

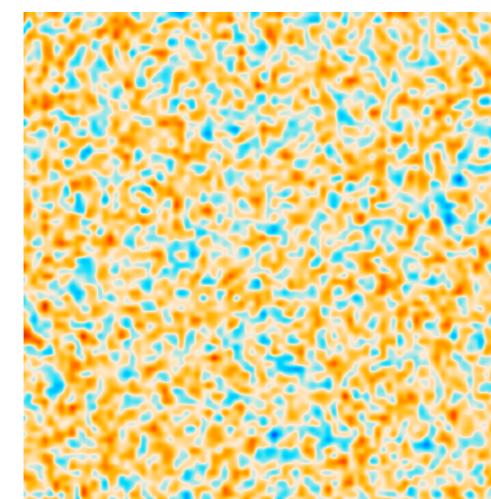
# Cosmology from Field Level, Forward Modeling: an EFT approach

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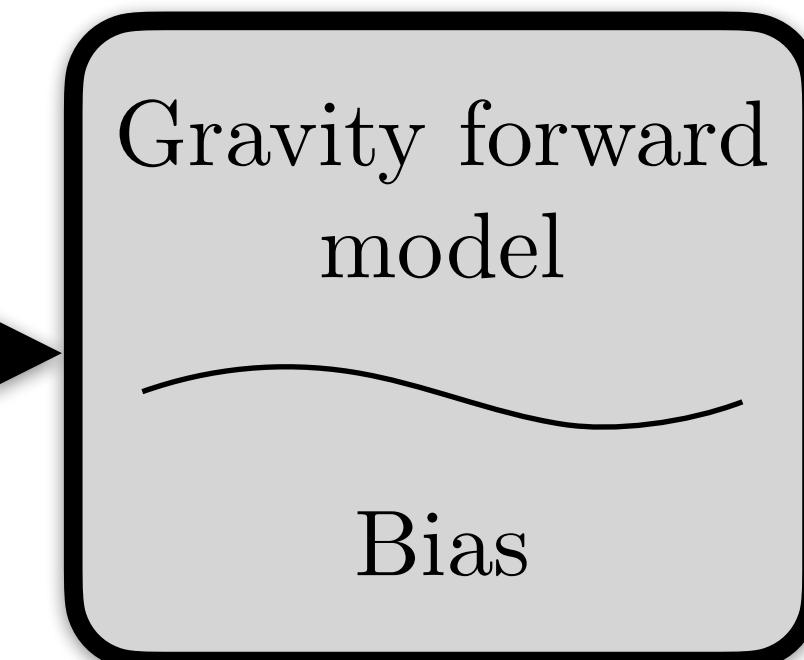
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## Cosmology from Field Level, Forward Modeling: Basics



Initial conditions  
prior:  $\sim P_L(k|\alpha)$

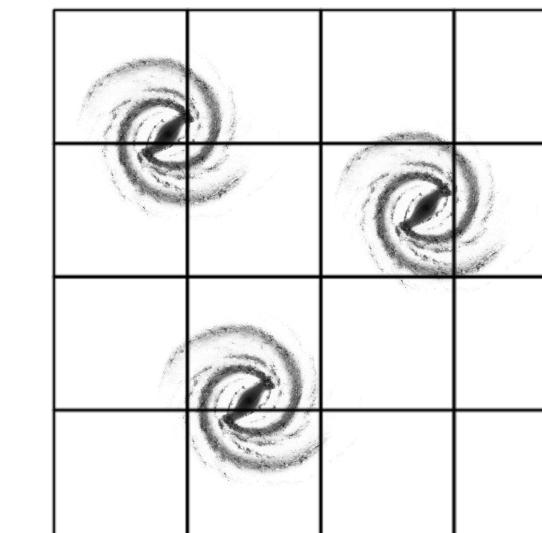


Observational effects:  
RSD, selection, mask

likelihood

$\ln \mathcal{P}$

### Effective Field Theory



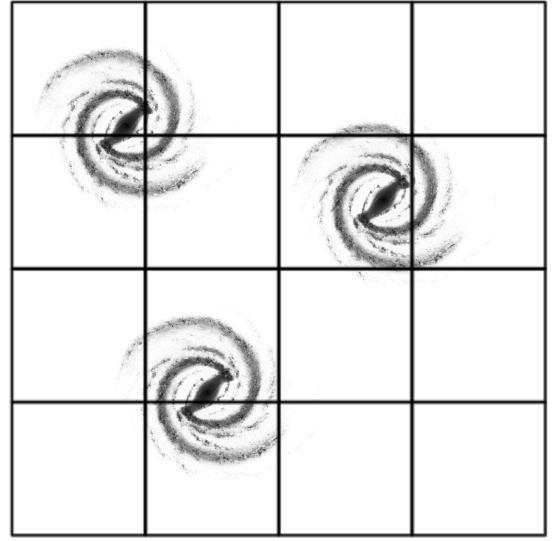
Data:  
galaxy catalog  
assigned to grid

Latest work: [2212.07875](#)

See also: [2009.14176](#)  
(&references therein)

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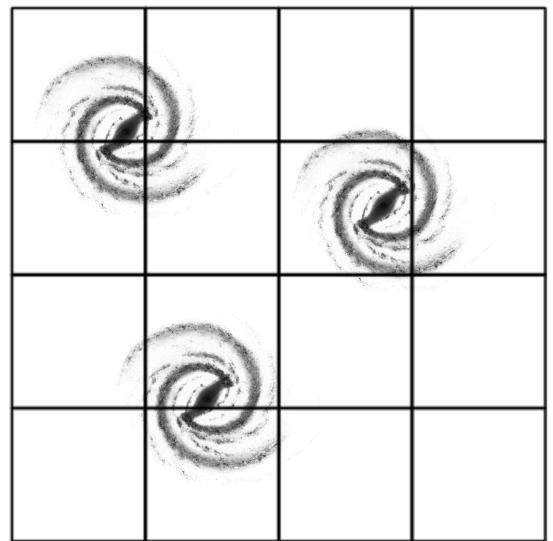
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**More and better information**

Improve cosmological constraint

Better density ~~reconstruction~~ inference

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# Cosmology from Field Level, Forward Modeling: Inference scheme

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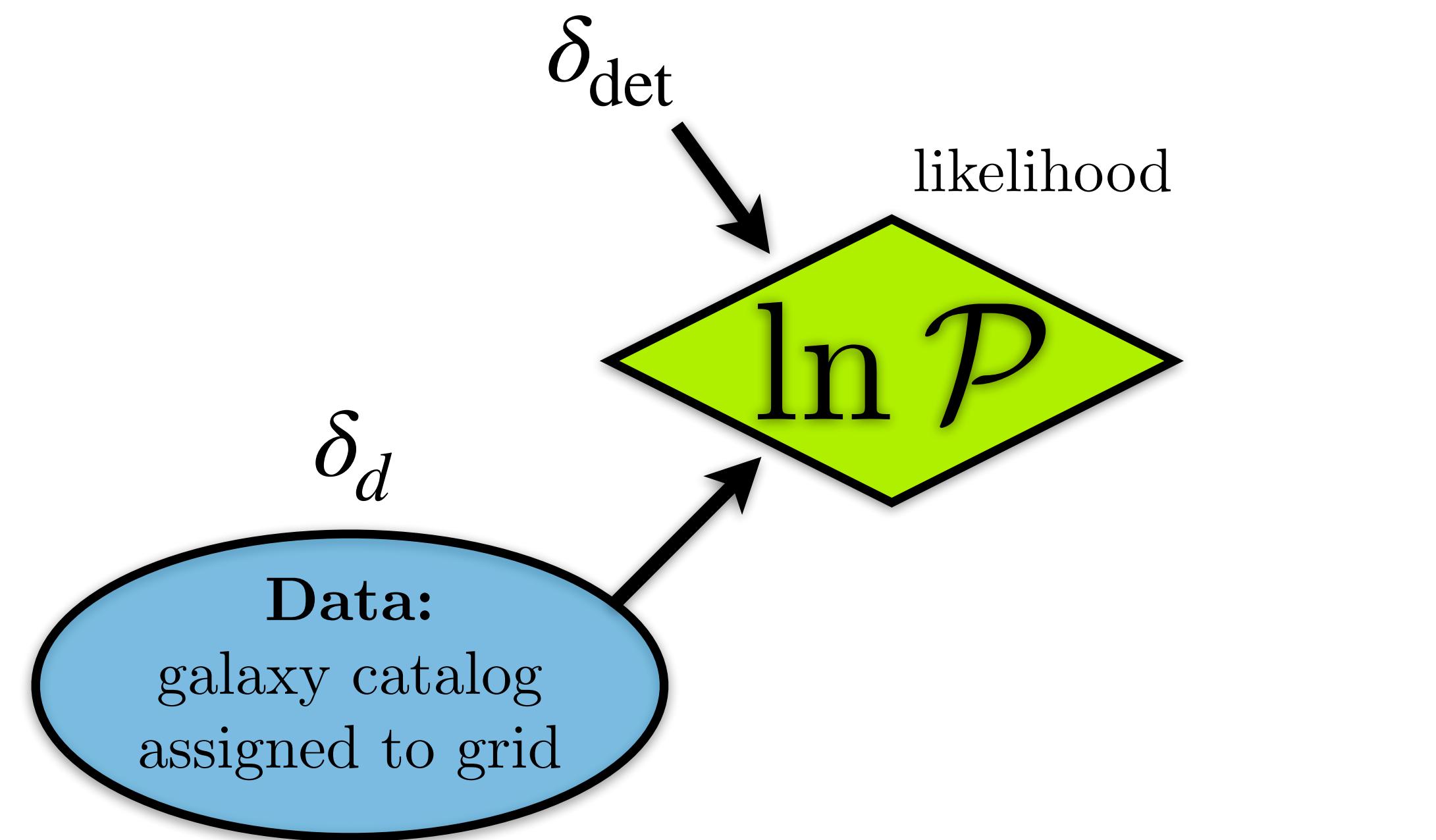
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**LEFTfield**

pmwd

The field-level LSS posterior

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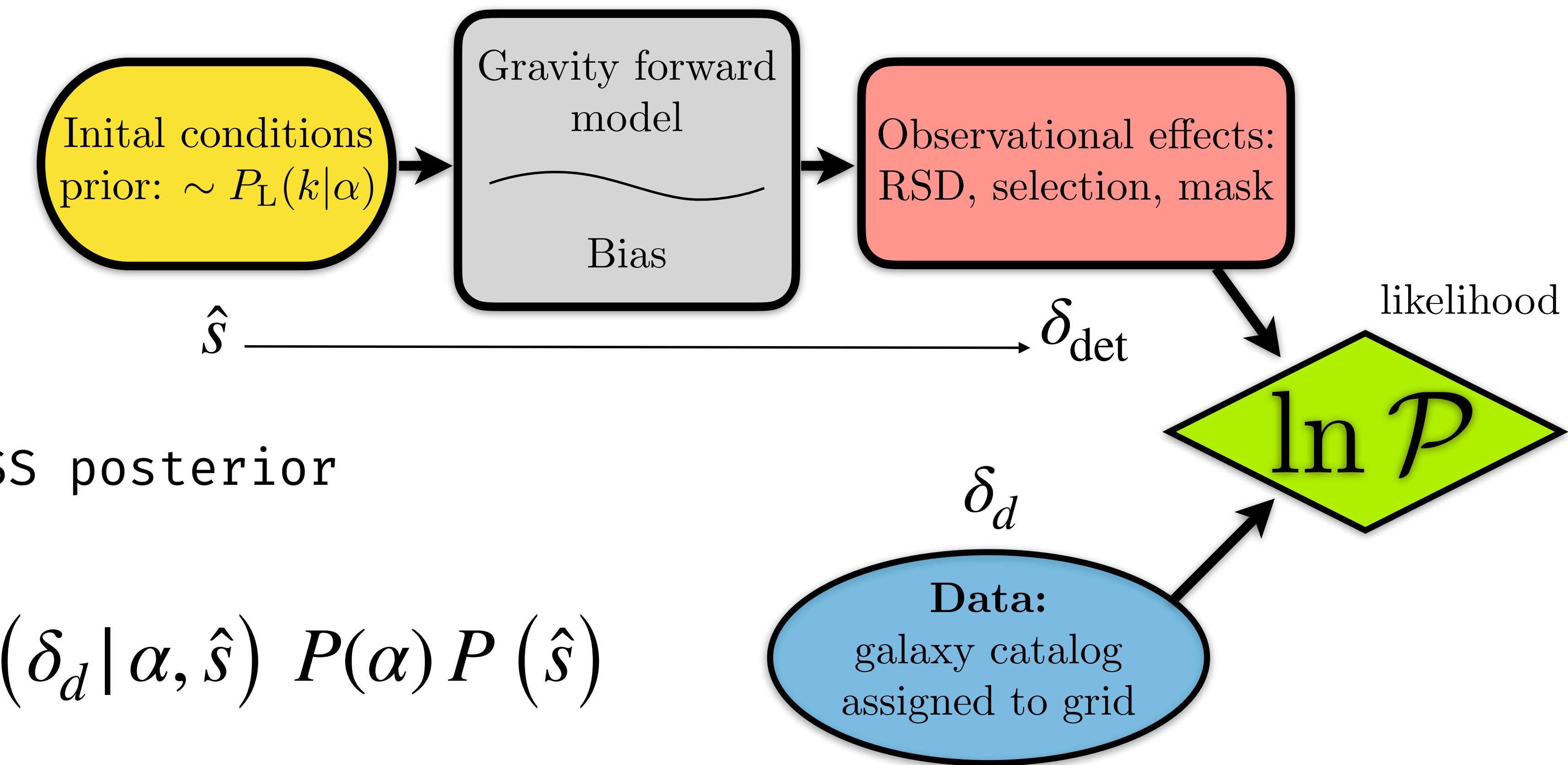
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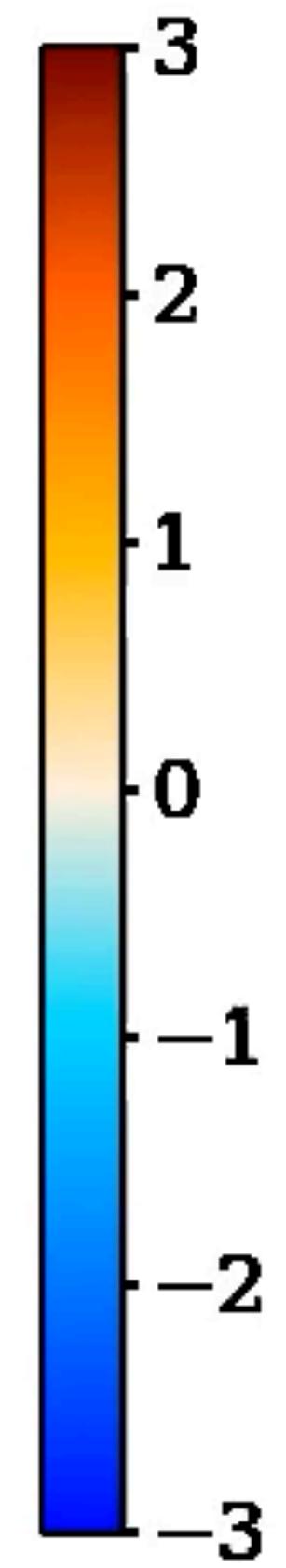
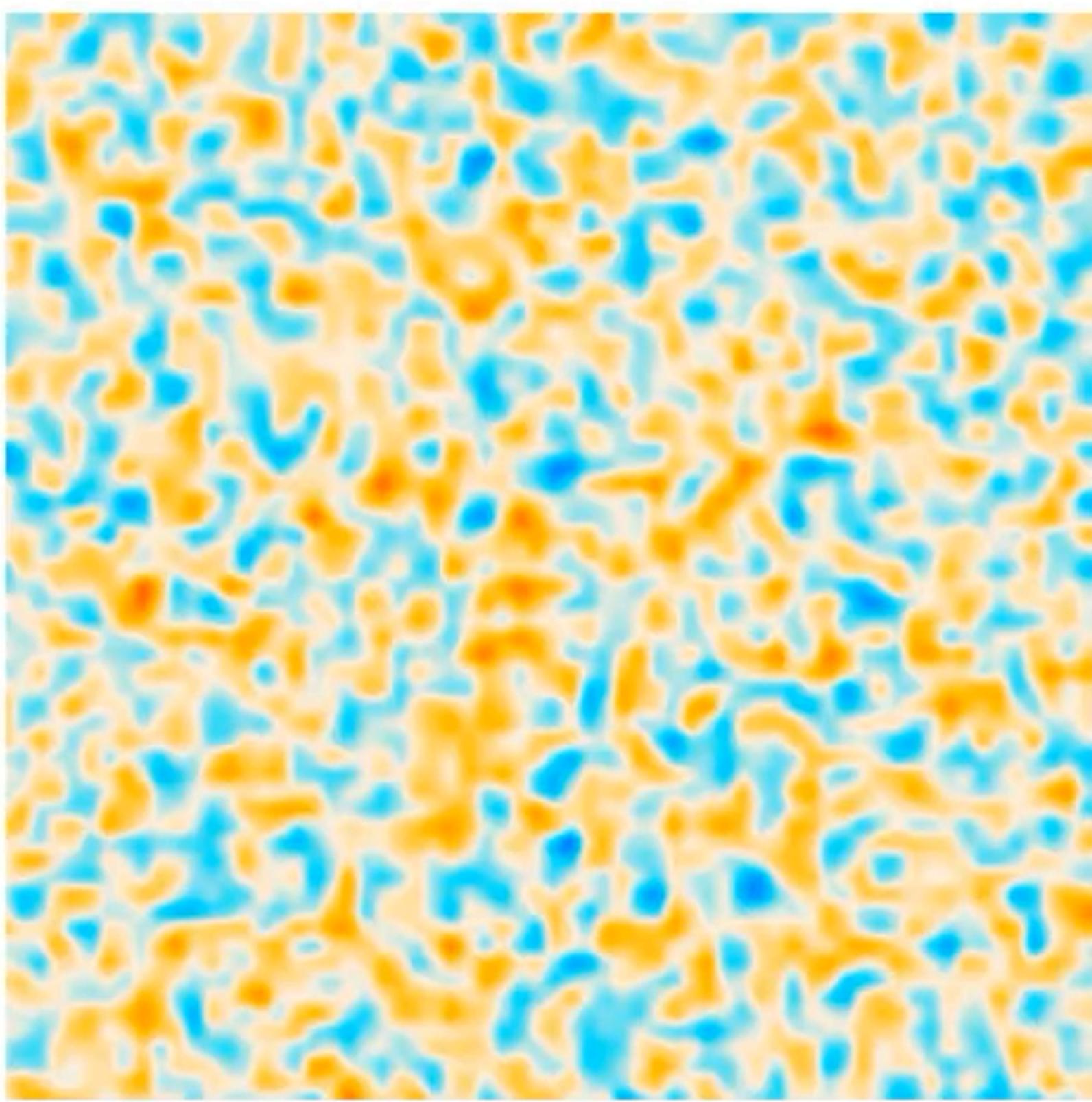


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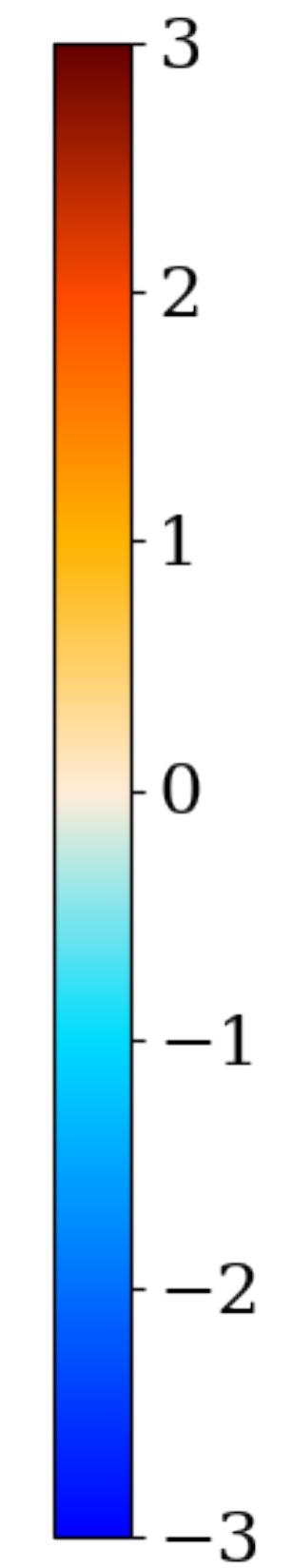
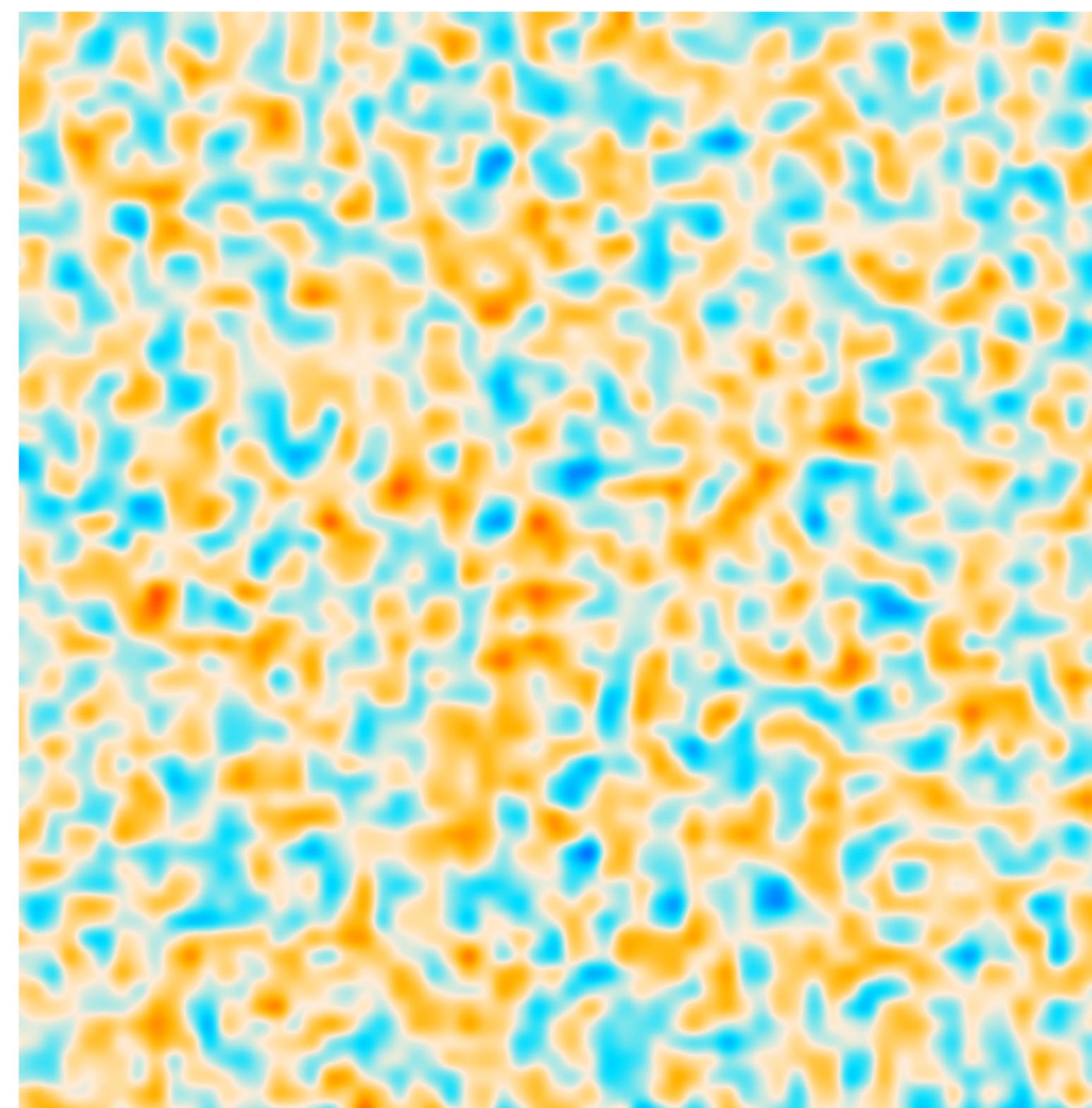
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# Cosmology from Field Level, Forward Modeling: Phase sampling - example

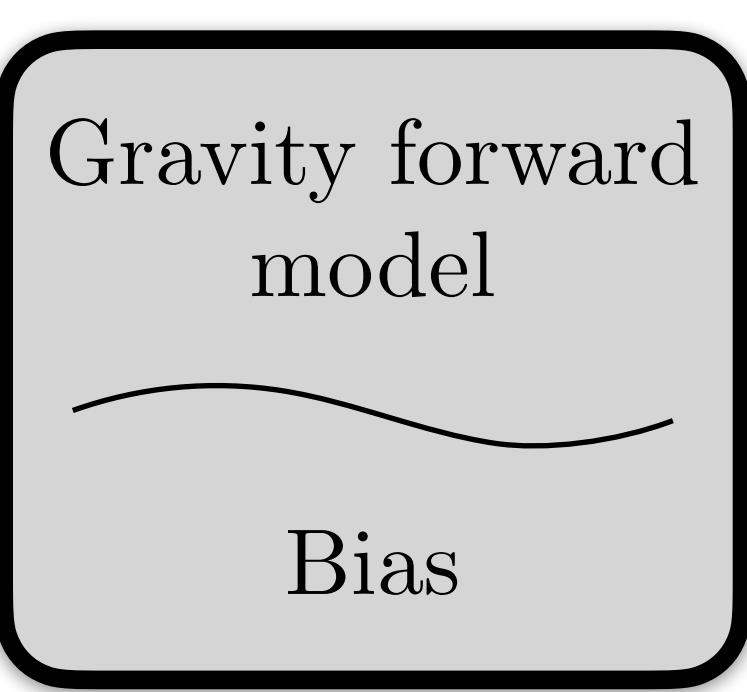
$\hat{s}(\mathbf{x})$



$\hat{s}_{\text{true}}(\mathbf{x})$

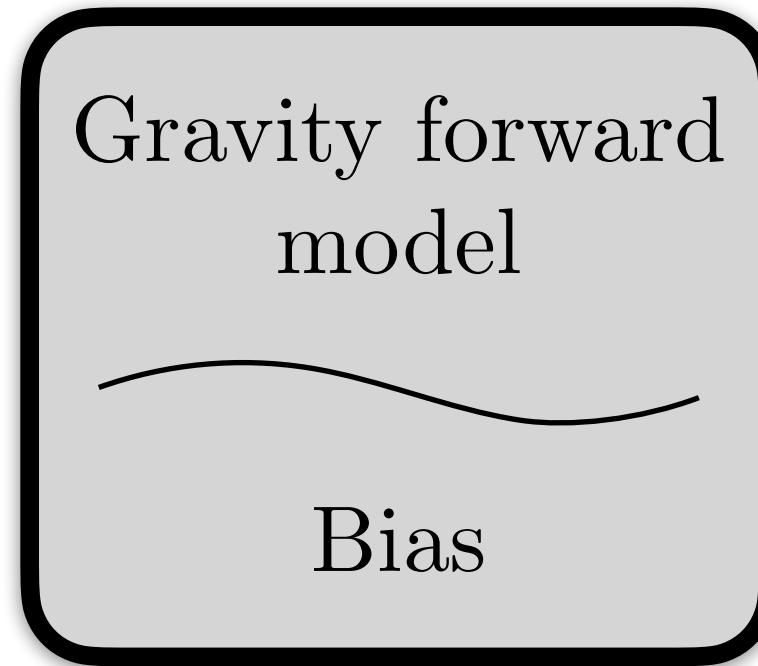


# Cosmology from Field Level, Forward Modeling: Effective Field Theory



Why EFT?

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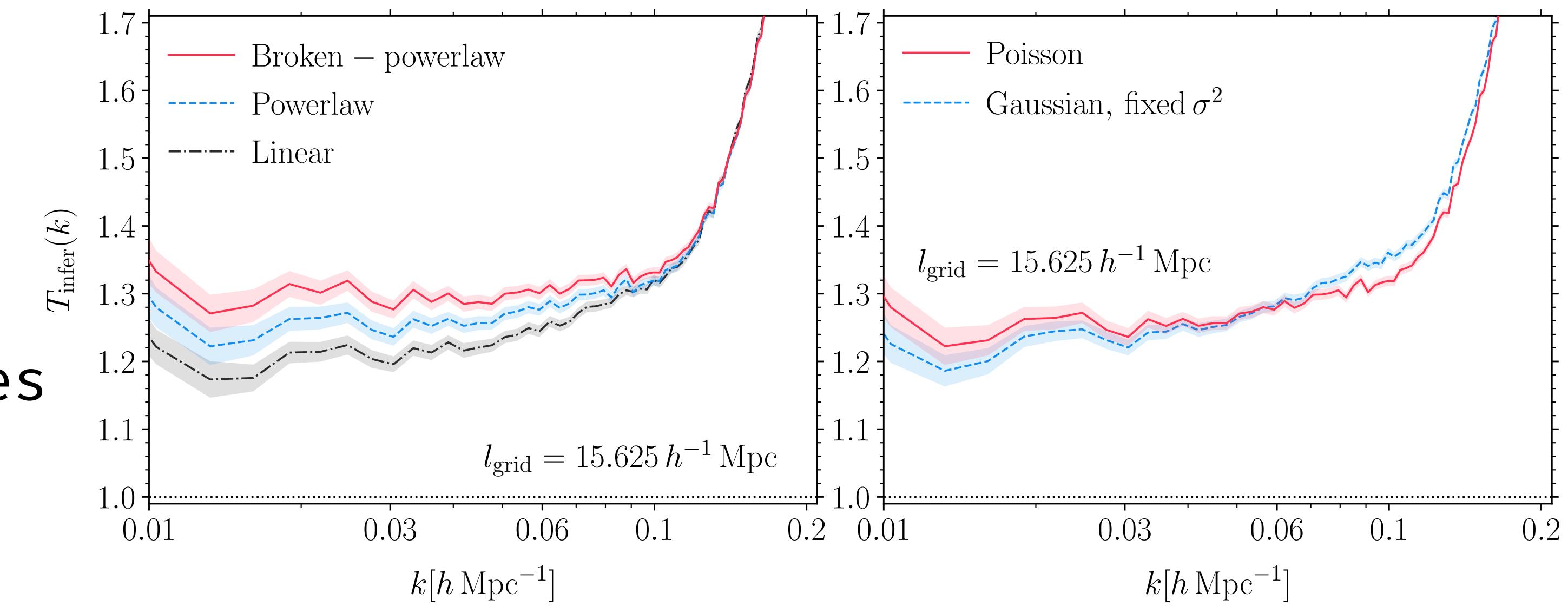
Why EFT?

Solid theoretical footing

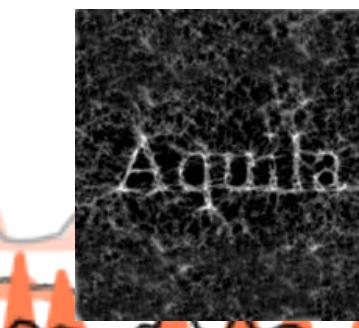
Strict control of coupling modes

N-body halos from gravity-only sims

Phenomenological galaxy bias model



MN+ , 2011.06587



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# Cosmology from Field Level, Forward Modeling: EFT of matter

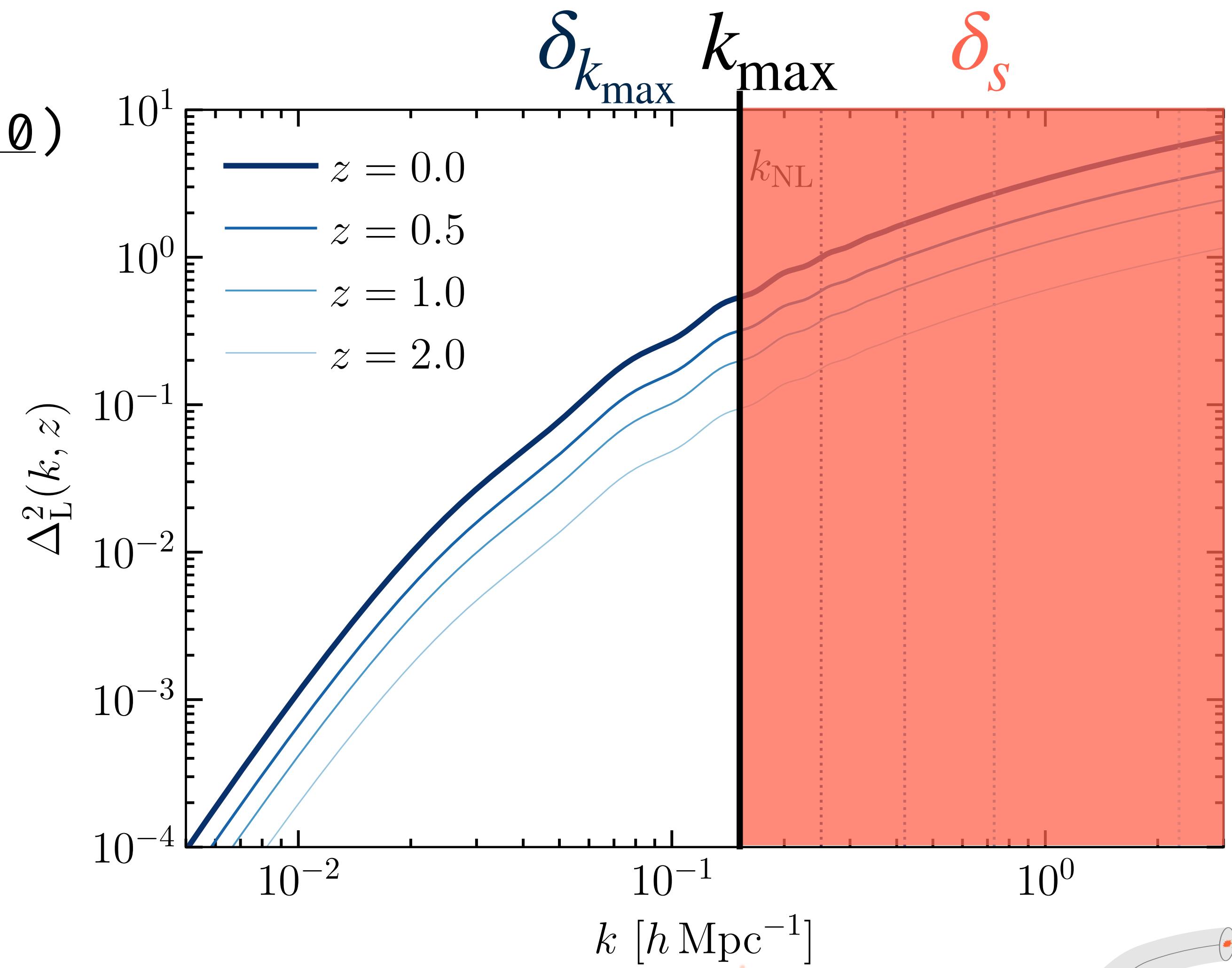
Motive: trust theory up to  $k_{\max}$

Procedure:

Split initial conditions

$$\delta \equiv \frac{\rho - \bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}} - 1 = \delta_{k_{\max}} + \delta_s$$

Marginalize over  $\delta_s$



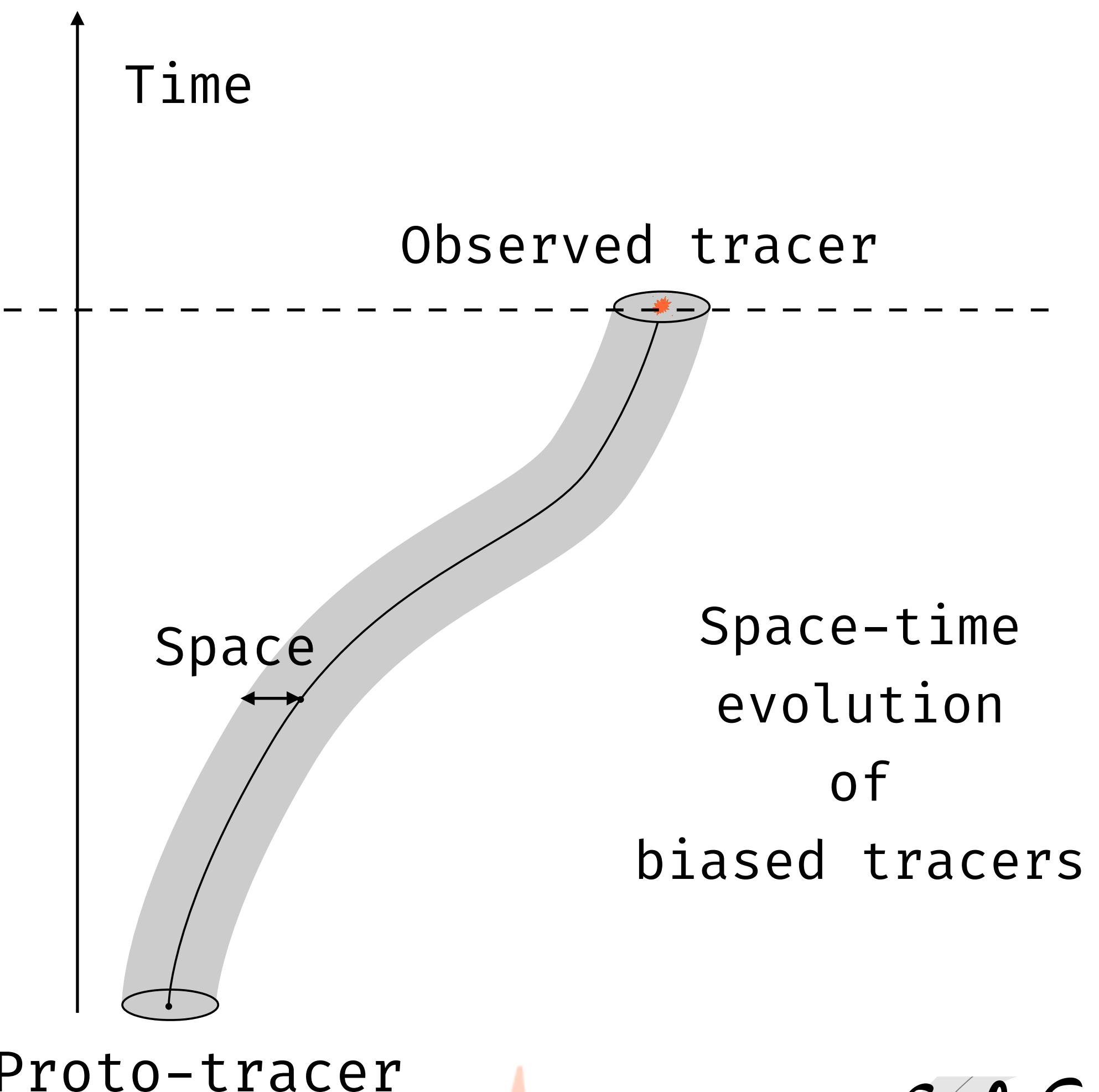
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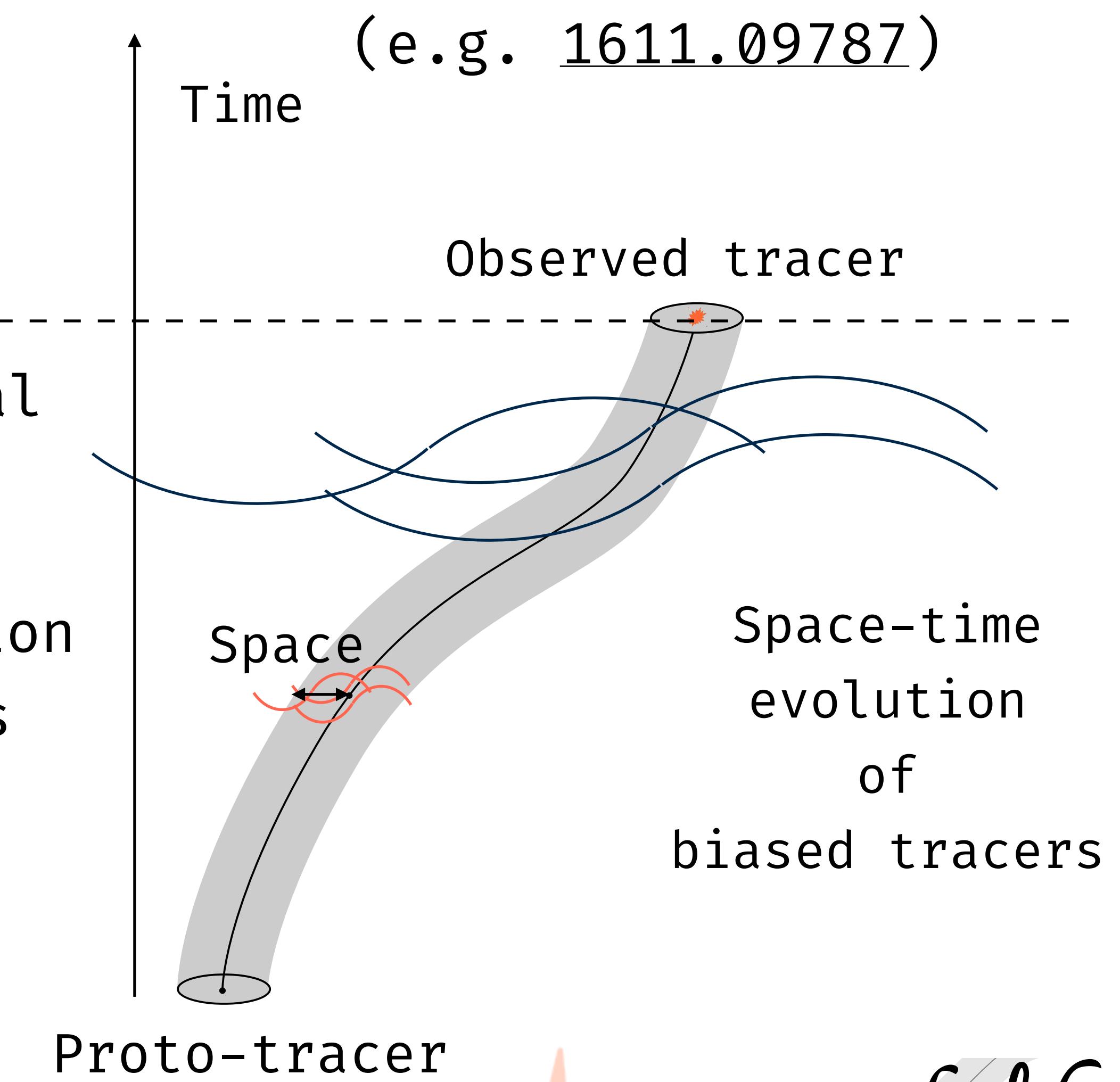
deterministic, local-time expansion

$O \sim$  only density and tidal fields

small-scale perturbations

stochastic field

$\epsilon \sim$  Gaussian, white spectrum



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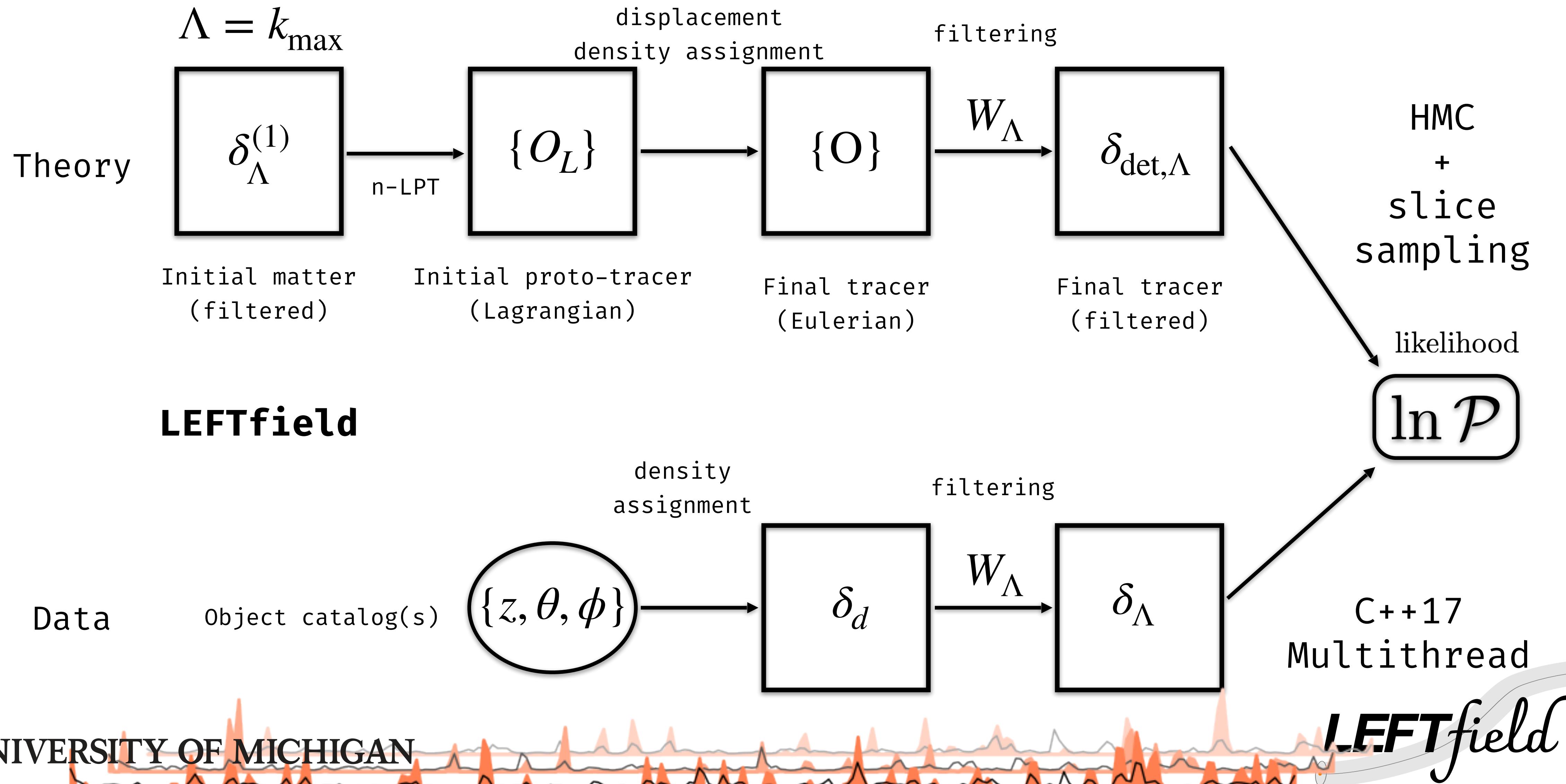
Analytical marginalization over  $\epsilon$

$$\ln \mathcal{L} \left( \delta_{d,k_{\max}} \mid \alpha, \hat{s}, \{b_O\}, \sigma_\epsilon \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \neq 0}^{k_{\max}} \left[ \ln 2\pi\sigma_\epsilon^2 + \frac{1}{\sigma_\epsilon^2} \left| \delta_{d,\Lambda}(\mathbf{k}) - \delta_{\text{det},\Lambda}[\alpha, \hat{s}, \{b_O\}](\mathbf{k}) \right|^2 \right]$$

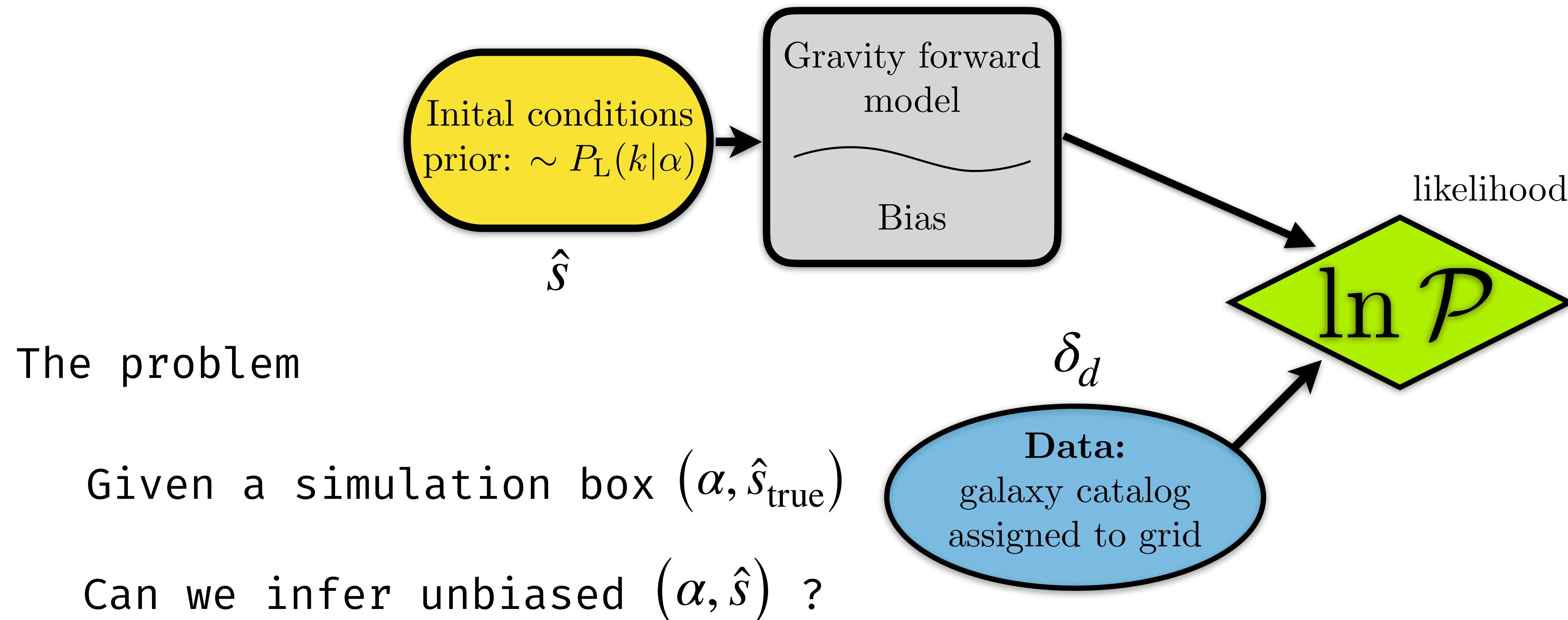
$\sigma_\epsilon$  to be inferred from data itself

Cabass, Schmidt [1909.04022](#)

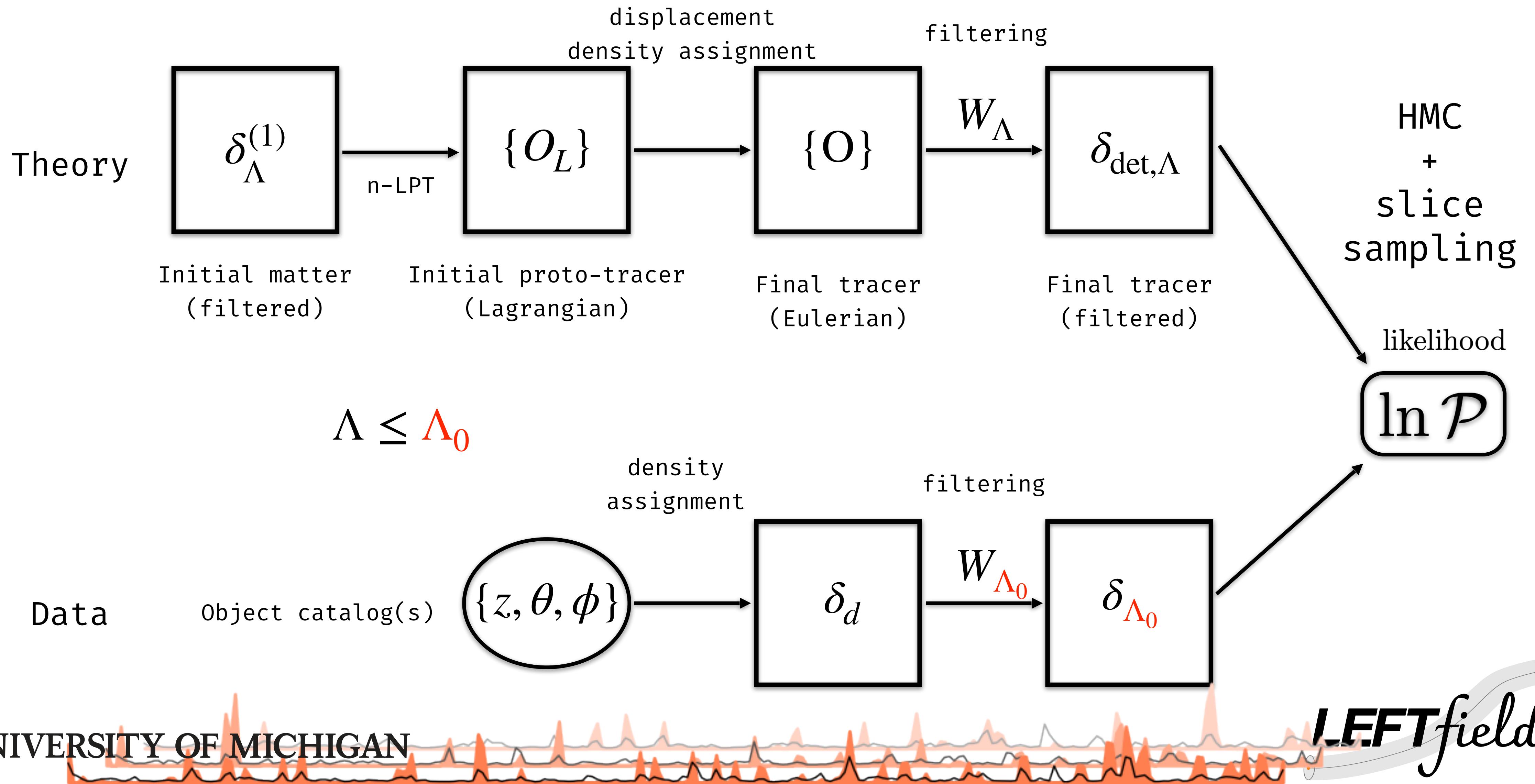
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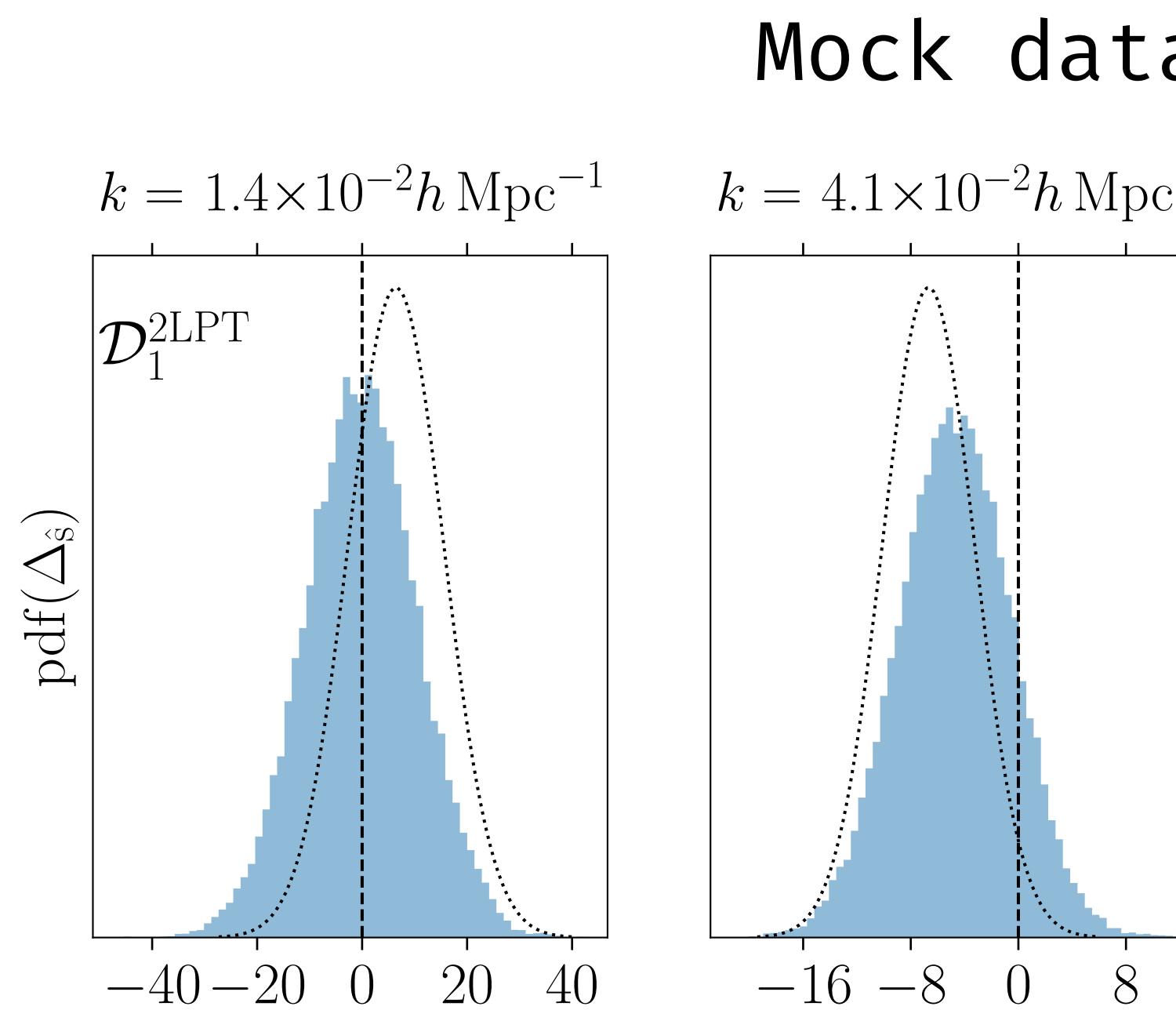
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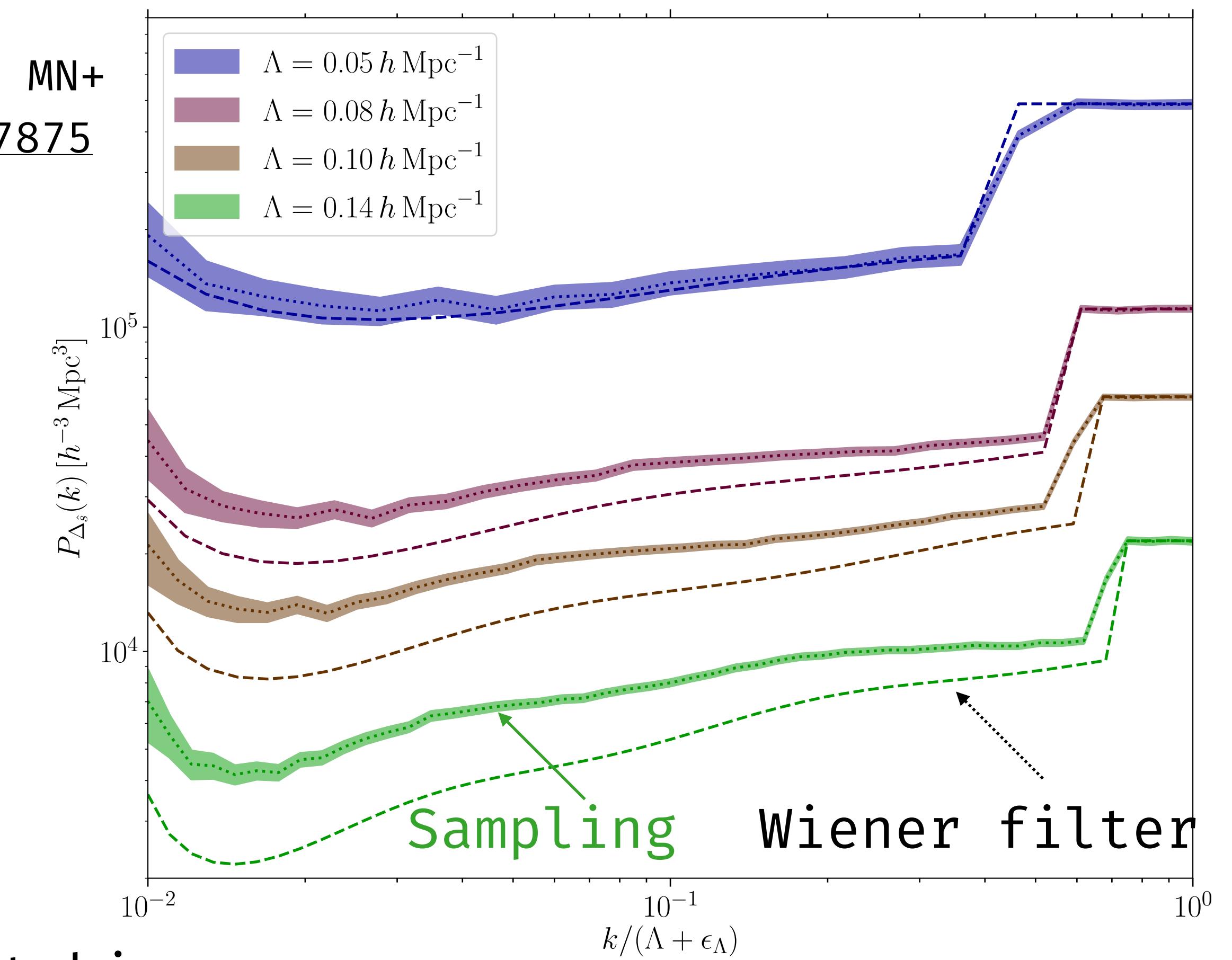
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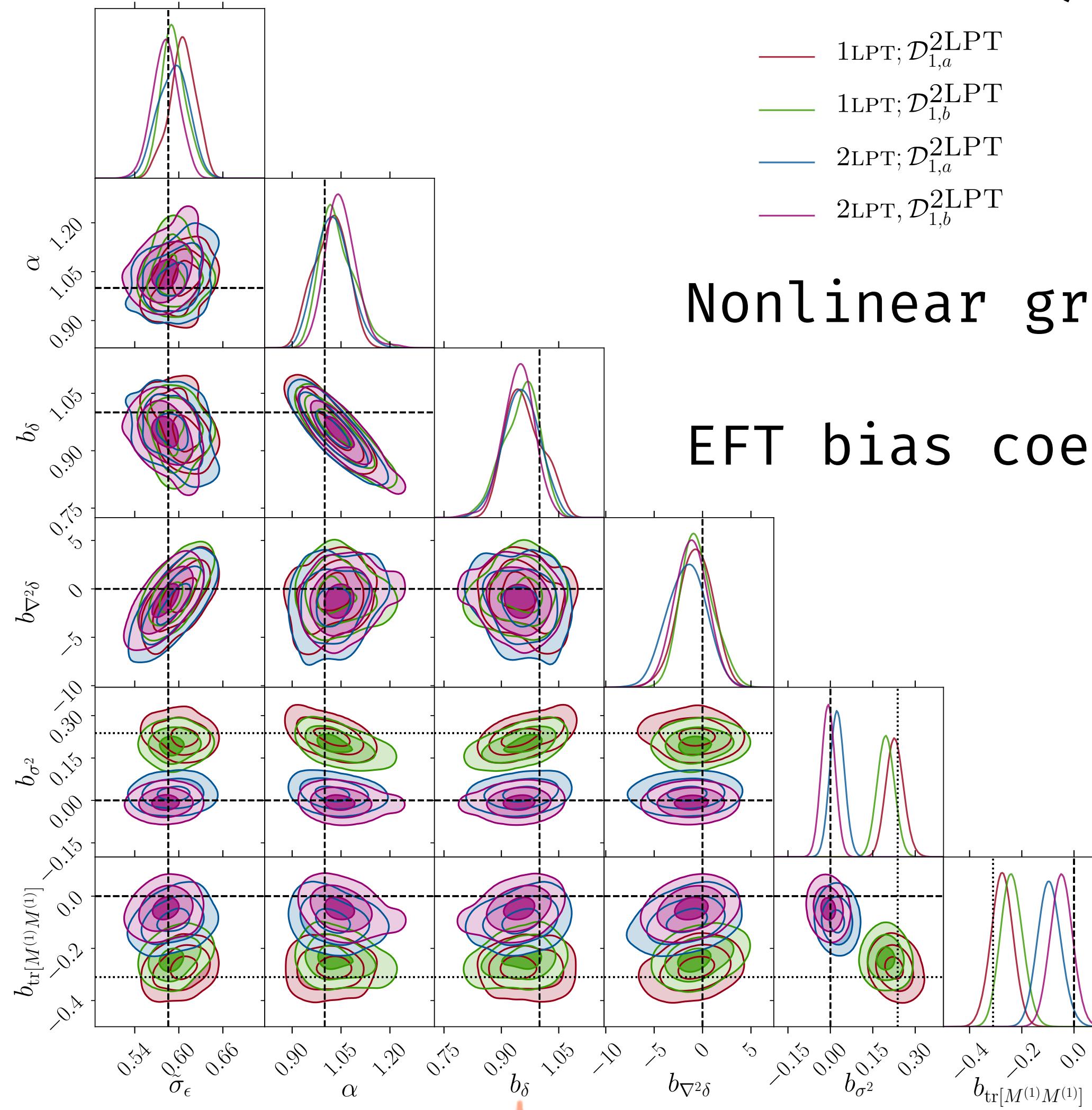


Nonlinear corrections matter even without bias

## Cosmology from Field Level, Forward Modeling:

Mock data

EFT mocks w/ cutoff mismatch



Nonlinear gravity, linear galaxy bias

EFT bias coefficients properly absorb mis-specification  
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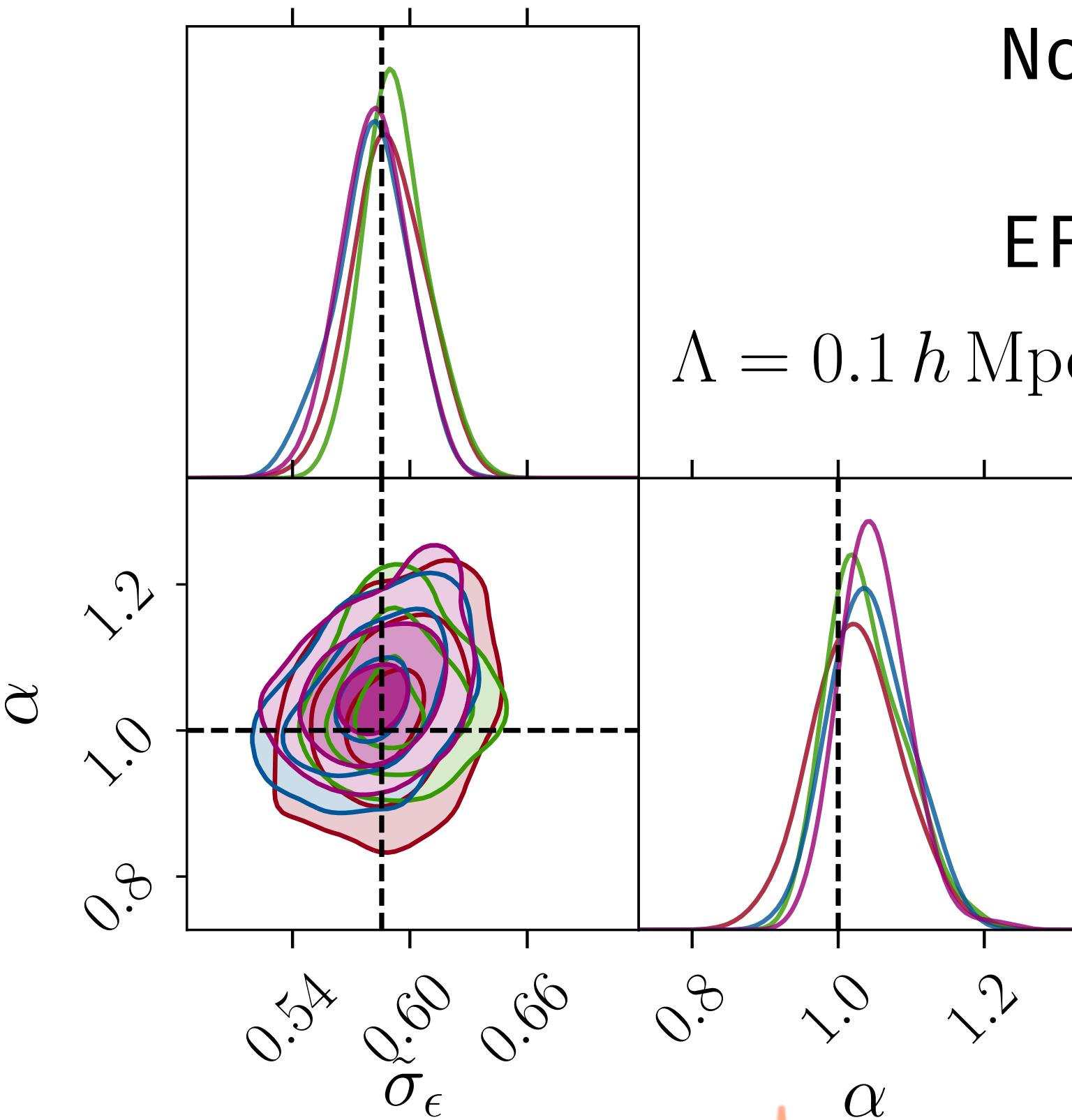
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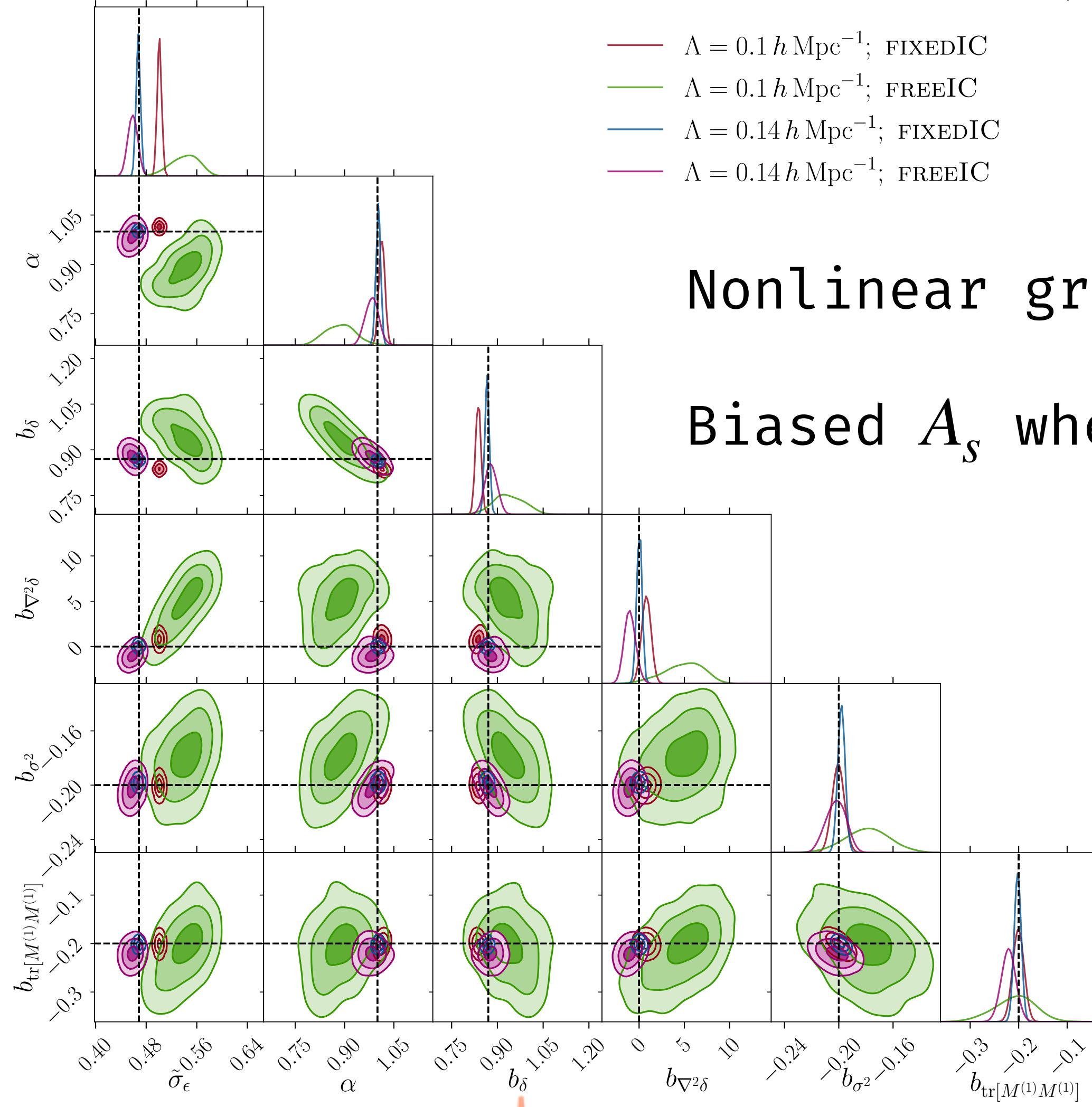
68%-CL constraint on  $\alpha \sim 0.04$

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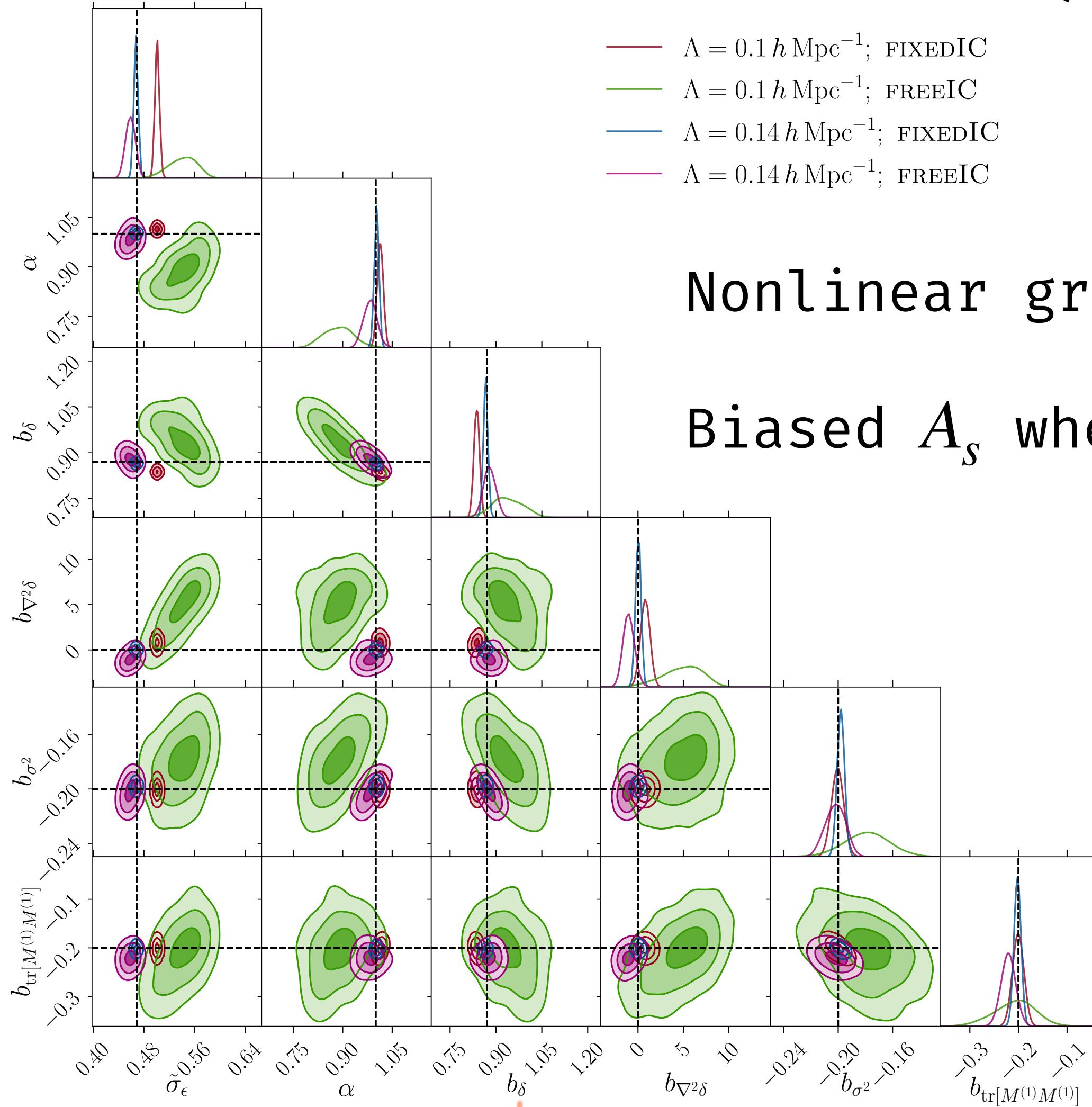
Biased  $A_s$  when nonlinear bias is involved

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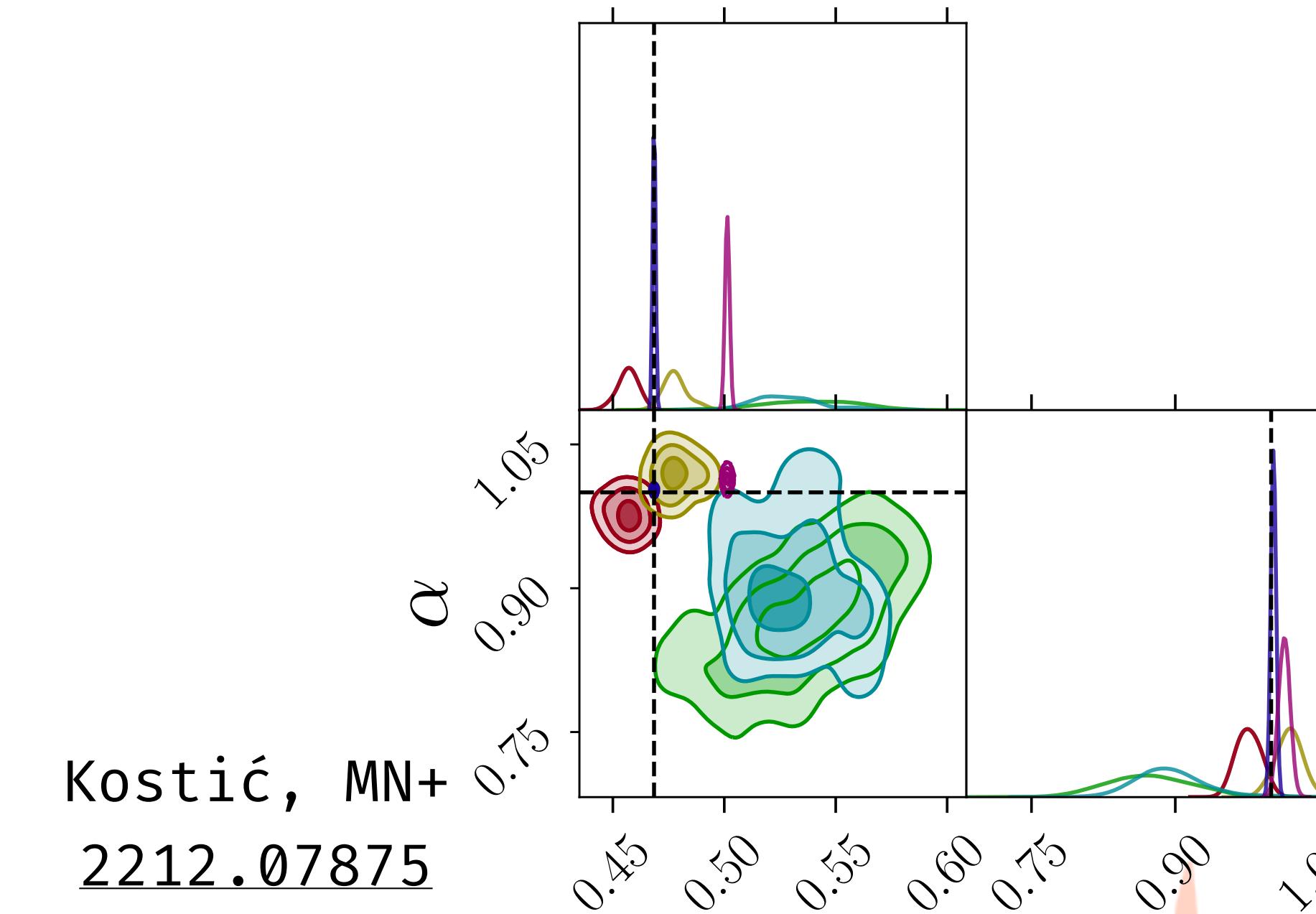
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## Cosmology from Field Level, Forward Modeling: Summary

More and better information

Optimal cosmological inference

Proper density inference

Coming soon: New probes (galaxy momentum, intrinsic shape,...)

**LEFTfield** will be publicly available

Stay tuned!