

Introduction to CosmoMC

Part III: Analysis - GetDist & GetDist GUI

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GetDist: Analysis of MCMC chains

- When your chains are **mostly converged**, you can now retrieve your cosmological **bounds** (there is no need to wait until the code stops running)
- A typical execution of **GetDist** will look like this:

```
[acuesta@nova0 cosmomc2015jul]$ ./getdist distparams.ini chains/lcdmbaosn
skipped unused params: omegak mnu nnu yhe Alens nrun r r02
reading chains/lcdmbaosn_1.txt
reading chains/lcdmbaosn_2.txt
reading chains/lcdmbaosn_3.txt
reading chains/lcdmbaosn_4.txt
reading chains/lcdmbaosn_5.txt
reading chains/lcdmbaosn_6.txt
reading chains/lcdmbaosn_7.txt
reading chains/lcdmbaosn_8.txt
Number of chains used = 8
var(mean)/mean(var), remaining chains, worst e-value: R-1 = 0.00666
RL: Thin for Markov: 30
RL: Thin for indep samples: 31
RL: Estimated burn in steps: 120 (50 rows)
mean input multiplicity = 2.39603247549020
using 65280 rows, processing 92 parameters
Approx indep samples: 5046
Best fit sample -log(Like) = 6822.398000000000
mean(-Ln(like)) = 6835.30173439549
-Ln(mean like) = 6830.18592659466
Warning: sharp edge in parameter chi2_JLA - check limits[chi2_JLA] or limits86
Warning: sharp edge in parameter chi2_6DF - check limits[chi2_6DF] or limits87
```

Syntax: ./getdist distparams.ini chains/root
parameters defined in distparams.ini but not in the chains

number of chains read (check that these are all your chains)

MCMC Convergence status

number of parameters (cosmo+nuisance+der)

warnings about non-converged parameters

GetDist products

- The following files are generated when you run GetDist (the first time you need to create the folder **plot_data**, not created by default !!)
- **root.likelihoods** and **root.margestats**: parameter constraints (see next slide)
- **root.corr** and **root.covmat**: these are the correlation matrix R_{ij} and the covariance matrix C_{ij} of the chain parameters, where $R_{ij}=C_{ij}/\sqrt{C_{ii}C_{jj}}$. Note the file `root.covmat` can be used in `params.ini` to help in faster convergence
- **root.converge**: contains information on the convergence of your chains (e.g. $R-1$ for each parameter, chain auto-correlations, etc)
- all the information to make 1D, 2D, 3D, and triangle plots will be there.
Also **root.py** and **root_2D.py** will be created to make matplotlib plots (cf.later)

Margestats

- This is probably the **most valuable** product of your chain. It contains the **mean** value of each parameter (cosmological, nuisance, and derived ‘*’), its **standard deviation**, its **lower and upper limits** for the **68%, 95%, 99%** confidence levels. Also if limits are **1-tail** (‘<’, ‘>’) or **2-tail**, and even **chi2** from each likelihood
- It is useful to write a **script** to parse this file to make a **LaTeX table** automatically

Marginalized limits: 0.68; 0.95; 0.99

parameter	mean	sddev	lower1	upper1	limit1	lower2	upper2	limit2	lower3	upper3
omegab _h 2	0.2227594E-01	0.1409804E-03	0.2213470E-01	0.2241652E-01	two	0.2200101E-01	0.2255144E-01	two	0.2191544E-01	0.226
omegach ₂	0.1192956E+00	0.1068506E-02	0.1182545E+00	0.1203491E+00	two	0.1171635E+00	0.1213484E+00	two	0.1164438E+00	0.122
theta	0.1040831E+01	0.2995374E-03	0.1040534E+01	0.1041130E+01	two	0.1040247E+01	0.1041420E+01	two	0.1040057E+01	0.104
tau	0.8200741E-01	0.1643758E-01	0.6557802E-01	0.9862151E-01	two	0.4956239E-01	0.1138723E+00	two	0.4020595E-01	0.124
logA	0.3097935E+01	0.3246072E-01	0.3065291E+01	0.3130707E+01	two	0.3034228E+01	0.3160888E+01	two	0.3013767E+01	0.318
ns	0.9658500E+00	0.4063676E-02	0.9618321E+00	0.9698272E+00	two	0.9579955E+00	0.9740912E+00	two	0.9555469E+00	0.976
calPlanck	0.1000465E+01	0.2516048E-02	0.9979804E+00	0.1002947E+01	two	0.9954956E+00	0.1005439E+01	two	0.9939398E+00	0.100
acib217	0.6359261E+02	0.6577819E+01	0.5697960E+02	0.7011801E+02	two	0.5088221E+02	0.7649609E+02	two	0.4702681E+02	0.807
xi	0.5220534E+00	0.2840235E+00	0.0000000E+00	0.1000000E+01	none	0.0000000E+00	0.1000000E+01	none	0.0000000E+00	0.100
asz143	0.5399273E+01	0.1871846E+01	0.3556131E+01	0.7442447E+01	two	0.1661532E+01	0.8952850E+01	two	0.7504497E+00	0.965
aps100	0.2590954E+03	0.2746669E+02	0.2316349E+03	0.2864320E+03	two	0.2053967E+03	0.3134392E+03	two	0.1890985E+03	0.331
aps143	0.4325286E+02	0.7687977E+01	0.3552913E+02	0.5095578E+02	two	0.2797599E+02	0.5791646E+02	two	0.2349064E+02	0.619
aps143217	0.4026165E+02	0.9948208E+01	0.3006222E+02	0.5063956E+02	two	0.2158706E+02	0.5957445E+02	two	0.1655117E+02	0.641
aps217	0.9815534E+02	0.1100181E+02	0.8722243E+02	0.1092326E+03	two	0.7626975E+02	0.1192058E+03	two	0.6946944E+02	0.125
aksz	0.3160785E+01	0.2332050E+01	0.0000000E+00	0.4034485E+01	>	0.0000000E+00	0.7749367E+01	>	0.0000000E+00	0.100

Remember that the difference between the likelihood and the marginalized likelihood is an integral over all the other parameters

Likestats

- This contains less relevant, but still sometimes useful, information. It is NOT what you usually would quote in a paper
- As opposed to the margestats file, which contains the mean and marginalized bounds for each parameter, this contains the **bestfit** value and the **bounds** of the **mean likelihood** distribution (not the posterior!) for each parameter
- Remember the bestfit value is better computed by **action=2** anyway

```
Best fit sample -log(Like) = 6473.21100000000
mean(-Ln(like)) = 6485.79215678916
-Ln(mean like) = 6480.82803795574

param  bestfit      lower1      upper1      lower2      upper2
  1  0.2217489E-01  0.2174304E-01  0.2277782E-01  0.2171054E-01  0.2282913E-01  \Omega_b h^2
  2  0.1188333E+00  0.1156735E+00  0.1232585E+00  0.1153518E+00  0.1233322E+00  \Omega_c h^2
  3  0.1040975E+01  0.1039816E+01  0.1041871E+01  0.1039671E+01  0.1042056E+01  100\theta_{MC}
  4  0.7869452E-01  0.2493042E-01  0.1376300E+00  0.1574288E-01  0.1376300E+00  \tau
  5  0.3093001E+01  0.2979962E+01  0.3210592E+01  0.2963312E+01  0.3212904E+01  {\rm ln}(10^{10} A_s)
  6  0.9666794E+00  0.9525799E+00  0.9811147E+00  0.9509012E+00  0.9853592E+00  n_s
  7  0.1001416E+01  0.9911159E+00  0.1009053E+01  0.9911159E+00  0.1010508E+01  y_{\rm cal}
  8  0.6287429E+02  0.4097516E+02  0.8724035E+02  0.3840288E+02  0.9034937E+02  A^{CIB}_{217}
  9  0.5315644E+00  0.6881551E-04  0.9999398E+00  0.4266870E-04  0.9999699E+00  \xi^{tSZ-CIB}
```


Covariance matrices

- These are important for two reasons:
- First, because they contain the **variances and covariances** of all parameters,
- and second, because they can be **included** in your **params.ini** file in future runs, especially if you think they are a **good proposal** for the expected covariance in that run. In that case it will help the code converge **much faster**
- Also they allow for computation involving covariances, e.g.

$$\text{FoM} = 1 / \sqrt{\text{Det}(w_o, w_a)}$$

```

omega_bh2 omega_ch2 theta tau omega_k w_wa logA ns calPlanck alpha_JLA beta_JLA acib217 xi asr143 aps100 aps143 aps143217
galTE143 galTE143217 galTE217 galTE100 galTE100143 galTE100217 galTE143 galTE143217 galTE217 cal0 cal2
0.2651846E-07 -0.1573555E-06 0.2262243E-07 0.7493495E-06 -0.2178003E-06 0.2494428E-05 -0.1282951E-04
-0.1276817E-03 0.3848007E-05 0.3182245E-04 -0.5163862E-03 -0.2623848E-03 -0.2672275E-04 0.5491586E-04
0.6566699E-07 0.6987950E-07 -0.4491755E-08 0.7394760E-07 0.7627610E-07 0.1544816E-06 -0.7835759E-07
0.5267135E-08 -0.1162376E-07
-0.1573555E-06 0.2309257E-05 -0.2034277E-06 -0.8635566E-05 0.2342118E-05 -0.1762828E-04 0.5916942E-04
0.6098790E-03 -0.1536866E-04 -0.1868635E-03 0.3268676E-02 0.1666958E-02 0.3891061E-03 0.5674583E-05
-0.7797215E-06 -0.8867264E-06 -0.2319531E-06 -0.9924366E-06 -0.5761369E-07 -0.5707465E-06 0.4339609E-06
-0.1512159E-07 0.8816534E-07
0.2262243E-07 -0.2034277E-06 0.1079311E-06 0.8680283E-06 -0.2854636E-06 0.2191388E-05 -0.9364706E-05
-0.4922939E-04 0.7175632E-06 0.1838311E-04 -0.3280211E-03 -0.1661522E-03 -0.5051060E-04 -0.1266215E-04
0.5806126E-07 0.6715962E-07 -0.4980255E-07 0.8440468E-07 -0.1549223E-07 -0.1767368E-06 -0.2624164E-07
-0.3238776E-09 -0.6995240E-08
0.7493495E-06 -0.8635566E-05 0.8680283E-06 0.3067628E-03 0.6601728E-05 -0.3160061E-03 0.2664001E-02
-0.1101247E-01 0.2663647E-03 0.1958146E-02 -0.4638594E-01 -0.1679490E-01 0.8509775E-03 0.8120948E-02
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0.6884432E-07 -0.1136366E-05
-0.2178003E-06 0.2342118E-05 -0.2854636E-06 0.6601728E-05 0.1239649E-04 -0.2453361E-03 0.1771642E-02
0.1352245E-02 -0.3317391E-04 -0.2555516E-03 0.6191716E-02 0.2827934E-02 0.5207134E-03 -0.4245678E-03
-0.7657512E-06 -0.9966254E-06 -0.3259406E-06 -0.9760100E-06 0.9960040E-06 -0.2267493E-05 -0.5780044E-06
0.8867090E-09 0.1802837E-06
0.2494428E-05 -0.1762828E-04 0.2191388E-05 -0.3160061E-03 -0.2453361E-03 0.1802248E-01 -0.8222754E-01
-0.2777562E-01 0.6669691E-03 0.3438096E-02 -0.1048167E+00 -0.3650931E-01 -0.1747068E-02 0.1570753E-01
0.2373831E-05 0.9164784E-05 0.1955910E-04 0.8339281E-05 -0.3171642E-04 0.3161242E-04 0.5126581E-04
-0.5532359E-06 -0.3937042E-05
-0.1282951E-04 0.5916942E-04 -0.9364706E-05 0.2664001E-02 0.1771642E-02 -0.8222754E-01 0.4693822E+00
0.1704310E+00 -0.3848070E-02 -0.1874376E-01 0.6177674E+00 0.2201816E+00 0.4514734E-02 -0.1098960E+00
-0.6929873E-05 -0.3774352E-04 -0.2495280E-04 -0.2653066E-04 0.1768635E-03 -0.4047583E-03 -0.2110406E-03
0.3140856E-05 0.2634835E-04
```

Thinning chains

- Sometimes you need to share your chains with a collaborator but they occupy **too much space** (especially when convergence criterion is set to a strict value), but you want to “**compress**” your chains in a quasi-loseless way
- Or you want that the points in your chain have **very little correlation** between step N and $N+1$, e.g. to compute weighted means $\langle x \rangle = \int x P(x) dx = (1/N_{\text{mcmc}}) \sum x_i$
- If that is the case, you can create it automatically by setting in **params.ini** file the option **indep_sample** to some large number (e.g. 100). This also creates **.data** files with all the information (C_ℓ , $P(k)$) for importance sampling
Or just do it with **GetDist** with a non-zero value in the **thin_factor** option



The file Distparams.ini

- **Distparams.ini** is the parameter file for **GetDist**. The syntax is:

```
./getdist distparams.ini chains/root
```

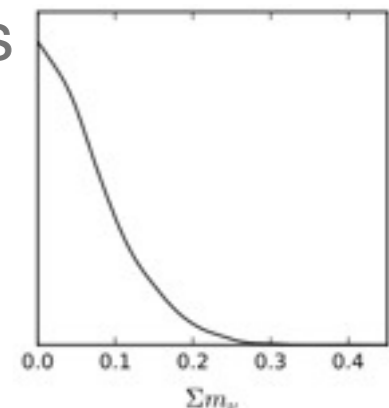
(note that you don't need to specify root_1.txt, this will **automatically** detect how many chains you have) and the most useful settings are:

- To create (or not) python scripts for **plotting** just set `no_plots = (T or F)`

```
#if no_plots =F, produce plot script files for specific plots producing ./plot_data/ density files  
no_plots = T
```

- **1D plots** (marginalized probability distribution functions): automatically these will be generated for all parameters, but you can **choose** which ones

```
#Parameters to use. If not specified use all parameters which have labels.  
#plot_params = omegabh2 omegach2 tau ns
```

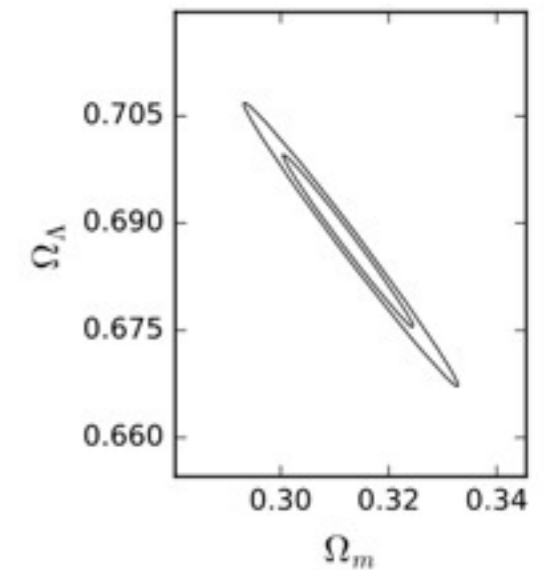


The file Distparams.ini

- for **2D plots** (contour plots):

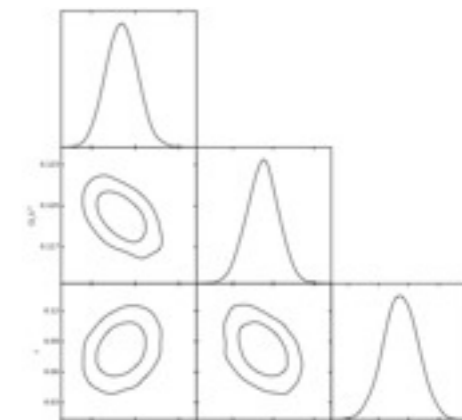
```
#if we only want 2D plots against a particular variable
plot_2D_param = 0

#if above zero, instead plot just these combinations:
#if both zero it will plot most correlated variables
plot_2D_num = 0
plot1 = ns omegabh2
plot2 =
```



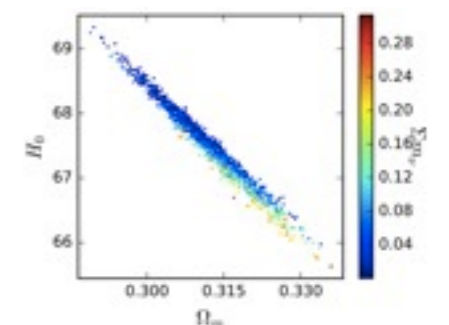
- for **triangle plots** (combination of 2D plots):

```
#Output 2D plots for param combos with 1D marginalized plots along the diagonal
triangle_plot = T
triangle_params = omegabh2 omegach2 tau omegak mnu nnu yhe Alens ns nrun logA r H0 omegam omegal sigma8 r02
```



- for **3D plots** (2D plots color-coded using a 3rd parameter):

```
#number of sample plots, colored by third parameter
#if last parameter is 0 or -1 colored by the parameter most correlated
#with one of the eigenvector directions (e.g. parallel or orthogonal to degeneracy)
num_3D_plots = 1
3D_plot1 = H0 omegam tau
```



The file Distparams.ini

- Distparams.ini is more than just about plotting:
- **Thinning** of existing chains

```
# if non-zero, output _thin file, thinned by thin_factor
thin_factor = 0
#Do probabilistic importance sampling to single samples
make_single_samples = F
single_thin = 4
```

- **Principal Component Analysis** of chain parameters

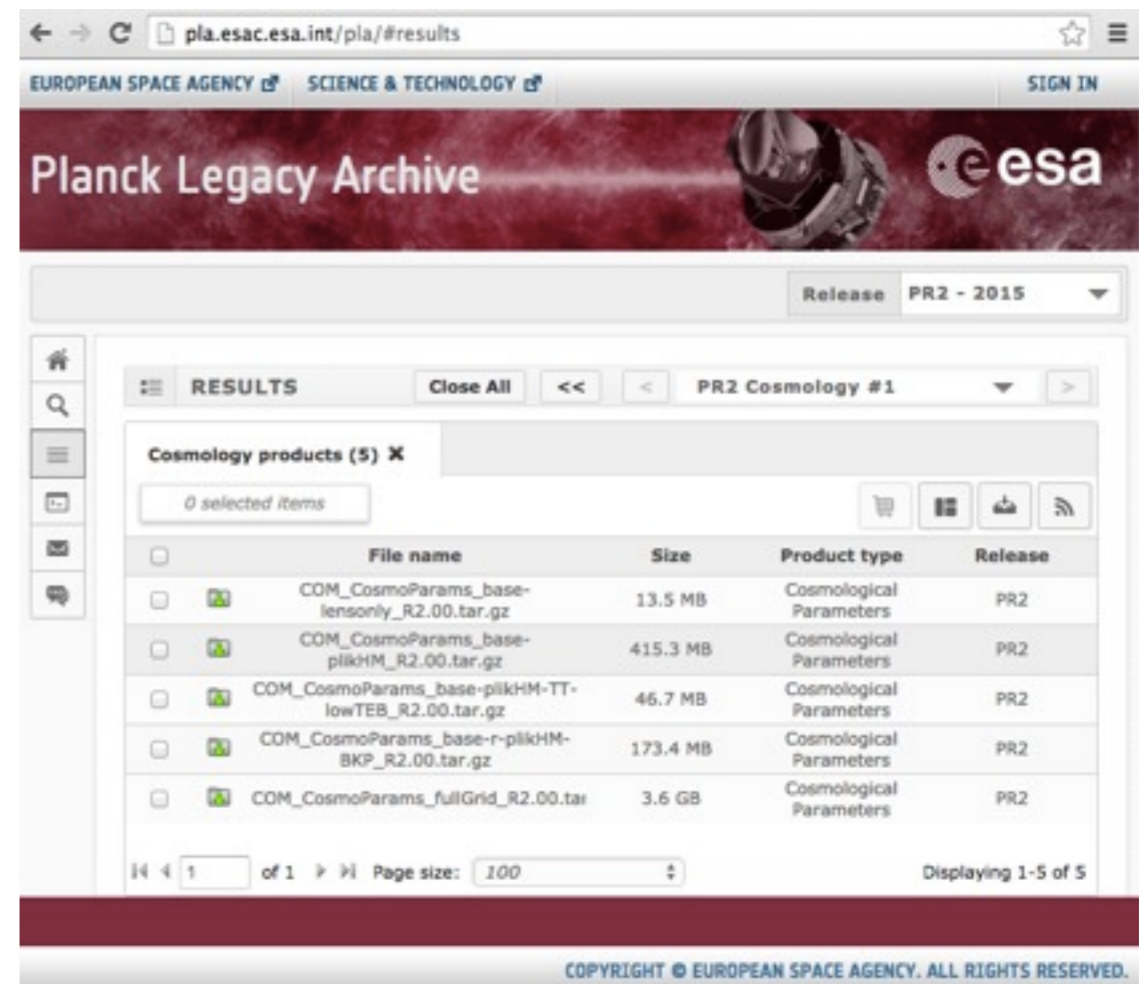
```
#PCA - analysis output in file file_root.PCA
#number of parameter to do PCA for
PCA_num = 0
PCA_normparam = omegam
#The parameters to use
PCA_params = omegam H0 tau
#L for log(x), M for log(-x), N for no log
PCA_func = LLL
```

The file Distparams.ini

- Note that this configuration file also supports `INCLUDE` and `DEFAULT`
The most technical details of `distparams.ini` are actually set here:
`python/getdist/analysis_defaults.ini`
(or alternatively **`batch2/getdist_common.ini`** if you use `disttest.ini`)
- Set a different **confidence level** of your contours (default 68% 95% 99%),
or change the **binning** and **smoothing** of your 1D or 2D plots.
- Due to a **bug** in the current version, **you need to modify** the parameter file
`python/getdist/analysis_defaults.ini` and set **`smooth_scale_2D`** to **2.0**
(otherwise if you leave it set to -1 all contour plots will be empty)

Planck public chains

- The **Planck collaboration** has made their CosmoMC chains **publicly** available (used in Paper XIII, “Cosmological Parameters”)
- The chains can be **downloaded** from the ESA/Planck webpage:
<http://pla.esac.esa.int/pla>
- Go to “**Cosmology**” and then click on “**Cosmological Parameters**”



The screenshot shows the Planck Legacy Archive website interface. The browser address bar displays 'pla.esac.esa.int/pla/#results'. The page header includes 'EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY' and 'SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY' logos, along with a 'SIGN IN' button. The main banner features the text 'Planck Legacy Archive' and the ESA logo. A dropdown menu shows 'Release PR2 - 2015'. The main content area is titled 'RESULTS' and shows a list of 'Cosmology products (5)'. The list includes the following items:

File name	Size	Product type	Release
COM_CosmoParams_base-lenonly_R2.00.tar.gz	13.5 MB	Cosmological Parameters	PR2
COM_CosmoParams_base-plikHM_R2.00.tar.gz	415.3 MB	Cosmological Parameters	PR2
COM_CosmoParams_base-plikHM-TT-lowTEB_R2.00.tar.gz	46.7 MB	Cosmological Parameters	PR2
COM_CosmoParams_base-r-plikHM-BKP_R2.00.tar.gz	173.4 MB	Cosmological Parameters	PR2
COM_CosmoParams_fullGrid_R2.00.tar	3.6 GB	Cosmological Parameters	PR2

The page also shows a sidebar with navigation icons, a search bar, and a footer with the text 'COPYRIGHT © EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.'

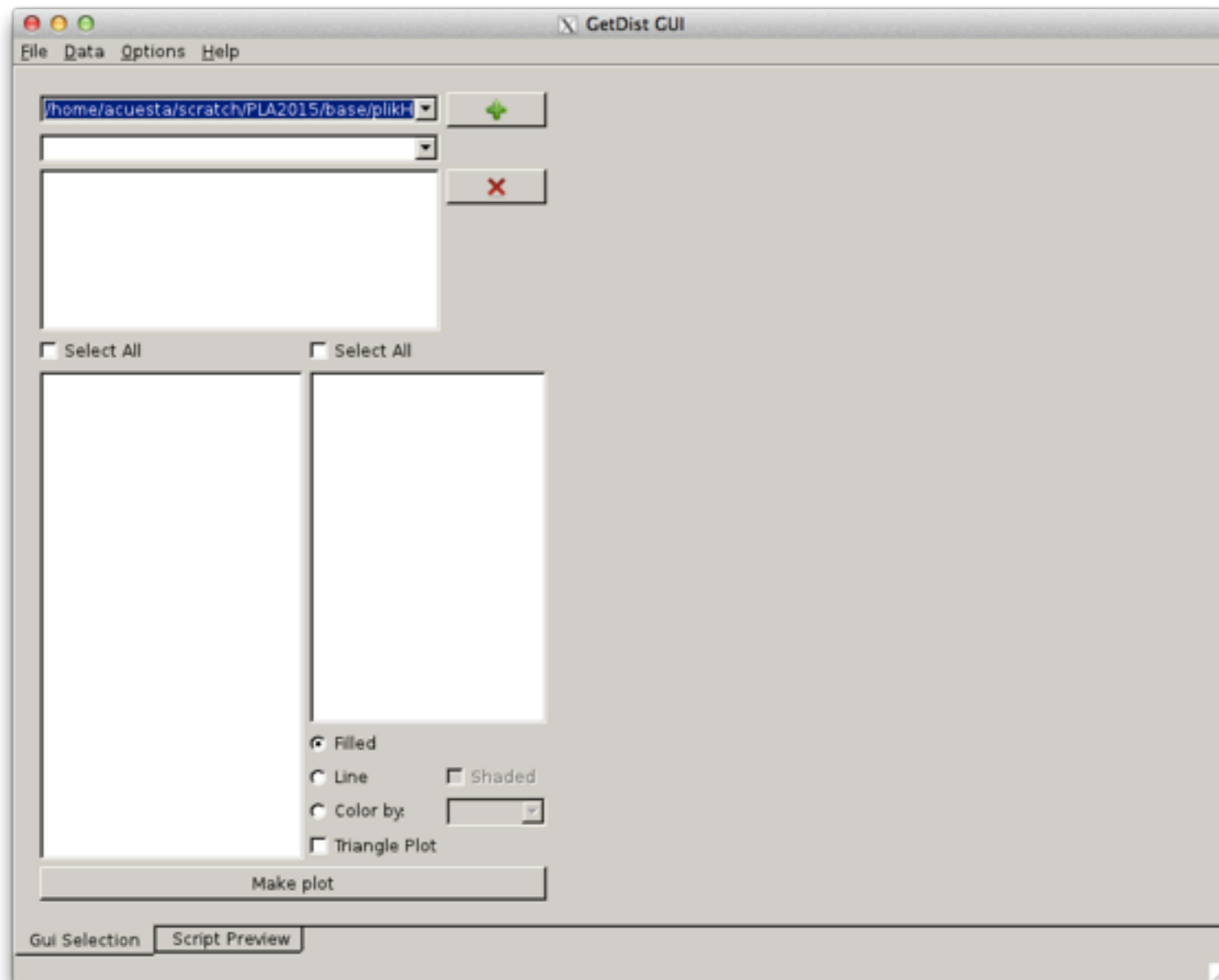
Planck public chains

- The **full grid** is `COM_CosmoParams_base-plikHM_R2.00.tar.gz` (3.6GB)
Remember to read the wiki for details! e.g. *“Note that the baseline model includes one massive neutrino (0.06eV). Grid outputs include WMAP 9 results for consistent assumptions.”* These contain a large number of cosmological **models** and **dataset** combinations (all combinations are Planck+others)
- If you are interested in constraints on inflation, you might want this file too (constraints on primordial B-mode polarization by **Bicep-Keck-Planck**)
`COM_CosmoParams_base-r-plikHM-BKP_R2.00.tar.gz`
- The **Documentation** can be found on the ESA/Planck wiki:
http://wiki.cosmos.esa.int/planckpla2015/index.php/Cosmological_Parameters

Using GetDist GUI

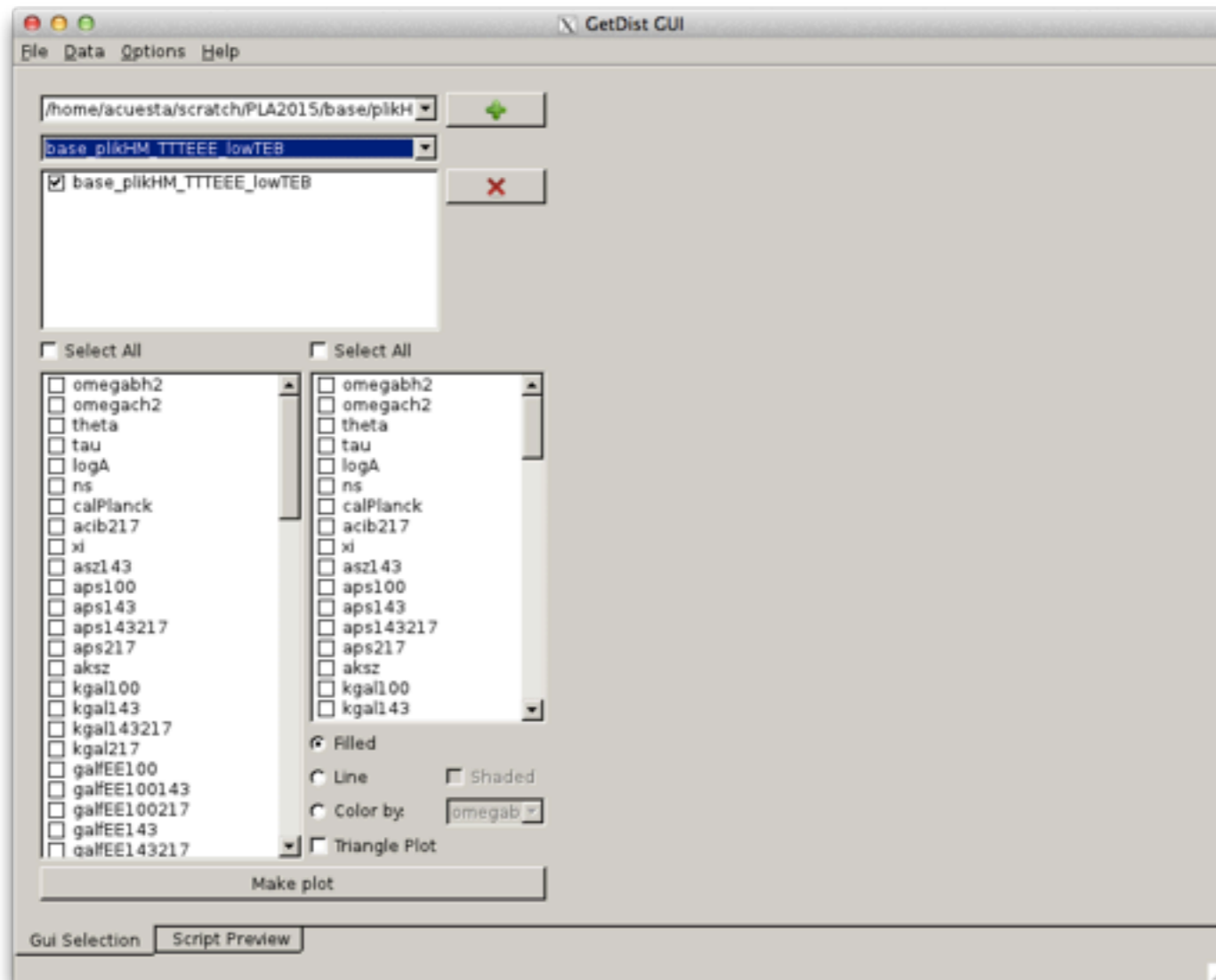
- **GetDist** has also a python version with a **graphical** user interface (GUI), which makes really easy to **generate plots** similar to those in Planck papers
- To **start the GUI** (remember you need to access the remote computer with graphical mode, i.e. `ssh -X user@ftaecluster.ugr.es`):
`python python/GetDistGUI.py`
- Make sure you have the **python environment variables** set up so that you can use the code from any directory:
`export PYTHONPATH=/home/ajcuesta/cosmomc/python:$PYTHONPATH`
- The **Planck2015 public chains** are already installed in ftaecluster here:
`/home/ajcuesta/PLA2015/`

GetDist GUI



First select your **model+data**

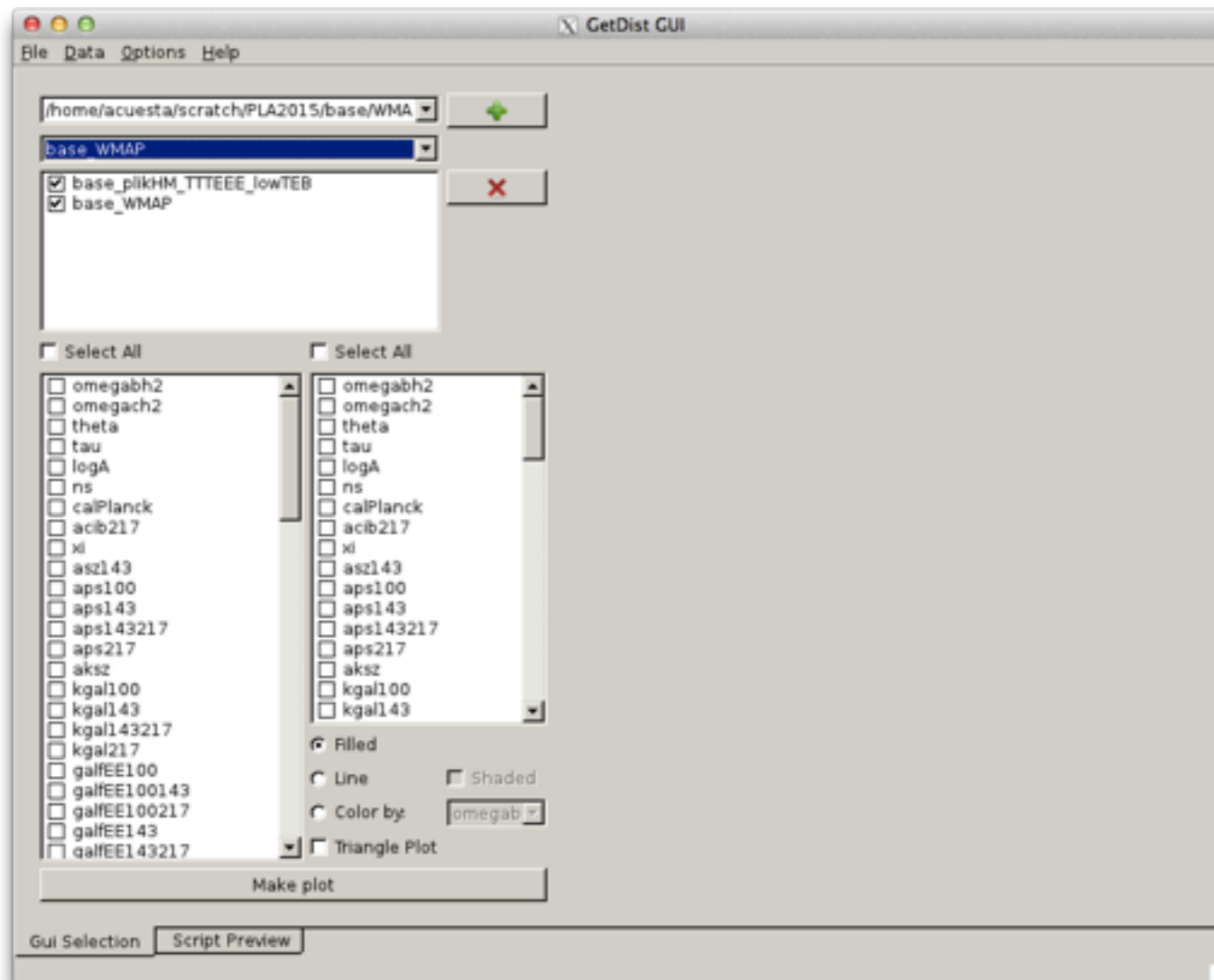
GetDist GUI



Then select the **plain** version
or a **post-processed** version
(e.g. with BAO)

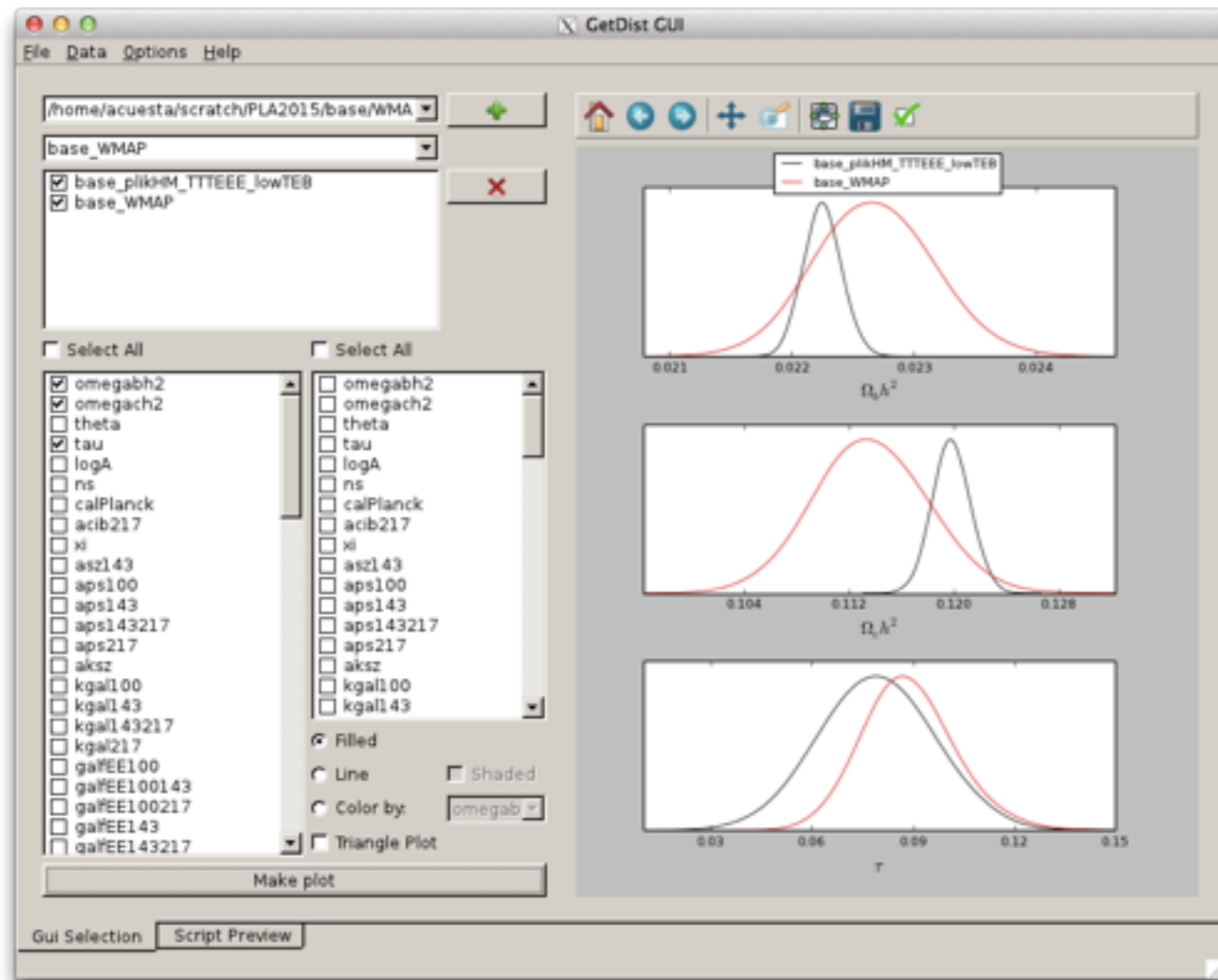
If you don't want any plots
you can instead click
on the **Data** menu
and check the **margestats**,
the **likestats**, and even create
a **LaTeX table** of your parameters

GetDist GUI



If you want to **compare** different models and/or dataset combinations click the **green +** button and **add** them

GetDist GUI

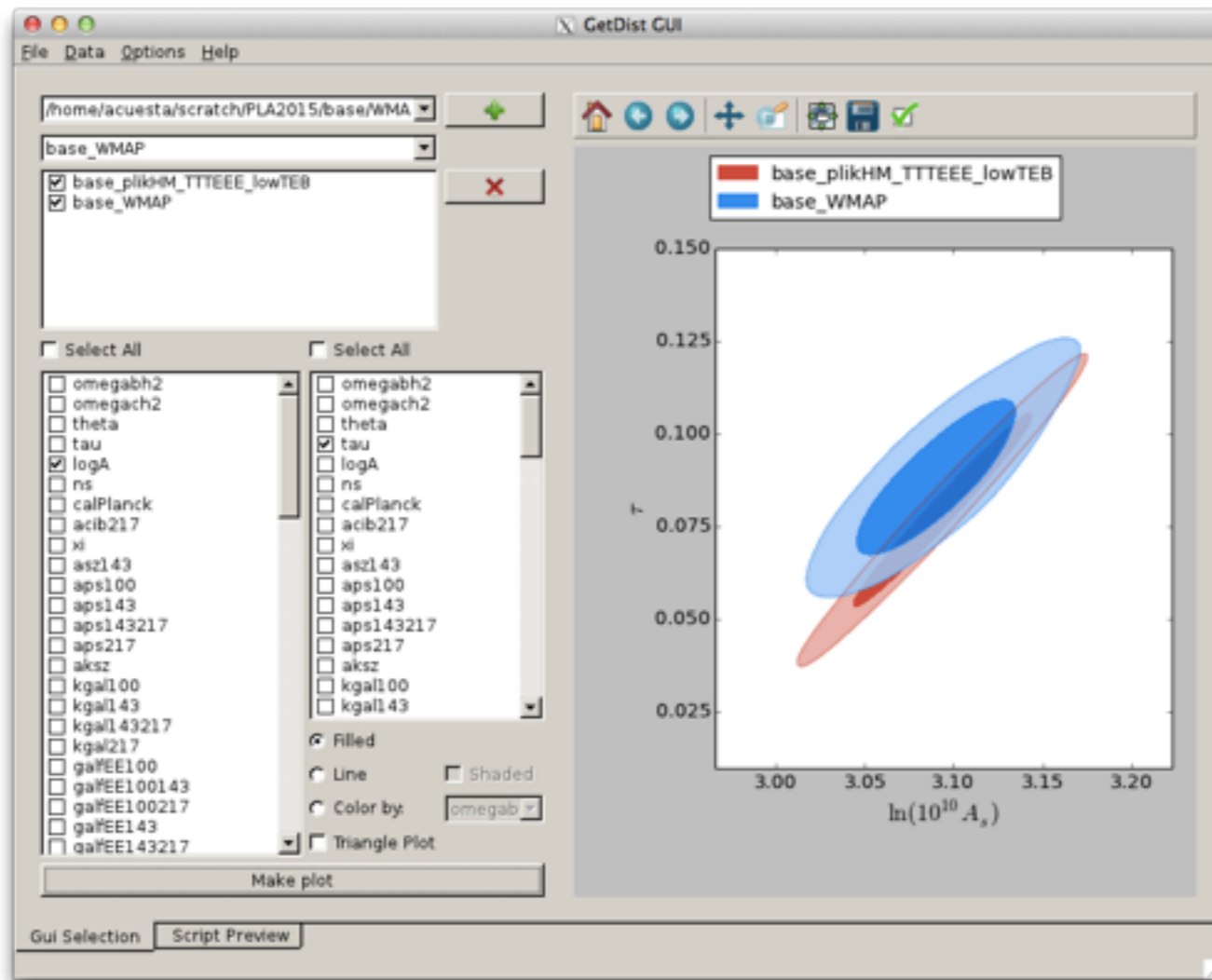


For **1D plots**, select the parameters you want from the **left column** and click **“Make plot”**

You can **configure** the plot (colors, shading, etc - matplotlib style) using the **“Options”** menu, then **“Plot settings”**

Save the figure by clicking on the **floppy disk** icon (many formats available: png, pdf...)

GetDist GUI

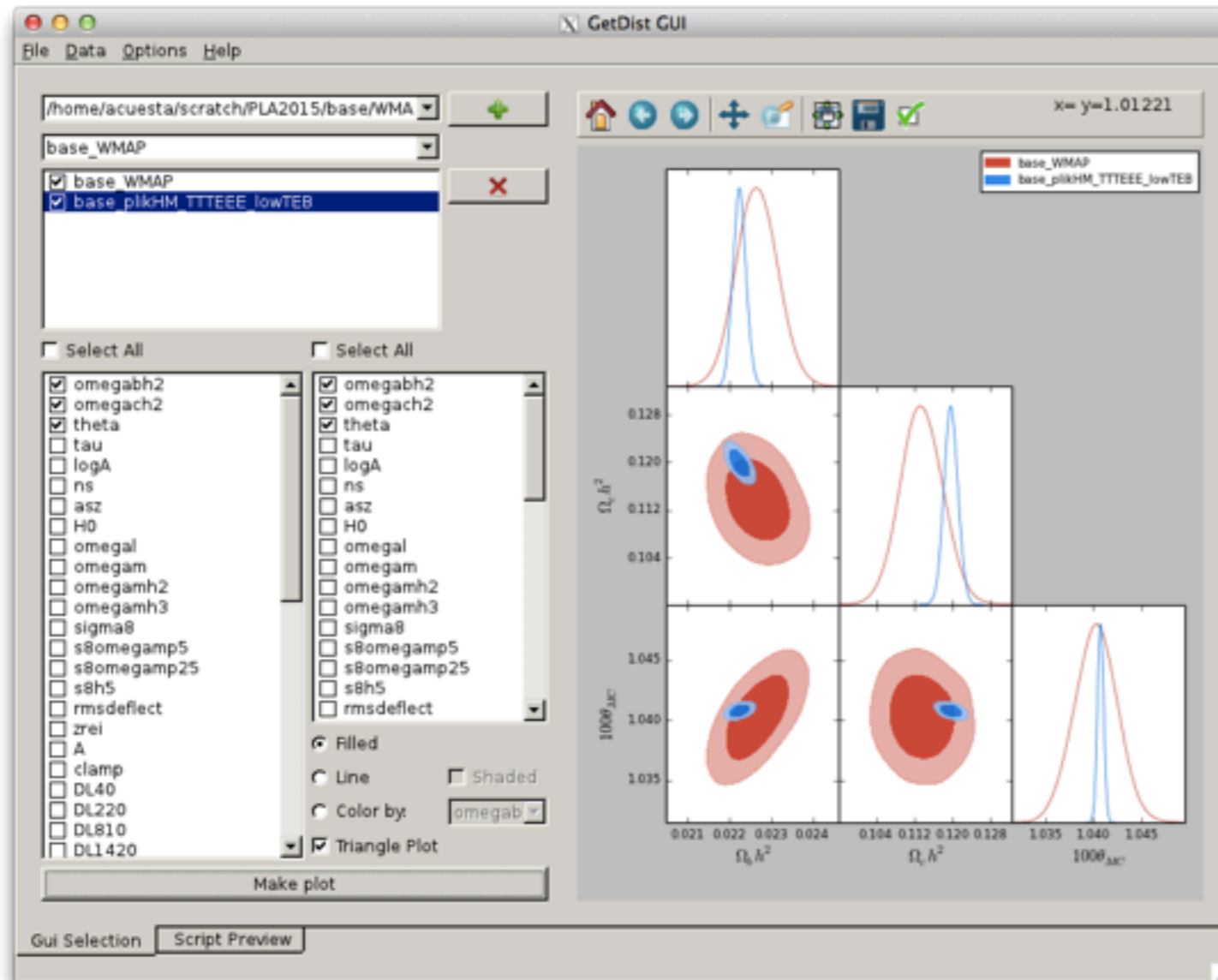


For **2D plots**, select one parameter from the **left** column and another from the **right** column and click **“Make plot”**

You can plot only **empty contours** if you click on **“Line”**, or **filled contours** if you click on **“Filled”**

If the plot looks very noisy change **smooth_scale_2D** to **2.0** or play with that value

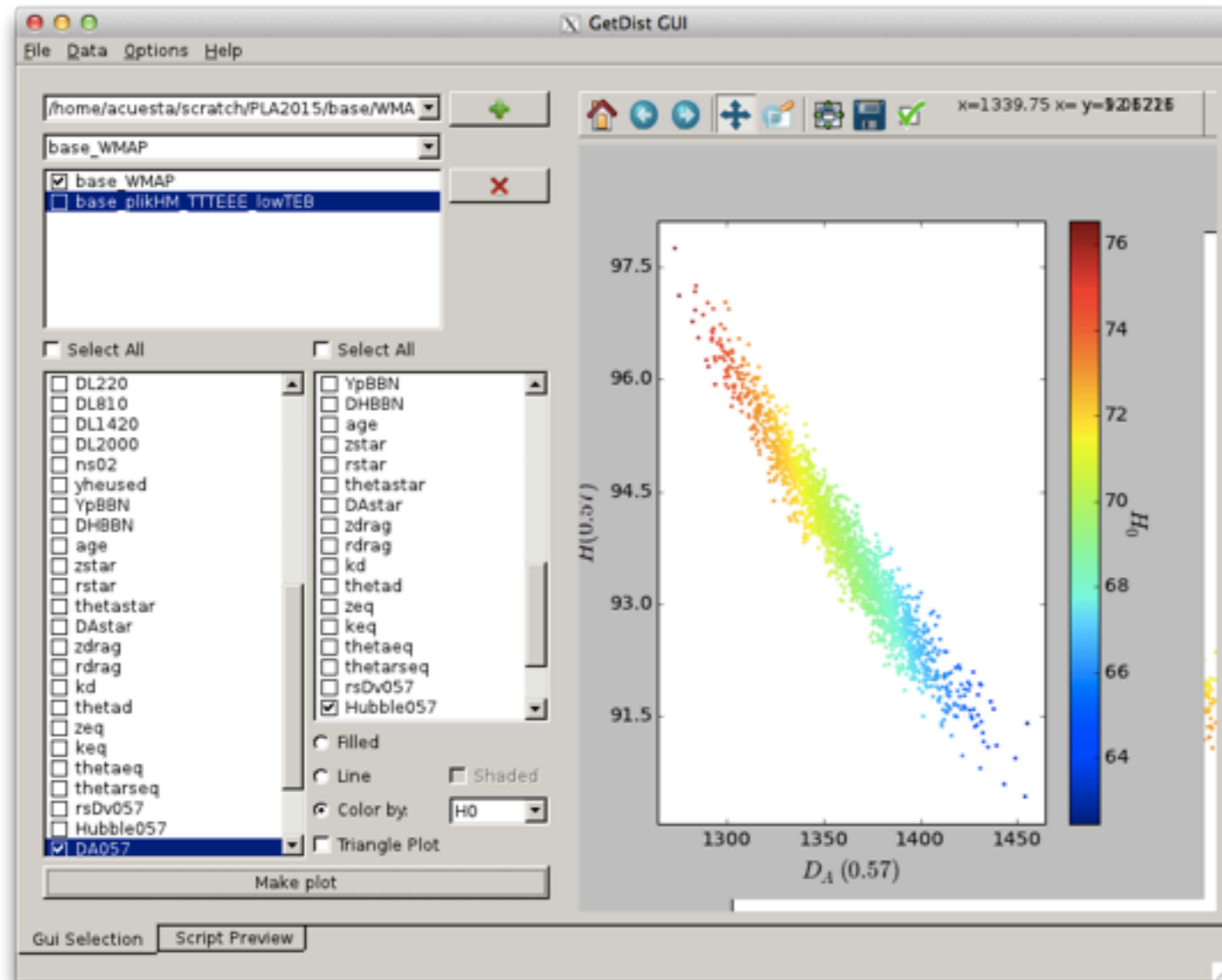
GetDist GUI



If you select **N** parameters from the **left** column and **M** parameters from the **right** column, you will get an **array of N*M plots**

In that case, if the parameters are **identical** in **both** columns, you can also make it a **“Triangle Plot”** by clicking on that option

GetDist GUI



Finally you can do also **3D plots**.
In that case it makes sense only
to select **1 single model+dataset**.

These plots are useful to get some
intuition of **degeneracies** and
parameter **ranges** in each model
or dataset combination!

more examples at http://getdist.readthedocs.org/en/latest/plot_gallery.html

More questions?

- **Help resources:**

<http://cosmologist.info/cosmomc/readme.html> (CosmoMC Readme)

http://cosmologist.info/cosmomc/readme_planck.html (Planck Readme)

http://cosmologist.info/cosmomc/readme_python.html (Python Readme)

http://cosmologist.info/cosmomc/readme_gui.html (GetDist GUI Readme)

http://cosmologist.info/cosmomc/readme_grids.html (Grids Readme)

- **Support** (CosmoCoffee wiki):

<http://cosmocoffee.info/>

- **Mail me!**

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Thank you

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