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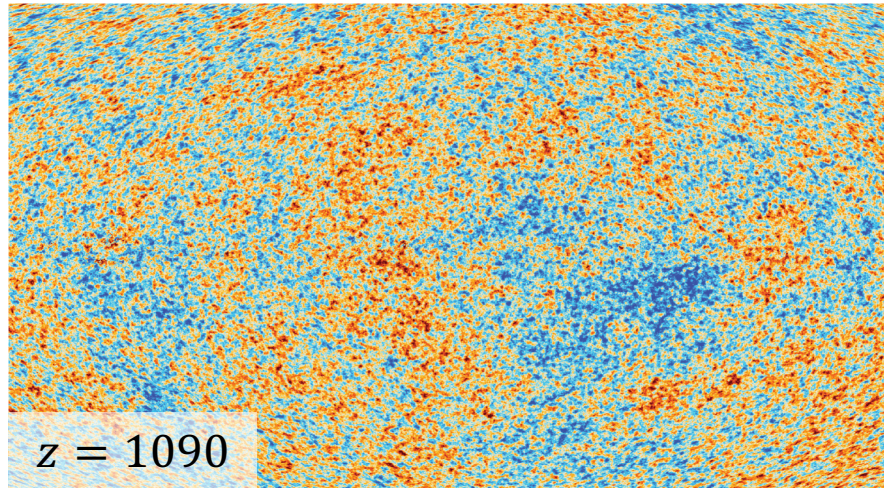


Large Scale Structure Beyond the Two-Point Function

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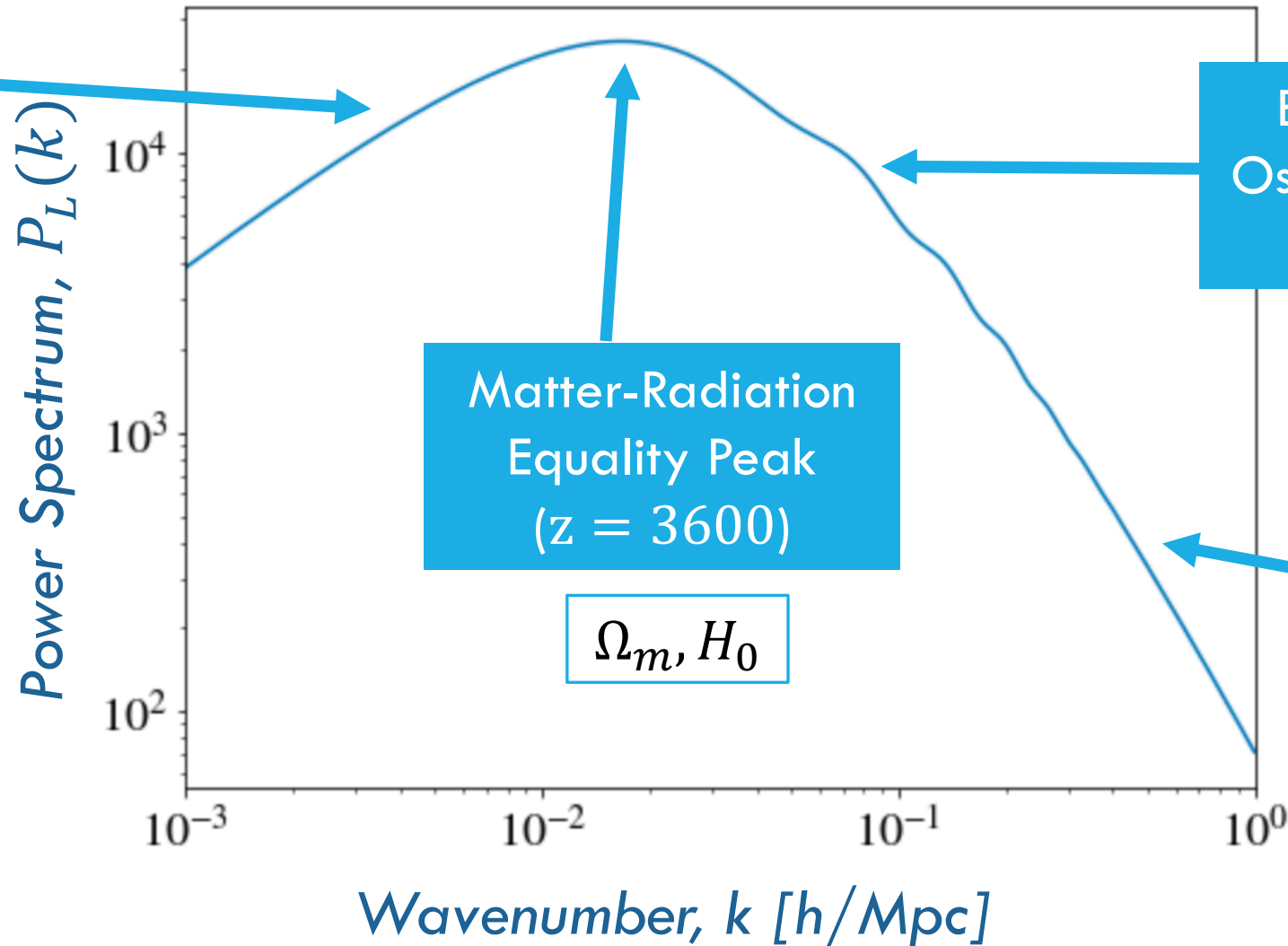
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LINEAR POWER SPECTRUM

$$\langle \delta(\mathbf{k})\delta(\mathbf{k}') \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}') P_L(\mathbf{k})$$

Slope from Inflation
($z \rightarrow \infty$)

$$n_s, A_s$$



Matter-Radiation
Equality Peak
($z = 3600$)

$$\Omega_m, H_0$$

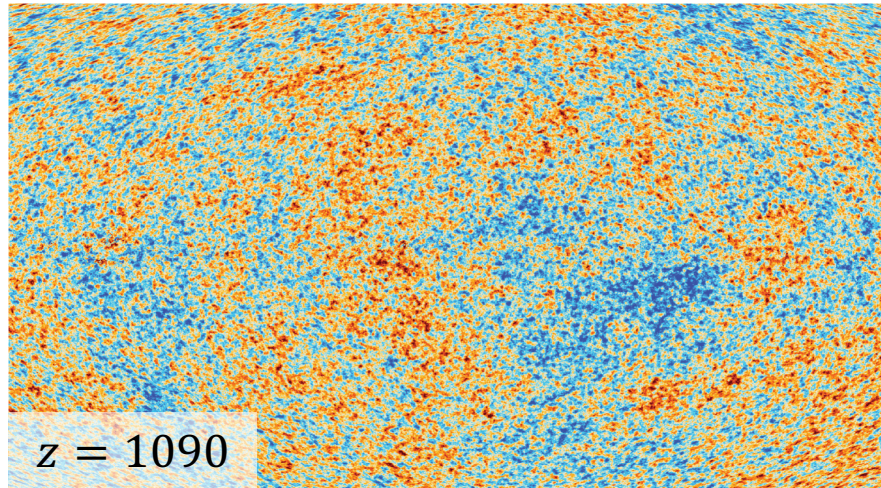
Baryon Acoustic
Oscillation Wiggles
($z = 1090$)

$$\Omega_b, H_0$$

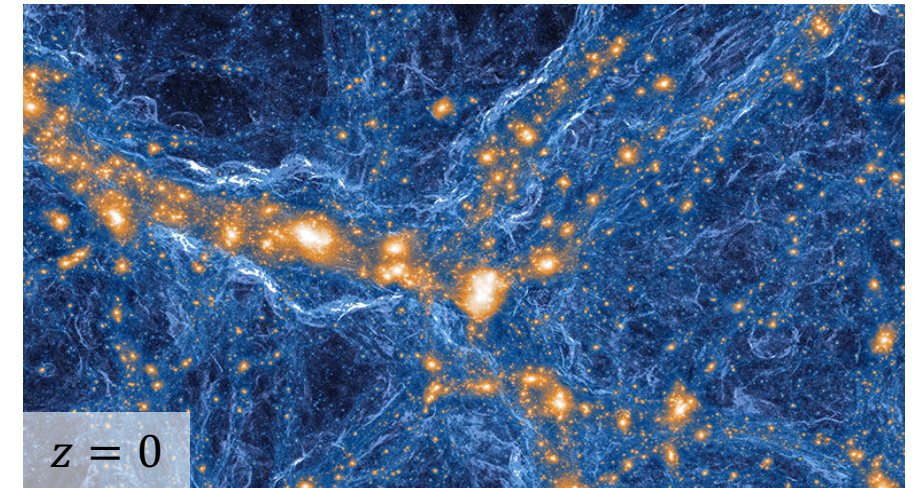
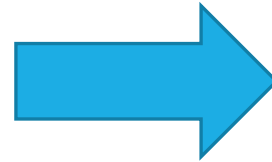
Baryon and
Neutrino
Suppression

$$\Omega_b, \sum m_\nu$$

THE LATE UNIVERSE IS NOT GAUSSIAN



Gravitational
Collapse



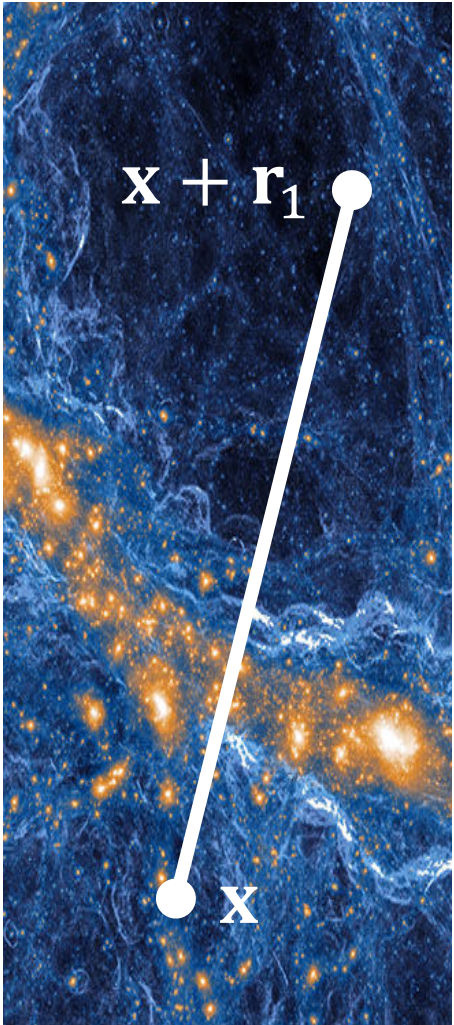
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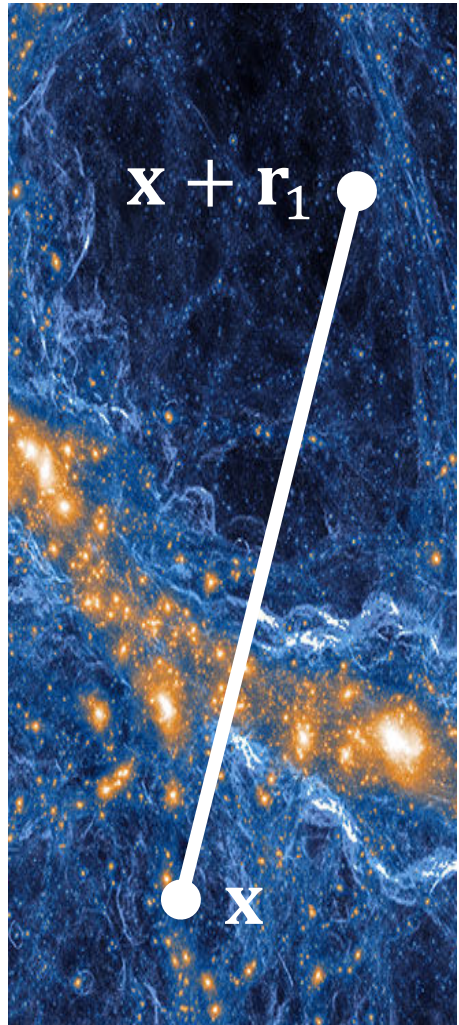
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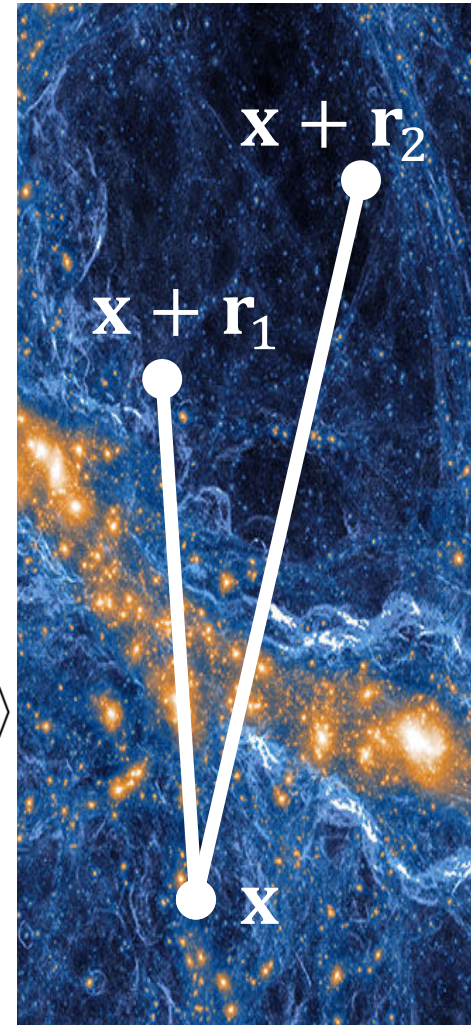
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And beyond...



WHAT MAKES UP THE BISPECTRUM?

$$B_g(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = \left[2b_1^3 F_2(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) + b_2 b_1^2 + 2b_{s^2} b_1^2 \left(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_2 - 1/3 \right) \right] P_L(k_1) P_L(k_2) + 2 \text{ perms.}$$

The galaxy bispectrum depends on **galaxy formation physics**, **gravity**, and **early-Universe cosmology**.

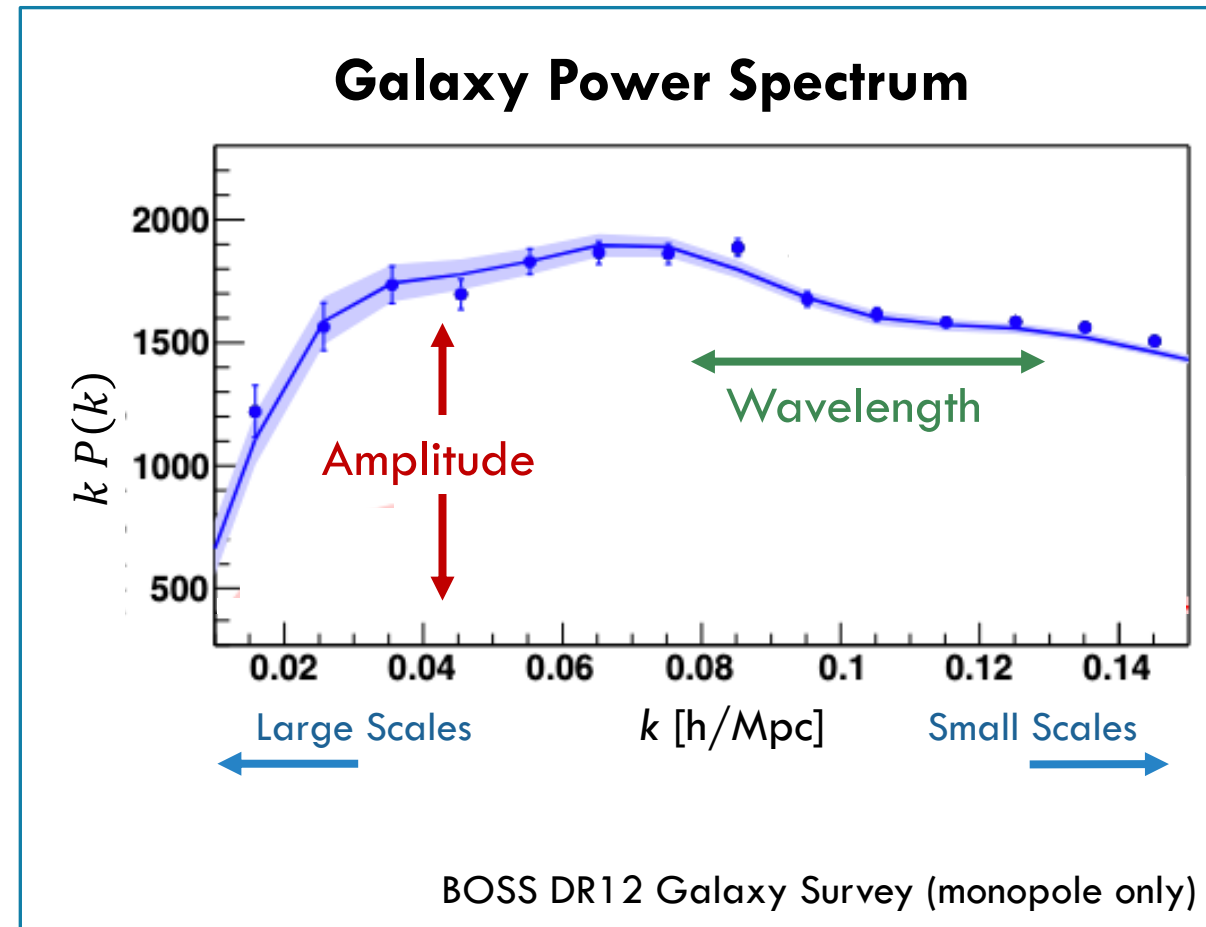
▷ To obtain **all** the large-scale information in the initial conditions, we need:*

- Power Spectra / 2-Point Functions $\sim P_L(k)$
- Bispectra / 3-Point Functions $\sim P_L^2(k)$
- Trispectra / 4-Point Functions $\sim P_L^3(k)$
- *etc.*

*ignoring higher-order perturbative effects, ⁷redshift-space distortions, renormalization, *etc.*

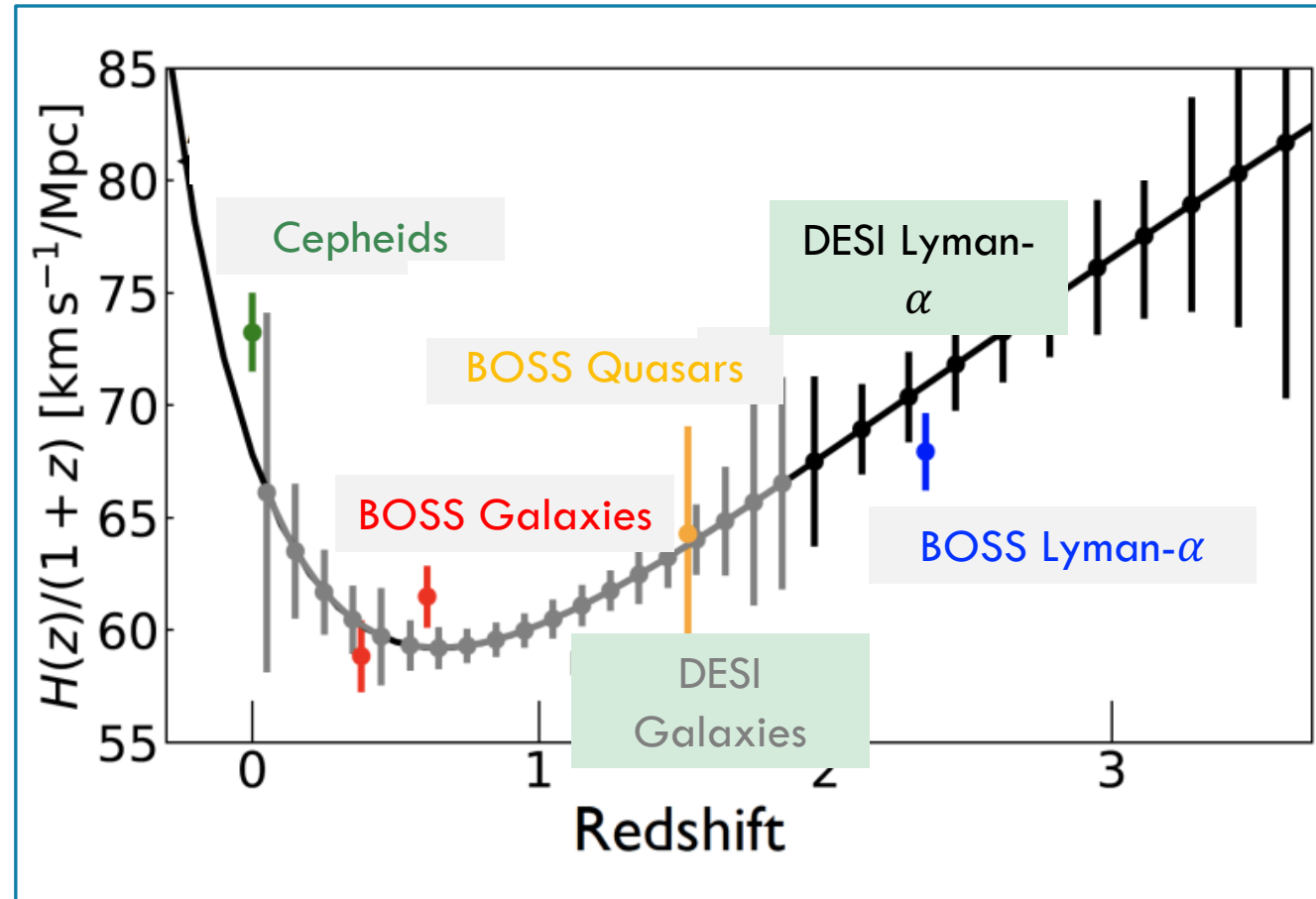
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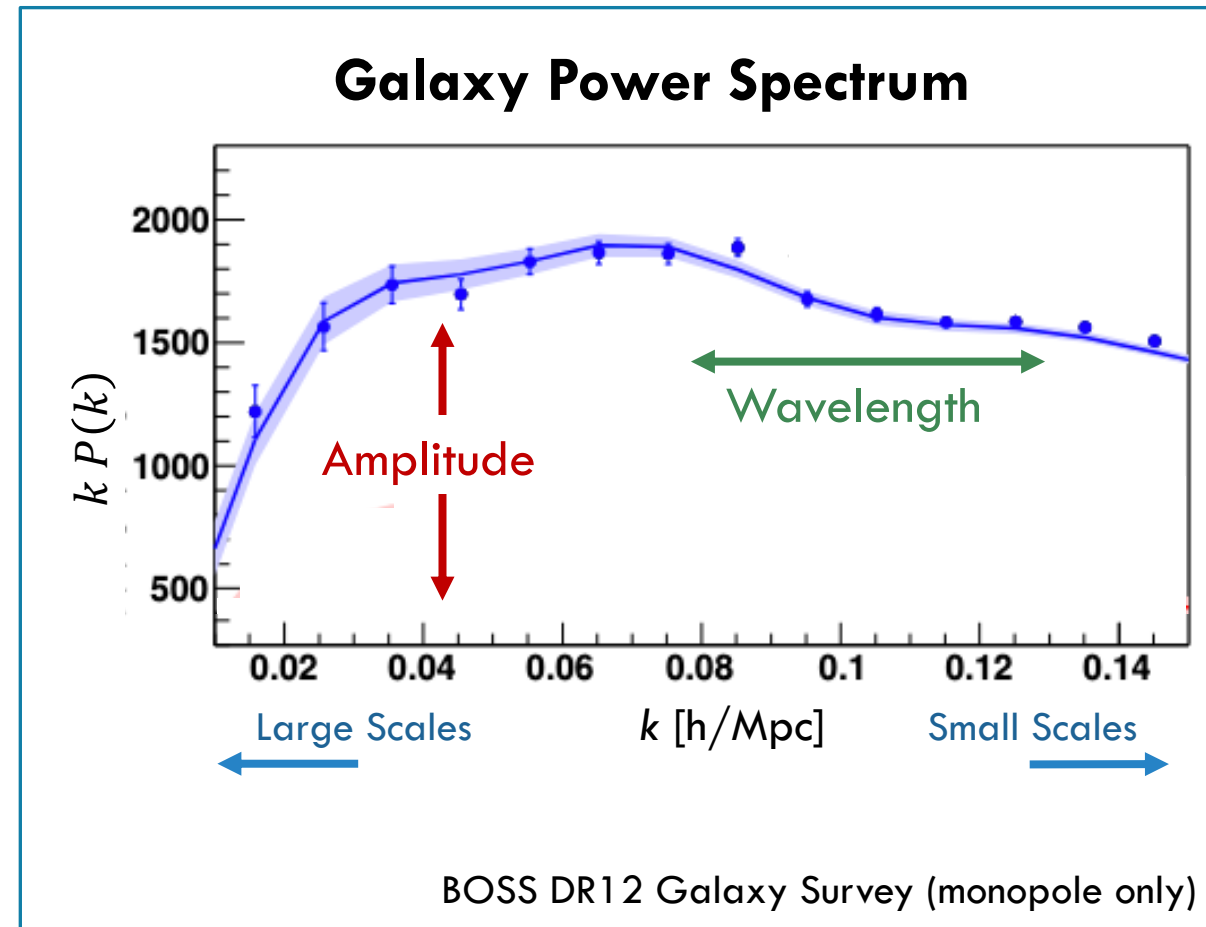
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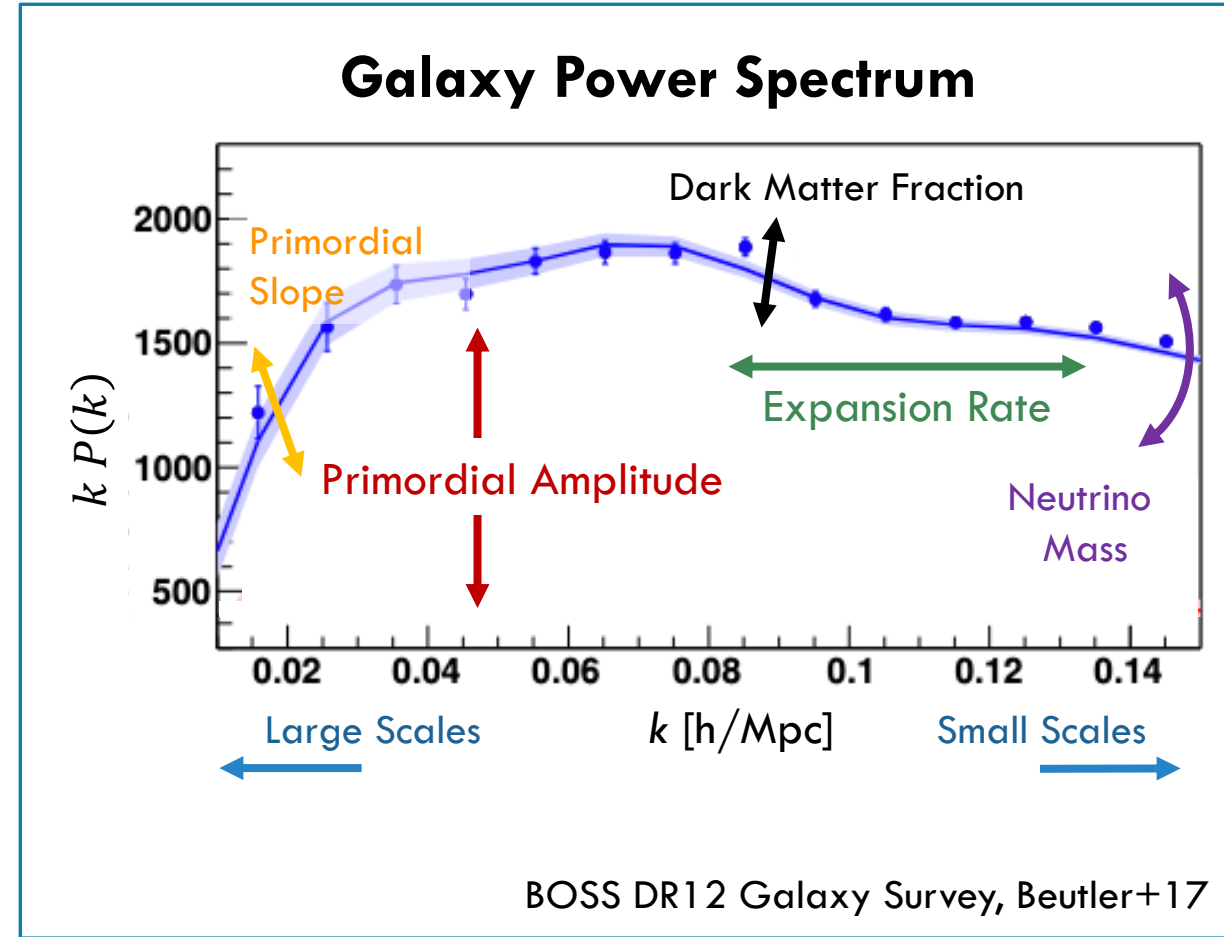
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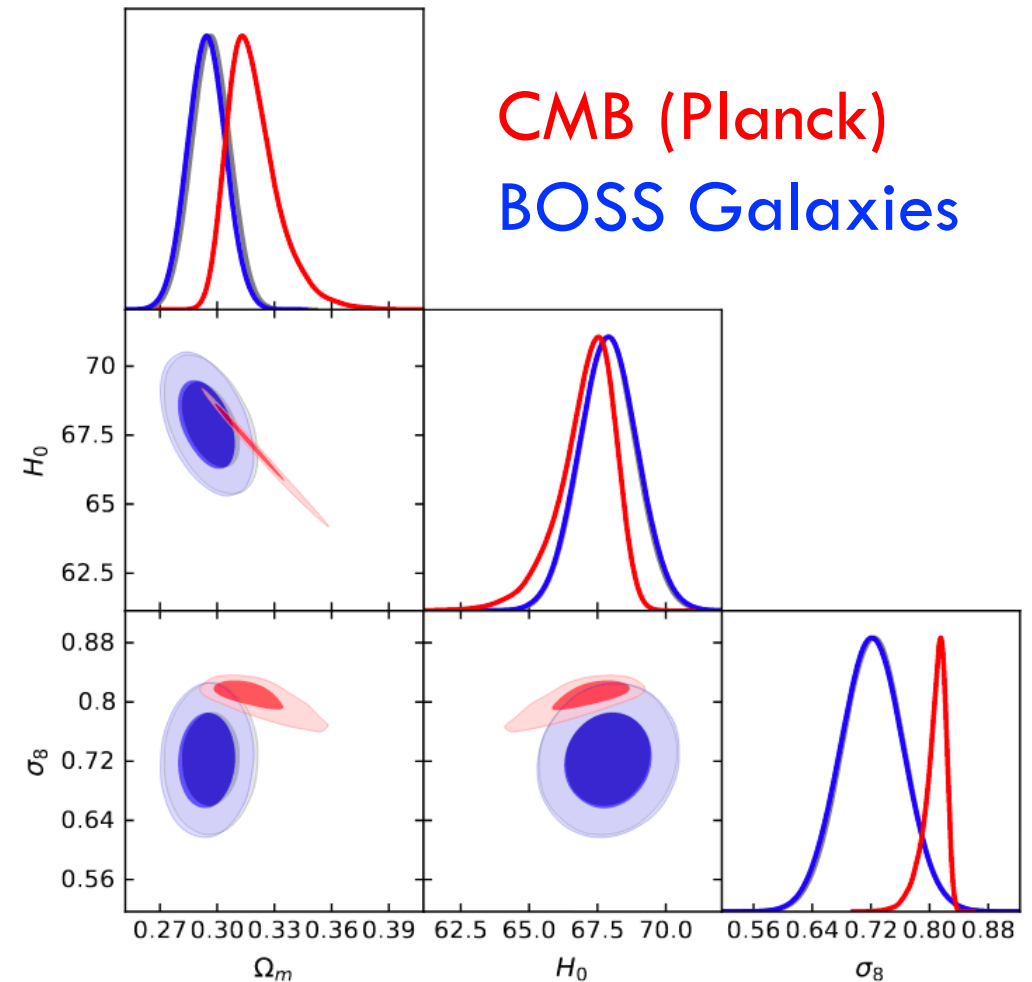
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- ▶ Constrain parameters in **new** ways e.g. expansion rate from **equality** scale.
[Farren, **Philcox** & Sherwin (in prep.)]

Can we go *beyond* the power spectrum?



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▷ **Sharpen** parameter constraints!

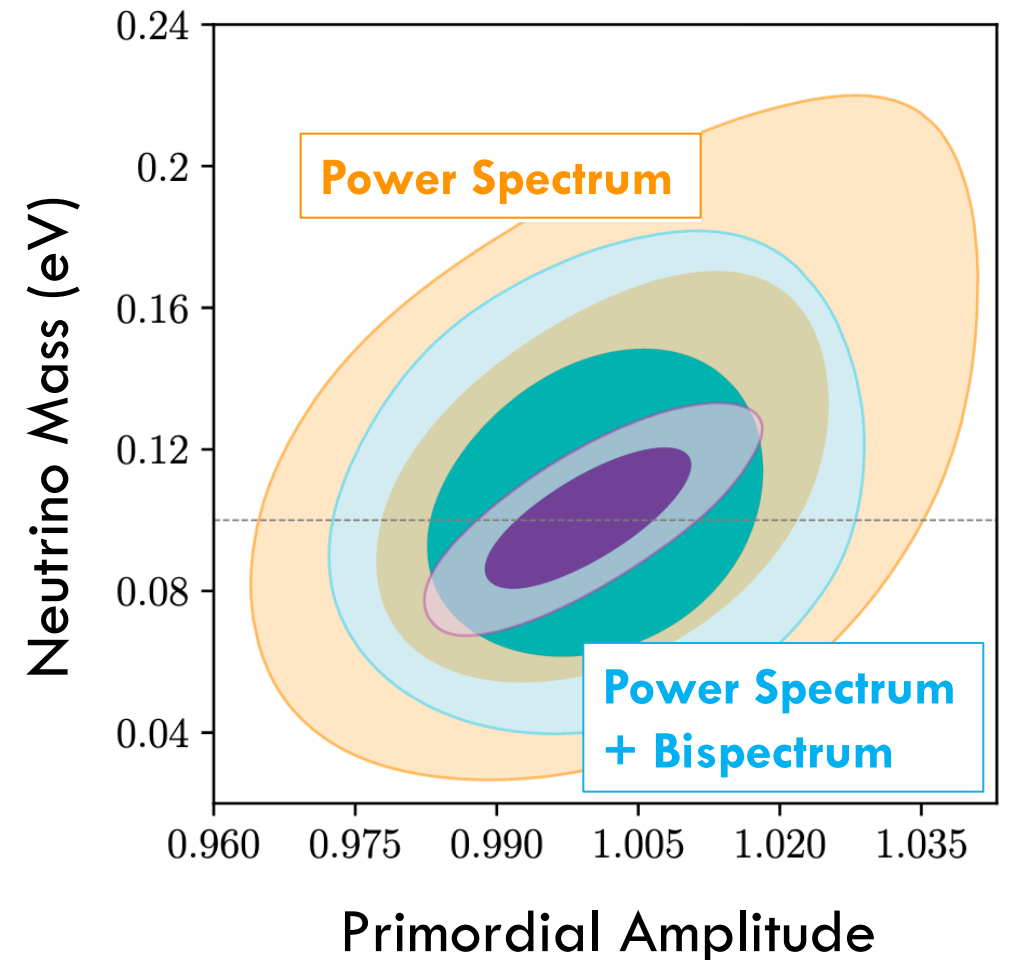
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Euclid Forecast

▷ Bispectrum improves constraints by $\approx 40\%$

▷ 1σ constraint of $\sigma_{M_\nu} = 0.013 \text{ eV}$ [including *Planck*]



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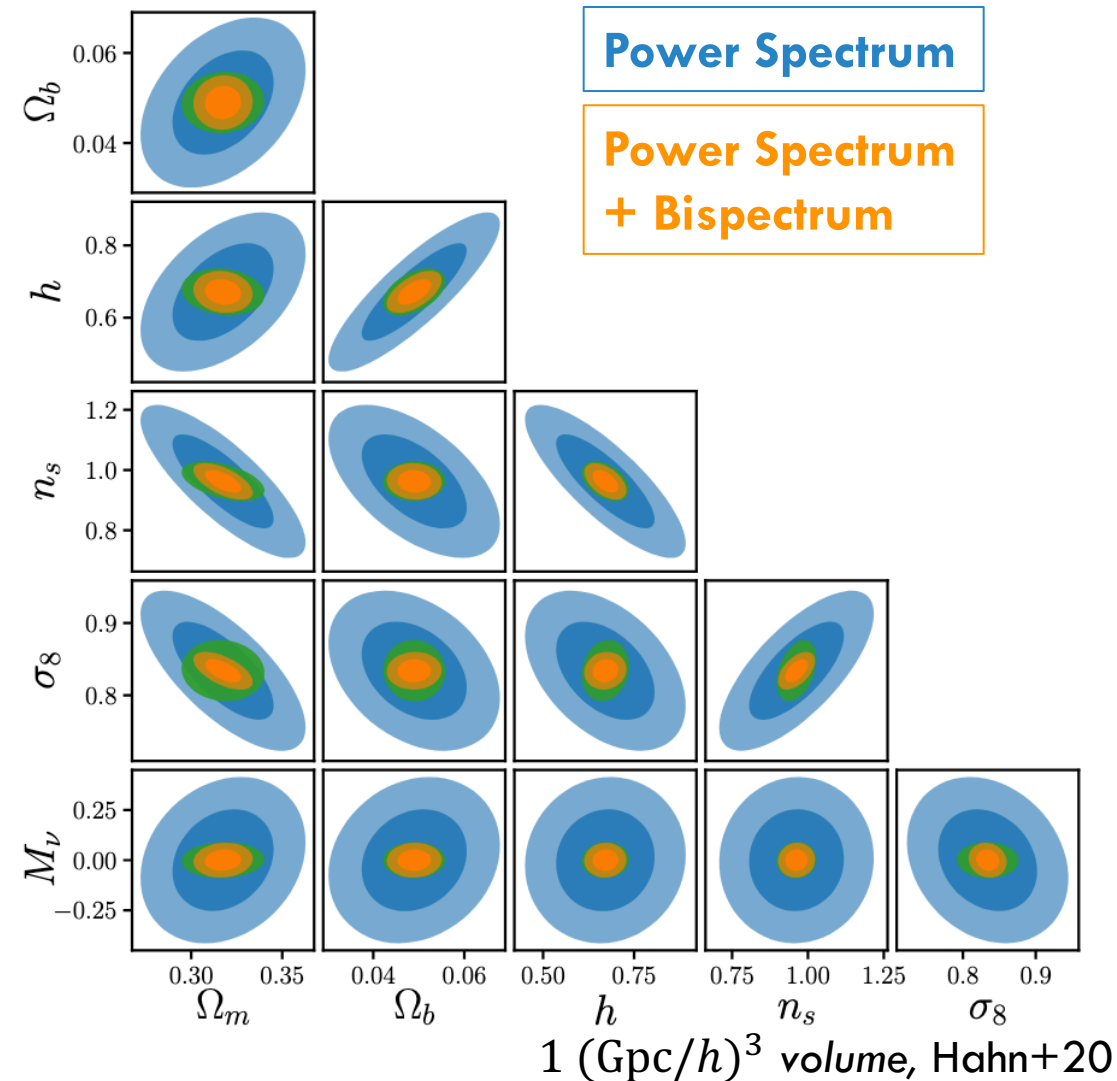
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Simulation-Based Forecast

▷ Galaxy Bispectrum improves constraints by $> 2\times$

▷ Neutrino constraint improves by $5\times$



NON-GAUSSIAN INFLATION

Are the primordial perturbations **Gaussian** and **adiabatic**?

Standard Model of Inflation:

- ▷ Scalar field ϕ rolling down a potential $V(\phi)$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - V(\phi) \right]$$

Gravity Kinetic Energy Potential

- ▷ Action, S , encodes **statistics** of the **primordial** curvature perturbations, ζ

Second Order \Rightarrow Power Spectrum

$$S^{(2)} \Rightarrow P_\zeta(k) \approx A_s k^{n_s - 4}$$

Third Order \Rightarrow Bispectrum

$$S^{(3)} \Rightarrow B_\zeta(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \approx \frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} P_\zeta(k_1) P_\zeta(k_2) + 2 \text{ perms.}$$

Generates **non-Gaussianity** proportional to f_{NL}

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The **consistency condition** states that

$$\lim_{k_1 \rightarrow 0} B_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = (1 - n_s) P_{\zeta}(k_1) P_{\zeta}(k_2)$$



$$f_{\text{NL}} \sim (1 - n_s) \ll 1$$



Non-Gaussianity is too small to be detected!

Non-standard inflation can beat this, e.g.

- ▶ Multifield Inflation [Local Bispectrum]
- ▶ New Kinetic Terms [Equilateral Bispectrum]
- ▶ New Vacuum States [Folded Bispectrum]

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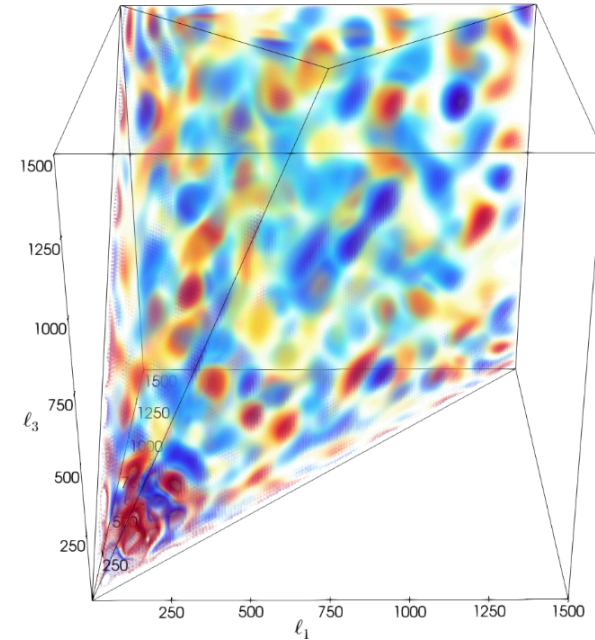
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How do we measure this?

1. CMB Bispectrum

Planck TTT Bispectrum



$\approx 2\times$ better
with CMB-S4!

f_{NL} Constraints

Local	6.7 ± 5.6
Equilateral	6 ± 66
Orthogonal	-38 ± 36

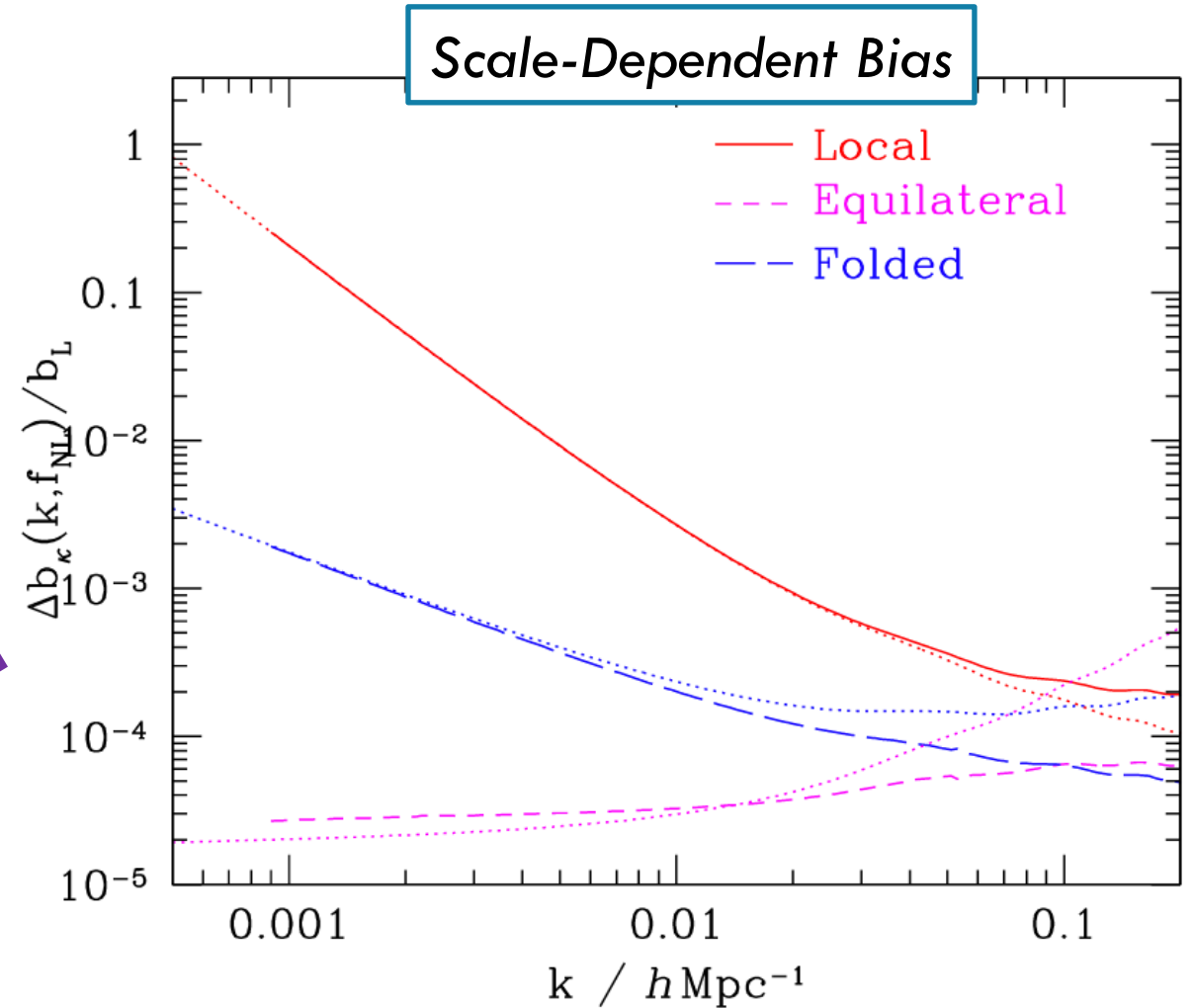
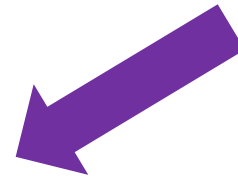
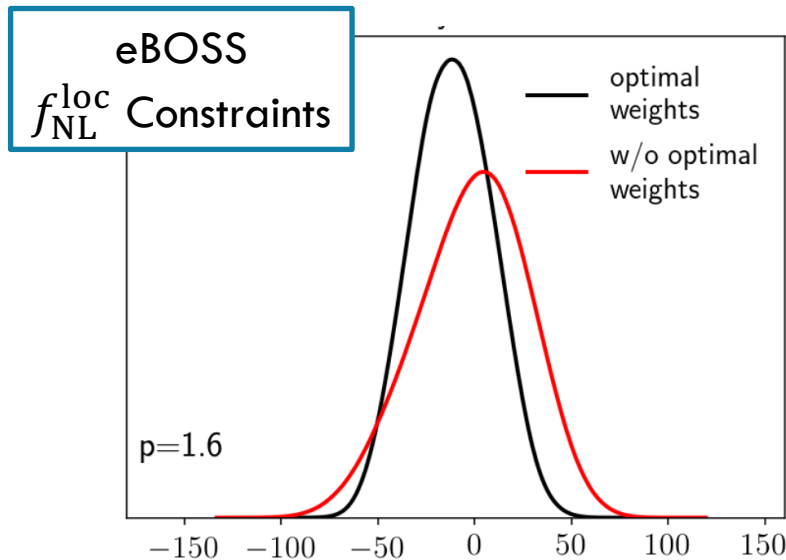
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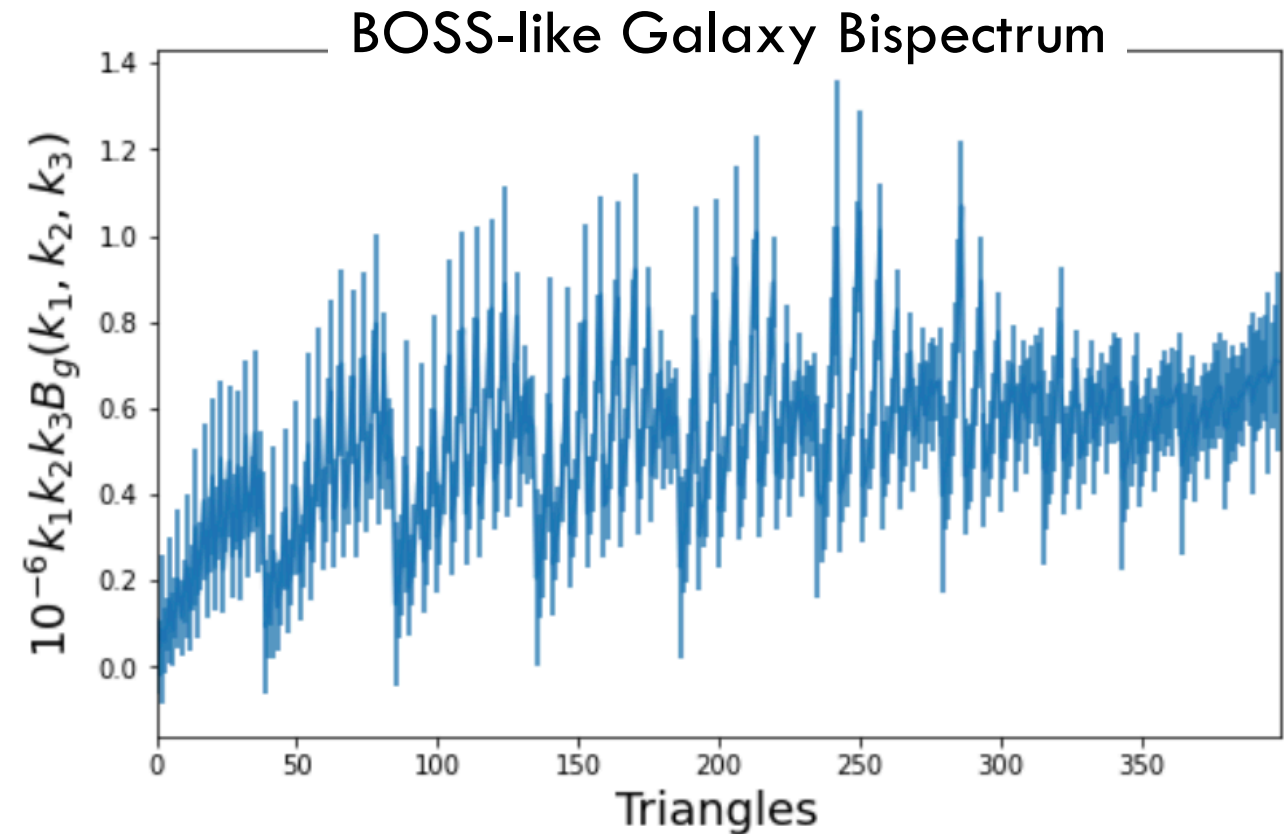


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CHERN-SIMONS INTERACTIONS VIOLATE PARITY

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{4} f(\phi) F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\gamma}{4} f(\phi) F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

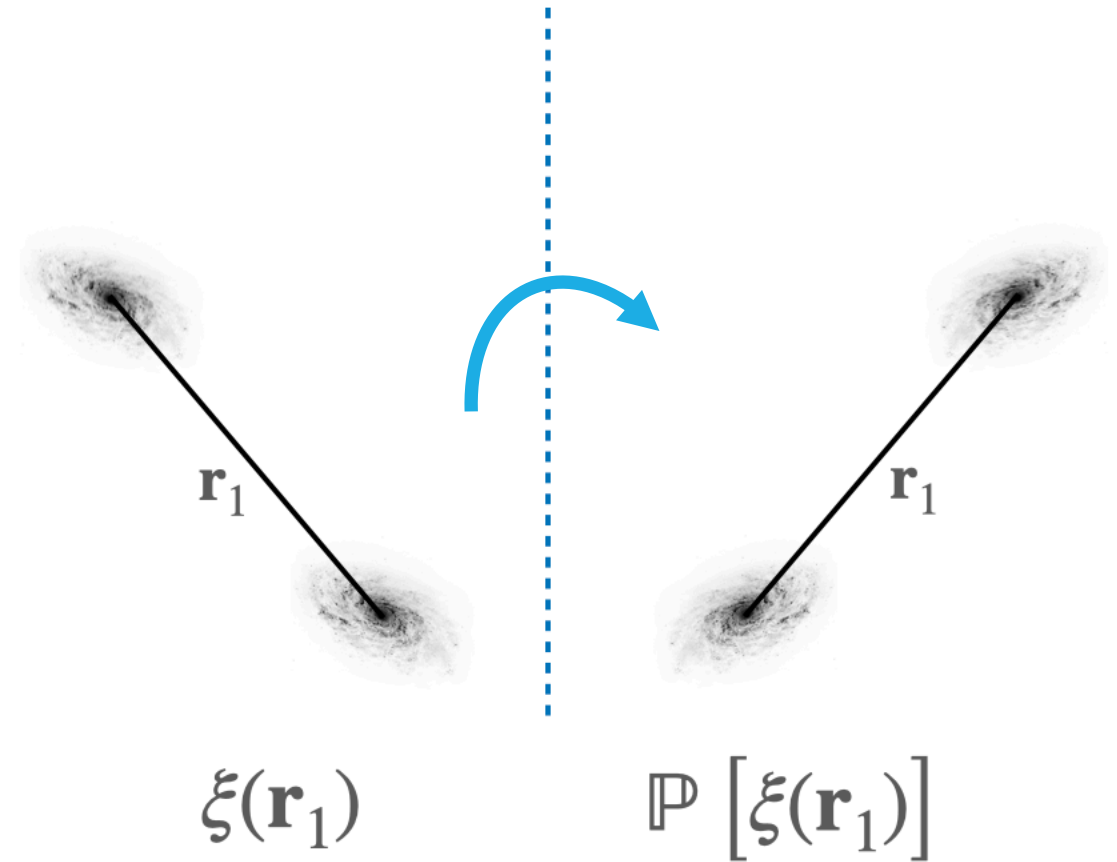
- ▶ Add a **gauge field** A_μ to the inflationary action, via $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\nu A_\mu - \partial_\mu A_\nu$
- ▶ This can include a **Chern-Simons coupling** to the (pseudo-)scalar ϕ [motivated by baryogenesis]
- ▶ $f(\phi) F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$ violates **parity symmetry** \Rightarrow parity-violating correlators!

Where should we look for these signatures?

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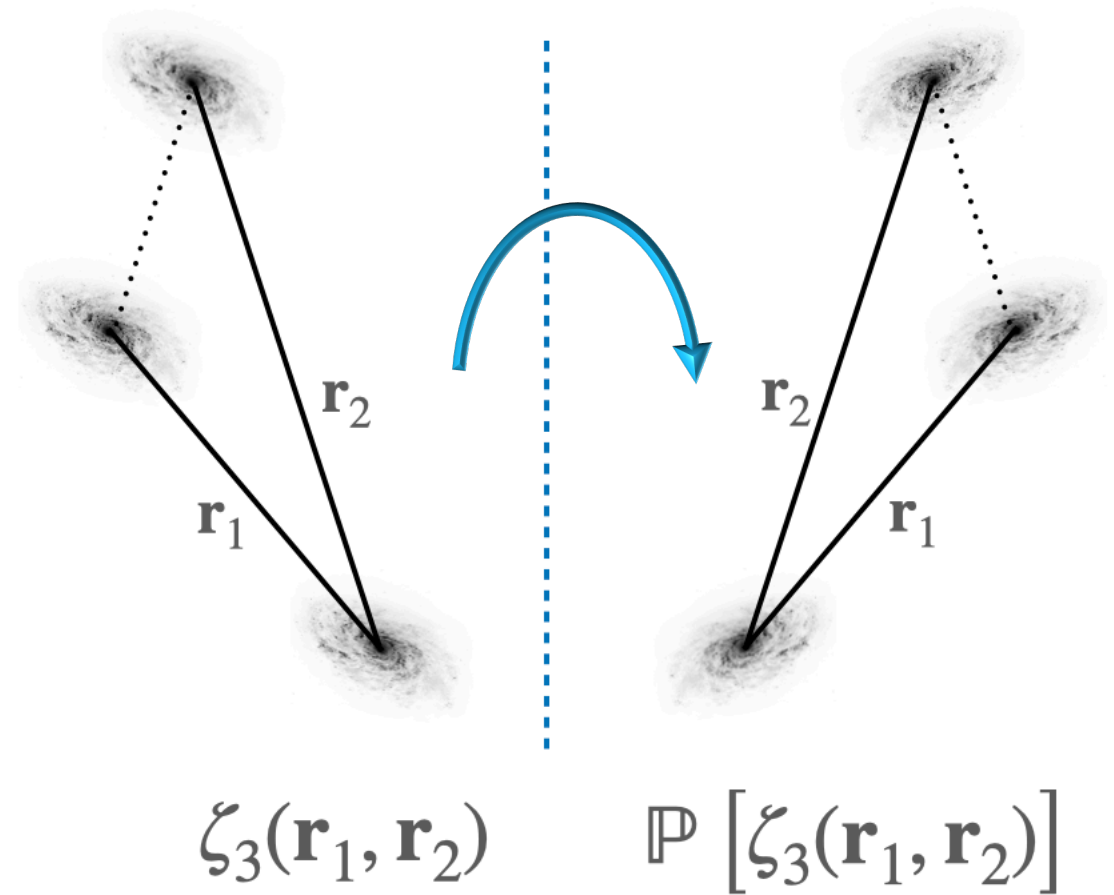
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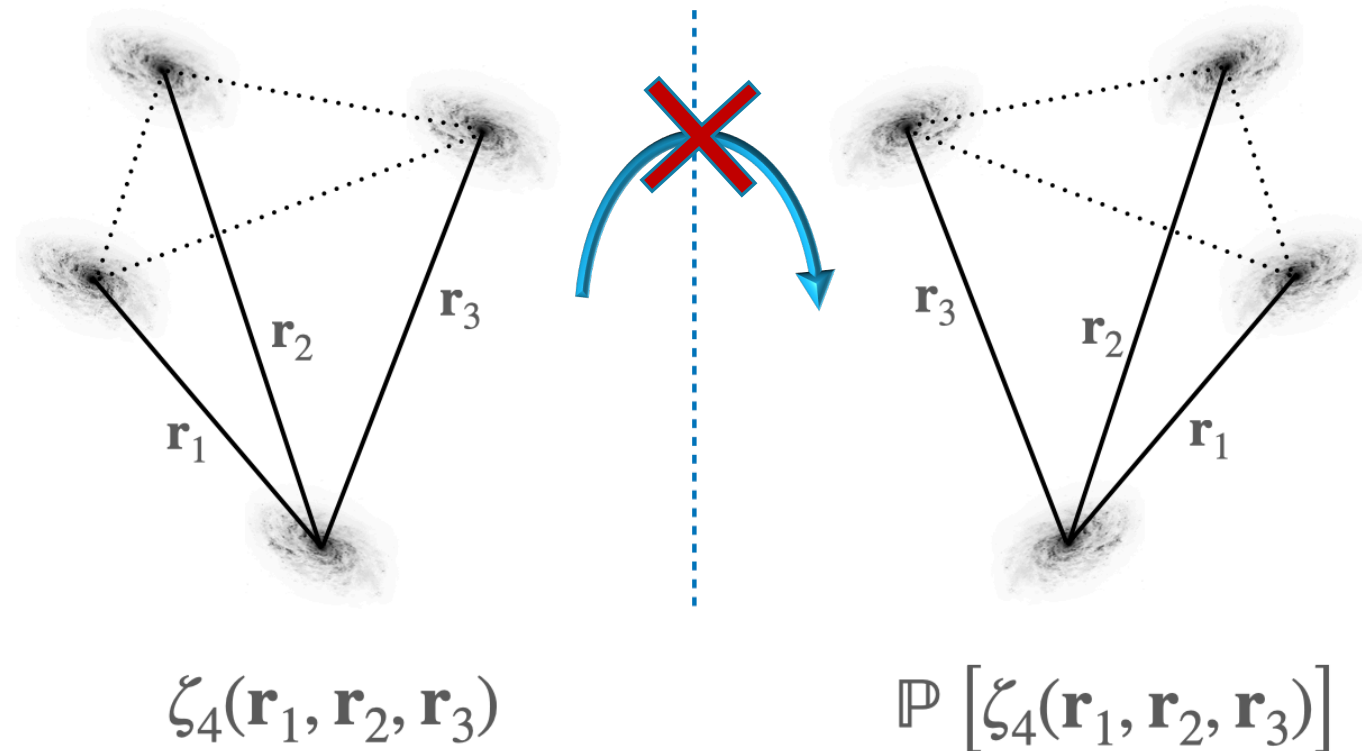
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4-Point Correlation Function (4PCF):

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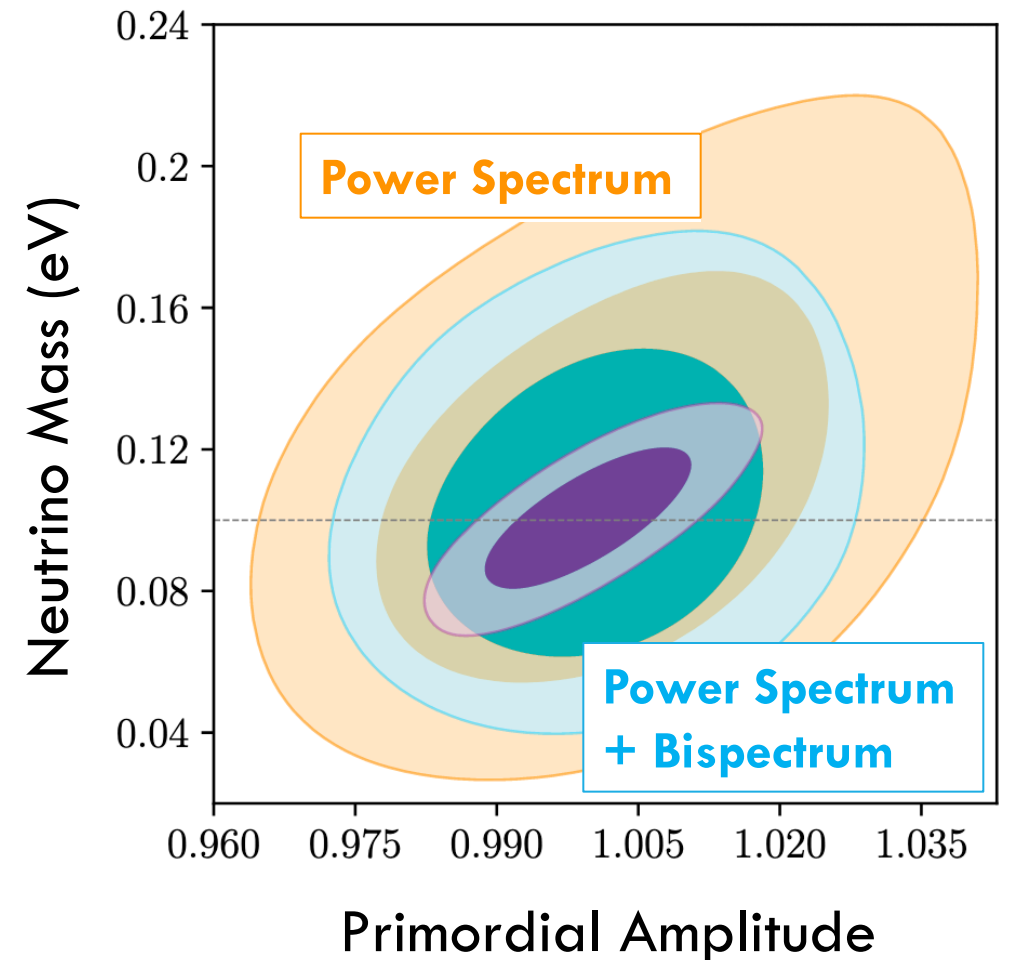


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- ▷ **Test non-standard** physics models!

Why Use Large Scale Structure?

- Signal-to-Noise is **cubic** in number of modes unlike CMB
- New physics constraints **don't** dilute with redshift



HOW TO MEASURE A BISPECTRUM

$$\hat{B}_g(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \int_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3 \in \text{bins}} \delta_g(\mathbf{k}_1) \delta_g(\mathbf{k}_2) \delta_g(\mathbf{k}_3) (2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3)$$

Problem: We don't measure the density field directly.

$$\delta_g(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow W(\mathbf{r}) \delta_g(\mathbf{r}) \quad \delta_g(\mathbf{k}) \rightarrow \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} W(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}) \delta_g(\mathbf{p})$$

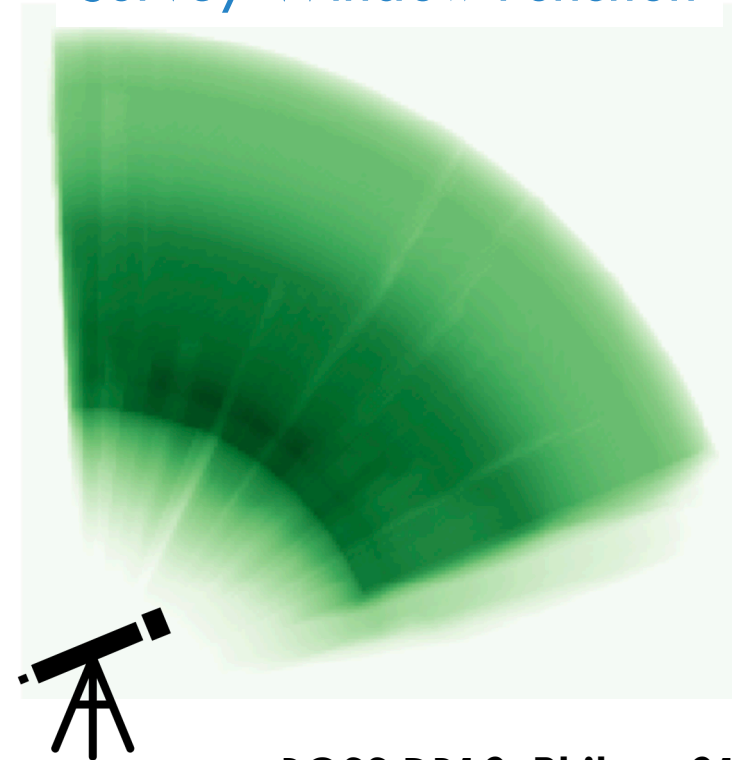
Window Function

The measured bispectrum is a triple **convolution**

$$B_g(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \rightarrow \int_{\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_2} W(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{p}_1) W(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{p}_2) W(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) B_g(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2)$$

Solution: Convolve the **theory model** too

Survey Window Function



CONVOLUTION IS EXPENSIVE

$$B_g^{\text{win}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = \int_{\mathbf{p}_1 \mathbf{p}_2} W(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{p}_1) W(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{p}_2) W(\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) B_g(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2)$$

- ▷ Window convolution is too costly to do repeatedly!
- ▷ Common approximation: apply the window **only** to the power spectrum

$$B_g(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \supset P_L(k_1) P_L(k_2)$$

But:

- This gives **systematic errors** on large scales
- Spectra cannot be used to search for new physics!

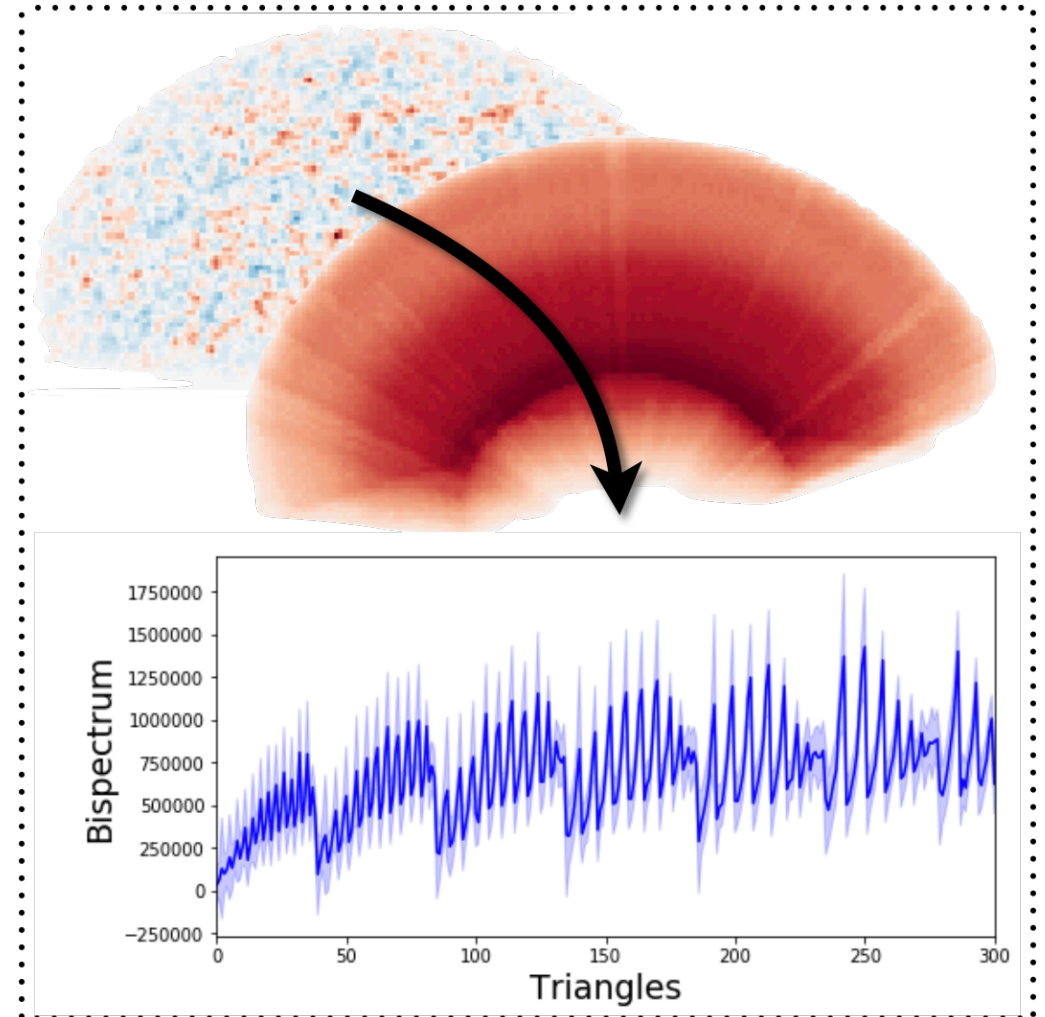
BISPECTRA WITHOUT WINDOWS

Alternatively: estimate the **unwindowed** bispectrum directly

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- ▶ Derive a **maximum-likelihood** estimator for the **true** bispectrum
- ▶ Effectively **deconvolves** the window

$$\nabla_{B_g} L[\text{data} | B_g] = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{B}_g = \dots$$



BISPECTRA WITHOUT WINDOWS

New Approach

- ▷ Start from the **likelihood** for data \mathbf{d} , using an Edgeworth expansion

$$L[\mathbf{d}](\mathbf{b}) = L_G[\mathbf{d}](\mathbf{b}) \left[1 + \frac{1}{3!} \mathbf{B}^{ijk} \left\{ [\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{d}]_i [\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{d}]_j [\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{d}]_k - (\mathbf{C}_{ij}^{-1} d_k + 2 \text{ perms.}) \right\} + \dots \right]$$

Gaussian Piece Three-Point Function, $\mathbf{B}^{ijk} \equiv \langle d^i d^j d^k \rangle$ Covariance, $\mathbf{C}^{ij} = \langle d^i d^j \rangle$

- ▷ This depends on **survey geometry** through \mathbf{C}^{ij} and **bispectrum** through \mathbf{B}^{ijk}

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \log L[\mathbf{d}](\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{0}$$

- ▷ Optimize for true bispectrum, \mathbf{b} :

$$\hat{b}_{\alpha}^{\text{ML}} = \sum_{\beta} F_{\alpha\beta}^{-1, \text{ML}} \hat{q}_{\beta}^{\text{ML}},$$

$$\hat{q}_{\alpha}^{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{6} \mathbf{B}_{,\alpha}^{ijk} [\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{d}]_i \left([\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{d}]_j [\mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{d}]_k - 3\mathbf{C}_{jk}^{-1} \right)$$

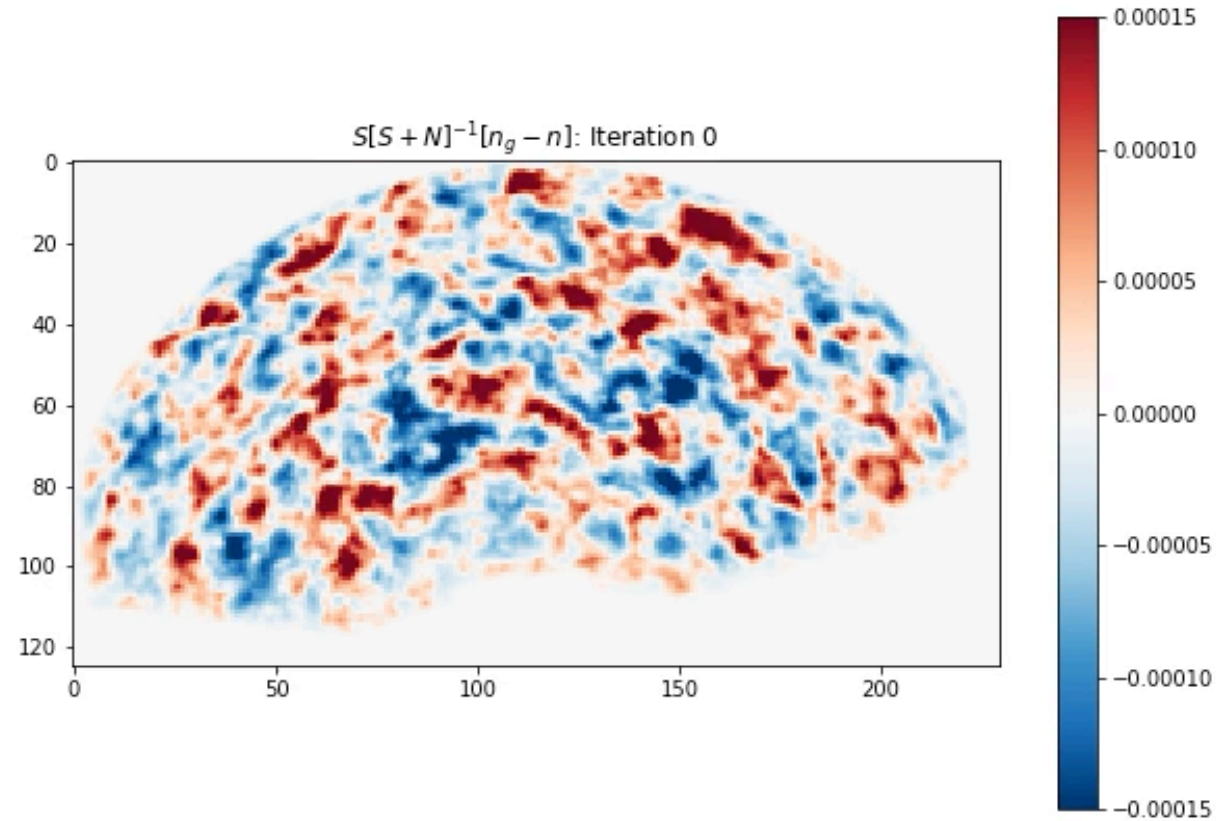
Cubic Estimator

$$F_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{6} \mathbf{B}_{,\alpha}^{ijk} \mathbf{B}_{,\beta}^{lmn} \mathbf{C}_{il}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{jm}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_{kn}^{-1},$$

Fisher Matrix

INVERSE VARIANCE WEIGHTING

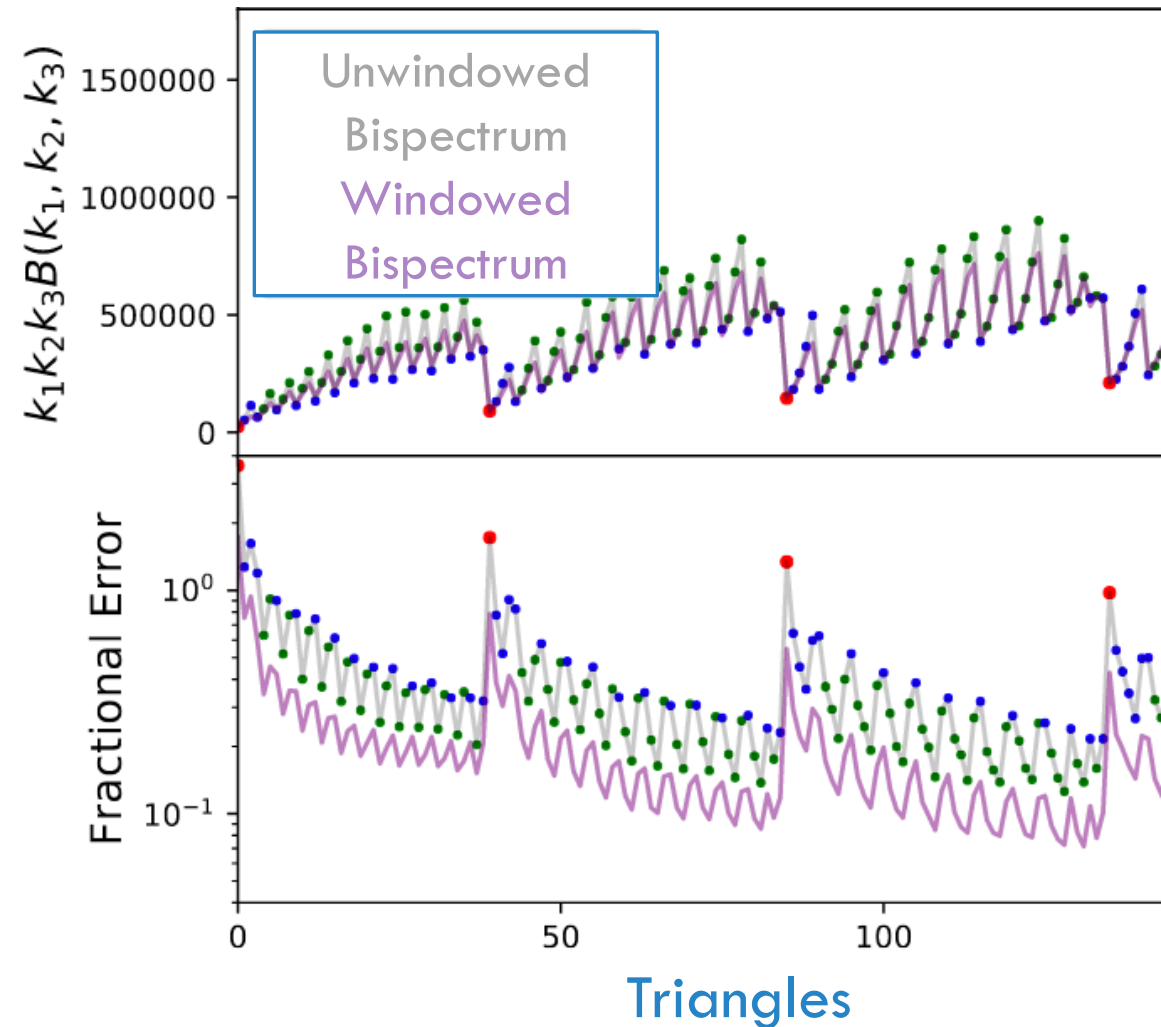
Compute $C^{-1}d$ iteratively via
conjugate gradient descent



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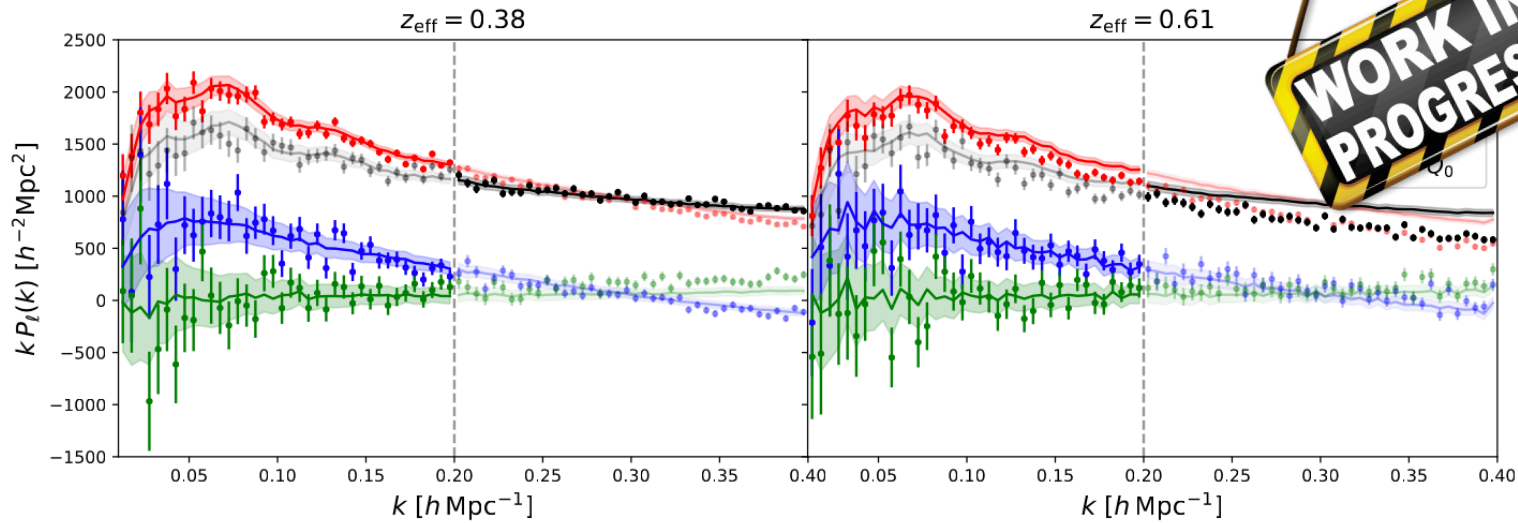
Properties of the **cubic estimator**:

1. Unbiased
 2. Minimum variance [as $B(k_1, k_2, k_3) \rightarrow 0$]
 3. Window-free [effectively a deconvolution]
- ▷ Requires various tricks for dealing with high-dimensional data [e.g. conjugate gradient descent, Monte Carlo estimation etc.]

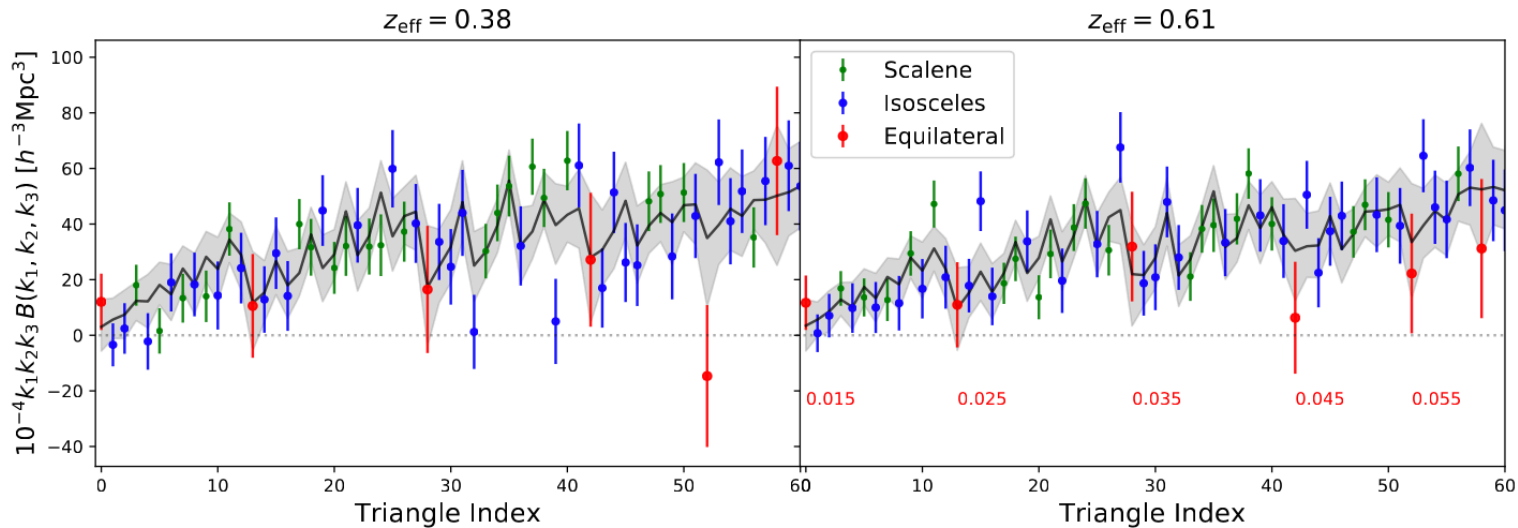


BOSS WITHOUT WINDOWS

Power Spectra



Bispectra

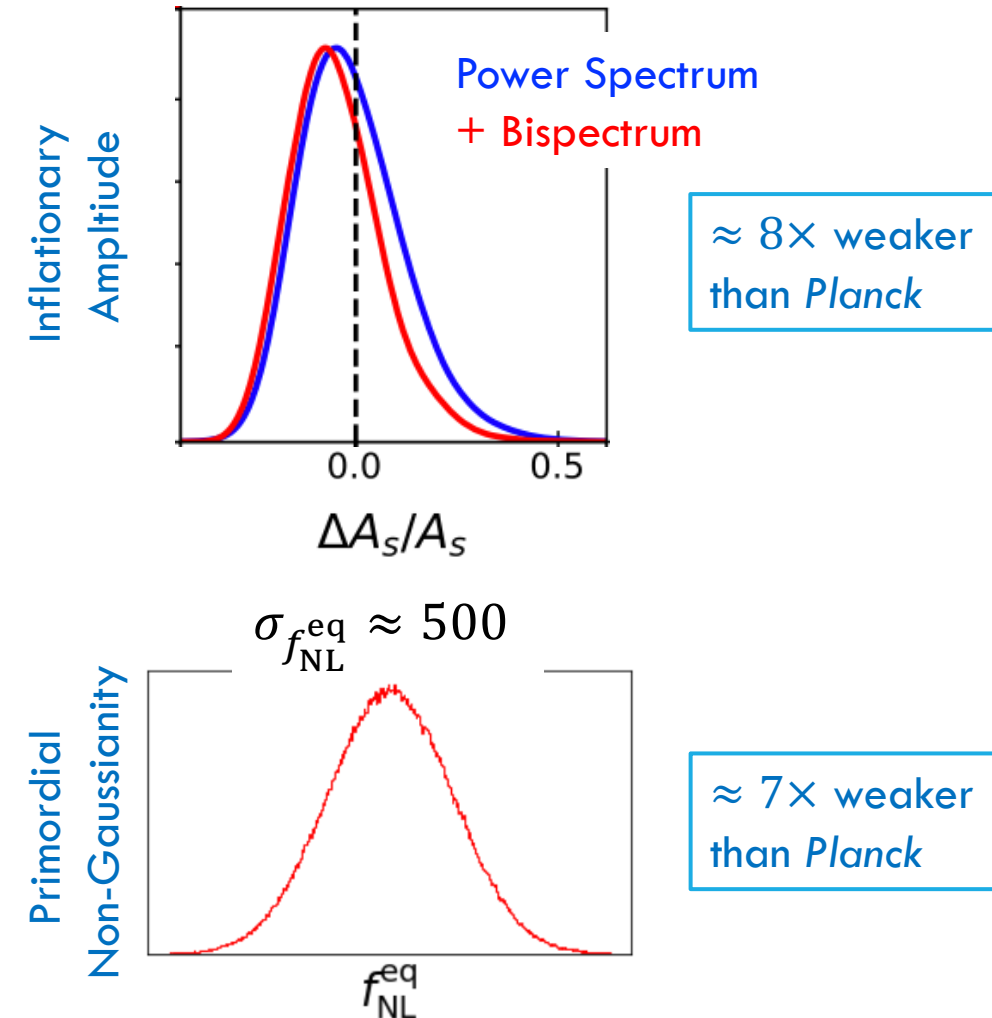


Theory Model

Cosmological Parameters

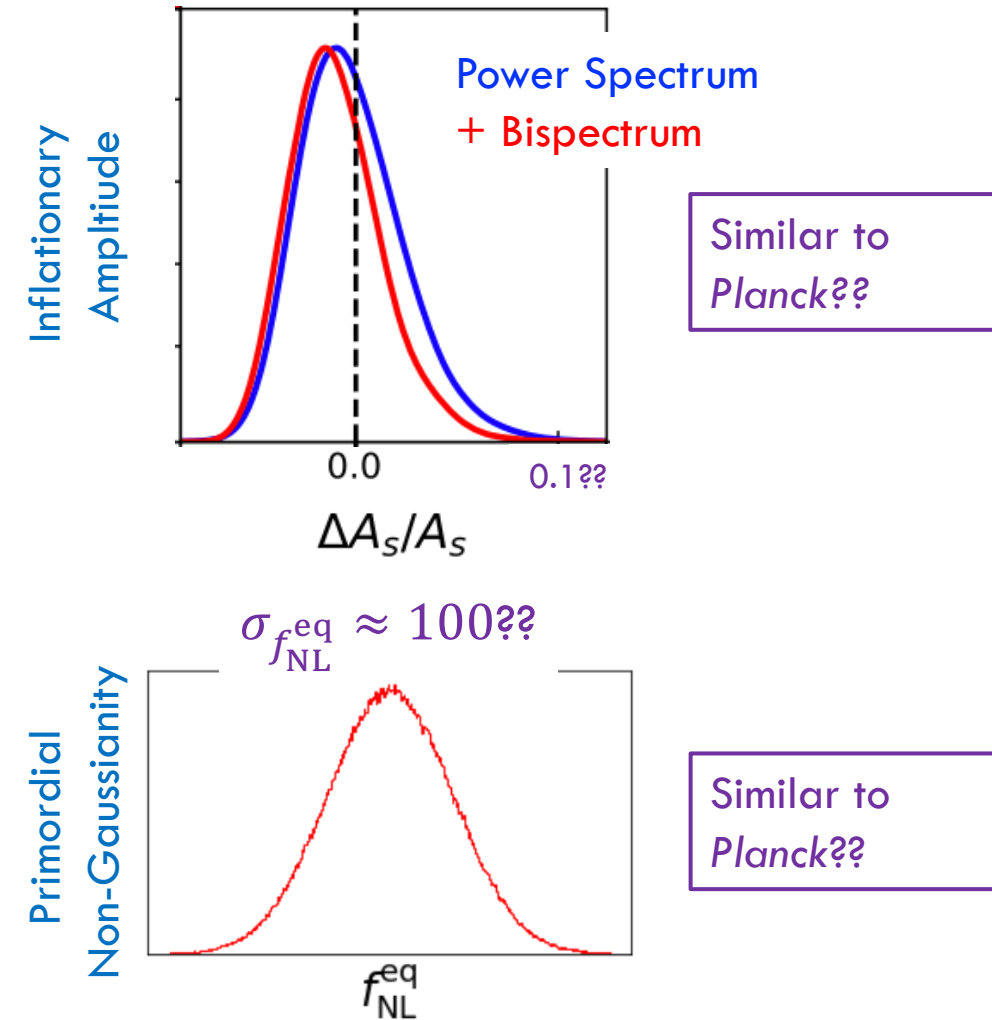
WHAT WILL WE MEASURE?

- ▶ Tighter constraints on **cosmological** and **galaxy formation** parameters
 - ▶ σ_8 improves by 10%
 - ▶ Tidal bias improves by 50%
- ▶ Bounds on **all** flavors of **Primordial Non-Gaussianity**
 - ▶ First equilateral-type measurement from LSS



WHAT'S NEXT FOR BISPECTRA?

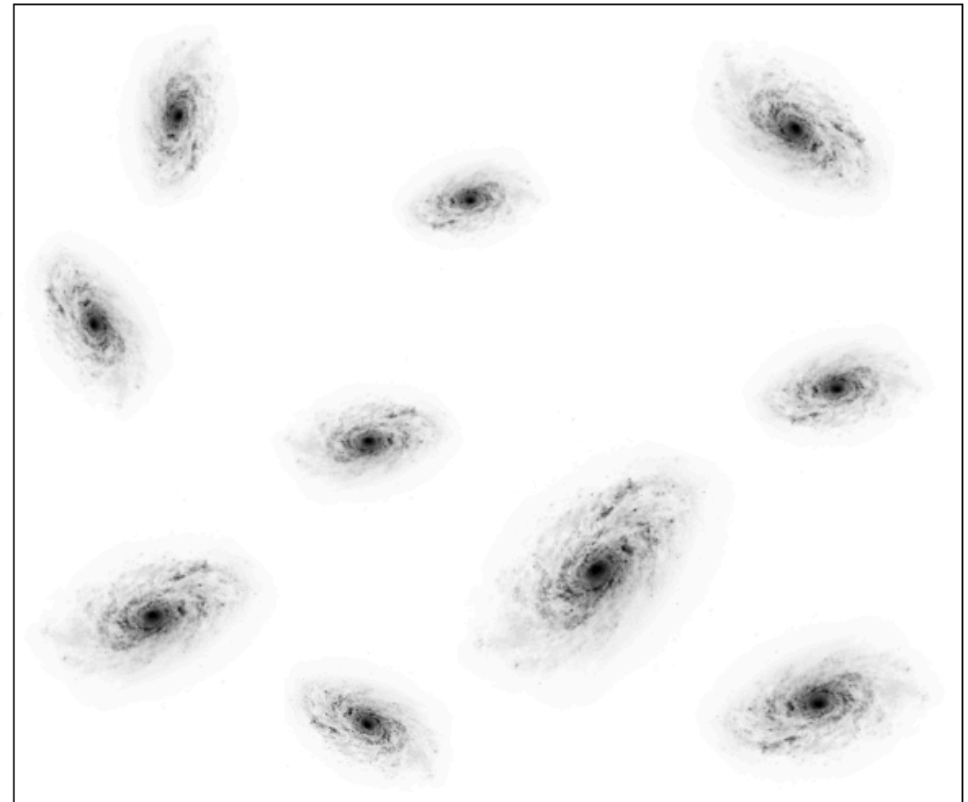
- ▶ Improve bispectrum **modeling**
 - ▶ Higher-order perturbation theory
 - ▶ Add **redshift-space** information
 - ▶ Better treatment of **fingers-of-God**
- ▶ Apply to **DESI** data
 - ▶ **Pipelines** already available and **tested**
 - ▶ Expect $O(5)\times$ **stronger** constraints



HOW TO MEASURE A CORRELATION FUNCTION

$$\hat{\zeta}_{g,4}(r_1, r_2, r_3, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3) = \int \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{V} \int_{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3 \in \text{bins}} \delta_g(\mathbf{x}) \delta_g(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}_1) \delta_g(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}_2) \delta_g(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}_3)$$

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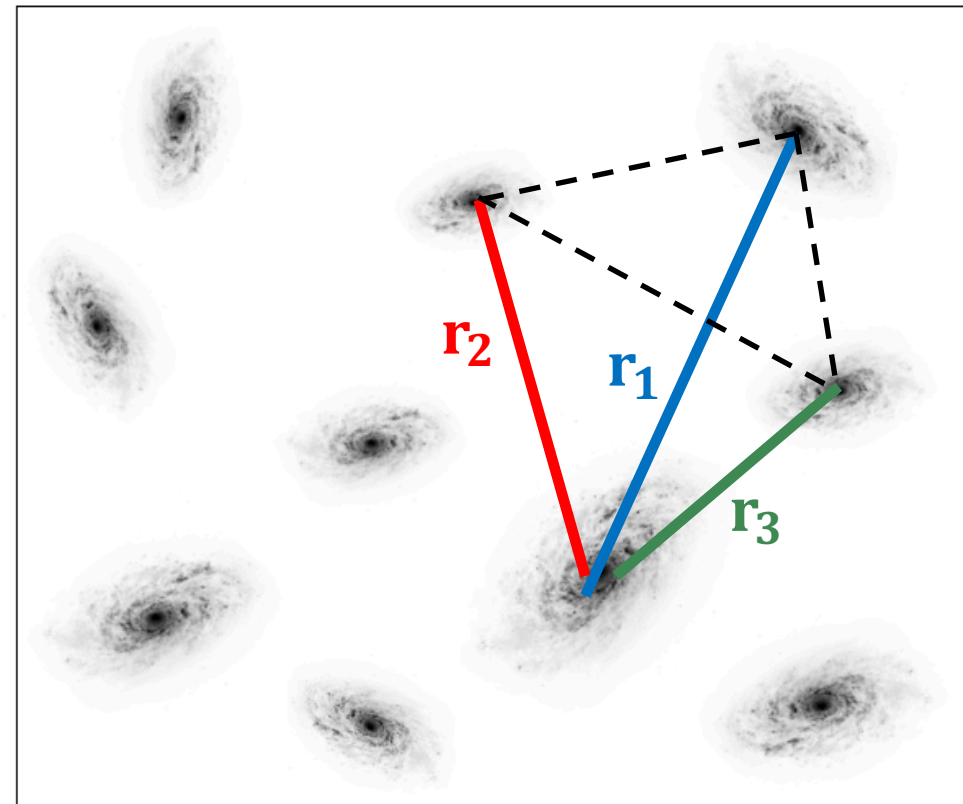
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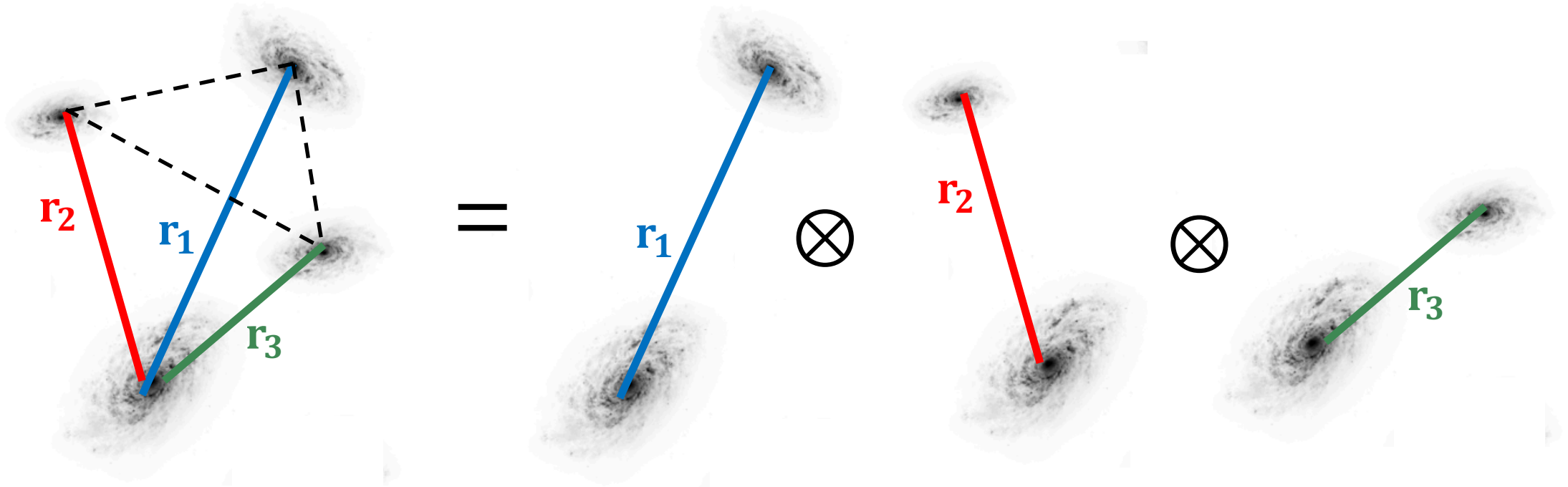
Total number of quadruplets:

$$\mathcal{O}(N_{\text{gal}}^4)$$

This is too many to count...



ONE TETRAHEDRON = THREE VECTORS



3 lengths + 3 angles

$(r_1, r_2, r_3, \hat{r}_1 \cdot \hat{r}_2, \hat{r}_1 \cdot \hat{r}_3, \hat{r}_2 \cdot \hat{r}_3)$

1 length + 1 direction

(r_1, \hat{r}_1)

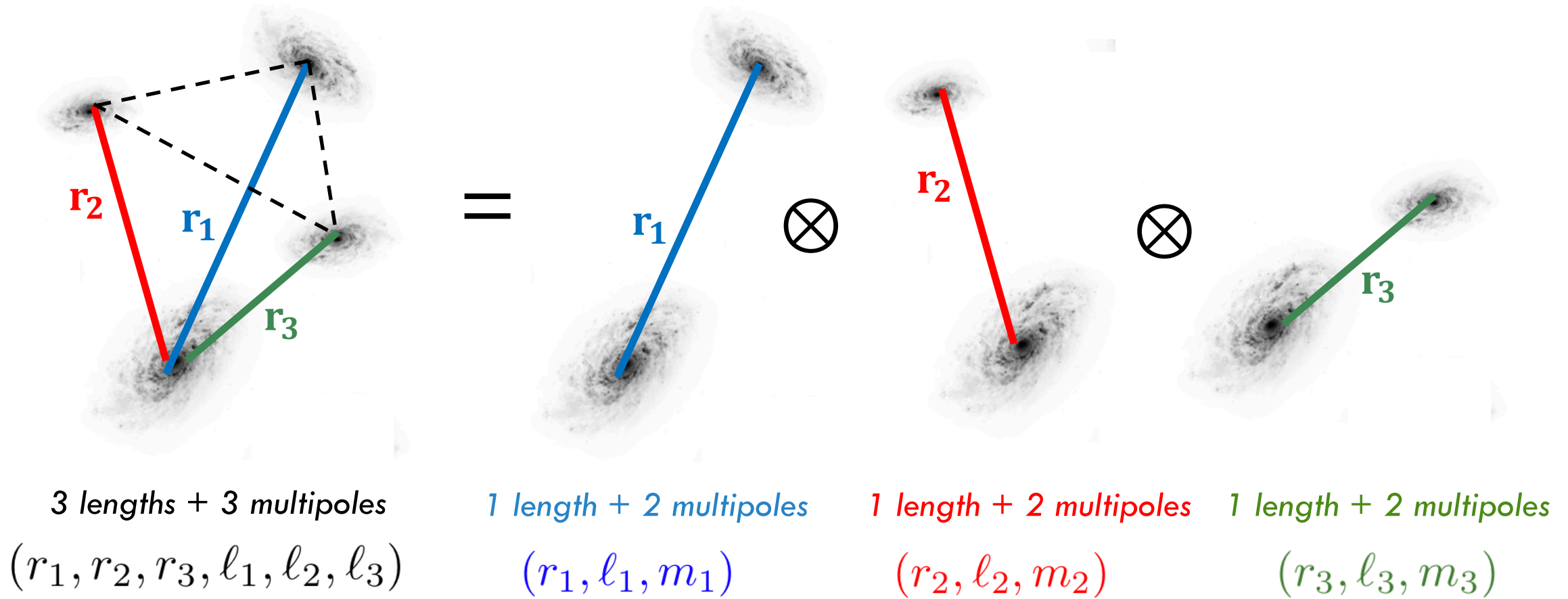
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(r_2, \hat{r}_2)

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(r_3, \hat{r}_3)

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ANGULAR MOMENTUM BASIS

Expand 4PCF in basis of **isotropic functions**

$$\zeta_4(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) = \sum_{l_1 l_2 l_3} \zeta_{l_1 l_2 l_3}(r_1, r_2, r_3) \mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3)$$

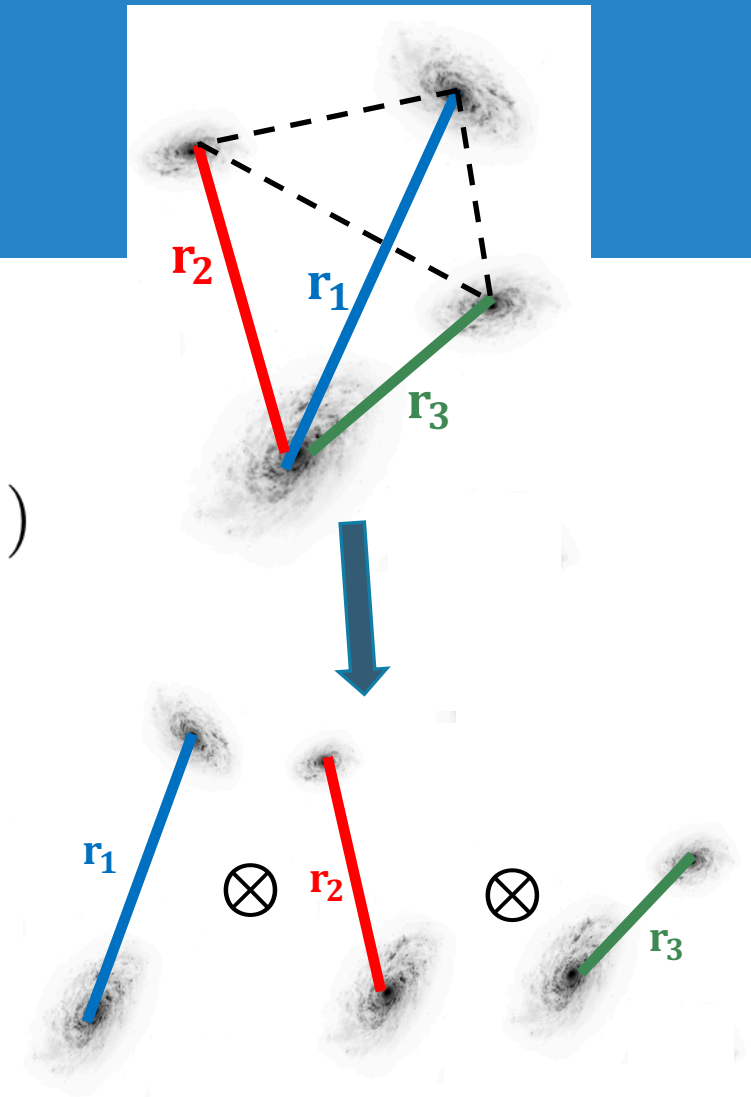
Coefficients

Basis Functions

Basis formed from **angular momentum addition** in 3D

$$\mathcal{P}_{l_1 l_2 l_3}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3) = \sum_{m_1 m_2 m_3} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} Y_{l_1 m_1}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_1) Y_{l_2 m_2}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_2) Y_{l_3 m_3}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_3)$$

This is **separable** in $\hat{\mathbf{r}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3$



A SEPARABLE BASIS \Rightarrow A QUADRATIC ESTIMATOR

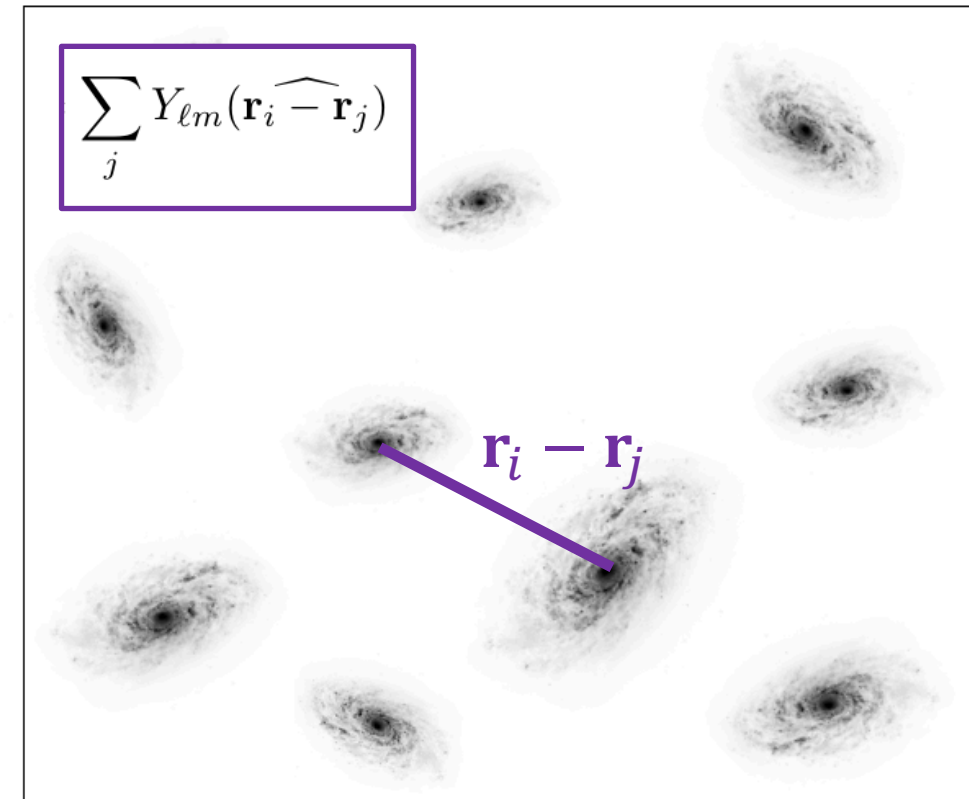
$$\hat{\zeta}_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}(r_1, r_2, r_3) = \sum_{m_1 m_2 m_3} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 & \ell_2 & \ell_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} \int d\mathbf{x} \delta_g(\mathbf{x}) \left[\int_{\mathbf{r}_1} \delta_g(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}_1) Y_{\ell_1 m_1}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_1) \right] \left[\int_{\mathbf{r}_2} \delta_g(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}_2) Y_{\ell_2 m_2}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_2) \right] \left[\int_{\mathbf{r}_3} \delta_g(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}_3) Y_{\ell_3 m_3}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_3) \right]$$

The estimator **factorizes** into **independent pieces**

To compute the 4PCF: count *pairs* of galaxies

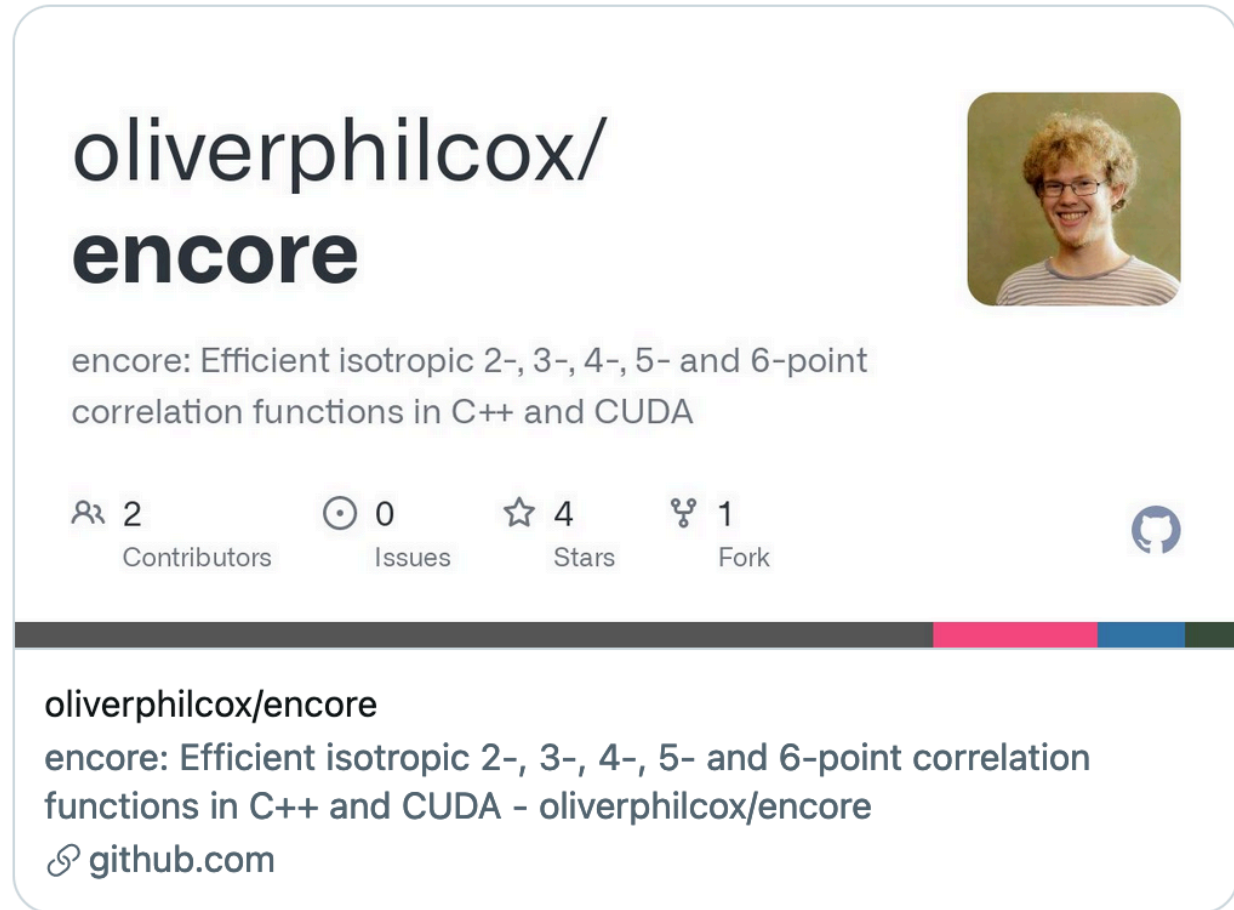
Total number of pairs: $\mathcal{O}(N_g^2)$

This can be computed!



ENCORE: ULTRA-FAST N-POINT FUNCTIONS

- ▶ Public C++/CUDA code
- ▶ Computes isotropic 2-, 3-, 4-, 5- and 6-point correlation functions
- ▶ Corrects for **survey geometry**
- ▶ Requires ~ 10 CPU-hours to compute 4PCF of current data



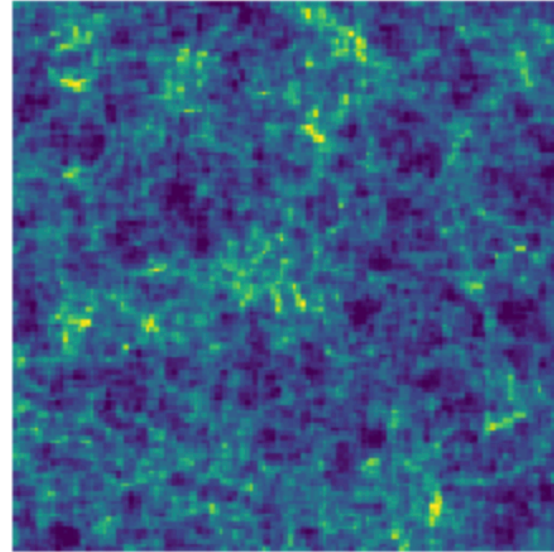
The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `oliverphilcox/encore`. The repository name is displayed in large, bold black text. To the right is a profile picture of a young man with glasses and curly hair. Below the repository name, the description reads: "encore: Efficient isotropic 2-, 3-, 4-, 5- and 6-point correlation functions in C++ and CUDA". Below the description, there are statistics: 2 Contributors, 0 Issues, 4 Stars, and 1 Fork. A GitHub logo is visible on the right. At the bottom, there is a link to the repository on GitHub: `oliverphilcox/encore` and a link to the repository on GitHub: `github.com`.

See [GitHub.com/oliverphilcox/encore](https://github.com/oliverphilcox/encore)

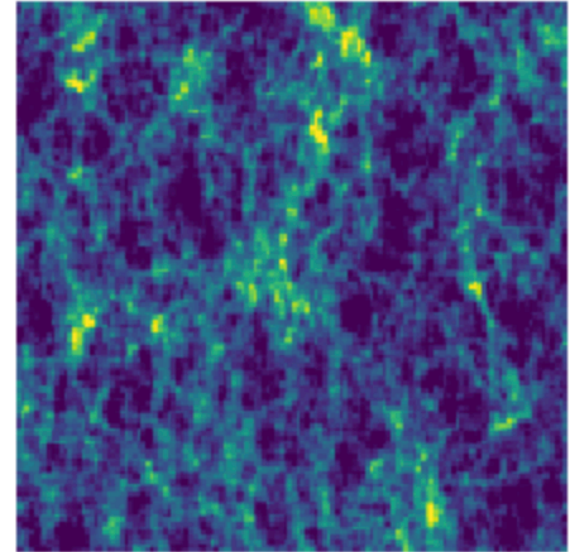
BEYOND THE 4-POINT FUNCTION

This generalizes **beyond** the 4PCF

- ▶ 5PCF, 6PCF, ...
- ▶ **Anisotropic** correlation functions
- ▶ Non-Flat Universes
- ▶ Two, Three, Four, ... Dimensions



Real Space

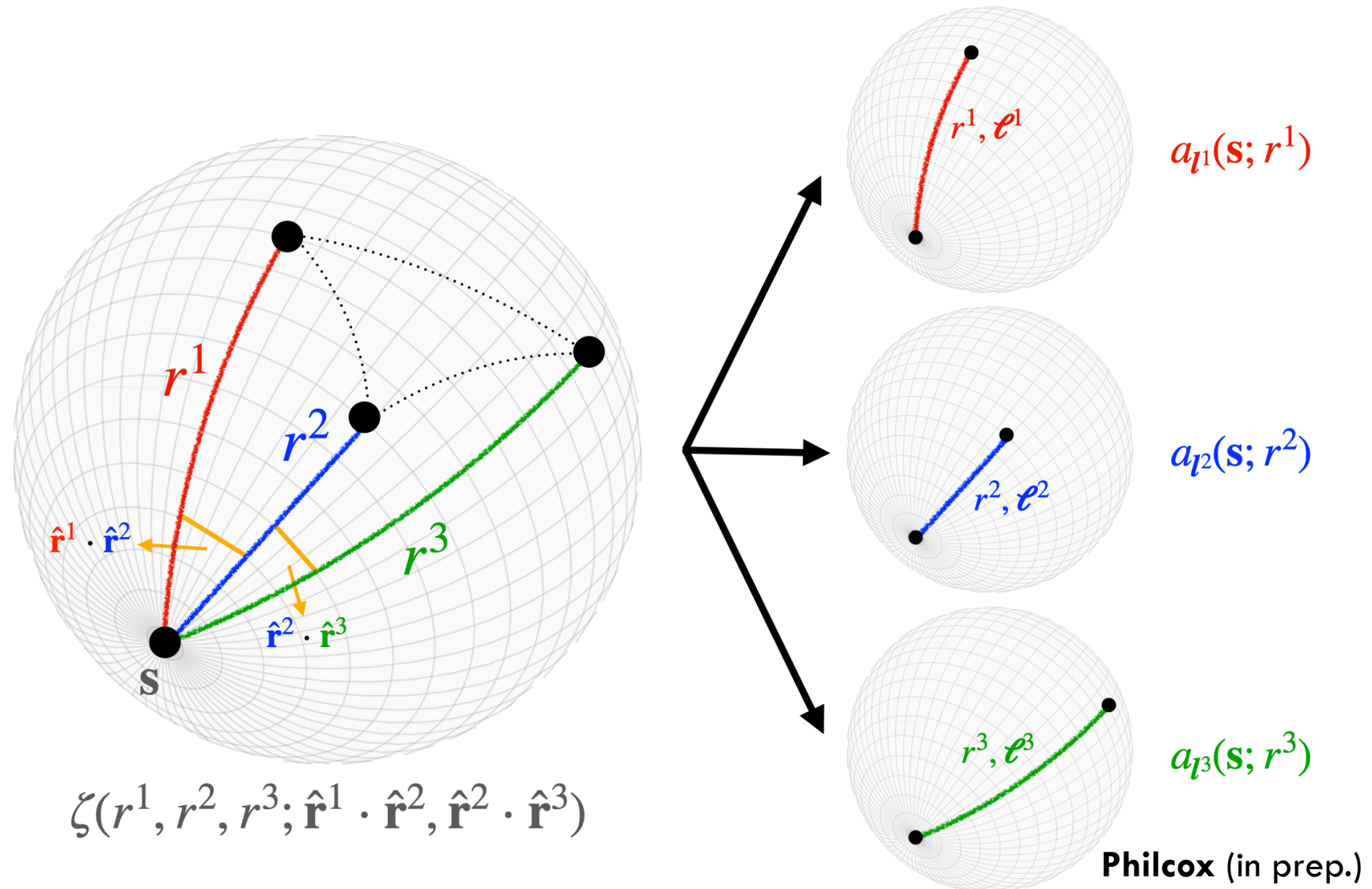


Redshift Space

Requires the addition of N angular momenta in D dimensions [*i.e.* $so(D)$ Lie algebra]

CORRELATION FUNCTIONS ON THE 2-SPHERE

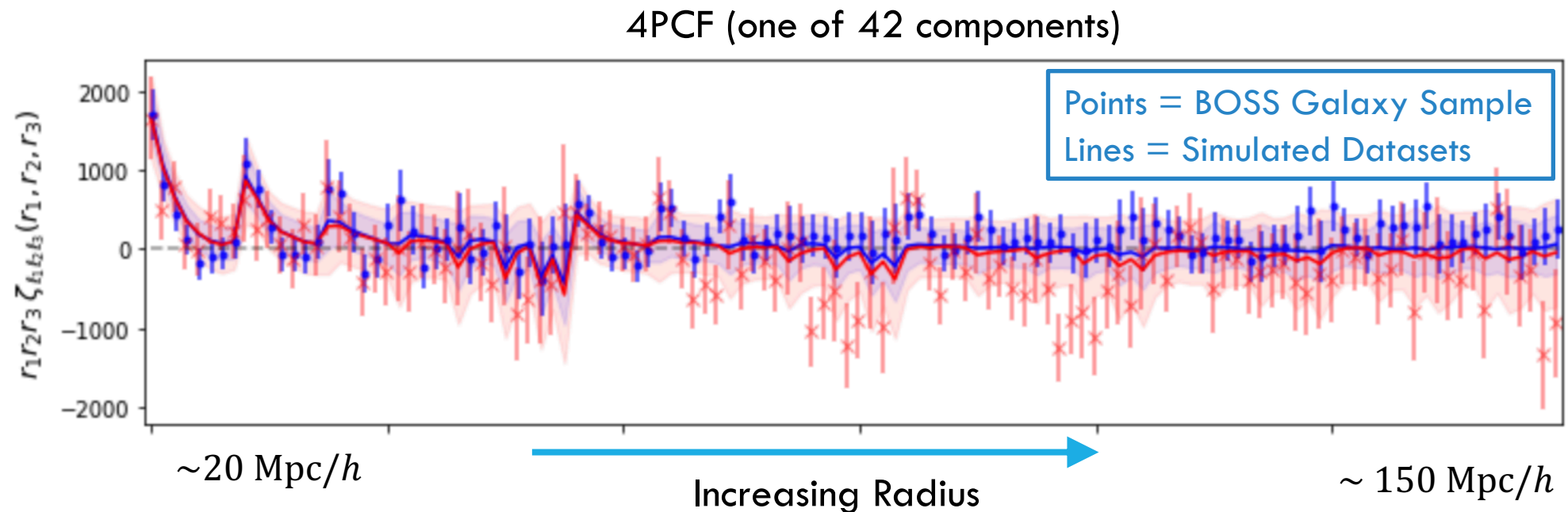
- ▷ Create as basis on the 2-sphere
- ▷ Basis functions are $e^{i\ell(\phi_1 - \phi_2)}$
- ▷ Also computable in $O(N_g^2)$ time



MEASURING THE 4-POINT FUNCTION

Compute the 4PCF from $\sim 10^6$ **BOSS galaxies**

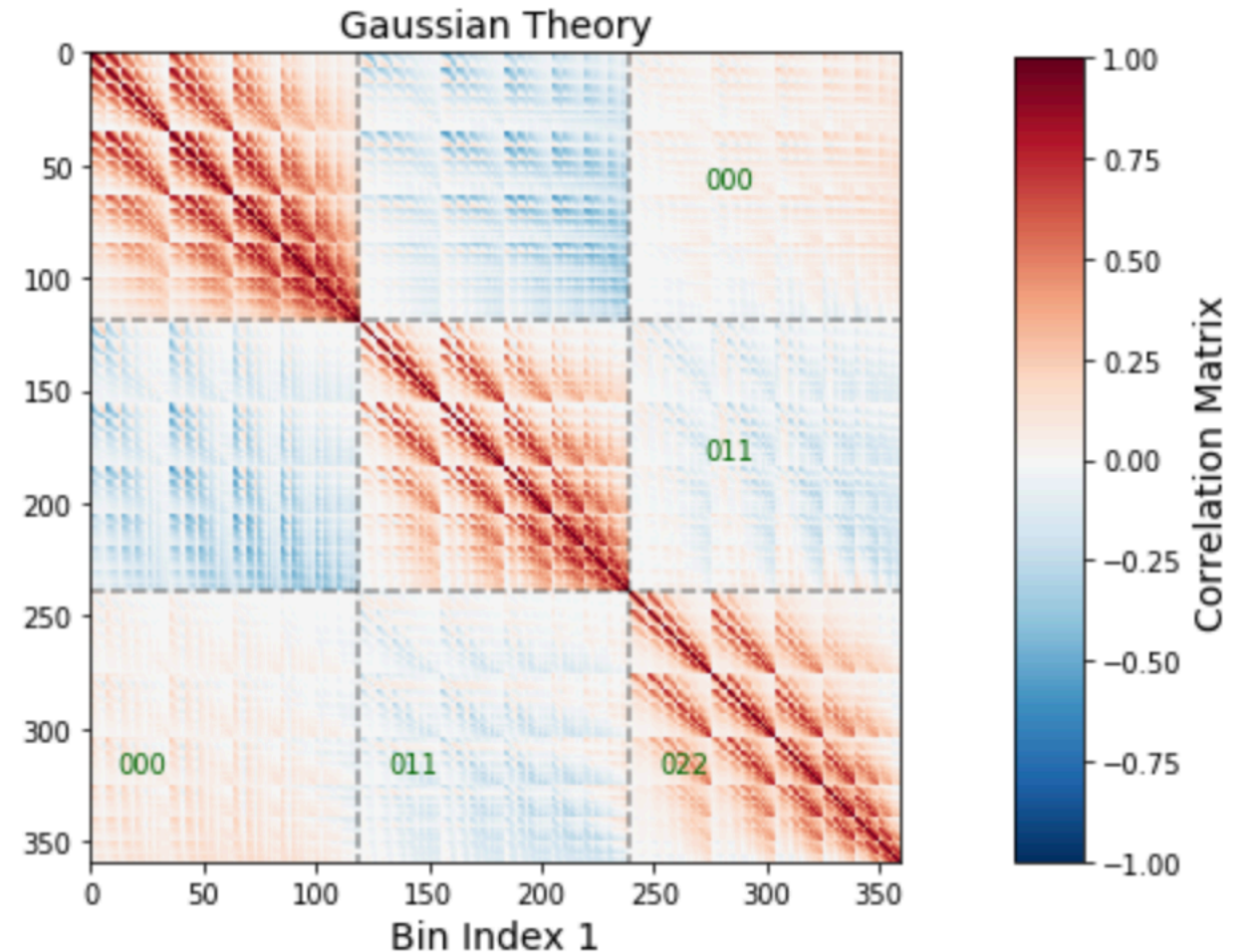
Do we detect a signal?



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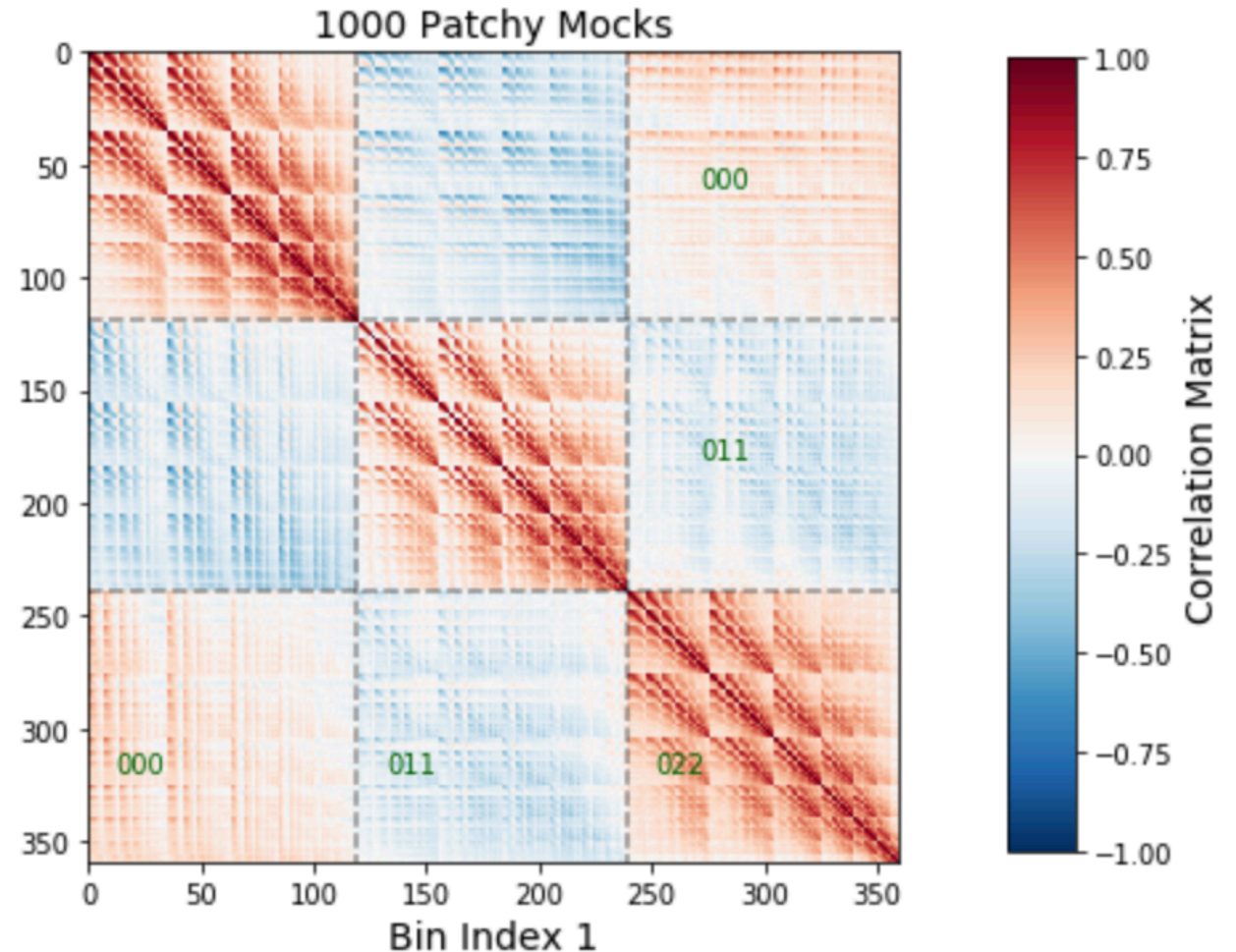
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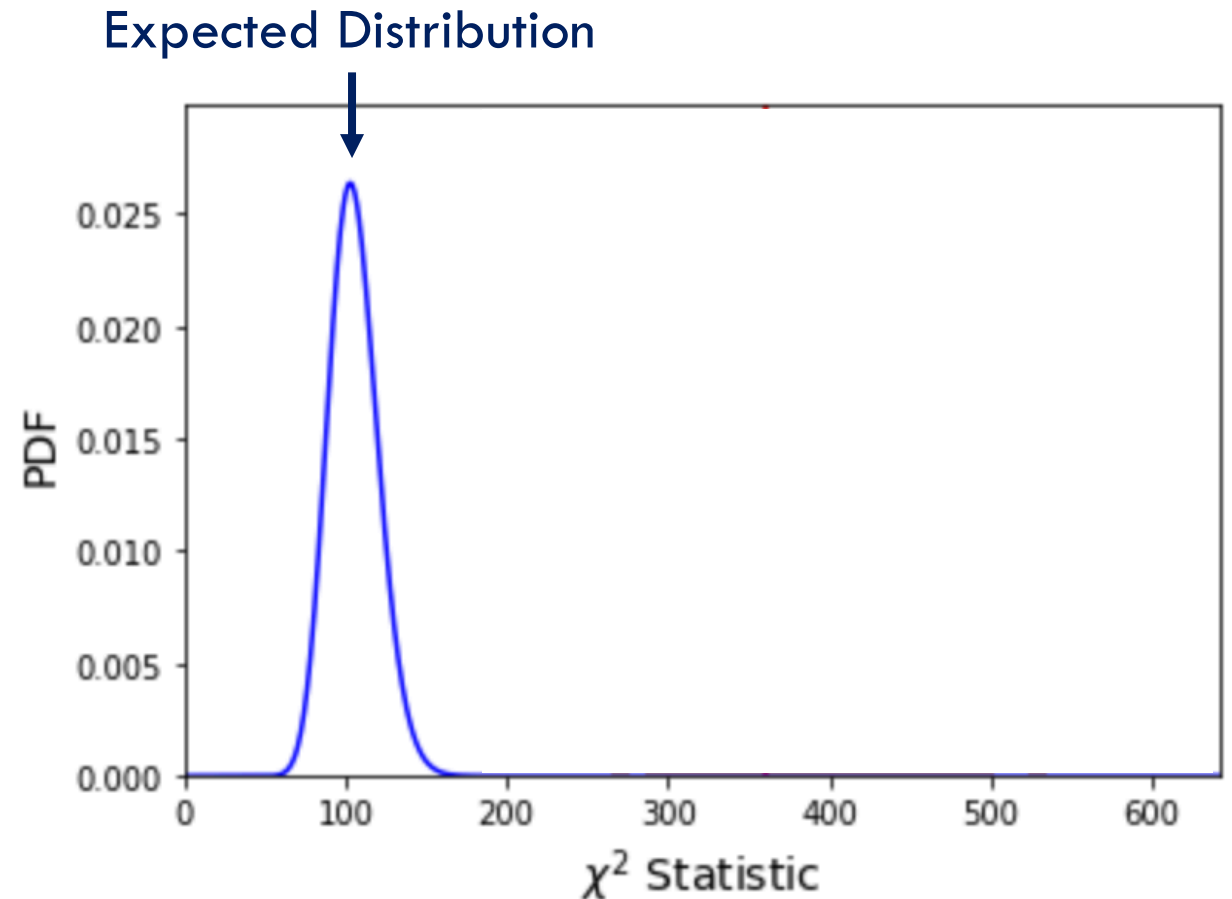
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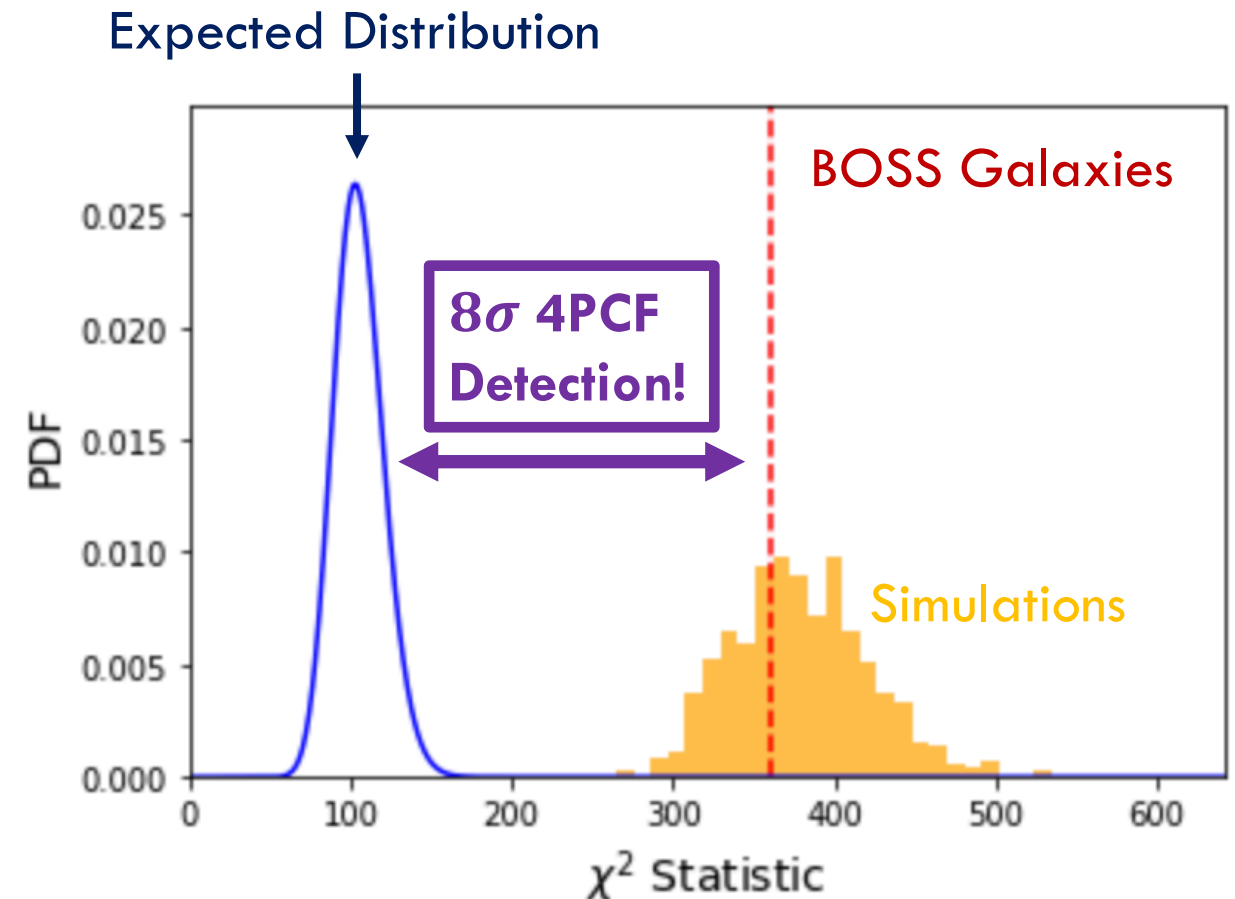
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WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE 4-POINT FUNCTION?

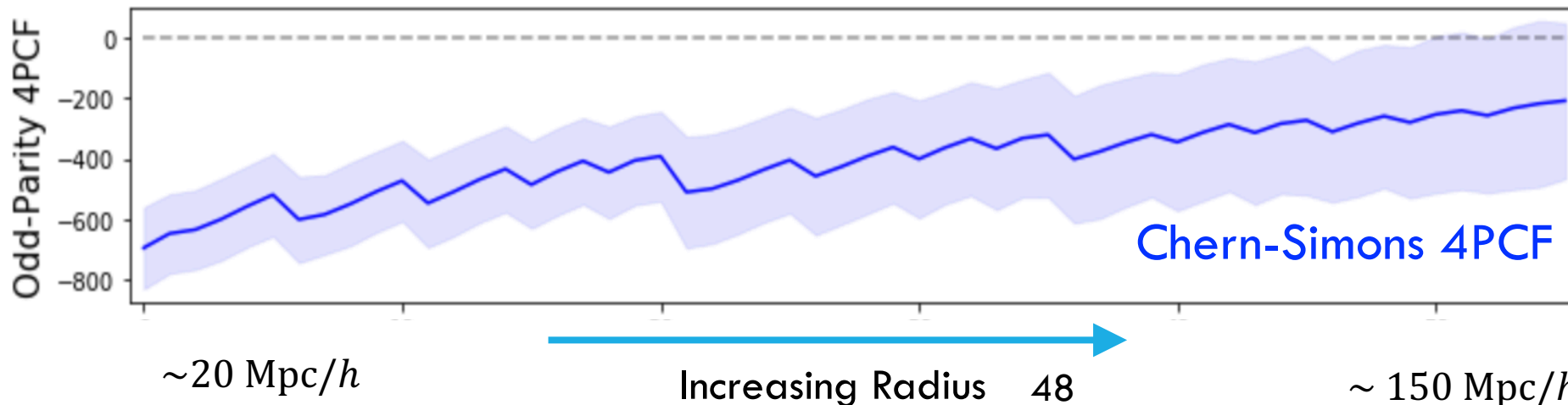
▷ Create a **theory** model and **quantify** information content:

▷ Allows Λ **CDM** information to be extracted

▷ Search for **parity-violating** physics in the BOSS 4PCF

$$\zeta_4(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) - \mathbb{P}[\zeta_4(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3)]$$

▷ Apply to **DESI** data [2× higher precision] and combine with the **CMB**



CONCLUSIONS

- Non-Gaussian statistics:
 1. **Sharpen** cosmological constraints
 2. Probe **non-standard** physics in the early Universe
- **Fast** and **accurate** estimators now available
- Extract **more** information from LSS surveys **without** additional cost

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