

Euclid France Galaxy Clustering

Covariance effects on cosmological parameter inference : non-Gaussianity and sampling noise

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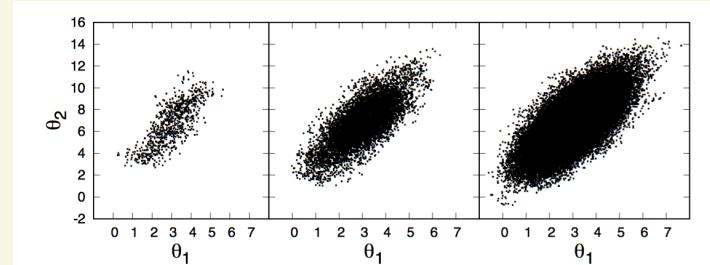
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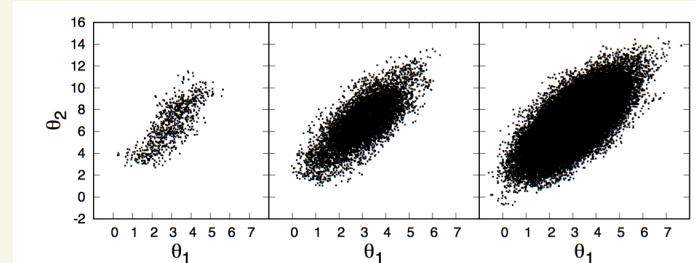
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- Prior → P(θ)
- Posterior → P($\theta|D$)
- Normalization → P(D)

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Assumption of a Gaussian Likelihood

$$\chi^2 \equiv -2 \ln P(\theta|D) = [[\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{m}(\theta)]^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} [\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{m}(\theta)]] + \text{const}$$

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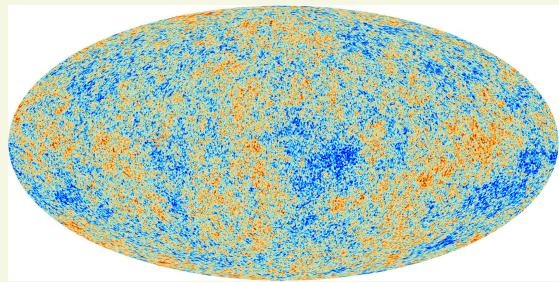
- Data → \mathbf{D}
- Model → $\mathbf{m}(\theta)$
- Covariance : Errors and correlations → \mathbf{C}^{-1}

A large blue X is drawn over the term const in the equation.

The covariance is a key ingredient for parameter inference

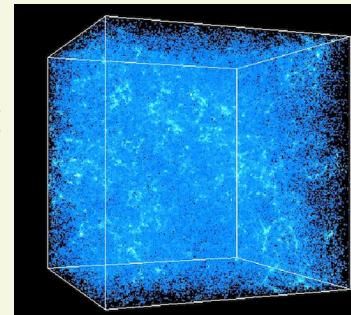
Covariance of the power spectrum $P(k)$

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CMB → Gaussian initial conditions

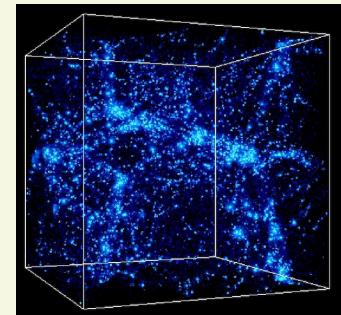
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Linear clustering

Non-linear clustering
on small scales

$z = 0$



Stays Gaussian

Becomes Non-Gaussian

$k \gtrsim 0.2 h/\text{Mpc}$

Bin averaged Trispectrum

$$\mathbf{C}(k_i, k_j) = \frac{P^2(k_i)}{N_{k_i}} \delta_{ij} + \bar{T}(k_i, k_j) = \mathbf{C}^G(k_i) + \mathbf{C}^{NG}(k_i, k_j),$$

Non-Gaussianities are contained in higher order statistics : Difficult to predict analytically

[Wadekar & Scoccimaro 2019]

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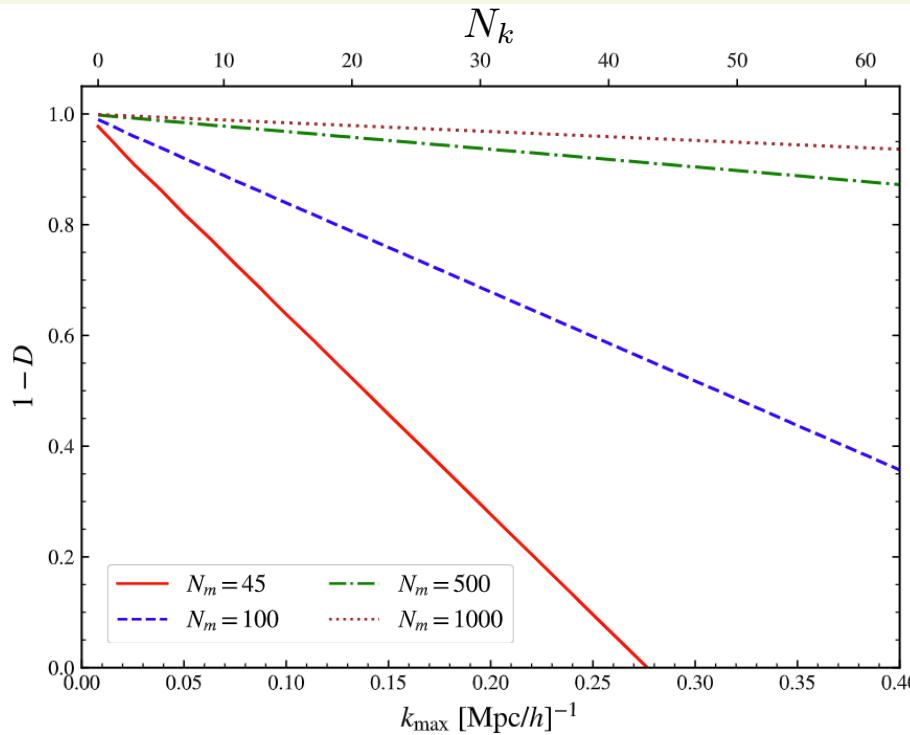
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$$\hat{\Psi} = \hat{\mathbf{C}}^{-1} \quad \text{Biased estimator of } \Psi : E[\hat{\Psi}] = \frac{1}{1-D} \Psi, \quad D = \frac{N_k + 1}{N_m - 1}$$



Hartlap factor to multiply to Ψ , before the minimization.

First effect of sampling noise :
 Overestimate $\Psi \rightarrow$ underestimate parameter's errors

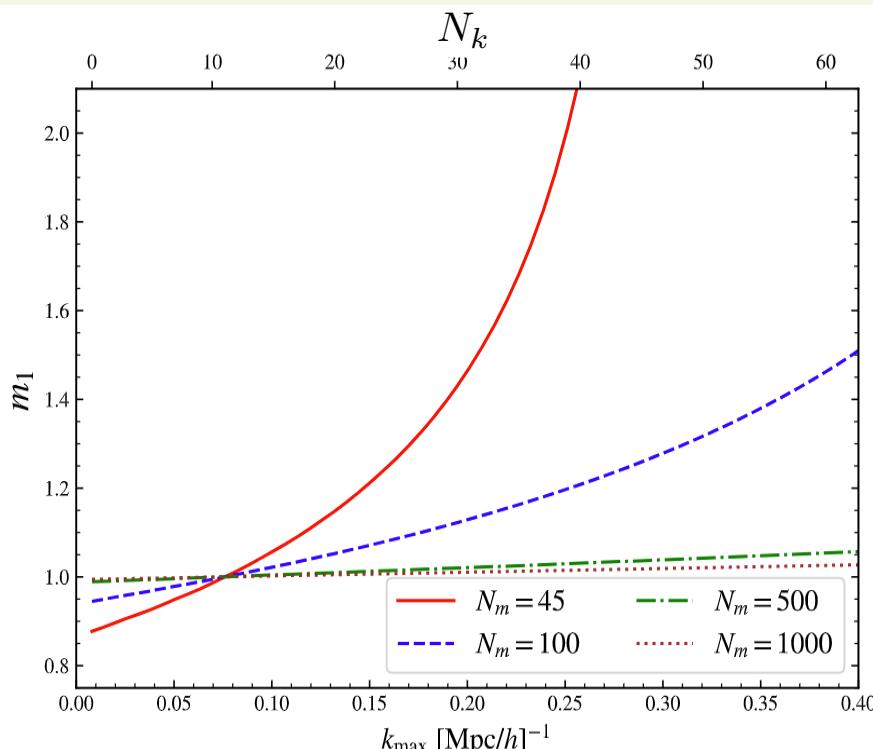
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Correct by inflating the parameter's covariance matrix Φ

[Percival et al. 2014]

$$\hat{\Phi} \rightarrow m_1 \times \hat{\Phi}$$

Dispersion on the best-fit

$$m_1 = \frac{1 + B(N_b - N_p)}{1 + A + B(N_p + 1)}$$

Bias on the estimation of the error

A and B are fonctions of (N_m , N_k)

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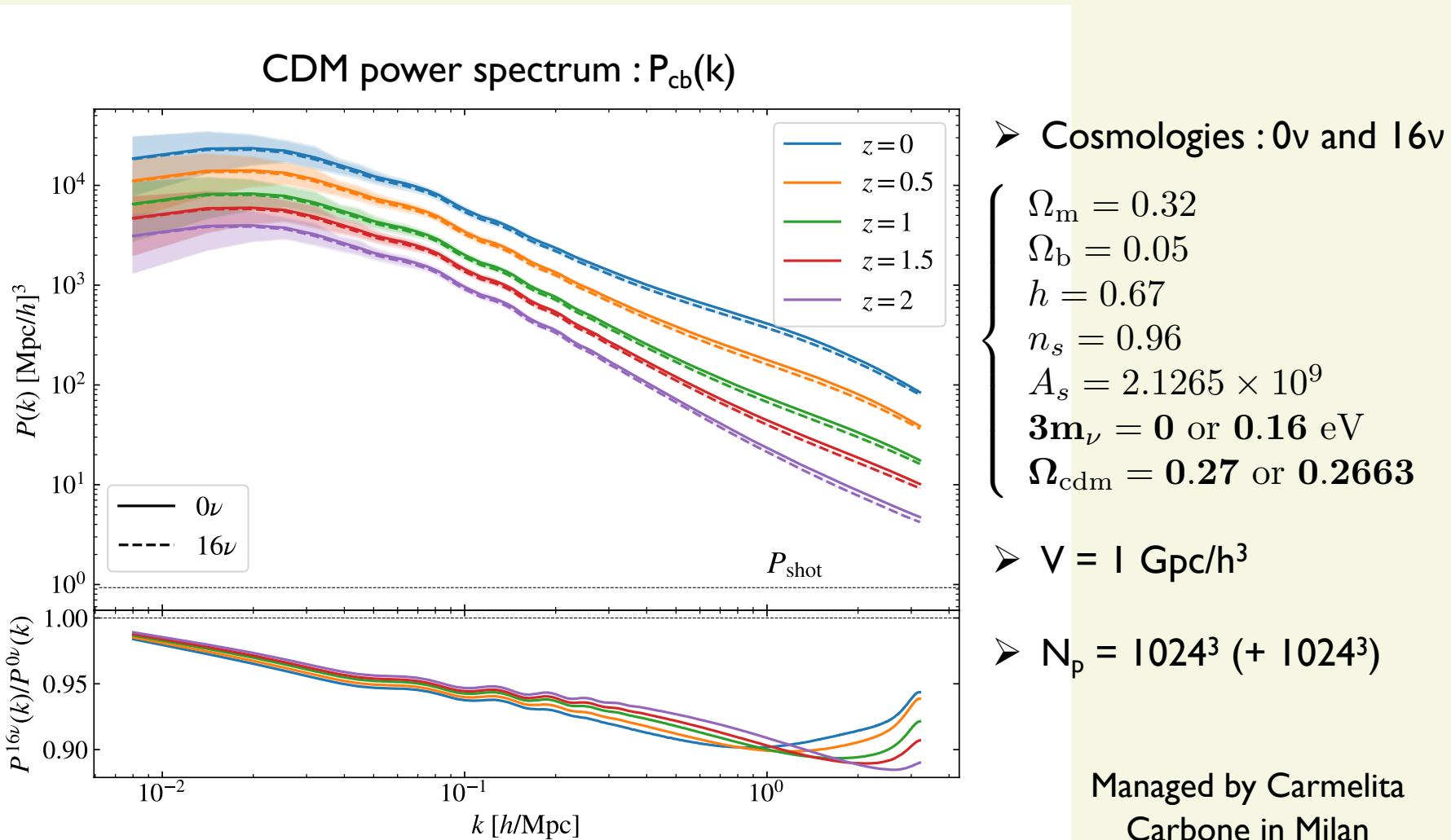
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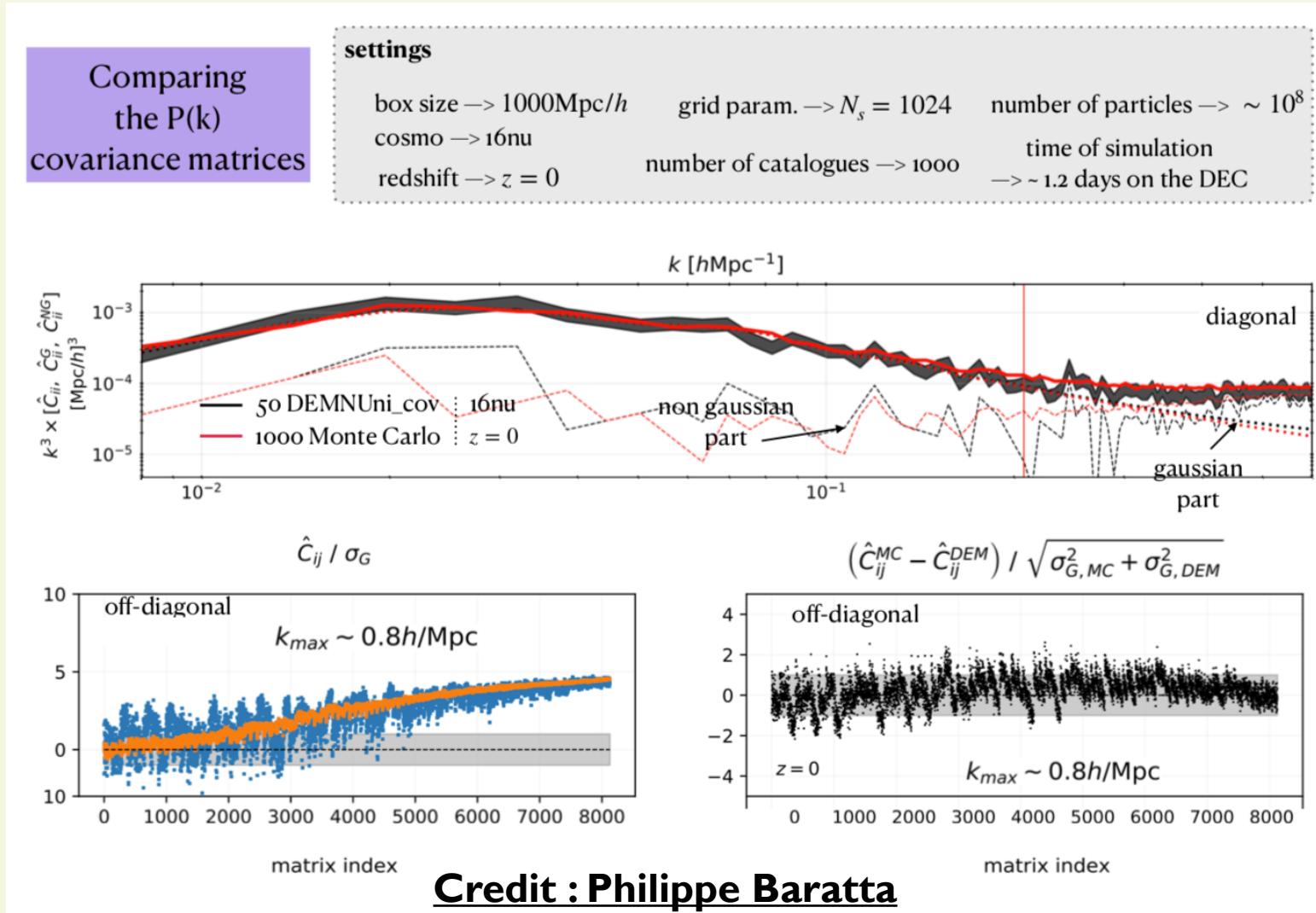
50 realizations for each cosmology : 5 as data vector (1 for each redshift) + 45 for the covariance



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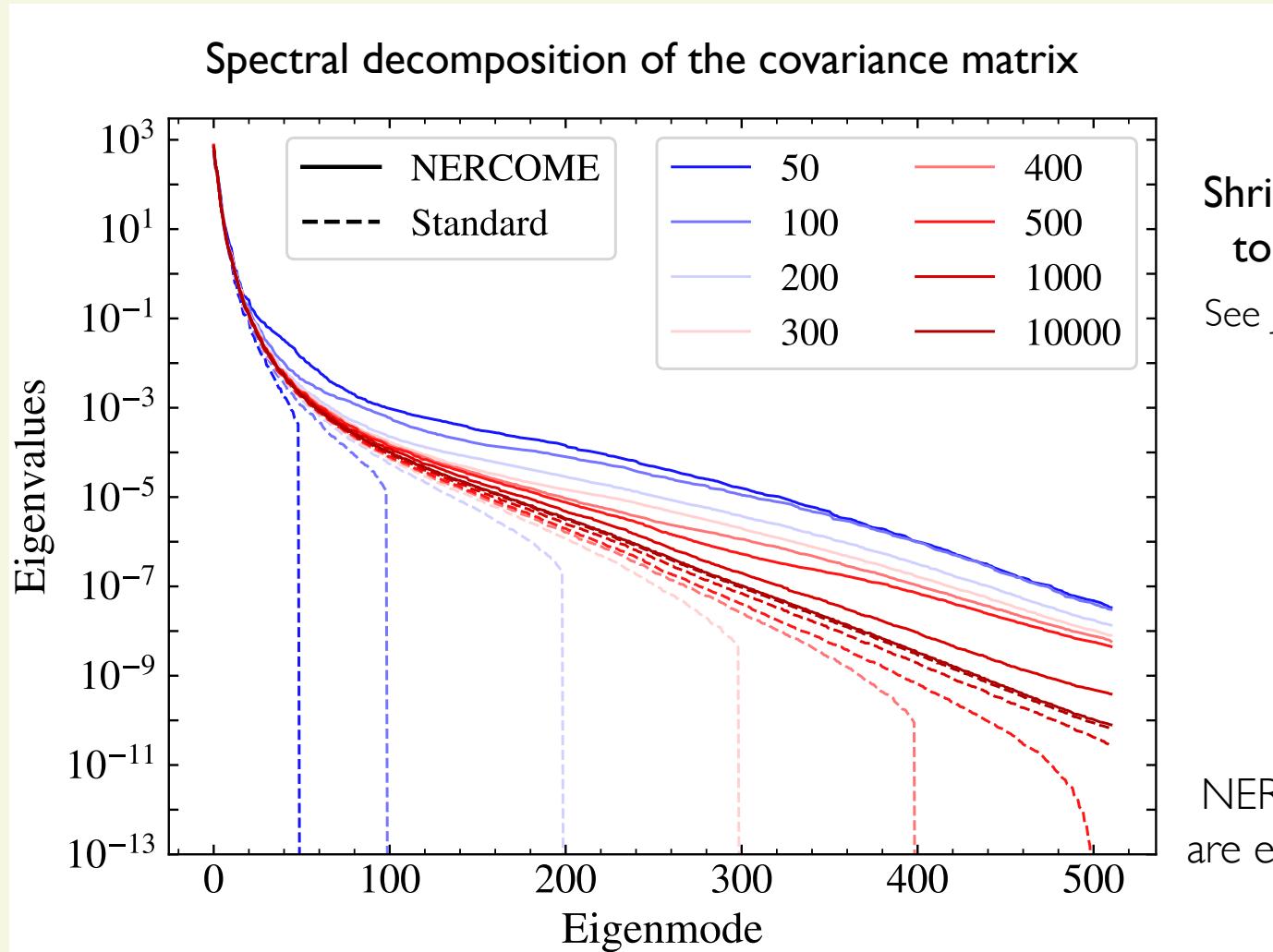
Fast non-Gaussian mock generation with covmos

Cloning the DEMNUni-Cov covariance matrix by targeting the $P(k)$ and $PDF(\delta)$



Estimating the covariance matrix with NERCOME

NERCOME = Non-parametric eigenvalue-regularised covariance matrix estimator



Shrinks low eigenvalues
to make it invertible

See Joachimi 2016 for details

NERCOME covariances
are estimated with Julian's
code

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Check for convergence with Gelman-Rubin test :
 $R-1 > 0.01$

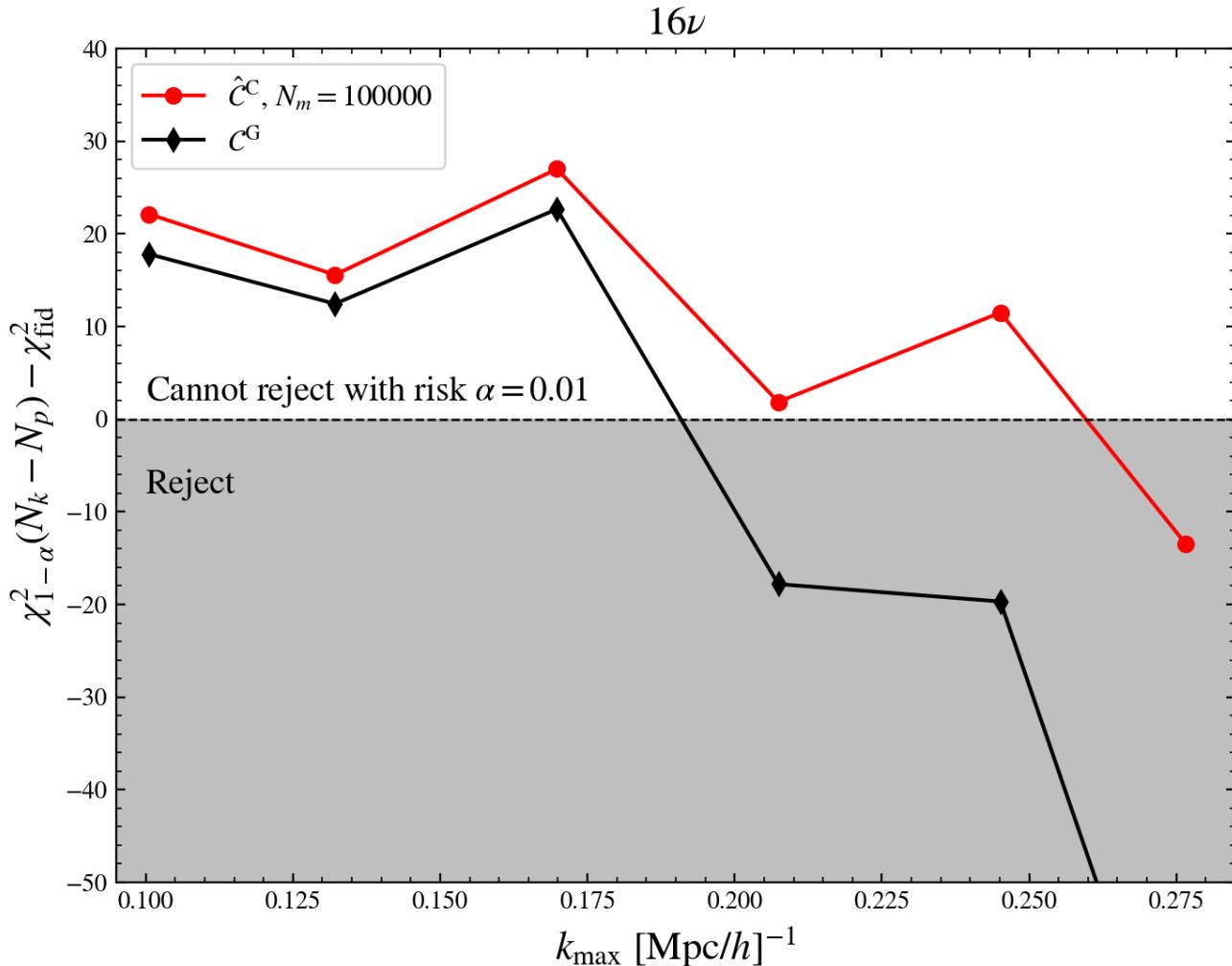
Check chains acceptance rate > 0.2

Softwares :

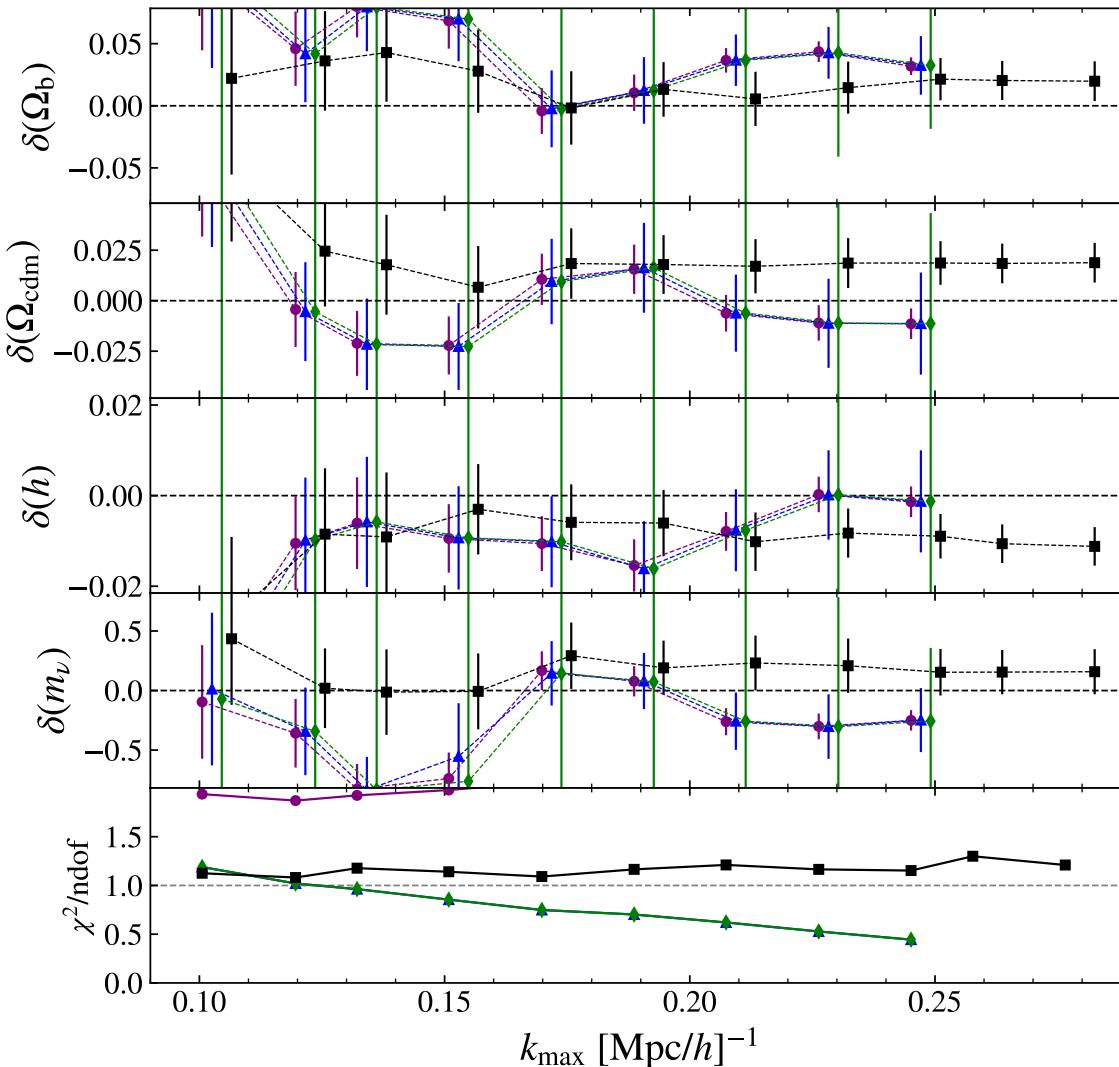
- MontePython for MCMC
- Class + Halofit for the model
- Nbodykit for $P(k)$ estimation

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Goodness of fit test with significance $\alpha = 0.01$: **Can't trust the model for $k_{\max} > 0.2 \text{ h/Mpc}$**



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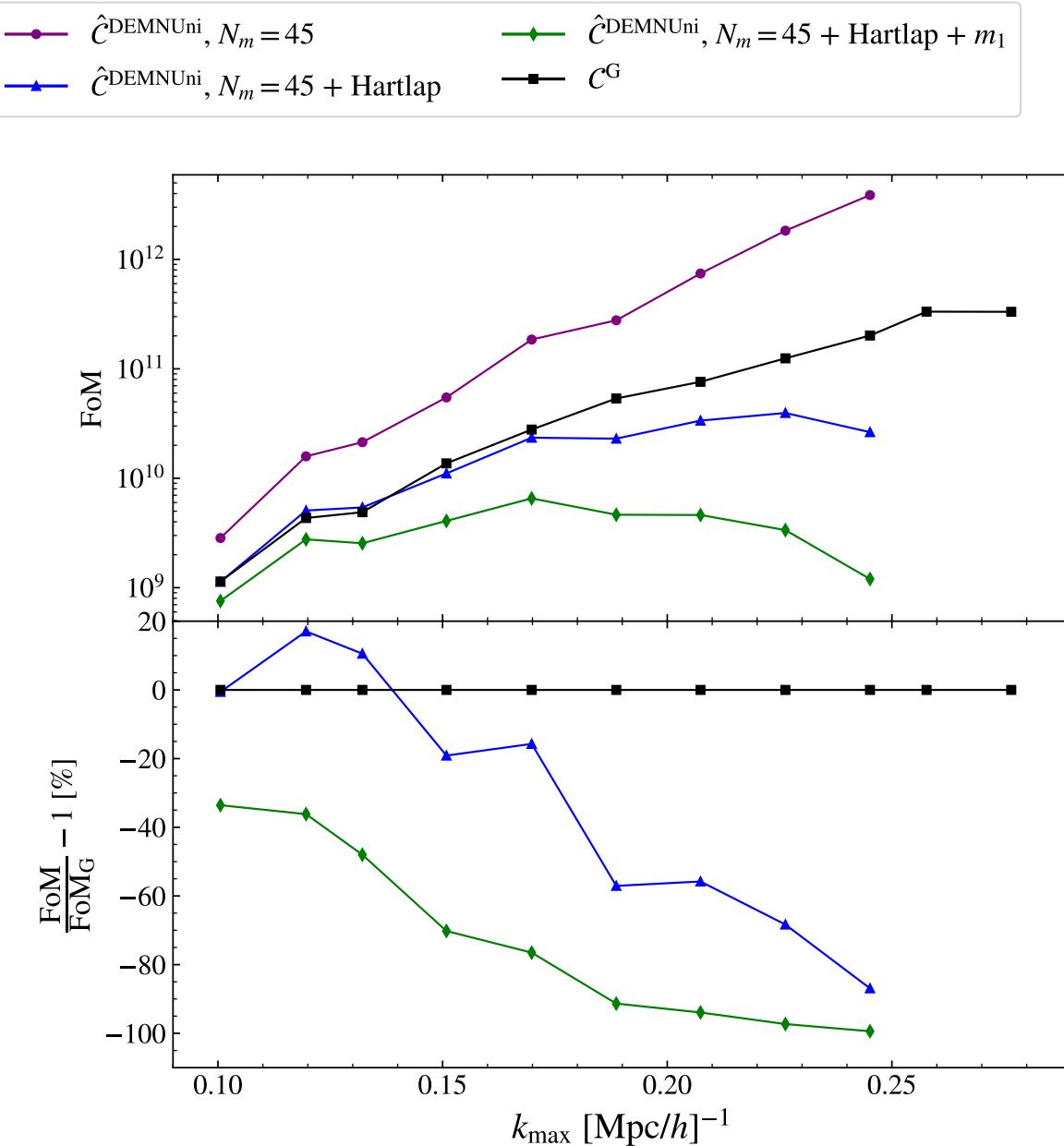
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- With Gaussian cov the best-fit is more stable because analytic (no noise)
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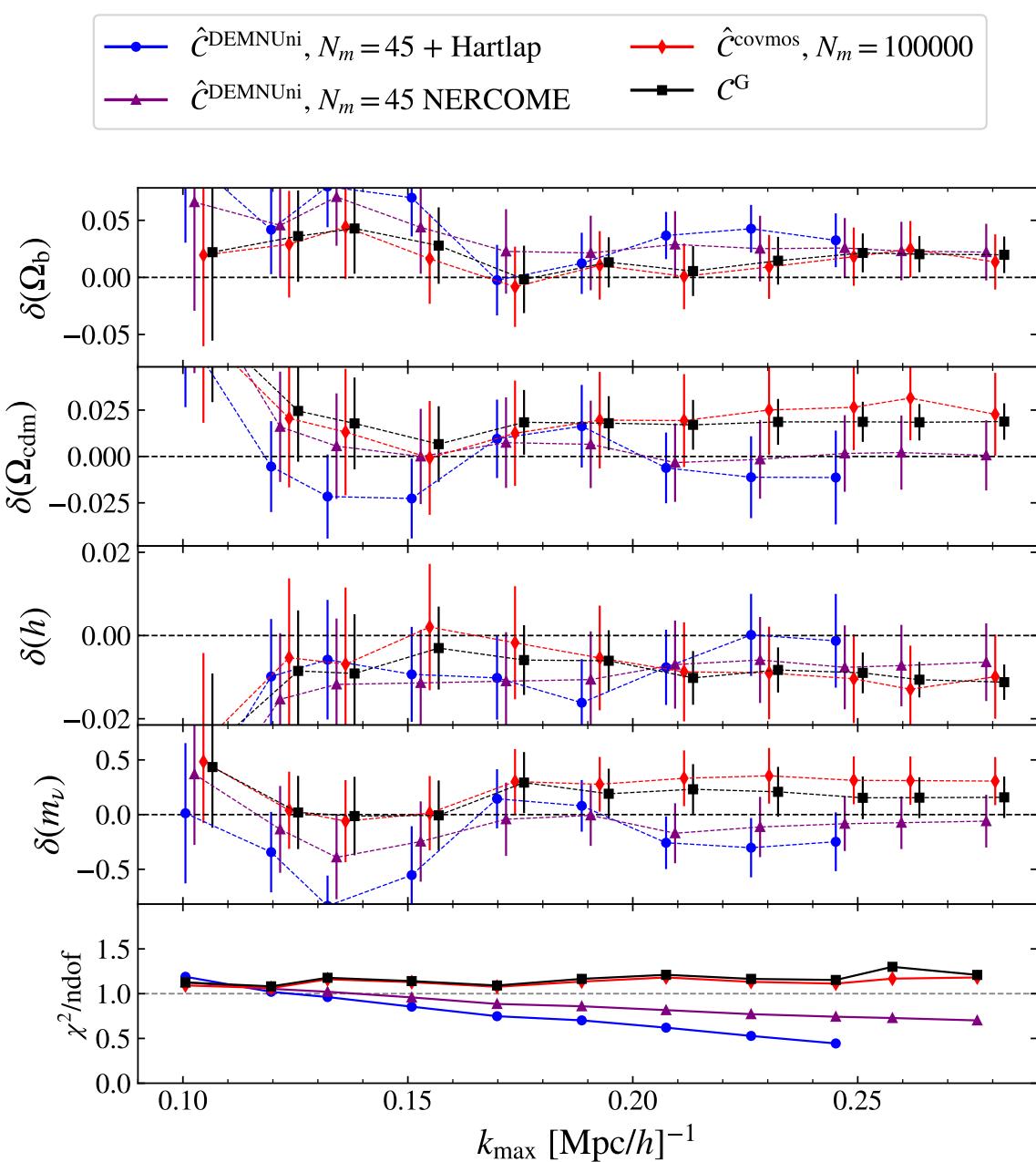
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- **BUT** In the limit where $N_m \sim N_k$, we loose constraining power when increasing k_{\max}

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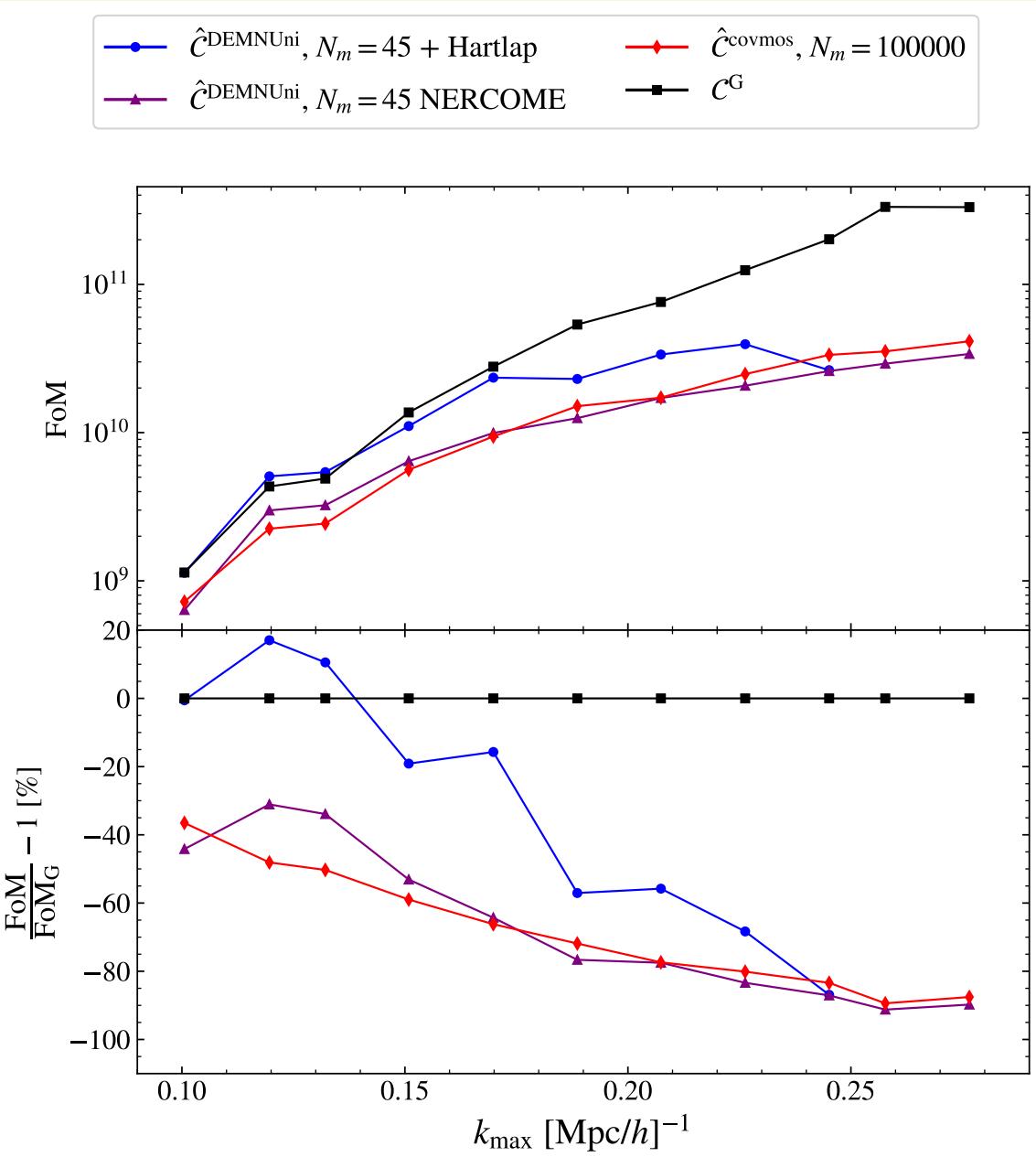
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- The chi2 for **covmos** **Nm = 100000** is stable
- Non-Gaussian covariance increases error and moves best-fit
- With **NERCOME** and **covmos** the best-fit is more stable
- With **NERCOME** the best-fit is closer to the true cosmology → could be luck or a bias in the estimator (need more tests to conclude)
- The chi2 for **NERCOME** is better but still biased

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- **NERCOME** gives a good estimation of errors even with low N_m
- If we consider **covmos** $N_m = 100000$ as the « truth »
 - ➔ Non-Gaussian covariance degrades the FoM up to 80%

Conclusions

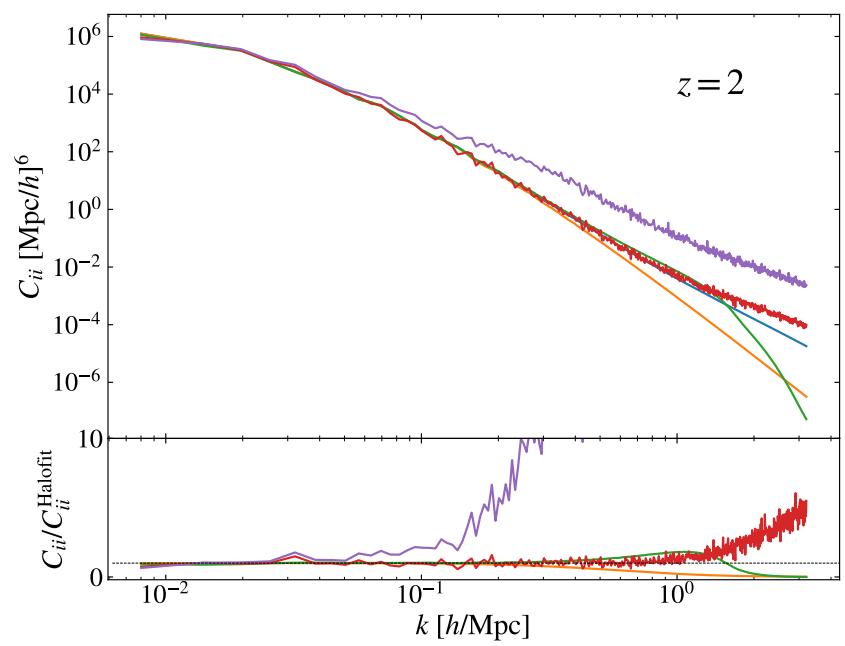
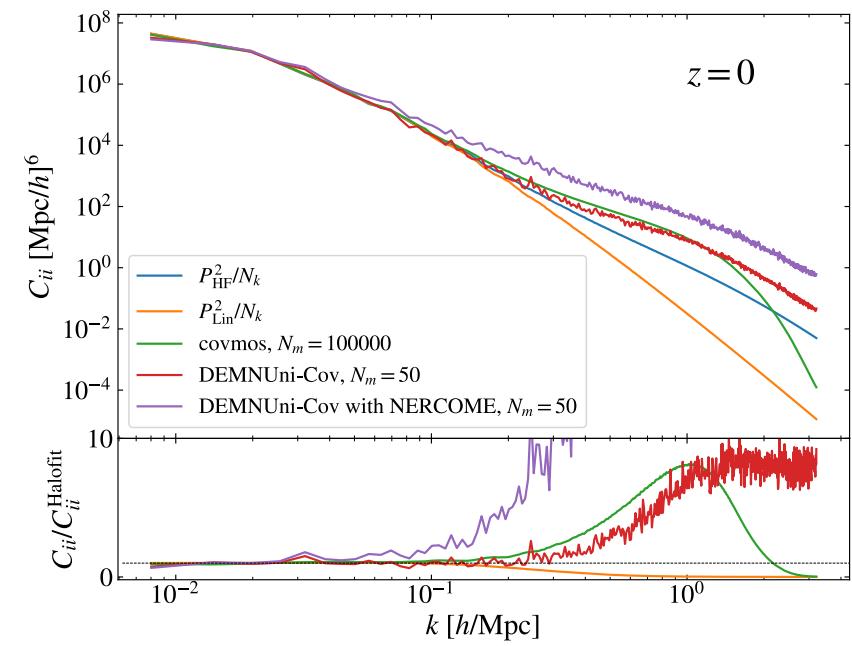
Covariance estimation will be crucial for Euclid

- Large number of parameters and data points when combining probes
- Covariance has an effect on the error and the best-fit ! (Cannot see this with Fisher analysis)
 - ➔ Need to understand and control these effects to achieve Euclid requirements
- Analytic prediction of sampling noise effects are useful to understand what is going on, but should not be applied in their limits
- The Trispectrum part of the covariance increases the errors : here 80% decrease of the FoM
- Covmos is a reliable tool to produce fast and accurate covariance matrices (can be adapted for cross-correlation of probes)
- NERCOME is handy if N_m is low, but need more testing to asses biases

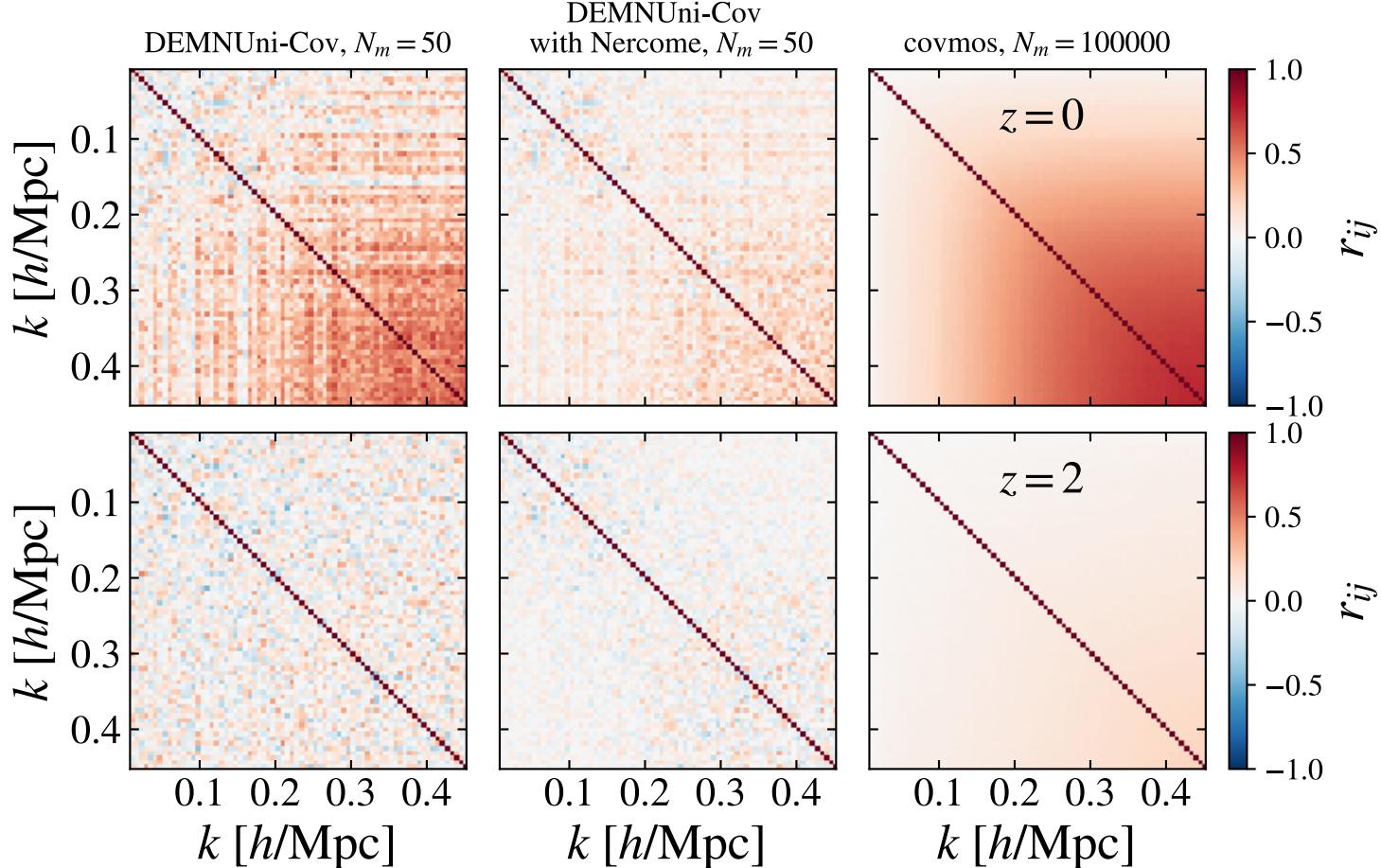
Thank you !

Back up

Diagonal



Correlation matrix



La méthode Nercome

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}} = \frac{1}{N_S - 1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{X}^\tau, \quad (1)$$

which is unbiased, $\langle \hat{\mathbf{S}} \rangle = \Sigma$. A key idea of NERCOME is to divide the dataset into two subsamples, $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2)$, with \mathbf{X}_1 an $N_D \times s$ matrix and \mathbf{X}_2 an $N_D \times (N_S - s)$ matrix. The sample covariance can also be measured from each subset, denoted by $\hat{\mathbf{S}}_i$ with $i = 1, 2$. The estimator uses the diagonal decomposition of these estimates, $\hat{\mathbf{S}}_i = \mathbf{U}_i \mathbf{D}_i \mathbf{U}_i^\tau$, where \mathbf{U} is the matrix of eigenvectors and \mathbf{D} is a diagonal matrix with entries $d_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \lambda_\alpha$, where the λ_α are the eigenvalues and δ is the Kronecker delta.

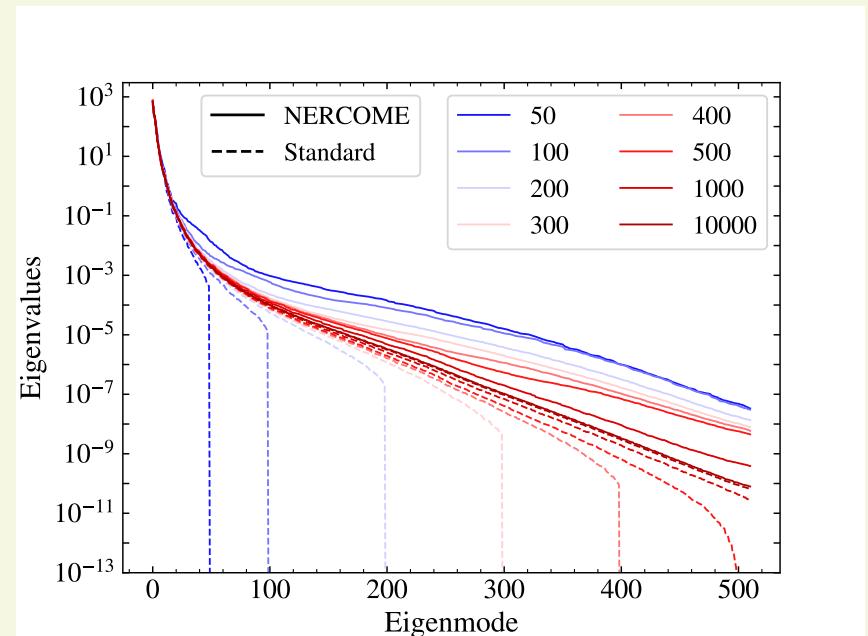
The NERCOME estimation process consists of three steps: 1. apply the basic estimator

$$\hat{\mathbf{Z}} \equiv \mathbf{U}_1 \text{diag}\left(\mathbf{U}_1^\tau \hat{\mathbf{S}}_2 \mathbf{U}_1\right) \mathbf{U}_1^\tau \quad (2)$$

to a given subdivision of \mathbf{X} ; 2. average over different compositions of $(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2)$ for a given location s of the split, of which there are $\binom{N_S}{s}$; 3. find the optimal location of the data vector split by minimising

$$Q(s) = \left\| \bar{\hat{\mathbf{Z}}}(s) - \bar{\hat{\mathbf{S}}}_2(s) \right\|_F^2, \quad (3)$$

where the bar denotes the average of step (2.), and where $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}^\tau)$ is the Frobenius matrix norm. An estimate for the inverse covariance is then simply provided by the inverse of the covariance estimator.



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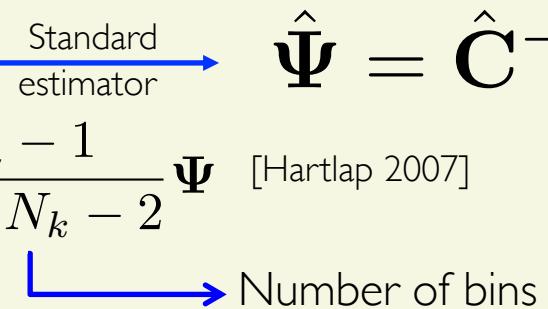
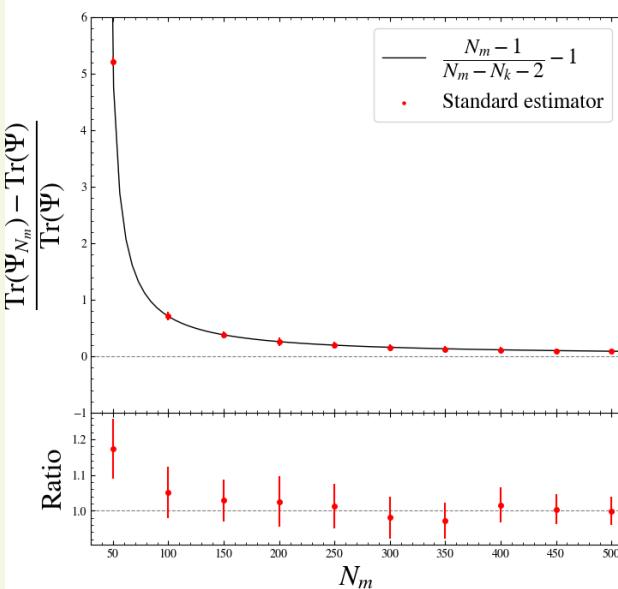
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Unbiased estimator of \mathbf{C} : $E[\hat{\mathbf{C}}] = \mathbf{C}$

BUT we need the precision matrix: $\Psi \equiv \mathbf{C}^{-1} \xrightarrow{\text{Standard estimator}} \hat{\Psi} = \hat{\mathbf{C}}^{-1}$

Biased estimator of Ψ : $E[\hat{\Psi}] = \frac{N_m - 1}{N_m - N_k - 2} \Psi$ [Hartlap 2007]

$N_k = 40$



Estimation of the Hartlap bias :

Comparaison between biased precision matrix and the Truth

Estimated from N_m mocks

VS

Estimated from 100'000 mocks