

# CUQIpy

## Computational Uncertainty Quantification for Inverse problems in python

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## CUQIpy

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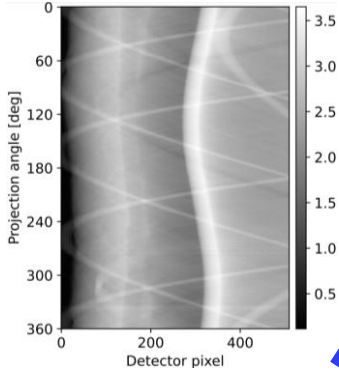
**CUQI** team in 2021. Team uses software, provides feedback and contributes theory & code.



## Forward model & data

**A**

**b**



## Bayesian inverse problem

### modelling framework

$$p(\mathbf{x}, \delta | \mathbf{b}) \propto p(\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{x} | \delta) p(\delta)$$

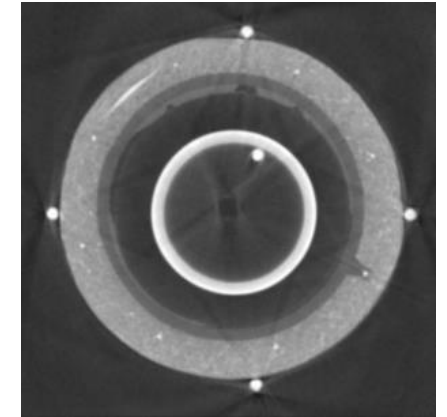
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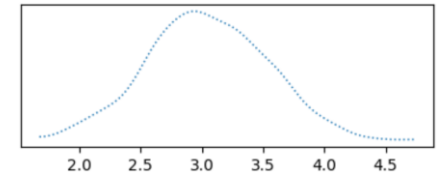
Priors

## Parameter estimates

**x**



$\delta$



## Computational UQ engine

- Efficient posterior sampling using structure
- High-level interface for non-experts
- Full control for experts
- Hierarchical problem support
- Catalogue of test problems, priors, ...

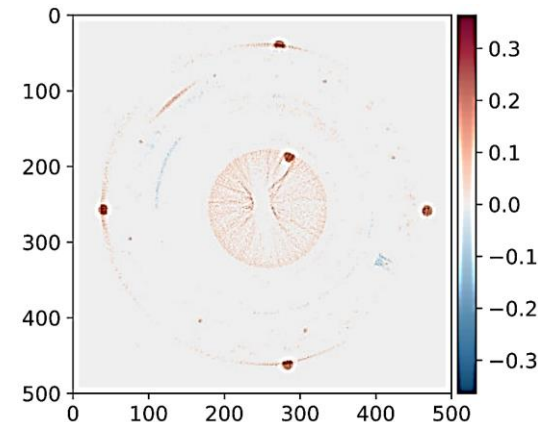
## Parameter assumptions

$$\mathbf{b} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{Ax}, \sigma_{\text{noise}}^2 \mathbf{I})$$

$$\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \delta^2 \mathbf{I})$$

$$\delta \sim \text{Gamma}(a, b)$$

## UQ information

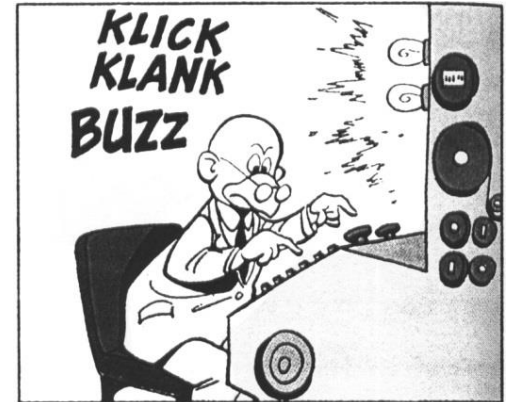


# CUQIpy in a Nutshell

## Vision

Build a software package that uses uncertainty quantification (UQ) to access and quantify uncertainties in solutions to inverse problems.

- **Simplify** the mathematics, statistics and code for the non-expert user.
- Provide **full control** for expert users.
- Allow users to focus on **modeling aspects**.



## Features

- Easy access to **state-of-the-art** tools in one framework (including 3<sup>rd</sup> party libraries).
- A suite of **test problems** to allow users to get started.
- Allow users to provide **custom code** for models, distributions, samplers etc.
- Exploit structure to support **large-scale** problems.

# Why not use an existing software package?

## General UQ software:

- Tends to break down for large-scale imaging-type problems.

## Software for UQ in inverse problems:

- Often specialized for certain types of problems.

## The niche that **CUQIPY** is aimed at:

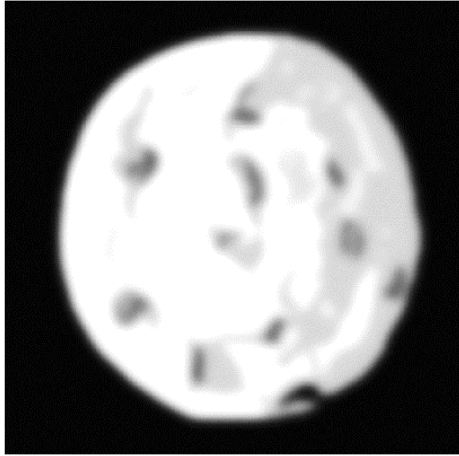
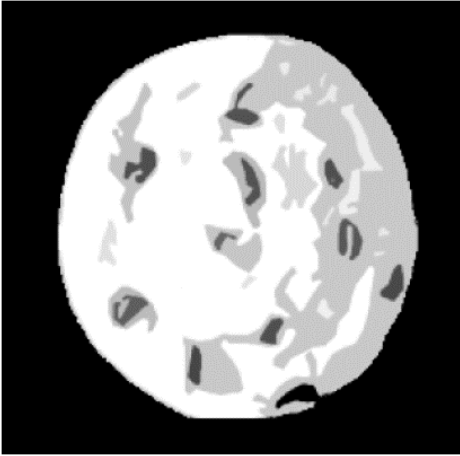
- Unified interface for broad range of problems.
- Simple “non-expert” interface.
- Test problem suite.
- Linking to other software libraries.
- Support user-defined code.

# Cookie deblurring with CUQIpy

$$Ax = y$$

True

Blurred, noisy



```
info.exactSolution.plot()
```

```
y_obs.plot()
```

## Using testproblem library

```
A, y_obs, info = Deconvolution2D(dim=512, phantom="cookie")
```

```
print(A)
```

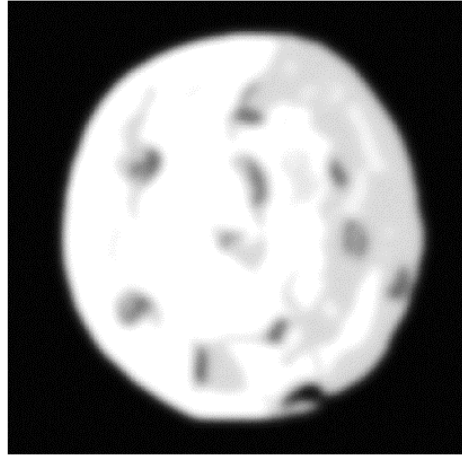
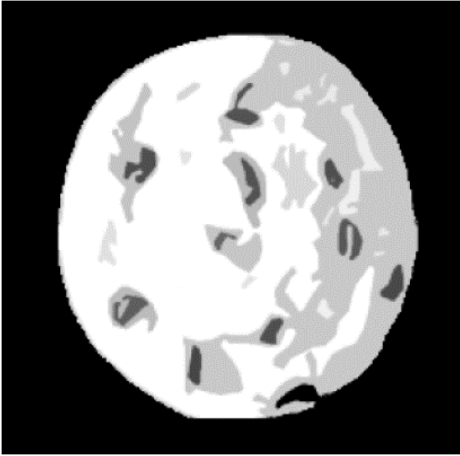
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### Using custom forward model

```
A = LinearModel(forward_func,
                 adjoint_func, ← User-defined code
                 range_geometry=Image2D((512,512)),
                 domain_geometry=Image2D((512,512)))
```

`print(A)`

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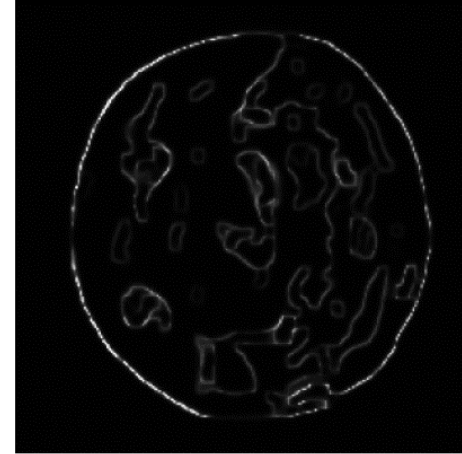
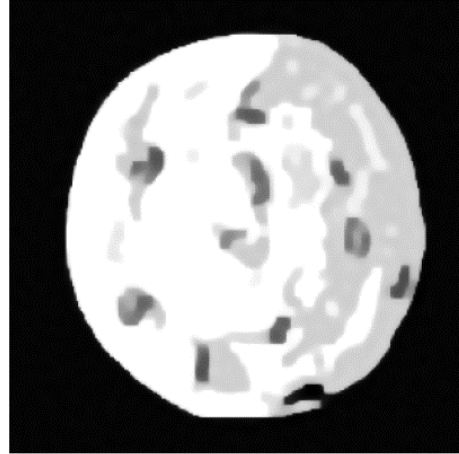
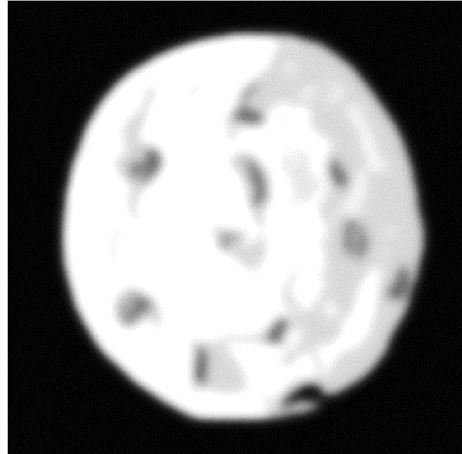
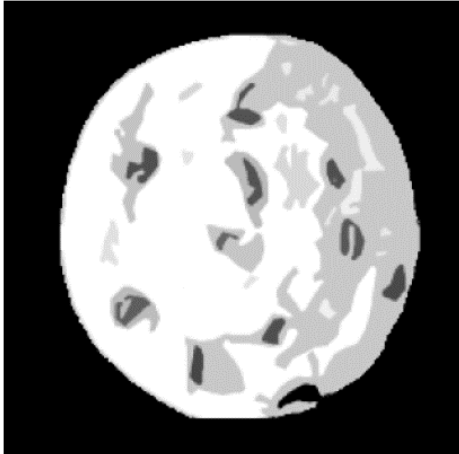
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Posterior mean

Posterior std



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$$x \sim \text{LMRF}(d^{-1}),$$

$$y \sim \text{Gaussian}(Ax, s^{-1}I)$$

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$$x = \text{LMRF}(1/d, \text{geometry}=A.\text{domain\_geometry})$$

$$y = \text{Gaussian}(A @ x, 1/s)$$

$$\text{BP} = \text{BayesianProblem}(x, y) \text{ } d, s)$$

$$\text{BP.set\_data}(y=y_{\text{obs}})$$

$$\text{BP.UQ}()$$

Laplace Markov  
Random Field



# Providing full control to expert users

## Bayesian Problem

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y = Gaussian(A @ x, 1/s)

BP = BayesianProblem(x, y, d, s)
BP.set_data(y=y_obs)
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## Uncertainty Quantification

```
BP.UQ()
```

**Inside BP posterior is defined:**

$$p(\mathbf{x}, s, d \mid \mathbf{y}) \propto p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}, s)p(\mathbf{x} \mid d)p(s)p(d)$$

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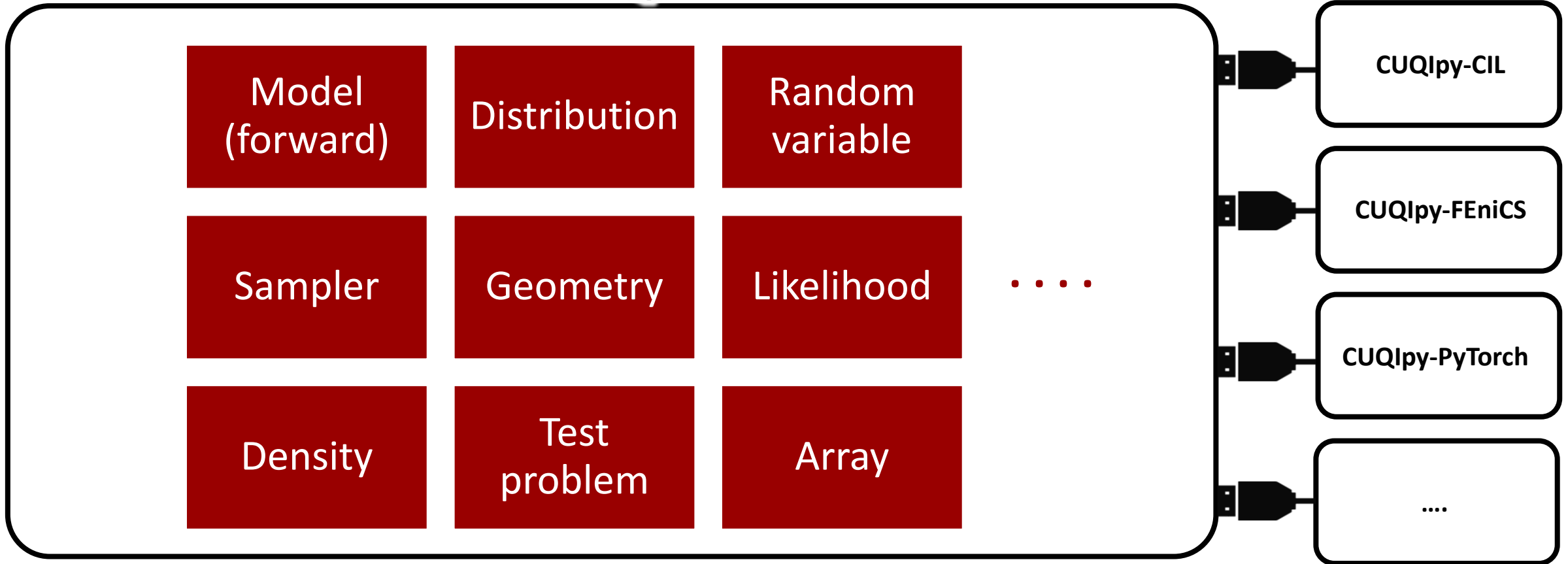
```
posterior = BP.posterior

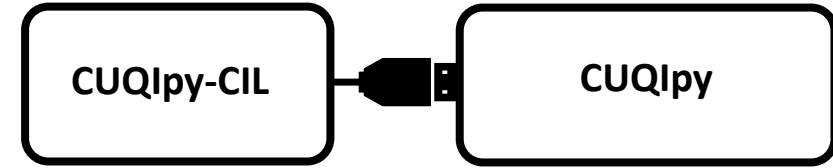
sampling_strategy= {
    "x" : UGLA,
    ("d", "s") : Conjugate
}

sampler = Gibbs(posterior, sampling_strategy)

samples = sampler.sample(5000, 2000)
```

## CUQIpy





- **Set up forward model:**

```
A = FanBeam2DModel(det_count=560,  
                   det_spacing=0.2,  
                   angles=-np.linspace(0, 2*np.pi, 360),  
                   source_object_dist=410.66,  
                   object_detector_dist=143.08,  
                   domain=(83.09, 83.09),  
                   im_size=(500,500))
```

- **Load data as CUQIarray with Image2D geometry:**

```
y_obs = CUQIarray(sinogram, geometry=Image2D(im_shape=(360, 560)))
```

- **Bayesian inverse problem:**

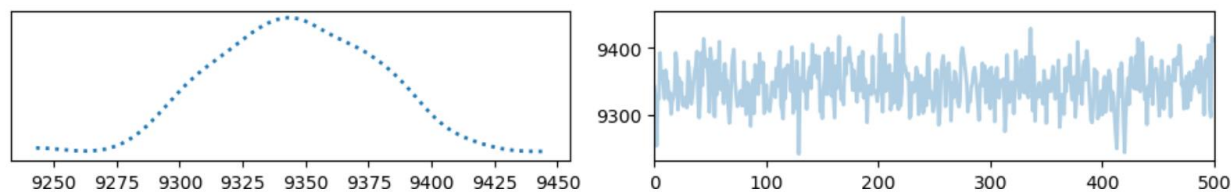
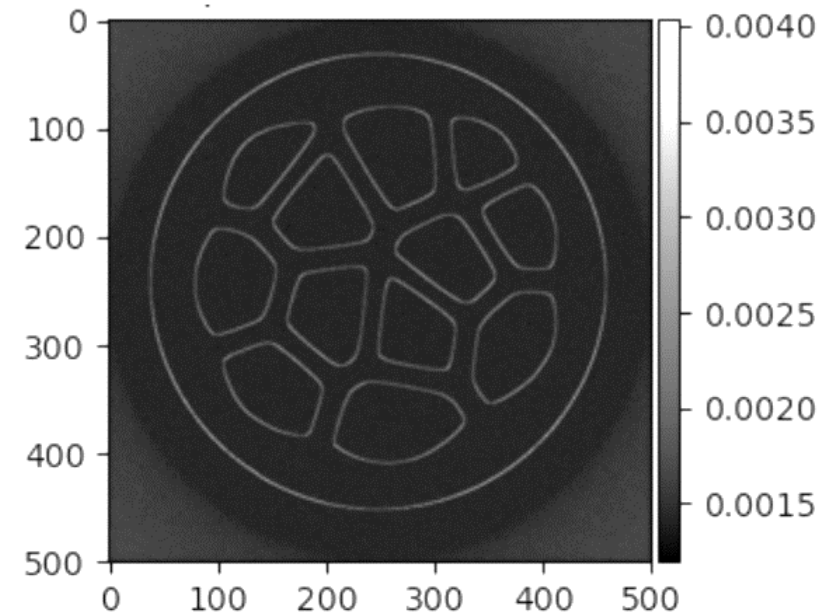
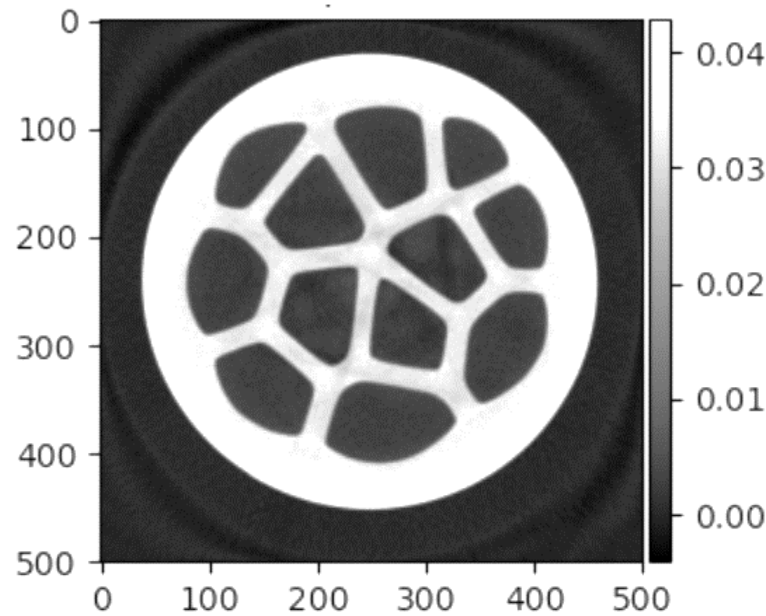
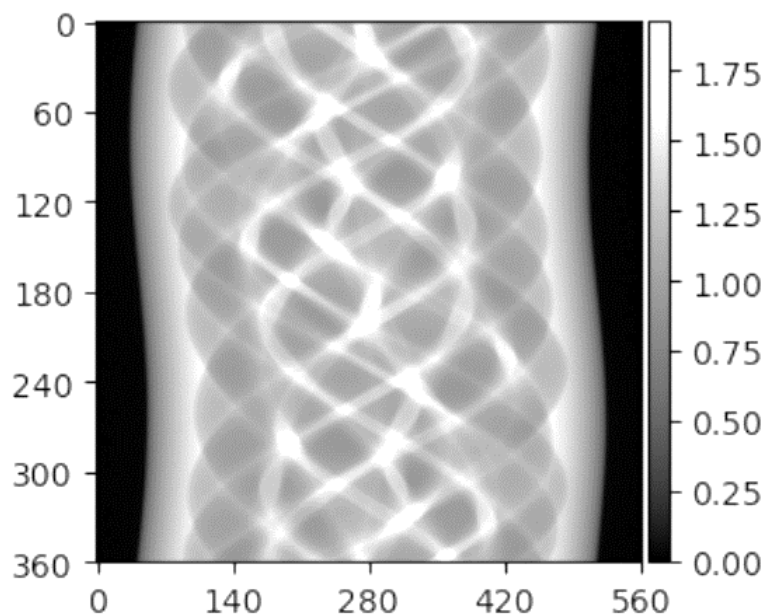
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d = Gamma(1, 1e-4)
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- **Specify posterior incl. observed data**

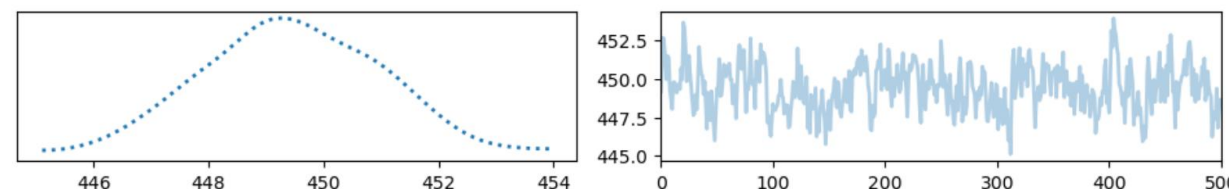
```
posterior = JointDistribution(d, s, x, y)(y=y_obs)
```

- **Gibbs sampling, exploiting conjugacy:**

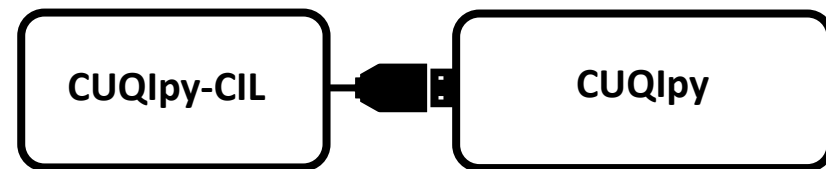
```
sampling_strategy = {'d': ConjugateApprox,
                     's': Conjugate,
                     'x': UGLA}
samples = Gibbs(posterior, sampling_strategy).sample(500, 100)
```



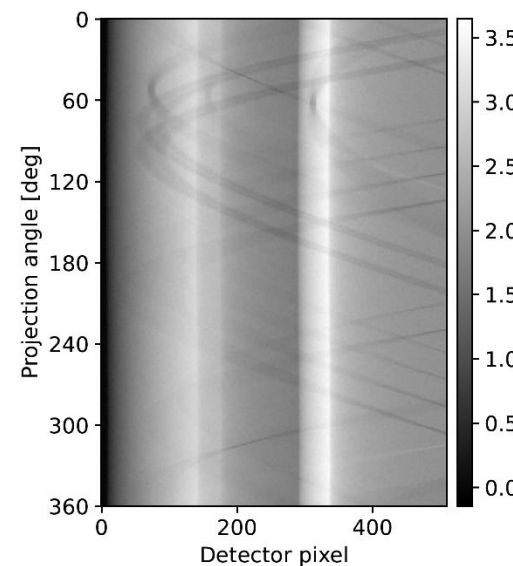
(a) Data precision  $s$



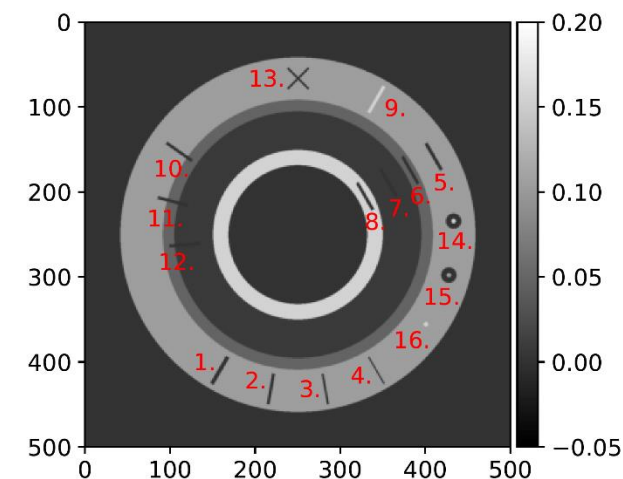
(b) Prior precision  $d$



- Crucial for oil and gas transport
- Non-invasive testing: CT



**sinogram**

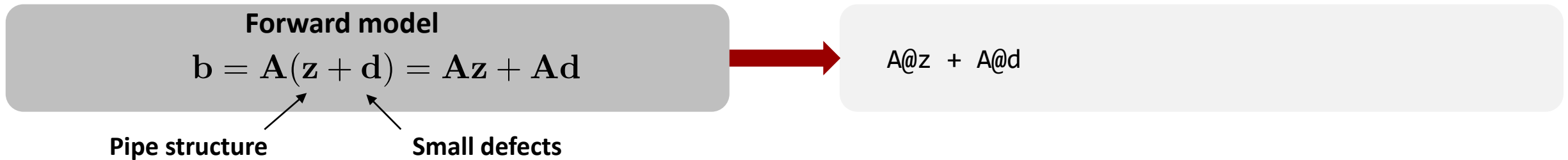
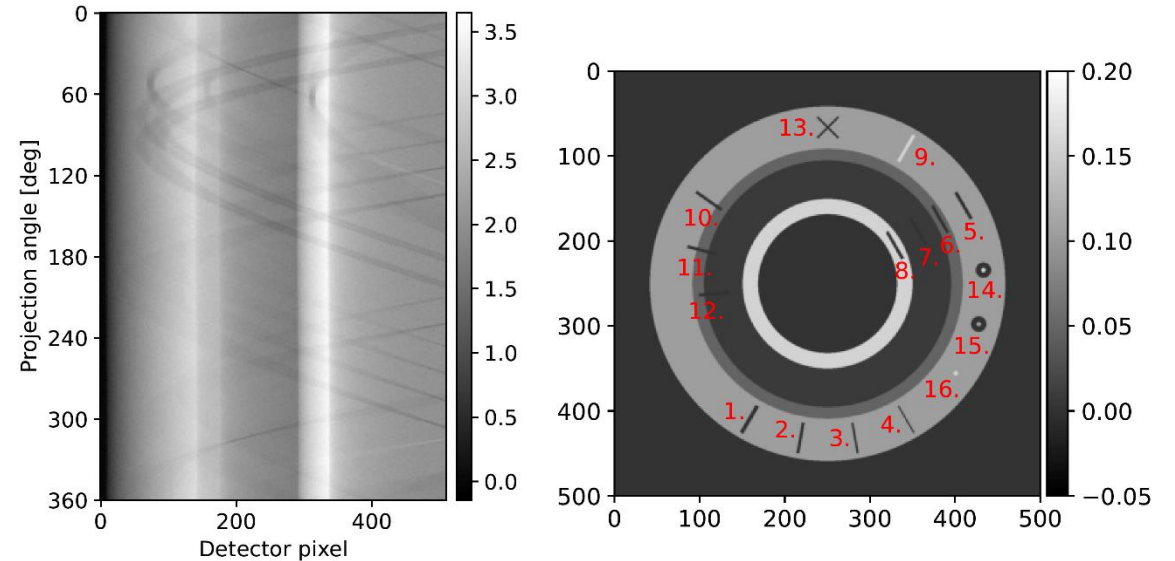


**phantom**

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Christensen, Riis, Pereyra and Jørgensen (in review)

- Separation of pipe and defect
- Defect uncertainty quantification
- Likelihood of pixels being defect (positive or negative)
- Implemented using Gibbs sampling from **CUQIpy**



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### Likelihood

$$\mathbf{b} \mid \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{d} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{d}, \lambda^{-1}\mathbf{I})$$

$$\mathbf{b} = \text{Gaussian}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{d}, 1/\lambda_{\text{noise}})$$

### Pipe Prior $\mathbf{z}$ : Structural Gaussian

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{SGP}, (\mathbf{R}_{SGP}^T \mathbf{R}_{SGP})^{-1}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \text{JointGaussianSqrtPrec}(\text{mean}=[\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots], \text{prec}=[R_0, R_1, \dots], \dots)$$

### Defect Prior $\mathbf{d}$ : Sparsity + spatially coherent Gamma MRF

$$\mathbf{d} \mid \mathbf{s} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, f_d(\mathbf{s}))$$

$$\mathbf{s} \mid \mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{IG}(\omega_0, f_s(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$\mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{s} \sim \mathcal{G}(\omega_0, f_w(\mathbf{s}))$$

$$\mathbf{d} = \text{Gaussian}(0, f_d(\mathbf{s}))$$

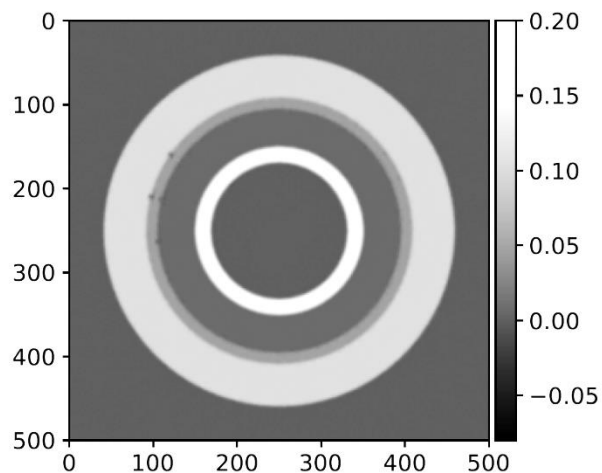
$$\mathbf{s} = \text{InverseGamma}(w_0, f_s(\mathbf{w}))$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \text{Gamma}(w_0, f_w(\mathbf{s}))$$

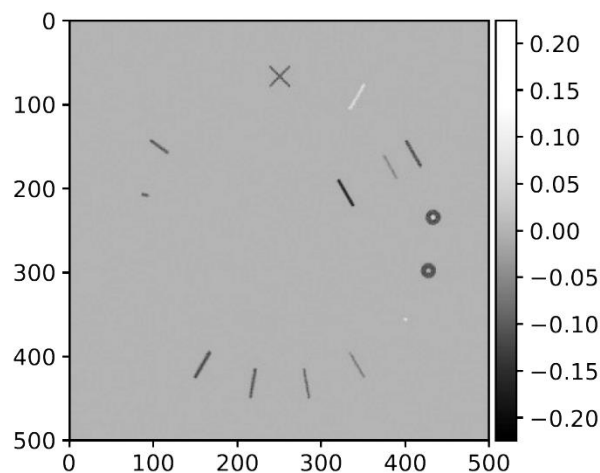
### Posterior

$$p(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{w} \mid \mathbf{b}) \propto p(\mathbf{b} \mid \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{d})p(\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{d} \mid \mathbf{s})p(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{w})$$

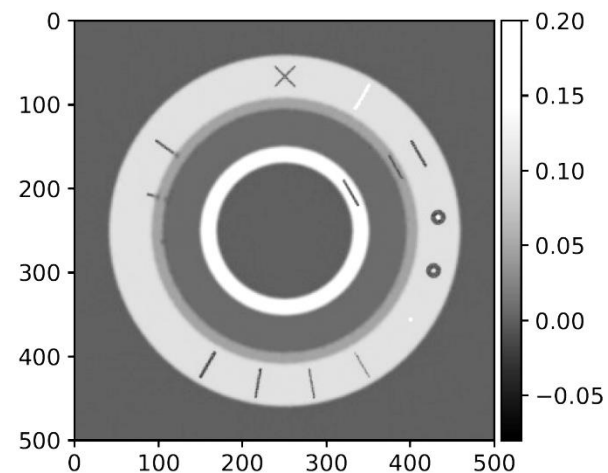
$$\text{post} = \text{JointDistribution}(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{w})(\mathbf{b}=\mathbf{b}_{\text{data}})$$



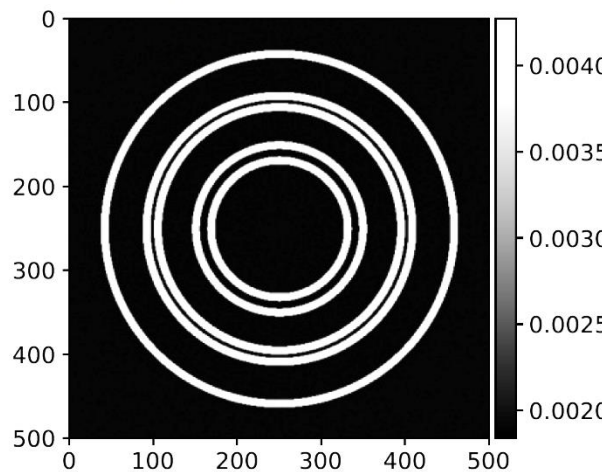
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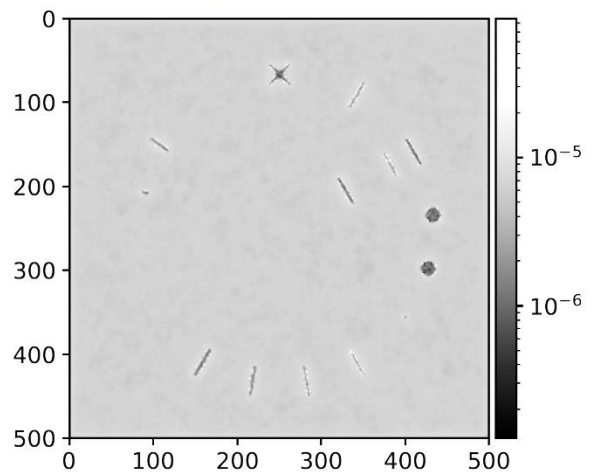
(b) Mean of  $\mathbf{d}$ .



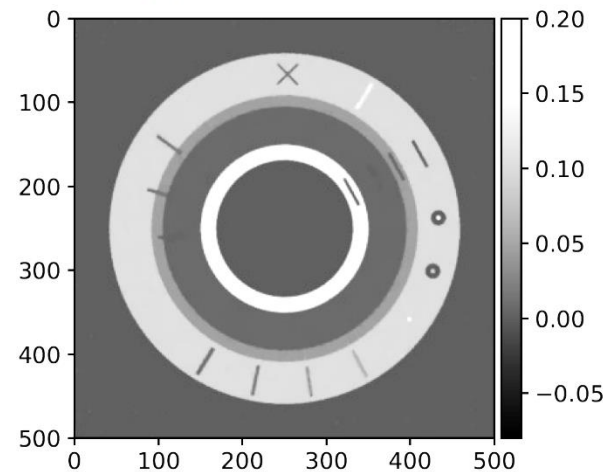
(c) Mean of  $\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{d}$ .



(d) Std of  $\mathbf{z}$ .



(e) Std of  $\mathbf{d}$ .



(f) TV reconstruction.

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Distribution name	Description
Beta	Beta distribution
Cauchy	Cauchy distribution
Gamma	Gamma distribution
Gaussian	Multivariate Gaussian distribution
InverseGamma	Inverse Gamma distribution
Laplace	Laplace distribution
Lognormal	Log-normal distribution
Uniform	Uniform Distribution
CMRF	Cauchy Markov Random Field
GMRF	Gaussian Markov Random Field
JointGaussianSqrtPrec	Gaussian of multiple square-root precision matrices
LMRF	Laplace Markov Random Field
JointDistribution	Joint distribution of multiple parameters
Posterior	Posterior distribution
DistributionGallery	Collection of benchmark distributions
UserDefinedDistribution	Defined by functions for <code>logpdf</code> and/or <code>sample</code>

Sampler name	Description
MetropolisHastings	Metropolis–Hastings
pCN	preconditioned Crank–Nicolson
ULA	Unadjusted Langevin algorithm
MALA	Metropolis-Adjusted Langevin algorithm
NUTS	No U-Turn Sampler
LinearRTO	Linear Randomize-Then-Optimize
UGLA	Unadjusted Laplace Approximation
Gibbs	Gibbs sampler for joint distributions
CWMH	Component-Wise Metropolis–Hastings
Conjugate	Conjugate sampler
ConjugateApprox	Approximate conjugate sampler

Test problem name	Description
Deconvolution1D	1D signal deblurring
Deconvolution2D	2D image deblurring
Abel1D	Rotationally symmetric computed tomography
WangCubic	Problem with nonlinear two-parameter forward model
Heat1D	Discrete Heat problem (time-dependent linear PDE)
Poisson1D	Discrete 1D Poisson problem (steady-state linear PDE)
ParallelBeam2D	2D parallel-beam CT using CIL

# Poisson PDE test problem with FEniCS in CUQIpy

$$\nabla \cdot (e^{w(\boldsymbol{\xi})} \nabla u(\boldsymbol{\xi})) = f(\boldsymbol{\xi}) \quad \text{for} \quad \boldsymbol{\xi} \in \Gamma = (0, 1)^2 \quad (1)$$

written here in terms of the log-conductivity field, i.e.,  $w(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \log \sigma(\boldsymbol{\xi})$  to ensure positivity of the inferred conductivity field. In this example, we assume zero boundary conditions on the left and right boundaries of the square domain and zero Neumann boundary conditions on the top and bottom boundaries; and a source term  $f(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = 1$ .

In CUQIpy we consider the discretized form of this problem,

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}), \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a nonlinear forward model, which corresponds to solving the discretized PDE to produce the observation  $\mathbf{y}$  from a log-conductivity given in terms of a parameter  $\mathbf{x}$ .

```
A = FEniCSPoisson2D(dim=(32,32), field_type="KL", ...).model
```

# Specifying and solving Bayesian formulation

$$\mathbf{x} \sim \text{Gaussian}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

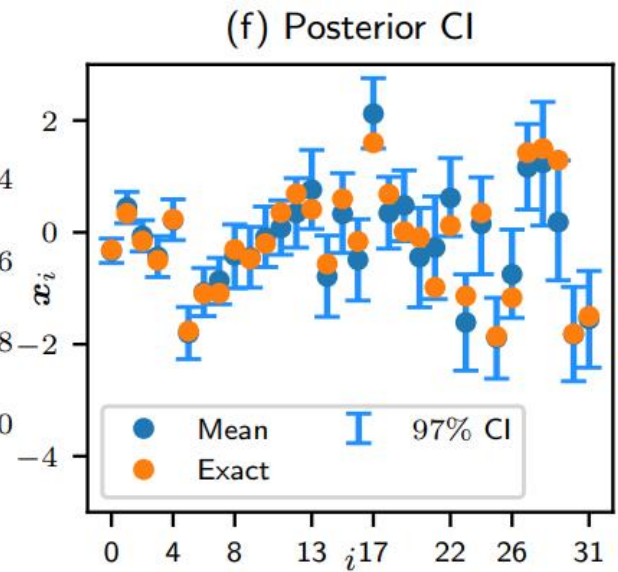
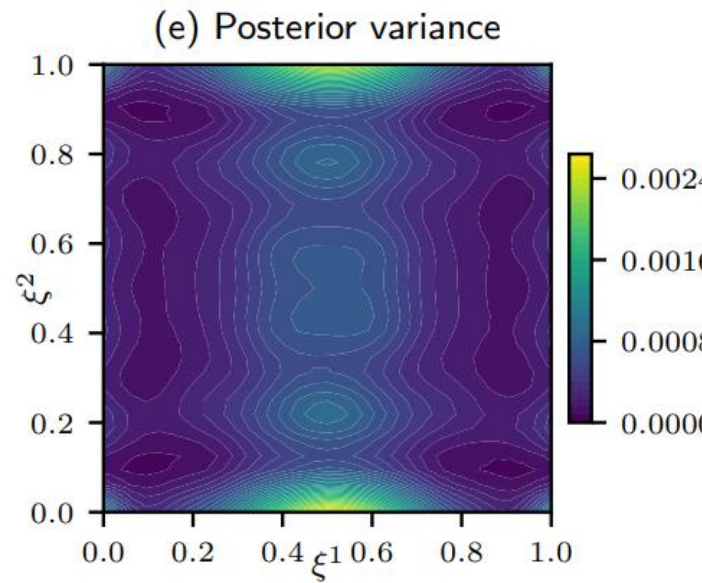
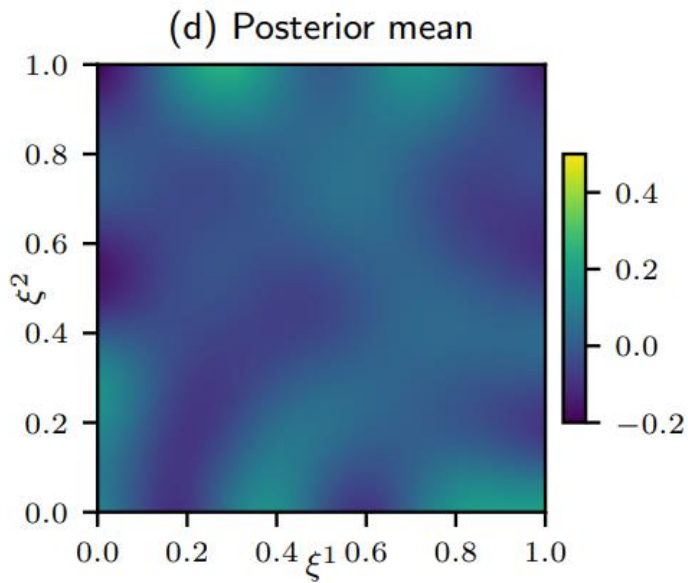
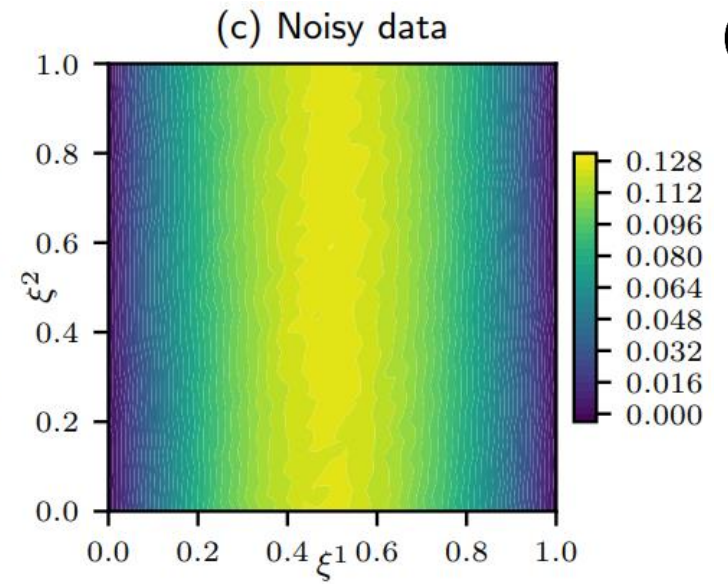
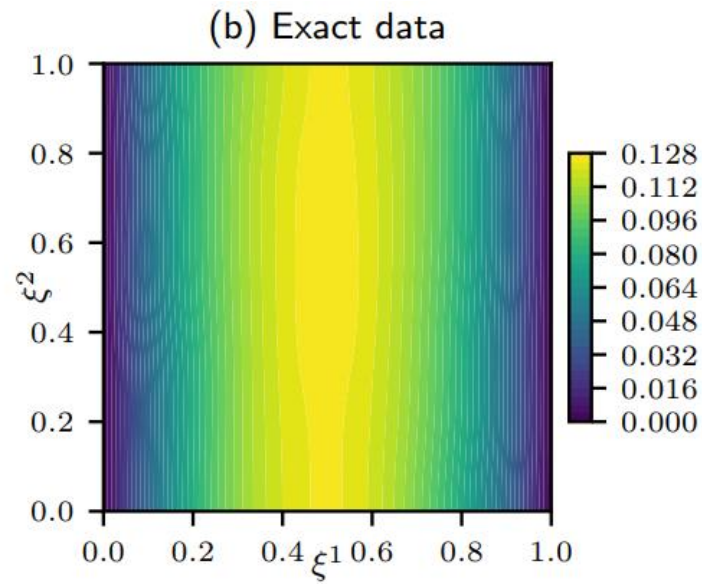
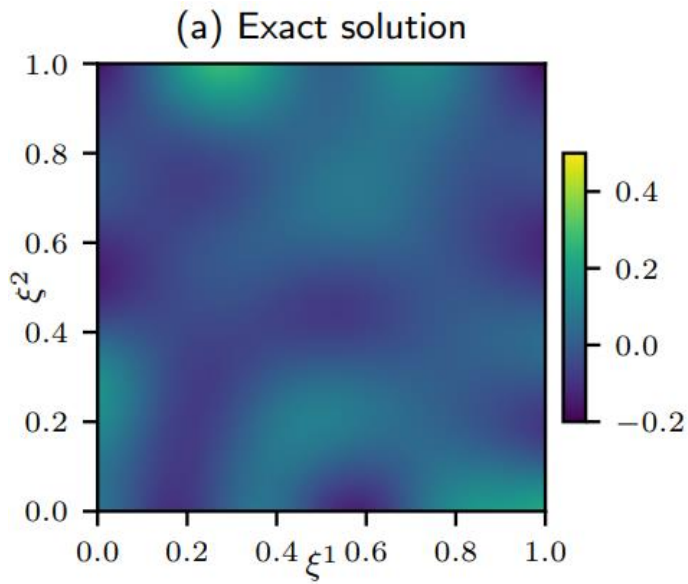
$$\mathbf{y} \sim \text{Gaussian}(\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}), s_{\text{noise}}^2 \mathbf{I}),$$

```
x = Gaussian(np.zeros(n_KL), 1, geometry=G_KL)
y = Gaussian(A(x), s_noise**2, geometry=G_FEM)
```

```
x_true = x.sample()
x_true.plot()
```

```
y_obs = y(x=x_true).sample()
y_obs.plot()
```

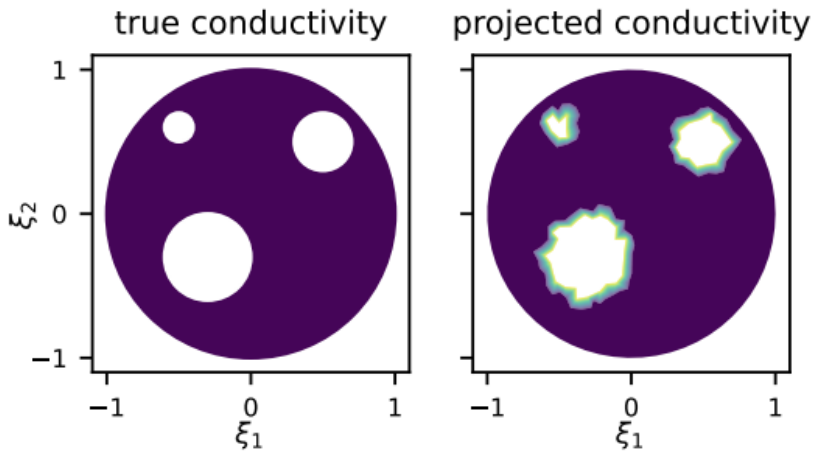
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BP = BayesianProblem(y, x).set_data(y=y_obs)
BP.UQ()
```



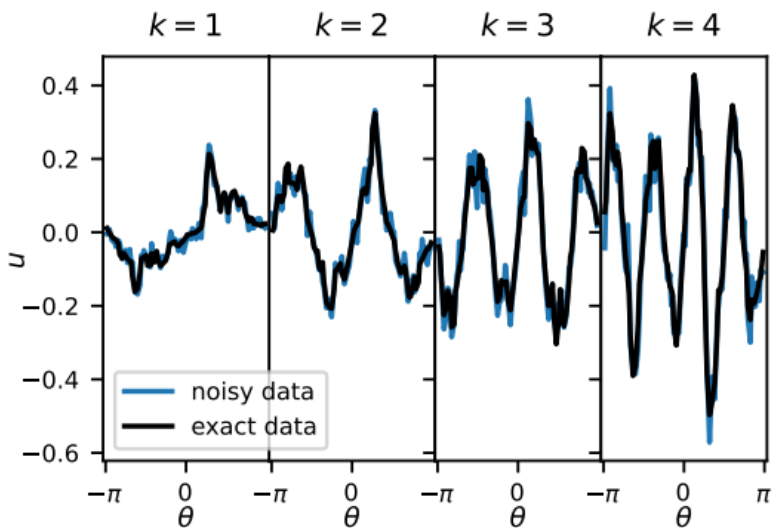
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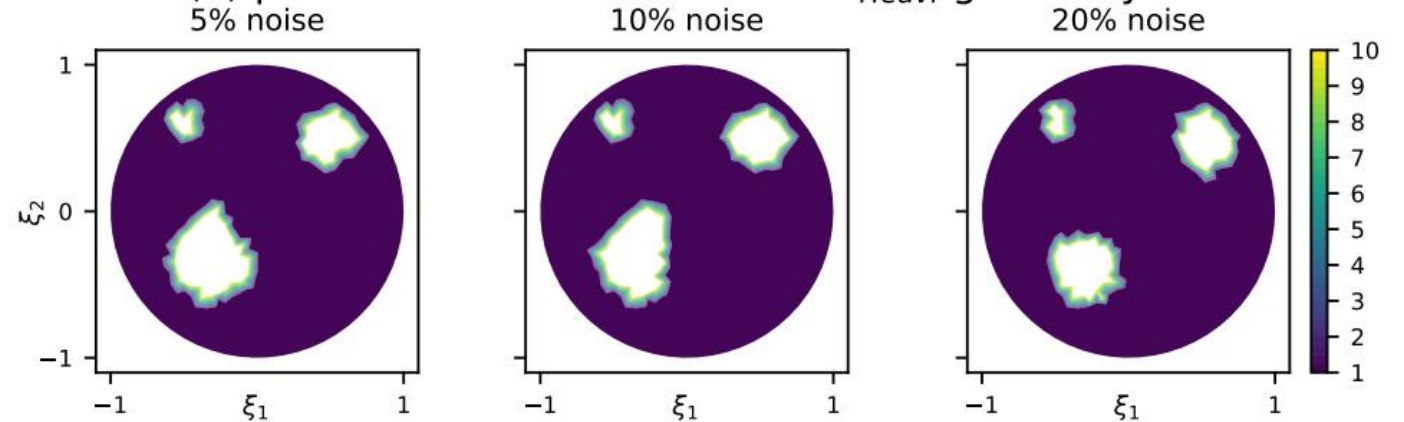
(a) conductivity field



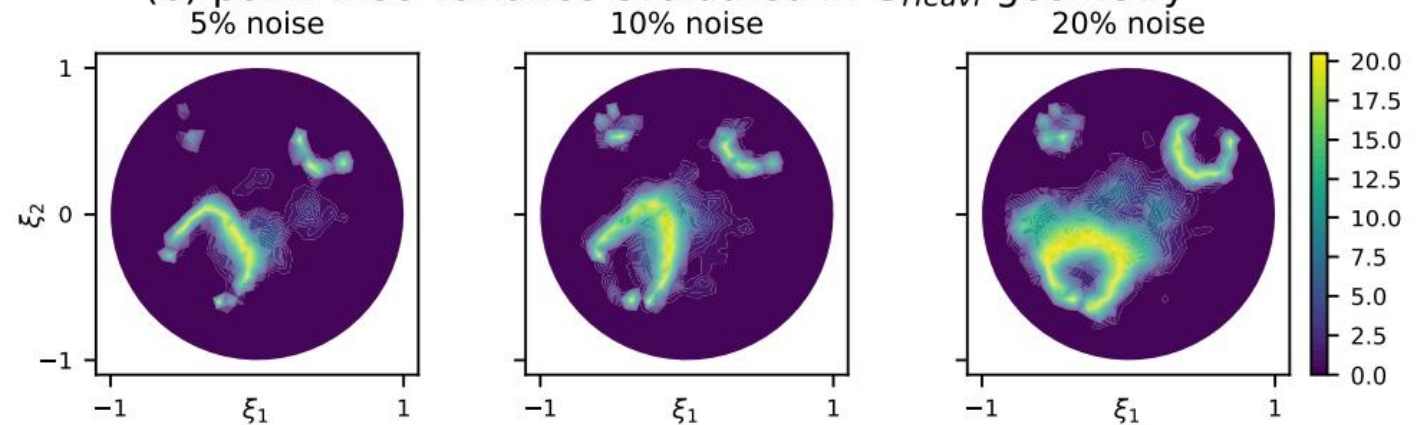
(b) measurements with 20% noise



(a) posterior mean visualized in  $\mathbf{G}_{Heavi}$  geometry



(b) point-wise variance evaluated in  $\mathbf{G}_{Heavi}$  geometry

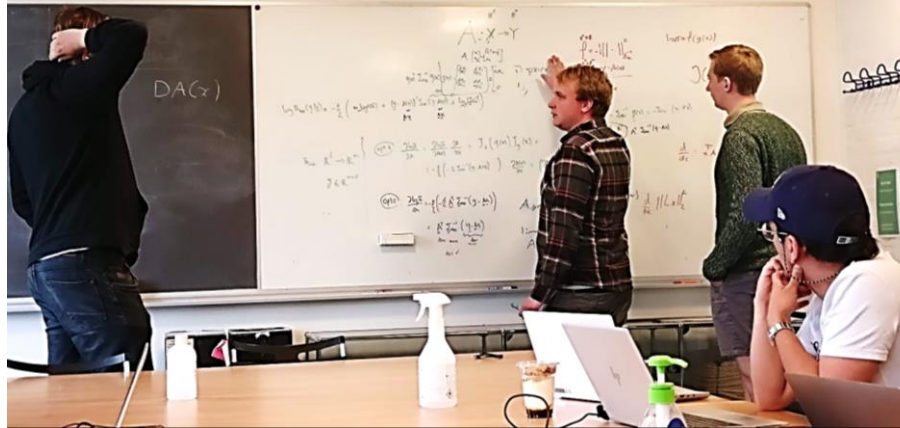


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# Collaborative Development

## Involvement of CUQI team

- Feature requests
- Test cases
- Code contributions
- Use in teaching
- CUQIpy hackathons



Internal CUQI hackathons

## CUQIpy Training



CUQIpy training @ IUQ workshop, Denmark, Sept 2022



*"Well documented and easy to use."*

*"I think the whole user-experience was very smooth [...]"*

*"It's obvious that it is aimed towards non-experts, but it's also great that experts can really take advantage of the package and do more complex stuff."*

- Python framework for computational UQ for inverse problems
- Unified framework for problems with and without PDE-based forward model
- Collection of priors, samplers, test problems, ...
- Hierarchical problems
- Exploit structure e.g. linearity, conjugacy as much as possible
- High-level modelling framework, automatic sampler selection
- Fully configurable

## MS36 1 + 2: Advances in limited-data X-ray tomography – Thursday PM

- Edoardo Pasca: *Directional regularization with the Core Imaging Library for limited-angle CT in the Helsinki Tomography Challenge 2022*
- JJ: *Bayesian approach to limited-data CT reconstruction for inspection of subsea pipes*



## MS51 1 + 2: Analysis, numerical computation, and uncertainty quantification for stochastic PDE-based inverse problems – Thursday PM

- Amal Alghamdi: *Optimization under uncertainty for the Helmholtz equation with application to photonic nanojets configuration*
- Several other CUQI members



- **Install**

`pip install cuqipy`

- **Website**

[cuqi-dtu.github.io/CUQIpy](https://cuqi-dtu.github.io/CUQIpy)

- **Training material**

[github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-demos](https://github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-demos)

- **Expansion plugins**

- X-ray CT
- PDE finite element
- PyTorch autodiff

[github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-CIL](https://github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-CIL)

[github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-FEniCS](https://github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-FEniCS)

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