

Reconstrução tomográfica a partir de projeções

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Tomografia: secções de objetos

- Reflexão
 - Acústica: Ultra-som, Radar, ..
 - Ótica: microscópio confocal
- A partir das projeções
 - No domínio do espaço
 - transmissão : CT
 - emissão: SPECT, PET
 - No domínio da frequência
 - Ressonância Magnética (geometric projection, Fourier projection)

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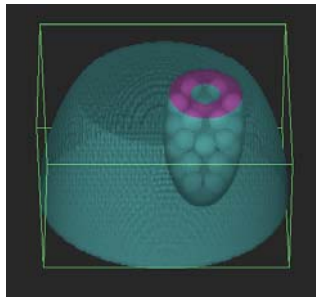
Tomografia a partir de projeções no espaço

- Conceito
 - Matemática da reconstrução: Radon, 1917
- Aplicação
 - Astronomia: Bracewell, 1956
 - Medicina (revolução após Roentgen, 1895)
 - Primeiras publicações: Oldendorf, 1961
 - Primeiros experimentos: Kuhl (UPENN, 1963)
 - Equipamento médico: G Hounsfield (EMI, UK, 1971) e A Cormack (Tufts Univ) => Nobel, 1979

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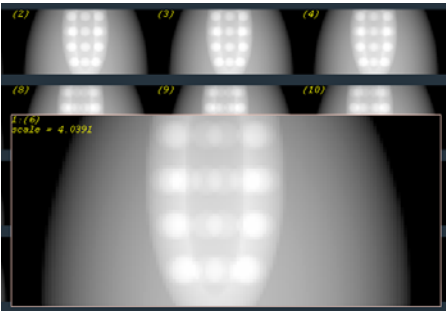
Estudo de caso: Phantom 3D

- background
- myocard.
- spots



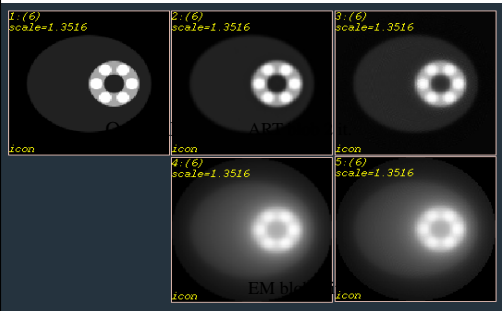
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Dados disponíveis: Projeções



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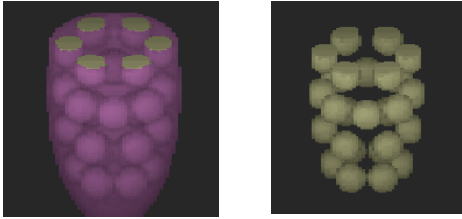
Processamento: Reconstrução



- Noiseless proj.

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Motivação: 3D Reconstruction

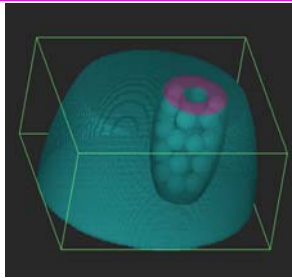


- ART Blob
- Noisyless data
- 2 iterations

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Motivação: 3D rendering (surface)

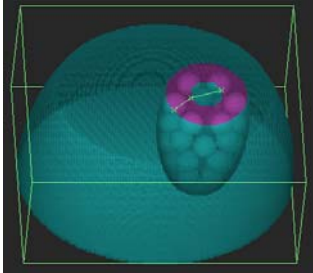
- phantom
- segmentation
- surface rendering



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Motivation: Measuring in 3D

- distance
- area
- volume
- ejection fraction
- velocity
- ...



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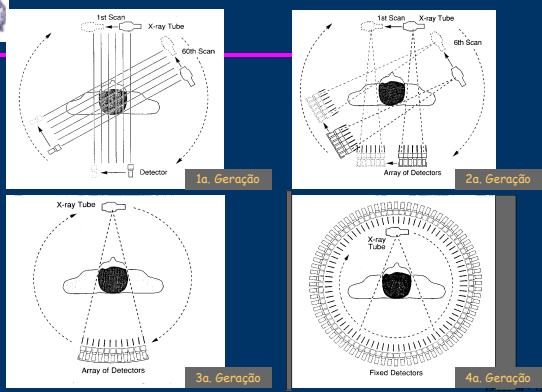
- Projection data formation
 - CT, spiral CT, multi-slice spiral CT (0.5 mm)³, .5 s
 - SPECT
 - 3D PET
- Tomographic reconstruction methods
 - ML-EM : Maximum-likelihood
 - ART : Algebraic Reconstruction Technique
 - FBP : Filtered Backprojection
 - DFM : Direct Fourier Method

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Gerações de tomógrafos por proj.

- Varredura de fonte unica e rotação da fonte-detetor
- Varredura de fonte conica e rotação
- Cone beam e rotação da fonte-detetor
 - spiral CT
 - multi-slice spiral CT
- Múltiplas fontes cônicas e detetores
- Electronic beam

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1a. Geração

2a. Geração

3a. Geração

4a. Geração

Multi-slice Spiral (helical) CT

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CT p/ Estruturas dinâmicas

□ Ultrafast CT

- sem estruturas móveis
- 50 ms/scan (20 cortes/s)
- volume: 8 cm em 0.25 s

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SPECT: Single Photon Emission CT

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Tomografia por Transmissão (CT)

$$I = I_0 \cdot \exp\left(-\int_L f(x, y) \cdot ds\right)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{I_0}{I}\right) = \int_L f(x, y) \cdot ds \quad (\text{Integral de linha})$$

$$g(t, \theta) = R f = \int_L f(x, y) \cdot ds$$

$$= \iint f(x, y) \cdot \delta(x \cdot \cos \theta + y \cdot \sin \theta - t) \cdot dx \cdot dy$$

Transformada de Radon 2D
(projection operator)

$f(x, y) \longleftrightarrow g(t, \theta)$ (sinograma)

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Solução?

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Reconstrução ingênua (backprojection)

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Reconstrução com filtered backprojection

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Alébrica

Imagem f

Problema: f |

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 + f_2 &= 7 \\ f_3 + f_4 &= 6 \\ f_1 + f_3 &= 4 \\ f_2 + f_4 &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

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Soluções

Imagem f

$A \cdot x = b$

M equações com N incógnitas

Sistema indeterminado (infinitas soluções, $\text{rank} < N$)

Sistema inconsistente (M eq. Lin. Indep $> N$) => otimização

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Alébrica: otimização (regularizada)

Imagem f

Problema: f |

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 + f_2 &= 7 \\ f_3 + f_4 &= 6 \\ f_1 + f_3 &= 4 \\ f_2 + f_4 &= 9 \\ .5f_1 + f_3 + .5f_4 &= 5 \\ .5f_1 + f_2 + .5f_4 &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

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Soluções (otimizada)

$A \cdot x = b$

6 equações com 4 incógnitas

Sistema inconsistente (M eq. Lin. Indep $> N$) => otimização

Imagem f

$$\min_x \|A \cdot \hat{x} - b\|^2$$

$$\hat{x} = A^+ b$$

$$A^+ = (A' A)^{-1} A'$$

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Alguma outra solução ?

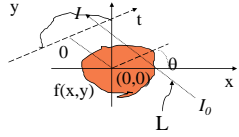
Reconstruction matrix

Fourier transformed matrix

Teorema do corte central

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Tomografia por Transmissão (CT)



$$g(t, \theta) = R f = \int_L f(x, y) \cdot ds$$

$$= \iint f(x, y) \cdot \delta(x \cdot \cos \theta + y \cdot \sin \theta - t) \cdot dx \cdot dy$$

Transformada de Radon 2D
(projection operator)

f(x,y)
←
g(t,θ)
(sinograma)

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Teorema da Projeção

$$g(t, \theta) = \iint f(x, y) \delta(x \cdot \cos \theta + y \cdot \sin \theta - t) dx dy$$

$$G(u, \theta) \equiv \iint f(x, y) \int \delta(x \cdot \cos \theta + y \cdot \sin \theta - t) e^{-j2\pi u t} dt dx dy$$

$$G(u, \theta) = \iint f(x, y) e^{-j2\pi u (x \cdot \cos \theta + y \cdot \sin \theta)} dx dy$$

$$\therefore G(u, \theta) = F(u \cdot \cos \theta, u \cdot \sin \theta) \Rightarrow \text{DFM}$$

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Teorema da Projeção (cont.)

Transf. Radon Inversa

$$f(x, y) = \iint F(u, v) e^{j2\pi(xu + yv)} du dv$$

coord polares $\Rightarrow u = w \cdot \cos \theta$ e $v = w \cdot \sin \theta$

$$f(x, y) = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} F_p(w, \theta) e^{j2\pi(x \cdot w \cdot \cos \theta + y \cdot w \cdot \sin \theta)} w \cdot dw \cdot d\theta$$

$$f(x, y) = \int_0^{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_p(w, \theta) e^{j2\pi(x \cdot w \cdot \cos \theta + y \cdot w \cdot \sin \theta)} |w| \cdot dw \cdot d\theta$$

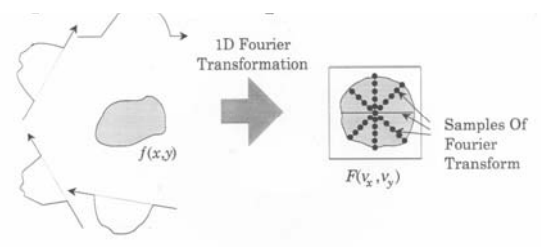
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Reconstr. baseados em Transf.

- Direct Fourier Method
- Inverse Radon Transform
- Convolution Backprojection
- Filtered Backprojection
- Fan-beam
 - rebinning
 - fórmula

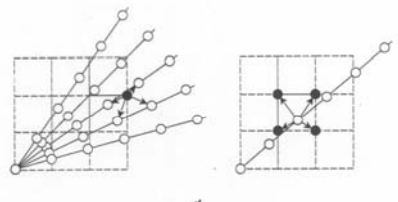
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Ilustração DFM



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DFM : interpolação em freq.



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CBP, FBP

$$f(x, y) = \int_0^\pi \int_{-\infty}^\infty F_p(w, \theta) \cdot e^{j2\pi \cdot (x \cdot w \cdot \cos \theta + y \cdot w \cdot \sin \theta)} |w| \cdot dw \cdot d\theta$$

$$f(x, y) = \int_0^\pi \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^\infty F_p(w, \theta) \cdot |w| \cdot e^{j2\pi \cdot w \cdot (x \cdot \cos \theta + y \cdot \sin \theta)} dw \right\} \cdot d\theta$$

$$f(x, y) = \int_0^\pi \tilde{g}(x \cdot \cos \theta + y \cdot \sin \theta, \theta) \cdot d\theta$$

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FBP

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Normalização (escala Hounsfield)

$$H_{CT} = 1000 \frac{\mu - \mu_{H_2O}}{\mu_{H_2O}}$$

$\therefore H_{CT}(\text{água}) = 0$
 $H_{CT}(\text{ar}) = -1000$
 $H_{CT}(\text{osso}) \cong 1000$
 $\mu_{H_2O} = 0.190 \text{ cm}^{-1} (70 \text{ kev})$

Massa branca e cinzenta: apenas alguns Hs

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SPECT

$$p_i = \sum_j x_j \cdot d_{ij} \cdot A \cdot \exp\left(-\int_{s_{ij}} \mu_l(s) ds\right)$$

$$p_i = \sum_j h_{ij} \cdot x_j$$

- Quantitative
 - EM
 - ART
- Approximate (Transform)
 - attenuation correction on projection data
 - attenuation correction on reconstructed data

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Solution: Algebraic Reconstruction

- System of linear equations
 - Huge system
 - Eg. volume: 64 x 64 x 64
 - x_j $j=1..262,144$ voxels
 - Projections: 128 views, 64x64 planes
 - p_i $i=1..524,288$ projs.
 - H : 524k x 262k
- Row-action methods
 - ART
 - EM

$$p_i = \sum_j h_{ij} \cdot x_j \quad (\text{all 3D projections})$$

$$\vec{p} = \mathbf{H} \cdot \vec{x} \quad (\text{vector notation})$$

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ART: Algebraic Reconst. Technique

- Noisy data
- Optimization criteria
 - Least-square solution
 - Minimum norm solution
 - row-action
 - relaxation

$$\vec{p} = \mathbf{H} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{n}$$

$$\vec{x}^{k+1} = \vec{x}^k + \lambda \cdot \frac{p_i - \langle \vec{h}_i, \vec{x}^k \rangle}{\|\vec{h}_i\|^2} \cdot \vec{h}_i$$

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ART 3D: Algebraic Reconst. Techn.

- Noise removal: projection data estimation
- Quantitative reconstruction
- Fast (3D)
- Simple
- General
- [H] determination
- Stop criteria

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Statistical Solution

- Projection: Poisson noise
- Maximum likelihood
 - Expectation-maximization algorithm
 - Iterative approach
- Maximum a posteriori
 - "a priori" probability distr.

$\bar{p} = \text{Poisson}(\mathbf{H} \cdot \bar{x})$

$\max_{\bar{x}} \text{Pr ob}[\bar{p}|\bar{x}] \text{ (ML)}$

$\max_{\bar{x}} \text{Pr ob}[\bar{x}|\bar{p}] \text{ (MAP)}$

$\text{Pr ob}[\bar{x}|\bar{p}] = \frac{\text{Pr ob}[\bar{p}|\bar{x}] \cdot \text{Pr ob}[\bar{x}]}{\text{Pr ob}[\bar{p}]}$

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Expectation-maximization

- Maximum Likelihood
- ML-EM algorithm

$\max_{\bar{x}} \text{Pr ob}[\bar{p}|\bar{x}]$
 $\text{Pr ob}[\bar{p}|\bar{x}] : \text{independent Poisson}$

$$x_j^{k+1} = \frac{x_j^k}{\sum_i h_{ij}} \cdot \sum_i \frac{p_i}{\langle \bar{x}^k, \bar{h}_i \rangle} h_{ij}$$

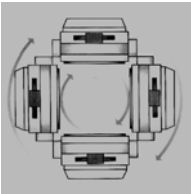
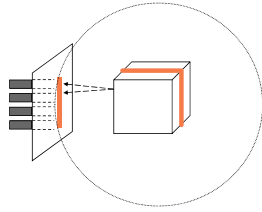
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ML-EM

- Handles Poisson noise
- Total count conservation
- Convergence to ML
- Expectation-maximization
 - algorithm independent of rays direction
 - quantitative approach
 - iterative
 - slow convergence
 - no stop criterion

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SPECT: Single Photon Emission CT

Conventional SPECT

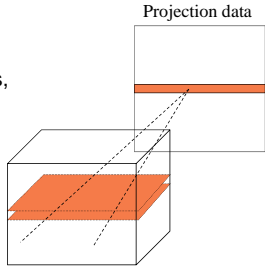
- parallel collimator
- 2D reconstruction (slice-by-slice)

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SPECT : parallel collimator

- Considering 2D effects
 - PSF
 - scattering
- Reconstruction approaches, slice-by-slice
 - EM
 - ART
 - 2D FBP

} Quantitative



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SPECT: Single Photon Emission CT

Conventional SPECT

- parallel collimator
- 2D reconstruction (slice-by-slice)

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SPECT: projection data formation

- Parallel Collimators
 - stack of 2D slices
 - 3D effects of scattering
 - 3D effects of PSF
- Cone Beam collimators
 - 3D reconstruction (3D FBP)
 - improved sensitivity

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SPECT : parallel collimator

- Considering 2D effects
 - PSF
 - scattering
- Reconstruction approaches, slice-by-slice
 - EM
 - ART
 - 2D FBP

Quantitative

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3D PET: Positron Emission Tomogr.

- Transversal and tilted lines
- Missing data

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Projection data formation model (3D)

- General case (emission)

$$p_i = \sum_j x_j \cdot \underbrace{(A \cdot d_{ij})}_{vol_j} \cdot \underbrace{\exp(-\int_{s_j} \mu_j(s) ds)}_{attenuation}$$

x_j : emission rate per unit volume
 A : area of tube cross section
 d_{ij} : intersection length
 $\mu_j(s)$: attenuation function

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Emission CT (3D)

$$p_i = \sum_j x_j \cdot (A \cdot d_{ij}) \cdot \exp(-\int_{s_j} \mu_j(s) ds)$$

- 3D PET (quantitative)
 - scattering correction
 - attenuation correction
 - EM
 - ART
 - Transform methods

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SPECT

$$p_i = \sum_j x_j d_{ij} \cdot A \cdot \exp\left(-\int_{s_{ij}}^{\infty} \mu_j(s) ds\right)$$

h_{ij}

Quantitative

- EM
- ART

Approximate (Transform)

- attenuation correction on projection data
- attenuation correction on reconstructed data

$$p_i = \sum_j h_{ij} \cdot x_j$$

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Single-slice rebinning

3D PET: multiple rings of detectors

- Detection: intermediate slice
- 2D FBP (slice-by-slice)
- fast reconstruction
- blur (axial aperture > 9 deg)
- loss of resolution

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Multiple-slice rebinning

3D PET: multiple rings of detectors

- detection: distributed along intermediate slices
- deblurring along z-axis
- quantitative approach

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Tópicos

Modelos de formação das projeções
 Reconstrução tomográfica 2D/3D

- Aspectos gerais
- Vantagens/desvantagens

 Métodos de reconstrução

- Algébrico (ART)
- Estatístico (ML-EM)
- Analíticos
 - FBP, DFM
 - 3DRP, Favor, Cone
 - Simplificações: Rebinning

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