

# **Fast Hierarchical Back Projection**

**ECE558 Final Project**



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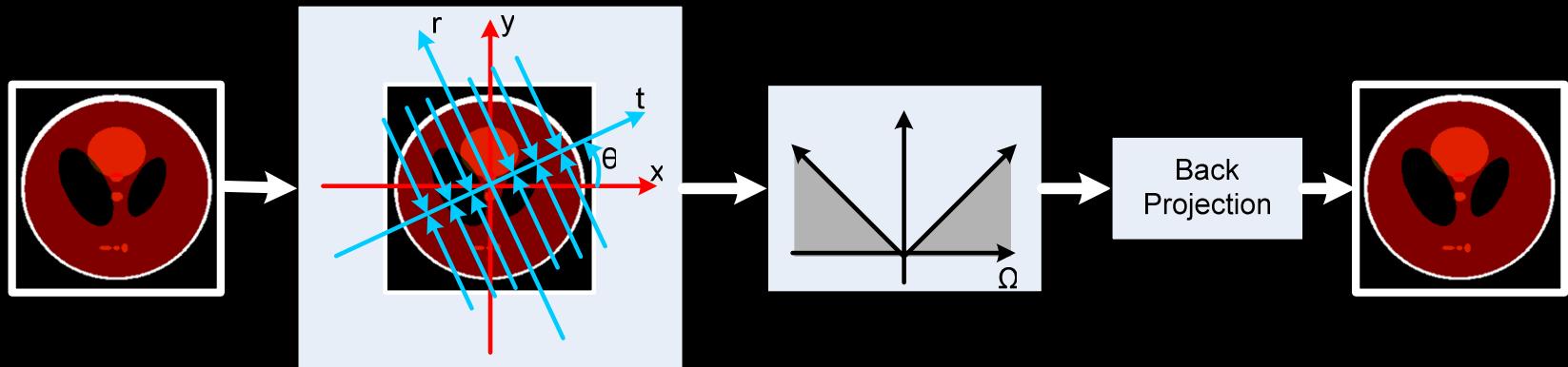
# Outline

- Direct Filtered Back Projection (FBP)
- Fast Hierarchical Back Projection (FHBP)
- FHBP Results and Comparisons



# Filtered Back Projection

- Applications - Medical imaging, luggage scanners, etc.
- Current Methods  $\sim O(N^3)$
- Increasing resolution demand



N: Size of Image

$\theta$ : Projection angle

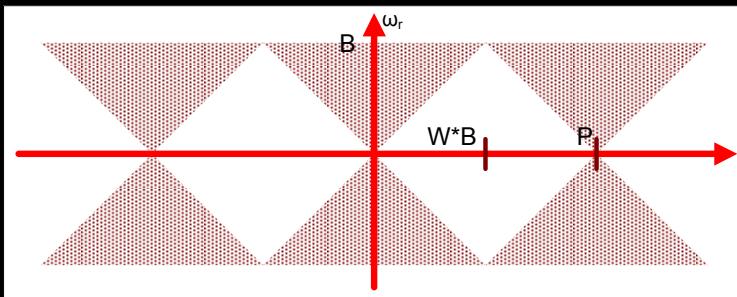
$t$ : Point in projection



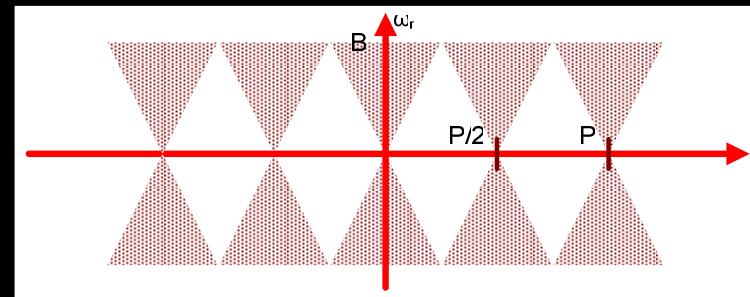
# FHBP Background (1),(2)

- Intuitively, Smaller image = Less projections
- From [2], DTFT[Radon] is  $\approx$  bow-tie

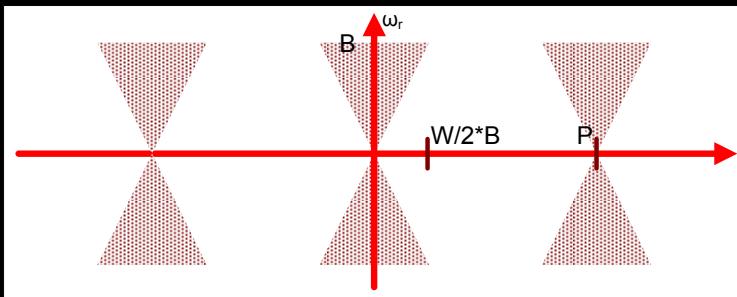
DTFT[Radon] N, P (full image)



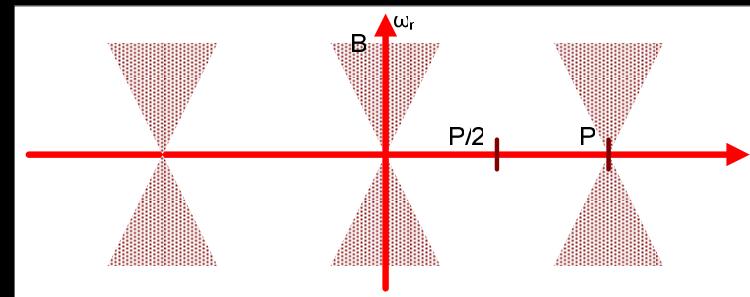
DTFT[Radon] N/2, P/2 (downsampled sub image)



DTFT[Radon] N/2, P (sub image)



DTFT[Radon] N/2, P/2 (downsampled LPF sub image)



W: Radial Support of Image

B: Bandwidth of Image

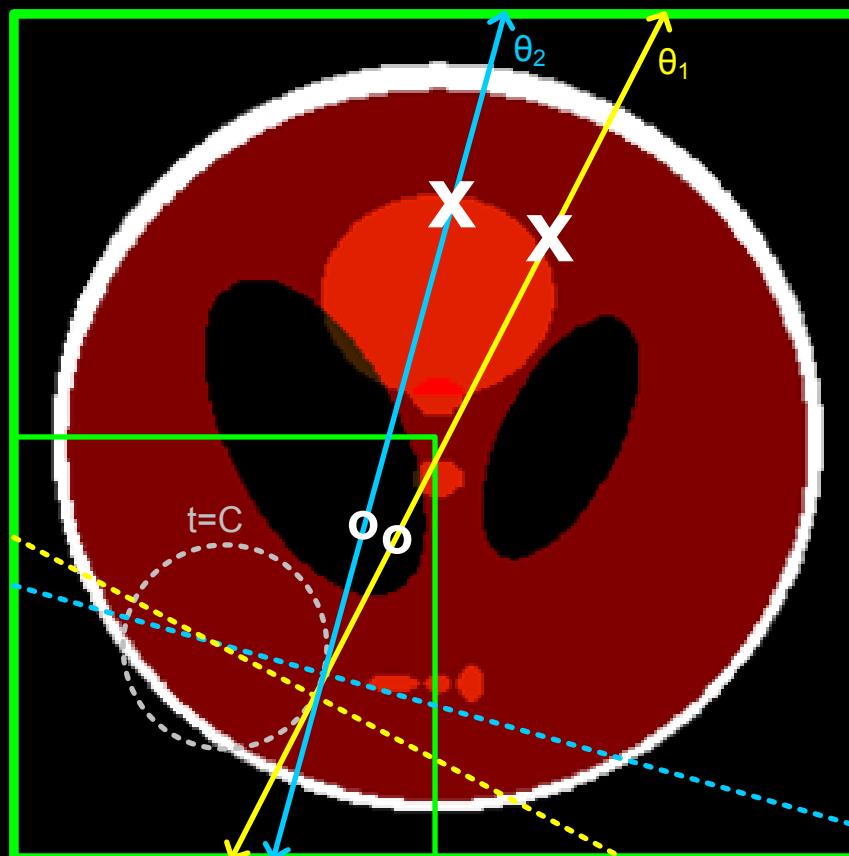
P: Number of Projection Angles

N: Size of Image



# FHBP Background

Spatial Domain Downsampling & LPF Analysis

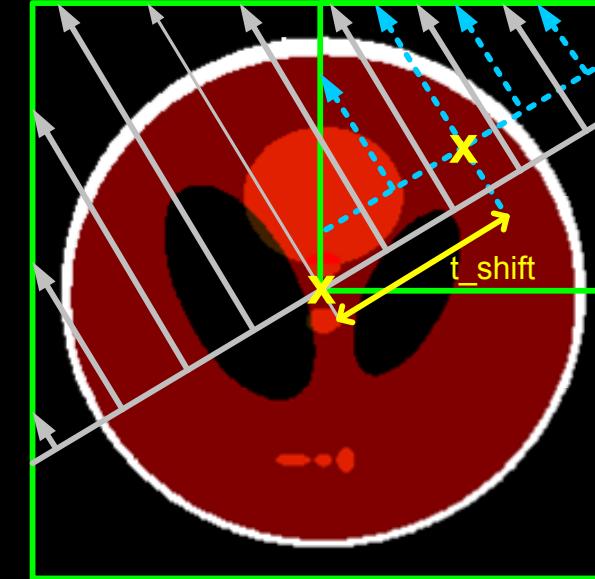
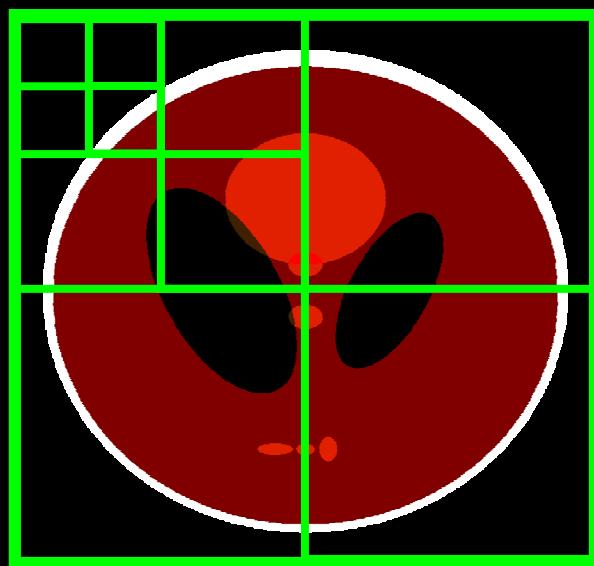


O – low frequency   X – high frequency



# FHPB Overview (1)

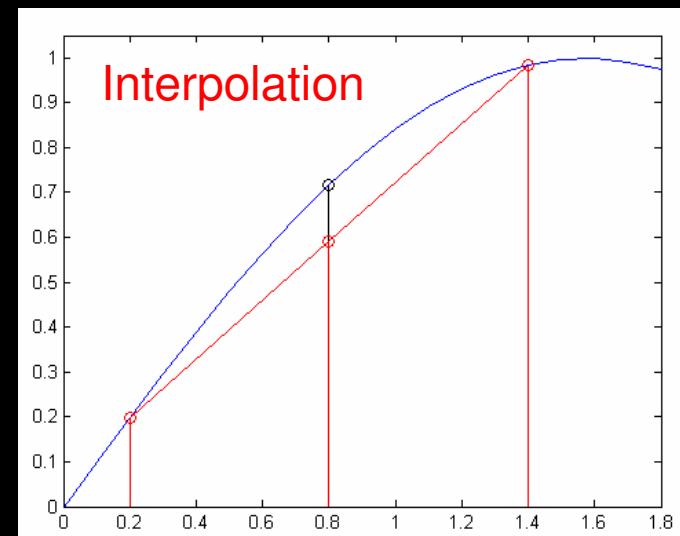
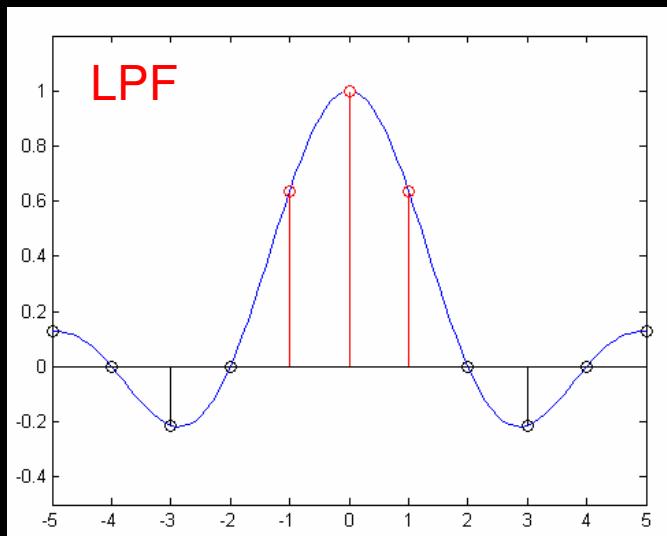
- 1) Divide image into 4 sub-images
- 2) Re-center projections to sub-image
- 3)  $\downarrow 2$  & LPF the projection angles
- 4) Back Project sub-image recursively





# FHBP as Approximation

- DTFT[Radon] not perfect bow-tie
- LPF Filter not ideal
- Interpolation of discrete Radon



analog ideal   digital ideal   actual



# Improving FHBP Parameters

- Begin downsampling at level Q of recursion
- Increase LPF length
- Interpolate Np (radially) by M prior to backprojecting

## Notes [3]:

- Q changes speed exponentially
- M changes speed linearly

Q: Number of non-downsampling levels

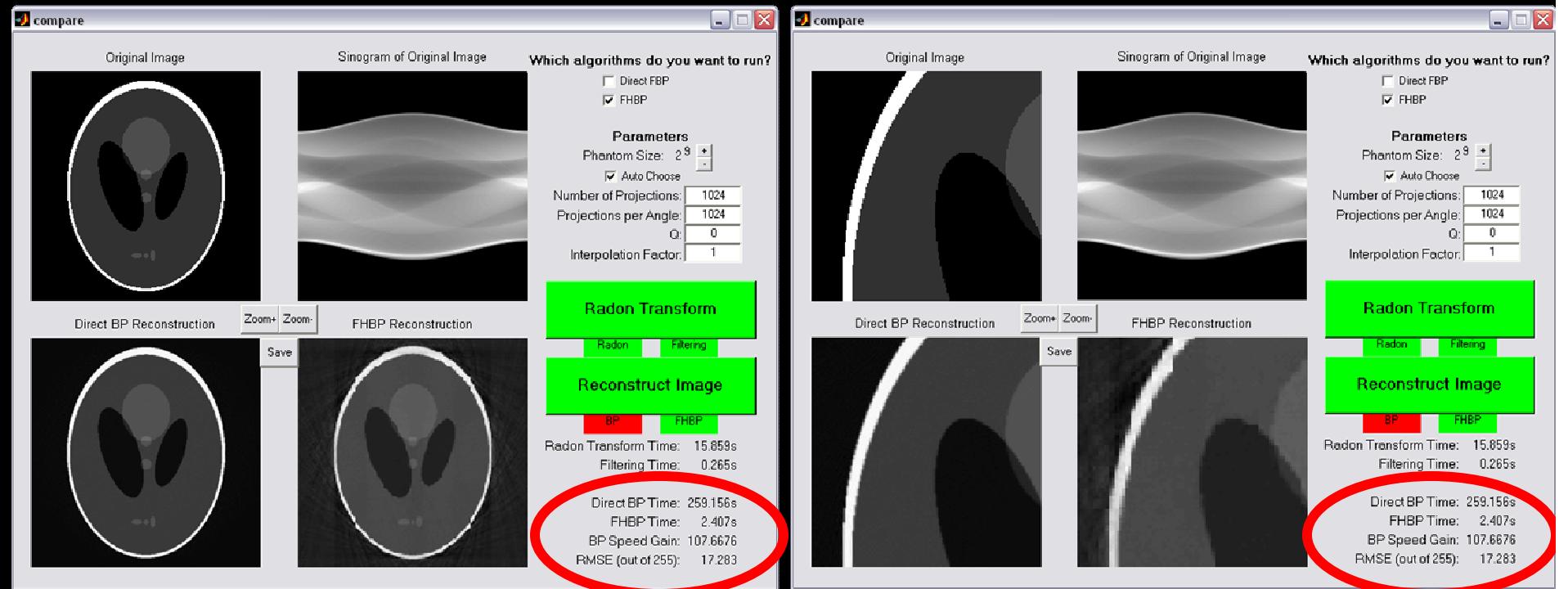
Np: Number of points per projection

M: Radial interpolation factor



# Comparisons & Results

N=512 P=1024 Np=1024 Q=0 M=1



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Q: Number of non-downsampling levels    M: Radial interpolation factor



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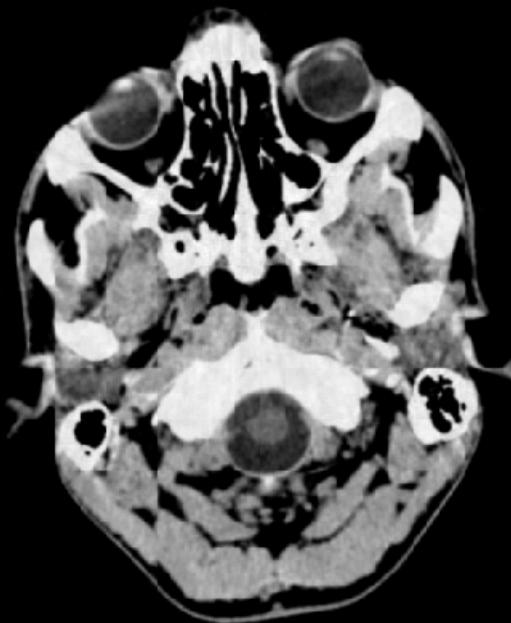
$N=512$   $P=1024$   $N_p=1024$   $Q=2$   $M=4$

LOSSY



Direct BP

LOSSY

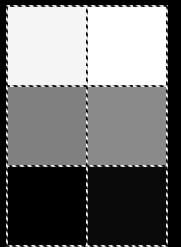


FHBP



# Comparisons & Results

N	P	Np	Q	M	Gain	RMSE
256	512	512	0	1	41.4	21.4
256	512	512	0	4	28.4	8.9
256	512	512	3	1	9.2	21.3
256	512	512	3	4	6.8	6.6
512	1024	1024	0	1	107.7	17.3
512	1024	1024	0	4	62.3	7.8
512	1024	1024	3	1	18.7	16.8
512	1024	1024	3	4	13.0	5.5
1024	2048	2048	0	1	132.7	13.3
1024	2048	2048	0	4	93.3	7.0
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## Conclusions & Future Work

- FHBP is much faster without much loss
- Parameters allow for specific applications
  - LPF taps, Q, M
- Implementation speed
  - Matlab vs. C++ vs. Assembly



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# Thanks for coming!

Questions?