CMB Gibbs sampling and extension to joint foreground sampling

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1 CMB Gibbs Sampling

Assume the data measurement equation to be:

$$d_k = \mathbf{A_k}\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}_k \tag{1}$$

where k runs over the freq. bands considered, \mathbf{s} is the CMB signal vector, \mathbf{n} is uncorrelated noise, and \mathbf{A} is the convolved beam.

Sample the joint posterior $\mathcal{P}(s, C_{\ell}|d)$ conditionally, as

$$s \leftarrow \mathcal{P}(s|C_{\ell},d)$$
 (2)

$$C_{\ell} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}(C_{\ell}|s, d) = \mathcal{P}(C_{\ell}|s)$$
 (3)

1.1 Sampling $\mathcal{P}(C_{\ell}|s)$

$$C_{\ell}^{i+1} = \frac{\sigma_{\ell}}{\rho_{\ell}^2} \tag{4}$$

where σ_{ℓ} is constructed as $\sigma_{\ell} = \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} |a_{\ell,m}|^2$, and $\rho_{\ell}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{2\ell-1} |\rho_{\ell}^j|^2$, where ρ_{ℓ}^j is drawn from a standard normal Gaussian.

1.2 Sampling $\mathcal{P}(s|C_{\ell},d)$

The map sampling process is performed as a conjugate gradient (CG) step, to invert the equation:

$$(1 + C^{1/2}A^{T}\mathbf{Y}^{T}N^{-1}\mathbf{Y}AC^{1/2})(C^{-1/2}s) = \underbrace{C^{1/2}A^{T}\mathbf{Y}^{T}N^{-1}d}_{\text{Wiener Filter}} + \underbrace{C^{1/2}A^{T}\mathbf{Y}^{T}N^{-1/2}\omega_{1} + \omega_{2}}_{\text{Fluctuations}}$$
(5)

• Change all map2alm calls to jaxbind.get_healpix_sht

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1.3 Results

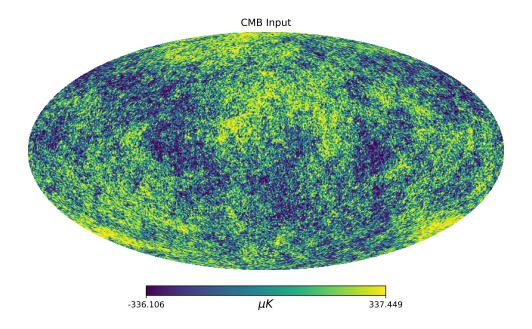


Figure 1: CMB ground truth used to construct data.

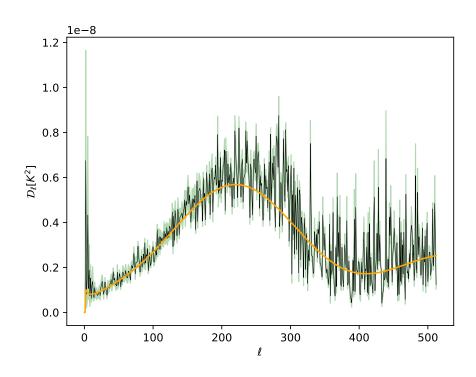


Figure 2: Power spectrum mean of 10 samples with the 2σ interval

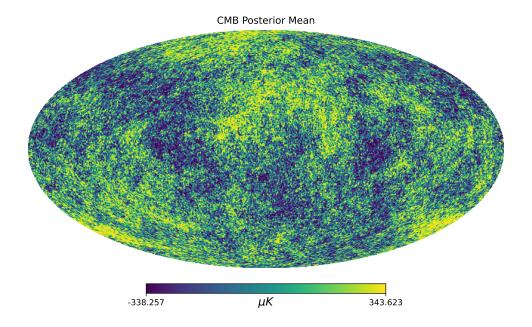


Figure 3: Posterior mean of 10 samples.

2 Joint Foreground Sampling

Incorporating foregrounds, the data measurement equation looks like:

$$d_{\nu} = A \left(\mathbf{s} + \sum_{i=1}^{M} a_{\nu,i} \mathbf{t_{i}} + \sum_{j=1}^{N} b_{j} f_{j}(\nu) \mathbf{f_{j}} + \sum_{k=1}^{K} c_{k} \mathbf{g_{k}}(\nu, \theta_{k}) \right) + \mathbf{n}_{\nu}$$
Spatial Template Spatial template w/ global freq. scaling Spatial template w/ pixelwise freq. scaling (6)

All amplitude-type degrees of freedom are sampled from the conditional joint Gaussian $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{s}, a_{\nu,i}, b_j, c_k | C_\ell, \theta_k, d)$. This 4-component distribution has a mean \hat{x} and posterior covariance matrix \mathcal{A} .

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{s}, a_{\nu,i}, b_j, c_k)^T \tag{7}$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} S^{-1} + A^{T}N^{-1}A & A^{T}N^{-1}T & A^{T}N^{-1}F & A^{T}N^{-1}G \\ T^{T}N^{1}A & T^{T}N^{1}T & T^{T}N^{1}F & T^{T}N^{1}G \\ F^{T}N^{-1}A & F^{T}N^{-1}T & F^{T}N^{-1}F & F^{T}N^{-1}G \\ G^{T}N^{-1}A & G^{T}N^{-1}T & G^{T}N^{-1}F & G^{T}N^{-1}G \end{bmatrix}$$
(8)

Similar to the CMB Gibbs sampler, one constructs a right hand vector comprising of the Wiener filter mean and random fluctations:

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{\nu} A^{T} N_{\nu}^{-1} d + c^{1/2} \omega_{0} + \sum_{\nu} A^{T} N_{\nu}^{-1/2} \omega_{\nu} \\ t_{\nu,j}^{T} N_{\nu}^{-1} d + t_{\nu,j}^{T} N_{\nu}^{-1/2} \omega_{\nu} \\ \sum_{\nu} f_{j}(\nu) f_{j}^{T} N^{-1} d + \sum_{\nu} f_{j}(\nu) f_{j}^{T} N^{-1/2} \omega_{\nu} \\ \sum_{\nu} g_{k}(\nu, \theta_{k}) N_{\nu}^{-1} d + \sum_{\nu} g_{k}(\nu, \theta_{k}) N_{\nu}^{-1/2} \omega_{\nu} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(9)$$

and solve for $\mathcal{A}^{-1}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$. A priori not saying that the different ℓ modes are correlated, that is why the posterior power spectrum fluctates so much between modes.