

# SIPPI

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# About

SIPPI is a Matlab toolbox (compatible with GNU Octave) that allow sampling the solution of non-linear inverse problems with realistic a priori information.

In order to make use of SIPPI one has to

- Install and setup SIPPI
  - Define the **prior model**, in form of the prior data structure
  - Define the **forward model**, in form of the forward data structure, and the `sippi_forward.m` m-file
  - Define the **data and noise model**, in form of the prior data structure
  - Choose a method for **sampling the a posteriori probability density**.
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# Chapter 1

## Installation

### 1.1 SIPPI

**Download** the latest version of SIPPI from <http://sippi.sourceforge.net>.

Unpack ZIPPI\_1.0.zip somewhere, for example to 'c:\Users\tmh\SIPPI'. Then setup the Matlab path to point to the appropriate SIPPI directories:

```
addpath c:\Users\tmh\SIPPI
sippi_set_path
```

#### 1.1.1 SGeMS (optional)

To make use of the SISIM and SNESIM type priori models SGeMS needs to be available.

Currently only SGeMS version 2.1 ([download](#)) for Windows is supported.

## Chapter 2

# Setting up SIPPI

### 2.1 The a priori model

#### 2.1.1 Types of a priori models

##### 2.1.1.1 1D Generalized Gaussian

A 1D generalized Gaussian prior model can be specified using the 'gaussian' type prior model

```
prior{1}.type='gaussian';
```

A simple 1D Gaussian distribution with mean 10, and standard deviation 2, can be specified using

```
prior{1}.type='gaussian';  
prior{1}.m0=10;  
prior{1}.std=2;
```

The norm of a generalized Gaussian can be set using the 'norm' field. A generalized 1D Gaussian with mean 10, standard deviation of 2, and a norm of 70, can be specified using (The norm is equivalent to the beta factor referenced in [Wikipedia:Generalized\\_normal\\_distribution](#))

```
prior{1}.type='gaussian';  
prior{1}.m0=10;  
prior{1}.std=2;  
prior{1}.norm=70;
```

##### 2.1.1.2 VISIM

##### 2.1.1.3 FFTMA

##### 2.1.1.4 SISIM

##### 2.1.1.5 SNESIM

### 2.1.2 Sampling the prior

Once the prior data structure has been defined a sample from the prior distribution can be generated using

```
m=sippi_prior(prior);
```

'm' is a Matlab data structure of the same size as the 'prior' data structure. Thus, if two prior distributions have been defined in 'prior{1}' and 'prior{2}', then 'm{1}' will hold a realization of 'prior{1}', and 'm{2}' will hold a realization of 'prior{2}'.

Each time 'm=sippi\_prior(prior)' is called, a new independent realization of the prior will be generated.

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### 2.1.3 Sequential Gibbs sampling / Conditional Resampling

All the available a priori types available allow perturbing one realization of a prior into a new realization of prior, in the vicinity of the first one. To do this we make use of sequential Gibbs sampling [HCM12]. Sequential Gibbs in essence is a type of conditional resampling. From a current realization of a prior, a number of model parameters are discarded and treated as unknown, and the simulated conditional to the fixed values of the model parameters.

In order to generate a new realization 'm2' in the vicinity of the realization 'm1' use

```
m1=sippi_prior(prior);  
[m2,prior]=sippi_prior(prior,m1);
```

If this process is iterated, then a random walk in the space of a priori acceptable models will be performed. And, the collection of realizations obtained, will represent a sample from prior distribution.

#### 2.1.3.1 Controlling sequential Gibbs sampling / Conditional Resampling

All properties related to sequential Gibbs sampling can be set in the 'seq\_gibbs' data structure, for each prior type. The following two parameters determine how the a current model is perturbed

```
prior{m}.seq_gibbs.step=1;  
prior{m}.seq_gibbs.type=2;
```

## 2.2 The data and the noise

## 2.3 The forward model

## Chapter 3

# The a posteriori distribution

### 3.1 Sampling the a posteriori probability density

#### 3.1.1 The rejection sampler

#### 3.1.2 The extended Metropolis sampler

##### 3.1.2.1 Controlling the step length

One optionally, as part of running the **extended Metropolis sampler**, automatically update the 'step'-length of the **sequential Gibbs sampler** in order to ensure a specific approximate acceptance ratio of the Metropolis sampler. See [CHM12] for details.

The default parameters for adjusting the step length, as given below, are set in the '**prior.seq\_gibbs**' structure. These parameters will be set the first time 'sippi\_prior' is called with the 'prior' structure as output. The default parameters.

```
prior{m}.seq_gibbs.step_min=0;  
prior{m}.seq_gibbs.step_min=1;  
prior{m}.seq_gibbs.i_update_step=50  
prior{m}.seq_gibbs.i_update_step_max=1000  
prior{m}.seq_gibbs.n_update_history=50  
prior{m}.seq_gibbs.P_target=0.3000
```

By default, adjustment of the step length, in order to achieve an acceptance ratio of 0.3 ('prior{m}.seq\_gibbs.P\_target'), will be performed for every 50 ('prior{m}.seq\_gibbs.i\_update\_step') iterations, using the acceptance ratio observed in the last 50 ('prior{m}.seq\_gibbs.i\_update\_history') iterations.

Adjustment of the step length will be performed only in the first 1000 ('prior{m}.seq\_gibbs.i\_update\_step\_max') iterations.

In order to disable automatic adjustment of the step length simply set

```
prior{m}.seq_gibbs.i_update_step_max=0; % disable automatic step length
```

##### 3.1.2.2 The extended independent Metropolis sampler

##### 3.1.2.3 Annealing schedule

#### 3.1.3 linear least squares

### 3.2 Simulated Annealing



## Chapter 4

# Examples

### 4.1 Line fitting

The forward problem consists of computing the y-value as a function of the x-position of the data, and the polynomial coefficients determining the line. [sippi\\_forward\\_linefit.m](#):

```
% sippi_forward_linefit Line fit forward solver for SIPPI
%
% [d, forward, prior, data]=sippi_forward_linefit(m, forward, prior, data);
%
function [d, forward, prior, data]=sippi_forward_linefit(m, forward, prior, data);

if length(m)==1;
    d{1}=forward.x*m{1};
elseif length(m)==2;
    d{1}=forward.x*m{1}+m{2};
else
    d{1}=forward.x.^2*m{1}+forward.x*m{2}+m{3};
end
```

### 4.2 Covariance model inference

### 4.3 Cross hole tomography

### 4.4 Reflection seismic inversion

## Chapter 5

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