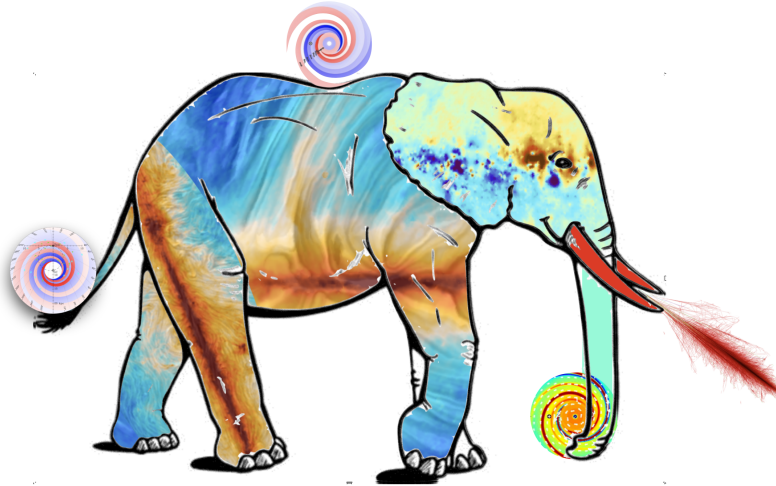

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Welcome to the documentation of the [IMAGINE software package](#), a publicly available Bayesian platform that allows using a variety of observational data sets to constrain models for the main ingredients of the interstellar medium of the Galaxy. IMAGINE calculates simulated data sets from the galaxy models and compares these to the observational data sets through a likelihood evaluation. It then samples this multi-dimensional likelihood space, which allows one to update prior knowledge, and thus to find the position with the best-fit model parameters and/or compute the model evidence (which enables rigorous comparison of competing models).

IMAGINE is developed and maintained by the [IMAGINE consortium](#), a diverse group of researchers whose common interest revolves around developing an integrated understanding of the various components of the Galactic interstellar medium (with emphasis on the Galactic magnetic field and its interaction with cosmic rays). For more details on IMAGINE science case, please refer to the [IMAGINE whitepaper](#).

Installation and dependencies

Here you can find basic instructions for the installation of IMAGINE. There are two main installation routes:

1. one can pull and run a *Docker installation* which allows you to setup and run IMAGINE by typing only two lines. IMAGINE will run in a container, i.e. separate from your system.
2. one can *download and install* IMAGINE and all the dependencies alongside your system.

The first option is particularly useful when one is a newcomer, interested experimenting or when one is deploying IMAGINE in a cloud service or multiple machines.

The second option is better if one wants to use ones pre-installed tools and packages, or if one is interested in running on a computing cluster (running docker images in some typical cluster settings may be difficult or impossible).

Let us know if you face major difficulties.

1.1 Docker installation

This is a very convenient and fast way of deploying IMAGINE. You must first pull the image of *one of IMAGINE's versions from GitHub*, for example, the latest (*development*) version can be pulled using:

```
sudo docker pull docker.pkg.github.com/imagines-consortium/imagines/imagines:latest
```

If you would like to start working (or testing IMAGINE) immediately, a jupyter-lab session can be launched using:

```
sudo docker run -i -t -p 8888:8888 docker.pkg.github.com/imagines-consortium/imagines/  
↪imagines:latest /bin/bash -c "source ~/jupyterlab.bash"
```

After running this, you may copy and paste the link with a token to a browser, which will allow you to access the jupyter-lab session. From there you may, for instance, navigate to the *imagines/tutorials* directory.

1.2 Standard installation

1.2.1 Download

A copy of IMAGINE source can be downloaded from its main [GitHub repository](#). If one does not intend to contribute to the development, one should download and unpack the [latest release](#):

```
wget https://github.com/IMAGINE-Consortium/imaginedata/archive/v2.0.0-alpha.3.tar.gz
tar -xvzf v2.0.0-alpha.3.tar.gz
```

Alternatively, if one is interested in getting involved with the development, we recommend cloning the git repository

```
git clone git@github.com:IMAGINE-Consortium/imaginedata.git
```

1.2.2 Setting up the environment with conda

IMAGINE depends on a number of different python packages. The easiest way of setting up your environment is using the *conda* package manager. This allows one to setup a dedicated, contained, python environment in the user area.

Conda is the package manager of the [Anaconda](#) Python distribution, which by default comes with a large number of packages frequently used in data science and scientific computing, as well as a GUI installer and other tools.

A lighter, recommended, alternative is the [Miniconda](#) distribution, which allows one to use the conda commands to install only what is actually needed.

Once one has installed (mini)conda, one can download and install the IMAGINE environment in the following way:

```
conda env create --file=imaginedata_conda_env.yml
conda activate imaginedata
python -m ipykernel install --user --name imaginedata --display-name "Python (imaginedata)"
```

The (optional) last line creates a Jupyter kernel linked to the new conda environment (which is required, for example, for executing the tutorial Jupyter notebooks).

Whenever one wants to run an IMAGINE script, one has to first activate the associated environment with the command *conda activate imaginedata*. To leave this environment one can simply run *conda deactivate*

1.2.3 Hammurabi X

A key dependency of IMAGINE is the [Hammurabi X](#) code, a [HEALPix](#)-based numeric simulator for Galactic polarized emission ([arXiv:1907.00207](#)).

Before proceeding with the IMAGINE installation, it is necessary to install Hammurabi X following the instructions on its project [wiki](#). Then, one needs to install the *hampyx* python wrapper:

```
conda activate imaginedata # if using conda
cd PATH_TO_HAMMURABI
pip install -e .
```

1.2.4 Installing

After downloading, setting up the environment and installing Hammurabi X, IMAGINE can finally be installed through:


```
conda activate imagine # if using conda
cd IMAGINE_PATH
pip install .
```

If one does not have administrator/root privileges/permissions, one may instead want to use

```
pip install --user .
```

Also, if you are working on further developing or modifying IMAGINE for your own needs, you may wish to use the `-e` flag, to keep links to the source directory instead of copying the files,

```
pip install -e .
```


CHAPTER 2

Design overview

Our basic objective is, given some data, to be able to constrain the parameter space of a model, and/or to compare the plausibility of different models. IMAGINE was designed to allow that different groups working on different models could be to constrain them through easy access a range of datasets and the required statistical machinery. Likewise, observers can quickly check the consequences and interpret their new data by seeing the impact on different models and toy models.

In order to be able to do this systematically and rigorously, the basic design of IMAGINE first breaks the problem into two abstractions: *Fields*, which represent models of physical fields, and *Observables*, which represent both observational and mock data.

New observational data are included in IMAGINE using the *Datasets*, which help effortlessly adjusting the format of the data to the standard specifications (and are internally easily converted into *Observables*) Also, a collection of *Datasets* contributed by the community can be found in the Consortium’s dedicated [Dataset repository](#).

The connection between a theory and reality is done by one of the *Simulators*. Each of these corresponds to a mapping from a set of model *Fields* into a mock *Observables*. The available simulators, importantly, include [Hammurabi](#), which can compute Faraday rotation measure and diffuse synchrotron and thermal dust emission.

Each of these *IMAGINE Components* (*Fields*, *Observables*, *Datasets*, *Simulators*) are represented by a Python class in IMAGINE. Therefore, in order to extend IMAGINE with a specific new field or including a new observational dataset, one needs to create a *subclass* of one of IMAGINE’s base classes. This subclass will, very often, be a [wrapper](#) around already existing code or scripts. To preserve the modularity and flexibility of IMAGINE, one should try to use (*as far as possible*) only the provided base classes.

[Fig. 2.1](#) describes the typical workflow of IMAGINE and introduces other key base classes. Mock and measured data, in the form of *Observables*, are used to compute a likelihood through a *Likelihoods* class. This, supplemented by *Priors*, allows a *Pipeline* object to sample the parameter space and compute posterior distributions and Bayesian evidences for the models. The generation of different realisations of each Field is managed by the corresponding *Field Factories* class. Likewise, *Observable Dictionaries* help one organising and manipulating *Observables*.

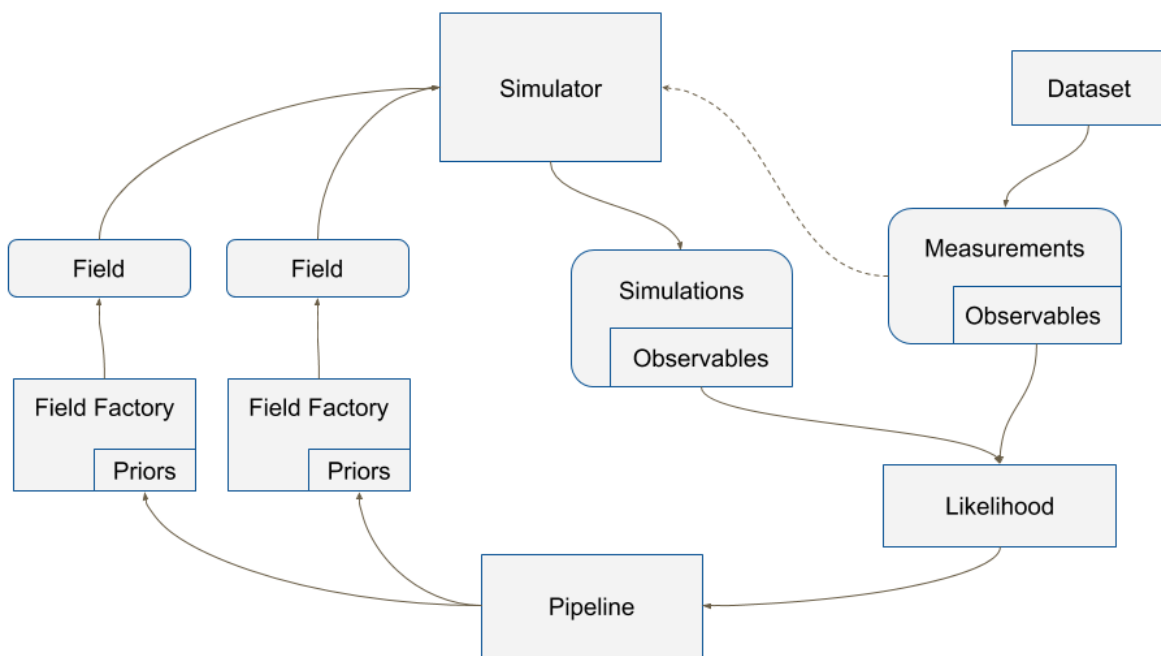


Fig. 2.1: The structure of the IMAGINE pipeline.

IMAGINE Components

In the following sections we describe each of the basic components of IMAGINE. We also demonstrate how to write wrappers that allow the inclusion of external (pre-existing) code, and provide code templates for this.

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3.1 Fields

In IMAGINE terminology, a **field** refers to any *computational model* of a spatially varying physical quantity, such as the Galactic Magnetic Field (GMF), the thermal electron distribution, or the Cosmic Ray (CR) distribution. Generally, a field object will have a set of parameters — e.g. a GMF field object may have a pitch angle, scale radius, amplitude, etc. *Field* objects are used as inputs by the *Simulators*, which *simulate* those physical models, i.e. they allow constructing *observables* based on a set models.

During the sampling, the *Pipeline* does not handle fields directly but instead relies on *Field Factory* objects. While the *field objects* will do the actual computation of the physical field, given a set of physical parameters and a coordinate grid, the *field factory objects* take care of book-keeping tasks: they hold the parameter ranges, default values (in case of inactive parameters) and *Priors* associated with each parameter of that *field*.

To convert ones own model into a IMAGINE-compatible field, one must create a subclass of one of the base classes available the `imagine.fields.base_fields`, most likely using one of the available templates (discussed in the sections below) to write a *wrapper* to the original code. If the basic field type one is interested in is *not* available as a basic field, one can create it directly subclassing `imagine.fields.field.Field` — and if this could benefit the wider community, please consider submitting a [pull request](#) or opening an [issue](#) requesting the inclusion of the new field type!

It is assumed that **Field** objects can be expressed as a parametrised *mapping of a coordinate grid into a physical field*. The grid is represented by a IMAGINE *Grid* object, discussed in detail in the next section. If the field is of random or **stochastic** nature (e.g. the density field of a turbulent medium), IMAGINE will compute a *finite ensemble* of different realisations which will later be used in the inference to determine the likelihood of the actual observation, accounting for the model's expected variability.

To test a Field class, `FieldFoo`, one can instantiate the field object:

```
bar = FieldFoo(grid=example_grid, parameters={'answer': 42*u.cm}, ensemble_size=2)
```

where `example_grid` is a previously instantiated grid object. The argument `parameters` receives a dictionary of all the parameters used by `FieldFoo`, these are usually expressed as dimensional quantities (using `astropy.units`). Finally, the argument `ensemble_size`, as the name suggests allows request a number of different realisations of the field (for non-stochastic fields, all these will be references to the same data).

To further illustrate, assuming we are dealing with a scalar, the (spherical) radial dependence of the above defined `bar` can be easily plotted using:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
bar_data = bar.get_data(ensemble_index)
plt.plot(bar.grid.r_spherical.ravel(), bar_data.ravel())
```

The design of any field is done writing a *subclass* of one of the classes in `imagine.fields.base_fields` or `imagine.Field` that overrides the method `compute_field(seed)`, using it to compute the field on each spatial point. For this, the coordinate grid on which the field should be evaluated can be accessed from `self.grid`

and the parameters from `self.parameters`. The same parameters must be listed in the `PARAMETER_NAMES` field class attribute (see the templates below for examples).

3.1.1 Grid

Field objects require (with the exception of *Dummy* fields) a coordinate grid to operate. In IMAGINE this is expressed as an instance of the `imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid` class, which represents coordinates as a set of three 3-dimensional arrays. The grid object supports cartesian, cylindrical and spherical coordinate systems, handling any conversions between these automatically through the properties.

The convention is that 0 of the coordinates corresponds to the Galaxy (or galaxy) centre, with the z coordinate giving the distance to the midplane.

To construct a grid with uniformly-distributed coordinates one can use the `imagine.fields.UniformGrid` that accompanies IMAGINE. For example, one can create a grid where the cylindrical coordinates are equally spaced using:

```
from imagine.fields import UniformGrid
cylindrical_grid = UniformGrid(box=[[0.25*u.kpc, 15*u.kpc],
                                   [-180*u.deg, np.pi*u.rad],
                                   [-15*u.kpc, 15*u.kpc]],
                              resolution = [9,12,9],
                              grid_type = 'cylindrical')
```

The `box` argument contains the lower and upper limits of the coordinates (respectively r , ϕ and z), `resolution` specifies the number of points for each dimension, and `grid_type` chooses this to be cylindrical coordinates.

The coordinate grid can be accessed through the properties `cylindrical_grid.x`, `cylindrical_grid.y`, `cylindrical_grid.z`, `cylindrical_grid.r_cylindrical`, `cylindrical_grid.r_spherical`, `cylindrical_grid.theta` (polar angle), and `cylindrical_grid.phi` (azimuthal angle), with conversions handled automatically. Thus, if one wants to access, for instance, the corresponding x cartesian coordinate values, this can be done simply using:

```
cylindrical_grid.x[:, :, :]
```

To create a personalised (non-uniform) grid, one needs to subclass `imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid` and override the method `generate_coordinates`. The `UniformGrid` class should itself provide a good example/template of how to do this.

3.1.2 Thermal electrons

A new model for the distribution of thermal electrons can be introduced subclassing `imagine.fields.ThermalElectronDensityField` according to the template below.

```
from imagine.fields import ThermalElectronDensityField
import numpy as np
import MY_GALAXY_MODEL # Substitute this by your own code

class ThermalElectronsDensityTemplate(ThermalElectronDensityField):
    """ Here comes the description of the electron density model """

    # Class attributes
    NAME = 'name_of_the_thermal_electrons_field'
```

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```
# Is this field stochastic or not. Only necessary if True
STOCHASTIC_FIELD = True
# If there are any dependencies, they should be included in this list
DEPENDENCIES_LIST = []
# List of all parameters for the field
PARAMETER_NAMES = ['Parameter_A', 'Parameter_B']

def compute_field(self, seed):
    # If this is an stochastic field, the integer `seed` must be
    # used to set the random seed for a single realisation.
    # Otherwise, `seed` should be ignored.

    # The coordinates can be accessed from an internal grid object
    x_coord = self.grid.x
    y_coord = self.grid.y
    z_coord = self.grid.z
    # Alternatively, one can use cylindrical or spherical coordinates
    r_cyl_coord = self.grid.r_cylindrical
    r_sph_coord = self.grid.r_spherical
    theta_coord = self.grid.theta
    phi_coord = self.grid.phi

    # One can access the parameters supplied in the following way
    param_A = self.parameters['Parameter_A']
    param_B = self.parameters['Parameter_B']

    # Now you can interface with previous code or implement here
    # your own model for the thermal electrons distribution.
    # Returns the electron number density at each grid point
    # in units of (or convertible to) cm-3
    return MY_GALAXY_MODEL.compute_ne(param_A, param_B,
                                       r_sph_coord, theta_coord, phi_coord,
                                       # If the field is stochastic
                                       # it can use the seed
                                       # to generate a realisation
                                       seed)
```

Note that the return value of the method `compute_field()` must be of type `astropy.units.Quantity`, with shape consistent with the coordinate grid, and units of cm⁻³.

The template assumes that one already possesses a model for distribution of thermal e^- in a module `MY_GALAXY_MODEL`. Such model needs to be able to map an arbitrary coordinate grid into densities.

Of course, one can also write ones model (if it is simple enough) into the derived subclass definition. On example of a class derived from `imagine.fields.ThermalElectronDensityField` can be seen below:

```
from imagine.fields import ThermalElectronDensityField

class ExponentialThermalElectrons(ThermalElectronDensityField):
    """Example: thermal electron density of an (double) exponential disc"""

    NAME = 'exponential_disc_thermal_electrons'
    PARAMETER_NAMES = ['central_density',
                       'scale_radius',
                       'scale_height']

    def compute_field(self, seed):
```

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```
R = self.grid.r_cylindrical
z = self.grid.z
Re = self.parameters['scale_radius']
he = self.parameters['scale_height']
n0 = self.parameters['central_density']

return n0*np.exp(-R/Re)*np.exp(-np.abs(z/he))
```

3.1.3 Magnetic Fields

One can add a new model for magnetic fields subclassing `imagine.fields.MagneticField` as illustrated in the template below.

```
from imagine.fields import MagneticField
import astropy.units as u
import numpy as np
# Substitute this by your own code
import MY_GMF_MODEL

class MagneticFieldTemplate(MagneticField):
    """ Here comes the description of the magnetic field model """

    # Class attributes
    NAME = 'name_of_the_magnetic_field'

    # Is this field stochastic or not. Only necessary if True
    STOCHASTIC_FIELD = True
    # If there are any dependencies, they should be included in this list
    DEPENDENCIES_LIST = []
    # List of all parameters for the field
    PARAMETER_NAMES = ['Parameter_A', 'Parameter_B']

    def compute_field(self, seed):
        # If this is an stochastic field, the integer `seed` must be
        # used to set the random seed for a single realisation.
        # Otherwise, `seed` should be ignored.

        # The coordinates can be accessed from an internal grid object
        x_coord = self.grid.x
        y_coord = self.grid.y
        z_coord = self.grid.z
        # Alternatively, one can use cylindrical or spherical coordinates
        r_cyl_coord = self.grid.r_cylindrical
        r_sph_coord = self.grid.r_spherical
        theta_coord = self.grid.theta; phi_coord = self.grid.phi

        # One can access the parameters supplied in the following way
        param_A = self.parameters['Parameter_A']
        param_B = self.parameters['Parameter_B']

        # Now one can interface with previous code, or implement a
        # particular magnetic field
        Bx, By, Bz = MY_GMF_MODEL.compute_B(param_A, param_B,
                                             x_coord, y_coord, z_coord,
```

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```

# If the field is stochastic
# it can use the seed
# to generate a realisation
seed)

# Creates an empty output magnetic field Quantity with
# the correct shape and units
MF_array = np.empty(self.data_shape) * u.microgauss
# and saves the pre-computed components
MF_array[:, :, :, 0] = Bx
MF_array[:, :, :, 1] = By
MF_array[:, :, :, 2] = Bz

return MF_array

```

It was assumed the existence of a hypothetical module `MY_GALAXY_MODEL` which, given a set of parameters and three 3-arrays containing coordinate values, computes the magnetic field vector at each point.

The method `compute_field()` must return an `astropy.units.Quantity`, with shape $(N_x, N_y, N_z, 3)$ where N_i is the corresponding grid resolution and the last axis corresponds to the component (with x, y and z associated with indices 0, 1 and 2, respectively). The Quantity returned by the method must correspond to a magnetic field (i.e. units must be μG , G, nT, or similar).

A simple example, comprising a constant magnetic field can be seen below:

```

from imagine.fields import MagneticField

class ConstantMagneticField(MagneticField):
    """Example: constant magnetic field"""
    field_name = 'constantB'

    NAME = 'constant_B'
    PARAMETER_NAMES = ['Bx', 'By', 'Bz']

    def compute_field(self, seed):
        # Creates an empty array to store the result
        B = np.empty(self.data_shape) * self.parameters['Bx'].unit
        # For a magnetic field, the output must be of shape:
        # (Nx,Ny,Nz,Nc) where Nc is the index of the component.
        # Computes Bx
        B[:, :, :, 0] = self.parameters['Bx']
        # Computes By
        B[:, :, :, 1] = self.parameters['By']
        # Computes Bz
        B[:, :, :, 2] = self.parameters['Bz']
        return B

```

3.1.4 Cosmic ray electrons

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3.1.5 Dummy

There are situations when one may want to sample parameters which are not used to evaluate a field on a grid before being sent to a Simulator object. One possible use for this is representing a global property of the physical system

which affects the observations (for instance, some global property of the ISM or, if modelling an external galaxy, the position of the galaxy).

Another common use of dummy fields is when a field is generated at runtime *by the simulator*. One example are the built-in fields available in Hammurabi: instead of requesting IMAGINE to produce one of these fields and hand it to Hammurabi to compute the associated synchrotron observables, one can use dummy fields to request Hammurabi to generate these fields internally for a given choice of parameters.

Using dummy fields to bypass the design of a full IMAGINE Field may simplify implementation of a Simulator wrapper and (sometimes) may offer good performance. However, this practice of generating the actual field within the Simulator *breaks the modularity of IMAGINE*, and it becomes impossible to check the validity of the results plugging the same field on a different Simulator. Thus, use this with care!

A dummy field can be implemented by subclassing `imagine.fields.DummyField` as shown below.

```
from imagine.fields import DummyField

class DummyFieldTemplate(DummyField):
    """
    Description of the dummy field
    """

    # Class attributes
    NAME = 'name_of_the_dummy_field'

    @property
    def field_checklist(self):
        return {'Parameter_A': 'parameter_A_settings',
                'Parameter_B': None}

    @property
    def simulator_controllist(self):
        return {'simulator_property_A': 'some_setting'}
```

Dummy fields are generally Simulator-specific and the properties `field_checklist` and `simulator_controllist` are convenient ways of sending extra settings information to the associated Simulator. The values in `field_checklist` allow transmitting settings associated with specific parameters, while the dictionary `simulator_controllist` can be used to tell how the presence of the the current dummy field should modify the Simulator's global settings.

For example, in the case of Hammurabi, a dummy field can be used to request one of its built-in fields, which has to be set up by modifying Hammurabi's XML parameter files. In this particular case, `field_checklist` is used to supply the position of a parameter in the XML file, while `simulator_controllist` indicates how to modify the switch in the XML file that enables this specific built-in field (see the [The Hammurabi simulator](#) tutorial for details).

3.2 Field Factories

Field Factories, represented in IMAGINE by a `imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory` object are an additional layer of infrastructure used by the samplers to provide the connection between the sampling of points in the likelihood space and the field object that will be given to the simulator.

A *Field Factory* object has a list of all of the field's parameters and a list of the subset of those that are to be varied in the sampler — the latter are called the **active parameters**. The Field Factory also holds the allowed value ranges for each parameter, the default values (which are used for inactive parameters) and the prior distribution associated with each (active) parameter.

At each step the *Pipeline* request the Field Factory for the next point in parameter space, and the Factory supplies it the form of a Field object constructed with that particular choice of parameters. This can then be handed by the

Pipeline to the Simulator, which computes simulated Observables for comparison with the measured observables in the Likelihood module.

Given a Field *YourFieldClass* (which must be an instance of a class derived from *Field*), one can easily construct a *FieldFactory* object following:

```
from imagine import FieldFactory
my_factory = FieldFactory(field_class=YourFieldClass,
                          grid=your_grid,
                          active_parameters=['param_1_active'],
                          default_parameters = {'param_2_inactive': value_2,
                                                'param_3_inactive': value_3},
                          priors={'param_1_active': YourPriorChoice})
```

The object *YourPriorChoice* must be an instance of *imagine.priors.Prior* (see section *Priors* for details). A flat prior (i.e. a uniform distribution, where all parameter values are equally likely) can be set using the *imagine.priors.FlatPrior* class.

Since re-using a *FieldFactory* associated with a given Field is not uncommon, it is sometimes convenient to create a specialized subclass for a particular field, where the typical/recommended choices of parameters and priors are saved. This can be done following the template below:

```
from imagine.fields import FieldFactory
from imagine.priors import FlatPrior, GaussianPrior
# Substitute this by your own code
from MY_PACKAGE import MY_FIELD_CLASS
from MY_PACKAGE import A_std_val, B_std_val, A_min, A_max, B_min, B_max, B_sig

class FieldFactoryTemplate(FieldFactory):
    """Example: field factory for YourFieldClass"""

    # Class attributes
    # Field class this factory uses
    FIELD_CLASS = MY_FIELD_CLASS

    # Default values are used for inactive parameters
    DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {'Parameter_A': A_std_val,
                          'Parameter_B': B_std_val}

    # All parameters need a range and a prior
    PRIORS = {'Parameter_A': FlatPrior(xmin=A_min, xmax=A_max),
              'Parameter_B': GaussianPrior(mu=B_std_val, sigma=B_sig)}
```

One can initialize this specialized *FieldFactory* subclass by supplying the grid on which the corresponding Field will be evaluated:

```
myFactory = FieldFactoryTemplate(grid=cartesian_grid)
```

The standard values defined in the subclass can be adjusted in the instance using the attributes *myFactory.active_parameters*, *myFactory.priors* and *myFactory.default_parameters* (note that the latter are dictionaries, but the attribution = is modified so that it *updates* the corresponding internal dictionaries instead of replacing them).

The factory object *myFactory* can now be handled to the *Pipeline*, which will generate new fields by calling the *myFactory()* object.

3.3 Datasets

Dataset objects are helpers used for the inclusion of observational data in IMAGINE. They convert the measured data and uncertainties to a standard format which can be later handed to an *observable dictionary*. There are two main types of datasets: *Tabular datasets* and *HEALPix datasets*.

3.3.1 Repository datasets

A number of ready-to-use datasets are available at the community maintained `imagine-datasets` repository.

To be able to use this, it is necessary to install the `imagine_datasets` extension package (note that this comes already installed if you are using the `docker` image). This can be done executing the following command:

```
conda activate imagine # if using conda
pip install git+https://github.com/IMAGINE-Consortium/imagine-datasets.git
```

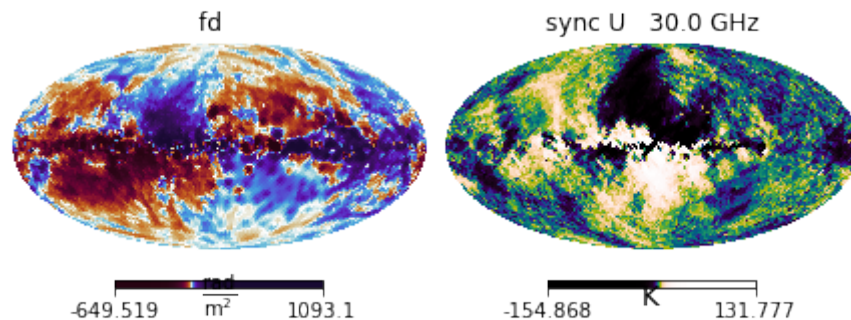
Below the usage of an imported dataset is illustrated:

```
import imagine as img
import imagine_datasets as img_data

# Loads the datasets (will download the datasets!)
dset_fd = img_data.HEALPix.fd.Oppermann2012(Nside=32)
dset_sync = img_data.HEALPix.sync.Planck2018_Commander_U(Nside=32)

# Initialises ObservableDict objects
measurements = img.observables.Measurements(dset_fd, dset_sync)

# Shows the contents
measurements.show()
```



3.3.2 Observable names

Each type of observable has an agreed/conventional name. The presently available **observable names** are:

Observable names

- 'fd' - Faraday depth
- 'dm' - Dispersion measure
- 'sync' - Synchrotron emission
 - with tag 'T' - Total intensity

- with tag ‘Q’ - Stokes Q
- with tag ‘U’ - Stokes U
- with tag ‘PI’ - polarisation intensity
- with tag ‘PA’ - polarisation angle

3.3.3 Tabular datasets

As the name indicates, in **tabular datasets** the observational data was originally in tabular format, i.e. a table where each row corresponds to a different *position in the sky* and columns contain (at least) the sky coordinates, the measurement and the associated error. A final requirement is that the dataset is stored in a *dictionary-like* object i.e. the columns can be selected by column name (for example, a Python dictionary, a Pandas DataFrame, or an astropy Table).

To construct a tabular dataset, one needs to initialize `imagine.observables.TabularDataset`. Below, a simple example of this, which fetches (using the package astroquery) a catalog from ViZieR and stores in in an IMAGINE tabular dataset object:

```
from astroquery.vizier import Vizier
from imagine.observables import TabularDataset

# Fetches the catalogue
catalog = Vizier.get_catalogs('J/ApJ/714/1170')[0]

# Loads it to the TabularDataset (the catalogue obj actually contains units)
RM_Mao2010 = TabularDataset(catalog, name='fd', units=catalog['RM'].unit,
                             data_col='RM', err_col='e_RM', tag=None,
                             lat_col='GLAT', lon_col='GLON')
```

From this point the object `RM_Mao2010` can be appended to a *Measurements*. We refer the reader to the the *Including new observational data* tutorial and the *TabularDataset* api documentation and for further details.

3.3.4 HEALPix datasets

HEALPix datasets will generally comprise maps of the full-sky, where HEALPix pixelation is employed. For standard observables, the datasets can be initialized by simply supplying a *Quantity* array containing the data to the corresponding class. Below some examples, employing the classes *FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset*, *DispersionMeasureHEALPixDataset* and *SynchrotronHEALPixDataset*, respectively:

```
from imagine.observables import FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset
from imagine.observables import DispersionMeasureHEALPixDataset
from imagine.observables import SynchrotronHEALPixDataset

my_FD_dset = FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset(data=fd_data_array,
                                         error=fd_data_array_error)

my_DM_dset = DispersionMeasureHEALPixDataset(data=fd_data_array,
                                              cov=fd_data_array_covariance)

sync_dset = SynchrotronHEALPixDataset(data=stoke_Q_data,
                                       error=stoke_Q_data_error
                                       frequency=23*u.GHz, type='Q')
```

In the first and third examples, it was assumed that the *covariance was diagonal*, and therefore can be described by an error associated with each pixel, which is specified with the keyword argument *error* (the error is assumed to correspond to the square root of the variance in each datapoint).

In the second example, the covariance associated with the data is instead specified supplying a two-dimensional array using the `cov` keyword argument.

The final example also requires the user to supply the frequency of the observation and the subtype (in this case, ‘Q’).

3.4 Observables and observable dictionaries

In IMAGINE, observable quantities (either measured or simulated) are represented internally by instances of the `imagine.observables.Observable` class. These are grouped in *observable dictionaries* (subclasses of `imagine.observables.ObservableDict`) which are used to exchange multiple observables between IMAGINE’s components. There three main kinds of observable dictionaries: *Measurements*, *Simulations*, and *Covariances*. There is also an auxiliary observable dictionary: the *Masks*.

3.4.1 Measurements

The `imagine.observables.Measurements` object is used, as the name implies, to hold a set of actual measured physical datasets (e.g. a set of intensity maps of the sky at different wavelengths).

A *Measurements* object must be provided to initialize *Simulators* (allowing them to know which datasets need to be computed) and *Likelihoods*.

There are a number of ways data can be provided to *Measurements*. The simplest case is when the data is stored in a *Datasets* objects, one can provide them to the measurements object upon initialization:

```
measurements = img.observables.Measurements(dset1, dset2, dset3)
```

One can also append a dataset to a already initialized *Measurements* object:

```
measurements.append(dataset=dset4)
```

The final (not usually recommended) option is appending the data manually to the *ObservableDict*, which can be done in the following way:

```
measurements.append(name=key, data=data,
                    cov_data=cov, otype='HEALPix')
```

In this, `data` should contain a `ndarray` or `Quantity`, `cov_data` should contain the covariance matrix, and `otype` must indicate whether the data corresponds to: a ‘HEALPix’ map; ‘tabular’; or a ‘plain’ array.

The `name` argument refers to the key that will be used to hash the elements in the dictionary. This has to have the following form:

```
key = (data_name, data_freq, Nside_or_str, tag)
```

- The first value should be the one of the *observable names*
- If data is independent from frequency, `data_freq` is set to `None`, otherwise it is the frequency in GHz.
- The third value in the key-tuple should contain the HEALPix Nside (for maps) or the string ‘tab’ for tabular data.
- Finally, the last value, ext can be ‘I’, ‘Q’, ‘U’, ‘PI’, ‘PA’, `None` or other customized tags depending on the nature of the observable.

The contents of a *Measurements* object can be accessed as a dictionary, using the keys with the above structure:

```
observable = measurements['sync', 30, 32, 'I']
```

Assuming that this key is present, the `observable` object returned by the above line will be an instance of the `Observable` class. The data contents and properties can be then accessed using its properties/attributes, for example:

```
data_array = observable.global_data
data_units = observable.unit
```

Where the `data_array` will be a (1, N)-array.

`Measurements`, support the `show` method (exemplified in *Repository datasets*) which displays a summary of the data in the `ObservableDict`.

3.4.2 Simulations

The `Simulations` object is the `ObservableDict` that is returned when one runs an IMAGINE `Simulator`.

If the model does not involve any stochastic fields (or if the ensemble size is chosen to be 1), the `Simulations` object produced by a simulator has exactly the same structure as `Measurements` object.

For larger ensemble sizes the behaviour is slightly different. The `global_data` attribute will return an array of shape (N_ens, N), containing one realisation per row. The `show` method will display the simulated results for the full ensemble, with one realisation per row (this can be limited using `max_realizations` keyword, which sets the maximum number of rows to be displayed).

`Simulations` objects provide two specialized convenience methods to manipulate the simulated data in the case of `ensemble_size>1`. The `sub_sim` method allows one to construct a new `Simulations` object using only a subset of the original ensemble (note that this can also be used prepare resamplings for *bootstrapping*). The `estimate_covariances` method uses the finite ensemble in the `Simulations` object to estimate the covariance matrices associated with each observable, which are returned as `Covariances` object.

3.4.3 Covariances

`imagine.observables.Covariances` are a special type of `ObservableDict` which stores the set of covariance matrices associated with set of observables. Its behaviour is similar to the `Measurements`, the main difference being that the `global_data` attribute returns a (N,N) covariance matrix instead of (1,N)-array.

In practice, one rarely needs to initialize or work with an independent `Covariances` object. This is because a `Covariances` object is *automatically generated* when one initializes a `Measurements` `Dataset`, and stored in the `Measurements` object `cov` attribute:

```
# The covariances associated with a measurements object
covariances = measurements.cov
```

When the original dataset only contained *variance* information (e.g. specified using the `error` keyword when preparing a `Dataset`) the full covariance matrix is *not* constructed on initialization. Instead, the variance alone is stored internally and the covariance matrix construction is delayed until the first time the properties `global_data` or `data` are requested. If `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']` is set to `True` (not the default), the covariance matrix is spread among the available MPI processes.

As many observational datasets are very large (i.e. very large N), and only contain known variance information, it often unnecessary (or simply impractical) to operate with full (sparse) covariance matrices. Instead, one can access the variance stored in the `Covariances` object using the `var` property:


```
# An Observable object containing covariance information for a given key
cov_observable = covariances[('sync', 30, 32, 'I')]
# Reads the N-array containing the variances
variances = cov_observable.var
# Reads the (N,N)-array containing the covariance matrix
# (constructing it, if necessary)
cov_matrix = cov_observable.global_data
```

Thus, when working with large datasets some care should be taken when choosing (or designing) the *Likelihood* class which will manipulate the *Covariances* object: some of the likelihoods (e.g. *EnsembleLikelihoodDiagonal*) only access the *var* attribute, keeping the RAM memory usage under control even in the case of very large maps, while others will try to construct the full covariance matrix, potentially leading to out-of-memory errors.

3.4.4 Masks

imagine.observables.Masks which stores masks which can be applied to HEALPix maps. The mask itself is specified in the form of an array of zeros and ones.

3.5 Simulators

Simulators are responsible for mapping a set of *Fields* onto a set of *Observables*. They are represented by a subclass of *imagine.simulators.Simulator*.

```
from imagine.simulators import Simulator
import numpy as np
import MY_SIMULATOR # Substitute this by your own code

class SimulatorTemplate(Simulator):
    """
    Detailed description of the simulator
    """
    # The quantity that will be simulated (e.g. 'fd', 'sync', 'dm')
    # Any observable quantity absent in this list is ignored by the simulator
    SIMULATED_QUANTITIES = ['my_observable_quantity']
    # A list or set of what is required for the simulator to work
    REQUIRED_FIELD_TYPES = ['dummy', 'magnetic_field']
    # Fields which may be used if available
    OPTIONAL_FIELD_TYPES = ['thermal_electron_density']
    # One must specify which grid is compatible with this simulator
    ALLOWED_GRID_TYPES = ['cartesian']
    # Tells whether this simulator supports using different grids
    USE_COMMON_GRID = False

    def __init__(self, measurements, **extra_args):
        # Send the measurements to parent class
        super().__init__(measurements)
        # Any initialization task involving **extra_args can be done *here*
        pass

    def simulate(self, key, coords_dict, realization_id, output_units):
        """
        This is the main function you need to override to create your simulator.
```

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```

The simulator will cycle through a series of Measurements and create
mock data using this `simulate` function for each of them.

Parameters
-----
key : tuple
    Information about the observable one is trying to simulate
coords_dict : dictionary
    If the trying to simulate data associated with discrete positions
    in the sky, this dictionary contains arrays of coordinates.
realization_id : int
    The index associated with the present realisation being computed.
output_units : astropy.units.Unit
    The requested output units.
"""
# The argument key provide extra information about the specific
# measurement one is trying to simulate
obs_quantity, freq_Ghz, Nside, tag = key

# If the simulator is working on tabular data, the observed
# coordinates can be accessed from coords_dict, e.g.
lat, lon = coords_dict['lat'], coords_dict['lon']

# Fields can be accessed from a dictionary stored in self.fields
B_field_values = self.fields['magnetic_field']
# If a dummy field is being used, instead of an actual realisation,
# the parameters can be accessed from self.fields['dummy']
my_dummy_field_parameters = self.fields['dummy']
# Checklists allow _dummy fields_ to send specific information to
# simulators about specific parameters
checklist_params = self.field_checklist
# Controllists in dummy fields contain a dict of simulator settings
simulator_settings = self.controllist

# If a USE_COMMON_GRID is set to True, the grid it can be accessed from
# grid = self.grid

# Otherwise, if fields are allowed to use different grids, one can
# get the grid from the self.grids dictionary and the field type
grid_B = self.grids['magnetic_field']

# Finally we can _simulate_, using whichever information is needed
# and your own MY_SIMULATOR code:
results = MY_SIMULATOR.simulate(simulator_settings,
                                  grid_B.x, grid_B.y, grid_B.z,
                                  lat, lon, freq_Ghz, B_field_values,
                                  my_dummy_field_parameters,
                                  checklist_params)

# The results should be in a 1-D array of size compatible with
# your dataset. I.e. for tabular data: results.size = lat.size
# (or any other coordinate)
# and for HEALPix data results.size = 12*(Nside**2)

# Note: Awareness of other observables
# While this method will be called for each individual observable
# the other observables can be accessed from self.observables
# Thus, if your simulator is capable of computing multiple observables

```

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```
# at the same time, the results can be saved to an attribute on the first
# call of `simulate` and accessed from this cache later.
# To break the degeneracy between multiple realisations (which will
# request the same key), the realisation_id can be used
# (see Hammurabi implementation for an example)
return results
```

3.5.1 Hammurabi simulator

3.6 Likelihoods

Likelihoods define how to quantitatively compare the simulated and measured observables. They are represented within IMAGINE by an instance of class derived from `imagine.likelihoods.Likelihood`. There are two pre-implemented subclasses within IMAGINE:

- `imagine.likelihoods.SimpleLikelihood`: this is the traditional method, which is like a χ^2 based on the covariance matrix of the measurements (i.e., noise).
- `imagine.likelihoods.EnsembleLikelihood`: combines covariance matrices from measurements with the expected galactic variance from models that include a stochastic component.

Likelihoods need to be initialized before running the pipeline, and require measurements (at the front end). In most cases, data sets will not have covariance matrices but only noise values, in which case the covariance matrix is only the diagonal.

```
from imagine.likelihoods import EnsembleLikelihood
likelihood = EnsembleLikelihood(data, covariance_matrix)
```

The optional input argument `covariance_matrix` does not have to contain covariance matrices corresponding to all entries in input data. The Likelihood automatically defines the proper way for the various cases.

If the `EnsembleLikelihood` is used, then the sampler will be run multiple times at each point in likelihood space to create an ensemble of simulated observables.

3.7 Priors

A powerful aspect of a fully Bayesian analysis approach is the possibility of explicitly stating any prior expectations about the parameter values based on previous knowledge. A prior is represented by an instance of `imagine.priors.prior.GeneralPrior` or one of its subclasses.

To use a prior, one has to initialize it and include it in the associated *Field Factories*. The simplest choice is a `FlatPrior` (i.e. any parameter within the range are equally likely before the looking at the observational data), which can be initialized in the following way:

```
from imagine.priors import FlatPrior
import astropy.units as u
myFlatPrior = FlatPrior(interval=[-2,10]*u.pc)
```

where the range for this parameter was chosen to be between -2 and 10pc .

After the flat prior, a common choice is that the parameter values are characterized by a Gaussian distribution around some central value. This can be achieved using the `imagine.priors.basic_priors.GaussianPrior` class. As an example, let us suppose one has a parameter which characterizes the strength of a component of the

magnetic field, and that ones prior expectation is that this should be gaussian distributed with mean $1\mu\text{G}$ and standard deviation $5\mu\text{G}$. Moreover, let us assumed that the model only works within the range $[-30\mu\text{G}, 30\mu\text{G}]$. A prior consistent with these requirements can be achieved using:

```
from imagine.priors import GaussianPrior
import astropy.units as u
myGaussianPrior = GaussianPrior(mu=1*u.microgauss, sigma=5*u.microgauss,
                                interval=[-30*u.microgauss, 30*u.microgauss])
```

3.8 Pipeline

The final building block of an IMAGINE pipeline is the **Pipeline** object. When working on a problem with IMAGINE one will always go through the following steps:

1. preparing a list of the *field factories* which define the theoretical models one wishes to constrain and specifying any *priors*;
2. preparing a *measurements* dictionary, with the observational data to be used for the inference; and
3. initializing a *likelihood* object, which defines how the likelihood function should be estimated;

once this is done, one can *supply all these* to a **Pipeline** object, which will sample the posterior distribution and estimate the evidence. This can be done in the following way:

```
from imagine.pipelines import UltranestPipeline
# Initialises the pipeline
pipeline = UltranestPipeline(simulator=my_simulator,
                             factory_list=my_factory_list,
                             likelihood=my_likelihood,
                             ensemble_size=my_ensemble_size_choice)

# Runs the pipeline
pipeline()
```

After running, the results can be accessed through the attributes of the *Pipeline* object (e.g. *pipeline.samples*, which contains the parameters values of the samples produced in the run).

But what exactly is the Pipeline? The *Pipeline* base class takes care of interfacing between all the different IMAGINE components and sets the scene so that a Monte Carlo **sampler** can explore the parameter space and compute the results (i.e. posterior and evidence).

Different samplers are implemented as sub-classes of the Pipeline There are 3 samplers included in IMAGINE standard distribution (alternatives can be found in some of the [IMAGINE Consortium](#) repositories), these are: the *MultinestPipeline*, the *UltranestPipeline* and the *DynestyPipeline*.

One can include a new *sampler* in IMAGINE by creating a sub-class of *imagine.Pipeline*. The following template illustrates this procedure:

```
from imagine.pipelines import Pipeline
import numpy as np
import MY_SAMPLER # Substitute this by your own code

class PipelineTemplate(Pipeline):
    """
    Detailed description of sampler being adopted
    """
    # Class attributes
    # Does this sampler support MPI? Only necessary if True
```

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```
SUPPORTS_MPI = False

def call(self, **kwargs):
    """
    Runs the IMAGINE pipeline

    Returns
    -----
    results : dict
        A dictionary containing the sampler results
        (usually in its native format)
    """
    # Initializes a sampler object
    # Here we provide a list of common options
    self.sampler = MY_SAMPLER.Sampler(
        # Active parameter names can be obtained from
        param_names=self.active_parameters,
        # The likelihood function is available in
        loglike=self._likelihood_function,
        # Some samplers need a "prior transform function"
        prior_transform=self.prior_transform,
        # Other samplers need the prior PDF, which is
        prior_pdf=self.prior_pdf,
        # Sets the directory where the sampler writes the chains
        chains_dir=self.chains_directory,
        # Sets the seed used by the sampler
        seed=self.master_seed
    )

    # Most samplers have a `run` method, which should be executed
    self.sampling_controllers.update(kwargs)
    self.results = self.sampler.run(**self.sampling_controllers)

    # The samples should be converted to a numpy array and saved
    # to self._samples_array. This should have different samples
    # on different rows and each column corresponds to an active
    # parameter
    self._samples_array = self.results['samples']
    # The log of the computed evidence and its error estimate
    # should also be stored in the following way
    self._evidence = self.results['logz']
    self._evidence_err = self.results['logzerr']

    return self.results

def get_intermediate_results(self):
    # If the sampler saves intermediate results on disk or internally,
    # these should be read here, so that a progress report can be produced
    # every `pipeline.n_evals_report` likelihood evaluations.
    # For this to work, the following should be added to the
    # `intermediate_results` dictionary (currently commented out):

    ## Sets current rejected/dead points, as a numpy array of shape (n, npar)
    #self.intermediate_results['rejected_points'] = rejected
    ## Sets likelihood value of *rejected* points
    #self.intermediate_results['logLikelihood'] = likelihood_rejected
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```
## Sets the prior volume/mass associated with each rejected point
#self.intermediate_results['lnX'] = rejected_data[:, nPar+1]
## Sets current live nested sampling points (optional)
#self.intermediate_results['live_points'] = live

pass
```

3.9 Disclaimer

Nothing is written in stone and the base classes may be updated with time (so, always remember to report the [code release](#) when you make use of IMAGINE). Suggestions and improvements are welcome as GitHub [issues](#) or pull requests

Constraining parameters

So, how to use IMAGINE to constrain a set of models given a particular dataset? This section dicusses some approaches to this problem using different tools available within IMAGINE. It assumes that the reader went through the parts of the documentation which describe the *main components of IMAGINE* and/or went through some of the *tutorials*.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import astropy.units as u
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import imagine as img
```

4.1 Setting up an example problem

We start by setting up an example problem similar to the one in *first tutorial*. Where we have a constant magnetic field, thermal electron density given by:

$$n_e(x, y, z) = n_0[1 + \cos(ax + \alpha)]$$

and a signal given by

$$s(x) = B_y n_e(x) = B_y n_0[1 + \cos(ax + \alpha)]$$

First we generate mock data.

```
[2]: # Prepares fields/grid for generating mock data
one_d_grid = img.fields.UniformGrid(box=[ [0, 2*np.pi]*u.kpc,
                                           [0, 0]*u.kpc,
                                           [0, 0]*u.kpc],
                                   resolution=[55, 1, 1])

ne_field = img.fields.CosThermalElectronDensity(grid=one_d_grid,
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```

parameters={'n0': 0.5*u.cm**-3,
            'a': 1.0/u.kpc*u.rad,
            'b': 0.0/u.kpc*u.rad,
            'c': 0.0/u.kpc*u.rad,
            'alpha': 0.5*u.rad,
            'beta': np.pi/2*u.rad,
            'gamma': np.pi/2*u.rad})

B_field = img.fields.ConstantMagneticField(grid=one_d_grid,
                                           parameters={'Bx': 2*u.microgauss,
                                                       'By': 0.5*u.microgauss,
                                                       'Bz': 0.2*u.microgauss})

true_model = [ne_field, B_field]

# Generates a fake dataset to establish the format of the simulated output
size = 30; x = np.linspace(0.001, 2*np.pi, size); yz = np.zeros_like(x)*u.kpc
fake_dset = img.observables.TabularDataset(data={'data': x, 'x': x*u.kpc,
                                                'y': yz, 'z': yz},
                                           units=u.microgauss*u.cm**-3,
                                           name='test', data_col='data')

trigger = img.observables.Measurements(fake_dset)

# Prepares a simulator to generate the mock observables
mock_generator = img.simulators.TestSimulator(trigger)

# Creates simulation from these fields
simulation = mock_generator(true_model)

# Converts the simulation data into a mock observational data (including noise)
key = list(simulation.keys())[0]
sim_data = simulation[key].global_data.ravel()
err = 0.01
noise = np.random.normal(loc=0, scale=err, size=size)
mock_dset = img.observables.TabularDataset(data={'data': sim_data + noise,
                                                'x': x,
                                                'y': np.zeros_like(x),
                                                'z': np.zeros_like(x),
                                                'err': np.ones_like(x)*err},
                                           units=u.microgauss*u.cm**-3,
                                           name='test', data_col='data')

mock_measurements = img.observables.Measurements(mock_dset)

```

Now, we proceed with the other components: the simulator, the likelihood, the field factories list.

```

[3]: # Initializes the simulator and likelihood object, using the mock measurements
simulator = img.simulators.TestSimulator(mock_measurements)
likelihood = img.likelihoods.SimpleLikelihood(mock_measurements)

# Generates factories from the fields (any previous parameter choices become defaults)
ne_factory = img.fields.FieldFactory(ne_field, active_parameters=['n0', 'alpha'],
                                     priors={'n0': img.priors.GaussianPrior(mu=1*u.
                                     ↪ cm**-3,
                                     sigma=0.
                                     ↪ 9*u.cm**-3,
                                     xmin=0*u.
                                     ↪ cm**-3,
                                     xmax=10*u.
                                     ↪ cm**-3),
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```

        'alpha': img.priors.FlatPrior(-np.pi, np.
        ↪pi, u.rad, wrapped=True),
        'a': img.priors.FlatPrior(0.01, 10, u.
        ↪rad/u.kpc)})

B_factory = img.fields.FieldFactory(B_field, active_parameters=['By'],
        priors={'By': img.priors.FlatPrior(-10,10, u.
        ↪microgauss),})

```

Finally, we assemble the pipeline itself. For sake of definiteness and for illustration, we use the `DynestyPipeline`.

```

[4]: # Initializes the pipeline
pipeline = img.pipelines.DynestyPipeline(run_directory=img.rc['temp_dir']+'/fitting/',
        factory_list=[B_factory, ne_factory],
        simulator=simulator,
        likelihood=likelihood,
        show_summary_reports=False)

```

Once we have our setup, it is always good to use the `test` method to check if the pipeline is actually working (simple errors as missing prior specifications or malfunctioning Fields can be easily isolated this way).

```

[5]: pipeline.test()

Sampling centres of the parameter ranges.
    Evaluating point: [0.0, 5.0, 0.0]
    Log-likelihood -1.4600680317743122
    Total execution time: 0.0026073716580867767 s

Randomly sampling from prior.
    Evaluating point: [-7.43751104  3.83322458 -1.65820186]
    Log-likelihood -18197.732060368326
    Total execution time: 0.002800416201353073 s

Randomly sampling from prior.
    Evaluating point: [-2.06838545  0.93330396  1.0665458 ]
    Log-likelihood -108.03886313649168
    Total execution time: 0.002597574144601822 s

Average execution time: 0.0026684540013472238 s

[5]: 0.002668454 s

```

4.2 MAP estimates

The most common question that arises when one is working with a new parametrised model is “what does the *best fit* model look like”? There is plenty of reasons to approach this question very cautiously: a single point in the parameter space generally cannot encompass full predictive power of a model, as one has to account for the uncertainties and incomplete prior knowledge. In fact, this is one of the reasons why a full Bayesian approach as IMAGINE is deemed necessary in first place. That said, there are at least two common situations where a *point estimate* is desirable/useful. *After* performing the inference, adequately sampling posterior and clarifying the [credible intervals](#), one may want to use a well motivated example of the model for another purpose. A second common situation is, when designing a new model proposal where some parameters are roughly known, to examine the best fit solution with respect to the less known parameters: often, the qualitative insights of this procedure are sufficient for rulling out or improving the model, even before the full inference.

Any IMAGINE Pipeline object comes with the method `Pipeline.get_MAP()`, which maximizes the product of the likelihood and the prior, $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \max_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta) \pi(\theta)$, which corresponds to the mode of the posterior distribution, i.e. the **MAP (Maximum A Posteriori)**.

```
[6]: MAP_values = pipeline.get_MAP()
for parameter_name, parameter_value in zip(pipeline.active_parameters, MAP_values):
    print(parameter_name + ': ', parameter_value)

constant_B_By: 0.24858178201289644 uG
cos_therm_electrons_n0: 1.0006675426910474 1 / cm3
cos_therm_electrons_alpha: 0.5027776818628544 rad
```

As it is seen above, the `get_MAP()` method returns the values of the posterior mode. This is *not found* using the sampler, but instead using the scipy optimizer, `scipy.optimize.minimize`. If the sampler *had run* before, the median of the posterior is used as initial guess by the optimizer. If this is not the case, the optimizer will use the centre of the ranges as a starting position. Alternatively, the user can provide an initial guess using the `initial_guess` keyword argument (which is useful in the case of multimodal posteriors).

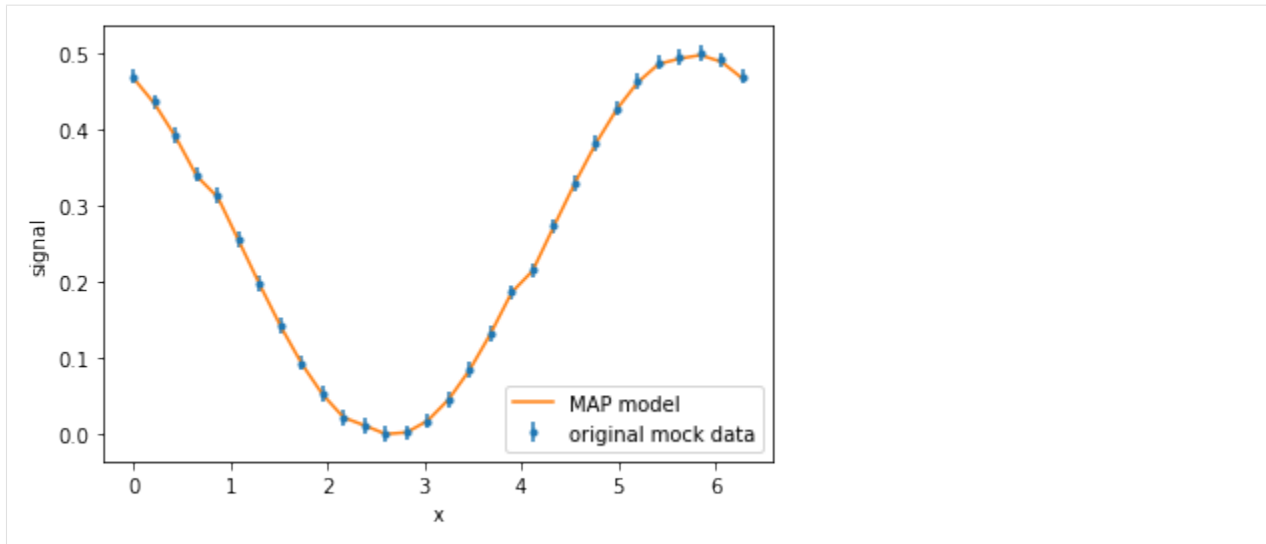
Whenever `get_MAP()` is called, the MAP value found is saved internally. This is used by the two convenience properties: `Pipeline.MAP_model` and `Pipeline.MAP_simulation`, which return a list of IMAGINE Field objects at the MAP and the corresponding Simulations object, respectively. To illustrate all this, let us inspect the associated MAP model and compare its simulation with the original mock.

```
[7]: print('MAP model:')
for field in pipeline.MAP_model:
    print('\n', field.name)
    for p, v in field.parameters.items():
        print('\t', p, '\t', v)
print()
plt.errorbar(x, sim_data, err, marker='.', linestyle='none', label='original mock data
→')
plt.plot(x, pipeline.MAP_simulation[key].global_data[0], label='MAP model')
plt.xlabel('x'); plt.ylabel('signal'); plt.legend();
```

MAP model:

```
constant_B
  Bx      2.0 uG
  By      0.24858178201289644 uG
  Bz      0.2 uG

cos_therm_electrons
  n0      1.0006675426910474 1 / cm3
  a       1.0 rad / kpc
  b       0.0 rad / kpc
  c       0.0 rad / kpc
  alpha   0.5027776818628544 rad
  beta    1.5707963267948966 rad
  gamma   1.5707963267948966 rad
```



The plot indicates that the fitting is working. However, the values parameter values differ from the true model:

```
[8]: print('True model:')
for field in true_model:
    print('\n', field.name)
    for p, v in field.parameters.items():
        print('\t', p, '\t', v)
```

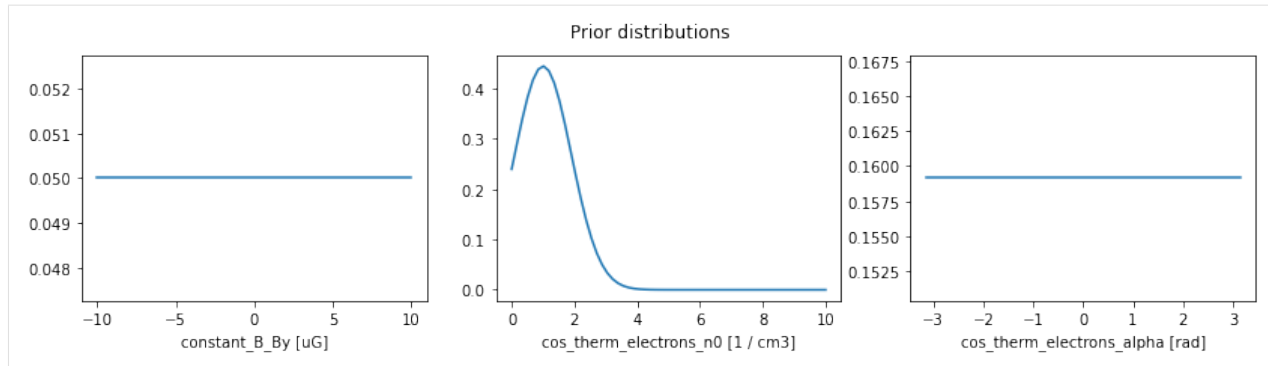
True model:

```
cos_therm_electrons
    n0      0.5 1 / cm3
    a       1.0 rad / kpc
    b       0.0 rad / kpc
    c       0.0 rad / kpc
    alpha   0.5 rad
    beta    1.5707963267948966 rad
    gamma   1.5707963267948966 rad

constant_B
    Bx      2.0 uG
    By      0.5 uG
    Bz      0.2 uG
```

The reason for the difference are the degeneracy between the electron density and the y-component of the magnetic field for this observable (which merely computes the product $n_e B_y$). The reason why the MAP lands close to 1 cm^{-3} is because of our prior knowledge about the parameter n_0 , namely that it should be approximately $n_0 = (1 \pm 0.9) \text{ cm}^{-3}$. We can inspect the previous prior choices in the following way.

```
[9]: plt.figure(figsize=(14,3))
for i, pname in enumerate(pipeline.priors):
    prior = pipeline.priors[pname]
    t = np.linspace(*prior.range, 60)
    plt.subplot(1,3,i+1)
    plt.plot(t, prior.pdf(t))
    plt.xlabel('{} {}'.format(pname, prior.unit))
plt.suptitle('Prior distributions');
```



4.3 Sampling the posterior

To go beyond a *point estimates* as the MAP it is necessary to sample the posterior distribution. From the posterior samples it is possible to understand the ‘*credible regions*’ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Credible_interval> ‘__ in the parameter space and better grasp the physical consequences a given parameters choice.

Among other things, knowledge of the posterior also allows one to examine *degeneracies* in the model parameters, as the one exemplified above.

Once a pipeline object is assembled, one can “run” it, i.e. one can use it to produce samples of the posterior distribution. How exactly this is done will depend on which specific `Pipeline` sub-class one is using.

4.3.1 Nested sampling

Many of the *Pipeline* classes use samplers based on *Nested Sampling*, an algorithm originally designed for accurately estimate of the *evidence* (or marginal likelihood), but which can also be used to sample the posterior distribution. Nested sampling potentially performs better if the distributions are multimodal, but can be inefficient, specially if a given parameter has a small or negligible effect.

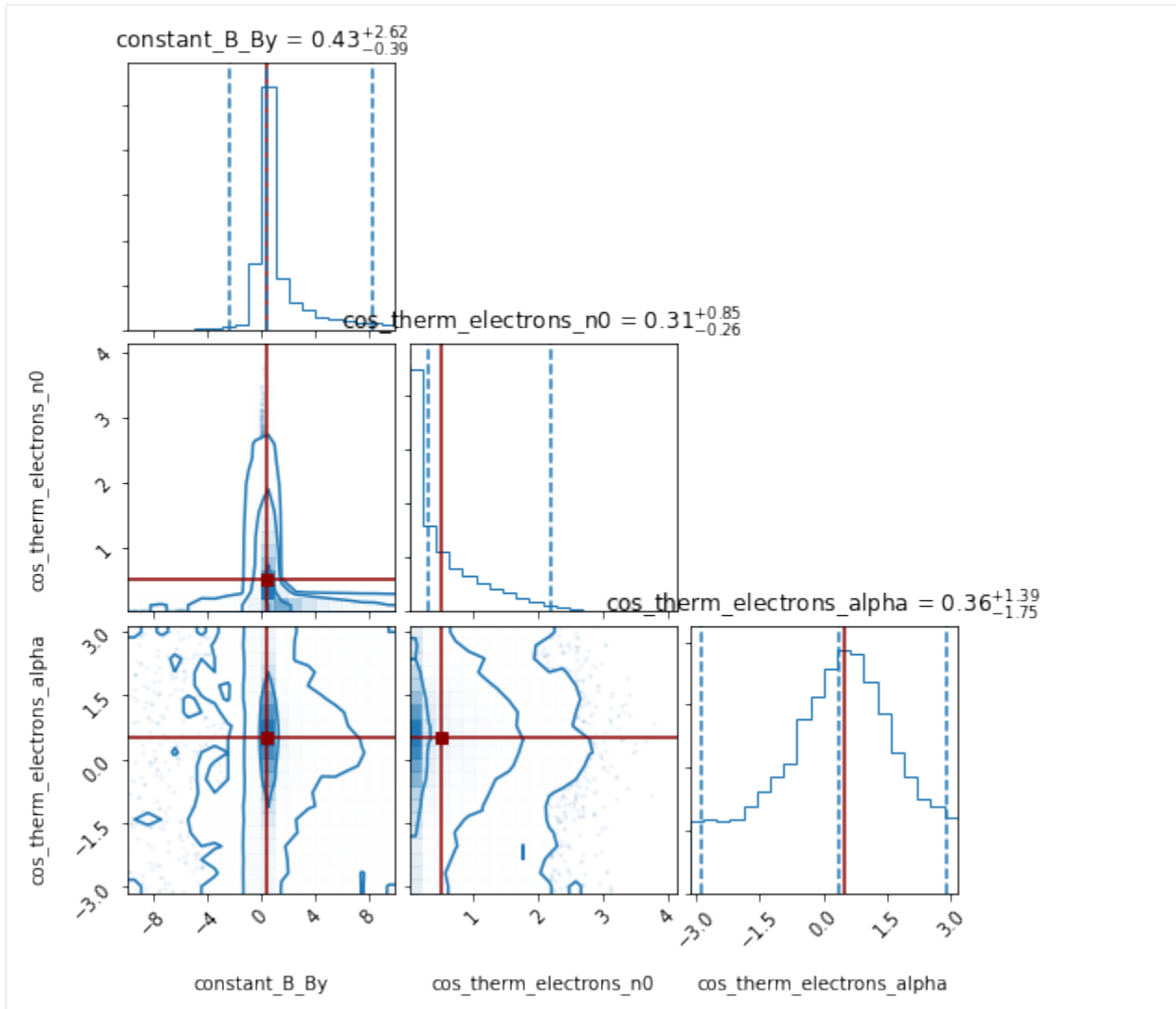
There are three nested-sampling-based *Pipeline* classes in IMAGINE: *MultinestPipeline*, *UltraneestPipeline*, *DynestyPipeline*.

DynestyPipeline allows one to use the parameter `pfrac` to control how much the sampling should focus on the posterior rather than on the evidence. Since we are not interested in the evidence in this example, let us set this to 1 (maximum priority to the posterior).

```
[10]: pipeline.sampling_controllers = {'nlive_init': 70, 'pfrac':1}
      # Runs the pipeline
      pipeline();

21586it [09:40, 37.19it/s, batch: 22 | bound: 51 | nc: 10 | ncall: 231179 | eff(%): 9.337 | loglstar: -9.219 < -0.002 < -0.318 | logz: -4.079 +/- 0.095 | stop: 0.955]

[11]: pipeline.corner_plot(truths_dict= {'constant_B_By': 0.5 ,
      'cos_therm_electrons_n0': 0.5,
      'cos_therm_electrons_alpha': 0.5});
```



4.3.2 MCMC

It is also possible to sample the posterior distribution using the [emcee](#), a MCMC ensemble sampler. The disadvantages of this approach is that it may have difficulties with multimodal distributions and does not automatically estimate the evidence. On the other hand, it allows someone to transfer previous experience/intuition in the use of MCMC to IMAGINE.

IMAGINE's [EmceePipeline](#) uses the simple convergence criterion described, for example, in [Emcee's documentation](#), which is based on the estimation of the autocorrelation time: every `nsteps_check` steps, the autocorrelation time, τ is estimated, if `convergence_factor` $\times\tau$ is larger than the number of steps, and τ changed less than 1% since the last check, the run is assumed to have converged.

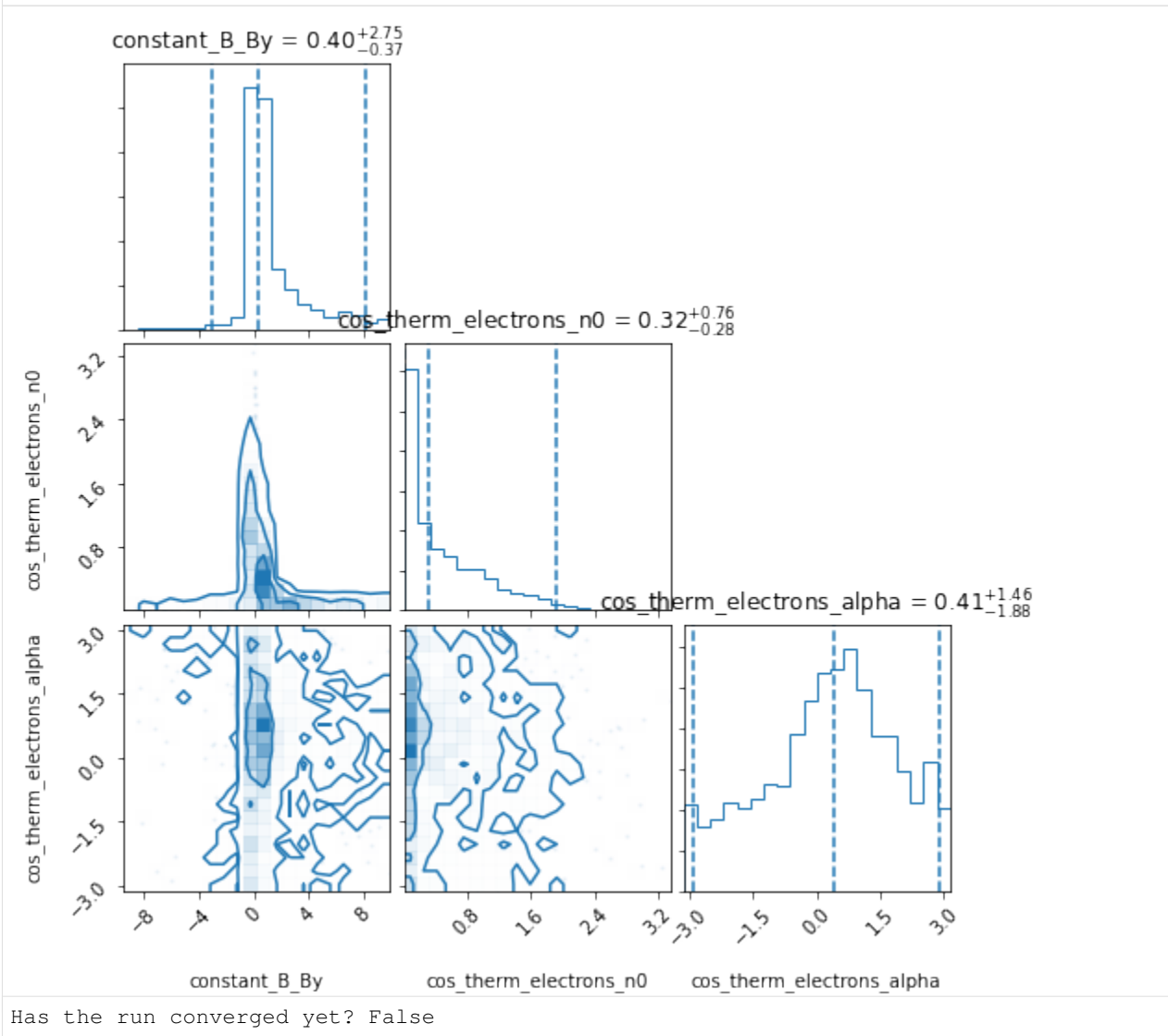
```
[12]: pipeline_emcee = img.pipelines.EmceePipeline(run_directory=img.rc['temp_dir']+'/emcee
      ↪,
      factory_list=[B_factory, ne_factory],
      simulator=simulator,
      likelihood=likelihood)
```

```
[13]: pipeline_emcee.sampling_controllers = {'nsteps_check':500,'max_nsteps':1500}
```

```
[14]: pipeline_emcee();
print('Has the run converged yet?', pipeline_emcee.converged)
```

```
100%|| 500/500 [00:27<00:00, 18.30it/s]
100%|| 500/500 [00:27<00:00, 18.46it/s]
100%|| 500/500 [00:26<00:00, 18.72it/s]
```

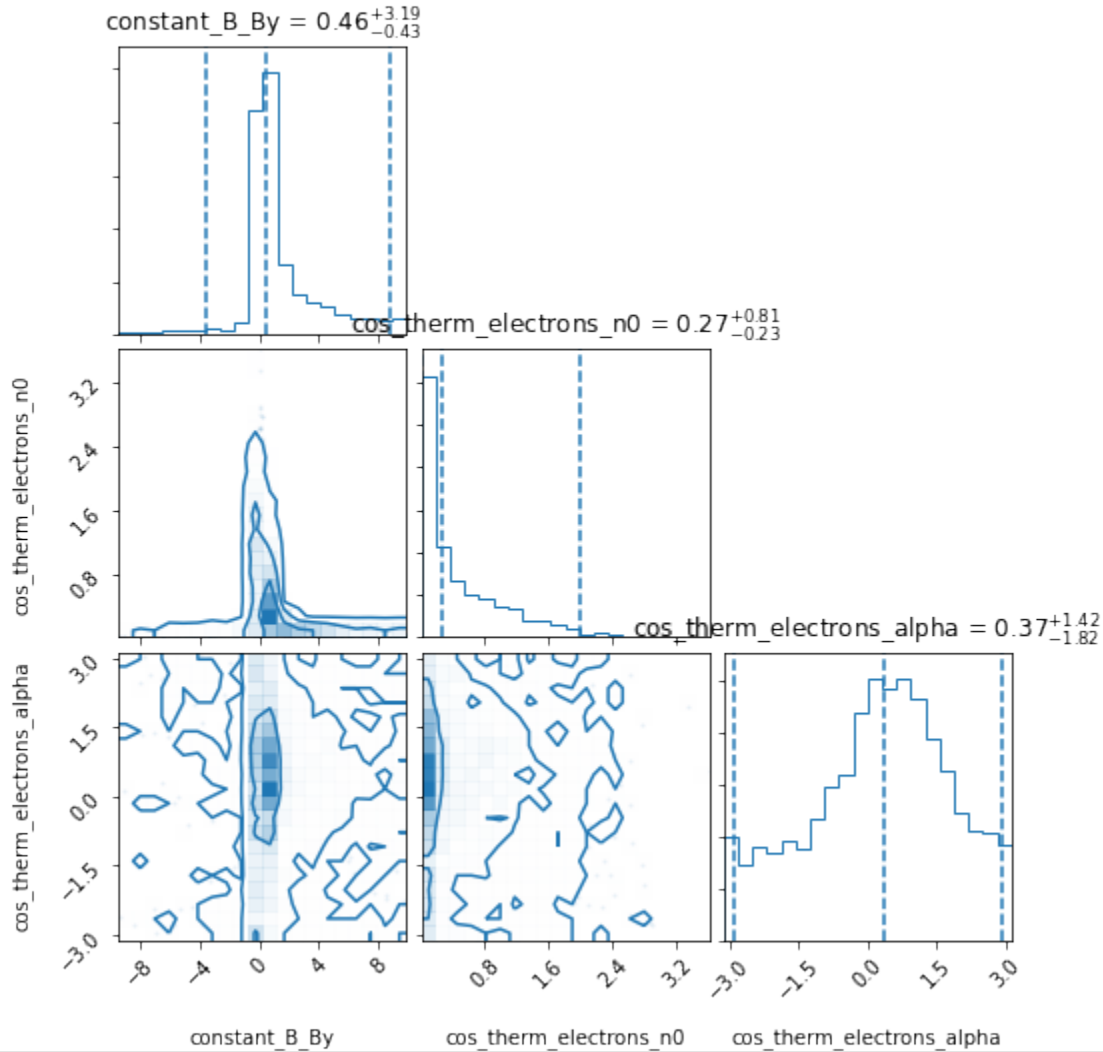
Posterior report:



One can see that the above EmceePipeline ran only for about 1.5 minute and *did not converge*, but this could already provide some insight in its posterior contours. If we call the pipeline again it will resume the work.

```
[15]: pipeline_emcee();
print('Has the run converged yet?', pipeline_emcee.converged)
```

```
100%|| 500/500 [00:26<00:00, 18.84it/s]
100%|| 500/500 [00:27<00:00, 18.47it/s]
100%|| 500/500 [00:26<00:00, 18.54it/s]
```

Posterior report:

Has the run converged yet? False

4.4 Constraining parameters of stochastic fields

So far, we only worked with deterministic fields. However, some of the fields modelled may be stochastic components (i.e. the same choice of parameters may lead to different outputs). A crucial example is the random (or “small-scale”) component of the Galactic magnetic field.

IMAGINE deals with stochastic fields by evaluating an ensemble of realisations of the stochastic fields and accounting for their variability in the likelihood calculation. How exactly this is done depends on

Let us look at an example. We will re-use some the elements of the previous sections, but we will assume that the magnetic field is comprised of two components: a large scale constant one (as before), and a Gaussian random field, with $\langle b \rangle = 0$ and $(\langle b^2 \rangle)^{1/2} = 1 \mu\text{G}$.

```
[16]: B_field_rnd = img.fields.NaiveGaussianMagneticField(
      grid=one_d_grid, parameters={'a0': 0.0*u.microgauss, 'b0': 1*u.microgauss})
```

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```

true_model_rnd = [ne_field, B_field, B_field_rnd]

# Creates simulation from these fields
simulation = mock_generator(true_model_rnd)

# Converts the simulation data into a mock observational data (including noise)
key = list(simulation.keys())[0]
sim_data = simulation[key].global_data.ravel()
err = 0.01
noise = np.random.normal(loc=0, scale=err, size=size)
mock_dset = img.observables.TabularDataset(data={'data': sim_data + noise,
                                                'x': x,
                                                'y': np.zeros_like(x),
                                                'z': np.zeros_like(x),
                                                'err': np.ones_like(x)*err},
                                           units=u.microgauss*u.cm**-3,
                                           name='test',
                                           data_col='data',
                                           err_col='err')

mock_measurements = img.observables.Measurements(mock_dset)

```

As this pipeline will involve stochastic fields, we use the `EnsembleLikelihood` class. Oftentimes one does not know a priori what is the required ensemble size. For definiteness, we will start with `ensemble_size=20`, run some diagnostics, and readjust the ensemble size later.

```

[17]: # Initializes the simulator and likelihood object, using the mock measurements
simulator = img.simulators.TestSimulator(mock_measurements)
likelihood = img.likelihoods.EnsembleLikelihood(mock_measurements)

# Generates factories from the fields (any previous parameter choices become defaults)
ne_factory = img.fields.FieldFactory(ne_field, active_parameters=[])

muG = u.microgauss
B_factory = img.fields.FieldFactory(B_field, active_parameters=['By'],
                                   priors={'By': img.priors.FlatPrior(-5,5, u.
↪microgauss)})

B_factory_rnd = img.fields.FieldFactory(B_field_rnd, active_parameters=['b0'],
                                       priors={'b0': img.priors.FlatPrior(0,5, u.
↪microgauss)})

# Initializes the pipeline
pipeline = img.pipelines.MultinestPipeline(run_directory=img.rc['temp_dir']+'/fitting_
↪rnd/',
                                       factory_list=[B_factory_rnd, B_factory, ne_
↪factory],
                                       simulator=simulator,
                                       likelihood=likelihood,
                                       show_summary_reports=False,
                                       ensemble_size=20)

# A quick test
pipeline.test(1)

Sampling centres of the parameter ranges.
Evaluating point: [2.5, 0.0]
Log-likelihood -41.1364592408928

```

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Total execution time: 0.021514978259801865 s

Average execution time: 0.021514978259801865 s

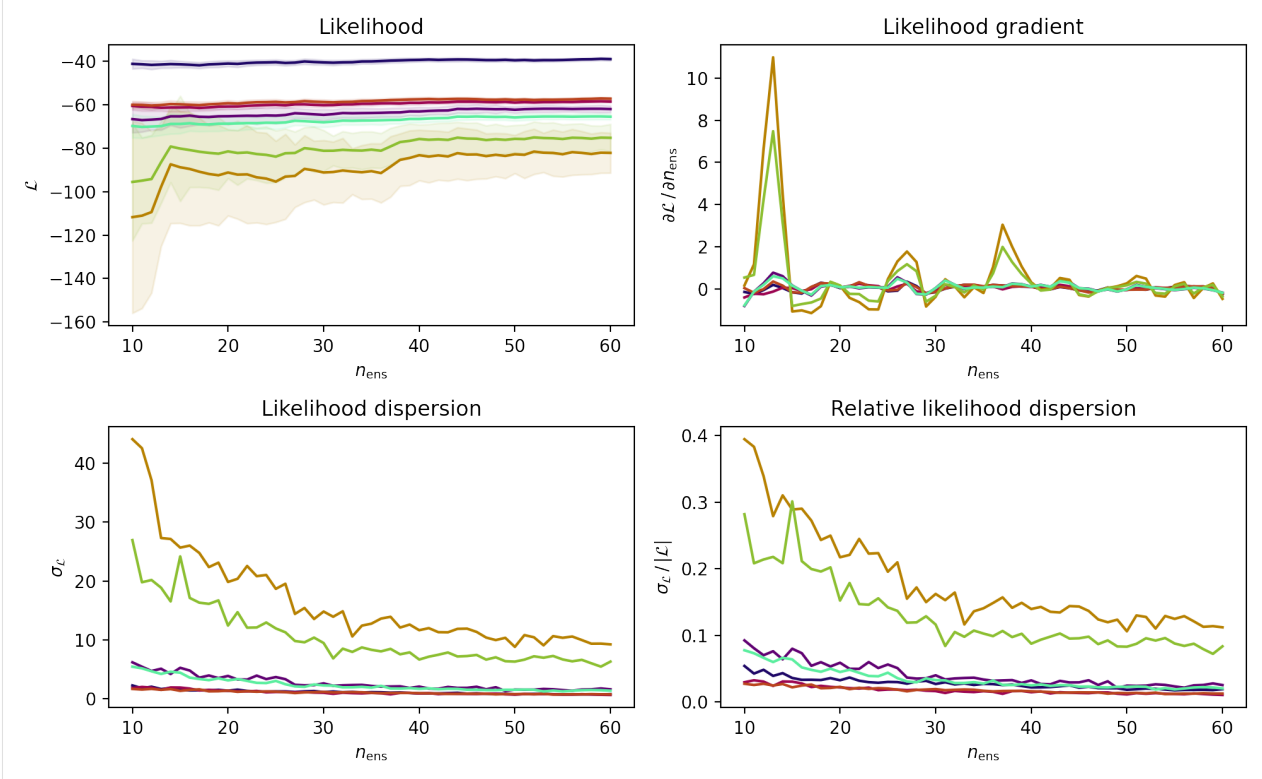
[17]: 0.021514978 s

So, how to choose the ensemble size? The ensemble should be large enough to provide a good estimate ensemble likelihood. There are two facets of this: first, the likelihood value must converge (i.e. increasing the ensemble size should not affect the likelihood significantly); secondly, the dispersion of likelihood values (i.e. the variation of the likelihood due to different random numbers in for generating the ensemble), should be small.

An IMAGINE pipeline comes with the `Pipeline.prepare_likelihood_convergence_report` for quickly examining these two aspects. The method computes the likelihood for multiple ensemble sizes (allowing one to track the likelihood convergence) and estimates the likelihood dispersion by bootstrapping the ensembles and taking the standard deviation of the resampled likelihood values. Of course, the likelihood can only be computed for individual points in the parameter space. The method addresses this by randomly drawing a number of points from the prior distribution (optionally, for convenience, it also includes the centres of the intervals, to have a fixed and intuitive reference point).

One can either directly access the report data directly, using the method `Pipeline.prepare_likelihood_convergence_report`, or look at set of standard plot containing it, using the method `Pipeline.likelihood_convergence_report`:

```
[18]: pipeline.likelihood_convergence_report(
    min_Nens=10,
    max_Nens=60,
    n_points=7,
    include_centre=True)
```

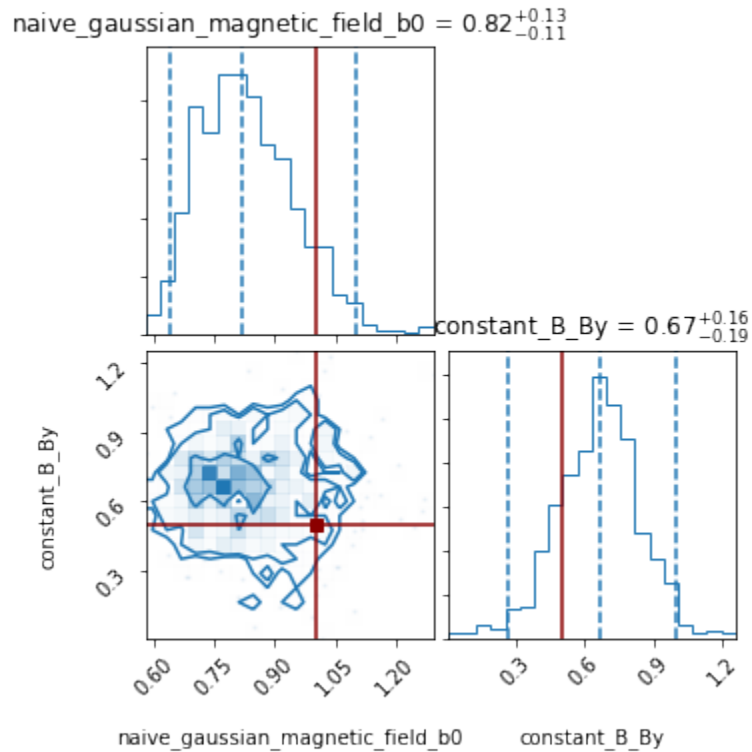


These plots indicate that the likelihood and its dispersion stabilise (approximately) between `ensemble_size=30` and 40. Also, the dispersion is only of few percent for the points in the parameter space with the highest likelihood. Armed with this information we will provisionally set the ensemble size.

```
[19]: pipeline.ensemble_size = 35
```

```
[ ]: pipeline.sampling_controllers = {'evidence_tolerance': 0.5, 'n_live_points': 200}
pipeline();
```

```
[21]: pipeline.corner_plot(truths_dict= {'constant_B_By': 0.5 ,
                                         'naive_gaussian_magnetic_field_b0': 1});
```



5.1 Model evidence

In the context of Bayesian statistics, the most rigorous way of comparing a set of models is looking at the Bayes *evidence* associated with each model. Given a dataset \mathcal{D} , model \mathcal{M} and a set of parameter θ , the evidence or *marginal likelihood* is given by

$$\mathcal{Z} = P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}) = \int_{\theta} P(\mathcal{D}|\theta, \mathcal{M})P(\theta|\mathcal{M})d\theta = \int_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}}(\theta)\pi(\theta)d\theta$$

To compare different models, one wants to compute the *Bayes factor*, which is given by

$$R = \frac{P(\mathcal{M}_1|d)}{P(\mathcal{M}_2|d)} = \frac{P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_1)P(\mathcal{M}_1)}{P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_2)P(\mathcal{M}_2)} = \frac{\mathcal{Z}_1}{\mathcal{Z}_2} \times \frac{P(\mathcal{M}_1)}{P(\mathcal{M}_2)}.$$

If there is no a priori reason for preferring one model over the other (as it is often the case), the prior ratio $P(\mathcal{M}_1)/P(\mathcal{M}_2)$ becomes unity and the Bayes factor becomes the ratio of evidences.

5.2 Information criteria

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CHAPTER 6

Parallelisation

The IMAGINE pipeline was designed with hybrid MPI/OpenMP use on a cluster in mind: the Pipeline distributes sampling work *accross different nodes* using MPI, while Fields and Simulators are assumed to use OpenMP (or similar shared memory multiprocessing) to run in parallel *within a single multi-core node*.

Basic elements of an IMAGINE pipeline

In this tutorial, we focus on introducing the basic building blocks of the IMAGINE package and how to use them for assembling a Bayesian analysis pipeline.

We will use mock data with only two independent free parameters. First, we will generate the mock data. Then we will assemble all elements needed for the IMAGINE pipeline, execute the pipeline and investigate its results.

The mock data are designed to “naively” mimic Faraday depth, which is affected linearly by the (Galactic) magnetic field and thermal electron density. As a function of position x , we define a constant coherent magnetic field component a_0 and a random magnetic field component which is drawn from a Gaussian distribution with standard deviation b_0 . The electron density is assumed to be independently known and given by a $\cos(x)$ with arbitrary scaling. The mock data values we get are related to the Faraday depth of a background source at some arbitrary distance:

$$\text{signal}(x) = [1 + \cos(x)] \times \mathcal{G}(\mu = a_0, \sigma = b_0; \text{seed} = s) \mu\text{G cm}^{-3}, \quad x \in [0, 2\pi] \text{ kpc}$$

where $\{a_0, b_0\}$ is the ‘physical’ parameter set, and s represents the seed for random variable generation.

The purpose is not to fit the exact signal, since it includes a stochastic component, but to fit the amplitude of the signal and of the variations around it. So this is fitting the strength of the coherent field a_0 and the amplitude of the random field b_0 . With these mock data and its (co)variance matrix, we shall assemble the IMAGINE pipeline, execute it and examine its results.

First, import the necessary packages.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import astropy.units as u
import astropy as apy
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

import imagine as img

%matplotlib inline
```

7.1 1) Preparing the mock data

In calculating the mock data values, we introduce noise as:

$$data(x) = signal(x) + noise(x)$$

For simplicity, we propose a simple gaussian noise with mean zero and a standard deviation e :

$$noise(x) = \mathcal{G}(\mu = 0, \sigma = e)$$

.

We will assume that we have 10 points in the x-direction, in the range $[0, 2\pi]$ kpc.

```
[2]: a0 = 3. # true value of a in microgauss
     b0 = 6. # true value of b in microgauss
     e = 0.1 # std of gaussian measurement error
     s = 233 # seed fixed for signal field

     size = 10 # data size in measurements
     x = np.linspace(0.01, 2.*np.pi-0.01, size) # where the observer is looking at

     np.random.seed(s) # set seed for signal field

     signal = (1+np.cos(x)) * np.random.normal(loc=a0, scale=b0, size=size)

     fd = signal + np.random.normal(loc=0., scale=e, size=size)

     # We load these to an astropy table for illustration/visualisation
     data = apy.table.Table({'meas' : u.Quantity(fd, u.microgauss*u.cm**-3),
                             'err': np.ones_like(fd)*e,
                             'x': x,
                             'y': np.zeros_like(fd),
                             'z': np.zeros_like(fd),
                             'other': np.ones_like(fd)*42})
     data[:4] # Shows the first 4 points in tabular form
```

```
[2]: <Table length=4>
      meas      err      x      y      z      other
      uG / cm3
      float64    float64    float64    float64 float64 float64
-----
      16.4217790817552      0.1      0.01      0.0      0.0      42.0
      7.172468731201507      0.1 0.7059094785755097      0.0      0.0      42.0
     -3.2254947821460433      0.1 1.4018189571510193      0.0      0.0      42.0
      0.27949334758966465      0.1 2.0977284357265287      0.0      0.0      42.0
```

These data need to be converted to an IMAGINE compatible format. To do this, we first create `TabularDataset` object, which helps importing dictionary-like dataset onto IMAGINE.

```
[3]: mockDataset = img.observables.TabularDataset(data, name='test',
                                                  data_col='meas',
                                                  err_col='err')
```

These lines simply explain how to read the tabular dataset (note that the ‘other’ column is ignored): `name` contains the type of observable we are using (here, we use ‘test’, it could also be ‘sync’ for synchrotron observables (e.g. Stokes parameters), ‘fd’ for Faraday Depth, etc. The `data_col` argument specifies the key or name of the column containing the relevant measurement. Coordinates (`coords_type`) can be given in either ‘cartesian’ or ‘galactic’.

If not provided, the coordinates type is derived from the provided data. In this example, we provided x , y and z in kpc and therefore the coordinates type is assumed to be 'cartesian'. The units of the dataset are represented using `astropy.units` objects and can be supplied (if they are, the Simulator will later check whether these are adequate and automatically convert the data to other units if needed).

The dataset can be loaded onto a `Measurements` object, which is subclass of `ObservableDict`. This object allows one to supply multiple datasets to the pipeline.

```
[4]: # Create Measurements object using mockDataset
mock_data = img.observables.Measurements(mockDataset)
```

The dataset object creates a standard key for each appended dataset. In our case, there is only one key.

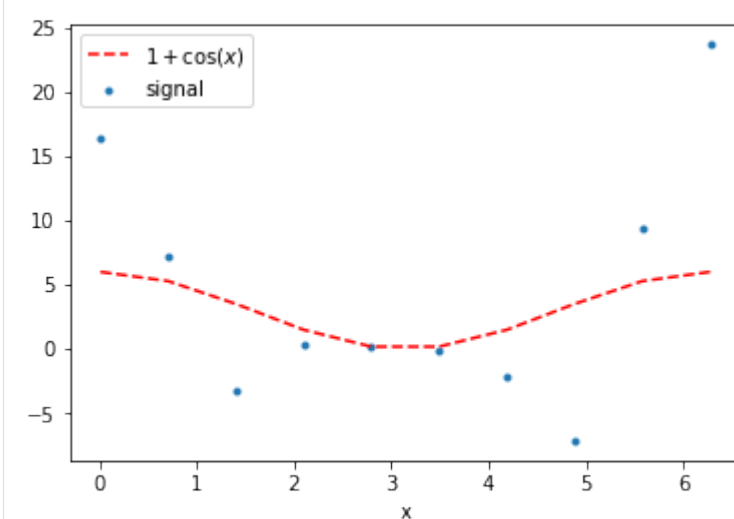
```
[5]: keys = list(mock_data.keys())
keys
```

```
[5]: [('test', None, 'tab', None)]
```

Let us plot the mock data as well as the $1 + \cos(x)$ function that is the underlying variation.

The property `Measurements.global_data` extracts arrays from the `Observable` object which is hosted inside the `ObservableDict` class.

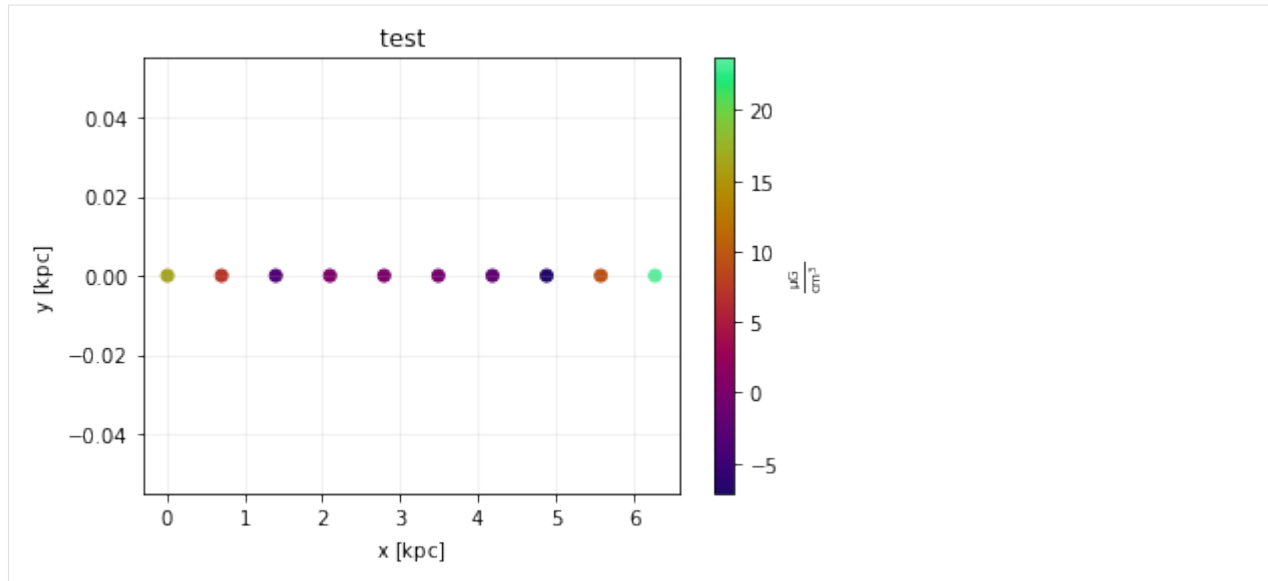
```
[6]: plt.scatter(x, mock_data[keys[0]].global_data[0], marker='.', label='signal')
plt.plot(x, (1+np.cos(x))*a0, 'r--', label='$1+\cos(x)$')
plt.xlabel('x'); plt.legend();
```



Note that the variance in the signal is highest where the $\cos(x)$ is also strongest. This is the way we expect the Faraday depth to work, since a fluctuation in the strength of \mathbf{B} has a larger effect on the RM when n_e also happens to be higher.

IMAGINE also comes with a built-in method for showing the contents of a `Measurements` objects on a skymap. In the next cell this is exemplified, though not very useful for this specific example.

```
[7]: mock_data.show(cartesian_axes='xy')
```



7.2 2) Pipeline assembly

Now that we have generated mock data, there are a few steps to set up the pipeline to estimate the input parameters. We need to specify: a grid, Field Factories, Simulators, and Likelihoods.

7.2.1 Setting the coordinate grid

Fields in IMAGINE represent models of any kind of physical field – in this particular tutorial, we will need a magnetic field and thermal electron density.

The Fields are evaluated on a grid of coordinates, represented by a `img.Grid` object. Here we exemplify how to produce a *regular cartesian* grid. To do so, we need to specify the values of the coordinates on the 6 extremities of the box (i.e. the minimum and maximum value for each coordinate), and the resolution over each dimension.

For this particular artificial example, we actually only need one dimension, so we set the resolution to 1 for y and z .

```
[8]: one_d_grid = img.fields.UniformGrid(box=[ [0, 2*np.pi]*u.kpc,
                                              [0, 0]*u.kpc,
                                              [0, 0]*u.kpc],
                                          resolution=[30, 1, 1])
```

7.2.2 Preparing the Field Factory list

A particular realisation of a model for a physical field is represented within IMAGINE by a *Field* object, which, given set of parameters, evaluates the field for over the grid.

A *Field Factory* is an associated piece of infrastructure used by the Pipeline to produce new Fields. It is a Factory object that needs to be initialized and supplied to the Pipeline. This is what we will illustrate here.

```
[9]: from imagine import fields
ne_factory = fields.CosThermalElectronDensityFactory(grid=one_d_grid)
```

The previous line instantiates `CosThermalElectronDensityFactory` with the previously defined `Grid` object. This Factory allows the Pipeline to produce `CosThermalElectronDensity` objects. These correspond to a toy model for electron density with the form:

$$n_e(x, y, z) = n_0[1 + \cos(ax + \alpha)][1 + \cos(by + \beta)][1 + \cos(cz + \gamma)].$$

We can set and check the default parameter values in the following way:

```
[10]: ne_factory.default_parameters= {'a': 1*u.rad/u.kpc,
                                     'beta': np.pi/2*u.rad,
                                     'gamma': np.pi/2*u.rad}
ne_factory.default_parameters
```

```
[10]: {'n0': <Quantity 1. 1 / cm3>,
      'a': <Quantity 1. rad / kpc>,
      'b': <Quantity 0. rad / kpc>,
      'c': <Quantity 0. rad / kpc>,
      'alpha': <Quantity 0. rad>,
      'beta': <Quantity 1.57079633 rad>,
      'gamma': <Quantity 1.57079633 rad>}
```

```
[11]: ne_factory.active_parameters
```

```
[11]: ()
```

For `ne_factory`, no active parameters were set. This means that the Field will be always evaluated using the specified default parameter values.

We will now similarly define the magnetic field, using the `NaiveGaussianMagneticField` which constructs a “naive” random field (i.e. the magnitude of x , y and z components of the field are drawn from a Gaussian distribution **without** imposing zero divergence, thus *do not use this for serious applications*).

```
[12]: B_factory = fields.NaiveGaussianMagneticFieldFactory(grid=one_d_grid)
```

Differently from the case of `ne_factory`, in this case we would like to make the parameters active. All individual components of the field are drawn from a Gaussian distribution with mean a_0 and standard deviation b_0 . To set these parameters as active we do:

```
[13]: B_factory.active_parameters = ('a0', 'b0')
B_factory.priors ={'a0': img.priors.FlatPrior(xmin=-4*u.microgauss,
                                              xmax=5*u.microgauss),
                  'b0': img.priors.FlatPrior(xmin=2*u.microgauss,
                                              xmax=10*u.microgauss)}
```

In the lines above we chose uniform (flat) priors for both parameters within the above specified ranges. Any active parameter must have a Prior distribution specified.

Once the two `FieldFactory` objects are prepared, they put together in a list which is later supplied to the Pipeline.

```
[14]: factory_list = [ne_factory, B_factory]
```

7.2.3 Initializing the Simulator

For this tutorial, we use a customized `TestSimulator` which simply computes the quantity: $t(x, y, z) = B_y n_e$, i.e. the contribution at one specific point to the Faraday depth.

The simulator is initialized with the mock Measurements defined before, which allows it to know what is the correct format for output.

```
[15]: from imagine.simulators import TestSimulator
      simer = TestSimulator(mock_data)
```

7.2.4 Initializing the Likelihood

IMAGINE provides the `Likelihood` class with `EnsembleLikelihood` and `SimpleLikelihood` as two options. The `SimpleLikelihood` is what you expect, computing a single χ^2 from the difference of the simulated and the measured datasets. The `EnsembleLikelihood` is how IMAGINE handles a signal which itself includes a stochastic component, e.g., what we call the Galactic variance. This likelihood module makes use of a finite ensemble of simulated realizations and uses their mean and covariance to compare them to the measured dataset.

```
[16]: likelihood = img.likelihoods.EnsembleLikelihood(mock_data)
```

7.3 3) Running the pipeline

Now we have all the necessary components available to run our pipeline. This can be done through a `Pipeline` object, which interfaces with some algorithm to sample the likelihood space accounting for the prescribed prior distributions for the parameters.

IMAGINE comes with a range of samplers coded as different `Pipeline` classes, most of which are based on the nested sampling approach. In what follows we will use the `MultiNest` sampler as an example.

IMAGINE takes care of stochastic fields by evaluating an ensemble of random realisations for each selected point in the parameter space, and computing the associated covariance (i.e. estimating the `Galactic variance`). We can set this up through the `ensemble_size` argument.

Now we are ready to initialize our final pipeline.

```
[17]: pipeline = img.pipelines.MultinestPipeline(simulator=simer,
      run_directory='../runs/tutorial_one',
      factory_list=factory_list,
      likelihood=likelihood,
      ensemble_size=27)
```

The `run_directory` keyword is used to setup where the state of the pipeline is saved (allowing loading the pipeline in the future). It is also where the chains generated by the sampler are saved in the sampler's native format (if the sampler supports this).

The property `sampling_controllers` allows one to send sampler-specific parameters to the chosen `Pipeline`. Each IMAGINE `Pipeline` object will have slightly different sampling controllers, which can be found in the specific `Pipeline`'s docstring.

```
[18]: pipeline.sampling_controllers = {'evidence_tolerance': 0.5, 'n_live_points': 200}
```

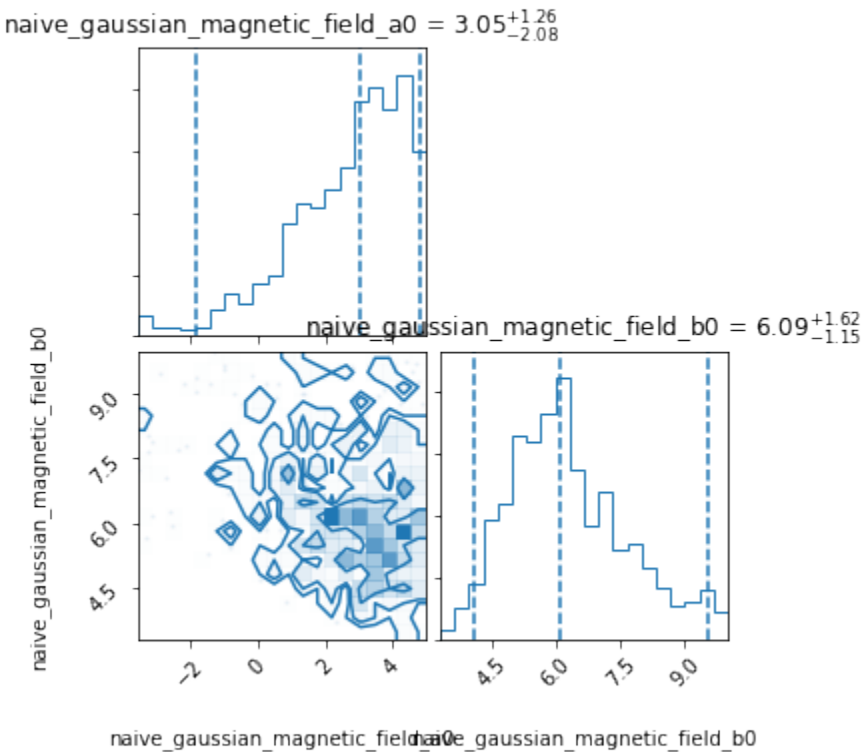
In a standard *nested sampling approach*, a set of “live points” is initially sampled from the prior distribution. After each iteration the point with the smallest likelihood is removed (it becomes a *dead point*, and its likelihood value is stored) and a new point is sampled from the prior. As each dead point is associated to some prior volume, they can be used to estimate the evidence (see, e.g. [here](#) for details). In the `MultinestPipeline`, the number of live points is set using the `'n_live_points'` sampling controller.

The sampling parameter `'evidence_tolerance'` allows one to control the target error in the estimated evidence.

Now, we *finally* can run the pipeline!

```
[19]: results = pipeline()
      analysing data from ../runs/tutorial_one/chains/multinest_.txt
```

Posterior report:



Evidence report:

$\log \mathcal{Z} = -33.74 \pm 0.07$

Thus, one can see that after the pipeline finishes running, a brief summary report is written to screen.

When one runs the pipeline it returns a results dictionary object in the native format of the chosen sampler. Alternatively, after running the pipeline object, the results can also be accessed through its attributes, which are standard interfaces (i.e. all pipelines should work in the same way).

For comparing different models, the quantity of interest is the *model evidence* (or *marginal likelihood*) \mathcal{Z} . After a run, this can be easily accessed as follows.

```
[20]: print('log evidence: {0:.2f} ± {1:.2f}'.format(pipeline.log_evidence,
      pipeline.log_evidence_err))
log evidence: -33.74 ± 0.07
```

A dictionary containing a summary of the *constraints to the parameters* can be accessed through the property `posterior_summary`:

```
[21]: pipeline.posterior_summary
[21]: {'naive_gaussian_magnetic_field_a0': {'median': <Quantity 3.04653036 uG>,
      'errlo': <Quantity 2.09241063 uG>,
      'errup': <Quantity 1.26013795 uG>,
      'mean': <Quantity 2.62797986 uG>,
      'stdev': <Quantity 1.73790351 uG>},
```

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```
'naive_gaussian_magnetic_field_b0': {'median': <Quantity 6.09011278 uG>,
'errlo': <Quantity 1.15964546 uG>,
'errup': <Quantity 1.61955049 uG>,
'mean': <Quantity 6.2845587 uG>,
'stdev': <Quantity 1.37869584 uG>}}
```

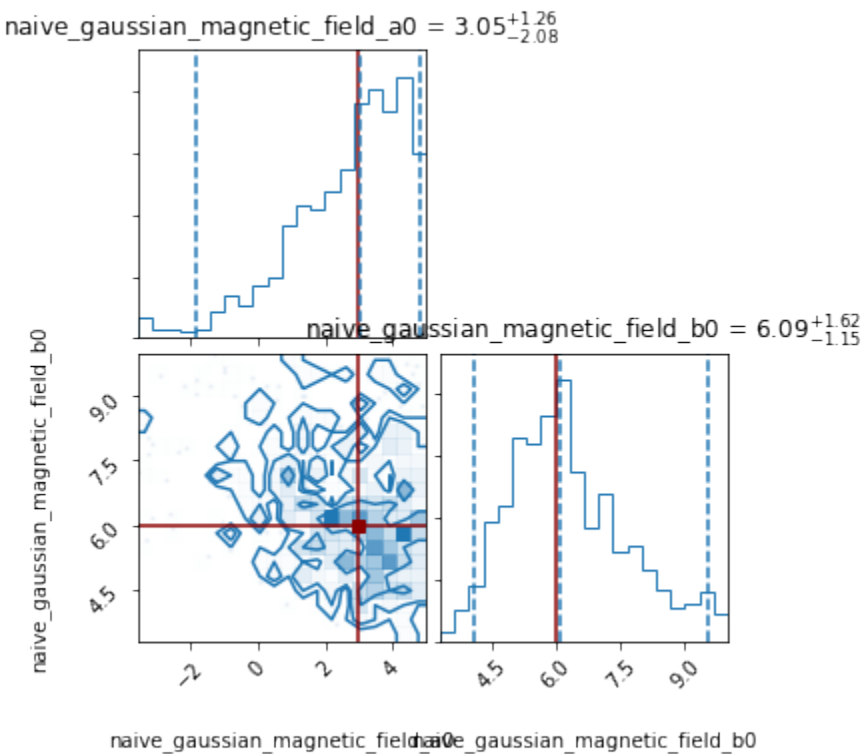
In most cases, however, one would (should) prefer to work directly on the samples produced by the sampler. A table containing the parameter values of the samples generated can be accessed through:

```
[22]: samples = pipeline.samples
samples[:3] # Displays only first 3 rows

[22]: <QTable length=3>
naive_gaussian_magnetic_field_a0 naive_gaussian_magnetic_field_b0
      uG                        uG
      float64                    float64
-----
      -3.3186057209968567      5.630247116088867
      -3.163660407066345      6.178023815155029
      4.913007915019989       3.289425849914551
```

For convenience, the corner plot showing the posterior distribution obtained from the samples can be generated using the `corner_plot` method of the Pipeline object (which uses the `corner` library). This can show “truth” values of the parameters (in case someone is doing a test like this one).

```
[23]: pipeline.corner_plot(truths_dict={'naive_gaussian_magnetic_field_a0': 3,
'naive_gaussian_magnetic_field_b0': 6});
```



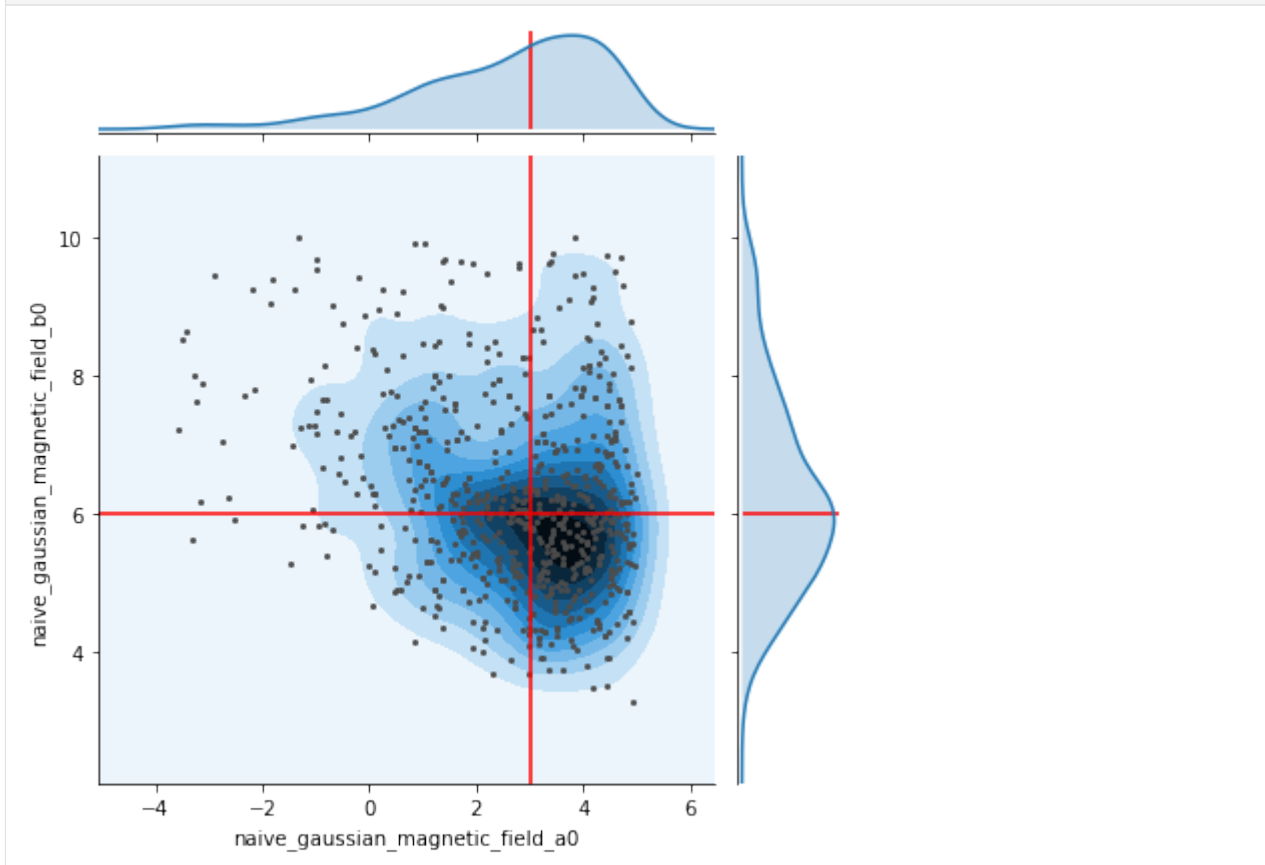
One can, of course, choose other plotting/analysis routines. Below, the use of `seaborn` is exemplified.

```
[24]: import seaborn as sns
def plot_samples_seaborn(samp):

    def show_truth_in_jointplot(jointplot, true_x, true_y, color='r'):
        for ax in (jointplot.ax_joint, jointplot.ax_marg_x):
            ax.vlines([true_x], *ax.get_ylim(), colors=color)
        for ax in (jointplot.ax_joint, jointplot.ax_marg_y):
            ax.hlines([true_y], *ax.get_xlim(), colors=color)

    snsfig = sns.jointplot(*samp.colnames, data=samp.to_pandas(), kind='kde')
    snsfig.plot_joint(sns.scatterplot, linewidth=0, marker='.', color='0.3')
    show_truth_in_jointplot(snsfig, a0, b0)
```

```
[25]: plot_samples_seaborn(samples)
```



7.4 Random seeds and convergence checks

The pipeline relies on random numbers in multiple ways. The Monte Carlo sampler will draw randomly chosen points in the parameter space during its exploration (in the specific case of *nested sampling* pipelines, these are drawn from the prior distributions). Also, while evaluating the fields at each point, random realisations of the stochastic fields are generated.

It is possible to control the behaviour of the random seeding of an IMAGINE pipeline through the attribute `master_seed`. This attribute has two uses: it is passed to the sampler, ensuring that its behaviour is reproducible; and it is also used to generate a fresh list of new random seeds to each stochastic field that is evaluated.

```
[26]: pipeline.master_seed
```

```
[26]: 1
```

By default, the master seed is fixed and set to 1, but you can alter its value before running the pipeline.

One can also change the seeding behaviour through the `random_type` attribute. There are three allowed options for this:

- ‘controllable’ - the `master_seed` is constant and a re-running the pipeline should lead to the exact same results (default), and the random seeds which are used for generating the ensembles of stochastic fields are drawn in the beginning of the pipeline run;
- ‘free’ - on each execution, a new `master_seed` is drawn (using `numpy.randint`), moreover: at *each evaluation of the likelihood* the stochastic fields receive a new set of ensemble seeds;
- ‘fixed’ - this mode is for debugging purposes. The `master_seed` is fixed, as in the ‘controllable’ case, however each individual stochastic field receives the exact same list of ensemble seeds every time (while in the controllable these are chosen “randomly” at run-time). Such choice can be inspected using `pipeline.ensemble_seeds`.

Let us now check whether different executions of the pipeline are generating consistent results. To do so, we run it five times and just overplot histograms of the outputs to see if they all look the same. The following can be done in a few minutes.

```
[27]: fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(15, 4))
repeat = 5
pipeline.show_summary_reports = False # Avoid summary reports
pipeline.sampling_controllers['resume'] = False # Pipeline will re-run
samples_list = []
for i in range(1, repeat+1):
    print('-'*60+'\nRun {}/{}'.format(i, repeat))
    if i>1:
        # Re-runs the pipeline with a different seed
        pipeline.master_seed = i
        _ = pipeline()
    print('log Z = ', round(pipeline.log_evidence, 4),
          '±', round(pipeline.log_evidence_err, 4))

    samples = pipeline.samples

    for j, param in enumerate(pipeline.samples.columns):
        samp = samples[param]
        axs[j].hist(samp.value, alpha=0.4, bins=30, label=pipeline.master_seed)
        axs[j].set_title(param)
    # Stores the samples for later use
    samples_list.append(samples)

for i in range(2):
    axs[i].legend(title='seed')
```

```
-----
Run 1/5
log Z = -33.7403 ± 0.0686
-----
Run 2/5
  analysing data from ../runs/tutorial_one/chains/multinest_.txt
log Z = -36.422 ± 0.0599
-----
```

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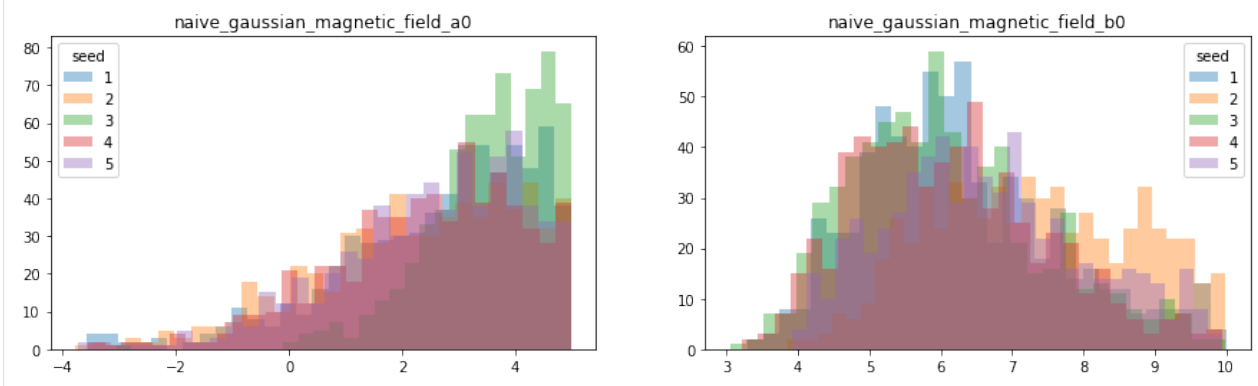
```

Run 3/5
  analysing data from ../runs/tutorial_one/chains/multinest_.txt
log Z = -33.593 ± 0.0788
-----

Run 4/5
  analysing data from ../runs/tutorial_one/chains/multinest_.txt
log Z = -33.329 ± 0.0636
-----

Run 5/5
  analysing data from ../runs/tutorial_one/chains/multinest_.txt
log Z = -34.6659 ± 0.0663

```

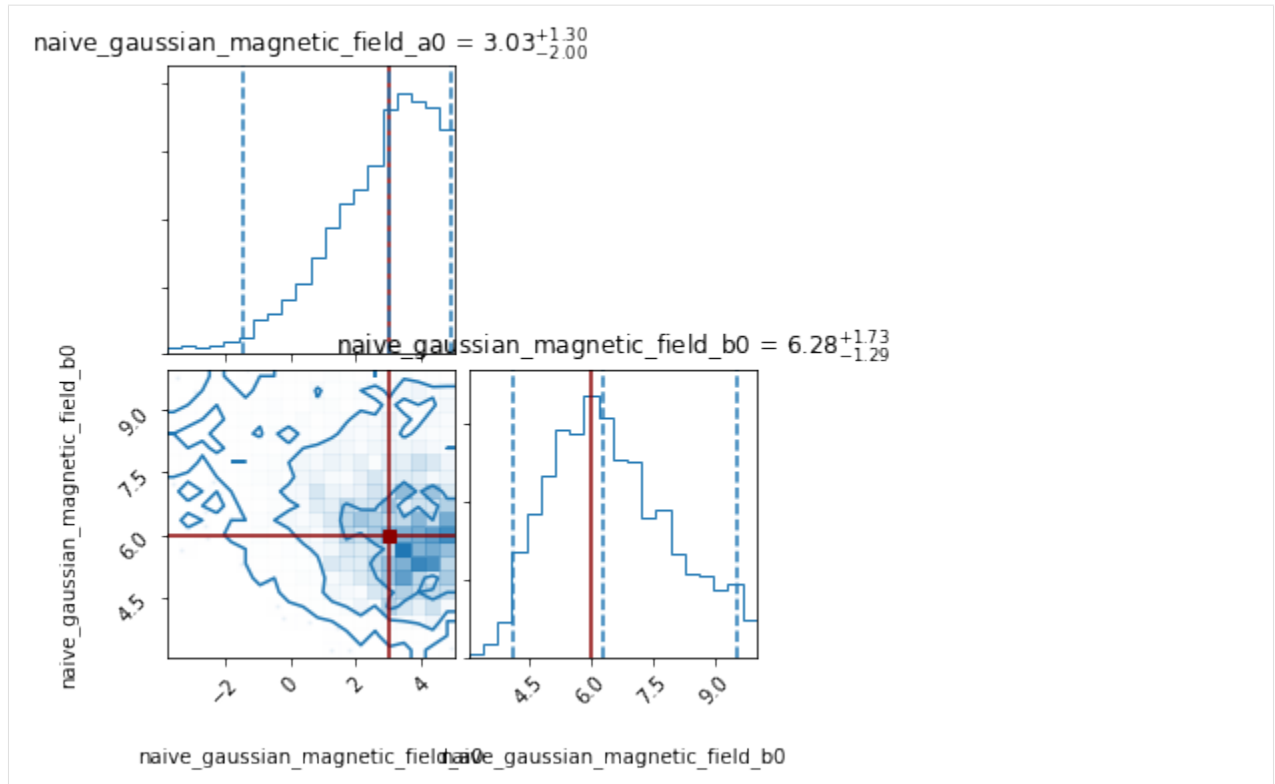


After being satisfied, one may want to put together all the samples. A set of rigorous tools for combining multiple pipelines/runs is *currently under development*, but a first order approximation to this can be seen below:

```

[28]: all_samples = apy.table.vstack(samples_list)
img.tools.corner_plot(table=all_samples,
                      truths_dict={'naive_gaussian_magnetic_field_a0': 3,
                                   'naive_gaussian_magnetic_field_b0': 6});

```



7.5 Script example

A script version of this tutorial can be found in the [examples directory](#).

Including new observational data

In this tutorial we will see how to load observational data onto IMAGINE.

Both observational and simulated data are manipulated within IMAGINE through *observable dictionaries*. There are three types of these: Measurements, Simulations and Covariances, which can store multiple entries of observational, simulated and covariance (either real or mock) data, respectively. Appending data to an `ObservableDict` requires following some requirements regarding the data format, therefore we recommend the use of one of the `Dataset` classes.

8.1 HEALPix Datasets

Let us illustrate how to prepare an IMAGINE dataset with the Faraday depth map obtained by Oppermann et al. 2012 (arXiv:1111.6186).

The following snippet will download the [data](https://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/ift/faraday/2012/faraday.fits) (a ~4MB FITS file) to RAM and open it.

```
[1]: import requests, io
from astropy.io import fits

download = requests.get('https://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/ift/faraday/2012/faraday.
↳fits')
raw_dataset = fits.open(io.BytesIO(download.content))
raw_dataset.info()
```

```
Filename: <class '_io.BytesIO'>
No.      Name      Ver   Type      Cards   Dimensions   Format
  0  PRIMARY          1 PrimaryHDU      7      ()
  1  TEMPERATURE      1 BinTableHDU    17    196608R x 1C  [E]
  2  signal uncertainty  1 BinTableHDU    17    196608R x 1C  [E]
  3  Faraday depth     1 BinTableHDU    17    196608R x 1C  [E]
  4  Faraday uncertainty 1 BinTableHDU    17    196608R x 1C  [E]
  5  galactic profile  1 BinTableHDU    17    196608R x 1C  [E]
  6  angular power spectrum of signal 1 BinTableHDU    12    384R x 1C    [E]
```

Now we will feed this to an IMAGINE Dataset. It requires converting the data into a proper numpy array of floats. To allow this notebook running on a small memory laptop, we will also reduce the size of the arrays (only taking 1 value every 256).

```
[2]: from imagine.observables import FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset
import numpy as np
from astropy import units as u
import healpy as hp

# Adjusts the data to the right format
fd_raw = raw_dataset[3].data.astype(np.float)
sigma_fd_raw = raw_dataset[4].data.astype(np.float)
# Makes it smaller, to save memory
fd_raw = hp.pixelfunc.ud_grade(fd_raw, 4)
sigma_fd_raw = hp.pixelfunc.ud_grade(sigma_fd_raw, 4)
# We need to include units the data
# (this avoids later errors and inconsistencies)
fd_raw *= u.rad/u.m/u.m
sigma_fd_raw *= u.rad/u.m/u.m
# Loads into a Dataset
dset = FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset(data=fd_raw, error=sigma_fd_raw)
```

One important assumption in the previous code-block is that the covariance matrix is diagonal, i.e. that the errors in FD are *uncorrelated*. If this is not the case, instead of initializing the `FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset` with data and error, one should initialize it with data and cov, where the latter is the correct covariance matrix.

To keep things organised and useful, we *strongly recommend* to create a personalised dataset class and make it available to the rest of the consortium in the `imagine-datasets` GitHub repository. An example of such a class is the following:

```
[3]: from imagine.observables import FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset

class FaradayDepthOppermann2012(FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset):
    def __init__(self, Nside=None):
        # Fetches and reads the
        download = requests.get('https://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/ift/faraday/2012/
↪faraday.fits')
        raw_dataset = fits.open(io.BytesIO(download.content))
        # Adjusts the data to the right format
        fd_raw = raw_dataset[3].data.astype(np.float)
        sigma_fd_raw = raw_dataset[4].data.astype(np.float)
        # Reduces the resolution
        if Nside is not None:
            fd_raw = hp.pixelfunc.ud_grade(fd_raw, Nside)
            sigma_fd_raw = hp.pixelfunc.ud_grade(sigma_fd_raw, Nside)
        # Includes units in the data
        fd_raw *= u.rad/u.m/u.m
        sigma_fd_raw *= u.rad/u.m/u.m
        # Loads into the Dataset
        super().__init__(data=fd_raw, error=sigma_fd_raw)
```

With this pre-programmed, anyone will be able to load this into the pipeline by simply doing

```
[4]: dset = FaradayDepthOppermann2012(Nside=32)
```

In fact, this dataset is part of the `imagine-datasets` repository and can be immediately accessed using:

```
import imagine_datasets as img_data
dset = img_data.HEALPix.fd.Oppermann2012(Nside=32)
```

One of the advantages of using the datasets in the `imagine_datasets` repository is that they are cached to the hard disk and are only downloaded on the first time they are requested.

Now that we have a dataset, we can load this into a `Measurements` and `Covariances` objects (which will be discussed in detail further down).

```
[5]: from imagine.observables import Measurements, Covariances

# Creates an instance
mea = Measurements()

# Appends the data
mea.append(dataset=dset)
```

If the dataset contains error or covariance data, its inclusion in a `Measurements` object automatically leads to the inclusion of such dataset in an associated `Covariances` object. This can be accessed through the `cov` attribute:

```
[6]: mea.cov
[6]: <imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances at 0x7ffaaf2f1d10>
```

An alternative, rather useful, supported syntax is providing the datasets as one initializes the `Measurements` object.

```
[7]: # Creates _and_ appends
mea = Measurements(dset)
```

8.2 Tabular Datasets

So far, we looked into datasets comprising `HEALPix` maps. One may also want to work with *tabular* datasets. We exemplify this fetching and preparing a RM catalogue of Mao et al 2010 ([arXiv:1003.4519](https://arxiv.org/abs/1003.4519)). In the case of this particular dataset, we can import the data from `VizieR` using the `astroquery` library.

```
[8]: import astroquery
from astroquery.vizier import Vizier

# Fetches the relevant catalogue from Vizier
# (see https://astroquery.readthedocs.io/en/latest/vizier/vizier.html for details)
catalog = Vizier.get_catalogs('J/ApJ/714/1170')[0]
catalog[:3] # Shows only first rows
```

```
[8]: <Table length=3>
      RAJ2000    DEJ2000    GLON    GLAT    ...    I      S5.2    f_S5.2    NVSS
      "h:m:s"    "d:m:s"    deg     deg     ...    mJy
      bytes11    bytes11    float32 float32 ... float64 bytes3 bytes1 bytes4
-----
13 07 08.33 +24 47 00.7    0.21    85.76 ...    131.49    Yes         NVSS
13 35 48.14 +20 10 16.0    0.86    77.70 ...    71.47    No          b    NVSS
13 24 14.48 +22 13 13.1    1.33    81.08 ...    148.72    Yes         NVSS
```

The procedure for converting this to an `IMAGINE` data set is the following:

```
[9]: from imagine.observables import TabularDataset
dset_tab = TabularDataset(catalog, name='fd', tag=None,
                           units= u.rad/u.m/u.m,
                           data_col='RM', err_col='e_RM',
                           lat_col='GLAT', lon_col='GLON')
```

`catalog` must be a dictionary-like object (e.g. `dict`, `astropy.Tables`, `pandas.DataFrame`) and `data/error/lat/lon` specify the key/column-name used to retrieve the relevant data from `catalog`. The `name` argument specifies the type of measurement that is being stored. This has to agree with the requirements of the Simulator you will use. Some standard available observable names are:

- ‘fd’ - Faraday depth
- ‘sync’ - Synchrotron emission, needs the `tag` to be interpreted
 - tag = ‘I’ - Total intensity
 - tag = ‘Q’ - Stokes Q
 - tag = ‘U’ - Stokes U
 - tag = ‘PI’ - polarisation intensity
 - tag = ‘PA’ - polarisation angle
- ‘dm’ - Dispersion measure

The units are provided as an `astropy.units.Unit` object and are converted internally to the requirements of the specific Simulator being used.

Again, the procedure can be packed and distributed to the community in a (very short!) personalised class:

```
[10]: from astroquery.vizier import Vizier
from imagine.observables import TabularDataset

class FaradayRotationMao2010(TabularDataset):
    def __init__(self):
        # Fetches the catalogue
        catalog = Vizier.get_catalogs('J/ApJ/714/1170')[0]
        # Reads it to the TabularDataset (the catalogue obj actually contains units)
        super().__init__(catalog, name='fd', units=catalog['RM'].unit,
                          data_col='RM', err_col='e_RM',
                          lat_col='GLAT', lon_col='GLON')
```

```
[11]: dset_tab = FaradayRotationMao2010() # ta-da!
```

8.3 Measurements and Covariances

Again, we can include these observables in our `Measurements` object. This is a dictionary-like object, i.e. given a key, one can access a given item.

```
[12]: mea.append(dataset=dset_tab)

print('Measurement keys:')
for k in mea.keys():
    print('\t', k)
```

```
Measurement keys:
  ('fd', None, 32, None)
  ('fd', None, 'tab', None)
```

Associated with the `Measurements` objects there is a `Covariances` object which stores the covariance matrix associated with each entry in the `Measurements`. This is also an `ObservableDict` subclass and has, therefore, similar behaviour. If the original `Dataset` contained error information but no full covariance data, a diagonal covariance matrix is assumed. (N.B. correlations between different observables – i.e. different entries in the `Measurements` object – are still not supported.)

```
[13]: print('Covariances dictionary', mea.cov)
      print('\nCovariance keys:')
      for k in mea.cov.keys():
          print('\t', k)
```

```
Covariances dictionary <imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances object at_
↳0x7ffaaf00d750>
```

```
Covariance keys:
  ('fd', None, 32, None)
  ('fd', None, 'tab', None)
```

The keys follow a strict convention: `(data-name, data-freq, Nside/'tab', ext)`

- If data is independent from frequency, `data-freq` is set `None`, otherwise it is the frequency in GHz.
- The third value in the key-tuple is the HEALPix `Nside` (for maps) or the string `'tab'` for tabular data.
- Finally, the last value, `ext` can be `'I','Q','U','PI','PA'`, `None` or other customized tags depending on the nature of the observable.

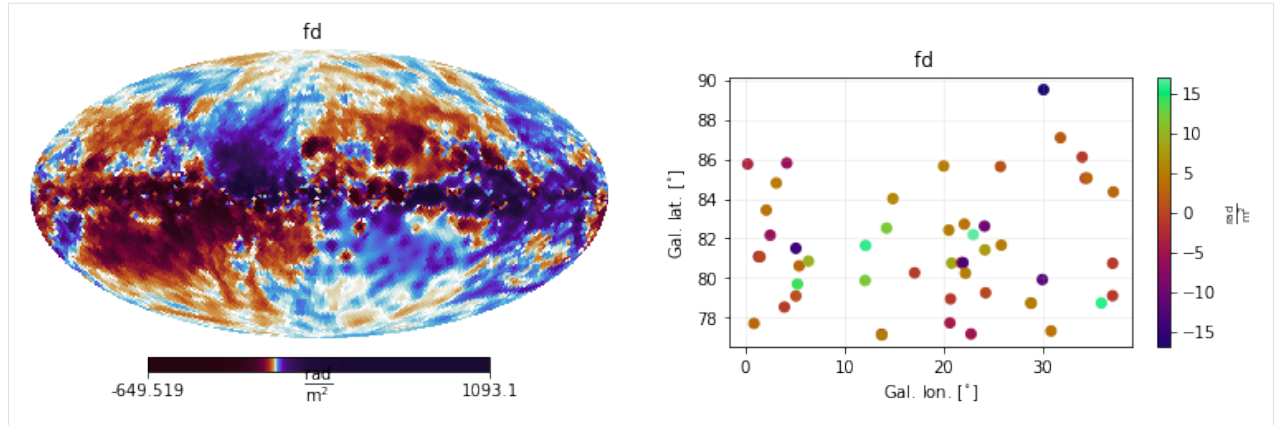
8.3.1 Accessing and visualising data

Frequently, one may want to see what is inside a given `Measurements` object. For this, one can use the handy helper method `show()`, which automatically displays all the contents of your `Measurements` object.

```
[14]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      plt.figure(figsize=(12,3))
```

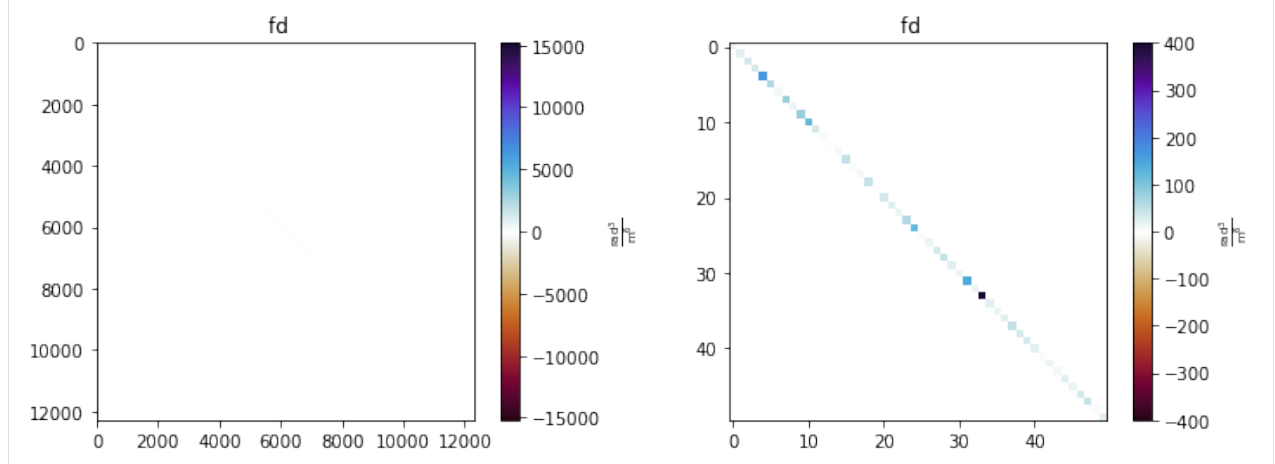
```
mea.show()
```

```
/home/lrodrigues/miniconda3/envs/imagine/lib/python3.7/site-packages/healpy/projaxes.
↳py:209: MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: Passing parameters norm and vmin/vmax_
↳simultaneously is deprecated since 3.3 and will become an error two minor releases_
↳later. Please pass vmin/vmax directly to the norm when creating it.
**kwargs
```



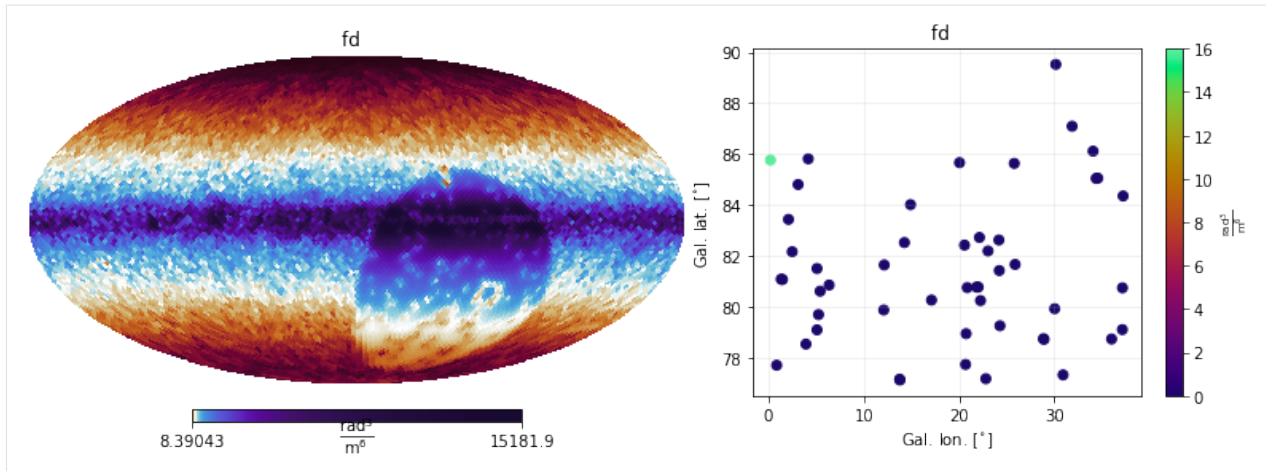
One may also be interested in visualising the associated covariance matrices, which in this case are diagonals, since the Dataset objects were initialized using the `error` keyword argument.

```
[15]: plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
      mea.cov.show()
```



It is also possible to show only the variances (i.e. the diagonals of the covariance matrices). This is plotted as maps, to aid the interpretation

```
[16]: plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))
      mea.cov.show(show_variances=True)
```

Finally, to directly access the data, one needs first to find out what the keys are:

```
[17]: list(mea.keys())
[17]: [('fd', None, 32, None), ('fd', None, 'tab', None)]
```

and use them to get the data using the `global_data` property

```
[18]: my_key = ('fd', None, 32, None)
      extracted_obs_data = mea[my_key].global_data

      print(type(extracted_obs_data))
      print(extracted_obs_data.shape)

<class 'numpy.ndarray'>
(1, 12288)
```

The property `global_data` automatically gathers the data if `rc['distributed_arrays']` is set to `True`, while the attribute `data` returns the local values. If not using `'distributed_arrays'` the two options are equivalent.

8.3.2 Manually appending data

An alternative way to include data into an Observables dictionary is explicitly choosing the key and adjusting the data shape. One can see how this is handled by the Dataset object in the following cell

```
[19]: # Creates a new dataset
      dset = FaradayDepthOppermann2012(Nside=2)
      # This is how HEALPix data can be included without the mediation of Datasets:
      cov = np.diag(dset.var) # Covariance matrix from the variances
      mea.append(name=dset.key, data=dset.data, cov_data=cov, otype='HEALPix')
      # This is what Dataset is doing:
      print('The key used in the "name" arg was:', dset.key)
      print('The shape of data was:', dset.data.shape)
      print('The shape of the covariance matrix arg was:', cov.shape)

The key used in the "name" arg was: ('fd', None, 2, None)
The shape of data was: (1, 48)
The shape of the covariance matrix arg was: (48, 48)
```

But what exactly is stored in `mea`? This is handled by an `Observable` object. Here we illustrate with the tabular dataset previously defined.

```
[20]: print(type(mea[dset_tab.key]))
print('mea.data:', repr(mea[dset_tab.key].data))
print('mea.data.shape:', mea[dset_tab.key].data.shape)
print('mea.unit', repr(mea[dset_tab.key].unit))
print('mea.coords (coordinates dict -- for tabular datasets only):\n',
      mea[dset_tab.key].coords)
print('mea.dtype:', mea[dset_tab.key].dtype)
print('mea.otype:', mea[dset_tab.key].otype)
print('\n\nmea.cov type', type(mea.cov[dset_tab.key]))
print('mea.cov.data type:', type(mea.cov[dset_tab.key].data))
print('mea.cov.data.shape:', mea.cov[dset_tab.key].data.shape)
print('mea.cov.dtype:', mea.cov[dset_tab.key].dtype)

<class 'imagine.observables.observable.Observable'>
mea.data: array([[ -3.,   3.,  -6.,   0.,   4.,  -6.,   5.,  -1.,  -6.,   1., -14.,
    14.,   3.,  10.,  12.,  16.,  -3.,   5.,  12.,   6.,  -1.,   5.,
     5.,  -4.,  -1.,   9.,  -1., -13.,   4.,   5.,  -5.,  17., -10.,
     8.,   0.,   1.,   5.,   9.,   5., -12., -17.,   4.,   2.,  -1.,
    -3.,   3.,  16.,  -1.,  -1.,   3.]])
mea.data.shape: (1, 50)
mea.unit Unit("rad / m2")
mea.coords (coordinates dict -- for tabular datasets only):
  {'type': 'galactic', 'lon': <Quantity [ 0.21,  0.86,  1.33,  1.47,  2.1 ,  2.49,  3.
↪11,  3.93,  4.17,
    5.09,  5.09,  5.25,  5.42,  6.36, 12.09, 12.14, 13.76, 13.79,
    14.26, 14.9 , 17.1 , 20.04, 20.56, 20.67, 20.73, 20.85, 21.83,
    22.   , 22.13, 22.24, 22.8 , 23.03, 24.17, 24.21, 24.28, 25.78,
    25.87, 28.84, 28.9 , 30.02, 30.14, 30.9 , 31.85, 34.05, 34.37,
    34.54, 35.99, 37.12, 37.13, 37.2 ] deg>, 'lat': <Quantity [85.76, 77.7 ,
↪81.08, 81.07, 83.43, 82.16, 84.8 , 78.53, 85.81,
    79.09, 81.5 , 79.69, 80.61, 80.85, 79.87, 81.64, 77.15, 77.12,
    82.52, 84.01, 80.26, 85.66, 82.42, 77.73, 78.94, 80.75, 80.77,
    80.77, 82.72, 80.24, 77.17, 82.19, 82.62, 81.42, 79.25, 85.63,
    81.66, 78.74, 78.72, 79.92, 89.52, 77.32, 87.09, 86.11, 85.04,
    85.05, 78.73, 79.1 , 80.74, 84.35] deg>}}
mea.dtype: measured
mea.otype: tabular

mea.cov type <class 'imagine.observables.observable.Observable'>
mea.cov.data type: <class 'numpy.ndarray'>
mea.cov.data.shape: (50, 50)
mea.cov.dtype: variance
```

The Dataset object may also automatically distribute the data across different nodes if one is running the code using MPI parallelisation – a strong reason for sticking to using Datasets instead of appending directly.

Fields and Factories

Within the IMAGINE pipeline, spatially varying physical quantities are represented by `Field` objects. This can be a *scalar*, as the number density of thermal electrons, or a *vector*, as the Galactic magnetic field.

In order to extend or personalise adding in one's own model for an specific field, one needs to follow a small number of simple steps:

1. choose a **coordinate grid** where your model will be evaluated,
2. write a **field class**, and
3. write a **field factory** class.

The **field objects** will do the actual computation of the physical field, given a set of physical parameters and a coordinate grid. The **field factory objects** take care of book-keeping tasks: e.g. they hold the parameter ranges and default values, and translate the dimensionless parameters used by the sampler (always in the interval $[0, 1]$) to physical parameters, and hold the prior information on the parameter values.

9.1 Coordinate grid

You can create your own coordinate grid by subclassing `imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid`. The only thing which has to actually be programmed in the new sub-class is a method overriding `generate_coordinates()`, which produces a dictionary of numpy arrays containing coordinates in *either* cartesian, cylindrical or spherical coordinates (generally assumed, in Galactic contexts, to be centred in the centre of the Milky Way).

Typically, however, it is sufficient to use a simple grid with coordinates uniformly-spaced in cartesian, spherical or cylindrical coordinates. This can be done using the `UniformGrid` class. `UniformGrid` objects are initialized with the arguments: `box`, which contains the ranges of each coordinate in kpc or rad; `resolution`, a list of integers containing the number of grid points on each dimension; and `grid_type`, which can be either 'cartesian' (default), 'cylindrical' or 'spherical'.

```
[1]: import imagine as img
import numpy as np
import astropy.units as u
```

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```
# Fixes numpy seed to ensure this notebook leads always to the same results
np.random.seed(42)

# A cartesian grid can be constructed as follows
cartesian_grid = img.fields.UniformGrid(box=[[-15*u.kpc, 15*u.kpc],
                                             [-15*u.kpc, 15*u.kpc],
                                             [-15*u.kpc, 15*u.kpc]],
                                         resolution = [15,15,15])

# For cylindrical grid, the limits are specified assuming
# the order: r (cylindrical), phi, z
cylindrical_grid = img.fields.UniformGrid(box=[[0.25*u.kpc, 15*u.kpc],
                                             [-180*u.deg, np.pi*u.rad],
                                             [-15*u.kpc, 15*u.kpc]],
                                         resolution = [9,12,9],
                                         grid_type = 'cylindrical')

# For spherical grid, the limits are specified assuming
# the order: r (spherical), theta, phi (azimuth)
spherical_grid = img.fields.UniformGrid(box=[[0*u.kpc, 15*u.kpc],
                                             [0*u.rad, np.pi*u.rad],
                                             [-np.pi*u.rad, np.pi*u.rad]],
                                         resolution = [12,10,10],
                                         grid_type = 'spherical')
```

The grid object will produce the grid only when the a coordinate value is first accessed, through the properties ‘x’, ‘y’, ‘z’, ‘r_cylindrical’, ‘r_spherical’, ‘theta’ and ‘phi’.

The grid object also takes care of any coordinate conversions that are needed, for example:

```
[2]: print(spherical_grid.x[5,5,5], cartesian_grid.r_spherical[5,5,5])
6.309658489079476 kpc 7.423074889580904 kpc
```

In the following figure we illustrate the effects of different choices of ‘grid_type’ while using UniformGrid.

(Note that, for plotting purposes, everything is converted to cartesian coordinates)

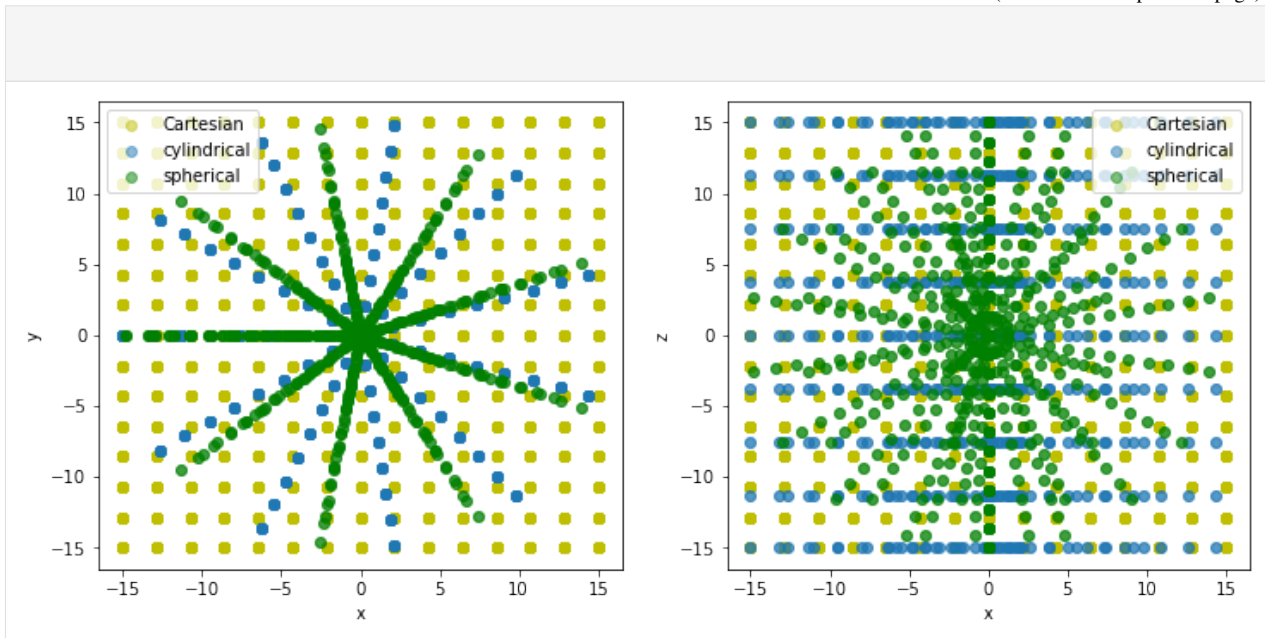
```
[3]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
plt.subplot(1,2,1)
plt.scatter(cartesian_grid.x, cartesian_grid.y, color='y', label='Cartesian', alpha=0.5)
plt.scatter(cylindrical_grid.x, cylindrical_grid.y, label='cylindrical', alpha=0.5)
plt.scatter(spherical_grid.x, spherical_grid.y, color='g', label='spherical', alpha=0.5)
plt.xlabel('x'); plt.ylabel('y')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(1,2,2)
plt.scatter(cartesian_grid.x, cartesian_grid.z, color='y', label='Cartesian', alpha=0.5)
plt.scatter(cylindrical_grid.x, cylindrical_grid.z, label='cylindrical', alpha=0.5)
plt.scatter(spherical_grid.x, spherical_grid.z, label='spherical', color='g', alpha=0.5)
plt.xlabel('x'); plt.ylabel('z')
plt.legend();
```

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9.2 Field objects

As we mentioned before, `Field` objects handle the calculation of any physical field.

To ensure that your new personalised field is compatible with any simulator, it needs to be a subclass of one of the [pre-defined field classes](#). Some examples of which are:

- `MagneticField`
- `ThermalElectronDensity`
- `CosmicRayDistribution`

Let us illustrate this by defining a thermal electron number density field which decays exponentially with cylindrical radius, R ,

$$n_e(R) = n_{e,0} e^{-R/R_e} e^{-|z|/h_e}$$

This has three parameters: the number density of thermal electrons at the centre, $n_{e,0}$, the scale radius, R_e , and the scale height, h_e .

```
[4]: from imagine.fields import ThermalElectronDensityField

class ExponentialThermalElectrons(ThermalElectronDensityField):
    """Example: thermal electron density of an (double) exponential disc"""

    NAME = 'exponential_disc_thermal_electrons'
    PARAMETER_NAMES = ['central_density', 'scale_radius', 'scale_height']

    def compute_field(self, seed):
        R = self.grid.r_cylindrical
        z = self.grid.z
        Re = self.parameters['scale_radius']
```

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```

he = self.parameters['scale_height']
n0 = self.parameters['central_density']

return n0*np.exp(-R/Re)*np.exp(-np.abs(z/he))

```

With these few lines we have created our IMAGINE-compatible™ thermal electron density field class!

The class-attribute NAME allows one to keep track of which model we have used to generate our field.

The PARAMETER_NAMES attribute must contain all the required parameters for this particular kind of field.

The function compute_field is what actually computes the density field. Note that it can access an associated grid object, which is stored in the grid attribute, and a dictionary of parameters, stored in the parameters attribute. The compute_field method takes a seed argument, which can only be used for stochastic fields (see later).

Let us now see this at work. First, let us create an instance of ExponentialThermalElectrons. Any Field instance should be initialized providing a Grid object and a dictionary of parameters.

```

[5]: electron_distribution = ExponentialThermalElectrons(
    parameters={'central_density': 1.0*u.cm**-3,
               'scale_radius': 3.3*u.kpc,
               'scale_height': 3.3*u.kpc},
    grid=cartesian_grid)

```

We can access the field produced by cr_distribution using the get_data() method (it invokes compute_field internally and does any checking required). For example:

```

[6]: ne_data = electron_distribution.get_data()
print('data is', type(ne_data), 'of length', ne_data.shape)
print('an example slice of it is:')
ne_data[3:5,3:5,3:5]

data is <class 'astropy.units.quantity.Quantity'> of length (15, 15, 15)
an example slice of it is:

```

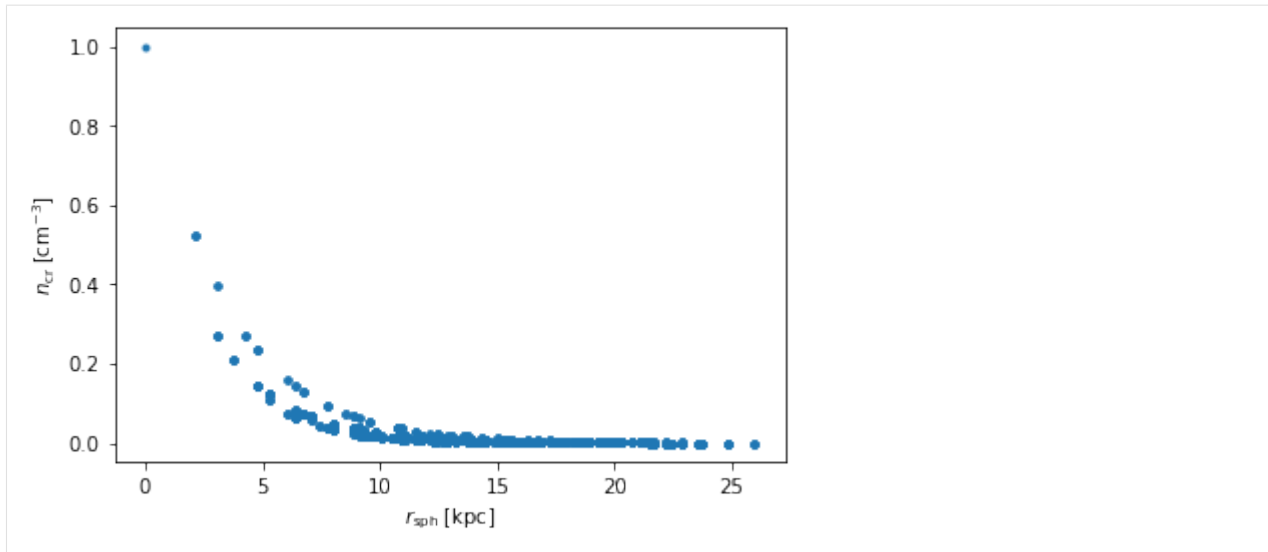
If we now wanted to plot the thermal electron density computed by this as a function of, say, *spherical radius*, r_{sph} . This can be done in the following way

```

[7]: # The spherical radius can be read from the grid object
rspherical = electron_distribution.grid.r_spherical

plt.plot(rspherical.ravel(), ne_data.ravel(), '.')
plt.xlabel(r'$r_{\rm sph}$; [\rm kpc]$'); plt.ylabel(r'$n_{\rm cr}$; [\rm cm^{-3}]$');

```



Let us do another simple field example: a constant magnetic field.

It follows the same basic template.

```
[8]: from imagine.fields import MagneticField

class ConstantMagneticField(MagneticField):
    """Example: constant magnetic field"""
    NAME = 'constantB'
    PARAMETER_NAMES = ['Bx', 'By', 'Bz']

    def compute_field(self, seed):
        # Creates an empty array to store the result
        B = np.empty(self.data_shape) * self.parameters['Bx'].unit
        # For a magnetic field, the output must be of shape:
        # (Nx,Ny,Nz,Nc) where Nc is the index of the component.
        # Computes Bx
        B[:, :, :, 0] = self.parameters['Bx'] * np.ones(self.grid.shape)
        # Computes By
        B[:, :, :, 1] = self.parameters['By'] * np.ones(self.grid.shape)
        # Computes Bz
        B[:, :, :, 2] = self.parameters['Bz'] * np.ones(self.grid.shape)
        return B
```

The main difference from the thermal electrons case is that the shape of the final array has to accomodate all the three components of the magnetic field.

As before, we can generate a realisation of this

```
[9]: p = {'Bx': 1.5*u.microgauss, 'By': 1e-10*u.Tesla, 'Bz': 0.1e-6*u.gauss}
B = ConstantMagneticField(parameters=p, grid=cartesian_grid)
```

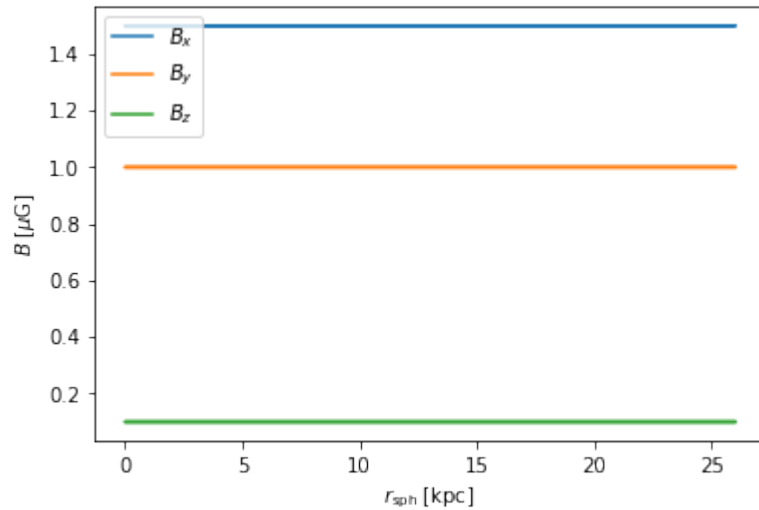
And inspect how it went

```
[10]: r_spherical = B.grid.r_spherical.ravel()
B_data = B.get_data()
for i, name in enumerate(['x', 'y', 'z']):
    plt.plot(r_spherical, B_data[:, :, :, i].ravel(),
             label='$B_{%}$'.format(name))
```

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```
plt.xlabel(r'$r_{\rm sph}$ [\rm kpc]'); plt.ylabel(r'$B$; [\mu\rm G]')
plt.legend();
```



More information about the field can be found inspecting the object

```
[11]: print('Field type: ', B.type)
      print('Data shape: ', B.data_shape)
      print('Units: ', B.units)
      print('What is each axis? Answer:', B.data_description)
```

```
Field type:  magnetic_field
Data shape:  (15, 15, 15, 3)
Units:  uG
What is each axis? Answer: ['grid_x', 'grid_y', 'grid_z', 'component (x,y,z)']
```

Let us now exemplify the construction of a stochastic field with a thermal electron density comprising random fluctuations.

```
[12]: from imagine.fields import ThermalElectronDensityField
      import scipy.stats as stats

      class RandomThermalElectrons(ThermalElectronDensityField):
          """Example: Gaussian random thermal electron density

          NB this may lead to negative ne depending on the choice of
          parameters.
          """

          NAME = 'random_thermal_electrons'
          STOCHASTIC_FIELD = True
          PARAMETER_NAMES = ['mean', 'std']

          def compute_field(self, seed):
              # Converts dimensional parameters into numerical values
              # in the correct units
              mu = self.parameters['mean'].to_value(self.units)
              sigma = self.parameters['std'].to_value(self.units)
              # Draws values from a normal distribution with these parameters
```

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```
# using the seed provided in the argument
distr = stats.norm(loc=mu, scale=sigma)
result = distr.rvs(size=self.data_shape, random_state=seed)

return result*self.units # Restores units
```

The `STOCHASTIC_FIELD` class-attribute tells whether the field is deterministic (i.e. the output depends only on the parameter values) or stochastic (i.e. the output is a random realisation which depends on a particular random seed). If this is absent, IMAGINE assumes the field is deterministic.

In the example above, the field at each point of the grid is drawn from a Gaussian distribution described by the parameters 'mean' and 'std', and the seed argument is used to initialize the random number generator.

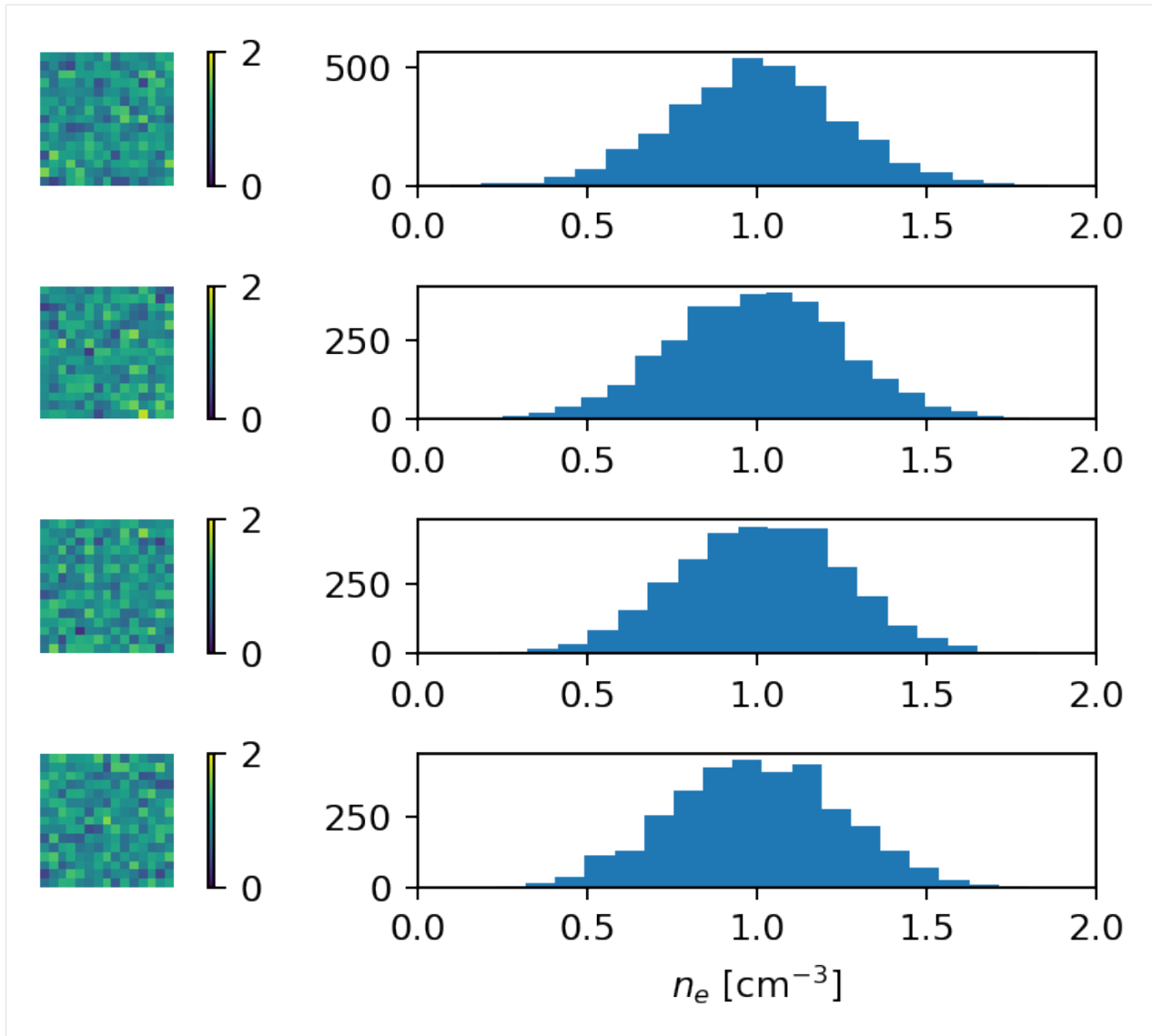
```
[13]: rnd_electron_distribution = RandomThermalElectrons(
        parameters={'mean': 1.0*u.cm**-3,
                    'std': 0.25*u.cm**-3},
        grid=cartesian_grid, ensemble_size=4)
```

The previous code generates an ensemble with 4 realisations of the random field. In order to inspect it, let us plot, for each realisation, a slice of the thermal electron density, and a histogram of n_e . Again, we can use the `get_data` method, but this time we provide the index of each realisation.

```
[14]: j = 0; plt.figure(dpi=170)
        for i in range(4):
            rnd_e_data = rnd_electron_distribution.get_data(i_realization=i
                                                            )

            j += 1; plt.subplot(4,2,j)

            plt.imshow(rnd_e_data[0,:,:].value, vmin=0, vmax=2)
            plt.axis('off')
            plt.colorbar()
            j += 1; plt.subplot(4,2,j)
            plt.hist(rnd_e_data.value.ravel(), bins=20)
            plt.xlim(0,2)
        plt.xlabel(r'$n_e\; \left[ \rm cm^{-3} \right] \; $');
        plt.tight_layout()
```



The previous results were generated for the *randomly chosen* random seeds:

```
[15]: rnd_electron_distribution.ensemble_seeds
[15]: array([1935803228, 787846414, 996406378, 1201263687])
```

Alternatively, to ensure reproducibility, one can explicitly provide the seeds instead of the ensemble size.

```
[16]: rnd_electron_distribution = RandomThermalElectrons(
        parameters={'mean': 1.0*u.cm**-3,
                    'std': 0.25*u.cm**-3},
        grid=cartesian_grid, ensemble_seeds=[11,22,33,44])

rnd_electron_distribution.ensemble_size, rnd_electron_distribution.ensemble_seeds
[16]: (4, [11, 22, 33, 44])
```

Before moving on, there is one specialised field type which is worth mentioning: the **dummy** field.

Dummy fields are used when one wants to send (varying) parameters *directly* to the simulator, i.e. this Field object

does not evaluate anything but the pipeline is still able to *vary its parameters*.

Why would anyone want to do this? First of all, it is worth remembering that, within the Bayesian framework, the “model” is the Field *together* with the Simulator, and the latter can also be parametrised. In other words, there can be parameters which control *how to convert* a set of models for physical fields into observables.

Another possibility is that a specific Simulator (e.g. Hammurabi) already contains built-in parametrised fields which one is willing to make use of. Dummy fields allow one to vary those parameters easily.

Below a simple example of how to define and initialize a dummy field (note that for dummy fields we do **not** specify `compute_field`, `STOCHASTIC_FIELD` or `PARAMETER_NAMES`).

```
[17]: from imagine.fields import DummyField

class exampleDummy(DummyField):
    NAME = 'example_dummy'
    FIELD_CHECKLIST = {'A': None, 'B': 'foo', 'C': 'bar'}
    SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST = {'lookup_directory': '/dummy/example',
                              'choice_of_settings': ['tutorial', 'field']}
```

Thus, instead of a `PARAMETER_NAMES`, one needs to specify a `FIELD_CHECKLIST` which contains a dictionary with parameter names as keys. Its main use is to send to the Simulator *fixed settings* associated with a *particular parameter*. For example, the `FIELD_CHECKLIST` is used by the Hammurabi-compatible dummy fields to inform the Simulator class where in Hammurabi XML file the parameter value should be saved.

The extra `SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST` attribute plays a similar role: it is used to send settings associated with a field which *are not associated with individual model parameters* to the Simulator. A typical use is the setup of global switches which enable specific builtin field in

```
[18]: dummy = exampleDummy(parameters={'A': 42,
                                       'B': 17*u.kpc,
                                       'C': np.pi},
                           ensemble_size=4)
```

That is it. Let us inspect the data associated with this Field:

```
[19]: for i in range(4):
        print(dummy.get_data(i))

{'A': 42, 'B': <Quantity 17. kpc>, 'C': 3.141592653589793, 'random_seed': 423734972}
{'A': 42, 'B': <Quantity 17. kpc>, 'C': 3.141592653589793, 'random_seed': 415968276}
{'A': 42, 'B': <Quantity 17. kpc>, 'C': 3.141592653589793, 'random_seed': 670094950}
{'A': 42, 'B': <Quantity 17. kpc>, 'C': 3.141592653589793, 'random_seed': 1914837113}
```

Therefore, instead of actual data arrays, the `get_data` of a dummy field returns a copy of its parameters dictionary, supplemented by a random seed which can optionally be used by the Simulator to generate stochastic fields internally.

9.3 Field factory

Associated with each Field class we need to prepare a FieldFactory object, which, for each parameter, stores ranges, default values and priors.

This is done using the `imagine.fields.FieldFactory` class.

```
[20]: from imagine.priors import FlatPrior

exp_te_factory = img.fields.FieldFactory(
    field_class=ExponentialThermalElectrons,
    grid=cartesian_grid,
    active_parameters=[],
    default_parameters = {'central_density': 1*u.cm**-3,
                          'scale_radius': 3.0*u.kpc,
                          'scale_height': 0.5*u.kpc})
```

```
[21]: Bfactory = img.fields.FieldFactory(
    field_class=ConstantMagneticField,
    grid=cartesian_grid,
    active_parameters=['Bx'],
    default_parameters={'By': 5.0*u.microgauss,
                        'Bz': 0.0*u.microgauss},
    priors={'Bx': FlatPrior(xmin=-30*u.microgauss, xmax=30*u.microgauss)})
```

We can now create instances of any of these. The priors, defaults and also parameter ranges can be accessed using the related properties:

```
[22]: Bfactory.default_parameters, Bfactory.parameter_ranges, Bfactory.priors

[22]: ({'By': <Quantity 5. uG>, 'Bz': <Quantity 0. uG>},
      {'Bx': <Quantity [-30., 30.] uG>},
      {'Bx': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior at 0x7fb3b533da90>})
```

As a user, this is all there is to know about FieldFactories: one need to initialize them with the ones selection of active parameters, priors and default values and provide the initialized objects to the IMAGINE Pipeline class.

Internally, these instances can return Field objects (hence the name) when they are *called* internally by the Pipeline whilst running. This is exemplified below:

```
[23]: newB = Bfactory(variables={'Bx': 0.9*u.microgauss})
print('field name: {} \n parameters: {}'.format(newB.name, newB.parameters))

field name: constantB
parameters: {'By': <Quantity 5. uG>, 'Bz': <Quantity 0. uG>, 'Bx': <Quantity 0.9 uG>}
```

In the previous definitions, a **flat** (i.e. uniform) **prior** was assumed for all the parameters. Setting up a personalised prior is discussed in detail in the *Priors* section below. Here we demonstrate how to setup a **Gaussian prior** for the parameters By and Bz, truncated in the latter case. The priors can be included creating an object GaussianPrior for which the mean, standard deviation and range are specified:

```
[24]: from imagine.priors import GaussianPrior

muG = u.microgauss

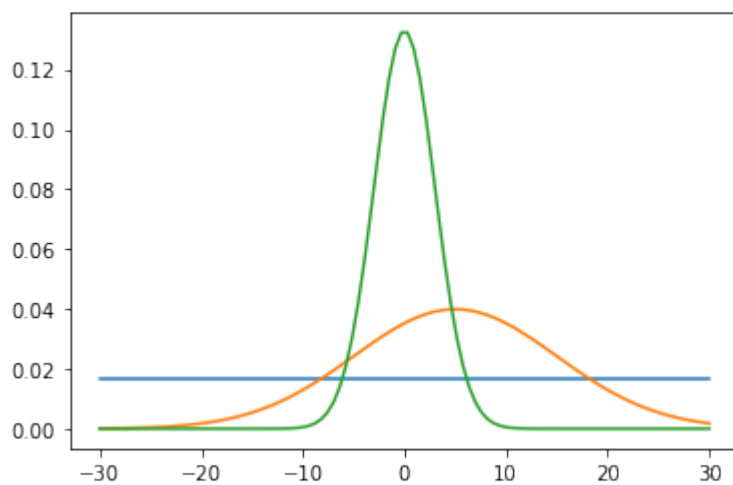
Bfactory = img.fields.FieldFactory(
    field_class=ConstantMagneticField,
    grid=cartesian_grid,
    active_parameters=['Bx', 'By', 'Bz'],
    priors={'Bx': FlatPrior(xmin=-30*muG, xmax=30*muG),
            'By': GaussianPrior(mu=5*muG, sigma=10*muG),
            'Bz': GaussianPrior(mu=0*muG, sigma=3*muG,
                                xmin=-30*muG, xmax=30*muG)})
```

Let us now inspect an instance of updated field factory

```
[25]: Bfactory.priors, Bfactory.parameter_ranges
[25]: ({'Bx': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior at 0x7fb3b532cc90>,
      'By': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.GaussianPrior at 0x7fb3b533db10>,
      'Bz': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.GaussianPrior at 0x7fb3b5329f50>},
      {'Bx': <Quantity [-30., 30.] uG>,
      'By': <Quantity [-inf, inf] uG>,
      'Bz': <Quantity [-30., 30.] uG>})
```

We can visualise the selected priors through auxiliary methods in the objects. E.g.

```
[26]: b = np.linspace(-30,30,100)*muG
      plt.plot(b, Bfactory.priors['Bx'].pdf(b))
      plt.plot(b, Bfactory.priors['By'].pdf(b))
      plt.plot(b, Bfactory.priors['Bz'].pdf(b));
```



More details on how to define personalised priors can be found in the dedicated tutorial.

One final comment: the generate method can take the arguments `ensemble_seeds` or `ensemble_size` methods, propagating them to the fields it produces.

9.4 Dependencies between Fields

Sometimes, one may want to include in the inference a dependence between different fields (e.g. the cosmic ray distribution may depend on the underlying magnetic field, or the magnetic field may depend on the gas distribution). The IMAGINE *can* handle this (to a certain extent). In this section, we discuss how this works.

(NB This section is somewhat more advanced and we advice to skip it if this is your first contact with the IMAGINE software.)

9.4.1 Dependence on a field type

The most common case of dependence is when a particular model, expressed as a IMAGINE Field, depends on a ‘field type’, but not on another specific Field object - in other words: there is a dependence of one physical field on another physical field, and not a dependence of a particular model on another model). This is the case we are showing here.

As a concrete example, let us consider a (very artificial) model where y -component of the magnetic field strength is (for whatever reason) proportional to energy equipartition value. The Field object that represents such a field will,

therefore, depend on the density distribution (which is computed before, independently). The following snippet show how to code this.

```
[27]: import astropy.constants as c
# unfortunately, astropy units does not perform the following automatically
gauss_conversion = u.gauss/(np.sqrt(1*u.g/u.cm**3)*u.cm/u.s)

class DependentBFieldExample(MagneticField):
    """Example: By depends on ne"""
    # Class attributes
    NAME = 'By_Beq'
    DEPENDENCIES_LIST = ['thermal_electron_density']
    PARAMETER_NAMES = ['v0']

    def compute_field(self, seed):
        # Gets the thermal electron number density from another Field
        te_density = self.dependencies['thermal_electron_density']

        # Computes the density, assuming electrons come from H atoms
        rho = te_density * c.m_p
        Beq = np.sqrt(4*np.pi*rho)*self.parameters['v0'] * gauss_conversion

        # Sets B
        B = np.zeros(self.data_shape) * u.microgauss
        B[:, :, :, 1] = Beq

        return B
```

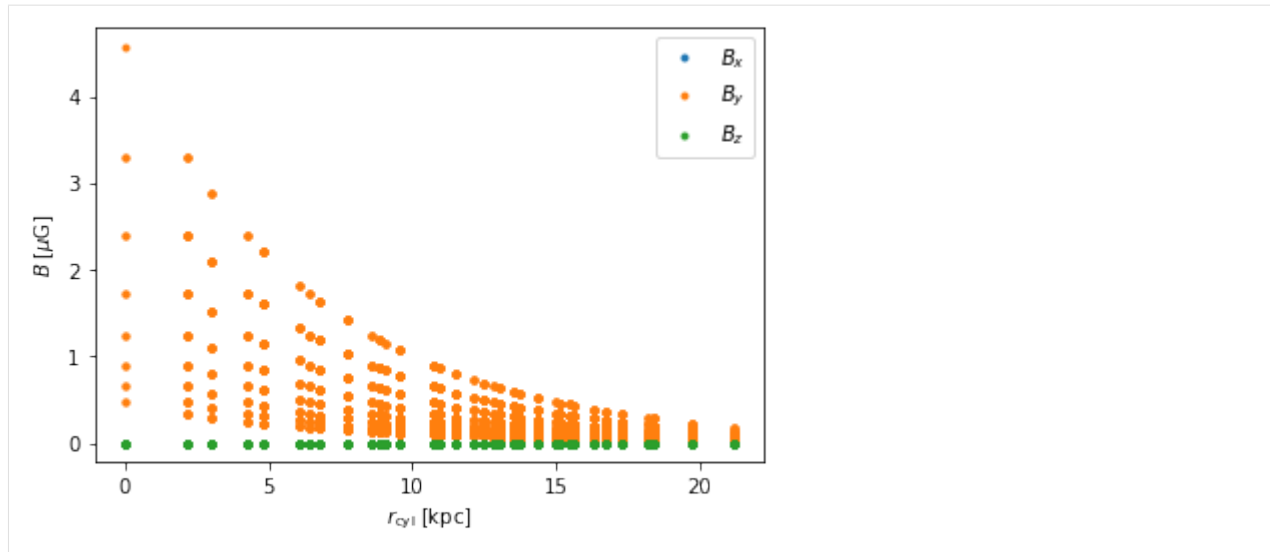
If there is a field type string in `dependencies_list`, the pipeline will, at run-time, automatically feed a dictionary in the attribute `DependentBFieldExample.dependencies` with the request. Thus, during a run of the Pipeline or a Simulator, the variable `te_density` will contain the *sum of all* ‘thermal_electron_density’ Field objects that had been supplied.

If we are willing to test the `DependentBFieldExample` above defined, we need to provide this ourselves. The following lines illustrate this.

```
[28]: # Creates an instance
dependent_field = DependentBFieldExample(cartesian_grid,
                                          parameters={'v0': 10*u.km/u.s})

dependent_field_data = dependent_field.get_data(i_realization=0,
        dependencies={'thermal_electron_density': electron_distribution.get_data(i_
        realization=0)})

for i, name in enumerate(['x', 'y', 'z']):
    plt.plot(dependent_field.grid.r_cylindrical.ravel(),
             dependent_field_data[:, i].ravel(), '.',
             label='$B_{%s}'.format(name))
plt.xlabel(r'$r_{\rm cyl}$ [\rm kpc]'); plt.ylabel(r'$B$ [\mu\rm G]')
plt.legend();
```



Thus, we see that B_y decays exponentially, tracking n_e , and $B_x = B_z = 0$, as expected.

Note that, since this is a deterministic field, the `i_realization` argument may be suppressed. However, in the stochastic case, the realization index of the field and its dependencies must be aligned. (Again, this is only relevant for testing. When the Field is supplied to a Simulator, all this book-keeping is handled automatically).

9.4.2 Dependence on a field class

The second case is when a specific Field object depends on another Field object.

There are many situations where this may be needed, perhaps the most common two are:

- we have two or more Fields which share some parameters;
- we would like to write a wrapper Field classes for some pre-existing code that computes two or more physical fields at the same time.

For the latter case, the behaviour we would like to have is the following: when the first Field is invoked, the results must to be temporarily saved and later accessed by the others.

The following code illustrated the syntax to achieve this.

```
[29]: class ConstantElectrons(ThermalElectronDensityField):
    NAME = 'constant_thermal_electron_density'
    PARAMETER_NAMES = ['A']

    def compute_field(self, seed):
        #
        ne = np.ones(self.data_shape) << u.cm**-3
        ne *= self.parameters['A']
        # Suppose together with the previous calculation
        # we had computed a component of B, we can save
        # this information as an attribute
        self.Bz_should_be = 17*u.microgauss
        return ne

class ConstantDependentB(MagneticField):
    """Example: constant magnetic field dependent on ConstantElectrons"""
```

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```

NAME = 'constantBdep'
DEPENDENCIES_LIST = [ConstantElectrons]
PARAMETER_NAMES = []

def compute_field(self, seed):

    # Gets the instance of the requested ConstantElectrons class
    ConstantElectrons_object = self.dependencies[ConstantElectrons]

    # Reads the common parameter A
    A = ConstantElectrons_object.parameters['A']

    # Initializes the B-field
    B = np.ones(self.data_shape) * u.microgauss
    # Sets Bx and By using A
    B[:, :, :, :2] *= np.sqrt(A)

    # Uses a Bz tha was computed earlier, elsewhere!
    B[:, :, :, 2] = ConstantElectrons_object.Bz_should_be

    return B

```

If a ‘class’ is provided in the dependency list, the simulator will populate the dependencies attribute with the key-value pair: (FieldClass: FieldObject), where the FieldObject had been evaluated earlier.

If we are willing to test, we can feed the dependencies ourselves in the following way.

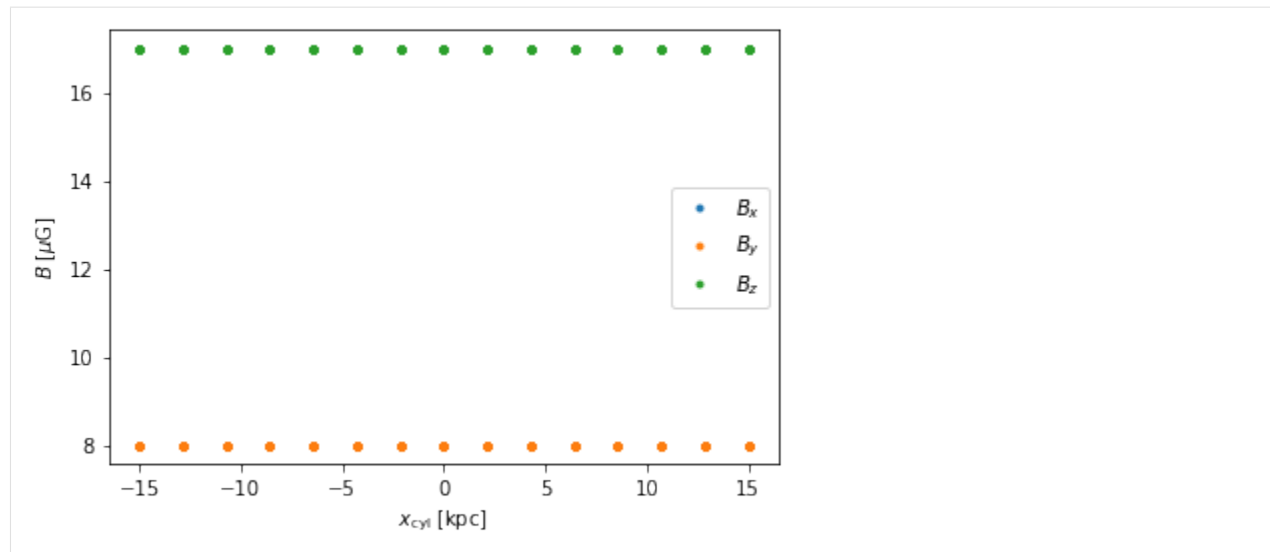
```

[30]: # Initializes the instances
ne_field = ConstantElectrons(cartesian_grid, parameters={'A': 64})
dependent_field = ConstantDependentB(cartesian_grid)

# Evaluates the ne_field
ne_field_data = ne_field.get_data()
# Evaluates the dependent B_field
dependent_field_data = dependent_field.get_data(
    dependencies={ConstantElectrons: ne_field})

[31]: for i, name in enumerate(['x', 'y', 'z']):
    plt.plot(dependent_field.grid.x.ravel(),
             dependent_field_data[:, i].ravel(), '.',
             label='$B_{%s}'.format(name))
plt.xlabel(r'$x_{\rm cyl}$; [\rm kpc]'); plt.ylabel(r'$B$; [\mu\rm G]')
plt.legend();

```

Designing and using Simulators

Simulator objects are responsible for converting into `Observables` the physical quantities computed/stored by the `Field` objects.

Here we exemplify how to construct a Simulator for the case of computing the Faraday rotation measures on due an extended intervening galaxy with many background radio sources. For simplicity, the simulator assumes that the observed galaxy is either fully ‘face-on’ or ‘edge-on’.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import astropy.units as u
from imagine.simulators import Simulator

class ExtragalacticBacklitFaradaySimulator(Simulator):
    """
    Example simulator to illustrate
    """

    # Class attributes
    SIMULATED_QUANTITIES = ['testRM']
    REQUIRED_FIELD_TYPES = ['magnetic_field', 'thermal_electron_density']
    ALLOWED_GRID_TYPES = ['cartesian', 'NonUniformCartesian']

    def __init__(self, measurements, galaxy_distance, galaxy_latitude,
                 galaxy_longitude, orientation='edge-on',
                 beam_size=2*u.kpc):
        # Send the Measurements to the parent class
        super().__init__(measurements)
        # Stores class-specific attributes
        self.galaxy_distance = galaxy_distance
        self.galaxy_lat = u.Quantity(galaxy_latitude, u.deg)
        self.galaxy_lon = u.Quantity(galaxy_longitude, u.deg)
        self.orientation = orientation
        self.beam = beam_size

    def simulate(self, key, coords_dict, realization_id, output_units):
```

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```

# Accesses fields and grid
B = self.fields['magnetic_field']
ne = self.fields['thermal_electron_density']
grid = self.grid
# Note: the contents of self.fields correspond the present (single)
# realization, the realization_id variable is available if extra
# control is needed

if self.orientation == 'edge-on':
    integration_axis = 0
    Bpara = B[:, :, :, 0] # i.e. Bpara = Bx
    depths = grid.x[:, 0, 0]
elif self.orientation == 'face-on':
    integration_axis = 2
    Bpara = B[:, :, :, 2] # i.e. Bpara = Bz
    depths = grid.z[0, 0, :]
else:
    raise ValueError('Orientation must be either face-on or edge-on')

# Computes dl in parsecs
ddepth = (np.abs(depths[1]-depths[0])).to(u.pc)

# Convert the coordinates from angles to
# positions on one face of the grid
lat, lon = coords_dict['lat'], coords_dict['lon']

# Creates the outputarray
results = np.empty(lat.size)*u.rad/u.m**2

# Computes RMs for the entire box
RM_array = 0.812*u.rad/u.m**2 * ((ne/(u.cm**3)) *
                                (Bpara/(u.microgauss)) *
                                ddepth/u.pc).sum(axis=integration_axis)

# NB in an *production* version this would be computed only
# for the relevant coordinates/sightlines instead of around the
# the whole grid, to save memory and CPU time

# Prepares the results
if self.orientation=='edge-on':
    # Gets y and z for a slice of the grid
    face_y = grid.y[0, :, :]
    face_z = grid.z[0, :, :]
    # Converts the tabulated galactic coords into y and z
    y_targets = (lat-self.galaxy_lat)*self.galaxy_distance
    z_targets = (lon-self.galaxy_lon)*self.galaxy_distance
    # Adjusts and removes units
    y_targets = y_targets.to(u.kpc, u.dimensionless_angles())
    z_targets = z_targets.to(u.kpc, u.dimensionless_angles())
    # Selects the relevant values from the RM array
    # (averaging neighbouring pixes within the same "beam")
    for i, (y, z) in enumerate(zip(y_targets, z_targets)):
        mask = (face_y-y)**2+(face_z-z)**2 < (self.beam)**2
        beam = RM_array[mask]
        results[i]=np.mean(beam)
elif self.orientation=='face-on':
    # Gets x and y for a slice of the grid
    face_x = grid.x[:, :, 0]

```

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```

face_y = grid.y[:, :, 0]
# Converts the tabulated galactic coords into x and y
x_targets = (lat-self.galaxy_lat)*self.galaxy_distance
y_targets = (lon-self.galaxy_lon)*self.galaxy_distance
# Adjusts and removes units
x_targets = x_targets.to(u.kpc, u.dimensionless_angles())
y_targets = y_targets.to(u.kpc, u.dimensionless_angles())
# Selects the relevant values from the RM array
# (averaging neighbouring pixes within the same "beam"
for i, (x, y) in enumerate(zip(x_targets, y_targets)):
    mask = (face_x-x)**2+(face_y-y)**2 < (self.beam)**2
    beam = RM_array[mask]
    results[i]=np.mean(beam)
return results

```

Thus, when designing a Simulator, one basically overrides the `simulate()` method, substituting it by some calculation which maps the various fields to some observable quantity. The available fields can be accessed through the attribute `self.fields`, which is a dictionary containing the field types as keys. The details of the observable can be found through the keyword arguments: `key` (which is the key of Measurements dictionary), `coords_dict` (available for tabular datasets only) and `output_units` (note that the value returned does not need to be exactly in the `output_units`, but must be convertible to them).

To see this working, let us create some fake sky coordinates over a rectangle around a galaxy that is located at galactic coordinates $(b, l) = (30^\circ, 30^\circ)$

```

[2]: fake_sky_position_x, fake_sky_position_y = np.meshgrid(np.linspace(-4,4,70)*u.kpc,
                                                            np.linspace(-4,4,70)*u.kpc)

gal_lat = 30*u.deg; gal_lon = 30*u.deg
fake_lat = gal_lat+np.arctan2(fake_sky_position_x,1*u.Mpc)
fake_lon = gal_lon+np.arctan2(fake_sky_position_y,1*u.Mpc)

fake_data = {'RM': np.random.random_sample(fake_lat.size),
             'err': np.random.random_sample(fake_lat.size),
             'lat': fake_lat.ravel(),
             'lon': fake_lon.ravel()}

```

From this one can construct the dataset and append it to the Measurements object

```

[3]: import imagine as img
fake_dset = img.observables.TabularDataset(fake_data, name='testRM', units= u.rad/u.m/
↪ u.m,
                                         data_col='RM', err_col='err',
                                         lat_col='lat', lon_col='lon')

# Initializes Measurements
mea = img.observables.Measurements(fake_dset)
mea.keys()

[3]: dict_keys([('testRM', None, 'tab', None)])

```

The measurements object will provide enough information to setup/instantiate the simulator

```

[4]: edgeon_RMsimulator = ExtragalacticBacklitFaradaySimulator(mea, galaxy_distance=1*u.
↪ Mpc,
                                         galaxy_latitude=gal_lat,
                                         galaxy_longitude=gal_lon,
                                         beam_size=0.700*u.kpc,
                                         orientation='edge-on')

```

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```
faceon_RMsimulator = ExtragalacticBacklitFaradaySimulator(mea, galaxy_distance=1*u.
↳Mpc,
                                galaxy_latitude=gal_lat,
                                galaxy_longitude=gal_lon,
                                beam_size=0.7*u.kpc,
                                orientation='face-on')
```

To test it, we will generate a dense grid and evaluate a magnetic field and electron density on top of it

```
[5]: from imagine.fields import ConstantMagneticField, ExponentialThermalElectrons, _
↳UniformGrid

dense_grid = UniformGrid(box=[[-15, 15]*u.kpc,
                                [-15, 15]*u.kpc,
                                [-15, 15]*u.kpc],
                            resolution = [30,30,30])
B = ConstantMagneticField(grid=dense_grid, ensemble_size=1,
                            parameters={'Bx': 0.5*u.microgauss,
                                        'By': 0.5*u.microgauss,
                                        'Bz': 0.5*u.microgauss})
ne_disk = ExponentialThermalElectrons(grid=dense_grid, ensemble_size=1,
                                        parameters={'central_density': 0.5*u.cm**-3,
                                                    'scale_radius': 3.3*u.kpc,
                                                    'scale_height': 0.5*u.kpc})
```

Now we can call the simulator, which returns a Simulation object

```
[6]: edgeon_sim = edgeon_RMsimulator([B,ne_disk])
faceon_sim = faceon_RMsimulator([B,ne_disk])
print('faceon_sim:',faceon_sim)
print('faceon_sim keys:',list(faceon_sim.keys()))

faceon_sim: <imagine.observables.observable_dict.Simulations object at 0x7fa2d446ff10>
faceon_sim keys: [('testRM', None, 'tab', None)]
```

```
[7]: faceon_sim[('testRM', None, 'tab', None)].data.shape
```

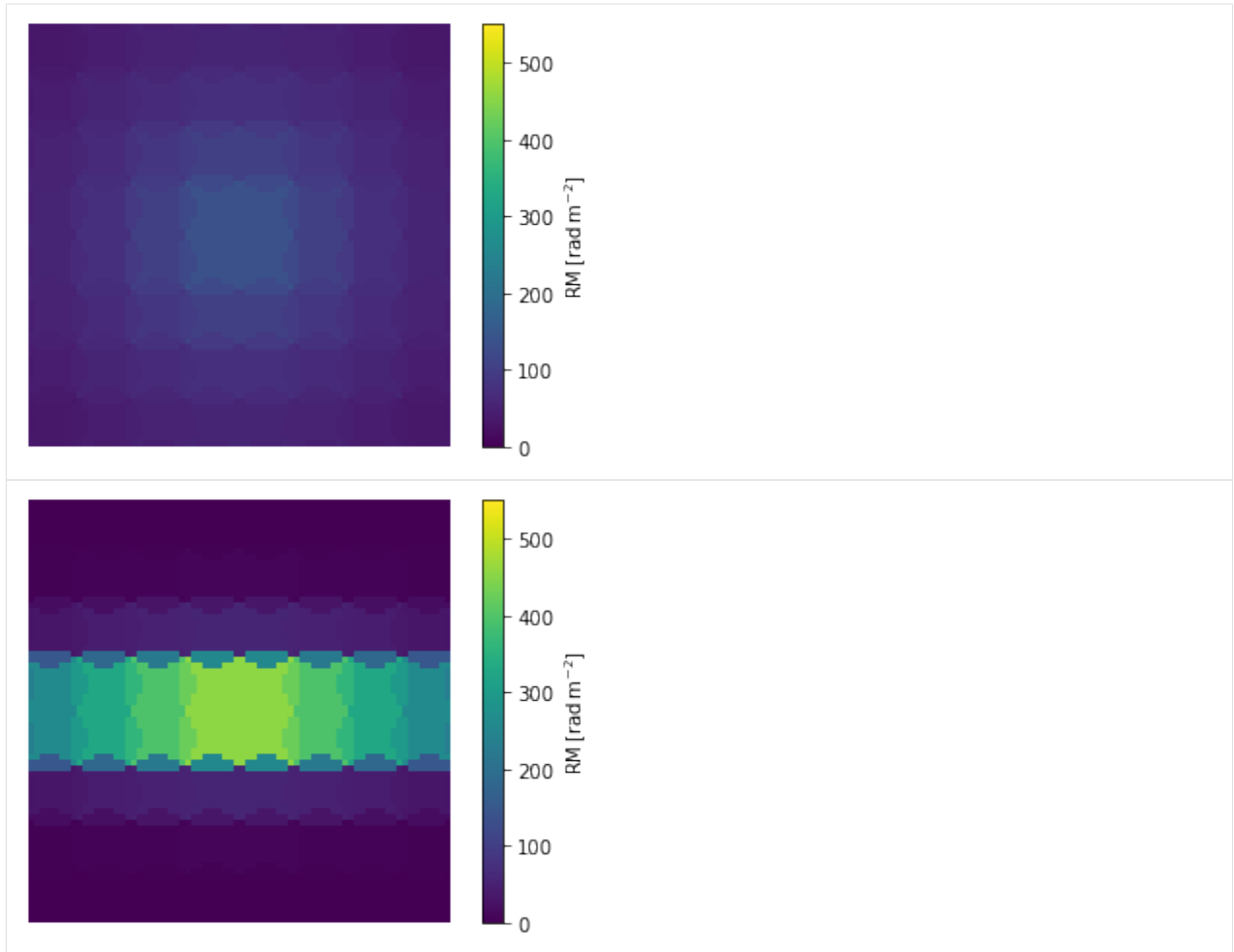
```
[7]: (1, 4900)
```

Using the fact that the original coordinates corresponded to a rectangle in the sky, we can visualize the results

```
[8]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

i = 0
key = tuple(faceon_sim.keys())[0]
d = faceon_sim[key].data[i]
# Using the fact that the coordinates correspond to a rectangle
im = d.reshape(int(np.sqrt(d.size)),int(np.sqrt(d.size)))
plt.imshow(im, vmin=0, vmax=550); plt.axis('off')
plt.colorbar(label=r'$\rm RM\,[\ rad\,m^{-2}]$')

plt.figure()
key = tuple(edgeon_sim.keys())[0]
d = edgeon_sim[key].data[i]
# Using the fact that the coordinates correspond to a rectangle
im = d.reshape(int(np.sqrt(d.size)),int(np.sqrt(d.size)))
plt.imshow(im, vmin=0, vmax=550); plt.axis('off')
plt.colorbar(label=r'$\rm RM\,[\ rad\,m^{-2}]$');
```



Simulators are able to handle *multiple fields of the same type* by summing up their data. This is particularly convenient if a physical quantity is described by both a deterministic part and random fluctuations.

We will illustrate this with another artificial example, reusing the `RandomThermalElectrons` field discussed before. We will also illustrate the usage of ensembles (note: for non-stochastic fields the ensemble size has to be kept the same to ensure consistency, but internally they will be evaluated only once).

```
[9]: from imagine.fields import RandomThermalElectrons

dense_grid = UniformGrid(box=[[-15, 15]*u.kpc,
                              [-15, 15]*u.kpc,
                              [-15, 15]*u.kpc],
                          resolution = [30,30,30])
B = ConstantMagneticField(grid=dense_grid, ensemble_size=3,
                          parameters={'Bx': 0.5*u.microgauss,
                                     'By': 0.5*u.microgauss,
                                     'Bz': 0.5*u.microgauss})
ne_disk = ExponentialThermalElectrons(grid=dense_grid, ensemble_size=3,
                                     parameters={'central_density': 0.5*u.cm**-3,
                                                'scale_radius': 3.3*u.kpc,
                                                'scale_height': 0.5*u.kpc})
ne_rnd = RandomThermalElectrons(grid=dense_grid, ensemble_size=3,
                                parameters={'mean': 0.005*u.cm**-3,
```

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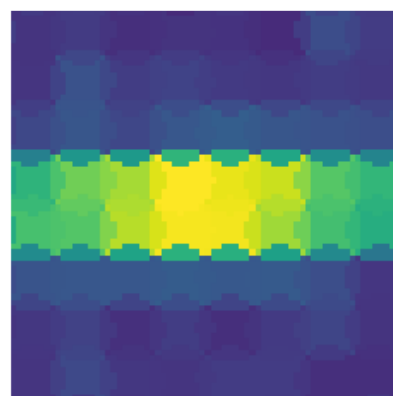
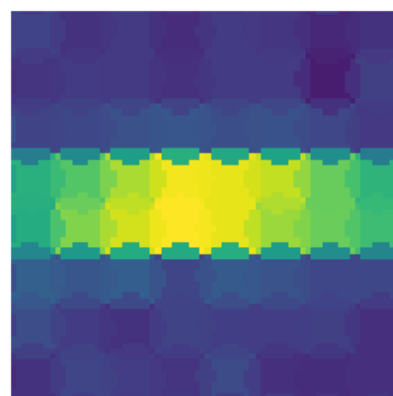
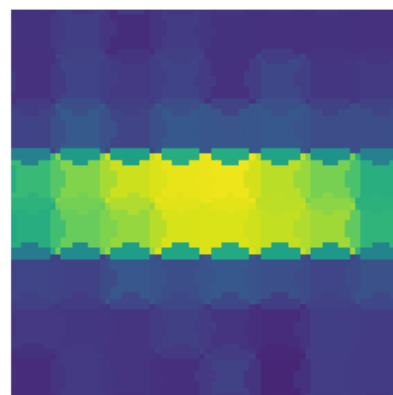
```
'std': 0.01*u.cm**-3,  
'min_ne' : 0*u.cm**-3})
```

The extra field can be included in the simulator using

```
[10]: edgeon_sim = edgeon_RMsimulator([B, ne_disk, ne_rnd])  
faceon_sim = faceon_RMsimulator([B, ne_disk, ne_rnd])
```

Let us now plot, as before, the simulated observables for each realisation

```
[11]: fig, axs = plt.subplots(3, 2, sharex=True, sharey=True, dpi=200)  
  
for i, ax in enumerate(axs):  
    key = tuple(faceon_sim.keys())[0]  
    d = faceon_sim[key].data[i]  
    ax[0].imshow(d.reshape(int(np.sqrt(d.size)), int(np.sqrt(d.size))),  
                vmin=0, vmax=550)  
  
    key = tuple(edgeon_sim.keys())[0]  
    d = edgeon_sim[key].data[i]  
    ax[1].imshow(d.reshape(int(np.sqrt(d.size)), int(np.sqrt(d.size))),  
                vmin=0, vmax=550)  
    ax[1].axis('off'); ax[0].axis('off')  
plt.tight_layout()
```

The Hammurabi simulator

This tutorial shows how to use the `Hammurabi` simulator class the interface to `hammurabiX` code.

Throughout the tutorial, we will use the term ‘Hammurabi’ to refer to the Simulator class, and ‘hammurabiX’ to refer to the `hammurabiX` software.

```
[1]: import matplotlib
      %matplotlib inline

      import numpy as np
      import healpy as hp
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

      import imagine as img

      import imagine.observables as img_obs
      import astropy.units as u
      import cmasher as cmr
      import copy

      matplotlib.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (10.0, 4.5)
```

11.1 Initializing

In the normal IMAGINE workflow, the simulator produces a set of mock observables (Simulators in IMAGINE jargon) which one wants to compare with a set of observational data (i.e. Measurements). Thus, the Hammurabi simulator class (as any IMAGINE simulator) has to be initialized with a Measurements object in order to know properties of the output it will need to generate.

Therefore, we begin by creating fake, empty, datasets which will help instructing Hammurabi which observational data we are interested in.

```
[2]: from imagine.observables import Measurements

# Creates some empty fake datasets
size = 12*32**2
sync_dset = img_obs.SynchrotronHEALPixDataset(data=np.empty(size)*u.mK,
                                              frequency=23*u.GHz, typ='I')

size = 12*16**2
fd_dset = img_obs.FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset(data=np.empty(size)*u.rad/u.m**2)
size = 12*8**2
dm_dset = img_obs.DispersionMeasureHEALPixDataset(data=np.empty(size)*u.pc/u.cm**3)

# Appends them to an Observables Dictionary
fakeMeasureDict = Measurements(sync_dset, fd_dset, dm_dset)
```

Now it is possible initializing the simulator. The Hammurabi simulator prints its setup after initialization, showing that we have defined three observables.

```
[3]: from imagine.simulators import Hammurabi
simer = Hammurabi(measurements=fakeMeasureDict)

observable {}
|--> sync {'cue': '1', 'freq': '23', 'nside': '32'}
|--> faraday {'cue': '1', 'nside': '16'}
|--> dm {'cue': '1', 'nside': '8'}
```

11.2 Running with dummy fields

11.2.1 Using only non-stochastic fields

In order to run an IMAGINE simulator, we need to specify a list of Field objects it will map onto observables.

The original hamurabiX code is *not only* a Simulator in IMAGINE's sense, but comes also with a large set of built-in fields. Using dummy IMAGINE fields, it is possible to instruct Hammurabi to run using one of hamurabiX's built-in fields instead of evaluating an IMAGINE Field.

A range of such dummy Fields and the associated Field Factories can be found in the subpackage `imagine.fields.hamx`.

Using some of these, let us initialize three dummy fields: one instructing Hammurabi to use one of hamurabiX's regular fields (BregLSA), one setting CR electron distribution (CREAna), and one setting the thermal electron distribution (YMW16).

```
[4]: from imagine.fields.hamx import BregLSA, CREAna, TRegYMW16

## ensemble size
ensemble_size = 2

## Set up the BregLSA field with the parameters you want:
paramlist = {'b0': 6.0, 'psi0': 27.9, 'psil': 1.3, 'chi0': 24.6}
breg_wmap = BregLSA(parameters=paramlist, ensemble_size=ensemble_size)

## Set up the analytic CR model CREAna
paramlist_cre = {'alpha': 3.0, 'beta': 0.0, 'theta': 0.0,
                'r0': 5.6, 'z0': 1.2,
                'E0': 20.5,
                'j0': 0.03}
```

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```
cre_ana = CREAna(parameters=paramlist_cre, ensemble_size=ensemble_size)

## The free electron model based on YMW16, ie. TeregYMW16
fereg_ymw16 = TeregYMW16(parameters={}, ensemble_size=ensemble_size)
```

Now we can run the Hammurabi to generate one set of observables

```
[5]: maps = simer([breg_wmap, cre_ana, fereg_ymw16])
```

The Hammurabi class wraps around hamurabiX's own python wrapper hampyx. The latter can be accessed through the attribute `_ham`.

It is generally convenient not using hampyx directly, considering future updates in hamurabiX. Nevertheless, there situations where this is still convenient, particularly while troubleshooting.

The direct access to hampyx is exemplified below, where we check its initialization, after running the simulation object.

```
[6]: simer._ham.print_par(['magneticfield', 'regular'])
simer._ham.print_par(['magneticfield', 'regular', 'wmap'])
simer._ham.print_par(['cre'])
simer._ham.print_par(['cre', 'analytic'])
simer._ham.print_par(['thermalelectron', 'regular'])
```

```
regular {'cue': '1', 'type': 'lsa'}
|--> lsa {}
|--> jaffe {}
|--> unif {}
cre {'cue': '1', 'type': 'analytic'}
|--> analytic {}
|--> unif {}
analytic {}
|--> alpha {'value': '3.0'}
|--> beta {'value': '0.0'}
|--> theta {'value': '0.0'}
|--> r0 {'value': '5.6'}
|--> z0 {'value': '1.2'}
|--> E0 {'value': '20.5'}
|--> j0 {'value': '0.03'}
regular {'cue': '1', 'type': 'ymw16'}
|--> ymw16 {}
|--> unif {}
```

Any Simulator by convention returns a Simulations object, which collect all required maps. We want to get them back as arrays we can visualize with healpy. The `data` attribute does this, and note that what it gets back is a **list** of two of each type of observable, since we specified `ensemble_size=2` above. But since we have not yet added a random component, they are both the same:

```
[7]: maps[('sync', 23., 32, 'I')].global_data

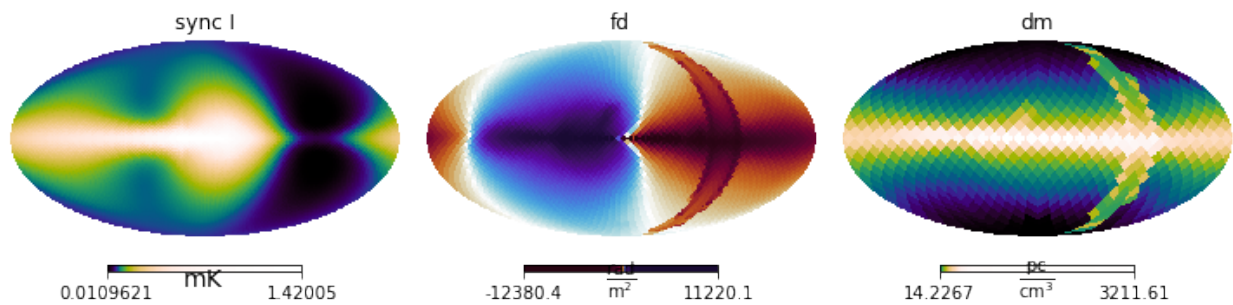
[7]: array([[0.08884023, 0.08772291, 0.08634578, ..., 0.08866684, 0.08728929,
            0.08849186],
           [0.08884023, 0.08772291, 0.08634578, ..., 0.08866684, 0.08728929,
            0.08849186]])
```

Below we exemplify how to (manually) extract and plot the simulated maps produced by Hammurabi:

```
[8]: from imagine.tools.visualization import _choose_cmap
```

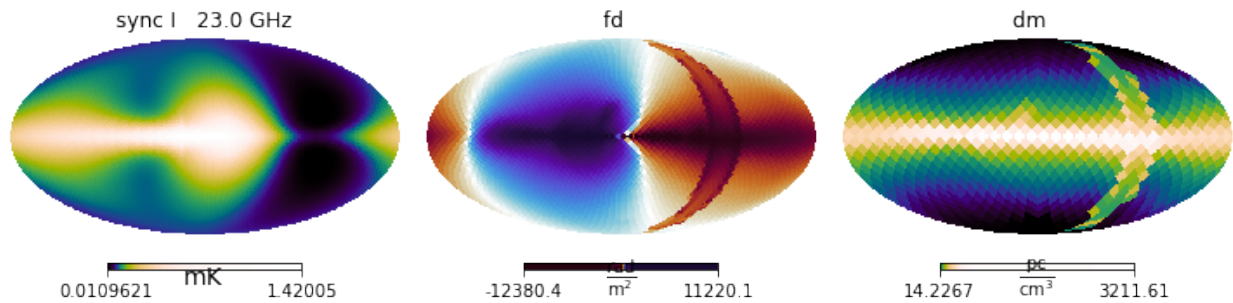
```
for i, key in enumerate(maps):
    simulated_data = maps[key].global_data[0]
    simulated_unit = maps[key].unit
    name = key[0]
    if key[3] is not None:
        name += ' '+key[3]
    hp.mollview(simulated_data, norm='hist', cmap=_choose_cmap(name),
                unit=simulated_unit._repr_latex_(), title=name, sub=(1,3,i+1))
```

```
/home/lrodrigues/miniconda3/envs/imagine/lib/python3.7/site-packages/healpy/projaxes.
→py:209: MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: Passing parameters norm and vmin/vmax_
→simultaneously is deprecated since 3.3 and will become an error two minor releases_
→later. Please pass vmin/vmax directly to the norm when creating it.
**kws
```



Alternatively, we can use a built-in method in the Simulations object to show its contents:

```
[9]: maps.show(max_realizations=1)
```



The keyword argument `max_realizations` limits the number of ensemble realisations that are displayed.

11.2.2 Using a stochastic magnetic field component

Now we add a random GMF component with the BrndES model. This model starts with a random number generator to simulate a Gaussian random field on a cartesian grid and ensures that it is divergence free. The grid is defined in hamurabiX XML parameter file.

```
[10]: from imagine.fields.hamx import BrndES

paramlist_Brnd = {'rms': 6., 'k0': 0.5, 'a0': 1.7,
                  'k1': 0.5, 'a1': 0.0,
                  'rho': 0.5, 'r0': 8., 'z0': 1.}
```

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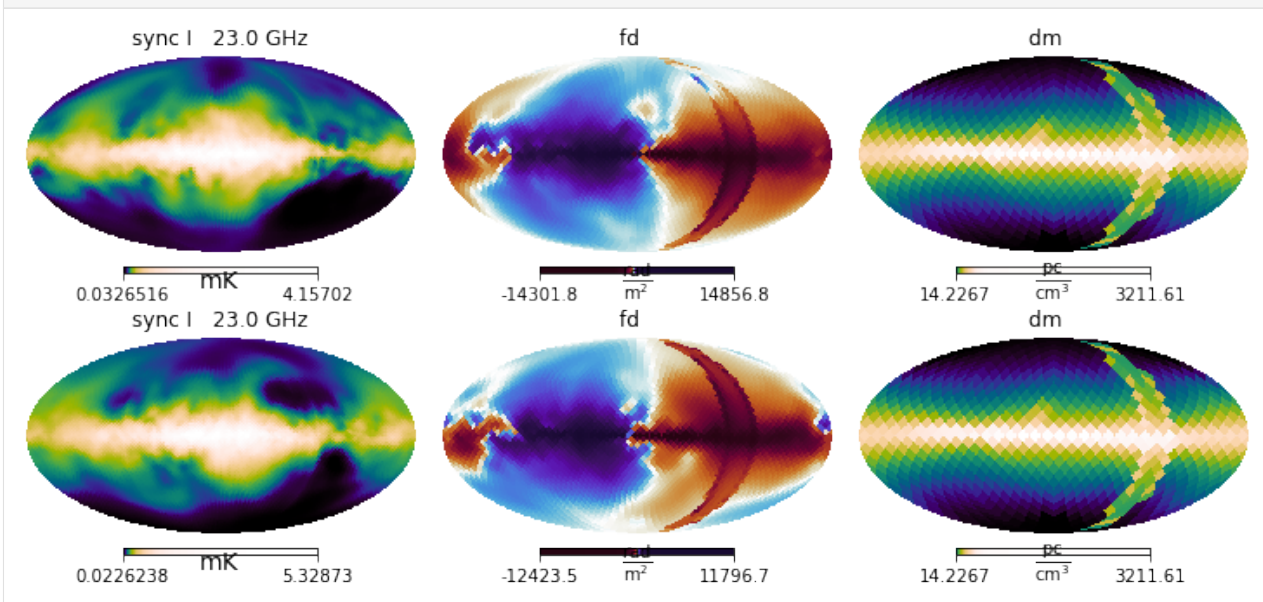
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```
brnd_es = BrndES(parameters=paramlist_Brnd, ensemble_size=ensemble_size,
                 grid_nx=100, grid_ny=100, grid_nz=40)
# The keyword arguments grid_ni modify random field grid for limiting
# the notebook's memory consumption.
```

Now use the simulator to generate the maps from these field components and visualize:

```
[11]: maps = simer([breg_wmap, brnd_es, cre_ana, fereg_ymwl6])
```

```
[12]: maps.show()
```



One can easily see the stochastic magnetic field in action by comparing the different model realisations shown in different rows.

11.3 Running with IMAGINE fields

11.3.1 The basics

While hamurabiX's fields are extremely useful, we want the flexibility of quickly plugging *any* IMAGINE Field to hamurabiX. Fortunately, this is actually very easy. For the sake of simplificty, let us initialize a “fresh” simulator object.

```
[13]: simer = Hammurabi(measurements=fakeMeasureDict)

observable {}
|--> sync {'cue': '1', 'freq': '23', 'nside': '32'}
|--> faraday {'cue': '1', 'nside': '16'}
|--> dm {'cue': '1', 'nside': '8'}
```

Now, let us initialize a few simple Fields and Grid

```
[14]: from imagine.fields import ConstantMagneticField, ExponentialThermalElectrons, \
      ↪UniformGrid

# We initialize a common grid for all the tests, with 100^3 meshpoints
grid = UniformGrid([[-25,25]]*3*u.kpc,
                  resolution=[100]*3)

# Two magnetic fields: constant By and constant Bz across the box
By_only = ConstantMagneticField(grid,
                                parameters={'Bx': 0*u.microgauss,
                                           'By': 1*u.microgauss,
                                           'Bz': 0*u.microgauss})

Bz_only = ConstantMagneticField(grid,
                                parameters={'Bx': 0*u.microgauss,
                                           'By': 0*u.microgauss,
                                           'Bz': 1*u.microgauss})

# Constant electron density in the box
ne = ExponentialThermalElectrons(grid, parameters={'central_density' : 0.01*u.cm**-3,
                                                  'scale_radius' : 3*u.kpc,
                                                  'scale_height' : 100*u.pc})
```

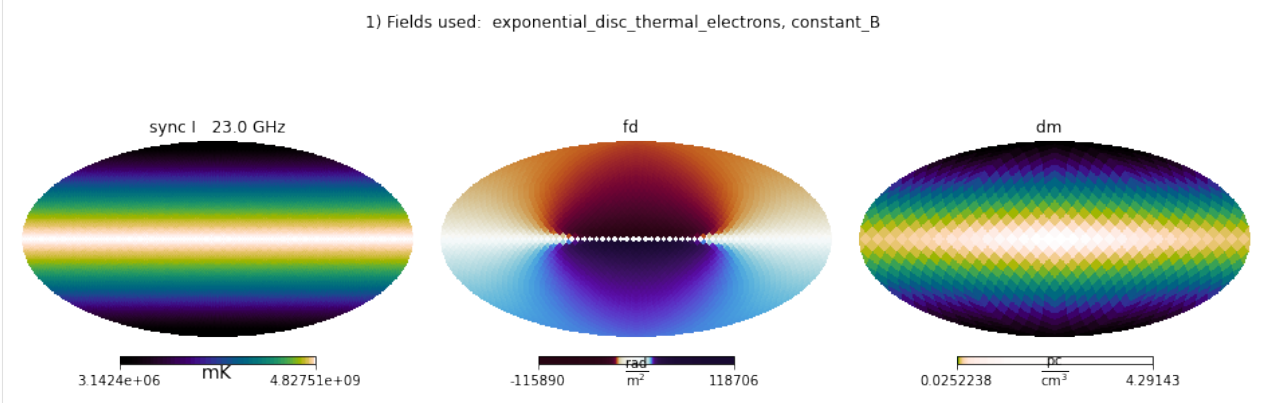
We can run hamurabi by simply providing the fields in the fields list

```
[15]: fields_list1 = [ne, Bz_only]
      maps = simer(fields_list1)
```

We can now examine the results

```
[16]: # Creates a list of names
      field_names = [field.name for field in fields_list1]

      fig = plt.figure(figsize=(13.0, 4.0))
      maps.show()
      plt.suptitle('1) Fields used: ' + ', '.join(field_names));
```



Which is what one would expect for this very artificial setup.

As usual, we can combine different fields (fields of the same type are simply summed up. The following cell illustrates this.

```
[17]: fields_list2 = [ne, By_only]
      fields_list3 = [ne, By_only, Bz_only]

      for i, fields_list in enumerate([fields_list2, fields_list3]):
```

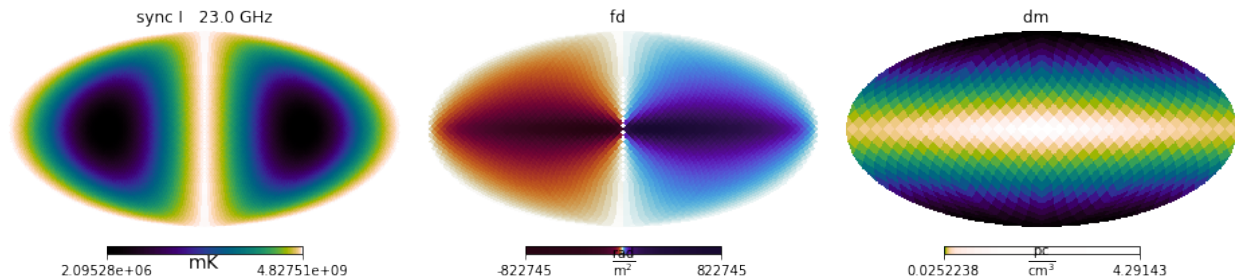
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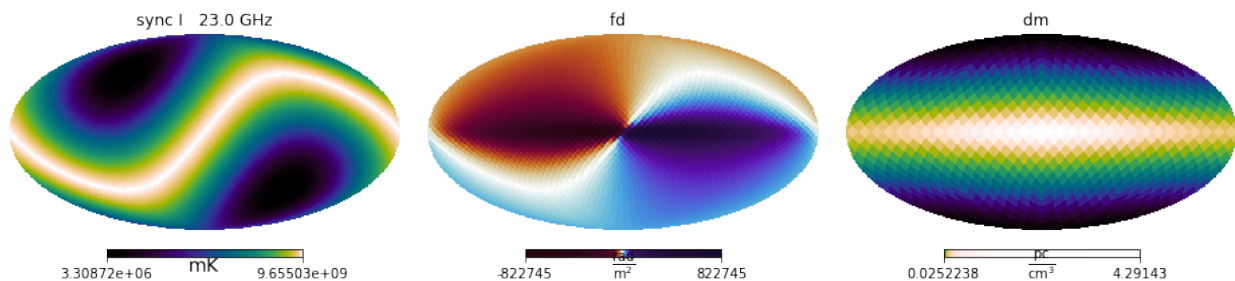
```
# Creates a list of names
field_names = [field.name for field in fields_list]

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(13.0, 4.0))
maps = simer(fields_list)
maps.show()
plt.suptitle(str(i+2)+' Fields used: ' + ', '.join(field_names));
```

2) Fields used: exponential_disc_thermal_electrons, constant_B



3) Fields used: exponential_disc_thermal_electrons, constant_B, constant_B



11.3.2 Mixing internal and IMAGINE fields

The dummy fields that enable hamurabiX’s internal fields can be combined with normal IMAGINE Fields as long as they belong to different categories in hamurabiX’s implementation. These are: * regular magnetic field * random magnetic field * regular thermal electron density * random thermal electron density * cosmic ray electrons

Thus, if you provide IMAGINE Fields of a given field type, the corresponding hamurabiX built-in field is deactivated.

In the following example we illustrate using an IMAGINE field for the “regular magnetic field”, and dummies for the “random magnetic field” and cosmic rays.

```
[18]: # Re-defines the fields, with the default ensemble size of 1
brnd_es = BrndES(parameters=paramlist_Brnd)
brnd_es.set_grid_size(nx=100, ny=100, nz=40)
cre_ana = CREAna(parameters=paramlist_cre)

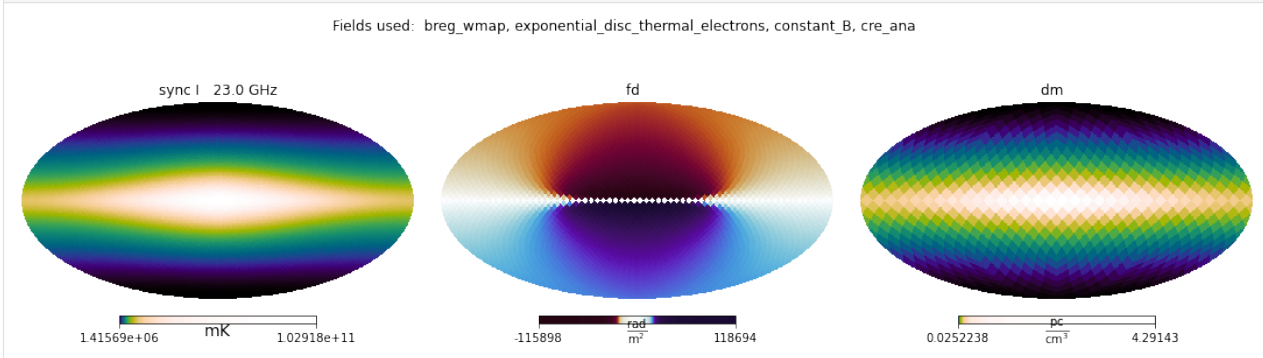
fields_list = [brnd_es, ne, Bz_only, cre_ana]

field_names = [field.name for field in fields_list]
```

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```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(15.0, 4.0))
maps = simer(fields_list)
maps.show()
plt.suptitle('Fields used: ' + ', '.join(field_names));
```



A powerful aspect of a fully bayesian analysis approach is the possibility of explicitly stating any prior expectations about the parameter values based on previous knowledge.

The most typical use of the IMAGINE employs Pipeline objects based on the Nested Sampling approach (e.g. UltraneST). This requires the priors to be specified as a *prior transform function*, that is: a mapping between uniformly distributed values to the actual distribution. The IMAGINE prior classes can handle this automatically and output either the *probability density function* (PDF) or the *prior transform function*, depending on the needs of the chosen sampler.

12.1 Marginal prior distributions

We will first approach the case where we only have access independent prior information for each parameter (i.e. there is no prior information on correlation between parameters). The `CustomPrior` class helps constructing an IMAGINE prior from either: a known prior PDF, or a previous sampling of the parameter space.

12.1.1 Prior from a sample

To illustrate this, we will first construct a sample associated with a hypothetical parameter. To keep things simple but still illustrative, we construct this combining a uniform distribution and a normal distribution.

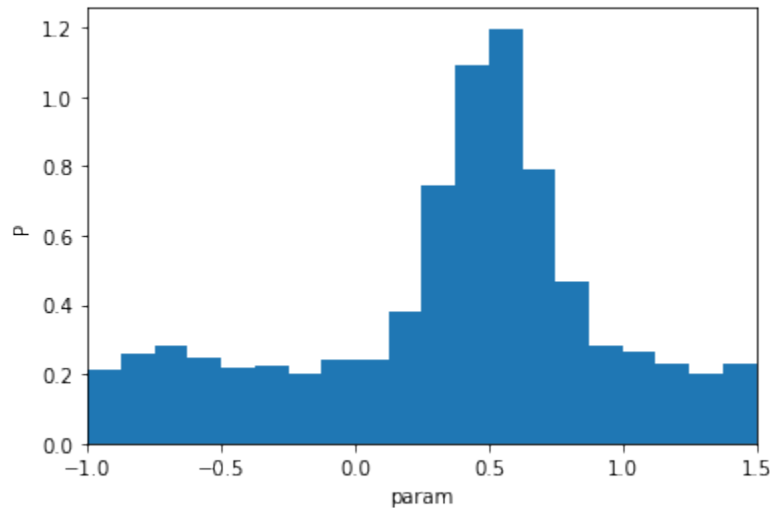
```
[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import astropy.units as u
import imagine as img
import corner, os
import scipy.stats

[2]: sample = np.concatenate([np.random.random_sample(2000),
                             np.random.normal(loc=0.6, scale=0.07, size=1500) ])
sample = sample*2.5-1
```

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```
sample *= u.microgauss
plt.hist(sample.value, bins=20, density=True)
plt.ylabel('P'); plt.xlabel('param'); plt.xlim(-1,1.5);
```



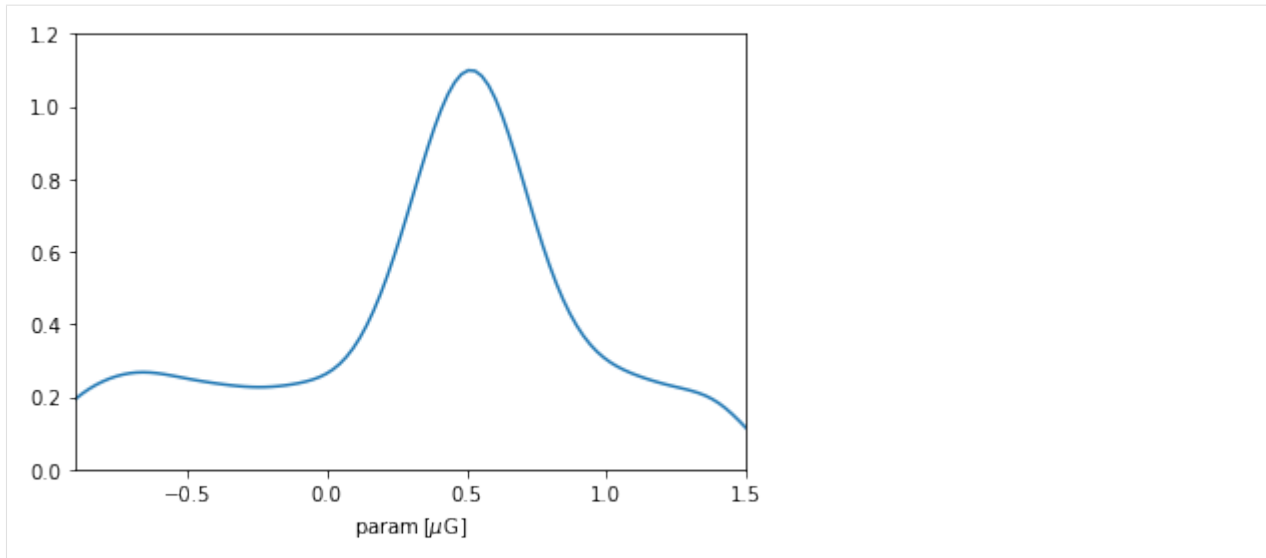
This distribution could be the result of a previous inference exercise (e.g. *a previous run of the IMAGINE pipeline* using a different set of observables).

From it, we can construct our prior using the `CustomPrior` class. Lets say that, for some reason, we are only interested in the interval $[-0.9, 1.5]$ (say, for example, $p = -1$ is unphysical), this can be accounted for with the argument `interval`.

```
[3]: prior_param = img.priors.CustomPrior(samples=sample,
                                         xmin=-0.9*u.microgauss,
                                         xmax=1.5*u.microgauss)
```

At this point we can inspect the PDF to see what we have.

```
[4]: p = np.linspace(-0.9, 1.5, 100)*u.microgauss
plt.plot(p, prior_param.pdf(p))
plt.xlim(-0.9,1.5); plt.ylim(0,1.2); plt.xlabel(r'param$\, [\mu\rm G]$');
```



A cautionary note: the KDE used in intermediate calculation tends to smoothen the distribution and forces a slight decay close to the endpoints (reflecting the fact that a Gaussian kernel was employed). For most practical applications, this is not a big problem: one can control the degree of smoothness through the argument `bw_method` while initializing `CustomPrior`, and the range close to endpoints are typically uninteresting. But it is recommended to always check the PDF of a prior generated from a set of samples.

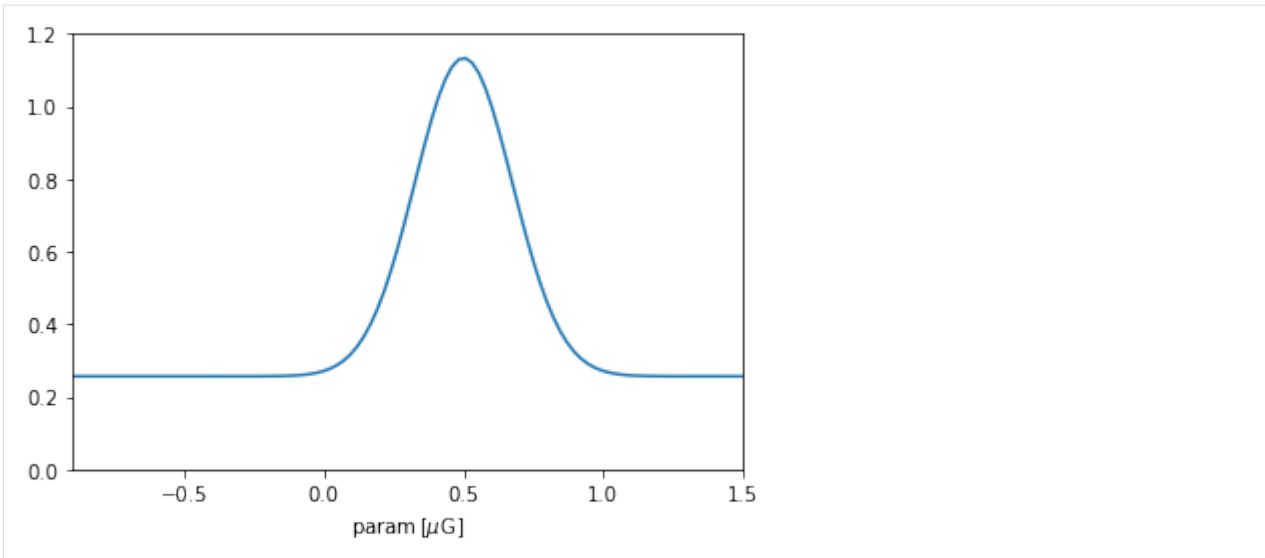
12.1.2 Prior from a known PDF

Alternatively, when one knows the analytic shape of given PDF, one can instead supply a function to `CustomPrior`. In this case, the shape of the original function is generally respected. For example:

```
[5]: def example_pdf(y):
    x = y.to(u.microgauss).value # Handles units
    uniform_part = 1
    sigma = 0.175; mu = 0.5
    gaussian_part = 1.5*( 1/(sigma * np.sqrt(2 * np.pi))
                          * np.exp( - (x - mu)**2 / (2 * sigma**2) ))
    return uniform_part + gaussian_part

prior_param = img.priors.CustomPrior(pdf_fun=example_pdf,
                                     xmin=-0.9*u.microgauss,
                                     xmax=1.5*u.microgauss)

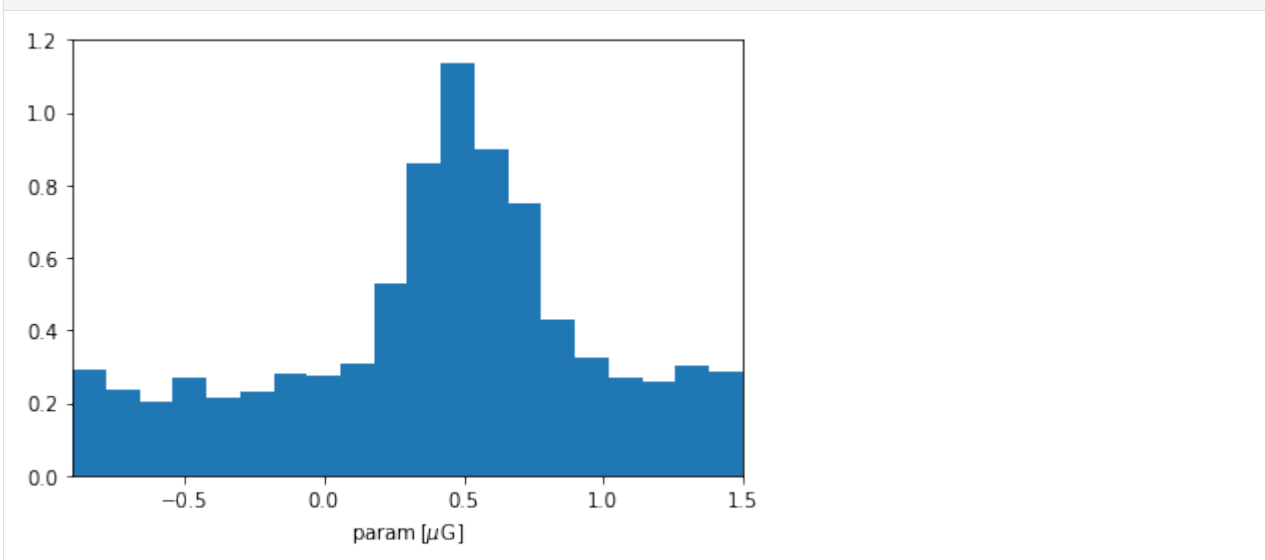
plt.plot(p, prior_param.pdf(p))
plt.xlim(-0.9,1.5); plt.ylim(0,1.2); plt.xlabel(r'param$, [\mu\rm G]$');
```



Once the prior object was constructed, the IMAGINE Pipeline object uses it as the mapping above described to sample new parameters. Let us illustrate this concretely and check whether the prior is working.

```
[6]: uniform_sample = np.random.random_sample(2000)
      sampled_values = prior_param(uniform_sample)

      plt.hist(sampled_values.value, bins=20, density=True)
      plt.xlim(-0.9, 1.5); plt.ylim(0, 1.2); plt.xlabel(r'param$\\, [\mu\rm G]$');
```



12.1.3 Flat and Gaussian priors

Flat and Normal distributions are common prior choices when one is starting to tackle a particular problem. These are implemented by the classes `img.priors.FlatPrior` and `img.priors.GaussianPrior`, respectively.

```
[7]: muG = u.microgauss # Convenience

      flat_prior = img.priors.FlatPrior(xmin=-5*muG, xmax=5*muG)
```

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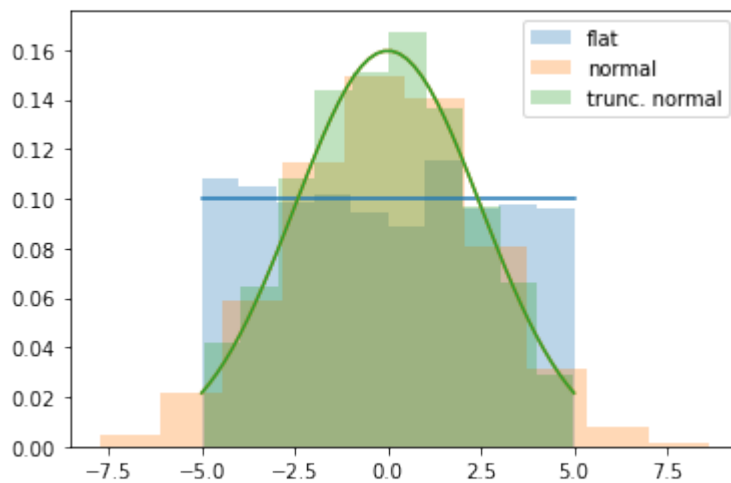
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```

gaussian_prior = img.priors.GaussianPrior(mu=0*muG, sigma=2.5*muG)
truncated_gaussian_prior = img.priors.GaussianPrior(mu=0*muG, sigma=2.5*muG,
                                                    xmin=-5*muG, xmax=5*muG)

t = np.linspace(-5,5)*muG
plt.plot(t, flat_prior.pdf(t))
plt.plot(t, gaussian_prior.pdf(t))
plt.plot(t, truncated_gaussian_prior.pdf(t))
plt.gca().set_prop_cycle(None)
# Plots the distribution of values constructed using this prior
x = np.random.random_sample(2000)
plt.hist(flat_prior(x).value,
         density=True, alpha=0.3, label='flat')
plt.hist(gaussian_prior(x).value,
         density=True, alpha=0.3, label='normal')
plt.hist(truncated_gaussian_prior(x).value,
         density=True, alpha=0.3, label='trunc. normal')
plt.legend();

```



If using a `FlatPrior`, the range of the parameter *must be specified*. In the case of a `GaussianPrior`, if one specifies the limits a renormalized truncated distribution is used.

12.1.4 Prior from `scipy.stats` distribution

We now demonstrate a helper class which allows to easily construct priors from any of the `scipy.stats` distributions. Lets say that we would like to impose a `chi` prior distribution for a given parameter, we can achieve this by using the `ScipyPrior` helper class.

```

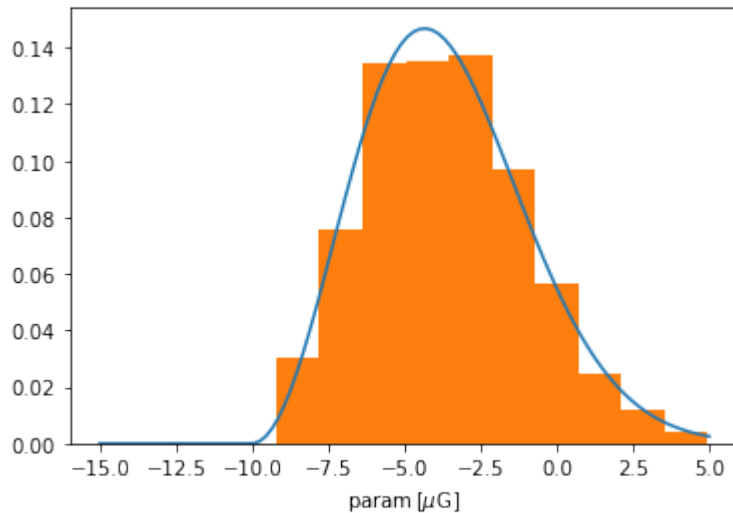
[8]: chiPrior = img.priors.ScipyPrior(scipy.stats.chi, 3, loc=-10*muG,
                                     scale=4*muG, xmin=-15*muG, xmax=5*muG)

```

The first argument of `img.priors.scipyPrior` is an instance of `scipy.stats.rv_continuous`, this is followed by any args required by the `scipy` distribution (in this specific case, 3 is the number of degrees of freedom in the `chi`-distribution). The keyword arguments `loc` and `scale` have the same meaning as in the `scipy.stats` case, and `interval` tells maximum and minimum parameter values that will be considered.

Let us check that this works, plotting the PDF and an histogram of parameter values sampled from the prior.

```
[9]: # Plots the PDF associated with this prior
t = np.linspace(*chiPrior.range,100)
plt.plot(t, chiPrior.pdf(t))
# Plots the distribution of values constructed using this prior
x = np.random.random_sample(2000)
plt.hist(chiPrior(x).value, density=True);
plt.xlabel(r'param$\, [\mu\rm G]$');
```

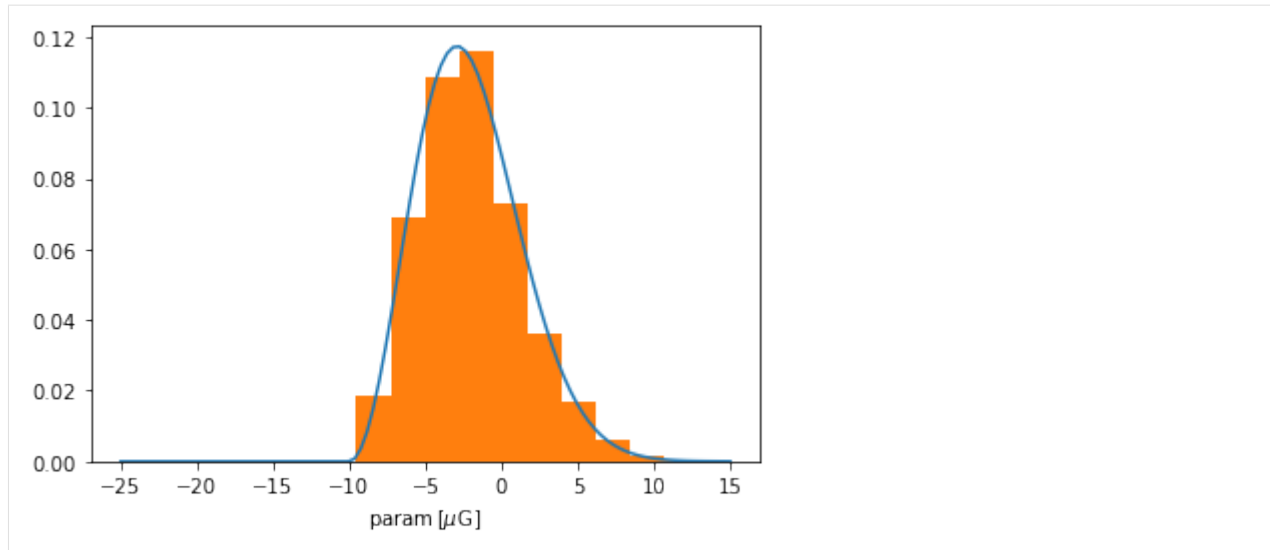


One might have noticed that the distribution above was truncated at the specified interval. As shown in the GaussianPrior case (above), IMAGINE also supports unbounded parameter ranges, this can be achieved by refraining from specifying the arguments `xmin` and `xmax` (or by setting them to `None`).

```
[10]: chi_prior = img.priors.ScipyPrior(scipy.stats.chi, 3, loc=-10*muG, unit=muG,
                                         scale=5*muG)
print('The range is now:', chiPrior.range)

The range is now: [-15.    5.] uG
```

```
[11]: # Plots the PDF associated with this prior
t = np.linspace(-25,15,100)*muG
plt.plot(t, chi_prior.pdf(t))
# Plots the distribution of values constructed using this prior
x = np.random.random_sample(2000)
plt.hist(chi_prior(x).value, density=True);
plt.xlabel(r'param$\, [\mu\rm G]$');
```

12.2 Correlated priors

It is also possible to set IMAGINE priors where the parameters are correlated. As previously mentioned, most common case where this is needed is when one starts from the results (samples) of a previous inference and wants now to include a different observable, which is where we begin.

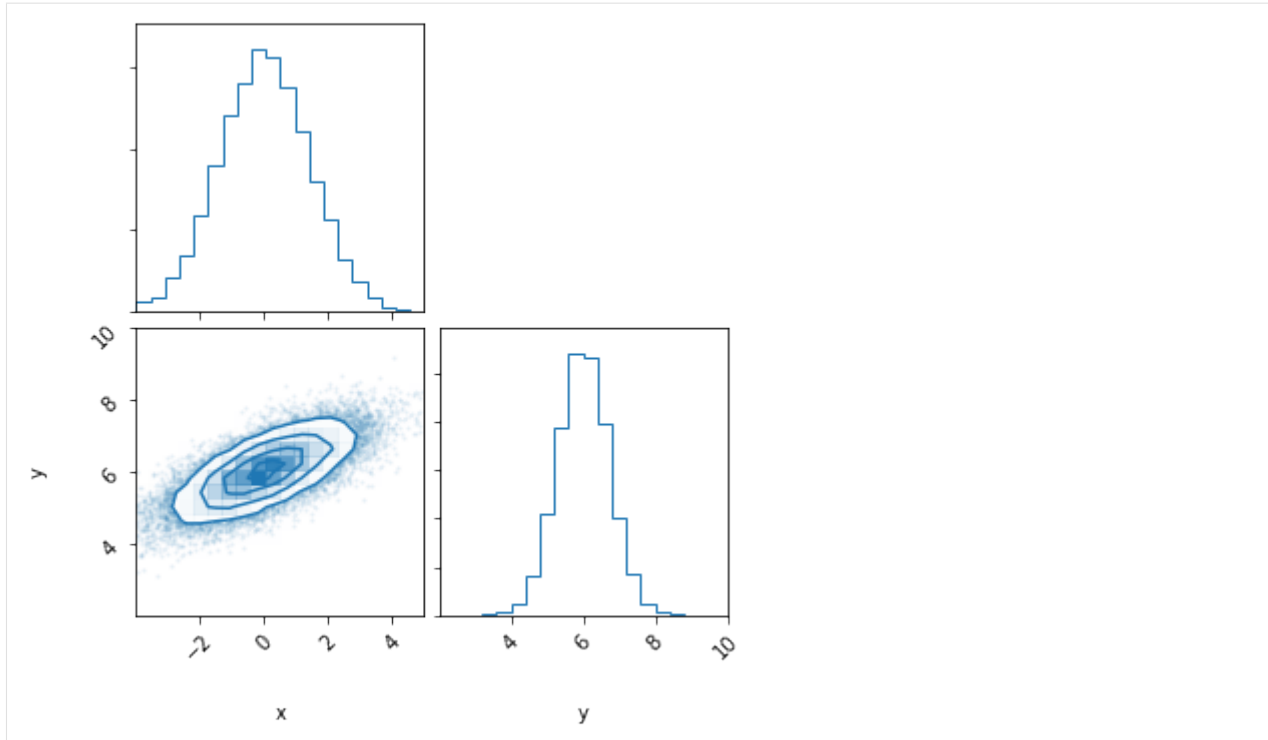
12.2.1 Correlated priors from samples

Given two or more samples supplied to `CustomPrior`, IMAGINE is able to estimate the correlation and use this information while running the Pipeline. To demonstrate this, we begin by artificially constructing samples of correlated priors using `scipy`'s multivariate normal distribution.

```
[12]: # Sets up the distribution object
distr = scipy.stats.multivariate_normal(mean=[0, 6],
                                         cov=[[2.0, 0.7],
                                               [0.7, 0.5]])

# Computes the samples and plots them
samples = distr.rvs(25000)
corner.corner(samples, range=[-4,5],[2,10], color='tab:blue', labels=['x','y']);
print('Pearson-r correlation: {0:.1f}'.format(scipy.stats.pearsonr(samples[:,0],
↪samples[:,1])[0]))
```

Pearson-r correlation: 0.7



Now, we initialize two `CustomPrior` instances with each of the correlated samples

```
[13]: prior_a = img.priors.CustomPrior(samples=samples[:,0]*muG)
      prior_b = img.priors.CustomPrior(samples=samples[:,1]*muG)
```

For definiteness, let us prepare an imagine pipeline with a similar setup `tutorial_one` (“Basic pipeline...”).

```
[14]: mockData = img.observables.TabularDataset({'test': [1,], 'err': [0.1]},
                                                name='test', err_col='err')

meas = img.observables.Measurements()
meas.append(mockData)
cov = img.observables.Covariances()
cov.append(mockData)

grid = img.fields.UniformGrid(box=[[0,2*np.pi]*u.kpc,
                                   [0,0]*u.kpc,
                                   [0,0]*u.kpc],
                              resolution=[2,1,1])

likelihood = img.likelihoods.EnsembleLikelihood(meas, cov)
simer = img.simulators.TestSimulator(meas)

ne_factory = img.fields.CosThermalElectronDensityFactory(grid=grid)
B_factory = img.fields.NaiveGaussianMagneticFieldFactory(grid=grid)

B_factory.active_parameters = ('a0', 'b0')
B_factory.priors = {'a0': prior_a, 'b0': prior_b}
```

In the last line, we associated the priors generated from the correlated samples to the parameters `a0` and `b0`. There is one more step to actually account for the correlations in the samples: one needs to provide the Pipeline with a prior correlations dictionary, explicitly saying that pairs of parameters may display correlations (it will look at the original samples and try to estimate the covariance from there):

```
[15]: prior_corr_dict = { ('a0', 'b0'): True}

run_dir = os.path.join(img.rc['temp_dir'], 'tutorial_priors')
pipeline = img.pipelines.UltraneStPipeline(run_directory=run_dir,
                                          simulator=simer,
                                          factory_list=[ne_factory, B_factory],
                                          likelihood=likelihood,
                                          prior_correlations=prior_corr_dict)
```

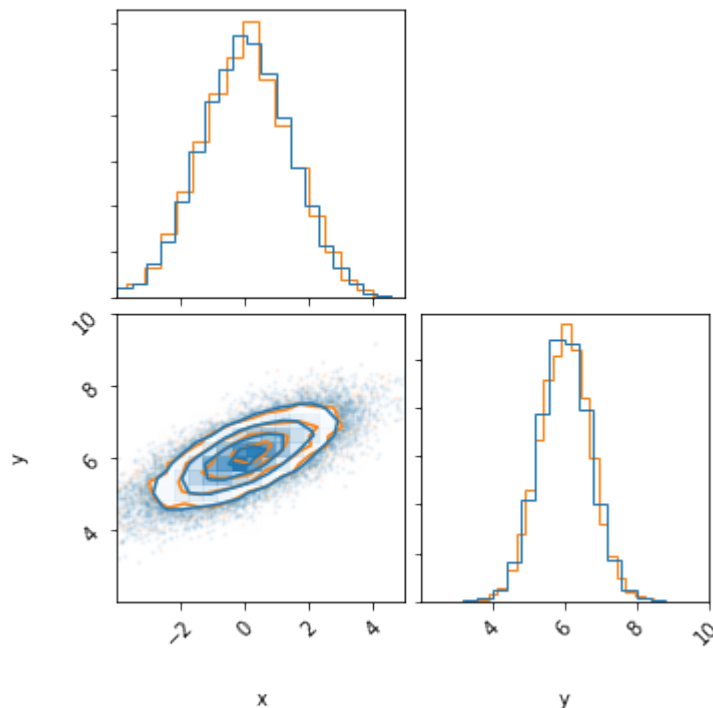
If we now run pipeline, the sampler will automatically draw the points from a correlated prior.

Internally, IMAGINE is providing the chosen sampler with the method `prior_transform` which takes a vector of numbers in the `[0, 1]` interval (the “unit cube”) and returns the parameter values of active parameters.

Let us use `prior_transform` to check how (and if) this working.

```
[16]: n = 5000
a, b = np.random.sample(n), np.random.sample(n)
X = pipeline.prior_transform(np.array([a,b]))
fig = corner.corner(X.T, color='tab:orange', hist_kwargs={'density': True})
corner.corner(samples, range=[-4,5], [2,10], color='tab:blue',
              labels=['x', 'y'], hist_kwargs={'density': True}, fig=fig)
print('Pearson-r correlation: {0:.1f}'.format(scipy.stats.pearsonr(X[0], X[1])[0]))
```

Pearson-r correlation: 0.7



Where the dark blue curve is the new distribution.

12.2.2 Setting prior correlations manually

In the situations where one is *not* constructing the priors from samples, it is still possible to set up prior correlations between parameters. To do this, we simply specify the correlation coefficient (instead of `True`) in the dictionary

supplied to the pipeline with the `prior_correlations` keyword. For example,

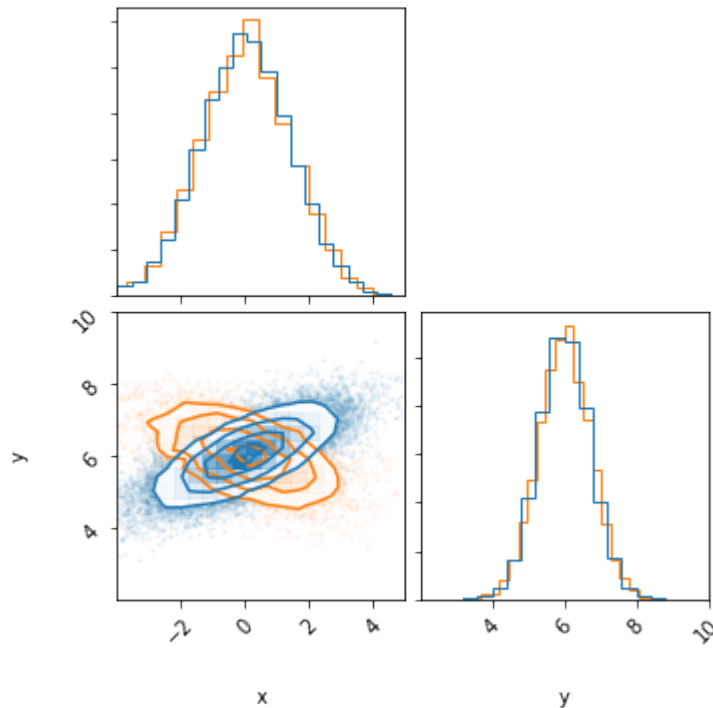
```
[17]: prior_corr_dict = { ('a0', 'b0'): -0.5}

pipeline_new = img.pipelines.UltraneStPipeline(run_directory=run_dir,
                                              simulator=simer,
                                              factory_list=[ne_factory, B_factory],
                                              likelihood=likelihood,
                                              prior_correlations=prior_corr_dict)

[18]: n = 5000
a, b = np.random.sample(n), np.random.sample(n)
X = pipeline_new.prior_transform(np.array([a,b]))
fig =corner.corner(X.T, color='tab:orange', scale_hist=True,hist_kwargs={'density':
→True}))

corner.corner(samples, range=[[-4,5],[2,10]], color='tab:blue',
              labels=['x','y'], fig=fig,hist_kwargs={'density':True})
print('Pearson-r correlation: {0:.1f}'.format(scipy.stats.pearsonr(X[0], X[1])[0]))

Pearson-r correlation: -0.5
```



This example illustrates how the same marginal distributions kept, but with different correlations.

Masking HEALPix datasets

For users who do not want to simulate and fit a full sky map (e.g., to remove confusing regions) or who need patches of a HEALPix map at high resolution, IMAGINE has a `Masks` class derived from **ObservableDict**. It also applies the masks correctly not only to the simulation but also the measured data sets and the corresponding observational covariances.

```
[1]: import numpy as np
import healpy as hp
import imagine as img
import astropy.units as u
import imagine.observables as img_obs
from imagine.fields.hamx import BregLSA, TRegYMW16, CREAna
```

13.1 Creating a Mask dictionary

First of all, make an example, let's mask out low latitude $|l| < 20^\circ$ pixels and those inside four local loops

```
[2]: mask_nside = 32

def mask_map_val(_nside,_ipix):
    """Mask loops and latitude"""
    l,b = hp.pix2ang(_nside,_ipix,lonlat=True)
    R = np.pi/180.
    cue = 1
    L = [329,100,124,315]
    B = [17.5,-32.5,15.5,48.5]
    D = [116,91,65,39.5]
    #LOOP I
    if ( np.arccos(np.sin(b*R)*np.sin(B[0]*R)+np.cos(b*R)*np.cos(B[0]*R)*np.cos(l*R-
    ↪L[0]*R)) < 0.5*D[0]*R ):
        cue = 0
    #LOOP II
```

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```

    if( np.arccos(np.sin(b*R)*np.sin(B[1]*R)+np.cos(b*R)*np.cos(B[1]*R)*np.cos(l*R-
↳L[1]*R))<0.5*D[1]*R ):
        cue = 0
    #LOOP III
    if( np.arccos(np.sin(b*R)*np.sin(B[2]*R)+np.cos(b*R)*np.cos(B[2]*R)*np.cos(l*R-
↳L[2]*R))<0.5*D[2]*R ):
        cue = 0
    #LOOP IV
    if( np.arccos(np.sin(b*R)*np.sin(B[3]*R)+np.cos(b*R)*np.cos(B[3]*R)*np.cos(l*R-
↳L[3]*R))<0.5*D[3]*R ):
        cue = 0
    #STRIPE
    if(abs(b)<20.):
        cue = 0
    return cue

```

```
mask_map = np.zeros(np.isside2npix(mask_nside))
```

```

for i in range(len(mask_map)):
    mask_map[i] = mask_map_val(mask_nside, i)

```

```

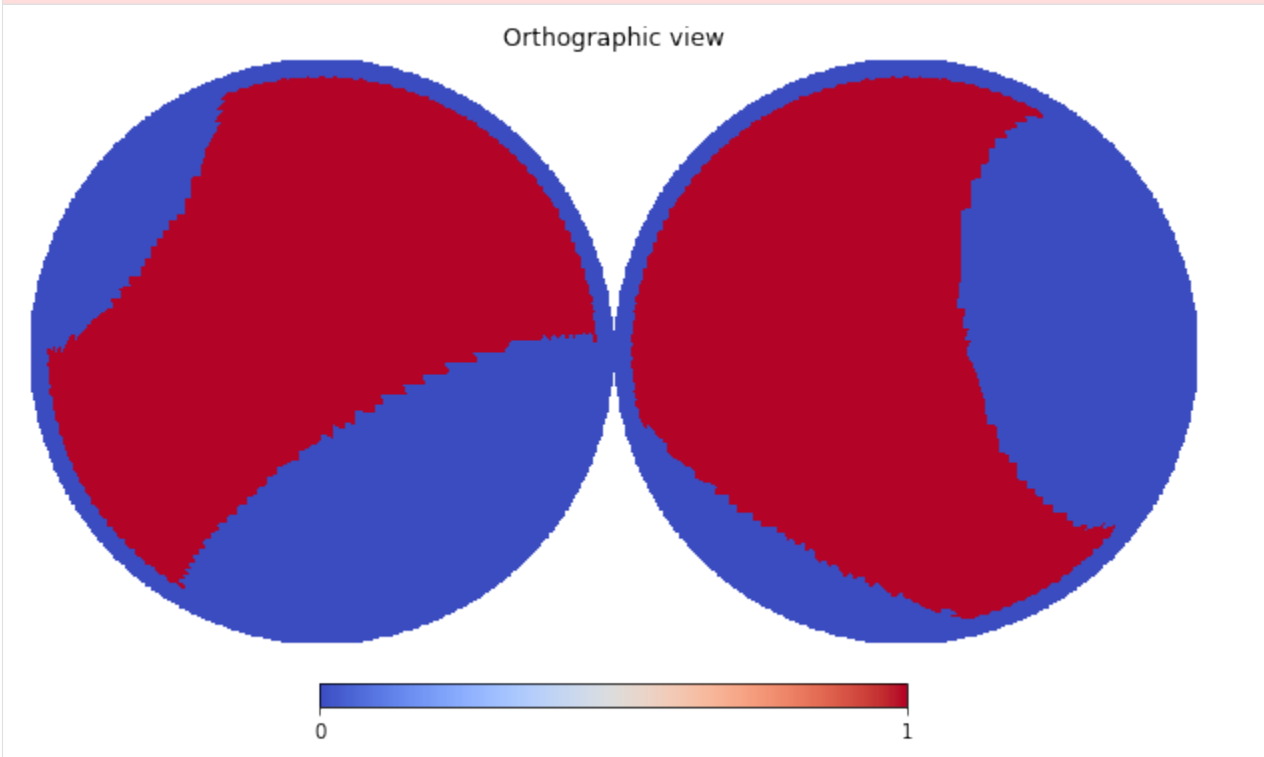
# Presents the generated mask map
hp.orthview(mask_map, cmap='coolwarm', rot=(0,90))
hp.mollview(mask_map, cmap='coolwarm')

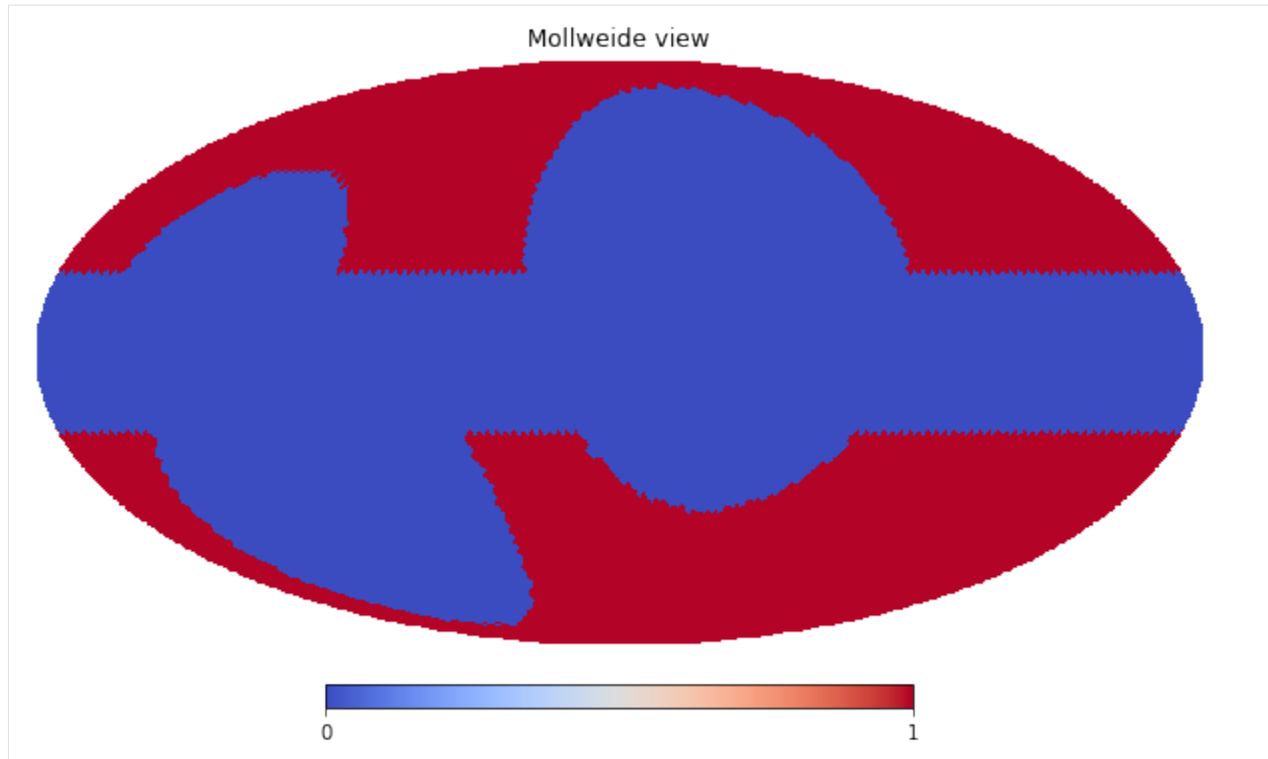
```

```

/home/lrodrigues/miniconda3/envs/imagen/lib/python3.7/site-packages/healpy/projaxes.
↳py:211: MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: Passing parameters norm and vmin/vmax_
↳simultaneously is deprecated since 3.3 and will become an error two minor releases_
↳later. Please pass vmin/vmax directly to the norm when creating it.
**kwds

```





The procedure to include the above created mask in a *Masks* dictionary is the same as the *Measurements* (at the moment, there is no helper equivalent to the *Dataset*, but this should not be an issue).

```
[3]: masks = img_obs.Masks()
masks.append(name=('sync', 23.0, 32, 'I'), data=np.vstack([mask_map]))
```

13.2 Applying Masks directly

Typically, after setting the masks, we supply them to the Likelihood and/or Simulator classes, which allow them (see section below) *to be used* in the pipeline run.

Nevertheless, to understand or check what is going on internally, we can apply it ourselves to a given Observable. To illustrate this, let us first generate a mock synchrotron map using Hammurabi (using the usual trick).

```
[4]: from imagine.simulators import Hammurabi

# Creates empty datasets
sync_dset = img_obs.SynchrotronHEALPixDataset(data=np.empty(12*32**2)*u.K,
                                              frequency=23, typ='I')

# Appends them to an Observables Dictionary
fakeMeasureDict = img_obs.Measurements()
fakeMeasureDict.append(dataset=sync_dset)

# Initializes the Simulator with the fake Measurements
simulator = Hammurabi(measurements=fakeMeasureDict)

# Initializes Fields
breg_wmap = BregLSA(parameters={'b0': 6.0, 'psi0': 27.9,
                              'psi1': 1.3, 'chi0': 24.6})

cre_ana = CREAna(parameters={'alpha': 3.0, 'beta': 0.0,
```

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```

        'theta': 0.0, 'r0': 5.6, 'z0': 1.2,
        'E0': 20.5, 'j0': 0.03})
fereg_ymw16 = TEregYMW16(parameters={})

# Produces the mock dataset
maps = simulator([breg_wmap, cre_ana, fereg_ymw16])

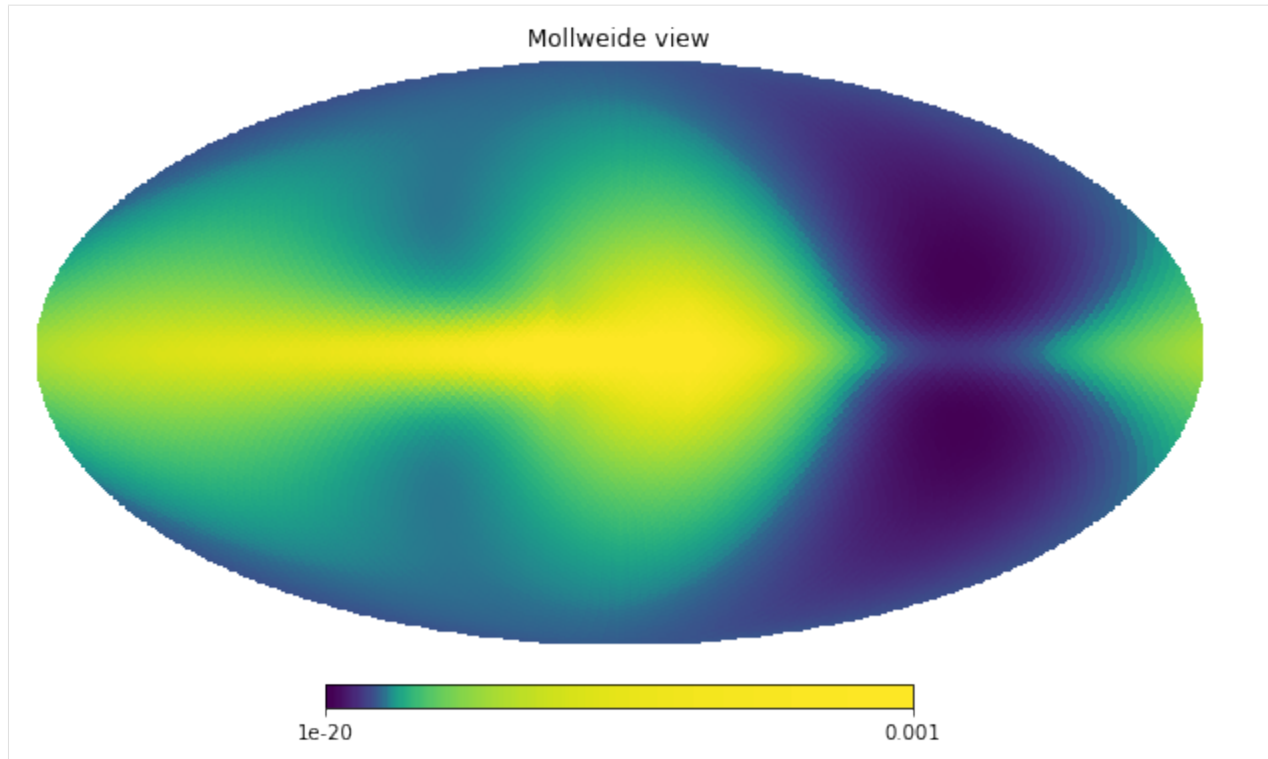
observable {}
|--> sync {'cue': '1', 'freq': '23', 'nside': '32'}
```

We can now inspect how this data looks before the masking takes place

```

[5]: unmasked_map = maps[('sync', 23.0, 32, 'I')].data[0]
hp.mollview(unmasked_map, norm='hist', min=1e-20, max=1.0e-3)

/home/lrodrigues/miniconda3/envs/imagine/lib/python3.7/site-packages/healpy/projaxes.
→py:920: MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: You are modifying the state of a globally_
→registered colormap. In future versions, you will not be able to modify a_
→registered colormap in-place. To remove this warning, you can make a copy of the_
→colormap first. cmap = copy.copy(mpl.cm.get_cmap("viridis"))
newcm.set_over(newcm(1.0))
/home/lrodrigues/miniconda3/envs/imagine/lib/python3.7/site-packages/healpy/projaxes.
→py:921: MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: You are modifying the state of a globally_
→registered colormap. In future versions, you will not be able to modify a_
→registered colormap in-place. To remove this warning, you can make a copy of the_
→colormap first. cmap = copy.copy(mpl.cm.get_cmap("viridis"))
newcm.set_under(bgcolor)
/home/lrodrigues/miniconda3/envs/imagine/lib/python3.7/site-packages/healpy/projaxes.
→py:922: MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: You are modifying the state of a globally_
→registered colormap. In future versions, you will not be able to modify a_
→registered colormap in-place. To remove this warning, you can make a copy of the_
→colormap first. cmap = copy.copy(mpl.cm.get_cmap("viridis"))
newcm.set_bad(badcolor)
```

The masks object acts as a function that takes an observable dictionary (i.e. Measurements, Covariances or Simulations) and returns a new ObservablesDict with relevant maps already masked.

```
[6]: # Creates the masked map(s)
new_maps = masks(maps)
# Stores it, for conveniency
masked_map = new_maps[('sync', 23.0, 4941, 'I')].data[0]
```

Applying a mask, however, changes the size of the data array

```
[7]: print('Masked map size:', masked_map.size)
print('Original map size', unmasked_map.size)
```

```
Masked map size: 4941
Original map size 12288
```

This is expected: the whole point of masking is not using parts of the data which are unreliable or irrelevant for a particular purpose.

However, if, to check whether things are working correctly, we wish to *look* at masked image, we need to reconstruct it. This means creating a new image including the pixels which we previously have thrown away, as exemplified below:

```
[8]: # Creates an empty array for the results
masked = np.empty((hp.nside2npix(mask_nside)))
# Saves each pixel `raw_map` in `masked`, adding "unseen" tags for
# pixels in the mask
idx = 0
for i in range(len(mask_map)):
    if mask_map[i] == 0:
        masked[i] = hp.UNSEEN
```

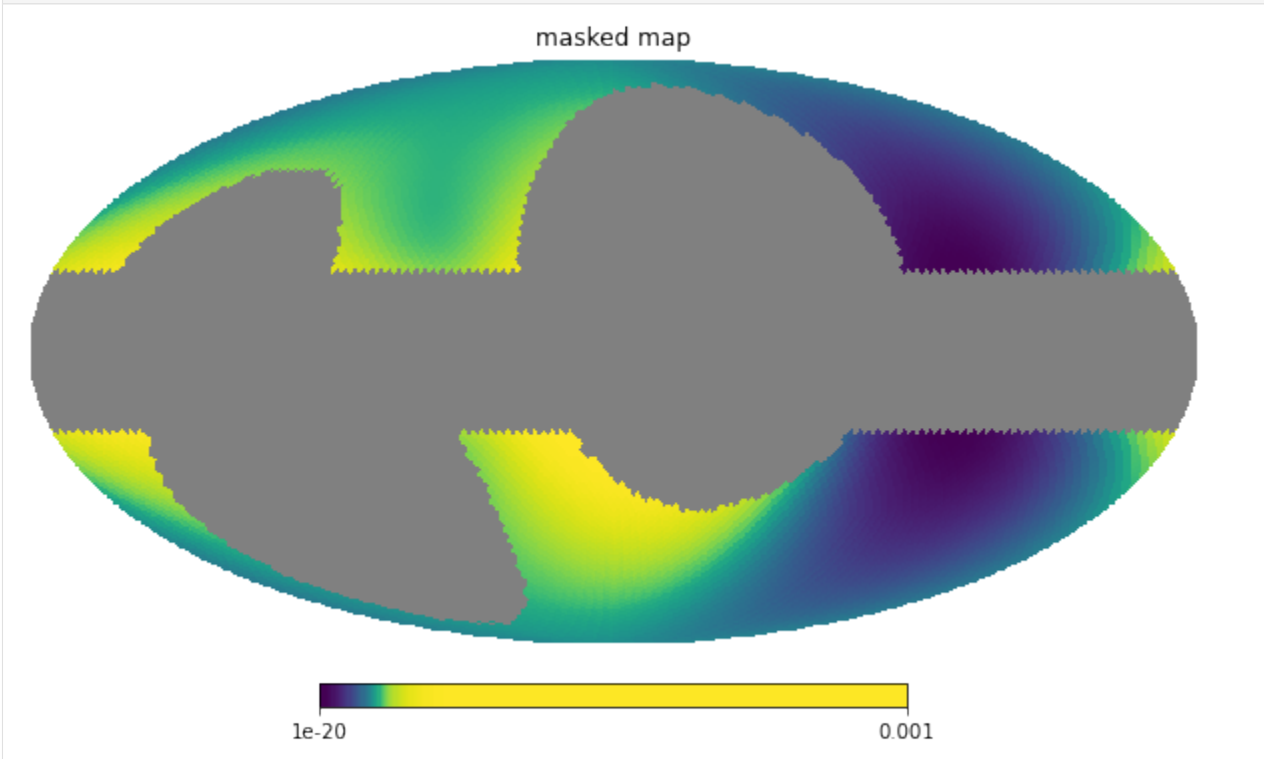
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else:
    masked[i] = masked_map[idx]
    idx += 1
# Shows the image
hp.mollview(masked, norm='hist', min=1e-20, max=1.0e-3, title='masked map')

```



13.3 Using the Masks

The masks affect (separately) two aspects of the calculation: they can influence the Likelihood object, making it ignoring the masked parts of the maps in the likelihood calculation; and they can change the behaviour of the Simulator object, allowing it to ignore the masked pixels while computing the simulated maps.

13.3.1 Masks in likelihood calculation

To use the masks in the likelihood calculation, they should be supplied while initializing the *Likelihood* object, as an extra argument, for example:

```
[9]: likelihood = img.likelihoods.SimpleLikelihood(fakeMeasureDict, mask_dict=masks)
```

When a mask is supplied, the likelihood object stores internally only the masked version of the Measurements, which can be checked in the following way:

```
[10]: likelihood.measurement_dict.keys()
[10]: dict_keys([('sync', 23, 4941, 'I')])
```

13.3.2 Masks with the Hammurabi simulator

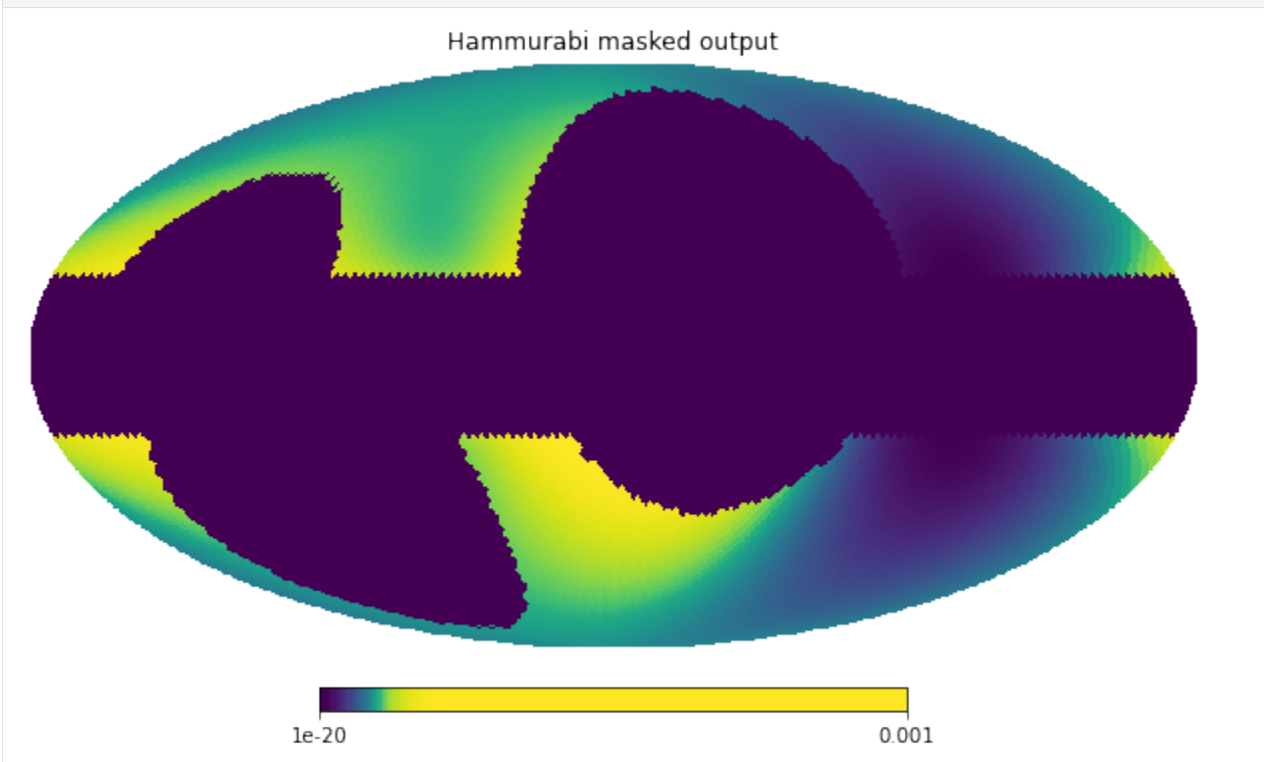
To set-up Hammurabi to use masks, it is sufficient to initialize the simulator providing the masks using the `masks` keyword argument. However, there is a subtlety: while Hammurabi X does support masks, there is *only a single mask input entry*, which means all outputs will be masked by the same mask.

Thus, the masks provided to the IMAGINE Hammurabi simulator must cover all Hammurabi-compatible observables and (currently) they must be *identical* (including having the *same resolution*, in the future, however, IMAGINE will support compatible masks of different resolutions to be applied).

```
[11]: # Initializing Hammurabi including the masks
      simulator = Hammurabi(measurements=fakeMeasureDict, masks=masks)

      observable {}
      |--> sync {'cue': '1', 'freq': '23', 'nside': '32'}

[12]: # Re-runs the simulator which is using the mask internally
      maps = simulator([breg_wmap, cre_ana, fereg_ymw16])
      # Shows the new map
      hammurabi_masked = maps[('sync', 23.0, 32, 'I')].data[0]
      hp.mollview(hammurabi_masked, norm='hist', min=1e-20, max=1.0e-3,
                  title='Hammurabi masked output')
```



We see that, when the masks are used by Hammurabi, the simulator does not do any work on the masked pixels and they receive 0 in the output produced.

13.4 Masking NaNs

A very common application of masks is the removal of invalid data. Here we illustrate how to construct a `Masks` object which can be used to make IMAGINE to ignore any pixels containing nans or infs.

We begin by creating a `Measurements` object containing some NaNs in one of its datasets.

```
[13]: meas_with_NaNs = img.observables.Measurements()

meas_with_NaNs.append(name=('a', None, 5, None),
                      data=np.array([[1., 2., 3., np.nan, 5.]]),
                      otype='plain')
meas_with_NaNs.append(name=('b', None, 6, None),
                      data=np.array([[1, np.nan, 3, 4, 5, np.inf]]),
                      otype='plain')
meas_with_NaNs.append(name=('c', None, 4, None),
                      data=np.arange(4).reshape((1, 4)),
                      otype='plain')
```

This `Measurements` object contains 3 datasets, two of them containing NaNs. Now, let us create our NaN removing `Masks` object.

```
[14]: masks = img.observables.Masks()
for k in meas_with_NaNs:
    mask = np.isfinite(meas_with_NaNs[k].data)
    if np.all(mask):
        # Everything is valid, no need for a mask!
        continue
    else:
        masks.append(name=k, data=mask)
```

One can now safely provide our `masks` object to a `Likelihood` object using the `mask_dict` keyword argument, and the NaNs and infs will be removed consistently both from the original `meas_with_NaNs` and the `Simulations` object generated by the simulator during any operation of the IMAGINE Pipeline.

CHAPTER 14

Example pipeline

In this tutorial, we make a slightly more realistic use of IMAGINE: to constrain a few parameters of (part of) the WMAP GMF model. Make sure you have already read (at least) the [Basic elements of an IMAGINE pipeline](#) (aka [tutorial_one](#)) before proceeding.

We will use Hammurabi as our Simulator and on Hammurabi's built-in models as Fields. We will construct mock data using Hammurabi itself. We will also show how to:

- configure IMAGINE logging,
- test the setup,
- monitor to progress, and
- save or load IMAGINE runs.

First, let us import the required packages/modules.

```
[1]: # Builtin
import os
# External packages
import numpy as np
import healpy as hp
import astropy.units as u
import corner
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import cmasher as cmr
# IMAGINE
import imagine as img
import imagine.observables as img_obs
## "WMAP" field factories
from imagine.fields.hamx import BregLSA, BregLSAFactory
from imagine.fields.hamx import TeregYMW16, TeregYMW16Factory
from imagine.fields.hamx import CREAna, CREAnaFactory
```

14.1 Logging

IMAGINE comes with logging features using Python's native `logging` package. To enable them, one can simply set where one wants the log file to be saved and what is the level of the logging.

```
[2]: import logging

logging.basicConfig(filename='tutorial_wmap.log', level=logging.INFO)
```

Under `logging.INFO` level, IMAGINE will report major steps and log the likelihood evaluations. If one wants to trace a specific problem, one can use the `logging.DEBUG` level, which reports when most of the functions or methods are accessed.

14.2 Preparing the mock data

Let's make a very low resolution map of synchrotron total I and Faraday depth from the WMAP model, but without including a random component (this way, we can limit the ensemble size to 1, speeding up the inference):

```
[3]: ## Sets the resolution
nside=2
size = 12*nside**2

# Generates the fake datasets
sync_dset = img_obs.SynchrotronHEALPixDataset(data=np.empty(size)*u.K,
                                              frequency=23, typ='I')
fd_dset = img_obs.FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset(data=np.empty(size)*u.rad/u.m**2)

# Appends them to an Observables Dictionary
trigger = img_obs.Measurements(sync_dset, fd_dset)

# Prepares the Hammurabi simulator for the mock generation
mock_generator = img.simulators.Hammurabi(measurements=trigger)

observable {}
|--> sync {'cue': '1', 'freq': '23', 'nside': '2'}
|--> faraday {'cue': '1', 'nside': '2'}
```

We will feed the `mock_generator` simulator with selected Dummy fields.

```
[4]: # BregLSA field
breg_lsa = BregLSA(parameters={'b0':3, 'psi0': 27.0, 'psi1': 0.9, 'chi0': 25.0})

# CREAna field
cre_ana = CREAna(parameters={'alpha': 3.0, 'beta': 0.0, 'theta': 0.0,
                             'r0': 5.0, 'z0': 1.0,
                             'E0': 20.6, 'j0': 0.0217})

# TRegYMW16 field
tereg_ymw16 = TRegYMW16(parameters={})

[5]: ## Generate mock data (run hammurabi)
outputs = mock_generator([breg_lsa, cre_ana, tereg_ymw16])
```

To make a realistic mock, we add to these outputs, which were constructed from a model with known parameter, some noise, which assumed to be proportional to the average synchrotron intensity.

```
[6]: ## Collect the outputs
mockedI = outputs[('sync', 23.0, nside, 'I')].global_data[0]
mockedRM = outputs[('fd', None, nside, None)].global_data[0]
dm=np.mean(mockedI)
dv=np.std(mockedI)

## Add some noise that's just proportional to the average sync I by the factor err
err=0.01
dataI = (mockedI + np.random.normal(loc=0, scale=err*dm, size=size)) << u.K
errorI = (err*dm) << u.K
sync_dset = img_obs.SynchrotronHEALPixDataset(data=dataI, error=errorI,
                                              frequency=23, typ='I')

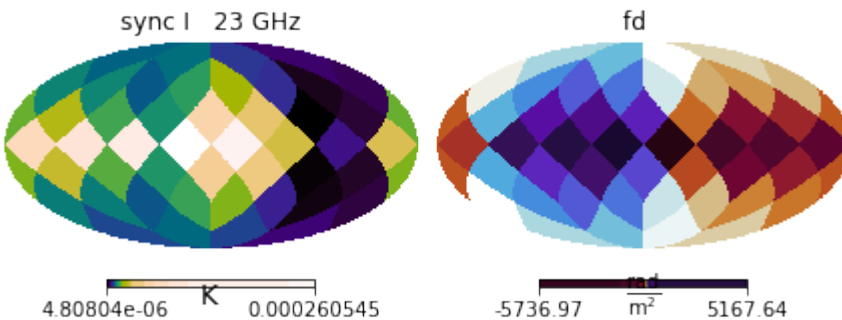
## Just 0.01*50 rad/m^2 of error for noise.
dataRM = (mockedRM + np.random.normal(loc=0., scale=err*50., size=12*nside**2))*u.rad/u.
↪m/u.m
errorRM = (err*50.) << u.rad/u.m**2
fd_dset = img_obs.FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset(data=dataRM, error=errorRM)
```

We are ready to include the above data in Measurements and objects

```
[7]: mock_data = img_obs.Measurements(sync_dset, fd_dset)

mock_data.show()

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↪simultaneously is deprecated since 3.3 and will become an error two minor releases_
↪later. Please pass vmin/vmax directly to the norm when creating it.
**kwargs
```



14.3 Assembling the pipeline

After preparing our mock data, we can proceed with the set up of the IMAGINE pipeline. First, we initialize the Likelihood, using the mock observational data

```
[8]: ## Use an ensemble to estimate the galactic variance
likelihood = img.likelihoods.EnsembleLikelihood(mock_data)
```

Then, we prepare the FieldFactory list:

```
[9]: ## WMAP B-field, vary only b0 and psi0
breg_factory = BregLSAFactory()
```

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```
breg_factory.active_parameters = ('b0', 'psi0')
breg_factory.priors = {'b0': img.priors.FlatPrior(xmin=0., xmax=10.),
                      'psi0': img.priors.FlatPrior(xmin=0., xmax=50.)}

## Fixed CR model
cre_factory = CREAnaFactory()
## Fixed FE model
fereg_factory = TeregYMW16Factory()

# Final Field factory list
factory_list = [breg_factory, cre_factory, fereg_factory]
```

We initialize the Simulator, in this case: Hammurabi.

```
[10]: simulator = img.simulators.Hammurabi(measurements=mock_data)

observable {}
|--> sync {'cue': '1', 'freq': '23', 'nside': '2'}
|--> faraday {'cue': '1', 'nside': '2'}
```

Finally, we initialize and setup the Pipeline itself, using the Multinest sampler.

```
[11]: # Assembles the pipeline using MultiNest as sampler
pipeline = img.pipelines.MultinestPipeline(run_directory='../runs/tutorial_example/',
                                           simulator=simulator,
                                           show_progress_reports=True,
                                           factory_list=factory_list,
                                           likelihood=likelihood,
                                           ensemble_size=1, n_evals_report=15)
pipeline.sampling_controllers = {'n_live_points': 500}
```

We set a run directory, 'runs/tutorial_example' for storing this state of the run and MultiNest's chains. This is *strongly recommended*, as it makes it easier to resume a crashed or interrupted IMAGINE run.

Since there are no stochastic fields in this model, we chose an ensemble size of 1.

14.4 Checking the setup

Before running a heavy job, it is a good idea to be able to roughly estimate how long it will take (so that one can e.g. decide whether one will read emails, prepare some coffee, or take a week of holidays while waiting for the results).

One thing that can be done is checking how long the code takes to do an individual likelihood function evaluation (note that each of these include the whole ensemble). This can be done using the `test()` method, which allows one to test the Pipeline object evaluating a few times the final likelihood function (which is handed to the sampler in an actual run) and timing it.

```
[12]: pipeline.test(n_points=4);

Sampling centres of the parameter ranges.
Evaluating point: [5.0, 25.0]
Log-likelihood -63235131.42977264
Total execution time: 3.692024104297161 s

Randomly sampling from prior.
Evaluating point: [3.02332573 7.33779454]
Log-likelihood -2441471.4758070353
```

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```

Total execution time: 3.771335493773222 s

Randomly sampling from prior.
Evaluating point: [0.92338595 9.31301057]
Log-likelihood -56232338.18277433
Total execution time: 3.6945437490940094 s

Randomly sampling from prior.
Evaluating point: [3.45560727 19.83837371]
Log-likelihood -5869894.995360651
Total execution time: 3.720753127709031 s

Average execution time: 3.719664118718356 s

```

This is not a small amount of time. Note that thousands of evaluations will be needed to be able to estimate the evidence (and/or posterior distributions). Fortunately, this tutorial comes with the results from an interrupted run, reducing the amount of waiting in case someone is interested in seeing the pipeline in action.

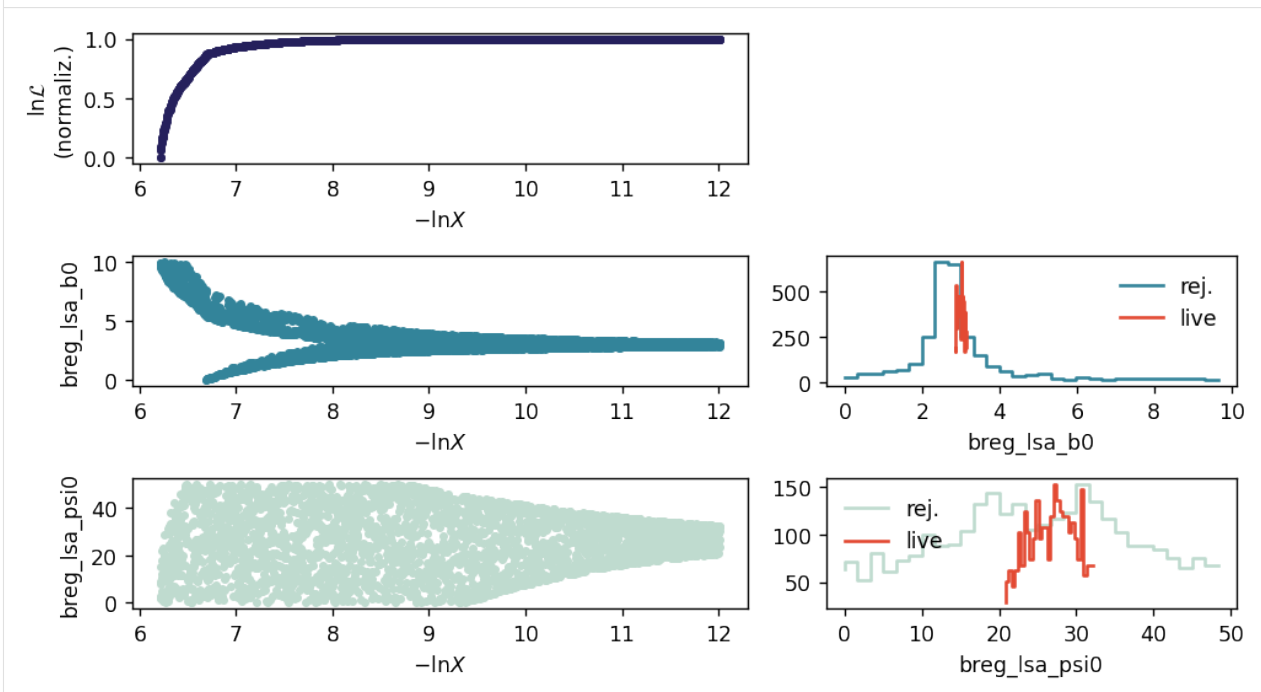
14.5 Running on a jupyter notebook

While running the pipeline in a jupyter notebook, a simple progress report is generated every pipeline. `n_evals_report` evaluations of the likelihood. In the nested sampling case, this shows the parameter choices for rejected (“dead”) points as a function of log “prior volume”, $\ln X$, and the distributions of both rejected points and “live” points (the latter in red).

One may allow the pipeline to run (for many hours) to completion or simply skip the next cell. The last section of this tutorial *loads* a completed version this very same pipeline from disk, if one is curious about how the results look like.

```
[ ]: results=pipeline()
```

Progress report: number of likelihood evaluations 4500



14.6 Monitoring progress when running as a script

When IMAGINE is launched using a script (e.g. when running on a cluster) it is still possible to monitor the progress by inspecting the file `progress_report.pdf` in the selected run directory.

14.7 Saving and loading

The pipeline is automatically saved to the specified `run_directory` immediately before and immediately after running the sampler. It can also be saved, at any time, using the `pipeline.save()`.

Being able to save and load IMAGINE Pipelines is particularly convenient if one has to alternate between a workstation and an HPC cluster: one can start preparing the setup on the workstation, using a jupyter notebook; then submit a script to the cluster which runs the previously saved pipeline; then reopen the pipeline on a jupyter notebook to inspect the results.

To illustrate these tools, let us load a completed version of the above example:

```
[14]: previous_pipeline = img.load_pipeline('../runs/tutorial_example_completed/')
```

This object should contain (in its attributes) all the information one can need to run, manipulate or analyse an IMAGINE pipeline. For example, one can inspect which field factories were used in this run

```
[15]: print('Field factories used: ', end='')
      for field_factory in previous_pipeline.factory_list:
          print(field_factory.name, end=', ')

Field factories used: breg_lsa, cre_ana, tereg_ymw16,
```

Or, perhaps one may be interested in finding which simulator was used

```
[16]: previous_pipeline.simulator

[16]: <imagine.simulators.hammurabi.Hammurabi at 0x7fa32fd948d0>
```

The previously selected observational data can be accessed inspecting the Likelihood object which was supplied to the Pipeline:

```
[17]: print('The Measurements object keys are:')
      print(list(previous_pipeline.likelihood.measurement_dict.keys()))

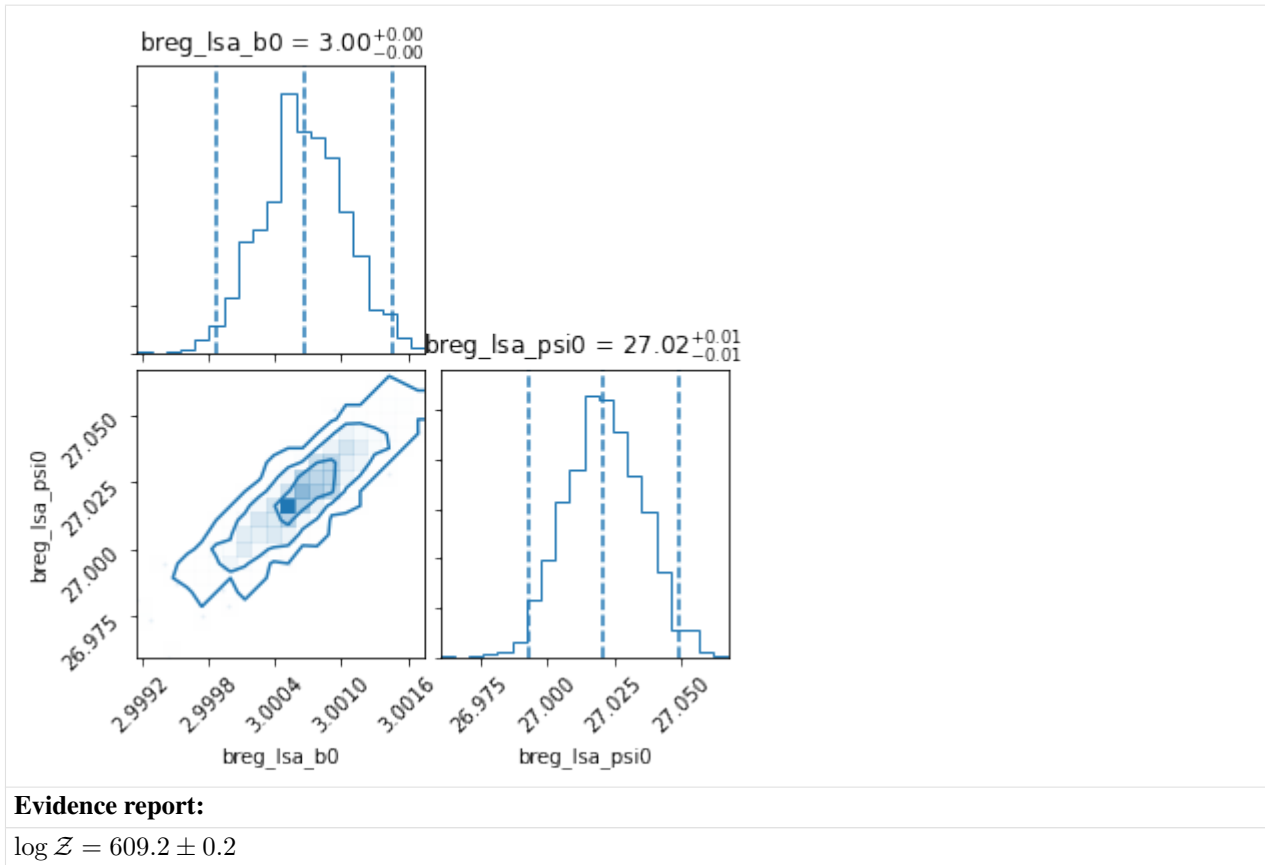
The Measurements object keys are:
[('sync', 23, 2, 'I'), ('fd', None, 2, None)]
```

And one can, of course, also *run the pipeline*

```
[18]: previous_pipeline(save_pipeline_state=False);

      analysing data from ../runs/tutorial_example_completed/chains/multinest_.txt

Posterior report:
```



14.8 Best-fit model

14.8.1 Median model

Frequently, it is useful (or needed) to inspect (or re-use) the best-fit choice of parameters found. For convenience, this can be done using the property `pipeline.median_model`, which generates a list of `Fields` corresponding to the median values of all the parameters varied in the inference.

```
[19]: # Reads the list of Fields corresponding the best-fit model
best_fit_fields_list = previous_pipeline.median_model

# Prints Field name and parameter choices
# (NB this combines default and active parameters)
for field in best_fit_fields_list:
    print('\n', field.name)
    for p, v in field.parameters.items():
        print('\t', p, '\t', v)
```

```
breg_lsa
  b0      3.0006600127943743
  psi0    27.020995955659178
  psi1     0.9
  chi0    25.0
```

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```
cre_ana
    alpha    3.0
    beta     0.0
    theta    0.0
    r0       5.0
    z0       1.0
    E0       20.6
    j0       0.0217

tereg_ymw16
```

This list of Fields can, then, be directly used as argument by any compatible Simulator object.

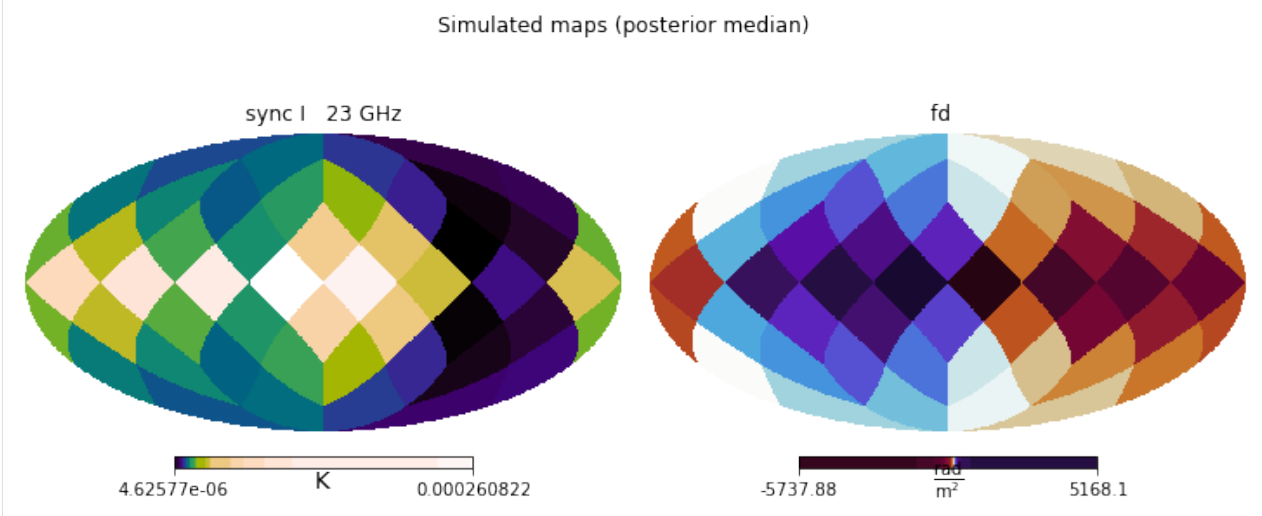
Often, however, one is interested in inspecting the Simulation associated with the best-fit model under the exact same conditions (including random seeds for stochastic components) used in the original pipeline run. For this, we can use the `median_simulation` Pipeline property.

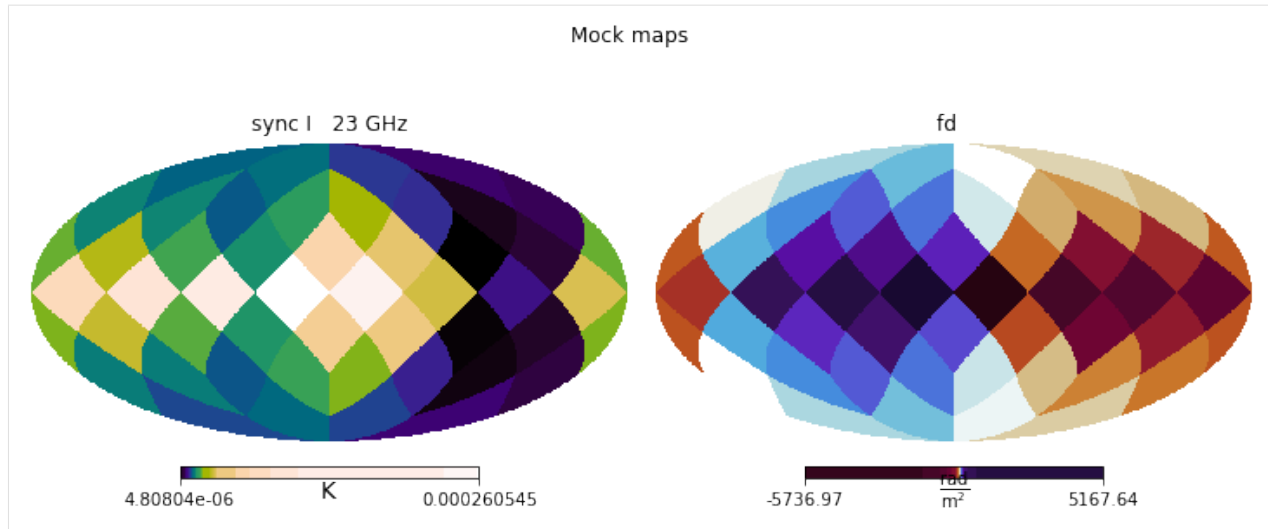
```
[20]: simulated_maps = previous_pipeline.median_simulation
```

This allows us to *visually inspect* the outcomes of the run, comparing them to the original observational data (or mock data, in the case of this tutorial), and spot any larger issues.

```
[21]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
      simulated_maps.show()
      plt.suptitle('Simulated maps (posterior median)')
      plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
      plt.suptitle('Mock maps')
      mock_data.show()
```

```
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→py:211: MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: Passing parameters norm and vmin/vmax_
→simultaneously is deprecated since 3.3 and will become an error two minor releases_
→later. Please pass vmin/vmax directly to the norm when creating it.
**kwds
```





14.8.2 MAP model

Another option is, instead looking at the median of the posterior distribution, to look at its mode, also known as MAP (maximum a posteriori). IMAGINE allows one to inspect the MAP in the same way as the median.

In fact, the MAP may be inspected *even before running the pipeline*, as the parameter values at the MAP are found by simply maximizing the unnormalized posterior (i.e. the product of the prior and the likelihood). Finding the MAP is very helpful for simple problems, but bear in mind that: (1) this feature is *not* MPI parallelized (it simply uses `scipy.optimize.minimize` under the hood); (2) finding the MAP does not give you any understanding of the *credible intervals*; (3) if the posterior presents multiple modes, neither the MAP nor the posterior median may tell the whole story.

A final remark: finding the MAP involves an initial guess and evaluating the likelihood multiple times. If the pipeline had previously finished running, the median model is used as the initial guess, otherwise, the centres of the various parameter ranges are used instead (probably taking a longer time to find the MAP).

Let us look at the MAP parameter values and associated simulation.

```
[22]: for field in previous_pipeline.MAP_model:
      print('\n', field.name)
      for p, v in field.parameters.items():
          print('\t', p, '\t', v)
```

```
breg_lsa
    b0      3.0003434215605687
    psi0    27.00873652462016
    psi1     0.9
    chi0    25.0
```

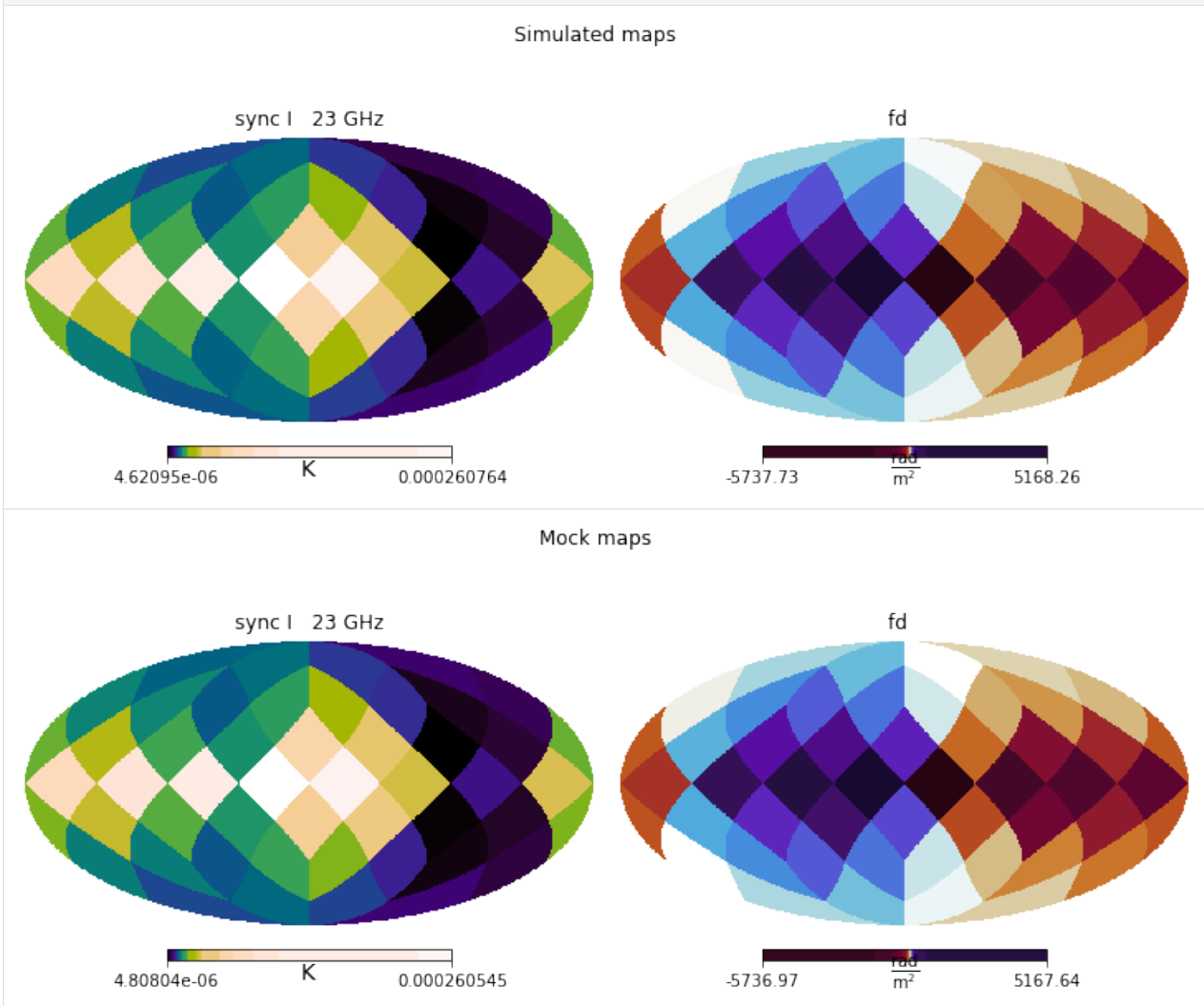
```
cre_ana
    alpha    3.0
    beta     0.0
    theta    0.0
    r0       5.0
    z0       1.0
    E0       20.6
    j0       0.0217
```

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```
tereg_ymw16
```

```
[23]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
plt.suptitle('Simulated maps')
previous_pipeline.MAP_simulation.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
plt.suptitle('Mock maps')
mock_data.show()
```



15.1 Subpackages

15.1.1 imagine.fields package

Subpackages

imagine.fields.hamx package

Submodules

imagine.fields.hamx.breg_Isa module

```
class imagine.fields.hamx.breg_lsa.BregLSA(*args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.DummyField*

This dummy field instructs the *Hammurabi* simulator class to use the HammurabiX’s builtin regular magnetic field WMAP-3yr LSA.

```
FIELD_CHECKLIST = {'b0': (['magneticfield', 'regular', 'lsa', 'b0'], 'value'), 'chi0':
```

NAME = 'breg_lsa'

```
SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST = {'cue': (['magneticfield', 'regular'], {'cue': '1'}), 'type':
```

```
class imagine.fields.hamx.breg_lsa.BregLSAFactory (field_class=None,          ac-
itive_parameters=(),              de-
fault_parameters={},    priors={},
grid=None, boxsize=None, resolu-
tion=None, field_kwargs={})
```

Bases: `imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory`

Field factory that produces the dummy field *BreqLSA* (see its docs for details).

FIELD_CLASS

alias of *BregLSA*

```
DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {'b0': 6.0, 'chi0': 25.0, 'psi0': 27.0, 'psi1': 0.9}
```

```
PRIORS = {'b0': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>, 'chi0': <imagine.prior
```

imagine.fields.hamx.brnd_es module

[illegible]

Bases: `imagine.fields.base_fields.DummyField`

This dummy field instructs the *Hammurabi* simulator class to use the HammurabiX's builtin random magnetic field ES random GMF

set_grid_size (*nx=None, ny=None, nz=None*)

Changes the size of the grid used for the evaluation of the random field

FIELD_CHECKLIST = None

NAME = 'brnd_ES'

SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST = None

field_checklist

Hammurabi XML locations of physical parameters

`simulator_controllist`

Hammurabi XML locations of logical parameters

```
class imagine.fields.hamx.brnd_es.BrndESFactory(*args, grid_nx=None, grid_ny=None,  
grid_nz=None, **kwargs)
```

Bases: `imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory`

Field factory that produces the dummy field *BrndES* (see its docs for details).

FIELD_CLASS

alias of *BrndES*

```
DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {'a0': 1.7, 'a1': 0, 'k0': 10, 'k1': 0.1, 'r0': 8, 'rho': 0.5, 'r1': 0.5}
```

```
PRIORS = {'a0': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>, 'a1': <imagine.priors.l
```

imagine.fields.hamx.cre_analytic module

```
class imagine.fields.hamx.cre_analytic.CREAna(*args,**kwargs)
```

Bases: `imagine.fields.base_fields.DummyField`

This dummy field instructs the *Hammurabi* simulator class to use the HammurabiX’s builtin analytic cosmic ray electron distribution

```
FIELD_CHECKLIST = {'E0': (['cre', 'analytic', 'E0'], 'value'), 'alpha': (['cre', 'anal
```

NAME = 'cre ana'

```
SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST = {'cue': (['cre'], {'cue': '1'}), 'type': (['cre'], {'type': 'a'}
```



```
class imagine.fields.hamx.cre_analytic.CREAnaFactory (field_class=None,      ac-
                                                    tive_parameters=(),      de-
                                                    fault_parameters={},      pri-
                                                    ors={},      grid=None,      box-
                                                    size=None,      resolution=None,
                                                    field_kwargs={})

Bases: imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory

Field factory that produces the dummy field CREAna (see its docs for details).

FIELD_CLASS
    alias of CREAna

DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {'E0': 20.6, 'alpha': 3, 'beta': 0, 'j0': 0.0217, 'r0': 5, 'theta': 0}
PRIORS = {'E0': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>, 'alpha': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>}
```

imagine.fields.hamx.tereg_ymw16 module

```
class imagine.fields.hamx.tereg_ymw16.TEregYMW16 (*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: imagine.fields.base_fields.DummyField

    This dummy field instructs the Hammurabi simulator class to use the HammurabiX's thermal electron density
    model YMW16

    FIELD_CHECKLIST = {}

    NAME = 'tereg_ymw16'

    SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST = {'cue': (['thermalelectron', 'regular'], {'cue': '1'}), 'type': 'thermal'}

class imagine.fields.hamx.tereg_ymw16.TEregYMW16Factory (field_class=None,      ac-
                                                    tive_parameters=(),      de-
                                                    fault_parameters={},      pri-
                                                    ors={},      grid=None,      box-
                                                    size=None,      res-
                                                    olution=None,
                                                    field_kwargs={})

Bases: imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory

Field factory that produces the dummy field TEregYMW16 (see its docs for details).

FIELD_CLASS
    alias of TEregYMW16

DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {}

PRIORS = {}
```

Module contents

```
class imagine.fields.hamx.BregLSA (*args, **kwargs)
    Bases: imagine.fields.base_fields.DummyField

    This dummy field instructs the Hammurabi simulator class to use the HammurabiX's builtin regular magnetic
    field WMAP-3yr LSA.

    FIELD_CHECKLIST = {'b0': (['magneticfield', 'regular', 'lsa', 'b0'], 'value'), 'chi0': 0}

    NAME = 'breg_lsa'
```

```

SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST = {'cue': (['magneticfield', 'regular'], {'cue': '1'}), 'type':
class imagine.fields.hamx.BregLSAFactory (field_class=None, active_parameters=(), de-
    fault_parameters={}, priors={}, grid=None, box-
    size=None, resolution=None, field_kwargs={})
Bases: imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory
Field factory that produces the dummy field BregLSA (see its docs for details).

FIELD_CLASS
    alias of BregLSA

DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {'b0': 6.0, 'chi0': 25.0, 'psi0': 27.0, 'psi1': 0.9}
PRIORS = {'b0': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>, 'chi0': <imagine.priors.

class imagine.fields.hamx.BrndES (*args, grid_nx=None, grid_ny=None, grid_nz=None,
    **kwargs)
Bases: imagine.fields.base_fields.DummyField
This dummy field instructs the Hammurabi simulator class to use the HammurabiX's builtin random magnetic
field ES random GMF

set_grid_size (nx=None, ny=None, nz=None)
    Changes the size of the grid used for the evaluation of the random field

FIELD_CHECKLIST = None
NAME = 'brnd_ES'
SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST = None
field_checklist
    Hammurabi XML locations of physical parameters
simulator_controllist
    Hammurabi XML locations of logical parameters
class imagine.fields.hamx.BrndESFactory (*args, grid_nx=None, grid_ny=None,
    grid_nz=None, **kwargs)
Bases: imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory
Field factory that produces the dummy field BrndES (see its docs for details).

FIELD_CLASS
    alias of BrndES

DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {'a0': 1.7, 'a1': 0, 'k0': 10, 'k1': 0.1, 'r0': 8, 'rho': 0.5, 'm
PRIORS = {'a0': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>, 'a1': <imagine.priors.

class imagine.fields.hamx.CREAna (*args, **kwargs)
Bases: imagine.fields.base_fields.DummyField
This dummy field instructs the Hammurabi simulator class to use the HammurabiX's builtin analytic cosmic
ray electron distribution

FIELD_CHECKLIST = {'E0': (['cre', 'analytic', 'E0'], 'value'), 'alpha': (['cre', 'anal
NAME = 'cre_ana'
SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST = {'cue': (['cre'], {'cue': '1'}), 'type': (['cre'], {'type': 'a
class imagine.fields.hamx.CREAnaFactory (field_class=None, active_parameters=(), de-
    fault_parameters={}, priors={}, grid=None, box-
    size=None, resolution=None, field_kwargs={})
Bases: imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory

```

Field factory that produces the dummy field *CREAna* (see its docs for details).

FIELD_CLASS

alias of *CREAna*

DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {'E0': 20.6, 'alpha': 3, 'beta': 0, 'j0': 0.0217, 'r0': 5, 'theta': 0}

PRIORS = {'E0': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>, 'alpha': <imagine.priors.FlatPrior object>, 'beta': <imagine.priors.FlatPrior object>, 'j0': <imagine.priors.FlatPrior object>, 'r0': <imagine.priors.FlatPrior object>, 'theta': <imagine.priors.FlatPrior object>}

class imagine.fields.hamx.TEregYMW16(*args, **kwargs)

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.DummyField*

This dummy field instructs the *Hammurabi* simulator class to use the HammurabiX's thermal electron density model YMW16

FIELD_CHECKLIST = {}

NAME = 'tereg_ymw16'

SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST = {'cue': (['thermalelectron', 'regular'], {'cue': '1'}), 'type': 'electron'}

class imagine.fields.hamx.TEregYMW16Factory(field_class=None, active_parameters=(), default_parameters={}, priors={}, grid=None, boxsize=None, resolution=None, field_kwargs={})

Bases: *imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory*

Field factory that produces the dummy field *TEregYMW16* (see its docs for details).

FIELD_CLASS

alias of *TEregYMW16*

DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {}

PRIORS = {}

Submodules

imagine.fields.base_fields module

This module contains basic base classes that can be used to include new fields in IMAGINE. The classes found here correspond to the physical fields most commonly found by members of the IMAGINE community and may be improved in the future.

A brief summary of the module:

- *MagneticField* — for models of the galactic/Galactic Magnetic Field, $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r})$
- *ThermalElectronDensityField* — for models of the density of thermal electrons, $n_e(\mathbf{r})$
- *CosmicRayElectronDensityField* — for models of the density/flux of cosmic ray electrons, $n_{cr}(\mathbf{r})$
- *DummyField* — allows passing parameters to a *Simulator* without having to evaluate anything on a Grid

See also *IMAGINE Components* section of the docs.

class imagine.fields.base_fields.MagneticField(grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None, dependencies={})

Bases: *imagine.fields.field.Field*

Base class for the inclusion of new models for magnetic fields. It should be subclassed following the template provided.

For more details, check the *Magnetic Fields* Section of the documentation.

Parameters

- **grid** (*imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid*) – Instance of *imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid* containing a 3D grid where the field is evaluated
- **parameters** (*dict*) – Dictionary of full parameter set {name: value}
- **ensemble_size** (*int*) – Number of realisations in field ensemble
- **ensemble_seeds** – Random seed(s) for generating random field realisations

TYPE = 'magnetic_field'

UNITS = Unit("uG")

data_description

Summary of what is in each axis of the data array

data_shape

Shape of the field data array

```
class imagine.fields.base_fields.ThermalElectronDensityField(grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None, dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.field.Field*

Base class for the inclusion of models for spatial distribution of thermal electrons. It should be subclassed following the template provided.

For more details, check the *Thermal electrons* Section of the documentation.

Parameters

- **grid** (*imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid*) – Instance of *imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid* containing a 3D grid where the field is evaluated
- **parameters** (*dict*) – Dictionary of full parameter set {name: value}
- **ensemble_size** (*int*) – Number of realisations in field ensemble
- **ensemble_seeds** – Random seed(s) for generating random field realisations

TYPE = 'thermal_electron_density'

UNITS = Unit("1 / cm3")

data_description

Summary of what is in each axis of the data array

data_shape

Shape of the field data array

```
class imagine.fields.base_fields.DummyField(*args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.field.Field*

Base class for a dummy Field used for sending parameters and settings to specific Simulators rather than computing and storing a physical field.

compute_field (**args, **kwargs*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See *documentation*.

Should not be used directly (use *get_data()* instead).

Parameters *seed* (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

get_data (*i_realization=0*, *dependencies={}*)

Mock evaluation of the dummy field defined by this class.

Parameters

- **i_realization** (*int*) – Index of the current realization
- **dependencies** (*dict*) – If the *dependencies_list* is non-empty, a dictionary containing the requested dependencies must be provided.

Returns *parameters* – Dictionary of containing a copy of the Field parameters including an extra entry with the random seed that should be used with the present realization (under the key: 'random_seed')

Return type *dict*

PARAMETER_NAMES = *None*

REQ_ATTRS = ['FIELD_CHECKLIST', 'SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST']

TYPE = 'dummy'

UNITS = *None*

data_description

Summary of what is in each axis of the data array

data_shape

Shape of the field data array

field_checklist

Parameters of the dummy field

parameter_names

Parameters of the field

simulator_controllist

Dictionary containing fixed Simulator settings

imagine.fields.basic_fields module

```
class imagine.fields.basic_fields.ConstantMagneticField(grid, *, parameters={},
                                                         ensemble_size=None,
                                                         ensemble_seeds=None,
                                                         dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.MagneticField*

Constant magnetic field

The field parameters are: 'Bx', 'By', 'Bz', which correspond to the fixed components B_x , B_y and B_z .

compute_field (*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use *get_data* () instead).

Parameters *seed* (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

NAME = 'constant_B'

```
PARAMETER_NAMES = ['Bx', 'By', 'Bz']
```

```
class imagine.fields.basic_fields.ConstantThermalElectrons(grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None, dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.ThermalElectronDensityField*

Constant thermal electron density field

The field parameters are: 'ne', the number density of thermal electrons

compute_field(seed)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use `get_data()` instead).

Parameters *seed* (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

```
NAME = 'constant_TE'
```

```
PARAMETER_NAMES = ['ne']
```

```
class imagine.fields.basic_fields.ExponentialThermalElectrons(grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None, dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.ThermalElectronDensityField*

Thermal electron distribution in a double exponential disc characterized by a scale-height and a scale-radius, i.e.

..math:

$$n_e(R) = n_0 e^{-R/R_e} e^{-|z|/h_e}$$

where R is the cylindrical radius and z is the vertical coordinate.

The field parameters are: the 'central_density', n_0 ; 'scale_radius', R_e ; and 'scale_height', h_e .

compute_field(seed)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use `get_data()` instead).

Parameters *seed* (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

```
NAME = 'exponential_disc_thermal_electrons'
```

```
PARAMETER_NAMES = ['central_density', 'scale_radius', 'scale_height']
```

```
class imagine.fields.basic_fields.RandomThermalElectrons(grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None, dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.ThermalElectronDensityField*

Thermal electron densities drawn from a Gaussian distribution

NB This may lead to negative densities depending on the choice of parameters. This may be controlled with the ‘min_ne’ parameter which sets a minimum value for the density field (i.e. any value smaller than the minimum density is set to min_ne).

The field parameters are: ‘mean’, the mean of the distribution; ‘std’, the standard deviation of the distribution; and ‘min_ne’, the aforementioned minimum density. To disable the minimum density requirement, it may be set to NaN.

compute_field(*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use `get_data()` instead).

Parameters *seed* (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

NAME = ‘random_thermal_electrons’

PARAMETER_NAMES = [‘mean’, ‘std’, ‘min_ne’]

STOCHASTIC_FIELD = True

imagine.fields.field module

class `imagine.fields.field.Field`(*grid*, *, *parameters*={}, *ensemble_size*=None, *ensemble_seeds*=None, *dependencies*={})

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

This is the base class which can be used to include a completely new field in the IMAGINE pipeline. Base classes for specific physical quantities (e.g. magnetic fields) are already available in the module `imagine.fields.basic_fields`. Thus, before subclassing `GeneralField`, check whether a more specialized subclass is not available.

For more details check the [Fields](#) section in the documentation.

Parameters

- **grid** (`imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid`) – Instance of `imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid` containing a 3D grid where the field is evaluated
- **parameters** (*dict*) – Dictionary of full parameter set {name: value}
- **ensemble_size** (*int*) – Number of realisations in field ensemble
- **ensemble_seeds** (*list*) – Random seeds for generating random field realisations

compute_field(*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use `get_data()` instead).

Parameters *seed* (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

get_data (*i_realization*=0, *dependencies*={})

Evaluates the physical field defined by this class.

Parameters

- **i_realization** (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this indexes the realization generated. Default value: 0 (i.e. the first realization).
- **dependencies** (*dict*) – If the `dependencies_list` is non-empty, a dictionary containing the requested dependencies must be provided.

Returns field – Array of shape `data_shape` whose contents are described by `data_description` in units `field_units`.

Return type `astropy.units.quantity.Quantity`

REQ_ATTRS = ['TYPE', 'PARAMETER_NAMES', 'NAME', 'UNITS']

data_description

Summary of what is in each axis of the data array

data_shape

Shape of the field data array

dependencies_list

Dependencies on other fields

ensemble_seeds

name

Name of the field

parameter_names

Parameters of the field

parameters

Dictionary containing parameters used for this field.

stochastic_field

True if the field is stochastic or *False* if the field is deterministic (i.e. the output depends only on the parameter values and not on the seed value). Default value is *False* if subclass does not override `STOCHASTIC_FIELD`.

type

Type of the field

units

Physical units of the field

imagine.fields.field_factory module

```
class imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory (field_class=None,          ac-
                                             tive_parameters=(),          de-
                                             fault_parameters={},          priors={},
                                             grid=None, boxsize=None, resolu-
                                             tion=None, field_kwargs={})
```

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

The *FieldFactory* object stores all the required information for the *Pipeline* to generate multiple realisations of a given *Field* while sampling the parameter space.

To produce a *FieldFactory* one needs to supply the chosen *Field* subclass, a list of active parameters, the default values for the parameters (at least for the inactive ones), the a dictionary of *Prior* objects, containing (at least) all the active parameters, and (if the *Field* is not a *dummy*) a *Grid* object, with the grid where the instances should be evaluated.

Parameters

- **field_class** (*imagine.fields.Field*) – The field class based on which one wants to create a field factory. A Field *object* can also be supplied.
- **active_parameters** (*tuple*) – List of parameter to be varied/constrained
- **default_parameters** (*dict*) – Dictionary containing the default values of the inactive parameters
- **priors** (*dict*) – Dictionary containing parameter names as keys and *Prior* objects as values, for all the active parameters.
- **grid** (*imagine.fields.grid.Grid*) – Grid object that will be used by the fields generated by this field factory
- **field_kwargs** (*dict*) – Initialization keyword arguments to be passed to the fields produced by this factory.
- **boxsize** (*list/tuple of floats*) – The physical size of simulation box (i.e. edges of the box).
- **resolution** (*list/tuple of ints*) – The discretization size in corresponding dimension

__call__ (*, *variables={}*, *ensemble_size=None*, *ensemble_seeds=None*)

Takes an active variable dictionary, an ensemble size and a random seed value, translates the active variables to parameter values (updating the default parameter dictionary accordingly) and send this to an instance of the field class.

Parameters

- **variables** (*dict*) – Dictionary of variables with name and value
- **ensemble_size** (*int*) – Number of instances in a field ensemble
- **ensemble_seeds** – seeds for generating random numbers in realising instances in field ensemble if *ensemble_seeds* is None, *field_class* initialization will take all seed as 0

Returns *result_field* – a Field object

Return type *imagine.fields.field.Field*

default_parameters

Dictionary storing parameter name as entry, default parameter value as content

field_class

Python class whose instances are produced by the present factory

field_name

Name of the physical field

field_type

Type of physical field.

field_units

Units of physical field.

grid

Instance of *imagine.fields.BaseGrid* containing a 3D grid where the field is/was evaluated

name

parameter_ranges

Dictionary storing varying range of all default parameters in the form {‘parameter-name’: (min, max)}

priors

A dictionary containing the priors associated with each parameter. Each prior is represented by an instance of *imagine.priors.prior.Prior*.

To set new priors one can update the priors dictionary using attribution (any missing values will be set to `imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior`).

resolution

How many bins on each direction of simulation box

imagine.fields.grid module

Contains the definition of the BaseGrid class and an example of its application: a basic uniform grid.

This was strongly based on GalMag's Grid class, initially developed by Theo Steininger

class `imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid(box, resolution)`

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

Defines a 3D grid object for a given choice of box dimensions and resolution.

This is a base class. To create your own grid, you need to subclass *BaseGrid* and override the method `generate_coordinates()`.

Calling the attributes does the conversion between different coordinate systems automatically (spherical, cylindrical and cartesian coordinates centred at the galaxy centre).

Parameters

- **box** (*3x2-array_like*) – Box limits
- **resolution** (*3-array_like*) – containing the resolution along each axis.

box

Box limits

Type *3x2-array_like*

resolution

Containing the resolution along each axis (the *shape* of the grid).

Type *3-array_like*

generate_coordinates()

Placeholder for method which uses the information in the attributes *box* and *resolution* to return a dictionary containing the values of (either) the coordinates ('x','y','z') or ('r_cylindrical', 'phi','z'), ('r_spherical','theta', 'phi')

This method is *automatically* called the first time any coordinate is read.

coordinates

A dictionary containing all the coordinates

cos_phi

$\cos(\phi)$

cos_theta

$\cos(\theta)$

phi

Azimuthal coordinate, ϕ

r_cylindrical

Cylindrical radial coordinate, s

r_spherical

Spherical radial coordinate, r

shape
The same as *resolution*

sin_phi
 $\sin(\phi)$

sin_theta
 $\sin(\theta)$

theta
Polar coordinate, θ

x
Horizontal coordinate, x

y
Horizontal coordinate, y

z
Vertical coordinate, z

class `imagine.fields.grid.UniformGrid` (*box*, *resolution*, *grid_type*='cartesian')
Bases: `imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid`

Defines a 3D grid object for a given choice of box dimensions and resolution. The grid is uniform in the selected coordinate system (which is chosen through the parameter *grid_type*).

Example

```
>>> import magnetizer.grid as grid
>>> import astropy.units as u
>>> xlims = [0,4]*u.kpc; ylims = [1,2]*u.kpc; zlims = [1,1]*u.kpc
>>> g = grid.UniformGrid([xlims, ylims, zlims], [5,2,1])
>>> g.x
array([[0.], [0.]], [[1.], [1.]], [[2.], [2.]], [[3.], [3.]], [[4.], [4.]])
>>> g.y
array([[1.], [2.]], [[1.], [2.]], [[1.], [2.]], [[1.], [2.]], [[1.], [2.]])
```

Calling the attributes does the conversion between different coordinate systems automatically.

Parameters

- **box** (*3x2-array_like*) – Box limits. Each row corresponds to a different coordinate and should contain units. For ‘cartesian’ *grid_type*, the rows should contain (in order) ‘x’, ‘y’ and ‘z’. For ‘cylindrical’ they should have ‘r_cylindrical’, ‘phi’ and ‘z’. for ‘spherical’, ‘r_spherical’, ‘theta’ and ‘phi’.
- **resolution** (*3-array_like*) – containing the resolution along each axis.
- **grid_type** (*str, optional*) – Choice between ‘cartesian’, ‘spherical’ and ‘cylindrical’ *uniform* coordinate grids. Default: ‘cartesian’

generate_coordinates ()

This method is *automatically* called internally the first time any coordinate is requested.

Generates a uniform grid based on the attributes *box*, *resolution* and *grid_type* and returns it in a dictionary.

Returns **coordinates_dict** – Dictionary containing the keys (‘x’, ‘y’, ‘z’) if *grid_type* is ‘cartesian’, (‘r_cylindrical’, ‘phi’, ‘z’) if *grid_type* is spherical, and (‘r_spherical’, ‘theta’, ‘phi’) if *grid_type* is ‘cylindrical’.

Return type `dict`

imagine.fields.test_field module

```
class imagine.fields.test_field.CosThermalElectronDensity(grid, *, parameters={},
                                                         ensemble_size=None,
                                                         ensemble_seeds=None,
                                                         dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.ThermalElectronDensityField*

Toy model for naively oscilating thermal electron distribution following:

$$n_e(x, y, z) = n_0[1 + \cos(ax + \alpha)][1 + \cos(by + \beta)][1 + \cos(cy + \gamma)]$$

The field parameters are: 'n0', which corresponds to n_0 ; and 'a', 'b', 'c', 'alpha', 'beta', 'gamma', which are a , b , c , α , β , γ , respectively.

compute_field(*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See *documentation*.

Should not be used directly (use *get_data*() instead).

Parameters *seed* (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

NAME = 'cos_therm_electrons'

PARAMETER_NAMES = ['n0', 'a', 'alpha', 'b', 'beta', 'c', 'gamma']

```
class imagine.fields.test_field.CosThermalElectronDensityFactory(field_class=None,
                                                                ac-
                                                                tive_parameters=(),
                                                                de-
                                                                fault_parameters={},
                                                                priors={},
                                                                grid=None,
                                                                box-
                                                                size=None,
                                                                resolu-
                                                                tion=None,
                                                                field_kwargs={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory*

Field factory associated with the *CosThermalElectronDensity* class

FIELD_CLASS

alias of *CosThermalElectronDensity*

DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {'a': <Quantity 0. rad / kpc>, 'alpha': <Quantity 0. rad>, 'b': <

PRIORS = {'a': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>, 'alpha': <imagine.prior

d = <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>

k = <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>

```
class imagine.fields.test_field.NaiveGaussianMagneticField(grid, *, parame-
                                                            ters={}, ensem-
                                                            ble_size=None, ensem-
                                                            ble_seeds=None,
                                                            dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.MagneticField*

Toy model for naive Gaussian random field for testing.

The values of each of the magnetic field components are individually drawn from a Gaussian distribution with mean 'a0' and standard deviation 'b0'.

Warning: divergence may be non-zero!

compute_field(*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use `get_data()` instead).

Parameters *seed* (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

NAME = 'naive_gaussian_magnetic_field'

PARAMETER_NAMES = ['a0', 'b0']

STOCHASTIC_FIELD = True

```
class imagine.fields.test_field.NaiveGaussianMagneticFieldFactory (field_class=None,
                                                                    ac-
                                                                    tive_parameters=(),
                                                                    de-
                                                                    fault_parameters={},
                                                                    priors={},
                                                                    grid=None,
                                                                    box-
                                                                    size=None,
                                                                    resolu-
                                                                    tion=None,
                                                                    field_kwargs={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory*

Field factory associated with the *NaiveGaussianMagneticField* class

FIELD_CLASS

alias of *NaiveGaussianMagneticField*

DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {'a0': <Quantity 1. uG>, 'b0': <Quantity 0.1 uG>}

PRIORS = {'a0': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>, 'b0': <imagine.priors.1

Module contents

```
class imagine.fields.MagneticField(grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensem-
                                   ble_seeds=None, dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.field.Field*

Base class for the inclusion of new models for magnetic fields. It should be subclassed following the template provided.

For more details, check the [Magnetic Fields](#) Section of the documentation.

Parameters

- **grid** (*imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid*) – Instance of *imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid* containing a 3D grid where the field is evaluated
- **parameters** (*dict*) – Dictionary of full parameter set {name: value}

- **ensemble_size** (*int*) – Number of realisations in field ensemble
- **ensemble_seeds** – Random seed(s) for generating random field realisations

TYPE = 'magnetic_field'

UNITS = Unit("uG")

data_description

Summary of what is in each axis of the data array

data_shape

Shape of the field data array

```
class imagine.fields.ThermalElectronDensityField(grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None, dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.field.Field*

Base class for the inclusion of models for spatial distribution of thermal electrons. It should be subclassed following the template provided.

For more details, check the *Thermal electrons* Section of the documentation.

Parameters

- **grid** (*imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid*) – Instance of *imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid* containing a 3D grid where the field is evaluated
- **parameters** (*dict*) – Dictionary of full parameter set {name: value}
- **ensemble_size** (*int*) – Number of realisations in field ensemble
- **ensemble_seeds** – Random seed(s) for generating random field realisations

TYPE = 'thermal_electron_density'

UNITS = Unit("1 / cm3")

data_description

Summary of what is in each axis of the data array

data_shape

Shape of the field data array

```
class imagine.fields.DummyField(*args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.field.Field*

Base class for a dummy Field used for sending parameters and settings to specific Simulators rather than computing and storing a physical field.

compute_field (**args*, ***kwargs*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See *documentation*.

Should not be used directly (use *get_data* () instead).

Parameters **seed** (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

get_data (*i_realization*=0, *dependencies*={})

Mock evaluation of the dummy field defined by this class.

Parameters

- **i_realization** (*int*) – Index of the current realization

- **dependencies** (*dict*) – If the `dependencies_list` is non-empty, a dictionary containing the requested dependencies must be provided.

Returns parameters – Dictionary of containing a copy of the Field parameters including an extra entry with the random seed that should be used with the present realization (under the key: 'random_seed')

Return type `dict`

PARAMETER_NAMES = `None`

REQ_ATTRS = `['FIELD_CHECKLIST', 'SIMULATOR_CONTROLLIST']`

TYPE = `'dummy'`

UNITS = `None`

data_description

Summary of what is in each axis of the data array

data_shape

Shape of the field data array

field_checklist

Parameters of the dummy field

parameter_names

Parameters of the field

simulator_controllist

Dictionary containing fixed Simulator settings

class `imagine.fields.ConstantMagneticField` (*grid*, *, *parameters*={}, *ensemble_size*=None, *ensemble_seeds*=None, *dependencies*={})

Bases: `imagine.fields.base_fields.MagneticField`

Constant magnetic field

The field parameters are: 'Bx', 'By', 'Bz', which correspond to the fixed components B_x , B_y and B_z .

compute_field (*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use `get_data()` instead).

Parameters seed (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

NAME = `'constant_B'`

PARAMETER_NAMES = `['Bx', 'By', 'Bz']`

class `imagine.fields.ConstantThermalElectrons` (*grid*, *, *parameters*={}, *ensemble_size*=None, *ensemble_seeds*=None, *dependencies*={})

Bases: `imagine.fields.base_fields.ThermalElectronDensityField`

Constant thermal electron density field

The field parameters are: 'ne', the number density of thermal electrons

compute_field (*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use `get_data()` instead).

Parameters `seed` (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

NAME = 'constant_TE'

PARAMETER_NAMES = ['ne']

```
class imagine.fields.ExponentialThermalElectrons (grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None, dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.ThermalElectronDensityField*

Thermal electron distribution in a double exponential disc characterized by a scale-height and a scale-radius, i.e.

..math:

$$n_e(R) = n_0 e^{-R/R_e} e^{-|z|/h_e}$$

where R is the cylindrical radius and z is the vertical coordinate.

The field parameters are: the 'central_density', n_0 ; 'scale_radius', R_e ; and 'scale_height', h_e .

compute_field (*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use `get_data()` instead).

Parameters `seed` (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

NAME = 'exponential_disc_thermal_electrons'

PARAMETER_NAMES = ['central_density', 'scale_radius', 'scale_height']

```
class imagine.fields.RandomThermalElectrons (grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None, dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.ThermalElectronDensityField*

Thermal electron densities drawn from a Gaussian distribution

NB This may lead to negative densities depending on the choice of parameters. This may be controlled with the 'min_ne' parameter which sets a minimum value for the density field (i.e. any value smaller than the minimum density is set to min_ne).

The field parameters are: 'mean', the mean of the distribution; 'std', the standard deviation of the distribution; and 'min_ne', the aforementioned minimum density. To disable the minimum density requirement, it may be set to NaN.

compute_field (*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use `get_data()` instead).

Parameters `seed` (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

NAME = 'random_thermal_electrons'

PARAMETER_NAMES = ['mean', 'std', 'min_ne']

STOCHASTIC_FIELD = True


```
class imagine.fields.Field(grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None,
                           dependencies={})
Bases: imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass
```

This is the base class which can be used to include a completely new field in the IMAGINE pipeline. Base classes for specific physical quantities (e.g. magnetic fields) are already available in the module *imagine.fields.basic_fields*. Thus, before subclassing *GeneralField*, check whether a more specialized subclass is not available.

For more details check the *Fields* section in the documentation.

Parameters

- **grid** (*imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid*) – Instance of *imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid* containing a 3D grid where the field is evaluated
- **parameters** (*dict*) – Dictionary of full parameter set {name: value}
- **ensemble_size** (*int*) – Number of realisations in field ensemble
- **ensemble_seeds** (*list*) – Random seeds for generating random field realisations

compute_field (*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See *documentation*.

Should not be used directly (use *get_data()* instead).

Parameters *seed* (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

get_data (*i_realization=0, dependencies={}*)

Evaluates the physical field defined by this class.

Parameters

- **i_realization** (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this indexes the realization generated. Default value: 0 (i.e. the first realization).
- **dependencies** (*dict*) – If the *dependencies_list* is non-empty, a dictionary containing the requested dependencies must be provided.

Returns *field* – Array of shape *data_shape* whose contents are described by *data_description* in units *field_units*.

Return type *astropy.units.quantity.Quantity*

REQ_ATTRS = ['TYPE', 'PARAMETER_NAMES', 'NAME', 'UNITS']

data_description

Summary of what is in each axis of the data array

data_shape

Shape of the field data array

dependencies_list

Dependencies on other fields

ensemble_seeds

name

Name of the field

parameter_names

Parameters of the field

parameters

Dictionary containing parameters used for this field.

stochastic_field

True if the field is stochastic or *False* if the field is deterministic (i.e. the output depends only on the parameter values and not on the seed value). Default value is *False* if subclass does not override `STOCHASTIC_FIELD`.

type

Type of the field

units

Physical units of the field

```
class imagine.fields.FieldFactory (field_class=None,          active_parameters=(),          de-
                                fault_parameters={}, priors={}, grid=None, boxsize=None,
                                resolution=None, field_kwargs={})
```

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

The *FieldFactory* object stores all the required information for the *Pipeline* to generate multiple realisations of a given *Field* while sampling the parameter space.

To produce a *FieldFactory* one needs to supply the chosen *Field* subclass, a list of active parameters, the default values for the parameters (at least for the inactive ones), the a dictionary of *Prior* objects, containing (at least) all the active parameters, and (if the *Field* is not a *dummy*) a *Grid* object, with the grid where the instances should be evaluated.

Parameters

- **field_class** (*imagine.fields.Field*) – The field class based on which one wants to create a field factory. A *Field object* can also be supplied.
- **active_parameters** (*tuple*) – List of parameter to be varied/constrained
- **default_parameters** (*dict*) – Dictionary containing the default values of the inactive parameters
- **priors** (*dict*) – Dictionary containing parameter names as keys and *Prior* objects as values, for all the active parameters.
- **grid** (*imagine.fields.grid.Grid*) – *Grid* object that will be used by the fields generated by this field factory
- **field_kwargs** (*dict*) – Initialization keyword arguments to be passed to the fields produced by this factory.
- **boxsize** (*list/tuple of floats*) – The physical size of simulation box (i.e. edges of the box).
- **resolution** (*list/tuple of ints*) – The discretization size in corresponding dimension

```
__call__ (*, variables={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None)
```

Takes an active variable dictionary, an ensemble size and a random seed value, translates the active variables to parameter values (updating the default parameter dictionary accordingly) and send this to an instance of the field class.

Parameters

- **variables** (*dict*) – Dictionary of variables with name and value
- **ensemble_size** (*int*) – Number of instances in a field ensemble
- **ensemble_seeds** – seeds for generating random numbers in realising instances in field ensemble if *ensemble_seeds* is *None*, *field_class* initialization will take all seed as 0

Returns **result_field** – a *Field* object

Return type *imagine.fields.field.Field*

default_parameters

Dictionary storing parameter name as entry, default parameter value as content

field_class

Python class whose instances are produced by the present factory

field_name

Name of the physical field

field_type

Type of physical field.

field_units

Units of physical field.

grid

Instance of *imagine.fields.BaseGrid* containing a 3D grid where the field is/was evaluated

name

parameter_ranges

Dictionary storing varying range of all default parameters in the form {'parameter-name': (min, max)}

priors

A dictionary containing the priors associated with each parameter. Each prior is represented by an instance of *imagine.priors.prior.Prior*.

To set new priors one can update the priors dictionary using attribution (any missing values will be set to *imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior*).

resolution

How many bins on each direction of simulation box

class *imagine.fields.BaseGrid* (*box*, *resolution*)

Bases: *imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass*

Defines a 3D grid object for a given choice of box dimensions and resolution.

This is a base class. To create your own grid, you need to subclass *BaseGrid* and override the method *generate_coordinates()*.

Calling the attributes does the conversion between different coordinate systems automatically (spherical, cylindrical and cartesian coordinates centred at the galaxy centre).

Parameters

- **box** (*3x2-array_like*) – Box limits
- **resolution** (*3-array_like*) – containing the resolution along each axis.

box

Box limits

Type *3x2-array_like*

resolution

Containing the resolution along each axis (the *shape* of the grid).

Type *3-array_like*

generate_coordinates()

Placeholder for method which uses the information in the attributes *box* and *resolution* to return a

dictionary containing the values of (either) the coordinates ('x','y','z') or ('r_cylindrical', 'phi','z'), ('r_spherical','theta', 'phi')

This method is *automatically* called the first time any coordinate is read.

coordinates

A dictionary containing all the coordinates

cos_phi

$\cos(\phi)$

cos_theta

$\cos(\theta)$

phi

Azimuthal coordinate, ϕ

r_cylindrical

Cylindrical radial coordinate, s

r_spherical

Spherical radial coordinate, r

shape

The same as *resolution*

sin_phi

$\sin(\phi)$

sin_theta

$\sin(\theta)$

theta

Polar coordinate, θ

x

Horizontal coordinate, x

y

Horizontal coordinate, y

z

Vertical coordinate, z

class `imagine.fields.UniformGrid(box, resolution, grid_type='cartesian')`

Bases: `imagine.fields.grid.BaseGrid`

Defines a 3D grid object for a given choice of box dimensions and resolution. The grid is uniform in the selected coordinate system (which is chosen through the parameter *grid_type*).

Example

```
>>> import magnetizer.grid as grid
>>> import astropy.units as u
>>> xlims = [0,4]*u.kpc; ylims = [1,2]*u.kpc; zlims = [1,1]*u.kpc
>>> g = grid.UniformGrid([xlims, ylims, zlims], [5,2,1])
>>> g.x
array([[0.], [0.], [1.], [1.], [2.], [2.], [3.], [3.], [4.], [4.]])
>>> g.y
array([[1.], [2.], [1.], [2.], [1.], [2.], [1.], [2.], [1.], [2.]])
```

Calling the attributes does the conversion between different coordinate systems automatically.

Parameters

- **box** (*3x2-array_like*) – Box limits. Each row corresponds to a different coordinate and should contain units. For ‘cartesian’ *grid_type*, the rows should contain (in order) ‘x’, ‘y’ and ‘z’. For ‘cylindrical’ they should have ‘r_cylindrical’, ‘phi’ and ‘z’. for ‘spherical’, ‘r_spherical’, ‘theta’ and ‘phi’.
- **resolution** (*3-array_like*) – containing the resolution along each axis.
- **grid_type** (*str, optional*) – Choice between ‘cartesian’, ‘spherical’ and ‘cylindrical’ *uniform* coordinate grids. Default: ‘cartesian’

generate_coordinates ()

This method is *automatically* called internally the first time any coordinate is requested.

Generates a uniform grid based on the attributes *box*, *resolution* and *grid_type* and returns it in a dictionary.

Returns **coordinates_dict** – Dictionary containing the keys (‘x’, ‘y’, ‘z’) if *grid_type* is ‘cartesian’, (‘r_cylindrical’, ‘phi’, ‘z’) if *grid_type* is spherical, and (‘r_spherical’, ‘theta’, ‘phi’) if *grid_type* is ‘cylindrical’.

Return type **dict**

```
class imagine.fields.CosThermalElectronDensity (grid, *, parameters={}, ensemble_size=None, ensemble_seeds=None, dependencies={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.ThermalElectronDensityField*

Toy model for naively oscilating thermal electron distribution following:

$$n_e(x, y, z) = n_0[1 + \cos(ax + \alpha)][1 + \cos(by + \beta)][1 + \cos(cy + \gamma)]$$

The field parameters are: ‘n0’, which corresponds to n_0 ; and ‘a’, ‘b’, ‘c’, ‘alpha’, ‘beta’, ‘gamma’, which are a , b , c , α , β , γ , respectively.

compute_field (seed)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See *documentation*.

Should not be used directly (use *get_data ()* instead).

Parameters **seed** (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

NAME = ‘cos_therm_electrons’

PARAMETER_NAMES = [‘n0’, ‘a’, ‘alpha’, ‘b’, ‘beta’, ‘c’, ‘gamma’]

```
class imagine.fields.CosThermalElectronDensityFactory (field_class=None, active_parameters=(), default_parameters={}, priors={}, grid=None, box_size=None, resolution=None, field_kwargs={})
```

Bases: *imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory*

Field factory associated with the *CosThermalElectronDensity* class

FIELD_CLASS

alias of *CosThermalElectronDensity*

DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {‘a’: <Quantity 0. rad / kpc>, ‘alpha’: <Quantity 0. rad>, ‘b’: <

PRIORS = {‘a’: <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>, ‘alpha’: <imagine.prior

```
d = <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>
k = <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>
```

class imagine.fields.NaiveGaussianMagneticField(*grid*, *, *parameters*={}, *ensemble_size*=None, *ensemble_seeds*=None, *dependencies*={})

Bases: *imagine.fields.base_fields.MagneticField*

Toy model for naive Gaussian random field for testing.

The values of each of the magnetic field components are individually drawn from a Gaussian distribution with mean ‘a0’ and standard deviation ‘b0’.

Warning: divergence may be non-zero!

compute_field(*seed*)

This should be overridden with a derived class. It must return an array with dimensions compatible with the associated *field_type*. See [documentation](#).

Should not be used directly (use `get_data()` instead).

Parameters *seed* (*int*) – If the field is stochastic, this argument allows setting the random number generator seed accordingly.

NAME = 'naive_gaussian_magnetic_field'

PARAMETER_NAMES = ['a0', 'b0']

STOCHASTIC_FIELD = True

class imagine.fields.NaiveGaussianMagneticFieldFactory(*field_class*=None, *active_parameters*=(), *default_parameters*={}, *priors*={}, *grid*=None, *boxsize*=None, *resolution*=None, *field_kwargs*={})

Bases: *imagine.fields.field_factory.FieldFactory*

Field factory associated with the *NaiveGaussianMagneticField* class

FIELD_CLASS

alias of *NaiveGaussianMagneticField*

DEFAULT_PARAMETERS = {'a0': <Quantity 1. uG>, 'b0': <Quantity 0.1 uG>}

PRIORS = {'a0': <imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior object>, 'b0': <imagine.priors.

15.1.2 imagine.likelihoods package

Submodules

imagine.likelihoods.ensemble_likelihood module

```

class imagine.likelihoods.ensemble_likelihood.EnsembleLikelihood (measurement_dict,
                                                                    covari-
                                                                    ance_dict=None,
                                                                    mask_dict=None,
                                                                    cov_func=None,
                                                                    use_trace_approximation=False,
                                                                    **kwargs)

```

Bases: *imagine.likelihoods.likelihood.Likelihood*

Computes the likelihood accounting for the effects of stochastic fields

This is done by estimating the covariance associated the stochastic fields from an ensemble of simulations.

Parameters

- **measurement_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements*) – Measurements
- **covariance_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances*) – The covariances associated with the measurements. If the keyword argument is absent, the covariances will be read from the attribute *measurement_dict.cov*.
- **mask_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks*) – Masks which will be applied to the Measurements, Covariances and Simulations, before computing the likelihood
- **cov_func** (*func*) – A function which takes a (Nens, Ndata) data array (potentially MPI distributed) and returns a tuple comprising the mean and an estimated covariance matrix. If absent, *imagine.tools.covariance_estimator.oas_mcov()* will be used.
- **use_trace_approximation** (*bool*) – If True, the determinant of the combined covariance matrix is approximated using $\ln(|A + B|) \approx \text{tr}[\ln(A + C)]$ (NB this assumes that the observed data covariance is diagonal). Otherwise (default), the determinant is calculated directly from the covariance matrix from the simulations.

call (*simulations_dict*)

EnsembleLikelihood class call function

Parameters **simulations_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Simulations*) – Simulations object

Returns **likeliche** – log-likelihood value (copied to all nodes)

Return type **float**

```

class imagine.likelihoods.ensemble_likelihood.EnsembleLikelihoodDiagonal (measurement_dict,
                                                                              co-
                                                                              vari-
                                                                              ance_dict=None,
                                                                              mask_dict=None,
                                                                              **kwargs)

```

Bases: *imagine.likelihoods.likelihood.Likelihood*

As *EnsembleLikelihood* but assuming that the covariance matrix is diagonal and well described by the sample variance. Likewise, only considers the diagonal of the observational covariance matrix.

Parameters

- **measurement_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements*) – Measurements
- **covariance_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances*) – The covariances associated with the measurements. If the keyword argument is absent, the covariances will be read from the attribute *measurement_dict.cov*.

- **mask_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks*) – Masks which will be applied to the Measurements, Covariances and Simulations, before computing the likelihood

call (*simulations_dict*)

EnsembleLikelihood class call function

Parameters **simulations_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Simulations*) – Simulations object

Returns **likelicache** – log-likelihood value (copied to all nodes)

Return type `float`

imagine.likelihoods.likelihood module

Likelihood class defines likelihood posterior function to be used in Bayesian analysis

member fuctions:

`__init__`

requires Measurements object Covariances object (optional) Masks object (optional)

`call`

running LOG-likelihood calculation requires ObservableDict object

```
class imagine.likelihoods.likelihood.Likelihood(measurement_dict, covariance_dict=None, mask_dict=None,
                                              compute_dispersion=False,
                                              n_bootstrap=150)
```

Bases: *imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass*

Base class that defines likelihood posterior function to be used in Bayesian analysis

Parameters

- **measurement_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements*) – A *Measurements* dictionary containing observational data.
- **covariance_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances*) – A *Covariances* dictionary containing observed covariance data. If set to *None* (the usual case), the *Likelihood* will try to find the *Covariances* in the `cov` attribute of the supplied *measurement_dict*.
- **mask_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks*) – A *Masks* dictionary which should be applied to the measured and simulated data.
- **compute_dispersion** (*bool*) – If True, calling the Likelihood object will return the likelihood value and the dispersion estimated by bootstrapping the simulations object and computing the sample standard deviation. If False (default), only the likelihood value is returned.
- **n_bootstrap** (*int*) – Number of resamples used in the bootstrapping of the simulations if `compute_dispersion` is set to *True*.

`__call__` (*observable_dict*, ***kwargs*)

Call self as a function.

call (*observable_dict*)

Parameters

- **observable_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict*)

- variables

covariance_dict

Covariances dictionary associated with this object

NB If a mask is used, only the masked version is stored

mask_dict

Masks dictionary associated with this object

measurement_dict

Measurements dictionary associated with this object

NB If a mask is used, only the masked version is stored

imagine.likelihoods.simple_likelihood module

```
class imagine.likelihoods.simple_likelihood.SimpleLikelihood(measurement_dict,
                                                             covari-
                                                             ance_dict=None,
                                                             mask_dict=None,
                                                             com-
                                                             pute_dispersion=False,
                                                             n_bootstrap=150)
```

Bases: *imagine.likelihoods.likelihood.Likelihood*

A simple Likelihood class

Parameters

- **measurement_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements*) – Measurements
- **covariance_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances*) – Covariances
- **mask_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks*) – Masks

call (*simulations_dict*)

SimpleLikelihood object call function

Parameters **simulations_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Simulations*) – Simulations object

Returns **likelicache** – log-likelihood value (copied to all nodes)

Return type **float**

Module contents

```
class imagine.likelihoods.EnsembleLikelihood(measurement_dict, covariance_dict=None,
                                              mask_dict=None,      cov_func=None,
                                              use_trace_approximation=False,
                                              **kwargs)
```

Bases: *imagine.likelihoods.likelihood.Likelihood*

Computes the likelihood accounting for the effects of stochastic fields

This is done by estimating the covariance associated the stochastic fields from an ensemble of simulations.

Parameters

- **measurement_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements*) – Measurements

- **covariance_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances*) – The covariances associated with the measurements. If the keyword argument is absent, the covariances will be read from the attribute *measurement_dict.cov*.
- **mask_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks*) – Masks which will be applied to the Measurements, Covariances and Simulations, before computing the likelihood
- **cov_func** (*func*) – A function which takes a (Nens, Ndata) data array (potentially MPI distributed) and returns a tuple comprising the mean and an estimated covariance matrix. If absent, *imagine.tools.covariance_estimator.oas_mcov()* will be used.
- **use_trace_approximation** (*bool*) – If True, the determinant of the combined covariance matrix is approximated using $\ln(|A + B|) \approx \text{tr}[\ln(A + C)]$ (NB this assumes that the observed data covariance is diagonal). Otherwise (default), the determinant is calculated directly from the covariance matrix from the simulations.

call (*simulations_dict*)

EnsembleLikelihood class call function

Parameters **simulations_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Simulations*) – Simulations object

Returns **likeliche** – log-likelihood value (copied to all nodes)

Return type **float**

```
class imagine.likelihoods.EnsembleLikelihoodDiagonal (measurement_dict,           co-  
                                                    variance_dict=None,  
                                                    mask_dict=None, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *imagine.likelihoods.likelihood.Likelihood*

As *EnsembleLikelihood* but assuming that the covariance matrix is diagonal and well described by the sample variance. Likewise, only considers the diagonal of the observational covariance matrix.

Parameters

- **measurement_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements*) – Measurements
- **covariance_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances*) – The covariances associated with the measurements. If the keyword argument is absent, the covariances will be read from the attribute *measurement_dict.cov*.
- **mask_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks*) – Masks which will be applied to the Measurements, Covariances and Simulations, before computing the likelihood

call (*simulations_dict*)

EnsembleLikelihood class call function

Parameters **simulations_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Simulations*) – Simulations object

Returns **likeliche** – log-likelihood value (copied to all nodes)

Return type **float**

```
class imagine.likelihoods.Likelihood (measurement_dict,           covariance_dict=None,  
                                     mask_dict=None,           compute_dispersion=False,  
                                     n_bootstrap=150)
```

Bases: *imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass*

Base class that defines likelihood posterior function to be used in Bayesian analysis

Parameters

- **measurement_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements*) – A *Measurements* dictionary containing observational data.
- **covariance_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances*) – A *Covariances* dictionary containing observed covariance data. If set to *None* (the usual case), the *Likelihood* will try to find the *Covariances* in the *cov* attribute of the supplied *measurement_dict*.
- **mask_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks*) – A *Masks* dictionary which should be applied to the measured and simulated data.
- **compute_dispersion** (*bool*) – If True, calling the Likelihood object will return the likelihood value and the dispersion estimated by bootstrapping the simulations object and computing the sample standard deviation. If False (default), only the likelihood value is returned.
- **n_bootstrap** (*int*) – Number of resamples used in the bootstrapping of the simulations if *compute_dispersion* is set to *True*.

__call__ (*observable_dict, **kwargs*)
Call self as a function.

call (*observable_dict*)

Parameters

- **observable_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict*)
- **variables**

covariance_dict
Covariances dictionary associated with this object
NB If a mask is used, only the masked version is stored

mask_dict
Masks dictionary associated with this object

measurement_dict
Measurements dictionary associated with this object
NB If a mask is used, only the masked version is stored

class *imagine.likelihoods.SimpleLikelihood* (*measurement_dict, covariance_dict=None, mask_dict=None, compute_dispersion=False, n_bootstrap=150*)

Bases: *imagine.likelihoods.likelihood.Likelihood*

A simple Likelihood class

Parameters

- **measurement_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements*) – Measurements
- **covariance_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances*) – Covariances
- **mask_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks*) – Masks

call (*simulations_dict*)
SimpleLikelihood object call function

Parameters **simulations_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Simulations*) – Simulations object

Returns **likelicache** – log-likelihood value (copied to all nodes)

Return type *float*

15.1.3 imagine.observables package

Submodules

imagine.observables.dataset module

Datasets are auxiliary classes used to facilitate the reading and inclusion of observational data in the IMAGINE pipeline

class `imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset`

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

Base class for writing helpers to convert arbitrary observational datasets into IMAGINE's standardized format

REQ_ATTRS = ['NAME']

data

Array in the shape (1, N)

frequency

key

Key used in the Observables_dictionary

name

var

class `imagine.observables.dataset.TabularDataset` (*data*, *name*, *, *data_col*=None, *units*=None, *coords_type*=None, *lon_col*='lon', *lat_col*='lat', *x_col*='x', *y_col*='y', *z_col*='z', *err_col*=None, *frequency*=None, *tag*=None)

Bases: `imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset`

Base class for tabular datasets, where the data is input in either in a Python dictionary-like object (`dict`, `astropy.table.Table`, `pandas.DataFrame`, etc).

Parameters

- **data** (*dict_like*) – Can be a `dict`, `astropy.table.Table`, `pandas.DataFrame`, or similar object containing the data.
- **name** (*str*) – Standard name of this type of observable. E.g. 'fd', 'sync', 'dm'.
- **Optional**
- **_____**
- **data_col** (*str or None. Default: None*) – Key used to access the relevant dataset from the provided data (i.e. `data[data_column]`). If *None*, this value is equal to *name*.
- **units** (`Unit` object, *str* or *None*. *Default: None*) – Units used for the data. If *None*, the units are inferred from the given *data_column*.
- **coords_type** (*{'galactic'; 'cartesian'} or None. Default: None*) – Type of coordinates used. If *None*, type is inferred from present coordinate columns.
- **lon_col, lat_col** (*str. Default: ('lon', 'lat')*) – Key used to access the Galactic longitudes/latitudes (in deg) from *data*.
- **x_col, y_col, z_col** (*str. Default: ('x', 'y', 'z')*) – Keys used to access the coordinates (in kpc) from *data*.

- **err_col** (*str or None. Default: None*) – The key used for accessing the error for the data values. If *None*, no errors are used.
- **frequency** (*Quantity object or None. Default: None*) – Frequency of the measurement (if relevant)
- **tag** (*str or None. Default: None*) –

Extra information associated with the observable.

- ‘I’ - total intensity (in unit K-cmb)
- ‘Q’ - Stokes Q (in unit K-cmb, IAU convention)
- ‘U’ - Stokes U (in unit K-cmb, IAU convention)
- ‘PI’ - polarisation intensity (in unit K-cmb)
- ‘PA’ - polarisation angle (in unit rad, IAU convention)

```
class imagine.observables.dataset.HEALPixDataset (data, error=None, cov=None, Nside=None)
```

Bases: *imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*

Base class for HEALPix datasets, which are input as a simple 1D-array without explicit coordinate information

```
class imagine.observables.dataset.ImageDataset (data, name, lon_min, lon_max, lat_min, lat_max, object_id=None, units=None, error=None, cov=None, frequency=None, tag=None)
```

Bases: *imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*

Class for simple non-full-sky image data

```
class imagine.observables.dataset.FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset (data, error=None, cov=None, Nside=None)
```

Bases: *imagine.observables.dataset.HEALPixDataset*

Stores a Faraday depth map into an IMAGINE-compatible dataset

Parameters

- **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 1D-array containing the HEALPix map
- **Nside** (*int, optional*) – For extra internal consistency checking. If *Nside* is present, it will be checked whether $12 \times N_{side}^2$ matches
- **error** (*float or array*) – If errors are uncorrelated, this can be used to specify them (a diagonal covariance matrix will then be constructed).
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 2D-array containing the covariance matrix

data

Data in ObservablesDict-compatible shape

key

Standard key associated with this observable

NAME = 'fd'

```
class imagine.observables.dataset.SynchrotronHEALPixDataset (data, frequency, typ, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *imagine.observables.dataset.HEALPixDataset*

Stores a synchrotron emission map into an IMAGINE-compatible dataset. This can be Stokes parameters, total and polarised intensity, and polarisation angle.

The parameter *typ* and the units of the map in *data* must follow:

- ‘I’ - total intensity (in unit K-cmb)
- ‘Q’ - Stokes Q (in unit K-cmb, IAU convention)
- ‘U’ - Stokes U (in unit K-cmb, IAU convention)
- ‘PI’ - polarisation intensity (in unit K-cmb)
- ‘PA’ - polarisation angle (in unit rad, IAU convention)

Parameters

- **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 1D-array containing the HEALPix map
- **frequency** (*astropy.units.Quantity*) – Frequency of the measurement (if relevant)
- **Nside** (*int, optional*) – For extra internal consistency checking. If *Nside* is present, it will be checked whether $12 \times N_{side}^2$ matches *data.size*
- **typ** (*str*) – The type of map being supplied in *data*.
- **error** (*float or array*) – If errors are uncorrelated, this can be used to specify them (a diagonal covariance matrix will then be constructed).
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 2D-array containing the covariance matrix

data

Data in ObservablesDict-compatible shape

key

Standard key associated with this observable

NAME = 'sync'

```
class imagine.observables.dataset.DispersionMeasureHEALPixDataset (data, error=None,
                                                                    cov=None,
                                                                    Nside=None)
```

Bases: *imagine.observables.dataset.HEALPixDataset*

Stores a dispersion measure map into an IMAGINE-compatible dataset

Parameters

- **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 1D-array containing the HEALPix map
- **Nside** (*int, optional*) – For extra internal consistency checking. If *Nside* is present, it will be checked whether $12 \times N_{side}^2$ matches
- **error** (*float or array*) – If errors are uncorrelated, this can be used to specify them (a diagonal covariance matrix will then be constructed).
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 2D-array containing the covariance matrix

data

Data in ObservablesDict-compatible shape

key

Standard key associated with this observable

NAME = 'dm'

imagine.observables.observable module

In the Observable class we define three data types, i.e., - ‘measured’ - ‘simulated’ - ‘covariance’ where ‘measured’ indicates the hosted data is from measurements, which has a single realization, ‘simulated’ indicates the hosted data is from simulations, which has multiple realizations, ‘covariance’ indicates the hosted data is a covariance matrix, which has a single realization but by default should not be stored/read/written by a single computing node.

‘measured’ data puts its identical copies on all computing nodes, which means each node has a full storage of ‘measured’ data.

‘simulated’ data puts different realizations on different nodes, which means each node has part of the full realizations, but at least a full version of one single realization.

‘covariance’ data distributes itself into all computing nodes, which means to have a full set of ‘covariance’ data, we have to collect pieces from all the computing nodes.

```
class imagine.observables.observable.Observable (data=None,      dtype=None,      co-
                                              ords=None, otype=None)
```

Bases: `object`

Observable class is designed for storing/manipulating distributed information. For the testing suits, please turn to “`imagine/tests/observable_tests.py`”.

Parameters

- **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – distributed/copied data
- **dtype** (*str*) – Data type, must be either: ‘measured’, ‘simulated’ or ‘covariance’
- **otype** (*str*) – Observable type, must be either: ‘HEALPix’, ‘tabular’ or ‘plain’

append (*new_data*)

appending new data happens only to SIMULATED dtype the new data to be appended should also be distributed which makes the appending operation naturally in parallel

rewrite flag will be switched off once rewritten has been performed

data

Data stored in the local processor

dtype

‘measured’, ‘simulated’ or ‘covariance’

Type Data type, can be either

ensemble_mean

global_data

Data gathered from ALL processors (*numpy.ndarray*, read-only). Note that only master node hosts the global data, while slave nodes hosts None.

rw_flag

Rewriting flag, if true, append method will perform rewriting

shape

Shape of the GLOBAL array, i.e. considering all processors (*numpy.ndarray*, read-only).

size

Local data size (*int*, read-only) this size means the dimension of input data not the sample size of realizations

var

The stored variance, if the Observable is a variance or covariance

imagine.observables.observable_dict module

For convenience we define dictionary of Observable objects as `ObservableDict` from which one can define the classes `Measurements`, `Covariances`, `Simulations` and `Masks`, which can be used to store:

- measured data sets
- measured/simulated covariances
- simulated ensemble sets
- mask “maps”

Conventions for observables key values

- **Faraday depth:** (*'fd', None, size/Nside, None*)
- **Dispersion measure:** (*'dm', None, size/Nsize, None*)
- **Synchrotron emission:** (*'sync', freq, size/Nside, tag*)

where tag stands for:

- ‘I’ - total intensity (in unit K-cmb)
- ‘Q’ - Stokes Q (in unit K-cmb, IAU convention)
- ‘U’ - Stokes U (in unit K-cmb, IAU convention)
- ‘PI’ - polarisation intensity (in unit K-cmb)
- ‘PA’ - polarisation angle (in unit rad, IAU convention)

Remarks:

- *freq*, frequency in GHz
- *str(pix/nside)* stores either **Healpix Nside**, or just number of pixels/points

Masking convention masked area associated with pixel value 0, unmasked area with pixel value 1

Masking After applying a mask, the Observables change *otype* from ‘HEALPix’ to ‘plain’.

class `imagine.observables.observable_dict.ObservableDict (*datasets)`

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

Base class from which `Measurements`, `Covariances`, `Simulations` and class `Masks` classes are derived.

Parameters `datasets` (`imagine.observables.Dataset`, optional) – If present, Datasets that are appended to this `ObservableDict` object after initialization.

append (`dataset=None, *, name=None, data=None, cov_data=None, otype=None, coords=None`)
Adds/updates name and data

Parameters

- **dataset** (`imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset`) – The IMAGINE dataset already adjusts the format of the data and sets the adequate key. If `dataset` is present, all other arguments will be ignored.
- **name** (*str tuple*) – Should follow the convention: (data-name, data-freq, data-Nside/"tab", ext). If data is independent from frequency, set None. ext can be ‘I’, ‘Q’, ‘U’, ‘PI’, ‘PA’, None or other customized tags.
- **data** (`numpy.ndarray` or `imagine.observables.observable.Observable`) – distributed/copied `numpy.ndarray` or `Observable`

- **otype** (*str*) – Type of observable. May be: ‘HEALPix’, for HEALPix-like sky map; ‘tabular’, for tabular data; or ‘plain’ for unstructured data.
- **coords** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the coordinates of tabular data

keys ()

show (***kwargs*)

Shows the contents of this ObservableDict using `imagine.tools.visualization.show_observable_dict()`

archive

class `imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks` (**datasets*)

Bases: `imagine.observables.observable_dict.ObservableDict`

Stores HEALPix mask maps.

After the Masks dictionary is assembled it can be applied to any other observables dictionary to return a dictionary containing masked maps (see below).

Example

```
>>> import imagine.observables as obs
>>> import numpy as np
>>> meas, cov, mask = obs.Measurements(), obs.Covariances(), obs.Masks()
>>> key = ('test', 'nan', '4', 'nan')
>>> meas.append(name=key, data=np.array([[1,2,3,4.]]), otype='plain')
>>> mask.append(name=key, data=np.array([[1,2,3,4.]]), otype='plain')
>>> masked_meas = mask(meas)
>>> print(masked_meas[('test', 'nan', '2', 'nan')].data)
[[1. 2.]]
>>> cov.append(name=key, cov_data=np.diag((1,2,3,4.)), otype='plain')
>>> masked_cov = mask(cov)
>>> print(masked_cov[('test', None, 2, None)].data)
[[1. 0.]
 [0. 2.]]
```

__call__ (*observable_dict*)

Applies the masks

Parameters *observable_dict* (`imagine.observables.ObservableDict`) – Dictionary containing (some) entries where one wants to apply the masks.

Returns *masked_dict* – New observables dictionary containing masked entries (any entries in the original dictionary for which no mask was specified are referenced in *masked_dict* without modification).

Return type `imagine.observables.ObservableDict`

append (**args, **kwargs*)

Adds/updates name and data

Parameters

- **dataset** (`imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset`) – The IMAGINE dataset already adjusts the format of the data and sets the adequate key. If *dataset* is present, all other arguments will be ignored.

- **name** (*str tuple*) – Should follow the convention: (data-name, data-freq, data-Nside/"tab", ext). If data is independent from frequency, set None. *ext* can be 'I','Q','U','PI','PA', None or other customized tags.
- **data** (*numpy.ndarray or imagine.observables.observable.Observable*) – distributed/copied *numpy.ndarray* or *Observable*
- **otype** (*str*) – Type of observable. May be: 'HEALPix', for HEALPix-like sky map; 'tabular', for tabular data; or 'plain' for unstructured data.
- **coords** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the coordinates of tabular data

class `imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements(*datasets)`

Bases: `imagine.observables.observable_dict.ObservableDict`

Stores observational data.

Parameters *datasets* (*imagine.observables.Dataset, optional*) – If present, Datasets that are appended to this *ObservableDict* object after initialization.

cov

The *Covariances* object associated with these measurements.

Type *imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances*

append (**args, **kwargs*)

Adds/updates name and data

Parameters

- **dataset** (*imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*) – The IMAGINE dataset already adjusts the format of the data and sets the adequate key. If *dataset* is present, all other arguments will be ignored.
- **name** (*str tuple*) – Should follow the convention: (data-name, data-freq, data-Nside/"tab", ext). If data is independent from frequency, set None. *ext* can be 'I','Q','U','PI','PA', None or other customized tags.
- **data** (*numpy.ndarray or imagine.observables.observable.Observable*) – distributed/copied *numpy.ndarray* or *Observable*
- **otype** (*str*) – Type of observable. May be: 'HEALPix', for HEALPix-like sky map; 'tabular', for tabular data; or 'plain' for unstructured data.
- **coords** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the coordinates of tabular data

class `imagine.observables.observable_dict.Simulations(*datasets)`

Bases: `imagine.observables.observable_dict.ObservableDict`

Stores simulated ensemble sets

See *imagine.observables.observable_dict* module documentation for further details.

append (**args, **kwargs*)

Adds/updates name and data

Parameters

- **dataset** (*imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*) – The IMAGINE dataset already adjusts the format of the data and sets the adequate key. If *dataset* is present, all other arguments will be ignored.
- **name** (*str tuple*) – Should follow the convention: (data-name, data-freq, data-Nside/"tab", ext). If data is independent from frequency, set None. *ext* can be 'I','Q','U','PI','PA', None or other customized tags.

- **data** (*numpy.ndarray* or *imagine.observables.observable.Observable*) – distributed/copied *numpy.ndarray* or *Observable*
- **otype** (*str*) – Type of observable. May be: ‘HEALPix’, for HEALPix-like sky map; ‘tabular’, for tabular data; or ‘plain’ for unstructured data.
- **coords** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the coordinates of tabular data

estimate_covariances (*cov_est=<function oas_cov>*)

Produces a Covariances object based on the present Simulations

Parameters *cov_est* (*func*) – A function that computes the covariance given a matrix of data

Returns *covs* – IMAGINE Covariances object

Return type *imagine.observables.Covariances*

sub_sim (*indices*)

Creates a new *Simulations* object based on a subset of the ensemble of a larger *Simulations*.

Parameters *indices* – A tuple of indices numbers, a slice object or a boolean array which will be used to select the data for the sub-simulation

Returns *sims_subset* – The selected sub-simulation

Return type *imagine.observables.Simulations*

class *imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances* (**datasets*)

Bases: *imagine.observables.observable_dict.ObservableDict*

Stores observational covariances

See *imagine.observables.observable_dict* module documentation for further details.

append (**args, **kwargs*)

Adds/updates name and data

Parameters

- **dataset** (*imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*) – The IMAGINE dataset already adjusts the format of the data and sets the adequate key. If *dataset* is present, all other arguments will be ignored.
- **name** (*str tuple*) – Should follow the convention: (data-name, data-freq, data-nside/“tab”, ext). If data is independent from frequency, set None. *ext* can be ‘I’, ‘Q’, ‘U’, ‘PI’, ‘PA’, None or other customized tags.
- **data** (*numpy.ndarray* or *imagine.observables.observable.Observable*) – distributed/copied *numpy.ndarray* or *Observable*
- **otype** (*str*) – Type of observable. May be: ‘HEALPix’, for HEALPix-like sky map; ‘tabular’, for tabular data; or ‘plain’ for unstructured data.
- **coords** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the coordinates of tabular data

show_variances (***kwargs*)

Shows the contents of this ObservableDict using *imagine.tools.visualization.show_observable_dict()*

Module contents

class *imagine.observables.Dataset*

Bases: *imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass*

Base class for writing helpers to convert arbitrary observational datasets into IMAGINE's standardized format

REQ_ATTRS = ['NAME']

data

Array in the shape (1, N)

frequency

key

Key used in the Observables_dictionary

name

var

```
class imagine.observables.TabularDataset(data, name, *, data_col=None, units=None,
                                         coords_type=None, lon_col='lon', lat_col='lat',
                                         x_col='x', y_col='y', z_col='z', err_col=None,
                                         frequency=None, tag=None)
```

Bases: *imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*

Base class for tabular datasets, where the data is input in either in a Python dictionary-like object (*dict*, *astropy.table.Table*, *pandas.DataFrame*, etc).

Parameters

- **data** (*dict_like*) – Can be a *dict*, *astropy.table.Table*, *pandas.DataFrame*, or similar object containing the data.
- **name** (*str*) – Standard name of this type of observable. E.g. 'fd', 'sync', 'dm'.
- **Optional**
- _____
- **data_col** (*str or None. Default: None*) – Key used to access the relevant dataset from the provided data (i.e. *data[data_column]*). If *None*, this value is equal to *name*.
- **units** (*Unit* object, *str* or *None. Default: None*) – Units used for the data. If *None*, the units are inferred from the given *data_column*.
- **coords_type** (*{'galactic'; 'cartesian'}* or *None. Default: None*) – Type of coordinates used. If *None*, type is inferred from present coordinate columns.
- **lon_col, lat_col** (*str. Default: ('lon', 'lat')*) – Key used to access the Galactic longitudes/latitudes (in deg) from *data*.
- **x_col, y_col, z_col** (*str. Default: ('x', 'y', 'z')*) – Keys used to access the coordinates (in kpc) from *data*.
- **err_col** (*str or None. Default: None*) – The key used for accessing the error for the data values. If *None*, no errors are used.
- **frequency** (*Quantity* object or *None. Default: None*) – Frequency of the measurement (if relevant)
- **tag** (*str or None. Default: None*) –

Extra information associated with the observable.

- 'I' - total intensity (in unit K-cmb)
- 'Q' - Stokes Q (in unit K-cmb, IAU convention)
- 'U' - Stokes U (in unit K-cmb, IAU convention)

- ‘PI’ - polarisation intensity (in unit K-cmb)
- ‘PA’ - polarisation angle (in unit rad, IAU convention)

class `imagine.observables.HEALPixDataset` (*data, error=None, cov=None, Nside=None*)

Bases: `imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset`

Base class for HEALPix datasets, which are input as a simple 1D-array without explicit coordinate information

class `imagine.observables.ImageDataset` (*data, name, lon_min, lon_max, lat_min, lat_max, object_id=None, units=None, error=None, cov=None, frequency=None, tag=None*)

Bases: `imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset`

Class for simple non-full-sky image data

class `imagine.observables.FaradayDepthHEALPixDataset` (*data, error=None, cov=None, Nside=None*)

Bases: `imagine.observables.dataset.HEALPixDataset`

Stores a Faraday depth map into an IMAGINE-compatible dataset

Parameters

- **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 1D-array containing the HEALPix map
- **Nside** (*int, optional*) – For extra internal consistency checking. If *Nside* is present, it will be checked whether $12 \times N_{side}^2$ matches
- **error** (*float or array*) – If errors are uncorrelated, this can be used to specify them (a diagonal covariance matrix will then be constructed).
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 2D-array containing the covariance matrix

data

Data in ObservablesDict-compatible shape

key

Standard key associated with this observable

NAME = 'fd'

class `imagine.observables.SynchrotronHEALPixDataset` (*data, frequency, typ, **kwargs*)

Bases: `imagine.observables.dataset.HEALPixDataset`

Stores a synchrotron emission map into an IMAGINE-compatible dataset. This can be Stokes parameters, total and polarised intensity, and polarisation angle.

The parameter *typ* and the units of the map in *data* must follow:

- ‘I’ - total intensity (in unit K-cmb)
- ‘Q’ - Stokes Q (in unit K-cmb, IAU convention)
- ‘U’ - Stokes U (in unit K-cmb, IAU convention)
- ‘PI’ - polarisation intensity (in unit K-cmb)
- ‘PA’ - polarisation angle (in unit rad, IAU convention)

Parameters

- **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 1D-array containing the HEALPix map
- **frequency** (*astropy.units.Quantity*) – Frequency of the measurement (if relevant)

- **Nside** (*int, optional*) – For extra internal consistency checking. If *Nside* is present, it will be checked whether $12 \times N_{side}^2$ matches *data.size*
- **typ** (*str*) – The type of map being supplied in *data*.
- **error** (*float or array*) – If errors are uncorrelated, this can be used to specify them (a diagonal covariance matrix will then be constructed).
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 2D-array containing the covariance matrix

data

Data in ObservablesDict-compatible shape

key

Standard key associated with this observable

NAME = 'sync'

```
class imagine.observables.DispersionMeasureHEALPixDataset (data, error=None,
                                                             cov=None,
                                                             Nside=None)
```

Bases: *imagine.observables.dataset.HEALPixDataset*

Stores a dispersion measure map into an IMAGINE-compatible dataset

Parameters

- **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 1D-array containing the HEALPix map
- **Nside** (*int, optional*) – For extra internal consistency checking. If *Nside* is present, it will be checked whether $12 \times N_{side}^2$ matches
- **error** (*float or array*) – If errors are uncorrelated, this can be used to specify them (a diagonal covariance matrix will then be constructed).
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – 2D-array containing the covariance matrix

data

Data in ObservablesDict-compatible shape

key

Standard key associated with this observable

NAME = 'dm'

```
class imagine.observables.Observable (data=None, dtype=None, coords=None, otype=None)
```

Bases: *object*

Observable class is designed for storing/manipulating distributed information. For the testing suits, please turn to “*imagine/tests/observable_tests.py*”.

Parameters

- **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – distributed/copied data
- **dtype** (*str*) – Data type, must be either: ‘measured’, ‘simulated’ or ‘covariance’
- **otype** (*str*) – Observable type, must be either: ‘HEALPix’, ‘tabular’ or ‘plain’

append (*new_data*)

appending new data happens only to SIMULATED dtype the new data to be appended should also be distributed which makes the appending operation naturally in parallel

rewrite flag will be switched off once rewritten has been performed

data
Data stored in the local processor

dtype
'measured', 'simulated' or 'covariance'

Type Data type, can be either

ensemble_mean

global_data
Data gathered from ALL processors (*numpy.ndarray*, read-only). Note that only master node hosts the global data, while slave nodes hosts None.

rw_flag
Rewriting flag, if true, append method will perform rewriting

shape
Shape of the GLOBAL array, i.e. considering all processors (*numpy.ndarray*, read-only).

size
Local data size (*int*, read-only) this size means the dimension of input data not the sample size of realizations

var
The stored variance, if the Observable is a variance or covariance

class `imagine.observables.ObservableDict (*datasets)`

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

Base class from which *Measurements*, *Covariances*, *Simulations* and class *Masks* classes are derived.

Parameters *datasets* (*imagine.observables.Dataset*, optional) – If present, Datasets that are appended to this *ObservableDict* object after initialization.

append (*dataset=None*, ***, *name=None*, *data=None*, *cov_data=None*, *otype=None*, *coords=None*)
Adds/updates name and data

Parameters

- **dataset** (*imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*) – The IMAGINE dataset already adjusts the format of the data and sets the adequate key. If *dataset* is present, all other arguments will be ignored.
- **name** (*str tuple*) – Should follow the convention: (data-name, data-freq, data-nside/"tab", ext). If data is independent from frequency, set None. ext can be 'I','Q','U','PI','PA', None or other customized tags.
- **data** (*numpy.ndarray* or *imagine.observables.observable.Observable*) – distributed/copied *numpy.ndarray* or *Observable*
- **otype** (*str*) – Type of observable. May be: 'HEALPix', for HEALPix-like sky map; 'tabular', for tabular data; or 'plain' for unstructured data.
- **coords** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the coordinates of tabular data

keys ()

show (***kwargs*)
Shows the contents of this *ObservableDict* using `imagine.tools.visualization.show_observable_dict()`

archive

```
class imagine.observables.Masks (*datasets)
    Bases: imagine.observables.observable_dict.ObservableDict
```

Stores HEALPix mask maps.

After the Masks dictionary is assembled it can be applied to any other observables dictionary to return a dictionary containing masked maps (see below).

Example

```
>>> import imagine.observables as obs
>>> import numpy as np
>>> meas, cov, mask = obs.Measurements(), obs.Covariances(), obs.Masks()
>>> key = ('test', 'nan', '4', 'nan')
>>> meas.append(name=key, data=np.array([[1,2,3,4.]]), otype='plain')
>>> mask.append(name=key, data=np.array([[1,2,3,4.]]), otype='plain')
>>> masked_meas = mask(meas)
>>> print(masked_meas[('test', 'nan', '2', 'nan')].data)
[[1. 2.]]
>>> cov.append(name=key, cov_data=np.diag((1,2,3,4.)), otype='plain')
>>> masked_cov = mask(cov)
>>> print(masked_cov[('test', None, 2, None)].data)
[[1. 0.]
 [0. 2.]]
```

```
__call__ (observable_dict)
```

Applies the masks

Parameters *observable_dict* (*imagine.observables.ObservableDict*) – Dictionary containing (some) entries where one wants to apply the masks.

Returns *masked_dict* – New observables dictionary containing masked entries (any entries in the original dictionary for which no mask was specified are referenced in *masked_dict* without modification).

Return type *imagine.observables.ObservableDict*

```
append (*args, **kwargs)
```

Adds/updates name and data

Parameters

- **dataset** (*imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*) – The IMAGINE dataset already adjusts the format of the data and sets the adequate key. If *dataset* is present, all other arguments will be ignored.
- **name** (*str tuple*) – Should follow the convention: (data-name, data-freq, data-Nside/"tab", ext). If data is independent from frequency, set *None*. *ext* can be 'I','Q','U','PI','PA', *None* or other customized tags.
- **data** (*numpy.ndarray* or *imagine.observables.observable.Observable*) – distributed/copied *numpy.ndarray* or *Observable*
- **otype** (*str*) – Type of observable. May be: 'HEALPix', for HEALPix-like sky map; 'tabular', for tabular data; or 'plain' for unstructured data.
- **coords** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the coordinates of tabular data

```
class imagine.observables.Measurements (*datasets)
    Bases: imagine.observables.observable_dict.ObservableDict
```


Stores observational data.

Parameters `datasets` (*imagine.observables.Dataset*, optional) – If present, Datasets that are appended to this *ObservableDict* object after initialization.

cov

The *Covariances* object associated with these measurements.

Type *imagine.observables.observable_dict.Covariances*

append (*args, **kwargs)

Adds/updates name and data

Parameters

- **dataset** (*imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*) – The IMAGINE dataset already adjusts the format of the data and sets the adequate key. If *dataset* is present, all other arguments will be ignored.
- **name** (*str tuple*) – Should follow the convention: (data-name, data-freq, data-Nside/"tab", ext). If data is independent from frequency, set None. *ext* can be 'I','Q','U','PI','PA', None or other customized tags.
- **data** (*numpy.ndarray* or *imagine.observables.observable.Observable*) – distributed/copied *numpy.ndarray* or *Observable*
- **otype** (*str*) – Type of observable. May be: 'HEALPix', for HEALPix-like sky map; 'tabular', for tabular data; or 'plain' for unstructured data.
- **coords** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the coordinates of tabular data

class *imagine.observables.Simulations* (*datasets)

Bases: *imagine.observables.observable_dict.ObservableDict*

Stores simulated ensemble sets

See *imagine.observables.observable_dict* module documentation for further details.

append (*args, **kwargs)

Adds/updates name and data

Parameters

- **dataset** (*imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*) – The IMAGINE dataset already adjusts the format of the data and sets the adequate key. If *dataset* is present, all other arguments will be ignored.
- **name** (*str tuple*) – Should follow the convention: (data-name, data-freq, data-Nside/"tab", ext). If data is independent from frequency, set None. *ext* can be 'I','Q','U','PI','PA', None or other customized tags.
- **data** (*numpy.ndarray* or *imagine.observables.observable.Observable*) – distributed/copied *numpy.ndarray* or *Observable*
- **otype** (*str*) – Type of observable. May be: 'HEALPix', for HEALPix-like sky map; 'tabular', for tabular data; or 'plain' for unstructured data.
- **coords** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the coordinates of tabular data

estimate_covariances (*cov_est=<function oas_cov>*)

Produces a Covariances object based on the present Simulations

Parameters `cov_est` (*func*) – A function that computes the covariance given a matrix of data

Returns `covs` – IMAGINE Covariances object

Return type *imagine.observables.Covariances*

sub_sim (*indices*)

Creates a new *Simulations* object based on a subset of the ensemble of a larger *Simulations*.

Parameters *indices* – A tuple of indices numbers, a slice object or a boolean array which will be used to select the data for the sub-simulation

Returns *sims_subset* – The selected sub-simulation

Return type *imagine.observables.Simulations*

class *imagine.observables.Covariances* (**datasets*)

Bases: *imagine.observables.observable_dict.ObservableDict*

Stores observational covariances

See *imagine.observables.observable_dict* module documentation for further details.

append (**args, **kwargs*)

Adds/updates name and data

Parameters

- **dataset** (*imagine.observables.dataset.Dataset*) – The IMAGINE dataset already adjusts the format of the data and sets the adequate key. If *dataset* is present, all other arguments will be ignored.
- **name** (*str tuple*) – Should follow the convention: (data-name, data-freq, data-Nside/"tab", ext). If data is independent from frequency, set None. *ext* can be 'I','Q','U','PI','PA', None or other customized tags.
- **data** (*numpy.ndarray* or *imagine.observables.observable.Observable*) – distributed/copied *numpy.ndarray* or *Observable*
- **otype** (*str*) – Type of observable. May be: 'HEALPix', for HEALPix-like sky map; 'tabular', for tabular data; or 'plain' for unstructured data.
- **coords** (*dict*) – A dictionary containing the coordinates of tabular data

show_variances (***kwargs*)

Shows the contents of this *ObservableDict* using *imagine.tools.visualization.show_observable_dict()*

15.1.4 imagine.pipelines package

Submodules

imagine.pipelines.dynesty_pipeline module

```
class imagine.pipelines.dynesty_pipeline.DynestyPipeline (*, simulator, factory_list, likelihood, ensemble_size=1, run_directory=None, chains_directory=None, prior_correlations=None, show_summary_reports=True, show_progress_reports=False, n_evals_report=500)
```

Bases: *imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline*

Bayesian analysis pipeline with `dynesty`

This pipeline may use `DynamicNestedSampler` if the sampling parameter ‘dynamic’ is set to `True` (default) or `NestedSampler` if ‘dynamic’ is `False` (default).

See base class for initialization details.

The sampler behaviour is controlled using the `sampling_controllers` property. A description of these can be found below.

Other Parameters

- **dynamic** (*bool*) – If `True` (default), use `dynesty.DynamicNestedSampler` otherwise uses `dynesty.NestedSampler`.
- **dlogz** (*float*) – Iteration will stop, in the `dynamic==False` case, when the estimated contribution of the remaining prior volume to the total evidence falls below this threshold. Explicitly, the stopping criterion is $\ln(z + z_{est}) - \ln(z) < dlogz$, where z is the current evidence from all saved samples and z_{est} is the estimated contribution from the remaining volume. If `add_live` is `True`, the default is $1e-3 * (n_{live} - 1) + 0.01$. Otherwise, the default is 0.01 .
- **dlogz_init** (*float*) – The baseline run will stop, in the `dynamic==True` case, when the estimated contribution of the remaining prior volume to the total evidence falls below this threshold. Explicitly, the stopping criterion is $\ln(z + z_{est}) - \ln(z) < dlogz$, where z is the current evidence from all saved samples and z_{est} is the estimated contribution from the remaining volume. If `add_live` is `True`, the default is $1e-3 * (n_{live} - 1) + 0.01$. Otherwise, the default is 0.01 .
- **nlive** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `False`, this sets the number of live points used. Default is 400.
- **nlive_init** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, this sets the number of live points used during the initial (“baseline”) nested sampling run. Default is 400.
- **nlive_batch** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, this sets the number of live points used when adding additional samples from a nested sampling run within each batch. Default is 400.
- **logl_max** (*float*) – Iteration will stop when the sampled $\ln(\text{likelihood})$ exceeds the threshold set by `logl_max`. Default is no bound (`np.inf`).
- **logl_max_init** (*float*) – The baseline run will stop, in the `dynamic==True` case, when the sampled $\ln(\text{likelihood})$ exceeds this threshold. Default is no bound (`np.inf`).
- **maxiter** (*int*) – Maximum number of iterations. Iteration may stop earlier if the termination condition is reached. Default is (no limit).
- **maxiter_init** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, this sets the maximum number of iterations for the initial baseline nested sampling run. Iteration may stop earlier if the termination condition is reached. Default is `sys.maxsize` (no limit).
- **maxiter_batch** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, this sets the maximum number of iterations for the nested sampling run within each batch. Iteration may stop earlier if the termination condition is reached. Default is `sys.maxsize` (no limit).
- **maxcall** (*int*) – Maximum number of likelihood evaluations (without considering the initial points, i.e. `maxcall_effective` = `maxcall` + `nlive`). Iteration may stop earlier if termination condition is reached. Default is `sys.maxsize` (no limit).
- **maxcall_init** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, maximum number of likelihood evaluations in the baseline run.
- **maxcall_batch** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, maximum number of likelihood evaluations for the nested sampling run within each batch. Iteration may stop earlier if the termination condition is reached. Default is `sys.maxsize` (no limit).

- **maxbatch** (*int*) – If *dynamic* is *True*, maximum number of batches allowed. Default is *sys.maxsize* (no limit).
- **use_stop** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to evaluate our stopping function after each batch. Disabling this can improve performance if other stopping criteria such as *maxcall* are already specified. Default is *True*.
- **n_effective** (*int*) – Minimum number of effective posterior samples. If the estimated “effective sample size” (ESS) exceeds this number, sampling will terminate. Default is no ESS (*np.inf*).
- **n_effective_init** (*int*) – Minimum number of effective posterior samples during the baseline run. If the estimated “effective sample size” (ESS) exceeds this number, sampling will terminate. Default is no ESS (*np.inf*).
- **add_live** (*bool*) – Whether or not to add the remaining set of live points to the list of samples at the end of each run. Default is *True*.
- **print_progress** (*bool*) – Whether or not to output a simple summary of the current run that updates with each iteration. Default is *True*.
- **print_func** (*function*) – A function that prints out the current state of the sampler. If not provided, the default *results.print_fn()* is used.
- **save_bounds** (*bool*) –

Whether or not to save past bounding distributions used to bound the live points internally. Default is *True*.

- **bound** (*{‘none’, ‘single’, ‘multi’, ‘balls’, ‘cubes’}*) – Method used to approximately bound the prior using the current set of live points. Conditions the sampling methods used to propose new live points. Choices are no bound (*‘none’*), a single bounding ellipsoid (*‘single’*), multiple bounding ellipsoids (*‘multi’*), balls centered on each live point (*‘balls’*), and cubes centered on each live point (*‘cubes’*). Default is *‘multi’*.
- **sample** (*{‘auto’, ‘unif’, ‘rwalk’, ‘rstagger’, ‘slice’, ‘rslice’}*) – Method used to sample uniformly within the likelihood constraint, conditioned on the provided bounds. Unique methods available are: uniform sampling within the bounds (*‘unif’*), random walks with fixed proposals (*‘rwalk’*), random walks with variable (“staggering”) proposals (*‘rstagger’*), multivariate slice sampling along preferred orientations (*‘slice’*), and “random” slice sampling along all orientations (*‘rslice’*). *‘auto’* selects the sampling method based on the dimensionality of the problem (from *ndim*). When *ndim* < 10, this defaults to *‘unif’*. When $10 \leq ndim \leq 20$, this defaults to *‘rwalk’*. When *ndim* > 20, this defaults to *‘slice’*. *‘rstagger’* and *‘rslice’* are provided as alternatives for *‘rwalk’* and *‘slice’*, respectively. Default is *‘auto’*. Note that Dynesty’s *‘hslice’* option is not supported within IMAGINE.
- **update_interval** (*int or float*) – If an integer is passed, only update the proposal distribution every *update_interval*-th likelihood call. If a float is passed, update the proposal after every *round(update_interval * nlive)*-th likelihood call. Larger update intervals larger can be more efficient when the likelihood function is quick to evaluate. Default behavior is to target a roughly constant change in prior volume, with 1.5 for *‘unif’*, 0.15 * *walks* for *‘rwalk’* and *‘rstagger’*, 0.9 * *ndim* * *slices* for *‘slice’*, 2.0 * *slices* for *‘rslice’*, and 25.0 * *slices* for *‘hslice’*.
- **enlarge** (*float*) – Enlarge the volumes of the specified bounding object(s) by this fraction. The preferred method is to determine this organically using bootstrapping. If *bootstrap* > 0, this defaults to 1.0. If *bootstrap* = 0, this instead defaults to 1.25.
- **bootstrap** (*int*) – Compute this many bootstrapped realizations of the bounding objects. Use the maximum distance found to the set of points left out during each iteration to enlarge the

resulting volumes. Can lead to unstable bounding ellipsoids. Default is 0 (no bootstrap).

- **vol_dec** (*float*) – For the ‘multi’ bounding option, the required fractional reduction in volume after splitting an ellipsoid in order to to accept the split. Default is 0.5.
- **vol_check** (*float*) – For the ‘multi’ bounding option, the factor used when checking if the volume of the original bounding ellipsoid is large enough to warrant > 2 splits via $ell.vol > vol_check * nlive * pointvol$. Default is 2.0.
- **walks** (*int*) – For the ‘rwalk’ sampling option, the minimum number of steps (minimum 2) before proposing a new live point. Default is 25.
- **facc** (*float*) – The target acceptance fraction for the ‘rwalk’ sampling option. Default is 0.5. Bounded to be between $[1. / walks, 1.]$.
- **slices** (*int*) – For the ‘slice’ and ‘rslice’ sampling options, the number of times to execute a “slice update” before proposing a new live point. Default is 5. Note that ‘slice’ cycles through **all dimensions** when executing a “slice update”.

Note: Instances of this class are callable. Look at the `DynestyPipeline.call()` for details.

call (***kwargs*)

Runs the IMAGINE pipeline using the Dynesty sampler

Returns **results** – Dynesty sampling results

Return type `dict`

imagine.pipelines.emcee_pipeline module

```
class imagine.pipelines.emcee_pipeline.EmceePipeline(*, simulator, factory_list, like-
                                                    likelihood, ensemble_size=1,
                                                    run_directory=None,
                                                    chains_directory=None,
                                                    prior_correlations=None,
                                                    show_summary_reports=True,
                                                    show_progress_reports=False,
                                                    n_evals_report=500)
```

Bases: `imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline`

Analysis pipeline with the MCMC sampler `emcee`

See base class for initialization details.

The chains are considered converged once the total number of iterations becomes smaller than *convergence_factor* times the autocorrelation time.

The sampler behaviour is controlled using the *sampling_controllers* property. A description of these can be found below.

Other Parameters

- **resume** (*bool*) – If False the Pipeline the sampling starts from the beginning, overwriting any previous work in the *chains_directory*. Otherwise, tries to resume a previous run.
- **nwalkers** (*int*) – Number of walkers
- **max_nsteps** (*int*) – Maximum number of iterations
- **nsteps_check** (*int*) – The sampler will check for convergence every *nsteps_check*

- **convergence_factor** (*float*) – Factor used to compute the convergence
- **burnin_factor** (*int*) – Number of autocorrelation times to be discarded from main results
- **thin_factor** (*float*) – Factor used to choose how the chain will be “thinned” after running
- **custom_initial_positions** (*list*) – List containing the the starting positions to be used for the walkers. If absent (default), initial positions are randomly sampled from the prior distribution.

call (***kwargs*)

Returns **results** – A dictionary containing the sampler results (usually in its native format)

Return type `dict`

get_intermediate_results ()

SUPPORTS_MPI = `True`

imagine.pipelines.multinest_pipeline module

```
class imagine.pipelines.multinest_pipeline.MultinestPipeline (*,
    simulator,
    factory_list,
    likelihood, ensemble_size=1,
    run_directory=None,
    chains_directory=None,
    prior_correlations=None,
    show_summary_reports=True,
    show_progress_reports=False,
    n_evals_report=500)
```

Bases: `imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline`

Bayesian analysis pipeline with `pyMultinest`

See base class for initialization details.

The sampler behaviour is controlled using the `sampling_controllers` property. A description of these can be found below.

Other Parameters

- **resume** (*bool*) – If `False` the Pipeline the sampling starts from the beginning, overwriting any previous work in the `chains_directory`. Otherwise, tries to resume a previous run.
- **n_live_points** (*int*) – Number of live points to be used.
- **evidence_tolerance** (*float*) – A value of 0.5 should give good enough accuracy.
- **max_iter** (*int*) – Maximum number of iterations. 0 (default) is unlimited (i.e. only stops after convergence).
- **log_zero** (*float*) – Points with `loglike < logZero` will be ignored by MultiNest
- **importance_nested_sampling** (*bool*) – If `True` (default), Multinest will use Importance Nested Sampling (see [arXiv:1306.2144](https://arxiv.org/abs/1306.2144))
- **sampling_efficiency** (*float*) – Efficiency of the sampling. 0.8 (default) and 0.3 are recommended values for parameter estimation & evidence evaluation respectively.
- **multimodal** (*bool*) – If `True`, MultiNest will attempt to separate out the modes using a clustering algorithm.

- **mode_tolerance** (*float*) – MultiNest can find multiple modes and specify which samples belong to which mode. It might be desirable to have separate samples and mode statistics for modes with local log-evidence value greater than a particular value in which case *mode_tolerance* should be set to that value. If there isn't any particularly interesting *mode_tolerance* value, then it should be set to a very negative number (e.g. -1e90, default).
- **null_log_evidence** (*float*) – If *multimodal* is *True*, MultiNest can find multiple modes and also specify which samples belong to which mode. It might be desirable to have separate samples and mode statistics for modes with local log-evidence value greater than a particular value in which case *nullZ* should be set to that value. If there isn't any particularly interesting *nullZ* value, then *nullZ* should be set to a very large negative number (e.g. -1.d90).
- **n_clustering_params** (*int*) – Mode separation is done through a clustering algorithm. Mode separation can be done on all the parameters (in which case *nCdims* should be set to *ndims*) & it can also be done on a subset of parameters (in which case *nCdims* < *ndims*) which might be advantageous as clustering is less accurate as the dimensionality increases. If *nCdims* < *ndims* then mode separation is done on the first *nCdims* parameters.
- **max_modes** (*int*) – Maximum number of modes (if *multimodal* is *True*).

Note: Instances of this class are callable. Look at the `MultinestPipeline.call()` for details.

call (***kwargs*)

Runs the IMAGINE pipeline using the MultiNest sampler

Returns results – pyMultinest sampling results in a dictionary containing the keys: *logZ* (the log-evidence), *logZerror* (the error in log-evidence) and *samples* (equal weighted posterior)

Return type `dict`

get_intermediate_results ()

SUPPORTS_MPI = `True`

imagine.pipelines.pipeline module

```
class imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline(*,
                                           simulator,
                                           factory_list,
                                           likelihood,
                                           ensemble_size=1,
                                           run_directory=None,
                                           chains_directory=None,
                                           prior_correlations=None,
                                           show_summary_reports=True,
                                           show_progress_reports=False,
                                           n_evals_report=500)
```

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

Base class used for for initialing Bayesian analysis pipeline

likelihood_rescaler

Rescale log-likelihood value

Type `double`

random_type

If set to 'fixed', the exact same set of ensemble seeds will be used for the evaluation of all fields, generated using the *master_seed*. If set to 'controllable', each individual field will get their own set of ensemble fields, but multiple runs will lead to the same results, as they are based on the same *master_seed*. If set to 'free', every time the pipeline is run, the *master_seed* is reset to a different value, and the ensemble seeds for each individual field are drawn based on this.

Type `str`

master_seed

Master seed used by the random number generators

Type `int`

Parameters

- **simulator** (*imagine.simulators.simulator.Simulator*) – Simulator object
- **factory_list** (*list*) – List or tuple of field factory objects
- **likelihood** (*imagine.likelihoods.likelihood.Likelihood*) – Likelihood object
- **ensemble_size** (*int*) – Number of observable realizations to be generated by the simulator
- **run_directory** (*str*) – Directory where the pipeline state and reports are saved.
- **chains_directory** (*str*) – Path of the directory where the chains should be saved. By default, this is saved to a ‘chains’ subdirectory of *run_directory*.
- **prior_correlations** (*dict*) – Dictionary used to set up prior distribution correlations. If two parameters are A and B are correlated a priori, an entry should be added to the *prior_correlations* dictionary in the form *(name_A, name_B): True*, to extract the correlation from the samples (in the case of CustomPriors) or *(name_A, name_B): value* otherwise.
- **show_summary_reports** (*bool*) – If True (default), shows/saves a corner plot and shows the evidence after the pipeline run has finished
- **show_progress_reports** (*bool*) – If True, shows/saves a simple progress of the sampler during the run.
- **n_evals_report** (*int*) – The number of likelihood evaluations before showing a progress report

__call__ (**args, save_pipeline_state=True, **kwargs*)
Call self as a function.

call (***kwargs*)

clean_chains_directory ()
Removes the contents of the chains directory

corner_plot (***kwargs*)
Calls *imagine.tools.visualization.corner_plot()* to make a corner plot of samples produced by this Pipeline

evidence_report (*sdigits=4*)

get_BIC ()
Computes the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), this is done using the simple expression

$$BIC = k \ln n - 2 \ln L(\theta_{\text{MAP}})$$

where k is the number of parameters, n is the total number of data points, and \hat{L} is the likelihood function at a reference point :math:\theta_{\text{MAP}}.

Traditionally, this information criterion uses maximum likelihood as a reference point (i.e. θ_{MLE}). By default, however, this method uses the likelihood at the MAP as the reference. motivated by the heuristic that, if the choice of prior is a sensible one, the MAP a better representation of the model performance than the MLE.

get_MAP (*initial_guess='auto', include_units=True, return_optimizer_result=False, **kwargs*)

Computes the parameter values at the Maximum A Posteriori

This method uses *scipy.optimize.minimize* for the calculation. By default, it will use the ‘Powell’ (which does not require the calculation of gradients or the assumption of continuity). Also by default the *bounds* keywords use the ranges specified in the priors.

The MAP estimate is stored internally to be used by the properties: *MAP_model* and *MAP_simulation*.

Parameters

- **include_units** (*bool*) – If *True* (default), returns the result as list of *Quantities* *<astropy.units.Quantity>*. Otherwise, returns a single numpy array with the parameter values in their default units.
- **return_optimizer_result** (*bool*) – If *False* (default) only the MAP values are returned. Otherwise, a tuple containing the values and the output of *scipy.optimize.minimize* is returned instead.
- **initial_guess** (*str or numpy.ndarray*) – The initial guess used by the optimizer. If set to ‘centre’, the centre of each parameter range is used (obtained using *parameter_central_value()*). If set to ‘samples’, the median values of the samples produced by a previous posterior sampling are used (the Pipeline has to have been run before). If set to ‘auto’ (default), use ‘samples’ if available, and ‘centre’ otherwise. Alternatively, an array of active parameter values with the starting position may be provided.
- ****kwargs** – Any other keyword arguments are passed directly to *scipy.optimize.minimize*.

Returns

- **MAP** (*list or array*) – Parameter values at the position of the maximum of the posterior distribution
- **result** (*scipy.optimize.OptimizeResult*) – Only if *return_optimizer_result* is set to *True*, this is returned together with the MAP.

get_intermediate_results ()

get_par_names ()

likelihood_convergence_report (*cmap='cmr.chroma', **kwargs*)

Prepares a standard set of plots of a likelihood convergence report (produced by the *Pipeline.prepare_likelihood_convergence_report()* method).

Parameters

- **cmap** (*str*) – Colormap to be used for the lineplots
- ****kwargs** – Keyword arguments that will be supplied to *prepare_likelihood_convergence_report* (see its docstring for details).

classmethod load (*directory_path='.'*)

Loads the state of a Pipeline object

Parameters *directory_path* (*str*) – Path to the directory where the Pipeline state should be saved

Note: This method uses *imagine.tools.io.load_pipeline()*

log_probability_unnormalized (*theta*)

The log of the unnormalized posterior probability – i.e. the sum of the log-likelihood and the log of the prior probability.

Parameters *theta* (*np.ndarray*) – Array of parameter values (in their default units)

Returns *log_prob* – $\log(\text{likelihood}(\text{theta})) + \log(\text{prior}(\text{theta}))$

Return type *float*

parameter_central_value ()

Gets central point in the parameter space of a given pipeline

The ranges are extracted from each prior. The result is a pure list of numbers corresponding to the values in the native units of each prior.

For non-finite ranges (e.g. $[-\text{inf}, \text{inf}]$), a zero central value is assumed.

Returns *central_values* – A list of parameter values at the centre of each parameter range

Return type *list*

posterior_report (*sdigits=2, **kwargs*)

Displays the best fit values and 1-sigma errors for each active parameter. Also produces a corner plot of the samples, which is saved to the run directory.

If running on a jupyter-notebook, a nice LaTeX display is used, and the plot is shown.

Parameters *sdigits* (*int*) – The number of significant digits to be used

prepare_likelihood_convergence_report (*min_Nens=10, max_Nens=50, n_seeds=1, n_points=5, include_centre=True*)

Constructs a report dataset based on a given Pipeline setup, which can be used for studying the *likelihood convergence* in a particular problem

The pipeline's ensemble size is temporarily set to *Nens*n_seeds*, and (for each point) the present pipeline setup is used to compute a Simulations dictionary object. Subsets of this simulations object are then produced and the likelihood computed.

The end result is a *pandas.DataFrame* containing the following columns:

- *likelihood* - The likelihood value.
- *likelihood_std* - The likelihood dispersion, estimated by bootstrapping the available ensemble and computing the standard deviation.
- *ensemble_size* - Size of the ensemble of simulations used.
- *ipoint* - Index of the point used.
- *iseed* - Index of the random (master) seed used.
- *param_values* - Values of the parameters at a given point.

Parameters

- **min_Nens** (*int*) – Minimum ensemble size to be considered
- **max_Nens** (*int*) – Maximum ensemble size to be examined
- **n_seeds** (*int*) – Number of different (master) random seeds to be used
- **n_points** (*int*) – Number of points to be evaluated. Points are randomly drawn from the *prior* distribution (but see *include_centre*).
- **include_centre** (*bool*) – If *True*, the first point is taken as the value corresponding to the centre of each parameter range.

Returns results – A *pandas.DataFrame* object containing the report data.

Return type *pandas.DataFrame*

prior_pdf (*cube*)

Probability distribution associated with the all parameters being used by the multiple Field Factories

Parameters cube (*np.ndarray*) – Each row of the array corresponds to a different parameter value in the sampling (dimensionless, but in the standard units of the prior).

Returns rtn – Prior probability of the parameter choice specified by *cube*

Return type *float*

prior_transform (*cube*)

Prior transform cube

Takes a cube containing a uniform sampling of values and maps then onto a distribution compatible with the priors specified in the Field Factories.

If prior correlations were specified, these are applied to the cube (assumes the correlations can be well described by the correlations between gaussians).

Parameters cube (*array*) – Each row of the array corresponds to a different parameter in the sampling.

Returns The modified cube

Return type *cube*

progress_report ()

Reports the progress of the inference

save (***kwargs*)

Saves the state of the Pipeline

The *run_directory* set in initialization is used. Any distributed data is gathered and the pipeline is serialized and saved to disk.

Note: This method uses *imagine.tools.io.save_pipeline()*

test (*n_points=3, include_centre=True, verbose=True*)

Tests the present IMAGINE pipeline evaluating the likelihood on a small number of points and reporting the run-time.

n_points [int] Number of points to evaluate the likelihood on. The first point corresponds to the centre of the active parameter ranges (unless *include_centre* is set to *False*) and the other are randomly sampled from the prior distributions.

include_centre [bool] If True, the initial point will be obtained from the centre of the active parameter ranges.

Returns mean_time – The average execution time of a single likelihood evaluation

Return type *astropy.units.Quantity*

tidy_up ()

Resets internal state before a new run

BIC

MAP_model

Maximum a posteriori (MAP) model

List of Field objects corresponding to the mode of the posterior distribution. This does not require a previous run of the Pipeline, as the MAP is computed by maximizing the unnormalized posterior distribution.

This convenience property uses the results from the latest call of the `Pipeline.get_MAP()` method. If `Pipeline.get_MAP()` has never been called, the MAP is found calling it with with default arguments.

See `Pipeline.get_MAP()` for details.

MAP_simulation

Simulation corresponding to the `MAP_model`.

active_parameters

List of all the active parameters

chains_directory

Directory where the chains are stored (NB details of what is stored are sampler-dependent)

distribute_ensemble

If True, whenever the sampler requires a likelihood evaluation, the ensemble of stochastic fields realizations is distributed among all the nodes.

Otherwise, each likelihood evaluations will go through the whole ensemble size on a single node. See [Parallelisation](#) for details.

ensemble_size**factory_list**

List of the Field Factories currently being used.

Updating the factory list automatically extracts active_parameters, parameter ranges and priors from each field factory.

likelihood

The [Likelihood](#) object used by the pipeline

log_evidence

Natural logarithm of the *marginal likelihood* or *Bayesian model evidence*, $\ln \mathcal{Z}$, where

$$\mathcal{Z} = P(d|m) = \int_{\Omega_\theta} P(d|\theta, m)P(\theta|m)d\theta.$$

Note: Available only after the pipeline is run.

log_evidence_err

Error estimate in the natural logarithm of the *Bayesian model evidence*. Available once the pipeline is run.

Note: Available only after the pipeline is run.

median_model

Posterior median model

List of Field objects corresponding to the median values of the distributions of parameter values found *after a Pipeline run*.

median_simulation

Simulation corresponding to the `median_model`.

posterior_summary

A dictionary containing a summary of posterior statistics for each of the active parameters. These are: 'median', 'errlo' (15.87th percentile), 'errup' (84.13th percentile), 'mean' and 'stdev'.

prior_correlations**priors**

Dictionary containing priors for all active parameters

run_directory

Directory where the chains are stored (NB details of what is stored are sampler-dependent)

sampler_supports_mpi**samples**

An `astropy.table.QTable` object containing parameter values of the samples produced in the run.

sampling_controllers

Settings used by the sampler (e.g. 'dlogz'). See the documentation of each specific pipeline subclass for details.

After the pipeline runs, this property is updated to reflect the actual final choice of sampling controllers (including default values).

simulator

The `Simulator` object used by the pipeline

wrapped_parameters

List of parameters which are periodic or “wrapped around”

imagine.pipelines.ultranest_pipeline module

```
class imagine.pipelines.ultranest_pipeline.UltranestPipeline(*,
                                                             simulator,
                                                             factory_list,
                                                             likelihood, ensemble_size=1,
                                                             run_directory=None,
                                                             chains_directory=None,
                                                             prior_correlations=None,
                                                             show_summary_reports=True,
                                                             show_progress_reports=False,
                                                             n_evals_report=500)
```

Bases: `imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline`

Bayesian analysis pipeline with `UltraNest`

See base class for initialization details.

The sampler behaviour is controlled using the `sampling_controllers` property. A description of these can be found below.

Other Parameters

- **resume** (*bool*) – If False the Pipeline the sampling starts from the beginning, erasing any previous work in the `chains_directory`. Otherwise, tries to resume a previous run.
- **dlogz** (*float*) – Target evidence uncertainty. This is the std between bootstrapped logz integrators.
- **dKL** (*float*) – Target posterior uncertainty. This is the Kullback-Leibler divergence in nat between bootstrapped integrators.

- **frac_remain** (*float*) – Integrate until this fraction of the integral is left in the remainder. Set to a low number (1e-2 ... 1e-5) to make sure peaks are discovered. Set to a higher number (0.5) if you know the posterior is simple.
- **Lepsilon** (*float*) – Terminate when live point likelihoods are all the same, within Lepsilon tolerance. Increase this when your likelihood function is inaccurate, to avoid unnecessary search.
- **min_ess** (*int*) – Target number of effective posterior samples.
- **max_iters** (*int*) – maximum number of integration iterations.
- **max_ncalls** (*int*) – stop after this many likelihood evaluations.
- **max_num_improvement_loops** (*int*) – run() tries to assess iteratively where more samples are needed. This number limits the number of improvement loops.
- **min_num_live_points** (*int*) – minimum number of live points throughout the run
- **cluster_num_live_points** (*int*) – require at least this many live points per detected cluster
- **num_test_samples** (*int*) – test transform and likelihood with this number of random points for errors first. Useful to catch bugs.
- **draw_multiple** (*bool*) – draw more points if efficiency goes down. If set to False, few points are sampled at once.
- **num_bootstraps** (*int*) – number of logZ estimators and MLFriends region bootstrap rounds.
- **update_interval_iter_fraction** (*float*) – Update region after (update_interval_iter_fraction*nlive) iterations.

Note: Instances of this class are callable. Look at the `UltraNestPipeline.call()` for details.

call (***kwargs*)

Runs the IMAGINE pipeline using the `UltraNest ReactiveNestedSampler`.

Any keyword argument provided is used to update the `sampling_controllers`.

Returns results – UltraNest sampling results in a dictionary containing the keys: logZ (the log-evidence), logZerror (the error in log-evidence) and samples (equal weighted posterior)

Return type `dict`

Notes

See base class for other attributes/properties and methods

SUPPORTS_MPI = True

Module contents

```
class imagine.pipelines.DynestyPipeline(*, simulator, factory_list, likelihood,
                                     ensemble_size=1, run_directory=None,
                                     chains_directory=None, prior_correlations=None,
                                     show_summary_reports=True,
                                     show_progress_reports=False,
                                     n_evals_report=500)
```

Bases: `imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline`

Bayesian analysis pipeline with `dynesty`

This pipeline may use `DynamicNestedSampler` if the sampling parameter ‘dynamic’ is set to `True` (default) or `NestedSampler` if ‘dynamic’ is `False` (default).

See base class for initialization details.

The sampler behaviour is controlled using the `sampling_controllers` property. A description of these can be found below.

Other Parameters

- **dynamic** (*bool*) – If `True` (default), use `dynesty.DynamicNestedSampler` otherwise uses `dynesty.NestedSampler`.
- **dlogz** (*float*) – Iteration will stop, in the `dynamic==False` case, when the estimated contribution of the remaining prior volume to the total evidence falls below this threshold. Explicitly, the stopping criterion is $\ln(z + z_{est}) - \ln(z) < dlogz$, where z is the current evidence from all saved samples and z_{est} is the estimated contribution from the remaining volume. If `add_live` is `True`, the default is $1e-3 * (n_{live} - 1) + 0.01$. Otherwise, the default is 0.01 .
- **dlogz_init** (*float*) – The baseline run will stop, in the `dynamic==True` case, when the estimated contribution of the remaining prior volume to the total evidence falls below this threshold. Explicitly, the stopping criterion is $\ln(z + z_{est}) - \ln(z) < dlogz$, where z is the current evidence from all saved samples and z_{est} is the estimated contribution from the remaining volume. If `add_live` is `True`, the default is $1e-3 * (n_{live} - 1) + 0.01$. Otherwise, the default is 0.01 .
- **nlive** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `False`, this sets the number of live points used. Default is 400.
- **nlive_init** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, this sets the number of live points used during the initial (“baseline”) nested sampling run. Default is 400.
- **nlive_batch** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, this sets the number of live points used when adding additional samples from a nested sampling run within each batch. Default is 400.
- **logl_max** (*float*) – Iteration will stop when the sampled $\ln(\text{likelihood})$ exceeds the threshold set by `logl_max`. Default is no bound (`np.inf`).
- **logl_max_init** (*float*) – The baseline run will stop, in the `dynamic==True` case, when the sampled $\ln(\text{likelihood})$ exceeds this threshold. Default is no bound (`np.inf`).
- **maxiter** (*int*) – Maximum number of iterations. Iteration may stop earlier if the termination condition is reached. Default is (no limit).
- **maxiter_init** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, this sets the maximum number of iterations for the initial baseline nested sampling run. Iteration may stop earlier if the termination condition is reached. Default is `sys.maxsize` (no limit).
- **maxiter_batch** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, this sets the maximum number of iterations for the nested sampling run within each batch. Iteration may stop earlier if the termination condition is reached. Default is `sys.maxsize` (no limit).
- **maxcall** (*int*) – Maximum number of likelihood evaluations (without considering the initial points, i.e. `maxcall_effective` = `maxcall` + `nlive`). Iteration may stop earlier if termination condition is reached. Default is `sys.maxsize` (no limit).
- **maxcall_init** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, maximum number of likelihood evaluations in the baseline run.
- **maxcall_batch** (*int*) – If `dynamic` is `True`, maximum number of likelihood evaluations for the nested sampling run within each batch. Iteration may stop earlier if the termination condition is reached. Default is `sys.maxsize` (no limit).

- **maxbatch** (*int*) – If *dynamic* is *True*, maximum number of batches allowed. Default is *sys.maxsize* (no limit).
- **use_stop** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to evaluate our stopping function after each batch. Disabling this can improve performance if other stopping criteria such as *maxcall* are already specified. Default is *True*.
- **n_effective** (*int*) – Minimum number of effective posterior samples. If the estimated “effective sample size” (ESS) exceeds this number, sampling will terminate. Default is no ESS (*np.inf*).
- **n_effective_init** (*int*) – Minimum number of effective posterior samples during the baseline run. If the estimated “effective sample size” (ESS) exceeds this number, sampling will terminate. Default is no ESS (*np.inf*).
- **add_live** (*bool*) – Whether or not to add the remaining set of live points to the list of samples at the end of each run. Default is *True*.
- **print_progress** (*bool*) – Whether or not to output a simple summary of the current run that updates with each iteration. Default is *True*.
- **print_func** (*function*) – A function that prints out the current state of the sampler. If not provided, the default *results.print_fn()* is used.
- **save_bounds** (*bool*) –

Whether or not to save past bounding distributions used to bound the live points internally. Default is *True*.

- **bound** (*{‘none’, ‘single’, ‘multi’, ‘balls’, ‘cubes’}*) – Method used to approximately bound the prior using the current set of live points. Conditions the sampling methods used to propose new live points. Choices are no bound (*‘none’*), a single bounding ellipsoid (*‘single’*), multiple bounding ellipsoids (*‘multi’*), balls centered on each live point (*‘balls’*), and cubes centered on each live point (*‘cubes’*). Default is *‘multi’*.
- **sample** (*{‘auto’, ‘unif’, ‘rwalk’, ‘rstagger’, ‘slice’, ‘rslice’}*) – Method used to sample uniformly within the likelihood constraint, conditioned on the provided bounds. Unique methods available are: uniform sampling within the bounds (*‘unif’*), random walks with fixed proposals (*‘rwalk’*), random walks with variable (“staggering”) proposals (*‘rstagger’*), multivariate slice sampling along preferred orientations (*‘slice’*), and “random” slice sampling along all orientations (*‘rslice’*). *‘auto’* selects the sampling method based on the dimensionality of the problem (from *ndim*). When *ndim* < 10, this defaults to *‘unif’*. When *10* <= *ndim* <= 20, this defaults to *‘rwalk’*. When *ndim* > 20, this defaults to *‘slice’*. *‘rstagger’* and *‘rslice’* are provided as alternatives for *‘rwalk’* and *‘slice’*, respectively. Default is *‘auto’*. Note that Dynesty’s *‘hslice’* option is not supported within IMAGINE.
- **update_interval** (*int or float*) – If an integer is passed, only update the proposal distribution every *update_interval*-th likelihood call. If a float is passed, update the proposal after every *round(update_interval * nlive)*-th likelihood call. Larger update intervals larger can be more efficient when the likelihood function is quick to evaluate. Default behavior is to target a roughly constant change in prior volume, with 1.5 for *‘unif’*, 0.15 * *walks* for *‘rwalk’* and *‘rstagger’*, 0.9 * *ndim* * *slices* for *‘slice’*, 2.0 * *slices* for *‘rslice’*, and 25.0 * *slices* for *‘hslice’*.
- **enlarge** (*float*) – Enlarge the volumes of the specified bounding object(s) by this fraction. The preferred method is to determine this organically using bootstrapping. If *bootstrap* > 0, this defaults to 1.0. If *bootstrap* = 0, this instead defaults to 1.25.
- **bootstrap** (*int*) – Compute this many bootstrapped realizations of the bounding objects. Use the maximum distance found to the set of points left out during each iteration to enlarge the

resulting volumes. Can lead to unstable bounding ellipsoids. Default is 0 (no bootstrap).

- **vol_dec** (*float*) – For the ‘multi’ bounding option, the required fractional reduction in volume after splitting an ellipsoid in order to to accept the split. Default is 0.5.
- **vol_check** (*float*) – For the ‘multi’ bounding option, the factor used when checking if the volume of the original bounding ellipsoid is large enough to warrant > 2 splits via $ell.vol > vol_check * nlive * pointvol$. Default is 2.0.
- **walks** (*int*) – For the ‘rwalk’ sampling option, the minimum number of steps (minimum 2) before proposing a new live point. Default is 25.
- **fact** (*float*) – The target acceptance fraction for the ‘rwalk’ sampling option. Default is 0.5. Bounded to be between $[1. / walks, 1.]$.
- **slices** (*int*) – For the ‘slice’ and ‘rslice’ sampling options, the number of times to execute a “slice update” before proposing a new live point. Default is 5. Note that ‘slice’ cycles through **all dimensions** when executing a “slice update”.

Note: Instances of this class are callable. Look at the `DynestyPipeline.call()` for details.

call (***kwargs*)

Runs the IMAGINE pipeline using the Dynesty sampler

Returns **results** – Dynesty sampling results

Return type `dict`

```
class imagine.pipelines.MultinestPipeline(*, simulator, factory_list,
                                          likelihood, ensemble_size=1,
                                          run_directory=None, chains_directory=None,
                                          prior_correlations=None,
                                          show_summary_reports=True,
                                          show_progress_reports=False,
                                          n_evals_report=500)
```

Bases: `imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline`

Bayesian analysis pipeline with `pyMultinest`

See base class for initialization details.

The sampler behaviour is controlled using the `sampling_controllers` property. A description of these can be found below.

Other Parameters

- **resume** (*bool*) – If False the Pipeline the sampling starts from the beginning, overwriting any previous work in the `chains_directory`. Otherwise, tries to resume a previous run.
- **n_live_points** (*int*) – Number of live points to be used.
- **evidence_tolerance** (*float*) – A value of 0.5 should give good enough accuracy.
- **max_iter** (*int*) – Maximum number of iterations. 0 (default) is unlimited (i.e. only stops after convergence).
- **log_zero** (*float*) – Points with loglike $< \logZero$ will be ignored by MultiNest
- **importance_nested_sampling** (*bool*) – If *True* (default), Multinest will use Importance Nested Sampling (see [arXiv:1306.2144](https://arxiv.org/abs/1306.2144))
- **sampling_efficiency** (*float*) – Efficiency of the sampling. 0.8 (default) and 0.3 are recommended values for parameter estimation & evidence evaluation respectively.

- **multimodal** (*bool*) – If *True*, MultiNest will attempt to separate out the modes using a clustering algorithm.
- **mode_tolerance** (*float*) – MultiNest can find multiple modes and specify which samples belong to which mode. It might be desirable to have separate samples and mode statistics for modes with local log-evidence value greater than a particular value in which case *mode_tolerance* should be set to that value. If there isn't any particularly interesting *mode_tolerance* value, then it should be set to a very negative number (e.g. -1e90, default).
- **null_log_evidence** (*float*) – If *multimodal* is *True*, MultiNest can find multiple modes and also specify which samples belong to which mode. It might be desirable to have separate samples and mode statistics for modes with local log-evidence value greater than a particular value in which case *nullZ* should be set to that value. If there isn't any particularly interesting *nullZ* value, then *nullZ* should be set to a very large negative number (e.g. -1.d90).
- **n_clustering_params** (*int*) – Mode separation is done through a clustering algorithm. Mode separation can be done on all the parameters (in which case *nCdims* should be set to *ndims*) & it can also be done on a subset of parameters (in which case *nCdims* < *ndims*) which might be advantageous as clustering is less accurate as the dimensionality increases. If *nCdims* < *ndims* then mode separation is done on the first *nCdims* parameters.
- **max_modes** (*int*) – Maximum number of modes (if *multimodal* is *True*).

Note: Instances of this class are callable. Look at the [MultinestPipeline.call\(\)](#) for details.

call (***kwargs*)

Runs the IMAGINE pipeline using the MultiNest sampler

Returns results – pyMultinest sampling results in a dictionary containing the keys: *logZ* (the log-evidence), *logZError* (the error in log-evidence) and *samples* (equal weighted posterior)

Return type *dict*

get_intermediate_results ()

SUPPORTS_MPI = *True*

```
class imagine.pipelines.Pipeline(*, simulator, factory_list, likelihood, ensemble_size=1, run_directory=None, chains_directory=None, prior_correlations=None, show_summary_reports=True, show_progress_reports=False, n_evals_report=500)
```

Bases: [imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass](#)

Base class used for for initialing Bayesian analysis pipeline

likelihood_rescaler

Rescale log-likelihood value

Type *double*

random_type

If set to 'fixed', the exact same set of ensemble seeds will be used for the evaluation of all fields, generated using the *master_seed*. If set to 'controllable', each individual field will get their own set of ensemble fields, but multiple runs will lead to the same results, as they are based on the same *master_seed*. If set to 'free', every time the pipeline is run, the *master_seed* is reset to a different value, and the ensemble seeds for each individual field are drawn based on this.

Type *str*

master_seed

Master seed used by the random number generators

Type `int`

Parameters

- **simulator** (*imagine.simulators.simulator.Simulator*) – Simulator object
- **factory_list** (*list*) – List or tuple of field factory objects
- **likelihood** (*imagine.likelihoods.likelihood.Likelihood*) – Likelihood object
- **ensemble_size** (*int*) – Number of observable realizations to be generated by the simulator
- **run_directory** (*str*) – Directory where the pipeline state and reports are saved.
- **chains_directory** (*str*) – Path of the directory where the chains should be saved. By default, this is saved to a ‘chains’ subdirectory of *run_directory*.
- **prior_correlations** (*dict*) – Dictionary used to set up prior distribution correlations. If two parameters are A and B are correlated a priori, an entry should be added to the *prior_correlations* dictionary in the form *(name_A, name_B): True*, to extract the correlation from the samples (in the case of CustomPriors) or *(name_A, name_B): value* otherwise.
- **show_summary_reports** (*bool*) – If True (default), shows/saves a corner plot and shows the evidence after the pipeline run has finished
- **show_progress_reports** (*bool*) – If True, shows/saves a simple progress of the sampler during the run.
- **n_evals_report** (*int*) – The number of likelihood evaluations before showing a progress report

__call__ (**args, save_pipeline_state=True, **kwargs*)
Call self as a function.

call (***kwargs*)

clean_chains_directory ()
Removes the contents of the chains directory

corner_plot (***kwargs*)
Calls *imagine.tools.visualization.corner_plot()* to make a corner plot of samples produced by this Pipeline

evidence_report (*sdigits=4*)

get_BIC ()
Computes the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), this is done using the simple expression

$$BIC = k \ln n - 2 \ln L(\theta_{\text{MAP}})$$

where *k* is the number of parameters, *n* is the total number of data points, and \hat{L} is the likelihood function at a reference point θ_{MAP} .

Traditionally, this information criterion uses maximum likelihood as a reference point (i.e. θ_{MLE}). By default, however, this method uses the likelihood at the MAP as the reference. motivated by the heuristic that, if the choice of prior is a sensible one, the MAP a better representation of the model performance than the MLE.

get_MAP (*initial_guess='auto', include_units=True, return_optimizer_result=False, **kwargs*)
Computes the parameter values at the Maximum A Posteriori

This method uses *scipy.optimize.minimize* for the calculation. By default, it will use the ‘Powell’ (which does not require the calculation of gradients or the assumption of continuity). Also by default the *bounds* keywords use the ranges specified in the priors.

The MAP estimate is stored internally to be used by the properties: `MAP_model` and `MAP_simulation`.

Parameters

- **include_units** (*bool*) – If *True* (default), returns the result as list of *Quantities* `<astropy.units.Quantity>`. Otherwise, returns a single numpy array with the parameter values in their default units.
- **return_optimizer_result** (*bool*) – If *False* (default) only the MAP values are returned. Otherwise, a tuple containing the values and the output of `scipy.optimize.minimize` is returned instead.
- **initial_guess** (*str or numpy.ndarray*) – The initial guess used by the optimizer. If set to 'centre', the centre of each parameter range is used (obtained using `parameter_central_value()`). If set to 'samples', the median values of the samples produced by a previous posterior sampling are used (the Pipeline has to have been run before). If set to 'auto' (default), use 'samples' if available, and 'centre' otherwise. Alternatively, an array of active parameter values with the starting position may be provided.
- ****kwargs** – Any other keyword arguments are passed directly to `scipy.optimize.minimize`.

Returns

- **MAP** (*list or array*) – Parameter values at the position of the maximum of the posterior distribution
- **result** (`scipy.optimize.OptimizeResult`) – Only if `return_optimizer_result` is set to *True*, this is returned together with the MAP.

get_intermediate_results ()

get_par_names ()

likelihood_convergence_report (*cmap='cmr.chroma', **kwargs*)

Prepares a standard set of plots of a likelihood convergence report (produced by the `Pipeline.prepare_likelihood_convergence_report()` method).

Parameters

- **cmap** (*str*) – Colormap to be used for the lineplots
- ****kwargs** – Keyword arguments that will be supplied to `prepare_likelihood_convergence_report` (see its docstring for details).

classmethod load (*directory_path='.'*)

Loads the state of a Pipeline object

Parameters **directory_path** (*str*) – Path to the directory where the Pipeline state should be saved

Note: This method uses `imagine.tools.io.load_pipeline()`

log_probability_unnormalized (*theta*)

The log of the unnormalized posterior probability – i.e. the sum of the log-likelihood and the log of the prior probability.

Parameters **theta** (*np.ndarray*) – Array of parameter values (in their default units)

Returns **log_prob** – `log(likelihood(theta))+log(prior(theta))`

Return type `float`

parameter_central_value()

Gets central point in the parameter space of a given pipeline

The ranges are extracted from each prior. The result is a pure list of numbers corresponding to the values in the native units of each prior.

For non-finite ranges (e.g. `[-inf,inf]`), a zero central value is assumed.

Returns `central_values` – A list of parameter values at the centre of each parameter range

Return type `list`

posterior_report(sdigits=2, **kwargs)

Displays the best fit values and 1-sigma errors for each active parameter. Also produces a corner plot of the samples, which is saved to the run directory.

If running on a jupyter-notebook, a nice LaTeX display is used, and the plot is shown.

Parameters `sdigits` (*int*) – The number of significant digits to be used

prepare_likelihood_convergence_report(min_Nens=10, max_Nens=50, n_seeds=1, n_points=5, include_centre=True)

Constructs a report dataset based on a given Pipeline setup, which can be used for studying the *likelihood convergence* in a particular problem

The pipeline's ensemble size is temporarily set to `Nens*n_seeds`, and (for each point) the present pipeline setup is used to compute a Simulations dictionary object. Subsets of this simulations object are then produced and the likelihood computed.

The end result is a `pandas.DataFrame` containing the following columns:

- *likelihood* - The likelihood value.
- *likelihood_std* - The likelihood dispersion, estimated by bootstrapping the available ensemble and computing the standard deviation.
- *ensemble_size* - Size of the ensemble of simulations used.
- *ipoint* - Index of the point used.
- *iseed* - Index of the random (master) seed used.
- *param_values* - Values of the parameters at a given point.

Parameters

- **min_Nens** (*int*) – Minimum ensemble size to be considered
- **max_Nens** (*int*) – Maximum ensemble size to be examined
- **n_seeds** (*int*) – Number of different (master) random seeds to be used
- **n_points** (*int*) – Number of points to be evaluated. Points are randomly drawn from the *prior* distribution (but see *include_centre*).
- **include_centre** (*bool*) – If *True*, the first point is taken as the value corresponding to the centre of each parameter range.

Returns `results` – A `pandas.DataFrame` object containing the report data.

Return type `pandas.DataFrame`

prior_pdf(cube)

Probability distribution associated with the all parameters being used by the multiple Field Factories

Parameters *cube* (*np.ndarray*) – Each row of the array corresponds to a different parameter value in the sampling (dimensionless, but in the standard units of the prior).

Returns *rtn* – Prior probability of the parameter choice specified by *cube*

Return type *float*

prior_transform (*cube*)

Prior transform cube

Takes a cube containing a uniform sampling of values and maps then onto a distribution compatible with the priors specified in the Field Factories.

If prior correlations were specified, these are applied to the cube (assumes the correlations can be well described by the correlations between gaussians).

Parameters *cube* (*array*) – Each row of the array corresponds to a different parameter in the sampling.

Returns The modified cube

Return type *cube*

progress_report ()

Reports the progress of the inference

save (***kwargs*)

Saves the state of the Pipeline

The *run_directory* set in initialization is used. Any distributed data is gathered and the pipeline is serialized and saved to disk.

Note: This method uses *imagine.tools.io.save_pipeline()*

test (*n_points=3, include_centre=True, verbose=True*)

Tests the present IMAGINE pipeline evaluating the likelihood on a small number of points and reporting the run-time.

n_points [int] Number of points to evaluate the likelihood on. The first point corresponds to the centre of the active parameter ranges (unless *include_centre* is set to *False*) and the other are randomly sampled from the prior distributions.

include_centre [bool] If True, the initial point will be obtained from the centre of the active parameter ranges.

Returns *mean_time* – The average execution time of a single likelihood evaluation

Return type *astropy.units.Quantity*

tidy_up ()

Resets internal state before a new run

BIC

MAP_model

Maximum a posteriori (MAP) model

List of Field objects corresponding to the mode of the posterior distribution. This does not require a previous run of the Pipeline, as the MAP is computed by maximizing the unnormalized posterior distribution.

This convenience property uses the results from the latest call of the *Pipeline.get_MAP()* method. If *Pipeline.get_MAP()* has never been called, the MAP is found calling it with with default arguments.

See `Pipeline.get_MAP()` for details.

MAP_simulation

Simulation corresponding to the `MAP_model`.

active_parameters

List of all the active parameters

chains_directory

Directory where the chains are stored (NB details of what is stored are sampler-dependent)

distribute_ensemble

If True, whenever the sampler requires a likelihood evaluation, the ensemble of stochastic fields realizations is distributed among all the nodes.

Otherwise, each likelihood evaluations will go through the whole ensemble size on a single node. See [Parallelisation](#) for details.

ensemble_size

factory_list

List of the Field Factories currently being used.

Updating the factory list automatically extracts active_parameters, parameter ranges and priors from each field factory.

likelihood

The `Likelihood` object used by the pipeline

log_evidence

Natural logarithm of the *marginal likelihood* or *Bayesian model evidence*, $\ln Z$, where

$$Z = P(d|m) = \int_{\Omega_\theta} P(d|\theta, m)P(\theta|m)d\theta.$$

Note: Available only after the pipeline is run.

log_evidence_err

Error estimate in the natural logarithm of the *Bayesian model evidence*. Available once the pipeline is run.

Note: Available only after the pipeline is run.

median_model

Posterior median model

List of Field objects corresponding to the median values of the distributions of parameter values found *after a Pipeline run*.

median_simulation

Simulation corresponding to the `median_model`.

posterior_summary

A dictionary containing a summary of posterior statistics for each of the active parameters. These are: 'median', 'errlo' (15.87th percentile), 'errup' (84.13th percentile), 'mean' and 'stdev'.

prior_correlations

priors

Dictionary containing priors for all active parameters

run_directory

Directory where the chains are stored (NB details of what is stored are sampler-dependent)

sampler_supports_mpi**samples**

An `astropy.table.QTable` object containing parameter values of the samples produced in the run.

sampling_controllers

Settings used by the sampler (e.g. `'dlogz'`). See the documentation of each specific pipeline subclass for details.

After the pipeline runs, this property is updated to reflect the actual final choice of sampling controllers (including default values).

simulator

The `Simulator` object used by the pipeline

wrapped_parameters

List of parameters which are periodic or “wrapped around”

```
class imagine.pipelines.UltraneestPipeline(*, simulator, factory_list,
                                           likelihood, ensemble_size=1,
                                           run_directory=None, chains_directory=None,
                                           prior_correlations=None,
                                           show_summary_reports=True,
                                           show_progress_reports=False,
                                           n_evals_report=500)
```

Bases: `imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline`

Bayesian analysis pipeline with `UltraNest`

See base class for initialization details.

The sampler behaviour is controlled using the `sampling_controllers` property. A description of these can be found below.

Other Parameters

- **resume** (*bool*) – If False the Pipeline the sampling starts from the beginning, erasing any previous work in the `chains_directory`. Otherwise, tries to resume a previous run.
- **dlogz** (*float*) – Target evidence uncertainty. This is the std between bootstrapped logz integrators.
- **dKL** (*float*) – Target posterior uncertainty. This is the Kullback-Leibler divergence in nat between bootstrapped integrators.
- **frac_remain** (*float*) – Integrate until this fraction of the integral is left in the remainder. Set to a low number ($1e-2 \dots 1e-5$) to make sure peaks are discovered. Set to a higher number (0.5) if you know the posterior is simple.
- **Lepsilon** (*float*) – Terminate when live point likelihoods are all the same, within Lepsilon tolerance. Increase this when your likelihood function is inaccurate, to avoid unnecessary search.
- **min_ess** (*int*) – Target number of effective posterior samples.
- **max_iters** (*int*) – maximum number of integration iterations.
- **max_ncalls** (*int*) – stop after this many likelihood evaluations.
- **max_num_improvement_loops** (*int*) – `run()` tries to assess iteratively where more samples are needed. This number limits the number of improvement loops.

- **min_num_live_points** (*int*) – minimum number of live points throughout the run
- **cluster_num_live_points** (*int*) – require at least this many live points per detected cluster
- **num_test_samples** (*int*) – test transform and likelihood with this number of random points for errors first. Useful to catch bugs.
- **draw_multiple** (*bool*) – draw more points if efficiency goes down. If set to False, few points are sampled at once.
- **num_bootstraps** (*int*) – number of logZ estimators and MLFriends region bootstrap rounds.
- **update_interval_iter_fraction** (*float*) – Update region after (update_interval_iter_fraction*nlive) iterations.

Note: Instances of this class are callable. Look at the [UltraNestPipeline.call\(\)](#) for details.

call (***kwargs*)

Runs the IMAGINE pipeline using the [UltraNest ReactiveNestedSampler](#).

Any keyword argument provided is used to update the *sampling_controllers*.

Returns results – UltraNest sampling results in a dictionary containing the keys: logZ (the log-evidence), logZerror (the error in log-evidence) and samples (equal weighted posterior)

Return type [dict](#)

Notes

See base class for other attributes/properties and methods

SUPPORTS_MPI = True

15.1.5 imagine.priors package

Submodules

imagine.priors.basic_priors module

class `imagine.priors.basic_priors.FlatPrior` (*xmin, xmax, unit=None, wrapped=False*)

Bases: [imagine.priors.prior.Prior](#)

Prior distribution where any parameter values within the valid interval have the same prior probability.

Parameters

- **xmin, xmax** (*float*) – A pair of points representing, respectively, the minimum/maximum parameter values to be considered.
- **unit** (*astropy.units.Unit, optional*) – If present, sets the units used for this parameter. If absent, this is inferred from *xmin* and *xmax*.
- **wrapped** (*bool*) – Specify whether the parameter is periodic (i.e. the range is supposed to “wrap-around”).

__call__ (*cube*)

The “prior mapping”, i.e. returns the value of the inverse of the CDF at point(s) *x*.

```
class imagine.priors.basic_priors.GaussianPrior (mu=None, sigma=None, xmin=None,  
                                              xmax=None,          unit=None,  
                                              wrapped=False, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *imagine.priors.prior.ScipyPrior*

Normal prior distribution.

This can operate either as a regular Gaussian distribution (defined from -infinity to infinity) or, if *xmin* and *xmax* values are set, as a truncated Gaussian distribution.

Parameters

- **mu** (*float*) – The position of the mode (mean, if the truncation is symmetric) of the Gaussian
- **sigma** (*float*) – Width of the distribution (standard deviation, if there was no truncation)
- **xmin, xmax** (*float*) – A pair of points representing, respectively, the minimum/maximum parameter values to be considered (i.e. the truncation interval). If these are not provided (or set to *None*), the prior range is assumed to run from -infinity to infinity
- **unit** (*astropy.units.Unit, optional*) – If present, sets the units used for this parameter. If absent, this is inferred from *mu* and *sigma*.
- **wrapped** (*bool*) – Specify whether the parameter is periodic (i.e. the range is supposed to “wrap-around”).

imagine.priors.prior module

```
class imagine.priors.prior.Prior (xmin=None, xmax=None, wrapped=False, unit=None,  
                                pdf_npoints=1500)
```

Bases: *imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass*

This is the base class which can be used to include a new type of prior to the IMAGINE pipeline. If you are willing to use a distribution from scipy, please look at *ScipyPrior*. If you want to construct a prior from a sample, see *CustomPrior*.

__call__ (*x*)

The “prior mapping”, i.e. returns the value of the inverse of the CDF at point(s) *x*.

pdf (*x*)

Probability density function (PDF) associated with this prior.

cdf

Cumulative distribution function (CDF) associated with this prior.

inv_cdf

scipy_distr

Constructs a scipy distribution based on an IMAGINE prior

```
class imagine.priors.prior.ScipyPrior (distr, *args, loc=0.0, scale=1.0, xmin=None,  
                                       xmax=None,      unit=None,   wrapped=False,  
                                       pdf_npoints=1500, **kwargs)
```

Bases: *imagine.priors.prior.Prior*

Constructs a prior from a continuous distribution defined in *scipy.stats*.

Parameters

- **distr** (*scipy.stats.rv_continuous*) – A distribution function expressed as an instance of *scipy.stats.rv_continuous*.

- ***args** – Any positional arguments required by the function selected in `distr` (e.g for `scipy.chi2`, one needs to supply the number of degrees of freedom, `df`)
- **loc** (*float*) – Same meaning as in `scipy.stats.rv_continuous`: sets the centre of the distribution (generally, the mean or mode).
- **scale** (*float*) – Same meaning as in `scipy.stats.rv_continuous`: sets the width of the distribution (e.g. the standard deviation in the normal case).
- **xmin, xmax** (*float*) – A pair of points representing, respectively, the minimum/maximum parameter values to be considered (note that this will truncate the original `scipy` distribution provided). If these are not provided (or set to *None*), the prior range is assumed to run from -infinity to infinity (in this case, *unit must be provided*).
- **unit** (*astropy.units.Unit*) – If present, sets the units used for this parameter. If absent, this is inferred from *xmin* and *xmax*.
- **wrapped** (*bool*) – Specify whether the parameter is periodic (i.e. the range is supposed to “wrap-around”).

```
class imagine.priors.prior.CustomPrior (samples=None, pdf_fun=None, xmin=None,
                                         xmax=None, unit=None, wrapped=False,
                                         bw_method=None, pdf_npoints=1500, sam-
                                         ples_ref=True)
```

Bases: `imagine.priors.prior.Prior`

Allows constructing a prior from a pre-existing sampling of the parameter space or a known probability density function (PDF).

Parameters

- **samples** (*array_like*) – Array containing a sample of the prior distribution one wants to use. Note: this will use `scipy.stats.gaussian_kde` to compute the probability density function (PDF) through kernel density estimate using Gaussian kernels.
- **pdf_fun** (*function*) – A Python function containing the PDF for this prior. Note that the function must be able to operate on `Quantity` object if the parameter is not dimensionless.
- **xmin, xmax** (*float*) – A pair of points representing, respectively, the minimum/maximum parameter values to be considered. If not provided (or set to *None*), the smallest/largest value in the sample minus/plus one standard deviation will be used.
- **unit** (*astropy.units.Unit*) – If present, sets the units used for this parameter. If absent, this is inferred from *xmin* and *xmax*.
- **wrapped** (*bool*) – Specify whether the parameter is periodic (i.e. the range is supposed to “wrap-around”).
- **bw_method** (*scalar or str*) – Used by `scipy.stats.gaussian_kde` to select the bandwidth employed to estimate the PDF from provided samples. Can be a number, if using fixed bandwidth, or strings ‘scott’ or ‘silverman’ if these rules are to be selected.
- **pdf_npoints** (*int*) – Number of points used to evaluate `pdf_fun` or the KDE constructed from the samples.
- **samples_ref** (*bool*) – If True (default), a reference to the samples is stored, allowing prior correlations to be computed by the Pipeline.

Module contents

class `imagine.priors.FlatPrior` (*xmin*, *xmax*, *unit=None*, *wrapped=False*)

Bases: `imagine.priors.prior.Prior`

Prior distribution where any parameter values within the valid interval have the same prior probability.

Parameters

- **xmin, xmax** (*float*) – A pair of points representing, respectively, the minimum/maximum parameter values to be considered.
- **unit** (*astropy.units.Unit*, *optional*) – If present, sets the units used for this parameter. If absent, this is inferred from *xmin* and *xmax*.
- **wrapped** (*bool*) – Specify whether the parameter is periodic (i.e. the range is supposed to “wrap-around”).

__call__ (*cube*)

The “prior mapping”, i.e. returns the value of the inverse of the CDF at point(s) *x*.

class `imagine.priors.GaussianPrior` (*mu=None*, *sigma=None*, *xmin=None*, *xmax=None*, *unit=None*, *wrapped=False*, ***kwargs*)

Bases: `imagine.priors.prior.ScipyPrior`

Normal prior distribution.

This can operate either as a regular Gaussian distribution (defined from -infinity to infinity) or, if *xmin* and *xmax* values are set, as a truncated Gaussian distribution.

Parameters

- **mu** (*float*) – The position of the mode (mean, if the truncation is symmetric) of the Gaussian
- **sigma** (*float*) – Width of the distribution (standard deviation, if there was no tuncation)
- **xmin, xmax** (*float*) – A pair of points representing, respectively, the minimum/maximum parameter values to be considered (i.e. the truncation interval). If these are not provided (or set to *None*), the prior range is assumed to run from -infinity to infinity
- **unit** (*astropy.units.Unit*, *optional*) – If present, sets the units used for this parameter. If absent, this is inferred from *mu* and *sigma*.
- **wrapped** (*bool*) – Specify whether the parameter is periodic (i.e. the range is supposed to “wrap-around”).

class `imagine.priors.Prior` (*xmin=None*, *xmax=None*, *wrapped=False*, *unit=None*, *pdf_npoints=1500*)

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

This is the base class which can be used to include a new type of prior to the IMAGINE pipeline. If you are willing to use a distribution from scipy, please look at *ScipyPrior*. If you want to construct a prior from a sample, see *CustomPrior*.

__call__ (*x*)

The “prior mapping”, i.e. returns the value of the inverse of the CDF at point(s) *x*.

pdf (*x*)

Probability density function (PDF) associated with this prior.

cdf

Cumulative distribution function (CDF) associated with this prior.

inv_cdf

`scipy_distr`

Constructs a scipy distribution based on an IMAGINE prior

```
class imagine.priors.ScipyPrior(distr, *args, loc=0.0, scale=1.0, xmin=None, xmax=None,
                               unit=None, wrapped=False, pdf_npoints=1500, **kwargs)
```

Bases: `imagine.priors.prior.Prior`

Constructs a prior from a continuous distribution defined in `scipy.stats`.

Parameters

- **distr** (`scipy.stats.rv_continuous`) – A distribution function expressed as an instance of `scipy.stats.rv_continuous`.
- ***args** – Any positional arguments required by the function selected in `distr` (e.g for `scipy.chi2`, one needs to supply the number of degrees of freedom, `df`)
- **loc** (`float`) – Same meaning as in `scipy.stats.rv_continuous`: sets the centre of the distribution (generally, the mean or mode).
- **scale** (`float`) – Same meaning as in `scipy.stats.rv_continuous`: sets the width of the distribution (e.g. the standard deviation in the normal case).
- **xmin, xmax** (`float`) – A pair of points representing, respectively, the minimum/maximum parameter values to be considered (note that this will truncate the original scipy distribution provided). If these are not provided (or set to `None`), the prior range is assumed to run from -infinity to infinity (in this case, *unit must be provided*).
- **unit** (`astropy.units.Unit`) – If present, sets the units used for this parameter. If absent, this is inferred from `xmin` and `xmax`.
- **wrapped** (`bool`) – Specify whether the parameter is periodic (i.e. the range is supposed to “wrap-around”).

```
class imagine.priors.CustomPrior(samples=None, pdf_fun=None, xmin=None, xmax=None,
                                unit=None, wrapped=False, bw_method=None,
                                pdf_npoints=1500, samples_ref=True)
```

Bases: `imagine.priors.prior.Prior`

Allows constructing a prior from a pre-existing sampling of the parameter space or a known probability density function (PDF).

Parameters

- **samples** (`array_like`) – Array containing a sample of the prior distribution one wants to use. Note: this will use `scipy.stats.gaussian_kde` to compute the probability density function (PDF) through kernel density estimate using Gaussian kernels.
- **pdf_fun** (`function`) – A Python function containing the PDF for this prior. Note that the function must be able to operate on `Quantity` object if the parameter is not dimensionless.
- **xmin, xmax** (`float`) – A pair of points representing, respectively, the minimum/maximum parameter values to be considered. If not provided (or set to `None`), the smallest/largest value in the sample minus/plus one standard deviation will be used.
- **unit** (`astropy.units.Unit`) – If present, sets the units used for this parameter. If absent, this is inferred from `xmin` and `xmax`.
- **wrapped** (`bool`) – Specify whether the parameter is periodic (i.e. the range is supposed to “wrap-around”).
- **bw_method** (`scalar or str`) – Used by `scipy.stats.gaussian_kde` to select the bandwidth employed to estimate the PDF from provided samples. Can be a number, if using fixed bandwidth, or strings ‘scott’ or ‘silverman’ if these rules are to be selected.

- **pdf_npoints** (*int*) – Number of points used to evaluate pdf_fun or the KDE constructed from the samples.
- **samples_ref** (*bool*) – If True (default), a reference to the samples is stored, allowing prior correlations to be computed by the Pipeline.

15.1.6 imagine.simulators package

Submodules

imagine.simulators.hammurabi module

class `imagine.simulators.hammurabi.Hammurabi` (*measurements*, *xml_path=None*,
hamx_path=None, *masks=None*)
Bases: `imagine.simulators.simulator.Simulator`

This is an interface to hammurabi X Python wrapper.

Upon initialization, a HampyX object is initialized and its XML tree should be modified according to measurements without changing its base file.

If a *xml_path* is provided, it will be used as the base XML tree, otherwise, hammurabiX's default 'params_template.xml' will be used.

Dummy fields can be used to change the parameters of hammurabiX. Other fields are temporarily saved to disk (using `imagine.rc` 'temp_dir' directory) and loaded into hammurabi.

Parameters

- **measurements** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements*) – Observables dictionary containing measured data.
- **hamx_path** (*string*) – Path to hammurabi executable. By default this will use `imagine.rc['hammurabi_hamx_path']` (see `imagine.tools.conf`). N.B. Using the rc parameter or environment variable allows better portability of a saved Pipeline.
- **xml_path** (*string*) – Absolute hammurabi xml parameter file path.
- **masks** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks*) – Observables dictionary containing masks. For this to work with Hammurabi, the same exact same mask should be associated with all observables.

initialize_ham_xml ()

Modify hammurabi XML tree according to the requested measurements.

simulate (*key*, *coords_dict*, *realization_id*, *output_units*)

Must be overridden with a function that returns the observable described by *key* using the fields in `self.fields`, in units *output_units*.

Parameters

- **key** (*tuple*) – Observable key in the standard form (`data-name`, `str(data-freq)`, `str(data-Nside) / "tab"`, `str(ext)`)
- **coords_dict** (*dictionary*) – Dictionary containing coordinates associated with the observable (or None for HEALPix datasets).
- **Nside** (*int*) – HEALPix Nside parameter for HEALPix datasets (or None for tabular datasets).
- **output_units** (*astropy.units.Unit*) – The physical units that should be used for this mock observable

Returns 1D *pure* numpy array of length compatible with Nside or coords_dict containing the mock observable in the output_units.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

ALLOWED_GRID_TYPES = ['cartesian']

OPTIONAL_FIELD_TYPES = ['dummy', 'magnetic_field', 'thermal_electron_density', 'cosmic']

REQUIRED_FIELD_TYPES = []

SIMULATED_QUANTITIES = ['fd', 'dm', 'sync']

hamx_path

Path to HammurabiX executable

masks

Masks that are applied while running the simulator

xml_path

Path to HammurabiX template XML

imagine.simulators.simulator module

class `imagine.simulators.simulator.Simulator` (*measurements*)

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

Simulator base class

New Simulators must be introduced by sub-classing the present class. Overriding the method `simulate()` to convert a list of fields into simulated observables. For more details see [Simulators](#) section of the documentation.

Parameters *measurements* (`imagine.Measurements`) – An observables dictionary containing the set of measurements that will be used to prepare the mock observables

grid

Grid object where the fields were evaluated (NB if a common grid is not being used, this is set to None)

Type `imagine.Basegrid`

grids

Grid objects for each individual field None if common grid is being used)

Type `imagine.Basegrid`

fields

Dictionary containing field types as keys and the sum of evaluated fields as values

Type `dict`

observables

List of Observable keys

Type `list`

output_units

Output units used in the simulator

Type `astropy.units.Unit`

__call__ (*field_list*)

Runs the simulator over a Fields list

Parameters *field_list* (*list*) – List of `imagine.Field` object which must include all the *required_field_types*

Returns `sims` – A Simulations object containing all the specified mock data

Return type `imagine.Simulations`

prepare_fields (*field_list*, *i*)

Registers the available fields checking whether all requirements are satisfied. all data is saved on a dictionary, `simulator.fields`, where `field_types` are keys.

The *fields* dictionary is reconstructed for *each realisation* of the ensemble. It relies on caching within the Field objects to avoid computing the same quantities multiple times.

If there is more than one field of the same type, they are summed together.

Parameters

- **field_list** (*list*) – List containing Field objects
- **i** (*int*) – Index of the realisation of the fields that is being registered

register_ensemble_size (*field_list*)

Checks whether fields have consistent ensemble size and stores this information

register_observables (*measurements*)

Called during initialization to store the relevant information in the measurements dictionary

Parameters **measurements** (*imagine.Measurements*) – An observables dictionary containing the set of measurements that will be used to prepare the mock observables

simulate (*key*, *coords_dict*, *realization_id*, *output_units*)

Must be overridden with a function that returns the observable described by *key* using the fields in `self.fields`, in units *output_units*.

Parameters

- **key** (*tuple*) – Observable key in the standard form (`data-name`, `str(data-freq)`, `str(data-Nside) / "tab"`, `str(ext)`)
- **coords_dict** (*dictionary*) – Dictionary containing coordinates associated with the observable (or None for HEALPix datasets).
- **Nside** (*int*) – HEALPix Nside parameter for HEALPix datasets (or None for tabular datasets).
- **output_units** (*astropy.units.Unit*) – The physical units that should be used for this mock observable

Returns 1D *pure* numpy array of length compatible with Nside or `coords_dict` containing the mock observable in the `output_units`.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

REQ_ATTRS = ['SIMULATED_QUANTITIES', 'REQUIRED_FIELD_TYPES', 'ALLOWED_GRID_TYPES']

allowed_grid_types

Must be overridden with a list or set of allowed grid types that work with this Simulator. Example: ['cartesian']

ensemble_size

optional_field_types

Can be overridden with a list or set of field types that Simulator can use if available. Example: ['magnetic_field', 'cosmic_ray_electron_density']

required_field_types

Must be overridden with a list or set of required field types that the Simulator needs. Example: ['magnetic_field', 'cosmic_ray_electron_density']

simulated_quantities

Must be overridden with a list or set of simulated quantities this Simulator produces. Example: ['fd', 'sync']

use_common_grid

Must be overridden with a list or set of allowed grid types that work with this Simulator. Example: ['cartesian']

imagine.simulators.test_simulator module

For testing purposes only

class `imagine.simulators.test_simulator.TestSimulator` (*measurements*,
LoS_axis='y')

Bases: `imagine.simulators.simulator.Simulator`

Example simulator for illustration and testing

Computes a Faraday-depth-like property at a given point without performing the integration, i.e. computes:

$$t(x, y, z) = B_y n_e$$

simulate (*key*, *coords_dict*, *realization_id*, *output_units*)

Must be overridden with a function that returns the observable described by *key* using the fields in `self.fields`, in units *output_units*.

Parameters

- **key** (*tuple*) – Observable key in the standard form (`data-name`, `str(data-freq)`, `str(data-Nside) / "tab"`, `str(ext)`)
- **coords_dict** (*dictionary*) – Dictionary containing coordinates associated with the observable (or None for HEALPix datasets).
- **Nside** (*int*) – HEALPix Nside parameter for HEALPix datasets (or None for tabular datasets).
- **output_units** (*astropy.units.Unit*) – The physical units that should be used for this mock observable

Returns 1D *pure* numpy array of length compatible with Nside or *coords_dict* containing the mock observable in the *output_units*.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

ALLOWED_GRID_TYPES = ['cartesian']

REQUIRED_FIELD_TYPES = ['magnetic_field', 'thermal_electron_density']

SIMULATED_QUANTITIES = ['test']

Module contents

class `imagine.simulators.Hammurabi` (*measurements*, *xml_path=None*, *hamx_path=None*,
masks=None)

Bases: `imagine.simulators.simulator.Simulator`

This is an interface to hammurabi X Python wrapper.

Upon initialization, a Hampyx object is initialized and its XML tree should be modified according to measurements without changing its base file.

If a `xml_path` is provided, it will be used as the base XML tree, otherwise, hammurabiX's default 'params_template.xml' will be used.

Dummy fields can be used to change the parameters of hammurabiX. Other fields are temporarily saved to disk (using `imagine.rc` 'temp_dir' directory) and loaded into hammurabi.

Parameters

- **measurements** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Measurements*) – Observables dictionary containing measured data.
- **hamx_path** (*string*) – Path to hammurabi executable. By default this will use `imagine.rc['hammurabi_hamx_path']` (see `imagine.tools.conf`). N.B. Using the rc parameter or environment variable allows better portability of a saved Pipeline.
- **xml_path** (*string*) – Absolute hammurabi xml parameter file path.
- **masks** (*imagine.observables.observable_dict.Masks*) – Observables dictionary containing masks. For this to work with Hammurabi, the same exact same mask should be associated with all observables.

initialize_ham_xml()

Modify hammurabi XML tree according to the requested measurements.

simulate (*key, coords_dict, realization_id, output_units*)

Must be overridden with a function that returns the observable described by *key* using the fields in `self.fields`, in units *output_units*.

Parameters

- **key** (*tuple*) – Observable key in the standard form (`data-name, str(data-freq), str(data-Nside) / "tab", str(ext)`)
- **coords_dict** (*dictionary*) – Dictionary containing coordinates associated with the observable (or None for HEALPix datasets).
- **Nside** (*int*) – HEALPix Nside parameter for HEALPix datasets (or None for tabular datasets).
- **output_units** (*astropy.units.Unit*) – The physical units that should be used for this mock observable

Returns 1D *pure* numpy array of length compatible with Nside or `coords_dict` containing the mock observable in the `output_units`.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`ALLOWED_GRID_TYPES = ['cartesian']`

`OPTIONAL_FIELD_TYPES = ['dummy', 'magnetic_field', 'thermal_electron_density', 'cosmic']`

`REQUIRED_FIELD_TYPES = []`

`SIMULATED_QUANTITIES = ['fd', 'dm', 'sync']`

hamx_path

Path to HammurabiX executable

masks

Masks that are applied while running the simulator

xml_path

Path to HammurabiX template XML

class `imagine.simulators.Simulator` (*measurements*)

Bases: `imagine.tools.class_tools.BaseClass`

Simulator base class

New Simulators must be introduced by sub-classing the present class. Overriding the method `simulate()` to convert a list of fields into simulated observables. For more details see [Simulators](#) section of the documentation.

Parameters *measurements* (`imagine.Measurements`) – An observables dictionary containing the set of measurements that will be used to prepare the mock observables

grid

Grid object where the fields were evaluated (NB if a common grid is not being used, this is set to None)

Type `imagine.Basegrid`

grids

Grid objects for each individual field None if common grid is being used)

Type `imagine.Basegrid`

fields

Dictionary containing field types as keys and the sum of evaluated fields as values

Type `dict`

observables

List of Observable keys

Type `list`

output_units

Output units used in the simulator

Type `astropy.units.Unit`

__call__ (*field_list*)

Runs the simulator over a Fields list

Parameters *field_list* (*list*) – List of `imagine.Field` object which must include all the *required_field_types*

Returns *sims* – A Simulations object containing all the specified mock data

Return type `imagine.Simulations`

prepare_fields (*field_list*, *i*)

Registers the available fields checking whether all requirements are satisfied. all data is saved on a dictionary, `simulator.fields`, where `field_types` are keys.

The *fields* dictionary is reconstructed for *each realisation* of the ensemble. It relies on caching within the Field objects to avoid computing the same quantities multiple times.

If there is more than one field of the same type, they are summed together.

Parameters

- **field_list** (*list*) – List containing Field objects
- **i** (*int*) – Index of the realisation of the fields that is being registred

register_ensemble_size (*field_list*)

Checks whether fields have consistent ensemble size and stores this information

register_observables (*measurements*)

Called during initialization to store the relevant information in the measurements dictionary

Parameters **measurements** (*image.Measurements*) – An observables dictionary containing the set of measurements that will be used to prepare the mock observables

simulate (*key, coords_dict, realization_id, output_units*)

Must be overridden with a function that returns the observable described by *key* using the fields in *self.fields*, in units *output_units*.

Parameters

- **key** (*tuple*) – Observable key in the standard form (*data-name*, *str(data-freq)*, *str(data-Nside) / "tab", str(ext)*)
- **coords_dict** (*dictionary*) – Dictionary containing coordinates associated with the observable (or None for HEALPix datasets).
- **Nside** (*int*) – HEALPix Nside parameter for HEALPix datasets (or None for tabular datasets).
- **output_units** (*astropy.units.Unit*) – The physical units that should be used for this mock observable

Returns 1D *pure* numpy array of length compatible with Nside or coords_dict containing the mock observable in the output_units.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

REQ_ATTRS = ['SIMULATED_QUANTITIES', 'REQUIRED_FIELD_TYPES', 'ALLOWED_GRID_TYPES']

allowed_grid_types

Must be overridden with a list or set of allowed grid types that work with this Simulator. Example: ['cartesian']

ensemble_size

optional_field_types

Can be overridden with a list or set of field types that Simulator can use if available. Example: ['magnetic_field', 'cosmic_ray_electron_density']

required_field_types

Must be overridden with a list or set of required field types that the Simulator needs. Example: ['magnetic_field', 'cosmic_ray_electron_density']

simulated_quantities

Must be overridden with a list or set of simulated quantities this Simulator produces. Example: ['fd', 'sync']

use_common_grid

Must be overridden with a list or set of allowed grid types that work with this Simulator. Example: ['cartesian']

class `image.simulators.TestSimulator` (*measurements, LoS_axis='y'*)

Bases: `image.simulators.simulator.Simulator`

Example simulator for illustration and testing

Computes a Faraday-depth-like property at a given point without performing the integration, i.e. computes:

$$t(x, y, z) = B_y n_e$$

simulate (*key*, *coords_dict*, *realization_id*, *output_units*)

Must be overridden with a function that returns the observable described by *key* using the fields in *self.fields*, in units *output_units*.

Parameters

- **key** (*tuple*) – Observable key in the standard form (*data-name*, *str(data-freq)*, *str(data-Nside)* / "tab", *str(ext)*)
- **coords_dict** (*dictionary*) – Dictionary containing coordinates associated with the observable (or None for HEALPix datasets).
- **Nside** (*int*) – HEALPix Nside parameter for HEALPix datasets (or None for tabular datasets).
- **output_units** (*astropy.units.Unit*) – The physical units that should be used for this mock observable

Returns 1D *pure* numpy array of length compatible with Nside or *coords_dict* containing the mock observable in the *output_units*.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`ALLOWED_GRID_TYPES = ['cartesian']`

`REQUIRED_FIELD_TYPES = ['magnetic_field', 'thermal_electron_density']`

`SIMULATED_QUANTITIES = ['test']`

15.1.7 imagine.tools package

Submodules

imagine.tools.carrier_mapper module

The mapper module is designed for implementing distribution mapping functions.

`imagine.tools.carrier_mapper.exp_mapper` (*x*, *a=0*, *b=1*)

Maps *x* from [0, 1] into the interval [*exp(a)*, *exp(b)*].

Parameters

- **x** (*float*) – The variable to be mapped.
- **a** (*float*) – The lower parameter value limit.
- **b** (*float*) – The upper parameter value limit.

Returns The mapped parameter value.

Return type `numpy.float64`

`imagine.tools.carrier_mapper.unity_mapper` (*x*, *a=0.0*, *b=1.0*)

Maps *x* from [0, 1] into the interval [*a*, *b*].

Parameters

- **x** (*float*) – The variable to be mapped.
- **a** (*float*) – The lower parameter value limit.
- **b** (*float*) – The upper parameter value limit.

Returns The mapped parameter value.

Return type numpy.float64

image.tools.class_tools module

```
class image.tools.class_tools.BaseClass
    Bases: object

    REQ_ATTRS = []

image.tools.class_tools.req_attr(meth)
```

image.tools.config module

IMAGINE global configuration

The default behaviour of some aspects of IMAGINE can be set using global *rc* configuration variables.

These can be accessed and modified using the `image.rc` dictionary or setting the corresponding environment variables (named 'IMAGINE_'+RC_VAR_NAME).

For example to set the default path for the hamx executable, one can either do:

```
import image
image.rc.hammurabi_hamx_path = 'my_desired_path'
```

or, alternatively, set this as an environment variable before the execution of the script:

```
export IMAGINE_HAMMURABI_HAMX_PATH='my_desired_path'
```

The following list describes all the available global settings variables.

IMAGINE rc variables

- temp_dir** Default temporary directory used by IMAGINE. If not set, a temporary directory will be created at /tmp/ with a safe name.
- distributed_arrays** If *True*, arrays containing covariances are distributed among different MPI processes (and so are the corresponding array operations).
- pipeline_default_seed** The default value for the master seed used by a Pipeline object (see [Pipeline.master_seed](#)).
- pipeline_distribute_ensemble** The default value of (see [Pipeline.distribute_ensemble](#)).
- hammurabi_hamx_path** Default location of the Hammurabi X executable file, *hamx*.

image.tools.covariance_estimator module

This module contains estimation algorithms for the covariance matrix based on a finite number of samples.

For the testing suits, please turn to “`image/tests/tools_tests.py`”.

```
image.tools.covariance_estimator.empirical_cov(data)
    Empirical covariance estimator
```

Given some data matrix, D , where rows are different samples and columns different properties, the covariance can be estimated from

$$U_{ij} = D_{ij} - \bar{D}_j, \text{ with } \bar{D}_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N D_{ij}$$

$$\text{cov} = \frac{1}{N} U^T U$$

Notes

While conceptually simple, this is usually not the best option.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble of observables, in global shape (ensemble size, data size).

Returns `cov` – Distributed (not copied) covariance matrix in global shape (data size, data size), each node takes part of the rows.

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.covariance_estimator.empirical_mcov(data)`

Empirical covariance estimator

Given some data matrix, D , where rows are different samples and columns different properties, the covariance can be estimated from

$$U_{ij} = D_{ij} - \bar{D}_j, \text{ with } \bar{D}_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N D_{ij}$$

$$\text{cov} = \frac{1}{N} U^T U$$

Notes

While conceptually simple, this is usually not the best option.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble of observables, in global shape (ensemble size, data size).

Returns

- **mean** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Copied ensemble mean (on all nodes).
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed (not copied) covariance matrix in global shape (data size, data size), each node takes part of the rows.

`imagine.tools.covariance_estimator.oas_cov(data)`

Estimate covariance with the Oracle Approximating Shrinkage algorithm.

Given some $n \times m$ data matrix, D , where rows are different samples and columns different properties, the covariance can be estimated in the following way.

$$U_{ij} = D_{ij} - \bar{D}_j, \text{ with } \bar{D}_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n D_{ij}$$

Let

$$S = \frac{1}{n} U^T U, \quad T = \text{tr}(S) \quad \text{and} \quad V = \text{tr}(S^2)$$

$$\tilde{\rho} = \min \left[1, \frac{(1 - 2/m)V + T^2}{(n + 1 - 2/m)(V - T^2/m)} \right]$$

The covariance is given by

$$\text{cov}_{\text{OAS}} = (1 - \rho)S + \frac{1}{N}\rho T I_m$$

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed data in global shape (ensemble_size, data_size).

Returns `cov` – Covariance matrix in global shape (data_size, data_size).

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.covariance_estimator.oas_mcov` (*data*)

Estimate covariance with the Oracle Approximating Shrinkage algorithm.

See `imagine.tools.covariance_estimator.oas_cov` for details. This function additionally returns the computed ensemble mean.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed data in global shape (ensemble_size, data_size).

Returns

- **mean** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Copied ensemble mean (on all nodes).
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed covariance matrix in shape (data_size, data_size).

`imagine.tools.covariance_estimator.diagonal_cov` (*data*)

Assumes the covariance matrix is simply a diagonal matrix whose values correspond to the sample variances

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble of observables, in global shape (ensemble size, data size).

Returns `cov` – Covariance matrix

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.covariance_estimator.diagonal_mcov` (*data*)

Assumes the covariance matrix is simply a diagonal matrix whose values correspond to the sample variances

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble of observables, in global shape (ensemble size, data size).

Returns

- **mean** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble mean
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Covariance matrix

imagine.tools.io module

`imagine.tools.io.save_pipeline` (*pipeline*, *use_hickle=False*)

Saves the state of a Pipeline object

Parameters

- **pipeline** (*imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline*) – The pipeline object one would like to save
- **use_hickle** (*bool*) – If *False* (default) the state is saved using the *cloudpickle* package. Otherwise, experimental support to *hickle* is enabled.

`imagine.tools.io.load_pipeline` (*directory_path=''*)

Loads the state of a Pipeline object

Parameters `directory_path` (*str*) – Path to the directory where the Pipeline state should be saved

imagine.tools.masker module

This module defines methods related to masking out distributed data and/or the associated covariance matrix. For the testing suits, please turn to “`imagine/tests/tools_tests.py`”.

Implemented with `numpy.ndarray` raw data.

`imagine.tools.masker.mask_cov(cov, mask)`

Applies mask to the observable covariance.

Parameters

- **cov** ((distributed) `numpy.ndarray`) – Covariance matrix of observables in global shape (data size, data size) each node contains part of the global rows (if `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']=True`).
- **mask** (`numpy.ndarray`) – Copied mask map in shape (1, data size).

Returns `masked_cov` – Masked covariance matrix of shape (masked data size, masked data size).

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.masker.mask_var(var, mask)`

Applies a mask to an observable.

Parameters

- **var** (`numpy.ndarray`) – Variance data
- **mask** (`numpy.ndarray`) – Copied mask map in shape (1, data size) on each node.

Returns Masked observable of shape (masked data size).

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.masker.mask_obs(obs, mask)`

Applies a mask to an observable.

Parameters

- **data** (distributed `numpy.ndarray`) – Ensemble of observables, in global shape (ensemble size, data size) each node contains part of the global rows.
- **mask** (`numpy.ndarray`) – Copied mask map in shape (1, data size) on each node.

Returns Masked observable of shape (ensemble size, masked data size).

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

imagine.tools.misc module

`imagine.tools.misc.adjust_error_intervals(value, errlo, errup, sdigits=2, return_ndec=False)`

Takes the value of a quantity *value* with associated errors *errlo* and *errup*; and prepares them to be reported as $v_{-err\ down}^{+err\ up}$. This is done by adjusting the number of decimal places of all the argumetns so that the errors have at least *sdigits* significant digits. Optionally, this number of decimal places may be returned.

Parameters

- **value** (int or float or `astropy.Quantity`) – Value of quantity.
- **errlo, errup** (int or float or `astropy.Quantity`) – Associated lower and upper errors of *value*.
- **sdigits** (int, optional) – Minimum number of significant digits in the errors

- **return_ndec** (*bool, optional*) – If True, also returns the number of decimal points used

Returns

- **value** (*float*) – Rounded value
- **errlo, errup** (*float*) – Assimetric error values
- **n** (*int*) – If *return_ndec* is True, the number of decimal places is returned

`imagine.tools.misc.is_notebook()`

Finds out whether python is running in a Jupyter notebook or as a shell.

`imagine.tools.misc.unit_checker(unit, list_of_quant)`

Checks the consistency of units of a list of quantities, converting them all to the same units, if needed.

Parameters

- **unit** (*astropy.Unit*) – Unit to be used for the quantities in the list. If set to *None*, the units of the first list item are used.
- **list_of_quant** (*list*) – List of quantities to be checked.

Returns

- **unit** (*astropy.Unit*) – The common unit used
- **list_of_values** – Contains the quantities of *list_of_quant* converted to floats using the common unit *unit*

imagine.tools.mpi_helper module

This MPI helper module is designed for parallel computing and data handling.

For the testing suits, please turn to “`imagine/tests/tools_tests.py`”.

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_arrange(size)`

With known global size, number of mpi nodes, and current rank, returns the begin and end index for distributing the global size.

Parameters *size* (*integer (positive)*) – The total size of target to be distributed. It can be a row size or a column size.

Returns *result* – The begin and end index [begin,end] for slicing the target.

Return type `numpy.uint`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_shape(data)`

Returns the global number of rows and columns of given distributed data.

Parameters *data* (*numpy.ndarray*) – The distributed data.

Returns *result* – Global row and column number.

Return type `numpy.uint`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_prosecutor(data)`

Check if the data is distributed in the correct way covariance matrix is distributed exactly the same manner as multi-realization data if not, an error will be raised.

Parameters *data* (*numpy.ndarray*) – The distributed data to be examined.

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_mean(data)`

calculate the mean of distributed array prefers averaging along column direction but if given (1,n) data shape the average is done along row direction the result note that the numerical values will be converted into double

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed data.

Returns `result` – Copied data mean, which means the mean is copied to all nodes.

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_trans` (*data*)

Transpose distributed data, note that the numerical values will be converted into double.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed data.

Returns `result` – Transposed data in distribution.

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_mult` (*left, right*)

Calculate matrix multiplication of two distributed data, the result is `data1*data2` in multi-node distribution note that the numerical values will be converted into double. We send the distributed right rows into other nodes (aka cannon method).

Parameters

- `left` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed left side data.
- `right` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed right side data.

Returns `result` – Distributed multiplication result.

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_trace` (*data*)

Computes the trace of the given distributed data.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data distributed over different processes.

Returns `result` – Copied trace of given data.

Return type *numpy.float64*

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_diag` (*data*)

Gets the diagonal of a distributed matrix

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data distributed over different processes.

Returns `result` – Diagonal

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_new_diag` (*data*)

Constructs a distributed matrix with a given diagonal

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data distributed over different processes.

Returns `result` – Diagonal

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_eye` (*size*)

Produces an eye matrix according of shape (*size, size*) distributed over the various running MPI processes

Parameters `size` (*integer*) – Distributed matrix size.

Returns `result` – Distributed eye matrix.

Return type *numpy.ndarray*, double data type

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_distribute_matrix` (*full_matrix*)

Parameters `size` (*integer*) – Distributed matrix size.

Returns **result** – Distributed eye matrix.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`, double data type

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_lu_solve(operator, source)`

Simple LU Gauss method WITHOUT pivot permutation.

Parameters

- **operator** (*distributed numpy.ndarray*) – Matrix representation of the left-hand-side operator.
- **source** (*copied numpy.ndarray*) – Vector representation of the right-hand-side source.

Returns **result** – Copied solution to the linear algebra problem.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`, double data type

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_slogdet(data)`

Computes log determinant according to simple LU Gauss method WITHOUT pivot permutation.

Parameters **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data distributed over different processes.

Returns

- **sign** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Single element numpy array containing the sign of the determinant (copied to all nodes).
- **logdet** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Single element numpy array containing the log of the determinant (copied to all nodes).

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_global(data)`

Gathers data spread accross different processes.

Parameters **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data distributed over different processes.

Returns **global array** – The root process returns the gathered data, other processes return *None*.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_local(data)`

Distributes data over available processes

Parameters **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data to be distributed over available processes.

Returns **local array** – Return the distributed array on all preocesses.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

imagine.tools.parallel_ops module

Interface module which allows automatically switching between the routines in the `imagine.tools.mpi_helper` module and their:py:mod:numpy or pure Python equivalents, depending on the contents of `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`

`imagine.tools.parallel_ops.pshape(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_shape()` or `numpy.ndarray.shape()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.parallel_ops.prosecutor(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_prosecutor()` or *nothing* depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.parallel_ops.pmean(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_mean()` or `numpy.mean()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

```

imagine.tools.parallel_ops.pvar (data)
    imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_var() or numpy.var() depending on imagine.rc['distributed_arrays'].

imagine.tools.parallel_ops.ptrans (data)
    imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_mean() or numpy.ndarray.T() depending on imagine.rc['distributed_arrays'].

imagine.tools.parallel_ops.pmult (left, right)
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imagine.tools.parallel_ops.plu_solve (operator, source)
    imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_lu_solve() or numpy.linalg.solve() depending on imagine.rc['distributed_arrays'].

```

Notes

In the non-distributed case, the source is transposed before the calculation

```

imagine.tools.parallel_ops.pslogdet (data)
    imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_slogdet() or numpy.linalg.slogdet() depending on imagine.rc['distributed_arrays'].

imagine.tools.parallel_ops.pglocal (data)
    imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_global() or nothing depending on imagine.rc['distributed_arrays'].

imagine.tools.parallel_ops.plocal (data)
    imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_local() or nothing depending on imagine.rc['distributed_arrays'].

```

imagine.tools.random_seed module

This module provides a time-thread dependent seed value.

For the testing suites, please turn to “*imagine/tests/tools_tests.py*”.

`imagine.tools.random_seed.ensemble_seed_generator` (*size*)

Generates fixed random seed values for each realization in ensemble.

Parameters *size* (*int*) – Number of realizations in ensemble.

Returns *seeds* – An array of random seeds.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.random_seed.seed_generator` (*trigger*)

Sets trigger as 0 will generate time-thread dependent method otherwise returns the trigger as seed.

Parameters *trigger* (*int*) – Non-negative pre-fixed seed.

Returns *seed* – A random seed value.

Return type `int`

imagine.tools.timer module

Timer class is designed for time recording.

class `imagine.tools.timer.Timer`

Bases: `object`

Class designed for time recording.

Simply provide an event name to the *tick* method to start recording. The *tock* method stops the recording and the *record* property allow one to access the recorded time.

tick (*event*)

Starts timing with a given event name.

Parameters *event* (*str*) – Event name (will be key of the record attribute).

tock (*event*)

Stops timing of the given event.

Parameters *event* (*str*) – Event name (will be key of the record attribute).

record

Dictionary of recorded times using event name as keys.

imagine.tools.visualization module

This module contains convenient standard plotting functions

`imagine.tools.visualization.corner_plot` (*pipeline=None*, *truths_dict=None*,
show_sigma=True, *param_names=None*, *table=None*, *samples=None*, *live_samples=None*,
***kwargs*)

Makes a corner plot.

If a *Pipeline* object is supplied, it will be used to collect all the necessary information. Alternatively, one can supply either a `astropy.table.Table` or a `numpy.ndarray` containing with different parameters as columns.

The plotting is done using the `corner` package, and extra keyword parameters are passed directly to it

Parameters

- **pipeline** (*imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline*) – Pipeline from which samples are read in the default case.

- **truths_dict** (*dict*) – Dictionary containing active parameters as keys and the expected values as values
- **show_sigma** (*bool*) – If True, plots the 1, 2 and 3-sigma contours.
- **param_names** (*list*) – If present, only parameters from this list will be plotted
- **table** (*astropy.Table*) – If present, samples from this table are used instead of the Pipeline.
- **samples** (*numpy.ndarray*) – If present, samples are read from this array
- **live_samples** (*numpy.ndarray*) – If this array is present, a second set of samples are shown in the plots.

Returns **corner_fig** – Figure containing the generated corner plot

Return type `matplotlib.Figure`

`imagine.tools.visualization.show_likelihood_convergence_report` (*rep*,
cmap='cmr.chroma'
 Prepares a standard set of plots of a likelihood convergence report (produced by the Pipeline.
`prepare_likelihood_convergence_report()` method).

Parameters **cmap** (*str*) – Colormap to be used for the lineplots

`imagine.tools.visualization.show_observable` (*obs*, *realization=0*, *title=None*, *carte-*
sian_axes='yz', *show_variances=False*,
is_covariance=False, ***kwargs*)

Displays the contents of a single realisation of an Observable object.

Parameters

- **obs** (*imagine.observables.observable.Observable*) – Observable object whose contents one wants to plot
- **realization** (*int*) – Index of the ensemble realization to be plotted
- **cartesian_axes** (*str*) – If plotting a tabular observable using cartesian coordinates, this allows selecting which two axes should be used for the plot. E.g. 'xy', 'zy', 'xz'. Default: 'yz'.
- ****kwargs** – Parameters to be passed to the appropriate plotting routine (either `healpy.visufunc.mollview` or `matplotlib.pyplot.imshow`).

`imagine.tools.visualization.show_observable_dict` (*obs_dict*, *max_realizations=None*,
show_variances=False, ***kwargs*)

Plots the contents of an ObservableDict object.

Parameters

- **obs_dict** (*imagine.observables.observable.ObservableDict*) – ObservableDict object whose contents one wants to plot.
- **max_realization** (*int*) – Index of the maximum ensemble realization to be plotted. If None, the whole ensemble is shown.
- **show_variances** (*bool*) – If True and if *obs_dict* is a *Covariances* object, shows variance maps instead of covariance matrix
- ****kwargs** – Parameters to be passed to the appropriate plotting routine (either `healpy.visufunc.mollview()` or `matplotlib.pyplot.imshow()`).

```
imagine.tools.visualization.trace_plot(samples=None, live_samples=None, likeli-  
hood=None, lnX=None, parameter_names=None,  
cmap='cmr.ocean', color_live='#e34a33',  
fig=None, hist_bins=30)
```

Produces a set of “trace plots” for a nested sampling run, showing the position of “dead” points as a function of prior mass. Also plots the distributions of dead points accumulated until now, and the distributions of live points.

Parameters

- **samples** (*numpy.ndarray*) – (Nsamples, Npars)-array containing the rejected points
- **likelihood** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Nsamples-array containing the log likelihood values
- **lnX** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Nsamples-array containing the “prior mass”
- **parameter_names** (*list or tuple*) – List of the nPars active parameter names
- **live_samples** (*numpy.ndarray, optional*) – (Nsamples, Npars)-array containing the present live points
- **cmap** (*str*) – Name of the colormap to be used
- **color_live** (*str*) – Colour used for the live points distributions (if those are present)
- **fig** (*matplotlib.Figure*) – If a previous figure was generated, it can be passed to this function for update using this argument
- **hist_bins** (*int*) – The number of bins used for the histograms

Returns **fig** – The figure produced

Return type `matplotlib.Figure`

Module contents

```
class imagine.tools.BaseClass
```

Bases: `object`

```
REQ_ATTRS = []
```

```
class imagine.tools.Timer
```

Bases: `object`

Class designed for time recording.

Simply provide an event name to the *tick* method to start recording. The *tock* method stops the recording and the *record* property allow one to access the recorded time.

```
tick(event)
```

Starts timing with a given event name.

Parameters **event** (*str*) – Event name (will be key of the record attribute).

```
tock(event)
```

Stops timing of the given event.

Parameters **event** (*str*) – Event name (will be key of the record attribute).

```
record
```

Dictionary of recorded times using event name as keys.

```
imagine.tools.exp_mapper(x, a=0, b=1)
```

Maps *x* from [0, 1] into the interval [exp(*a*), exp(*b*)].

Parameters

- **x** (*float*) – The variable to be mapped.
- **a** (*float*) – The lower parameter value limit.
- **b** (*float*) – The upper parameter value limit.

Returns The mapped parameter value.

Return type `numpy.float64`

`imagine.tools.unity_mapper(x, a=0.0, b=1.0)`

Maps x from [0, 1] into the interval [a, b].

Parameters

- **x** (*float*) – The variable to be mapped.
- **a** (*float*) – The lower parameter value limit.
- **b** (*float*) – The upper parameter value limit.

Returns The mapped parameter value.

Return type `numpy.float64`

`imagine.tools.req_attr(meth)`

`imagine.tools.empirical_cov(data)`

Empirical covariance estimator

Given some data matrix, D , where rows are different samples and columns different properties, the covariance can be estimated from

$$U_{ij} = D_{ij} - \bar{D}_j, \text{ with } \bar{D}_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N D_{ij}$$

$$\text{cov} = \frac{1}{N} U^T U$$

Notes

While conceptually simple, this is usually not the best option.

Parameters **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble of observables, in global shape (ensemble size, data size).

Returns **cov** – Distributed (not copied) covariance matrix in global shape (data size, data size), each node takes part of the rows.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.empirical_mcov(data)`

Empirical covariance estimator

Given some data matrix, D , where rows are different samples and columns different properties, the covariance can be estimated from

$$U_{ij} = D_{ij} - \bar{D}_j, \text{ with } \bar{D}_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N D_{ij}$$

$$\text{cov} = \frac{1}{N} U^T U$$

Notes

While conceptually simple, this is usually not the best option.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble of observables, in global shape (ensemble size, data size).

Returns

- **mean** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Copied ensemble mean (on all nodes).
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed (not copied) covariance matrix in global shape (data size, data size), each node takes part of the rows.

`imagine.tools.oas_cov(data)`

Estimate covariance with the Oracle Approximating Shrinkage algorithm.

Given some $n \times m$ data matrix, D , where rows are different samples and columns different properties, the covariance can be estimated in the following way.

$$U_{ij} = D_{ij} - \bar{D}_j, \text{ with } \bar{D}_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n D_{ij}$$

Let

$$S = \frac{1}{n} U^T U, \quad T = \text{tr}(S) \quad \text{and} \quad V = \text{tr}(S^2)$$

$$\tilde{\rho} = \min \left[1, \frac{(1 - 2/m)V + T^2}{(n + 1 - 2/m)(V - T^2/m)} \right]$$

The covariance is given by

$$\text{cov}_{\text{OAS}} = (1 - \rho)S + \frac{1}{N}\rho T I_m$$

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed data in global shape (ensemble_size, data_size).

Returns `cov` – Covariance matrix in global shape (data_size, data_size).

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.oas_mcov(data)`

Estimate covariance with the Oracle Approximating Shrinkage algorithm.

See `imagine.tools.covariance_estimator.oas_cov` for details. This function additionally returns the computed ensemble mean.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed data in global shape (ensemble_size, data_size).

Returns

- **mean** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Copied ensemble mean (on all nodes).
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed covariance matrix in shape (data_size, data_size).

`imagine.tools.diagonal_cov(data)`

Assumes the covariance matrix is simply a diagonal matrix whose values correspond to the sample variances

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble of observables, in global shape (ensemble size, data size).

Returns `cov` – Covariance matrix

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.diagonal_mcov` (*data*)

Assumes the covariance matrix is simply a diagonal matrix whose values correspond to the sample variances

Parameters *data* (*numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble of observables, in global shape (ensemble size, data size).

Returns

- **mean** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble mean
- **cov** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Covariance matrix

`imagine.tools.save_pipeline` (*pipeline*, *use_hickle=False*)

Saves the state of a Pipeline object

Parameters

- **pipeline** (*imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline*) – The pipeline object one would like to save
- **use_hickle** (*bool*) – If *False* (default) the state is saved using the *cloudpickle* package. Otherwise, experimental support to *hickle* is enabled.

`imagine.tools.load_pipeline` (*directory_path='.'*)

Loads the state of a Pipeline object

Parameters *directory_path* (*str*) – Path to the directory where the Pipeline state should be saved

`imagine.tools.mask_cov` (*cov*, *mask*)

Applies mask to the observable covariance.

Parameters

- **cov** (*(distributed) numpy.ndarray*) – Covariance matrix of observables in global shape (data size, data size) each node contains part of the global rows (if *imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']=True*).
- **mask** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Copied mask map in shape (1, data size).

Returns **masked_cov** – Masked covariance matrix of shape (masked data size, masked data size).

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.mask_var` (*var*, *mask*)

Applies a mask to an observable.

Parameters

- **var** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Variance data
- **mask** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Copied mask map in shape (1, data size) on each node.

Returns Masked observable of shape (masked data size).

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.mask_obs` (*obs*, *mask*)

Applies a mask to an observable.

Parameters

- **data** (*distributed numpy.ndarray*) – Ensemble of observables, in global shape (ensemble size, data size) each node contains part of the global rows.
- **mask** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Copied mask map in shape (1, data size) on each node.

Returns Masked observable of shape (ensemble size, masked data size).

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

`imagine.tools.mpi_arrange(size)`

With known global size, number of mpi nodes, and current rank, returns the begin and end index for distributing the global size.

Parameters `size` (*integer (positive)*) – The total size of target to be distributed. It can be a row size or a column size.

Returns `result` – The begin and end index [begin,end] for slicing the target.

Return type `numpy.uint`

`imagine.tools.mpi_shape(data)`

Returns the global number of rows and columns of given distributed data.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – The distributed data.

Returns `result` – Global row and column number.

Return type `numpy.uint`

`imagine.tools.mpiProsecutor(data)`

Check if the data is distributed in the correct way covariance matrix is distributed exactly the same manner as multi-realization data if not, an error will be raised.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – The distributed data to be examined.

`imagine.tools.mpi_mean(data)`

calculate the mean of distributed array prefers averaging along column direction but if given (1,n) data shape the average is done along row direction the result note that the numerical values will be converted into double

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed data.

Returns `result` – Copied data mean, which means the mean is copied to all nodes.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.mpi_trans(data)`

Transpose distributed data, note that the numerical values will be converted into double.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed data.

Returns `result` – Transposed data in distribution.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.mpi_mult(left, right)`

Calculate matrix multiplication of two distributed data, the result is `data1*data2` in multi-node distribution note that the numerical values will be converted into double. We send the distributed right rows into other nodes (aka cannon method).

Parameters

- `left` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed left side data.
- `right` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Distributed right side data.

Returns `result` – Distributed multiplication result.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.mpi_trace(data)`

Computes the trace of the given distributed data.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data distributed over different processes.

Returns `result` – Copied trace of given data.

Return type `numpy.float64`

`imagine.tools.mpi_diag(data)`

Gets the diagonal of a distributed matrix

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data distributed over different processes.

Returns `result` – Diagonal

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.mpi_new_diag(data)`

Constructs a distributed matrix with a given diagonal

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data distributed over different processes.

Returns `result` – Diagonal

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.mpi_eye(size)`

Produces an eye matrix according of shape (size,size) distributed over the various running MPI processes

Parameters `size` (*integer*) – Distributed matrix size.

Returns `result` – Distributed eye matrix.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`, double data type

`imagine.tools.mpi_distribute_matrix(full_matrix)`

Parameters `size` (*integer*) – Distributed matrix size.

Returns `result` – Distributed eye matrix.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`, double data type

`imagine.tools.mpi_lu_solve(operator, source)`

Simple LU Gauss method WITHOUT pivot permutation.

Parameters

- **operator** (*distributed numpy.ndarray*) – Matrix representation of the left-hand-side operator.
- **source** (*copied numpy.ndarray*) – Vector representation of the right-hand-side source.

Returns `result` – Copied solution to the linear algebra problem.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`, double data type

`imagine.tools.mpi_slogdet(data)`

Computes log determinant according to simple LU Gauss method WITHOUT pivot permutation.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data distributed over different processes.

Returns

- **sign** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Single element numpy array containing the sign of the determinant (copied to all nodes).
- **logdet** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Single element numpy array containing the log of the determinant (copied to all nodes).

`imagine.tools.mpi_global(data)`

Gathers data spread accross different processes.

Parameters `data` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Array of data distributed over different processes.

Returns `global array` – The root process returns the gathered data, other processes return *None*.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.mpi_local(data)`

Distributes data over available processes

Parameters `data` (`numpy.ndarray`) – Array of data to be distributed over available processes.

Returns `local array` – Return the distributed array on all preocesses.

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

`imagine.tools.pshape(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_shape()` or `numpy.ndarray.shape()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.prosecutor(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_prosecutor()` or *nothing* depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.pmean(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_mean()` or `numpy.mean()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.pvar(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_var()` or `numpy.var()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.ptrans(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_mean()` or `numpy.ndarray.T()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.pmult(left, right)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_mult()` or `numpy.matmul()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.ptrace(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_trace()` or `numpy.trace()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.pdiag(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_diag()` or `numpy.diagonal()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.pnewdiag(data)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_new_diag()` or `numpy.diag()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.peye(size)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_eye()` or `numpy.eye()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.distribute_matrix(full_matrix)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_distribute_matrix()` or *nothing* depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

`imagine.tools.plu_solve(operator, source)`

`imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_lu_solve()` or `numpy.linalg.solve()` depending on `imagine.rc['distributed_arrays']`.

Notes

In the non-distributed case, the source is transposed before the calculation

```

imagine.tools.pslogdet (data)
    imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_slogdet() or numpy.linalg.slogdet() depending on
    imagine.rc['distributed_arrays'].

```

```

imagine.tools.pglocal (data)
    imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_global() or nothing depending on imagine.
    rc['distributed_arrays'].

```

```

imagine.tools.plocal (data)
    imagine.tools.mpi_helper.mpi_local() or nothing depending on imagine.
    rc['distributed_arrays'].

```

```

imagine.tools.ensemble_seed_generator (size)
    Generates fixed random seed values for each realization in ensemble.

```

Parameters *size* (*int*) – Number of realizations in ensemble.

Returns *seeds* – An array of random seeds.

Return type *numpy.ndarray*

```

imagine.tools.seed_generator (trigger)
    Sets trigger as 0 will generate time-thread dependent method otherwise returns the trigger as seed.

```

Parameters *trigger* (*int*) – Non-negative pre-fixed seed.

Returns *seed* – A random seed value.

Return type *int*

15.2 Module contents

```

imagine.load_pipeline (directory_path='.')
    Loads the state of a Pipeline object

```

Parameters *directory_path* (*str*) – Path to the directory where the Pipeline state should be saved

```

imagine.save_pipeline (pipeline, use_hickle=False)
    Saves the state of a Pipeline object

```

Parameters

- **pipeline** (*imagine.pipelines.pipeline.Pipeline*) – The pipeline object one would like to save
- **use_hickle** (*bool*) – If *False* (default) the state is saved using the *cloudpickle* package. Otherwise, experimental support to *hickle* is enabled.

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