

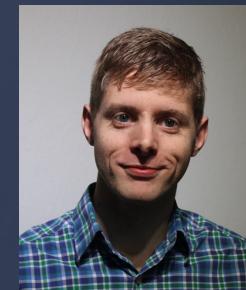
# BAYESIAN OR FREQUENTIST? – THE IMPORTANCE OF A NUANCED ANALYSIS

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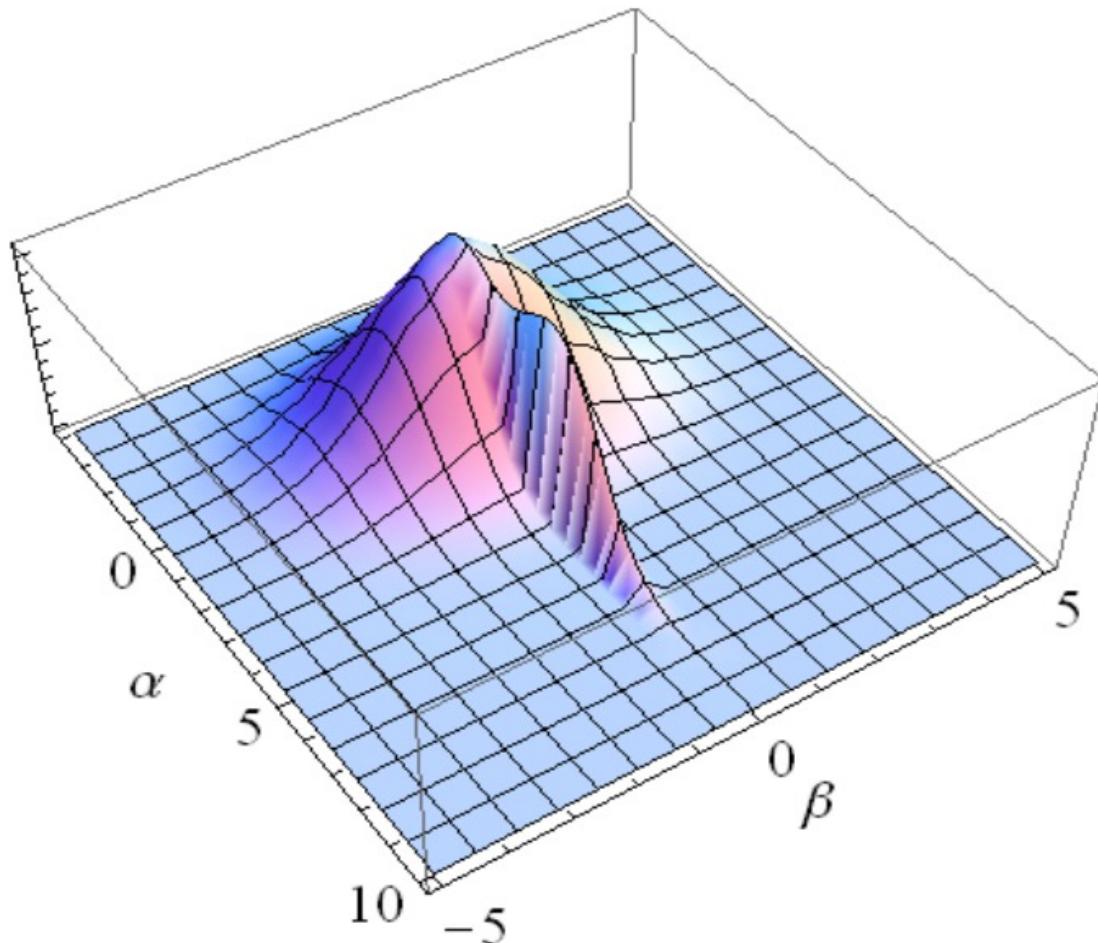
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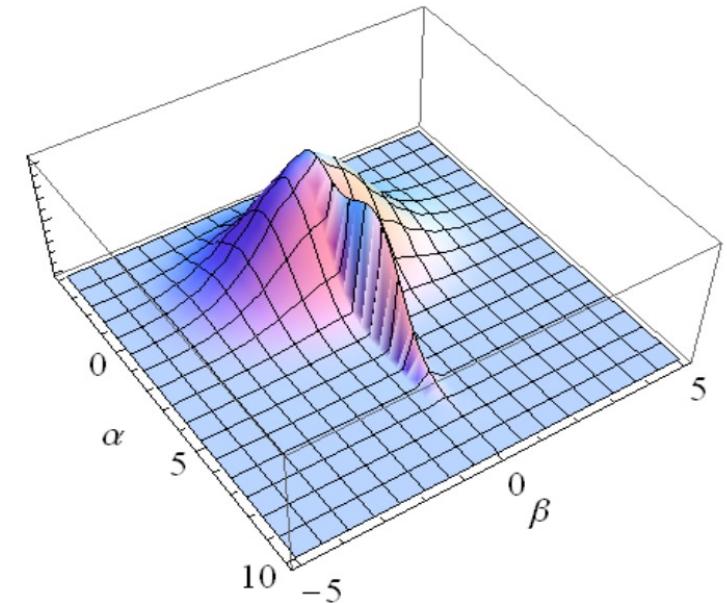
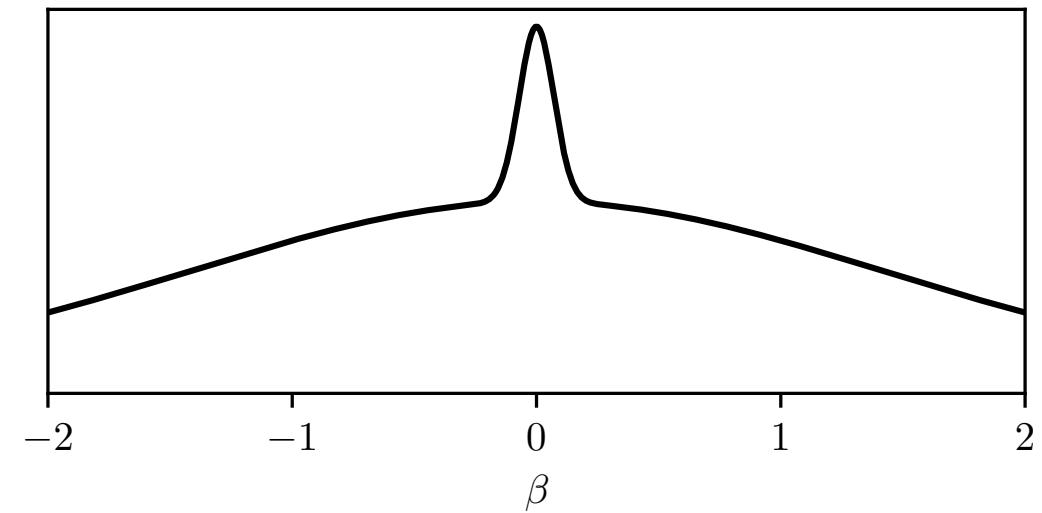
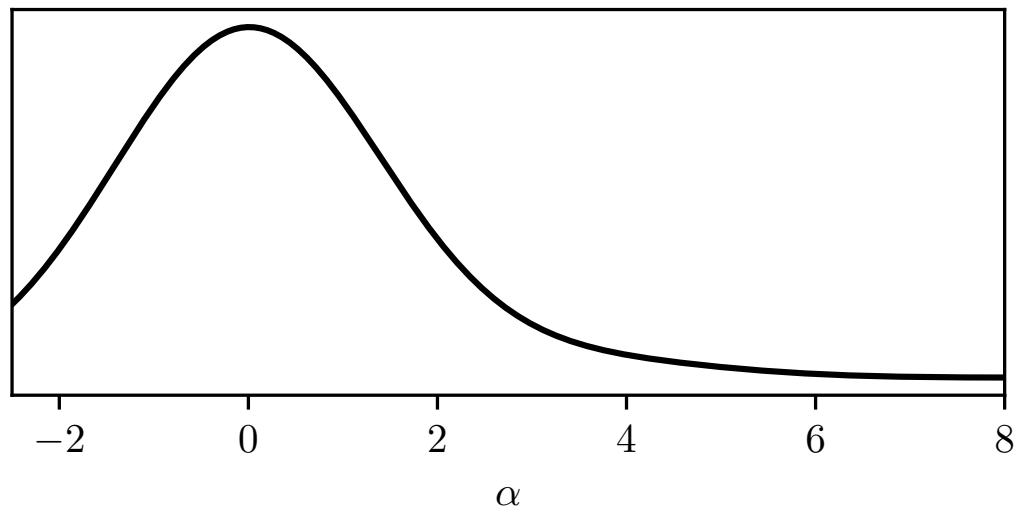


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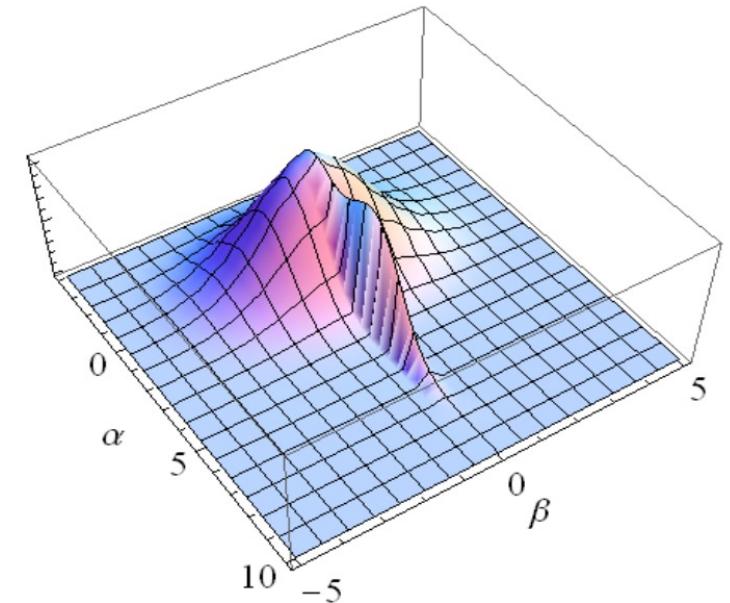
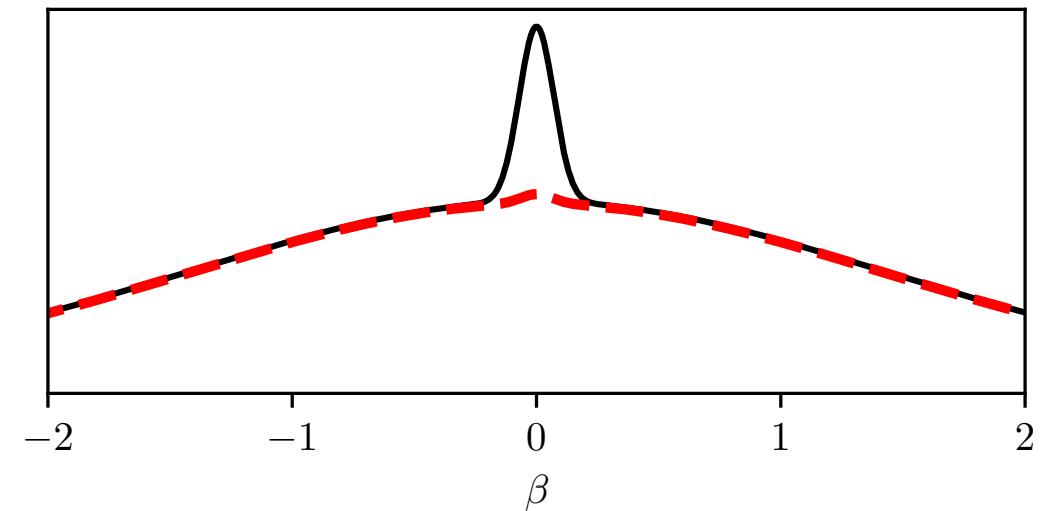
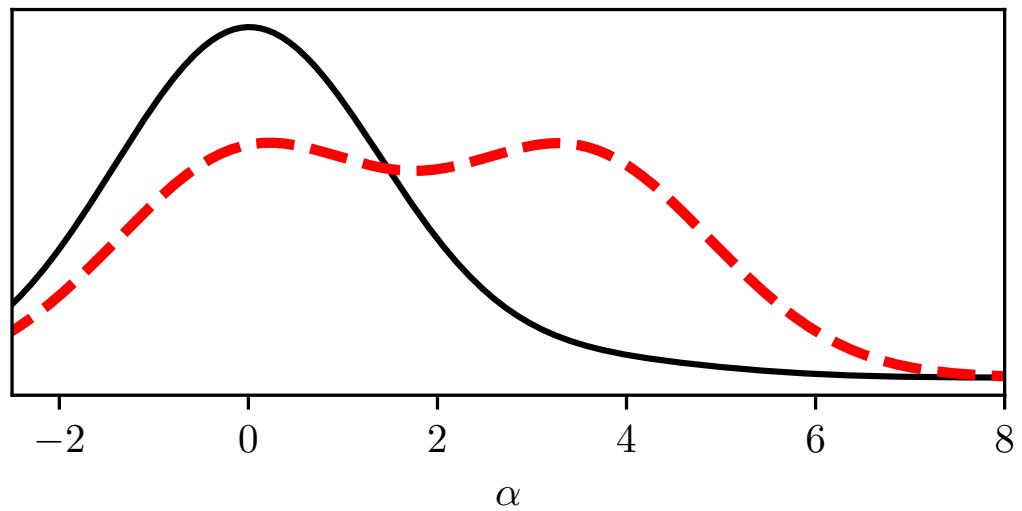


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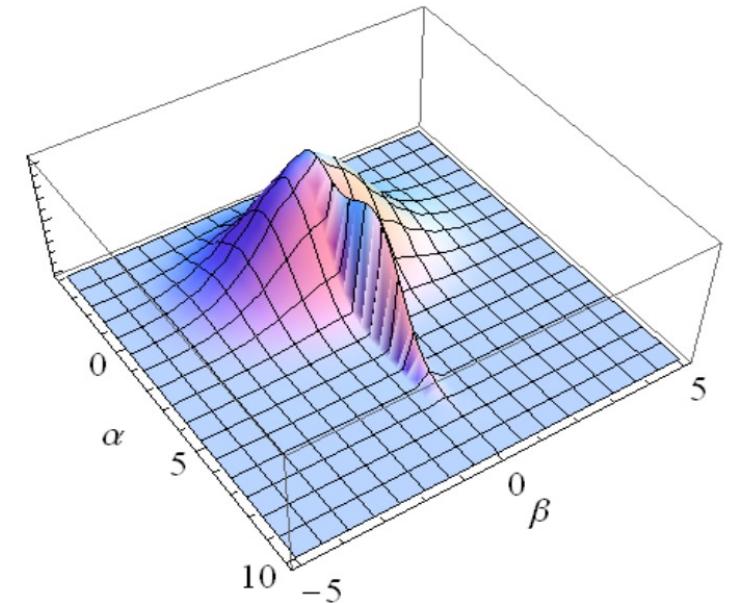
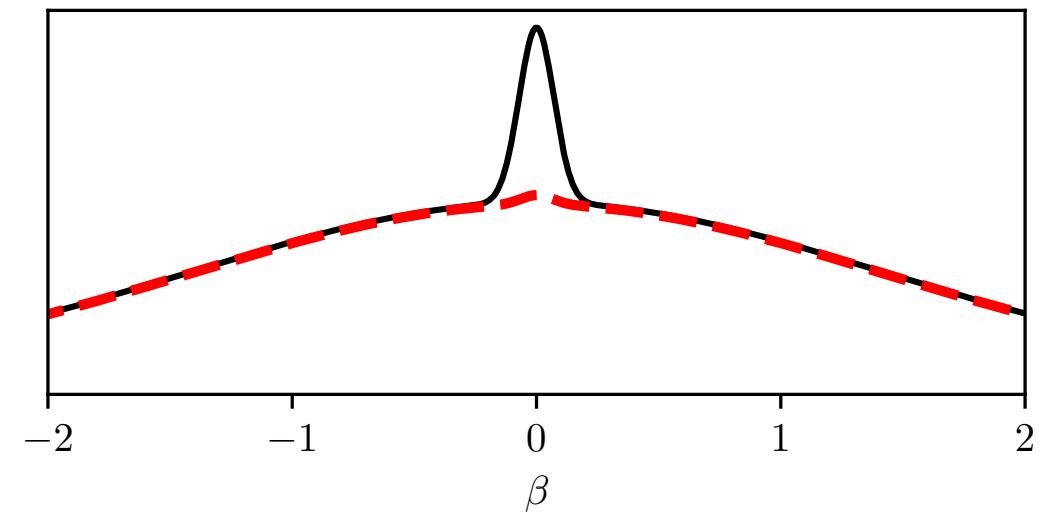
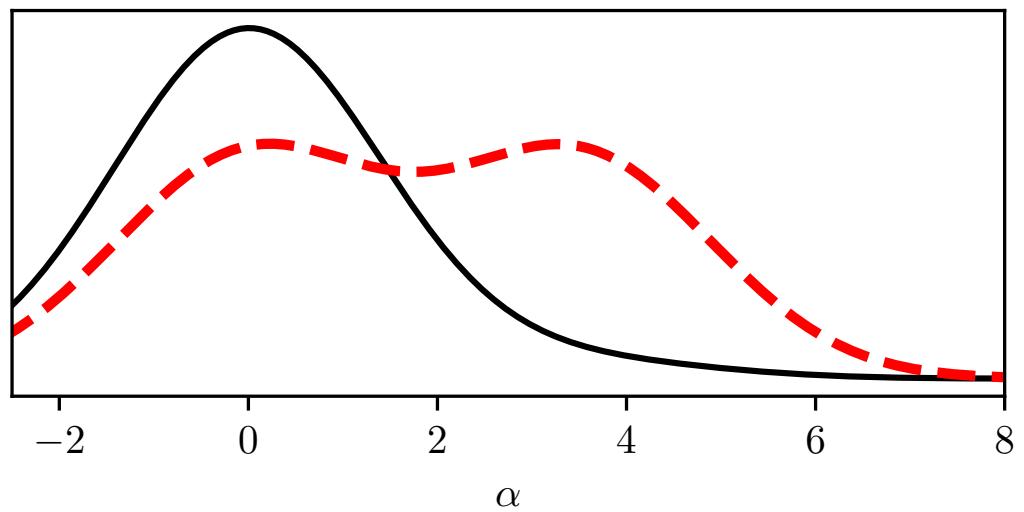
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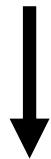
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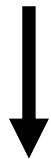
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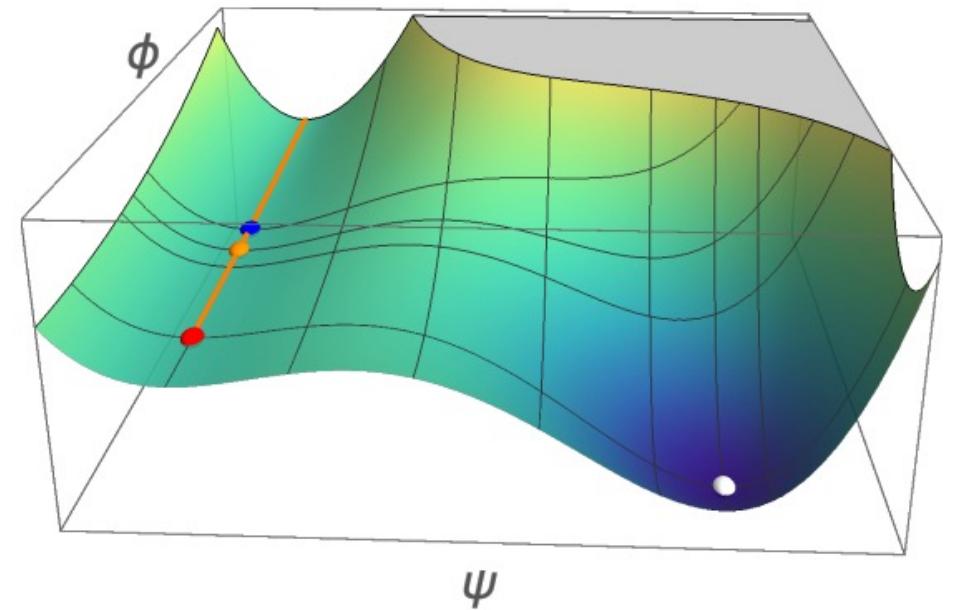
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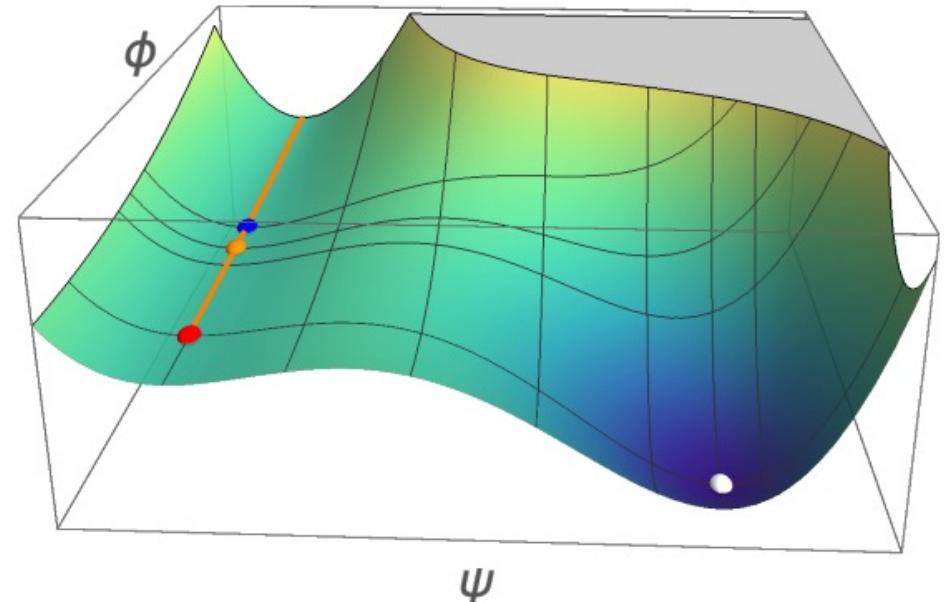
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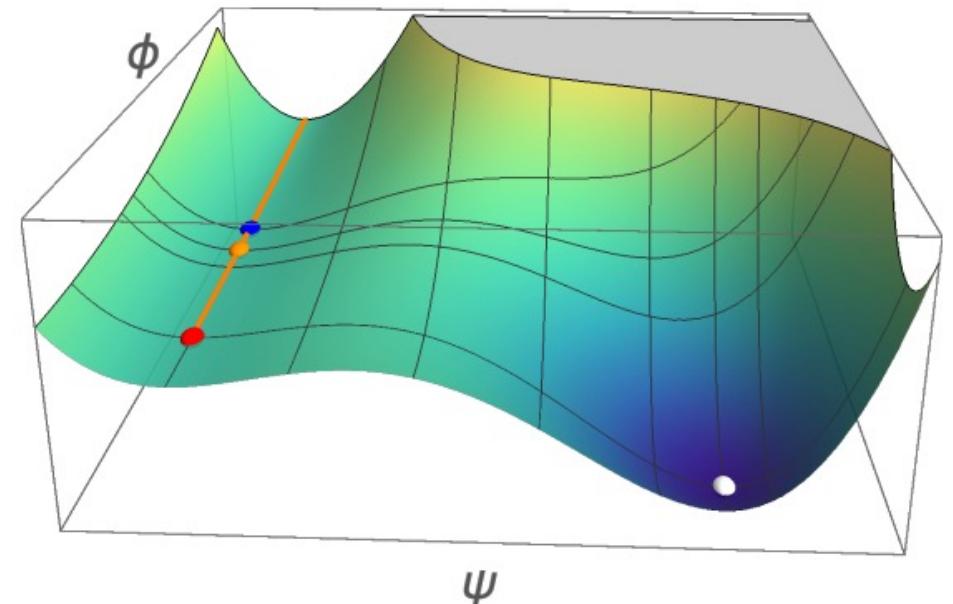
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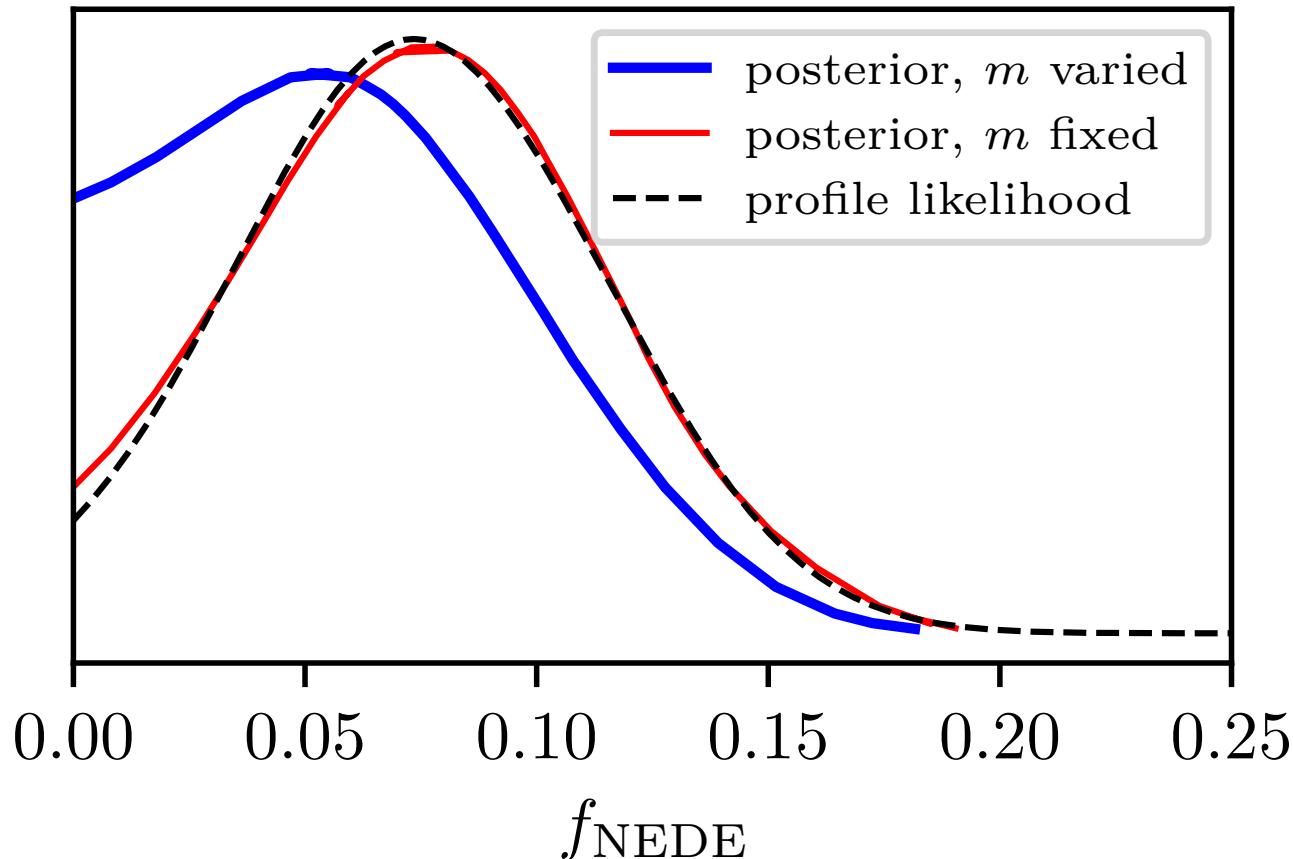
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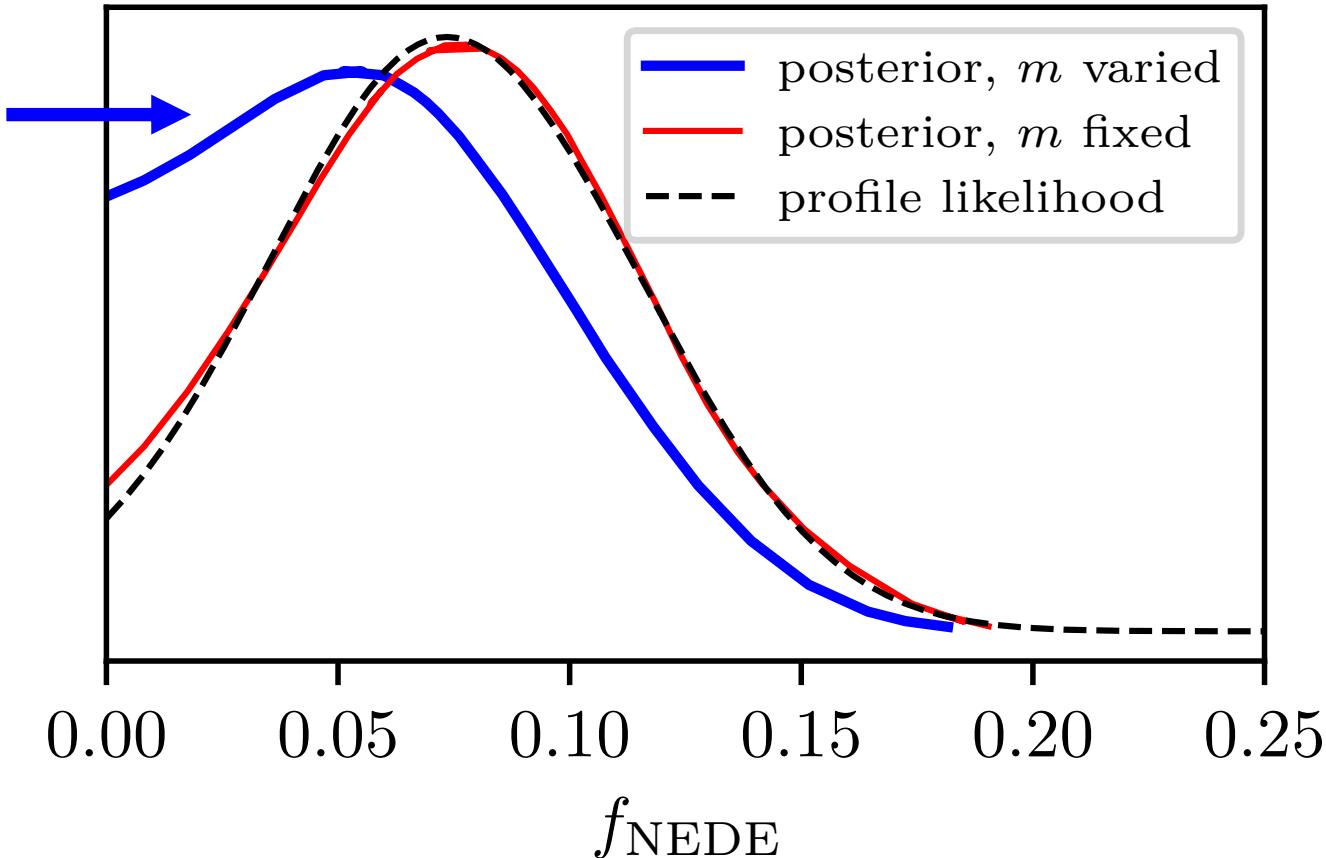
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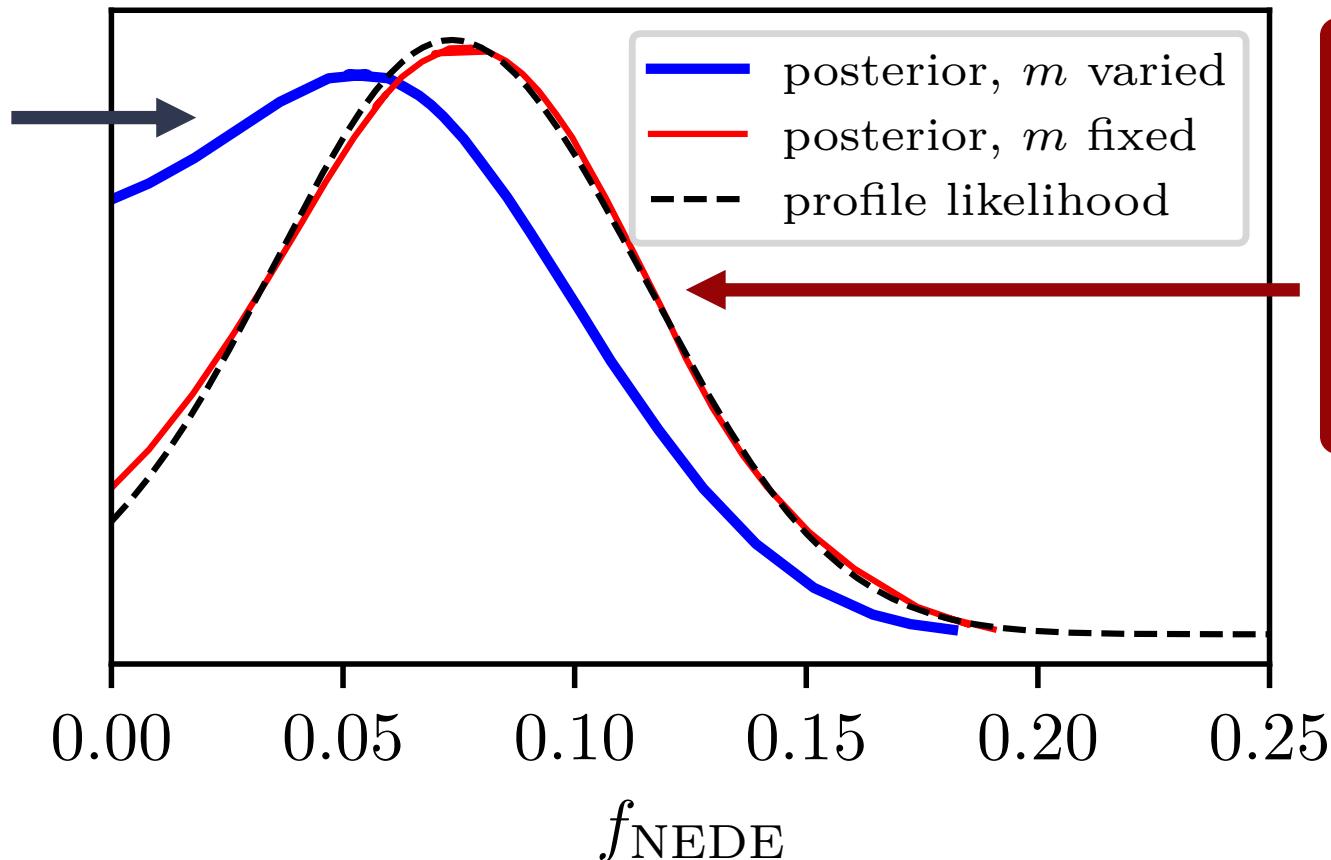


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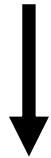
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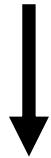
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## Effective field theory of large scale structure (EFTofLSS)

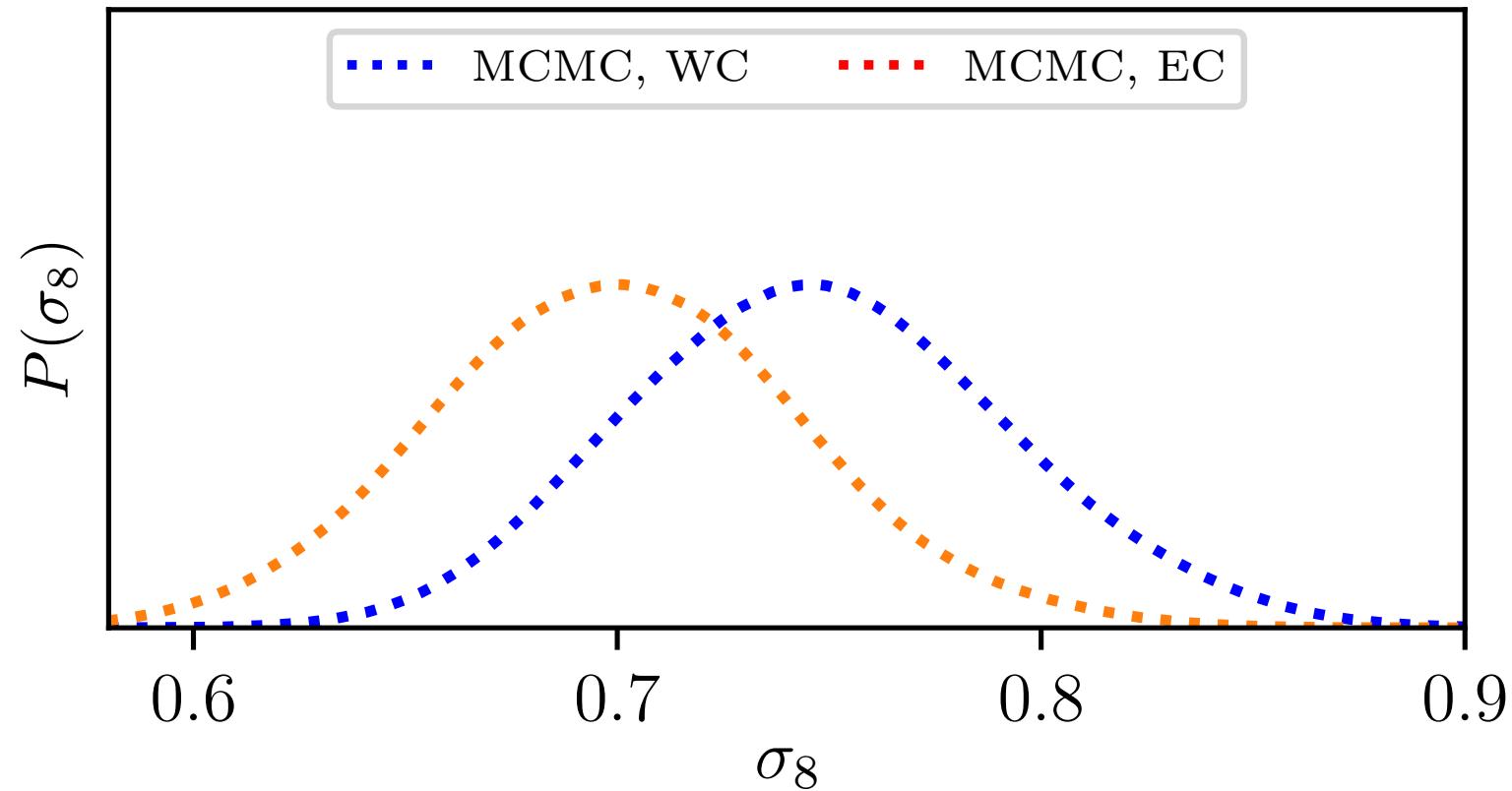
### Idea:

- Parametrization of nonlinear matter power spectrum
- Unknown coefficients → EFT nuisance parameters

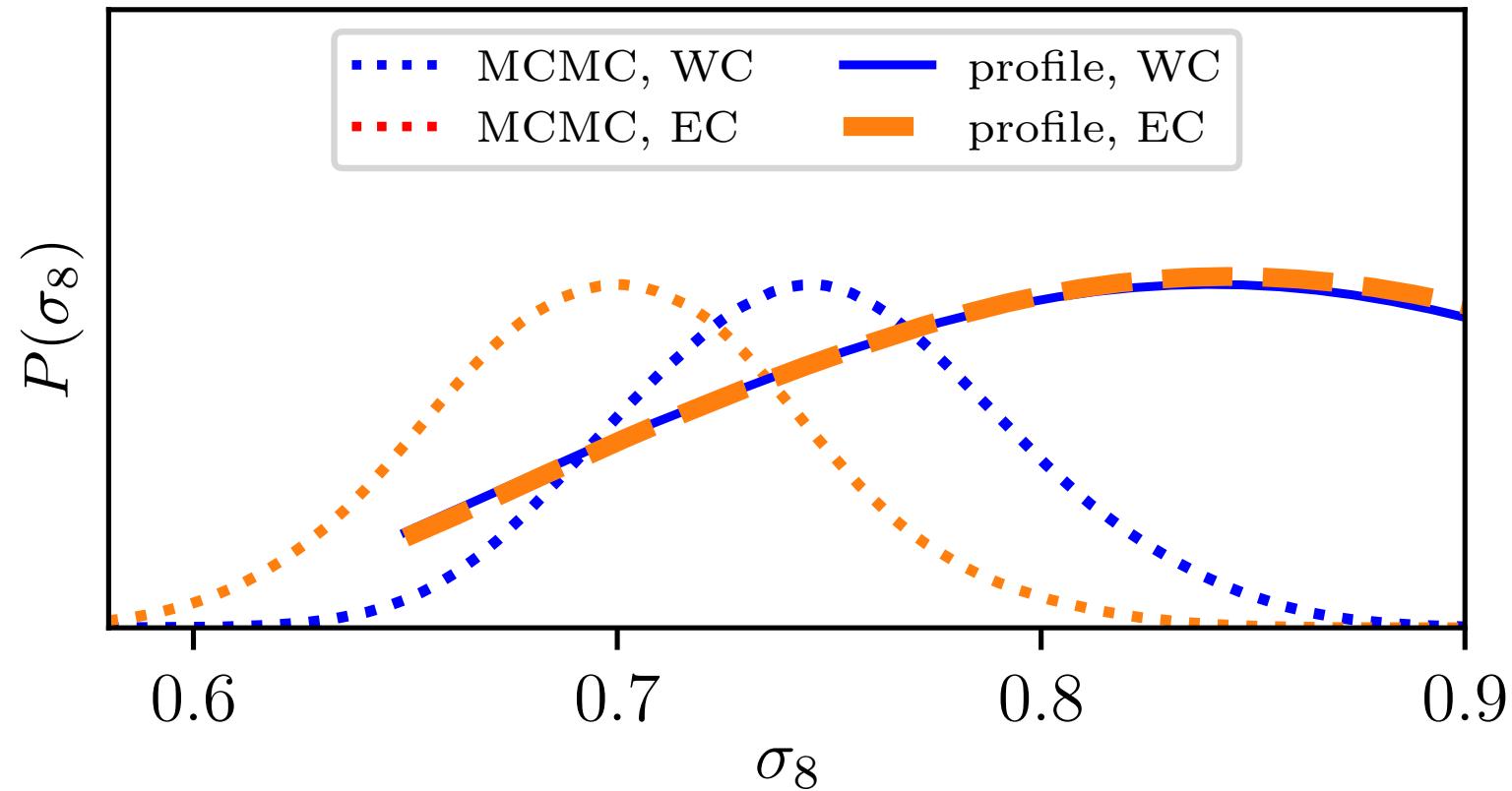
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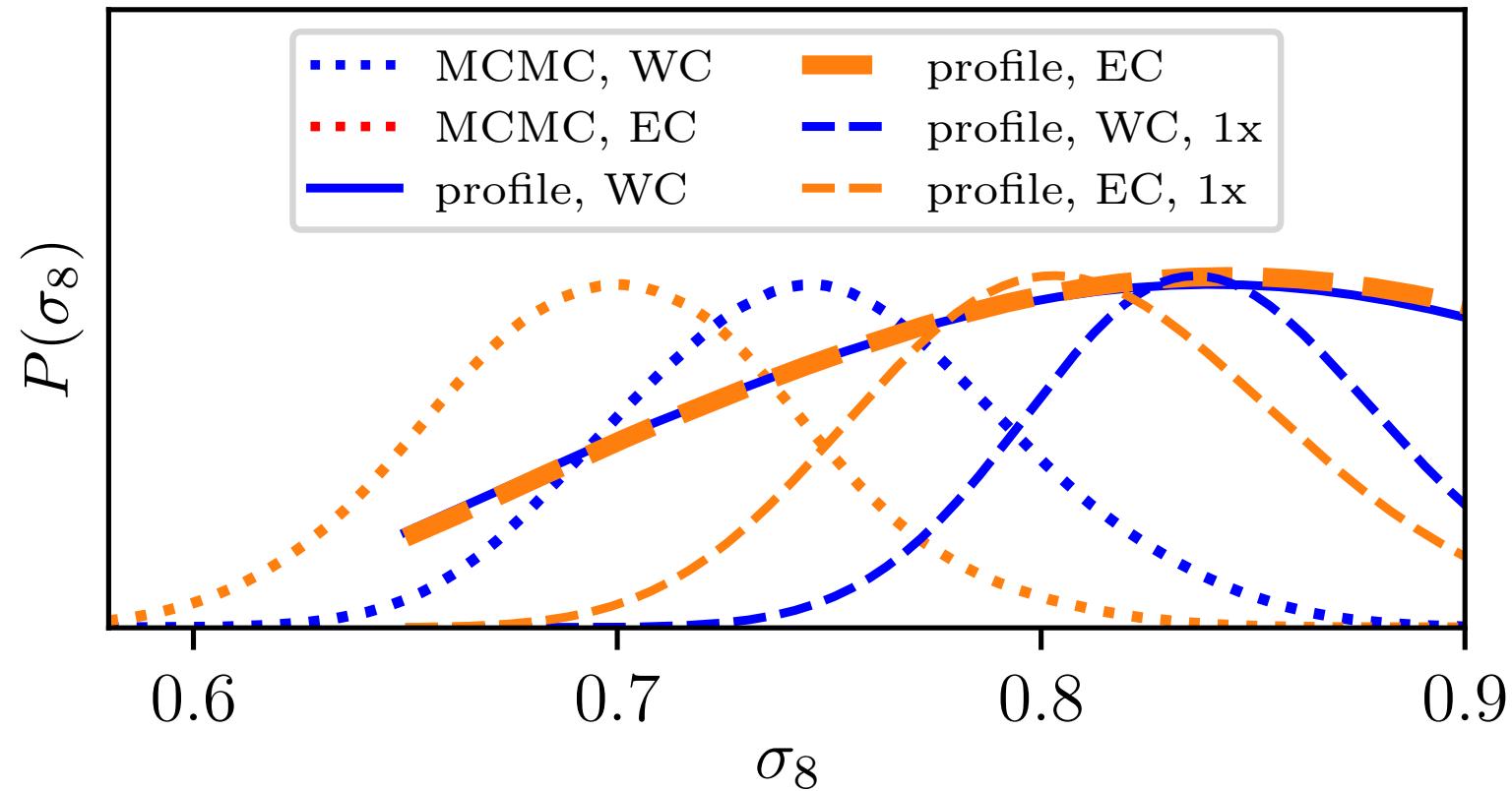
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- Plug-and-play interfacing with MontePython and cobaya
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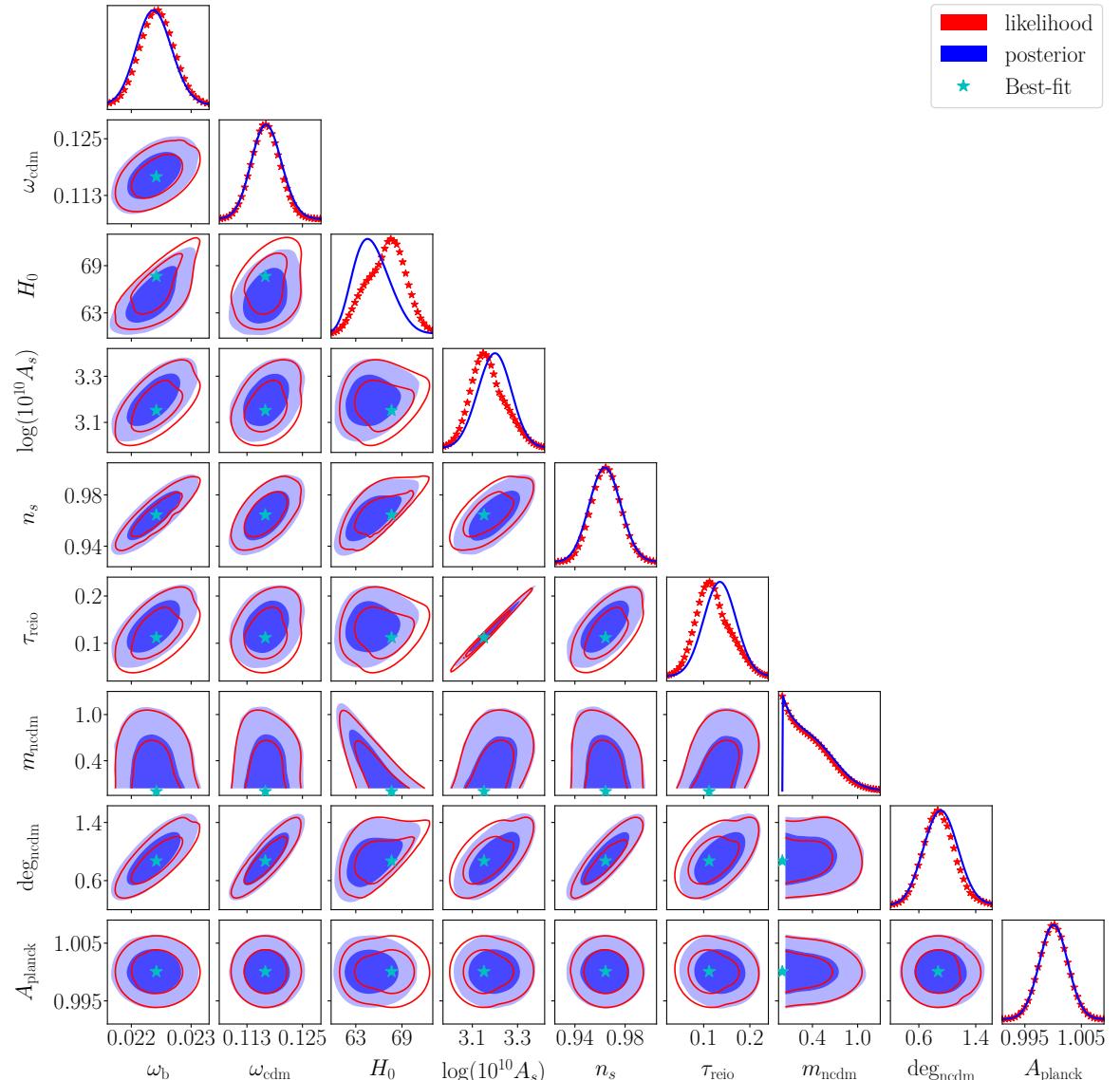
# The future is now!



A. Nygaard, **EBH**, S. Hannestad, T. Tram  
(arXiv:2308.06379, arXiv:2205.15726)

Emulate your favourite CLASS model:

[https://github.com/AarhusCosmology/connect\\_public](https://github.com/AarhusCosmology/connect_public)



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**PROSPECT now available at:**

[https://github.com/AarhusCosmology/prospect\\_public](https://github.com/AarhusCosmology/prospect_public)  
(paper coming soon™!)

# ADDITIONAL SLIDES

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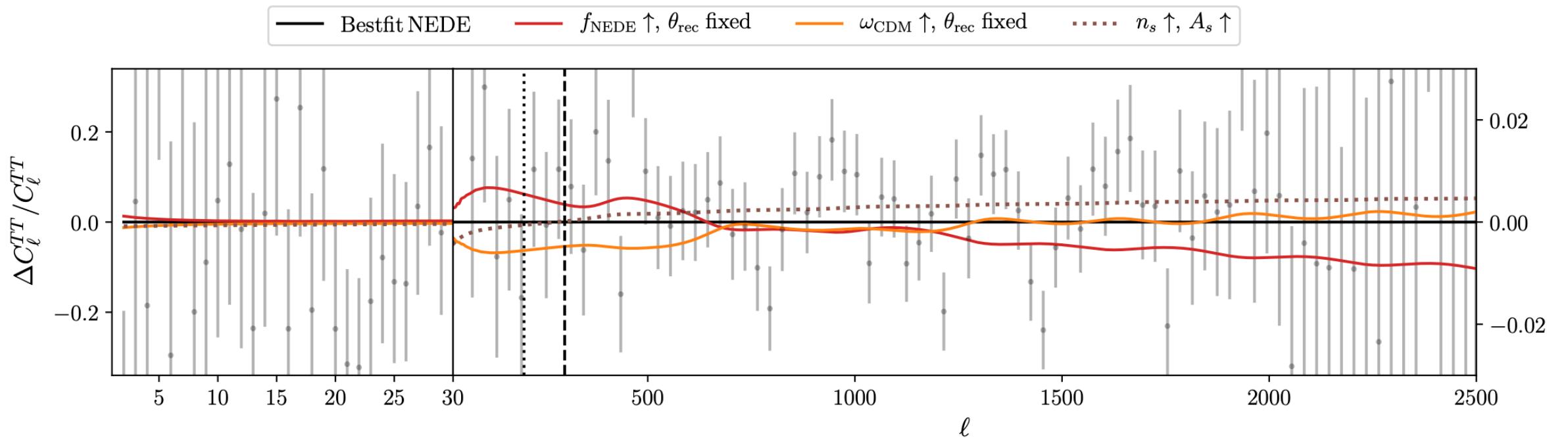
- Gaussian PL:

- 68 % CI:  $\Delta\chi^2(\theta_j) < 1$

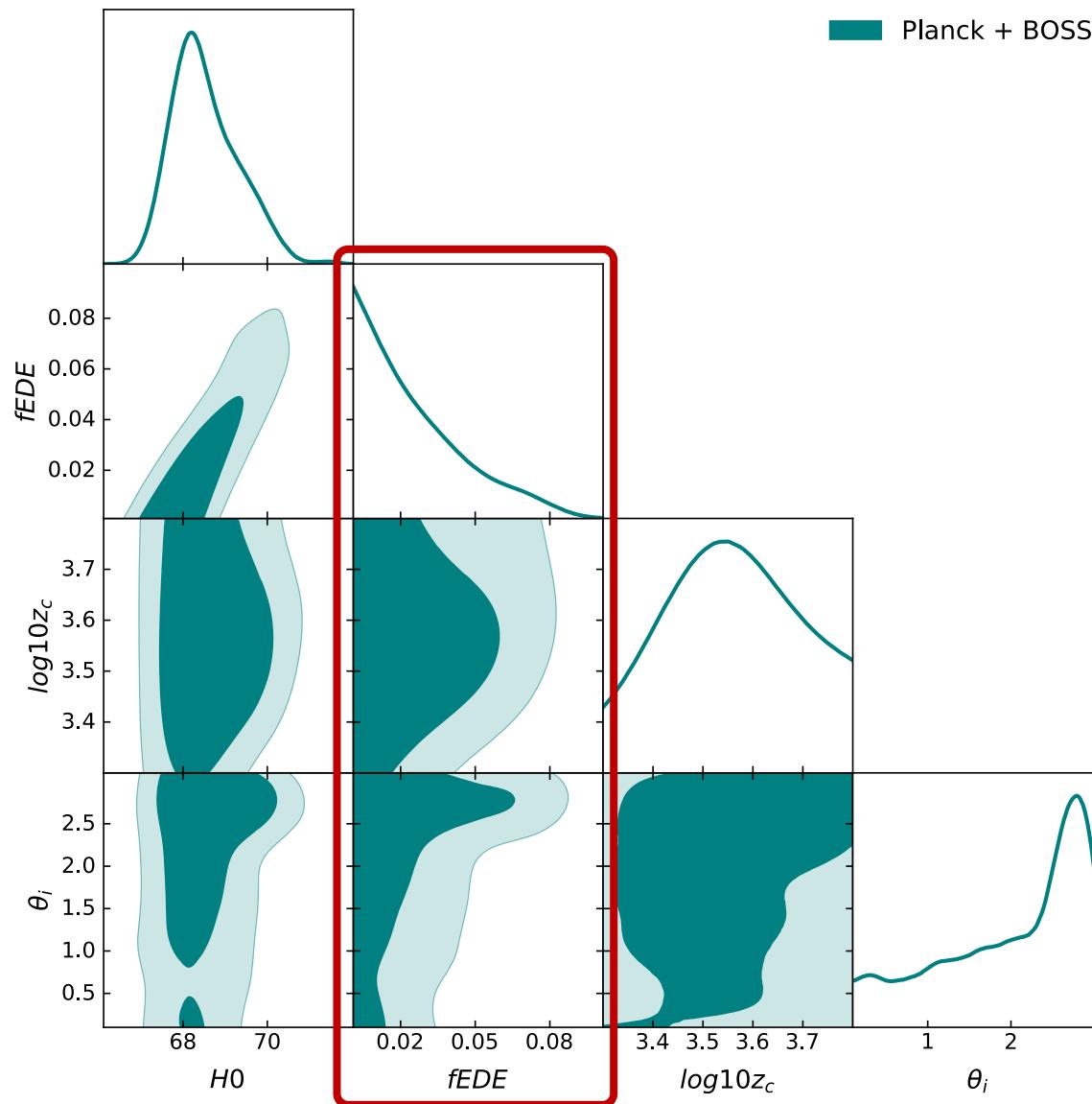
- 95 % CI:  $\Delta\chi^2(\theta_j) < 3.84$

(but generally, the  $\Delta\chi^2(\theta_j)$  distribution requires data simulation...)

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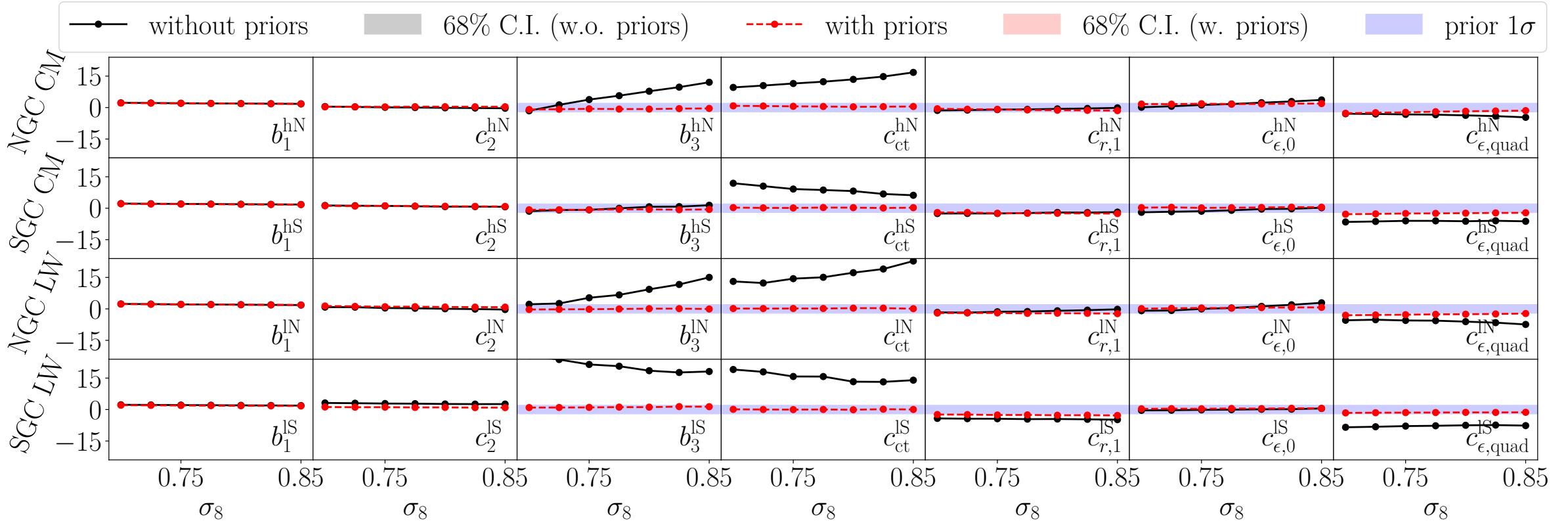
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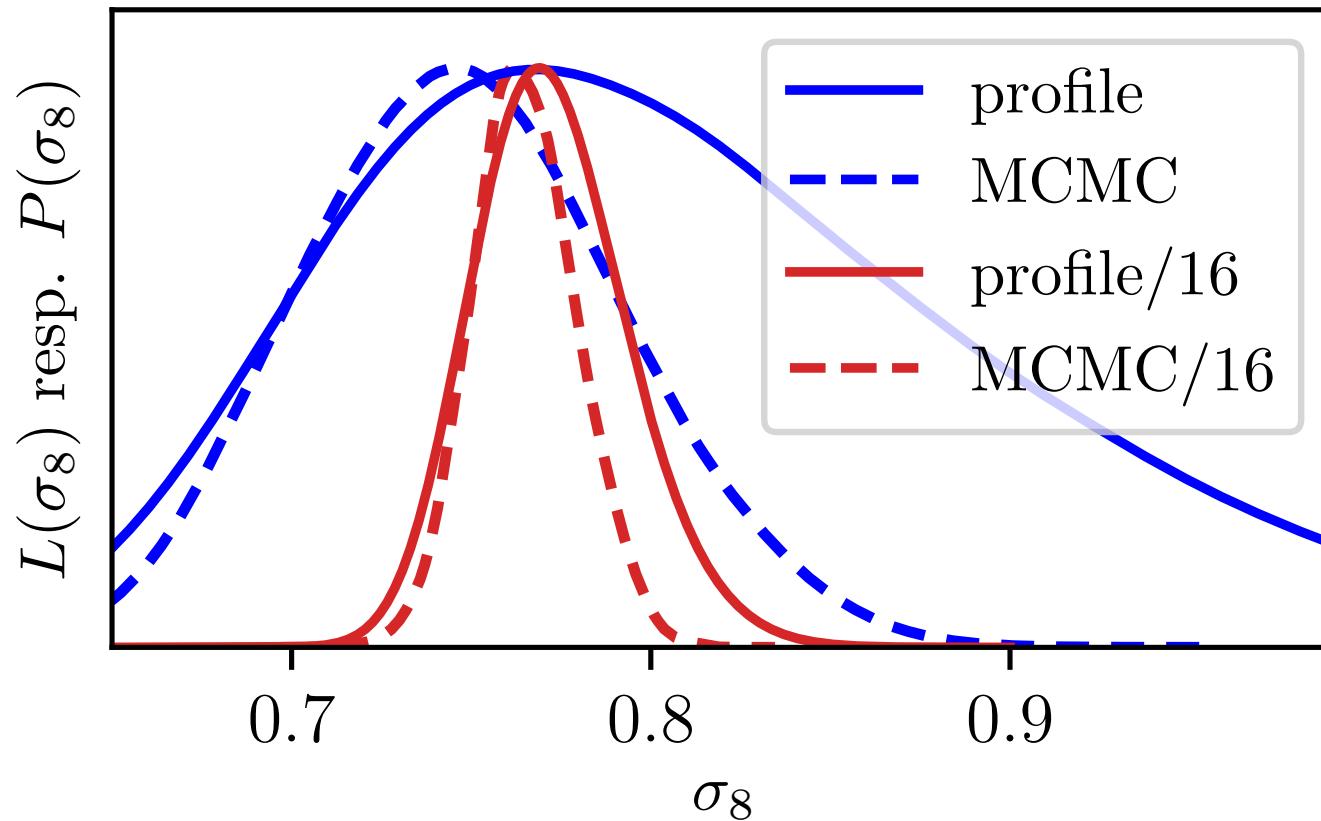
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Model	$\Delta N_{\text{param}}$	$M_B$	Gaussian Tension	$Q_{\text{DMAP}}$ Tension	$\Delta\chi^2$	$\Delta\text{AIC}$	Finalist	
$\Lambda$ CDM	0	$-19.416 \pm 0.012$	$4.4\sigma$	$4.5\sigma$	X	0.00	0.00	X
$\Delta N_{\text{ur}}$	1	$-19.395 \pm 0.019$	$3.6\sigma$	$3.8\sigma$	X	-6.10	-4.10	X
SIDR	1	$-19.385 \pm 0.024$	$3.2\sigma$	$3.3\sigma$	X	-9.57	-7.57	✓
mixed DR	2	$-19.413 \pm 0.036$	$3.3\sigma$	$3.4\sigma$	X	-8.83	-4.83	X
DR-DM	2	$-19.388 \pm 0.026$	$3.2\sigma$	$3.1\sigma$	X	-8.92	-4.92	X
SI $\nu$ +DR	3	$-19.440^{+0.037}_{-0.039}$	$3.8\sigma$	$3.9\sigma$	X	-4.98	1.02	X
Majoron	3	$-19.380^{+0.027}_{-0.021}$	$3.0\sigma$	$2.9\sigma$	✓	-15.49	-9.49	✓
primordial B	1	$-19.390^{+0.018}_{-0.024}$	$3.5\sigma$	$3.5\sigma$	X	-11.42	-9.42	✓
varying $m_e$	1	$-19.391 \pm 0.034$	$2.9\sigma$	$2.9\sigma$	✓	-12.27	-10.27	✓
varying $m_e + \Omega_k$	2	$-19.368 \pm 0.048$	$2.0\sigma$	$1.9\sigma$	✓	-17.26	-13.26	✓
EDE	3	$-19.390^{+0.016}_{-0.035}$	$3.6\sigma$	$1.6\sigma$	✓	-21.98	-15.98	✓
NEDE	3	$-19.380^{+0.023}_{-0.040}$	$3.1\sigma$	$1.9\sigma$	✓	-18.93	-12.93	✓
EMG	3	$-19.397^{+0.017}_{-0.023}$	$3.7\sigma$	$2.3\sigma$	✓	-18.56	-12.56	✓
CPL	2	$-19.400 \pm 0.020$	$3.7\sigma$	$4.1\sigma$	X	-4.94	-0.94	X
PEDE	0	$-19.349 \pm 0.013$	$2.7\sigma$	$2.8\sigma$	✓	2.24	2.24	X
GPEDE	1	$-19.400 \pm 0.022$	$3.6\sigma$	$4.6\sigma$	X	-0.45	1.55	X
DM $\rightarrow$ DR+WDM	2	$-19.420 \pm 0.012$	$4.5\sigma$	$4.5\sigma$	X	-0.19	3.81	X
DM $\rightarrow$ DR	2	$-19.410 \pm 0.011$	$4.3\sigma$	$4.5\sigma$	X	-0.53	3.47	X

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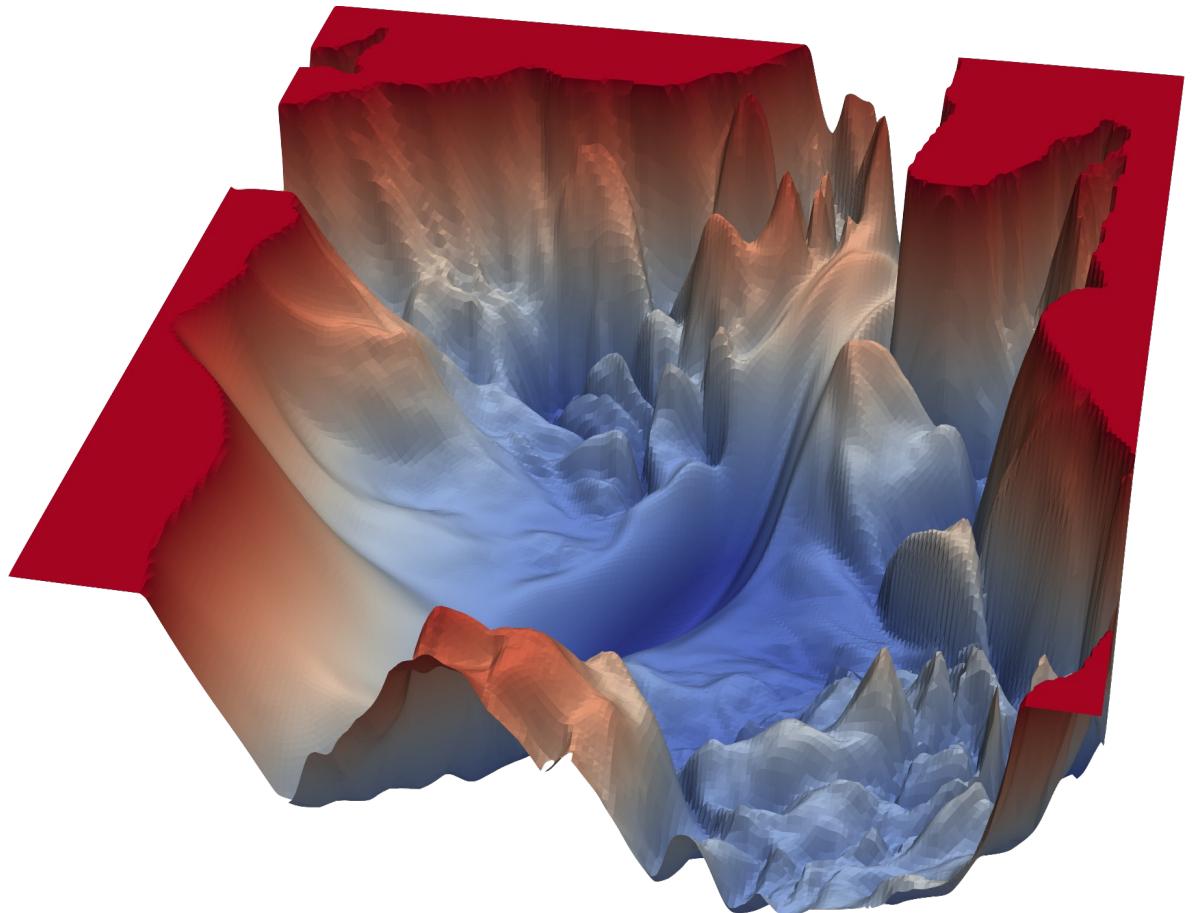


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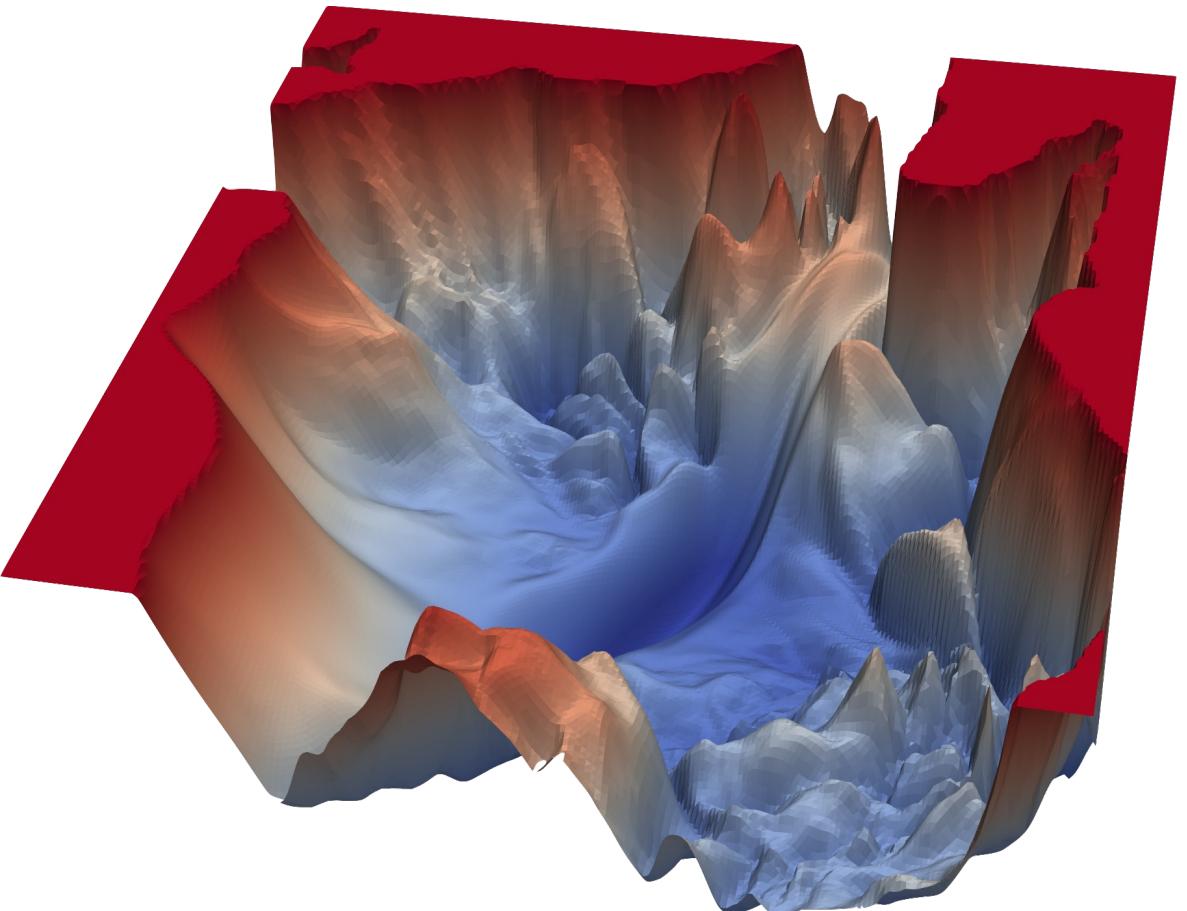


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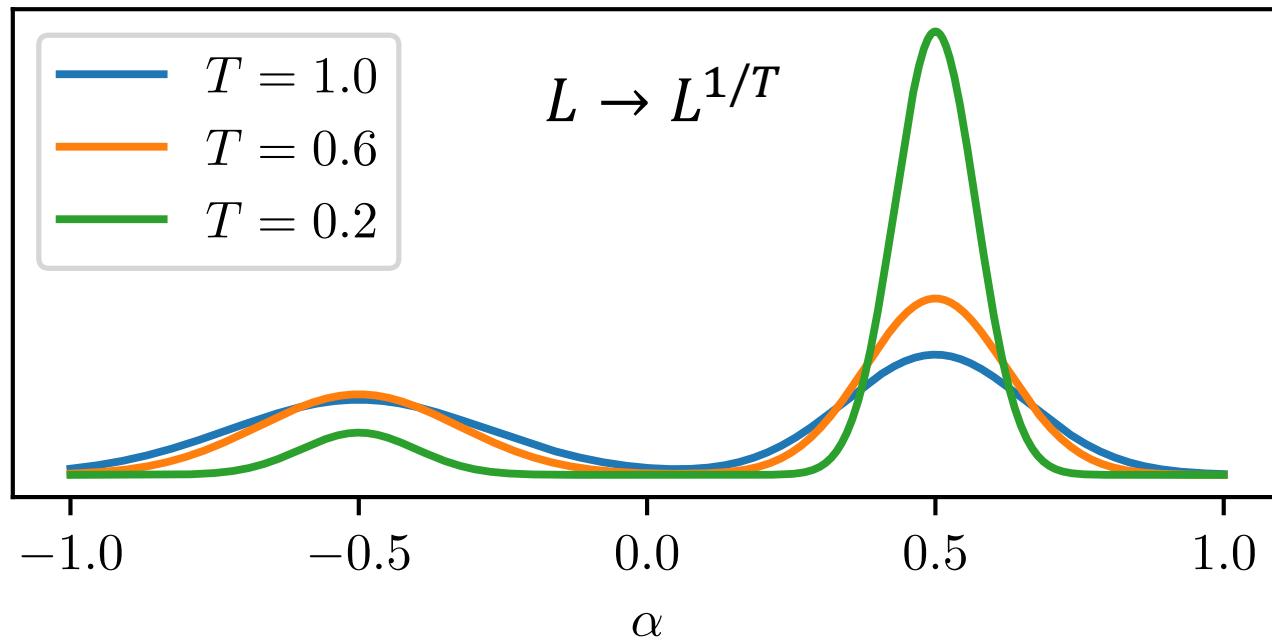
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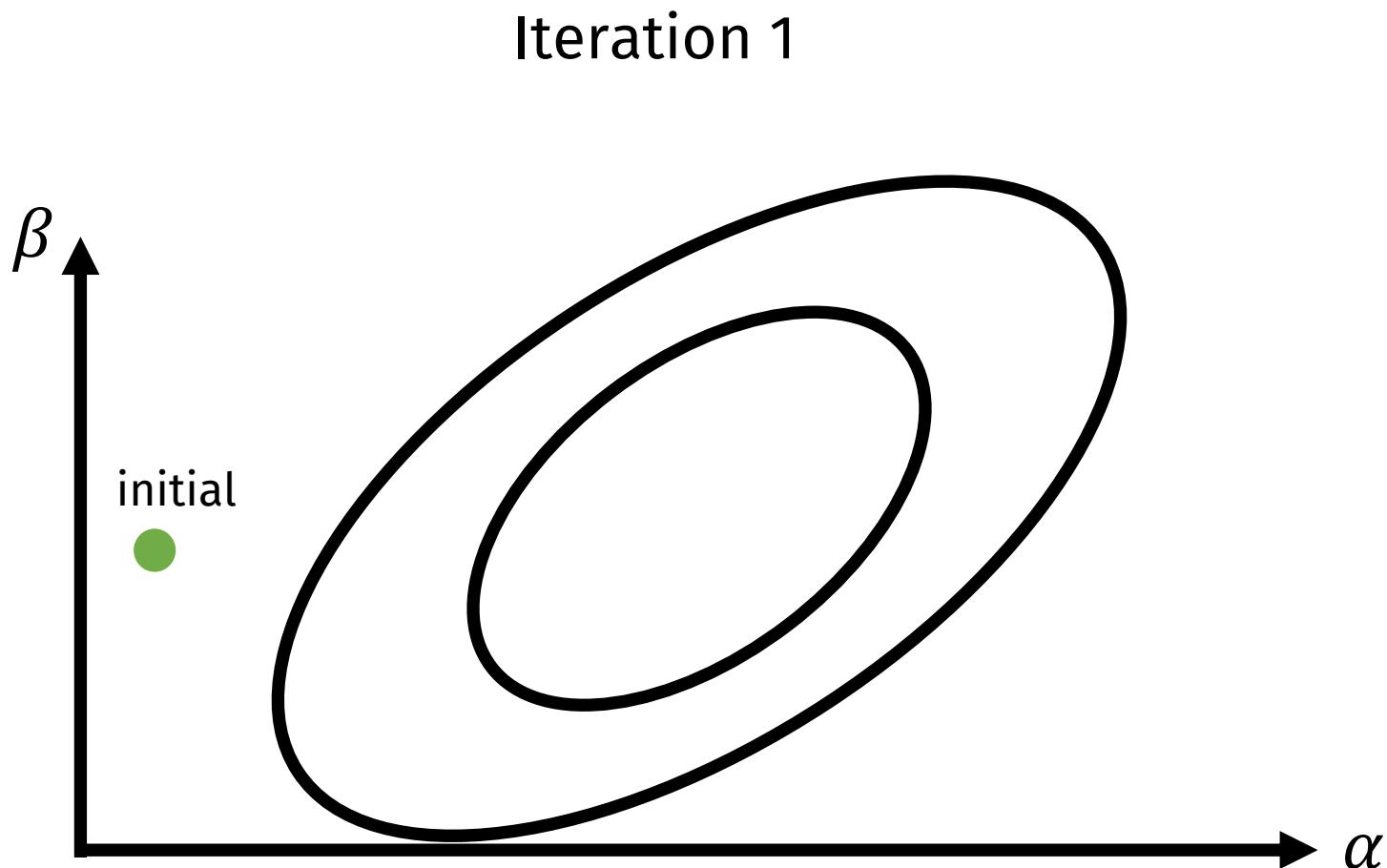


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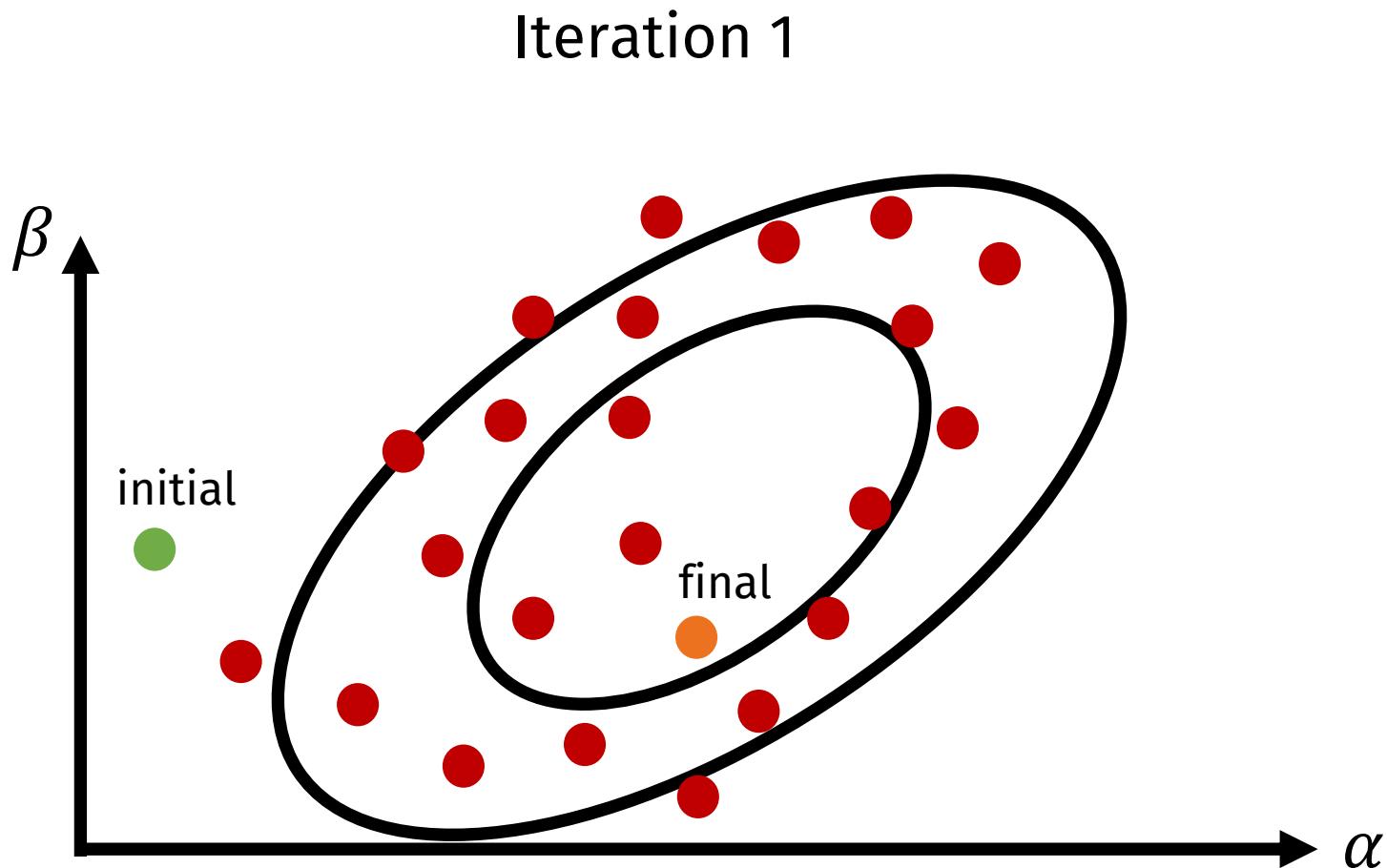
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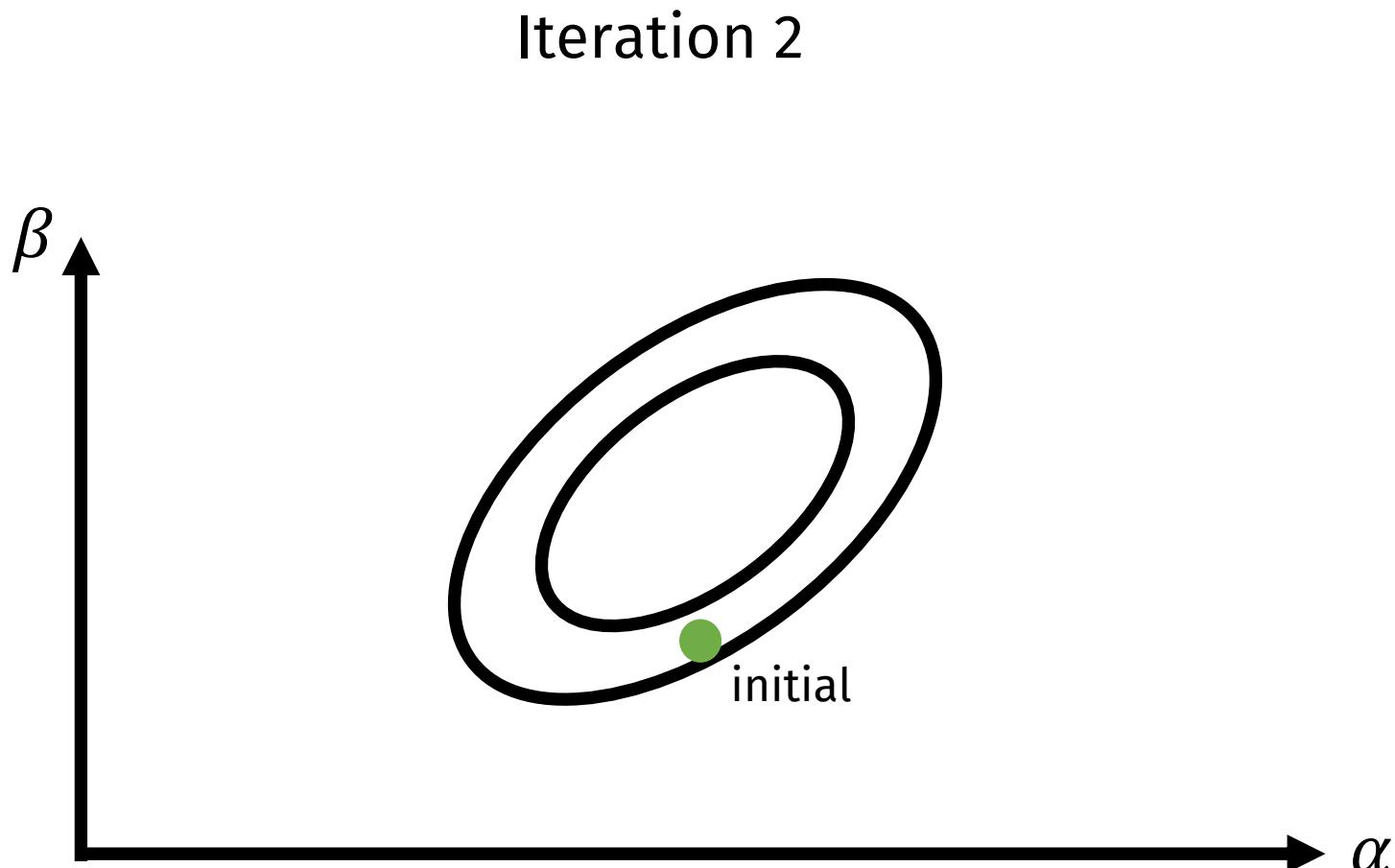
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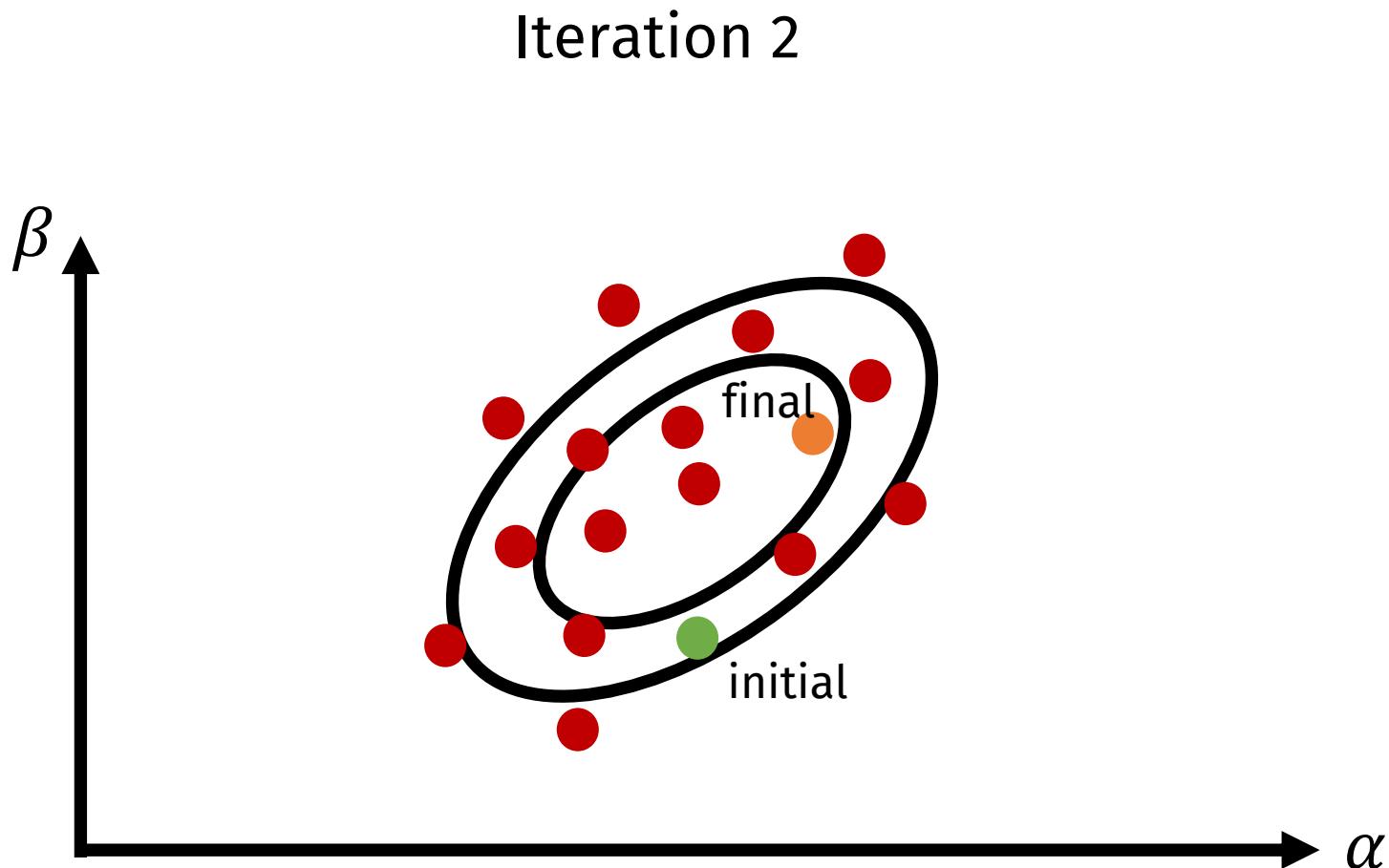
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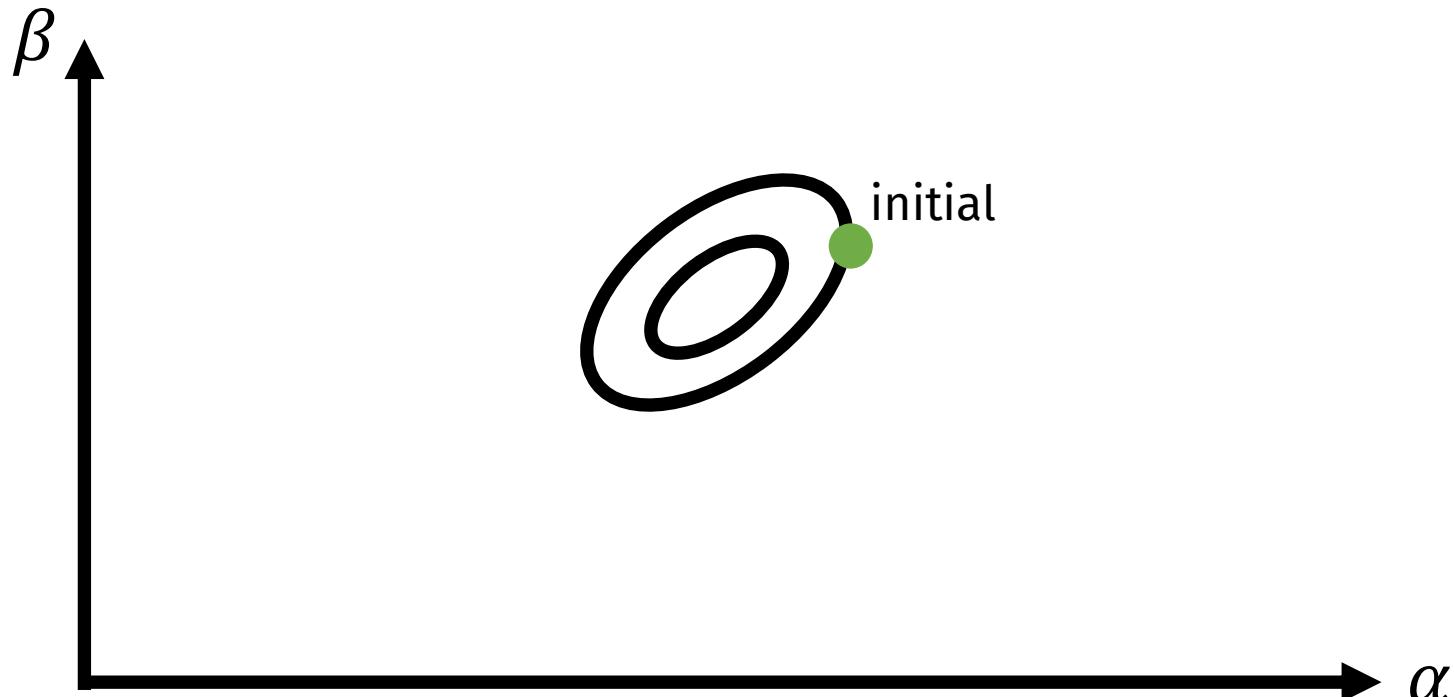


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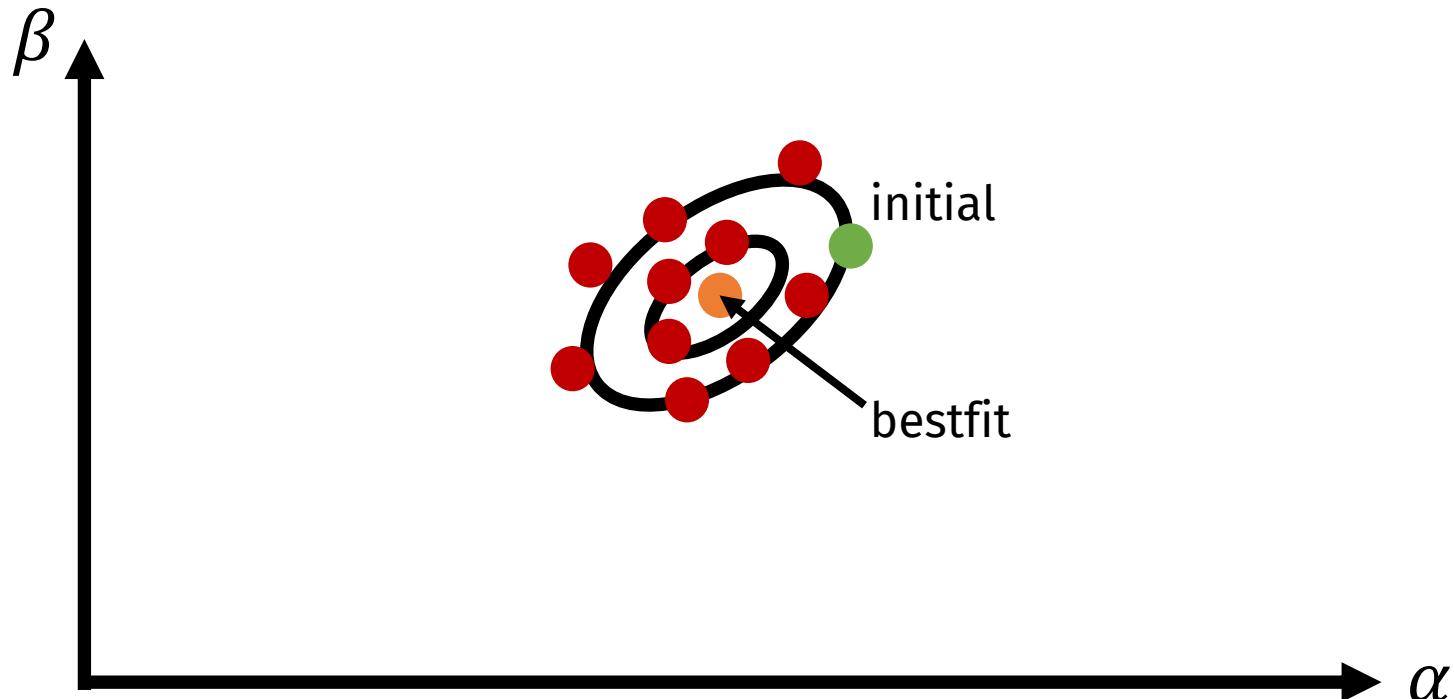
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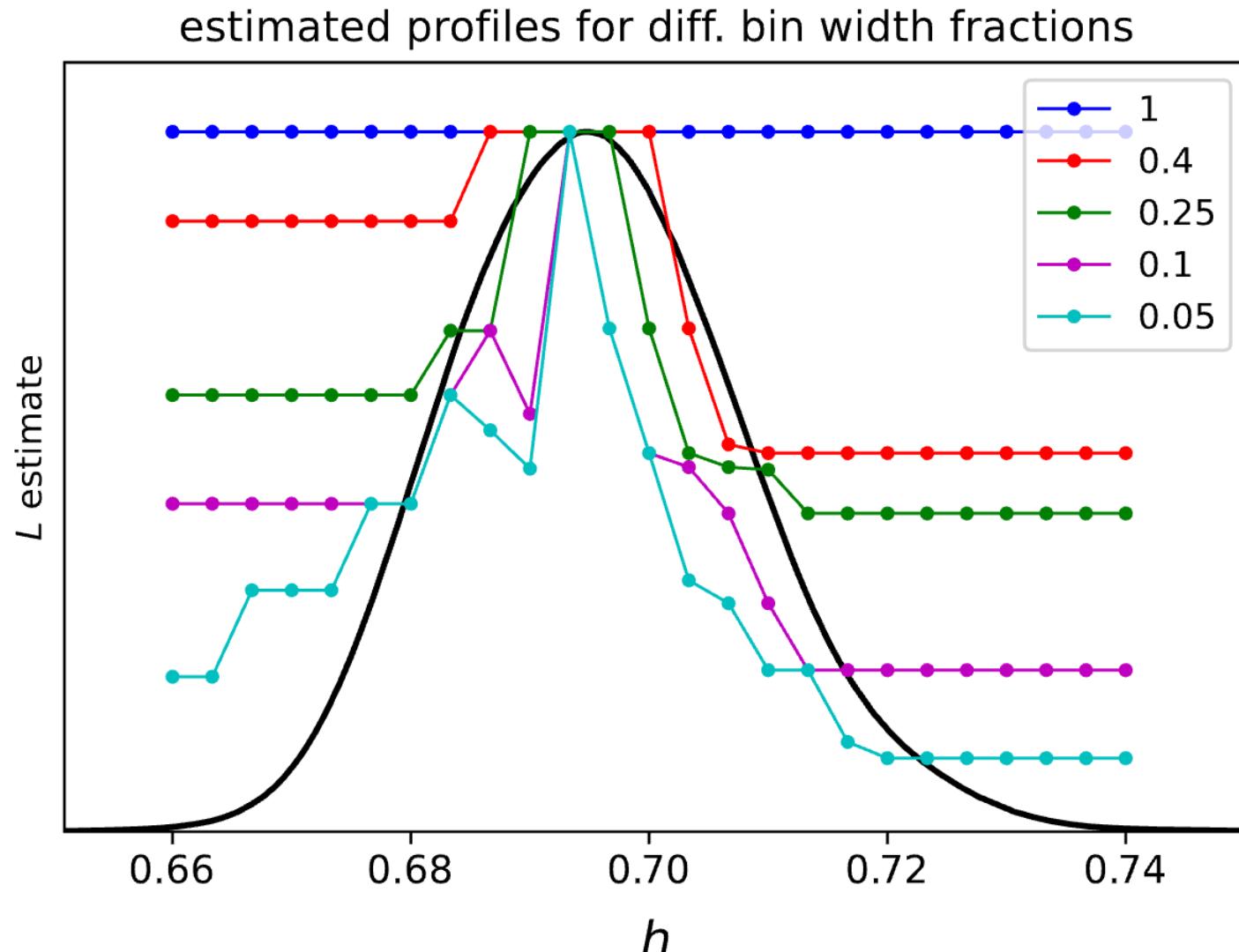


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## Hyperparameters:

- Temperature schedule: Exponential or logarithmic?
- Step size schedule: Adjusted to match acceptance rate  $\approx 0.2$

```
io:
  jobname: 'lcdm_H0'
  dir: 'output/lcdm_H0'
  write: True
  overwrite_dir: False
  snapshot_interval: 1000.0

run:
  jobtype: 'profile'
  # 'mpi', 'threaded' or 'serial'
  mode: 'mpi'

kernel:
  type: 'cobaya'
  param: 'lcdm_H0.yaml'

profile:
  parameter: 'H0'
  values: 'np.linspace(67.0, 73.0, 10)'

  optimiser: 'simulated annealing'

  temperature_schedule: 'exponential'
  temperature_range: [0.05, 0.001]

  step_size_schedule: 'exponential'
  step_size_range: [0.5, 0.01]

  steps_per_iteration: 1000
  max_iterations: 15
  repetitions: 3

  start_from_mcmc: '/projects/example_mcmc/'
  start_bin_fraction: 0.1

  plot_profile: True
  detailed_plot: True
  plot_Delta_chi2: False
  plot_schedule: True

  chi2_tolerance: 0.01
```

```
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  type: 'cobaya'  
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## lcdm\_H0.yaml:

```
theory:  
  classy:  
    path: '/home/ebholm/class_public'  
    extra_args:  
      ...  
  
  likelihood:  
    planck_2018_highl_plik.TTTEEE:  
      clik_file: /home/ebholm/my_clik.clik  
      ...  
  
  params:  
    omega_b:  
      prior:  
        min: 0.005  
        max: 0.08  
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  sampler:  
    mcmc:  
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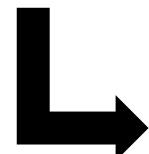
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  type: 'montepython'  
  param: 'lcdm.param'  
  conf: 'class_public.conf'
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## lcdm.param:

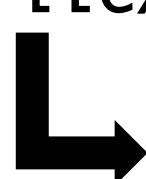
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data.experiments=['Planck_highl_TTTEEE', ...]  
data.over_sampling=[1, 5, 5]  
  
data.parameters['omega_b'] = [ 2.2377, None, None, 0.015, 0.01, 'cosmo']  
data.parameters['omega_cdm'] = [ 0.12010, None, None, 0.0013, 1, 'cosmo']  
data.parameters['H0'] = [ 67.6, 40.0, 100.0, 0.5, 1, 'cosmo']  
data.parameters['ln10^10A_s'] = [ 3.0447, None, None, 0.015, 1, 'cosmo']  
data.parameters['n_s'] = [ 0.9659, None, None, 0.0042, 1, 'cosmo']  
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# The PROSPECT output

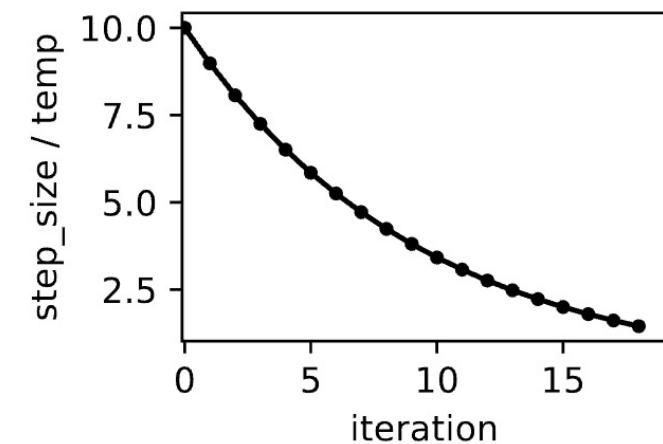
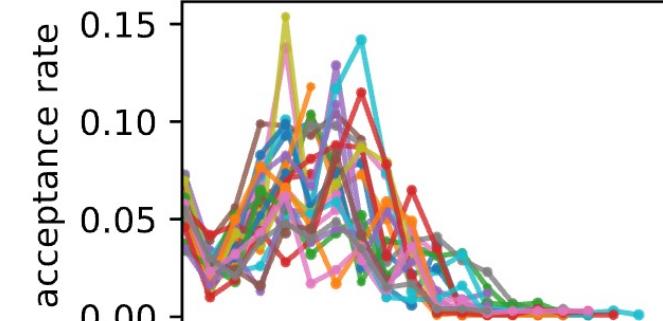
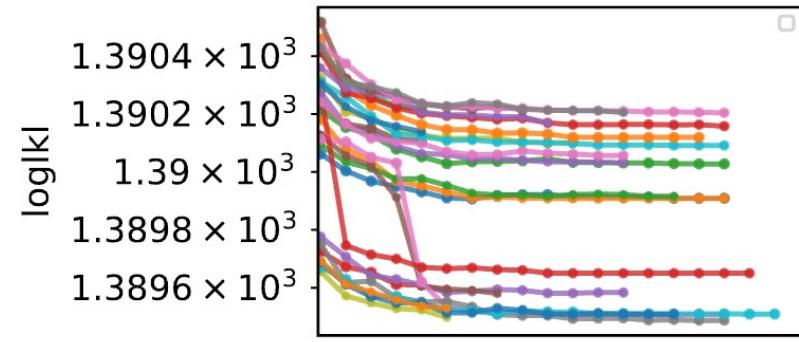
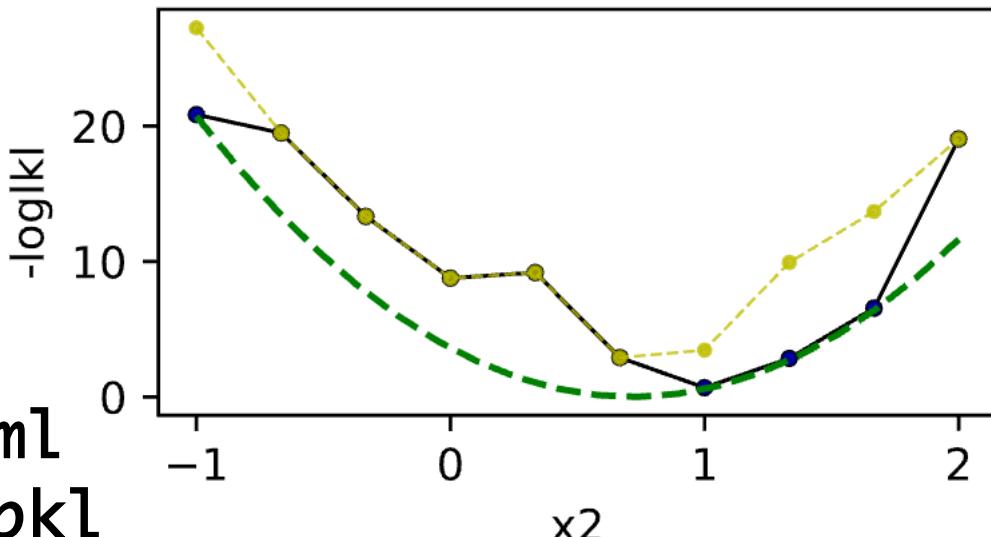
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- log.yaml
- state.pkl
- profile/



- mnu.txt
- mnu.pdf
- mnu\_schedule.pdf



# The PROSPECT dynamical task system

- efficient parallelization
- on-the-go analyses
- interactive load-and-inspect
- continuing cancelled runs
- re-optimizing existing runs

