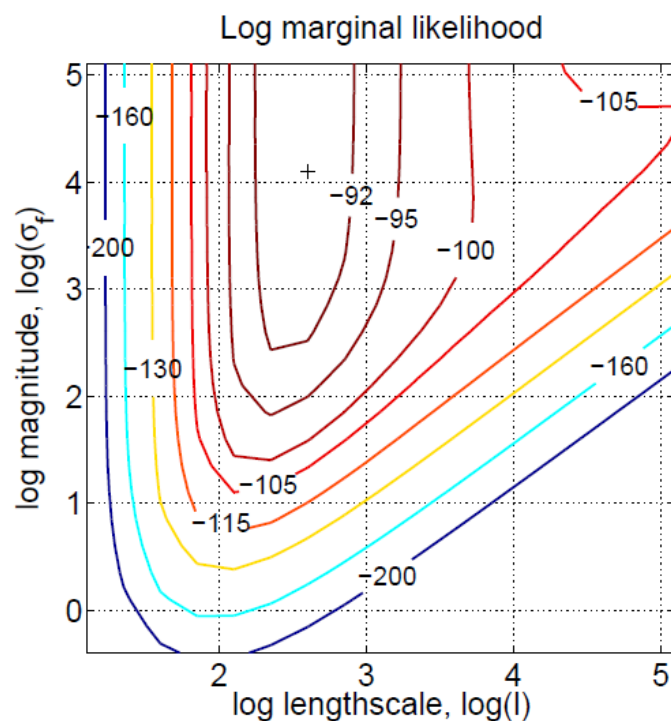


Towards (?) marginal likelihood lower bounds with EP

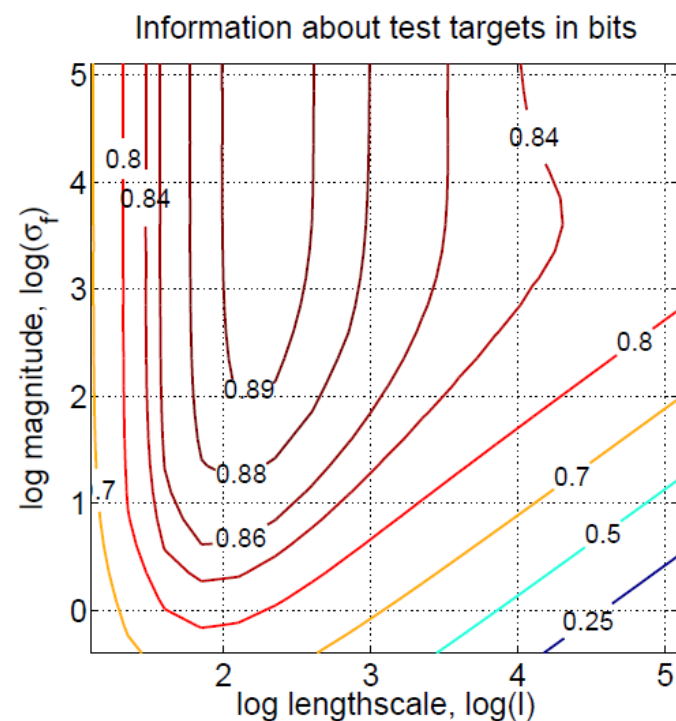
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Kuss & Rasmussen's grid

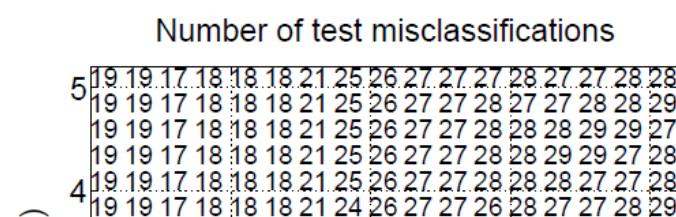
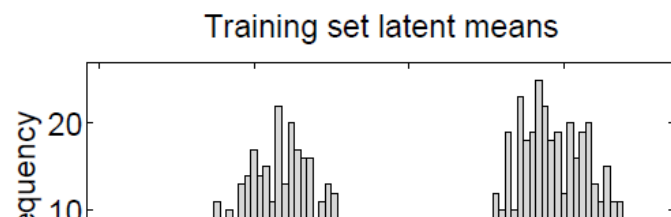
3.7 Experiments



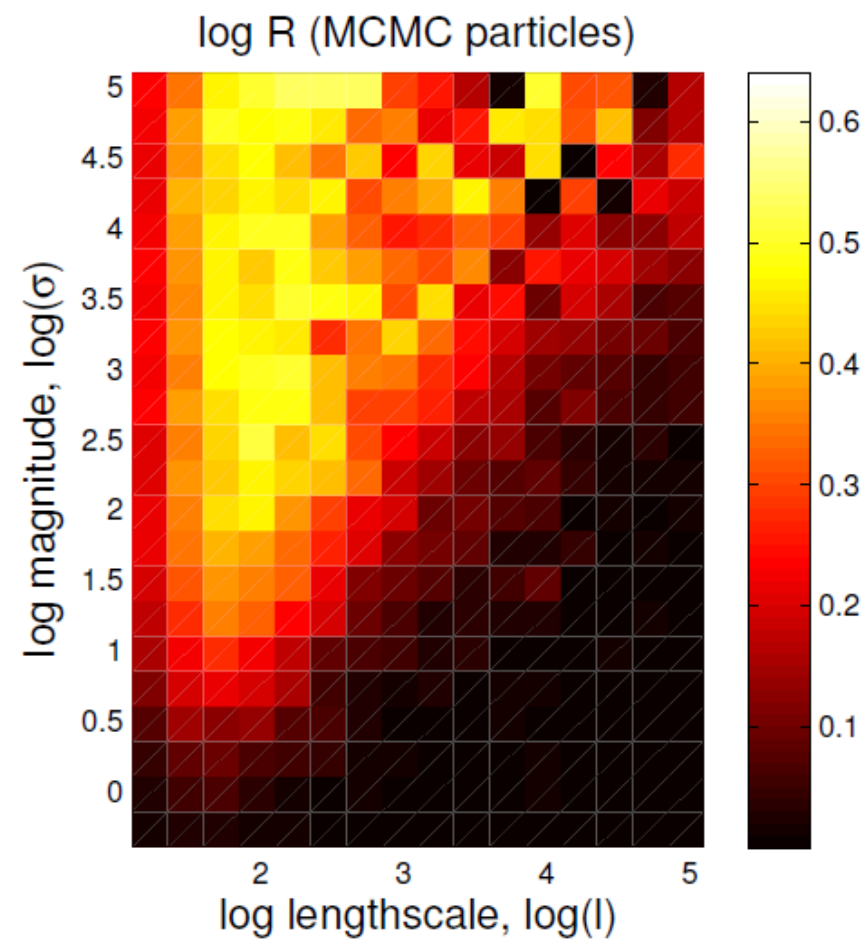
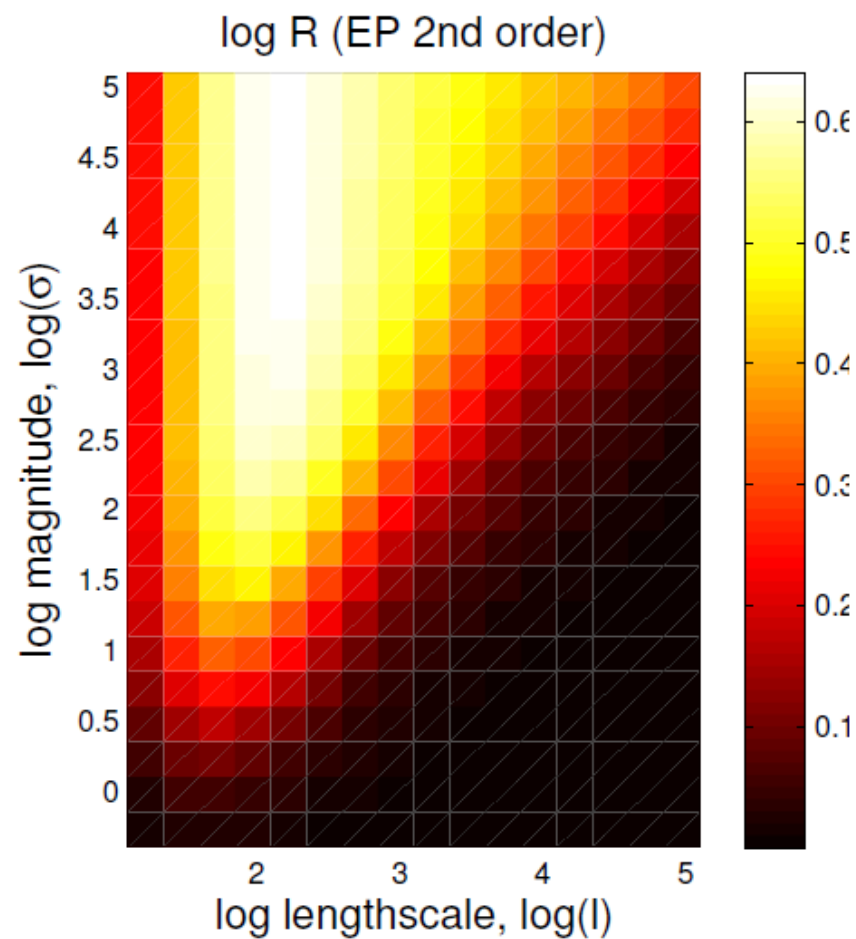
(a)



(b)



$\log Z - \log Z_{\text{EP}}$ (GP classification)



Belief Propagation: done

- Loop Series and Bethe Variational Bounds in Attractive Graphical Models
 - Sudderth et al, 2007 [Loop series]
- The Bethe Partition Function of Log-supermodular Graphical Models
 - Ruozzi, 2012 [Graph covers]
- Clamping Variables and Approximate Inference
 - Weller & Jebara, 2014 [Clamp and integrate]
[First principles]

Notation / whiteboard

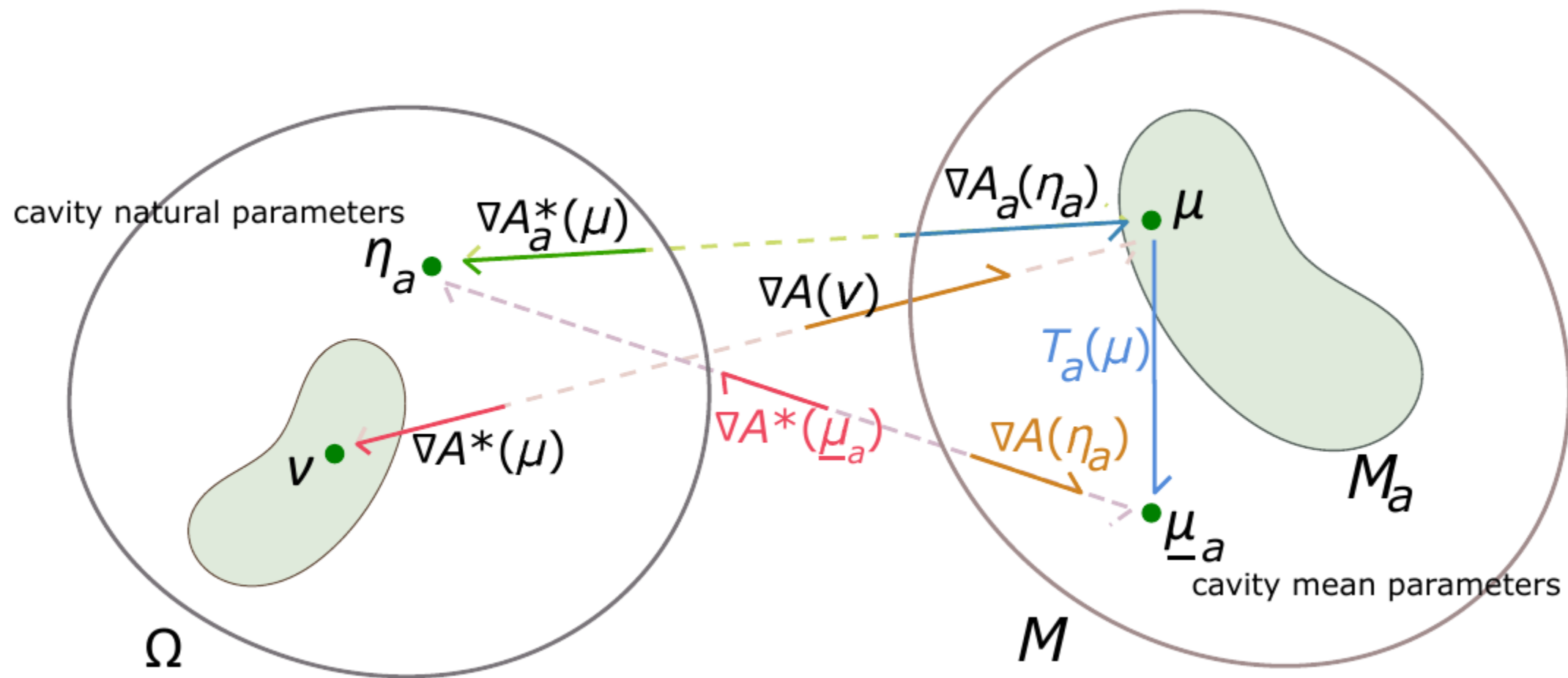
EP...

(Tom Minka's "The EP Free Energy and Minimization Schemes")

$$F_{\text{EP}}(\nu, \{\eta_a\}) = (n - 1) \log Z_q(\nu) - \sum_a \log Z_a(\eta_a)$$

$$-\log Z_{\text{EP}} = \min_{\nu} \max_{\{\eta_a\}} F_{\text{EP}}(\nu, \{\eta_a\}) \quad \text{subject to } \sum_a \eta_a = (n - 1)\nu.$$

Notation



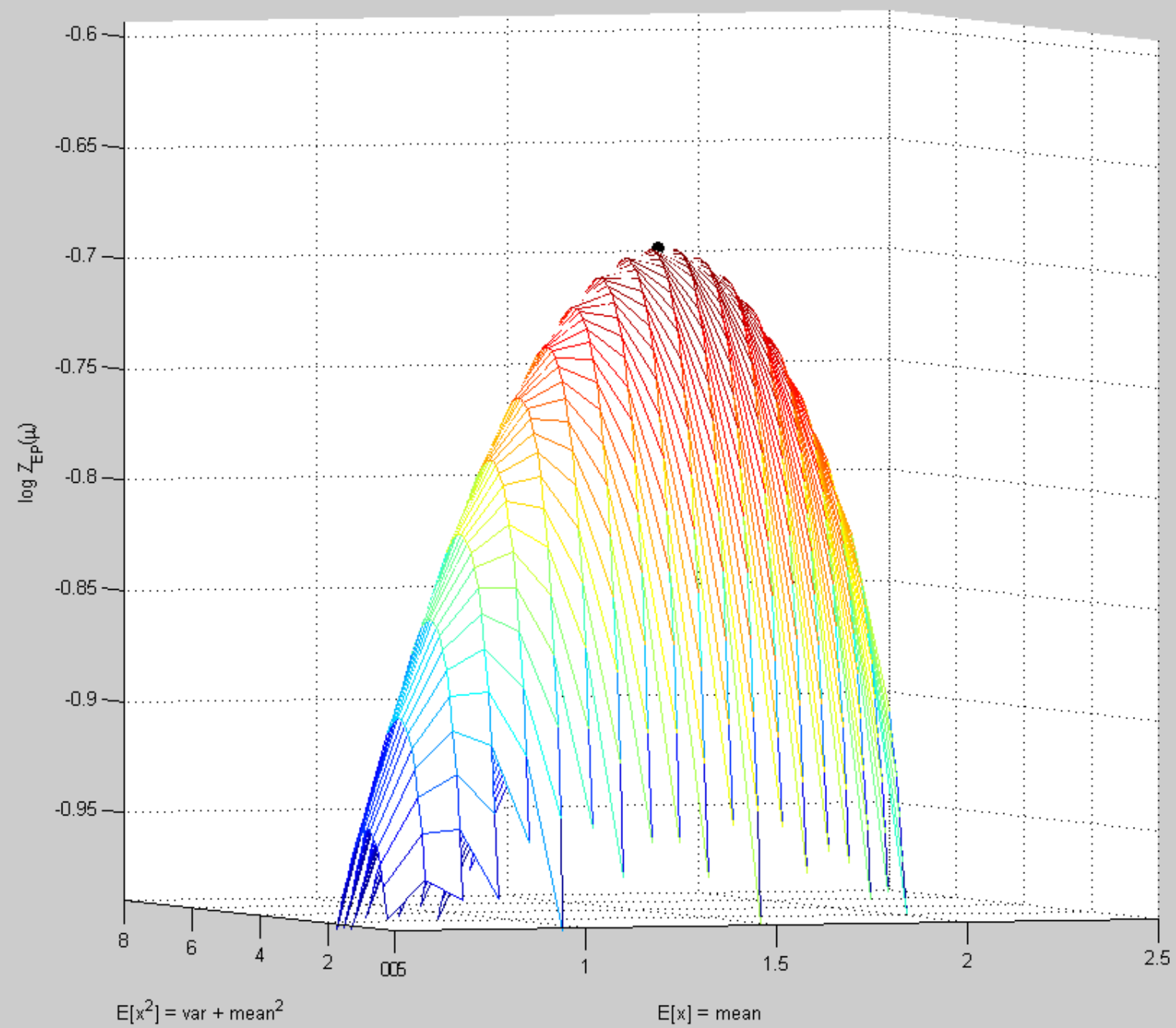
$\log Z_{\text{EP}}(\mu)$: maximizing over μ only!

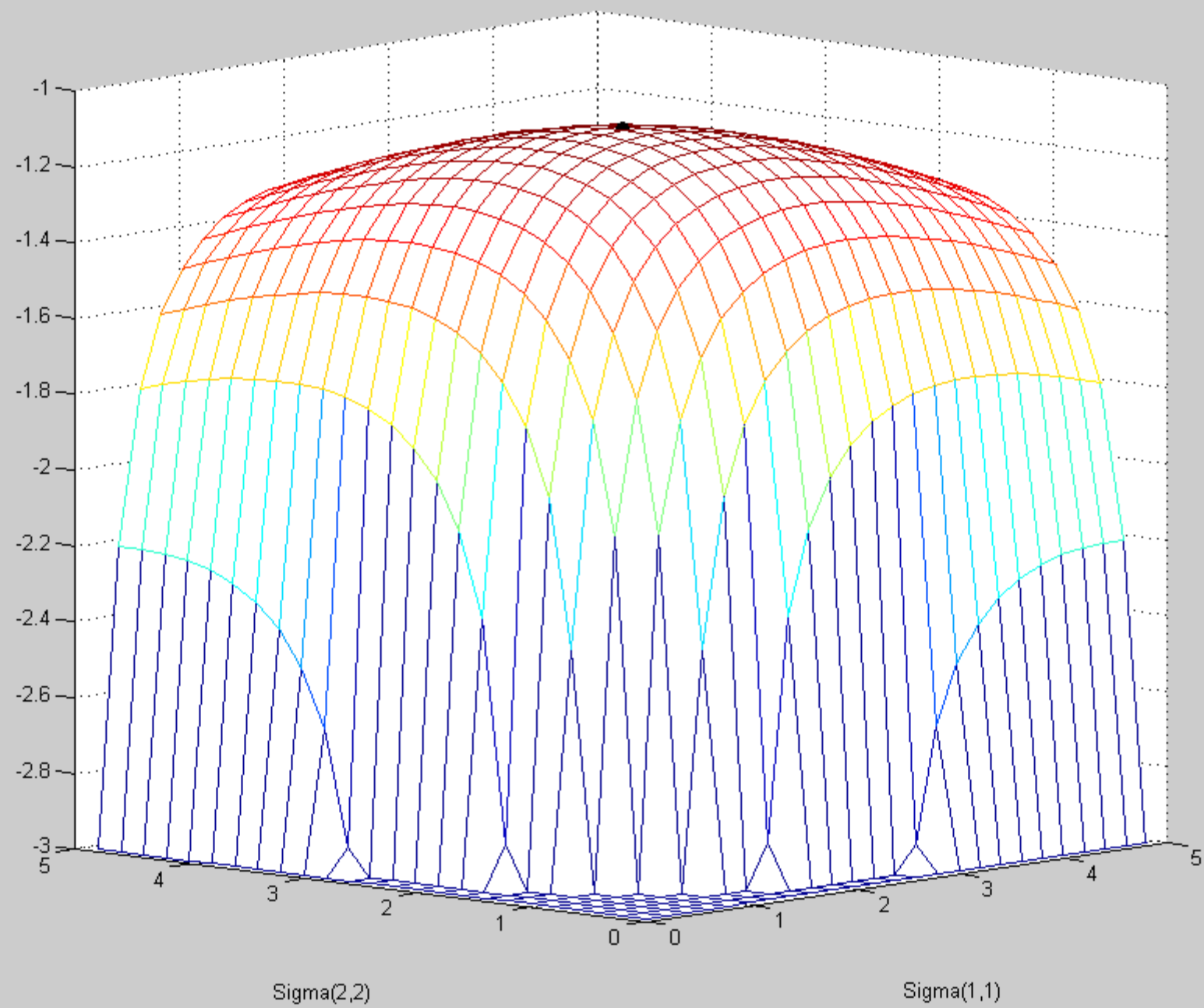
- EP approximation: $q(x|\mu) = N(x; m, V)$

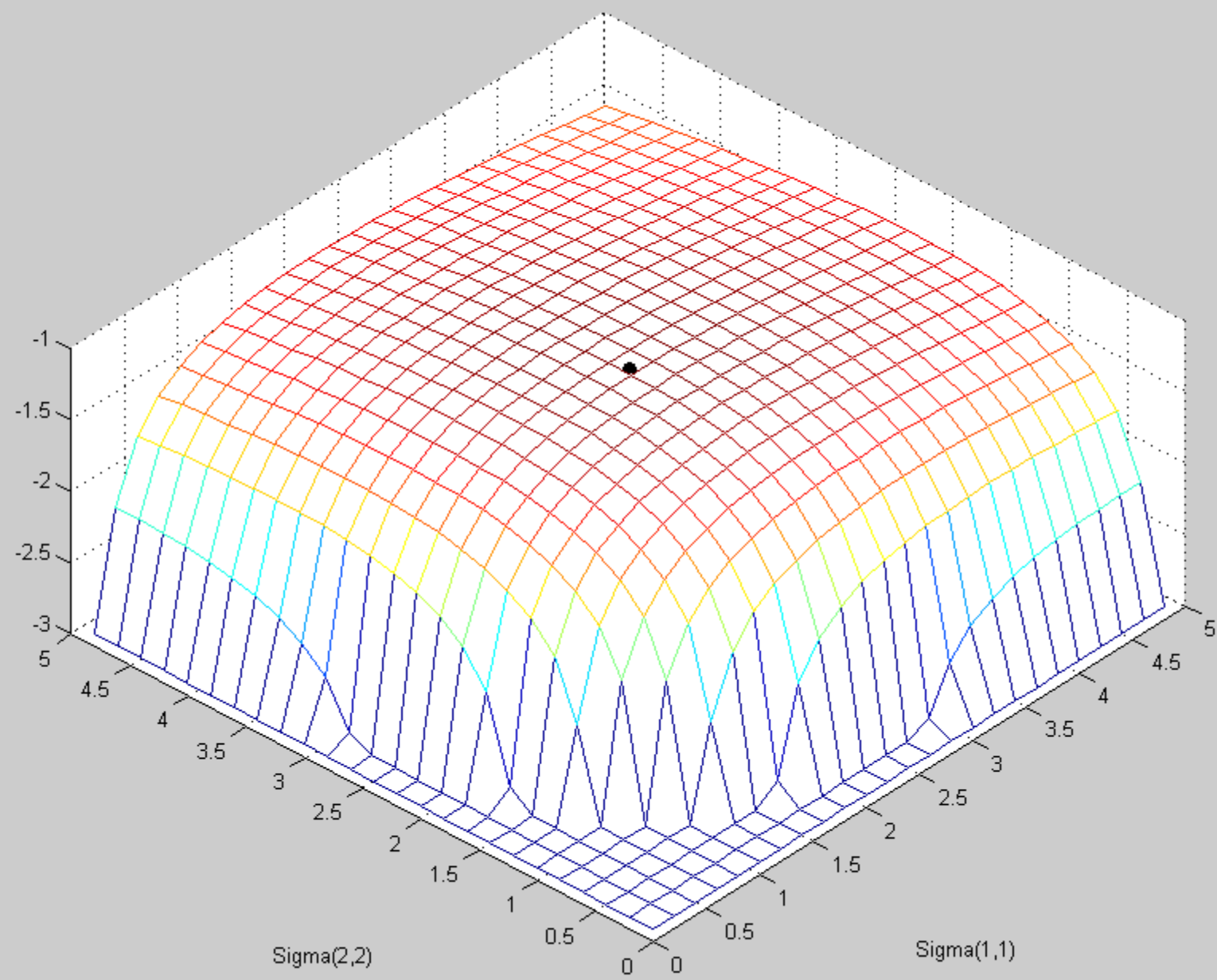
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$$\mu \in \bigcap_a \mathcal{M}_a.$$

$$\mathcal{M}_a = \{\mu = \nabla A_a(\eta_a) : \eta_a \in \Omega\}$$







Clamping a variable

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \int \mathcal{N}(x; 0, K) \prod_j \Phi(y_j x_j) \, dx \\ &= \int \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i^*; 0, k_{ii}) \Phi(y_i \mathbf{x}_i^*) \left[\int \mathcal{N} \left(x_{\setminus i}; k_{i \setminus i} \frac{\mathbf{x}_i^*}{k_{ii}}, K_{\setminus i} - \frac{k_{i \setminus i} k_{i \setminus i}^T}{k_{ii}} \right) \prod_{j \neq i} \Phi(y_j x_j) \, dx_{\setminus i} \right] \, d\mathbf{x}_i^* \\ &= \int \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i^*; 0, k_{ii}) \Phi(y_i \mathbf{x}_i^*) Z_{|\mathbf{x}_i^*} \, d\mathbf{x}_i^* \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{EP}} &\leq \int \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i^*; 0, k_{ii}) \Phi(y_i \mathbf{x}_i^*) Z_{\text{EP}}^{\sim \mathbf{x}_i^*} d\mathbf{x}_i^* \\ &\leq \int \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_i^*, \mathbf{x}_j^*; 0, K_{[ij]}) \Phi(y_i \mathbf{x}_i^*) \Phi(y_j \mathbf{x}_j^*) Z_{\text{EP}}^{\sim \mathbf{x}_i^*, \mathbf{x}_j^*} d\mathbf{x}_i^* d\mathbf{x}_j^* \\ &\leq \dots \\ &\leq \int \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}^*; 0, K) \prod_j \Phi(y_j \mathbf{x}_j^*) d\mathbf{x}^* \\ &= Z \end{aligned}$$

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$$= Z$$

$\max(\text{RHS}) \geq \max(\text{LHS}) \dots ?$

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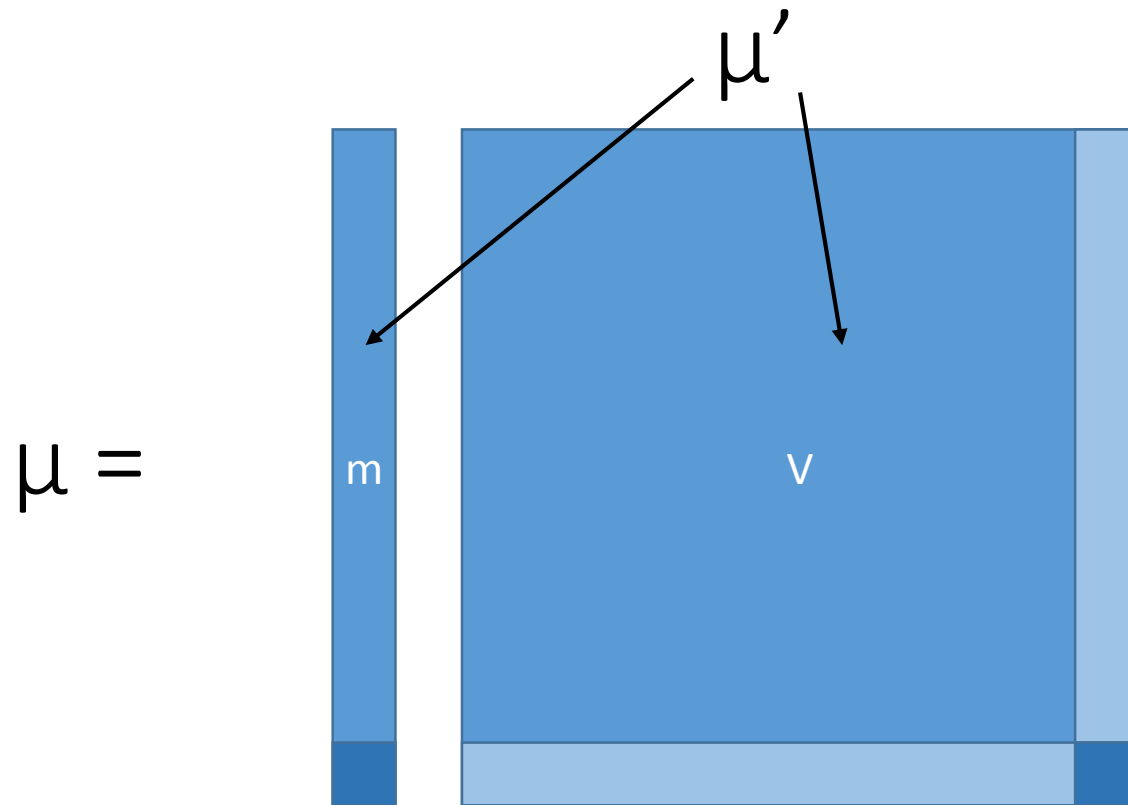
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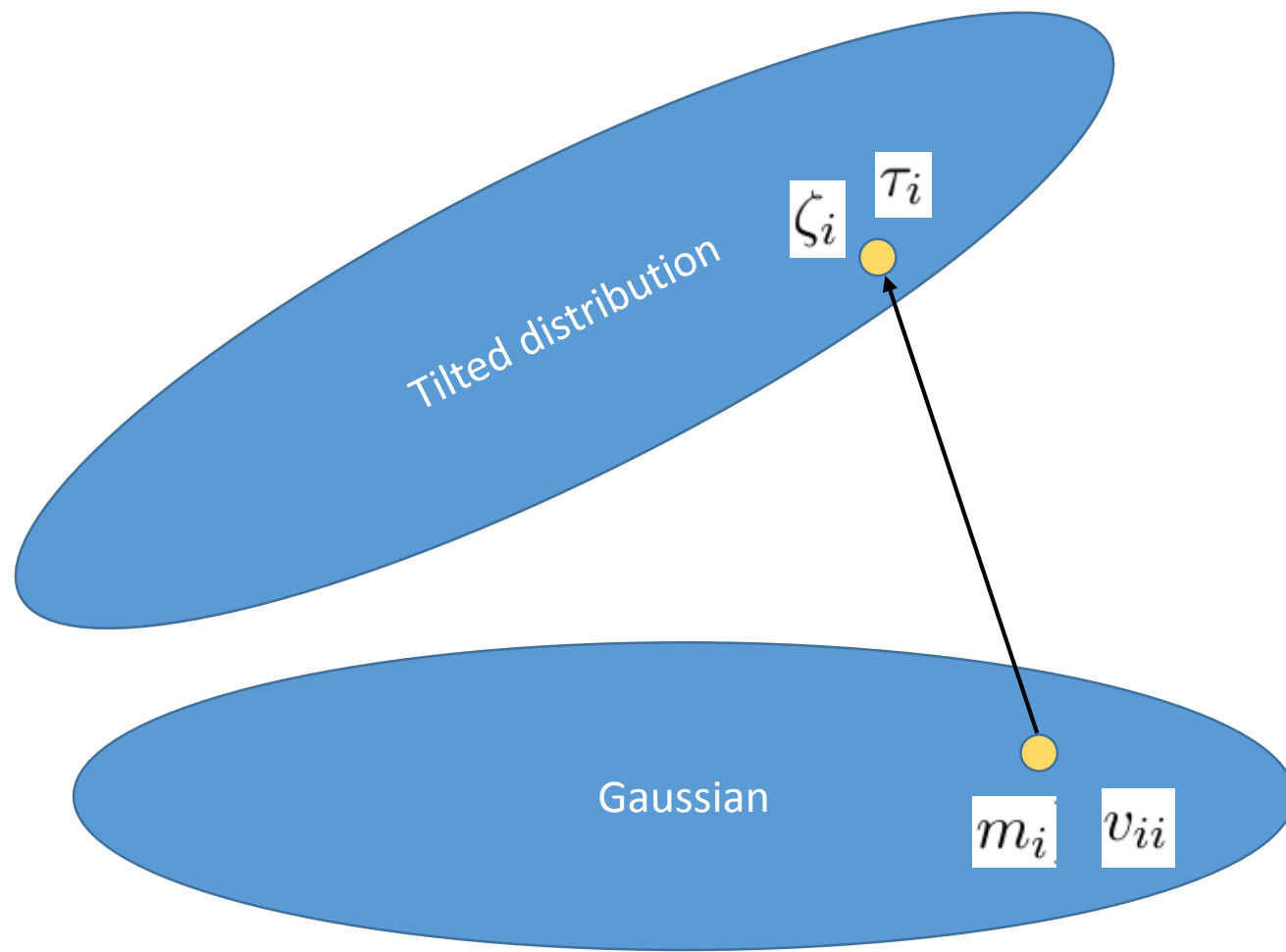
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Filling in the blank...?

$$\log Z_{\text{EP}} = \text{LHS}(\mu) \square \text{RHS}^\dagger(\mu') \leq \text{RHS}(\mu') \leq \text{RHS}$$



(Reverse) KL projections



$\log Z_{\text{EP}}(\mu)$ for GPC

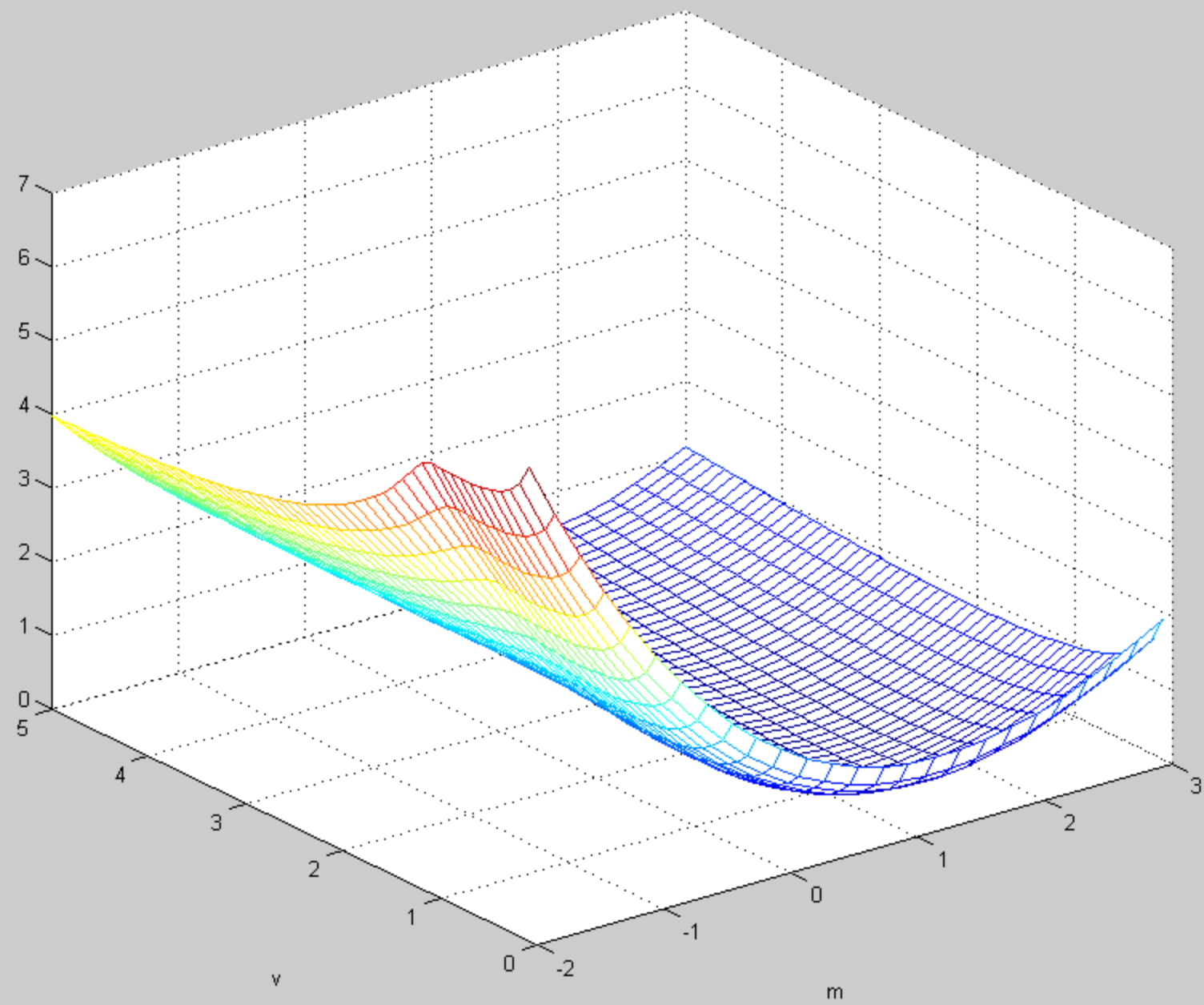
- Fantastic simplification!

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS}(\mu) = \sum_{j \neq 0} & \left[\log \Phi \left(\frac{y_j \zeta_j}{\sqrt{1 + \tau_j}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \tau_j - \frac{1}{2} \log v_{jj} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(\zeta_j - m_j)^2 + v_{jj}}{\tau_j} \right) \right] \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \log |K| + \frac{1}{2} \log |V| - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[K^{-1}(V + mm^T)] . \end{aligned}$$

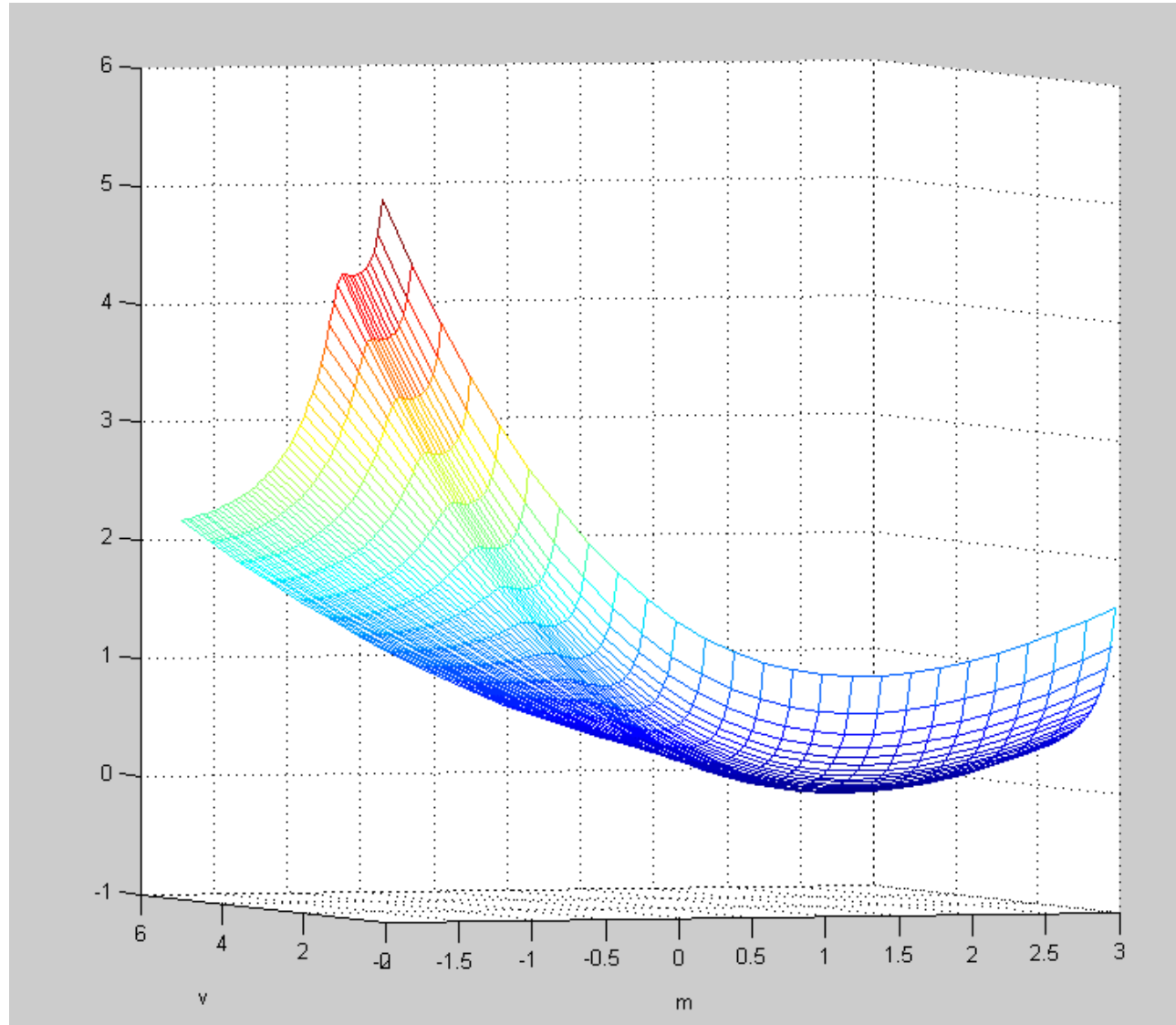
RHS – LHS, as function of  and 

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{diff}(\mu') &= \text{RHS}^\dagger(\mu') - \text{LHS}(\mu') \\
 &= \min_{\mu_i} \left\{ \log Z_i - \log \Phi \left(\frac{y_i \zeta_i}{\sqrt{1 + \tau_i}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \log \tau_i + \frac{1}{2} \log v_{ii} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(\zeta_i - m_i)^2 + v_{ii}}{\tau_i} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \log k_{ii} - \frac{1}{2} \log(v_{ii} - v_{i \setminus i}^T V_{\setminus i}^{-1} v_{i \setminus i}) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_\pi[\mathbf{x}_i^{*2}] \left(\frac{k_{i \setminus i}}{k_{ii}} \right)^T \left(K_{\setminus i} - \frac{k_{i \setminus i} k_{i \setminus i}^T}{k_{ii}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{k_{i \setminus i}}{k_{ii}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \left(\left(\mathbb{E}_\pi[\mathbf{x}_i^*] - m_i \right) \mathbf{m}_{\setminus i} - v_{i \setminus i} \right)^T \left(K_{\setminus i} - \frac{k_{i \setminus i} k_{i \setminus i}^T}{k_{ii}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{k_{i \setminus i}}{k_{ii}} \right) \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} (m_i^2 + v_{ii}) \left(k_{ii} - k_{i \setminus i}^T K_{\setminus i}^{-1} k_{i \setminus i} \right)^{-1} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Shortcut 2



Counter-example, but only to proof plan ☹️



Why?

- No bound at all?
 - Redundancy: John Cunningham's counter-example
- Too many short-cuts!
 - Jensen's inequality
 - Keeping μ' the same on LHS and RHS
 - Counter-example was only to proof plan, and not a real counter-example. No redundancy; one likelihood factor per dimension.

Directions and conclusion

- Still an area where we can't make definite statements
- Can we characterize $\log Z_{EP}$?
- Whereto now?
 - Use the proof conditions to narrow down the claim