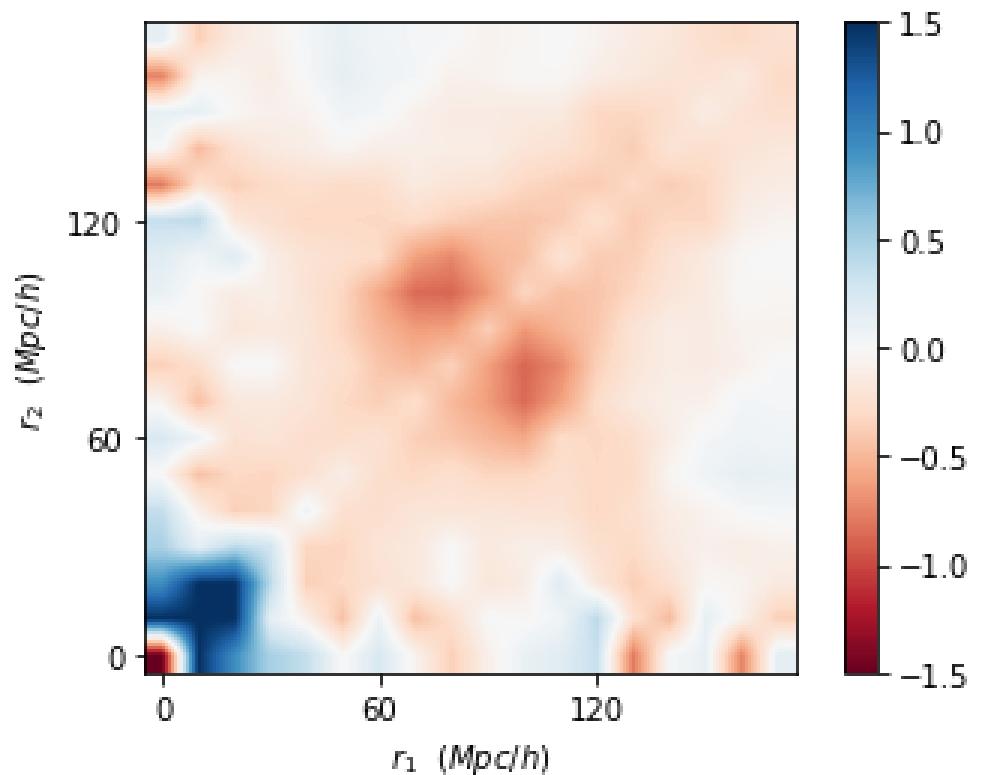


# The three point correlation function: predictions and observables

Gustavo Niz  
(Guanajuato)

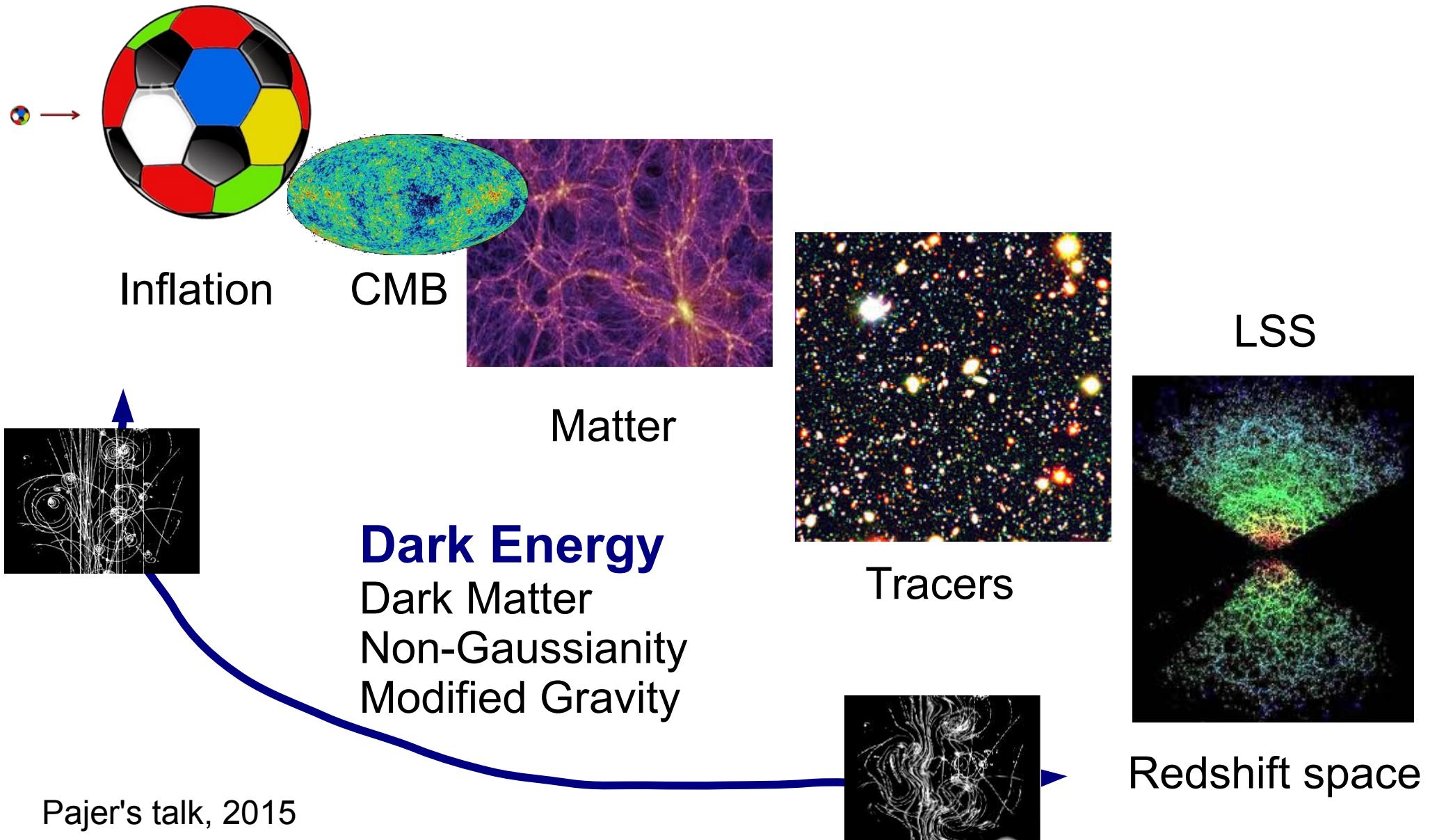


Physics in the “cosmic collider”

The Perturbed Universe

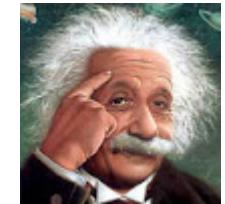
From Quantum Fluctuations to Human Beings...

# *Cosmic collider*



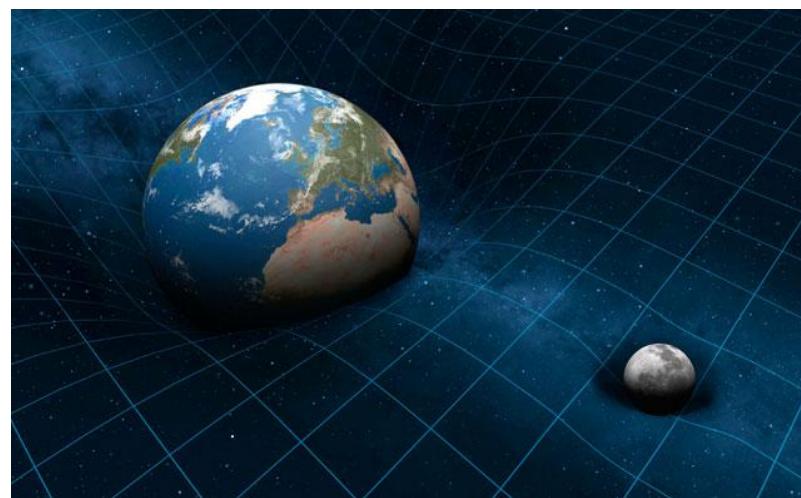
# Simple model

*Einstein (1915)*



$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}$$

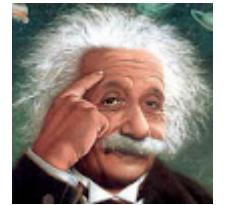
*Space-time  
Geometry*



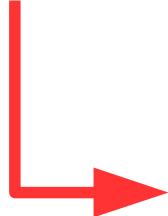
*Matter/energy*

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}$$

# Simple model



$\mu = \nu = 3$

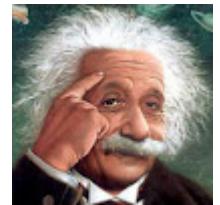


$$\begin{aligned}
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 & \frac{1}{4} g_{00}^{-1} g_{11}^{-1} g_{33}^{-1} \frac{\partial g_{00}}{\partial z} \frac{\partial g_{11}}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2} g_{00}^{-1} g_{11}^{-1} \frac{\partial^2 g_{11}}{\partial t^2} - \frac{1}{4} (g_{00}^{-1})^2 g_{11}^{-1} \frac{\partial g_{00}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial g_{11}}{\partial t} - \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

## Non-linear theory

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}$$

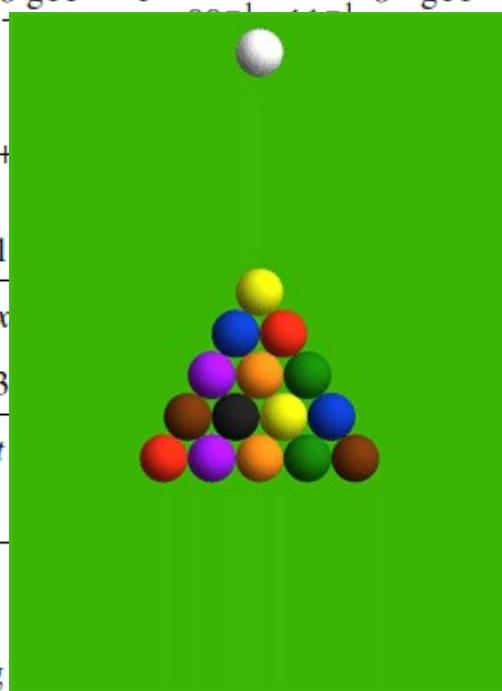
# Simple model



$\mu = \nu = 3$



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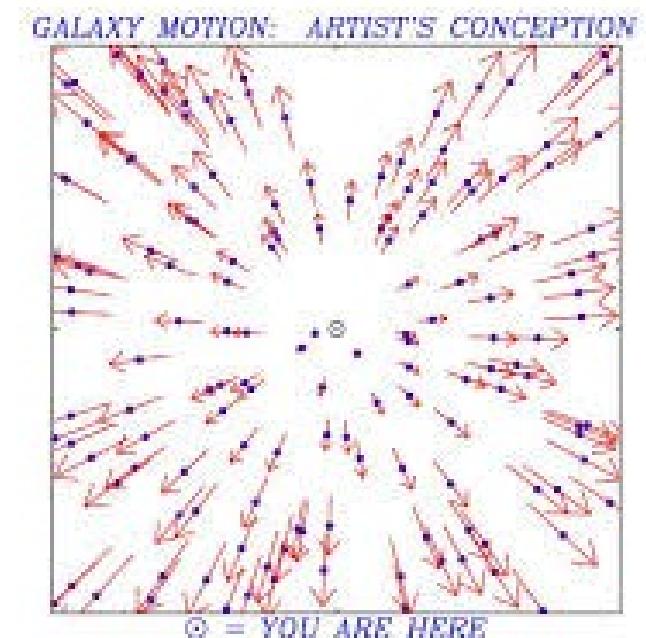
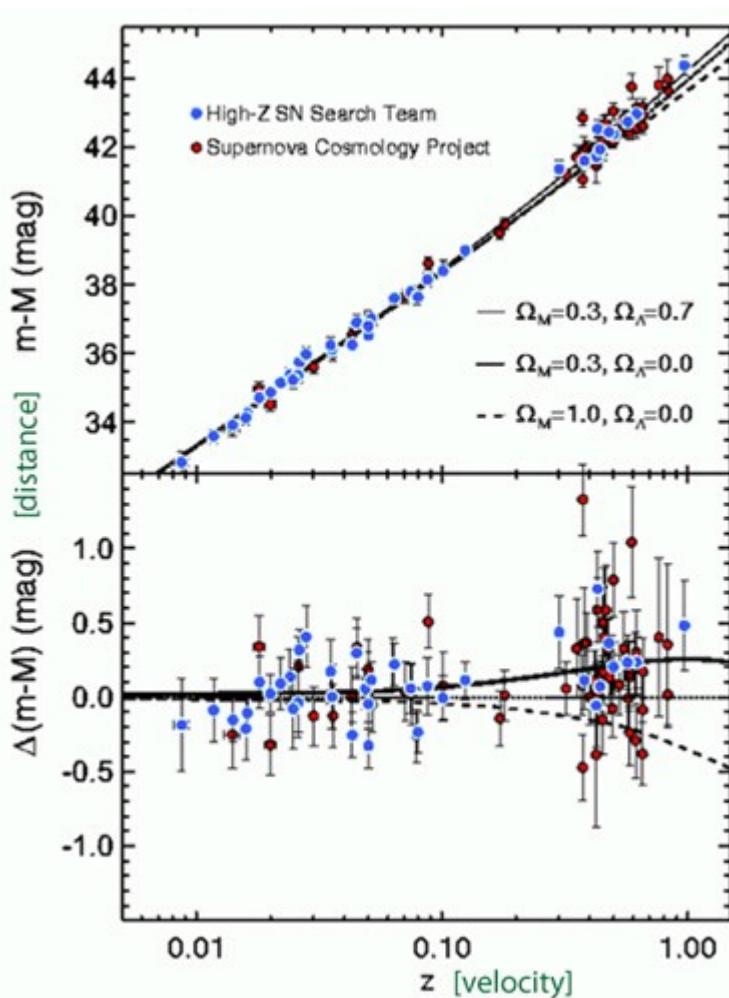


## Describes interactions!

# Simple model

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}$$

Cosmological principle:  
**Isotropy and homogeneity**



Describes well the  
**AVERAGED** Universe

# Beyond average



Universe is not fully homogeneous and isotropic

Trick: Use perturbation theory

$$\rho = \bar{\rho}(1 + \delta) \quad \delta \ll 1$$

# Beyond average

$$\rho = \bar{\rho}(1 + \delta)$$

$$\bar{\rho} \sim 10^{-26} \text{Kg/m}^3$$

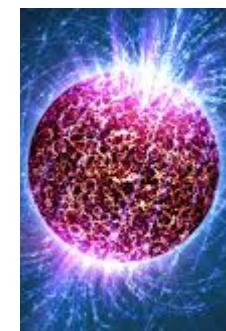
Note that



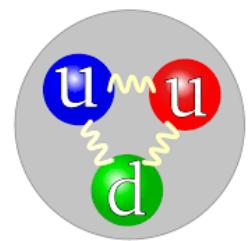
$$\delta \sim 100$$



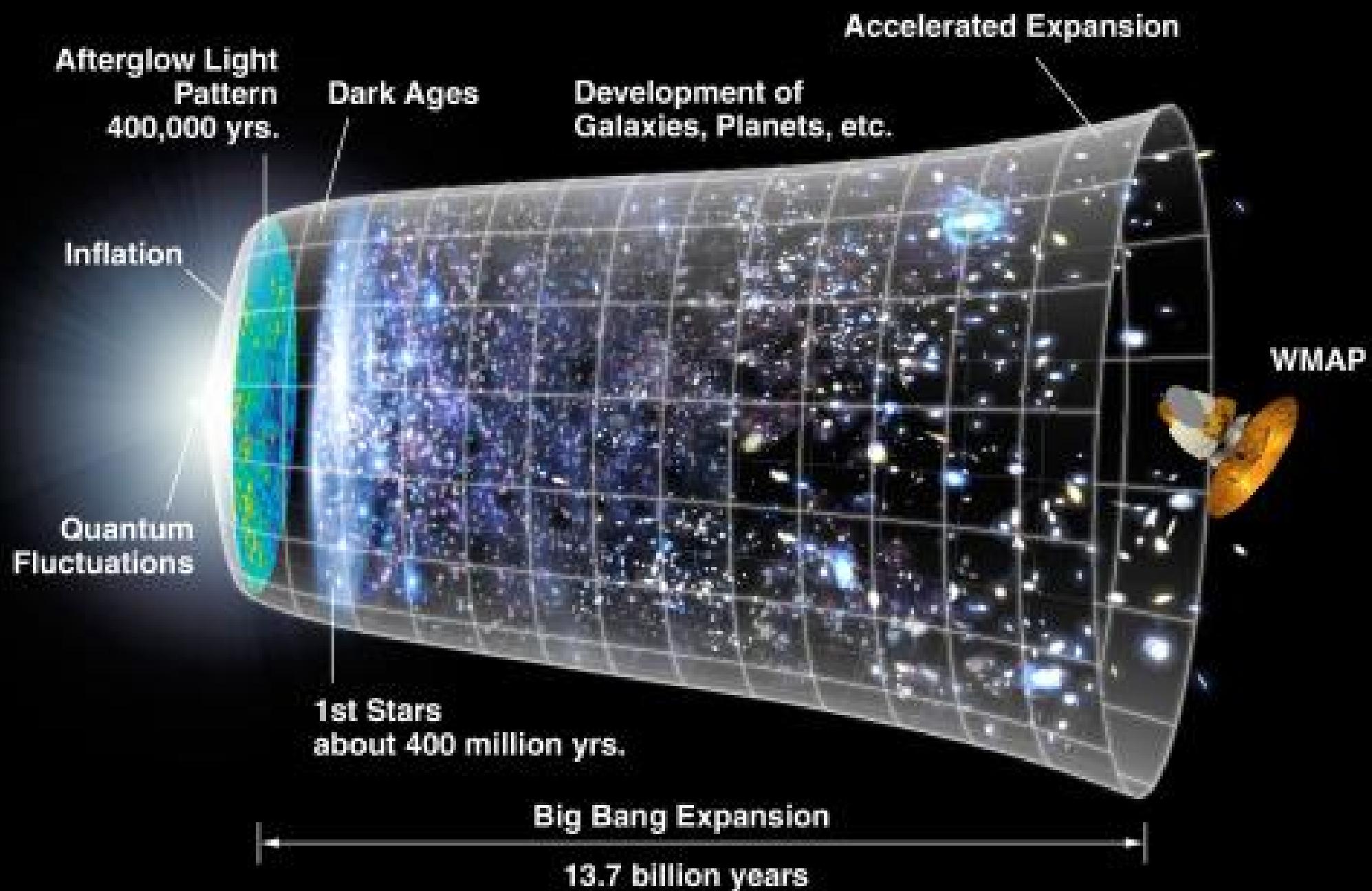
$$\delta \sim 10^{29}$$



$$\delta \sim 10^{43}$$



Could it really describe our Universe?



Accelerated Expansion



Inflation

CMB

QUANTUM

21 CM

about 400 million yrs.

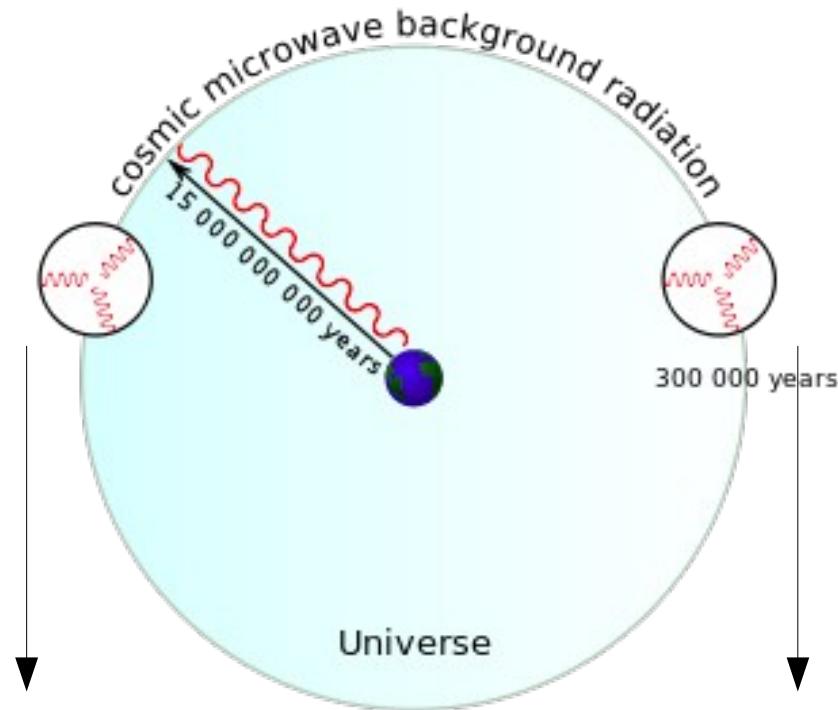
WMAP

LARGE SCALE STRUCTURE (LSS)

Lyman-alpha

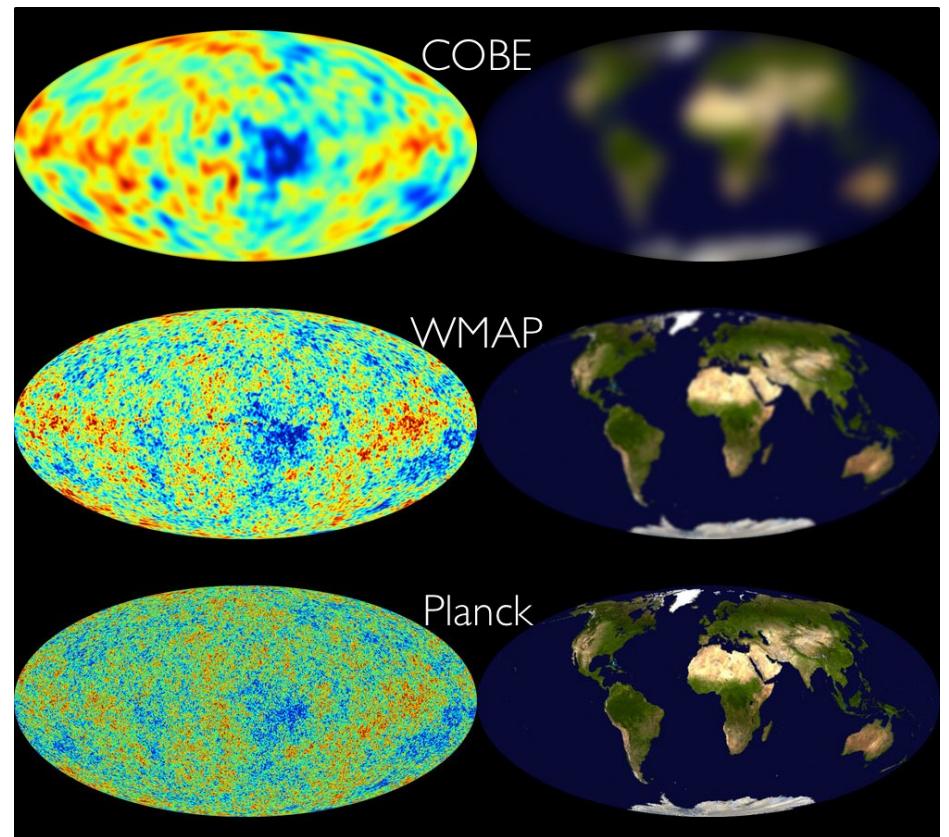
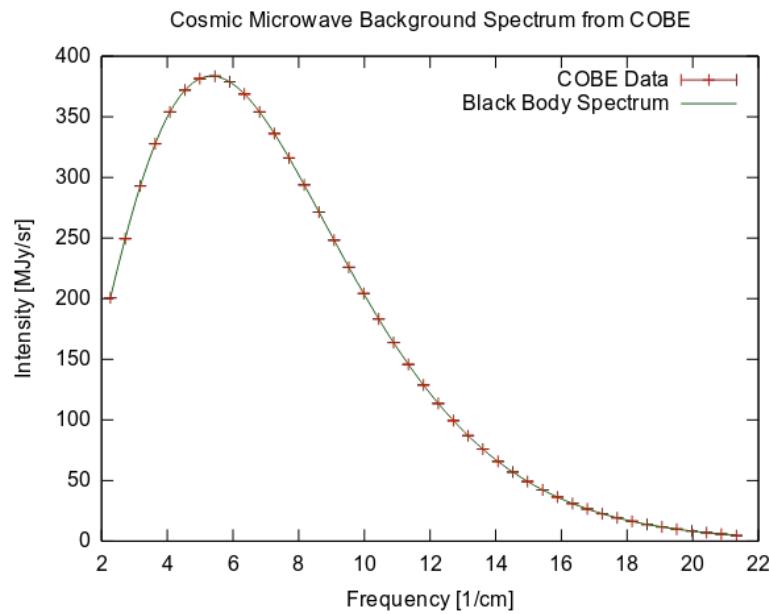
Lensing  
Galaxy clustering

# CMB



**T=2.72517 K**

**T=2.72513 K**

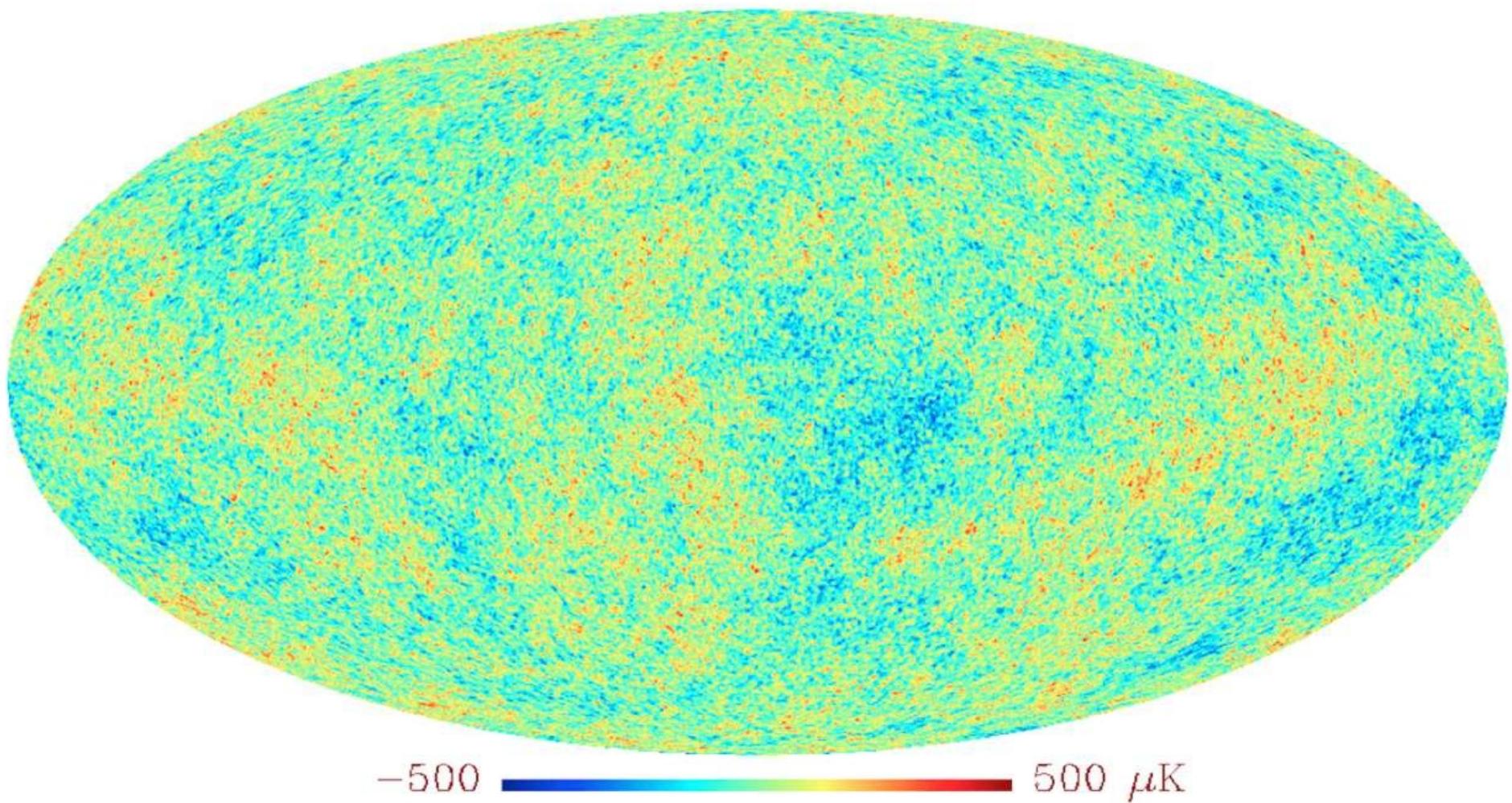


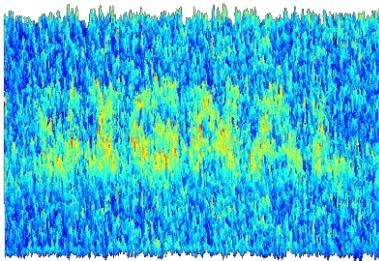
**Amplitude**

$$A \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$$

# CMB perturbations

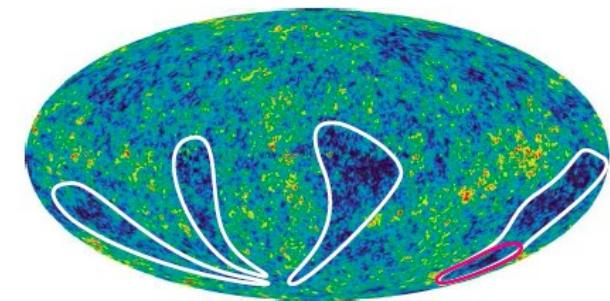
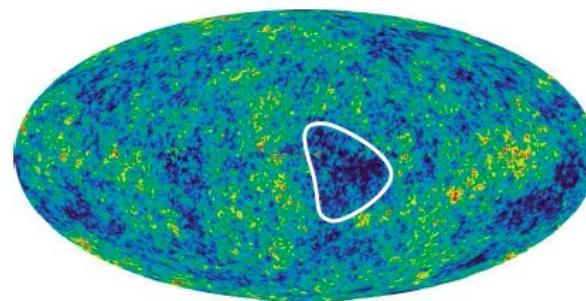
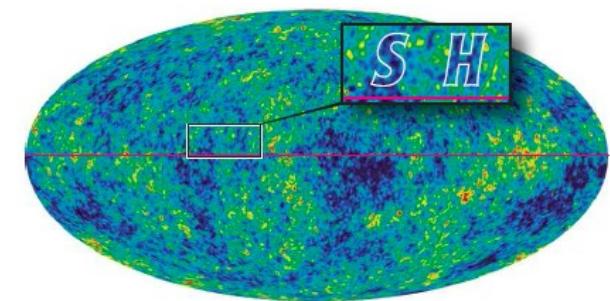
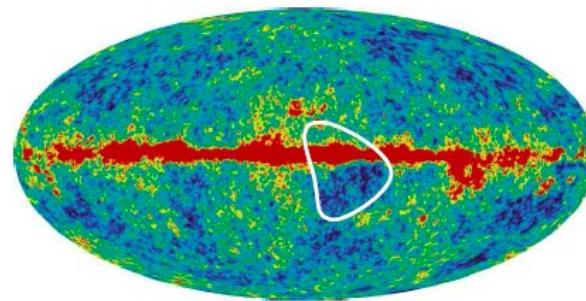
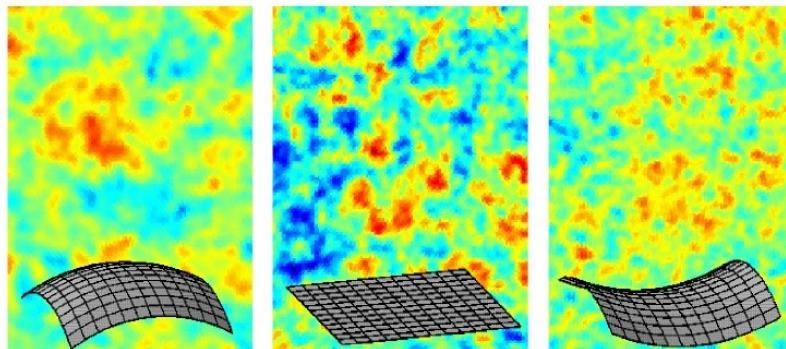
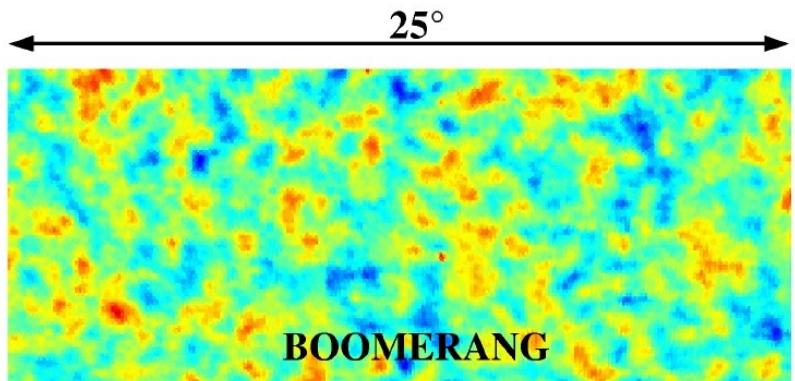
LGMCA





# CMB perturbations

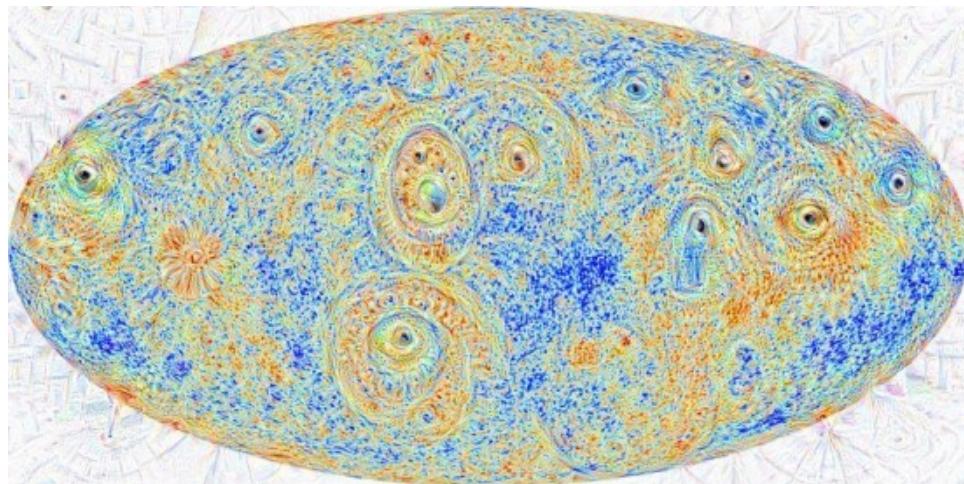
- How do we extract info from a map like this?
- Are there any hidden patterns in this map?



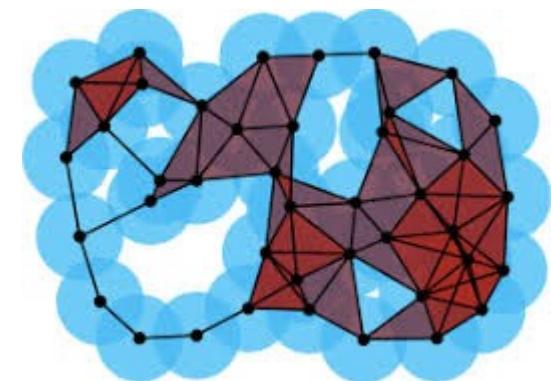
# Characterising distributions

Complex analysis

e.g. Deep Dreaming – Google

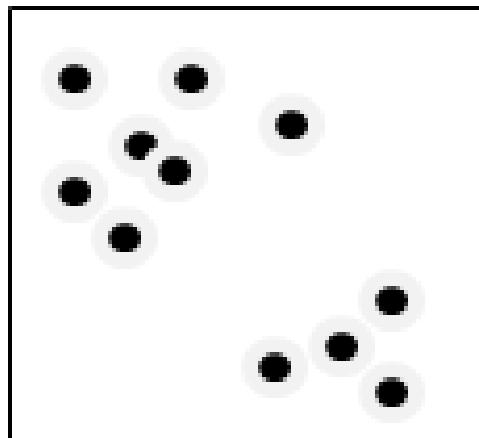
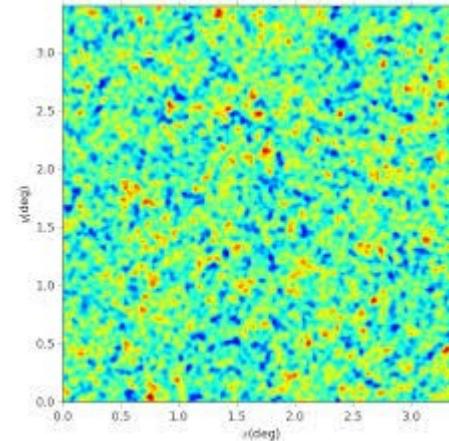


or topological data analysis

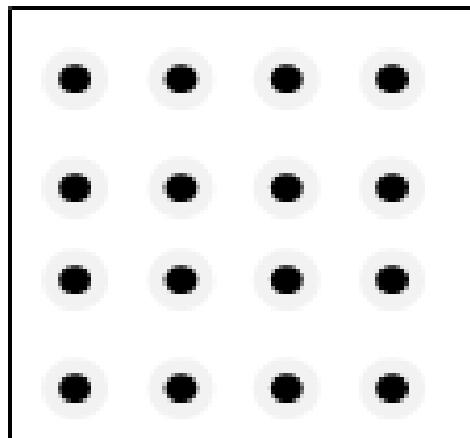


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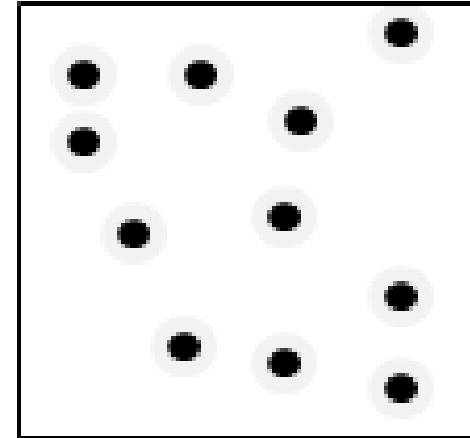
Simpler study



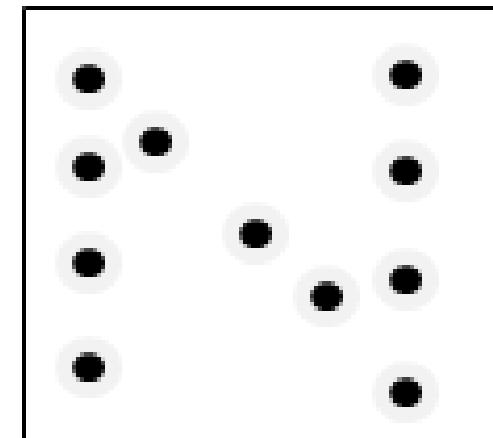
Clusters



Ordered



Random



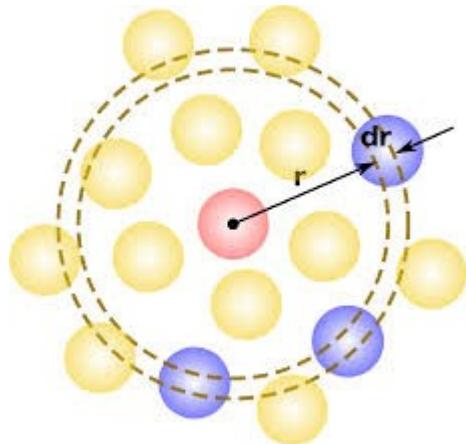
Patterns

# Characterising distributions

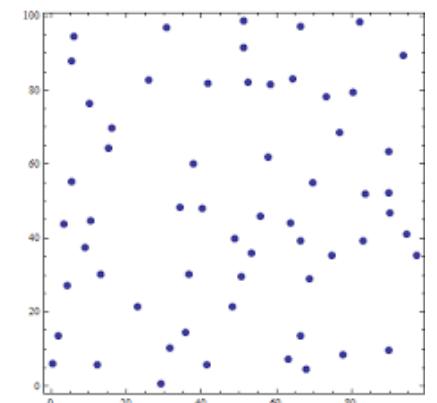
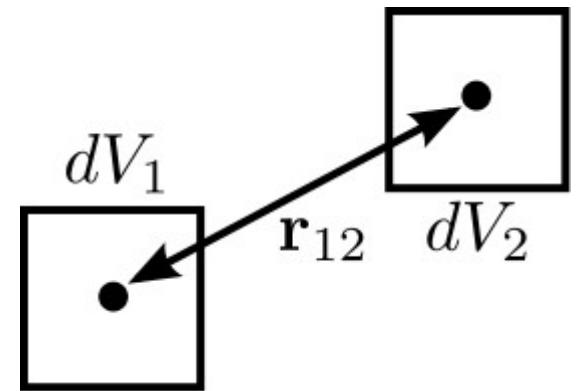
Usual to consider N-point correlation functions

- N=2 ( 2pcf )

$$dP = \bar{n}^2(1 + \xi^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_{12}))dV_1 dV_2$$

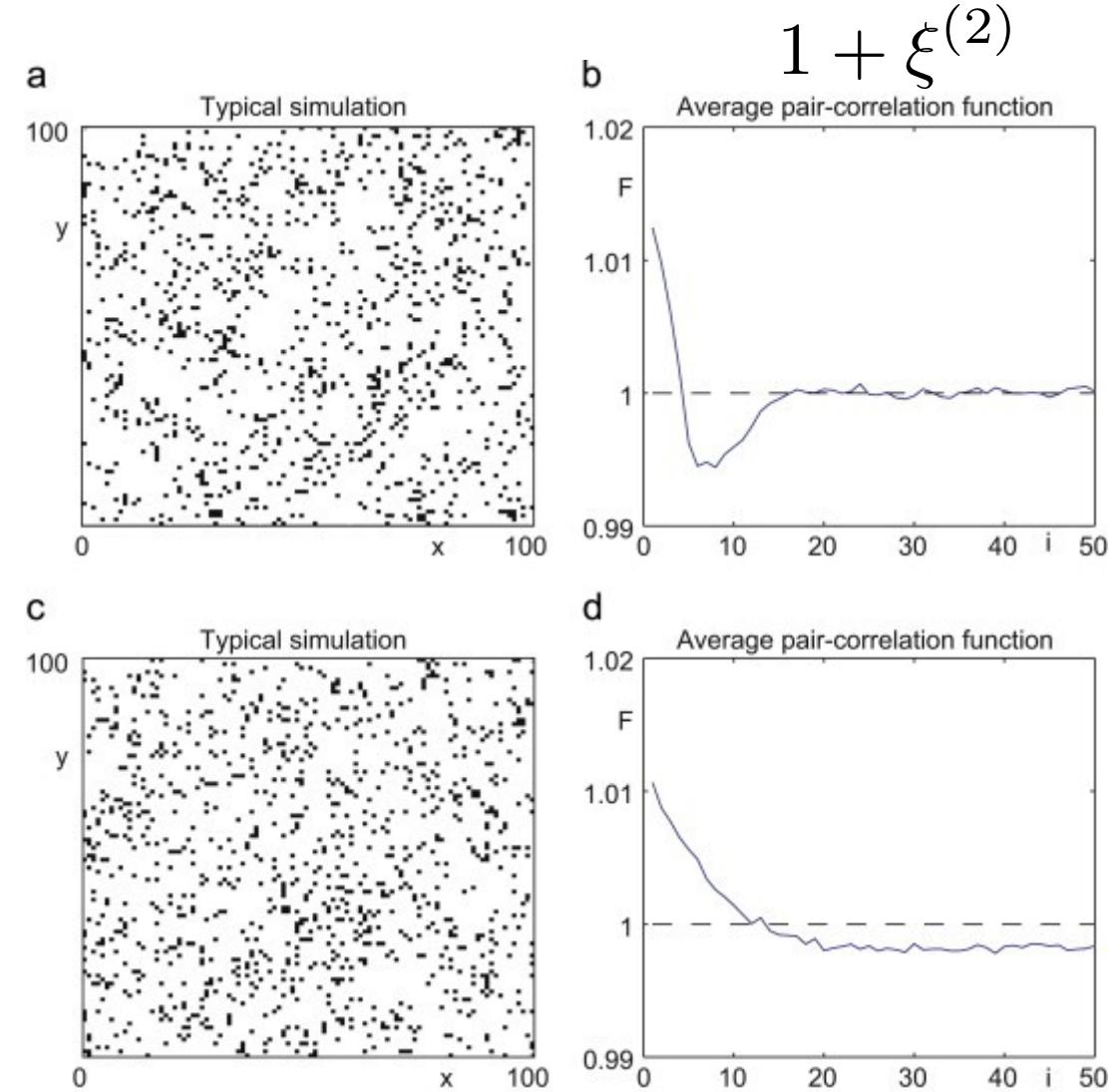
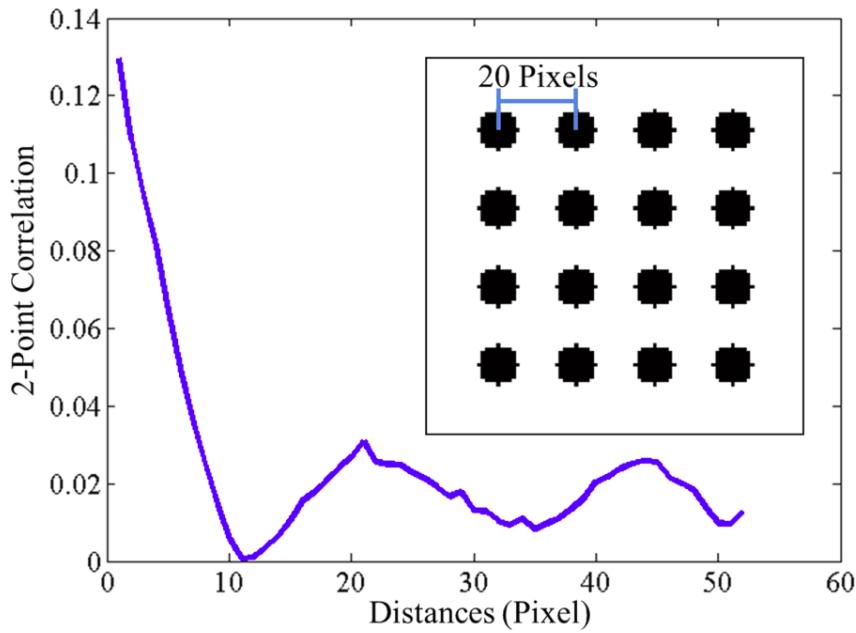


Excess correlation  
over the random pairs



# 2PCF

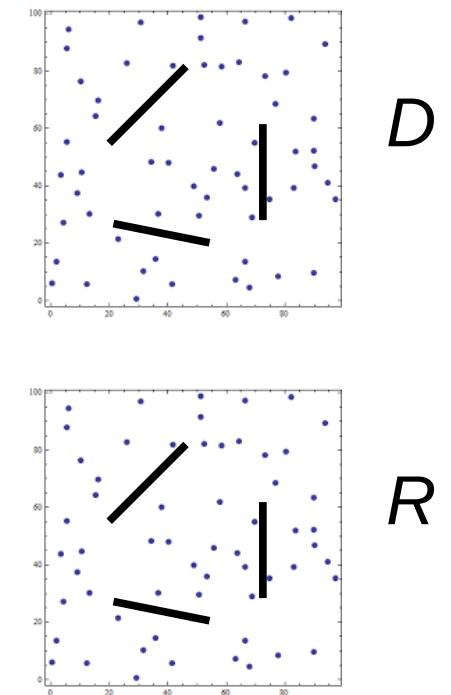
- examples



# 2PCF

Practical way to do it over sample data  
(Estimator of Peebles-Hauser)

$$\xi^{(2)}(r) = \frac{DD(r)}{RR(r)} - 1 = \frac{DD(r) - RR(r)}{RR(r)}$$



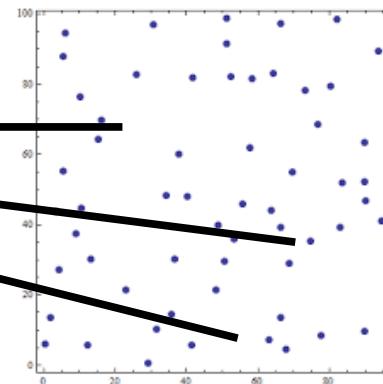
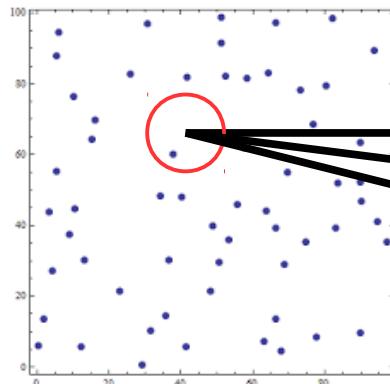
If no. of particles in R and D are not equal:

$$\xi^{(2)} = \frac{N_D(N_D - 1)}{N_R(N_R - 1)} \frac{DD}{RR} - 1$$

# 2PCF

Computing time

$D$  or  $R$



For  $i = 1$  to  $n$

For  $j = 1$  to  $n$   
count( $r$ )



scales as

$$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$$

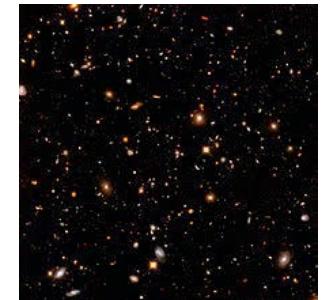
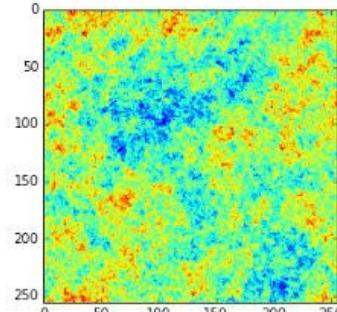
Can do better (eg. kd tree)

$$\mathcal{O}(n \log(n))$$

# 2PCF

Biased estimator!

$$\delta = \frac{n - \bar{n}}{\bar{n}}$$



Sample is volume finite

$$\langle , \rangle = \int dV$$

- $W(r)$ : indicator function  $\rightarrow$  no. points  $= \langle W(r)n(r) \rangle$
- Uncertainty in mean density  $\bar{\delta} = \langle W(r)\delta(r) \rangle$

$$\xi_{PH}^{(2)} = \frac{\xi_{true}^{(2)} - 2\bar{\delta} - \delta^2}{(1 + \delta^2)}$$

# 2PCF

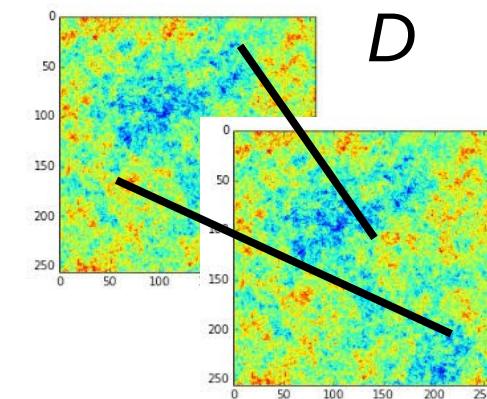
Better estimators

Hamilton

$$\xi_H^{(2)}(r) = \frac{DD(r)RR(r)}{DR(r)^2}$$

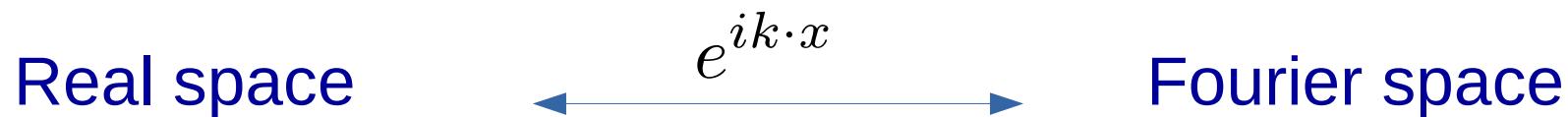
Landy-Szalay

$$\xi_{LZ}^{(2)}(r) = \frac{DD(r) + RR(r) - 2DR(r)}{RR(r)}$$



Correction is second order in  $\bar{\delta}$  in the numerator for both!

# Pair correlations in other spaces

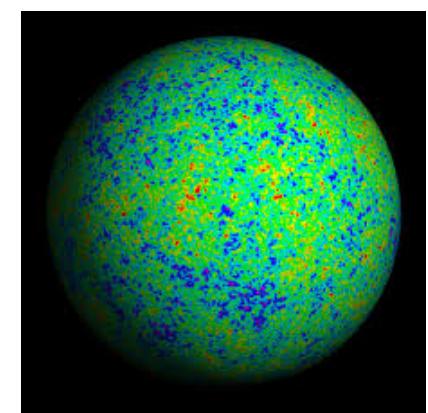


$$\xi^{(2)}(r) = \langle \delta(r)\delta(r') \rangle \quad \langle \delta(k)\delta(k') \rangle = \delta(k - k')P(k)$$

Power Spectrum

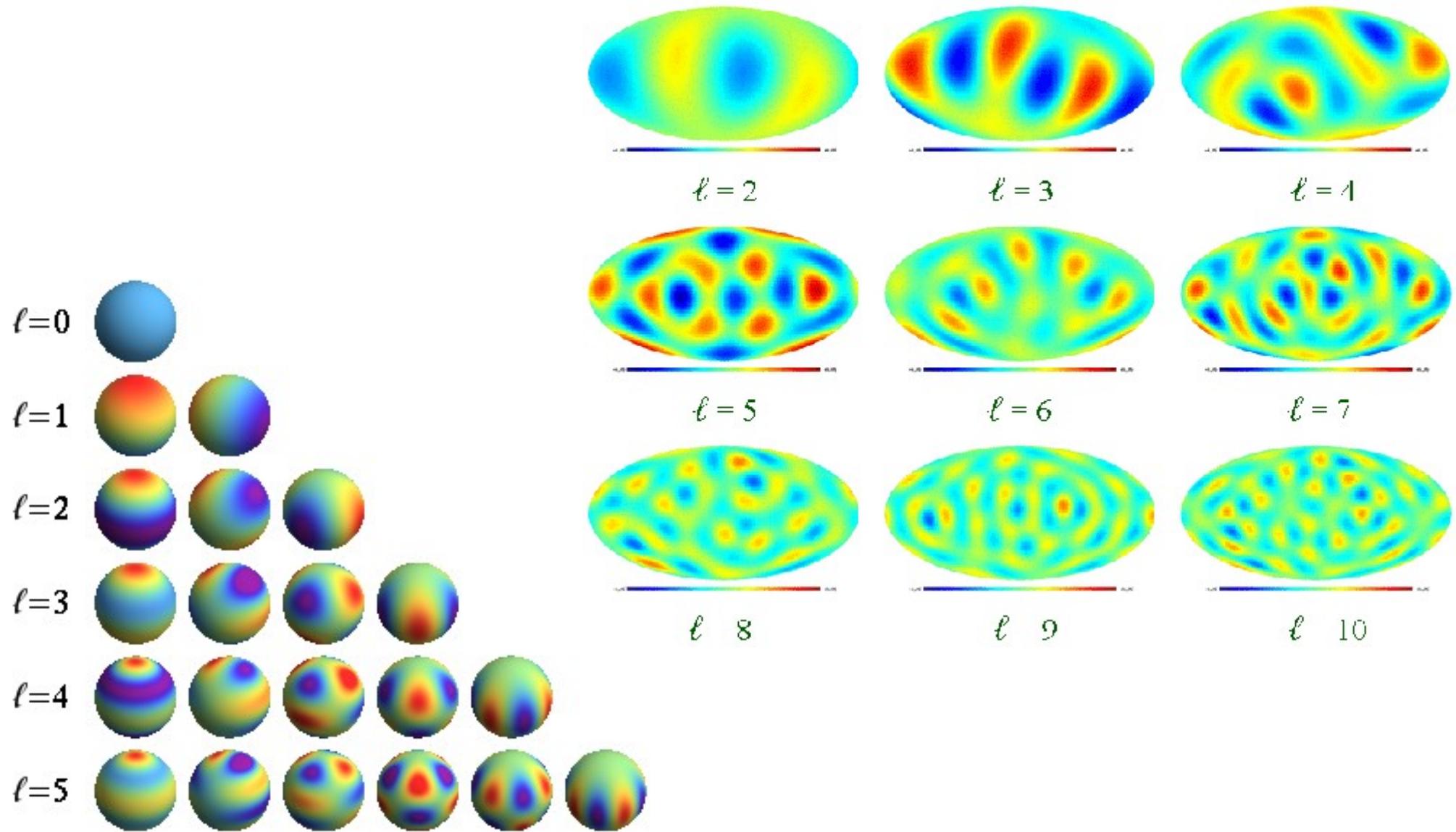
Other basis: e.g. spherical harmonics for CMB

$$\delta = \frac{\Delta T}{\bar{T}} = \sum_{lm} T_{lm} Y_{lm}$$

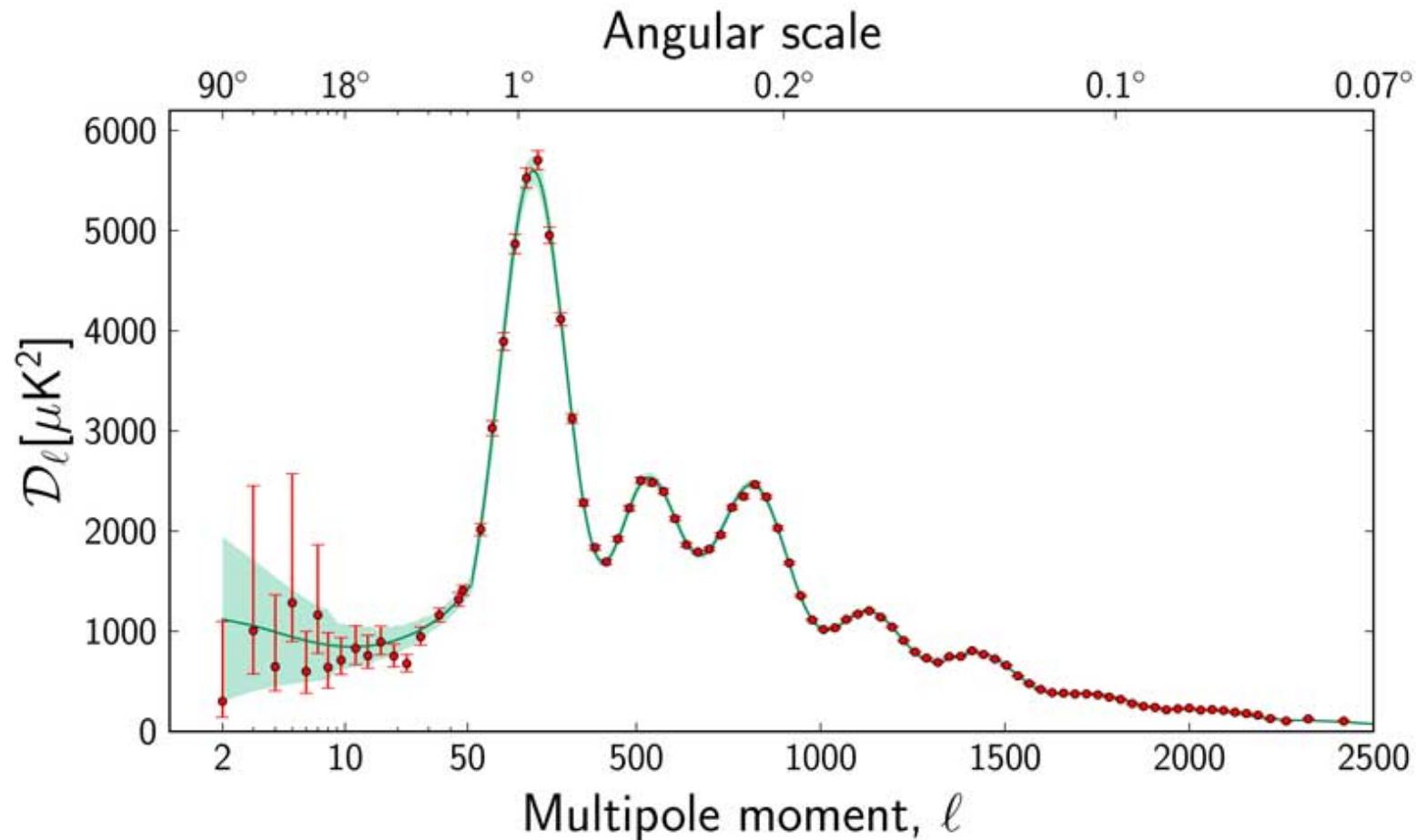


$$\langle T_{lm} T_{l'm'} \rangle = 2\pi \mathcal{D}_l \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

# Returning to the CMB

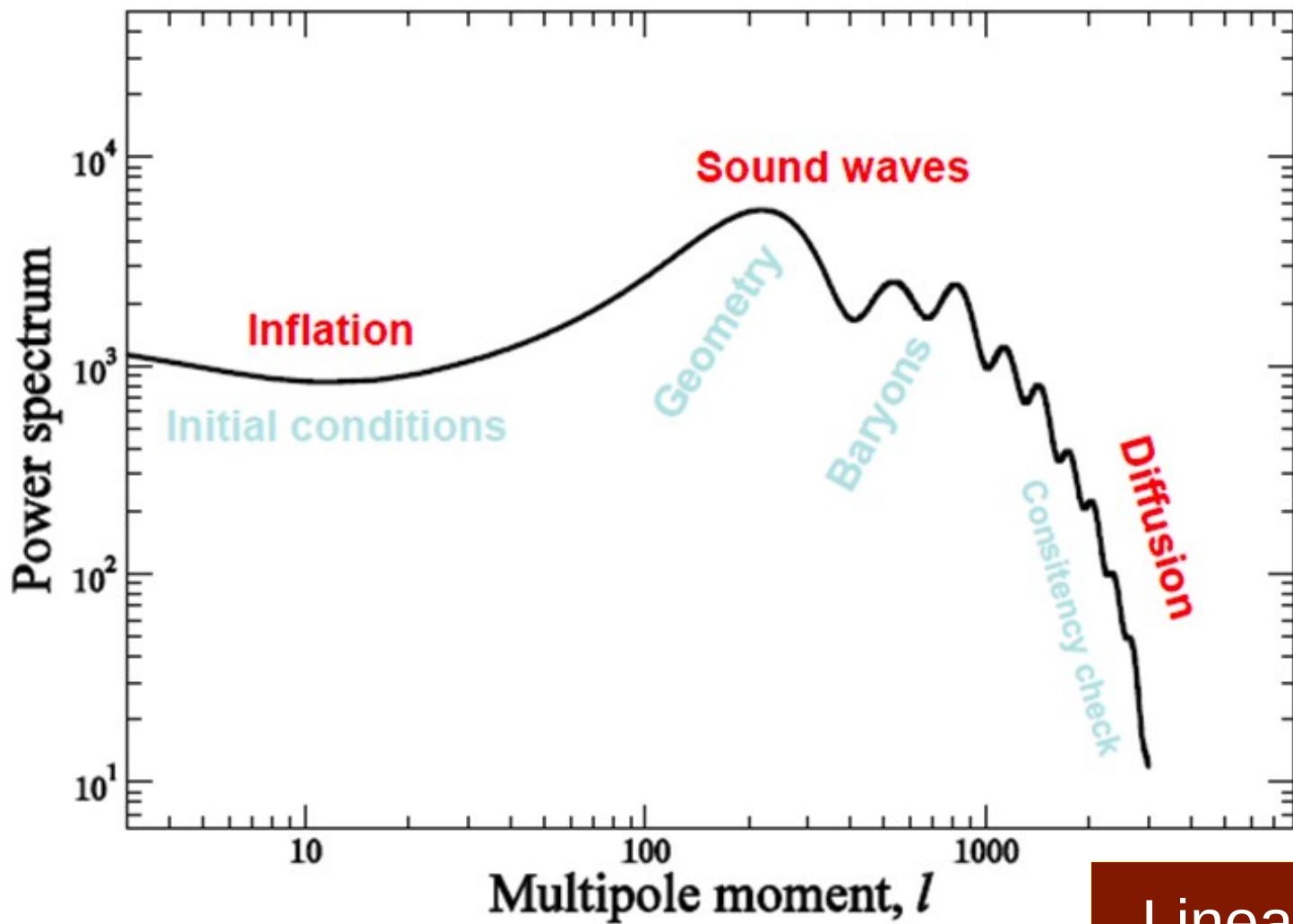


# CMB power spectrum



$$\langle T_{lm} T_{l'm'} \rangle = 2\pi \mathcal{D}_l \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

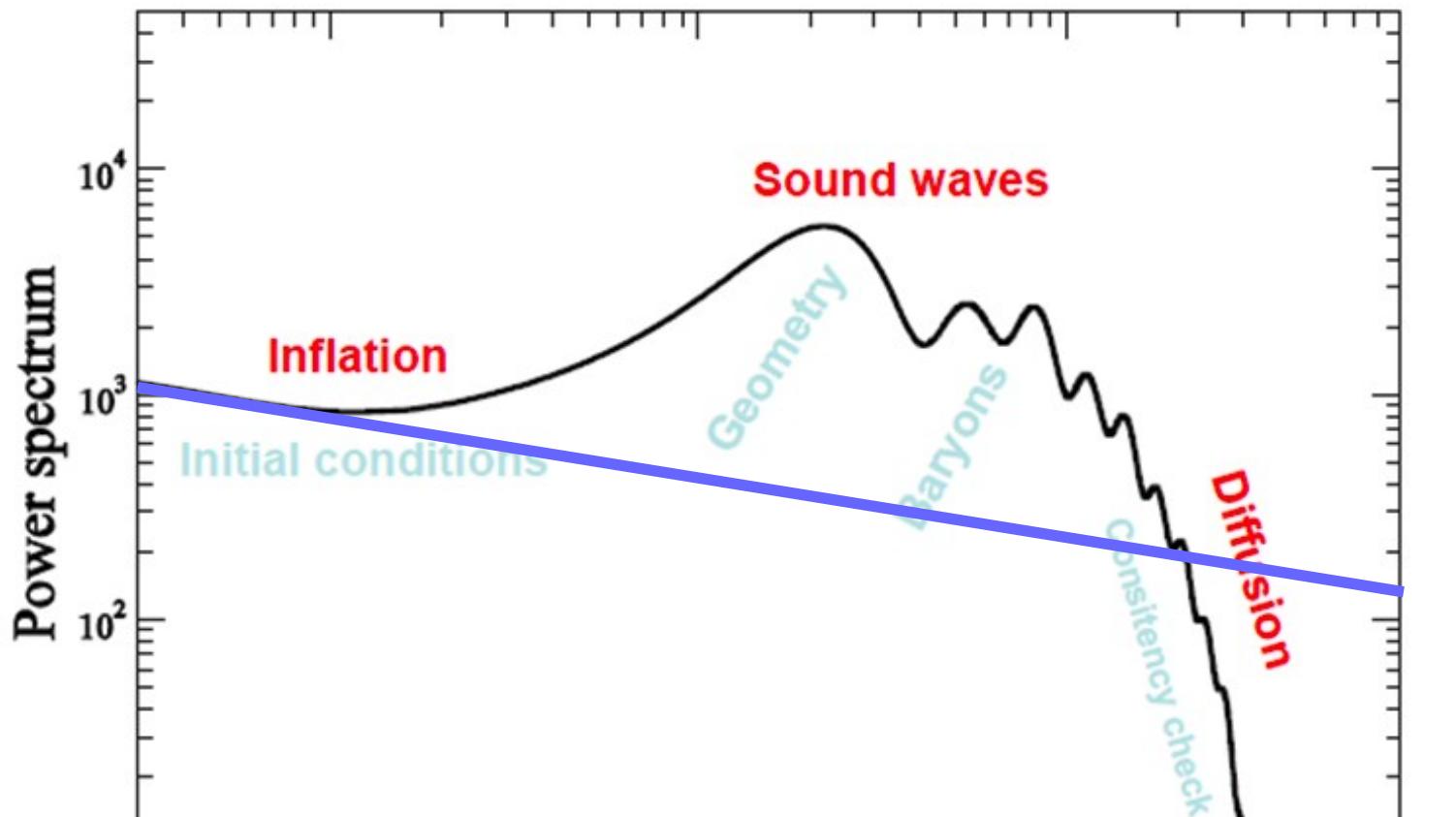
# Overview of the CMB spectrum



From a presentation by Hans Kristian Eriksen (2011)

Linear theory  
Works  
(see A. Vazquez)

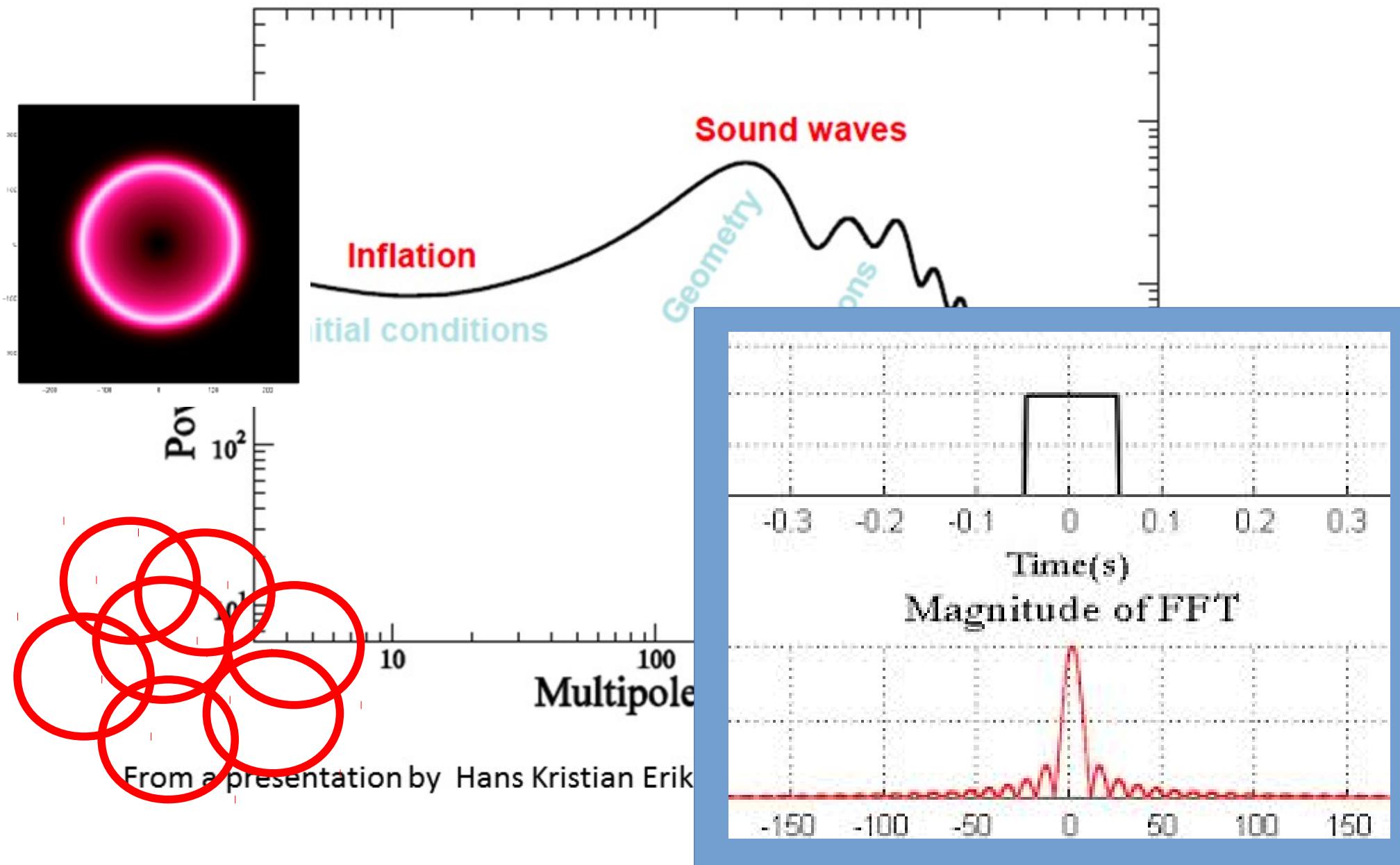
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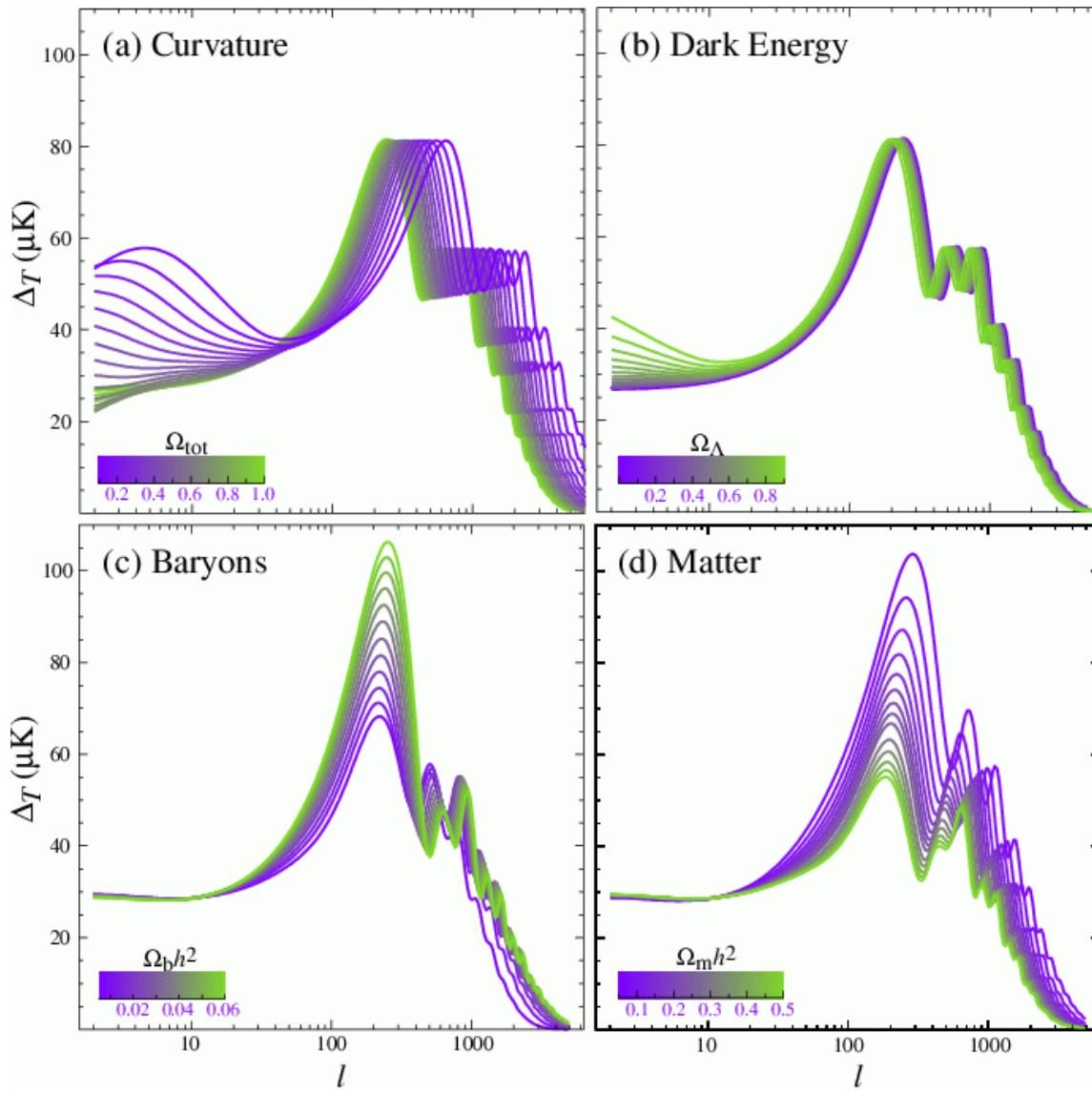
$$P(k) \sim (k)^{1-n_s} \quad n_s \simeq 0.96$$

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# Overview of the CMB spectrum

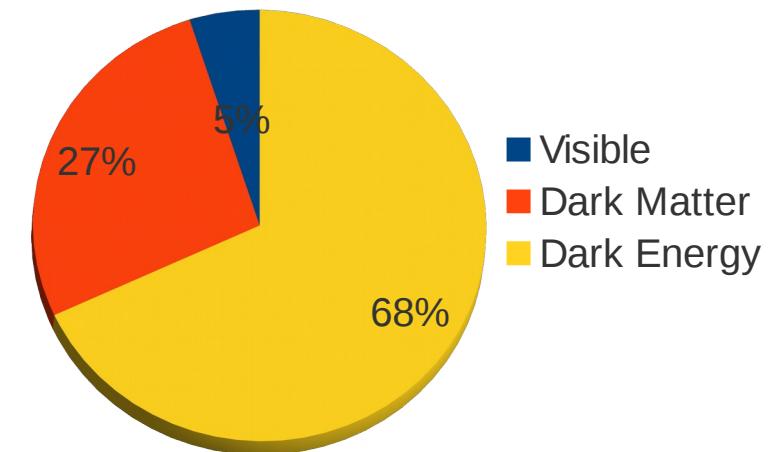


# CMB power spectrum



**Planck satellite**

Flat Universe to 1%

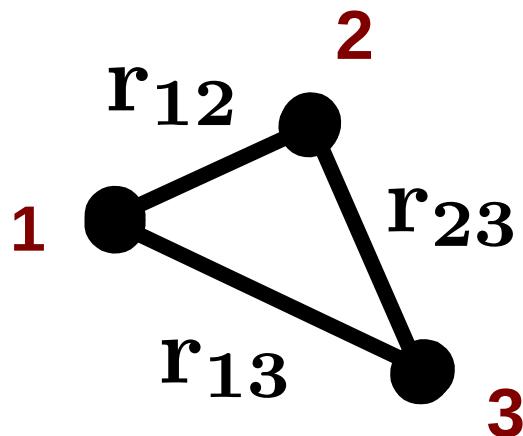


# Is there more information in ?

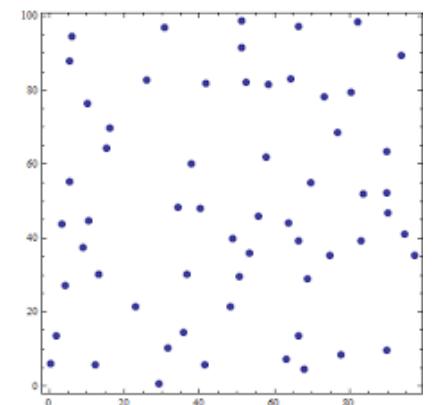
## Higher N-point correlation functions

- $N=3$  ( 3pcf )

$$dP = \bar{n}^2(1 + \xi^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}_{12}, \mathbf{r}_{13}, \mathbf{r}_{23}))dV_1 dV_2 dV_3$$



Excess correlation  
over the random triples



# 3PCF

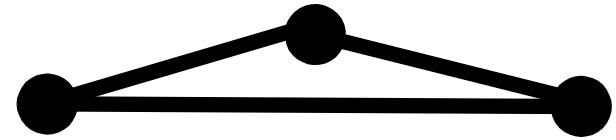
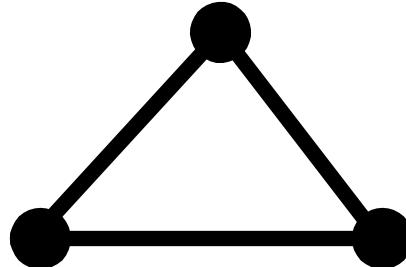
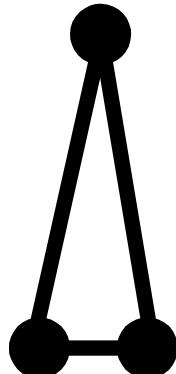
- Isotropy

$$\xi^{(3)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) = \xi^{(3)}(r_1, r_2, r_3)$$

– 3 parameter function  4d plot!

Options

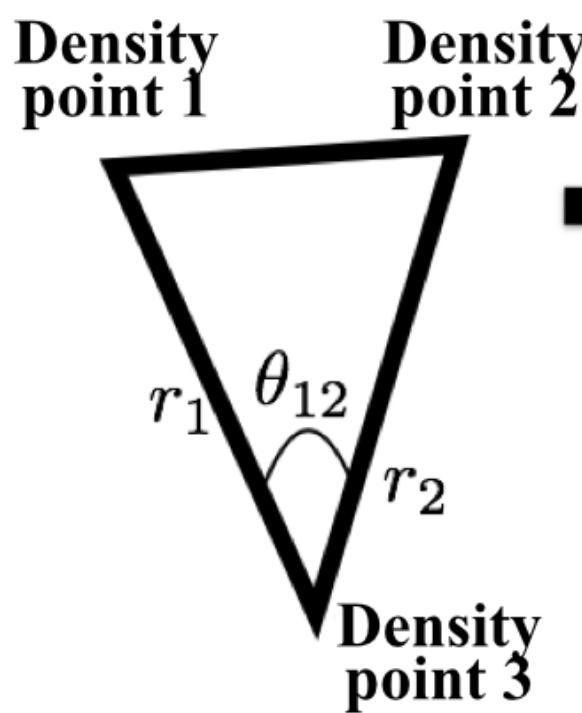
A) Consider particular shapes



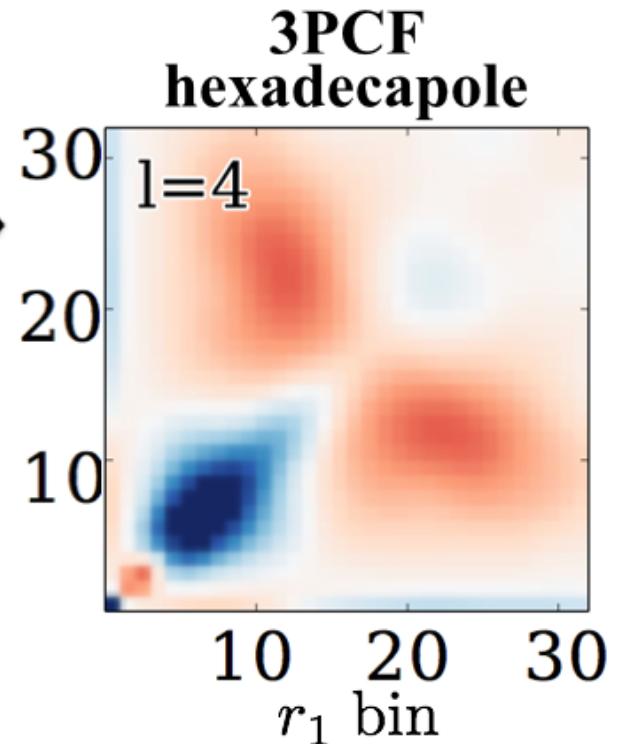
# 3PCF

B) Use a basis: ej. Szapudi

$$\xi^{(3)}(r_1, r_2, \theta_{12})) = \sum_{\ell} \xi_{\ell}^{(3)}(r_1, r_2) P_{\ell}(\cos(\theta_{12}))$$



red = excess  
blue = deficit



# 3PCF

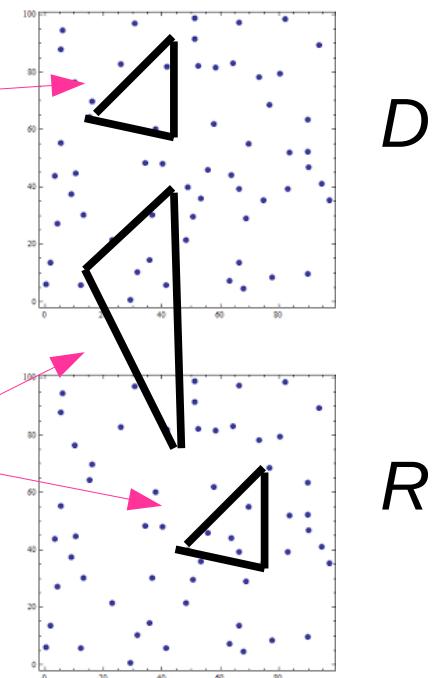
Practical way to do it over sample data (Biased and unbiased estimators)

$$\xi^{(2)}(r) = \frac{DDD(r) - RRR(r)}{RRR(r)}$$

$$\xi_{SS}^{(2)}(r) = \frac{NNN(r) - RRR(r)}{RRR(r)}$$

Salay-Szapudi

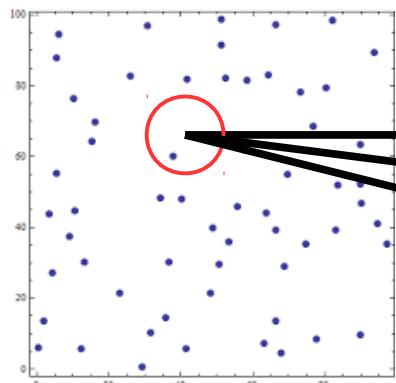
$$= \frac{DDD(r) - 3DDR(r) + 3DRR(r) - RRR(r)}{RRR(r)}$$



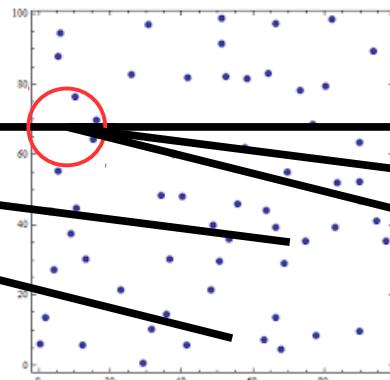
There is an equivalent to Hamilton's estimator for 3pcf by Jing & Borner

# 3PCF

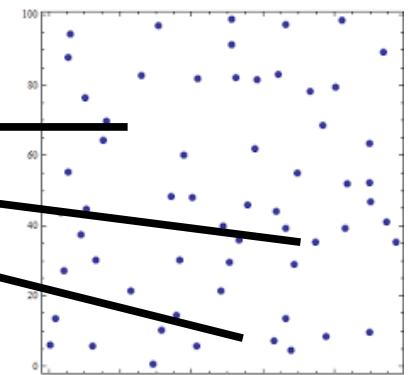
Computing time



$D$  or  $R$



$D$  or  $R$



For  $i = 1$  to  $n$

For  $j = 1$  to  $n$

For  $k = 1$  to  $n$   
count( $r$ )



scales as

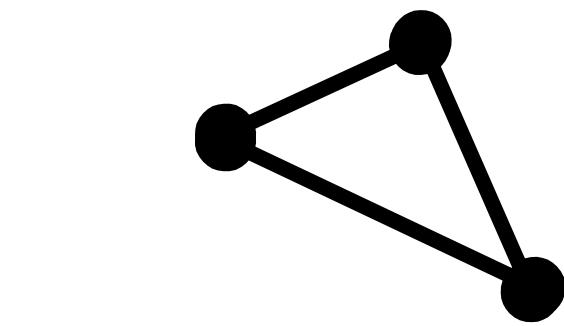
$$\mathcal{O}(n^3)$$

Using kd trees or FFTs

$$\mathcal{O}(n^3 \log(n))$$

# 3PCF

## Computing time

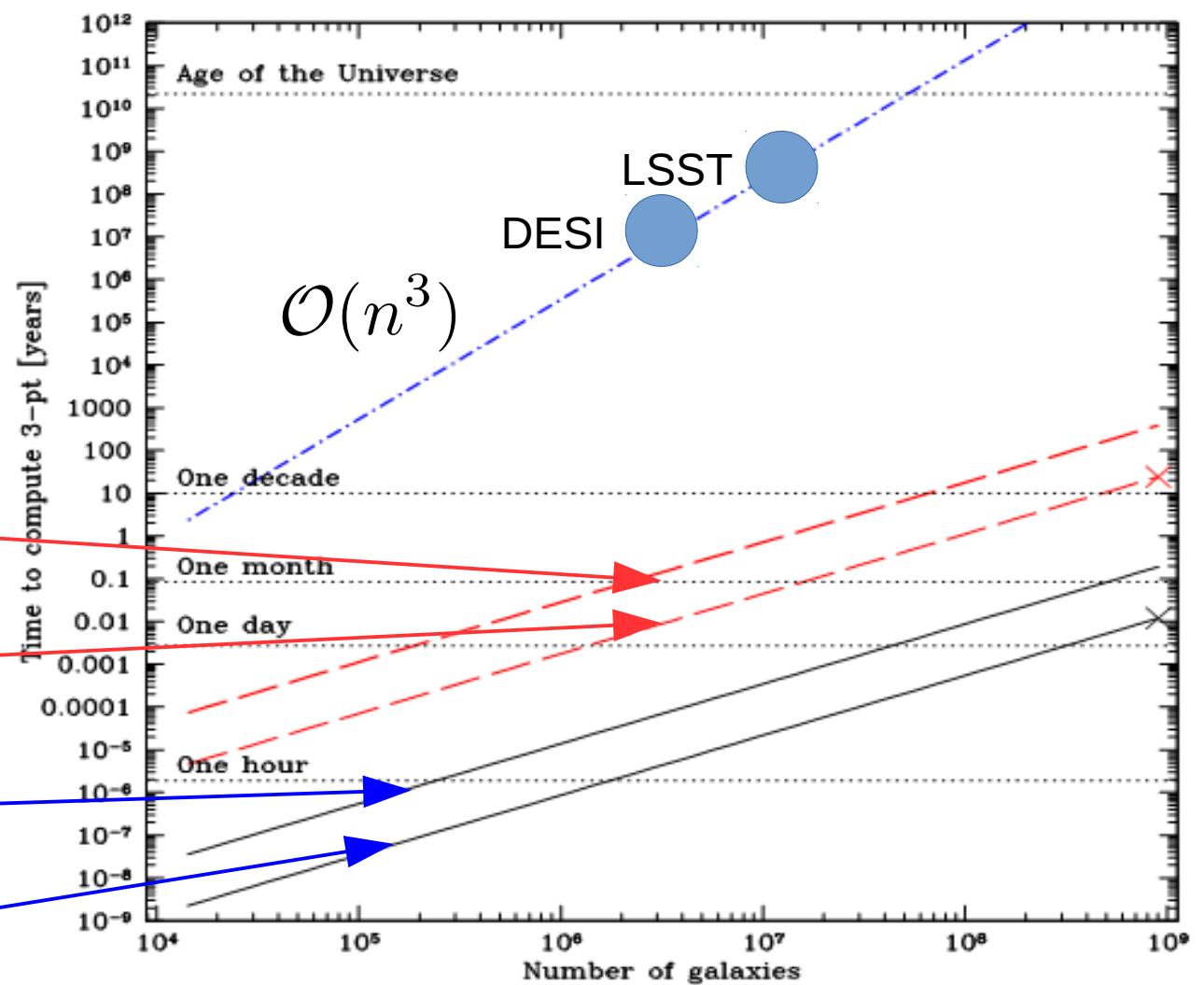


$\mathcal{O}(n^3 \log(n))$

Parallel

2PCF:  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

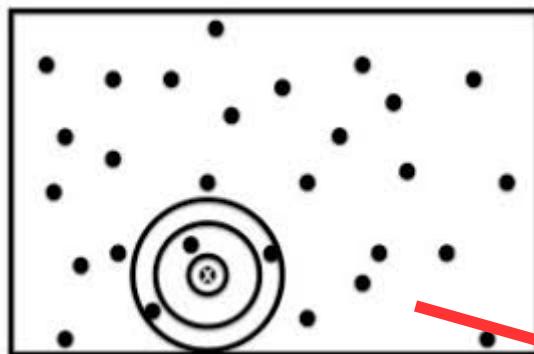
Parallel



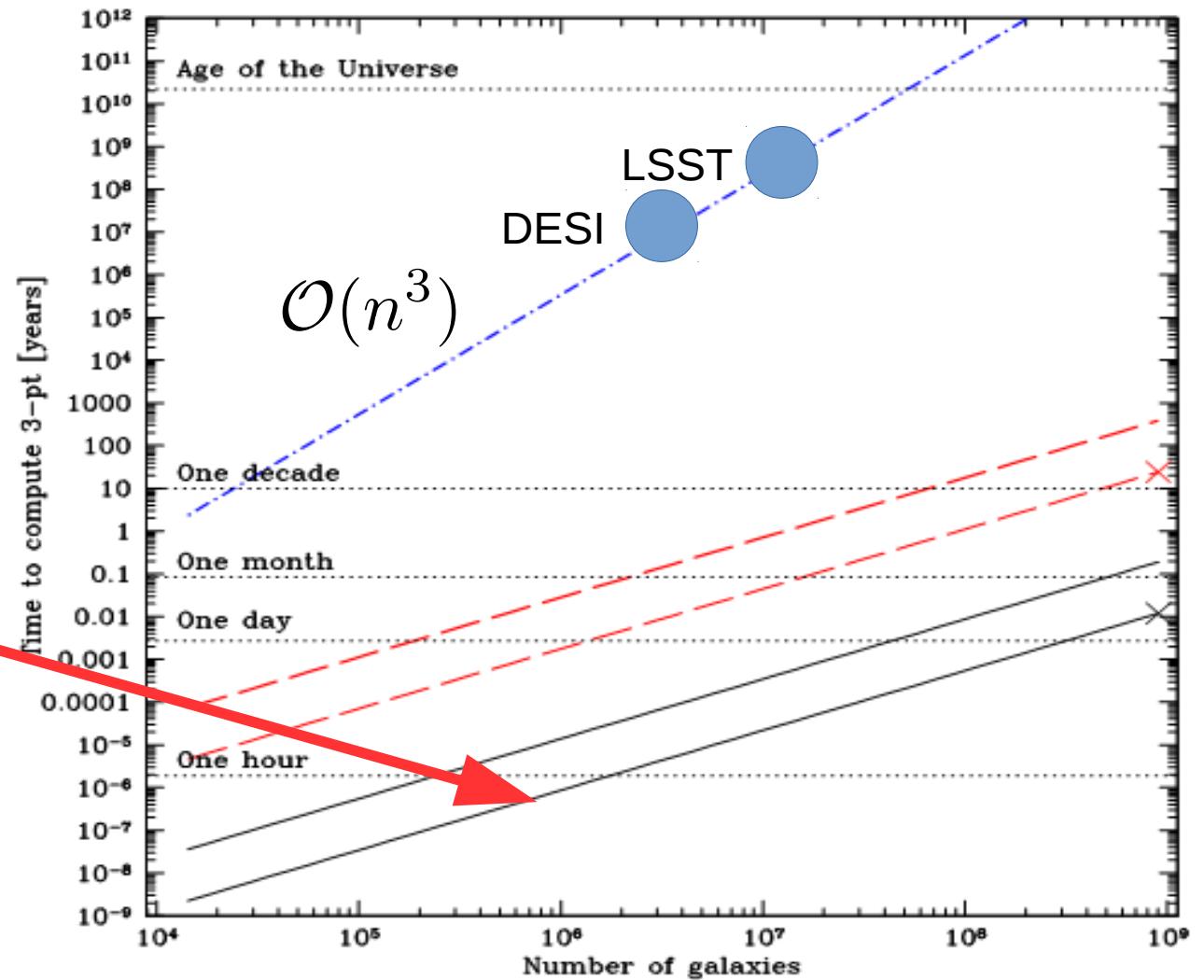
# 3PCF

Use Legendre basis to save time (Slepian & Eisenstein)

Decompose  
in multipole



$$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$$



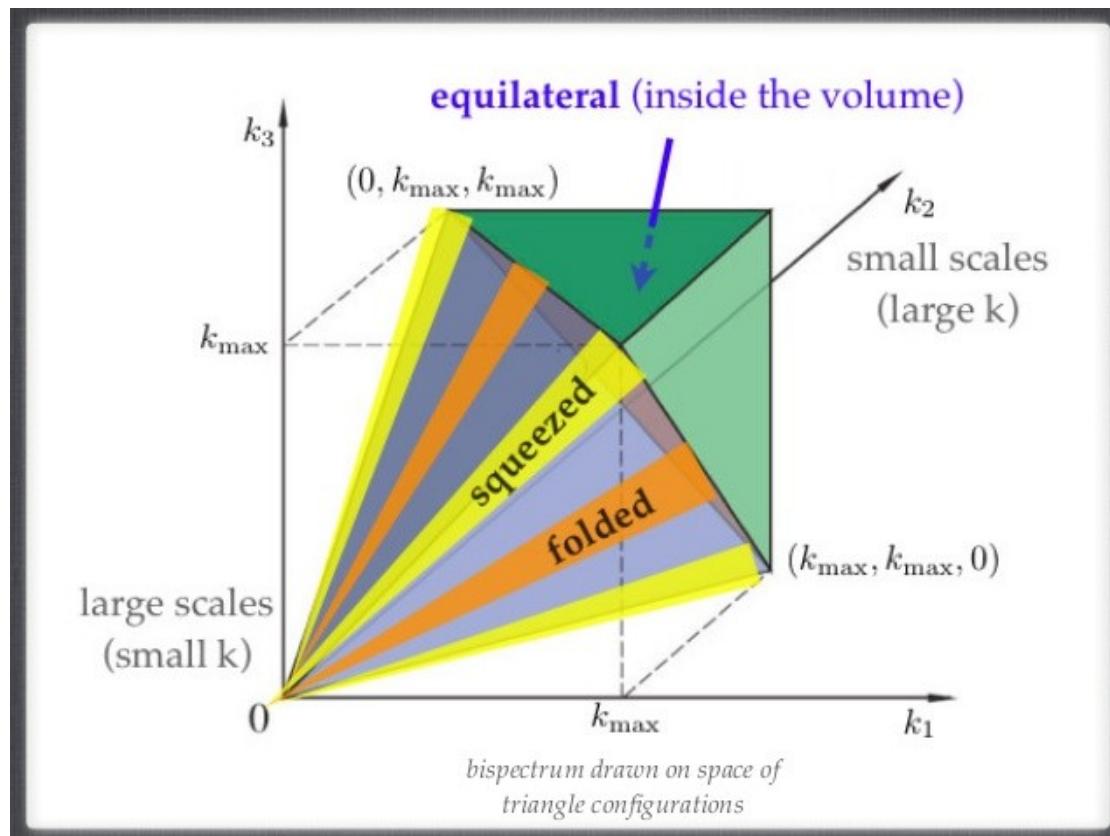
# Triple's correlations in other spaces

Real space

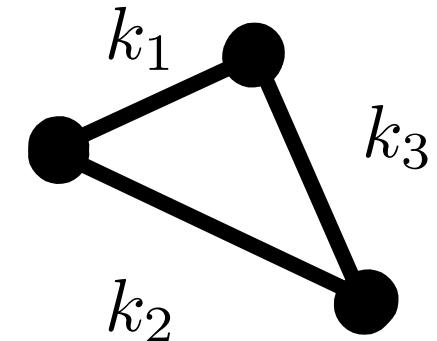
$$\xi^{(3)} = \langle \delta\delta\delta \rangle$$

Fourier

$$\langle \delta(k_1)\delta(k_2)\delta(k_3) \rangle = \delta\left(\sum_i k_i\right) B(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$



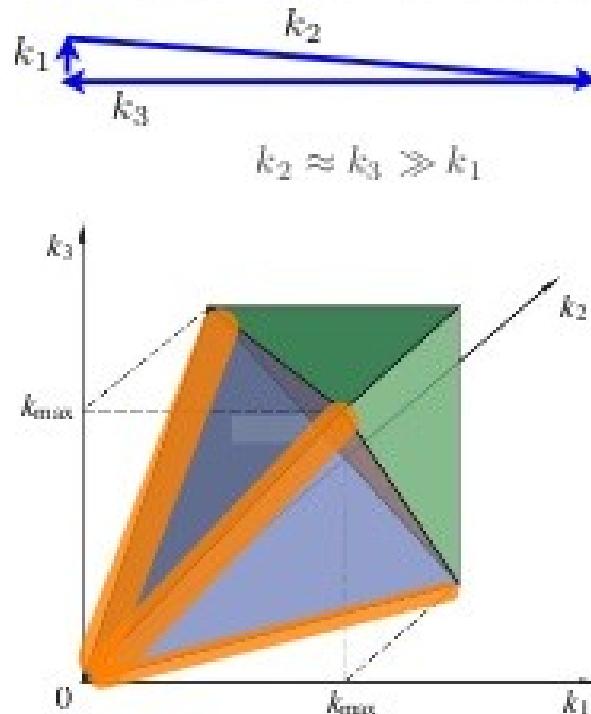
**Bi-spectrum**



# BISPECTRUM SHAPES

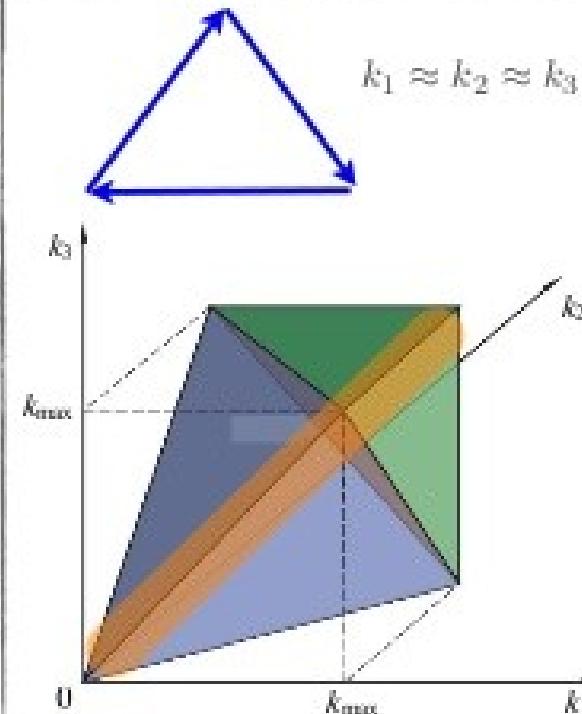
Different inflation models induce different momentum dependencies (shapes) of  $B_\Phi(k_1, k_2, k_3)$

*Squeezed triangles* (local shape)



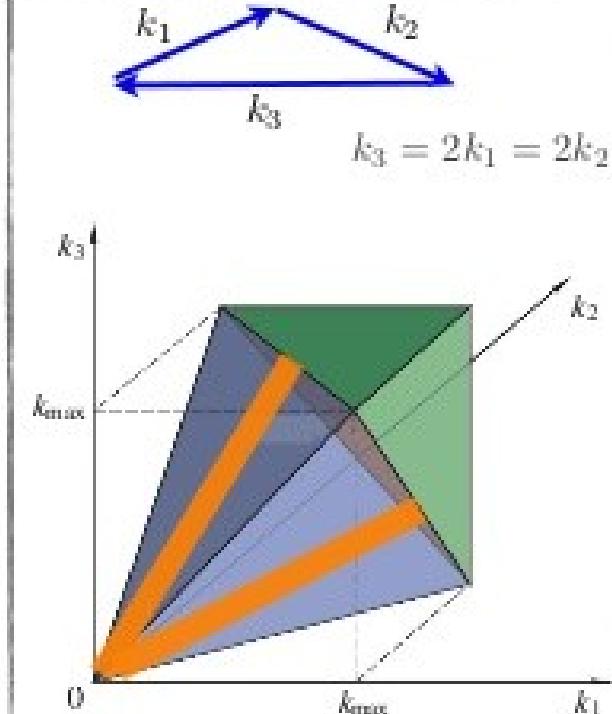
Arises in multifield inflation;  
detection would rule out all  
single field models!

*Equilateral triangles*



Typically higher derivative  
kinetic terms, e.g. DBI inflation

*Folded triangles*



E.g. non-Bunch-Davies vacuum

# Higher point correlations

- Easy to generalise to

$$\xi^{(n)} = \langle \delta_1 \dots \delta_n \rangle$$

- Each correlation function may have additional information about data distributions
  - However, in some cases they are related

# Gaussian Random Field

- Completely characterised by 2PCF

$$\langle \delta_{k_1} \dots \delta_{k_{2n+1}} \rangle \sim 0$$

$$\langle \delta_{k_1} \dots \delta_{k_{2n}} \rangle \sim F(P(k_i))$$

**Wick's theorem**

- It is the same for *free theories*  
i.e. No interactions!

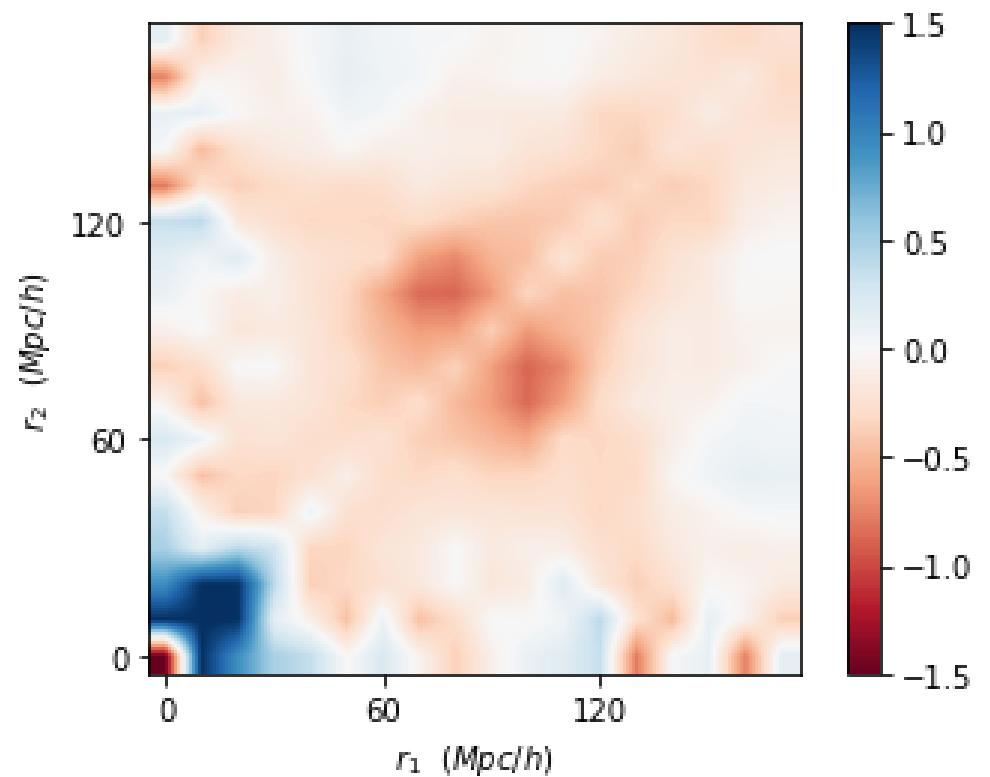
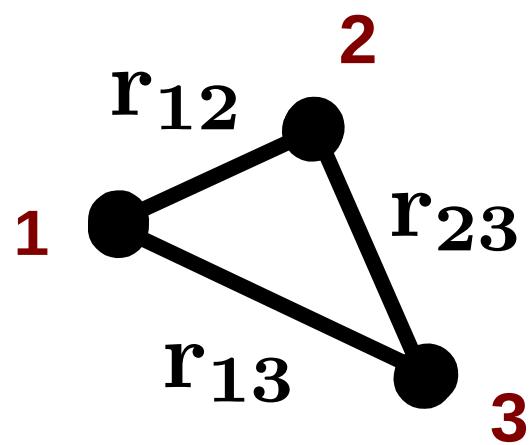
→ With Gaussian  
Initial conditions

Examples:  $\phi^2$  inflation (except for graviton couplings)

Galaxies in the Hubble flow (with no interactions)

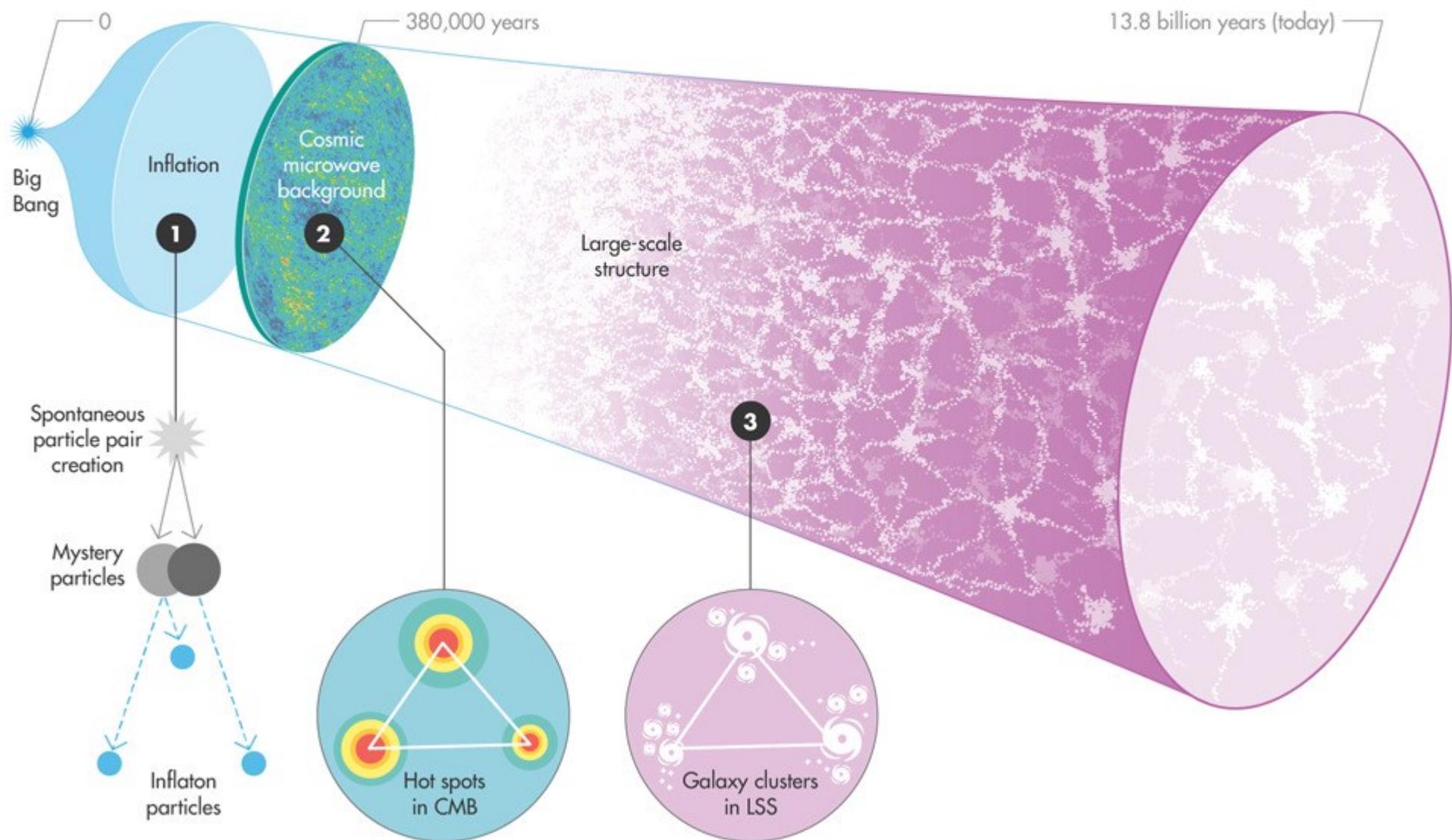
Converse: Non trivial 3PCF implies interactions!

# Using the 3PCF in the Cosmic Collider



# TRIANGLES IN THE SKY

According to the theory of cosmic inflation, pairs of particles spontaneously surfaced throughout the primordial universe. Some pairs decayed into three "inflaton" particles, producing triangular configurations that expanded into arrangements of cosmological structures that are visible today. Triangles may appear as correlations between three hot spots in the 2-D cosmic microwave background (CMB), or between three galaxy clusters in the 3-D large-scale structure (LSS). These triangles and other shapes reveal the types and relationships of particles that existed during inflation.



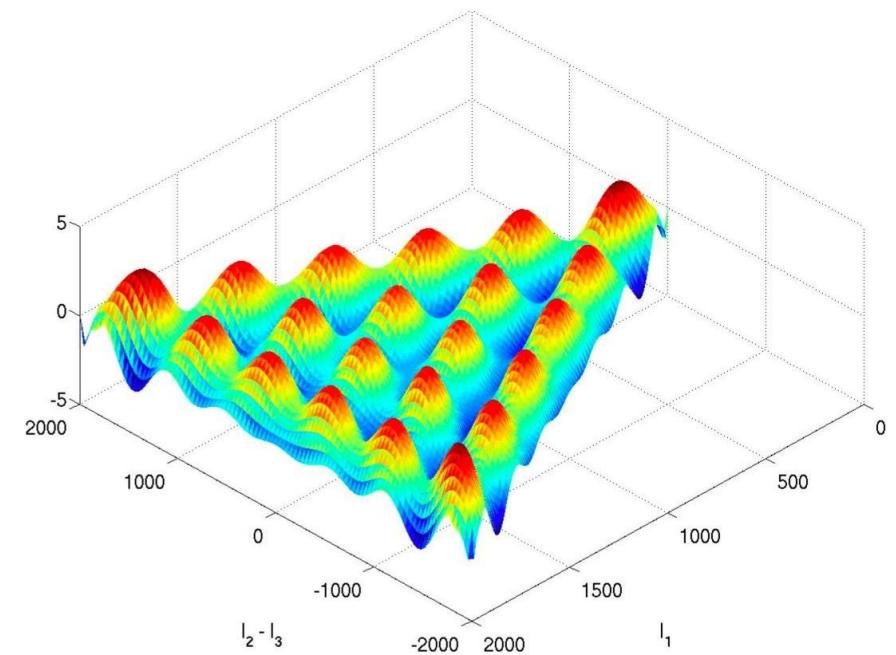
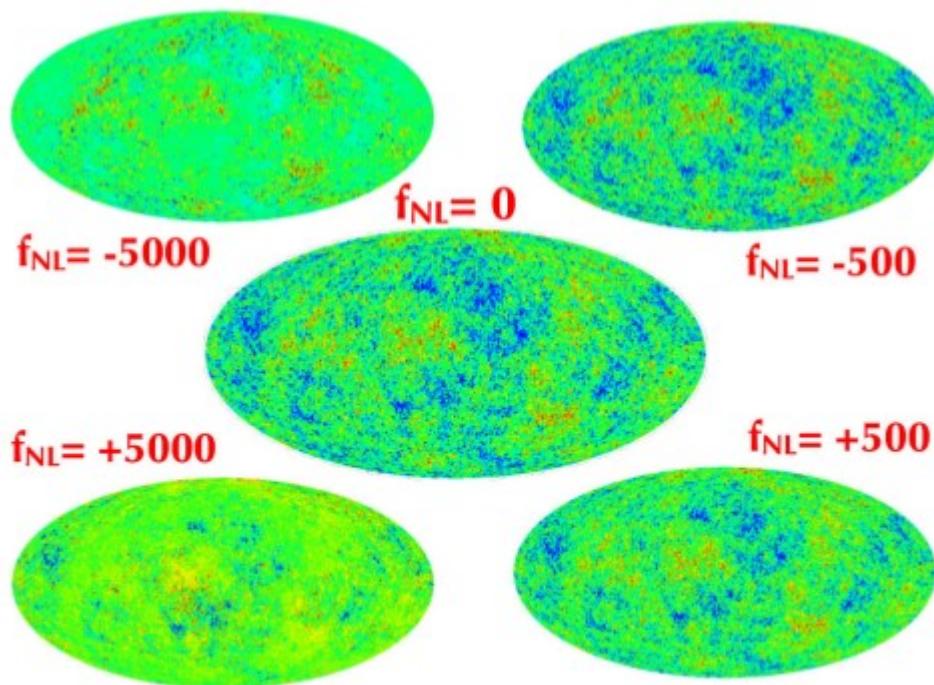
# Non-Gaussianity in inflation

$$\phi = \phi_G + \phi_{NG}$$

Inflaton      Gaussian Part      Non-Gaussian Part

Simplest case: non-local NG

$$\phi = \phi_G + f_{NL}(\phi_G^2 - \langle \phi_G \rangle^2)$$



# Test inflation NG with CMB

- Not much about interactions (Planck 2015)

$$\langle \delta^n \rangle \text{ consistent with zero for } n>2$$

- Consistent with EFT of inflation  $f_{NL} \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon, \eta)$

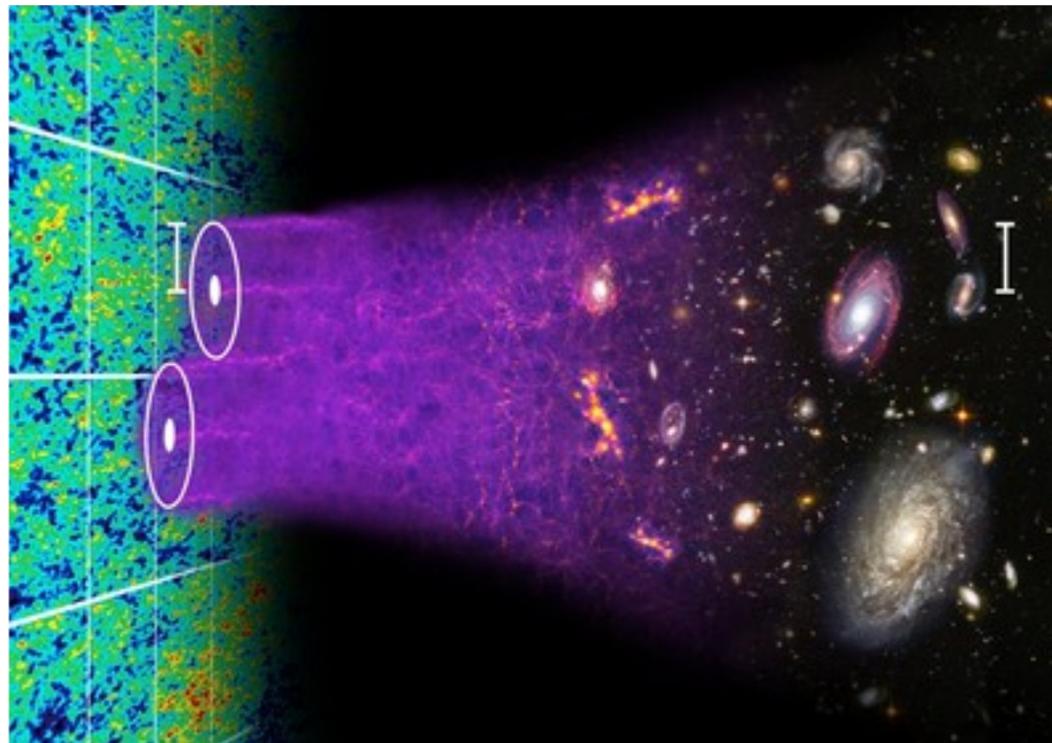
$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} M_{\text{Pl}}^2 R - M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \left( 3H^2(t + \pi) + \dot{H}(t + \pi) \right) + \right.$$
$$+ M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \dot{H}(t + \pi) \left( (1 + \dot{\pi})^2 g^{00} + 2(1 + \dot{\pi}) \partial_i \pi g^{0i} + g^{ij} \partial_i \pi \partial_j \pi \right) +$$
$$\left. \frac{M_2(t + \pi)^4}{2!} \left( (1 + \dot{\pi})^2 g^{00} + 2(1 + \dot{\pi}) \partial_i \pi g^{0i} + g^{ij} \partial_i \pi \partial_j \pi + 1 \right)^2 + \right.$$

Cheung et al, ...  $\left. \frac{M_3(t + \pi)^4}{3!} \left( (1 + \dot{\pi})^2 g^{00} + 2(1 + \dot{\pi}) \partial_i \pi g^{0i} + g^{ij} \partial_i \pi \partial_j \pi + 1 \right)^3 + \dots \right]$

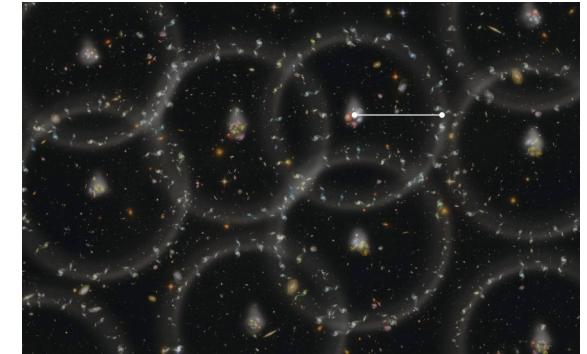
- Cannot gain more mode statistics to achieve better accuracy than with Planck

Option: explore the LSS

# Large Scale Structure (LSS)

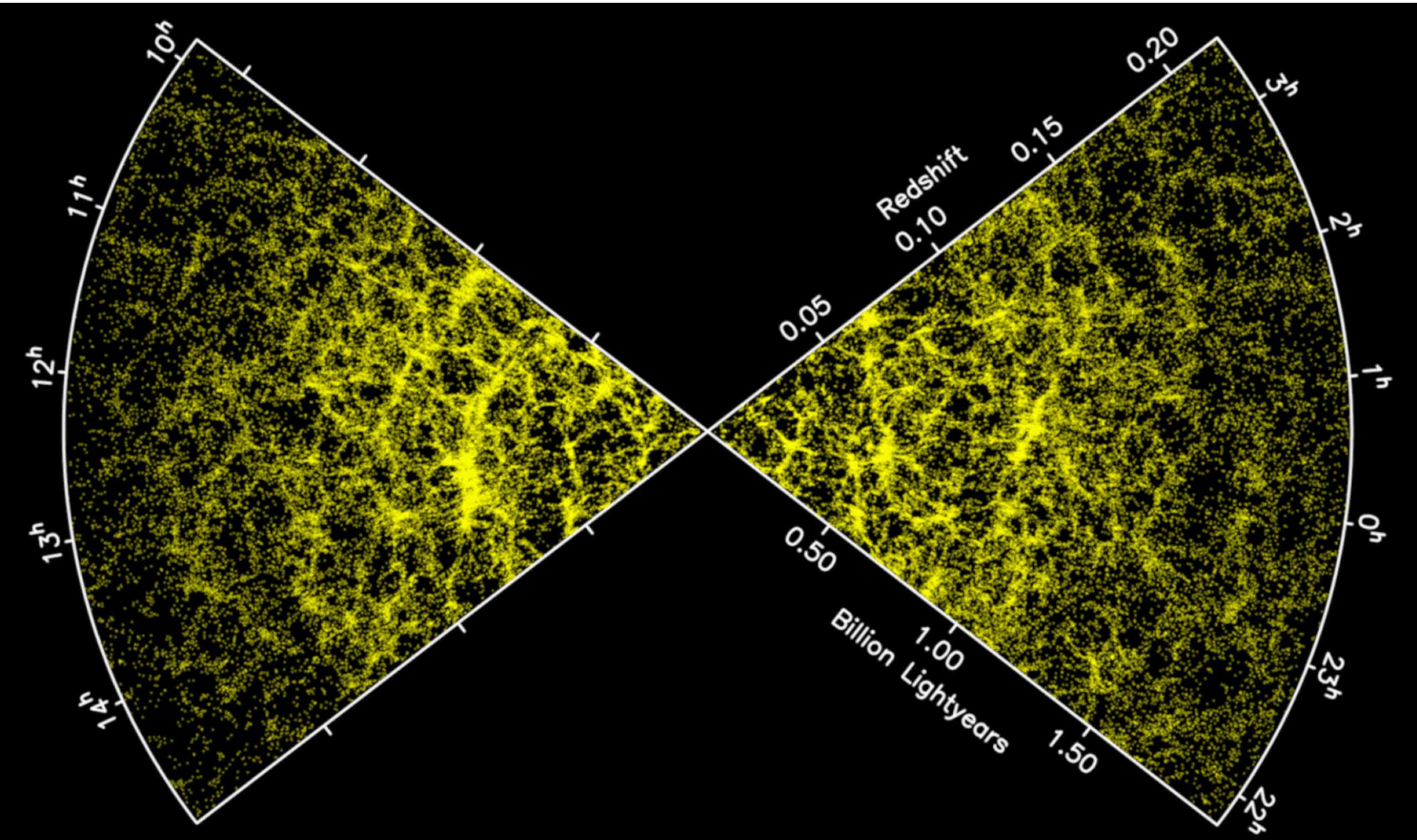


Baryonic  
Acoustic  
Oscillations



CMB seeds the structure at large scales

# LSS



Sloan Digital Sky Survey, 2013

# LSS

## Benefits

1) Volume Vs area (CMB)

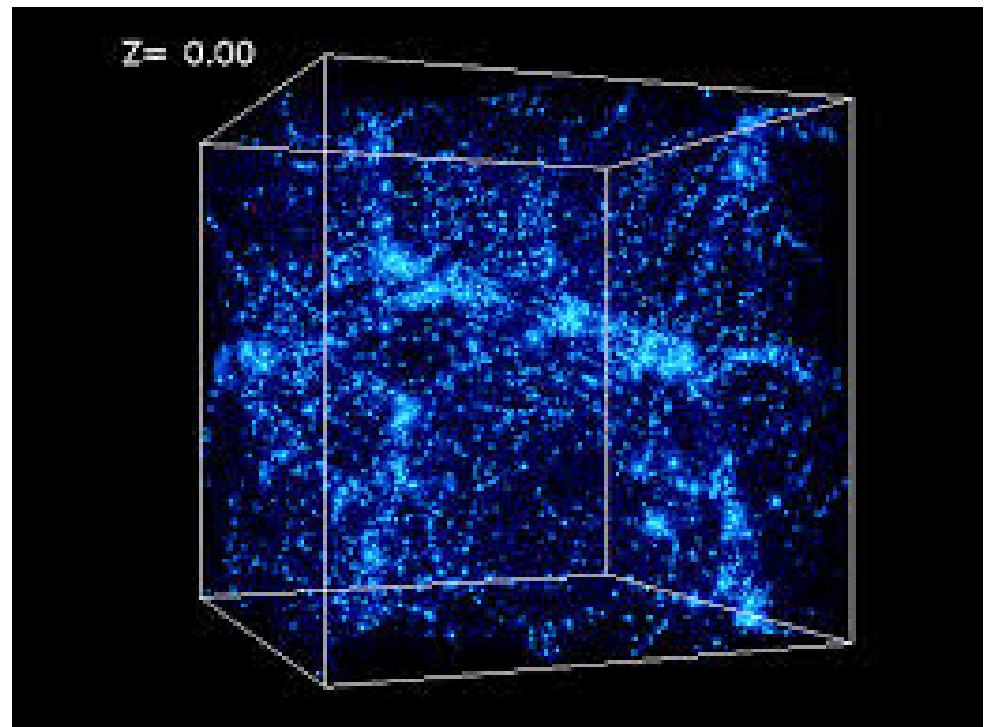
\*More Resolution!!!

2) Non-linear physics

\*More difficult

\*Richness

\*Non-zero 3PCF!!!



# LSS: Perturbation theory and nPCF

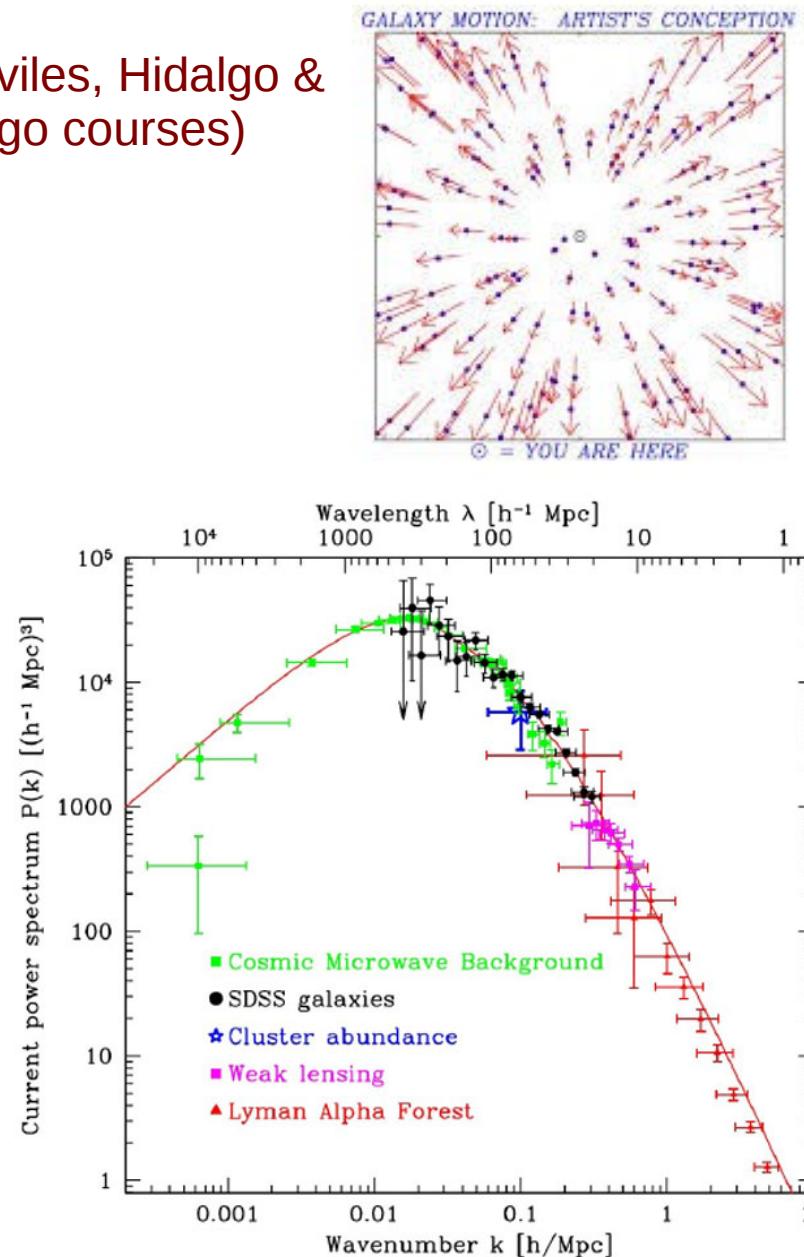
Matter density field

$$\delta = \delta^{(1)} + \delta^{(2)} + \dots$$



(see Aviles, Hidalgo & Santiago courses)

- Affected by  $H$  only
- If vanishing primordial NG
  - 2PCF only
- 3PCF or higher nPCF contain primordial NG



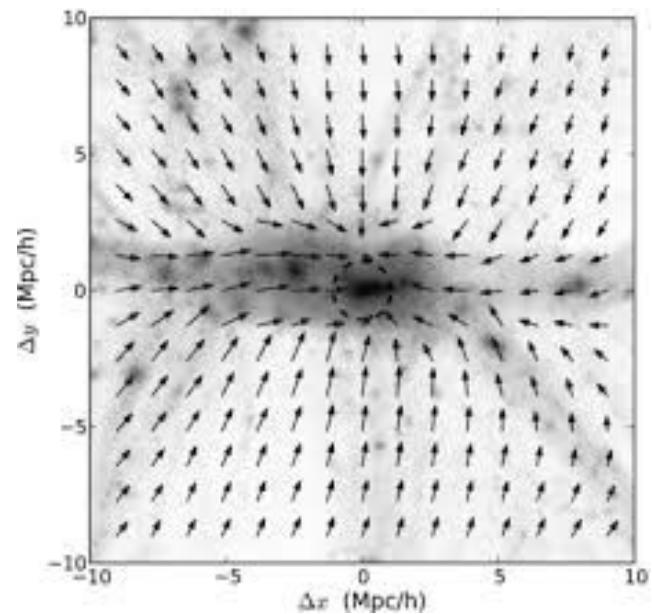
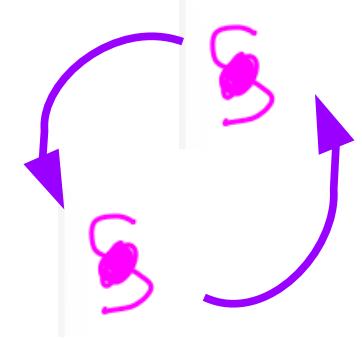
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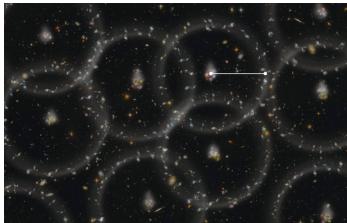
## Matter density field

$$\delta = \delta^{(1)} + \delta^{(2)} + \dots$$



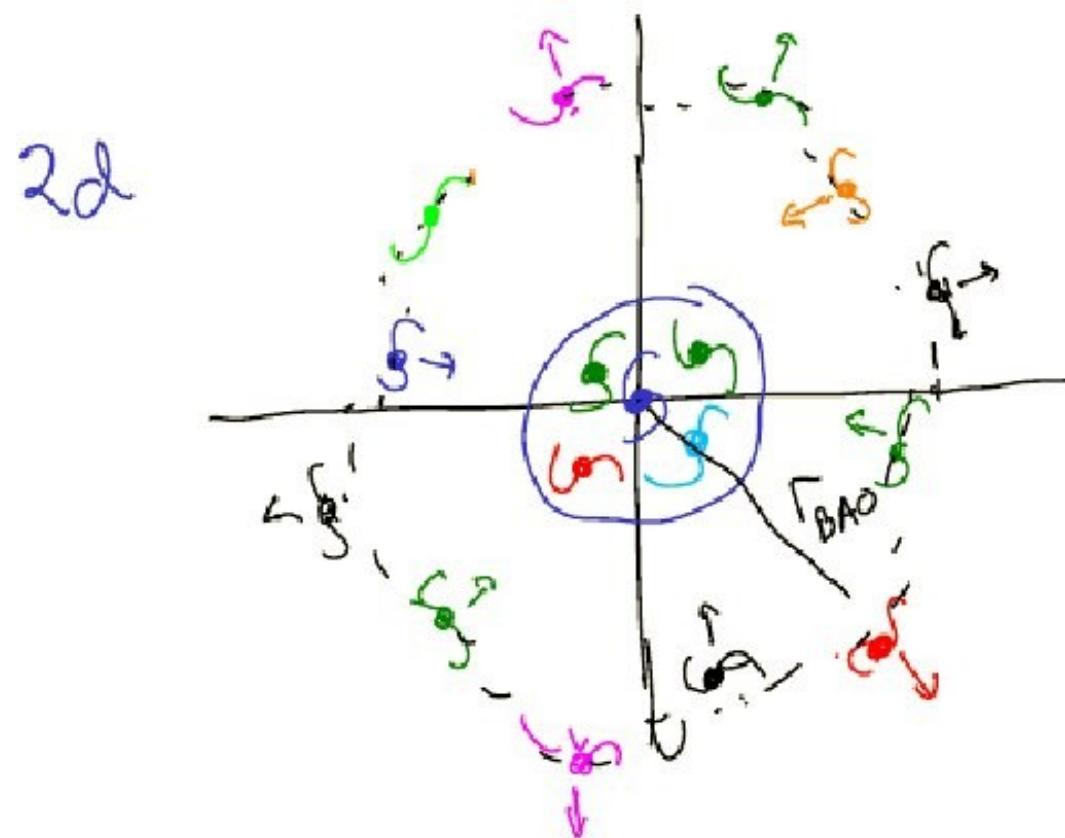
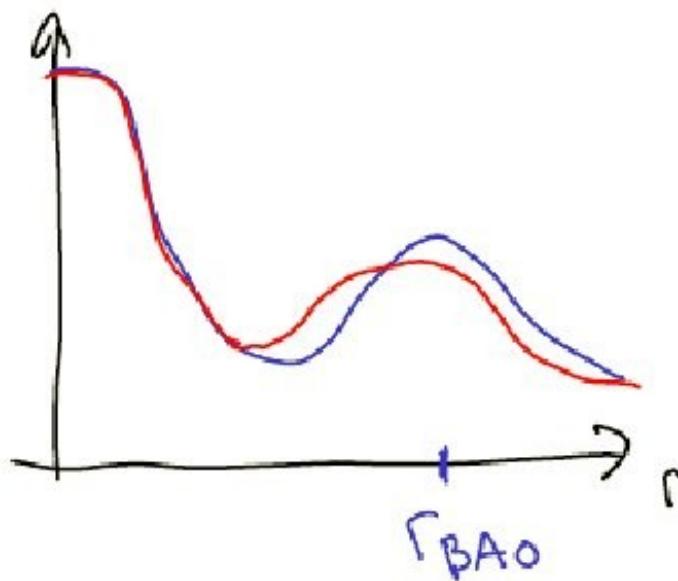
- Corrects 2PCF
- Correlates to other galaxies in the Hubble flow to give 3PCF
- Mixes with primordial NG





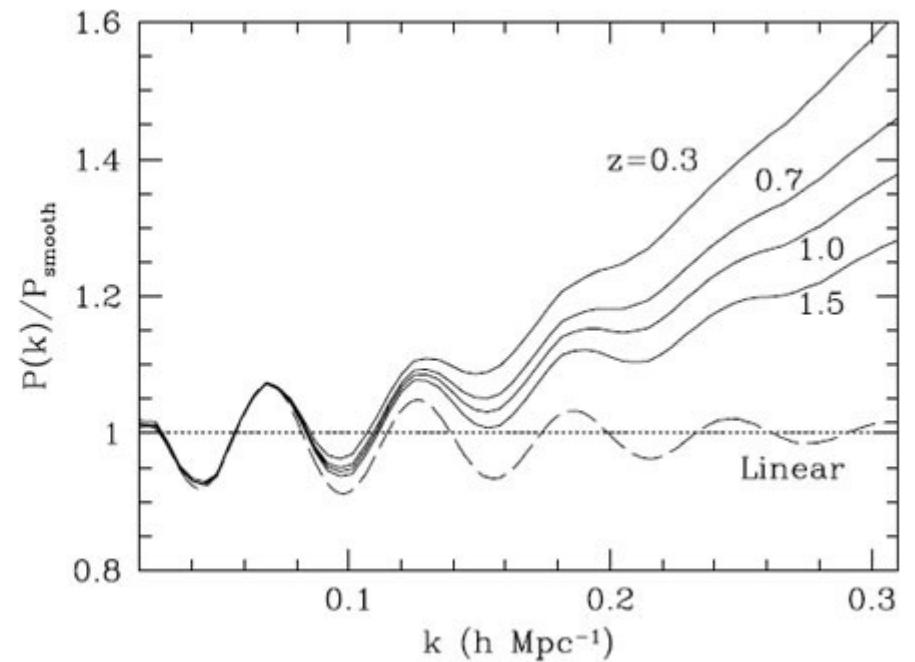
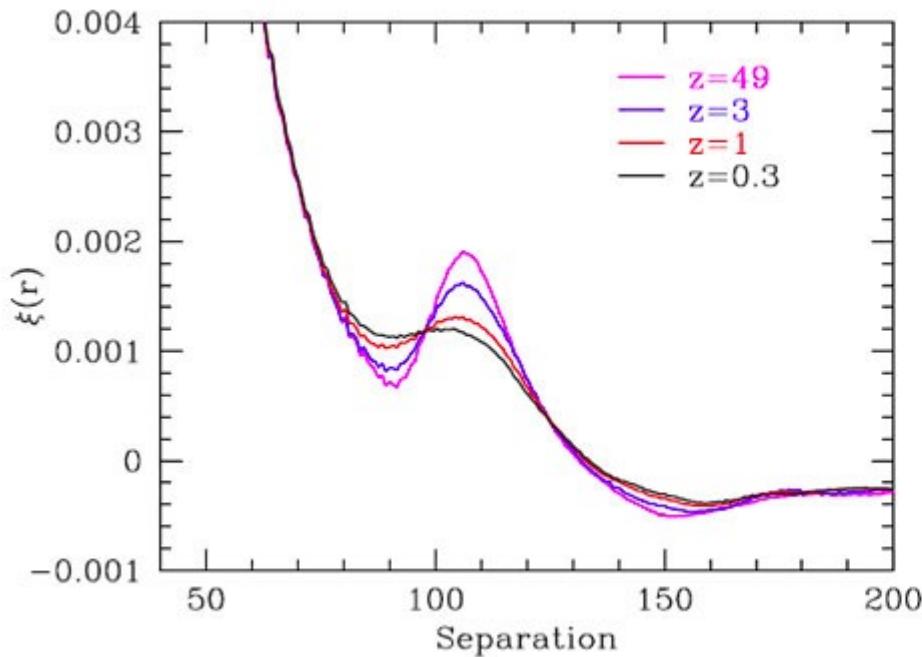
# BAO signal in LSS

- 2PCF Non-linear mode evolution



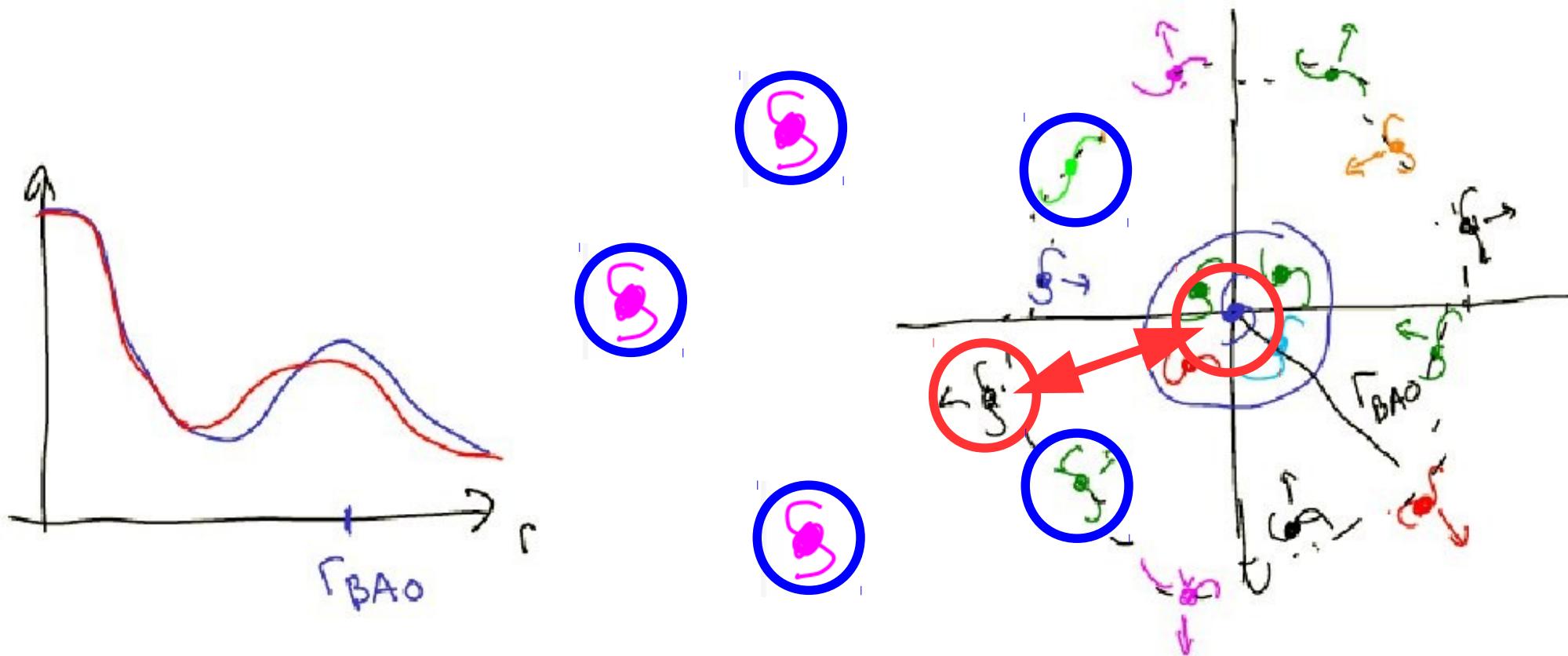
# BAO signal in LSS

- 2PCF  Non-linear mode evolution



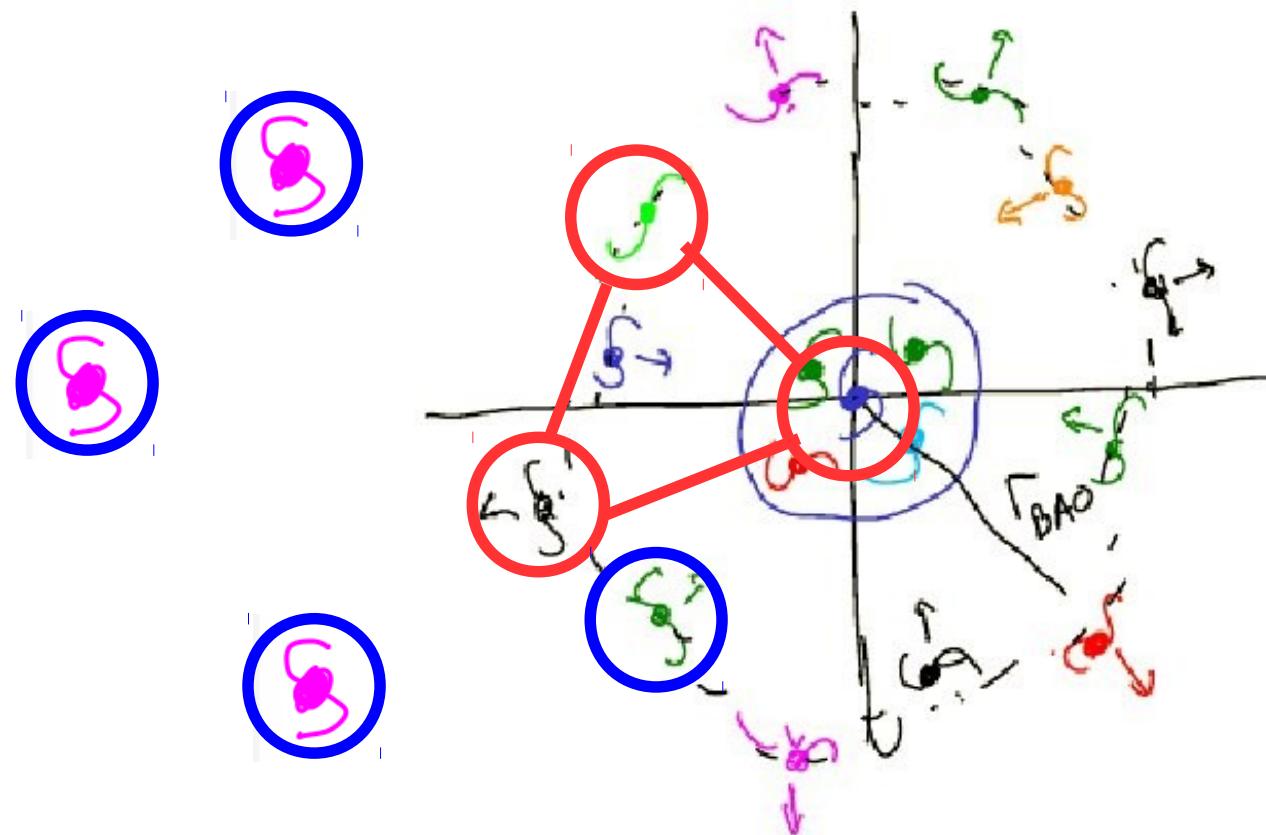
# BAO signal in LSS

- 2PCF  $\rightarrow$  Non-linear mode evolution
  - It does contain the 3PCF, but *averaged*



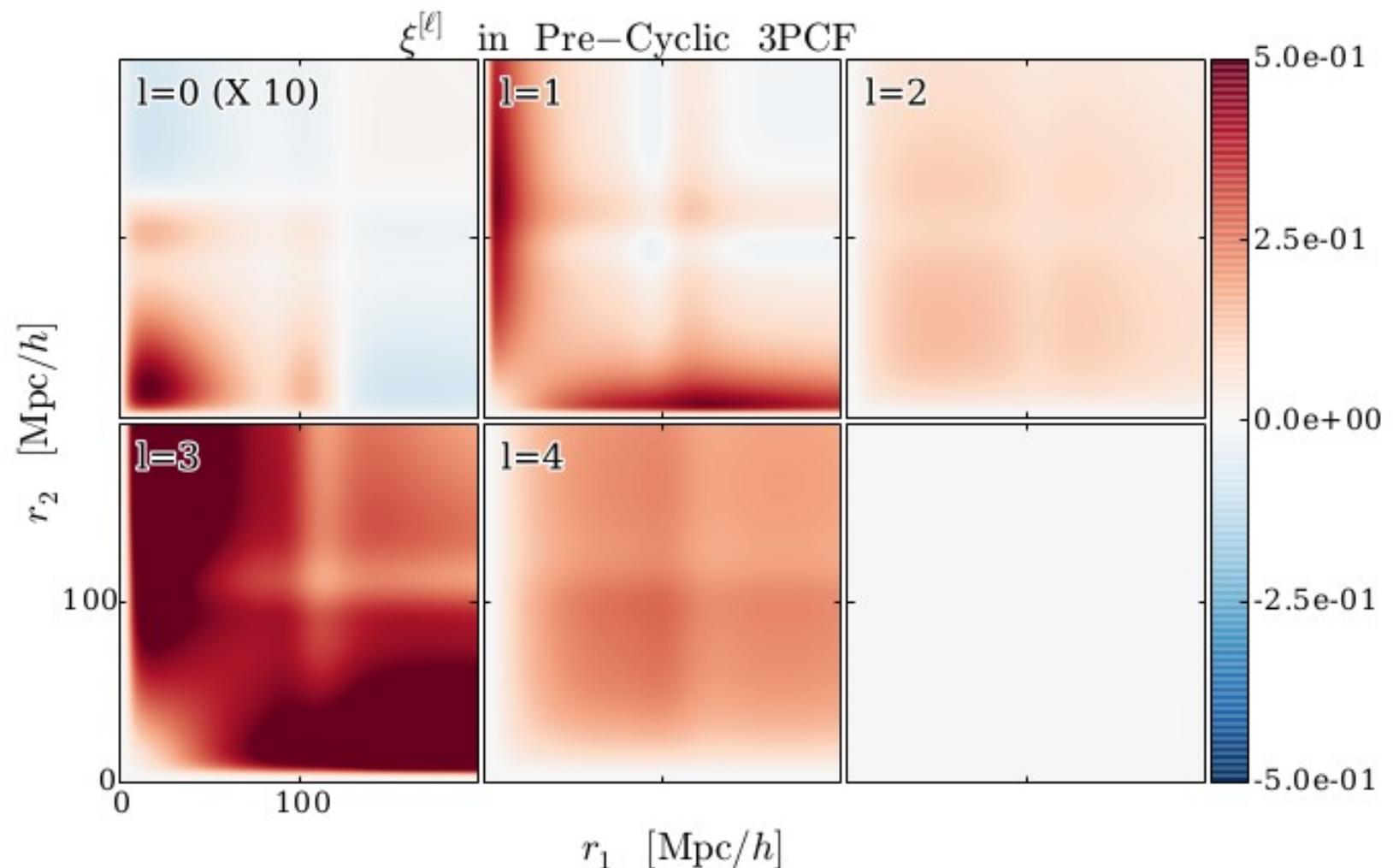
# BAO signal in LSS

- 3PCF  $\rightarrow$  Explicit Non-linear evolution  
Ask about the third galaxy!  
Averaged over higher point correlations!



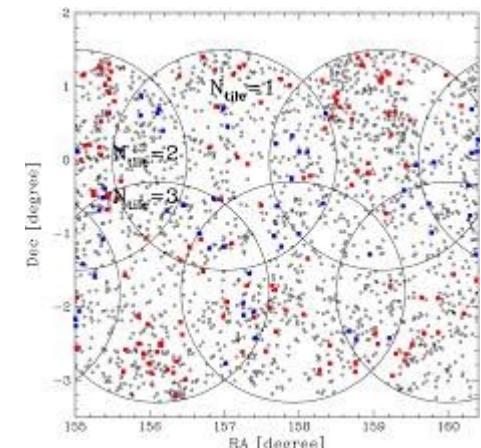
# BAO signal in LSS

- 3PCF: how does it look?      Legendre basis



# Utility of 3PCF

- Break degeneracies
  - Observational systematics (**fiber assignments DESI**) →
  - Galaxy-Dark Matter Bias
  - Galaxy-Dark Matter Velocity Bias
  - Primordial Non-Gaussianity
- Error for 2PCF
- Consistency conditions →
- Cross correlation with other data (voids, lensing, etc.)
- Test gravity



$$\langle n + 1 \rangle \sim \mathcal{O} \langle n \rangle$$

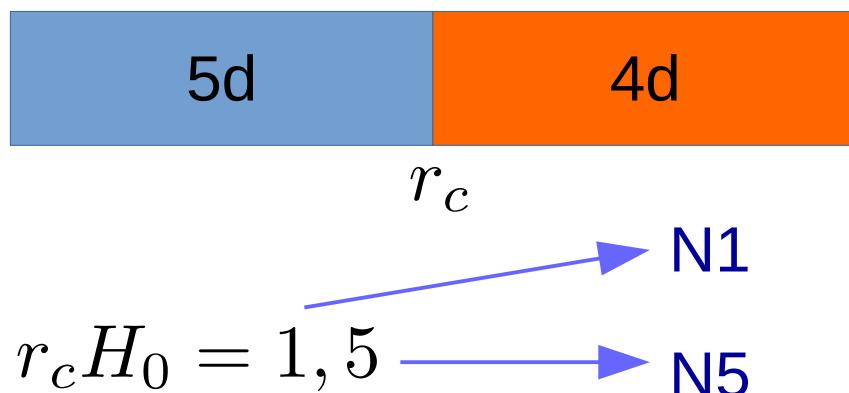
## Challenges of 3PCF

- Systematics
- Computation time
- Signal to noise
- Modelling

# Testing gravity

- What is not  $\Lambda$ CDM (or GR)?
  - Focus on subsample based on GR + 1 extra DOF
- Non-linear dynamics → clustering effect
- Hard to model analytically → simulations (see Vargas & Fromenteau)
- Choose two representative screening realizations

## Vainshtein (nDGP)



## Chameleon ( $f(R)$ )

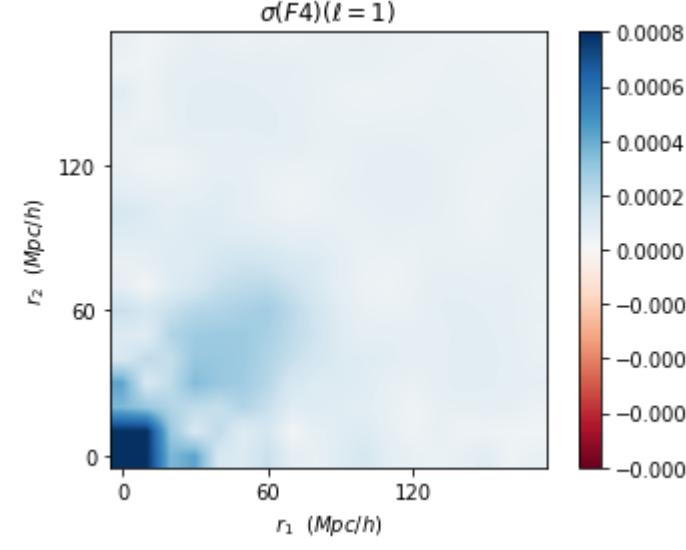
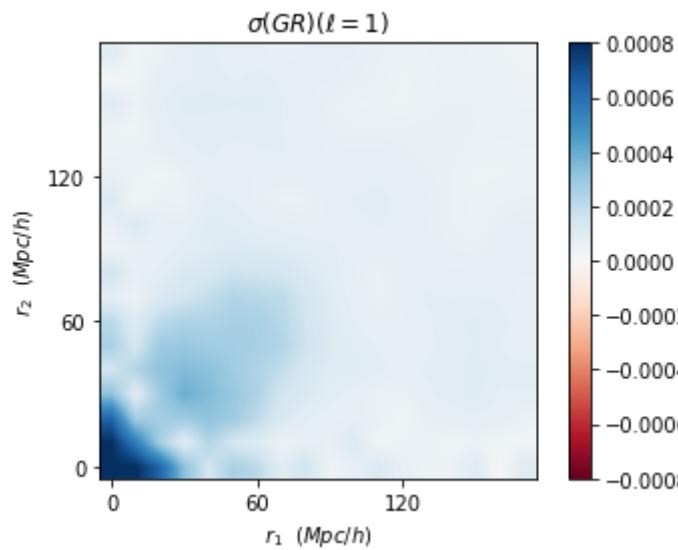
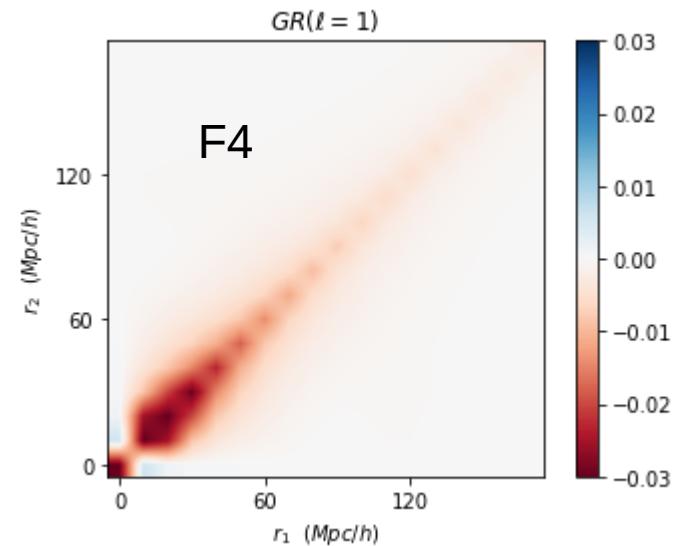
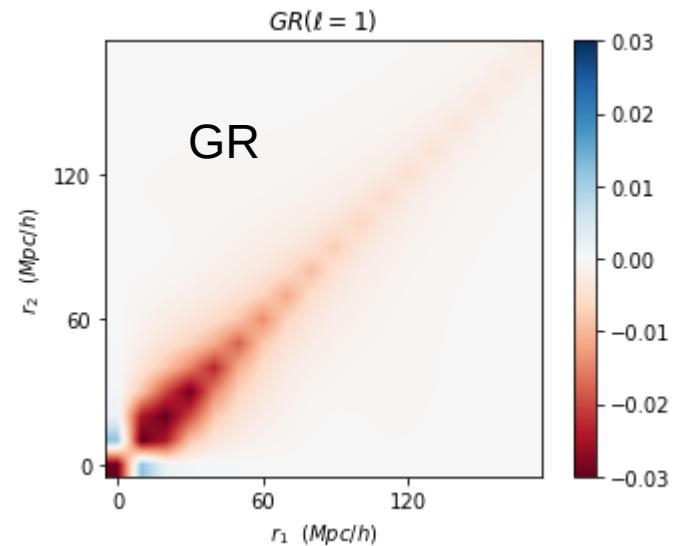
Hu-Sawicky

$$f(R) = -6\Omega_\Lambda H_0^2 + |f_{R0}| \frac{\bar{R}^2}{R},$$
$$|f_{R0}| = 10^{-4}, 10^{-5}, 10^{-6}$$

F4      F5      F6

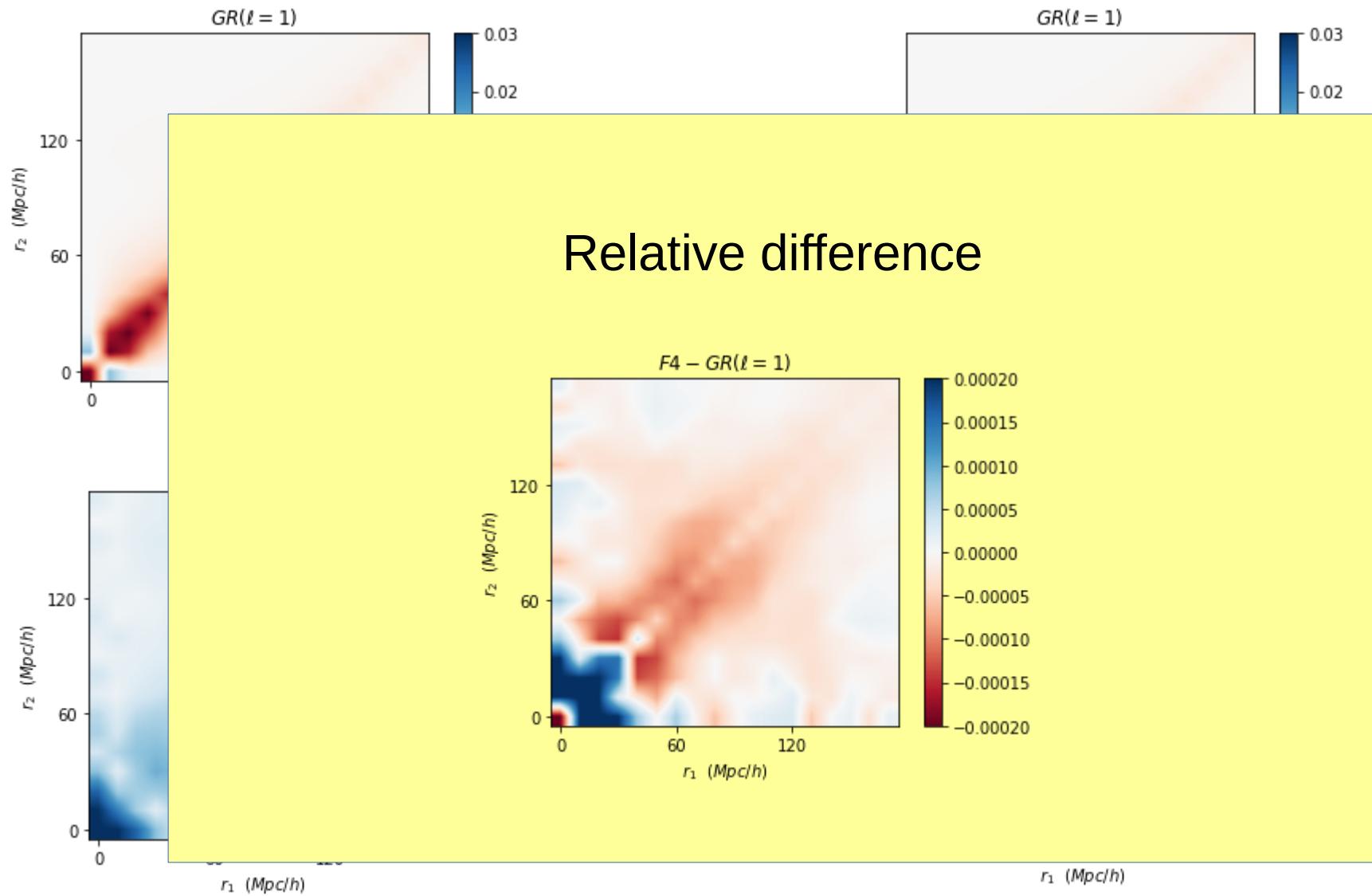
# Isotropic 3PCF

- Mean + std over realisations



# Isotropic 3PCF

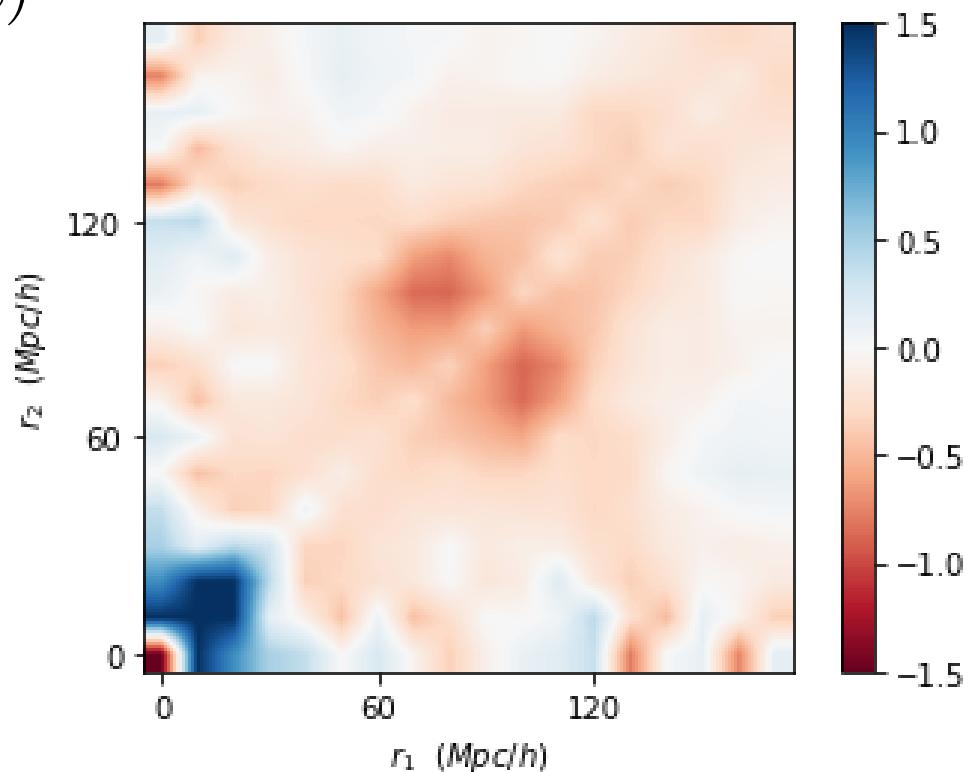
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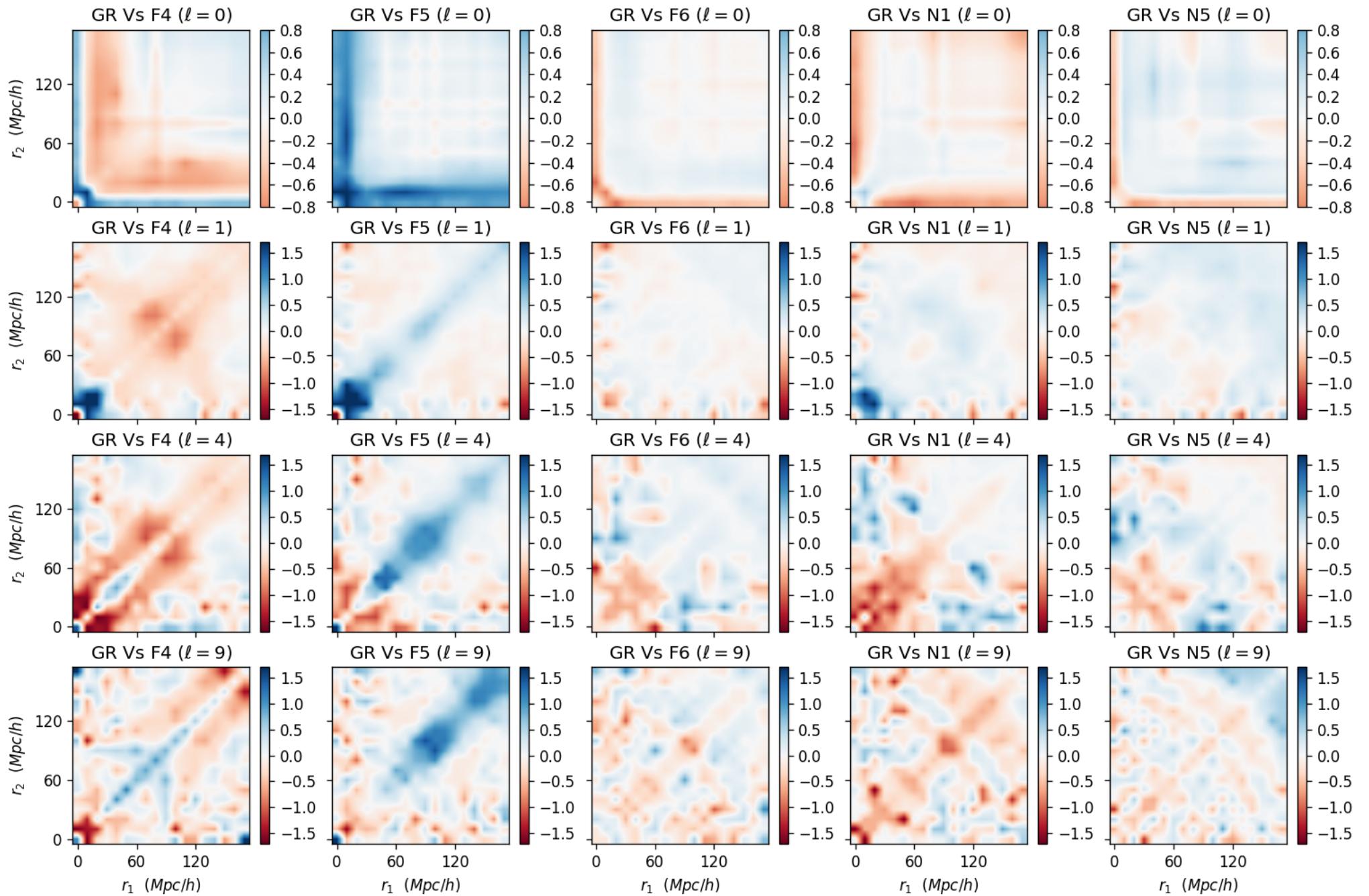


# Isotropic 3PCF

- Considering realisation's dispersion

$$\Delta_\sigma \xi_\ell^{(3)} = \frac{\xi_\ell^{(3)}(X) - \xi_\ell^{(3)}(GR)}{\sqrt{\sigma_\ell^2(X) + \sigma_\ell^2(GR)}}$$





# DESI fiber assignments

- Martin White's ELG catalogs with fiber assignments

