

# Optimal weak lensing data analysis

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# Outline: goals of optimal data analysis

- We would like to optimally extract information from the data: if we have the full likelihood and the prior we can obtain the posterior. We have minimized Bayes risk and obtained optimal results. Often we use summary statistics as intermediate stage.
- The complication is that we only have an implicit likelihood as a function of many parameters, most of which we do not care about: we need to marginalize.
- Model evaluation can be very expensive (a full simulation)
- MCMC is often too expensive
- MAP/VI approximate and often wrong (inconsistent)
- We would like an analysis that is as good as MCMC, at a fraction of computational cost (as few likelihood evaluations as possible)
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# Linear case example: from implicit likelihood to power spectrum analysis

- We can write the probability distribution as a function of data  $\mathbf{d}$  and modes  $\mathbf{s}$ , where  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}$ : implicit likelihood

$$p(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{d} | \mathbf{S}) = (2\pi)^{-(N+M)/2} \det(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{N})^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{s}^\dagger \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{s} + (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s})^\dagger \mathbf{N}^{-1} (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{s})\right)$$

- By integrating over  $\mathbf{s}$  (marginalizing) we can write the probability distribution of the data  $\mathbf{d}$ : explicit likelihood

$$L(\mathbf{d} | \Theta) = (2\pi)^{-N/2} \det(\mathbf{C})^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{d}^\dagger \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{d}\right)$$

- $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{R}^T + \mathbf{N}$
- We can rewrite this into an optimal quadratic estimator, which requires  $\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{d}$

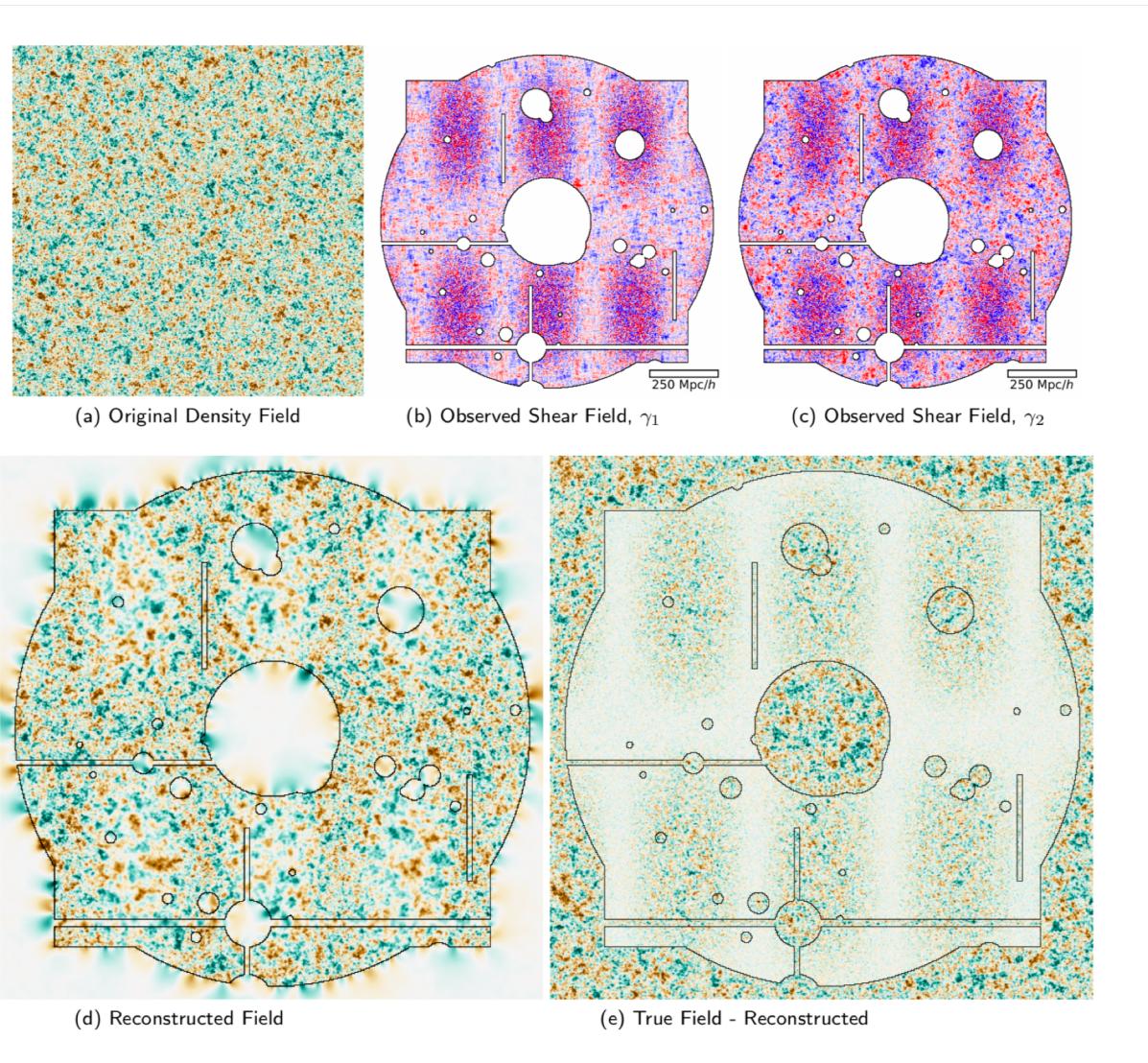
$$(\mathbf{F}\Theta)_l = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{2} \sum_{l'} F_{ll'}^{-1} (\mathbf{d}^\dagger \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_{l'} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{d} - b_{l'})$$

- We can simplify by simpler weighting (pseudo-Cl=FKP)

# Which is easier?

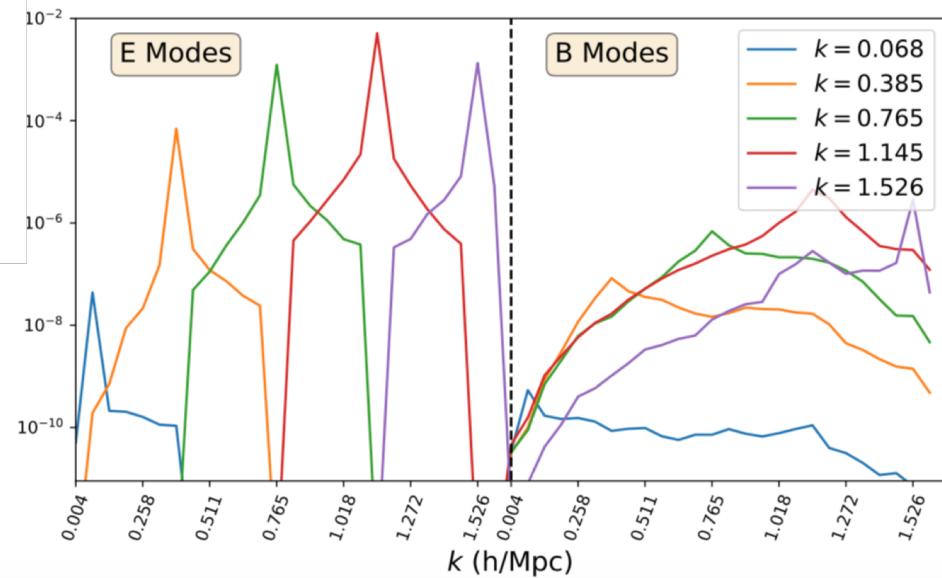
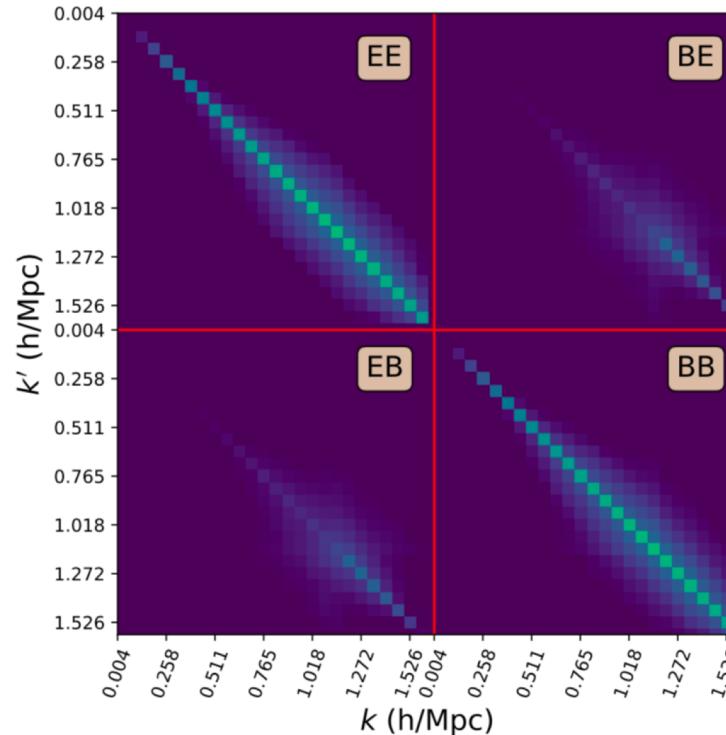
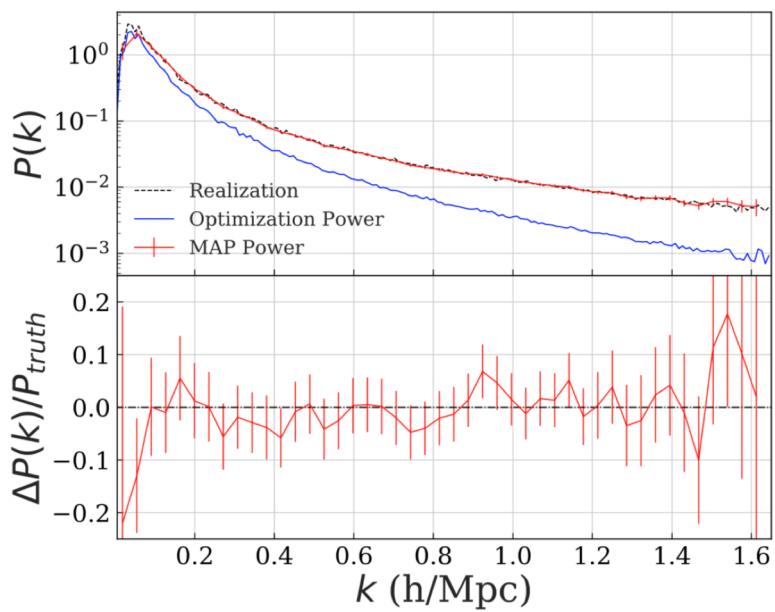
- To get just the power spectrum pseudo-Cl analysis is easiest, since there is no  $C^{-1}$  operation needed
- It is suboptimal on large scales due to the mask, but nearly optimal on small scales (hence used in CMB etc)
- This comes at a price: no obvious path to get the covariance matrix
- In practice it is modeled with simulations (mocks) or theory
- In contrast, if one sticks to the likelihood analysis one gets the covariance from the shape of the likelihood at the peak
- In explicit form this requires repeated  $C^{-1}\mathbf{d}$ : expensive
- In implicit form this requires finding the peak posterior of  $\mathbf{s}$ : **Wiener filter**
- Sampling of the modes very expensive (Gibbs sampling), but has been attempted in CMB

# Example: WL analysis Wiener filter



Horowitz, US, Aslanyan  
2018

# Example: WL power spectrum analysis



# What about the nonlinear case?

- We could follow “moment matching” path: evaluate all the N-point functions
- We would also need to get their covariance matrix. This is already very hard for 2-pt function, becomes impossible analytically for higher orders
- If one has N simulations then covariance matrix becomes singular with  $M > N$  summary statistics
- We can however try some specially powerful summary statistics (e.g. next talks)
- **Alternative: likelihood analysis**
- Writing down implicit likelihood is easy:  $d = f(s) + n$

$$P(s|d) = (2\pi)^{-(M+N)/2} \det(SN)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left\{ s^\dagger S^{-1} s + [d - f(s)]^\dagger N^{-1} [d - f(s)] \right\}\right).$$

- $f(s)$  is a simulation of the data
- Need to first find peak posterior of  $s$  (MAP)

# Finding MAP of $s$ in $10^{10}$ dim parameter space

- Maximize posterior=minimize the loss function ( $d=x$ )

$$\chi^2(s) = s^\dagger S^{-1} s + [d - F(s)]^\dagger N^{-1} [d - F(s)]$$

$$\chi^2(s) = \chi_0^2 + 2g\Delta s + \Delta s D \Delta s$$

$$g = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial s} = \frac{s_m}{S} - R^\dagger N^{-1} [d - F(s_m)]$$

$$R_{ij} = \frac{\partial F(s_m)_i}{\partial s_j}$$

$$D = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial s \partial s} = S^{-1} + R^\dagger N^{-1} R + F''[d - F(s_m)] \quad \text{Hessian}$$

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2(s)}{\partial \Delta s} = 0,$$

$$\Delta s = -D^{-1}g.$$

Newton's method

Need a gradient  $R_{ij}$ : derivative of a full simulated data wrt all initial modes  $s$  dotted with a vector: no large matrices needed

Also need nonlinear model  $F(s)$ : a full simulation

Need to compute fast  $F(s)$  and its gradient

We can drop  $F''(d-F)$  in Gauss-Newton approximation (good when close to the minimum)

We are doing L-BFGS or Steihaug-CG

(Gauss Newton with trust region and conjugate gradient)

# Nonlinear case: from implicit to explicit likelihood

- Integrate out the modes around the minimum variance map (approximate multivariate gaussian integrals)

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{d}|\Theta) &= \int P(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{s})) d^M \mathbf{s} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-(M+N)/2} \det(\mathbf{S})^{-1/2} \det(\mathbf{N})^{-1/2} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^\dagger \mathbf{D} \hat{\mathbf{s}} - \tilde{\mathbf{d}}^\dagger \mathbf{N}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{d}}]\right) \times \\ &\quad \int \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}[\mathbf{s} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}]^\dagger \mathbf{D} [\mathbf{s} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}]\right\} d^M \mathbf{s} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-N/2} \det(\mathbf{S} \mathbf{N} \mathbf{D})^{-1/2} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}[\hat{\mathbf{s}}^\dagger \mathbf{D} \hat{\mathbf{s}} - \tilde{\mathbf{d}}^\dagger \mathbf{N}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{d}}]\right). \end{aligned}$$

- Hessian  $\mathbf{D}$  in  $\mathbf{s}$  basis: not sparse
- This is **explicit likelihood**: no longer depends on  $\mathbf{s}$
- It maps data likelihood into a gaussian
- $\mathbf{D}$  determinant needed to preserve probability (i.e. Jacobian)

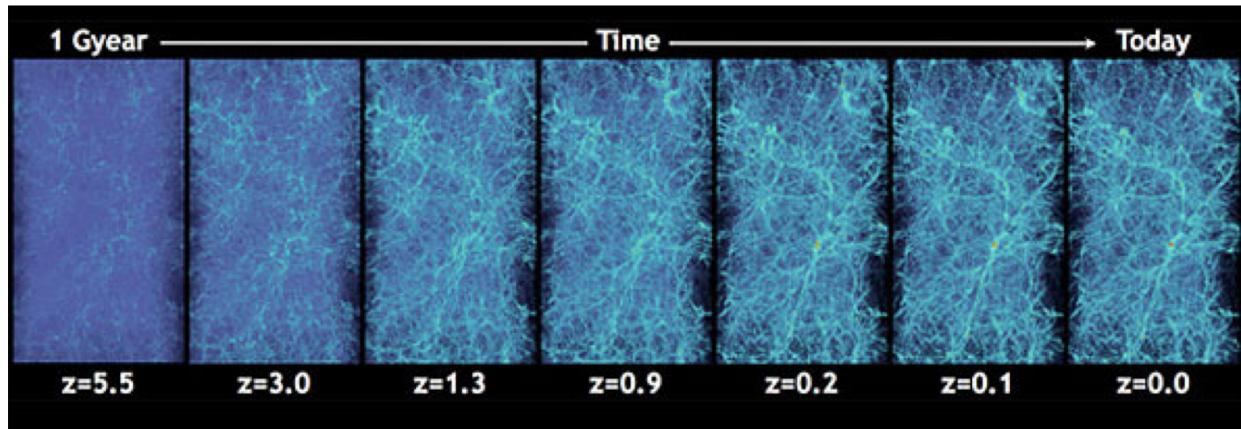
$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial \mathbf{s} \partial \mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{S}^{-1} + \mathbf{R}^\dagger \mathbf{N}^{-1} \mathbf{R}$$

# What just happened?

- Iterative solution to MAP has found a nonlinear mapping of the data to a gaussian distribution
- Likelihood analysis ensures optimal weighting of all the higher order statistics: this is the power of likelihood analysis
- If gravity creates non-linearity one can view this operation as reversing gravity
- All the higher order moments have been mapped back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> moment (power spectrum)
- Summarizing information in the data is now easy, since it is a gaussian: everything is in power spectrum (and forward model parameters such as matter density)
- The only problem is that determinant: in high dimensions it is impossible to evaluate it
- We can determine 2<sup>nd</sup> term using simulations: we run MAP on the simulation and evaluate the above gradient
- Gradient has to vanish if we evaluate the gradient at the value of  $z$  used to generate the simulation

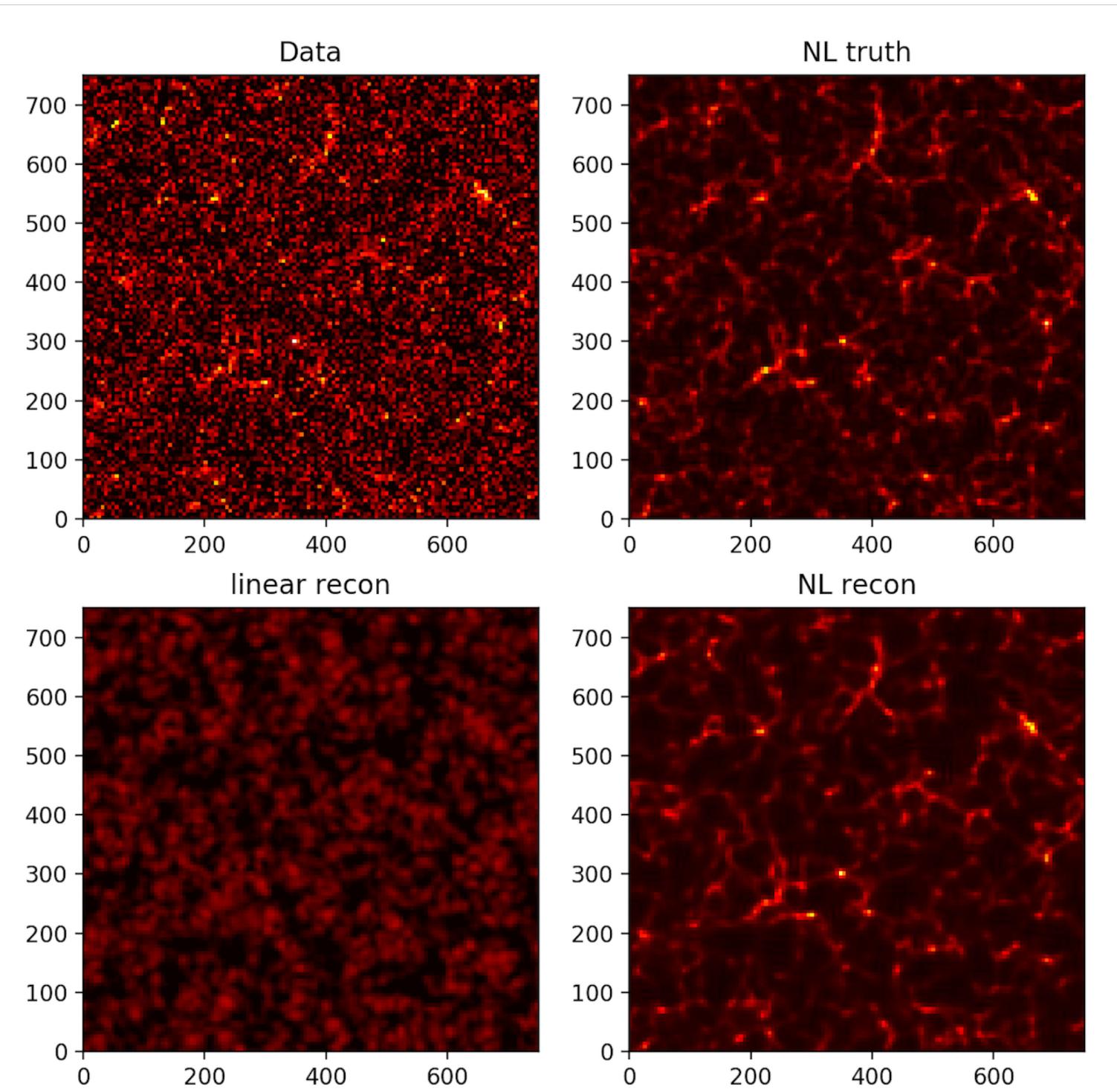
# Applications to cosmology problems

- Forward model: FastPM (Yu et al) N-body simulation: we can do  $10^{10}$  particles

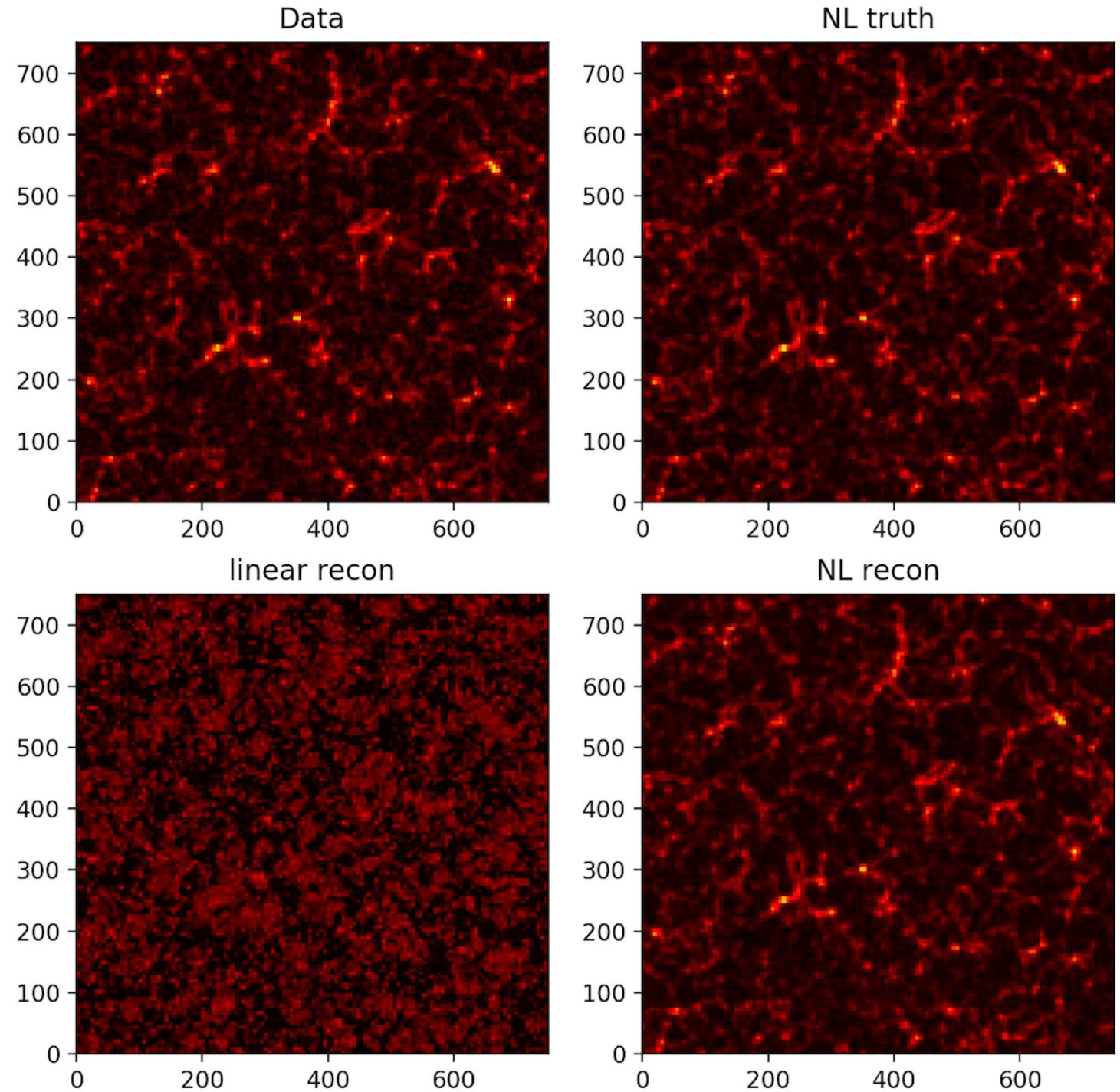


- We marginalize over these latent variables and determine the mean and covariance of summary statistics, which are their power as a function of scale (we use 30-40 bandpowers)

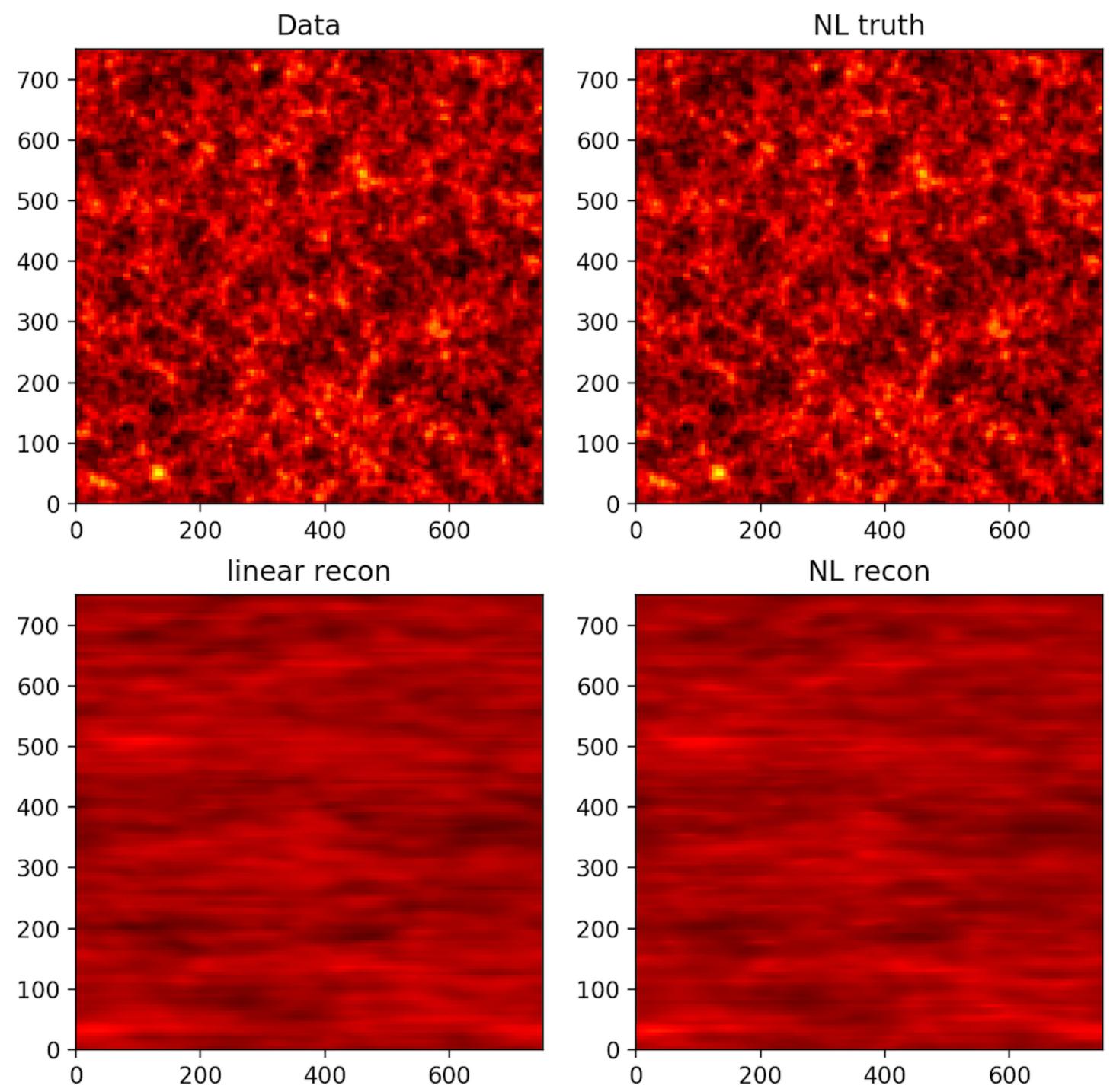
- high noise  
( $P=1000 \text{Mpc}/h^3$ ), low  
smoothing
- $750 \text{Mpc}/h$  box,  
 $128^3$
- High  $k$   
suppressed
- Slices  $6 \text{Mpc}/h$



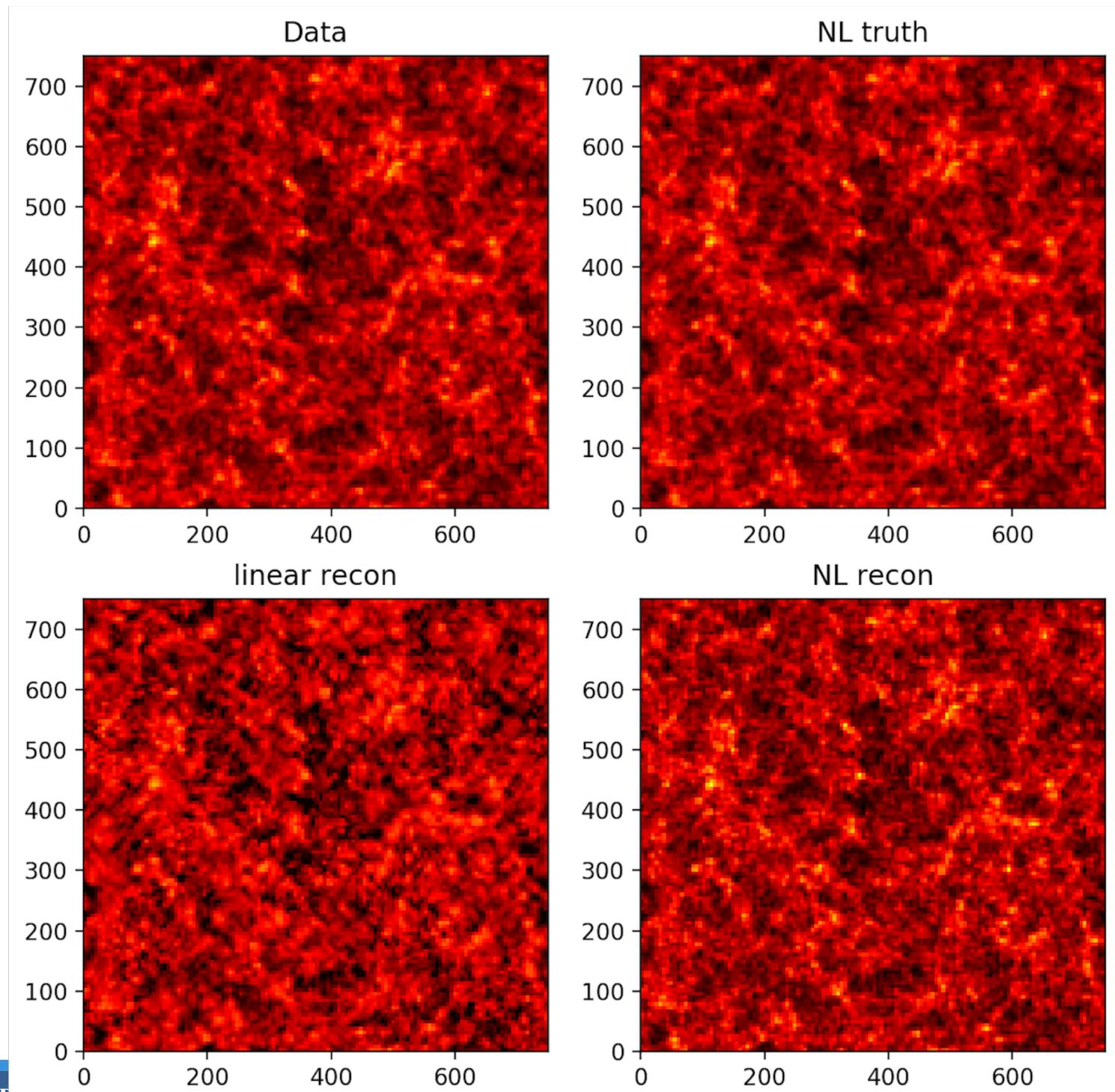
- Low noise, low smoothing
- 750Mpc/h box,  $128^3$
- Seems to reconstruct well all scales



- 2d projections (weak lensing)
- No reconstruction along line of sight, as expected

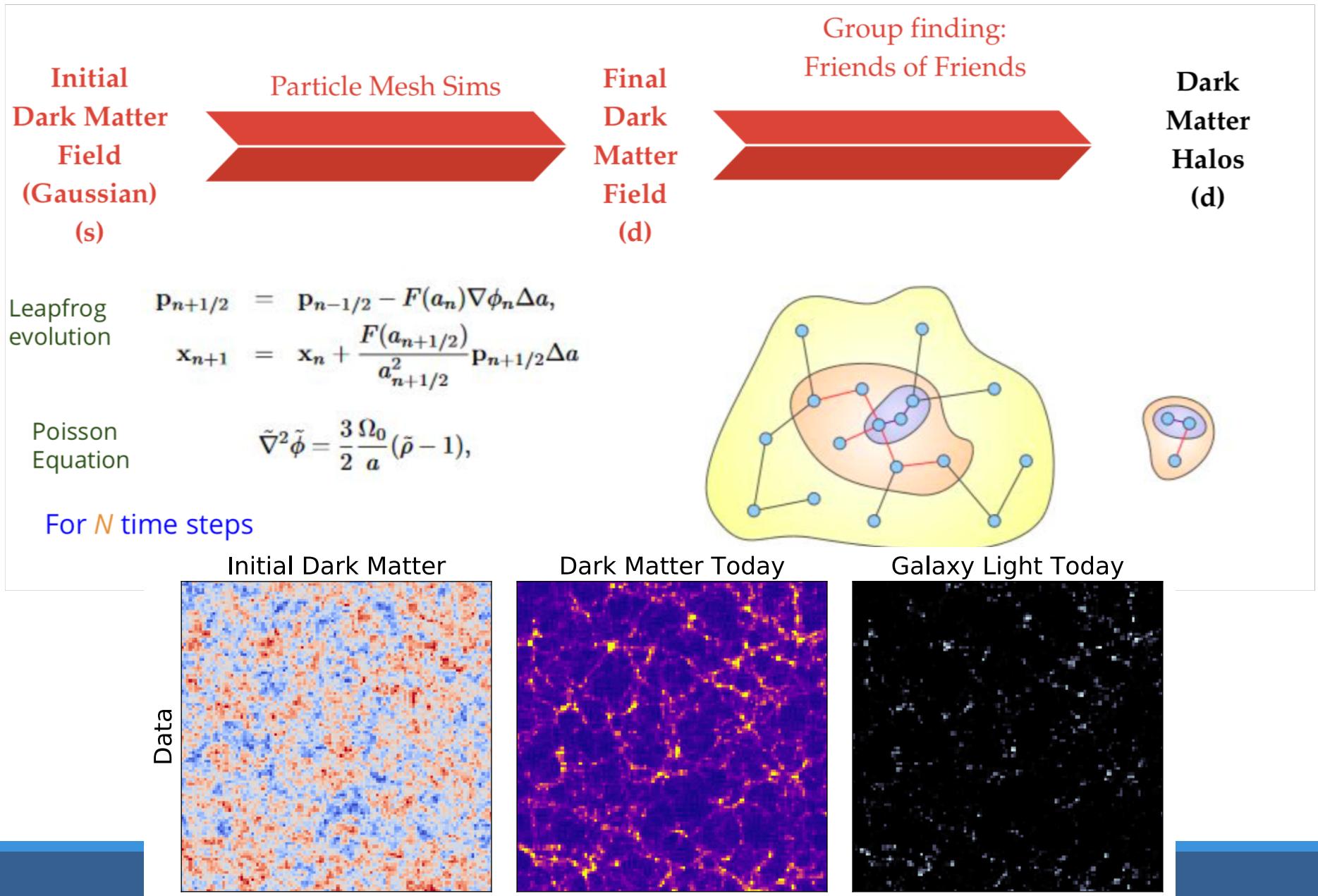


- 2d projections (weak lensing)
- Good reconstruction transverse to line of sight
- More gaussian because of wider projection

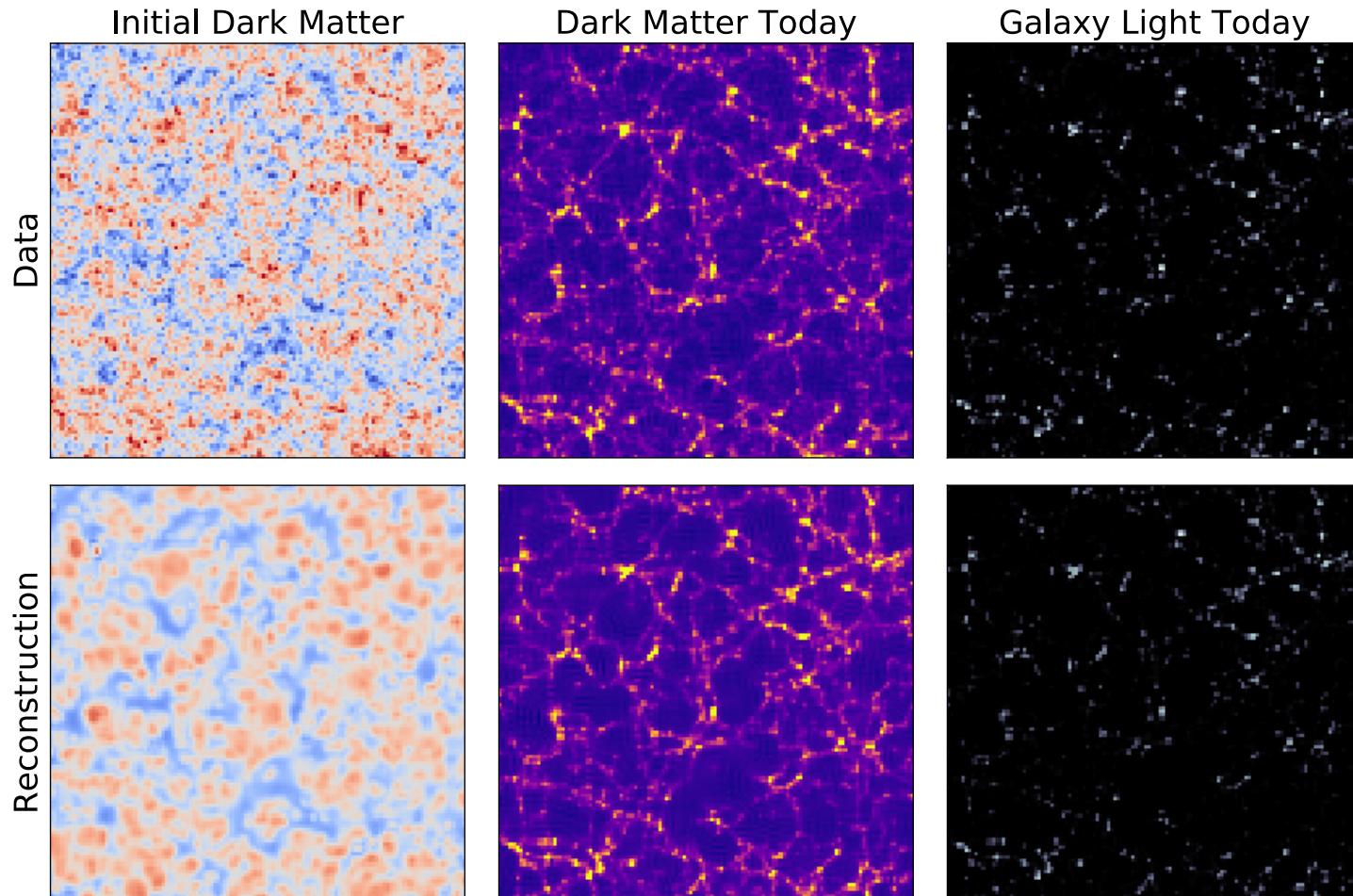


# Forward model to galaxies: from initial to final dark matter to galaxies

Modi et al 2018



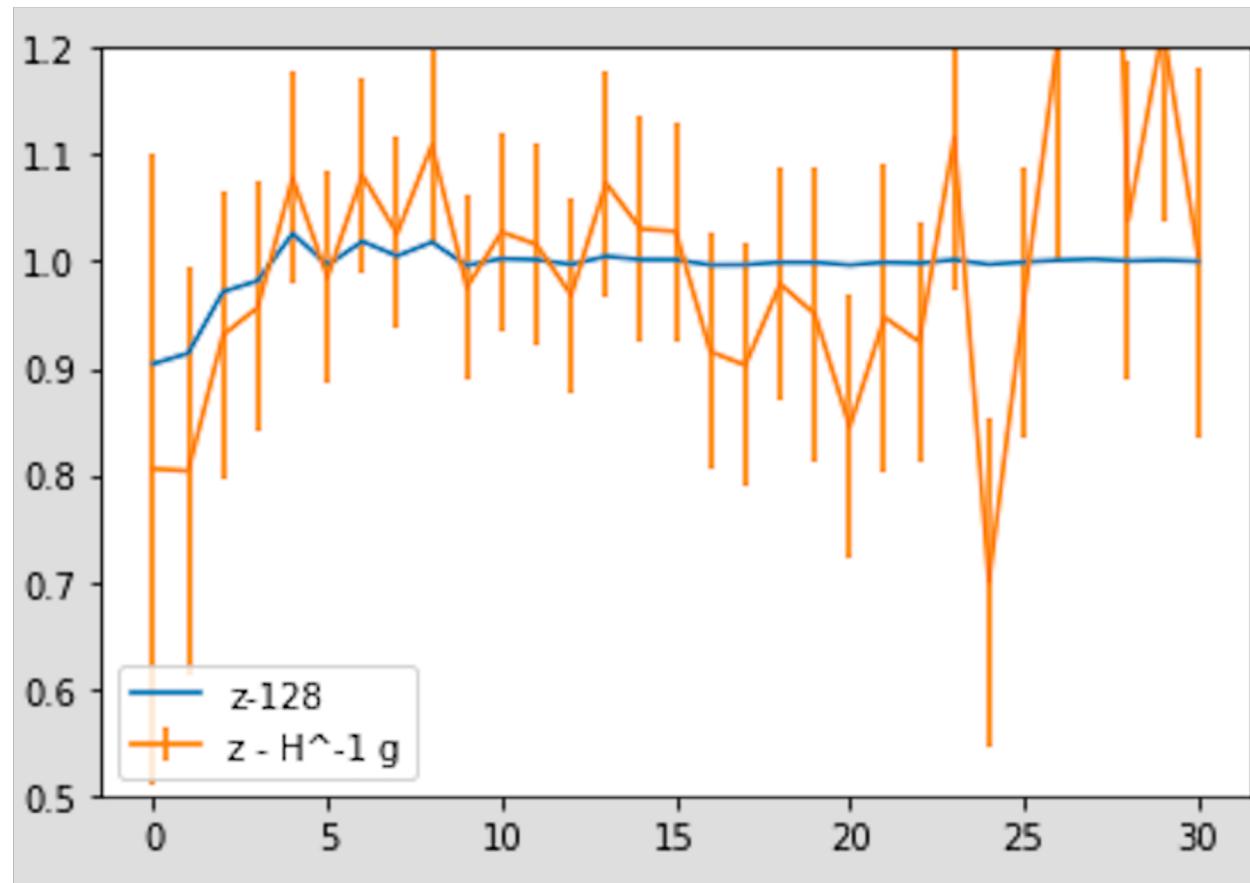
# Example of MAP galaxy reconstruction



We use optimization that finds the best solution in terms of final data. This 3-d example optimizes in 2 million dimensions

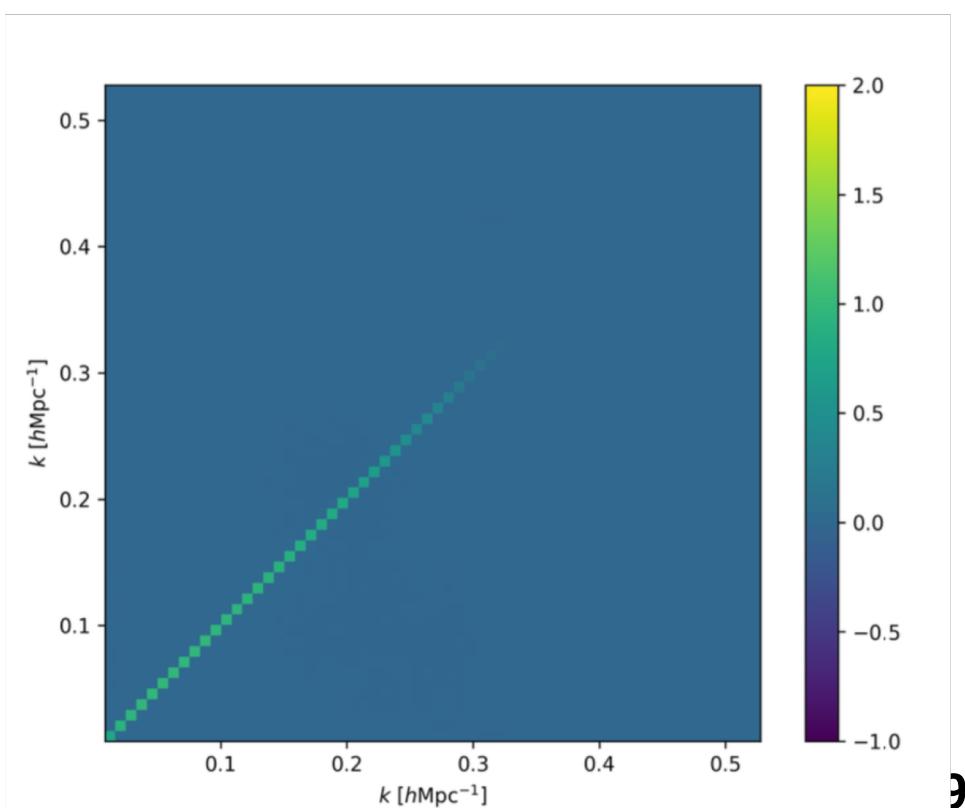
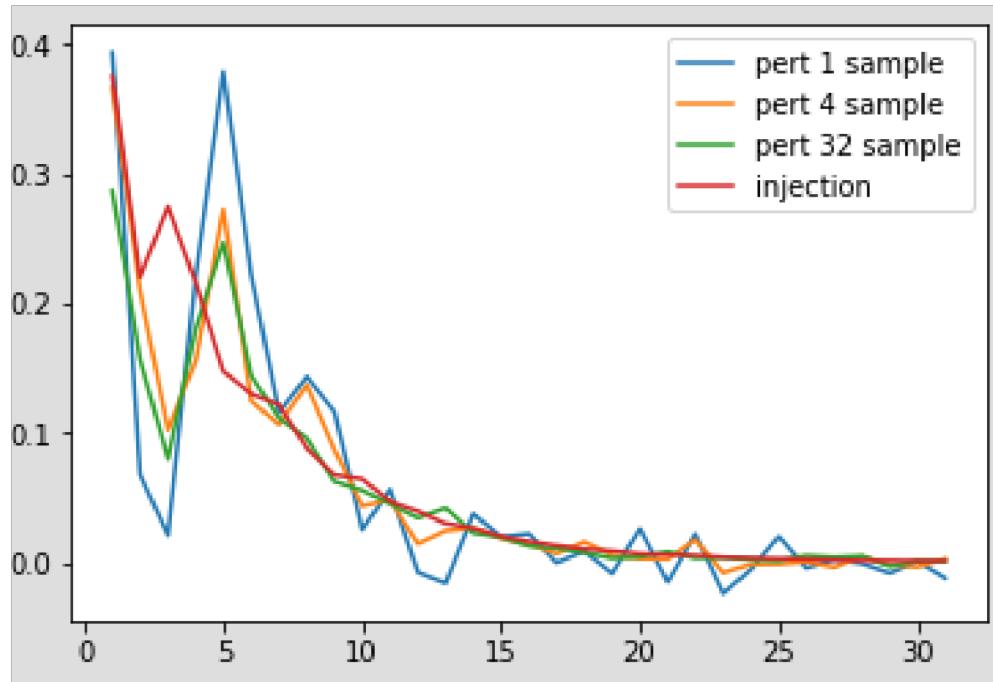
# Reconstructing the power spectrum

- Plot shows ratio of reconstructed power to true power
- We get unbiased results, with expected scatter



# Hessian: inverse covariance matrix

- More samples reduce noise
- Finite difference with 2 simulations best (power injection method)
- Diagonal elements: we reconstruct more power at low  $k$  due to noise
- Off diagonals: almost zero
- Asymptotic limit: mean and covariance suffice for posterior



# Beyond gaussian distribution

- Mapping a gaussian to an inverse Wishart distribution: if a bandpower has few modes then its distribution is not gaussian

$$-\ln L(\Theta|\hat{\Theta}) = \sum_l X_l (x_l - \ln x_l - 1)$$

$$X_l = \frac{((\mathbf{M}\mathbf{F}\Theta)_l + b_l)^2}{(\mathbf{M}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{M})_{ll}}$$

$$x_l = \frac{\hat{\Theta}_l + b_l}{\Theta_l + b_l},$$

- Nuisance parameters: baryonic effects (Biwei Dai talk), shear systematics etc.

# Marginals and posteriors

- We have some summary statistics of the data with its covariance matrix: both can be model dependent
- The model depends on a number of parameters, which are all correlated with each other
- We only care about certain parameters: we marginalize over the others
- We are left with the posterior of the parameters we care: we would like to quantify this posterior in terms of its 1-d PDF and various summary statistics such as mean, mode, median, 68% and 95% credible intervals...
- Sometimes we also show 2-d PDF, but these are more for qualitative use (e.g. how correlated are two variables) than for any quantitative applications.
- We (almost) never look above 2-d (too difficult to visualize)

# Astronomy: MCMC dominated

- We are confusing Bayesian marginal analysis with MCMC analysis, at a great CPU cost
- If the posterior is gaussian there is nothing wrong with a MLE or MAP analysis
- Can we develop a method that starts at MAP and expands around it to go to non-gaussian posteriors only if needed
- Can we unchain posterior inference?

# Stochastic VI: KL divergence is noisy when sampling

- We have data  $\mathbf{x}$  and parameter  $z$ . Assume gaussian  $q(z)$  and also assume  $p(z|\mathbf{x})$  is gaussian in  $z$ , but we do not know it.

$$\mathcal{L}_q = -\ln q(z), \quad q(z) = N(z; \mu, \Sigma) \quad \mathcal{L}_p = -\ln p(z|\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{KL}(q||p) = \langle \mathcal{L}_q - \mathcal{L}_p \rangle_q, \quad \text{KL}(p||q) = \langle \mathcal{L}_p - \mathcal{L}_q \rangle_p$$

- We cannot analytically evaluate KL, so we have to sample from  $p$  or  $q$ .  $\text{KL}(p||q)$  leads to MC sampling:

$$\text{KL}(p||q) = \sum_k \mathcal{L}_p(z_k) - \frac{(z_k - \mu)^2}{2\Sigma} - \frac{\ln(2\pi\Sigma)}{2}$$

Let us minimize  $\text{KL}(p||q)$  with respect to  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$

$$\mu = N_k^{-1} \sum_k z_k, \quad \Sigma = N_k^{-1} \sum_k (z_k - \mu)^2$$

- Converges as  $N_k^{-1/2}$ , the usual MC scaling.

# Our proposal: EL<sub>2</sub>O (on arxiv today)

With Byeonghee Yu

$$\mathcal{L}_q = -\ln q(z), q(z) = N(z; \mu, \Sigma)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_p = -\ln p(z|x)$$

- We propose to minimize L<sub>2</sub> norm between L<sub>p</sub> and L<sub>q</sub>. It needs to be sampled from some fiducial probability distr, which can be q
- if q covers p it is noiseless, if not it finds the closest solution to it
- **EL<sub>2</sub>O: expectation with L<sub>2</sub> optimization** 
$$\text{EL}_2\text{O} = \langle (\mathcal{L}_q - \mathcal{L}_p - c)^2 \rangle_{\tilde{p}}$$
- For the problem above 
$$\text{EL}_2\text{O} = N_k^{-1} \sum_k \left[ \frac{(z_k - \mu)^2}{2\Sigma} - \mathcal{L}_p(z_k) - c' \right]^2$$
$$c' = c - (\ln 2\pi\Sigma)/2$$
- This is quadratic in z, linear least square (and thus convex) in  $-c' + \mu^2/2\Sigma, -\mu/\Sigma$  and  $1/\Sigma$
- N<sub>k</sub>=3 samples suffice to give complete solution. **No sampling noise** 24

## EL<sub>2</sub>O with gradient, Hessian...

- Modern trend in ML/stats: automatic derivatives (backpropagation or adjoints): huge gains in information

$$\mathcal{L}_p(\mathbf{z}_k + \Delta \mathbf{z}_k) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}^n \mathcal{L}_p(\mathbf{z}_k) (\Delta \mathbf{z}_k)^n$$

$$\mathcal{L}_q(\mathbf{z}_k + \Delta \mathbf{z}) = -\ln q(\mathbf{z}_k + \Delta \mathbf{z}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}^n \mathcal{L}_q(\mathbf{z}_k) (\Delta \mathbf{z})^n$$

$$\text{EL}_2\text{O} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\theta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\langle N_{\text{der}}^{-1} \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\text{max}}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_n} [\nabla_{\mathbf{z}}^n \mathcal{L}_p(\mathbf{z}) - \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}^n \mathcal{L}_q(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})]^2 \right\rangle_{\tilde{p}}$$

$$q(\mathbf{z}) = N(\mathbf{z}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = (2\pi)^{-N/2} \det \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{z}-\boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}-\boldsymbol{\mu})},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_q = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln \det \boldsymbol{\Sigma} + (\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) + N \ln(2\pi) \right].$$

For  $n = 2$  we optimize

$$\text{EL}_2\text{O} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}}{\operatorname{argmin}} N_{\text{der}}^{-1} \left\langle \sum_{i,j \leq i}^M \left\{ \nabla_{z_i} \nabla_{z_j} \mathcal{L}_p - \nabla_{z_i} \nabla_{z_j} \mathcal{L}_q \right\}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^M \left\{ \nabla_{z_i} \mathcal{L}_p - \nabla_{z_i} \mathcal{L}_q \right\}^2 \right\rangle_{\tilde{p}}$$

# Beyond full rank gaussian: bijective transformations

Full rank Gaussian is the only correlated distribution that we know how to analytically marginalize: compute Hessian, invert to get covariance, remove the unwanted variables, invert again to get Hessian of remaining parameters. We can enhance it using 1d transforms which allow easy marginals

**bijective 1d transform**

$$q(\mathbf{z}) = N(\mathbf{y}; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \prod_i |J_i|, \quad J_i = \frac{dy_i}{dz_i},$$

- the resulting posterior can accommodate more of the variation of  $\mathcal{L}_p$  – corresponding to skewness and kurtosis in 1d

$$u_i = (z_i - \mu_i) / \Sigma_{ii}^{1/2}$$

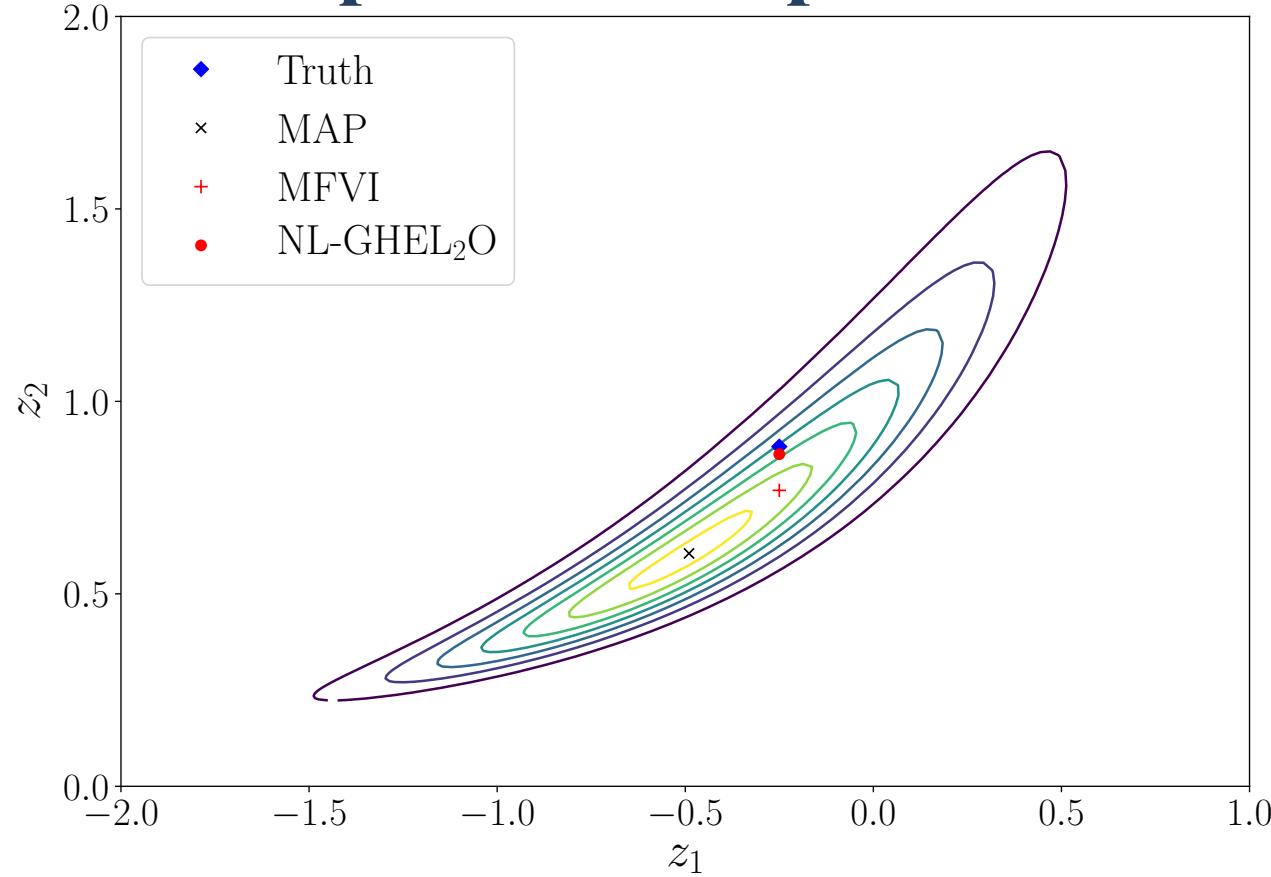
$$y_i(z_i) = \sinh_\eta \left[ \frac{\exp(\epsilon_i u_i) - 1}{\epsilon_i} \right]$$

$$y_i(z_i) = \sinh_\eta u_i \text{ for } \epsilon_i = 0$$

$$\sinh_\eta(x) = \begin{cases} \eta^{-1} \sinh(\eta x) & (\eta > 0) \\ x & (\eta = 0) \\ \eta^{-1} \text{arsinh}(\eta x) & (\eta < 0) \end{cases}$$

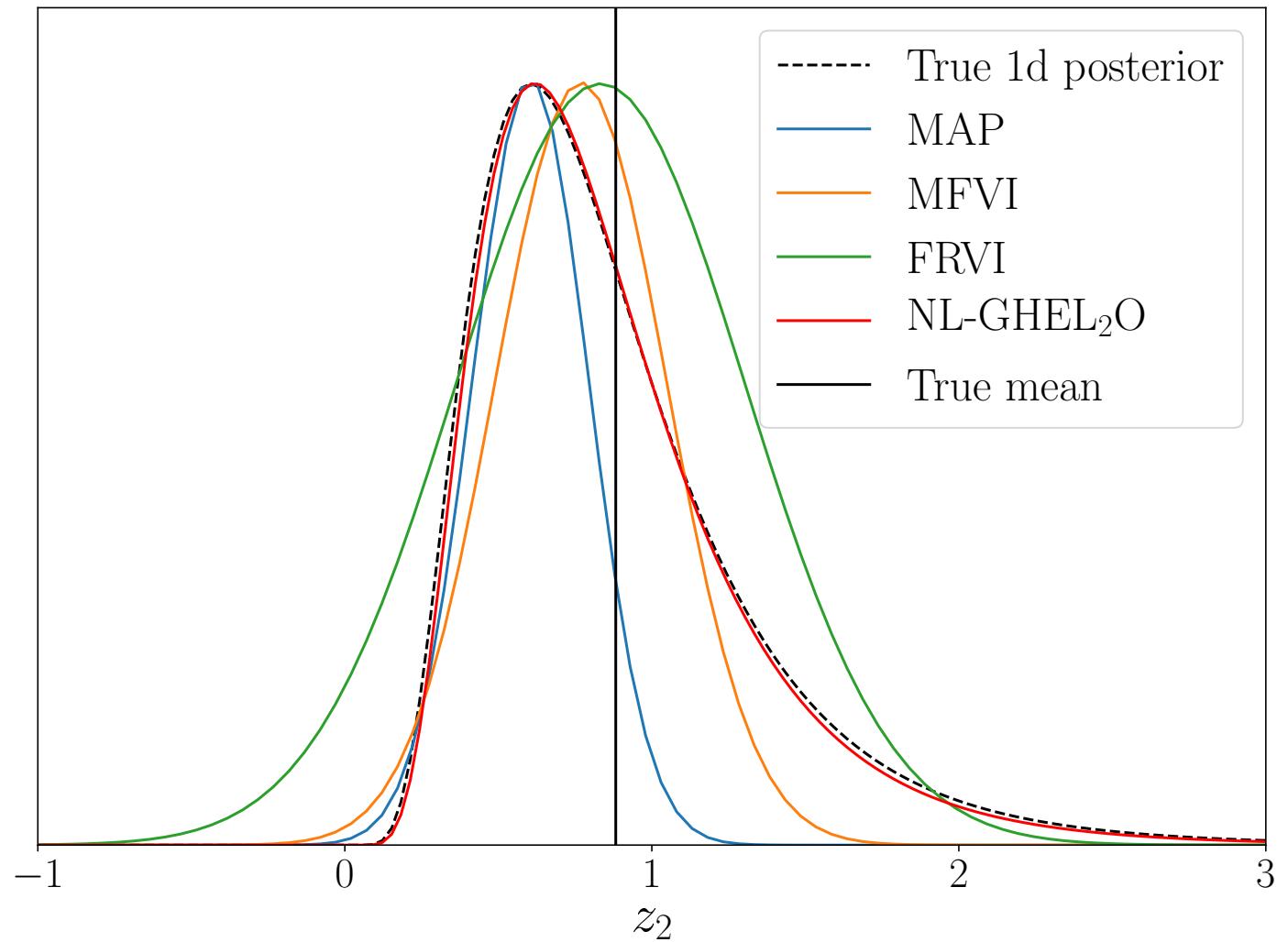
- Model the posterior using  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$
- Can apply the transform multiple times

# Example: banana posterior



- **MAP** does not get the mean correctly.
- **MFVI** is better
- **EL<sub>2</sub>O** fully accommodates variation of the Hessian. Convergence is achieved very quickly.

# Example: banana posterior



We get almost perfect PDF (true PDF not in the q family)

# Beyond full rank gaussian: gaussian mixtures

- Gaussian mixtures can handle multimodal posteriors and non-bijective mappings

$$q(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_j w_j N(\mathbf{y}^j; \boldsymbol{\mu}^j, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^j) \Pi_i \left| \frac{dy_i^j}{dz_i} \right| \equiv \sum_j w_j q^j(\mathbf{z}) \quad \sum_j w_j = 1$$

$$w_j(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{w_j q^j(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})}$$

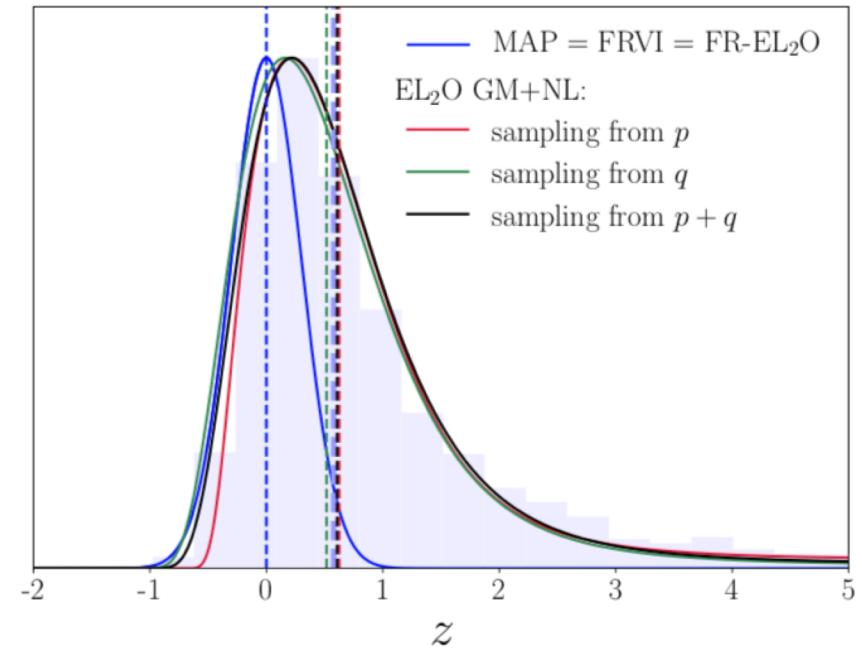
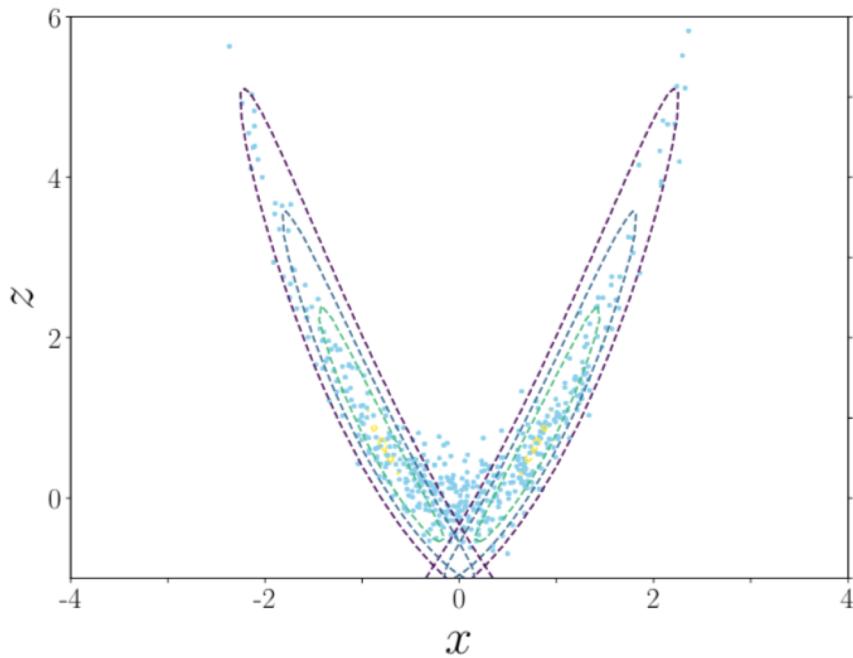
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \mathcal{L}_q = \sum_j w_j(\mathbf{z}) \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \mathcal{L}_q = \sum_j w_j(\mathbf{z}) (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^j)^{-1} (\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \mathcal{L}_q &= \sum_j [\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} w_j(\mathbf{z}) \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \mathcal{L}_q + w_j(\mathbf{z}) \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \mathcal{L}_q] \\ &= \sum_j w_j(\mathbf{z}) (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^j)^{-1} - \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{w_i(\mathbf{z}) w_j(\mathbf{z})}{w_i} [(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^j)^{-1} (\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^j) (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^i)^{-1} (\mathbf{z} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^i)] \end{aligned}$$

# Example: forward model posterior

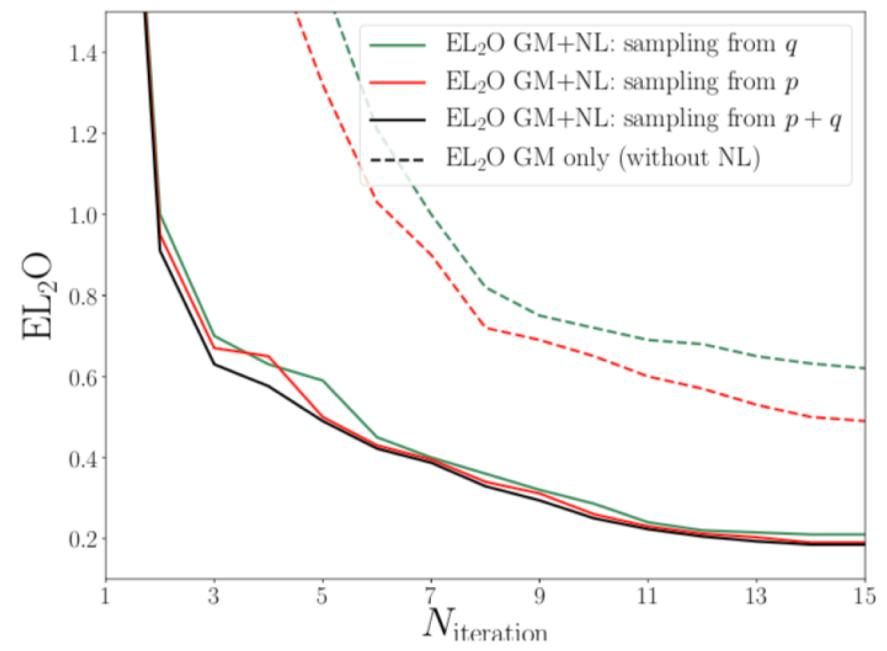
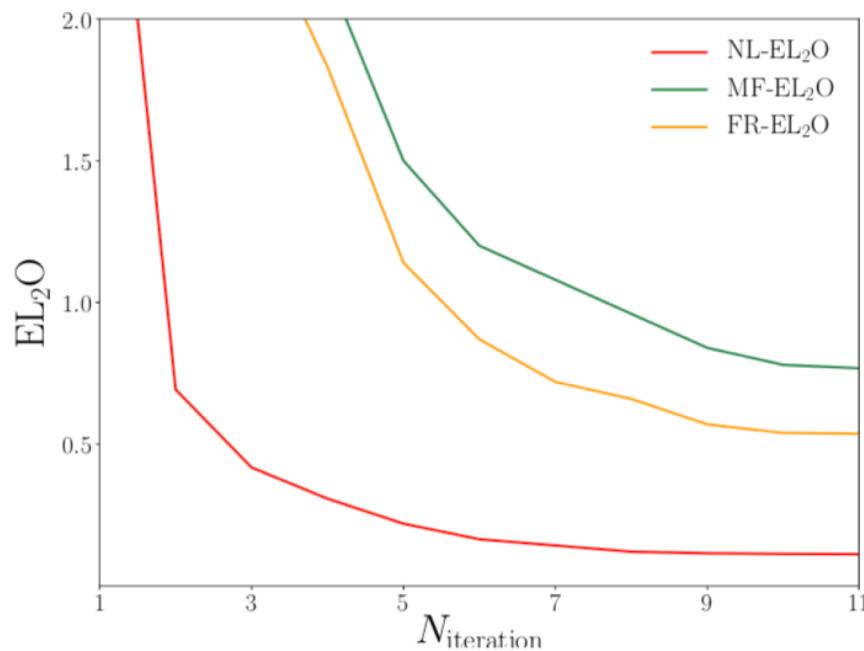
$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_p = \frac{1}{2} [x\Sigma^{-1}x + (z - x^2)Q^{-1}(z - x^2)]$$

- MAP or gaussian VI completely fail
- Solve with 2 symmetric gaussians



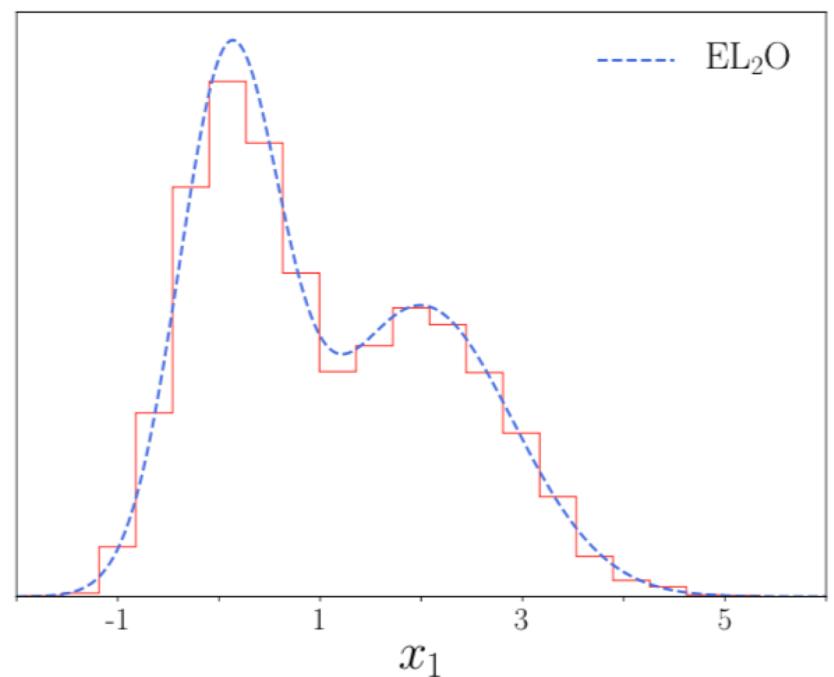
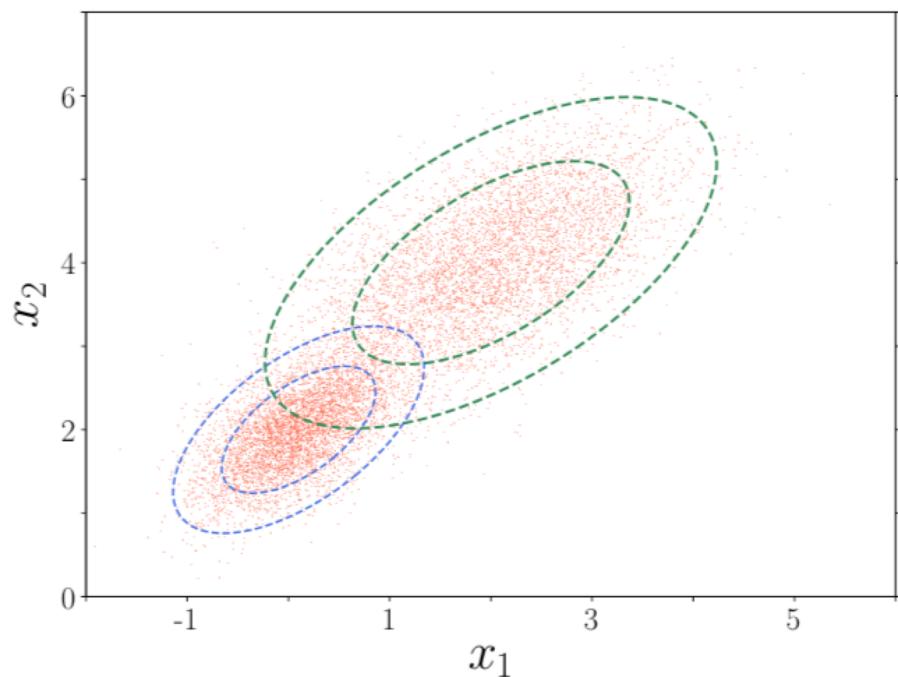
# EL<sub>2</sub>O gives error estimate

- Another advantage is that L<sub>2</sub> distance can tell us how well the approximation works
- In VI ELBO is meaningless on its own
- EL<sub>2</sub>O less than 0.2 is very good



# Multi-modal posterior

- Single starting point finds both maxima once we use 2 GM
- Several starting points lead to two different maxima and gaussian mixtures properly normalizes the two



# Example: BOSS RSD analysis

- Take summary statistics of galaxy clustering  $P_l(k)$ , where  $l = 0, 2, 4$  are the multipoles of the power spectrum and  $k$  is the wavevector.
- **Data:** Measured  $P_l(k)$  of the BOSS DR12 galaxies (LOWZ+CMASS)
- **Covariance:** nearly diagonal, but model dependent (sampling variance component)
- **Model:** Predicted  $P_l(k)$  which depends on 13 parameters, presented in Hand et al (arXiv:1706.02362)

$$P_{gg}^S(\mathbf{k}) = (1 - f_s)^2 P_{cc}^S(\mathbf{k}) + 2f_s(1 - f_s) P_{cs}^S(\mathbf{k}) + f_s^2 P_{ss}^S(\mathbf{k})$$

Sample	Description
type A centrals	isolated centrals (no satellites in the same halo)
type B centrals	non-isolated centrals (at least one satellite in same halo)
type A satellites	isolated satellites (no other satellites in same halo)
type B satellites	non-isolated satellites (at least one other satellite in the same halo)

# Power Spectrum Model

Free Parameters	
Name [Unit]	Prior
$\alpha_{\perp}$	$\mathcal{U}(0.8, 1.2)$
$\alpha_{\parallel}$	$\mathcal{U}(0.8, 1.2)$
$f$	$\mathcal{U}(0.6, 1.0)$
$\sigma_8(z_{\text{eff}})$	$\mathcal{U}(0.3, 0.9)$
$b_{1,c_A}$	$\mathcal{U}(1.2, 2.5)$
$f_s$	$\mathcal{U}(0, 0.25)$
$f_{s_B}$	$\mathcal{U}(0, 1)$
$\langle N_{>1,s} \rangle$	$\mathcal{N}(2.4, 0.1)$
$\sigma_c [h^{-1}\text{Mpc}]$	$\mathcal{U}(0, 3)$
$\sigma_{s_A} [h^{-1}\text{Mpc}]$	$\mathcal{U}(2, 6)$
$\gamma_{s_A}$	$\mathcal{N}(1.45, 0.3)$
$\gamma_{s_B}$	$\mathcal{N}(2.05, 0.3)$
$f_{s_B s_B}^{1h}$	$\mathcal{N}(4, 1)$

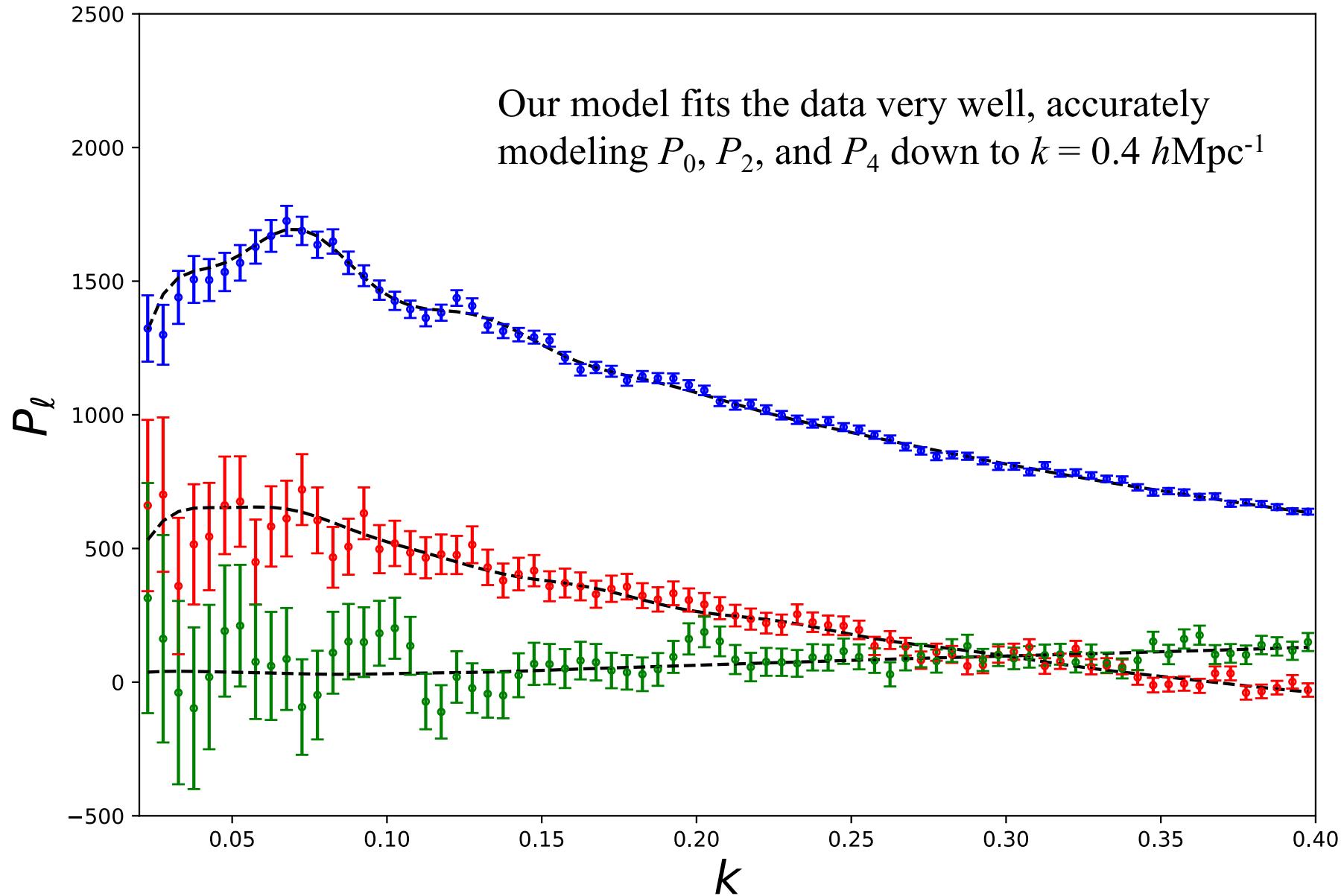
13 physically motivated parameters:

- Cosmology parameters
- Linear bias parameters
- Sample fractions
- Velocity dispersions
- 1-halo amplitudes
- Model evaluation cost: seconds to minutes, because it is PT based

## SDSS RSD analysis (B. Yu et al)

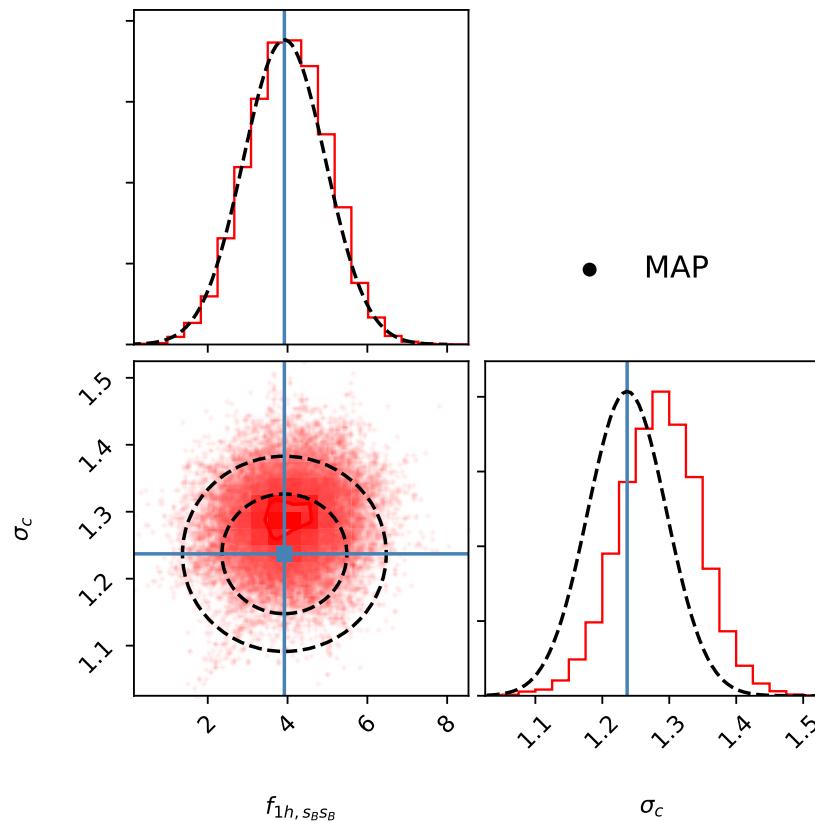
- Analytic derivatives are available for 9 parameters, leaving the remaining 4 to numerical finite difference method.
- Use **Gauss-Newton** approximation to get the Hessian.
- We get a good fit to the data with about 20 iterations
- Different starting points help find global minimum
- Adding a bit of stochasticity helps get out of shallow local minima
- Additionally a few samples to get a good posterior. Total number of iterations 25 (5 calls per iteration because of finite difference)
- Emcee starting at MAP converges with  $10^5++$  calls
- Emcee starting far from MAP never converges

# Example: BOSS RSD analysis

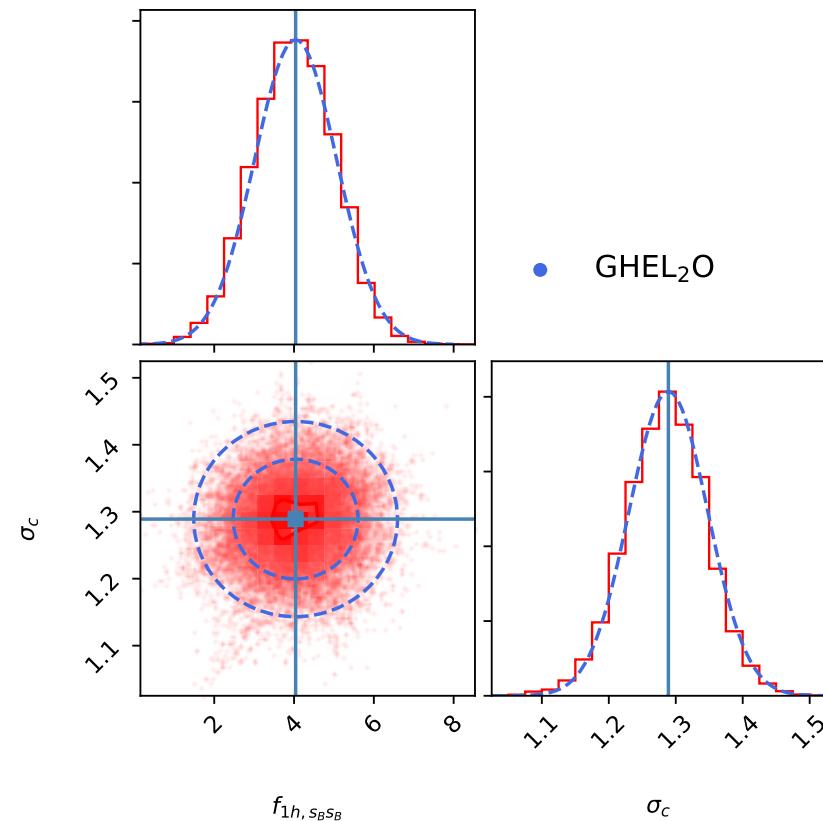


# Example: BOSS RSD analysis

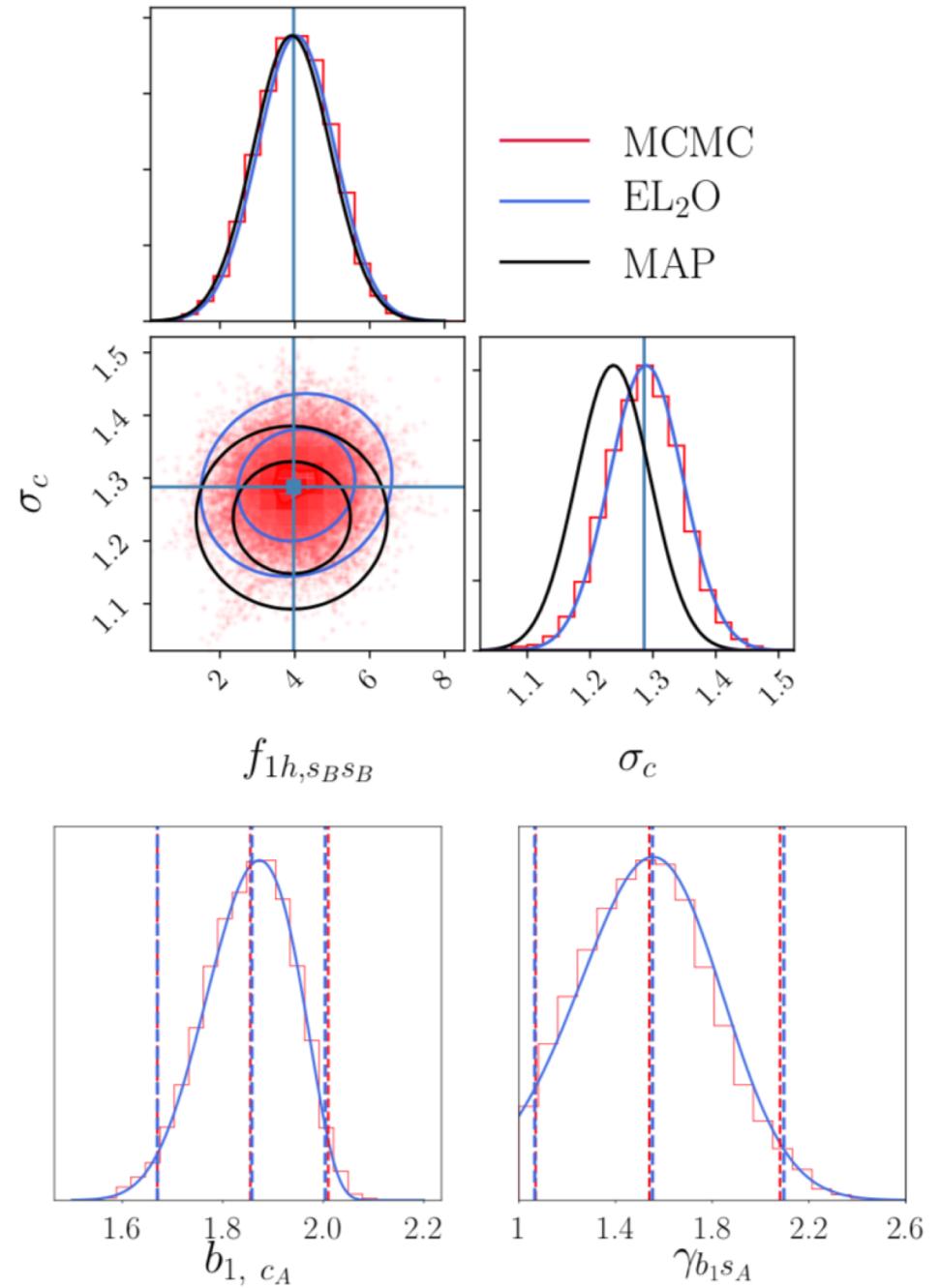
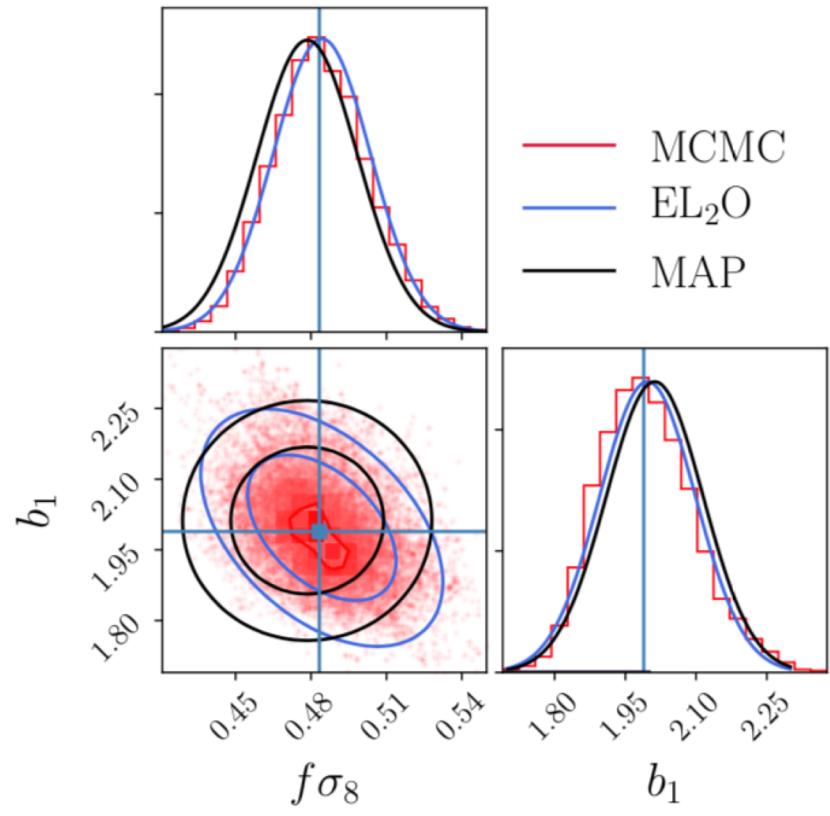
**MAP**



**EL<sub>2</sub>O**



**EL<sub>2</sub>O** is better than **MAP** and equal to **MCMC**:  
Averaging Hessian over samples smooths out small scale noise  
LOWZ+CMASS, bin 2 ( $0.4 < z < 0.6$ )



# Summary

- Full analysis of WL data requires sophisticated statistical methods
- These can be broken into several components:
- implicit to explicit likelihood: MAP (initial field reconstruction)
- compression of explicit likelihood into optimal summary statistics and their probability distribution: bandpower analysis, covariance matrix, inverse Wishart
- Bayesian posterior analysis: from summary statistics to cosmological parameters.
- For the last step  $\text{EL}_2\text{O}$  looks very promising as a tool to do inference and may even some day replace MCMC