



Chemical Species Tomography of Carbon Dioxide

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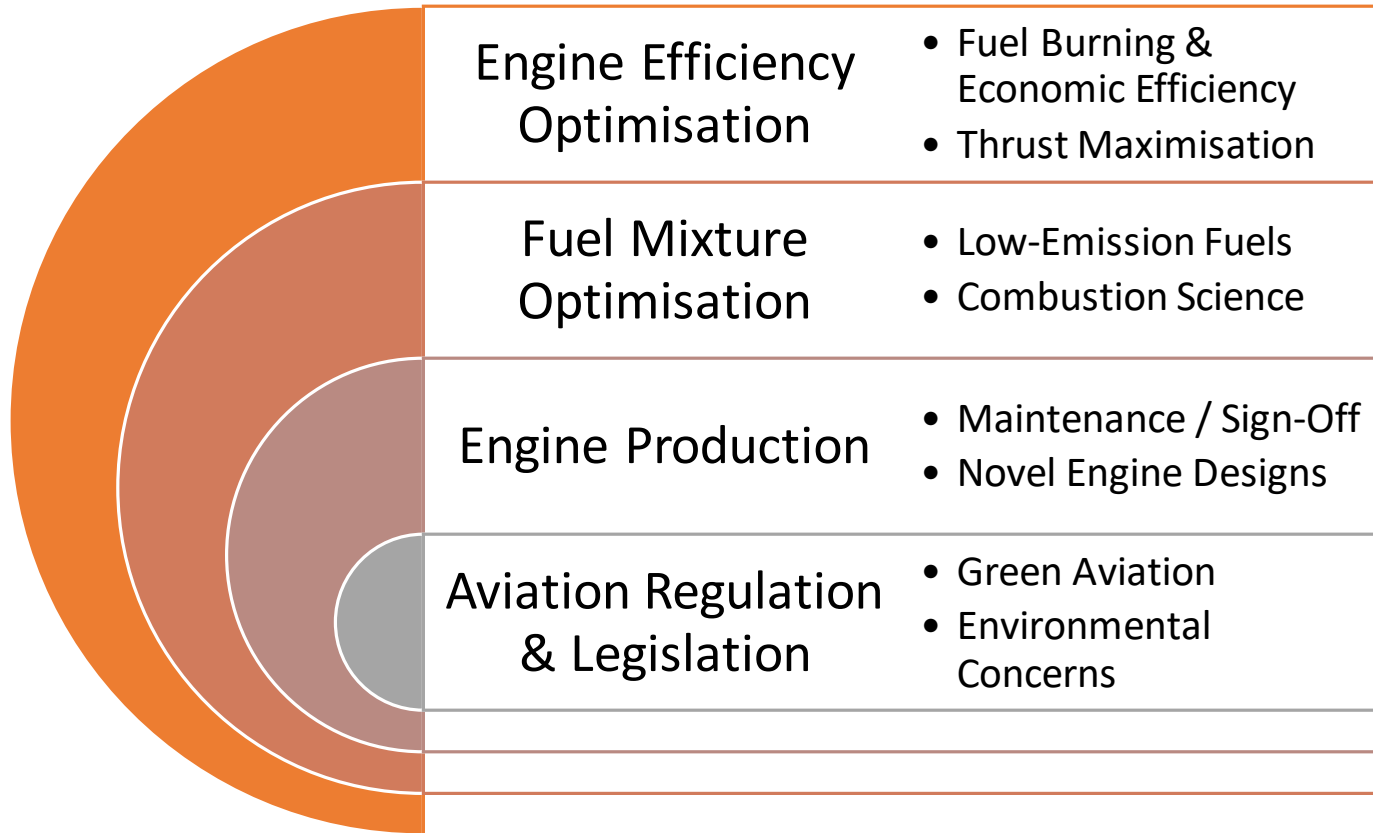
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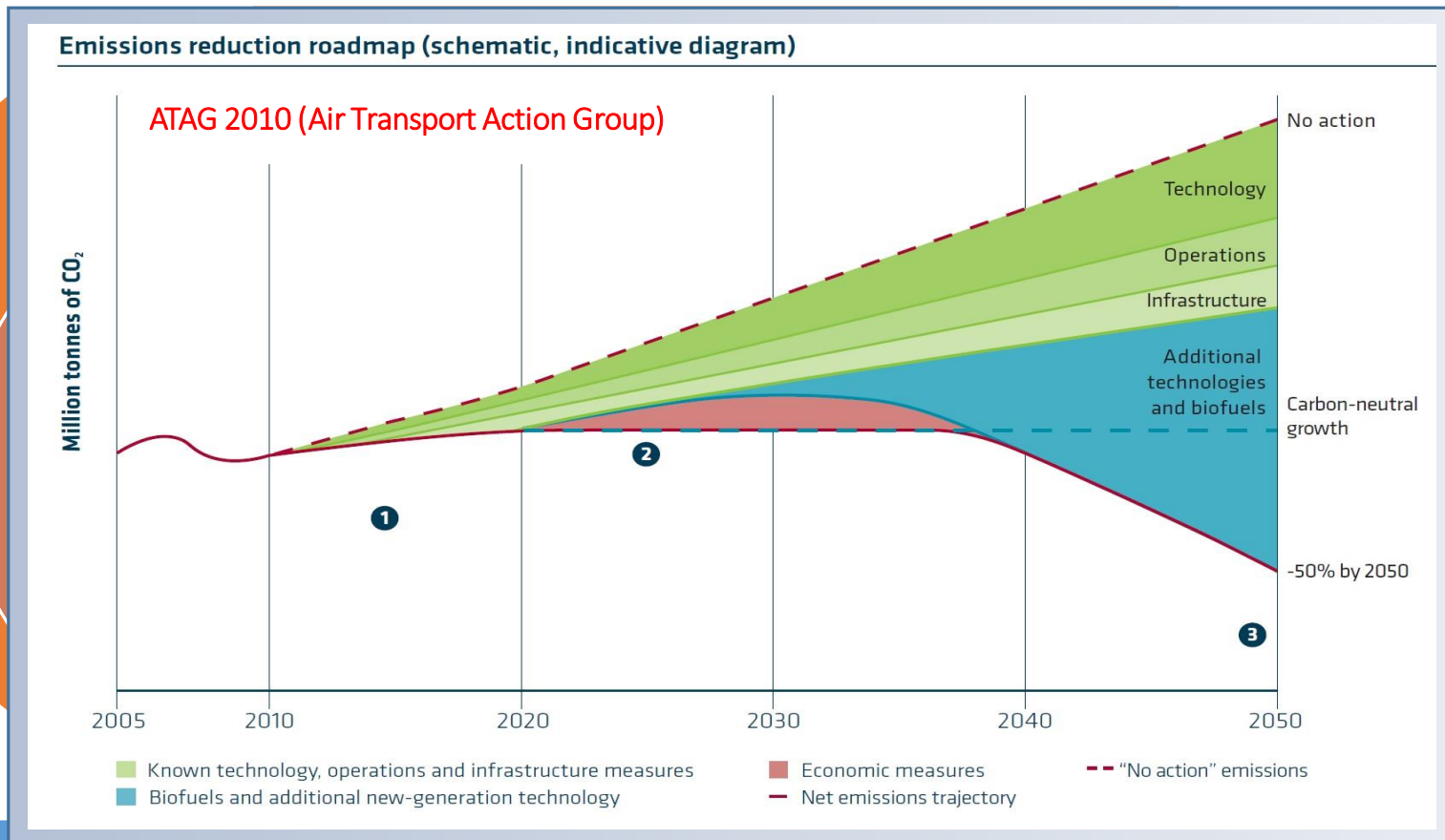
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Aims for Future Commercial Aviation



...By opening up exhaust plume chemistry as a window on engine and fuel performance

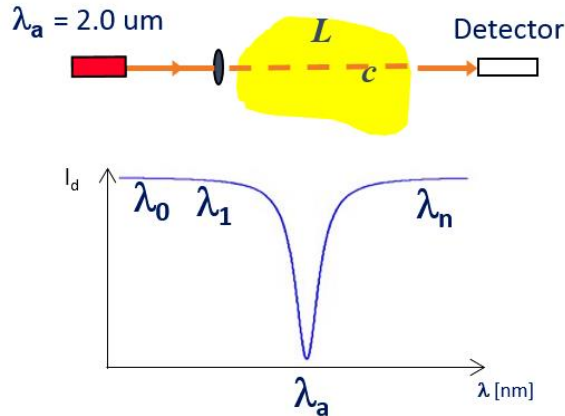
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Detecting CO₂ and other Exhaust Gas Species

Beer-Lambert Law



Path concentration integral:

$$I_d = I_0 \cdot e^{-\alpha CL}$$

- The absorption of a chemical species is given by its vibration-rotation spectrum.
- The absorption is proportional to the path length L and concentration C

$$\alpha_\nu = -\ln\left(\frac{I_t}{I_0}\right)_\nu = \int_l P(l) X(l) S[T(l)] \phi_\nu dl$$

- ν = optical frequency
- T = temperature
- l = path length
- S = transition line strength
- P = pressure
- Φ = line shape function
- X = mole fraction

Wavelength Modulation Spectroscopy:

Stewart G, Johnstone W, Bain J, Ruxton K, Duffin K (2011), Recovery of absolute gas absorption line shapes using tunable diode laser spectroscopy with wavelength modulation, *J Lightwave Technol*, 29, 6

2f/1f normalisation scheme:

Rieker G, Jeffries J, Hanson R (2009), Calibration-free wavelength-modulation spectroscopy for measurements of gas temperature and concentration in harsh environments, *Appl Optics*, 48, 29

Aims of phantom tests

Prior to engine test cell installation:

- Verify correct operation of all electronic, mechanical and optical subsystems
- Test signal recovery, spectroscopic fitting and image reconstruction algorithms
- ✓ **Emulate a jet engine exhaust using tomography test phantoms**



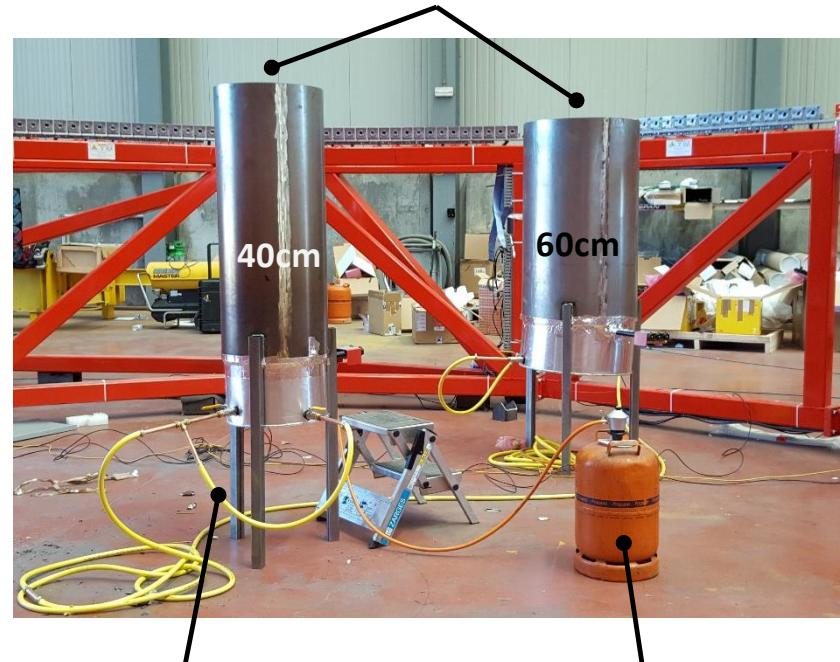
CO₂ phantoms

- Synthetically introduce a deterministic CO₂ concentration distribution

Annular propane burner



Exhausts: quasi-homogeneous circular CO₂ distribution



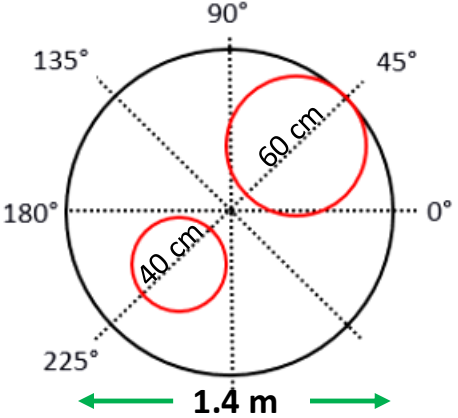
Aux CO₂ gas line

Propane tank

- Achieved output of 6% CO₂ at 250 °C (verified with point probe)

CO₂ phantom experimental matrix

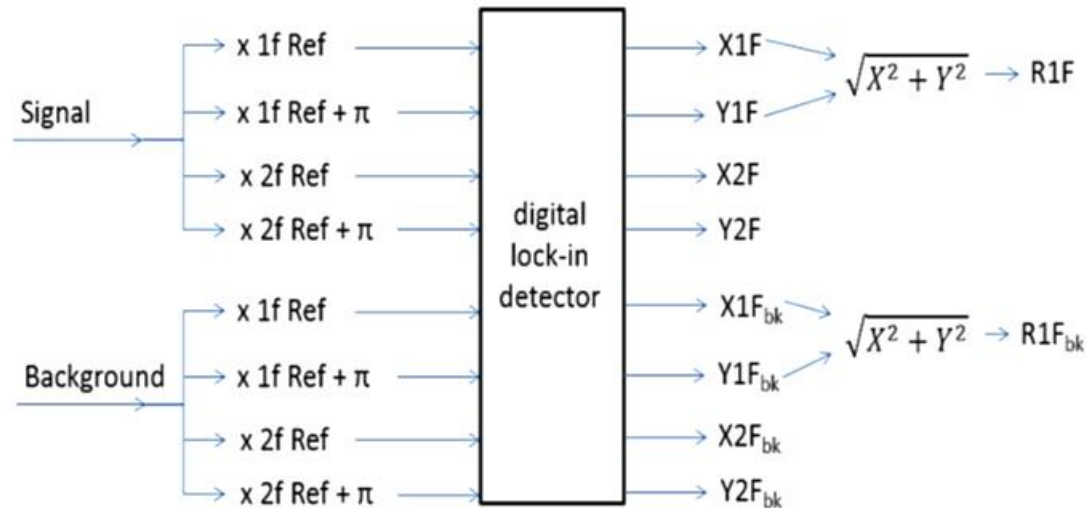
- Systematically test the tomography system
- 8 experimental conditions

Dataset	Description	Imaging space
1	40 cm phantom at centre of imaging space	
2	60 cm phantom -//-	
3	40 cm phantom at 0°	
4	40 cm phantom at 45°	
5	40 cm phantom at 90°	
6	40 cm phantom at 135°	
7	40 cm phantom at 180°	
8	<u>Dual phantom (see diagram on the right):</u> 60 cm phantom at 45°, edge of imaging space 40 cm phantom at 225°, 20 cm separation	

- Exposed all sampling beams to the CO₂ plume for a thorough system test

Data acquisition and analysis

- Captured Background (CO₂ off) and Signal data (CO₂ on) for 10 s and averaged
- Lock-in detector demodulated the fundamental (1f) and 1st harmonic (2f) signals

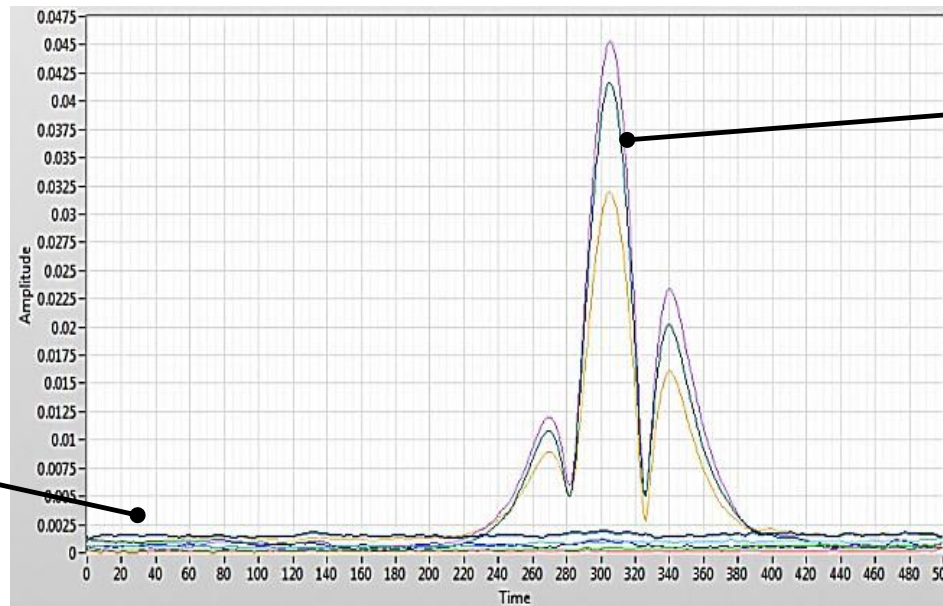


- Computed the 1f normalised 2f signal:

$$2f/1f = \sqrt{\left[\left(\frac{X2f}{R1f}\right) - \left(\frac{X2f_{bk}}{R1f_{bk}}\right)\right]^2 + \left[\left(\frac{Y2f}{R1f}\right) - \left(\frac{Y2f_{bk}}{R1f_{bk}}\right)\right]^2}$$

Example of processed signal

- 2f/1f signal for Wavelength-Modulation Spectroscopy
- Compensated for background CO₂



Background of beams
outside of CO₂ plume

3 beams crossing
the CO₂ plume
(Dataset 1)

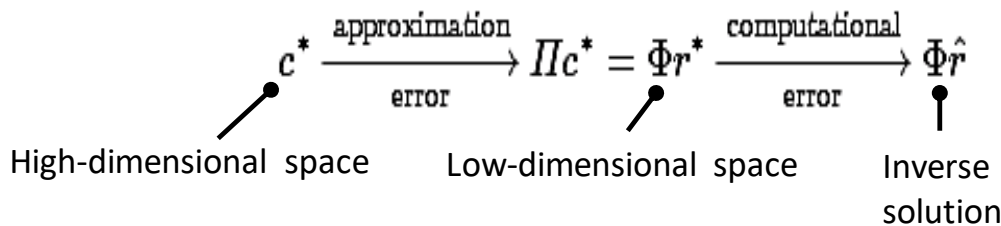
- Highly sufficient SNR achieved
- 2f/1f signal then fitted to spectroscopy databases to yield CO₂ concentration

Image reconstruction

➤ Two reconstruction algorithms developed and used

1) Smoothness-imposing algorithm

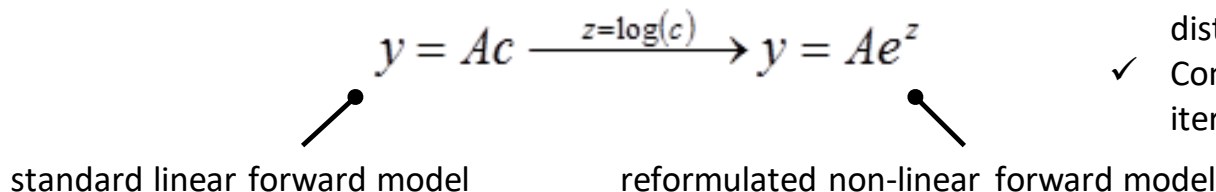
- Projects highly detailed version of image space onto a lower detail image subspace
- Solve inverse problem numerically using Tikhonov regularisation



- ✓ Feature smoothing
- ✓ Computationally efficient
- ✓ 1-step solution (non-iterative)

2) Positivity-imposing algorithm

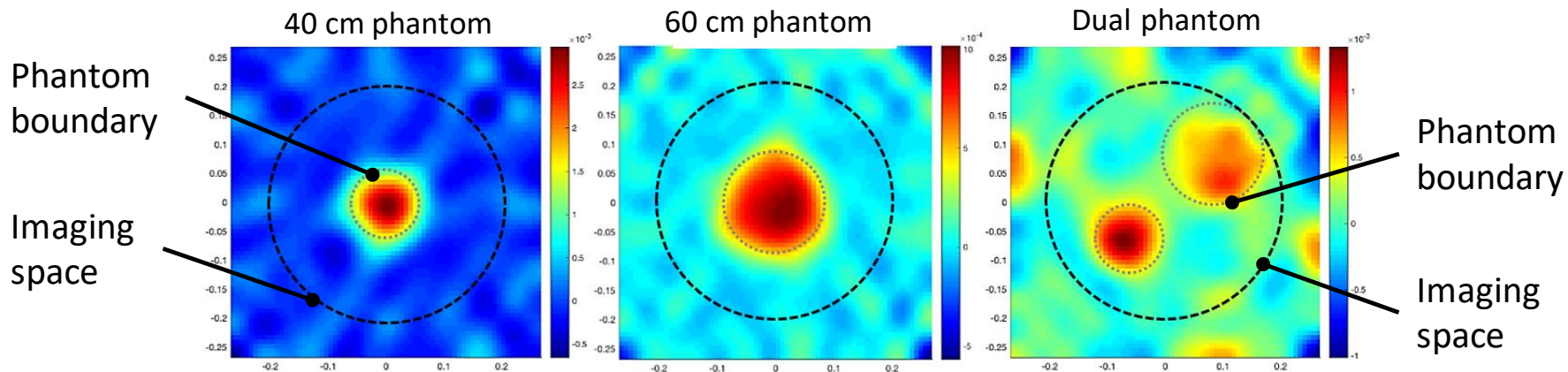
- Reformulate the forward problem to preclude negative solutions
- Project to lower detail image subspace
- Linearise around a point and compute solution iteratively



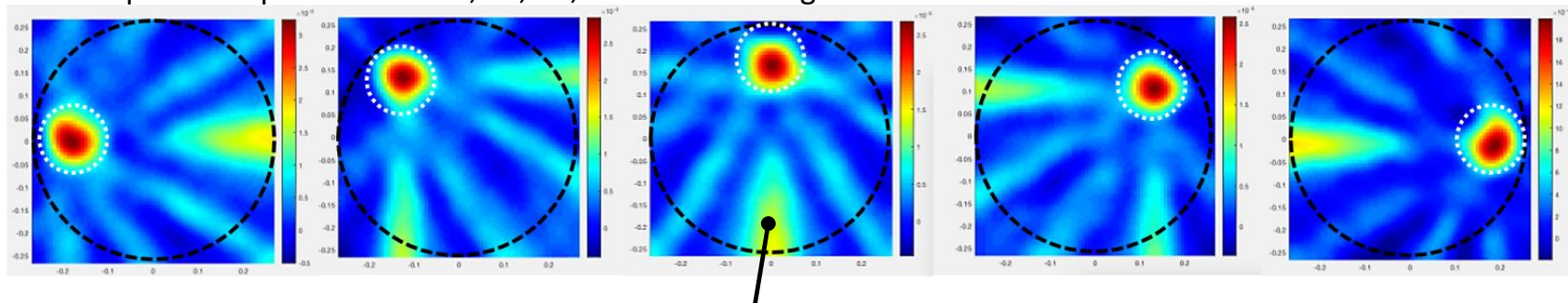
- ✓ Ideal for sparse concentration distributions
- ✓ Computationally efficient, 8 iterations typically needed

Preliminary results

➤ Smoothness-imposing algorithm



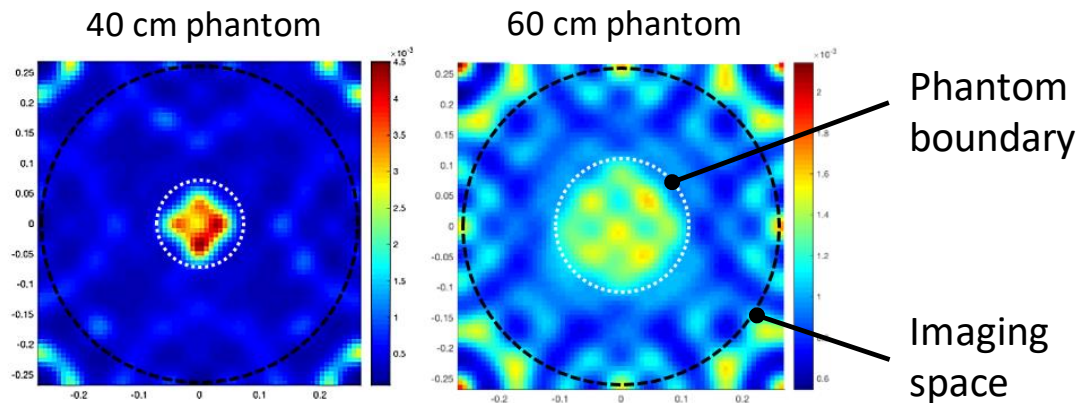
40 cm phantom positioned at 0, 45, 90, 135 and 180 degrees



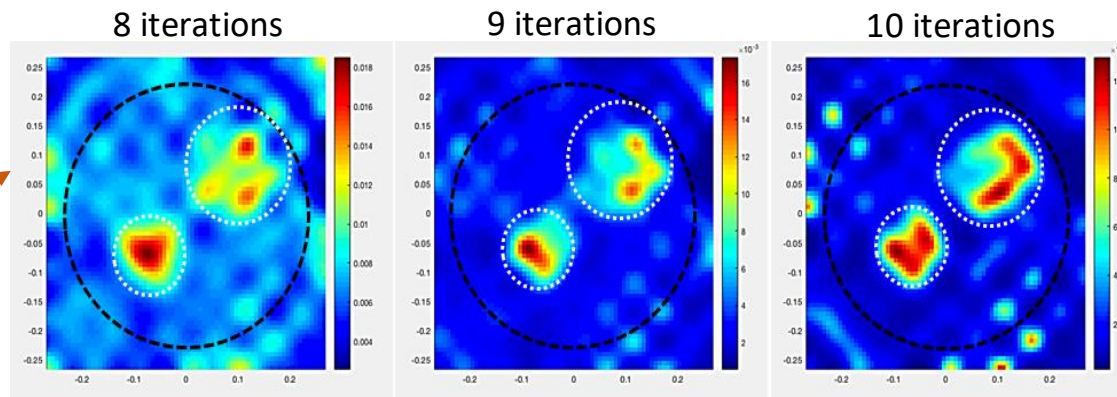
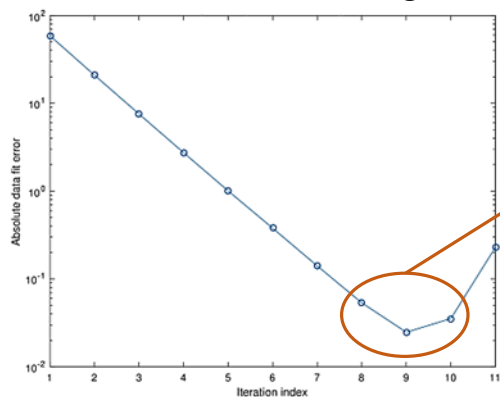
streak artefact

Preliminary results

➤ Positivity-imposing algorithm



Dual phantom reconstruction convergence



Conclusions

- ✓ Presented the first results from the FLITES project, tomographically imaging CO₂
- ✓ Verified the reconstruction algorithms with experimental data
- ✓ Demonstrated the robustness of 1f-normalised Wavelength Modulation Spectroscopy
- ✓ Reconstructed images show excellent localisation of features
 - We are optimising the subspace basis functions to reduce common artefacts
 - and also enhancing the spectroscopic fitting to achieve near-zero background
- ✓ Verified correct operation of all front-end installed instrumentation subsystems

- Next planned stage is to gather data behind the jet engine

