

# Manual of `plotastrodata`

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## 1 Overview of Data Format

`plotastrodata` represents astronomical images and cubes using a small set of arrays and metadata. The most important object is the data array itself, together with one-dimensional coordinate grids for the horizontal, vertical, and velocity axes. The package can read these quantities from a FITS file, or they can be supplied directly as NumPy arrays.

### 1.1 Basic Array Convention

For a two-dimensional image, the data array is interpreted as

$$I(y, x),$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  are one-dimensional arrays giving the spatial coordinates of each pixel. For a three-dimensional spectral cube, the data array is interpreted as

$$I(v, y, x),$$

where  $v$  is the velocity grid and  $x$  and  $y$  are the spatial grids. Thus, the last axis of the NumPy array corresponds to the horizontal coordinate, the second-to-last axis corresponds to the vertical coordinate, and the first axis of a cube corresponds to velocity.

Table 1: Basic data shapes used by `plotastrodata`.

Data type	NumPy shape	Required grids
2D image	<code>(ny, nx)</code>	<code>x, y</code>
3D cube	<code>(nv, ny, nx)</code>	<code>x, y, v</code>
PV diagram	<code>(nv, nx)</code>	<code>x, v</code>

When a FITS file is used as input, `plotastrodata` reads the image array and constructs the coordinate grids from the FITS header. In the usual image/cube case, FITS axis 1 is used for  $x$ , axis 2 for  $y$ , and axis 3 for  $v$ . For a position–velocity diagram, set `pv=True`; then axis 1 is treated as the spatial offset axis and axis 2 is treated as the velocity axis.

### 1.2 Spatial Coordinates

The spatial coordinates  $x$  and  $y$  are measured relative to a chosen center. If the input is a FITS file, the center can be read from the FITS WCS information. Alternatively, the user can specify a center manually using a coordinate string such as

```
center = '01h23m45.6s 01d23m45.6s'
```

or with an explicit reference frame such as J2000, B1950, FK5, FK4, or ICRS.

By default, spatial coordinates are expressed in arcseconds. If the argument `dist` is supplied, the spatial coordinates and beam sizes are multiplied by this value. This is useful, for example, when converting angular offsets in arcseconds to physical offsets in au.

The plotting frame can also be shifted relative to the adopted center using `xoff` and `yoff`. These offsets are applied in the same unit as the spatial grids.

### 1.3 Velocity Coordinates

For a spectral cube, the velocity grid `v` can be supplied directly or read from the FITS header. When the spectral axis is given in frequency units, `plotastrodata` converts frequency to velocity using the rest frequency. The rest frequency can be given explicitly with `restfreq`, or read from common FITS header keywords such as `RESTFRQ` or `RESTFREQ` when available.

The systemic velocity `vsys` is subtracted from the velocity grid. Therefore, plotted channel labels usually represent

$$v - v_{\text{sys}}$$

If no valid rest frequency is available, the spectral axis may be read without conversion.

### 1.4 FITS Input and Array Input

There are two equivalent ways to give data to the package. The first is to supply a FITS file:

```
from plotastrodata.plot_utils import PlotAstroData as pad
p = pad(fitsimage='cube.fits', rmax=5.0, vmin=-5.0, vmax=5.0)
p.add_color(fitsimage='cube.fits')
```

The second is to supply NumPy arrays directly:

```
p = pad(x=x, y=y, v=v, rmax=5.0, vmin=-5.0, vmax=5.0)
p.add_color(data=data, x=x, y=y, v=v, beam=[bmaj, bmin, bpa])
```

When arrays are supplied directly, the user should provide the coordinate grids and, when needed, the beam information. The beam is represented as

```
beam = [bmaj, bmin, bpa]
```

where `bmaj` and `bmin` are the beam major and minor axes, and `bpa` is the beam position angle in degrees. The beam size should be in the same spatial unit as `x` and `y`.

### 1.5 The AstroData Object

Internally, each plotted layer is handled as an `AstroData` object. This object stores the data array, coordinate grids, beam, noise level, brightness unit, and related metadata. Most users do not need to create `AstroData` explicitly for simple plots, because the same information can be passed directly to methods such as `add_color`, `add_contour`, `add_segment`, and `add_rgb`. However, `AstroData` is useful when the user wants to inspect, modify, or reuse the data before plotting.

Table 2: Important `AstroData` quantities.

Quantity	Meaning
<code>data</code>	2D image or 3D cube as a NumPy array
<code>x, y</code>	Spatial coordinate grids
<code>v</code>	Velocity grid
<code>fitsimage</code>	Input FITS file name
<code>beam</code>	[ <code>bmaj</code> , <code>bmin</code> , <code>bpa</code> ]
<code>sigma</code>	Noise level, or method used to estimate it
<code>Tb</code>	Convert intensity to brightness temperature if <code>True</code>
<code>restfreq</code>	Rest frequency used for velocity and brightness temperature
<code>cfactor</code>	Multiplicative factor applied to the data
<code>pv</code>	Treat the data as a position–velocity diagram
<code>bunit</code>	Brightness unit of the data

## 1.6 Noise and Units

The noise level is stored as `sigma`. It can be supplied as a number, or it can be estimated from the data using one of the supported methods. The noise level is used for contour levels, signal-to-noise based plotting, and some analysis functions.

If `Tb=True`, data in  $\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$  are converted to brightness temperature using the beam size and rest frequency. This conversion requires sufficient FITS header information or manually supplied metadata. If the necessary beam or frequency information is missing, the conversion may not be possible.

## 1.7 Position–Velocity Diagrams

A position–velocity diagram is enabled by setting

```
pv = True
```

In this mode, the horizontal axis is the spatial offset and the vertical axis is the velocity. The package treats the second FITS axis as the velocity axis. Some spatial annotations, such as regions, arrows, lines, and segments, are not supported in PV mode because the two axes have different physical units.

## 1.8 Multiple Layers

A single figure can combine multiple layers, such as color maps, contours, segments, and RGB images. These layers may come from different FITS files or arrays. In this case, `plotastrodata` reads each layer as an `AstroData` object and registers it onto the plotting frame. The special value

```
center = 'common'
```

means that the layer should use the common center defined by the plotting frame.

This design makes it possible to overlay data sets with different spatial grids, provided that their coordinates and centers are known.

## 2 Read Data

The data class `AstroData` can take a fits file.

```
from plotastrodata.analysis_utils import AstroData
d = AstroData(fitsimage='file_name.fits')
```

`AstroData` can take more arguments, such as `Tb` and `sigma`. `Tb=True` means the data values will be converted from flux densities in the unit of  $\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$  to brightness temperatures in the unit of K. `sigma` specifies how to measure the noise level of the data values: for example, the default option of 'hist' means to use the histogram of the data values. The argument of `pvpa` is the position angle of the PV cut direction in the unit of degree, which will be used to calculate the spatial resolution of the PV diagram.

The data class `AstroFrame` is necessary to form the `AstroData` instance in a useful format. `AstroFrame` can take quantities related to coordinate ranges.

```
from plotastrodata.analysis_utils import AstroFrame
f = AstroFrame(vmin=-5.0, vmax=5.0, vsys=2.0,
               center='00h00m00s 00d00m00s', rmax=3.0)
```

`vmin`, `vmax`, and `vsys` are in the unit of  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ . `rmax` is in the unit of arcsec. Instead of `rmax`, other arguments (`xmin`, `xmax`, `ymin`, `ymax`, `xoff`, `yoff`) can be used to adjust the x and y ranges in more detail. When an argument of `fitsimage` is given, the central coordinates `center` is read from the given fits file; the rest frequency is also read from the fits file, which is used for the frequency-velocity conversion. Moreover, an argument of `dist` can specify the distance used to change the unit of spatial coordinates from arcsec to au. An argument of `swapxy` is used to swap the x and y coordinates. An argument of `pv` must be `True` when the `AstroData` instance to be read is a position-velocity (PV) diagram, i.e., the first and second axes are the spatial and velocity coordinates. When `quadrants=True`, the first and third (or second and fourth) quadrants of the PV diagram will be averaged. `xflip` and `yflip` will be used to determine the plotting direction of the x and y axes, respectively; these have a meaning only when a figure is made from the data set.

Forming the `AstroData` instance needs the following command.

```
f.read(d)
```

After this command, the `AstroData` instance has useful attributes in the format of numpy array: a 1D array of `d.x` (as well as `d.y` and `d.v`), a 2D or 3D array of `d.data`, a 1D array of `d.beam`, a float of `d.sigma`, a string of `d.bunit`. `d.x` and `d.y` are the relative coordinates in the unit of arcsec from the given `center`. Similarly, `d.v` is the relative coordinate in the unit of  $\text{km s}^{-1}$  from the given `vsys`. `d.dx`, `d.dy`, and `d.dv` are `d.x[1]-d.x[0]`, `d.y[1]-d.y[0]`, and `d.v[1]-d.v[0]`, respectively. `d.beam` is the beam components `array([bmaj, bmin, bpa])`, where `bmaj` and `bmin` are in the unit of arcsec, while `bpa` is in the unit of degree. When `Tb=True` above, the data values are converted to the brightness temperature and stored as `d.data`. `d.sigma` is the noise level measured in the way specified above in the same unit as `d.data`. `d.bunit` is the unit of `d.data`. `AstroData` can take two more arguments, `restfreq` and `cfactor`. `restfreq` is used to explicitly set the rest frequency in the unit of Hz, which is used to convert frequency to velocity and  $\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$  to K. When this argument is zero (`restfreq=0`), the frequency axis is not converted to velocity. When the unit of the frequency/velocity axis in the input fits header is m/s, `f.read(d)`

divides the coordinate by 1000. The argument `cfactor` specifies a constant factor that `d.data` is multiplied by. This will be useful when one wants to change the intensity unit from  $\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$  to  $\text{mJy beam}^{-1}$ .

In addition to the input attributes, `f.read(d)` adds three attributes to the `AstroData` instance `d`: `fitsimage_org`, `sigma_org`, and `fitsheader`. `fitsimage_org` saves the input `fitsimage`, while `fitsimage` is updated to `None` after `f.read(d)`. Similarly, `sigma_org` saves the input `sigma`, which may be a string, while `sigma` is updated to the calculated value. `fitsheader` is the fits header in the format of `astropy.io.fits.open(fitsimage)[0]`.

When `pv=True` in `AstroFrame`, the `read` method changes the `beam` attribute of the `AstroData` instance. The first element will be the velocity resolution. The second element of `beam` will be  $1/\sqrt{\cos^2(\text{bpa} - \text{pvpa})/\text{bmaj}^2 + \sin^2(\text{bpa} - \text{pvpa})/\text{bmin}^2}$ . This is calculated from the intersection of the beam ellipse and the PV cut line. The third element will be 0; thus, the velocity resolution (first element) is regarded as the vertical length by default when this “beam” is plotted in a PV diagram. The original beam will be stored in `beam_org`.

## 2.1 Noise measurement

The process of reading data includes a step of noise measurement, unless `sigma` is given as a specific value. `AstroData` can take the following methods for noise measurement, e.g., `sigma='edge,neg,hist-pbcor'`.

Multiple options of the following four can be used to specify how to select the values used for the noise estimation.

**edge:** This option means that the first and last channels are used.

**out:** This option means that the first 20% and the last 20% pixels in the x and y directions are used. In other words, the central square of  $60\% \times 60\%$  is removed.

**neg:** This option means that pixels with negative values are used.

**iter:** This option first calculates the mean and standard deviation, and then picks up pixels with values within  $\pm 3.5 \times$  “standard deviation” from “mean”. The new mean and standard deviation are calculated only with the picked up pixels. This step is iterated five times to suppress the effect of the signal.

One of the following three can be used to specify how to estimate the noise. If none of them is selected, simply the mean and standard deviation are calculated.

**med:** This option calculates the standard deviation from the median of the squared values by assuming Gaussian noise.

**hist:** This option fits the histogram (probability density) with a normalized Gaussian function to obtain the mean and standard deviation.

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right) \quad (1)$$

**hist-pbcor** This option is applicable to a dataset after primary beam correction. To obtain the analytical function of the model, the model assumes that the pixels are within a circle with a radius of  $r_{\text{out}}$ . The primary beam has half width at half maximum  $r_p$ . The primary beam correction is

expressed as  $2^{R^2}$ , where  $R := r/r_p$ . The probability function is calculated as follows:

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\pi R_{\text{out}}^2} \int_0^{R_{\text{out}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma} 2^{R^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu 2^{R^2}}{\sigma 2^{R^2}}\right)^2\right] 2\pi R dR \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{R_{\text{out}}^2} \int_0^{R_{\text{out}}^2} \frac{2^{-S}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x 2^{-S} - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] dS \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{R_{\text{out}}^2 x \ln 2} \int_{x 2^{-R_{\text{out}}^2}}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{T - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] dT \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x R_{\text{out}}^2 2 \ln 2} \int_{(x 2^{-R_{\text{out}}^2} - \mu)/\sqrt{2\sigma}}^{(x - \mu)/\sqrt{2\sigma}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-T^2} dT \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{\text{erf}\left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sqrt{2\sigma}}\right) - \text{erf}\left(\frac{x 2^{-R_{\text{out}}^2} - \mu}{\sqrt{2\sigma}}\right)}{x R_{\text{out}}^2 2 \ln 2} \quad (6)$$

This function satisfies the normalization.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(x) dx = \frac{1}{R_{\text{out}}^2 2 \ln 2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \int_{\frac{x 2^{-R_{\text{out}}^2} - \mu}{\sqrt{2\sigma}}}^{\frac{x - \mu}{\sqrt{2\sigma}}} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-T^2} dT dx \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{R_{\text{out}}^2 2 \ln 2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{\sqrt{2\sigma}(T + \mu)}^{\sqrt{2\sigma}(T + \mu) 2^{R_{\text{out}}^2}} \frac{1}{x} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-T^2} dx dT \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{R_{\text{out}}^2 2 \ln 2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-T^2} \int_{\sqrt{2\sigma}(T + \mu)}^{\sqrt{2\sigma}(T + \mu) 2^{R_{\text{out}}^2}} \frac{1}{x} dx dT \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{R_{\text{out}}^2 2 \ln 2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-T^2} \ln\left(2^{R_{\text{out}}^2}\right) dT \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{1}{R_{\text{out}}^2 2 \ln 2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-T^2} R_{\text{out}}^2 \ln 2 dT = 1 \quad (11)$$

$$(12)$$

The noise estimation can be performed with adjusted parameters by using the class of `plotastrodata.noise_utils.Noise`.

```
from plotastrodata.noise_utils import Noise

x = np.linspace(-1.5, 1.5, 301)
y = np.linspace(-1.5, 1.5, 301)
x, y = np.meshgrid(x, y)
r = np.hypot(x, y)
data = np.random.randn(*np.shape(r))
data[r > 1.5] = np.nan
data = data * np.exp2(r**2)
n = Noise(data=data, sigma='hist-pbcor')
n.gen_histogram()
n.fit_histogram()
```

```
print(n.std)
# 0.989151253878513
```

Figure 1 shows the histogram of the noise in the above example.

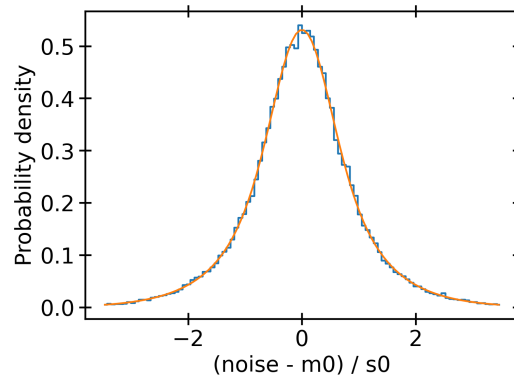


Figure 1: Example of noise histogram and model function with primary beam correction.

### 3 Analyze Data

AstroData also has handy methods to analyze the 2D/3D data.

The `binning` method rebins the 2D/3D data with a given width for each coordinate.

```
d.binning(width=[5, 4, 2])
```

This command takes an average over 5 channels in the velocity direction, 4 pixels in the y direction, and 2 pixels in the x direction. The number of channels and pixels are decreased accordingly after this method. If the length of `width` is 2, the two values are regarded as the widths for the y and x directions. Binning in the v-axis updates the noise level (`d.sigma`) by dividing it by the square root of the number of binned channels. Binning in the x- or y-axis does not update the noise level.

The `centering` method sets the coordinates so that the spatial center and the systemic velocity have the exact zero coordinates by interpolation.

```
d.centering(includexy=True, includev=False)
```

This command adjusts the x and y coordinates but does not adjust the velocity coordinate. This method will be useful when one wants to quickly get a radial profile along a line passing the center or a PV diagram (using the `rotate` method together).

The `circularbeam` method makes the beam shape circular by additional 2D Gaussian convolution. This method takes no argument.

```
d.circularbeam()
```

The new beam has the major and minor axes same as the old major axis. This method also updates the attribute of `d.beam` accordingly.

The `deproject` method deprojects the 2D/3D data with a given position angle (P.A.) and inclination angle.

```
d.deproject(pa=45, incl=45)
```

`pa` is the position angle from the north to the east in the unit of degree. `incl` is the inclination angle; `incl=0` means the face-on configuration and thus no deprojection. This command replaces `d.data` and `d.beam` with the deprojected data and the deprojected beam, respectively.

The `fit2d` method performs MCMC fitting to the 2D image of `d.data` or `d.data[chan]`, where `chan` is the channel number, by using `emcee` or `pymc` through the class of `plotastrodata.fitting_utils.EmceeCorner`.

```
res = d.fit2d(chan=12, model=model, bounds=bounds,
             kwargs_fit={'nwalkersperdim': 2, 'nsteps': 1000, 'nburnin': 500},
             kwargs_plotcorner={'savefig': 'corner.png'})
```

`model` is a function with the shape of `model(par, x, y)`, where `par` is the list of parameters. `bounds` is the 2D list of the parameter boundary in the shape of `[[p0,min, p0,max], [p1,min, p1,max], ...]`. `kwargs_fit` and `kwargs_plotcorner` are the arguments for the methods of `EmceeCorner.fit` and `EmceeCorner.plotcorner`, respectively. `nsteps` includes the number the burn-in steps. The output `res` is a dictionary consisting of `popt`, `p1ow`, `pmid`, `phigh`, `model`, and `residual`. The first four keys provide the best, lower percentile, 50 percentile, and higher percentile parameters. The last two keys provide the model and residual 2D images.

The `histogram` method returns the bins and the histogram in the bins of the attribute of `d.data` by using `numpy.histogram()`.

```
hbin, hist = d.histogram(bins=10)
```

The arguments are the same as those for `numpy.histogram()`. The bins (`hbin`) have the same length as the histogram (`hist`), which is different from the original `numpy.histogram`.

The `gaussfit2d` method performs the 2D Gaussian fitting to the 2D image of `d.data` or `d.data[chan]`, where `chan` is the channel number, by using `fitting_utils.gaussfit2d`.

```
res = d.gaussfit2d(chan=12)
```

This command performs the fitting to the channel of 12 in `d.data`. For 2D data, the `chan` argument can be omitted. The output (`res` here) is a dictionary having keys of `popt`, `perr`, `model`, `residual`, and `center`. `popt` and `perr` are the optimized parameters (peak intensity, central x, central y, major FWHM, minor FWHM, and P.A.) and their errors. The `model` and `residual` are 2D arrays with the same shape as the fitted 2D array. `center` is the best-fit center in the format of “hms dms” string. This central coordinates are calculated from `d.center` and the best-fit central x and y through `coord_utils.xy2coord`.

The `mask` method puts `numpy.nan` on pixels that satisfies a given condition.

```
d.mask(dataformask=d2.data, includepix=[1e-3, 100], excludepix=[50, 200])
```

This command puts `numpy.nan` on pixels of `d.data` where `d2.data` is outside `[1e-3, 100]` or inside `[50, 200]`, where `d2` is an `AstroData` instance different from `d`. This method will be useful when one wants to put a mask on a moment 1 map using the values of a moment 0 map.

The `profile` method makes line profiles at given spatial positions.

```
v, f, g = d.profile(xlist=[-0.5, 0.2], ylist=[1, 0.8], ellipse=[0.3, 0.2, 45])
```

This command makes line profiles at  $(x,y)=(-0.5, 1)$  and  $(0.2, 0.8)$  in the unit of arcsec. The intensity of each profile is an average over a boxcar ellipse with the major axis of 0.3 arcsec, the minor axis of 0.2 arcsec, and the P.A. of 45 degrees. Instead of `xlist` and `ylist`, coordinate strings can be input using an argument of `coords`: `coords=['00h00m00.0s 00d00m00.0s', '11h11m11.1s 11d11m11.1s']`. When `ellipse` is omitted, the profile is made by picking up the values at the closest pixel to the given position. When the ellipse size is not so large compared to the pixel size, the integer argument `ninterp` may be useful; this makes the pixel size `ninterp` times finer by interpolation. When the boolean argument `flux` is True, the output profile has the unit of Jy. Additionally, when the boolean argument `gaussfit` is True, the profiles will be fitted with a 1D Gaussian function. The output `v` above is `d.v`. The output `f` above is a list of 1D-array profiles, i.e., 2D array. The output `g` is a list of dictionaries; each dictionary has keys of `best` and `error` (square root of the diagonal components of the covariance).

The `rotate` method rotates the attribute `d.data` by the given angle in the unit of degree by interpolation.

```
d.rotate(pa=45)
```

When a pixel refers to a position outside the original image, this pixel has `numpy.nan` after this method.

The `slice` method makes a radial profile for a 2D image or a PV diagram for a 3D image along a given direction and length by interpolation.

```
r, f = d.slice(length=3, pa=45, dx=0.2)
```

This commands makes a radial profile (or PV diagram) along a cut with a length of 3 arcsec at P.A.=45 degrees with a separation of 0.2 arcsec. The output `r` and `f` are both 1D arrays of the positional offsets and the intensity at the positions. When the separation `dx` is omitted, the absolute value of the `x` pixel size is adopted.

The `todict` method returns the attributes as a dictionary.

```
a = d.todict()
```

This output includes keys of `data`, `x`, `y`, `v`, `fitsimage`, `beam`, `Tb`, `restfreq`, `cfactor`, `sigma`, `center`, `pv`, and `bunit`. `pv` means whether the data array is a position-velocity diagram. This dictionary can be input to methods of `PlotAstroData` as `**a`.

The `writetofits` method exports the instance as a fits file.

```
d.writetofits(fitsimage='new_file_name.fits')
```

The output fits file reuses the header components of the fits file used to make the `AstroData` instance (`'file_name.fits'` above); some header components are automatically updated after the above-mentioned methods for analysis, such as `CDEL11`.

## 4 Plot Data

The class `PlotAstroData` can take an `AstroData` instance through the method of `d.todict()`.

```
from plotastrodata.plot_utils import PlotAstroData

p = PlotAstroData(rmax=3.0)
p.add_color(**d.todict())
p.add_scalebar(length=50 / 140, label='50 au')
p.set_axis()
p.savefig('figure_name.png')
```

These commands make a color map using the `AstroData` instance `d`. `PlotAstroData` can take the same arguments as `AstroFrame` to define the plotting ranges; particularly `rmax` (also, `vmin` and `vmax` for a cube or a PV diagram) is necessary. The method `p.add_color()` can take a fits file directly instead of the `AstroData` instance, as `p.add_color(fitsimage='file_name.fits')`. This method can actually take the same arguments as `AstroData` to specify the data to be plotted as a color map; `**d.todict()` does this indirectly. The command `p.add_scalebar()` can be omitted if the map does not need to show a scale bar. The command `p.set_axis()` (or `p.set_axis_radec()`) is necessary even without any argument.

The class `PlotAstroData` can take more arguments. `veldigit` specifies the number of digits of the velocity label on the channel maps. `channelnumber` specifies which channel is used to make a 2D image; when this is `None` (default), channel maps are made instead of a 2D image. `nrows` and `ncols` specify the grid shape of the channel maps. `fontsize` specifies the basic font size in the figure. `nancolor` specifies which color is used when the value is nan. `dpi` specifies the resolution of a raster image file. `figsize` is the same as the argument for `Figure.figure` of `matplotlib`. `fig` and `ax` can be used to input external `Figure` and `Axes` objects. More detailed usage can be found in the `example.py` file and <https://plotastrodata.readthedocs.io/en/latest/#>. The following is the explanation of each method of `PlotAstroData`.

### 4.1 Core Class Parameters

Tables 3-5 summarize the main parameters used by the core classes. The most common workflow is to define the plotting frame with `PlotAstroData`, and then pass data-specific parameters to methods such as `add_color`, `add_contour`, `add_segment`, and `add_rgb`. Internally, these data-specific parameters are handled through `AstroData`.

Table 3: Main parameters of `AstroData`.

Parameter	Default	Description
<code>data</code>	<code>None</code>	Input 2D image or 3D cube as a NumPy array.
<code>x</code>	<code>None</code>	One-dimensional horizontal spatial grid.
<code>y</code>	<code>None</code>	One-dimensional vertical spatial grid.
<code>v</code>	<code>None</code>	One-dimensional velocity grid.
<code>beam</code>	<code>(None, None, None)</code>	Beam information as <code>[bmaj, bmin, bpa]</code> .
<code>fitsimage</code>	<code>None</code>	Input FITS file name. If given, the data and grids are read from the FITS file.

Parameter	Default	Description
<code>Tb</code>	<code>False</code>	If <code>True</code> , convert $\text{Jy beam}^{-1}$ data to brightness temperature.
<code>sigma</code>	<code>'hist'</code>	Noise level, or method used to estimate the noise.
<code>center</code>	<code>'common'</code>	Coordinate center. <code>'common'</code> uses the center of the plotting frame.
<code>restfreq</code>	<code>None</code>	Rest frequency used for velocity conversion and brightness temperature conversion.
<code>cfactor</code>	<code>1</code>	Multiplicative factor applied to the data and noise.
<code>pvpa</code>	<code>None</code>	Position angle of the cut used for a PV diagram.
<code>pv</code>	<code>False</code>	If <code>True</code> , treat the data as a position-velocity diagram.
<code>bunit</code>	<code>''</code>	Brightness unit of the data.

Table 4: Main parameters of `AstroFrame`.

Parameter	Default	Description
<code>rmax</code>	<code>1e10</code>	Half-size of the plotting region. Used to set both x and y ranges unless explicit limits are given.
<code>xmax, xmin</code>	<code>None</code>	Explicit horizontal plotting limits.
<code>ymax, ymin</code>	<code>None</code>	Explicit vertical plotting limits.
<code>dist</code>	<code>1</code>	Multiplicative factor for spatial coordinates and beam sizes. Useful for converting arcsec to au.
<code>center</code>	<code>None</code>	Coordinate center of the plotting frame.
<code>fitsimage</code>	<code>None</code>	FITS file used to read the center when <code>center</code> is not supplied.
<code>xoff</code>	<code>0</code>	Horizontal offset of the plotting region from the center.
<code>yoff</code>	<code>0</code>	Vertical offset of the plotting region from the center.
<code>vsys</code>	<code>0</code>	Systemic velocity subtracted from the velocity grid.
<code>vmin</code>	<code>-1e20</code>	Minimum velocity included in the plotting frame.
<code>vmax</code>	<code>1e20</code>	Maximum velocity included in the plotting frame.
<code>xflip</code>	<code>True</code>	If <code>True</code> , the x-axis is plotted with positive values to the left, as commonly used for R.A. offsets.
<code>yflip</code>	<code>False</code>	If <code>True</code> , reverse the y-axis direction.
<code>swapxy</code>	<code>False</code>	If <code>True</code> , swap the x and y axes.
<code>pv</code>	<code>False</code>	If <code>True</code> , use position-velocity plotting mode.
<code>quadrants</code>	<code>None</code>	If set to <code>'13'</code> or <code>'24'</code> , average symmetric quadrants.

Table 5: Main parameters of `PlotAstroData`.

Parameter	Default	Description
<code>v</code>	<code>None</code>	Velocity grid used to set up channel maps when it is not read from a FITS file.
<code>vskip</code>	<code>1</code>	Use every <code>vskip</code> -th velocity channel.
<code>veldigit</code>	<code>2</code>	Number of digits after the decimal point in channel labels.
<code>restfreq</code>	<code>None</code>	Rest frequency used when reading velocity information from FITS data.
<code>channelnumber</code>	<code>None</code>	If an integer is given, plot only that channel. This is also useful for animation.
<code>nrows</code>	<code>4</code>	Number of rows in a channel-map page.
<code>ncols</code>	<code>6</code>	Number of columns in a channel-map page.
<code>fontsize</code>	<code>None</code>	Matplotlib font size. If <code>None</code> , a default value is chosen depending on the plot type.
<code>nancolor</code>	<code>'w'</code>	Background color used for masked or NaN regions.
<code>dpi</code>	<code>256</code>	Output resolution for saved figures.
<code>figsize</code>	<code>None</code>	Figure size. If <code>None</code> , a suitable size is estimated from the plotting range.
<code>fig</code>	<code>None</code>	External Matplotlib figure object.
<code>ax</code>	<code>None</code>	External Matplotlib axis object. Mainly used for custom 2D plotting layouts.
<code>**kwargs</code>	<code>-</code>	Additional plotting-frame parameters passed to <code>AstroFrame</code> , such as <code>rmax</code> , <code>center</code> , <code>vmin</code> , <code>vmax</code> , <code>xflip</code> , and <code>pv</code> .

## 4.2 Arguments for the methods to make maps

The four methods to make maps (`add_color()`, `add_contour()`, `add_segment()`, and `add_rgb()`) share many arguments. This subsection overviews those shared arguments.

<code>data:</code>	2D or 3D numpy array or <code>None</code> .
<code>x:</code>	1D numpy array or <code>None</code> .
<code>y:</code>	1D numpy array or <code>None</code> .
<code>v:</code>	1D numpy array or <code>None</code> .
<code>beam:</code>	1D numpy array ( <code>[bmaj, bmin, bpa]</code> ) or <code>[None, None, None]</code> .
<code>fitsimage:</code>	File name or <code>None</code> . If this is not <code>None</code> , this will overwrite <code>data</code> , <code>x</code> , <code>y</code> , <code>v</code> , and <code>beam</code> .
<code>Tb:</code>	Bool. Whether to convert the data from an intensity (Jy/beam) to a brightness temperature (K).
<code>sigma:</code>	Method name or a noise value or <code>None</code> . See also Section 1.1 Noise measurement.
<code>center:</code>	Central coordinates or <code>'common'</code> . <code>'common'</code> means to copy the coordinates from <code>AstroFrame</code> in <code>AstroFrame.read(AstroData)</code> .
<code>restfreq:</code>	Rest frequency in Hz. If this is not <code>None</code> , this value is given priority over the one in the fits file.
<code>cfactor:</code>	Float factor to be multiplied by the data array.
<code>pvpa:</code>	Position angle of the cutting direction when the data is a position-velocity diagram.

```
(These are the arguments for the AstroData class.)
```

```
beam:      1D numpy array ([bmaj, bmin, bpa]) or [None, None, None].
show_beam: Bool. Whether to show the beam.
beamcolor: Color name for the beam.
beampos:   Relative position to plot the beam or None. For example, [0.1, 0.2]
           means 10% up and 20% right from the bottom left.
beam_kwars: Additional arguments for matplotlib.patches as a dictionary.
           For example, facecolor, edgecolor, linewidth, alpha, hatch, etc.
(These are the arguments for the Beam class.)
```

```
stretch:   Stretch type: linear, log, asinh, or power. See also Figure 2.
stretchscale: Scaling float factor for the asinh stretch.
vmin:      Minimum value to show a color figure or None.
vmax:      Maximum value to show a color figure or None.
sigma:     Float noise level. This will be used as vmin when vmin is not given
           for the log or power stretch.
(These are the arguments for the Stretcher class.)
```

```
xskip: Integer to specify how many pixels are skipped in the x-direction.
yskip: Integer to specify how many pixels are skipped in the y-direction.
```

The `AstroData` arguments are always necessary for the four mapping methods. The `stretch` arguments can be used only for `add_color()` and `add_rgb()`. For `add_rgb()`, the `stretch` and `beam` arguments may be a list of three elements.

### 4.3 Maps

The `add_color` method plots the given data in the format of a color map.

```
p.add_color(**d.todict(), stretch='log', show_cbar=True, clabel=r'mJy beam$^{-1}$',
            cbticks=[0.01, 0.03, 0.1, 0.3], cbticklabels=['10', '30', '100', '300'],
            cblocation='right')
```

The `stretch` argument can be 'linear', 'log', 'asinh', or 'power'. The Arcsinh hyperbolic (`asinh`) stretch can be adjusted by another argument of `stretchscale` as `asinh(data / stretchscale)`. The power-law stretch can be adjusted by another argument of `stretchpower` as `data^stretchpower / stretchpower`. The difference by `stretch` is shown in Figure 2. Lower (higher) indices for the power-law stretch zoom into weaker (stronger) signals. The `asinh` stretch can show weak signals in the linear scale and strong signals in the logarithmic scale simultaneously (the noise level in Figure 2 is 0.01). The arguments starting with 'cb' adjust the colorbar. In addition, two arguments, `xskip` and `yskip`, can be used to skip spatial pixels in this method as well as `add_contour`, `add_segment`, and `add_rgb`. Similarly, `show_beam`, `beamcolor`, and `beampos` can be used in these four methods to adjust beam color and position, as well as switch whether to show the beam.

The `add_contour` method plots the given data in the format of a contour map.

```
p.add_contour(**d.todict(), levels=[-3, 3, 6, 9])
```

The `levels` argument specifies the contour levels in the unit of `d.sigma`.

The `add_rgb` method plots the given data in the format of three-color maps. The input three data sets are mixed as Red, Green, and Blue.

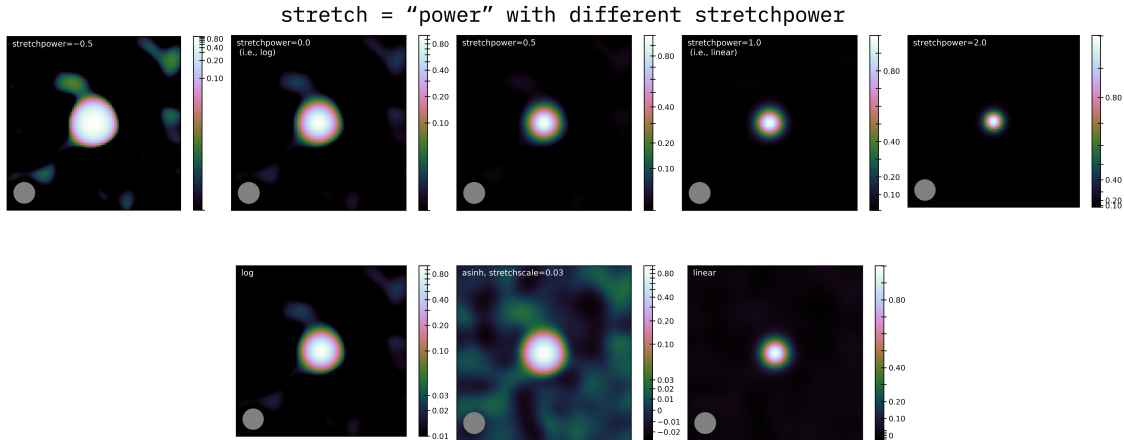


Figure 2: Difference in the color map due to `stretch`.

```
p.add_rgb(**d.todict(), stretch=['linear', 'log', 'linear'])
```

For this method, the input is a combination of three data sets, and thus `d.data` here must be a 1D list (not a numpy array) of three 2D/3D numpy arrays. In the same way as `add_color`, `stretchscale` and `stretchpower` are available in this method.

The `add_segment` method plots the given data in the format of a segment map, as is often used for polarization maps.

```
p.add_segment(Qfits='Qfile_name.fits', Ufits='Ufits_name.fits',
              ampfactor=3.8, angonly=False, rotation=90, cutoff=3.0)
```

The input format of the data is different from that for `add_color` and `add_contour`. One of the following pairs must be given: (`ampfits`, `angfits`), (`Qfits`, `Ufits`), (`amp`, `ang`), or (`stQ`, `stU`). The latter two pairs are supposed to be in the numpy.array format. The `ampfactor` argument can be used to adjust the segment length. When `angonly=True`, the segment length is set to be uniform. The `rotation` can be used to rotate the segments in the unit of degree. The `cutoff` argument specifies the intensity threshold to calculate the amplitude and angle from the Stokes Q and U intensities.

#### 4.4 Patches, markers, text, lines, arrows, and scale bar

The class `PlotAstroData` also has methods for plotting regions (patches), markers, text, lines, and arrows. The following is the explanation of each method for this purpose.

The `add_region` method overlays an ellipse or a rectangular. the given data in the format of a segment map, as is often used for polarization maps.

```
p.add_region(patch='ellipse',
             poslist=[[0.5, 0.5], [0.1, 0.2]],
             majlist=[0.3, 1.0],
             minlist=[0.2, 0.8],
```

```
palist=[0, 90])
```

The argument `patch` may be 'ellipse' or 'rectangle'. The patch position can be specified by a 2D list like [0.1, 0.2] or a coordinate string like '01h23m45.6s 01d23m45.6s'. The list means a fractional position from left to right and bottom to top: e.g., [0, 0], [0.5, 0.5], and [1, 1] are bottom left, center, and top right, respectively. `majlist`, `minlist`, and `palist` specifies the patch size in the unit of arcsec and the orientation in the unit of degree. Other arguments for `matplotlib.patches.Ellipse` or `matplotlib.patches.Rectangle` can be used in this method. Another method `add_beam` uses this method and is executed internally in `add_color`, `add_contour`, `add_segment`, `add_rgb`.

The `add_marker` method overlays markers.

```
p.add_marker(poslist=[[0.5, 0.5], [0.1, 0.2]])
```

Except for the position list `poslist` (same as in `add_region`), the marker properties can be specified by the arguments for `Axes.plot` of `matplotlib`.

The `add_text` method overlays text.

```
p.add_marker(poslist=[[0.5, 0.5], [0.1, 0.2]],
             slist=['abs', 'hoge'])
```

Except for the position list `poslist` (same as in `add_region`) and the list of text `slist`, the text properties can be specified by the arguments for `Axes.text` of `matplotlib`.

The `add_line` method overlays lines.

```
p.add_marker(poslist=[[0.5, 0.5], [0.1, 0.2]],
             anglelist=[0, 90],
             rlist=[0.4, 1])
```

The position list `poslist` (same as in `add_region`) specifies the start position of the line. `anglelist` and `rlist` specify the position angle in the unit of degree and the length in the unit of arcsec of the line, respectively. Other arguments for `Axes.plot` of `matplotlib` can be used in this method.

The `add_arrow` method overlays arrows.

```
p.add_marker(poslist=[[0.5, 0.5], [0.1, 0.2]],
             anglelist=[0, 90],
             rlist=[0.4, 1])
```

`poslist`, `anglelist`, and `rlist` are the same in `add_line`. Other arguments for `Axes.quiver` of `matplotlib` can be used in this method.

The `add_scalebar` method overlays a scale bar.

```
p.add_scalebar(length=0.5,
               label='70 au',
               barpos=[0.8, 0.1])
```

The bar length `length` is in the unit of arcsec. The bar label `label` is located above the bar. `barpos` is a fractional position from left to right and from bottom to top (same as `poslist`). In addition, the arguments of `color`, `fontsize`, `linewidth`, and `bbox` can be used in this method. `bbox` is a dictionary argument for `Axes.text` of `matplotlib`.

## 4.5 Setting axes and saving figures

The method `set_axis` (or `set_axis_radec`) is necessary even without any argument. This method provides axes of relative coordinates and can also adjust things related to the axes.

```
p.set_axis(title='figure title')
```

The `title` argument can be either string or dictionary; the latter is a set of arguments for `Axes.set_title` or `Figure.suptitle` of matplotlib. This method can also take more arguments related to `Axes.set_*` of matplotlib: `xscale`, `yscale`, `xlim`, `ylim`, `xlabel`, `ylabel`, `xticks`, `yticks`, `xticklabels`, and `yticklabels` are in the same format as in `Axes.set_*` of matplotlib. `xticksminor` and `yticksminor` are either list or integer; the latter means how many times more ticks are needed than the major ticks. Two more dictionary arguments, `grid` and `aspect`, available as for `Axes.grid` and `Axes.set_aspect` of matplotlib.

The method `set_axis_radec` provides axes in the right ascension and declination coordinates.

```
p.set_axis_radec(title='figure title',
                 xlabel='R.A. (ICRS)',
                 ylabel='Dec. (ICRS)',
                 nticksminor=2,
                 grid=None)
```

`title`, `xlabel`, `ylabel`, and `grid` are the same as in `set_axis`. `nticksminor` specifies how many times more ticks are needed than the major ticks.

The method `savefig` saves the figure as an image file and/or shows it on the screen.

```
p.savefig(filename='hoge.png',
          show=True)
```

In addition to the two arguments, the arguments for `Figure.savefig` of matplotlib can be used for this method.

The method `get_figax` returns the Figure and Axes objects.

```
fig, ax = p.get_figax()
```

Figures 3 and 4 show examples obtained through the `plotastrodata.plot_utils` module. They might appear to be messy, but this is because these examples aim to show various features of this module. The module enables you to fine-tune the figures in various aspects.

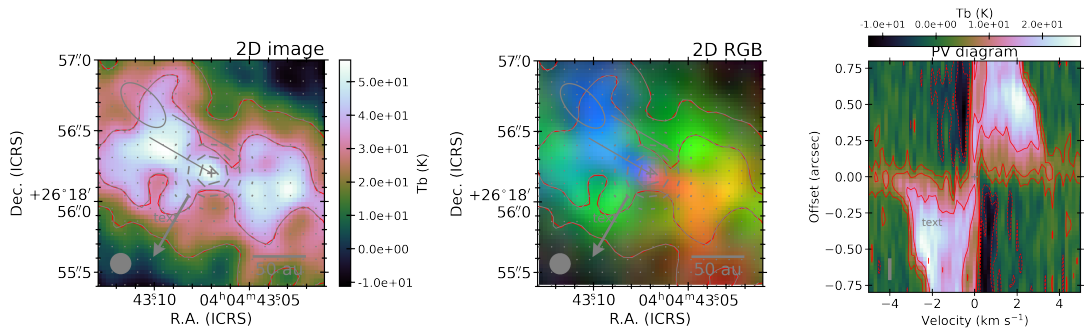


Figure 3: Examples of 2D images. In addition to the color and RGB maps, scale bars, and beams, the left and middle panels show contour maps, segment maps, regions, markers, lines, arrows, and text. The right panel is a position-velocity diagram (color and contour maps) with a marker and text.

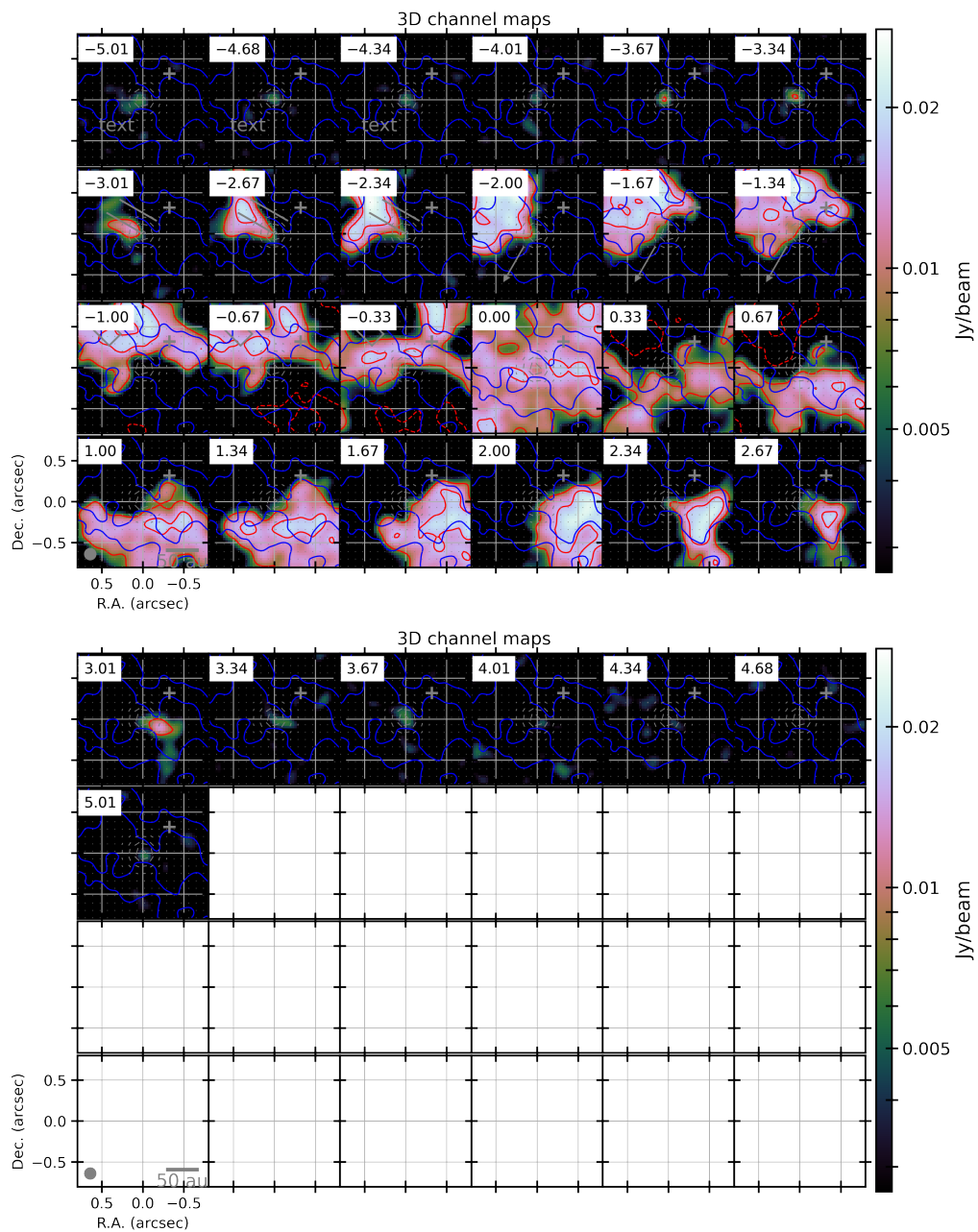


Figure 4: Example of channel maps. In addition to the color maps, scale bars, and beams, this figure shows contour maps, segment maps, regions, markers, lines, arrows, and text. The number at the top right corner at each channel denotes the velocity in the unit  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ . The upper and lower panels are in separated image files.

## 4.6 Animation

The `PlotAstroData` class can be used together with `matplotlib.animation` to create an animation file from a fits file. The following is an example using a fits file in the GitHub site of `plotastrodata`.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.animation as animation
from plotastrodata.plot_utils import PlotAstroData

def update_plot(i):
    f = PlotAstroData(rmax=0.8, vmin=-5, vmax=5 fitsimage='testFITS/test3D.fits',
                    channelnumber=i, fig=fig)
    f.add_color(fitsimage=pre+'test3D.fits')
    f.set_axis()
    f.fig.tight_layout()

nchans = 61
fig = plt.figure()
ani = animation.FuncAnimation(fig, update_plot, frames=nchans, interval=50)
Writer = animation.writers['ffmpeg']
writer = Writer(fps=10, bitrate=128)
ani.save('test_animation.mp4', writer=writer)
plt.close()
```

## 4.7 Other plotting functions

The function `plot3d` is a function independent of the `PlotAstroData` class. This function provides an HTML file to show a 3D figure that can be interactively rotated in a web browser.

```
mom0 = np.sum(d.data, axis=0) * d.dv
d.sigma = d.sigma * d.dv * np.sqrt(len(d.v))
vplus = {'data': mom0, 'sigma': d.sigma, 'cmap': 'gray'}
plot3d(**d.todict(),
      levels=[3, 6, 9],
      cmap='Jet',
      alpha=0.08,
      vplus=vplut,
      xlabel='R.A. (arcsec)',
      ylabel='Dec. (arcsec)',
      vlabel='Velocity (km/s)',
      eye_p=0,
      eye_i=180,
      outname='filename',
      show=True)
```

The data to be plotted can be an instance of `AstroData`. `levels` specifies which surfaces are plotted. `cmap` is an argument (named colorscale) used in the 'mesh3d' type data in `plotly.graph_objs`. `alpha` is also used through the 'mesh3d' type data in `plotly.graph_objs`. `eye_p` and `eye_i` specify the viewing direction when the file is opened. The output has the extension of `.html` with the file name of `outname`. When `show=True`, a web browser will be executed automatically to show the 3D figure. Figure 5 shows an example with the test fits file in the GitHub site of `plotastrodata`.

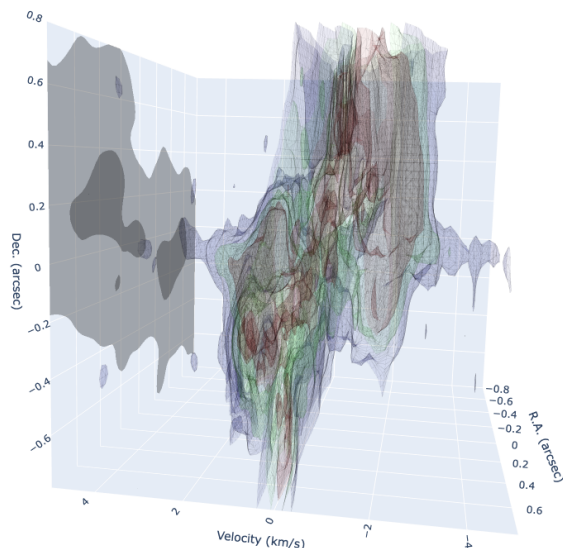


Figure 5: Snapshot of the html file on a web browser, made by `plot_utils.plot3d`. The actual html file can be rotated freely on a web browser.

The `plot_utils` module has more functions to make other types of figures. `plotprofile` provides a figure of line profiles and `plotslice` provides a 1D slice of a 2D image. These two functions use `AstroData.profile` and `AstroData.slice`, respectively. Hence, it may be more flexible to make figures in one's preferred way using the outputs of these method than using `plotprofile` and `plotslice`.

## 5 Relative and Absolute Coordinates

The relation between relative and absolute coordinates is not trivial on the plane of the sky. For example, the point 30 degrees (= 2h) east of '00h00m00s 60d00m00s' has coordinates of '03h16m25.6s 48d35m25s', rather than '2h00m00s 60d00m00s'. The module `coord_utils` provides useful functions for the coordinate transformation.

```

from plotastrodata.coord_utils import xy2coord
from plotastrodata.coord_utils import coord2xy
s = xy2coord(xy=[[30, 90], [0, 0]], coordorg='00h00m00s 60d00m00s')
print(s)
#['03h16m25.58528421s +48d35m25.36040662s', '06h00m00s +00d00m00s']
a = coord2xy(coords=s, coordorg='00h00m00s 60d00m00s')
print(a)
#[[30, 90], [0, 0]]
#[x_array, y_array]

```

This example calculates 30 degrees east (and 0 degrees north) and 90 degrees east (and 0 degrees north) of '00h00m00s 60d00m00s' and puts back the resulting coordinates to the relative coordinates in the unit of degree ([offset to the east, offset to the north]). The coordinates may include

a frame, like 'ICRS 00h00m00s 60d00m00s' and 'B1950 00h00m00s 60d00m00s'.

## 6 Rotation

Comparison of a physical model and an observational result often requires 3D rotation between the model coordinates and the observational coordinates. The `los_utils` module provides a useful coordinate transformation. It starts with a parabolic streamer, as an example, on a coordinate set,  $(x_{\text{sys}}, y_{\text{sys}}, z_{\text{sys}})$ , named system coordinates, as shown in Figure 6(a). The direction of such a streamer is defined with polar and azimuthal angles ( $\theta_0$  and  $\phi_0$ , respectively) in a 3D coordinate,  $(x_{\text{phy}}, y_{\text{phy}}, z_{\text{phy}})$ , named physical coordinates. Figures 6(b) and 6(c) show the relation between  $(x_{\text{sys}}, y_{\text{sys}}, z_{\text{sys}})$  and  $(x_{\text{phy}}, y_{\text{phy}}, z_{\text{phy}})$ , through an intermediate coordinate set,  $(x_{\text{azi}}, y_{\text{azi}}, z_{\text{azi}})$ , named azimuthal coordinates.

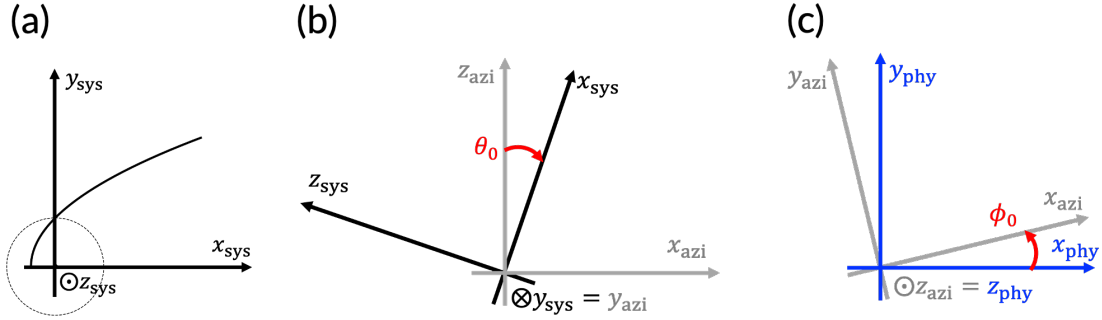


Figure 6: (a) The streamer system. (b) The system and azimuthal coordinates. (c) The azimuthal and physical coordinates.

When a model in the physical coordinates is observed, the relation between the physical and observational coordinates  $(x_{\text{obs}}, y_{\text{obs}}, z_{\text{obs}})$  requires inclination and position (or orientation) angles. Although this relation also requires another azimuthal angle, the  $\phi_0$  defined above will work for the azimuthal rotation. Figures 7(a) and 7(b) show the relation between  $(x_{\text{phy}}, y_{\text{phy}}, z_{\text{phy}})$  and  $(x_{\text{obs}}, y_{\text{obs}}, z_{\text{obs}})$ , through an intermediate coordinate set,  $(x_{\text{ori}}, y_{\text{ori}}, z_{\text{ori}})$ , named oriented coordinates. In this definition, when the zero position angle (P.A.= 0) means a configuration where the  $z_{\text{phy}}$  direction is projected to the  $y_{\text{obs}}$  direction. In other words, *this P.A. is not that of the disk major axis* but that of the blueshifted outflow in a typical protostellar system.

Figure 8 summarizes the relation between the system and observational coordinates with the four angles ( $\theta_0$ ,  $\phi_0$ , incl., and P.A.) through the physical coordinates. The relation can be expressed

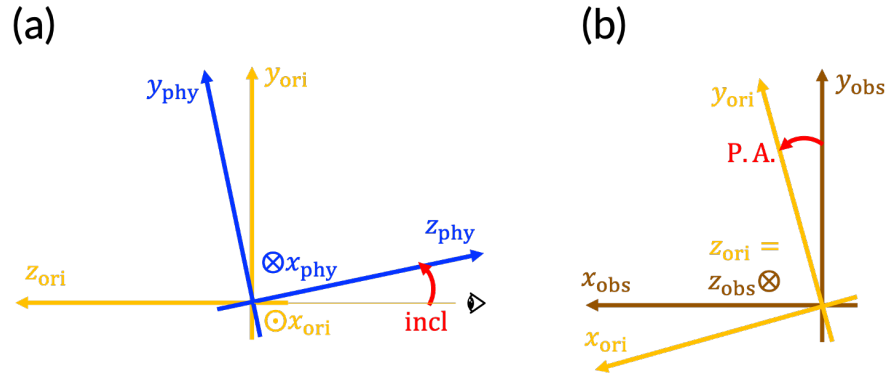


Figure 7: (a) The physical and oriented coordinates. (b) The oriented and observational coordinates.

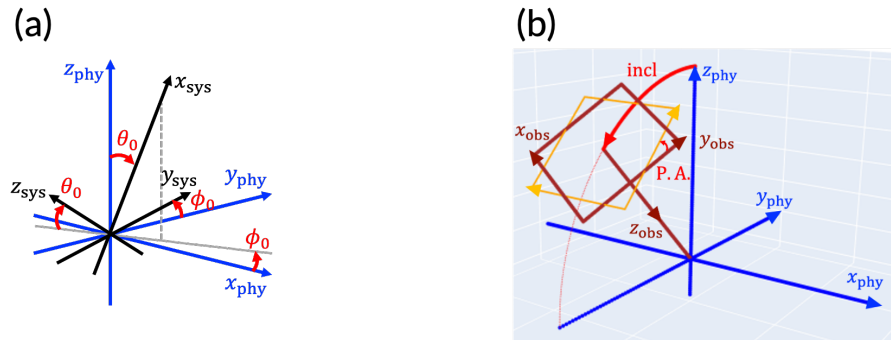


Figure 8: (a) The system and physical coordinates. (b) The physical and observational coordinates.

by the rotational matrices  $R_x(\theta)$ ,  $R_y(\theta)$ , and  $R_z(\theta)$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{sys}} = R_y\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_0\right)\mathbf{x}_{\text{azi}}, \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{ori}} = R_z(-\phi_0)\mathbf{x}_{\text{phy}}, \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{phy}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} R_x(-\text{incl.})\mathbf{x}_{\text{ori}}, \quad (15)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{ori}} = R_z(\text{P.A.})\mathbf{x}_{\text{obs}}. \quad (16)$$

The transformation between  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{obs}}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{sys}}$  can be done through the functions `obs2sys` and `sys2obs` in `los_utils`.

```
from plotastrodata.los_utils import obs2sys
from plotastrodata.los_utils import sys2obs
import numpy as np

xobs, yobs, zobs = sys2obs(xsys=1/np.sqrt(2), ysys=1/np.sqrt(2), zsys=0,
pa=0, incl=30, phi0=0, theta0=90, polar=False)
print(xobs, yobs, zobs)
#-0.707107 0.612372 0.353553
#-1/sqrt(2) cos(30deg)/sqrt(2) sin(30deg)/sqrt(2)
xsys, ysys, zsys = obs2sys(xobs=xobs, yobs=yobs, zobs=zobs, pa=0, incl=30,
phi0=0, theta0=90, polar=False)
print(xsys, ysys, zsys)
#0.7071077 0.707107 0.000000
#1/sqrt(2) 1/sqrt(2) 0
```

The input coordinate (e.g., `xsys` or `xobs`) may be a numpy array. When `polar=True`, `xsys`, `ysys`, and `zsys` are the radius, polar angle, and azimuthal angle, respectively; the radius is in the unit of arcsec, and the polar and azimuthal angles are in the unit of radian. `xobs`, `yobs`, and `zobs` are the Cartesian coordinates regardless of the `polar` argument. In particular, the combination of `polar=True` and  $\theta_0 = 90$  is useful when a model is defined in the physical coordinates in the polar format.

In addition to the functions for the spatial coordinate transformation, `los_utils` has another function, `polarvel2losvel`, to transform polar velocities ( $v_r, v_\theta, v_\phi$ ) to line-of-sight velocity (i.e.,  $v_{z,\text{obs}}$ ).

```
from plotastrodata.los_utils import polarvel2losvel
import numpy as np

v = polarvel2losvel(v_r=-1/np.sqrt(2), v_theta=0, v_phi=1/np.sqrt(2),
theta=np.pi/2, phi=np.pi/2, incl=30, phi0=0, theta0=90)
print(v)
#-0.353553
#-1/sqrt(2)/2
```

`theta` and `phi` may be numpy arrays and in the unit of radian. `incl`, `phi0`, and `theta0` are the same as in `obs2sys` and `sys2obs`. This velocity transformation is useful for calculating the line-of-sight velocity when the 3D velocity field of a model is written in the polar format as a function of the polar coordinates. This velocity transformation can be derived from the following ideas. First,

a vector is expressed as a matrix product of a basis matrix and a component column vector.

$$E_1 \mathbf{x}_1 := (\mathbf{e}_{x,1} \ \mathbf{e}_{y,1} \ \mathbf{e}_{z,1}) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{e}_{x,2} \ \mathbf{e}_{y,2} \ \mathbf{e}_{z,2}) \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} =: E_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \quad (17)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_1 = E_1^{-1} E_2 \mathbf{x}_2 \quad (18)$$

This provides the change-of-basis matrix. This matrix can also change the basis for velocity vectors.

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = E_1^{-1} E_2 \mathbf{v}_2 \quad (19)$$

Hence, we already know the relation between  $\mathbf{v}_{\text{ori}}$  and  $\mathbf{v}_{\text{sys}}$ .

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{ori}} = R_x(\text{incl.}) \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} R_z(\phi_9) R_y(\theta_0 - \frac{\pi}{2}) \mathbf{v}_{\text{sys}} \quad (20)$$

The polar velocities can be expressed with the Cartesian velocities as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_r \\ v_\theta \\ v_\phi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix} =: E_r^{-1} \mathbf{v}. \quad (21)$$

Then, the polar velocities are linked to  $\mathbf{v}_{\text{sys}}$ .

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{sys}} = E_r \begin{pmatrix} v_{r,\text{sys}} \\ v_{\theta,\text{sys}} \\ v_{\phi,\text{sys}} \end{pmatrix} = (E_r^{-1})^T \begin{pmatrix} v_{r,\text{sys}} \\ v_{\theta,\text{sys}} \\ v_{\phi,\text{sys}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (22)$$

Finally, the line-of-sight velocity is calculated as the z component of  $\mathbf{v}_{z,\text{ori}}$  because the rotation about P.A. does not change the line-of-sight velocity.

$$v_{\text{los}} = v_{z,\text{obs}} = v_{z,\text{ori}} \quad (23)$$

## 7 Fourier Transform

The Fourier transform frequently appears in the context of (radio) astronomy. Although it can be easily done by a computer, the numerical way of calculating the Fourier transform is different from the mathematical way. The main difference is the phase center. The `fft_utils` module provides an output closer to the mathematical way. This module is a wrapper of `numpy.fft`. The following shows a comparison between the `plotastrodata.fftcentering` module and the original `numpy.fft` module.

```
# Example of numpy.fft.fft
import numpy as np

x = np.linspace(-99.5, 99.5, 200)
f = np.where(np.abs(x) < 10, 1, 0)

u = np.fft.fftshift(np.fft.fftfreq(len(x), d=x[1]-x[0]))
F = np.fft.fftshift(np.fft.fft(f))
```

```

# Example of plotastrodata.fft_utils
from plotastrodata.fft_utils import fftcentering
import numpy as np

x = np.linspace(-99.5, 99.5, 200)
f = np.where(np.abs(x) < 10, 1, 0)

F, u = fftcentering(f=f, x=x, xcenter=0)

```

Figure 9 shows the input and output functions obtained by the example scripts above using `numpy.fft.fft` and `plotastrodata.fft_utils.fftcentering`. One will expect that the phase center is at  $x = 0$  or the center of  $x$ , and then the expected Fourier transform of Figure 9(a) will be Figure 9(c). The phase center is indeed specified in `fftcentering` by the argument of `xcenter=0`. In comparison, Figure 9(b) (i.e., the output of `numpy.fft.fft` alone) can be produced by `xcenter=x[0]`.

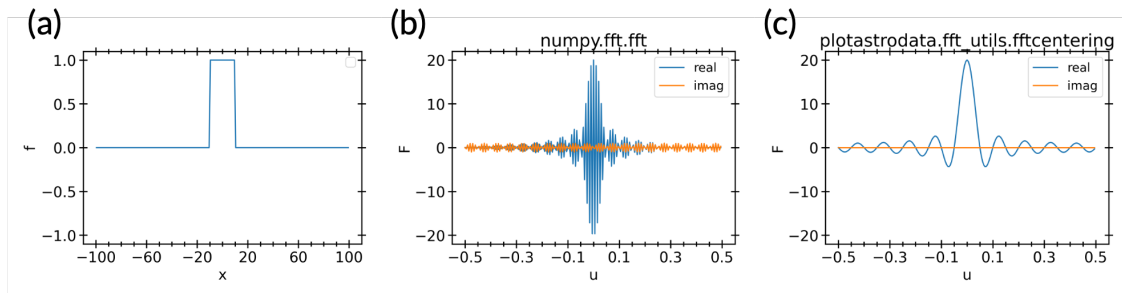


Figure 9: (a) The input function for the Fourier transform. (b) The real and imaginary parts obtained by `numpy.fft.fft`. (c) The real and imaginary parts obtained by from `plotastrodata.fft_utils.fftcentering`.

The inverse Fourier transform can be done by `ifftcentering` as follows.

```

from plotastrodata.fft_utils import fftcentering
from plotastrodata.fft_utils import ifftcentering
import numpy as np

x = np.linspace(-99.5, 99.5, 200)
f = np.where(np.abs(x) < 10, 1, 0)

F, u = fftcentering(f=f, x=x, xcenter=0)
ynew, xnew = ifftcentering(F=F, u=u, xcenter=0, x0=x[0], outreal=True)
print(np.max(np.abs(xnew - x)) < 1e-10, np.max(np.abs(ynew - y)) < 1e-10)
#True, True

```

The last two outputs are the same as the two inputs within the numerical error, which is consistent with  $iFT[FT[f]] = f$ . `ifftcentering` also requires the phase center value and additionally the starting value of the iFTed coordinate (`xnew` in the above example). This is because the Fourier transform is independent of absolute values of the input coordinate. The argument of `outreal=True` means that the output `ynew` has only real values.

It is also possible for `fft_utils` to shift the phase of given FTed function and coordinate, by `fft_utils.shiftphase`.

```
from plotastrodata.fft_utils import shiftphase
import numpy as np

x = np.linspace(-99.5, 99.5, 200)
f = np.where(np.abs(x) < 10, 1, 0)

u = np.fft.fftshift(np.fft.fftfreq(len(x), d=x[1]-x[0]))
F = np.fft.fftshift(np.fft.fft(f))
F = shiftphase(F=F, u=u, xoff=-x[0])
```

The output of `shiftphase` is the same as the first output (F in the example) obtained by `fftcentering`. The offset argument of `xoff` is determined by “new center (0) – old center (x[0])”.

The functions introduced above (`fftcentering`, `ifftcentering`, and `shiftphase`) have counterparts for 2D arrays: `fftcentering2`, `ifftcentering2`, and `shiftphase2`. `fftcentering2` requires an argument of `y`, as well as `x`; these two arguments can be either 1D or 2D arrays (after `numpy.meshgrid`). The center is also expressed by the two arguments `xcenter` and `ycenter`. Similarly, `ifftcentering2` takes arguments of `u`, `v`, `xcenter`, `ycenter`, `x0`, and `y0`, and `shiftphase2` takes arguments of `u`, `v`, `xoff`, and `yoff`.

## 8 Fitting

Data analysis may lead a fit with a model to the data. For this purpose, the `plotastrodata` package has a module of `fitting_utils`, a wrapper of `emcee` (and `ptemcee`), `corner`, and `dynesty`; all of these packages are widely used in astronomical research for MCMC (Markov chain Monte Carlo) fitting.

Fitting process usually maximize a log-likelihood function. Here, a very simple function is used as the log-likelihood function with three variables.

```
def logl(p):
    x1, x2, x3 = p
    chi2 = (x1 / 1)**2 + (x2 / 2)**2 + (x3 / 4)**2
    return -0.5 * chi2
```

Then, the class of `EmceeCorner` in `fitting_utils` needs to be instantiated with a list of parameter boundaries (`bounds`) as well as the log-likelihood function.

```
from plotastrodata.fitting_utils import EmceeCorner

fitter = EmceeCorner(bounds=[[-5, 5], [-10, 10], [-20, 20]],
                    logl=logl, progressbar=False, percent=[16, 84])
```

If `progressbar=True`, some fitting methods show a progress bar in the terminal. `percent` specifies which percentiles are used to evaluate the uncertainty of each parameter. The fitting process is mainly performed by the `fit` method with arguments of `nwalkersperdim` (number of walkers per parameter), `nsteps` (number of steps including the burned-in steps), and `nburnin` (number of steps to be burned-in).

```
fitter.fit(nwalkersperdim=30, nsteps=11000, nburnin=1000,
```

```

        ntemps=1, savechain='chain.npy')
print('best:', fitter.popt)
#best: [-0.008 -0.026  0.008]
print('lower percentile:', fitter.plow)
#lower percentile: [-0.988 -1.954 -3.976 ]
print('50 percentile:', fitter.pmid)
#50 percentile: [ 0.007  0.030 -0.020]
print('higher percentile:', fitter.phigh)
#higher percentile: [0.990 2.012 3.955]

```

When `ntemps>1`, the `fit` method uses `ptemcee`, rather than `emcee`, to incorporate multiple temperatures. `savechain` specifies a file name to which the obtained chain is saved; if this is `None`, the chain is not saved to any file.

When two fitting results of the same data are compared between different models, a quantity of “evidence” can be used. The evidence is defined as a fractional volume of the likelihood function  $L$  in the parameter ( $p_1 \cdots p_n$ ) space:  $\int \cdots \int L dp_1 \cdots dp_n / \int \cdots \int dp_1 \cdots dp_n$ . Because the integrated range is not from infinity to infinity, the evidence value should be slightly smaller than  $(\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot 2\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot 4\sqrt{2\pi}) / (10 \cdot 20 \cdot 40) = 0.0157$  in the example. The evidence can be calculated using the method of `getDNSevidence`. This method uses `DynamicNestedSampler` in `dynesty`. The arguments for `DynamicNestedSampler` can also be used for this method.

```

fitter.getDNSevidence()
print('evidence:', fitter.evidence)
#evidence: 0.0153

```

The result of MCMC fitting can be plotted in two ways. One is the so-called corner plot, which shows the likelihood function as a function of each parameter or each pair of parameters. This can be done through the method of `plotcorner`. `show` specifies whether to show the figure in a window. `savefig` specifies the file name to which the figure is saved. `labels` specifies the parameter names that will be shown in the figure. `cornerrange` is a list of the boundaries for the figures or a list of fractions to be plotted.

```

fitter.plotcorner(show=True, savefig='corner.png',
                 labels=['par1', 'par2', 'par3'],
                 cornerrange=[[-4, 4], [-8, 8], [-16, 16]])

```

Another way is plotting the chains in the MCMC run as a function of the step. This can be done through the method of `plotchain`. The arguments have the same meaning as those in `plotcorner`.

```

fitter.plotchain(show=True, savefig='chain.png',
                labels=['par1', 'par2', 'par3'],
                ylim=[[-2, 2], [-4, 4], [-8, 8]])

```

The figure obtained through `plotchain` is simplified from the original chain. First, this method calculates the two percentiles given in the instantiation and the 50th percentile in the chain direction at each step. The two given percentiles are shown in a fainter color, while the 50th percentile is shown in a darker color. In addition, this method calculates the three percentiles in the step direction for each of the three percentiles derived above. For example, if 16th and 84th percentiles are given, this method calculates 16th percentile of 16th percentile, 50th percentile of 16th percentile, 84 percentile of 16th percentile, 16th percentile of 50th percentile, ..., and 84 percentile of 84 percentile. The second calculation in the step direction uses 1% of the total number of steps; if the total number of steps is  $< 200$ , the second calculation is skipped. In the figure, the 50th

percentile of each percentile is shown with a thicker line, while the other two percentiles of each percentile is shown with a thinner line. As a result, the figure shows one thick-dark, two thick-faint, two thin-dark, and four thin-faint lines. Figures 10(a) and 10(b) show the outputs of `plotcorner` and `plotchain`, respectively.

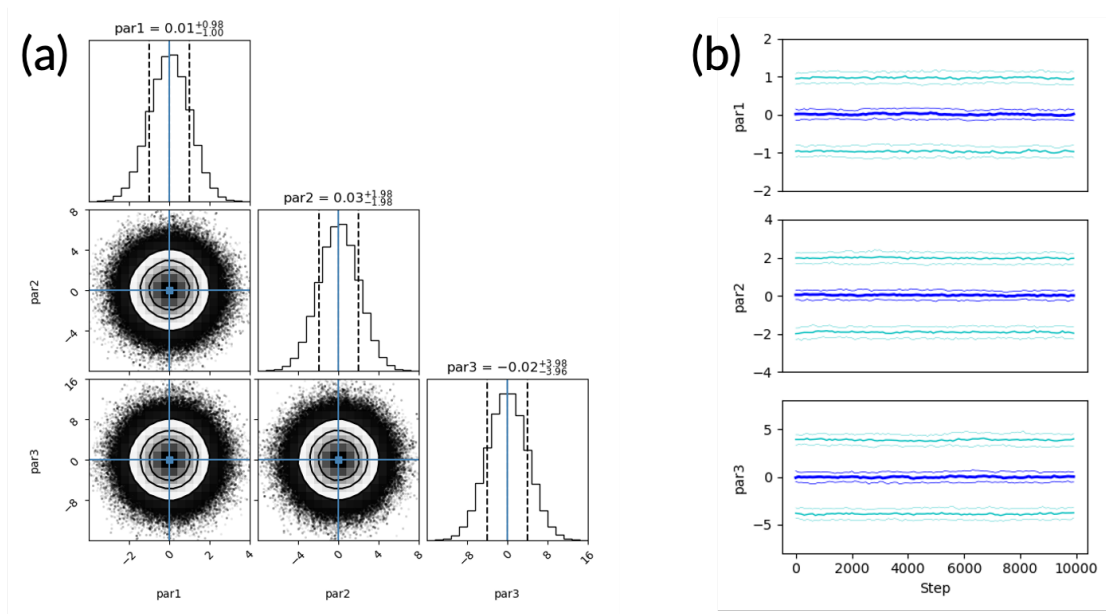


Figure 10: The results of (a) `plotcorner` and (b) `plotchain` in the example.

## 8.1 Grid search

When the number of parameters in a fit is not many, it might be an option to calculate the log-likelihood function simply on a parameter grid, without the MCMC technique. This simple calculation also helps to check the overall shape of the log-likelihood function independently from the number of walkers or the number of steps of the MCMC run. This grid search can be performed using the method of `posteriorongrid` with an argument of `ngrid`, which specifies the number of grids for each parameter.

```
fitter.posteriorongrid(ngrid=[101, 201, 401])
print('best:', fitter.popt)
#best: [0. 0. 0.]
print('lower percentile:', fitter.plow)
#lower percentile: [-1. -2. -4.]
print('50th percentile:', fitter.pmid)
#50th percentile: [0. 0. 0.]
print('higher percentile:', fitter.phigh)
#higher percentile: [1. 2. 4.]
print('evidence:', fitter.evidence)
#evidence: 0.0155
```

The `posteriorongrid` method directly substitutes the meshed grid of the parameters to the log-likelihood function: for example, `np.meshgrid(p3, p2, p1, indexing='ij')` for three parameters. For this reason, the log-likelihood function must separate the parameter grid and the data grid. For example, if the log-likelihood function includes a subtraction of  $x - p2$ , where  $x$  is a data grid, this must be expressed as `np.subtract.outer(x, p2)` to separate the dimensions for the parameters from the dimension(s) for the data.

The result of the grid search can be visualized, as a corner plot, by the method of `plotongrid`. The arguments are the same as for `plotcorner`.

```
fitter.plotongrid(show=True, savefig='grid.png',
                 labels=['par1', 'par2', 'par3'],
                 cornerrange=[[ -4, 4], [-8, 8], [-16, 16]])
```

Figure 11 shows the corner plot output from `plotongrid`. The first parameter has the coarsest grid compared to the width of the log-likelihood function.

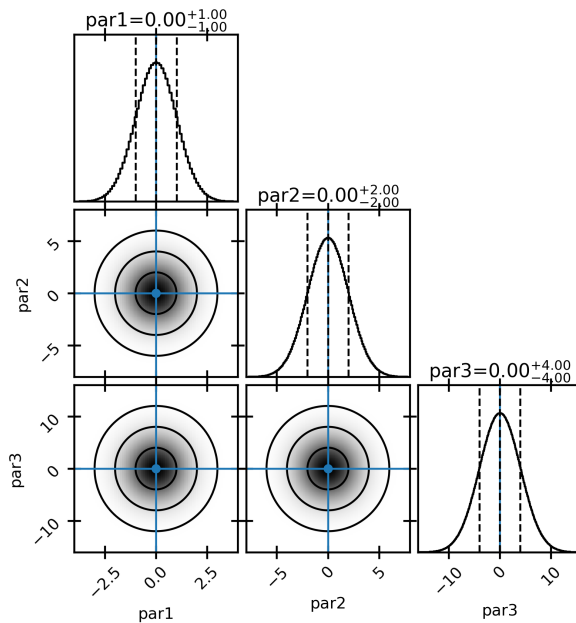


Figure 11: The results of `plotongrid`.

## 9 Others

The `plotastrodata` package has a bit more things useful for astronomical research. Even though they might not be worth using from this package, it could make your code simpler to import them from the same package when other modules are imported from `plotastrodata`.

`const_utils` is a wrapper of `astropy.constants` and `astropy.units`. The variables defined in `const_utils` are simply in the float format and in SI units. These values are obtained through the `.to('unit name')` method in `astropy.units` and the `.value` attribute in `astropy.constants`. In addition, `const_utils` has variables with the name of metric prefixes from `quecto` ( $10^{-30}$ ) to `quetta` ( $10^{30}$ ). These variables are also simply in the float format.

```
import plotastrodata.const_utils as cu
print(cu.pc)
#3.085677581491367e+16
print(cu.M_sun)
#1.988409870698051e+30
print(cu.centimeter)
#0.01
```

`ext_utils` provides functions that are often used in astronomical research. These functions only use the four arithmetic operations, `numpy.exp`, and variables imported from `const_utils`, meaning that the inputs may be N-D numpy arrays.

```
from plotastrodata.ext_utils import BnuT
# Planck function. 30 K, 230e9 Hz.
x = BnuT(T=30, nu=230e9)
print(x)
#np.float64(4.033705316844142e-16)
```

```
from plotastrodata.ext_utils import JnuT
# Brightness temperature (=wavelength^2 / (2k_B) * BnuT). 30 K, 230e9 Hz.
x = JnuT(T=30, nu=230e9)
print(x)
#np.float64(24.818562479617647)
```