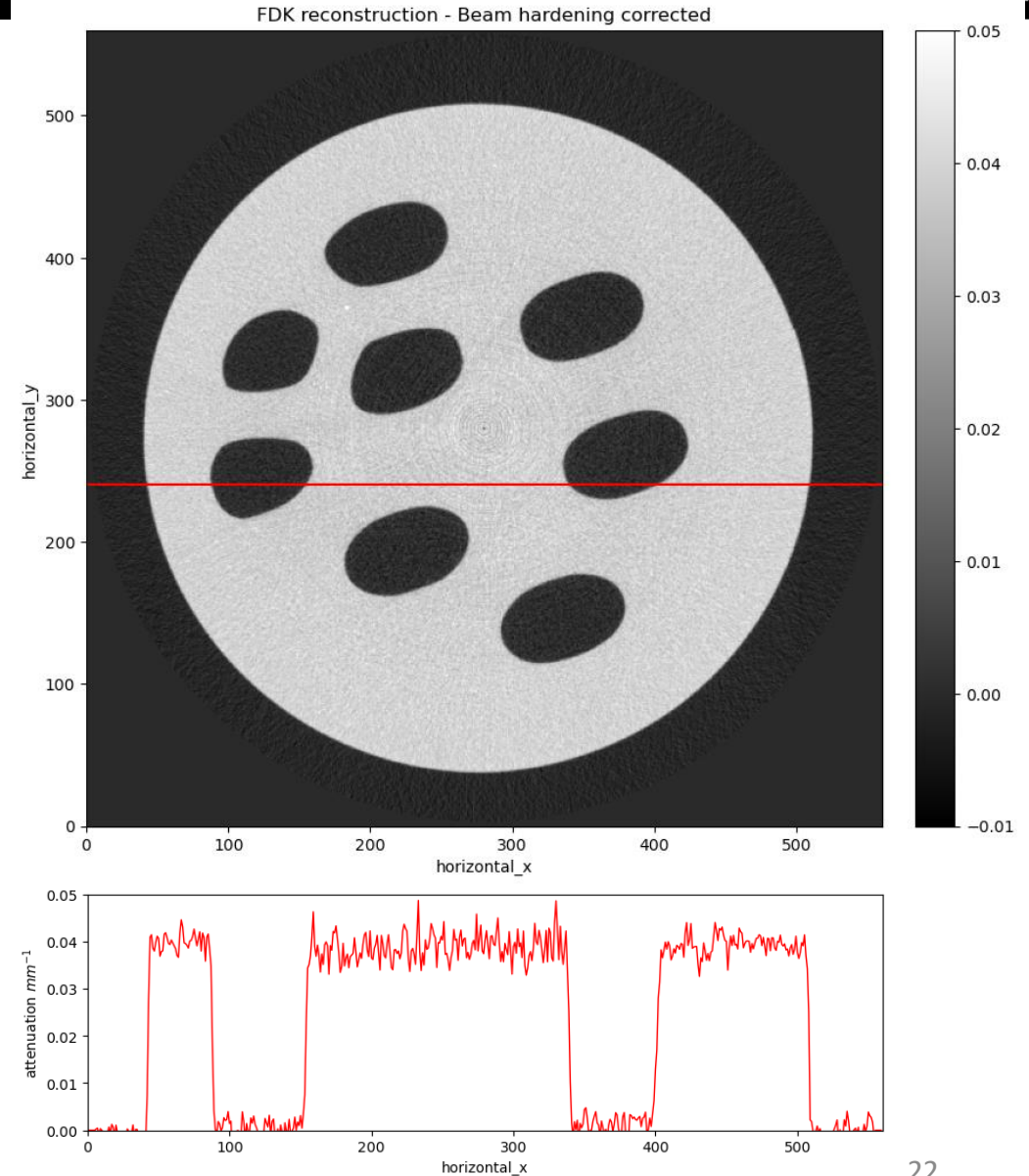


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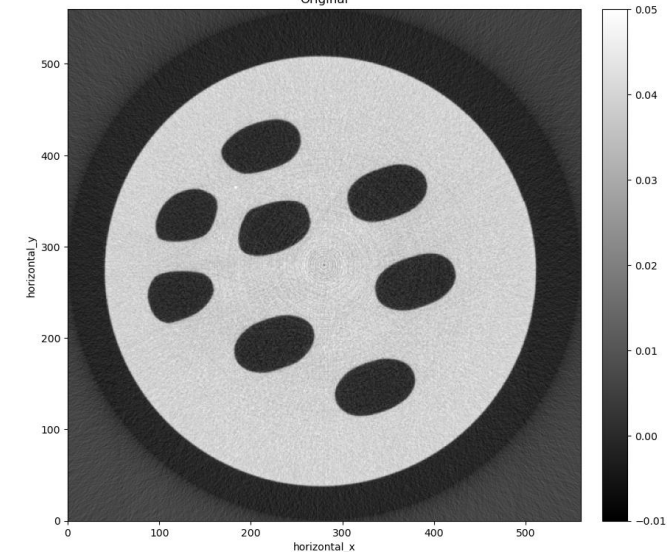
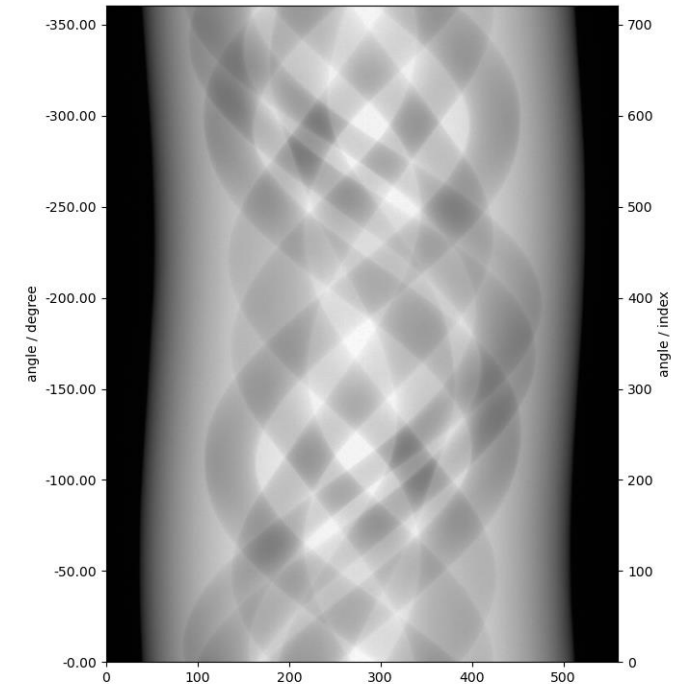
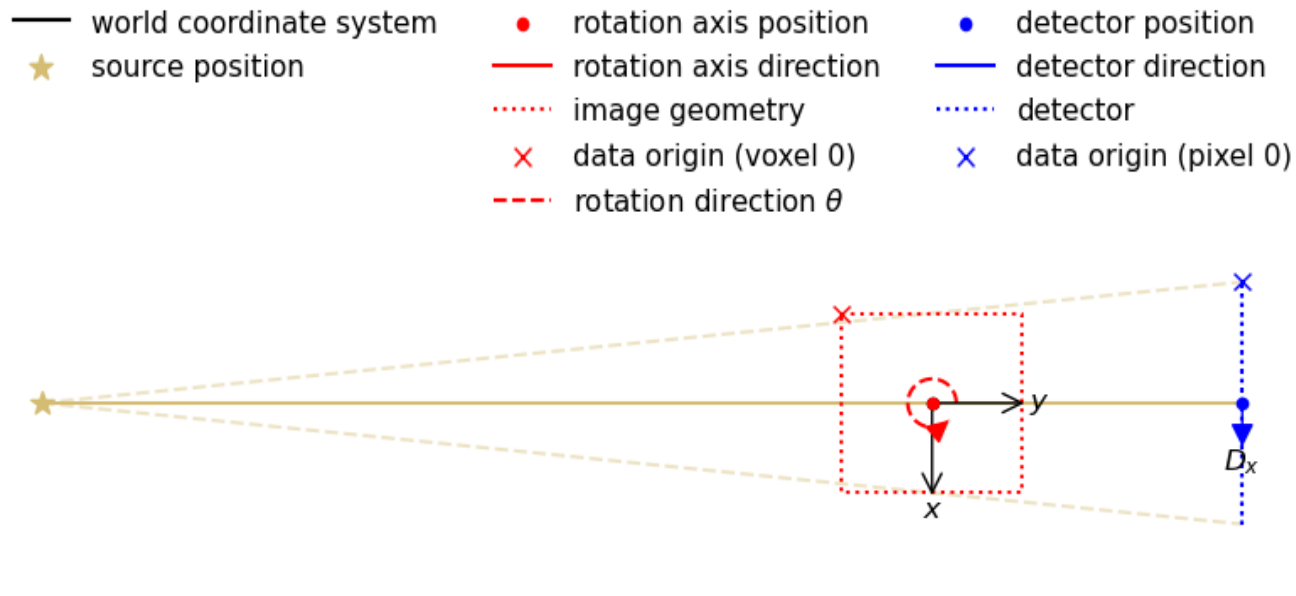


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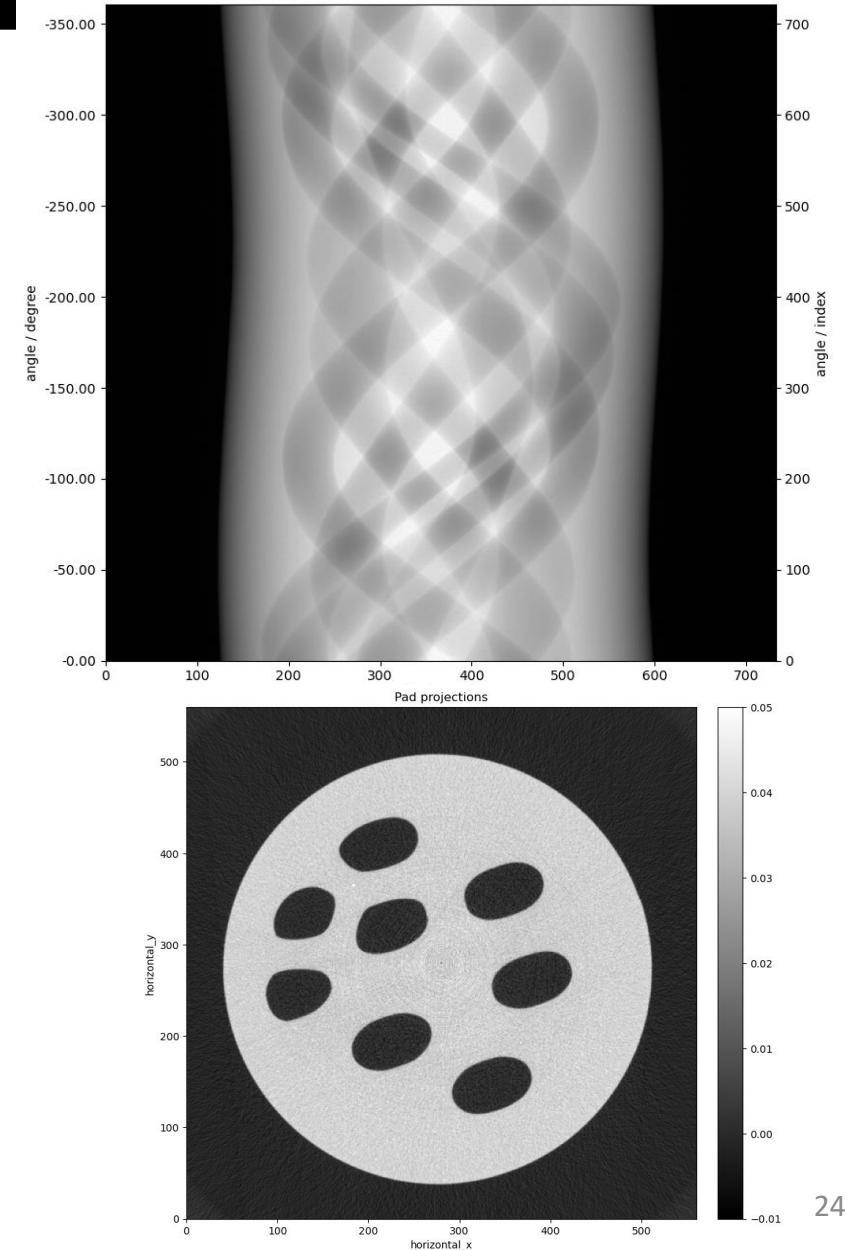
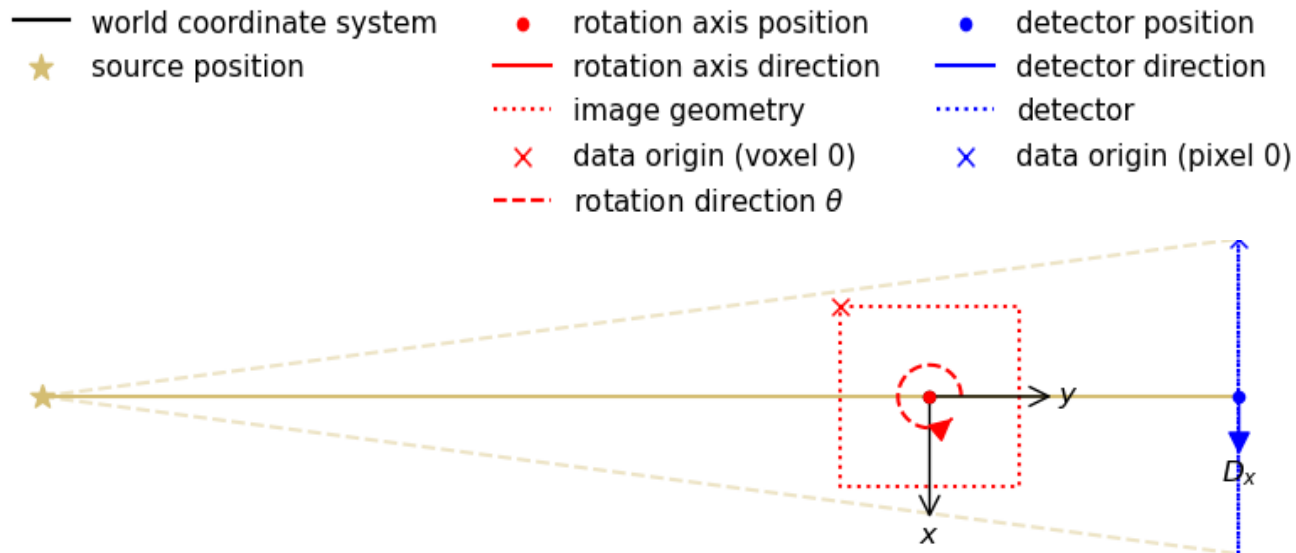
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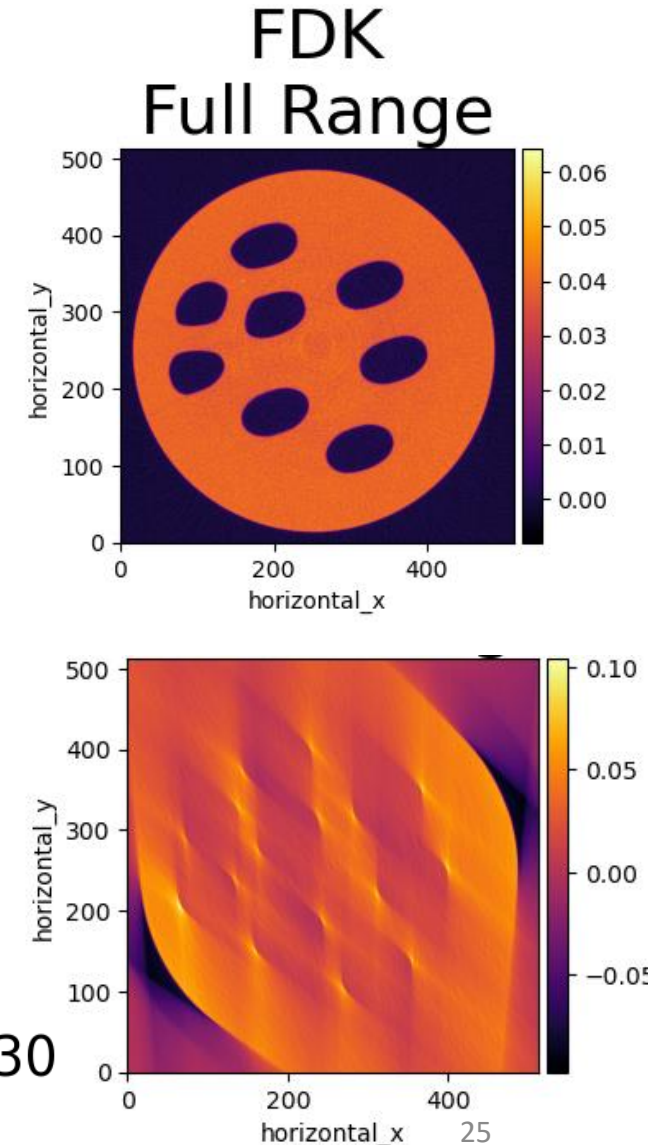




# Reconstruction: Exploit prior knowledge

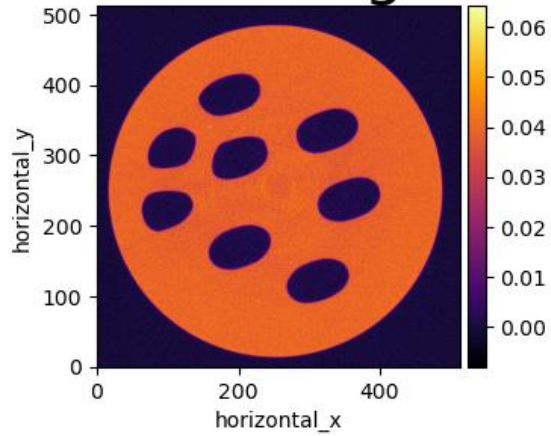
## Construct optimization problem to express what we know:

- Single homogeneous material
- Sharp edges
- Object is approximately disk shaped
- Zero attenuation outside the object
- Constant value of  $0.0409 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  inside the object
- Edges perpendicular to projection angles are the most difficult (micro-local analysis)



# Prior knowledge: homogeneous material with sharp edges

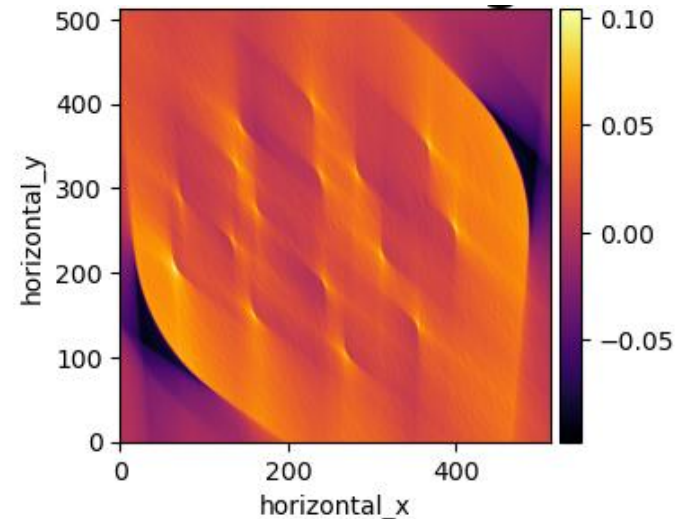
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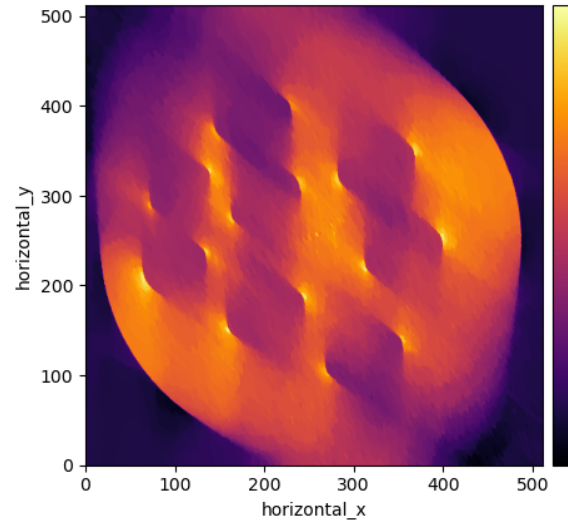
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Score: 0.713

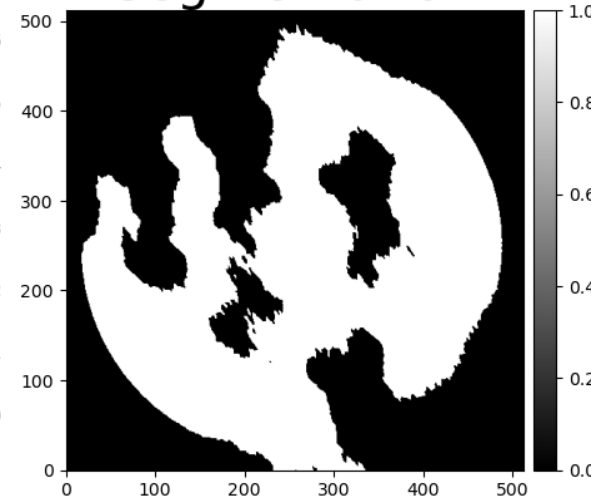
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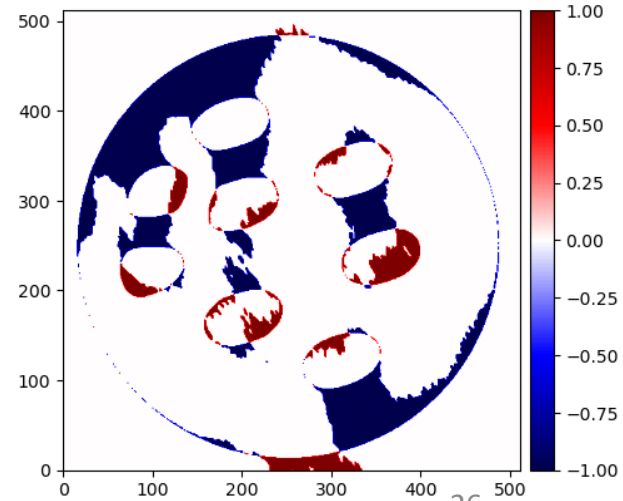
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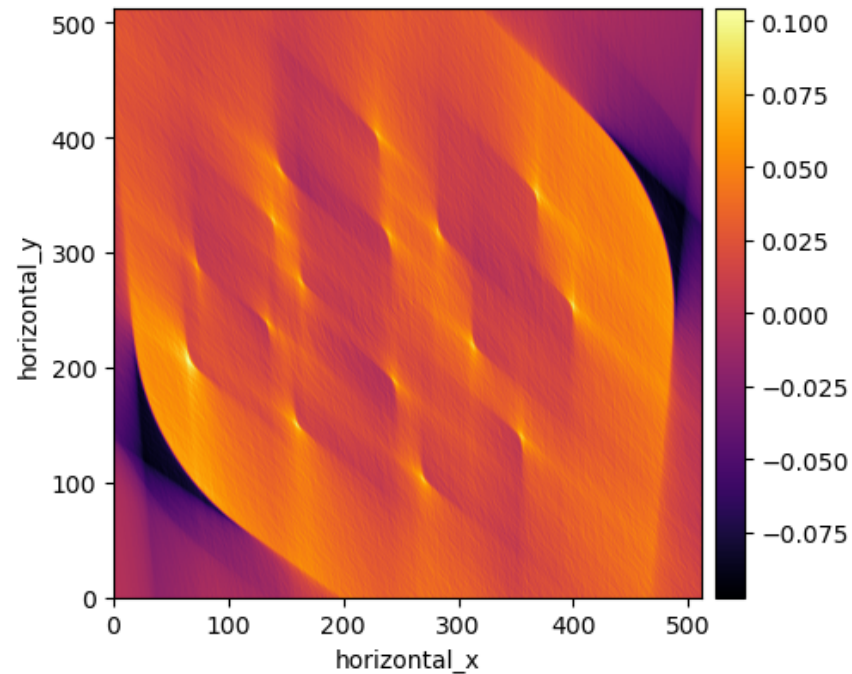


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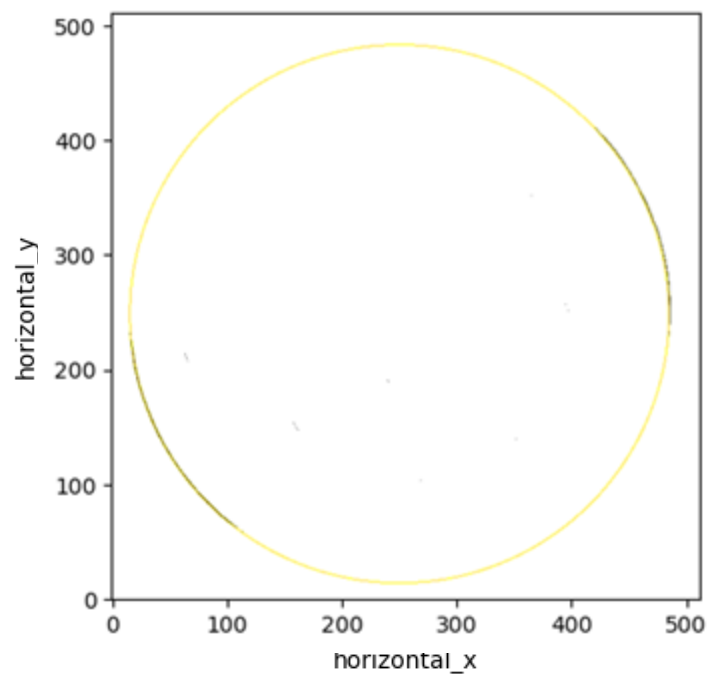


# Prior knowledge: approximately disk shaped

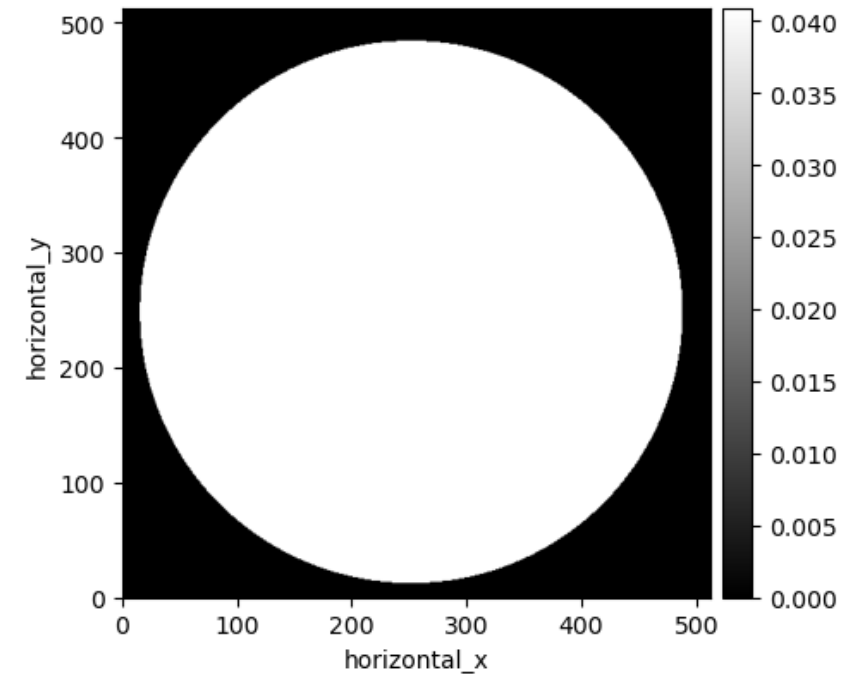
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## Gradient Magnitude



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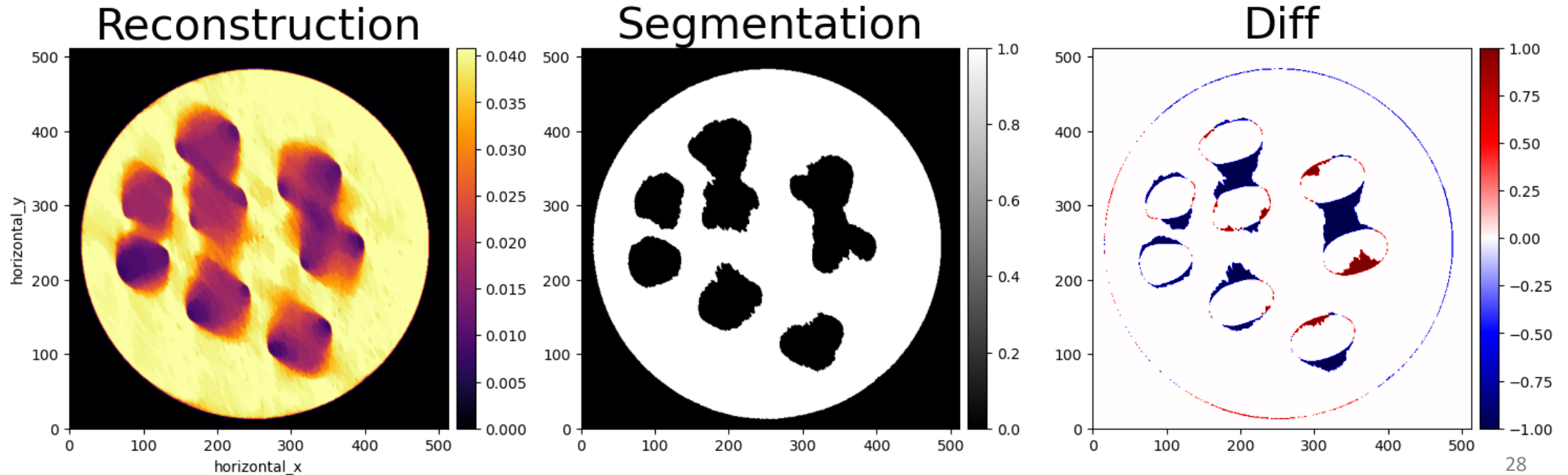


I.D. Coope *Circle fitting by linear and nonlinear least squares in 2D*  
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF00939613>

# Disk shape with known attenuation as constraints

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{\mathbf{u}} \quad & a_1 \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + a_2 \text{ITV}(\mathbf{u}) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{u} \leq v\mathbf{m}
 \end{aligned}$$

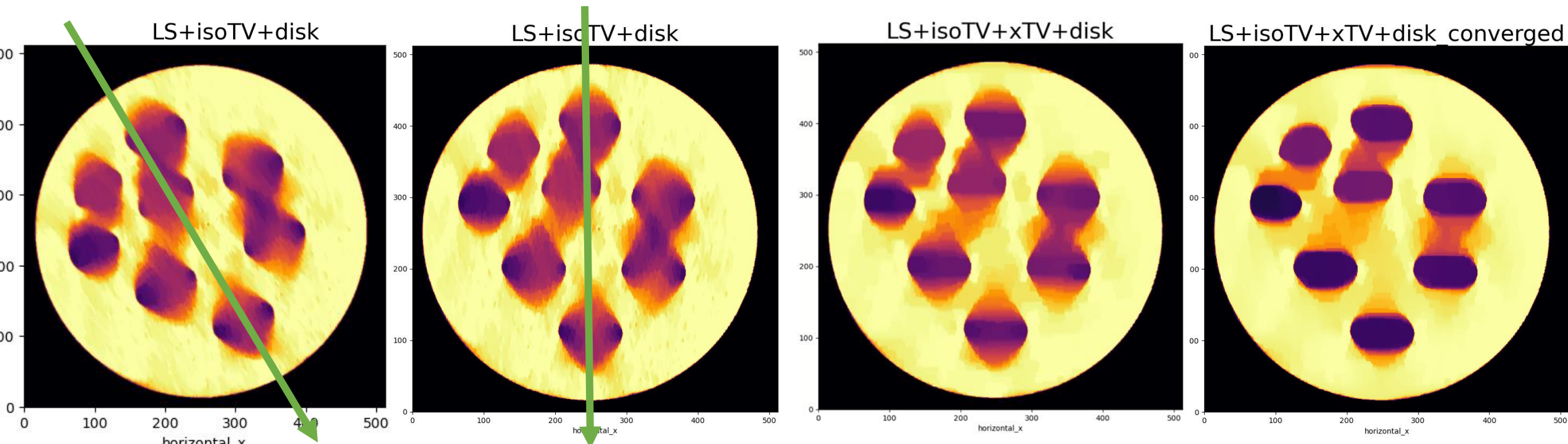
Score: 0.919





# Anisotropic TV

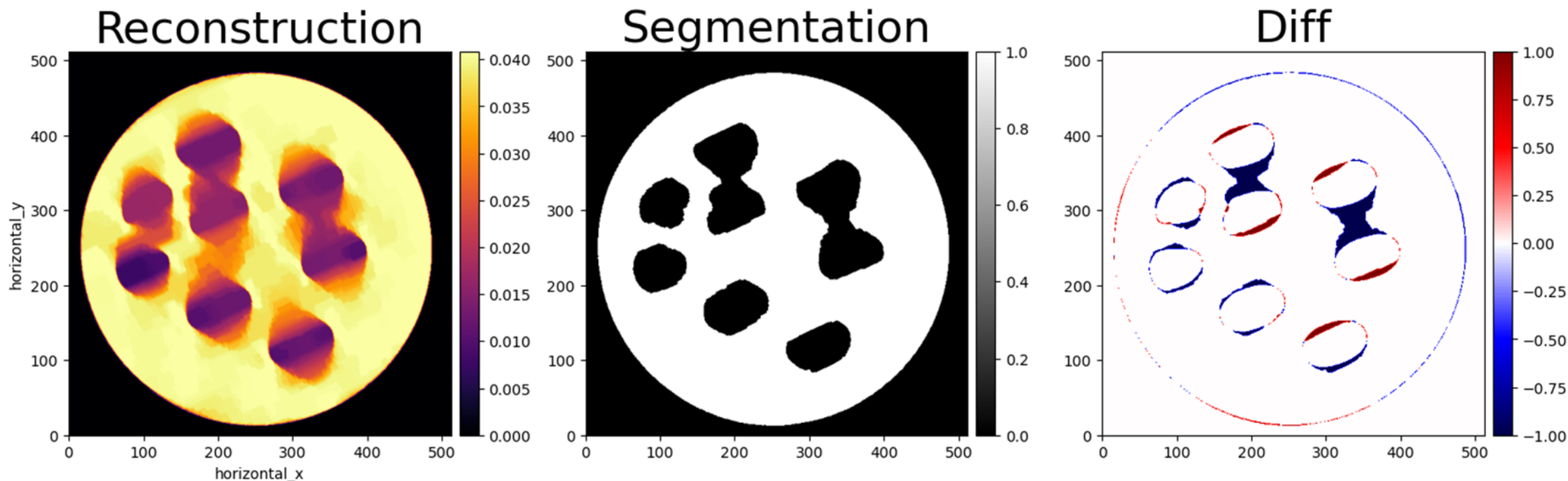
- Blurred edges along central projection direction
- Rotate to align with coordinate axis
- Apply single-directional TV to encourage edges in blurred direction
- Remember to check convergence!
- Rotate back



# LS + ITV + mask + ATV

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{u}} \quad & a_1 \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + a_2 \text{ITV}(\mathbf{u}) + a_3 \text{ATV}_x(\mathbf{u}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{u} \leq v\mathbf{m} \end{aligned}$$

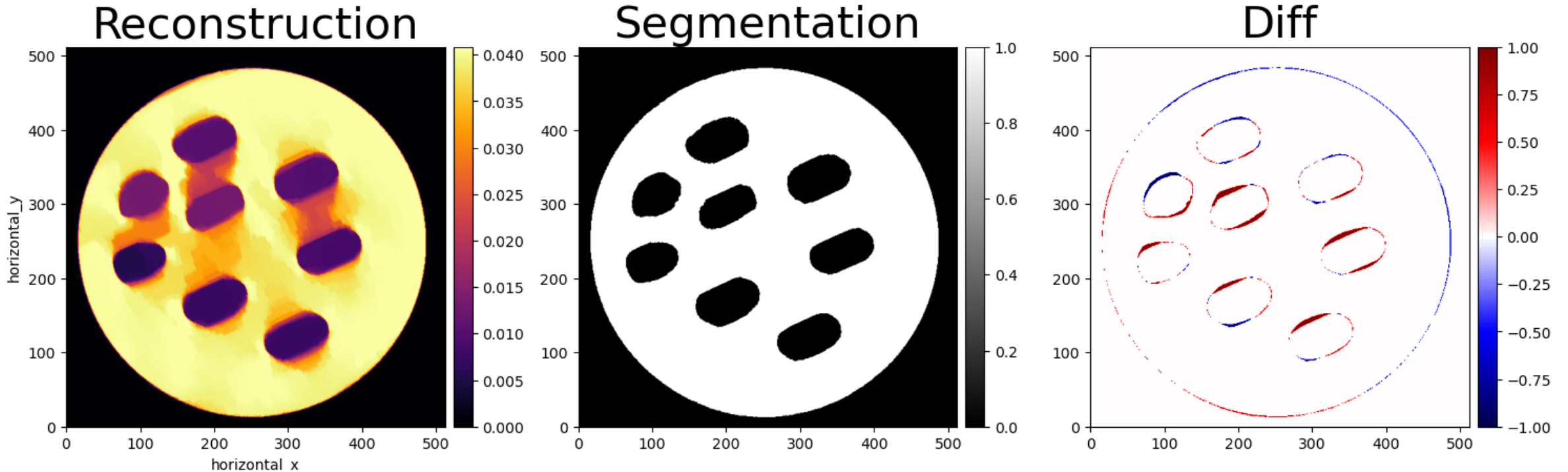
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# LS + ITV + mask + ATV (converged!)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{\mathbf{u}} \quad & a_1 \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + a_2 \text{ITV}(\mathbf{u}) + a_3 \text{ATV}_x(\mathbf{u}) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{u} \leq v\mathbf{m}
 \end{aligned}$$

Score: 0.973



# Primal Dual Hybrid Gradient (PDHG) method in CIL

CIL offers a range of optimization algorithms, incl GD, FISTA, ADMM and **PDHG**:

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} \quad f(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{u}) + g(\mathbf{u})$$
$$\text{where} \quad f(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{u}) = \sum_i f_i(\mathbf{K}_i\mathbf{u})$$

Rewrite our optimization problem for PDHG:

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} \quad a_1 \|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + a_2 \|\mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}\|_{2,1} + a_3 \|\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{u}\|_1 + \chi_{[\mathbf{0}, v\mathbf{m}]}(\mathbf{u})$$

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \|\cdot - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 \\ a_2 \|\cdot\|_{2,1} \\ a_3 \|\cdot\|_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix} \quad g = \chi_{[\mathbf{0}, v\mathbf{m}]}$$



# Solving with CIL – "near-math" syntax

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \|\cdot - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 \\ a_2 \|\cdot\|_{2,1} \\ a_3 \|\cdot\|_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
F = BlockFunction( a1*L2NormSquared(data),  
                  a2*MixedL21Norm(),  
                  a3*L1Norm() )
```

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{D}_x \end{pmatrix}$$

```
K = BlockOperator( ProjectionOperator(ig, ag),  
                  GradientOperator(ig),  
                  FiniteDifferenceOperator(ig, 'horizontal_x') )
```

$$g = \chi_{[\mathbf{0}, v\mathbf{m}]}$$

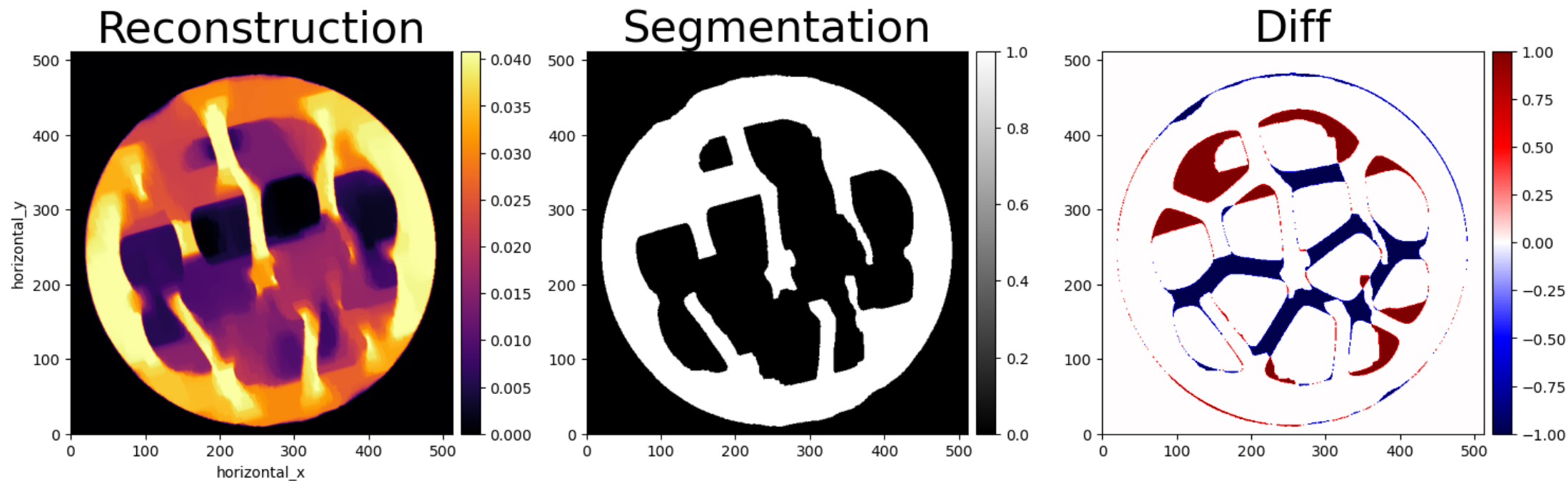
```
G = IndicatorBoxPixelwise( lower=0.0,  
                           upper=v*m )
```

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}} f(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{u}) + g(\mathbf{u})$$

```
algo = PDHG( initial=ig.allocate(0.0),  
             f=F,  
             g=G,  
             operator=K)  
algo.run(2000)
```

# Results on even fewer angles...

30 deg.



# Ideas to explore if more time

- Improved segmentation – area we spent least time
- Enforce acrylic value in outermost circular band
- Combine with L1-norm sparsity regulariser to force zero values

# Time to explore in break out rooms

## Demo: CIL-Demos/demos/2\_Iterative/02\_tikhonov\_block\_framework.ipynb

1. Construct and manipulate BlockOperators and BlockDataContainer, including direct and adjoint operations and algebra.
2. Use Block Framework to solve Tikhonov regularisation with CGLS algorithm.
3. Apply Tikhonov regularisation to tomographic reconstruction and explain the effect of regularisation parameter and operator in regulariser.

## Explore: CIL-Demos/demos/4\_Deep\_Dives/03\_htc\_2022.ipynb

See examples of:

- incorporating prior knowledge of a problem in a variational regularisation framework
- utilising the flexibility and near-math syntax of the CIL optimisation toolkit to prototype different reconstruction objectives
- the CIL Block Framework and PDHG optimisation algorithm

- Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/cil-online-25> write your name next to a **username** to claim it for the exercises
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# Summary and questions

We have seen:

- How to incorporate prior knowledge of a problem in a variational regularisation framework
- How CIL can be used to flexibly prototype different reconstruction objectives
- How to use the block framework in CIL to build up more complex optimisation objectives

# Break

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

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

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### Conclusions and further support 4:45-5 – Jakob

# Customising your optimisation method



# Callbacks

## User code

```
algo = PDHG( initial=ig.allocate(0.0),  
             f=F,  
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             operator=K)
```

```
algo.run(2000)
```

## Internal code

```
def set_up(self, *args, **kwargs):  
    '''Set up the algorithm'''
```

```
for _ in iters:  
    try:
```

```
        self.__next__()
```

```
        for callback in callbacks:
```

```
            callback(self)
```

```
    except StopIteration:
```

```
        break
```

```
def update(self):
```

```
    '''A single iteration of the algorithm'''
```

# Callbacks

## User code

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algo = PDHG( initial=ig.allocate(0.0),  
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             g=G,  
             operator=K)  
  
algo.run(2000,  
        callbacks=[Exciting_possibility_1,  
                  Exciting_possibility_2 ])
```

Printing  
information

Saving data

Calculating  
metrics

Stopping the  
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# Customising your optimisation algorithm

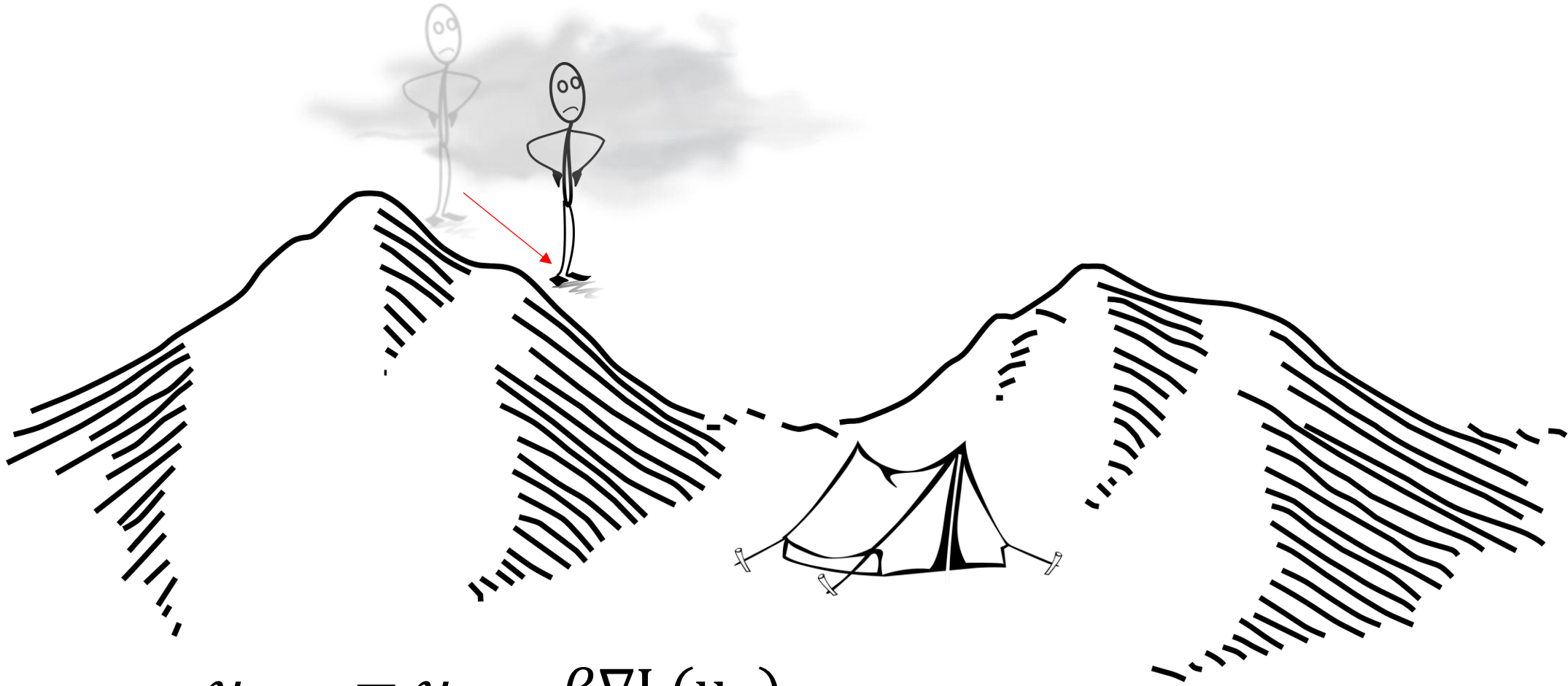
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# Step size rule – examples for gradient descent



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

# Step size rule – fixed step size

Too small a step size





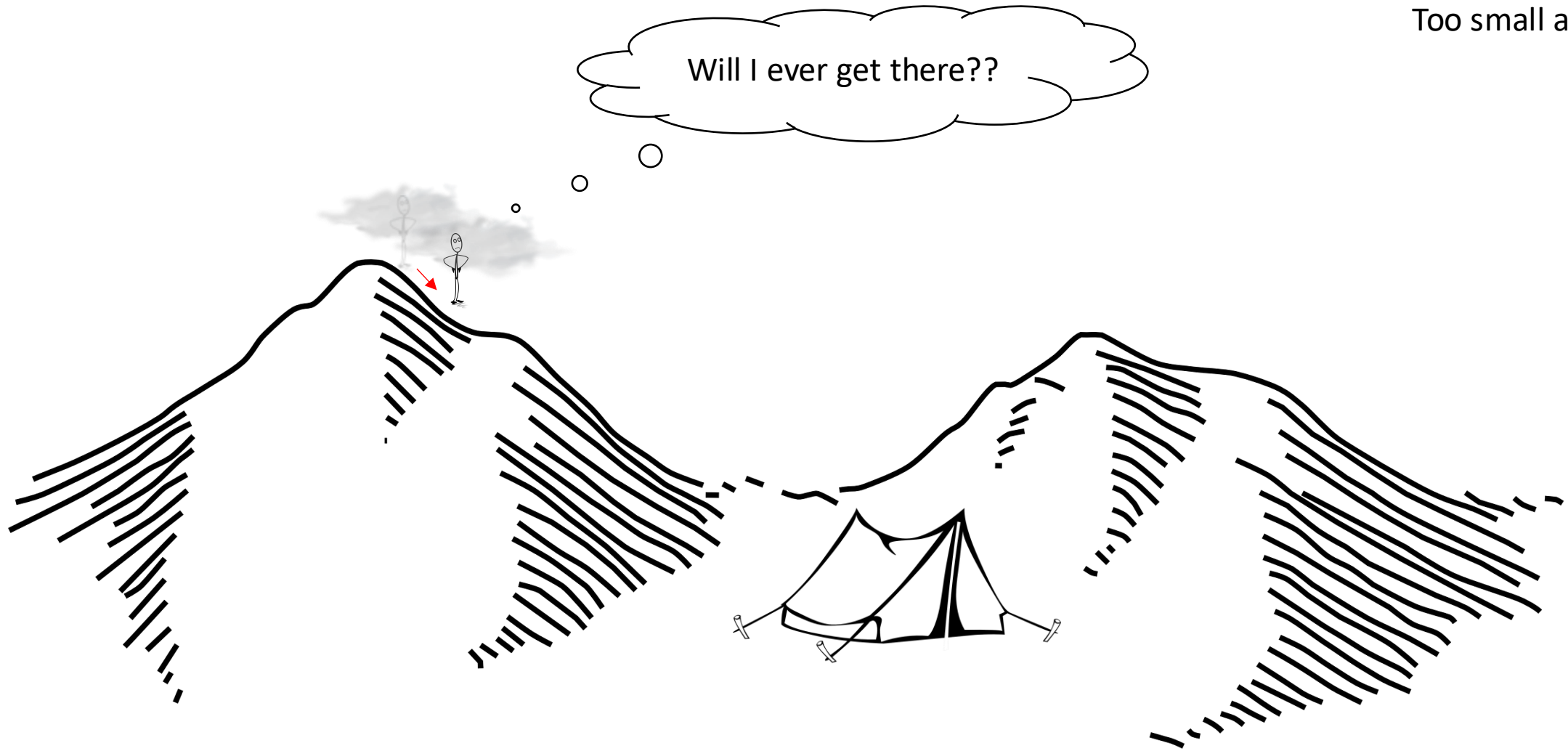
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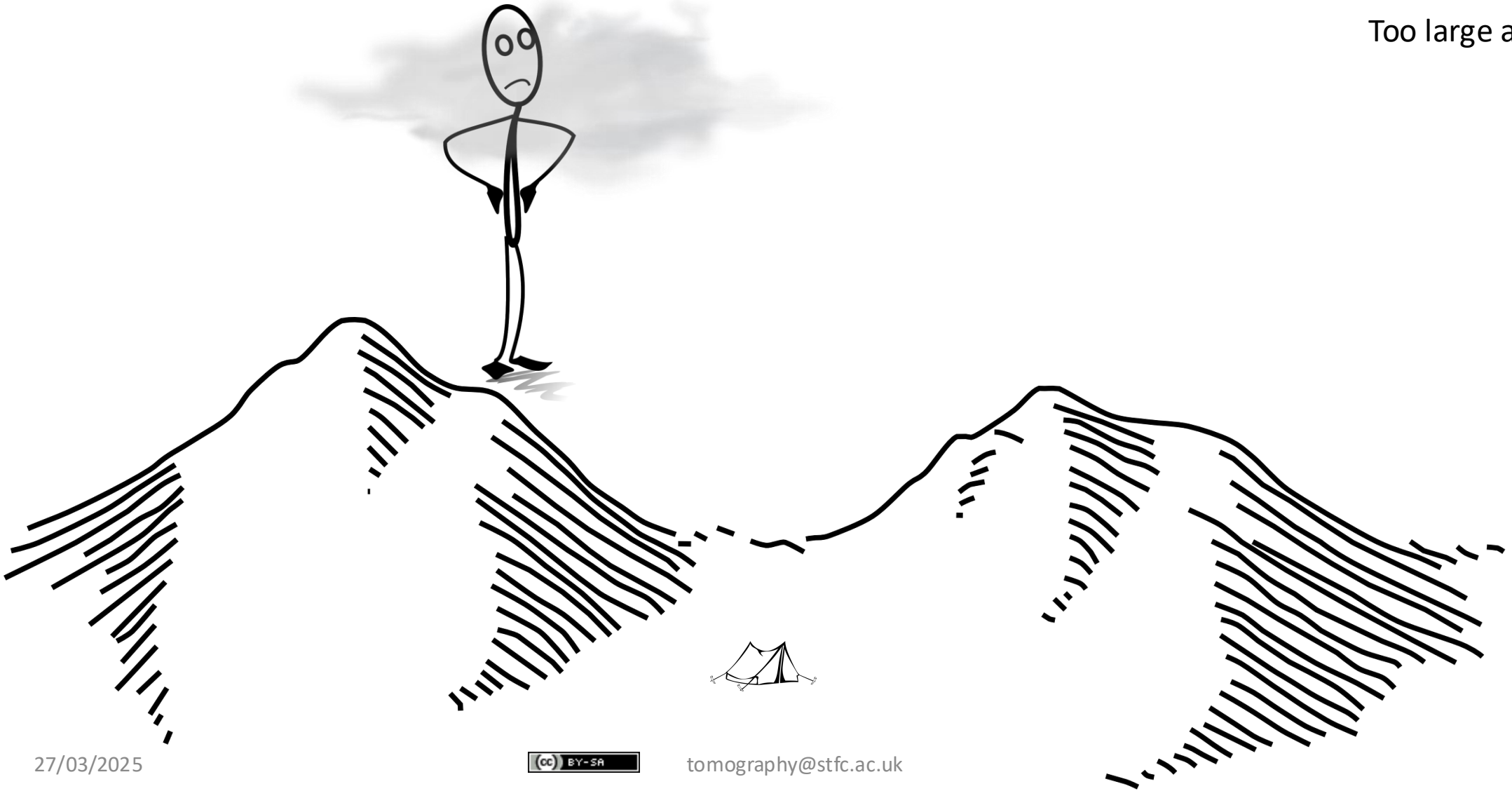
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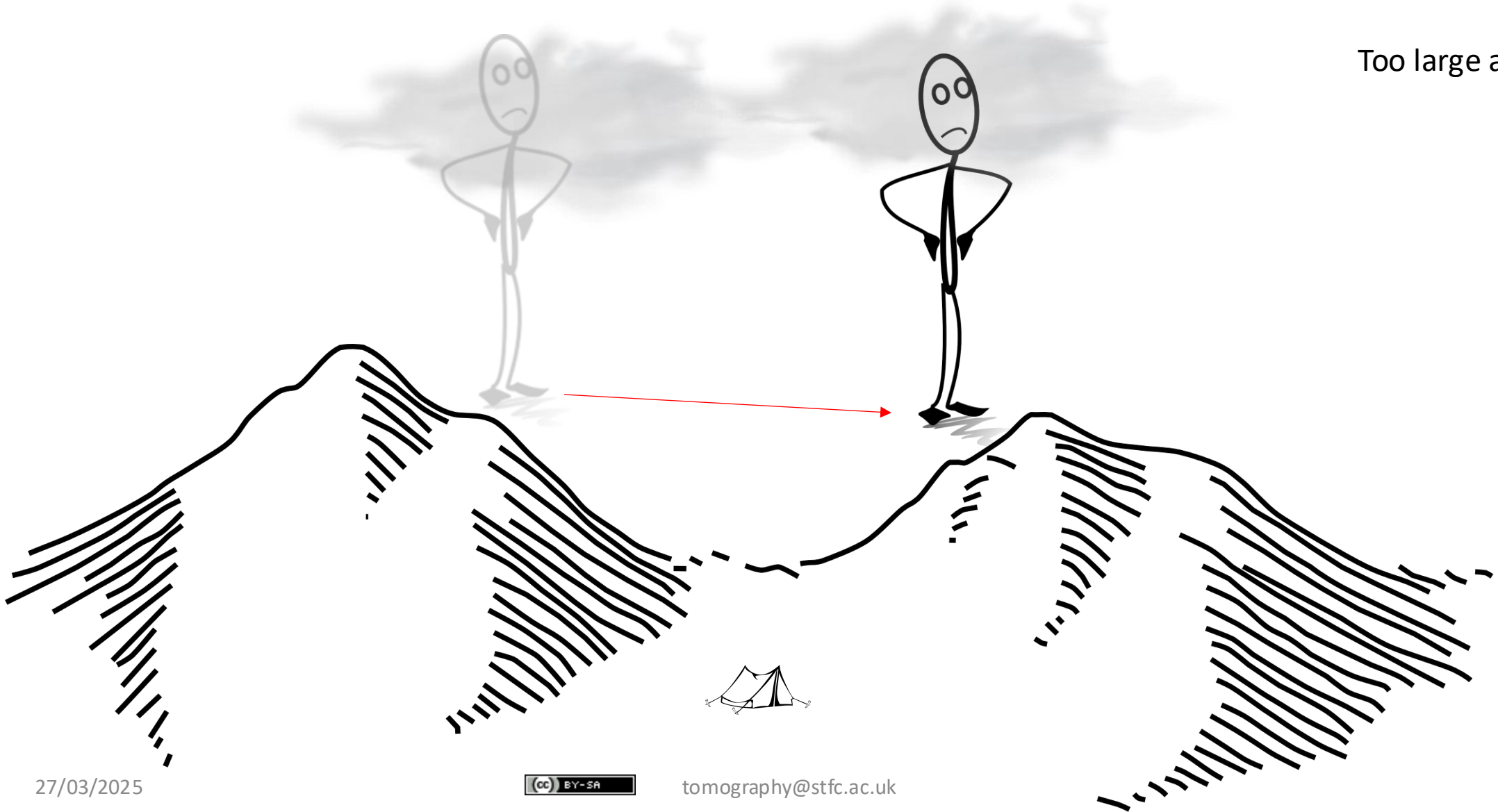
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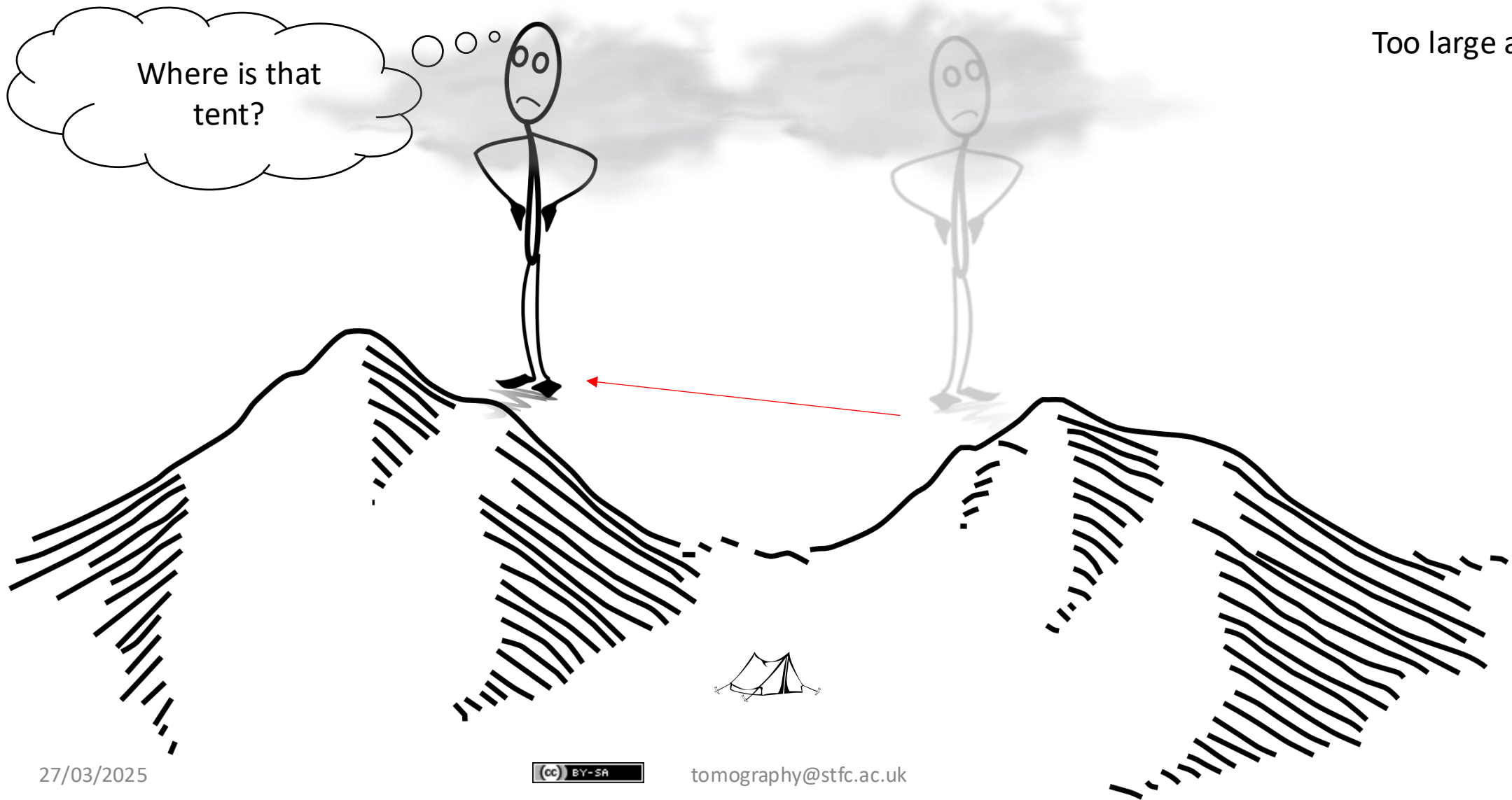


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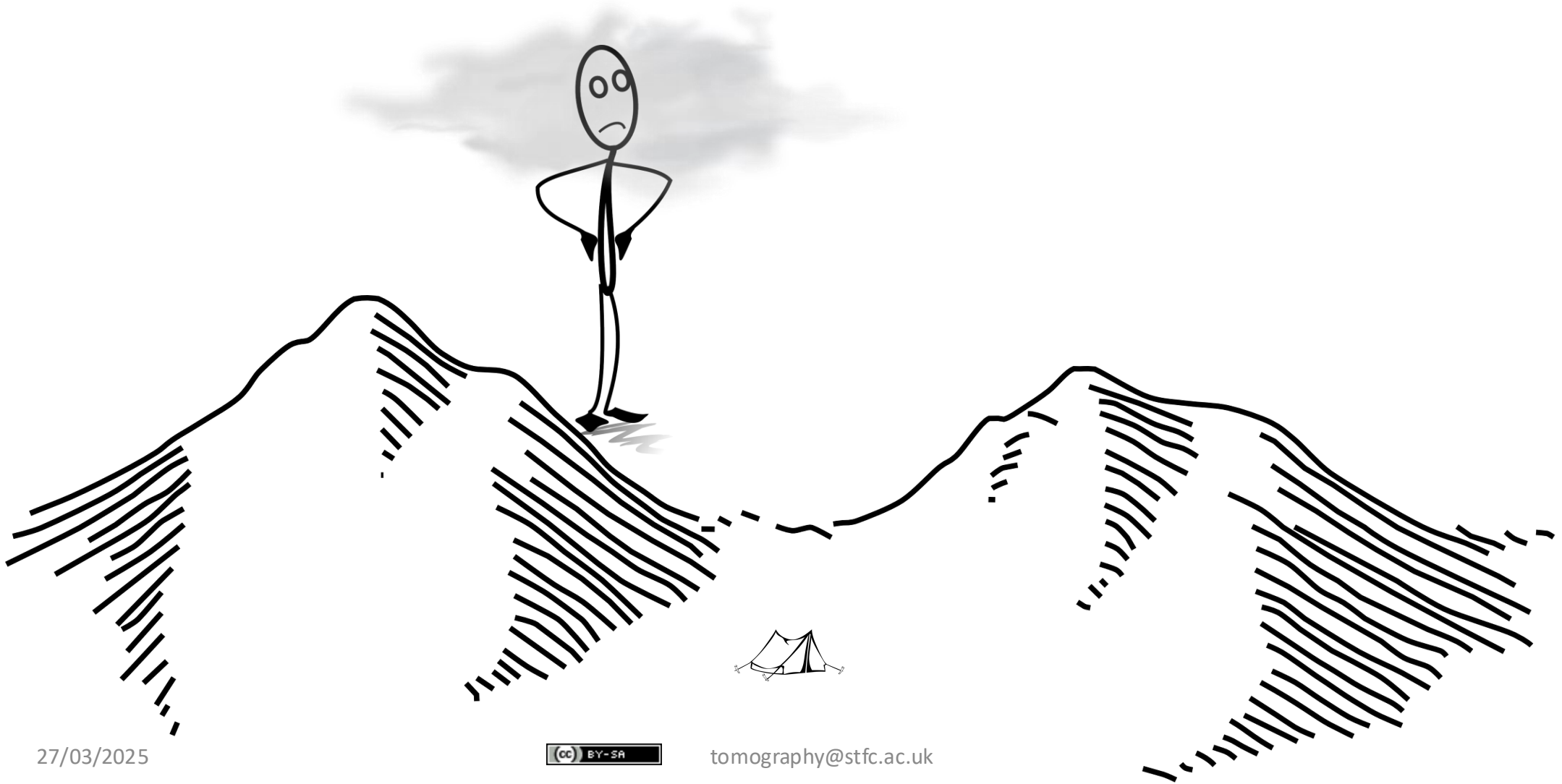
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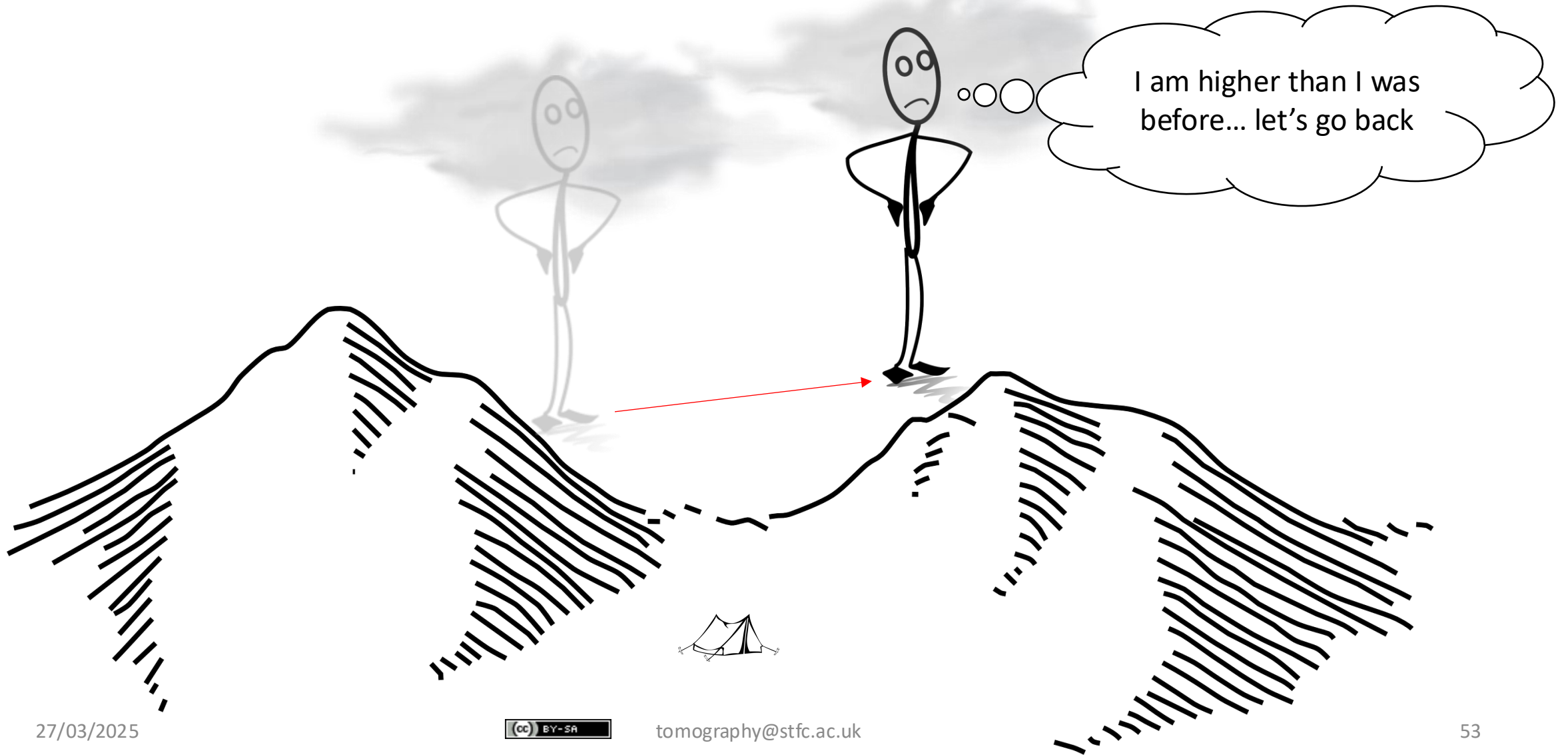


# Step size rule – line search

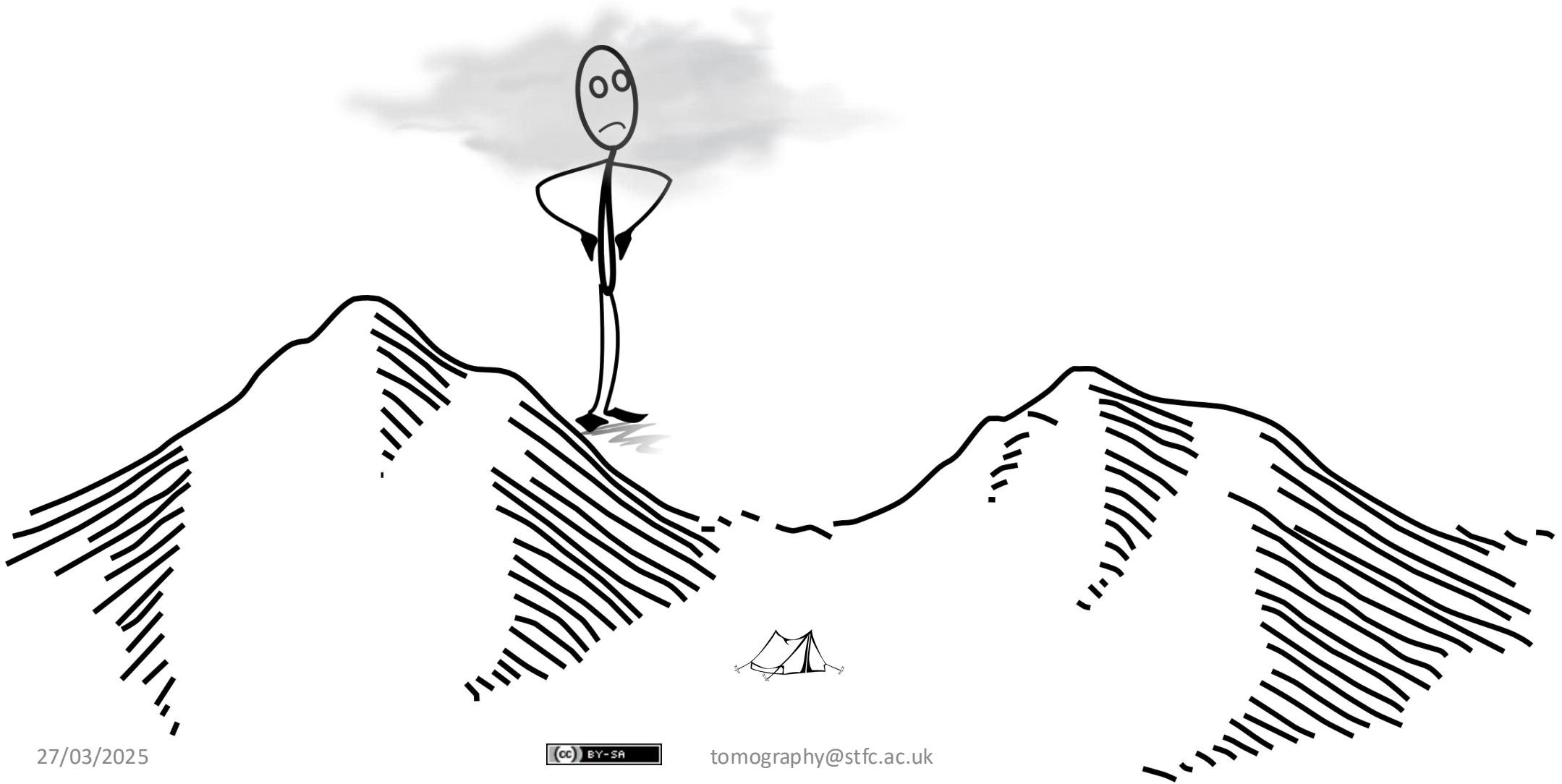




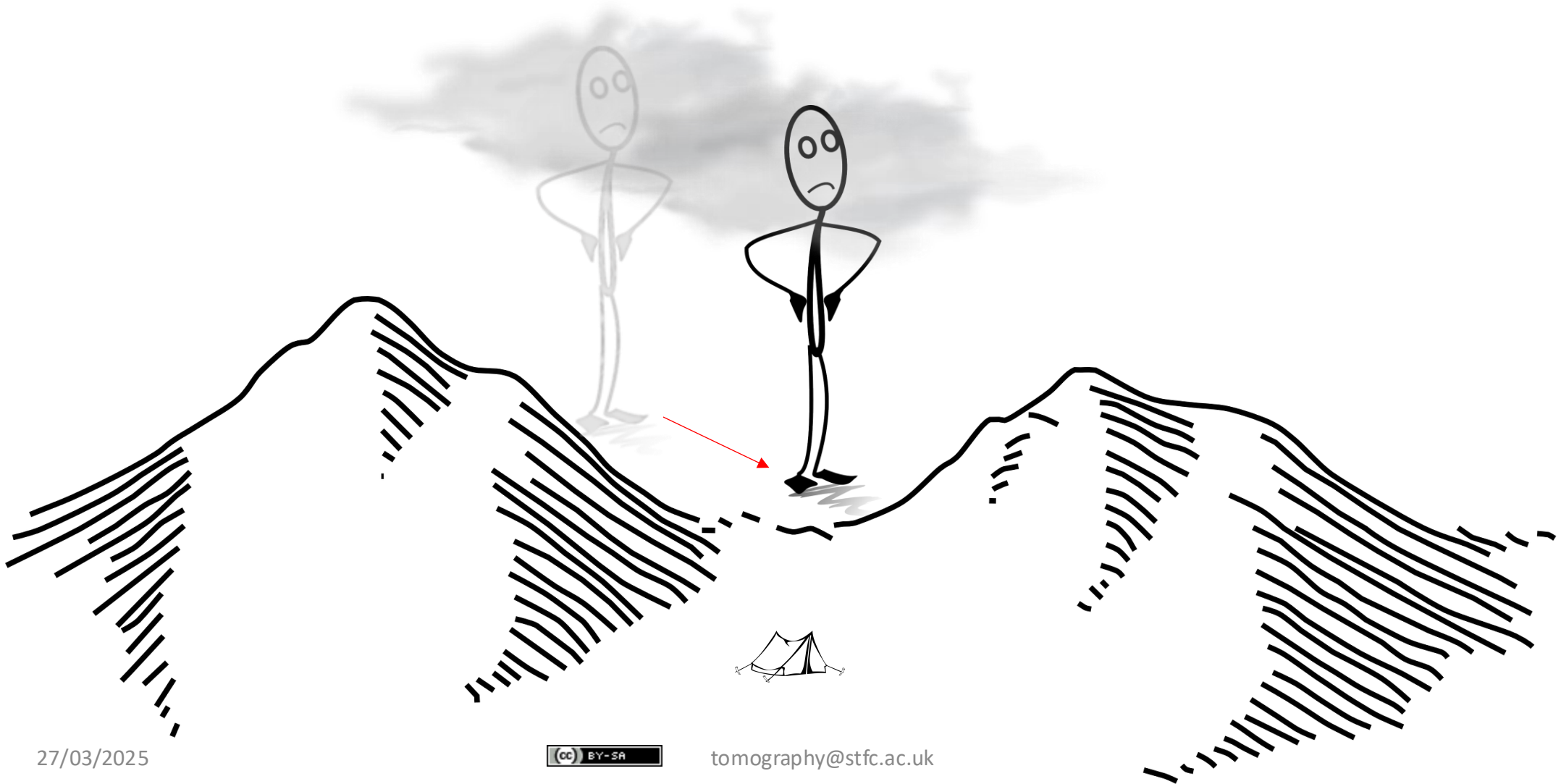
# Step size rule – backtracking line search



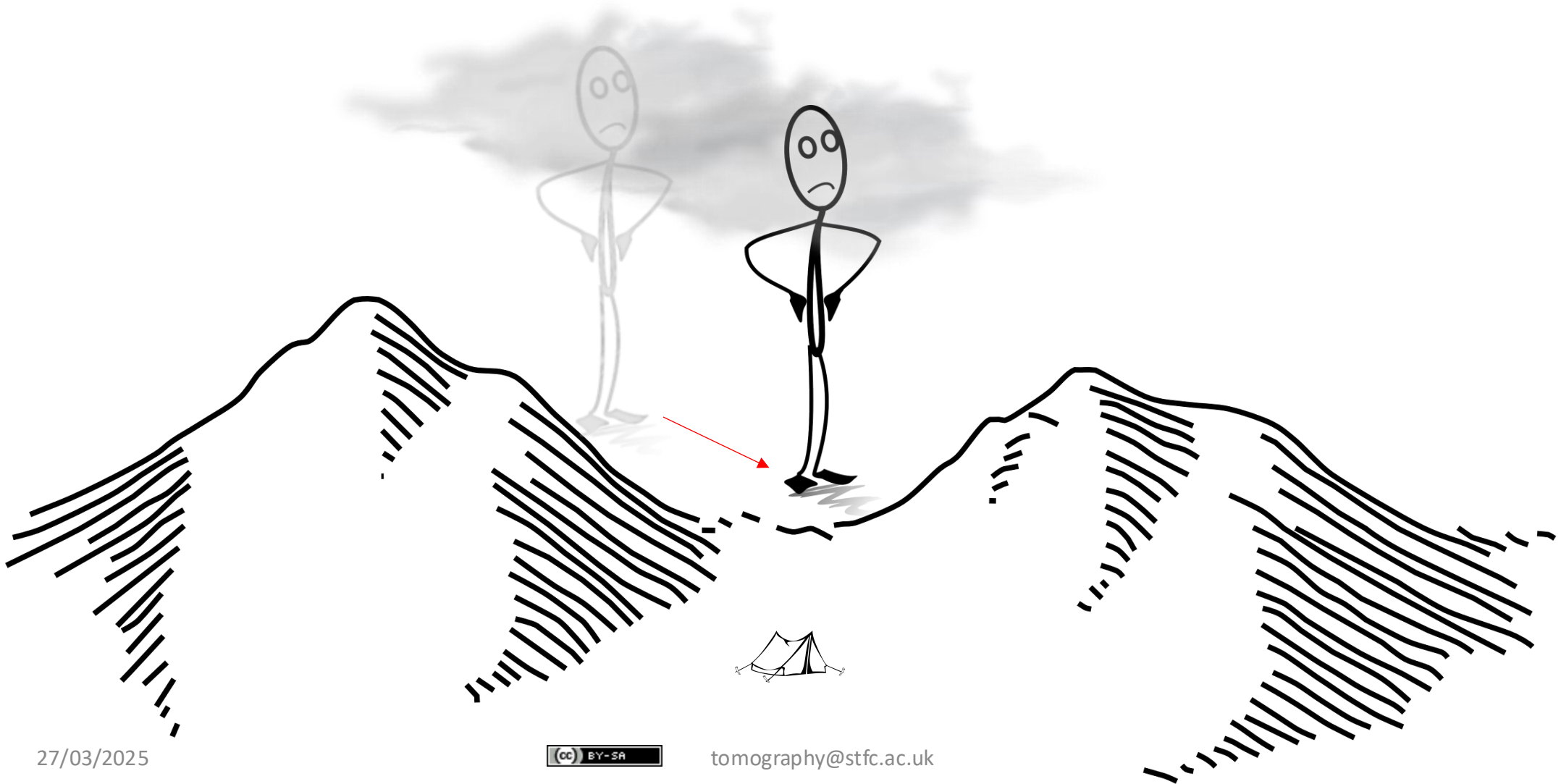
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# Step size rule – backtracking line search



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## Option 2: CIL-Demos/demos/4\_Deep\_Dives/04\_preconditioner\_stepsize.ipynb

- Explore and compare a range of step size methods in CIL
- Learn how to implement your own step size rule in CIL
- Learn about the concept of preconditioning for gradient descent based methods
- Explore the preconditioners currently available in CIL

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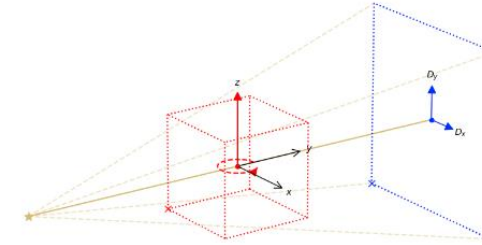
- How to use a callback to customise your CIL algorithm
- How to set custom step sizes and why this might be important
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# Time to explore and discuss

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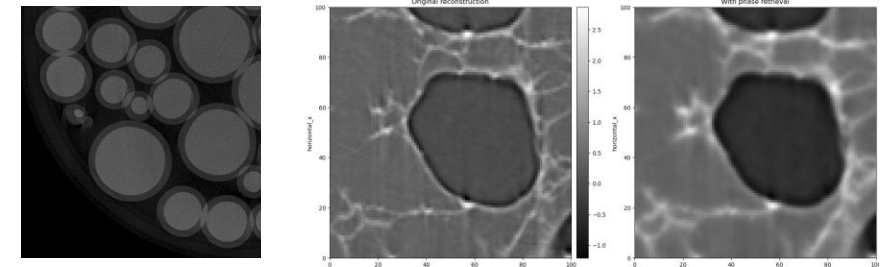
## Notebook: 1\_Introduction/exercices/03\_where\_is\_my\_reader.ipynb

- Load and investigate a dataset stored as a tiff using `TIFFStackReader`
- Create the CIL geometry using `AcquisitionGeometry.Create\_Cone2D`
- Combine the data and geometry to form an `AcquisitionData`
- Find the Centre of rotation to complete the data geometry description



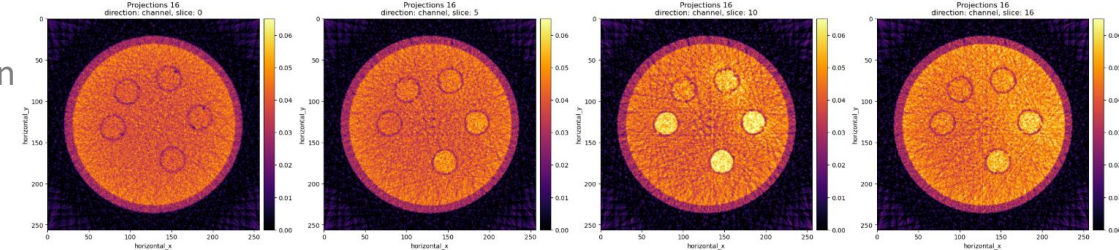
## Notebook: 4\_Deep\_Dives/02\_phase\_retrieval.ipynb

- Intro to phase contrast imaging, propagation based phase contrast and phase retrieval
- Demonstration of the CIL Paganin Processor and Generalised Paganin method in CIL
- Demonstration of the effect of propagation distance on phase retrieval methods in CIL



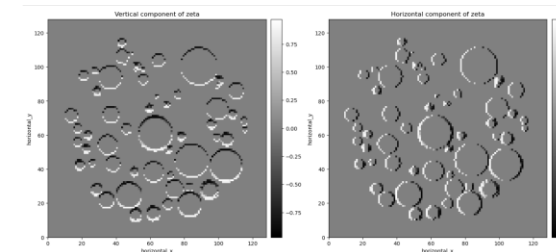
## Notebook: 3\_Multichannel/02\_Dynamic\_CT.ipynb

- Create a geometry for dynamic tomographic tomographic data
- Compare FBP reconstructions for every time-channel with spatio-temporal total variation
- Introduction to directional total variation



## Notebook: 4\_Deep\_Dives/06\_directional\_TV.ipynb

- Introduce the dTV regulariser
- Demonstrate the dTV regularisation using the CCPi regularisation toolkit, seeing examples of over and under regularisation
- Use the CIL BlockFramework and PDHG to define and minimise a CIL objective function for using dTV for denoising.



- 001 – Multibang regularisation
- 002 – Deblurring with CIL
- 003 – 1D integral inverse problem
- 004 – Dynamic CT example
- 005 – Dynamic MR example (with SIRF)
- 006 – CT simulation with gVXR
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- 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>

# Next steps

# Questions



# Feedback


# CCPi = CCP in Tomographic Imaging, 2012 -

- The Collaborative Computational Projects (CCPs)
- UK Network of expertise in key computational research fields
- CCPs foster exchange by organising workshops, training, conferences ...
- Enable large-scale scientific software development, maintenance and distribution.
- Long term funding by EPSRC with a 5 years renewal cycle, currently until fall 2026
- CCPs supported by Computational Science Centre for Research Communities (CoSeC)
- <https://www.ccpi.ac.uk>

<https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=CCPI-MEMBERS>

# User show and tell and user drop-in

- Every other Thursday 1-2pm UK, online
- Two informal talks from users and/or CIL developers
- Followed by user drop-in session (2pm-2:30pm) – come ask your CIL and tomography questions!
- Advertised on Discord and on email list.



**Next one:  
10<sup>th</sup> April**

<https://ccpi.ac.uk/events/ccpi-show-tell-and-user-support-drop-in/>

# Tell us about your work!

If you publish or present - or win a prize - for work done using CIL, please:

- Tell us about it – [tomography@stfc.ac.uk](mailto:tomography@stfc.ac.uk)
- Give an (informal) talk at our show and tell
- Cite CIL --> citations help us secure funding for more CIL!

## Citing CIL

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If you use CIL in your research, please include citations to **both** the software on Zenodo, and a CIL paper:

E. Pasca, J. S. Jørgensen, E. Papoutsellis, E. Ametova, G. Fardell, K. Thielemans, L. Murgatroyd, M. Duff and H. Roberts  
(2023)

Core Imaging Library (CIL)

Zenodo [software archive]

<https://github.com/TomographicImaging/CIL>

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4746198>

# Where to go from here?

## Use CIL

- In your work
- Teaching, etc.
- Please cite CIL

## Tell others

- Students, postdocs, professors, ...
- (Tell **us** if you do **not** see yourself using CIL, and why)

## Contribute – on GitHub or by email

- Bug reports, documentation suggestions, etc.
- Feature requests
- Bug fixes
- New features

## Collaborate – and publish – with us

- We can help set up CIL for your problem
- Integrate new tools, algorithms, etc. in CIL
- Collaborations drive new code development

# 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
- <https://www.ccpi.ac.uk/CIL>

Join our Discord community:

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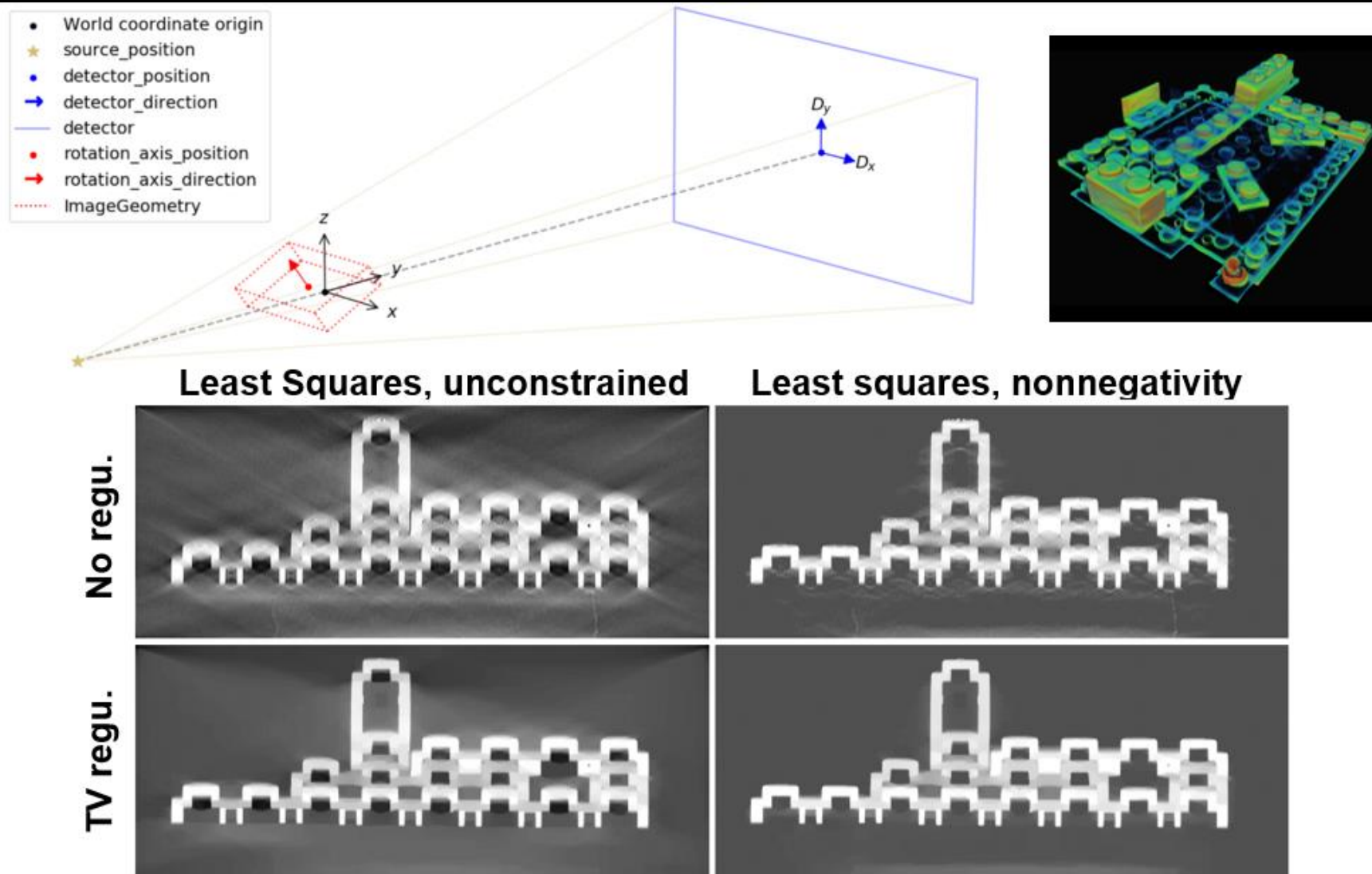




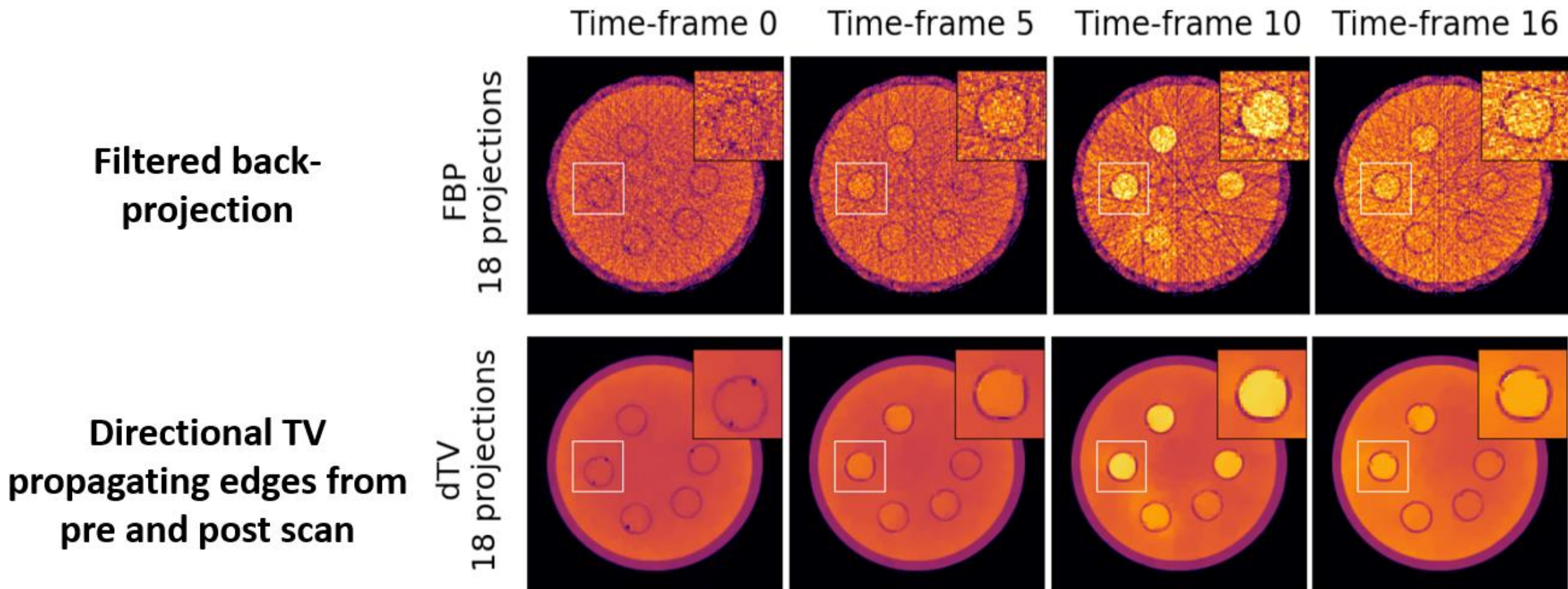


# Spare slides

# CIL example - non-standard scan



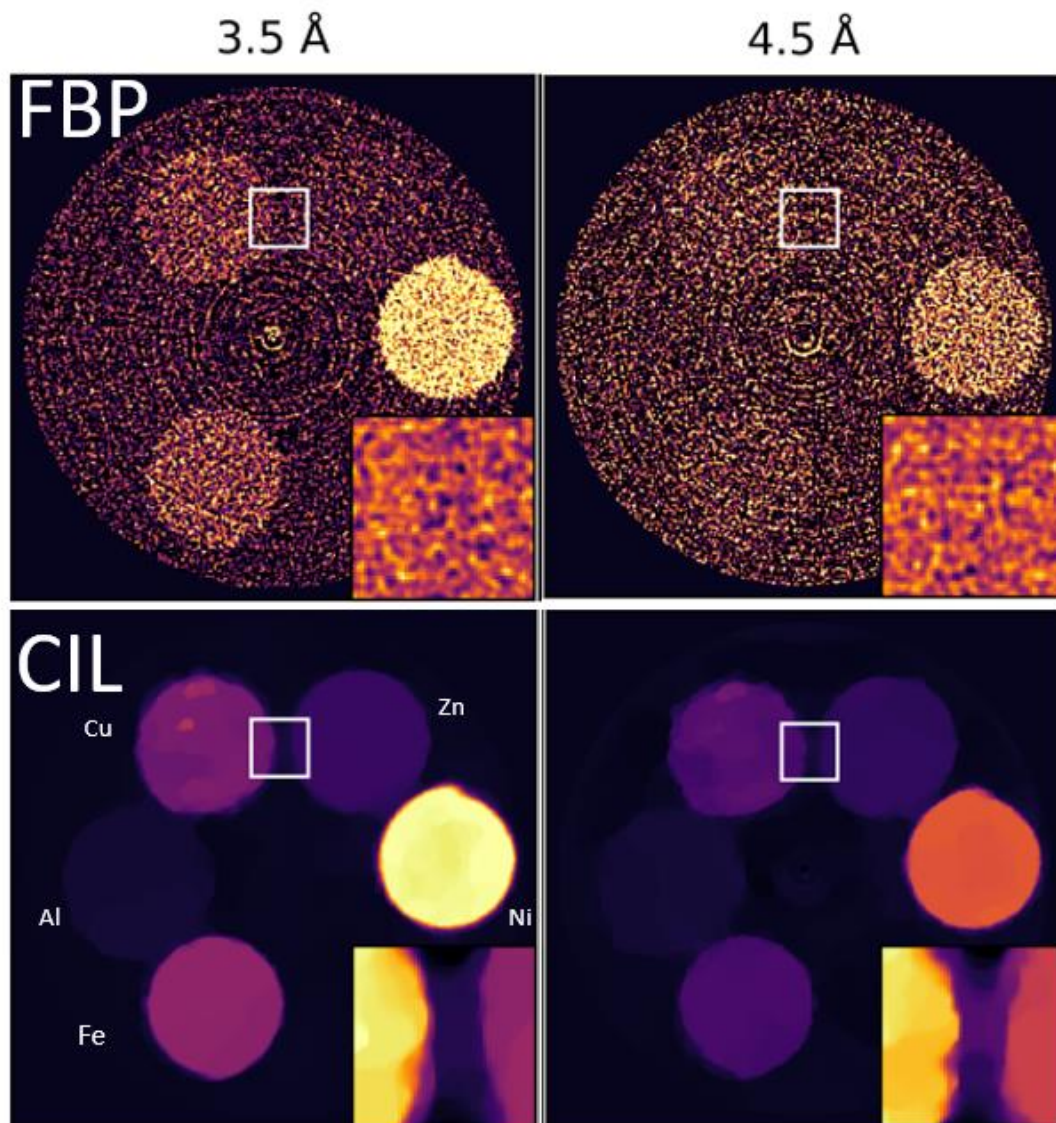
# CIL example - few-view dynamic CT



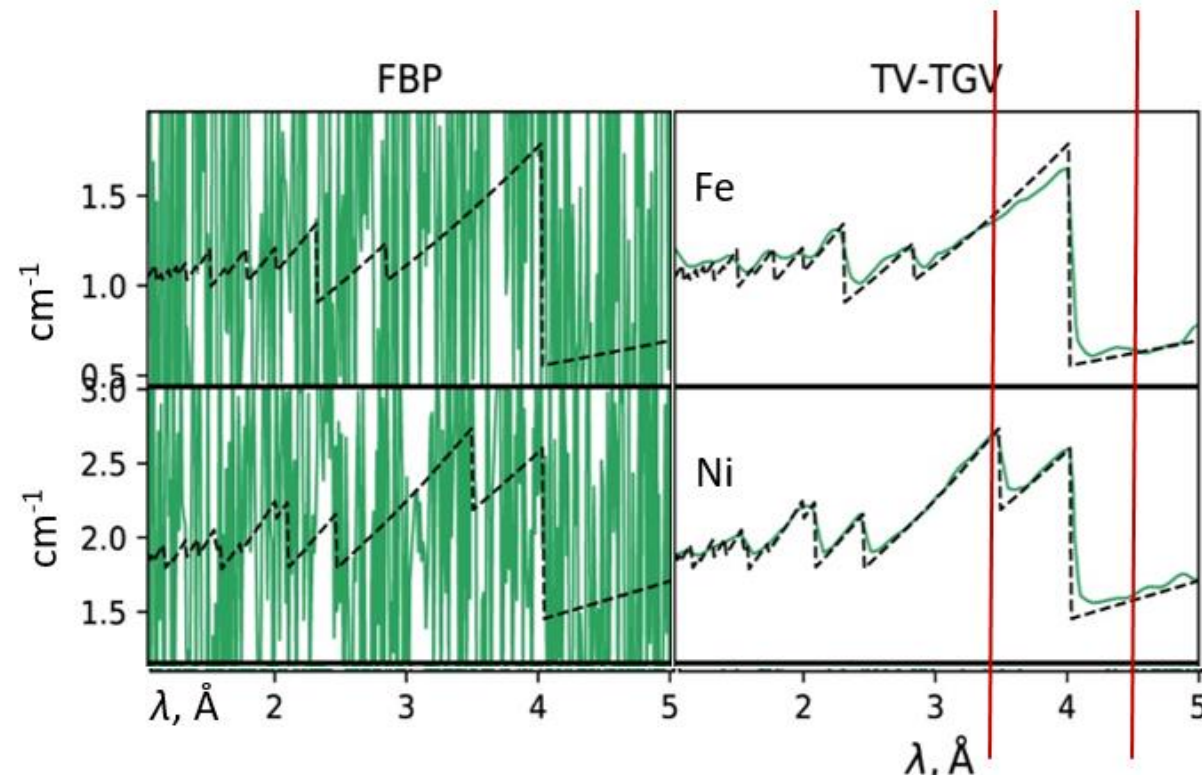
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# Energy-resolved neutron CT



- 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>



# CIL community

## CIL “Bring Your Own Data” Hackathon Isaac Newton Institute Cambridge, UK – Mar 2023



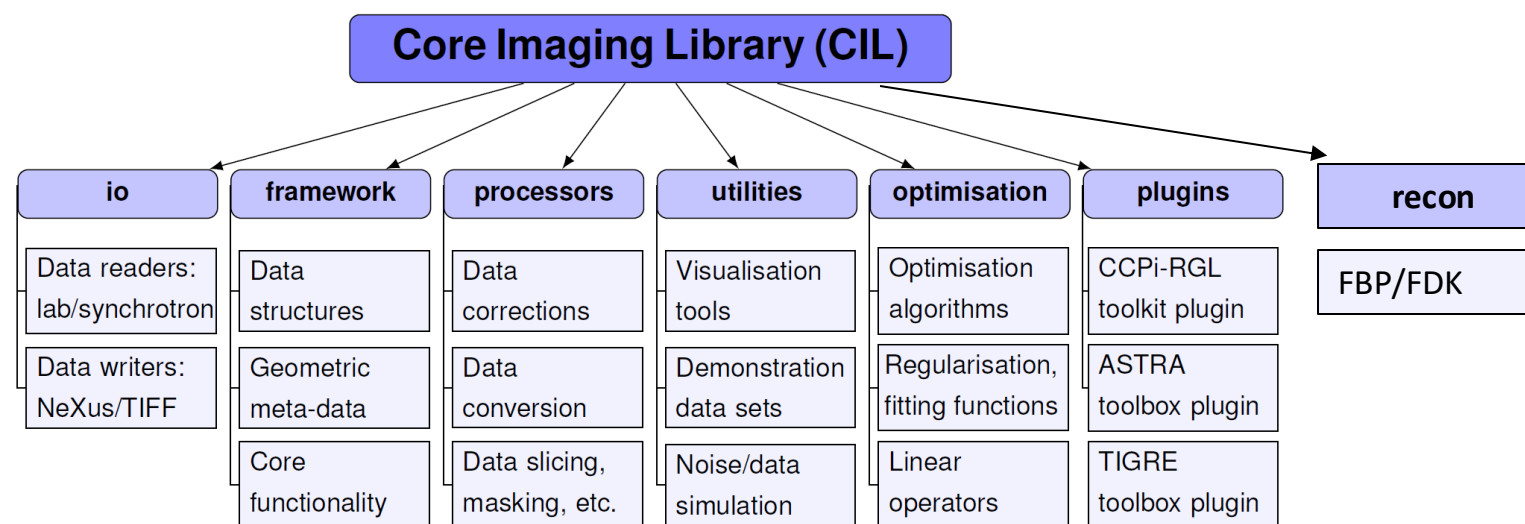
## First CIL User Meeting Rutherford Appleton Laboratory Harwell, UK – Nov 2023



# 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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The **cil.plugins** module contains wrapper code for other software and third-party libraries that need to be installed separately to be used by CIL.

# Documentation



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 [Edit on GitHub](#)

## 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.

For detailed information refer to our articles and the repositories with the code to reproduce the article's results.

1. Jørgensen JS et al. 2021 Core Imaging Library Part I: a versatile python framework for tomographic imaging <https://doi.org/10.1098/rsta.2020.0192> . Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A 20200192. The code to reproduce the article results.  [TomographicImaging/Paper-2021-RSTA-CIL-Part-I](#)
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## Cite this work

If you use this software please consider citing one or both of the articles above.

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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

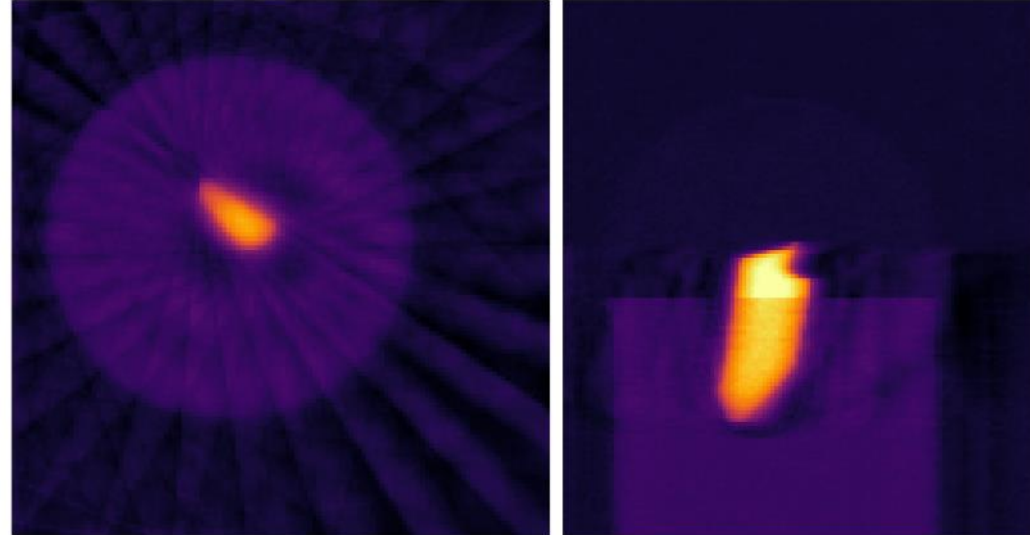
# Algebraic Iterative Methods

regularising by number of iterations

## CGLS

$$u^* = \arg \min_u \|Au - b\|_2^2$$

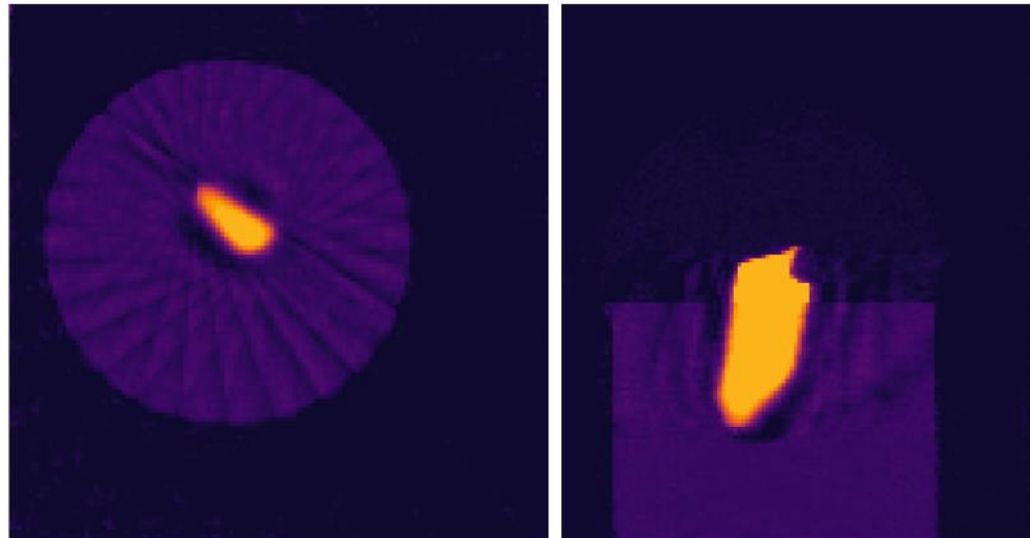
Typically 10s of  
iterations



## SIRT

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

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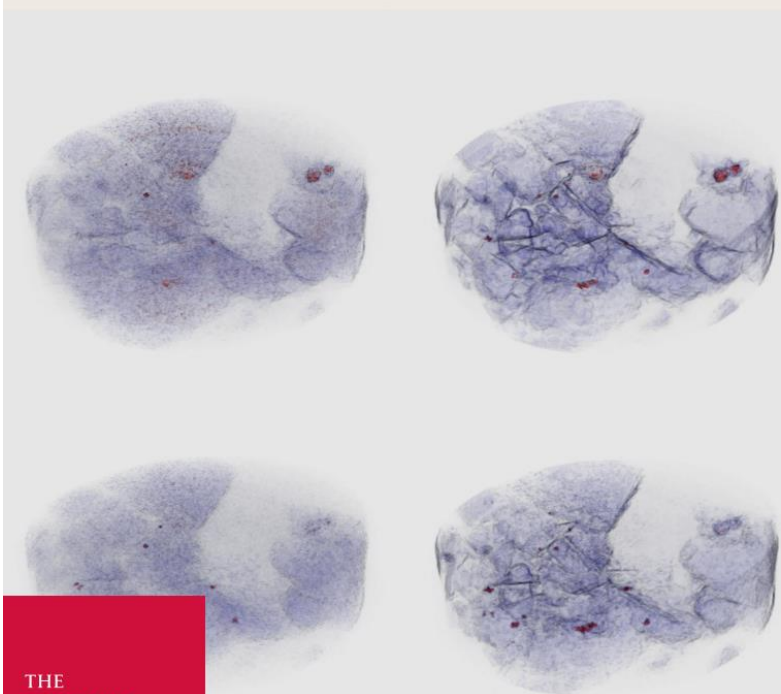
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- Enable large-scale scientific software development, maintenance and distribution.
- Long term funding by EPSRC with a 5 years renewal cycle
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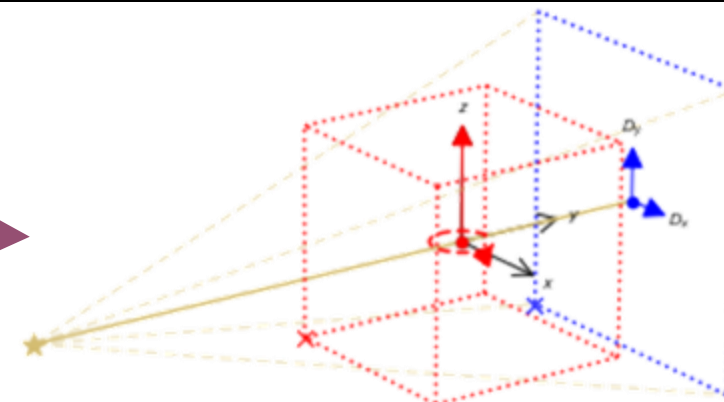
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  - pre-processing
  - Reconstruction
  - Visualisation
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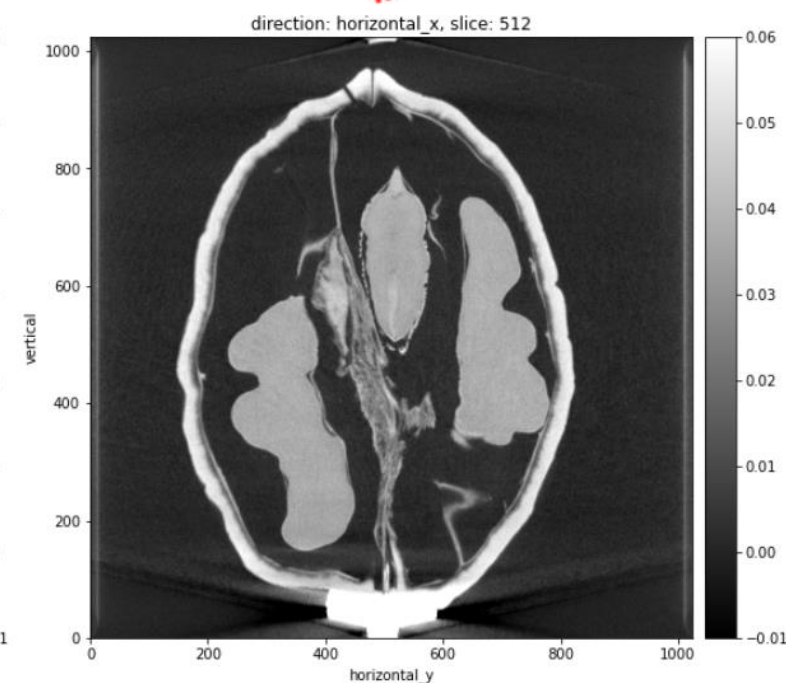
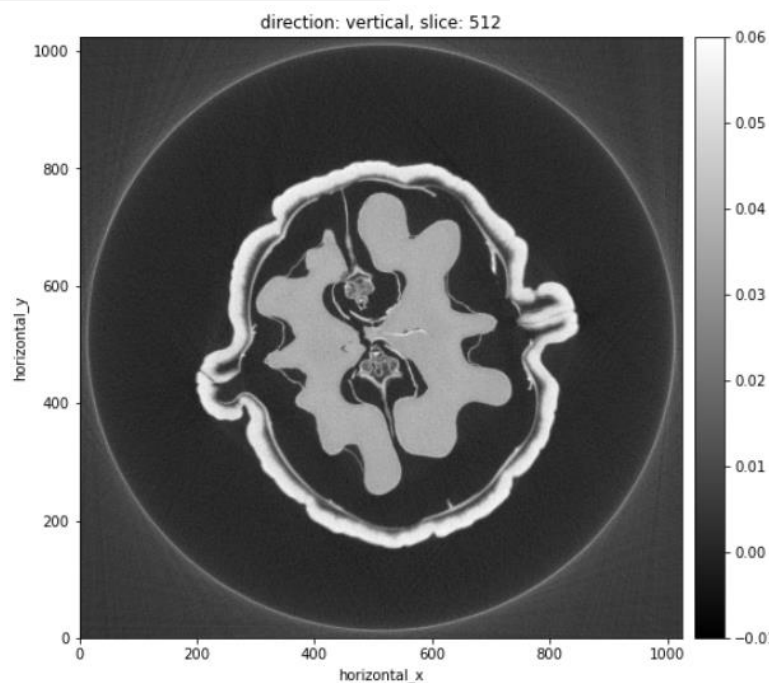
# Core Imaging Library for CT and other inverse problems

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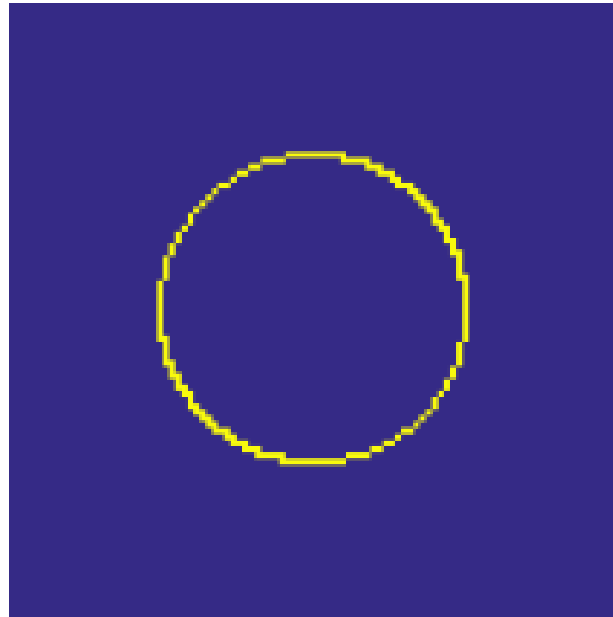
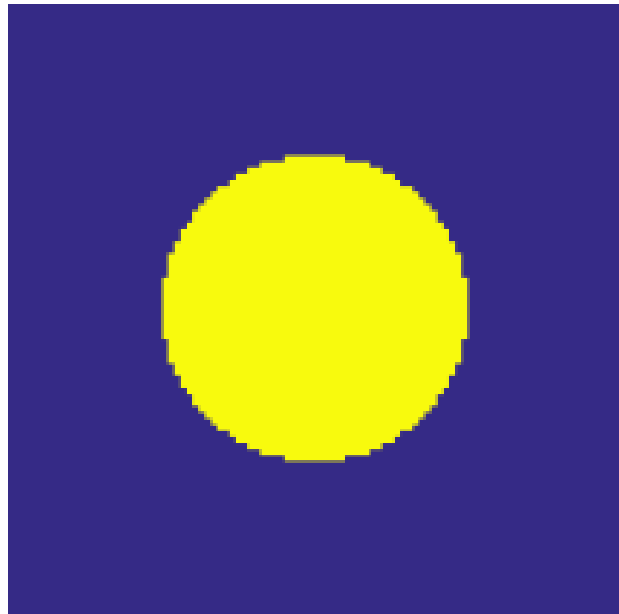


- Data readers/writers
- Pre-processing tools
- Image reconstruction
- *Near math* optimisation syntax
- Visualisation
- 2D, 3D and 4D data
- TIGRE and ASTRA backend

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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