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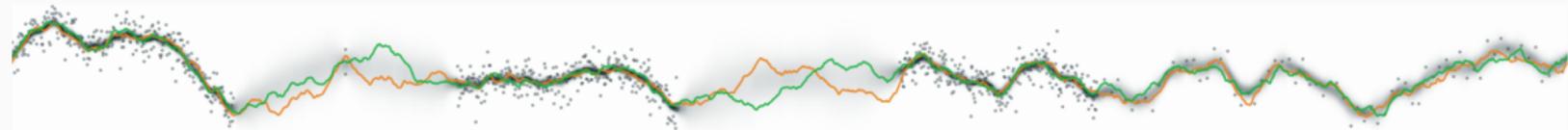
VARIATIONAL INFERENCE IN INFORMATION FIELD THEORY

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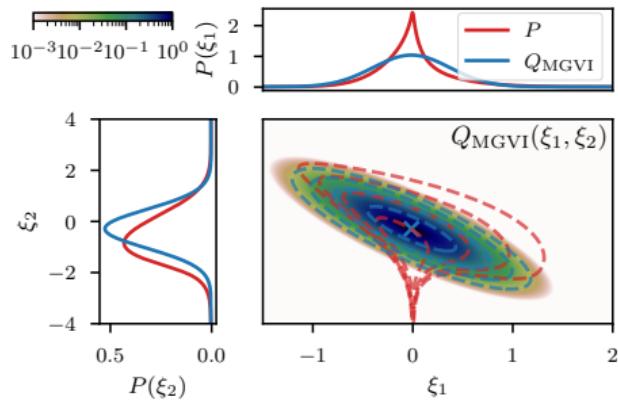
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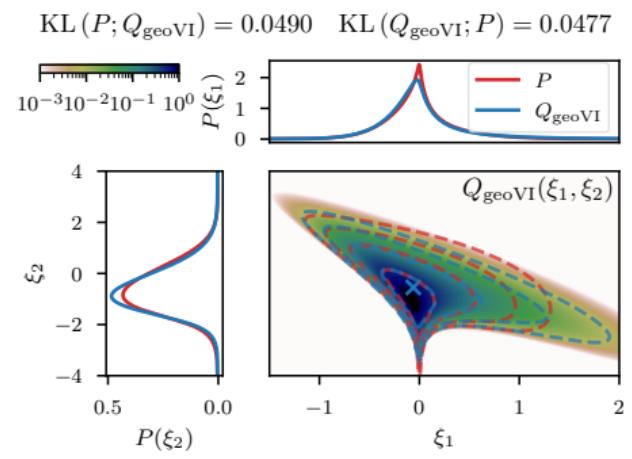
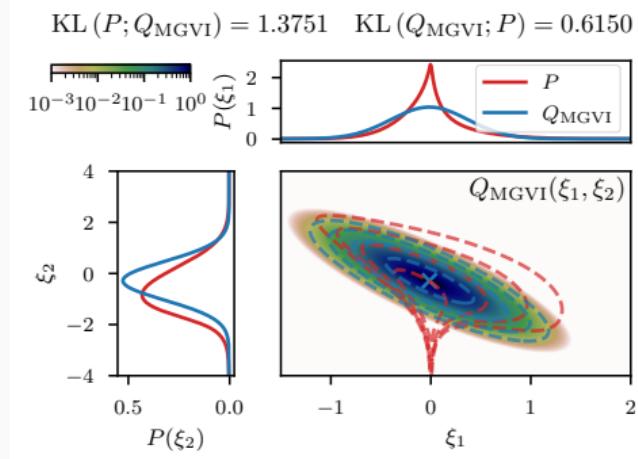
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$$\text{KL}(P; Q_{\text{MGVI}}) = 1.3751 \quad \text{KL}(Q_{\text{MGVI}}; P) = 0.6150$$



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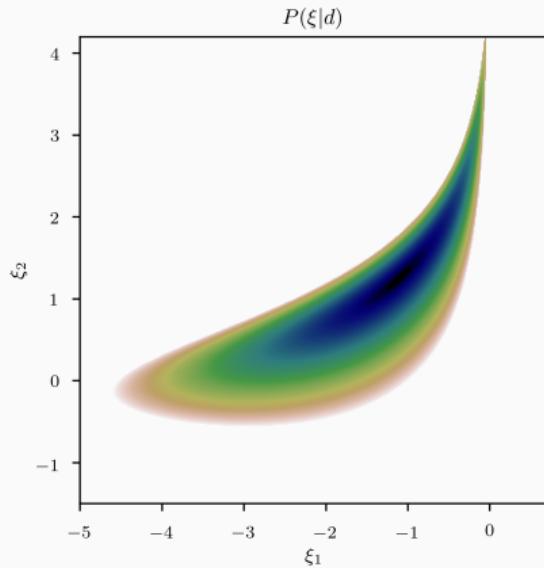
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Approximate distribution \mathcal{Q} : $\mathcal{Q}(y) = \mathcal{N}(y; 0, 1)$

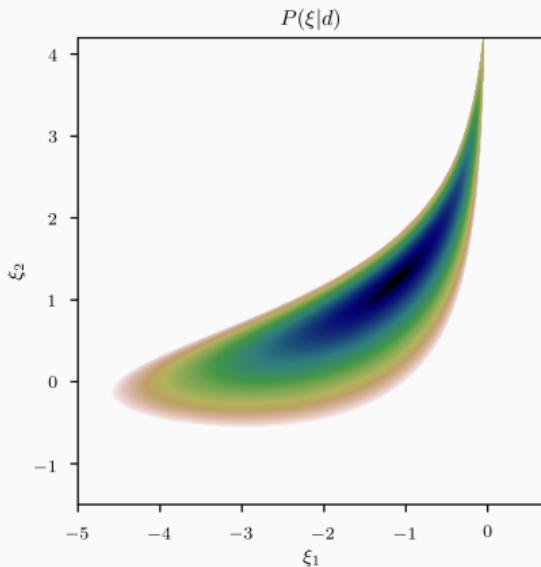
Coordinate system $y = g_\sigma(\xi)$ such that the *posterior* is close to Normal.

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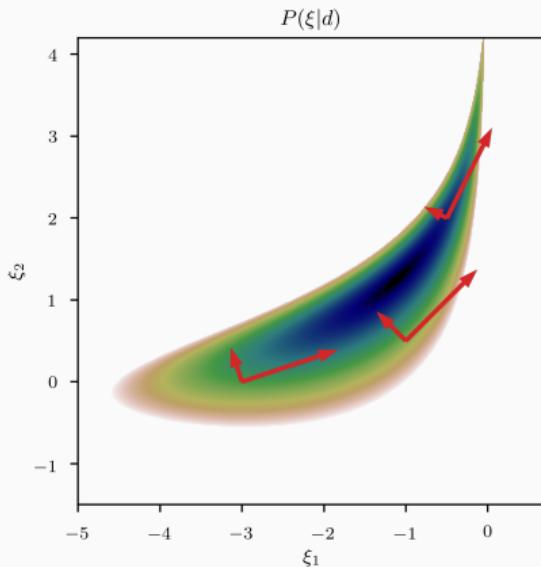


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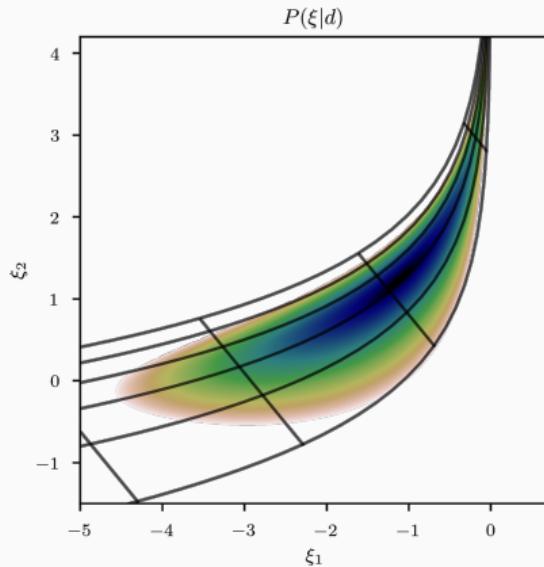


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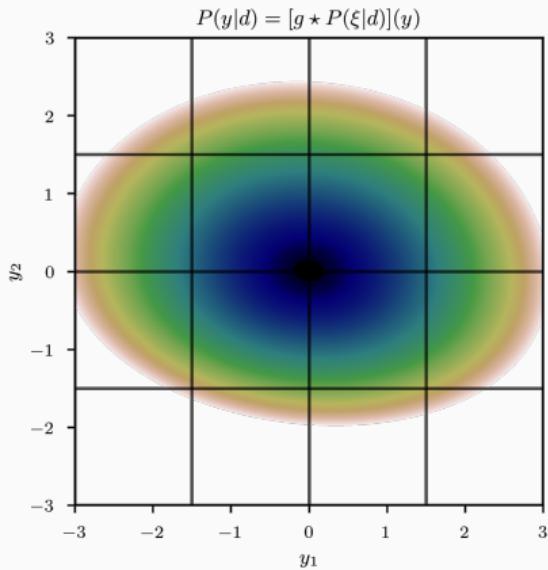
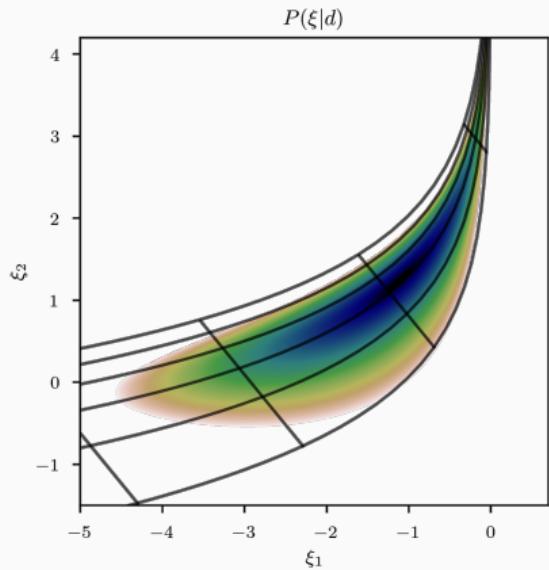


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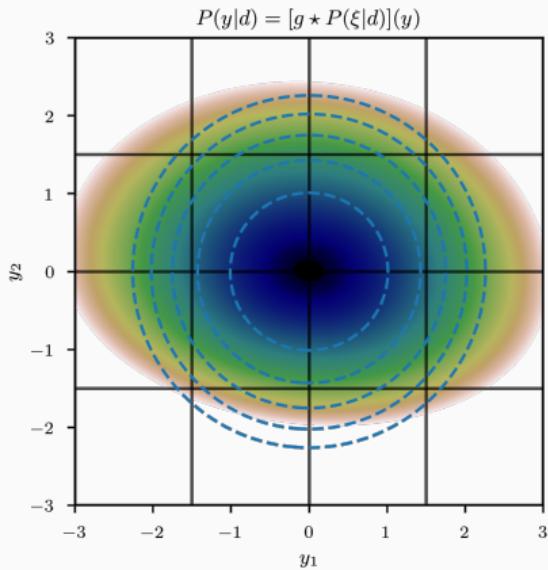
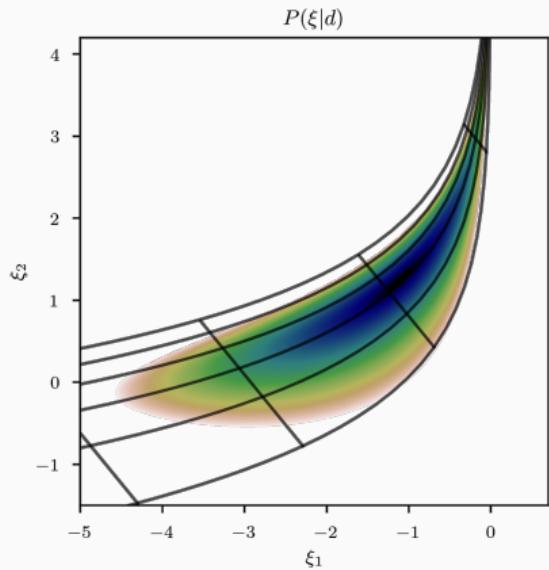
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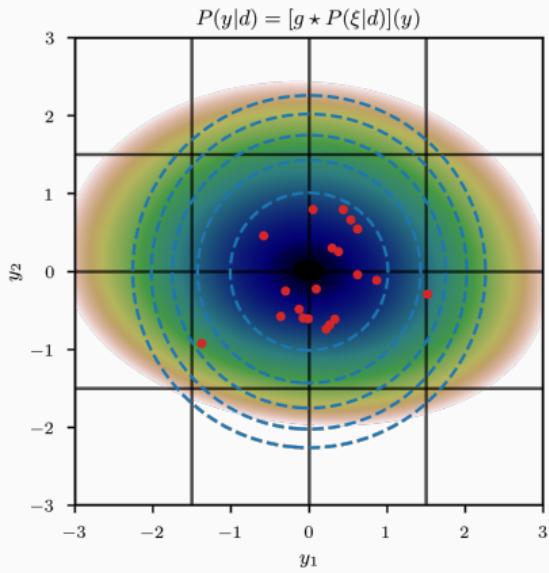
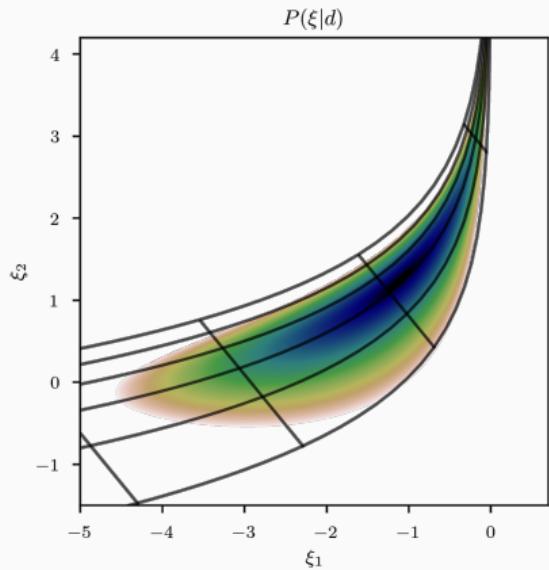
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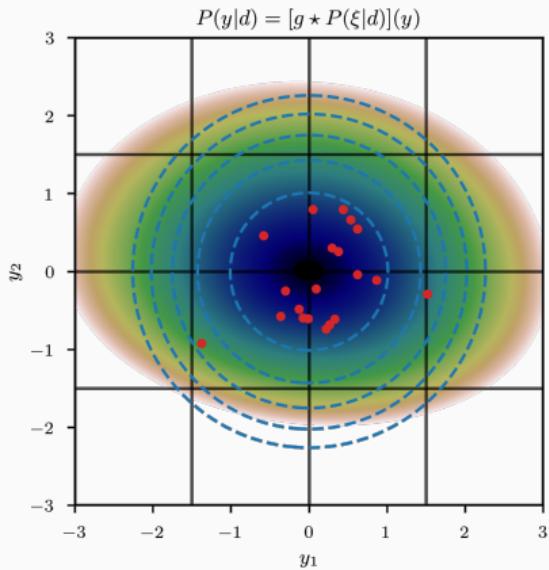
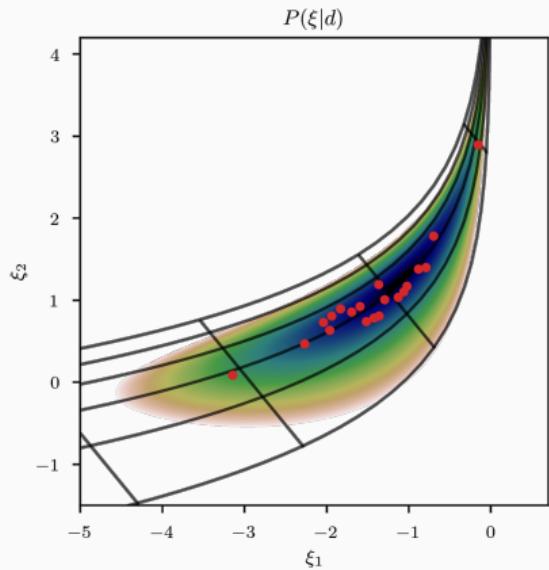
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Local Euclidean isometry around $\bar{\xi}$

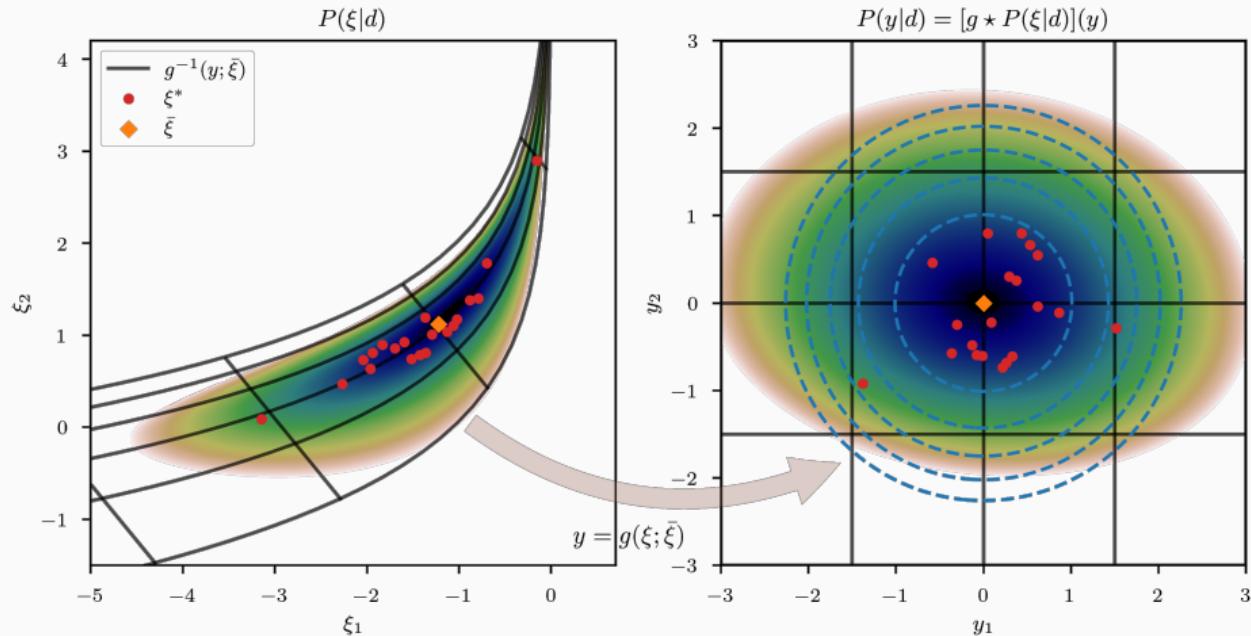
$$y = g(\xi; \bar{\xi}) = \mathcal{M}(\bar{\xi})^{-1/2} \left[\xi - \bar{\xi} + \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \right)^T \Big|_{\xi=\bar{\xi}} (x(\xi) - x(\bar{\xi})) \right]$$

Likelihood transformation: $x(\xi) = x(s(\xi))$, expansion point: $\bar{\xi}$.

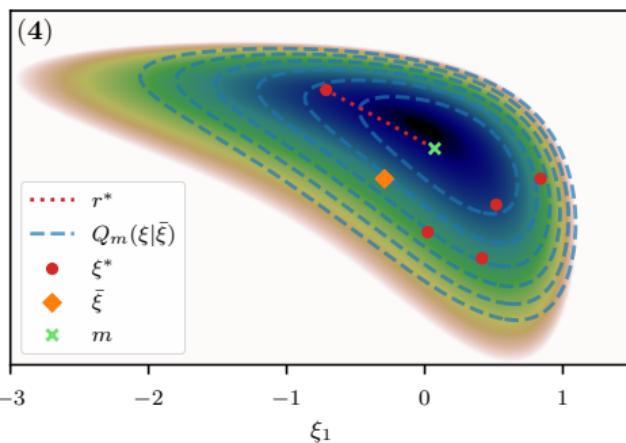
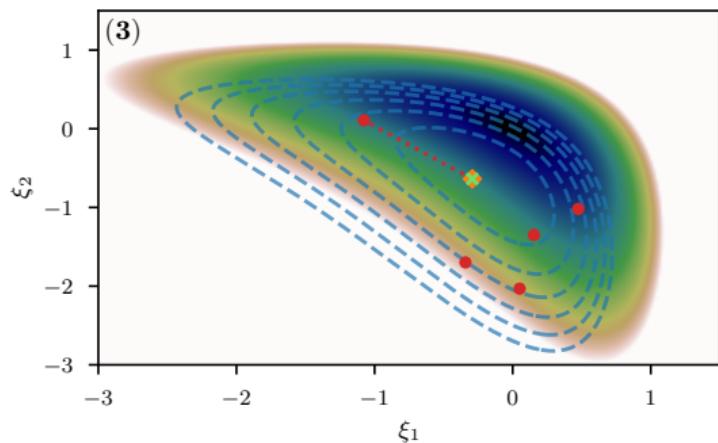
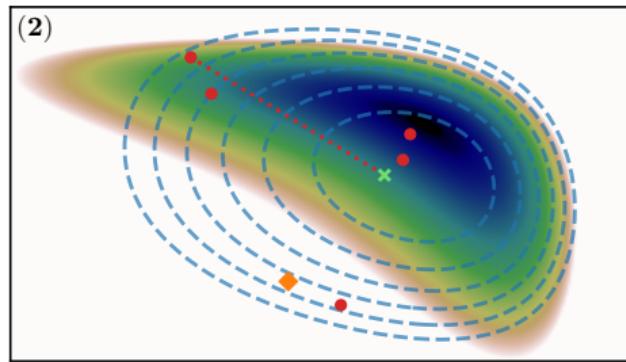
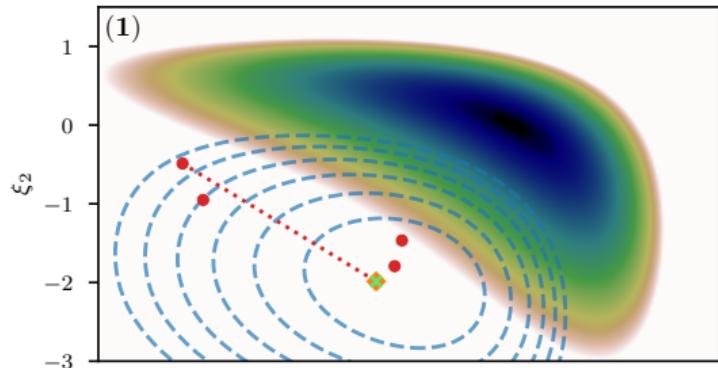
Variational approximation with transformed distribution \mathcal{Q}

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\bar{\xi}}(\xi) = \mathcal{N}(y|0, \mathbb{1}) \Big|_{y=g(\xi; \bar{\xi})} \left\| \frac{\partial g(\xi; \bar{\xi})}{\partial \xi} \right\|$$

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