

Solving Inverse Problems with Deep Learning

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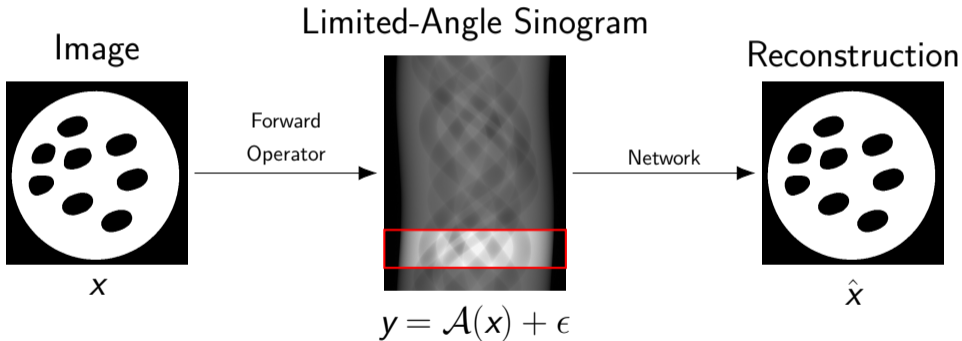
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Examples:

- Denoising, Deconvolution, Inpainting
- Limited-angle tomography, phase retrieval
- Very-long-baseline interferometry (VLBI) imaging
- And many more...

Limited-Angle X-Ray Computed Tomography

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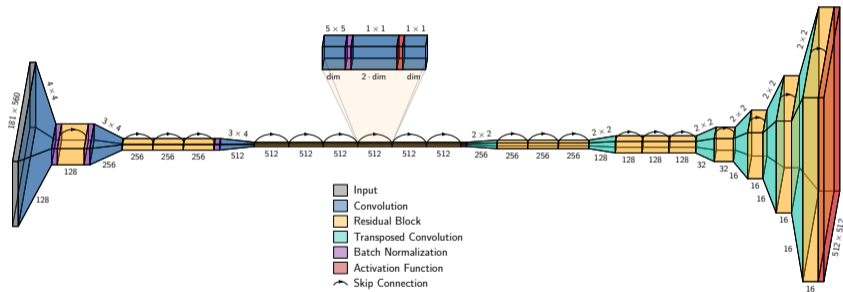


End-to-end Learning on Synthetic Data for CT Reconstruction [1]

Step 1 Generate synthetic images

Step 2 Simulate sinograms from images using ASTRA [2]

Step 3 Train reconstruction network for sinograms of similar images



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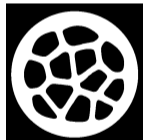
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Limited angle
sinogram



Limited angle
reconstruction



Error to
ground truth



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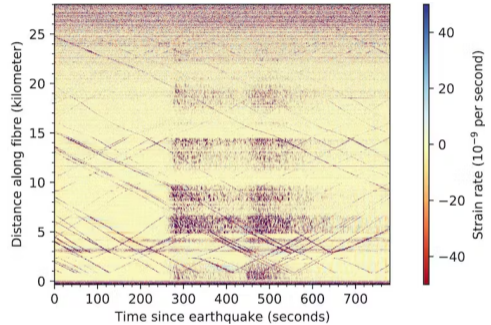
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- **Backscattered light pulses** are sent through the cable
- Observe **change in particle displacements** along the cable



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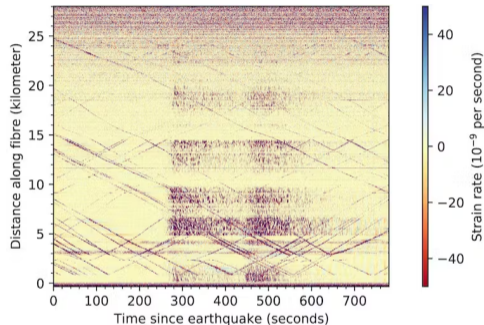
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Tasks:

- Remove coherent and incoherent noise
- Recover the underlying earthquake signal

Unlabeled data: evaluation relies on **synthetic data**



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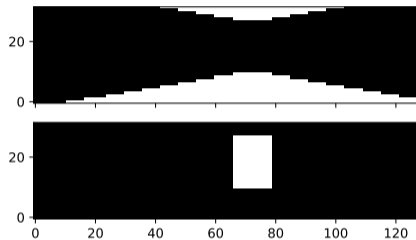
Denosing DAS Data using Self-Supervised Learning

Current approach is based on Noise2Self [3]:

- Define fixed **hourglass masks** m_h that can only process earthquake signals
- Predicting vehicle signals in **center regions** m_c using only region masked by the hourglass masks is not possible
- Minimize

$$\mathbb{E}_{(m_c, m_h)} \|m_c \cdot (g_\theta(m_h \cdot x) - x)\|_2^2, \quad (1)$$

where g_θ is a parameterized function



Example 32×128 **hourglass mask** m_h (top) and its corresponding **center mask** m_c (bottom).

[3] Batson J, Royer L. Noise2self: Blind denoising by self-supervision. CoRR, abs/1901.11365, 2019

Thank you for your attention! Questions?

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