

Likelihood approximations for large-scale CMB data

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Motivation

¹ Pagano et al. (2020)
² Gratton (2017)
³ *Planck* Collaboration XLVI (2016)
⁴ Alsing et al. (2018)



Brief history of the Universe



Optical depth to reionization τ (CMB)

¹ *Planck* Collaboration XLVI (2016) ² Delouis et al. (2019)



- Measure τ on 100x143GHz *Planck* low-I HFI maps
 - Planck 2018¹ & SRoll2² data

Joint likelihood for τ using TT, TE & EE data

Parameter inference in Bayesian framework

- 1. Compress observed data to a summary statistic d_0 (e.g., power spectrum)
- 2. Determine unknown parameters θ of a given model \mathcal{M}
- 3. Generate mock data in pairs $\{\mathbf{d}_i, \theta_i\}$ to train models

 $\mathcal{P}(\theta | \mathbf{d}_0, \mathcal{M}) \propto \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{d}_0 | \theta, \mathcal{M}) \mathcal{P}(\theta | \mathcal{M})$ Posterior density Likelihood Prior





¹ Planck Collaboration XLVI (2016)

Sounds nice in theory, does it work?

Test: 100 end-to-end simulations¹ with realistic noise & systematics





Joint TTTEEE likelihood results

Cross-correlations between TT, TE, EE pull posterior upwards



Effect of score compression on posterior



Exploring cosmological parameter space



Next steps

Please get in touch if you want to chat more!

- Consistent results for three Bayesian methods
 - momento uses most physical information
- Tighter constraints than *Planck* 2018/SRoll2:
 - Improved noise & systematics modelling
 - Quadratic cross-spectrum estimation
 - First joint likelihood TT, TE, EE for τ
- relevant for future large-scale CMB surveys such as LiteBIRD
 - Measure tensor-to-scalar ratio r

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