

From Bayesian estimators to ML

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Priors - VLBI imaging of M87¹



¹Arras, Frank, Haim, et al. 2022.



Priors - Faraday tomography²



²Hutschenreuter, Haverkorn, Frank, et al. 2023.







Priors - GAIA 3D dust tomography³

- + HEALPix angular + Log-radial grid
- + Log-Normal process on $\sim 0.66 \times 10^9 \text{ voxels}$
- + $\sim 80 \times 10^{6}$ measurements

³Edenhofer, Zucker, Frank, et al. 2023.





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Figure 1: SN1006 from Chandra data⁴

⁴Westerkamp, Eberle, Guardiani, et al. 2023.



⁴Arras, Frank, Leike, et al. 2019.



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Likelihoods - Faraday tomography⁵



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Approximate Inference

Posterior expectation

$$\langle f(\xi) \rangle_{\mathcal{P}(\xi|d)} = \int f \, \mathrm{d}\mathcal{P} = \int f(\xi) \, \mathcal{P}(\xi|d) \, \mathrm{d}\xi \approx \int f(\xi) \, \mathcal{Q}(\xi|d) \, \mathrm{d}\xi$$

Function: $f(\xi)$; Posterior: $\mathcal{P}(\xi|d)$; parameters: ξ ; data: d.



Approximate Inference - Variational Inference (VI)

Kullback-Leibler divergence

$$\operatorname{KL}\left[\mathcal{Q}_{\sigma}||\mathcal{P}\right] = -\int \log\left(\frac{\mathcal{P}(\xi|d)}{\mathcal{Q}_{\sigma}(\xi)}\right) \ \mathcal{Q}_{\sigma}(\xi) \ \mathrm{d}\xi$$

Posterior: $\mathcal{P}(\xi|d)$; Approximation: $\mathcal{Q}_{\sigma}(\xi)$; Variational parameters: σ .



⁶Frank, Leike, and Enßlin 2021.

Approximate Inference - geoVI

Geometric Variational Inference

Normalizing coordinate transformation $y = g_{\sigma}(\xi)$ with $\sigma = \overline{\xi}$. Approximate distribution $Q(y) = \mathcal{N}(y; 0, 1)$



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