

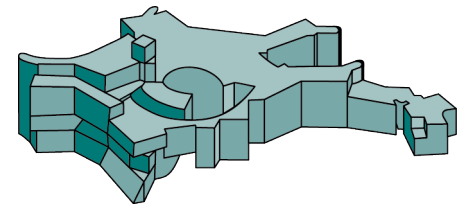
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NIFTY project homepage: <http://www.mpa-garching.mpg.de/ift/nifty/>

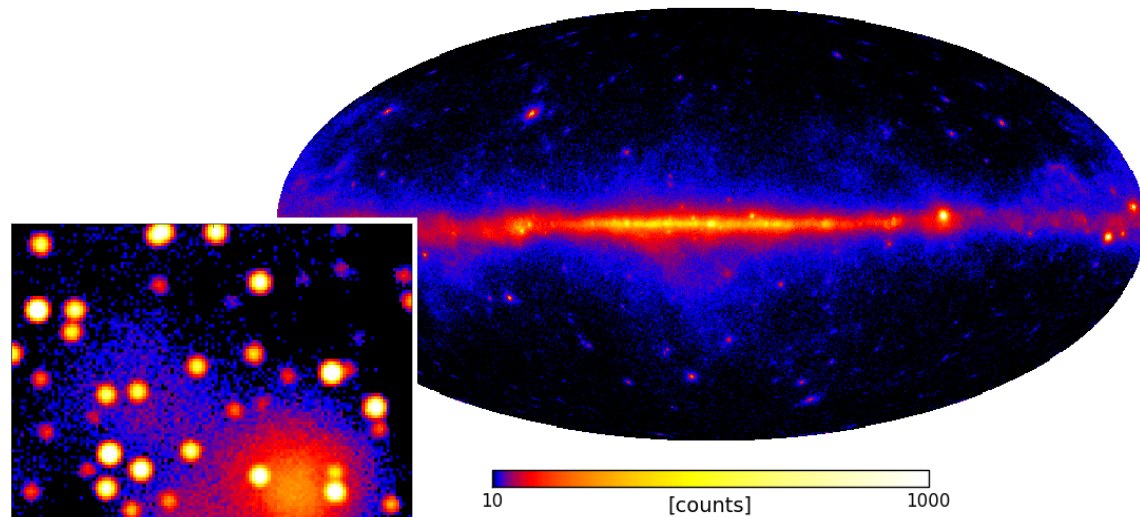
Outline

1. **IFT** – **I**nformation **F**ield **T**heory
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4. Summary

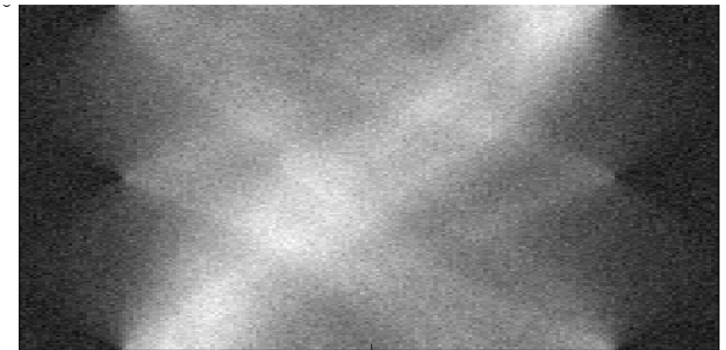
Theory

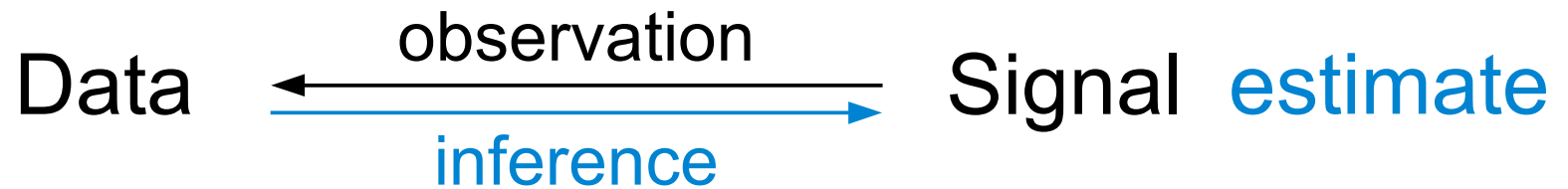
What's the problem?

- features in the Galactic diffuse γ -ray emission



- separation of diffuse and point-like components
- medical and Galactic tomography





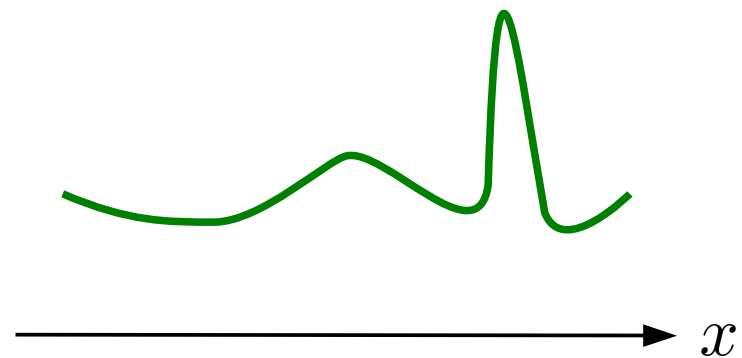
- data vector
- finite set of numbers

- signal field
- infinite number of degrees of freedom

$$\mathbf{d} = (d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots)^\top$$



$$\mathbf{s} = s(x) \quad , \quad x \in \Omega$$



Bayes' Theorem ...

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$$P(\mathbf{s}|\mathbf{d}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{s})P(\mathbf{s})}{P(\mathbf{d})} = \frac{\exp(-H(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{s}))}{Z(\mathbf{d})}$$

$$H(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{s}) = -\log(P(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{s}))$$

... Information Field Theory

Wiener filter

- data model
 - linear response
 - additive Gaussian noise

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}$$

- *a priori* assumptions
 - signal \mathbf{s} \leftarrow multidimensional Gaussian prior

- information Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} H(\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{s}) &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s})^\dagger \mathbf{N}^{-1} (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s}) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{s}^\dagger \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{s} + [\text{const.}] \\ &= H_0 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{s}^\dagger \left(\mathbf{S}^{-1} + \mathbf{R}^\dagger \mathbf{N}^{-1} \mathbf{R} \right) \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{s}^\dagger \left(\mathbf{R}^\dagger \mathbf{N}^{-1} \mathbf{d} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Wiener filter

- *a posteriori* solution

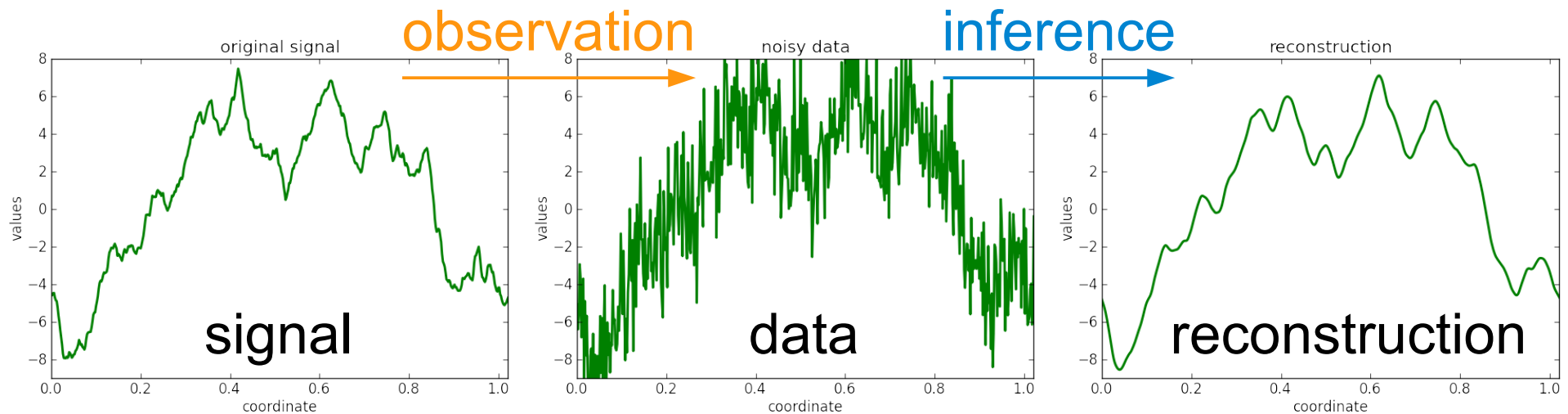
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$$\langle (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{m})^\dagger \rangle_{(\mathbf{s}|\mathbf{d})} = \mathbf{D}$$

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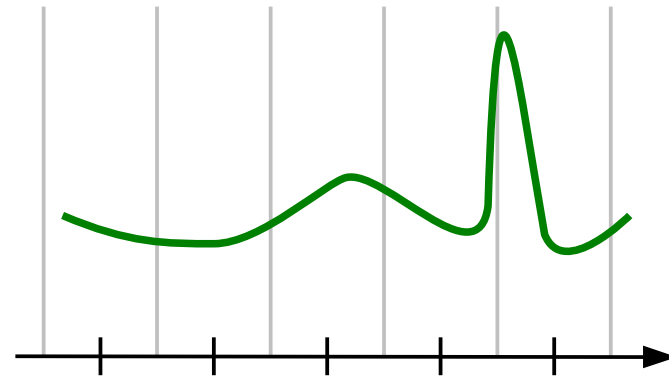
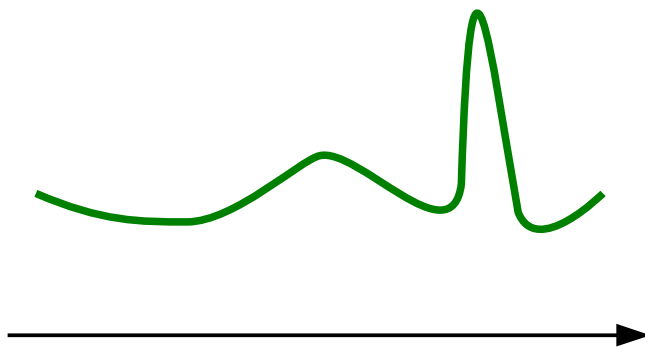
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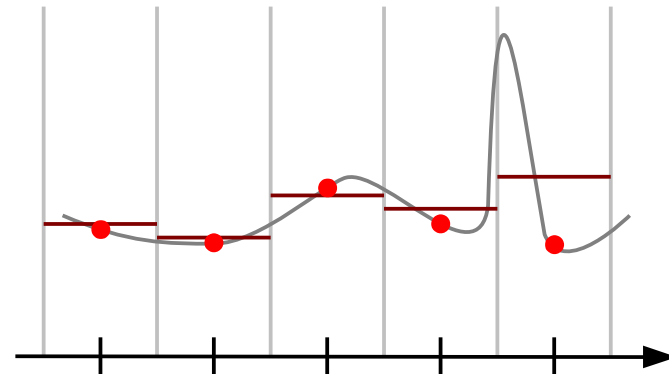
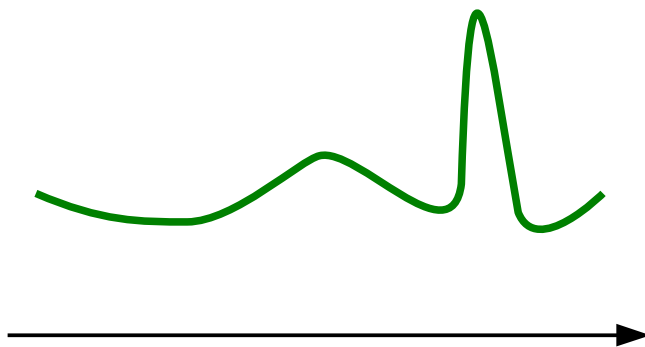
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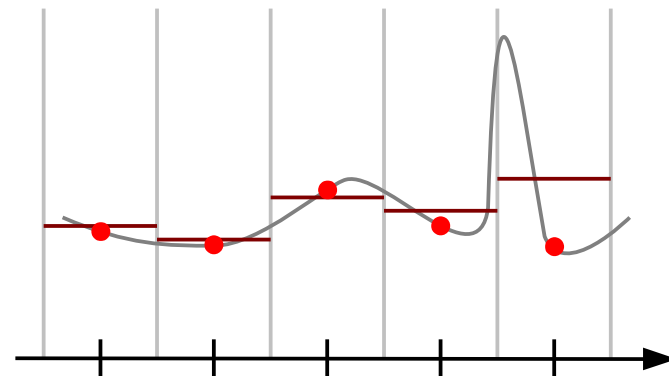
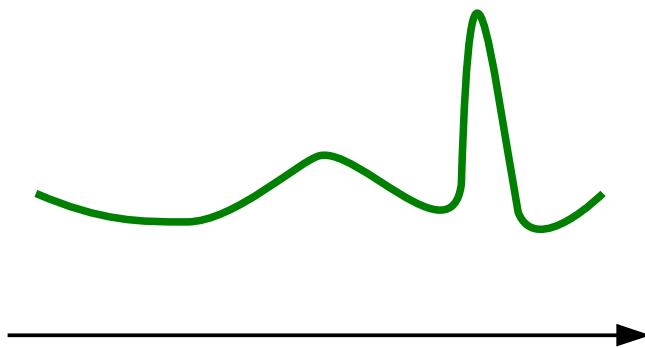
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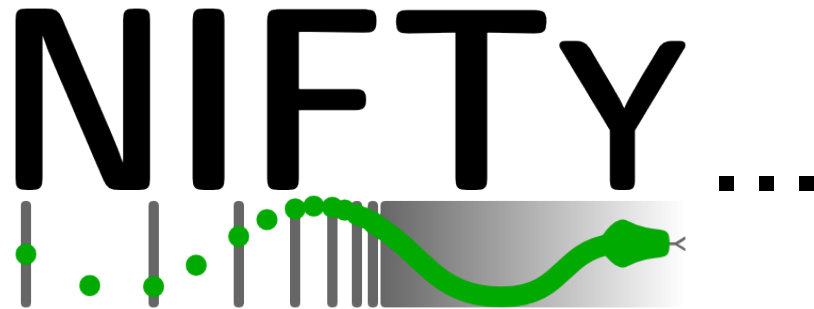
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$$\varphi^\dagger \psi = \int_{\Omega} dx \varphi^*(x) \psi(x)$$

$$\approx \sum_q V_q \varphi_q^* \psi_q$$

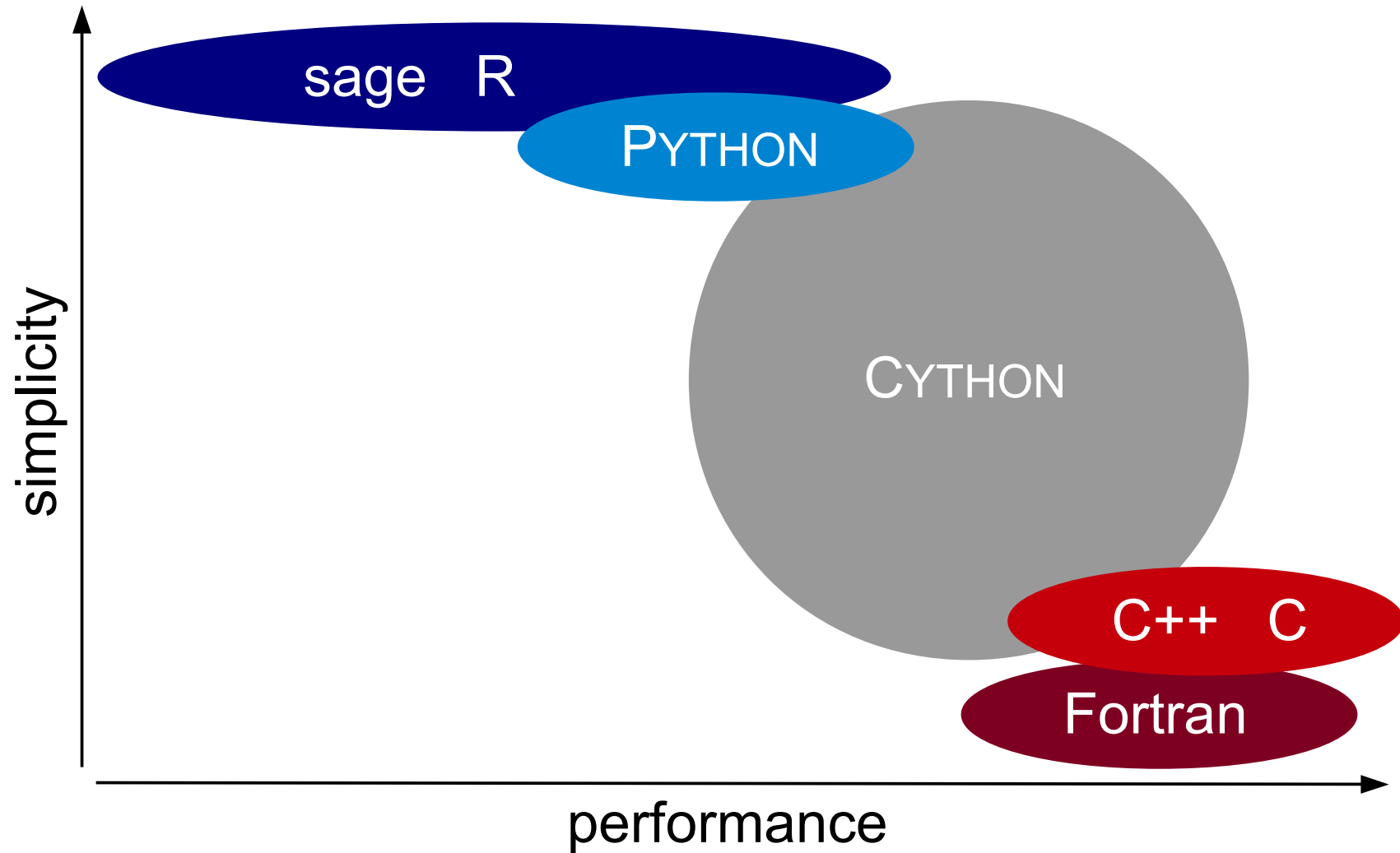






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PYTHON is simple

```
In [1]: 1+2
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Out [1]: 3
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In [2]: func = lambda x: x**2
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In [3]: func(3)
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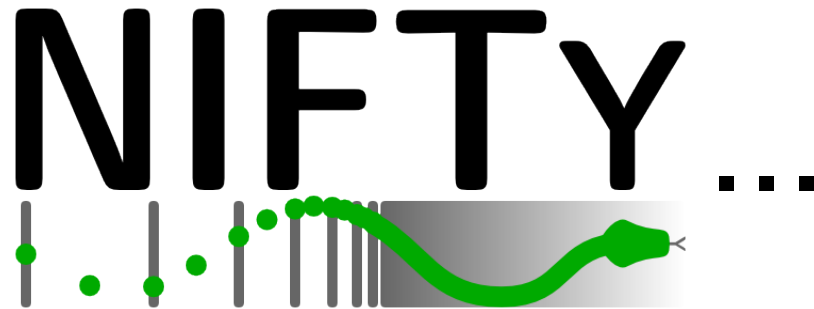
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Out [3]: 9
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In [4]: import numpy
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In [5]: func(numpy.array([1, 2, 3]))
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Out [5]: array([1, 4, 9])
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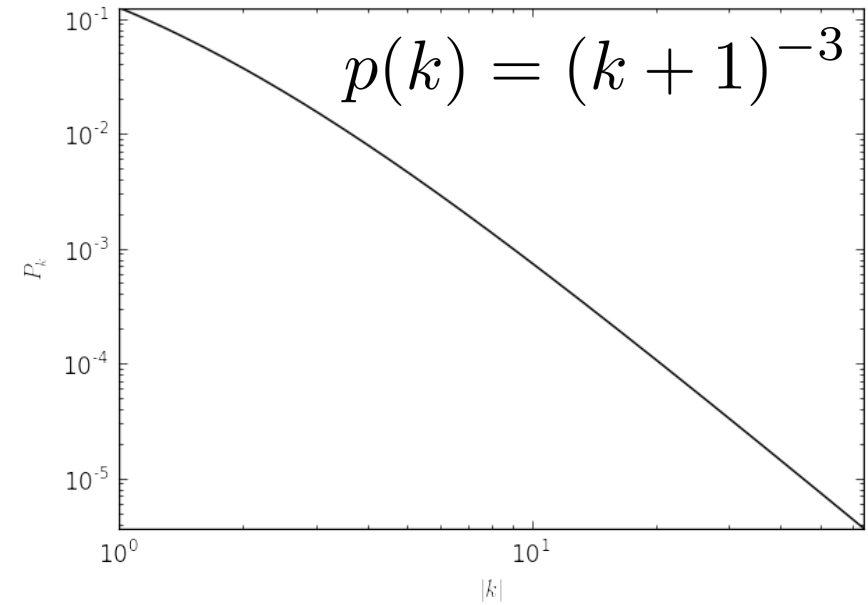
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In [6]:
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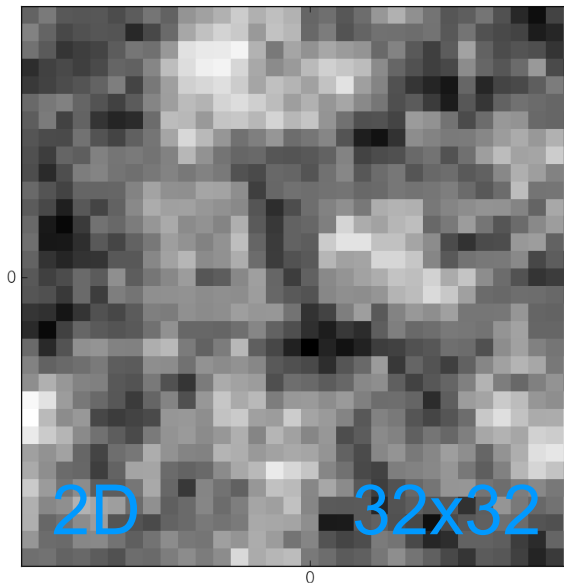
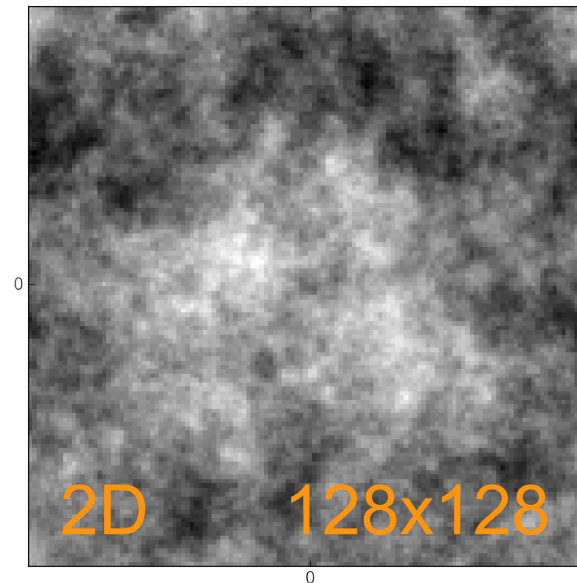
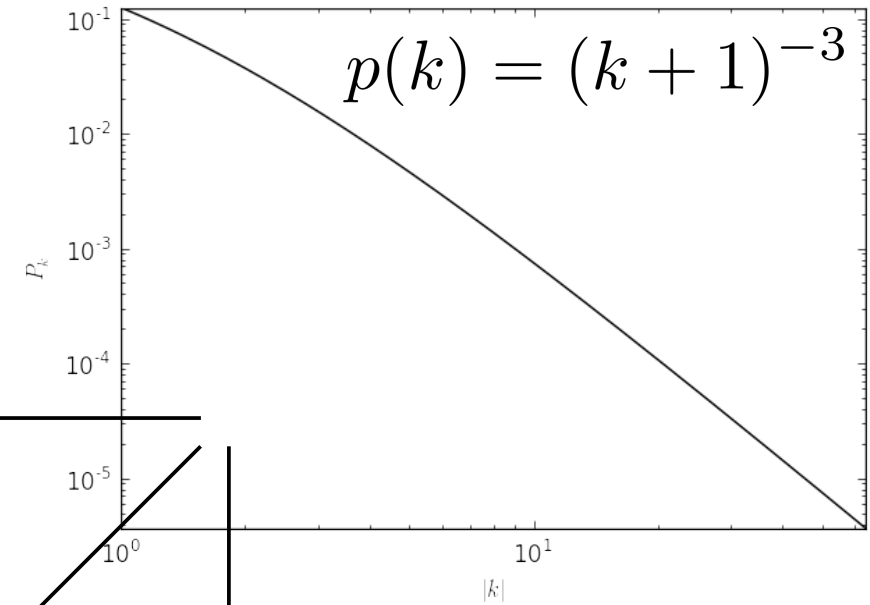
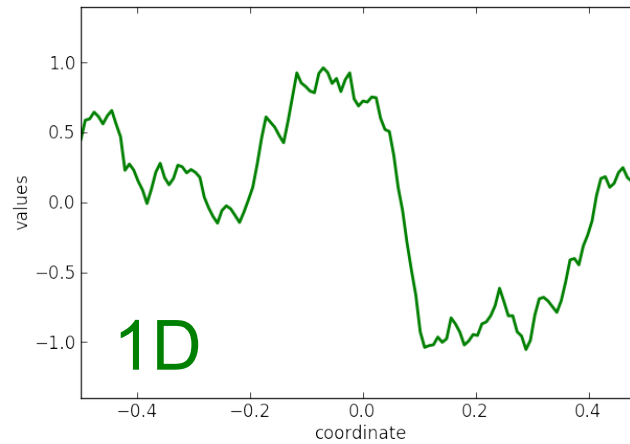
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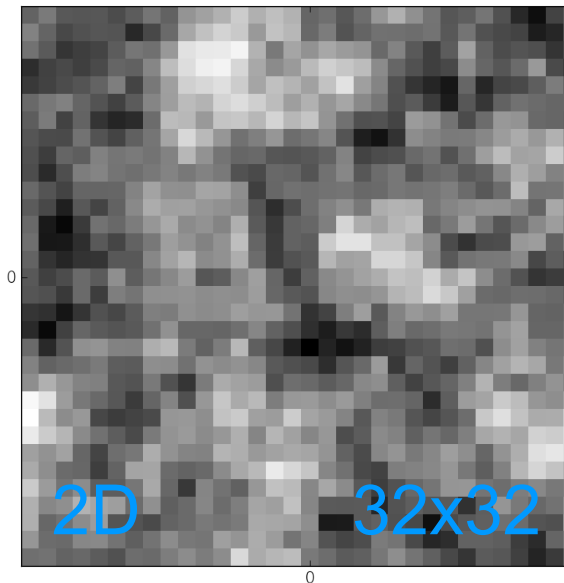
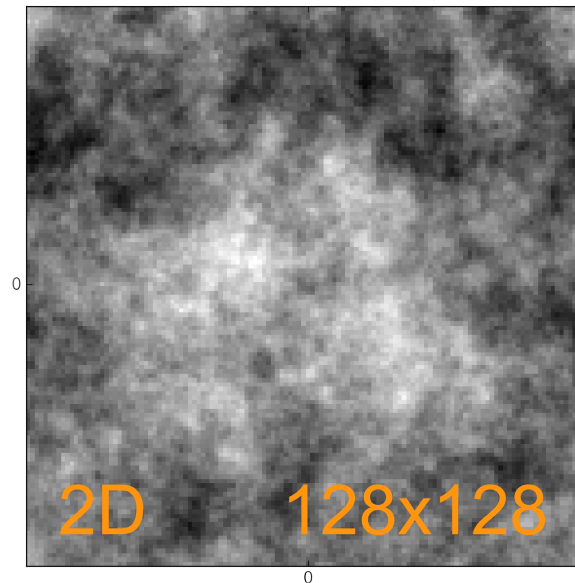
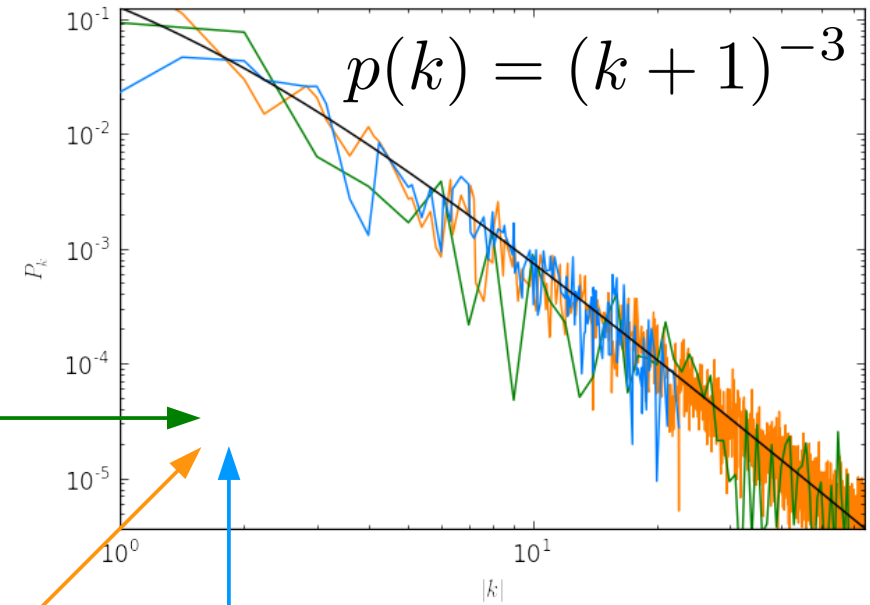
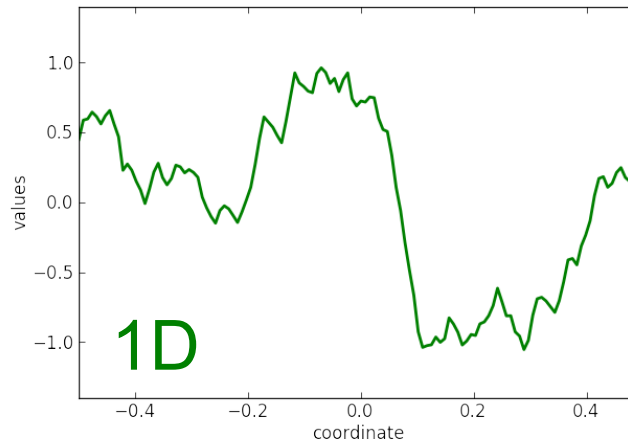
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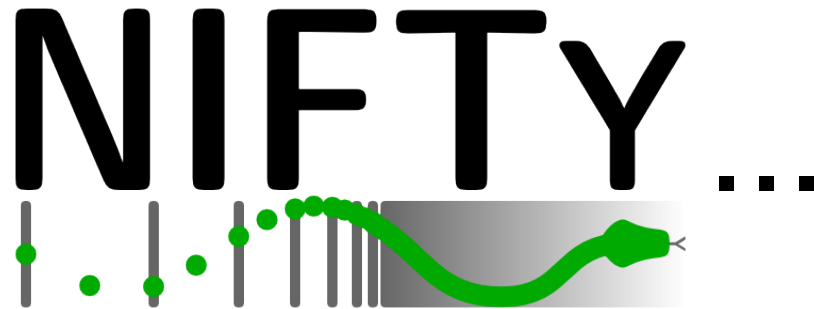


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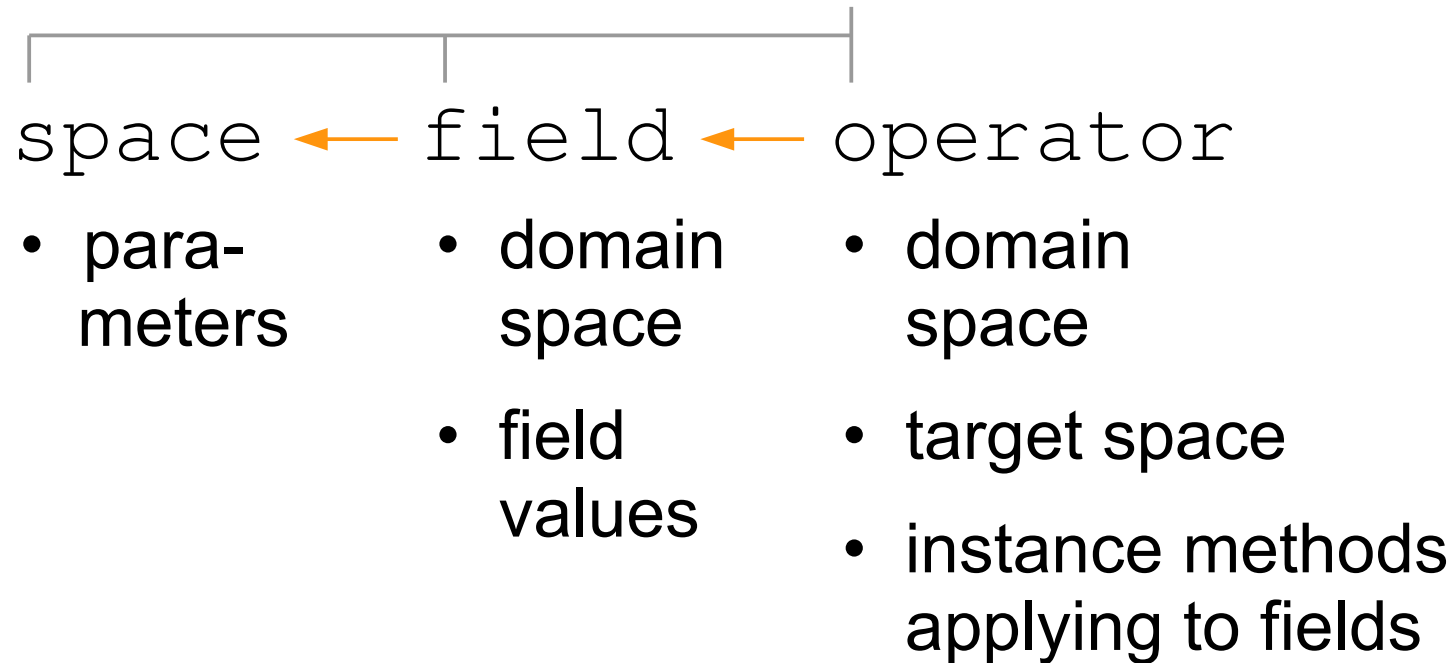
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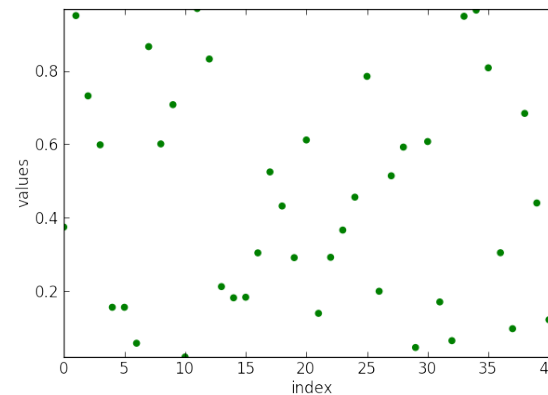
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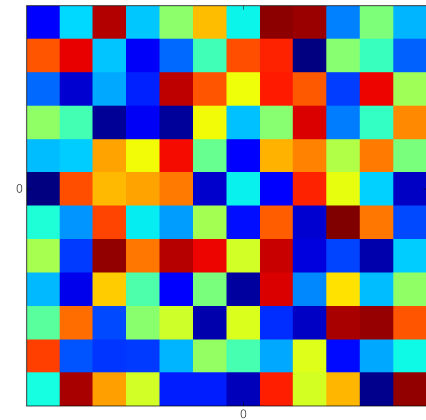
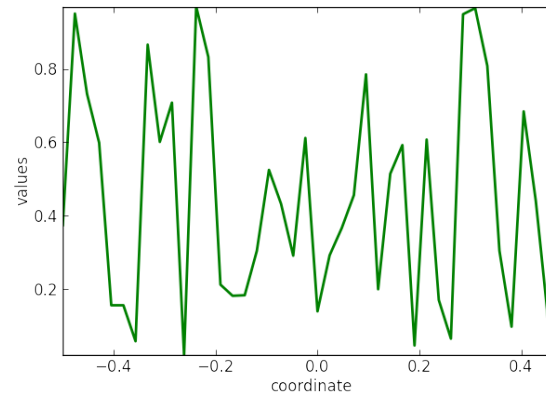
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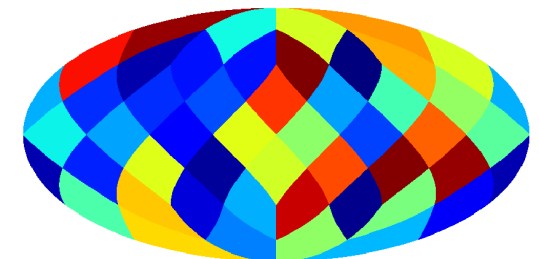
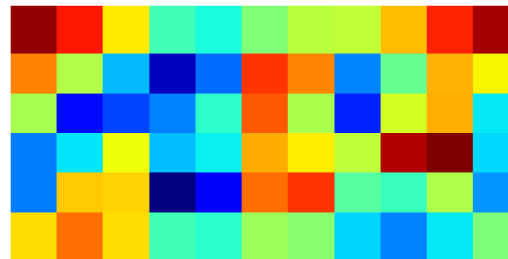
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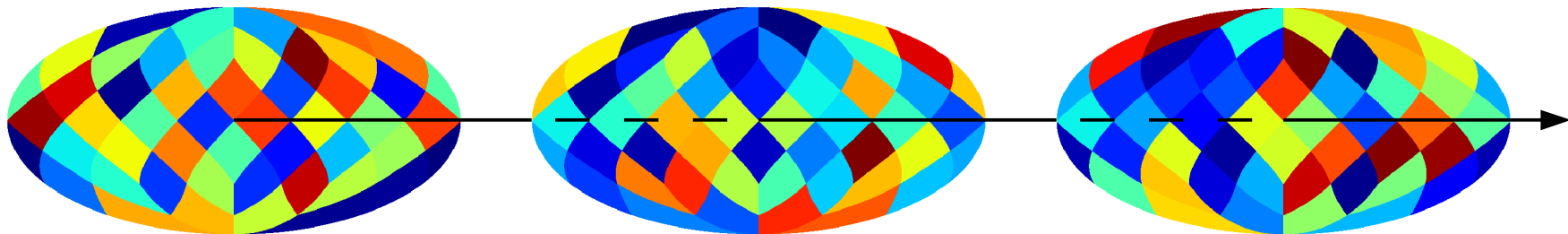
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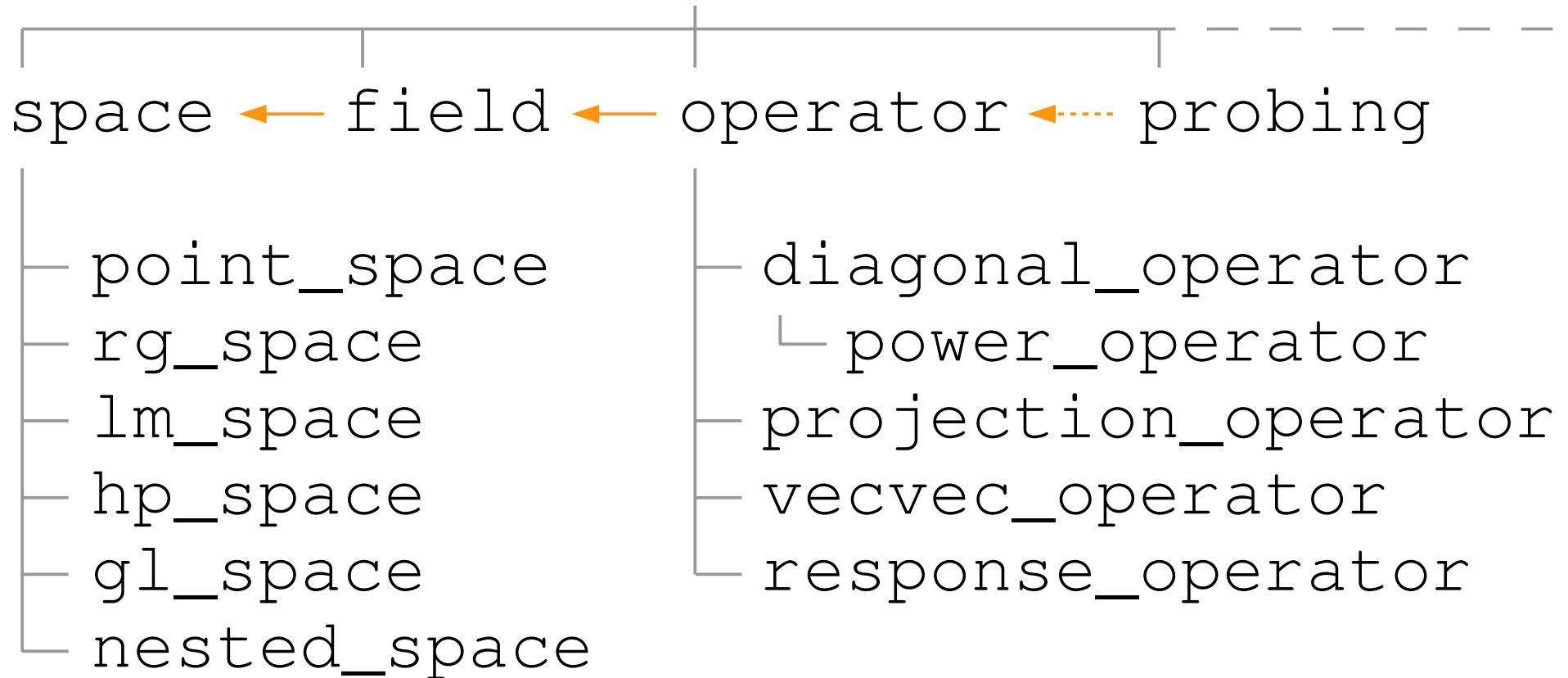
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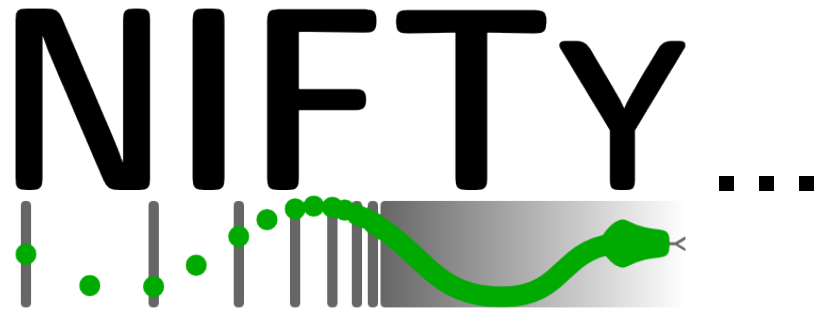


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- abstracts spaces, fields, and operators into an object-orientated framework
- allows the user the abstract formulation and programming of signal inference algorithms

Wiener filtering

```

from nifty import *
from scipy.sparse.linalg import LinearOperator as lo
from scipy.sparse.linalg import cg

class propagator(operator):                                # define propagator class

    _matvec = (lambda self, x: self.inverse_times(x).val.flatten())

    def _multiply(self, x):
        # some numerical inversion technique; here, conjugate gradient
        A = lo(shape=tuple(self.dim()), matvec=self._matvec)
        b = x.val.flatten()
        x_, info = cg(A, b, M=None)
        return x_

    def _inverse_multiply(self, x):
        S, N, R = self.para
        return S.inverse_times(x) + R.adjoint_times(N.inverse_times(R.times(x)))

# some signal space; e.g., a one-dimensional regular grid
s_space = rg_space(512, zerocenter=False, dist=0.002)      # define signal space
# or      rg_space([256, 256])
# or      hp_space(128)
k_space = s_space.get_codomain()                          # get conjugate space
kindex, rho = k_space.get_power_index(irreducible=True)
# some power spectrum
power = [42 / (kk + 1) ** 3 for kk in kindex]
S = power_operator(k_space, spec=power)                   # define signal covariance
s = S.get_random_field(domain=s_space)                   # generate signal
R = response_operator(s_space, sigma=0.0, mask=1.0, assign=None) # define response
d_space = R.target                                        # get data space
# some noise variance; e.g., 1
N = diagonal_operator(d_space, diag=1, bare=True)        # define noise covariance
n = N.get_random_field(domain=d_space)                   # generate noise
d = R(s) + n                                             # compute data
j = R.adjoint_times(N.inverse_times(d))                  # define source
D = propagator(s_space, sym=True, imp=True, para=[S,N,R]) # define propagator
m = D(j)                                                 # reconstruct map
s.plot(title="signal")                                   # plot signal
d.cast_domain(s_space)
d.plot(title="data", vmin=s.val.min(), vmax=s.val.max()) # plot data
m.plot(title="reconstructed map", vmin=s.val.min(), vmax=s.val.max()) # plot map

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Wiener filtering

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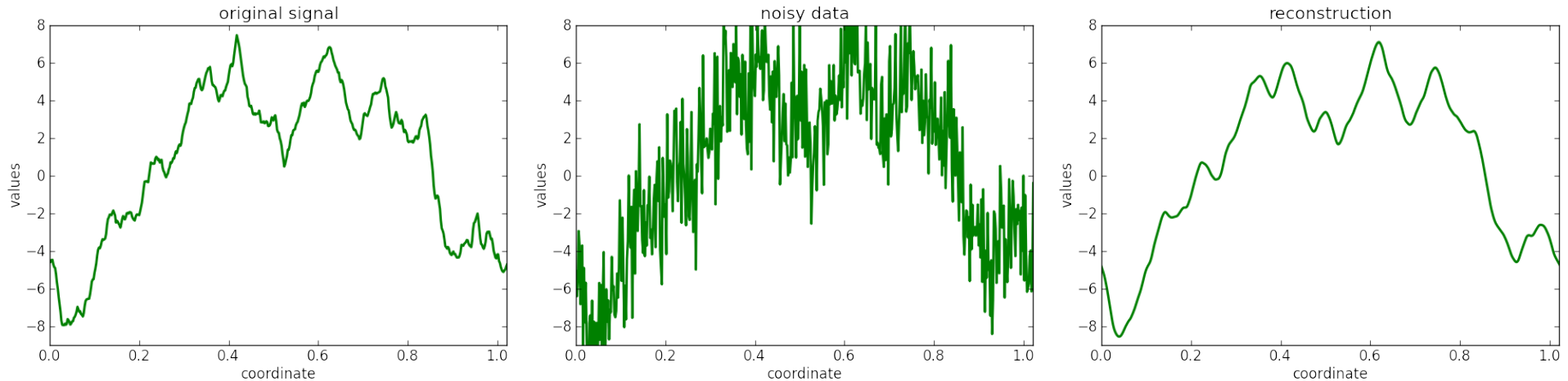
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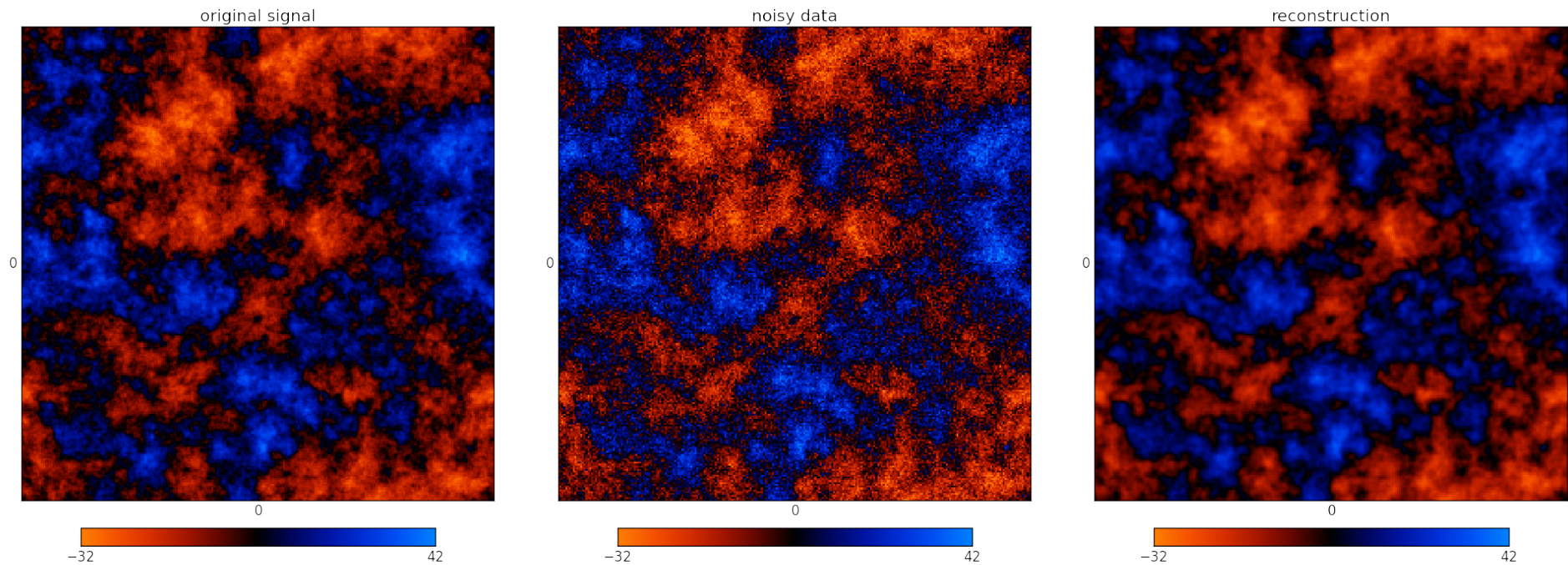
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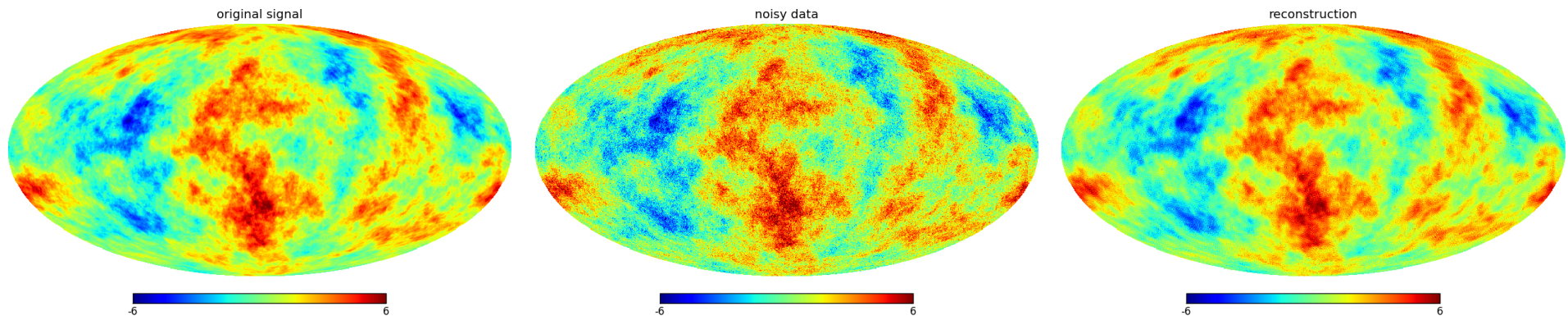
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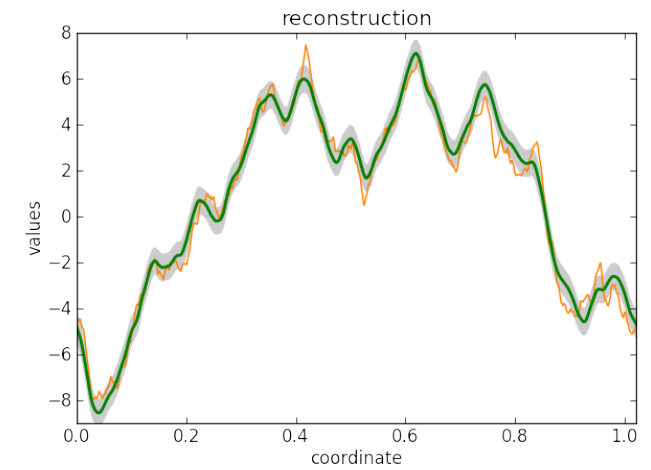
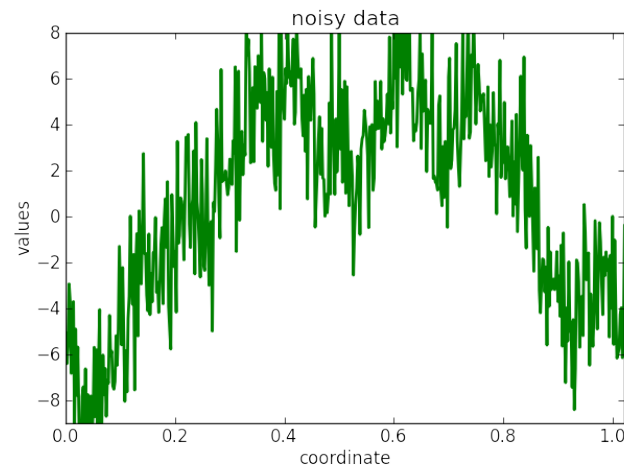
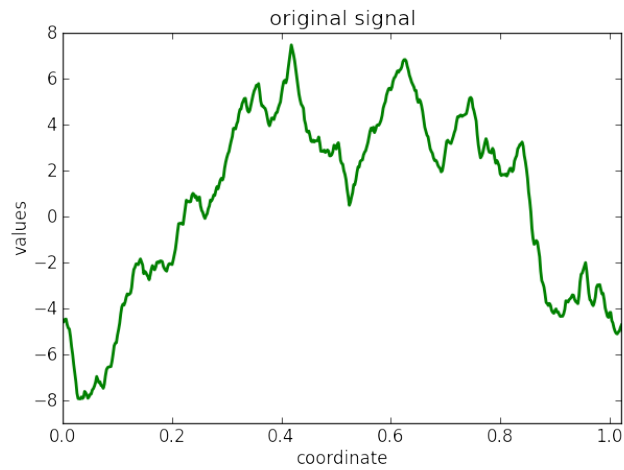
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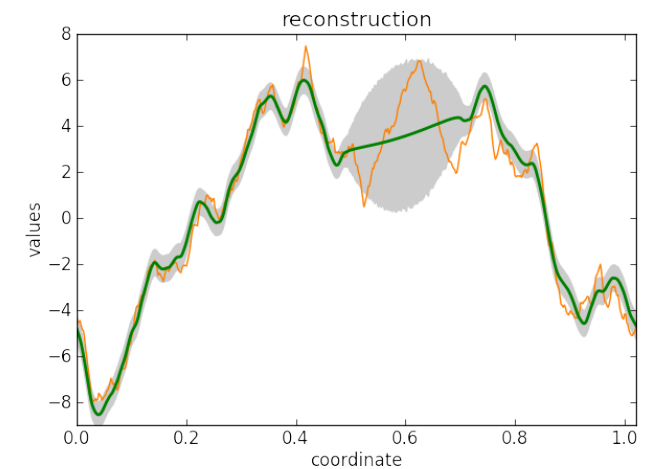
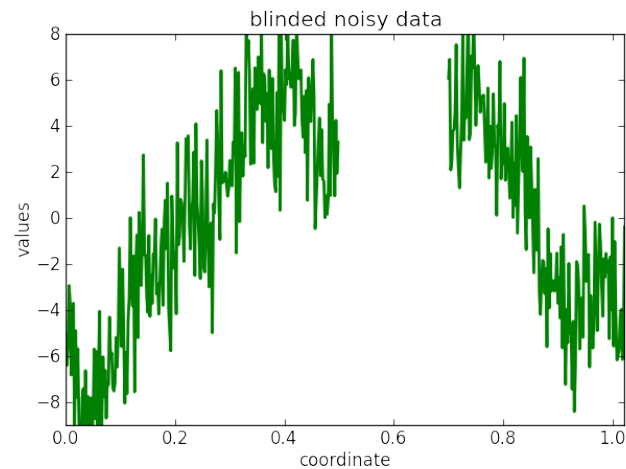
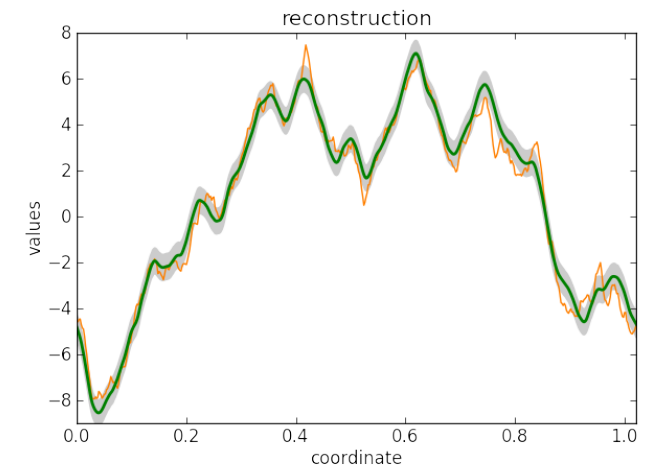
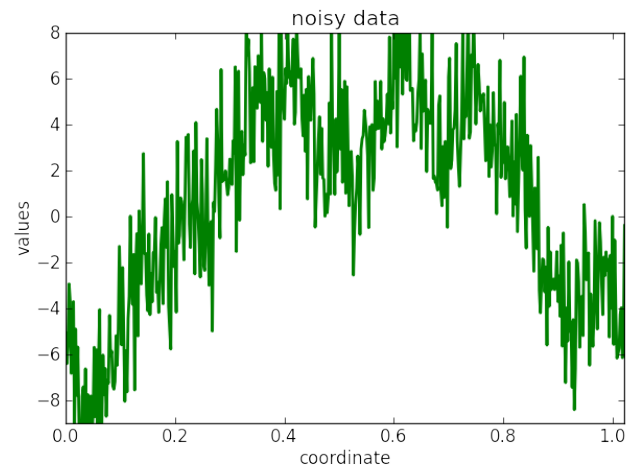
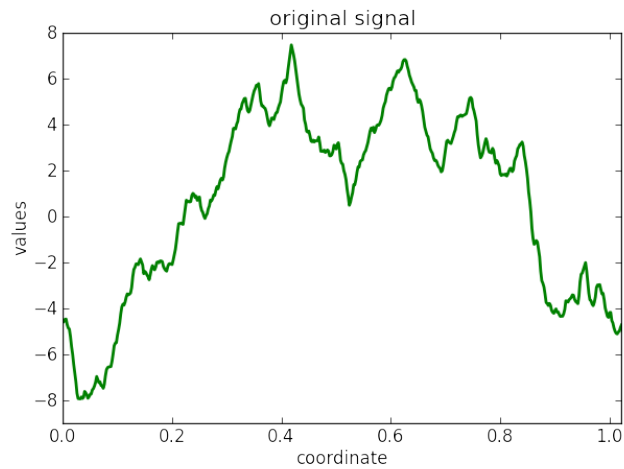
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Wiener filtering and more



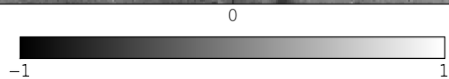
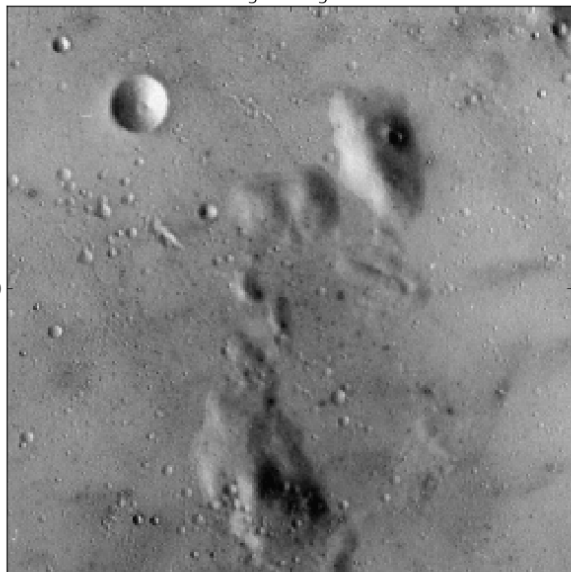
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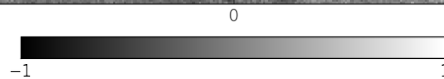
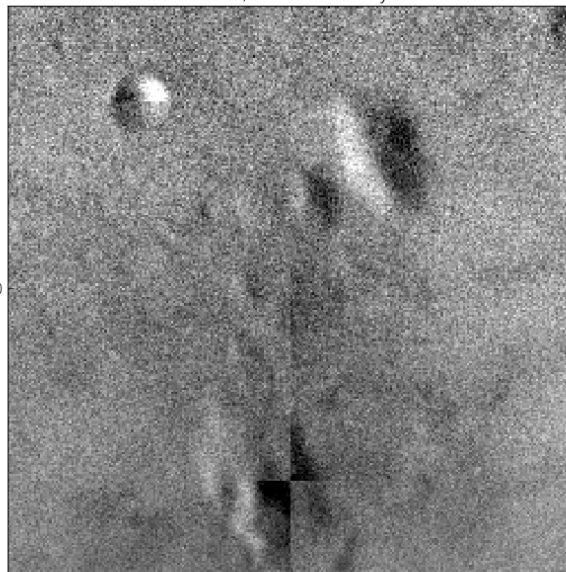


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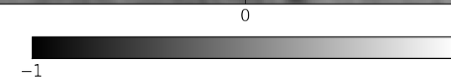
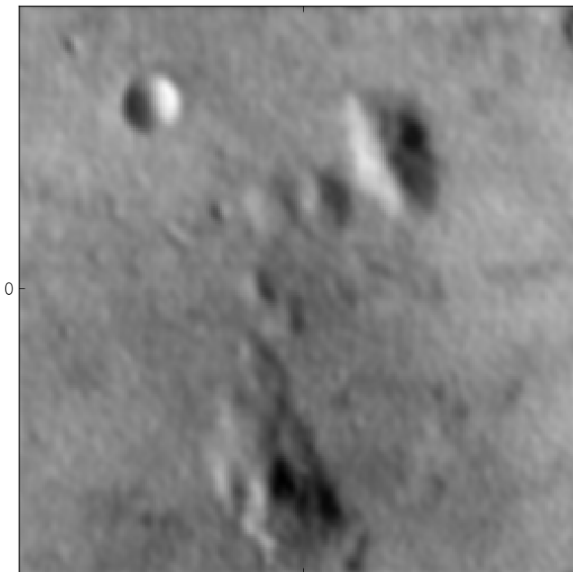
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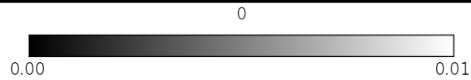
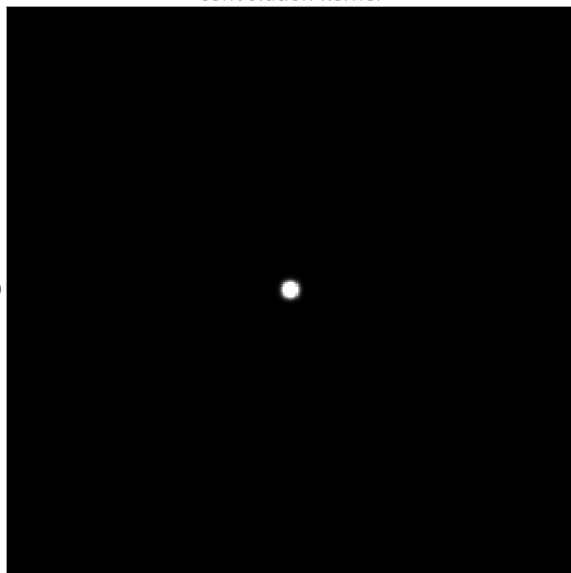
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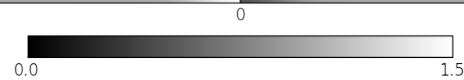
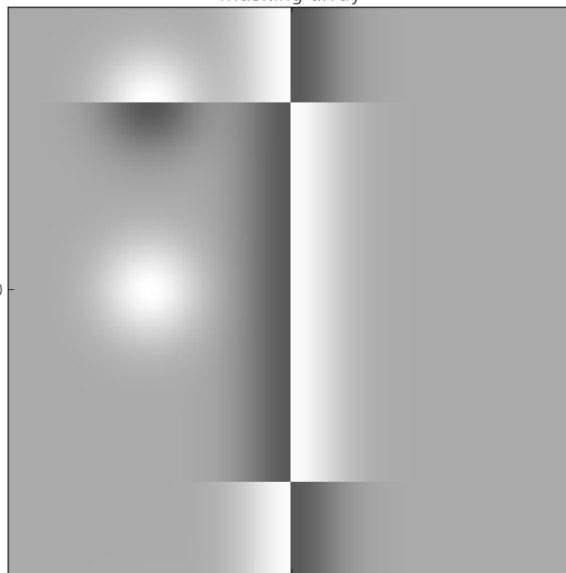
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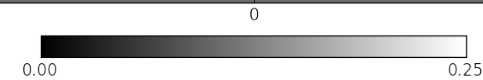
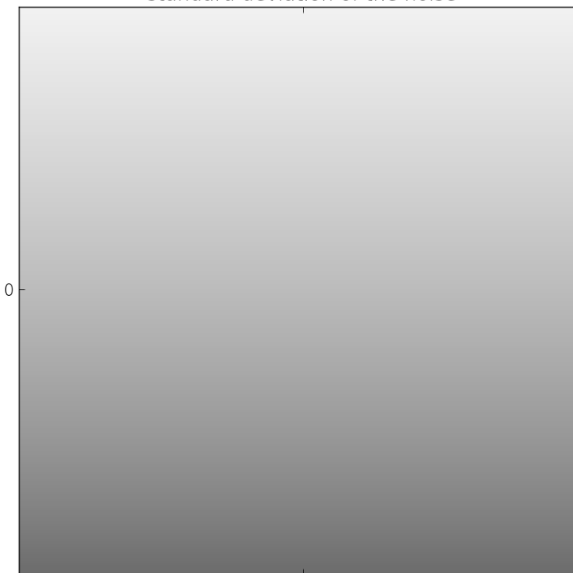
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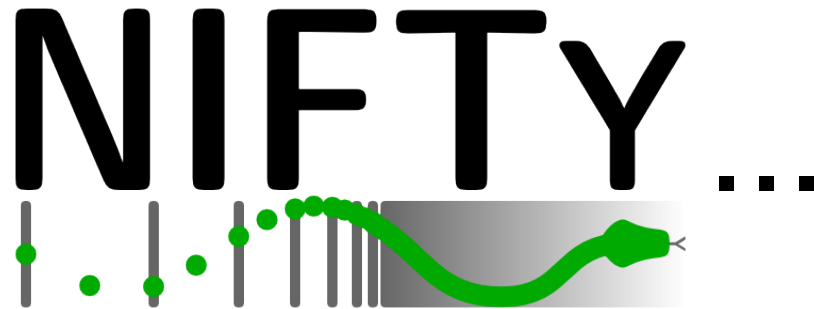


masking array



standard deviation of the noise





Selig et al. (2013)

- is a versatile PYTHON library incorporating CYTHON, C++, and C libraries
- operates regardless of the underlying spatial grid and its resolution
- abstracts spaces, fields, and operators into an object-orientated framework
- allows the user the abstract formulation and programming of signal inference algorithms
- provides an extensive online documentation

NIFTY project homepage: <http://www.mpa-garching.mpg.de/ift/nifty/>

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NIFTY – Numerical Information Field Theory

NIFTY [1], “**Numerical Information Field Theory**”, is a versatile library designed to enable the development of signal inference algorithms that operate regardless of the underlying spatial grid and its resolution. Its object-oriented framework is written in Python, although it accesses libraries written in Cython, C++, and C for efficiency.

NIFTY offers a toolkit that abstracts discretized representations of continuous spaces, fields in these spaces, and operators acting on fields into classes. Thereby, the correct normalization of operations on fields is taken care of automatically without concerning the user. This allows for an abstract formulation and programming of inference algorithms, including those derived within information field theory. Thus, NIFTY permits its user to rapidly prototype algorithms in 1D and then apply the developed code in higher-dimensional settings of real world problems. The set of spaces on which NIFTY operates comprises point sets, n -dimensional regular grids, spherical spaces, their harmonic counterparts, and product spaces constructed as combinations of those.

References

[1] M. Selig et al., “NIFTY – Numerical Information Field Theory – a versatile Python library for signal inference”, submitted to IEEE, 2013; [arXiv:1301.4499](#)

Note: Parts of this publication can with or without modification be found within the source code and this online documentation for obvious reasons, and they are not explicitly marked as quotations.

Documentation

Welcome to NIFTY’s documentation!

Tip: For a quickstart, [download](#) NIFTY and browse through the *informal introduction*.

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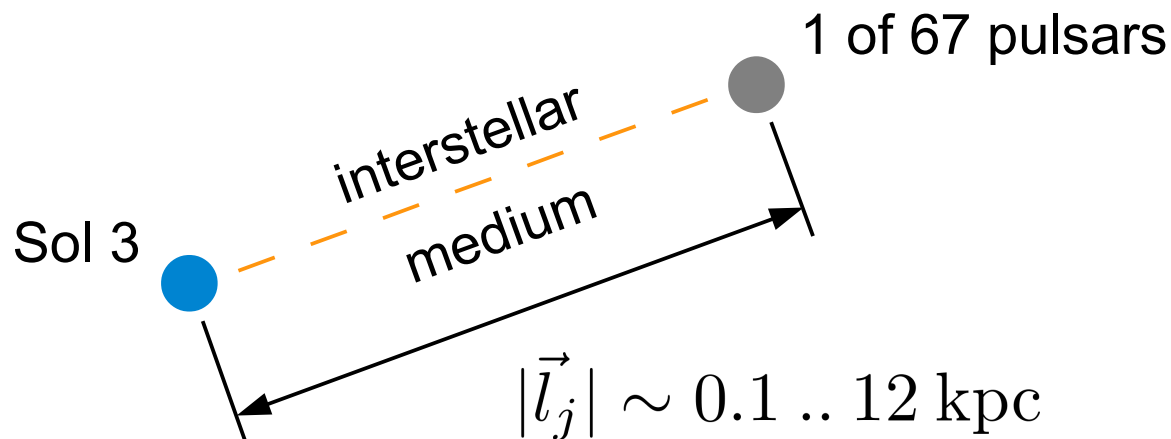
Applications

The Galactic free electron density

Greiner et al. (in prep.)

- data model
 - dispersion measures from different lines of sight
 - additive Gaussian noise

$$\langle \mathbf{d} \rangle_{(\mathbf{d}|\boldsymbol{\rho})} = \left(\int_{\text{observer}}^{\text{pulsar}} d\vec{l}_j \rho(\vec{x}) \right)_j = \mathbf{R}\boldsymbol{\rho}$$



The Galactic free electron density

Greiner et al. (in prep.)

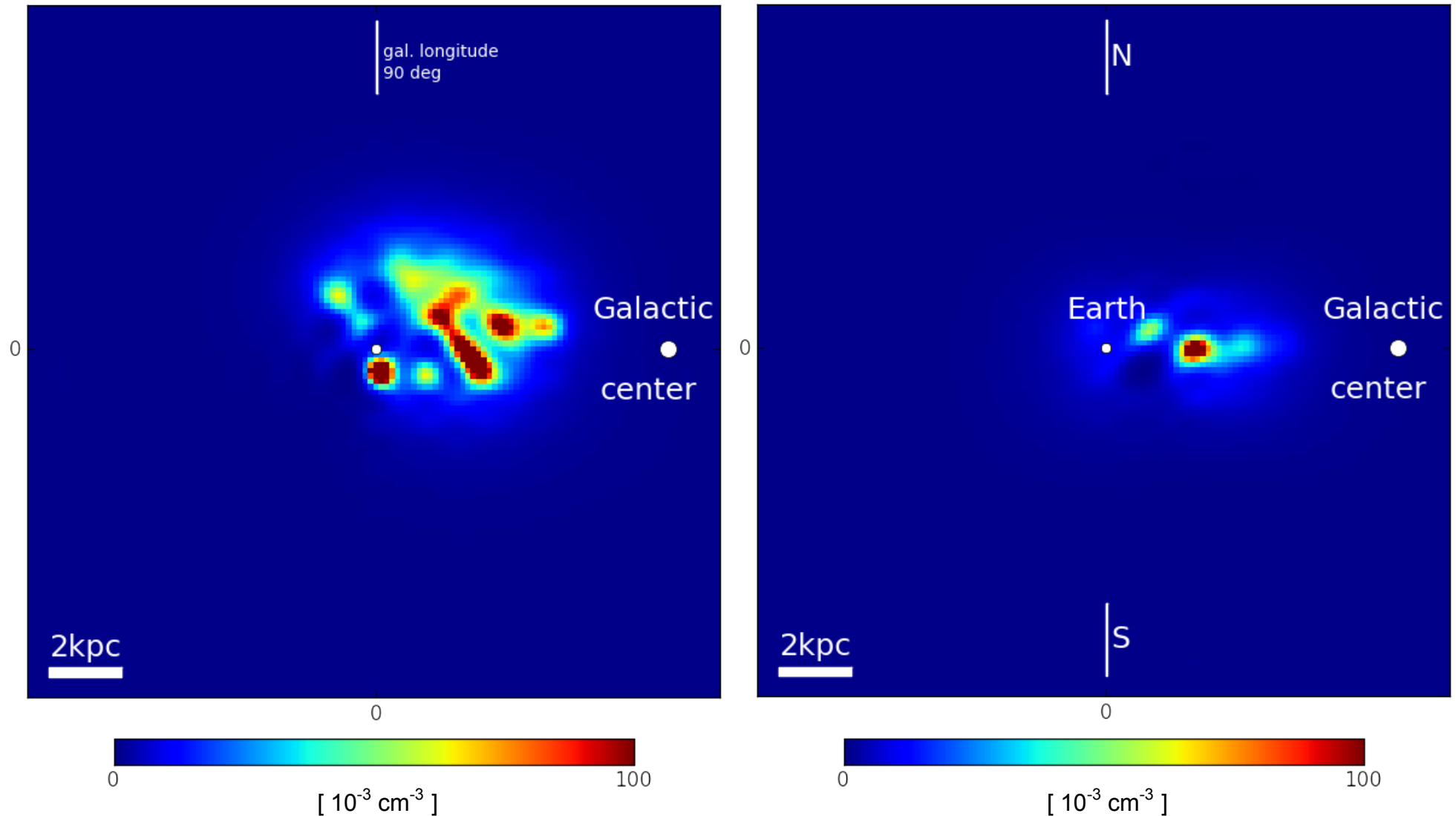
- data model
 - **dispersion measures** from different lines of sight
 - additive Gaussian noise

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- *a priori* assumptions
 - electron density $\rho \leftarrow$ log-normal prior
 - unknown correlations

The Galactic free electron density

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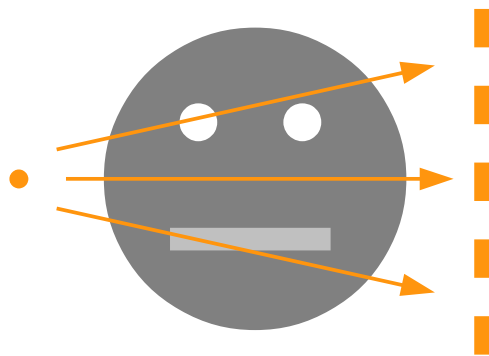


Computer tomography

- data model
 - absorption along the line of sight
 - Poissonian noise

$$\langle \mathbf{d} \rangle_{(d|\rho)} = \lambda_0 \exp \left(-a \int_{\text{source}}^{\text{detector}} d\vec{l}_j \rho(\vec{x}) \right)_j = \lambda_0 \exp(-a \mathbf{R} \rho)$$

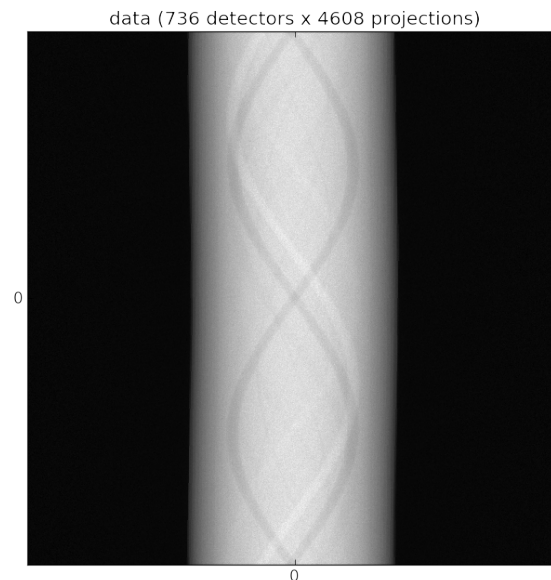
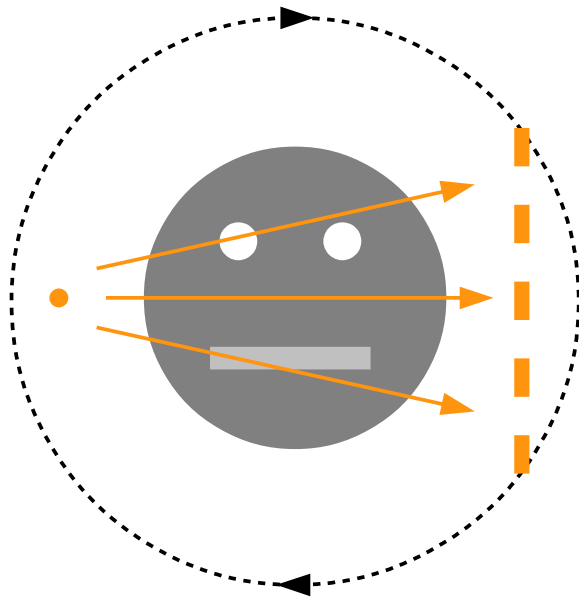
data (736 detectors x 4608 projections)



Computer tomography

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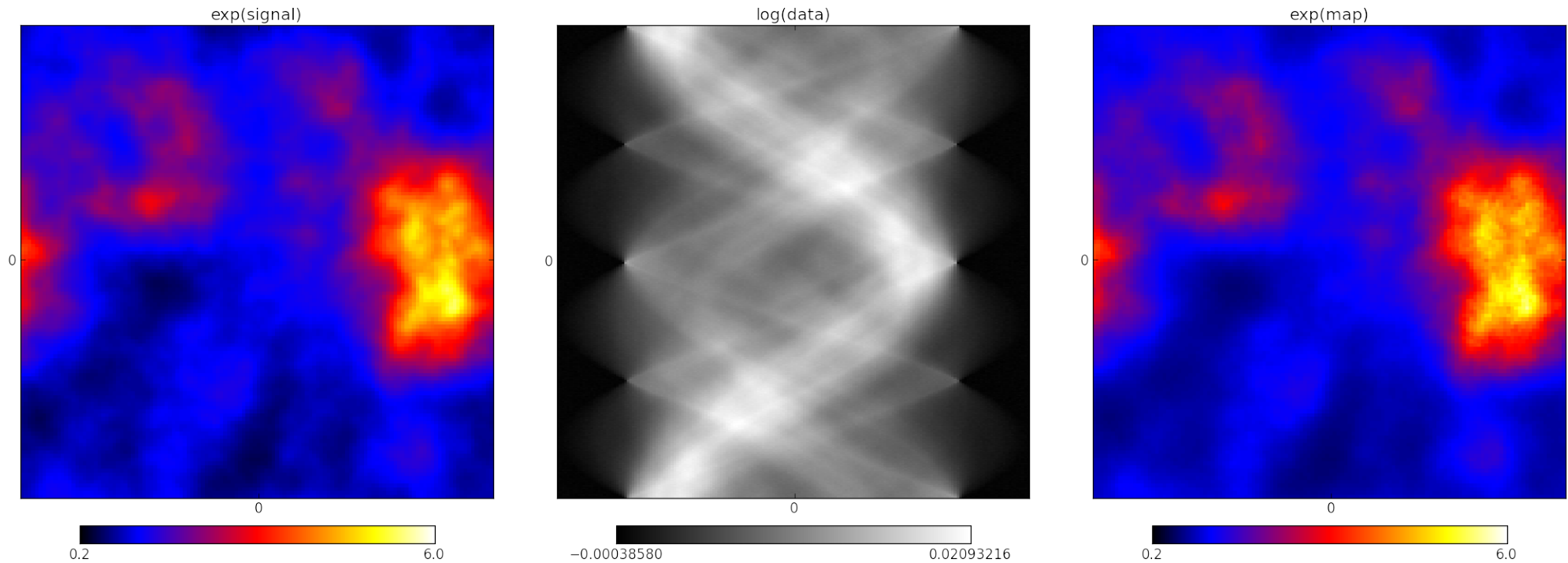
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- *a priori* assumptions
 - matter density $\rho \leftarrow$ log-normal prior
 - known correlations \leftarrow medical databases

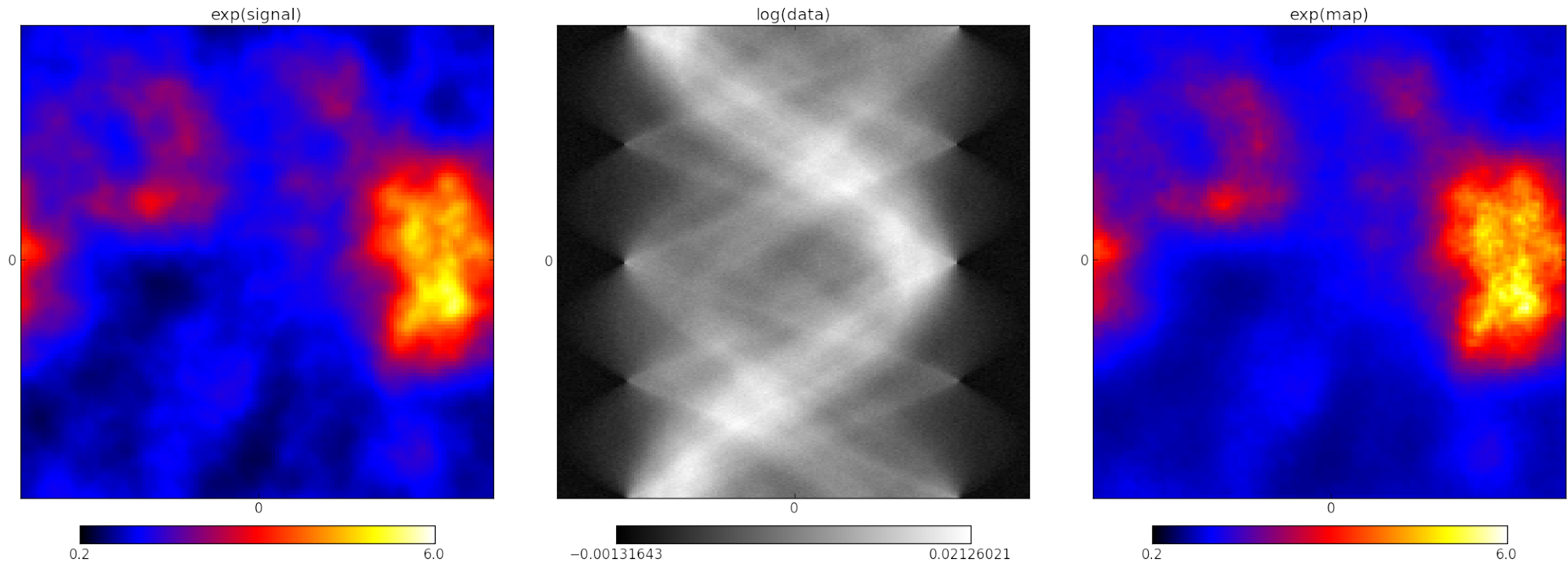
Computer tomography

$$a = 1 \quad , \quad \lambda_0 = 10^8$$



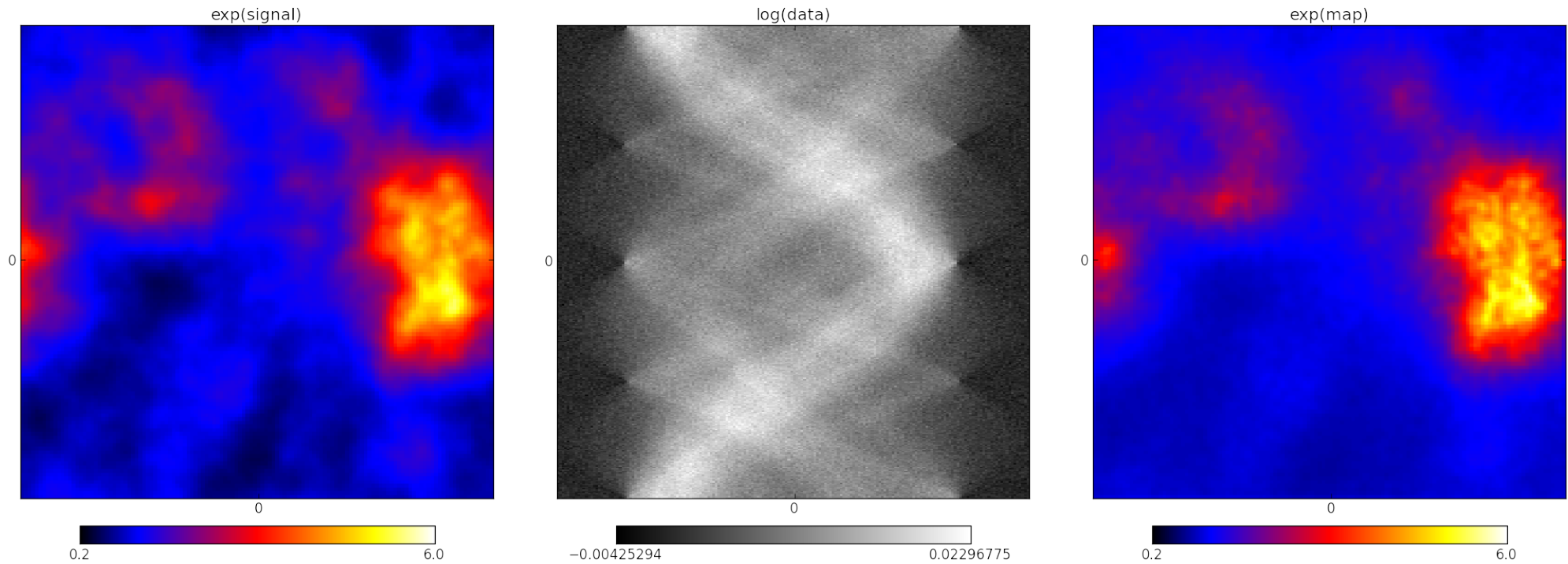
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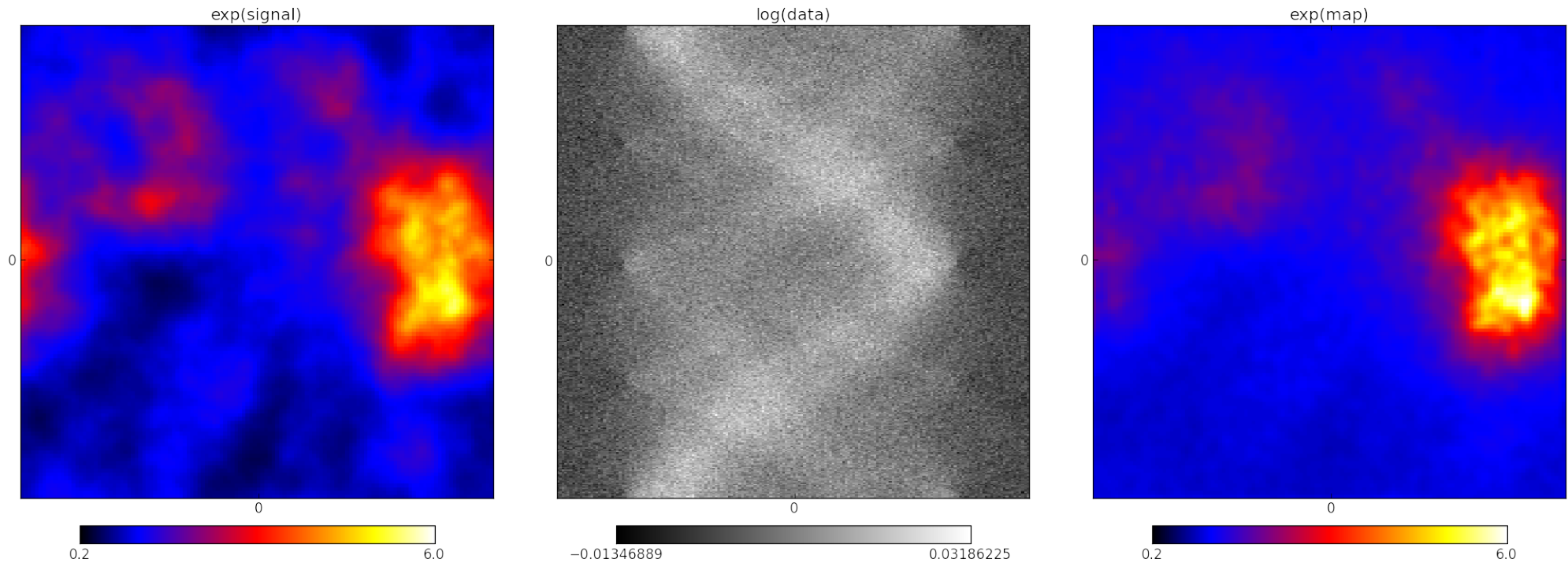
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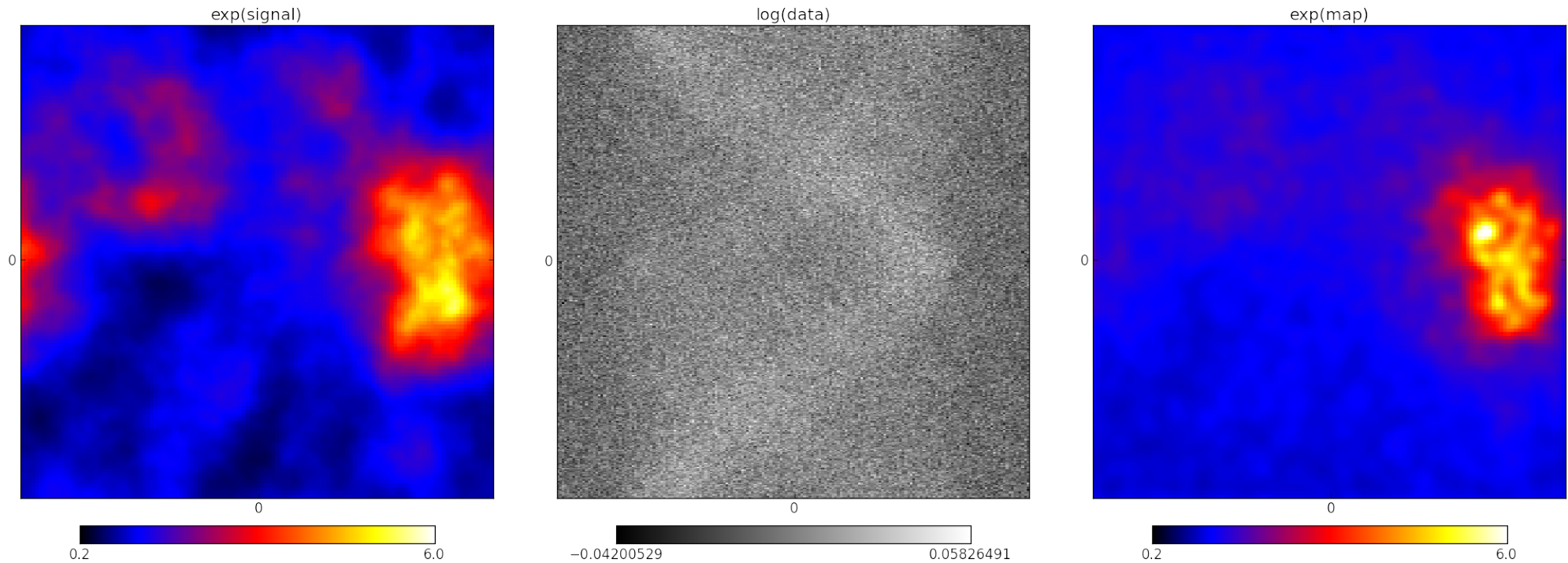
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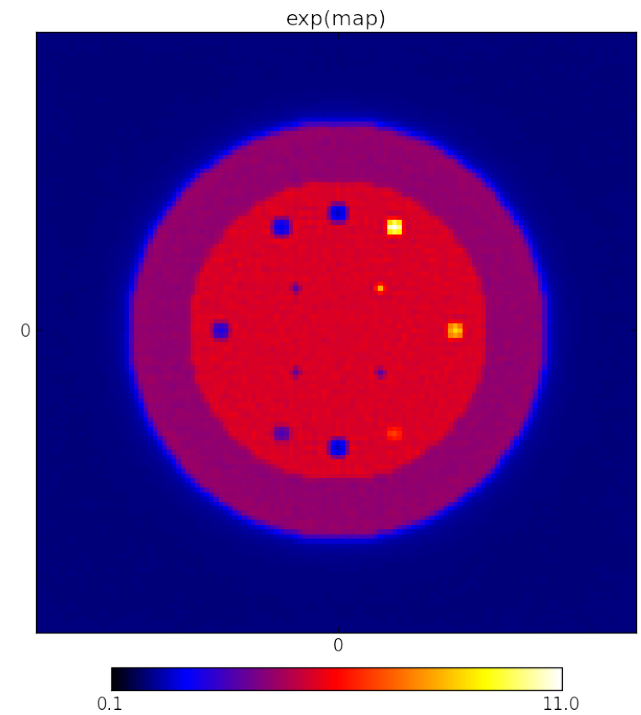
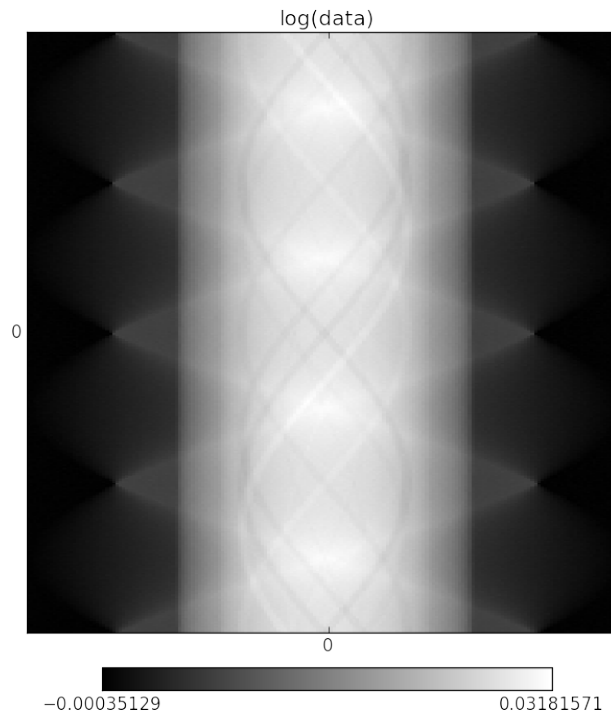
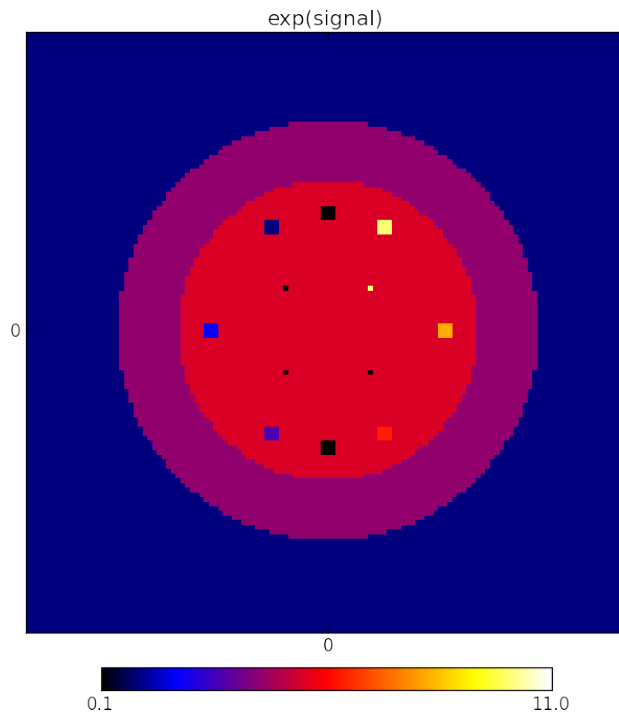
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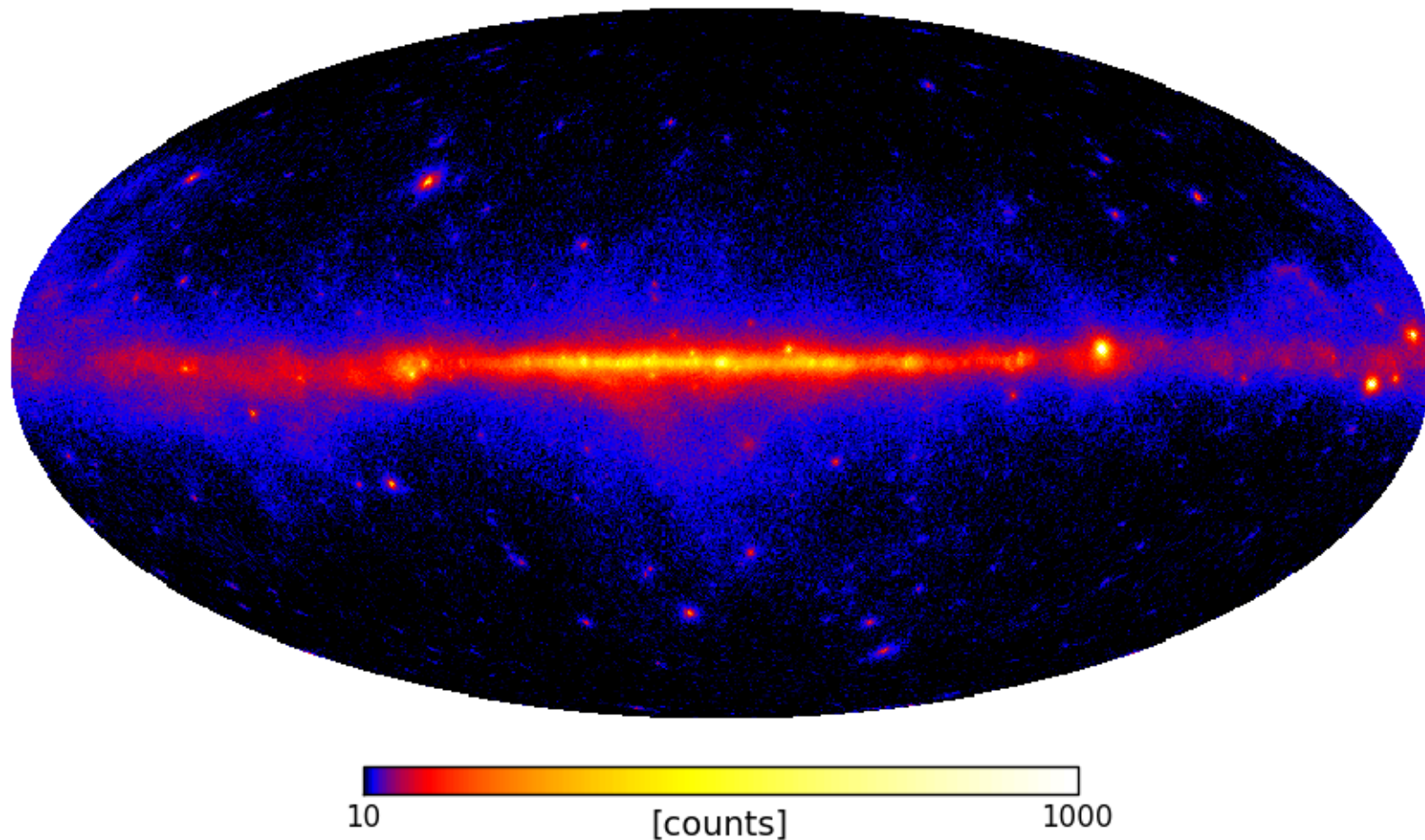
Computer tomography

$$a = 1 \quad , \quad \lambda_0 = 10^8$$



The Fermi γ -ray sky

Selig et al. (in prep.)



$E_\gamma \sim 100 \text{ MeV} \dots 100 \text{ GeV}$, $t_{\text{mission}} \sim \text{week } 9 \dots 220$

The Fermi γ -ray sky

Selig et al. (in prep.)

- data model

- uneven survey coverage
- Poissonian noise

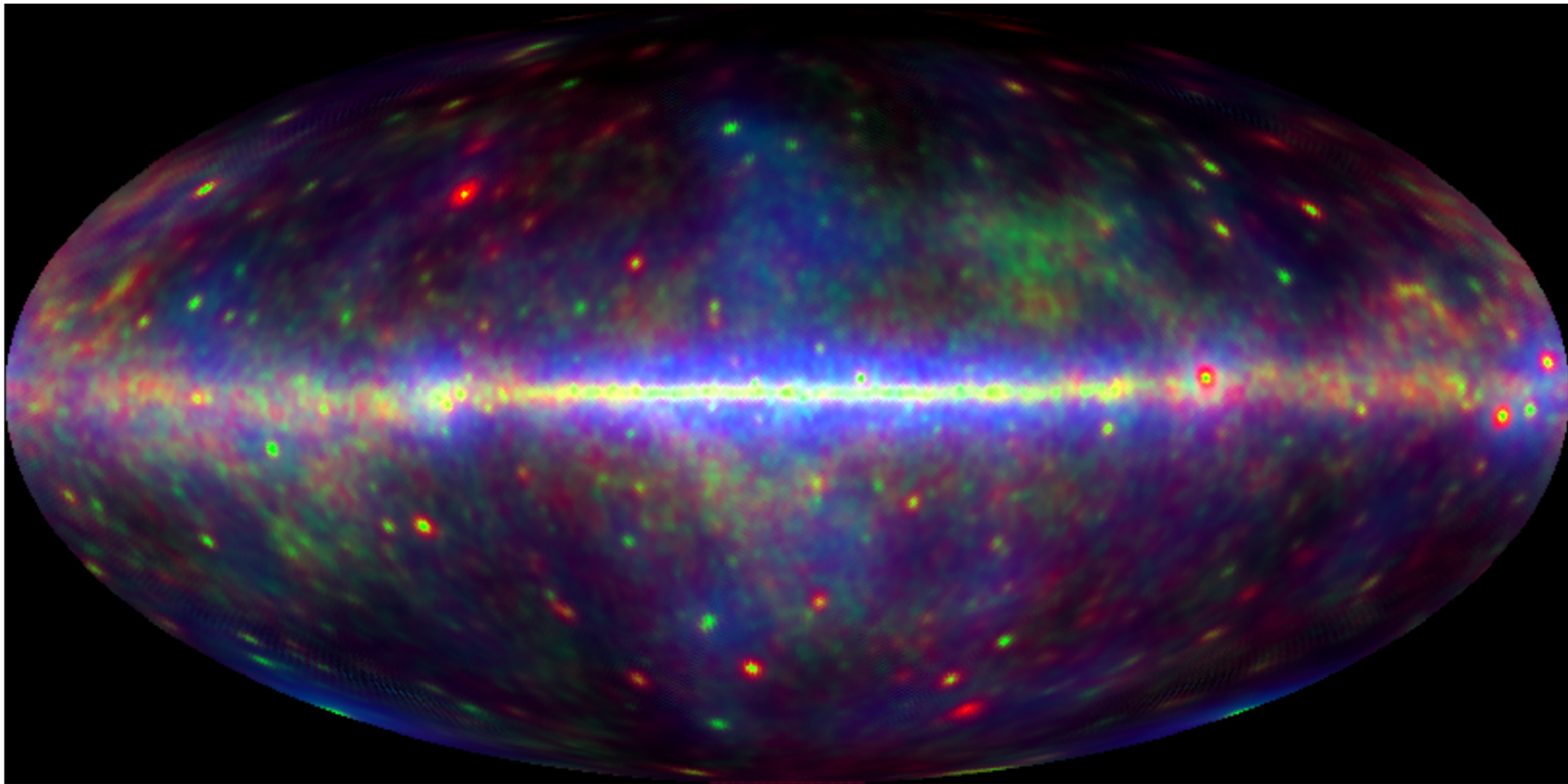
$$\langle \mathbf{d} \rangle_{(d|\rho)} = \mathbf{R}\rho$$

- *a priori* assumptions

- diffuse flux $\rho \leftarrow$ log-normal prior
- unknown correlations (but spectral smoothness)

The Fermi γ -ray sky

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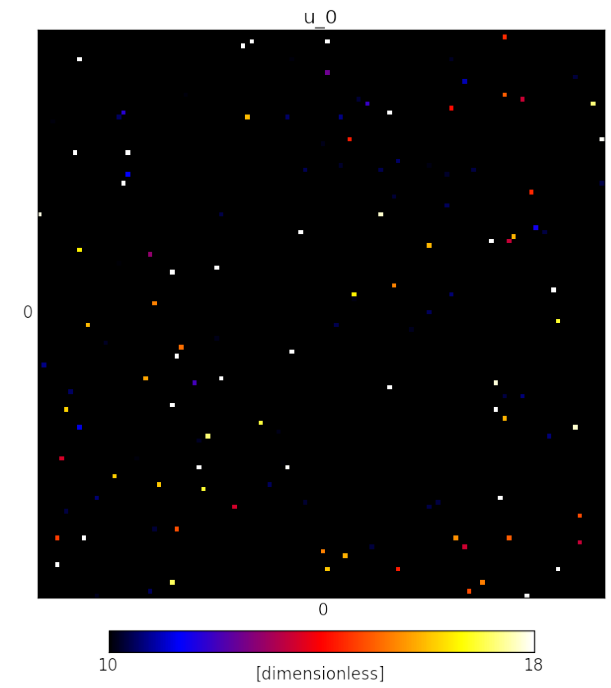
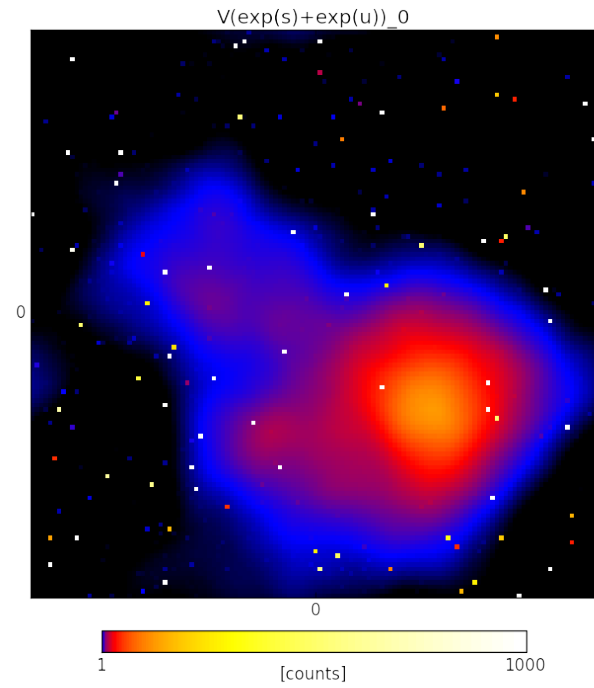
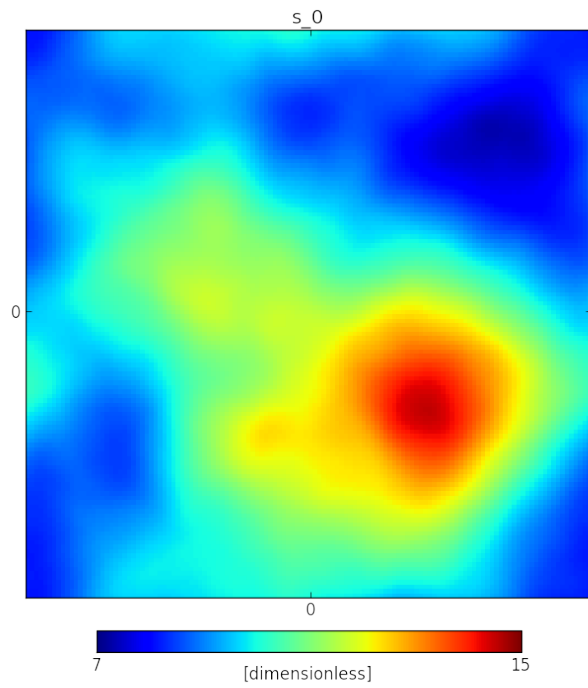
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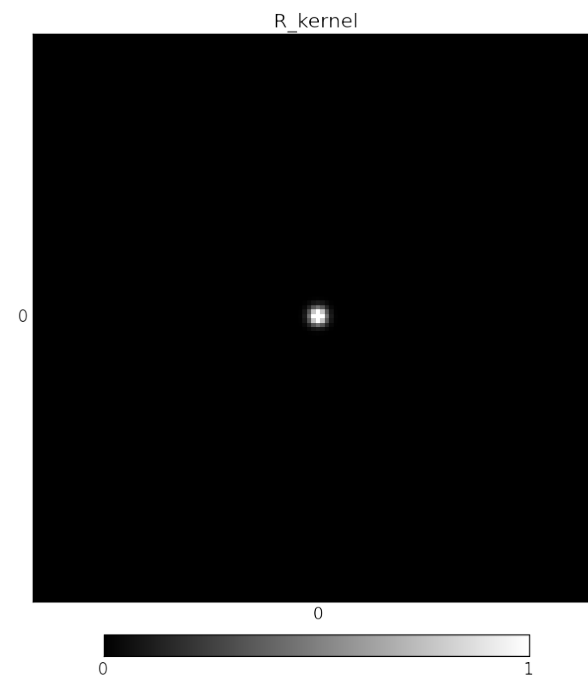
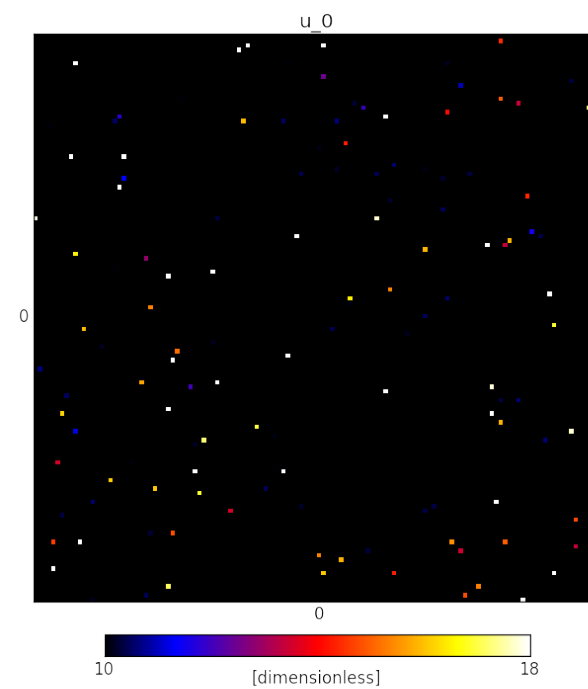
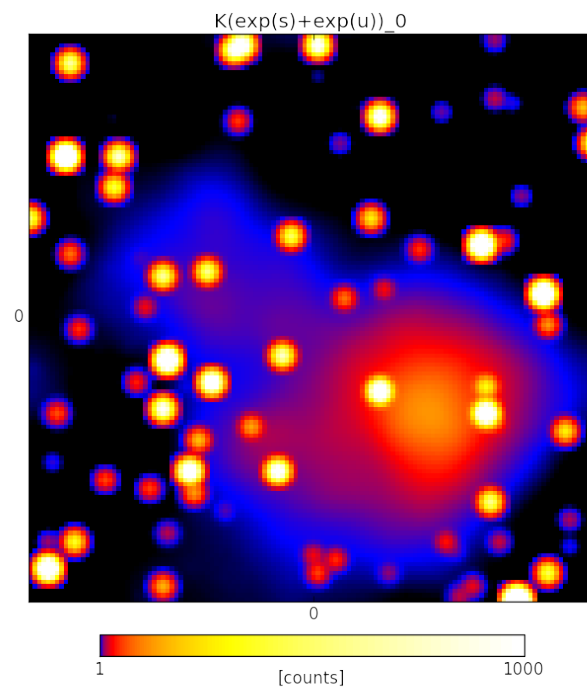
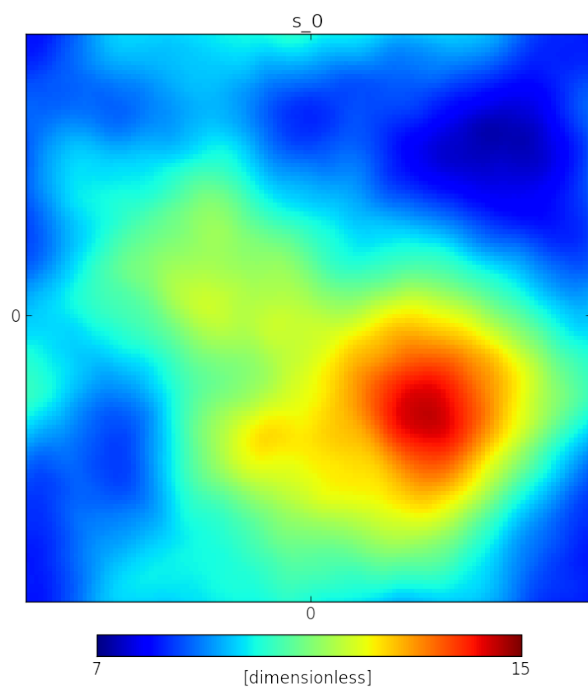
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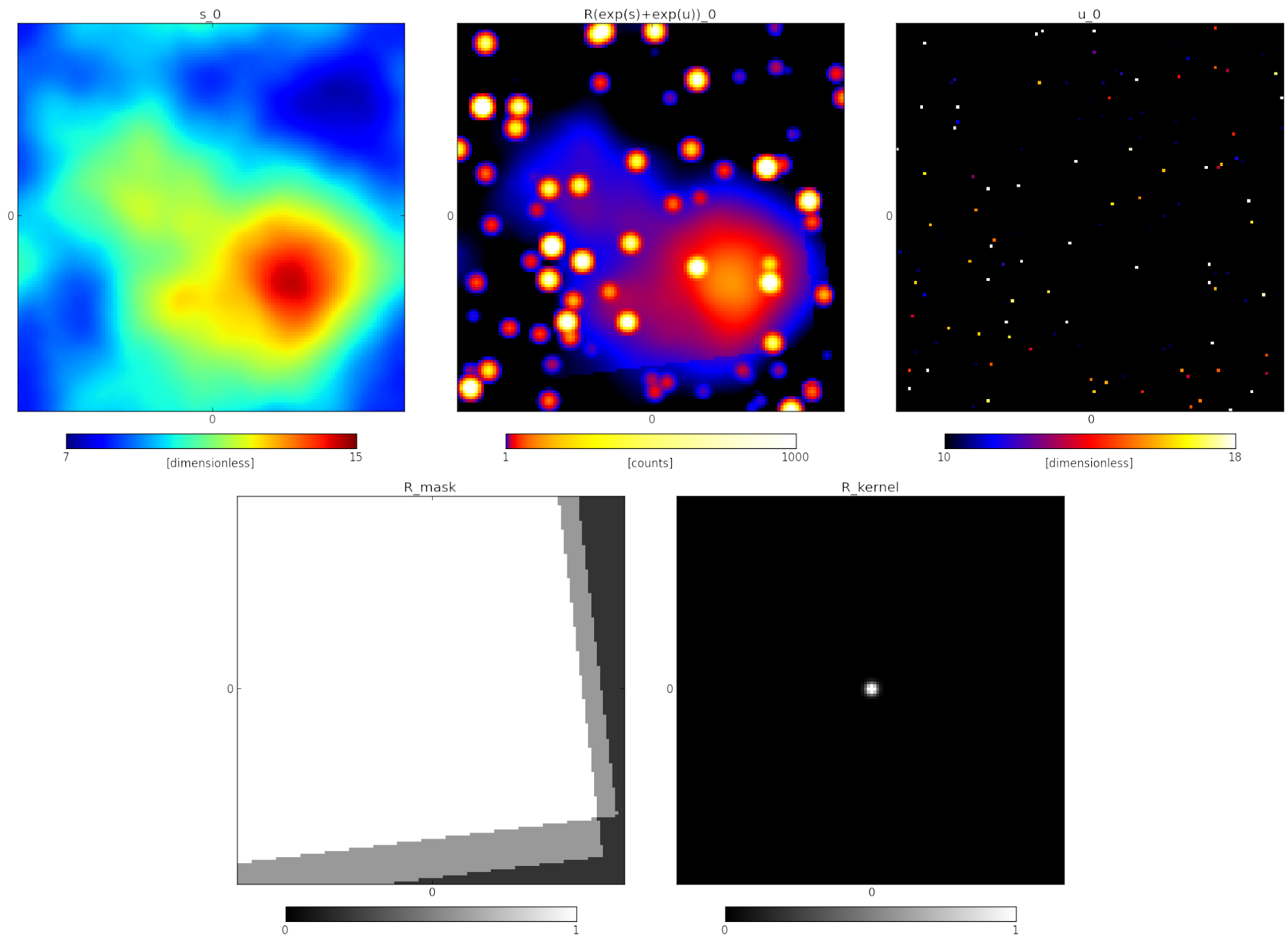
- data model
 - superposition of flux components
 - complex instrument response function
 - Poissonian noise

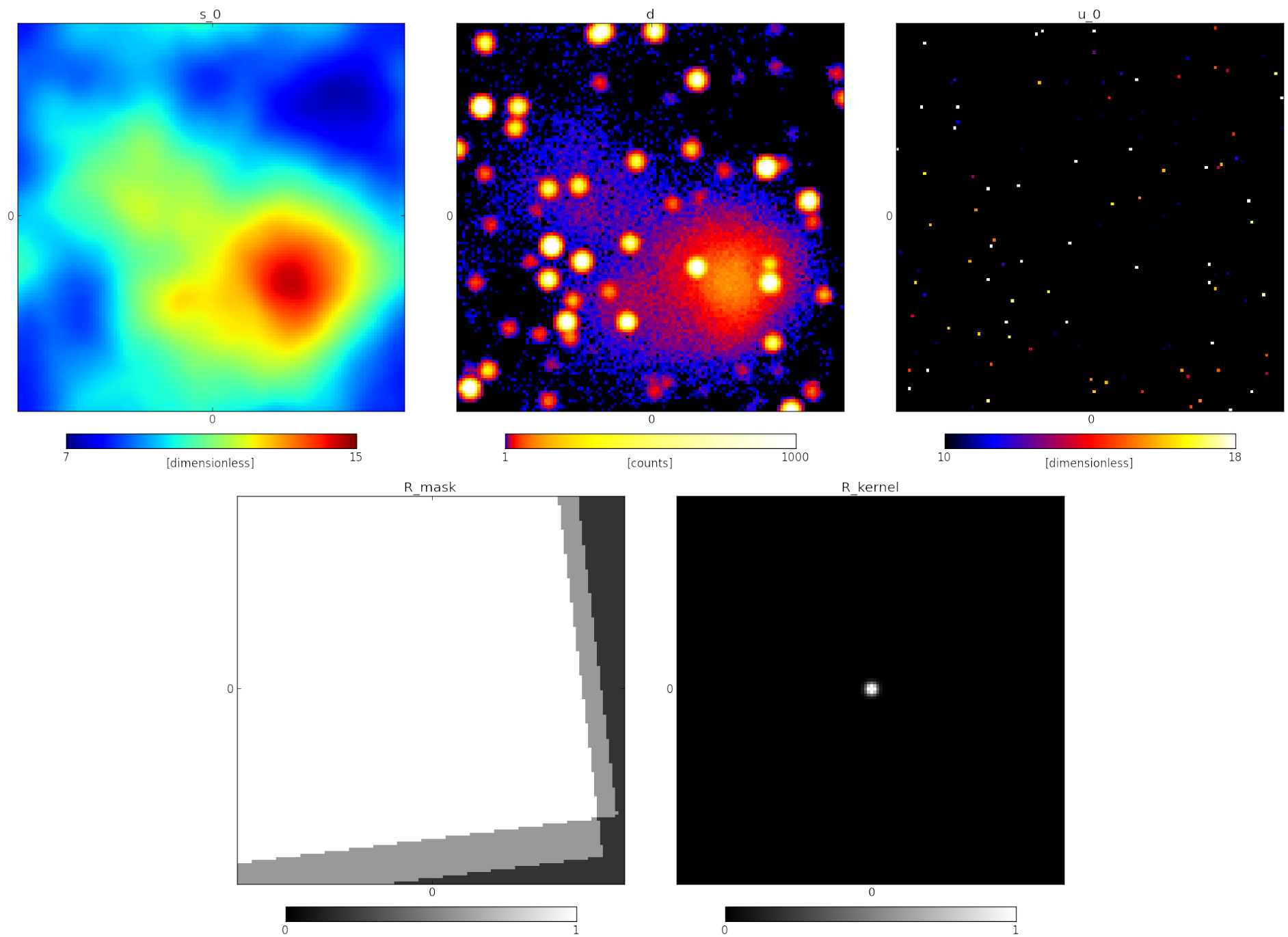
$$\langle \mathbf{d} \rangle_{(d|\rho)} = \mathbf{R}(\rho_s + \rho_u)$$

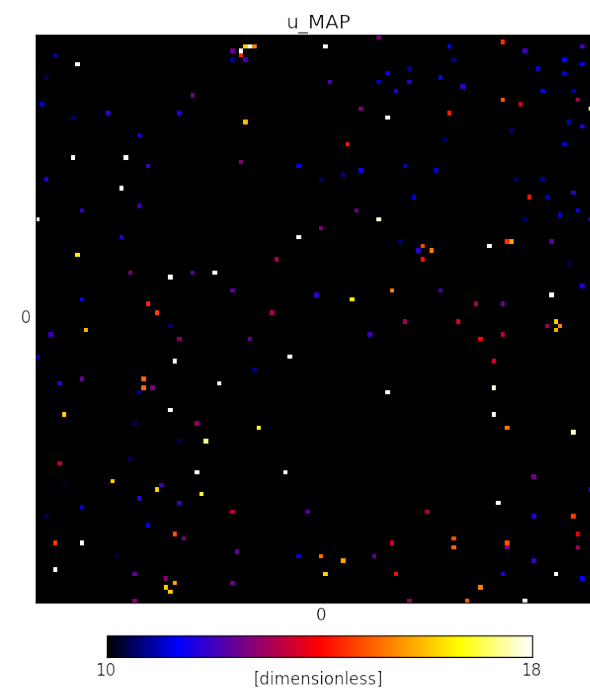
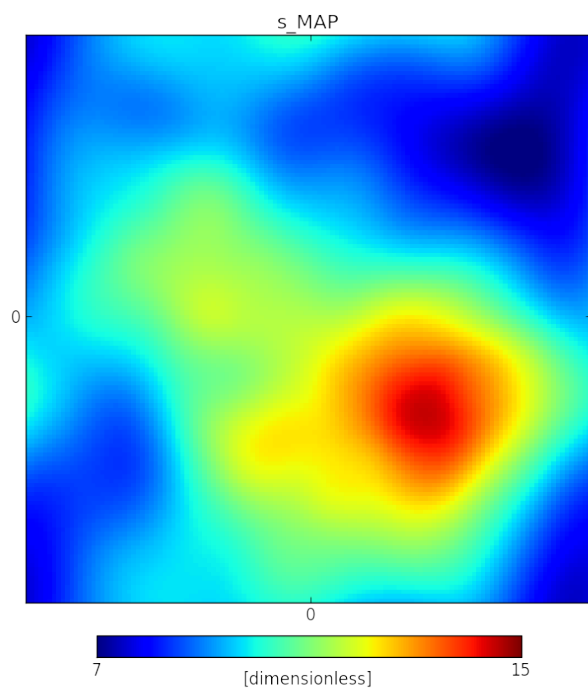
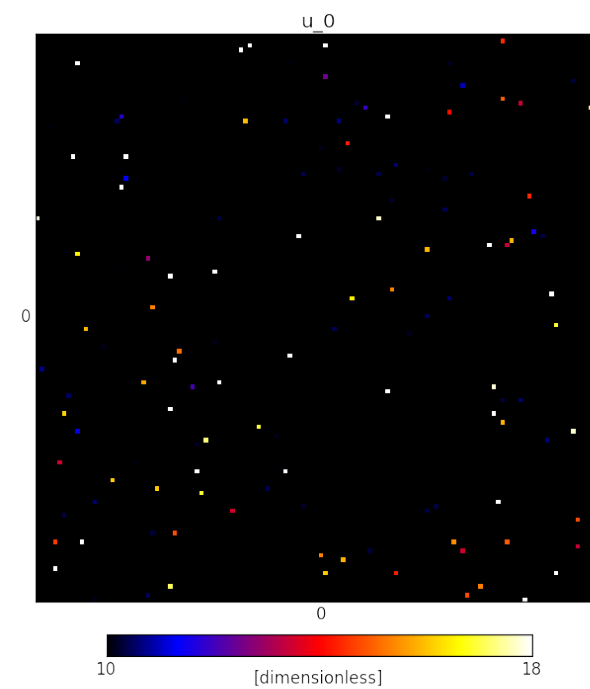
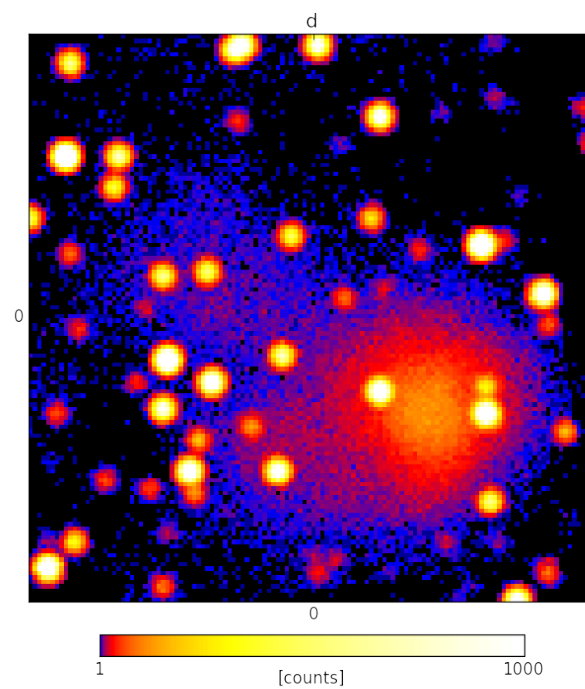
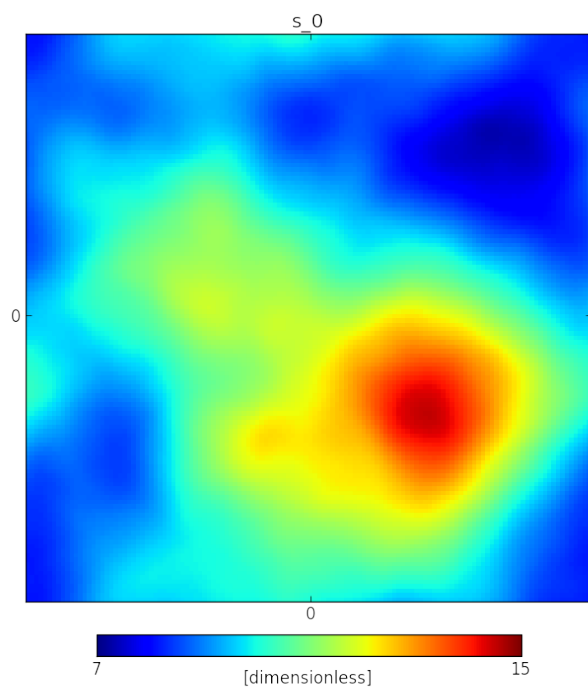
- *a priori* assumptions
 - diffuse flux $\rho_s \leftarrow$ log-normal prior
 - known correlations
 - point source flux $\rho_u \leftarrow$ inverse-Gamma priors

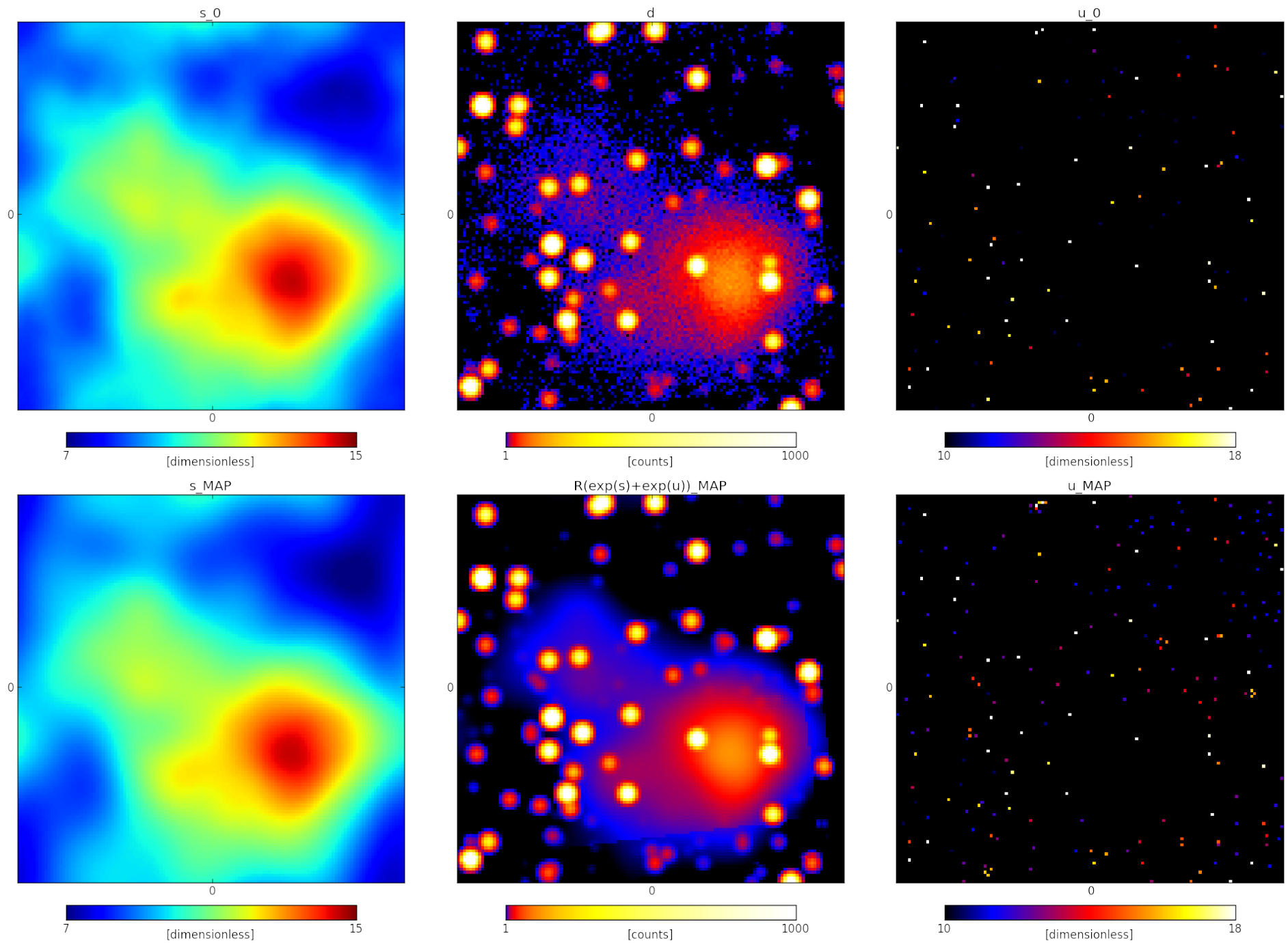












Summary

Summary

- effective **IFT** framework
 - inference on continuous signal fields
 - treatment of unknown correlations
- useful **NIFTY** library
 - versatile toolbox for signal inference algorithms
 - grid and resolution independence
 - applicability to real-life problems
 - extensive documentation (including tutorials)

Spectral smoothness prior

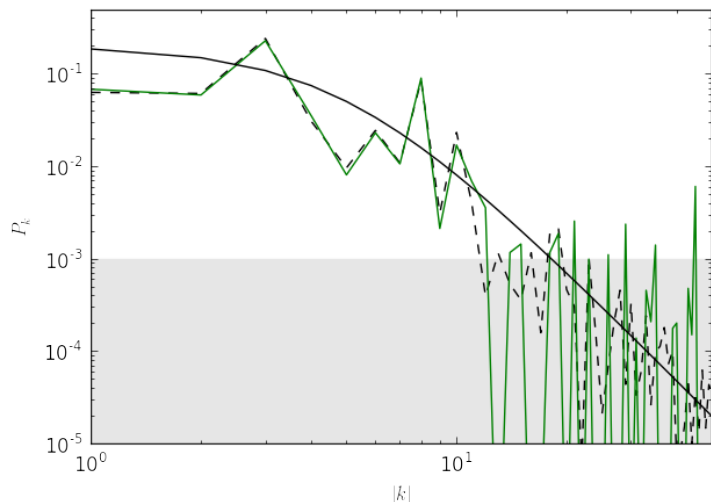
Oppermann et al. (2012)

- unknown signal correlations

$$\mathbf{S} = \sum_k p_k \mathbf{S}_k \quad , \quad \mathbf{p} \curvearrowright \quad \prod_k \mathcal{I}(p_k, \alpha \rightarrow 1, q \rightarrow 0)$$

- inverse-Gamma prior

$$\mathcal{I}(p_k, \alpha, q) \propto p_k^{-\alpha} \exp\left(-\frac{q}{p_k}\right)$$



Spectral smoothness prior

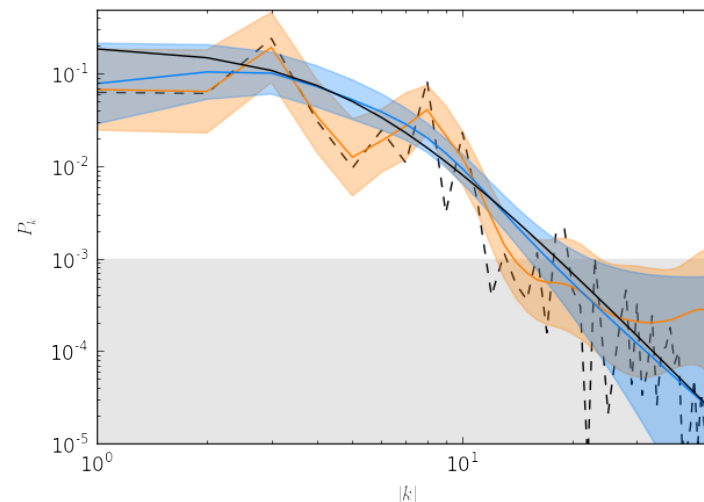
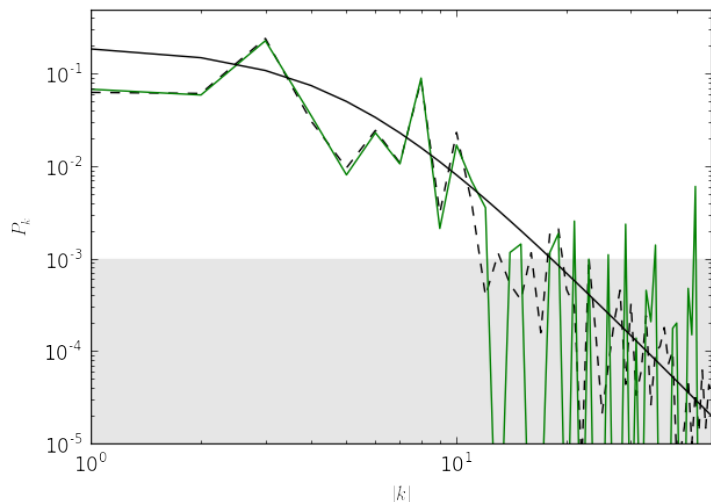
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$$\mathbf{S} = \sum_k p_k \mathbf{S}_k \quad , \quad \mathbf{p} \curvearrowright P_{\text{sm}}(\mathbf{p}) \prod_k \mathcal{I}(p_k, \alpha \rightarrow 1, q \rightarrow 0)$$

- inverse-Gamma prior and spectral smoothness prior

$$P_{\text{sm}}(\mathbf{p}) \propto \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \int d(\log k) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \log p_k}{\partial(\log k)^2} \right)^2 \right)$$



$$\sigma^2 = 1000$$

$$\sigma^2 = 10$$