Information Field Theory

for cosmological pertubation reconstructions & signal analysis

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Why Information Field Theory?

inverse problem => Information Theory spatially distributed quantity => Field Theory

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Information sources:

- galaxy surveys
- CMB temperture fluctuations
- gravitaional lensing signal
- intergalactic absorption lines





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Optimal non-linear inversion algorithms from linear filtering !!!





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Conclusions:

- inverse problems for physical fields => Information Field Theory
- IFT is mathematically a statistical field theory peculiarities: non-locality, high-order interactions, well normalised
- free IFT is equivalent to Wiener filtering
 => numerical implementation of propagators are available
- non-linear problems can be treated by diagrammatic perturbations
 => mean signal, n-point correlation functions, evidence obtainable
- cosmological applications:
 - CMB non-Gaussianities
 - optimal signal detection (ISW, ...)
 - cosmography
 - power spectrum reconstruction (BAOs, ...)
 - data fusion in signal space
 - your signal of choice

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