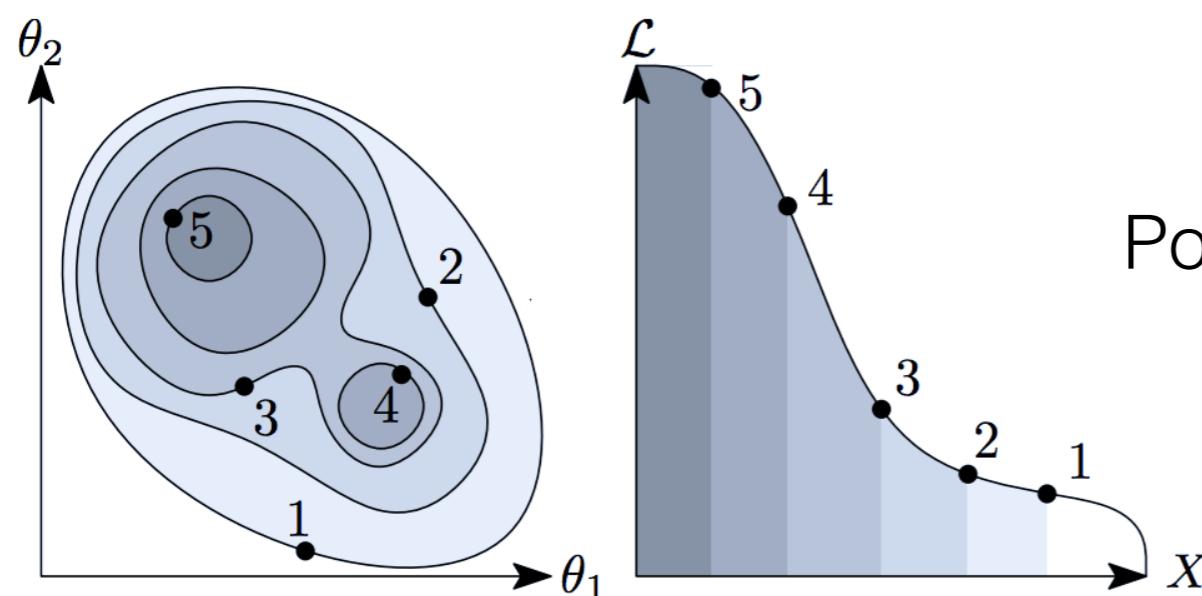


# Statistic Exercises

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Bayes Theorem

Posterior

Likelihood

Prior

$$P(\theta_M | \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{M}) = \frac{P(\mathcal{D} | \theta_M, \mathcal{M}) P(\theta_M | \mathcal{M})}{P(\mathcal{D} | \mathcal{M})}$$

Bayesian Evidence (Z)

$$P(\mathcal{D} | \mathcal{M}) \equiv Z = \int P(\mathcal{D} | \theta_M, \mathcal{M}) P(\theta_M | \mathcal{M}) d\theta_M$$

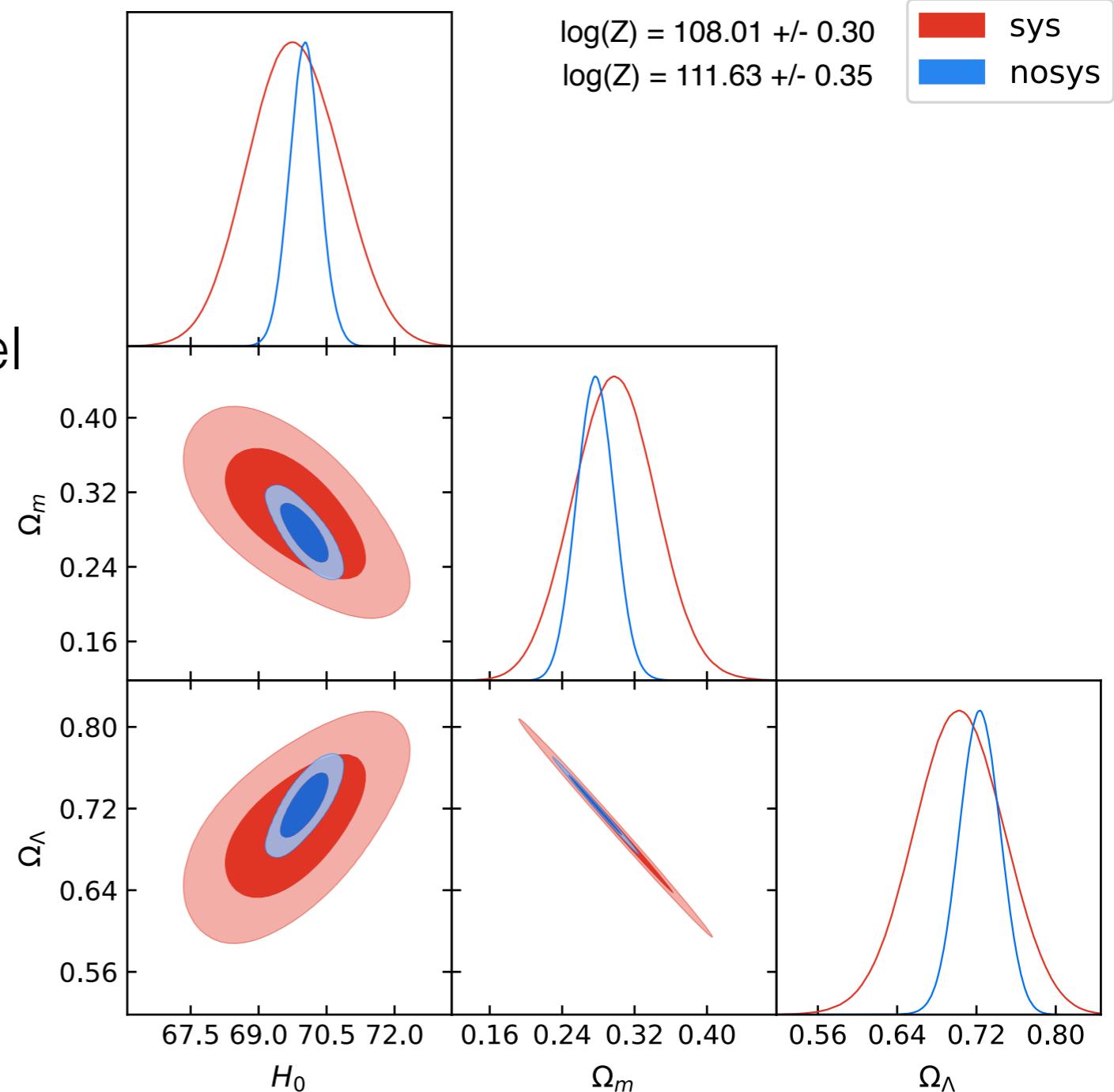
## Model Comparison

Evidence ( $Z$ )

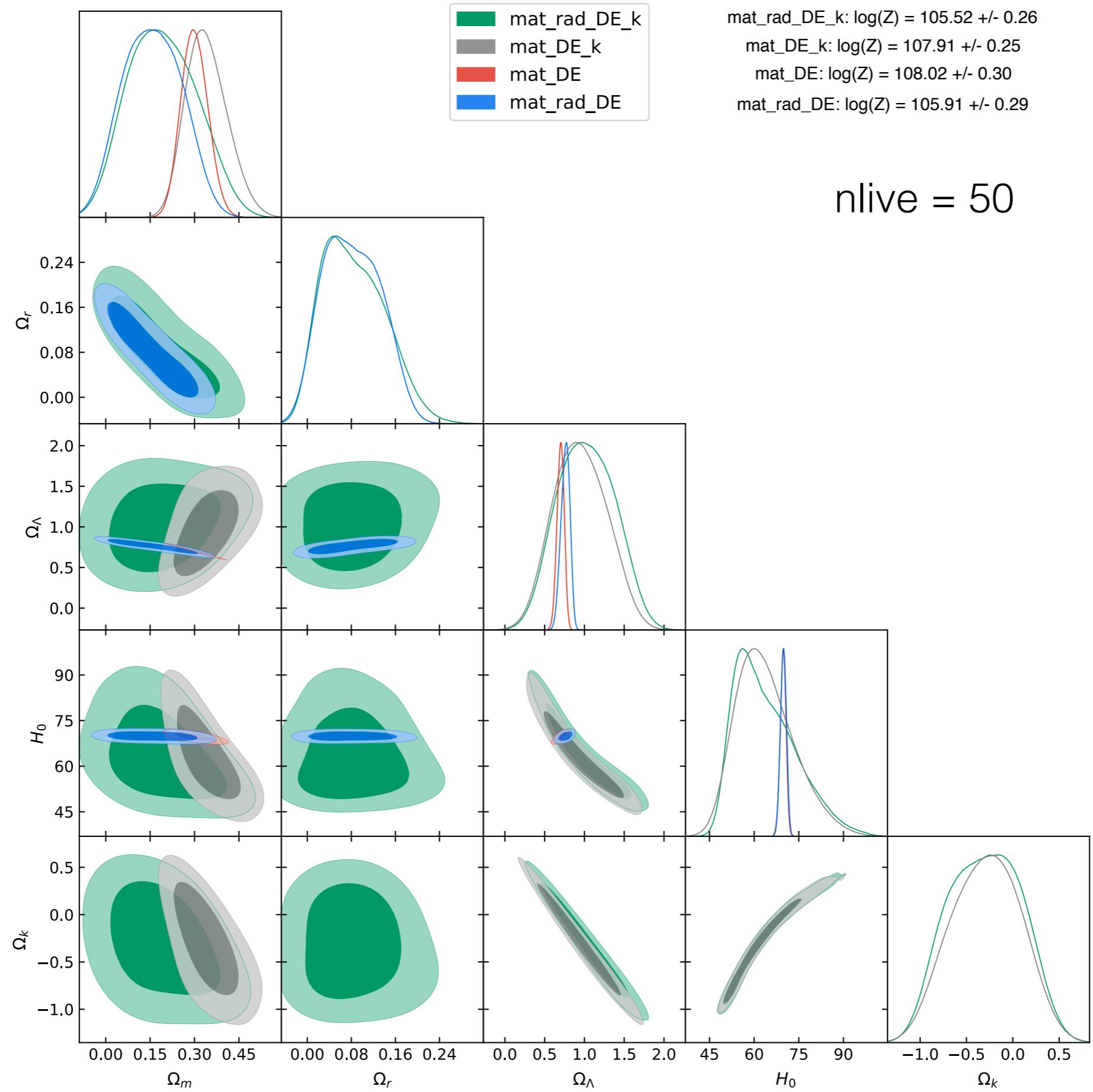
$$P(\mathcal{M}_i|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_i)P(\mathcal{M}_i)}{P(\mathcal{D})}$$

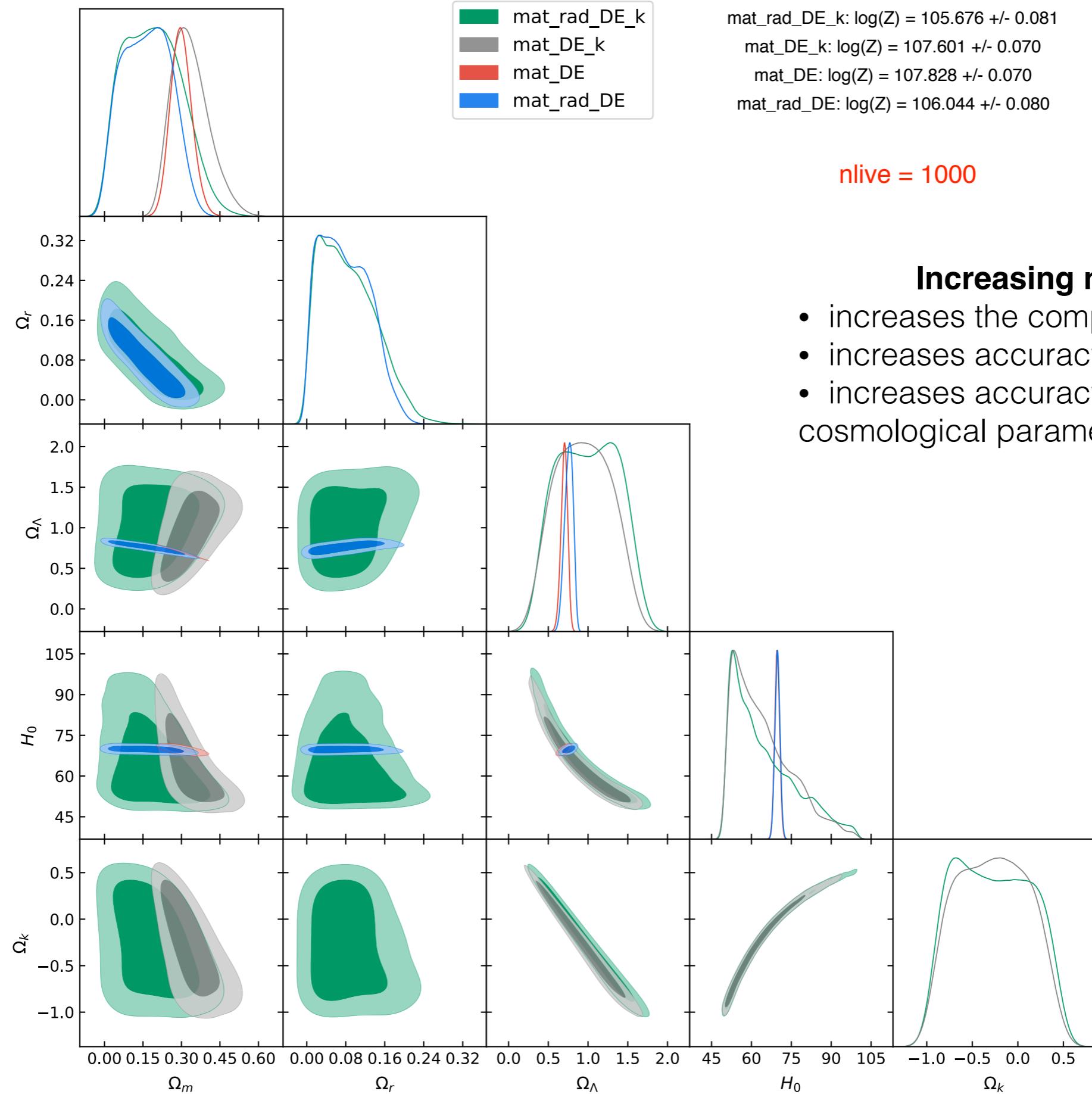
Probability of the model  
given the data

Prior on  
the model



The Bayesian evidence naturally comprises the **Occam's Razor**  
PolyChord agrees with Metropolis-Hastings



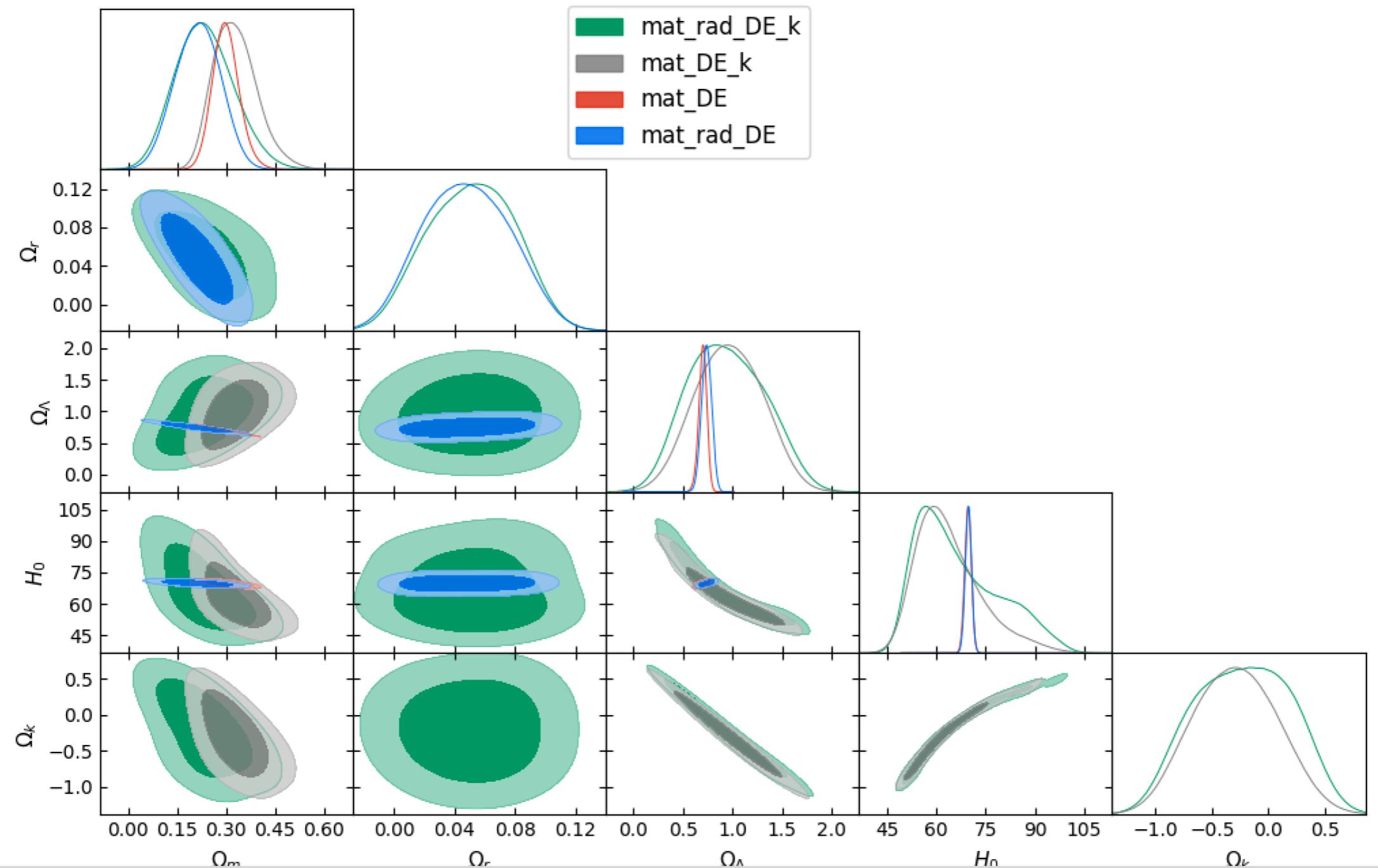


### Increasing nlive:

- increases the computation time
- increases accuracy on Z
- increases accuracy on the cosmological parameters

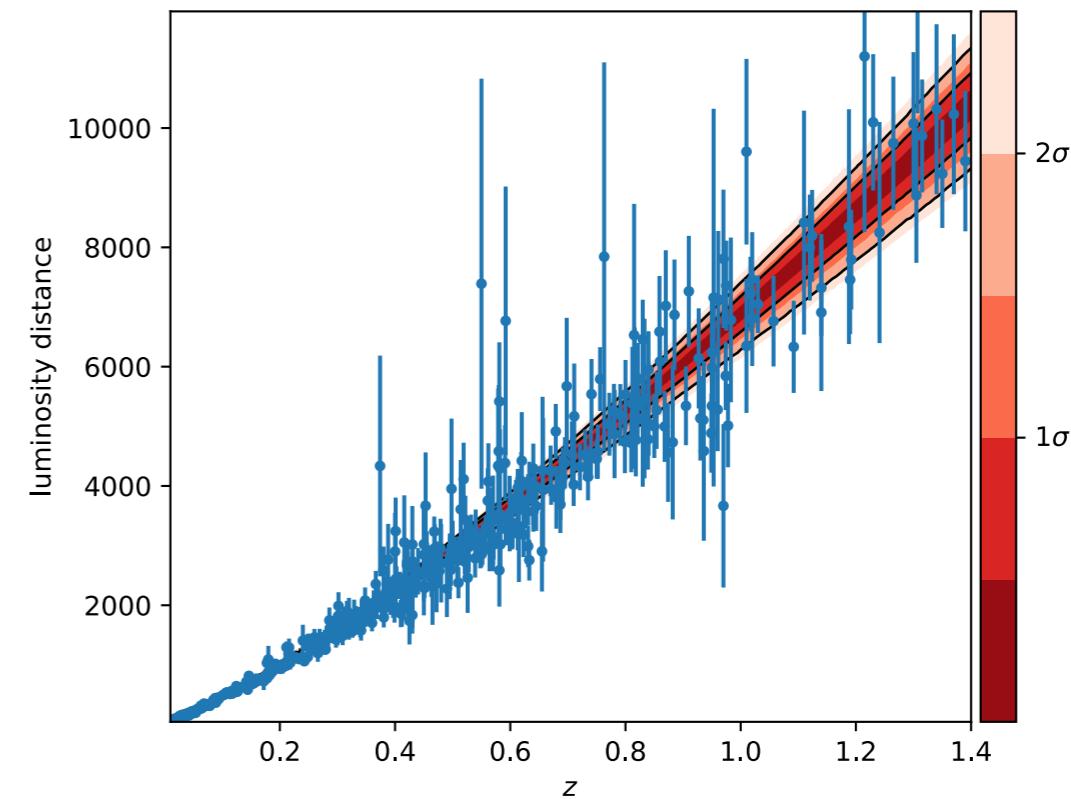
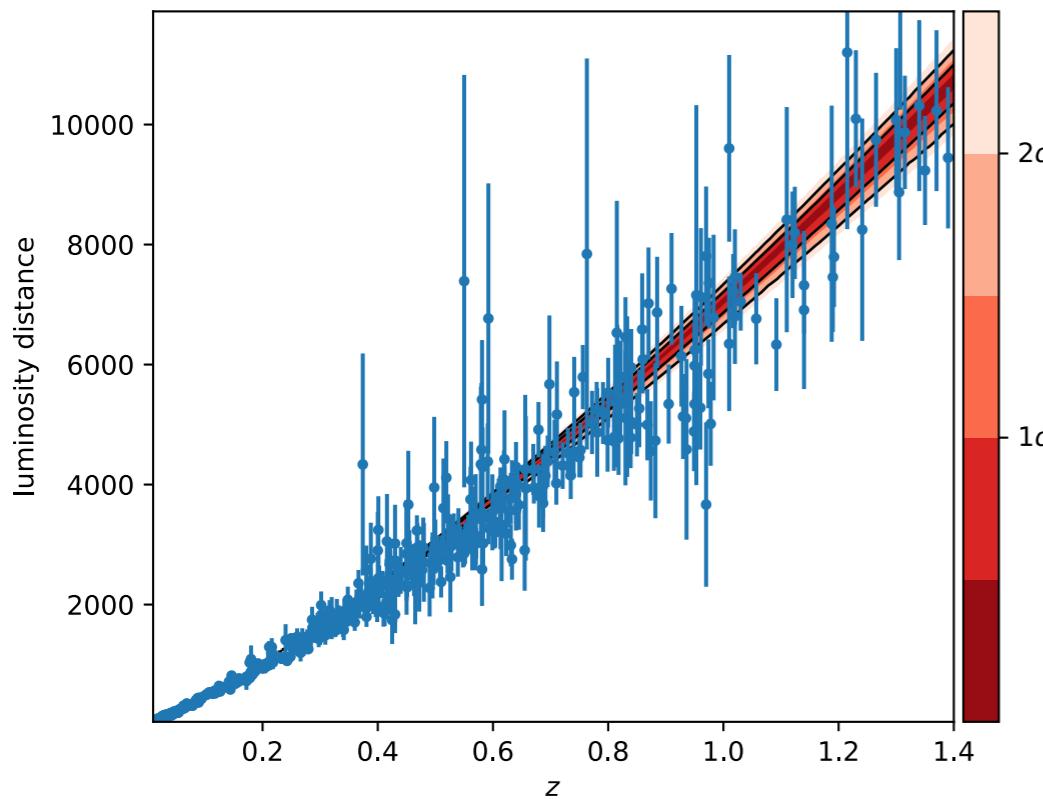
# Changing prior in a « clever way » tends to improve evidence

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('mat_rad_DE', 107.68765, '+/-', 0.25304528)
('mat_rad_DE_k', 107.52153, '+/-', 0.21835703)
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## Matter + DE

## Matter + DE + Curvature



## PolyChord Pros

- Fast
- Bayesian Evidence
- Doesn't suffer in high dimensions

## PolyChord Cons (v1.9)

- Not user-friendly
- No documentation