#### Intro

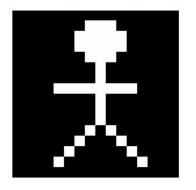


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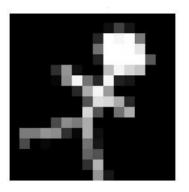


#### **Pre-Filtering of Cancer Platelets**

- Problem: post-reconstruction filtering enhances artifacts
- Sources of artifacts:
  - interpolation
  - inaccuracy in alignment
  - missing data
- Goals: improve contrast and feature identification





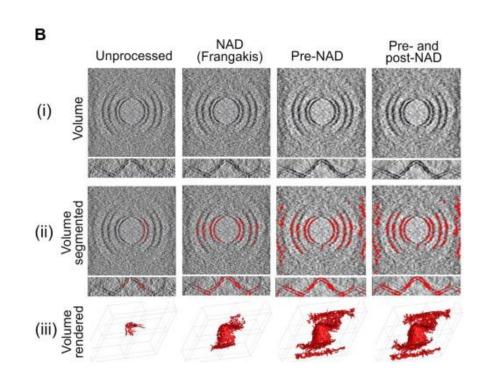


### **Prefiltering Pipeline**

- Filters
  - Highpass
  - Lowpass
  - preNAD (preNID)
- Align filtered tiltseries -> apply to (CTF corrected) unfiltered tiltseries
- Identify features in filtered tomogram
- Extract particles from unfiltered tomogram

#### PreNAD vs. (post)NAD

- Maiorca et al. 2012 demonstrated more significant improvement from preNAD vs. NAD.
- Possible to do pre- and post filtering.

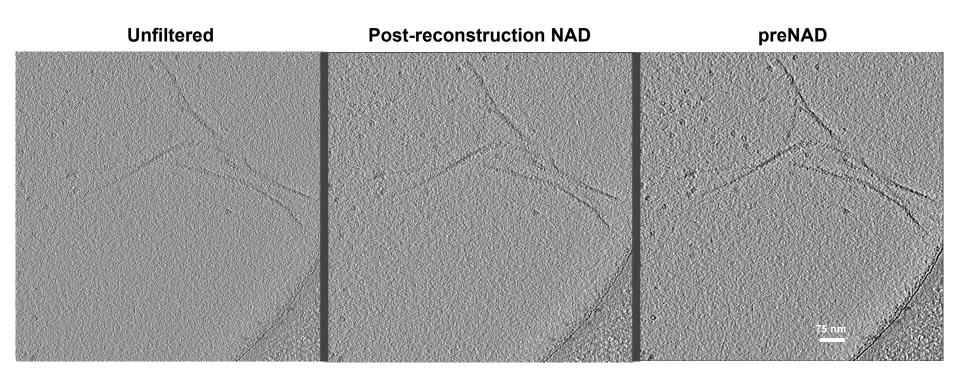


Maiorca et al. 2012

### **Pipeline Testing**

- Epsilon 15
  - High contrast
  - Large particles
- Isolated TRiC
  - Lower contrast
  - Small particles
- mHTT/TRiC
  - Lowest contrast
  - Heterogeneous
- Cellular tomograms (Jessica)

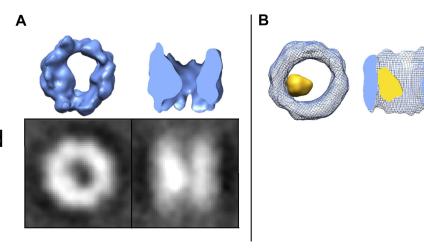
### mHTT/TRiC Pre vs. Post Filtering



Unpublished results

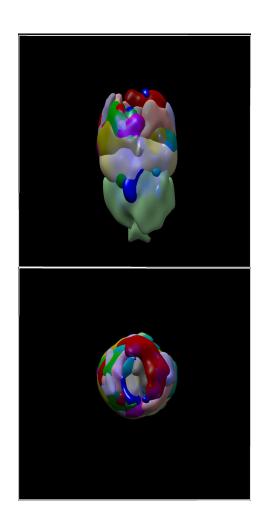
#### **TRiC/Huntingtin Data**

- Shahmoradian et al. 2013 showed TRiC inhibition of mutant huntingtin aggregation
- Wanted to process previously unused tiltseries to increase particle number
- Seeking to improve structure



### **New Boxing**

- Using this pipeline, boxed ~1300
  TRiC particles from ten tomograms.
  (vs. ~700)
- Some overlap with previously processed tiltseries, but still ~1000 particles from unused tiltseries
- Might allow for testing picking consistency

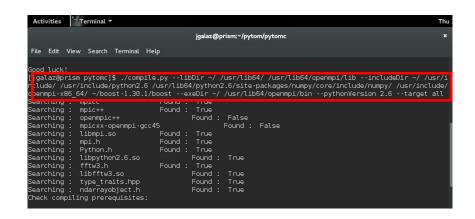


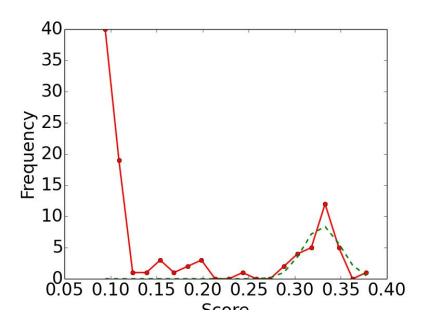
## **Template Matching**

- Tested capabilities of existing template matching methods for incorporation into EMAN2 (improve e2spt\_autoboxer)
- Template matching tools
  - Omnimatch
  - MOLMATCH
  - PyTom

### **PyTom**

- Compilation problems
- Simplified Web Server
- No translation mode
- No symmetry mode
- Unwieldy output files
- Mathematically shaky particle number estimation
- Not GPU enabled



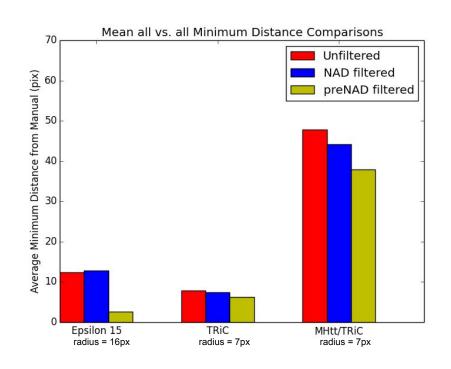


#### Implement in EMAN2

- Improvements over PyTom
  - ease of installation/use
  - greater configurability
  - better parallelization (not forced to use MPI)
  - able to apply symmetry
  - further automation

#### **Autoboxing with preNAD**

- All vs. all particle minimum distance comparison.
- Improved automated picking with preNAD over postNAD.
- Further testing needed (more tomograms, more manual boxing to compare).



#### **Coding Contribution**

- Wrote e2spt\_pytom2eman.py
- Wrote e2spt\_particledist.py
- Fixed various bugs in e2spt\_boxer.py
- Expanded e2spt\_coordsrefactor.py

#### **Future**

- Jesus still processing TRiC data
- Using prefiltering pipeline for more accurate particle picking, allowing for higher resolution structures.
- Applying PyTom and filtering pipeline to TRiC data, microplatelets, etc.
- Once EMAN2 autoboxer implemented, running comparisons with PyTom.