



Numerical information field theory

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Fermi - Gamma Ray [PKA⁺22]



Faraday Tomography [HHF⁺23]



Radio Interferometry (VLBI) - M87* [AFH+22]







NIFTy - Toolkit [AEF⁺22]

Gaussian & Generative processes





Automatic differentiation



Variational Inference



Common Likelihood & Instrument Models





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Dust tomography [LEK⁺22]



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- + During Inference & Sampling: Approximate solutions to Mx = y \rightarrow Many applications of jvp + vjp with same primals $\bar{\xi}$ but different tangents

Conclusion

NIF

Numerical Information Field Theory (NIFTy)

Code: https://gitlab.mpcdf.mpg.de/ift/nifty Docs: https://ift.pages.mpcdf.de/nifty

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Adaptive Resolution - Outlook















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 $P(\xi_{2})$

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 ξ_1

1



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 Q_{geoVI} $Q_{\text{geoVI}}(\xi_1, \xi_2)$

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Local 2D config: (length: (10.0, 6.28), N: 3, m: (8, 12), b: (3, 3), q: (3, 3), c: (1, 2), local ker.: True, boundary cond.: ('open', 'periodic'), regular vol.: False)

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