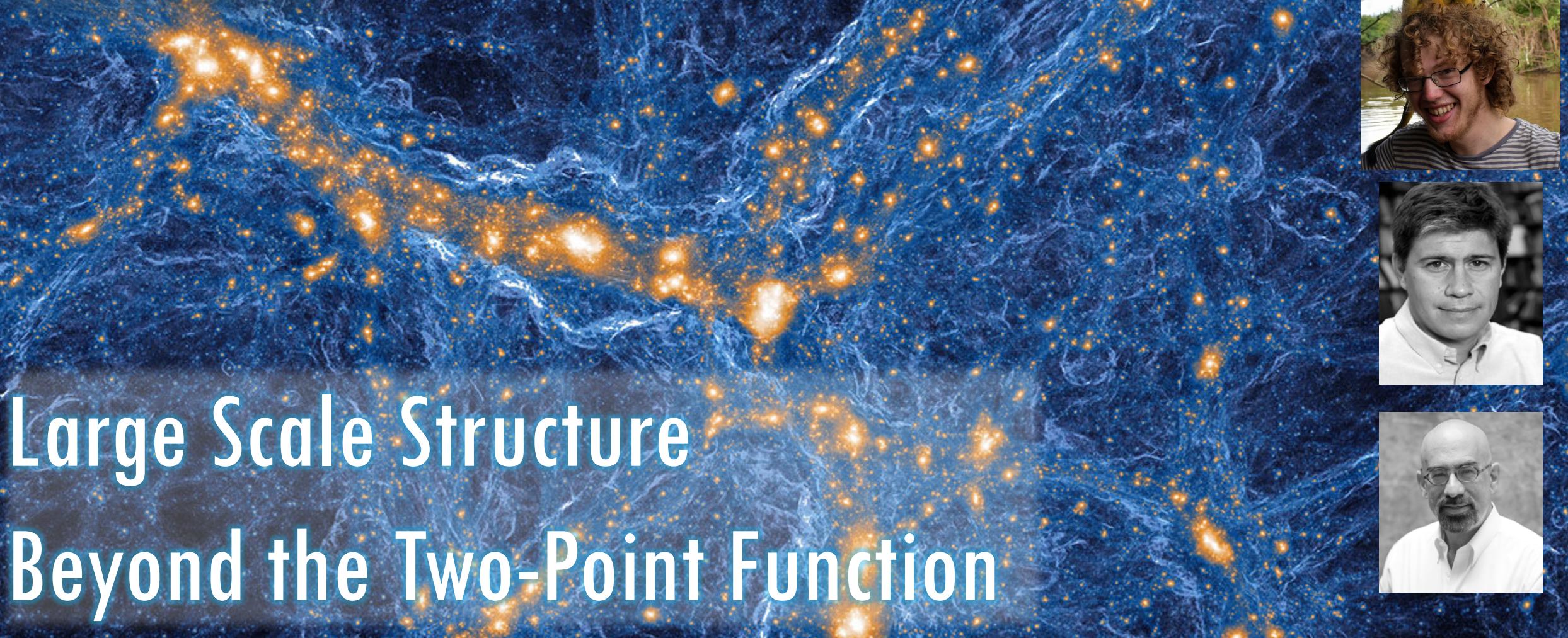




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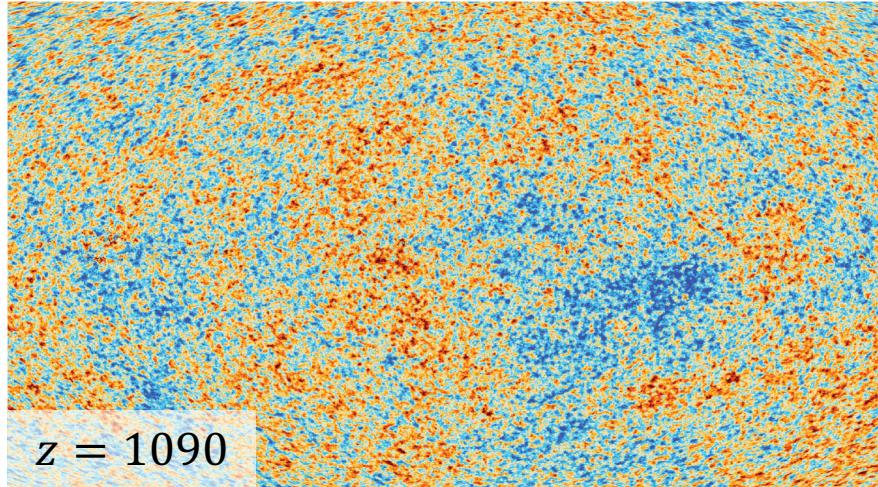
# Large Scale Structure Beyond the Two-Point Function

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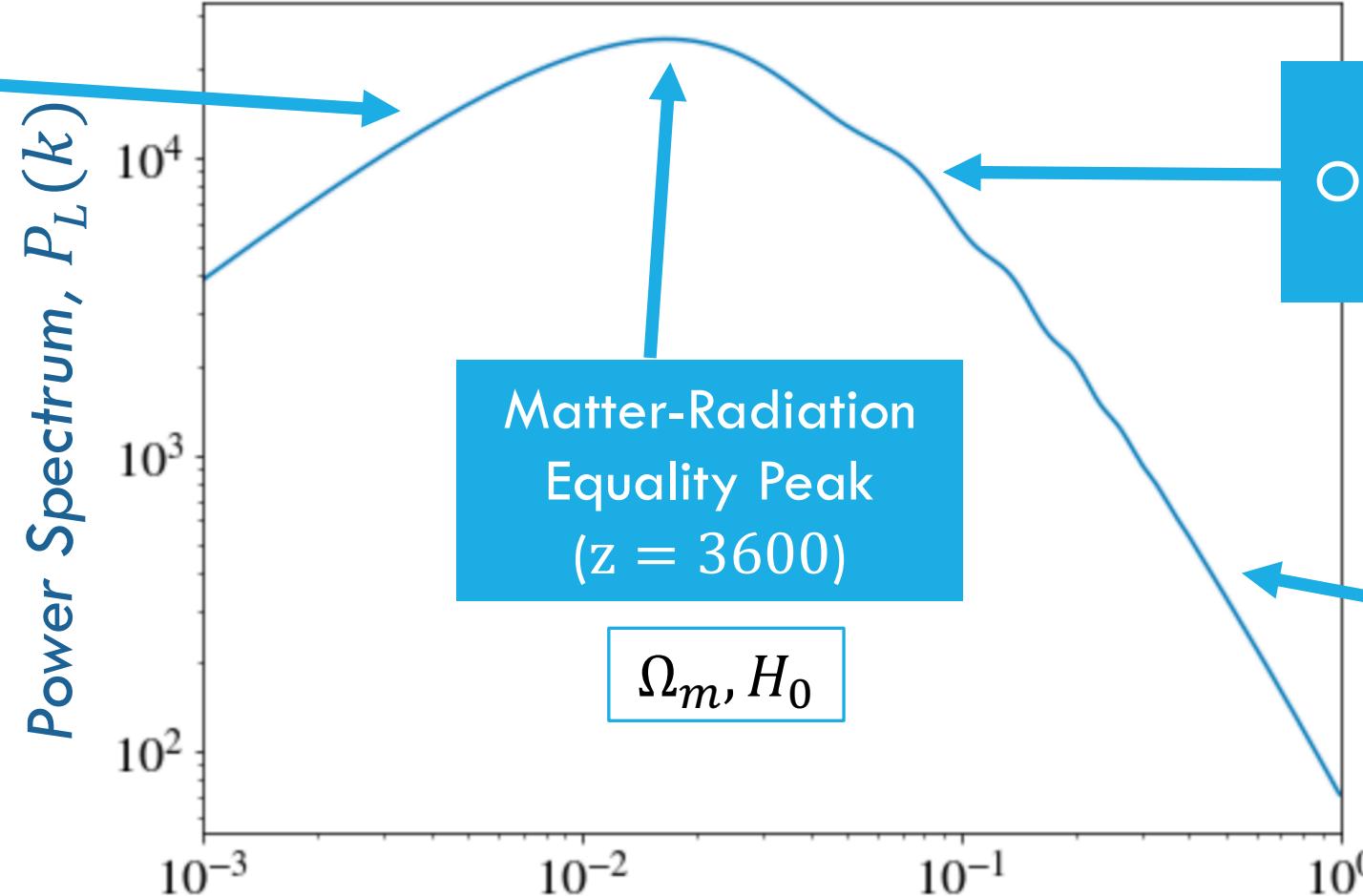
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# LINEAR POWER SPECTRUM

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

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

$$n_s, A_s$$



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

$$\Omega_m, H_0$$

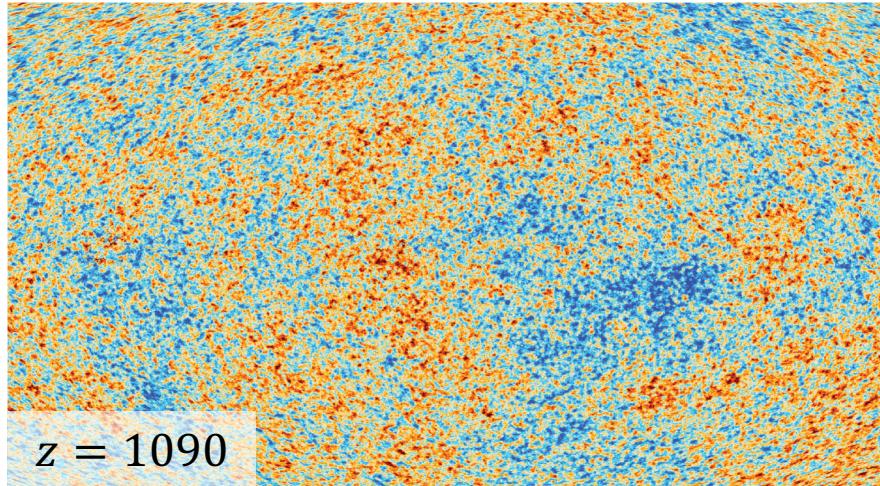
Baryon Acoustic  
Oscillation Wiggles  
 $(z = 1090)$

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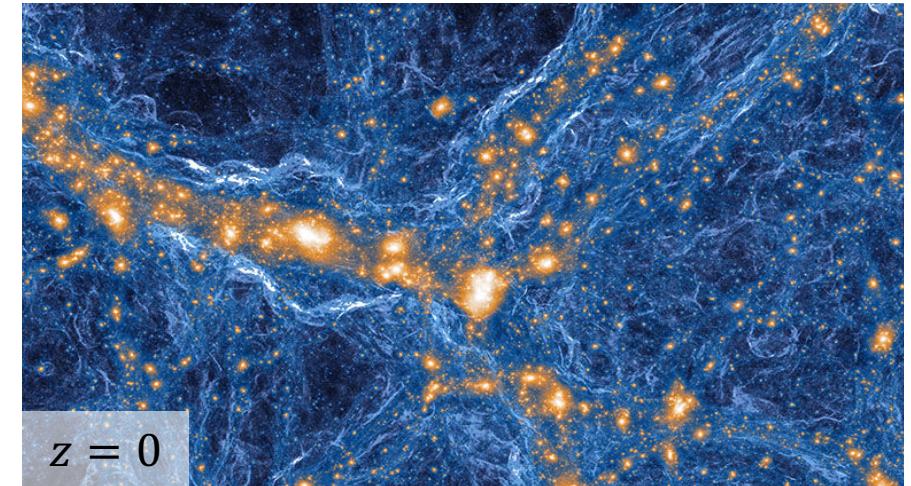
Baryon and  
Neutrino  
Suppression

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

# THE LATE UNIVERSE IS NOT GAUSSIAN



Gravitational  
Collapse



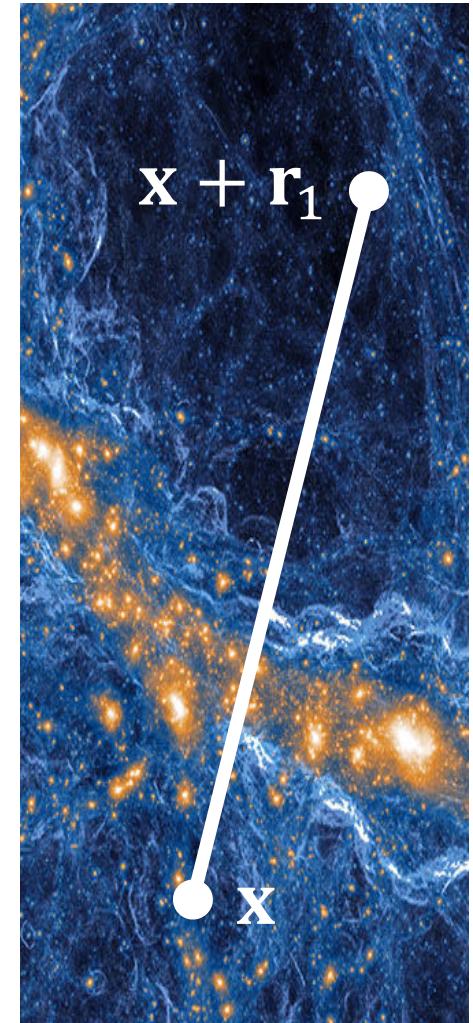
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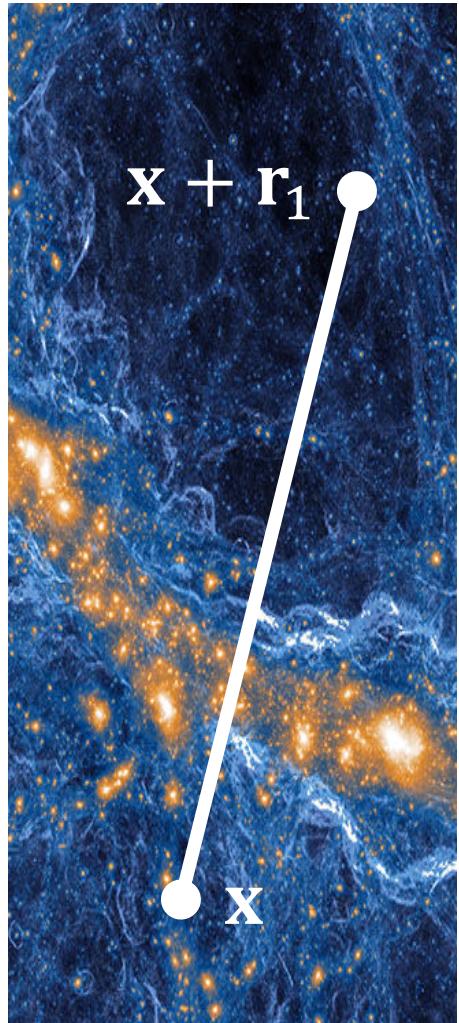
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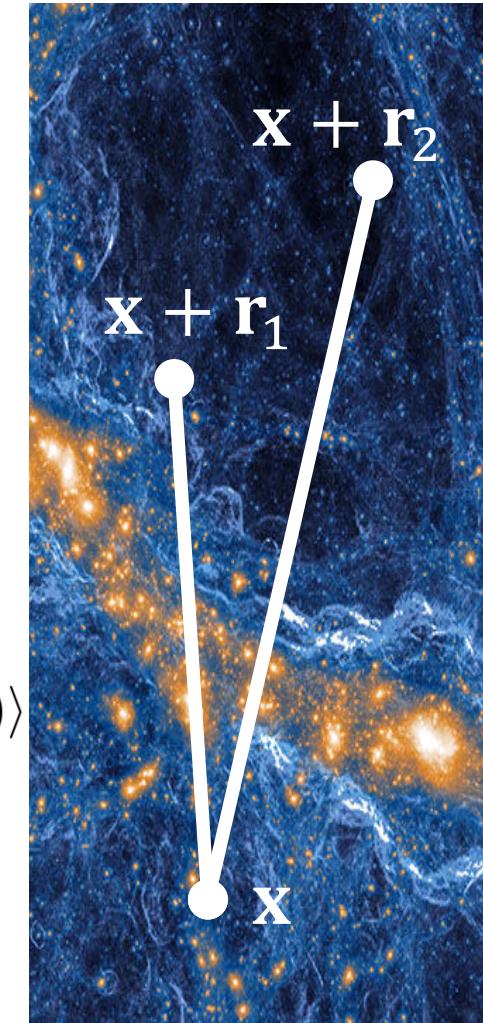
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And beyond...



# WHAT MAKES UP THE BISPECTRUM?

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

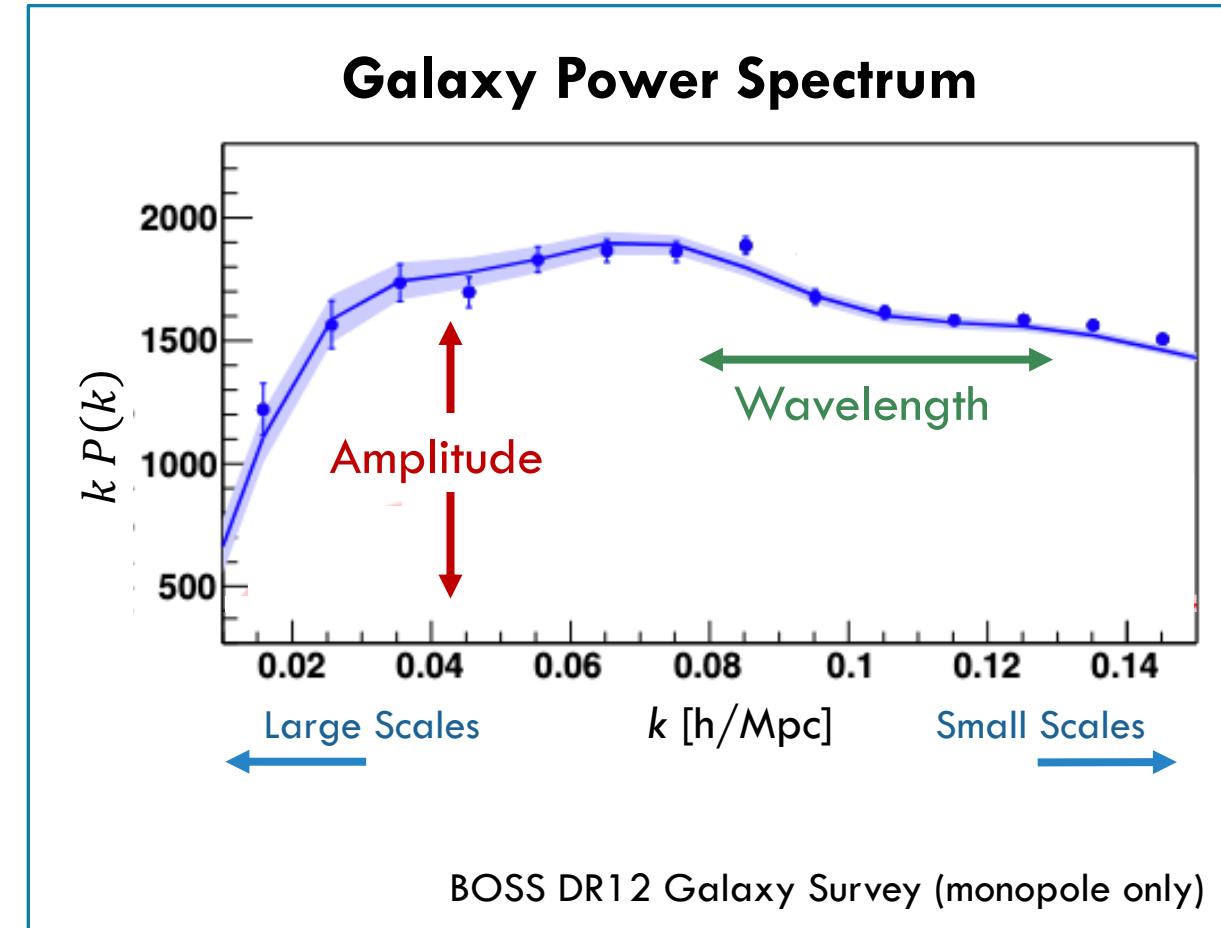
The galaxy bispectrum depends on **galaxy formation physics**, **gravity**, and **early-Universe cosmology**.

► To obtain **all** the large-scale information in the initial conditions, we need:<sup>\*</sup>

- 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.

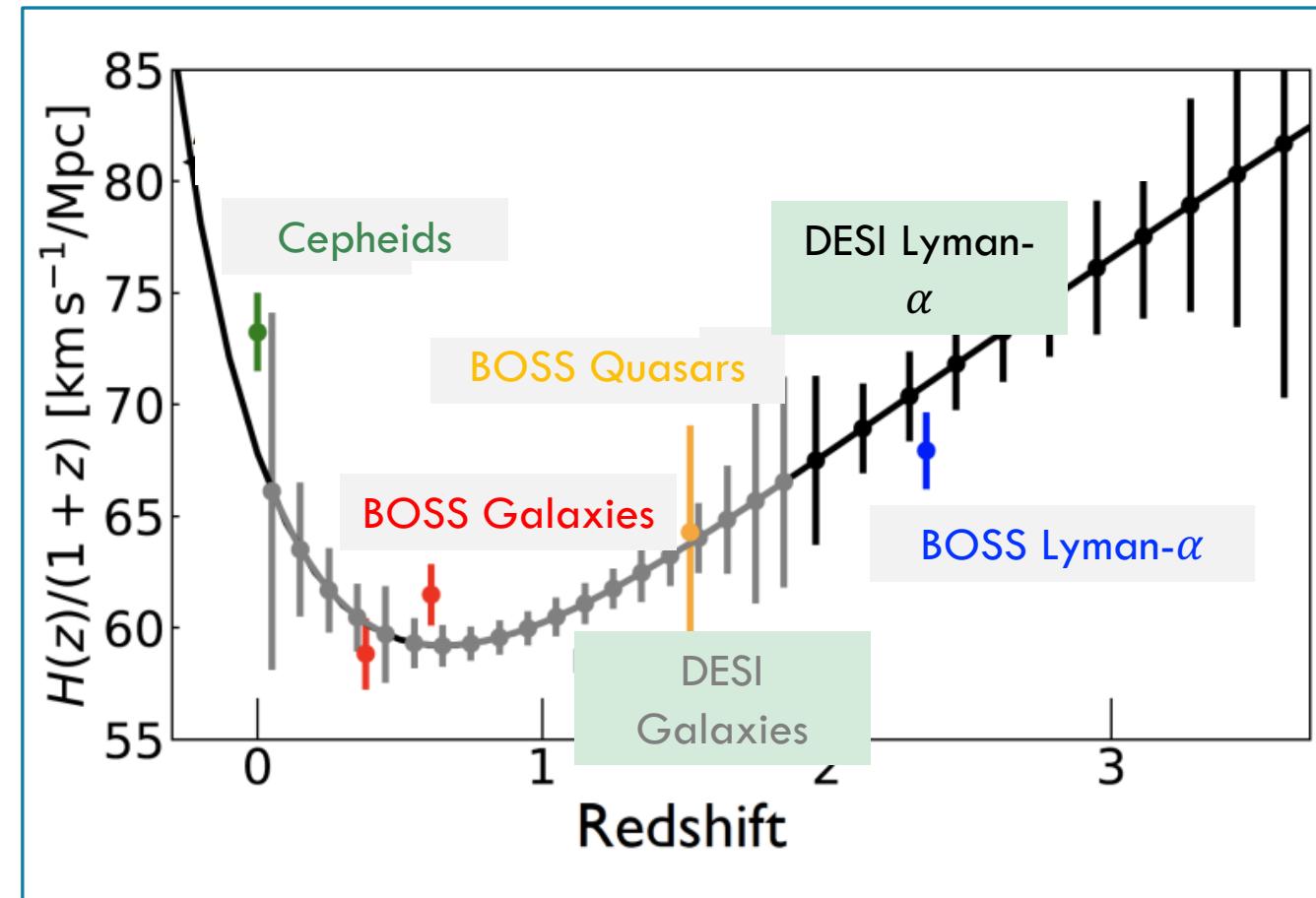
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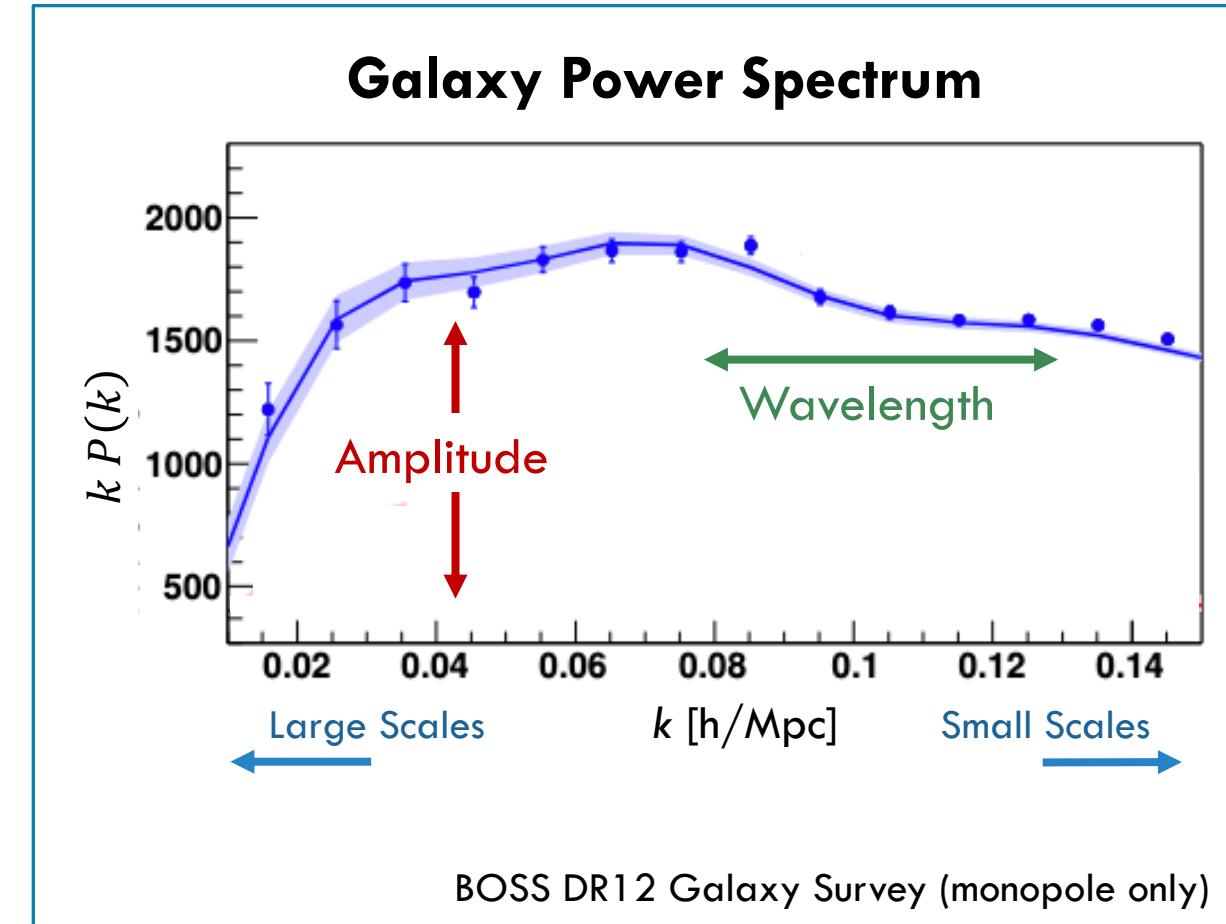
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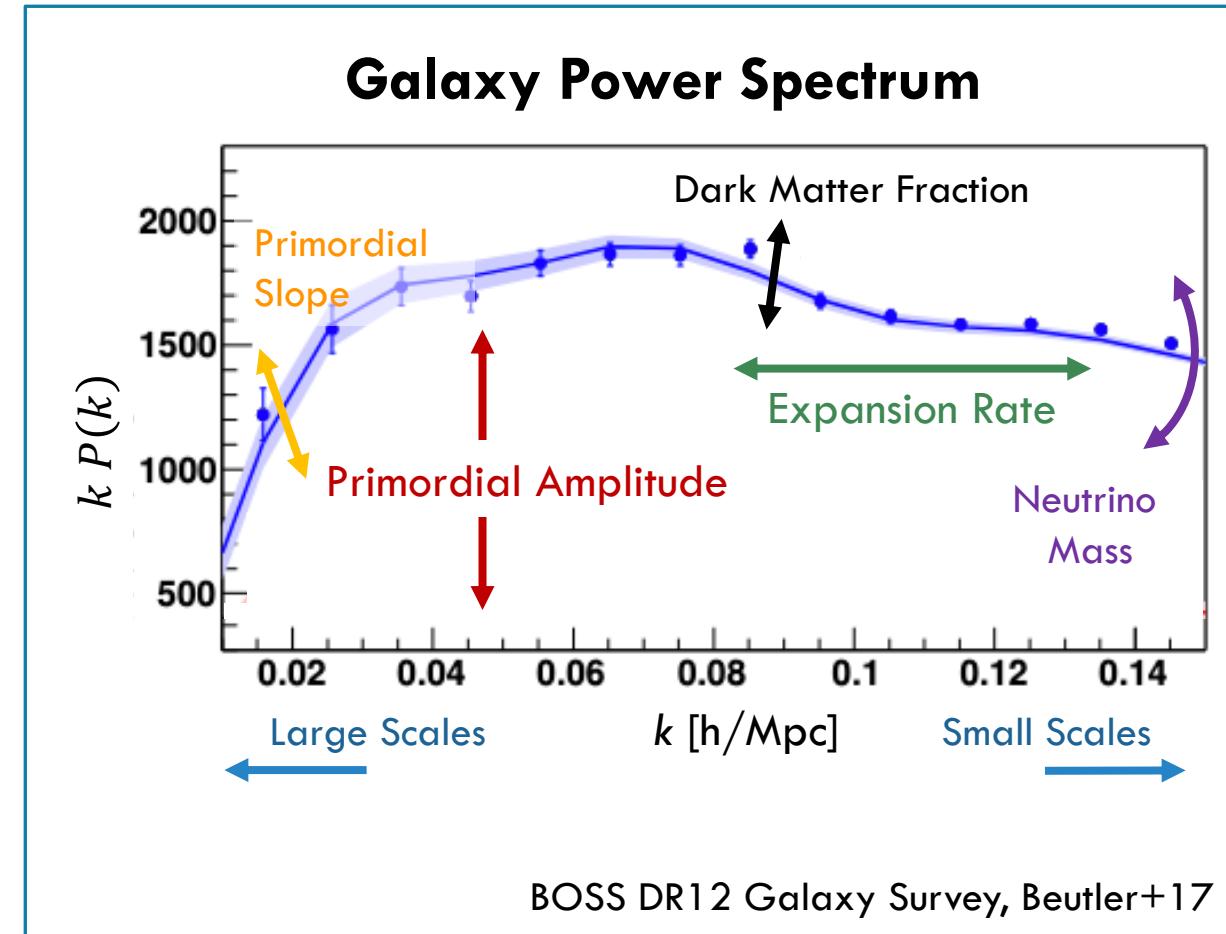
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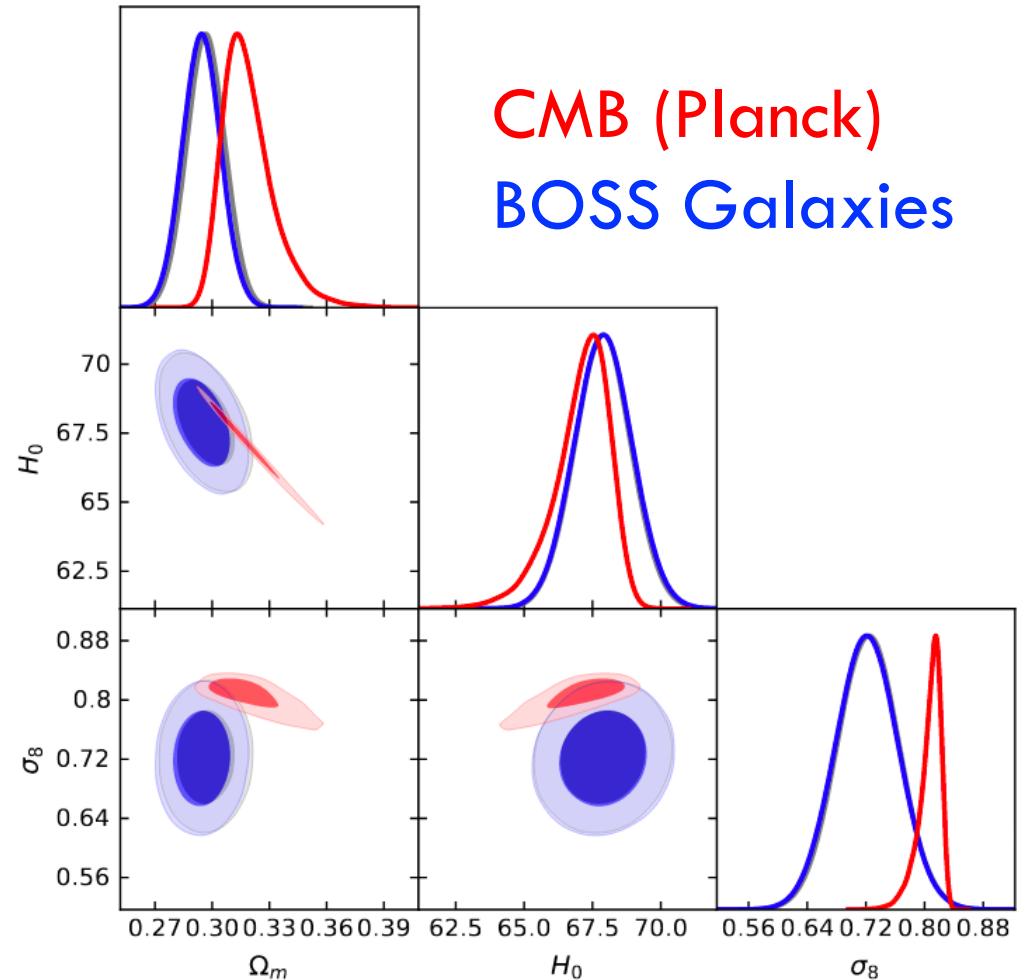
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- ▷ Constrain parameters in **new** ways e.g. expansion rate from **equality scale**.  
[Farren, Philcox & Sherwin (in prep.)]

Can we go **beyond** the power spectrum?



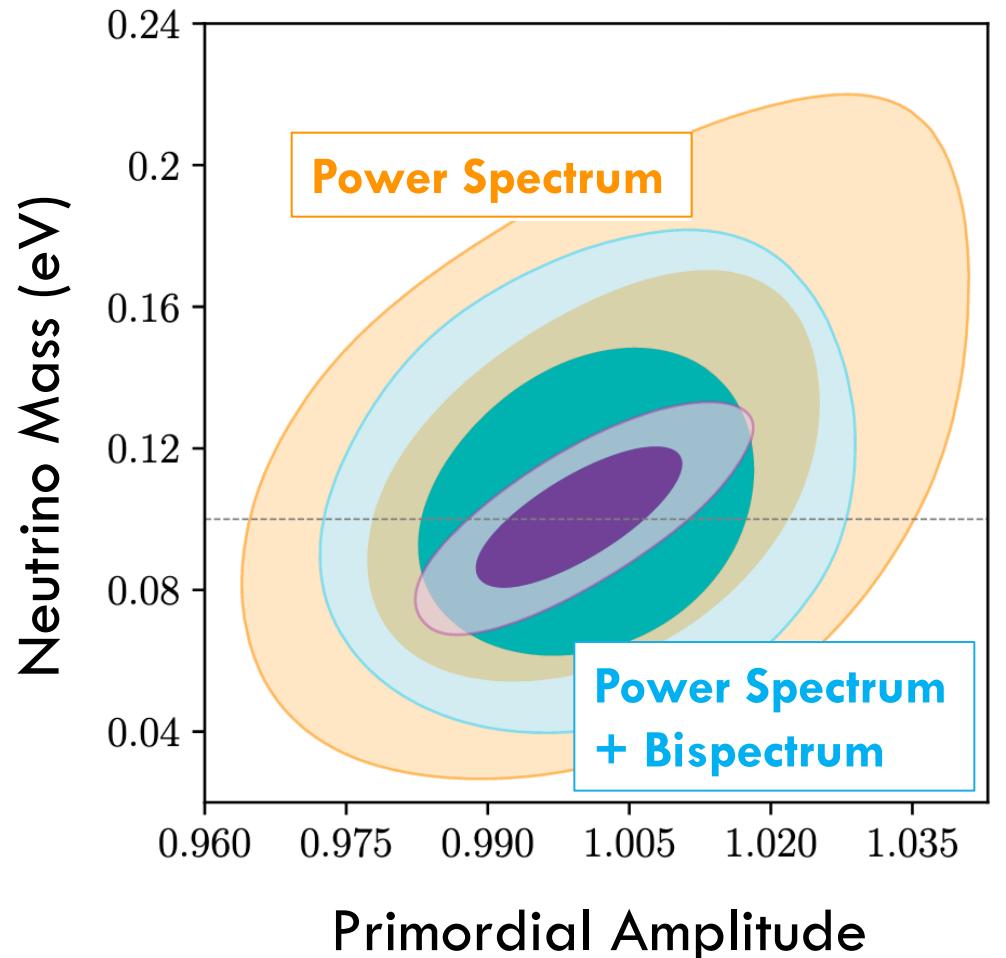
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## Euclid Forecast

- ▷ Bispectrum improves constraints by  $\approx 40\%$
- ▷  $1\sigma$  constraint of  $\sigma_{M_\nu} = 0.013$  eV [including *Planck*]



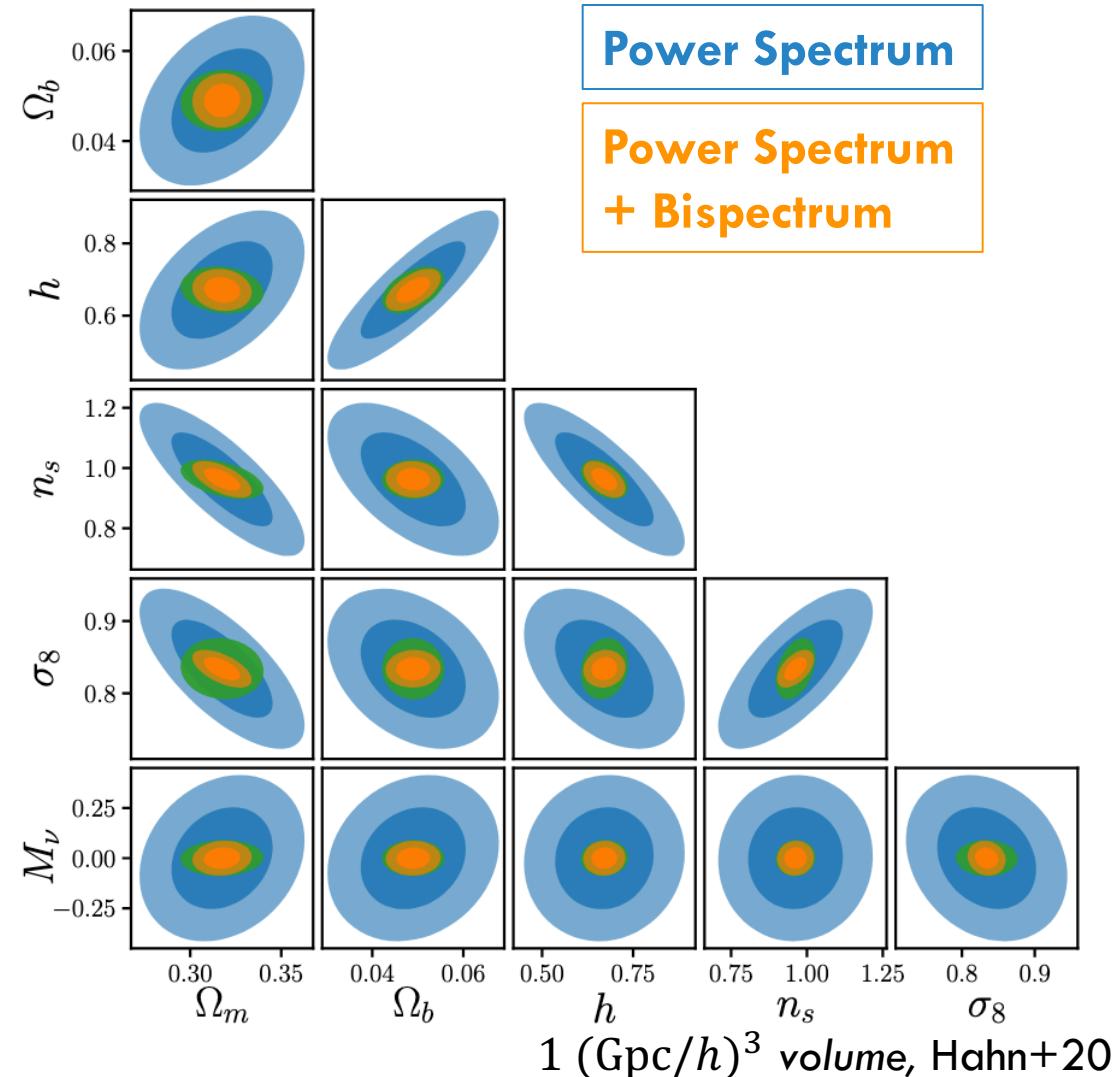
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## Simulation-Based Forecast

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

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

The equation shows the action  $S$  as an integral over spacetime. Inside the integral, there are three terms:  $\frac{1}{2}R$  (Gravity),  $-\frac{1}{2}\partial^\mu\phi\partial_\mu\phi$  (Kinetic Energy), and  $-V(\phi)$  (Potential). Blue arrows point from three separate boxes labeled "Gravity", "Kinetic Energy", and "Potential" to their respective terms in the equation.

- ▷ Action,  $S$ , encodes **statistics** of the **primordial** curvature perturbations,  $\zeta$

### 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  $f_{\text{NL}}$

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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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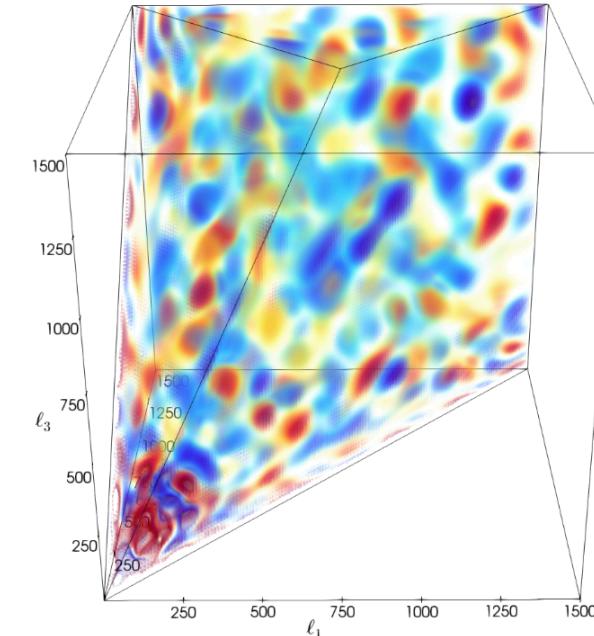
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How do we measure this?

## 1. CMB Bispectrum

Planck TTT Bispectrum



≈ 2× better  
with CMB-S4!

## $f_{\text{NL}}$ Constraints

Local . . . . .	$6.7 \pm 5.6$
Equilateral . . . . .	$6 \pm 66$
Orthogonal . . . . .	$-38 \pm 36$

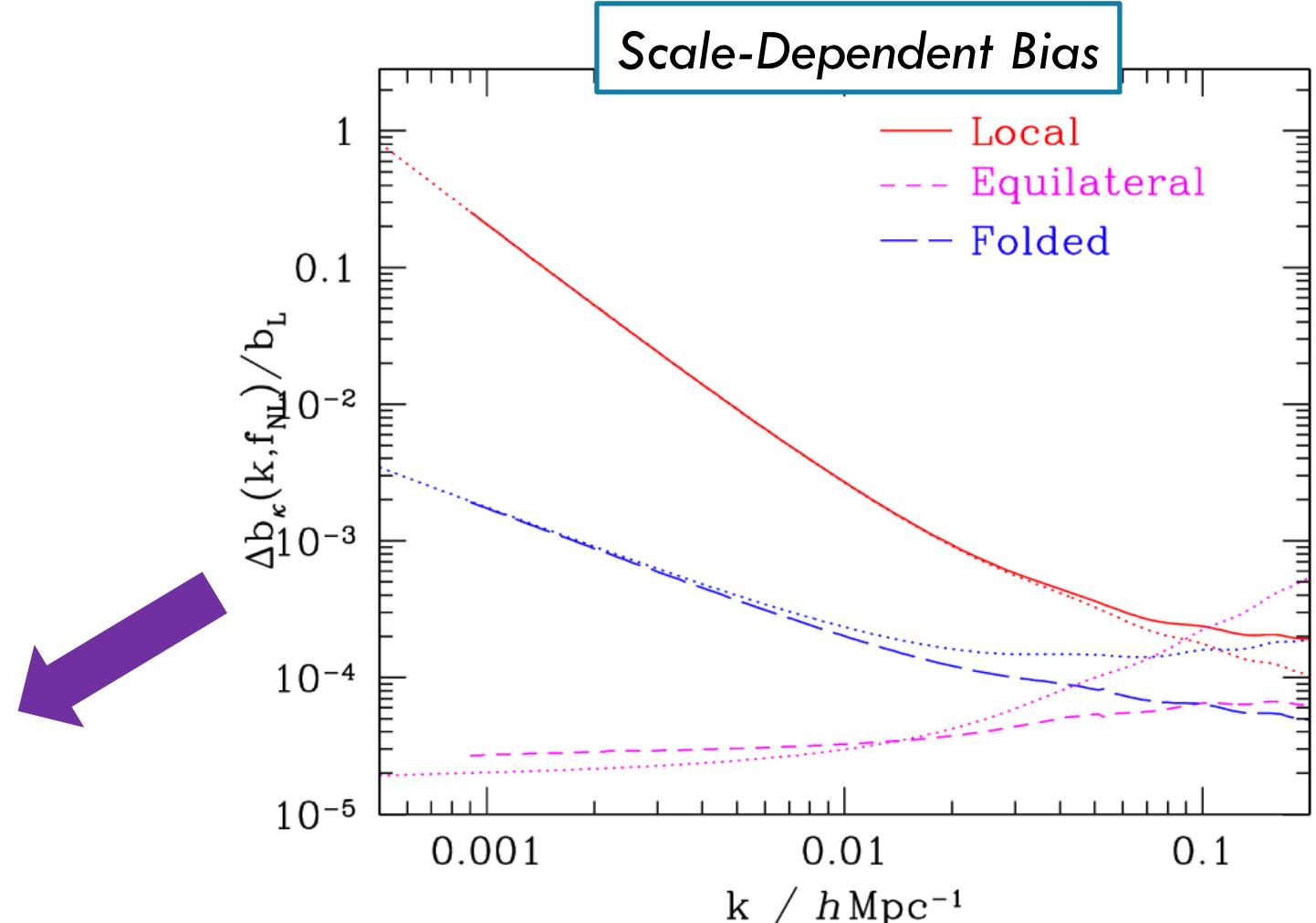
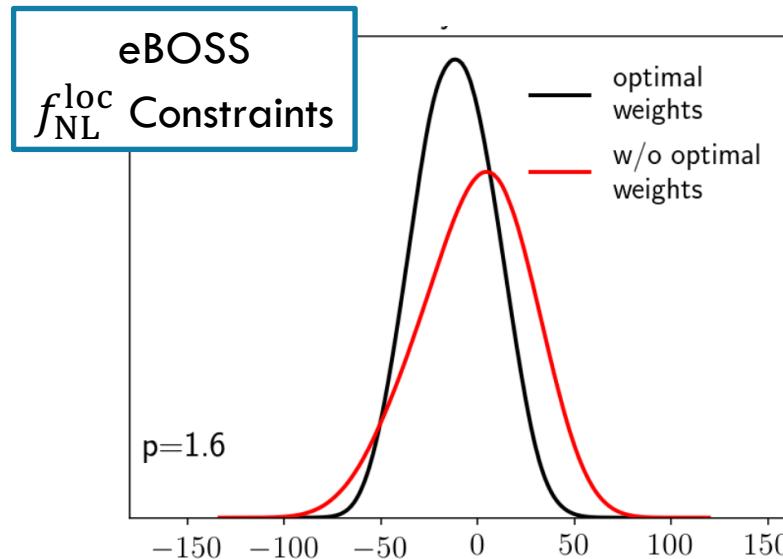
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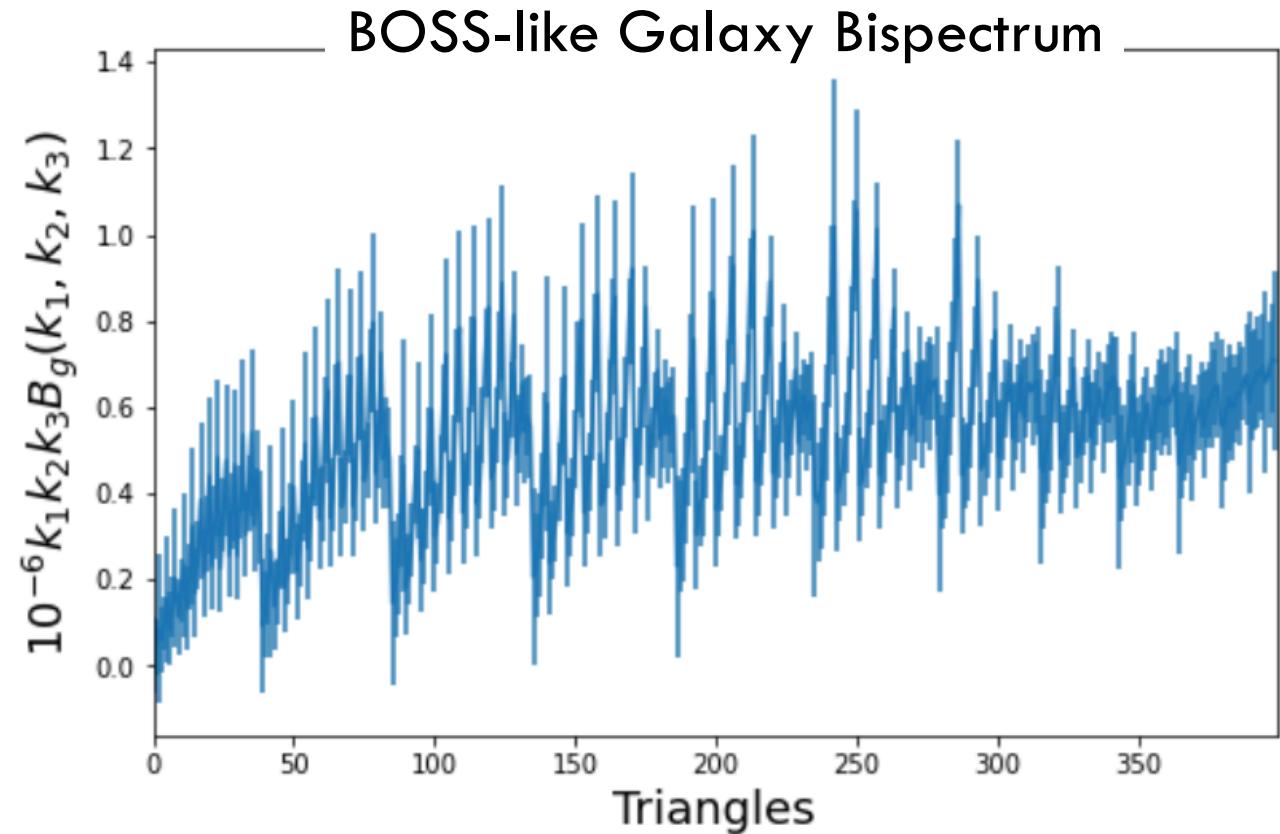


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# CHERN-SIMONS INTERACTIONS VIOLATE PARITY

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

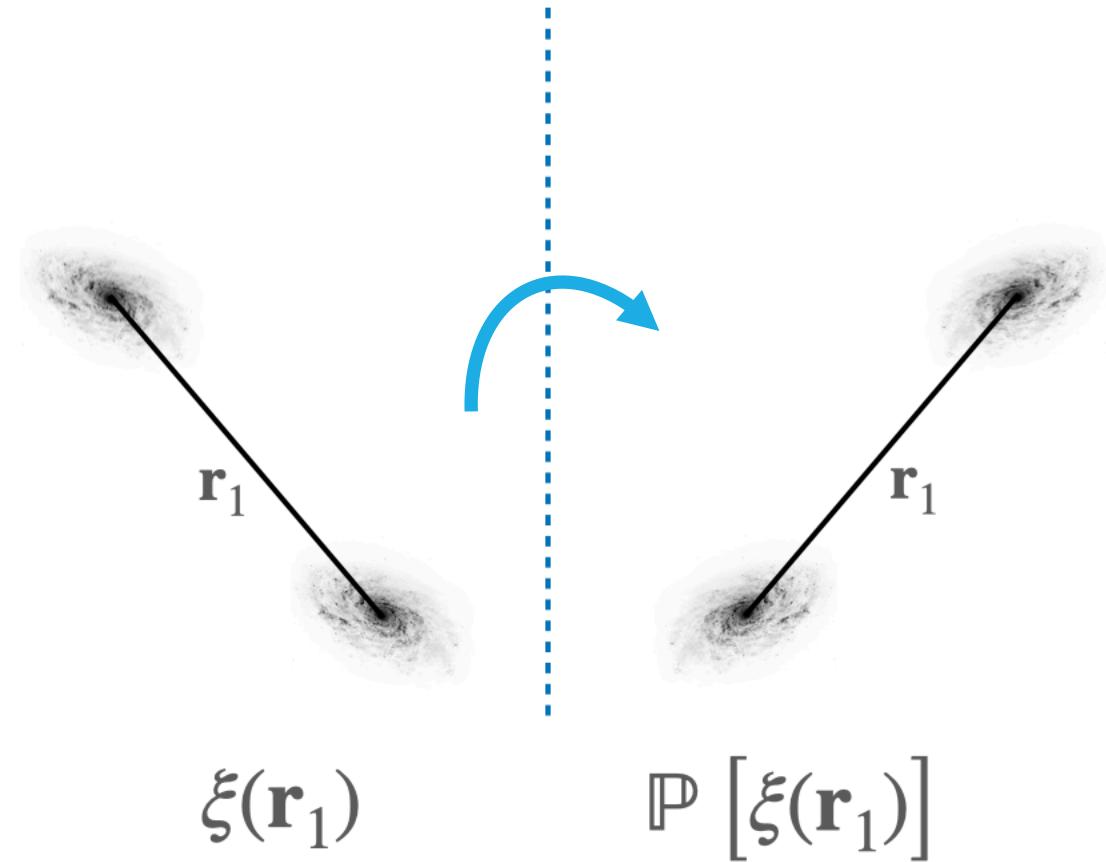
- ▷ Add a **gauge field**  $A_\mu$  to the inflationary action, via  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\nu A_\mu - \partial_\mu A_\nu$
- ▷ This can include a **Chern-Simons coupling** to the (pseudo-)scalar  $\phi$  [motivated by baryogenesis]
- ▷  $f(\phi)F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$  violates **parity symmetry**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

Where should we look for these signatures?

# THE 2PCF + 3PCF ARE NOT SENSITIVE TO PARITY

**2-Point Correlation Function (2PCF):**

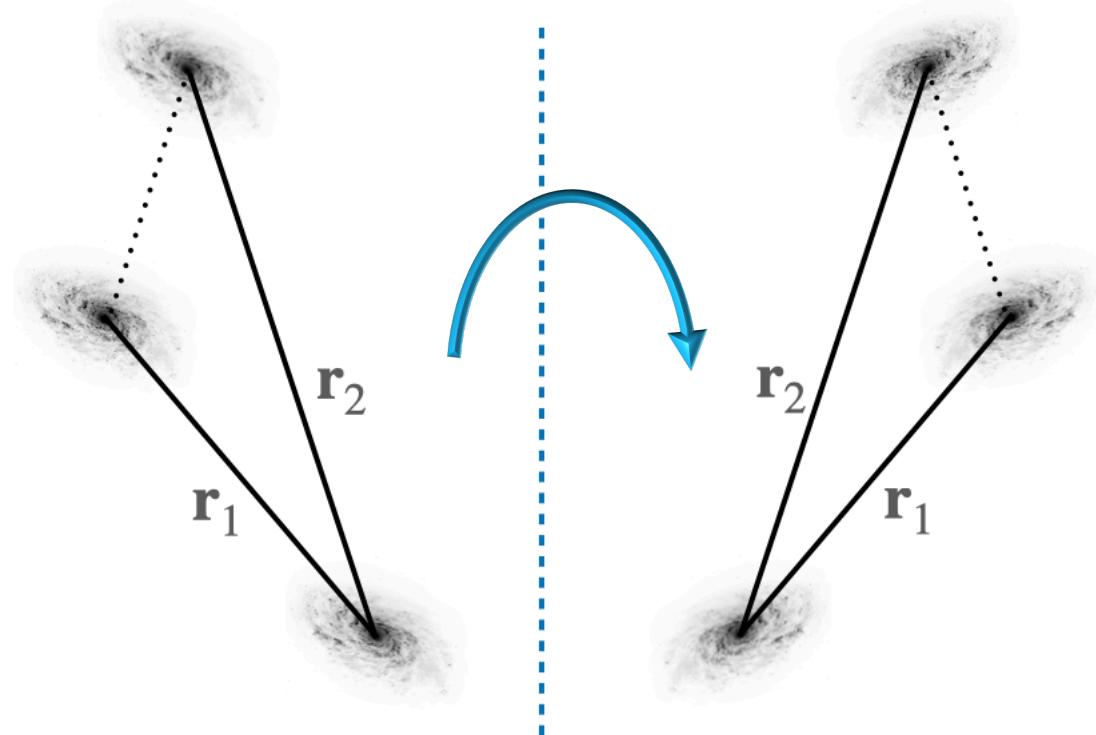
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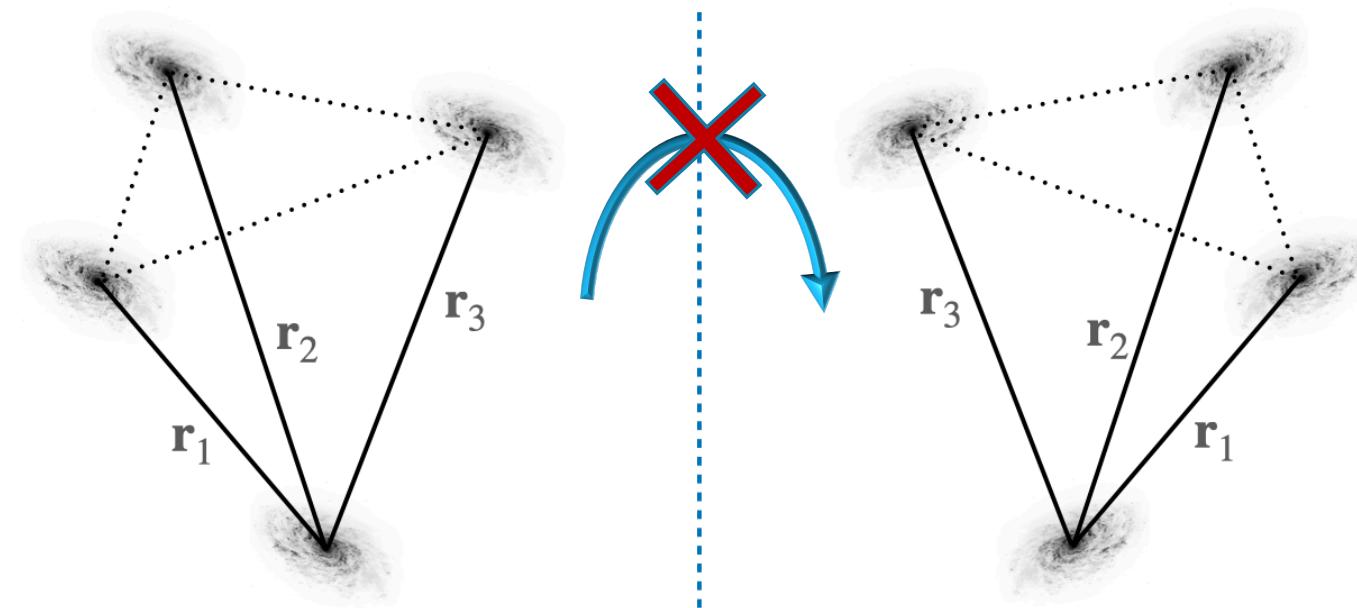
$$\zeta_3(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$

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**3-Point Correlation Function (3PCF):**

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**4-Point Correlation Function (4PCF):**

Parity Inversion  $\neq$  Rotation

$$\zeta_4(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3)$$

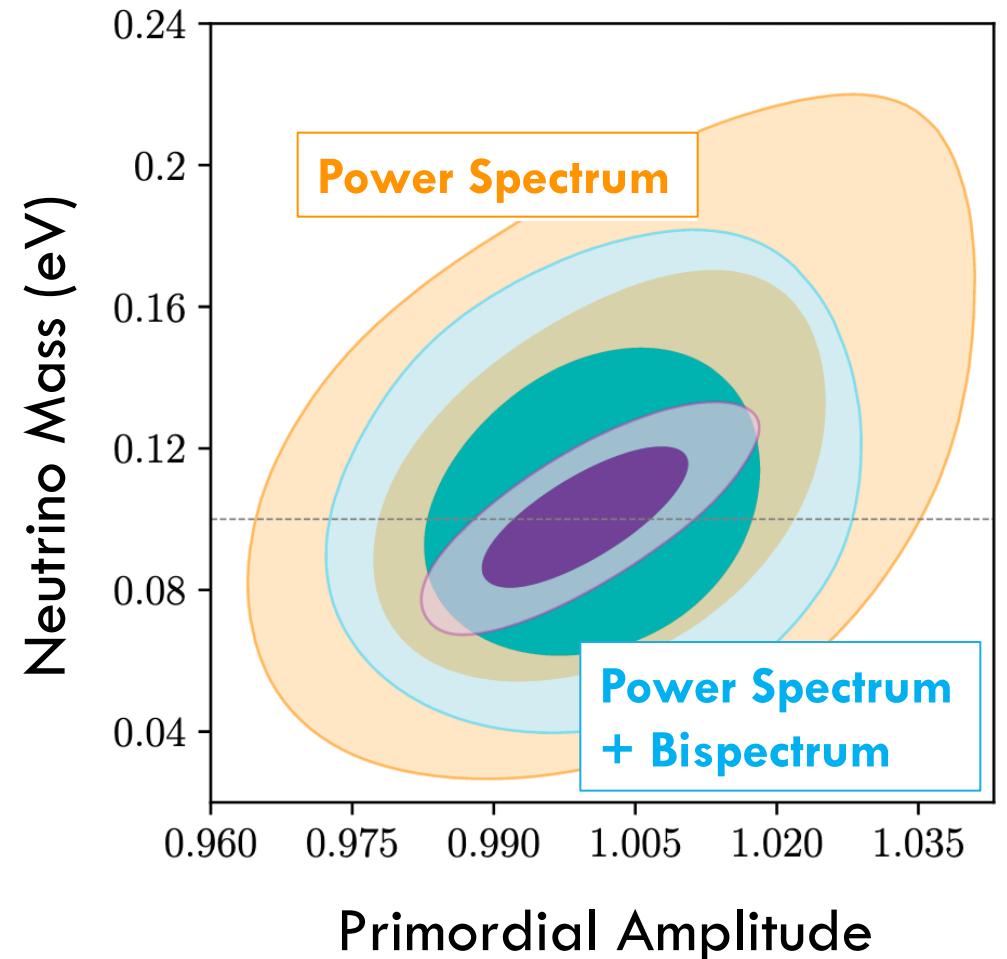
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## Why Use Large Scale Structure?

- 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.

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

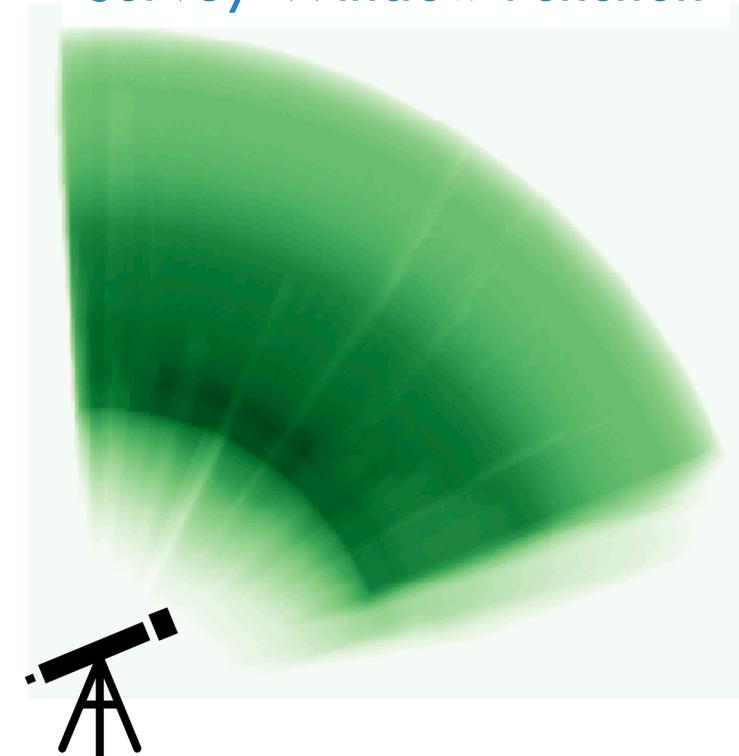
Window Function

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!

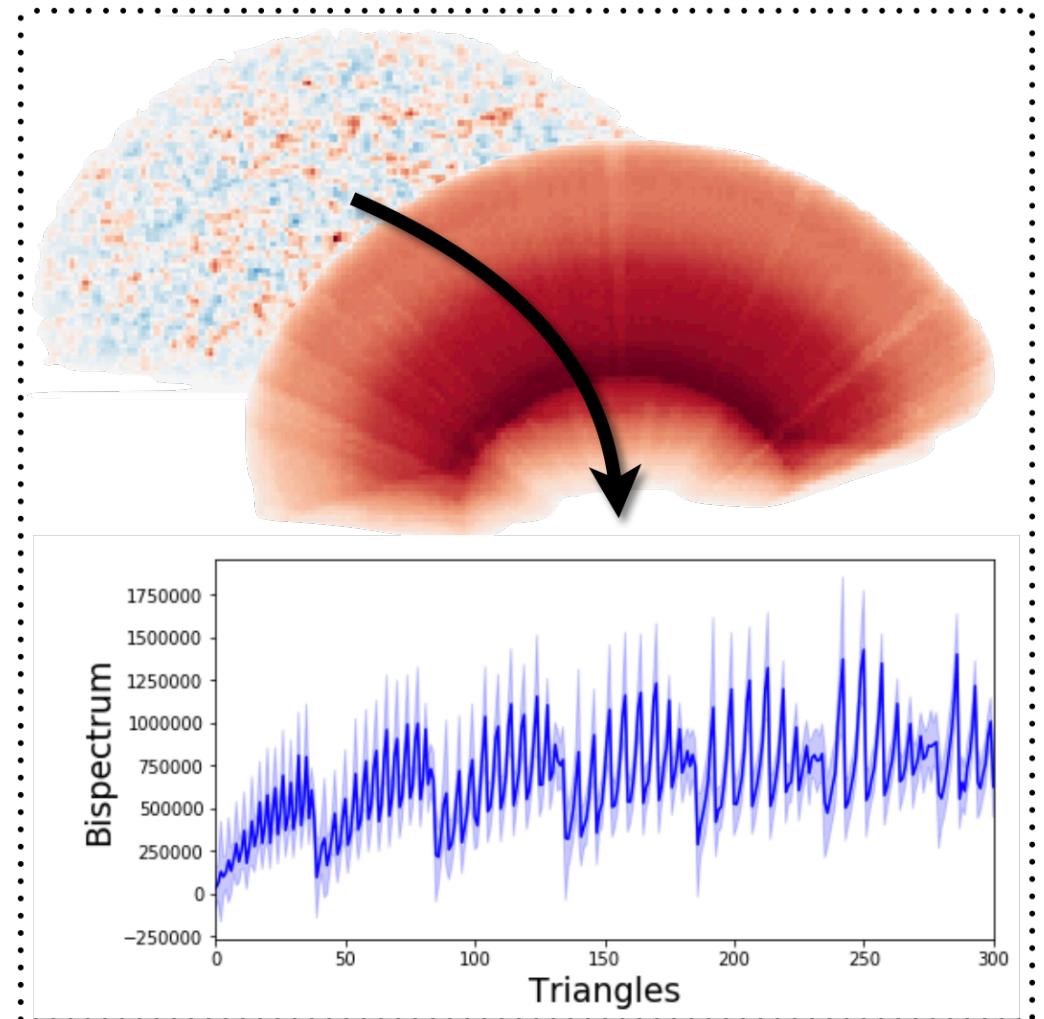
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Alternatively: estimate the **unwindowed** bispectrum directly

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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  $\mathbf{B}^{ijk}$

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

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

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

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

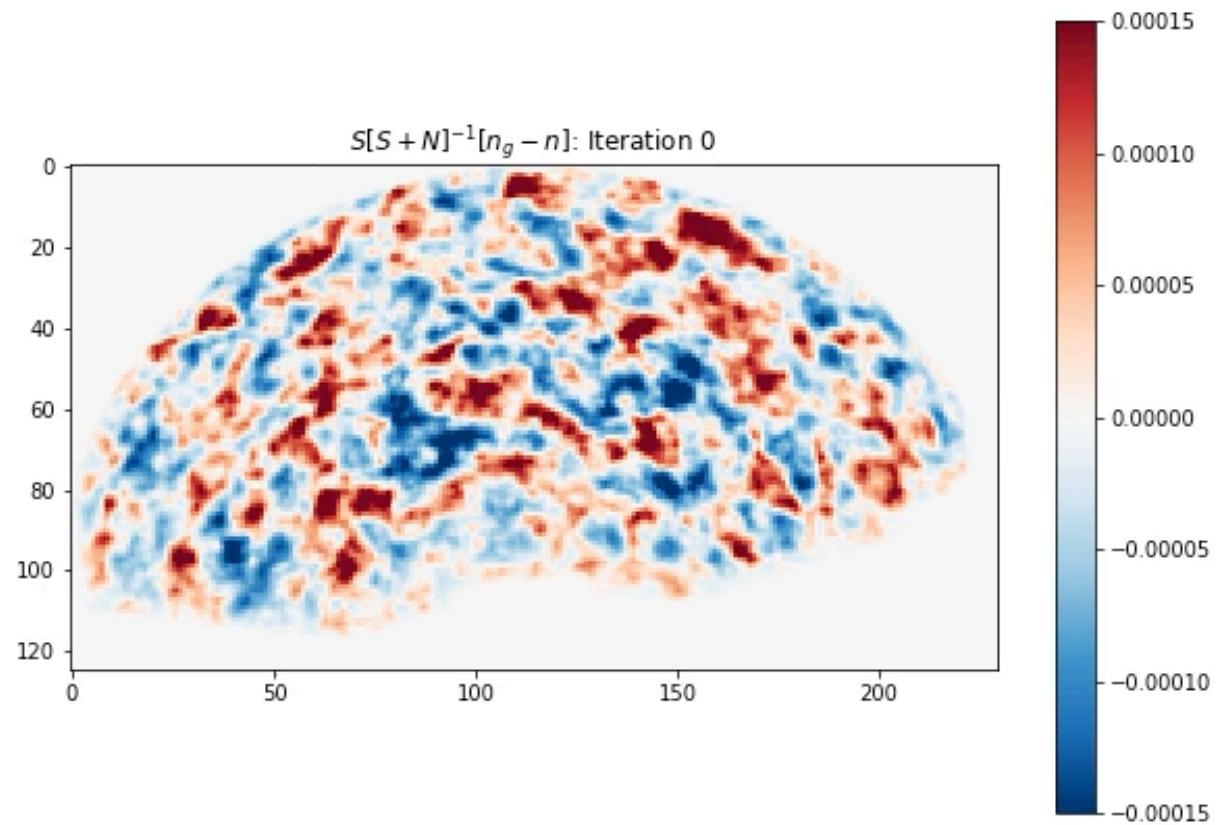
Cubic Estimator

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

Fisher Matrix

# INVERSE VARIANCE WEIGHTING

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

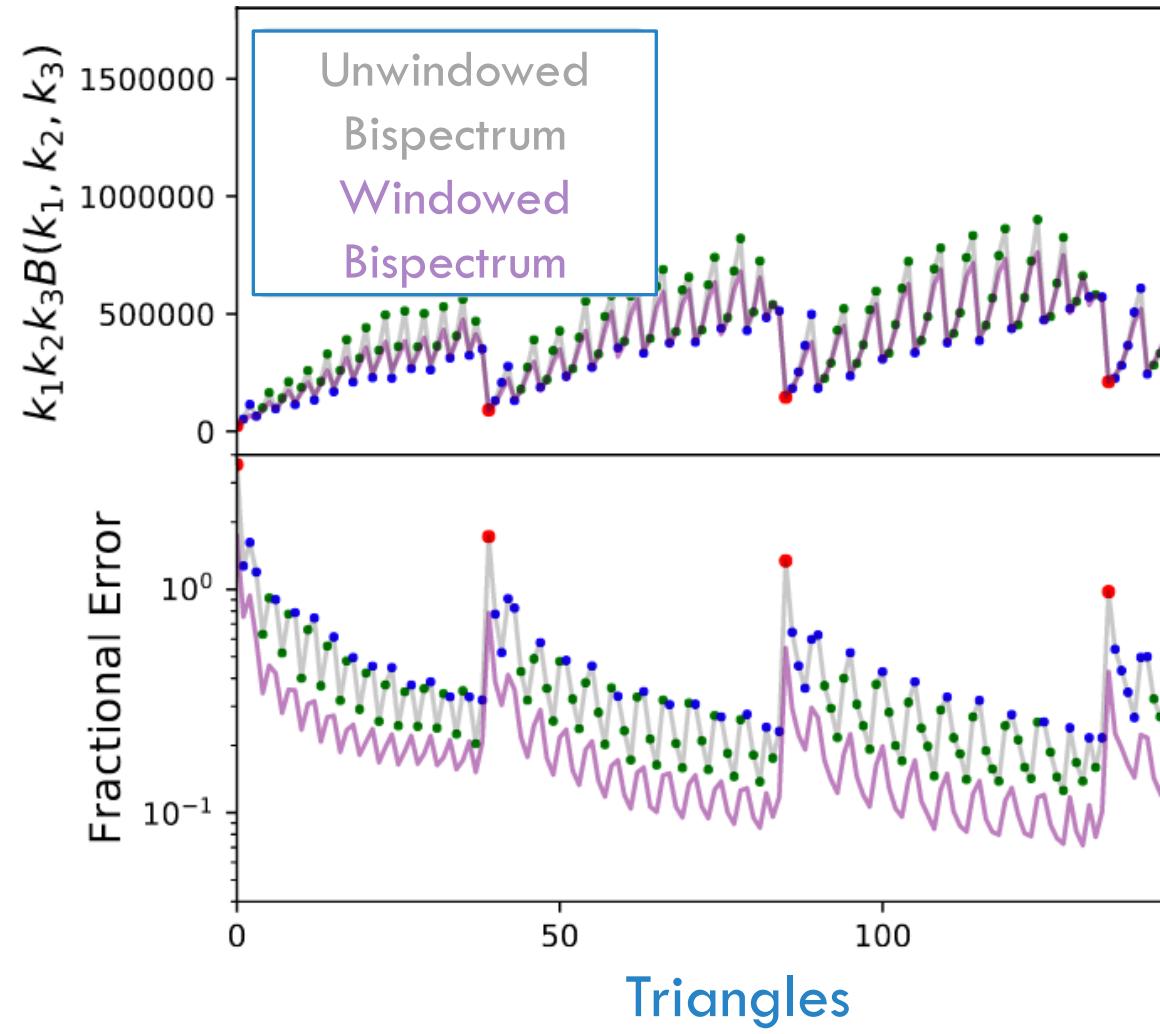


# BISPECTRA WITHOUT WINDOWS

Properties of the **cubic estimator**:

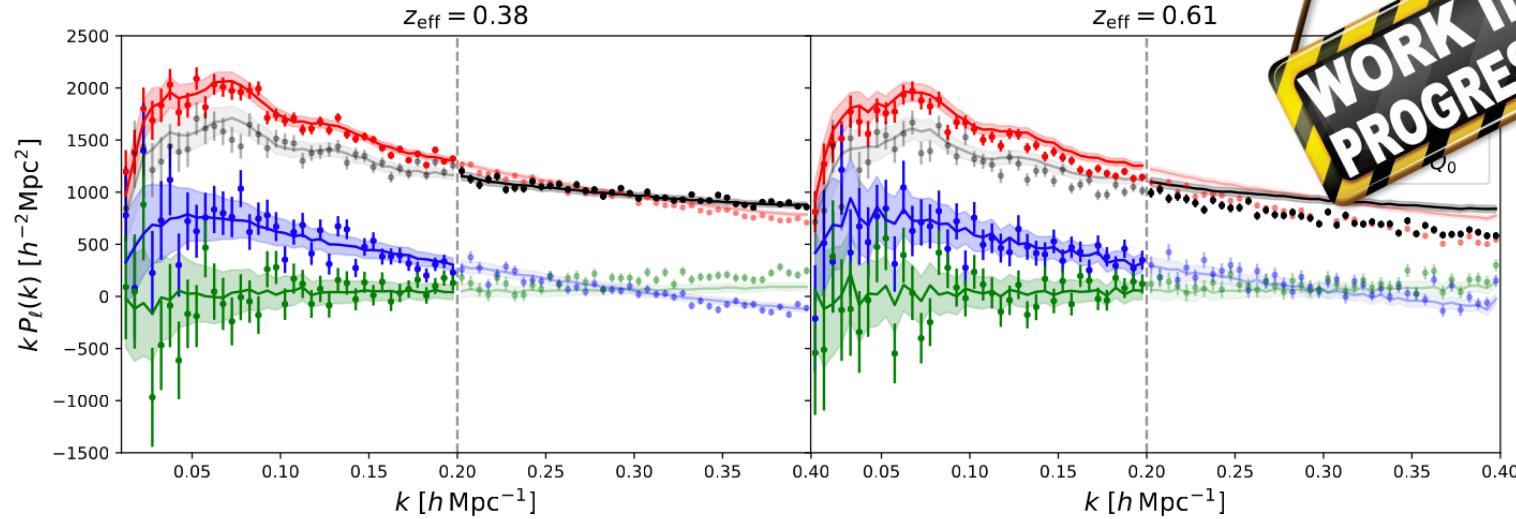
1. Unbiased
2. Minimum variance [as  $B(k_1, k_2, k_3) \rightarrow 0$ ]
3. Window-free [effectively a deconvolution]

▷ Requires various tricks for dealing with high-dimensional data [e.g. conjugate gradient descent, Monte Carlo estimation etc.]

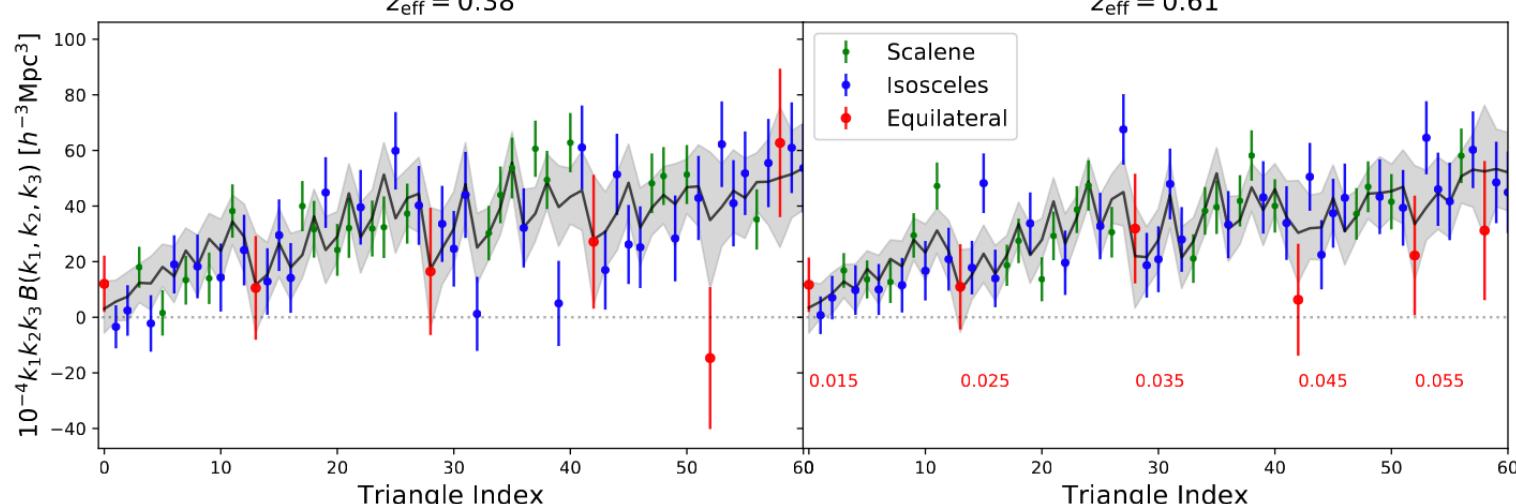


# BOSS WITHOUT WINDOWS

Power Spectra



Bispectra



Theory Model

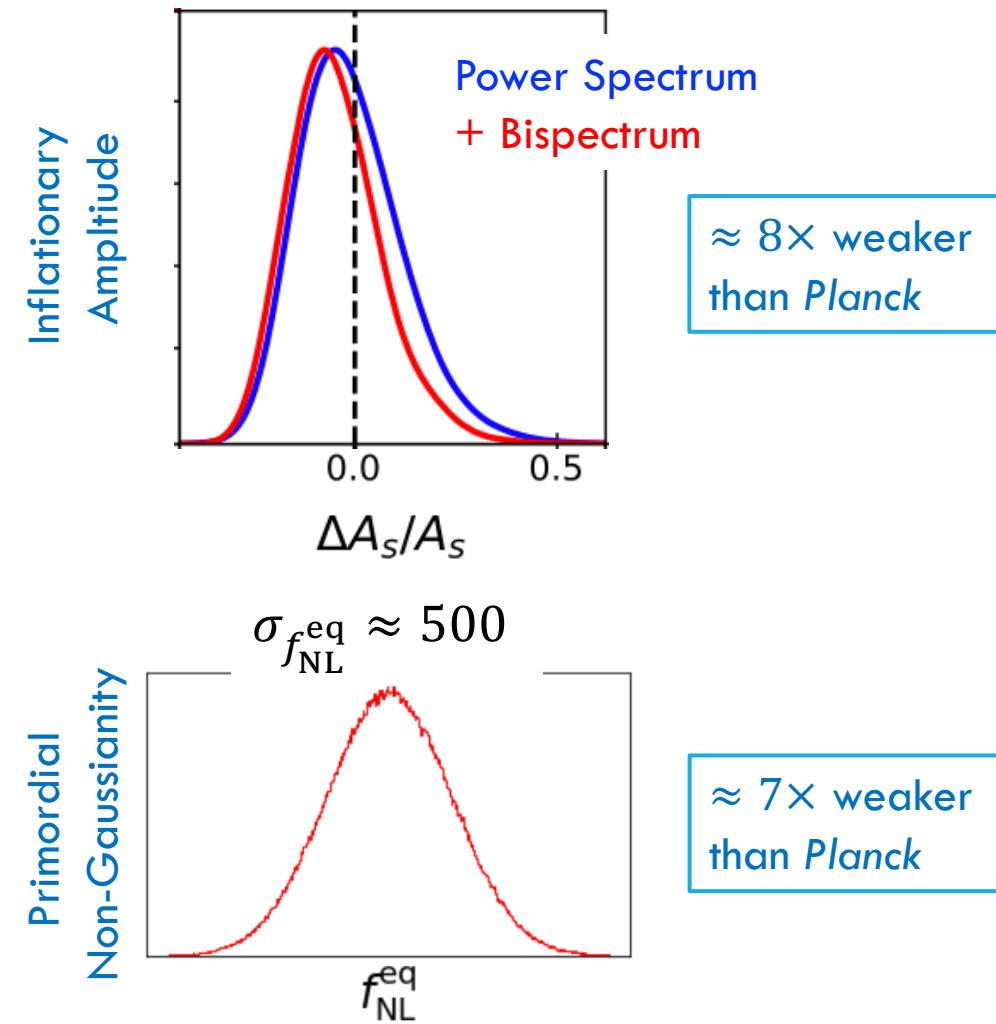
Cosmological Parameters

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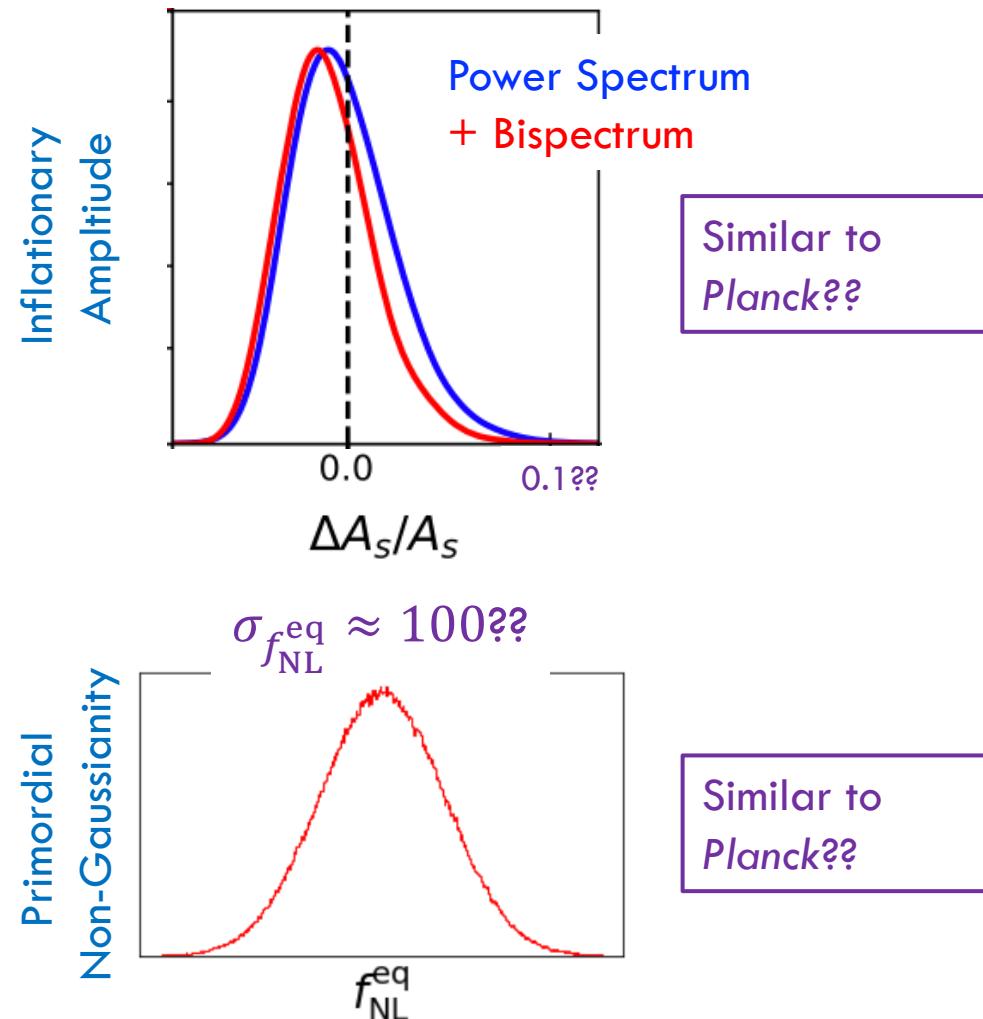
# WHAT WILL WE MEASURE?

- ▷ Tighter constraints on **cosmological** and **galaxy formation** parameters
- ▷  $\sigma_8$  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



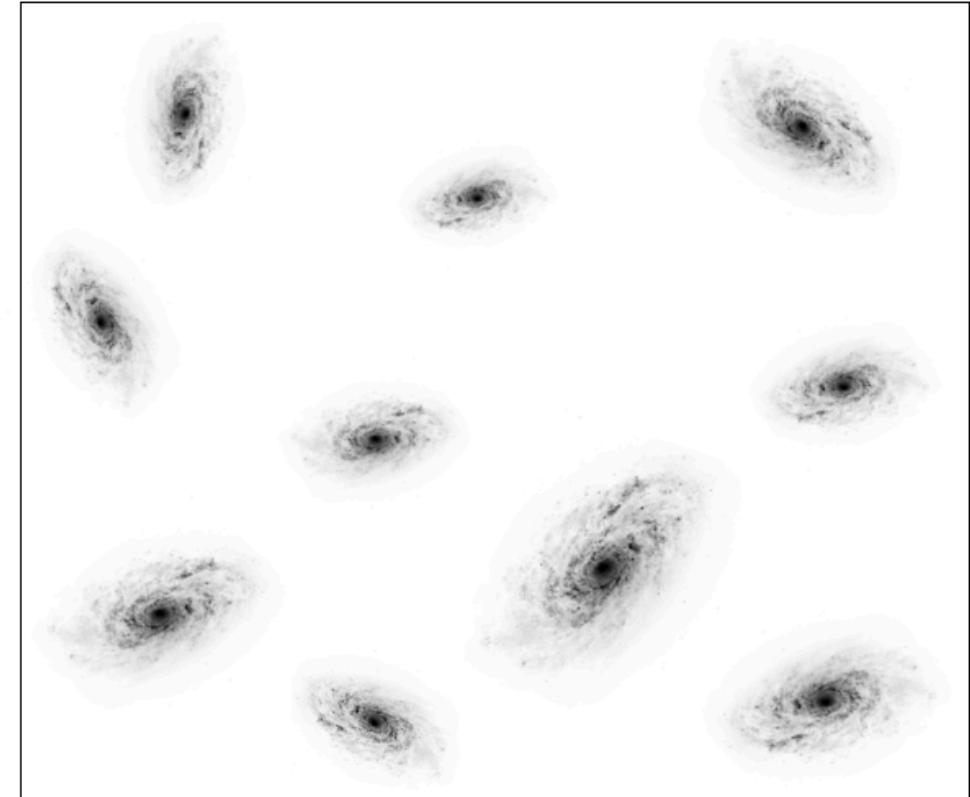
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$$\hat{\zeta}_{g,4}(r_1, r_2, r_3, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3) = \int \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{V} \int_{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3 \in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

Measuring the 4PCF involves  
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# HOW TO MEASURE A CORRELATION FUNCTION

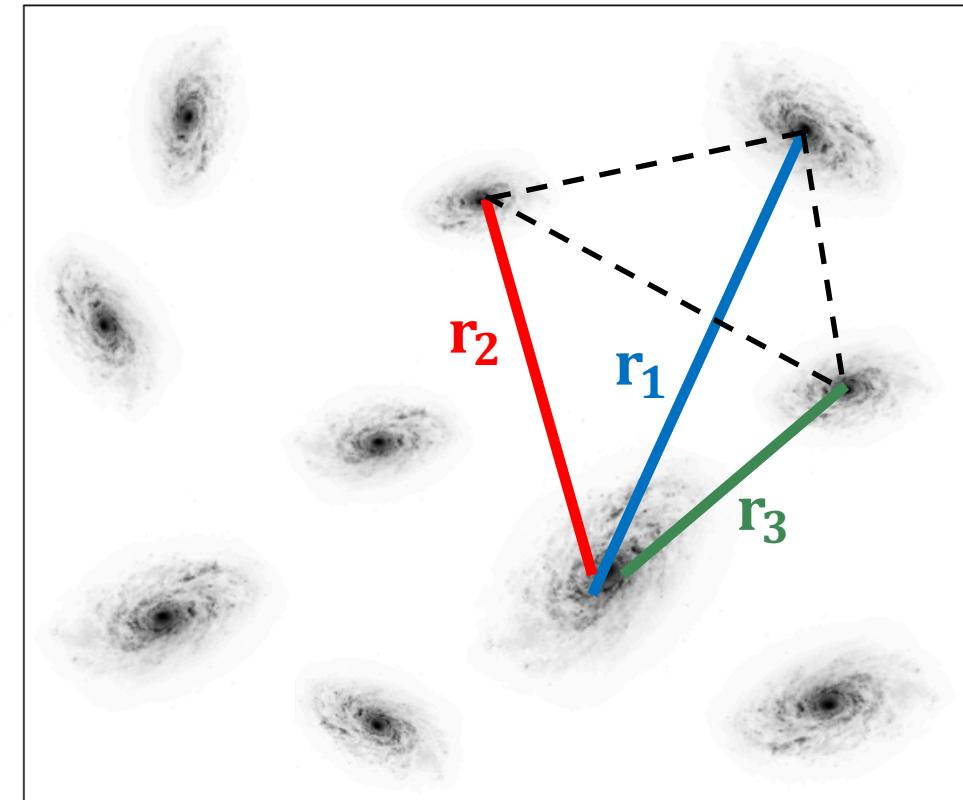
$$\hat{\zeta}_{g,4}(r_1, r_2, r_3, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3) = \int \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{V} \int_{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3 \in \text{bins}} \delta_g(\mathbf{x}) \delta_g(\mathbf{x}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

Measuring the 4PCF involves  
counting **quadruplets** of galaxies

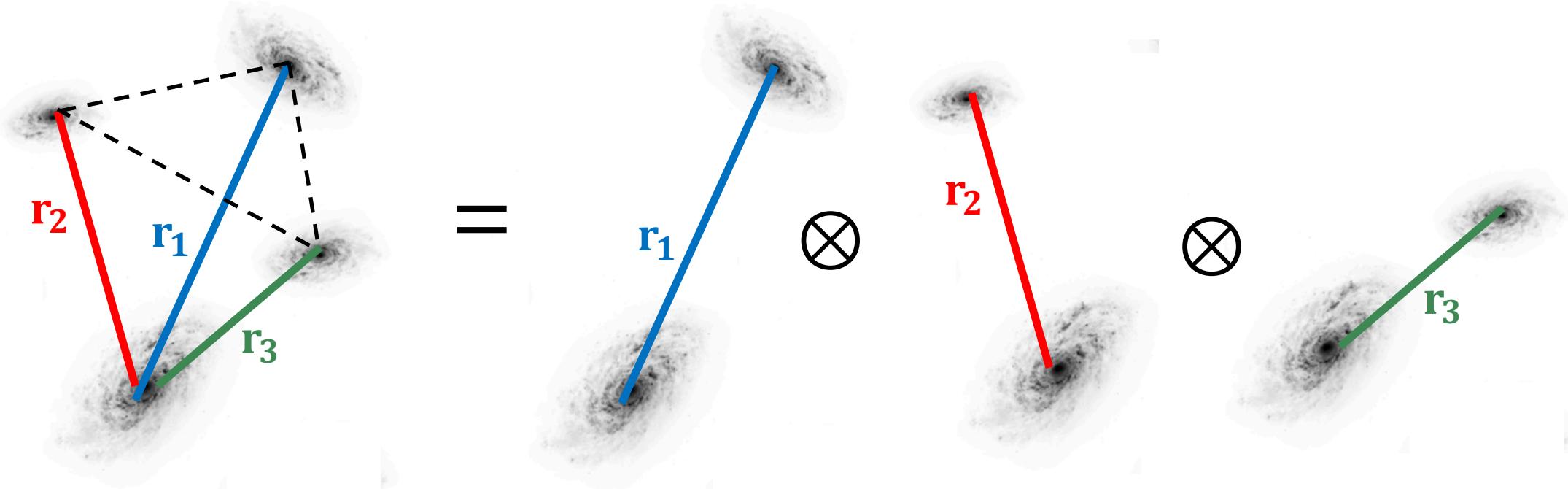
Total number of quadruplets:

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

This is **too many to count...**



# ONE TETRAHEDRON = THREE VECTORS



3 lengths + 3 angles

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

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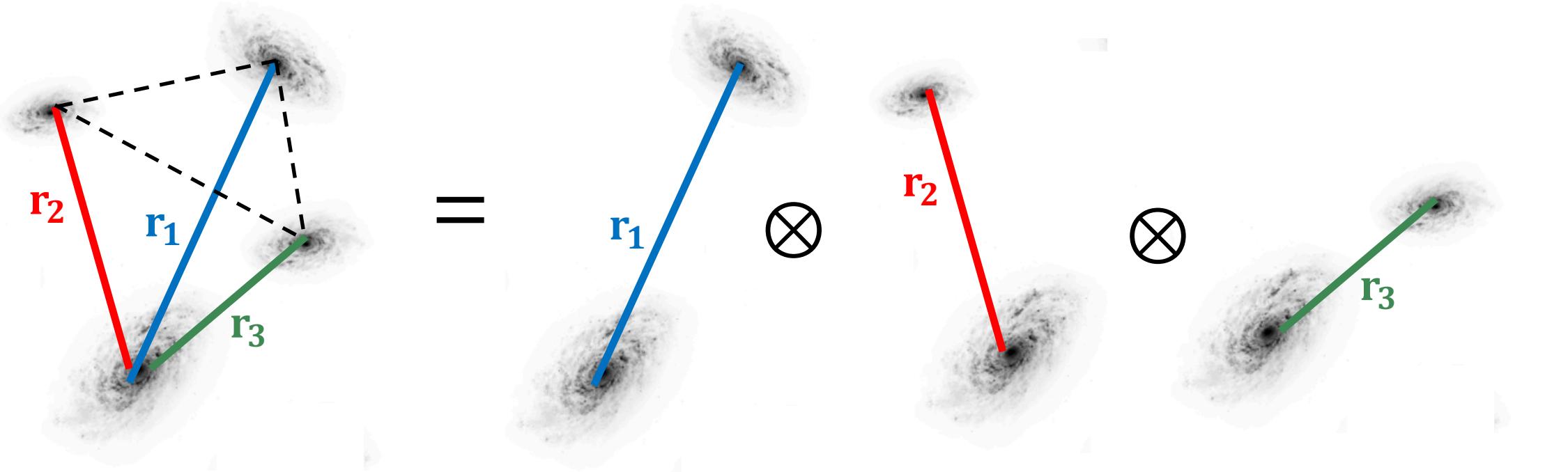
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$$(\mathbf{r}_3, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3)$$

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3 lengths + 3 multipoles  
 $(r_1, r_2, r_3, \ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3)$

1 length + 2 multipoles  
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# ANGULAR MOMENTUM BASIS

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

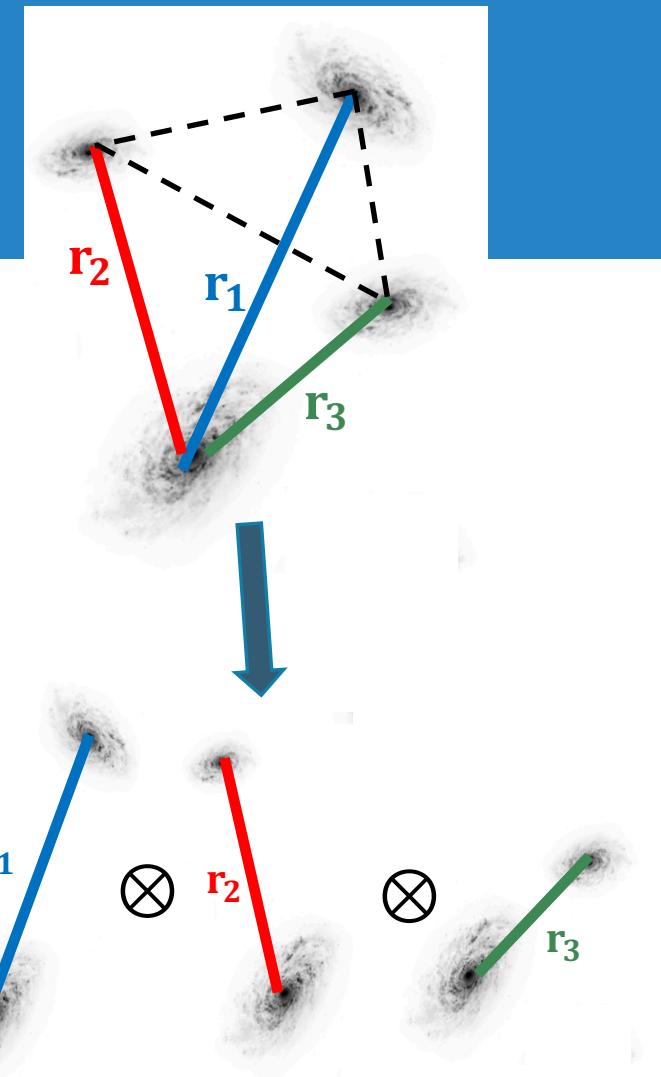
$$\zeta_4(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) = \sum_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3} \zeta_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}(r_1, r_2, r_3) \mathcal{P}_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3)$$

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 Coefficients                      Basis Functions

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

$$\mathcal{P}_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{r}}_3) = \sum_{m_1 m_2 m_3} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 & \ell_2 & \ell_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} Y_{\ell_1 m_1}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_1) Y_{\ell_2 m_2}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_2) Y_{\ell_3 m_3}^*(\hat{\mathbf{r}}_3)$$

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



# A SEPARABLE BASIS $\Rightarrow$ A QUADRATIC ESTIMATOR

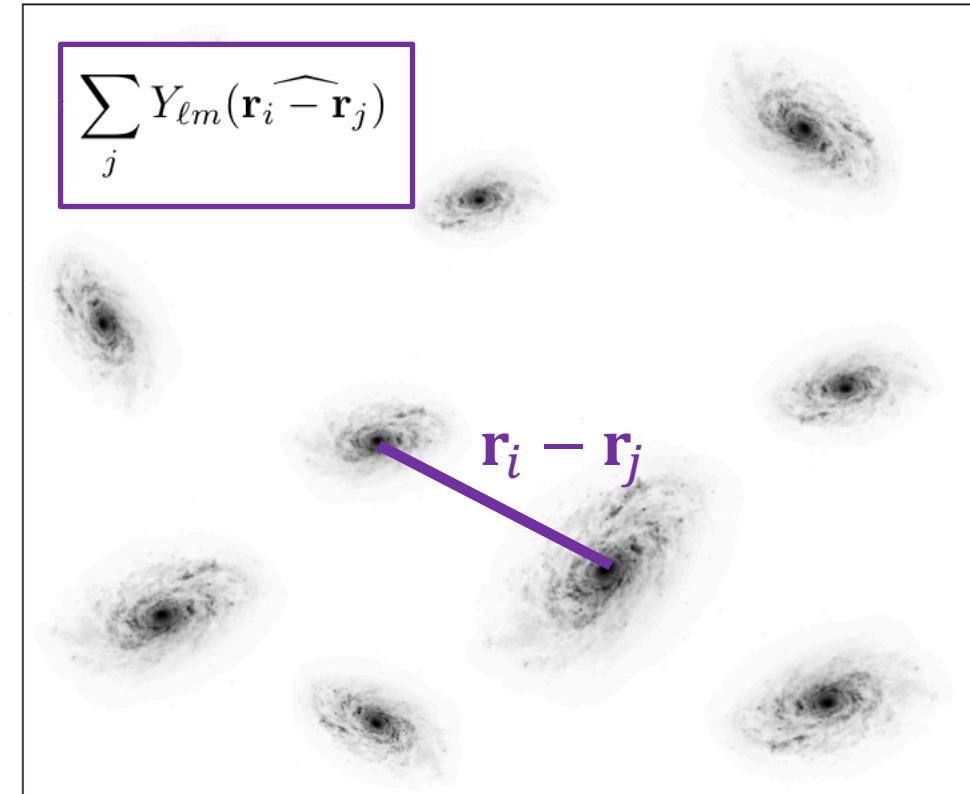
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The estimator **factorizes** into **independent** pieces

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

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**encore**

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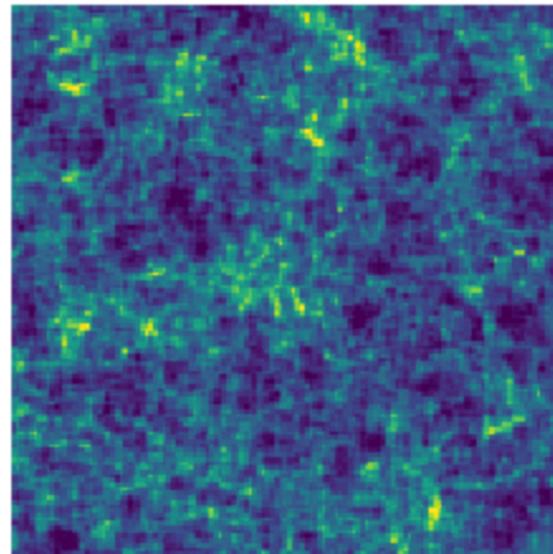
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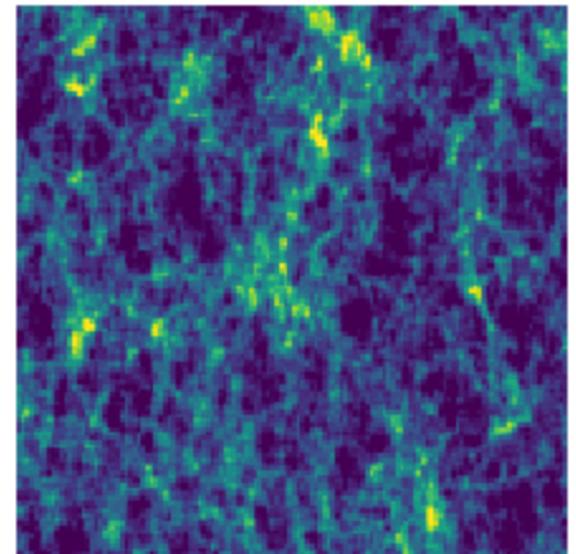
# BEYOND THE 4-POINT FUNCTION

This generalizes **beyond** the 4PCF

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



*Real Space*

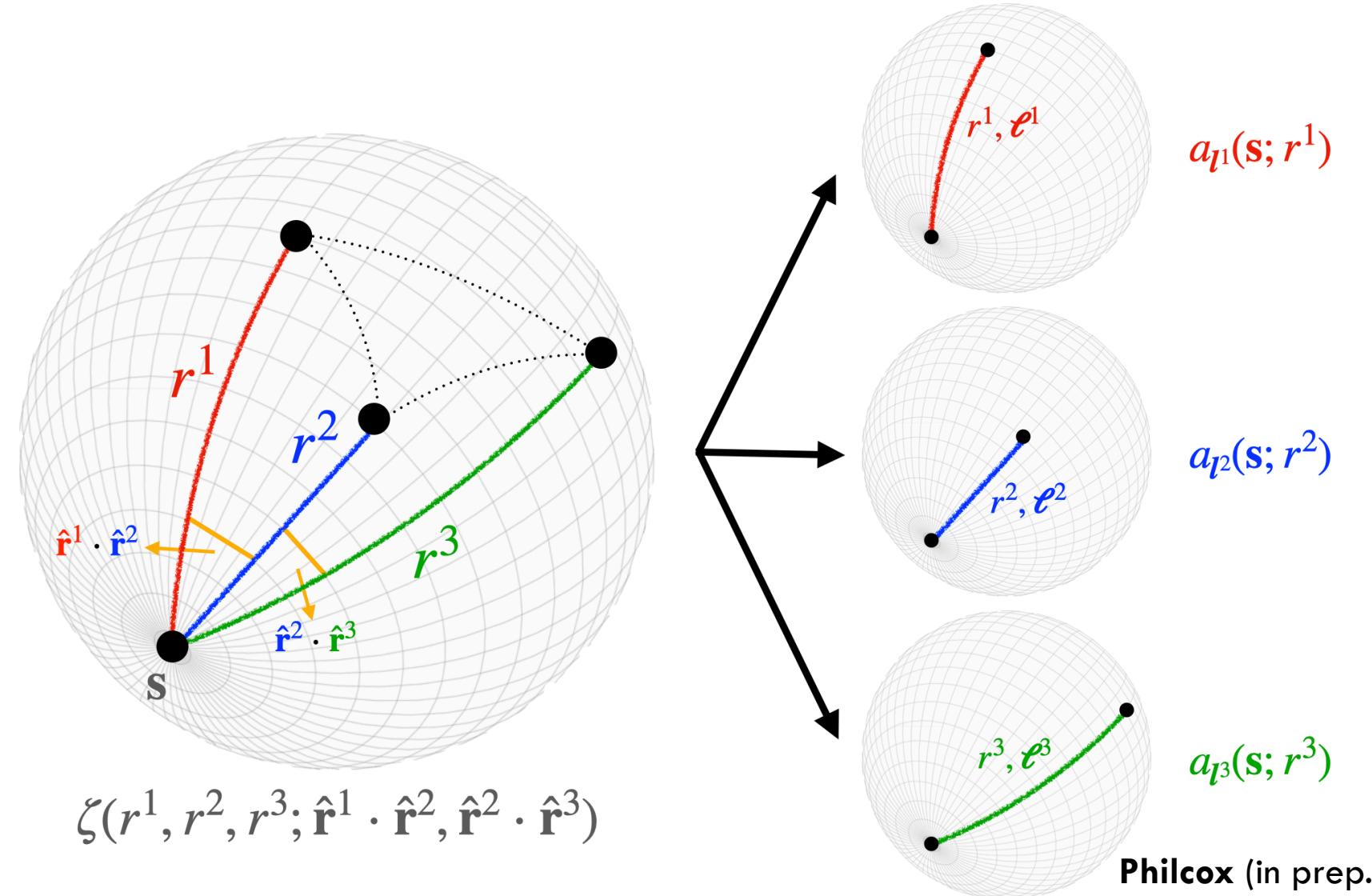


*Redshift Space*

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

# CORRELATION FUNCTIONS ON THE 2-SPHERE

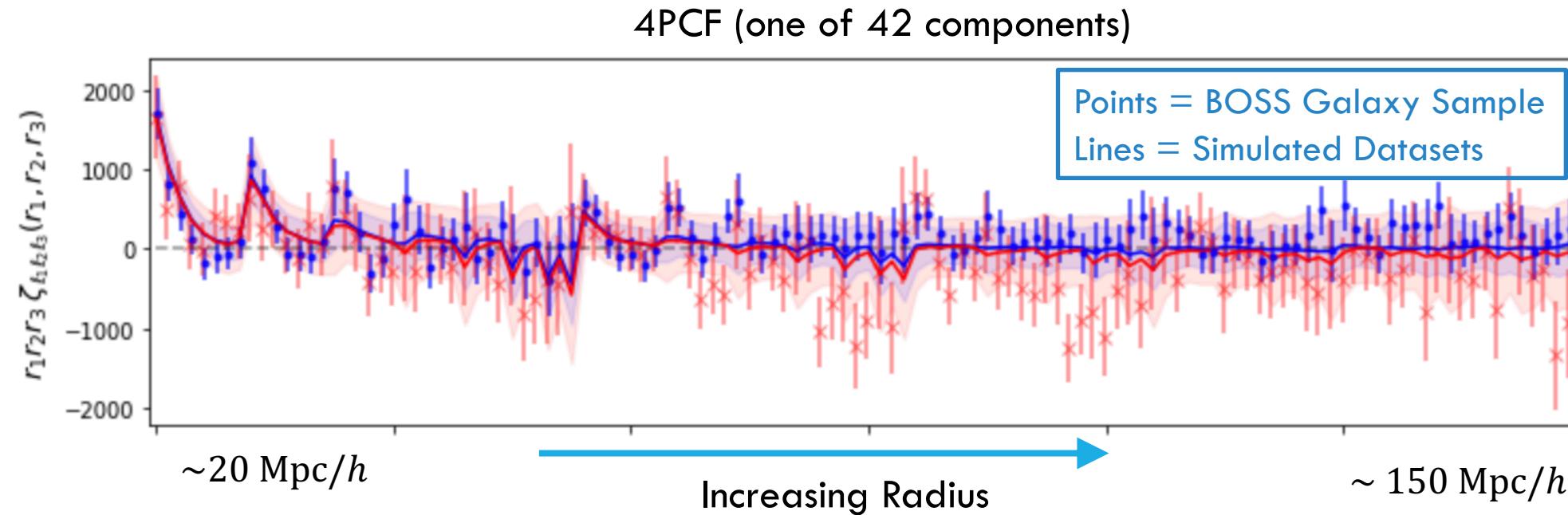
- ▷ Create as basis on the 2-sphere
- ▷ Basis functions are  $e^{i\ell(\phi_1 - \phi_2)}$
- ▷ Also computable in  $O(N_g^2)$  time



# MEASURING THE 4-POINT FUNCTION

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

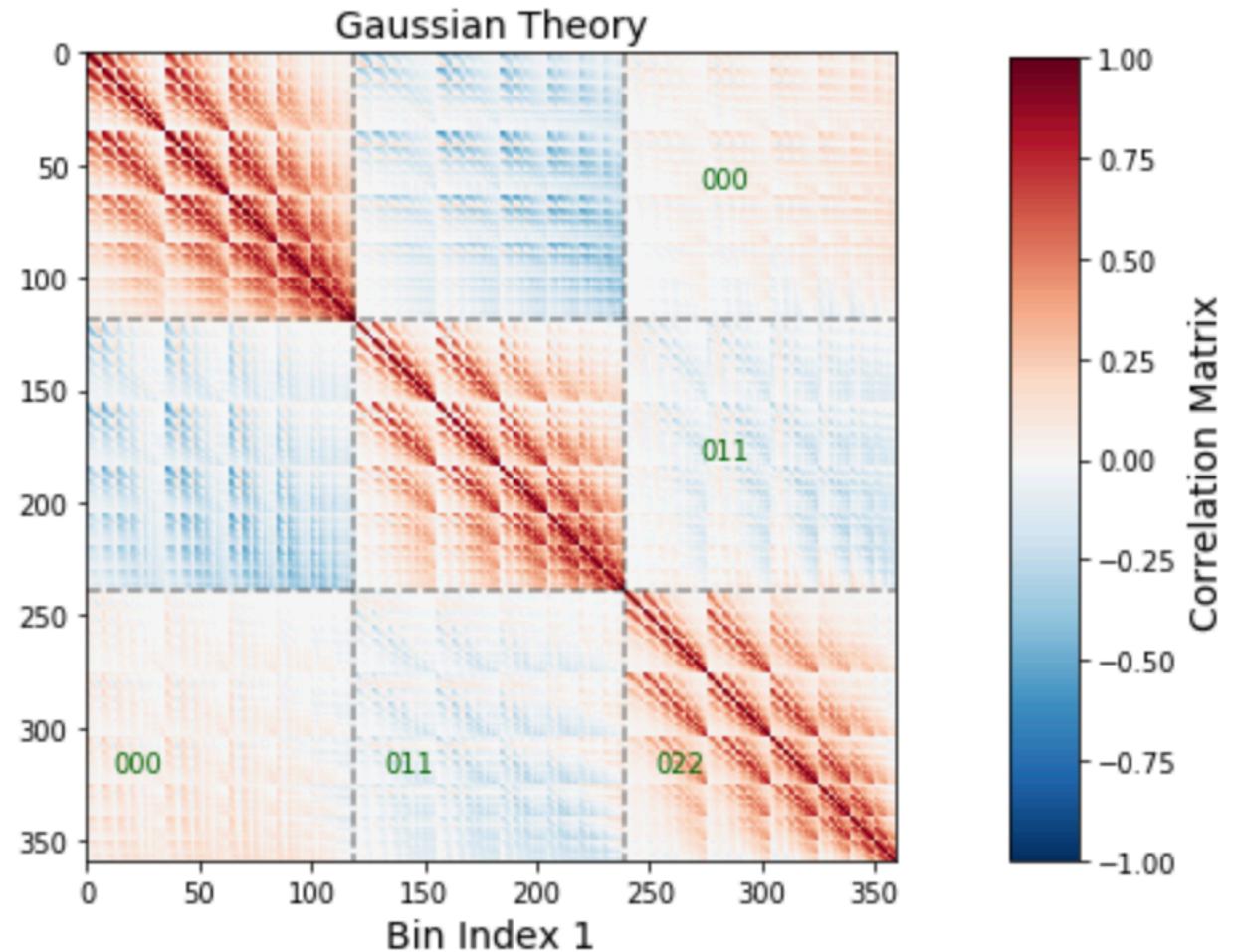
Do we detect a signal?



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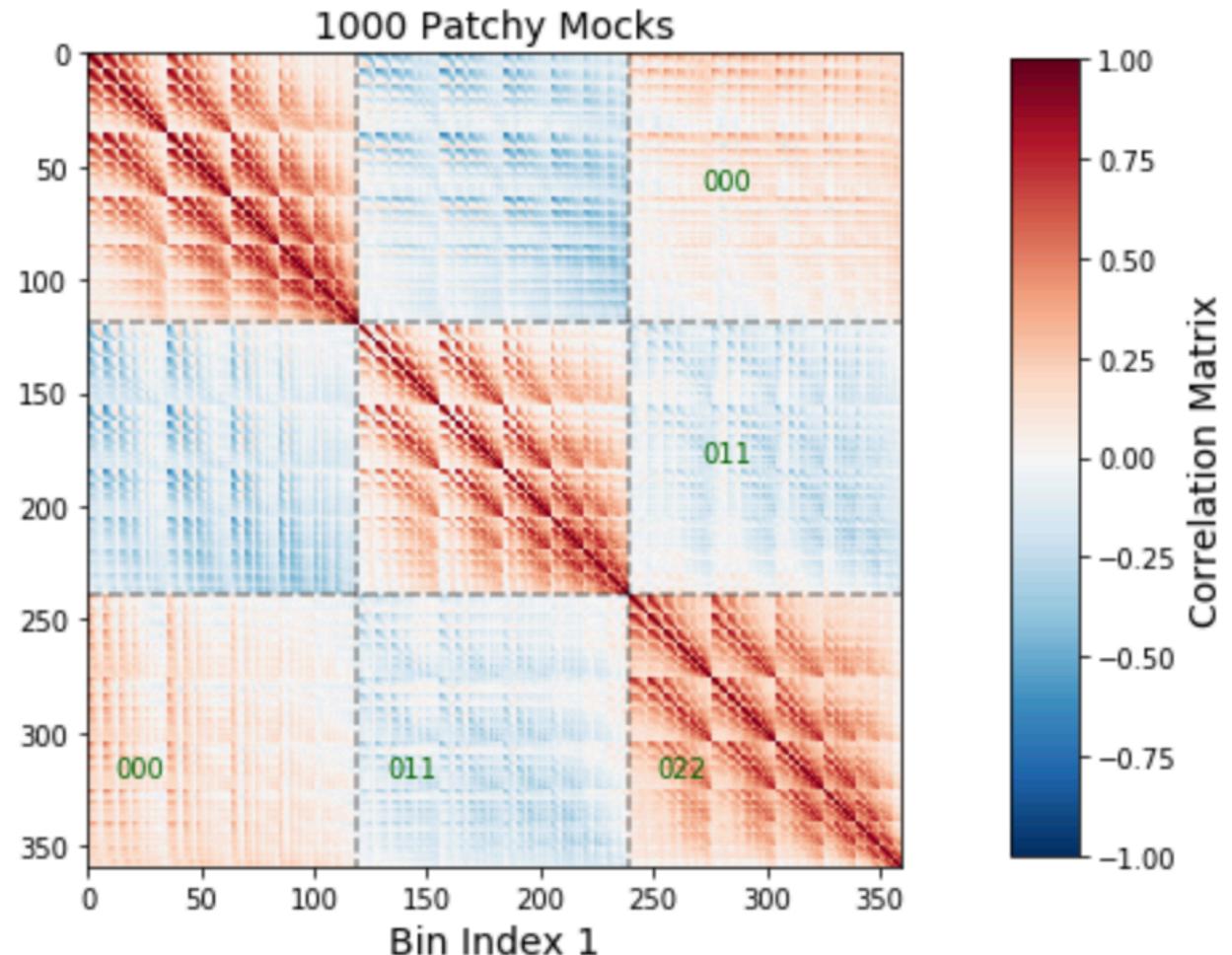
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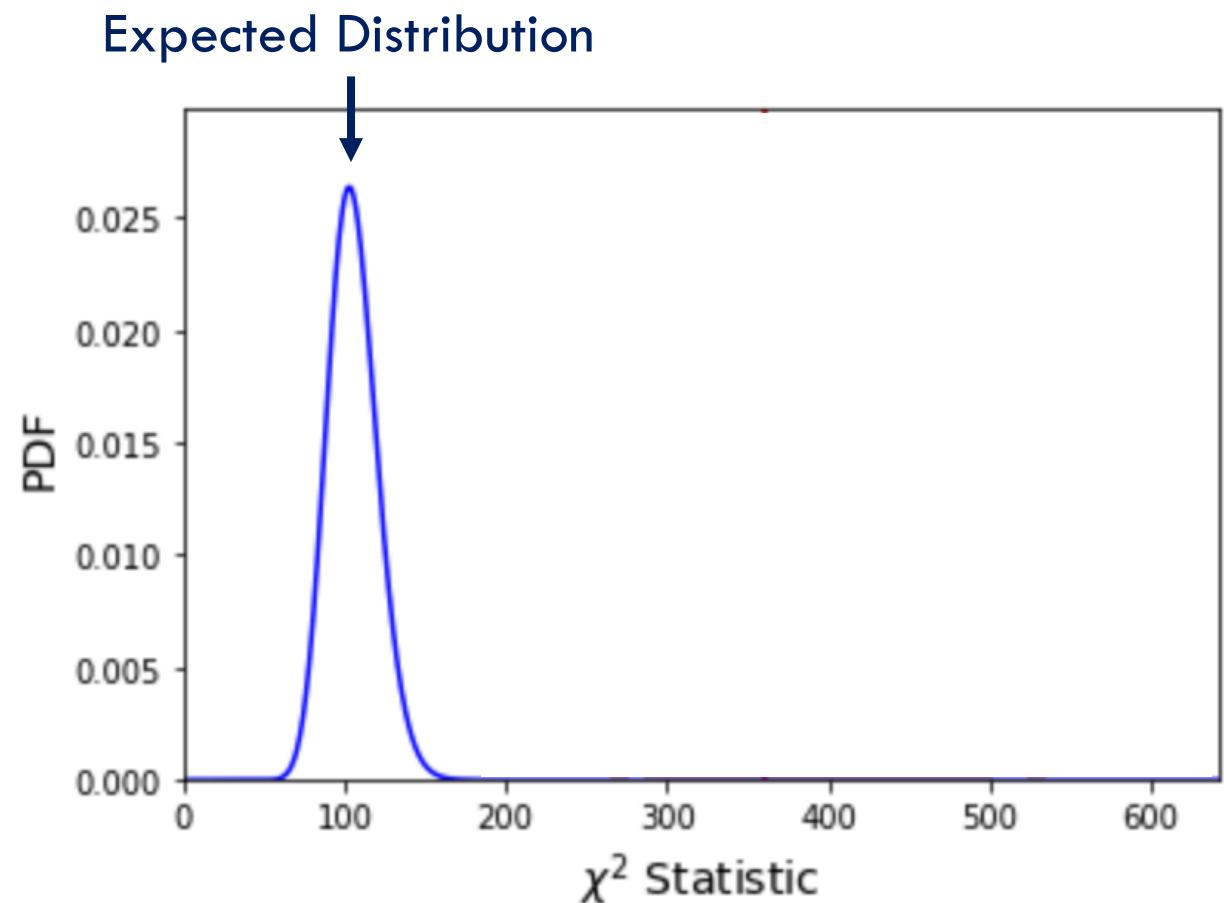
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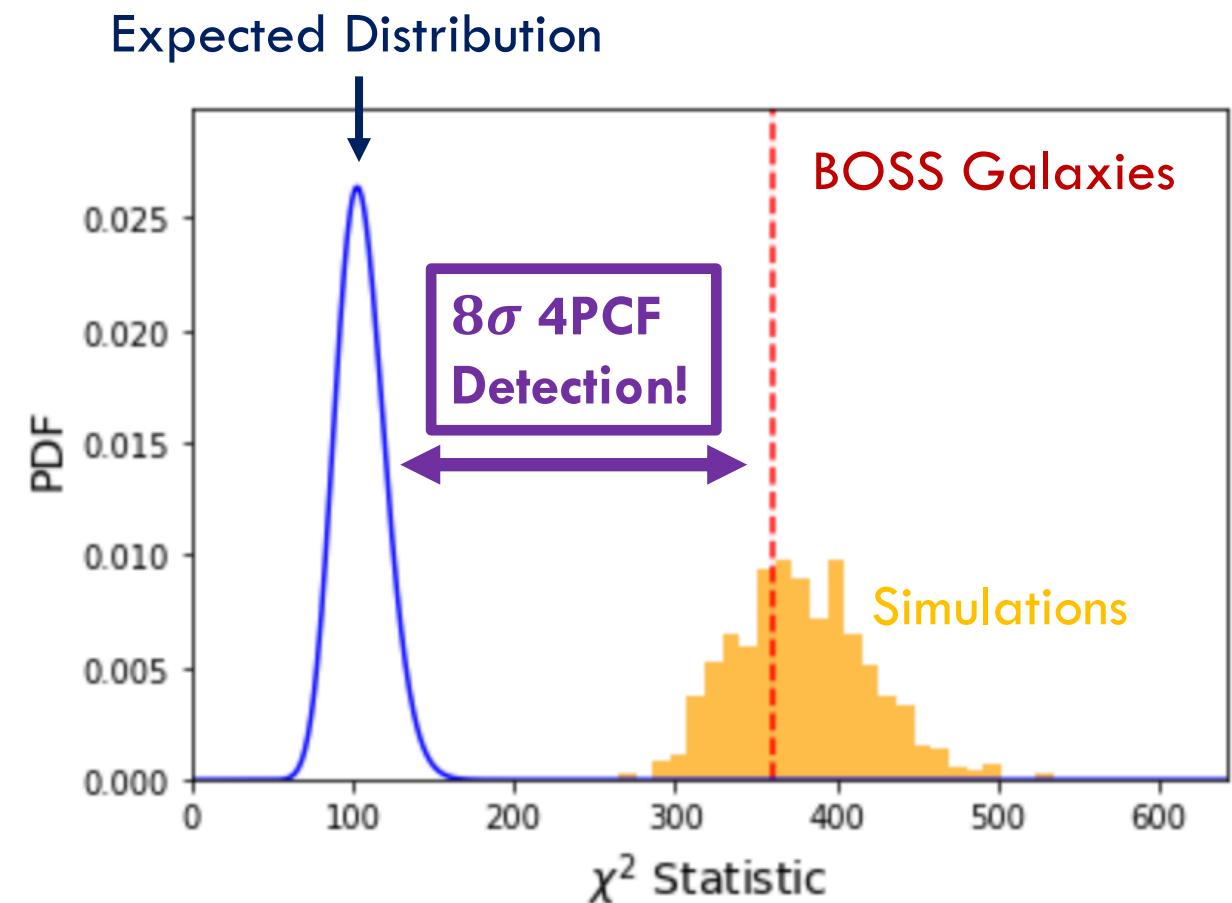
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# WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE 4-POINT FUNCTION?

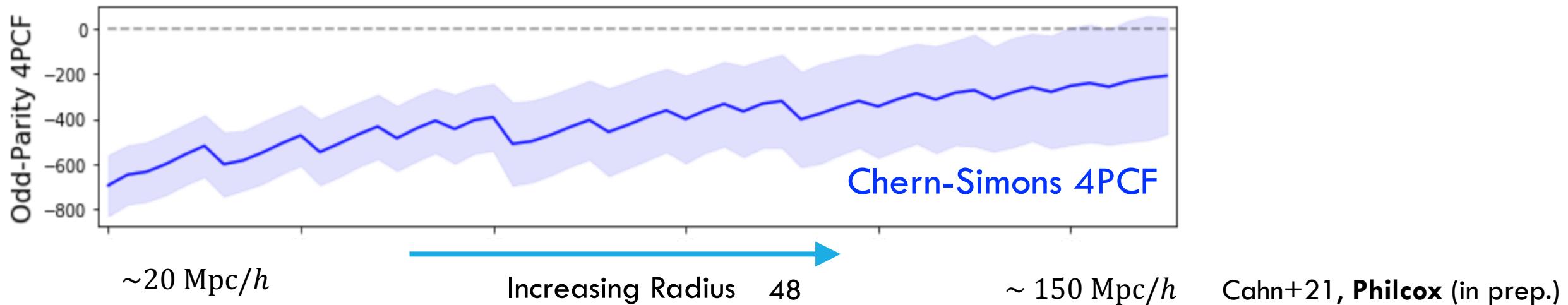
- ▷ Create a **theory** model and **quantify** information content:

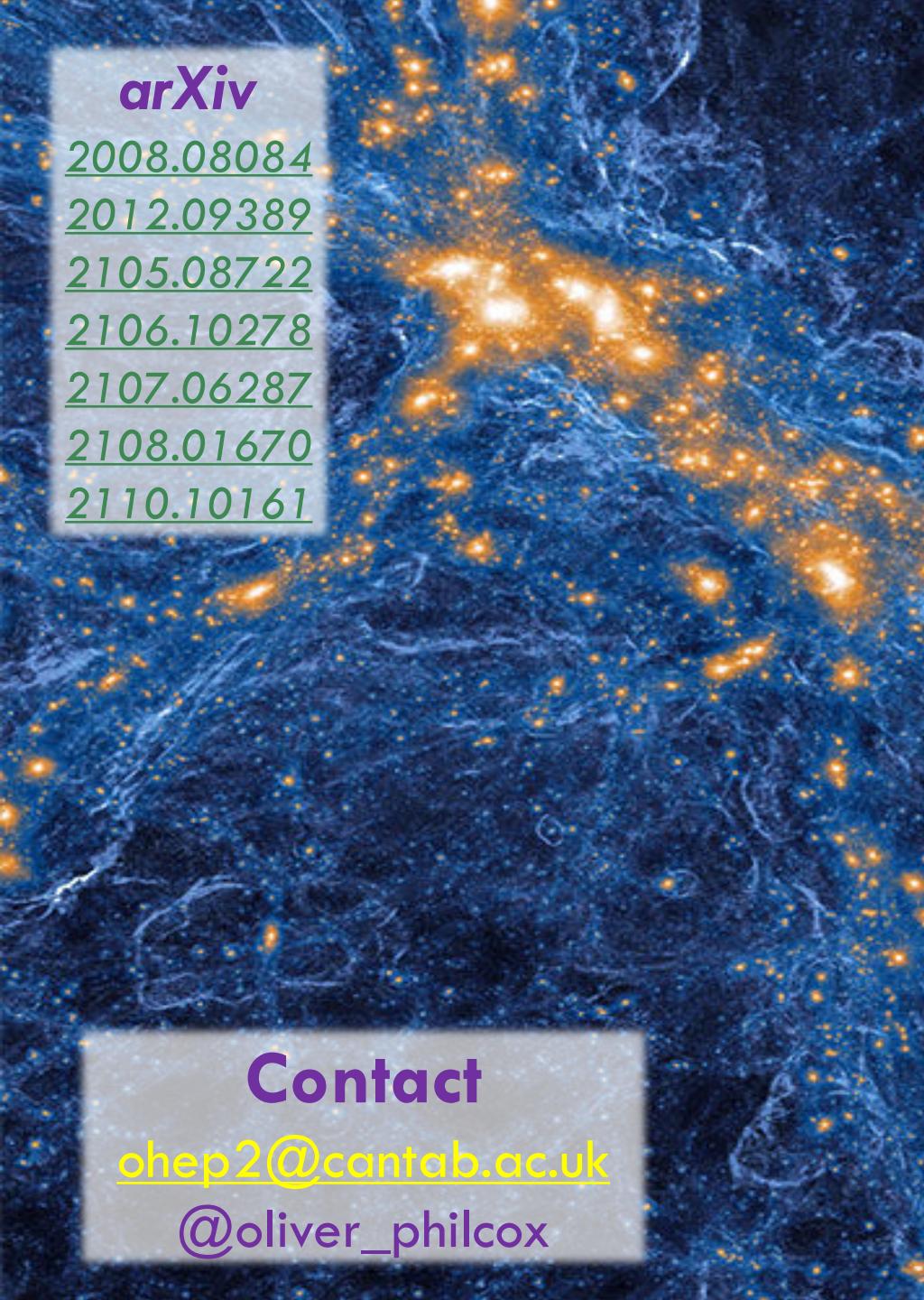
- ▷ Allows  $\Lambda$ **CDM** **information** to be extracted

- ▷ 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 $\times$  higher precision] and combine with the **CMB**





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# 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