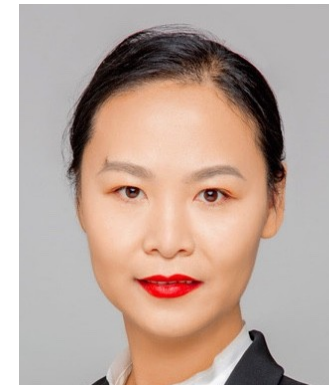


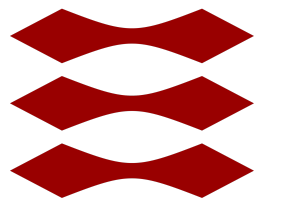
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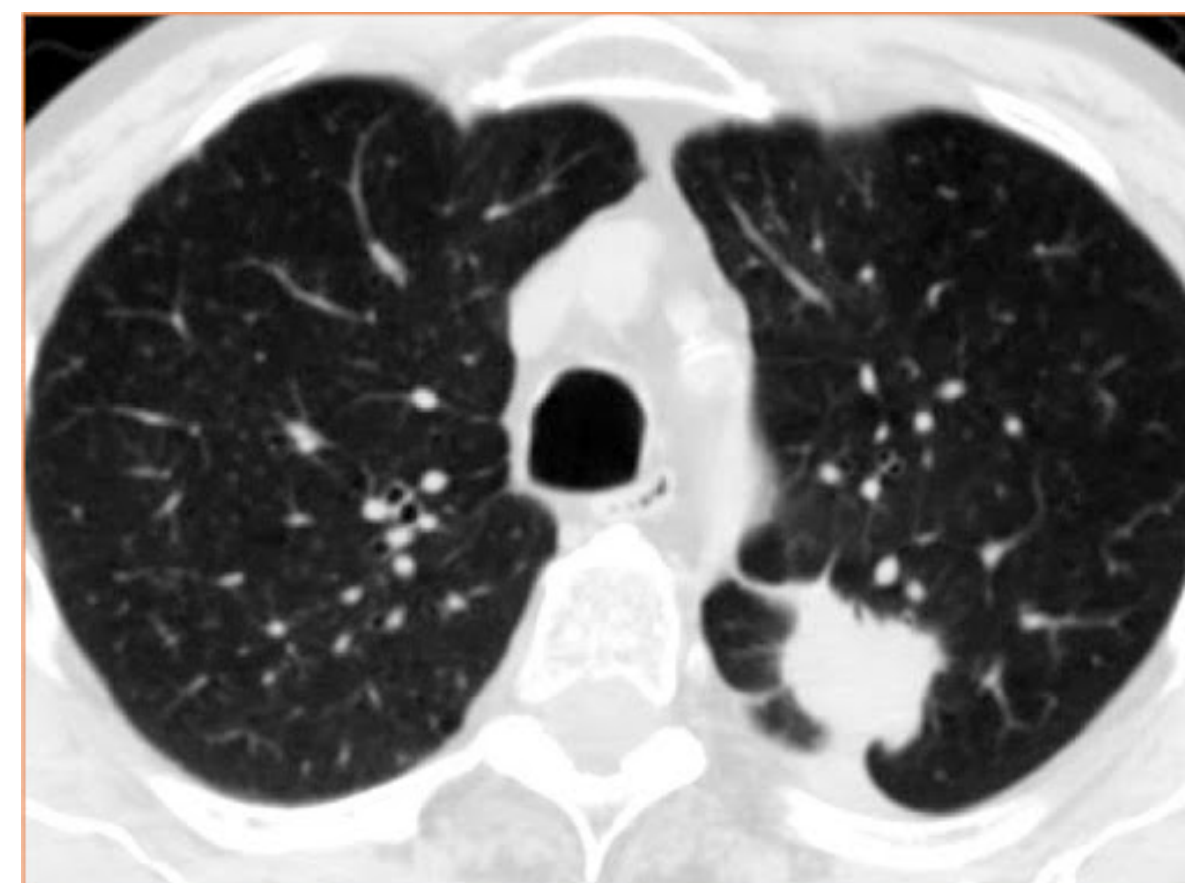
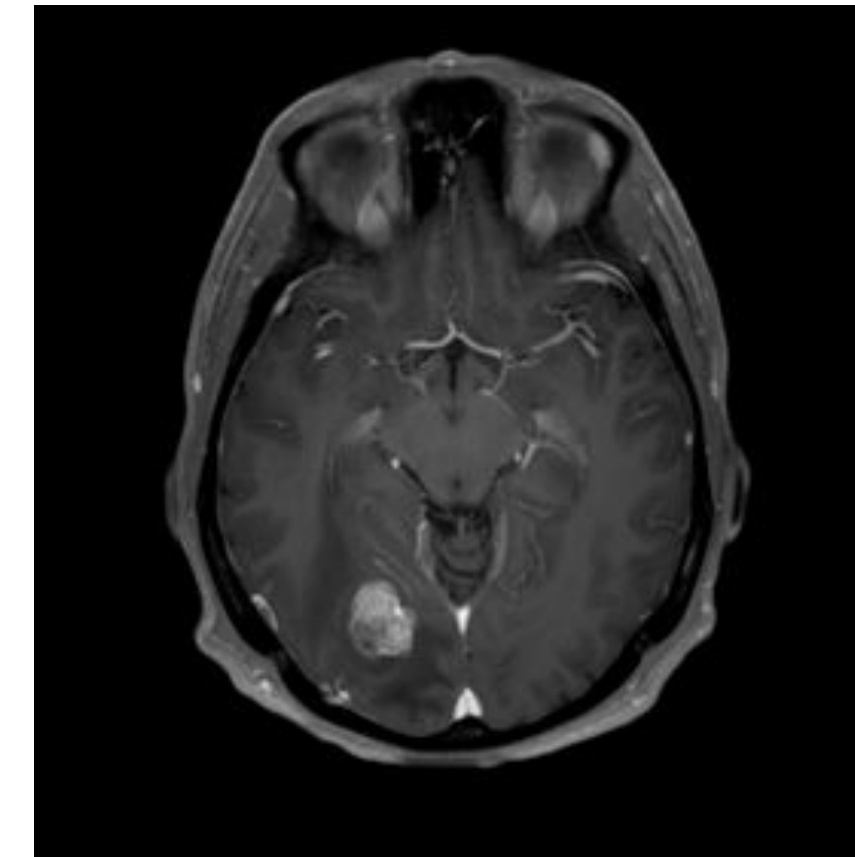
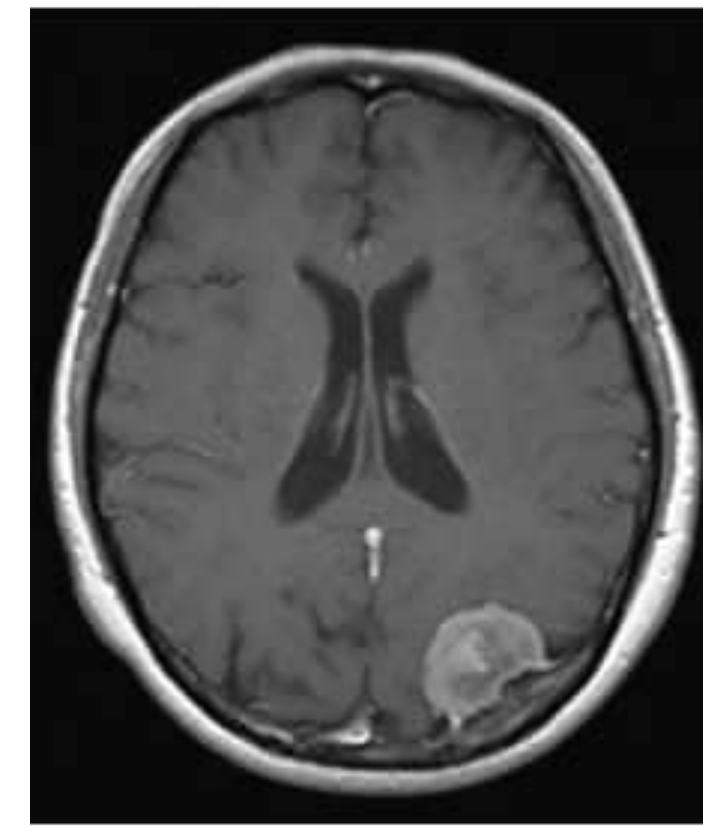
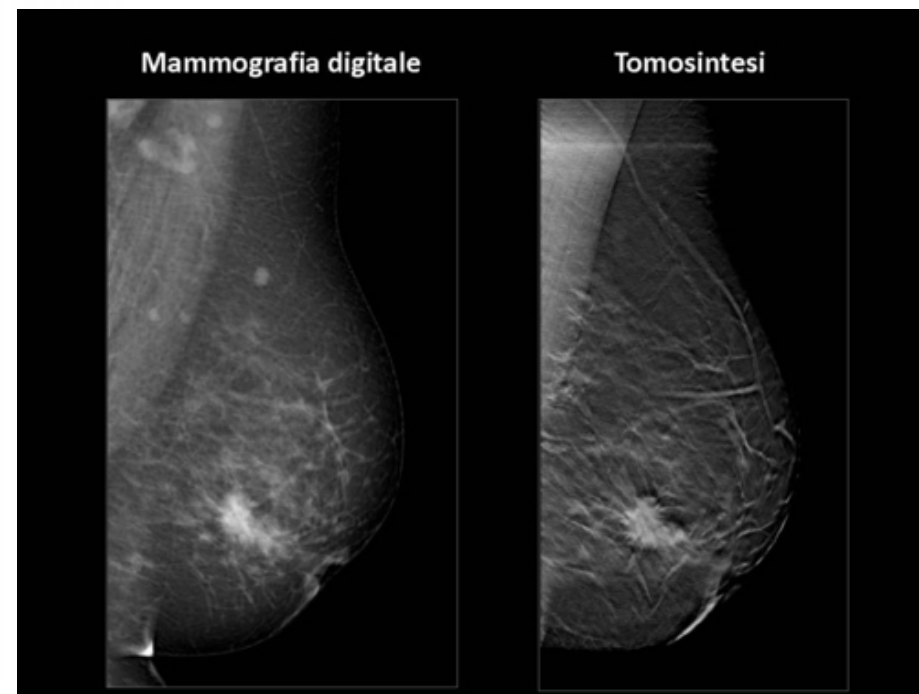
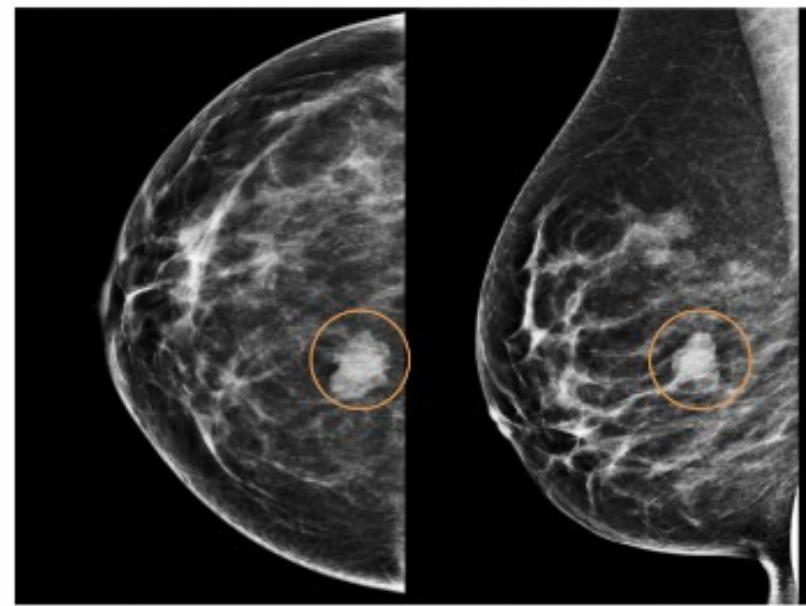
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# Importance of Regularity

## In X-ray CT

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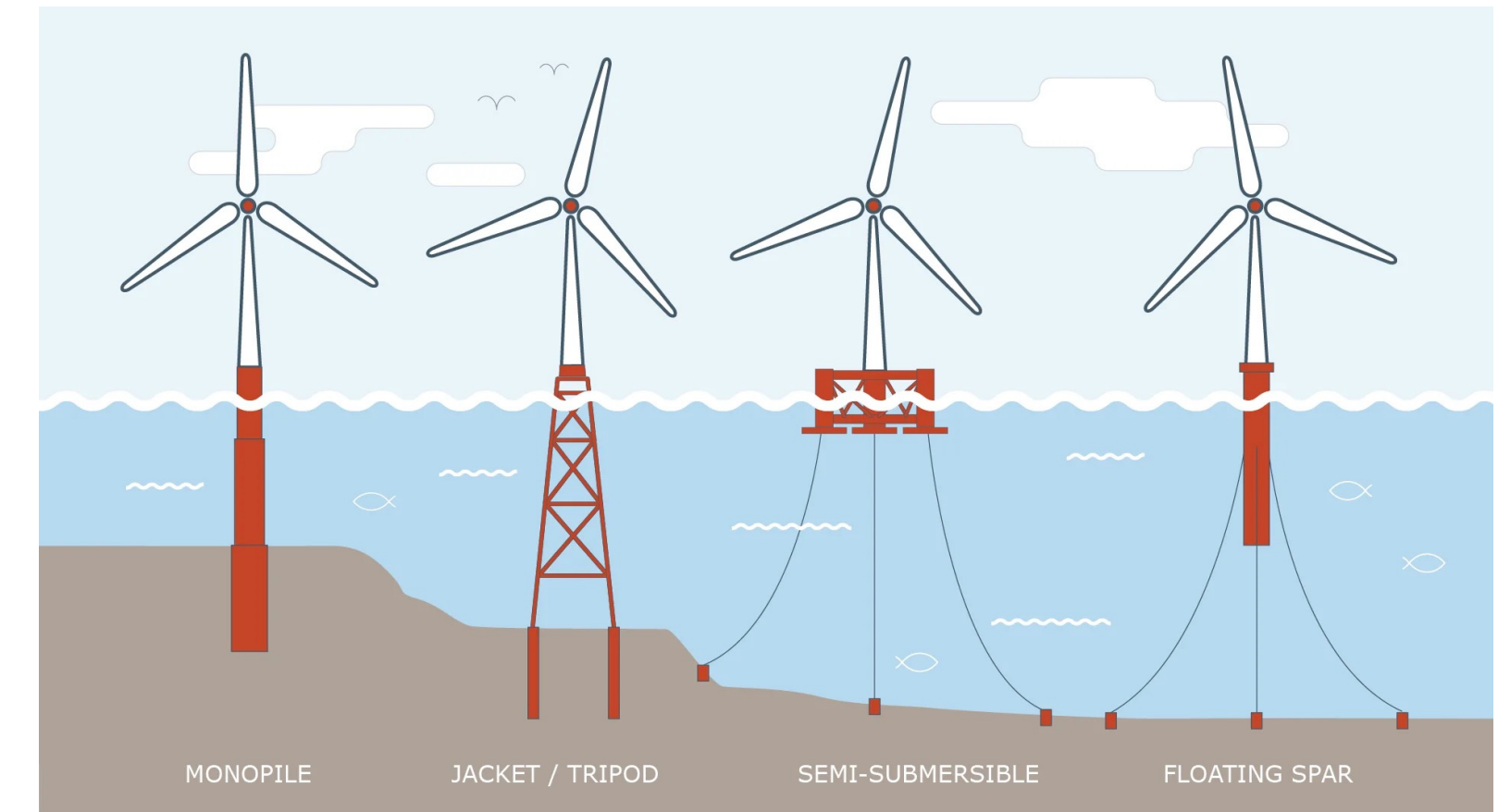
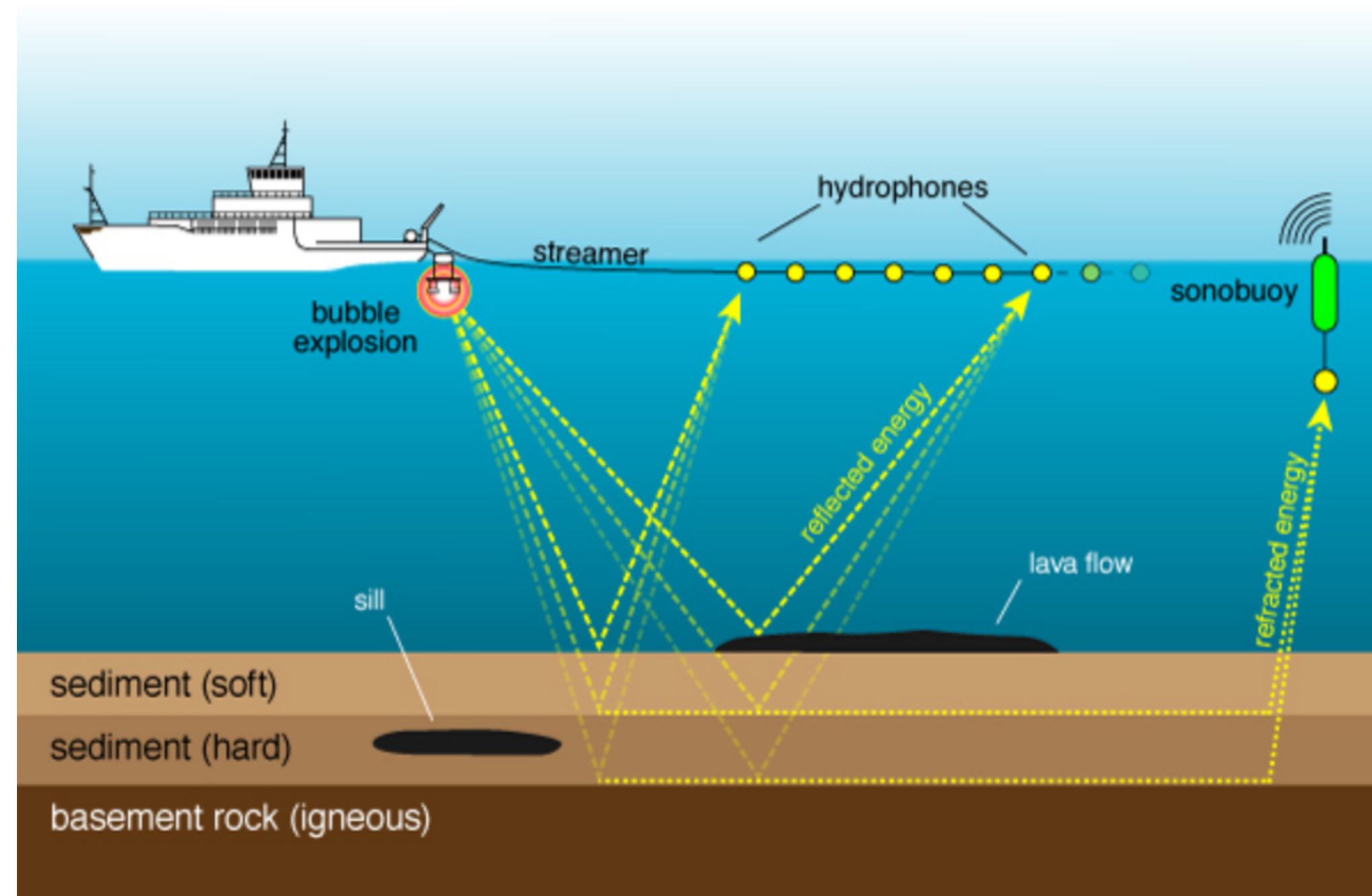


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## In seabed tomography

Joint work with Ana Carpio (UCM)



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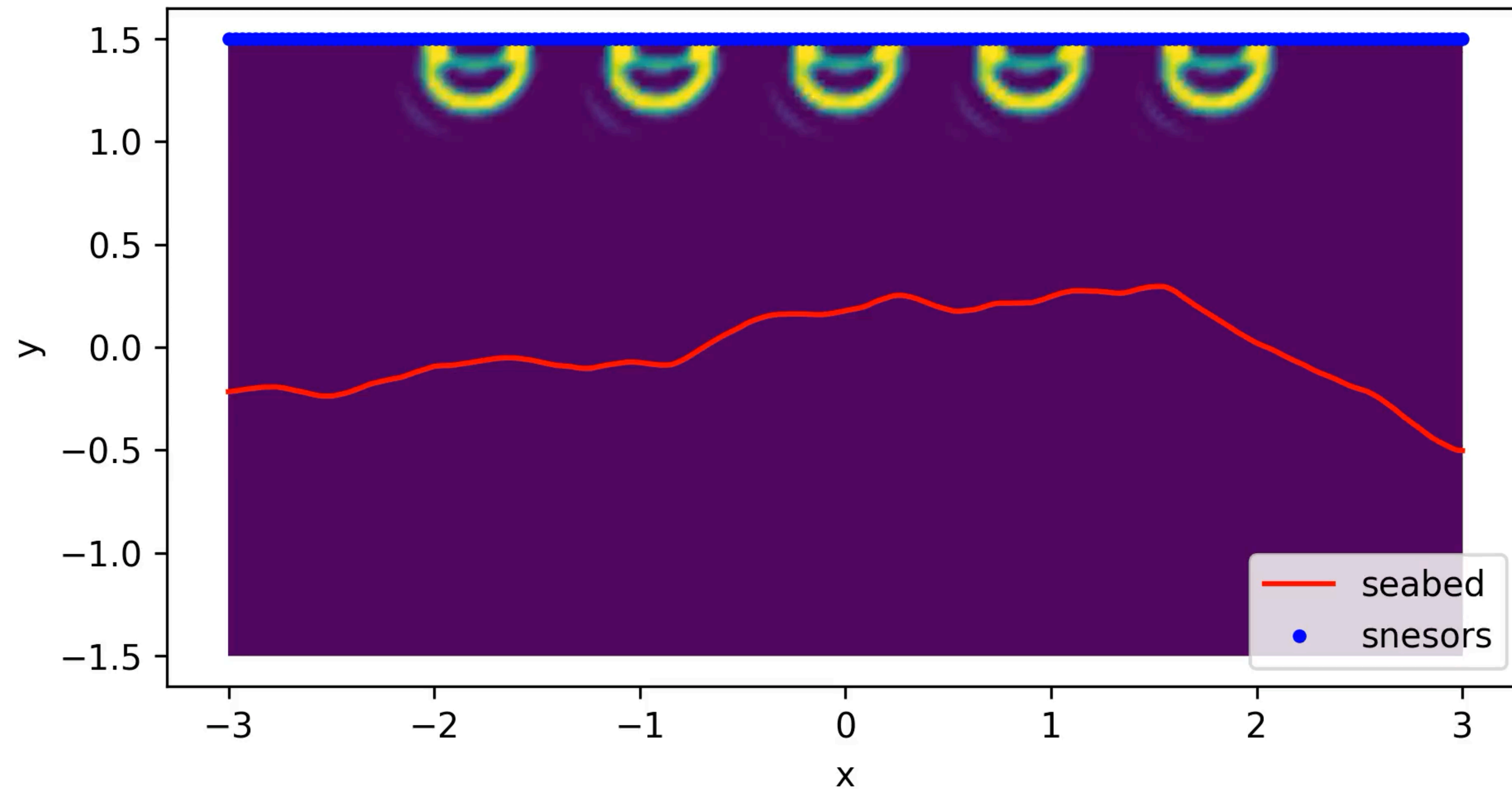


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# Forward Model

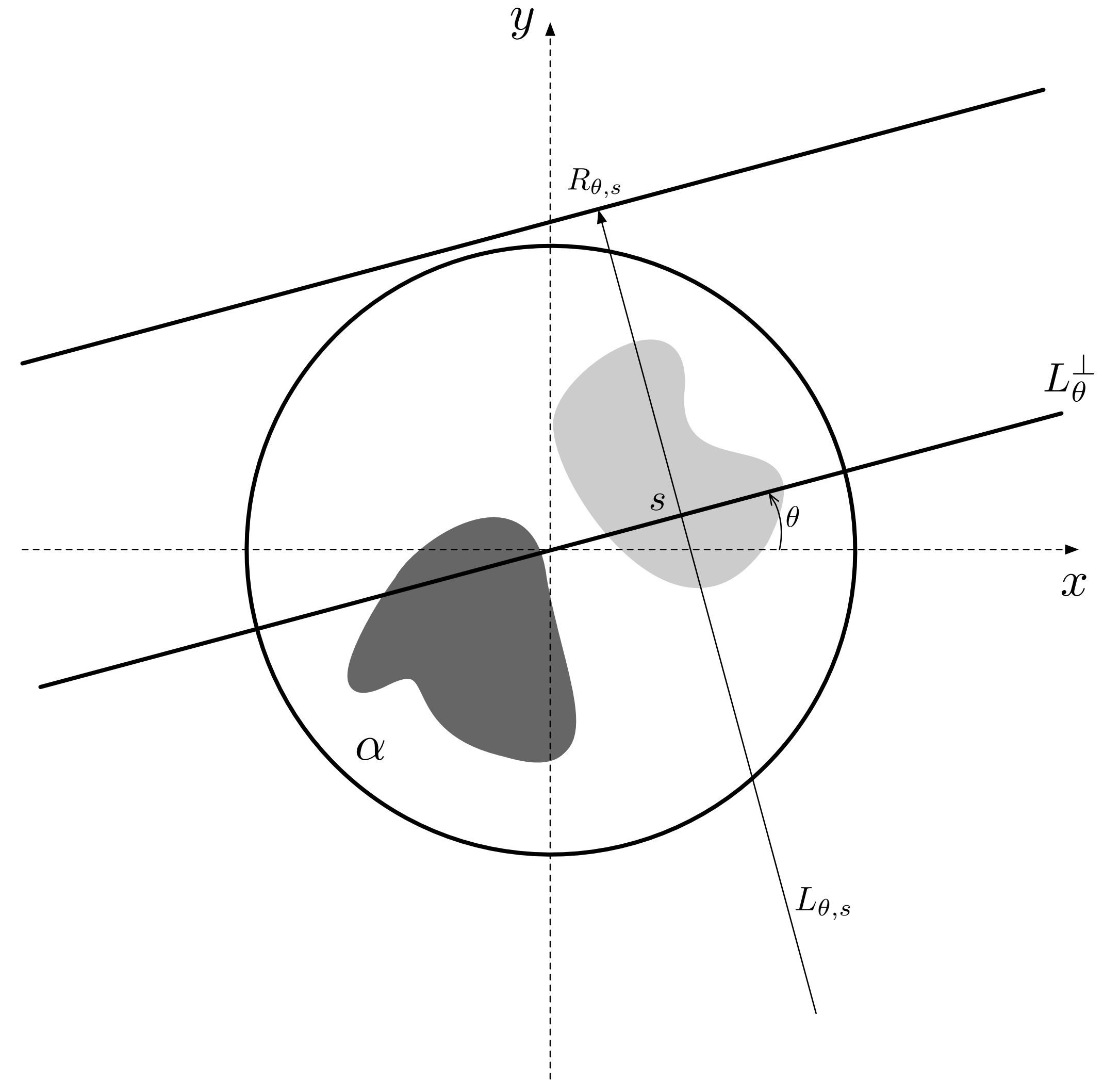
## Radon transform

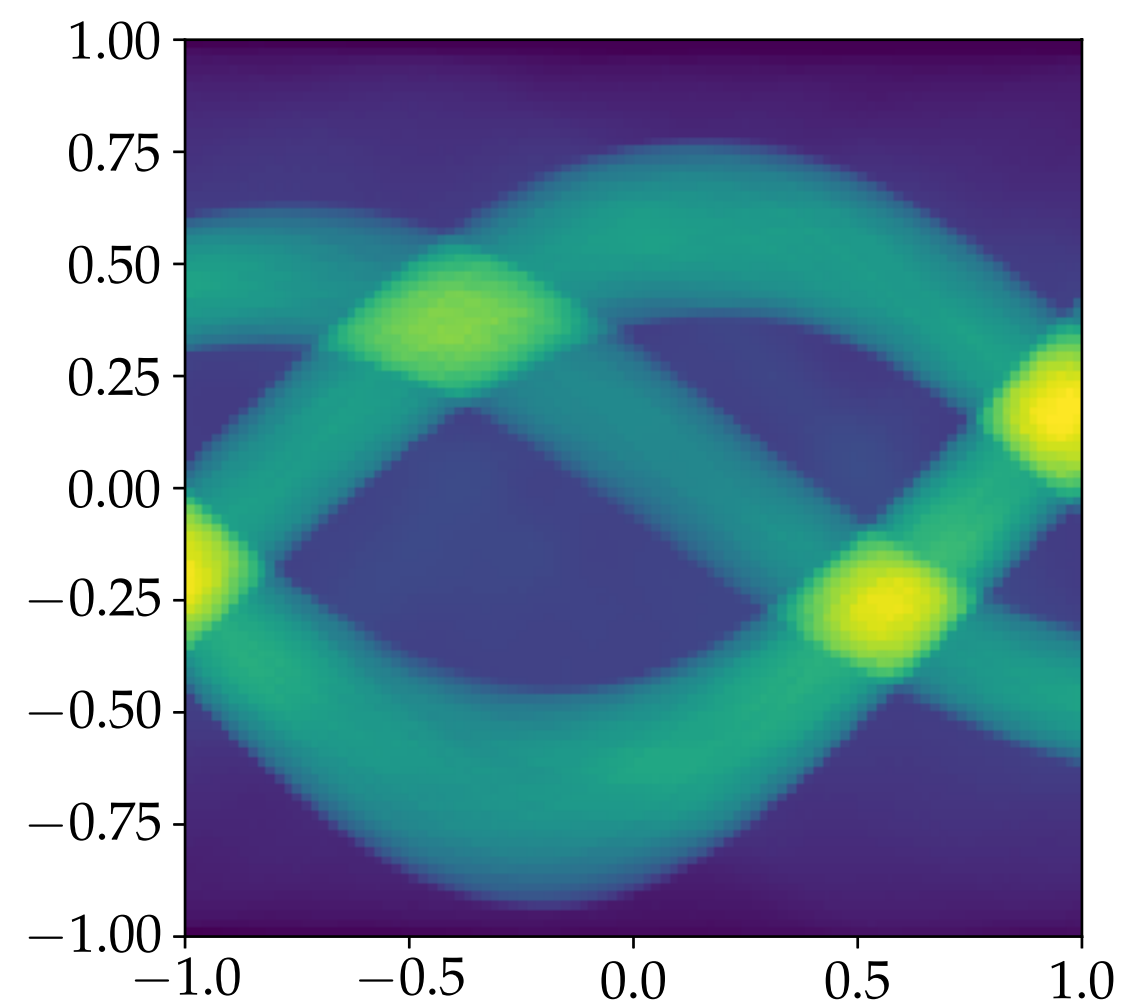
- Modelling X-ray interaction with line integrals:

$$R_{\theta,s}[\alpha] := \int_{L_{\theta,s}} \alpha(x,y) dl$$

- Collect in vector form:

$$y(\alpha) = G(\alpha) + \varepsilon$$





Sinogram

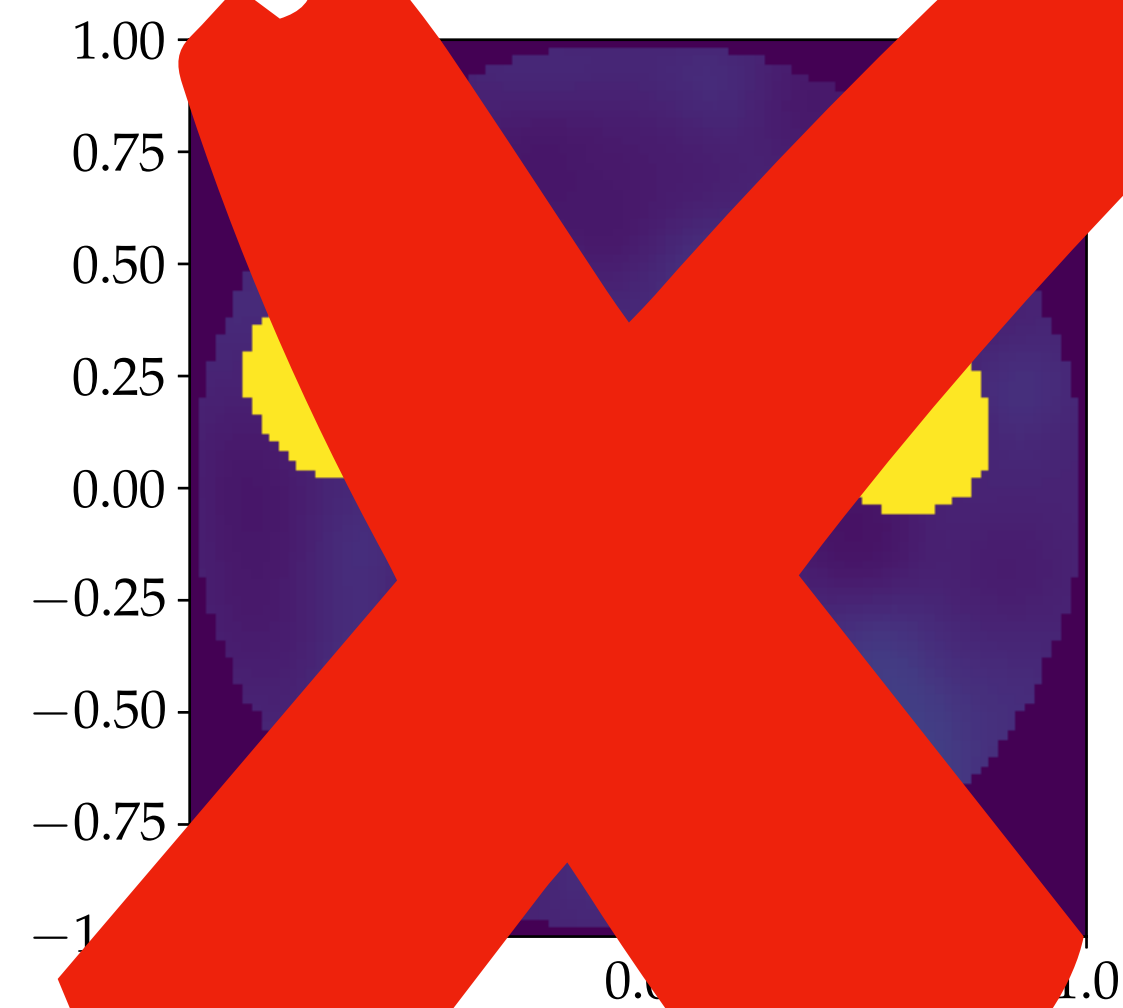
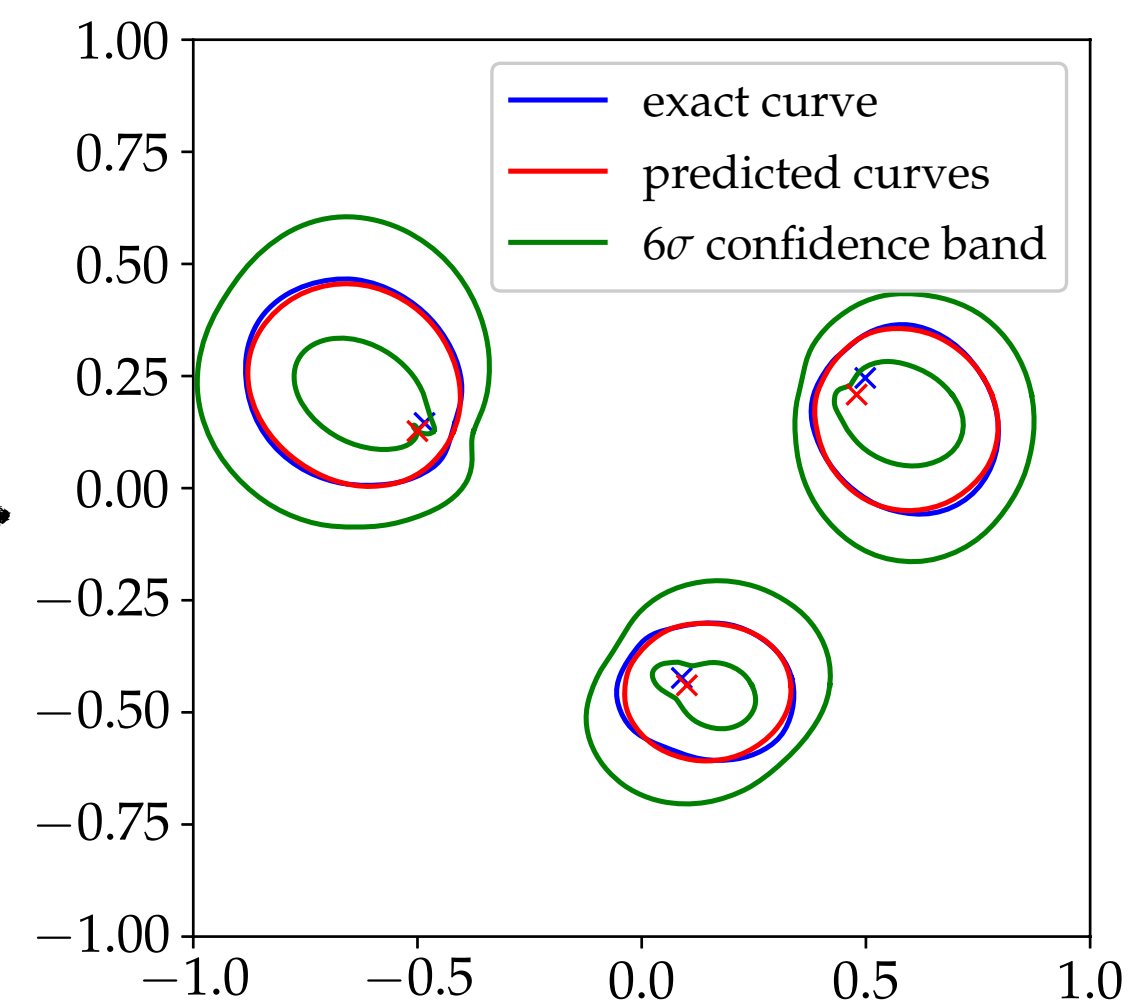
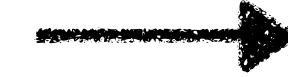
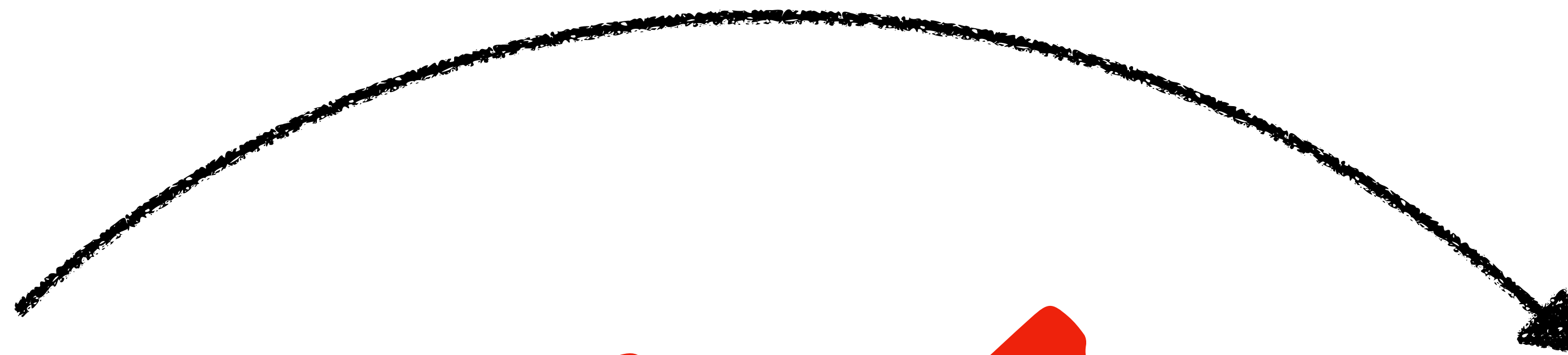


Image Reconstruction

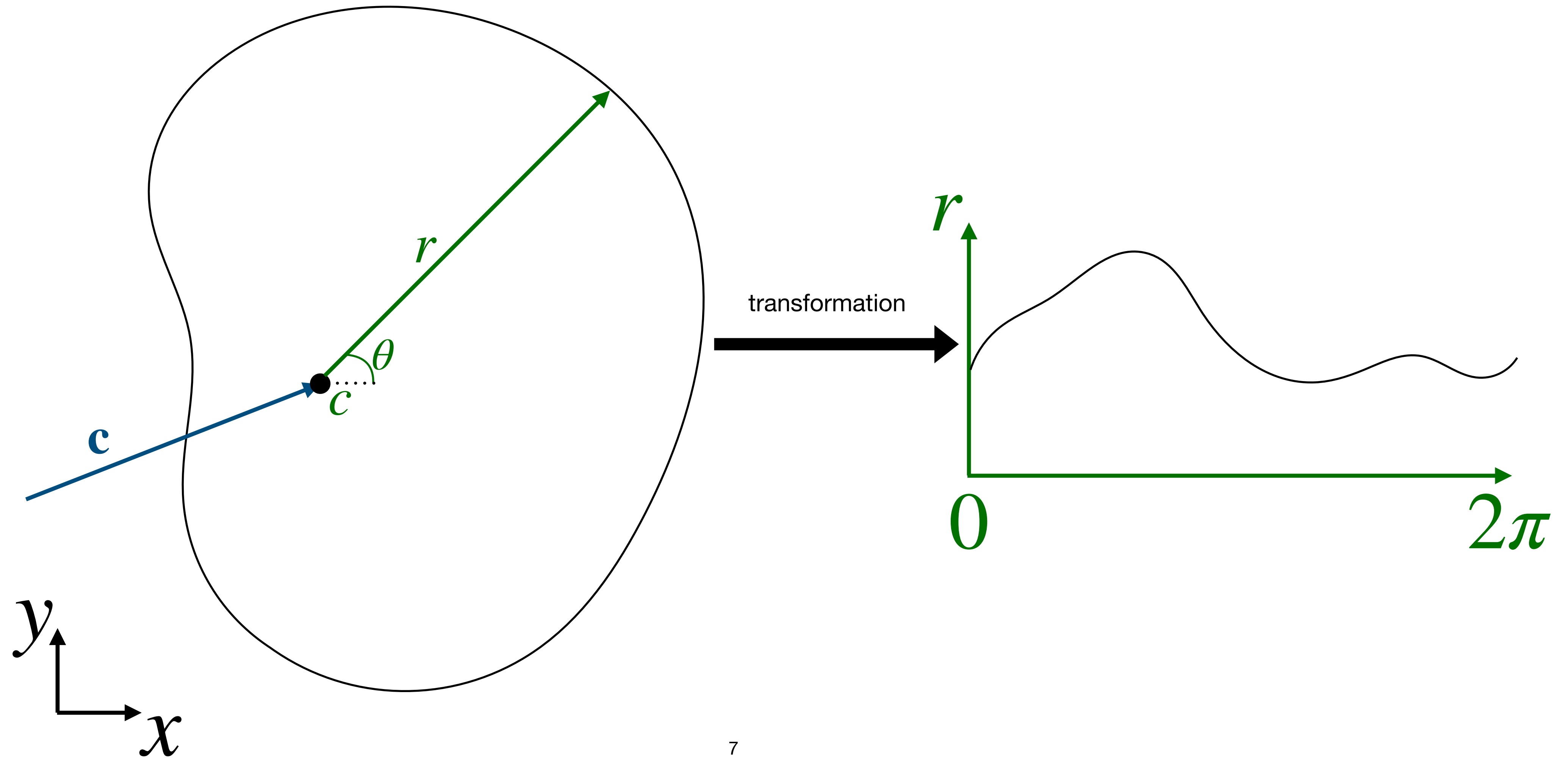


Boundary Info and Regularity



# Prior Modelling

## Star-shaped boundary



# Notion of Regularity

## Fractional differentiability

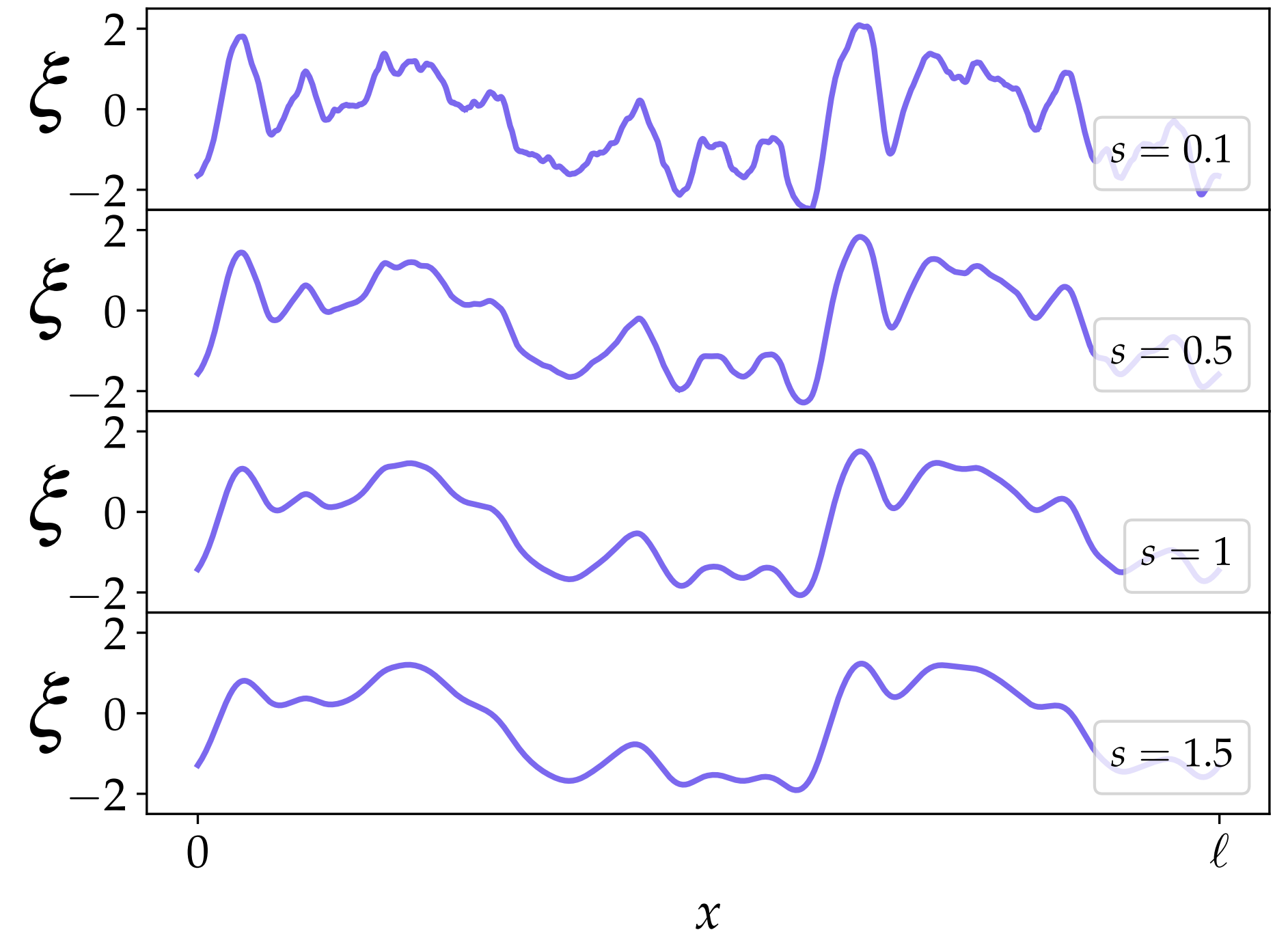
- Choose a basis (Fourier Basis)  $\{\mathbf{e}_i\}$  and define

$$\xi = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \mathbf{e}_i$$

- To make sense of the infinite series

$$\xi = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \lambda_i^{s+\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{e}_i, \quad \lambda_i \asymp \frac{1}{i^2}$$

- $\xi \in H^{2t+1/2}$  for all  $t < s$  [Dunlop et al. 2017]



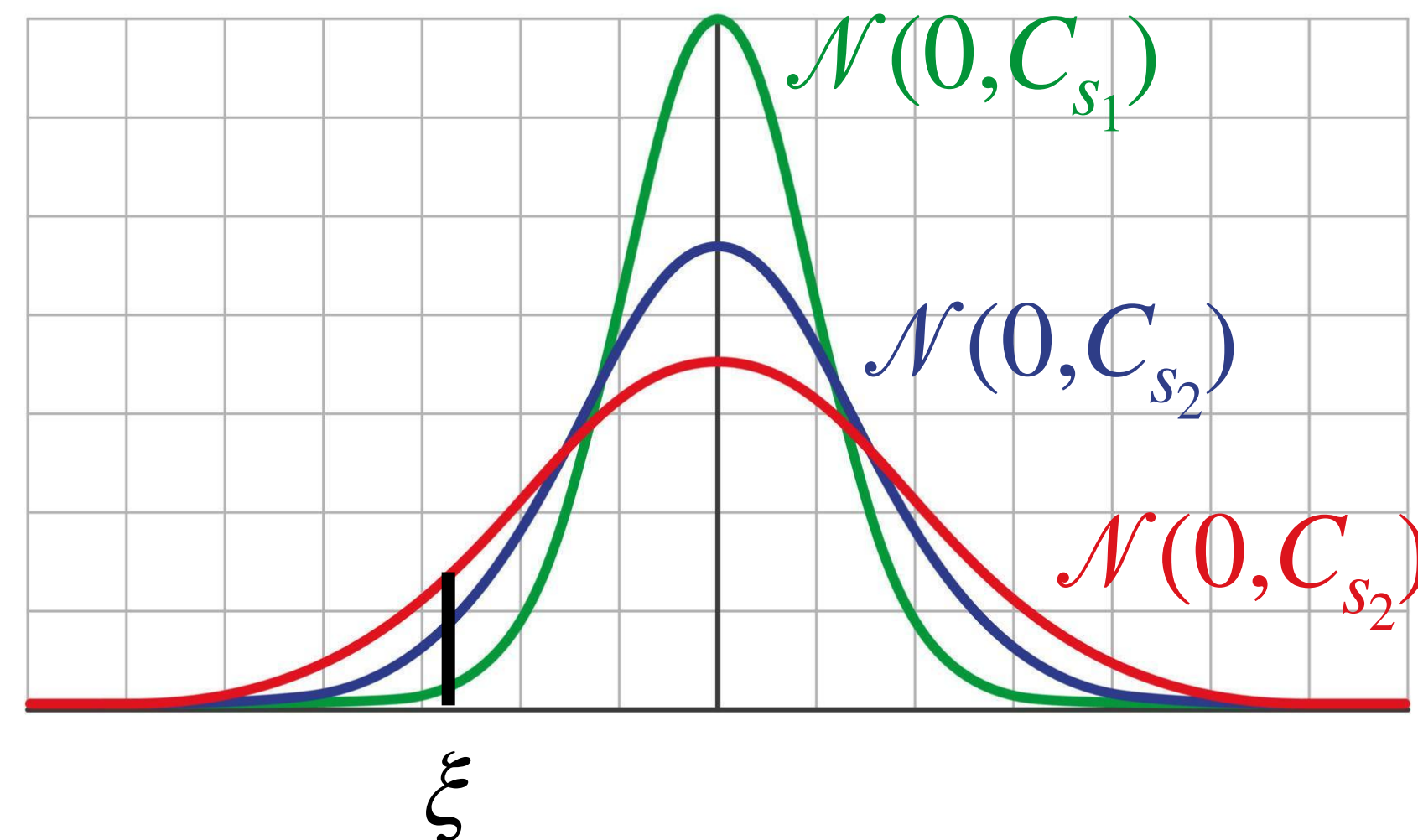


# What can we say about the uncertainty in $s$ ?

## Family of Gaussians

- We can construct a covariance as:

$$C_s = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i^{s+1/2} \langle e_i, \cdot \rangle e_i$$



# Goal Oriented Forward Map

boundary to image

- Recall:

$$y(\alpha) = G(\alpha) + \varepsilon$$

- We define the forward-map to be:

$$\mathcal{G} = G \circ F.$$

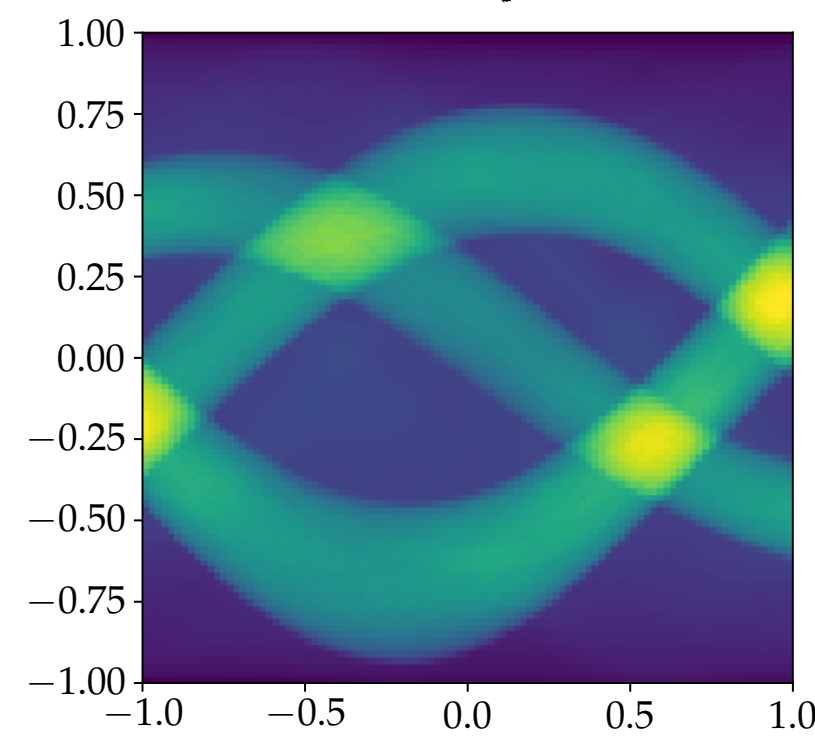
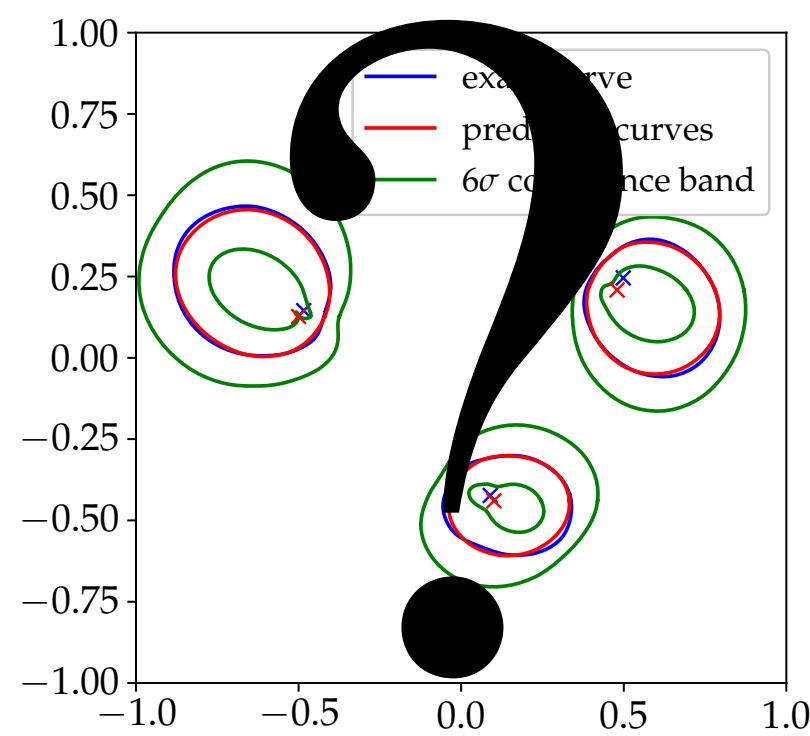
- New forward map:

$$y = \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{x}, s) + \varepsilon$$

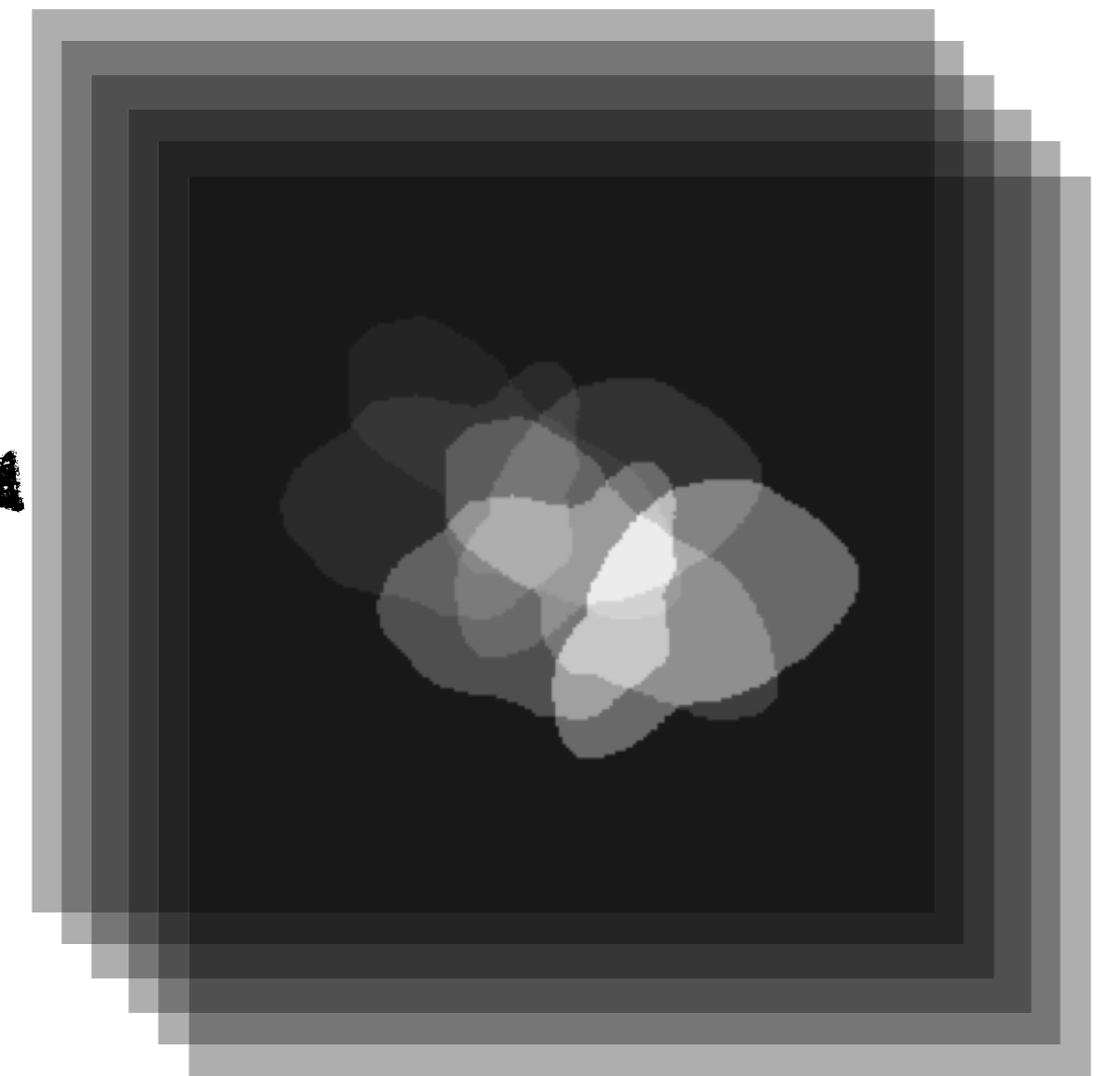
# Bayesian Formulation for the CT problem

- Applying the Bayes' theorem:

$$\pi_{\text{post}}(\mathbf{x}, s | y) \propto \pi_{\text{like}}(y | (\mathbf{x}, s)) \pi_0(\xi | s) \pi_0(s)$$



$$y = \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{x}, s) + \varepsilon$$



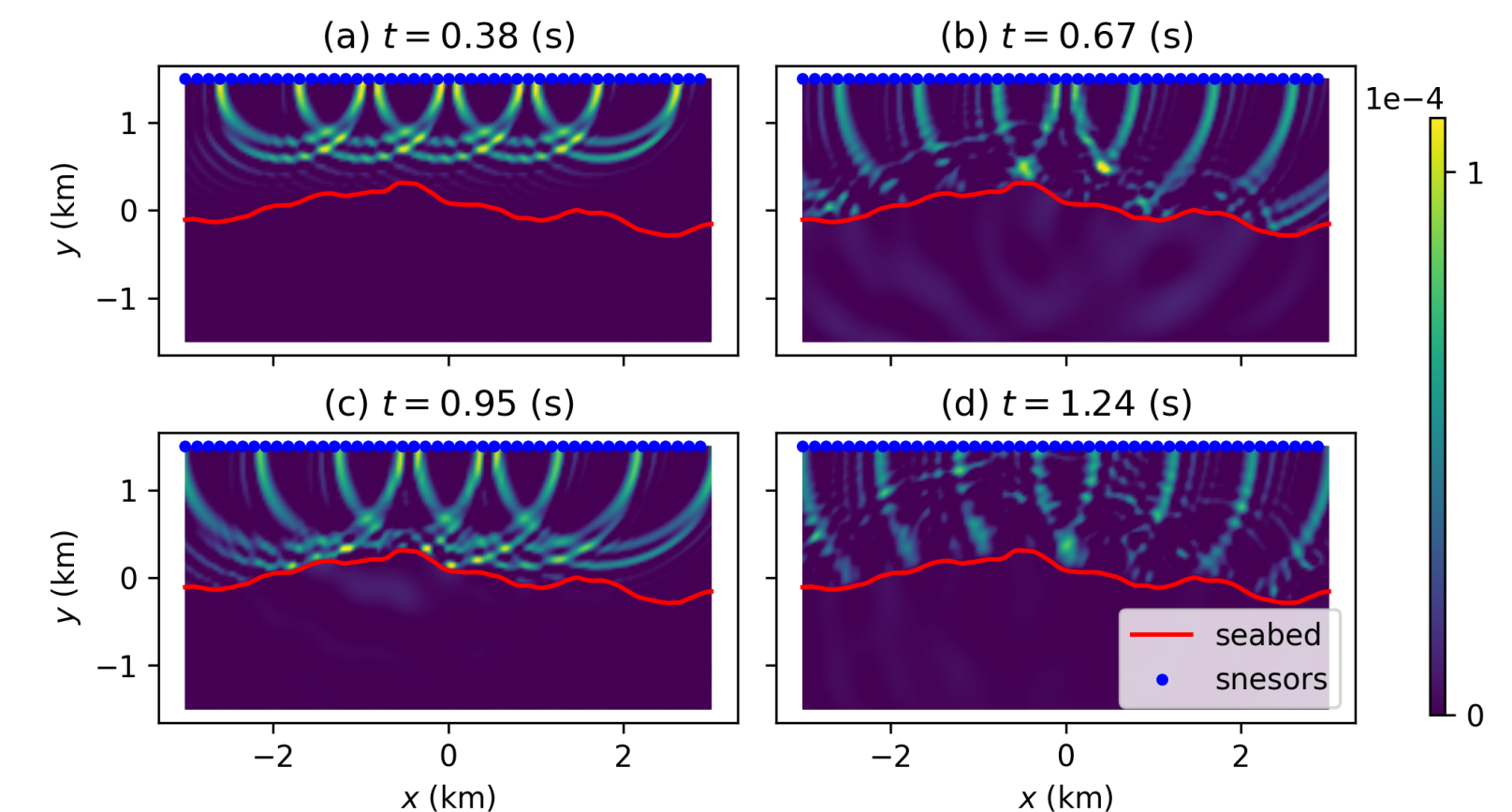
# Posterior and The Gibbs Sampler

- We can form the posterior:

$$\pi_{\text{post}}((\mathbf{x}, s) | y) \propto \pi_{\text{like}}(y | (\mathbf{x}, s)) \pi_0(\mathbf{x} | s) \pi_0(s)$$

- Gibbs sampler:

- Sample from  $\pi(\mathbf{x} | s, y)$
- Maximum likelihood estimation for  $s$

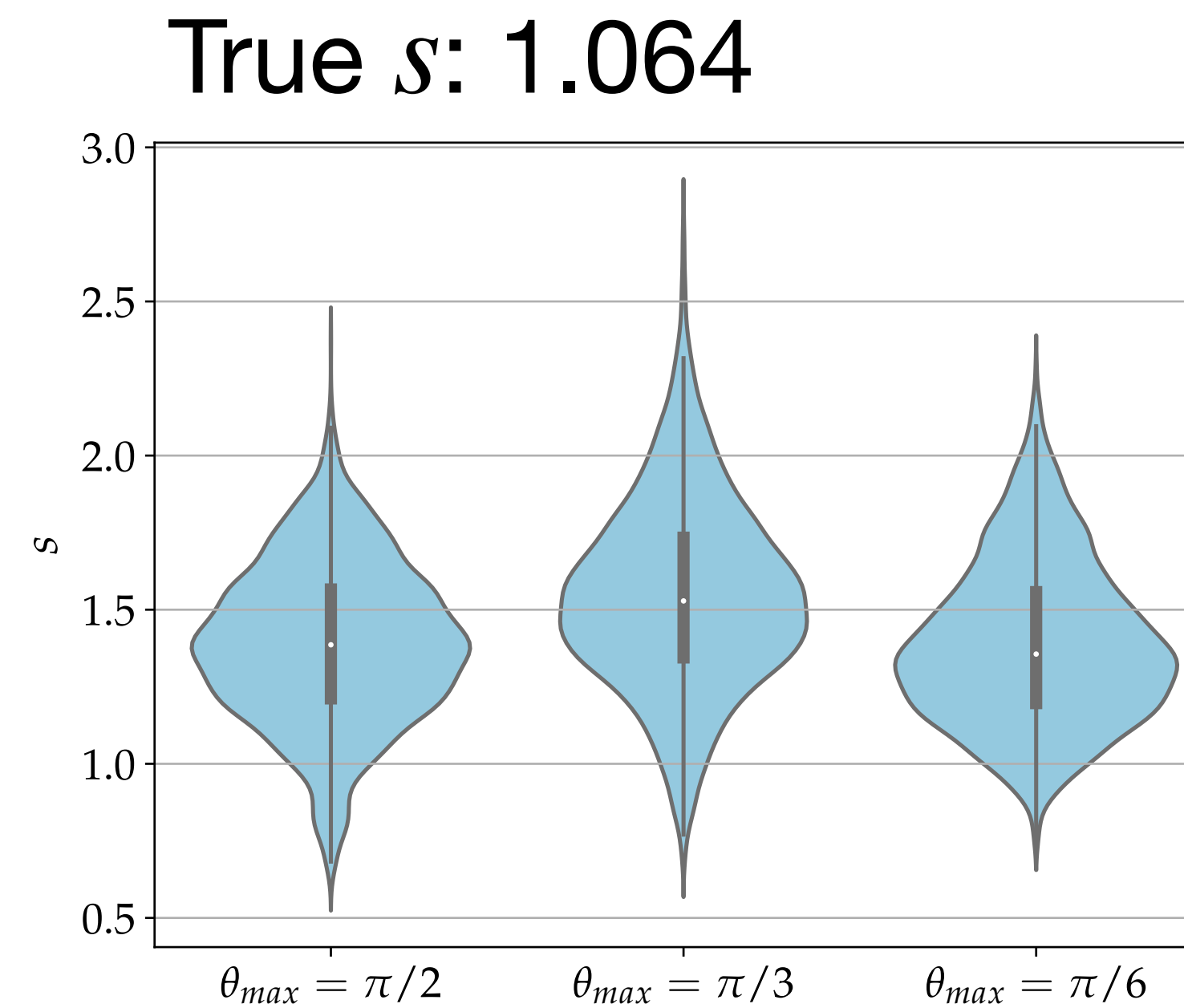
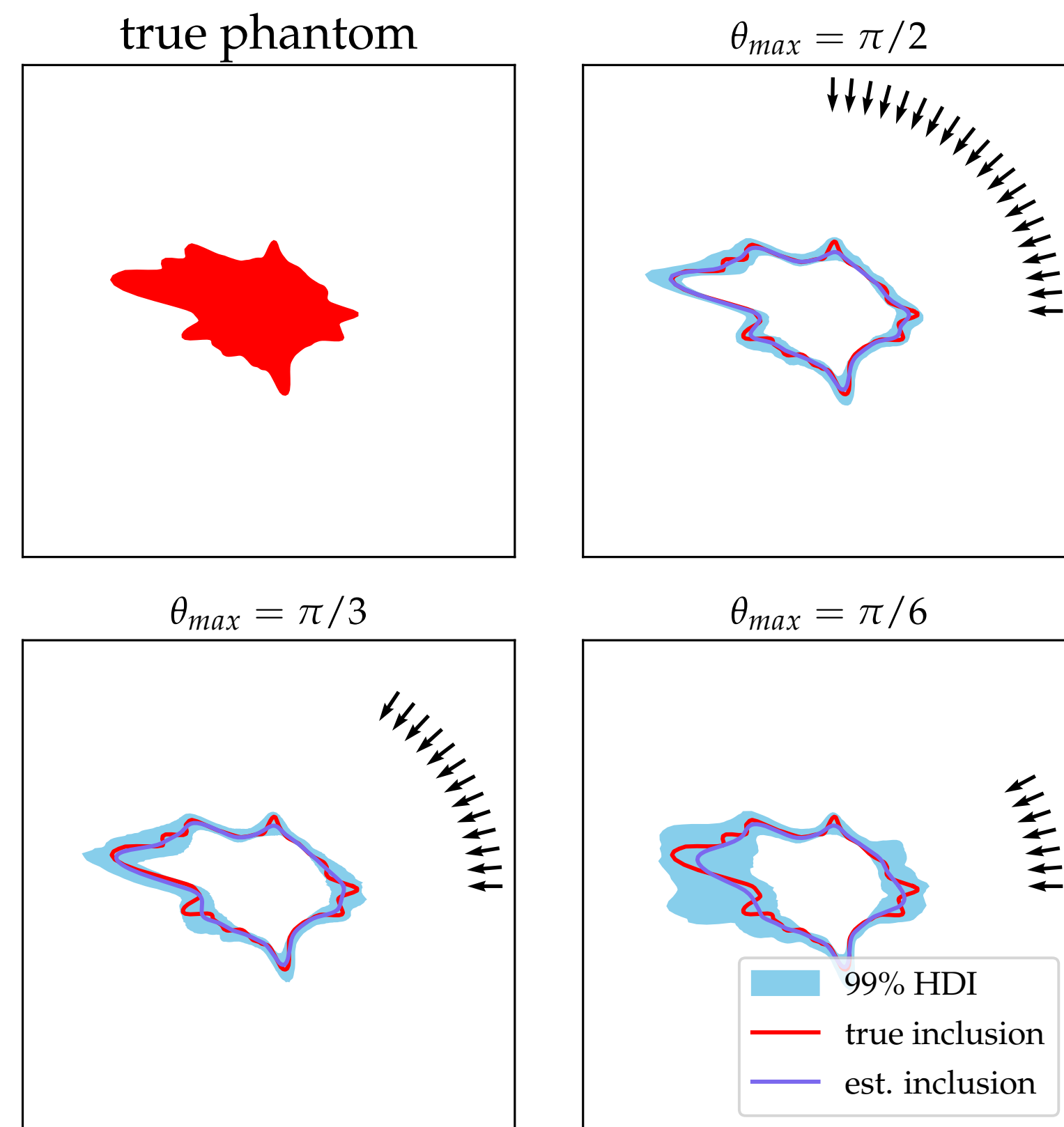


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# Performance

## Limited-angle X-ray CT (partial data)

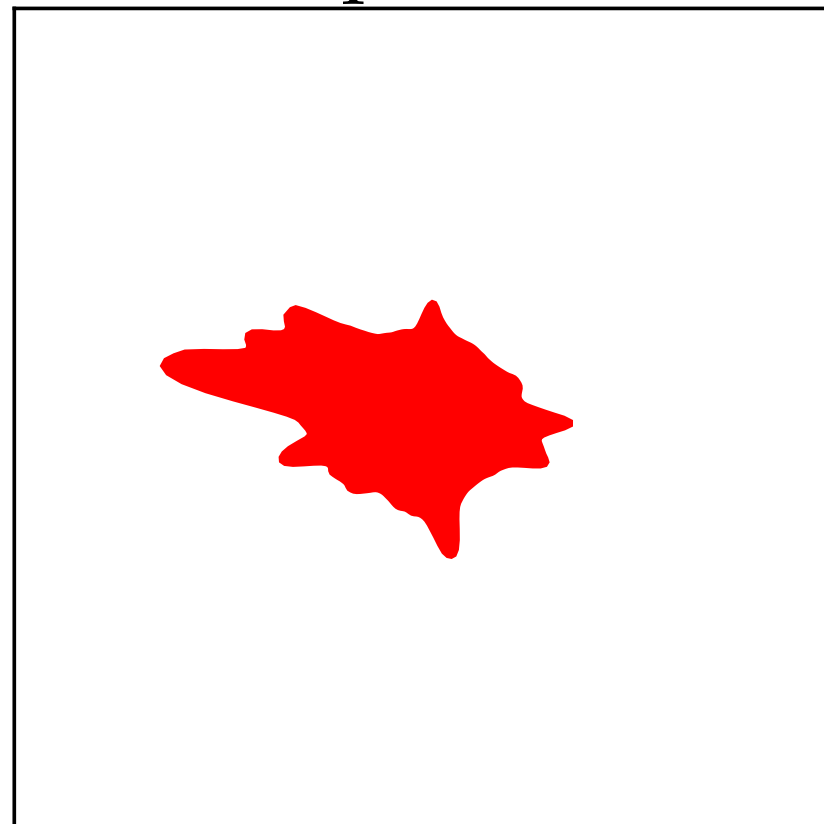


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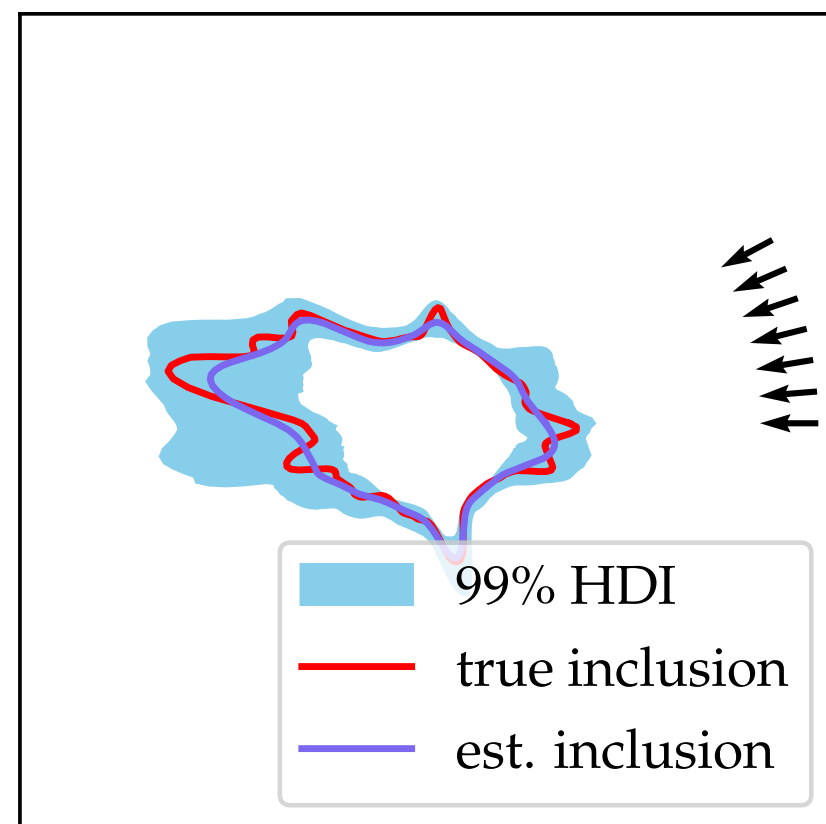
## Comparison with the state-of-the-art

Hierarchical Bayesian

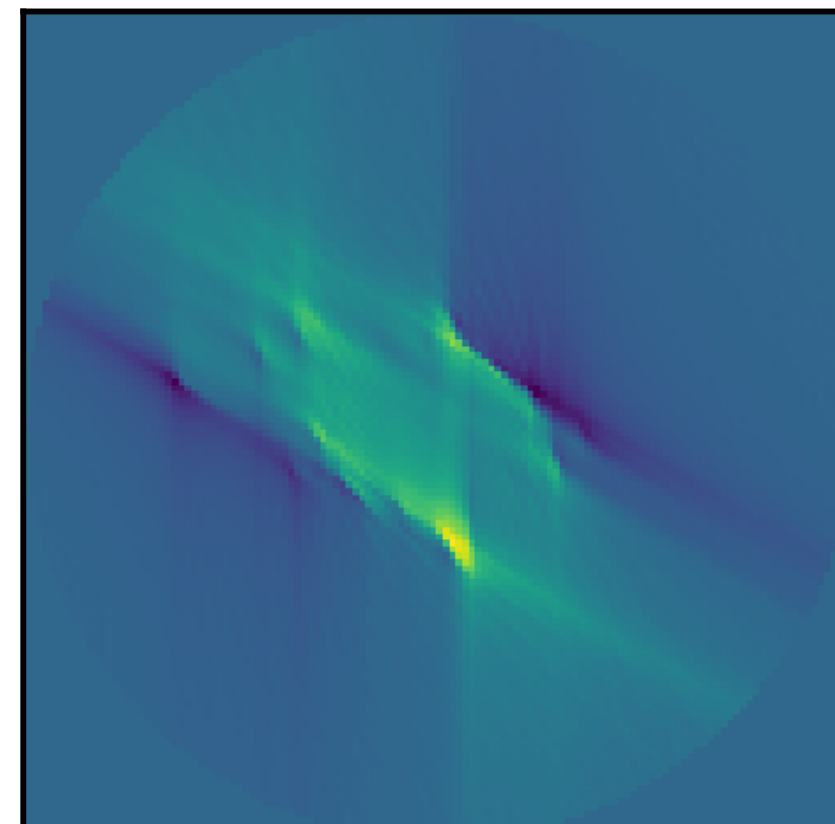
true phantom



$\theta_{max} = \pi/6$



(a) reconstruction

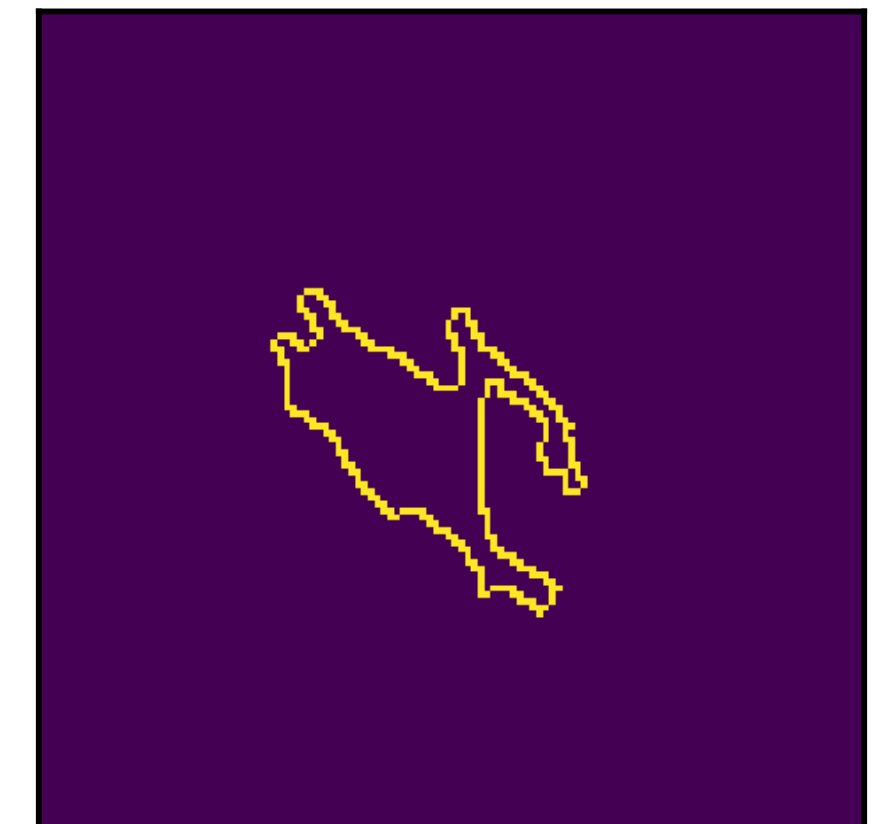


FBP

(b) segmented



(c) boundary



# Performance

## Comparison with the state-of-the-art

Helsinki tomography challenge 2022 (FIPS): 30° limited angle CT

ground truth



15<sub>A</sub>



16<sub>B</sub>

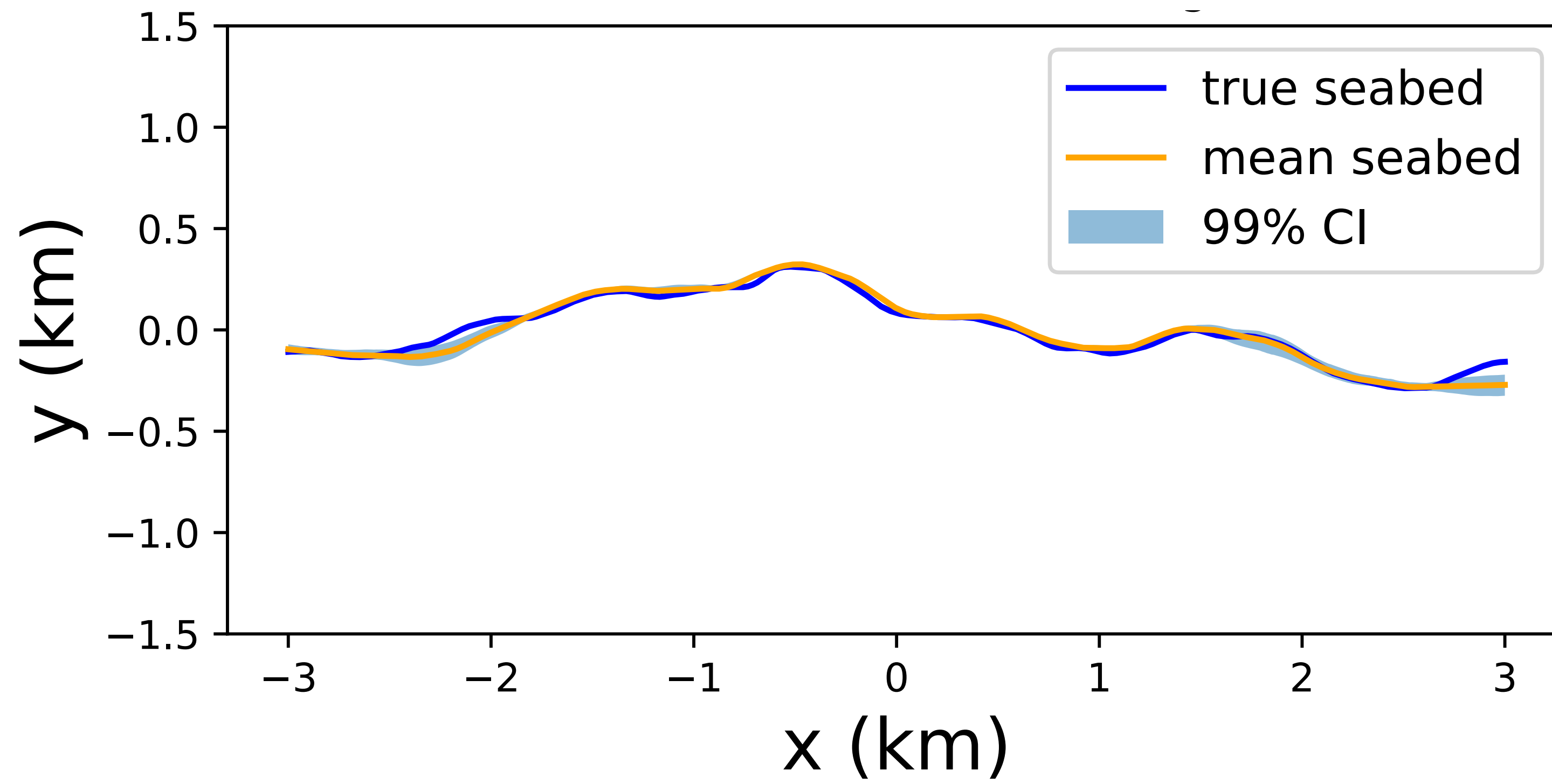


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# Performance

## Seabed Tomography with Acoustic Waves

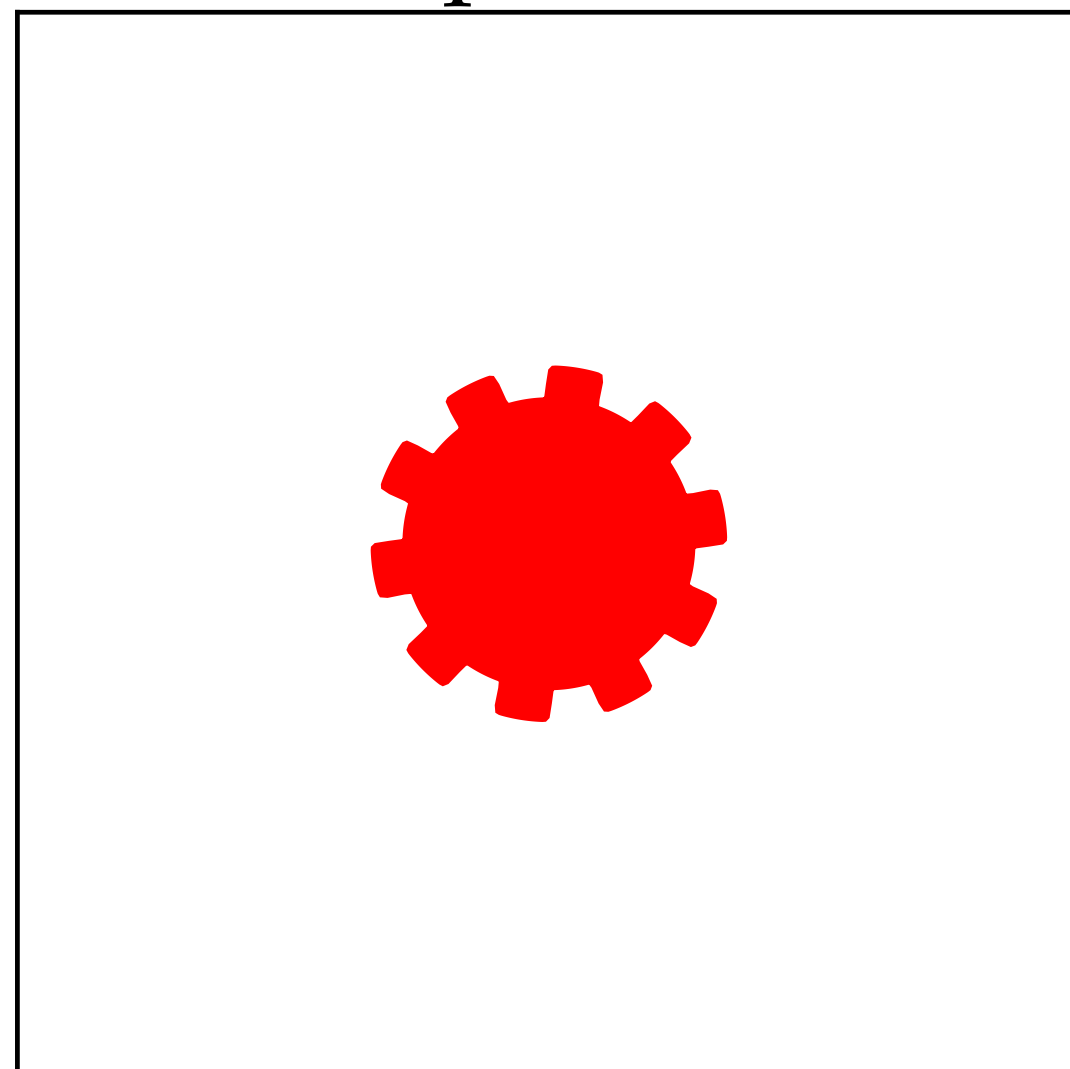




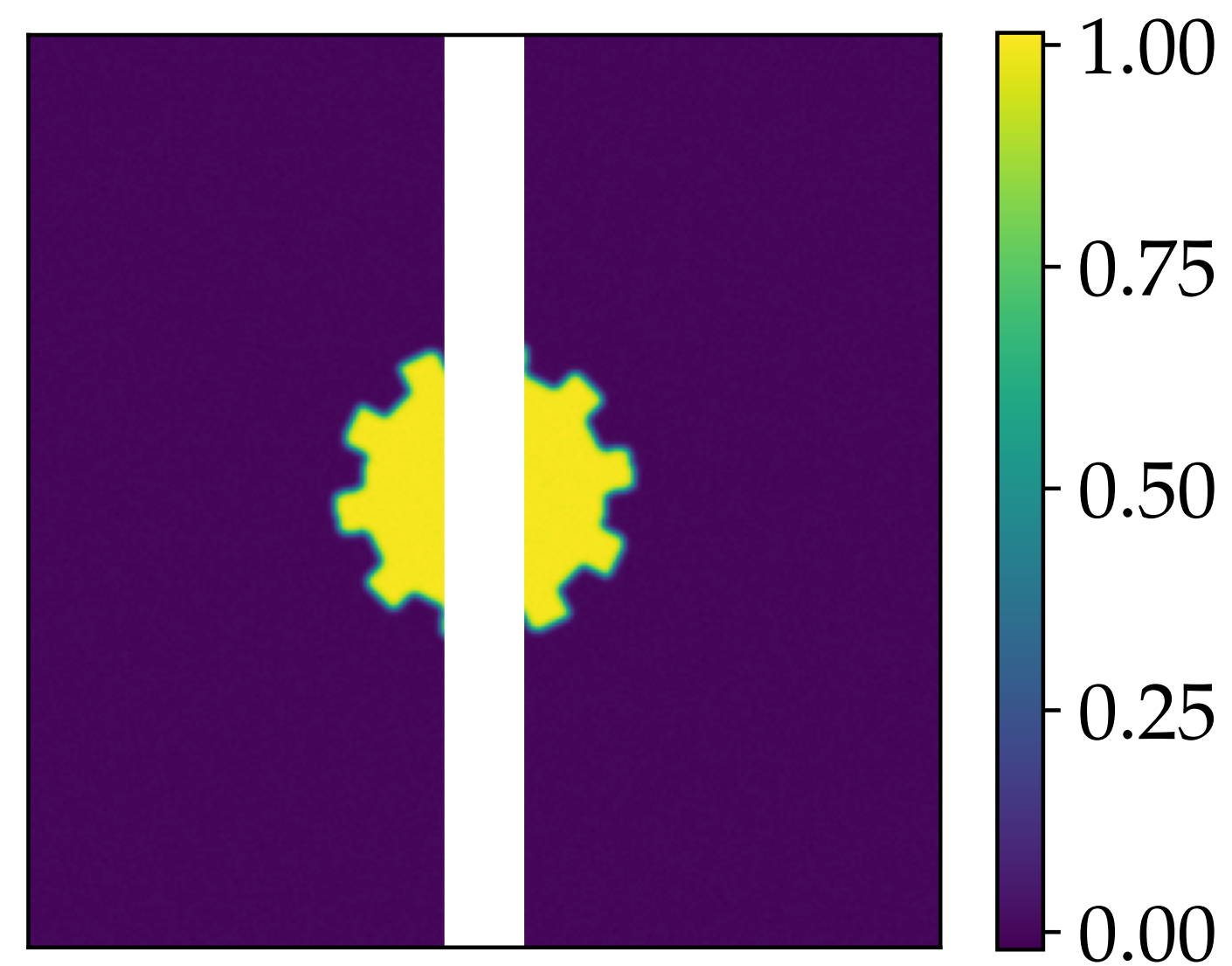
# Performance

## Image in-painting (Gaussian noise)

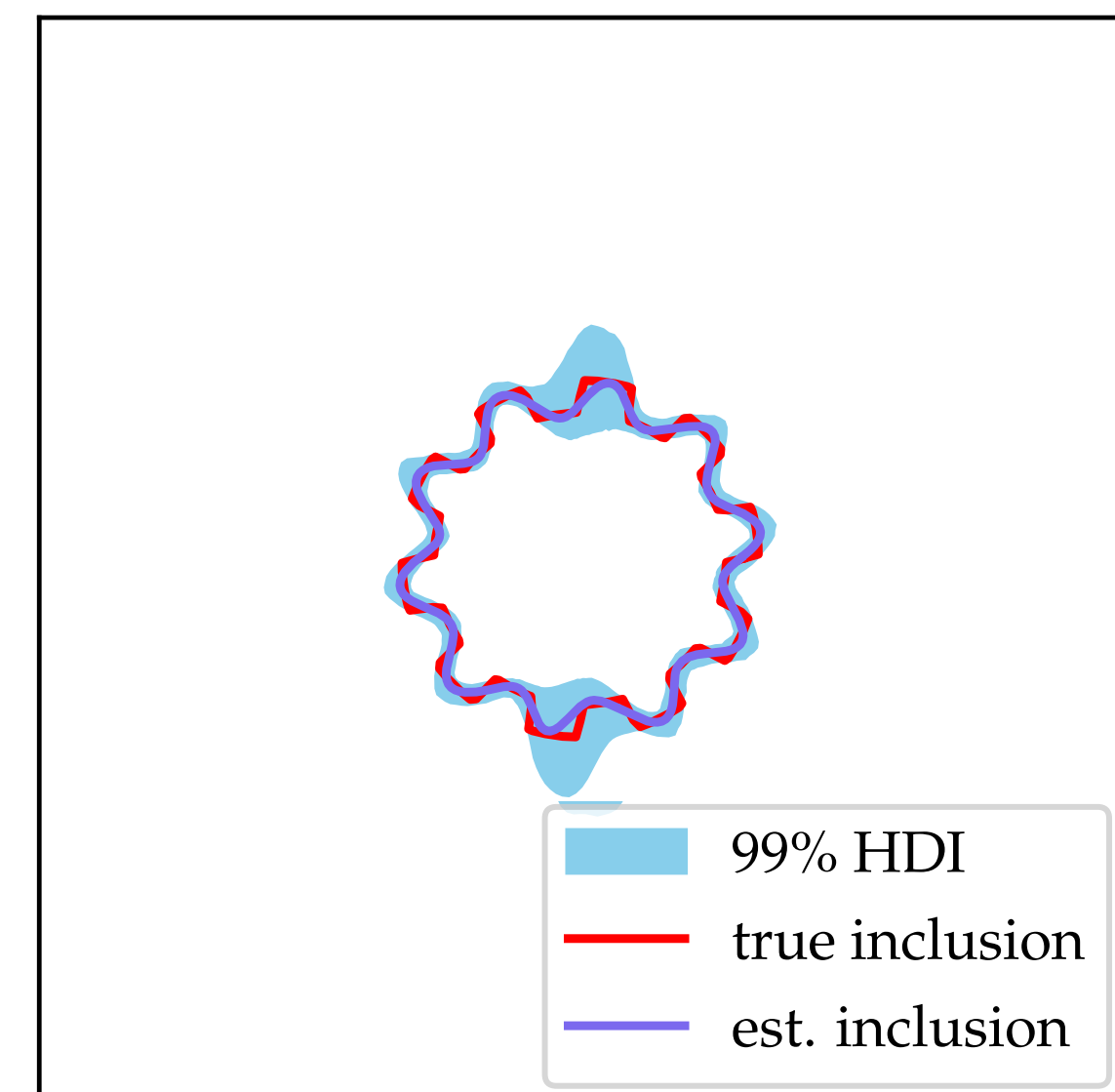
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Data with 2% noise



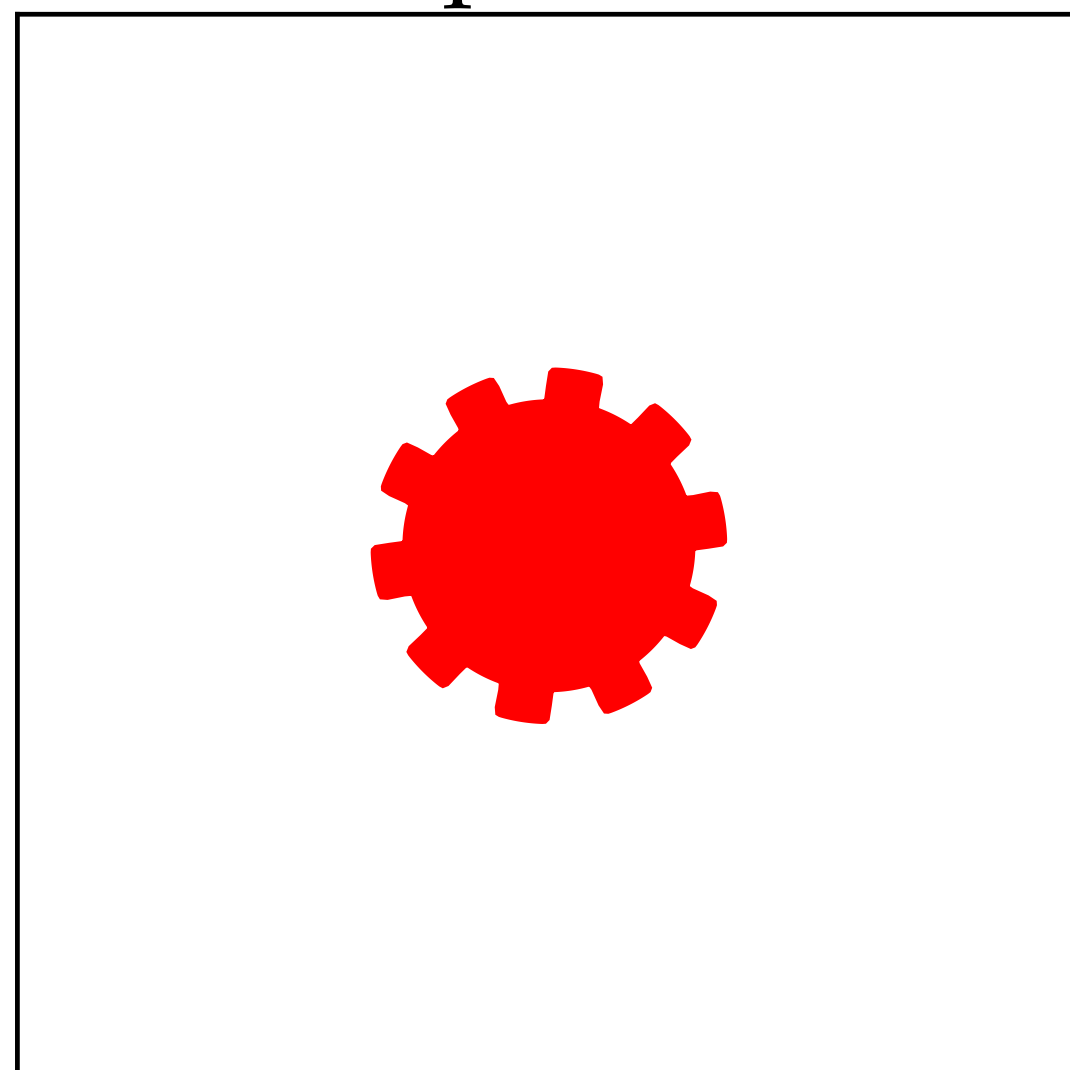
Estimate of the boundary



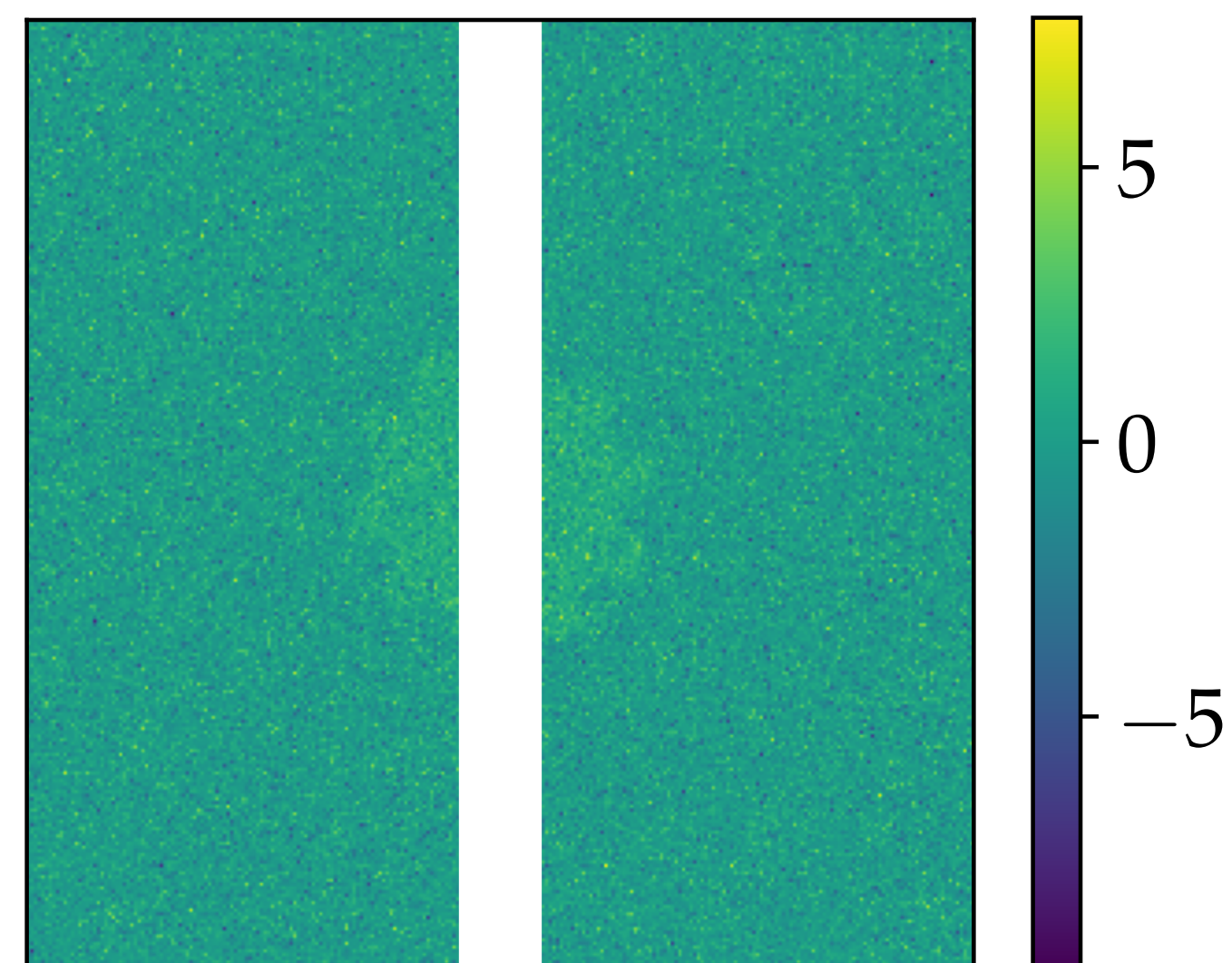
# Performance

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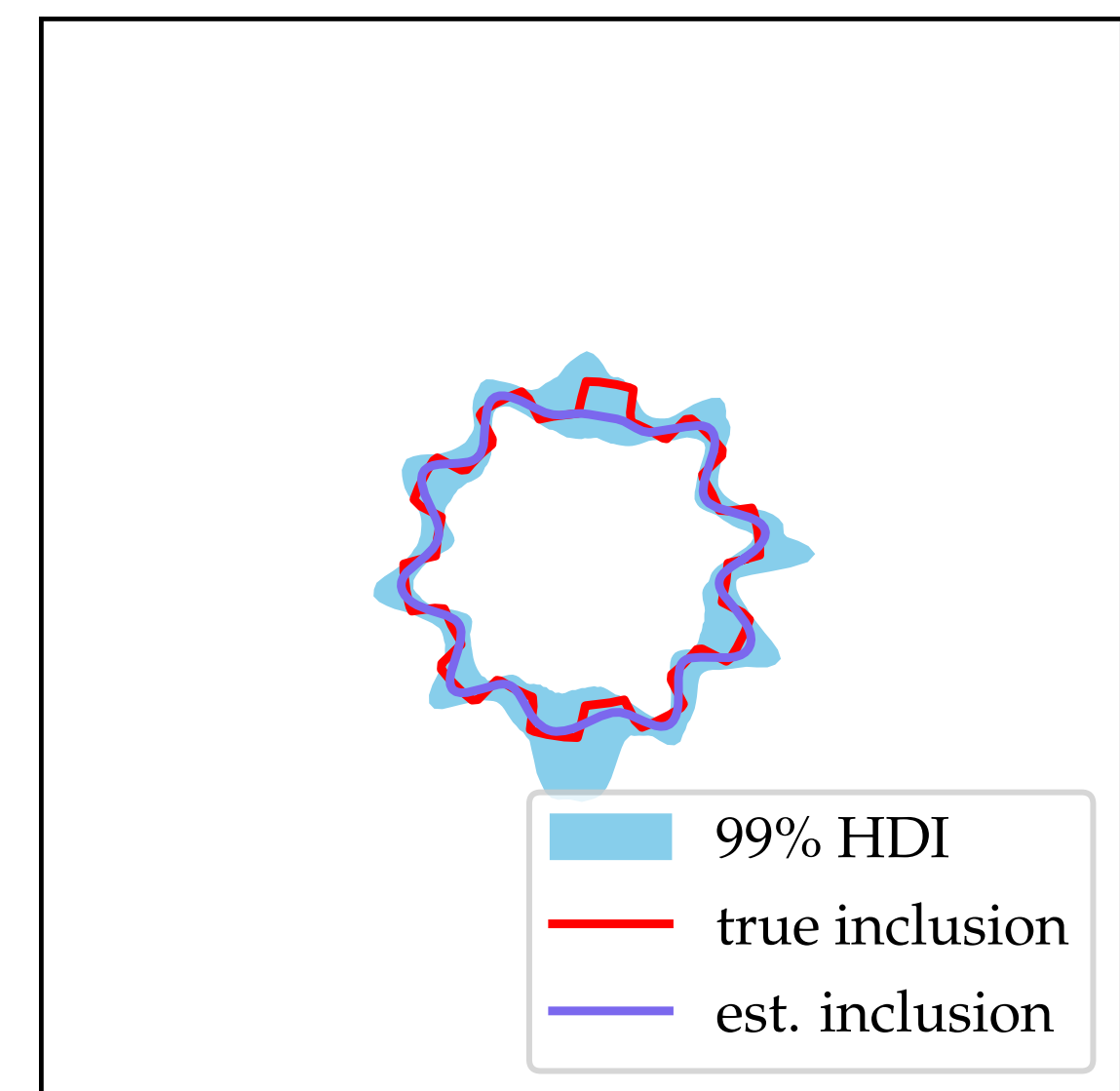
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Data with 2% noise



Estimate of the boundary



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