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1 Co-refinement of multiple contrast DMPC datasets in refnx

This Jupyter notebook demonstrates the utility of the *refnx* package for analysis of neutron reflectometry data. Specifically:

- the co-refinement of three contrast variation datasets of a DMPC (1,2-dimyristoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine) bilayer measured at the solid-liquid interface with a common model
- the use of the LipidLeaflet component to parameterise the model in terms of physically relevant parameters
- the use of Bayesian Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) to investigate the Posterior distribution of the curvefitting system.
- the intrinsic usefulness of Jupyter notebooks to facilitate reproducible research in scientific data analysis

The images produced in this notebook are used directly in production of the *refnx* paper.

The Jupyter notebook are executable documents that can be distributed, enabling others to reproduce the data analysis contained in the document. The *refnx* documentation at https://refnx.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html can be consulted for further details.

The first step in most Python scripts is to import modules and functions that are going to be used

In order for the analysis to be exactly reproducible the same package versions must be used. The *conda* packaging manager, and *pip*, can be used to ensure this is the case.

The ReflectDataset class is used to represent a dataset. They can be constructed by supplying a filename

A SLD object is used to represent the Scattering Length Density of a material. It has real and imag attributes because the SLD is a complex number, with the imaginary part accounting for absorption. The units of SLD are $10^{-6} \mathring{A}^{-2}$

The real and imag attributes are Parameter objects. These Parameter objects contain the: parameter value, whether it allowed to vary, any interparameter constraints, and bounds applied to the parameter. The bounds applied to a parameter are probability distributions which encode the log-prior probability of the parameter having a certain value.

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In [4]: si = SLD(2.07 + 0j)
    sio2 = SLD(3.47 + 0j)

# the following represent the solvent contrasts used in the experiment
d2o = SLD(6.36 + 0j)
h2o = SLD(-0.56 + 0j)
hdmix = SLD(2.07 + 0j)

# We want the `real` attribute parameter to vary in the analysis, and we want to apply
# uniform bounds. The `setp` method of a Parameter is a way of changing many aspects of
# Parameter behaviour at once.
d2o.real.setp(vary=True, bounds=(6.1, 6.36))
d2o.real.name='d2o SLD'
```

The LipidLeaflet class is used to describe a single lipid leaflet in our interfacial model. A leaflet consists of a head and tail group region. Since we are studying a bilayer then inner and outer LipidLeaflet's are required.

```
In [5]: # Parameter for the area per molecule each DMPC molecule occupies at the surface. We
        # use the same area per molecule for the inner and outer leaflets.
        apm = Parameter(56, 'area per molecule', vary=True, bounds=(52, 65))
        # the sum of scattering lengths for the lipid head and tail in Angstrom.
        b_heads = Parameter(6.01e-4, 'b_heads')
        b tails = Parameter(-2.92e-4, 'b tails')
        # the volume occupied by the head and tail groups in cubic Angstrom.
        v_heads = Parameter(319, 'v_heads')
        v_tails = Parameter(782, 'v_tails')
        # the head and tail group thicknesses.
        inner_head_thickness = Parameter(9, 'inner_head_thickness', vary=True, bounds=(4, 11))
        outer_head_thickness = Parameter(9, 'outer_head_thickness', vary=True, bounds=(4, 11))
        tail_thickness = Parameter(14, 'tail_thickness', vary=True, bounds=(10, 17))
        # finally construct a `LipidLeaflet` object for the inner and outer leaflets.
        # Note that here the inner and outer leaflets use the same area per molecule,
        # same tail thickness, etc, but this is not necessary if the inner and outer
        # leaflets are different.
        inner_leaflet = LipidLeaflet(apm,
                                     b_heads, v_heads, inner_head_thickness,
                                     b_tails, v_tails, tail_thickness,
                                     3, 3)
        # we reverse the monolayer for the outer leaflet because the tail groups face upwards
        outer_leaflet = LipidLeaflet(apm,
                                     b_heads, v_heads, outer_head_thickness,
                                     b_tails, v_tails, tail_thickness,
                                     3, 0, reverse_monolayer=True)
```

The Slab Component represents a layer of uniform scattering length density of a given thickness in our interfacial model. Here we make Slabs from SLD objects, but other approaches are possible.

Once all the Components have been constructed we can chain them together to compose a

Structure object. The Structure object represents the interfacial structure of our system. We create different Structures for each contrast. It is important to note that each of the Structures share many components, such as the LipidLeaflet objects. This means that parameters used to construct those components are shared between all the Structures, which enables co-refinement of multiple datasets. An alternate way to carry this out would be to apply constraints to underlying parameters, but this way is clearer. Note that the final component for each structure is a Slab created from the solvent SLDs, we give those slabs a zero thickness.

The Structures created in the previous step describe the interfacial structure, these structures are used to create ReflectModel objects that know how to apply resolution smearing, scaling factors and background.

```
In [8]: model_d2o = ReflectModel(s_d2o)
    model_hdmix = ReflectModel(s_hdmix)
    model_h2o = ReflectModel(s_h2o)

model_d2o.scale.setp(vary=True, bounds=(0.9, 1.1))

model_d2o.bkg.setp(vary=True, bounds=(-5e-7, 1e-6))
    model_hdmix.bkg.setp(vary=True, bounds=(-5e-7, 1e-6))
    model_h2o.bkg.setp(vary=True, bounds=(-5e-7, 1e-6))
```

An Objective is constructed from a ReflectDataset and ReflectModel. Amongst other things Objectives can calculate chi-squared, log-likelihood probability, log-prior probability, etc. We then combine all the individual Objectives into a GlobalObjective.

A CurveFitter object can perform least squares fitting, or MCMC sampling on the Objective used to construct it.

```
In [10]: fitter = CurveFitter(global_objective, nwalkers=200)
```

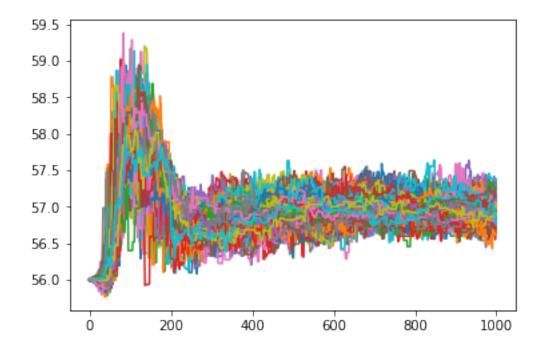
We initialise the MCMC walkers by jittering around the best fit. Other modes of initialisation are possible: from a supplied covariance matrix, by sampling from the prior distributions, or by supplying known positions from an array.

In MCMC sampling a burn in period is used to allow the workers to be more representative of the distribution they are sampling. Here we do a number of samples, then discard them. The last chain position is kept to provide a starting point for the 'production' run.

The shape of the chain containing the samples is (number_steps, number_walkers, number_parameters)

```
In [13]: print(fitter.chain.shape)
(1000, 200, 13)
```

At the start of the sampling run the walkers in the MCMC ensemble probably won't distributed according the distribution they are sampling. We can discard, or burn, the initial steps. Let's have a look at the steps for a parameter (e.g. the area-per-molecule) to see if they've reached equilibrium (i.e. distributed around a mean).



Although it's hard to tell from this graph it seems that ~500 steps is enough for equilibration, so let's discard these initial steps that acted as the burn-in period.

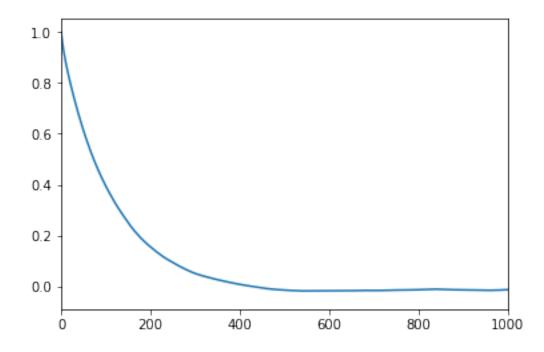
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In [15]: fitter.reset()
```

Now we do a production sampling run. In this example the total number of samples is the number of walkers (200 by default) multiplied by the number of steps: 8000 * 200 = 1 600 000. The sampling engine automatically makes full use of the total number of processing cores available to it, but this is specifiable. In addition MPI can be used, which make it useful for sampling on a cluster - MCMC is embarrassingly parallel. Samples can be saved to file as they are acquired, useful for checkpointing sampling state.

```
In [16]: fitter.sample(8000, random_state=123);
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However, successive steps are correlated to previous steps to some degree, and the chain should be thinned to ensure the samples are independent. Let's see how much we should thin by looking at the autocorrelation of a parameter.

/Users/anz/miniconda3/envs/dev3/lib/python3.6/site-packages/mkl_fft/_numpy_fft.py:158: FutureWootput = mkl_fft.fft(a, n, axis)



For the sampling done here thinning by 400 should be sufficient.

```
In [18]: process_chain(global_objective, fitter.chain, nthin=400);
```

The sampling gives each varying parameter its own MCMC chain, which can be processed to give relevant statistics, or histogrammed, etc. The relationship between chains encodes the covariance of all the parameters. The chains are automatically processed to calculate the median of all the samples, and the half width of the [15.87, 84.13] percentiles. These two values are taken to be the 'fitted' parameter value, and its standard deviation. Each Parameter set to this median value, and given an stderr attribute. We can see those statistics by printing the objective.

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In [19]: print(global_objective)
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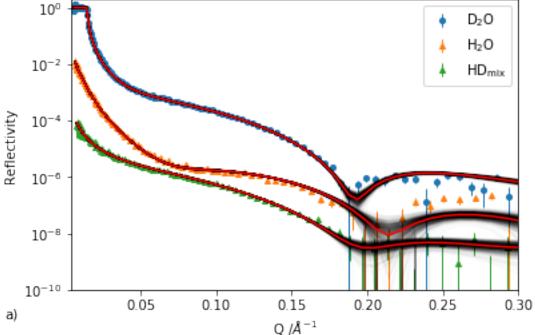
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```

Now let's see how the 'fitted' models compare to the data. We could use global_objective.plot(), but because we want to do a bit more tweaking for the graphics (such as vertical offsets) we're going to create the graph manually. We're also going to examine the spread in the posterior distribution.

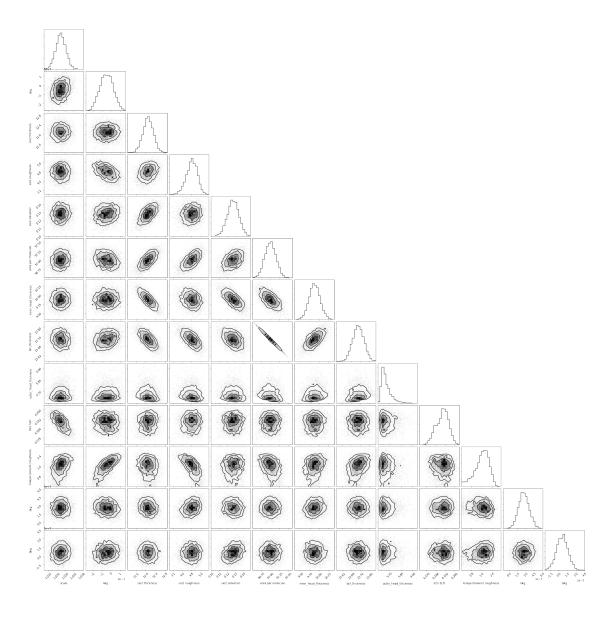
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In [20]: hdmix_mult = 0.01
         h2o mult = 0.1
         # the data
         plt.errorbar(data_d2o.x, data_d2o.y, data_d2o.y_err,
                      label='$\mathregular{D_20}$', ms=4, marker='o', lw=0, elinewidth=1)
         plt.errorbar(data_h2o.x, data_h2o.y * h2o_mult, data_h2o.y_err * h2o_mult,
                      label='$\mathregular{H_20}$', ms=4, marker='^', lw=0, elinewidth=1)
         plt.errorbar(data_hdmix.x, data_hdmix.y * hdmix_mult, data_hdmix.y_err * hdmix_mult,
                      label='$\mathregular{HD_{mix}}$', ms=4, marker='^', lw=0, elinewidth=1)
         # the median of the posterior
         plt.plot(data_d2o.x, objective_d2o.generative(), color='r', zorder=20)
         plt.plot(data_hdmix.x, objective_hdmix.generative() * hdmix_mult, color='r', zorder=2
         plt.plot(data_h2o.x, objective h2o.generative() * h2o_mult, color='r', zorder=20)
         # plot the spread of the fits for the different datasets
         gen = global_objective.pgen(500)
         save_pars = np.copy(global_objective.parameters)
         for i in range(500):
             global_objective.setp(next(gen))
             plt.plot(data_d2o.x, objective_d2o.generative(),
                      color='k', alpha=0.02, zorder=10)
             plt.plot(data_hdmix.x, objective_hdmix.generative() * hdmix_mult,
                      color='k', alpha=0.02, zorder=10)
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plt.plot(data_h2o.x, objective_h2o.generative() * h2o_mult,
             color='k', alpha=0.02, zorder=10)
# put back the saved parameters
global_objective.setp(save_pars)
ax = plt.gca()
ax.text(-0.04, 1e-11, 'a)')
plt.legend()
plt.yscale('log')
plt.ylabel('Reflectivity')
plt.xlabel('Q /$\AA^{-1}$')
plt.ylim(1e-10, 2);
plt.xlim(0.004, 0.3)
plt.savefig('global_fit.pdf')
  10°
                                                             D_2O
                                                             H<sub>2</sub>O
```



We can investigate the posterior distribution by a corner plot, this reveals interparameter covariances.

```
In [21]: global_objective.corner();
    plt.savefig('corner.pdf')
```



The variation in scattering length density profiles can be visualised by a little bit of processing. This enables one to see what range of SLD profiles are statistically possible.

```
In [22]: saved_params = np.array(objective_d2o.parameters)
    z, median_sld = s_d2o.sld_profile()
    for pvec in objective_d2o.pgen(ngen=500):
        objective_d2o.setp(pvec)
        zs, sld = s_d2o.sld_profile()
        plt.plot(zs, sld, color='k', alpha=0.05)

# put back saved_params
    objective_d2o.setp(saved_params)
```

```
ax = plt.gca()
ax.text(-50, -1.6, 'b)')
plt.plot(z, median_sld, lw=2, color='r');
plt.ylabel('scattering length density / $10^{-6}\AA^{-2}$')
plt.xlabel('distance / $\AA$')
plt.savefig('d2o_sld_spread.pdf')
```

