Reproducible and accessible research within the CRC 1456

Goals of and experiences from the infrastructure project of the CRC 1456 "Mathematics of Experiment"

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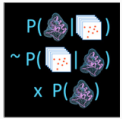

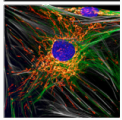

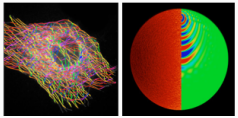

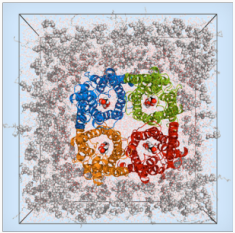

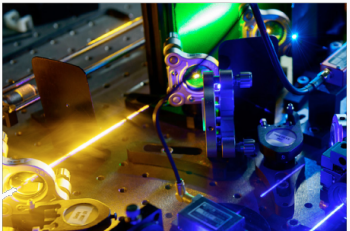

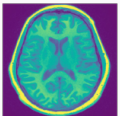

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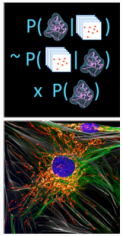

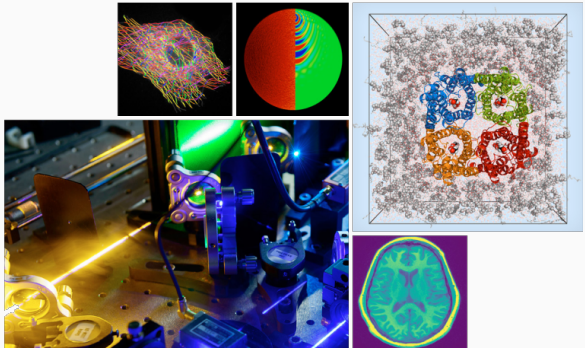

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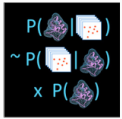

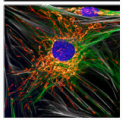

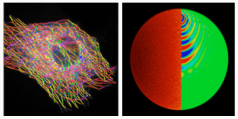

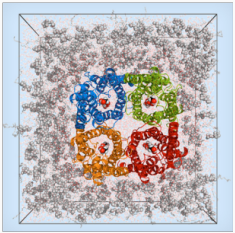

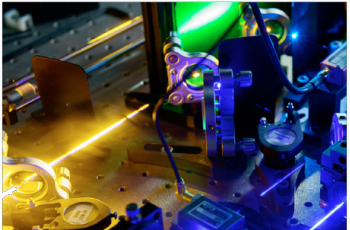

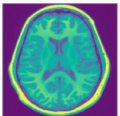

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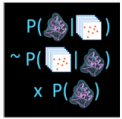

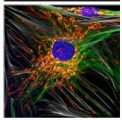

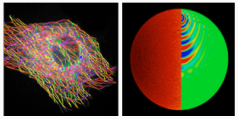

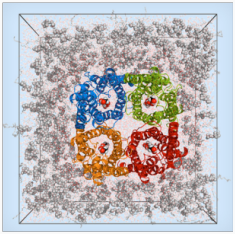

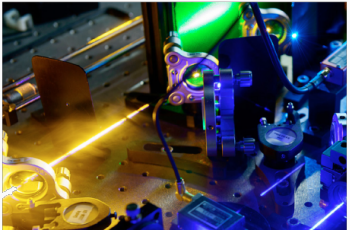

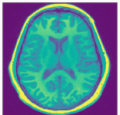

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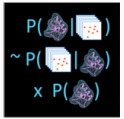

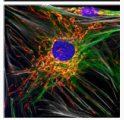

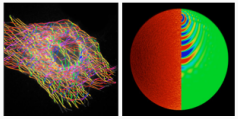

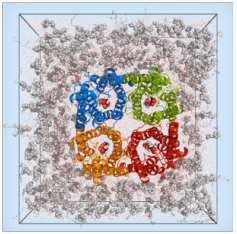

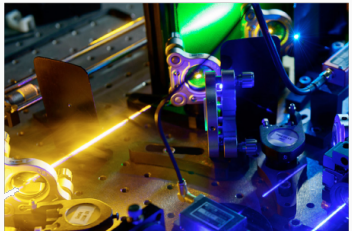

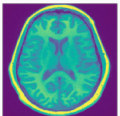

Diversity in research data (data and algorithms/methods)

Different types of data sources:

- X-ray tomography
- molecular dynamics simulations
- MRI scans
- Dopplergrams
- ...

Different types of algorithms:

- Bayesian optimization (MCMC)
- Optimal transport
- Inverse Problems
- Numerics of PDEs (FEM)
- ...

heterogeneous environments:
different communities, different software frameworks, different data formats, different data repositories, different scienfitic culture, ..

Example: Software within the CRC

Open source software of CRC members

- Berkeley Adv. [C] Recon. Toolbox: MRI imaging (M. Uecker)
- Netgen/NGSolve [C++/python]: FEM (C. Lehrenfeld)
- ProxToolbox [python]: nonlinear optimization (R. Luke)
- GROMACS [C++] : molecular dynamics (H. Grubmüller and B. L. de Groot)
- transport [R]: optimal transport (D. Schuhmacher)
- otfinference [R]: inference for optimal transport (A. Munk)
- MultiScaleOT [C++/python]: numerical optimal transport (B. Schmitzer)
- FDRSeg [R]: step function estimation (H. Li)
- DataJoint [matlab] : framework for scientific databases and data pipelines (A. Ecker)
- HoloHomoToolbox [matlab] : toolbox for holographic tomography (T. Salditt)
- ISD [python]: Bayesian modeling of biomolecular structures (M. Habeck)
- ...

Goals of the INF project

1. Support CRC members with Reproducible Research (highest priority!)

2. Facilitate software collaboration between several projects:
   - algorithmic interfaces
     (e.g. couple optimization solver of group X with a forward solver of group Y)
   - data exchange
     (e.g. apply algorithm from group X on data from group Y)

3. Flexible exchange of data sets and algorithms from one (interactive) platform

Support with Reproducible Research

CRC commitment for Reproducible Research

- Open Source:
  Source code for all methods shall be published with an open source license.
- Open Data (FAIR):
  Datasets obtained shall be made accessible and reusable.
- Reproducible Research:
  Publications shall be published alongside everything necessary for reproduction.
  [data, source code, description meta data, dependency description, containers, ... details: see e.g. Max Horn's talk]

Measures for Reproducible Research I

- Two-day training workshops on general principles of reproducible research (more to come, especially domain-specific workshops)
  $\rightsquigarrow$ raising the awareness for the importance of reproducible research and available techniques and tools
- Data (and software) policies of the CRC (decided on in June 2021)
  $\rightsquigarrow$ minimal standards for data quality, documentation, accessibility, persistence[1]

[1] https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/647064.html

Measures for Reproducible Research II

- Setup of fallback data repository for long-term storage with citable identifiers (dataverse / DataCite DOI).
  $\rightsquigarrow$ Offer persistent and accessible storage solution where needed (often domain-specific repositories are prefered (zenodo, mridata, ...))
- We are setting up binder-like jupyter-instances for 'LiveDocs'
  $\rightsquigarrow$ Better accessibility of software and storage and simpler ways to present results

Software Interaction

Interaction of algorithms / data sets within the CRC i

We have expertise and developments in the following 4 categories:

(i) Measurement data u^{obs}

(ii) Non-linear inverse problems / optimization

$$\text{Find } c \text{ s.t. } \left\| F(c) - u^{\text{obs}} \right\| \to \min!$$

(iii) Forward problem F

Given c, evaluate $F(c)$, e.g. as the solution of a PDE, ...

(iv) Bayesian algorithms

Given measured data u estimate uncertainty of reconstructions c

$$P(c|u) \propto P(u|c)P(c)$$

Interaction of algorithms / data sets within the CRC ii

The status:

Algorithms within the CRC are typically developed and/or tested in a narrow application range,

e.g. one algorithm from (ii) is combined with only one forw. prob. in (iii).

The aim:

Combine (some) algorithms and data sets as needed for the CRC projects (and beyond),

e.g. combine algorithm from (ii) with many/all(?) forw. prob. in (iii).

or combine forw. problem in (iii) with many/all(?) optim. solvers in (ii).[2]

[2] less general than in S. Rave's talk.

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Disclaimer:
This will most certainly be only possible for a small set of involved packages.

Implemented prototypical couplings in `regpy` with `bart` (MRI reconstructions) with `NGSolve` (PDE solver) and MCMC methods.[3]

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Example of a LiveDoc with data from dataverse:

mybinder.org/v2/gh/hcmh/binder-ngsolve-bart/dataverse

jupyter bart-example (autosaved)

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In [2]:
```
datafile = 'data/unders_2_v8'
data = np.ascontiguousarray(cfl.readcfl(datafile).T).squeeze()

ncoils, nx, ny = data.shape
pattern = rpm.estimate_sampling_pattern(data)
data = data[:, pattern].flatten()

grid = rp.discrs.UniformGrid((-1, 1, nx), (-1, 1, ny), dtype=np.complex64)
bartop = BartNoir(grid, ncoils, pattern)

setting = rp.solvers.HilbertSpaceSetting(op=bartop, Hdomain=rp.hilbert.L2, H

init = bartop.domain.zeros()
init_density, init_coils = bartop.domain.split(init)
init_density[...] = 1

reco, reco_data = IrgnmCG(
    setting, data=data / setting.Hcodomain.norm(data) * 100,
    init=init,
    regpar=1, regpar_step=1/2, cgstop=5
).run(
    rp.stoprules.CountIterations(max_iterations=11)
)
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In [3]:
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bart_reference = cfl.readcfl(datafile + '_bartref').T.squeeze()
plotreco(reco_postproc, bart_reference)
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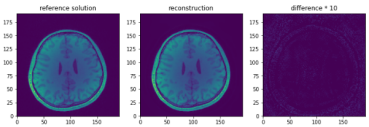

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domain = NgsSpace(ngs.H1(ngs.Mesh(geo.GenerateMesh(maxh=0.4)), order=1))
codomain = NgsSpace(ngs.H1(ngs.Mesh(geo.GenerateMesh(maxh=0.1)), order=1, di

cfu_exact_solution = 1 + ngs.x
exact_solution = domain.from_ngs(cfu_exact_solution)

op = Coefficient(
    domain=domain, codomain=codomain,
    rhs=10 * ngs.sin(ngs.x) * ngs.sin(ngs.y),
    bc_left=0, bc_right=0, bc_bottom=0, bc_top=0,
    diffusion=False, reaction=True
)

noise = noiselevel * np.random.randn(codomain.fes.ndof)
data = op(exact_solution) + noise
plotmeshes(codomain, data=codomain.to_ngs(data))['data']
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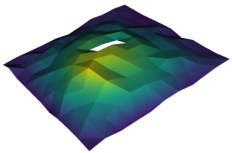

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setting = HilbertSpaceSetting(op=op, Hdomain=L2, Hcodomain=L2)
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Interaction platform LiveDoc

where CRC-software/data comes together

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Two key components:

Component 1: `Data catalogue`

Relevant data shall be organized through a unified interface that gives

- access to shared and public domain data for CRC members
- access to public domain data for everyone
- especially access to all CRC-related data sets

The `data catalogue` is not the storage, but rather the database (+ interface).

Our current implementation:
We use the CRC1456 `dataverse` of `gro.data`[4] as the catalogue where data can be stored or links to other data repositories are stored.

[4] `https://data.goettingen-research-online.de/dataverse/crc1456`

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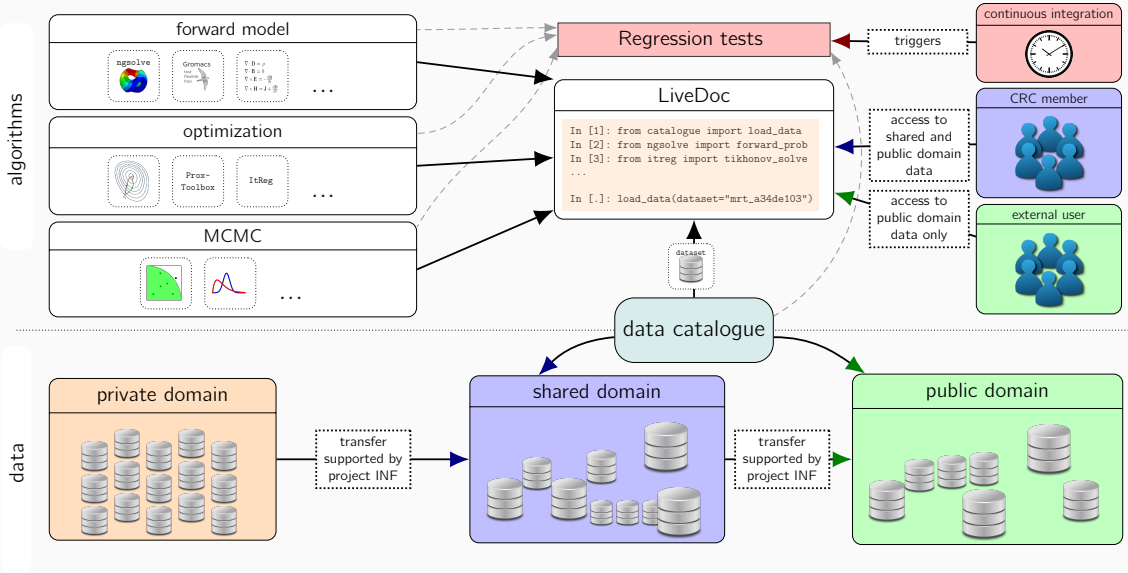
Schematic of the LiveDoc/Data catalogue



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