

# CUQIpy

Computational Uncertainty Quantification for  
Inverse problems in python

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# Who? CUQIpy Funding, Developers and Contributors

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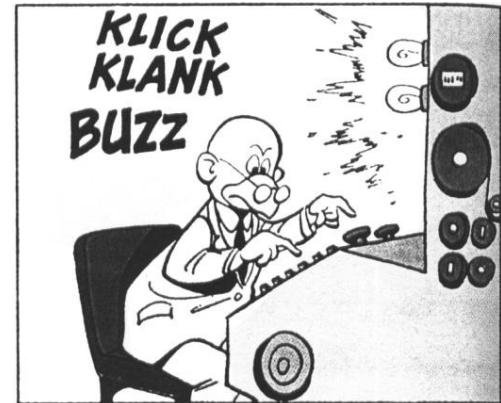


# CUQIpy in a Nutshell

## Vision

Build a software package that uses uncertainty quantification (UQ) to access and quantify uncertainties in solutions to **imaging** 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**.
- UQ in **five lines of code!**



## 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.

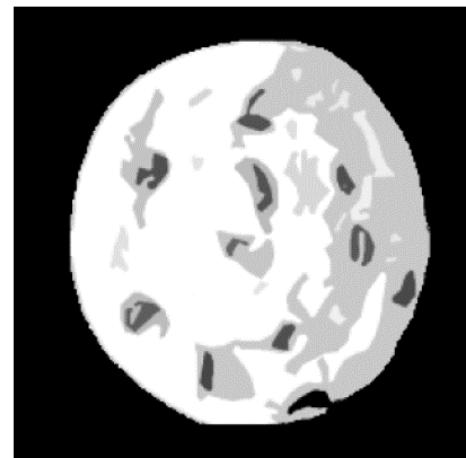
## The niche that CUQIpy is aimed at:

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

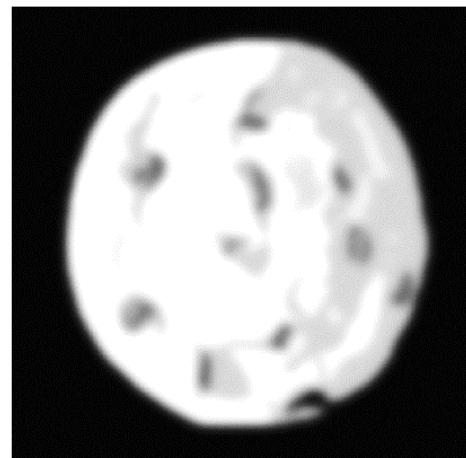
# Cookie deblurring with CUQIpy

$$Ax = y$$

True



Blurred, noisy



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

```
y_obs.plot()
```

## Using testproblem library

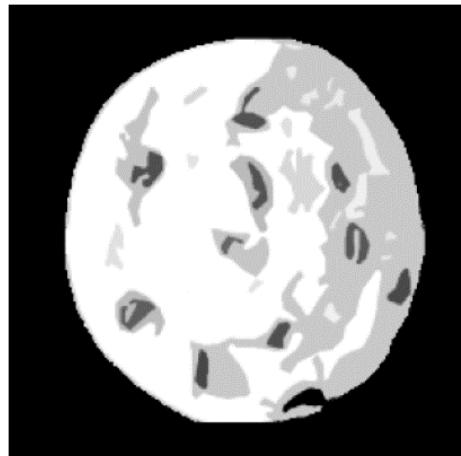
```
A, y_obs, info = Deconvolution2D(dim=512, phantom="cookie")
```

```
print(A)  
>>> CUQI LinearModel: Image2D(512,512) -> Image2D(512,512). Forward parameters: ['x']
```

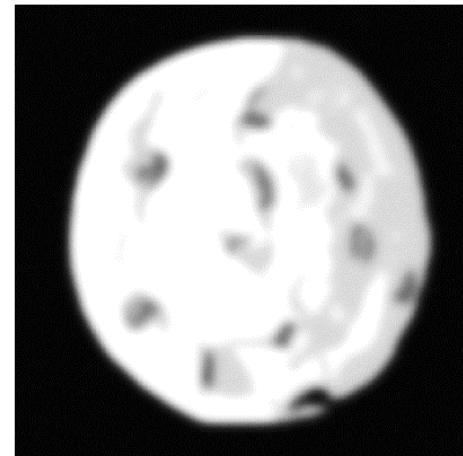
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## Using custom forward model

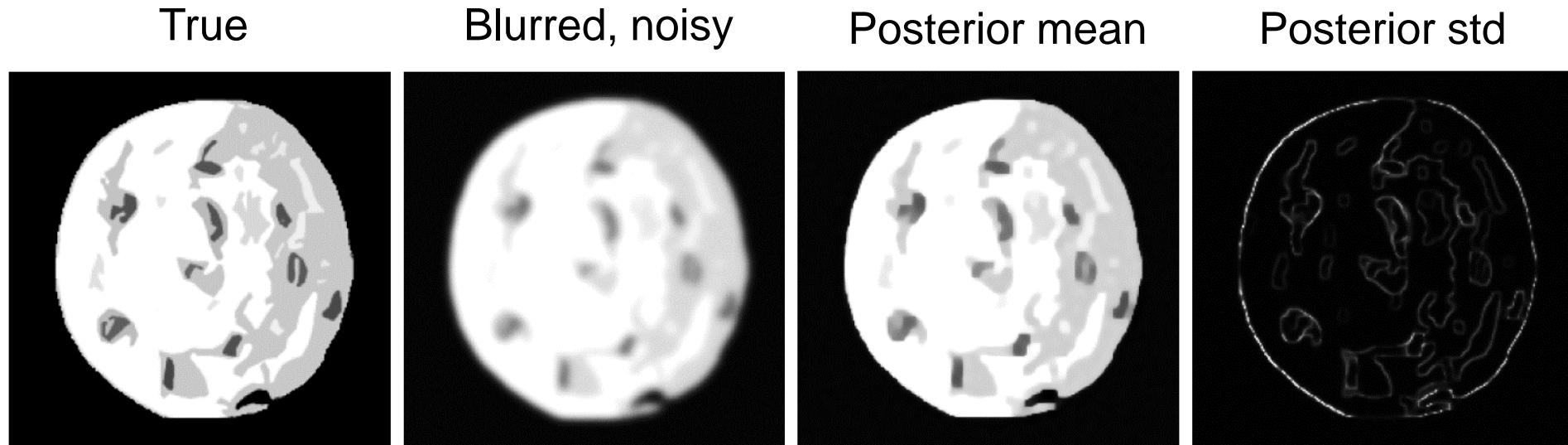
```
A = LinearModel(forward_func, ← User-defined code
                  adjoint_func,
                  range_geometry=Image2D((512,512)),
                  domain_geometry=Image2D((512,512)))
```

```
print(A)
```

```
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```

# Cookie deblurring with CUQIpy

$$Ax = y$$



$d \sim \text{Gamma}(1, 10^{-4})$

$s \sim \text{Gamma}(1, 10^{-4})$

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

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

`d = Gamma(1,1e-4)`

`s = Gamma(1,1e-4)`

`x = LMRF(1/d, geometry=A.domain_geometry)`

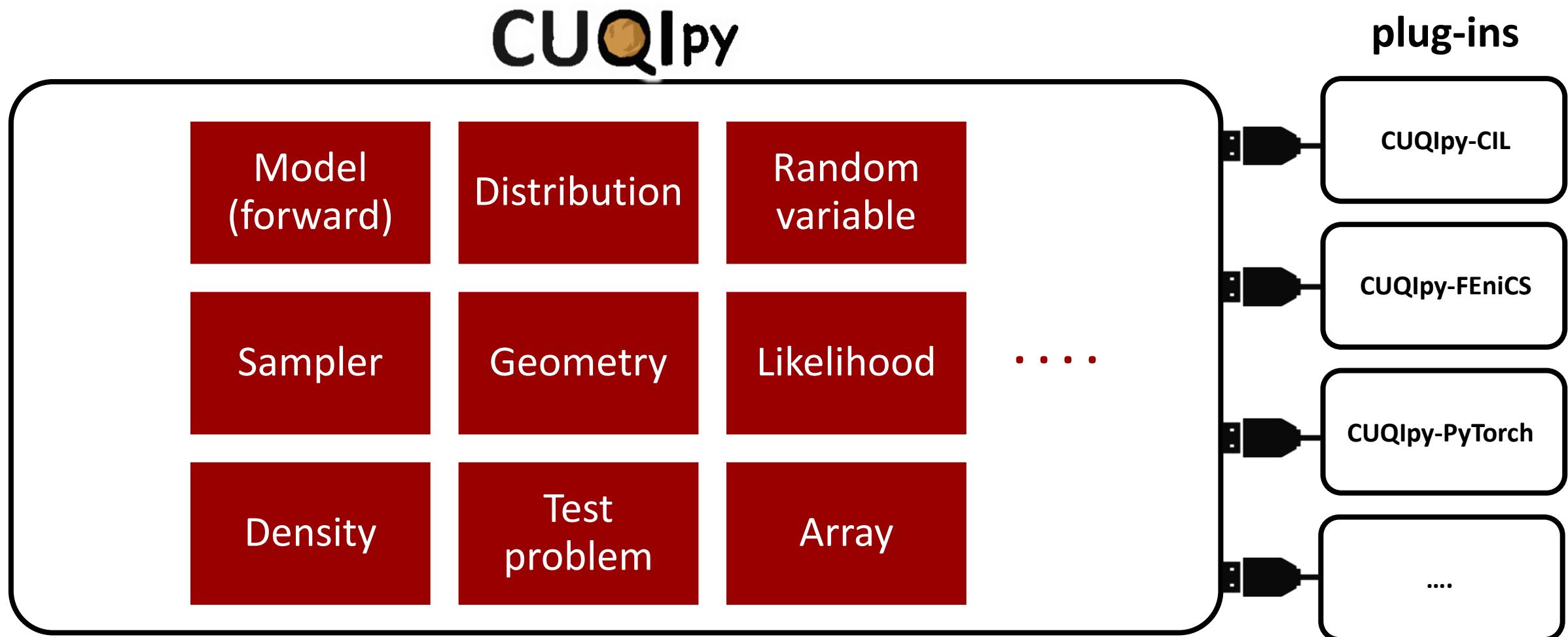
`y = Gaussian(A @ x, 1/s)`

`BP = BayesianProblem(x, y, d, s)`

`BP.set_data(y=y_obs)`

`BP.UQ()`

Laplace Markov  
Random Field



CUQIpy: <https://cuqi-dtu.github.io/CUQIpy/>

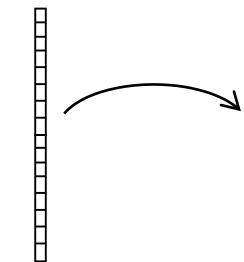
The Geometry object represents the spaces of the model domain and range

- Maps parameters to model input (function values).
- Contains tools for visualization.
- Provides an interface to connect to 3<sup>rd</sup> party libraries.

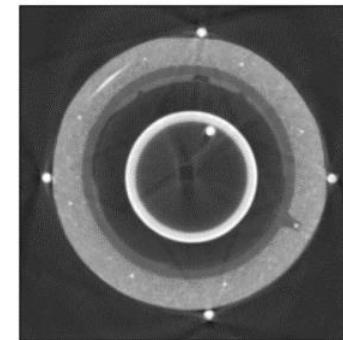
Image2D:  $x \mapsto X$

$$\text{FEniCSKL: } \theta \mapsto h \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \sqrt{\lambda_i} \theta_i e_i(x) \right)$$

Parameters  
(vector)

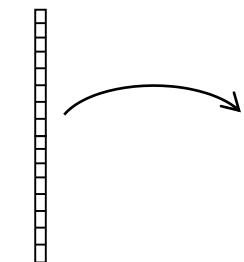


`x.plot()`

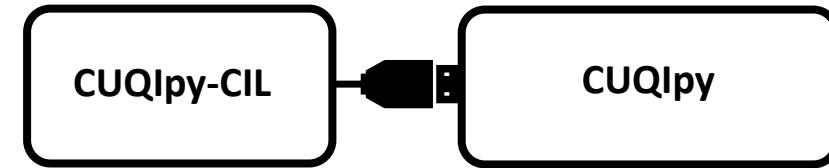


Function values  
(2D image, matrix)

Parameters  
(vector)



Function values  
(FEniCS mesh)



- 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:

```
d = Gamma(1, 1e-4)
s = Gamma(1, 1e-4)
x = LMRF(1/d, geometry=A.domain_geometry)
y = Gaussian(A @ x, 1/s)
```

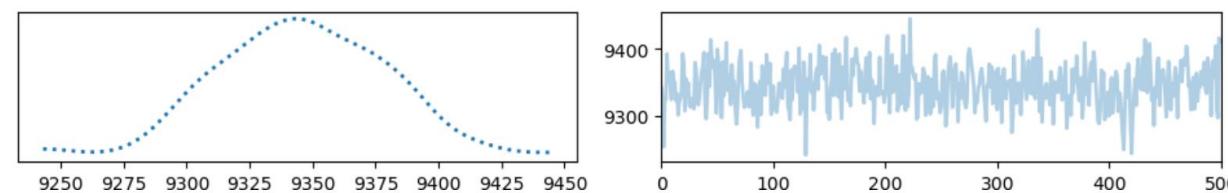
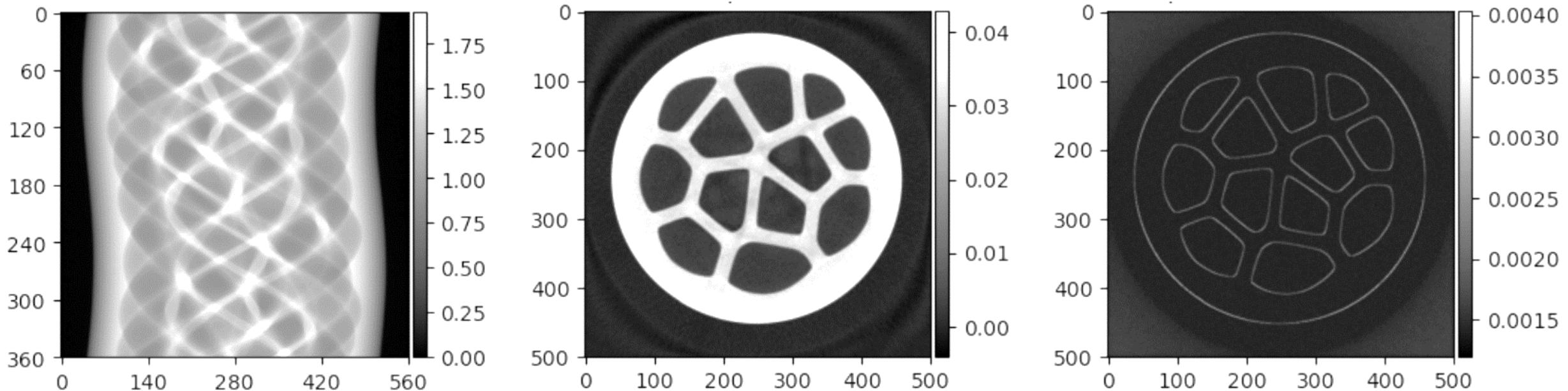
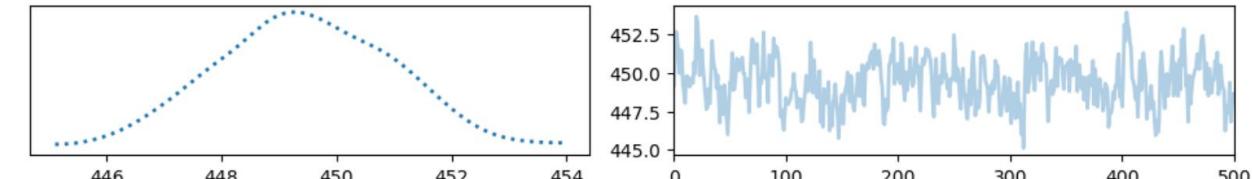
- Specify posterior incl. observed data

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

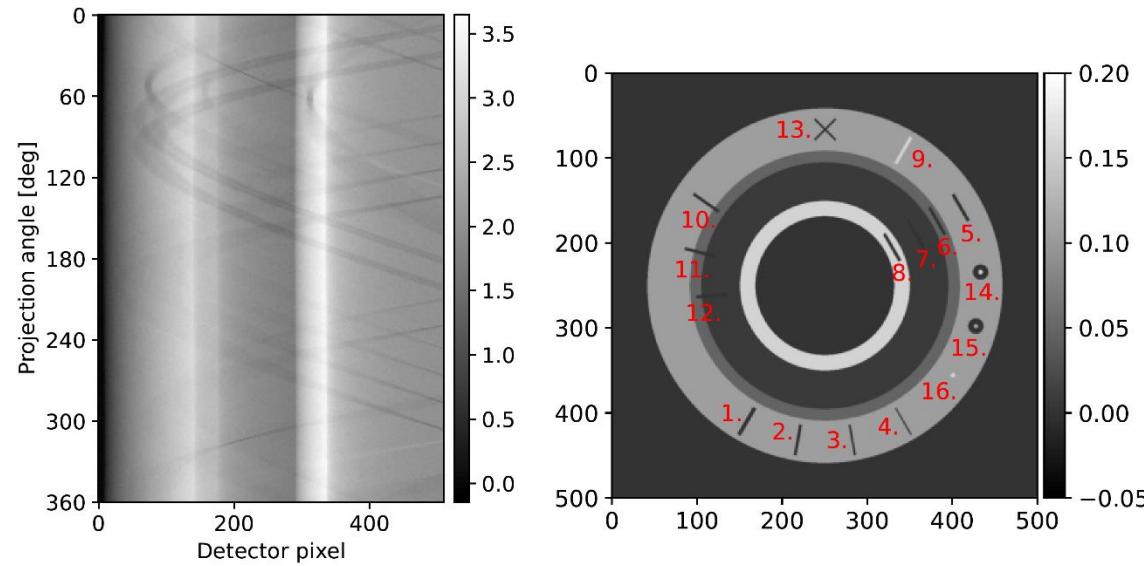
- Gibbs sampling, exploiting conjugacy:

```
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

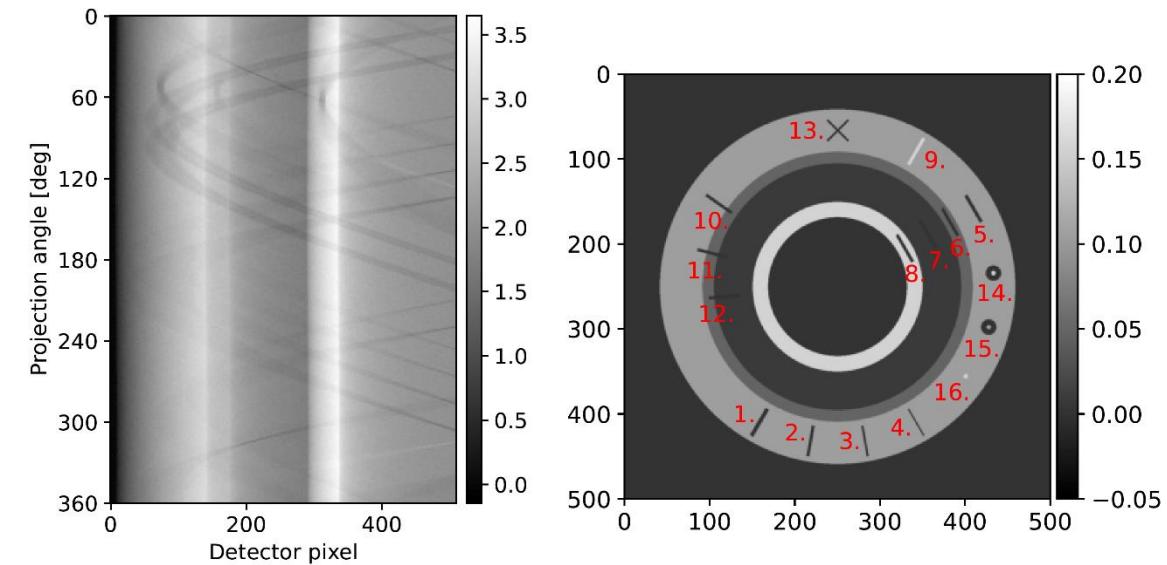


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**DTU** Case: Defect Detection in Subsea Pipes  
Forward model

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



**Forward model**

$$\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{Az} + \mathbf{Ad}$$

Pipe structure

Small defects

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{d}$$

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# Case: Defect Detection in Subsea Pipes

## Bayesian model

### Likelihood

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

```
b = Gaussian(A@z + A@d, 1/lambda_noise)
```

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

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

```
z = JointGaussianSqrtPrec(mean=[mu1, mu2, ...],  
prec=[R0, R1, ...], ... )
```

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

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

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

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

```
d = Gaussian(0, f_d(s))
```

```
s = InverseGamma(w0, f_s(w))
```

```
w = Gamma(w0, f_w(s))
```

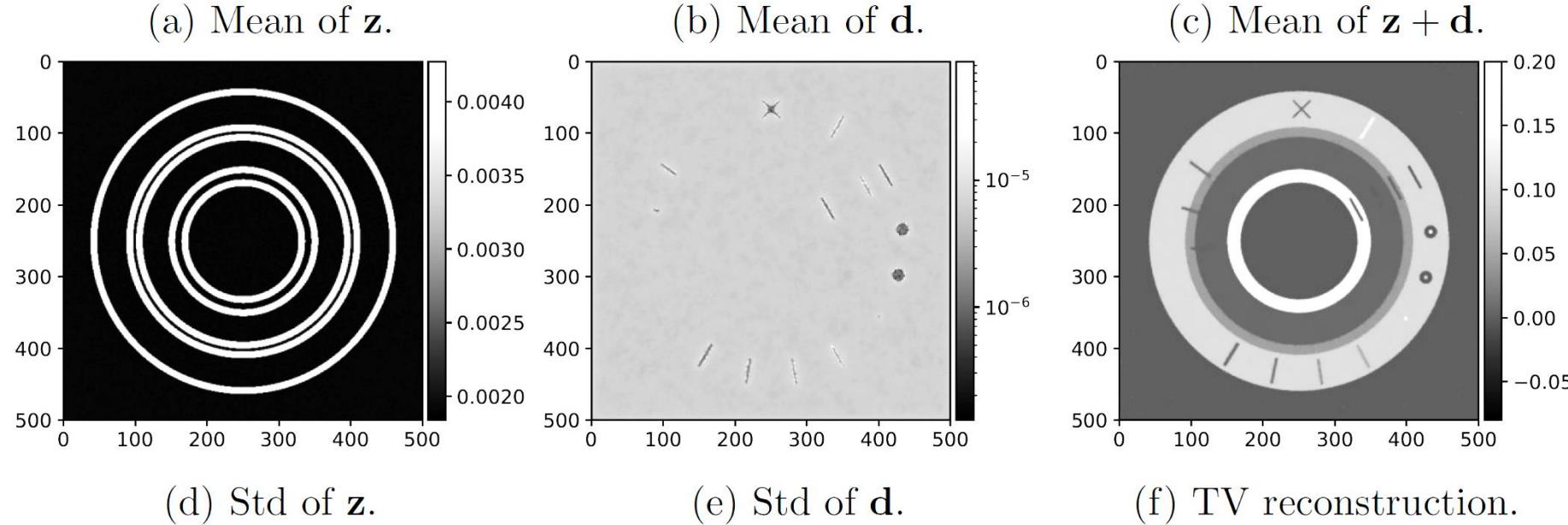
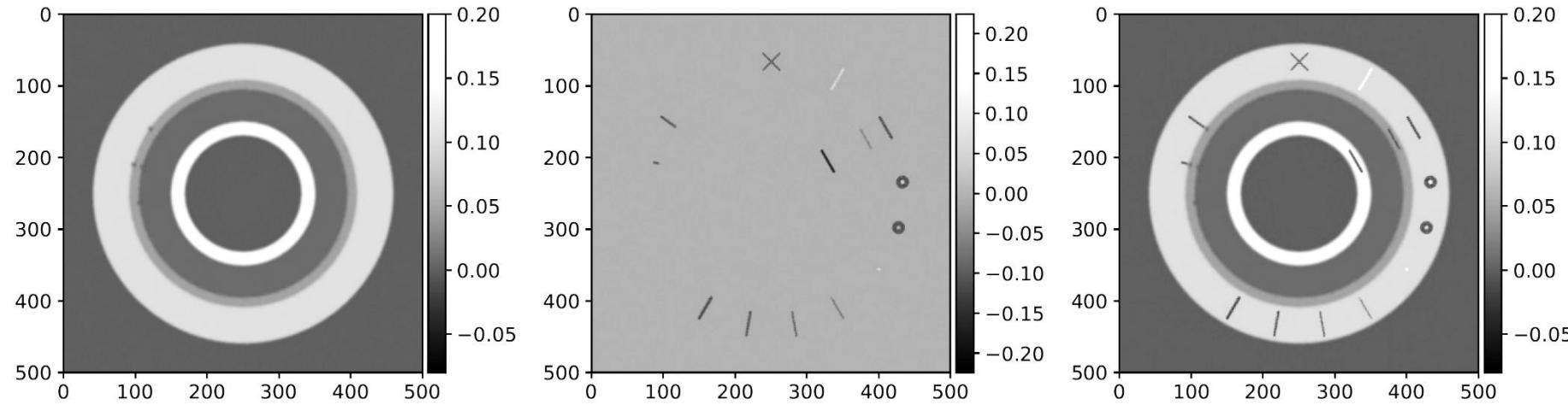
### Posterior

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

```
post = JointDistribution(b, z, d, s, w)(b=b_data)
```

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# Case: Defect Detection in Subsea Pipes Reconstruction



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# Components of CUQIpy – Samplers

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

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

written here in terms of the log-conductivity field, i.e.,  $w(\xi) = \log \sigma(\xi)$  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  $f(\xi) = 1$ .

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

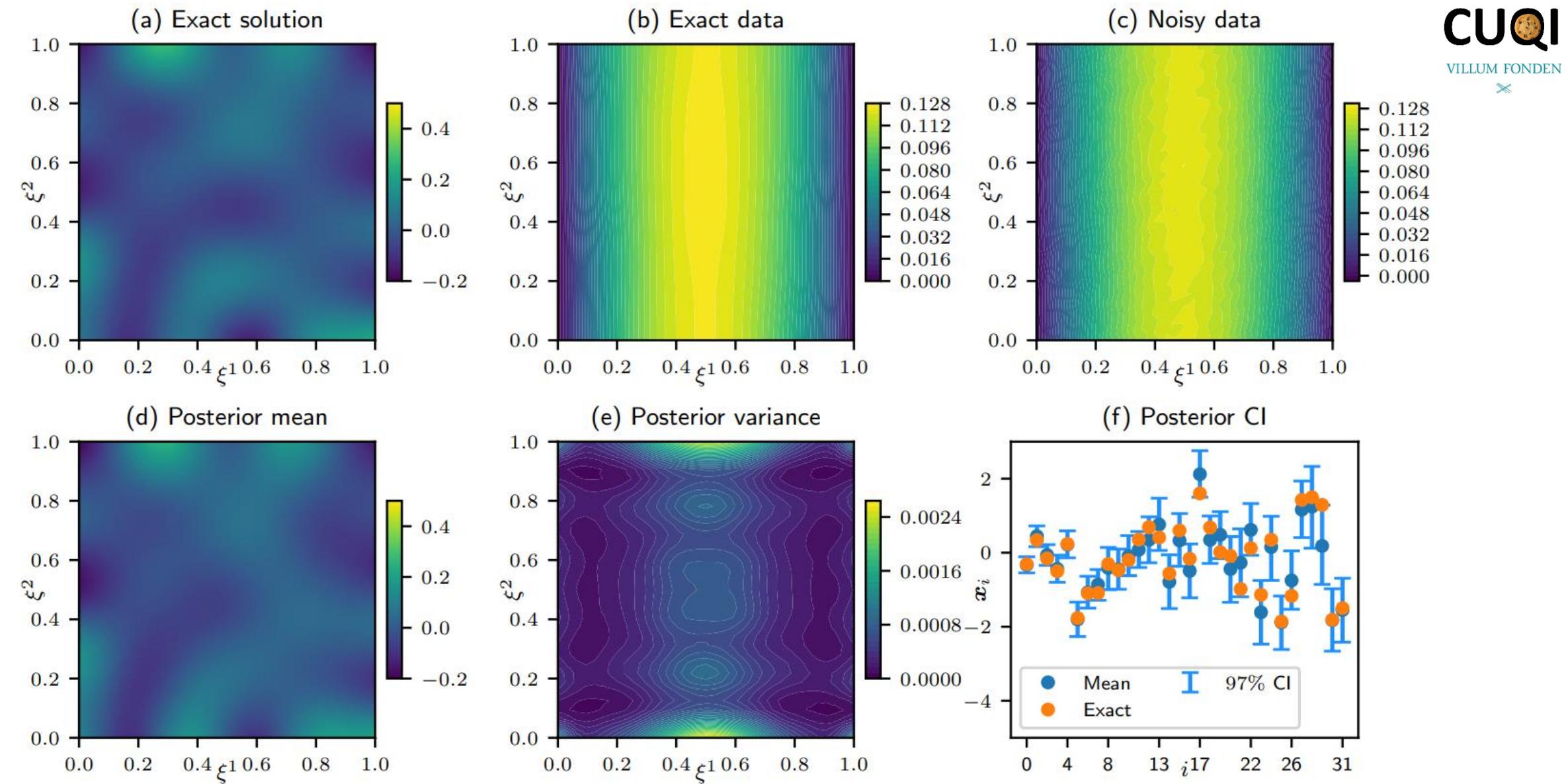
$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{x} &\sim \text{Gaussian}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) \\ \boldsymbol{y} &\sim \text{Gaussian}(\mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{x}), s_{\text{noise}}^2 \mathbf{I}), \end{aligned}$$

```
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()
```

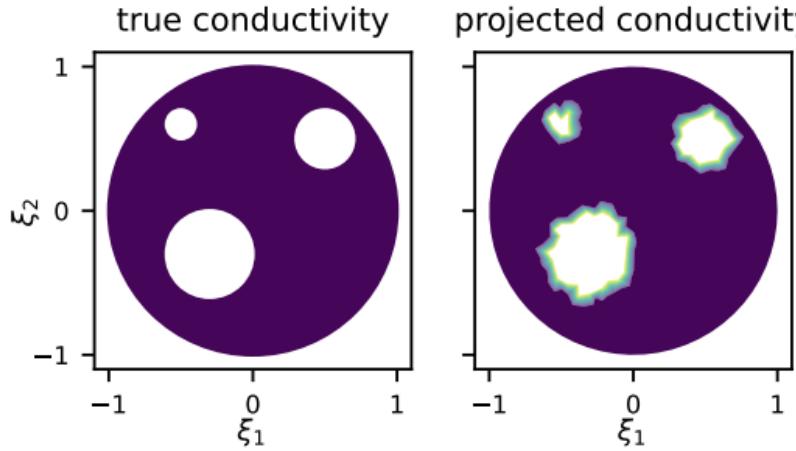
```
y_obs = y(x=x_true).sample()
y_obs.plot()
```

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

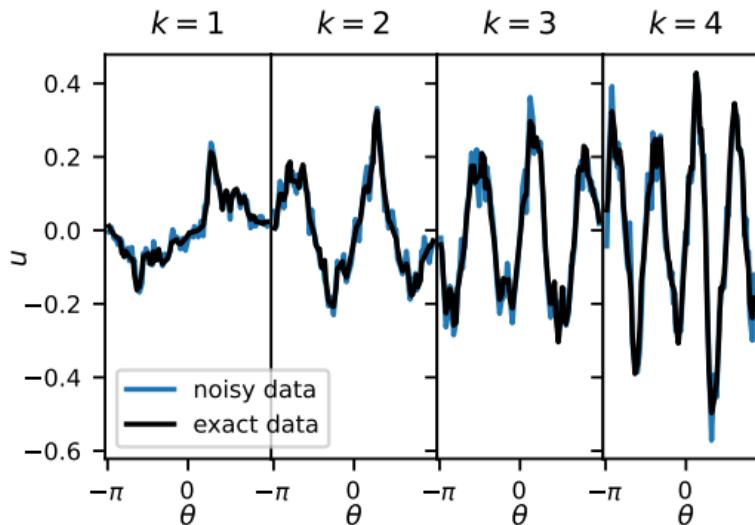
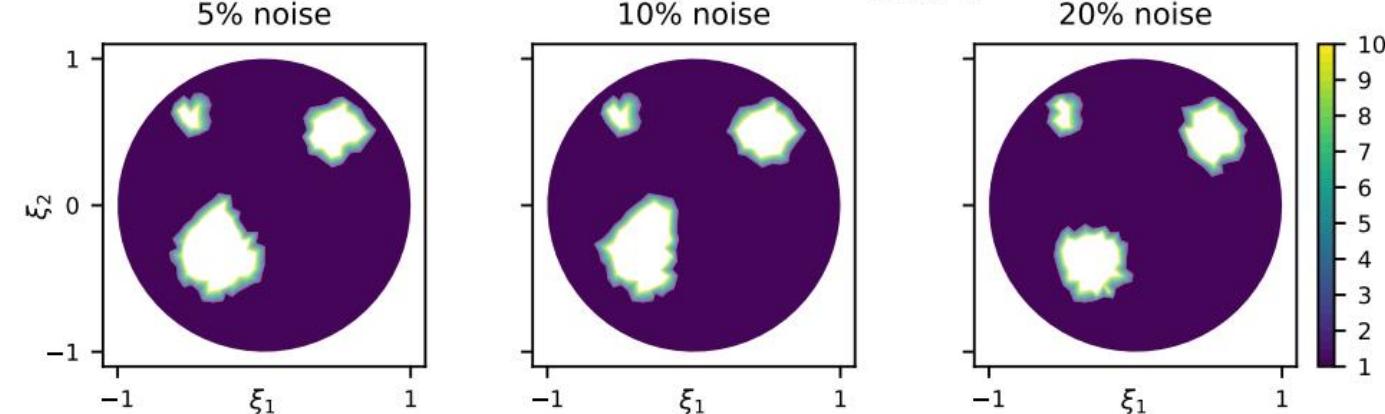
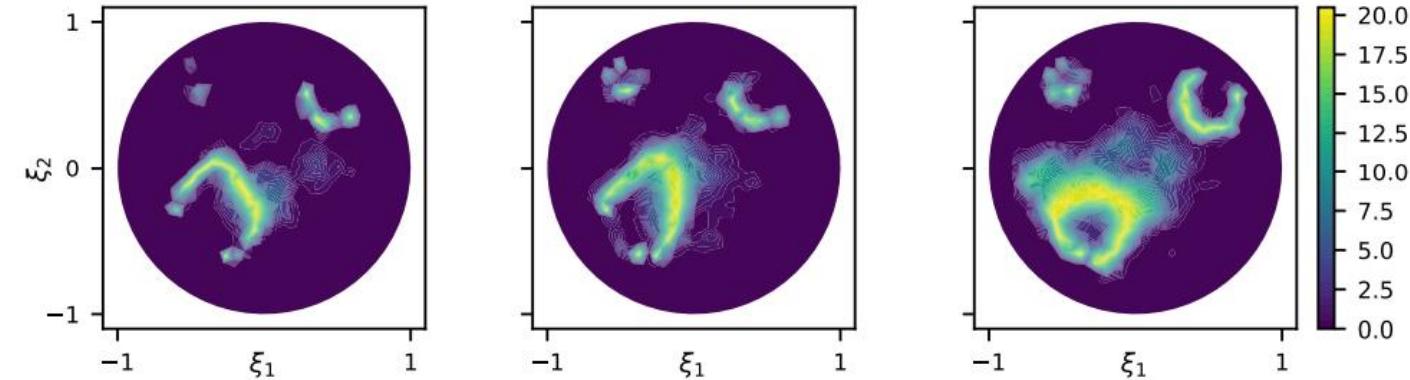


# Electrical Impedance Tomography with CUQIpy

(a) conductivity field



(b) measurements with 20% noise

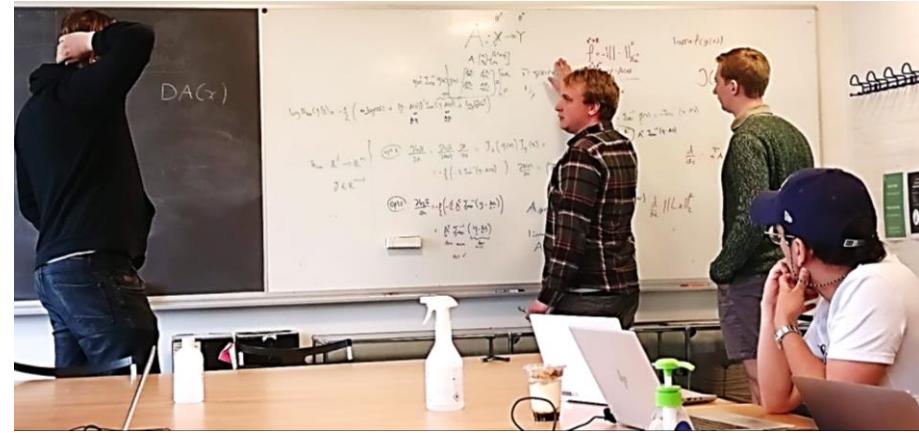
(a) posterior mean visualized in  $\mathbf{G}_{\text{Heavi}}$  geometry(b) point-wise variance evaluated in  $\mathbf{G}_{\text{Heavi}}$  geometry

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# Collaborative Development

## Involvement of CUQI team

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



Internal and user-facing CUQIpy hackathons

## User training and hackathons



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."

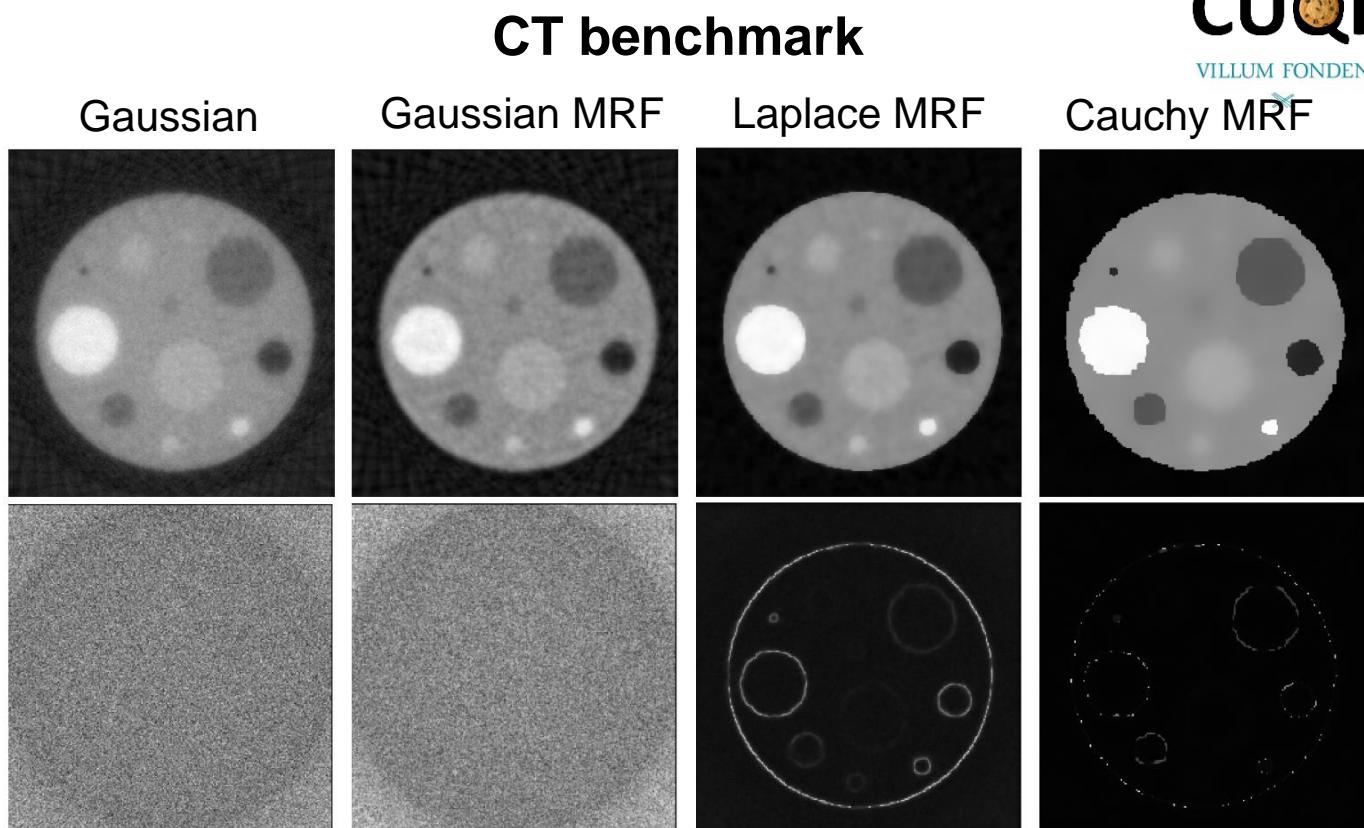
## List of notebooks

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- [001 Besov 2D deblurring](#) *custom prior, deconvolution, gradient-based*
- [002 Eigenvalue forward](#) *custom forward, custom sampler, independence sampler*
- [003 Error model](#) *deconvolution*
- [004 Besov 1D deconvolution](#) *custom prior, deconvolution, gradient-based*
- [005 Implicit priors](#) *implicit priors, regularized Gaussain deconvolution, linearRTO*
- 006 TBA                   *Implicit “plug and play” prior*
- 007 TBA                   *super resolution, Laplace prior*
- [008 Delayed acceptance](#) *custom forward, custom sampler, ODE*
- [009 Inverse Robin](#) *custom forward, finite element, gradient\_based*
- *Spring stiffness system: custom nonlinear forward*



- 3 UM-Bridge benchmarks using CUQIpy
- Support for both client (UQ software) and server (numerical model) usage



## Democratizing Uncertainty Quantification

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.13768>

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- Python framework for computational UQ for (imaging) 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

## UQIPI24: UQ for Inverse Problems and Imaging

 16 - 20 Sep 2024

 ICMS, Bayes Centre, Edinburgh

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This workshop will bring together specialists in UQ for inverse problems and imaging, and we invite talks related to the development of **theory**, **methodology**, and **software**. We also invite talks about interesting **applications** of UQ in imaging. The goal is to stimulate networking and collaboration between researchers and students in these areas, and to present state-of-the-art research results.

### Plenary Speakers

- [Yoann Altmann](#), Heriot-Watt University
- [Tatiana Bubba](#), University of Bath
- [Per Christian Hansen](#), Technical University of Denmark
- [Aku Seppänen](#), University of Eastern Finland
- [Julián Tachella](#), CNRS and ENS de Lyon
- [Faouzi Triki](#), Grenoble-Alpes University

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	UQ tutorial	CUQIpy course	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop
Afternoon	CUQIpy course	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	Social event
Evening	CUQIpy course for the nerds	Reception		Guided tour & workshop dinner	

- **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 [github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-CIL](https://github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-CIL)
  - PDE finite element [github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-FEniCS](https://github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-FEniCS)
  - PyTorch autodiff [github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-PyTorch](https://github.com/CUQI-DTU/CUQIpy-PyTorch)
- **Publications**
  - Riis *et al.* (2024) <https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6420/ad22e7>
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*Thanks for your attention!*