



The Bayesian Analysis Toolkit and applications

Cornelius Grunwald¹, Kevin Kröninger¹, Romain Madar², Stéphane Monteil², Lars Röhrig^{1,2} June 28, 2022

¹Department of Physics – TU Dortmund University ²Laboratoire de Physique de Clermont – Université Clermont-Auvergne





What it's all about and who am I?







What is **BAT**.jl

- Toolkit for performing Bayesian inference in a user-friendly way
- Provides a collection of algorithms and methods without relying on specific modeling language
- Focusing on sampling custom posterior distributions
- Further functionalities:
 - \rightarrow Integration & marginalisation
 - \rightarrow Optimisation & parameter estimation
 - \rightarrow Limit setting, model comparison, goodness-of-fit tests







p(X)

-ż

The need for numerical methods

The curse of dimensionality:

In high-dimensional parameter spaces: unfeasible to evaluate the posterior at all points of the sampling-space



Efficient algorithms for high-dimensional

 \rightarrow . . . sampling

- \rightarrow \ldots optimatisation
- \rightarrow \ldots integration





BAT.jl – The Bayesian Analysis Toolkit

- Originally developed in C++, but not maintained anymore
- BAT.jl: Rewrite in Julia programming language, first release in 2019
- Modern software package with toolkit-like character for easy expansion







The Julia language

- Language designed for high-performance and efficient numercial computing
- First launch 2012 after 3 years of development at MIT
- v1.0 in 2018, current v1.7.3
- Solved the two-language-problem:
 - As comfortable as python
 - As fast as C++
- Key features: dynamic type system, multiple dispatch, parallel & distributed computing, package manager, easy to call Fortran, C/C++, python,...
- Growing and very scientific community



Learn julia here.



UNIVERSITÉ Clermont Auvergne

Features of BAT.jl

- Use of custom posterior distributions (from user-specific likelihoods & priors)
- Collection of sampling algorithms:
 - MCMC: Metropolis-Hastings, Hamiltonian-MC
 - Importance Samplers
 - Nested Sampling
- Automated initialisation, tuning & convergence testing for MC chains
- Automated parameter space transformations
- Design idea: offer reasonable default settings for easy-to-use, but also allow for fine-grained control



The package is available at GitHub here.





Let's explore together!

You're warmly invited to try yourself with this binder!





For what BAT.jl is used (among others): EFTfitter.jl

- Tool for combining multiple measurements & performing Bayesian inference on the underlying parameters
- Optimised for EFT interpretations of measurements with interface to BAT.jl
- SMEFT: higher-dimensional operators extending the SM-Lagrangian, can affect e.g. t-quark decay



Effective coupling at $t \to Wb$.

SMEFT-likelihood



x: measured σ λ : Wilson coefficients y: pred. $\sigma(\lambda)$





For what BAT.jl is used (among others): EFTfitter.jl

- Simulate predicted cross-sections with the Monte-Carlo generator MadGraph
- Parameterise the **simulations** according to $y(\lambda)$
- Compare with **measurements** from HEP collaborations, e.g. ATLAS, BELLE, ...
- Choosing flat priors on the **model parameters** to constrain, e.g. C_{uG} , C_{uB} and C_{uW}





Fit of t- and b-physics observables [1].





Conclusions and how to get started...

- BAT software highly efficient in julia programming language and provides a variety of algorithms for sampling, optimisation and integration
- Known weaknesses of existing sampling algorithms + modularity = room for contributions

- Package as GitHub repository available
- Full (API) documentation, as well as tutorials
- Implementation of new sampling algorithms in modular-like fashion, see e.g. different importance sampler





Conclusions and how to get started...

- BAT software highly efficient in julia programming language and provides a variety of algorithms for sampling, optimisation and integration
- Known weaknesses of existing sampling algorithms + modularity = room for contributions

- Package as GitHub repository available
- Full (API) documentation, as well as tutorials
- Implementation of new sampling algorithms in modular-like fashion, see e.g. different importance sampler

Thanks a lot for your attention!