

# DIP: Diagnostics for Insufficiencies of Posterior calculations - a CMB application

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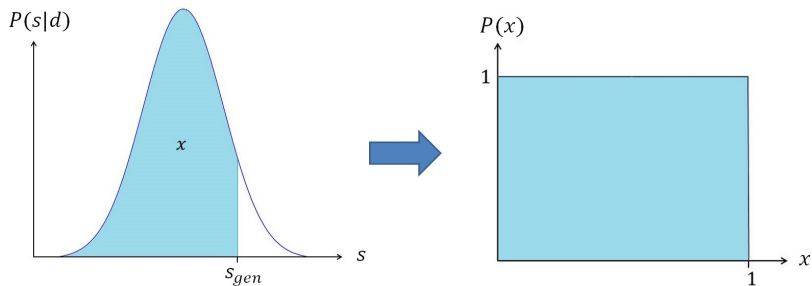
- ⑤ If the calculation of the posterior was correct, the distribution for  $x$ ,  $P(x)$ , should be uniform<sup>1</sup> between 0 and 1.

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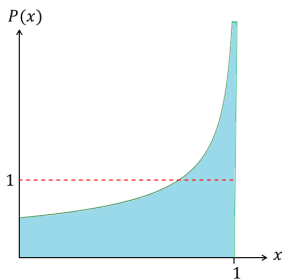
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DIP test: correct posterior (1D)



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⇒ What informations are encoded in the dip of the histogram?

# DIP TEST

– Error diagnostics –

Henceforth we consider:

- $s \in \mathbb{R}$
- Gaussian posteriors (similar effects for other pdf's),

$$P(s|d) = \mathcal{G}(s_d, \sigma^2) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{s_d^2}{2\sigma^2}\right),$$

with  $s_d = s - \bar{s}_d$  and  $\bar{s}_d$  the data dependent maximum of the posterior and

- a wrongly determined value

$$x^\epsilon = \int_{-\infty}^{s^{\text{gen}}} ds P^\epsilon(s|d),$$

where  $P^\epsilon(s|d)$  is the distorted Gaussian.



Wrong variance

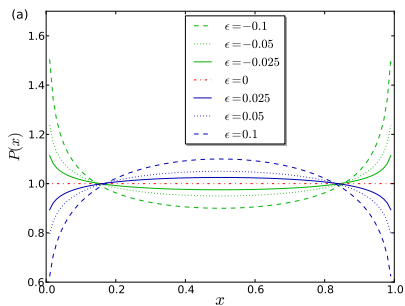
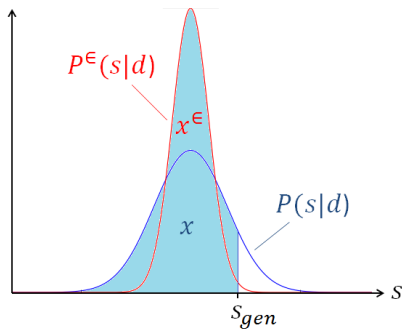
$$P^\epsilon(s|d) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma(1+\epsilon)} \exp\left(-\frac{s_d^2}{2\sigma^2(1+\epsilon)^2}\right)$$

with  $\epsilon > -1$ . For  $P(x)$  we obtain<sup>2</sup>

$$P(x) = (1+\epsilon) \exp\left(-[\operatorname{erf}^{-1}(2x-1)]^2 [(1+\epsilon)^2 - 1]\right)$$

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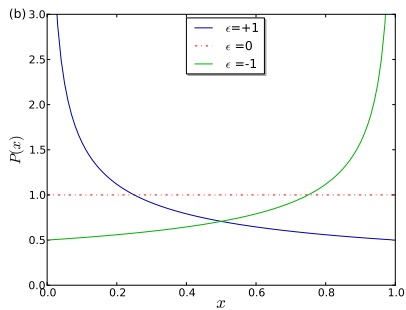
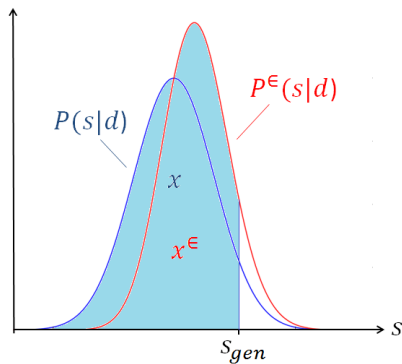
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Wrong skewness

$$P^\epsilon(s|d) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{s_d^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(1 + \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{\epsilon s_d}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right)\right).$$

For  $P(x)$  we obtain

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} 1/(2\sqrt{x}) & \text{if } \epsilon = 1 \\ 1/(2\sqrt{1-x}) & \text{if } \epsilon = -1 \end{cases}.$$

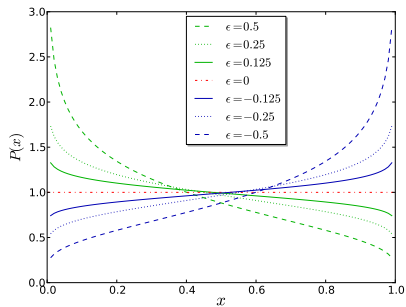
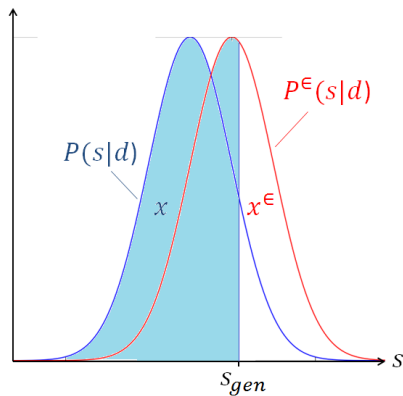
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$$P^\epsilon(s|d) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(s_d - \epsilon)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

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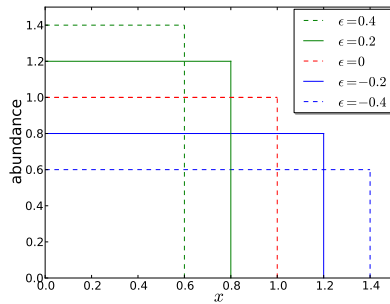
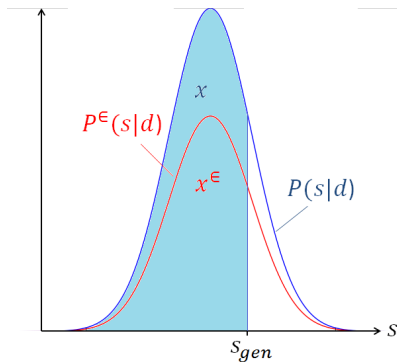
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$$P(x) = 1 + \epsilon \quad \text{for } x \in [0, 1 - \epsilon].$$

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What have we gained?

⇒ Connection between graphical effects & error-types of posteriors distortions

Graphical effect	Error-type
Flat distribution	–
“U-(∩-)shape”	variance under-(over-)estimated
$x = 0$ ( $x = 1$ ) enhanced, purely left curved	too neg. (pos.) skewed
$x = 0$ ( $x = 1$ ) enhanced, left & right curved	too large (low) max. position
$x$ -interval smaller (greater) than one	too large (low) normalization

⇒ Quantitative errors on posterior pdf become estimateable  
→ fitting formulae  $P(x)$ .

**Example**

# DIP TEST

– Example in 2D –

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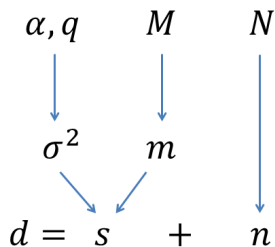
Remark: DIP test in higher dimensionen

- Considering  $P(t|d)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$
- Histogram generation requires 1D posterior  
⇒ map  $P(t|d)$  onto 1D, by

$$P(s|d) = \int \mathcal{D}t P(s|t, d)P(t, d).$$

- Infinitely many ways to perform this mapping  
⇒ a suite of tests are needed to probe  $P(t|d)$ .

## Example

Hierarchical model in 2D: Data model

- white noise:  $n \leftrightarrow \mathcal{G}(n|N)$ ; mean:  $m \leftrightarrow \mathcal{G}(m|M)$
- variance:

$$\mathcal{I}(\sigma^2, \alpha, q) := \frac{q^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sigma^{2-\alpha-1} \exp\left(-\frac{q}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

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- ④ Perform DIP test for the mapped posteriors.



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Hierarchical model in 2D: Results

$\alpha = 2$ ,  $q = 1$ ,  $M = 1$ ,  $N = 0.1$  and  $\epsilon = 0.3$

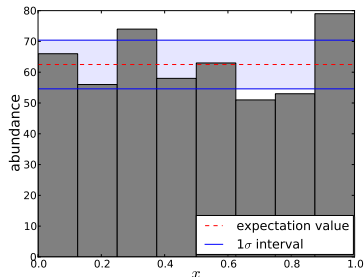
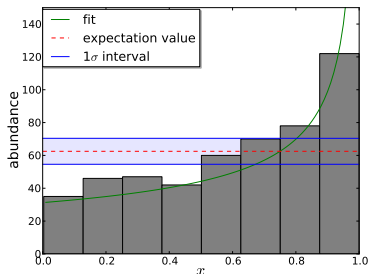
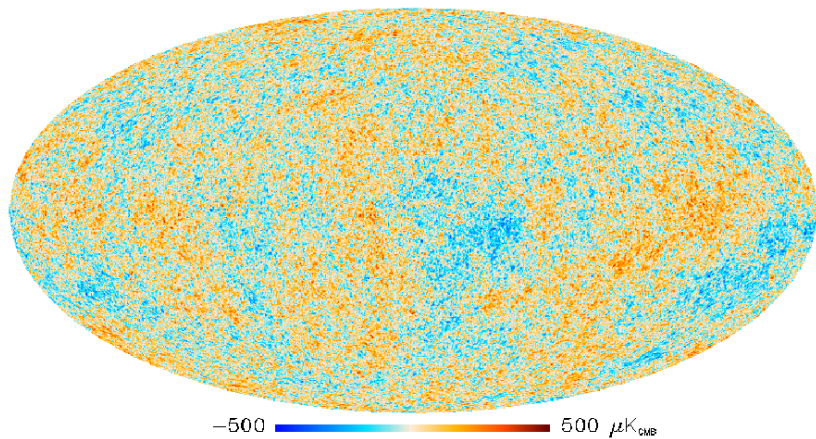


Figure: Left (right) histogram shows the unnormalized distribution of 500  $x$ -values within eight bins as calculated from the  $m$ - ( $\sigma^2$ -) marginalized posterior. Fit: Skewness fitting formula with  $\epsilon = 1$ .

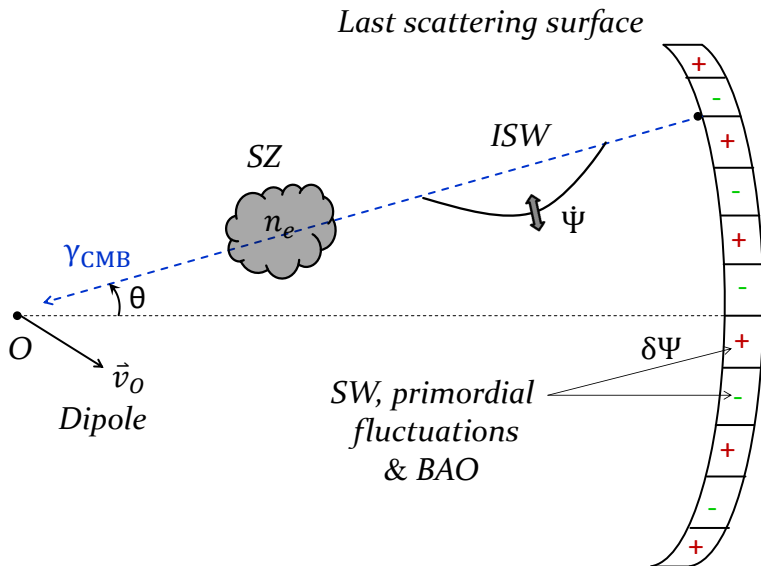
## CMB APPLICATION

## – Introduction to CMB non-Gaussianities –

*Planck* (SMICA) CMB map

source: Planck 2013 results. I.

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# CMB TEMPERATURE ANISOTROPIES

– Statistics of the temperature anisotropies –

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However, there are deviations from Gaussianity!



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### ② non-primordial sources:

- instrumental effects
- residual foregrounds and point sources
- 2nd order gravity effects
- secondary CMB anisotropies, e.g. ISW, SZ, grav. lensing

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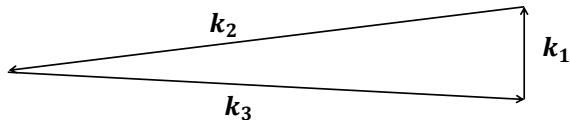
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→ lowest order: three-point function / bispectrum:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \varphi(k_1)\varphi(k_2)\varphi(k_3) \rangle_{(\varphi|C_l)} \\
 &= (2\pi)^3 \underbrace{\delta^{(3)}(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)}_{\text{triangle configuration}} \times \underbrace{f_{\text{NL}}}_{\text{strength}} \times \underbrace{F_\varphi(|k_1|, |k_2|, |k_3|)}_{\text{shape of triangle}}
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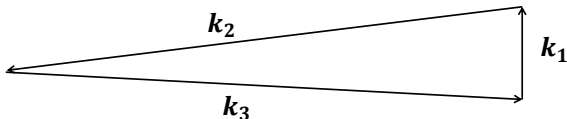
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- For this local shape:

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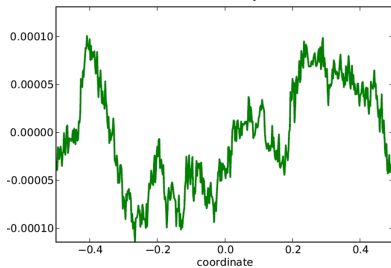
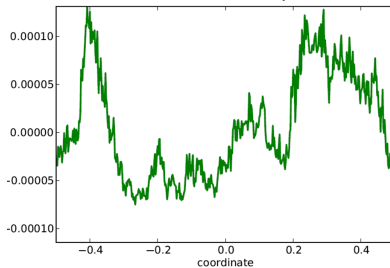
$f_{\text{NL}}$ : non-Gaussianity parameter

# CMB APPLICATION

– Posterior derivation –

**Posterior derivation**

$$d = \frac{\Delta T_{\text{obs}}}{T_{\text{CMB}}} = R\varphi + n \stackrel{\text{local type}}{=} R\left(\phi + f_{\text{NL}}\left(\phi^2 - \langle\phi^2\rangle_{(\phi|\Phi)}\right)\right) + n$$

Gaussian field  $\phi$ Non-Gaussian field  $\varphi$  ( $f=3000$ )



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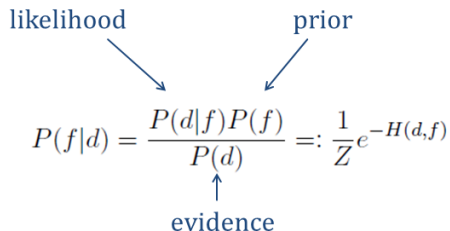
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→ requested quantity: posterior  $P(f_{\text{NL}}|d)$

→ used framework: information field theory

Information field theory:



likelihood

prior

$$P(f|d) = \frac{P(d|f)P(f)}{P(d)} =: \frac{1}{Z} e^{-H(d,f)}$$

evidence

$$\rightarrow H(d, f) = -\ln[P(d|f)P(f)]$$

Z: partition function.

- $f_{\text{NL}}$ -posterior:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(f|d) &\propto P(d|f)P(f) \\
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→ Impossible to perform path integration analytically!

Solution:

Taylor expansion of  $H$  in  $\phi$  because:

$\phi \propto \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$  and  $P(\phi \approx 1) \approx 0!$

- around  $m = \arg \min(H(d, \phi|f))$
- up to 2nd order in  $\phi$

## Posterior derivation

$$P(f|d) \approx \int \mathcal{D}\phi \exp \left( - \left( H(d, m|f) + \frac{1}{2}(\phi - m)^\dagger D_{d,f}^{-1}(\phi - m) \right) \right)$$

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Final  $f_{\text{NL}}$ -posterior:

$$P(f|d) \propto |2\pi D_{d,f}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-H(d, m|f))$$

→ No numerically expensive sampling techniques necessary!



# CMB APPLICATION

– Posterior validation –

## Example: Sachs-Wolfe-limit

From now on we consider

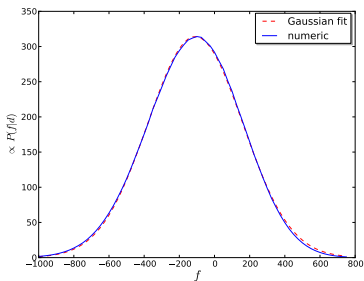
$$N_{xy} = \sigma_n^2 \delta_{xy}$$

$$R(x, y) = -1/3 \delta(x - y)$$

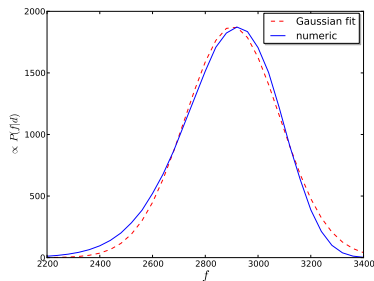
and study 1D-, 2D- flat sky and all sky toy-cases.

$$\Phi_{(l,m)(l',m')} = (C_l)_{\text{CMB}} \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}.$$

## Shape of the posterior (1D toy case)



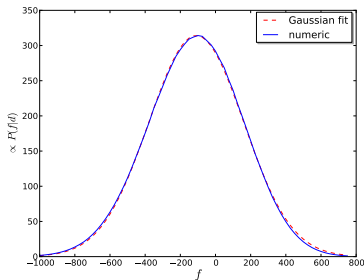
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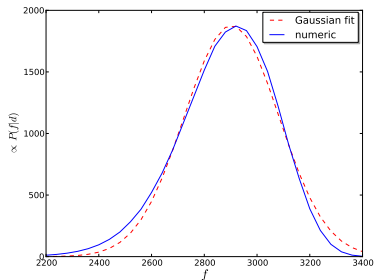
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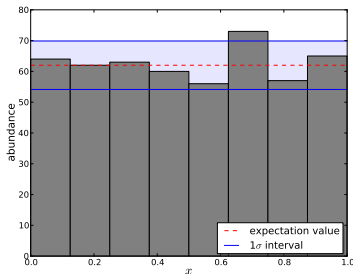


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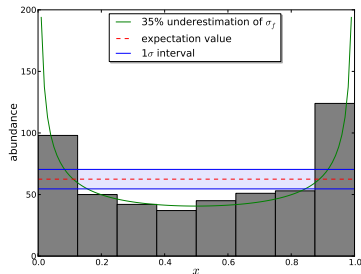
How accurate is our posterior?

## Posterior validation

*Sachs-Wolfe* limit – 500 data realizations



2D flat sky



spherical harmonics

# CONCLUDING REMARKS

## Summary of the DIP test:

- DIP is a powerful posterior validation method
- Error diagnosis is possible
- Fitting formulae to estimate influence on posterior distribution
- Inspection by eye

## Summary of the $f_{\text{NL}}$ parameter:

- We derived a PDF for the  $f_{\text{NL}}$  parameter
- Precision of the posterior was validated (DIP-test) in the large-scale limit (1D, 2D)
- Gaussian shape of the PDF for small values of  $f_{\text{NL}}$
- Monte Carlo sampling isn't necessary

Thank you for paying attention!

- DIP-test:  
S. Dorn *et al.*, Phys.Rev.E.88.053303 (2013)
- $f_{\text{NL}}$ -posterior:  
S. Dorn *et al.*, Phys.Rev.D.88.103516 (2013)



*Proof.* We show here analytically that  $P(x) = 1$  if  $\tilde{P}(s|d) = P(s|d)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds \int \mathcal{D}d P(x, d, s) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds \int \mathcal{D}d P(x|d, s) P(d, s) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds \int \mathcal{D}d P(d, s) \delta\left(x - \int_{-\infty}^s ds' P(s'|d)\right) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds \int \mathcal{D}d P(d) P(s|d) \delta(x - x_d(s)), \\
 P(x) &= \partial_x \int_0^x dx' P(x') \\
 &= \partial_x \int \mathcal{D}d P(d) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds P(s|d) \underbrace{\int_0^x dx' \delta(x' - x_d(s))}_{\Theta(x - x_d(s))} \\
 &= \partial_x \int \mathcal{D}d P(d) \int_{-\infty}^{s_d(x)} ds P(s|d) \\
 &= \partial_x \int \mathcal{D}d P(d) \underbrace{x_d(s_d(x))}_{=x} = \partial_x x \int \mathcal{D}d P(d) \\
 &= \partial_x x = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ds \int \mathcal{D}d P(d) \mathcal{G}(s - \bar{s}_d, \sigma^2) \\ \times \delta\left(x - \int_{-\infty}^s d\tilde{s} \mathcal{G}^\epsilon(\tilde{s} - \bar{s}_d, \sigma^2)\right)$$