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1.1 About AlTar

AlTar(Al-Tar) is a software package to solve inverse problems with Bayesian inference. It is named after the Spanish-French physicist [Albert Tarantola](#), for his pioneering work on the Bayesian perspective of inverse problems.

AlTar uses primarily the [Cascading Adaptive Tempered Metropolis In Parallel \(CATMIP\) algorithm](#), which is designed to efficiently simulate problems with high-dimensional spaces on parallel computers, include Graphics Processing Units(GPUs).

1.2 Guides

(work in progress, currently for AlTar 2.0 CUDA version only)

Read the docs ([html](#) | [pdf](#) | [epub](#)):

- [Installation Guide](#)
- [User Guide](#)
- [Programming Guide](#)
- [API Reference](#)

Source on [github](#).

1.3 Tutorials

Tutorials presented with jupyter notebooks:

- [An introduction to AlTar/pyre applications: HelloApp](#)
- [An overview of the AlTar framework](#)
- [Static slip inversion: a toy model with epistemic uncertainties](#)
 - [Step 1: prepare the input files](#)
 - [Step 2: run AlTar2](#)

1.4 Support

- [Issues @ github](#)
- [Common Issues](#)
- [Slack Discussion Group](#) (currently only for developers)

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BAYESIAN INFERENCE FOR INVERSE PROBLEMS

2.1 Inverse problem

An inverse problem in science is to infer a set of unknown parameters, $\theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_m\}$, from data observations $\mathbf{d} = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$. For example, in Seismology, we deduce the earthquake rupture information (parameterized as θ) from ground motions ($\mathbf{d}$) measured by seismometers, GPS, InSAR and other geodetic surveys. In most cases, the forward problem $\mathbf{d} = G(\theta)$ is well defined but the inverse $\theta = G^{-1}(\mathbf{d})$ is not. This happens to linear systems $G(\theta) = \mathbf{G}\theta$ when the observation matrix $\mathbf{G}$ is ill-posed, and nonlinear systems where the inverse is inherently difficult.

2.2 Bayesian approach

Bayesian inference offers a statistical solution to inverse problems by modeling unknown parameters θ as random variables subject to a conditional probability $P(\theta|\mathbf{d})$. According to Bayes' theorem, the probability is given by

$$P(\theta|\mathbf{d}) = \frac{P(\theta)P(\mathbf{d}|\theta)}{P(\mathbf{d})},$$

$P(\theta|\mathbf{d})$: posterior, the probability of observing θ given that $\mathbf{d}$ is true,

$P(\theta)$: prior, the probability of observing θ without regard to $\mathbf{d}$,

$P(\mathbf{d}|\theta)$: likelihood, the probability of observing $\mathbf{d}$ given that θ is true,

$P(\mathbf{d})$: the probability of observing $\mathbf{d}$ independent of θ .

Since $P(\mathbf{d})$ is the same for all possible θ and we treat it as a constant 1. The likelihood $P(\mathbf{d}|\theta)$ can be determined from the forward modeling, for example, assuming a form of Gaussian probability density,

$$P(\mathbf{d}|\theta) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{d}-G(\theta)]^T C_{\chi}^{-1} [\mathbf{d}-G(\theta)]},$$

where the covariance matrix C_{χ} captures noises/errors in observations $\mathbf{d}$, as well as uncertainties in the forward function $G(\theta)$.

The set of model parameters θ with the maximum posterior probability (MAP), or the mean or median model, provides an estimate solution to the inverse problem. Compared to other point estimators, the Bayesian approach has several advantages. By fully evaluating the posterior probability densities, the Bayesian approach can also address situations when several sets of θ have equal or comparable probabilities, or the posterior distribution is not unimodal. In addition, the Bayesian approach accommodates uncertainty quantification, by including various types of uncertainties in the calculation.

The Bayesian approach is extremely intensive computationally, since it requires repeating the forward modeling for all possible θ . With the improved sampling algorithms and computing powers, e.g., GPU, it now becomes feasible for many inverse problems with high dimensional parameter space and/or complex forward models.

2.3 CATMIP algorithm

The posterior distribution $P(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{d})$ can be determined, for example, by evaluating $P(\boldsymbol{\theta})P(\mathbf{d}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ for all possible $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. Instead of uniformly sampling over the entire $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ -space, we rely on Markov-Chain Monte-Carlo (MCMC) methods, which draw efficiently *weighted* samples pursuant to a prescribed probability distribution.

The CATMIP (Cascading Adaptive Transitional Metropolis in Parallel) algorithm belongs to a class of MCMC methods which use transitioning: samples are initially drawn from the prior distribution and subsequently *annealed* to the posterior through a series of transient distributions,

$$P_m(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) = P(\boldsymbol{\theta})P(\mathbf{d}|\boldsymbol{\theta})^{\beta_m},$$

where β_m (in analogy to the inverse of temperature in statistical physics) is gradually increased from $\beta_0 = 0$ to $\beta_M = 1$ in M steps.

The procedure of CATMIP is described as follows:

1. For the $m = 0$ β -step, with $\beta_0 = 0$, generate N_s random samples from the distribution $P_0(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) = P(\boldsymbol{\theta})$, as seeds of N_s parallel chains.
2. Determine β_{m+1} for the next β -step, e.g., from the statistics of the samples from the β_m -step. CATMIP uses an annealing schedule based on the coefficient of variance (COV) of the importance weights $w_i = P(\mathbf{d}|\boldsymbol{\theta}_i)^{\beta_{m+1}-\beta_m}$. The targeted COV is typically set as 1, or the effective sample size (ESS) equals to 50%.
3. Perform a resampling of samples based on their importance weights $\{w_i\}$: some samples with small weights may be discarded while some samples with large weights are duplicated. The total number of samples is kept the same, as seeds for N_s chains in the β_{m+1} -step.
4. With the new β_{m+1} , a burn-in MCMC process is preformed with the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm. New samples are proposed from the distribution $P_m(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{d})$, assuming a multivariate Gaussian form, and accepted/rejected subject to the probability density $P_{m+1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{d})$. The acceptance ratio is also recorded, which is used to scale the jump distances for proposals in the next β -step.
5. Repeat Steps 2-4 until $\beta_M = 1$ is reached, or the desired equilibrium distribution $P(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{d})$ is achieved.

Step 4 presents the majority of the computational load. Since each chain is updated independently, the computation is embarrassingly parallel, which makes CATMIP an ideal algorithm to be implemented on parallel computers, including GPUs.

2.4 References

1. Albert Tarantola, *Inverse Problem Theory and Methods for Model Parameter Estimation*, SIAM, 2005. ISBN: 978-0-89871-572-9.
2. Sarah E. Minson, Mark Simons, and James L. Beck, *Bayesian inversion for finite fault earthquake source models I — theory and algorithm*, Geophysical Journal International, Vol. 194, 1701 (2013).

INSTALLATION GUIDE

3.1 Overview

Altar is developed upon the [pyre](#) framework. Both packages may be installed from the source code with the [CMake](#) build tool. More installation methods, e.g., binaries, will be provided in the future.

In brief, the installation steps consist of:

1. check *Supported Platforms* and install *Prerequisites*;
2. *download* the source packages from github;
3. follow the *Installation Guide* to compile/install `pyre` and `altar`.

Step-by-step instructions are also provided for some representative systems:

- *Conda method recommended method for Linux, Linux Clusters and MacOSX*
- *Ubuntu 18.04/20.04 a standard platform*
- *RHEL/CentOS 7 a standard platform*
- *Linux with environmental modules for Linux clusters*
- *Docker container out-of-the-box delivery*

3.2 Supported Platforms

3.2.1 Hardware

- CPU: `x86_64` (Intel/AMD), `ppc64` (IBM), `arm64` (Apple Silicon/ARM Neoverse/Fujitsu A64FX/...)
- GPU: [NVIDIA graphics cards with CUDA-support](#), with compute capabilities ≥ 3.0
 - Server/Workstation GPUs - Tesla K40, K80, P100, V100, A100, ...
 - Workstation graphic Cards - Quadro K6000, M6000, P6000, GV100, RTX x000, ...
 - Gaming graphic cards GTX10x0, RTX20x0, RTX30x0, ...

Note: Altar supports both single and double precision GPU computations. Most Quadro and gaming cards have limited double precision computing cores. However, single-precision simulation is sufficient for most models.

3.2.2 Operation systems

- Linux: any distribution should work though not all have been tested;
- Linux clusters: with MPI support and a job queue scheduler (PBS/Slurm);
- MacOSX: with [MacPorts](#) or [conda](#);
- Windows: not tested; [Windows Subsystem for Linux](#) or [Cygwin](#) should work.

Note: AITar is designed for large scale simulations. We recommend clusters or a workstation with multiple GPUs for simulating compute-intensive models.

3.2.3 Prerequisites

AITar and pyre have several dependencies:

Required:

- Python3 ≥ 3.6 with additional Python packages `numpy` and `h5py`.
- C/C++ compiler: GCC $\geq gcc7$, or `clang` ≥ 7 , with C++17 support. Note also that CUDA Toolkit may require certain versions of C/C++ compiler, see [CUDA Documentation](#) for more details.
- GSL ≥ 1.15 , various numerical libraries including linear algebra and statistics.
- HDF5 ≥ 1.10 , a data management system for large and complex data sets.
- PostgreSQL, a SQL database management system (only the library, the server itself is not required).
- `make` ≥ 4 , build tool.
- `cmake` ≥ 3.14 , build tool. Numpy component in FindPython is only supported after 3.14.

Optional:

- MPI for multi-thread computations on single machine or cluster system. The recommended option is `openmpi` > 1.10 with CXX support (note that on many cluster systems, `openmpi` is compiled without the `--enable-mpi-cxx` option and therefore doesn't have the `libmpi_cxx.so` library). Other MPI implementations such as MPICH, Intel MPI are also supported.
- CUDA toolkit ≥ 10.0 for GPU-accelerated computations. Additional libraries including `cublas`, `curand`, and `cusolver` are also required.
- An accelerated BLAS library, such as `atlas`, `openblas`, or `mkl`. Otherwise, the `gslcblas` library, as included in GSL, will be used by default.

3.3 Downloads

Please choose a directory where you plan to put all the source files, e.g., `${HOME}/tools/src`,

```
mkdir -p ${HOME}/tools/src
cd ${HOME}/tools/src
```

and download the source packages of [pyre](#) and [AITar](#) from their github repositories (main branch):

```
git clone https://github.com/pyre/pyre.git
git clone https://github.com/AltarFramework/altar.git
```

Currently, some CUDA extensions to pyre and Altar are not fully merged to the main branch. To install and run the CUDA version of Altar 2.0, you need to download pyre and altar packages from [pyre cuda branch](#) and [altar cuda branch](#) instead:

```
git clone https://github.com/lijun99/pyre.git
git clone https://github.com/lijun99/altar.git
```

Note: Pyre is under active development and sometimes the newest version doesn't work properly for Altar. Altar users are recommended to obtain pyre from the [pyre cuda branch](#) even if only CPU modules are used.

Upon successful downloads, you shall observe two directories pyre, altar under `${HOME}/tools/src` directory.

3.4 Install with CMake

3.4.1 General steps

This section provides a general instruction on installation procedures. Please refer to the following sections for more system-specific instructions.

Compile and install PYRE at first, with the following commands,

```
# enter the source directory
cd ${HOME}/tools/src/pyre
# create a build directory
mkdir build && cd build
# call cmake to generate make files
cmake .. -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=TARGET_DIR -DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="xx"
# compile
make # or make -j to use multi-threads
# install
make install # or sudo make install
```

By default, without using `-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX`, CMake installs the package to `/usr/local`, . If you plan to install the packages to another directory `TARGET_DIR`, you may use the `-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX` option. It is always a good practice to specify the targeted GPU architecture by, e.g, `-DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="60"` (targeting NVIDIA Tesla P100 GPU) or `-DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="35; 60"` (targeting both K40/K80 and P100 GPUs). Please refer to [CMake Options](#) for more details and more options.

The installed files will appear as

```
<install_prefix>
|--- bin # executable shell scripts
|   |- pyre, pyre-config ...
|- defaults # default configuration files
|   |- pyre.pfg, merlin.pfg
|- include # c/c++ header files
|   |- portinfo, <pyre>
|- lib # shared libraries
|   |- libjournal.so libpyre.so ... (or .dylib for Mac)
```

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```
|- packages # python packages/scripts
|- <pyre>, <merlin>, <journal> ...
```

You may also run a few tests to check whether pyre is properly installed.

First, set up the environmental variables (you may also consider to add them to your `.bashrc` or `.cshrc`),

```
# for bash/zsh
export PATH=/usr/local/bin:${PATH}
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/lib:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}
export PYTHONPATH=/usr/local/packages:${PYTHONPATH}
# for csh/tcsh
setenv PATH "/usr/local/bin:${PATH}"
setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH "/usr/local/lib:${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}"
setenv PYTHONPATH "/usr/local/packages:${PYTHONPATH}"
```

then run commands such as

```
# check pyre module import
python3 -c 'import pyre'
# check cuda module if enabled
# an error will be reported if the module couldn't find a GPU device
python3 -c 'import cuda'
# show the pyre installation directory
pyre-config --prefix
```

There are more test scripts under the source package `${HOME}/tools/src/pyre/tests`.

After installing PYRE and setting up properly the PATHs, you may proceed to compile/install Altar, with the same procedure,

```
# enter the source directory
cd ${HOME}/tools/src/altar
# create a build directory
mkdir build && cd build
# call cmake to generate make files
cmake .. -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=TARGET_DIR -DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="xx"
# compile
make # or make -j to use multi-threads
# install
make install # or sudo make install
```

By default, Altar is also installed to `/usr/local`. If you choose to install to another directory, you may use the same `-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX` as for PYRE. By doing so, all the PATHs only need to be set once.

To test whether Altar is properly installed, you may run the following commands

```
# check altar module import
python3 -c 'import altar'
# show the altar installation directory
altar about prefix
```

There are also tests available in `examples` directories under each model in the source package, for example, `${HOME}/tools/src/altar/models/linear/examples`.

3.4.2 CMake Options

Here are some commonly used options to control the compilation/installation.

3.4.2.1 Installation path

```
cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=${HOME}/tools ..
```

By default, `cmake` installs the compiled package to `/usr/local`. If you plan to install it to another system directory, or your home directory (for users who don't have admin access), such as `${HOME}/tools` as shown above. Remember to set properly the environmental variables `PATH`, `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` and `PYTHONPATH`. If you use Conda, you may use `-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=$CONDA_PREFIX`.

3.4.2.2 Enable/disable CUDA

```
cmake -DWITH_CUDA=ON (or OFF) ..
```

By default, `WITH_CUDA=ON` for the `cuda` branch version and `WITH_CUDA=OFF` for the main branch version. To enable CUDA extensions, you will also need the CUDA Toolkit. If not found, `cmake` will automatically turn `WITH_CUDA=OFF`.

3.4.2.3 Target GPU architecture(s)

Note: We recommend specifying a proper GPU architecture with `-DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="xx"` or `-DCMAKE_CUDA_FLAGS="-arch=sm_xx"`. It not only ensures the efficient GPU executable code for your device, but also avoids the issue of code incompatibilities. CUDA Toolkit 9 and 10 use `sm_30` as the default target architecture, while CUDA 11 uses `sm_52`. The compiled code will continue to run on GPU devices with higher compute capabilities, but not on GPU devices with lower compute capabilities, reporting an error no kernel image is available for execution on the device. This happens, e.g., when you have a K40 (`sm_35`) and use a `sm_52` flag (default by CUDA 11). AITar does not support CUDA on Mac, and `-DCMAKE_CUDA_FLAGS=...` will be neglected if provided.

To specify the targeted GPU architecture(s),

```
# target one architecture
cmake -DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="60" ..
# target multiple architectures
cmake -DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES="35;60" ..
```

Note that `CUDA_ARCHITECTURES` is only available on CMake 3.18 and later versions. For earlier versions, you may use `CUDA_FLAGS` instead,

```
# target one architecture
cmake -DCMAKE_CUDA_FLAGS="-arch=sm_60" ..
# target multiple architectures
cmake -DCMAKE_CUDA_FLAGS="-gencode arch=compute_35,code=sm_35 -gencode arch=compute_
↪ 60,code=sm_60" ..
```

`CUDA_FLAGS` may also be used to pass other compiling options to CUDA compiler `nvcc`.

You may find out which type(s) of GPU are installed by running

```
nvidia-smi
```

Compute capabilities for some common NVIDIA GPUs are K40/80 (sm_35), V100 (sm_70), A100 (sm_80), GTX1050/1070/1080 (sm_61), RTX 2060/2070/2080 (sm_75), RTX 3060/3070/3080(sm_86). More details can be found at [NVIDIA](#) website. If pyre is already installed, you may also use its cuda utilities to find out:

```
python3 -c "import cuda; [print(f'Device {device.id} {device.name} has compute_↵
↵capability {device.capability}') for device in cuda.devices]"
```

3.4.2.4 C++ Compiler

To specify the C++ compiler, e.g., */usr/bin/g++*, you may use

```
cmake -DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=/usr/bin/g++ ..
```

Note that pyre requires a GCC $\geq$ 7 for c++17 support.

C++ compiler may also be specified from the environmental variable CXX, for example,

```
# bash/zsh
export CXX = "/usr/bin/g++"
# csh/tcsh
setenv CXX  "/usr/bin/g++"
```

3.4.2.5 CUDA Compiler

To specify the CUDA compiler *nvcc*, e.g., */usr/local/cuda-11.3/bin/nvcc*, you may use

```
cmake -DCMAKE_CUDA_COMPILER=/usr/local/cuda-11.3/bin/nvcc ..
```

C++ compiler may also be specified from the environmental variable CUDACXX, for example,

```
# bash/zsh
export CUDACXX = "/usr/local/cuda-11.3/bin/nvcc -arch=sm_60"
# csh/tcsh
setenv CUDACXX  "/usr/local/cuda-11.3/bin/nvcc -arch=sm_60"
```

3.4.2.6 BLAS Library

Pyre requires a BLAS library for its *gsl* module. CMake searches automatically an available BLAS library by default. If none is found, the *gslcblas* library included with GSL package will be used. You may also specify which BLAS library to use by

```
cmake .. -DBLA_VENDOR=vendor
```

where *vendor* can be *Generic* (``libblas.so), *ATLAS*, *Intel10_64lp*, *OpenBLAS* You may also add *-DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=/path/to/blas* to enforce a search path.

3.4.2.7 Library search path

To specify the locations of a prerequisite library instead of the default one, for example, on some Linux systems, `cmake` may find and use libraries from `/usr/` instead of the libraries provided by `conda`, you may use

```
cmake -DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=${CONDA_PREFIX} ..
```

to enforce libraries installed under `Conda` to be used.

For more than one paths, use a semicolon separated list, `-DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH="PATH1;PATH2;PATH3"`.

3.4.2.8 Build type

```
cmake -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release (or Debug) ..
```

For the `Debug` build type, the `-g` compiler flag will be added to generate debugging information. For the `Release` type, the `-O3` optimization flag will be added. If none is specified, the default flags of `g++` are used.

3.4.2.9 Show compiling details

By default, the compiling step `make` only shows one line summary of each file being compiled. To the detailed compiling command and options, you may use

```
make VERBOSE=1
```

3.4.2.10 More options

For more options of `cmake`, please check [CMake Documentation](#).

3.5 Conda method (Linux/MacOSX)

3.5.1 Install Anaconda/Miniconda

`Conda`(`Anaconda`/`Miniconda`) offers an easy way to install `Python`, packages and libraries on different platforms, especially for users without the admin privilege to their computers. We recommend a full version of [Anaconda3](#). If disk space is an issue or you plan to use a virtual environment, you may use [Miniconda](#) instead.

For `MacOSX` with `Apple Silicon`, you may install the native `arm64` version from [Miniforge](#).

If `Anaconda3` is not installed, please [download](#) and follow the [instructions](#) to install it. You may choose to install it under you home directory `${HOME}/anaconda3` (default) or a system directory, e.g., `/opt/anaconda3`. The path to the `Anaconda3` is set as an environmental variable `CONDA_PREFIX`. To check whether `Anaconda3` is properly installed and loaded, you may try the following commands

```
$ which conda
/opt/anaconda3/bin/conda
$ which python3
/opt/anaconda3/bin/python3
$ echo ${CONDA_PREFIX}
/opt/anaconda3
```

You may also create a virtual environment

```
$ conda create -n altar
$ conda activate altar
$ which python3
/opt/anaconda3/envs/altar/bin/python3
$ echo ${CONDA_PREFIX}
/opt/anaconda3/envs/altar
```

3.5.2 Install Conda packages

Install the required libraries and packages by Conda:

```
$ conda install git make cmake hdf5 h5py openmpi gsl openblas postgresql numpy scipy
```

3.5.3 C++ Compiler

You will also need a c++ compiler.

- **Ubuntu 18.04/20.04** GCC 7.4.0/9.3.0 is installed by default and is sufficient. If GCC/G++ are not installed, run

```
sudo apt install gcc g++
```

- **Redhat/CentOS 7** The system default compiler GCC 4.x doesn't support C++17. Higher versions of GCC are offered through `devtoolset`. Please follow instructions for [Redhat](#) or [CentOS](#) to install, e.g., `devtoolset-7`. An alternative is to use GNU compilers provided by Conda, see below.
- **MacOSX** You will need to install either the full version of Xcode or the (compact) Command Line Tools. Xcode can be installed from the App Store. To install the Command Line Tools, run

```
sudo xcode-select --install
# To select or switch compilers,
sudo xcode-select --switch /Library/Developer/CommandLineTools/
```

- **Conda GNU Compilers** Conda also offers compiler packages, which work well for most Linux/MacOSX(Intel) systems,

```
# for Linux x86_64
conda install gcc_linux-64 gxx_linux-64
# for Mac (Intel Only)
conda install clang_osx-64 clangxx_osx-64
# for Mac Big Sur with Xcode 12 (Intel only), you need to use clang-11,
conda install clang_osx-64=11.0.0 clangxx_osx-64=11.0.0 -c conda-forge
# for Mac with Apple Silicon, please use only Command Line Tools or Xcode
```

If you would like to use a c++ compiler other than the default version, or the version (auto) discovered by `cmake`, you may use `-DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=...` to specify the compiler.

3.5.4 CUDA compiler (nvcc)

CUDA Toolkit integrates tools to develop GPU applications, including the compiler (`nvcc`), libraries (`libcudart.so`, `libcublas.so` ...). If CUDA is installed, you may obtain and install CUDA Toolkit following the [NVIDIA Toolkit Documentation](#).

CUDA Toolkit is usually installed to `/usr/local/cuda`. On Linux clusters, many version of CUDA toolkit may be provided as modules. You may select a version by

```
module load cuda/11.3
```

Conda also provides a CUDA Toolkit package,

```
conda install cudatoolkit
```

which is installed to `$CONDA_PREFIX` directory.

You may check the CUDA Toolkit installation by

```
# check the nvcc availability and path
$ which nvcc
/usr/local/cuda/bin/nvcc
# check the CUDA Toolkit version
$ nvcc --version
nvcc: NVIDIA (R) Cuda compiler driver
Cuda compilation tools, release 11.3, V11.3.109
```

CMake discovers the default `nvcc` command to compile CUDA programs. You may also specify another CUDA compiler by `-DCMAKE_CUDA_COMPILER=/path/to/nvcc`.

Note that NVIDIA driver, including the CUDA driver (`libcudart.so`), is required on a GPU workstation or GPU nodes in a cluster. NVIDIA drivers can only be installed/updated by *root* users. You may check their availability and versions by the command `nvidia-smi`. CUDA shared libraries should also be available on GPU workstations.

3.5.5 Download pyre and AITar

Please download the source packages of pyre/AITar from github following the [Download instructions](#). Taking CUDA branch versions as an example,

```
mkdir -p ${HOME}/tools/src
cd ${HOME}/tools/src
git clone https://github.com/lijun99/pyre.git
git clone https://github.com/lijun99/altar.git
```

3.5.6 Install pyre

With Conda, we recommend installing pyre and AITar to `$CONDA_PREFIX`, so that both packages are loaded automatically when conda or conda venv is activated. We need an extra step to make a symbolic link to `lib/python3.x/site-packages`,

```
# the python command returns the path of site-packages, and we link it as $CONDA_
↪PREFIX/packages
ln -sf `python3 -c 'import site; print(site.getsitepackages()[0])'` $CONDA_PREFIX/
↪packages
```

Compile and install pyre

```
cd ${HOME}/tools/src/pyre
mkdir build && cd build
cmake .. -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=${CONDA_PREFIX} -DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=${CONDA_PREFIX} -
↳DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES=native -DBLA_VENDOR=OpenBLAS -DPython3_EXECUTABLE=${CONDA_
↳PREFIX/bin/python3
make -j && make install
```

where `INSTALL_PREFIX` is the installation path and `PREFIX_PATH` is the path to search the prerequisite packages. Replace `native` with appropriate compute capability number(s) for your GPU(s). See [GPU architecture\(s\)](#) for more details.

Note: FindPython3 in new versions of `cmake` sometimes finds the system python3 interpreter instead of the conda installed one, please add `-DPython3_EXECUTABLE=${CONDA_PREFIX}/bin/python3` as above to assist the search. The new standard is to use `FindPython` instead; we will update the `pyre/altar` `cmake` files.

3.5.7 Install Altar

Since `pyre` is installed to `$CONDA_PREFIX`, there is no need to set the `PATHs`. We proceed to compile and install Altar, with the same procedure,

```
cd ${HOME}/tools/src/altar
mkdir build && cd build
cmake .. -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=${CONDA_PREFIX} -DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=${CONDA_PREFIX} -
↳DCMAKE_CUDA_ARCHITECTURES=native -DPython3_EXECUTABLE=${CONDA_PREFIX}/bin/python3
make -j && make install
```

Please read [CMake Options](#) if you have some problems or need more customizations. Please also read [Installation instructions](#) on how to make tests.

For future runs, you may simply activate conda or the conda venv to load Altar,

```
# activate altar if it is installed in a venv
conda activate altar
# test
altar about
```

3.5.8 MPI setup

Altar runs MPI jobs by automatically forking multiple threads and invoking `mpirun` command with any Altar Application, a capability offered by `pyre mpi` shell. However, `pyre` sometimes does not recognize the Conda-installed openMPI. You will need to create manually a configuration file, `mpi.pfg`, either under `$(HOME)/.pyre` directory or under the current job directory, as

```
; mpi.pfg file

mpi.shells.mpirun:
; mpi implementation
mpi = openmpi#mpi_conda

; mpi configuration
pyre.externals.mpi.openmpi # mpi_conda:
```

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```
version = 4.0.5
launcher = mpirun
prefix = /opt/anaconda3/envs/altar
bindir = {mpi_conda.prefix}/bin
incdir = {mpi_conda.prefix}/include
libdir = {mpi_conda.prefix}/lib
```

You need to replace `/opt/anaconda3/envs/altar` with the actual path of your `$CONDA_PREFIX`, which can be revealed by the command `echo $CONDA_PREFIX`.

Another option is to insert these lines to your job configuration file, without creating a separate `mpi.pfg` file.

This setup procedure also applies to other MPIs not automatically recognized by pyre, e.g., loaded by environmental modules.

3.6 Linux Systems

We recommend Conda methods for all Linux systems. If you prefer to use the standard Linux packages, please follow the instructions in this section.

3.6.1 Ubuntu 18.04/20.04

3.6.1.1 Install prerequisites

```
$ sudo apt update && sudo apt install -y gcc g++ python3 python3-dev python3-numpy_
python3-scipy python3-h5py libgsl-dev libopenblas-dev libpq-dev postgresql-server-
dev-all libopenmpi-dev libhdf5-serial-dev make git
```

For Ubuntu 18.04 only: the system CMake version is 3.10; you need to manually upgrade cmake from [Kitware Repo](#), e.g.,

```
$ sudo wget -O - https://apt.kitware.com/keys/kitware-archive-latest.asc 2>/dev/null_
| sudo apt-key add -
$ sudo apt-add-repository 'deb https://apt.kitware.com/ubuntu/ bionic main'
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install cmake
```

To install/run CUDA modules, you will also need to install CUDA Toolkit if it is not pre-installed. See [CUDA compiler \(nvcc\)](#) for more details.

3.6.1.2 Install pyre/AITar

Please follow the instructions in [General steps](#).

3.6.2 RHEL/CentOS 7

3.6.2.1 Install prerequisites

Enable EPEL repo

```
yum install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-7.noarch.rpm
```

and install prerequisites

```
yum install -y python3 python3-devel hdf5-devel gsl-devel postgresql-devel openmpi-  
↪openmpi-devel git environment-modules  
# install numpy/scipy/h5py via pip  
pip3 install numpy scipy h5py  
# load openmpi  
module load mpi  
# install cmake from Kitware  
wget https://github.com/Kitware/CMake/releases/download/v3.19.3/cmake-3.19.3-Linux-  
↪x86_64.sh  
sh cmake-3.19.3-Linux-x86_64.sh --skip-license --prefix=/usr/local
```

Install C/C++ compiler

```
# 1. Install a package with repository for your system:  
# On CentOS, install package centos-release-scl available in CentOS repository:  
sudo yum install centos-release-scl  
  
# On RHEL, enable RHSCl repository for you system:  
sudo yum-config-manager --enable rhel-server-rhsc1-7-rpms  
  
# 2. Install the collection:  
sudo yum install devtoolset-7  
  
# 3. Start using software collections:  
scl enable devtoolset-7 bash
```

3.6.2.2 Install pyre/AITar

Please follow the instructions in *General steps*.

3.6.3 Linux with software modules

Many clusters use software modules to load libraries and software packages, e.g.,

```
# list available modules  
module av  
# load a certain module  
module load cuda/10.2  
# list loaded modules  
module list  
# show the loaded module information  
module show cuda
```

Please load all necessary modules as listed in *Prerequisites*. You may then follow the *General steps* above to install pyre and AITar.

Since modules are set up differently in different computers, we only provide a general prescription if CMake fails to locate the prerequisite package from auto search.

You may provide the package path to CMake by,

- `-DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH`, which specifies the package installation prefix to be searched. Files are expected to be arranged in a standard fashion under `prefix`, `bin`, `includes`, `lib`. If the files are not arranged in the standard way, you may use options below,
- `-DCMAKE_INCLUDE_PATH`, which specifies the search path(s) for header files;
- `-DCMAKE_LIBRARY_PATH`, which specifies the search paths(s) for library files.

Each of these three parameters can be a semicolon-separated list to include more than one paths, e.g., `-DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH="/PATH/To/GSL;/PATH/To/HDF5;/PATH/To/MPI`.

CMake uses various builtin *Find modules* to search various packages, while each *Find module* may use some *hints* to locate the package. For example, `FindGSL` uses `GSL_ROOT_DIR`, and `FindMPI` uses `MPIEXEC_EXECUTABLE` or `MPI_HOME`. These hints may be passed as environmental variables `export GSL_ROOT_DIR=...` or as cmake options, e.g., `-DGSL_ROOT_DIR=...`.

Note: Many clusters have their own recommended MPI packages which are optimized for the specific type of interconnects. Before using these pre-installed MPI packages, please check whether they have `cxx` devel support, or `libmpi_cxx.so` is available, which is required by AITar.

3.7 Docker container

You may follow the steps below to build a docker image, based on a NVIDIA cuda 10.2 image with Ubuntu.

```
wget https://gitlab.com/nvidia/container-images/cuda/raw/master/dist/ubuntu18.04/10.2/
runtime/Dockerfile
docker build --build-arg IMAGE_NAME=nvidia/cuda . -t cuda/nvidia:10.2
docker exec -it cuda/nvidia:10.2
apt update && apt install -y gcc g++ python3 python3-dev python3-numpy python3-numpy-
dev python3-h5py libgsl-dev libopenblas-dev libpq-dev postgresql-server-dev-all
libopenmpi-dev libhdf5-serial-dev make git wget software-properties-common locales
locale-gen --no-purge --lang en_US.UTF-8 && update-locale LANG=en_US.UTF-8 LANGUAGE
wget -O - https://apt.kitware.com/keys/kitware-archive-latest.asc 2>/dev/null | apt-
key add - && apt-add-repository 'deb https://apt.kitware.com/ubuntu/ bionic main' &&
apt-get update && apt install -y cmake
apt install -y cuda-compiler-10-2 cuda-cudart-dev-10-2 cuda-curand-dev-10-2 libcublas-
dev cuda-cusolver-dev-10-2
ln -sf /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages /usr/local/packages
cd /usr/local/src
git clone https://github.com/lijun99/pyre.git
git clone https://github.com/lijun99/altar.git
cd /usr/local/src/pyre && mkdir build && cd build && cmake .. && make all && make
install
cd /usr/local/src/altar && mkdir build && cd build && cmake .. && make all && make
install
echo ': "${LANG:=en_US.UTF-8}"; export LANG' >> /etc/profile
```

Open another terminal, find out the *CONTAINER ID* for this image, named `cuda/nvidia:10.2`, and commit the changes to a new image

```
$ docker commit CONTAINER_ID altar:2.0.2-cuda
```

To run Altar from the container

```
$ docker run --gpus all -ti -v ${PWD}:/mnt altar:2.0.2-cuda
```

which also mounts the current directory as /mnt in the virtual system. You may go to your job directory and run Altar from there.

If you meet a `UnicodeDecodeError`, you will need to export `LANG=en_US.UTF-8` at first. See [Locales](#) for more details.

OpenMPI may issue a warning to run MPI jobs as a *root* user, you may add the `--allow-run-as-root` option to your job configuration file as follows,

```
; for parallel runs
mpi.shells.mpirun:
    extra = -mca btl self,tcp --allow-run-as-root
```

3.8 Install with the mm build tool

The `mm` build tool (please note that it is different from the old `mm`, or `config` build tool) is another powerful tool to build hybrid python/c/c++/cuda applications.

3.8.1 Download mm build tool

```
cd ${HOME}/tools/src
git clone https://github.com/aivazis/mm.git
```

3.8.2 Prepare a config.mm file

The `mm` build tool requires a `config.mm` file to locate dependent libraries or packages. Taking Ubuntu 18.04 as an example, the `config.mm` file appear as

```
# file config.mm

# gsl
gsl.dir = /usr
gsl.incpath = /usr/include
gsl.libpath = /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu

# mpi
mpi.dir = /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openmpi/
mpi.binpath = /usr/bin
mpi.incpath = /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openmpi/include
mpi.libpath = /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openmpi/lib
mpi.flavor = openmpi
mpi.executive = mpirun

# hdf5
hdf5.dir = /usr
```

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```

hdf5.incpath = /usr/include
hdf5.libpath = /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu

# postgresql
libpq.dir = /usr
libpq.incpath = /usr/include/postgresql
libpq.libpath = /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu

# openblas
openblas.dir = /usr
openblas.libpath = /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu

# python3
python.version = 3.6
python.dir = /usr
python.binpath = /usr/bin
python.incpath = /usr/include/python3.6m
python.libpath = /usr/lib/python3.6

# numpy
numpy.dir = /usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/numpy/core

# cuda
cuda.dir = /usr/local/cuda
cuda.binpath = /usr/local/cuda/bin
cuda.incpath = /usr/local/cuda/include
cuda.libpath = /usr/local/cuda/lib64 /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/
cuda.libraries := cudart cublas curand cusolver

# end of file

```

You may leave the `config.mm` file in the `pyre/.mm`, `altar/.mm` directories, or in the `${HOME}/.mm` directory to be shared by all projects.

Examples of *config.mm* files are available at [config.mm](#).

3.8.3 Install pyre

After preparing all required libraries/packages and the `config.mm` file (in `pyre/.mm` or `${HOME}/.mm`), you need to compile and install pyre at first.

Make an alias of the `mm` command, in `bash`

```
$ alias mm='python3 ${HOME}/tools/src/mm/mm.py'
```

or in `csh/tcsh`,

```
$ alias mm 'python3 ${HOME}/tools/src/mm/mm.py'
```

Now, you can compile pyre by

```
$ cd ${HOME}/tools/src/pyre
$ mm
```

By default, the compiled files are located at `${HOME}/tools/src/pyre/products/debug-shared-linux-x86_64`. If you need to customize the installation, you can check the options offered by

mm by

```
$ mm --help
```

For example, if you prefer to install pyre to a system folder, you may use `--prefix` option, such as

```
$ mm --prefix=/usr/local
```

After compiling/installation, you need to set up some environmental variables for other applications to access pyre, for example, create a `${HOME}/.pyre.rc` for bash,

```
# file .pyre.rc
export PYRE_DIR=${HOME}/tools/src/pyre/products/debug-shared-linux-x86_64
export PATH=${PYRE_DIR}/bin:$PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${PYRE_DIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export PYTHONPATH=${PYRE_DIR}/packages:$PYTHONPATH
export MM_INCLUDES=${PYRE_DIR}/include
export MM_LIBPATH=${PYRE_DIR}/lib
# end of file
```

or `${HOME}/.pyre.cshrc` for csh/tcsh,

```
# file .pyre.cshrc
setenv PYRE_DIR "${HOME}/tools/src/pyre/products/debug-shared-linux-x86_64"
setenv PATH "${PYRE_DIR}/bin:$PATH"
setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH "${PYRE_DIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH"
setenv PYTHONPATH "${PYRE_DIR}/packages:$PYTHONPATH"
setenv MM_INCLUDES "${PYRE_DIR}/include"
setenv MM_LIBPATH "${PYRE_DIR}/lib"
# end of file
```

You will also need to append pyre configurations to `${HOME}/.mm/config.mm` or `altar/.mm/config.mm` or any other application who requires pyre,

```
# append to the following lines to an existing config.mm
# pyre
pyre.dir = ${HOME}/tools/src/pyre/products/debug-shared-linux-x86_64
pyre.libraries := pyre journal ${if ${value cuda.dir}, pyrecuda}
```

3.8.4 Install AltTar

First, make sure that you have a prepared `config.mm` file, which also includes the pyre configuration, in either `altar/.mm/` or `${HOME}/.mm` directory.

Follow the same step to compile AltTar,

```
$ cd ${HOME}/tools/src/altar
$ mm
```

Similar to pyre installation, the AltTar products are located at `${HOME}/tools/src/altar/products/debug-shared-linux-x86_64`, or the directory specified by `mm --prefix=`.

Also, you need to set up some environmental variables for altar as well, for example, create a `${HOME}/.altar2.rc` for bash,

```
# file .altar2.rc
export ALTAR2_DIR=${HOME}/tools/src/altar/products/debug-shared-linux-x86_64
export PATH=${ALTAR2_DIR}/bin:$PATH
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=${ALTAR2_DIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
export PYTHONPATH=${ALTAR2_DIR}/packages:$PYTHONPATH
# end of file
```

or \${HOME}/.altar2.cshrc for csh/tcsh,

```
# file .altar2.cshrc
setenv ALTAR2_DIR "${HOME}/tools/src/altar/products/debug-shared-linux-x86_64"
setenv PATH "${ALTAR2_DIR}/bin:$PATH"
setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH "${ALTAR2_DIR}/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH"
setenv PYTHONPATH "${ALTAR2_DIR}/packages:$PYTHONPATH"
# end of file
```

Before running an altar/pyre application, you need to load the altar/pyre environmental settings

```
$ source ${HOME}/.pyre.rc
$ source ${HOME}/.altar2.rc
```

3.9 Tests and Examples

Pyre tests are available at \${HOME}/tools/src/pyre/tests.

Altar examples are available for each model.

For details how to run Altar applications, please refer to *User Guide*.

4.1 Overview

AlTar is a software package implementing the *CATPMIP algorithm* and other Markov-Chain Monte-Carlo algorithms for Bayesian inference. It adopts the component-based software architecture and the job management system from the *pyre* framework, aiming to make high performance scientific computations more accessible to researchers with minimum knowledge of software engineering.

An AlTar application includes the following root components,

- the Bayesian framework (controller/analyzer), which performs the MCMC sampling of the Bayesian posterior distribution;
- a model, which performs the forward modelling and feeds the resulting data likelihood to the Bayesian framework;
- job, which manages the size of a simulation and its deployment to different platforms;

while each component can be configured from the configuration file, e.g., switching between different algorithms/implementations, turning on/off features, and of course, changing the value of a parameter.

To run AlTar simulations, it is usually done by a simple command

```
anAlTarApp --config=anAlTarApp.pfg
```

where `anAlTarApp` is an AlTar application tailed for a given inverse problem, while `anAlTarApp.pfg` is a configuration file you where specify settings for your simulation.

We have provided examples with each implemented inverse problem. You may use them as templates to prepare your own simulation. This Guides aims to provide detailed instructions on how to configure each component, which is organized as follows,

- *Quickstart*: to demonstrate how to run AlTar simulations with a linear inverse problem;
- *An introduction to pyre*: to offer a brief introduction to components and the `.pfg` configuration file format;
- *The AlTar framework*: how to configure the components of the MCMC simulation;
- *Job Management*: how to configure the job deployment to different platforms;
- *Models*: to provide instructions on how to prepare data and run simulations for inverse problems in geophysics,
 - *Static inversion of earthquake source models*;
 - Static inversion with C_p (forward model uncertainty);
 - *Kinematic inversion of earthquake source models*;
 - Mogi source model for volcanoes (TBD);
 - Compound dislocation model (CDM) for volcanoes (TBD).

Users may also develop new models for other inverse problems. A *Programming Guide* is also provided.

4.2 QuickStart

As a quick start, we use the linear model as an example to demonstrate how to run Bayesian MCMC simulations with AITar. :

1. Prepare a configuration file, e.g., `linear.pfg`, to specify various parameters and settings;
2. Prepare input data files required for the model, e.g., for the linear model, the observed data, the data covariance and the Green's function;
3. Run a dedicated AITar application, e.g., `linear` for the linear model;
4. Collect and analyze the simulation results.

The linear model example demonstrated here comes with the AITar source package, under the directory `models/linear/examples`. It is also available as a jupyter notebook in [Tutorials:linear](#).

4.2.1 Prepare the configuration file

A configuration file is used to pass various settings to an AITar application. Here is an example for the linear model,

Listing 1: `linear.pfg`

```

1 ;
2 ; michael a.g. aivázis
3 ; orthologue
4 ; (c) 1998-2020 all rights reserved
5 ;
6
7 ; the application
8 linear:
9     ; the model
10    model = linear
11    ; the linear model configurations
12    model:
13        ; the directory for input files
14        case = patch-9
15        ; the number of parameters
16        parameters = 18
17
18        ; the number of observations
19        observations = 108
20        ; the data observations file
21        data = data.txt
22        ; the data covariance file
23        cd = cd.txt
24
25        ; prior distribution for parameters
26        ; prior is used to calculate the prior probability
27        ; and check ranges during the simulation
28        prior = gaussian
29        ; prior configurations
30        prior:
31            parameters = {linear.model.parameters}

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```

32         center = 0.0
33         sigma = 0.5
34         ; prep is used to initialize the samples in the beginning of the simulation
35         ; it can be different from prior
36         prep = uniform
37         prep:
38             parameters = {linear.model.parameters}
39             support = (-0.5, 0.5)
40
41         ; controller/annealer, use the default CATMIP annealer
42         controller:
43             ; archiver, use the default HDF5 archiver
44             archiver:
45                 output_dir = results ; results output directory
46                 output_freq = 1 ; output frequency in annealing beta steps
47
48         ; run configuration
49         job.tasks = 1 ; number of tasks per host
50         job.gpus = 0 ; number of gpus per task
51         job.chains = 2*10 ; number of chains per task
52
53     ; end of file
    
```

The `.pfg` (pyre config) files follow a human-readable data-serialization format similar to YAML, where the data-structure hierarchy is maintained by whitespace indentation (or by full/partial paths, such as `job.tasks`, see [Pyre Config Format \(.pfg\)](#) for more detailed instructions).

The name of the AITar application (instance), `linear`, is set as the root. Configurable components of an AITar application include

- `model`, for model specific configurations, such as the prior distributions of the model parameters, parameters in the forward model, and the data observations;
- `job`, which configures the size of the simulation, and how the job will be deployed, e.g., single or multiple threads, single machine or multi-node cluster, CPU or GPU;
- `controller`, for configurations to control the Bayesian MCMC procedure.

Note: If a component is not specified in the configuration, its *default* value/implementation will be used instead.

Model configurations vary depending on its own forward problem: model-specific instructions are provided in the respective sections of this Guide. Instructions for the main framework, such as `job` and `controller`, can be found in the [AITar Framework](#) section.

4.2.2 Prepare input files

While simple configurations can be specified in the configuration file, large sets of data are passed to the AITar application by data files. Different model may require different categories of data, in different input format.

For the linear model, the data likelihood is computed as

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\mathbf{d}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^m \det(C_d)}} \\
 &\times \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{d}^{pred})^T C_d^{-1} (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{d}^{pred}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

where θ is a vector with n unknown model parameters, $\mathbf{d}$ a vector with m observations, the covariance C_d a $m \times m$ matrix representing the data uncertainties. The data prediction $\mathbf{d}^{pred}$ is given by the forward model

$$\mathbf{d}^{pred} = \mathcal{G}\theta.$$

where the Green's function $\mathcal{G}$, is a $n \times m$ matrix.

The computation requires three users' input, $\mathbf{d}$, C_d , and $\mathcal{G}$, as plain text files `data.txt`, `cd.txt` and `green.txt`. The location of the files can be specified by the `linear.model.case` parameter in the configuration file, while the file names can be specified by `linear.model.data`, `linear.model.cd` and `linear.model.green`.

4.2.3 Run an AlTar application

For each model, we have provided a dedicated command for running AlTar simulations (in fact, you can run `altar` for all models, but it may require some changes to the configuration file). The dedicated command for the linear model is `linear`, which is a Python script as shown below

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3  #
4  # michael a.g. aiv  zis (michael.aivazis@para-sim.com)
5  #
6  # (c) 2010-2020 california institute of technology
7  # (c) 2013-2020 parasim inc
8  # all rights reserved
9  #
10
11 # get the package
12 import altar
13
14 # make a specialized app that uses this model by default
15 class Linear(altar.shells.application, family='altar.applications.linear'):
16     """
17     A specialized AlTar application that exercises the Linear model
18     """
19
20     # user configurable state
21     model = altar.models.model(default='linear')
22     model.doc = "the AlTar model to sample"
23
24
25 # bootstrap
26 if __name__ == "__main__":
27     # build an instance of the default app
28     app = Linear(name="linear")
29     # invoke the main entry point
30     status = app.run()
31     # share
32     raise SystemExit(status)
33
34
35 # end of file

```

It defines a `Linear` application class and provides a main entry point for execution. The `linear` can be run as any other shell commands, but you do need to run it at the directory where the `linear.pfg` and the case (patch-9) directory are located,

```
linear
```

and the simulation begins.

If you would like to use a different script file other than `linear.pfg`

```
linear --config=linear2.pfg
```

or if you would like to pass/change a parameter from command lines, e.g., to increase the number of Markov chains

```
linear --job.chains=2**10
```

More run options will be explained in the *AlTar Framework* section.

4.2.4 Collect and analyze results

AlTar offers several options how to output the simulation results. The default is an HDF5 archiver, which outputs the simulation results from each β -step to HDF5 files located at `results` directory. Data in these HDF5 files, named as `step_nnn.h5`, can be viewed by a HDF Viewer, such as HDFView, HDFCompass.

For each `step_nnn.h5`, the following structures are used

```
+----- step_nnn.h5 -----
| Annealer ; annealing data
| | beta ; the beta value
| | covariance ; the covariance matrix for Gaussian proposal
| Bayesian ; the Bayesian probabilities
| | prior ; prior probability for all samples, vector (samples)
| | likelihood ; data likelihood for all samples
| | posterior ; posterior probability for all samples
| ParameterSets ; samples
| | theta ; samples of model parameters, 2d array (samples, parameters)
```

```
import h5py
import numpy
```

You may draw a histogram of the posterior to check its distribution. Since the log values of the probabilities are used and saved, the distribution will normally show a lognormal form. You may also do some statistics on the samples, for example, mean and standard deviations. If the posterior assumes a Gaussian distribution, the mean model provides an estimated solution to the linear inverse problem. Some of the data analysis programs are also included with AlTar.

AlTar is a software package developed to perform Bayesian inference to inverse problems with the Markov Chain Monte-Carlo methods. It consists of

- a main framework which performs the Bayesian MCMC, and controls the job deployment;
- a model which performs the forward modeling and feeds the data likelihood results to the Bayesian framework. Model implementations for various inverse problems are included. Users may add new models by

An AlTar application integrates a model with the main framework and serves as the main program to run simulations.

4.3 Pyre Basics

Altar's architecture is based on the [pyre](#) framework. Before the official documentation for pyre is released, we offer here a brief introduction to pyre, its programming design and its configuration file format which are necessary for Altar users.

4.3.1 Protocols and Components

Python offers a modular programming design with modules and classes while pyre extends the functionalities of python classes to facilitate their integrations and configurations, through *components*.

A prescribed functionality is defined as a *protocol* (similar to an abstract class). For example, various distributions are used in Altar, mainly serving as prior distributions. We first define a protocol,

```
# the protocol
class Distribution(altar.protocol, family="altar.distributions"):
    """
    The protocol that all Altar probability distributions must satisfy
    """

    # required behaviors
    @altar.provides
    def initialize(self, **kwargs):
        """
        Initialize with the given random number generator
        """

    # model support
    @altar.provides
    def initializeSample(self, theta):
        """
        Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.
        """

    @altar.provides
    def priorLikelihood(self, theta, prior):
        """
        Fill my portion of {prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta}
        """

    @altar.provides
    def verify(self, theta, mask):
        """
        Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my
        ↪ constraints, and
        update {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for
        ↪ invalid ones
        """

    ... ..

    # framework hooks
    @classmethod
    def pyre_default(cls):
        """
        Supply a default implementation
        """
```

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```
# use the uniform distribution
from .Uniform import Uniform as default
# and return it
return default
```

where `@altar.provides` decorator specifies the behaviors (methods) that its implementations must define. An implementation, for example, the Uniform distribution, is defined as a *component*,

```
class Uniform(altar.component, family="altar.distributions.uniform"):
    """
    The uniform probability distribution
    """

    # user configurable state
    parameters = altar.properties.int()
    parameters.doc = "the number of model parameters that i take care of"

    offset = altar.properties.int(default=0)
    offset.doc = "the starting point of my parameters in the overall model state"

    # user configurable state
    support = altar.properties.array(default=(0,1))
    support.doc = "the support interval of the prior distribution"

    # protocol obligations
    @altar.export
    def initialize(self, rng):
        """
        Initialize with the given random number generator
        """
        # set up my pdf
        self.pdf = altar.pdf.uniform(rng=rng.rng, support=self.support)
        # all done
        return self

    @altar.export
    def initializeSample(self, theta):
        """
        Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.
        """
        # grab the portion of the sample that's mine
        theta = self.restrict(theta=theta)
        # fill it with random numbers from my initializer
        self.pdf.matrix(matrix=theta)
        # and return
        return self

    @altar.export
    def verify(self, theta, mask):
        """
        Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my
        ↪ constraints, and
        update {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for
        ↪ invalid ones
```

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```

"""
... ..

# all done; return the rejection map
return mask

... ..

# private data
pdf = None # the pdf implementation

```

where the required behaviors specific to the Uniform distribution are defined. Besides behaviors, a component may also include attributes such as

- Properties, configurable parameters in terms of basic Python data type, such as an integer [defined as `altar.properties.int()`];
- Sub-Components, configurable attributes in terms of components;
- Non-configurable attributes, regular Python objects such as static properties or objects determined at runtime, e.g., the `pdf` function in `Distribution`.

Components are building blocks of AITar. For example, `Distribution` can be used as the prior distribution in a Bayesian model,

```

class Bayesian(altar.component, family="altar.models.bayesian", implements=model):
    """
    The base class of AITar models that are compatible with Bayesian explorations
    """

    prior = altar.distributions.distribution()
    prior.doc = "the prior distribution"

    ... ..

```

Here, `prior` is a configurable component, for which users can specify at runtime by `model.prior=uniform` or any other distributions implementing the `Distribution-protocol`. Since the protocol defines the uniform distribution as its default implementation, if none is specified at runtime, the uniform distribution is used by default.

Note also that *components* are abstract methods and can be only be instantiated by an AITar application instance. If you create a component instance in a Python shell, it will not behave as a regular Python class.

4.3.2 Pyre Config Format (.pfg)

Configurations of properties and components can be passed to the program as command line arguments, or more conveniently, by a configuration file. Three types of configuration files are supported by `pyre/AITar`: `.pml` (XML-style), `.cfg` (an INI-style format used in AITar 1.1), and `.pfg` (YAML/JSON-style). We recommend `.pfg` for its human-readable data serialization format.

An example of `.pfg` file is provided in [QuickStart](#), for the linear model.

Some basic rules of `.pfg` format are

- Whitespace indentation is used for denoting structure, or hierarchy; however, tab characters are not allowed.
- Hierarchy of components can be specified by indentation, or by explicit full path, or by a combination of partial path with indentation. For example, these three configurations are equivalent:

```

; method 1: all by indentation
linear:
    job:
        tasks = 1
        gpus = 0
        chains = 2**10

; method 2: all by full path
linear.job.tasks = 1
linear.job.gpus = 0
linear.job.chains = 2**10

; method 3: combination with partial path and indentation
linear:
    job.tasks = 1
    job.gpus = 0
    job.chains = 2**10
    
```

- If a component is not specified or listed in the configuration file, a default value/implementation specified in the Python program will be used instead.
- Strings such as paths, names, don't need quotation marks.

4.4 AITar Framework

4.4.1 Application

See API Reference: [altar.shells.application](#)

An AITar application is the *root* component which integrates all the components in AITar. The main components of an AITar application are as follows.

class Application (*altar.application*, *family="altar.shells.application"*)

controller = altar.bayesian.controller()

Value

altar.bayesian.Annealer (default)

Description

the MCMC simulation processor, *Annealer* for CATMIP algorithm;

model = altar.models.model()

Value

altar.models.linear(), altar.models.cuda.static(), ...

Description

performs the forward modelling and computes the Bayesian probability densities: the prior, the data likelihood and the posterior;

job = altar.simulations.run()

Description

manages the simulation size and job deployment;

```
rng = altar.simulations.rng()
```

Description

the random number generator shared by all processes;

```
monitors = altar.properties.dict(schema=altar.simulations.monitor())
```

Description

a collection of event handlers, such as reporter, profiler.

An AltAr application executes the simulation by defining a required `main` entry point:

```
@altar.export
def main(self, *args, **kwds):
    """
    The main entry point
    """

    # initialize various components
    self.job.initialize(application=self)
    self.rng.initialize()
    self.controller.initialize(application=self)
    self.model = self.model.initialize(application=self)
    # sample the posterior distribution
    return self.model.posterior(application=self)
```

which initializes different components and invokes the `model.posterior` to perform the MCMC sampling.

An AltAr application is also the engager of the `pyre` framework, as inherited from `pyre.application` or `pyre.plexus`, which performs

- registering all protocols and components in a database;
- reading/loading configuration files;
- instantiating all components into *regular* Python objects;
- invoking the proper shell (MPI, SLURM) to deploy the job.

4.4.2 Controller/Annealer

See API Reference: `altar.bayesian.Annealer`

A Bayesian controller uses an annealing schedule and MCMC to approximate the posterior distribution of a model. The current Annealer uses exclusively the CATMIP algorithm (more controllers implementing other algorithms will be added to a future release). It includes the following configurable components

- `sampler = altar.bayesian.sampler()`, the MCMC sampler. The default is a Metropolis sampler with fixed chain length based on Metropolis-Hastings algorithm. Another sampler implemented is AdaptiveMetropolis which targets a fixed acceptance ratio and varies the chain length targeting a fixed effective sample size.
- `scheduler = altar.bayesian.scheduler()`, the generator of the annealing schedule. The default and currently only implemented scheduler is based on the Coefficient of Variance (COV) of the data likelihood densities.
- `dispatcher = altar.simulations.dispatcher(default=Notifier)`, currently only serves the purpose of profiling.
- `archiver = altar.simulations.archiver(default=Recorder)`, the archiver of simulation state. The default recorder saves the simulation state to HDF5 files.

and another component determined at runtime from the job configurations,

- `worker` (`AnnealingMethod`): as AITar simulations can be performed with either single thread or multiple threads, on CPUs or GPUs, the Controller uses different workers where various deployment-dependence procedures are differentiated. For example, the multiple thread processor, `MPIAnnealing` needs to include additional procedures to collect/distribute samples for all threads.

The Annealer's behaviors include

- `deduceAnnealingMethod` which uses the job configuration to determine the worker.
- `posterior` which defines the MCMC procedures with an annealing schedule.

4.4.2.1 Worker/AnnealingMethod

See API Reference: `altar.bayesian.AnealingMethod`

A worker(`AnnealingMethod`) defines each procedure of annealing which may be platform dependent. There are three types of workers:

- `SequentialAnnealing`, a single thread CPU processor
- `CUDAAnnealing`, a single thread GPU processor
- `MPIAnnealing`, a multiple thread processor which uses `SequentialAnnealing(CPU)` or `CUDAAnnealing(GPU)` as slave workers.

Each worker also keeps a set of simulation state data, such as `beta` (the inverse temperature), `theta` (the random samples), `prior/data/posterior` (the Bayesian densities), in an object `CoolingStep`.

Worker is not directly user configurable; it is determined automatically by the job configuration.

4.4.2.2 Sampler

See API Reference: `altar.bayesian.Sampler`

Starting with N_s number of chains/samples (processed in parallel), a sampler performs MC updates of the samples pursuant to a given distribution for several steps (length of the chain). For finite β , the target distribution is the transient distribution $P_m(\theta|\mathbf{d}) = P(\theta)P(\mathbf{d}|\theta)^{\beta_m}$, while the sampling serves as a burn-in process. When $\beta = 1$ is reached, the sampler samples the posterior distribution $P(\theta|\mathbf{d})$.

The default sampler is a CPU `Metropolis` sampler. To use other samplers, e.g., for CUDA simulations, users need to specify it in the controller block of the configuration file

```
ApplicationInstance:
  controller:
    sampler = altar.cuda.bayesian.metropolis
    sampler:
      ; sampler attributes
      ... ..
```

Metropolis

See API Reference: `altar.bayesian.Metropolis`

Algorithm

- New samples are proposed with a Gaussian kernel,

$$\begin{aligned}\theta' &= \theta + \alpha \delta \\ \delta &\sim N(0, \Sigma)\end{aligned}$$

where Σ is the (weighted) covariance matrix of starting samples (from the previous β step), and α is a scaling factor adjusting the jump distance. In CATMIP, α is adjusted by the acceptance rate (from the previous β -step):

$$\alpha = \text{acceptanceWeight} * \text{acceptanceRate} + \text{rejectionWeight}$$

Since the acceptance rate varies between 0 and 1, `rejectionWeight` and `rejectionWeight+acceptanceWeight` offer as the lower and upper limits of the scaling factor α .

- Decide whether to accept the proposed samples with the Metropolis–Hastings algorithm.
- Repeat the MC updates for a fixed N_c -number of times.

Configurable attributes

scaling

float, the initial value of α , default=0.1

acceptanceWeight, rejectionWeight

float, ratios to adjust the value of α during the run, defaults=8/9, 1/9

steps

integer, the MC update steps in each β -step (the length of each chain), configured by `job.steps`.

Configuration examples

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
  controller:
    sampler = altar.bayesian.metropolis
    sampler:
      scaling = 0.2
      acceptanceWeight = 0.1
      rejectionWeight = 0.9
; the length of chains
job.steps = 2**12
```

Metropolis (CUDA Version)

See API Reference: `altar.cuda.bayesian.cudaMetropolis`

The CUDA version follows the same procedure as above, but includes more control on the scaling factor.

Configurable attributes

scaling

float; the initial value of α ; default=0.1

acceptanceWeight, rejectionWeight

float; ratios to adjust the value of α during the run, defaults=8/9, 1/9

useFixedScaling

bool; if True, the initial scaling will be used for all β -steps; default=False

scalingMin, scalingMax

float; the min/max values of the scaling factor; default=0.01, 1

steps

integer, the MC update steps in each β -step (the length of each chain), configured by `job.steps`.

Configuration examples

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
  controller:
    sampler = altar.cuda.bayesian.metropolis
  sampler:
    scaling = 0.2
    acceptanceWeight = 0.99
    rejectionWeight = 0.01
    useFixedScaling = False
    scalingMin = 0.1
    scalingMax = 0.5
; the length of chains
job.steps = 2**12
```

In this example, scaling is set to 0.2 in the beginning. During the run, $\text{scaling} = \text{acceptanceWeight} * R + \text{rejectionWeight}$, where R is the acceptance rate from the previous β -step, or $\text{scaling} \in [0.01, 1]$. `scalingMin` and `scalingMax` further adjust the range as $[0.1, 0.5]$.

AdaptiveMetropolis

See API Reference: [altar.cuda.bayesian.cudaAdaptiveMetropolis](#) (for CUDA only)

Algorithm

In an AdaptiveMetropolis sampler, there are a few variations from the Metropolis sampler,

1. After a certain number of MC updates, `corr_check_steps`, the correlation between the current samples and the initial samples are computed. If the correlation is smaller than a threshold value, `target_correlation`, or the samples become sufficiently de-correlated, we can stop MC updates for the current β -step. A `max_mc_steps` sets the maximum number of MC updates if the correlation threshold value cannot be achieved.
2. The scaling factor α targets an optimal acceptance rate, `target_acceptance_rate`, with a feedback function

$$\alpha_{j+1} = \alpha_j \exp[-\text{gain} * (\text{acceptanceRate}_j - \text{target_acceptance_rate})]$$

where j labels the β -step. The initial value is set as

$$\alpha_0 = \text{scaling} / \sqrt{\text{parameters}}$$

It is shown that an optimal value for α is $2.38/\sqrt{d}$, where d is the dimension of parameter space, or parameters.

3. (New in 2.0.2) Sometimes, it is useful to use more MC steps when β is small, or *vice versa*. We introduce a new `max_mc_steps_stage2` to be used for the maximum MC steps when $\beta > \text{beta_step2}$.

Configurable Attributes

scaling

float, default=2.38, initial scaling factor for Gaussian proposal, to be normalized by the square root of the number of parameters

parameters

integer, default=1, the total number of parameters in simulation: since the controller is initialized before the model, users need to manually provide this information to the sampler (we will try to eliminate this requirement in the next update).

scaling_min, scaling_max

float, default=(0.01, 1), the minimum and maximum values allowed for the scaling factor

target_acceptance_rate

float, default=0.234, the targeted acceptance rate

gain

float, default=None (determined by target_acceptance_rate), the feedback gain constant

max_mc_steps

integer, default=100000, the maximum Monte-Carlo steps for one beta step

min_mc_steps

integer, default=1000, the minimum Monte-Carlo steps for one beta step

beta_stage2

float, default=0.1, the start beta value to use another maximum MC steps

max_mc_steps_stage2

integer, default=None (to be set the same as max_mc_steps), the maximum Monte-Carlo steps for one beta step when $\beta > \beta_{\text{stage2}}$

corr_check_steps

integer, default=1000, the Monte-Carlo steps to compute and check the correlation

target_correlation

float, default=0.6, the threshold of correlation to stop the chain updates

Configuration examples

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
  controller:
    sampler = altar.cuda.bayesian.adaptivemetropolis ; only for CUDA
  sampler:
    scaling = 2.38
    parameters = 399 ; number of parameters in model
    min_mc_steps = 3000
    max_mc_steps = 10000
    corr_check_steps = 1000
    target_correlation = 0.6
    beta_stage2 = 0.1
    max_mc_steps_stage2 = 5000
```

In this example, the initial scaling factor is set to $\text{scaling} / \sqrt{\text{parameters}}$ or $2.38 / \sqrt{399} = 0.12$ (you can also set scaling directly to 0.12, and use the default value 1 for parameters). After min_mc_steps (3,000), the correlation between current samples and initial samples are computed every corr_check_steps (1,000). If the correlation is less than target_correlation (0.6), the MC update stops and the simulation proceeds to next β step. If the target_correlation cannot be achieved by a certain number of steps, max_mc_steps (10,000) for $\beta \leq \beta_{\text{stage2}}$ (0.1) while max_mc_steps_stage2 (5,000) for $\beta > \beta_{\text{stage2}}$ (0.1), the MC update is forced to stop and the simulation proceeds to next β step.

4.4.2.3 Scheduler

A scheduler regulates how β increases between different β -steps. The default (and currently the only option) is *COV Scheduler*.

COV Scheduler

See API Reference: `altar.bayesian.COV`

Algorithm

The COV (Coefficient of Variation) scheduler targets the effective sample size from resampling between different transient distributions,

$$P_m(\theta|\mathbf{d}) = P(\theta)P(\mathbf{d}|\theta)^{\beta_m},$$

At the m -stage, samples $\theta_{m,k}$ are generated with the target equilibrium distribution $P_m(\theta|\mathbf{d})$, where $k = 1, 2, \dots, N_s$ and N_s is the total number of samples (chains). At the $m + 1$ -stage, the sampling targets $P_{m+1}(\theta|\mathbf{d})$ as the new equilibrium distribution. To sample a distribution with samples generated from another distribution is called as importance sampling, with the importance weight

$$\begin{aligned} w(\theta_{m,k}) &= \frac{P_{m+1}(\theta_{m,k}|\mathbf{d})}{P_m(\theta|\mathbf{d})} \\ &= P(\mathbf{d}|\theta_{m,k})^{\beta_{m+1}-\beta_m} \end{aligned}$$

while the effective sample size (ESS) from the resampling is associated with the COV of $w(\theta_{m,k})$,

$$\begin{aligned} ESS &= \frac{N_s}{1 + COV(w)}, \\ COV(w) &= \frac{\bar{w}}{\sigma} \\ \bar{w} &= \frac{1}{N_s} \sum_k w(\theta_{m,k}) \\ \sigma &= \frac{1}{N_s - 1} \sum_k [w(\theta_{m,k}) - \bar{w}]^2. \end{aligned}$$

In COV Scheduler, we choose a β_{m+1} so that COV is of order unity, e.g., $COV = 1$, or $ESS = N_s/2$.

Configurable Attributes

target

float, default=1.0, the target value for COV

solver

`altar.bayesian.solver()`, values= `grid` (default), `brent`; the $\delta\beta$ solver based on the grid search algorithm (`grid`) or the Brent minimizer (`brent`)

check_positive_definiteness

bool, values = `True` (default), `False`; whether to check the positive definiteness of Σ matrix and condition it accordingly

min_eigenvalue_ratio

float, default=0.001; if checking the positive definiteness, the minimal eigenvalue to be set as a ratio of the maximum eigenvalue

Configuration examples

```

ApplicationInstanceName:
  controller:
    scheduler: ; default is COV
    target = 2.0
    solver = brent
    check_positive_definiteness = False

```

4.4.2.4 Archiver (Output)

See API Reference: [altar.simulations.Archiver](#)

The Archiver saves progress information. The default is an H5Recorder which saves the Bayesian statistical data to HDF5 files.

H5Recorder

See API Reference: [altar.bayesian.H5Recorder](#)

H5Recorder saves the random samples and their Bayesian probability densities from each β -step to an HDF5 file, `output_dir/step_nnn.h5`.

```

+----- step_nnn.h5 -----
|— Annealer ; annealing data
|   |— beta ; the beta value
|   |— covariance ; the covariance matrix for Gaussian proposal
|— Bayesian ; the Bayesian probabilities
|   |— prior ; (log) prior probability for all samples, vector (samples)
|   |— likelihood ; (log) data likelihood for all samples
|   |— posterior ; (log) posterior probability for all samples
|— ParameterSets ; samples
|   |— theta ; samples of model parameters, 2d array (samples, parameters)

```

If you use a list of parameter sets, e.g., in Static Inversion, `{strike_slip, dip_slip, insar_ramp}`, their names will be used for their data sets,

```

|— ParameterSets ;
|   |— strike_slip ; samples of strike slips, 2d array (samples, number of patches)
|   |— dip_slip ; samples of dip slips, 2d array (samples, number of patches)
|   |— insar_ramp ; samples of insar ramp parameters to be fitted, 2d array (samples,
|   ↪ number of ramp parameters)

```

H5Recorder also records the MCMC statistics from each β -step to a file `output_dir/BetaStatistics.txt`. An example for the linear model is as follows

```

iteration, beta, scaling, (accepted, invalid, rejected)
0, 0, 0.3, (0, 0, 0)
1, 0.00015000000000000001, 0.5925347222222223, (2773, 0, 2347)
2, 0.00037996549999999997, 0.31666666666666665, (1184, 0, 3936)
3, 0.00069984391104, 0.5828125, (2717, 0, 2403)
4, 0.0011195499765973632, 0.3454861111111111, (1350, 0, 3770)
5, 0.0016789230286104687, 0.5607638888888888, (2590, 0, 2530)
6, 0.0025175127332664362, 0.3590277777777778, (1428, 0, 3692)
7, 0.0037843154920951883, 0.5447916666666667, (2498, 0, 2622)
8, 0.005577503724209416, 0.3751736111111111, (1521, 0, 3599)

```

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```
9, 0.008163002214526472, 0.5303819444444444, (2415, 0, 2705)
10, 0.012229533905446913, 0.37986111111111115, (1548, 0, 3572)
11, 0.017958602608795324, 0.5154513888888889, (2329, 0, 2791)
12, 0.026207750346881442, 0.38125, (1556, 0, 3564)
13, 0.03808801579264949, 0.5, (2240, 0, 2880)
14, 0.05444051952417445, 0.40243055555555557, (1678, 0, 3442)
15, 0.07760672679583216, 0.47934027777777778, (2121, 0, 2999)
16, 0.11173527790438637, 0.42065972222222225, (1783, 0, 3337)
17, 0.16503116123012318, 0.45885416666666667, (2003, 0, 3117)
18, 0.24518816975203137, 0.41944444444444445, (1776, 0, 3344)
19, 0.3470877668355071, 0.46753472222222225, (2053, 0, 3067)
20, 0.5037867027949854, 0.40625, (1700, 0, 3420)
21, 0.7176546338903467, 0.47465277777777776, (2094, 0, 3026)
22, 1.0, 0.41770833333333335, (1766, 0, 3354)
```

which shows how β evolves from β -step iterations, as well the scaling parameter α , and the MC acceptance (accepted/rejected = proposals accepted/rejected by Metropolis-Hastings algorithm, invalid = proposals rejected due to being out of range for ranged priors).

Configurable Attributes

output_dir

path(string), default="results"; the directory to save results

output_freq

integer, default=1; the frequency to write step data to files, e.g., if you only want to save data for every 3 β -steps, you may choose output_freq=3. The final β -step, i.e., $\beta = 1$ will be always saved as step_final.h5.

Configuration examples

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
  controller:
    archiver: ; default is H5Recorder
    output_dir = results/static_chain_1024
    output_freq = 3
```

4.4.3 Job

See API Reference: [altar.simulations.Job](#)

The job component in an AltAr application controls the size of the simulation as well as its deployment to different platforms.

4.4.3.1 Configurable Attributes

```
name = altar.properties.str(default="sample")
name.doc = "the name of the job; used as a stem for making filenames, etc."

mode = altar.properties.str()
mode = "the programming model"

hosts = altar.properties.int(default=1)
hosts.doc = "the number of hosts to run on"
```

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```
tasks = altar.properties.int(default=1)
tasks.doc = "the number of tasks per host"

gpus = altar.properties.int(default=0)
gpus.doc = "the number of gpus per task"

gpuprecision = altar.properties.str(default="float64")
gpuprecision.doc = "the precision of gpu computations"
gpuprecision.validators = altar.constraints.isMember("float64", "float32")

gpuids = altar.properties.list(schema=altar.properties.int())
gpuids.default = None
gpuids.doc = "the list of gpu ids for parallel jobs"

chains = altar.properties.int(default=1)
chains.doc = "the number of chains per worker"

steps = altar.properties.int(default=20)
steps.doc = 'the length of each Markov chain'

tolerance = altar.properties.float(default=1.0e-3)
tolerance.doc = "convergence tolerance for  $\beta$ ->1.0"
```

4.4.3.2 Simulation Size

For a single thread simulation, the job size is determined by the number of `chains` (per thread), which are processed as a batch. More chains offer better phase space exploration. But the number of chains may be limited by the computer memory size (CPU or GPU). Since the memory usage also depends on the number of parameters and the type of model, users are encouraged to try some chain sizes at first (stop the simulation after one or two beta steps) to determine an optimal setting of `chains` for their computer system.

Large-scale simulations can be distributed to multiple threads. Distributing the total number of chains from one thread (sequentially) to multiple threads (in parallel) may also reduce the computation time (wall time). The number of threads are controlled by two parameters `hosts` - the number of hosts (nodes), and `tasks` - the number of threads per host. The total number of chains is therefore `hosts*tasks*chains`.

The multi-threading in AITar is achieved by MPI. An AITar application is capable of deploying itself automatically to multiple MPI threads in one or more computers/nodes so that users don't need to run `mpirun`, `qsub`, or `sbatch` explicitly.

The Metropolis sampler uses `job.steps` to control the number of MC updates in each β -step. *(It might be better to move this setting directly to sampler)*. This procedure serves as a burn-in to equilibrate samples from one distribution with β_m to another with β_{m+1} . Larger `steps` allow more equilibration but are not required in CATMIP: the β -increment (or the total number of β -steps) will be adjusted.

4.4.3.3 Single Thread Configuration

The default job setting is to run AITar with one CPU thread; you don't need to provide any settings in the configuration file. However, if you prefer to keep `hosts` and `tasks` entries to be modified later, set them to be 1 explicitly.

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
  job:
    hosts = 1 ; number of hosts/nodes
    tasks = 1 ; number of threads per host
    chains = 2**12 ; number of Markov chains per thread.
    steps = 2**10 ; length of the Markov chain
```

4.4.3.4 Multiple Threads on One Computer

To run a multi-threaded simulation on a single computer, you need to adjust the `tasks` setting, as well as to specify a `mpi.shells.mpirun` shell instead,

From the configuration file

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
  job:
    tasks = 8

    shell = mpi.shells.mpirun

; additional configurations for mpi shell, if needed
mpi.shells.mpirun # altar.plexus.shell:
  extra = -mca btl self,tcp
```

or from the command line

```
$ AITarApp --job.tasks=8 --shell=mpi.shells.mpirun
```

If you use an MPI package not installed under the system directory, you may need to provide its configuration to AITar/pyre framework. For example, for OpenMPI installed with Anaconda, the following additional configurations are required

```
mpi.shells.mpirun:
  ; mpi implementation
  mpi = openmpi#mpi_conda

; mpi configuration
pyre.externals.mpi.openmpi # mpi_conda:
  version = 3.0
  launcher = mpirun
  prefix = /opt/anaconda3
  bindir = {mpi_conda.prefix}/bin
  incdir = {mpi_conda.prefix}/include
  libdir = {mpi_conda.prefix}/lib
```

Since the MPI package information is common for running all jobs on a computer, you may choose to save the above configuration to an `mpi.pfg` file, either under `${HOME}/.pyre` directory (searchable by all AITar/pyre applications), or under the work directory with the AITar application configurable file, e.g., `linear.pfg`.

Decide the max number of tasks/threads on a computer from the number of physical cores, not from the total (virtual) threads. Hyperthreading may increase the number of available threads, but it might not increase performance for compute-intensive models, e.g., with matrix multiplications.

4.4.3.5 Multiple Threads Across Several Computers

If a batch scheduler is not required, you may still use the `mpi.shells.mpirun` shell with the additional `hostfile` configuration. A hostfile is a simple text file with hosts/nodes specified, e.g., `my_hostfile`

```
# This is an example hostfile.  Comments begin with #
192.168.1.101 slots=16
192.168.1.102 slots=16
192.168.1.103 slots=16
```

To use the hostfile with `mpi.shells.mpirun` shell, e.g., with 4 hosts and 8 threads per host,

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
  job:
    hosts = 4
    tasks = 8
    shell = mpi.shells.mpirun
    shell:
      hostfile = my_hostfile
```

Or from the command line,

```
$ AlTarApp --job.hosts=4 --job.tasks=8 --shell=mpi.shells.mpirun --shell.hostfile=my_
↪hostfile
```

If a batch scheduler is available, e.g., [Slurm Workload Manager](#), use an `mpi.shells.slurm` shell instead. An example configuration is as follows

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
  job:
    hosts = 4
    tasks = 8
    shell = mpi.shells.slurm

; for parallel runs
mpi.shells.slurm :
  submit = True ; if True, submit the job for execution, if not, a slurm script is_
↪generated
  queue = gpu ; the name of the queue
```

Or from the command line

```
$ AlTarApp --job.hosts=4 --job.tasks=8 --shell=mpi.shells.slurm --shell.queue=gpu
```

If your Slurm Manager requires additional configurations, you can use `submit=False`, modify the generated Slurm script, and use `sbatch` to submit the job.

4.4.3.6 GPU Configurations

The GPU support in AITar is implemented with [CUDA](#), and therefore is limited to NVIDIA graphical cards.

To choose GPU or CPU If you plan to run AITar simulations on GPU, you may enable it by

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
    job.gpus = 1 ; number of GPU per task, 0 = use gpu
```

AITar also checks the availability of `cuda` modules (software) and compatible CUDA devices (hardware). If either is unavailable, AITar enforces `job.gpus = 0`, or using CPU instead.

Currently, the `cuda` modules are not fully integrated with `cpu` modules. You may need to check whether the model has a `cuda` implementation, and also select explicitly some `cuda` components, for example, for the Static Inversion,

```
slipmodel: ; the Application Instance Name

    model = altar.models.seismic.cuda.static
    ; define parametersets
    psets:
        strikeslip = altar.cuda.models.parameterset
        dipslip = altar.cuda.models.parameterset

        strikeslip:
            count = {slipmodel.model.patches}
            prior = altar.cuda.distributions.gaussian
            prior.mean = 0
            prior.sigma = 0.5
        ... ..

    controller:
        sampler = altar.cuda.bayesian.metropolis
    ... ..
```

In the next release, we will try to merge `cuda` modules with `cpu` modules so that a single ``jobs.gpus`` flag can switch between CPU and GPU computations.

To use multiple GPUs GPUs (device) rely on CPU (host) for job dispatching and data copies from/to GPU memories. AITar runs on one GPU per (CPU) thread, therefore, the number of GPUs used for simulation is tuned by the number of threads per host, `job.tasks`, and/or the number of hosts, `job.hosts`. `job.gpus` is always 1 for GPU simulations.

To deploy the simulation to 8 GPUs in one computer/node, the configuration is

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
    job.hosts = 1 ; number of hosts
    job.tasks = 8 ; number of threads per host
    job.gpus = 1 ; number of gpus per thread
```

To deploy the simulation to 4 nodes with 8 GPUs per node, the configuration is

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
    job.hosts = 4 ; number of hosts
    job.tasks = 8 ; number of threads per host
    job.gpus = 1 ; number of gpus per thread
```

For a computer/node with multiple GPUs, the job is distributed sequentially to the first available GPUs (`gpuids = 0, 1, 2, 3 ...`). If you plan to assign the job to specific GPUs, you can use `job.gpuids` to specify them,

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
    job.hosts = 4 ; number of hosts
    job.tasks = 2 ; number of threads per host
    job.gpus = 1 ; number of gpus per thread
    job.gpuids = [2, 3]
```

Another method is to use the environmental variable `CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES`. For example,

```
# bash
$ export CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES=2,3
# csh/tcsh
$ setenv CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES 2,3
```

which makes only GPU2 and GPU3 visible for applications, appearing as `gpuids=[0, 1]`. With this method, you don't need to set `gpuids`.

To select the precision AltAr supports both single and double precision GPU computations (the CPU computation is always double precision). However, most NVIDIA gaming cards only have single precision processors. In our tests on Tesla cards, single precision computations run twice faster than double precisions. If you want to choose between single and double precisions, you may use the `job.gpuprecision` flag, such as

```
ApplicationInstanceName:
    job:
        hosts = 1 ; number of hosts
        tasks = 2 ; number of threads per host
        gpus = 1 ; number of gpus per thread
        gpuprecision = float32 ; double(float64) or single(float32) precision for gpu
        ↳ computations
```

4.4.4 Model

The Model component in AltAr Framework defines the forward problem, and computes the data likelihood accordingly. Each model needs an implementation for a given inverse problem. See [Models](#) for details guides on implemented models.

Users may also develop their own models, following the guide in [Bayesian Model](#).

4.4.5 (Prior) Distributions

There are several probability distributions defined in AltAr, serving as prior distributions.

For a prior distribution `altar.distributions.distribution`, the following methods are required

```
# model support
@altar.provides
def initializeSample(self, theta):
    """
    Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.
    """

@altar.provides
def priorLikelihood(self, theta, prior):
    """
    Fill my portion of {prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta}
    """
```

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```
@altar.provides
def verify(self, theta, mask):
    """
    Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my
    constraints, and
    update {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid
    ones
    """
```

In AITar, the logarithmic values of the Bayesian probability densities are processed. Therefore, in addition to `priorLikelihood`, a `verify` method is needed for certain ranged distributions to check whether the proposed samples fall outside the range.

For a parameter to be sampled, the distributions for generating the initial samples and computing the prior probability densities during the simulation may be different. For example, in static inversion of earthquakes, you may want to use a Moment Scale distribution to generate (strike or dip) slips whose sum is consistent with a given moment magnitude scale, while during the simulation, while a simple uniform distribution for `priorLikelihood` and `verify`.

Please note that AITar processes samples in batch, where θ is a 2d array `shape=(samples, parameters)`. Also, in a specific Model, there may be different parameter sets which observe different prior distributions. Therefore, the methods in a prior distribution are responsible for its own portion of parameters (selected columns of θ) and for a batched samples (rows of θ).

4.4.5.1 Uniform

The probability density function (PDF) for a uniform distribution is

$$f(x; a, b) = \frac{1}{b - a}, \text{ for } x \in [a, b] \\ = 0, \text{ otherwise}$$

where $[a, b]$ is the support or range.

Example

```
prior = uniform
prior:
    support = (0, 1)
```

4.4.5.2 Gaussian

The PDF for the Gaussian (normal) distribution is defined as

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}},$$

where μ and σ^2 are mean (center) and variance, respectively.

Example

```
prior = gaussian
prior:
    mean = 0
    sigma = 2
```

4.4.5.3 Truncated Gaussian

The `truncated Gaussian distribution` is derived from the Gaussian distribution but is only finite within the support range.

Example

(Currently only implemented in CUDA).

```
prior = altar.cuda.distributions.tgaussian
prior:
    support = (-1, 1)
    mean = 0
    sigma = 2
```

4.4.5.4 Preset

The `Preset` distribution is used to load initial samples from pre-calculated ones. Therefore, it only serves as a preparation (`prep`) distribution. The currently support input format is HDF5, as the default output for Altar simulation results.

Example

(Currently only implemented in CUDA).

For example, in the earthquake (seismic) inversion, we have samples of `strikeslip` generated from the static inversion and would like to load them for the kinematic inversion,

```
prep = altar.cuda.distributions.preset ; load preset samples
prep.input_file = theta_cascaded.h5 ; file name
prep.dataset = ParameterSets/strikeslip ; dataset name in h5
```

4.4.6 Other Distributions

More prior distributions can be easily added. You may follow the existing distributions as examples. Or please write to us so that we add them to the package.

4.5 Models

4.5.1 Static Slip Inversion

4.5.1.1 Static Source model

The finite fault earthquake source models infer the spatial distribution and temporal evolution of coseismic slips at fault plane(s) from the observed surface or subsurface displacements.

In the static source model, the spatial distributions of coseismic slips are determined. We model the fault plane(s) as a set of patches; each patch treated as a point source with two orthogonal displacement components, slips along the strike and dip directions. Each slip on the fault plane can be translated into surface deformation, e.g., by the Okada model, which is derived from a Green's function solution to the elastic half space problem. The observed surface deformation at a given location is the linear combination due to (strike/dip) slips of all patches.

Note: For the static inversion, the patches can be of any shape or area as long as each patch can be treated a single point source. Note that the kinematic inversion currently only supports a rectangle fault divided into $n_{dd} \times n_{as}$ square patches. If you plan for a joint static-kinematic inversion, you need to run the static inversion on the square patches as well.

Therefore, the forward model can be expressed as a linear model

$$\mathbf{d}^{pred} = \mathcal{G}\boldsymbol{\theta}.$$

where $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ (also denoted as $\mathbf{m}$ in geophysics literatures) is a vector with $N_{param} = 2N_{patch}$ components, representing the slips along the strike and dip directions for N_{patch} patches; $\mathbf{d}$ is a vector of observed surface deformations (may include vertical and east, north horizontal components) at different locations, with N_{obs} observations; and $\mathcal{G}$ is a $2N_{patch} \times N_{obs}$ matrix, pre-calculated Green's functions connecting a slip source to a deformation component at an observation location.

A generalized forward model could also include other linear parameters, for example, the InSAR ramp parameters (a, b, c) , used to fit the spurious ramp-like displacement fields $a + bx + cy$ from InSAR interferograms, where x and y are the locations of the data in local Cartesian coordinates.

4.5.1.2 Input

To run the static inversion, in addition to an AITar configuration file (see next section), you are required to prepare three input files,

data.txt

the observed data with N_{obs} observations, a vector in one row or one column.

cd.txt

covariance of data representing measurement errors/uncertainties, prepared in a $N_{obs} \times N_{obs}$ matrix (could have off-diagonal terms for correlated errors). A constant could be used (with `cd_std` option) if all data are uncorrelated and have the same variance. Epistemic uncertainties such as elastic heterogeneity and fault geometry uncertainties may also be included, see Static Inversion Cp for more details.

green.txt

the pre-calculated Green's functions, prepared in a $N_{obs} \times N_{param}$ matrix, with N_{param} as the leading dimension, i.e., data arranged in row-major as

```
G[Obs1][Param1] G[Obs1][Param2] ... G[Obs1][ParamNparam]
G[Obs2][Param1] G[Obs2][Param2] ... G[Obs2][ParamNparam]
...
G[ObsNobs][Param1] G[ObsNobs][Param2] ... G[ObsNobs][ParamNparam]
```

You may use any other names for these files but need to specify them in the configuration file. These files are arranged under the same directory which can be specified by `case` setting in the configuration file.

In addition to plain text inputs with suffix `.txt`, AITar 2 also accepts binary data, including

- Raw binary format with suffix `.bin` or `.dat`. The precision should be consistent with the numerical precision specified by `job.gpuprecision`. Its size should match the size of the corresponding quantity. For example, the Green's function has in total $N_{obs} \times N_{param}$ elements. They will be reshaped by the program.
- HDF5 files with suffix `.h5`. HDF5 files are preferred because they include the data shape and precision in metadata. AITar2 performs the reshaping and precision conversions if necessary.

AITar2 recognizes the data format automatically by the file suffixes.

There are some software packages which can pre-calculate the Green's functions and/or prepare the input files for AITar, e.g., [CSI](#). Please refer to its manual and tutorials for more details.

4.5.1.3 Configurations

A configuration file for the static inversion appears as

```
; application instance name
slipmodel:

    ; model to be sampled
    model = altar.models.seismic.cuda.static
    model:

        ; the name of the test case, also as the directory for input files
        case = 9patch

        ; number of patches
        patches = 9

        ; green's function (observations, parameters)
        green = static.gf.h5

        ; data observations
        dataobs = altar.cuda.data.data12
        dataobs:
            observations = 108
            data_file = static.data.h5
            cd_file = static.Cd.h5
            ; or use a constant cd
            ; cd_std = 1e-4

        ; list of parameter sets
        ; the order should be consistent with the green's function
        psets_list = [strikeslip, dipslip, ramp]

        ; define parameter sets
        psets:
            strikeslip = altar.cuda.models.parameterset
            dipslip = altar.cuda.models.parameterset
            ramp = altar.cuda.models.parameterset

            strikeslip:
                count = {slipmodel.model.patches}
                prior = altar.cuda.distributions.gaussian
                prior.mean = 0
                prior.sigma = 0.5

            dipslip:
                count = {slipmodel.model.patches}
                prep = altar.models.seismic.cuda.moment
                prep:
                    Mw_mean = 7.3
                    Mw_sigma = 0.2
                    Mu = [30] ; in GPa
                    area = [400] ; patch area in km^2
                    prior = altar.cuda.distributions.uniform
                    prior.support = (-0.5, 20)

            ramp:
                count = 3
```

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```

        prior = altar.cuda.distribution.uniform
        prior.support = (-1, 1)

    controller:
        sampler = altar.cuda.bayesian.metropolis
    archiver:
        output_dir = results/static ; output directory
        output_freq = 3 ; output frequency in beta steps

; run configuration
job:
    tasks = 1 ; number of tasks per host
    gpus = 1 ; number of gpus per task
    gpuprecision = float32 ; double(float64) or single(float32) precision for gpu
    computations
    ;gpuuids = [0] ; a list gpu device ids for tasks on each host, default
    range(job.gpus)
    chains = 2*10 ; number of chains per task
    steps = 1000 ; MC burn-in steps for each beta step

```

We explain each section below.

Application Instance Name

We use a shell command `slipmodel` for all seismic slip models, including static and kinematic inversions, which uses `slipmodel` as the application instance name. Therefore, please use `slipmodel` as the root in the configuration file. By the `pyre` convention, the shell command searches and loads configurations from the file `slipmodel.pfg` in current path. If you name your configuration file as `slipmodel.pfg`, you may simply run

```
$ slipmodel
```

to invoke simulations for any slip models. If you want to name the configuration file as something else, e.g., `static.pfg`, `static_mpi.pfg`, or `Nepal_static.pfg`, you may specify the configuration file from the command line by the `--config` option,

```
$ slipmodel --config=static.pfg
```

Model

For static inversion, you need to specify `model = altar.models.seismic.cuda.static` (or the CPU version, `model=altar.models.seismic.static`).

Model Attributes

case

the directory where all input files are located;

patches

the number of patches, or point sources;

green

the file name for the Green's functions, as prepared from the instructions above;

dataobs

a component to process the data observations and calculate the data likelihood with L2 norm, with details provided in [Data Observations](#);

psets_lists

a list of parameter sets, the order will be used for many purposes, e.g., enforcing the order of parameters in θ ;

psets

components to describe the parameter sets, with details provided in [Parameter Sets](#).

Data Observations

The observed data are handled by a component named `dataobs`. We use exclusively the L2 norm for the likelihood computation because it accommodates the uncertainty quantification from the data covariance matrix (Cd). Therefore,

```
dataobs = altar.cuda.data.data12
dataobs:
  observations = 108
  data_file = static.data.h5
  cd_file = static.Cd.h5
  ; cd_std = 1e-2
```

For the data observations with the data covariance matrix `data12`, the following attributes are required

observations

the number of data observations

data_file

the name of the file containing the data observations, a vector with `observations` elements

cd_file

the name of the file containing the data covariance, a matrix with `observations` x `observations` elements

cd_std

if the data covariance has only constant diagonal elements, you may use this option instead of `cd_file`.

Parameter Sets

A parameter set is a group of parameters which share the same prior distributions and are arranged continuously in θ . In static model, we use the following parameter sets `strikeslip`, `dipslip`, and optionally, `ramp` (you may use any other names for the parameter sets as long as they are intuitive).

The order of the parameter sets in θ is enforced by the attribute `psets_list`,

```
psets_list = [strikeslip, dipslip, ramp]
```

If the number of patches is 9 and there are 3 InSAR ramp parameters for one set of interferograms. The 21 parameters in θ are (0-8), strike slips of 9 patches; (9-17), dip slip of 9 patches; and (18-20), ramp parameters. The order of the parameter sets can be varied, but has to be consistent with that in the Green's function matrix.

For each parameter set, you need to define it as a `parameterset`, e.g., `strikeslip = altar.cuda.models.parameterset` or `(strikeslip = contiguous` for CPU models). Its attributes include

count

the number of parameters in this set. `{slipmodel.model.patches}` is another way to assign values with pre-defined parameters;

prior

the prior distribution to initialize random samples in the beginning, and compute prior probabilities during the sampling process. See Prior Distributions for choices of priors.

- `prep` (optional), a distribution to initialize samples only. If it is defined, `prep` distribution is used to initialize samples while `prior` distribution is used for computing prior probabilities. If `prep` is not defined, `prior` distribution is used for both.

Example

For dip-slip faults, you may use a `uniform` prior to limit the range of dip slips while using a *Moment Distribution* to initialize samples so that the moment magnitude is consistent with an estimate scale M_w .

```
dipslip = altar.cuda.models.parameterset
dipslip:
  count = {slipmodel.model.patches}
  prep = altar.models.seismic.cuda.moment
  prep:
    Mw_mean = 7.3 ; mean moment magnitude scale
    Mw_sigma = 0.2 ; sd for moment magnitude scale
    Mu = [30] ; in GPa
    area = [400] ; patch area in km^2
  prior = altar.cuda.distributions.uniform
  prior:
    support = (-0.5, 20)
```

Meanwhile, a Gaussian distribution centered at 0 may be used for strike slips

```
strikeslip = altar.cuda.models.parameterset
strikeslip:
  count = {cudastatic.model.patches}
  prior = altar.cuda.distributions.gaussian
  prior:
    mean = 0
    sigma = 0.5
```

Since the same distribution is also used to initialize samples, no `prep` setting is needed.

For InSAR ramps, either a uniform or a Gaussian prior can be used

```
ramp = altar.cuda.models.parameterset
ramp:
  count = 3
  prior = altar.cuda.distributions.uniform
  prior.support = (-0.5, 0.5)
```

If you prefer to use different priors for different patches, for example, to limit the range of slips far away from the hypocenter, you can further divide the `strikeslip/dipslip` into several parameter sets, such as

```
psets_list = [strikeslip_p1-3, strikeslip_p4-6, strikeslip_p7-9, ...]
```

and define each parameter set by specifying its count and range.

Controller

Please refer to [Controller/Annealer](#) for Bayesian framework configurations. You may use this section to choose and customize the `sampler` - to process MCMC (e.g. `altar.cuda.bayesian.metropolis` or `altar.cuda.bayesian.adaptivemetropolis`), `archiver` - to record the results (default is `H5Recorder`), and `scheduler` - to control the annealing schedule (default is `COV scheduler`).

Job

Please refer to [Job](#) on details how to deploy Altar simulation to different platforms, e.g., single GPU, multiple GPUs on one computer (with `mpi`), or multiple GPUs distributed in different nodes of a cluster (with `mpi` and `PBS/Slurm scheduler`).

4.5.1.4 Output

By default, the static inversion simulation results are stored in HDF5 files, see [H5Recorder](#) for more details.

4.5.1.5 Moment Distribution

For strike (dip) faults, we may want the generated seismic moment from all strike (dip) slips to be consistent with the estimated moment magnitude scale M_w ,

$$M_w = (\log M_0 - 9.1)/1.5$$

M_0 is the scalar seismic moment, defined by

$$M_0 = \mu \sum_{p=1}^{N_{patch}} A_p D_p$$

where μ is the shear modulus of the rocks involved in the earthquake (in pascals), A_p and D_p are the area (in square meters) and the slip (in meters) of a patch.

A `Moment` distribution is designed to generate random slips for this purpose : it generates a random M_w from a Gaussian distribution $M_w \sim N(Mw_{mean}, Mw_{\sigma})$, then distributes the corresponding M_0/μ to different patches with a Dirichlet distribution (i.e., the sum is a constant), and divides the values by the patch area to obtain slips.

Example

The `Moment` distribution is used as a `prep` distribution to initialize samples in a parameter set,

```
prep = altar.models.seismic.cuda.moment
prep:
  Mw_mean = 7.3 ; mean moment magnitude scale
  Mw_sigma = 0.2 ; sd for moment magnitude scale
  Mu = [30] ; in GPa
  area = [400] ; patch area in km^2
```

Attributes

Mw_mean

the mean value of the moment magnitude scale.

Mw_sigma

the standard deviation of the moment magnitude scale.

Mu

the shear modulus of the rocks (in GPa), a list with N_{patch} elements. If only one element, the same value will be used for all patches.

area

the patch area (in square kilometers), also a list with N_{patch} elements. If the areas for all patches are the same, you may input only one value `area = [400]`. If the areas are different, you may input the list as `area = [400, 300, 200, 300, ...]`, or use a file option below.

area_patch_file

a text file as input for patch areas, a vector with N_{patch} elements, e.g., `area_patch_file = area.txt`.

slip_sign

positive (default) or negative. By default, the moment distribution generates all positive slips, i.e., the displacement is along the positive axis along the dip or strike direction. If the slips are along the opposite direction, use negative to generate negative slips.

Note also since Mu and area appear as products for each patch, you may also use, e.g., `Mu=[1]` and input their products to area or area_patch_file.

4.5.1.6 Forward Model Application

When analyzing the results, you may need to run the forward problem once for an obtained mean, median, or MAP model, or a synthetic model, to produce data predictions and compare with data observations. For the static model, it is straightforward: obtain the mean model (vector), read the Green's function (matrix), and perform a matrix-vector multiplication.

AITar2 also provides an option to run the forward problem only instead of the full-scale Bayesian simulation, with a slightly modified configuration file. Please follow the steps below.

The first step is to prepare a model file, e.g., `static_mean_model.txt`, including a set of parameters (a vector of N_{param} elements), and copy the file to the input directory - the case directory. To obtain the mean model from the simulations, see [Utilities](#) below.

The second step is to modify the configuration file, e.g., `static.pfg`, by adding the following settings under model configuration,

```
slipmodel:

; model to be sampled
model = altar.models.seismic.cuda.static
model:

; settings for running forward problem only
; forward theta input
theta_input = static_mean_model.txt
; forward output file
forward_output = static_forward_prediction.h5

... ...
; the rest is the same
```

theta_input

the input model file, a text, binary or HDF5 file.

theta_dataset

to specify the dataset name in an HDF5 file.

forward_output

the output file including the predicted data in HDF5 format.

Note that the forward problem option runs with one GPU (and one thread), please make adjustment to the `job` configuration if necessary,

```
job:
    tasks = 1 ; number of tasks per host
    gpus = 1 ; number of gpus per task
    gpuprecision = float32 ; double(float64) or single(float32) precision for gpu
    ↪computations
    ;gpuuids = [0] ; a list gpu device ids for tasks on each host, default range(job.
    ↪gpus)
    ... ..
```

The third step is to run a command

```
$ slipmodel.plexus forward --config=static.pfg
```

Check the generated `static_forward_prediction.h5` file for the predicted data from the input model.

Please check the [examples](#) directory from the source code for a complete sample.

`slipmodel.plexus` is a new AITar application which supports multiple options/workflows how to run the program, a functionality provided by the `pyre plexus` application class. It currently offers three options,

```
$ slipmodel.plexus about # show application info
$ slipmodel.plexus sample --config=... # full simulation, equivalent to slipmodel
    ↪command
$ slipmodel.plexus forward --config=... # forward modeling only
$ slipmodel.plexus # call about (as default) to show application info
```

The same configuration file can be used for either options. To run the Bayesian simulations, you may use the same file and run

```
$ slipmodel --config=static.pfg
# or
$ slipmodel.plexus sample --config=static.pfg
```

the settings for the forward problem option have no effect on the simulation workflow and vice versa.

4.5.1.7 Utilities

We also provide some utilities (in Python) which may be useful to analyze the data or data conversions. Some of scripts may require user modification. Before we can finalize them into standard features, these utilities are currently located at `seismic/examples/utls` directory of the source code.

HDF5 Converter tool

We recommend HDF5 as the input format. A conversion tool `H5Converter` is provided if you need to convert any `.txt` or `.bin` files (e.g., from AITar 1.1) to `.h5`.

Examples

Convert a text file to hdf5

```
H5Converter --inputs=static.gf.txt
```

Convert a binary file to hdf5, additional information such as the precision (default=float32) and the shape (default = 1d vector and will be reshaped to 2d in program if needed) of the output can be added by

```
H5Converter --inputs=kinematicG.gf.bin --precision='float32' --shape=[100,11000]
```

Merge several files into one hdf5, e.g., to prepare the sensitivity kernels for Cp,

```
H5Converter --inputs=[static.kernel.pertL1.txt,static.kernel.pertL2.txt] --  
↪output=static.kernel.h5
```

For help on all available options

```
H5Converter --help
```

Plot histograms of Bayesian probabilities

You may want to check the distributions of the (log) prior/likelihood/posterior probabilities, which usually a good indication for the simulation performance. The utility is named `plotBayesian`.

Taking the source code example as an example,

```
# go to the result directory  
cd results/static  
# run plotBayesian for the final step output,  
# which shows the histograms of (log) prior/likelihood/posterior  
../../utls/plotBayesian  
# to show output from a different beta step  
../../utls/plotBayesian --step=step_000.h5  
# to change the number of bins for the histogram  
../../utls/plotBayesian --bin=20
```

The `plotBayesian` utility generates a `Bayesian_histograms.pdf` file for the plot. You may change the script to show the plot on GUI directly or save it to a different format.

Compute the mean model

`meanModelStatic.py` under the `utils` directory can be used to compute the mean model of the samples in a given beta step. It also serves as a tool to convert Altar2 H5 output to Altar-1.1 H5 output.

```
# go the result directory
cd results/static
# run the utility
python3 ../../utils/meanModelStatic.py
```

which prints out the mean values and variances of all parameters, as well as saving them to text files. It also converts `step_final.h5` to Altar-1.1 H5 format, `step_final_v1.h5`.

For a different beta step output, you need to change `input` and `output` in the script.

The script can also be used for other models, not limited to `static`: you will just need to change `psets_list` to the same as your simulation script.

Compare the data predications and observations

`checkDataPrediction.py` reads the data predictions from the forward modeling application and compares them with the input data observations. You may need to change the input files in the script.

Convert Altar2 output to Altar-1.1 output

Altar2's H5 output differs from Altar-1.1 H5 output in rearranging the samples in their parameter sets. You may use the `meanModelStatic.py` utility above to convert them.

4.5.2 Static Slip Inversion with Cp: Epistemic Uncertainties

In addition to observational errors, one can calculate epistemic uncertainties (Minson et al., 2013), which affect the forward model and are related to our imperfect knowledge of the Earth interior. Epistemic uncertainties will stem from a various set of parameters, but the most prominent uncertainties will derive from elastic heterogeneity (Duputel et al., 2014) and fault geometry (Ragon et al., 2018, 2019).

To estimate epistemic uncertainties, we assume that the real surface displacement follows a Gaussian distribution centred on the predictions with a prediction covariance matrix C_p that depends on the resulting source model. The misfit covariance matrix characterizing the misfit function becomes $C_x = C_d + C_p$.

First approach: static C_p

The prediction covariance matrix C_p can be included in the inversion following two different approaches. In the first, C_p is calculated a priori and included in the inversion process within C_x . In this case, the full C_x matrix replaces the C_d matrix:

```
dataobs = altar.cuda.data.data12
dataobs:
    observations = 1000
    data_file = d.txt
    cd_file = cx.txt ; Cx contains both Cd and Cp
```

Second approach: Updated C_p

The alternative approach, implemented in Altar, is to update C_p with interim models at each step of the tempered inversion. The covariance matrix C_p is calculated from 3 variables: a sensitivity kernel for every investigated parameter,

the standard deviation of the a priori distribution of investigated parameters, and an initial model chosen a priori. In this approach, C_p is re-calculated at each tempering step by choosing the mean of tested samples as the assumed initial model.

```
; sensitivity kernels
nCmu = 8 ; number of investigated parameters
cmu_file = Cmu.h5 ; standard deviation matrix
kmu_file = Kelastic.h5 ; tensor of sensitivity kernels (matrix if only one_
↪ investigated parameter)
initial_model_file = inimodel.txt ; initial model vector
```

Additionally, C_p can be incorporated in the inversion at any tempering step. The tempering step will be selected with its corresponding beta value, parameterized by β_{cp_start} . If $\beta_{cp_start} = 0.01$, then C_p will be incorporated from the beginning of the inversion process. If $\beta_{cp_start} = 0.1$ or 0.5 , then C_p will be incorporated after a few tempering steps, or once beta reaches 0.5, respectively. $\beta_{use_initial_model}$ will indicate if the initial model should be used (1) or not (0). If not, then a unit uniform initial model is used.

```
beta_cp_start = 0.01 ; beta value to start incorporating Cp
beta_use_initial_model = 1 ; use provided initial model
```

4.5.3 Kinematic Slip Inversion

4.5.3.1 Kinematic Source Model

The kinematic source model studies also the temporal evolution of coseismic slips. The kinematic source model currently implemented in AITar is formulated as follows.

The fault plane, as a rectangular area, is divided into $N_{dd} \times N_{as}$ square patches (dd=down dip, as=along strike), and time is divided into N_t intervals. The kinematic slip function $\mathbf{M}_b(\vec{\xi}, t)$ (big M) can be in general written as

$$\mathbf{M}_b(\vec{\xi}, t) = \mathbf{D}(\vec{\xi})S(t - T_R(\vec{\xi}); T_r(\vec{\xi})),$$

where $\vec{\xi}, t$ label the patch and time, respectively, and

- $\mathbf{D}(\vec{\xi})$ is the coseismic slip vector, also subject to the static source model inversion;
- $T_R(\vec{\xi})$ is the initial rupture time of each patch, determined by solving the Eikonal equation with a Fast Sweeping algorithm, given the location of the hypocenter H_0 and the rupture velocity $V_r(\vec{\xi})$ (assumed to be isotropic and the same within each patch);
- $T_r(\vec{\xi})$ is the slip duration (rise time) for each patch;
- $S(t, T_r)$ is the source time function which is finite only for $t \in [0, T_r]$ and integrated to 1: we choose a triangular source time function.

To produce smooth synthetics, we refine each patch into $N_{mesh} \times N_{mesh}$ grids when solving the eikonal equation, while dividing each time interval into N_{pt} points. $\mathbf{M}_b(\vec{\xi}, t)$ are then interpolated and integrated from these finer spatial and temporal meshes.

The predicted observations can be calculated by,

$$d_{prediction}(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_{\vec{\xi}, t'} \mathcal{G}_b(\vec{x}, \vec{\xi}; t - t') \mathbf{M}_b(\vec{\xi}, t')$$

which is a linear model (note that the Eikonal equation is non-linear). Here, $\mathcal{G}_b(\vec{x}, \vec{\xi}; t - t')$ (big G) are the kinematic Green's functions relating the source $\mathbf{M}_b(\vec{\xi}, t')$ to an observation location at a given time $(\vec{x}, t)$. The kinematic Green's functions are pre-calculated as inputs to AITar. There are some existing software packages for the calculation, e.g., the frequency-wavenumber integration code of [Zhu and Rivera](#), or [AXITRA](#).

In summary, the kinematic inversion uses the following source parameters

- the two components of coseismic slip $\mathbf{D}(\vec{\xi})$ ($2 \times N_{dd} \times N_{as}$ elements),
- the rupture velocity $V_r(\vec{\xi})$ ($N_{dd} \times N_{as}$ elements),
- the rise time $T_r(\vec{\xi})$ ($N_{dd} \times N_{as}$ elements),
- the location of the hypocenter $\mathbf{H}_0$ (2 elements),

and the forward model

$$d_{pred} = G(\mathbf{D}(\vec{\xi}), V_r(\vec{\xi}), T_r(\vec{\xi}), \mathbf{H}_0)$$

is performed in two steps,

- to obtain $\mathbf{M}_b(\vec{\xi}, t')$ from the Eikonal equation solver,
- to calculate $d_{pred} = \mathcal{G}_b \mathbf{M}_b$.

4.5.3.2 Joint Kinematic-Static Inversion

Because the slips $\mathbf{D}(\vec{\xi})$ are subject to both static and kinematic observations, we in general run static and kinematic models together, by a model ensemble with or without cascading.

The joint Bayesian probability for static and kinematic models can be written as

$$P(\theta_c, \theta_s, \theta_k | \mathbf{d}_s, \mathbf{d}_k) = P(\theta_c)P(\theta_s)P(\theta_k)P(\mathbf{d}_s | \theta_c, \theta_s)P(\mathbf{d}_k | \theta_c, \theta_k).$$

where $\theta_c = [\textit{strikeslip}, \textit{dipslip}]$ as shared (common) parameters, $\theta_s = [\textit{ramp}]$, and $\theta_k = [\textit{risetime}, \textit{rupturevelocity}, \textit{hypocenter}]$. The data likelihoods are computed from

- the static model with observations $\mathbf{d}_s$ and the forward model $\mathbf{d}_s^{pred} = G_s(\theta_c, \theta_s)$,
- the kinematic model with $\mathbf{d}_k$ and $\mathbf{d}_k^{pred} = G_k(\theta_c, \theta_k)$.

In the annealing schemes such as CATMIP, we can introduce transitioning distributions

$$P_{\beta_s, \beta_k}(\theta_c, \theta_s, \theta_k | \mathbf{d}_s, \mathbf{d}_k) = P(\theta_c)P(\theta_s)P(\theta_k)[P(\mathbf{d}_s | \theta_c, \theta_s)]^{\beta_s}[P(\mathbf{d}_k | \theta_c, \theta_k)]^{\beta_k}.$$

where both β_s and β_k vary from 0 to 1, either jointly or independently. Depending on how β_s, β_k vary, AlTar supports two schemes:

- In the non-cascading scheme, we set $\beta = \beta_s = \beta_k$, i.e., both increasing at the same pace, while their increment in the COV scheduler is determined by the coefficient of variation of the weights $w = [P(\mathbf{d}_s | \theta_c, \theta_s)P(\mathbf{d}_k | \theta_c, \theta_k)]^{\beta_{m+1} - \beta_m}$.
- In the cascading scheme, we run AlTar twice:
 1. In the first run, we perform inversion on the static model only, or producing samples of θ_c and θ_s pursuant to the posterior distribution of the static model $P(\theta_c, \theta_s | \mathbf{d}_s) = P(\theta_c)P(\theta_s)[P(\mathbf{d}_s | \theta_c, \theta_s)]$.
 2. In the second run, we run static and kinematic models together, by setting $\beta_s = 1$ (`cascaded = True`) and varying β_k from 0 to 1 (`cascaded = False`). Here, the samples of θ_c and θ_s from the static inversion are used as the initial samples for the joint inversion. The increment of β_k in the COV scheduler is determined by the coefficient of variation of the weights $w = [P(\mathbf{d}_k | \theta_c, \theta_k)]^{\beta_{k,m+1} - \beta_{k,m}}$.

With the optimized and (usually greatly) reduced search range of θ_c and θ_s in parameter space from the static inversion, the cascaded joint-static-kinematic inversion runs more efficiently than the non-cascading scheme. In general, the cascading scheme is recommended for all model ensembles if there is a computation-intensive model (such as the kinematic model) present.

4.5.3.3 Configurations (Kinematic Model only)

We illustrate the settings of the kinematic model by assuming to run it alone (in practice this is rarely adopted).

An example configuration file

The configuration file (kinematicg_only.pfg) for the kinematic model appears as

```
; application instance name
slipmodel:

; model to be sampled
model = altar.models.seismic.cuda.kinematicg
model:

    dataobs:
        observations = 14148 ; number of observed data points
        data_file = kinematicG.data.h5
        cd_std = 5.0e-3
        ; or cd_file = kinematicG.cd.h5 if using a file input

    ; fixed model parameters
    ; green's function (2*Ndd*Nas*Nt, observations)
    ; [Nt][2(strike/dip)][Nas][Ndd] with leading dimensions on the right
    green = kinematicG.gf.h5

    Ndd = 3 ; patches along dip
    Nas = 3 ; patches along strike
    Nmesh = 30 ; mesh points for each patch
    dsp = 20.0 ; length for each patch, km
    Nt = 90 ; number of time intervals
    Npt = 2 ; mesh points for each time interval
    dt = 1.0 ; time unit for each interval, second
    ; initial starting time for each patch, in addition to the fast sweeping_
    ↪calculated arrival time
    t0s = [0.0] * {slipmodel.model.patches}

    ; parameters to be simulated
    ; provide a list at first, serving as their orders in theta
    psets_list = [strikeslip, dipslip, risetime, rupturevelocity, hypocenter]

    ; define each parameterset
    psets:
        strikeslip = altar.cuda.models.parameterset
        dipslip = altar.cuda.models.parameterset
        risetime = altar.cuda.models.parameterset
        rupturevelocity = altar.cuda.models.parameterset
        hypocenter = altar.cuda.models.parameterset

    ; variables for patches are arranged along dip direction at first_
    ↪[Nas][Ndd]
    strikeslip:
        count = {slipmodel.model.patches}
        prep = altar.cuda.distributions.preset ; load preset samples
        prep.input_file = theta_cascaded.h5 ; file name
        prep.dataset = ParameterSets/strikeslip ; dataset name in h5
```

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```
prior = altar.cuda.distributions.gaussian
prior.mean = 0
prior.sigma = 0.5

dipslip:
    count = {slipmodel.model.patches}
    prep = altar.cuda.distributions.preset
    prep.input_file = theta_cascaded.h5 ; file name
    prep.dataset = ParameterSets/dipslip ; dataset name in h5
    prior = altar.cuda.distributions.uniform
    prior.support = (-0.5, 20.0)

risetime:
    count = {slipmodel.model.patches}
    prior = altar.cuda.distributions.uniform
    prior.support = (10.0, 30.0)

rupturevelocity:
    count = {slipmodel.model.patches}
    prior = altar.cuda.distributions.uniform
    prior.support = (1.0, 6.0)

; along strike(first), dip directions
; could be separated into 2 for dip and strike direction
hypocenter:
    count = 2
    prior = altar.cuda.distributions.gaussian
    prior.mean = 20.0
    prior.sigma = 5.0
```

Parameter Sets

The parameter sets or psets for the kinematic models are `psets_list = [strikeslip, dipslip, risetime, rupturevelocity, hypocenter]`.

- The names the parameter sets can be changed per your preference, e.g., `strike_slip`, `StrikeSlip`. But the order of the parameter sets must be preserved because the forward model uses the order to map appropriate parameters. `strikeslip` and `dipslip` may be switched as long as their order is consistent with the Green's functions.
- `strikeslip` and `dipslip` are two components of the cumulative slip displacement. If you prefer to load their initial samples from the static inversion results, use the `altar.cuda.distributions.preset` distribution for `prep`, see Preset distribution for more details. Only HDF5 format is accepted for Preset prior and therefore, its dataset name `prep.dataset=ParameterSets/strikeslip` is also required. If you choose to generate samples from a given distribution, e.g., gaussian/moment scale distributions, please follow the [Parameter Sets](#) example in static inversion to set their `prep` and `prior` distributions. The slips are usually in unit of meters.
- `risetime` (in unit of seconds) and `rupturevelocity` (in unit of km/s) are rupture duration and velocities for each patch. As they are positive, usually uniform or truncated gaussian distributions are used as their priors.
- `strikeslip`, `dipslip`, `risetime` and `rupturevelocity` are defined for each patch and their counts are the same as the number of patches. The sequence of patches is arranged as, for $N_{dd} \times N_{as}$ patches, $(as_0, dd_0), (as_0, dd_1), \dots, (as_0, dd_{N_{dd}-1}), (as_1, dd_0), \dots, (as_{N_{as}-1}, dd_{N_{dd}-1})$. Or `dd` is the leading dimension.
- `hypocenter` (in unit of km) is the location of the hypocenter measured from the **CENTER** of the (as_0, dd_0) patch (note that it's not the origin or the corner), in unit of kilometers. If the distances down dip (`dd`) and along

strike (as) directions are different, you may separate them as two parameter sets `hypo_as` and `hypo_dd`, with as component being first.

Input files

The kinematic model requires the following input files

green

the kinematic Green's functions, with the `shape=(2*Ndd*Nas*Nt, observations)`. The observations is the number of observed data points, and is the leading dimension. `[Nt][2(strike/dip)][Nas][Ndd]` labels the spatial-temporal source displacements with leading dimensions on the right (or which comes first):

```
(t=0, strike, as_0, dd_0, obs_0), (t=0, strike, as_0, dd_0, obs_1), ..., (t=0, strike,
↪ as_0, dd_0, obs_{Nobs-1})
(t=0, strike, as_0, dd_1, obs_0), (t=0, strike, as_0, dd_1, obs_1), ..., (t=0, strike,
↪ as_0, dd_1, obs_{Nobs-1})
... ..
(t=0, strike, as_0, dd_{Ndd-1}, obs_0), (t=0, strike, as_0, dd_{Ndd-1}, obs_1), ..., ↪
↪ (t=0, strike, as_0, dd_{Ndd-1}, obs_{Nobs-1})
(t=0, strike, as_1, dd_0, obs_0), (t=0, strike, as_1, dd_0, obs_1), ..., (t=0, strike,
↪ as_1, dd_0, obs_{Nobs-1})
... ..
(t=0, strike, as_{Nas-1}, dd_{Ndd-1}, obs_0), (t=0, strike, as_{Nas-1}, dd_{Ndd-1}, ↪
↪ obs_1), ..., (t=0, strike, as_{Nas-1}, dd_{Ndd-1}, obs_{Nobs-1})
(t=0, dip, as_0, dd_0, obs_0), (t=0, dip, as_0, dd_0, obs_1), ..., (t=0, dip, as_0, ↪
↪ dd_0, obs_{Nobs-1})
... ..
(t=0, dip, as_{Nas-1}, dd_{Ndd-1}, obs_0), (t=0, dip, as_{Nas-1}, dd_{Ndd-1}, obs_1), ↪
↪ ..., (t=0, dip, as_{Nas-1}, dd_{Ndd-1}, obs_{Nobs-1})
(t=1, strike, as_0, dd_0, obs_0), (t=1, strike, as_0, dd_0, obs_1), ..., (t=1, strike,
↪ as_0, dd_0, obs_{Nobs-1})
... ..
(t={Nt-1}, dip, as_{Nas-1}, dd_{Ndd-1}, obs_0), (t={Nt-1}, dip, as_{Nas-1}, dd_{Ndd-1}
↪ , obs_1), ..., (t={Nt-1}, dip, as_{Nas-1}, dd_{Ndd-1}, obs_{Nobs-1})
```

You need to follow the above order when preparing the Green's functions as it's the ↪ order how big-M is arranged in the forward model.

dataobs.data_file

1d vector of observed data.

dataobs.cd_file

the data covariance matrix with `shape=(observations, observations)`. If not available, a constant `dataobs.cd_std` may be used instead.

The input files can be a text file (.txt), a raw binary (.bin or .dat) or an HDF5 (.h5) file, with its format recognized by the file suffix.

Other attributes

Ndd	integer, number of patches down the dip direction
Nas	integer, number of patches along the strike direction
Nmesh	integer, number of mesh points for each patch, i.e., each patch is divided into $N_{mesh} \times N_{mesh}$ grids for solving the Eikonal equation
dsp	float, the length for each patch, in km
Nt	integer, number of time intervals, should be long enough to cover the rupture process
Npt	integer, number of mesh points for each time interval
dt	float, time unit for each time interval, in second
t0s	a list of floats with N_{patch} elements, initial starting time for each patch, in addition to the fast sweeping calculated arrival time. If configured properly, they can reduce the total number of time intervals needed for the computation.

4.5.3.4 Configurations (Joint inversion)

The configuration for the joint kinematic-static inversion (`kinematicg.pfg`) appears as

```
model = altar.models.seismic.cuda.cascaded
model:
    ; parameters to be simulated (priors)
    ; provide a list at first, serving as their orders in theta
    psets_list = [strikeslip, dipslip, ramp, risetime, rupturevelocity, hypocenter]
    ; define parametersets
    psets:
        ; define the prior for each parameter set
        ; use preset prior to load samples from static inversion for cascading scheme
        ; or use regular priors for non-cascading scheme
        strikeslip = ... ...
        dipslip = ... ...
        ... ...

    ; the model ensemble
    models:
        static = altar.models.seismic.cuda.static
        kinematic = altar.models.seismic.cuda.kinematicg

    static:
        cascaded = True ; or False for non-cascading scheme
        psets_list = [strikeslip, dipslip, ramp]
        ; other static model configurations
        ... ..
```

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```
kinematic:
    cascaded = False ; default setting for model
    psets_list = [strikeslip, dipslip, risetime, rupturevelocity, hypocenter]
    ; other kinematic model configurations
    ... ..
```

Here, the main model is a model ensemble `altar.models.seismic.cuda.cascaded`, while its embedded-models `[static, kinematic]` listed as elements of the attribute `models` (a dict).

The parametersets are properties of the main model and are processed by the main model for sample initializations and prior probability computations. Each embedded-model only requires a `psets_list` attribute to extract a sub set of parameters from `model.psets` for its own forward modelling, with the data likelihood computed with respect to its own data observations. The main model collects the data likelihood from all embedded models and assembles them into the Bayesian posterior.

The configuration for each embedded model will be the same as when running it independently, except for an extra flag `cascaded` (default=`False`) to control the cascading scheme.

For the non-cascading scheme with $\beta_s = \beta_k = \beta$ varying from 0 to 1 simultaneously, set

```
static:
    cascaded=False
kinematic:
    cascaded=False
```

while for the cascading scheme with $\beta_s = 1$, and $\beta_k = \beta$ varying from 0 to 1, after running the static inversion,

```
static:
    cascaded=True
kinematic:
    cascaded=False
```

4.5.3.5 Examples

The examples for the joint static and kinematic inversion are available at [models/seismic/examples](#). Input files for both static and kinematic models are stored under the `9patch` directory.

Cascading Scheme

The first step is to run the static inversion only:

```
$ slipmodel --config=static.pfg
```

Please refer to *Static Slip Inversion* for more details.

The results are saved in the directory `results/static` specified by the config `controller.archiver.output_dir`, which include HDF5 files for all or selected annealing steps. The final step ($\beta = 1$) results are saved in `step_final.h5`. Copy that file to `9patch` directory so that the final samples of strike/dip slips serve as initial samples for the joint inversion:

```
$ cp results/static/step_final.h5 9patch/theta_cascaded.h5
```

Please also note that the number of chains `job.chains` in the static inversion should be the same or larger than that of the joint inversion so that there are enough samples available.

We now can run the joint static-kinematic inversion,

```
$ slipmodel --config=kinematicg.pfg
```

The results for the jointly inversion will be saved to `results/cascaded`, or any other directory by changing `controller.archiver.output_dir` in `kinematicg.pfg`.

Non-cascading Scheme

For the non-cascading scheme, you don't need the step to run static inversion.

You may edit the `kinematicg.pfg` file (or make a copy at first),

- change the `static.cascaded` to `False`;
- change the prep distributions for `strikeslip`, `dipslip`, and `ramp` from `preset` to appropriate distributions, e.g., copying them from `static.pfg` file.
- change the output directory `controller.archiver.output_dir` to, e.g., `results/non-cascaded`.

Then run the joint inversion:

```
$ slipmodel --config=kinematicg.pfg
```

In general, the non-cascading takes long iterations to converge and therefore is slower than the cascading scheme.

Please refer to the [Altar Framework](#) for the Bayesian MCMC framework options and job/output controls. For example, the Adaptive Metropolis Sampler in general has better performance than the fixed-length Metropolis Sampler, which can be selected by setting `sampler=altar.cuda.bayesian.adaptativemetropolis` in the configuration file.

4.5.3.6 Forward Model Application (new version)

It is essentially the same as the static [Forward Model Application](#). The steps are,

- 1) prepare a file with a set of parameters in case input directory;
- 2) add the forward problem settings to the configuration file `kinematicg.pfg` and change the job configuration to run with one GPU,

```
; the model
model = altar.models.seismic.cuda.cascaded
model:

    ; settings for running forward problem only
    ; forward theta input
    theta_input = kinematicG_mean_model.txt
    ; forward output file
    forward_output = forward_prediction.h5

... ..

job:
tasks = 1 ; number of tasks per host
gpus = 1 ; number of gpus per task
gpubrecision = float32 ; double(float64) or single(float32) precision for gpu
↳computations
;gpuuids = [0] ; a list gpu device ids for tasks on each host, default range(job.gpus)
```

3) run the plexus command,

```
$ slipmodel.plexus forward --config=kinematiccg.pfg
```

4) the predicted data from both static and kinematic models, as well as the bigM, will be saved to one forward_prediction.h5 file.

An example is available at [examples/kinematiccg.pfg](#).

Note also that the same script can be used for Bayesian simulation, with the commands,

```
$ slipmodel --config=kinematiccg.pfg
# or
$ slipmodel.plexus sample --config=kinematiccg.pfg
```

See *Forward Model Application* for more details.

4.5.3.7 Forward Model Application (old version)

Note: This section describes an old implementation, which will be depreciated in the next release.

When analyzing the results, you may need to run the forward model once for the obtained mean-model or any set of parameters, to produce data predictions in comparison with data observations. Since the kinematic forward model is not straightforward, we provide an additional application for running the forward model only, named kinematicForwardModel.

An example configuration file is available as [examples/kinematicg_forward.pfg](#). You may use the model configuration copied from kinematiccg.pfg, with extra settings

```
; theta input
theta_input = kinematicG_synthetic_theta.txt

; output h5 file name
; data prediction is 1d vector with dimension observations
data_output = kinematicG_synthetic_data.h5
; Mb is 1d vector arranged as [Nt][2(strike/dip)][Nas][Ndd] with leading dimensions,
↪on the right
mb_output = kinematicG_synthetic_mb.h5
```

where theta_input is the input of a mean model or any synthetic model, and data_out and mb_output are output file names for the data predictions and the big M (you can create an animation from it to observe the rupture process).

The forward model application may be run as

```
$ kinematicForwardModel --config=kinematicg_forward.pfg
```


PROGRAMMING GUIDE

5.1 Introduction

This guide aims to help developers to write their own models for Altar.

- Altar's framework is developed in Python while the compute-intensive routines are developed as C/C++ or CUDA(for GPUs) extension modules, to offer a user-friendly interface without scarifying the efficiency.
- Altar follows the `components`-based programming model of `pyre`. Components, as Python classes with extended functionalities, not only facilitate the modularized software development, but also offer user with great convenience to config settings and parameters *at runtime*:
 - to choose between different implementations of a prescribed functionality (protocol), e.g., to choose different Metropolis sampling algorithms;
 - to turn features on or off, e.g., the debugger, profiler;
 - parameters and other attributes are also implemented as configurable properties (traits).
- Altar utilizes the job management system from `pyre` to self-deploy the simulations to different platforms, single thread or multiple threads, single machine or clusters, CPU or GPUs.

5.2 Code Organization

New models can be added to the `altar/models` directory. We recommend the Altar/pyre convention to organize the source code inside the directory.

The simplest model can be constructed all by Python. The minimum set of files includes, e.g., for a new model named `regression`,

```
altar/models/regression # root
├─ CMakeLists.txt # cmake script
├─ bin # binary commands
│   └─ regression # command to invoke Altar simulation for this model
├─ regression # python scripts
│   └─ __init__.py # export modules at the package level
│       └─ meta.py.in # metadata includes version/copyright/authors ...
│           └─ Regression.py # the main Python program
└─ examples # (optional) provide examples to users
    └─ regression.pfg # an example of the configuration file
        └─ synthetic # a directory includes data files for the example
```

If C/C++/Fortran routines are needed, which are wrapped as extension modules in Python, these additional files can be arranged as

```

altar/models/regression # root
├── lib # C/C++/Fortran routines compiled as shared libraries
│   ├── libregression # compiled to INSTALL_DIR/lib/libregression.so(dylib)
│   │   ├── version.h # version header file
│   │   ├── version.cc # version code
│   │   ├── Source.h # C++ source code header file
│   │   └── Source.icc # C++ source code header include file for static methods/
├── variables
│   └── Source.cc # C++ source code
├── ext # CPython extension modules
│   ├── regression # compiled to regression.cpython-{}.so
│   ├── capsules.h # Python Capsule (pass pointers of C++ objects) definitions
│   ├── regression.cc # extension module definition
│   ├── source.h # header file for wrappers
│   ├── source.cc # CPython wrappers for C/C++/Fortran routines/classes
│   ├── metadata.h # metadata header file includes version ...
│   └── metadata.cc # metadata source file includes version ...
├── regression # python scripts
│   ├── ext # to host the regression.cpython-{}.so product
│   └── __init__.py # export extension modules at the package level

```

GPU/CUDA models can be constructed in the same fashion. The following files will be added,

```

altar/models/regression # root
├── lib # C/C++/Fortran routines compiled as shared libraries
│   ├── libcudaregression # compiled to INSTALL_DIR/lib/libcudaregression.so(dylib)
│   │   ├── version.h # version header file
│   │   ├── version.cc # version code
│   │   ├── Source.h # CUDA source code header file
│   │   └── Source.icc # CUDA source code header include file for static methods/
├── variables
│   └── Source.cu # CUDA source code
├── ext # CPython extension modules
│   ├── cudaregression # compiled to cudaregression.cpython-{}.so
│   ├── capsules.h # Python Capsule (pass pointers of C++ objects) definitions
│   ├── regression.cc # extension module definition
│   ├── source.h # header file for wrappers
│   ├── source.cc # CPython wrappers for C/C++/Fortran routines/classes
│   ├── metadata.h # metadata header file includes version ...
│   └── metadata.cc # metadata source file includes version ...
├── regression # python scripts
│   ├── cuda #
│   │   ├── __init__.py # export modules at the package level
│   │   ├── meta.py.in # metadata includes version/copyright/authors ...
│   │   └── cudaRegression.py # the main Python program
│   ├── ext # to host the regression.cpython-{}.so product
│   └── __init__.py # export cuda extension modules as well

```

Additional compile/build scripts are also required, for either CMake or (new) MM build tools.

For CMAKE, in addition to the CMakeLists.txt file under the model directory, these files need to be added to modified,

```

altar # root directory
├── .cmake # for cmake
│   └── altar_regression.cmake # functions to build packages/lib/modules/driver(bin)
└── CMakeLists.txt # to include the new model

```

For (new) MM build tool,

```
altar # root directory
├── .mm # for cmake
│   ├── regression.def # new model configurations
│   └── altar.mm # to include the new model
```

Details for the above files will be illustrated by specific examples in the following sections.

5.3 Bayesian Model

An AITar application can be broadly separated into two parts, the MCMC framework for Bayesian statistics and a Bayesian Model who is responsible for calculating the prior/data likelihood/posterior probabilities for a given set of parameters θ .

Specifically, a Model is required to provide the methods as listed in the [Model](#) protocol,

```
# services for the simulation controller
@altar.provides
def initialize(self, application):
    """
    Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification
    """

@altar.provides
def initializeSample(self, step):
    """
    Fill {step.theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.
    """

@altar.provides
def priorLikelihood(self, step):
    """
    Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior
    distribution
    """

@altar.provides
def dataLikelihood(self, step):
    """
    Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the
    ↪available
    data. This is what is usually referred to as the "forward model"
    """

@altar.provides
def posteriorLikelihood(self, step):
    """
    Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized
    ↪posterior using
    {step.beta} and deposit the result in {step.post}
    """

@altar.provides
def likelihoods(self, step):
    """
    Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the
```

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```

↪current {step}
  of the problem
  """

@altar.provides
def verify(self, step, mask):
    """
    Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model,
    ↪requirements and
    update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for
    ↪invalid ones
    """

# notifications
@altar.provides
def top(self, annealer):
    """
    Notification that a  $\beta$  step is about to start
    """

@altar.provides
def bottom(self, annealer):
    """
    Notification that a  $\beta$  step just ended
    """

```

and these methods are called by the Altar framework at respective places. (@altar.provides decorated methods are similar to C++ virtual functions for which the derived classes must declare).

- initialize is to initialize various parameters and settings of the Model, as also being required for other components in Altar. It takes application, the root component, as inputs in order to pull information from other components, e.g. obtaining the number of chains and the processor information (cpu/gpu) from the job component.
- Most other methods take CoolingStep (step) as inputs, which stores the process data including
 - the parameters being sampled, θ , in 2d array shape=(samples, parameters),
 - the prior, data likelihood, and posterior probability densities for samples, each in 1d vector shape=samples.

Note that Altar processes a batch of samples (number of Markov Chains) in parallel.

- initializeSample is to generate random samples from a prior distribution in the beginning of the simulations. Samples can also be loaded from pre-calculated values using the preset prior.
- priorLikelihood computes the prior probability densities from the given prior distribution(s). During the simulation, when new proposed samples fall outside of the support of certain ranged distributions, the density is 0 and therefore the proposals are invalid. Because Altar uses the logarithmic value of the densities, we need an extra verify method to check the ranged priors.
- dataLikelihood computes the data likelihood. It performs
 - the forward modeling, calculating the data predictions from θ ,
 - computes the residual between data predictions and observations,
 - and return the data likelihood with a given Norm function (e.g., L2-Norm).
- posteriorLikelihood computes the posterior probability densities from prior and data likelihood. For transitional *posterior* distributions in annealing schemes, it is simply $prior + \beta * data$.

- `top` and `bottom` methods are hooks for developers to insert model-specific procedures before or after each annealing step. For example, for models considering model uncertainties, these methods are the places to invoke computing C_p and updating the covariance matrix ($C_d + C_p$).

Many models may share the same procedures to compute the prior, data likelihood, and posterior; they may differ in forward modeling. We offer some templates to simplify the model development.

5.4 Model with the BayesianL2 template

A `BayesianL2` template assumes a fixed structure of contiguous parameter sets and the data observations with L2-norm. With these assumptions, all required model methods are pre-defined while developers are only required to define a `forwardModel` method which performs the forward modeling. This template offers the easiest approach to write a new model.

We use the linear regression model to demonstrate how to construct a Bayesian model with the `BayesianL2` template in the following. The linear regression model fits a group of data (x_n, y_n) with a linear function

$$y = slope \times x + intercept + \epsilon_i$$

where `slope` and `intercept` are parameters to be sampled while ϵ_i are random noises. The Python program for this example is available at [models/regression/regression/Linear.py](#).

5.4.1 Parametersets(psets)

In the linear regression model, $\theta = [slope, intercept]$. In principle, `slope` and `intercept` could have different prior distributions. Each set of parameters with the same prior distribution is defined as a (contiguous) parameter set. θ can therefore be described as a `parametersets` (`psets`) with each parameter set arranged sequentially and contiguously in 1d vector (or columns in batched samples). In Python, `psets` is a dict with a collection of contiguous parameter set objects. We further define a list `psets_list` to assure the orders of parameter sets in θ (it is also useful in model ensembles to select model-relevant parameter sets from the global `psets`).

A description of `psets` in the configuration file `linear.pfg` appears as

```
; parameter sets
psets_list = [slope, intercept]
psets:
    slope = contiguous
    intercept = contiguous

    slope:
        count = 1
        prep = uniform
        prep.support = (0, 5)
        prior = uniform
        prior.support = (0, 5)

    intercept:
        count = 1
        prep = uniform
        prep.support = (0, 5)
        prior = uniform
        prior.support = (0, 5)
```

where `slope` and `intercept` are each described as a `contiguous` parameter set and each set has its own `prep` (to initialize random samples and `prior` (for verify and prior probability) distributions).

We use the static earthquake inversion as another example, where the sampling parameters are dip-slip (D_d), strike-slip (D_s) displacements for N -patches, and if necessary the inSAR ramping parameters (R). Each is described by a contiguous parameter set and assembled as a `psets`. (Each row of) θ is therefore $(D_{d1}, D_{d2}, \dots, D_{dN}, D_{s1}, D_{s2}, \dots, D_{sN}, R_1, R_2, \dots)$. The order of sets D_d , D_s and R can be switched as long as it is consistent with the forward modeling, e.g., the Green's functions. If you want to use different priors for strike slips in different patches, you may separate D_s into several parameter sets.

With `psets`, various methods related to parameters, including `initializeSamples`, `verify` and `priorLikelihood`, are pre-defined in `BayesianL2` template. Users only need to specify its included parameter sets in the configuration file.

5.4.2 Data observations(dataobs) with L2-norm

L2-norm is recommended for models which need to incorporate various uncertainties. The data likelihood is computed as

$$\log(\text{DataLikelihood}) = -\frac{1}{2} [d_{pred} - d_{obs}] C_{\chi}^{-1} [d_{pred} - d_{obs}]^T + C$$

where $d_{pred} = G(\theta)$ are the data predictions from the forward model, d_{pred} the data observations, C_{χ} the covariance matrix capturing data (Cd) and/or model(Cp) uncertainties, and C a normalization constant depending on the determinant of C_{χ} .

In `BayesianL2` template, the observed data are described by a `dataobs` object with L2-norm. It includes

- observed data points (`dataobs.dataobs`) in 1d vector with `shape=observations`, `observations` is the number of observed data points;
- data covariance matrix (`dataobs.cd`) in 2d array with `shape=(observations, observations)`. (If only constant diagonal elements are available, use `cd_std` instead).

`dataobs` is responsible for

- loading the data observations (d_{obs}) and the data covariance (C_d),
- calculating the Cholesky decomposition of the inverse C_d and saving it in `dataobs`,
- when called by the `model.dataLikelihood`, computing the L2-norm (likelihood) between data predictions and observations with L2-norm,
- for Cp models, updating the covariance matrix $C_{\chi} = C_d + C_p$ (though still denoted as C_d),
- when needed, merging the covariance matrix with data in `initialize`, as controlled by a flag `dataobs.merge_cd_with_data=True/False`. This procedure improves performance greatly for models when the covariance matrix can also be merged with model parameters, such as the Green's functions in the linear model, by avoiding repeating the matrix-vector (or matrix-matrix for batched) multiplication.

For the linear regression model, the data points (x_n, y_n) don't fit perfectly into the `dataobs` description. Instead, we treat y_n as data observations and x_n as model parameters. We need to initialize them with the `initialize` method,

```
@altar.export
def initialize(self, application):
    """
    Initialize the state of the model
    """

    # call the super class initialization
    super().initialize(application=application)
    # super class method loads and initializes dataobs with y_n
```

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```
# model specific initialization after superclass
# grab data
self.x = self.loadFile(self.x_file)
self.y = self.dataobs.dataobs

... ..
```

so that x and y are now accessible by the forward modeling.

Their descriptions in the configuration file `linear.pfg` appear as, e.g.,

```
case = synthetic ; input directory
dataobs:
  observations = 200
  data_file = y.txt
  cd_std = 1.e-2
x_file = x.txt
```

where (x_n, y_n) are separated into two text files (raw binary and H5 input files are also supported by the `loadFile` function).

With L2-norm `dataobs`, the `dataLikelihood` method can be defined straightforwardly: it calls a `forwardModel` defined for a specific model and with the data predictions or residuals it calls `dataobs`' norm method to compute the likelihood.

5.4.3 Forward modeling

As shown above, with `psets` and `dataobs`, the `BayesianL2` template only requires developers to write a `forwardModel` or `forwardModelBatched` method to compute the data predictions from a given set of θ .

Developers have the options to

- Choose whether to implement `forwardModelBatched` or `forwardModel`. The `forwardModelBatched` computes the data predictions for all samples. A pre-defined version iterates over all samples (rows of θ) and calls `forwardModel` which computes the data predictions for one sample. The batched mode sometimes improves the speed, e.g., in the linear model, one may use the matrix-matrix product (a routine commonly optimized for both CPU and GPU) to compute $d = G\theta$. In this case, a customized `forwardModelBatched` method may be defined to override the one pre-defined in `BayesianL2`.
- Choose to simply compute the data predictions or return the residuals between predictions and observations, depending on the performance or convenience; This is controlled by a flag `return_residual = True/False` which can be specified either in `model.initialize` code or in the configuration file `model.return_residual=True/False`.
- How to incorporate the data covariance (Cd). If the model uncertainties (Cp) are also considered, please refer to the examples such as `models/seismic/staticCp`.

For the linear regression model, the simplest implementation is to use the `forwardModel` method for a single set of parameters, and the code appears as

```
def forwardModel(self, theta, prediction):
    """
    Forward Model
    :param theta: sampling parameters for one sample
    :param prediction: data prediction or residual (prediction - observation)
    :return:
```

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```

"""

# grab the parameters from theta

slope = theta[0]
intercept = theta[1]

# calculate the residual between data prediction and observation
size = self.observations
for i in range(size):
    prediction[i] = slope * self.x[i] + intercept - self.y[i]

# all done
return self

```

we also need to specify the flag `return_residual = True` accordingly.

We can also use the batch method `forwardModelBatched`, where we can construct a 2d array $G = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_N \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and simply use the matrix-matrix product `gemm` to calculate the predictions for all samples $d_{pred} = G\theta$.

We now complete a new model with the `BayesianL2` template. Note that if either parameter sets or `L2-dataobs` descriptions doesn't fit your model, you may write your own methods following the `Model` protocol.

Please also note that vectors/matrices in AITar are based on GSL, while they can operate as numpy arrays. But if you would like to use some numpy/scipy functions on numpy arrays, on you may create a numpy ndarray view or copy from GSL vectors/matrices. See [Matrix/Vector \(GSL\)](#) for more details.

5.5 C/C++/CUDA extension modules

For certain procedures, the Python code might not be efficient and you might want to write them in other high performance programming languages. For example, the Linear Algebra libraries (BLAS, LAPACK) are written in FORTRAN/C while are accessible in Python by extension modules.

While there are many convenient tools to write Python wrappers for C/C++/Fortran/CUDA functions, such as `cython`, `SWIG`, `Boost.Python`, `pybind11`, we recommend the native CPython method.

Let's use an example of vector copy. Define in `copy.h`:

```

// vector_copy
extern const char * const vector_copy__name__;
extern const char * const vector_copy__doc__;
PyObject * vector_copy(PyObject *, PyObject *);

```

The source code `copy.cc`

```

PyObject *
vector_copy(PyObject *, PyObject * args) {
    // the arguments
    PyObject * sourceCapsule;
    PyObject * destinationCapsule;
    // unpack the argument tuple
    int status = PyArg_ParseTuple(
        args, "O!O!:vector_copy",
        &PyCapsule_Type, &destinationCapsule,

```

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```

                                &PyCapsule_Type, &sourceCapsule
                                );
// if something went wrong
if (!status) return 0;
// bail out if the source capsule is not valid
if (!PyCapsule_IsValid(sourceCapsule, capsule_t)) {
    PyErr_SetString(PyExc_TypeError, "invalid vector capsule for source");
    return 0;
}
// bail out if the destination capsule is not valid
if (!PyCapsule_IsValid(destinationCapsule, capsule_t)) {
    PyErr_SetString(PyExc_TypeError, "invalid vector capsule for destination");
    return 0;
}

// get the vectors
gsl_vector * source =
    static_cast<gsl_vector *>(PyCapsule_GetPointer(sourceCapsule, capsule_t));
gsl_vector * destination =
    static_cast<gsl_vector *>(PyCapsule_GetPointer(destinationCapsule, capsule_t));
// copy the data
gsl_vector_memcpy(destination, source);

// return None
Py_INCREF(Py_None);
return Py_None;
}

```

5.6 CUDA Models

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5.7 Data Types and Structures

5.7.1 Configurable properties

```

altar.properties.array
altar.properties.bool
altar.properties.catalog
altar.properties.complex
altar.properties.converter
altar.properties.date
altar.properties.decimal
altar.properties.dict
altar.properties.dimensional
altar.properties.envpath
altar.properties.envvar
altar.properties.facility
altar.properties.float
altar.properties.identity
altar.properties.inet

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altar.properties.int
altar.properties.istream
altar.properties.list
altar.properties.normalizer
altar.properties.object
altar.properties ostream
altar.properties.path
altar.properties.paths
altar.properties.property
altar.properties.set
altar.properties.str
altar.properties.strings
altar.properties.time
altar.properties.tuple
altar.properties.uri
altar.properties.uris
altar.properties.validator
```

5.7.2 Matrix/Vector (GSL)

The Matrix/Vector is based on GSL Matrix/Vector.

GSL matrix shape (size1, size2) -> (rows, cols) and is row-major.

5.7.2.1 Convert altar array to gsl_vector

```
array = altar.properties.array(default=(0, 0, 0,0))
gvector = altar.vector(shape=4)
for index, value in enumerate(array): gvector[index] = value
```

5.7.2.2 Basic matrix/vector operations

```
mat = altar.matrix(shape=(rows, cols)) # create a new matrix with dimension rows x
↪cols (row-major)
mat.zero() # initialize 0 to each element
mat.fill(number) #
mat_clone = mat.clone() #
mat1.copy(mat2)
```

5.7.2.3 Interfacing as numpy arrays

As there are more utilities available for numpy ndarray, you may view or copy GSL vectors/matrices as numpy arrays.

```
# create a gsl vector
gslv = altar.vector(shape=10).fill(1)
# create a numpy array view (data changes to npa_view will change gslv)
npa_view = gslv.ndarray()
# create a numpy array view (data changes to npa_view don't affect gslv)
npa_copy = gslv.ndarray(copy=True)
```

COMMON ISSUES

6.1 Installation Issues

6.1.1 Cannot find gmake

When the command of GNU make is make instead of gmake, please set the environmental variable

```
$ export GNU_MAKE=make # for bash
$ setenv GNU_MAKE make # for csh/tcsh
```

or set the variable when calling mm,

```
$ GNU_MAKE=make mm
```

6.1.2 Cannot find cublas_v2.h

For certain Linux systems, NVIDIA installer installs cublas to the system directory /usr/include and /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu instead of /usr/local/cuda. In this case, please add the include and library paths to cuda.incpath and cuda.libpath in config.mm file.

6.2 Run-time Issues

6.2.1 Locales

Error: UnicodeDecodeError: 'ascii' codec can't decode byte 0xc3 in position 18: ordinal not in range(128)

You might need to set the LANG variable,

```
$ export LANG=en_US.UTF-8
```

if en_US.UTF-8 locale is not installed, update your locale by

```
$ sudo apt install locales
$ sudo locale-gen --no-purge --lang en_US.UTF-8
$ sudo update-locale LANG=en_US.UTF-8 LANGUAGE
```

6.2.2 Base case name

Error: altar: bad case name: 'patch-9'

The AltTar App cannot find the configuration file (usually) or the input file directory. Please go to the job directory with the configuration and input files, and run the App again. If the configuration is not named as `theAltTarApp.pfg`, you need `--config=YourConfigFile.pfg` option, e.g.,

```
linear --config=my_linear_model.pfg
```

6.2.3 Configuration Parser Error

Error: File “/opt/anaconda3/envs/altar/lib/python3.9/site-packages/pyre/parsing/Scanner.py”, line 71, in `pyre_tokenize`

```
match = stream.match(scanner=self, tokenizer=tokenizer)
```

This is usually due to a bad format in configuration file. For example, `.pfg` files do not recognize TABs; please check your file for possible TABs and replace them with SPACES. See [Pyre Config Format \(.pfg\)](#) for more details.

6.2.4 MPI launcher error

Error: launcher = self.mpi.launcher

AttributeError: 'NoneType' object has no attribute 'launcher'

This happens when AltTar cannot locate the `mpirun` command. It can be solved by manually setting up an `mpi.pfg` file. See [MPI setup](#) for more details.

6.2.5 Intel MKL Library

Error: Intel MKL FATAL ERROR: Cannot load libmkl_avx2.so.1 or libmkl_def.so.1.

This is due to a Conda issue with MKL libraries. The solution is to preload certain MKL libraries before running AltTar applications,

```
LD_PRELOAD=$CONDA_PREFIX/lib/libmkl_core.so:$CONDA_PREFIX/lib/libmkl_sequential.so
↪ altarApp --config=configFile
```

API REFERENCE

This page contains auto-generated API reference documentation¹.

7.1 altar

7.1.1 Subpackages

7.1.1.1 altar.actions

Submodules

`altar.actions.About`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.actions.About.About (name, spec, plexus, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.panel()
    Display information about this application

    root

    tip = specify the portion of the namespace to display

    name (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the name of the app for configuration purposes

    home (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the application home directory

    prefix (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the application installation directory

    models (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the altar model directory
```

¹ Created with sphinx-autoapi

```

when (self, plexus, **kwds)
    Print the build timestamp

etc (self, plexus, **kwds)
    Print the application configuration directory

version (self, plexus, **kwds)
    Print the version of the altar package

copyright (self, plexus, **kwds)
    Print the copyright note of the altar package

credits (self, plexus, **kwds)
    Print out the license and terms of use of the altar package

license (self, plexus, **kwds)
    Print out the license and terms of use of the altar package

nfs (self, plexus, **kwds)
    Dump the application configuration namespace

pfs (self, plexus, **kwds)
    Dump the application private filesystem

vfs (self, plexus, **kwds)
    Dump the application virtual filesystem

```

altar.actions.Forward

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.actions.Forward.Forward (name, spec, plexus, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.panel()

    Sample the posterior distribution of a model

    default (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Sample the model posterior distribution

```

altar.actions.Sample

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.actions.Sample.Sample (name, spec, plexus, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.panel()

    Sample the posterior distribution of a model

    default (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Sample the model posterior distribution

```

Package Contents

Functions

```
altar.actions.about()
altar.actions.sample()
altar.actions.forward()
```

7.1.1.2 altar.bayesian

Submodules

```
altar.bayesian.Annealer
```

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.bayesian.Annealer.Annealer (name, locator, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.component

    A Bayesian controller that uses an annealing schedule and MCMC to approximate the posterior distribution of a
    model

    sampler

    doc = the sampler of the posterior distribution

    scheduler

    doc = the generator of the annealing schedule

    dispatcher

    doc = the event dispatcher that activates the registered handlers

    archiver

    doc = the archiver of simulation state

    model

    worker

    info

    warning

    error

    debug

    firewall
```

initialize (*self*, *application*)
 Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

posterior (*self*, *model*)
 Sample the posterior distribution

deduceAnnealingMethod (*self*, *job*)
 Instantiate an annealing method compatible the user choices

sequential (*self*)
 Instantiate the plain sequential annealing method

cuda (*self*)
 Instantiate a CUDA aware annealing method

threaded (*self*, *threads*, *worker*)
 Instantiate the multi-threaded annealing method

mpi (*self*, *worker*)
 Instantiate the MPI aware annealing method

altar.bayesian.AnnealingMethod

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.bayesian.AnnealingMethod.**AnnealingMethod** (*annealer*, ***kwds*)
 Base class for the various annealing implementation strategies

step

iteration = 0

wid = 0

workers

initialize (*self*, *application*)
 Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

start (*self*, *annealer*)
 Start the annealing process from scratch

abstract restart (*self*, *annealer*)
 Start the annealing process from a checkpoint

top (*self*, *annealer*)
 Notification that we are at the beginning of an update

cool (*self*, *annealer*)
 Push my state forward along the cooling schedule

walk (*self*, *annealer*)
 Explore configuration space by walking the Markov chains

resample (*self, annealer, statistics*)

Analyze the acceptance statistics and take the problem state to the end of the annealing step

archive (*self, annealer, scaling, stats*)

Notify archiver to record

bottom (*self, annealer*)

Notification that we are at the bottom of an update

finish (*self, annealer*)

Notification that the simulation is over

altar.bayesian.Brent

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.bayesian.Brent.**Brent** (*name, locator, **kws*)

Bases: altar.component

A $\delta\beta$ solver based on the GSL implementation of the Brent algorithm

tolerance

doc = the fractional tolerance for achieving convergence

maxiter

doc = the maximum number of iterations while looking for a $\delta\beta$

cov

initialize (*self, application, scheduler*)

Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context and a {scheduler}

solve (*self, llk, weight*)

Compute the next temperature in the cooling schedule :param llk: data log-likelihood :param weight: the normalized weight :return: β , cov

altar.bayesian.COV

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.bayesian.COV.**COV** (*name, locator, **kws*)

Bases: altar.component

Annealing schedule based on attaining a particular value for the coefficient of variation (COV) of the data likelihood; after Ching[2007].

The goal is to compute a proposed update $\delta\beta_m$ to the temperature β_m such that the vector of weights w_m given by

```

    w_m :=  $\pi(D|\theta_m)^{\{\delta\beta_m\}}$ 
has a particular target value for
    COV(w_m) :=  $\langle w_m \rangle / \sqrt{\langle (w_m - \langle w_m \rangle)^2 \rangle}$ 
target
doc = the target value for COV
solver
doc = the  $\delta\beta$  solver
check_positive_definiteness
doc = whether to check the positive definiteness of  $\Sigma$  matrix and condition
it accordingly
min_eigenvalue_ratio
doc = the desired minimal eigenvalue of  $\Sigma$  matrix, as a ratio to the max
eigenvalue
beta_resampling_start
doc = the beta threshold to start the resampling procedure
w
cov = 0.0
uniform
rng
initialize (self, application)
    Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context
update (self, step)
    Push {step} forward along the annealing schedule
updateTemperature (self, step)
    Generate the next temperature increment
computeCovariance (self, step)
    Compute the parameter covariance  $\Sigma$  of the sample in {step}
     $\Sigma = c_m^2 \sum_{i \text{ in samples}} \text{ilde}\{w\}_{i} \theta_i \theta_i^T - \text{bar}\{\theta\} \text{bar}\{\theta\}^T$ 
    where
     $\text{bar}\{\theta\} = \sum_{i \text{ in samples}} \text{ilde}\{w\}_{i} \theta_i$ 
    The covariance  $\Sigma$  gets used to build a proposal pdf for the posterior
rank (self, step)
    Rebuild the sample and its statistics sorted by the likelihood of the parameter values
resampling (self, step)
    Rebuild the sample and its statistics sorted by the likelihood of the parameter values

```

conditionCovariance (*self*, Σ)

Make sure the covariance matrix Σ is symmetric and positive definite

computeSampleMultiplicities (*self*, *step*)

Prepare a frequency vector for the new samples given the scaled data log-likelihood in {w} for this cooling step

buildHistogramRanges (*self*, *w*)

Build histogram bins based on the scaled data log-likelihood

altar.bayesian.CUDAAnnealing

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.bayesian.CUDAAnnealing.**CUDAAnnealing** (*annealer*, ****kws**)

Bases: *altar.bayesian.AnnealingMethod.AnnealingMethod*

Implementation that takes advantage of CUDA on gpus to accelerate the computation

wid = 0

workers = 1

device

gstep

initialize (*self*, *application*)

initialize worker

cuInitialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the cuda worker

start (*self*, *annealer*)

Start the annealing process

altar.bayesian.Controller

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.bayesian.Controller.**Controller**

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all Altar controllers must implement

dispatcher

doc = the event dispatcher that activates the registered handlers

```

archiver

doc = the archiver of simulation state

posterior (self, model)
    Sample the posterior distribution of the given {model}

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
    Supply a default implementation

```

altar.bayesian.CoolingStep

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.bayesian.CoolingStep.CoolingStep (beta, theta, likelihoods, sigma=None, **kws)
    Encapsulation of the state of the calculation at some particular  $\beta$  value

    beta

    theta

    prior

    data

    posterior

    sigma

    mean

    std

    classmethod start (cls, annealer)
        Build the first cooling step by asking {model} to produce a sample set from its initializing prior, compute the
        likelihood of this sample given the data, and compute a (perhaps trivial) posterior

    classmethod allocate (cls, annealer)

    classmethod alloc (cls, samples, parameters)
        Allocate storage for the parts of a cooling step

    clone (self)
        Make a new step with a duplicate of my state

    computePosterior (self)
        Compute the posterior from prior, data, and beta

    statistics (self)
        Compute the statistics of samples :return:

```

```
print (self, channel, indent=' ' * 2)
    Print info about this step

save_hdf5 (self, path=None, iteration=None, psets=None)
    Save Cooling Step to HDF5 file :param step altar.bayesian.CoolingStep: :param path altar.primitives.path:

    Returns
        None

load_hdf5 (self, path=None, iteration=0)
    load CoolingStep from HDF5 file
```

altar.bayesian.Grid

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.bayesian.Grid.Grid (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.component
    A  $\delta\beta$  solver based on a naive grid search

    tolerance

    doc = the fractional tolerance for achieving convergence

    maxiter

    doc = the maximum number of iterations while looking for a  $\delta\beta$ 

    cov

    initialize (self, application, scheduler)
        Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context and a {scheduler}

    solve (self, llk, weight)
        Compute the next temperature in the cooling schedule :param llk: data log-likelihood :param weight: the
        normalized weight :return:  $\beta$ , cov
```

altar.bayesian.H5Recorder

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.bayesian.H5Recorder.H5Recorder (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.component
    H5Recorder stores the intermediate simulation state to HDF5 files

    output_dir

    doc = the directory to save results
```

output_freq
 doc = the frequency to write step data to files

statistics

initialize (*self*, *application*)
 Initialize me given an {application} context

record (*self*, *step*, *iteration*, *psets*, ***kws*)
 Record the final state of the calculation

recordstep (*self*, *step*, *stats*, *psets*)
 Record step to file for ce

saveStats (*self*)
 Save the statistics information to file

altar.bayesian.MPIAnnealing

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.bayesian.MPIAnnealing.**MPIAnnealing** (*annealer*, *worker*, *communicator=None*, ***kws*)

Bases: [altar.bayesian.AnnealingMethod.AnnealingMethod](#)

A distributed implementation of the annealing method that uses MPI

manager = 0

worker

initialize (*self*, *application*)
 Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

start (*self*, *annealer*)
 Start the annealing process

top (*self*, *annealer*)
 Notification that we are at the beginning of a β update

cool (*self*, *annealer*)
 Push my state forward along the cooling schedule

walk (*self*, *annealer*)
 Explore configuration space by walking the Markov chains

resample (*self*, *annealer*, *statistics*)
 Analyze the acceptance statistics and take the problem state to the end of the annealing step

archive (*self*, *annealer*, *scaling*, *stats*)
 Notify archiver to record annealer information

bottom (*self*, *annealer*)
Notification that we are at the end of a β update

finish (*self*, *annealer*)
Shut down the annealing process

collect (*self*)
Assemble my global state

partition (*self*)
Distribute my global state

altar.bayesian.Metropolis

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.bayesian.Metropolis.**Metropolis** (*name*, *locator*, ***kws*)
Bases: altar.component

The Metropolis algorithm as a sampler of the posterior distribution

scaling

doc = the parameter covariance Σ is scaled by the square of this

acceptanceWeight

doc = the weight of accepted samples during covariance rescaling

rejectionWeight

doc = the weight of rejected samples during covariance rescaling

steps = 1

uniform

uninormal

sigma_chol

dispatcher

initialize (*self*, *application*)
Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

samplePosterior (*self*, *annealer*, *step*)
Sample the posterior distribution

resample (*self*, *annealer*, *statistics*)
Update my statistics based on the results of walking my Markov chains

prepareSamplingPDF (*self*, *annealer*, *step*)
Re-scale and decompose the parameter covariance matrix, in preparation for the Metropolis update

walkChains (*self, annealer, step*)

Run the Metropolis algorithm on the Markov chains

displace (*self, sample*)

Construct a set of displacement vectors for the random walk from a distribution with zero mean and my covariance

adjustCovarianceScaling (*self, accepted, rejected, unlikely*)

Compute a new value for the covariance scaling factor based on the acceptance/rejection ratio

altar.bayesian.Notifier

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.bayesian.Notifier.**Notifier** (***kws*)

Bases: altar.component

A dispatcher of events generated during the annealing process

start = **simulationStart**

samplePosteriorStart = **samplePosteriorStart**

prepareSamplingPDFStart = **prepareSamplingPDFStart**

prepareSamplingPDFFinish = **prepareSamplingPDFFinish**

betaStart = **betaStart**

walkChainsStart = **walkChainsStart**

chainAdvanceStart = **chainAdvanceStart**

verifyStart = **verifyStart**

verifyFinish = **verifyFinish**

priorStart = **priorStart**

priorFinish = **priorFinish**

dataStart = **dataStart**

dataFinish = **dataFinish**

posteriorStart = **posteriorStart**

posteriorFinish = **posteriorFinish**

acceptStart = **acceptStart**

acceptFinish = **acceptFinish**

chainAdvanceFinish = **chainAdvanceFinish**

```

walkChainsFinish = walkChainsFinish

resampleStart = resampleStart

resampleFinish = resampleFinish

betaFinish = betaFinish

samplePosteriorFinish = samplePosteriorFinish

finish = simulationFinish

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize me given an {application} context

register (self, monitor)
    Enable {monitor} as an observer of simulation events

notify (self, event, controller)
    Notify all handlers that are waiting for {event}

```

altar.bayesian.Profiler

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.bayesian.Profiler.Profiler (**kws)
    Bases: altar.component
    Profiler times the various simulation phases

    seed

    doc = a template for the filename with the timing results

    default = prof-{{wid:05}}-{{beta:03}}x{{parameters:03}}x{{chains:
06}}x{{steps:03}}.csv

    pfs

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me given an {application} context

    simulationStart (self, controller, **kws)
        Handler invoked when the simulation is about to start

    samplePosteriorStart (self, controller, **kws)
        Handler invoked at the beginning of sampling the posterior

    prepareSamplingPDFStart (self, controller, **kws)
        Handler invoked at the beginning of the preparation of the sampling PDF

    prepareSamplingPDFFinish (self, controller, **kws)
        Handler invoked at the end of the preparation of the sampling PDF

```

betaStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the beginning of the beta step

walkChainsStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the beginning of the chain walk

chainAdvanceStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the beginning of a single step of chain walking

chainAdvanceFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the end of a single step of chain walking

verifyStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked before we start verifying the generated sample

verifyFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked after we are done verifying the generated sample

priorStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked before we compute the prior

priorFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked after we compute the prior

dataStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked before we compute the data likelihood

dataFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked after we compute the data likelihood

posteriorStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked before we assemble the posterior

posteriorFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked after we assemble the posterior

acceptStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the beginning of sample accept/reject

acceptFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the end of sample accept/reject

resampleStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the beginning of resampling

resampleFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the end of resampling

walkChainsFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the end of the chain walk

betaFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the end of the beta step

samplePosteriorFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked at the end of sampling the posterior

simulationFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
 Handler invoked when the simulation is about to finish

```
save (self, controller)
    Save the times collected by my timers
```

altar.bayesian.Recorder

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.bayesian.Recorder.Recorder (name, locator, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.component
    Recorder stores the intermediate simulation state in memory
    output_dir
    doc = the directory to save results
    output_freq
    doc = the frequency to write step data to files
    statistics
    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me given an {application} context
    record (self, step, iteration, psets, **kwds)
        Record the final state of the calculation
    recordstep (self, step, stats, psets)
        Record step to file for ce
    saveStats (self)
        Save the statistics information to file
```

altar.bayesian.Sampler

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.bayesian.Sampler.Sampler
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all Altar samplers must implement
    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context
    samplePosterior (self, controller, step)
        Sample the posterior distribution
```

resample (*self, controller, statistics*)
 Update my statistics based on the results of walking my Markov chains

classmethod pyre_default (*cls, **kws*)
 Supply a default implementation

altar.bayesian.Scheduler

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.bayesian.Scheduler.**Scheduler**
 Bases: altar.protocol
 The protocol that all AltTar schedulers must implement

initialize (*self, application*)
 Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

update (*self, step*)
 Push {step} forward along the annealing schedule

updateTemperature (*self, step*)
 Generate the next temperature increment

computeCovariance (*self, step*)
 Compute the parameter covariance of the sample in the {step}

rank (*self, step*)
 Rebuild the sample and its statistics sorted by the likelihood of the parameter values

classmethod pyre_default (*cls, **kws*)
 Supply a default implementation

altar.bayesian.SequentialAnnealing

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.bayesian.SequentialAnnealing.**SequentialAnnealing** (*annealer, **kws*)
 Bases: *altar.bayesian.AnnealingMethod.AnnealingMethod*
 Implementation that assumes its state is the global state of the solver, and therefore it is able to compute the statistical properties of the sample distribution

wid = 0

workers = 1

start (*self, annealer*)
 Start the annealing process

`altar.bayesian.Solver`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.bayesian.Solver.Solver`

Bases: `altar.protocol`

The protocol that all $\delta\beta$ solvers must implement

tolerance

doc = the fractional tolerance for achieving convergence

initialize (*self*, *application*, *scheduler*)

Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context and a {scheduler}

solve (*self*, *llk*, *weight*)

Compute the next temperature in the cooling schedule

classmethod **pyre_default** (*cls*, ***kws*)

Provide a default implementation

`altar.bayesian.ThreadedAnnealing`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.bayesian.ThreadedAnnealing.ThreadedAnnealing` (*annealer*, ***kws*)

Bases: `altar.bayesian.AnnealingMethod.AnnealingMethod`

Annealing method that uses threads on the local machine

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

class `altar.bayesian.controller`

Bases: `altar.protocol`

The protocol that all AITar controllers must implement

dispatcher

doc = the event dispatcher that activates the registered handlers

archiver

```

    doc = the archiver of simulation state

    posterior (self, model)
        Sample the posterior distribution of the given {model}

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Supply a default implementation

class altar.bayesian.sampler
    Bases: altar.protocol

    The protocol that all AITar samplers must implement

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

    samplePosterior (self, controller, step)
        Sample the posterior distribution

    resample (self, controller, statistics)
        Update my statistics based on the results of walking my Markov chains

    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Supply a default implementation

class altar.bayesian.scheduler
    Bases: altar.protocol

    The protocol that all AITar schedulers must implement

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

    update (self, step)
        Push {step} forward along the annealing schedule

    updateTemperature (self, step)
        Generate the next temperature increment

    computeCovariance (self, step)
        Compute the parameter covariance of the sample in the {step}

    rank (self, step)
        Rebuild the sample and its statistics sorted by the likelihood of the parameter values

    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Supply a default implementation

class altar.bayesian.monitor
    Bases: altar.protocol

    The protocol that all AITar simulation monitors must implement

    Monitors respond to simulation events by generating user diagnostics to report progress

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me given an {application} context

```

```

    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Supply a default implementation

class altar.bayesian.archiver
    Bases: altar.protocol

    The protocol that all Altar simulation archivers must implement

    Archivers persist intermediate simulation state and can be used to restart a simulation

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me given an {application} context

    record (self, step)
        Record the final state of the simulation

    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Supply a default implementation

class altar.bayesian.solver
    Bases: altar.protocol

    The protocol that all  $\delta\beta$  solvers must implement

    tolerance

    doc = the fractional tolerance for achieving convergence

    initialize (self, application, scheduler)
        Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context and a {scheduler}

    solve (self, llk, weight)
        Compute the next temperature in the cooling schedule

    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Provide a default implementation

altar.bayesian.annealer()
altar.bayesian.cov()
altar.bayesian.brent()
altar.bayesian.grid()
altar.bayesian.metropolis()
altar.bayesian.profiler()
altar.bayesian.recorder()

```

7.1.1.3 altar.cuda

Subpackages

`altar.cuda.bayesian`

Submodules

`altar.cuda.bayesian.cudaAdaptiveMetropolis`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.cuda.bayesian.cudaAdaptiveMetropolis.cudaAdaptiveMetropolis` (*name*,
locator,
***kws*)

Bases: `altar.component`

The Adaptive Metropolis algorithm from Thomas Catanach Compared with traditional MCMC, there are two modifications: 1. After certain steps (`corr_check_steps`), the correlation between the current and the starting samples is computed. If the correlation is less than a threshold value (`target_correlation`), i.e., the chains are effectively de-correlated, the MCMC stops. `max_mc_steps` provides a maximum MCMC step 2. The scaling factor (`scaling`) targets an optimal acceptance rate

scaling

doc = scaling factor σ for Gaussian proposal $\sim N(0, \sigma^2 \Sigma)$, initial value `2.38/sqrt(N_d)`

scaling_min

doc = the minimum value of the scaling factor

scaling_max

doc = the maximum value of the scaling factor

parameters

doc = total number of parameters `N_d`

target_acceptance_rate

doc = the targeted acceptance rate

gain

doc = Feedback gain constant

max_mc_steps

doc = the maximum Monte-Carlo steps for one beta step

min_mc_steps

doc = the minimum Monte-Carlo steps for one beta step
max_mc_steps_stage2
doc = the maximum Monte-Carlo steps at stage 2, or beta > beta_stage2
beta_stage2
doc = beta value to start stage 2, i.e., to use a different max_mc_steps
corr_check_steps
doc = the Monte-Carlo steps to compute the de
target_correlation
doc = the threshold of correlation to stop the chain
mcsteps = 1
dispatcher
ginit = False
gstep
gcandidate
gproposal
gsigma_chol
gvalid_indices
gvalid_samples
ginvalid_flags
gacceptance_flags
precision
gdice
curng
initialize (*self*, *application*)
Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context
cuInitialize (*self*, *application*)
samplePosterior (*self*, *annealer*, *step*)
Sample the posterior distribution :param annealer - the controller: :param step - cpu CoolingStep:
Returns
statistics (accepted/rejected/invalid) or (accepted/unlikely/rejected)
resample (*self*, *annealer*, *statistics*)
Update my statistics based on the results of walking my Markov chains

prepareSamplingPDF (*self*, *annealer*, *step*)

Re-scale and decompose the parameter covariance matrix, in preparation for the Metropolis update

finishSamplingPDF (*self*, *step*)

procedures after sampling, e.g. copy data back to cpu

walkChains (*self*, *annealer*, *step*)

Run the Metropolis algorithm on the Markov chains :param annealer: cudaAnnealer :param step: cudaCoolingStep

Returns

statistics = (accepted, rejected, unlikely)

displace (*self*, *displacement*)

Construct a set of displacement vectors for the random walk from a distribution with zero mean and my covariance

adjustCovarianceScaling (*self*, *accepted*, *invalid*, *rejected*)

Compute a new value for the covariance scaling factor based on the acceptance/rejection ratio

allocateGPUData (*self*, *samples*, *parameters*)

initialize gpu work data

static gainFunction (*x*)

Compute the optimal gain constant from a target acceptanceRate {x}

altar.cuda.bayesian.cudaCoolingStep

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.cuda.bayesian.cudaCoolingStep.**cudaCoolingStep** (*beta*, *theta*, *likelihoods*,
***kws*)

Encapsulation of the state of the calculation at some particular β value

beta

theta

prior

data

posterior

precision

classmethod start (*cls*, *annealer*)

Build the first cooling step by asking {model} to produce a sample set from its initializing prior, compute the likelihood of this sample given the data, and compute a (perhaps trivial) posterior

classmethod alloc (*cls*, *samples*, *parameters*, *dtype*)

Allocate storage for the parts of a cooling step

```

clone (self)
    Make a new step with a duplicate of my state

computePosterior (self, batch=None)
    (Re-)Compute the posterior from prior, data, and (updated) beta

copyFromCPU (self, step)
    Copy cpu step to gpu step

copyToCPU (self, step)
    copy gpu step to cpu step

```

altar.cuda.bayesian.cudaMetropolis

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.cuda.bayesian.cudaMetropolis.cudaMetropolis (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.component

    The Metropolis algorithm as a sampler of the posterior distribution

    scaling
        doc = the parameter covariance  $\Sigma$  is scaled by the square of this
        acceptanceWeight
        doc = the weight of accepted samples during covariance rescaling
        rejectionWeight
        doc = the weight of rejected samples during covariance rescaling
        useFixedScaling
        doc = whether to use a fixed scaling
        scalingMin
        doc = the minimum value of the scaling factor
        scalingMax
        doc = the maximum value of the scaling factor
        mcsteps = 1
        dispatcher
        ginit = False
        gstep
        gcandidate

```

gproposal

gsigma_chol

gvalid_indices

gvalid_samples

ginvalid_flags

gacceptance_flags

precision

gdice

curng

initialize (*self, application*)

Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

cuInitialize (*self, application*)

samplePosterior (*self, annealer, step*)

Sample the posterior distribution :param annealer - the controller: :param step - cpu CoolingStep:

Returns

statistics (accepted/rejected/invalid) or (accepted/unlikely/rejected)

resample (*self, annealer, statistics*)

Update my statistics based on the results of walking my Markov chains

prepareSamplingPDF (*self, annealer, step*)

Re-scale and decompose the parameter covariance matrix, in preparation for the Metropolis update

finishSamplingPDF (*self, step*)

procedures after sampling, e.g, copy data back to cpu

walkChains (*self, annealer, step*)

Run the Metropolis algorithm on the Markov chains :param annealer: cudaAnnealer :param step: cudaCoolingStep

Returns

statistics = (accepted, rejected, unlikely)

displace (*self, displacement*)

Construct a set of displacement vectors for the random walk from a distribution with zero mean and my covariance

adjustCovarianceScaling (*self, accepted, invalid, rejected*)

Compute a new value for the covariance scaling factor based on the acceptance/rejection ratio

allocateGPUData (*self, samples, parameters*)

initialize gpu work data

altar.cuda.bayesian.cudaMetropolisVaryingSteps

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.cuda.bayesian.cudaMetropolisVaryingSteps.cudaMetropolisVaryingSteps(name,
                                                                                   lo-
                                                                                   ca-
                                                                                   tor,
                                                                                   **kws)

    Bases: altar.component

    The Metropolis algorithm as a sampler of the posterior distribution

    scaling
        doc = the parameter covariance  $\Sigma$  is scaled by the square of this
    acceptanceWeight
        doc = the weight of accepted samples during covariance rescaling
    rejectionWeight
        doc = the weight of rejected samples during covariance rescaling
    max_mc_steps
        doc = the maximum Monte-Carlo steps for one beta step
    corr_check_steps
        doc = the Monte-Carlo steps to compute the de
    target_correlation
        doc = the threshold of correlation to stop the chain
    mcsteps = 1
    dispatcher
    ginit = False
    gstep
    gcandidate
    gproposal
    gsigma_chol
    gvalid_indices
    gvalid_samples
    ginvalid_flags
```

gacceptance_flags

precision

gdice

curng

initialize (*self, application*)

Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

cuInitialize (*self, application*)

samplePosterior (*self, annealer, step*)

Sample the posterior distribution :param annealer - the controller: :param step - cpu CoolingStep:

Returns

statistics (accepted/rejected/invalid) or (accepted/unlikely/rejected)

resample (*self, annealer, statistics*)

Update my statistics based on the results of walking my Markov chains

prepareSamplingPDF (*self, annealer, step*)

Re-scale and decompose the parameter covariance matrix, in preparation for the Metropolis update

finishSamplingPDF (*self, step*)

procedures after sampling, e.g. copy data back to cpu

walkChains (*self, annealer, step*)

Run the Metropolis algorithm on the Markov chains :param annealer: cudaAnnealer :param step: cudaCoolingStep

Returns

statistics = (accepted, rejected, unlikely)

displace (*self, displacement*)

Construct a set of displacement vectors for the random walk from a distribution with zero mean and my covariance

adjustCovarianceScaling (*self, accepted, invalid, rejected*)

Compute a new value for the covariance scaling factor based on the acceptance/rejection ratio

allocateGPUData (*self, samples, parameters*)

initialize gpu work data

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

class altar.cuda.bayesian.controller

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all Altar controllers must implement

```

dispatcher

doc = the event dispatcher that activates the registered handlers

archiver

doc = the archiver of simulation state

posterior (self, model)
    Sample the posterior distribution of the given {model}

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
    Supply a default implementation

class altar.cuda.bayesian.sampler
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all Altar samplers must implement

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

    samplePosterior (self, controller, step)
        Sample the posterior distribution

    resample (self, controller, statistics)
        Update my statistics based on the results of walking my Markov chains

    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Supply a default implementation

class altar.cuda.bayesian.scheduler
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all Altar schedulers must implement

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me and my parts given an {application} context

    update (self, step)
        Push {step} forward along the annealing schedule

    updateTemperature (self, step)
        Generate the next temperature increment

    computeCovariance (self, step)
        Compute the parameter covariance of the sample in the {step}

    rank (self, step)
        Rebuild the sample and its statistics sorted by the likelihood of the parameter values

    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Supply a default implementation

altar.cuda.bayesian.metropolis ()
    
```

`altar.cuda.bayesian.metropolisvaryingsteps()`

`altar.cuda.bayesian.adaptivemetropolis()`

`altar.cuda.data`

Submodules

`altar.cuda.data.cudaDataL2`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.cuda.data.cudaDataL2.cudaDataL2 (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.data.DataL2.DataL2
    The observed data with L2 norm
    data_file
    doc = the name of the file with the observations
    observations
    doc = the number of observed data
    cd_file
    doc = the name of the file with the data covariance matrix
    cd_std
    doc = the constant covariance for data,  $\sigma^2$ 
    dtype_cd
    doc = the data type (float32/64) for Cd computations if different from
    others
    norm
    default
    doc = l2 norm for calculating likelihood
    merge_cd_to_data = True
    normalization = 0
    precision
    gdataObsBatch
    gcd_inv
```

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize data obs from model

cuEvalLikelihood (*self*, *prediction*, *likelihood*, *residual=True*, *batch=None*)

compute the datalikelikhood for prediction :param prediction: (samples x observations) input of predicted data
:param likelihood: (samples) pre-allocated likelihood/norm :param residual: whether prediction is already subtracted by observed data :param batch: number of (first few) samples to be computed :return: likelihood

release_cd (*self*)

release gcd_inv

loadFile (*self*, *filename*, *shape*, *dataset=None*, *dtype=None*)

Load an input file to a numpy array (for both float32/64 support) Supported format: 1. text file in '.txt' suffix, stored in prescribed shape 2. binary file with '.bin' or '.dat' suffix,

the precision must be same as the desired gpuprecision, and users must specify the shape of the data

3. (preferred) hdf5 file in '.h5' suffix (preferred)

the metadata of shape, precision is included in .h5 file

Parameters

- **filename** – str, the input file name
- **shape** – list of int
- **dataset** – str, name/key of dataset for h5 input only

Returns

output numpy.array

initializeCovariance (*self*)

initialize gpu data and data covariance

updateCovariance (*self*, *cp=None*)

Update the data covariance $C_{\text{chi}} = C_d + C_p$:param cp: cuda matrix with shape(obs, obs), data covariance due to model uncertainty :return:

checkPositiveDefiniteness (*self*, *matrix*, *name=None*)

Check positive definiteness of a GPU matrix :param matrix: a real symmetric (GPU) matrix :return: true or false

mergeCdtoData (*self*, *cd_inv*, *data*)

Merge the data covariance matrix to observed data :param cd_inv: the inverse of covariance matrix in Cholesky-decomposed form, with Lower matrix filled :param data: raw observed data :return: $cd_inv * data$, a cuda vector

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

```
class altar.cuda.data.data
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all Altar norms must satisfy
    initialize (self, application)
        initialize data
    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Provide a default norm in case the user hasn't selected one
altar.cuda.data.data12()
```

altar.cuda.distributions

Submodules

altar.cuda.distributions.cudaDistribution

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.cuda.distributions.cudaDistribution.cudaDistribution (name, locator,
                                                                **kws)

    Bases: altar.distributions.Base.Base
    The base class for probability distributions

    parameters
    doc = the number of model parameters that belong to me

    offset
    doc = the starting point of my parameters in the overall model state

    device

    idx_range

    precision

    initialize (self, rng)
        Initialize with the given random number generator

    verify (self, theta, mask)
        Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask},
        a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

    cuInitialize (self, application)
        cuda specific initialization

    cuInitSample (self, theta)
        cuda process to initialize random samples
```

cuVerify (*self, theta, mask*)
 cuda process to verify the validity of samples

cuEvalPrior (*self, theta, prior*)
 cuda process to compute the prior

altar.cuda.distributions.cudaGaussian

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.cuda.distributions.cudaGaussian.**cudaGaussian** (*name, locator, **kwds*)
 Bases: *altar.cuda.distributions.cudaDistribution.cudaDistribution*
 The cuda gaussian probability distribution

mean

doc = the mean value

sigma

doc = the standard deviation

cuInitSample (*self, theta*)
 Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.

cuVerify (*self, theta, mask*)
 Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones :param theta cuArray: :type theta cuArray: samples x total_parameters

cuEvalPrior (*self, theta, prior, batch*)
 Fill my portion of {likelihood} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta}

altar.cuda.distributions.cudaPreset

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.cuda.distributions.cudaPreset.**cudaPreset**
 Bases: *altar.cuda.distributions.cudaDistribution.cudaDistribution*
 The cuda preset distribution - initialize samples from a file Note that a preset distribution cannot be used for prior_run.

input_file

doc = input file in hdf5 format

dataset

```

doc = the name of dataset in hdf5

rank = 0

precision

ifs

error

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize with the given random number generator

cuInitialize (self, application)
    cuda initialize distribution :param application: :return:

cuInitSample (self, theta)
    Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.

_loadhdf5 (self, theta)
    load from hdf5 file

```

`altar.cuda.distributions.cudaTGaussian`

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.cuda.distributions.cudaTGaussian.cudaTGaussian
    Bases: altar.cuda.distributions.cudaDistribution.cudaDistribution
    The cuda gaussian probability distribution

    mean

    doc = the mean value

    sigma

    doc = the standard deviation

    support

    doc = the support interval of the truncated gaussian distribution

    cuInitSample (self, theta)
        Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.

    cuVerify (self, theta, mask)
        Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask}, a
        vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones :param theta cuArray: :type theta cuArray:
        samples x total_parameters

    cuEvalPrior (self, theta, prior, batch)
        Fill my portion of {likelihood} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta}

```

`altar.cuda.distributions.cudaUniform`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.cuda.distributions.cudaUniform.cudaUniform (name, locator, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.cuda.distributions.cudaDistribution.cudaDistribution
    The cuda uniform probability distribution

    support

    doc = the support interval of the prior distribution

    cuInitSample (self, theta)
        Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.

    cuVerify (self, theta, mask)
        Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask}, a
        vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones :param theta cuArray: :type theta cuArray:
        samples x total_parameters

    cuEvalPrior (self, theta, prior, batch)
        Fill my portion of {likelihood} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta}
```

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

```
class altar.cuda.distributions.distribution
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all Altar probability distributions must satisfy

    parameters

    doc = the number of model parameters that i take care of

    offset

    doc = the starting point of my parameters in the overall model state

    initialize (self, **kwds)
        Initialize with the given random number generator

    initializeSample (self, theta)
        Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.

    priorLikelihood (self, theta, prior)
        Fill my portion of {prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta}
```

```

verify (self, theta, mask)
    Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask},
    a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

sample (self)
    Sample the distribution using a random number generator

density (self, x)
    Compute the probability density of the distribution at {x}

vector (self, vector)
    Fill {vector} with random values

matrix (self, matrix)
    Fill {matrix} with random values

classmethod pyre_default (cls)
    Supply a default implementation

class altar.cuda.distributions.cudaDistribution (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.distributions.Base.Base
    The base class for probability distributions

    parameters

    doc = the number of model parameters that belong to me

    offset

    doc = the starting point of my parameters in the overall model state

    device

    idx_range

    precision

    initialize (self, rng)
        Initialize with the given random number generator

    verify (self, theta, mask)
        Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask},
        a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

    cuInitialize (self, application)
        cuda specific initialization

    cuInitSample (self, theta)
        cuda process to initialize random samples

    cuVerify (self, theta, mask)
        cuda process to verify the validity of samples

    cuEvalPrior (self, theta, prior)
        cuda process to compute the prior

    altar.cuda.distributions.uniform()
    
```

```
altar.cuda.distributions.gaussian()
altar.cuda.distributions.tgaussian()
altar.cuda.distributions.preset()
```

```
altar.cuda.ext
```

```
altar.cuda.models
```

Submodules

```
altar.cuda.models.cudaBayesian
```

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.cuda.models.cudaBayesian.cudaBayesian(name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.models.Bayesian.Bayesian
    The base class of Altar models that are compatible with Bayesian explorations

    parameters
        doc = the number of model degrees of freedom

    cascaded
        doc = whether the model is cascaded (annealing temperature is fixed at 1)

    embedded
        doc = whether the model is embedded in an ensemble of models

    psets_list
        doc = list of parameter sets, used to set orders

    psets
        default
        doc = an ensemble of parameter sets in the model

    dataobs
        default
        doc = observed data

    case
        doc = the directory with the input files

    idx_map
```

default
 doc = the indices for model parameters in whole theta set
return_residual
 doc = the forward model returns residual(True) or prediction(False)
forwardonly
 doc = whether to run the simulation or the forward problem only
theta_input
 doc = the theta input file with a vector of parameters
theta_dataset
 doc = the name/path of the theta dataset in h5 file
forward_output
 dpc = the name/path of the file to save forward problem results
observations
device
precision
ifs
gidx_map
gtheta
initialize (*self, application*)
 Initialize the state of the model given an {application} context
cuInitialize (*self, application*)
 cuda interface
posterior (*self, application*)
 Sample my posterior distribution
cuInitSample (*self, theta*)
 Fill {theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.
cuVerify (*self, theta, mask*)
 Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask},
 a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones
cuEvalPrior (*self, theta, prior, batch*)
 Fill {priorLLK} with the log likelihoods of the samples in {theta} in my prior distribution
cuEvalLikelihood (*self, theta, likelihood, batch*)
 calculate data likelihood and add it to step.prior or step.data

cuEvalPosterior (*self, step, batch*)

Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized posterior using {step.beta} and deposit the result in {step.post}

likelihoods (*self, annealer, step, batch=None*)

Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the current {step} of the problem

verify (*self, step, mask*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

updateModel (*self, annealer*)

Update Model parameters if needed :param annealer: :return: default is False

mountInputDataspace (*self, pfs*)

Mount the directory with my input files

loadFile (*self, filename, shape=None, dataset=None, dtype=None*)

Load an input file to a numpy array (for both float32/64 support) Supported format: 1. text file in '.txt' suffix, stored in prescribed shape 2. binary file with '.bin' or '.dat' suffix,

the precision must be same as the desired guprecision, and users must specify the shape of the data

3. (preferred) hdf5 file in '.h5' suffix (preferred)

the metadata of shape, precision is included in .h5 file

Parameters

- **filename** – str, the input file name
- **shape** – list of int
- **dataset** – str, name/key of dataset for h5 input only

Returns

output numpy.array

loadFileToGPU (*self, filename, shape=None, dataset=None, out=None, dtype=None*)

Load an input file to a gpu (for both float32/64 support) Supported format: 1. text file in '.txt' suffix, stored in prescribed shape 2. binary file with '.bin' or '.dat' suffix,

the precision must be same as the desired guprecision, and users must specify the shape of the data

3. (preferred) hdf5 file in '.h5' suffix (preferred)

the metadata of shape, precision is included in .h5 file

Parameters

- **filename** – str, the input file name
- **shape** – list of int
- **dataset** – str, name/key of dataset for h5 input only

Returns

out altar.cuda.matrix/vector

restricted (*self, theta, batch*)

extract theta which contains model's own parameters

forwardProblem (*self*, *application*, *theta=None*)
 Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

`altar.cuda.models.cudaBayesianEnsemble`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.cuda.models.cudaBayesianEnsemble.cudaBayesianEnsemble` (*name*, *locator*,
***kws*)

Bases: `altar.models.Bayesian.Bayesian`

A collection of Altar models that comprise a single model

models

doc = the collection of models in this ensemble

parameters

doc = the number of model degrees of freedom

psets_list

doc = list of parameter sets, used to set orders

psets

doc = an ensemble of parameter sets in the model

case

doc = the directory with the input files

forwardonly

doc = whether to run the simulation or the forward problem only

theta_input

doc = the theta input file with a vector of parameters

theta_dataset

doc = the name/path of the theta dataset in h5 file

forward_output

doc = the name/path of the file to save forward problem results

datallk

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the state of the model given an {application} context

cuInitialize (*self, application*)

cuda initialization

posterior (*self, application*)

Sample my posterior distribution

cuInitSample (*self, theta*)

Fill {theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

cuVerify (*self, theta, mask*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

cuEvalPrior (*self, theta, prior, batch*)

Fill {priorLLK} with the log likelihoods of the samples in {theta} in my prior distribution

cuEvalLikelihood (*self, step, batch*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is usually referred to as the “forward model”

cuEvalPosterior (*self, step, batch*)

Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized posterior using {step.beta} and deposit the result in {step.post}

updateModel (*self, annealer*)

Update model parameters if needed :param annealer: :return:

likelihoods (*self, annealer, step, batch*)

Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the current {step} of the problem

verify (*self, step, mask*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

mountInputDataspace (*self, pfs*)

Mount the directory with my input files

loadFile (*self, filename, shape=None, dataset=None, dtype=None*)

Load an input file to a numpy array (for both float32/64 support) Supported format: 1. text file in ‘.txt’ suffix, stored in prescribed shape 2. binary file with ‘.bin’ or ‘.dat’ suffix,

the precision must be same as the desired gpuprecision, and users must specify the shape of the data

3. (preferred) hdf5 file in ‘.h5’ suffix (preferred)

the metadata of shape, precision is included in .h5 file

Parameters

- **filename** – str, the input file name
- **shape** – list of int
- **dataset** – str, name/key of dataset for h5 input only

Returns

output numpy.array

loadFileToGPU (*self, filename, shape=None, dataset=None, out=None, dtype=None*)

Load an input file to a gpu (for both float32/64 support) Supported format: 1. text file in '.txt' suffix, stored in prescribed shape 2. binary file with '.bin' or '.dat' suffix,

the precision must be same as the desired gpuprecision, and users must specify the shape of the data

3. (preferred) hdf5 file in '.h5' suffix (preferred)

the metadata of shape, precision is included in .h5 file

Parameters

- **filename** – str, the input file name
- **shape** – list of int
- **dataset** – str, name/key of dataset for h5 input only

Returns

out altar.cuda.matrix/vector

forwardProblem (*self, application, theta=None*)

Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

altar.cuda.models.cudaParameterEnsemble

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.cuda.models.cudaParameterEnsemble.**cudaParameterEnsemble**

Bases: altar.cuda.models.cudaParameter.cudaParameter

An Ensemble of parameter sets

psets

doc = an ensemble of parameter sets in the model

initialize (*self, application*)

Initialize my distributions

cuInitialize (*self, application*)

cuda initialize

cuInitSample (*self, theta, batch=None*)

Fill {theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

cuEvalPrior (*self, theta, prior, batch=None*)

Fill {priorLLK} with the log likelihoods of the samples in {theta} in my prior distribution

cuVerify (*self, theta, mask, batch=None*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

altar.cuda.models.cudaParameterSet

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.cuda.models.cudaParameterSet.cudaParameterSet (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.models.Contiguous.Contiguous
    A contiguous parameter set
    count
    doc = the number of parameters in this set
    prior
    doc = the prior distribution
    prep
    doc = the distribution to use to initialize this parameter set
    offset = 0
    cuInitialize (self, application)
        cuda initialization
    cuInitSample (self, theta, batch=None)
        Fill {theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.
    cuEvalPrior (self, theta, prior, batch=None)
        Fill {priorLLK} with the log likelihoods of the samples in {theta} in my prior distribution
    cuVerify (self, theta, mask, batch=None)
        Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask},
        a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones
    cuRestrict (self, theta)
        Return my portion of the sample matrix {theta}
```

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

```
class altar.cuda.models.model
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all AITar models must implement
    posterior (self, application)
        Sample my posterior distribution
```

```

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

initializeSample (self, step)
    Fill {step.theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

priorLikelihood (self, step)
    Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

dataLikelihood (self, step)
    Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is
    usually referred to as the “forward model”

posteriorLikelihood (self, step)
    Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized posterior using {step.beta} and
    deposit the result in {step.post}

likelihoods (self, step)
    Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the current {step} of the problem

verify (self, step, mask)
    Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask},
    a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

top (self, annealer)
    Notification that a  $\beta$  step is about to start

bottom (self, annealer)
    Notification that a  $\beta$  step just ended

forwardProblem (self, application, theta=None)
    Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
    Supply a default implementation

class altar.cuda.models.parameters
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all Altar parameter sets must implement

    count

    doc = the number of parameters in this set

    prior

    doc = the prior distribution

    prep

    doc = the distribution to use to initialize this parameter set

    initialize (self, model, offset)
        Initialize the parameter set given the {model} that owns it

    initializeSample (self, theta)
        Fill {theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

```

priorLikelihood (*self, theta, priorLLK*)

Fill {priorLLK} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta} in my prior distribution

verify (*self, theta, mask*)

Check whether the samples in {theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

classmethod pyre_default (*cls, **kws*)

Supply a default implementation

altar.cuda.models.**bayesian**()

altar.cuda.models.**bayesianensemble**()

altar.cuda.models.**parameterset**()

altar.cuda.norms

Submodules

altar.cuda.norms.cudaL2

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.cuda.norms.cudaL2.**cudaL2** (*name, locator, **kws*)

Bases: *altar.norms.L2.L2*

The L2 norm

cuEval (*self, data, out=None, batch=None, cdinv=None*)

Compute the L2 norm of the given data $\|x\|$:param data - matrix: :type data - matrix: samples x observations :param batch - number of samples to be computed: :type batch - number of samples to be computed: first rows :param cdinv - inverse covariance matrix: :type cdinv - inverse covariance matrix: observations x observations) in its Cholesky decomposed form (Upper Triangle

Returns

out - norm vector (samples)

cuEvalLikelihood (*self, data, constant=0.0, out=None, batch=None, cdinv=None*)

Compute the L2 norm data likelihood of the given data $\text{const} - \|x\|^2/2$:param data - matrix: :type data - matrix: samples x observations :param batch - number of samples to be computed: :type batch - number of samples to be computed: first rows :param constant - normalization constant: :param cdinv - inverse covariance matrix: :type cdinv - inverse covariance matrix: observations x observations) in its Cholesky decomposed form (Upper Triangle

Returns

out - data likelihood vector (samples)

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

```
class altar.cuda.norms.norm
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all Altar norms must satisfy
    eval (self, v, **kws)
        Compute the L2 norm of the given vector
    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Provide a default norm in case the user hasn't selected one
altar.cuda.norms.l2()
```

Package Contents

Functions

```
altar.cuda.get_current_device()
    Return current cuda device
altar.cuda.use_device (id)
    Set current device to device with id
altar.cuda.curand_generator()
altar.cuda.cublas_handle()
altar.cuda.copyright()
    Return the altar copyright note
altar.cuda.license()
    Print the altar license
altar.cuda.version()
    Return the altar version
altar.cuda.credits()
    Print the acknowledgments
```

7.1.1.4 altar.data

Submodules

`altar.data.DataL2`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.data.DataL2.DataL2 (name, locator, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.component
    The observed data with L2 norm
    data_file
    doc = the name of the file with the observations
    observations
    doc = the number of observed data
    cd_file
    doc = the name of the file with the data covariance matrix
    cd_std
    doc = the constant covariance for data
    merge_cd_with_data
    doc = whether to merge cd with data
    norm
    default
    doc = the norm to use when computing the data log likelihood
    normalization = 0
    ifs
    samples
    dataobs
    dataobs_batch
    cd
    cd_inv
    error
```

initialize (*self*, *application*)
 Initialize data obs from model

evalLikelihood (*self*, *prediction*, *likelihood*, *residual=True*, *batch=None*)
 compute the datalikelihood for prediction (samples x observations)

dataobsBatch (*self*)
 Get a batch of duplicated dataobs

loadData (*self*)
 load data and covariance

initializeCovariance (*self*, *cd*)
 For a given data covariance cd, compute L2 likelihood normalization, inverse of cd in Cholesky decomposed form, and merge cd with data observation, d-> L*d with $cd^{-1} = L L^*$:param cd: :return:

updateCovariance (*self*, *cp*)
 Update data covariance with cp, cd -> cd + cp :param cp: a matrix with shape (obs, obs) :return:

computeNormalization (*self*, *observations*, *cd*)
 Compute the normalization of the L2 norm

computeCovarianceInverse (*self*, *cd*)
 Compute the inverse of the data covariance matrix

altar.data.DataObs

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.data.DataObs.**DataObs**
 Bases: altar.protocol
 The protocol that all Altar norms must satisfy

initialize (*self*, *application*)
 initialize data

classmethod **pyre_default** (*cls*, ***kws*)
 Provide a default norm in case the user hasn't selected one

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

class altar.data.**data**
 Bases: altar.protocol
 The protocol that all Altar norms must satisfy

```

    initialize (self, application)
        initialize data

    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Provide a default norm in case the user hasn't selected one

class altar.data.DataL2 (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.component
    The observed data with L2 norm

    data_file

    doc = the name of the file with the observations

    observations

    doc = the number of observed data

    cd_file

    doc = the name of the file with the data covariance matrix

    cd_std

    doc = the constant covariance for data

    merge_cd_with_data

    doc = whether to merge cd with data

    norm

    default

    doc = the norm to use when computing the data log likelihood

    normalization = 0

    ifs

    samples

    dataobs

    dataobs_batch

    cd

    cd_inv

    error

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize data obs from model

    evalLikelihood (self, prediction, likelihood, residual=True, batch=None)
        compute the datalikelihood for prediction (samples x observations)

    dataobsBatch (self)
        Get a batch of duplicated dataobs

```

loadData (*self*)

load data and covariance

initializeCovariance (*self*, *cd*)

For a given data covariance *cd*, compute L2 likelihood normalization, inverse of *cd* in Cholesky decomposed form, and merge *cd* with data observation, $d \rightarrow L^*d$ with $cd^{-1} = L L^*$:param *cd*: :return:

updateCovariance (*self*, *cp*)

Update data covariance with *cp*, $cd \rightarrow cd + cp$:param *cp*: a matrix with shape (obs, obs) :return:

computeNormalization (*self*, *observations*, *cd*)

Compute the normalization of the L2 norm

computeCovarianceInverse (*self*, *cd*)

Compute the inverse of the data covariance matrix

`altar.data.data12()`

7.1.1.5 altar.distributions

Submodules

`altar.distributions.Base`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.distributions.Base.Base` (*name*, *locator*, ***kwds*)

Bases: `altar.component`

The base class for probability distributions

parameters

doc = the number of model parameters that belong to me

offset

doc = the starting point of my parameters in the overall model state

pdf

abstract initialize (*self*, *rng*)

Initialize with the given random number generator

initializeSample (*self*, *theta*)

Fill my portion of {*theta*} with initial random values from my distribution.

priorLikelihood (*self*, *theta*, *likelihood*)

Fill my portion of {*likelihood*} with the likelihoods of the samples in {*theta*}

abstract verify (*self*, *theta*, *mask*)

Check whether my portion of the samples in {*theta*} are consistent with my constraints, and update {*mask*}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

```

sample (self)
    Sample the distribution using a random number generator

density (self, x)
    Compute the probability density of the distribution at {x}

vector (self, vector)
    Fill {vector} with random values

matrix (self, matrix)
    Fill {matrix} with random values

restrict (self, theta)
    Return my portion of the {theta}
    
```

altar.distributions.Distribution

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.distributions.Distribution.Distribution
    Bases: altar.protocol

    The protocol that all Altar probability distributions must satisfy

    parameters

    doc = the number of model parameters that i take care of

    offset

    doc = the starting point of my parameters in the overall model state

    initialize (self, **kws)
        Initialize with the given random number generator

    initializeSample (self, theta)
        Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.

    priorLikelihood (self, theta, prior)
        Fill my portion of {prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta}

    verify (self, theta, mask)
        Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask},
        a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

    sample (self)
        Sample the distribution using a random number generator

    density (self, x)
        Compute the probability density of the distribution at {x}

    vector (self, vector)
        Fill {vector} with random values
    
```

matrix (*self*, *matrix*)
 Fill {matrix} with random values

classmethod pyre_default (*cls*)
 Supply a default implementation

altar.distributions.Gaussian

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.distributions.Gaussian.**Gaussian** (*name*, *locator*, ***kws*)
 Bases: *altar.distributions.Base.Base*
 The Gaussian probability distribution

mean

doc = the mean value of the distribution

sigma

doc = the standard deviation of the distribution

initialize (*self*, *rng*)
 Initialize with the given random number generator

verify (*self*, *theta*, *mask*)
 Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask},
 a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

altar.distributions.Uniform

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.distributions.Uniform.**Uniform** (*name*, *locator*, ***kws*)
 Bases: *altar.distributions.Base.Base*
 The uniform probability distribution

support

doc = the support interval of the prior distribution

initialize (*self*, *rng*)
 Initialize with the given random number generator

verify (*self*, *theta*, *mask*)
 Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask},
 a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

`altar.distributions.UnitGaussian`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.distributions.UnitGaussian.UnitGaussian` (*name, locator, **kws*)

Bases: `altar.distributions.Base.Base`

Special case of the Gaussian probability distribution with $\sigma = 1$

initialize (*self, rng*)

Initialize with the given random number generator

verify (*self, theta, mask*)

Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

class `altar.distributions.distribution`

Bases: `altar.protocol`

The protocol that all AITar probability distributions must satisfy

parameters

doc = the number of model parameters that i take care of

offset

doc = the starting point of my parameters in the overall model state

initialize (*self, **kws*)

Initialize with the given random number generator

initializeSample (*self, theta*)

Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.

priorLikelihood (*self, theta, prior*)

Fill my portion of {prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta}

verify (*self, theta, mask*)

Check whether my portion of the samples in {theta} are consistent with my constraints, and update {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

sample (*self*)

Sample the distribution using a random number generator

density (*self, x*)

Compute the probability density of the distribution at {x}

vector (*self*, *vector*)

Fill {vector} with random values

matrix (*self*, *matrix*)

Fill {matrix} with random values

classmethod pyre_default (*cls*)

Supply a default implementation

`altar.distributions.uniform()`

`altar.distributions.gaussian()`

`altar.distributions.ugaussian()`

7.1.1.6 altar.ext

7.1.1.7 altar.models

Subpackages

`altar.models.cdm`

Subpackages

`altar.models.cdm.ext`

Submodules

`altar.models.cdm.CDM`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.cdm.CDM.CDM` (*name*, *locator*, ***kws*)

Bases: `altar.models.bayesian`

An implementation of the Compound Dislocation Model, Nikhoo et al. [2017]

psets

doc = the model parameter meta-data

observations

doc = the number of model degrees of freedom

norm

default

doc = the norm to use when computing the data log likelihood

```

case
doc = the directory with the input files
displacements
doc = the name of the file with the displacements
covariance
doc = the name of the file with the data covariance
nu
doc = the Poisson ratio
mode
doc = the implementation strategy
validators
parameters = 0
strategy
ifs
d
los
oid
points
cd
xIdx = 0
yIdx = 0
dIdx = 0
openingIdx = 0
aXIdx = 0
aYIdx = 0
aZIdx = 0
omegaXIdx = 0
omegaYIdx = 0
omegaZIdx = 0
offsetIdx = 0
cd_inv

```

normalization = 1

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

initializeSample (*self*, *step*)

Fill {step.θ} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

priorLikelihood (*self*, *step*)

Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

dataLikelihood (*self*, *step*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is usually referred to as the “forward model”

verify (*self*, *step*, *mask*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

initializeParameterSets (*self*)

Initialize my parameter sets

mountInputDataspace (*self*, *pfs*)

Mount the directory with my input files

loadInputs (*self*)

Load the data in the input files into memory

computeNormalization (*self*)

Compute the normalization of the L2 norm

computeCovarianceInverse (*self*)

Compute the inverse of my data covariance

meta (*self*)

Persist the sample layout by recording the parameter set metadata

show (*self*, *job*, *channel*)

Place model information in the supplied {channel}

altar.models.cdm.CUDA

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.models.cdm.CUDA.CUDA

A strategy for computing the data log likelihood that is written in pure python

source

initialize (*self*, *application*, *model*)

Initialize the strategy with {model} information

dataLikelihood (*self*, *model*, *step*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data.

altar.models.cdm.Data

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.cdm.Data.Data (name, **kws)
    Bases: altar.tabular.sheet
    The layout of the input data file

    oid
    doc = an integer identifying the data source

    x
    doc = the EW coordinate of the location of the source

    y
    doc = the NS coordinate of the location of the source

    d
    doc = the displacement projected along the line of sight (LOS)

    theta
    doc = the azimuthal angle of the LOS vector to the observing craft

    phi
    doc = the polar angle of the LOS vector to the observing craft

    read (self, uri)
        Load a data set from a CSV file

    write (self, uri)
        Save my data into a CSV file
```

altar.models.cdm.Fast

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.cdm.Fast.Fast
    A strategy for computing the data log likelihood that is written in pure python

    source

    initialize (self, model, **kws)
        Initialize the strategy with {model} information

    dataLikelihood (self, model, step)
        Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data.
```

`altar.models.cdm.Native`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.cdm.Native.Native`

A strategy for computing the data log likelihood that is written in pure python

initialize (*self*, ***kws*)

Initialize the strategy

dataLikelihood (*self*, *model*, *step*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data.

`altar.models.cdm.Source`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.cdm.Source.Source` (*x=x*, *y=y*, *d=d*, *ax=ax*, *ay=ay*, *az=az*, *omegaX=omegaX*, *omegaY=omegaY*, *omegaZ=omegaZ*, *opening=opening*, *v=v*, ***kws*)

The source response for a Compound Dislocation Model in an elastic half space.

x = 0

y = 0

d = 0

ax = 0

ay = 0

az = 0

omegaX = 0

omegaY = 0

omegaZ = 0

opening = 0

v = 0.25

displacements (*self*, *locations*, *los*)

Compute the expected displacements at a set of observation locations from a compound (triaxial) dislocation source at depth.

`altar.models.cdm.libcdm`

Module Contents

Functions

`altar.models.cdm.libcdm.cosd(angd)`

`altar.models.cdm.libcdm.sind(angd)`

`altar.models.cdm.libcdm.norm(v)`

`altar.models.cdm.libcdm.CDM(X, Y, X0, Y0, depth, ax, ay, az, omegaX, omegaY, omegaZ, opening, nu)`

CDM calculates the surface displacements and potency associated with a CDM that is composed of three mutually orthogonal rectangular dislocations in a half-space.

CDM: Compound Dislocation Model RD: Rectangular Dislocation EFCS: Earth-Fixed Coordinate System RDCS: Rectangular Dislocation Coordinate System ADCS: Angular Dislocation Coordinate System (The origin of the RDCS is the RD centroid. The axes of the RDCS are aligned with the strike, dip and normal vectors of the RD, respectively.)

INPUTS X and Y: Horizontal coordinates of calculation points in EFCS (East, North, Up). X and Y must have the same size.

X0, Y0 and depth: Horizontal coordinates (in EFCS) and depth of the CDM centroid. The depth must be a positive value. X0, Y0 and depth have the same unit as X and Y.

omegaX, omegaY and omegaZ: Clockwise rotation angles about X, Y and Z axes, respectively, that specify the orientation of the CDM in space. The input values must be in degrees.

ax, ay and az: Semi-axes of the CDM along the X, Y and Z axes, respectively, before applying the rotations. ax, ay and az have the same unit as X and Y.

opening: The opening (tensile component of the Burgers vector) of the RDs that form the CDM. The unit of opening must be the same as the unit of ax, ay and az.

nu: Poisson's ratio.

OUTPUTS ue, un and uv: Calculated displacement vector components in EFCS. ue, un and uv have the same unit as opening and the CDM semi-axes in inputs.

DV: Potency of the CDM. DV has the unit of volume (the unit of displacements, opening and CDM semi-axes to the power of 3).

Example: Calculate and plot the vertical displacements on a regular grid.

```
[X,Y] = numpy.meshgrid(-7:.02:7,-5:.02:5); X0 = 0.5; Y0 = -0.25; depth = 2.75; omegaX = 5;
omegaY = -8; omegaZ = 30; ax = 0.4; ay = 0.45; az = 0.8; opening = 1e-3; nu = 0.25; im-
port te[ [ue,un,uv,DV] = CDM(X,Y,X0,Y0,depth,omegaX,omegaY,omegaZ,ax,ay,az,... opening,nu); figure
surf(X,Y,reshape(uv,size(X)), 'edgecolor','none') view(2) axis equal axis tight set(gcf,'renderer','painters')
```

Reference journal article: Nikkhoo, M., Walter, T. R., Lundgren, P. R., Prats-Iraola, P. (2016): Compound dislocation models (CDMs) for volcano deformation analyses. Submitted to Geophysical Journal International Copyright (c) 2016 Mehdi Nikkhoo

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`altar.models.cdm.libcdm.RDdispSurf (X, Y, P1, P2, P3, P4, opening, nu)`

RDdispSurf calculates surface displacements associated with a rectangular dislocation in an elastic half-space.

`altar.models.cdm.libcdm.CoordTrans (x1, x2, x3, A)`

CoordTrans transforms the coordinates of the vectors, from $x1x2x3$ coordinate system to $X1X2X3$ coordinate system. “A” is the transformation matrix, whose columns $e1, e2$ and $e3$ are the unit base vectors of the $x1x2x3$. The coordinates of $e1, e2$ and $e3$ in A must be given in $X1X2X3$. The transpose of A (i.e., A') will transform the coordinates from $X1X2X3$ into $x1x2x3$.

`altar.models.cdm.libcdm.AngSetupFSC (X, Y, bX, bY, bZ, PA, PB, nu)`

AngSetupSurf calculates the displacements associated with an angular dislocation pair on each side of an RD in a half-space.

`altar.models.cdm.libcdm.AngDisDispSurf (y1, y2, beta, b1, b2, b3, nu, a)`

AngDisDispSurf calculates the displacements associated with an angular dislocation in a half-space.

`altar.models.cdm.meta`

Module Contents

`altar.models.cdm.meta.date = 2021-07-16T04:55:48Z`

`altar.models.cdm.meta.major = 2`

`altar.models.cdm.meta.minor = 0`

`altar.models.cdm.meta.micro = 1`

`altar.models.cdm.meta.revision = c4eeb4c`

`altar.models.cdm.meta.version`

`altar.models.cdm.meta.copyright = (c) 2013- ParaSim Inc. (c) 2010- California Institute of Technology ALL RIGHTS RESERVED`

```
altar.models.cdm.meta.banner
altar.models.cdm.meta.header
altar.models.cdm.meta.license
altar.models.cdm.meta.acknowledgments
```

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

```
class altar.models.cdm.source (x=x, y=y, d=d, ax=ax, ay=ay, az=az, omegaX=omegaX,  
                                omegaY=omegaY, omegaZ=omegaZ, opening=opening, v=v, **kwds)
```

The source response for a Compound Dislocation Model in an elastic half space.

x = 0

y = 0

d = 0

ax = 0

ay = 0

az = 0

omegaX = 0

omegaY = 0

omegaZ = 0

opening = 0

v = 0.25

displacements (*self, locations, los*)

Compute the expected displacements at a set of observation locations from a compound (triaxial) dislocation source at depth.

```
class altar.models.cdm.data (name, **kwds)
```

Bases: altar.tabular.sheet

The layout of the input data file

oid

doc = an integer identifying the data source

x

doc = the EW coordinate of the location of the source

y

doc = the NS coordinate of the location of the source

d

doc = the displacement projected along the line of sight (LOS)

theta

doc = the azimuthal angle of the LOS vector to the observing craft

phi

doc = the polar angle of the LOS vector to the observing craft

read (*self*, *uri*)

Load a data set from a CSV file

write (*self*, *uri*)

Save my data into a CSV file

`altar.models.cdm.cdm()`

`altar.models.cudalinear`

Submodules

`altar.models.cudalinear.cudaLinear`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.cudalinear.cudaLinear.cudaLinear` (*name*, *locator*, ***kws*)

Bases: `altar.cuda.models.cudaBayesian.cudaBayesian`

Cuda implementation of a linear model A linear model is defined as $\text{data} = G \theta$

dataobs

default

doc = the observed data

green

doc = the name of the file with the Green functions

GF

gGF

gDataPred

cublas_handle

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

_forwardModel (*self*, *theta*, *prediction*, *batch*, *observation=None*)

Linear Forward Model prediction= G theta

cuEvalLikelihood (*self*, *theta*, *likelihood*, *batch*)

to be loaded by super class cuEvalLikelihood which already decides where the local likelihood is added to

loadGF (*self*)

Load the data in the input files into memory

prepareGF (*self*)

copy green function to gpu and merge cd with green function

altar.models.cudalinear.meta

Module Contents

altar.models.cudalinear.meta.**date** = 2021-07-16T04:55:48Z

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Package Contents

Functions

altar.models.cudalinear.**cudalinear**()

`altar.models.emhp`

Submodules

`altar.models.emhp.EMHP`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.emhp.EMHP.EMHP` (*name, locator, **kws*)

Bases: `altar.models.bayesian`

A diagnostic tool

initialize (*self, application*)

Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

initializeSample (*self, step*)

File {step.theta} with an initial random sample form my prior distribution

priorLikelihood (*self, step*)

Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

dataLikelihood (*self, step*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is usually referred to as the “forward model”

verify (*self, step, mask*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

`altar.models.emhp.meta`

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Package Contents

Functions

`altar.models.emhp.emhp()`

`altar.models.gaussian`

Subpackages

`altar.models.gaussian.ext`

Submodules

`altar.models.gaussian.Gaussian`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.gaussian.Gaussian.Gaussian(**kws)`

Bases: `altar.models.bayesian`

A model that emulates the probability density for a single observation of the model parameters. The observation is treated as normally distributed around a given mean, with a covariance constructed out of its eigenvalues and a rotation in configuration space. Currently, only two dimensional parameter spaces are supported.

parameters

doc = the number of model degrees of freedom

support

doc = the support interval of the prior distribution

prep

doc = the distribution used to generate the initial sample

prior

doc = the prior distribution

μ

doc = the location of the central value of the observation

λ

doc = the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix

ψ

doc = the orientation of the covariance semi-major axis

peak

σ_{inv}

normalization = 1

initialize (*self*, *application*)
 Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

initializeSample (*self*, *step*)
 Fill {step.0} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

priorLikelihood (*self*, *step*)
 Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

dataLikelihood (*self*, *step*)
 Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is usually referred to as the “forward model”

verify (*self*, *step*, *mask*)
 Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

altar.models.gaussian.meta

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Package Contents

Functions

`altar.models.gaussian.gaussian()`

`altar.models.linear`

Submodules

`altar.models.linear.Linear`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.linear.Linear.Linear (name, locator, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.models.bayesian
    parameters
    doc = the number of parameters in the model
    observations
    doc = the number of data samples
    prep
    default
    doc = the distribution used to generate the initial sample
    prior
    default
    doc = the prior distribution
    norm
    default
    doc = the norm to use when computing the data log likelihood
    case
    doc = the directory with the input files
    green
    doc = the name of the file with the Green functions
    data
```

doc = the name of the file with the observations

cd

doc = the name of the file with the data covariance matrix

ifs

G

d

Cd

Cd_inv

residuals

normalization = 1

initialize (*self*, *application*)
Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

initializeSample (*self*, *step*)
Fill {step.0} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

priorLikelihood (*self*, *step*)
Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

dataLikelihood (*self*, *step*)
Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is usually referred to as the “forward model”

verify (*self*, *step*, *mask*)
Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

mountInputDataspacespace (*self*, *pfs*)
Mount the directory with my input files

loadInputs (*self*)
Load the data in the input files into memory

computeCovarianceInverse (*self*, *cd*)
Compute the inverse of the data covariance matrix

computeNormalization (*self*, *observations*, *cd*)
Compute the normalization of the L2 norm

initializeResiduals (*self*, *samples*, *data*)
Prime the matrix that will hold the residuals ($G \theta - d$) for each sample by duplicating the observation vector as many times as there are samples

`altar.models.linear.meta`

Module Contents

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```

Package Contents

Functions

```

altar.models.linear.linear()

```

`altar.models.mogi`

Subpackages

```

altar.models.mogi.ext

```

Submodules

```

altar.models.mogi.CUDA

```

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.models.mogi.CUDA.CUDA
    A strategy for computing the data log likelihood that is written in pure python

```

source

initialize (*self*, *application*, *model*)

Initialize the strategy with {model} information

dataLikelihood (*self*, *model*, *step*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data.

`altar.models.mogi.Data`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.mogi.Data.Data` (*name*, ***kwds*)

Bases: `altar.tabular.sheet`

The layout of the input data file

oid

doc = an integer identifying the data source

x

doc = the EW coordinate of the location of the source

y

doc = the NS coordinate of the location of the source

d

doc = the displacement projected along the line of sight (LOS)

theta

doc = the azimuthal angle of the LOS vector to the observing craft

phi

doc = the polar angle of the LOS vector to the observing craft

read (*self*, *uri*)

Load a data set from a CSV file

write (*self*, *uri*)

Save my data into a CSV file

`altar.models.mogi.Fast`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.mogi.Fast.Fast`

A strategy for computing the data log likelihood that is written in pure python

source

initialize (*self*, *model*, ***kws*)

Initialize the strategy with {model} information

dataLikelihood (*self*, *model*, *step*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data.

`altar.models.mogi.Mogi`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.mogi.Mogi.Mogi` (*name*, *locator*, ***kws*)

Bases: `altar.models.bayesian`

An implementation of Mogi[1958]

The surface displacement calculation for a pressure point source in an elastic half space.

Currently, {mogi} is implemented as a four parameter model: x,y,depth locate the point source, and {dV} provides the point source strength as the volume change. It can easily become a five parameter model by including the Poisson ratio of the elastic material to the list of free parameters.

psets

doc = the model parameter meta-data

observations

doc = the number of model degrees of freedom

norm

default

doc = the norm to use when computing the data log likelihood

case

doc = the directory with the input files

displacements

doc = the name of the file with the displacements

```

covariance

doc = the name of the file with the data covariance

nu

doc = the Poisson ratio

mode

doc = the implementation strategy

validators

parameters = 0

strategy

ifs

d

los

oid

points

cd

xIdx = 0

yIdx = 0

dIdx = 0

sIdx = 0

offsetIdx = 0

cd_inv

normalization = 1

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

initializeSample (self, step)
    Fill {step.θ} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

priorLikelihood (self, step)
    Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

dataLikelihood (self, step)
    Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is
    usually referred to as the “forward model”

verify (self, step, mask)
    Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask},
    a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

```

```
initializeParameterSets (self)
    Initialize my parameter sets

mountInputDataspace (self, pfs)
    Mount the directory with my input files

loadInputs (self)
    Load the data in the input files into memory

computeNormalization (self)
    Compute the normalization of the L2 norm

computeCovarianceInverse (self)
    Compute the inverse of my data covariance

meta (self)
    Persist the sample layout by recording the parameter set metadata

show (self, job, channel)
    Place model information in the supplied {channel}
```

`altar.models.mogi.Native`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.mogi.Native.Native
    A strategy for computing the data log likelihood that is written in pure python

    initialize (self, **kws)
        Initialize the strategy

    dataLikelihood (self, model, step)
        Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data.
```

`altar.models.mogi.Source`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.mogi.Source.Source (x=x, y=y, d=d, dV=dV, nu=nu, **kws)
    An implementation of Mogi[1958]

    The surface displacement calculation for a point pressure source in an elastic half space.

    x = 0

    y = 0

    d = 0
```

dV = 0

nu = 0.25

displacements (*self*, *locations*, *los*)

Compute the expected displacements from a point pressure source at a set of observation locations

altar.models.mogi.meta

Module Contents

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Package Contents

Classes

Functions

class altar.models.mogi.**source** (*x=x*, *y=y*, *d=d*, *dV=dV*, *nu=nu*, ***kwds*)

An implementation of Mogi[1958]

The surface displacement calculation for a point pressure source in an elastic half space.

x = 0

y = 0

d = 0

dV = 0

nu = 0.25

displacements (*self*, *locations*, *los*)

Compute the expected displacements from a point pressure source at a set of observation locations

class altar.models.mogi.data (*name*, ***kws*)

Bases: altar.tabular.sheet

The layout of the input data file

oid

doc = an integer identifying the data source

x

doc = the EW coordinate of the location of the source

y

doc = the NS coordinate of the location of the source

d

doc = the displacement projected along the line of sight (LOS)

theta

doc = the azimuthal angle of the LOS vector to the observing craft

phi

doc = the polar angle of the LOS vector to the observing craft

read (*self*, *uri*)

Load a data set from a CSV file

write (*self*, *uri*)

Save my data into a CSV file

altar.models.mogi.mogi ()

altar.models.regression

Submodules

altar.models.regression.Linear

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.models.regression.Linear.Linear (*name*, *locator*, ***kws*)

Bases: *altar.models.BayesianL2.BayesianL2*

Linear Regression model $y = ax + b$

x_file

doc = the input file for **x** variable

x

y

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the state of the model

forwardModel (*self*, *theta*, *prediction*)

Forward Model :param theta: sampling parameters for one sample :param prediction: data prediction or residual (prediction - observation) :return: none

altar.models.regression.meta

Module Contents

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Package Contents

Classes

Functions

class altar.models.regression.model

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all AltTar models must implement

posterior (*self*, *application*)

Sample my posterior distribution

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

initializeSample (*self*, *step*)

Fill {step.theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

priorLikelihood (*self*, *step*)

Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

dataLikelihood (*self*, *step*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is usually referred to as the “forward model”

posteriorLikelihood (*self*, *step*)

Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized posterior using {step.beta} and deposit the result in {step.post}

likelihoods (*self*, *step*)

Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the current {step} of the problem

verify (*self*, *step*, *mask*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

top (*self*, *annealer*)

Notification that a β step is about to start

bottom (*self*, *annealer*)

Notification that a β step just ended

forwardProblem (*self*, *application*, *theta=None*)

Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

classmethod pyre_default (*cls*, ***kws*)

Supply a default implementation

`altar.models.regression.linear()`

`altar.models.seismic`

Subpackages

`altar.models.seismic.actions`

Submodules

`altar.models.seismic.actions.About`

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.models.seismic.actions.About.About (name, spec, plexus, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.panel()
    Display information about this application

    root

    tip = specify the portion of the namespace to display

    name (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the name of the app for configuration purposes

    home (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the application home directory

    prefix (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the application installation directory

    models (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the altar model directory

    when (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the build timestamp

    etc (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the application configuration directory

    version (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the version of the altar package

    copyright (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print the copyright note of the altar package

    credits (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print out the license and terms of use of the altar package

    license (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Print out the license and terms of use of the altar package

    nfs (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Dump the application configuration namespace

    pfs (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Dump the application private filesystem

    vfs (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Dump the application virtual filesystem

```

altar.models.seismic.actions.Forward

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.seismic.actions.Forward.Forward (name, spec, plexus, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.panel()
    Sample the posterior distribution of a model
    default (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Sample the model posterior distribution
```

`altar.models.seismic.actions.Sample`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.seismic.actions.Sample.Sample (name, spec, plexus, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.panel()
    Sample the posterior distribution of a model
    default (self, plexus, **kwds)
        Sample the model posterior distribution
```

Package Contents

Functions

```
altar.models.seismic.actions.about()
altar.models.seismic.actions.sample()
altar.models.seismic.actions.forward()
```

`altar.models.seismic.cuda`

Submodules

`altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaCascaded`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaCascaded.cudaCascaded (name, locator, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.cuda.models.cudaBayesianEnsemble.cudaBayesianEnsemble
    Cascaded inversion of a model ensemble
```

`altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaKinematicG`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaKinematicG.cudaKinematicG (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.cuda.models.cudaBayesian.cudaBayesian
    KinematicG model with cuda

    dataobs

    default

    doc = the observed data

    green

    doc = the name of the file with the Green functions

    Nas

    doc = number of patches along strike direction

    Ndd

    doc = number of patches along dip direction

    Nmesh

    doc = number of mesh points for each patch for fastsweeping

    dsp

    doc = the distance unit for each patch, in km

    Nt

    doc = number of time intervals for kinematic process

    Npt

    doc = number of mesh points for each time interval for fastsweeping

    dt

    doc = the time unit for each time interval (in s)

    t0s

    doc = the start time for each patch

    cmodel

    GF

    gGF
```

gDprediction

cublas_handle

NGbparameters

gt0s

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

forwardModelBatched (*self*, *theta*, *gf*, *prediction*, *batch*, *observation=None*)

KinematicG forward model in batch: cast Mb(x,y,t) :param theta: matrix (samples, parameters), sampling parameters :param gf: matrix (2*Ndd*Nas*Nt, observations), kinematicG green's function :param prediction: matrix (samples, observations), the predicted data or residual between predicted and observed data :param batch: integer, the number of samples to be computed batch<=samples :param observation: matrix (samples, observations), duplicates of observed data :return: prediction as predicted data(observation=None) or residual (observation is provided)

forwardModel (*self*, *theta*, *gf*, *prediction*, *observation=None*)

KinematicG forward model for single sample: cast Mb(x,y,t) :param theta: vector (parameters), sampling parameters :param gf: matrix (2*Ndd*Nas*Nt, observations), kinematicG green's function :param prediction: vector (observations), the predicted data or residual between predicted and observed data :param observation: vector (observations), duplicates of observed data :return: prediction as predicted data(observation=None) or residual (observation is provided)

castSlipsOfTime (*self*, *theta*, *Mb=None*)

Compute Mb (slips of patches over time) from a given set of parameters :param theta: a vector arranged in [slip (strike and dip), risetime, ...] :param Mb: :return: Mb

linearGM (*self*, *gf*, *Mb*, *prediction=None*, *observation=None*)

Perform prediction = Gb * Mb :param Gb: :param Mb: :param prediction: :return: prediction

cuEvalLikelihood (*self*, *theta*, *likelihood*, *batch*)

Compute the likelihood from my forward problem

mergeCovarianceToGF (*self*)

merge data covariance (cd) with green function

forwardProblem (*self*, *application*, *theta=None*)

Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaKinematicGCp

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaKinematicGCp.**cudaKinematicGCp**

Bases: *altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaKinematicG.cudaKinematicG*

KinematicG inversion with Cp (prediction error due to model parameter uncertainty)

nCmu

`doc` = the number of model parameters with uncertainties (or to be considered)

`cmu_file`

`doc` = the covariance describing the uncertainty of model parameter, a `nCmu x nCmu` matrix

`kmu_file`

`doc` = the sensitivity kernel of model parameters, a hdf5 file including `nCmu` kernel data sets

`initial_model_file`

`doc` = the initial mean model

`beta_cp_start`

`doc` = for `beta >= beta_cp_start`, incorporate `Cp` into `Cd`

`beta_use_initial_model`

`doc` = for `beta <= beta_use_initial_model`, use `initial_model` instead of mean model

`mean_model`

`initialize` (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

`initializeCp` (*self*)

Returns

`updateModel` (*self*, *annealer*)

Model method called by Sampler before Metropolis sampling for each beta step starts, employed to compute `Cp` and merge `Cp` with data covariance :param annealer: the annealer for application :return: True or False if model parameters are updated or remain the same

`computeCp` (*self*, *model*, *cp=None*)

Compute `Cp` with a mean model :param model: :return:

`altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaMoment`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaMoment.cudaMoment` (*name*, *locator*, ***kws*)

Bases: `altar.cuda.distributions.cudaUniform.cudaUniform`

The probability distribution for displacements (`D`) conforming to a given Moment magnitude scale $M_w = (\log M_0 - 9.1)/1.5$ (Hiroo Kanamori) $M_0 = \mu A D$ It serves to initialize samples only, with combined gaussian and dirichlet distributions. It inherits uniform distribution for verification and density calculations.

```

area_patch_file

doc = input file for area of each patch, in unit of km^2

area

doc = area of each patch in unit of km^2, provide one value if the same for
all patches

Mw_mean

doc = the mean moment magnitude scale

Mw_sigma

doc = the variance of moment magnitude scale

Mu

doc = the shear modulus for each patch in GPa, provide one value if the
same for all patches

Mu_patch_file

Mu_patch_file = input file for the shear modulus of each patch, in Km^2

slip_sign

validators

doc = the sign of slips, all positive or all negative

area_patches

mu_patches

patches

rng

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize with the given random number generator

cuInitialize (self, application)
    cuda interface of initialization

cuInitSample (self, theta)
    Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.

```

`altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaStatic`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaStatic.cudaStatic(name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.cuda.models.cudaBayesian.cudaBayesian
    cudaLinear with the new cuda framework

    dataobs

    default

    doc = the observed data

    green

    doc = the name of the file with the Green functions

    GF

    gGF

    gDataPred

    cublas_handle

    initialize(self, application)
        Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

    forwardModelBatched(self, theta, green, prediction, batch, observation=None)
        Linear Forward Model prediction= G theta

    forwardModel(self, theta, green, prediction, observation=None)
        Static/Linear forward model prediction = green * theta :param theta: a parameter set, vector with size pa-
        rameters :param green: green's function, matrix with size (observations, parameters) :param prediction: data
        prediction, vector with size observations :return: data prediction if observation is none; otherwise return
        residual

    cuEvalLikelihood(self, theta, likelihood, batch)
        Compute data likelihood from the forward model, :param theta: parameters, matrix [samples, parameters]
        :param likelihood: data likelihood P(dltheta), vector [samples] :param batch: the number of samples to be
        computed, batch <=samples :return: likelihood, in case of model ensembles, data likelihood of this model is
        added to the input likelihood

    mergeCovarianceToGF(self)
        merge data covariance (cd) with green function

    forwardProblem(self, application, theta=None)
        Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaStaticCp
```

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaStaticCp.cudaStaticCp
    Bases: altar.models.seismic.cuda.cudaStatic.cudaStatic
    Static inversion with Cp (prediction error due to model parameter uncertainty)
```

nCmu

doc = the number of model parameters with uncertainties (or to be considered)

cmu_file

doc = the covariance describing the uncertainty of model parameter, a nCmu x nCmu matrix

kmu_file

doc = the sensitivity kernel of model parameters, a hdf5 file including nCmu kernel data sets

initial_model_file

doc = the initial mean model

beta_cp_start

doc = for beta >= beta_cp_start, incorporate Cp into Cd

beta_use_initial_model

doc = for beta <= beta_use_initial_model, use initial_model instead of mean model

dtype_cp

doc = single/double precision to compute Cp

gCmu

gInitModel

gMeanModel

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

initializeCp (*self*)

Initialize Cp related :return:

updateModel (*self*, *annealer*)

Model method called by Sampler before Metropolis sampling for each beta step starts, employed to compute Cp and merge Cp with data covariance :param annealer: the annealer for application :return: True or False if model parameters are updated or remain the same

computeCp (*self*, *model*, *cp=None*)

Compute Cp with a mean model :param model: :return:

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

```
class altar.models.seismic.cuda.model (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.models.Bayesian.Bayesian
    The base class of AITar models that are compatible with Bayesian explorations

    parameters
        doc = the number of model degrees of freedom

    cascaded
        doc = whether the model is cascaded (annealing temperature is fixed at 1)

    embedded
        doc = whether the model is embedded in an ensemble of models

    psets_list
        doc = list of parameter sets, used to set orders

    psets
        default
        doc = an ensemble of parameter sets in the model

    dataobs
        default
        doc = observed data

    case
        doc = the directory with the input files

    idx_map
        default
        doc = the indices for model parameters in whole theta set

    return_residual
        doc = the forward model returns residual(True) or prediction(False)

    forwardonly
        doc = whether to run the simulation or the forward problem only

    theta_input
```

doc = the theta input file with a vector of parameters
theta_dataset
doc = the name/path of the theta dataset in h5 file
forward_output
dpc = the name/path of the file to save forward problem results
observations
device
precision
ifs
gidx_map
gtheta
initialize (*self, application*)
Initialize the state of the model given an {application} context
cuInitialize (*self, application*)
cuda interface
posterior (*self, application*)
Sample my posterior distribution
cuInitSample (*self, theta*)
Fill {theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.
cuVerify (*self, theta, mask*)
Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones
cuEvalPrior (*self, theta, prior, batch*)
Fill {priorLLK} with the log likelihoods of the samples in {theta} in my prior distribution
cuEvalLikelihood (*self, theta, likelihood, batch*)
calculate data likelihood and add it to step.prior or step.data
cuEvalPosterior (*self, step, batch*)
Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized posterior using {step.beta} and deposit the result in {step.post}
likelihoods (*self, annealer, step, batch=None*)
Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the current {step} of the problem
verify (*self, step, mask*)
Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones
updateModel (*self, annealer*)
Update Model parameters if needed :param annealer: :return: default is False

mountInputDataspace (*self, pfs*)

Mount the directory with my input files

loadFile (*self, filename, shape=None, dataset=None, dtype=None*)

Load an input file to a numpy array (for both float32/64 support) Supported format: 1. text file in '.txt' suffix, stored in prescribed shape 2. binary file with '.bin' or '.dat' suffix,

the precision must be same as the desired guprecision, and users must specify the shape of the data

3. **(preferred) hdf5 file in '.h5' suffix (preferred)**

the metadata of shape, precision is included in .h5 file

Parameters

- **filename** – str, the input file name
- **shape** – list of int
- **dataset** – str, name/key of dataset for h5 input only

Returns

output numpy.array

loadFileToGPU (*self, filename, shape=None, dataset=None, out=None, dtype=None*)

Load an input file to a gpu (for both float32/64 support) Supported format: 1. text file in '.txt' suffix, stored in prescribed shape 2. binary file with '.bin' or '.dat' suffix,

the precision must be same as the desired guprecision, and users must specify the shape of the data

3. **(preferred) hdf5 file in '.h5' suffix (preferred)**

the metadata of shape, precision is included in .h5 file

Parameters

- **filename** – str, the input file name
- **shape** – list of int
- **dataset** – str, name/key of dataset for h5 input only

Returns

out altar.cuda.matrix/vector

restricted (*self, theta, batch*)

extract theta which contains model's own parameters

forwardProblem (*self, application, theta=None*)

Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

altar.models.seismic.cuda.**moment**()

altar.models.seismic.cuda.**static**()

altar.models.seismic.cuda.**staticcp**()

altar.models.seismic.cuda.**kinematicg**()

altar.models.seismic.cuda.**cascaded**()

`altar.models.seismic.ext`

`altar.models.seismic.shells`

Submodules

`altar.models.seismic.shells.Action`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.seismic.shells.Action.Action`

Bases: `altar.models.seismic.action`

Protocol for {altar} commands

`altar.models.seismic.shells.Seismic`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.seismic.shells.Seismic.Seismic(**kws)`

Bases: `altar.plexus`

The main action dispatcher for the simple AlTar application

job

doc = the job input parameters

model

default

doc = the AlTar model to sample

rng

doc = the random number generator

controller

doc = my simulation controller

monitors

doc = a collection of event handlers

main (*self*, *args, **kws)

The main entry point

initialize (*self*)
 Initialize without running, for debug purpose only

forward (*self*)
 Perform the forward problem once for a given set of parameters

pyre_banner (*self*)
 Place the application banner in the {info} channel

pyre_interactiveSessionContext (*self*, *context*)
 Go interactive

`altar.models.seismic.shells.cudaApplication`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.seismic.shells.cudaApplication.cudaApplication` (*name=None*,
***kws*)

Bases: `altar.application`
 The base class for simple Altar applications

job
 doc = the job input parameters

model
 default
 doc = the Altar model to sample

rng
 doc = the random number generator

controller
 doc = my simulation controller

monitors
 doc = a collection of event handlers

main (*self*, **args*, ***kws*)
 The main entry point

pyre_interactiveSessionContext (*self*, *context*)
 Go interactive

pyre_mpi (*self*)
 Transfer my {job} settings to the MPI shell

Package Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.seismic.shells.seismic (**kws)
    Bases: altar.plexus
    The main action dispatcher for the simple AlTar application
    job
    doc = the job input parameters
    model
    default
    doc = the AlTar model to sample
    rng
    doc = the random number generator
    controller
    doc = my simulation controller
    monitors
    doc = a collection of event handlers
    main (self, *args, **kws)
        The main entry point
    initialize (self)
        Initialize without running, for debug purpose only
    forward (self)
        Perform the forward problem once for a given set of parameters
    pyre_banner (self)
        Place the application banner in the {info} channel
    pyre_interactiveSessionContext (self, context)
        Go interactive
```

Submodules

```
altar.models.seismic.Moment
```

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.seismic.Moment.Moment (name, locator, **kws)
```

Bases: *altar.distributions.Uniform.Uniform*

The probability distribution for displacements (D) conforming to a given Moment magnitude scale $M_w = (\log M_0 - 9.1)/1.5$ (Hiroo Kanamori) $M_0 = \mu A D$ It inherits uniform distribution for verification and density calculations, while generates samples for a combined gaussian and dirichlet distributions

area_patches_file

doc = input file for area of each patch, in unit of km²

area

doc = total area in unit of km²

Mw_mean

doc = the mean moment magnitude scale

Mw_sigma

doc = the variance of moment magnitude scale

Mu

doc = the shear modulus in unit of GPa

area_patches

patches

initialize (*self, rng*)

Initialize with the given random number generator

initializeSample (*self, theta*)

Fill my portion of {theta} with initial random values from my distribution.

altar.models.seismic.Static

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.seismic.Static.Static (name, locator, **kws)
```

Bases: *altar.models.bayesian*

Static inversion with cuda (d = G theta) Modeled as N patches with dip and slip displacements

parametersets

doc = the set of parameters in the model

parameters

doc = total number of parameters in the model

observations

```

doc = the number of data samples

patches

norm

default

doc = the norm to use when computing the data log likelihood

case

doc = the directory with the input files

green_file

doc = the name of the file with the Green functions

data_file

doc = the name of the file with the observations

cd_file

doc = the name of the file with the data covariance matrix

output_path

ifs

G

d

Cd

Cd_inv

residuals

normalization = 1

processor = cpu

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

initializeSample (self, step)
    Fill {step.θ} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

computePrior (self, step)
    Fill {step.prior} with the densities of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

computeDataLikelihood (self, step)
    Fill {step.data} with the densities of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is
    usually referred to as the “forward model”

verify (self, step, mask)
    Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask},
    a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

```

initializeParameterSets (*self*)

Initialize the parameter set

mountInputDataspace (*self*, *pfs*)

Mount the directory with my input files

loadInputs (*self*)

Load the data in the input files into memory

initializeCovariance (*self*, *samples*)

Compute the Cholesky decomposition of the inverse of the data covariance and merge it to data

computeCovarianceInverse (*self*, *cd*)

Compute the inverse of the data covariance matrix

computeNormalization (*self*, *observations*, *cd*)

Compute the normalization of the L2 norm

initializeResiduals (*self*, *samples*, *data*)

Prime the matrix that will hold the residuals ($G \theta - d$) for each sample by duplicating the observation vector as many times as there are samples

update (*self*, *annealer*)

Model updating at the bottom of each annealing step Output step data

forwardModel (*theta*, *green*, *data_residuals=None*, *data_observations=None*, *batches=None*)

Forward model: compute data prediction or data residuals from a set of theta :param theta [in: :type theta [in: samples, parameters :param cuarray] parameters with shape=: :type cuarray] parameters with shape=: samples, parameters :param green [in: :type green [in: observations, parameters :param cuarray] Green's function with shape =: :type cuarray] Green's function with shape =: observations, parameters :param batches [in: :param integer: :param optional] number of samples needto be computed <=samples: :param data_observations [in: :param cuarray: :param optional] data observations: :param data_residuals[inout: :type data_residuals[inout: observations, samples :param cuarray: :type cuarray: observations, samples :param optional] data predictions or residuals shape=: :type optional] data predictions or residuals shape=: observations, samples

Returns

data predictions or residuals if data_observations is provides

altar.models.seismic.StaticCp

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.models.seismic.StaticCp.**StaticCp** (*name*, *locator*, ***kwargs*)

Bases: *altar.models.seismic.Static.Static*

Linear Model with prediction uncertainty Cp, in addition to data uncertainty Cd $Cp = Kp Cmu Kp^T Kp = Kmu$
 * $\langle \theta \rangle Kp.shape = (observations, nCmu)$ $Cmu.shape = (nCmu, nCmu)$ $Kmu.shape = (observations, parameters)$
 (same as the green's function)

nCmu

doc = the number of model parameter sets

```

cmu_file
doc = the covariance describing the uncertainty of model parameter
kmu_file
doc = the sensitivity kernel of model parameter: input as kmu1.txt, ...
initialModel_file
doc = the initial mean model
G0
d0
Cd0
Cmu
Kmu
Cp
meanModel

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification
loadInputsCp (self)
    Load the additional data (for Cp problem) in the input files into memory
initializeCovariance (self, samples)
    initialize data covariance related variables
computeCp (self, theta_mean)
    Calculate Cp
update (self, annealer)
    Model update interface

```

```

altar.models.seismic.meta

```

Module Contents

```

altar.models.seismic.meta.date = 2021-07-16T04:55:48Z
altar.models.seismic.meta.major = 2
altar.models.seismic.meta.minor = 0
altar.models.seismic.meta.micro = 1
altar.models.seismic.meta.revision = c4eeb4c
altar.models.seismic.meta.version

```

```
altar.models.seismic.meta.copyright = (c) 2013- ParaSim Inc. (c) 2010-  
California Institute of Technology ALL RIGHTS RESERVED
```

```
altar.models.seismic.meta.banner
```

```
altar.models.seismic.meta.header
```

```
altar.models.seismic.meta.license
```

```
altar.models.seismic.meta.acknowledgments
```

Package Contents

Functions

```
altar.models.seismic.moment()
```

```
altar.models.seismic.static()
```

```
altar.models.seismic.staticCp()
```

```
altar.models.sir
```

Submodules

```
altar.models.sir.SIR
```

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.sir.SIR.SIR(name, locator, **kws)
```

Bases: *altar.models.BayesianL2.BayesianL2*

SIR model in epidemiology This model assumes five parameters

S0 - The initial value of susceptible population (times the population base factor) I0 - The initial value of infectious R0 - The initial value of Recovered/Deaths β - the average number of contacts per person per time γ - the rate of recovery or mortality

to generate the time sequence of S(t), I(t) and R(t) It uses the new cases per day as data observations, or S(t-1)-S(t)

population_base

doc = the base factor for population

_SIR_Rate (*self, S, I, N, β , γ*)

SIR Rate equation

forwardModel (*self, theta, prediction*)

Forward SIR model

`altar.models.sir.meta`

Module Contents

```

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altar.models.sir.meta.major = 2
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altar.models.sir.meta.header

altar.models.sir.meta.license

altar.models.sir.meta.acknowledgments

```

Package Contents

Functions

```

altar.models.sir.sir()

```

Submodules

`altar.models.Bayesian`

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.models.Bayesian.Bayesian(name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.component

    The base class of Altar models that are compatible with Bayesian explorations

    offset

    doc = the starting point of my state in the overall controller state

    parameters

    doc = the number of model degrees of freedom

```

```

psets

default

doc = an ensemble of parameter sets in the model

rng

controller

job

info

warning

error

default

firewall

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize the state of the model given an {application} context

posterior (self, application)
    Sample my posterior distribution

initializeSample (self, step)
    Fill {step.theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

priorLikelihood (self, step)
    Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

dataLikelihood (self, step)
    Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is
    usually referred to as the “forward model”

posteriorLikelihood (self, step)
    Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized posterior using {step.beta} and
    deposit the result in {step.post}

likelihoods (self, annealer, step)
    Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the current {step} of the problem

abstract verify (self, step, mask)
    Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask},
    a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

top (self, annealer)
    Notification that a  $\beta$  step is about to start

bottom (self, annealer)
    Notification that a  $\beta$  step just ended

forwardProblem (self, application, theta=None)
    Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

```

```

mountInputDataspace (self, pfs)
    Mount the directory with my input files

restrict (self, theta)
    Return my portion of the sample matrix {theta}

```

`altar.models.BayesianL2`

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.models.BayesianL2.BayesianL2 (name, locator, **kwds)
    Bases: altar.models.Bayesian.Bayesian
    A (Simplified) Bayesian Model with ParameterSets and L2 data norm

    parameters

    doc = the number of model degrees of freedom

    cascaded

    doc = whether the model is cascaded (annealing temperature is fixed at 1)

    embedded

    doc = whether the model is embedded in an ensemble of models

    psets_list

    doc = list of parameter sets, used to set orders

    psets

    default

    doc = an ensemble of parameter sets in the model

    dataobs

    default

    doc = observed data

    case

    doc = the directory with the input files

    idx_map

    default

    doc = the indices for model parameters in whole theta set

    return_residual

```

doc = the forward model returns residual(True) or prediction(False)

observations

device

precision

ifs

initialize (*self*, *application*)
 Initialize the state of the model given an {application} context

posterior (*self*, *application*)
 Sample my posterior distribution

initializeSample (*self*, *step*)
 Fill {step.0} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

verify (*self*, *step*, *mask*)
 Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

evalPrior (*self*, *theta*, *prior*)
 Fill {priorLLK} with the log likelihoods of the samples in {theta} in my prior distribution

abstract forwardModel (*self*, *theta*, *prediction*)
 The forward model for a single set of parameters

forwardModelBatched (*self*, *theta*, *prediction*)
 The forward model for a batch of theta: compute prediction from theta also return {residual}=True, False if the difference between data and prediction is computed

evalDataLikelihood (*self*, *theta*, *likelihood*)
 calculate data likelihood and add it to step.prior or step.data

evalPosterior (*self*, *step*)
 Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized posterior using {step.beta} and deposit the result in {step.post}

likelihoods (*self*, *annealer*, *step*)
 Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the current {step} of the problem

updateModel (*self*, *annealer*)
 Update Model parameters if needed :param annealer: :return: default is False

mountInputDataspace (*self*, *pfs*)
 Mount the directory with my input files

loadFile (*self*, *filename*, *shape=None*, *dataset=None*, *dtype=None*)
 Load an input file to a gsl vector or matrix (for both float32/64 support) Supported format: 1. text file in '.txt' suffix, stored in prescribed shape 2. binary file with '.bin' or '.dat' suffix,
 the precision must be same as the desired gpuprecision, and users must specify the shape of the data

3. (preferred) hdf5 file in '.h5' suffix (preferred)
 the metadata of shape, precision is included in .h5 file

Parameters

- **filename** – str, the input file name
- **shape** – list of int
- **dataset** – str, name/key of dataset for h5 input only

Returns

output gsl vector/matrix

restrict (*self*, *theta*)

Return my portion of the sample matrix {theta}

`altar.models.Contiguous`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.models.Contiguous.Contiguous` (*name*, *locator*, ****kwds**)

Bases: `altar.component`

A contiguous parameter set

count

doc = the number of parameters in this set

prior

doc = the prior distribution

prep

doc = the distribution to use to initialize this parameter set

offset = 0

initialize (*self*, *model*, *offset*)

Initialize my state given the {model} that owns me

initializeSample (*self*, *theta*)

Fill {theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

priorLikelihood (*self*, *theta*, *priorLLK*)

Fill {priorLLK} with the log likelihoods of the samples in {theta} in my prior distribution

verify (*self*, *theta*, *mask*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

restrict (*self*, *theta*)

Return my portion of the sample matrix {theta}

`altar.models.Ensemble`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.Ensemble.Ensemble (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.models.Bayesian.Bayesian
    A collection of Altar models that comprise a single model

    models

    doc = the collection of models in this ensemble

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize the state of the model given an {application} context

    initializeSample (self, step)
        Fill {step.theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

    priorLikelihood (self, step)
        Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

    dataLikelihood (self, step)
        Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is
        usually referred to as the “forward model”

    verify (self, step, mask)
        Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask},
        a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones
```

`altar.models.Model`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.Model.Model
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all Altar models must implement

    posterior (self, application)
        Sample my posterior distribution

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

    initializeSample (self, step)
        Fill {step.theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

    priorLikelihood (self, step)
        Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution
```

dataLikelihood (*self*, *step*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is usually referred to as the “forward model”

posteriorLikelihood (*self*, *step*)

Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized posterior using {step.beta} and deposit the result in {step.post}

likelihoods (*self*, *step*)

Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the current {step} of the problem

verify (*self*, *step*, *mask*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

top (*self*, *annealer*)

Notification that a β step is about to start

bottom (*self*, *annealer*)

Notification that a β step just ended

forwardProblem (*self*, *application*, *theta=None*)

Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

classmethod pyre_default (*cls*, ***kws*)

Supply a default implementation

altar.models.Null

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.models.Null.Null (*name*, *locator*, ***kws*)

Bases: *altar.models.Bayesian.Bayesian*

A trivial model that can be used as a base class for deriving interesting ones

parameters

doc = the number of model degrees of freedom

initializeSample (*self*, *step*)

Fill {step.θ} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution

priorLikelihood (*self*, *step*)

Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

dataLikelihood (*self*, *step*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is usually referred to as the “forward model”

verify (*self*, *step*, *mask*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

forwardProblem (*self*, *application*, *theta=None*)
 Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

altar.models.ParameterSet

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.models.ParameterSet.ParameterSet
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all AltTar parameter sets must implement
    count
    doc = the number of parameters in this set
    prior
    doc = the prior distribution
    prep
    doc = the distribution to use to initialize this parameter set
    initialize (self, model, offset)
        Initialize the parameter set given the {model} that owns it
    initializeSample (self, theta)
        Fill {theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.
    priorLikelihood (self, theta, priorLLK)
        Fill {priorLLK} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta} in my prior distribution
    verify (self, theta, mask)
        Check whether the samples in {theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a
        vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones
    classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
        Supply a default implementation
```

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

```
class altar.models.model
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol that all AltTar models must implement
```

```

posterior (self, application)
    Sample my posterior distribution

initialize (self, application)
    Initialize the state of the model given a {problem} specification

initializeSample (self, step)
    Fill {step.theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

priorLikelihood (self, step)
    Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

dataLikelihood (self, step)
    Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is
    usually referred to as the “forward model”

posteriorLikelihood (self, step)
    Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized posterior using {step.beta} and
    deposit the result in {step.post}

likelihoods (self, step)
    Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the current {step} of the problem

verify (self, step, mask)
    Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask},
    a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

top (self, annealer)
    Notification that a  $\beta$  step is about to start

bottom (self, annealer)
    Notification that a  $\beta$  step just ended

forwardProblem (self, application, theta=None)
    Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
    Supply a default implementation

class altar.models.parameters
    Bases: altar.protocol

    The protocol that all Altar parameter sets must implement

    count

    doc = the number of parameters in this set

    prior

    doc = the prior distribution

    prep

    doc = the distribution to use to initialize this parameter set

    initialize (self, model, offset)
    Initialize the parameter set given the {model} that owns it

```

```

initializeSample (self, theta)
    Fill {theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

priorLikelihood (self, theta, priorLLK)
    Fill {priorLLK} with the likelihoods of the samples in {theta} in my prior distribution

verify (self, theta, mask)
    Check whether the samples in {theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a
    vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
    Supply a default implementation

class altar.models.bayesian (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.component

    The base class of Altar models that are compatible with Bayesian explorations

    offset

    doc = the starting point of my state in the overall controller state

    parameters

    doc = the number of model degrees of freedom

    psets

    default

    doc = an ensemble of parameter sets in the model

    rng

    controller

    job

    info

    warning

    error

    default

    firewall

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize the state of the model given an {application} context

    posterior (self, application)
        Sample my posterior distribution

    initializeSample (self, step)
        Fill {step.theta} with an initial random sample from my prior distribution.

    priorLikelihood (self, step)
        Fill {step.prior} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} in the prior distribution

```

dataLikelihood (*self, step*)

Fill {step.data} with the likelihoods of the samples in {step.theta} given the available data. This is what is usually referred to as the “forward model”

posteriorLikelihood (*self, step*)

Given the {step.prior} and {step.data} likelihoods, compute a generalized posterior using {step.beta} and deposit the result in {step.post}

likelihoods (*self, annealer, step*)

Convenience function that computes all three likelihoods at once given the current {step} of the problem

abstract verify (*self, step, mask*)

Check whether the samples in {step.theta} are consistent with the model requirements and update the {mask}, a vector with zeroes for valid samples and non-zero for invalid ones

top (*self, annealer*)

Notification that a β step is about to start

bottom (*self, annealer*)

Notification that a β step just ended

forwardProblem (*self, application, theta=None*)

Perform the forward modeling with given {theta}

mountInputDataspace (*self, pfs*)

Mount the directory with my input files

restrict (*self, theta*)

Return my portion of the sample matrix {theta}

altar.models.**null**()

altar.models.**ensemble**()

altar.models.**bayesianl2**()

altar.models.**contiguous**()

7.1.1.8 altar.norms

Submodules

altar.norms.L2

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.norms.L2.**L2** (*name, locator, **kws*)

Bases: altar.component

The L2 norm

eval (*self, v, sigma_inv=None*)

Compute the L2 norm of the given vector, with or without a covariance matrix

withCovariance (*self*, *v*, *sigma_inv*)

Compute the L2 norm of the given vector using the given Cholesky decomposed inverse covariance matrix

altar.norms.Norm

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.norms.Norm.Norm

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all AltTar norms must satisfy

eval (*self*, *v*, ***kws*)

Compute the L2 norm of the given vector

classmethod **pyre_default** (*cls*, ***kws*)

Provide a default norm in case the user hasn't selected one

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

class altar.norms.norm

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all AltTar norms must satisfy

eval (*self*, *v*, ***kws*)

Compute the L2 norm of the given vector

classmethod **pyre_default** (*cls*, ***kws*)

Provide a default norm in case the user hasn't selected one

altar.norms.12()

7.1.1.9 altar.shells

Submodules

altar.shells.Action

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.shells.Action.Action
```

```
    Bases: altar.action
```

```
    Protocol for {altar} commands
```

```
altar.shells.AlTar
```

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.shells.AlTar.AlTar (**kws)
```

```
    Bases: altar.plexus
```

```
    The main action dispatcher for the simple AlTar application
```

```
    job
```

```
    doc = the job input parameters
```

```
    model
```

```
    doc = the AlTar model to sample
```

```
    rng
```

```
    doc = the random number generator
```

```
    controller
```

```
    doc = my simulation controller
```

```
    monitors
```

```
    doc = a collection of event handlers
```

```
    main (self, *args, **kws)
```

```
        The main entry point
```

```
    initialize (self)
```

```
        Initialize without running, for debug purpose only
```

```
    pyre_banner (self)
```

```
        Place the application banner in the {info} channel
```

```
    pyre_interactiveSessionContext (self, context)
```

```
        Go interactive
```

`altar.shells.Application`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.shells.Application.Application` (*name=None*, ***kws*)

Bases: `altar.application`

The base class for simple AlTar applications

job

doc = the job input parameters

model

doc = the AlTar model to sample

rng

doc = the random number generator

controller

doc = my simulation controller

monitors

doc = a collection of event handlers

main (*self*, **args*, ***kws*)

The main entry point

pyre_interactiveSessionContext (*self*, *context*)

Go interactive

pyre_mpi (*self*)

Transfer my {job} settings to the MPI shell

`altar.shells.cudaAlTar`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.shells.cudaAlTar.cudaAlTar` (***kws*)

Bases: `altar.plexus`

The main action dispatcher for the simple AlTar application

job

doc = the job input parameters

```

model

doc = the AlTar model to sample

rng

doc = the random number generator

controller

doc = my simulation controller

monitors

doc = a collection of event handlers

main (self, *args, **kws)
    The main entry point

initialize (self)
    Initialize without running, for debug purpose only

pyre_banner (self)
    Place the application banner in the {info} channel

pyre_interactiveSessionContext (self, context)
    Go interactive

pyre_mpi (self)
    Transfer my {job} settings to the MPI shell

```

altar.shells.cudaApplication

Module Contents

Classes

```

class altar.shells.cudaApplication.cudaApplication (name=None, **kws)
    Bases: altar.application
    The base class for simple AlTar applications

    job

    doc = the job input parameters

    model

    default

    doc = the AlTar model to sample

    rng

    doc = the random number generator

    controller

```

```
doc = my simulation controller

monitors

doc = a collection of event handlers

main (self, *args, **kws)
    The main entry point

pyre_interactiveSessionContext (self, context)
    Go interactive

pyre_mpi (self)
    Transfer my {job} settings to the MPI shell
```

Package Contents

Classes

```
class altar.shells.application (name=None, **kws)
    Bases: altar.application
    The base class for simple AlTar applications

    job

    doc = the job input parameters

    model

    doc = the AlTar model to sample

    rng

    doc = the random number generator

    controller

    doc = my simulation controller

    monitors

    doc = a collection of event handlers

    main (self, *args, **kws)
        The main entry point

    pyre_interactiveSessionContext (self, context)
        Go interactive

    pyre_mpi (self)
        Transfer my {job} settings to the MPI shell

class altar.shells.altar (**kws)
    Bases: altar.plexus
    The main action dispatcher for the simple AlTar application
```

```

    job

    doc = the job input parameters

    model

    doc = the AlTar model to sample

    rng

    doc = the random number generator

    controller

    doc = my simulation controller

    monitors

    doc = a collection of event handlers

    main (self, *args, **kws)
        The main entry point

    initialize (self)
        Initialize without running, for debug purpose only

    pyre_banner (self)
        Place the application banner in the {info} channel

    pyre_interactiveSessionContext (self, context)
        Go interactive

class altar.shells.cudaapplication (name=None, **kws)
    Bases: altar.application

    The base class for simple AlTar applications

    job

    doc = the job input parameters

    model

    doc = the AlTar model to sample

    rng

    doc = the random number generator

    controller

    doc = my simulation controller

    monitors

    doc = a collection of event handlers

    main (self, *args, **kws)
        The main entry point

```

```

    pyre_interactiveSessionContext (self, context)
        Go interactive

    pyre_mpi (self)
        Transfer my {job} settings to the MPI shell
class altar.shells.cudaaltar (**kws)
    Bases: altar.plexus
    The main action dispatcher for the simple Altar application
    job

    doc = the job input parameters

    model

    doc = the Altar model to sample

    rng

    doc = the random number generator

    controller

    doc = my simulation controller

    monitors

    doc = a collection of event handlers

    main (self, *args, **kws)
        The main entry point

    initialize (self)
        Initialize without running, for debug purpose only

    pyre_banner (self)
        Place the application banner in the {info} channel

    pyre_interactiveSessionContext (self, context)
        Go interactive

    pyre_mpi (self)
        Transfer my {job} settings to the MPI shell

```

7.1.1.10 altar.simulations

Submodules

`altar.simulations.Archiver`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.simulations.Archiver.Archiver
```

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all AITar simulation archivers must implement

Archivers persist intermediate simulation state and can be used to restart a simulation

```
initialize (self, application)
```

Initialize me given an {application} context

```
record (self, step)
```

Record the final state of the simulation

```
classmethod pyre_default (cls, **kws)
```

Supply a default implementation

```
altar.simulations.Dispatcher
```

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.simulations.Dispatcher.Dispatcher
```

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all AITar simulation dispatchers must implement

Dispatchers associate event handlers with specific aspects of the calculation and invoke them when appropriate

```
initialize (self, application)
```

Initialize me given an {application} context

```
altar.simulations.GSLRNG
```

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.simulations.GSLRNG.GSLRNG (**kws)
```

Bases: altar.component

The protocol for random number generators

```
seed
```

doc = the number with which to seed the generator

algorithm

doc = the random number generator algorithm

```
rng
```

```
initialize (self, **kws)
    Initialize the random number generator

show (self)
    Display some information about me
```

`altar.simulations.Job`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.simulations.Job.Job (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.component

    The set of parameters in an Altar run

    name

    doc = the name of the job; used as a stem for making filenames, etc.

    mode

    mode = the programming model

    hosts

    doc = the number of hosts to run on

    tasks

    doc = the number of tasks per host

    gpus

    doc = the number of gpus per task

    gpuprecision

    doc = the precision of gpu computations

    validators

    gpuids

    default

    doc = the list of gpu ids for parallel jobs

    chains

    doc = the number of chains per worker

    steps

    doc = the length of each Markov chain
```

tolerance

doc = convergence tolerance for $\beta \rightarrow 1.0$

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the job parameters with information from the application context

validateMachineLayout (*self*, *application*)

Adjust the machine parameters based on the {application} context and the runtime environment

altar.simulations.Monitor

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.simulations.Monitor.**Monitor**

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all Altar simulation monitors must implement

Monitors respond to simulation events by generating user diagnostics to report progress

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize me given an {application} context

classmethod **pyre_default** (*cls*, ***kws*)

Supply a default implementation

altar.simulations.RNG

Module Contents

Classes

class altar.simulations.RNG.**RNG**

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol for random number generators

initialize (*self*, ***kws*)

Initialize the random number generator

classmethod **pyre_default** (*cls*, ***kws*)

Supply a default implementation

`altar.simulations.Recorder`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.simulations.Recorder.Recorder (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.component
    Recorder stores the intermediate simulation state in memory

    theta

    doc = the path to the file with the final posterior sample

    sigma

    doc = the path to the file with the final parameter correlation matrix

    llk

    doc = the path to the file with the final posterior log likelihood

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me given an {application} context

    record (self, step, **kws)
        Record the final state of the calculation
```

`altar.simulations.Reporter`

Module Contents

Classes

```
class altar.simulations.Reporter.Reporter (name, locator, **kws)
    Bases: altar.component
    Reporter reports simulation progress by using application journal channels

    initialize (self, application)
        Initialize me given an {application} context

    simulationStart (self, controller, **kws)
        Handler invoked when the simulation is about to start

    samplePosteriorStart (self, controller, **kws)
        Handler invoked at the beginning of sampling the posterior

    prepareSamplingPDFStart (self, controller, **kws)
        Handler invoked at the beginning of the preparation of the sampling PDF

    prepareSamplingPDFFinish (self, controller, **kws)
        Handler invoked at the end of the preparation of the sampling PDF
```

betaStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked at the beginning of the beta step

walkChainsStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked at the beginning of the chain walk

chainAdvanceStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked at the beginning of a single step of chain walking

chainAdvanceFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked at the end of a single step of chain walking

verifyStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked before we start verifying the generated sample

verifyFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked after we are done verifying the generated sample

priorStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked before we compute the prior

priorFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked after we compute the prior

dataStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked before we compute the data likelihood

dataFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked after we compute the data likelihood

posteriorStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked before we assemble the posterior

posteriorFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked after we assemble the posterior

acceptStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked at the beginning of sample accept/reject

acceptFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked at the end of sample accept/reject

walkChainsFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked at the end of the chain walk

resampleStart (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked before we start resampling

resampleFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked after we are done resampling

betaFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked at the end of the beta step

samplePosteriorFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked at the end of sampling the posterior

simulationFinish (*self*, *controller*, ***kws*)
Handler invoked when the simulation is about to finish

`altar.simulations.Run`

Module Contents

Classes

class `altar.simulations.Run.Run`

Bases: `altar.protocol`

Protocol that specifies the job parameter set

name

doc = the name of the job; used as a stem for making filenames, etc.

mode

mode = the programming model

hosts

doc = the number of hosts to run on

tasks

doc = the number of tasks per host

gpus

doc = the number of gpus per task

chains

doc = the number of chains per worker

steps

doc = the length of each Markov chain

tolerance

doc = convergence tolerance for $\beta \rightarrow 1.0$

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize the run components with context from {application}

classmethod `pyre_default` (*cls*, ***kws*)

Supply a default implementation

Package Contents

Classes

Functions

class altar.simulations.archiver

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all Altar simulation archivers must implement

Archivers persist intermediate simulation state and can be used to restart a simulation

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize me given an {application} context

record (*self*, *step*)

Record the final state of the simulation

classmethod **pyre_default** (*cls*, ***kws*)

Supply a default implementation

class altar.simulations.dispatcher

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all Altar simulation dispatchers must implement

Dispatchers associate event handlers with specific aspects of the calculation and invoke them when appropriate

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize me given an {application} context

class altar.simulations.monitor

Bases: altar.protocol

The protocol that all Altar simulation monitors must implement

Monitors respond to simulation events by generating user diagnostics to report progress

initialize (*self*, *application*)

Initialize me given an {application} context

classmethod **pyre_default** (*cls*, ***kws*)

Supply a default implementation

class altar.simulations.run

Bases: altar.protocol

Protocol that specifies the job parameter set

name

doc = the name of the job; used as a stem for making filenames, etc.

mode

mode = the programming model

hosts

```
doc = the number of hosts to run on
tasks
doc = the number of tasks per host
gpus
doc = the number of gpus per task
chains
doc = the number of chains per worker
steps
doc = the length of each Markov chain
tolerance
doc = convergence tolerance for  $\beta \rightarrow 1.0$ 
initialize(self, application)
    Initialize the run components with context from {application}
classmethod pyre_default(cls, **kws)
    Supply a default implementation
class altar.simulations.rng
    Bases: altar.protocol
    The protocol for random number generators
    initialize(self, **kws)
        Initialize the random number generator
    classmethod pyre_default(cls, **kws)
        Supply a default implementation
altar.simulations.gsl()
altar.simulations.job()
altar.simulations.recorder()
altar.simulations.reporter()
```

7.1.2 Submodules

7.1.2.1 altar.meta

Module Contents

```
altar.meta.date = 2021-07-16T04:55:48Z
altar.meta.major = 2
```

```

altar.meta.minor = 0

altar.meta.micro = 1

altar.meta.revision = c4eeb4c

altar.meta.version

altar.meta.copyright = (c) 2013- ParaSim Inc. (c) 2010- California Institute
of Technology ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

altar.meta.banner

altar.meta.header

altar.meta.license

altar.meta.acknowledgments

```

7.1.3 Package Contents

7.1.3.1 Functions

```

altar.package

altar.modelPrefix

altar.copyright()
    Return the altar copyright note

altar.license()
    Print the altar license

altar.version()
    Return the altar version

altar.credits()
    Print the acknowledgments

```


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