



# Bayesian analyses of galaxy surveys

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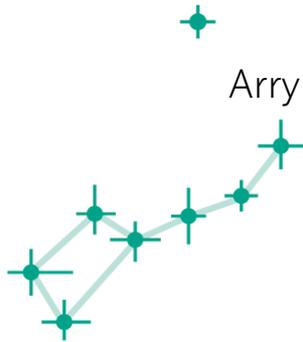
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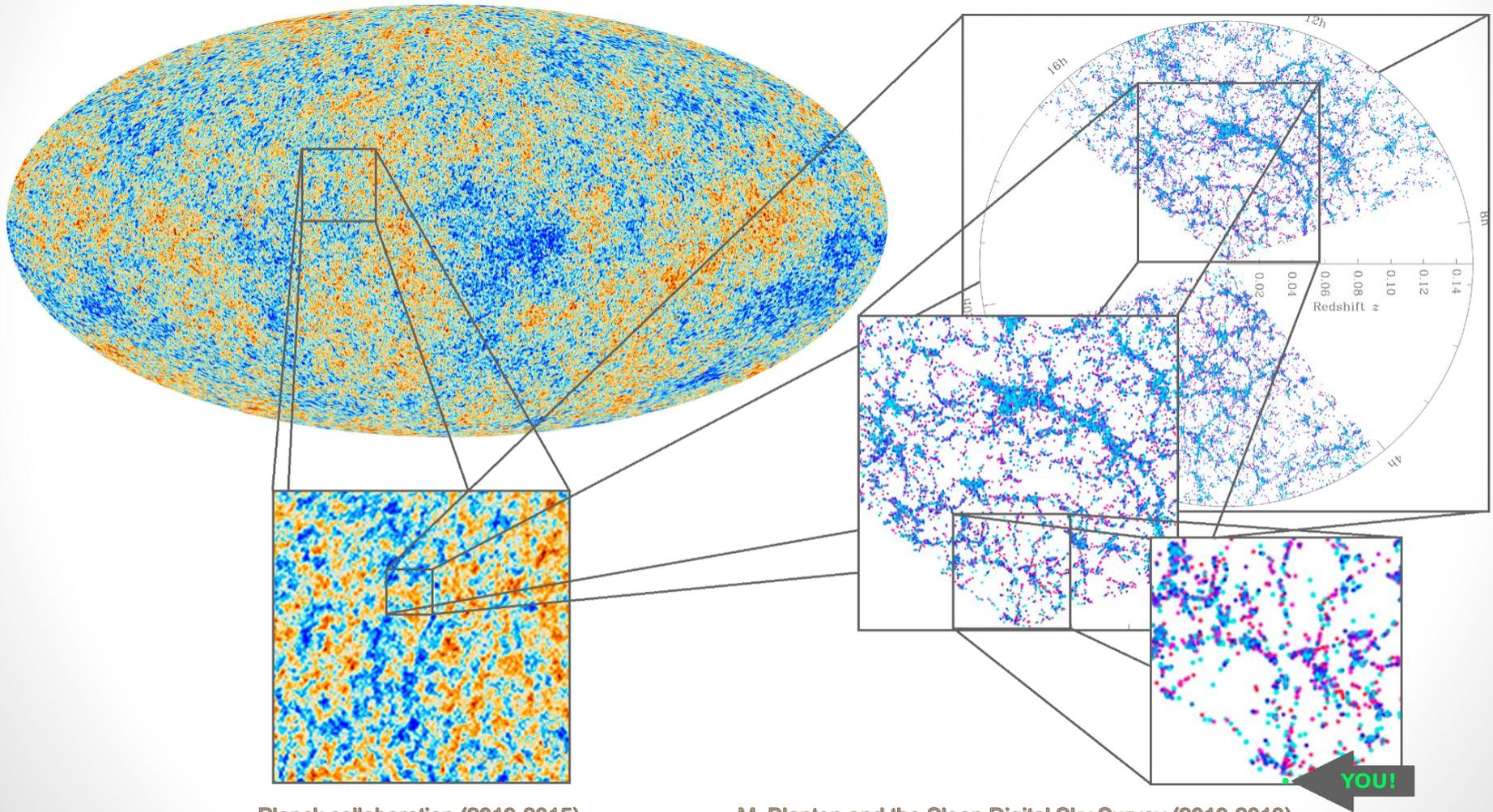
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# The big picture: the Universe is highly structured

*You are here. Make the best of it...*



Planck collaboration (2013-2015)

M. Blanton and the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (2010-2013)

# What we want to know from the large-scale structure

The LSS is a vast source of knowledge:

- **Cosmology:**
  - $\Lambda$ CDM : cosmological parameters and tests against alternatives,
  - Physical nature of the dark components,
  - Neutrinos : number and masses,
  - Geometry of the Universe,
  - Tests of General Relativity,
  - Initial conditions and link to high energy physics
- **Astrophysics:** galaxy formation and evolution as a function of their environment
  - Galaxy properties (colours, chemical composition, shapes),
  - Intrinsic alignments, intrinsic size-magnitude correlations

# We have theoretical and computer models...

- Initial conditions: a Gaussian random field



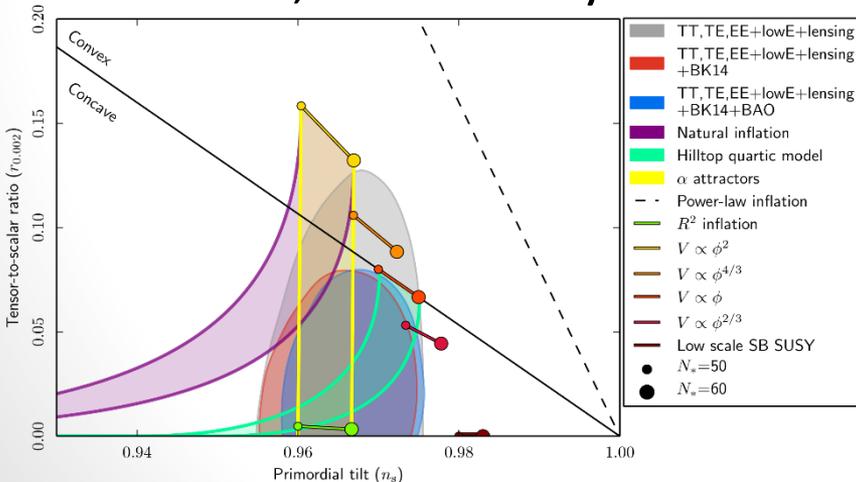
- Structure formation: numerical solution of the Vlasov-Poisson system for dark matter dynamics

$$\mathcal{P}(\delta^i | S) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi S|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{x,x'} \delta_x^i S_{xx'}^{-1} \delta_{x'}^i\right)$$

Everything seems consistent with the simplest inflationary scenario, as tested by Planck.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{ma} \cdot \nabla f - ma \nabla \Phi \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = 0$$

$$\Delta \Phi = 4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho} \delta$$



Planck 2018 X, 1807.06211



# ... how do we test these models against survey data?

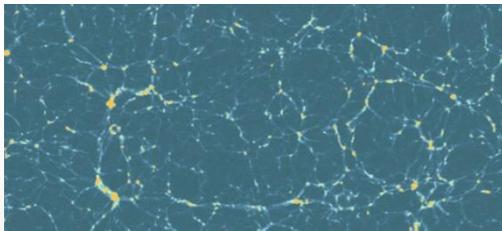


J. Cham – PhD comics

Redshift range	Volume (Gpc <sup>3</sup> )	$k_{\max}$ (Mpc/h) <sup>-1</sup>	$N_{\text{modes}}$
0-1	50	0.15	10 <sup>7</sup>
1-2	140	0.5	5x10 <sup>8</sup>
2-3	160	1.3	10 <sup>10</sup>

M. Zaldarriaga

- Precise tests require many modes.
- In 3D galaxy surveys, the number of modes usable scales as  $k_{\max}^3$ .
- The challenge: non-linear evolution at **small scales** and **late times**.
- The strategy:
  - Pushing down the smallest scale usable for cosmological analysis
  - Using a numerical model linking initial and final conditions



In other words: go beyond the **linear** and **static** analysis of the LSS.

# Why Bayesian inference?

- Inference of signals = ill-posed problem
  - Incomplete observations: finite resolution, survey geometry, selection effects
  - Noise, biases, systematic effects
  - Cosmic variance



➔ No unique recovery is possible!

“What is the formation history of the Universe?”



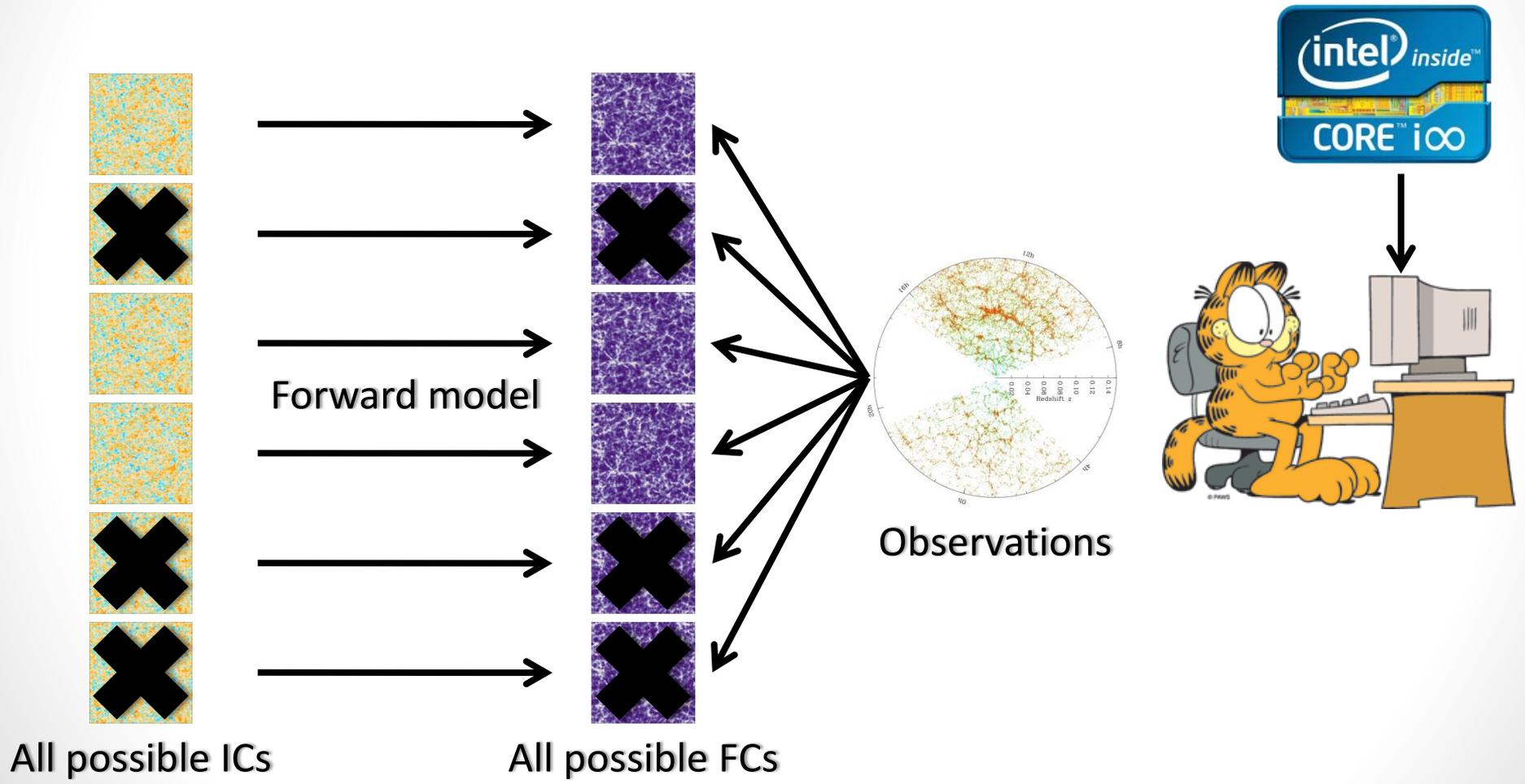
“What is the probability distribution of possible formation histories (signals) compatible with the observations?”

Bayes' theorem:  $\mathcal{P}(s|d)\mathcal{P}(d) = \mathcal{P}(d|s)\mathcal{P}(s)$

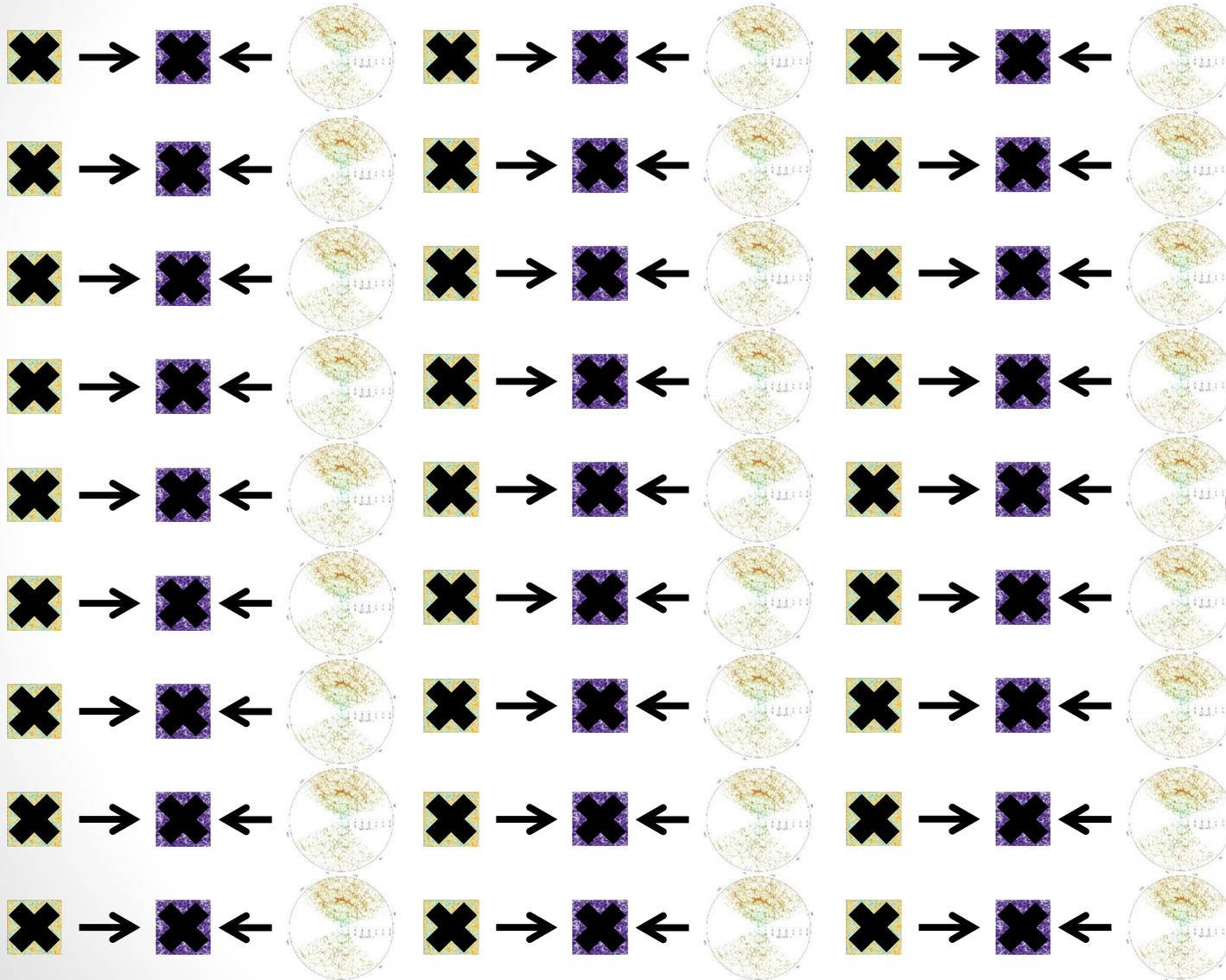
- Cox-Jaynes theorem: Any system to manipulate “*plausibilities*”, consistent with Cox’s desiderata, is isomorphic to (Bayesian) probability theory



# Bayesian forward modelling: the ideal scenario



# Bayesian forward modelling: the challenge



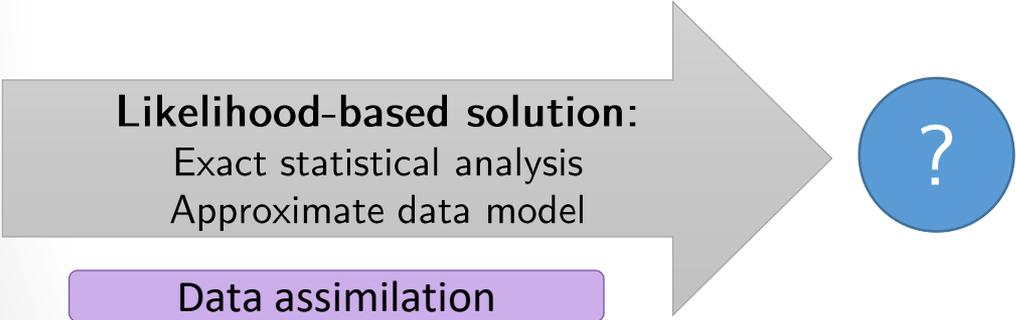
The (true) likelihood lives in

$d \approx 10^7$



# Likelihood-based solution: BORG

*Bayesian Origin Reconstruction from Galaxies*



A diagram illustrating the process of Bayesian Origin Reconstruction from Galaxies (BORG). It features a large grey arrow pointing from left to right. Inside the arrow, the text 'Likelihood-based solution:' is followed by 'Exact statistical analysis' and 'Approximate data model'. Below the arrow, a purple rounded rectangle contains the text 'Data assimilation'. To the right of the arrow's tip is a blue circle containing a white question mark.

## Likelihood-based solution:

Exact statistical analysis  
Approximate data model

Data assimilation

?

# Hamiltonian (Hybrid) Monte Carlo

- Use classical mechanics to solve statistical problems!

- The potential:  $\psi(\mathbf{x}) \equiv -\ln p(\mathbf{x})$

- The Hamiltonian:  $H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p} + \psi(\mathbf{x})$

$$(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p} \\ \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = -\frac{d\psi(\mathbf{x})}{d\mathbf{x}} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow (\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{p}')$$

gradients of the pdf

$$a(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{x}) = e^{-(H' - H)} = 1 \leftarrow \text{acceptance ratio unity}$$

- HMC beats the curse of dimensionality by:

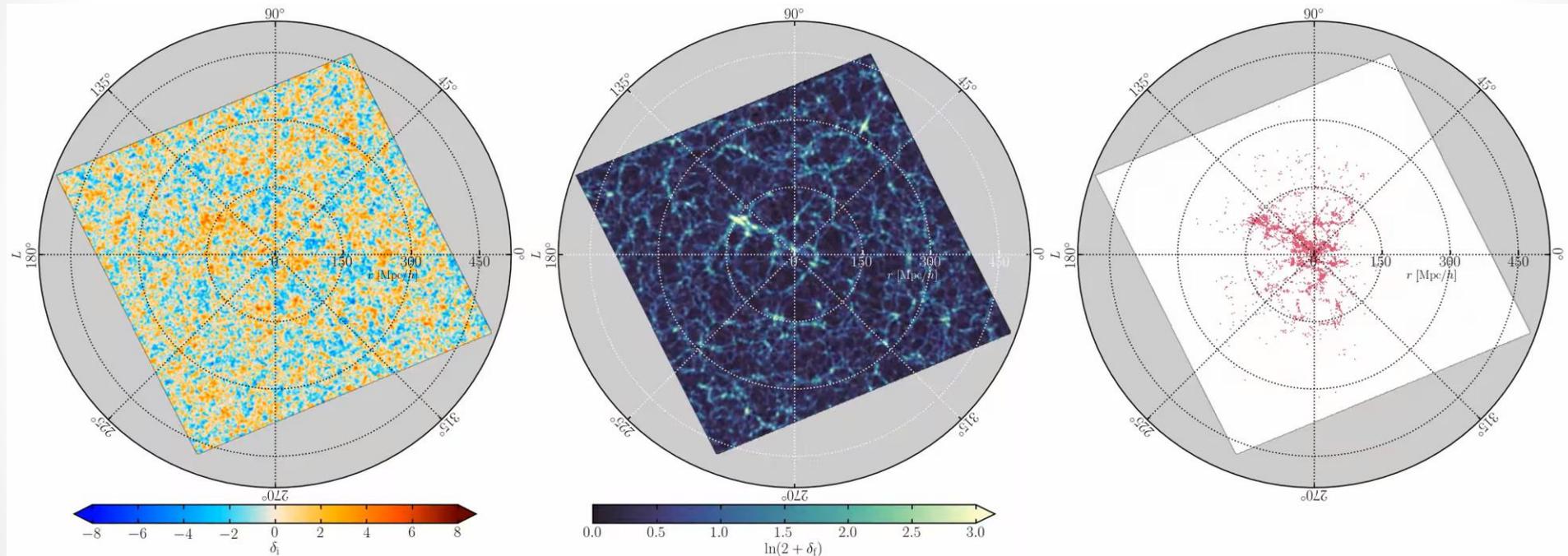
- Exploiting gradients
- Using conservation of the Hamiltonian

# BORG at work: Bayesian chrono-cosmography

## Initial conditions

## Final conditions

## Observations

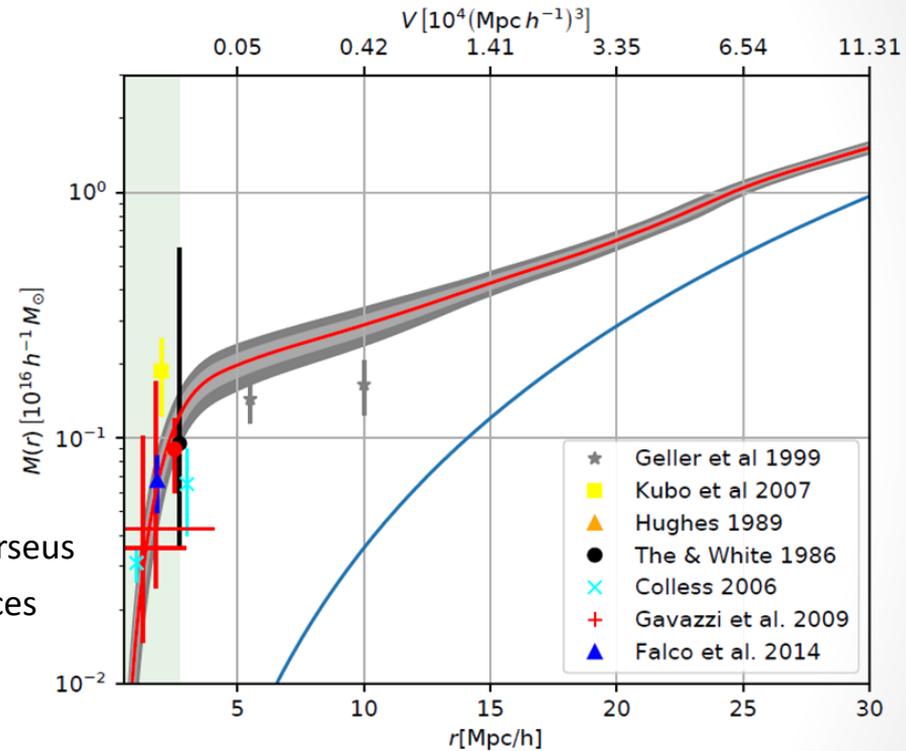
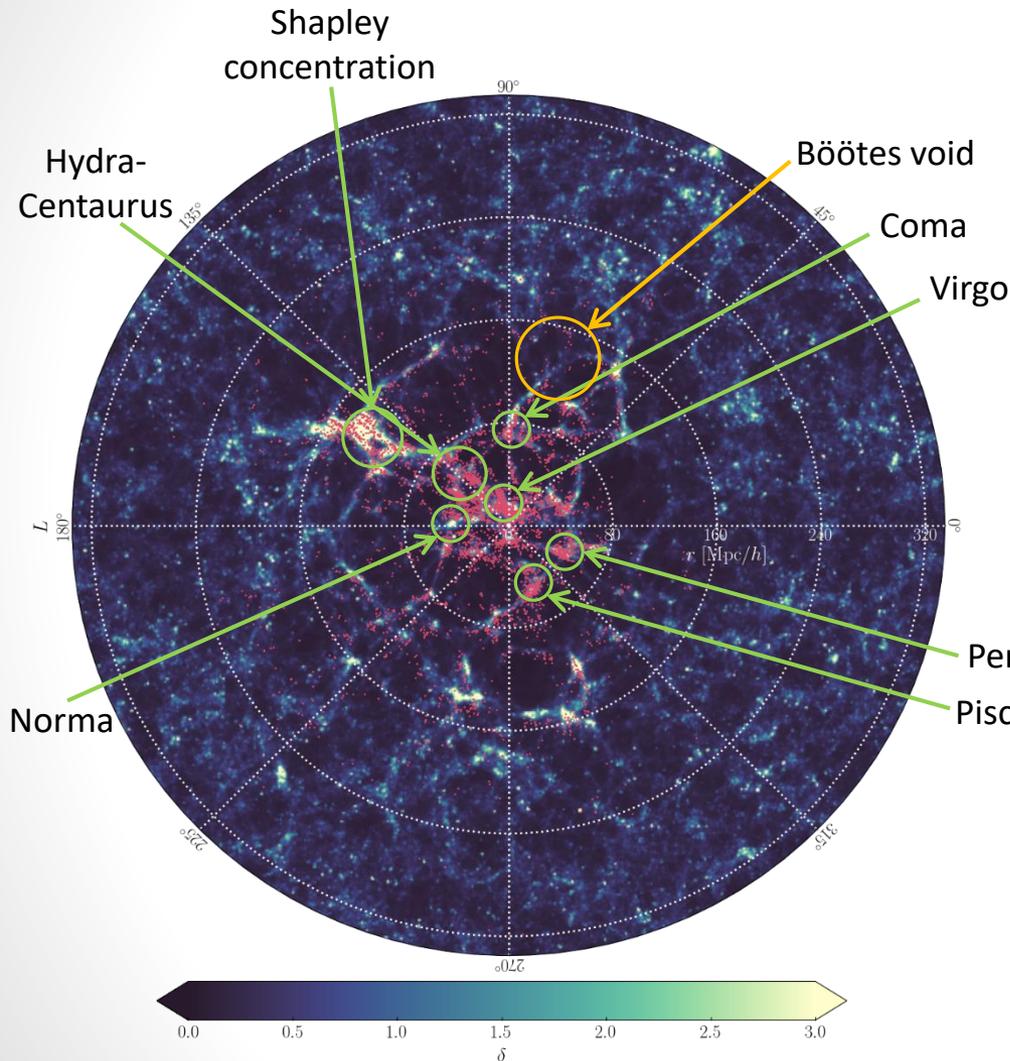


Supergalactic plane

67,224 galaxies,  $\approx$  17 million parameters, 5 TB of primary data products, 10,000 samples,  $\approx$  500,000 forward and adjoint gradient data model evaluations, 1.5 million CPU-hours

Jasche & Lavaux 2019, 1806.11117 – FL, Lavaux & Jasche, in prep.

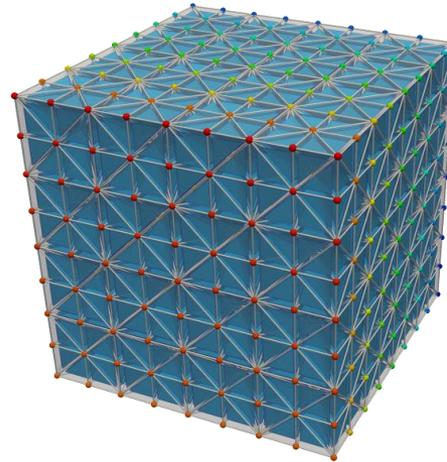
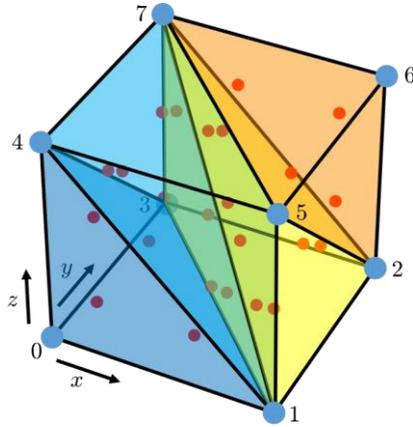
# BORGPM density field: full non-linear dynamics



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

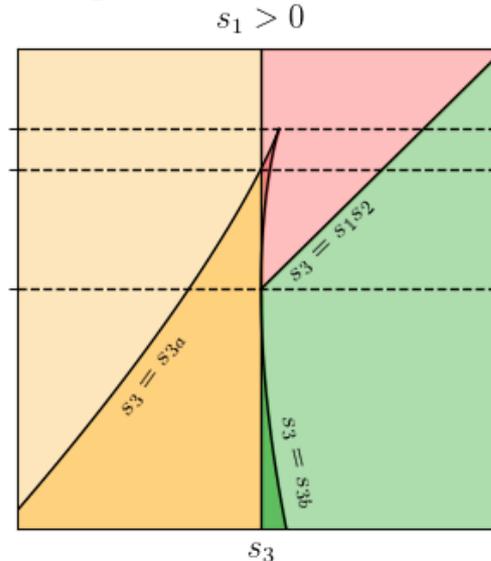
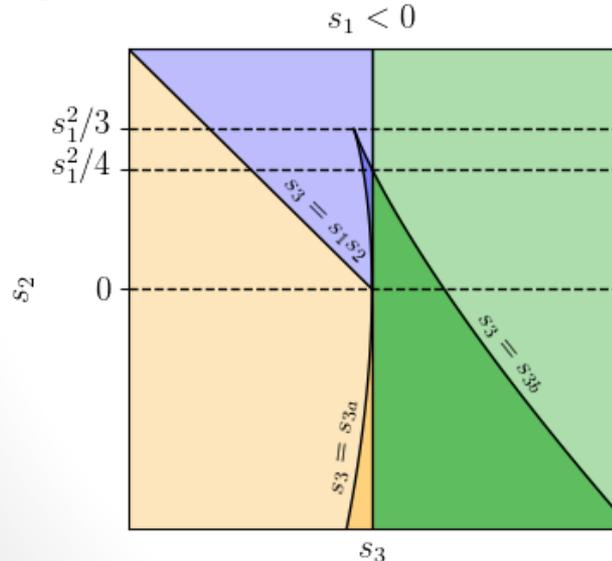
# The phase-space structure of dark matter: tools

Delaunay tessellation of elementary Lagrangian cubes



Abel, Hahn & Kaehler 2012, 1111.3944  
 Shandarin, Habib & Heitmann 2012, 1111.2366  
 Hahn, Abel & Kaehler 2013, 1210.6652  
 Hahn & Angulo 2016, 1501.01959  
 Sousbie & Colombi 2016, 1509.07720

Lagrangian Invariants Classification of Heterogeneous flows (LICH)



$$\mathcal{R}_{\ell m} \equiv \frac{\partial \Psi_\ell}{\partial \mathbf{q}_m}$$

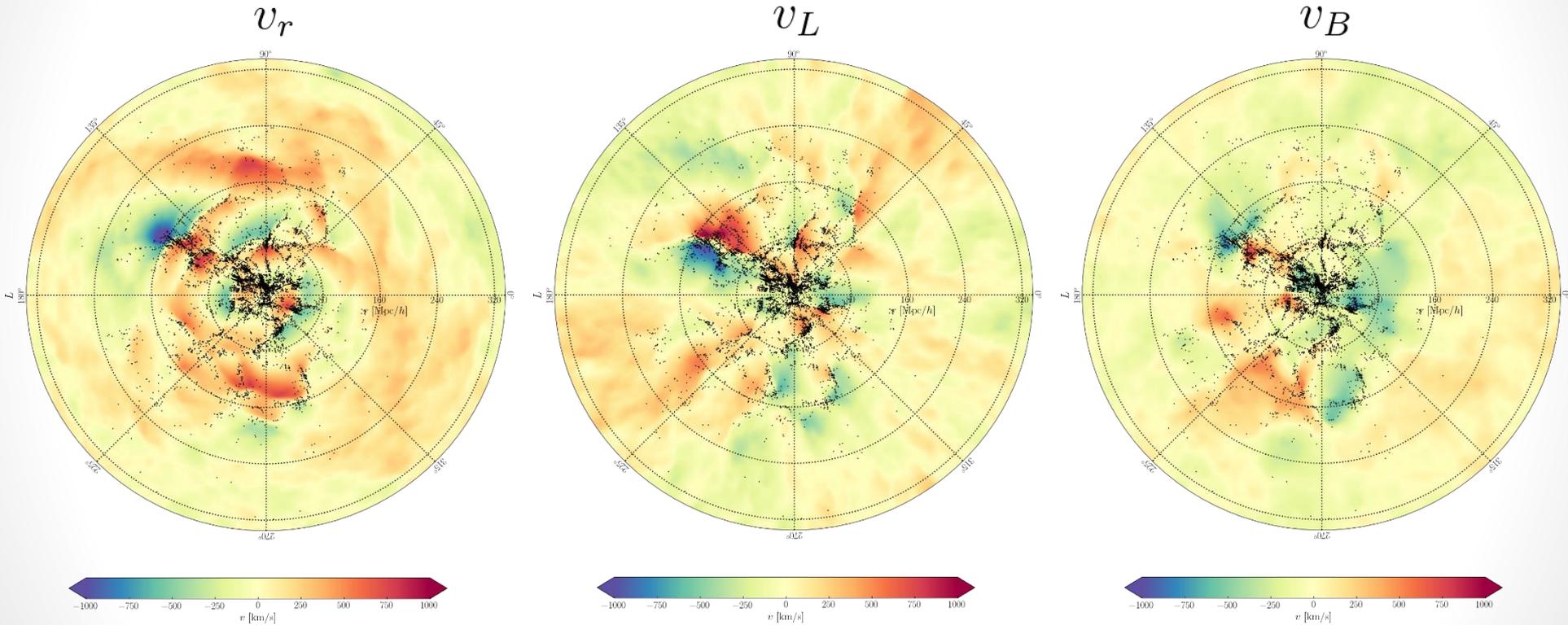
$$\lambda^3 + \boxed{s_1} \lambda^2 + \boxed{s_2} \lambda + \boxed{s_3} = 0$$

- potential clusters
- vortical clusters
- potential filaments
- vortical filaments
- potential sheets
- vortical sheets
- potential voids
- vortical voids

FL, Jasche, Lavaux, Wandelt & Percival 2017, 1601.00093

Generalises DIVA,  
 Lavaux & Wandelt 2010, 0906.4101

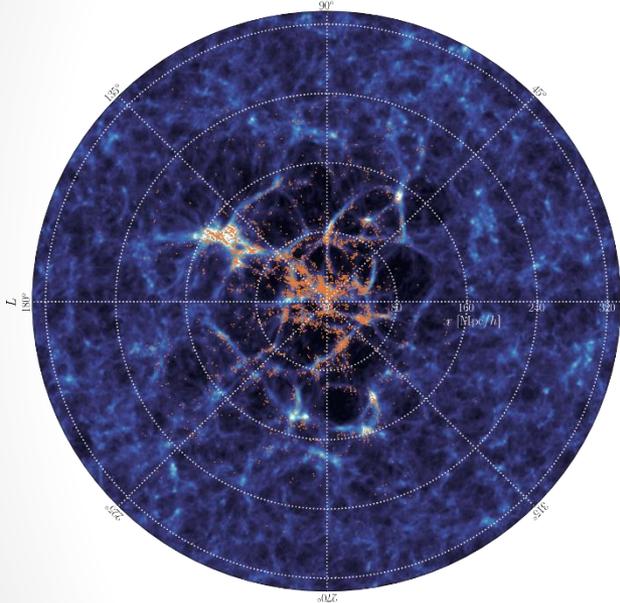
# Velocity field in the supergalactic plane



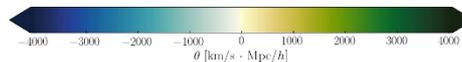
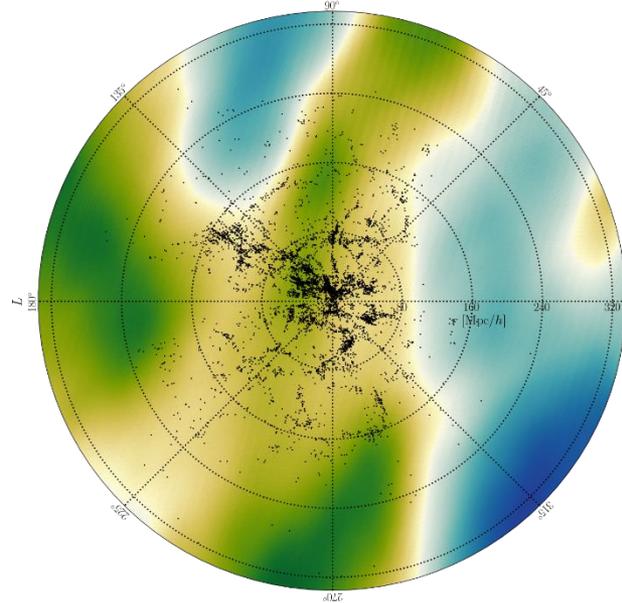
The **gravitational infall** of known structures can be observed.

# Number of streams and vorticity

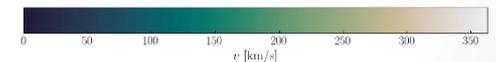
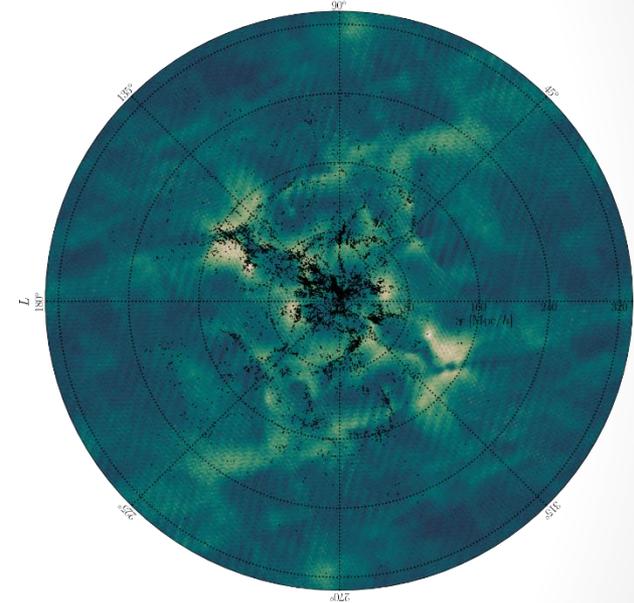
Number of streams



Velocity potential



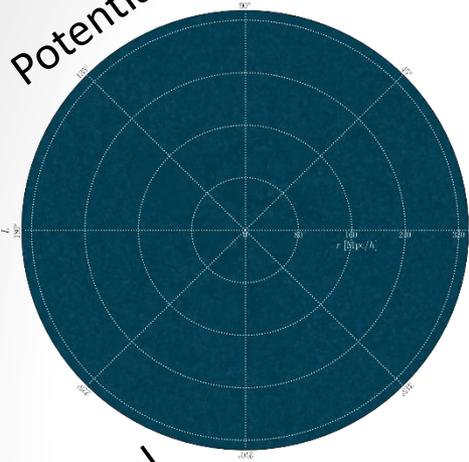
Norm of vorticity



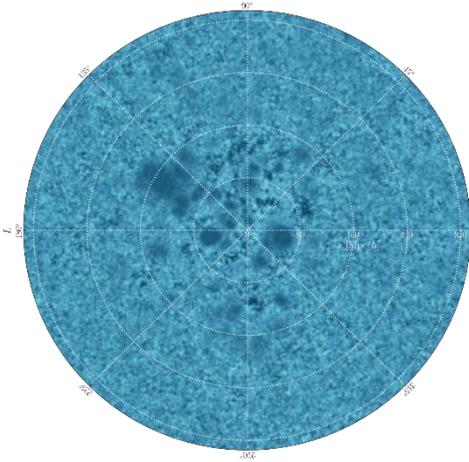
In earlier work (Leclercq, Jasche, Lavaux, Wandelt & Percival 2017, 1601.00093), these were postdictions. Thanks to **BORGPM** (full non-linear dynamics), we have now actual **measurements** - with uncertainties.

# LICH initial structures inferred by BORG

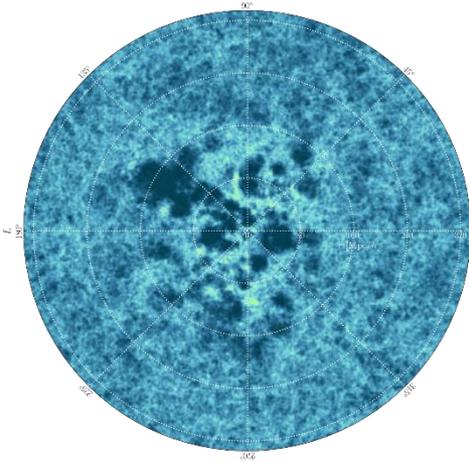
Potential Clusters



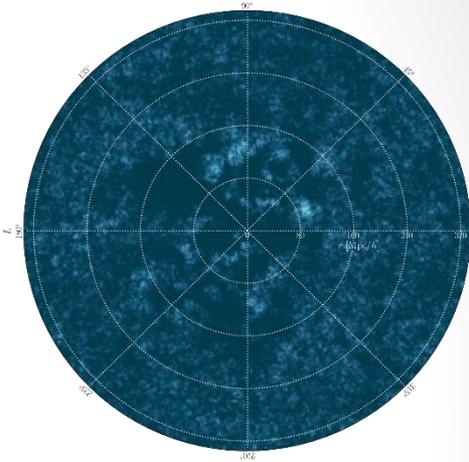
Filaments



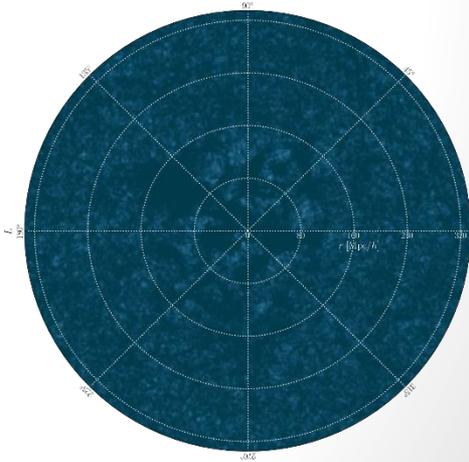
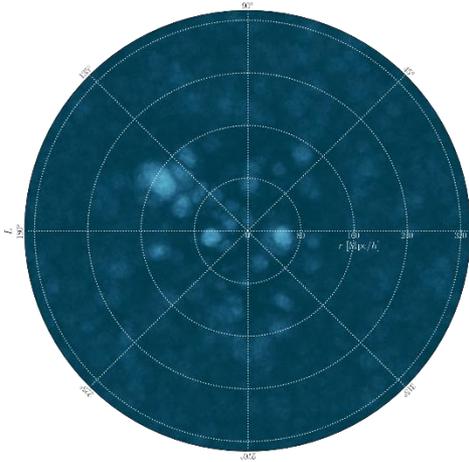
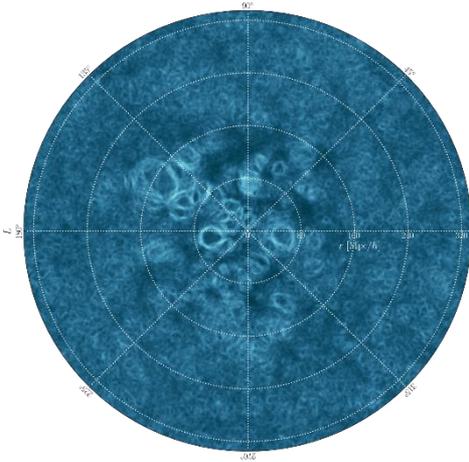
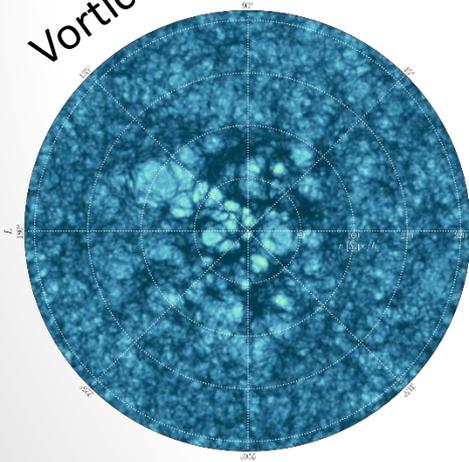
Sheets



Voids



Vortical



FL, Lavaux & Jasche, in prep.

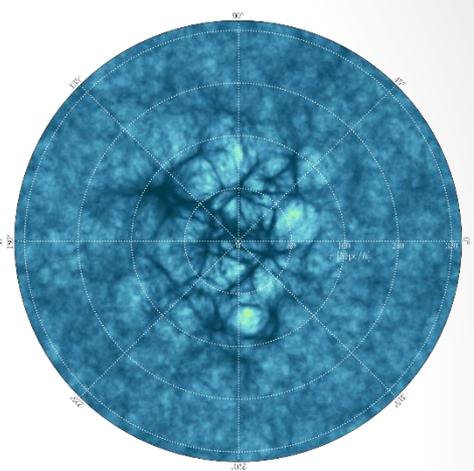
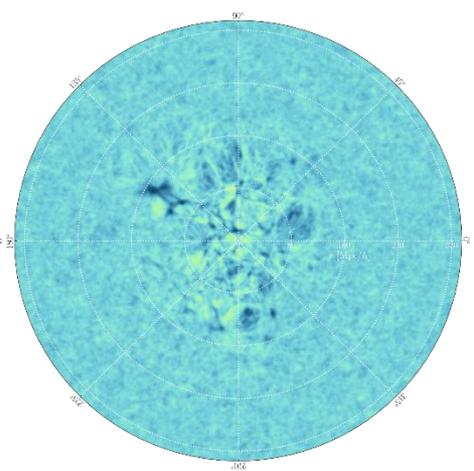
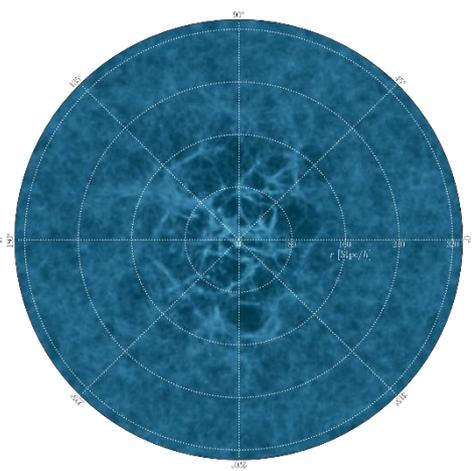
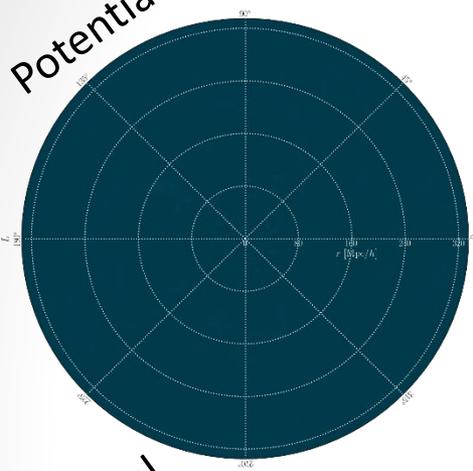
# LICH final structures inferred by BORG

Potential Clusters

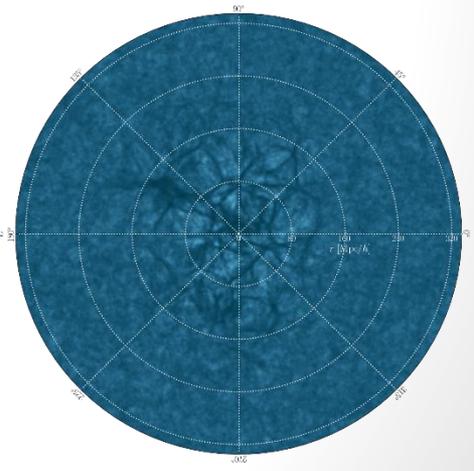
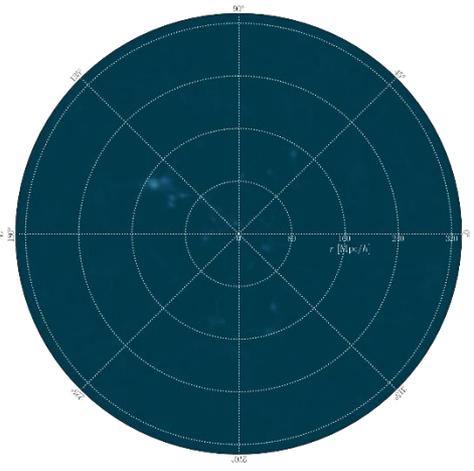
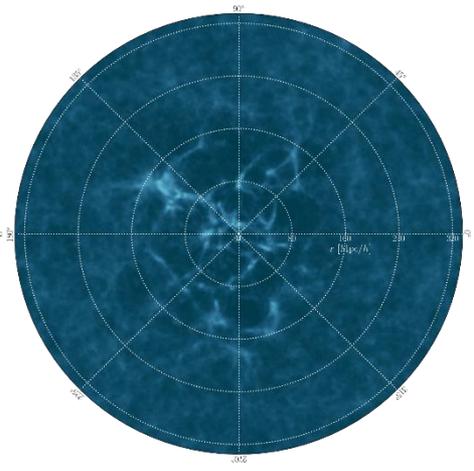
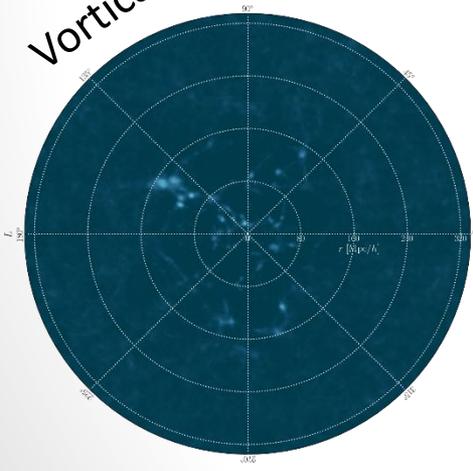
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# Mapping the Universe: epilogue?



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# Likelihood-free solution: SELFIE

*Simulator Expansion for Likelihood-Free Inference*

**Likelihood-based solution:**

Exact statistical analysis  
Approximate data model

Data assimilation

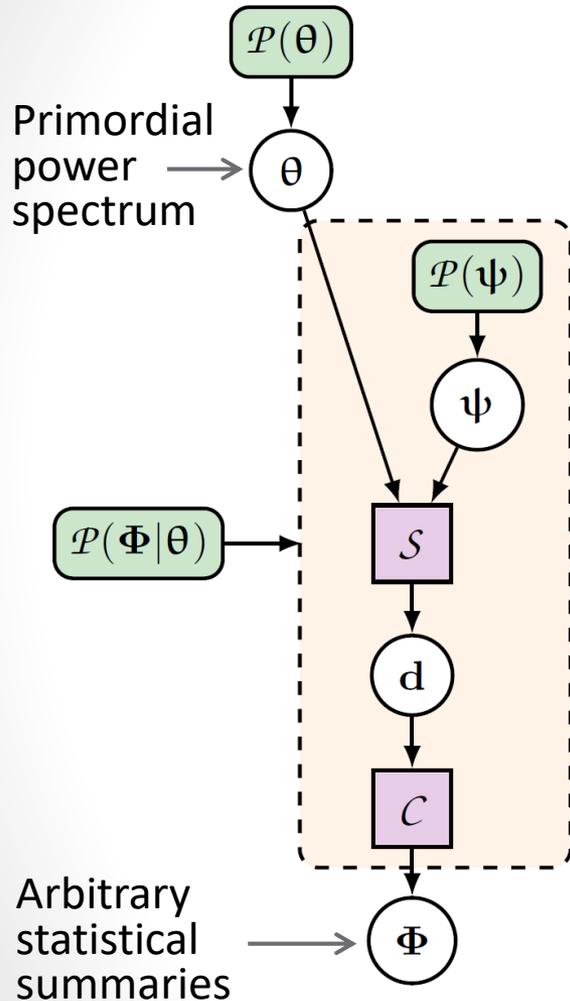


**Likelihood-free solution:**

Approximate statistical analysis  
Arbitrary data model

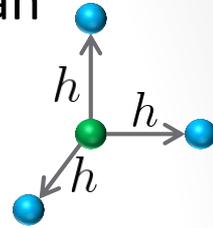
Generative inference

# SELFIE: Method



- Gaussian prior + Gaussian effective likelihood
- Linearisation of the black-box around an expansion point + finite differences:

$$\hat{\Phi}_{\theta} \approx \mathbf{f}_0 + \nabla \mathbf{f}_0 \cdot (\theta - \theta_0)$$



➔ The posterior is Gaussian and analogous to a Wiener filter:

expansion point                      observed summaries

$$\gamma \equiv \theta_0 + \mathbf{\Gamma} (\nabla \mathbf{f}_0)^\top \mathbf{C}_0^{-1} (\Phi_O - \mathbf{f}_0)$$

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} \equiv [(\nabla \mathbf{f}_0)^\top \mathbf{C}_0^{-1} \nabla \mathbf{f}_0 + \mathbf{S}^{-1}]^{-1}$$

covariance of summaries
gradient of the black-box
prior covariance

$\mathbf{f}_0, \mathbf{C}_0$  and  $\nabla \mathbf{f}_0$  can be evaluated through simulations only.  
The number of required simulations is fixed *a priori*.

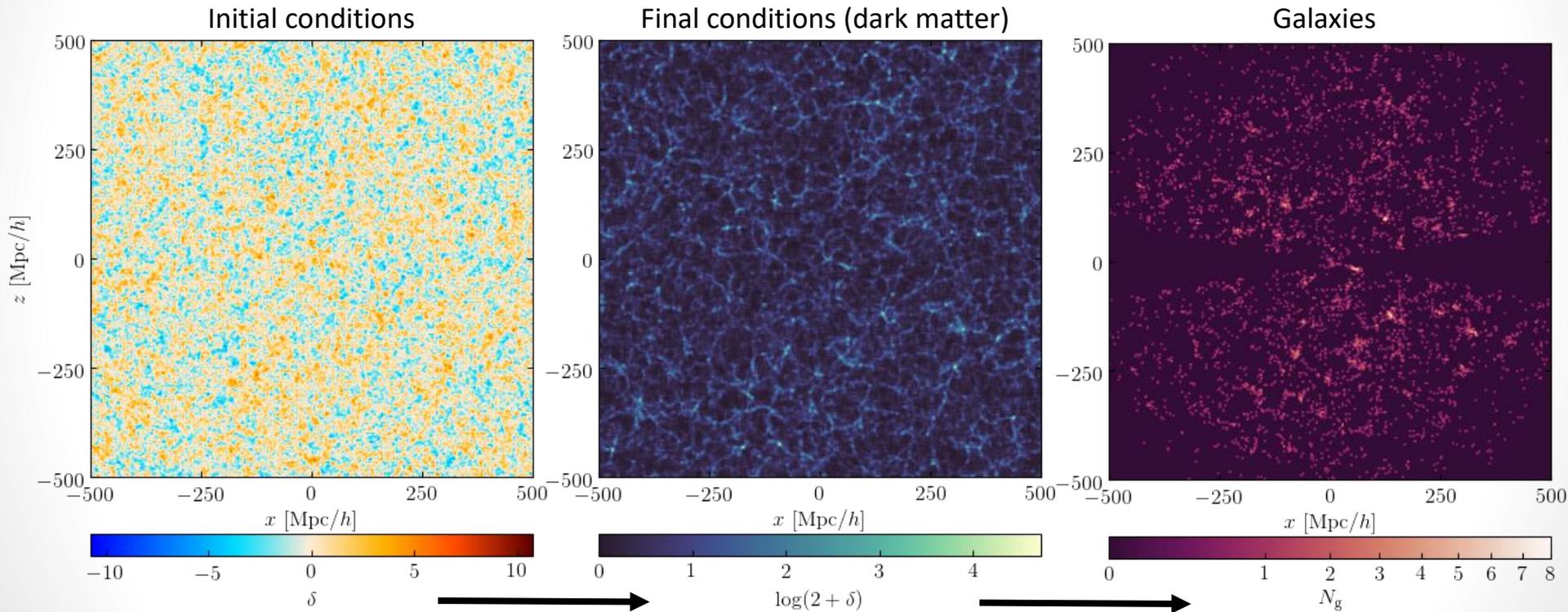
# A black-box: Simbelmynë

I'm happy to explain the name later today...



Publicly available code:

<https://bitbucket.org/florent-leclercq/simbelmyne/>

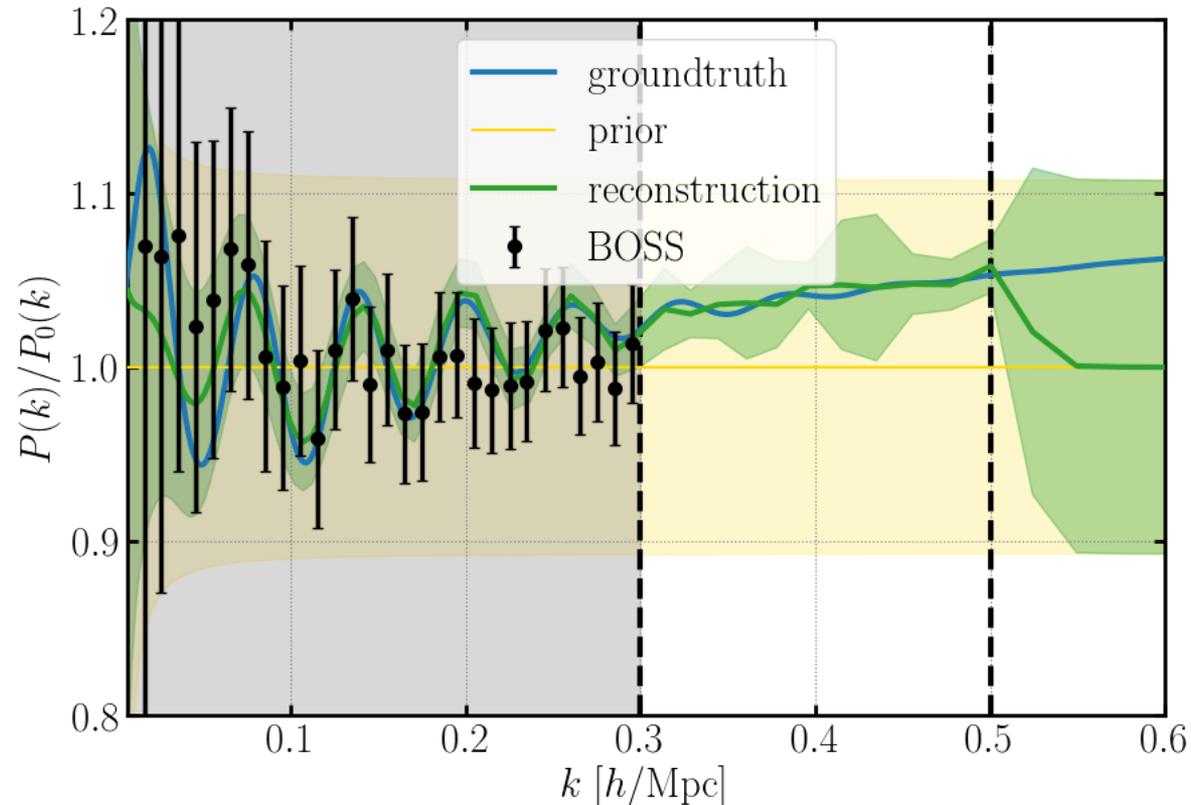


Dark matter simulation  
with COLA

Survey simulation:  
Redshift-space distortions, galaxy  
bias, selection effects, survey  
geometry, instrumental noise

Tassev, Zaldarriaga & Eisenstein 2013, 1301.0322

# SELFI + Simbelmynë: Proof-of-concept

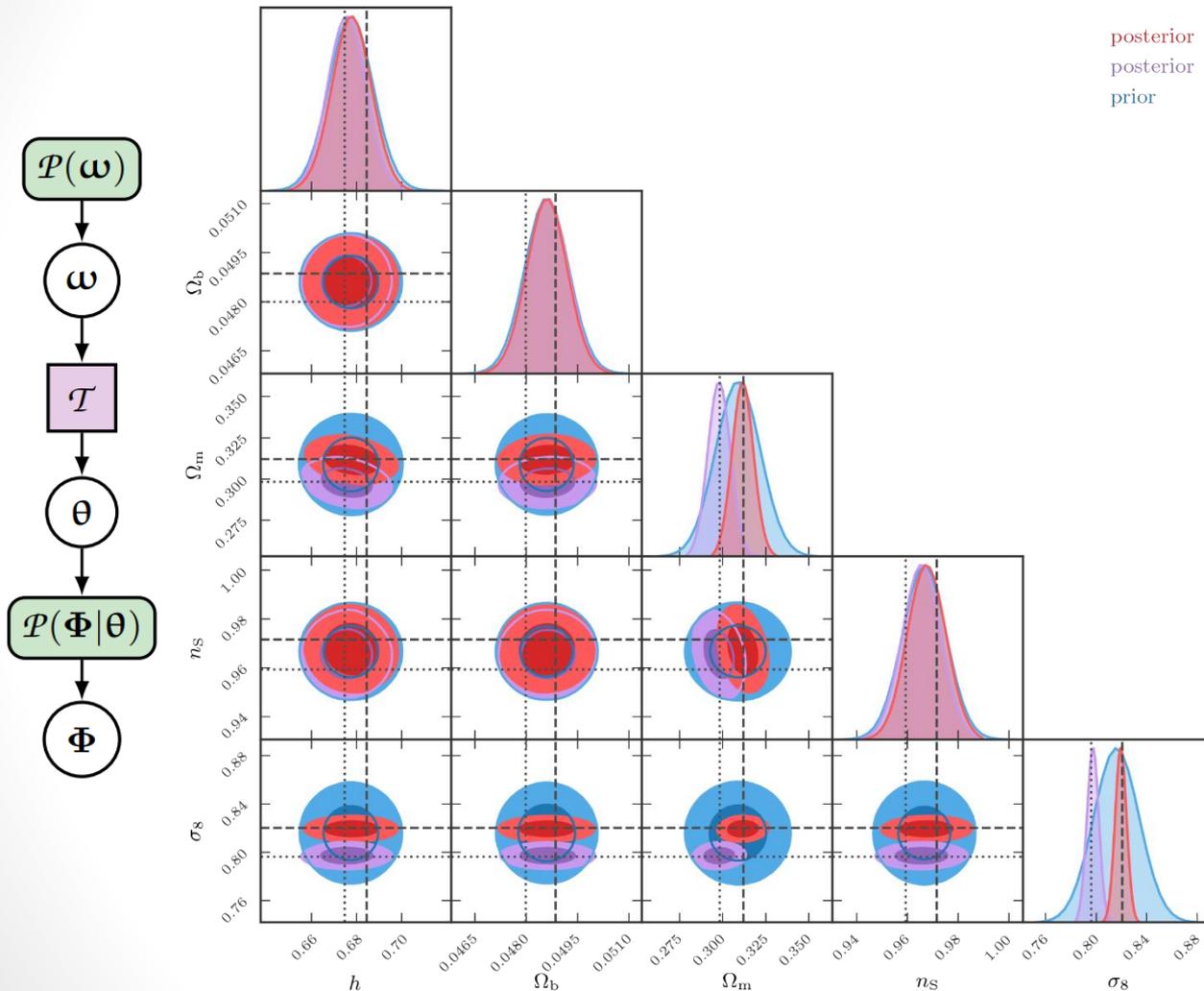


**100** parameters are simultaneously inferred from a black-box data model

$N_{\text{modes}} \propto k^3$ : **5** times more modes are used in the analysis

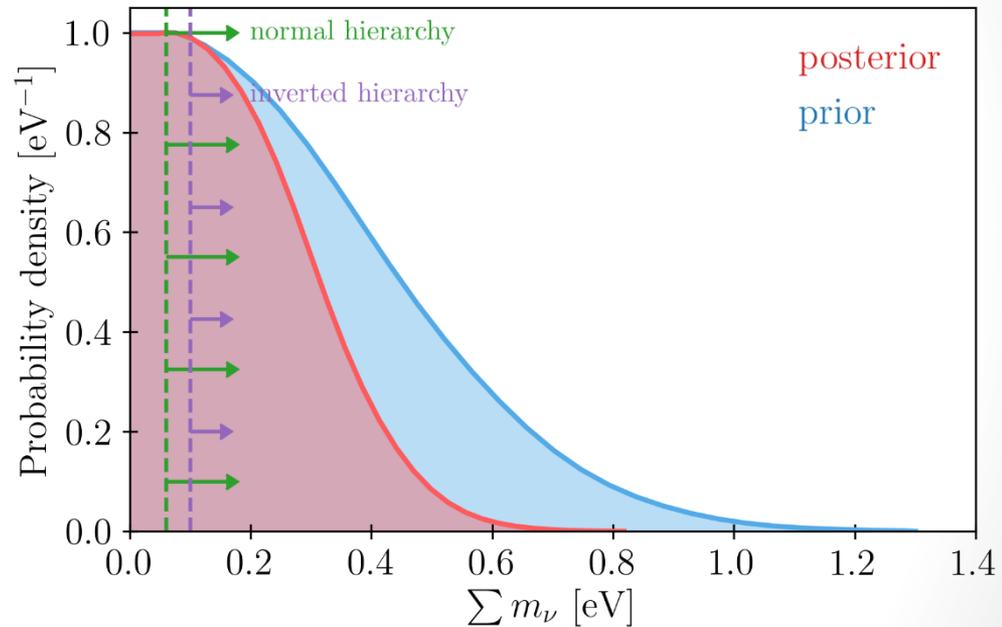
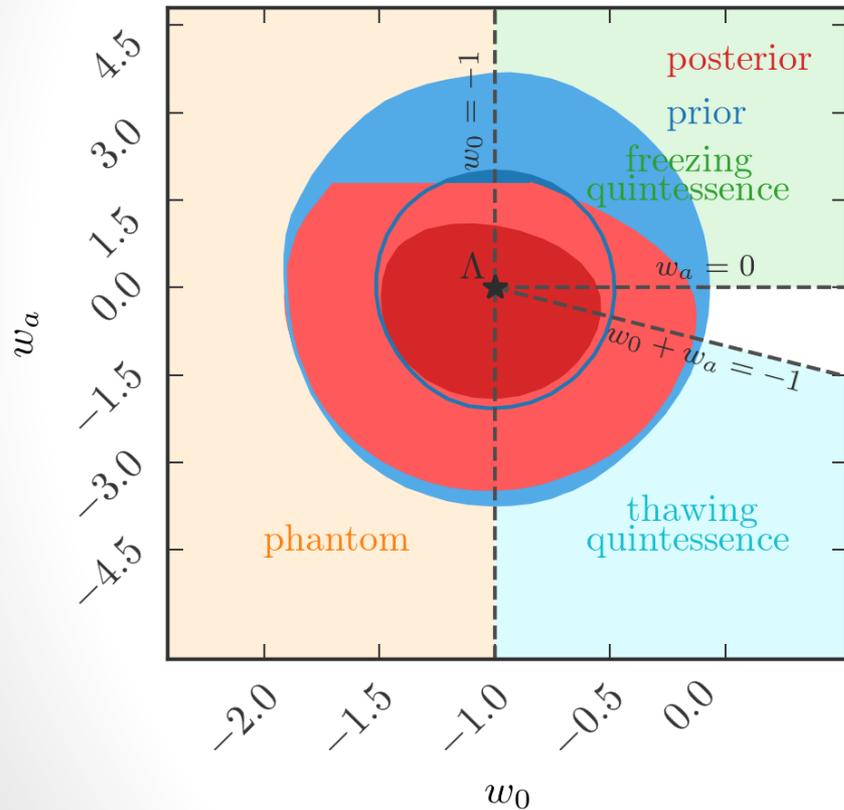
**1** (Gpc/h)<sup>3</sup> only! Much more potential for Euclid data...

# SEIFI + Simbelmynë: Proof-of-concept



- Robust inference of cosmological parameters can be easily performed *a posteriori* once the linearised data model is learnt

# Dark energy and neutrino masses with SELFI

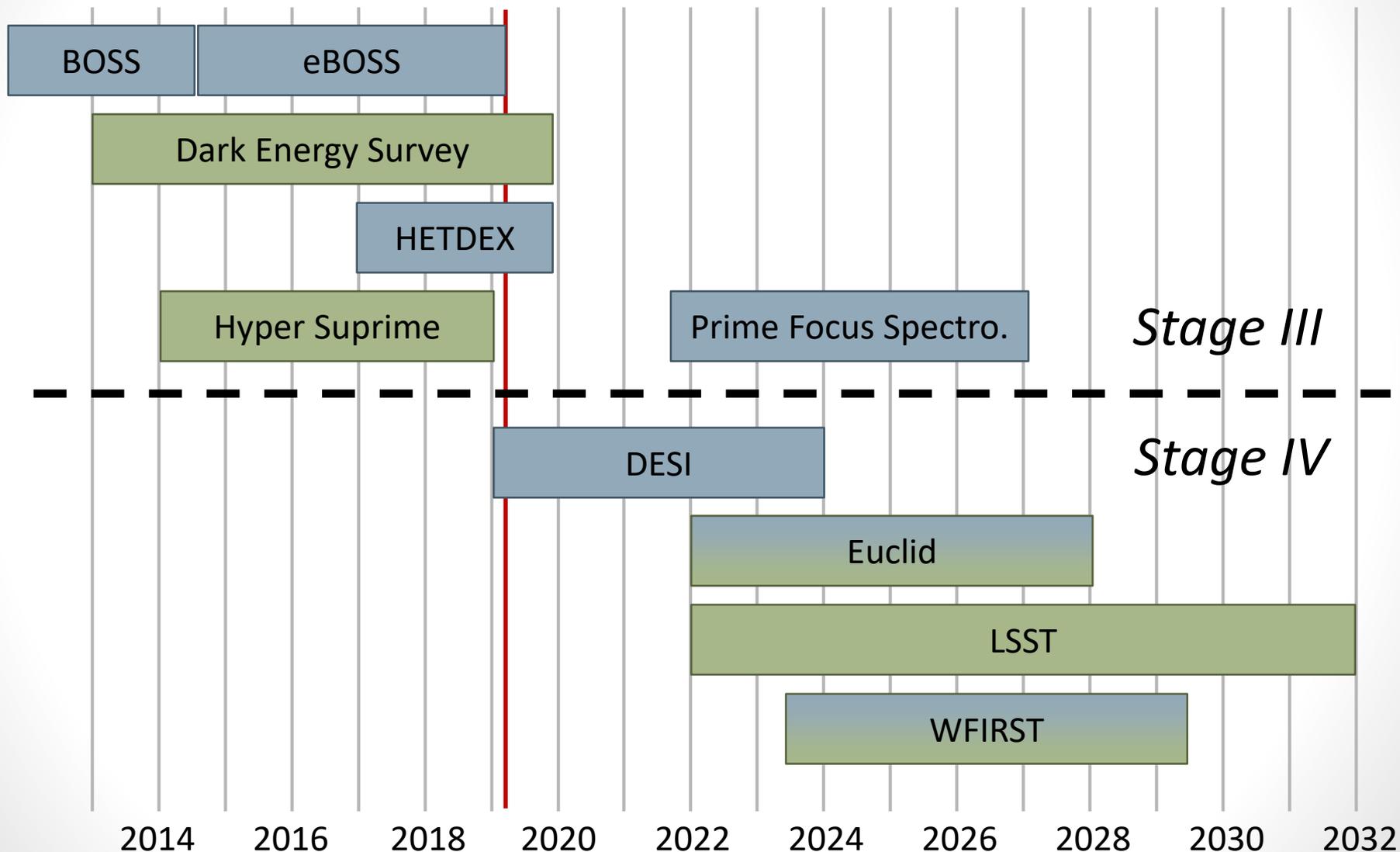
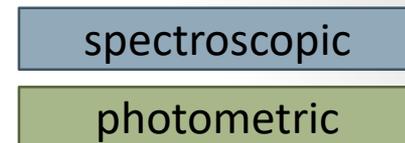


pyselfi will be made publicly available soon.

# The Future: Opportunities & Challenges

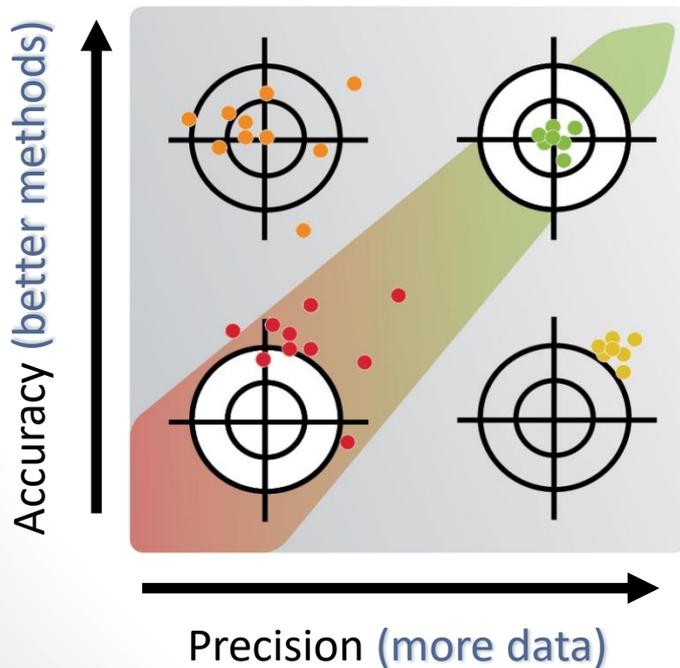
*DESI, Euclid, LSST, WFIRST, and more...*

# Large-scale structure surveys roadmap



# Data-intensive scientific discovery from galaxy surveys

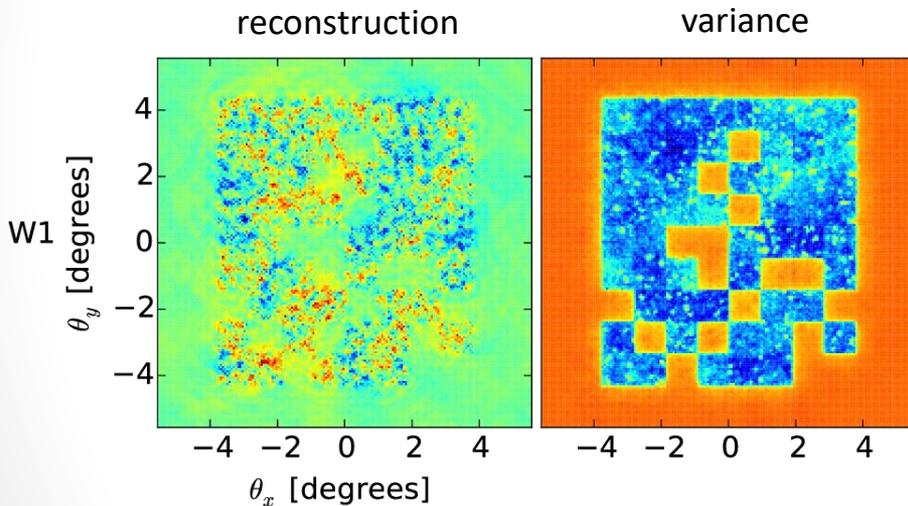
- Next-generation surveys will be dominated by **systematics**
- 80% of the total signal will come from **non-linear** structures
- Can data analysts keep pace?



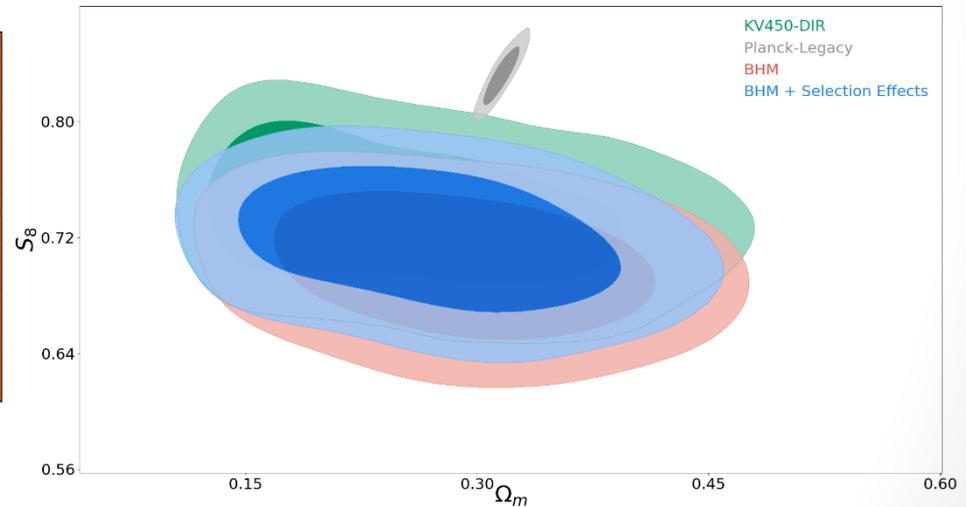
# The Imperial weak lensing inference framework

with George Kyriacou, Arrykrishna Mootoovaloo, Alan Heavens & Andrew Jaffe

Joint inference of cosmic shear maps and power spectra/cosmology from CFHTLenS



Bayesian hierarchical inference of galaxy redshift distributions  $n(z)$



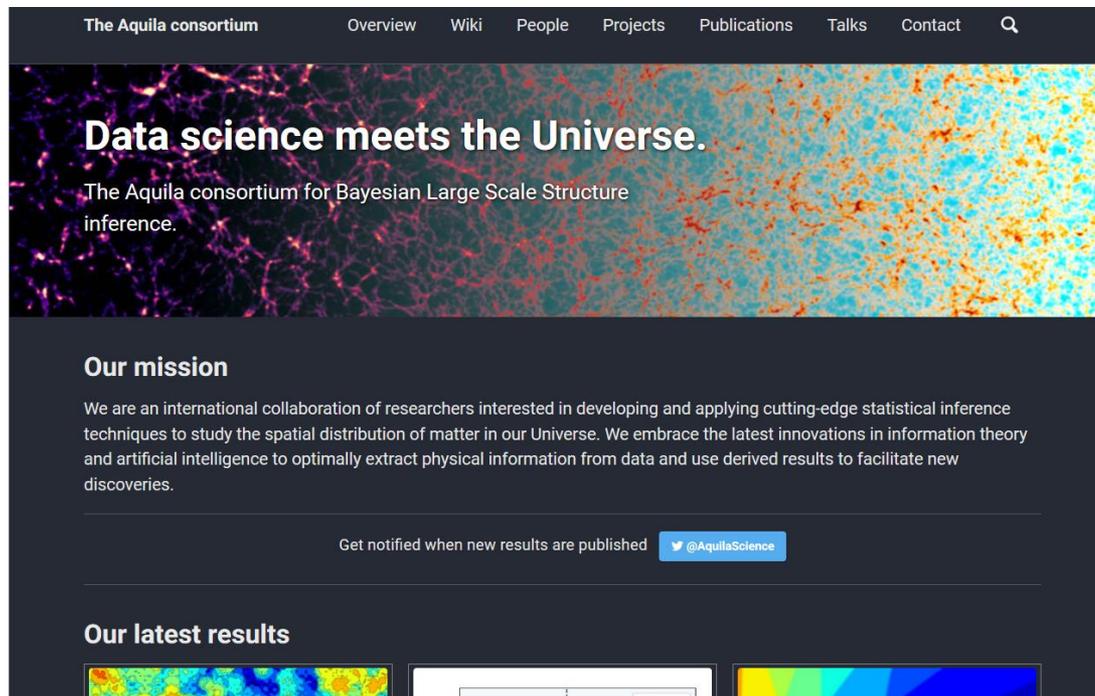
$$\sum m_\nu < 4.6 \text{ eV (95\%)} \text{ from lensing data alone}$$

Kyriacou, FL, Heavens & Jaffe, in prep.

Alsing, Heavens & Jaffe 2016, 1607.00008

# The Aquila Consortium

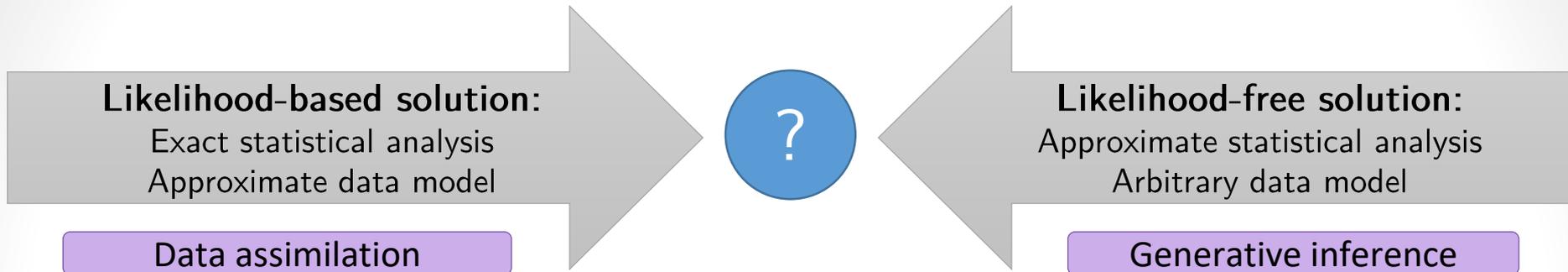
- Created in 2016. Members from the UK, France, Germany & Sweden.
- Gathers people interested in developing the Bayesian pipelines and running analyses on cosmological data.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Aquila Consortium website. The header is dark with white text for navigation: "The Aquila consortium", "Overview", "Wiki", "People", "Projects", "Publications", "Talks", "Contact", and a search icon. The main content area features a large, colorful cosmic background image. The headline reads "Data science meets the Universe." followed by the subtitle "The Aquila consortium for Bayesian Large Scale Structure inference." Below this is a section titled "Our mission" with a paragraph of text. A social media notification bar includes the text "Get notified when new results are published" and a blue button with the Twitter handle "@AquilaScience". At the bottom, there is a section titled "Our latest results" with three small thumbnail images of cosmological data visualizations.

[www.aquila-consortium.org](http://www.aquila-consortium.org)

# Concluding thoughts



- Bayesian analyses of galaxy surveys with fully non-linear numerical models is not an impossible task!
- A likelihood-based solution (BORG): general purpose reconstruction of dark matter from galaxy clustering, providing new measurements and predictions
- A likelihood-free solution (SELFIE): algorithm for targeted questions, allowing the use of simulators including all relevant physical and observational effects

# Concluding thoughts

- The **future**: great **science** and **challenges**

