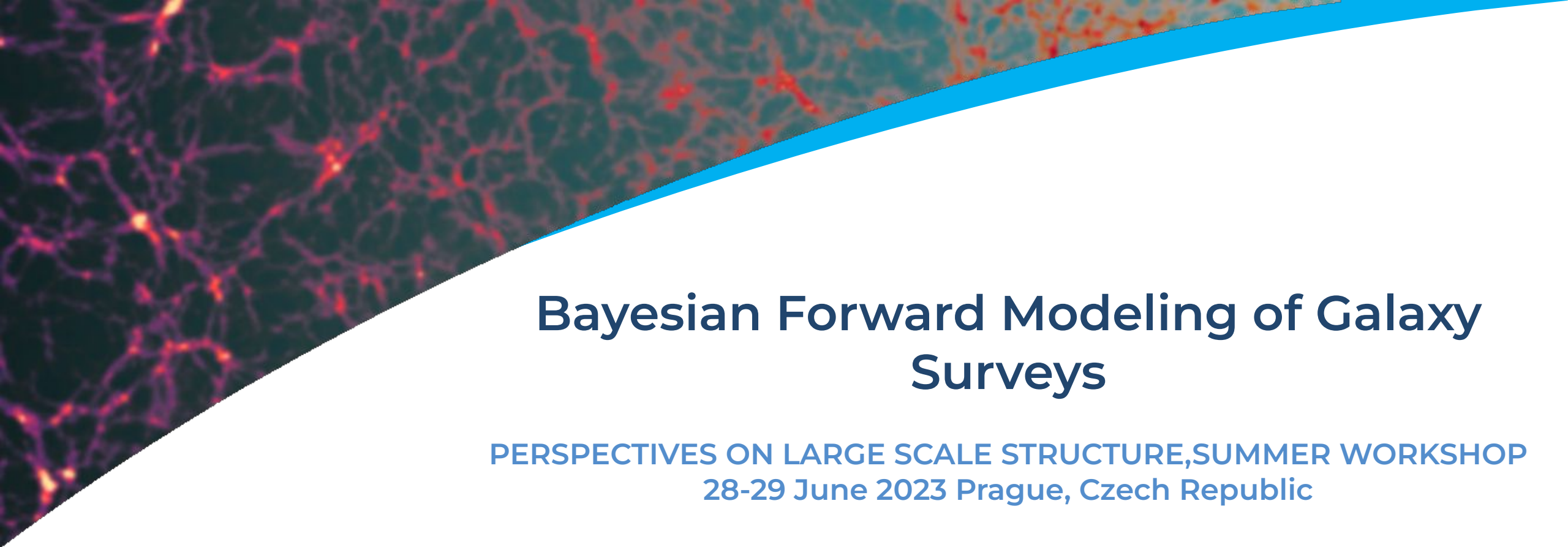


A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of red filaments and nodes against a dark blue background, representing the large-scale structure of the universe.

Bayesian Forward Modeling of Galaxy Surveys

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Motivation & Background

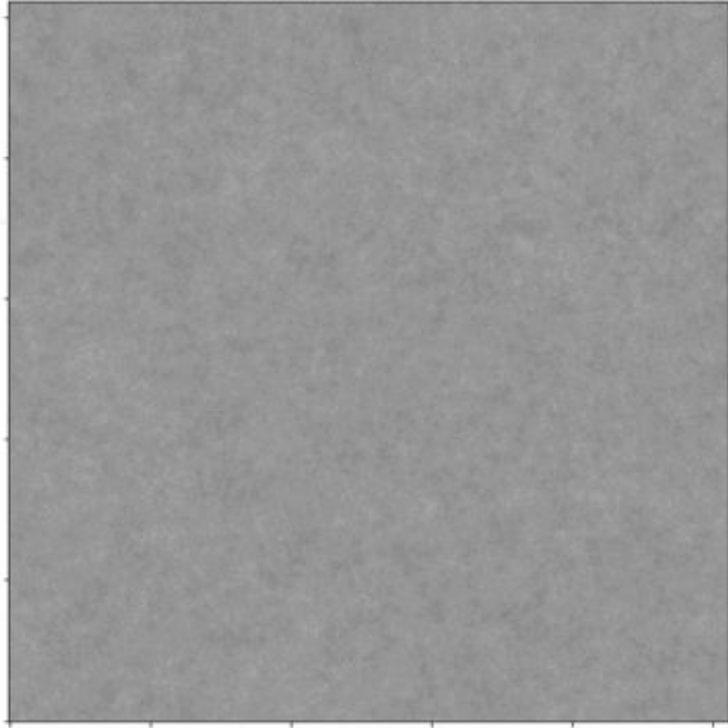
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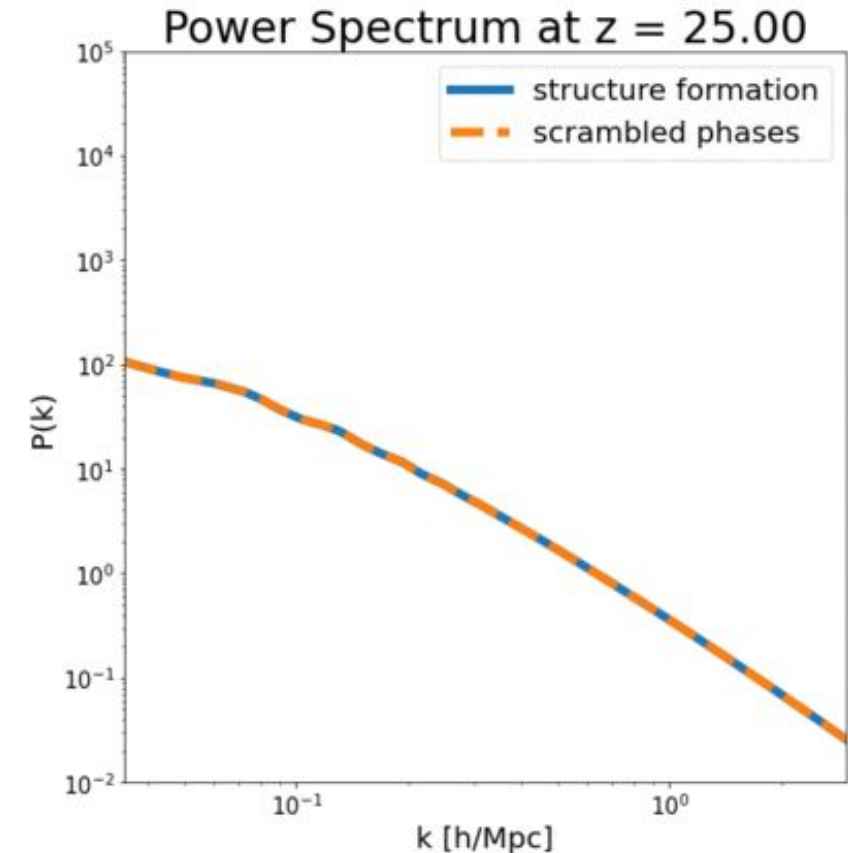
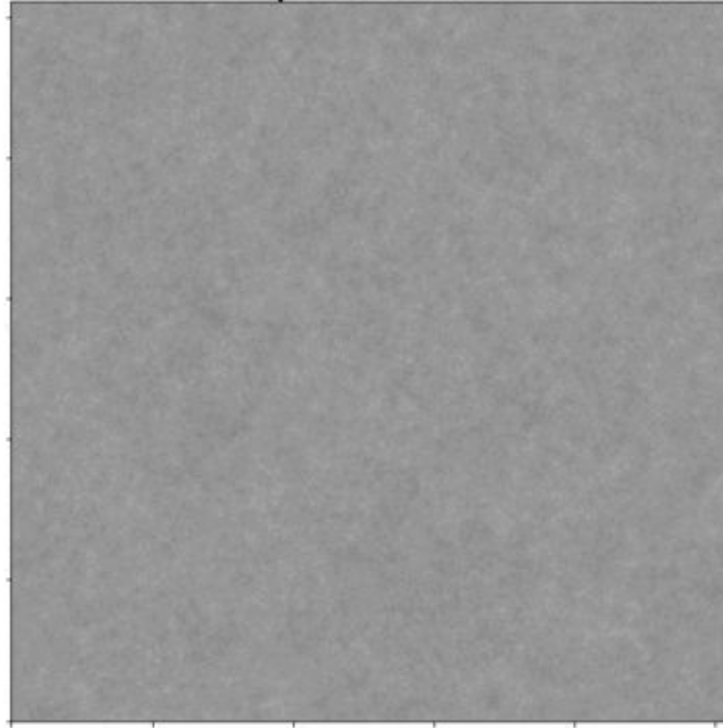
The limits of summary statistics

Traditionally cosmic structures are analyzed via summary statistics (mostly 2PT).

Structure formation at $z = 25.00$



Scrambled phases at $z = 25.00$



There exists no closed form description of the 3D matter distribution:

- The hierarchy of statistical moments is not guaranteed to close (e.g. [Carron & Neyrinck 2012](#))



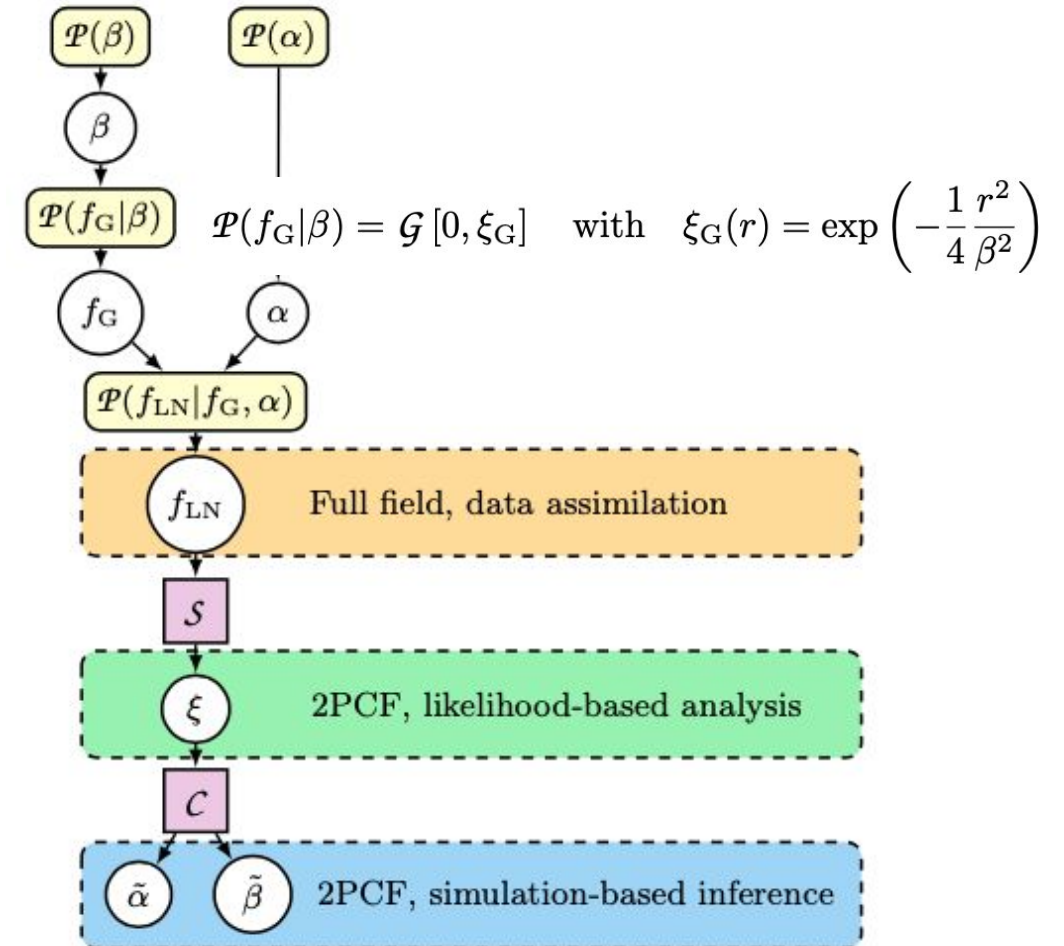
Should we rather use the entire field to do cosmology?



What analysis method to choose?

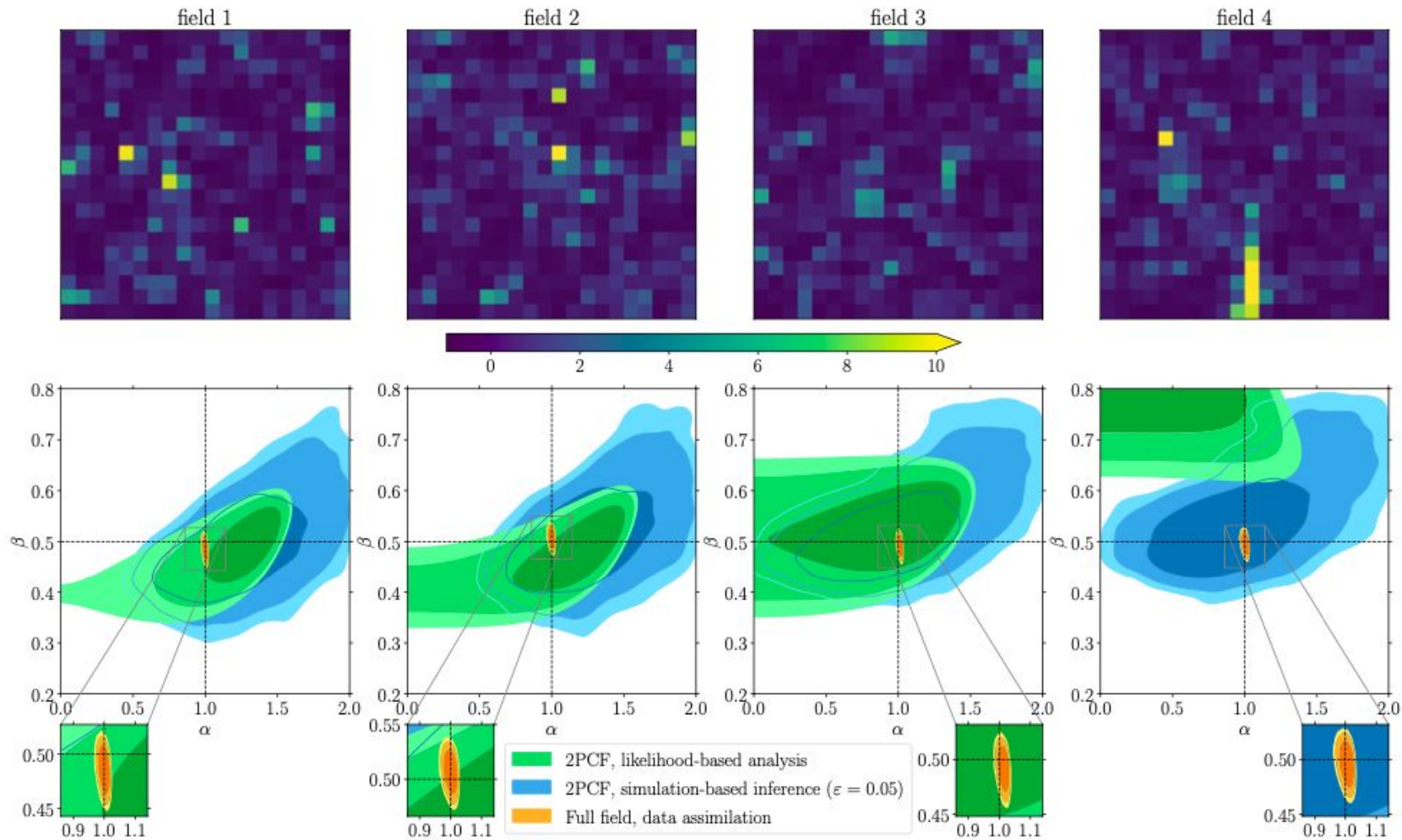
Compare 3 standard approaches:

- **Standard likelihood-based analysis (LBA)** of the two-point correlation function (2PCF), assuming a Gaussian distribution and fixed covariance matrix
- **Simulation-based inference (SBI)**, aka likelihood-free inference, ABC, based on the 2PCF
- **Field level data assimilation (DA)** technique, e.g. Bayesian forward modeling, BORG





Beyond summary statistics: Field level inference



Field level inference uses many more constraints of the data! (higher-order statistics) [Leclercq & Heavens 2021](#)

(Also see McQuinn (2021))



BORG: Bayesian Physical forward modeling

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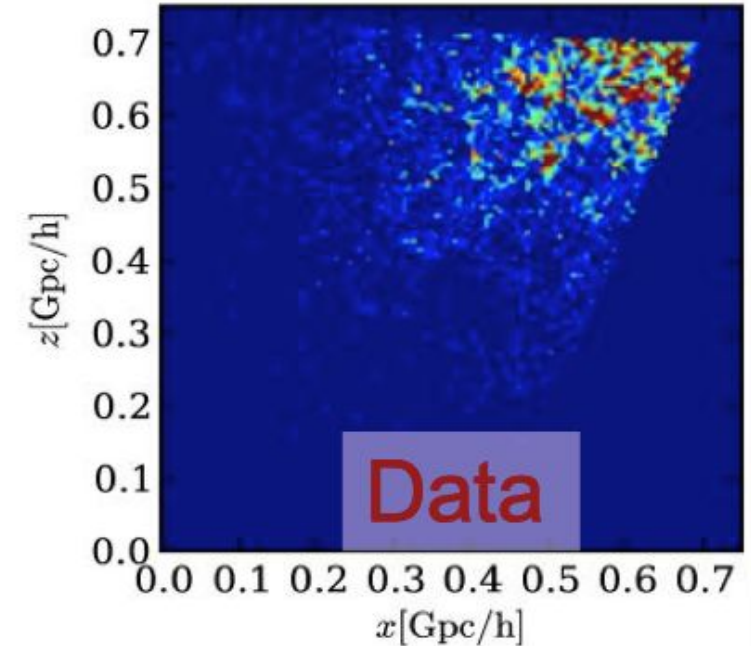
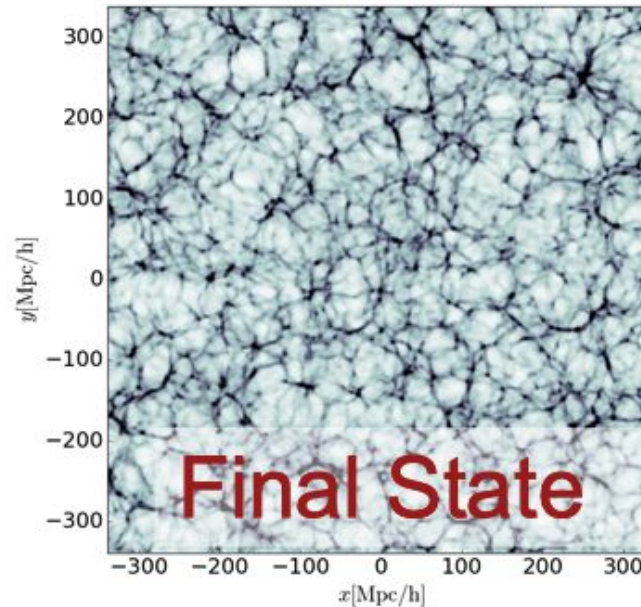
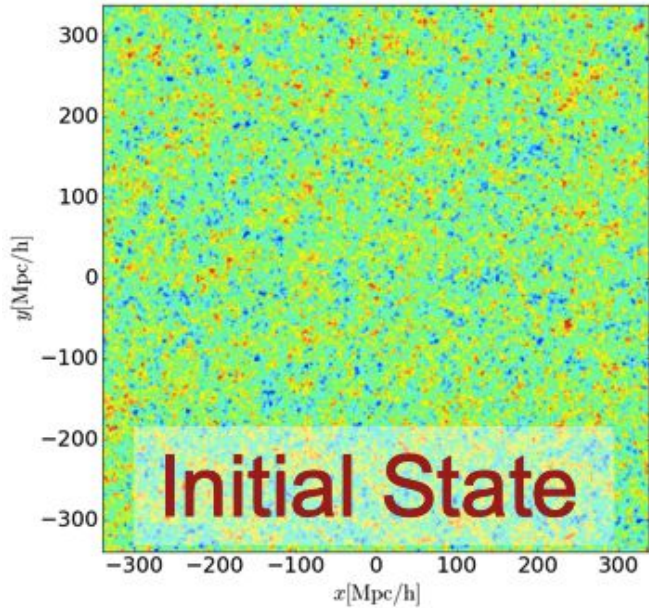


Data model

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Galaxy bias model

See e.g. Neyrinck et al. 2014
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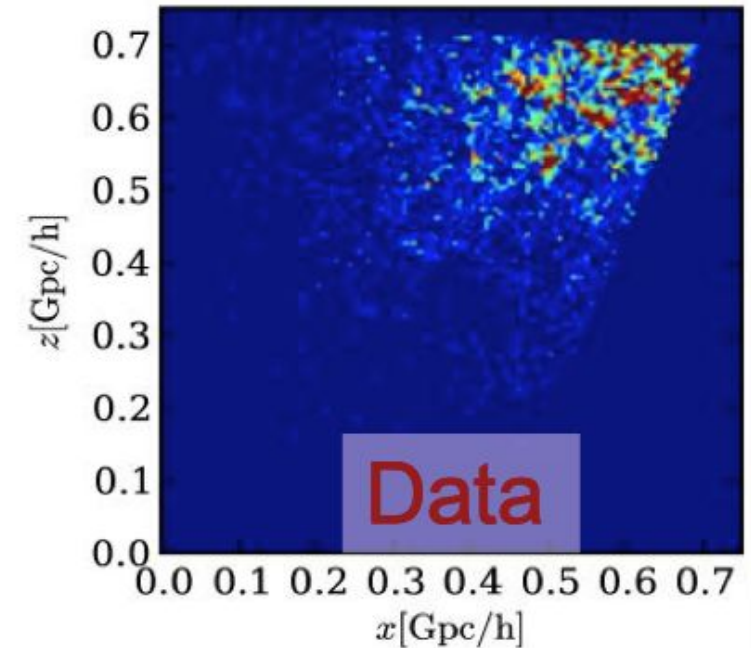
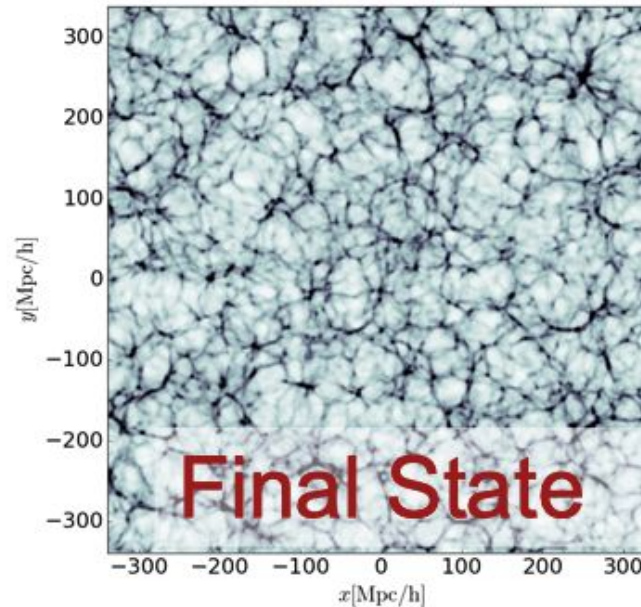
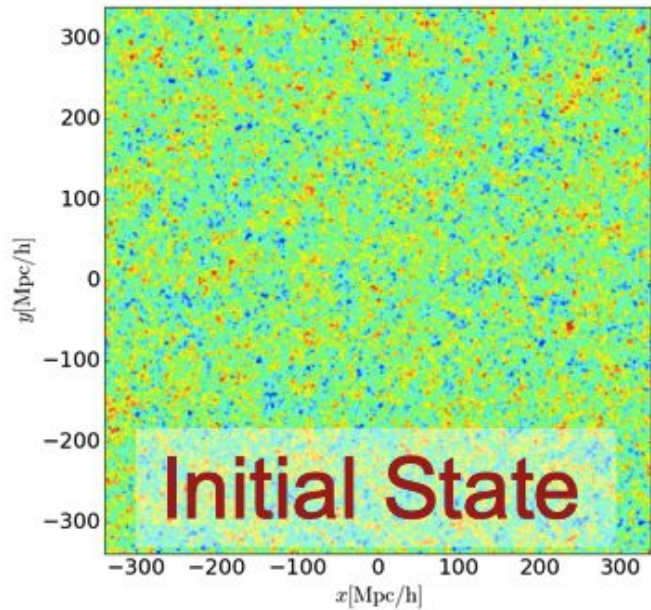


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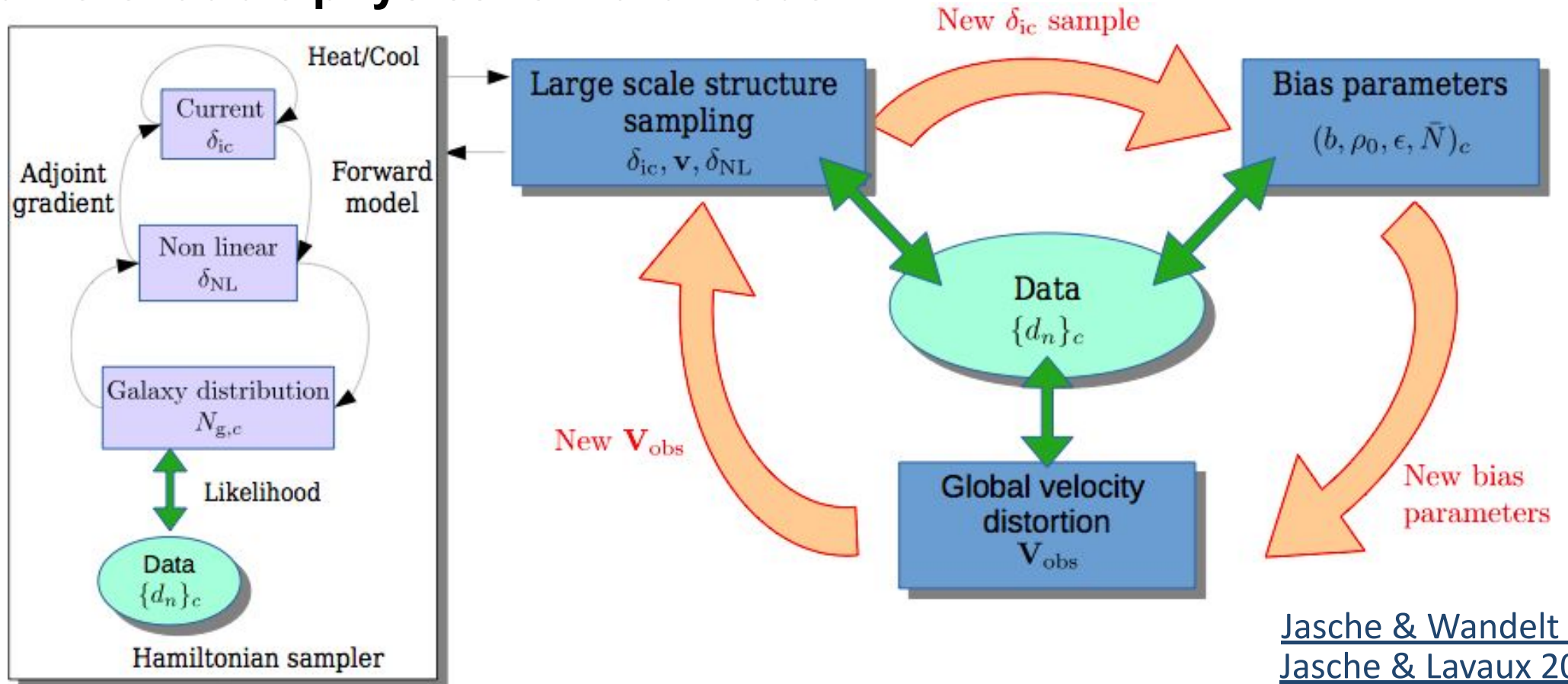




BORG: Bayesian Physical forward modeling

BORG's MCMC framework allows building flexible data models

- Hierarchical Bayes and block sampling
- Efficient Hamiltonian Monte Carlo technique
- **Fully differentiable physics forward model**



Jasche & Wandelt 2014
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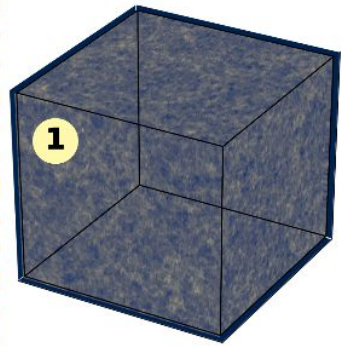




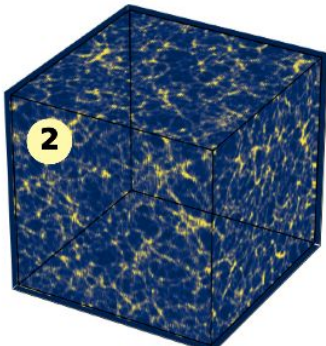
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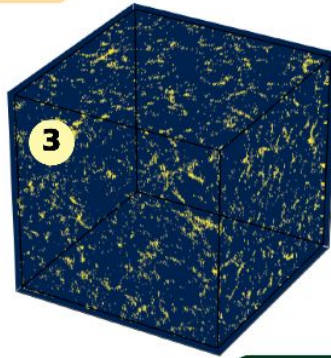
(1→2) Structure formation



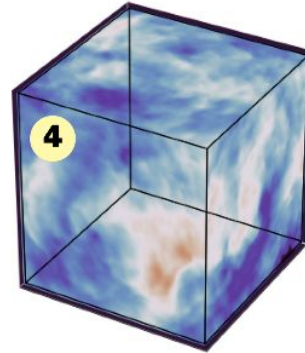
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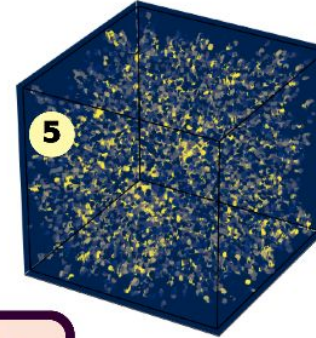
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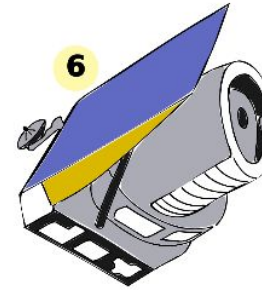
3 Galaxy field (comoving)



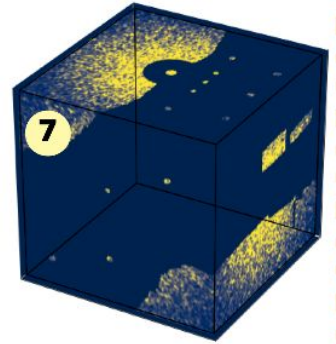
4 Velocity field



5 Galaxy field (redshift)



6 Selection & Likelihood



7 Observed galaxy distribution

→ Constrain primordial ICs

(2→3) Galaxy bias

(3→4) Peculiar velocities → RSDs

(3→5) Redshift transform

Likelihood/posterior analysis

Now several groups are developing Forward Modeling approaches.

[Jasche & Wandelt 2014](#)

[Wang et al 2014](#)

[Jasche, Leclercq, Wandelt 2015](#)

[Lavaux & Jasche 2016](#)

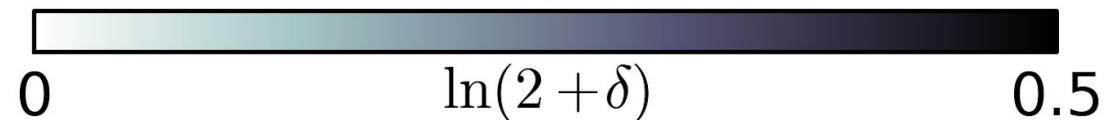
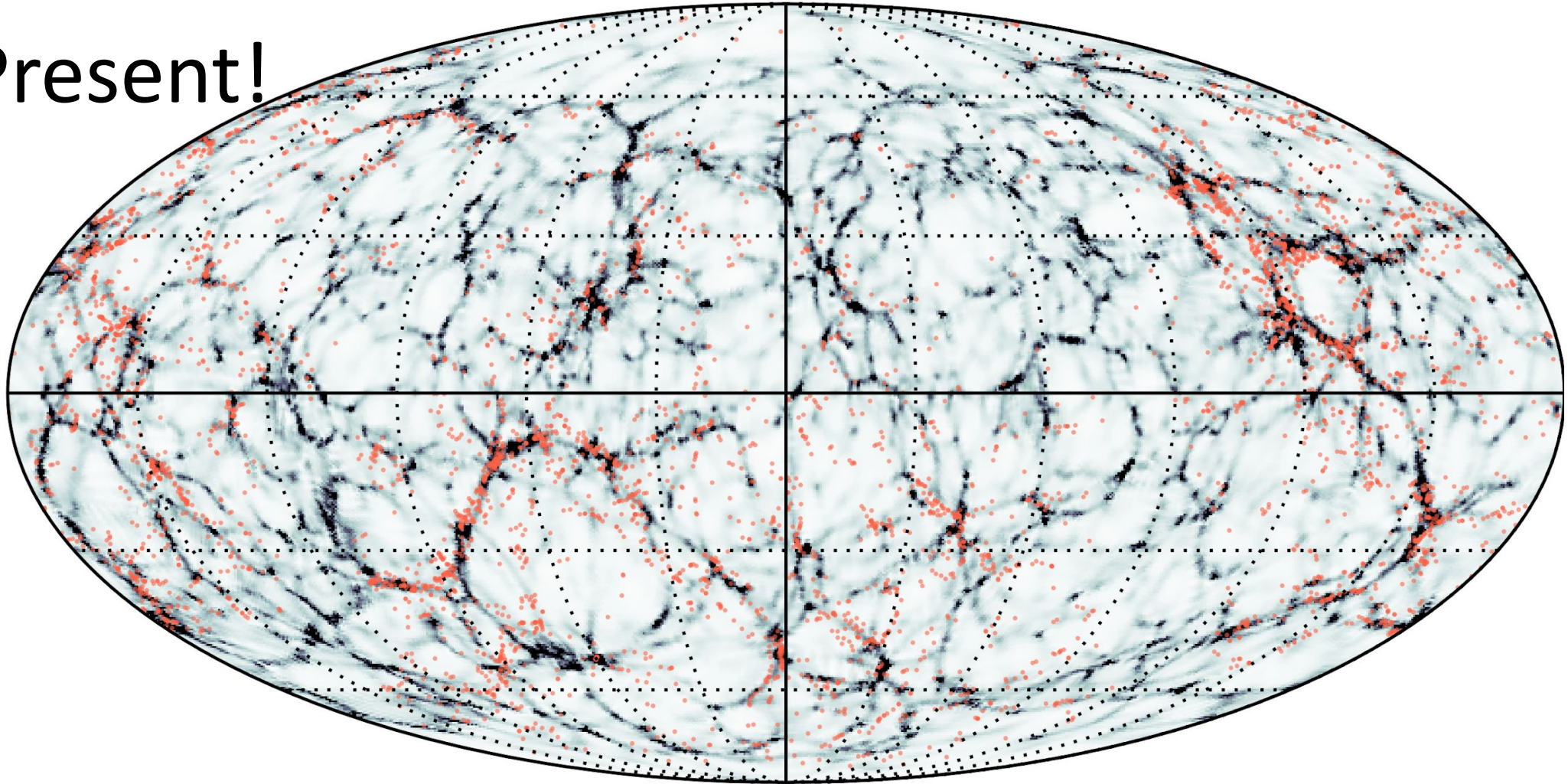
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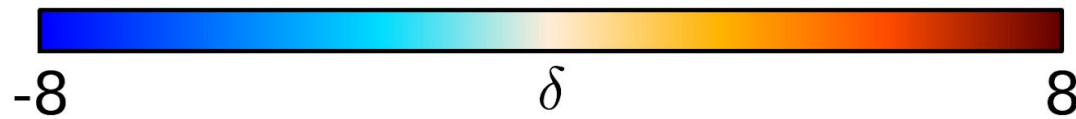
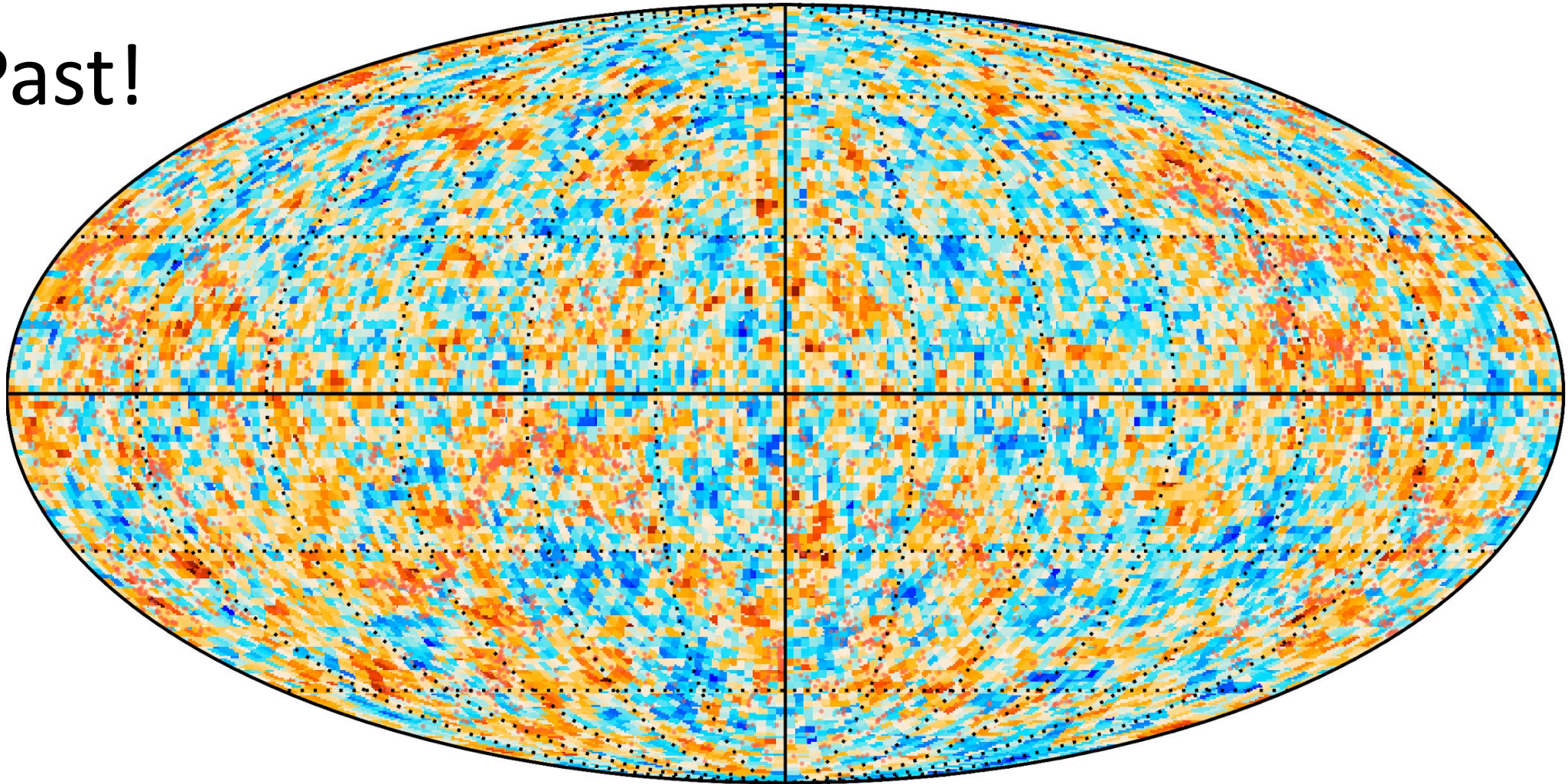
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[Kostic et al. 2022](#)

The Present!



The Past!





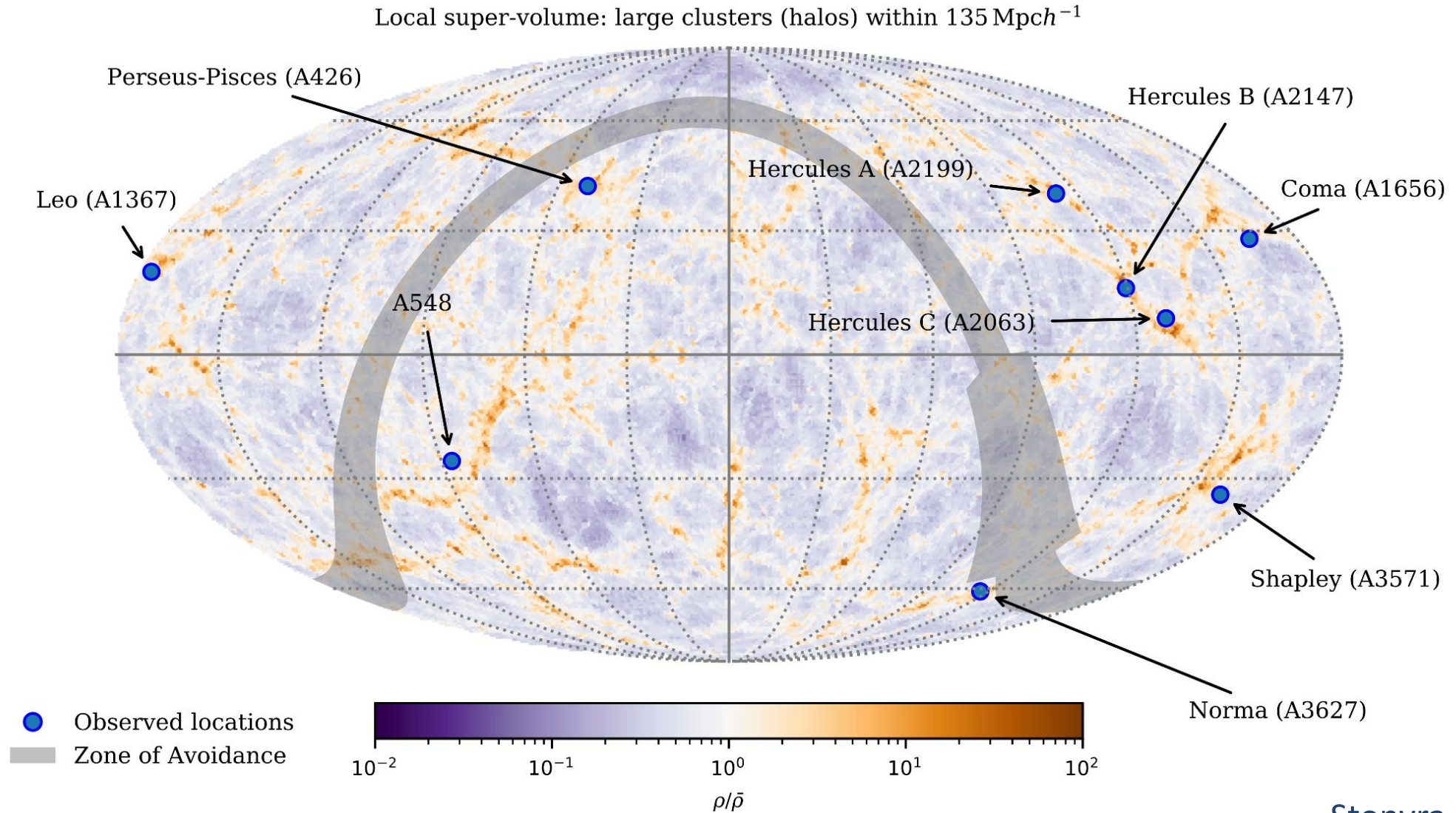
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Measuring Cluster Masses

How rare is the local super volume?

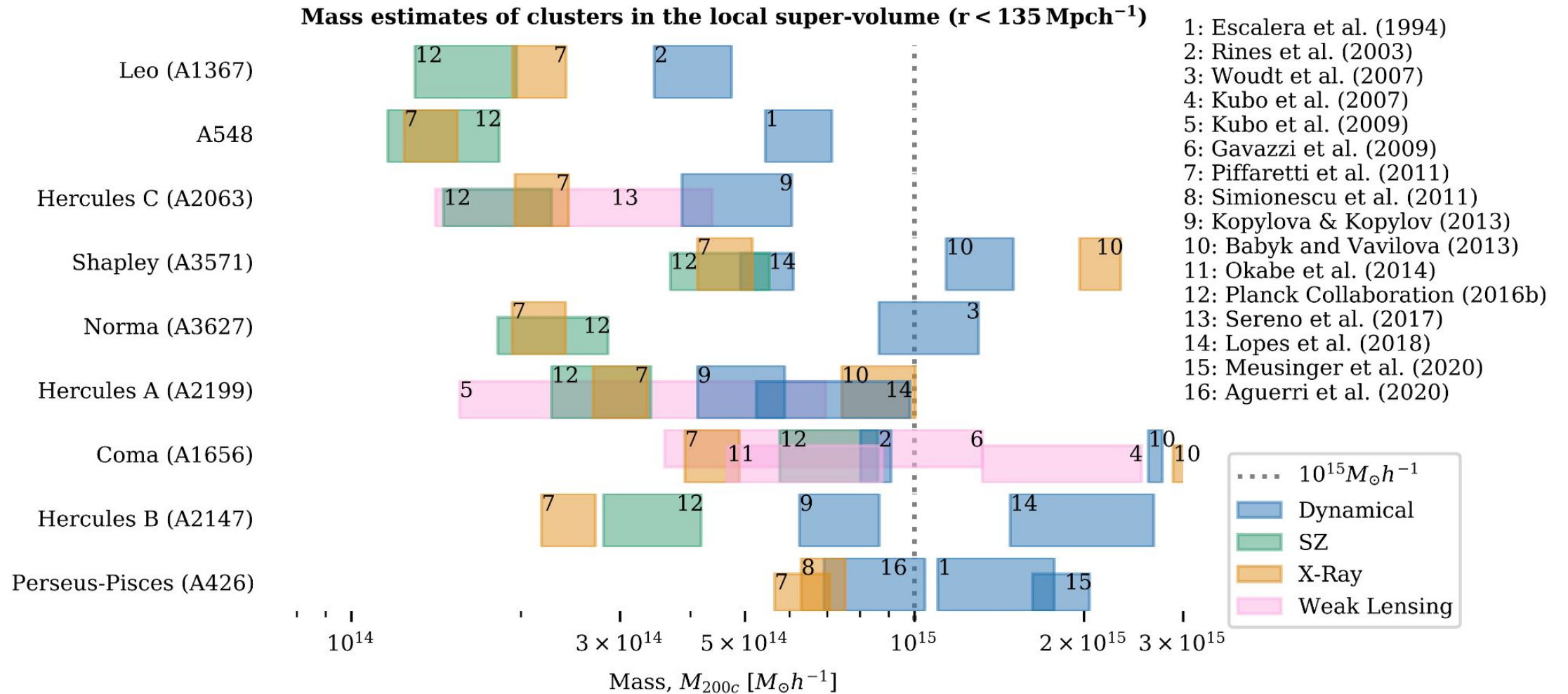


How rare is the local super volume? (Stephen Stopyra)





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An intriguing situation: Is the local super-volume compatible with Λ CDM or not?

[Stopyra et al 2021](#)



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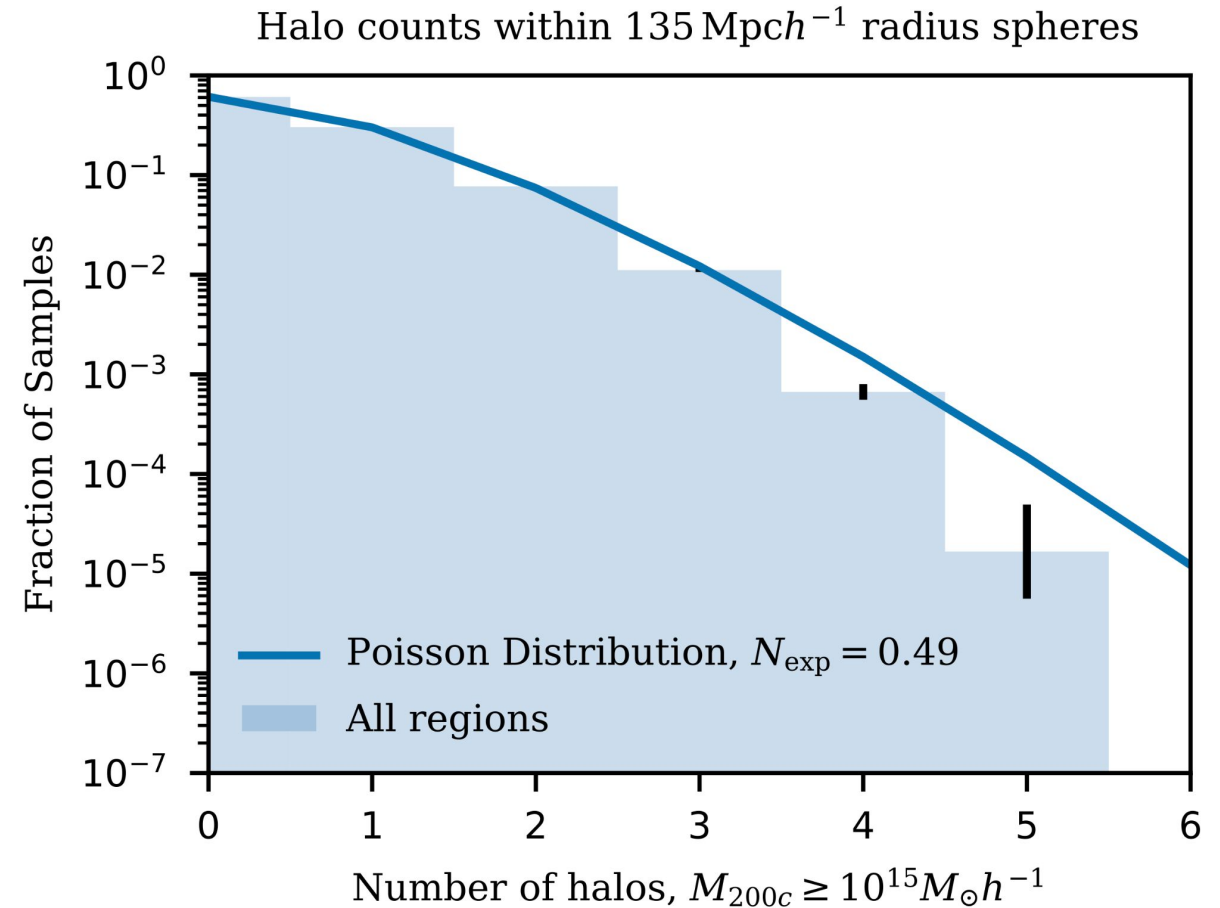
Prevalence of most massive nearby halos:

- Likelihood of finding N clusters with $M_{200c} \geq 10^{15} M_{\odot} h^{-1}$:

$$\mathcal{L}(N|N_{\text{exp}}) = \frac{N_{\text{exp}}^N e^{-N_{\text{exp}}}}{N!}$$

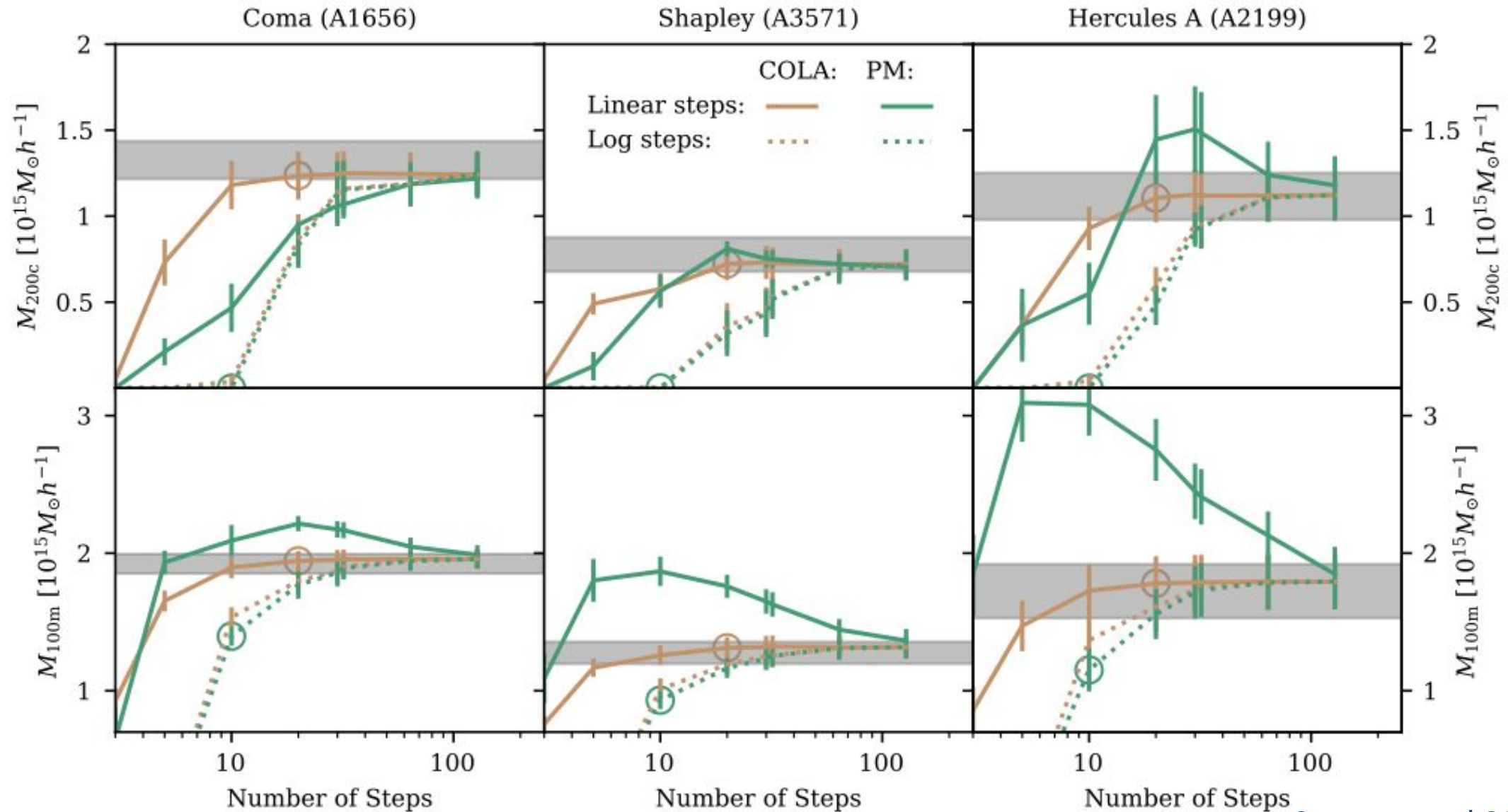
with $N_{\text{exp}} = 1$.

- A few high-mass halos can pose a significant challenge to Λ CDM.
[Frenk et al 1990](#)



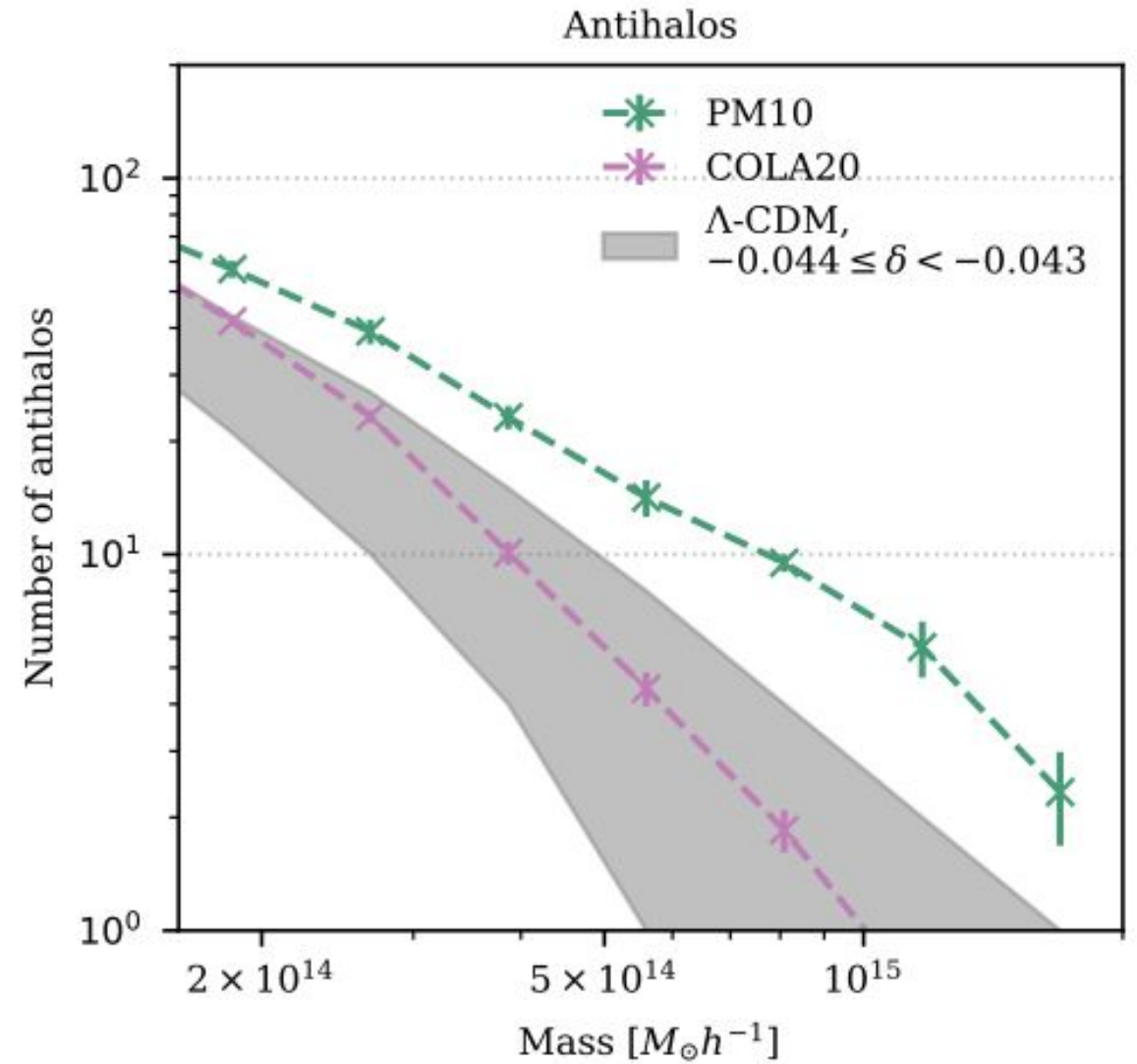
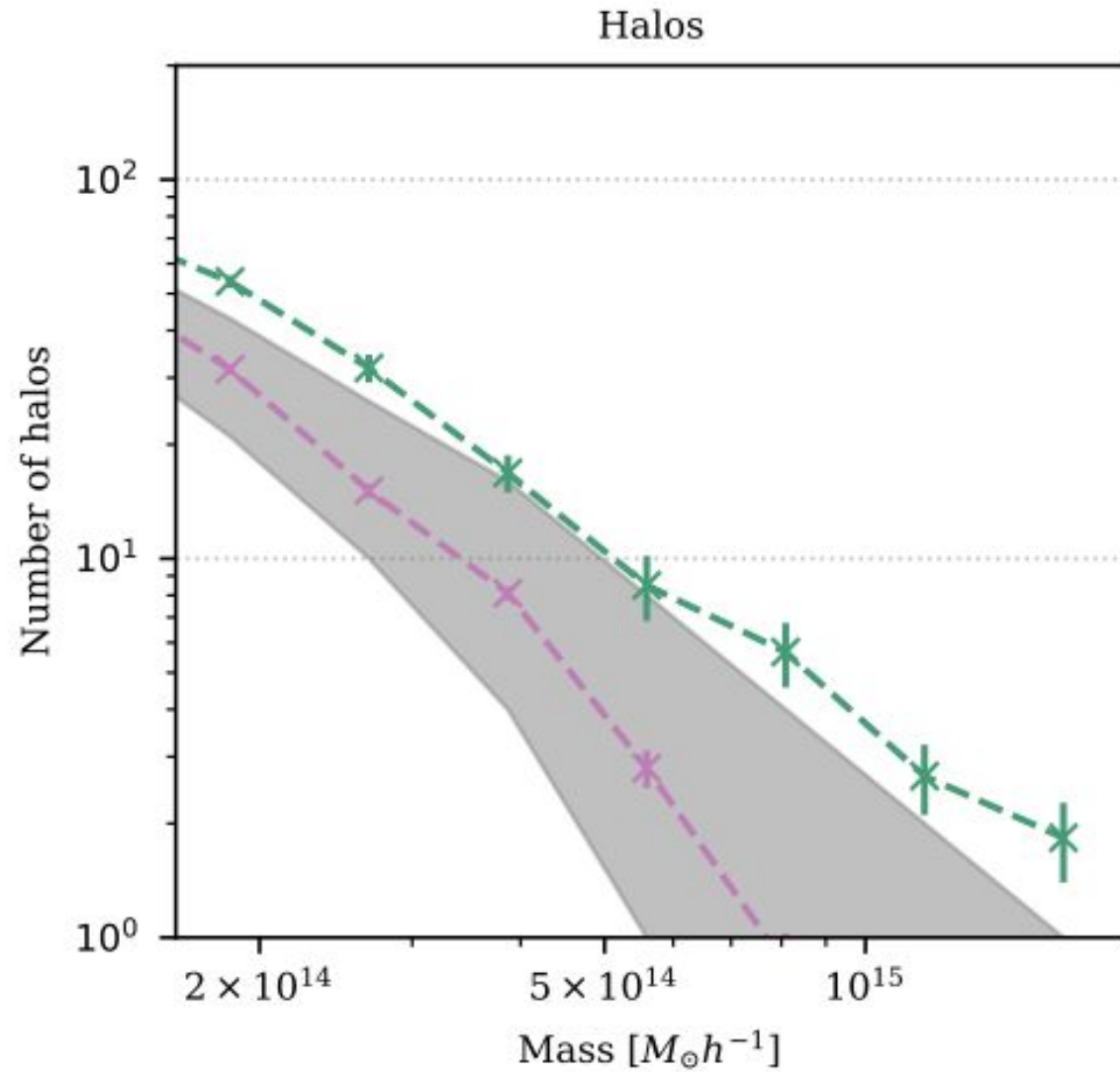


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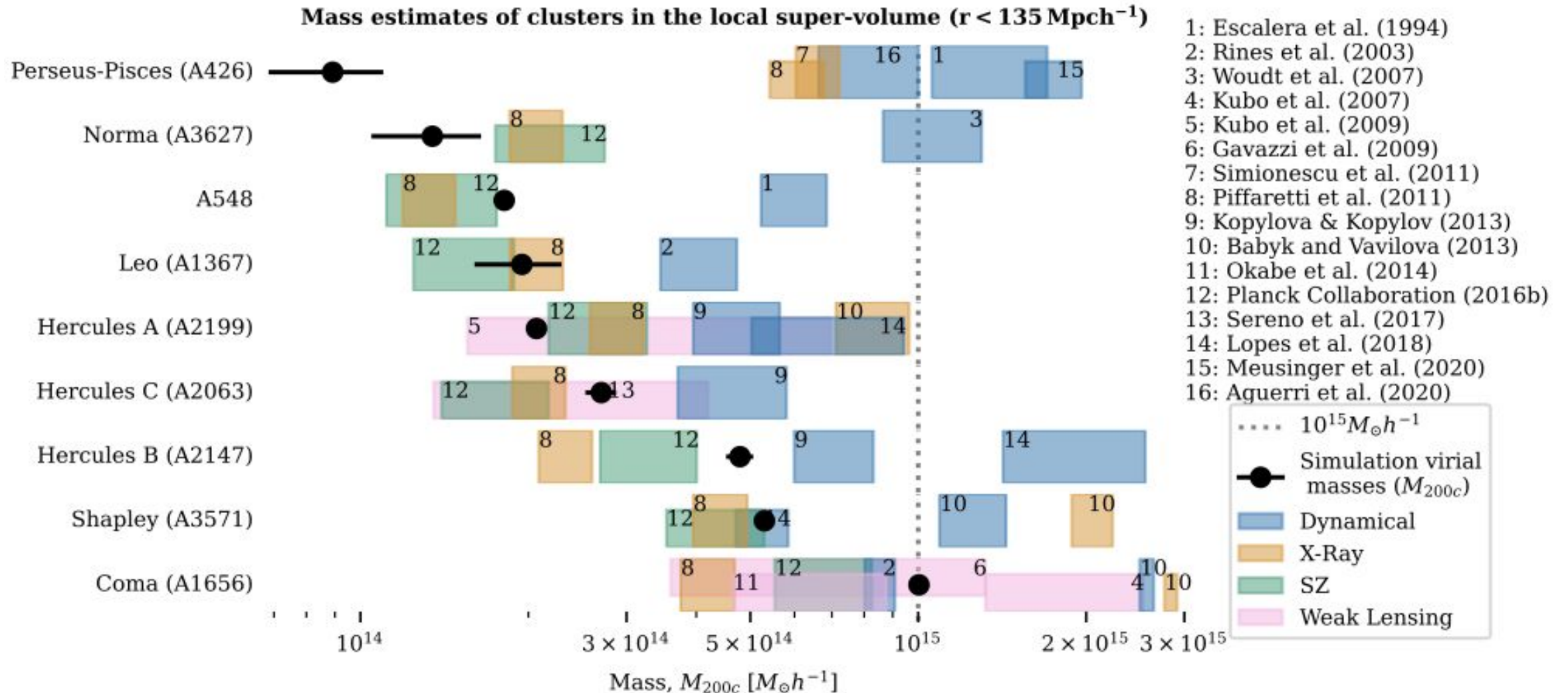


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Testing cosmology

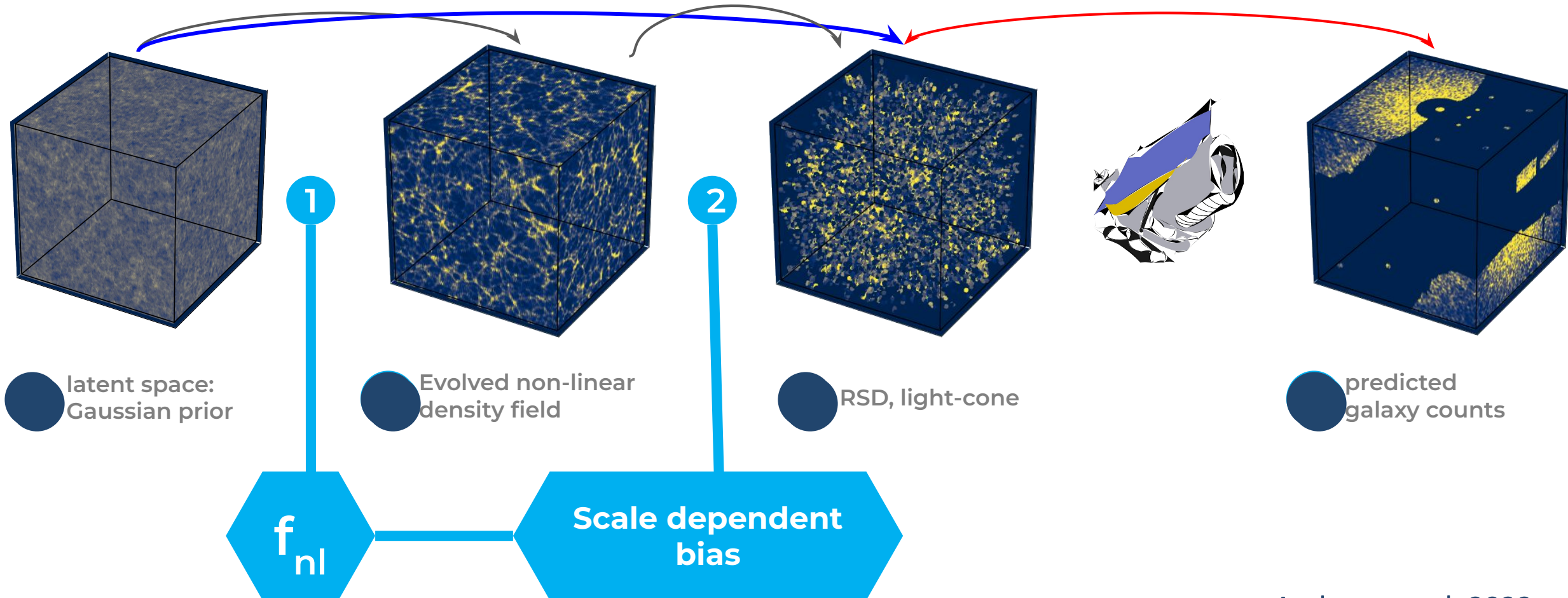
inferring cosmological parameters



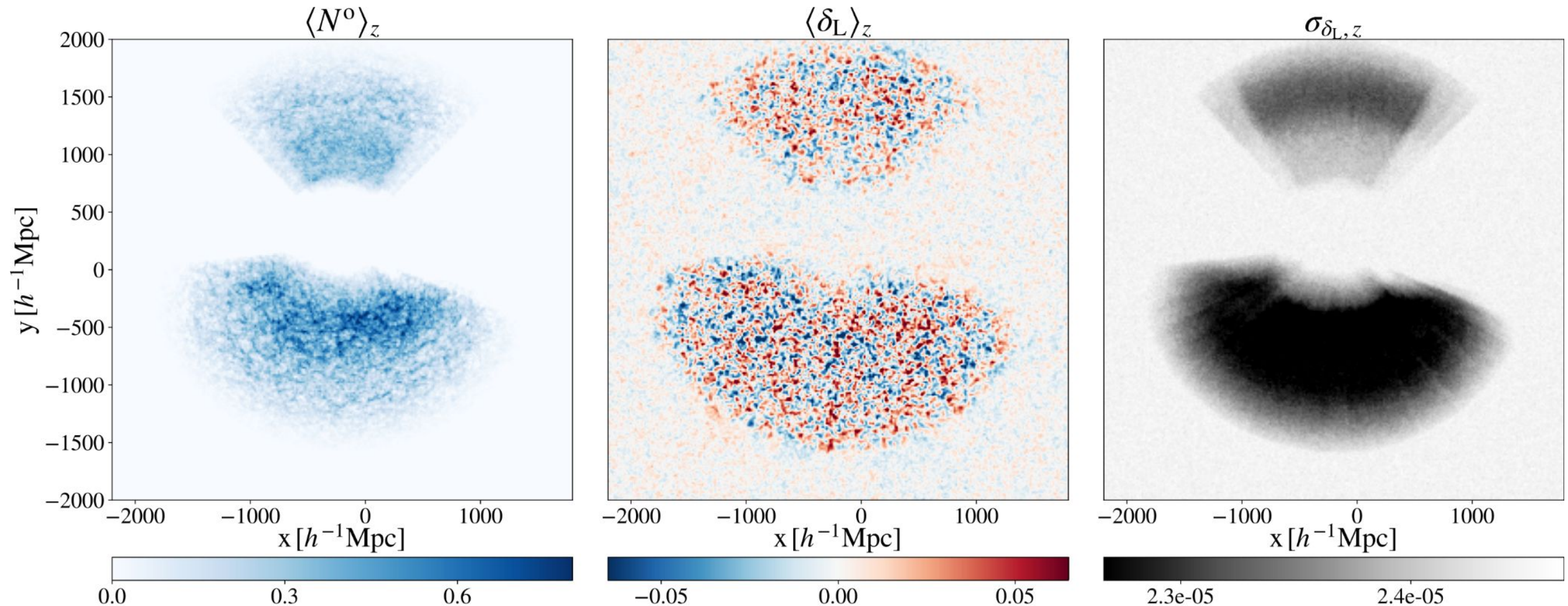
Bayesian forward modeling of Primordial Non-Gaussianity Non-Gaussianity (Adam Andrews)

Forward model

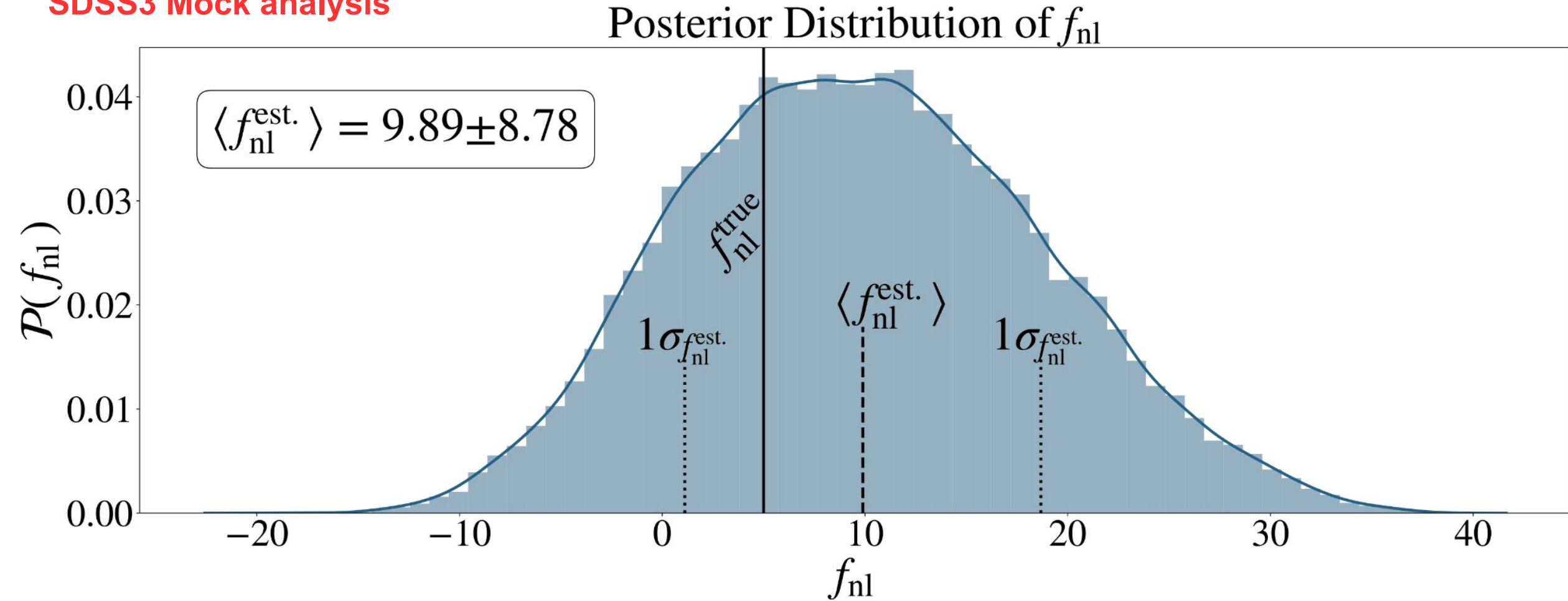
Likelihood



SDSS3 Mock analysis: Primordial fluctuations field inference from galaxy mock data

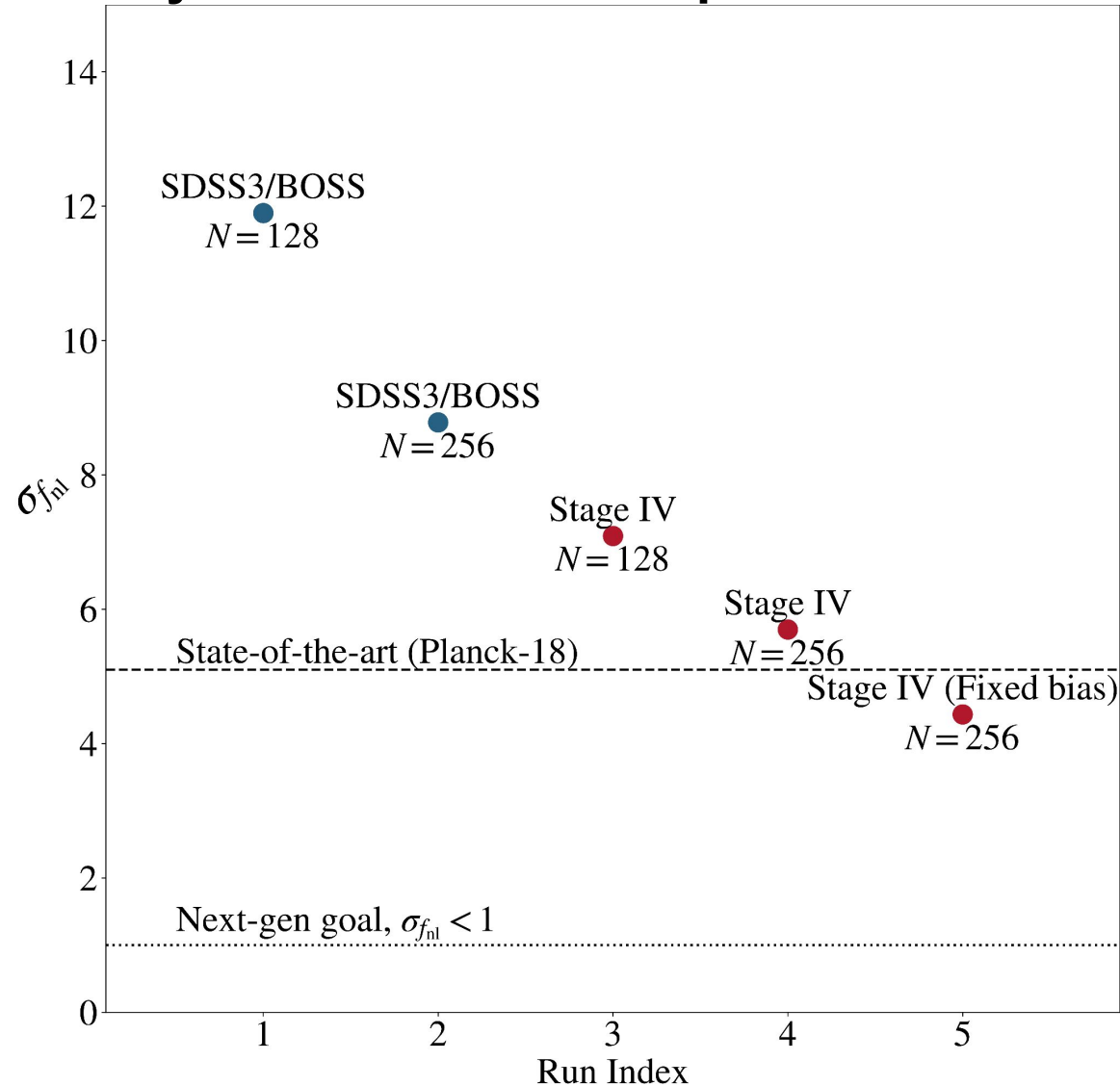


SDSS3 Mock analysis



Current state-of-the-art (SDSS3): $f_{\text{nl}} = -30 \pm 29$ ([D'Amico et al 2022](#))

Higher resolution of density reconstructions improves PNG constraints.



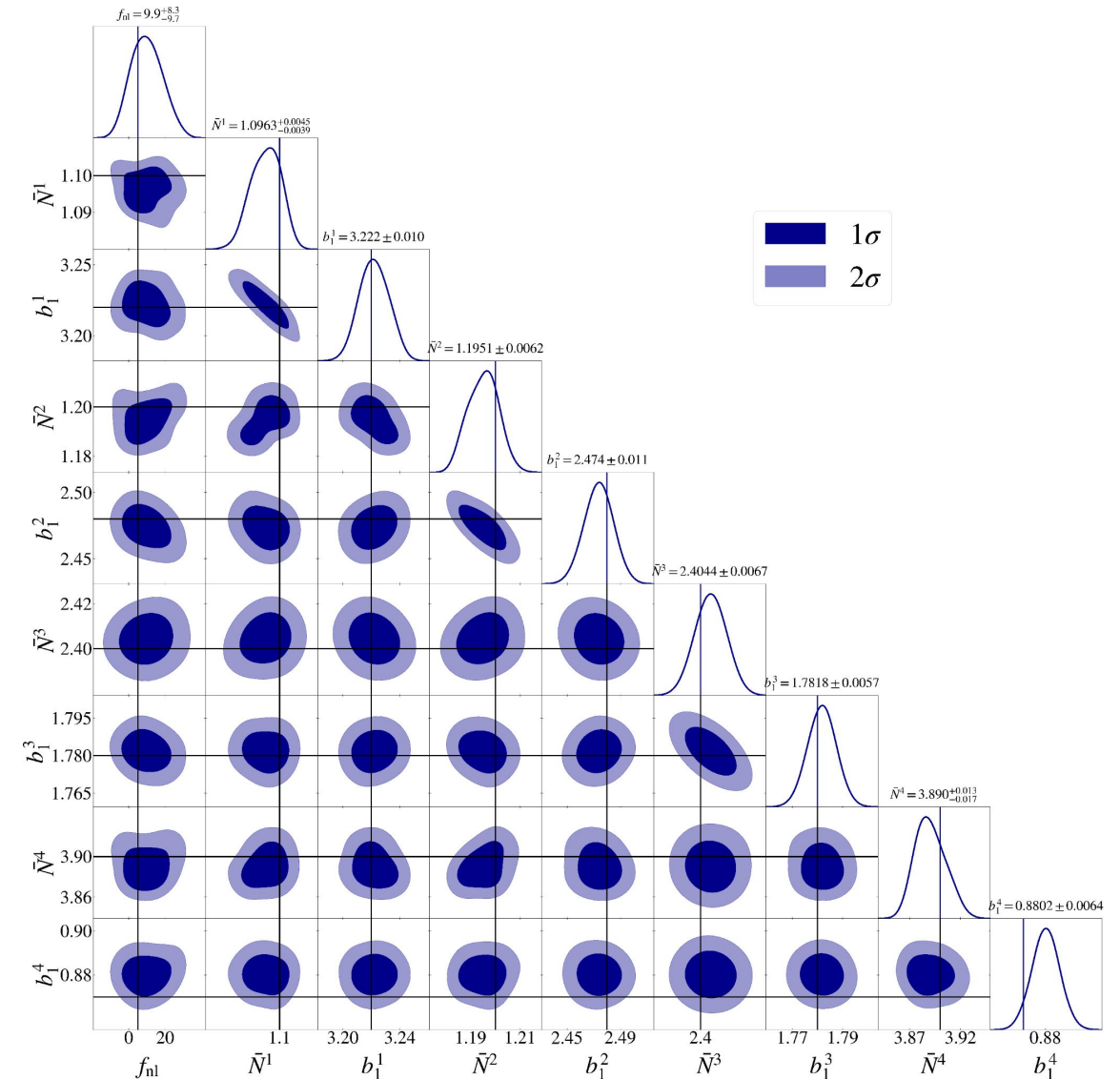
Physical forward modeling of PNG at the level of 3d fields (Adam Andrews)

BORG provides full statistical control

- Covariance matrices of all parameters of the data model
- Marginalizing out nuisance parameters

BORG handles various effects

- Survey Geometries
- Noise
- RSDs
- Light cone effects





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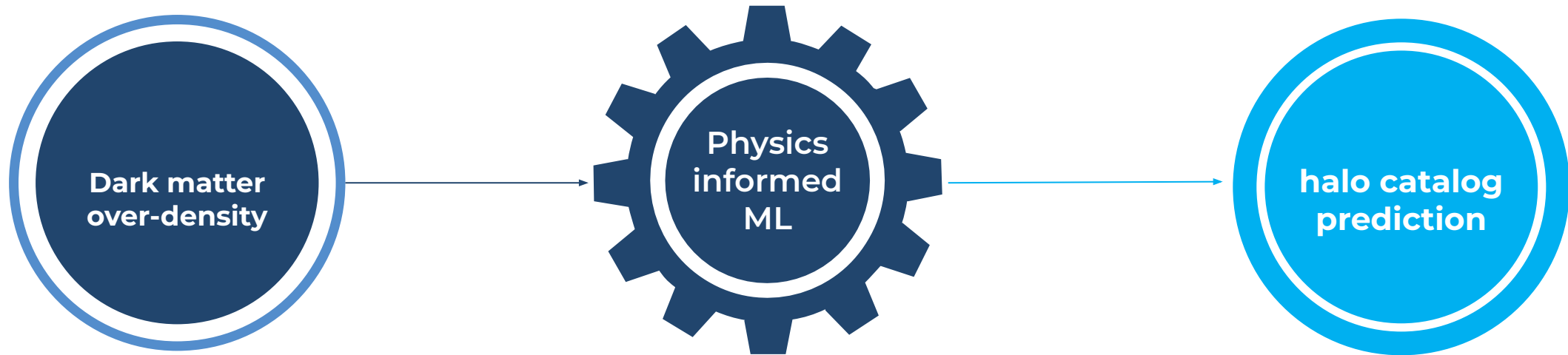
Non-linear biases

connecting DM fields with observables



Neural Physical Engine (NPE) (Simon Ding, Tom Charnock)

Preliminary Work!



**From approximate
simulators
e.g. 2LPT**

- **Fast & Differentiable**
- **Stochastic**
- **Explainable**
- **17-32 parameters**

Validation:

- **1pt**
- **2pt**
- **field-level**

[Ding et al in prep](#)
[Charnock et al 2020](#)



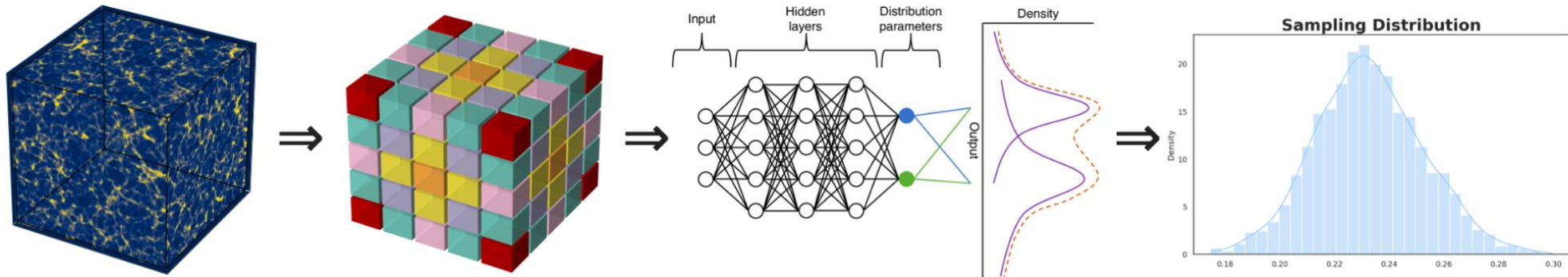
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- Use non-local information
- Use isotropy

- Model non-linearity

- Generative process

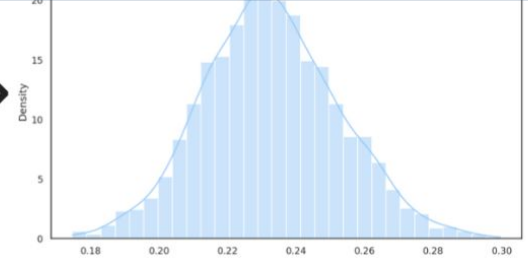
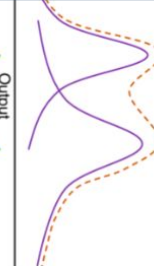
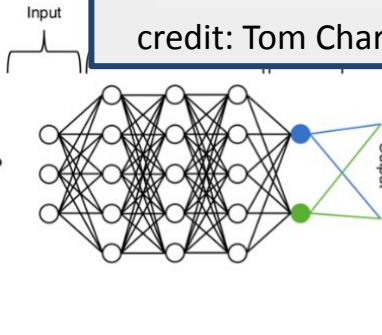
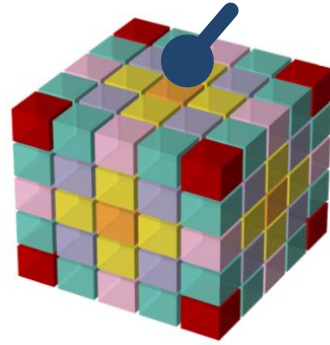
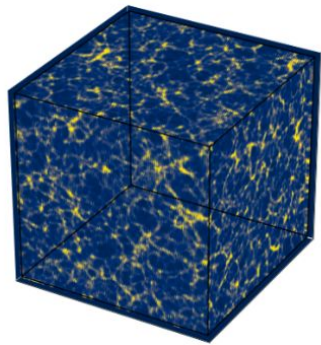


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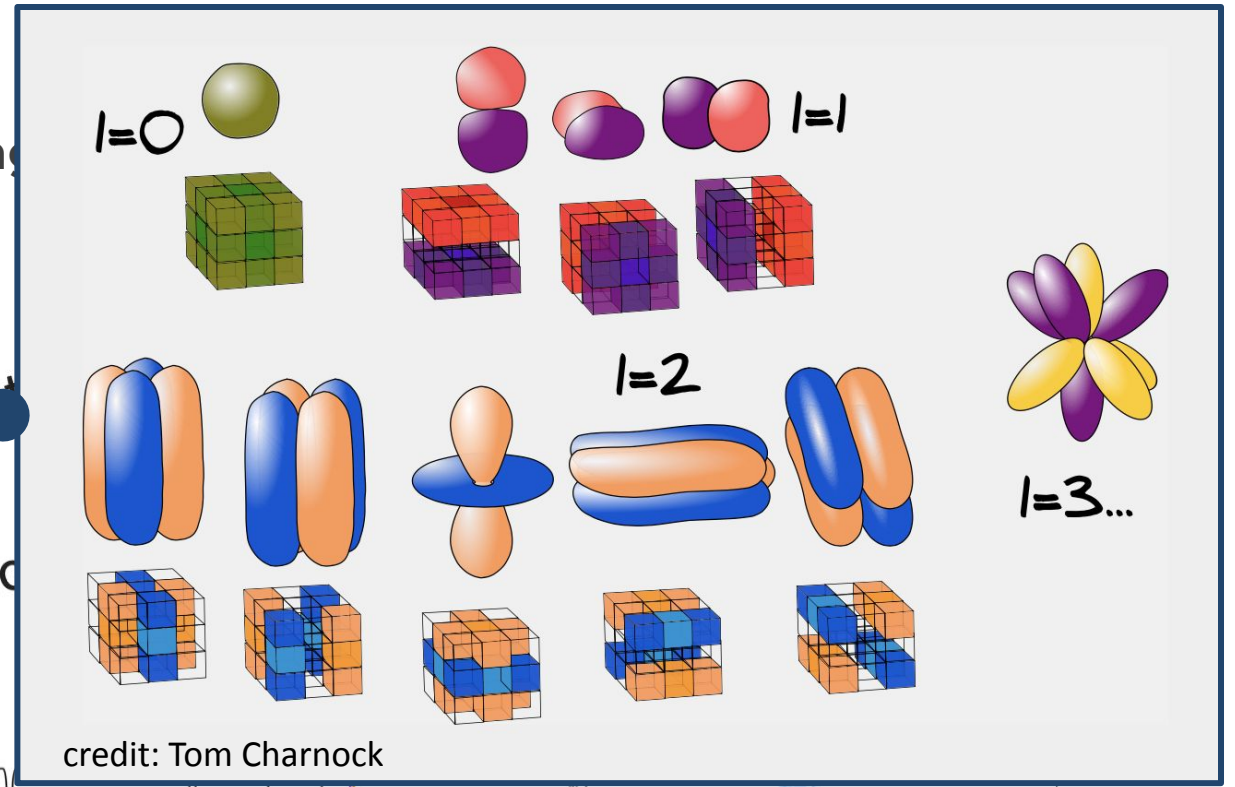


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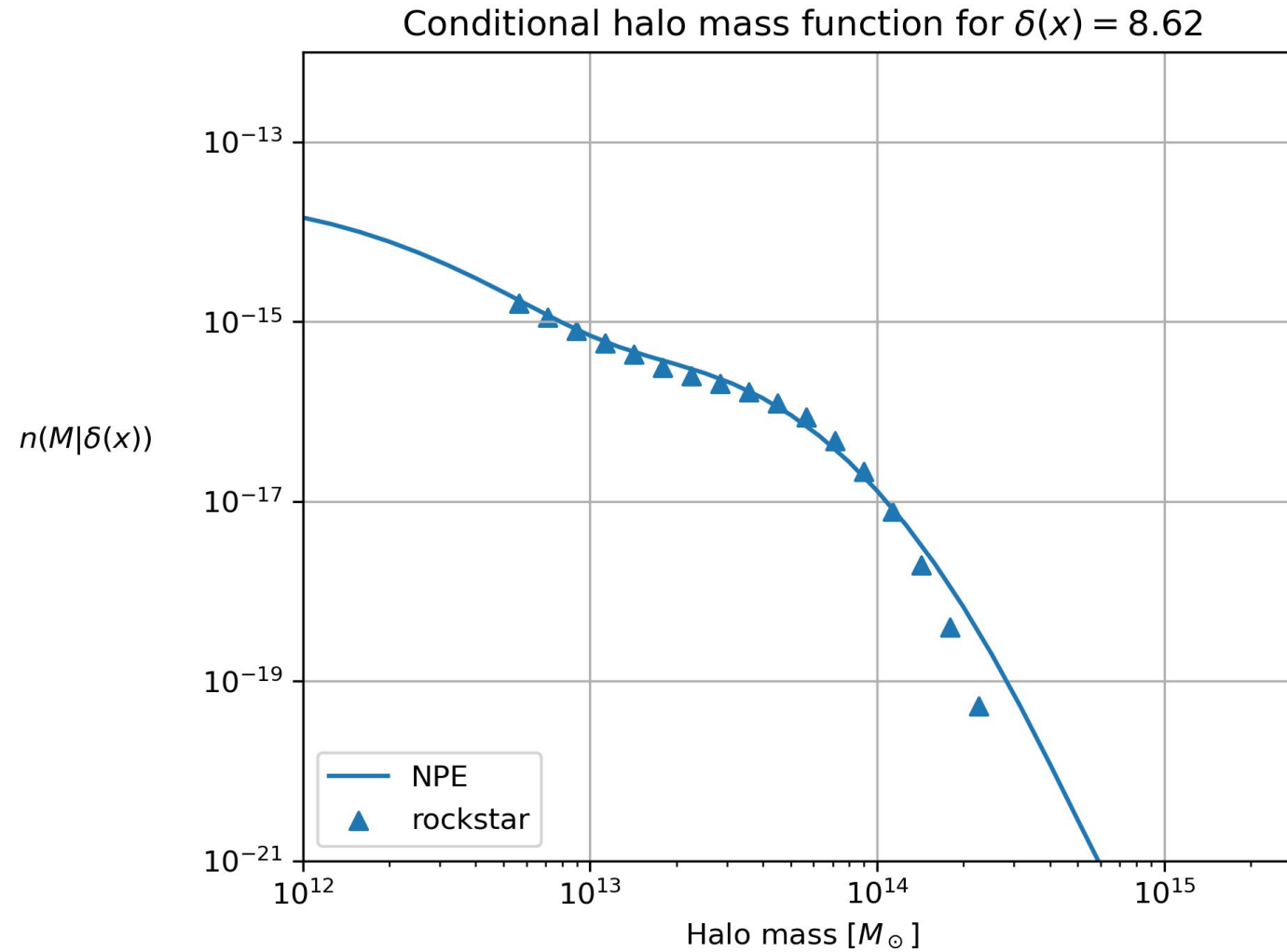
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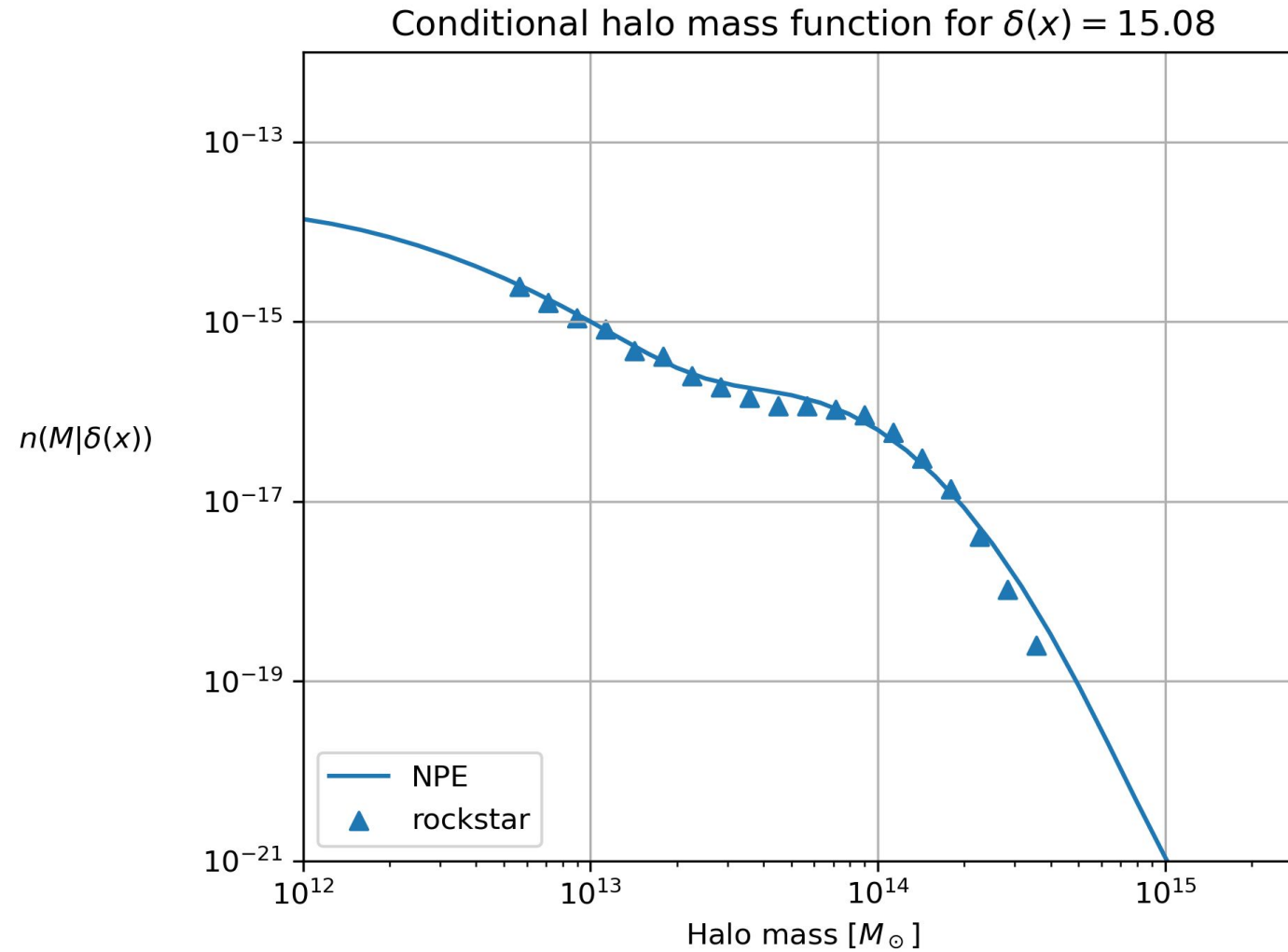
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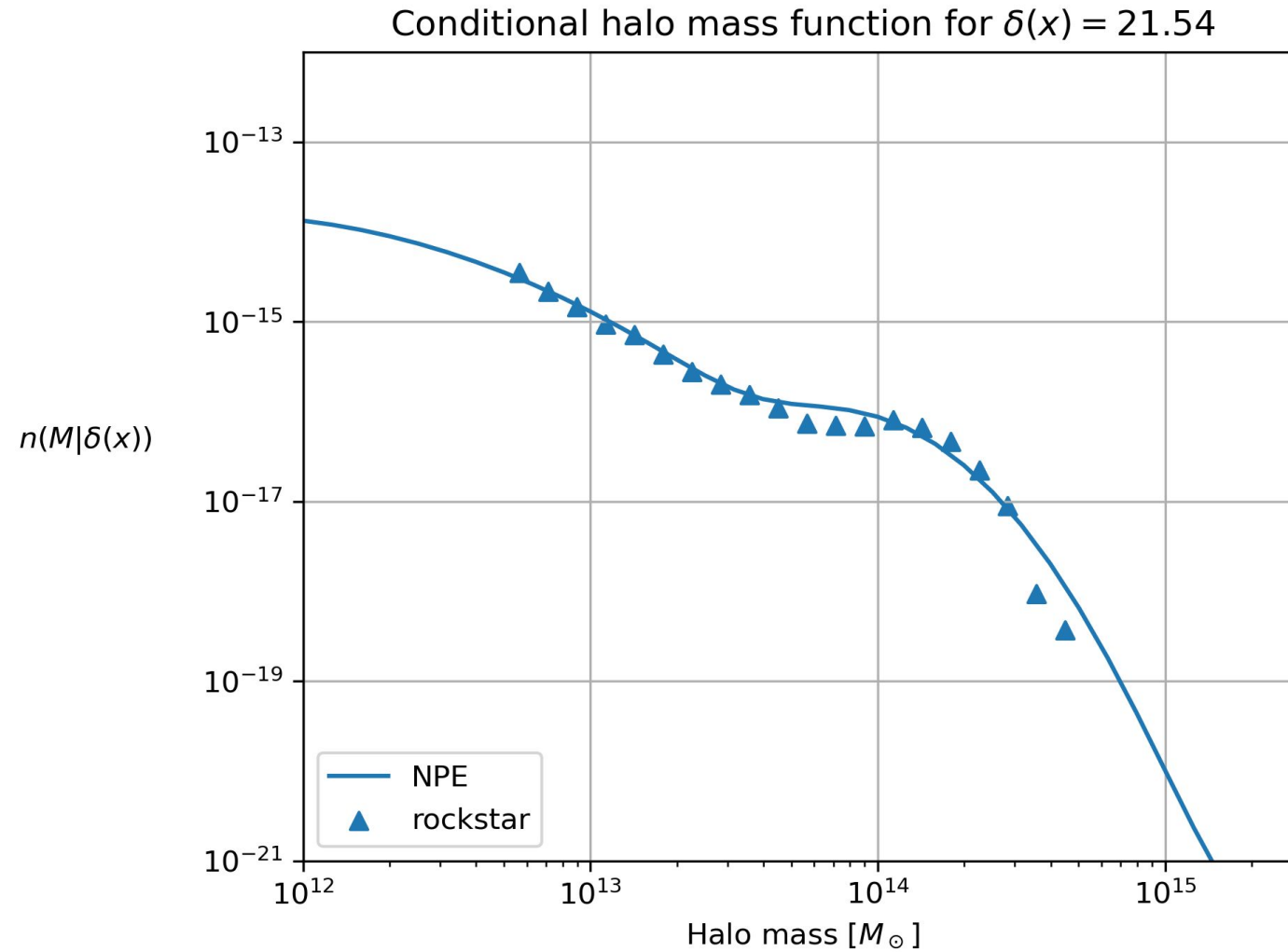


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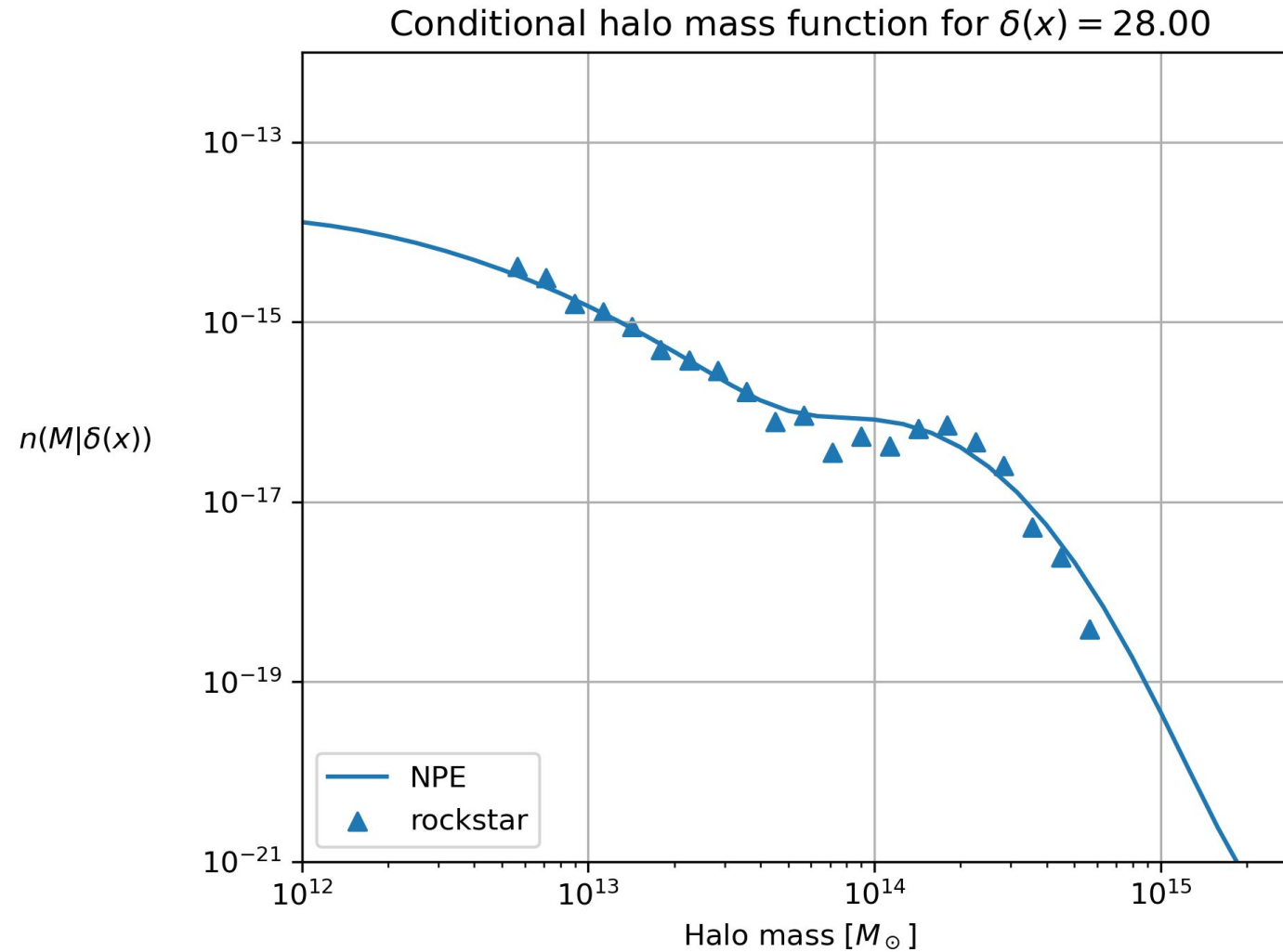


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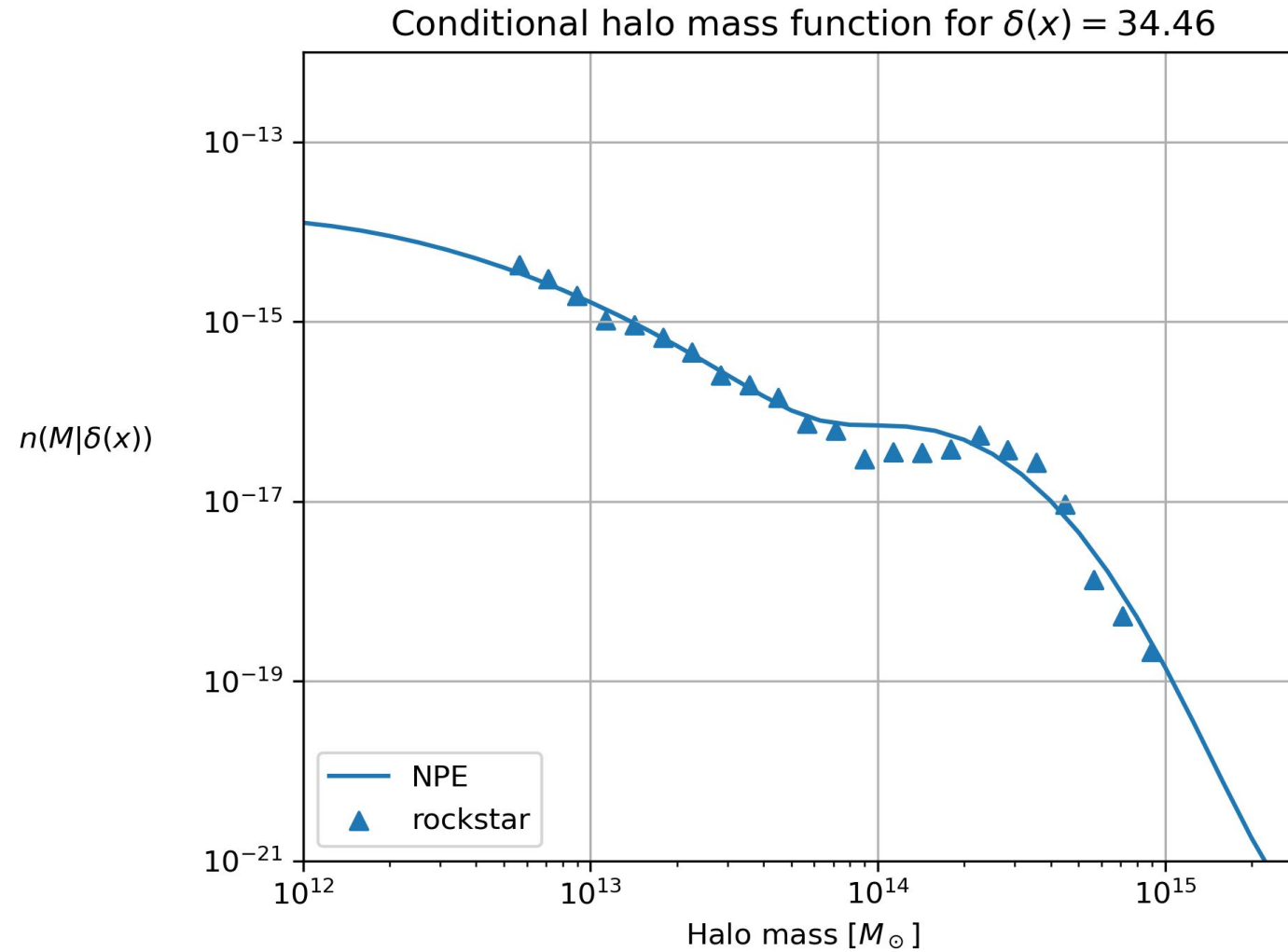


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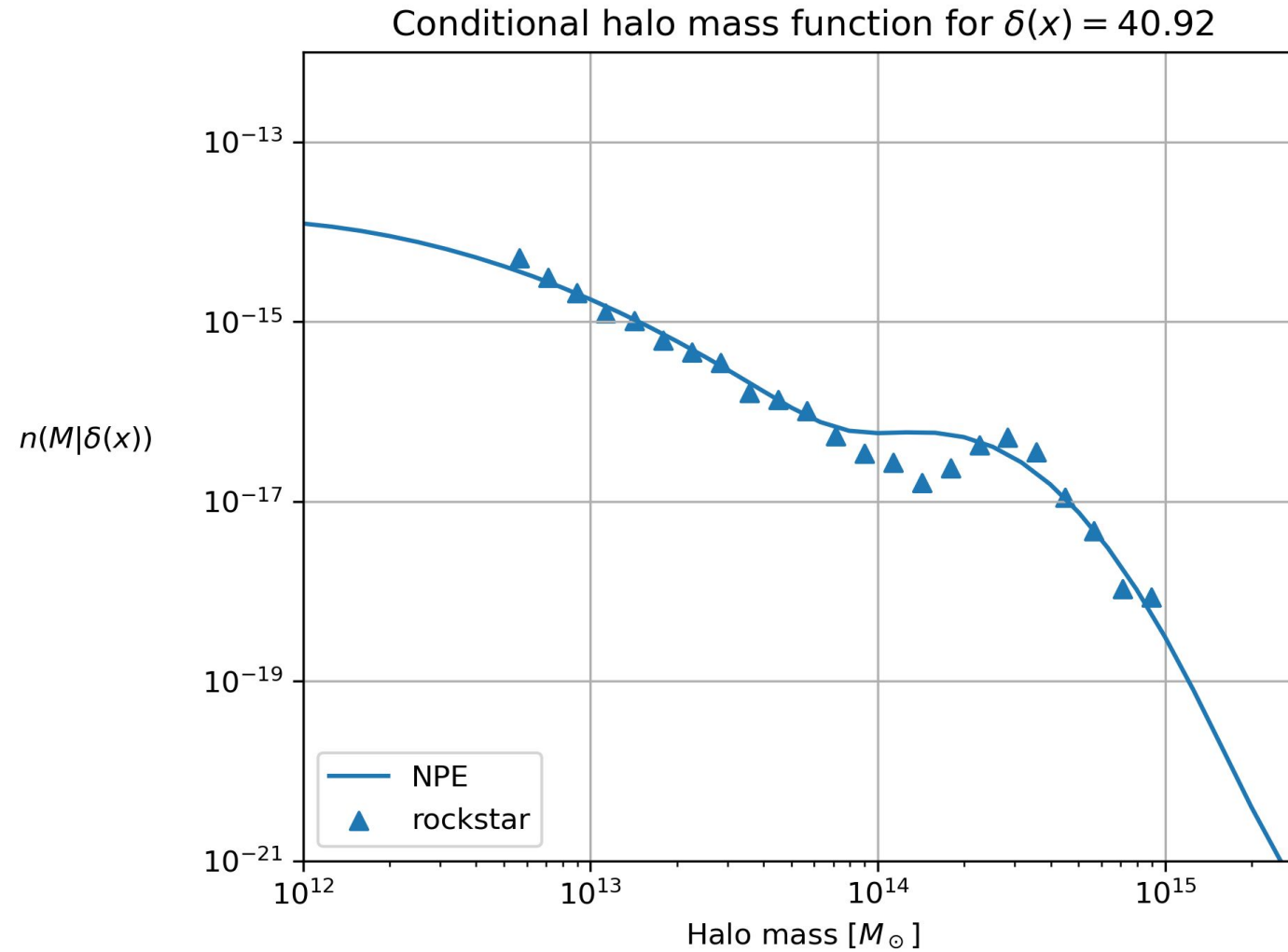


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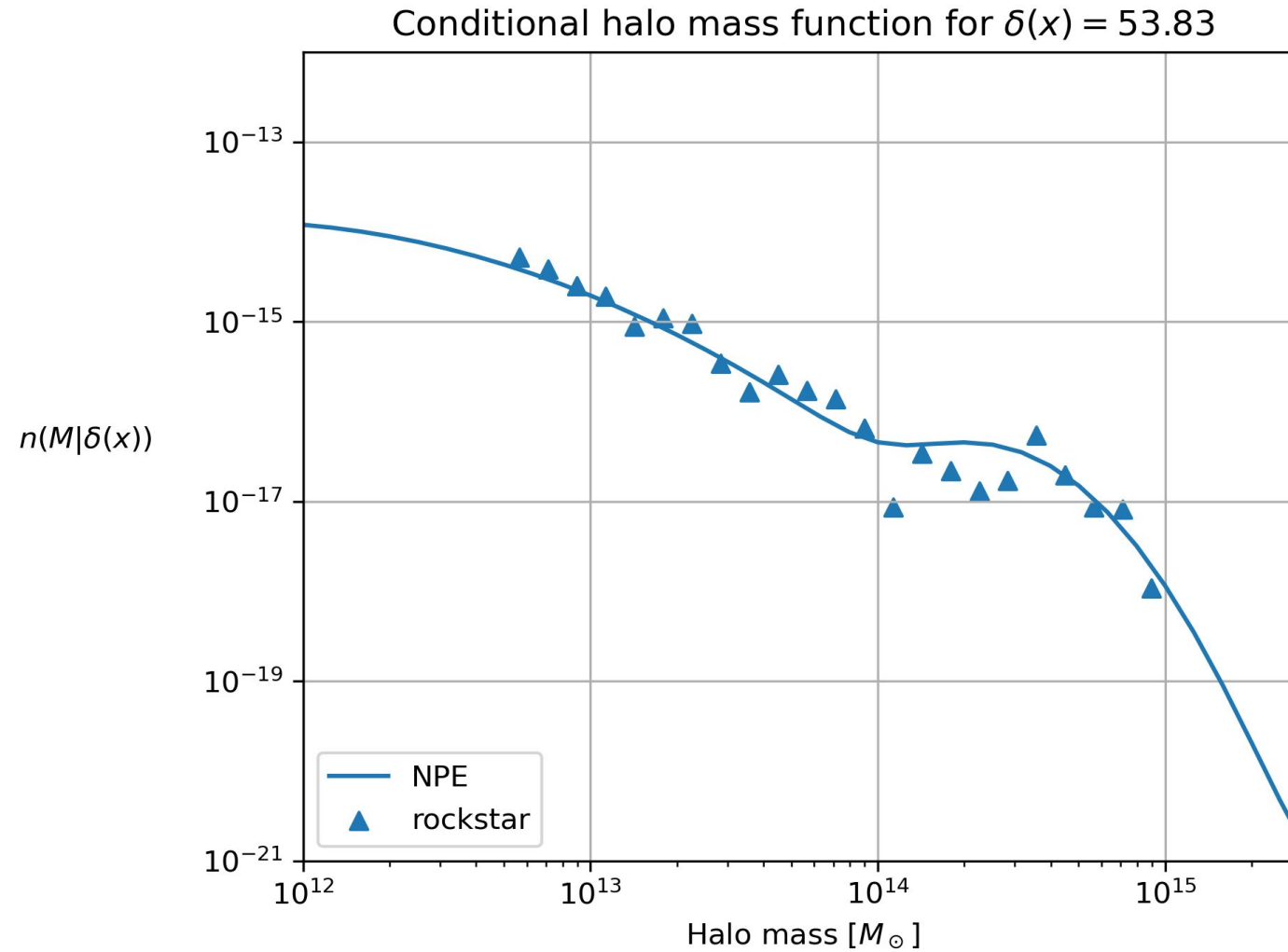


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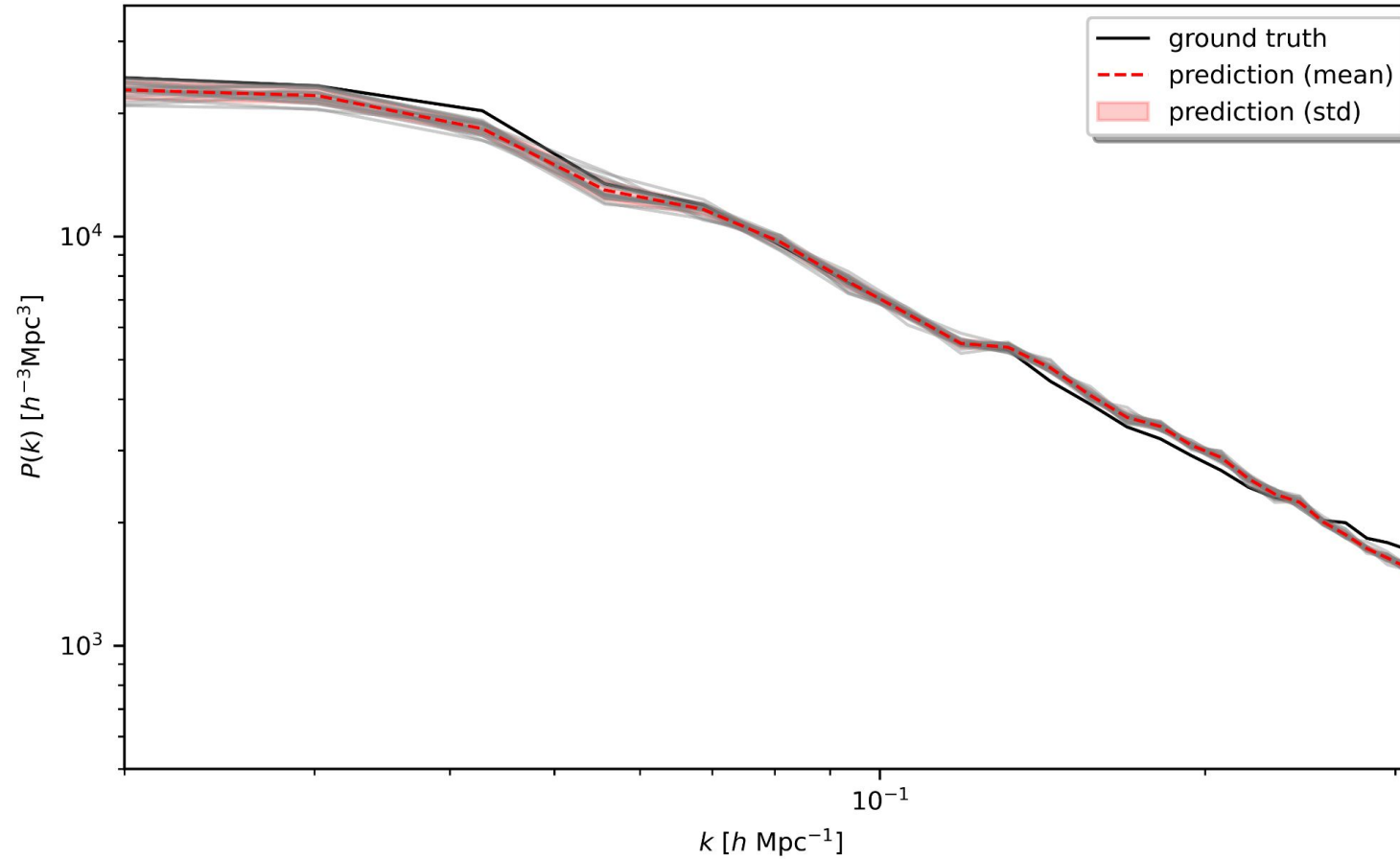
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Power spectrum comparison at 10.0 Mpc/h voxel resolution
for halo masses between $3.00e + 12M_{\odot}$ and $9.49e + 12M_{\odot}$



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05

SIBELIUS-Dark

Posterior simulations of the Universe

SIBELIUS-DARK: a constrained simulation of the local volume (Stuart McAlpine)

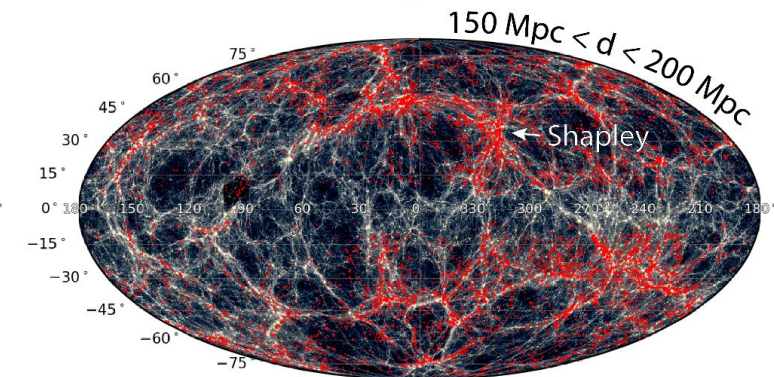
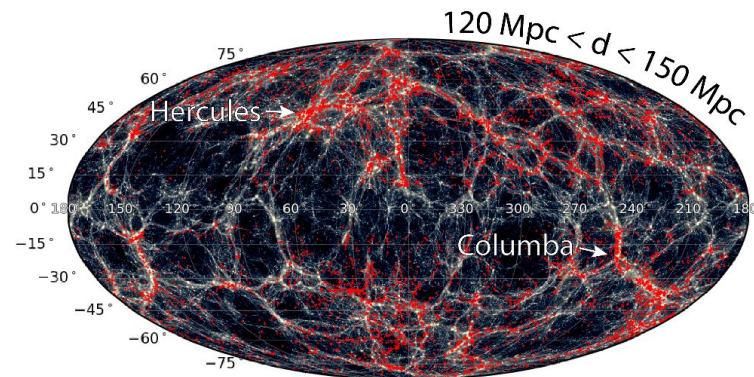
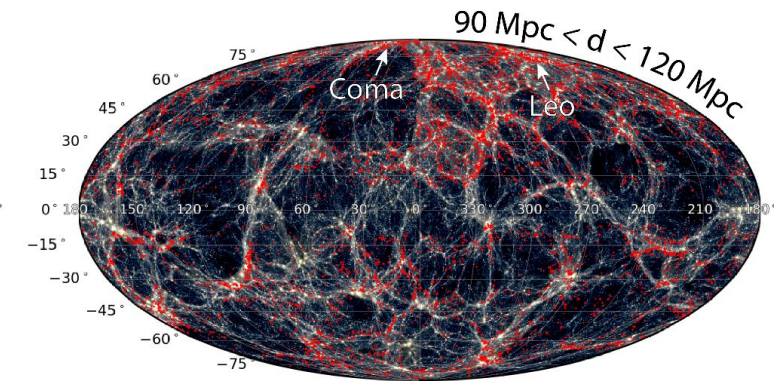
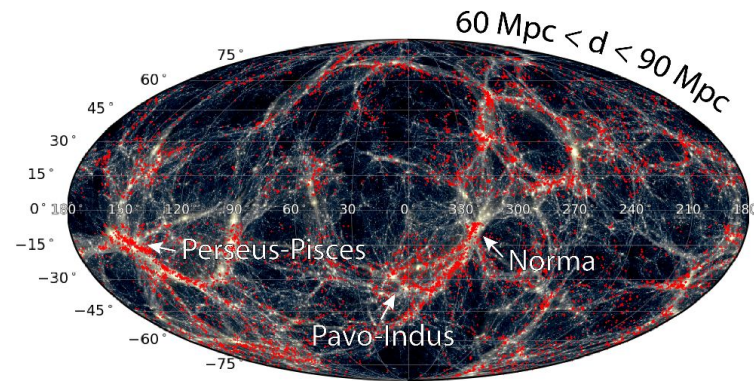
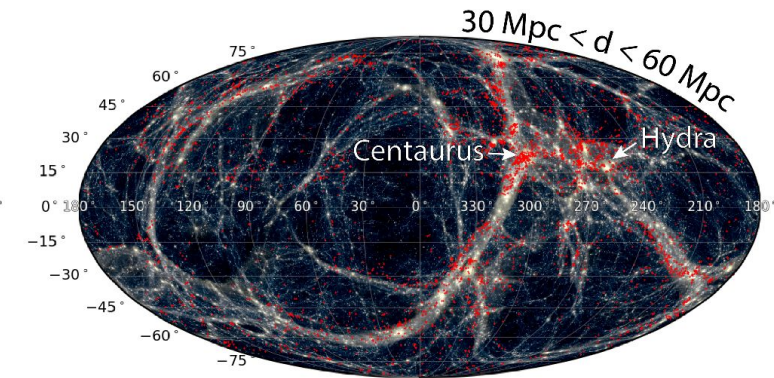
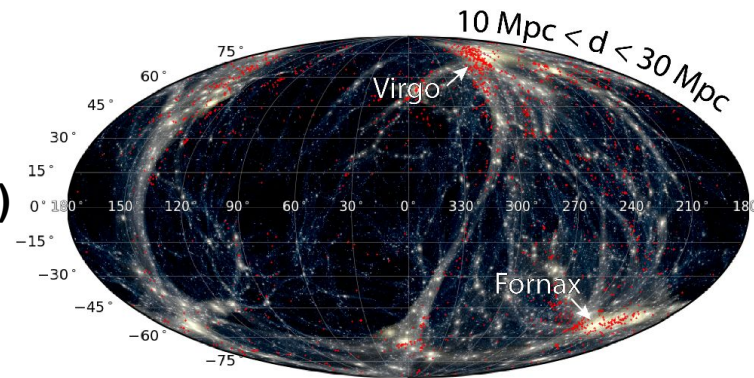
Re-simulate our Nearby Universe ($d < 200$ Mpc)

Constrained Initial conditions

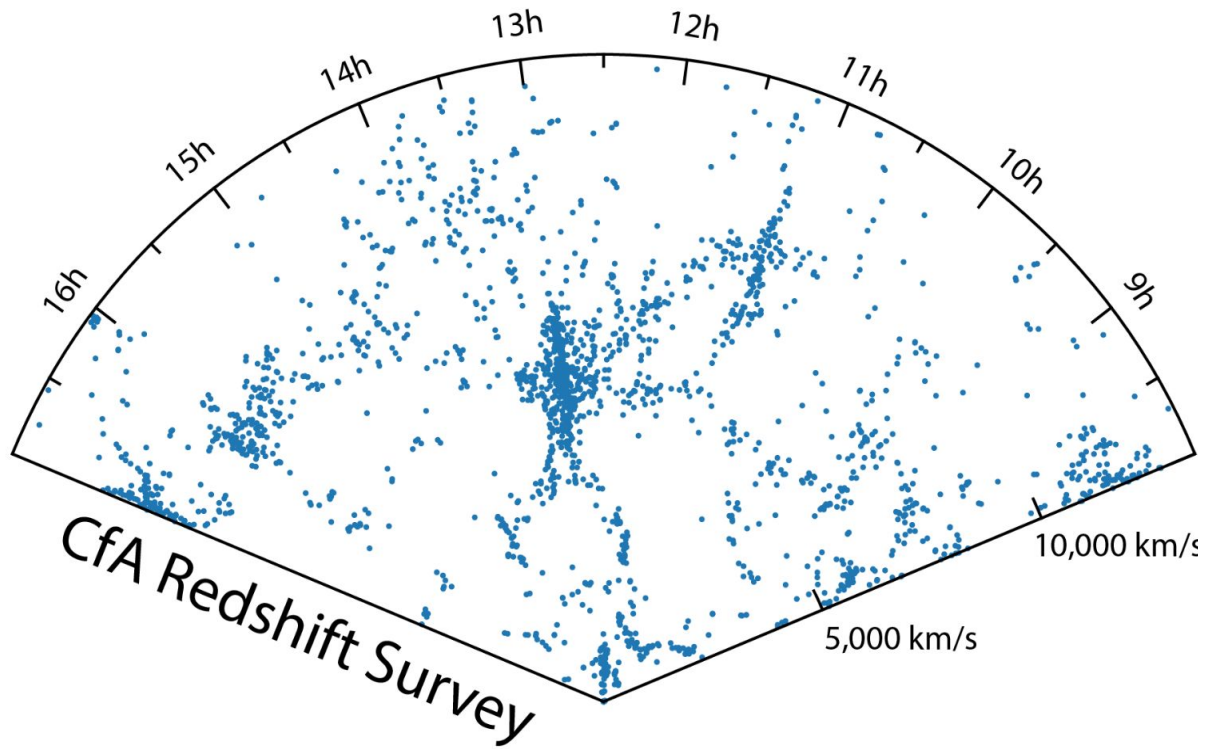
- BORG constraints at scales > 3.9 Mpc
- Random fluctuations at scales < 3.9 Mpc
- Add local group candidate

Simulation setup

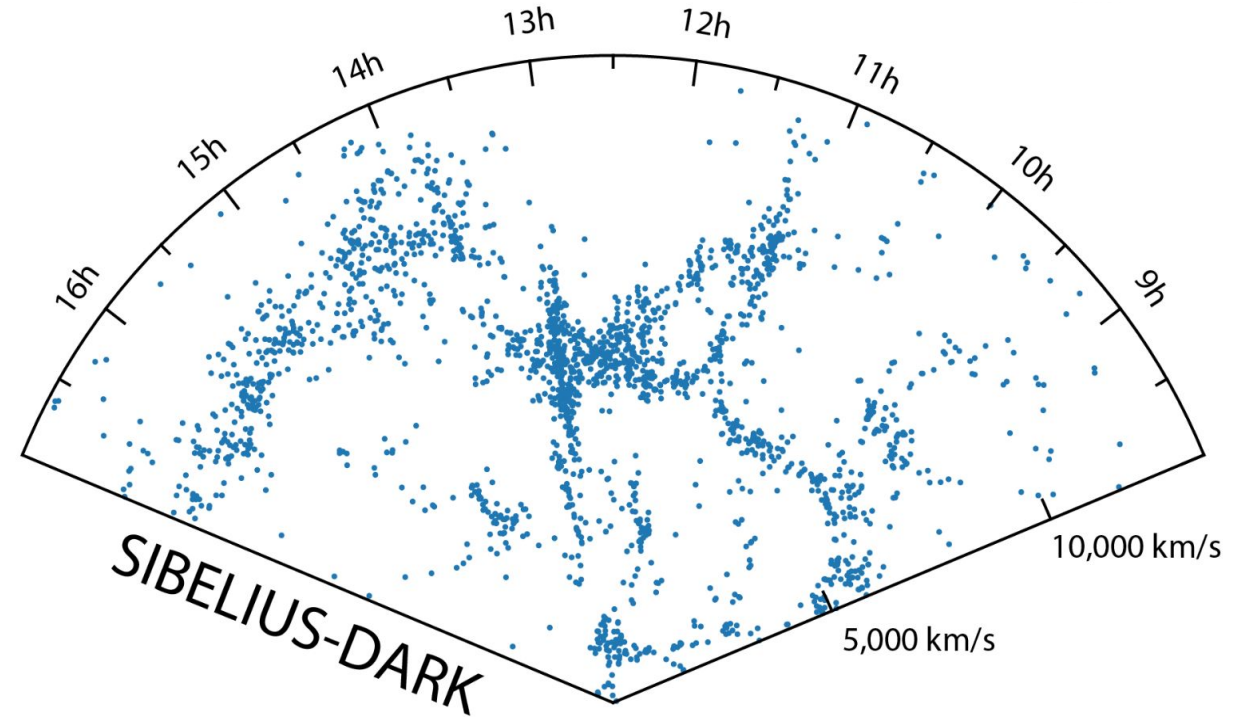
- SWIFT simulation code ([Schaller et al 2018](#))
- Dark Matter Only (DMO)
- $L = 1$ Gpc
- “Zoom-in” simulation for the inner 200 Mpc
- $N_p^3 = 5078^3$
- 4489 compute cores and 3.5M CPU hours



 SIBELIUS-DARK: a constrained simulation of the local volume (Stuart McAlpine)



[de Lapparent 1986](#)



[McAlpine et al 2022](#)

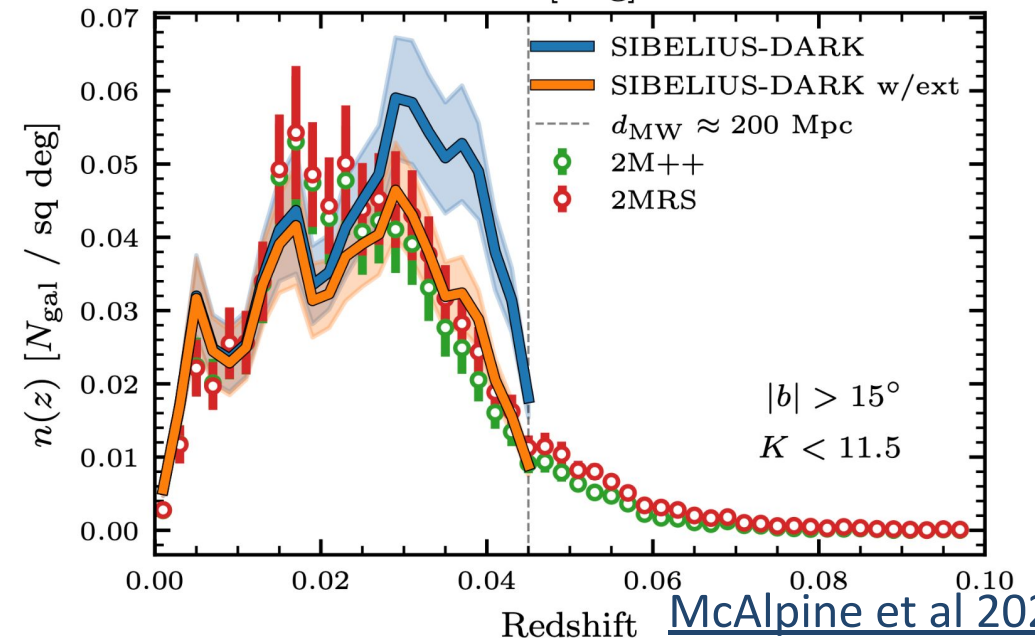
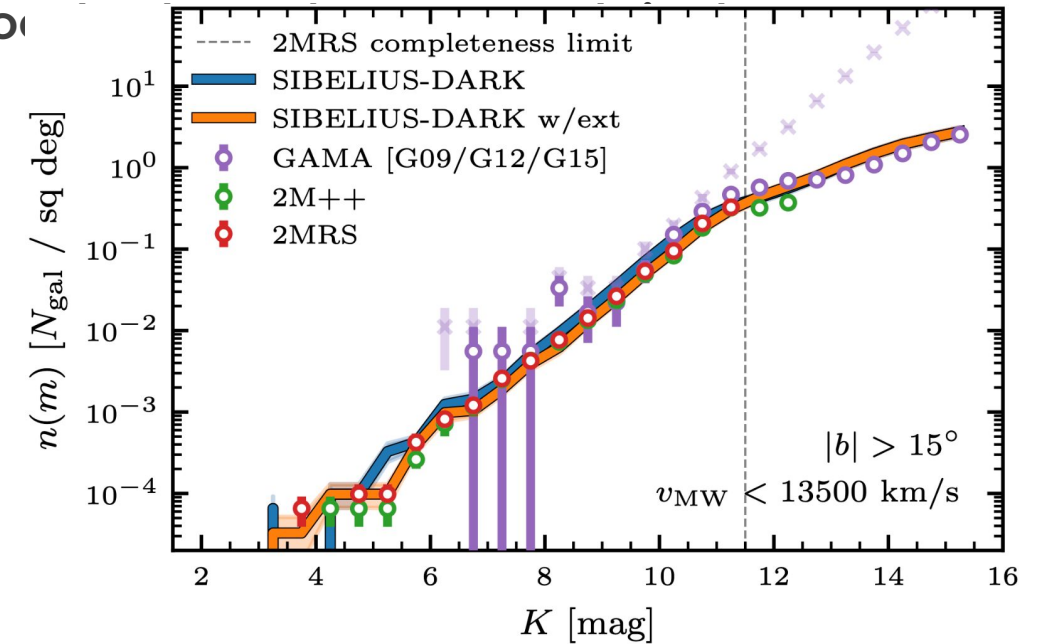


SIBELIUS-DARK: a constrained simulation of the local universe

Posterior predictive tests with GALFORM ([Lacey et al 2016](#))

Use **GALFORM** to predict semi-analytic galaxies:

- **SIBELIUS-DARK has a high cadence**
(200 'snapshots' from $0 < z < 25$)
- **Generate Halo catalogs and Merger trees**
(22,904,767 halos with mass $M > 10 M_{\odot}$)
- **Populate Halos with Galaxies**
- **Account for dust extinction and emission**





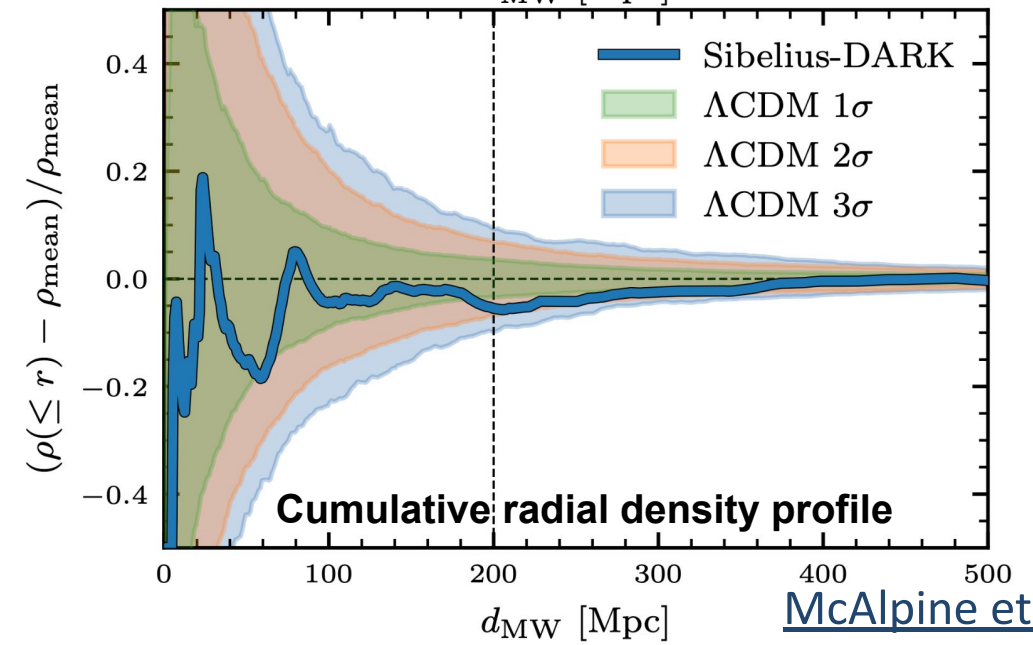
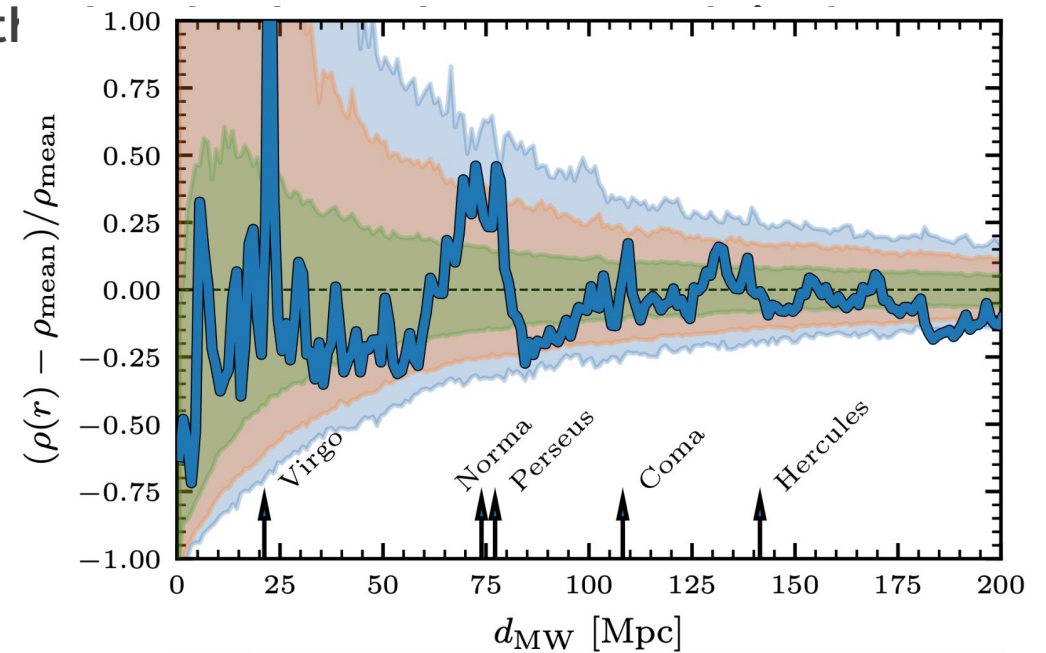
SIBELIUS-DARK: a constrained simulation of the

A local underdensity of 20% of size 150-200 h^{-1} Mpc could alter reported values of H_0 by 5%.

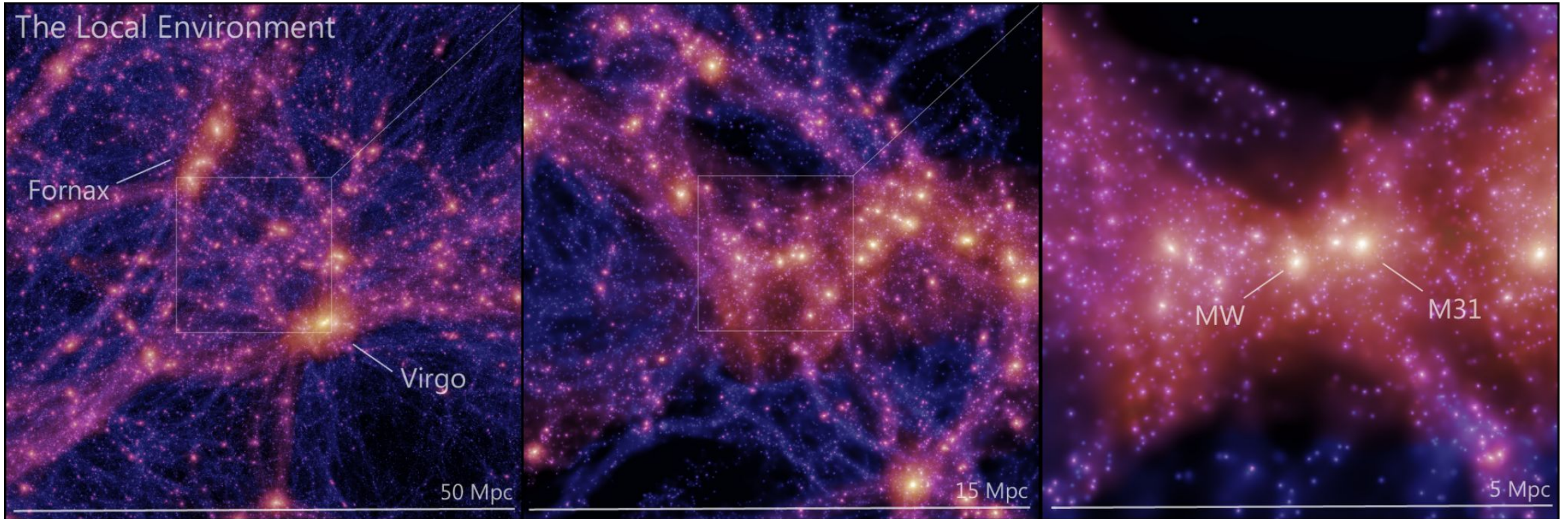
- A 20% large scale underdensity in the galaxy distribution has been reported (see e.g. [Whitbourn & Shanks 2014](#), [Böhringer et al 2020](#), [Wong et al 2021](#)).
- Such an underdensity is unlikely in a Λ CDM Universe (e.g. [Wu & Huterer 2017](#), [Castello et al 2021](#)).

SIBELIUS-DARK finds:

- **No exceptionally large-scale under-density required to reproduce observed galaxy counts.**
- There is a slight 5% underdensity.
- Rare but no challenge for Λ CDM.



SIBELIUS-DARK: a constrained simulation of the local volume (Stuart McAlpine)



SIBELIUS-DARK:

is the most comprehensive simulation of the local volume to date.

(For comparison see: [Heß et al 2013](#), [Wang et al 2016](#), [Libeskind et al 2020](#), [Sorce et al 2021](#))



SIBELIUS-DARK data is available at:
<https://virgodb.dur.ac.uk/>

[McAlpine et al 2022](#)



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**Reconstructing anisotropies in the
neutrino sky**

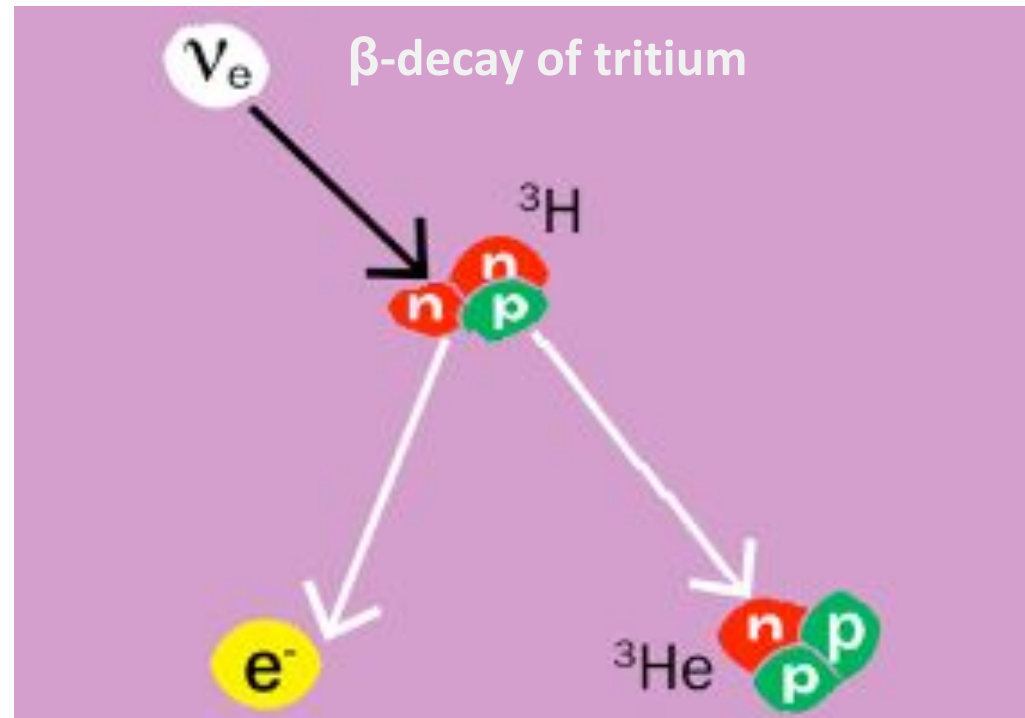


Reconstruction of anisotropies in the neutrino sky (Willem Elbers)

Preliminary Work!

PTOLEMY: detect CNB by capturing neutrinos through tritium inverse β -decay.

- Event rate depends on the local neutrino number density.
- Some experiments require the dipole moment and consider the velocity of neutrinos in the lab frame.



[PTOLEMY collaboration 2019](#)

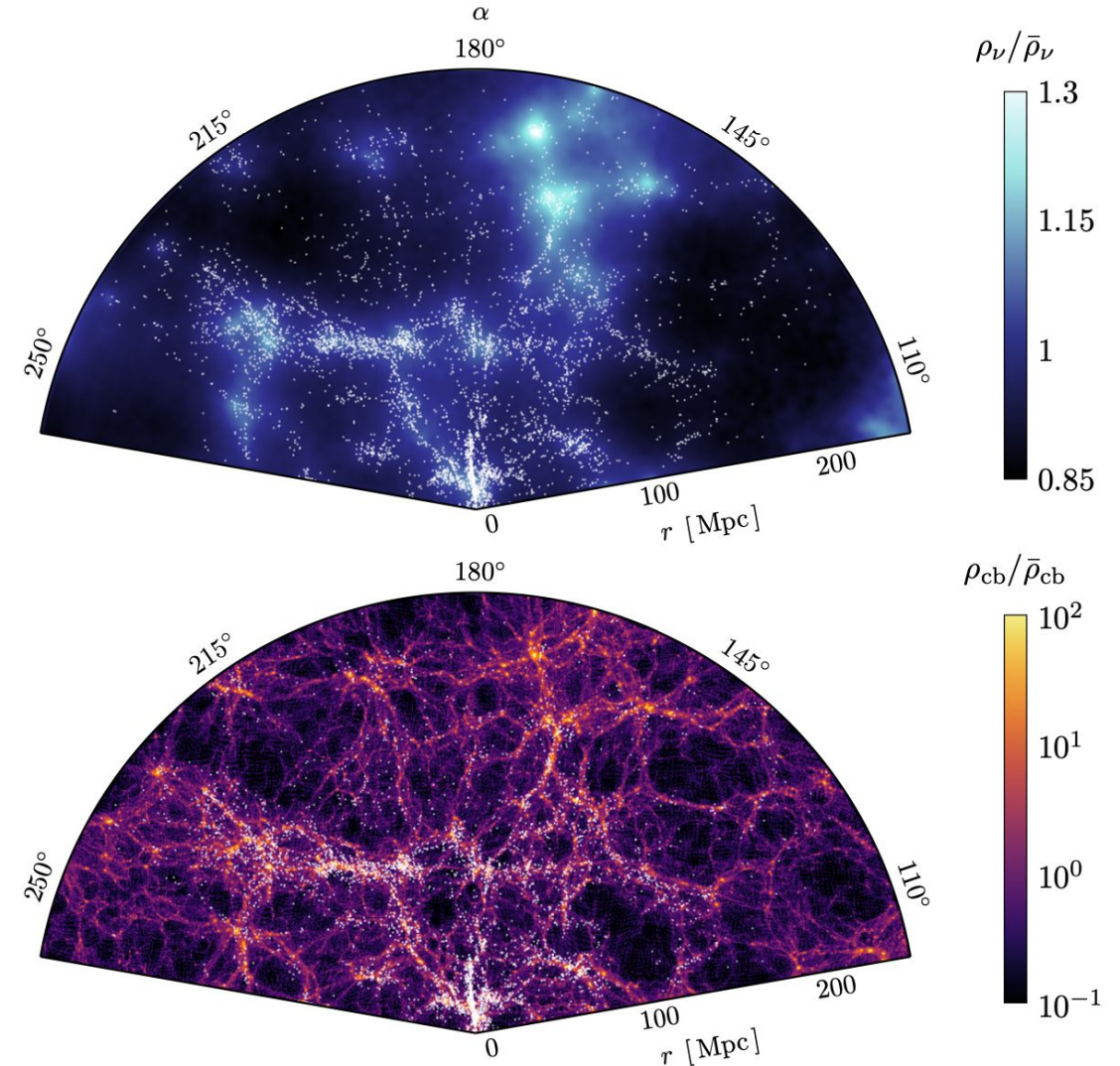


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Preliminary Work!

Goal: Determine the prospects of CNB detection

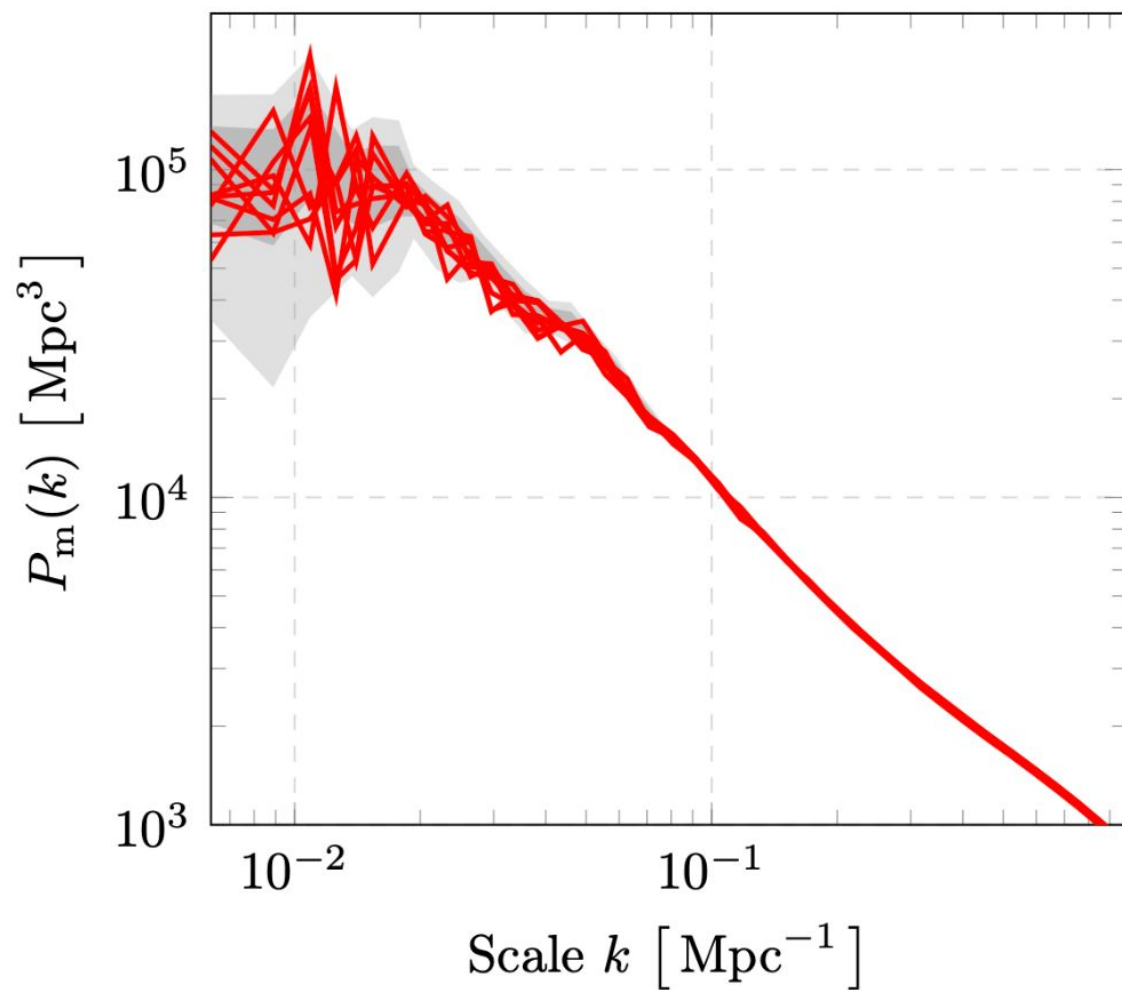
- Posterior simulations to jointly model the evolution of large-scale structures and the neutrino background.
- Non-linear treatment of massive neutrinos, including the gravitational effects of the neutrinos themselves.
- Full scale large-scale distribution of matter within $200h^{-1}$ Mpc
- Compute the expected density, velocity, and direction of relic neutrinos, as well as expected event rates for PTOLEMY.



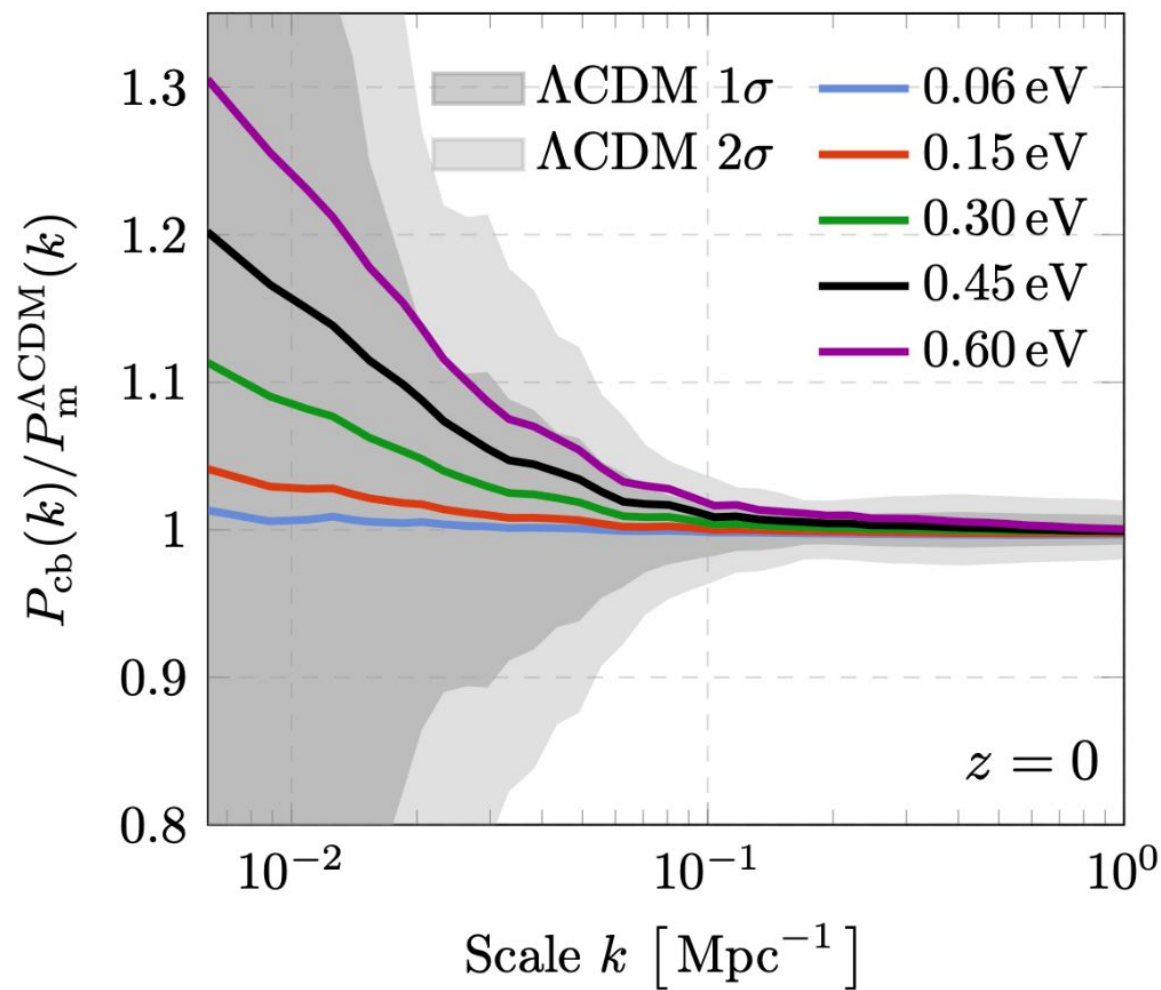


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Λ CDM



$\nu\Lambda$ CDM

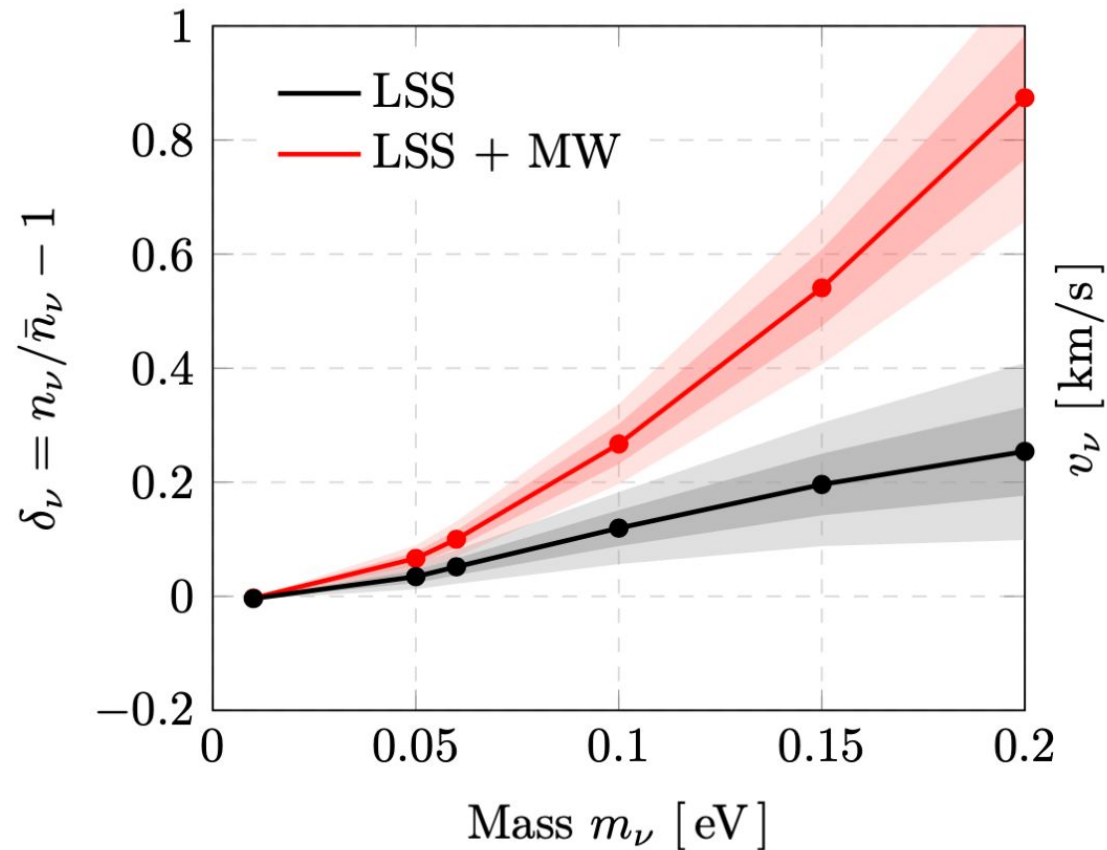




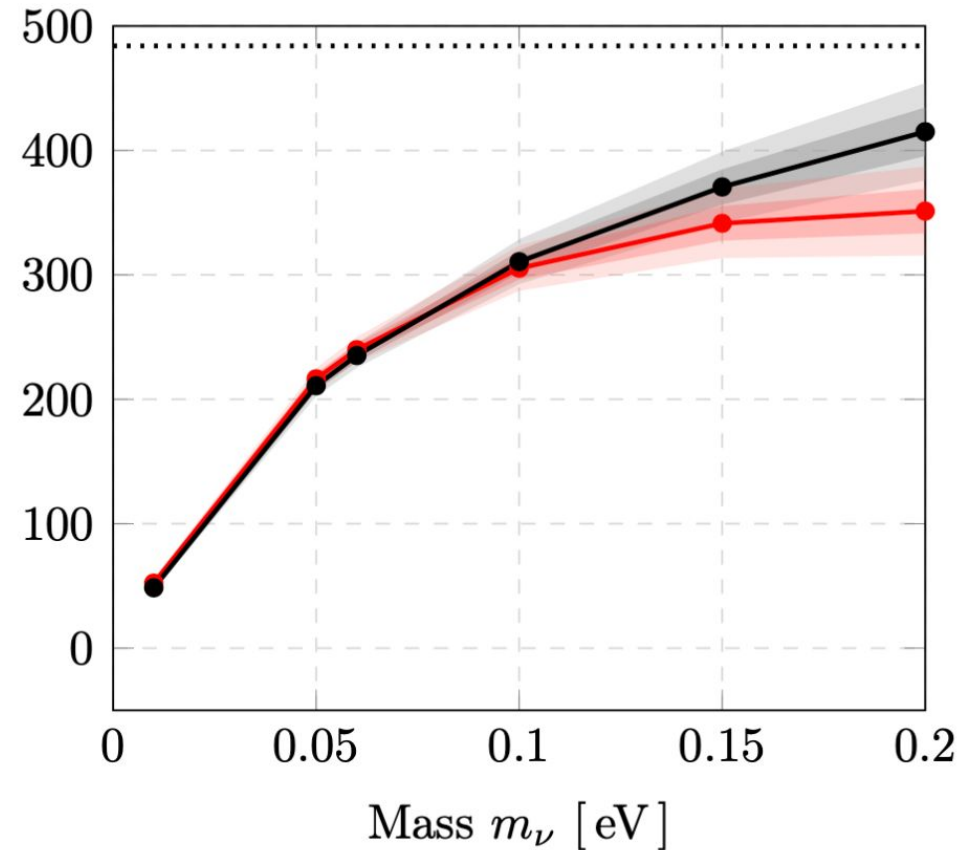
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Preliminary Work!

Monopole perturbation



Dipole perturbation





Reconstruction of anisotropies in the neutrino sky (Willem Elbers)

Preliminary Work!

Mass m_ν	v_ν [km/s]	l	b
CMB	0	264°	48°
0.01 eV	48.5 ± 1.5	$267^\circ \pm 3.1^\circ$	$48.7^\circ \pm 0.8^\circ$
0.05 eV	211 ± 4.3	$298^\circ \pm 2.5^\circ$	$48.1^\circ \pm 1.5^\circ$
0.06 eV	235 ± 5.0	$302^\circ \pm 2.6^\circ$	$48.0^\circ \pm 1.8^\circ$
0.10 eV	311 ± 9.0	$311^\circ \pm 3.0^\circ$	$47.5^\circ \pm 2.9^\circ$
0.15 eV	371 ± 14	$318^\circ \pm 3.2^\circ$	$46.6^\circ \pm 4.0^\circ$
0.20 eV	415 ± 20	$322^\circ \pm 3.2^\circ$	$45.5^\circ \pm 4.9^\circ$
Matter	484 ± 88	$344^\circ \pm 11^\circ$	$43^\circ \pm 17^\circ$



Reconstruction of anisotropies in the neutrino sky (Willem Elbers)

Preliminary Work!

Predicted number of events per year for PTOLEMY

$\sum m_\nu$	Ordering	(LSS)		(LSS + MW)	
		Γ_{CNB}^D	Γ_{CNB}^M	Γ_{CNB}^D	Γ_{CNB}^M
0.06 eV	(NO)	6.86 ± 0.002	8.11 ± 0.004	6.87 ± 0.002	8.12 ± 0.004
0.10 eV	(IO)	4.33 ± 0.04	8.52 ± 0.11	4.45 ± 0.05	8.90 ± 0.12
0.15 eV	(D)	4.24 ± 0.05	8.53 ± 0.12	4.37 ± 0.05	8.92 ± 0.13
0.30 eV	(D)	4.56 ± 0.13	9.07 ± 0.26	5.16 ± 0.14	10.3 ± 0.29
0.45 eV	(D)	4.86 ± 0.22	9.70 ± 0.44	6.26 ± 0.27	12.5 ± 0.54
0.60 eV	(D)	5.10 ± 0.32	10.2 ± 0.63	7.61 ± 0.44	15.2 ± 0.88



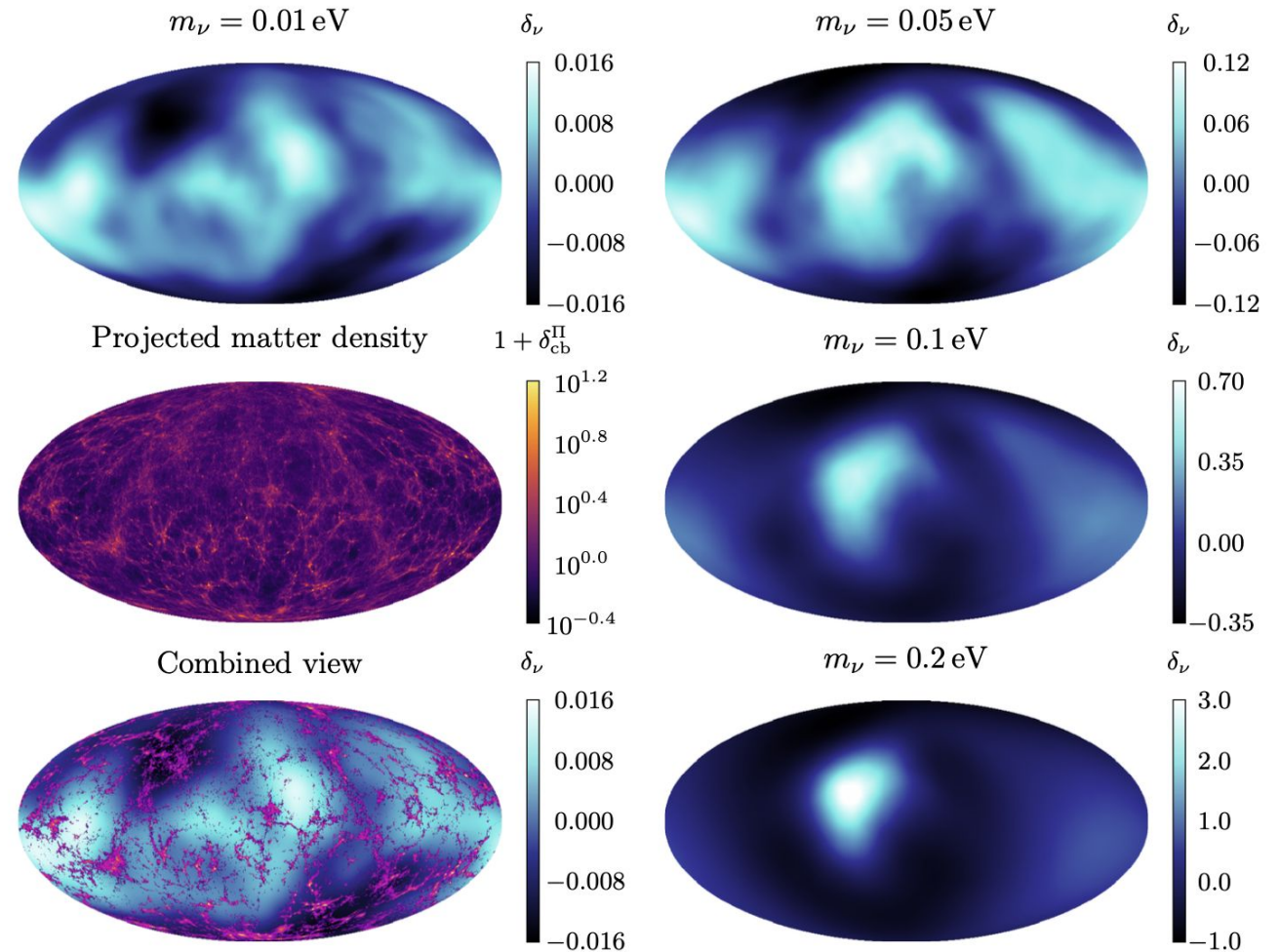
Reconstruction of anisotropies in the neutrino sky (Willem Elbers)

Preliminary Work!

Angular distribution of neutrinos

- Anti-correlated with the projected matter density,
- Capture and deflection of neutrinos by massive structures along the line of sight.

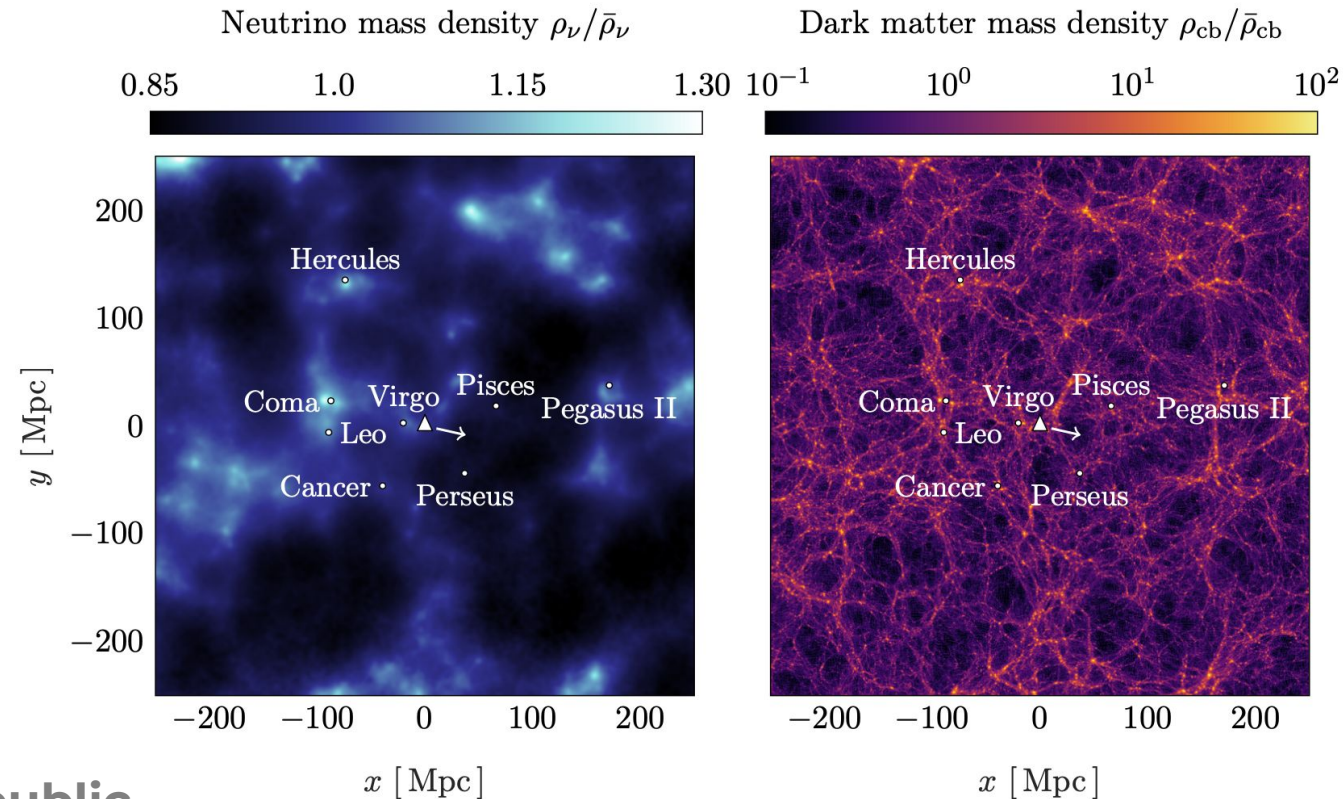
Angular anisotropies in the local neutrino background density





Reconstruction of anisotropies in the neutrino sky (Willem Elbers)

Preliminary Work!



Data will be public

2 × 9 × 6 simulation files, corresponding

- 2 with and without Milky Way,
- 9 different posterior realizations
- 6 different neutrino masses.



07

Summary & Conclusion



Summary & Conclusion



1

Physical forward modeling and field-level inference

- Goes beyond summary statistics
- Utilizes all of the data
- Performs causal inferences



2

Improved inferences

- tight constraints of cosmological parameter
- Cluster mass measurements and large scale structure environments
- Detailed insights into galaxy formation



3

Outlook and work needed

- Small-scale galaxy biasing
- Improving inference speed using ML
- Scaling to next-generation galaxy surveys and data volumes
- A complete and joint characterization of the LSS phenomenology

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Constraining Fundamental Physics

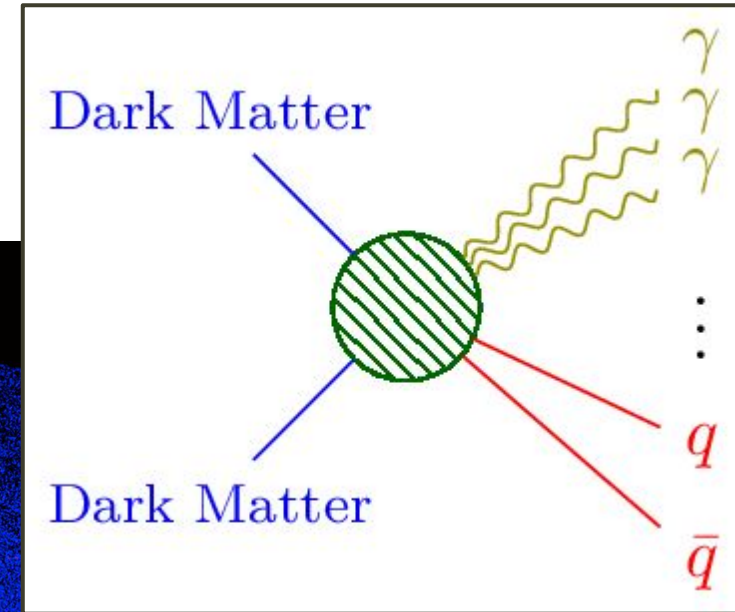
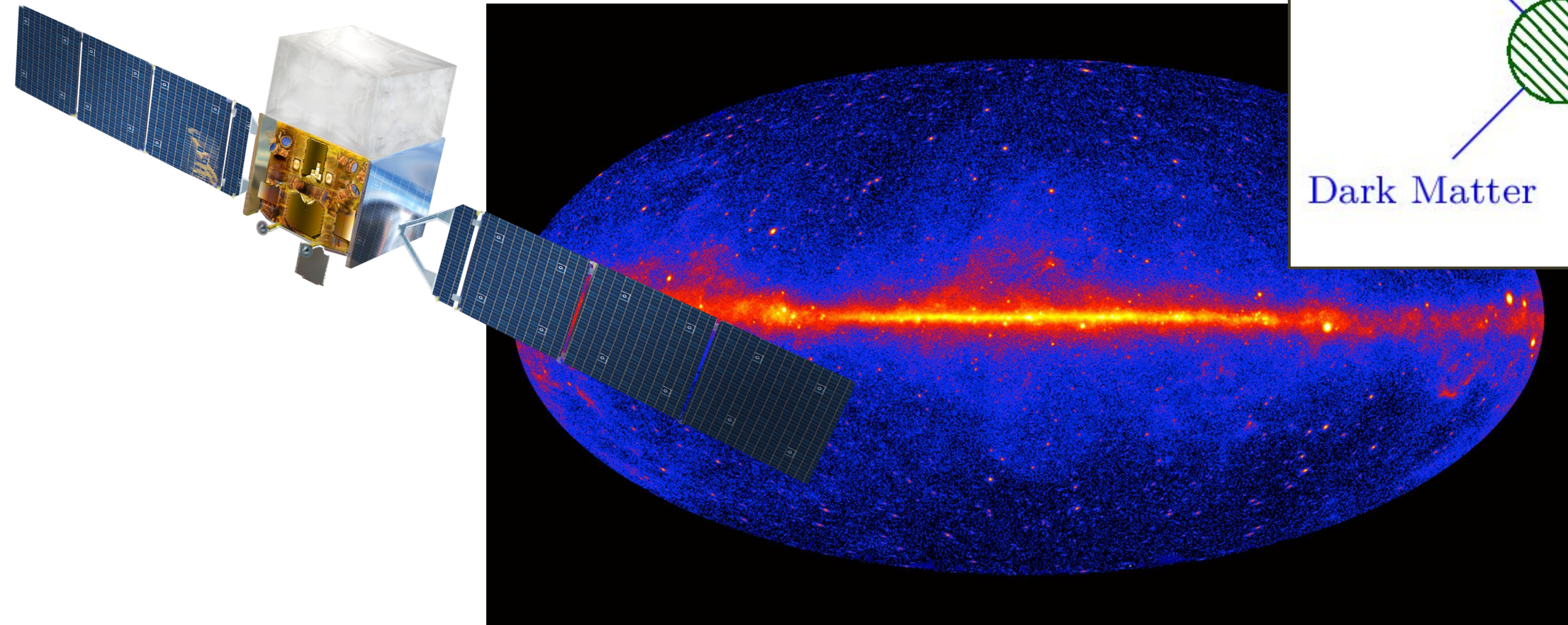
Turning the Universe into a lab



Constraining dark matter annihilation and decay (Deaglan Bartlett & Andrija Kostić)

Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope

All-sky Gamma-ray map

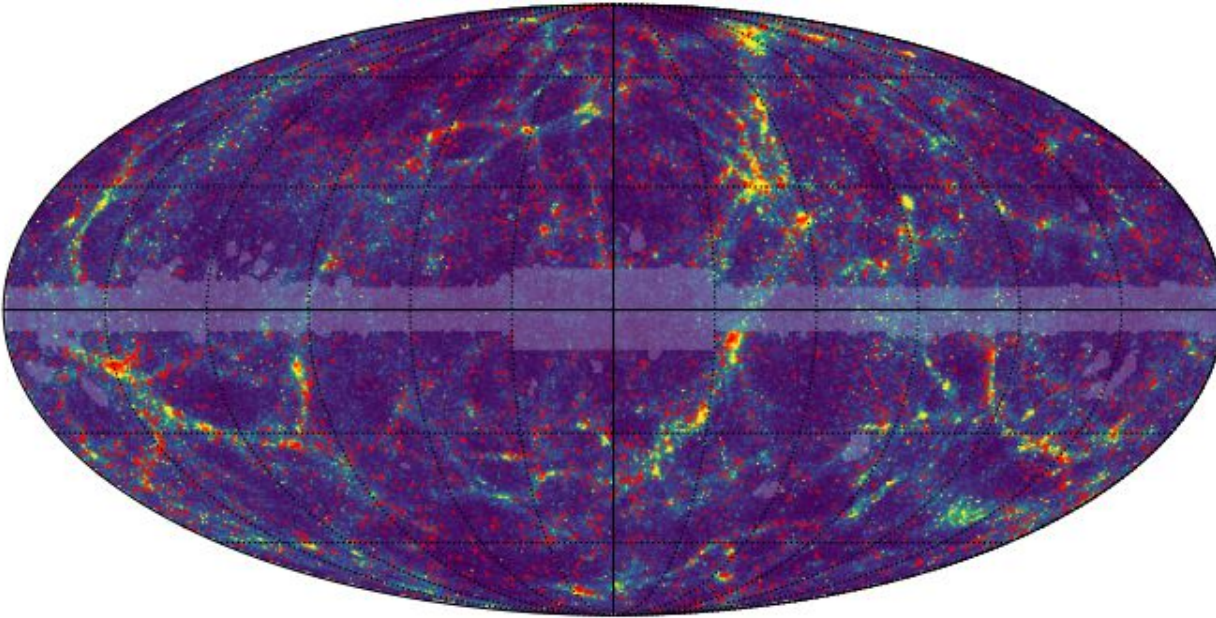


(Image credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi LAT Collaboration)



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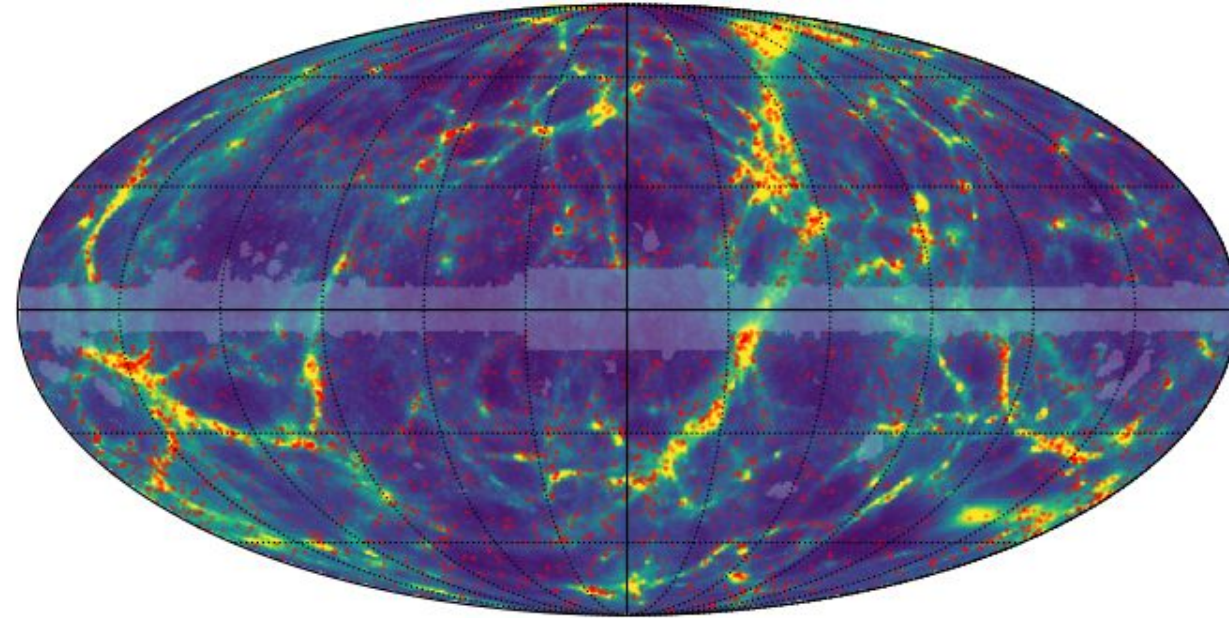
Dark Matter annihilation



7e+11 $\langle J \rangle [\text{GeV}^2 \text{cm}^{-5}]$ 1e+15

$$\frac{dJ}{d\Omega} = \int \rho_{\text{DM}}^2(s, \Omega) ds$$

Dark Matter decay



1e+15 $\langle D \rangle [\text{GeV cm}^{-2}]$ 1e+16

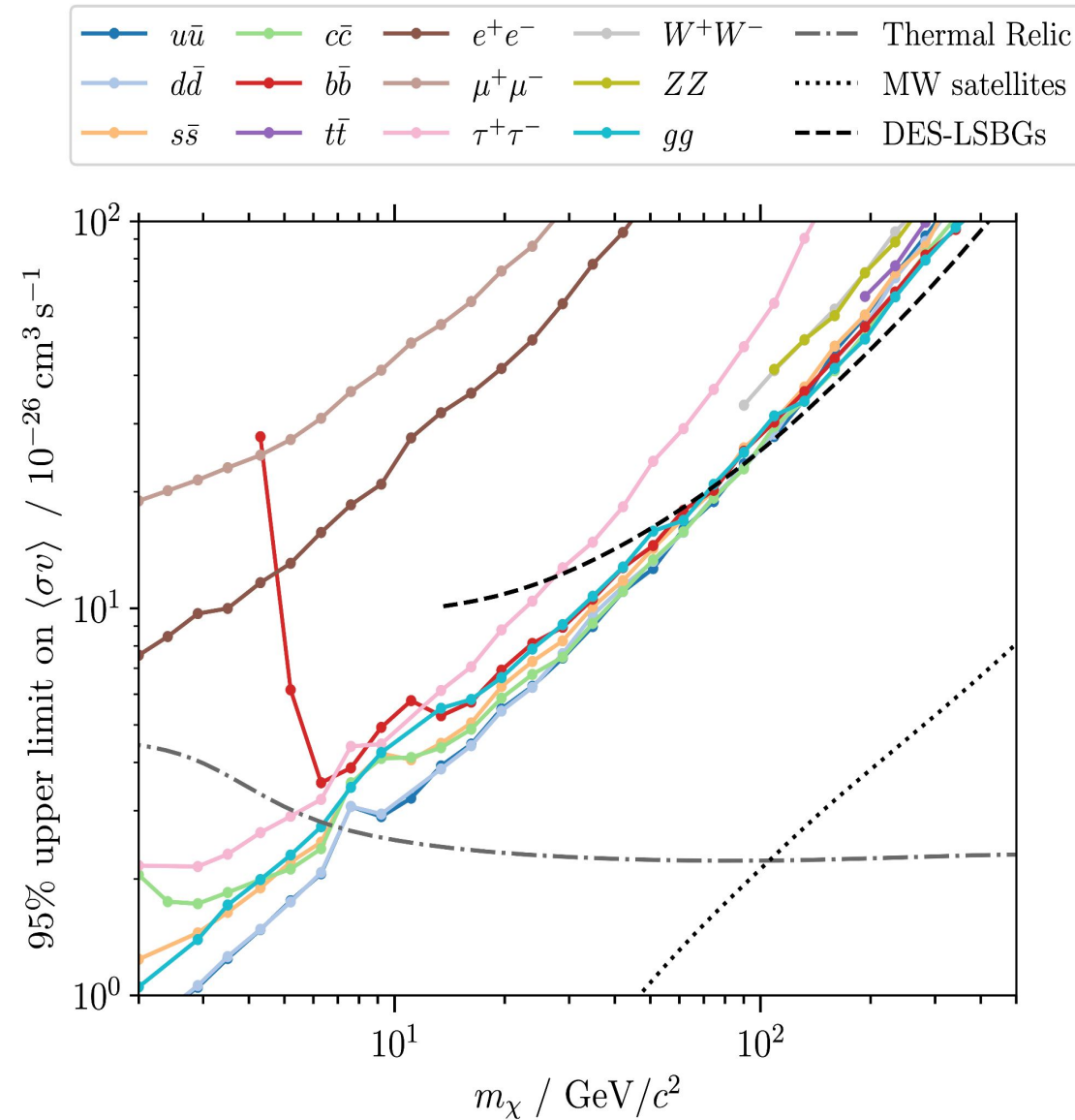
$$\frac{dD}{d\Omega} = \int \rho_{\text{DM}}(s, \Omega) ds$$

[Bartlett et al 2022](#)

[Cuesta et al 2011](#)

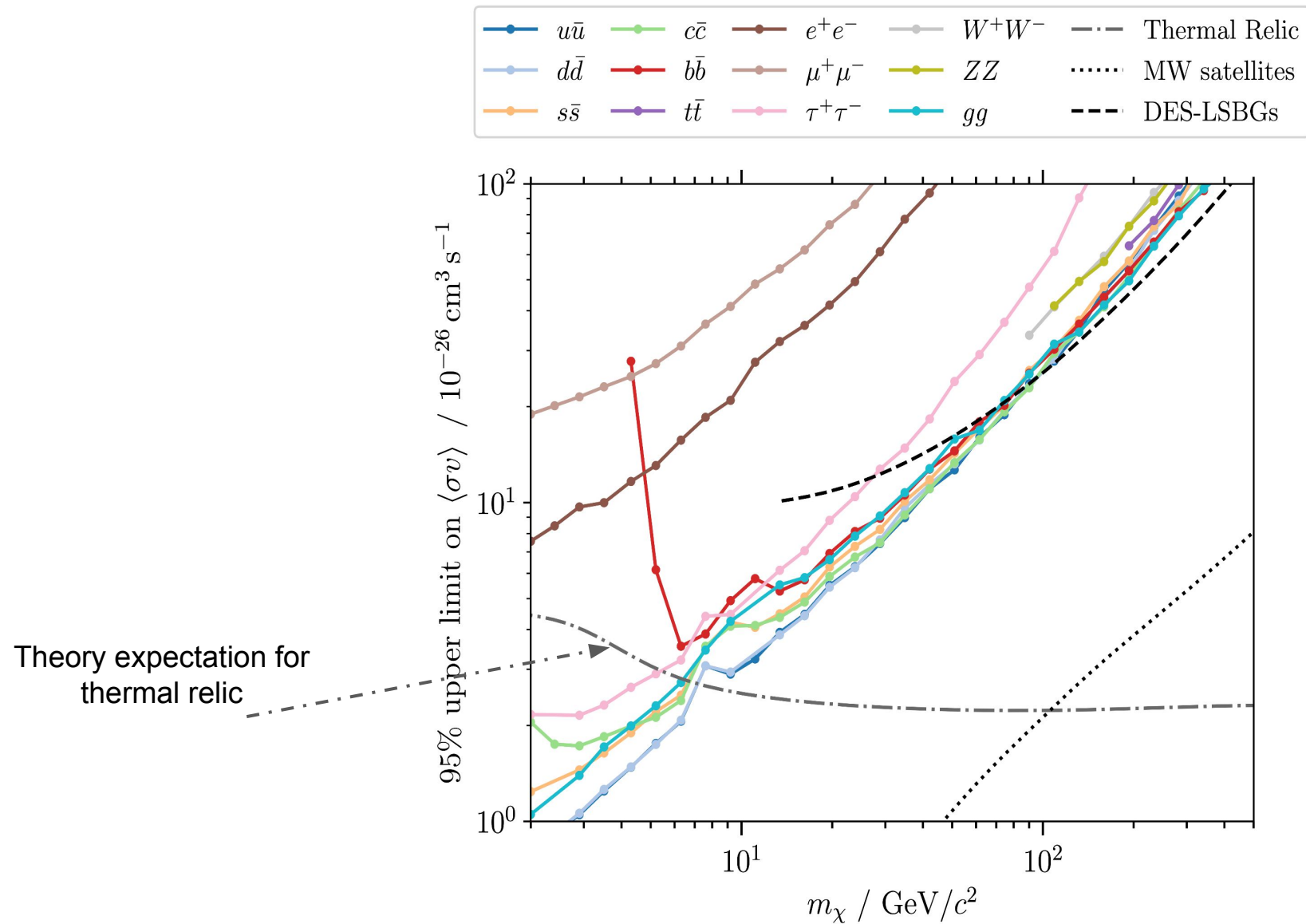


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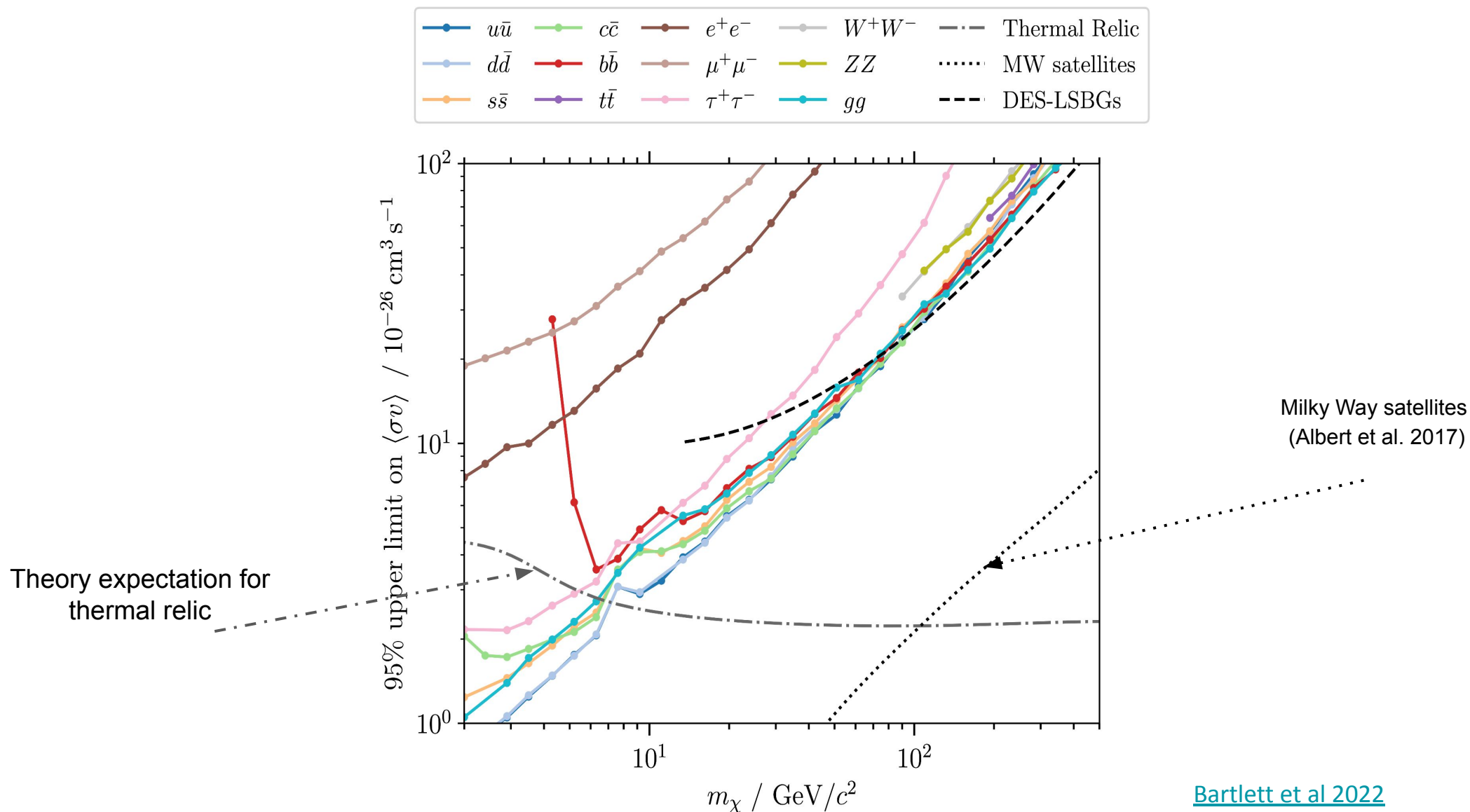


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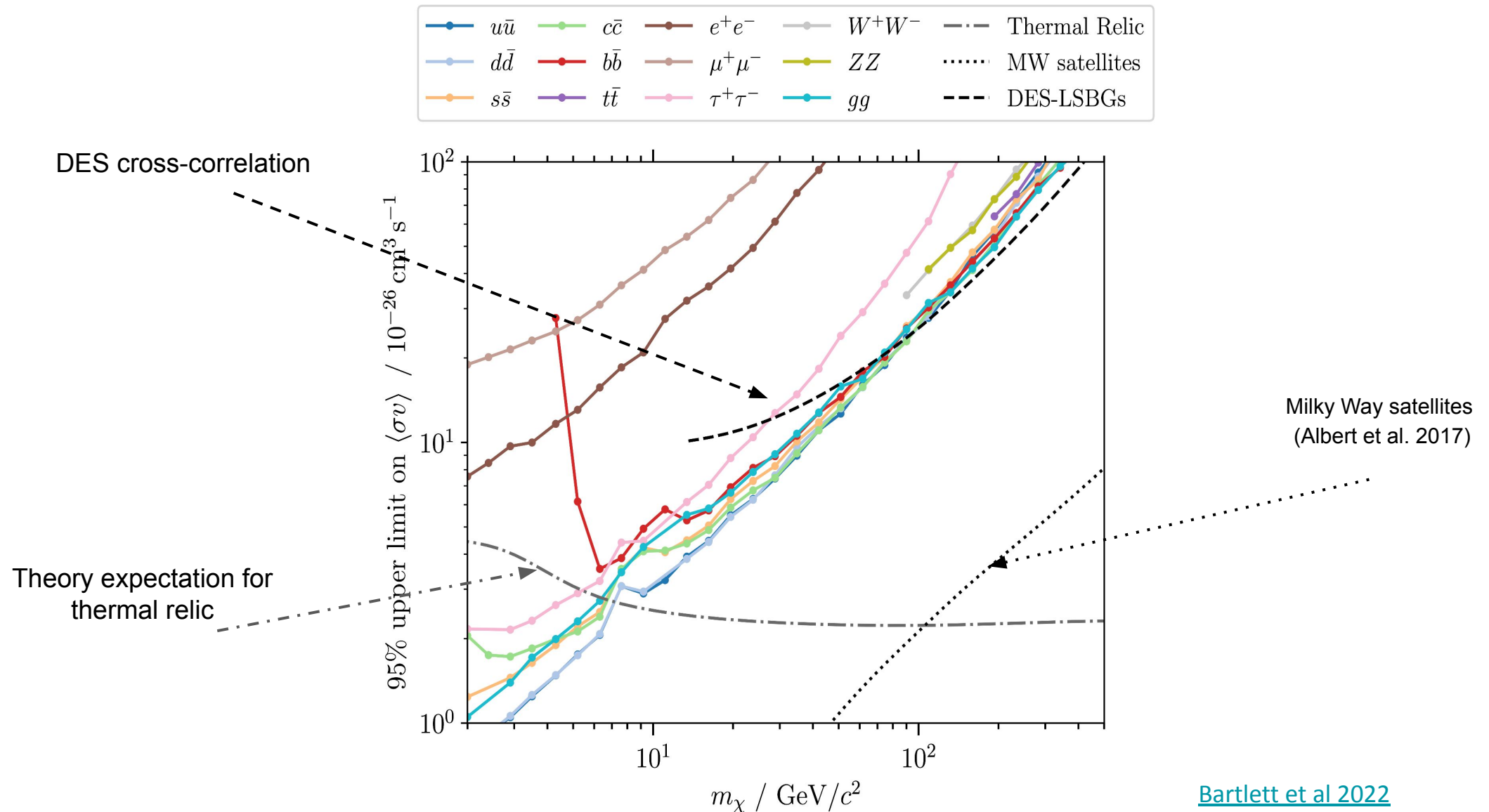


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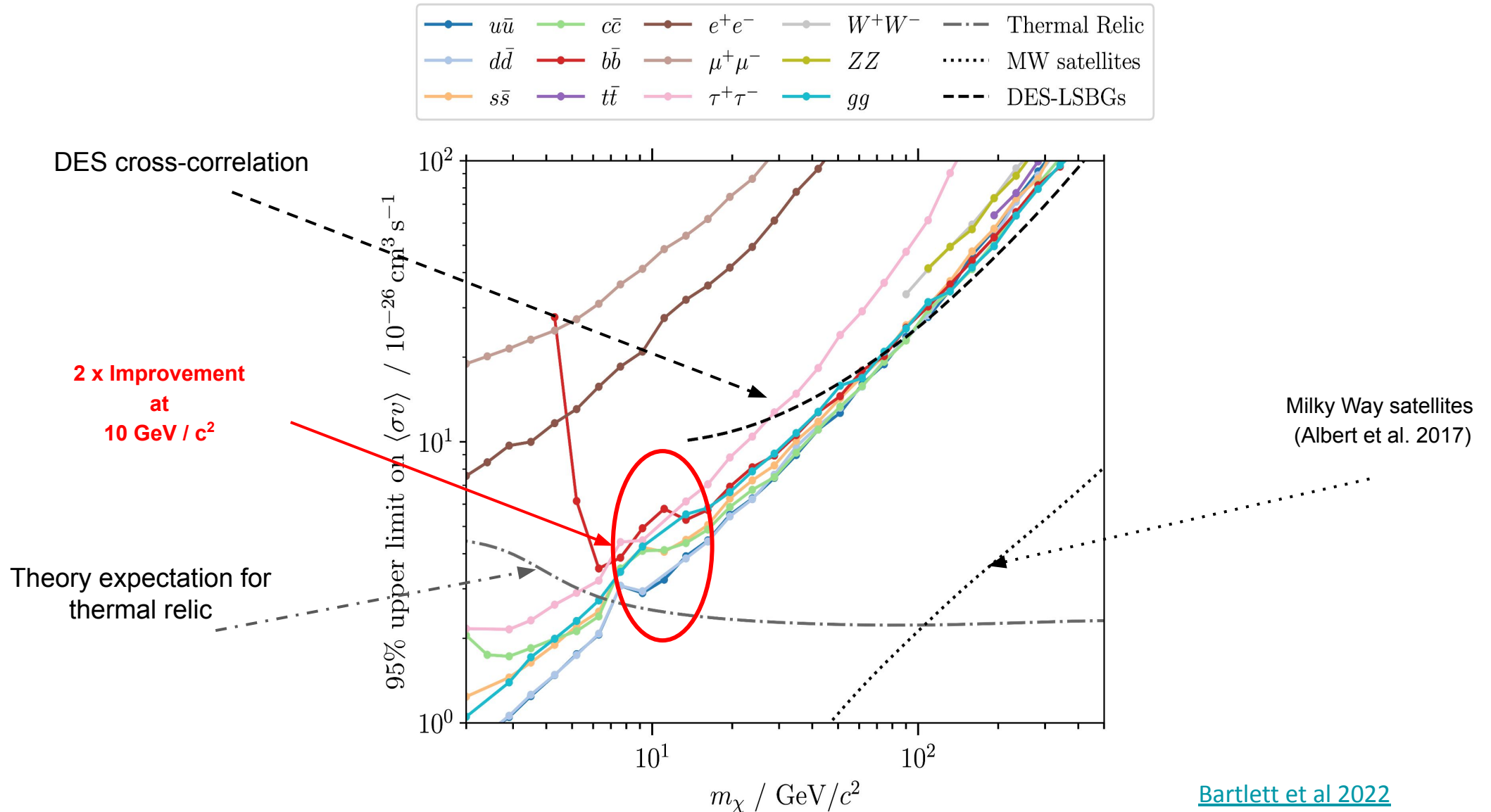


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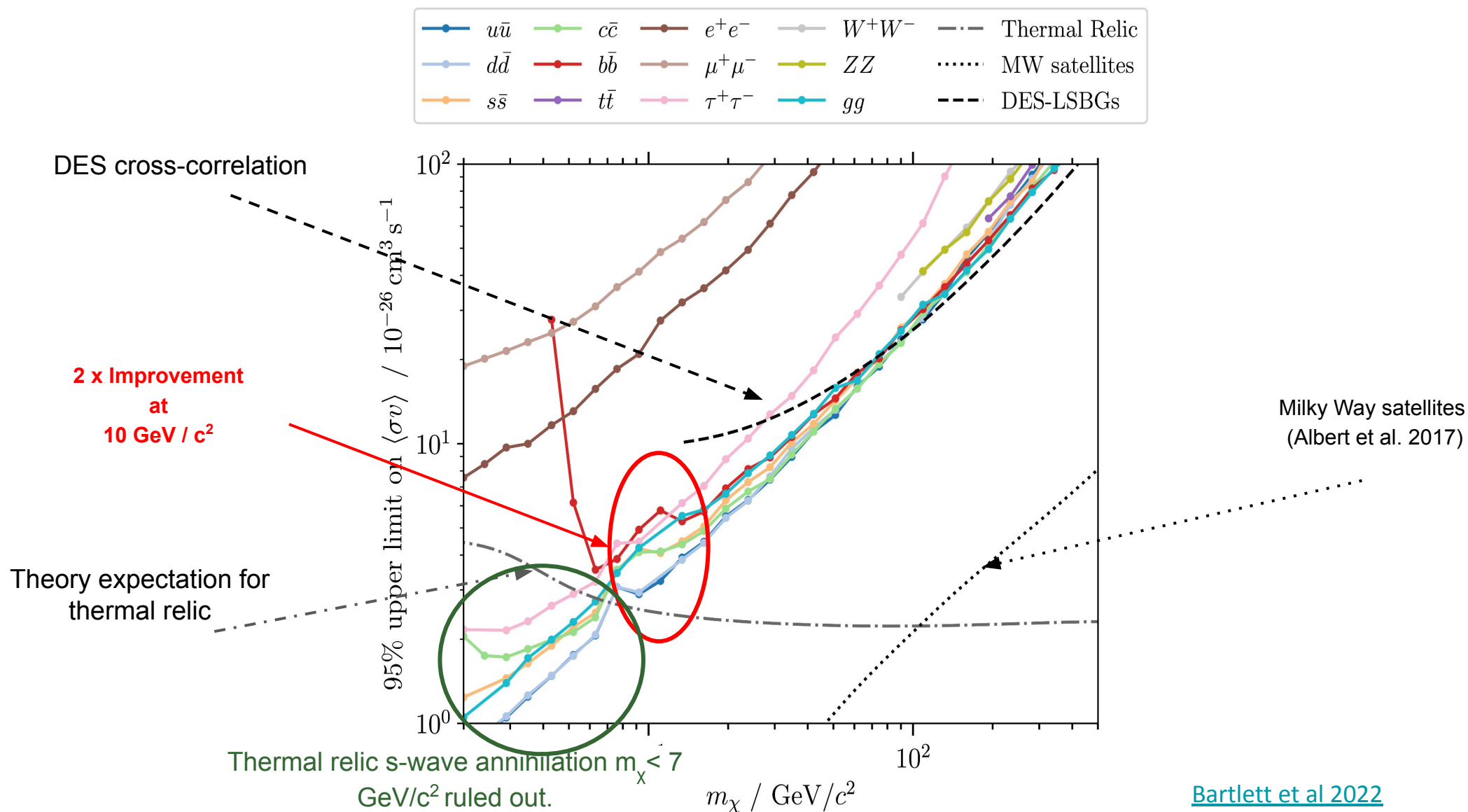


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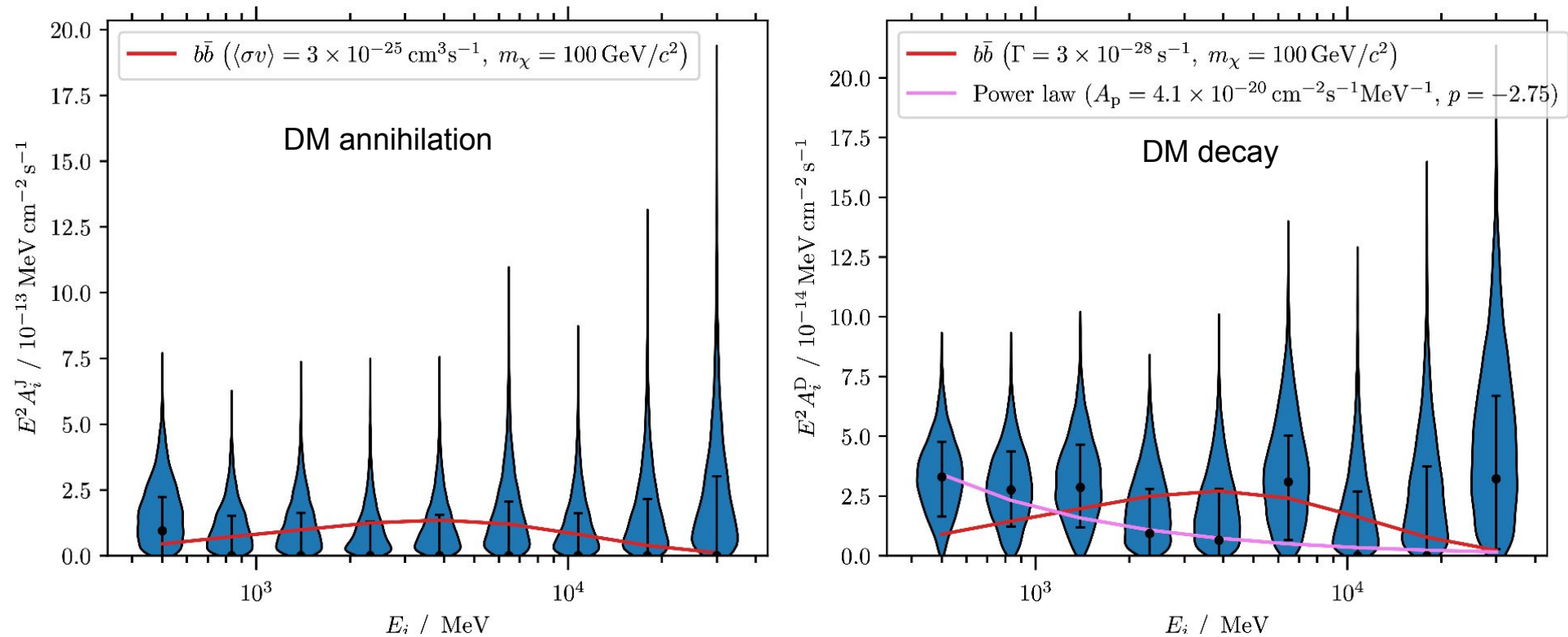


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Constraining dark matter annihilation and decay (Deaglan Bartlett & Andrija Kostić)



- We find gamma ray sky contributions correlating spatially with dark matter decay at 3.3σ .
- However, a power-law spectrum likely of baryonic origin, is preferred by the data.

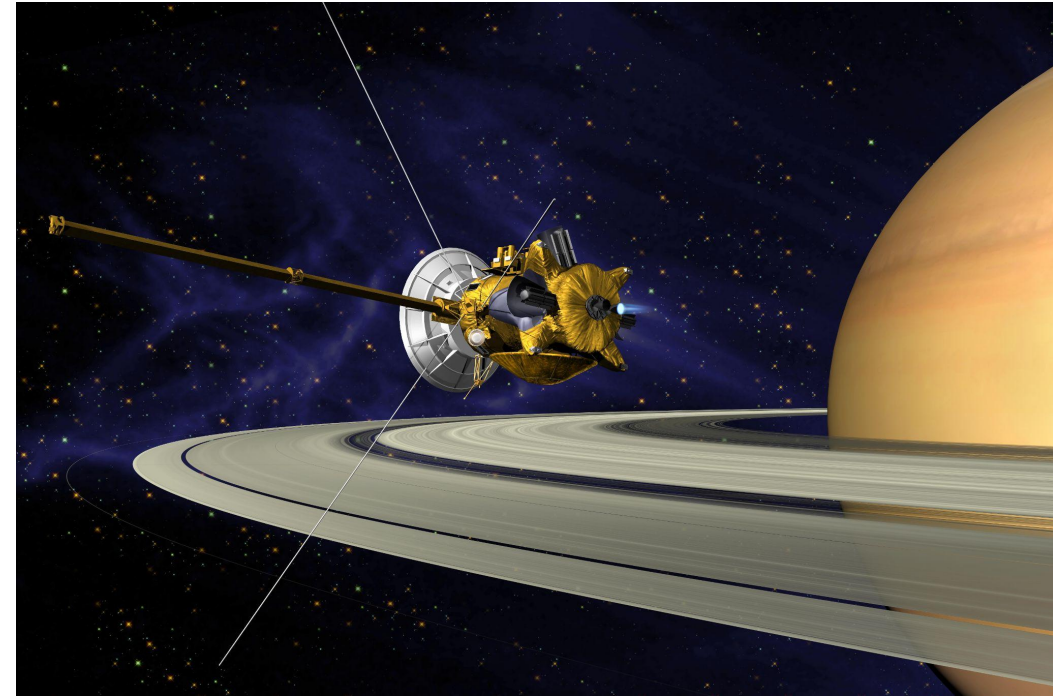


Testing Equivalence Principle Violations (Deaglan Bartlett)

Shapiro time delay - constrain PPN parameter γ

$$ds^2 = - (1 + 2\phi) dt^2 + a^2(t) (1 - 2\gamma\phi) d\vec{r}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} t &= \int_{r_e}^{r_o} a(z) \sqrt{\frac{1 - 2\gamma\phi}{1 + 2\phi}} dr \\ &\approx \int_{r_e}^{r_o} a(z) \left(1 - (1 + \gamma) \phi \right) dr \\ &= t_0 + t_{\text{grav}} \end{aligned}$$



Cassini

$$(\gamma - 1) = (-0.8 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-4} \quad \text{Bertotti et al 2003}$$

VLBI

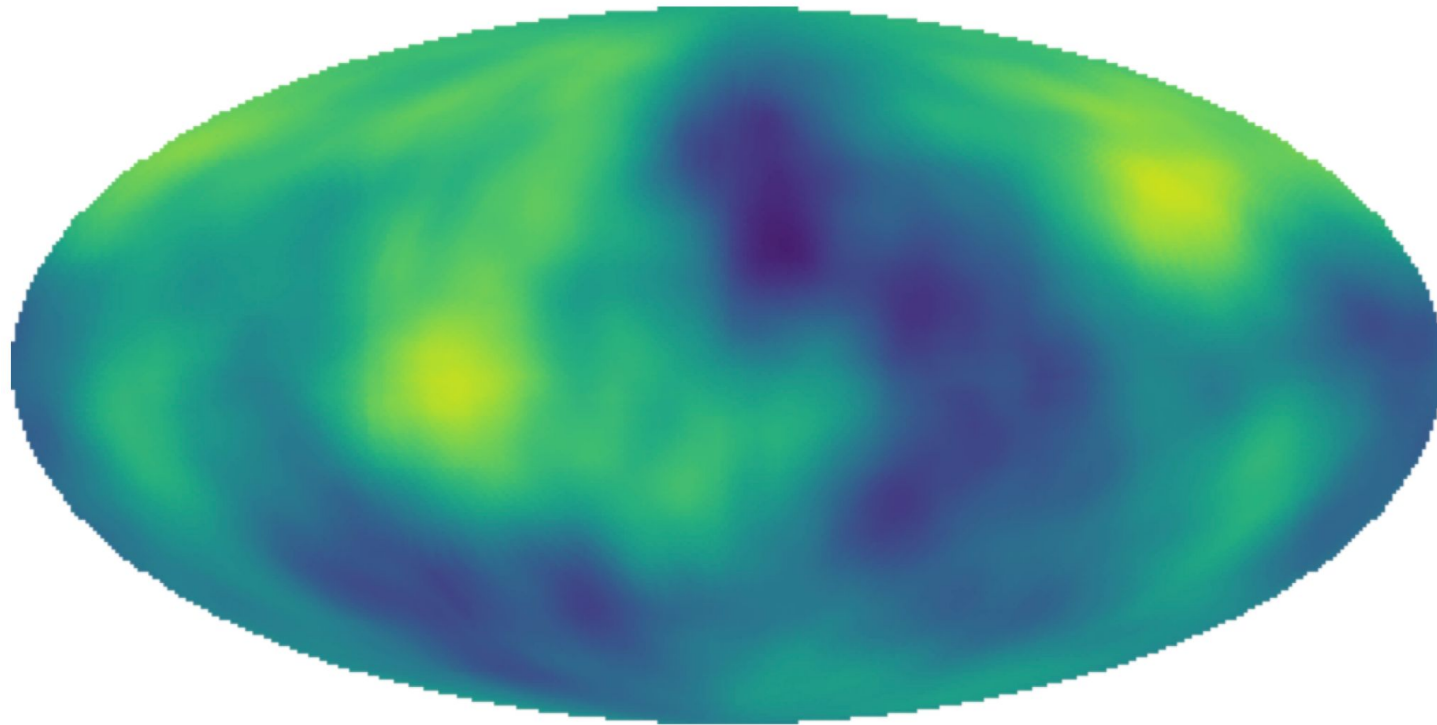
$$(\gamma - 1) < (-2.1 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-5} \quad \text{Titov et al 2018}$$



Testing Equivalence Principle Violations (Deaglan Bartlett)

Shapiro time delays predicted by BORG SDSS III DR12 reconstruction

$$z = 0.1$$





Assume the PPN parameter γ to depend on Energy E :

$$t_{\text{gra}}(\gamma) = -\frac{1 + \gamma(E)}{c^3} \int_{r_e}^{r_0} \phi_0(r) D(z) dr.$$

If EP is violated then:

- Photons of different Energy have different travel times: $\neq 1$

$$\Delta t_{\text{gra}}^{1,2} = \frac{\gamma(E_1) - \gamma(E_2)}{c^3} \int \phi_0(r) D(z) dr = \Delta\gamma^{1,2} I_{\text{LOS}}$$



Testing Equivalence Principle Violations (Deaglan Bartlett)

Use Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs):

- immensely energetic explosions (e.g. SNe, black holes)
- can last from ten milliseconds to several hours.

Time arrival data for 4 energy channels

Ch 1: 25 - 60 keV

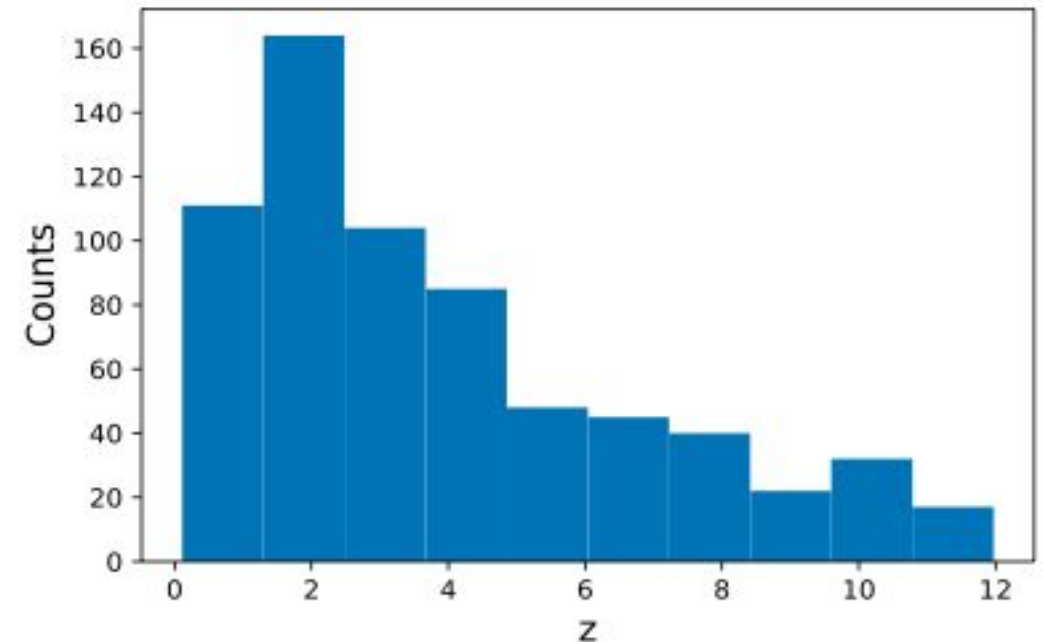
Ch 2: 60 - 110 keV

Ch 3: 110 - 325 keV

Ch 4: > 325 keV

Yu et al (2018, ApJ)

Time delay data (e.g. GRBs)

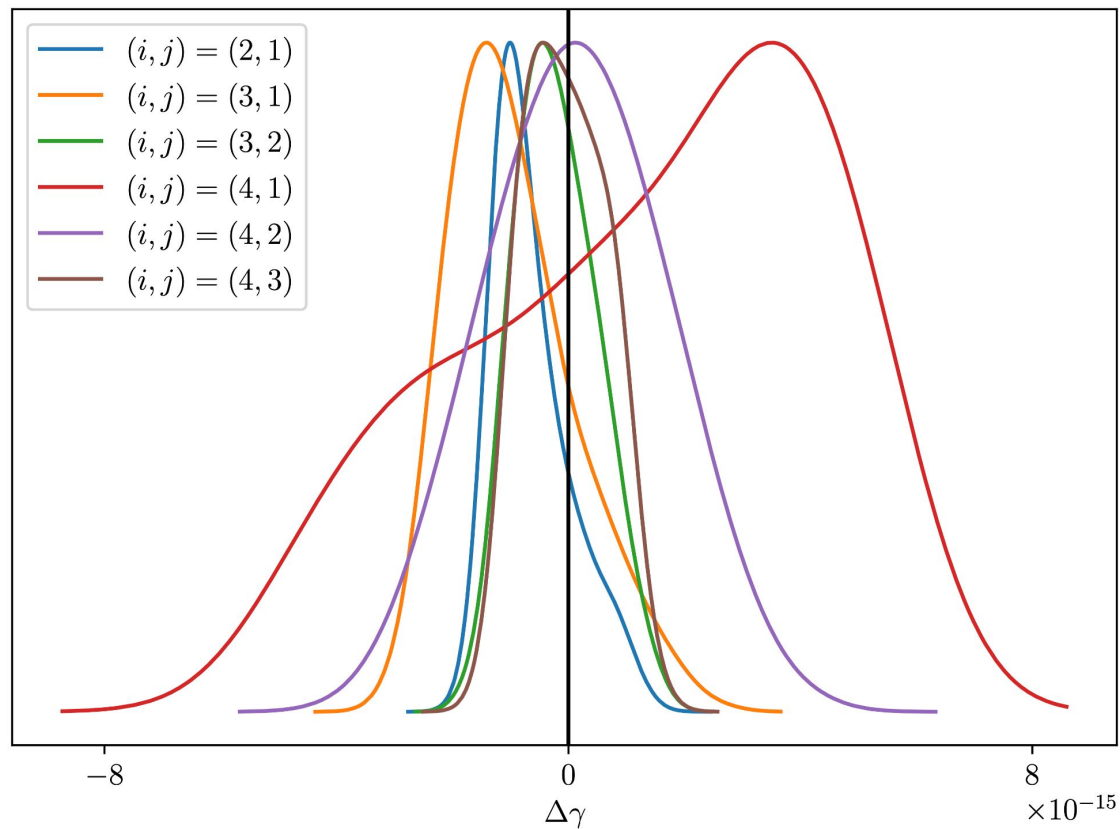


Equivalence Principle: All photons, irrespective of their energy, should arrive simultaneously!



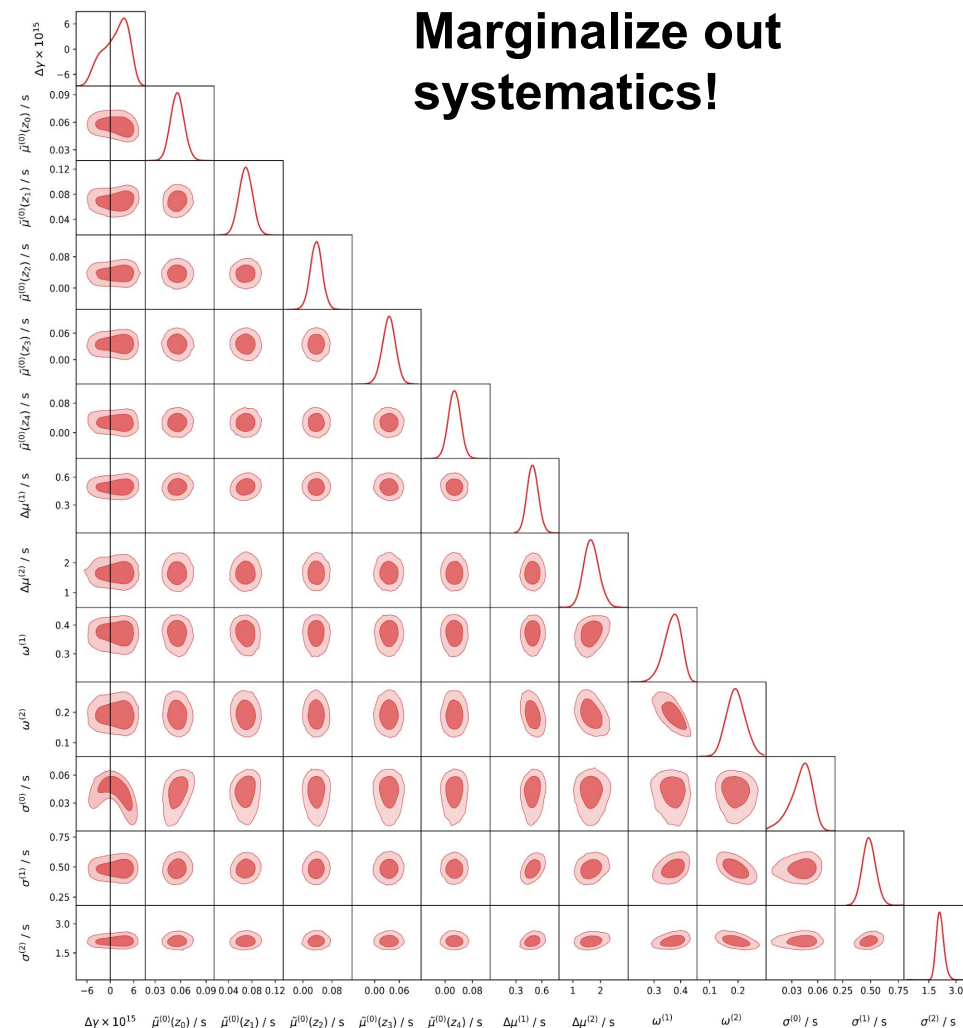
Testing Equivalence Principle Violations (Deaglan Bartlett)

Inferred EP violation



➡ $\Delta\gamma_{ij} < 3.4 \times 10^{-15}$

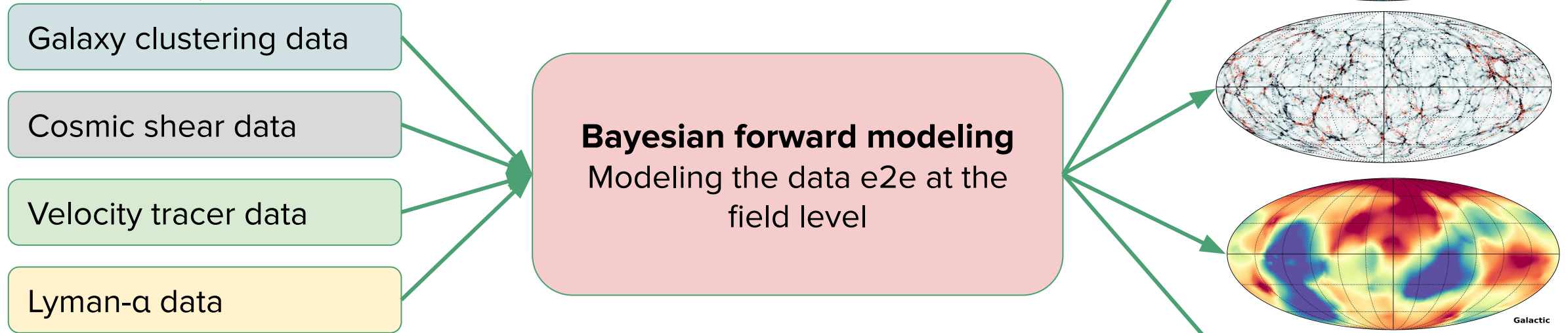
(Also see Nusser (2016), Yu (2018))



Summary: Current data science capabilities of Aquila

Currently supported data

Generated data products

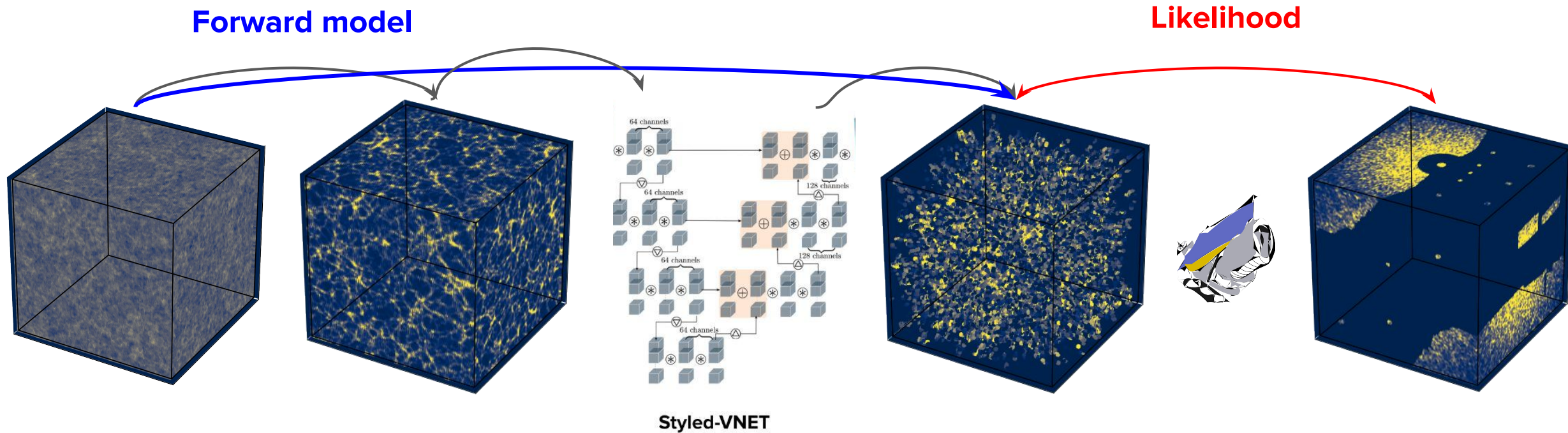


BORG provides:

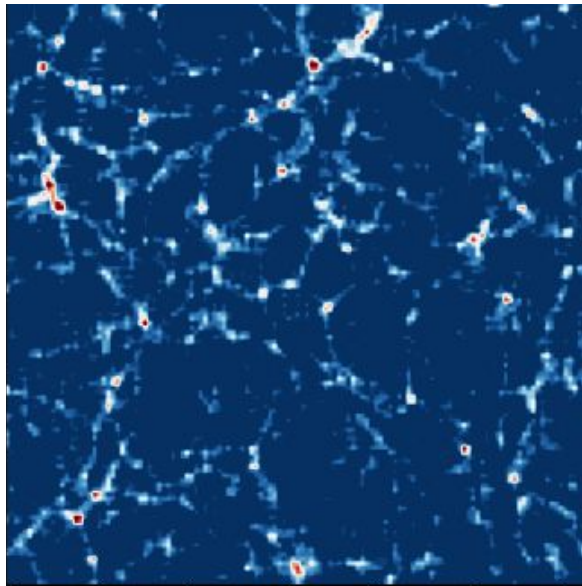
- Inference of 3d initial conditions
- Full dynamical characterization of cosmic structures
- Improved cosmological parameter inferences
- Rigorous Bayesian uncertainty quantification

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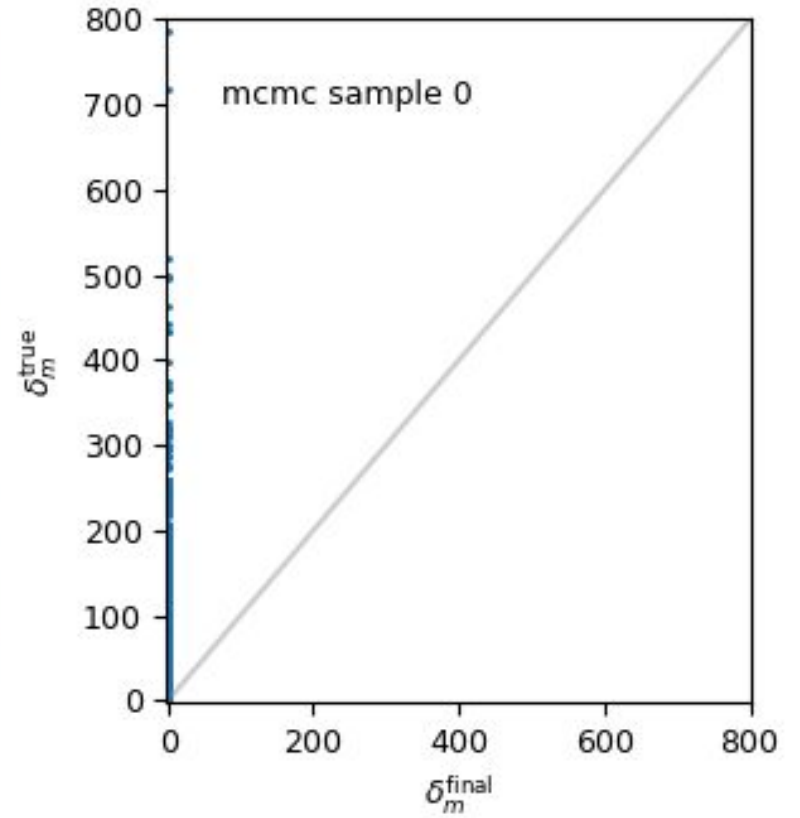
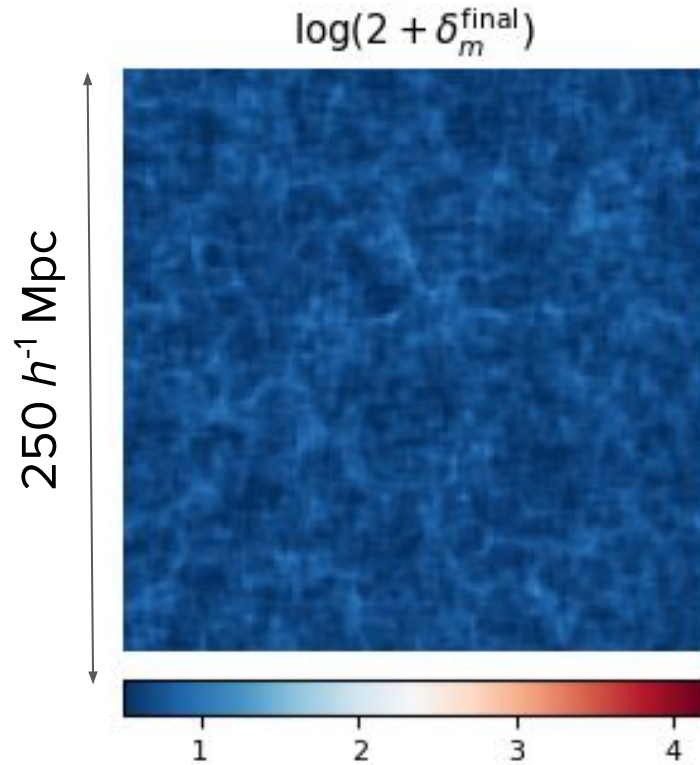
- Differentiability
- Accuracy
- Speed



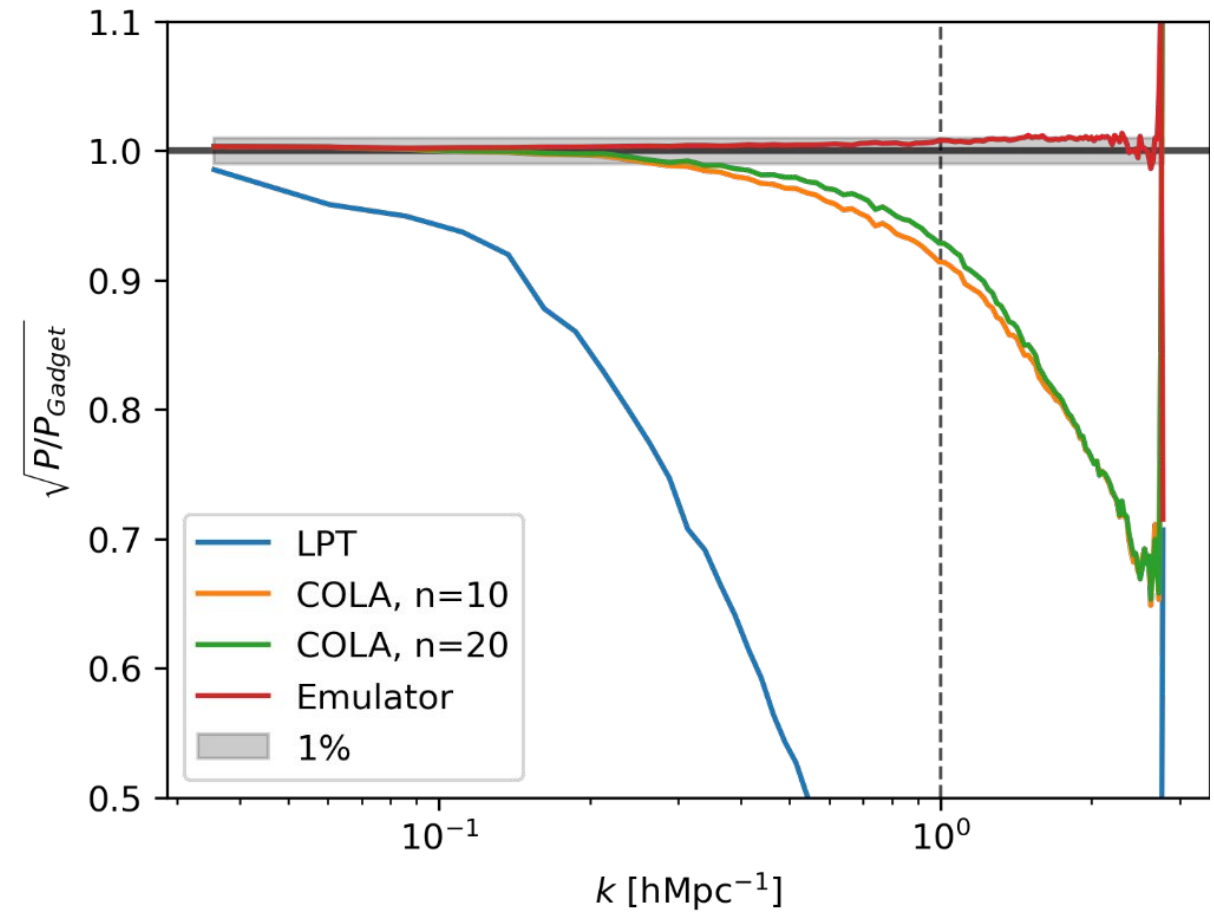
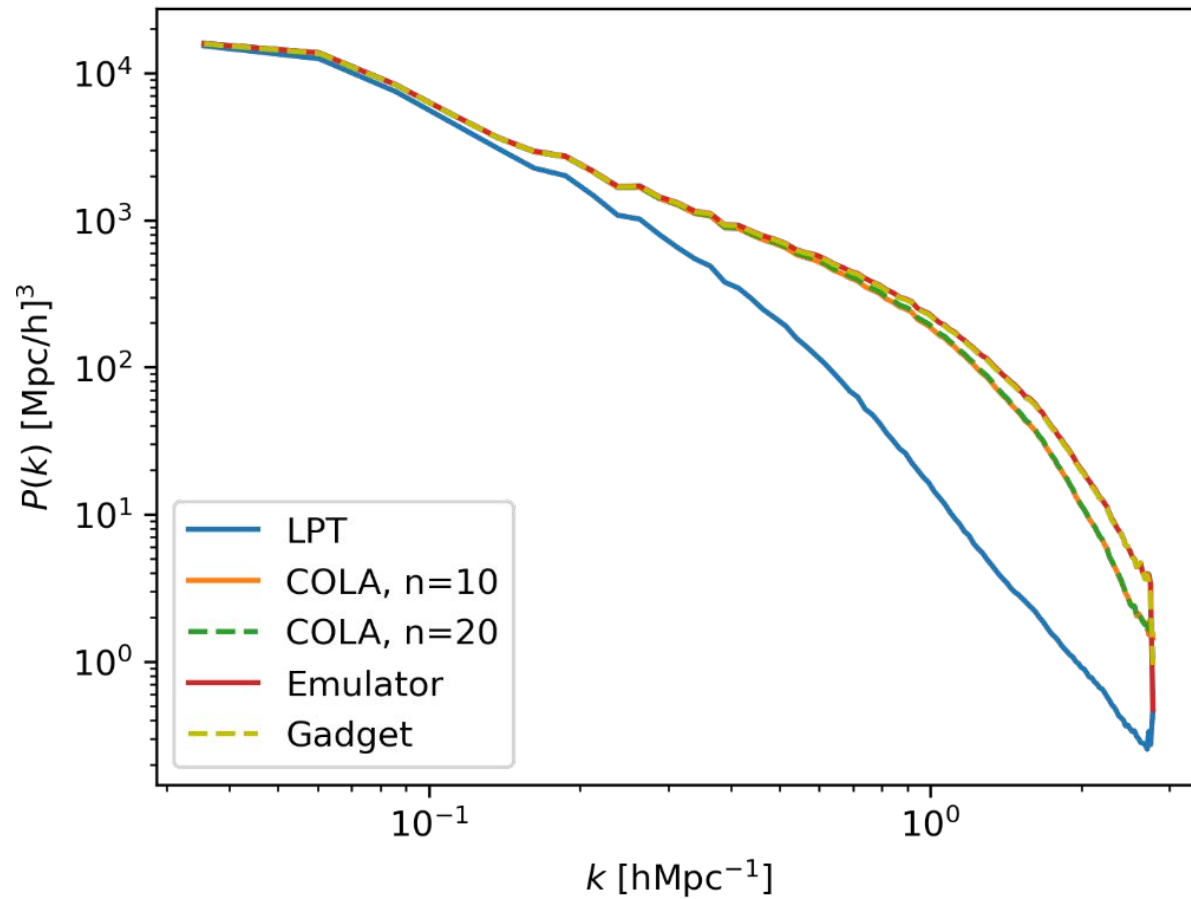
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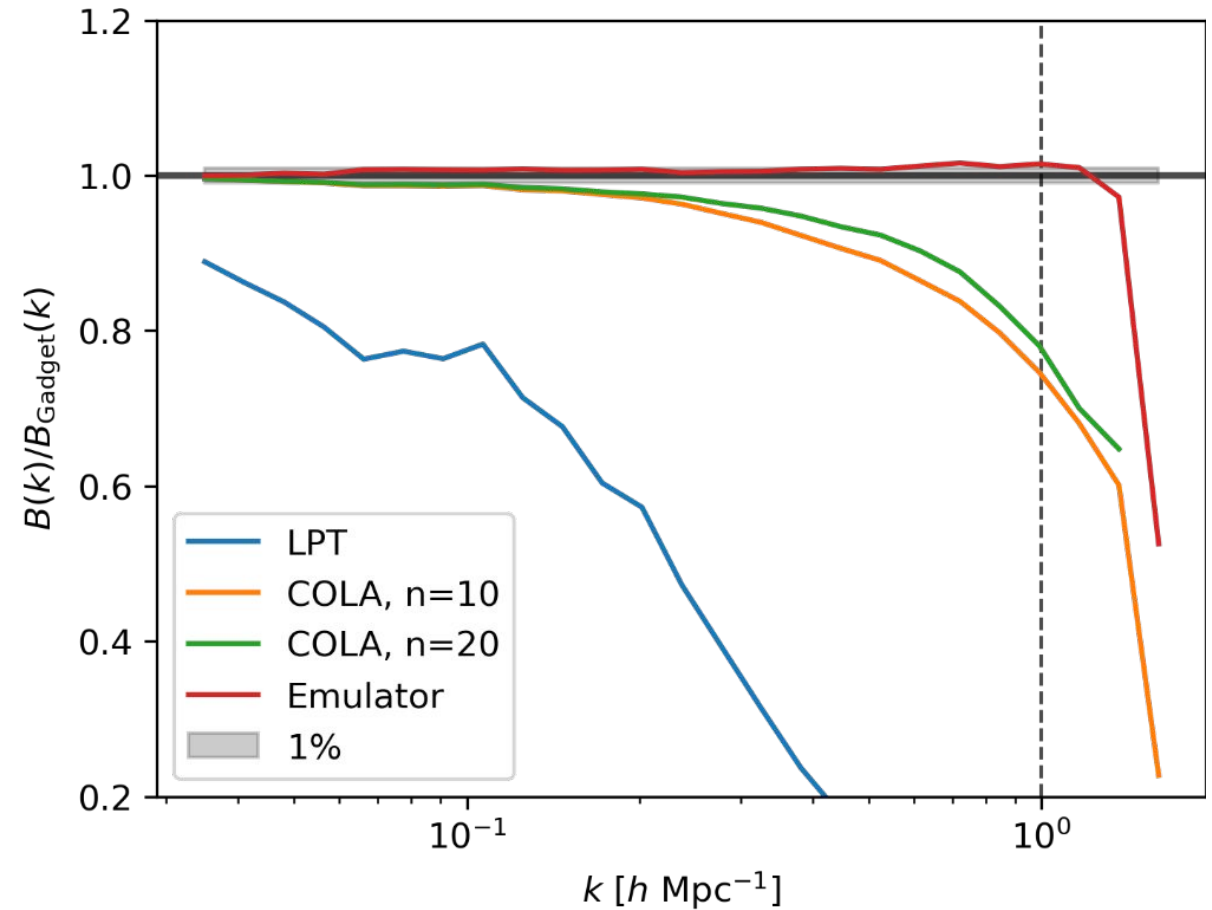
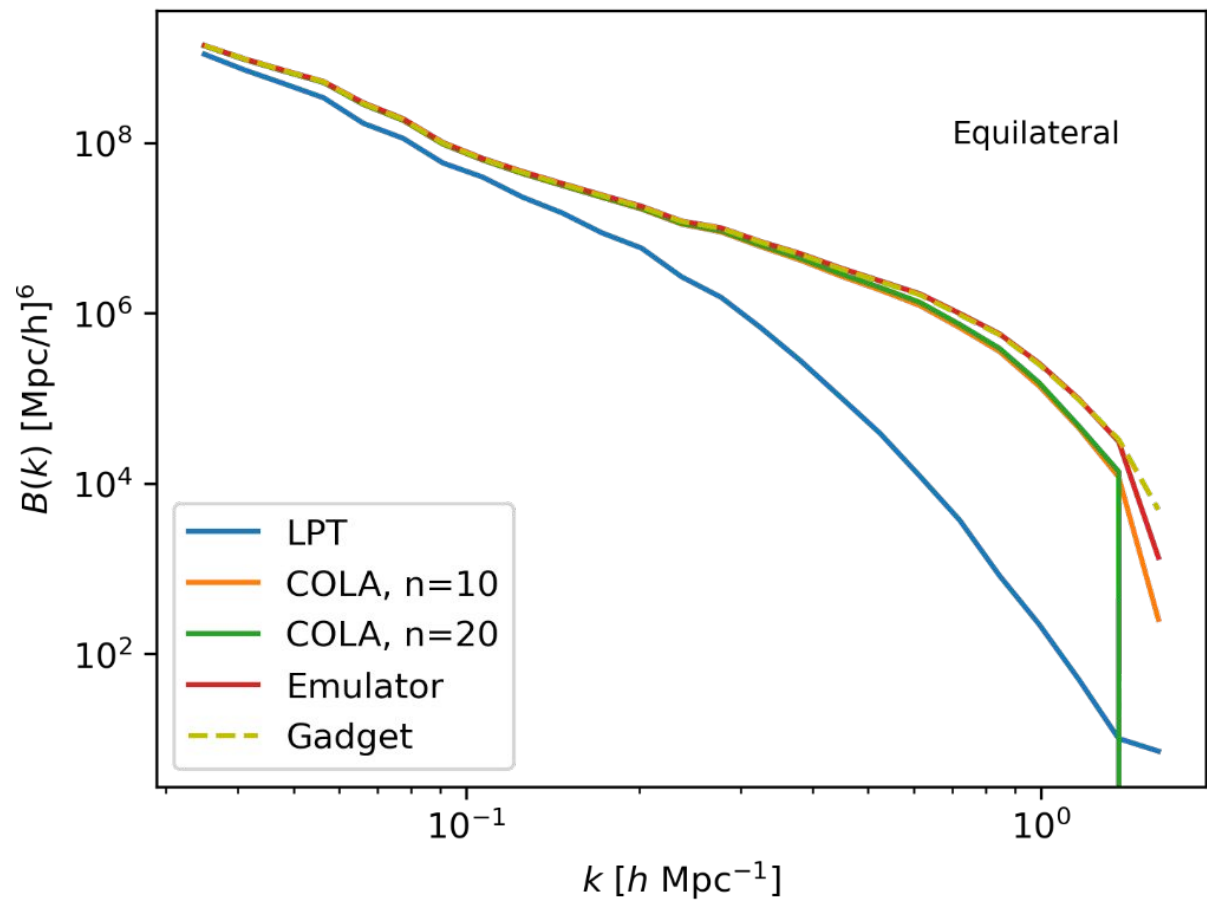
Gadget truth



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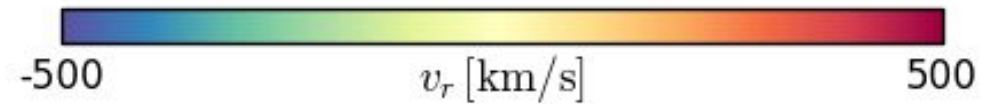
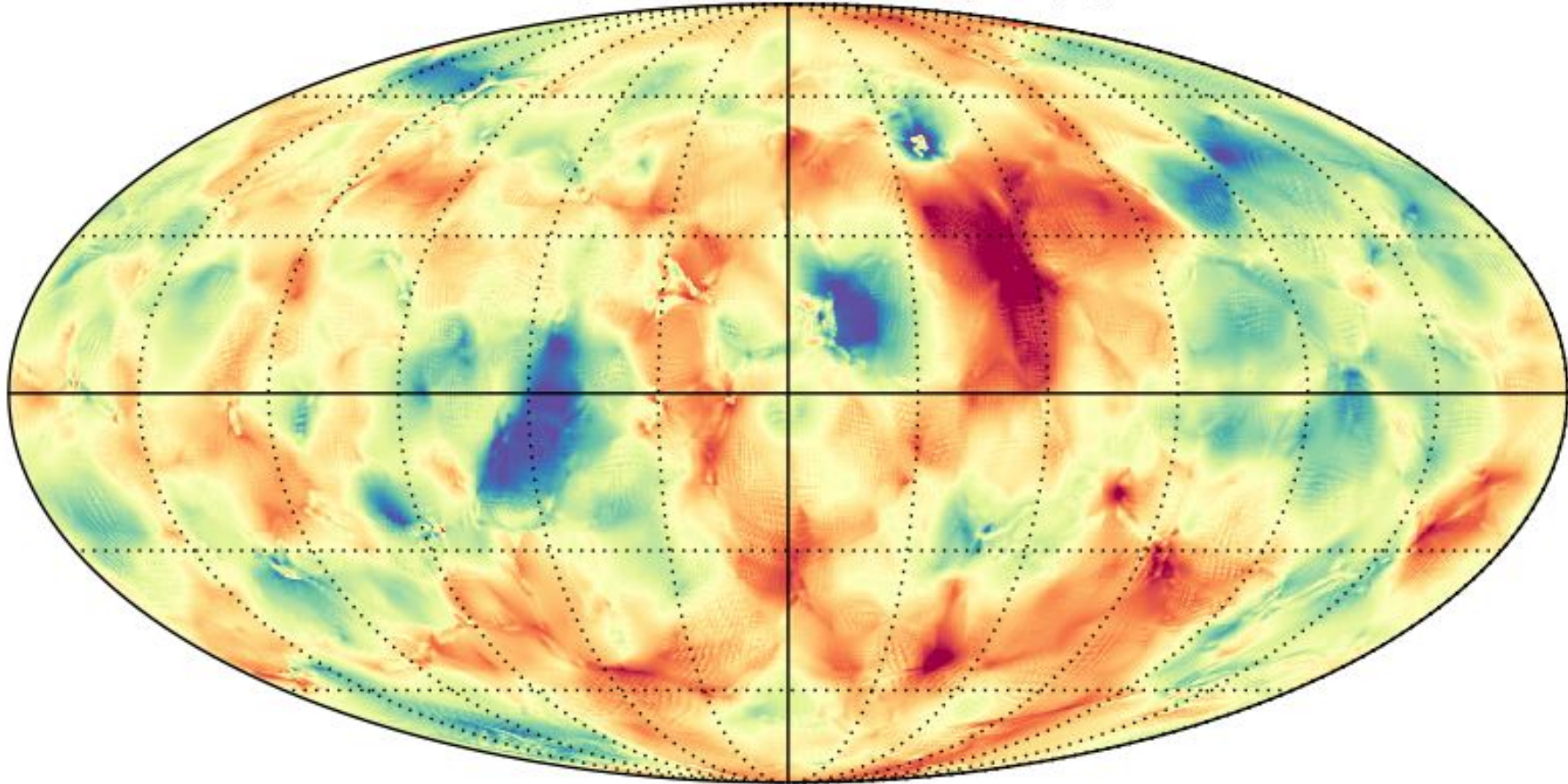


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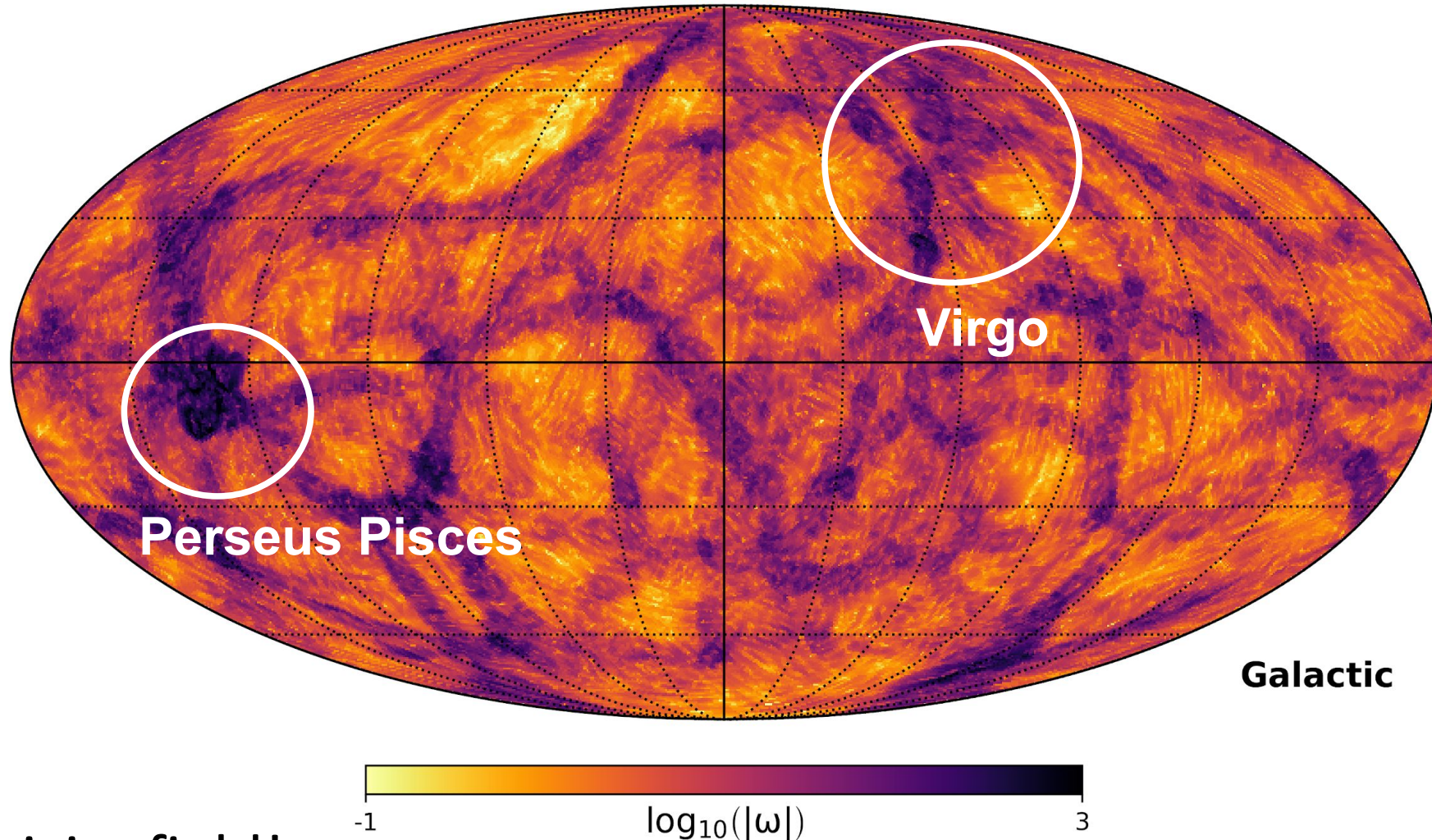


 Bayesian forward modeling of the 2M++ galaxy compilation (JJ + Guilhem Lavaux)

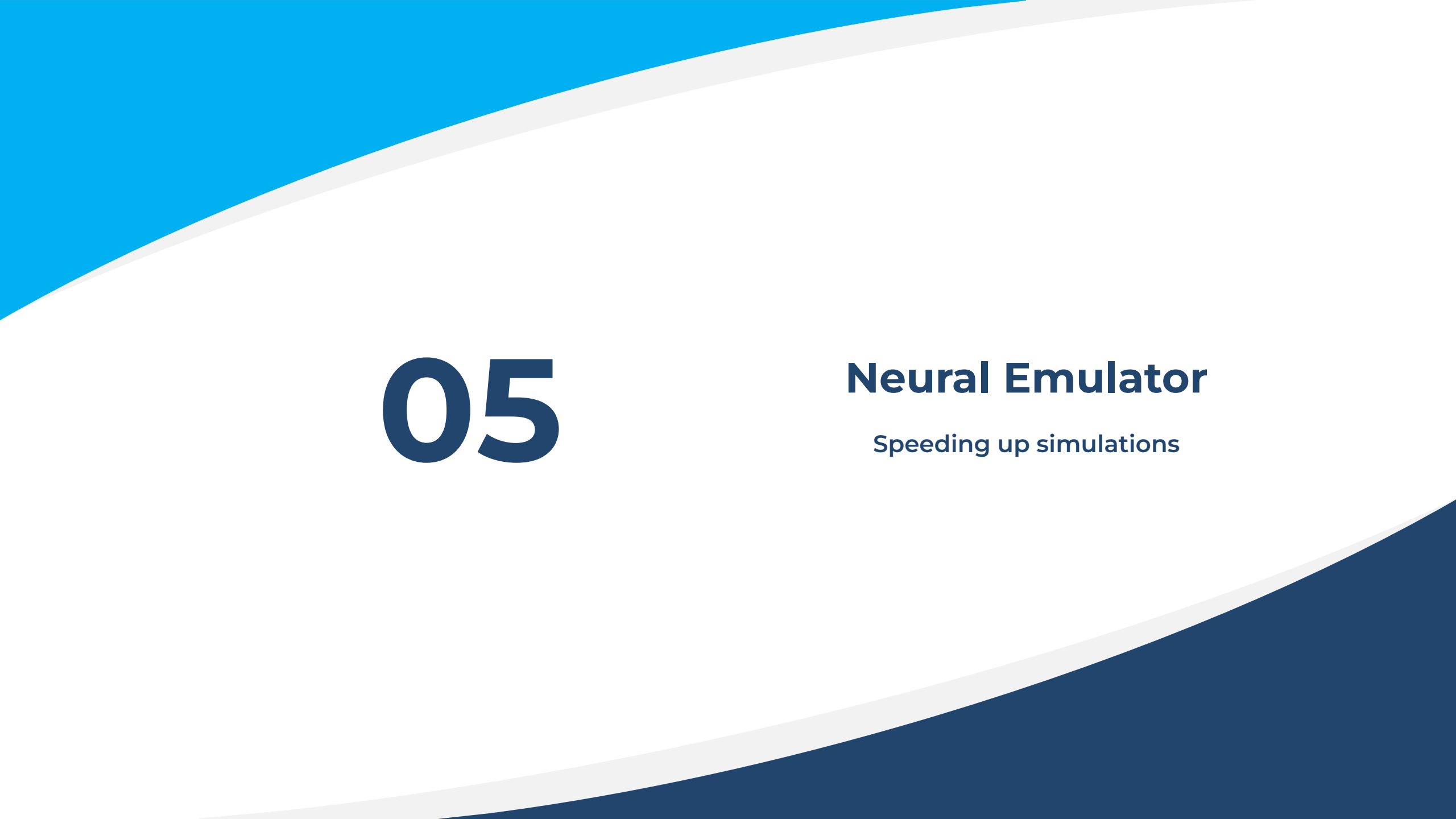
$96.77 \text{ [Mpc/h]} < r < 106.45 \text{ [Mpc/h]}$



Peculiar velocities!



Velocity vorticity field!



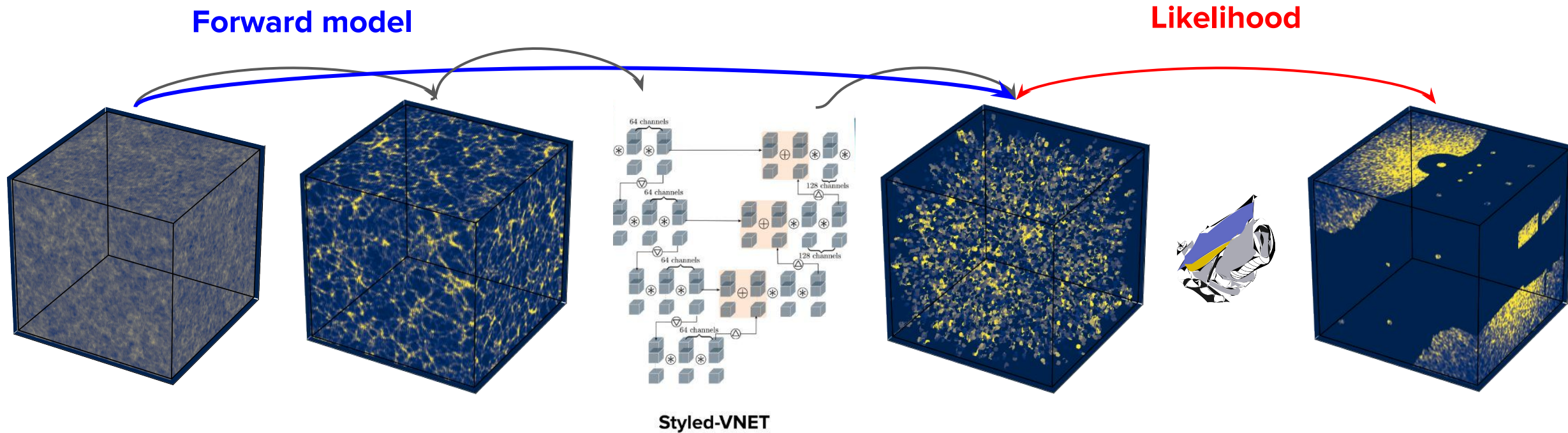
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Neural Emulator

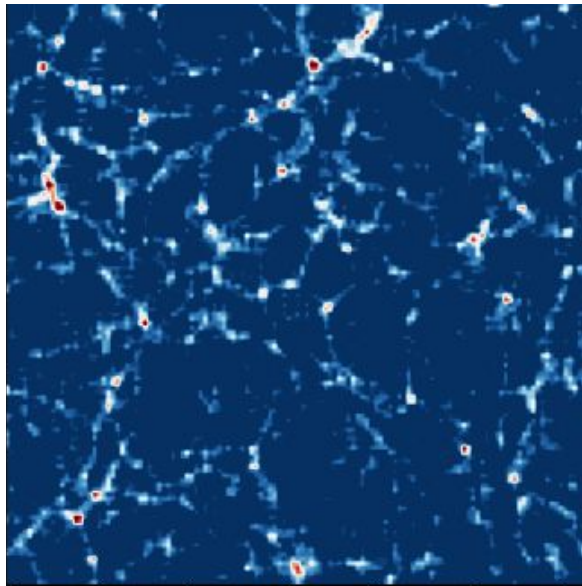
Speeding up simulations

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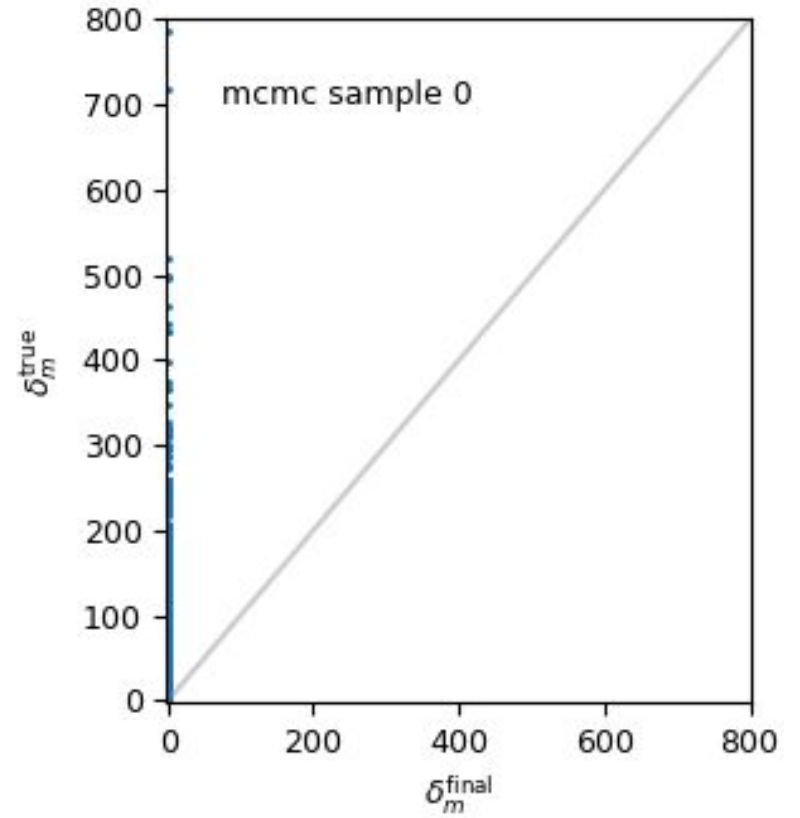
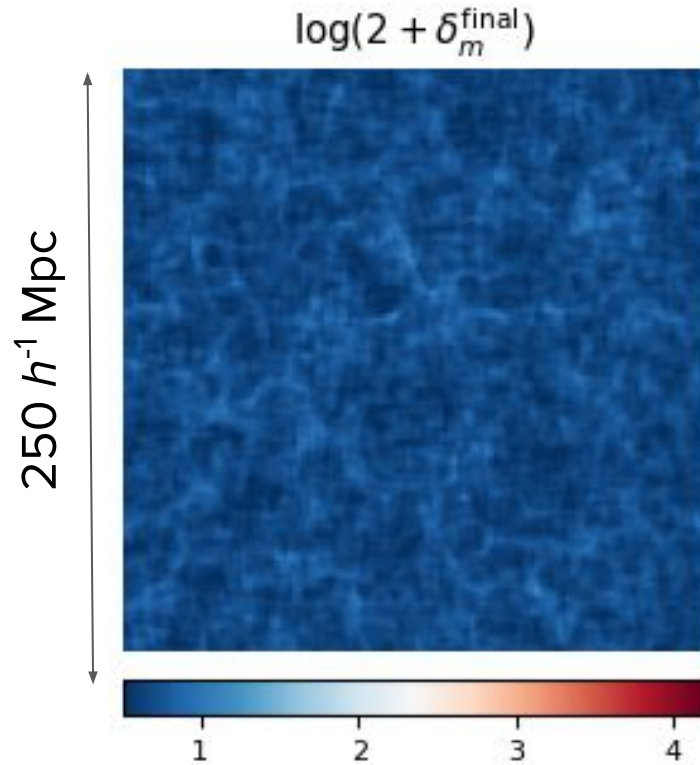
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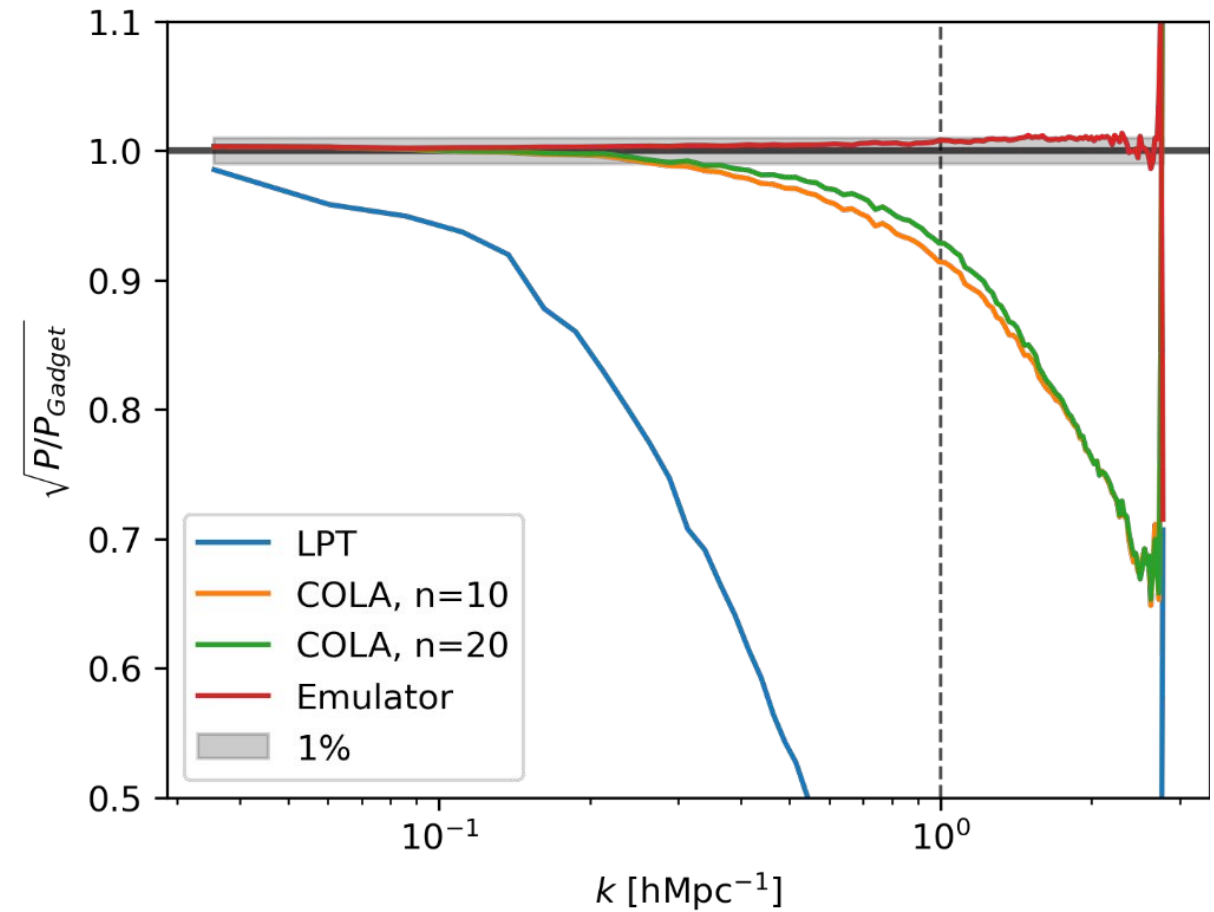
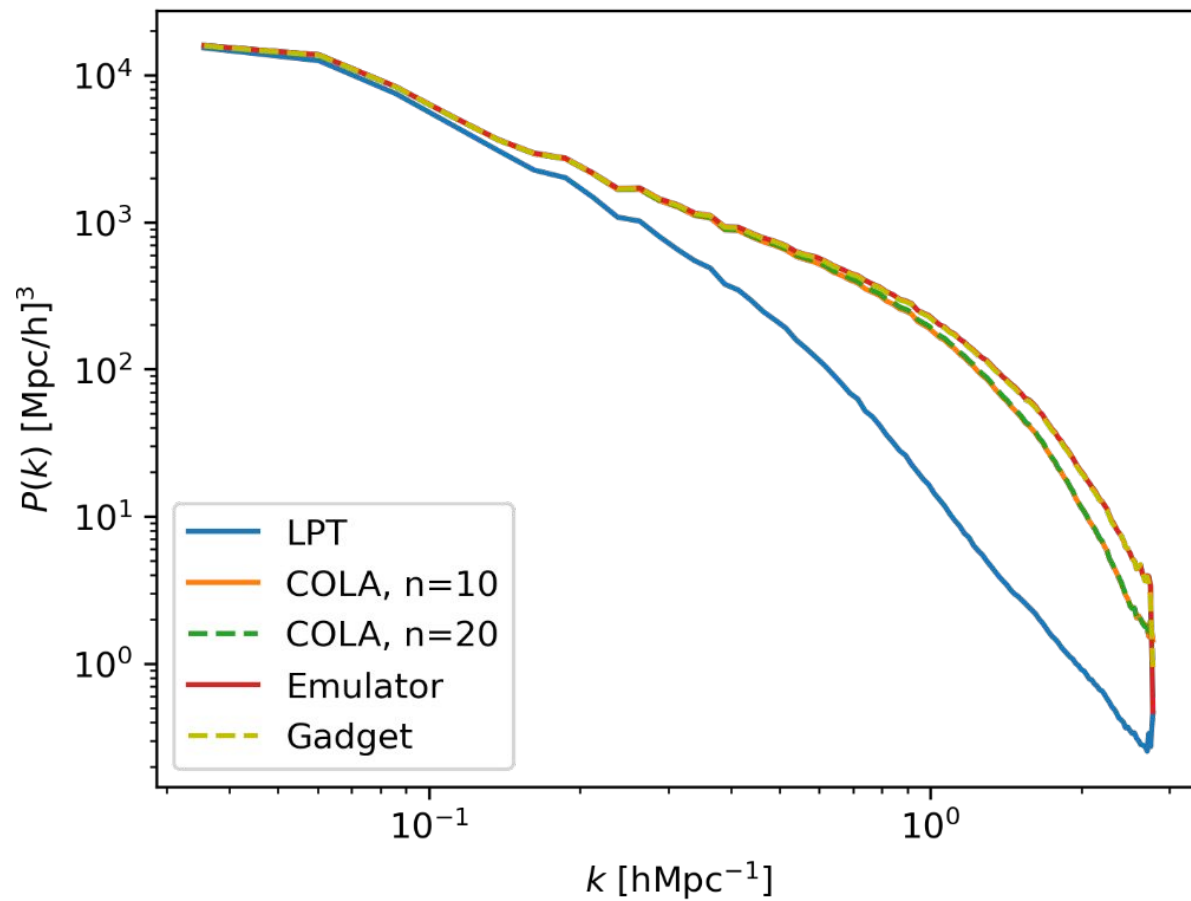
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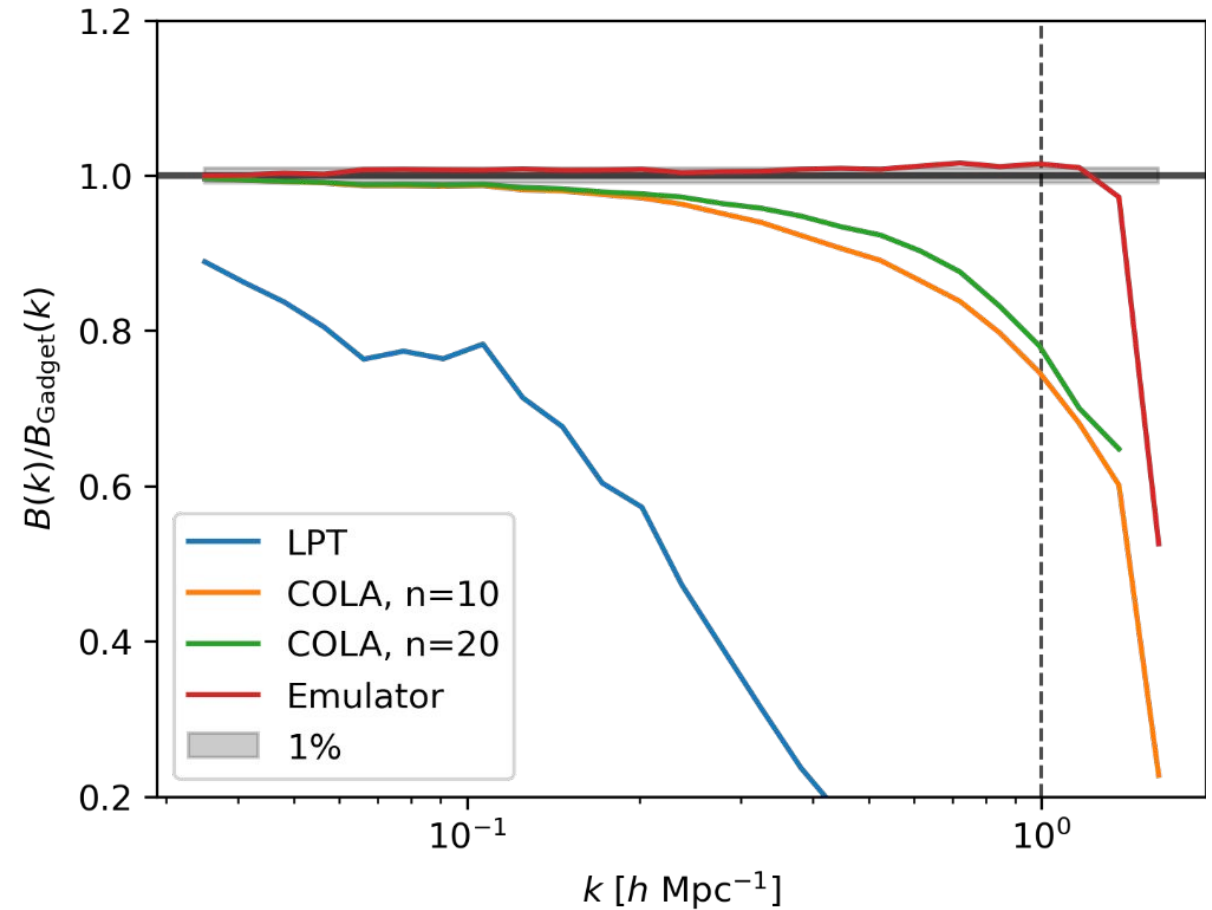
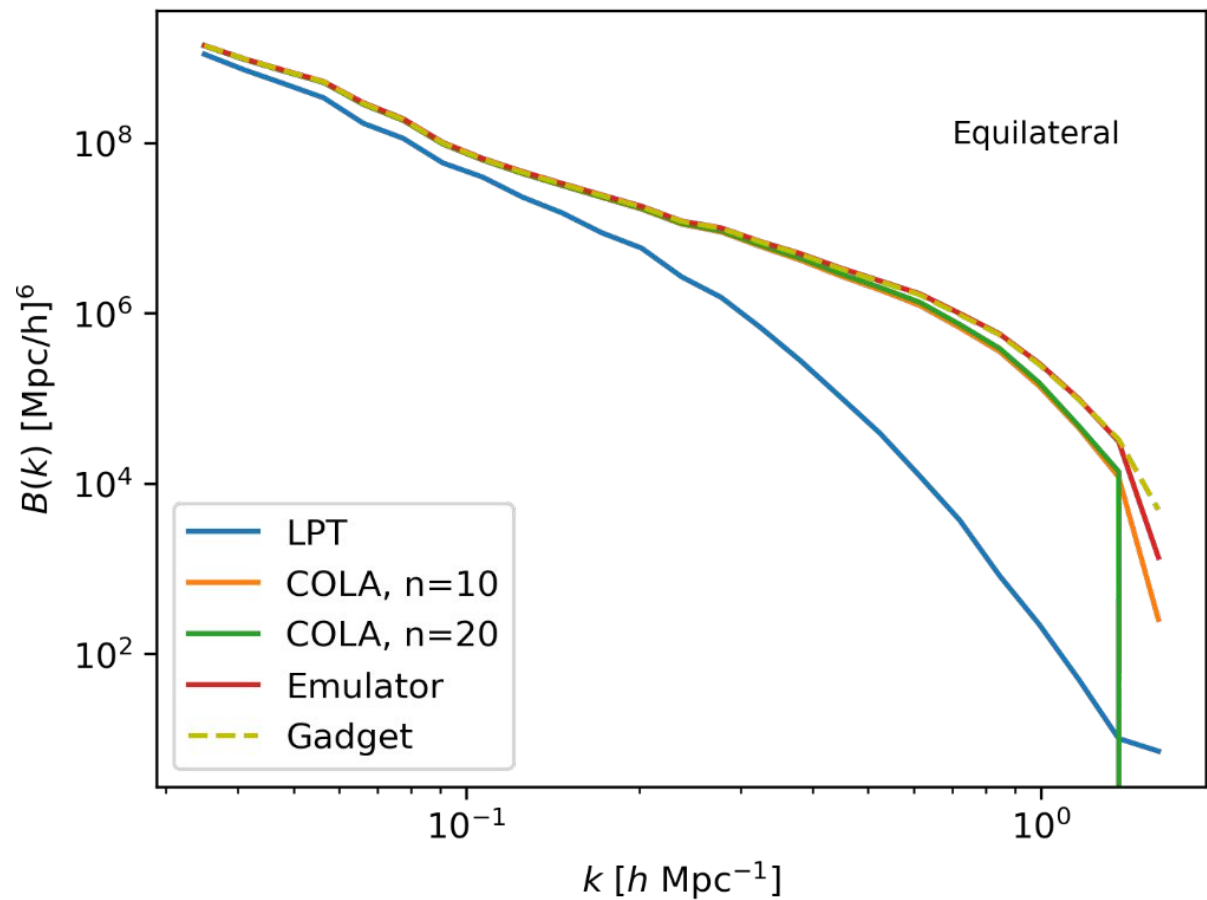
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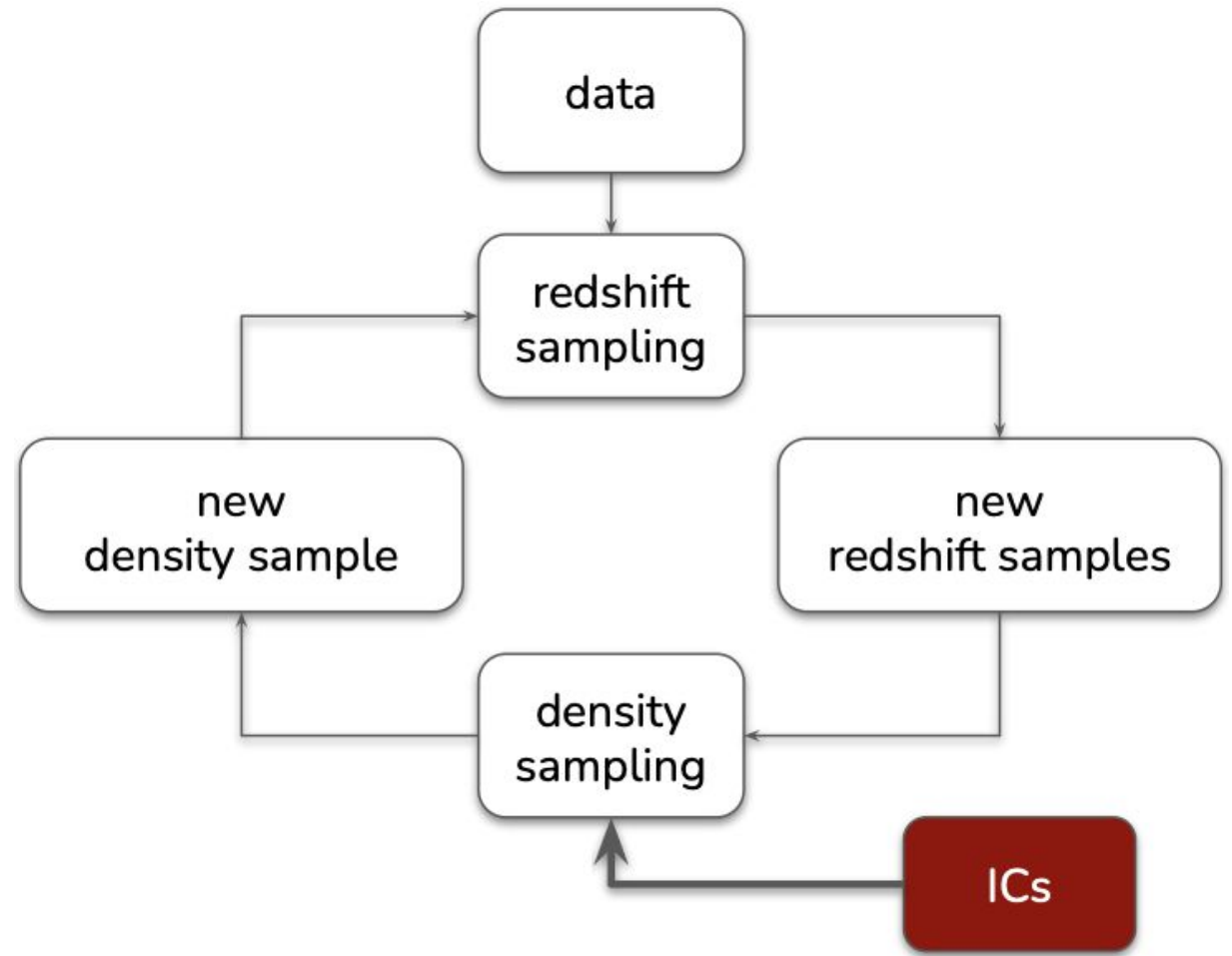
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Photometric redshift sampling

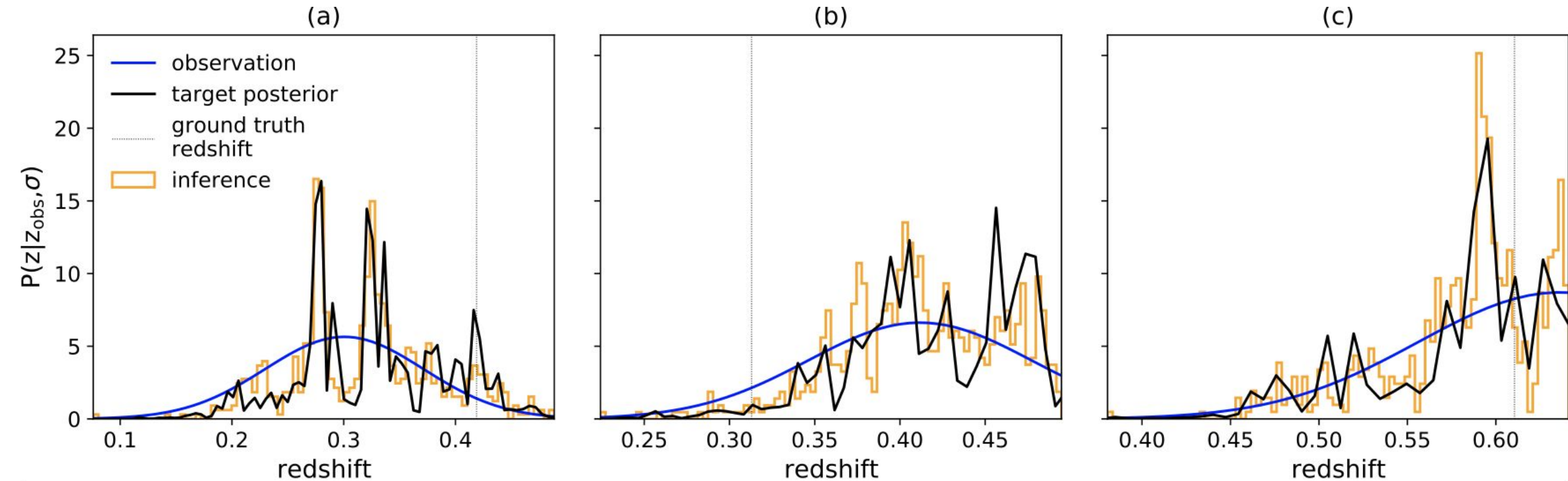
inferring cosmic structures next-gen surveys

Galaxies trace the cosmic structure

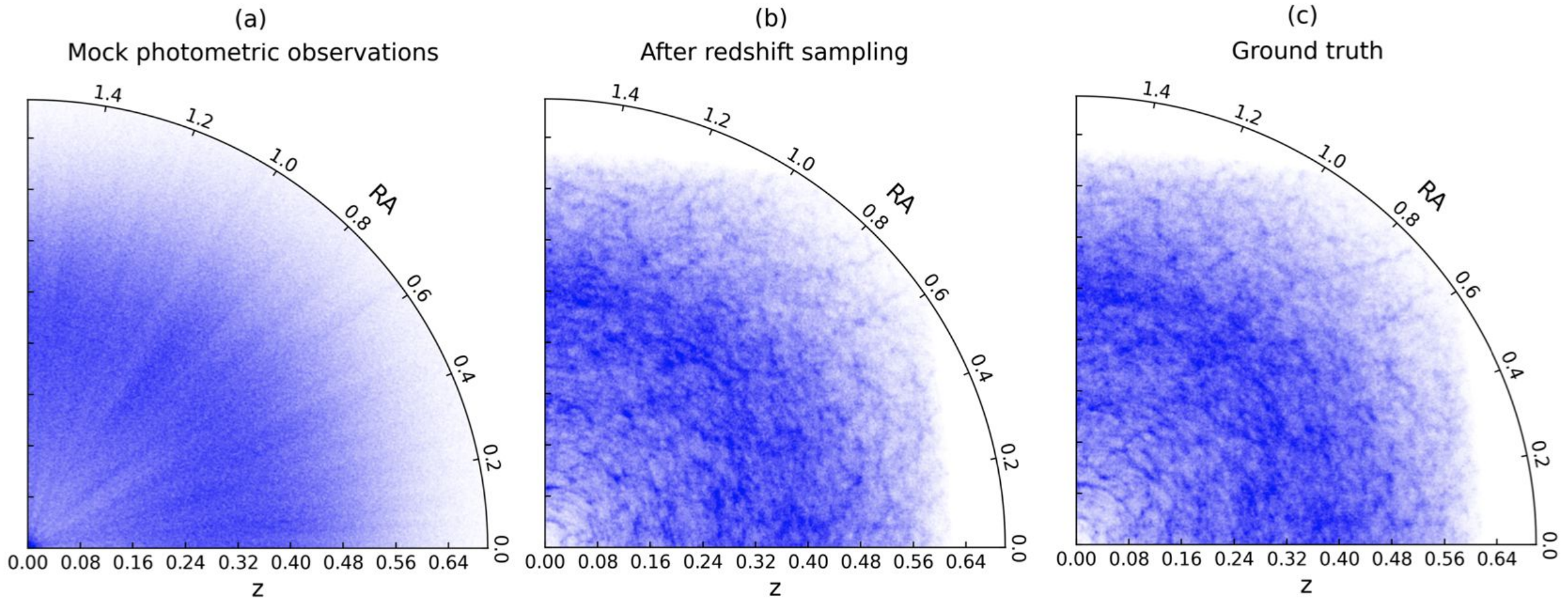
1. Infer 3D density field
2. Update Galaxy positions

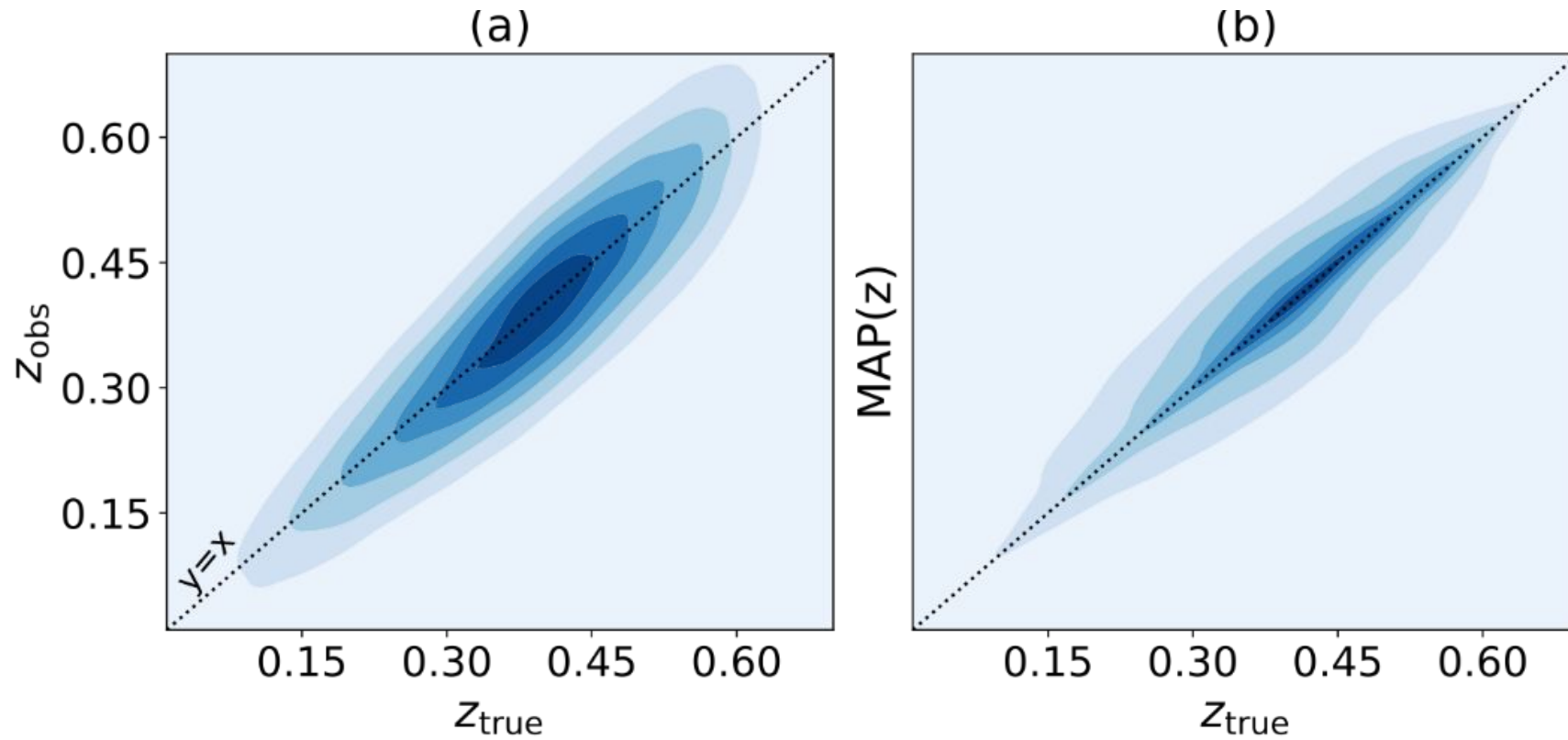


Physics-informed Bayesian correction of photometric redshifts (Eleni Tsaprazi)

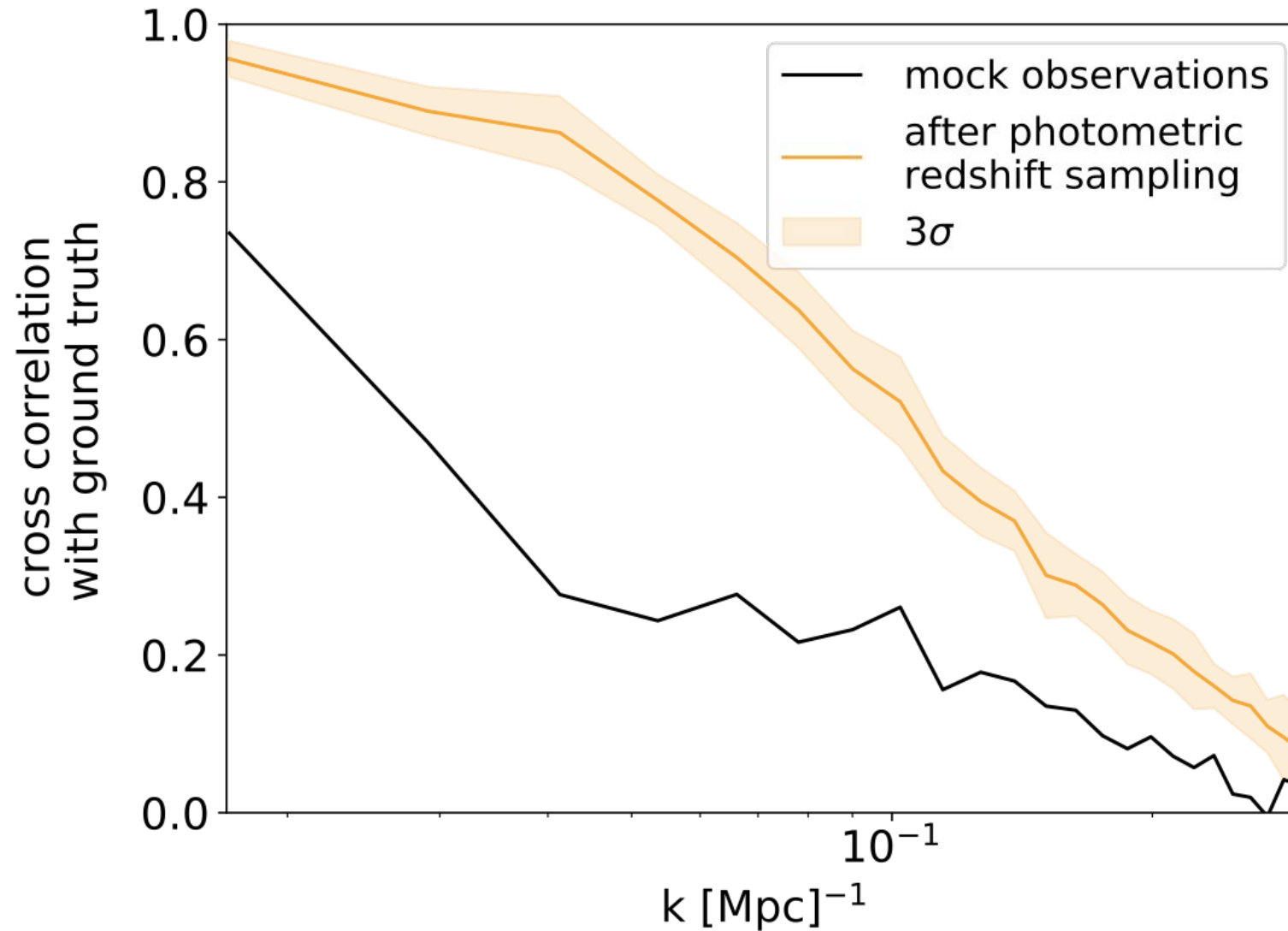


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A numerical cosmic structure posterior distribution

