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(See also d'Amico, Senatore, Lewandowski, Zhang)



Constraining Inflation with BOSS DR12

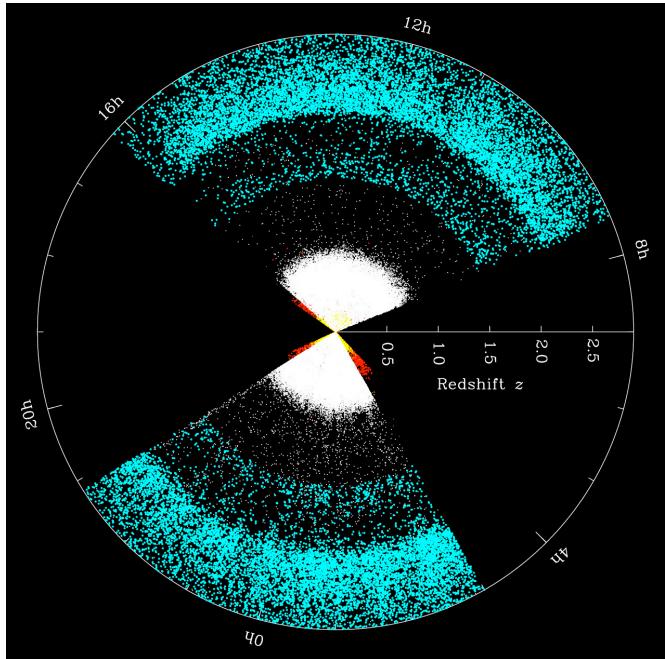
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PNG Workshop, September 2022

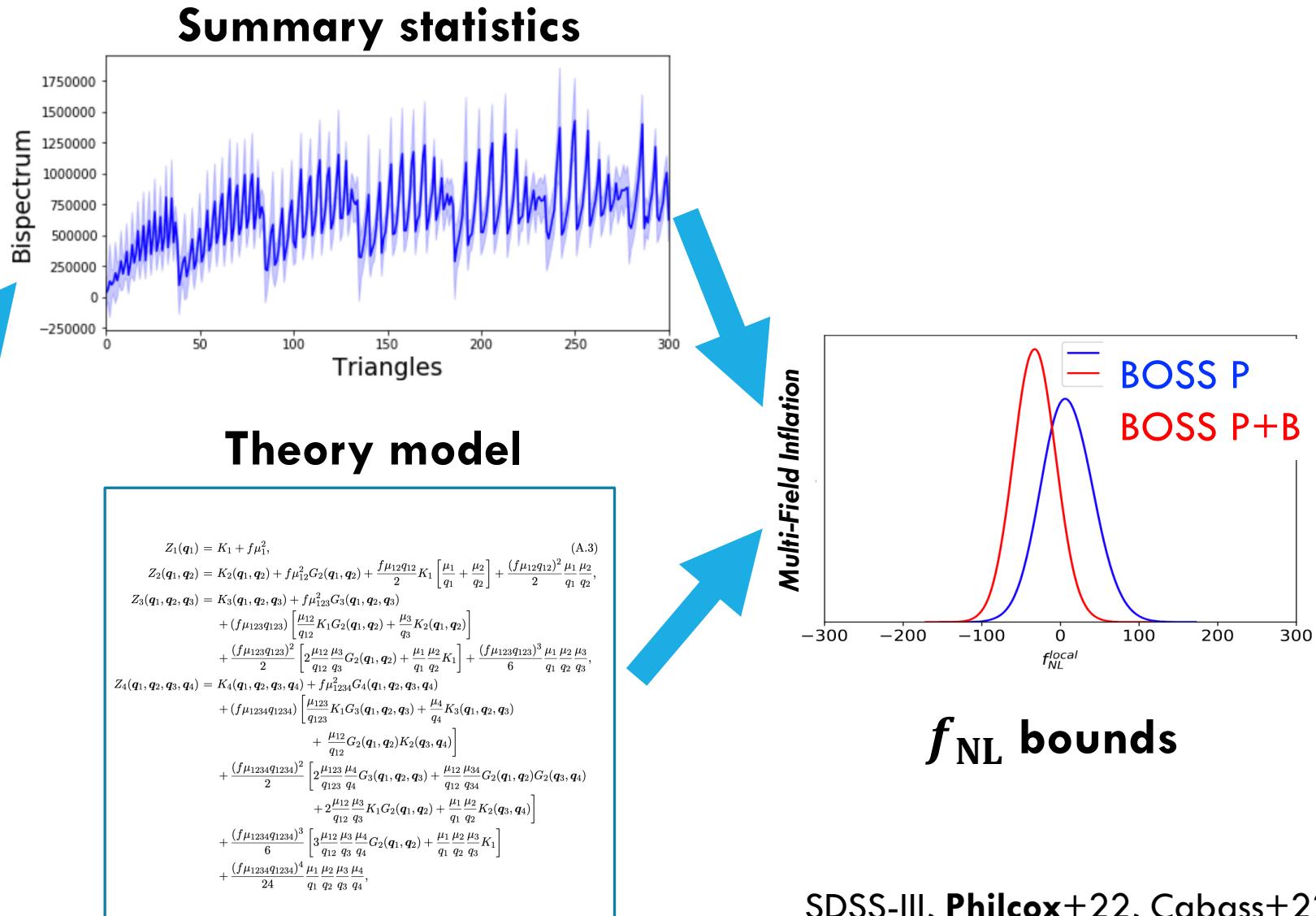
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FROM GALAXY SURVEYS TO INFLATION



Raw data



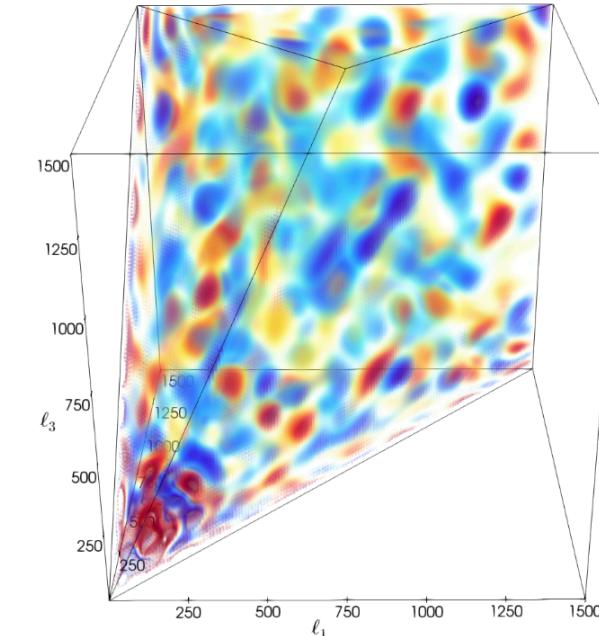
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1. CMB Bispectrum

See Will's talk!

Planck TTT Bispectrum



≈ 2× better
with CMB-S4!

f_{NL} Constraints

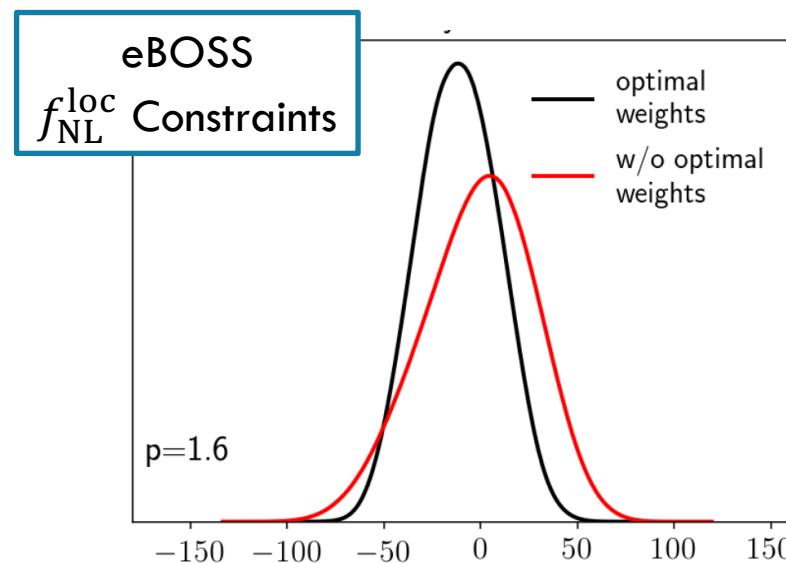
Local	6.7 ± 5.6
Equilateral	6 ± 66
Orthogonal	-38 ± 36

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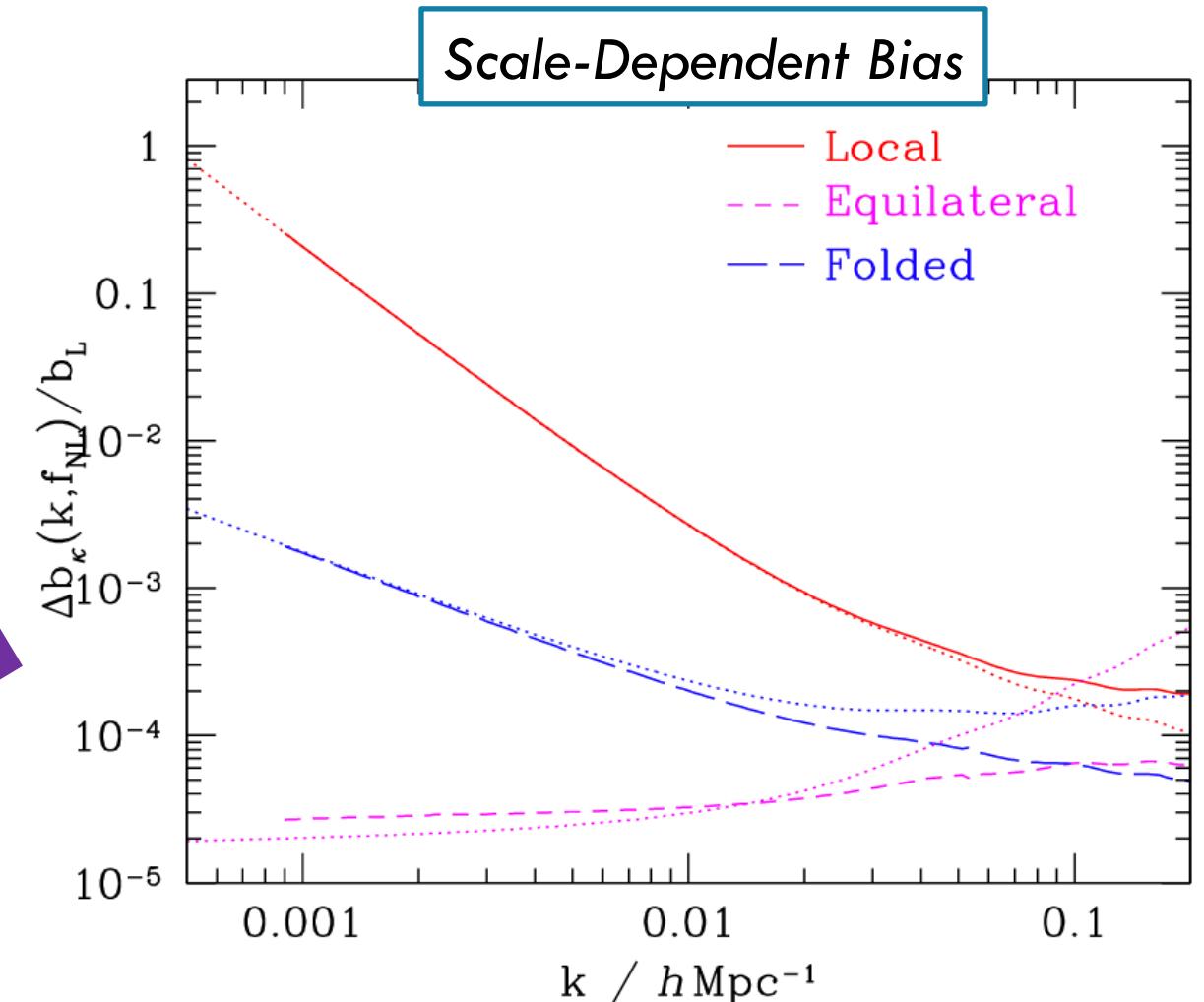
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See Eva-Maria and
others' talks!

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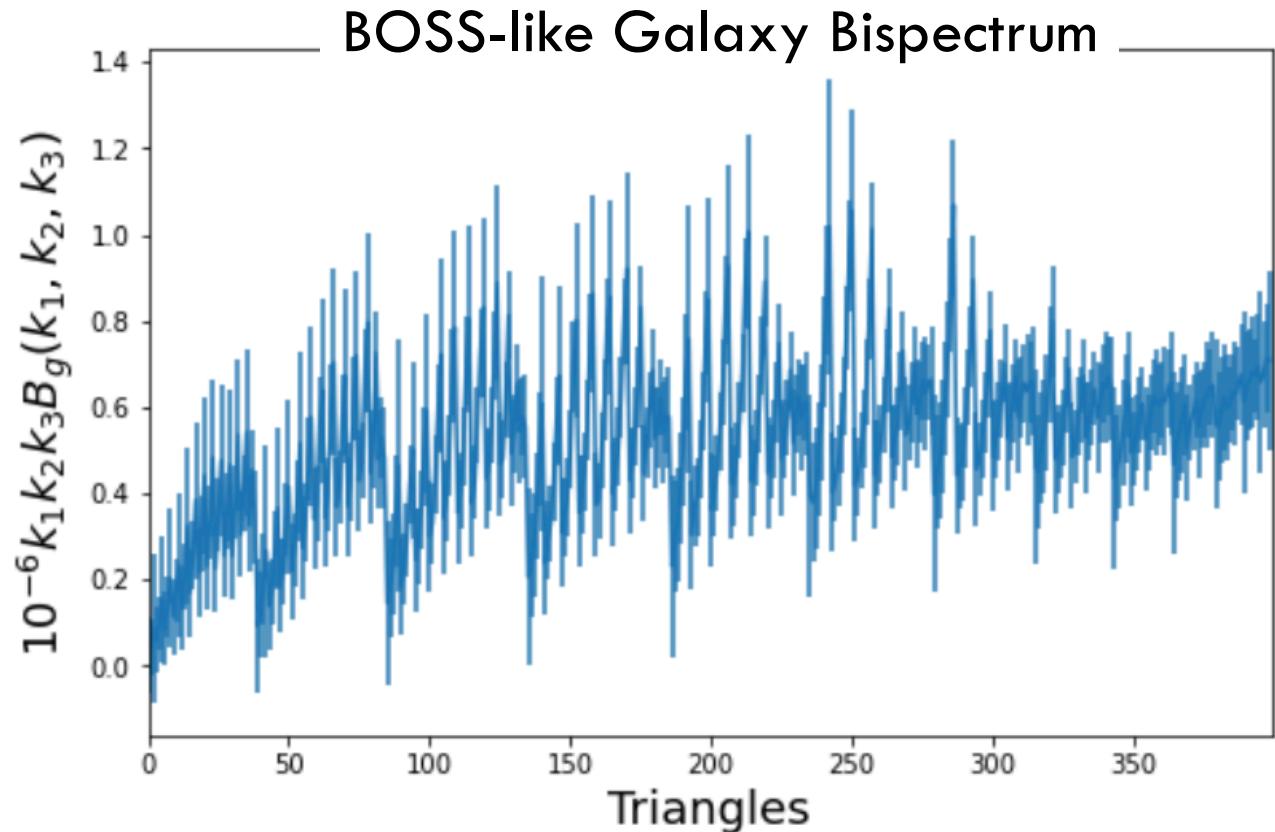
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See also Hector's
talk!

We need a good theory model!



THE EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY OF LSS

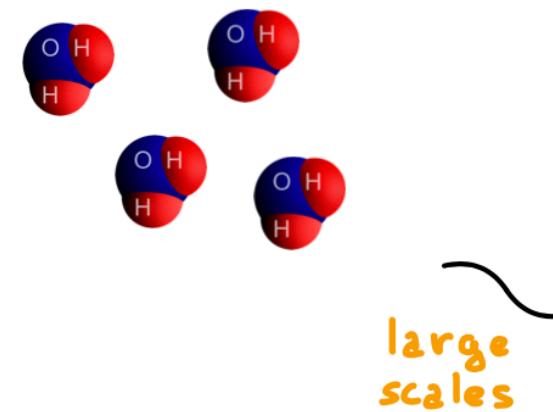
- △ **Analytic theory for $\delta(x)$, based on the non-ideal fluid equations**

$$\dot{v}^i + H v^i + v^j \delta_j v^i = \frac{1}{\rho} \delta_j \tau^{ij}$$

- △ A controlled Taylor series in k/k_{NL}

(or $k\sigma_{FoG}$, kR_{Halo})

- △ **Major Ingredient:** Back-reaction of small-scale physics on large-scale modes



MODELLING PNG

Theory model requires:

- ▷ Primordial bispectrum:

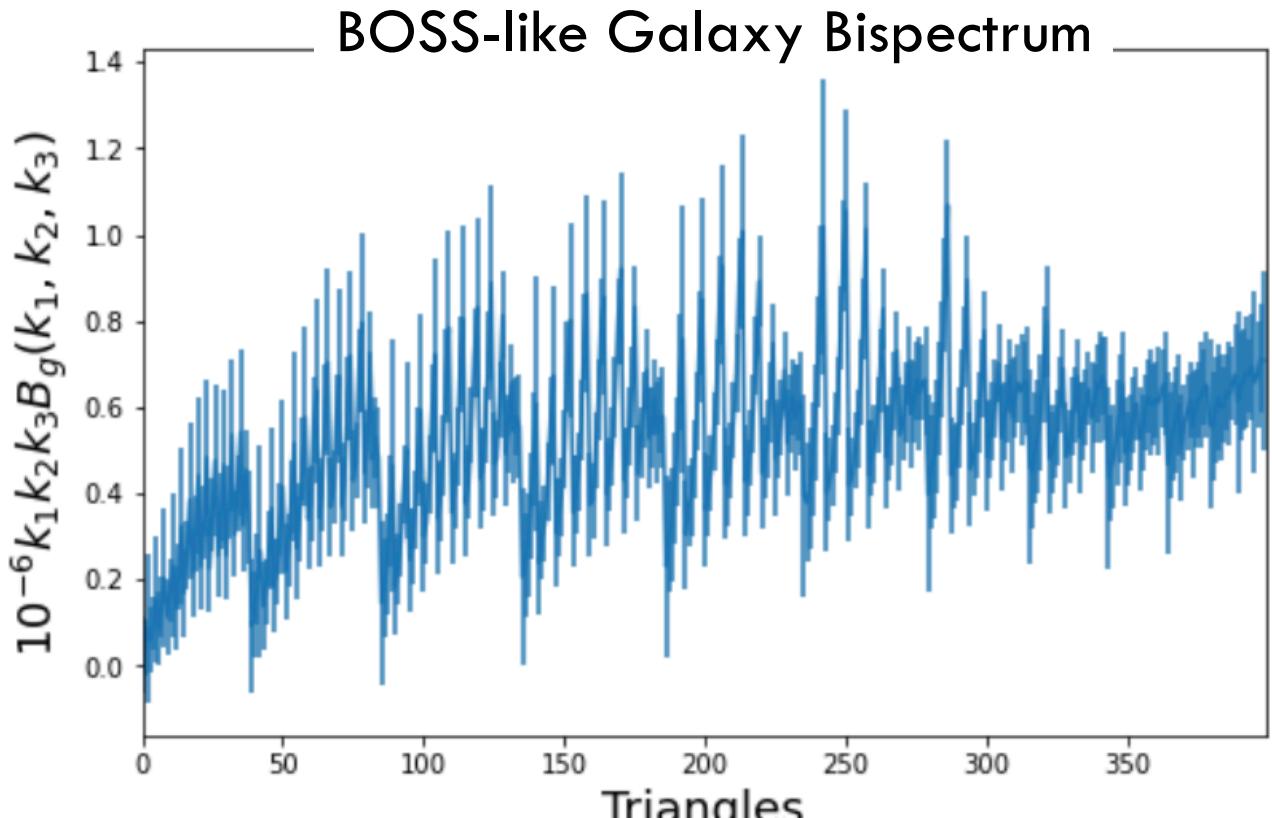
$$\langle \delta^{(1)} \delta^{(1)} \delta^{(1)} \rangle \sim f_{\text{NL}} P^2(k)$$

- ▷ Scale dependent bias:

$$b_1(f_{\text{NL}}) \rightarrow b_1 + (b_\phi f_{\text{NL}})/k^2$$

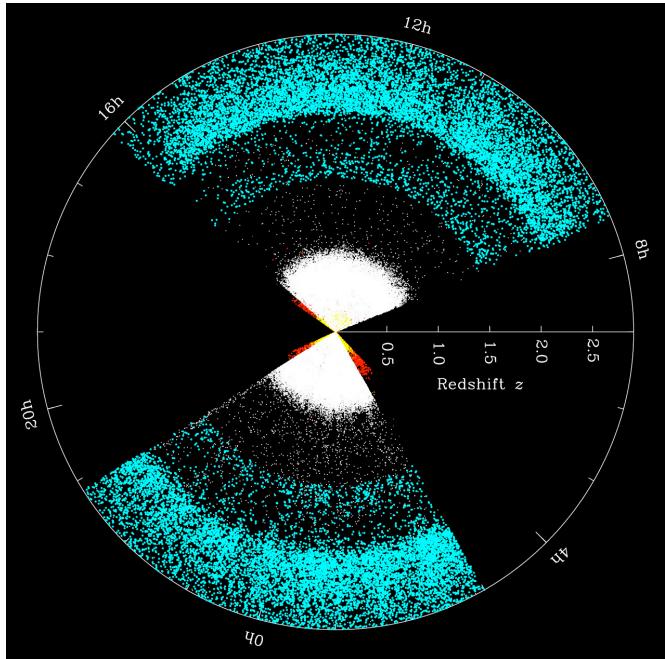
- ▷ Loop corrections:

$$P_{gg}(\mathbf{k}) \rightarrow P_{gg}(\mathbf{k}) + f_{\text{NL}} \int d\mathbf{q} \propto P(\mathbf{q}) P(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})$$

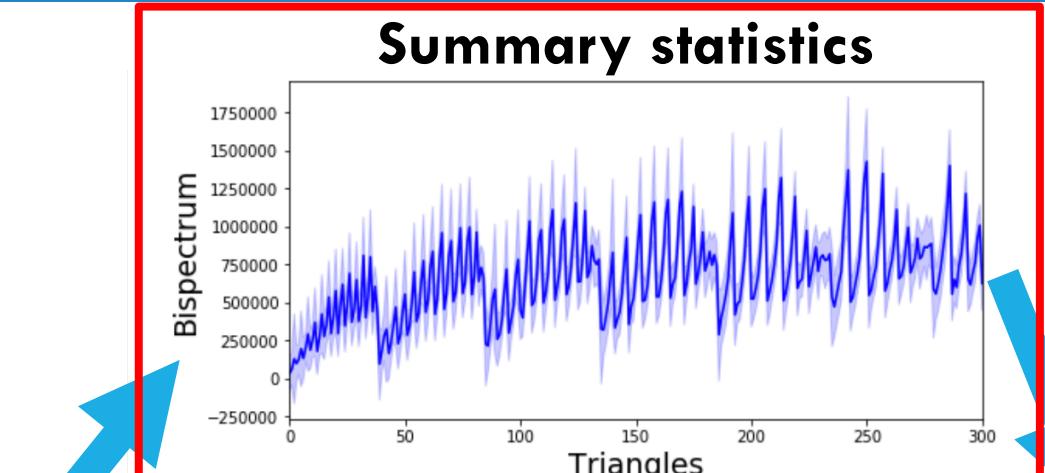


$$B_g = B_g(f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{eq}}, f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{orth}}, f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}})$$

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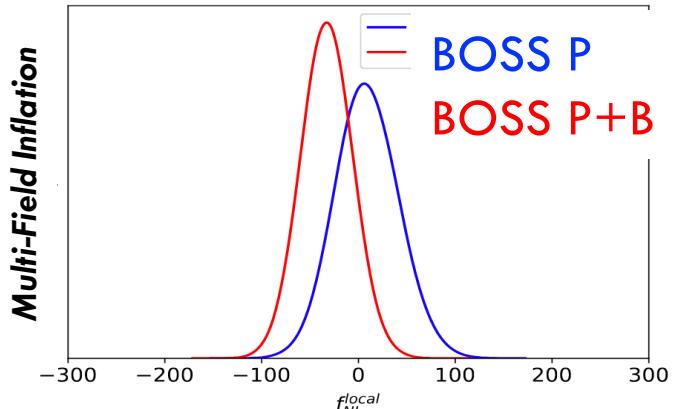
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Theory model

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Multi-Field Inflation



f_{NL} bounds

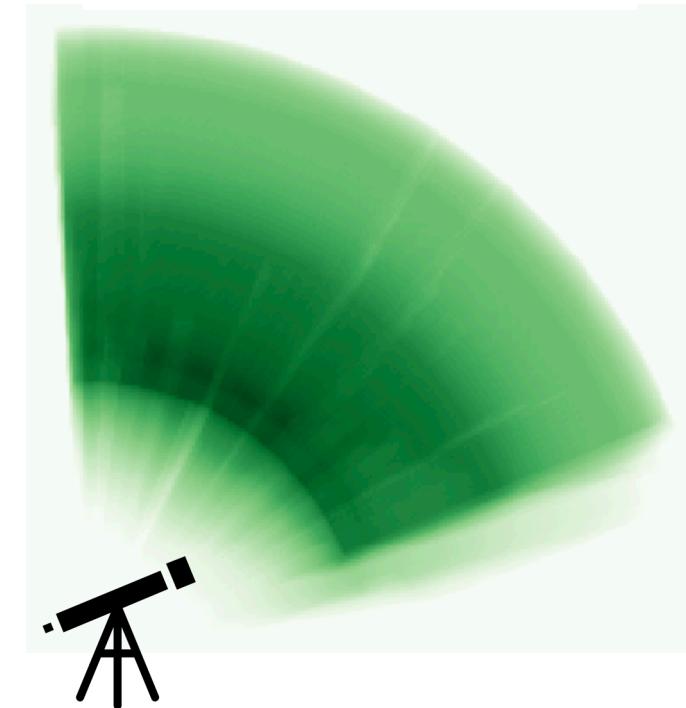
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Survey Mask, $W(\mathbf{r})$



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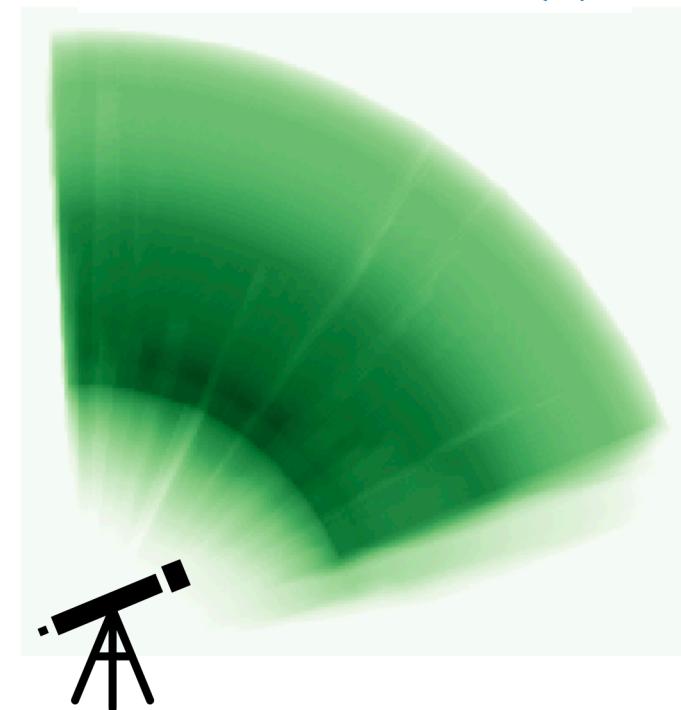
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Three options:

1. Explicitly perform convolution integral [very expensive!]
2. Make approximations [robust?]
3. Circumvent the problem!

See Kevin's talk!



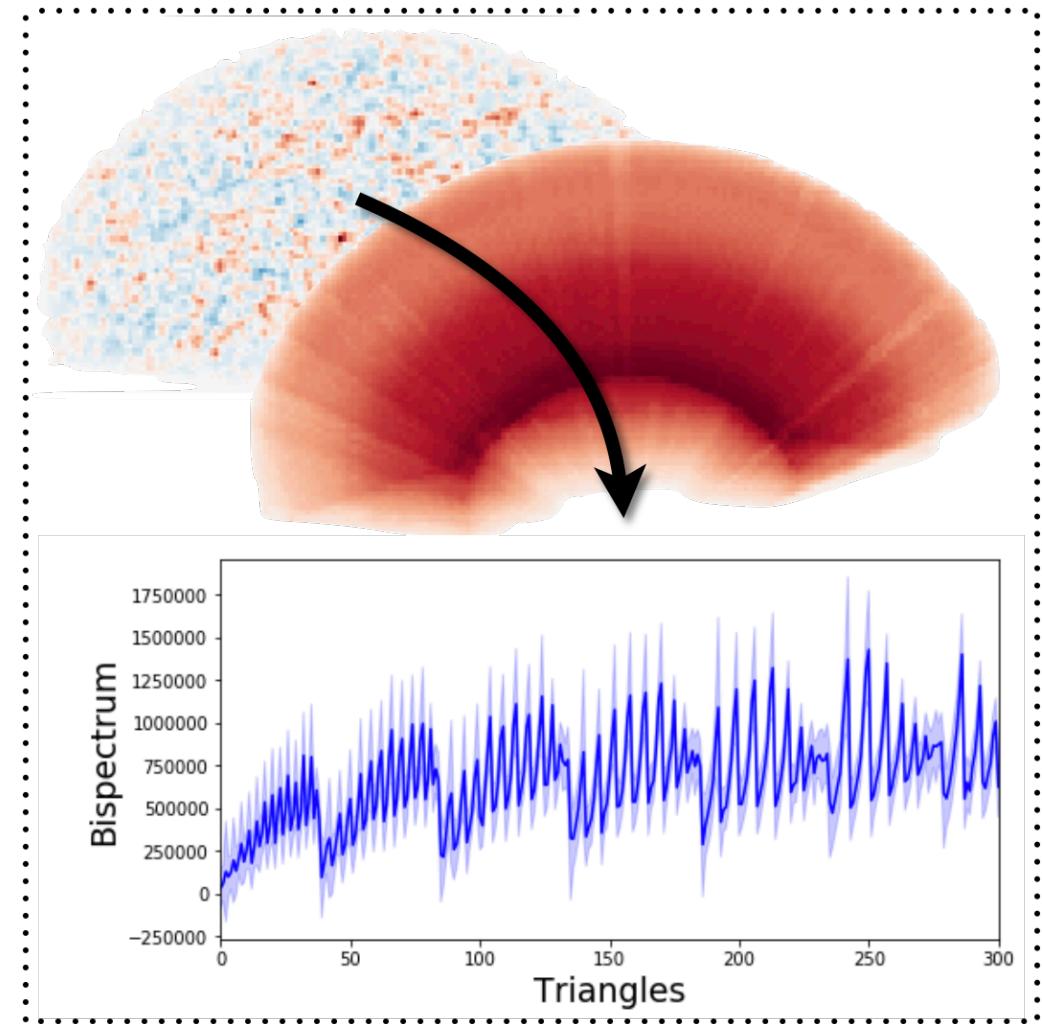
BISPECTRA WITHOUT WINDOWS

Estimate the **unwindowed** bispectrum directly

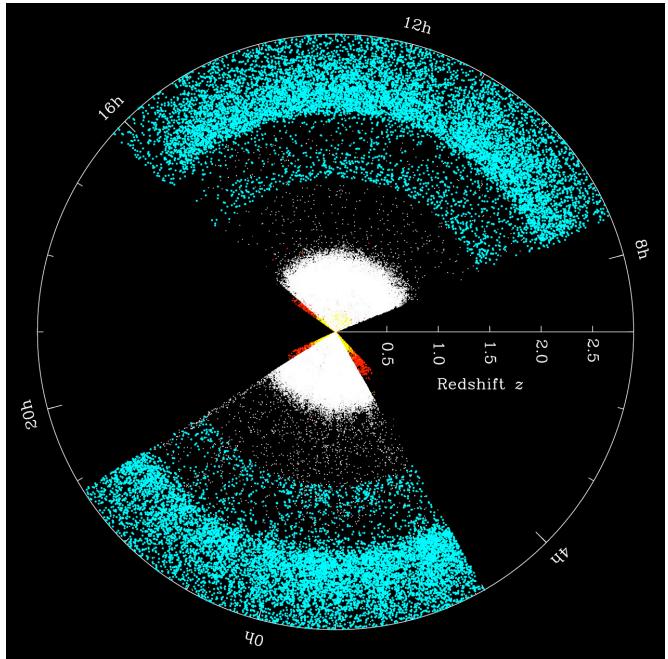
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We use a **maximum-likelihood** estimator for the **true** bispectrum

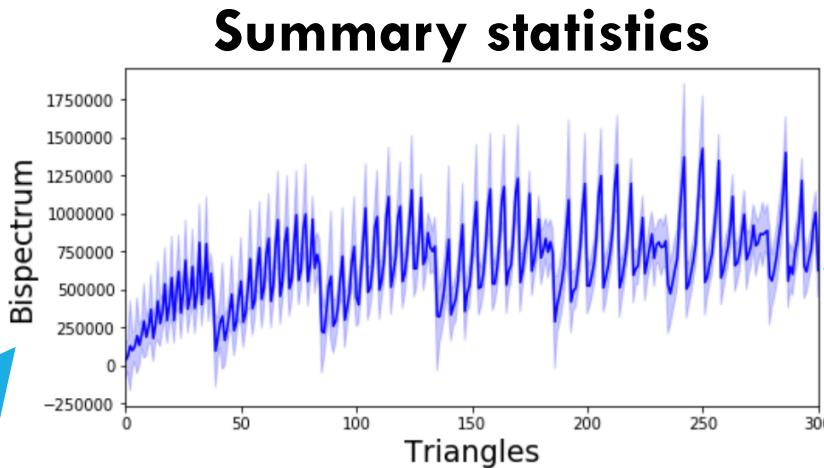
$$\nabla_{B_g} L[\text{data}|B_g] = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{B}_g = \dots$$



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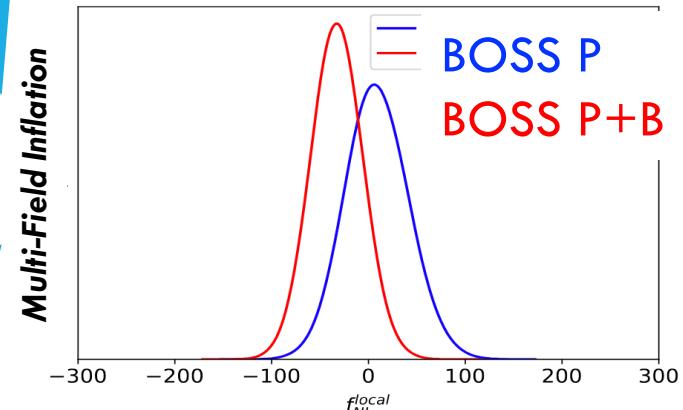
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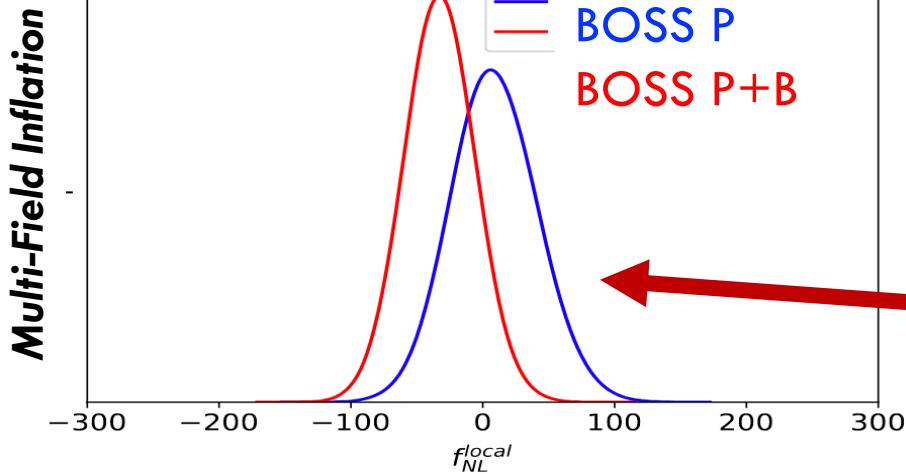
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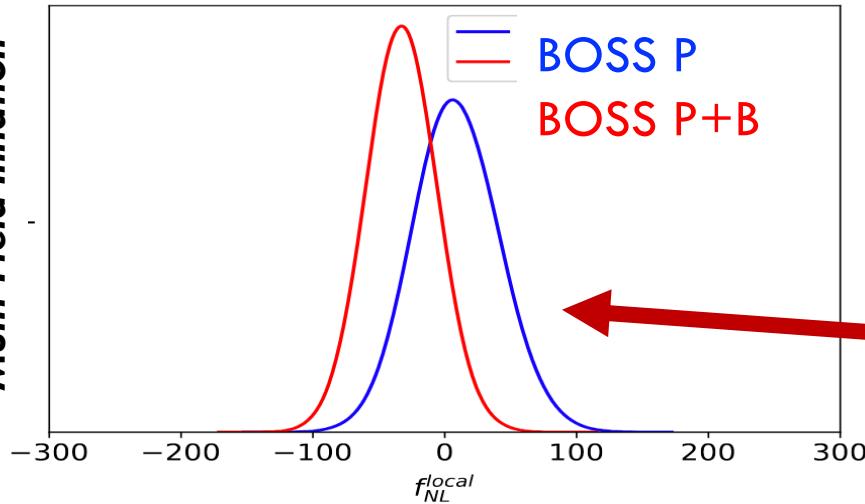
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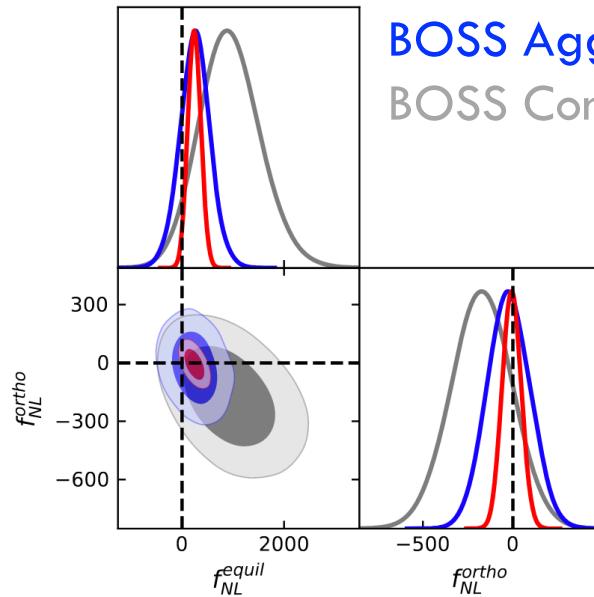


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Single-Field Inflation



$$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{equil}} = 260 \pm 300$$

$$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{orth}} = -23 \pm 120$$

*- First measurement without CMB!
- Needs bispectrum!*

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CONSTRAINING INFLATION

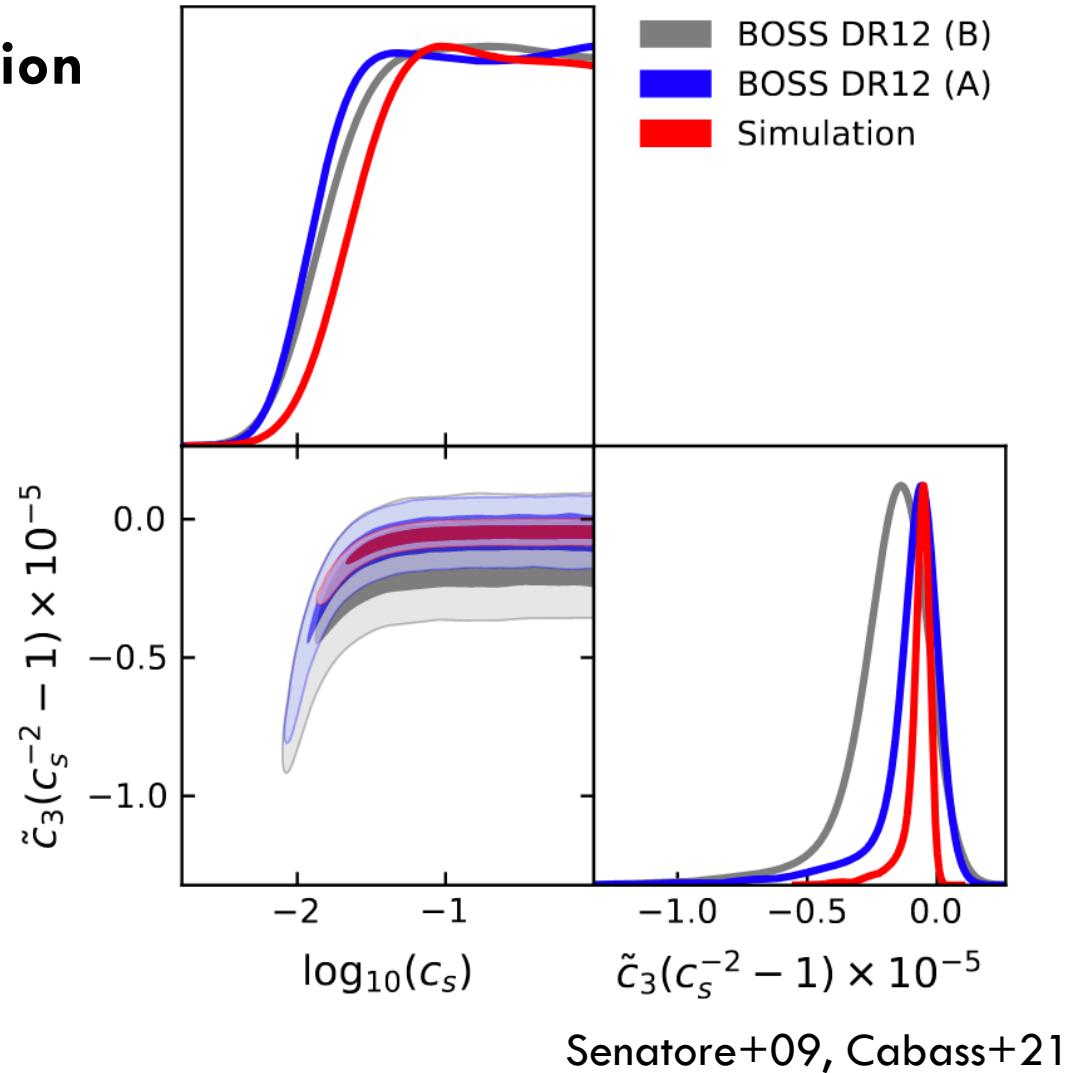
We can relate f_{NL} to the **couplings** in the **EFT of Inflation**

Most general 3rd order single-field action:

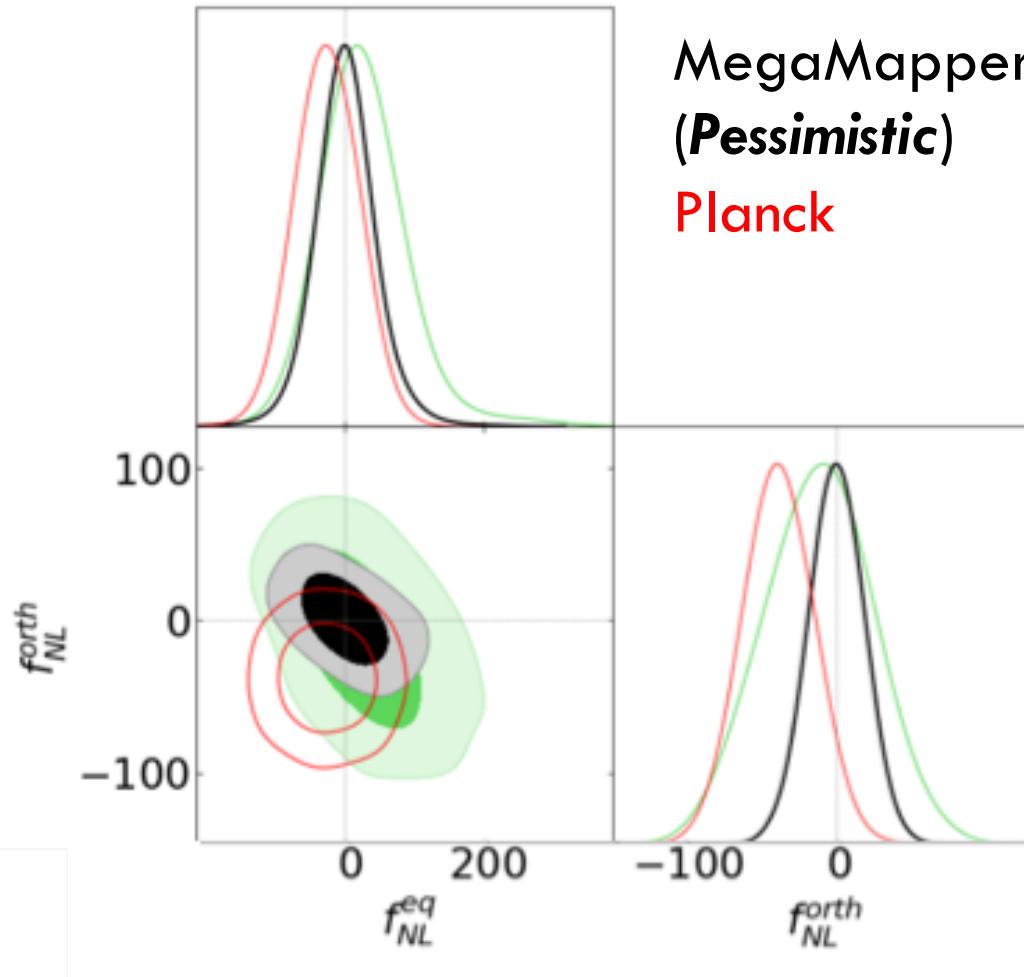
$$S_{\text{EFT}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{M_P^2 \dot{H}}{c_s^2} \left(\dot{\pi}^2 - c_s^2 \frac{(\nabla \pi)^2}{a^2} \right) + \frac{M_P^2 \dot{H}}{c_s^2} (1 - c_s^2) \left(\frac{\dot{\pi}(\nabla \pi)^2}{a^2} - \left(1 + \frac{2}{3} \tilde{c}_3 \right) \dot{\pi}^3 \right) \right]$$

We find $c_s^2 \geq 0.013$ at 95% CL

See Ana's talk!



FUTURE PROSPECTS



- MegaMapper gets **better** non-local PNG constraints than *Planck*
- **Actual constraints will use higher** k_{\max} :
 - Higher redshift
 - Better modelling

OTHER IDEAS: BEYOND PERTURBATION THEORY

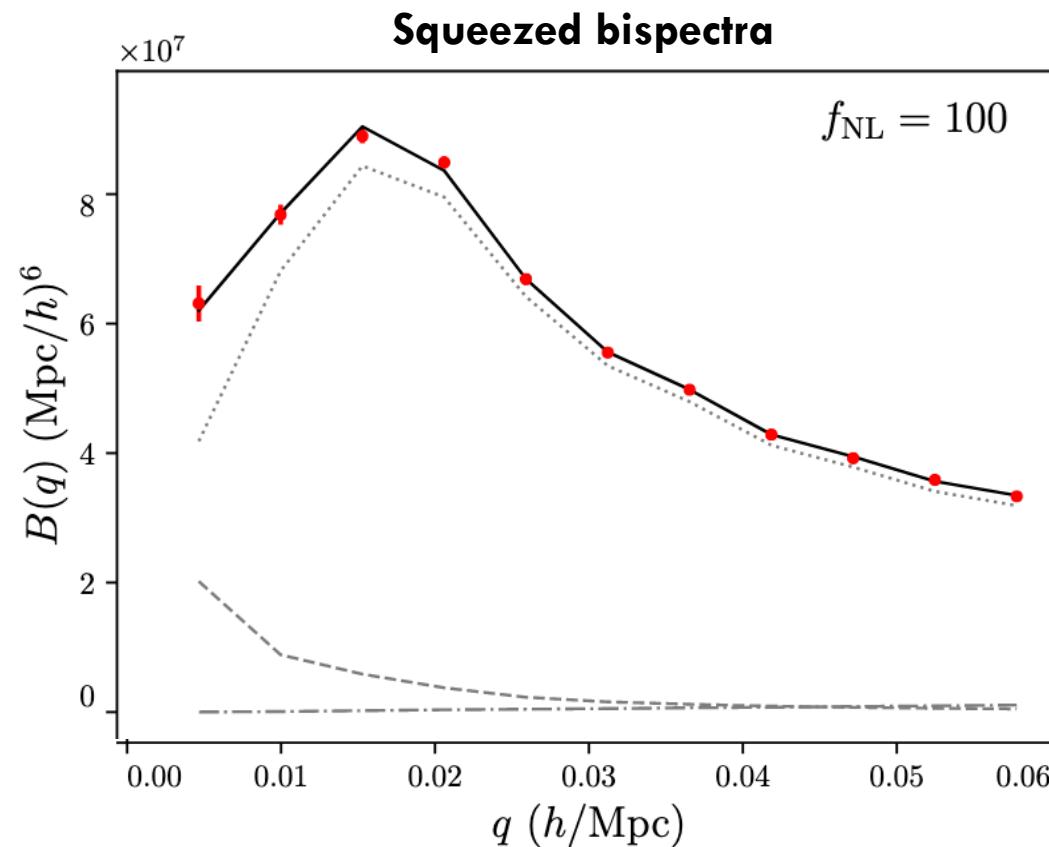


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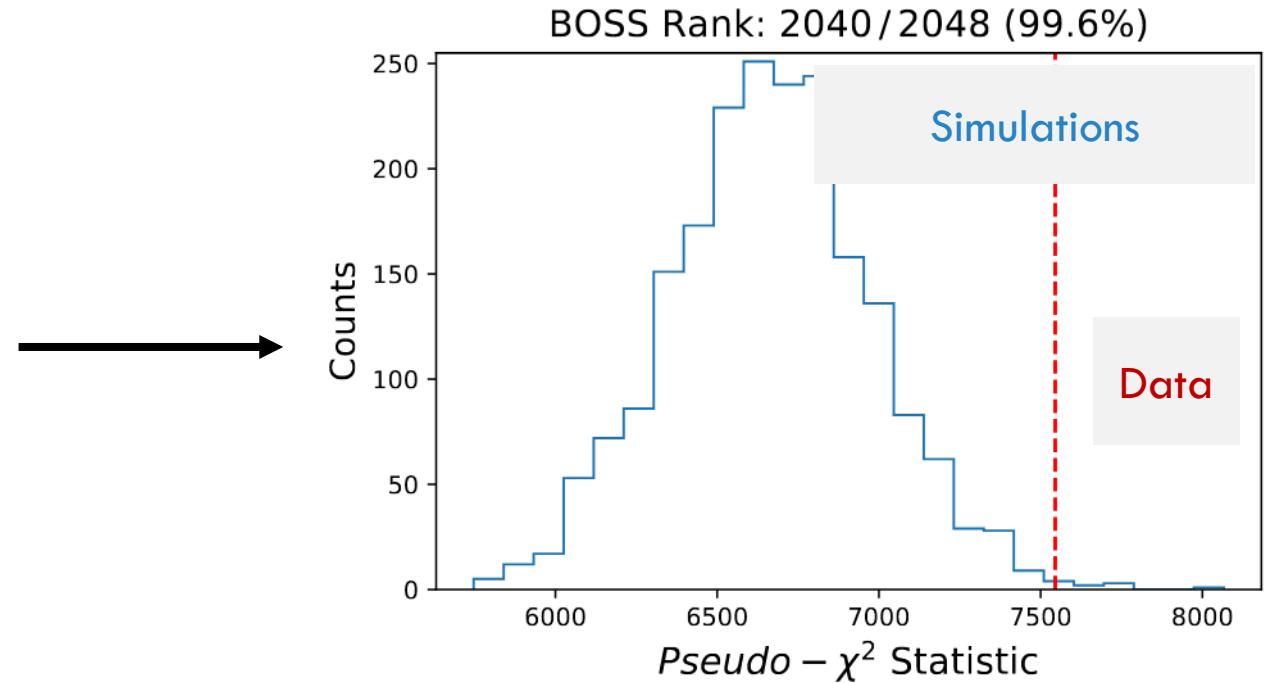
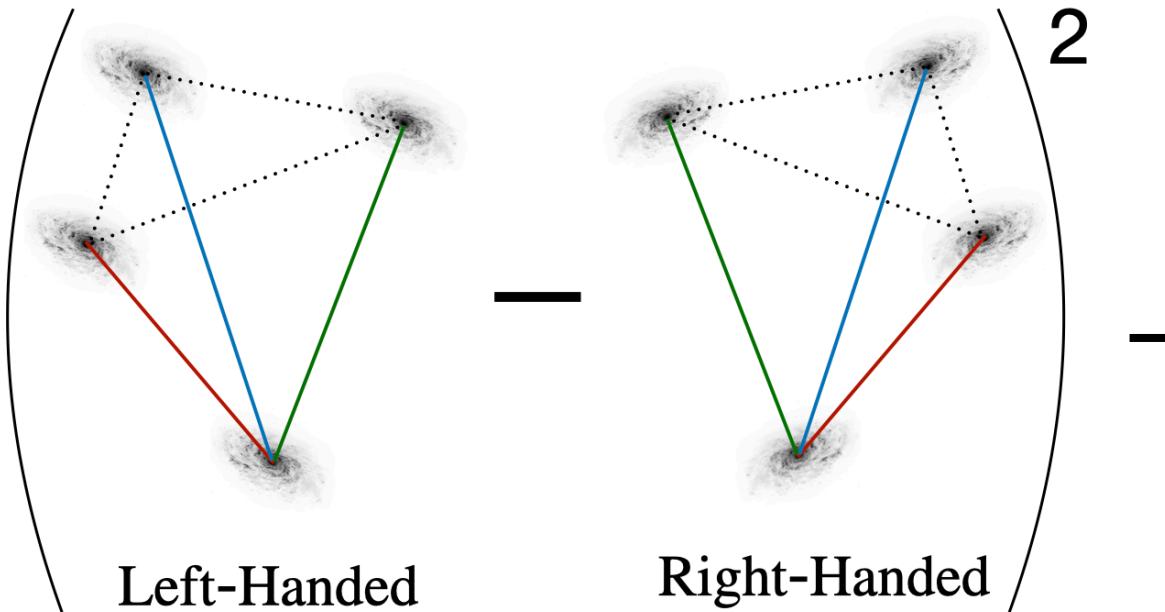
- ▷ We can measure **local** f_{NL} from the **non-linear** bispectrum using **consistency relations**

$$B(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{6f_{\text{NL}}\Omega_{m,0}H_0^2}{D_{\text{md}}(z)} \frac{\partial P(k)}{\partial \log \sigma_8^2} \frac{P(q)}{q^2 T(q)} + \mathcal{O}(f_{\text{NL}}^2)$$

- ▷ This gives **accurate** $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}}$ constraints for matter at $k = 0.6 h/\text{Mpc}$



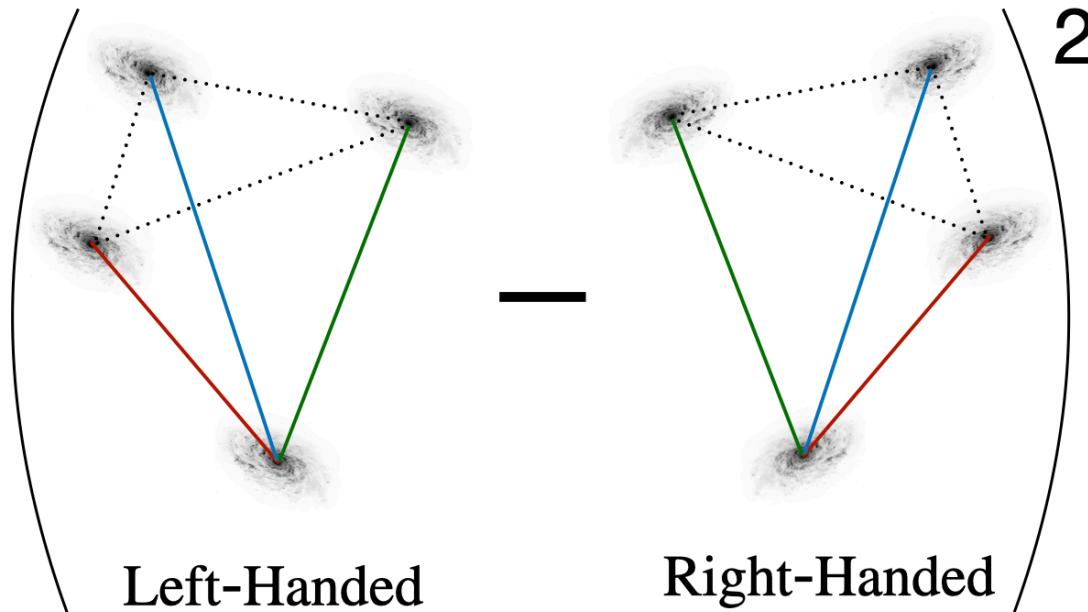
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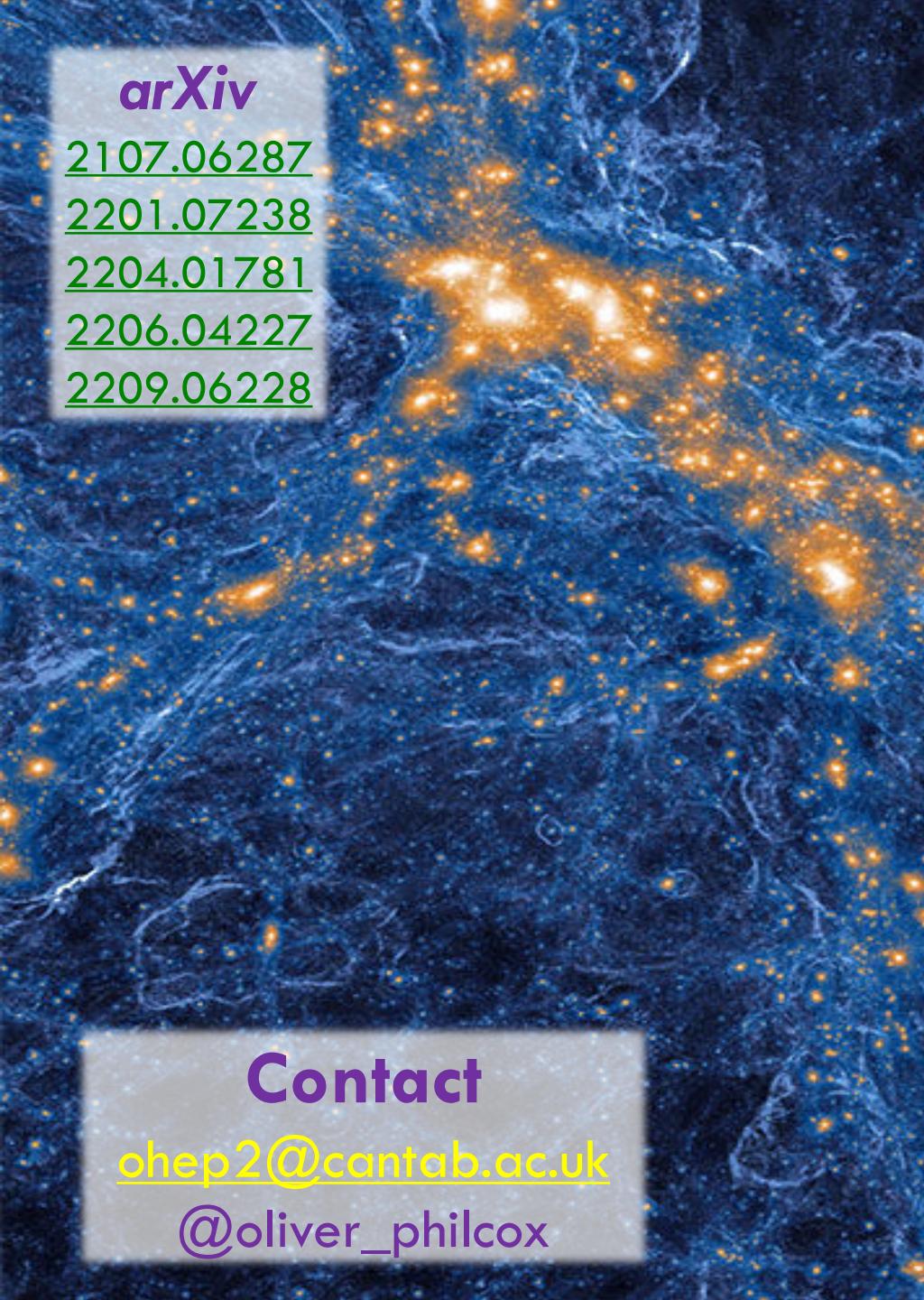
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CONCLUSIONS

- We can measure **any** type of 3-point PNG using the galaxy **power spectrum** and **bispectrum**
- Constraints are **weak** compared to the CMB but will get much stronger soon!
- We can learn more from non-perturbative physics and higher-point functions!