

Some approaches for modelling the likelihood of maps and power spectra

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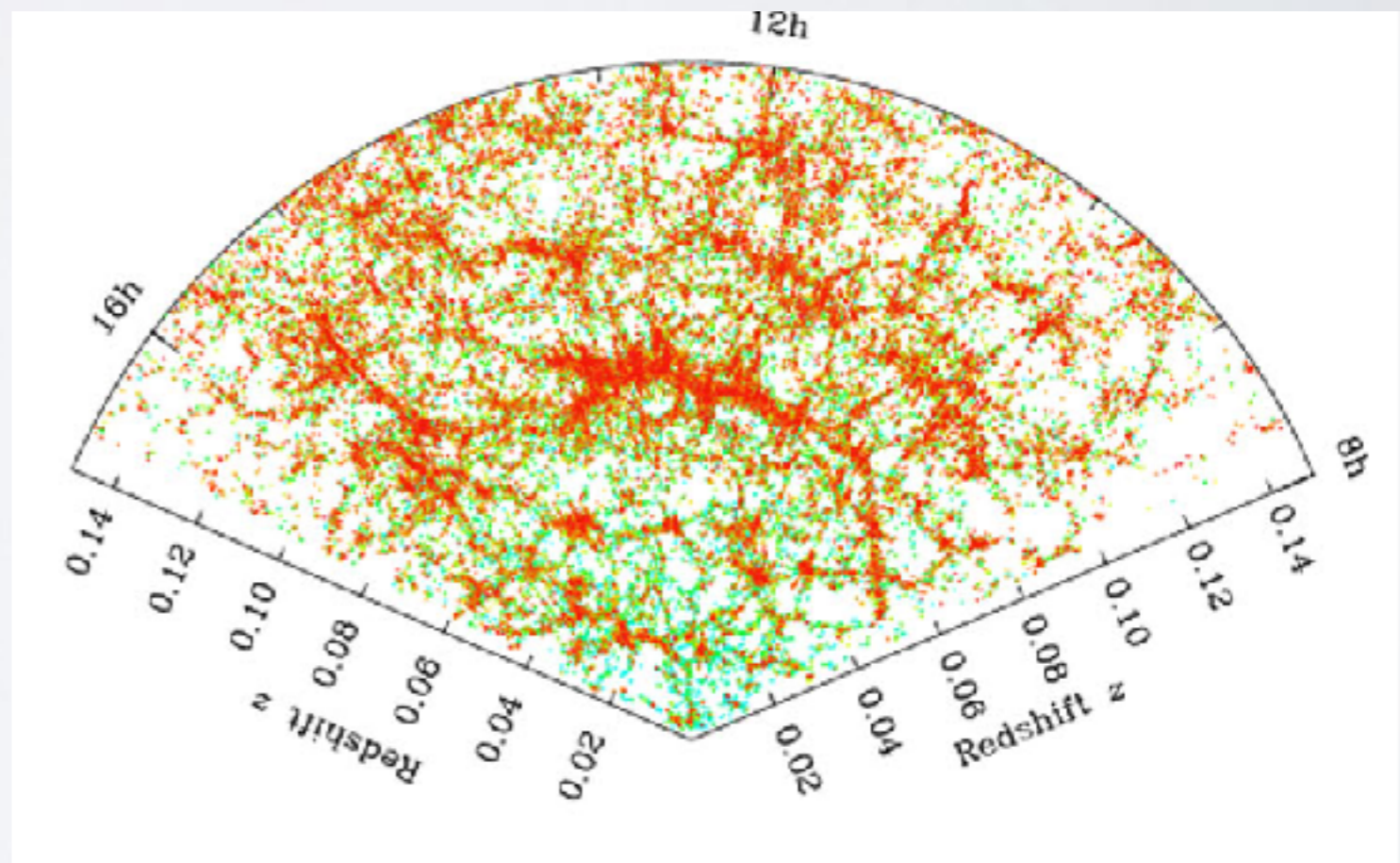
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If this could be made Gaussian our lives would be easier



e.g. logarithms,
Box-Cox, clipping,
etc.

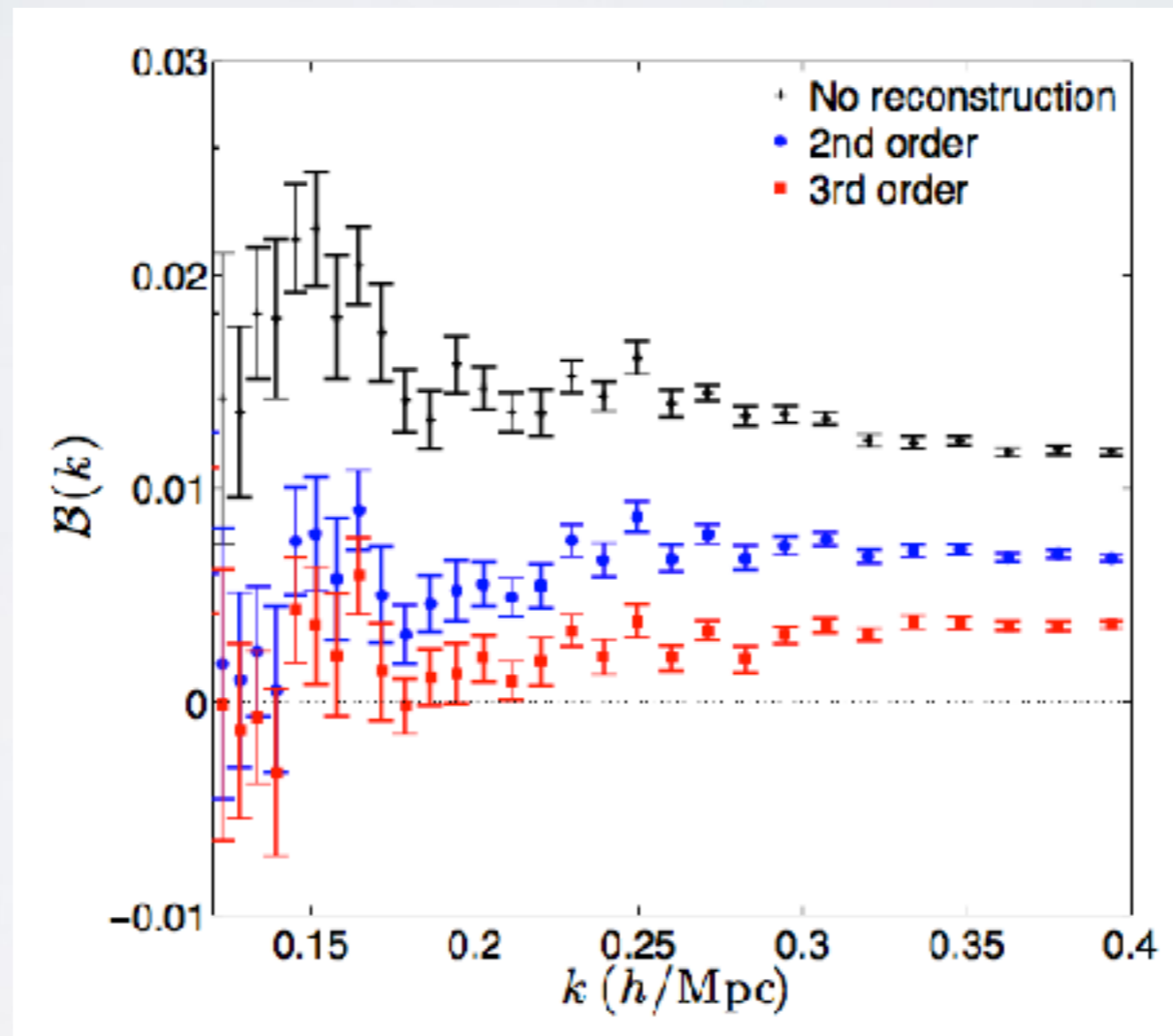


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Suppressed bispectrum

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$$p(\delta|P, B, T) = p_G [f(\delta; P, B, T)|P] \left| \frac{df}{d\delta} \right|$$

**Gives a non-Gaussian multivariate pdf
for the map - Bayesian inference in
the non-linear regime...**

Combining theory and simulation covariances in the likelihood

AH & Taylor 2018, on arXiv very soon...

$$\hat{\mathbf{C}}^* = \hat{\lambda} \mathbf{C}_T + (1 - \hat{\lambda}) \hat{\mathbf{C}}$$

**Combinations of theory and simulation
covariances (e.g. shrinkage)**

$$-2 \ln L = (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \hat{\mathbf{C}}^{*-1} (\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

Is this the correct likelihood?

Do you need to de-bias the inverse here?

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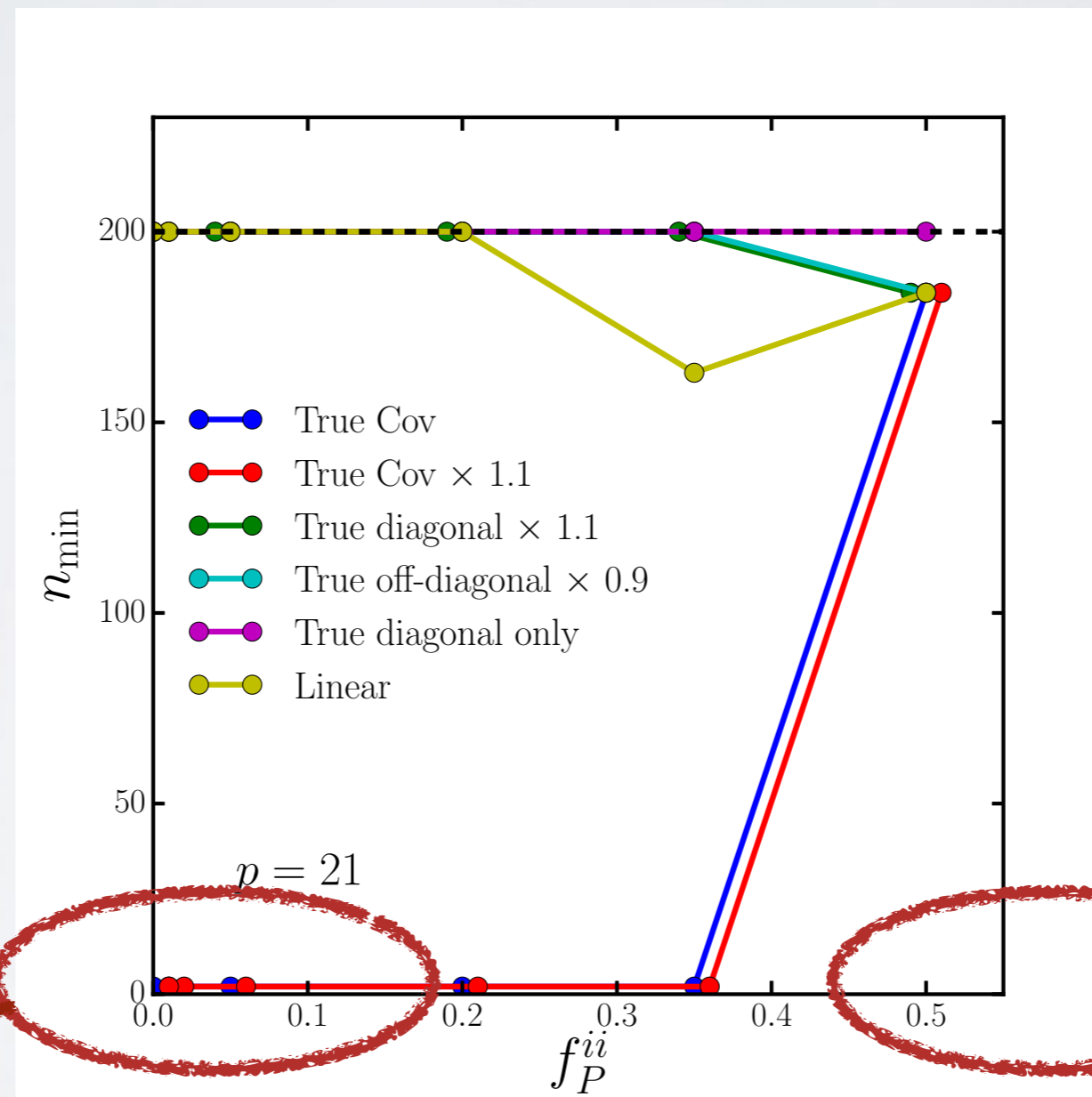
Marginalize over unknown covariance matrix with theory prior

$$-2 \ln L = (n + m) \ln \left[1 + \frac{(\mathbf{y} - \mu)^T \tilde{\mathbf{C}}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mu)}{(n - 1)} \right]$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{C}} \equiv \hat{\mathbf{C}} + \frac{m - p - 1}{n - 1} \mathbf{C}_T$$

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**High
confidence in
theory**

**Low
confidence
theory**

Thanks

**Perturbative Gaussianizing
transforms for cosmological fields**

AH & Mead 2017, arXiv: 1709.03924

**Combining theory and simulation-
based covariance matrices for large-
scale structure: a Bayesian prescription**

AH & Taylor 2018, arXiv: 1804.??????