

# Scientific AI for Imaging

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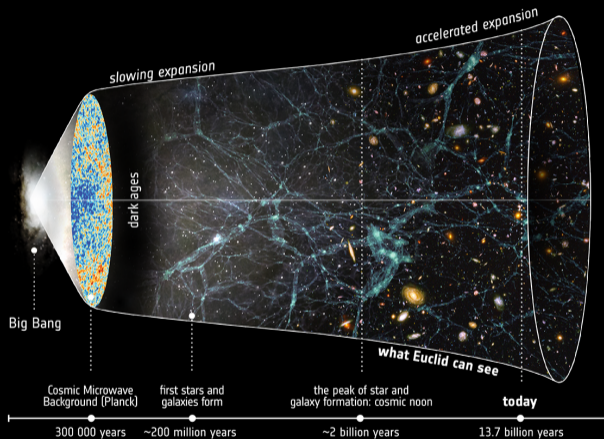
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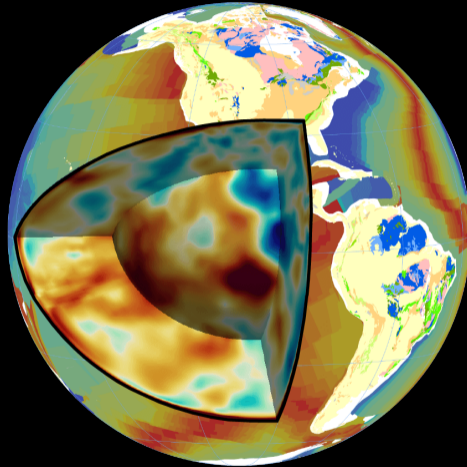
# Cosmic evolution



# Global climate and weather prediction

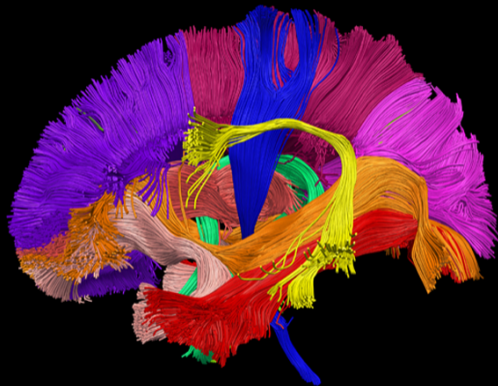


# Seismic imaging of the Earth's deep interior





# Diffusion MRI of the brain



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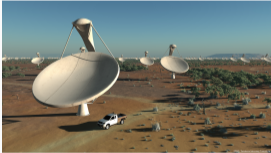


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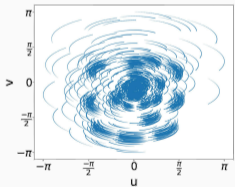
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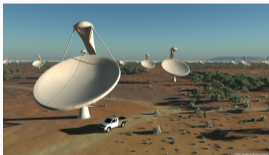
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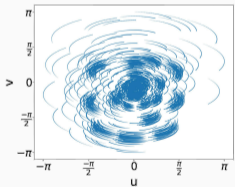
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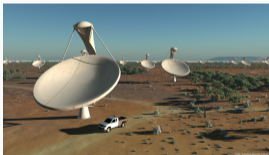
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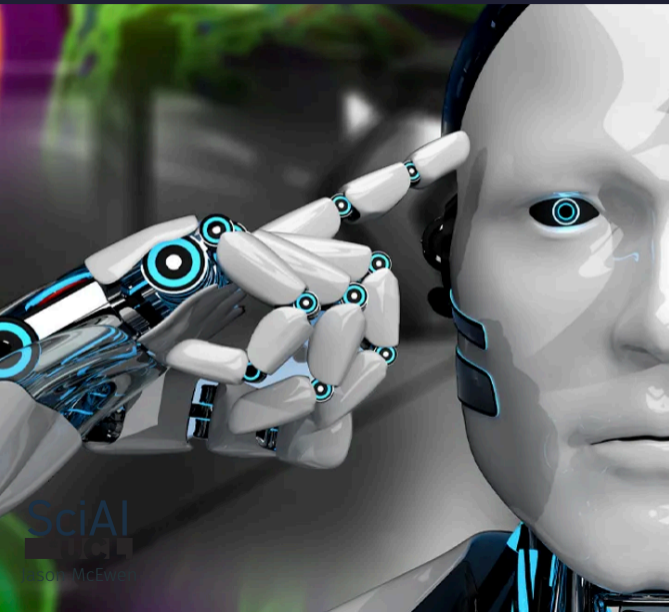


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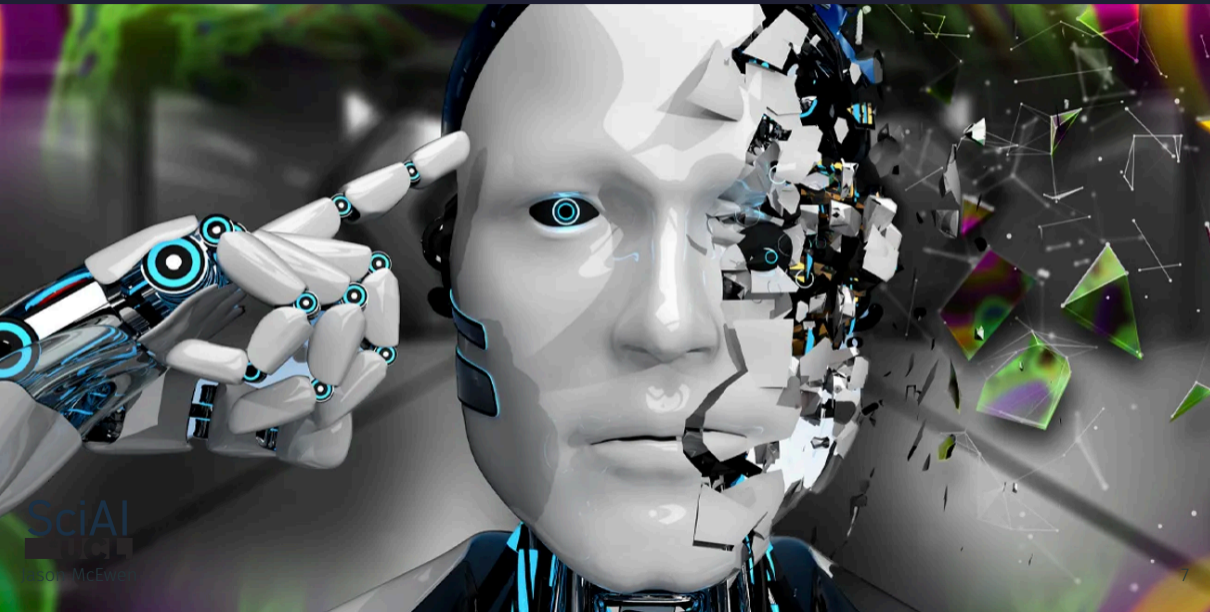
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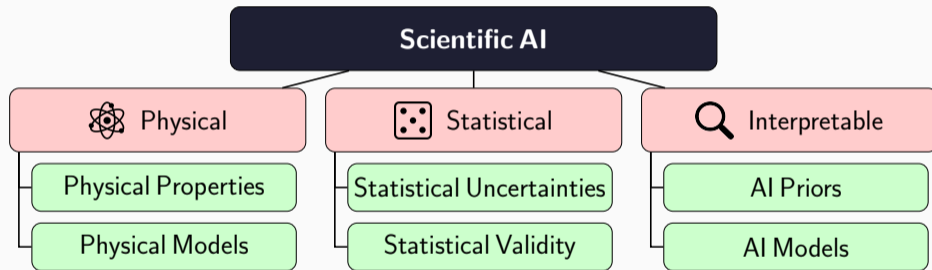
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# Leveraging AI... without hallucinations

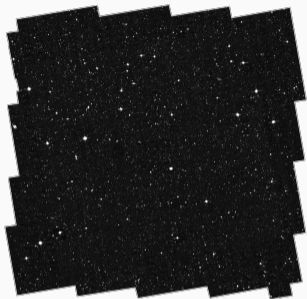


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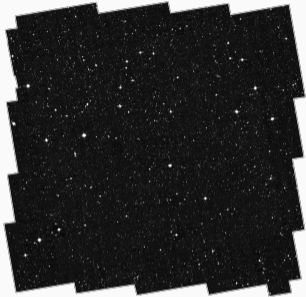
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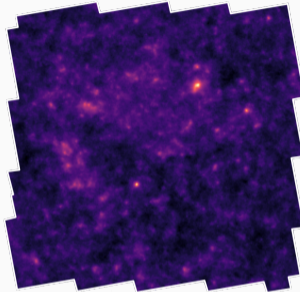
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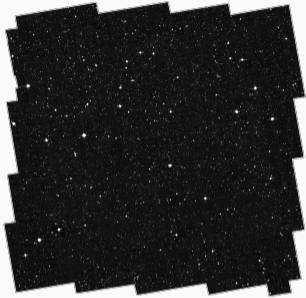
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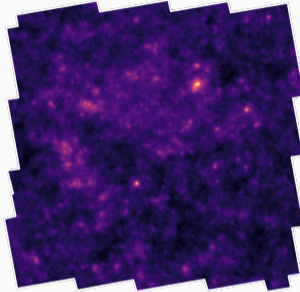
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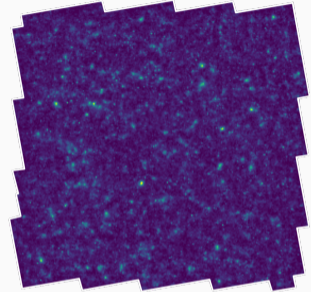
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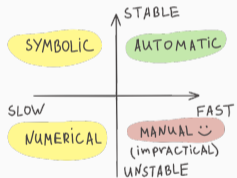
Dark matter uncertainty

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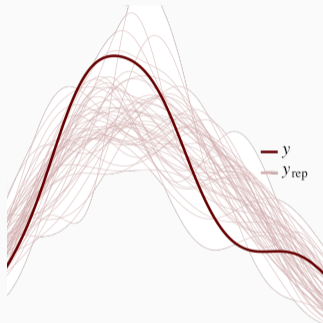
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# Leveraging modern computing paradigms

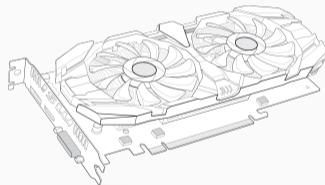
## DIFFERENTIATION



Differentiable programming



Probabilistic programming



GPU acceleration

# Open-source codes

## DarkMappy: Mapping the dark universe

A lightweight python package that implements hybrid sparse-Bayesian dark-matter reconstruction techniques.

[Web](#) [Github](#)



## harmonic: Learnt harmonic mean estimator for Bayesian model selection

Compute the Bayesian evidence (marginal likelihood) from posterior samples generated by any sampling approach.

[Web](#) [Github](#)



## LeAI: Learned image reconstruction in astronomy

Reconstruct interferometric observations using learned post-processing and learned unrolled methods.

[Github](#)



## OptimusPrimal: A lightweight primal-dual solver

A lightweight proximal splitting Forward Backward Primal Dual based solver for convex optimization problems.

[Github](#)



## ProxNest: Proximal nested sampling for high-dimensional Bayesian model selection

Compute the Bayesian evidence for high-dimensional log-convex problems by proximal nested sampling.

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## PURIFY: Next generation radio interferometric imaging

PURIFY provides functionality to perform radio interferometric imaging, i.e. to recover images from the Fourier measurements taken by ...

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## QuantifAI: Scalable Bayesian uncertainty quantification with data-driven (learned) priors

Scalable Bayesian uncertainty quantification with data-driven (learned) priors for radio interferometric imaging.

[Github](#)



## S2BALL: Differentiable and accelerated wavelets on the ball

S2BALL is a JAX package for computing the scale-discretised wavelet transform on the ball and rotational ball. It leverages autodiff to ...

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## S2FFT: Differentiable and accelerated spherical transforms

S2FFT is a JAX package for computing Fourier transforms on the sphere and rotation group. It leverages autodiff to provide ...

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## S2SCAT: Differentiable and accelerated spherical scattering transforms

S2SCAT is a Python package for computing scattering covariances on the sphere using JAX. It exploits autodiff to provide differentiable ...

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## S2WAV: Differentiable and accelerated spherical wavelets

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## SILC: Scale-discretised directional wavelet ILC

SILC provides functionality to perform a novel internal linear combination (ILC) algorithm for foreground separation using directional ...

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## snmachine: Classifying supernovae light curves

Classify supernovae based on their photometric light curves.

[Web](#) [Github](#)



## SOPT: Sparse optimisation

SOPT provides functionality to perform sparse optimisation using state-of-the-art convex optimisation algorithms.

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## stringgen: Fast emulation of cosmic string signatures

Emulate CMB cosmic string maps.

[Github](#)





# PhD project: Differentiable probabilistic deep learning with generative denoising diffusion models

- **Forward / noising process**

- Sample data  $p(x_0)$  → turn to noise



- **Reverse / denoising process**



Further details