

Interpreting non-Gaussian posterior distributions of cosmological parameters with normalizing flows

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Non-Gaussian estimates of tensions in cosmological parameters

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What does a cosmological experiment really measure? Covariant posterior decomposition with normalizing flows

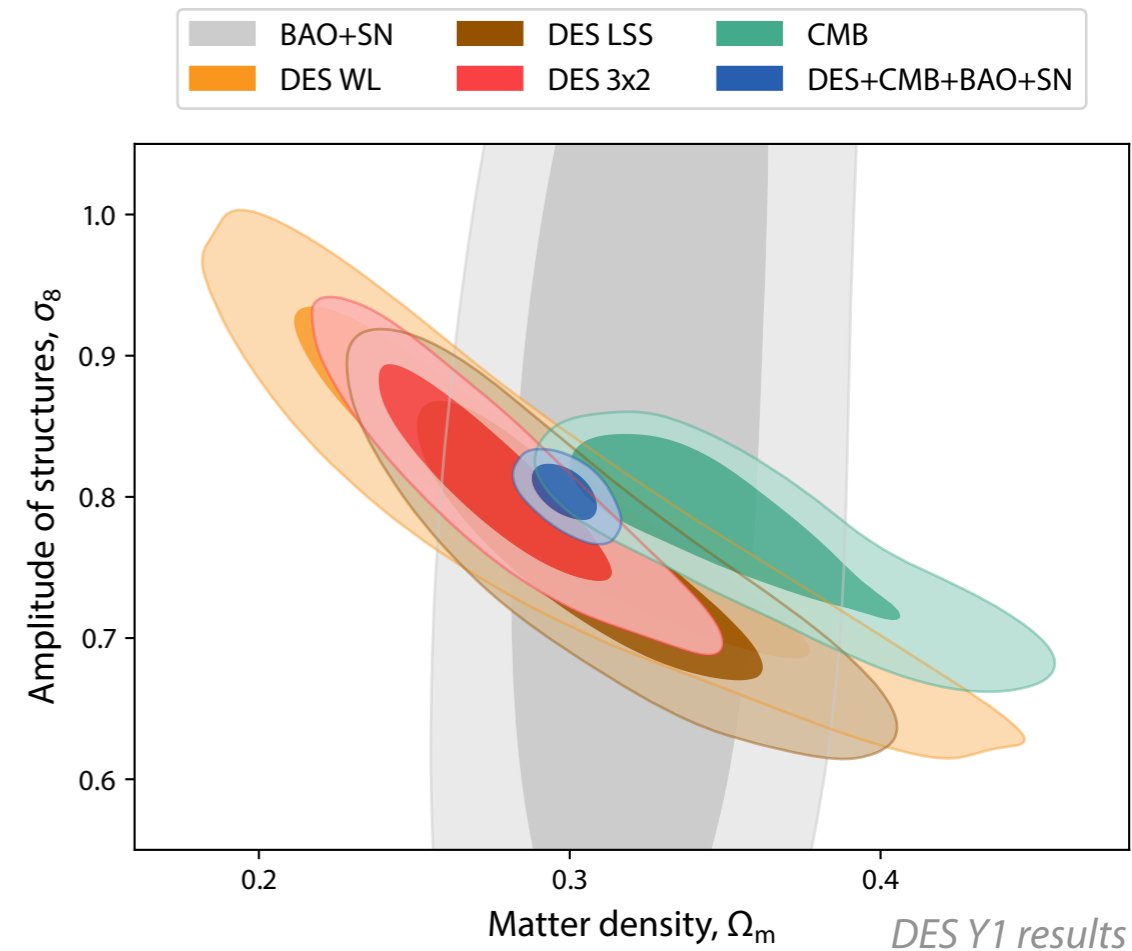
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1. Non-Gaussian tension metrics for cosmology

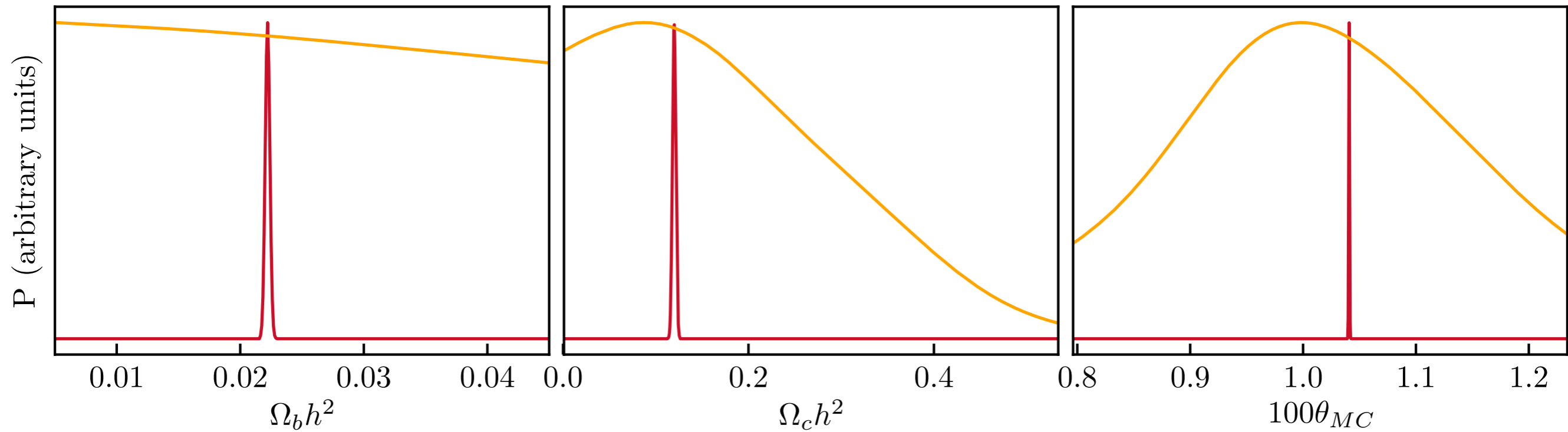
Λ CDM and cosmic shear

- ▶ Tensions in current Λ CDM paradigm on H_0 , σ_8
 1. Early (CMB) vs late Universe (BAO, SNIa, LSS+WL)
 2. Geometry vs growth, aka background vs structure
- ▶ Weak lensing by large-scale structure
 - ▶ Ongoing precursor surveys : **Dark Energy Survey, HSC, KiDS**
 - ▶ Next-gen surveys : Rubin/LSST, Euclid, Roman



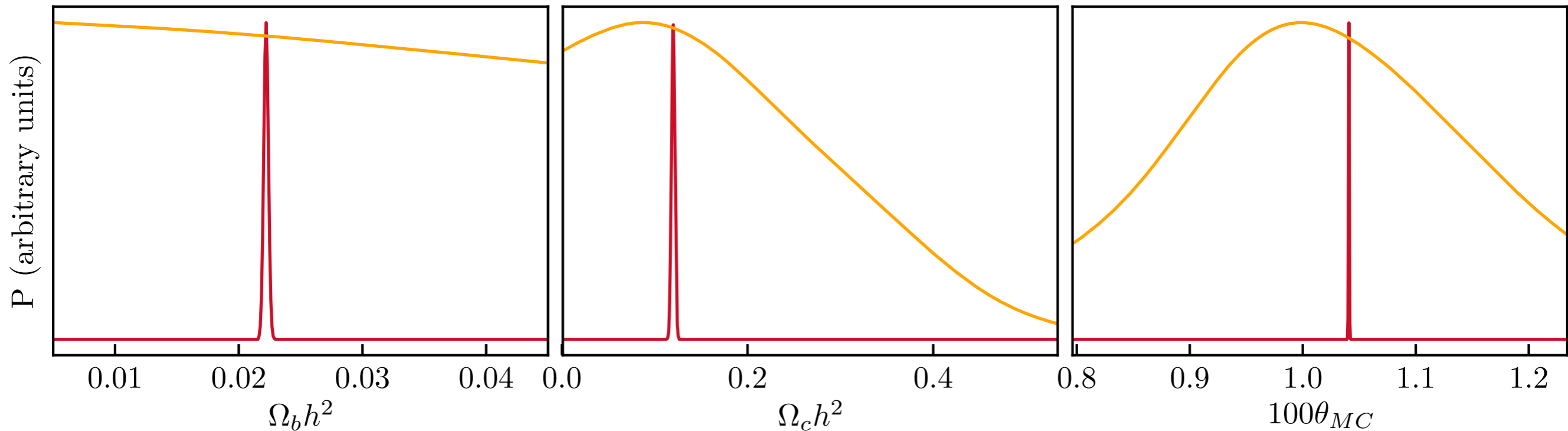
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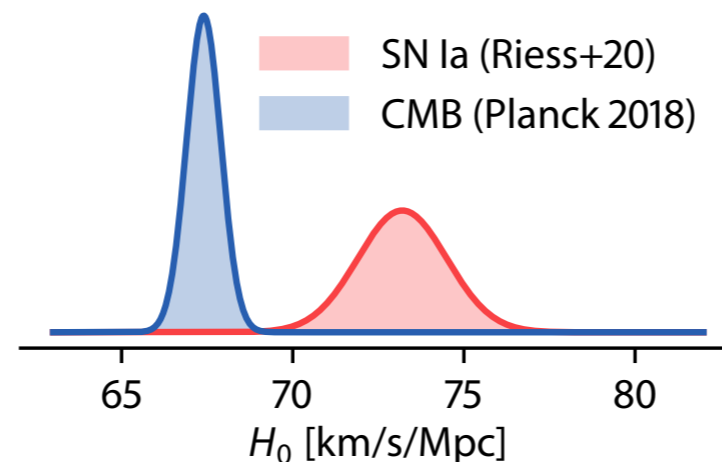


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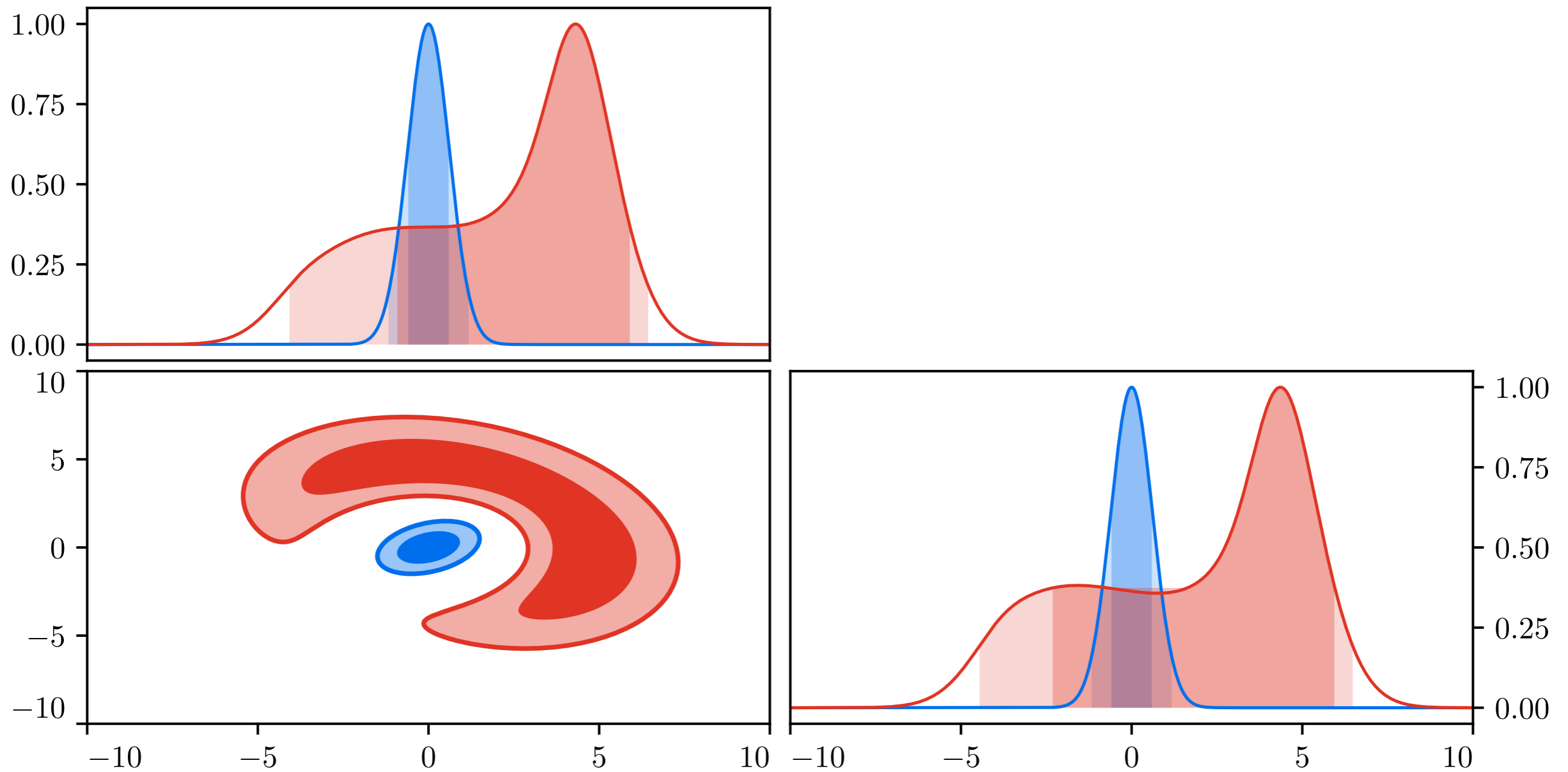
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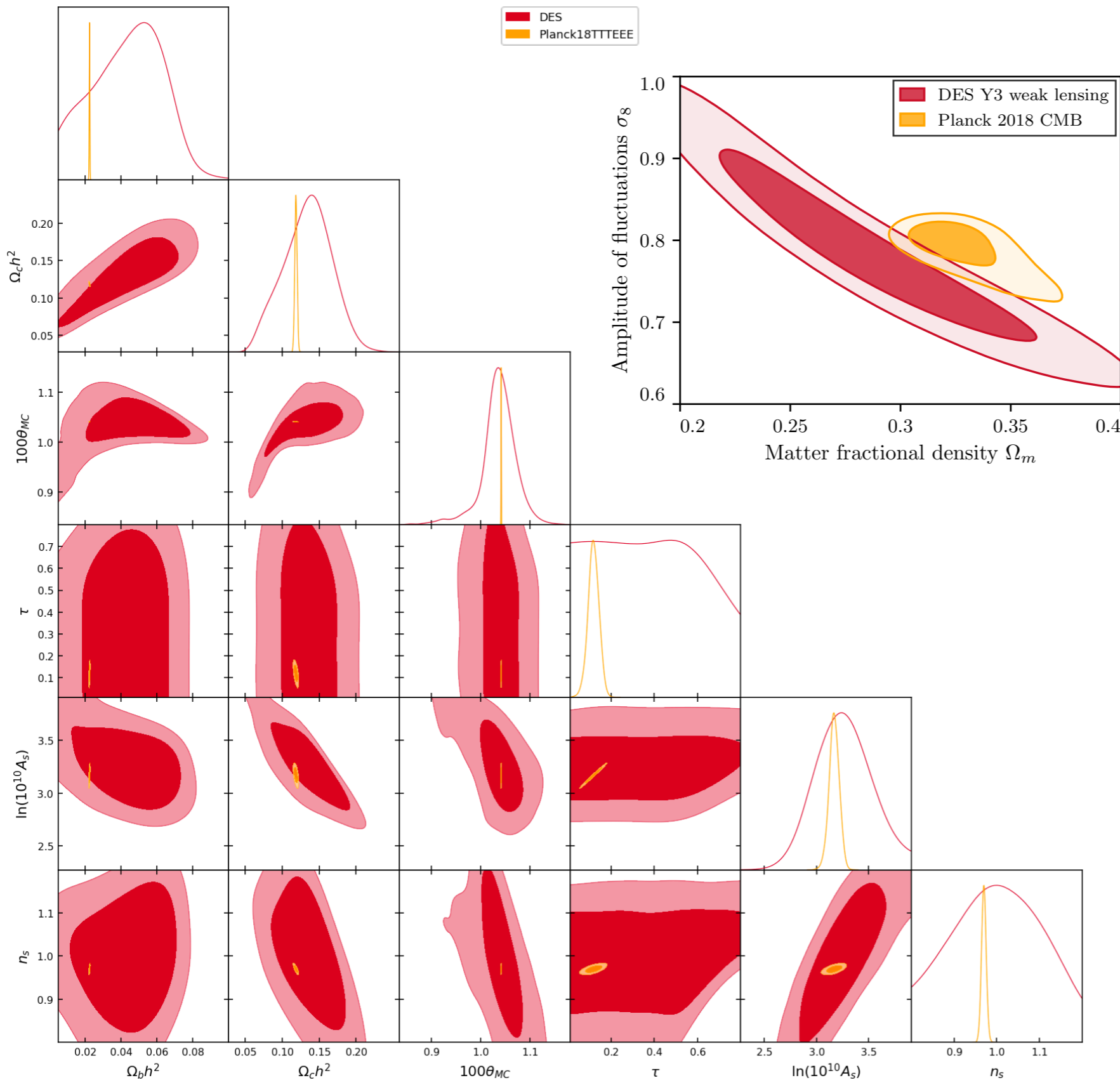
Nope, it's Planck and local Hubble constant measurements, which disagree at the 5σ level !



What's going on?



In practice : DES vs Planck

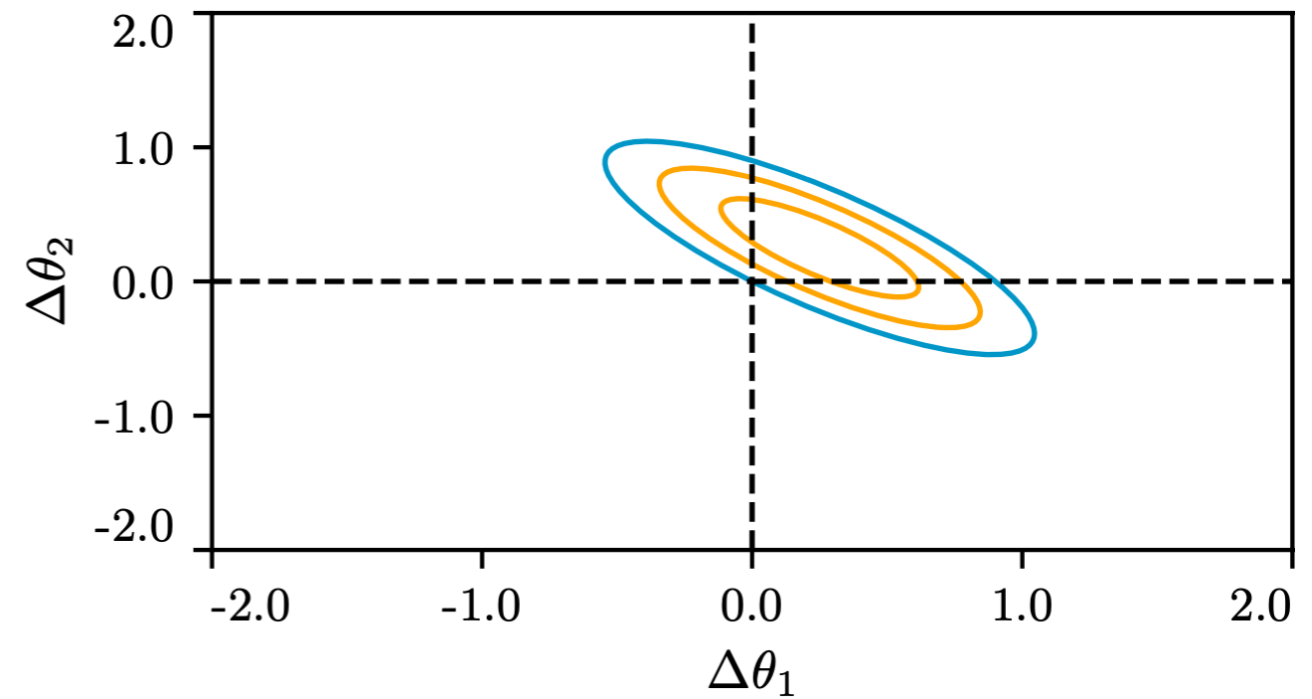
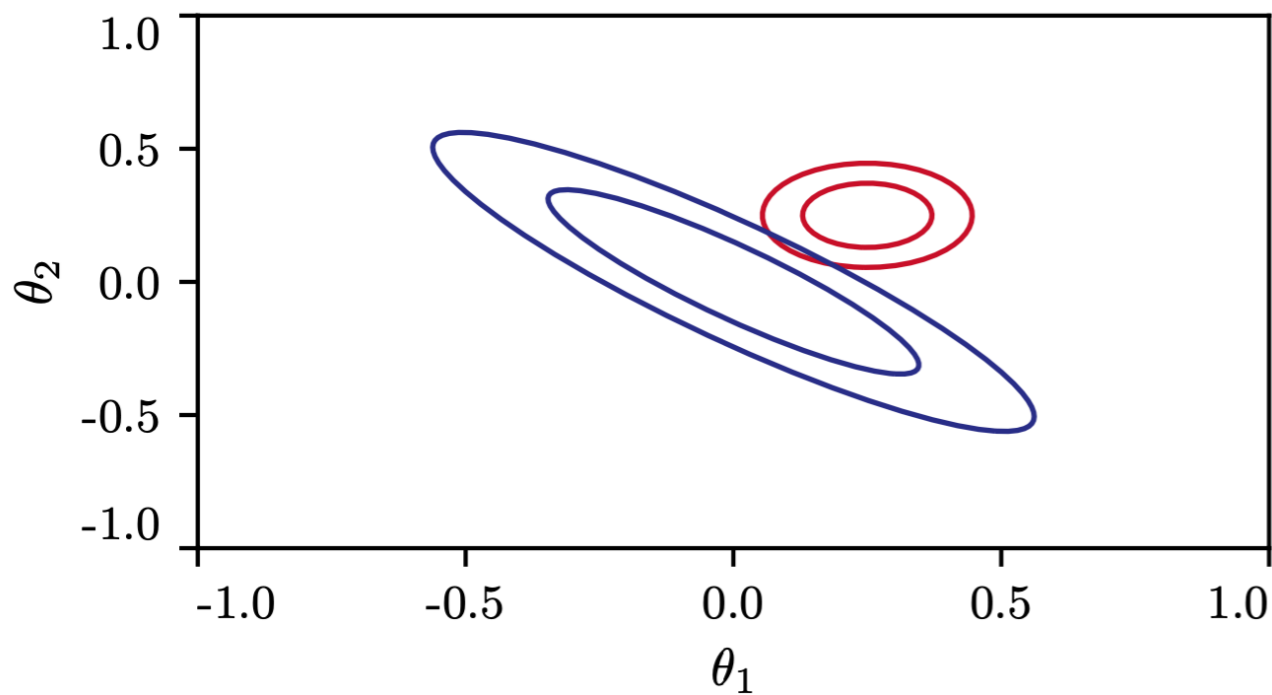


► Why is it difficult?

- Data complexity: soon $O(10^4)$ data points
- Model complexity: $O(50)$ parameters
- Marginals vs full distribution
- Projection effects (unconstrained params)
- Gaussian approximation can be inadequate

Parameter differences

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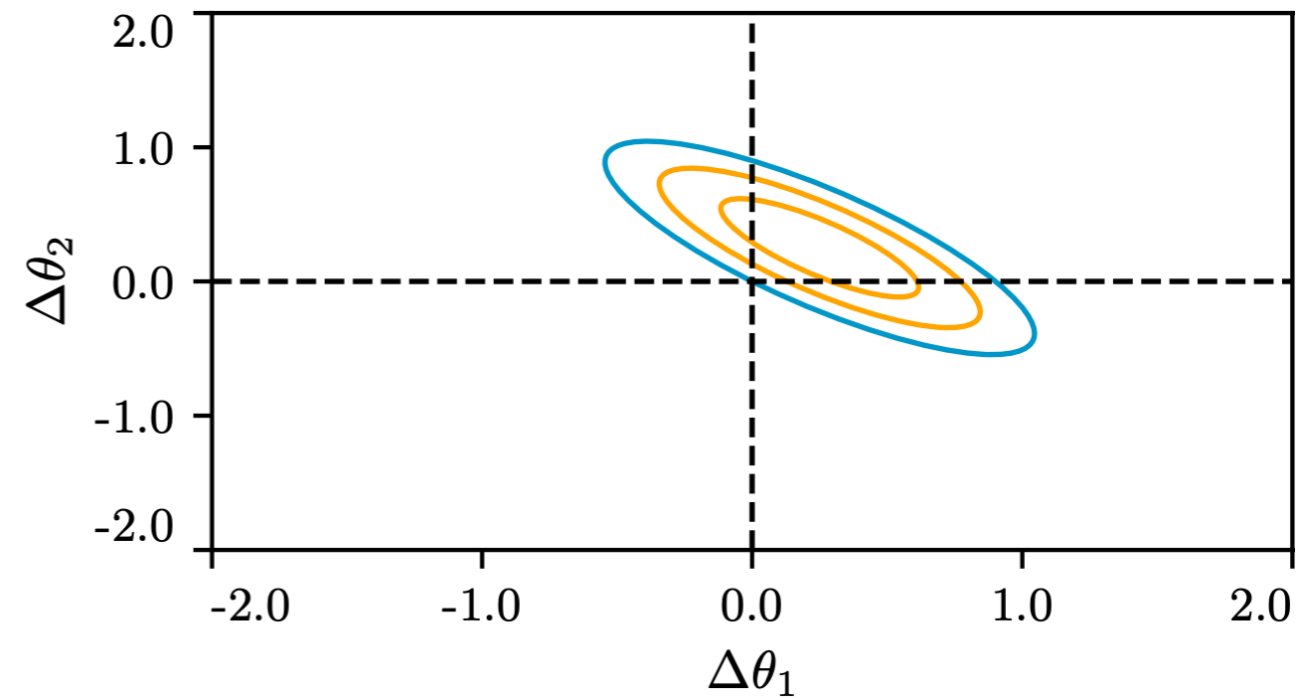
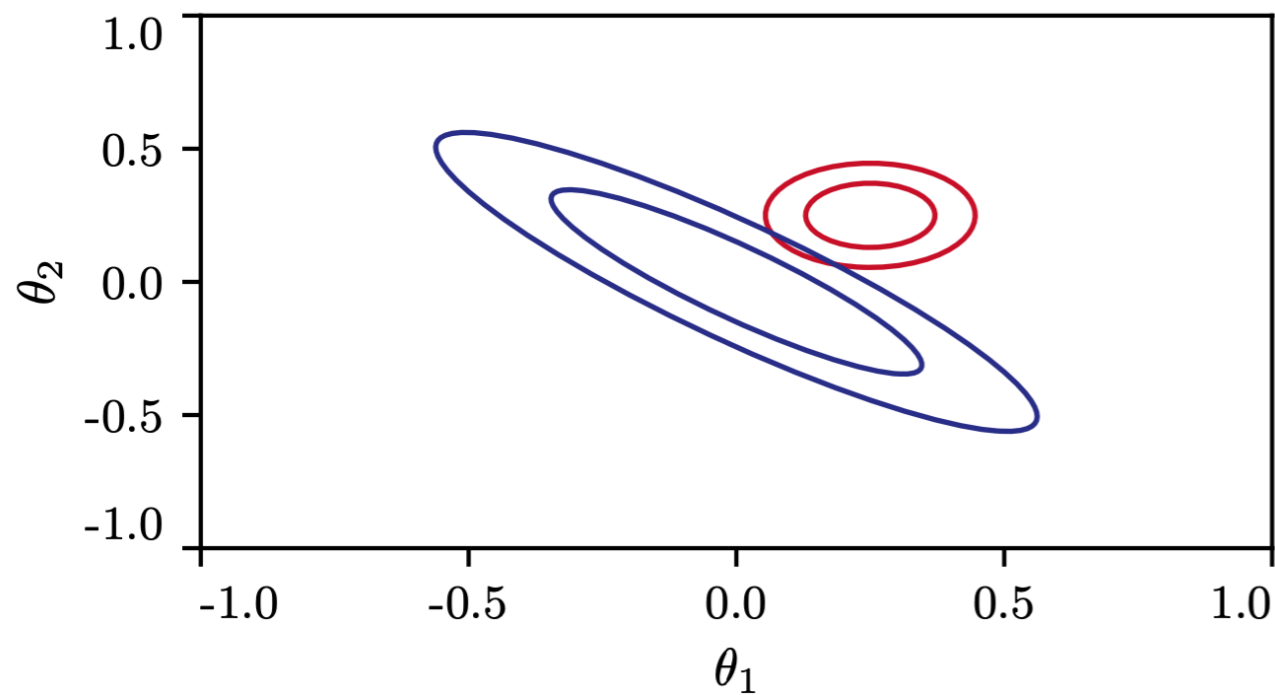


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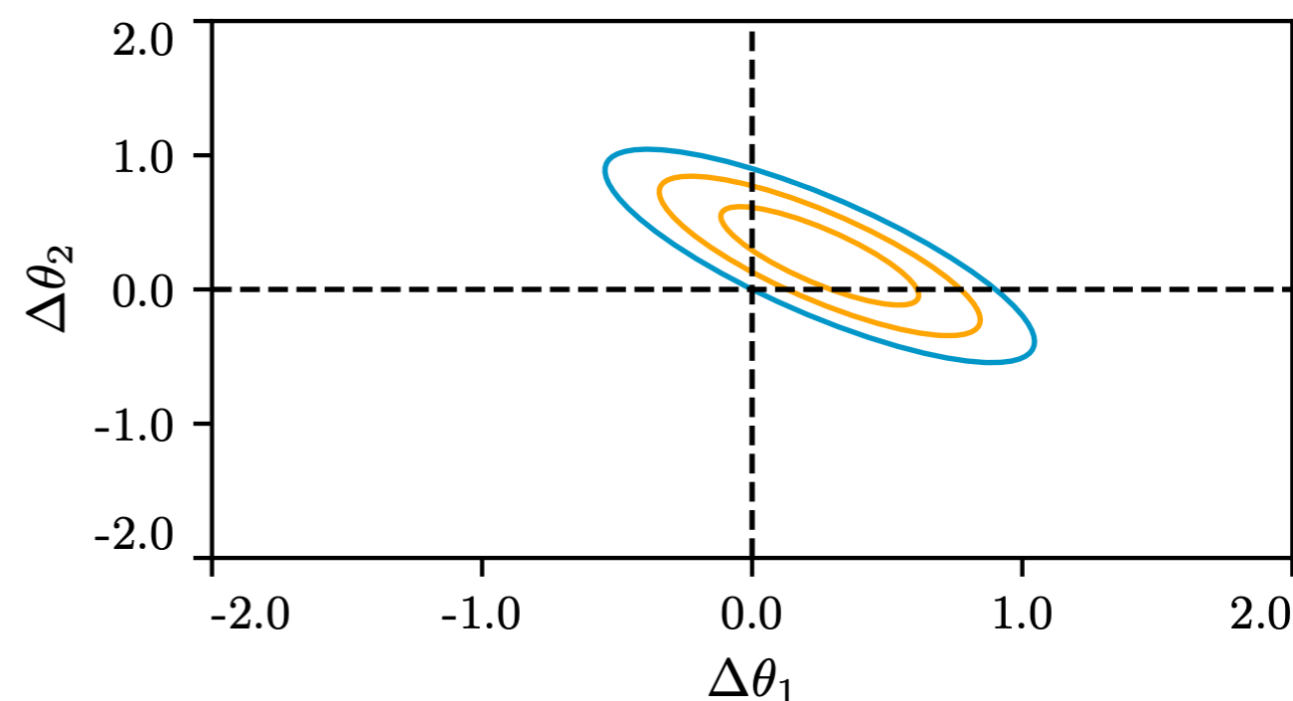
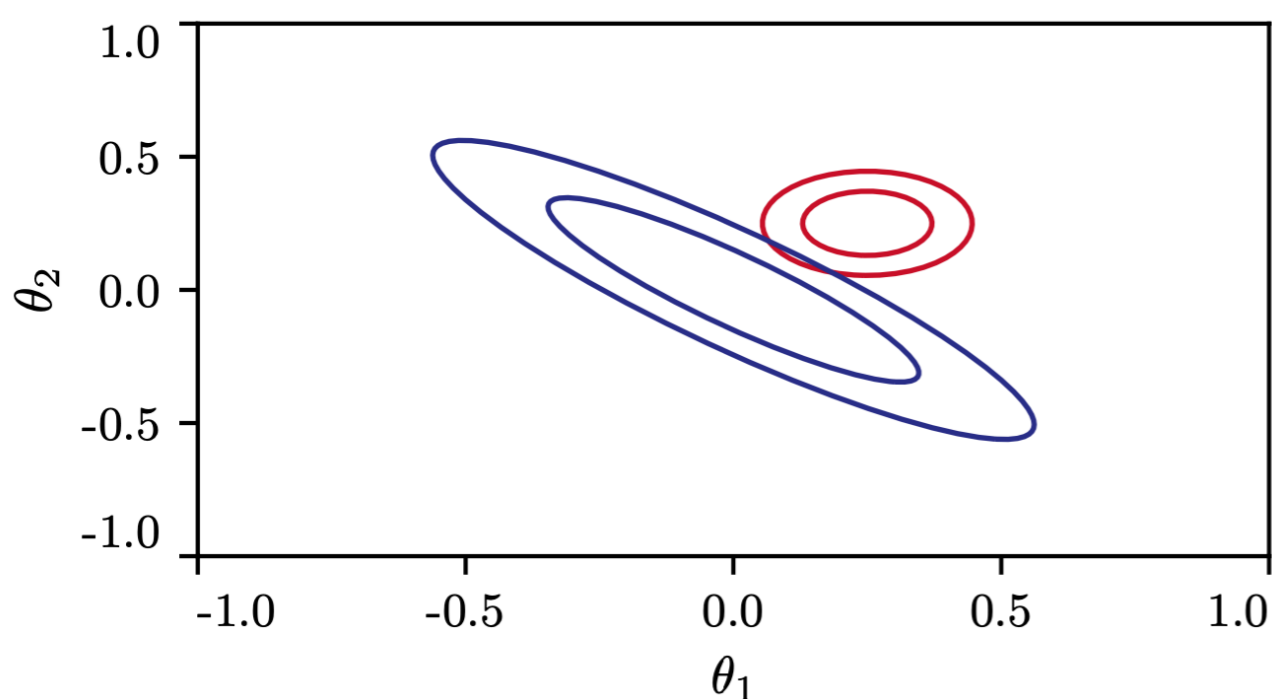


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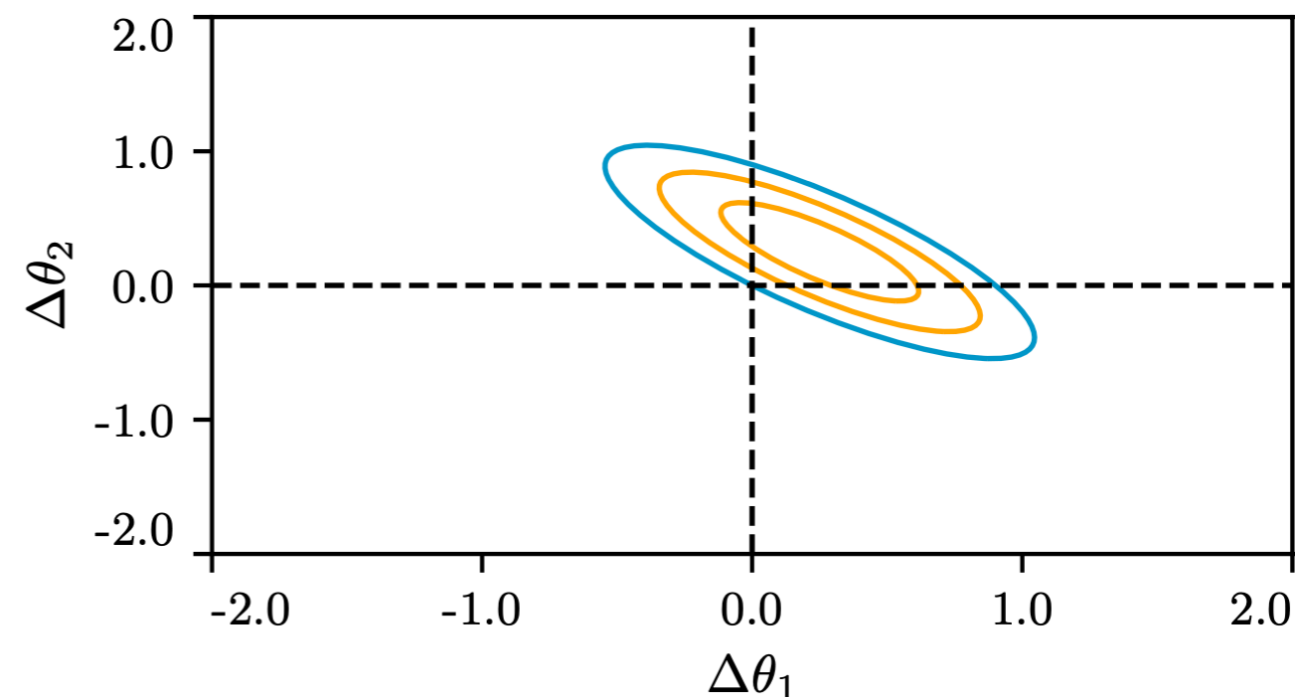
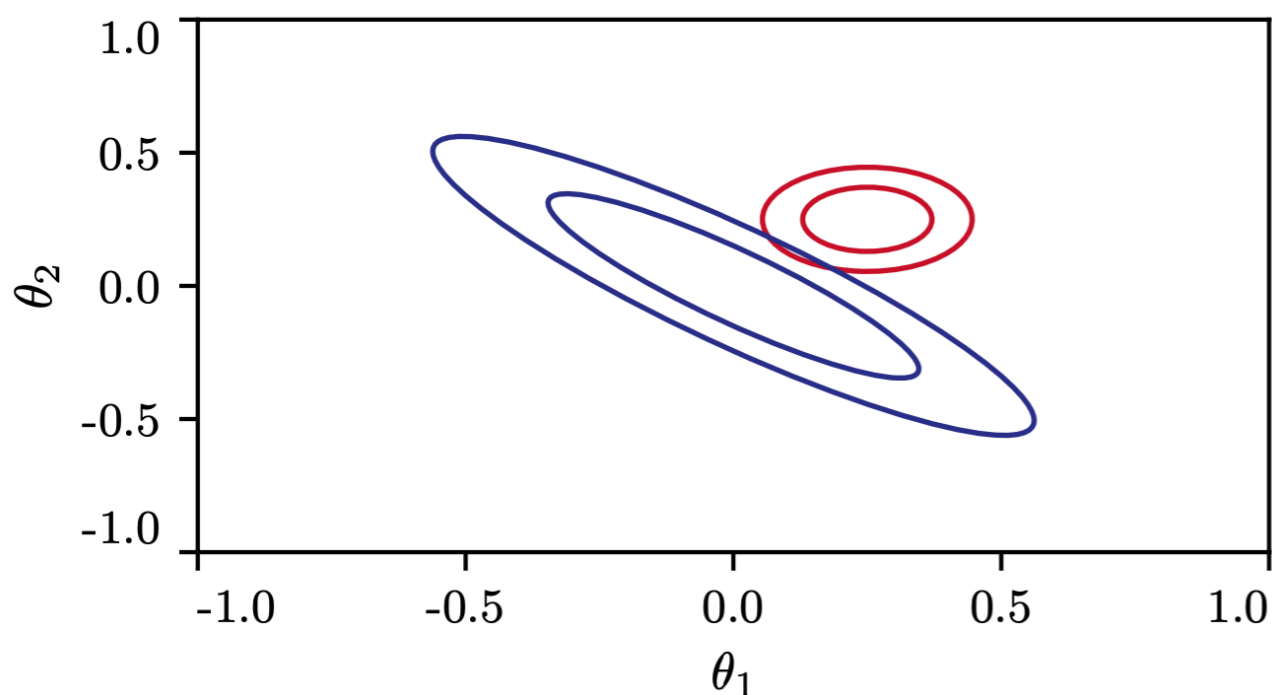
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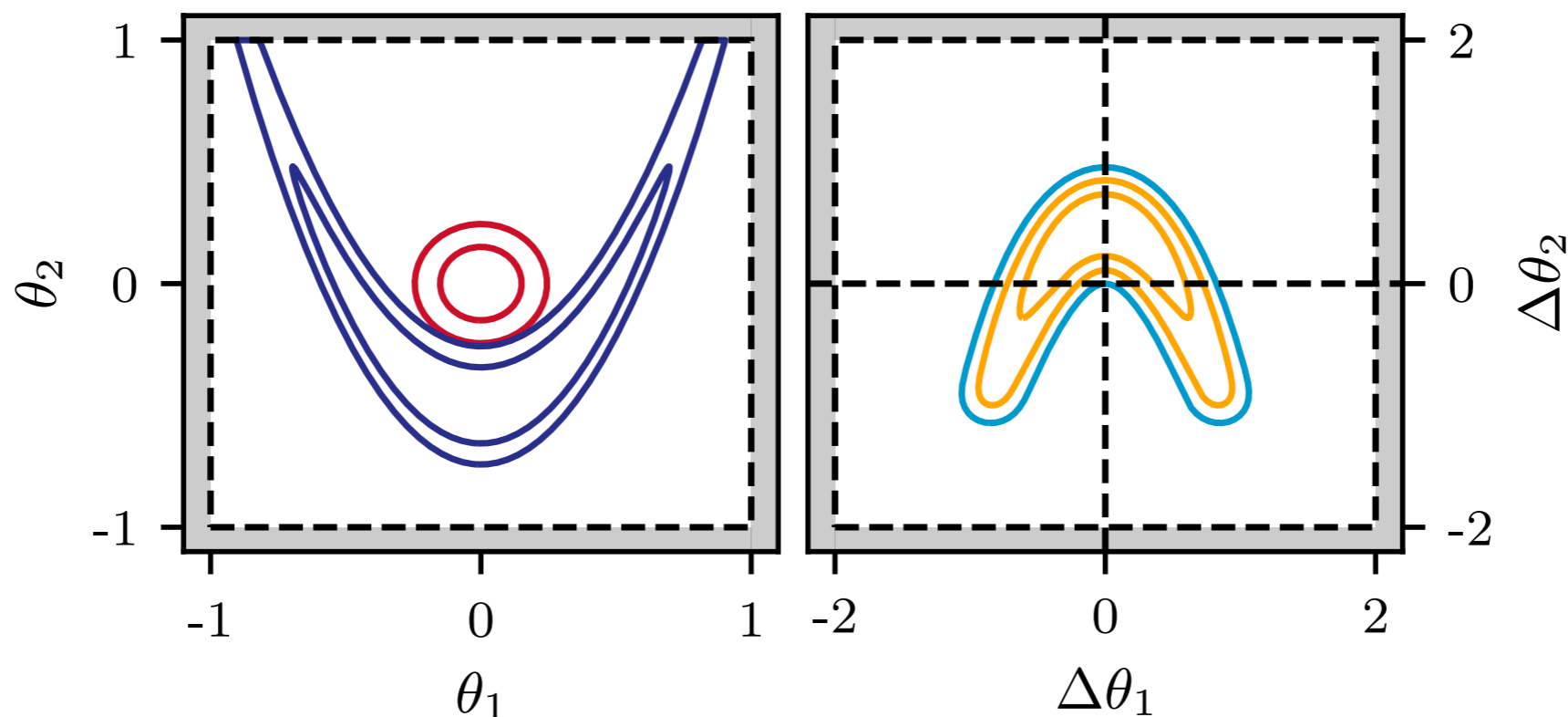
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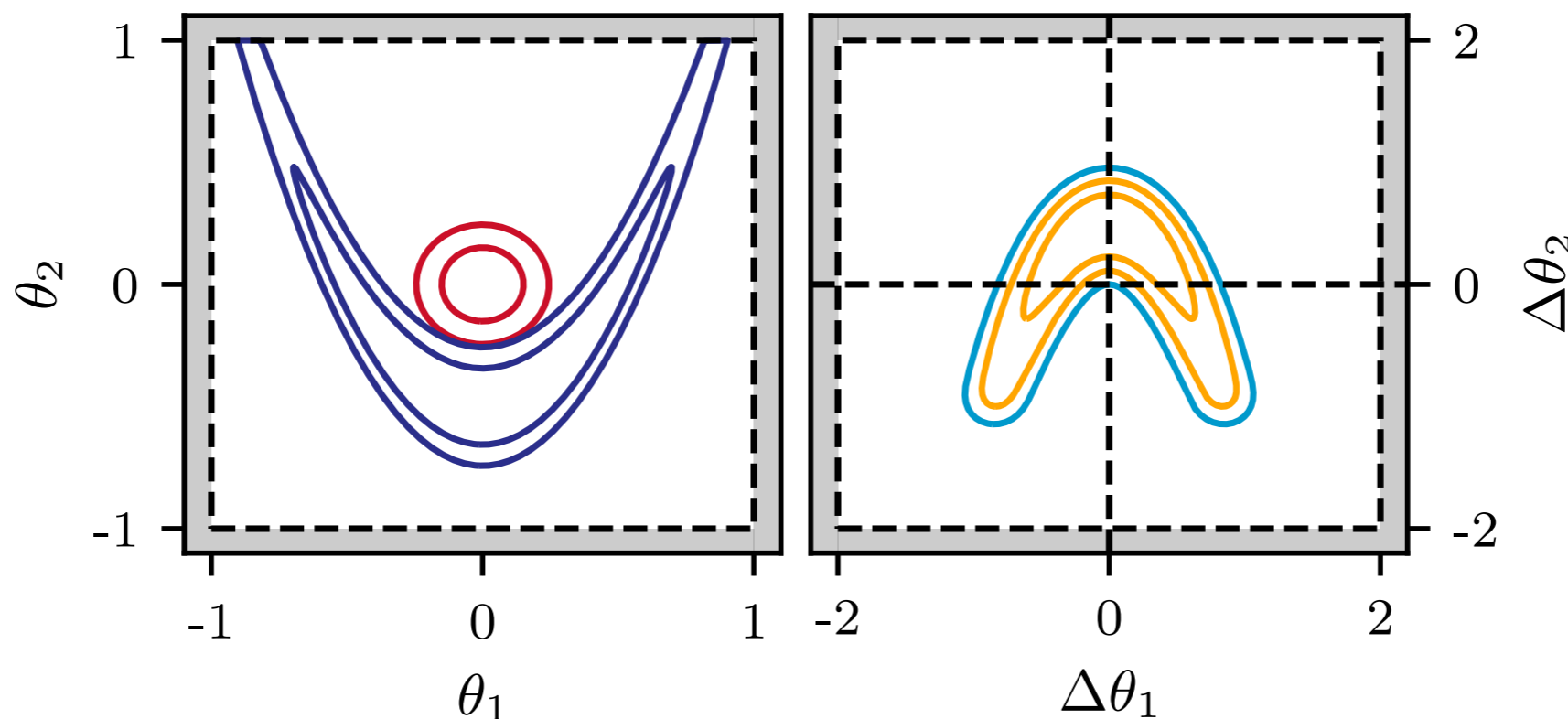
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- ▶ The solution? *Learn* the distribution, i.e. find a way to
 - ▶ 1) **sample** from and 2) **compute the density** of the distribution

MAF normalizing flows

▶ Normalizing flow

- ▶ An invertible, differentiable mapping $\Delta\theta \rightarrow z = T_\varphi(\Delta\theta)$ where we know the distribution of z

$$\mathcal{P}(\Delta\theta) \approx q(\Delta\theta) = \varphi_D(z) |\det\{\nabla_{\Delta\theta} T_\varphi(z)\}|$$

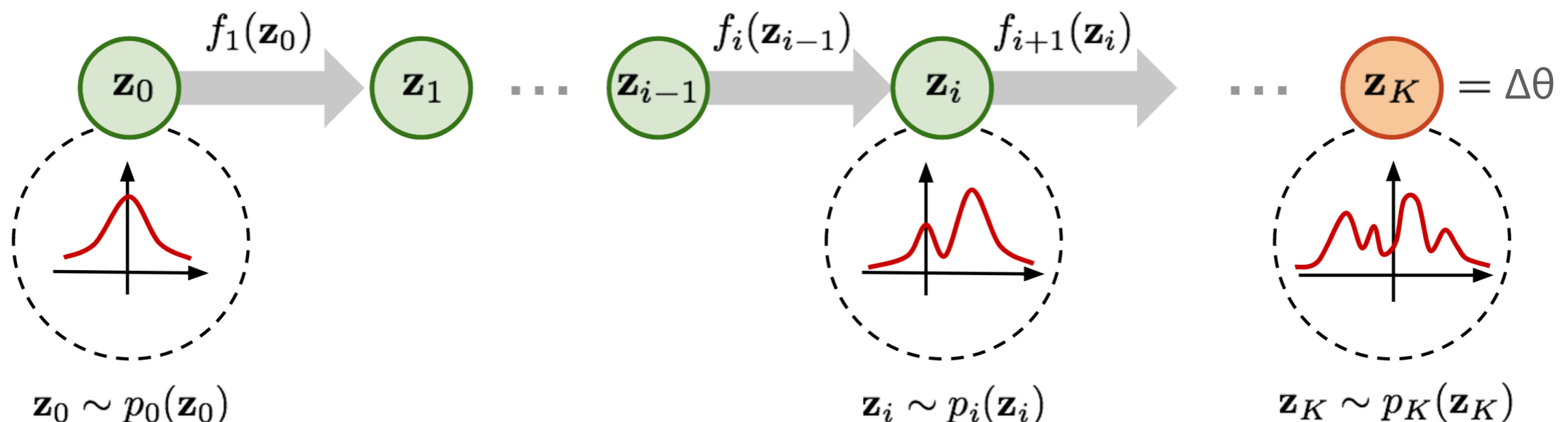
▶ Masked Autoregressive Flows for density estimation

- ▶ Introduced by Papamakarios+17 [arXiv:1705.07057]
- ▶ Autoregressive (*invertible*) transformations $y \mapsto z$ parametrised by *neural networks* μ and σ

$$y_1 = \mu_1 + \sigma_1 z_1$$

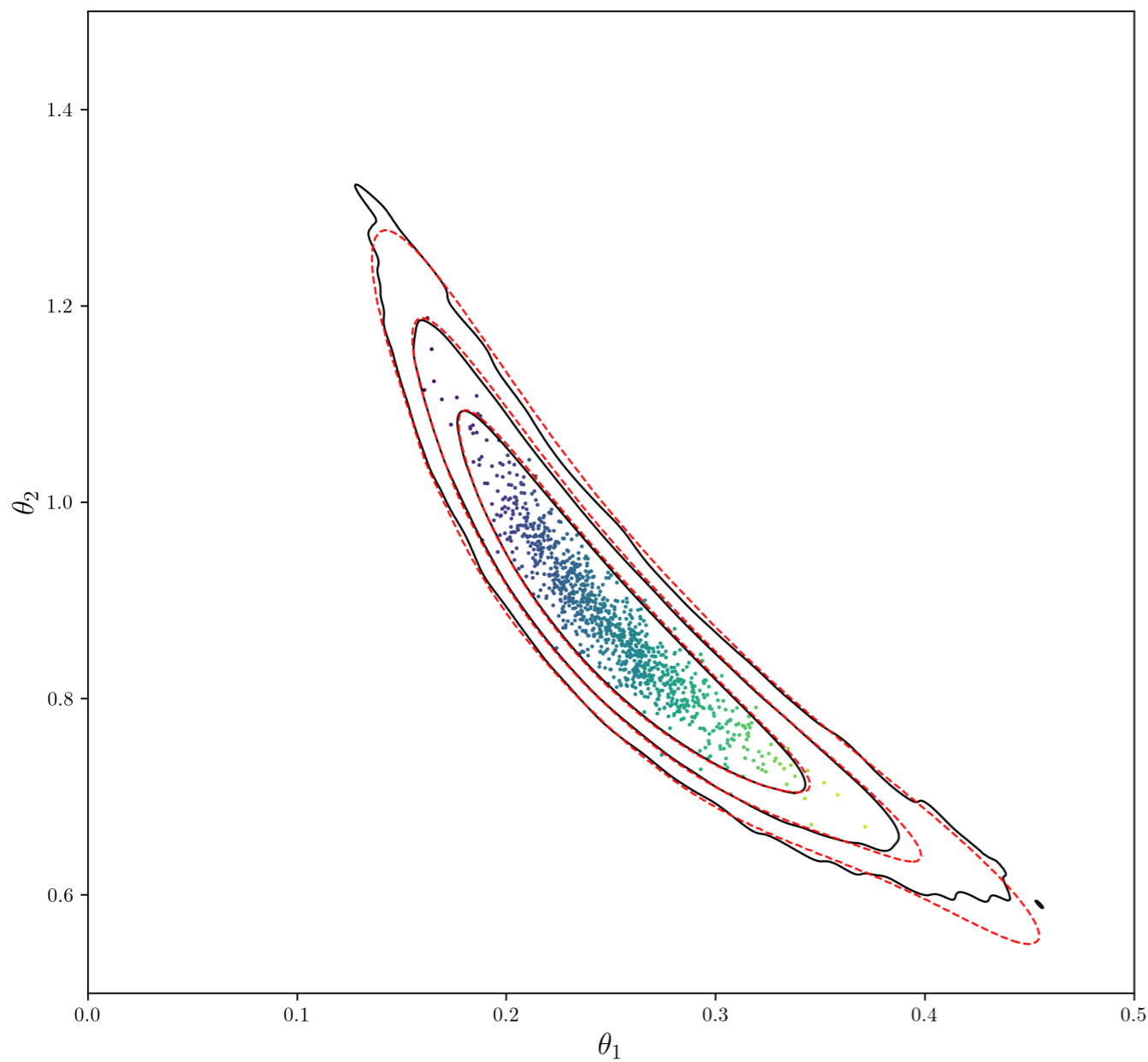
$$y_i = \mu(y_{1\dots i-1}) + \sigma(y_{1\dots i-1}) z_i$$

- ▶ Stack a bunch of such transforms with random permutations of components

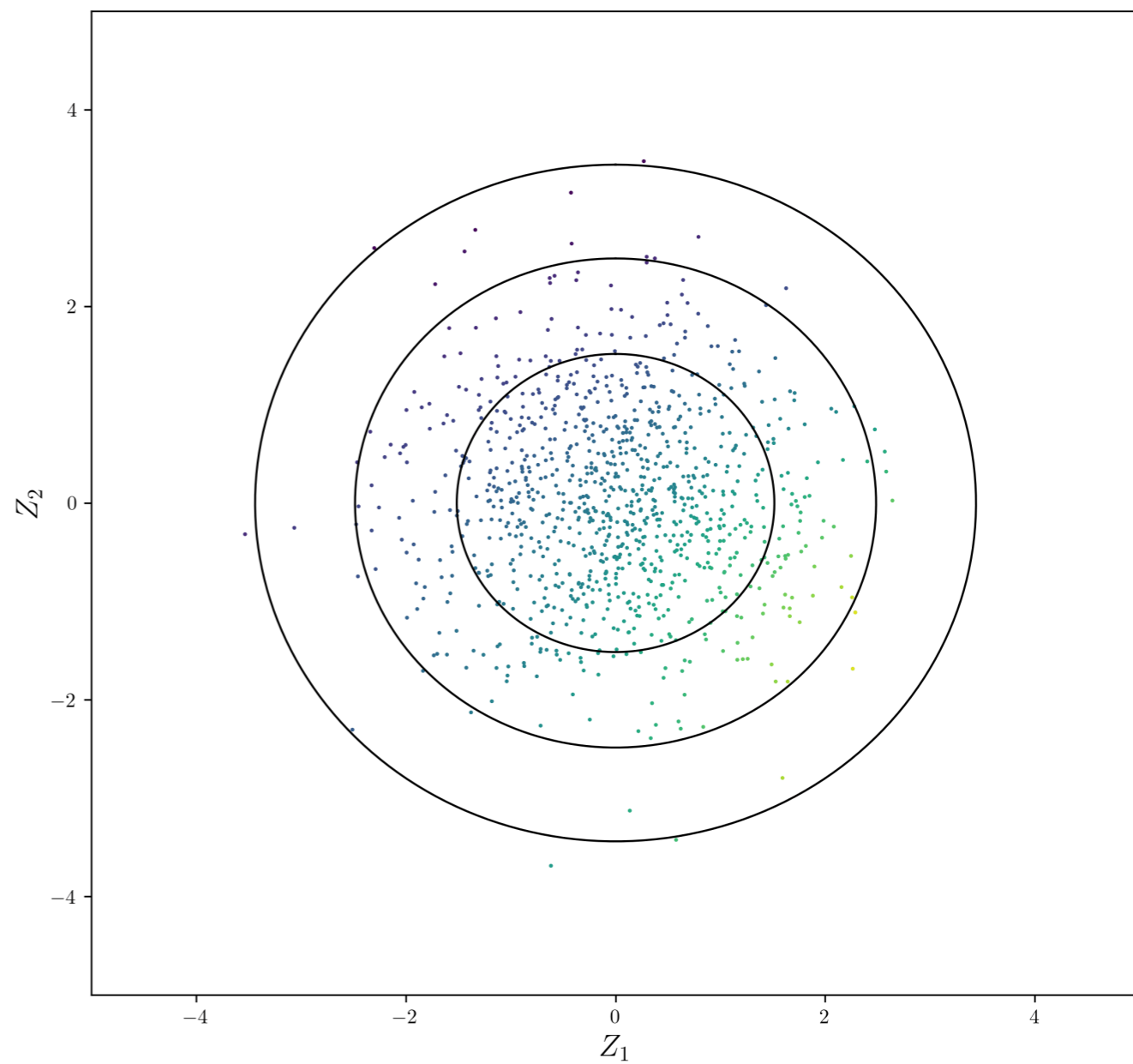


Normalizing flow training

a) Parameter space



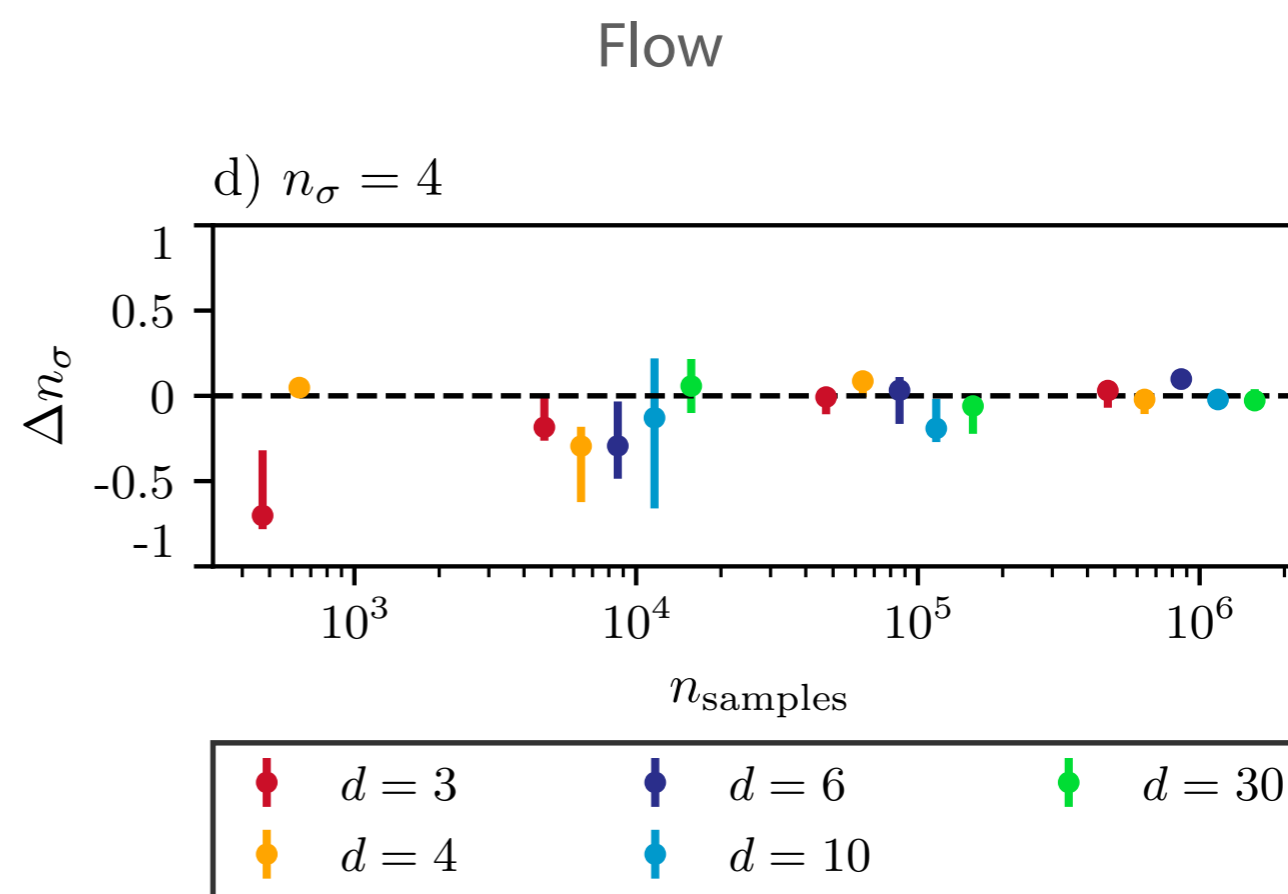
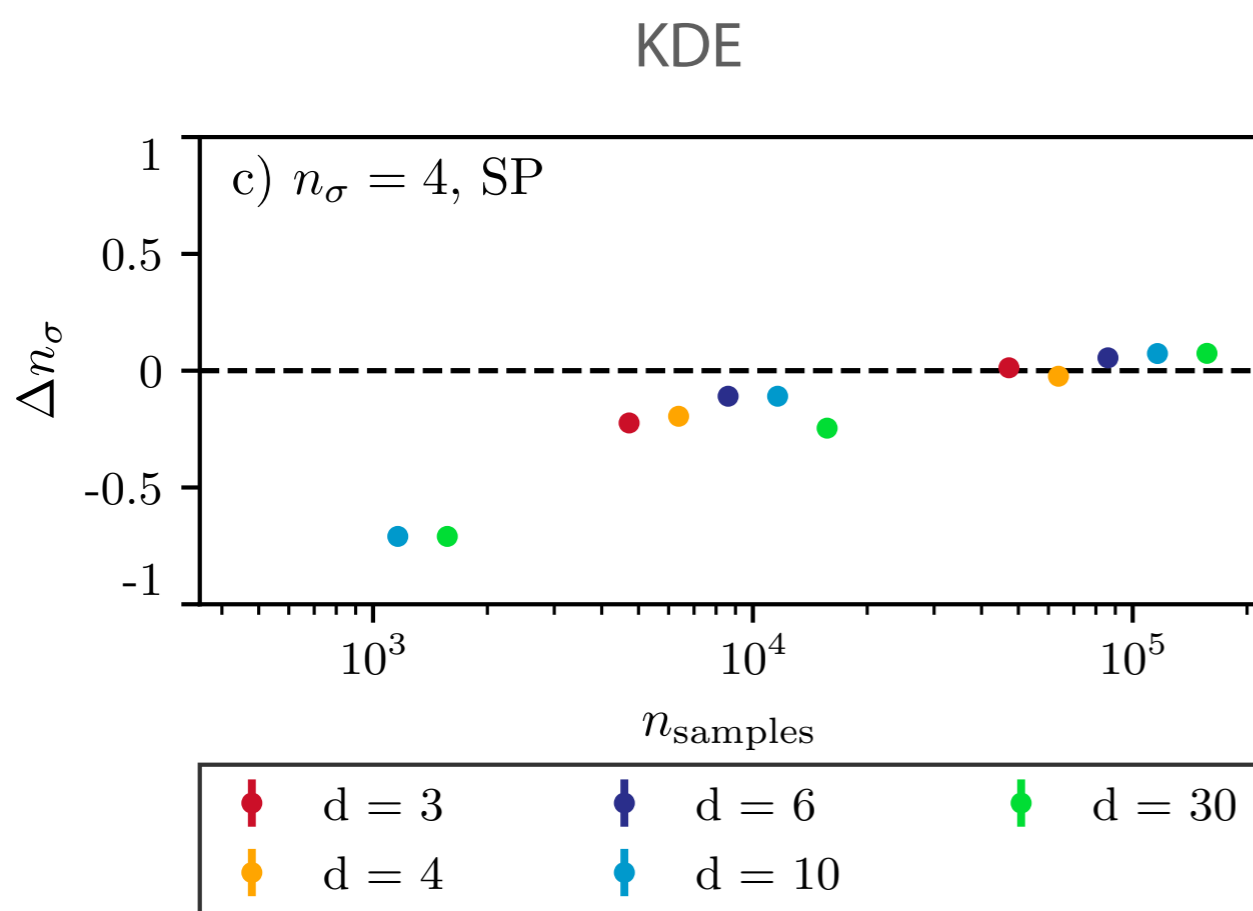
b) Abstract space



Benchmark tests

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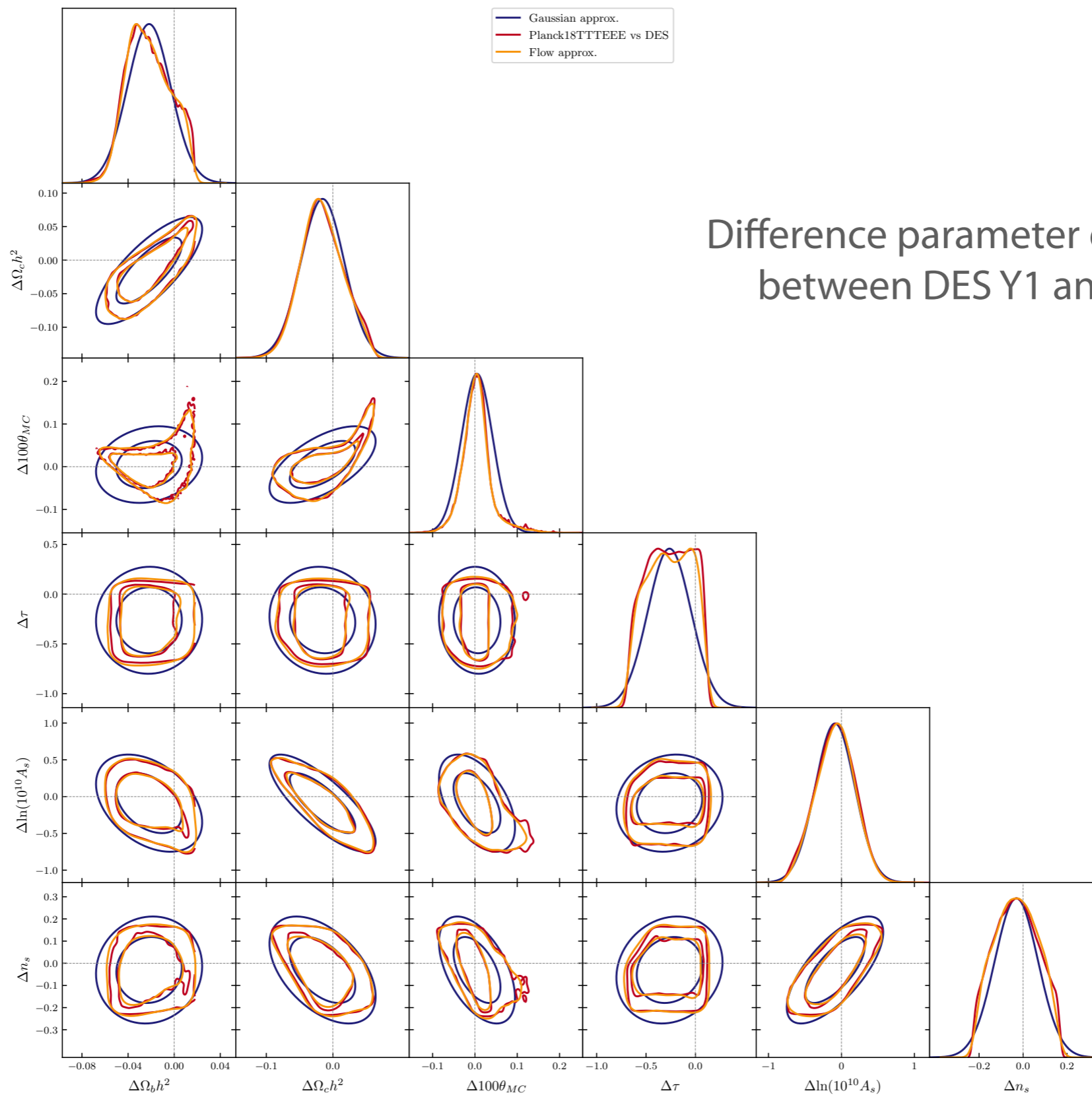
- ▶ We ran a whole bunch of tests with analytical distributions
 - ▶ With complex non-Gaussian distributions in 2D where we can integrate numerically
 - ▶ With high-dimensional Gaussians where we have analytical results



- ▶ Flows outperforms standard Monte Carlo estimations based on Kernel Density Estimates

Application to DES and Planck

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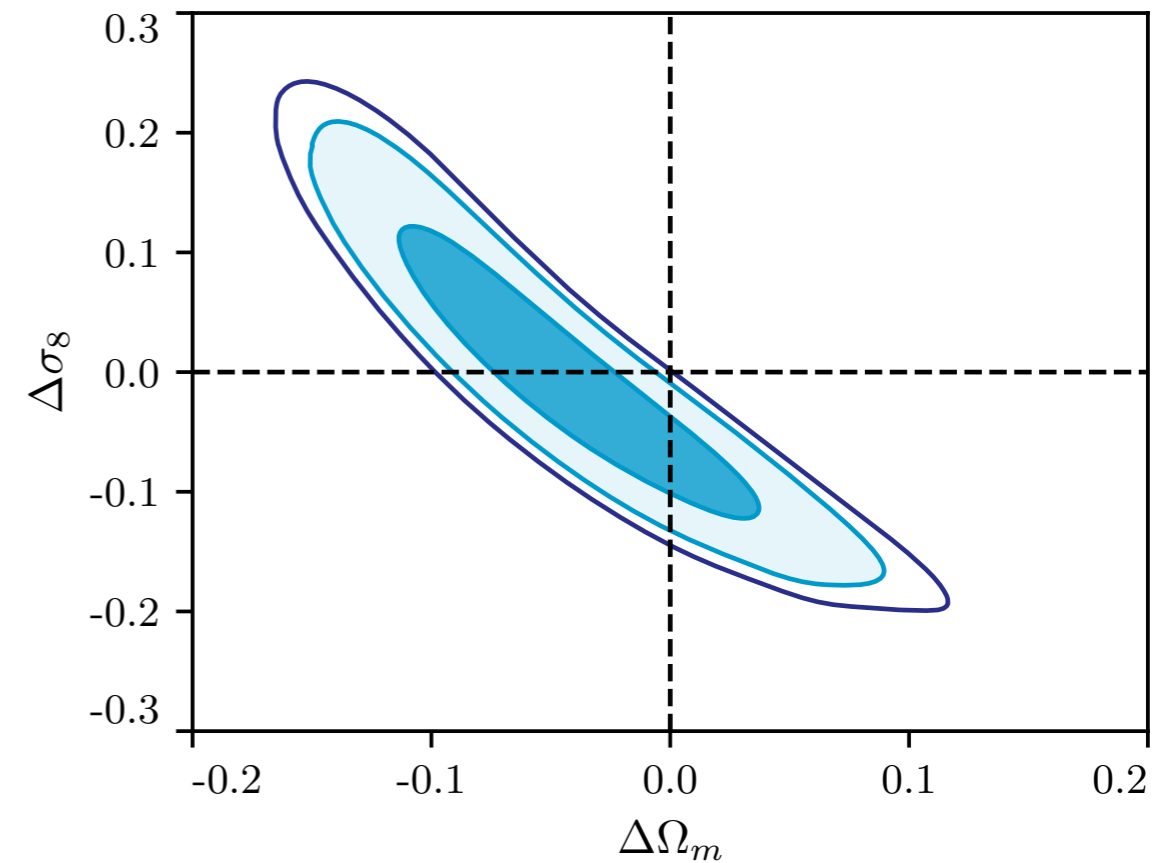
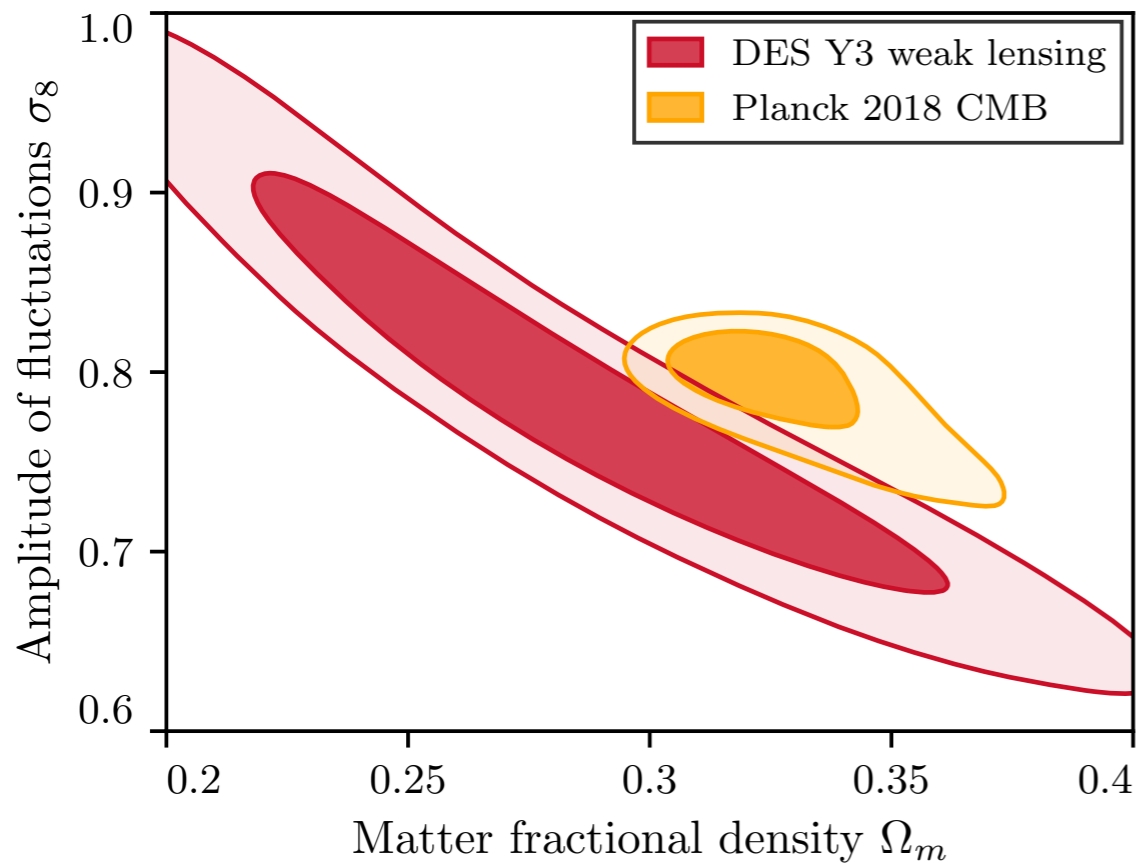


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▶ Application to DES Y1 vs Planck

- ▶ $n_\sigma = 3.0 \pm 0.1 \rightarrow$ tension!



▶ Application to DES Y1 lensing vs clustering

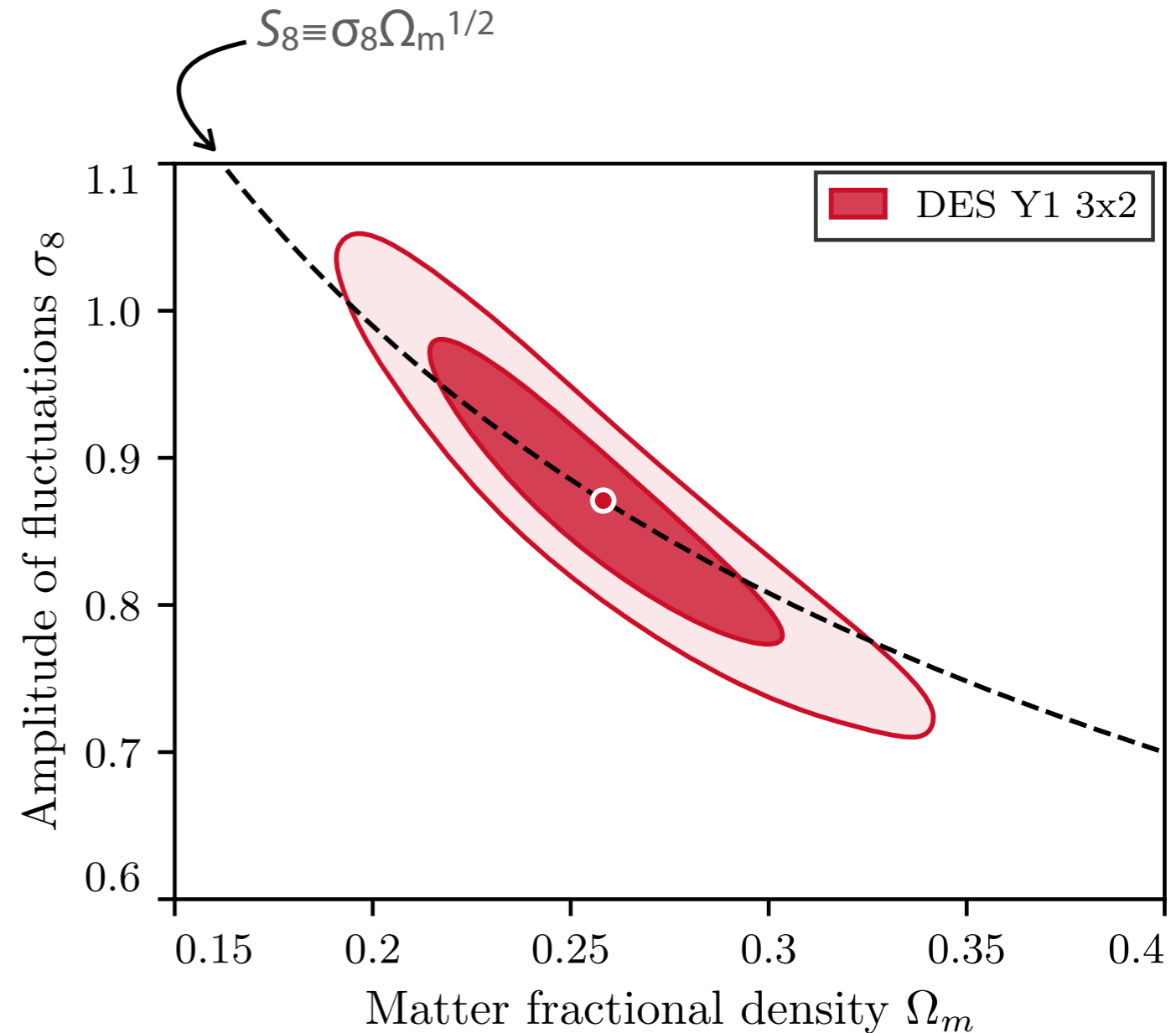
- ▶ $n_\sigma = 0.5 \pm 0.1 \rightarrow$ internal agreement

2. What is an experiment really measuring?

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- ▶ **Comparing results** from different experiments is tricky because they
 1. have different parameter *degeneracies*
 2. use different *parametrisation*, eg Ω_m vs $\omega_m \equiv \Omega_m h^2$
 3. use different *prior(s)*
- ▶ Can we automatically *learn* what experiments are measuring?



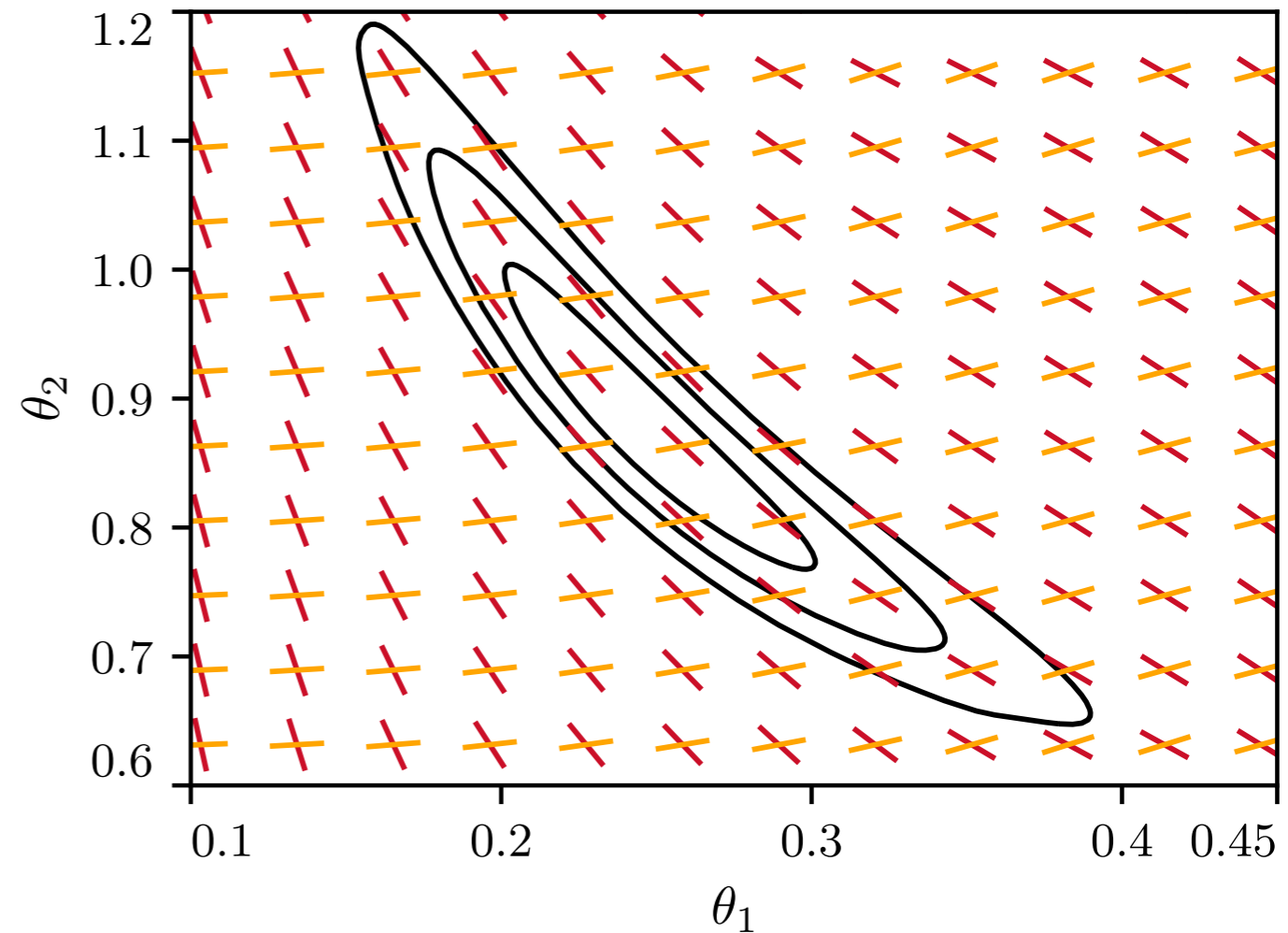
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- ▶ NF+TFP to compute Jacobian



* (Fisher is *identity* everywhere in abstract space, ie both spaces are flat!)

* (Technically, we're forgetting about the data dependence here, but it matches in the Gaussian case, and it's way more practical)

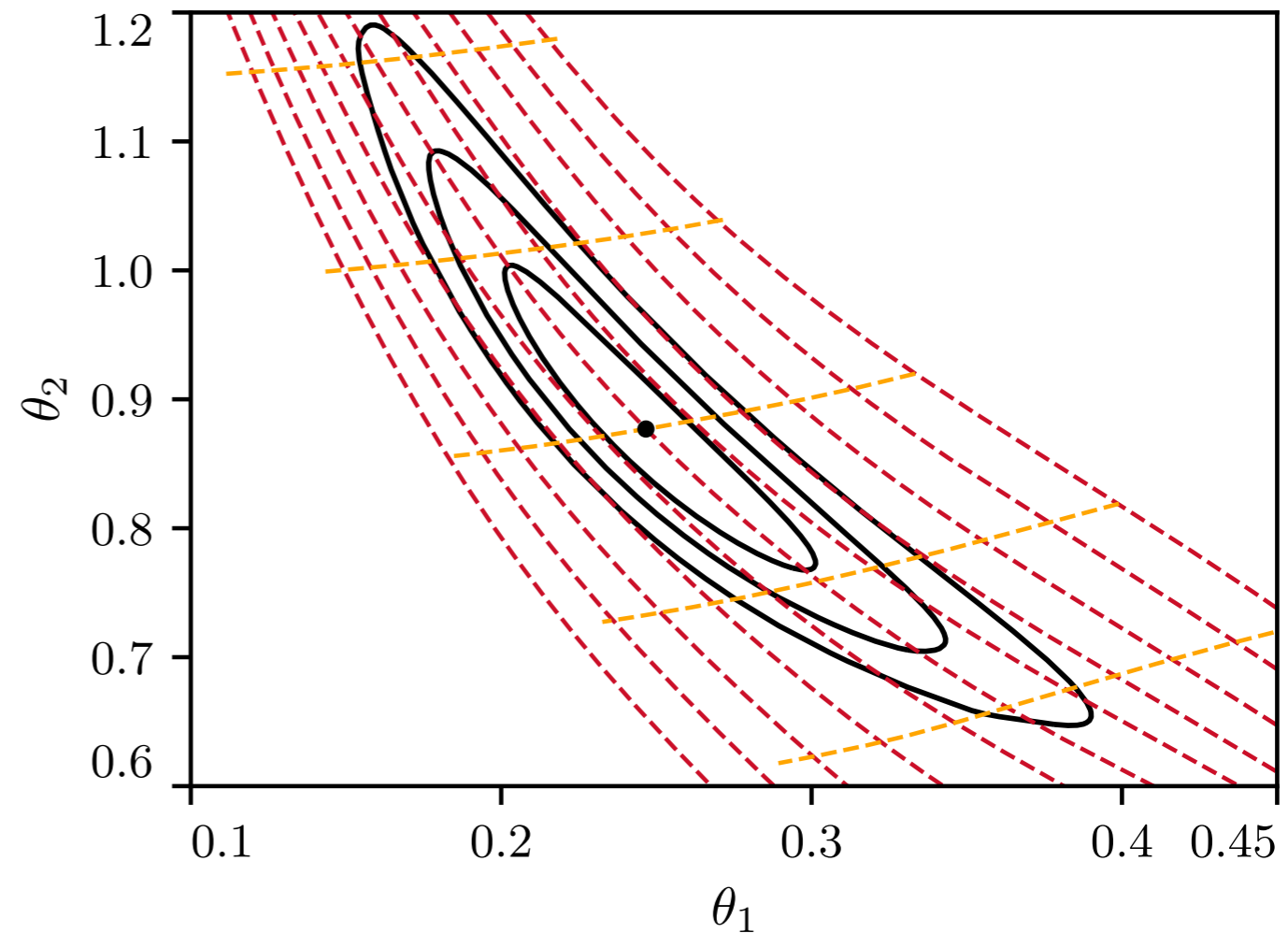
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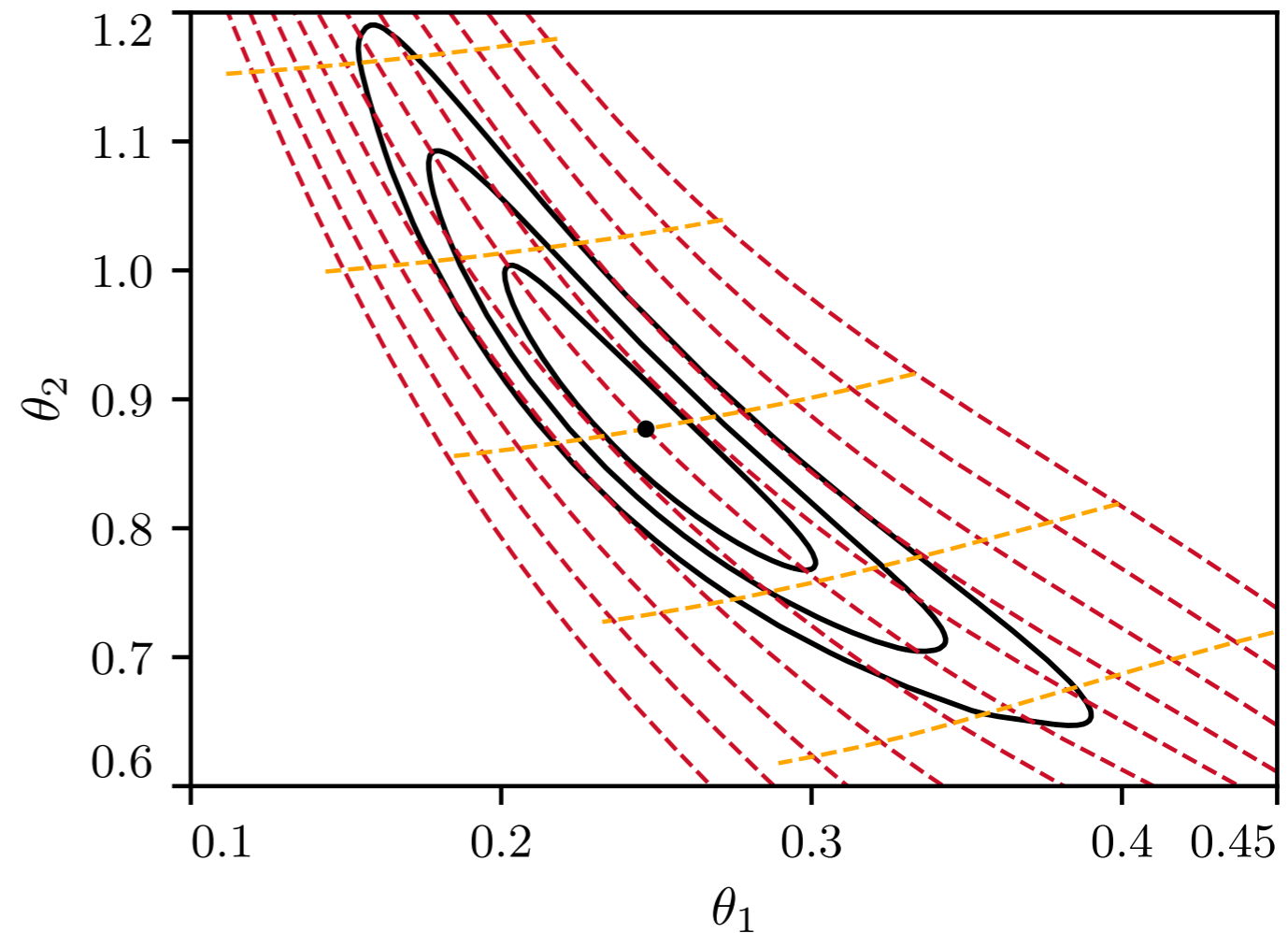
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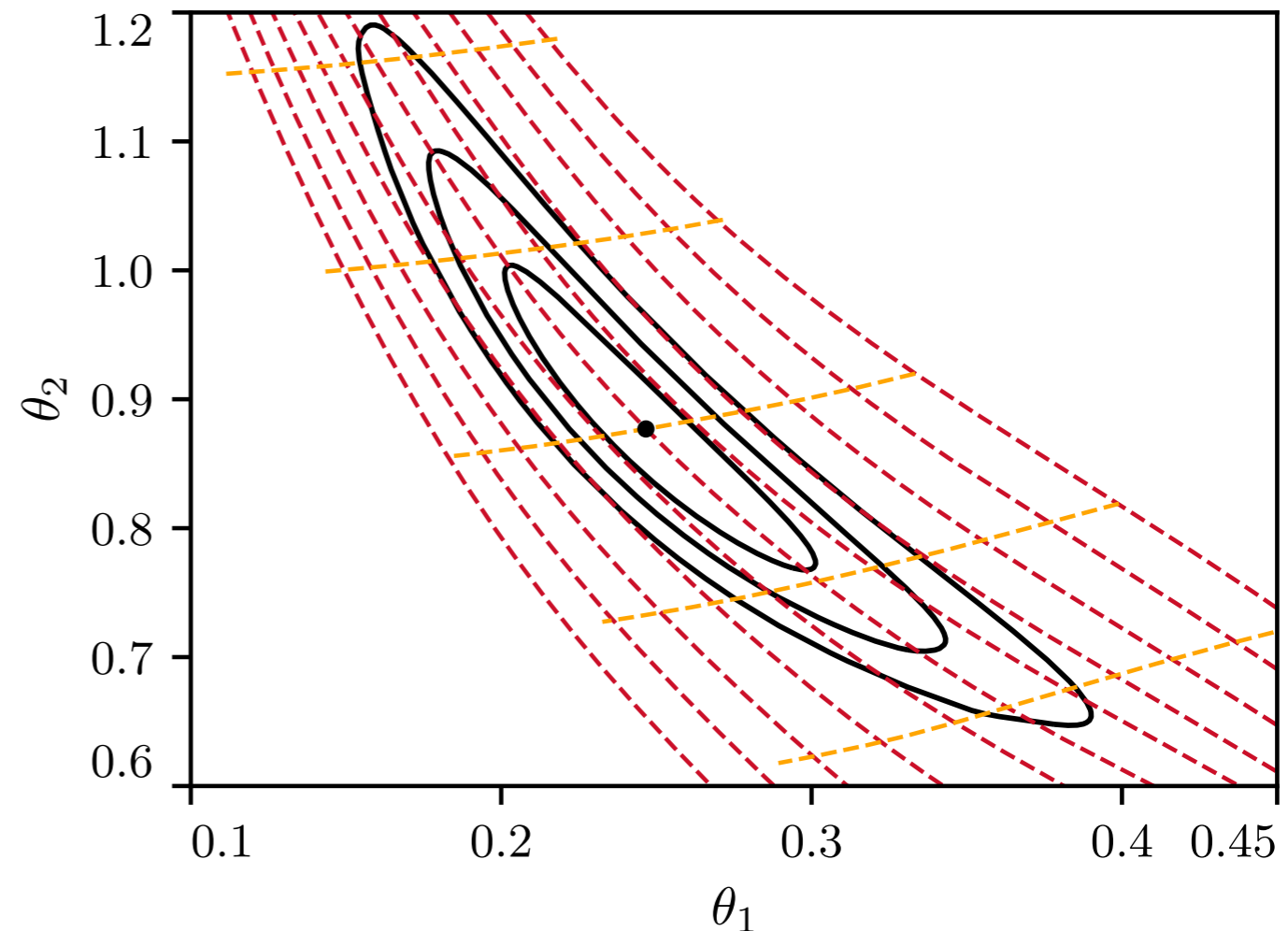
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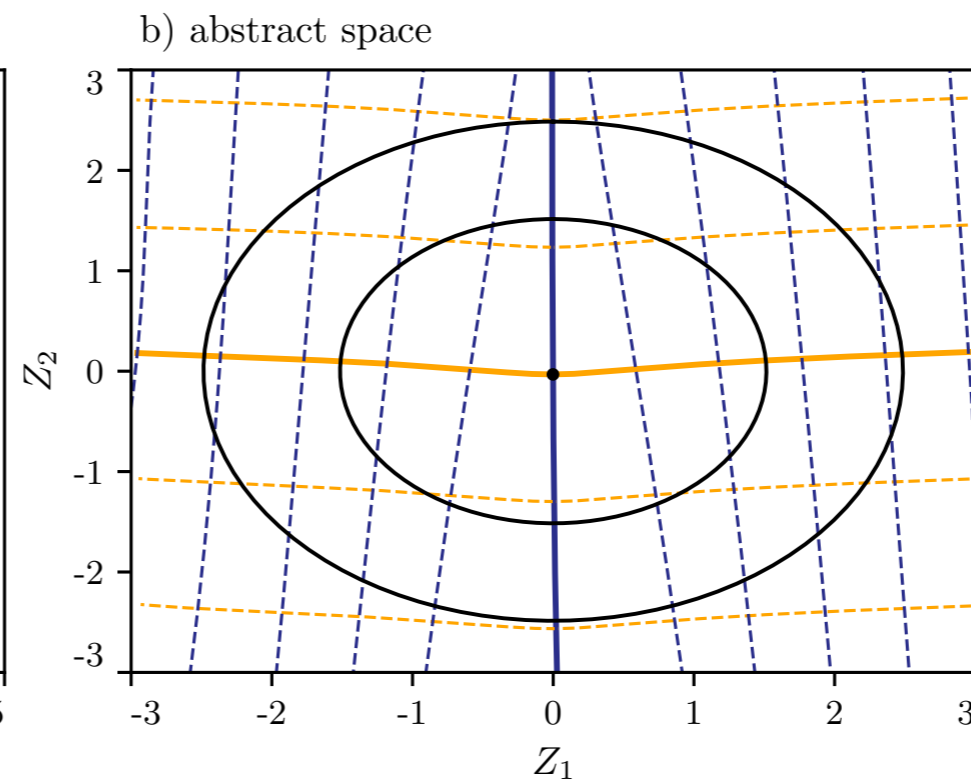
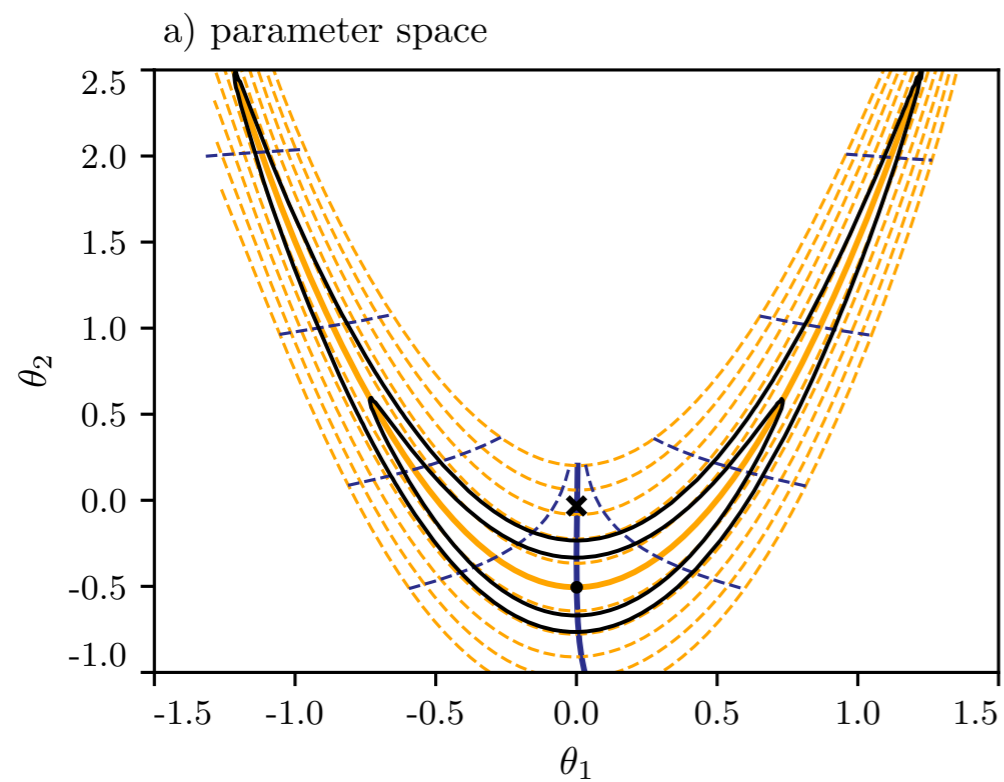
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 - ▶ CPCA: *joint diagonalisation* of prior and posterior Fisher metrics

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^p u^\nu = \alpha \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^\Pi u^\nu$$

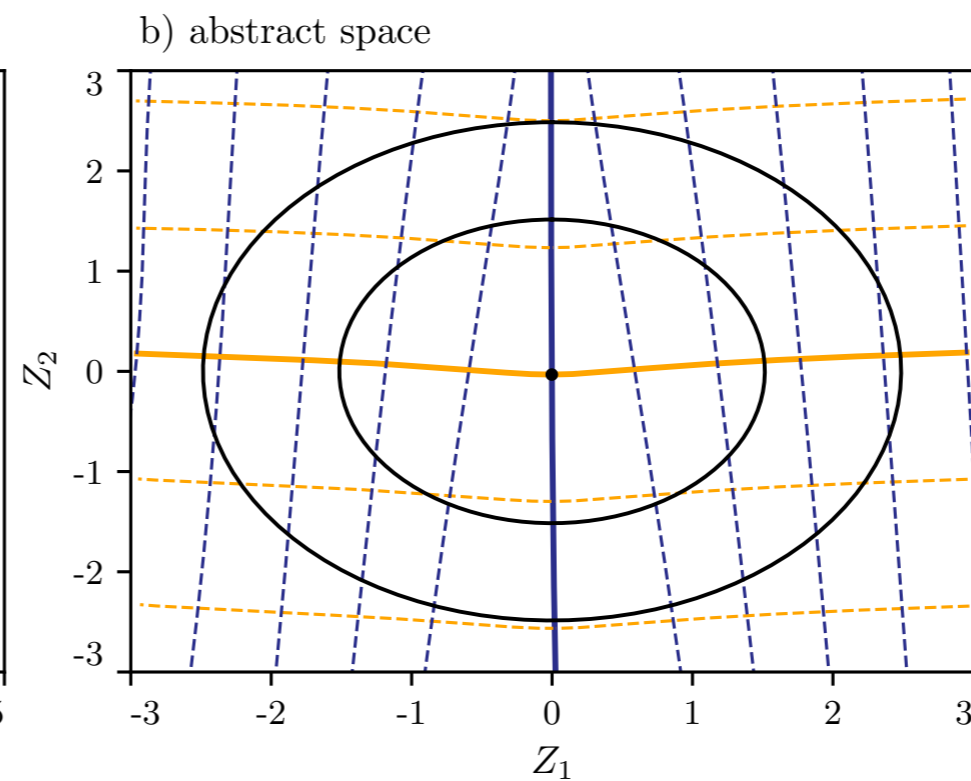
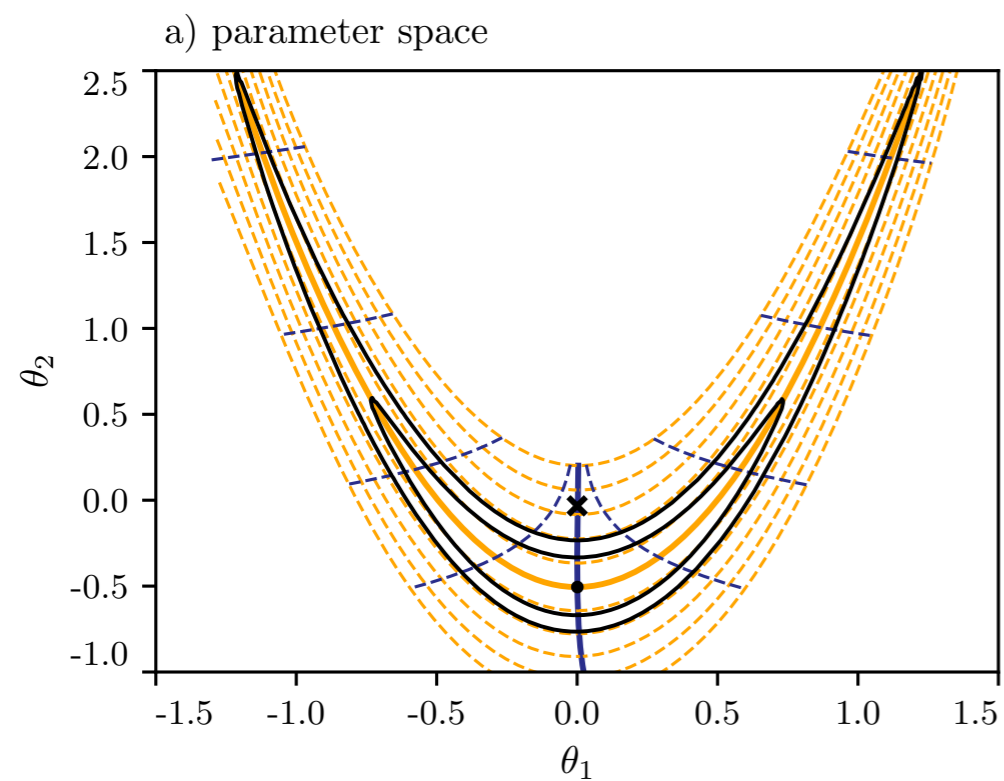


Toy model 1

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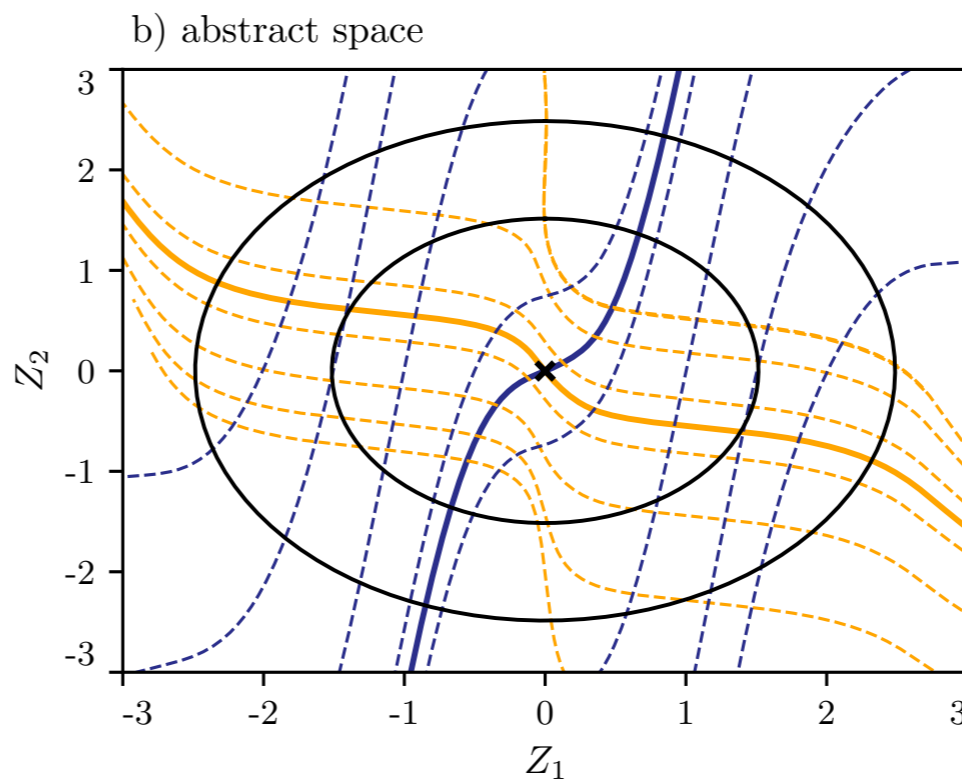
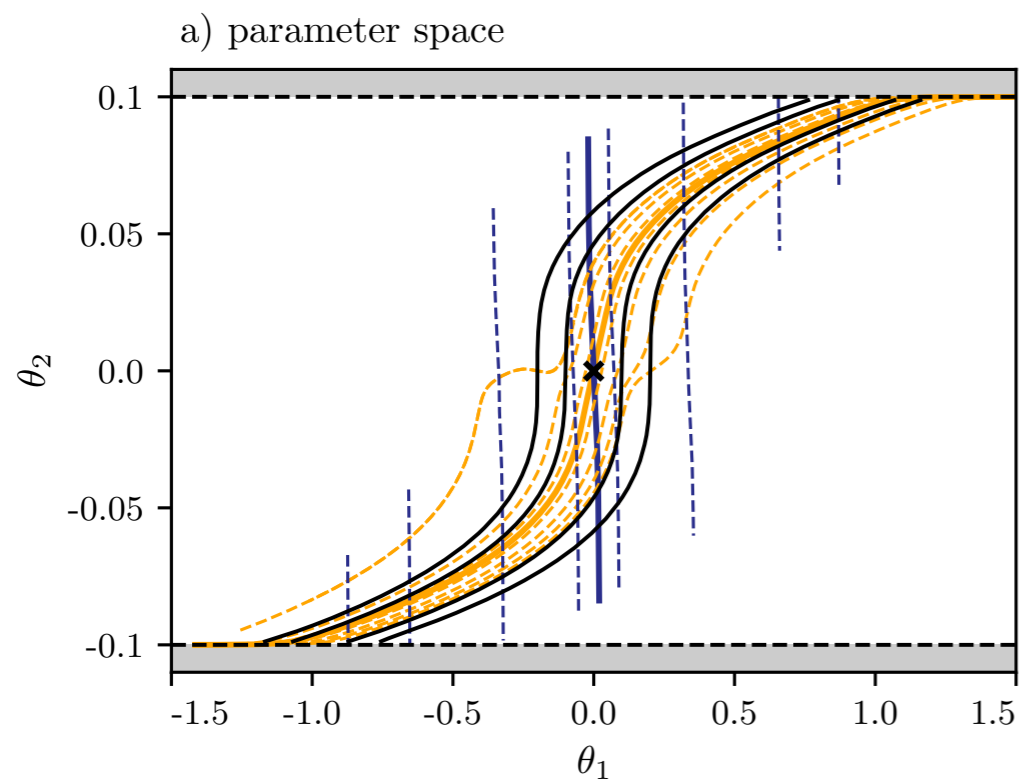
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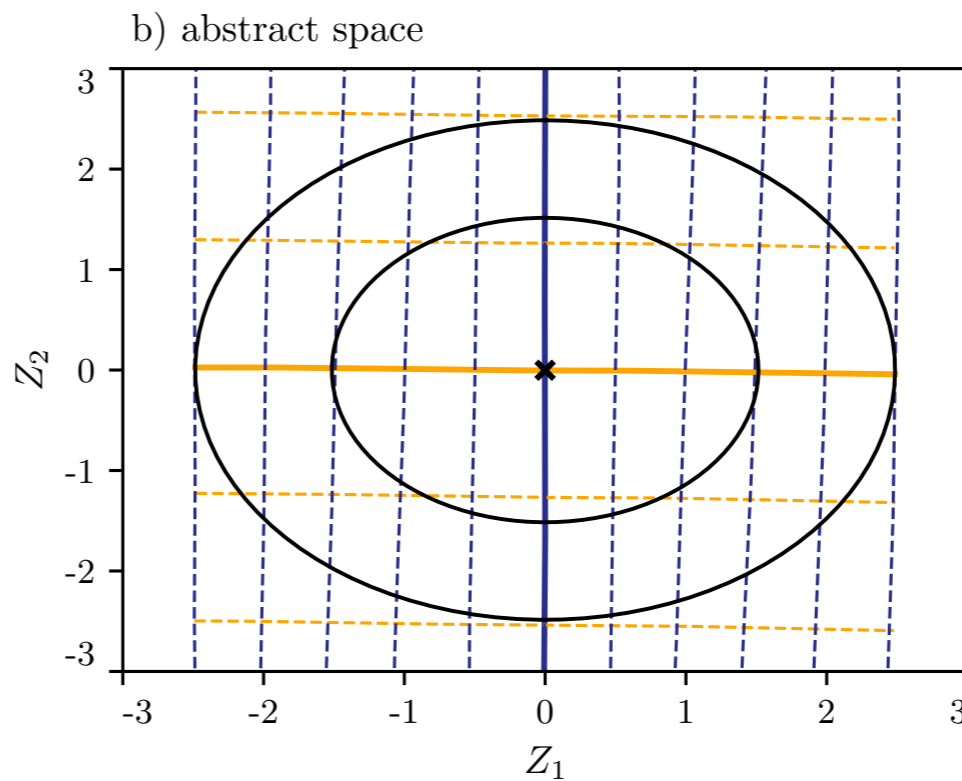
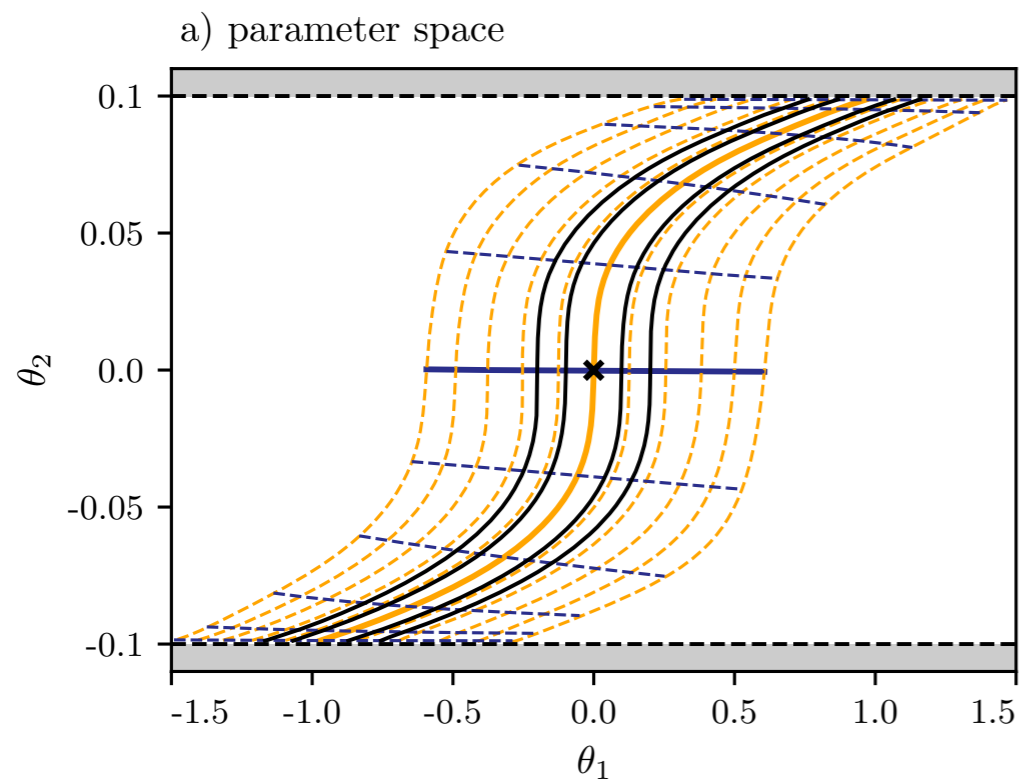
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Toy model 2

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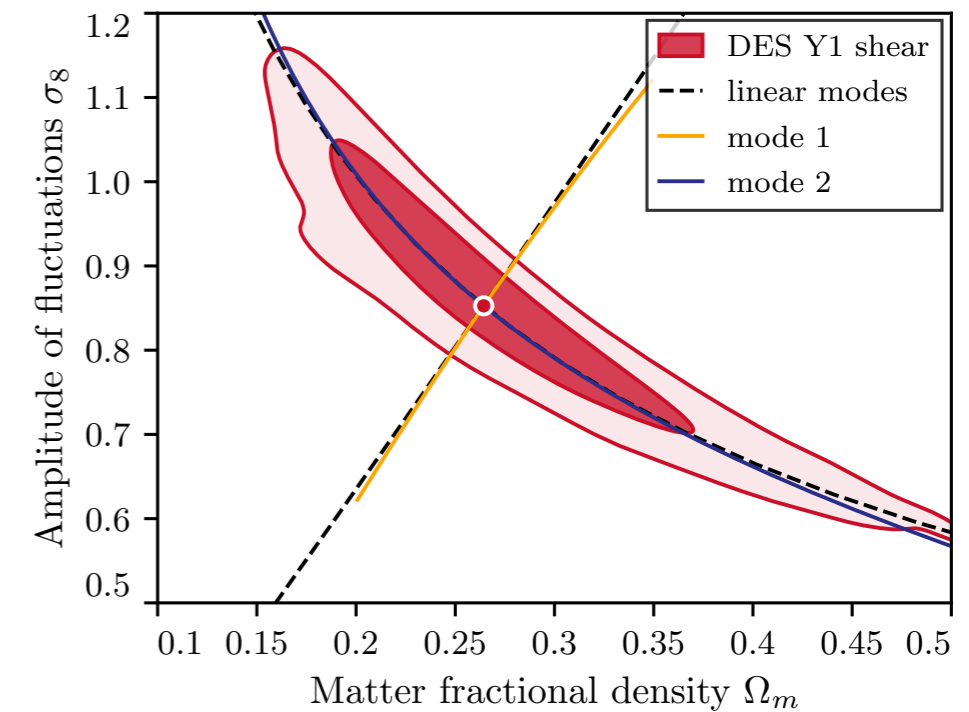
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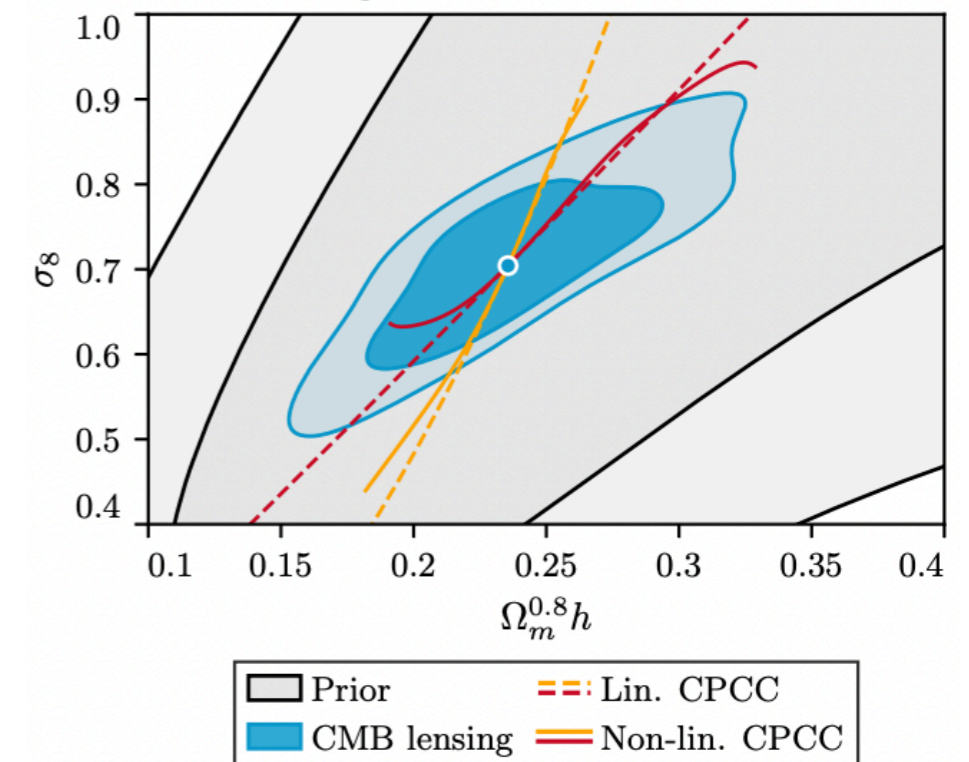
- ▶ CPCA recovers power law degeneracies automatically!
- ▶ Hubble from LSS alone ?
 1. DES clustering + lensing constrains $\sigma_8 \Omega_m^{+0.9}$
 2. CMB lensing constrains $\sigma_8 \Omega_m^{-0.8} H_0^{-1}$
 3. Add RSD from BOSS (to get σ_8), we get $H_0 = 73.8 \pm 7.5$ km/s/Mpc

DES lensing

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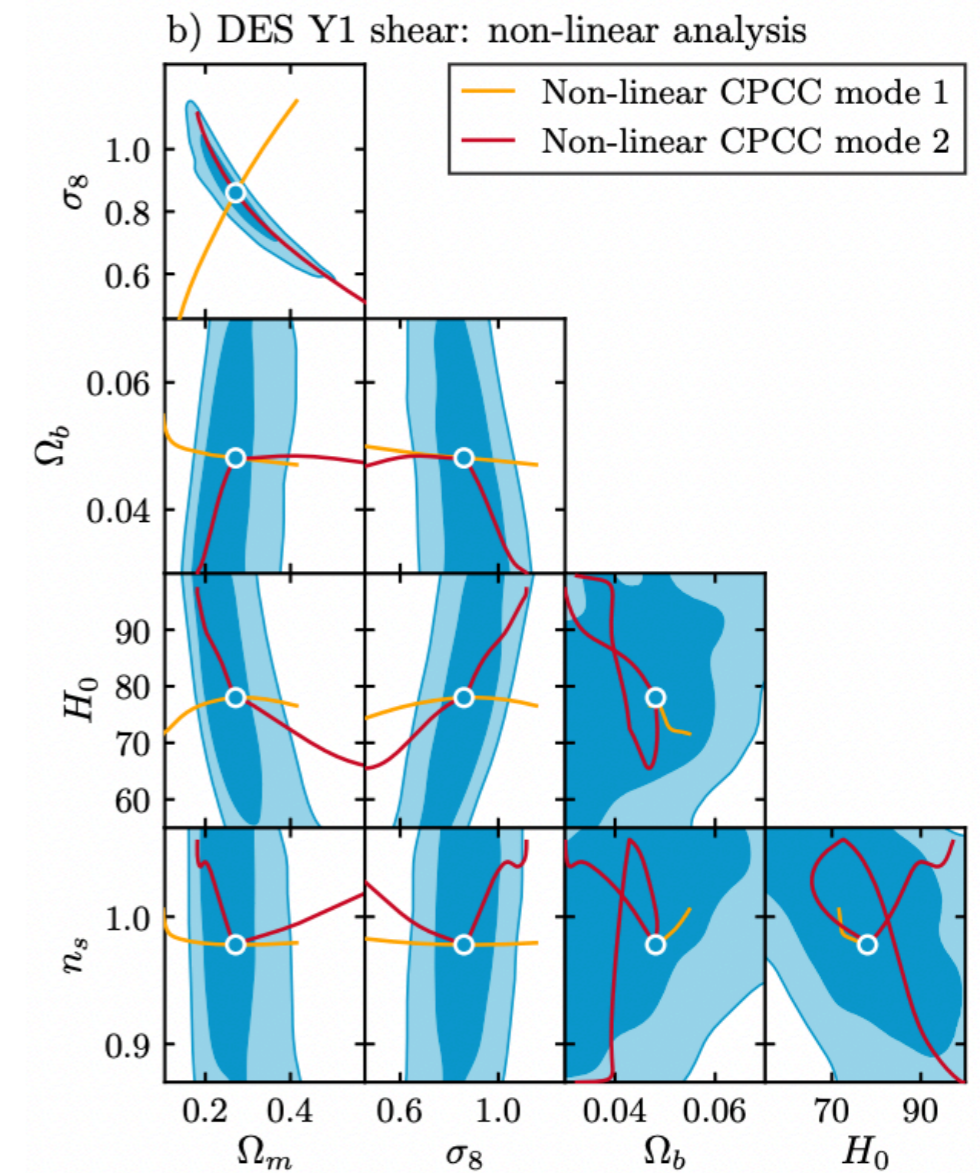


CMB lensing



Take-away messages

- ▶ Normalizing flows can be used to tackle otherwise difficult statistical inference questions (arXiv:2105.03324, arXiv:2112.05737)
 - ▶ **Tensions** between experiments
 - ▶ Opens up **information geometry** questions
- ▶ It's all in tensiometer.readthedocs.io
- ▶ More to come !
 - ▶ Symbolic regression of local/non-linear CPCA



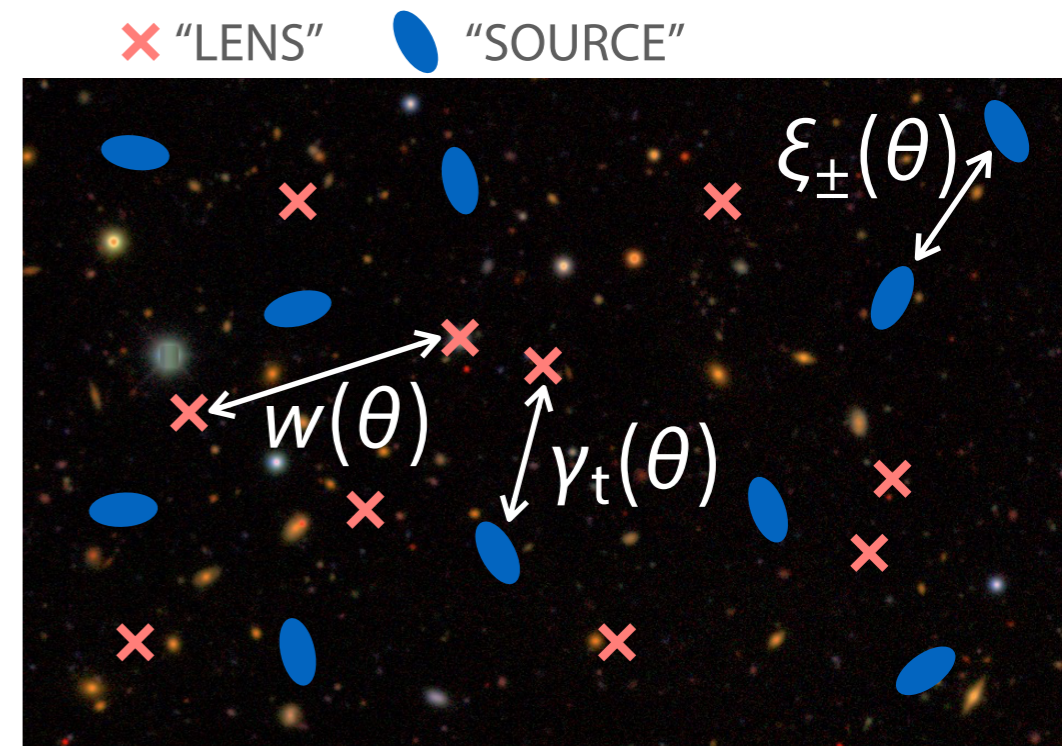
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Dark Energy Survey

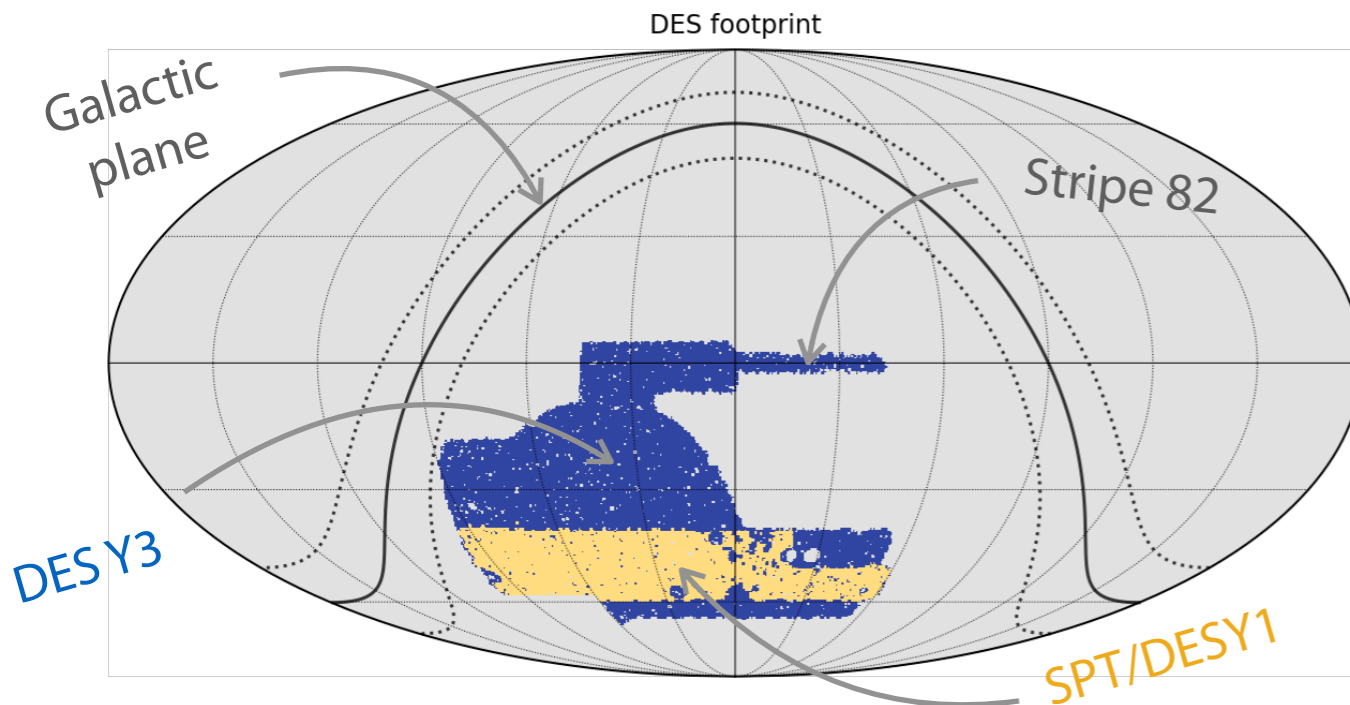
- ▶ **Blanco 4-meter telescope** at Cerro Tololo (CTIO) in Chile
- ▶ **Dark Energy Camera (DECam)**
 - ▶ 3.0 deg² field-of-view, 70 CCD chips, 570 Mpix, *griz(Y)* filters
 - ▶ Seeing ~0.9' in *r*-band, magnitude $i_{AB} < 23.0$, $r < 23.5$
- ▶ **Survey(s)**
 - ▶ 5000 deg² footprint + deep fields, observed 2013-2019
 - ▶ Overlaps with SPT, BOSS and COSMOS
 - ▶ DR2 (6 years) of 543M galaxies + 145M stars to $i \sim 23.8$



$\xi_{\pm}(\theta)$ = COSMIC SHEAR

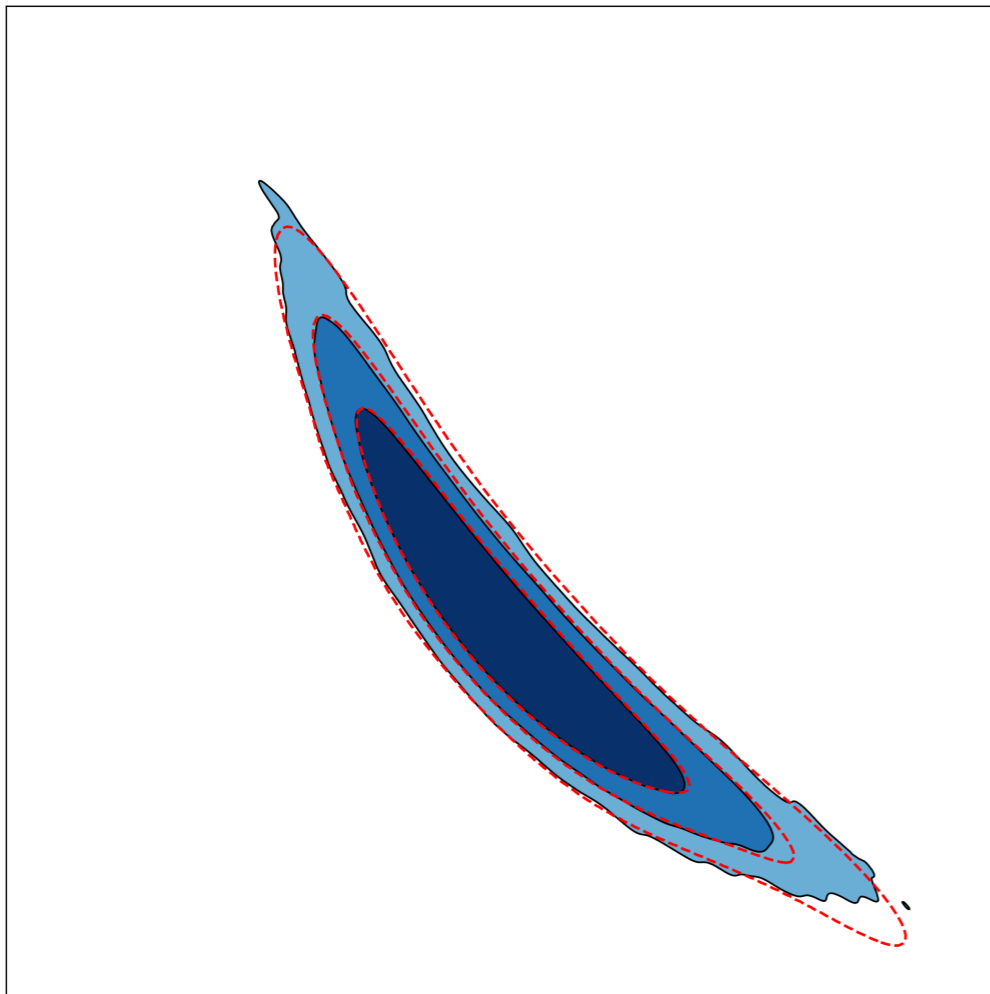
$\gamma_t(\theta)$ = GALAXY-GALAXY LENSING

$w(\theta)$ = CLUSTERING



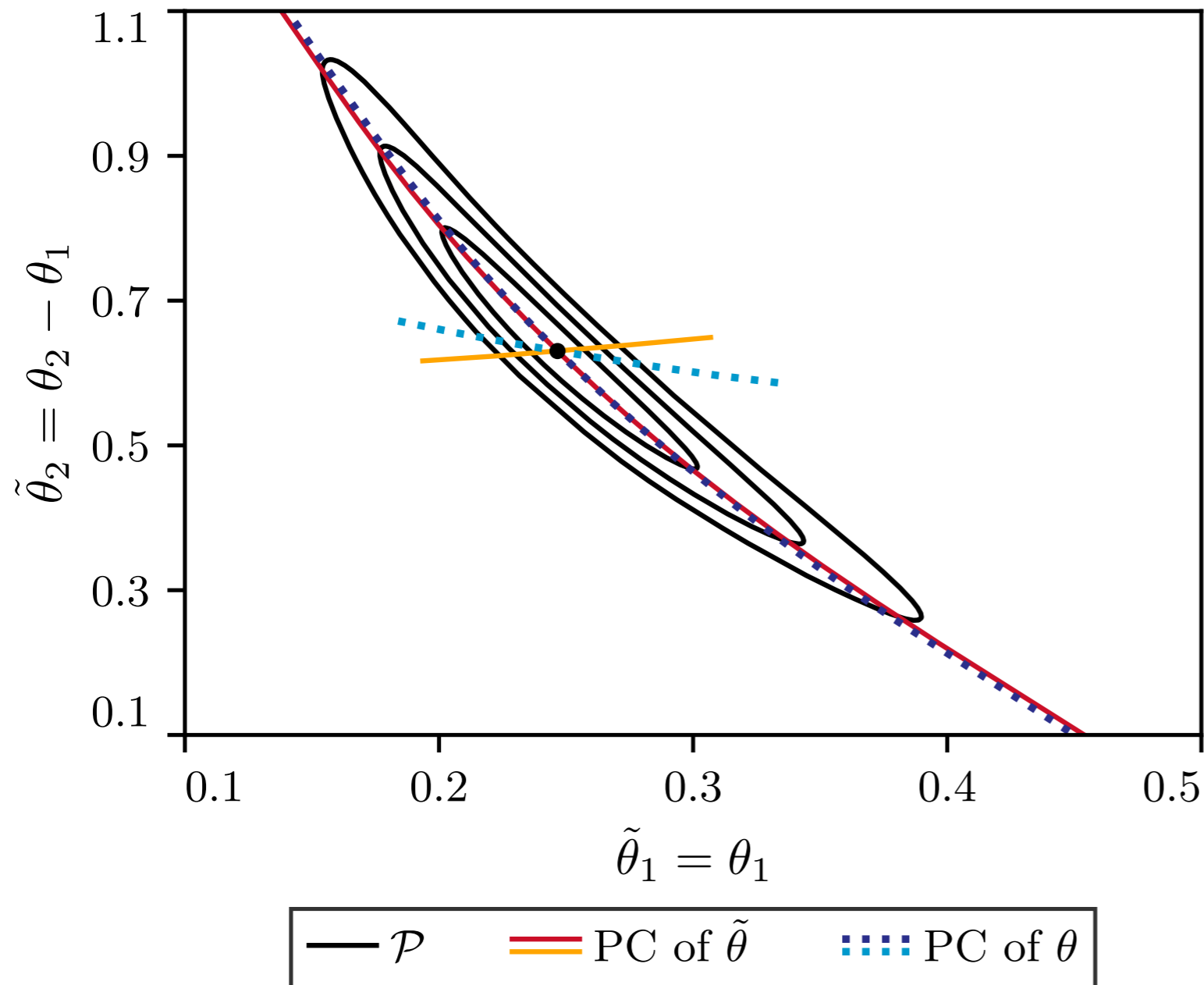
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- ▶ What do we need to compute this?
 - ▶ Being able to *sample* from the distribution
 - ▶ Compute its *density* for every sample (quickly if possible)
- ▶ Sampling the distribution
 - A. Uncorrelated experiments
$$\mathcal{P}(\Delta\theta) = \int_{V_\pi} \mathcal{P}_1(\theta) \mathcal{P}_2(\theta - \Delta\theta) d\theta$$
 1. Run two chains
 2. Take differences
 - B. Correlated case (eg DES/LSST lensing and clustering)
 1. Duplicate all common parameters
 2. Compute d_1 with θ_1 , d_2 with θ_2
 3. Run one bigger chain for $\mathcal{L}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$

Local principal components



- ▶ Principal component analysis
 - ▶ Eigenvectors of the covariance, or its inverse, ie the Fisher matrix
 - ▶ Locally, this reads
$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}u^\nu = \alpha\eta_{\mu\nu}u^\nu$$
with
$$u^\mu\eta_{\mu\nu}u^\nu = 1$$
 - ▶ Connect the dot with... parallel transport! (note they're not geodesics!)
 - ▶ ...but $\eta_{\mu\nu}$ is not a tensor...
 - ▶ PCA depends on parametrisation and units!