

## 1 Test sufficiency of angular sampling

1. Create a  $L \times L \times L$  cube of zeros,  $\rho(\vec{r})$ . Here,  $L$  matches the image length of your 2D projections.
2. Fill  $\rho(\vec{r})$  with a centered ball of random values. This ball should have radius  $R_N$ , the approximate radius of the nanoparticle in the experimental data. Plot the central sections of  $\rho(\vec{r})$ :  $\rho(x, y, 0)$ ,  $\rho(x, 0, z)$ ,  $\rho(0, y, z)$ .
3. Apply a low-pass filter to the densities  $\rho(\vec{r})$ . To do this, Fourier transform  $\rho(\vec{r}) \rightarrow \rho(\vec{k})$  and apply the low-pass filter:

$$\rho_B(\vec{k}) = \rho(\vec{k}) \exp\left(-\frac{|\vec{k}|^2}{2k_0^2}\right), \quad (1)$$

where  $k_0$  is approximately  $R_N/2$ .

4. Inverse Fourier transform  $\rho_B(\vec{k}) \rightarrow \rho_B(\vec{r})$ . Plot the central sections of this blurred object. Check that you get a blurred versions of the central sections in step 2.
5. We are ready to expand our densities. Do  $\text{expand}(\rho_B(\vec{k}), \text{quat}_n) \rightarrow \tilde{\rho}_B(j, i)$  to obtain the tomograms sampled by the list of quaternions  $\text{quat}_n$ . I will give you a number of quaternions  $\{n = 4, \dots, 10\}$ . **Time how long this takes, and how much memory is used.**
6. Now,  $\text{compress}(\tilde{\rho}_B(j, i), \text{quat}_n) \rightarrow \tilde{\rho}_B(\vec{k})$ . **Time how long this takes, and how much memory is used.**
7. Compute the resolution-resolved error

$$\Delta(k) = \sqrt{\left\langle \left( |\tilde{\rho}_B(\vec{k})| - |\rho_B(\vec{k})| \right)^2 \right\rangle_{|\vec{k}|=k}}. \quad (2)$$

You should modify your algorithm for computing angular averages to do this.

8. Plot how  $\Delta(k)$  varies with  $n$ , for the  $\rho_{L \times L \times L}$  that is relevant to our problem.