

# Multilevel Optimization for Multi-Modal X-ray Data Analysis

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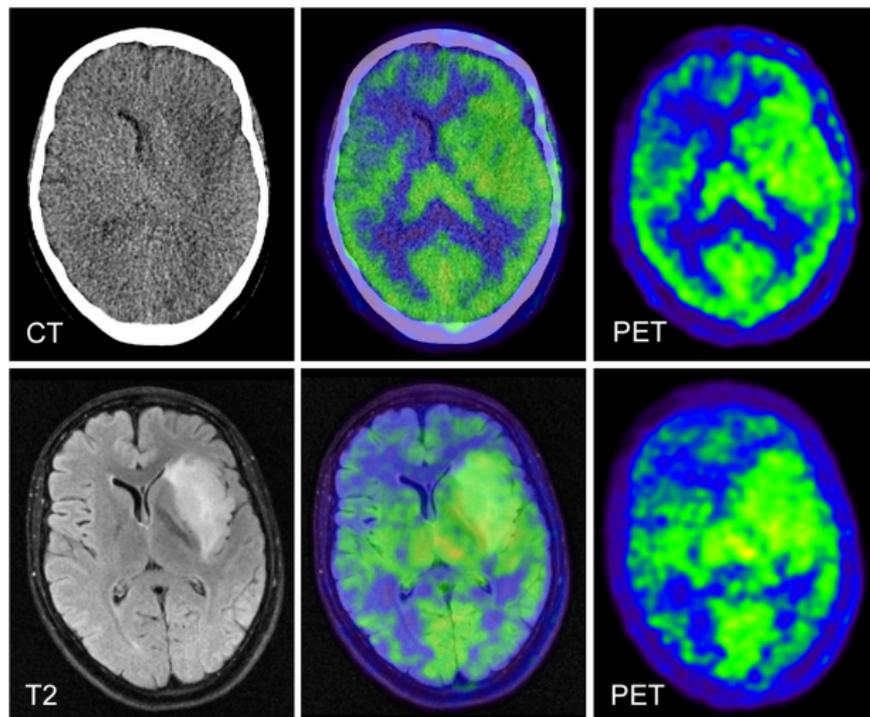
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# More is Better



CT:hard-tissue; T2(MRI):soft tissue; PET: functional characteristics <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Boss, A. and et al. (2010). Hybrid PET/MRI of Intracranial Masses: Initial Experiences and Comparison to PET/CT, JNM

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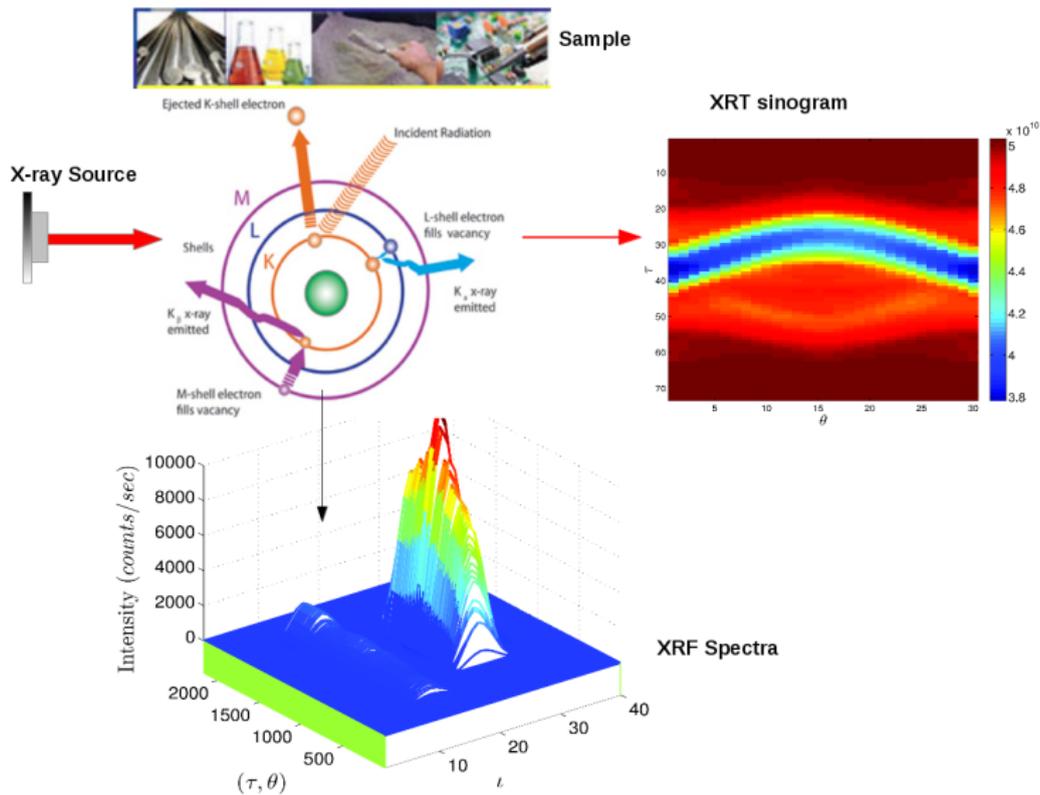


# Tomographic Image Reconstruction

- ▶ Non-invasive imaging technique to visualize internal structures of object.
- ▶ *Tomography applications*: physics, chemistry, astronomy, geophysics, medicine, etc.
- ▶ *Tomographic imaging modalities*: X-ray transmission, ultrasound, magnetic resonance, X-ray fluorescence, etc.
- ▶ *Task*: estimate distribution of physical quantities in sample from measurements.
- ▶ Limited angle tomography reconstruction is naturally ill-conditioned.



# Schematic Experimental Setup with Two Modalities



# Reconstruction Approaches

- ▶ Traditional: filtered backprojection
  - ▶ Restricted to simple tomographic model
  - ▶ Requires a large number of projections
  
- ▶ Alternatively, iterative reconstruction from single data modality
  - ▶ Requires much less data acquisition, results in higher accuracy

## Our Goal:

Formulate a joint inversion integrating XRF and XRT data to improve the reconstruction quality of elemental map.



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# X-ray Transmission (XRT)

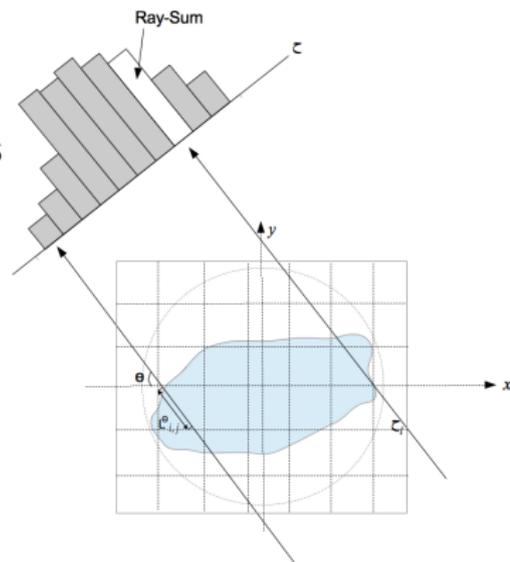
- Traditionally, the XRT projection of the object from beam line  $(\theta, \tau)$  is modeled as

$$\mathbf{F}_{\theta, \tau}^T(\tilde{\mu}^E) = I_0 \exp \left\{ - \sum_v L_v \tilde{\mu}_v^E \right\}.$$

to directly solve the linear attenuation coefficient  $\tilde{\mu}_v^E$  for each voxel  $v$ ,

- In our approach, notice  $\tilde{\mu}_v^E = \sum_e \mathcal{W}_{v,e} \mu_e^E$ ,

$$\mathbf{F}_{\theta, \tau}^T(\mathcal{W}) = I_0 \exp \left\{ - \sum_{v,e} L_v \mu_e^E \mathcal{W}_{v,e} \right\}$$



$I_0$ : incident photon flux

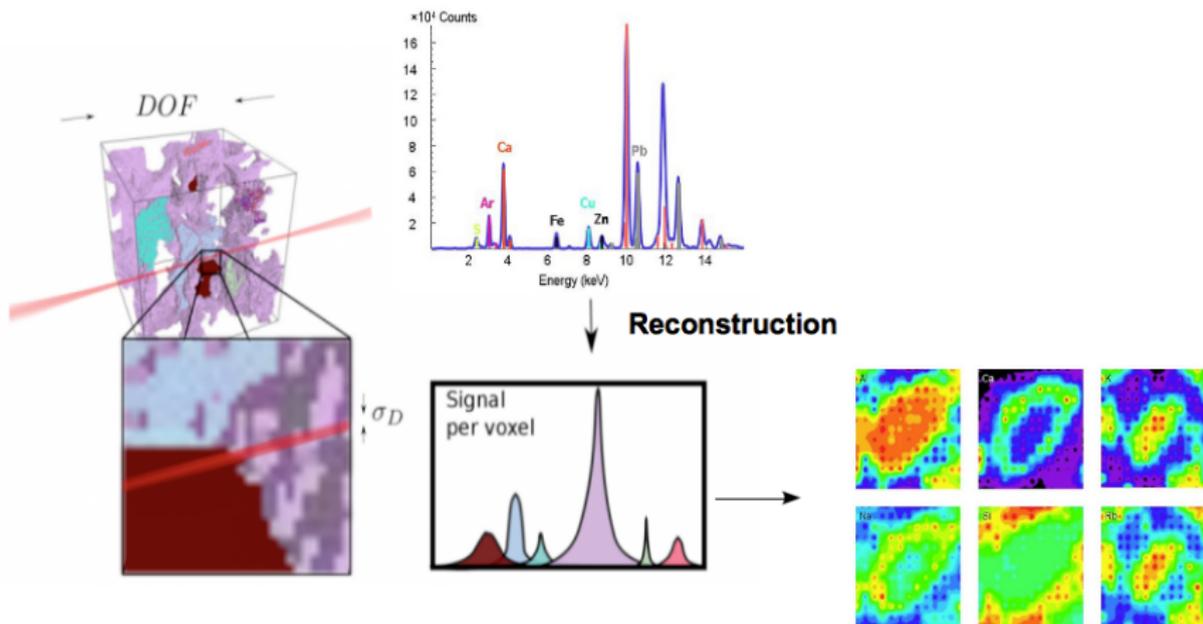
$\mu_e^E$ : mass attenuation coefficient of element  $e \in \mathcal{E}$  at beam incident energy  $E$

$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_{v,e}$ : tensor denoting how much of element  $e$  is in voxel  $v$

$\mathbf{L} = [L_v]$ : tensor of intersection length of beam line  $(\theta, \tau)$  with the voxel  $v$



# X-ray Fluorescence (XRF)



# Mathematical Model of XRF

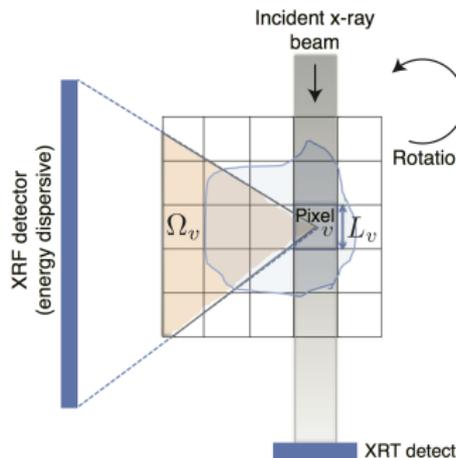
- ▶ First, we obtain the unit fluorescence spectrum

$$\mathbf{M}_e = F^{-1} \left( F(I_e) * F \left( \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-\mathbf{x}^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \right) \right)$$

- ▶ Then, the XRF spectrum,  $\mathbf{F}_{\theta,\tau}^R$

$$= \sum_{v,e,d} \frac{L_v \mathcal{W}_{v,e} \mathbf{M}_e}{n_d} \exp \left\{ - \sum_{v',e'} \mathcal{W}_{v',e'} \left( \mu_{e'}^E L_{v'} \mathbb{I}_{v' \in \mathcal{U}^v} + \mu_{e'}^{E_e} P_{v,v',d} \right) \right\}$$

$\mathbf{P} = [P_{v,v',d}]$ : tensor of intersection length of fluorescence detectorlet path  $d$  with the voxel  $v'$



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# Resulting Optimization: Joint Reconstruction (JRT)

## Goal:

Find  $\mathbf{W}$  so that  $\mathbf{F}_{\theta,\tau}^R(\mathbf{W}) = \mathbf{D}_{\theta,\tau}^R$  and  $\mathbf{F}_{\theta,\tau}^T(\mathbf{W}) = D_{\theta,\tau}^T$

$$\min_{\mathbf{W} \geq 0} \phi(\mathbf{W}) = \sum_{\theta,\tau} \left( \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{F}_{\theta,\tau}^R(\mathbf{W}) - \mathbf{D}_{\theta,\tau}^R \right\|^2 + \frac{\beta_1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{F}_{\theta,\tau}^T(\mathbf{W}) - \beta_2 D_{\theta,\tau}^T \right\|^2 \right)$$

where

- ▶  $\mathbf{D}_{\theta,\tau}^R \in \mathbb{R}^{n_E}$ : measurement data of XRF signal detected at angle  $\theta$  from light beam  $\tau$
- ▶  $D_{\theta,\tau}^T \in \mathbb{R}$ : the measurement data of XRT signal detected at angle  $\theta$  from light beam  $\tau$
- ▶  $\beta_1, \beta_2 > 0$  are scaling parameters to balance the ability of each modality to fit the data, and detect the relative variability between the data sources.

Note: Optimization differs on how  $\mathbf{F}_{\theta,\tau}^R$  and  $\mathbf{F}_{\theta,\tau}^T$  are combined



## How Multimodality Can Help

Consider an **overdetermined** (more equations than the number of unknowns) but **rank deficient** system which has an **infinitude of solutions**:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Another such rank-deficient (not full-rank) system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

However, combine these two can form a **full rank** and **consistent** system with a unique solution  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 0.5 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0.5 \\ 1.5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Optimization Solver

In experiments, we use **truncated-Newton (TN)** method with **preconditioned conjugate gradient (PCG)** to provide a search direction:

- ▶ To satisfy the bound constraints, the projected PCG is applied to the reduced Newton system
- ▶ One TN iteration typically requires  $\kappa(O(10))$  PCG iterations

Main expense of each outer iteration is  $\kappa + 2$  function-gradient evaluations.



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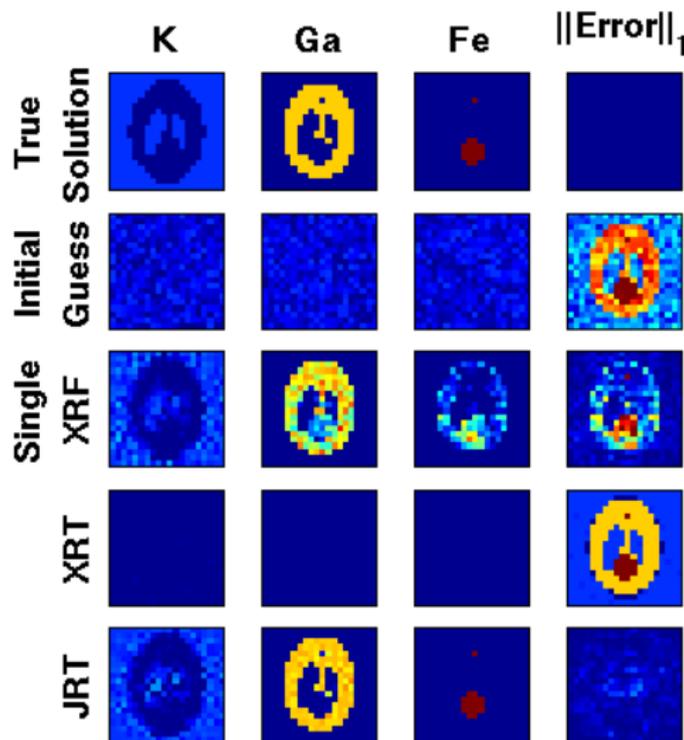
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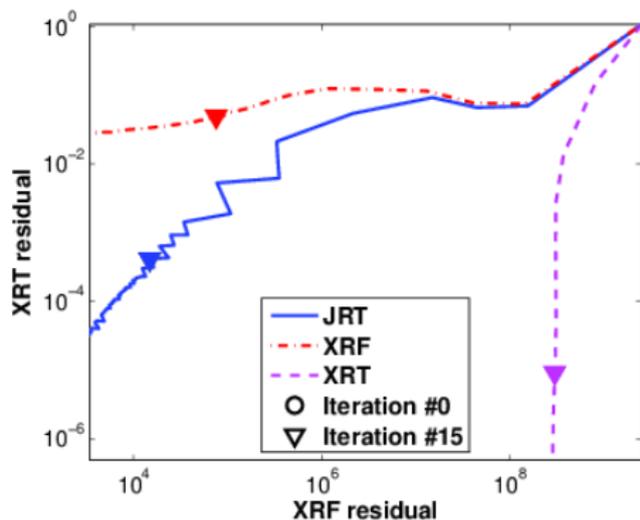
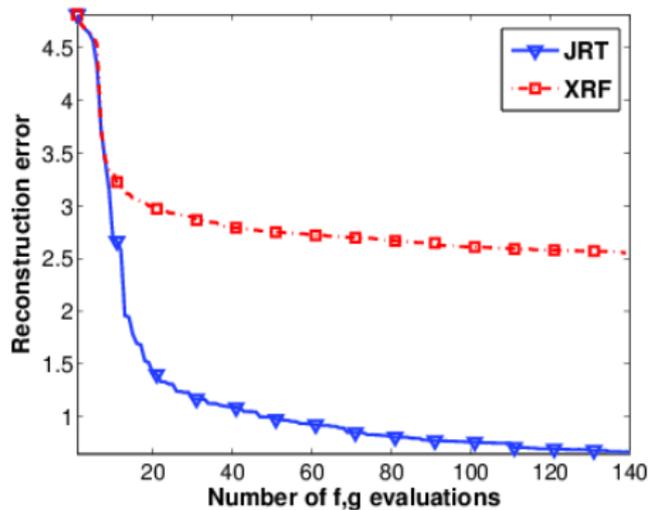
# JRT versus Single XRF Reconstruction (Synthetic)<sup>1</sup>



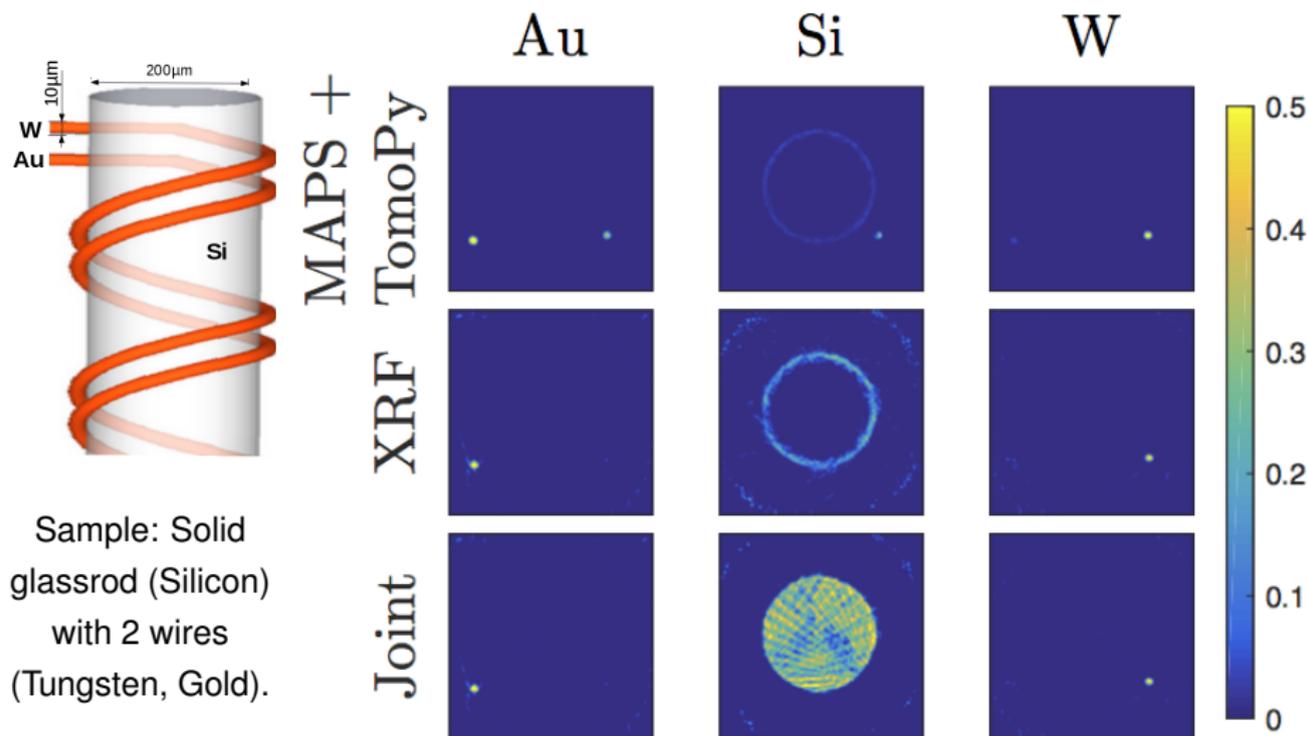
Element Unit:  $g/\mu m^2$

<sup>1</sup>Di, Leyffer, and Wild (2016). An Optimization-Based Approach for Tomographic Inversion from Multiple Data Modalities, SIAMIS

# Convergence



# Addressing Self-Absorption Effect <sup>1</sup>



Sample: Solid glassrod (Silicon) with 2 wires (Tungsten, Gold).

<sup>1</sup>Di and et al. (2017). Joint reconstruction of x-ray fluorescence and transmission tomography, Optics Express

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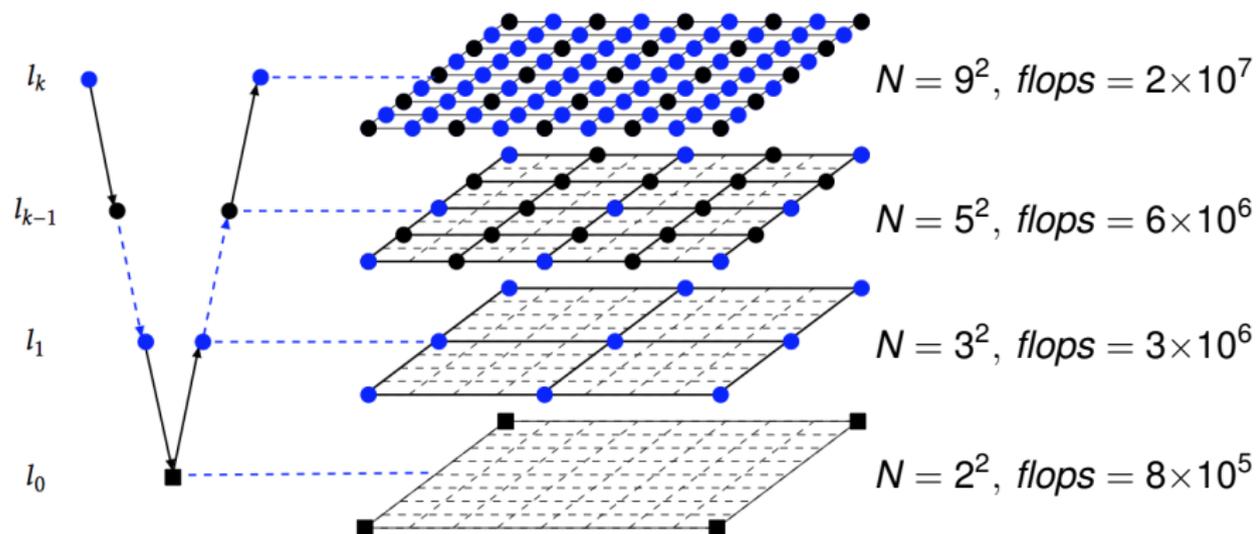
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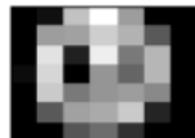
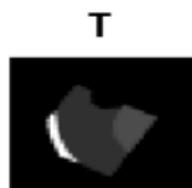
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# Multilevel Acceleration of Image Registration

Single Level:  
150sec



Multilevel:  
10sec

Level 1: 50 x 50

Level 2: 25 x 25

Level 3: 13 x 13

Level 4: 7 x 7



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# Introduction of MG/OPT

- ▶ Multigrid optimization algorithm (MG/OPT) is a **general** framework to accelerate a traditional optimization algorithm<sup>1</sup>.
- ▶ Recursively use coarse problems to generate search directions for fine problems.
- ▶ MG/OPT can deal with more general problems in an optimization perspective, in particular, it is able to handle inequality constraints in a natural way.
- ▶ **Multiple options to design the hierarchy of the problem:**
  - ▶ through image space.
  - ▶ through data space.

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<sup>1</sup>Nash, S. G. (2000). *A Multigrid Approach to Discretized Optimization Problems*, OMS



# MG/OPT

Given:

- ▶ High-resolution model  $f_h(z_h)$ , easier-to-solve low-resolution model  $f_H(Z_H)$
- ▶  $\mathbf{z}^+ \leftarrow \text{OPT}(f(\mathbf{z}), \bar{\mathbf{z}}, k)$
- ▶ A restriction operator  $I_h^H$  and an interpolation operator  $I_h^h$
- ▶ An initial estimate  $\mathbf{z}_h^0$  of the solution  $\mathbf{z}_h^*$  on the fine level
- ▶ Integers  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  satisfying  $k_1 + k_2 > 0$

**Presmoothing:**

$$\bar{\mathbf{z}}_h \leftarrow \text{OPT}(f_h(\mathbf{z}_h), \mathbf{z}_h^j, k_1)$$

**Restrict**  $\bar{\mathbf{z}}_H = I_h^H \bar{\mathbf{z}}_h$

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \nabla f_H(\bar{\mathbf{z}}_H) - I_h^H \nabla f_h(\bar{\mathbf{z}}_h)$$

**Postsmoothing:**

$$\mathbf{z}_h^{j+1} \leftarrow \text{OPT}(f_h(\mathbf{z}_h), \mathbf{z}_h^+, k_2)$$

**Interpolate**  $e_h = I_h^h e_H$

**Correct**  $\mathbf{z}_h^+ = \bar{\mathbf{z}}_h + \alpha e_h$  by a line search

$$e_H = \mathbf{z}_H^+ - \bar{\mathbf{z}}_H$$

**Recursion:**  $\mathbf{z}_H^+ \leftarrow \text{OPT}(f_H(\mathbf{z}_H) - \bar{\mathbf{v}}^T \mathbf{z}_H, \bar{\mathbf{z}}_H, k)$



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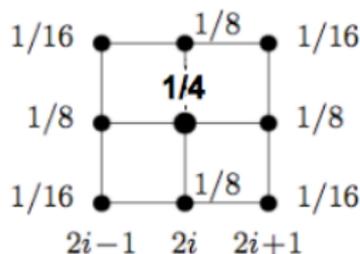
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# Interpolation/Restriction Operators

- ▶ Restriction on 2D parameter  $\mathcal{W}_h \in \mathbb{R}^2$  to produce  $\bar{\mathcal{W}}_H$  using full weighted matrix:



- ▶ Restriction on gradient  $\hat{l}_h^H = C I_h^H$  where  $C$  balances the order difference between  $\phi_h(\bar{\mathcal{W}}_h)$  and  $\phi_H(I_h^H \bar{\mathcal{W}}_h)$
- ▶ Interpolation operator:  $I_H^h = 4(I_h^H)^T$ .



# Coarse Grid Surrogate Model

- ▶ Shift experimental data for coarse level:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{\theta,\tau} = \mathbf{D}_{\theta,\tau} - (\mathbf{F}_{\theta,\tau}^h(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_h) - \mathbf{F}_{\theta,\tau}^H(I_h^H \bar{\mathbf{w}}_h))$$

The surrogate model:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi}_H(\mathbf{w}_H) = \sum_{\theta,\tau} & \left( \frac{1}{2} \left\| \mathbf{F}_{\theta,\tau}^H(\mathbf{w}_H) - \tilde{\mathbf{D}}_{\theta,\tau} \right\|^2 \right) \\ & - \left( \nabla \phi_H(I_h^H \bar{\mathbf{w}}_h) - \hat{l}_h^H \nabla \phi_h(\bar{\mathbf{w}}_h) \right)^T \mathbf{w}_H \end{aligned}$$



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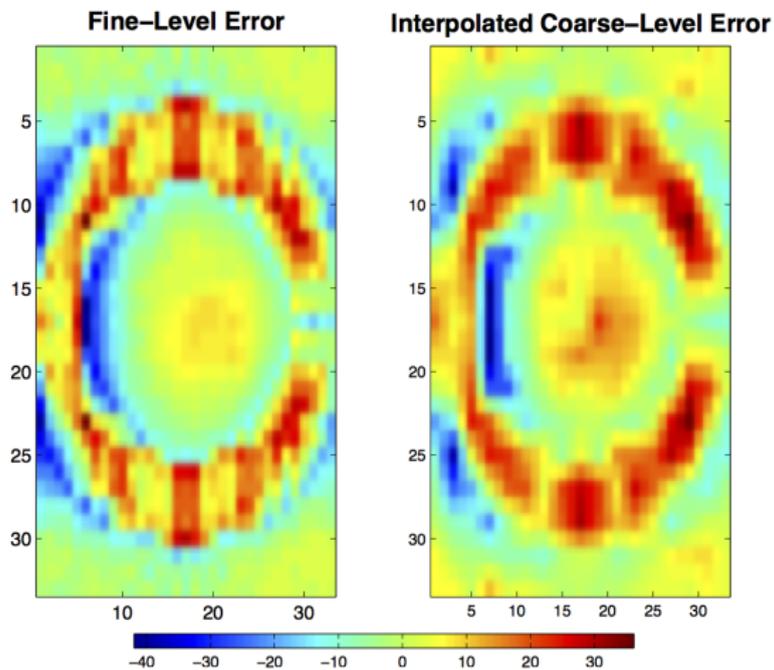
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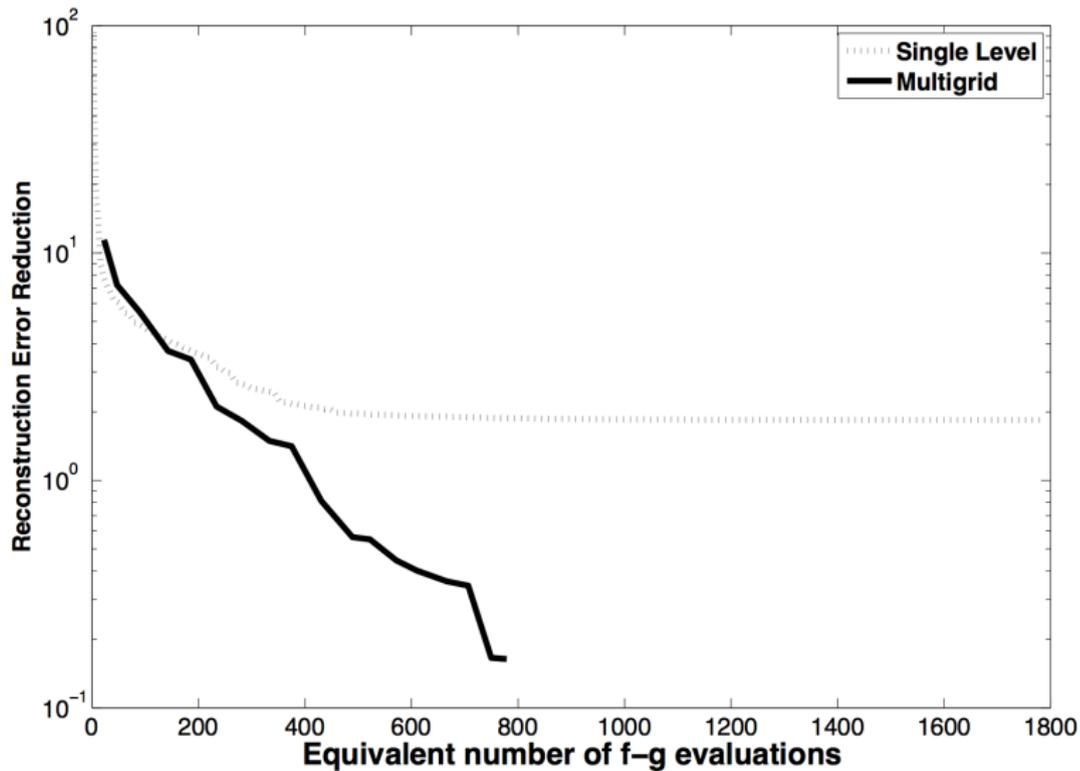


# MG/OPT Search Directions versus Error

Problem Size: [33 17]



# 2-level MG/OPT Reconstruction



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# Summary

- ▶ Established a link between X-ray transmission and X-ray fluorescence datasets by reformulating their corresponding physical models.
- ▶ Developed a simultaneous optimization approach for the joint inversion, and achieved a dramatic improvement of reconstruction quality with no extra computational cost.
- ▶ Proposed a multigrid-based optimization framework to further reduce the computational cost of the reconstruction problem.
- ▶ Preliminary results show that coarsening in voxel space improves accuracy/speed.



# Making More of More

- ▶ Extend our multimodal analysis tool to data from different instruments, involving varying spatial resolution and contrast mechanisms.
- ▶ Guided by the hierarchical nature of our multilevel algorithm, we will investigate new data acquisition strategies and allow for flexible and adaptive sampling approaches.
- ▶ Enable true real-time feedback.



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