

# From variational exit wave reconstruction to deep unfolding

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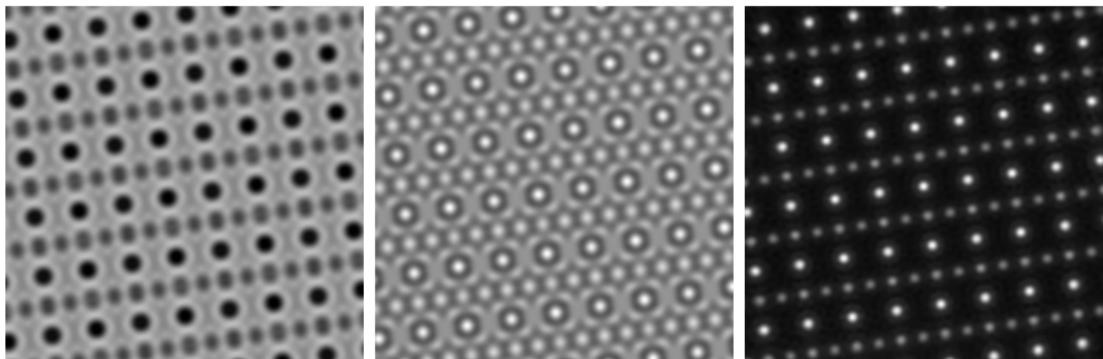


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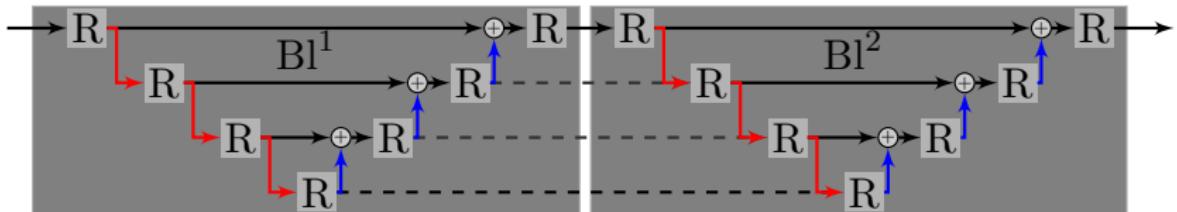
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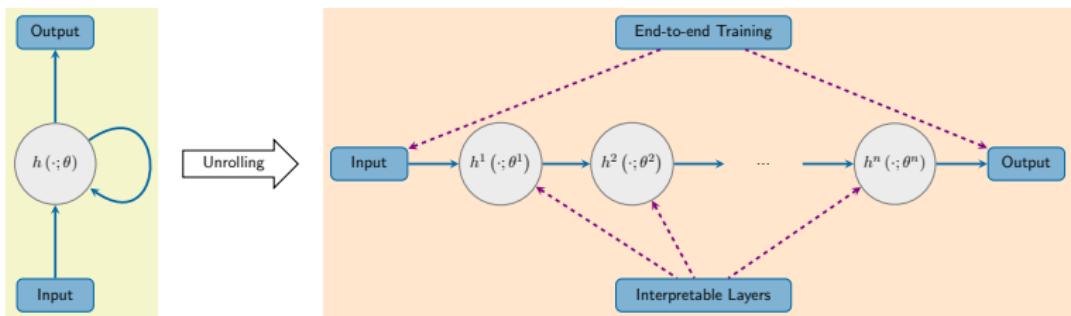
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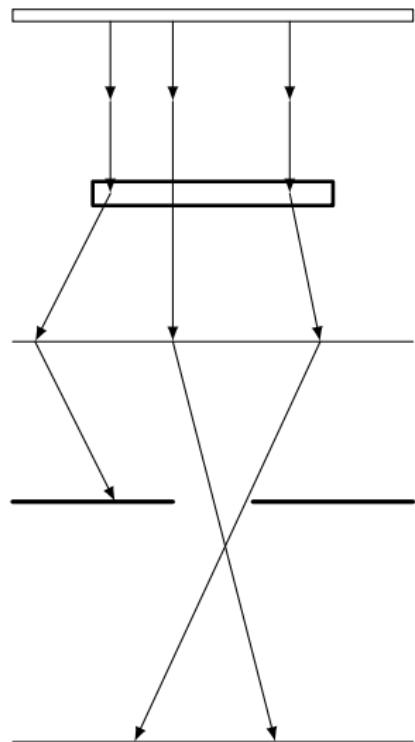


# Joint exit wave reconstruction and image registration

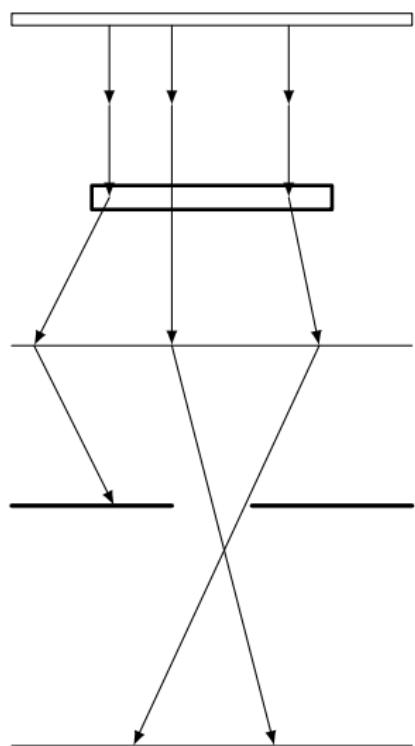
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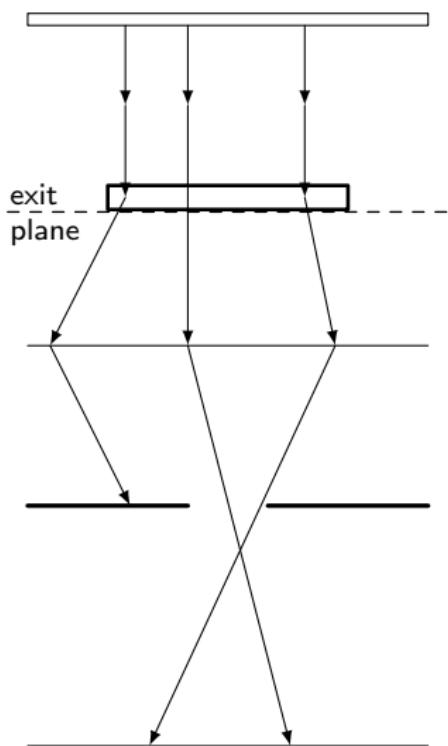


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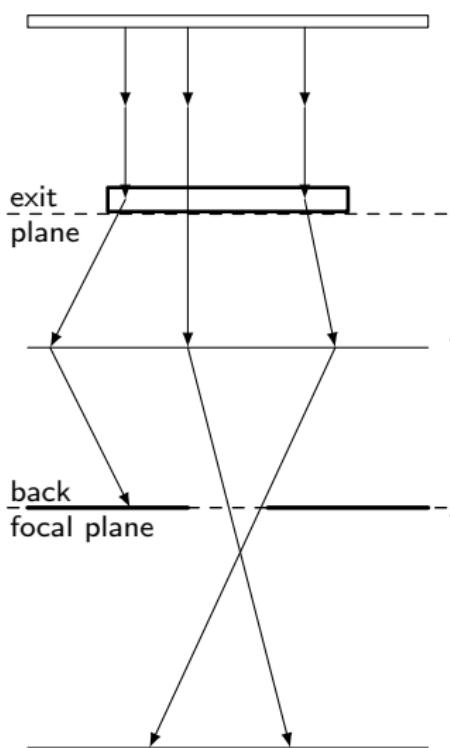
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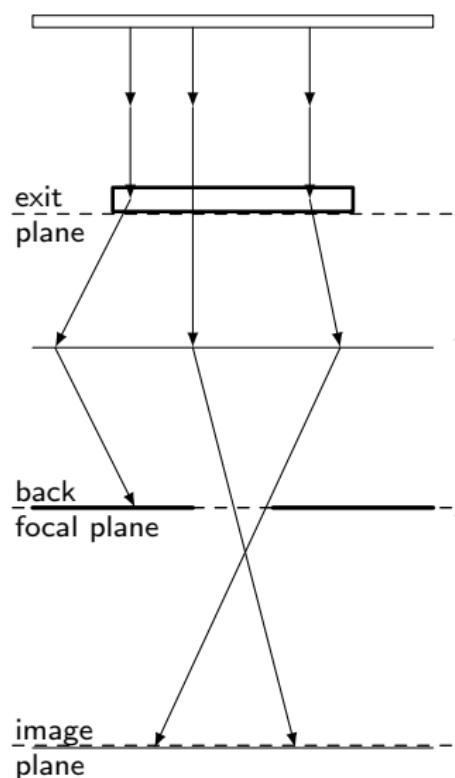


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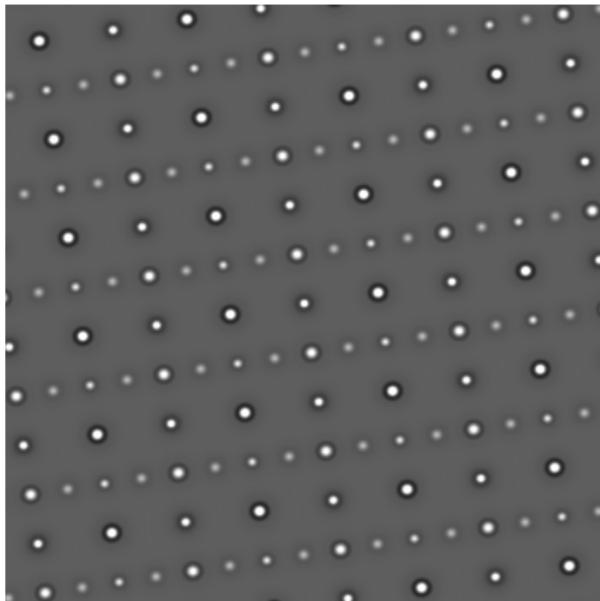
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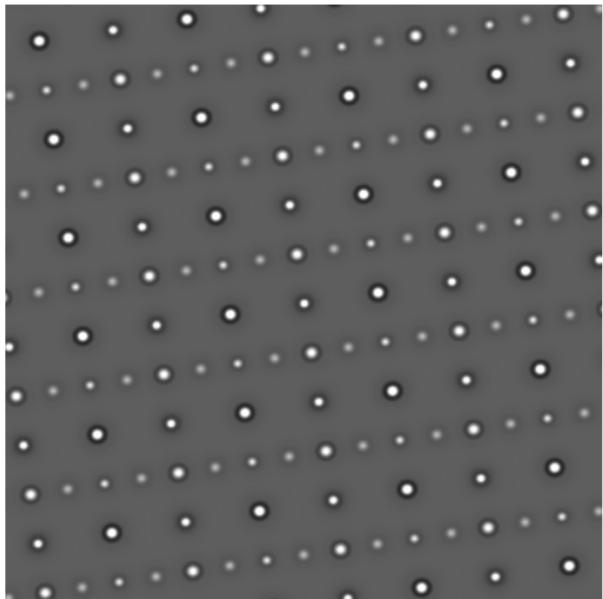
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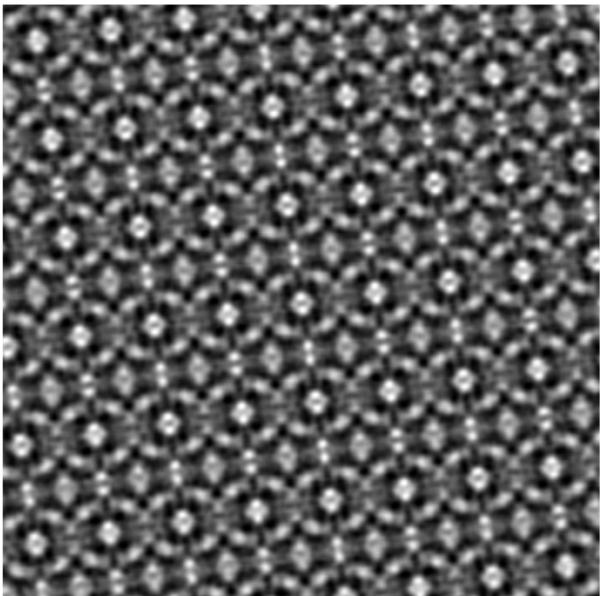
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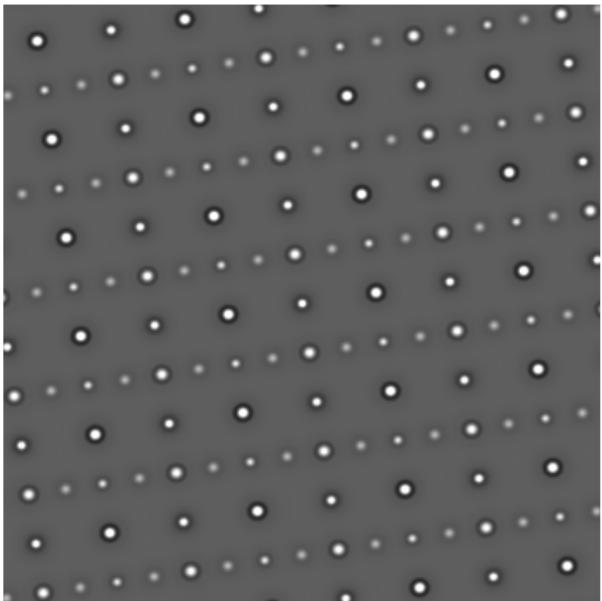
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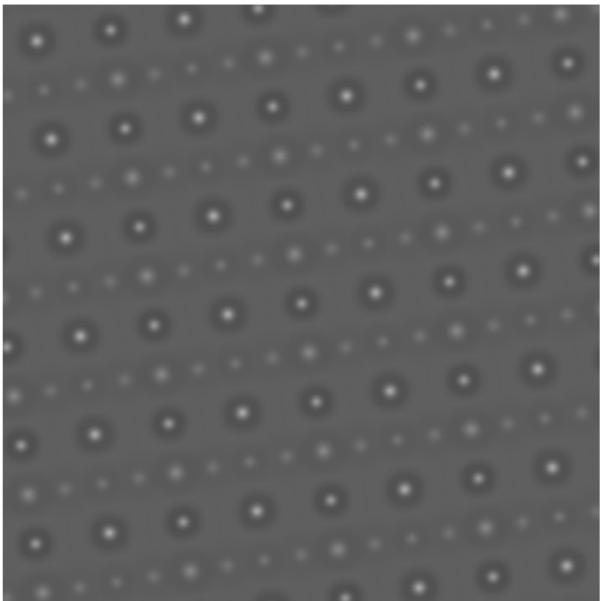
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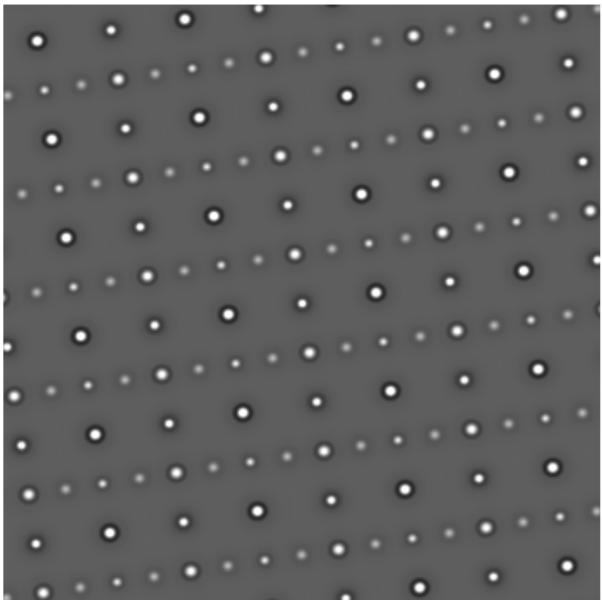
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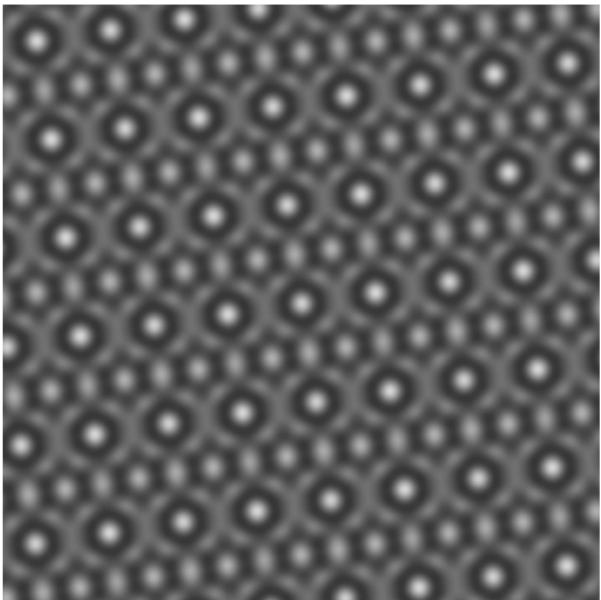
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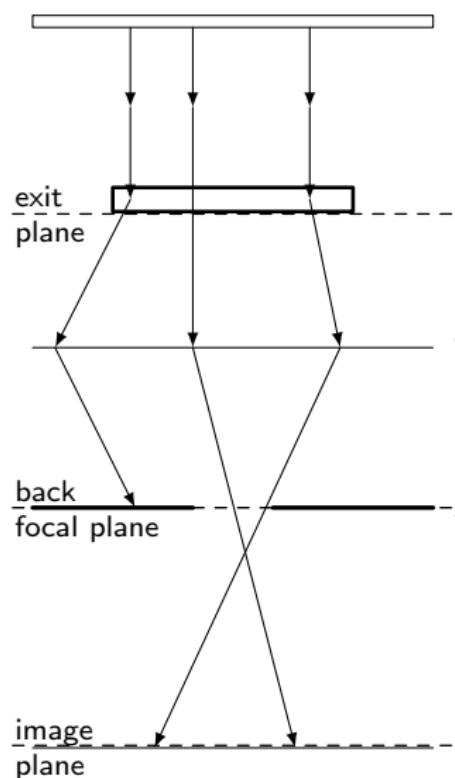
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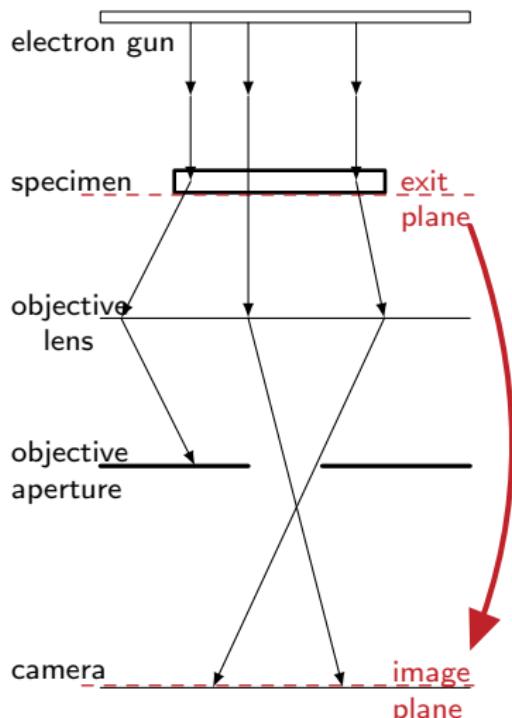
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**Question:** How can we determine the exit wave?

# The forward model: exit wave → TEM image



TEM image formation [Kirkland '10]:

$$(\mathcal{F}g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \overline{\Psi(y)} \Psi(x + y) T(x + y, y) dy$$

$g$  : real space TEM image  
 $g \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0})$

$\Psi$  : Fourier space exit wave  
 $\Psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{C})$

$T$  : the microscope's transmission cross-coefficient (TCC)  
 $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

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Reduction to the ordinary cross-correlation:

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- Functions that can be uniformly approximated by  $\star$ -separable weights:

$$W^+(U) := \left\{ w \in W(U) \mid \forall N \in \mathbb{N} \exists w_N \in W(U) \text{ } \star\text{-separable:} \right. \\ \left. \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|w - w_N\|_\infty = 0 \right\}.$$

I.  $w \in W^+(U)$  for  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  bounded

- $\overline{w(x,y)} = w(y,x)$  for all  $x, y \in U$ .
- $\mathcal{F}^{-1}(f \star_w f)$  is real-valued and nonnegative for all  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C})$ .
- The functional

$$F : L^2(U, \mathbb{C}) \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (f, t) \mapsto \|f \star_w f - \mu_t c\|_{L^2}^2$$

is weakly lower semi-continuous for all  $c \in L^2(U, \mathbb{C})$ , where  
 $\mu_t : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x \mapsto \exp(2\pi i x \cdot t)$ .

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■ Assume that  $w$  additionally satisfies II. Then

$$\|f \star_w f\|_{L^2} = 0 \quad \iff \quad \|f\|_{L^2} = 0$$

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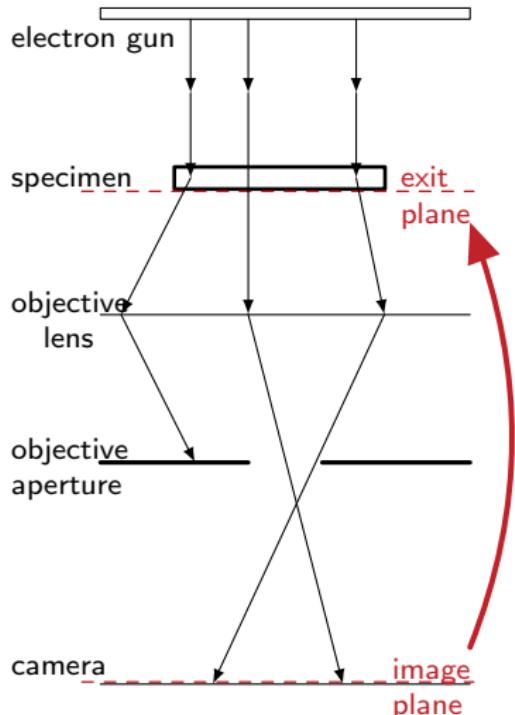
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In practice, the microscope's true TCC is unknown and approximations are used instead. The TCCs

- by Ishizuka [Ishizuka Ultramic. '80],
  - from the MAL algorithm [Coene, Thust, Op de Beeck, Van Dyck Ultramic. '96] and
  - from the quasi-coherent and coherent imaging approximations
- all satisfy the properties I – III above.

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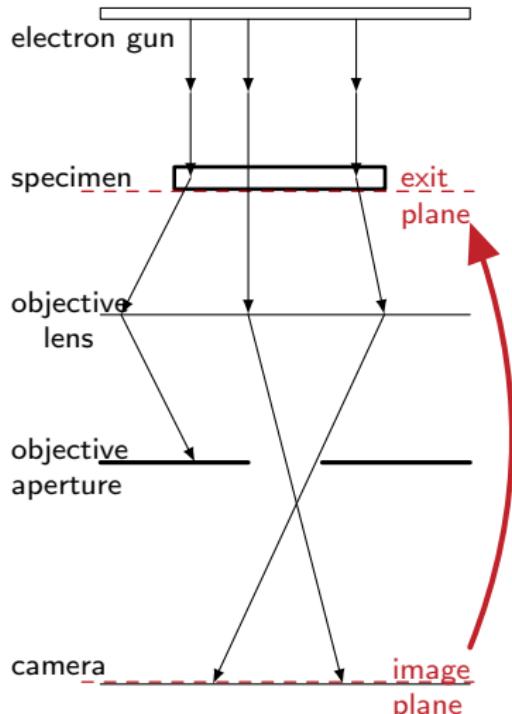
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- Joint reconstruction and registration: [Doberstein, B. Inverse Problems '19]

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- isotropic aberration function  $\chi_Z \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R})$

$$\chi_Z(v) := \frac{1}{2} Z \lambda \|v\|_2^2 + \frac{1}{4} C_s \lambda^3 \|v\|_2^4$$

with focus  $Z$ , electron wavelength  $\lambda$  and spherical aberration coeff.  $C_s$

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- isotropic aberration function  $\chi_Z \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R})$

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with focus  $Z$ , electron wavelength  $\lambda$  and spherical aberration coeff.  $C_s$

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$$a(v) := \begin{cases} 1 & \lambda \|v\|_2 < \alpha_{\max}, \\ 0 & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

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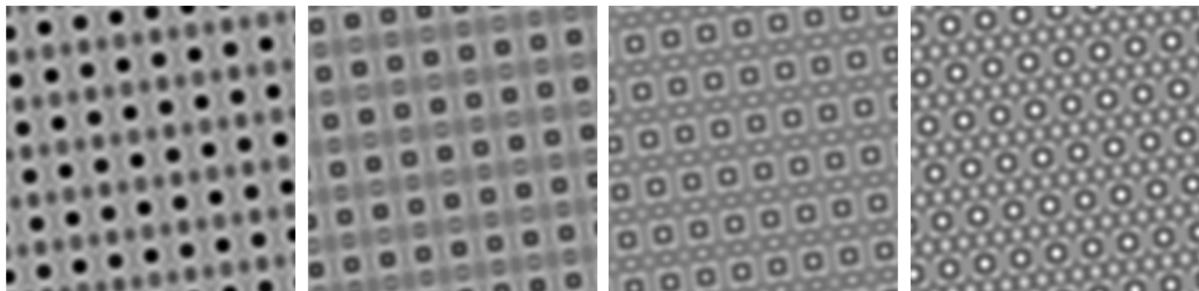
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Thus,  $\Psi \star_{T_Z} \Psi$  can be recast by exploiting axial symmetry as follows

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Input data

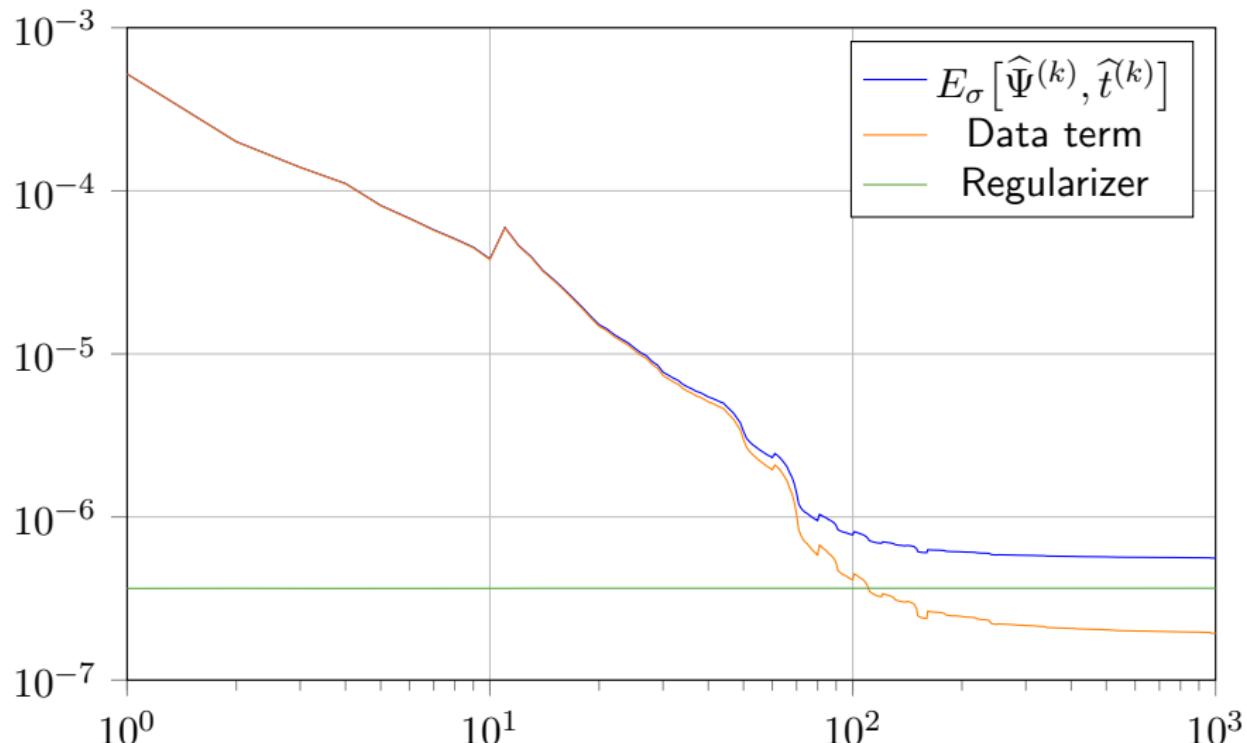


- $N = 10$  frames with varying focus, simulated with DrProbe
- $X = Y = 512$
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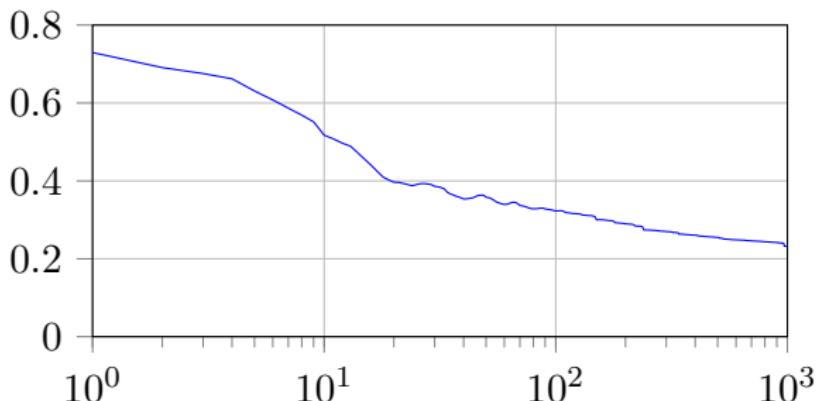
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- Initial guess: constant exit wave and a rough translation estimate

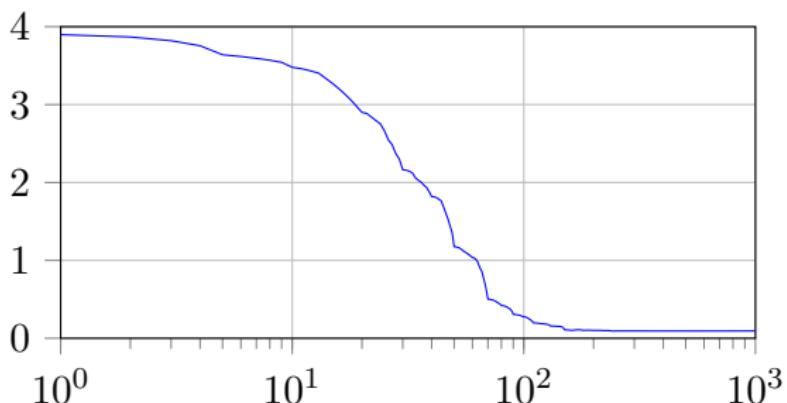
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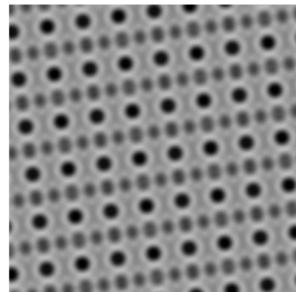


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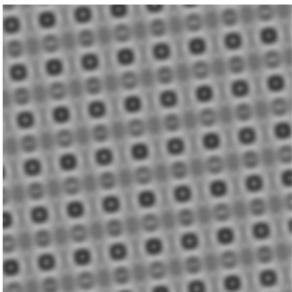
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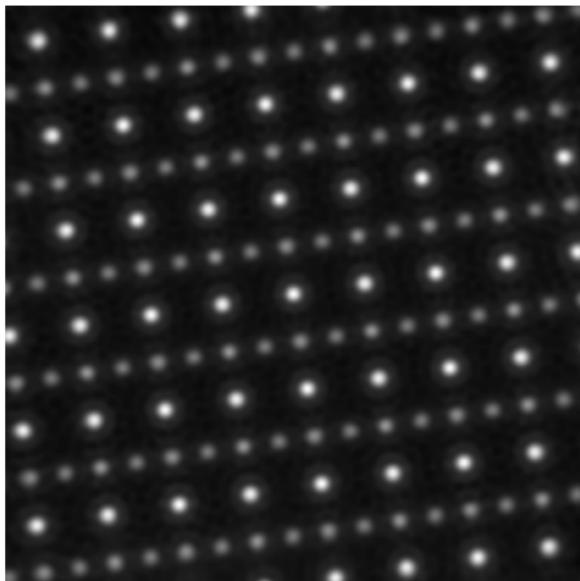
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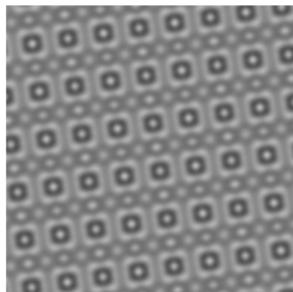
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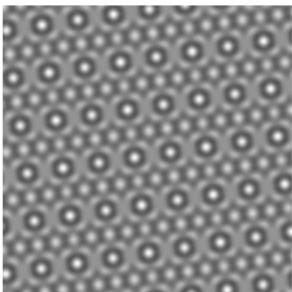
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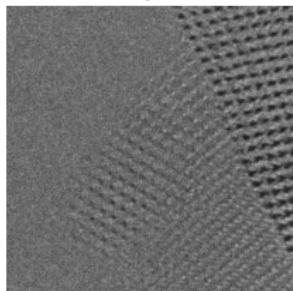
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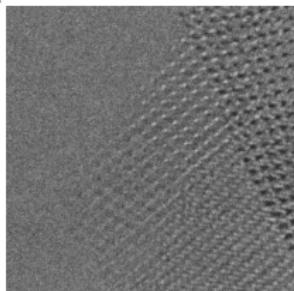
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# Preliminary results on real data

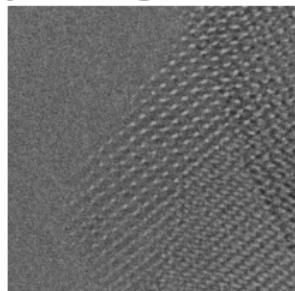
Input data (21 frames, courtesy of Angus Kirkland, Oxford)



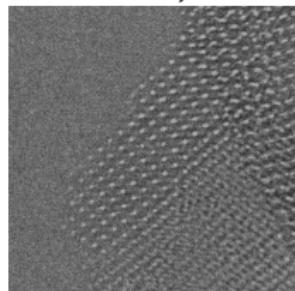
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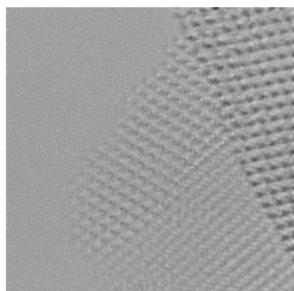


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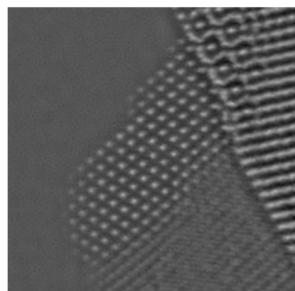


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# Total Deep Variation for noisy exit wave reconstruction in transmission electron microscopy

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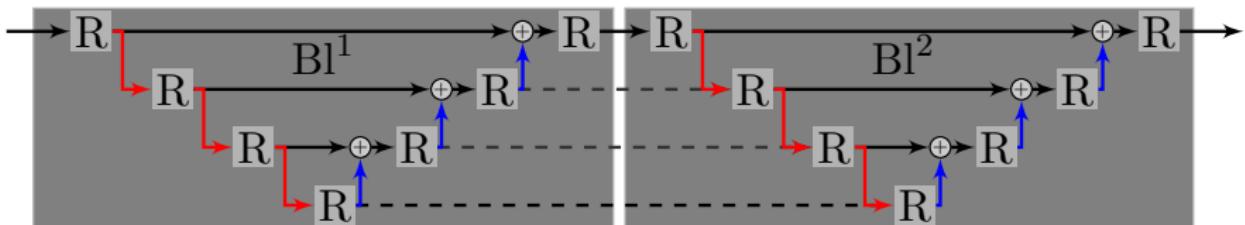
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  - $\mathcal{N} : \mathbb{R}^{md} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{md}$  sufficiently smooth multiscale convolutional neural network with compact support
  - $w \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times md}$  matrix representation of learned  $1 \times 1$  convolution kernels
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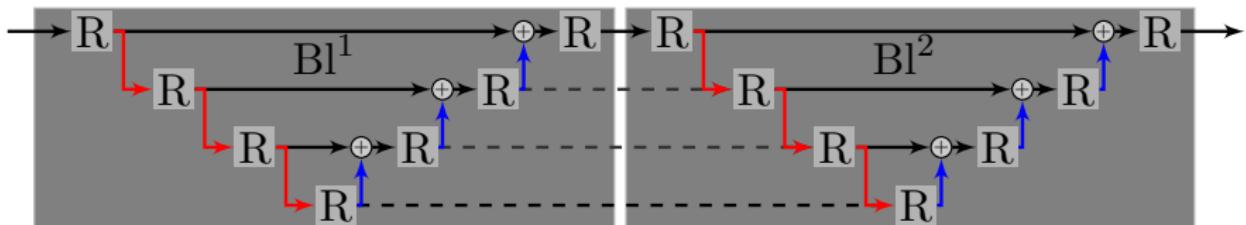


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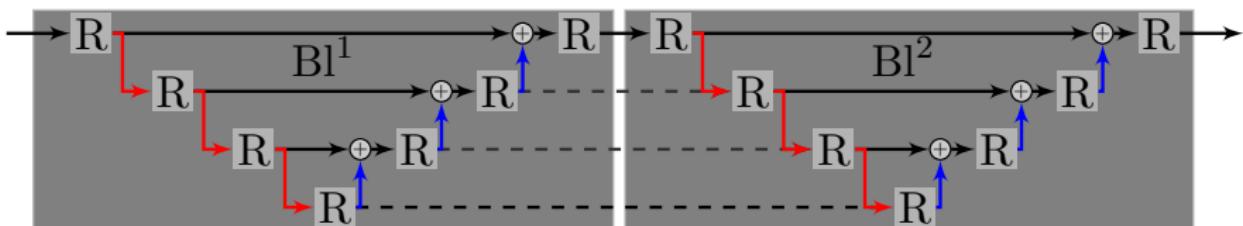
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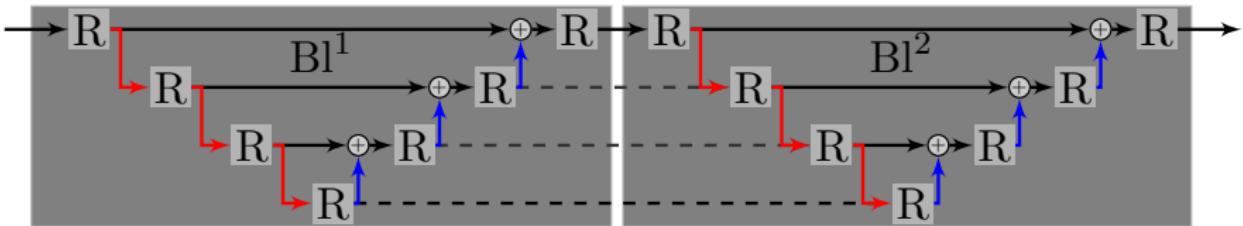
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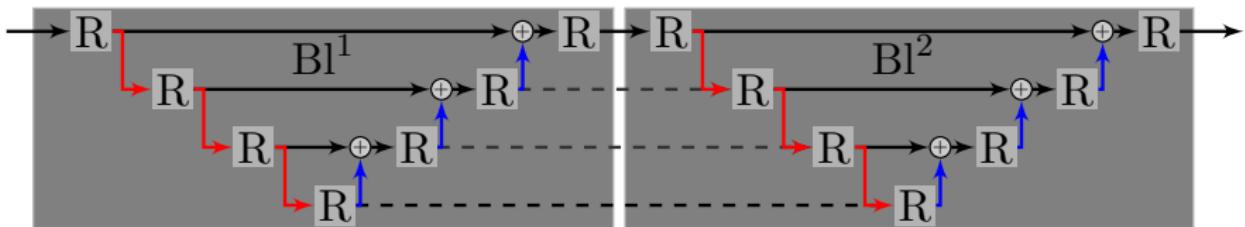
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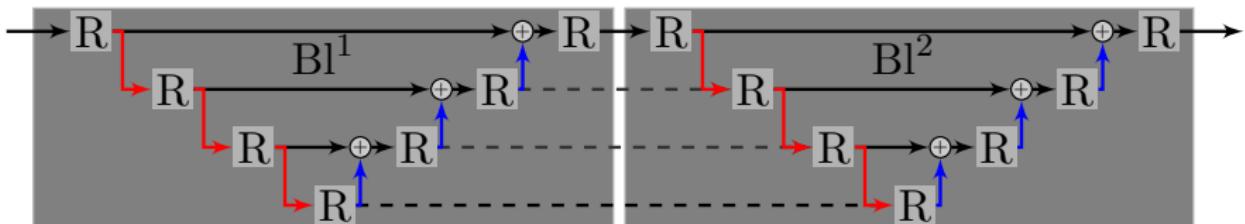
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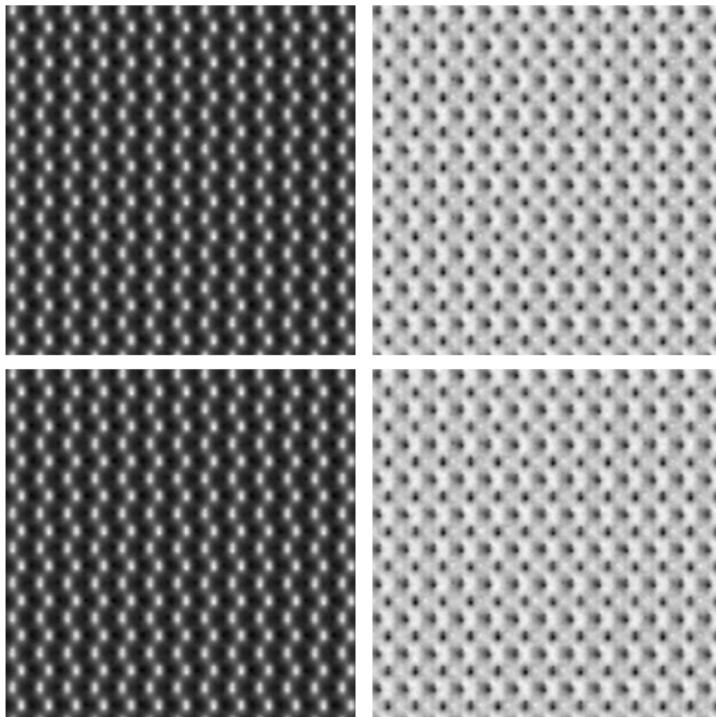
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initialization	1.27	1.27	1.27
MAL	0.01	0.83	0.66
DoBe19	0.01	0.82	0.65
TDV	0.01	0.42	0.46

Mean squared error for all considered noise types on validation data with 963 separate exit waves [Pinetz, Kobler, Doberstein, B., Effland SSVM'21].

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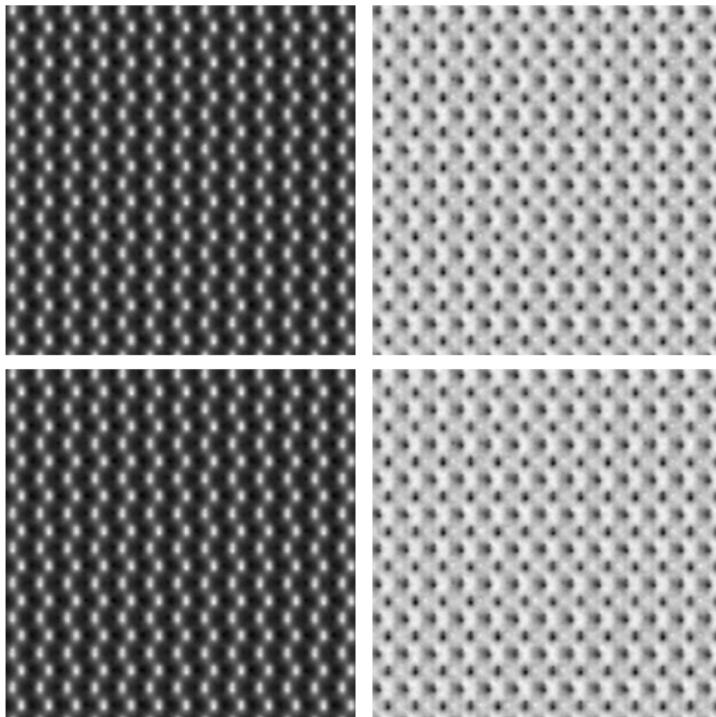
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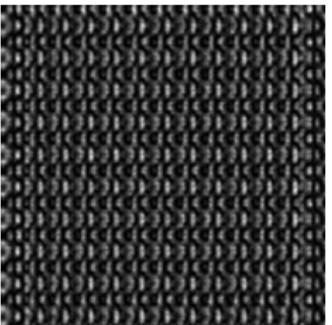
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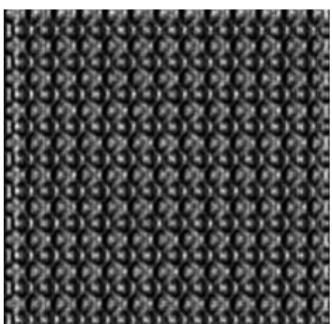
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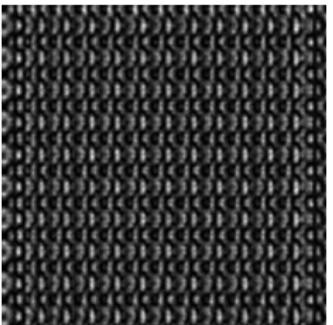
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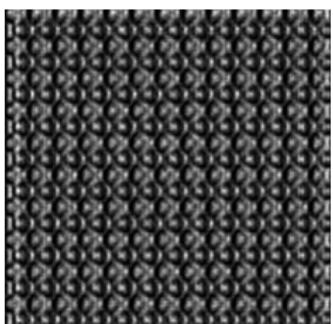
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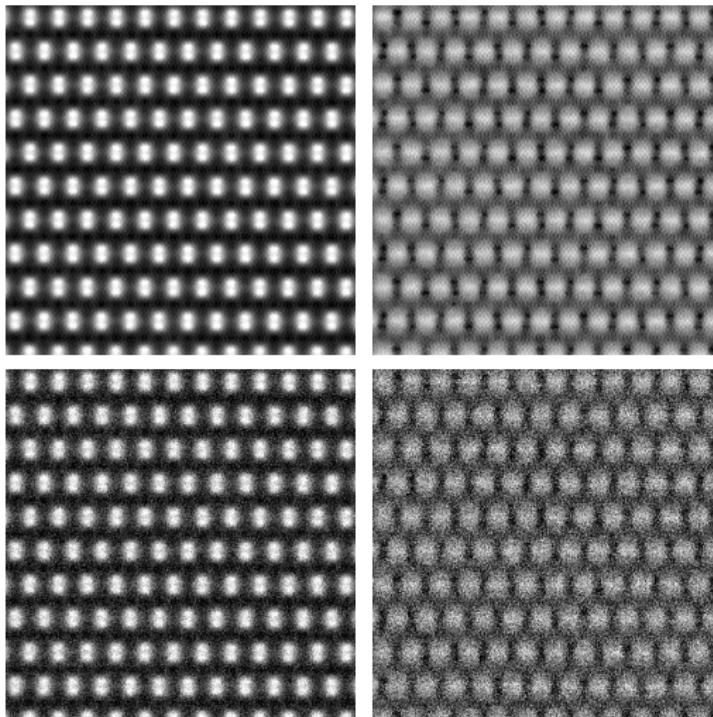
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reconstructed focal series  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}(\Psi^{\text{TDV}} \star_{T_{Z_j}} \Psi^{\text{TDV}})$

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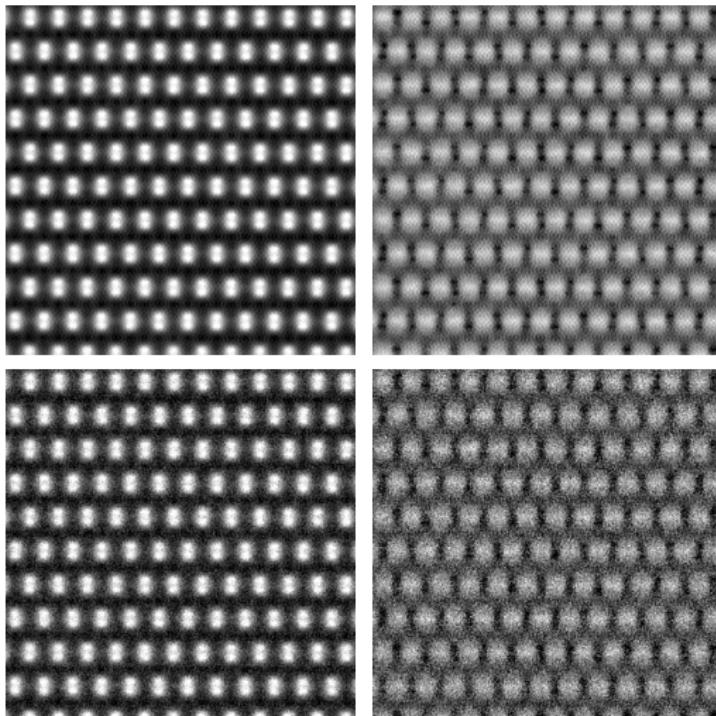
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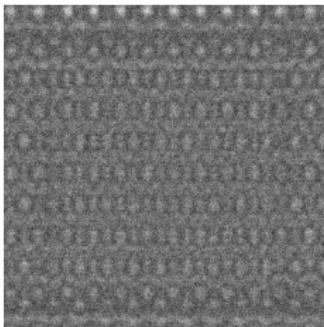
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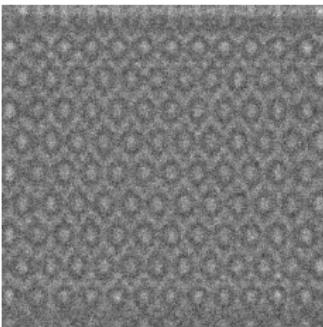
$\Psi^{TDV}$  (MSE: 0.24)

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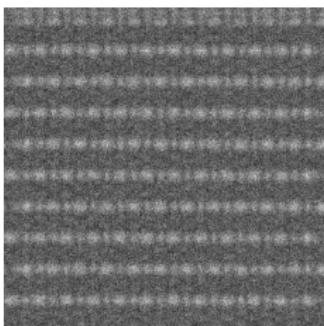
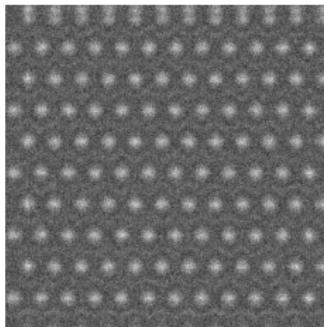
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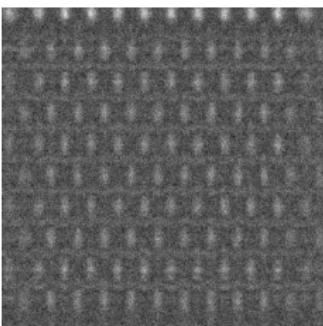
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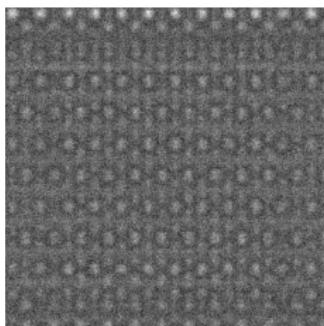
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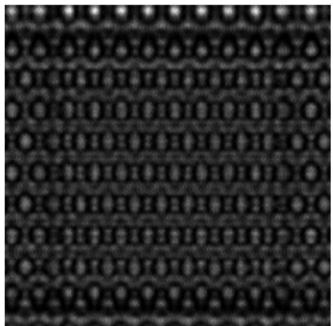


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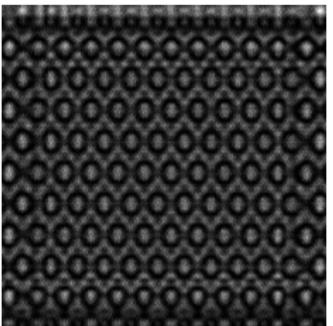
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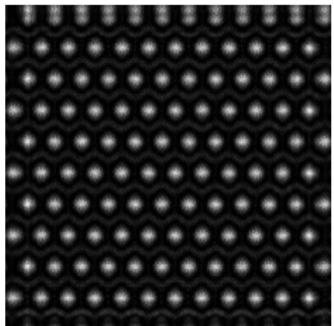
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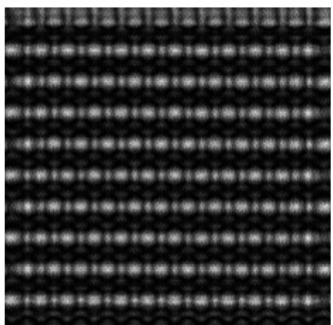
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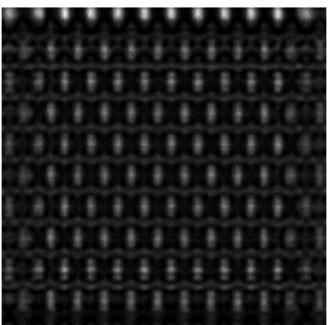
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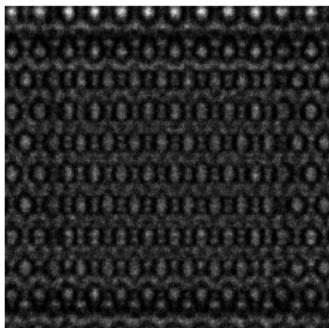
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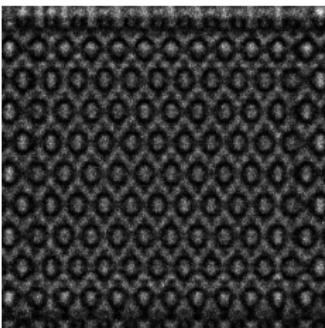
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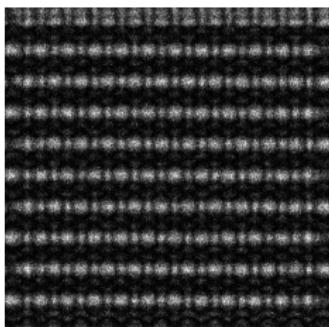
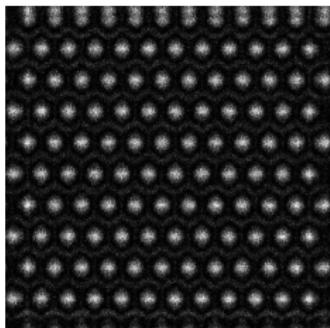
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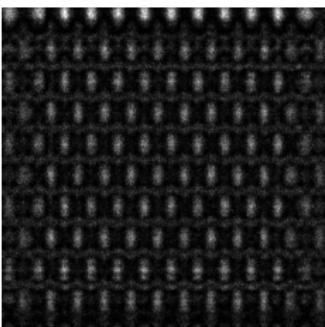
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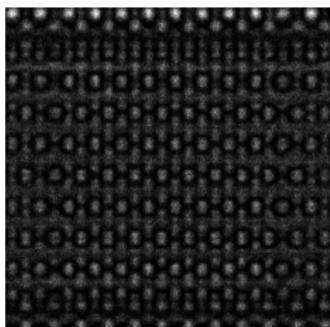
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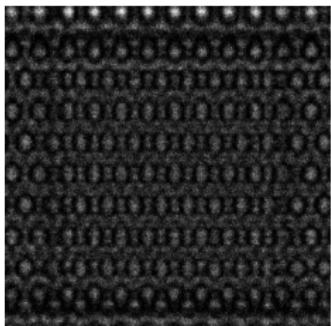


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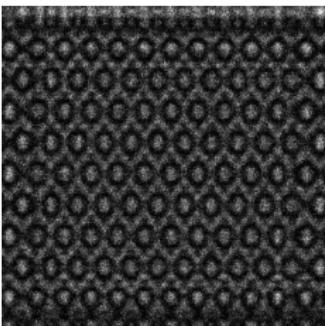
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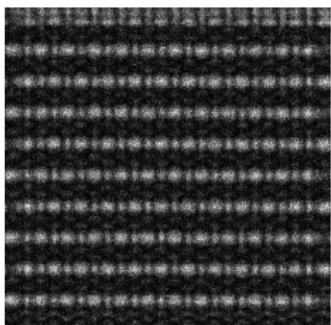
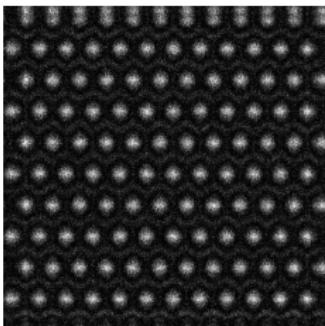
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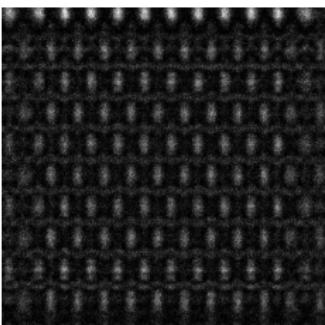
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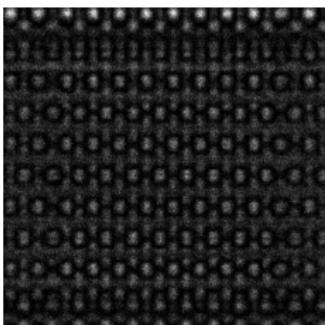
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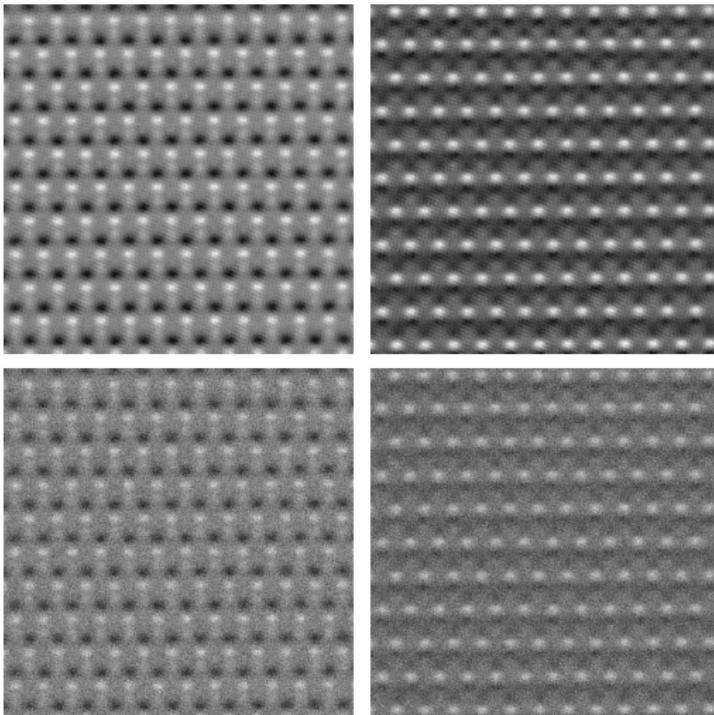


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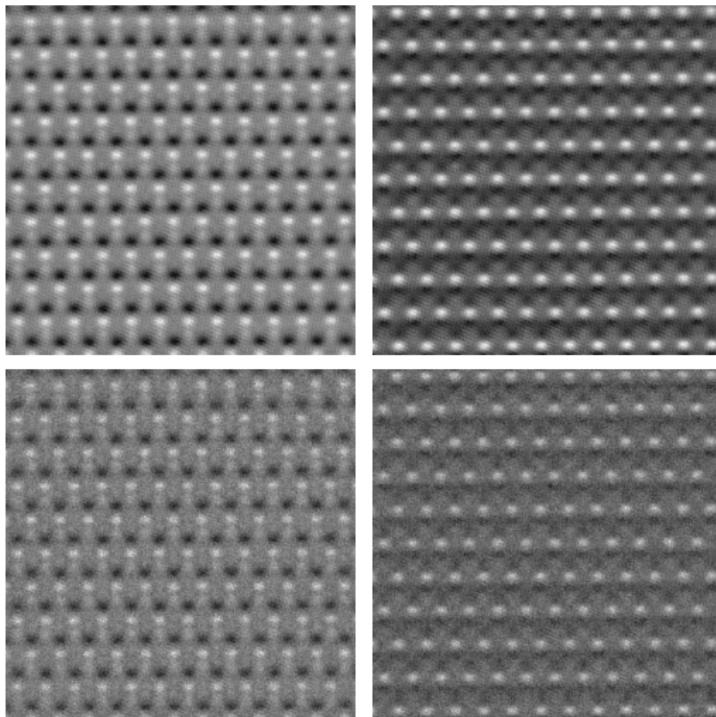
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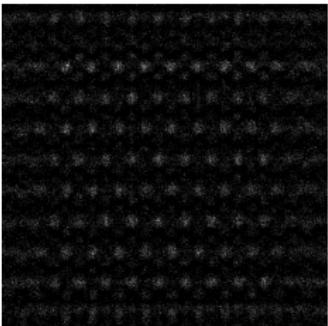
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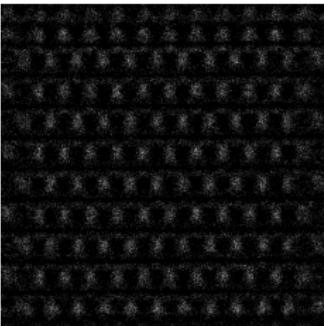
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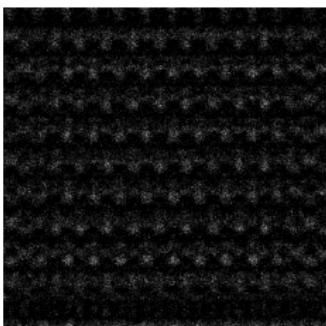
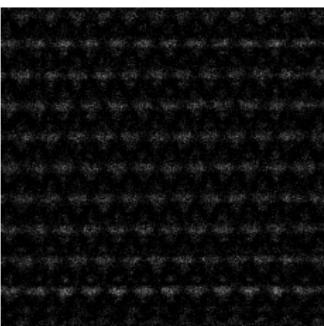
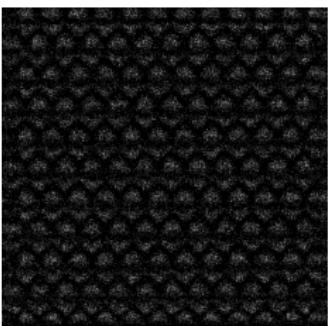
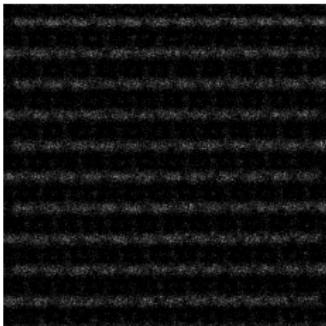
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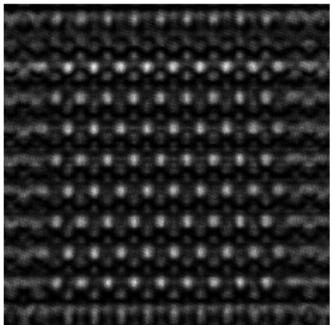
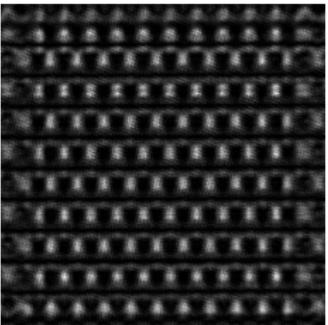
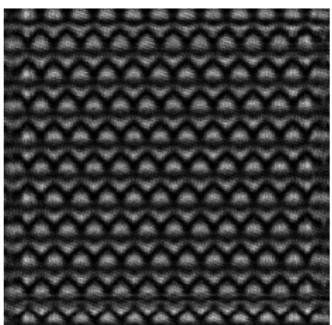
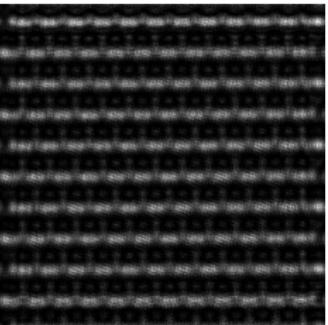
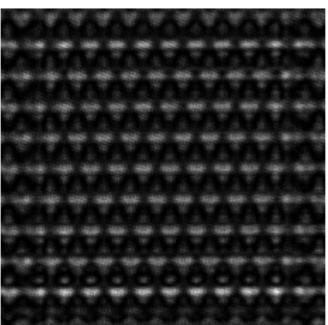
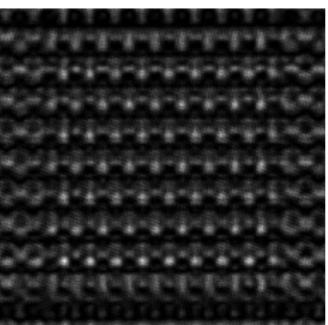
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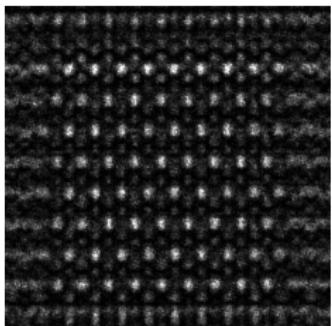
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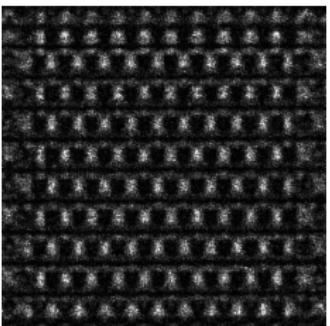
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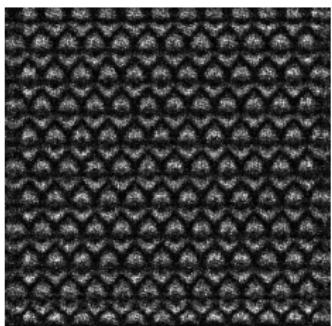
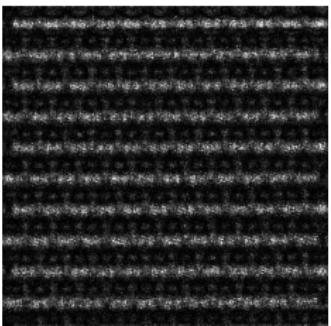
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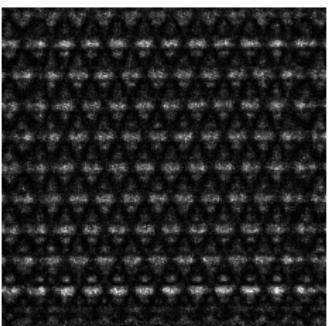
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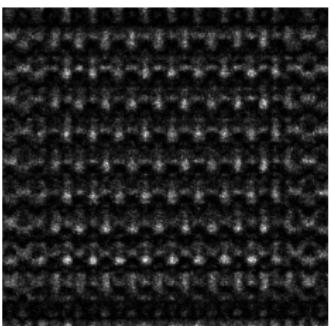
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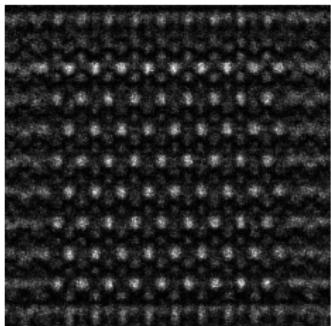


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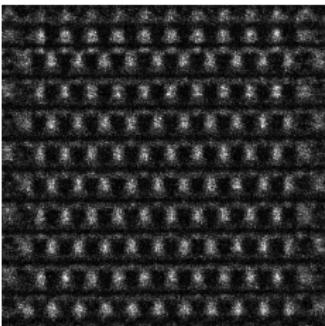
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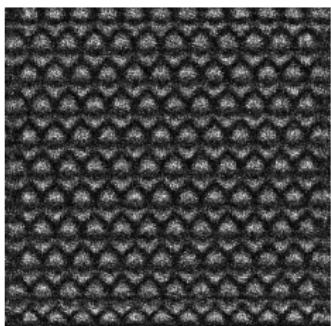
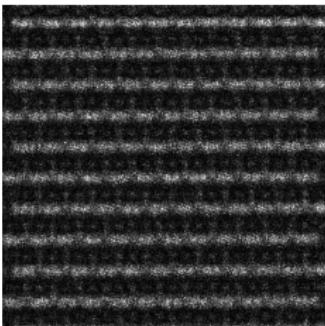
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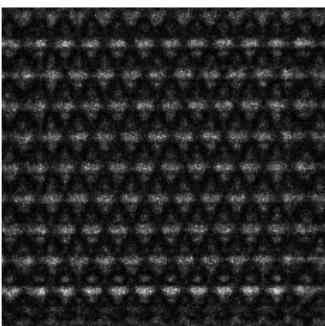
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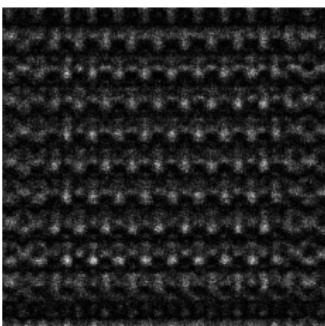
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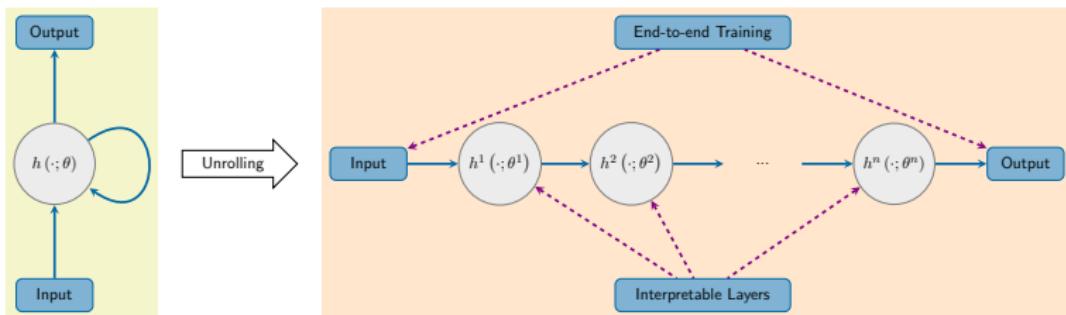
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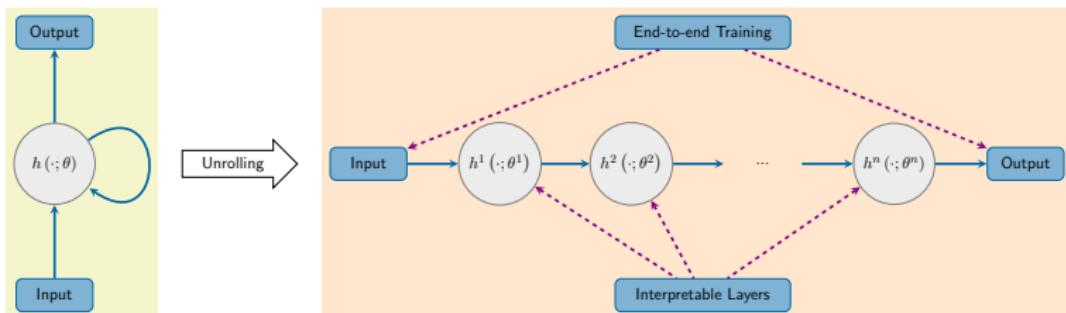
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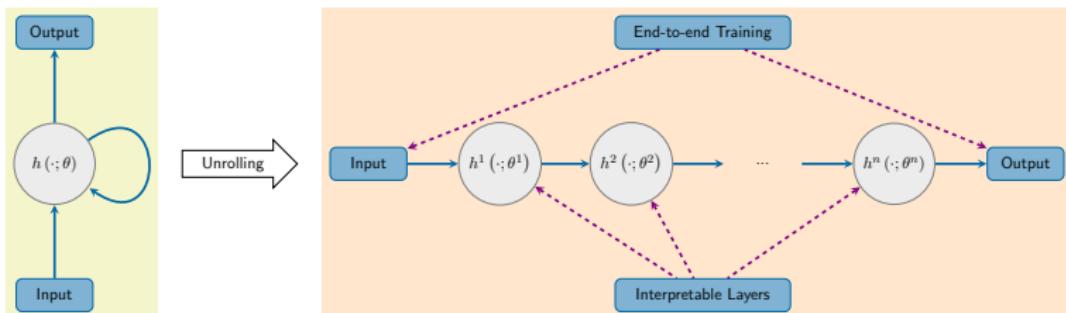
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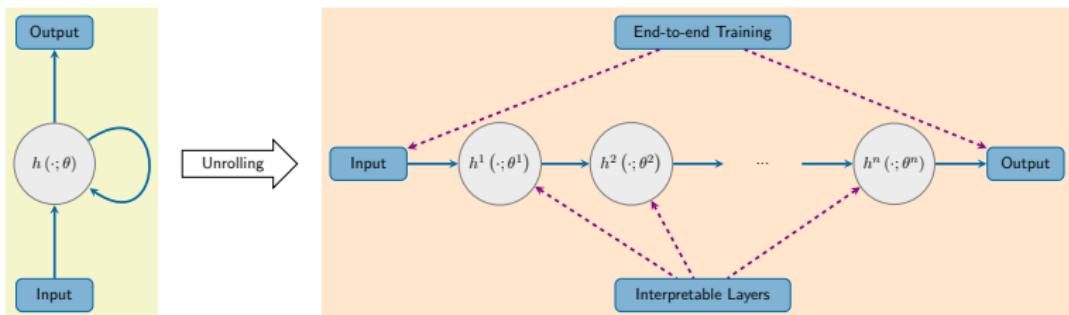
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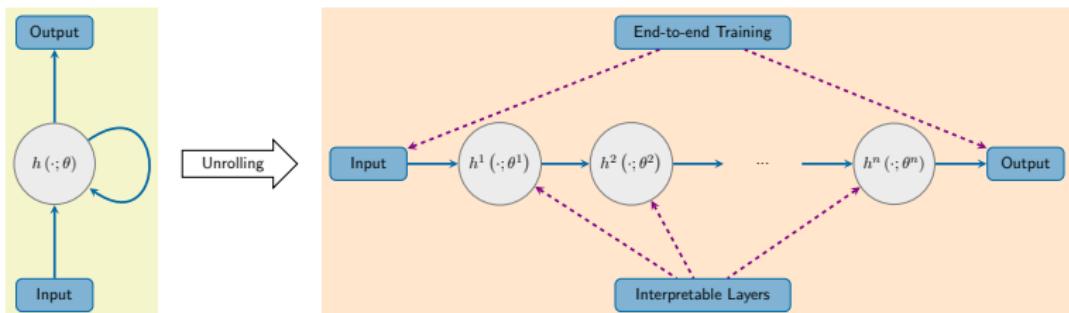
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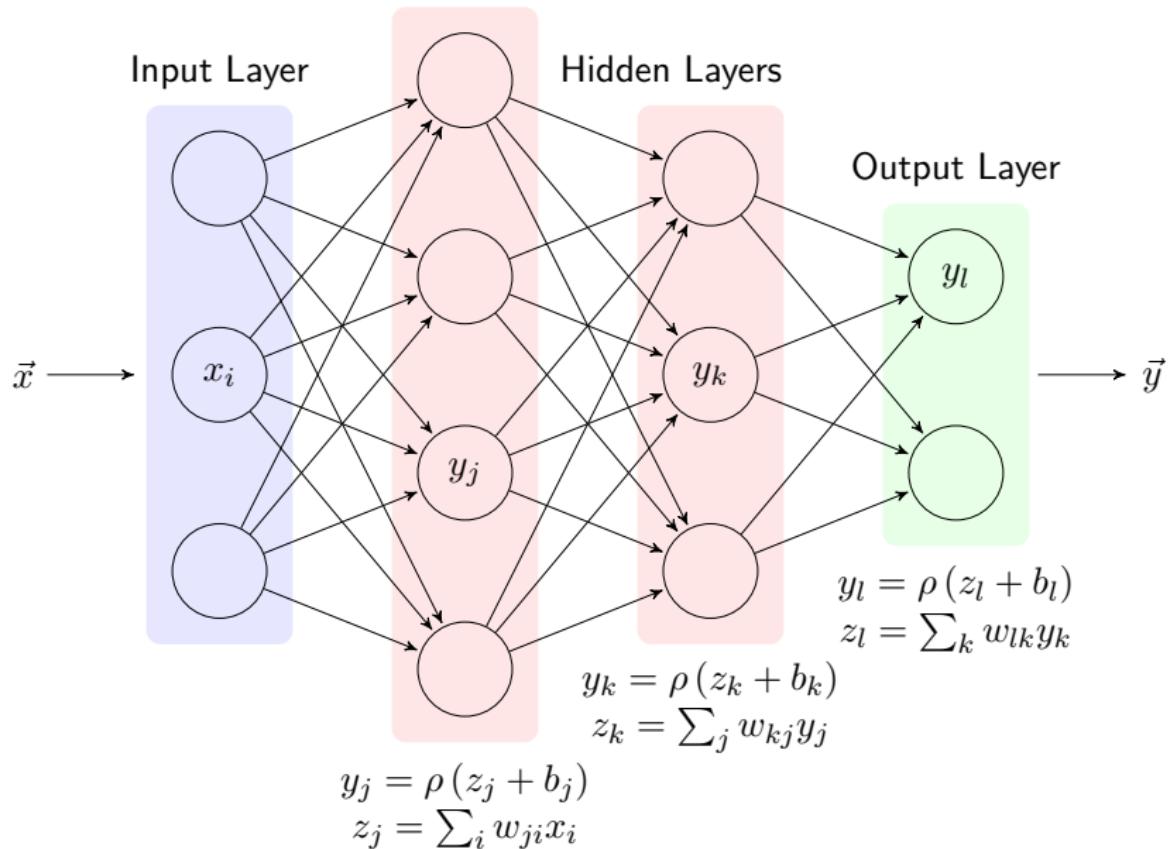
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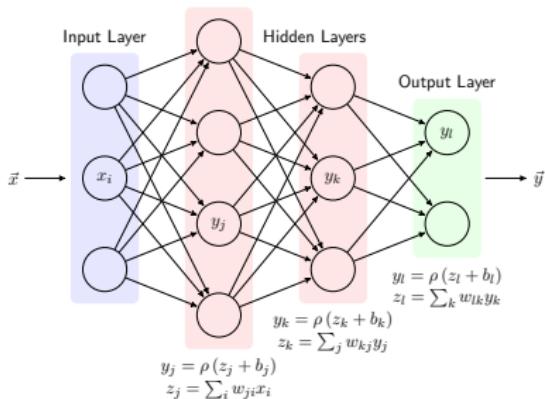
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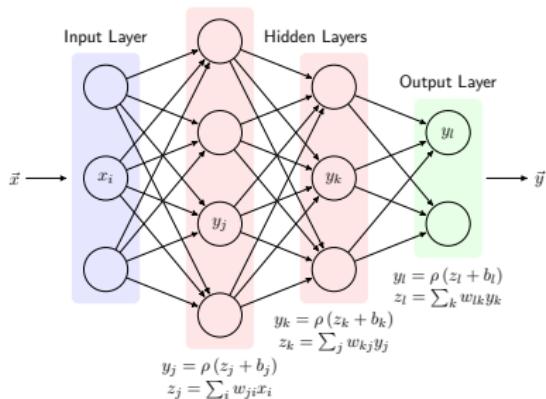


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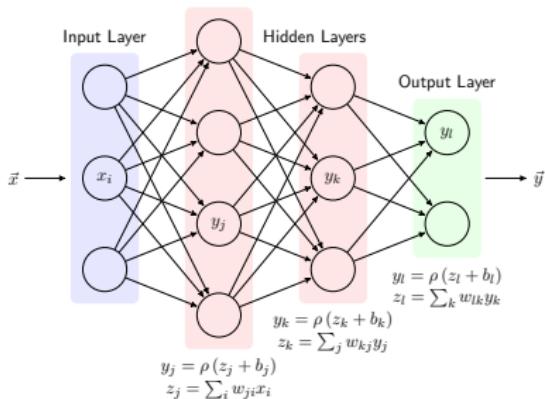
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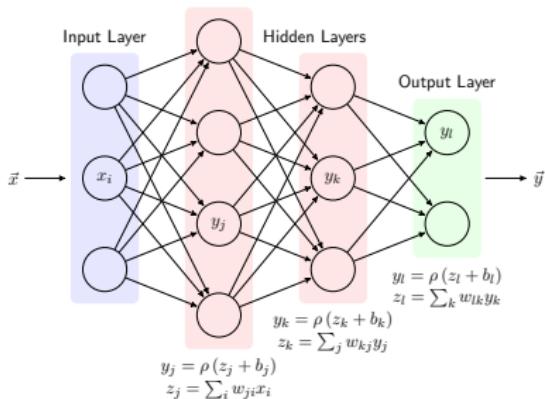
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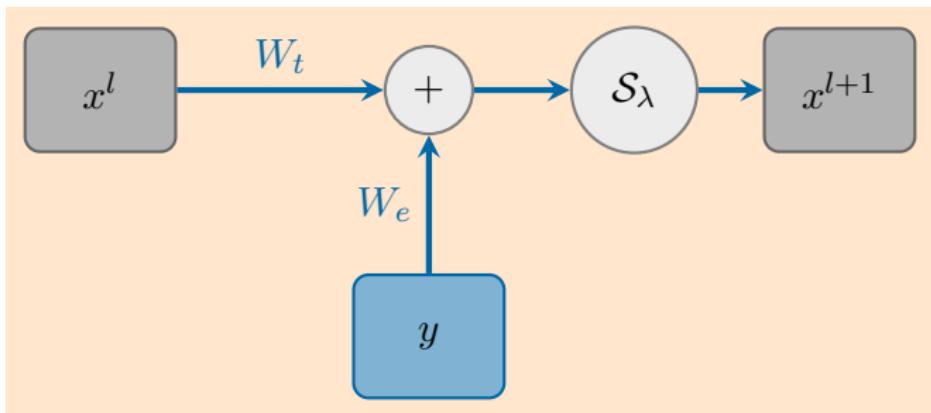
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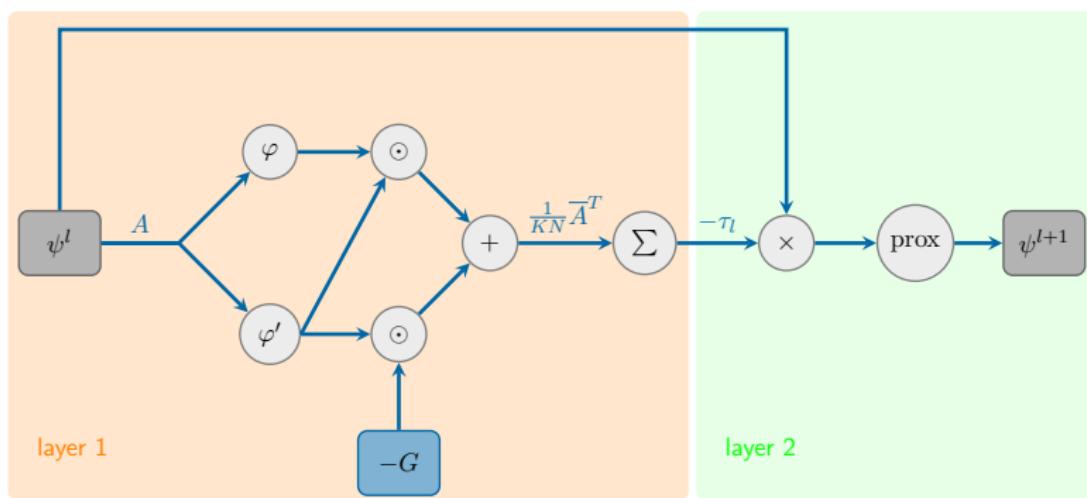
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Here, two potential nonlinearities appear,  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi'$ .



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## Nonlinearities in the unfolded network

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Huber	nonlinear	nonlinear	

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$R$	$\text{prox}_{\tau_l R}(y)$
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## Potentially learnable parameters

- (scalar) step sizes  $\tau_l$
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(change step sizes to  $\tau_l S$ )
- measurement weights  $w_j$
- input weights  $c_j$   
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- operator conjugate  $\overline{A_j^T}$   
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- regularizes weight  $\lambda$
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