

NUMERICAL INFORMATION FIELD THEORY - TUTORIAL

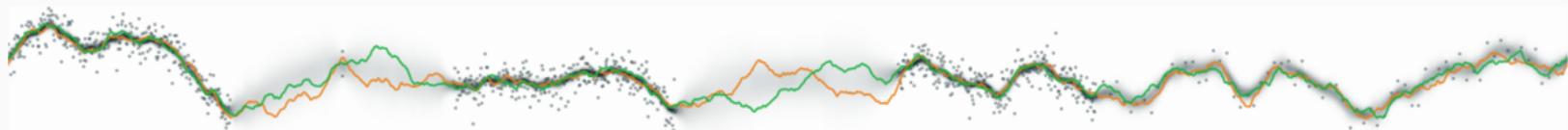
VLBI IMAGING USING IFT & RESOLVE

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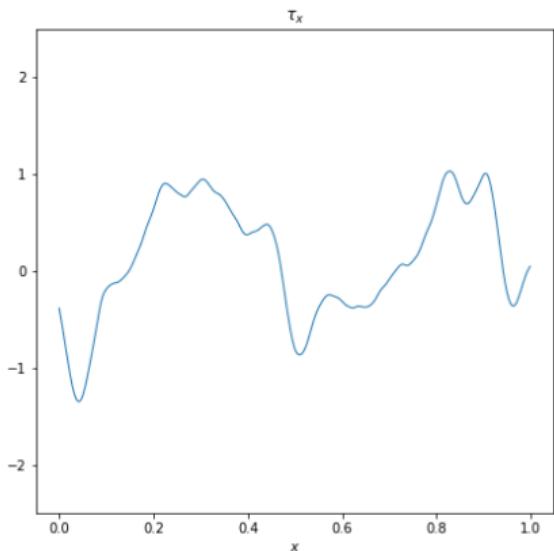
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Resolve:

- radio aperture synthesis algorithm
- single dish and interferometric imaging
- radio interferometric response via wgridder (ducc)
- nifty models for diffuse emission and point sources
- radio specific functionality (data handling, visualization, ...)

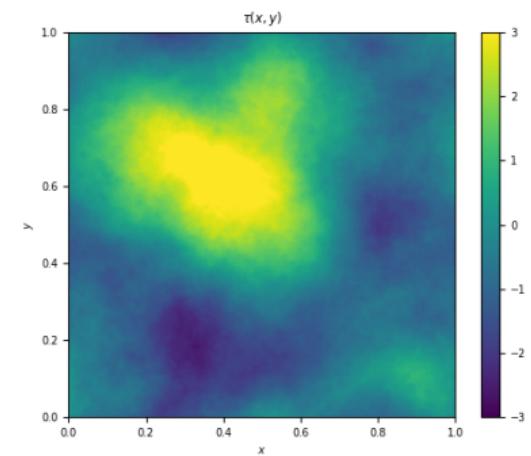
SPACES

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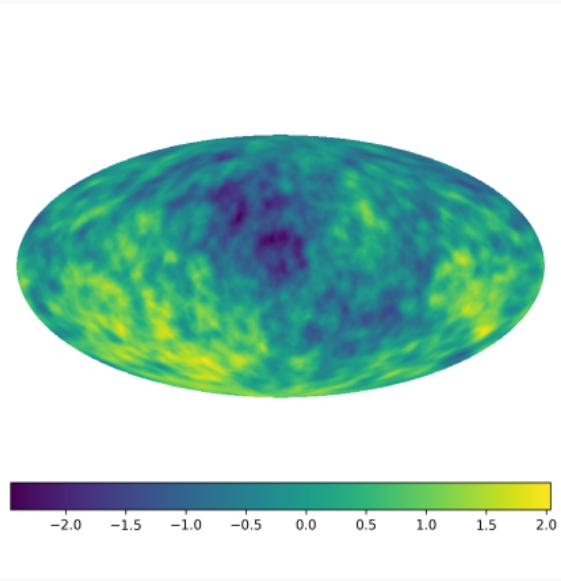
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2
3 # 1-dimensional regular grid space
4 # with 128 pixels and pixelsize 1/128
5 space = ift.RGSpace(128, 0.1)
6
7 ...
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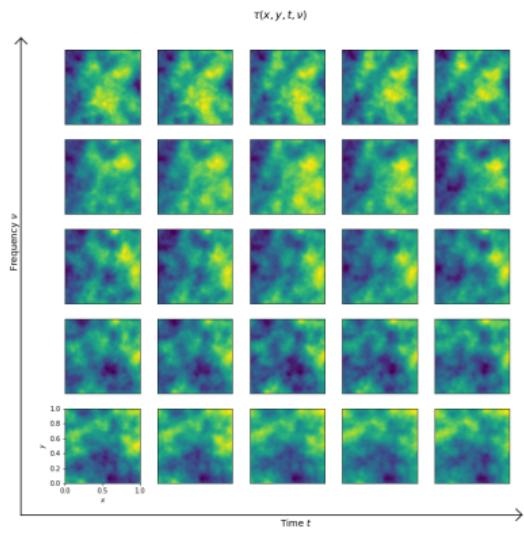
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3 # 2-dimensional regular grid space  
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7 * * *
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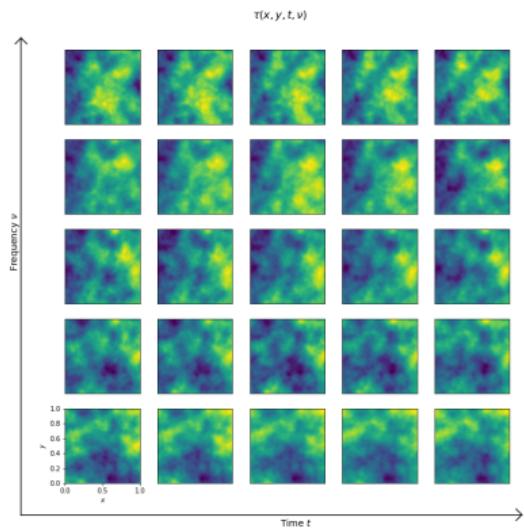
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1 import nifty8 as ift  
2  
3 # 2-dimensional spherical (HEALPiX) space  
4 # with nside 128  
5 space = ift.HPSpace(128)  
6  
7 ...
```

NIFTY - SPACES



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1 import nifty8 as ift
2
3 # 2-dimensional regular grid space
4 # with 128x128 pixels
5 image_dom = ift.RGSpace((128, 128))
6
7 # frequency & time domain with
8 # 5 regularly spaced pixels
9 time = ift.RGSpace(5)
10 freq = ift.RGSpace(5)
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15 ...
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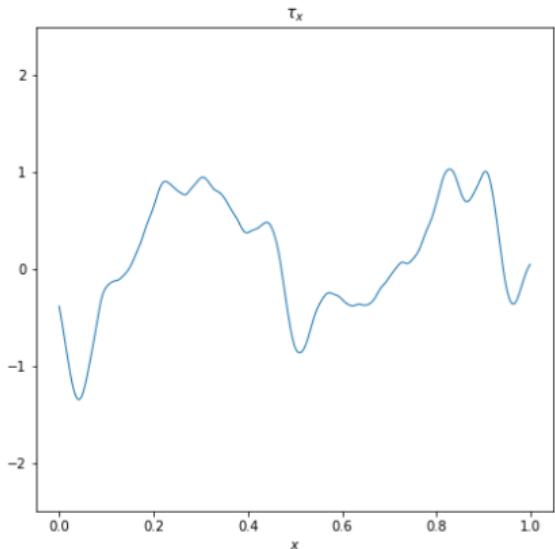
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10 freq = ift.RGSpace(5)
11
12 # Set up joint space
13 space = ift.makeDomain((freq, time, image_dom))
14
15 ...
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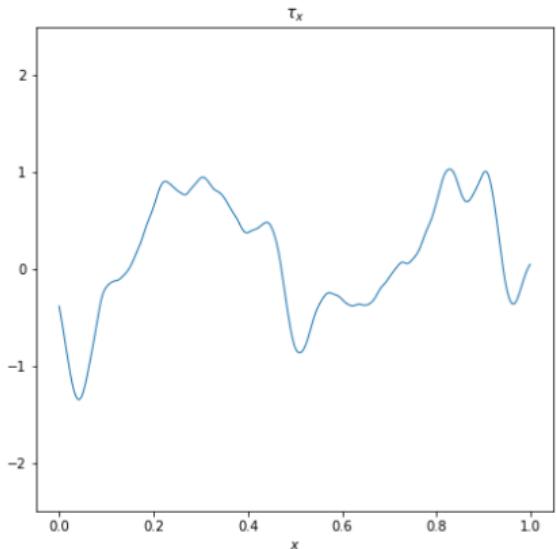
CORRELATEDFIELDS

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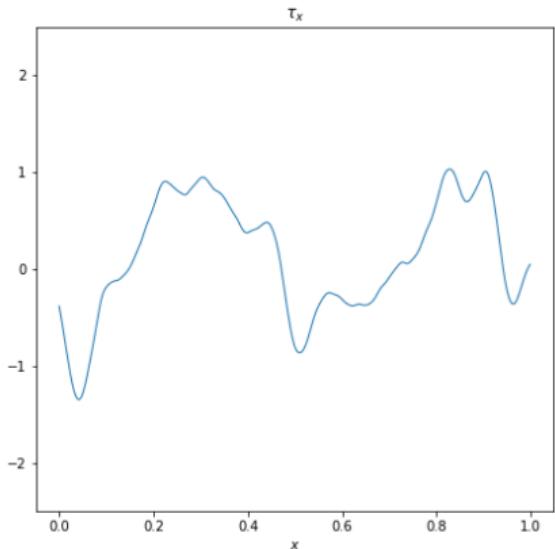
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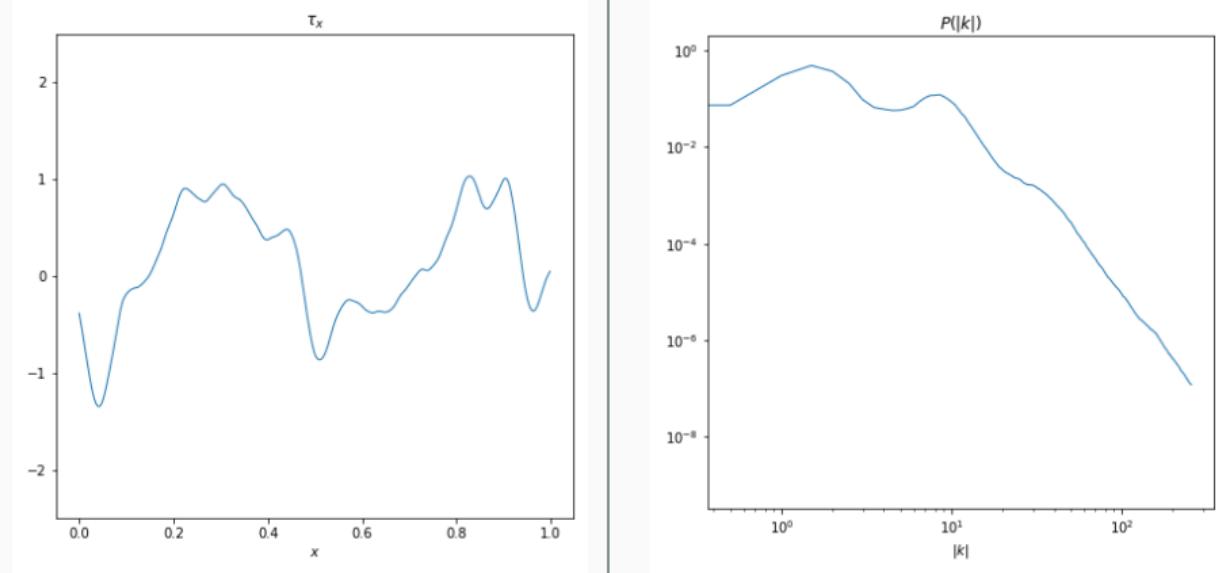
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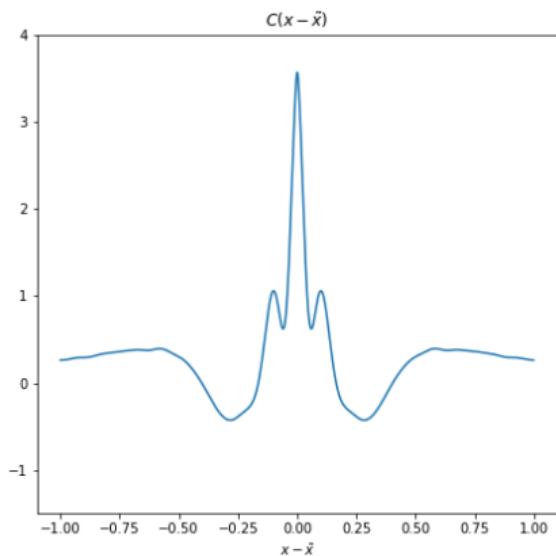
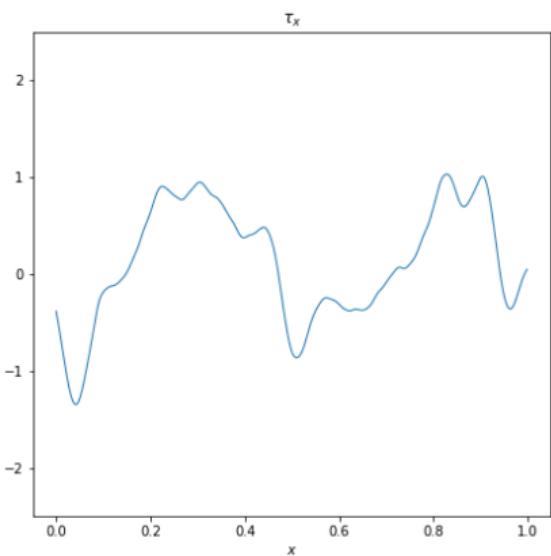


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11 # Draw a random realization of standard normal
12 # distributed variables
13 realization = ift.from_random(model.domain)
14 # Apply model to get a realization
15 tau = model(realization)
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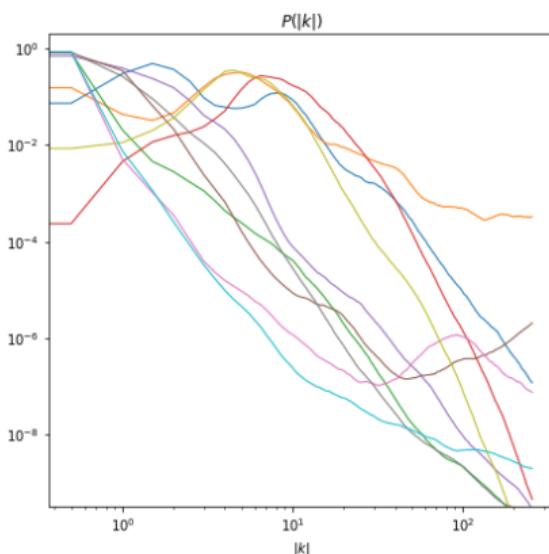
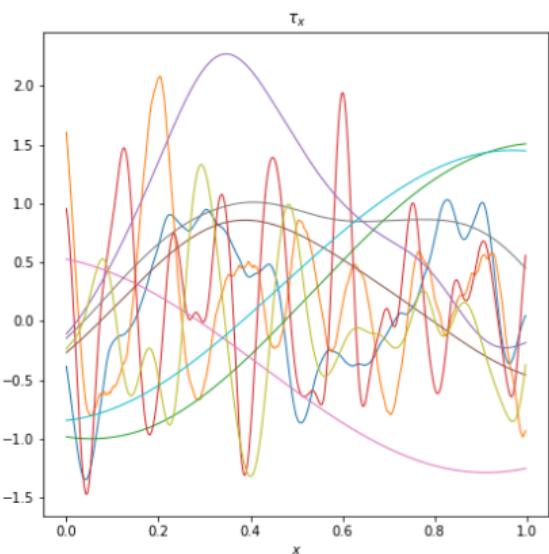
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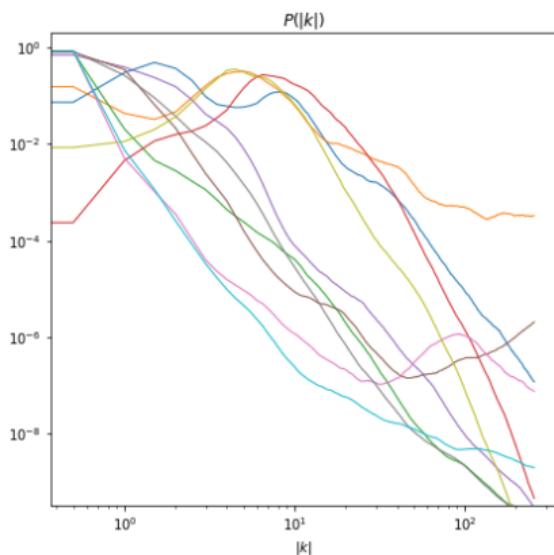
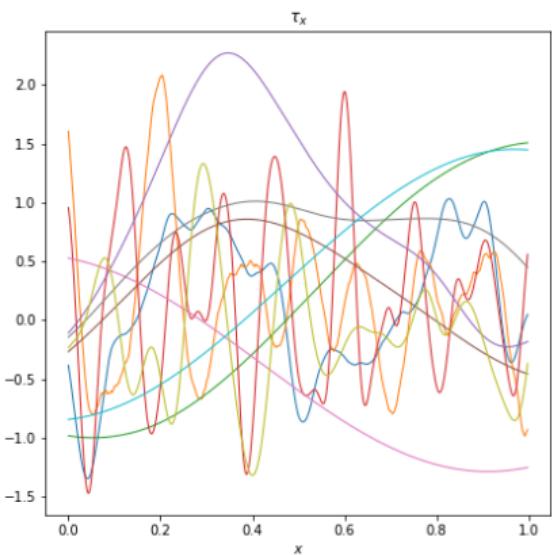
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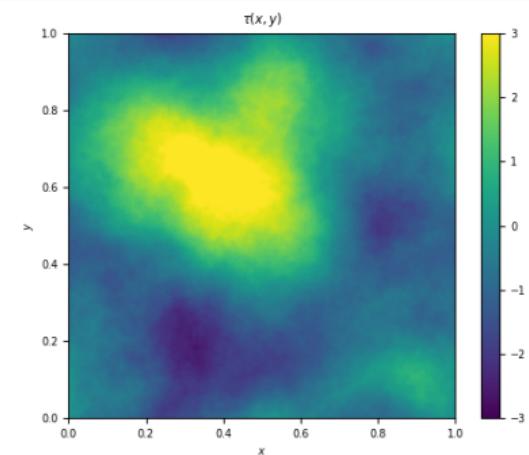


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⇒ See the `demo_CorrelatedFields.ipynb` notebook for further information!

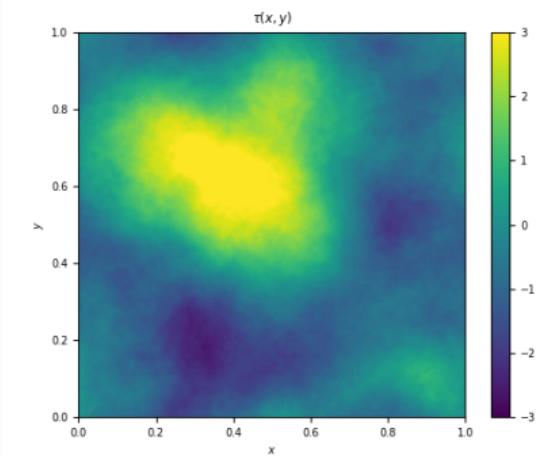
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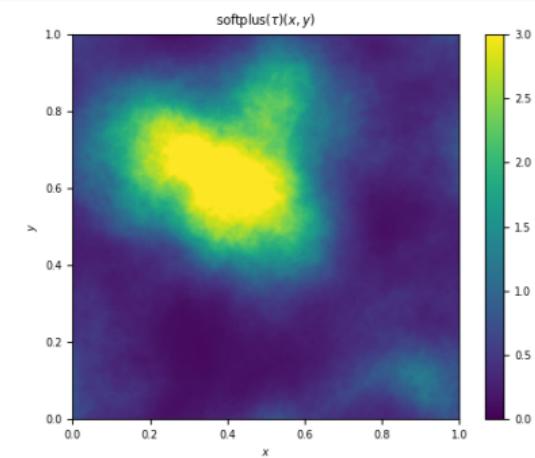
DATA MODEL & VARIATIONAL INFERENCE

NIFTY - VARIATIONAL INFERENCE [FLE21]



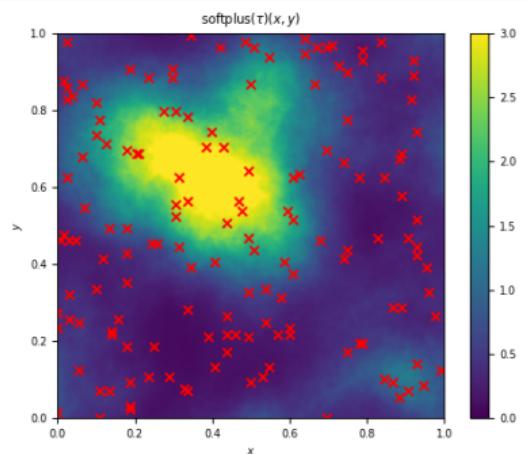
```
1 model = ... # model for tau  
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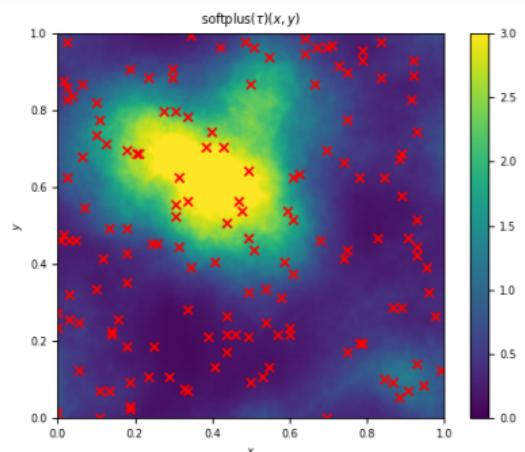
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1 model = ift.softplus(model) # apply nonlinearity
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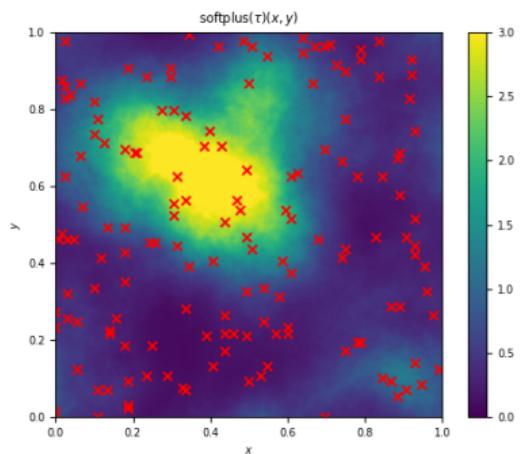
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1 model = ift.softplus(model) # apply nonlinearity
2
3 # Set up a random response
4 flags = np.random.binomial(1, 0.99, size = 128**2)
5 flags = ift.makeField(space, flags)
6 Response = ift.MaskOperator(flags)
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17 ...
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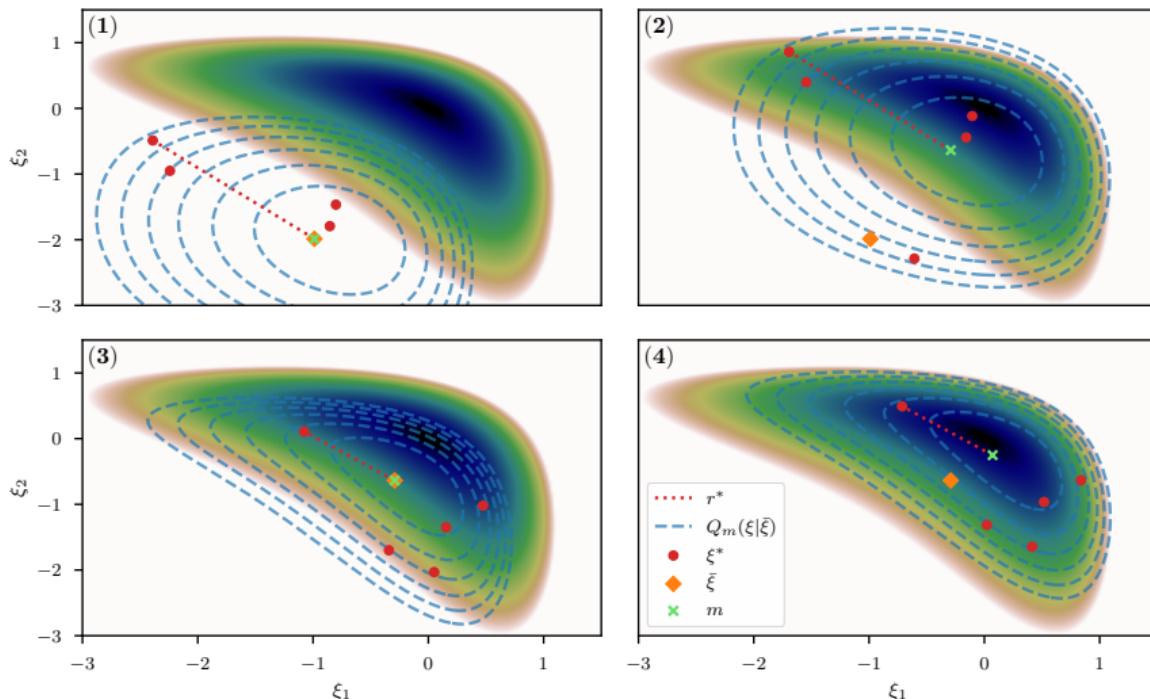
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7
8 # Define observational model and likelihood
9 data, noise_icov = # load data and noise
10 lh = ift.GaussianEnergy(data = data,
11                         inverse_covariance = noise_icov)
12 likelihood = lh @ Response(model)
13
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17 ...
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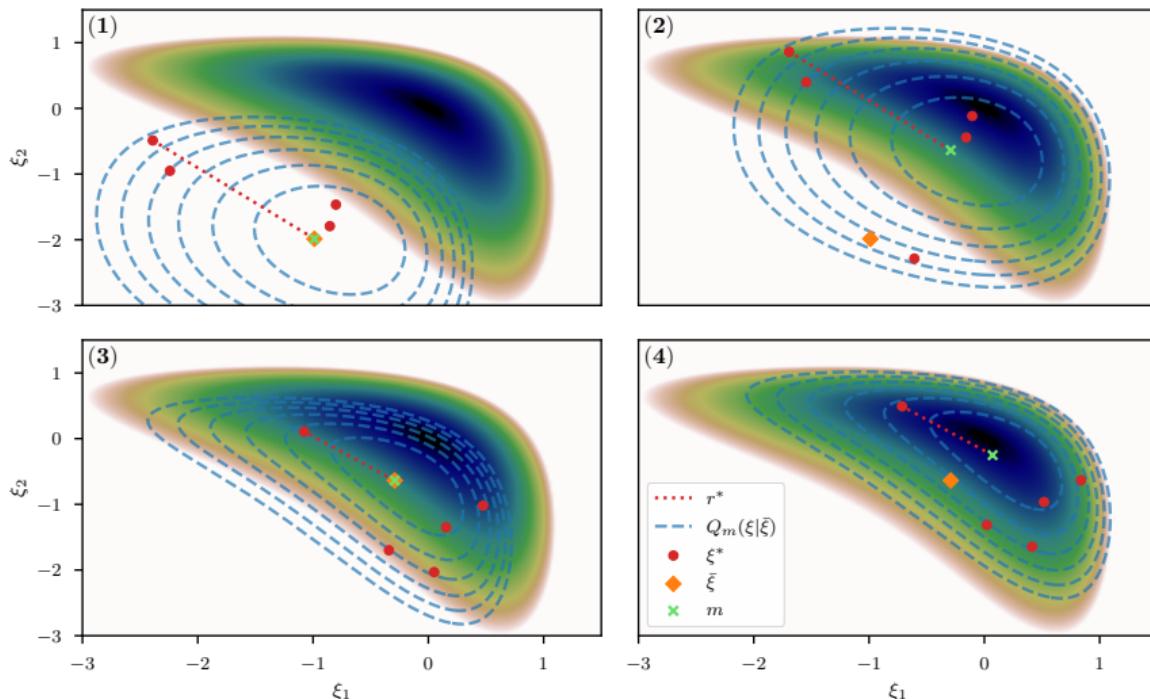


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14 # Generate approximate posterior samples
15 # using variational inference (geoVI)
16 samples = ift.optimize_kl(lh, **params)
17 ...
```

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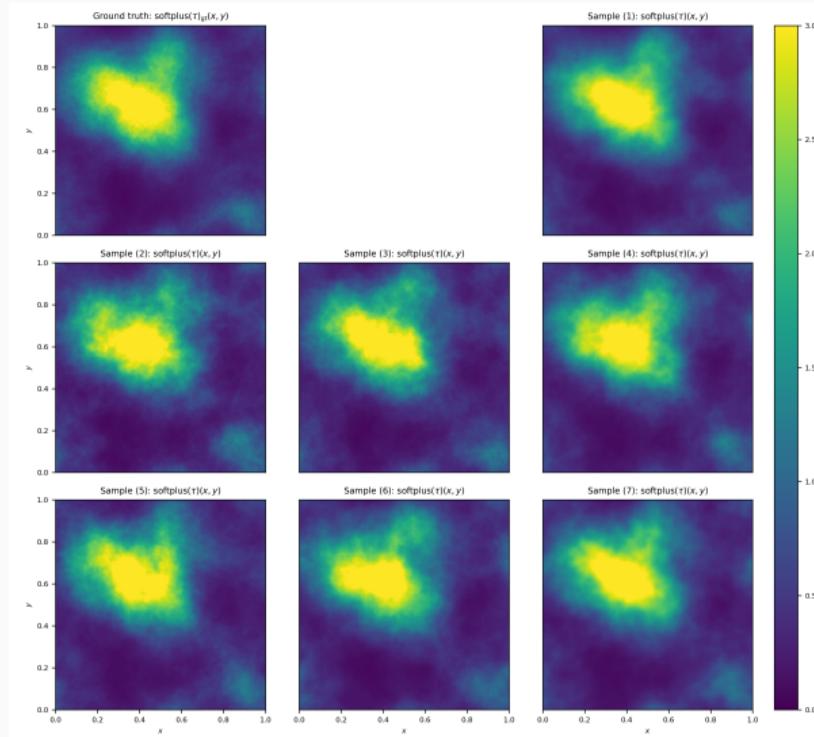


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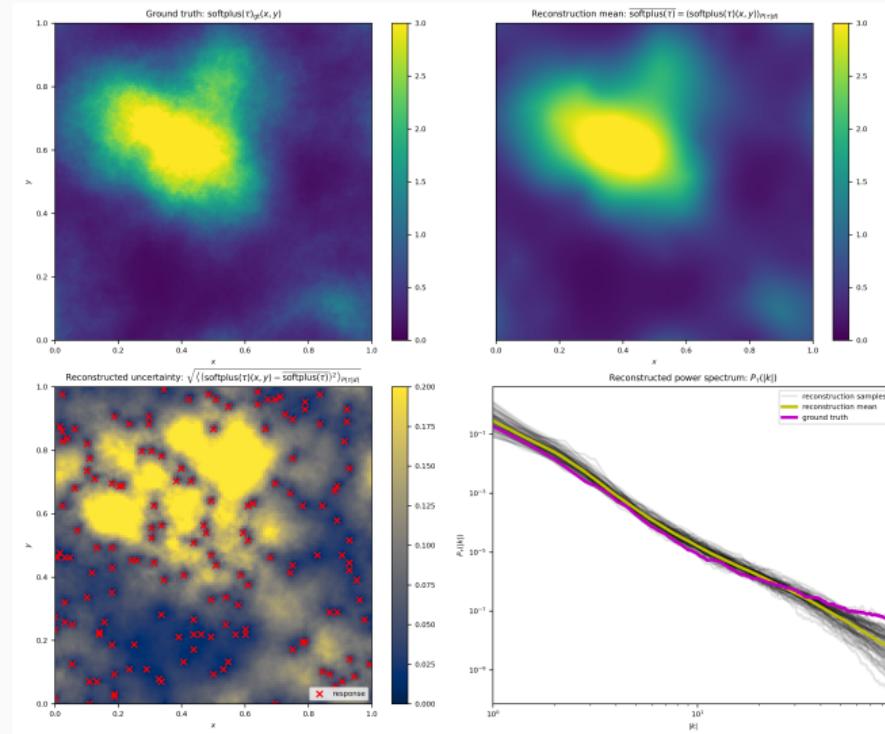


→ not 2- but (# of pixels + # spectrum parameters)-dimensional probability distributions!

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CODING SESSION - RESOURCES

Coding tutorial: https://gitlab.mpcdf.mpg.de/ift/tutorial_nifty_resolve

- Interactive CorrelatedFields tutorial: `demo_CorrelatedFields.ipynb`
- VLBI imaging demo: `demo_radio.ipynb`

Code

- nifty8: https://gitlab.mpcdf.mpg.de/ift/nifty/-/tree/NIFTy_8
- resolve: <https://gitlab.mpcdf.mpg.de/ift/resolve>

Docs

- nifty8: <https://ift.pages.mpcdf.de/nifty/nifty8>
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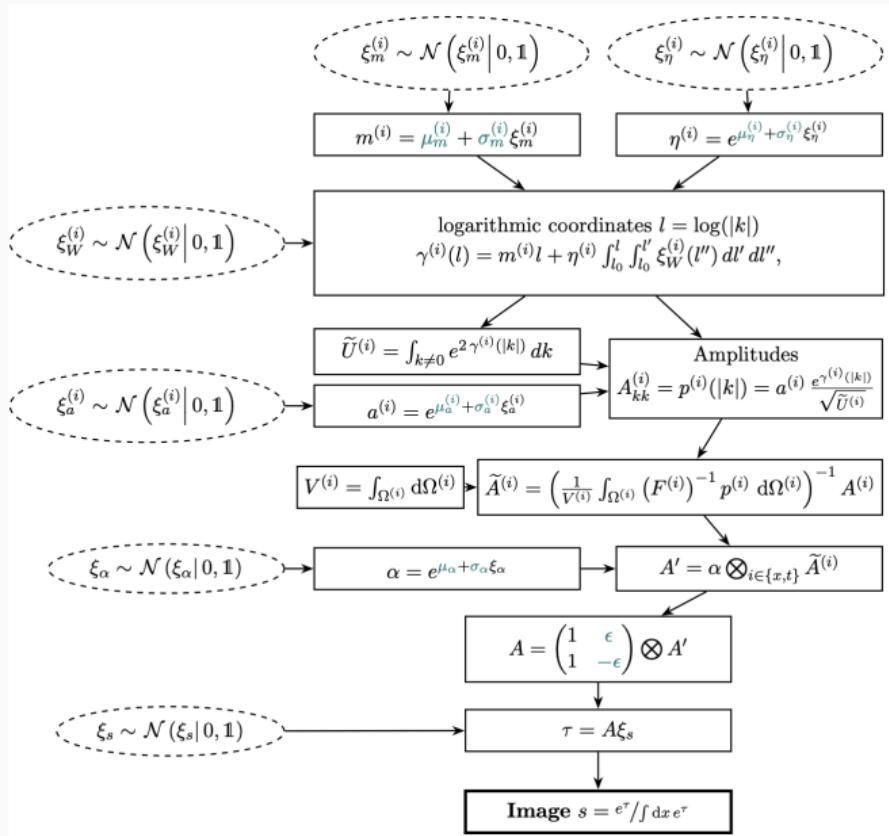
QUESTIONS? DISCUSSION!

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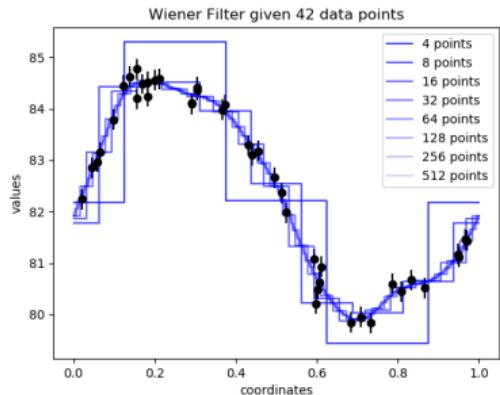
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Entropy, 23(7), 2021.

BACKUP

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```
1 import nifty8 as ift
2
3 for n in range(7):
4     # 1-dimensional regular grid space
5     # with  $2^{(n + 2)}$  pixels
6     space = ift.RGSpace(2**((n + 2)))
7
8     * * *
```