# Simulator Expansion for Likelihood-Free Inference

Prospects for Euclid

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#### Vocabulary consideration: What is the likelihood?



In cosmology, the (true?) likelihood should live at the level of the map of the CMB or LSS. e.g. Wiener filtering for the CMB, BORG for the LSS (a 256<sup>3</sup>-dimensional Poisson likelihood):



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

Expert knowledge of the likelihood is needed to beat the curse of dimensionality: conditionals/gradients of the likelihood are required by the samplers (Gibbs/Hamiltonian).

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## Likelihood-free rejection sampling (LFRS)

- Iterate many times:
  - Sample  $\theta$  from a proposal distribution  $q(\theta)$
  - Simulate  $\Phi_{\theta}$  using the black-box
  - Compute the distance  $\Delta(\Phi_{\!\theta}, \Phi_{\rm O})$  between simulated and observed data
  - Retain  $\theta$  if  $\Delta(\Phi_{\theta}, \Phi_{O}) \leq \epsilon$ , otherwise reject

 $\epsilon$  can be adaptively reduced (Population Monte Carlo)



# Beyond LFRS: the SELFI approach

 $\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ Initial power θ spectrum ψ  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{\Phi}|\mathbf{\theta})$ S d d Arbitrary statistical summaries

- We aim at inferring the initial power spectrum, which contains (almost?) all of the information
- This requires doing LFI in d = O(100) O(1,000)
- If we trust the results of earlier experiments, we can Taylor-expand the black-box around an expansion point θ<sub>0</sub>:

$$\hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}_{\mathbf{\theta}} \approx \mathbf{f}_0 + \nabla \mathbf{f}_0 \cdot (\mathbf{\theta} - \mathbf{\theta}_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{\theta} - \mathbf{\theta}_0)^{\mathsf{T}} \cdot \mathbf{H} \cdot (\mathbf{\theta} - \mathbf{\theta}_0) + \dots$$

SELFI-2 (second-order): coming soon!

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 Gradients, Hessian matrix, etc. of the black-box can be evaluated via finite differences in parameter space

### SELFI-1: linearization of the black-box

#### • Linearization of the black-box:

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

Gaussian prior + Gaussian effective likelihood

The posterior is Gaussian and analogous to a Wiener filter:



 $\mathbf{f}_0$  ,  $\mathbf{C}_0$  and  $abla \mathbf{f}_0$  can be evaluated through simulations only.

The number of required simulations is fixed *a priori* (contrary to MCMC). The workload is perfectly parallel.

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## SELFI + numerical model: Proof-of-concept



100 parameters are simultaneously inferred from a black-box data model  $1 (Gpc/h)^3$  only! Much more potential for upcoming data...

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## SELFI-1 Euclid forecast (cosmic variance limit)





#### From initial power spectrum to cosmology

Cosmological parameters  $\longrightarrow$  (w)Initial power spectrum  $\longrightarrow$   $(\theta)$ Taylor-expanded black-box  $\longrightarrow$   $\mathcal{P}(\Phi|\theta)$ Arbitrary statistical  $\longrightarrow$   $(\Phi)$ 

 Robust inference of cosmological parameters can be easily performed *a posteriori* once the linearized <sup>6</sup> data model is learnt

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### pySELFI is publicly available

- Code homepage: <u>http://pyselfi.florent-leclercq.eu/</u>
- Source on GitHub: <u>https://github.com/florent-leclercq/pyselfi/</u>
- Documentation on ReadtheDocs: <a href="https://pyselfi.readthedocs.io/en/latest/">https://pyselfi.readthedocs.io/en/latest/</a>

(with templates to use your own black-box)



#### pip install pyselfi

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### Concluding thoughts

- Goal: developing an algorithm for targeted questions, allowing the use of simulators including all relevant physical and observational effects.
- Bayesian analyses of galaxy surveys with fully non-linear numerical black-box models is not an impossible task!
- SELFI allows inference of the initial power spectrum and cosmological parameters.

#### Additional Slides

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# A prior for the initial power spectrum

Assumptions:

- 1. the power spectrum is Gaussiandistributed
- 2. it is strongly constrained to live close to  $P_{0}$ ,
- 3. it is a smooth function of wavenumber,
- and the power 4. spectrum  $P_0$  is subject to cosmic variance

Prior for  $\theta(k) = P(k)/P_0(k)$ :  $10^{-2}$ Mean:



 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_0$  (prior)

## Uncertainty quantification

Prior covariance matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\Gamma} \equiv \left[ (\nabla \mathbf{f}_0)^{\intercal} \, \mathbf{C}_0^{-1} \nabla \mathbf{f}_0 + \mathbf{S}^{-1} \right]^{-1}$$

Posterior covariance matrix



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