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Det matematisk-naturvitenskapelige fakultet

ELITE – Signal Processing and Imaging

CS – Imaging and Biomedical Computing

DS – Digital Image Processing

Course aspects, Research, ... and beyond

11 August 2026





https://www.mn.uio.no/ifi/english/research/groups/dsb/resources/2026-08-11_master-kickoff-dsb.pdf

1) PRESENTATION ROUND, students

- Name
- Master programme
- Bachelor grade
- Bachelor university

Digital signal processing and image analysis group (DSB)

Group
leader

Section
leader

Permanent



Anne



Ali



Peter



Andreas



Adín



Anis



Yücel

Adjunct



Changkyu
(INN)



Andreas
(ICGI/OUS)



Eigil
(GEVU)



Roy
(FFI)



Ole Marius
(Sonair)

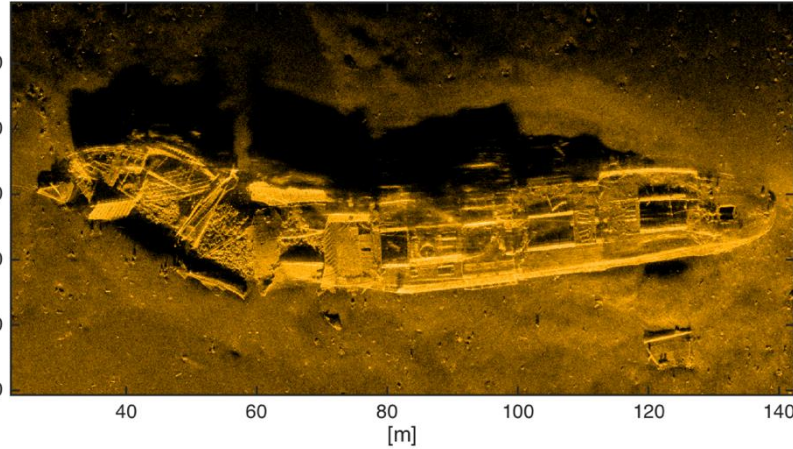
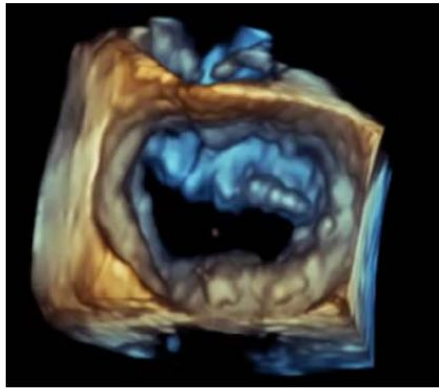
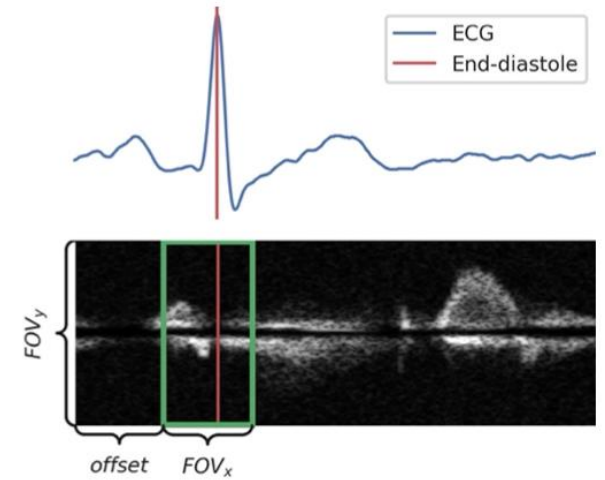
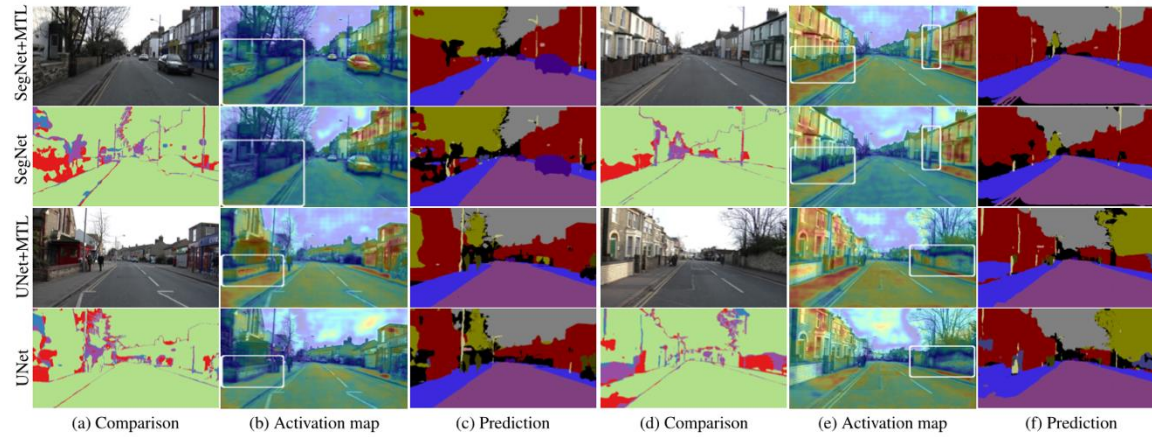


Sarina
(GEVU)

2) PRESENTATION ROUND, employees

- Name
- Research interests
- Teaching involvement
- ...

The Digital Signal Processing and Image Analysis research group (DSB)



(d) Case example 5: ALAX - Aberration correction

DSB group key research areas

- Signal processing & beamforming *e.g., algorithms to generate images from collected data*
- Deep learning & Image processing *e.g., algorithms to make sense of images*

Key applications

- Machine learning & Image analysis in, e.g., remote sensing & medical
- Medical ultrasound
- Sonar
- Infrasound & atmospheric probing

- **Don't miss the deadline for registration to teaching & exams!**
- **Study direction compositions:**
 - **ELITE** – Signal Processing and Imaging:
<https://www.uio.no/english/studies/programmes/electrical-engineering-master/programme-options/signal-processing/index.html>
 - **CS** – Imaging and Biomedical Computing:
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 - **DS** – Digital Image Processing:
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ELITE

Signal Processing and Imaging

Example 1

4. semester	Master's thesis	Master's thesis	Master's thesis
3. semester	Master's thesis	Master's thesis	Master's thesis
2. semester	Master's course	Master's course	Master's course
1. semester	Master's course	Master's course	Master's course
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Example 2

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- Mandatory:**
- IN4015 – Ultrasound Imaging
 - IN5340 – Statistical Signal Processing

CS

Imaging and Biomedical Computing

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- Mandatory, 2 out of:**
- IN4200 – High-Performance Computing and Numerical Projects
 - FYS-STK4155 – Applied Data Analysis and Machine Learning
 - MAT4110 – Introduction to Numerical Analysis

DS

Digital Image Processing

Recommended plan with a master's thesis of 60 ECTS credits

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- Mandatory:**
- STK-IN4300 – Statistical Learning Methods in Data Science
 - IN-STK5000 – Responsible Data Science
- Recommended:**
- IN4310 – Deep learning for Image Analysis
 - IN5310 – Advanced Deep Learning for Image Analysis

Courses @DSB

Signal processing

Autumn

- IN4190 Digital signal processing
- IN4015 Ultrasound Imaging

Spring

- IN5340 Statistical Signal Processing
- IN5450 Array Signal Processing

Additional courses, recommended

Autumn

- FYS4150 – Computational Physics
- FYS-STK4155 – Applied Data Analysis and Machine Learning
- TEK5020 – Pattern recognition

Spring

- IN4200 – High-Performance Computing and Numerical Projects
- STK4900 – Statistical Methods and Applications (if you lack courses in statistics)

Image analysis / ML

Autumn

- IN2160 Probabilistic Machine Learning
- IN3370 Digital image processing
- IN4050 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- IN5310 Advanced Deep Learning for Image Analysis
Will not be taught in 2027, so 2026 is the option!

Spring

- IN4310 Deep Learning for Image Analysis

Example MSc project domains & relevant courses



- **IN2160 Probabilistic Machine Learning (autumn)**
 - New course, mostly targeting BSc level
- **IN3370 Digital image processing (autumn)**
 - Classical image processing & foundations for it
- **IN4050 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (autumn)**
 - Introductory, also suitable for those with a bit less math background
- **IN5310 Advanced Deep Learning for Image Analysis (autumn)**
 - Great course, in particular if you've taken Deep Learning for Image analysis, or have similar pre-knowledge!
 - **NOTE: will move to spring semester, so cannot be taken in 2027** (neither spring, nor autumn)!
- **IN4310 Deep Learning for Image Analysis (spring)**
 - Popular course giving broad and deep knowledge
 - 2027 is last time it's given in spring
 - Slightly updated version planned to also be given in autumn 2027 and onwards
- **IN3190/4190 – Digital signal processing (autumn)**
 - “Must have course” for all signal processing projects
 - For ML-projects: Great course if you care about having high quality on the data you are working with ...
- **FYS-STK4155 – Applied Data Analysis and Machine Learning (autumn)**
 - Great starting point for learning machine learning

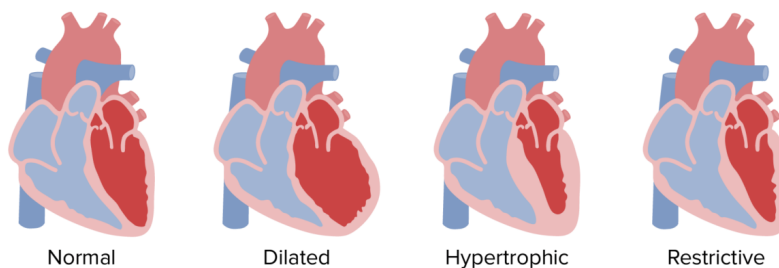
Machine learning project domain examples



ML for image analysis example – cardiac ultrasound

Enhancing Cardiomyopathy Diagnosis and Management

- Disease of the heart muscle
- Three main cases: Dilated, Hypertrophic, Restrictive





AnisYazidi's Research Topics

Reinforcement Learning/Multi Agent Systems
Low Energy Deep Learning
Learning Theory
Medical AI

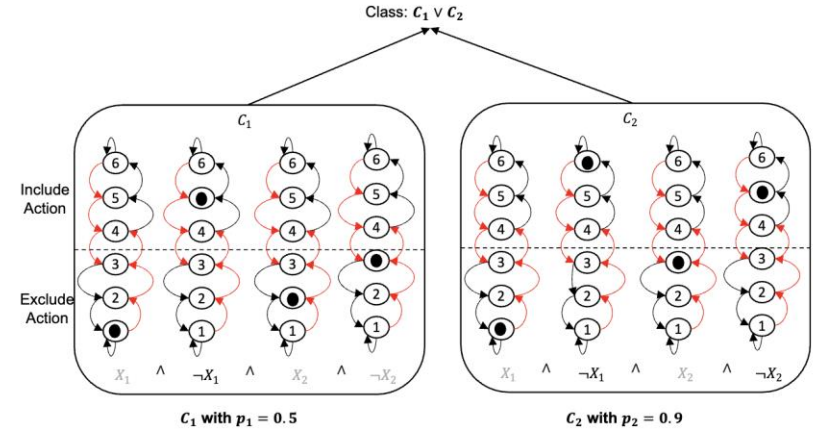
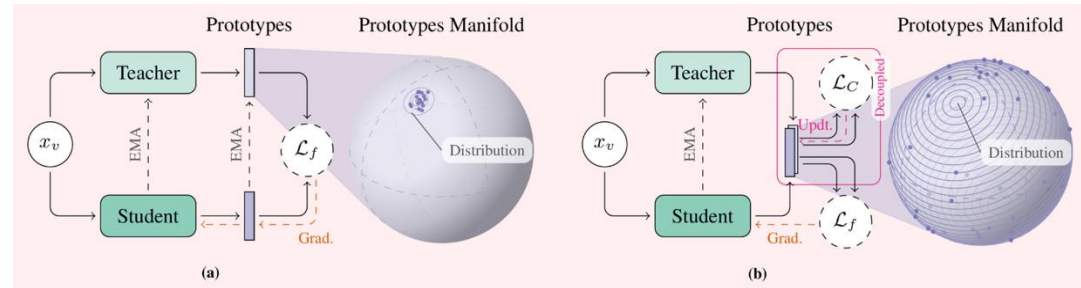


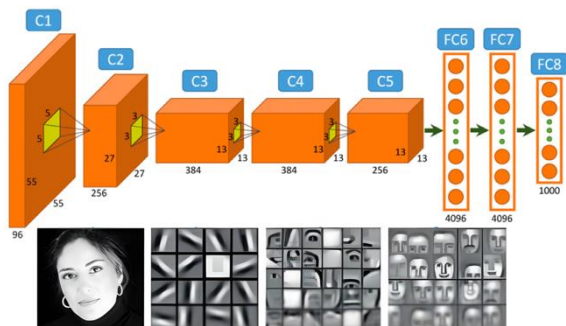
Figure 2: PCL architecture example.



Adín Ramírez Rivera's Research Topics

Computer Vision
Representation Learning
Self-Supervised Learning
Foundation models for computer vision





Ali Ramezani Kebrya's Research Topics

Trustworthy AI

Deep Learning

Learning Theory

LLMs and Reasoning Models

Emotion Recognition and Co-creative AI

Sample of our MS students/interns

Next one maybe you?!

Frida Marie Engøy Westby (First author of ICLRW 2026 paper)

Preben Nicolai Castberg (co-author of NeurIPS submission)

Brage Eilertsen (First author of AAAI 26 paper)

Røskva Bjørgfinsdóttir (co-author of AAAI 26 paper)

Iman Tabrizian (Co-first author of NeurIPS paper)

For MSc projects in acoustics & signal processing

Highly relevant:

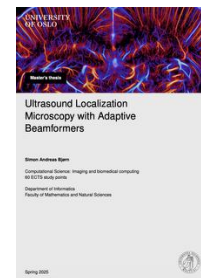
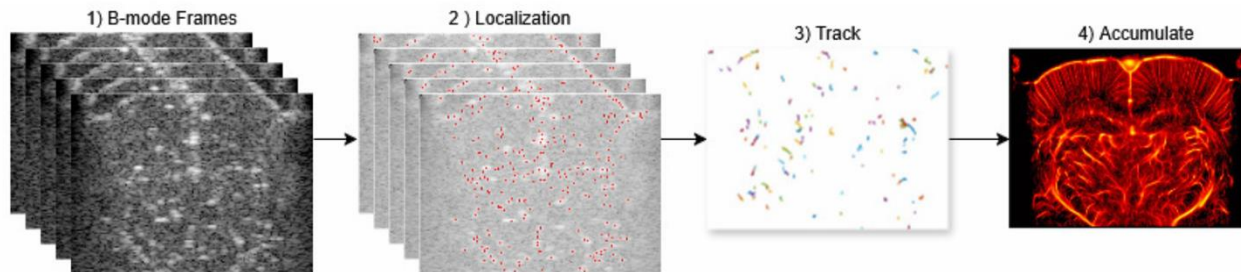
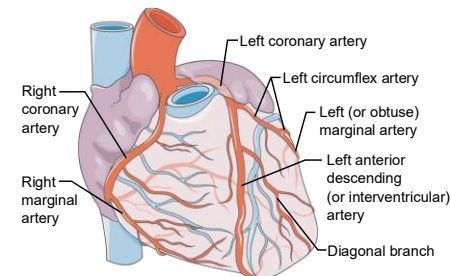
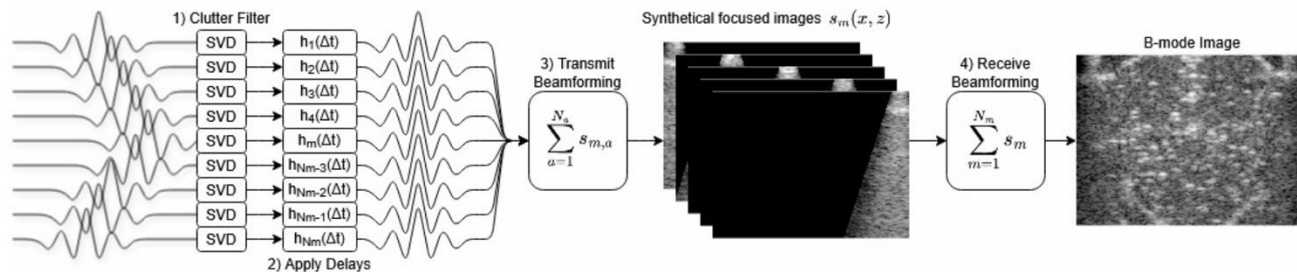
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- **IN4015 Ultrasound imaging (autumn)**
 - ”Practical acoustic imaging”
- **IN5340 – Statistical signal processing (spring)**
 - “Hands on”, project based, “true” signal processing
- **IN5450 – Array signal processing (spring)**
 - “One of a kind”. Close to our research

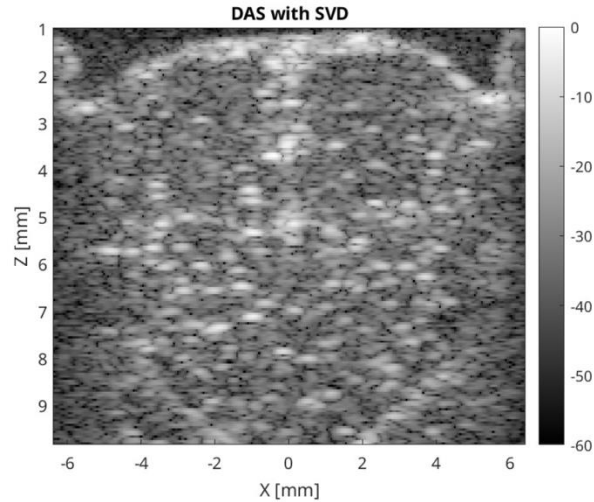
Example:

Ultrasound Localization Microscopy (ULM) →

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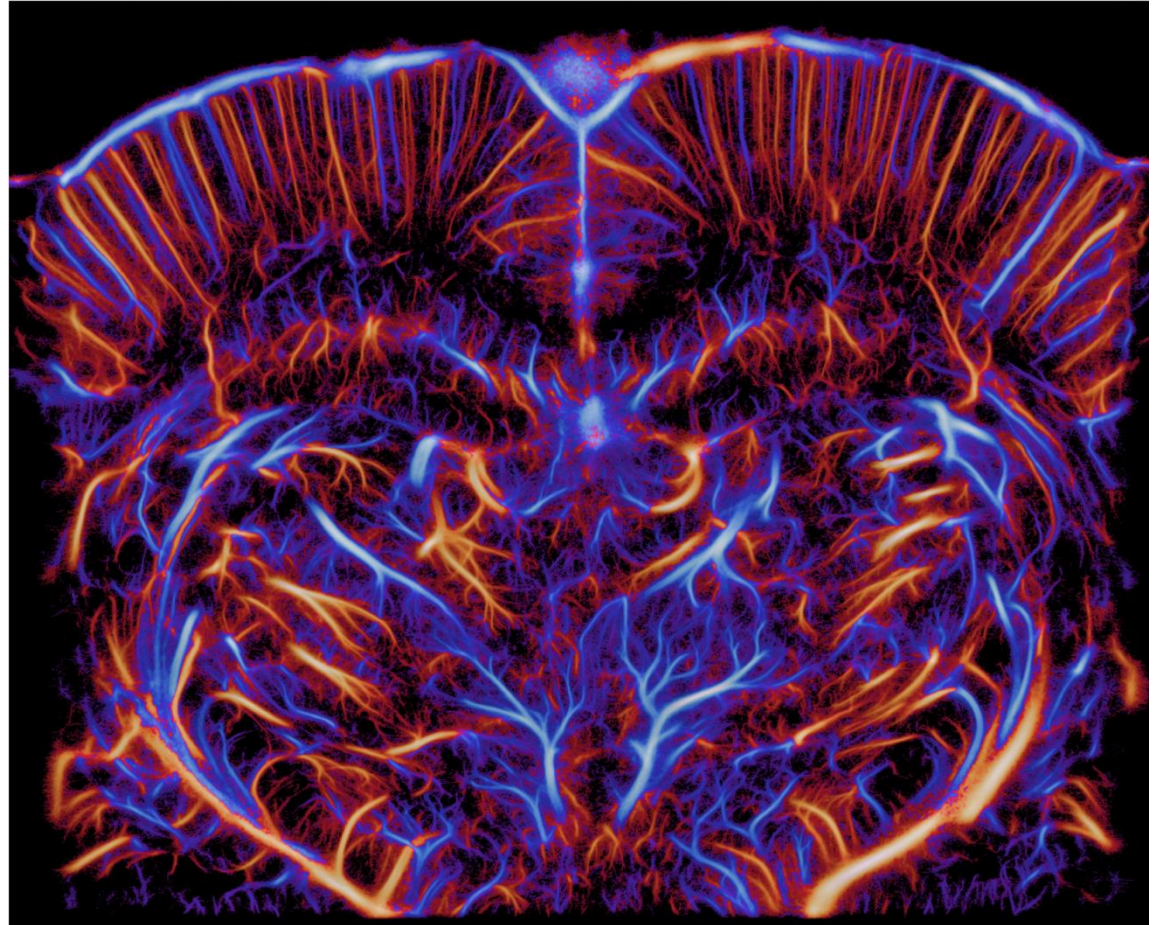
- Advanced ultrasound technique achieving sub-wavelength resolution.
- Vascular imaging, down to capillary bed.





Potential collaborators

- General Electrics Vingmed Ultrasound
- GliaLab, Prof Rune Enger, Medical Faculty



Example:

Ultrasound Elastography →

Ultrasound Elastography

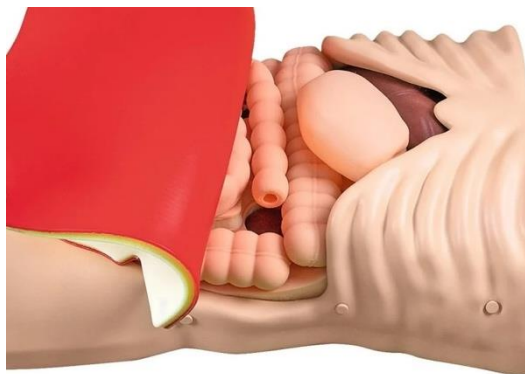


Palpation:

- Used by doctors in search for (unwanted) stiff inclusions in tissue
- Stiff tissue often means cancer ...

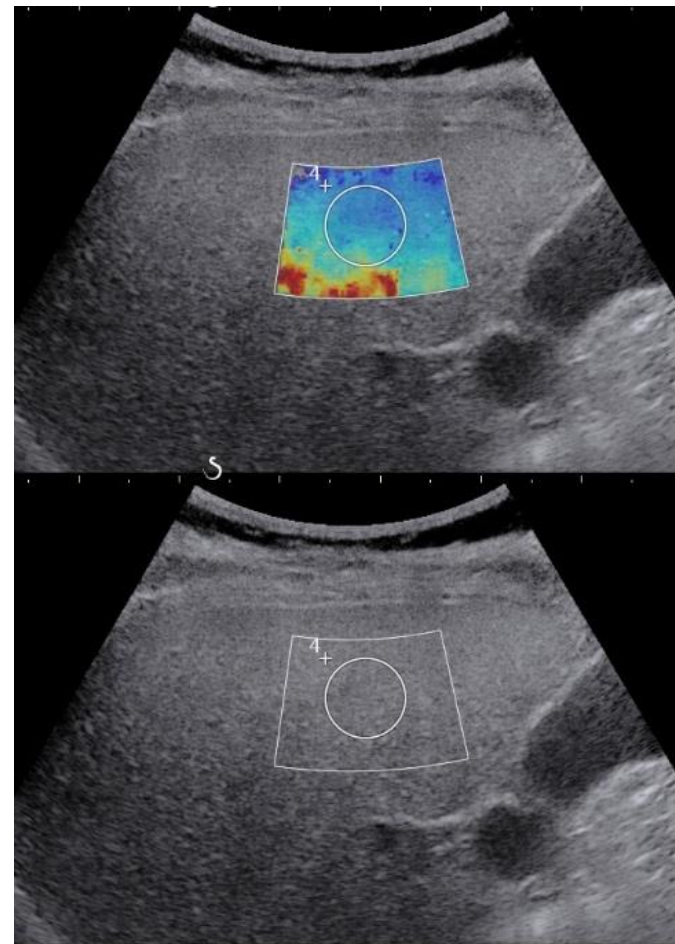
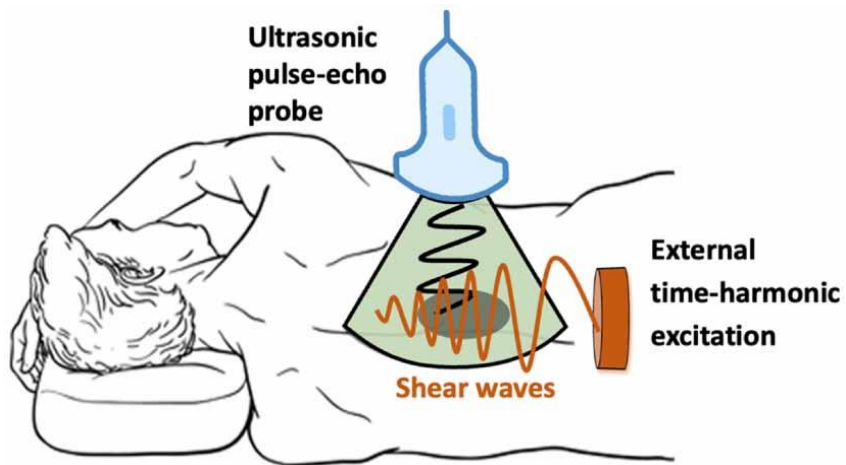
Challenge:

- Often hard to find these areas inside the body without “open it up” ...



A solution:

- Ultrasound elastography, i.e. measuring of tissue stiffness
- DSB research “Time harmonic elastography” (THE)



Potential collaborators

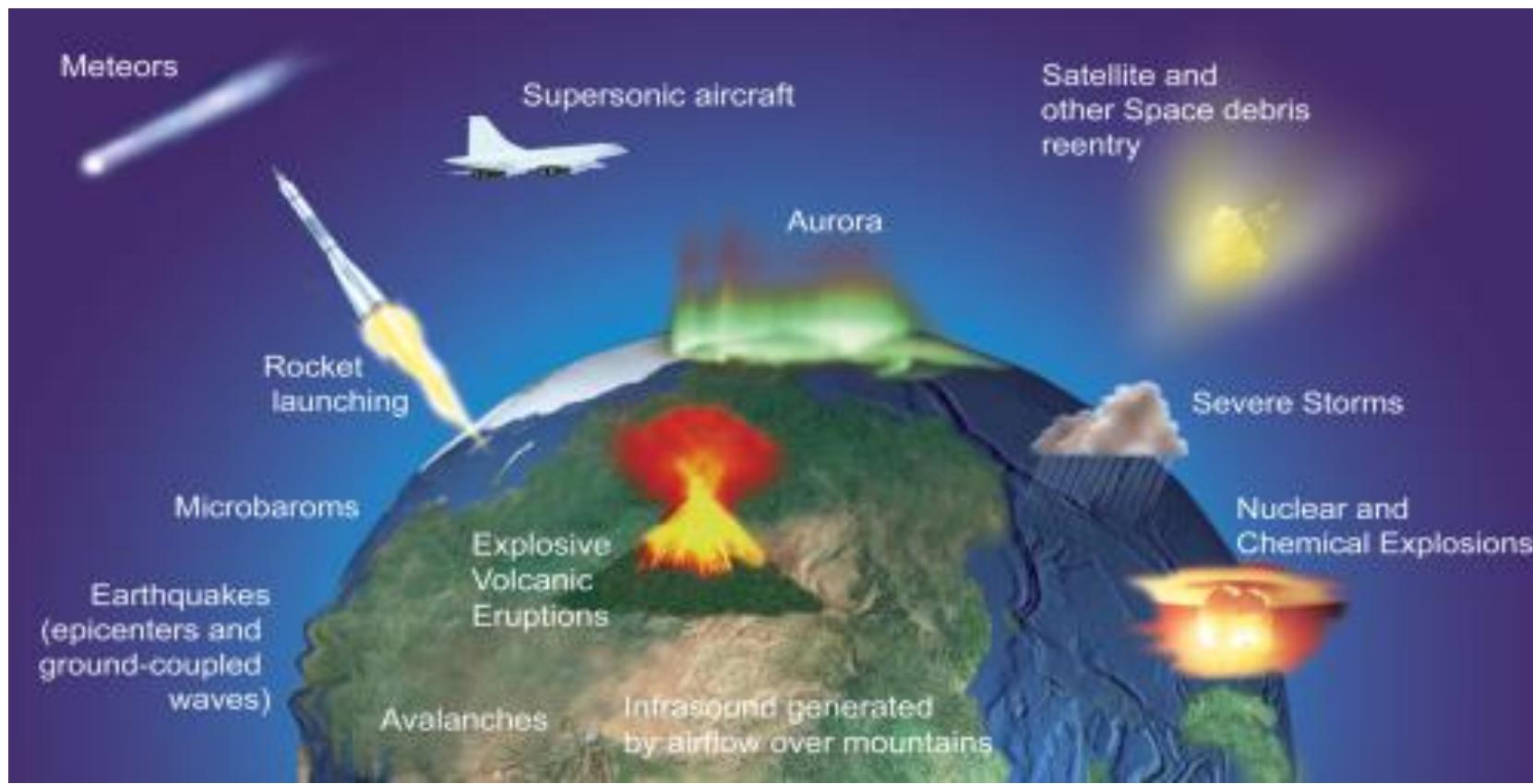
- General Electrics Vingmed Ultrasound
- Oslo University Hospital

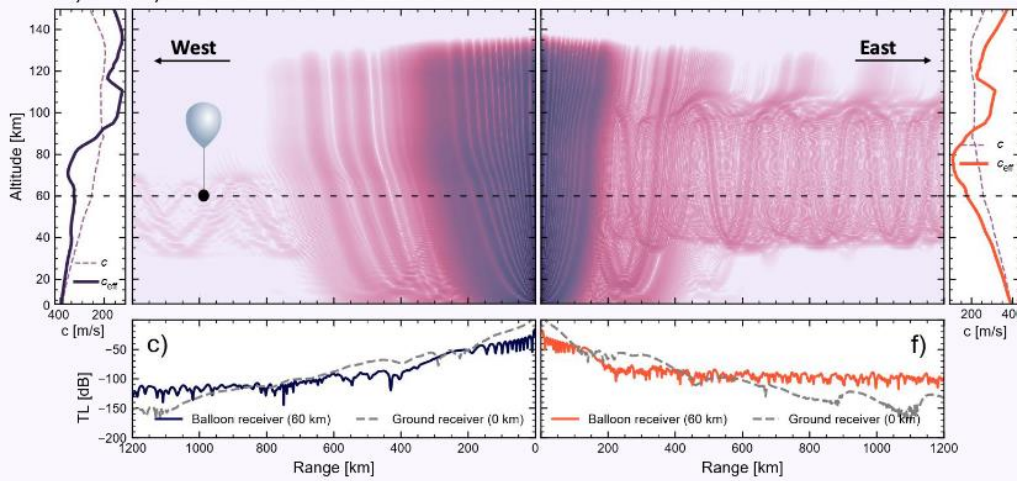
Example:

**Atmospheric wind probing / Subsurface mapping
using infrasound acoustics →**

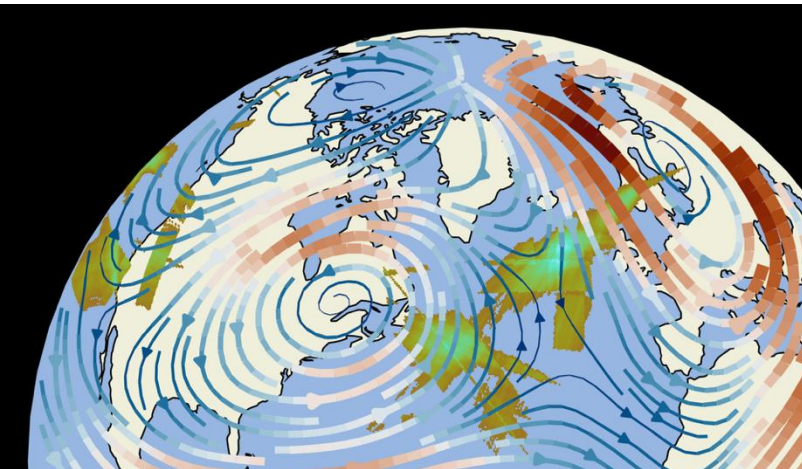
INFRASOUND

- Very low-frequency sound, propagating thousands of kilometers
- Carries fingerprint about the **source** & the **medium it travels through**





Probing Venus & Earth
using infrasound
recorded at balloons !



Probing
stratospheric
winds to
enhance long-
range weather
prediction !

*Great if you learn machine
learning in addition to
signal processing &
acoustics*

Master's thesis (60 credits)

- **Our research group can offer weekly MSc sessions with free food!**
- Independent, scientific research
- Corresponds to 1 study year, completed by: written thesis, oral presentation & oral examination
- Opportunity to specialize in a chosen research topic
- Recommended course may vary depending on programme option, project, & supervisor

Deadline 1. December for most of you!

Study agreement, project description and research plan. For some this can be even ~early October!

- **ELITE students: Submission of MSc first writings in 3rd semester**
- **CS students: Essay as first part of MSc**

⇒ **Start looking for a supervisor and Master's thesis topic early!**

Database of project suggestions: <https://www.mn.uio.no/ifi/studier/masteroppgaver/dsb/>

⇒ **Separate open project presentation session will come in September!**

Will first have “dialogue phase” until end-September – later a “decision phase”

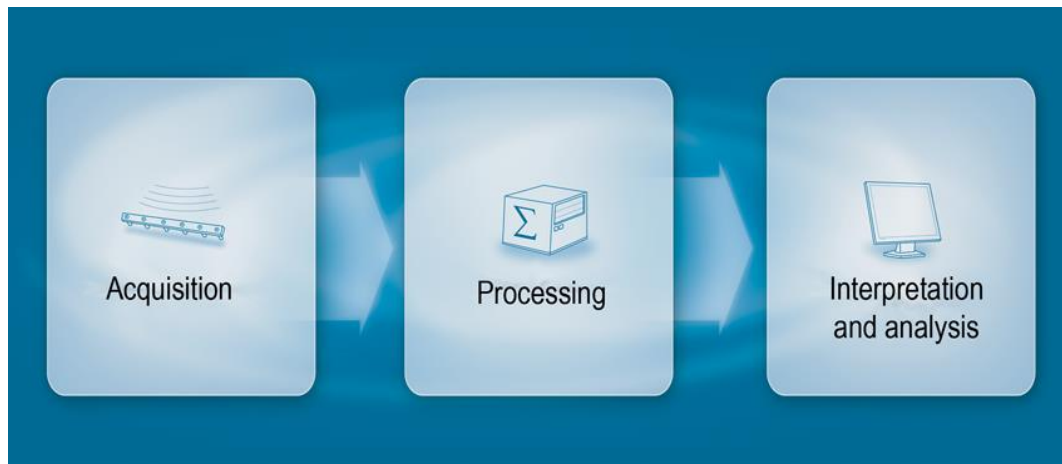
Master's thesis (cont.)

Part-time study? Different timespan for MSc work? Extensions due to sick leave? Other questions?

- **Make sure to talk to the administrative contact for your programme as soon as possible!**
 - ⇒ ELITE in the Physics Department
 - ⇒ CS in the Informatics Department
 - ⇒ DS in the Math Department
- **Extensions are very hard to get**

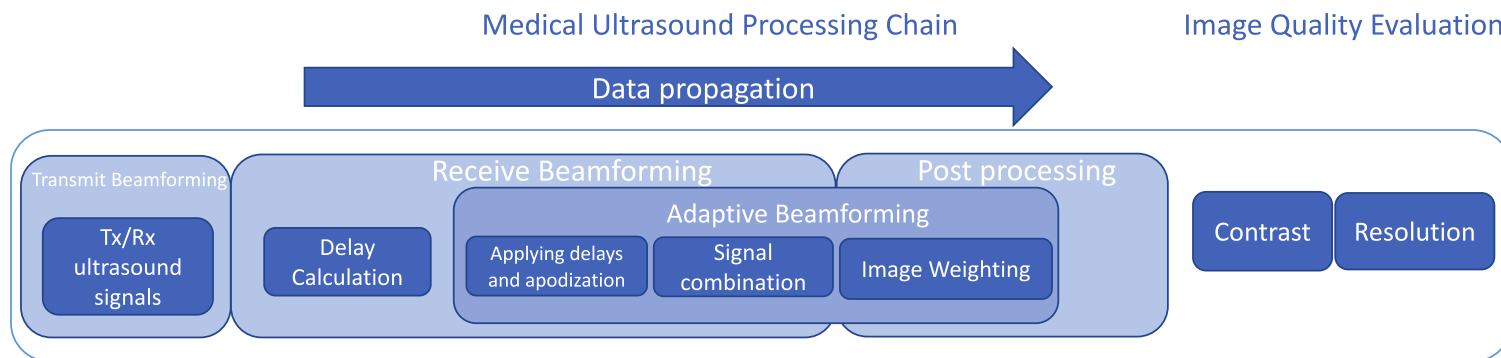
Must apply **as early as possible** and typically require special reasons, e.g., doctor's note.
(Not just that you "feel you need more time")

The Digital Signal Processing and Image Analysis research group (DSB)



Key objective

**Algorithms & methods
to make better images
and characterization**



Adapted from the PhD dissertation of Ole Marius Hoel Rindal

Collaborations, DSB group (examples)

CIUS (Centre for Innovative Ultrasound Solutions)

- SFI hosted by NTNU
- NTNU / GE Vingmed / Kongsberg Maritime / FFI

Visual Intelligence SFI

- Hosted by UiT
- Deep learning applications across many imaging domains
- NR / UiT & GE Vingmed Ultrasound /...

Norwegian Centre for Knowledge-driven Machine Learning (INTEGRATE)

- Norwegian cross-institute project for more sustainable, accurate, trustworthy & ethical machine learning

The Norwegian Centre for Trustworthy AI

- Building the foundations for AI that is accurate, interpretable, inclusive, fair, safe, sustainable, and well-governed

BrainSight

- Decoding Human Memory and Perception through Machine Intelligence
- Collaboration between us and Medical Faculty + University of California San Diego

Slides if we have time →

Two of our graduated MSc project students

Hvorfor velge dette programmet?

Hva lærer du?

Søknadsfrist og opptak

Oppbygging og gjennomføring

Studieopphold i utlandet

Jobb og videre studier

Karriereintervjuer

Kontakt oss

Siste beskjeder

Studiemiljø

Studiestart

Elektronikk, informatikk og teknologi (bachelor)

Helene jobber med ultralyd i Sonitor

I jobben som Research and Development (R&D) Engineer hos Sonitor utvikler Helene verktøy som skal måle romstørrelse og gi oversikt over hvor gitte gjenstander befinner seg.



Foto: Aina Louise C. Haukeland/UiO.

– Jeg visste at jeg ville jobbe med teknologiutvikling, og da jeg leste om studieprogrammet Elektronikk, informatikk og teknologi på UiO, var det midt i blinken.

Presented her work 47th Scandinavian Symposium on Physical Acoustics, Geilo

<https://www.uio.no/studier/program/elektronikk-it/karriereintervjuer/jobber-med-teknologiutvikling-og-ultralyd.html>

Hvorfor velge denne retningen?

Søknadsfrist og opptak

Oppbygging og gjennomføring

Studiemiljø

Signalbehandling og avbildning

Min master: Hvordan forstå Venus?

Celine Marie Solberg skriver om simulering av jordskjelv på Venus og får samarbeide med NASA.



Celine Marie Solberg. Foto: privat.

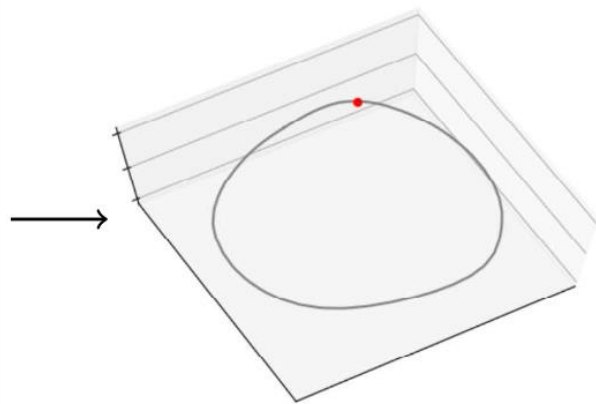
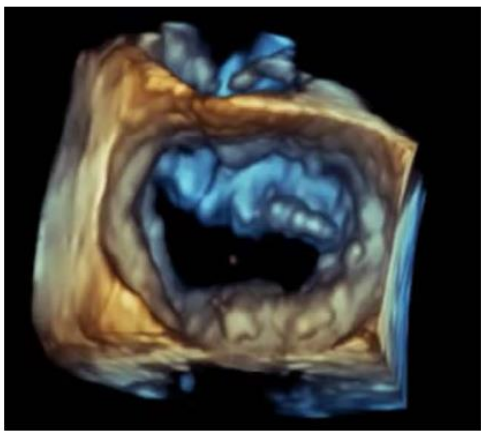
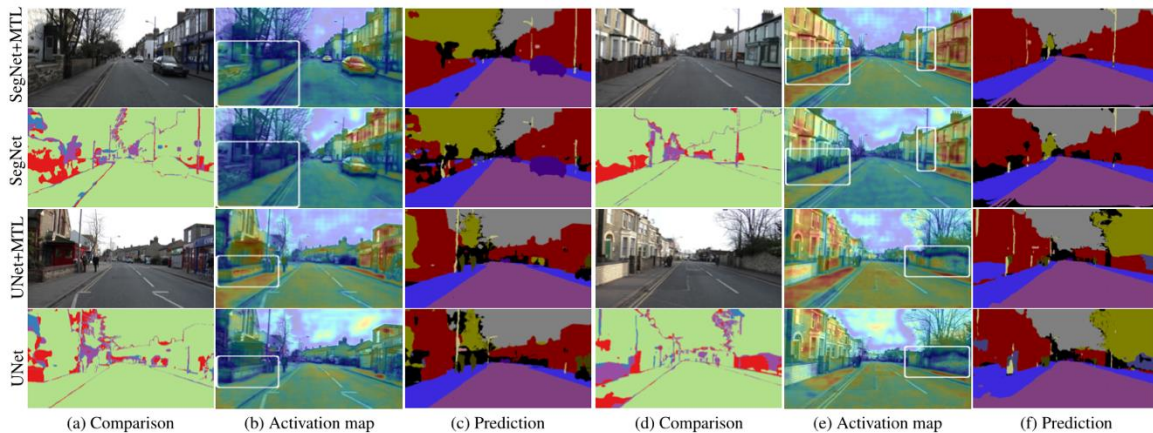
Celine fikk høre om masteroppgaven på et informasjonsmøte for IFI-studenter. Hun hadde aldri hørt om denne typen oppgave før, og syntes den virket ny og eksotisk sammenliknet med mange andre masteroppgaver. Det var også motiverende at det var en morsom oppgave som kunne virke spennende for folk utenfor fagfeltet også.

– Jeg tenkte også at det var ganske kult å få samarbeide med NASA!

Presented her work at 1) 47th Scandinavian Symposium on Physical Acoustics, Geilo; 2) American geophysical union, San Fransisco

<https://www.uio.no/studier/program/elektronikk-it-master/studieretninger/signalbehandling-avbildning/studiemiljo/hvordan-forsta-venus.html>

Deep learning, machine learning, image analysis



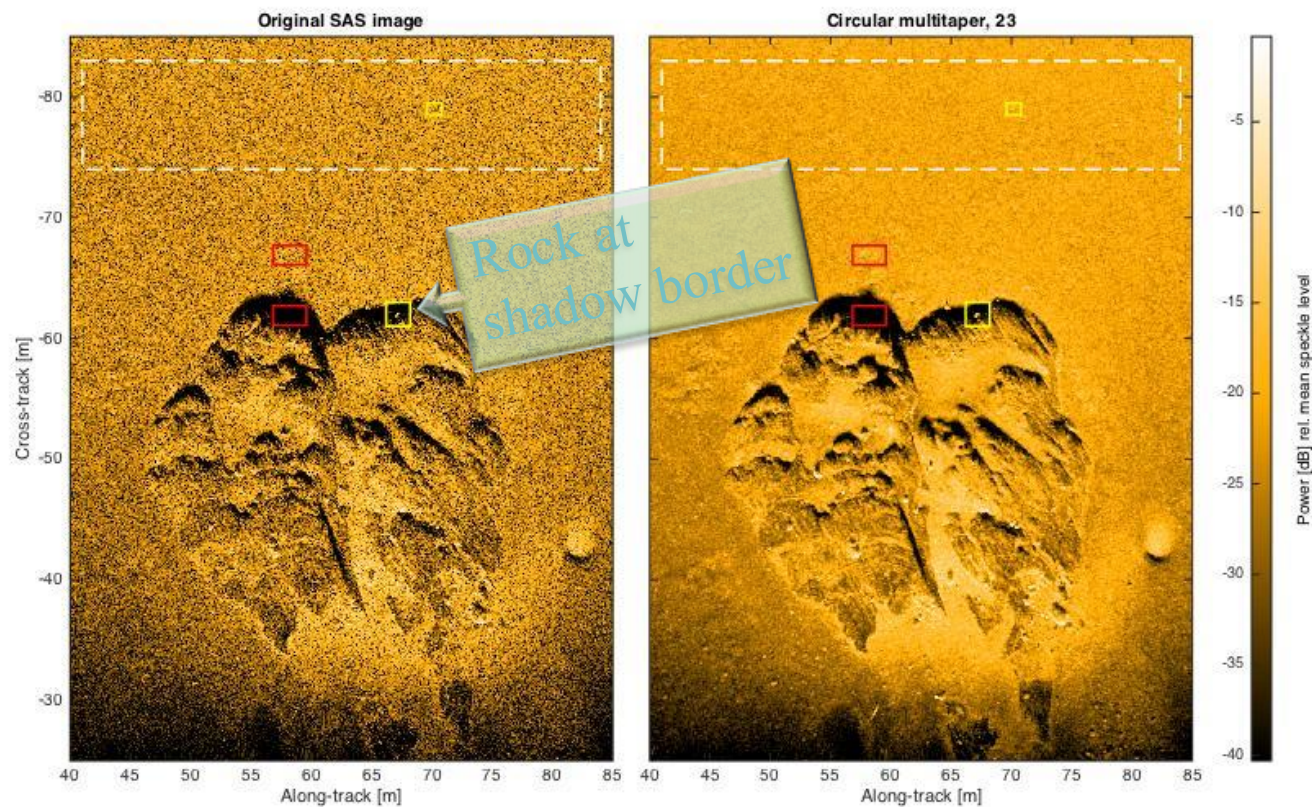
Improved imaging in sonar and ultrasound

- Sonar
 - SAS imaging; Speckle reduction w/improved resolution
 - Gas seep detection
- Ultrasound
 - High resolution imaging with
 - adaptive beamforming
 - USTB: An open source initiative



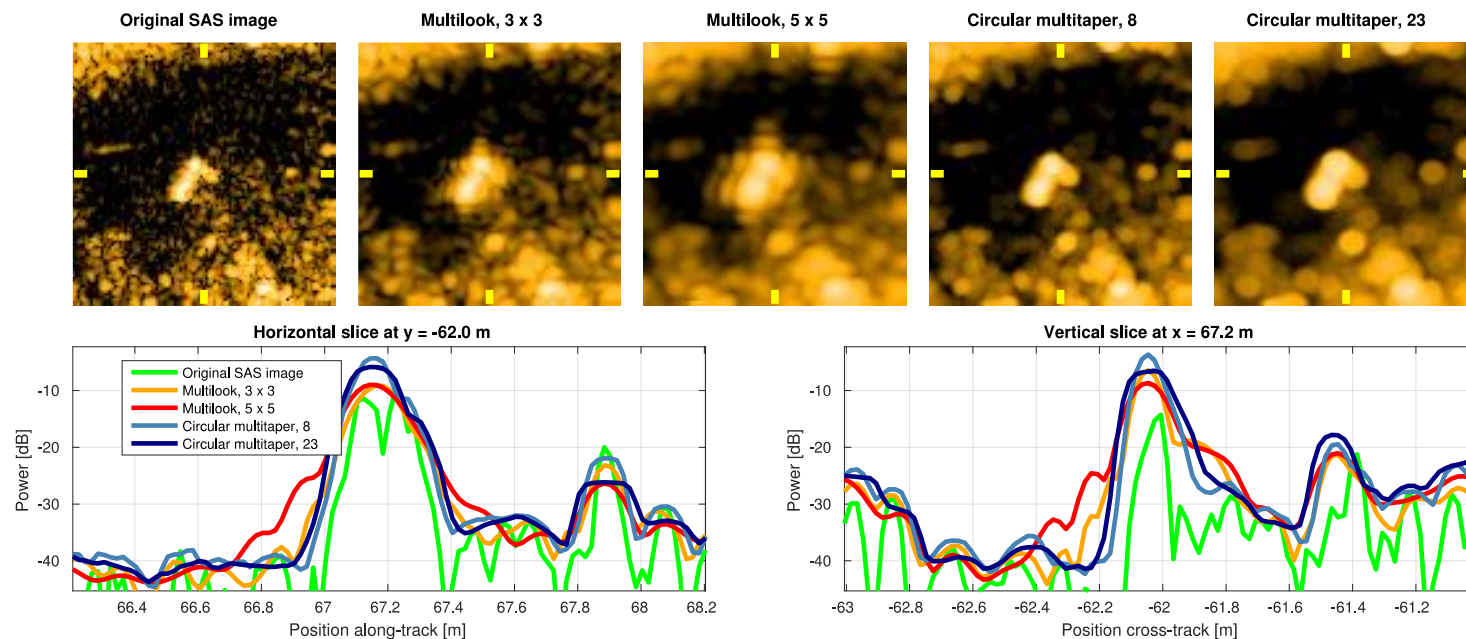
SAS image of a rock formation

Original image and a speckle reduced image



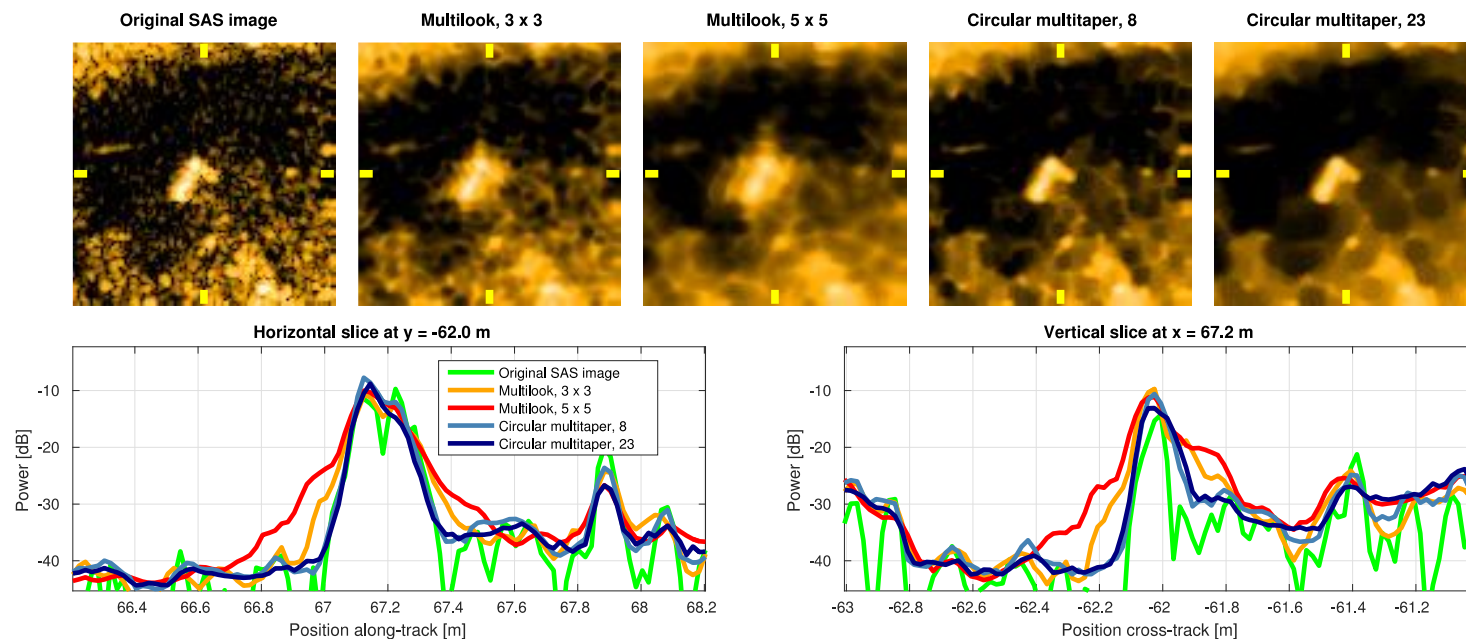
Rock at shadow border, UNSTEERED

Various approaches for speckle reduction

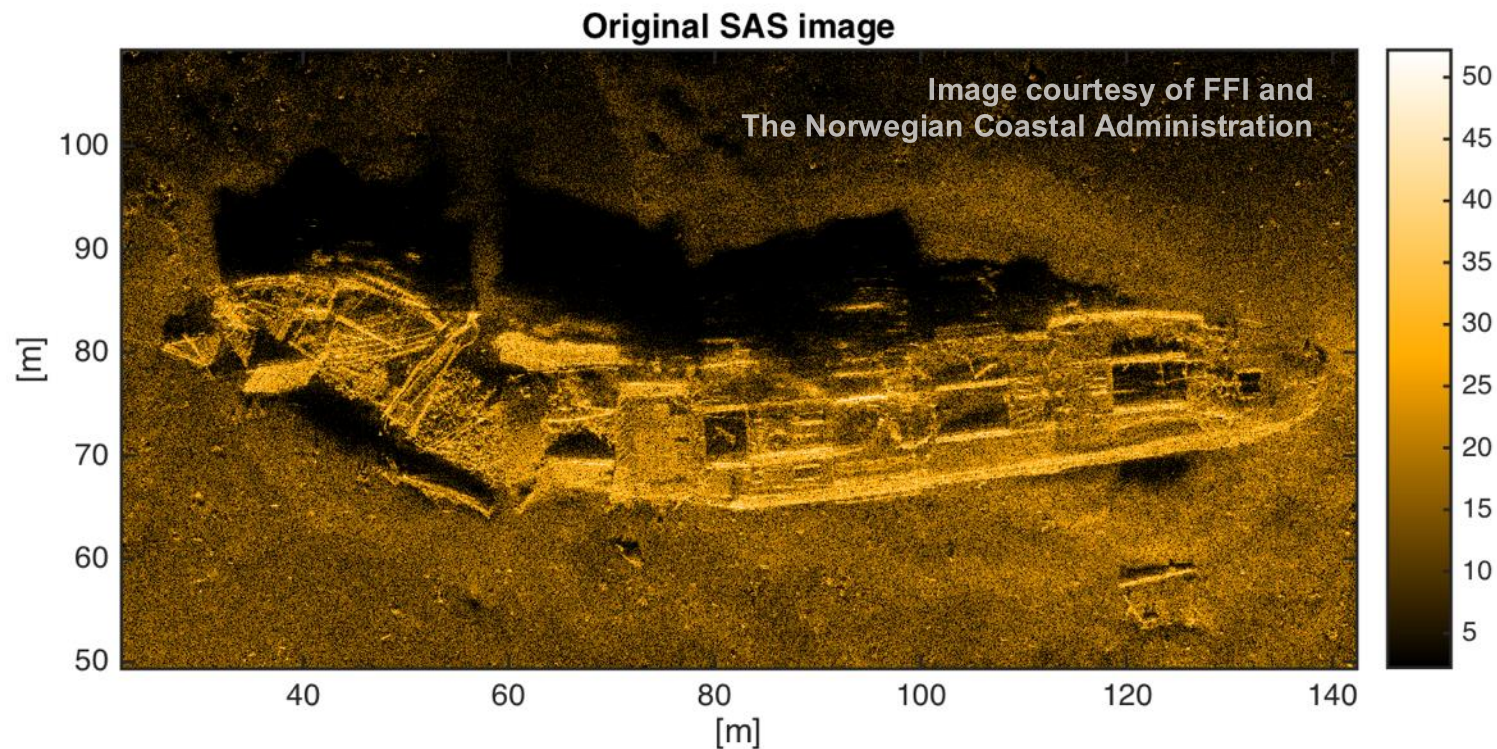


Rock at shadow border, MICRO-STEERED

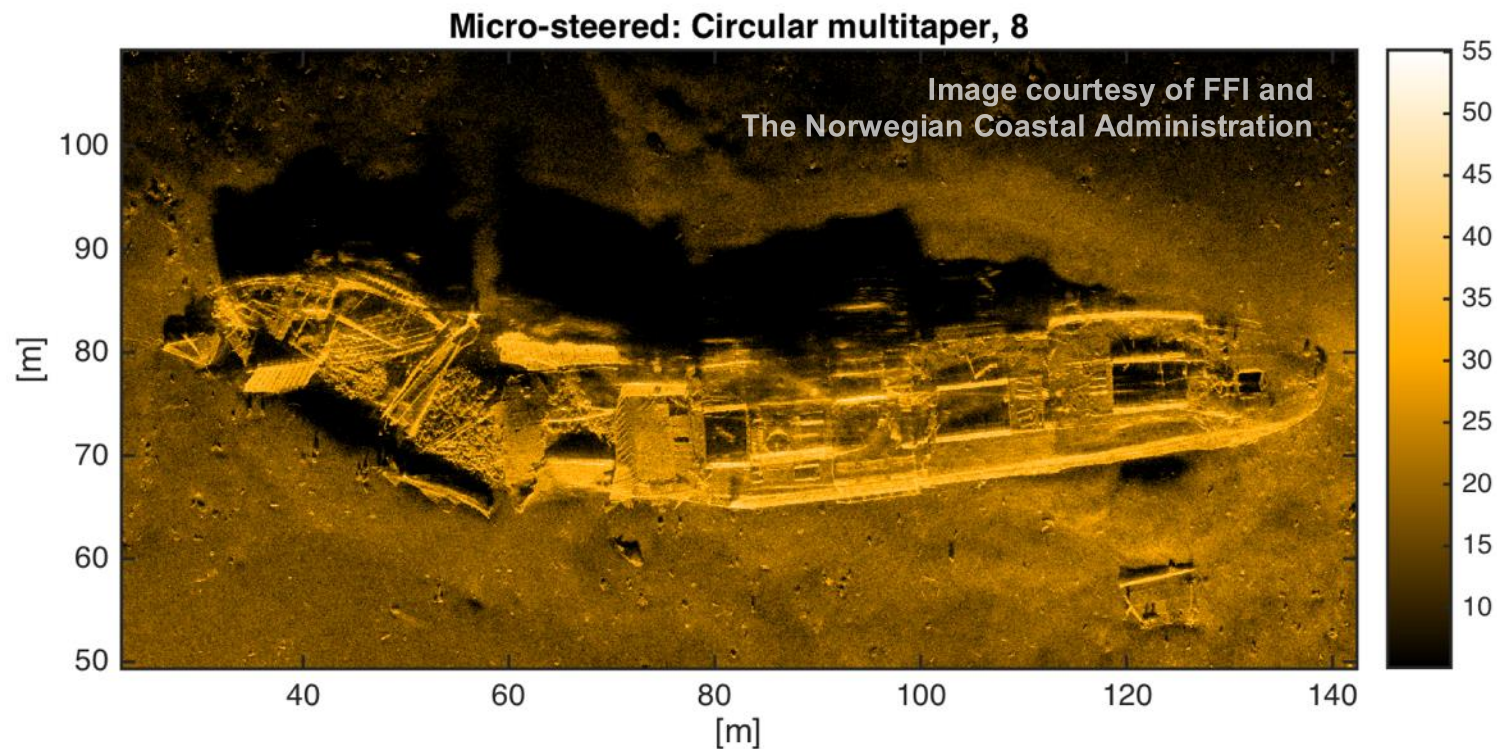
Various approaches for speckle reduction



A complex target; Wreck



A complex target; Wreck ...

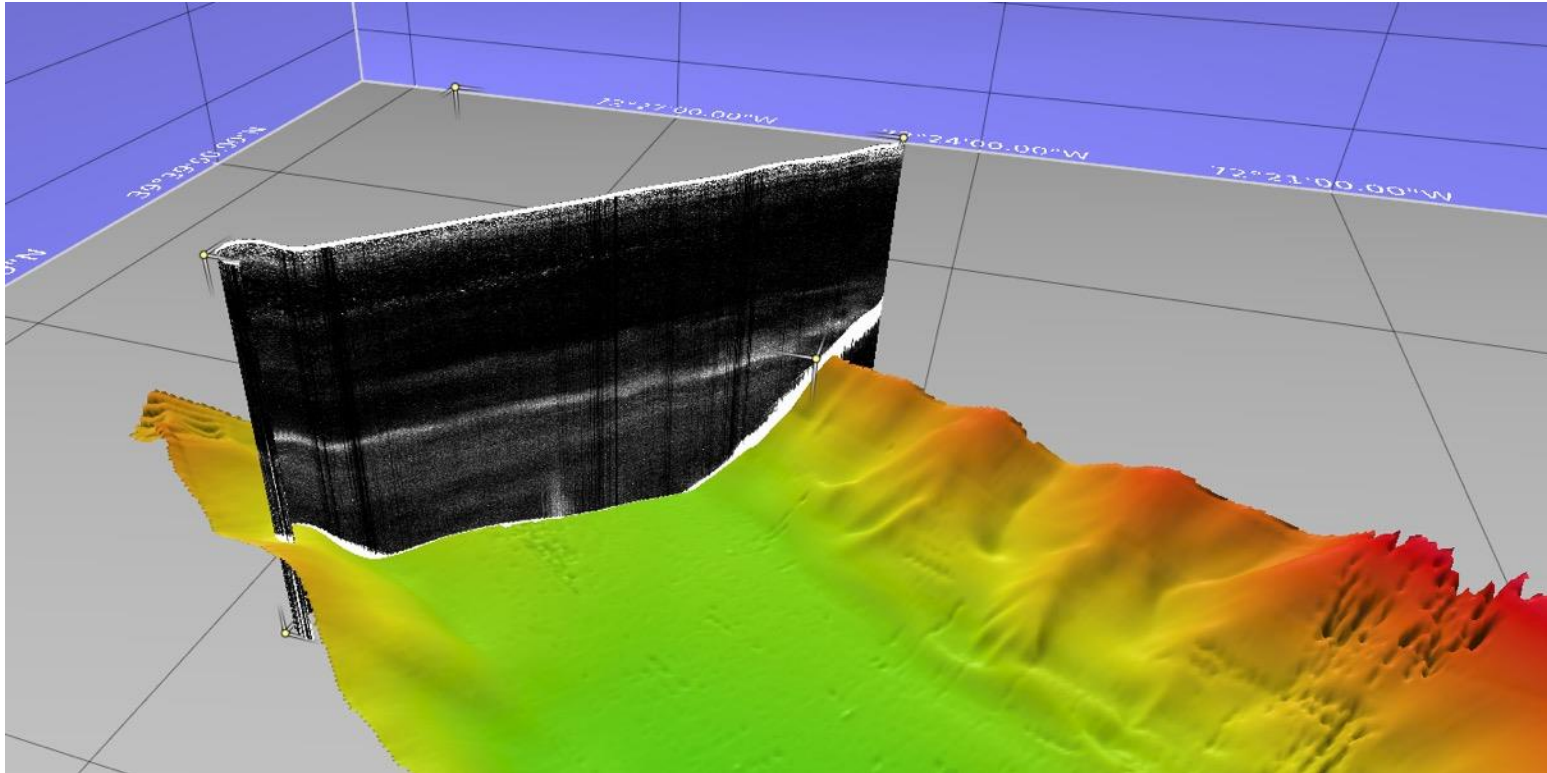




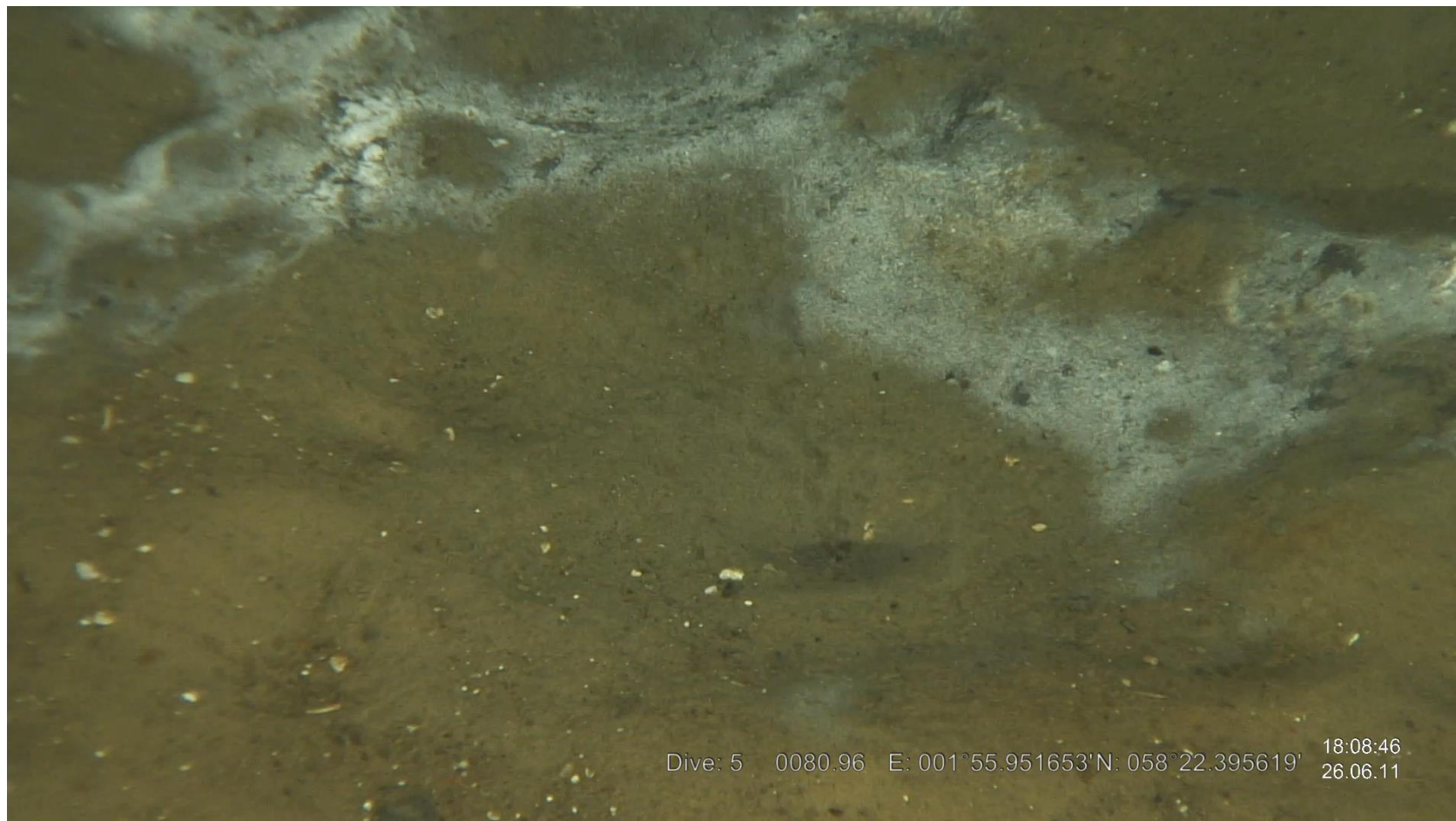
Ann A.E.
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Gas detection in sonar images

Combined bottom detections and water column data w/gas seep

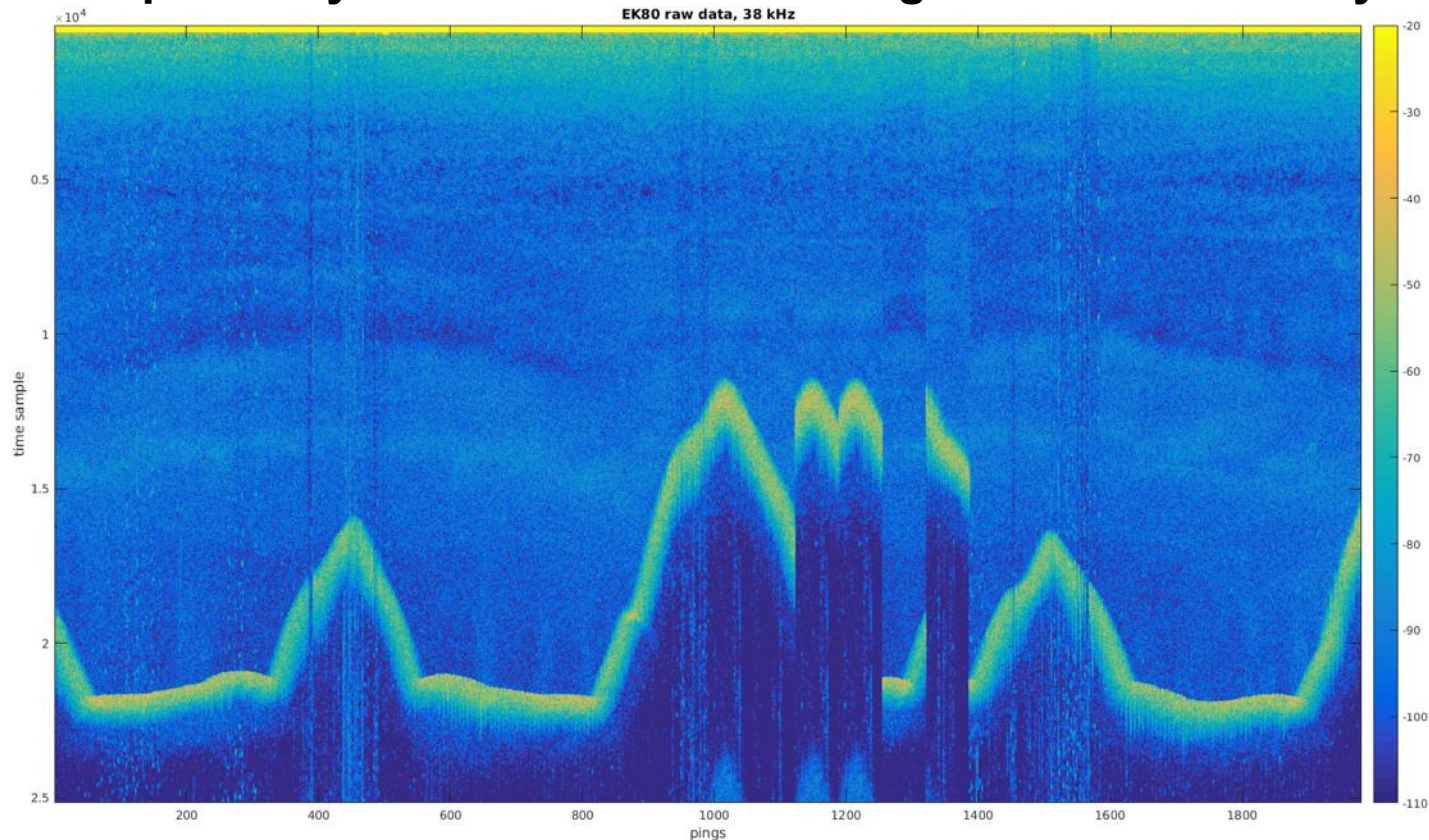


Example: Video from abandoned well, leaking small amounts of shallow gas



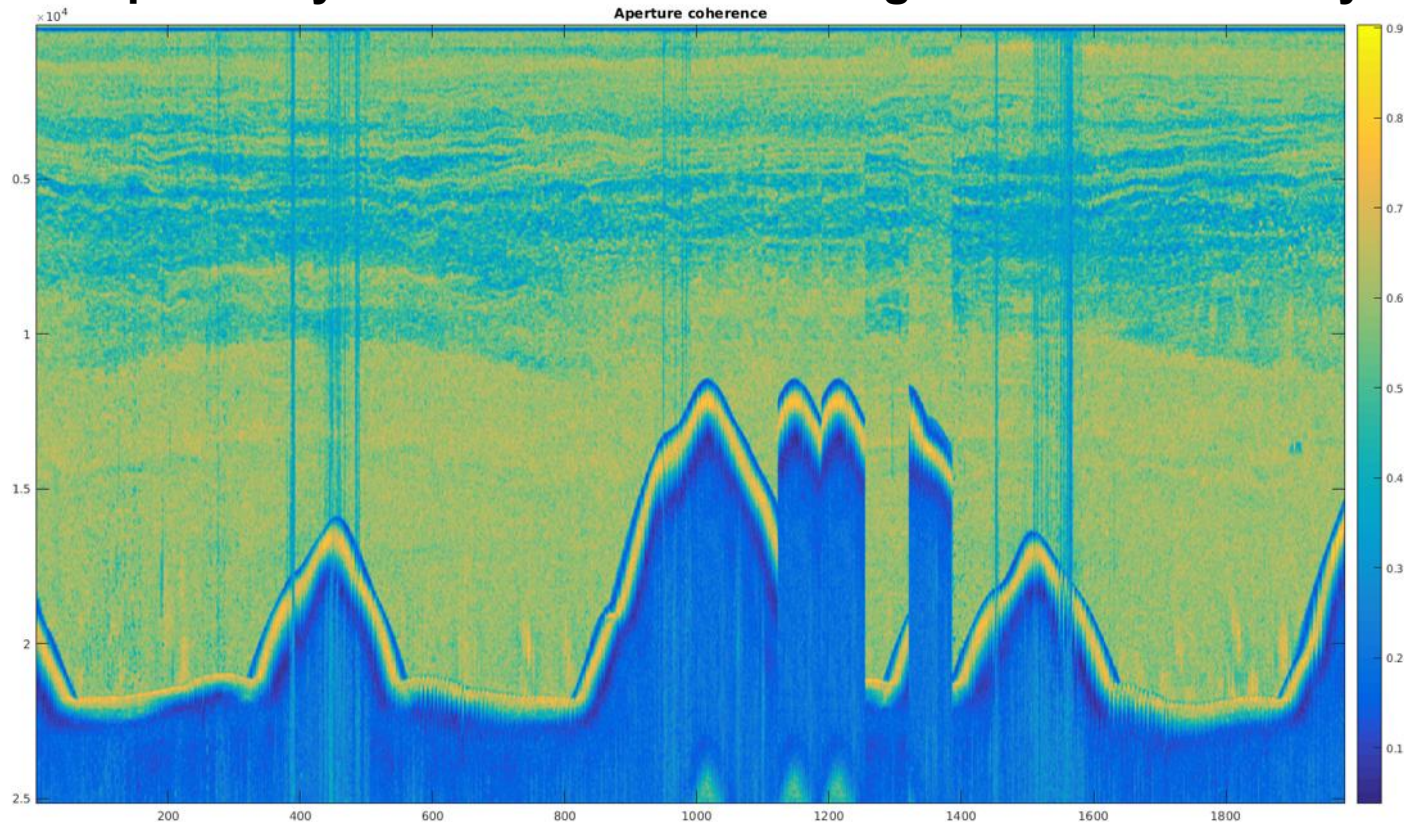
Single beam, Water column data, Standard DAS

Gas seeps barely visible. Several crossing of underwater canyon.



Single beam, Water column data, Coherence factor

Gas seeps barely visible. Several crossing of underwater canyon.





Ole Marius
Hoel Rindal

High resolution ultrasound imaging



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● Technical Note

HYPOTHESIS OF IMPROVED VISUALIZATION OF MICROSTRUCTURES IN THE INTERVENTRICULAR SEPTUM WITH ULTRASOUND AND ADAPTIVE BEAMFORMING

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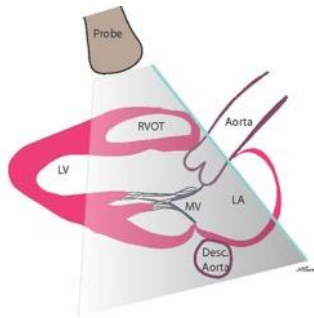
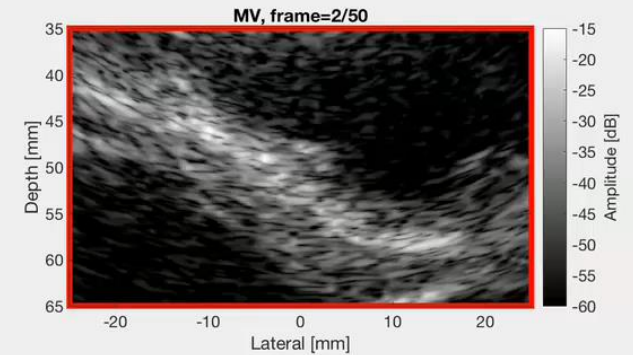
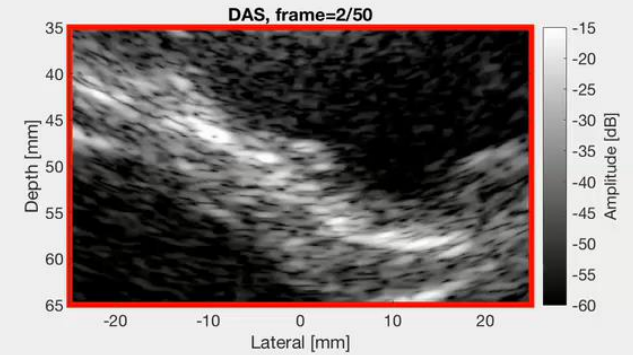
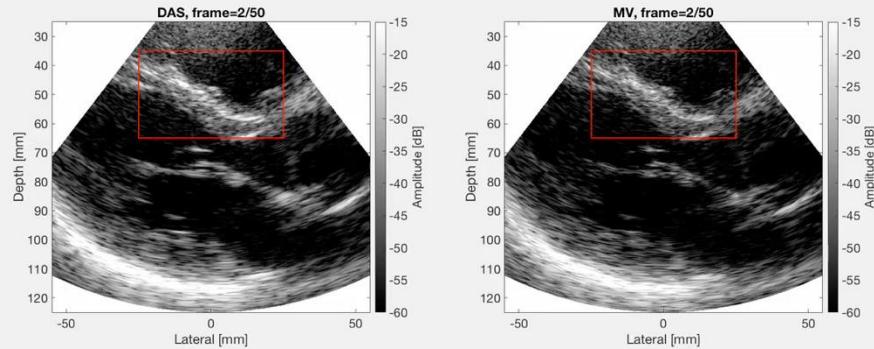
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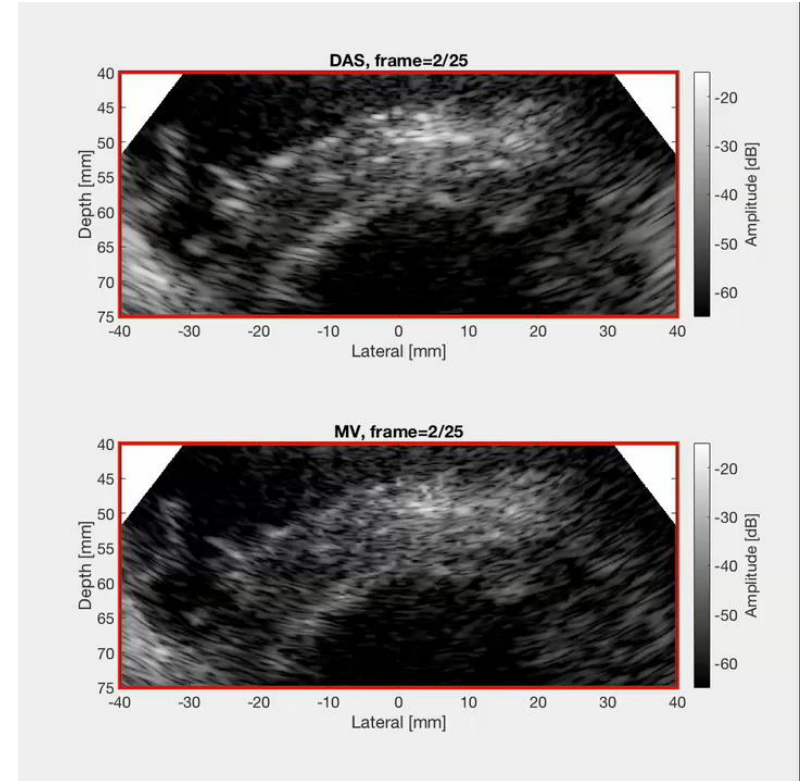
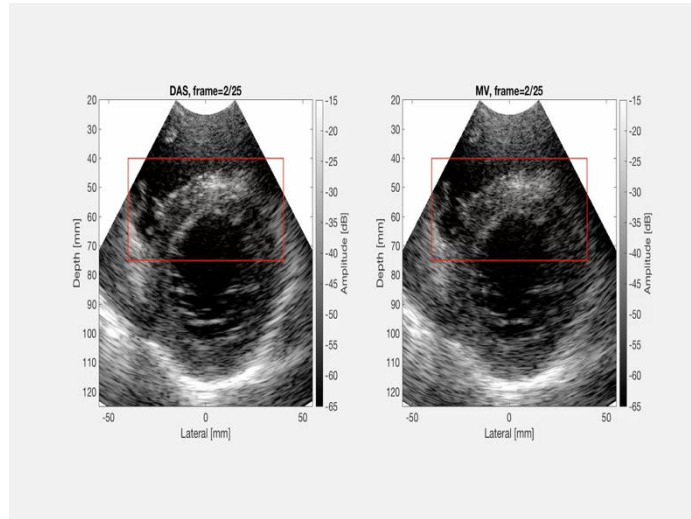
Abstract—In this work, *in vivo* ultrasound cardiac images created with Capon's minimum variance adaptive beamformer are compared with images acquired with the conventional delay-and-sum beamformer. Specifically, we provide three views of a human heart imaged through the parasternal short-axis, the parasternal long-axis and the apical four-chamber views. The minimum variance beamformer produced images with improved lateral resolution, resulting in better resolved speckle structure and improved edges, especially on close investigation of the interventricular septum. These improvements in image quality might possibly improve the visualization of microstructures in the human heart. (E-mail: omrindal@ifi.uio.no) © 2017 World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine & Biology.

Key Words: Minimum variance beamforming, Capon beamforming, Ultrasound imaging, Cardiac imaging.

Parasternal Long-Axis view



Parasternal Short-Axis view





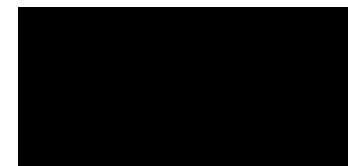
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The UltraSound Toolbox

MATLAB toolbox for processing ultrasonic signals

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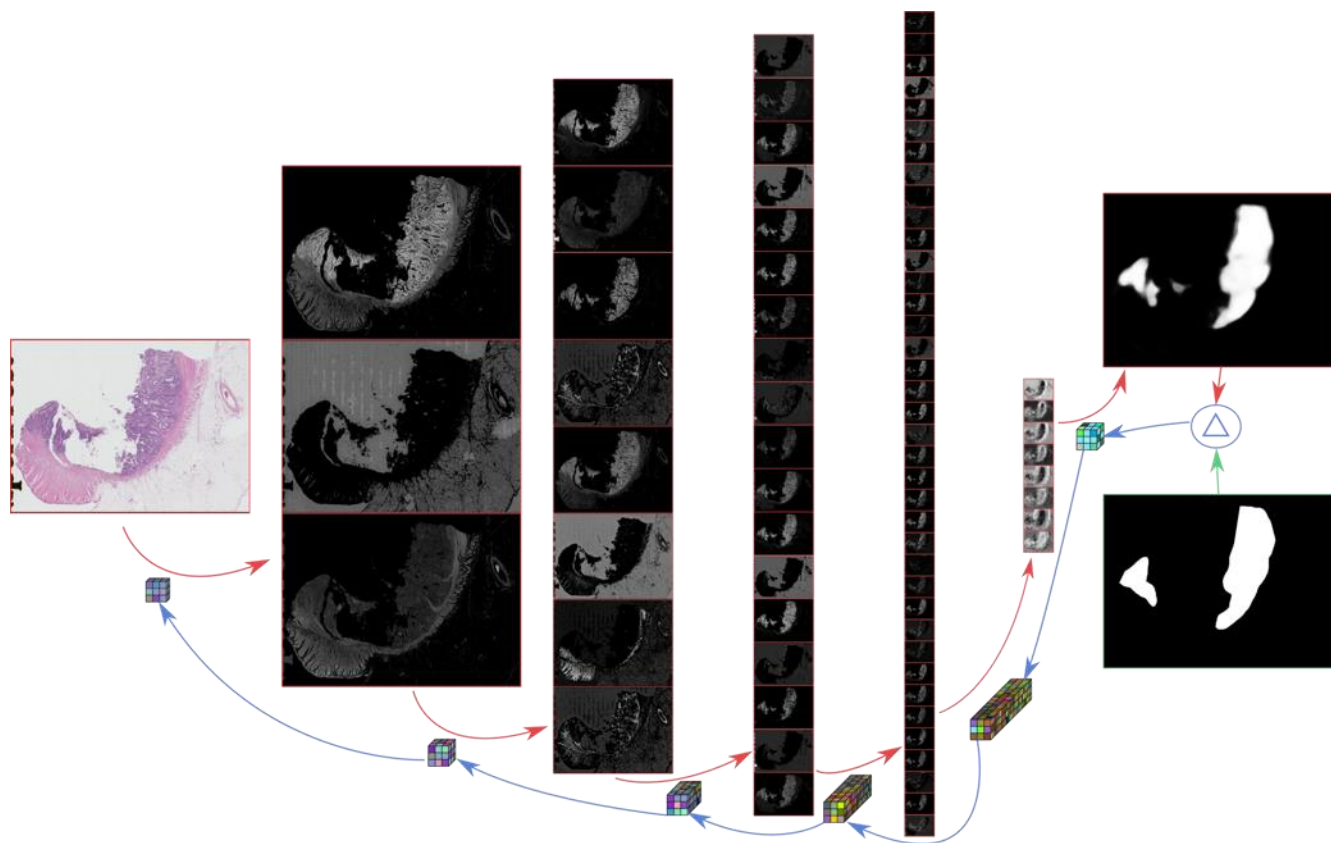


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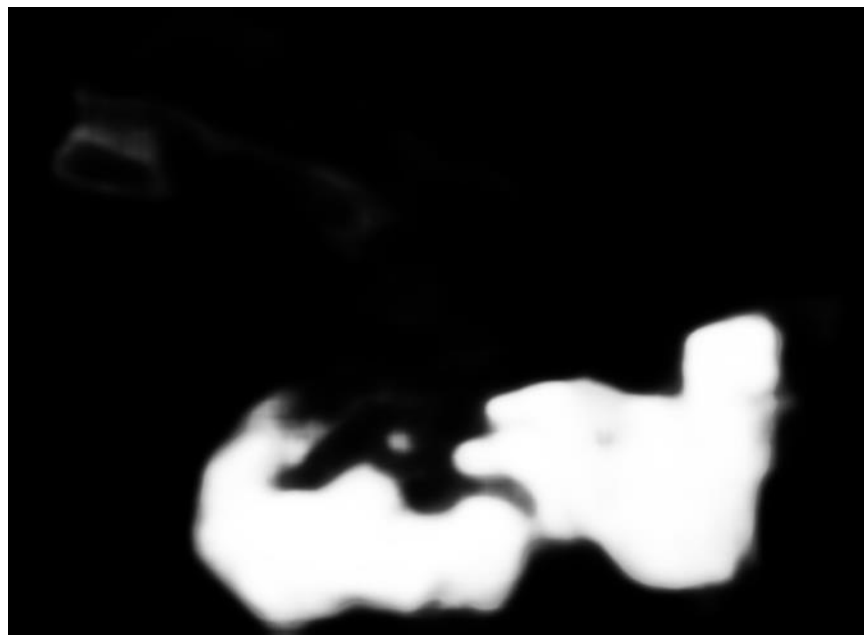
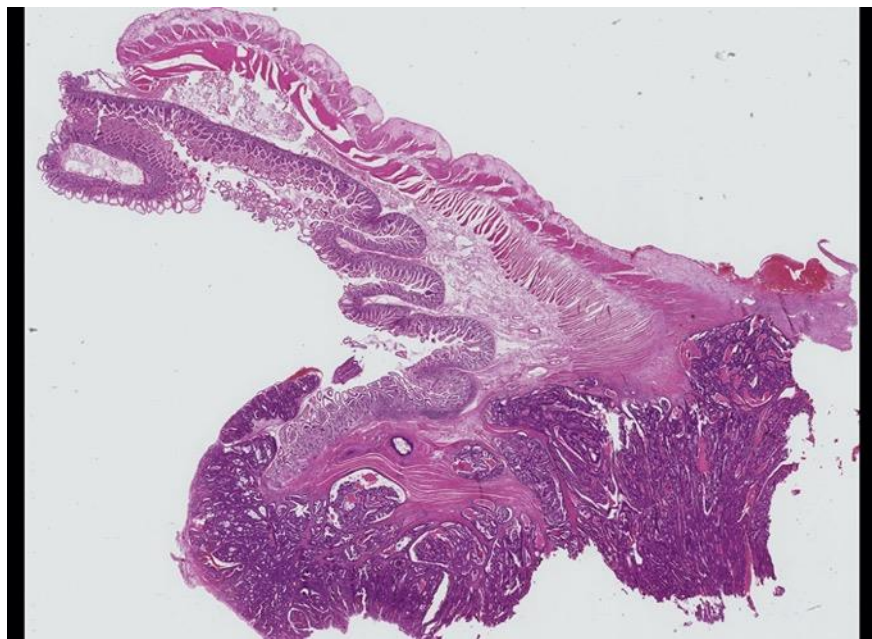


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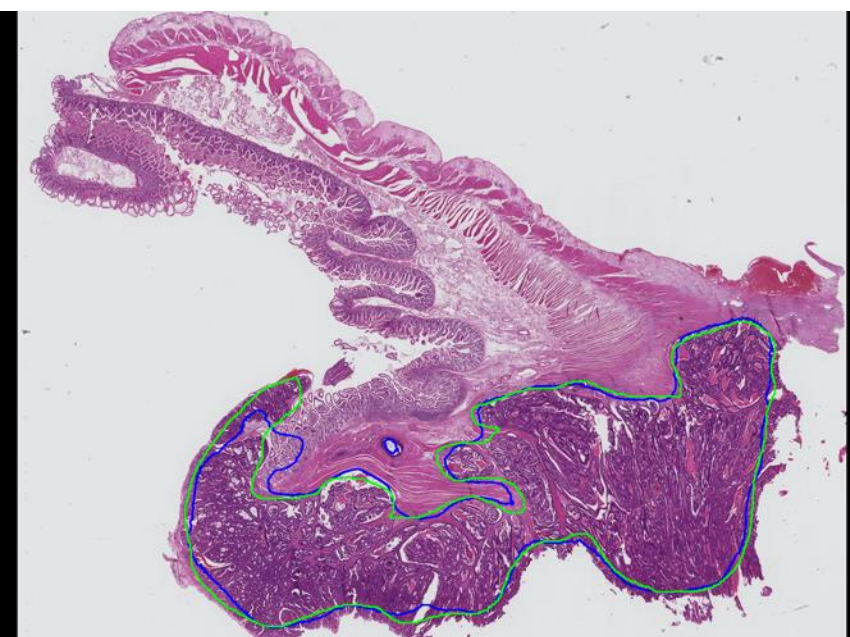
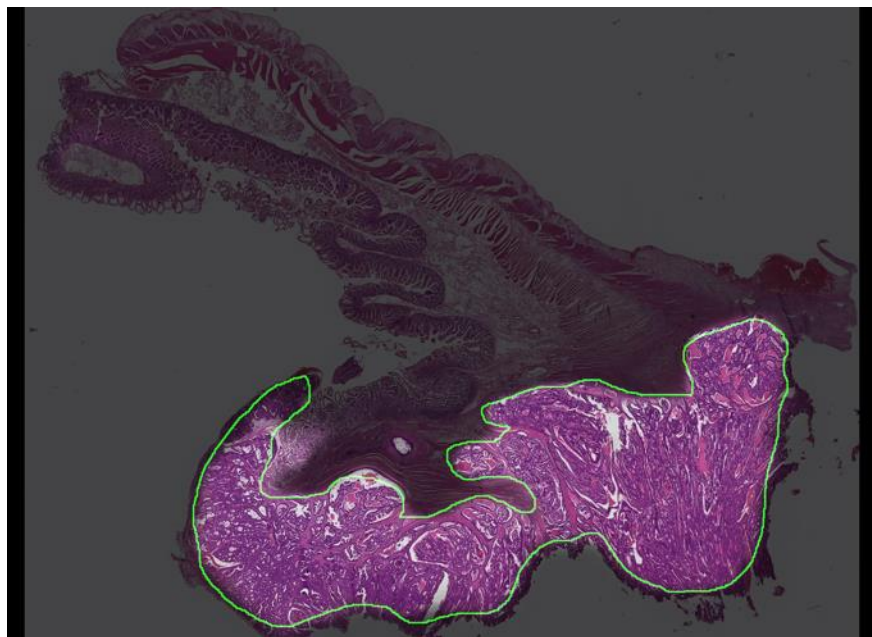


Example: Original + probability from NN



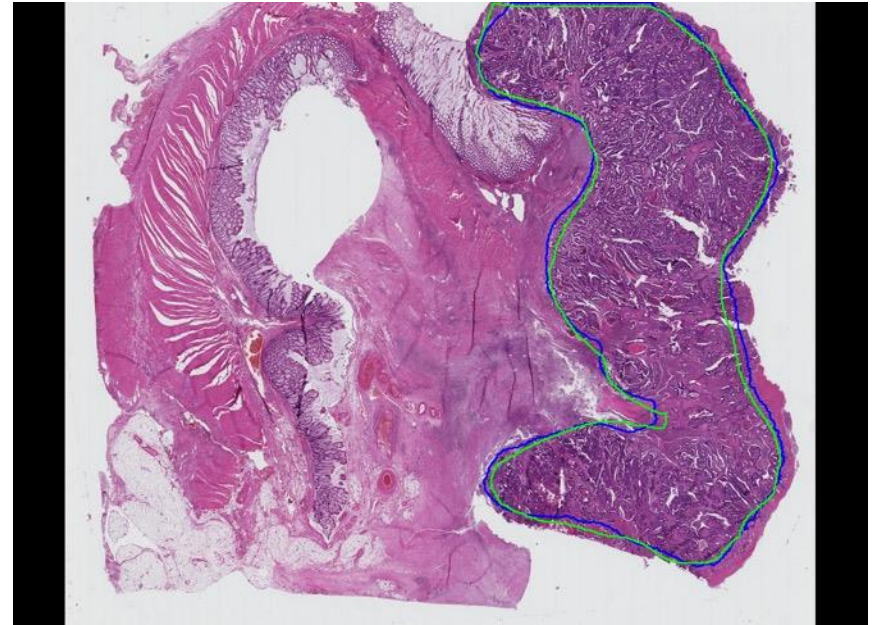
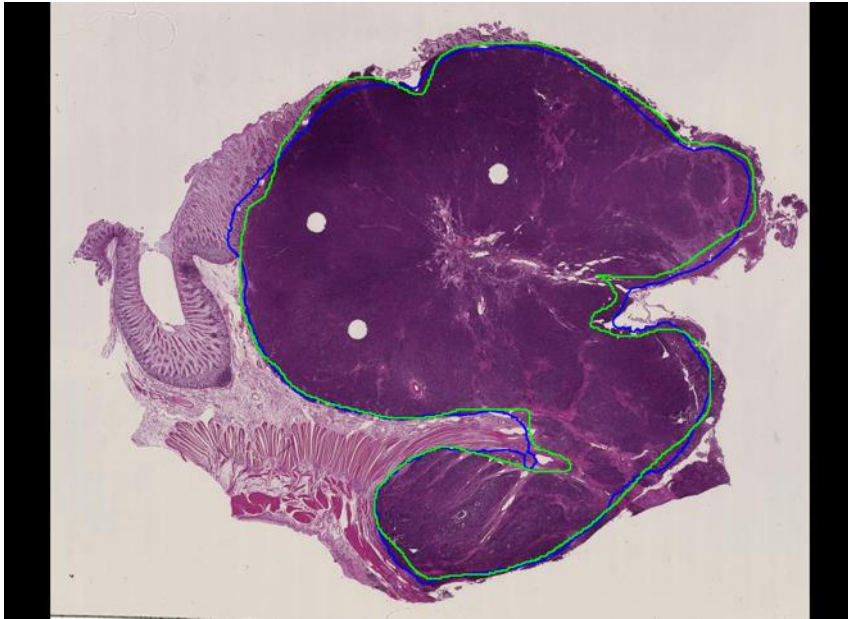
Example: Original x probability + deliniated

Green: from NN, Blue: from pathologist

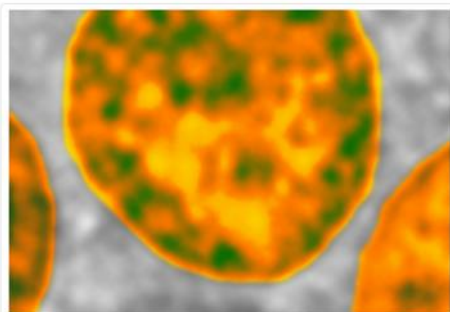


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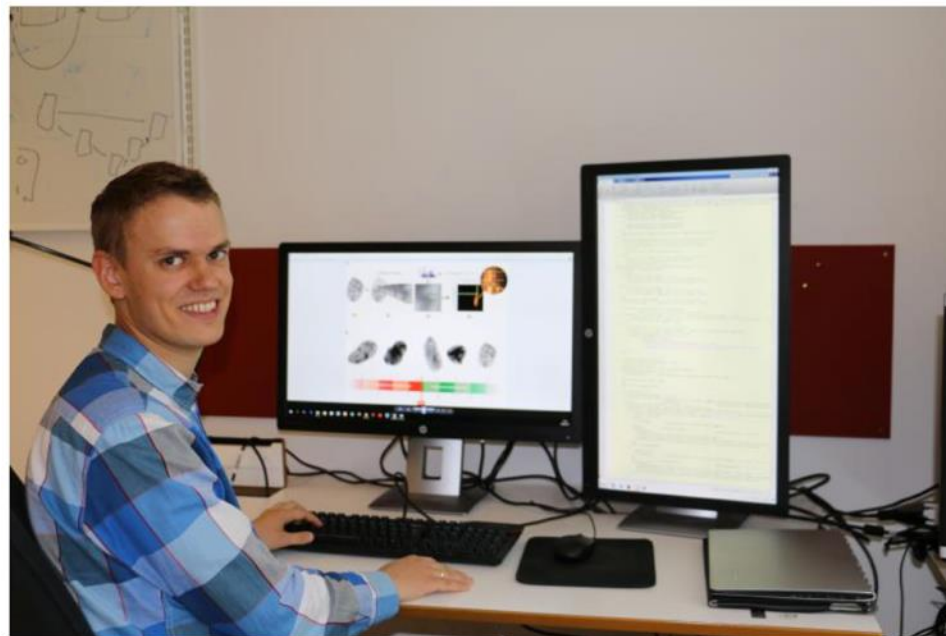
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Andreas defended his PhD
in September 2017.
He is now an adjoint
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De grønne områdene i cellekjernen viser det såkalte kromatinet. Det kan si mye om pasientens prognose.
Illustrasjon: Oslo universitetssykehus



Andreas Kleppe viser hvordan databasert bildeanalyse kan brukes i diagnostisering og behandling av mange kreftformer. Her viser han hvordan det tas bilder av et stort antall kreftceller fra hver enkelt pasient Foto: Gunhild M. Haugnes/UiO [Bruk bildet](#).

Bildeanalyse gir mer treffsikker kreftdiagnose

Andreas Kleppe har utviklet en ny metode som presist slår fast hvor alvorlig en kreftsykdom er. Metoden kan brukes på mange kreftformer.

av [Gunhild M. Haugnes](#) - 16. oktober, 2017

Resources

Water tanks

- 3 water tanks of different sizes
- Positioning systems for sonar and ultrasound field measurements
 - ONDA AIMS III Hydrophone Scanning System
 - Custom-made positioning system for large water tank (2x1.5x1.5 m³)

Ultrasound scanners

- Verasonics Vantage 256 research ultrasound scanner
- GE Vingmed Vivid E95 research and clinical ultrasound scanner

High-performance computing

- Group / Department / Faculty resources
- Granting access to National HPC resources possible

Processing & prototyping

- USTB, Ultrasound Toolbox developed and maintained in collaboration with NTNU & others

Selected projects, array signal processing & acoustic imaging

Ole Marius H. Rindal, PhD 2019, now Postdoc:

- *Software Beamforming in Medical Ultrasound Imaging - a blessing and a curse*

Antoine Blachet, PhD 2021:

- *Improved mapping rate in seabed mapping with sonar*

PhD Stine Myhre Hverven, PhD ongoing:

- *Ultrasound imaging for improved segmentation*

Ole Jacob Lorentzen, PhD ongoing:

- *Synthetic Aperture Sonar Interferometry in Rough Seafloor Bathymetry*

Tor Inge Birkenes Lønmo, PhD 2020:

- *Adaptive Beamforming and Autocalibration for Swath Sonars*

Ann Elisabet A. Blomberg, PhD 2012 & Postdoc

- *Adaptive Beamforming for Active Sonar Imaging*

Johan-Fredrik Synnevåg, PhD 2009

- *Adaptive beamforming for medical ultrasound Imaging*

Kaja F. Kvåle, PhD 2020:

- *Detection of mechanical waves in the left ventricle using high frame rate imaging*

Fabrice Prieur, PhD 2012 & Postdoc 2019

- *Nonlinear propagation of ultrasonic signals. Theoretical studies and potential applications*

Stig A. Synnes, PhD ongoing:

- *Ultra Wideband Synthetic Aperture Sonar*

Yücel Karabıyık

- *Advanced waveform modulation and associated signal processing techniques*

Jon Petter Åsen, PhD 2014

- *Accelerating adaptive ultrasound imaging algorithms by means of general-purpose computing on graphics processing units*

Announcing PhD grants spring 2021

- Ultrasound array signal processing
- Array signal processing collaboration, with Kongsberg Maritime