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# LAYOUT OF THE TUTORIAL

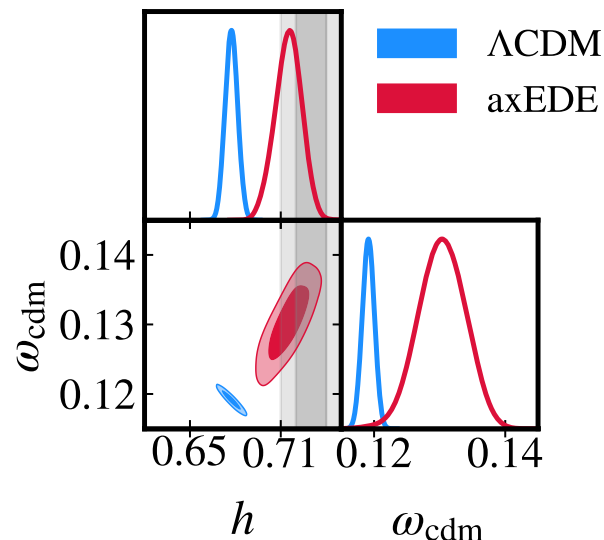
- Lecture in three parts:
  - Statistical inference & model comparison
  - MCMC chains and samplers
  - How to use MontePython
- What we will cover if there's additional time:
  - How to use Cobaya

# HOW TO DO THEORETICAL SCIENCE

- Science is very simple:
  - 1) Build model of universe
  - 2) Test with data
  - 3) Repeat

Creativity, clever composition of existing ingredients/mechanisms

How 'good' is your model?

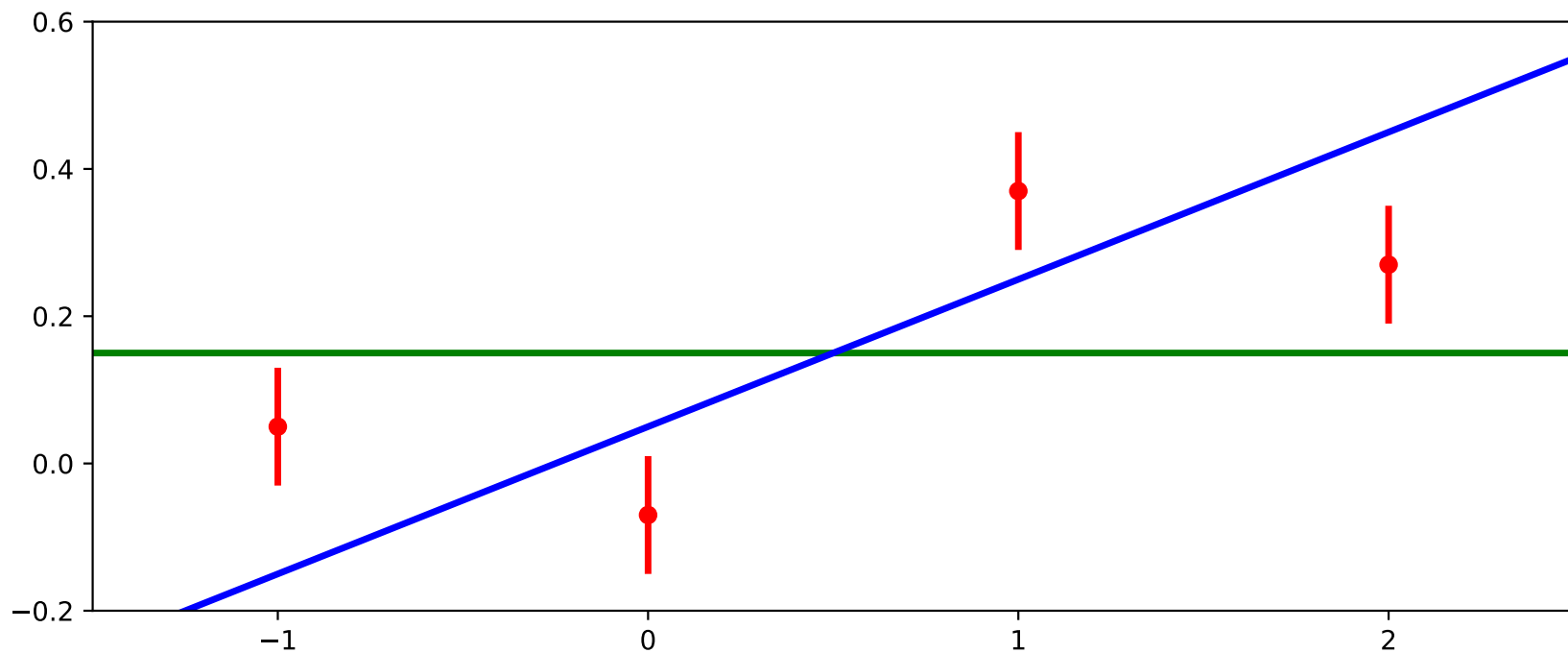


# HOW TO CONSTRAIN A MODEL

- We want to know which model (or parameters thereof) agree with the data!
- In theoretical science we usually do *parameter inference* and *model comparison*
- How can we do that?

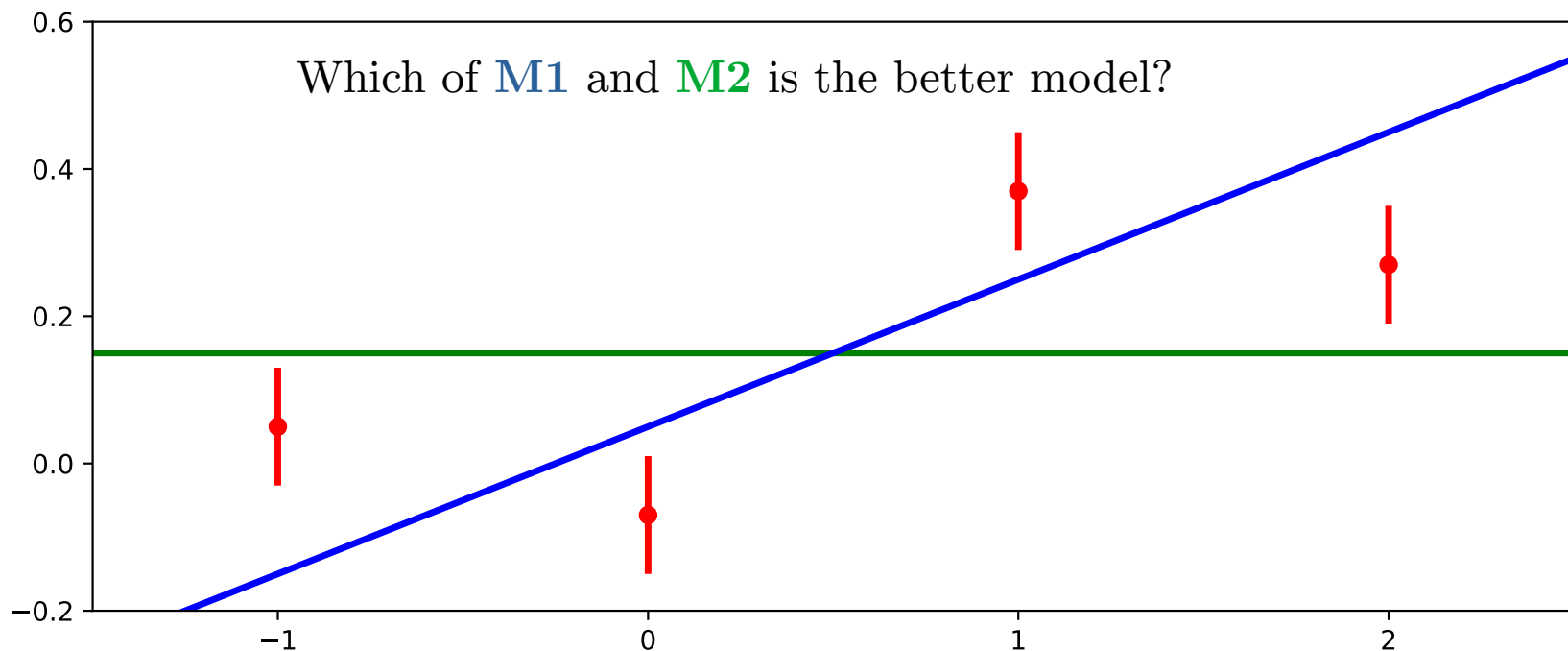
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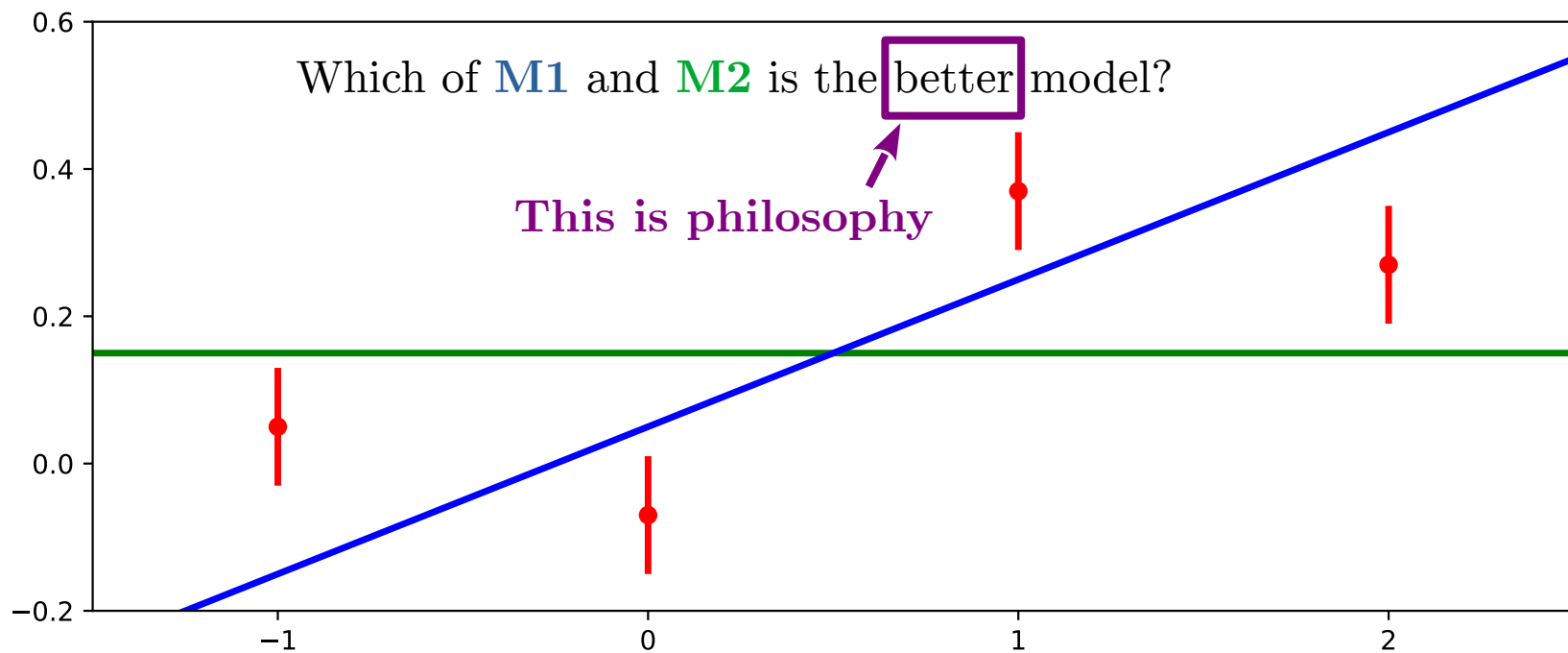
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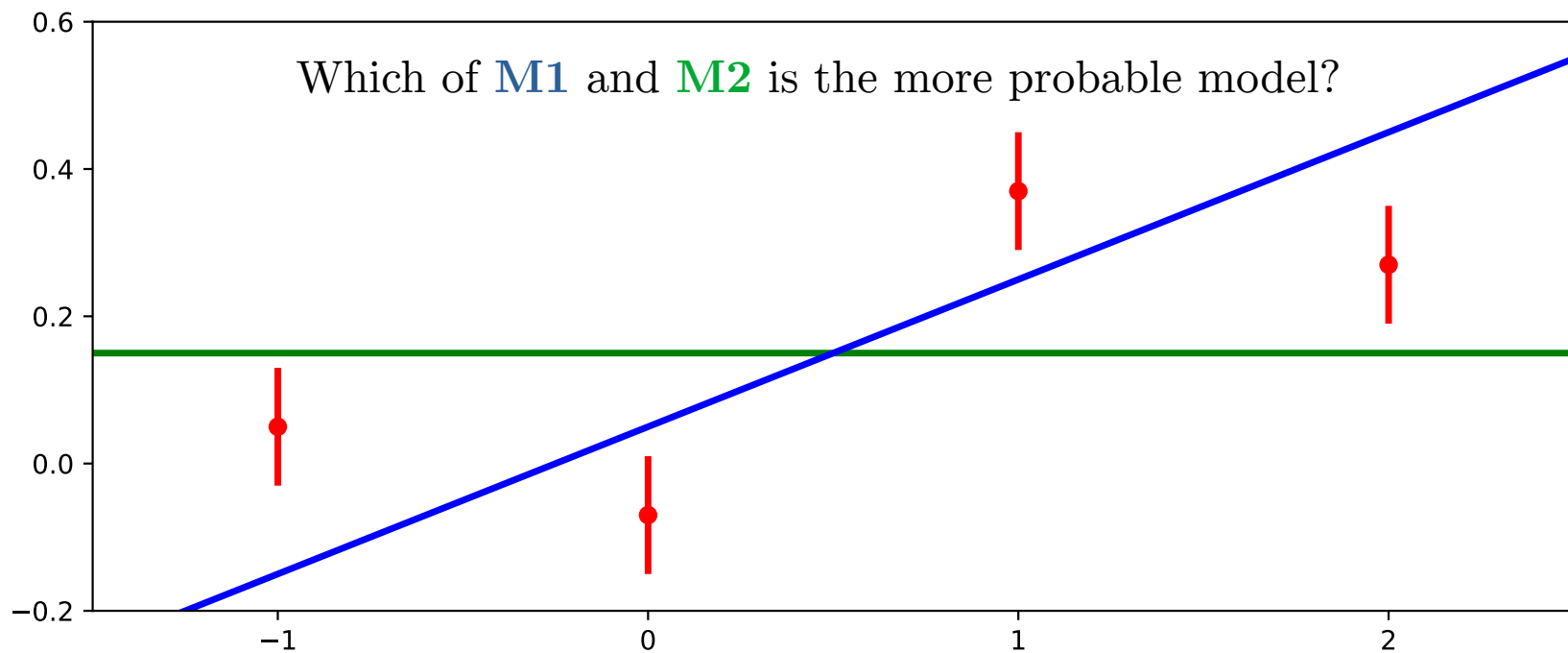
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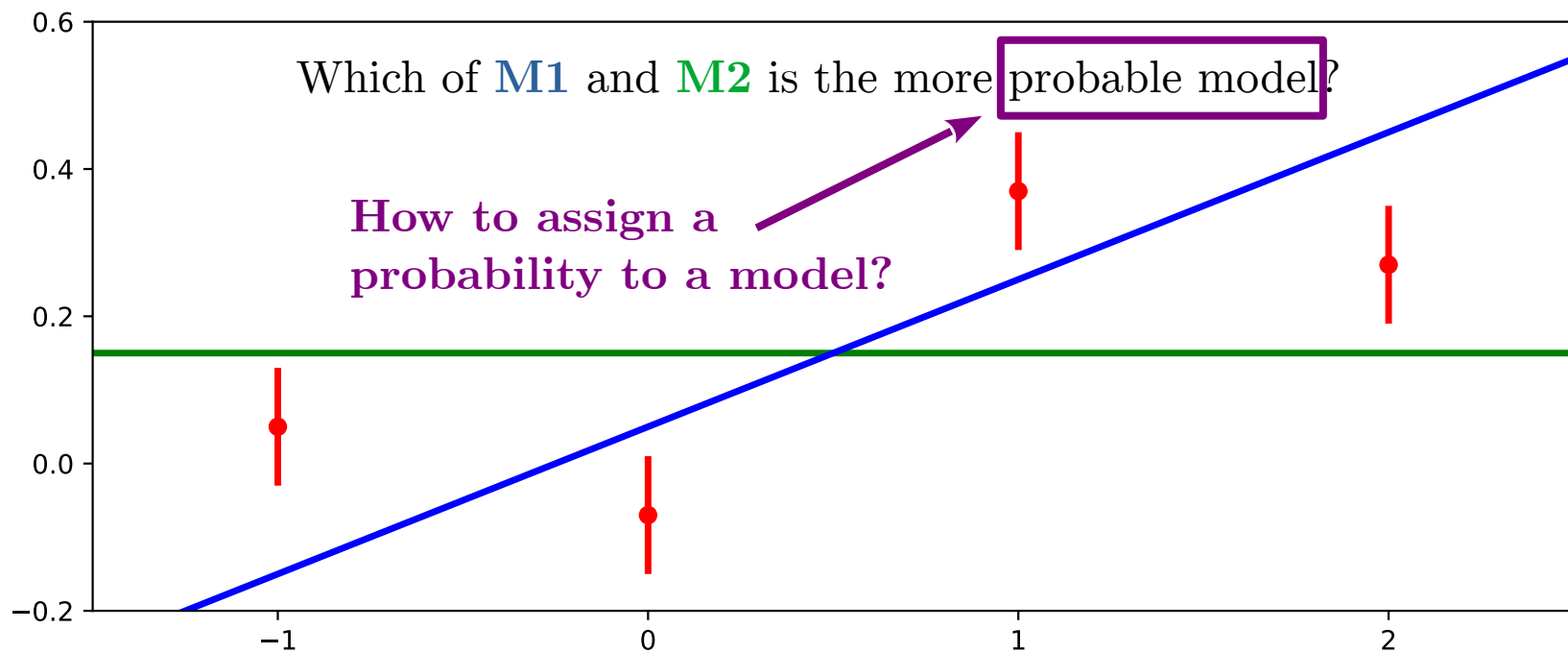
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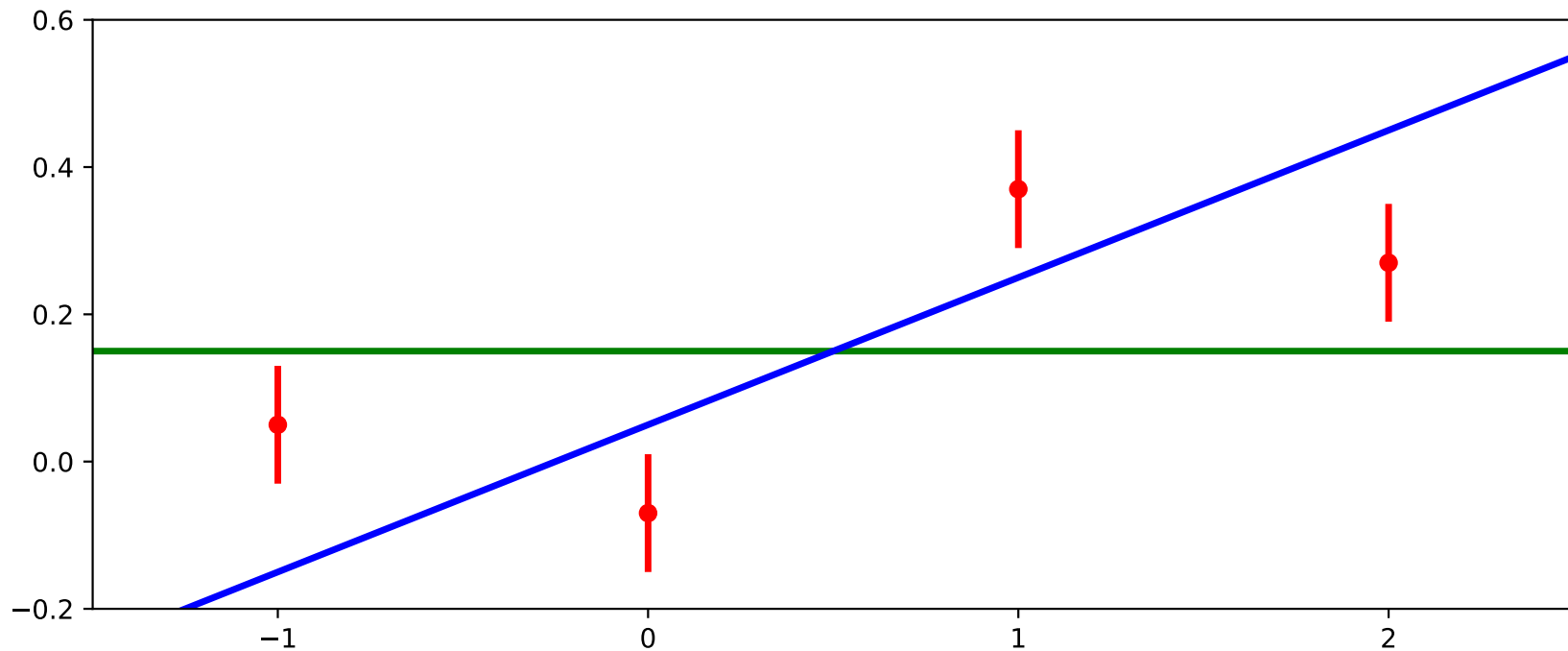
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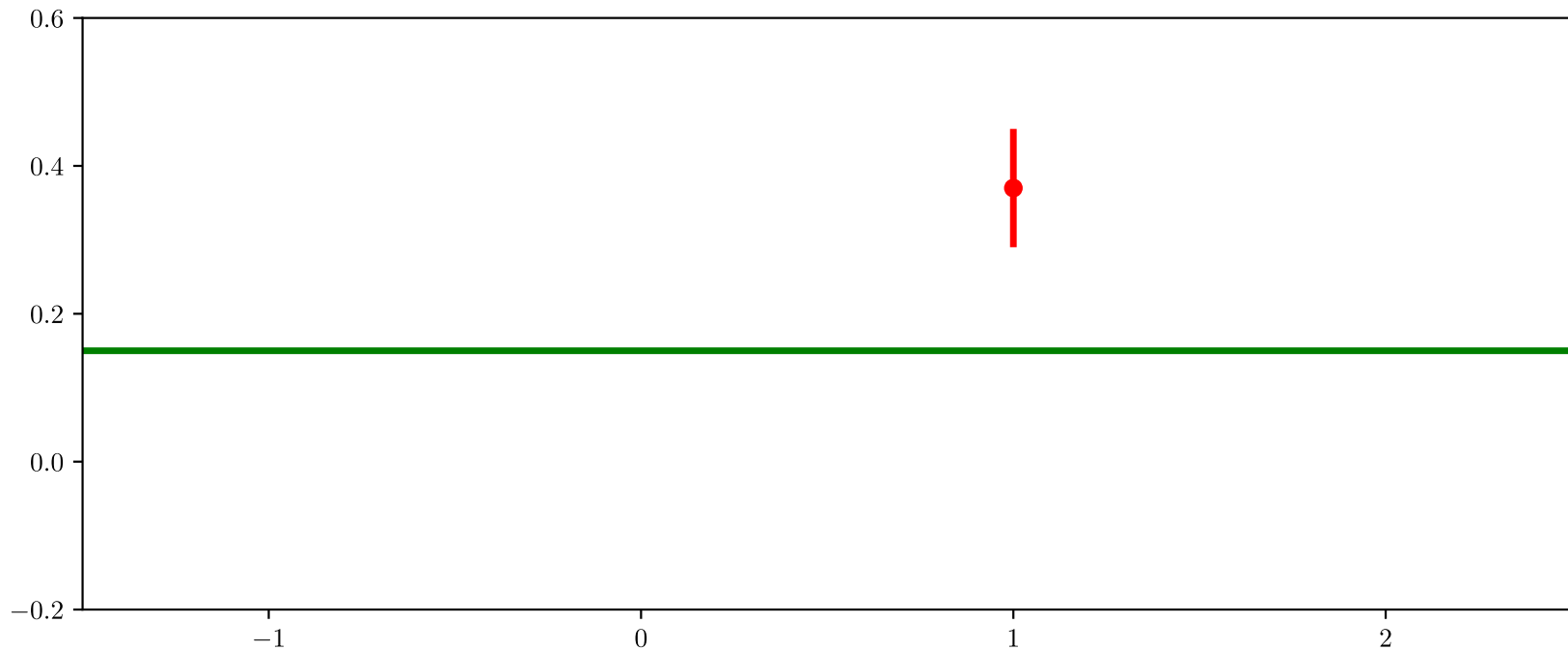
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- Much simpler: Given model, how probable are the data to occur?



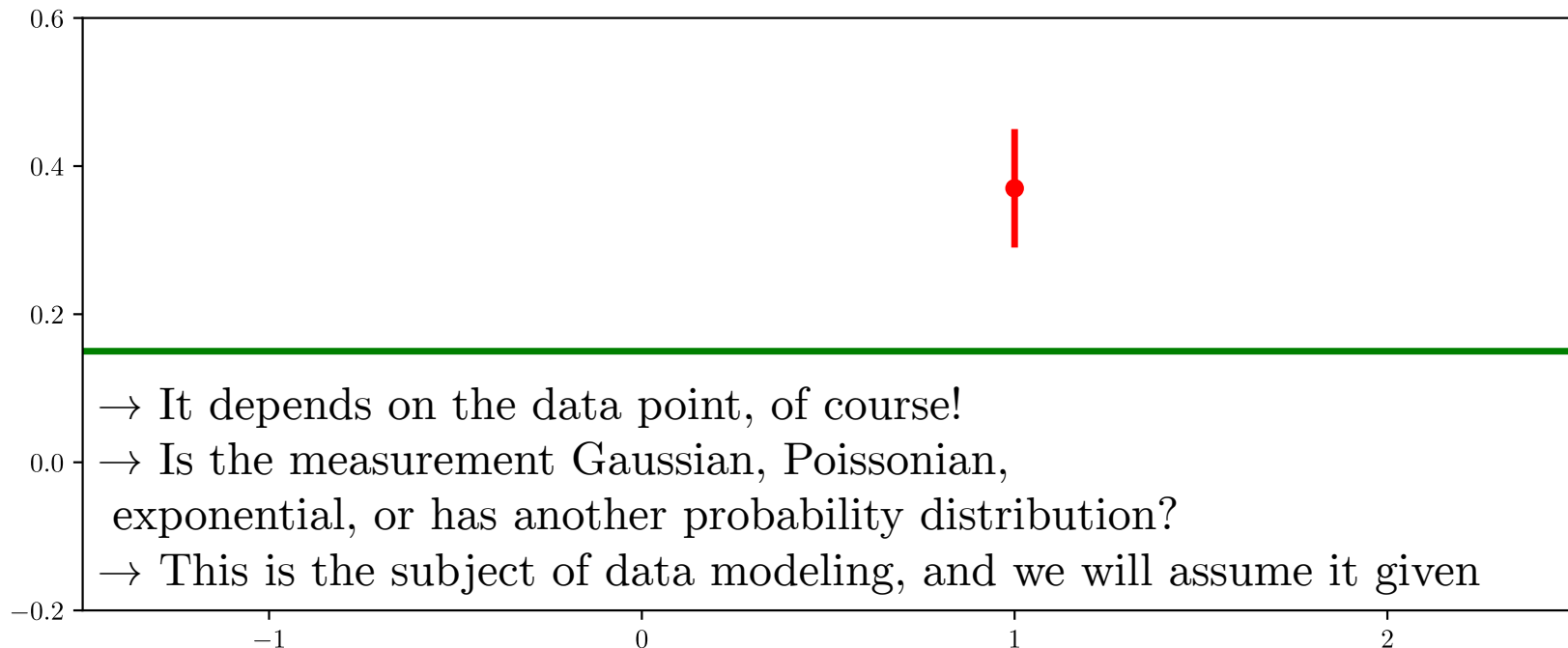
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→ It depends on the data point, of course!

→ Is the measurement Gaussian, Poissonian, exponential, or has another probability distribution?

→ This is the subject of data modeling, and we will assume it given

→ *Typically*, data are multivariate Gaussian distributed (→ central limit theorem)

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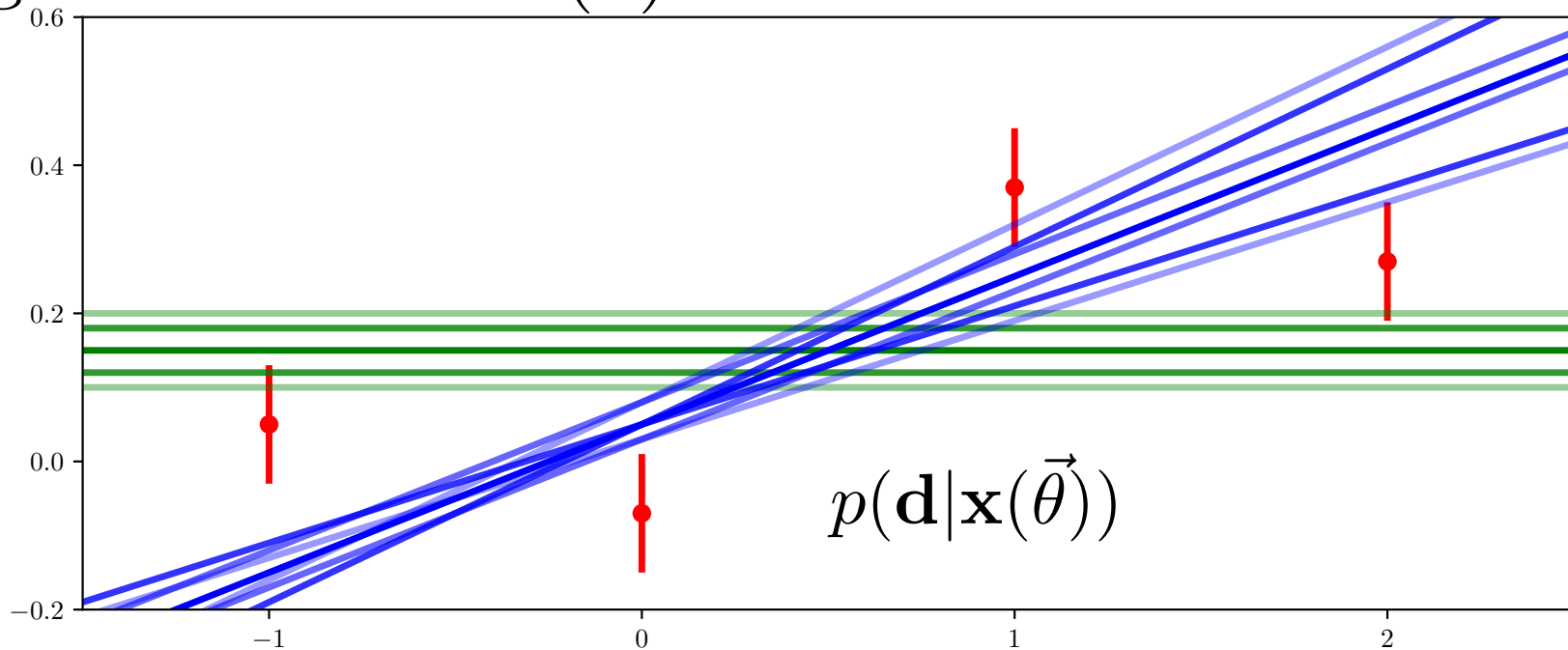
- Assuming (for the moment) multivariate Gaussian distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left((\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{d})^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{d})\right)\right)}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d \det[\mathbf{C}]}}$$

- Here  $\mathbf{x}$  is the vector of *predicted* outcomes for the experiment,  $\mathbf{d}$  the data,  $d$  its dimension, and  $\mathbf{C}$  the covariance matrix

# THE LIKELIHOOD

- The probability of the data being observed given a model  $\mathbf{x}(\vec{\theta})$



# THE LIKELIHOOD

- The *likelihood* is simply the probability of observing the data as such within a given predictive model

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\theta}) = p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{x}(\vec{\theta}))$$

- Often we also talk about the log-likelihood or  $\chi^2$

$$\chi^2 = -2 \ln \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\theta}) = -2 \ln p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{x}(\vec{\theta}))$$

Example: Multivariate Gaussian

$$\chi^2 = (\mathbf{x}(\vec{\theta}) - \mathbf{d})^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}(\vec{\theta}) - \mathbf{d}) + 2 \ln \left( \sqrt{(2\pi)^d \det[\mathbf{C}]} \right)$$

# A NOTE ON THE CHI-SQUARED

- The covariance can either be estimated from the data (*typical*), or predicted by the theory
- If predicted by the theory,

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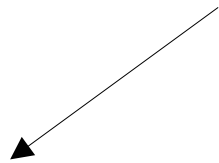
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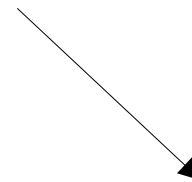


# FROM LIKELIHOOD TO INFERENCE

- We now know  $p(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\theta})$
- But we originally wanted to know how ‘*good*’ a given model is (replace ‘*good*’ by ‘*probable*’)



**Frequentist:** Nature is as nature is, the model is **already chosen**. There is no ‘probability of a model’.



**Bayesian:** We don’t know which model nature has chosen, so let us parameterize our **belief probability** that a given model is the true model chosen by nature.

# THE FREQUENTIST LAND

# FROM LIKELIHOOD TO INFERENCE

- **Frequentist:**

Reject model parameters at confidence limit  $\alpha$ , if probability of generating data given is less than  $\alpha$ .

- More precisely: Construct confidence intervals

$$p(u(\mathbf{d}) < \theta < v(\mathbf{d})) \geq \alpha$$

with the functions  $u, v$  to be determined for given  $\alpha$

# FROM LIKELIHOOD TO INFERENCE

This is some fixed true value



$$p(u(\mathbf{d}) < \theta < v(\mathbf{d})) \geq \alpha$$



These change for each new experiment (are random variables)

# FROM LIKELIHOOD TO INFERENCE

- **Frequentist:**

$$p(u(\mathbf{d}) < \theta < v(\mathbf{d})) = \alpha$$

- Example model:  $N$  data are all generated with (constant) mean and variance

$$d_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

- Then we have  $p(\bar{d} - cS/\sqrt{N} \leq \mu \leq \bar{d} + cS/\sqrt{N}) = \alpha$

$$\text{with } \bar{d} = \frac{1}{N} \sum d_i$$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum (d_i - \bar{d})^2$$

$$c = T^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2, N - 1)$$

# HYPOTHESIS TEST

- Decide between two scientific hypotheses/models:

$$H_{\text{null}} \quad H_{\text{alt}}$$

- Get the MLE for each model  $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{x}(\vec{\theta}))$

- Construct the likelihood ratio, and perform rejection

$$R = -2 \log \left( \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{x}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{null}}))}{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{x}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{alt}}))} \right) = \chi^2(\hat{\theta}_{\text{null}}) - \chi^2(\hat{\theta}_{\text{alt}})$$
$$F_{N_{\text{alt}} - N_{\text{null}}}^{\chi^2}(R) \geq \alpha$$

# FREQUENTIST TAKEAWAYS

- **Frequentist:**
- No knowledge of how ‘likely’ a given parameter/model is.
  - *Nature has chosen a model, and that is fixed.*
- **Concepts:**
  - Confidence interval, MLE, Likelihood ratio
  - Profile likelihood: Maximize likelihood of nuisance parameters

# THE BAYESIAN LAND



# FROM LIKELIHOOD TO INFERENCE

- **Bayesian:**
- We want to know what the **most probable model** is, not how likely the data is for a given model!
- Turn around the conditional of the probability:

$$p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{x}(\vec{\theta})) \rightarrow p(\mathbf{x}(\vec{\theta})|\mathbf{d})$$

# FROM LIKELIHOOD TO INFERENCE

- **Bayesian:**
- Bayes law to the rescue:

$$P(s|t)P(t) = P(s \text{ and } t) = P(t|s) \cdot P(s)$$

| 100 patients | Medical test positive | Medical test negative |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 20 sick      | 10 positive           | 10 negative           |
| 80 healthy   | 5 positive            | 75 negative           |

$$P(s) = 0.2$$

$$P(t) = 0.15$$

$$P(s|t) = 10/(10 + 5) = 2/3$$

$$P(t|s) = 10/(10 + 10) = 0.5$$

$$0.15 \cdot 2/3 = 0.1 = 0.5 \cdot 0.2$$

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$$p(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d})\pi(\vec{\theta})}{E}$$

# FROM LIKELIHOOD TO INFERENCE

- **Bayesian:**
- The parameter prior  $\pi(\vec{\theta})$  is our **prior belief** how likely a given value of  $\vec{\theta}$  is, given previous experience.

$$p(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\theta}) \cdot \pi(\vec{\theta})}{E}$$

- The ‘model evidence’  $E$  is the probability to observe the data **after considering all possible parameter values** of the given model (marginalizing over them, see later)

# FROM LIKELIHOOD TO INFERENCE

- **Bayesian:**
- We manually **impose** the parameter prior  
(*Easy*: We have past experiments/experience, and we simply use that. *Hard*: We try to be ‘objective’ and use uninformative priors (uniform in value/logarithm, Jeffreys prior))
- How do we get ‘model evidence’  $E$  ?

# FROM LIKELIHOOD TO INFERENCE

- **Bayesian:**
- How do we get ‘model evidence’  $E$  ?  
*Trick:* It does not depend on the model, so we can often ignore it!
- Example: Compute only  $p(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) = \text{const} \cdot f(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d})$   
and use  $\int p(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d})d\vec{\theta} \stackrel{!}{=} 1$  to compute const  
(This is done e.g. in MCMC sampling)

# FROM LIKELIHOOD TO INFERENCE

- We can *marginalize* over irrelevant parameters

$$p(\vec{\lambda}|\mathbf{d}) = \int \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\lambda}, \vec{n})\pi(\vec{\lambda}, \vec{n})d\vec{n}$$

- If we marginalize over all parameters, we get

$$E = \int \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\theta})\pi(\vec{\theta})d\vec{\theta}$$

- This is estimated by sophisticated samplers like Multinest or Polychord, but requires knowledge of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\theta})$  even in ‘uninteresting’ regions. Hence often expensive

# CREDIBLE INTERVALS

- In Bayesian context, we can now get posterior probability  $p(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d})$
- Convert to credible interval via:

$$\int_{\text{low}}^{\text{high}} p(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) = \alpha$$

$$\int_{\text{boundary}}^{\text{high}} p(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) = \alpha$$

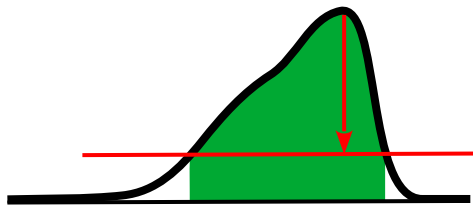
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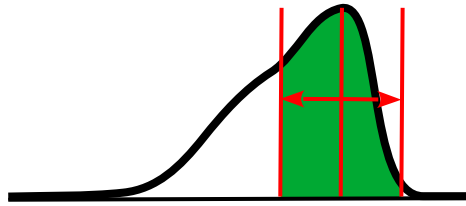
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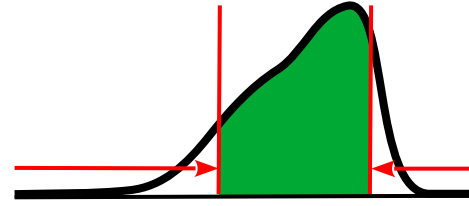
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{low} &= \mathbf{m} - \delta \\ \text{high} &= \mathbf{m} + \delta \end{aligned}$$

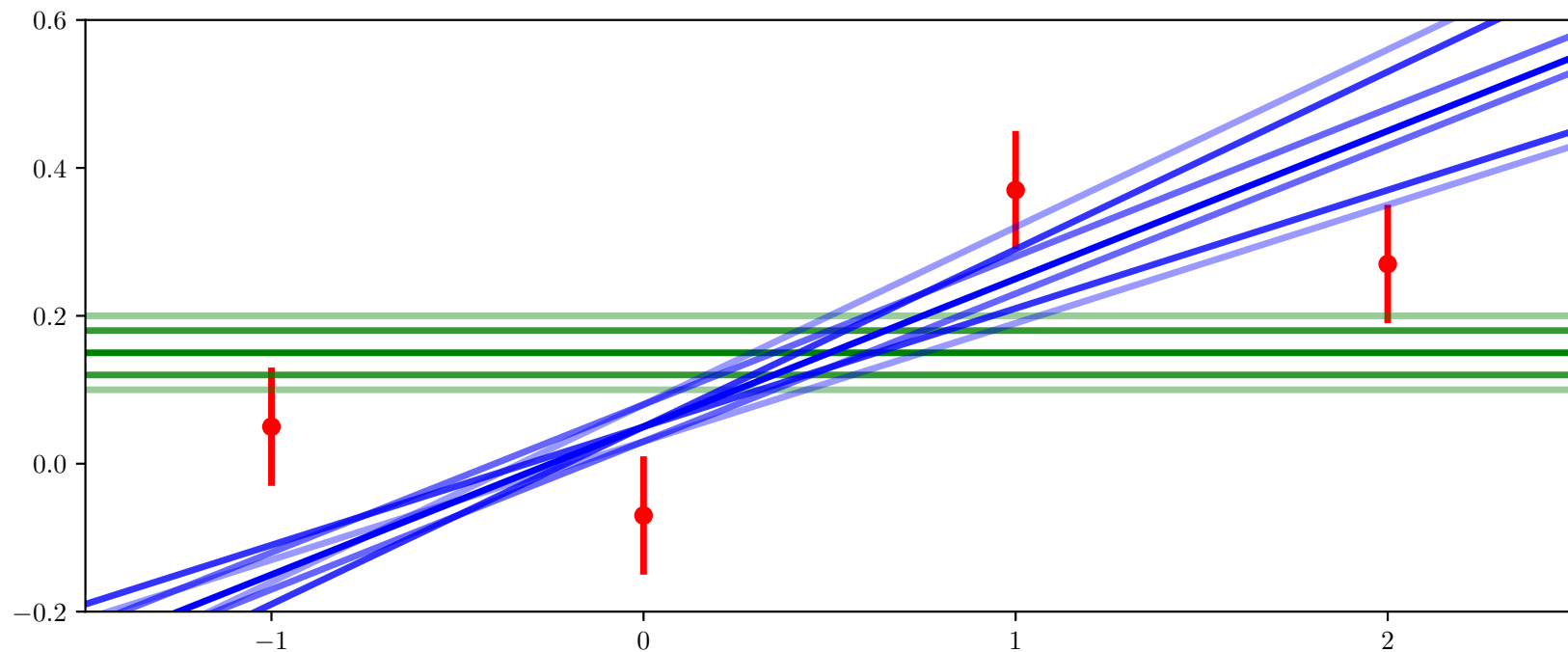
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$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\text{low}} p(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) &= \frac{1-\alpha}{2} \\ \int_{\text{high}}^{+\infty} p(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d}) &= \frac{1-\alpha}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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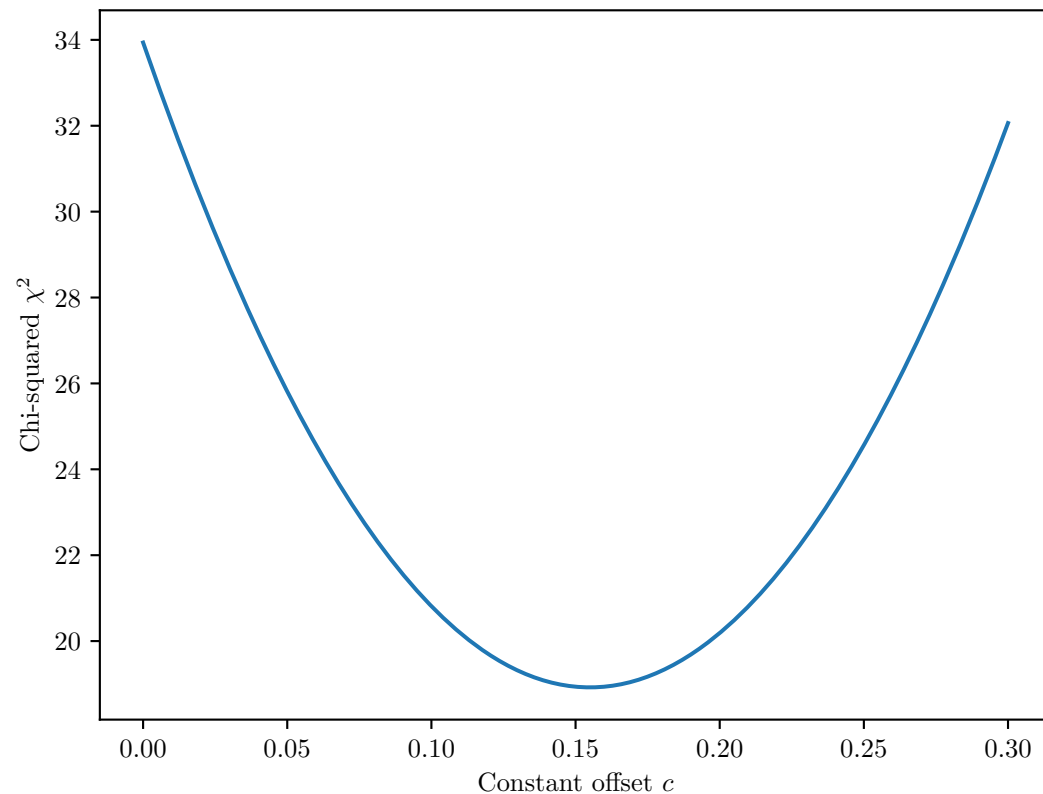
Example: Line **M1** or Constant **M2**?



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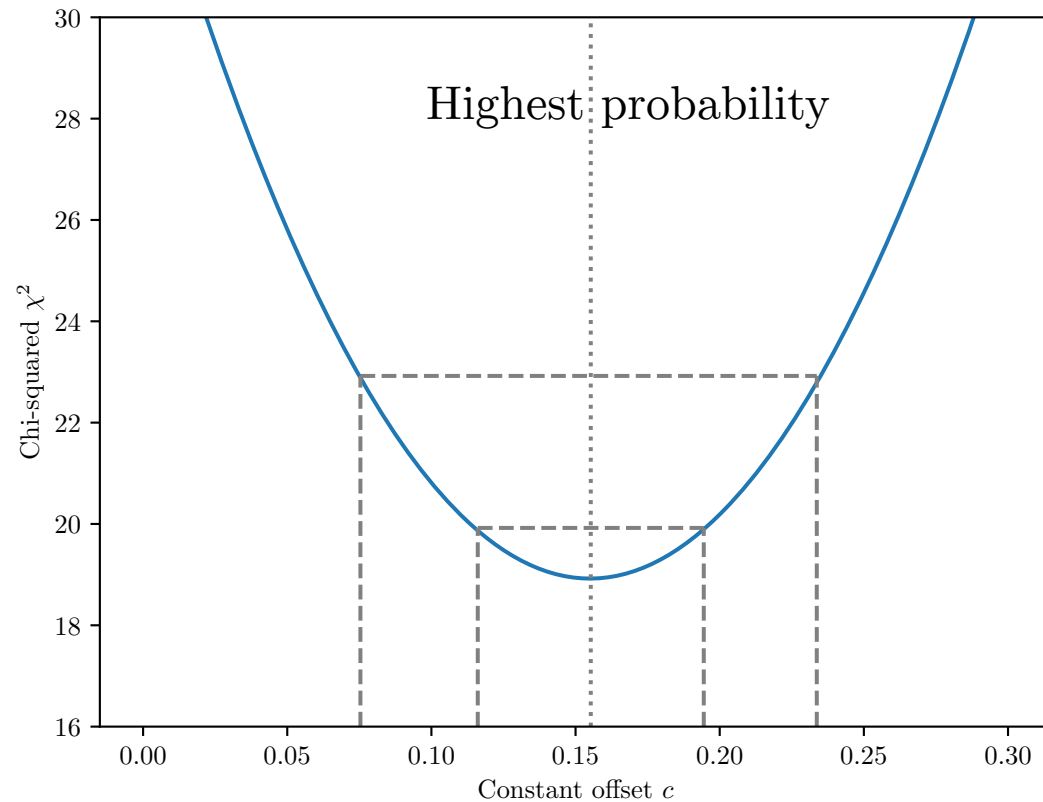
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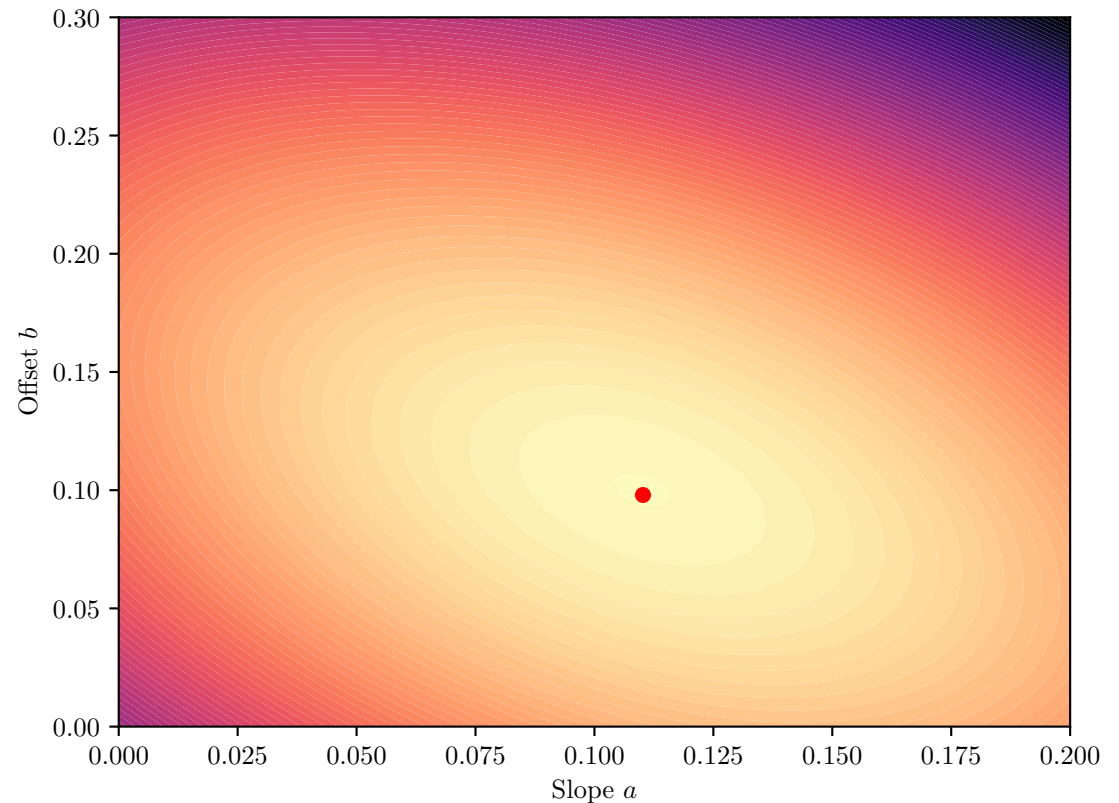
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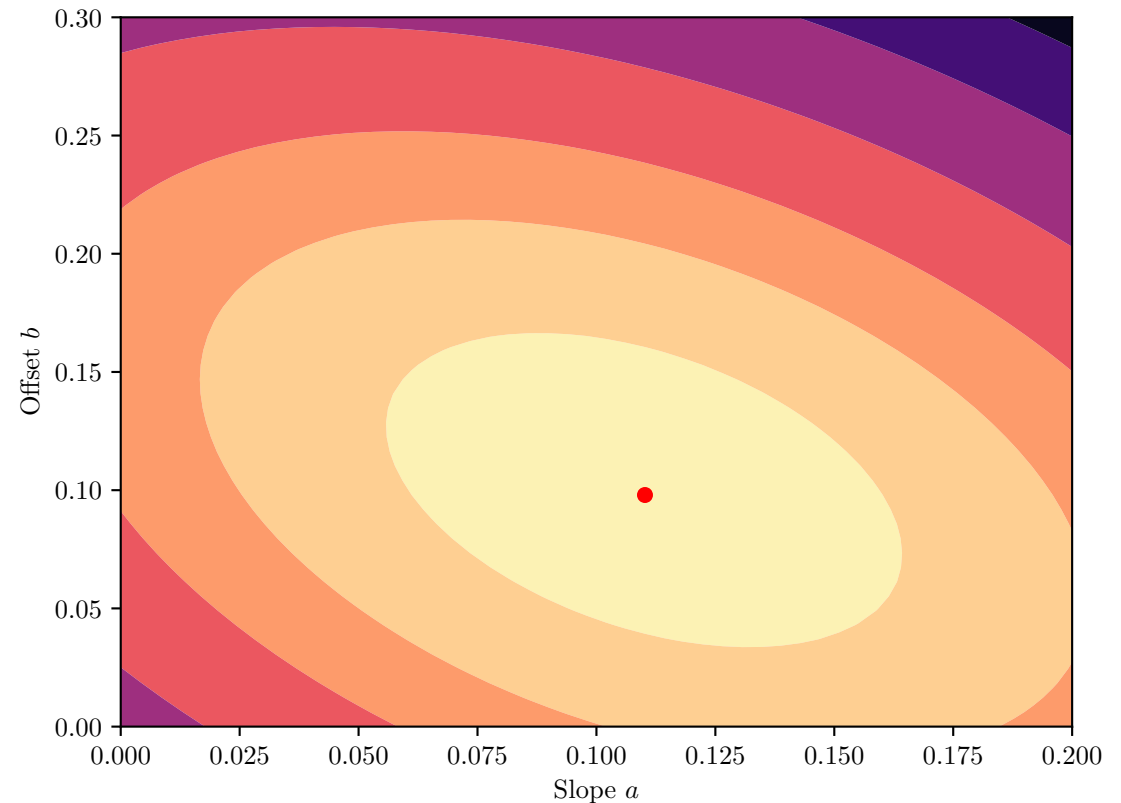
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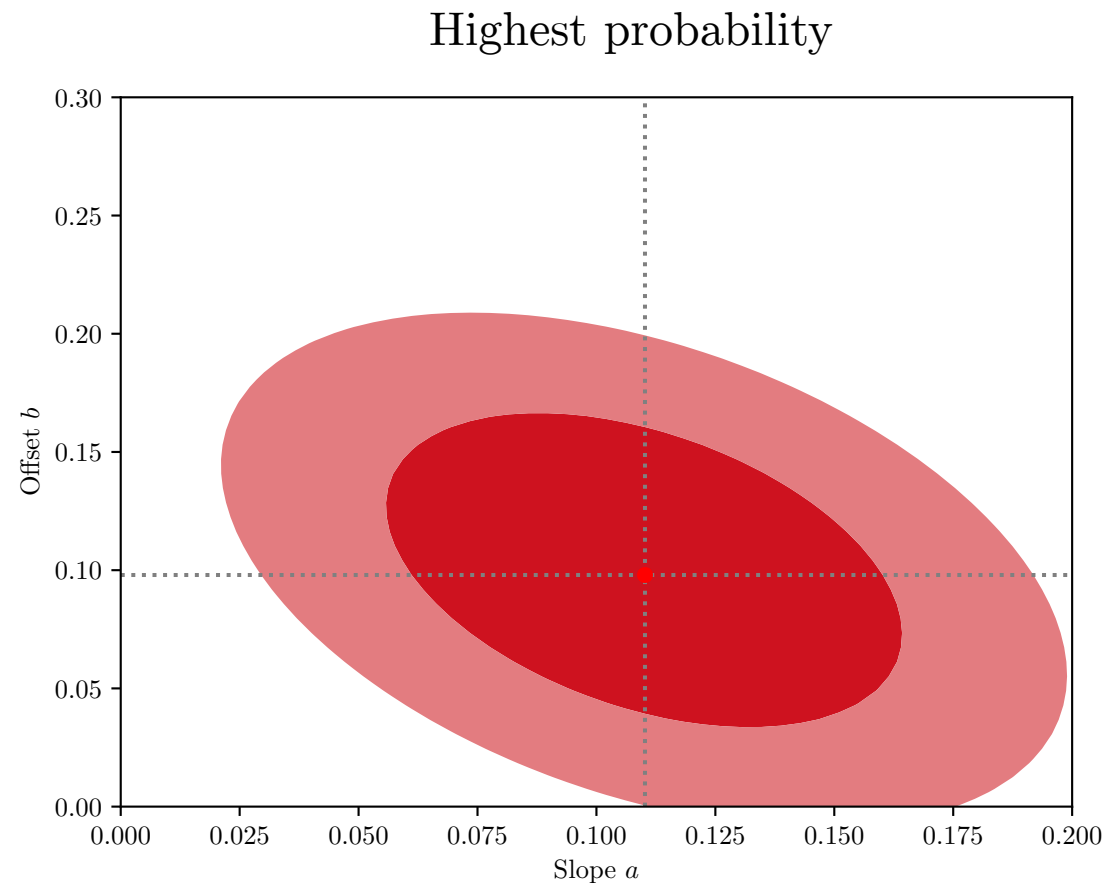
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# BAYESIAN MODEL COMPARISON

- We have reached the goal of specifying which parameters of a given model we believe are more probable or less probable to be compatible with the data given our prior beliefs
- How do we **compare models**?



# BAYESIAN MODEL COMPARISON

- Compute *Bayes factor*

$$\frac{p(M_1|\mathbf{d})}{p(M_2|\mathbf{d})} = \frac{\pi(M_1) E(\mathbf{d}|M_1)}{\pi(M_2) E(\mathbf{d}|M_2)}$$

- Advantage: Purely Bayesian
- Disadvantage:
  - Expensive to compute (evidence)
  - Prior-dependence (!)
  - Interpretability? → Jeffrey's scale

# BAYESIAN MODEL COMPARISON

- **Simpler approaches (more frequentist):**
- If model is nested, then one can compute **Savage-Dickey ratio**

$$\frac{p(\mathbf{d}|M_1)}{p(\mathbf{d}|M_2)} = \frac{p(\vec{\theta}|\mathbf{d})}{p(\vec{\theta}_*|\mathbf{d})}$$

(we get ratio of evidences without computing any)

- **Information Criterion** (AIC, BIC, ...) → Compute differences in  $\chi^2$  and penalize large parameter spaces (overfitting)
- (Comparing tensions in different models)

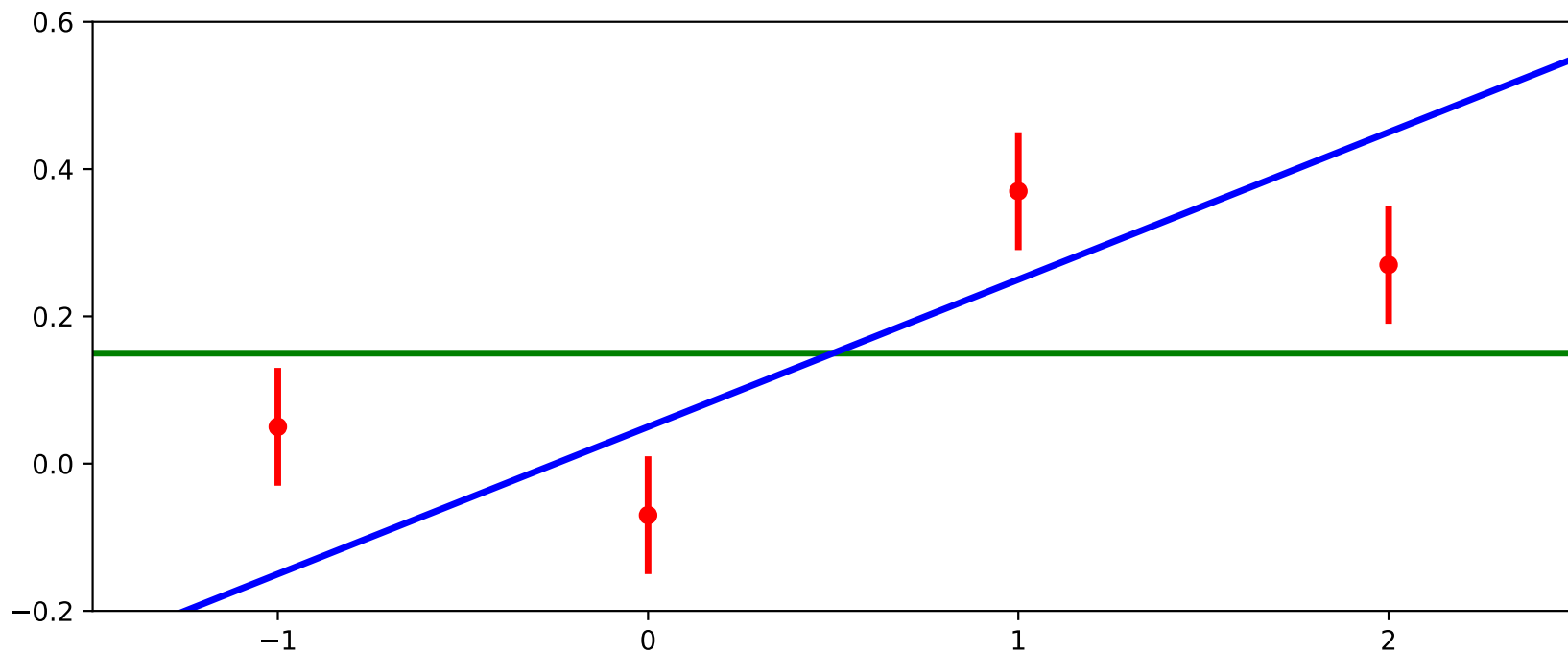
# INFORMATION CRITERIA

- AIC:  $(\chi_{M1}^2 - \chi_{M2}^2) + 2(N_{M1} - N_{M2})$
- BIC:  $(\chi_{M1}^2 - \chi_{M2}^2) + \ln n_{\text{data}} \cdot (N_{M1} - N_{M2})$
- DIC:  $(\chi_{M1}^2 - \chi_{M2}^2) + 2(g_{M1} - g_{M2})$
- ...

$$g_M = \overline{[\chi_M^2(\vec{\theta})]} - \chi_M^2([\vec{\theta}])$$

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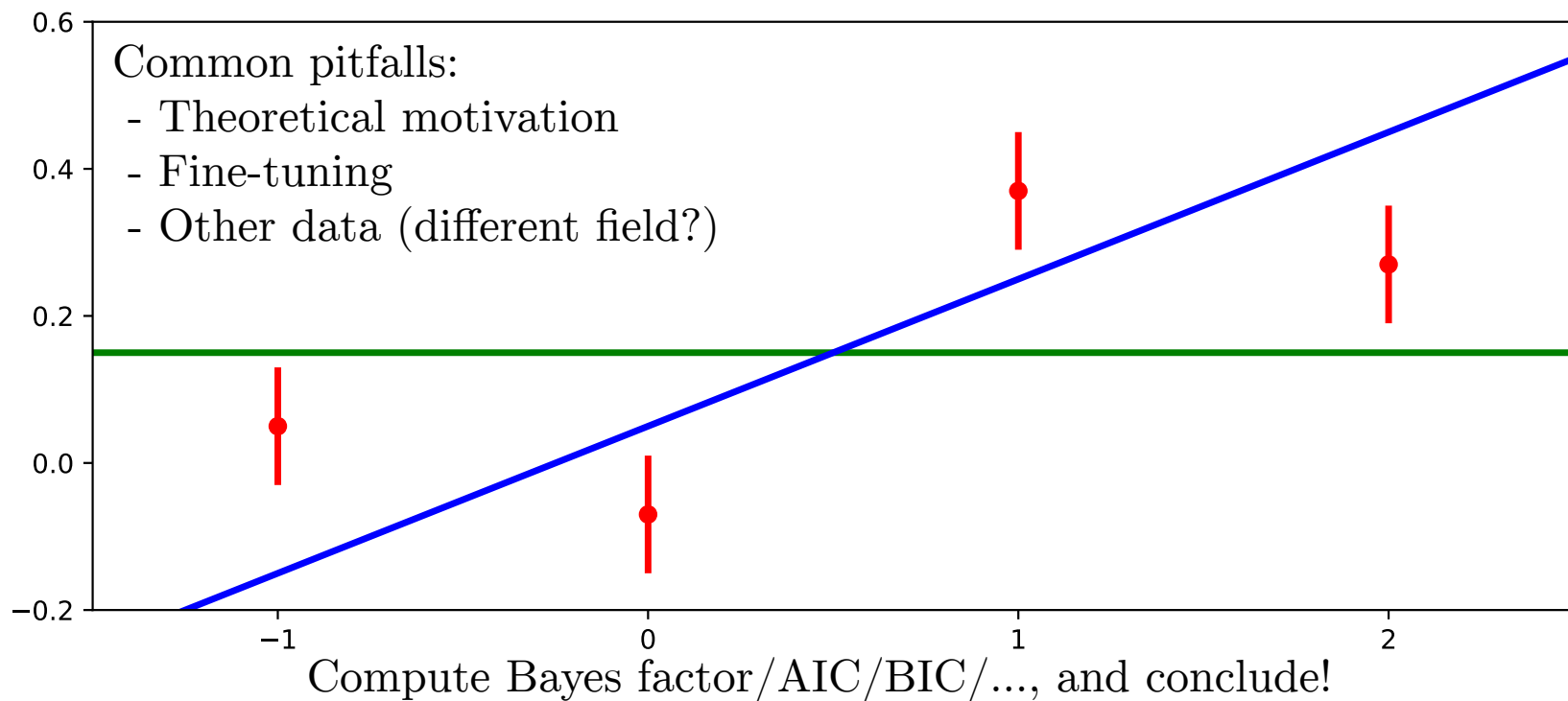
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Compute Bayes factor/AIC/BIC/..., and conclude!

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# CHAINS AND SAMPLERS

# THE MCMC

- Mostly based on concept of a ‘chain’, e.g. in Markov-chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
- Collection of sampling locations (parameter values) with **weights** (and corresponding likelihood)
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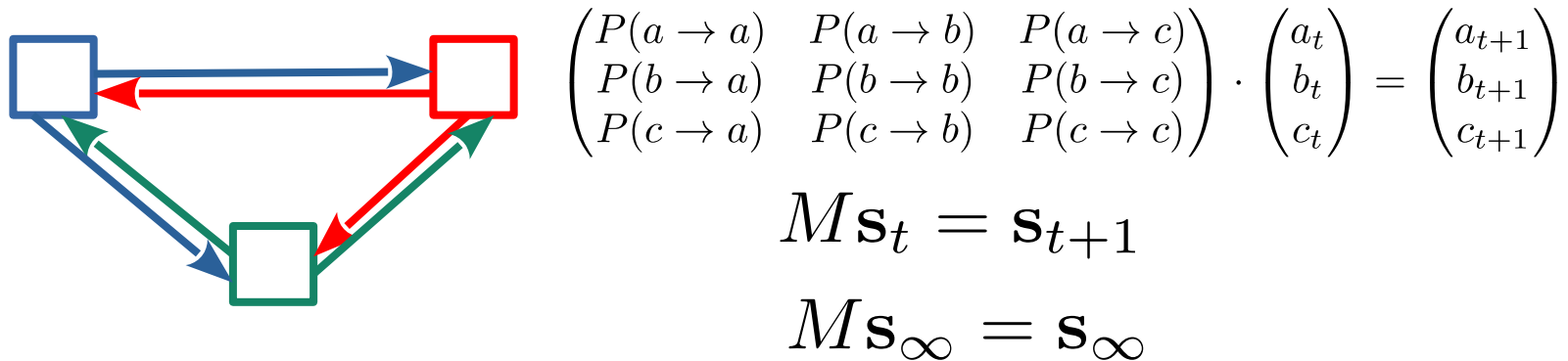
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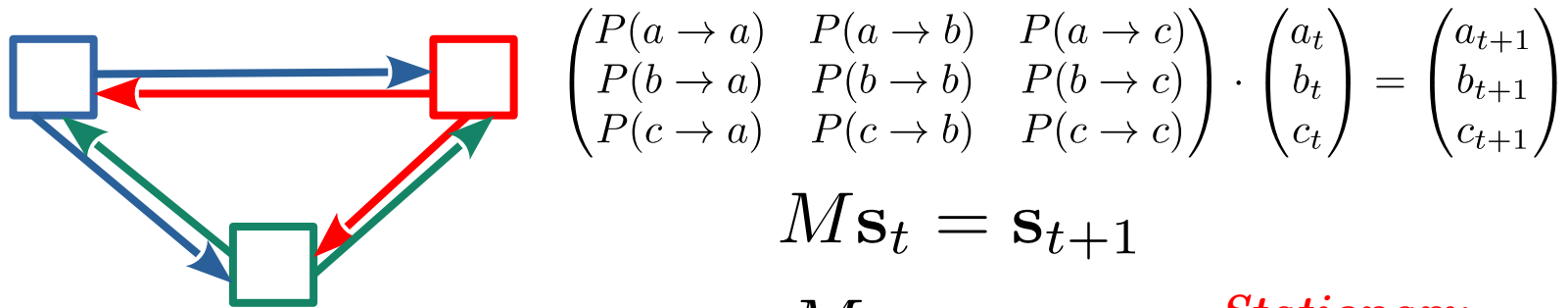


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$$M\mathbf{s}_t = \mathbf{s}_{t+1}$$

$$M\mathbf{s}_\infty = \mathbf{s}_\infty$$

*Stationary  
distribution!*

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MCMC name: We generate a Markov chain by Monte Carlo simulation of jumping points

# THE MCMC

Detailed balance:



$$n(a)P(a \rightarrow b) = n(b)P(b \rightarrow a)$$

$$\frac{n(a)}{n(b)} = \frac{P(b \rightarrow a)}{P(a \rightarrow b)} \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{p(a|\mathbf{d})}{p(b|\mathbf{d})} = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|a)\pi(a)}{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|b)\pi(b)}$$

**Naive:**

$$P(b \rightarrow a) = p(a|\mathbf{d})$$

Evidence :/

**Better:**

$$P(b \rightarrow a) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|a)\pi(a)$$

**Metropolis-Hastings:**

$$P(b \rightarrow a) = \min\left(1, \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|a)\pi(a)}{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|b)\pi(b)}\right)$$

Reminder: 
$$p(a|\mathbf{d}) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|a)\pi(a)}{E}$$

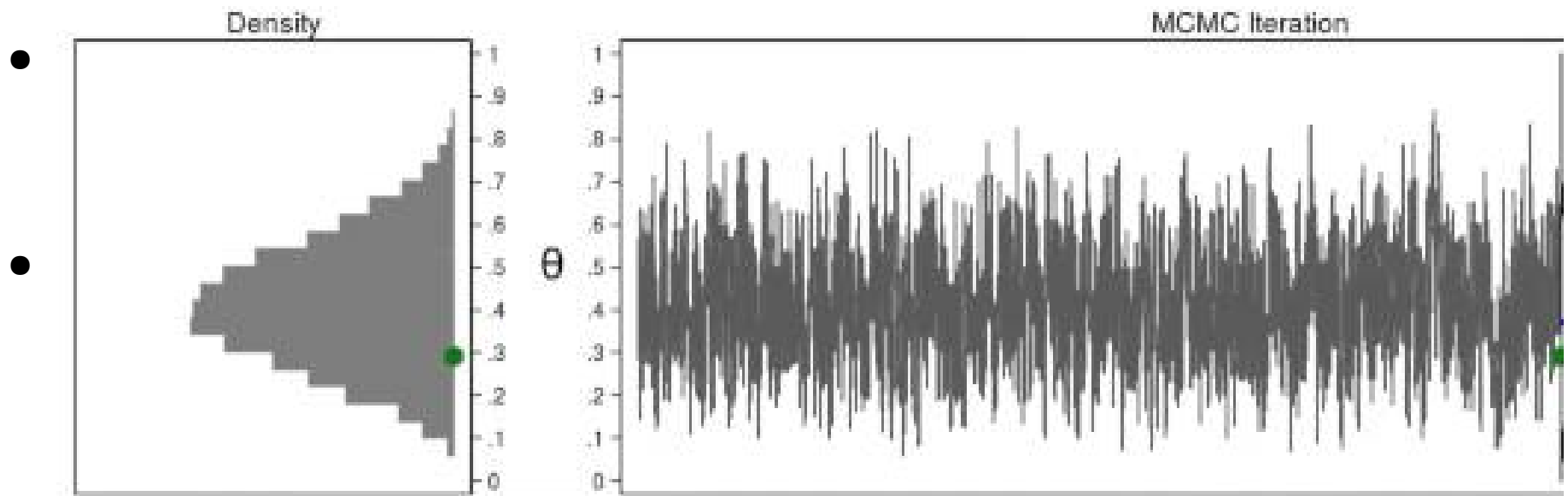


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# THE MCMC

- Use a *sampler* to generate the locations and weights.
- Metropolis-Hastings : Step **randomly**, **BUT** only **accept** step with probability

$$p = \min \left( \frac{\mathcal{L}(\vec{\theta})\pi(\vec{\theta})}{\mathcal{L}(\vec{\theta}_{\text{prev}})\pi(\vec{\theta}_{\text{prev}})}, 1 \right)$$

- Otherwise, remain on same point  $\rightarrow$  **reject** step and increase weight of current point by  $+1$

# HAMILTON MONTECARLO

- Use a *sampler* to generate the locations and weights.
- Hamilton Monte-Carlo: Define steps by using Hamiltonian dynamics, most efficient when derivatives of likelihood are known. Otherwise similar

Keep acceptance rate high (less waste) by

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}(\vec{\theta})\pi(\vec{\theta})}{\mathcal{L}(\vec{\theta}_{\text{prev}})\pi(\vec{\theta}_{\text{prev}})} \rightarrow 1$$

Using momenta to stay in typical set

# NESTED SAMPLING

- Problems of MCMC:
  - No evidence (samples only exist where posterior is large)
  - Multi-modality (cannot jump to regions separated by large gap)
- The fundamental issue is the Markov Chain
- Try instead → nested sampling

# NESTED SAMPLING

- Idea: Sample all prior, keep track of ‘good’ regions

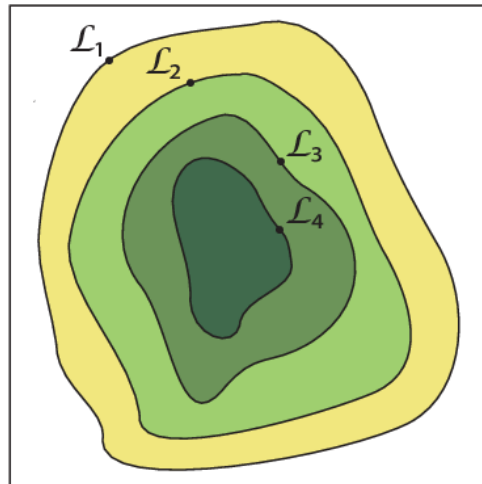
$$\xi(\lambda) = \int_{\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\theta}) > \lambda} \pi(\vec{\theta}) d\vec{\theta}$$

- *Slowly* increase  $\lambda$  until maximum found
- We get the evidence for free:

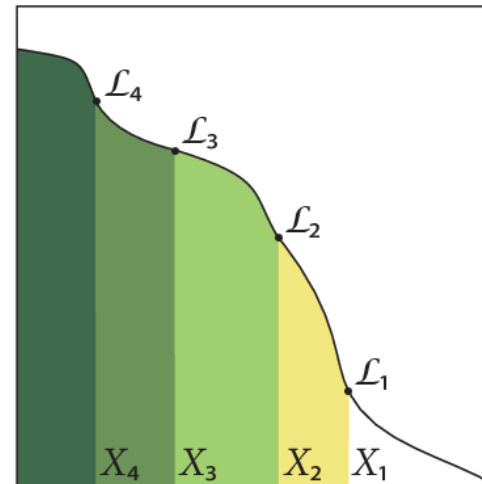
$$E = \int \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\theta}) \cdot \pi(\vec{\theta}) d\vec{\theta} = \int \mathcal{L}(\xi) d\xi$$

# NESTED SAMPLING

- Regions of increasing  $\xi(\lambda)$  are by definition nested

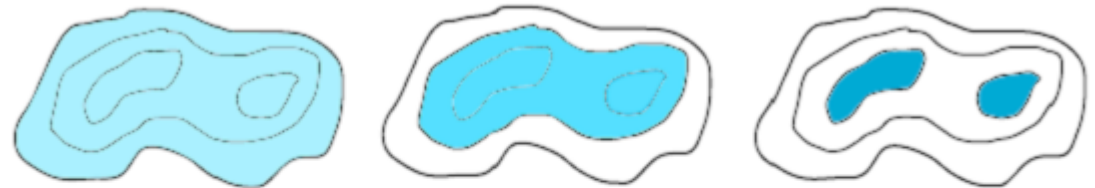


(a)



(b)

Multi-modal = no problem



# NESTED SAMPLING

- In practice:
  - Keep around *live points* that obey  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\vec{\theta}) > \lambda$  and thus define a region  $\xi(\lambda)$  from their convex hull
  - Progressively kill worst point ( $\rightarrow$  *dead points*), and replace by interior point (with higher likelihood)
  - There might be multiple convex hulls necessary for multi-modal distributions  $\rightarrow$  *clusters*



# NOTE ON NESTED SAMPLING

- Upsides:

Multi-modal and elongated posteriors can be captured ‘easily’

You get the actual evidence (!)

- Downsides:

Sometimes a bit fickle to install/computationally expensive

A bit more black-box-y

# CONVERGENCE

- Test convergence using  $|R-1|$

- $$R - 1 = \frac{B/W - 1}{L}$$

$$B = \frac{L}{N_{\text{chain}} - 1} \sum_{\text{chain}} (\bar{x}_{\text{chain}} - \bar{\bar{x}})^2$$

Variance of parameter between chains

$$W = \frac{1}{N_{\text{chain}}} \sum_{\text{chain}} \frac{1}{L_j - 1} \sum (x_{\text{chain}}^i - \bar{x}_{\text{chain}})^2$$

# INFERENCE CODES

- Lots of codes on the market:
  - MontePython
  - Cobaya
  - Cosmosis
  - CosmoMC (fortran!)
  - emcee
  - zeus
  - many more

# HOW TO USE MONTEPYTHON

# MONTEPYTHON

- Pros:
  - Large likelihood library
  - Can produce triangle plots & derive constraints
  - Variety of available samplers
- Cons:
  - Currently compatible mostly only with CLASS
  - Not everything do-able in python
  - No pip install

# MONTEPYTHON

- To install:

**Notebook!**

- Git clone:

[https://github.com/brinckmann/montepython\\_public](https://github.com/brinckmann/montepython_public)

- Change directory:

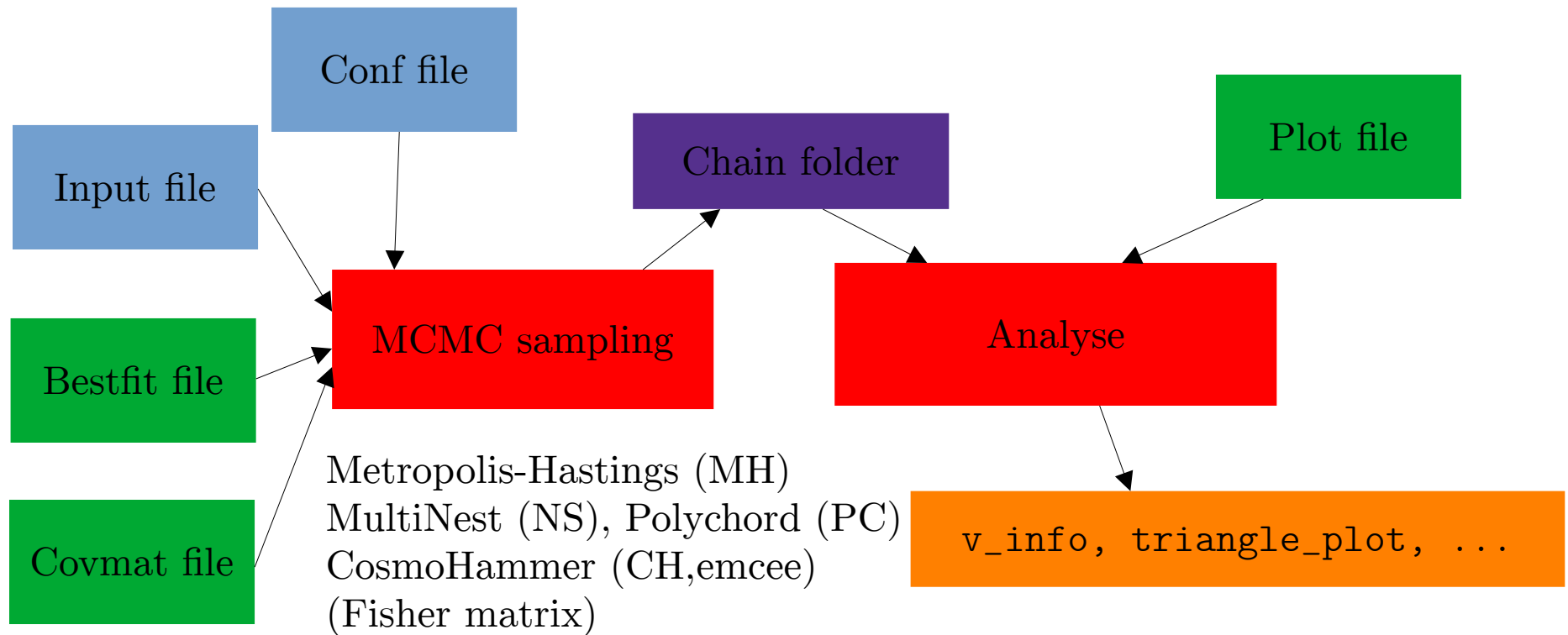
```
cd montepython_public
```

- Run test:

```
python montepython/MontePython.py run --help
```

# MONTEPYTHON

- Layout of code:



# MONTEPYTHON

- Conf file:

```
root = 'path/to/your/home'
```

```
path['cosmo'] = root+'/path/to/class'
```

```
path['clik'] = root+'/path/to/planck/code/plc_3.0/plc-3.01'
```

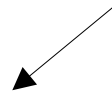


# MONTEPYTHON

- Input file:

```
data.experiments = ['one', 'two', 'three']
```

which likelihoods to use?



```
data.oversampling = [1, 10, 5]
```

are some nuisance parameters faster?  
cosmo, lkl1, lkl2, ...



```
data.parameters['name'] = [ mean, lower, upper, sigma, scale=1, 'type']
```

estimated



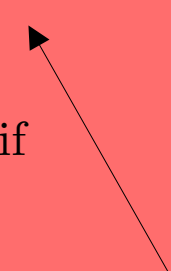
uniform prior



estimated, important if  
no covmat file



'cosmo', 'nuisance', 'derived'



# MONTEPYTHON

- Input file:

```
data.cosmo_arguments['name'] = value/'value'
```

```
likelihood.setting_name = value/'value'
```

# MONTEPYTHON

Generate folder, check that everything works:

```
python montepython/MontePython.py run  
-p input/name.param -o chains/name -N 1 -f 0 --conf xxx.conf
```

Perform the actual run (*no -f 0*):

```
mpirun -np NNN python montepython/MontePython.py run  
-p input/name.param -o chains/name -N 1000000 --conf xxx.conf  
  
--bestfit XXX.bestift --covmat XXX.covmat  
-f 1.6
```

# MONTEPYTHON

- Dangers and pitfalls:
  - The first run generates a `log.param` file, containing all info from the run. **Do not modify!**
  - If a `log.param` is detected in a folder, MontePython will *ignore* the input file!
  - Make sure you have a `covmat` or you provide reasonable `sigma`, otherwise your sampler might be stuck trying to get new points
  - Avoid multi-modality and sharp degeneracies!

# PARALLELIZATION

- We use
  - MPI (multi-process)
  - OpenMPI (multi-thread)
- Class benefits from openMP up until 8-16 cores
- Not a lot of MPI communication necessary → good MPI parallelization

# WHICH LKLS ARE PRESENT?

- Bicep/Keck BK15 (BB constraint)
- Kids-1000 K1K\_BandPowers, K1K\_COSEBIs, K1K\_CorrelationFunctions (Weak lensing)
- Mike/HIRES Lya\_abgd (Lyman- $\alpha$  1D forest)
- Pantheon+ Pantheon\_Plus, Pantheon\_Plus\_SH0ES (Supernovae Ia)

# WHICH LKLS ARE PRESENT?

- Planck 2018 `Planck_highl_TTTEE`, `Planck_lowl_TT`, `Planck_lowl_EE` (CMB lensed anisotropies)
- Planck 2018 `Planck_lensing` (CMB lensing reconstruction)

# WHICH LKLS ARE PRESENT?

- BOSS+eBOSS `bao_eBOSS_DR16_Lya_auto`,  
`bao_eBOSS_DR16_Lya_cross_QSO`,  
`bao_eBOSS_DR16_gal_QSO` (Baryonic acoustic oscillations in galaxies, Quasi-stellar objects, Lyman- $\alpha$  forest)
- BBN `bbn_omega_b` (Primordial light element abundance, Cooke, Aver)
- CC `cosmic_clocks_2016` (Cosmic Chronometers)



# WHICH LKLS ARE PRESENT?

- External likelihoods downloaded elsewhere:
- ACT+SPT ACTPol\_lite\_DR4, spt3g\_y1 (CMB angular power spectra:  
<https://github.com/ACTCollaboration/pyactlike>  
[https://github.com/SouthPoleTelescope/spt3g\\_y1\\_dist](https://github.com/SouthPoleTelescope/spt3g_y1_dist)  
)
- Priors:  $H_0$  ,  $S_8$  , ...  $\rightarrow$  Program yourself (see later)

# WHICH LKLS ARE PRESENT?

- **Forecasting likelihoods:**
- Future CMB proposals `cmb_s4`, `core_m5`, `litebird`
- Future Large scale structure proposals `euclid_lensing`, `euclid_pk`, `ska1_pk`, `ska2_pk`
- Future Spectral distortion proposals `pico`, `pixie`

# HOW TO PROGRAM YOUR OWN LIKELIHOOD

**NAME/NAME.data:**

```
NAME.property = "Hello world!"  
NAME.redshift = 3.4  
NAME.h = 0.73  
NAME.errH = 0.02
```

**NAME/\_\_init\_\_.py:**

```
class NAME(Likelihood):  
    def __init__(self, path, data, command_line):  
        print(self.property)  
    def loglkl(self, cosmo, data):  
        H = cosmo.Hubble(self.redshift)*2997.92458  
        chi2 = (H - self.h)**2/self.errH**2  
        return -0.5 * chi2
```

# INNER WORKINGS

- Covmat-Aligned:
  - Convert current  $C$  into  $C = L^T L$  , then use
$$\Delta\theta = L\Delta\tilde{\theta}$$
- Sample orthogonal axis-aligned jumps in  $\Delta\tilde{\theta}$ 
  - Jumping in eigenvector directions

# INNER WORKINGS

- Proposal distribution:

$$P(\theta \rightarrow \theta') = \mathcal{N} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2c} \Delta\theta^T C^{-1} \Delta\theta \right)$$

- With  $C$  the current covariance matrix estimate

$$c = f^2 / N_{\text{par}}$$

## INNER WORKINGS

- Fast-slow:  $C = L^T L$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 7 & 8 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \\ \delta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\alpha, \beta) = (0, 0) \rightarrow (a, b) = (0, 0)$$

- Can sample fast nuisance parameters more frequently than slow cosmo parameters! (oversampling)

# INNER WORKINGS

- Update: Update covmat every  $N_{\text{update}}$  cycles  
→ Only if  $0.4 < \max(|R-1|) < 3$
- This makes new points *technically* depend on old points → **non-markovian**
- When analyzing, we have to do:
  - keep-non-markovian

# INNER WORKINGS

- SuperUpdate: Update jumping factor every  $N_{\text{super-update}}$  cycles

→ Get acceptance rate close to 0.26  
(astro-ph/0405462)

- $f = 2.4 \rightarrow c_k = c_{k-1} + \frac{a - 0.26}{k - k_{\text{last-update}}}$

- $c_k = f_k^2 / N_{\text{par}}$

$$f_k = \sqrt{N_{\text{par}} c_k}$$

Big impact right after update, then quickly diminishing



# INNER WORKINGS

- Fisher mode:
- `--method Fisher`
- `--fisher-delta 0.1`
- `--fisher-tol 0.05`

$$F_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \chi^2}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j}$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d} | \vec{\theta}) \stackrel{!}{=} 0.1 \pm 0.05$$

$$C_{ij} \approx (F^{-1})_{ij}$$

Approximate likelihood at peak by second-order polynomial

# MONTEPYTHON

- Analysis step:

```
python montepython/MontePython.py info  
chains/name --extra plot_files/xxx.plot ← Plotting options,  
next slide
```

```
--keep-non-markovian --want-covmat --noplot --noplot-2d --noplot-2d-diag
```

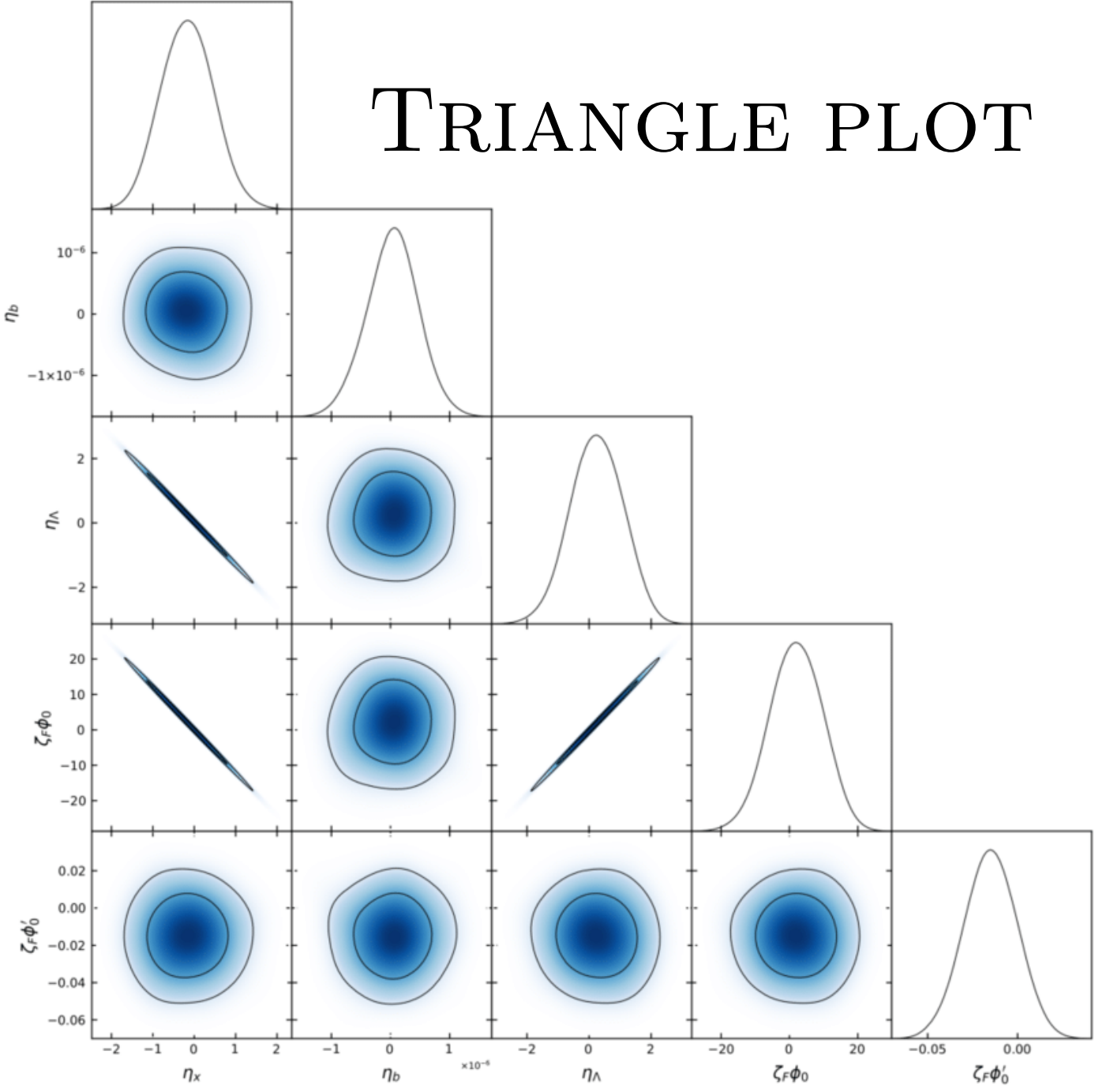
↑  
Keep around points even  
when covariance matrix has  
been updated

↑  
Compute the covmat  
(!) danger: if not enough  
points, this will destroy  
future runs in same folder

↑  
Only 1d  
posteriors

↑  
2d posteriors without 1d  
posteriors on diagonal

# TRIANGLE PLOT



# PLOT FILE OPTIONS

```
info.to_derive = {'der1': 'H0*H0*Omega_cdm'}
```

```
info.to_reorder = ['der2', 'H0']
```

```
info.to_change = {'rs_d': 'r^s_d'}
```

```
info.to_plot = ['omega_b', 'H0', 'r^s_d']
```

```
info.force_limits = {'H0': [60, 70]}
```

```
info.ticksize = 10
```

```
info.legendnames = ['run 1', 'run 2']
```

```
info.custom2d = ['add_cool_thing.py']
```

# MONTEPYTHON

- Run generates `log.param`
- Analyze generates `name.bestfit` and `name.log`
- If `--want-covmat` is set, also `name.covmat` file
- Run can auto-generate `name.bestfit` and `name.covmat` if sufficiently converged
- The file `name.v_info` or `name.h_info` or `name.tex` contains all info about  $|R-1|$ /`bestfit/mean/confidence limits`

# HOW TO USE COBAYA

# COBAYA

- Pros:
  - Compatible with CAMB & CLASS
  - Available in python, pip install
  - Easier to use (e.g. cobaya-install xxx)
- Cons:
  - Smaller likelihood library
  - No plotting

# COBAYA

- Very simple MPI-parallelized Metropolis-Hastings MCMC:

```
mpirun -n NNN cobaya-run name.yaml
```



# COBAYA

- input yaml

```
likelihood:
  lk11:
    setting1: True
    setting2: 42
  lk12: None
```

- Parameter without prior is derived

```
params:
  param1:
    prior:
      min: 0
      max: 1
    ref:
      dist: norm
      loc: 0
      scale: 0.25
    latex: \mathcal{cool\_latex}
  param2:
    prior:
      ...
  param3:
    latex:
```

# COBAYA

- input yaml

```
params:  
  param4:  
    drop: True  
  param5:  
    value: "lambda param4:  
np.exp(param4)"  
  param6:  
    derived: "lambda x:x**2"
```

```
sampler:  
  polychord: option_dict
```

```
Theory:  
  classy:  
    extra_args:  
      P_k_max_1/Mpc: 10  
      modes: s  
output: folder
```

```
prior:  
  additional_prior: python_function
```

# GETDIST

```
from getdist import plots, loadMCSamples

samples = loadMCSamples("folder")
samples2 = loadMCSamples("other_folder")

gdp = plots.get_subplot_plotter()

gdp.triangle_plot([samples, samples2], params=['a', 'b', 'c'],
filled=True, legend_labels=['run1', 'run2'])
```

Typically nicer plots, but comes with its own set of difficulties

# COBAYA + GETDIST DIRECTLY

```
from cobaya.run import run
```

```
updated_info, sampler = run(model_info)
```

- ```
from getdist.mcsamples import MCSamplesFromCobaya
```

```
gd_sample = MCSamplesFromCobaya(updated_info,  
sampler.products()["sample"])
```

- ```
import getdist.plots as gdplt
```

```
gdplot = gdplt.get_subplot_plotter()
```

```
gdplot.triangle_plot(gd_sample, ["a", "b"], filled=True)
```

# COBAYA IN PYTHON

```
from cobaya.model import get_model

model = get_model(info)

model.prior.sample()
point = {'parameter':value}
model.logpost(point)
```

# CMB LIKELIHOODS

- Newest version of `clik`:
  - <https://github.com/benabed/clik>
- Now to compile:
- `./waf configure`
- `./waf install`
- `source bin/clik_profile.sh`
- Check: `python -c "import clik"`

# CMB LIKELIHOODS

- Install actual likelihood data:
- <http://pla.esac.esa.int/pla/#home>
- Cosmology → Likelihood →
  - COM\_Likelihood\_Data-baseline\_R3.00.tar.gz
  - [COM\_Likelihood\_Code-v3.0\_R3.10.tar.gz]
- .conf:
- `path['clik'] = root+'xxx/code/plc_3.0/plc-3.1'`
- `path = path['clik]+'../../../../../baseline/plc_3.0/hi_1/plik/xx.clik'`
- `Planck_highl_TTTEEE.path_clik = os.path.join(data.path['clik'],  
'../../../../../baseline/plc_3.0/hi_1/plik/plik_rd12_HM_v22b_TTTEEE.clik')`

# CMB LIKELIHOODS

- SPT likelihood:
- [https://github.com/SouthPoleTelescope/spt3g\\_y1\\_dist](https://github.com/SouthPoleTelescope/spt3g_y1_dist)
- `spt3g_montepython_install`  
`/path/to/montepython /path/to/clik`
- Test: `python`  
`/path/to/montepython/montepython/MontePython.py`  
`run -o base_spt -p base_spt3g_y1.param`
- By default: `spt3g_y1.path_clik =`  
`'/path/to/montepython/data/spt_data/spt3g_Y1_v1`  
`_TTTEE.clik'`



ANY QUESTIONS?

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