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Generative Adversarial Networks for X-Ray Computed Tomography

Questions guiding our research

What is X-Ray Computed Tomography (XCT)?

 It is a widely used, non-destructive imaging technique that produces cross-sectional images of bodies sensitive to X-Ray.

How does it work?

• It relies on exhaustive sampling of the attenuation properties of the scanned material and advanced reconstruction processes.

What are some known limitations?

 The acquisition can be toxic for humans or limiting for exotic geometries, as intense X-Ray exposure can lead to cancers during in-vivo diagnosis and experiments chambers have a fixed size that might limit the information gathering process for certain objects.

How do we intend to tackle the problem?

• In the cases of routine diagnosis, prior knowledge about the scanned object is often known. We have decided to make use of this information to generate data instead of sampling it.

What are our tools?

 We use Generative Adversarial Neural Networks (GAN), adapted to the case of image inpainting with edge information.

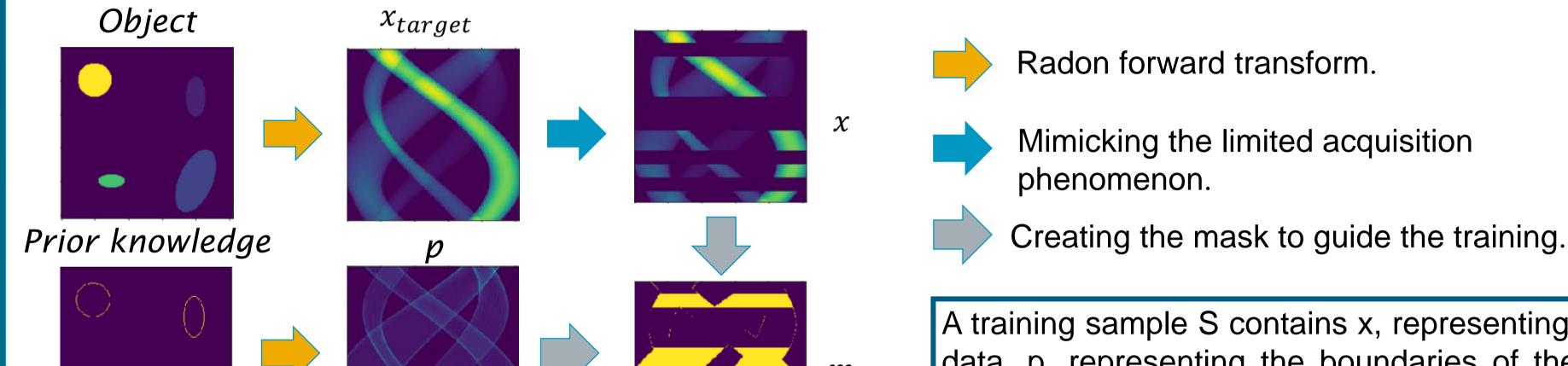
What would this research benefit to?

• Scanning large items, such as plane wings, reducing the toxicity of medical imaging and easing reverse engineering processes.

What is the future of this work?

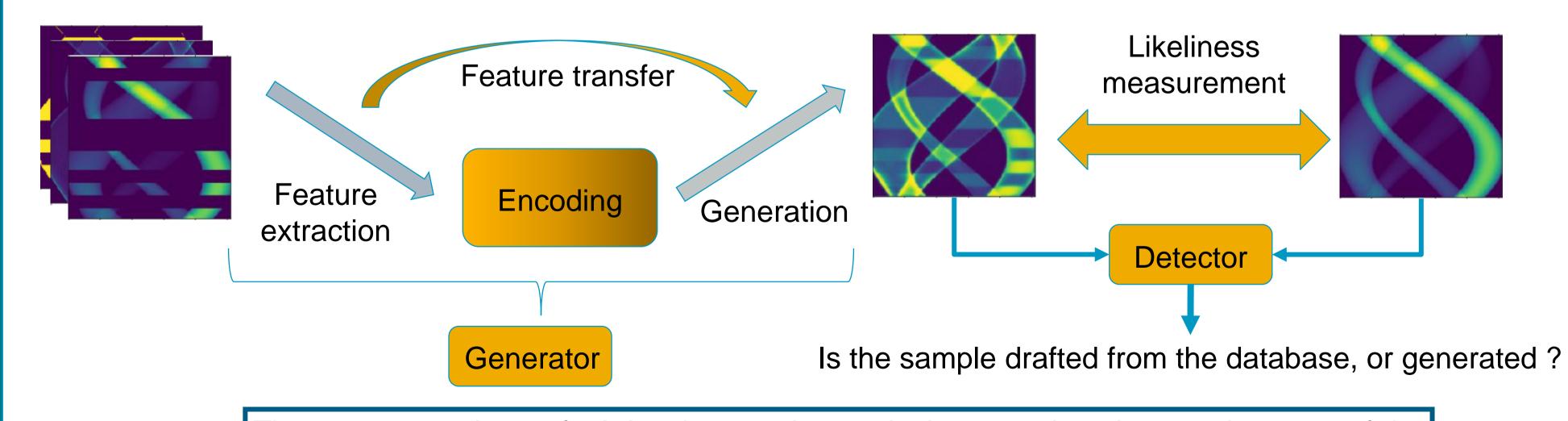
• The improvement of the database through better design and new acquisitions and development of a XCT-specific optimisation problem when the prior knowledge does not match the real acquisitions.

A data driven method – Database design



A training sample S contains x, representing, the scarce data, p, representing the boundaries of the shapes to reconstruct and m, the mask to guide the network towards areas of interest.

The architecture of the generative process



The generator tries to fool the detector by producing samples close to the ones of the database, guided by the direct measurement of what a given sinogram should look like.

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