

# Density reconstruction via Bayesian large-scale structure inference

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# A disclaimer



*“A previous acquaintance with probability and statistics is not necessary; indeed, a certain amount of innocence in this area may be desirable, because there will be less to unlearn.”*

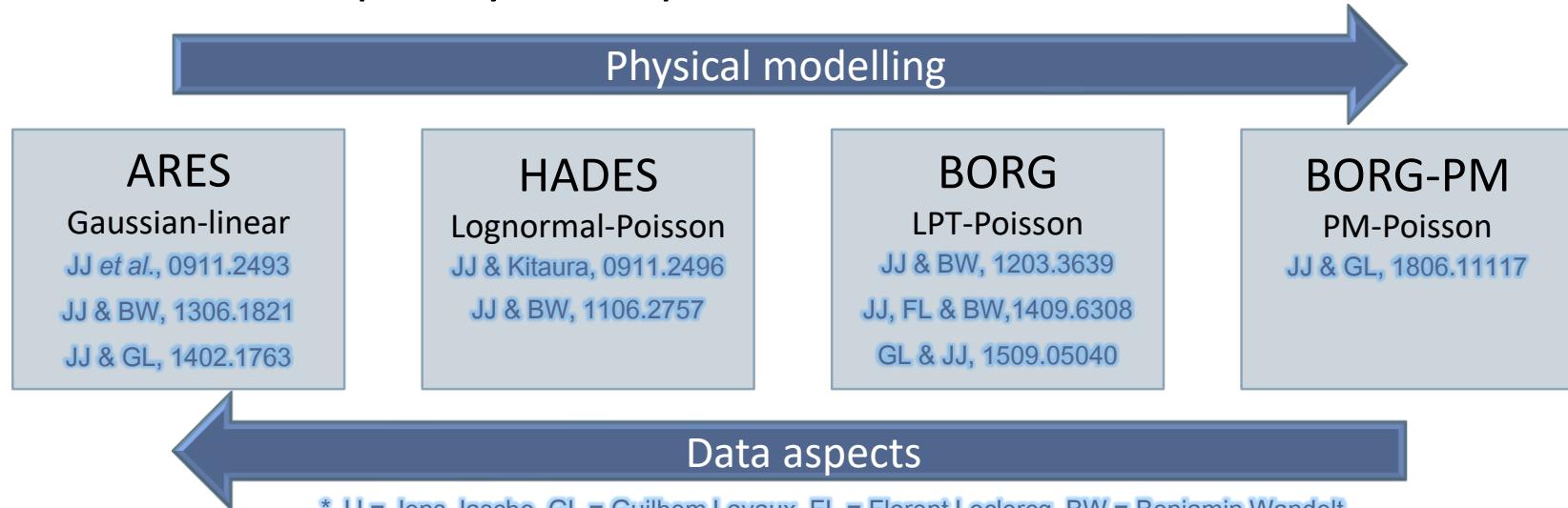
— Edwin Thompson Jaynes (2003), *Probability Theory: The Logic of Science*

E. T. Jaynes (1922-1998)

- For the purpose of this talk, please forget the following concepts:
  - “**measurements**” of power spectra / correlation functions, etc.
  - “**mock**” catalogues to measure frequencies
  - galaxy “**weights**” or any “**correction**” to the data
  - backward-modelling techniques for “**BAO reconstruction**”
  - any remaining frequentist concept (estimators /  $\chi^2$  / maximum likelihood, etc.)

# Bayesian large-scale structure inference codes

- Codes developed by the Aquila Consortium:



- Additional features:

- Power spectrum inference
- Galaxy bias (various models), redshift-space distortions, light-cone effects
- Alcock-Paczyński effect and cosmological parameter inference  
Ramanah, Lavaux & Wandelt 2018, arXiv:1808.07496
- Foregrounds and treatment of unknown systematics  
Jasche & Lavaux 2017, arXiv:1706.08971 • Porqueres, Ramanah, Jasche & Lavaux 2018, arXiv:1812.05113

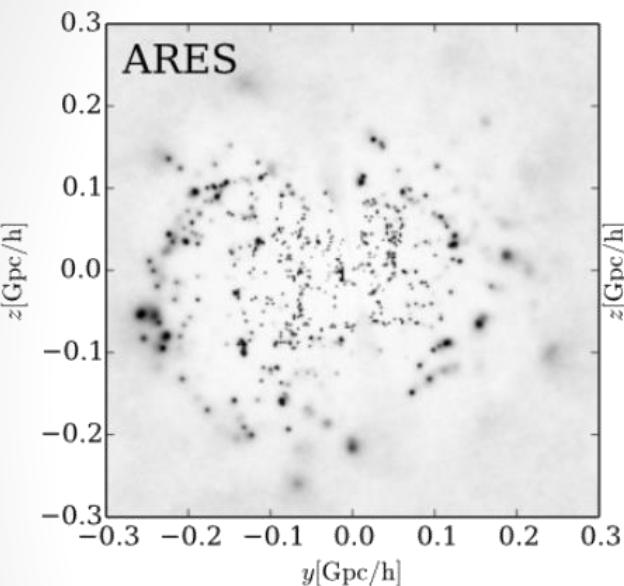
# Bayesian large-scale structure inference codes

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Language	files	blank	comment	code
C++	191	7515	4704	23358
C/C++ Header	235	6407	4066	22438
Julia	4	92	64	366
SUM:	430	14014	8834	46162

- Check ARES at [https://bitbucket.org/bayesian\\_lss\\_team/](https://bitbucket.org/bayesian_lss_team/)
- All of these codes give **samples** of the respective posterior distributions.  
➡ Only one run of the code gives uncertainties!

# Comparing BLSS methods

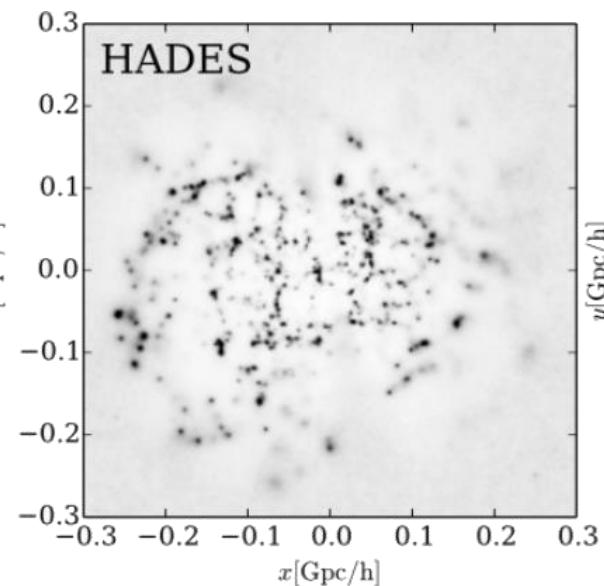
Gaussian (a.k.a. Wiener filter)



Jasche *et al.* 2010, arXiv:0911.2493

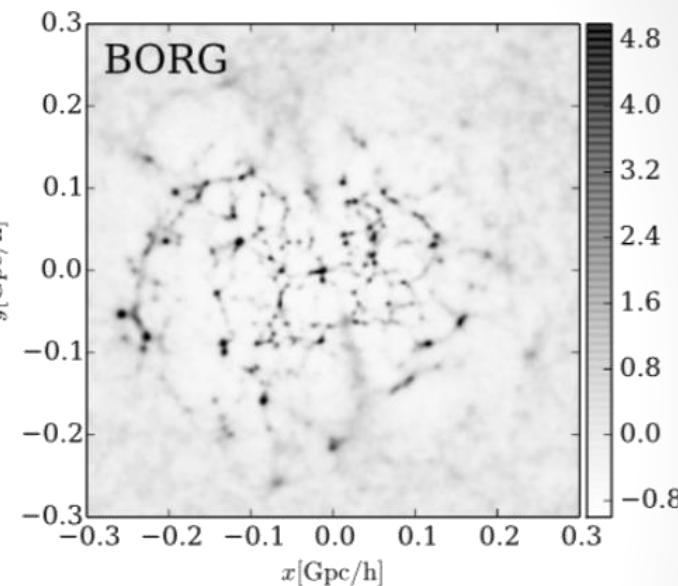
Jasche & Wandelt 2013, arXiv:1306.1821

Lognormal – Poisson



Jasche & Kitaura 2010,  
arXiv:0911.2496

2LPT – Poisson



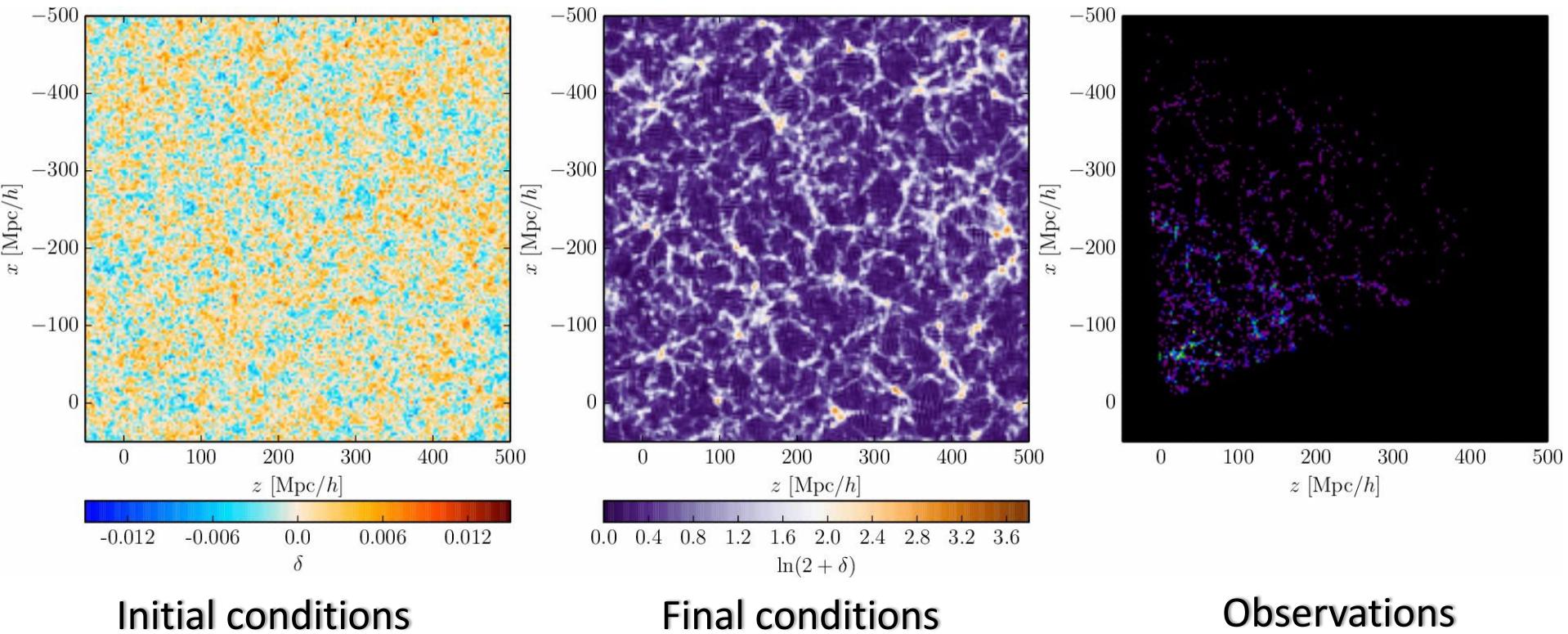
Jasche & Wandelt 2013,  
arXiv:1203.3639

- Which scheme performs best? Ask the data!

$$A_{ij} = \ln(\mathcal{P}(d|\delta_i)) - \ln(\mathcal{P}(d|\delta_j))$$

	ARES	HADES	BORG
ARES	0	-219580.31	-383482.25
HADES	219580.31	0	-163901.94
BORG	383482.25	163901.94	0.

# The BORG SDSS analysis



Initial conditions

Final conditions

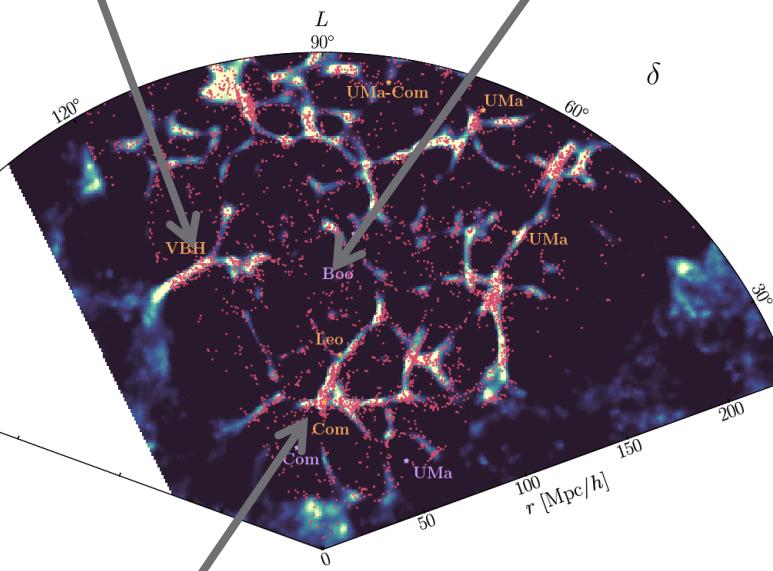
Observations

334,074 galaxies,  $\approx$  17 million parameters, 3 TB of primary data products,  
12,000 samples,  $\approx$  250,000 data model evaluations, 10 months on 32 cores

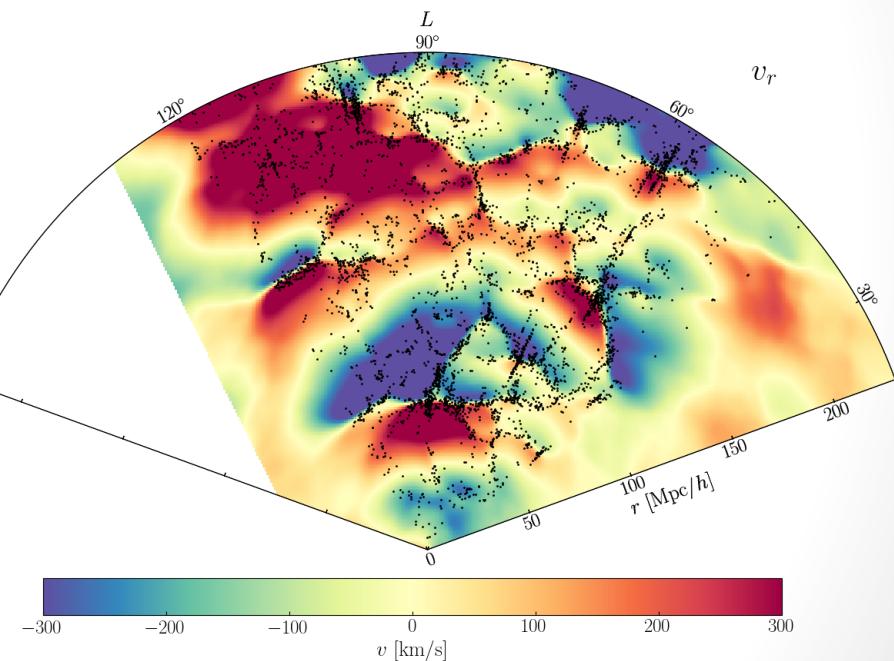
# Cosmography in the supergalactic plane

Virgo-Boötes-  
Hercules filament

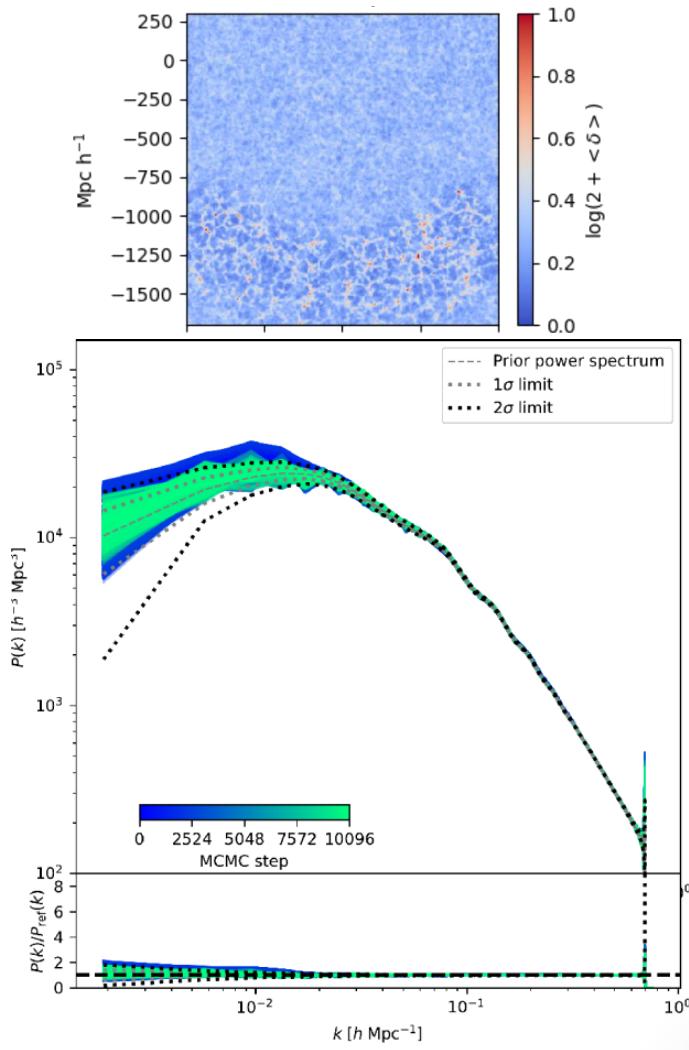
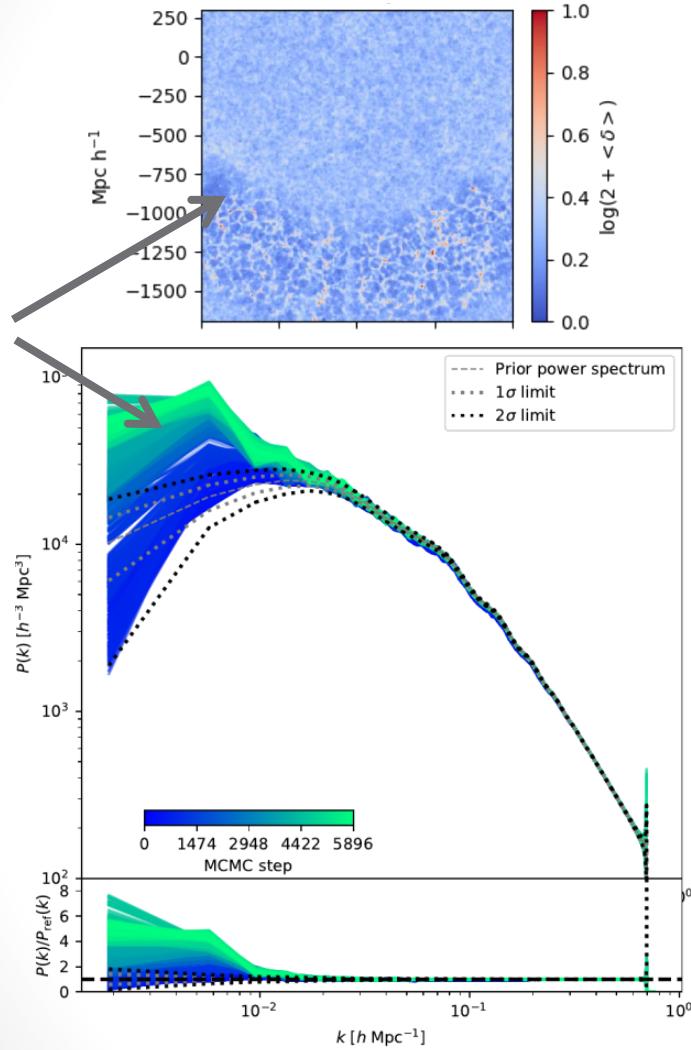
Boötes void



Coma cluster

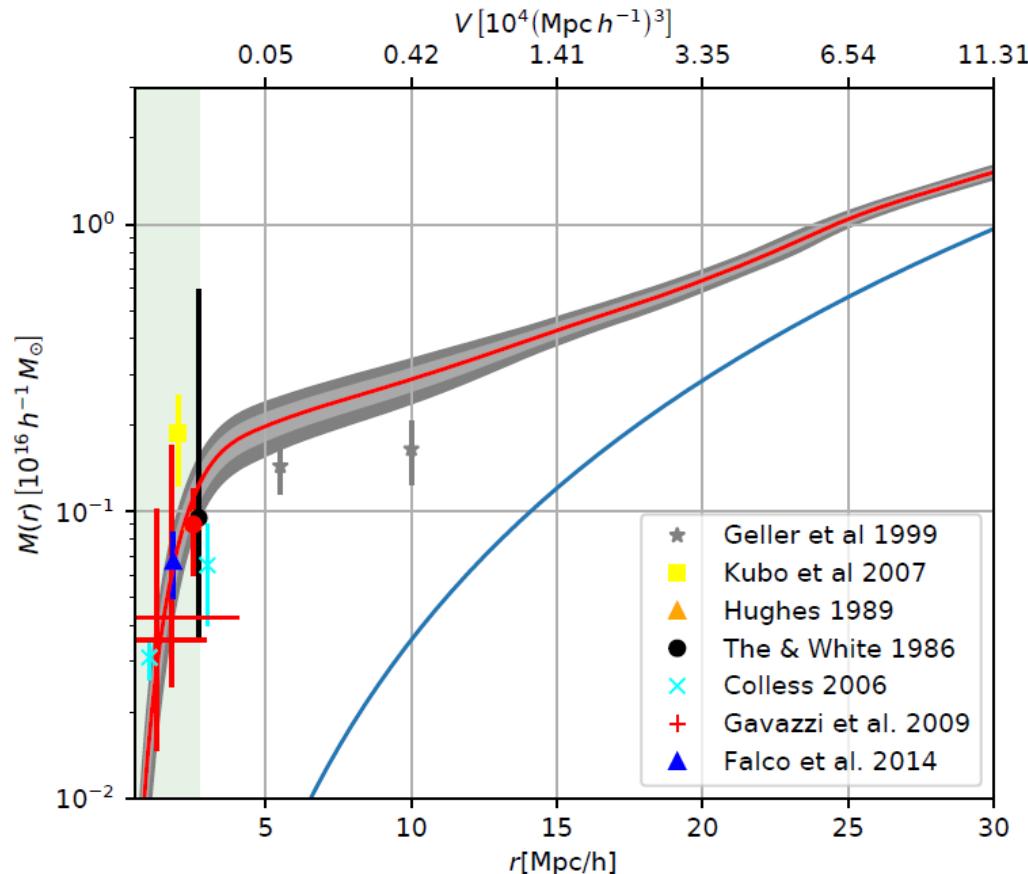


# Unknown foreground contaminations



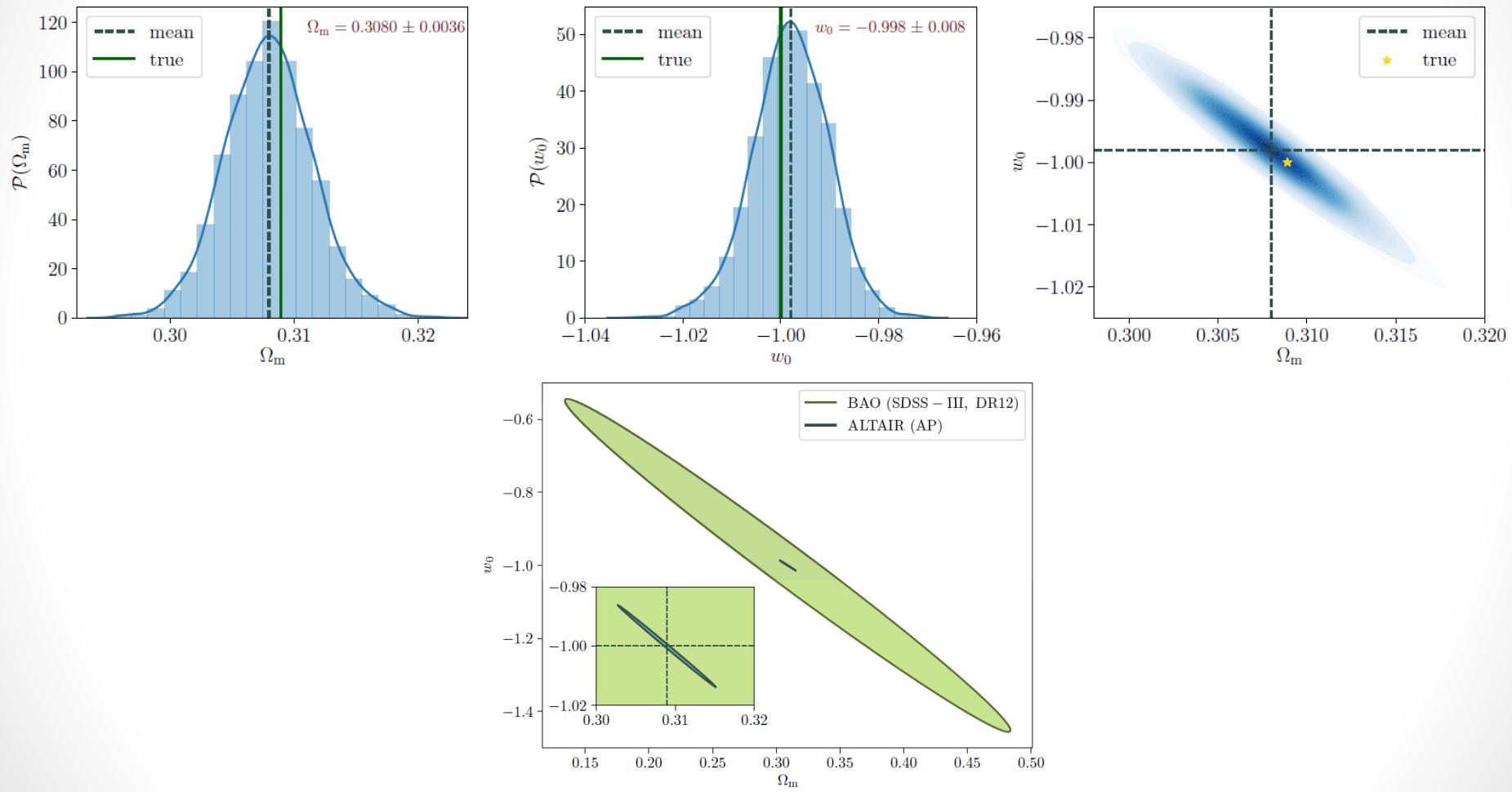
Porqueres, Ramanah, Jasche & Lavaux 2018, arXiv:1812.05113

# BORG-PM: full non-linear dynamics



Mass profile of the **Coma cluster**, in agreement with gravitational lensing and X-ray observations down to a few Mpc.

# ALTAIR: Cosmological inference from AP effect



Joint map-cosmology inference is becoming feasible.

Ramanah, Lavaux & Wandelt 2018, arXiv:1808.07496

# The Aquila Consortium

- Created in 2016. Members from the UK, France, Germany & Sweden.
- Gathers people interested in developing the Bayesian pipelines and running analyses on cosmological data.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Aquila Consortium website. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with the text "The Aquila consortium" and links for Overview, Wiki, People, Projects, Publications, Talks, Contact, and a search icon. Below the navigation bar is a large banner featuring a colorful map of the universe's large-scale structure. Overlaid on the banner is the text "Data science meets the Universe." and "The Aquila consortium for Bayesian Large Scale Structure inference." Below the banner, the page has a dark background. The first section is titled "Our mission" with a paragraph of text about the consortium's goals. There is a "Get notified when new results are published" button with a Twitter icon and the handle "@AquilaScience". The second section is titled "Our latest results" and shows three small images: a density map, a visualization of a reconstruction process, and another density map. At the bottom of the page is the website URL [www.aquila-consortium.org](http://www.aquila-consortium.org).

# Conclusions

- Bayesian large-scale structure inference is not an impossible task!
- This work is on-going in the Galaxy Clustering Science Working Group – work package “Additional probes”
- The future: great science and challenges

