

# Development of Unrestricted Datasets and Requirements

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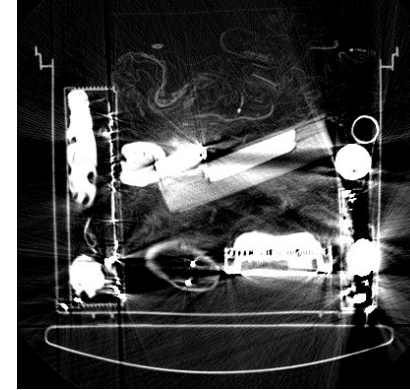


# So What? Who Cares?

- **Space:** CBP needs better contraband interdiction
- **Problem:** Restricted NII datasets prevent a larger community from developing automated contraband detection algorithms for cargo. It is very difficult to get data for vendors and impossible to get data for third parties (other vendors, academia, national labs, etc.)
- **Solution:** Scan on other scanners (e.g., industrial radiography), use simulated scans; add objects of interest (OOIs) to existing scans; [for National Labs] use data from DHS Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD).
- **Data Availability:** Depends on user: incumbent vendors, third parties, **national labs**
- **Results:** Better contraband interdiction
- **TRL:** 3. Algorithms need to be developed

# Unrestricted datasets would allow a larger community to develop algorithms for contraband detection in cargo

- Algorithm development requires data
- CBP does not release data for open algorithm development by third parties
- Possible solutions:
  - Acquire data as done for checked luggage but in land-sea containers with a generic imaging system
  - Acquire datasets with reduced-scale cargo and OOI
  - Add OOIs to existing scans
  - Use simulated scans
  - [For national labs] Use DHS CWMD test data, mainly rad/nuc test objects and is OOU or classified

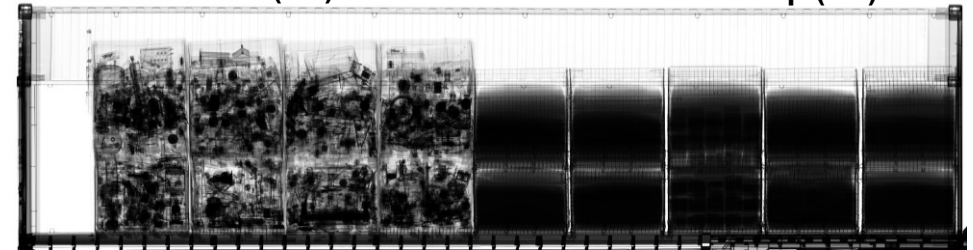


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Unrestricted X-ray CT  
data acquired using a  
medical scanner for  
EDS algorithm  
development

## NII Images of CWMD Cargo

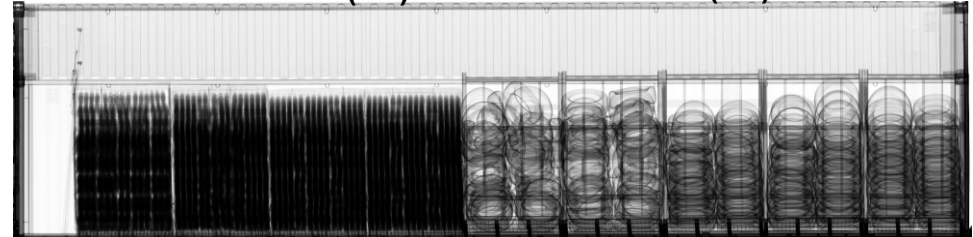
Tools (LH)

Plastic Scrap (LH)



Bottled Water (HL)

Tires (LH)



# ALERT's Unrestricted CT Data Sets

- For CT reconstruction and ATR
- Simulated bags scanned on medical CT Scanner
- Support available to use the datasets (code, documentation, subject matter experts)
- <https://alert.northeastern.edu/transitioning-technology/alert-datasets/>



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