

# Extrapolating nuclear many-body calculations with constrained Gaussian processes

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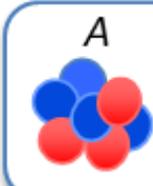


# Ab initio nuclear theory and the no-core shell model (NCSM)

- Our goal is to solve the many-body Schrödinger equation

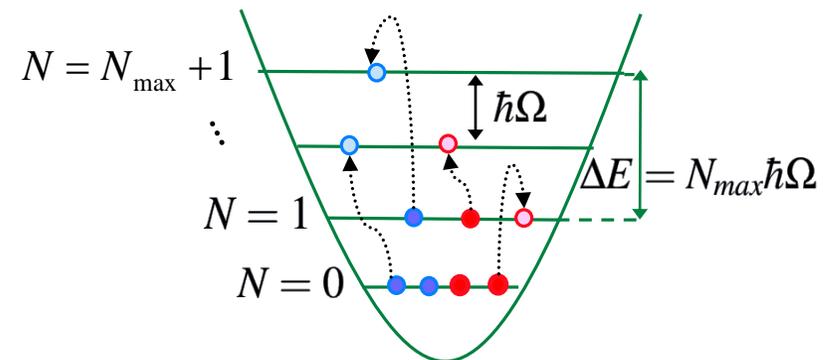
$$H|\Psi_k\rangle = E_k|\Psi_k\rangle \quad H = \sum_i^A T_i + \sum_{i<j} V_{ij} + \sum_{i<j<f} V_{ijf} + \dots$$

- NCSM is an *ab initio* non-relativistic approach with nucleons as the degrees of freedom
  - nuclear interactions are the only input
  - expand in anti-symmetrized products of harmonic oscillator single particle states (parameters  $N_{max}$  and  $\hbar\Omega$ )



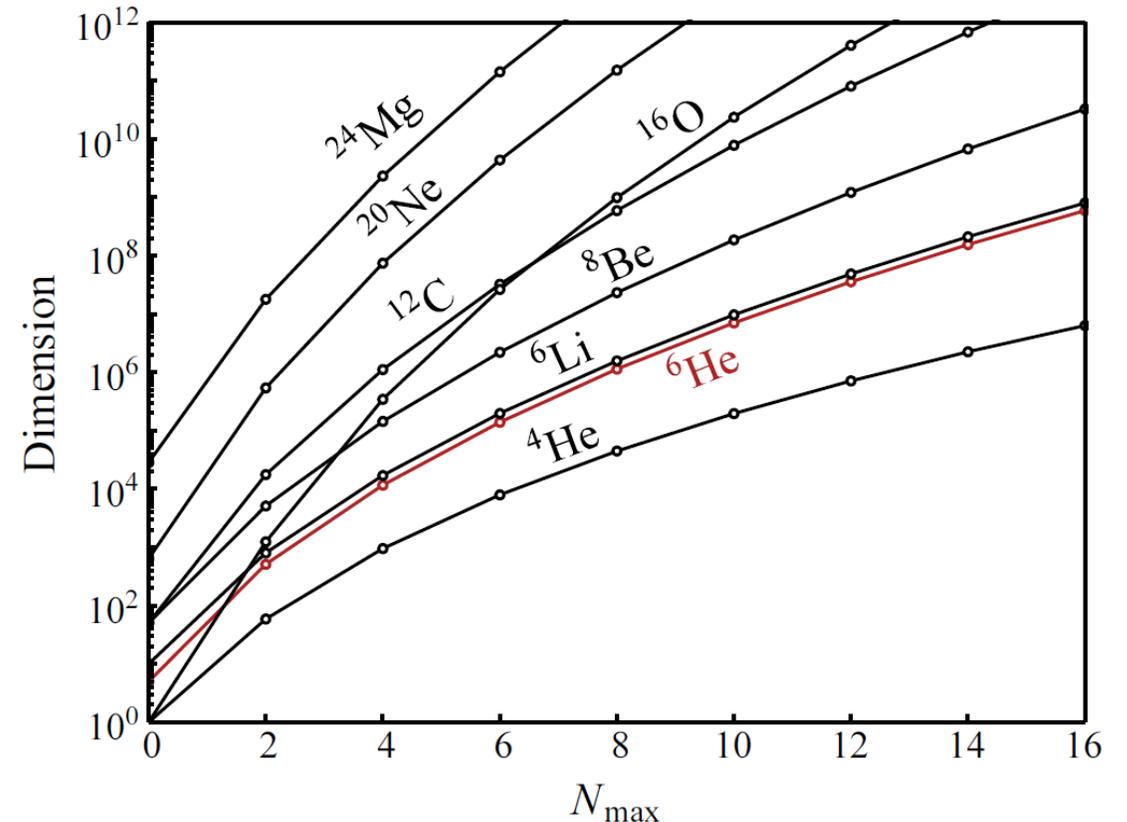
A nucleus with mass number A is shown as a cluster of blue and red spheres. To its right, the wave function  $\Psi^A$  is expanded in terms of single-particle harmonic oscillator states  $\Phi_{Ni}^A$  with coefficients  $c_{Ni}$ .

$$\Psi^A = \sum_{N=0}^{N_{max}} \sum_i c_{Ni} \Phi_{Ni}^A$$



## Problem...

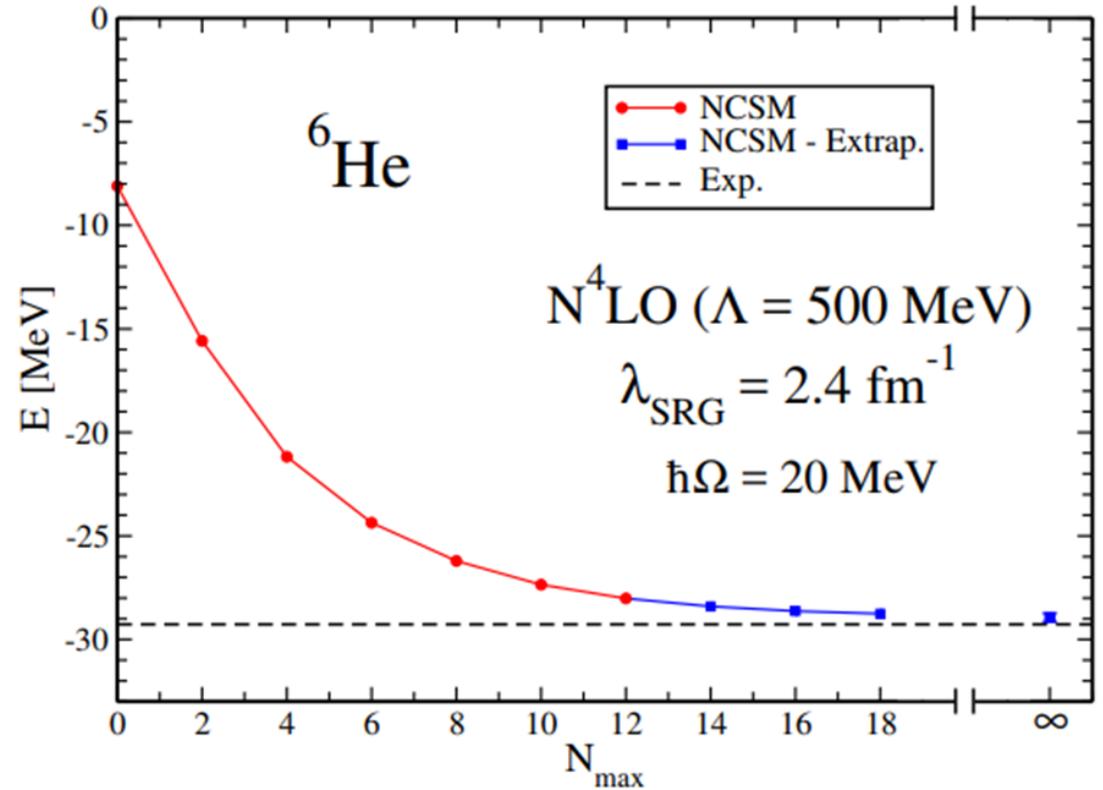
- NCSM is a rigorous model
- Computational complexity grows exponentially with basis truncation parameter  $N_{max}$
- Calculations should converge as  $N_{max} \rightarrow \infty$
- Meaningful calculations at very large  $N_{max}$  or for larger nuclear systems are computationally infeasible



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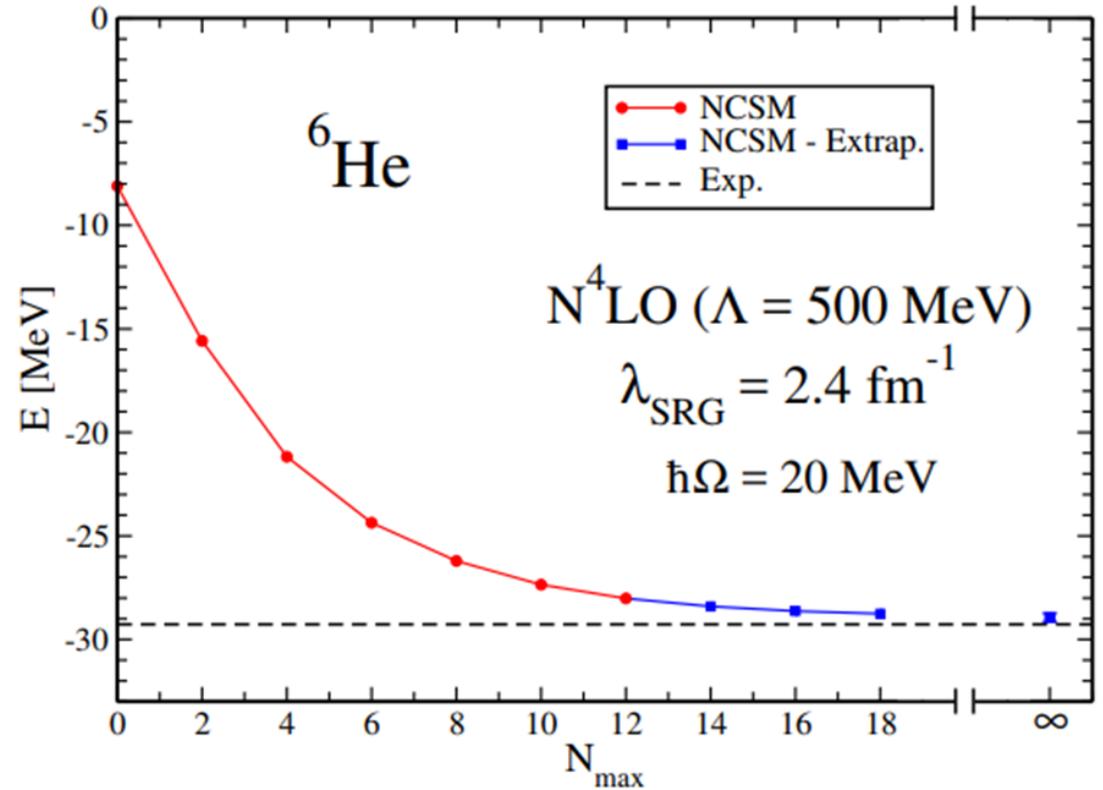
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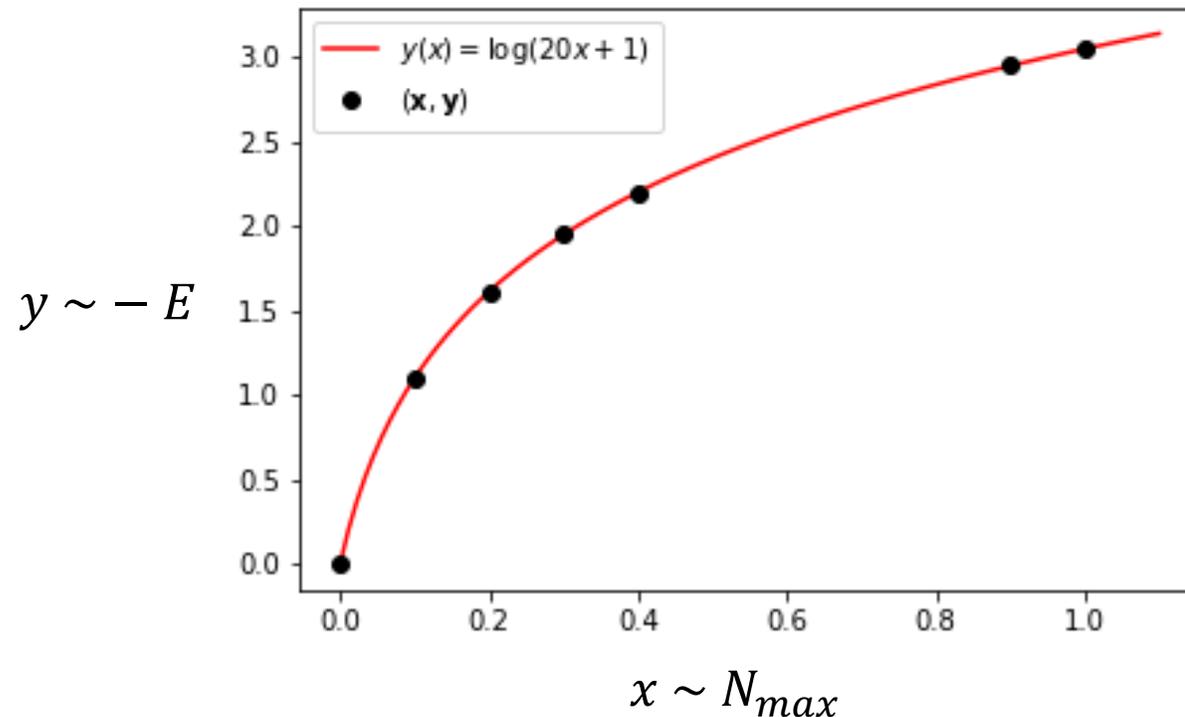
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**Require use of computational techniques to predict energy as  $N_{max} \rightarrow \infty$  (want meaningful errors)**

# Mathematical problem statement

- Given some discrete data set  $y = \{y_i\} = \{y(x_i)\}$ , can we determine the underlying functional form  $y(x)$
- Is it determined well enough to make predictions  $y^* = y(x^*)$ ?



# Parametric and non-parametric models

## Typical extrapolation - Parametric

- Select a functional form with some parameters  $y(x) \sim f(x, p) + \epsilon(x)$
- Determine most likely values for parameters  $p$  given assumed error distribution  $\epsilon(x)$

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## Gaussian process - Non-parametric

- Make assumptions on functional behaviour
- Consider conditional probability of predictions given data  $p(y^* | y)$  to constrain function space further than a typical GP

# Gaussian processes (GPs): Part 1

## Overview

- GP is collection of infinite number of random variables with mean function  $m(x)$  and covariance function  $r(x, x')$

$$\vec{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma) \quad \rightarrow \quad y = y(x) \sim \mathcal{N}(m(x), r(x, x'))$$

- GPs are distributions over function spaces
  - provide interpolations with uncertainties
  - functional behaviour selected based on covariance of prediction sites and data points
  - can be improved by incorporating derivative constraints
- Extending work of Golchi et al [1], we attempt GP extrapolation by constraining first **and** second derivatives

# Gaussian processes (GPs): Part 2

## Key assumption on the prior

- Points  $\{y_k\}$  drawn from multivariate Gaussian distribution (GD) with covariance function  $C[y_i, y_j]$  defined by kernel choice

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} y_i \\ y_j \end{bmatrix}\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu[y_i] \\ \mu[y_j] \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} C[y_i, y_i] & C[y_i, y_j] \\ C[y_j, y_i] & C[y_j, y_j] \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$$C[y_i, y_j] = r(x_i, x_j) = \sigma^2 e^{-\frac{(x_i - x_j)^2}{2l^2}} \quad \leftarrow \text{Gaussian kernel}$$

- Assumption of ‘smoothness’ on space of functions, nearby inputs have nearby outputs
- If  $|x_i - x_j| \sim l$  then  $|y_i - y_j| > \sigma$  is unlikely

# Gaussian processes (GPs): Part 3

## Calculation

- Extending to vectors,  $y$  (data) and  $y^*$  (function at select  $x^*$  points) form joint GD and are drawn with mean  $\bar{\mu}$  and covariance matrix  $\bar{\Sigma}$

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} y \\ y^* \end{bmatrix}\right) = \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mu}, \bar{\Sigma}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \mu^* \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} C & C_* \\ C_*^T & C_{**} \end{bmatrix}\right) \quad \begin{aligned} C^{(ij)} &= C[y_i, y_j] = r(x_i, x_j) \\ C_*^{(ij)} &= r(x_i, x_j^*) & C_{**}^{(ij)} &= r(x_i^*, x_j^*) \end{aligned}$$

## Gaussian 'trick'

- Can compute probability of function predictions  $y^*$  given input data

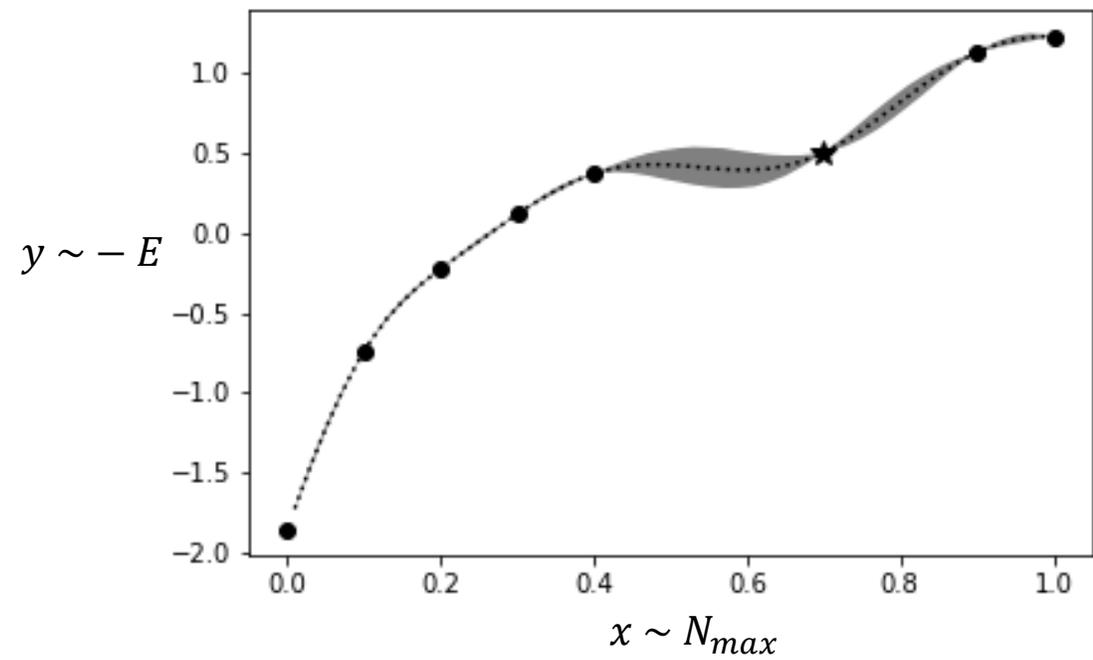
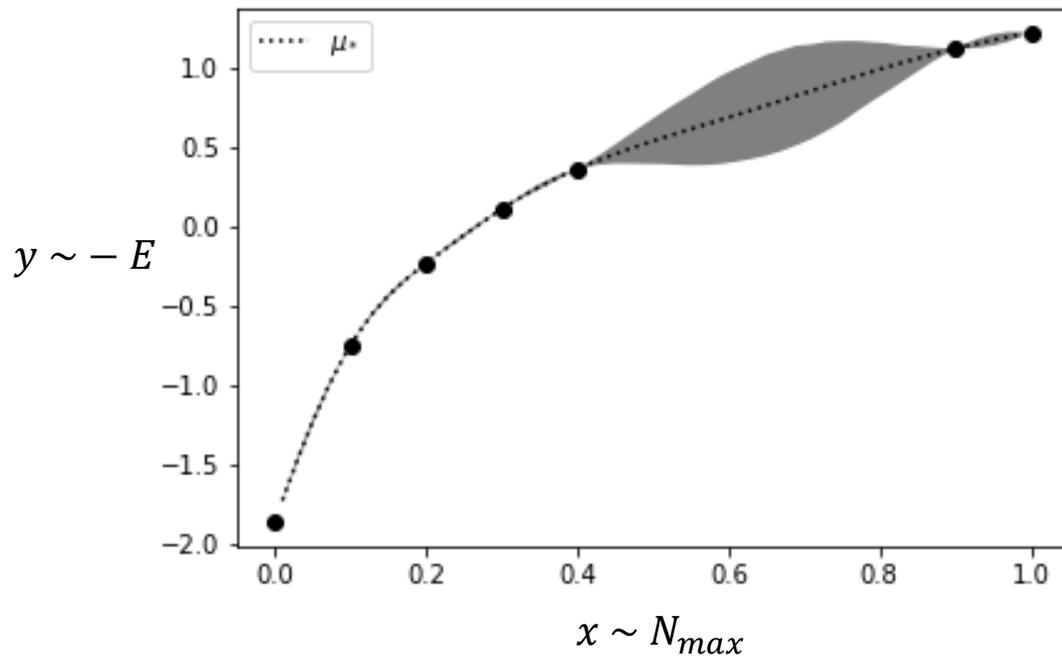
$$p(y^* | y) = \mathcal{N}(\mu_*, \Sigma_*)$$

where

$$\mu_* = C_*^T C^{-1} y \quad \Sigma_* = C_{**} - C_*^T C^{-1} C_*$$

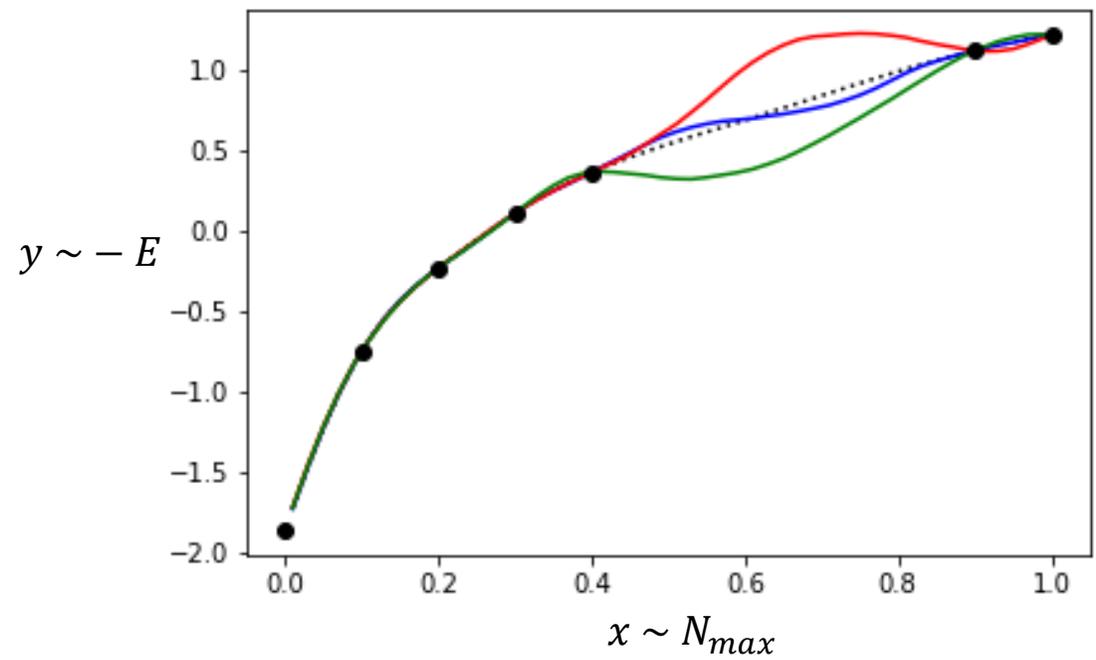
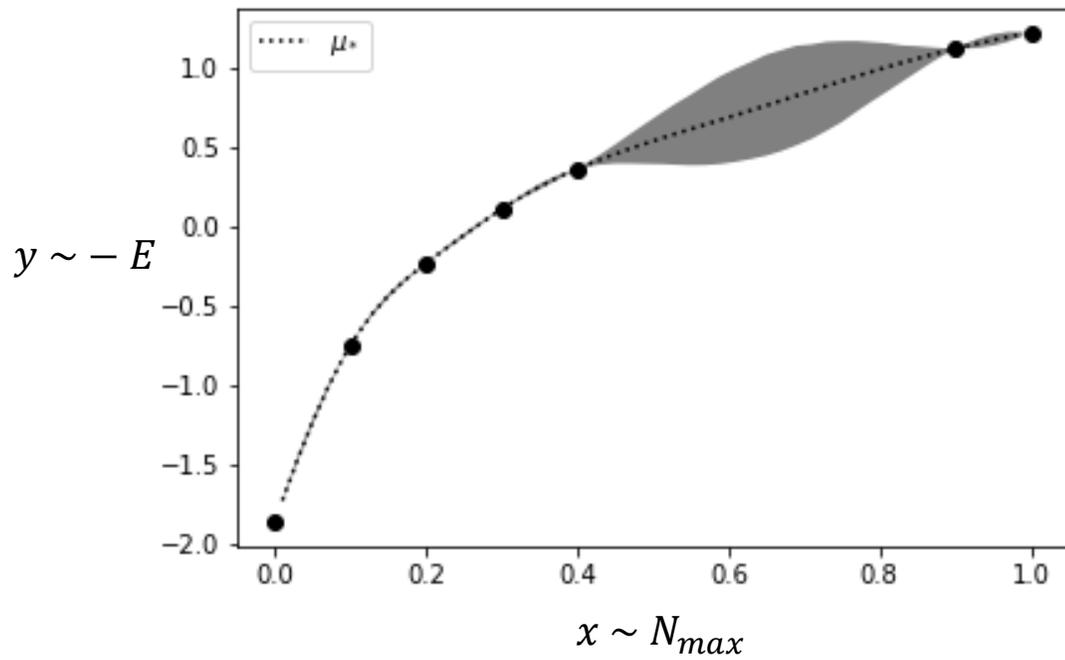
## Example of sampling

- New points are random samples from a Gaussian distribution
- Points can be sampled sequentially (depending on all the previous)



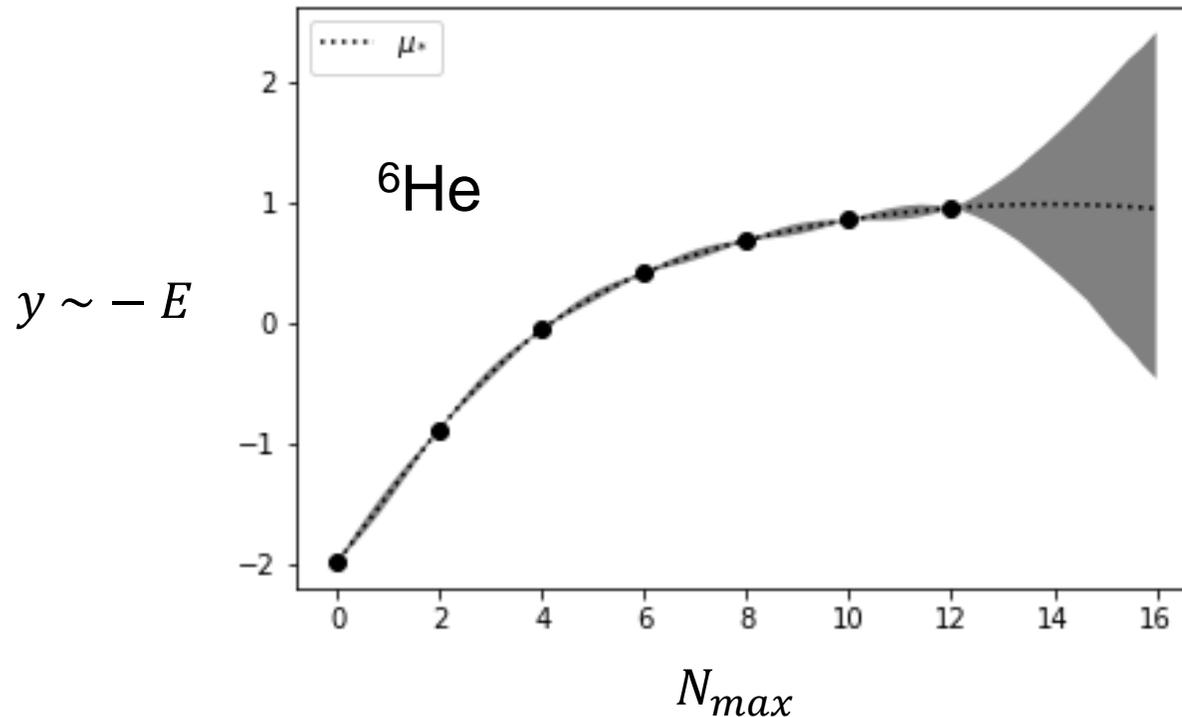
# Example of sampling

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- Points can be sampled simultaneously (from higher-dimensional Gaussian)



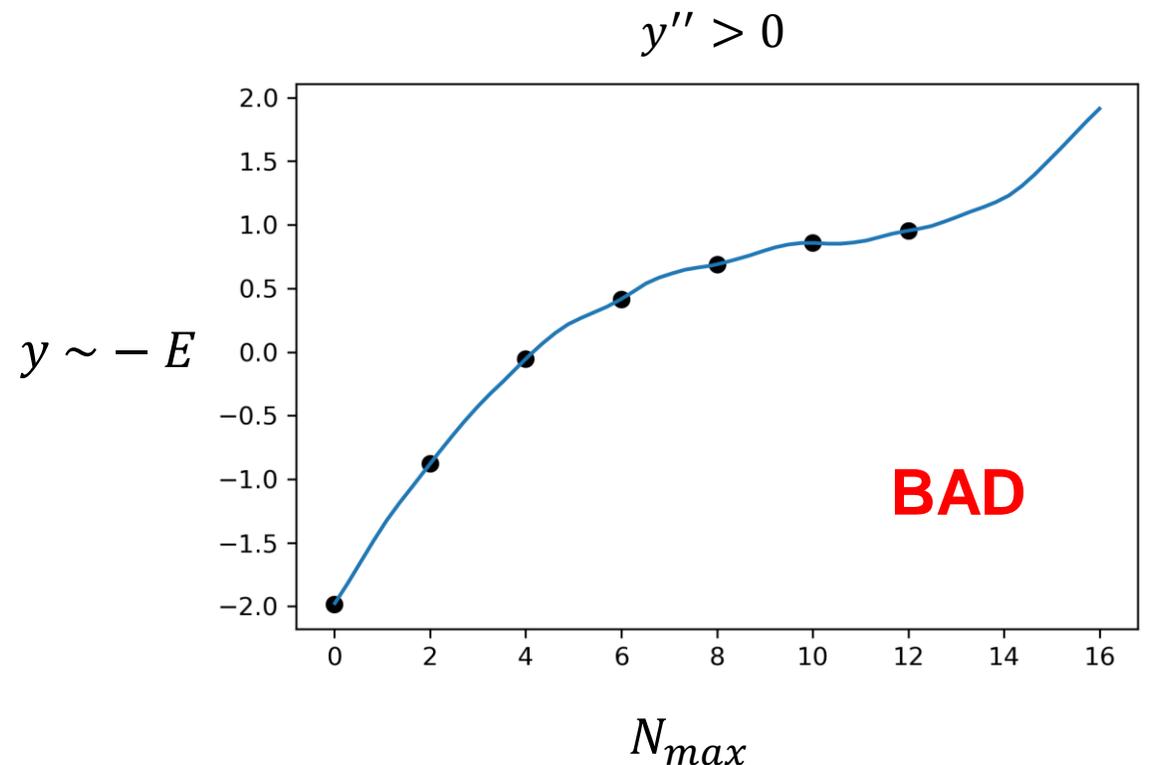
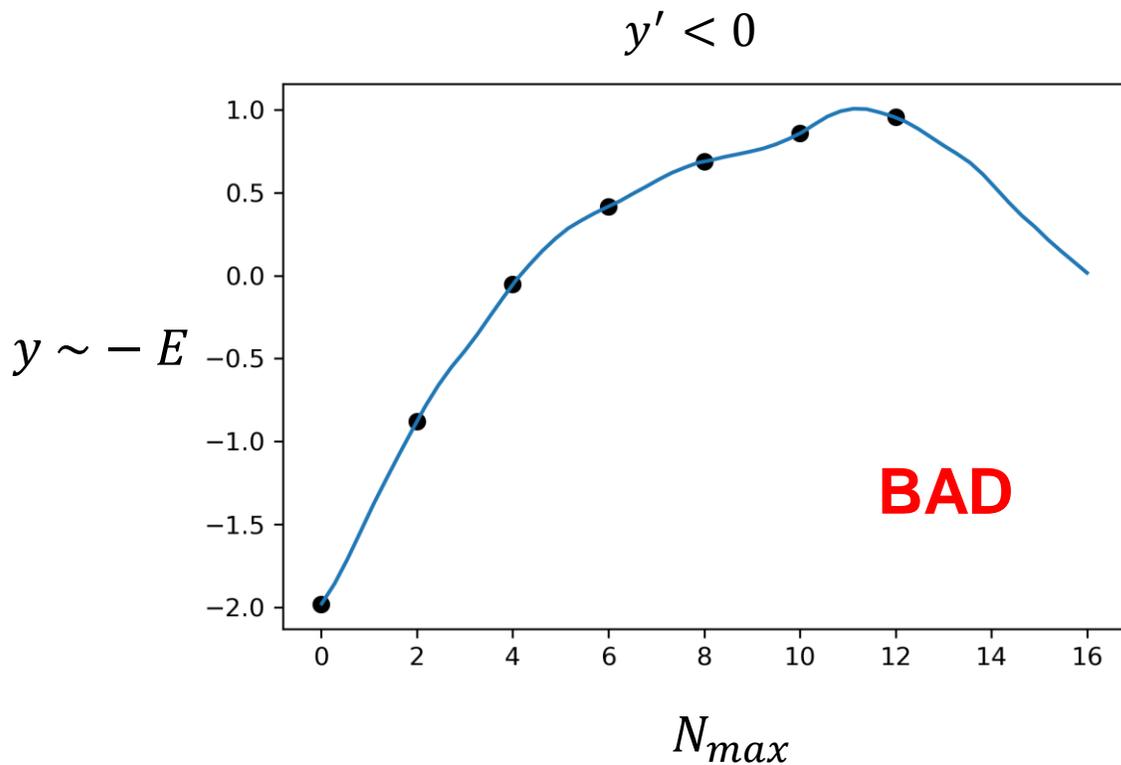
# Extrapolation problem

- While GP interpolates data as a requirement, error bars explode outside of the data range
- How do we deal with this radical behaviour?



# Extrapolation problem

- We know what functional behaviour we need (and don't want)
- Can we incorporate this information into the GP?



# GPs with derivatives: Part 1

## Constraining derivatives

- Define binary random variables representing sign of derivatives  $y'_i$  and  $y''_i$

$$m(y'_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y'_i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad n(y''_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y''_i < 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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## GPs with derivatives: Part 2

### Computing derivatives

- The derivative of a GP is a GP
- $y'_i = \frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{x=x'_i}$  and  $y''_i = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\Big|_{x=x''_i}$  also jointly Gaussian distributed with  $\{y, y^*\}$
- Similarly draw derivative values at select  $x'$  and  $x''$  points
- Can conveniently compute covariance of derivatives based on information from derivatives of kernel
- Calculate probability of all function behaviour given  $y$

$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} y^* \\ y' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix} \middle| y\right) = \mathcal{N}(v, \Sigma)$$

## GPs with derivatives: Part 3

### Obtaining distribution

- Want the posterior distribution  $p\left(\begin{bmatrix} y^* \\ y' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix} \middle| y\right) \sim \mathcal{N}(v, \Sigma) \times m(y') \times n(y'')$

- GP method only generates the likelihood  $p\left(\begin{bmatrix} y^* \\ y' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix} \middle| y\right) = \mathcal{N}(v, \Sigma)$

- Could generate samples (Monte-Carlo) from likelihood and accept/reject based on posterior distribution (inefficient)
- Perform Sequential Monte-Carlo (SMC) by adjusting distribution of samples over small constraint steps (efficient)

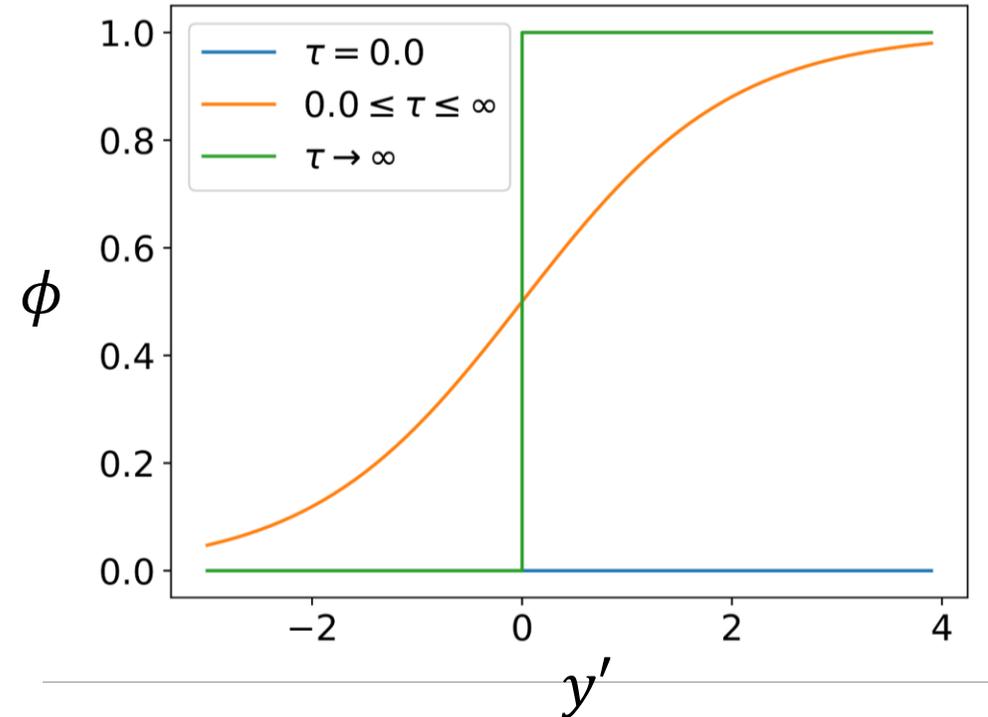
# Sequential Monte-Carlo (SMC): Part 1

## Parameterizing continuous constraints

- Apply constraint as function of new parameters  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$
- Alter definition of variables representing sign of derivatives

$$m \sim \phi(\tau_1 y') \quad n \sim \phi(\tau_2 y'')$$

- Construct discrete constraint schedule with small steps of constraint increase (simultaneous or asynchronous constraint application)



# Sequential Monte-Carlo (SMC): Part 2

## Setting up SMC

- Under constraints,  $y, y'$  and  $y''$  are no longer GPs
- Inferences must be made using point-wise sampling, so algorithm is tailored to monotonic/convex function interpolation

## SMC inputs

- Sequence of constraint parameters  $\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$
- Proposal distributions for GP parameters  $l$  and  $\sigma^2$
- Particle number  $N$

# Sequential Monte-Carlo (SMC): Part 3

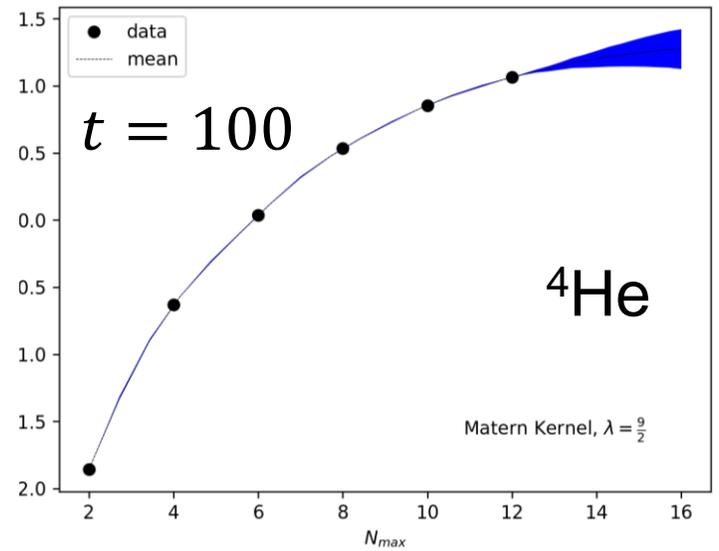
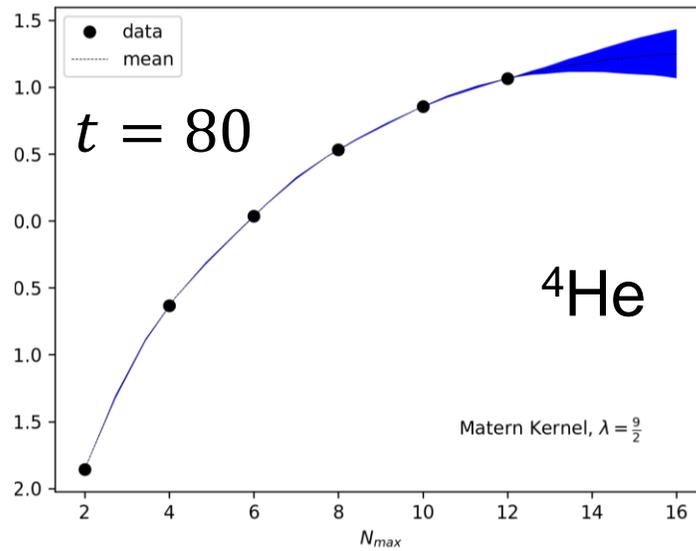
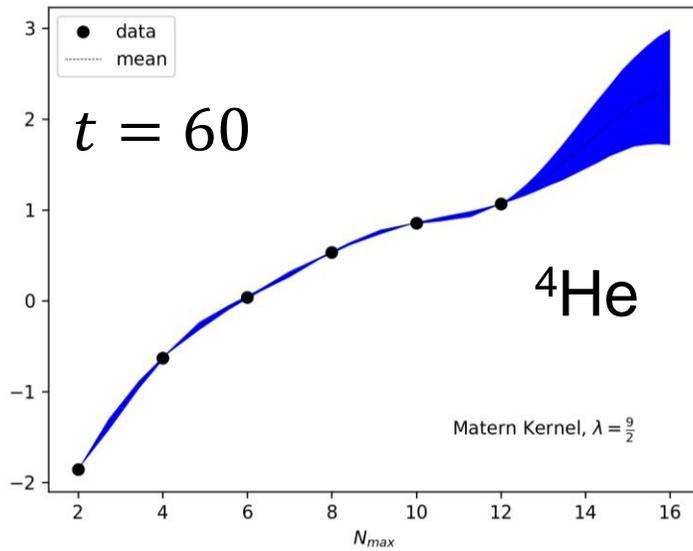
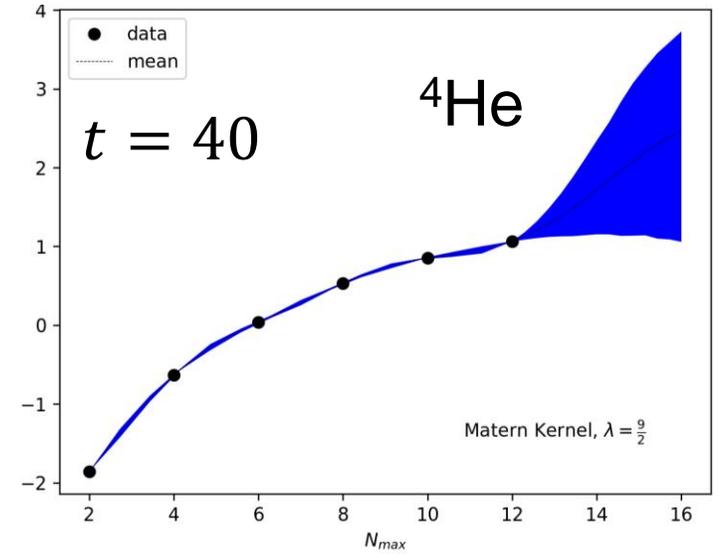
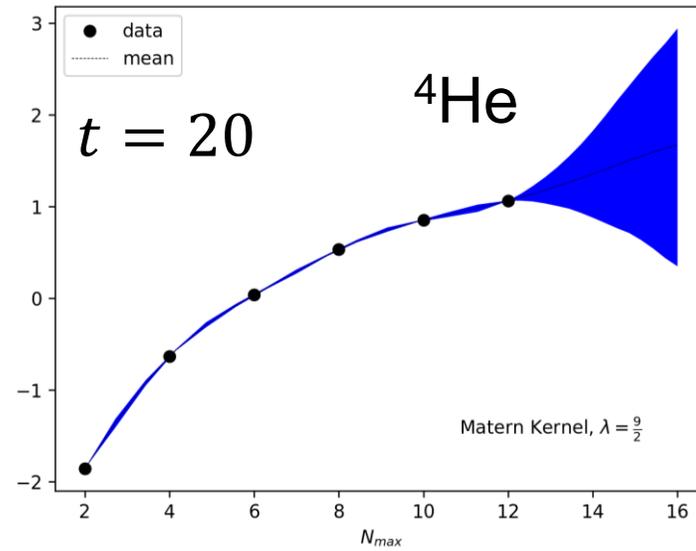
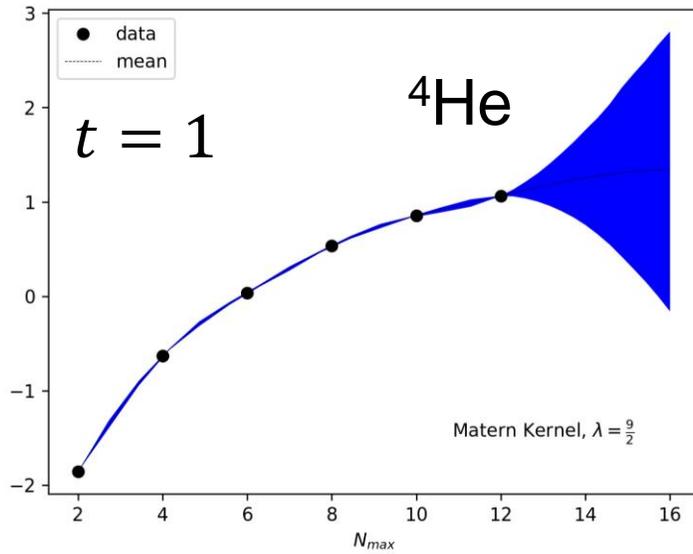
## SMC algorithm and particle filter

- Draw  $N$  samples (particles with  $[y^*, y', y'']^T$ ) from unconstrained GP
- For  $\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$  from 0 to  $\infty$ 
  - for all particles 1:  $N$ 
    - propose new  $l, \sigma^2$  and particles  $[y^*, y', y'']_{new}^T$  close to  $[y^*, y', y'']^T$
    - accept/reject new particles according to

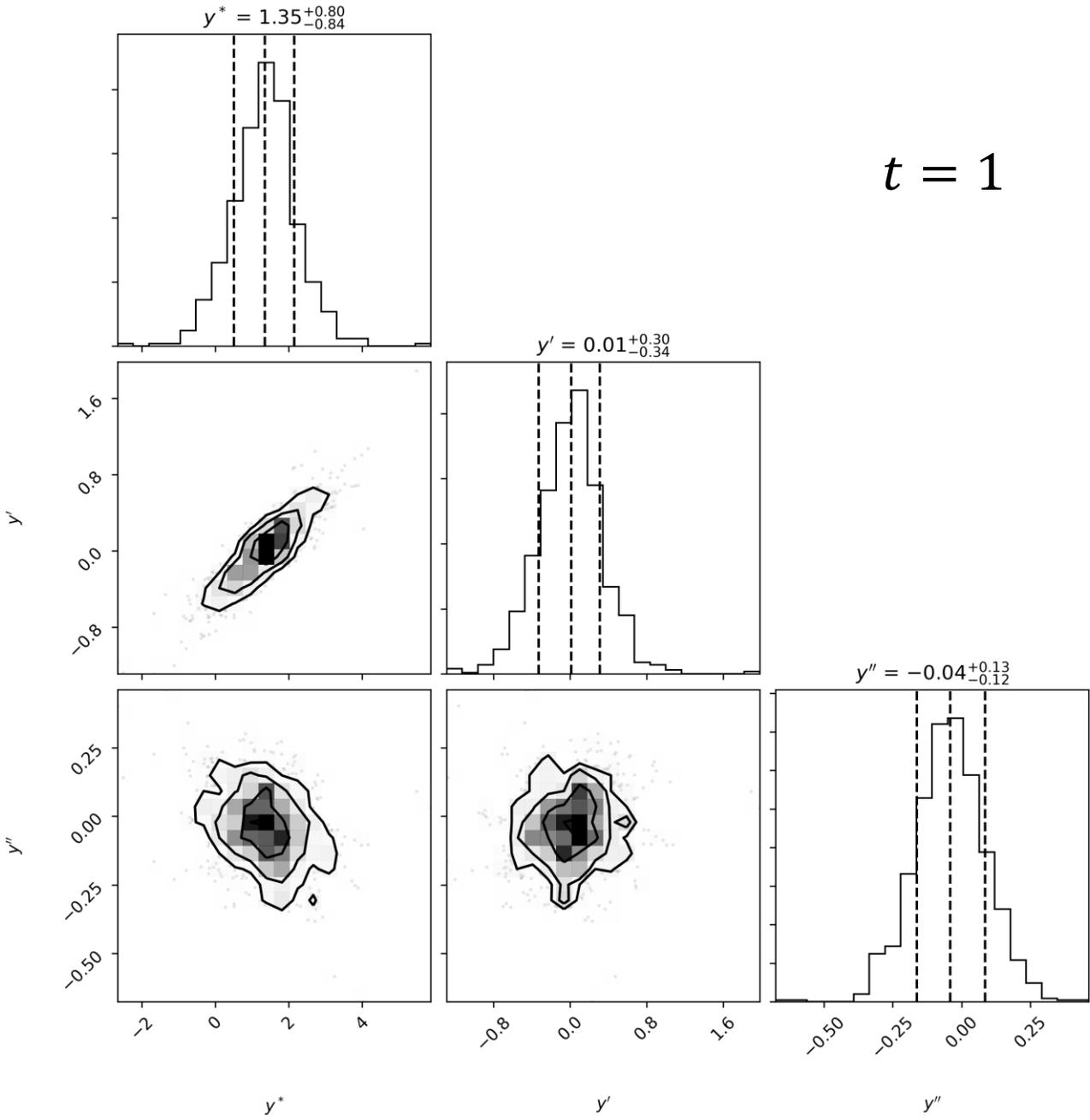
$$p\left(\begin{bmatrix} y^* \\ y' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix} \middle| y\right) \sim \mathcal{N}(v, \Sigma) \times m(y') \times n(y'')$$

- resample: assign particle weights based on change under constraints
  - throw away bad particles
  - replace with copies of ‘better’ particles (weighted by constraints)

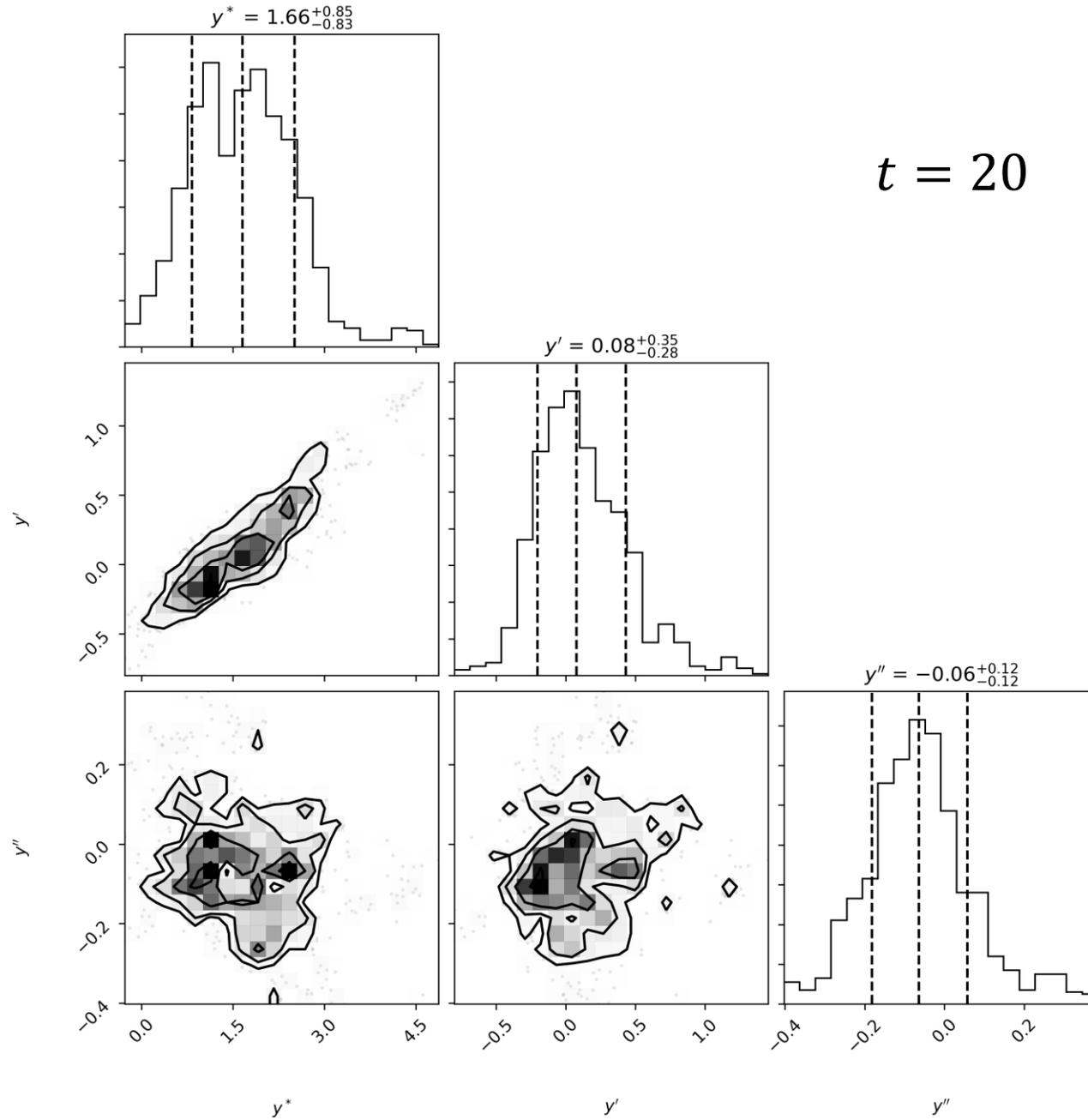
# Results for ${}^4\text{He}$ at extrapolation value $N_{max} = 16$



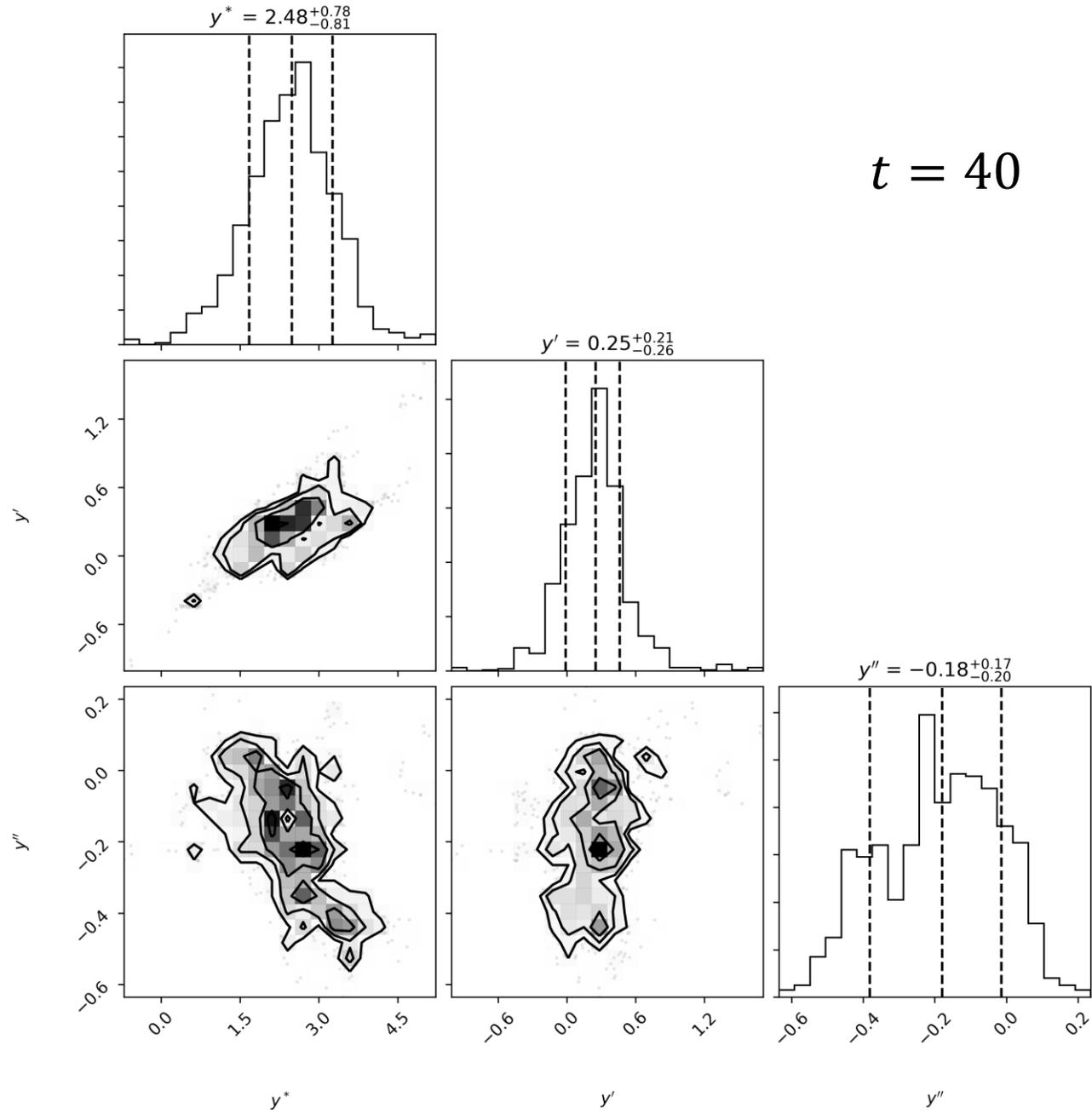
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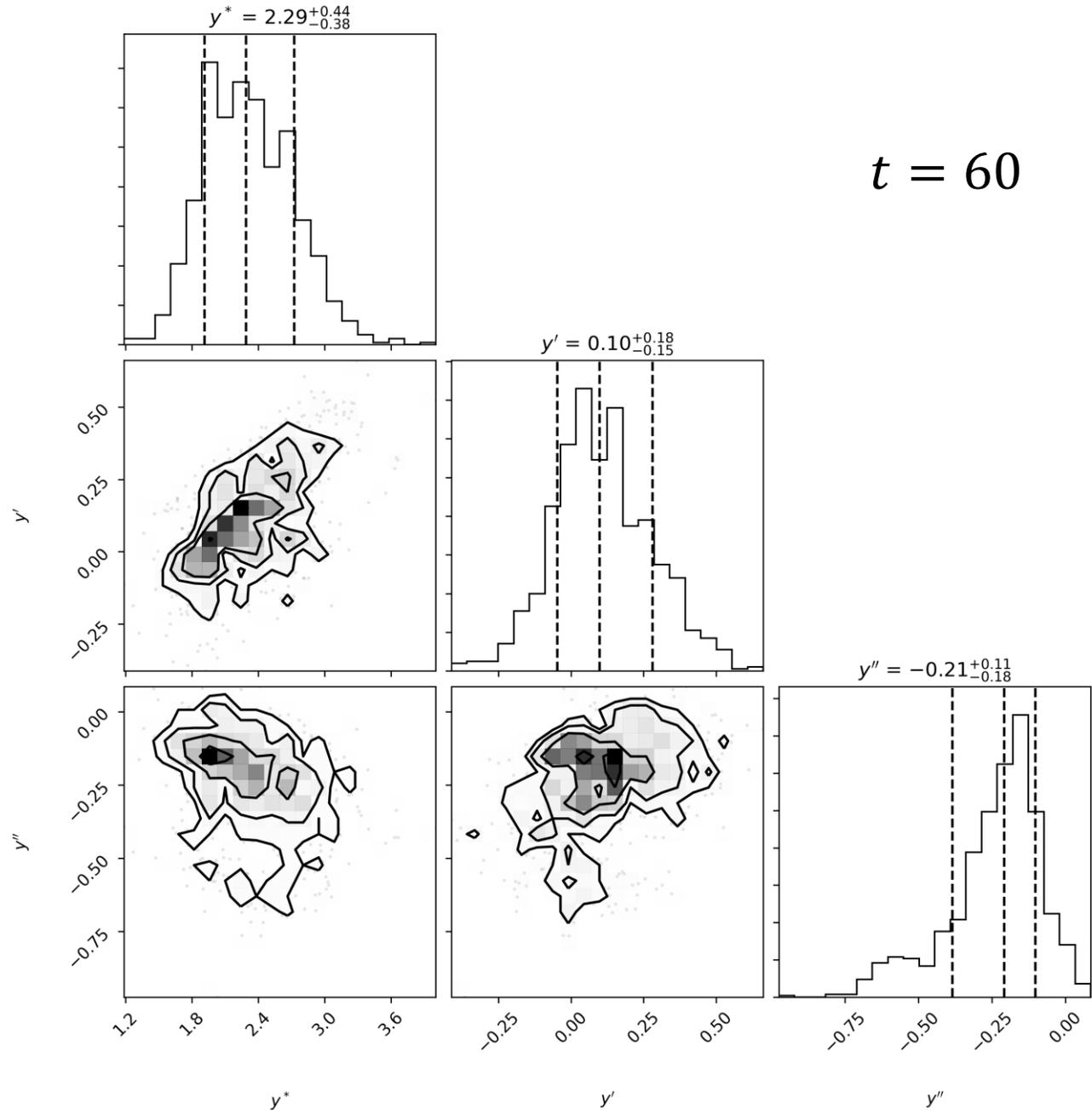
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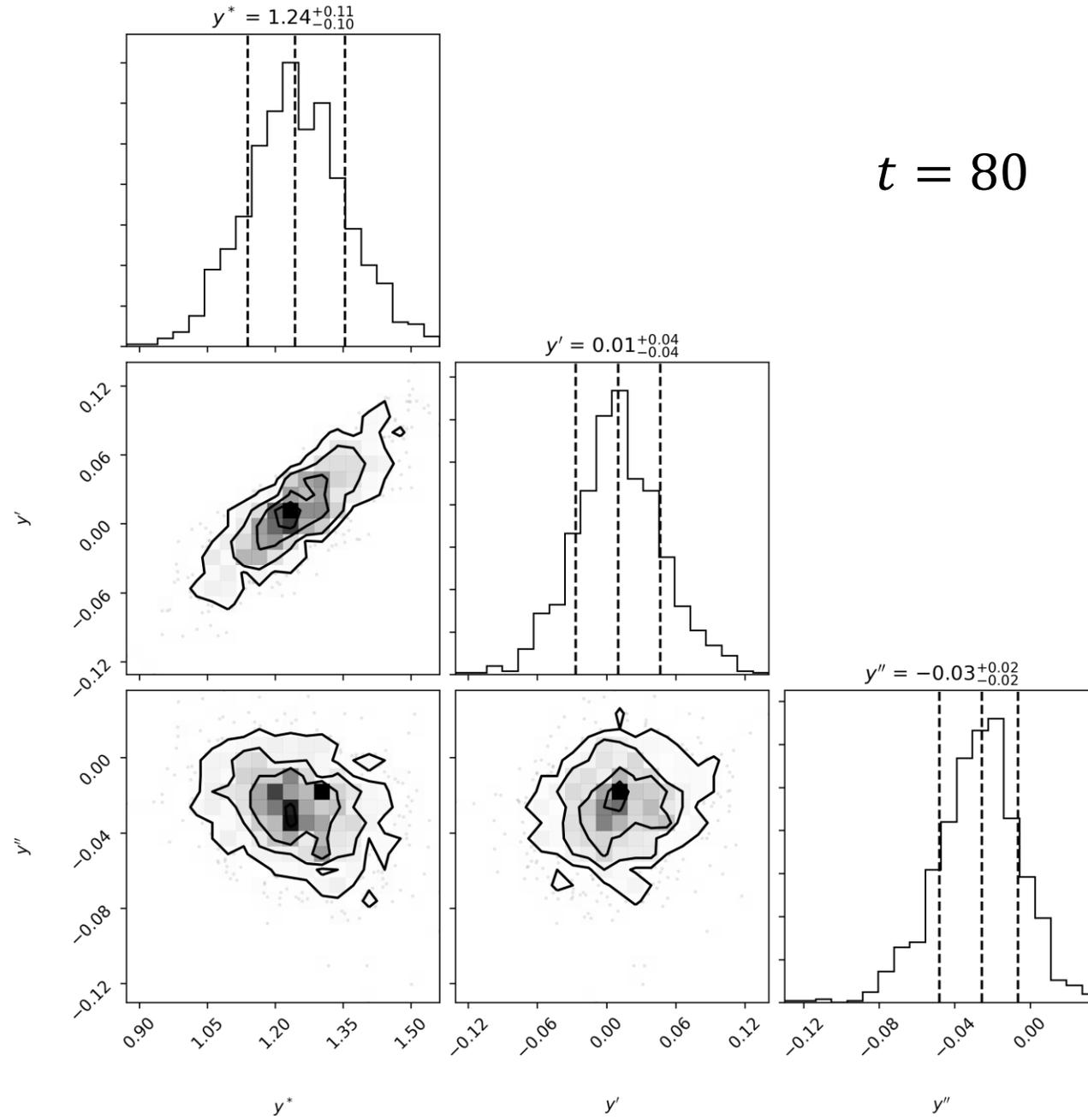


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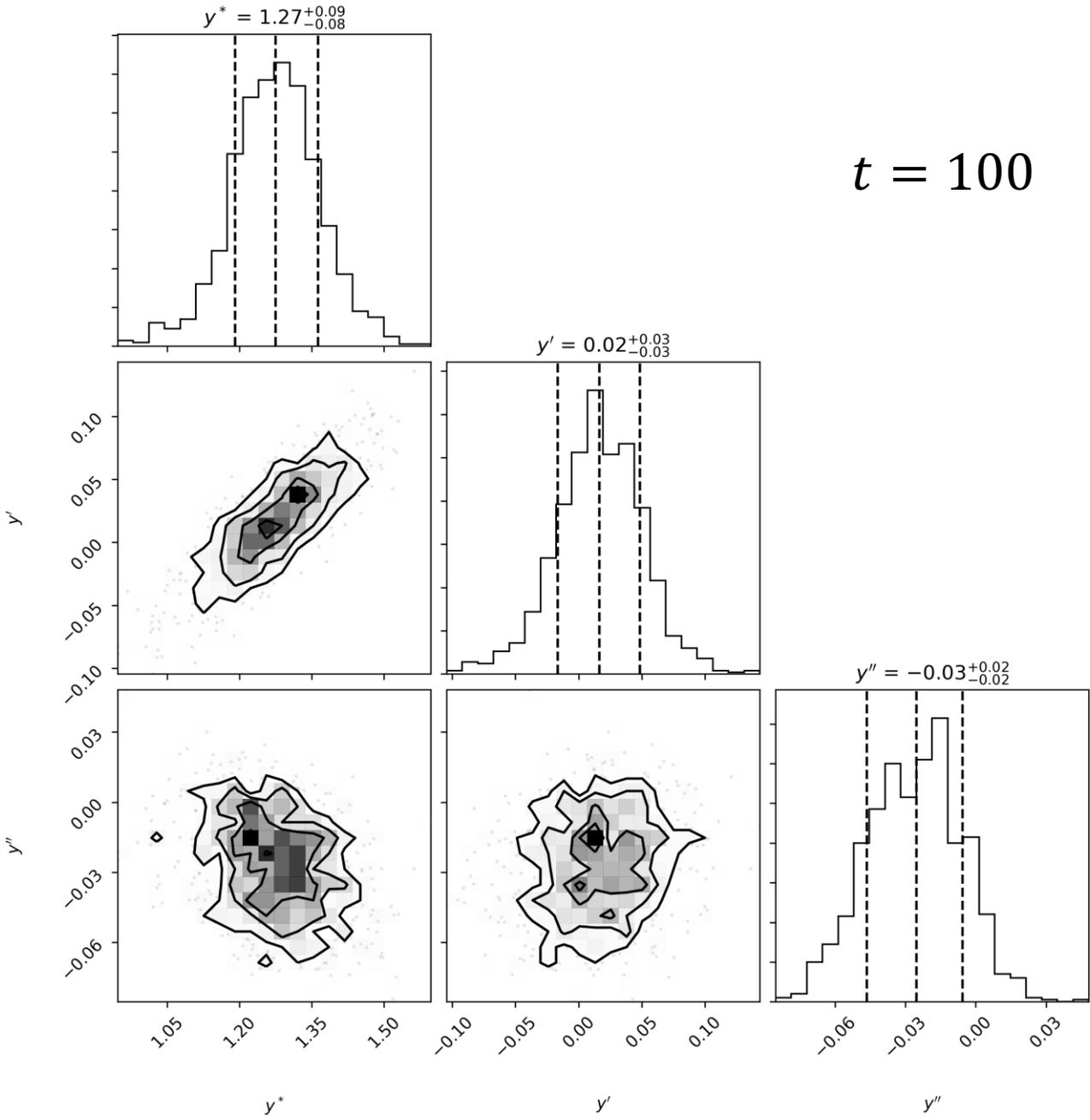


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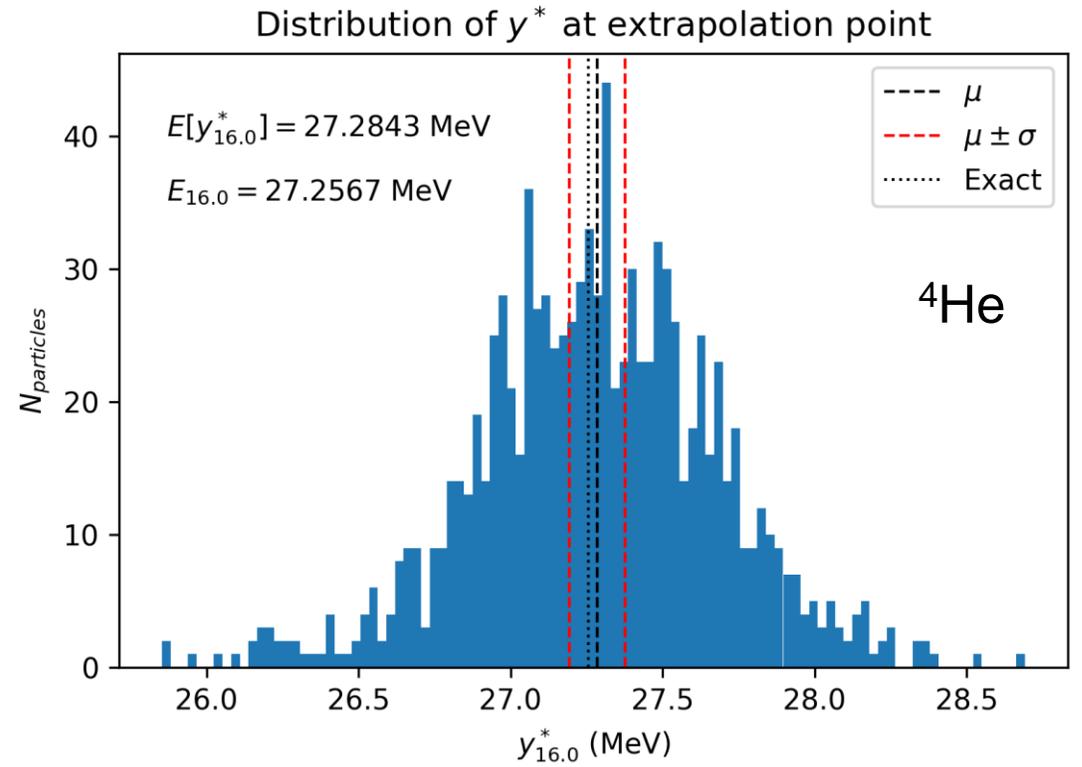
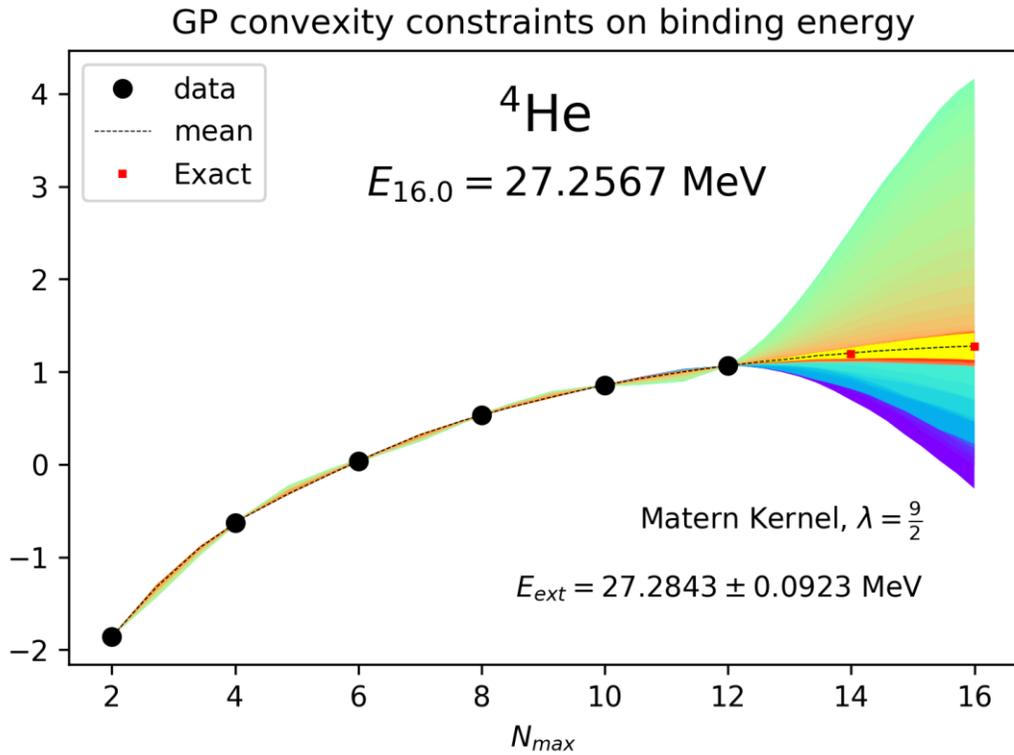


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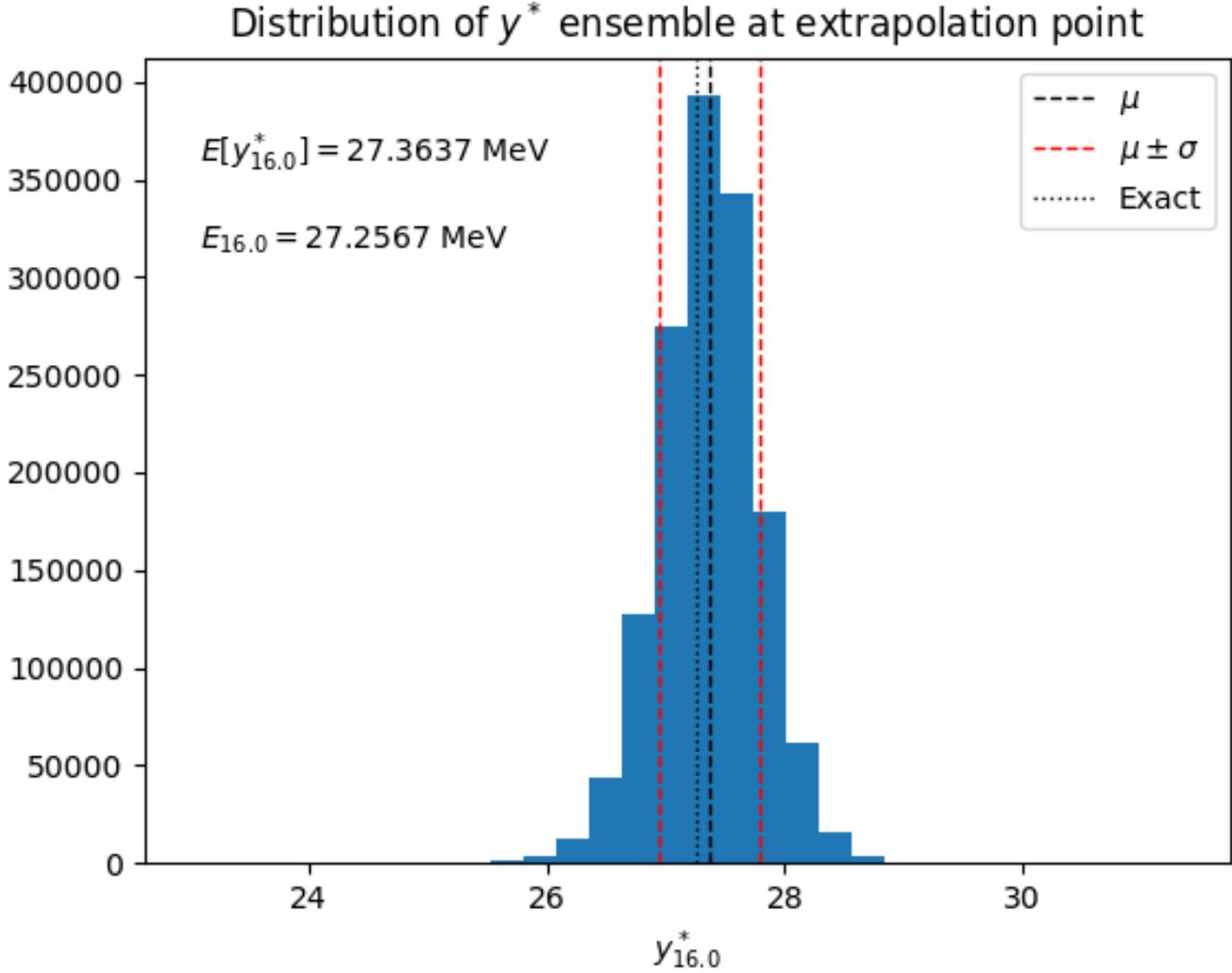
$t = 100$



# Results for ${}^4\text{He}$ at extrapolation value $N_{max} = 16$



# Ensemble results for ${}^4\text{He}$ at extrapolation value $N_{max} = 16$



# Conclusions

## Summary

- Application of derivative knowledge correctly constraining function space
- Demonstrated viability of extrapolation by constrained GPs

## Outlook

- Can we push the extrapolations to much larger  $N_{max}$  values?
- Add additional harmonic oscillator basis parameter  $\hbar\Omega$  to model

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# GPs with derivatives

$$p \left( \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y^* \\ y' \\ y'' \end{bmatrix} \right) = \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \mu^* \\ \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} C & C_* & C_1 & C_2 \\ C_*^T & C_{**} & C_{1*} & C_{2*} \\ C_1^T & C_{*1} & C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_2^T & C_{*2} & C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$C_{*1}^{(ij)} = C[y_i^*, y_j'] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} r(x_i^*, x_j')$$

$$\vdots$$

$$C_{22}^{(ij)} = C[y_i'', y_j''] = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 x_i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 x_j} r(x_i'', x_j'')$$

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$$v = [C_*, C_1, C_2] C^{-1} y$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} C_{**} & C_{1*} & C_{2*} \\ C_{*1} & C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{*2} & C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} - [C_*, C_1, C_2] C^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} C_* \\ C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix}$$