

Beyond the power spectrum with large-deviation theory

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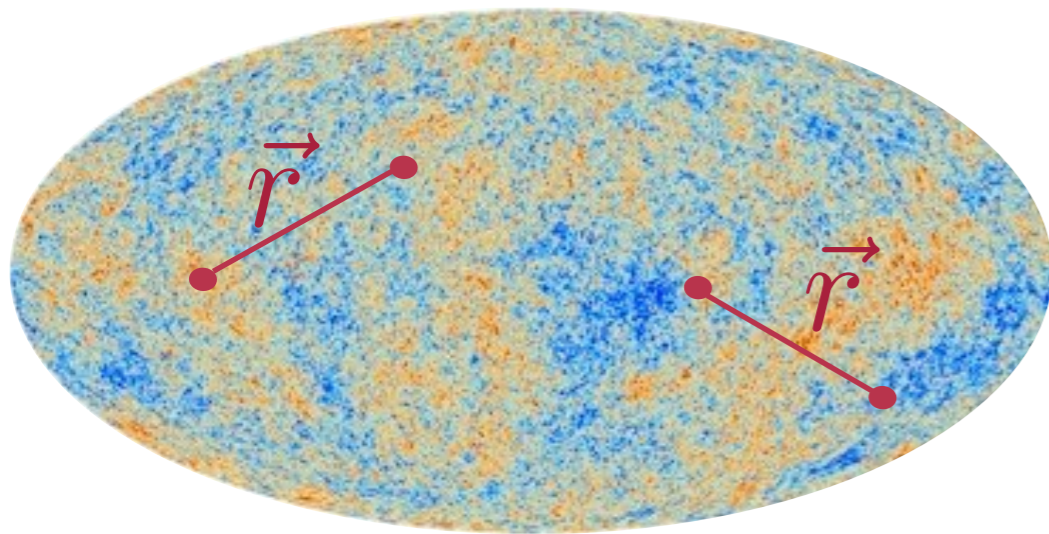
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How is the cosmic web woven?

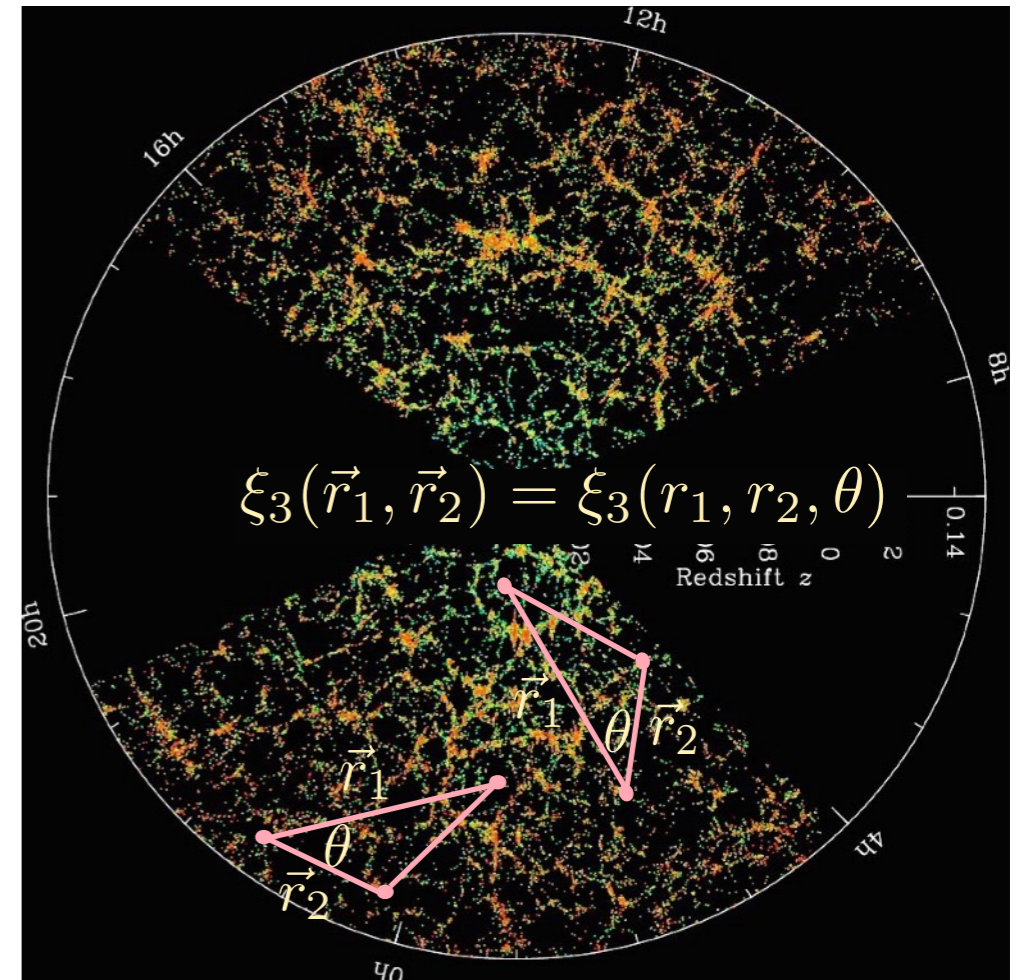
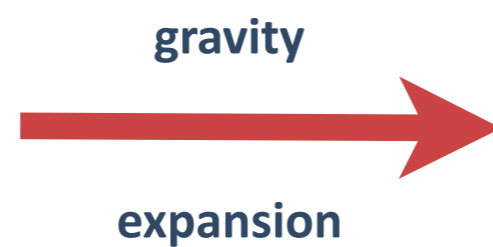
cosmic web: voids, walls, filaments, nodes

Gaussian primordial fluctuations



$$\langle \delta(\vec{x})\delta(\vec{x} + \vec{r}) \rangle = \xi_2(\|\vec{r}\|)$$

Initial state fully described by the 2-pt correlation function (= power spectrum)



Subsequent gravitational evolution is **non-Gaussian**: need to go beyond 2-pt and study **higher order statistics** e.g 3-pt correlation function (= bispectrum)

How to extract information?

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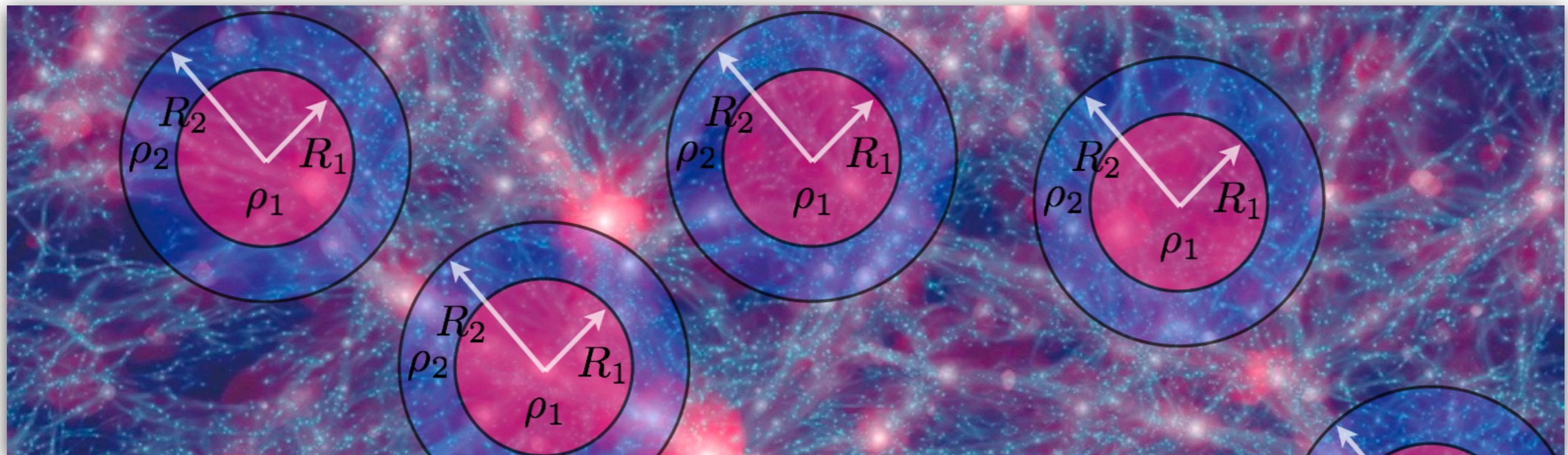
Issues: to enter into the non-linear regime, one probably needs to introduce plenty of free parameters.

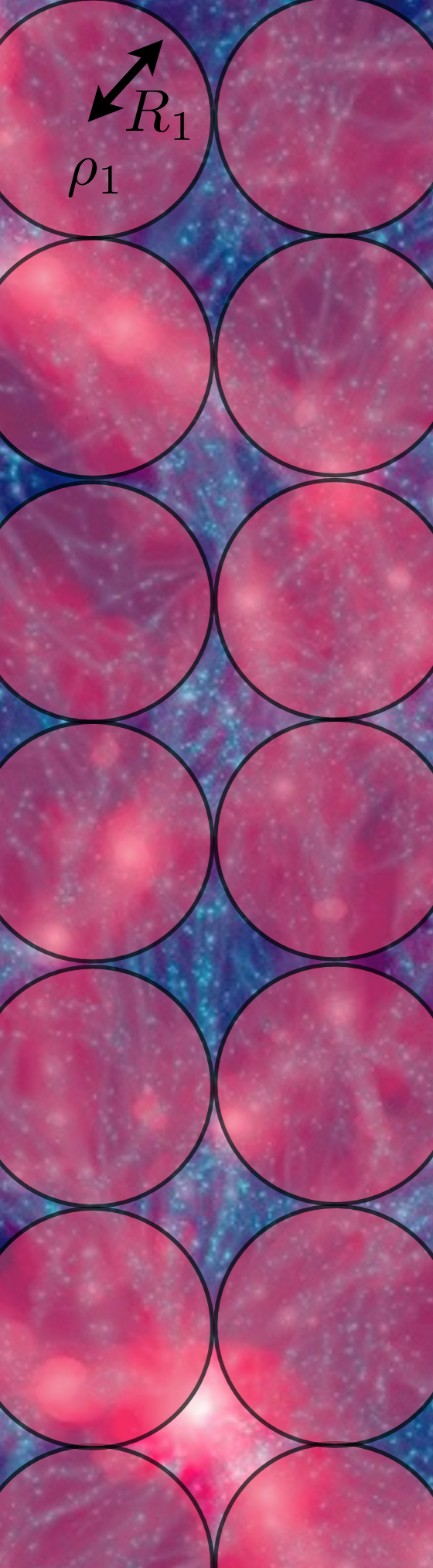
Is it worth it?

Can we find other observables which can be predicted from first principles and can probe the mildly non-linear regime?

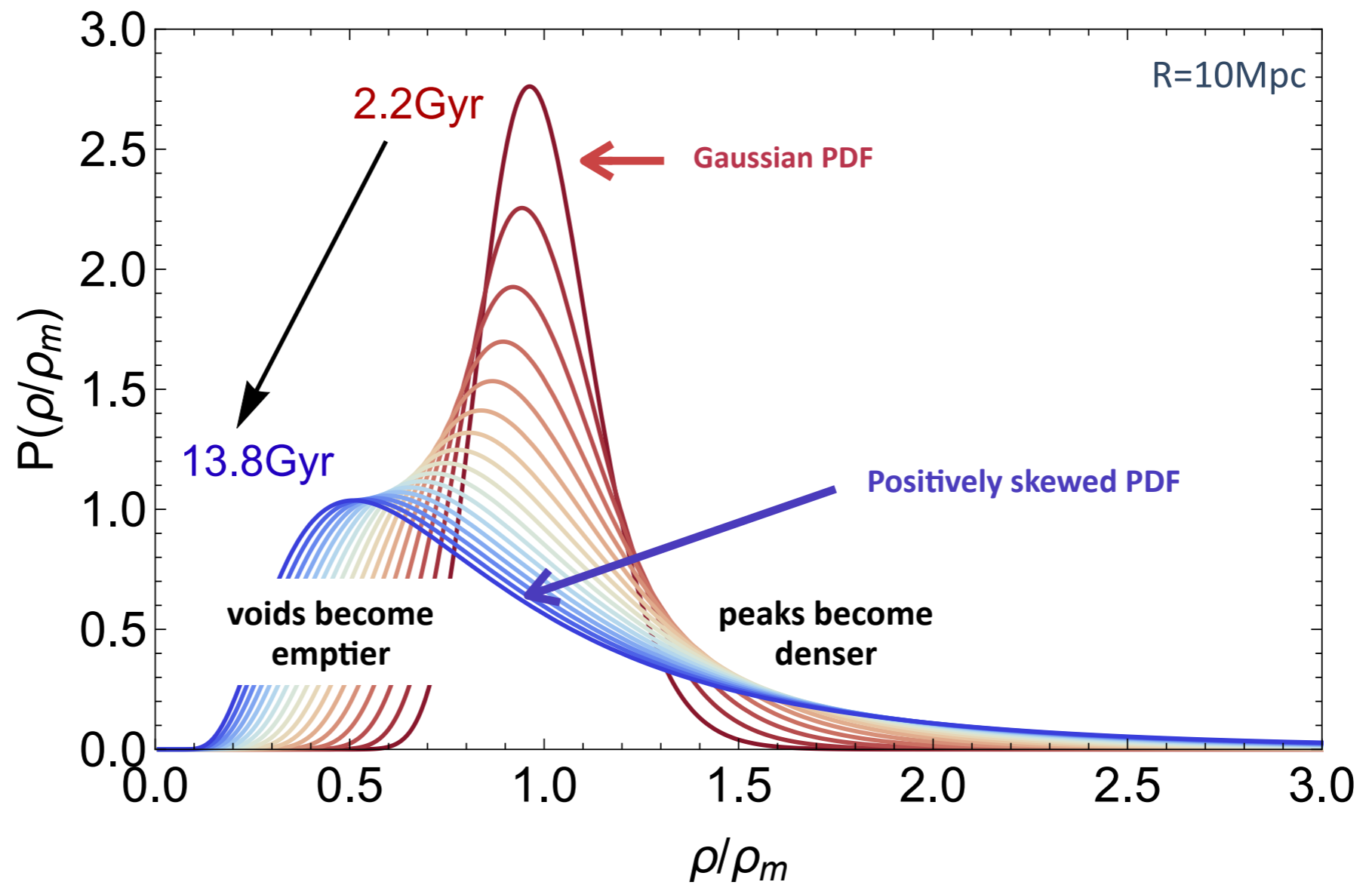
Yes, there is one such configuration: counts in cells, for which the spherical symmetry allows to reduce the effect of the small scales.

$$\mathcal{P}(\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n) = ?$$





Cosmic density PDF



Can we predict this non-linear density PDF?

From cumulants to PDF

PT can predict the n-th order cumulants whose ratios

$$S_n = \frac{\langle \delta^n \rangle_c}{\sigma^{2n-2}}$$

are almost z-independent. In particular, if the density field is smoothed with a top-hat filter

$$S_3 = \frac{34}{7} + \gamma_1,$$

$$S_4 = \frac{60712}{1323} + \frac{62\gamma_1}{3} + \frac{7\gamma_1^2}{3} + \frac{2\gamma_2}{3},$$

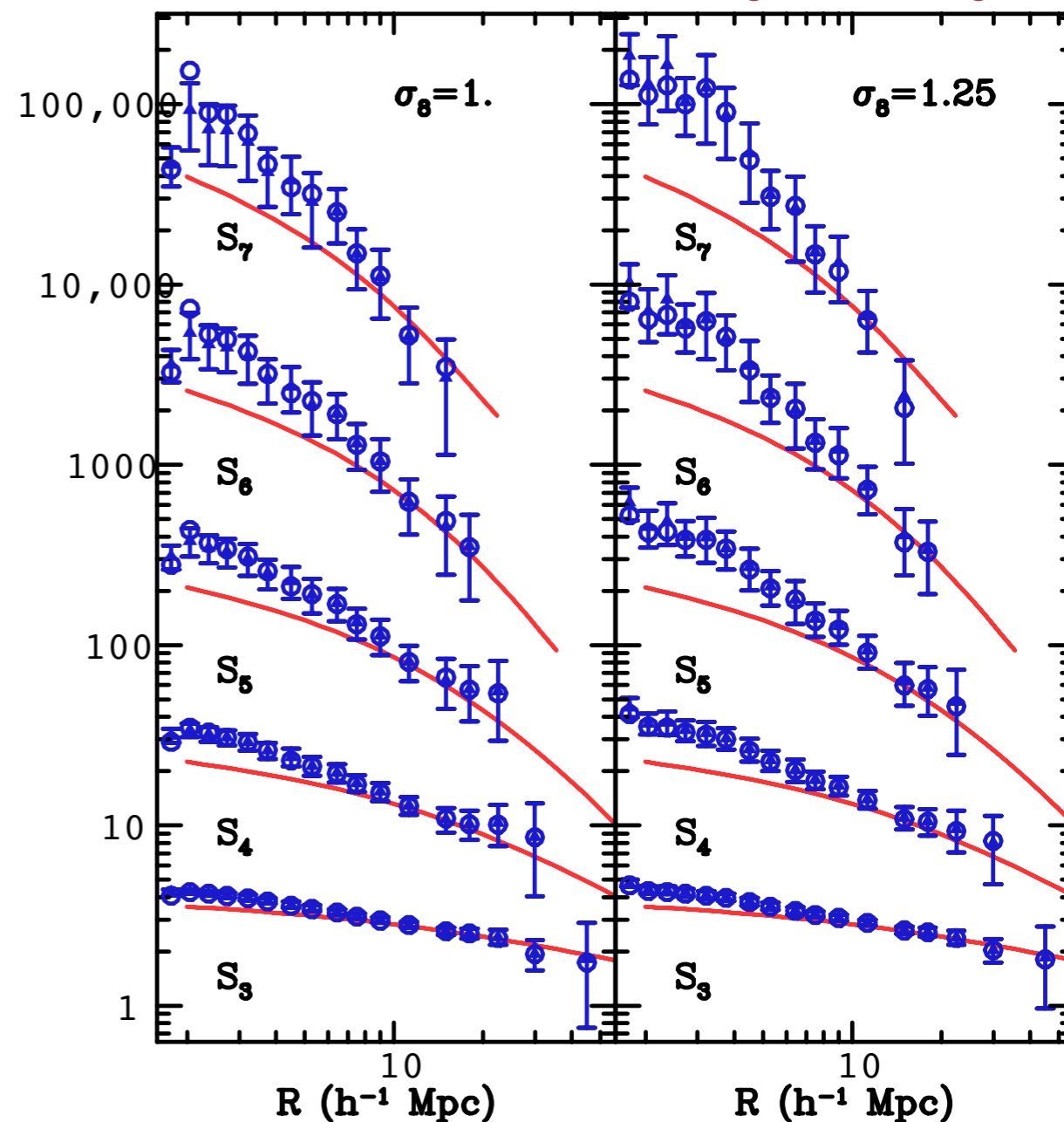
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where

$$\gamma_p = \frac{d^p \log \sigma^2(R_0)}{d \log^p R_0}$$

depends on the shape of the linear power spectrum.

Baugh & Gaztañaga '95



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From cumulants to PDF

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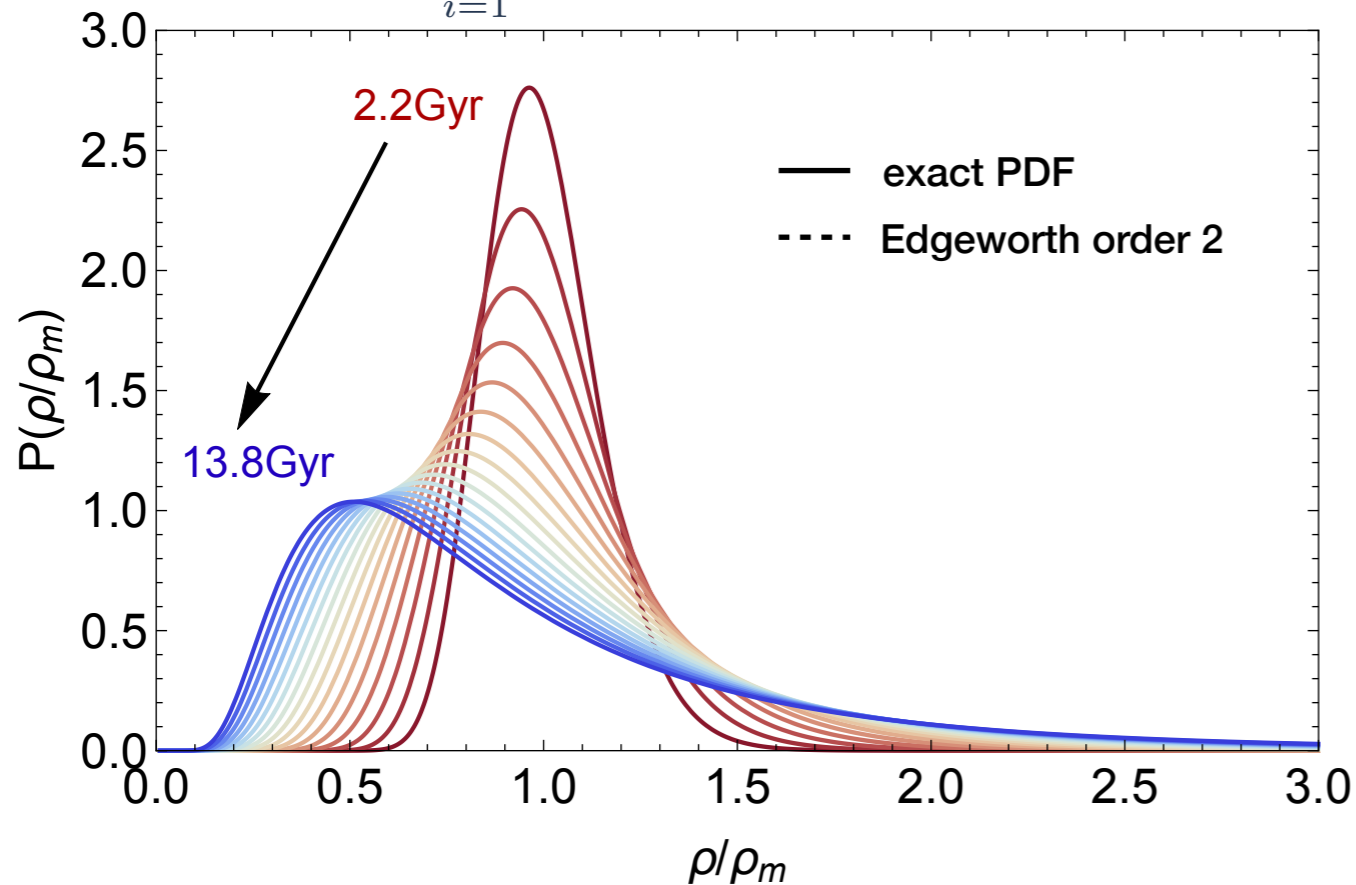
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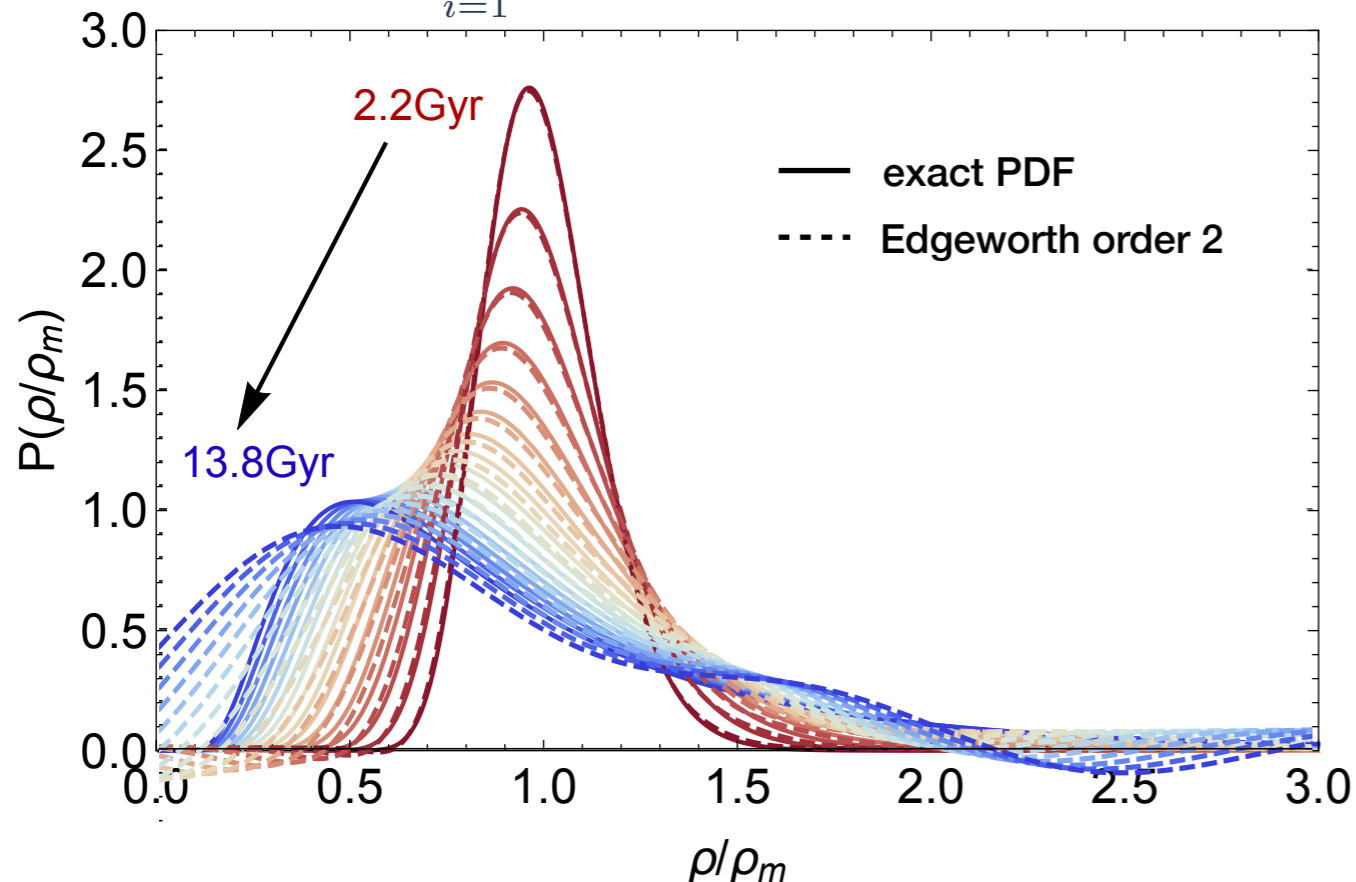
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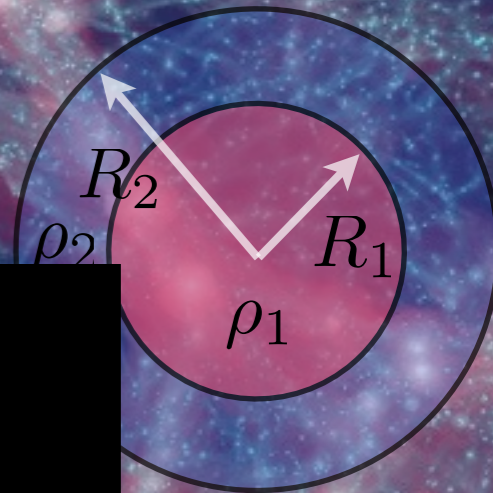
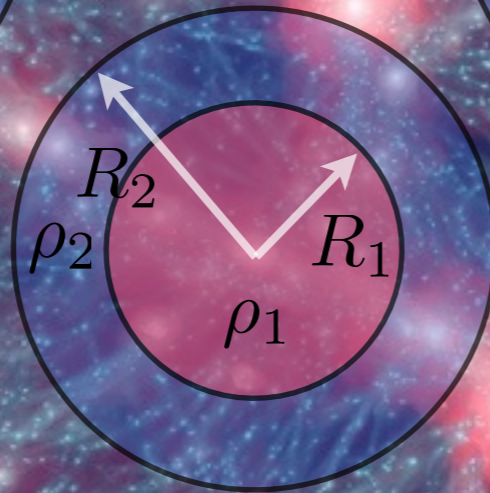
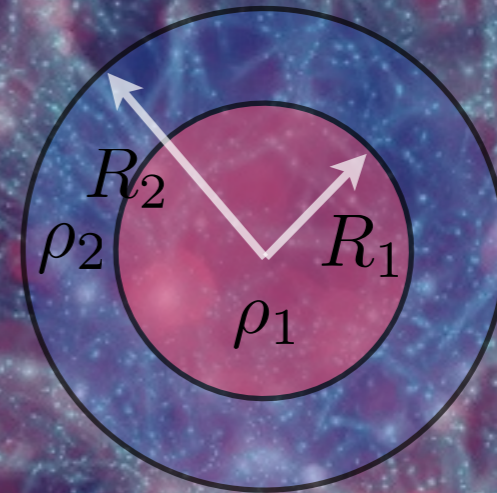
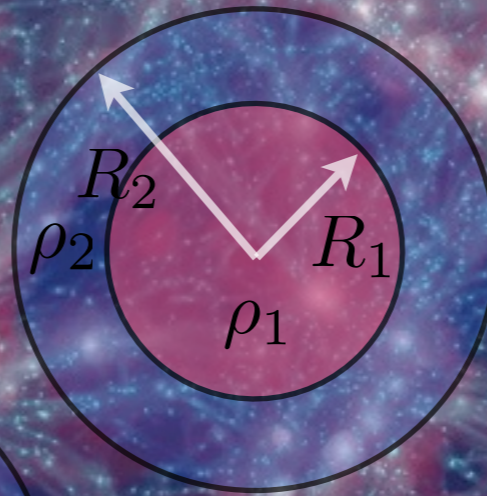
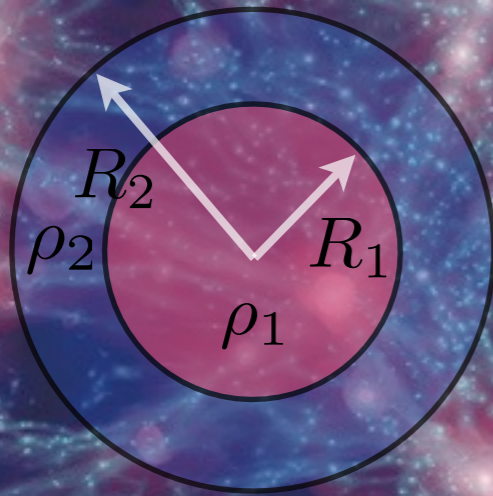


Problem : When this series is truncated at some orders, the PDF is unphysical : it is not normalised and can take negative values.

Solution : **large-deviation theory** provides us with a model for the PDF which does not suffer from those issues. All cumulants are exact at tree-order.

«An unlikely fluctuation is brought about by the least unlikely among all unlikely paths »

Beyond the power spectrum with large deviations theory

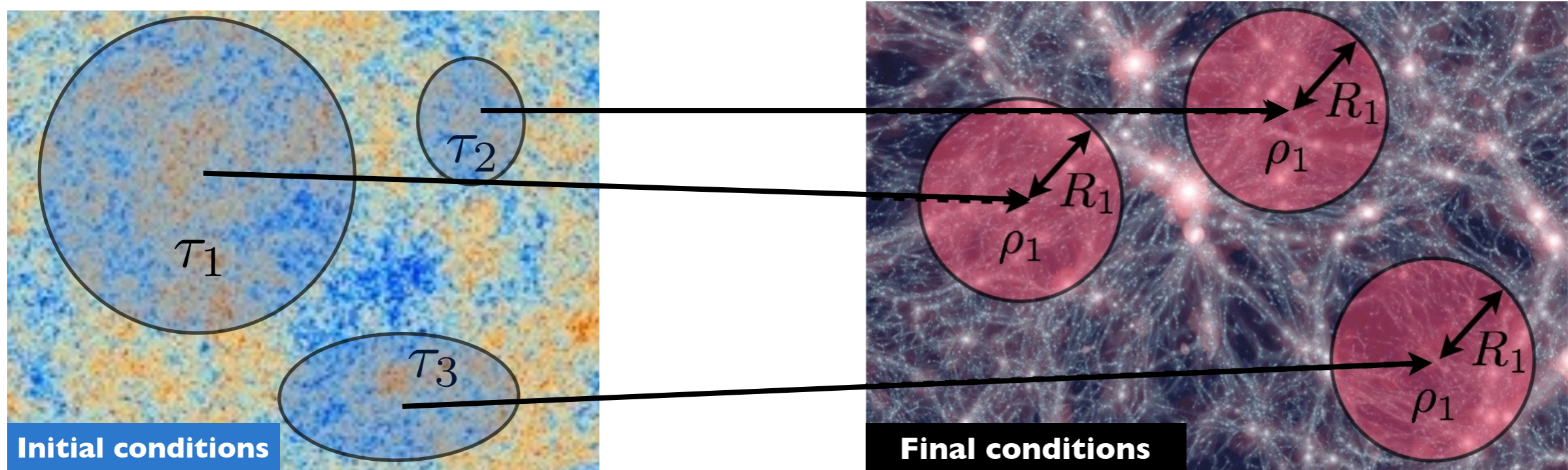


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Large-deviation Theory:

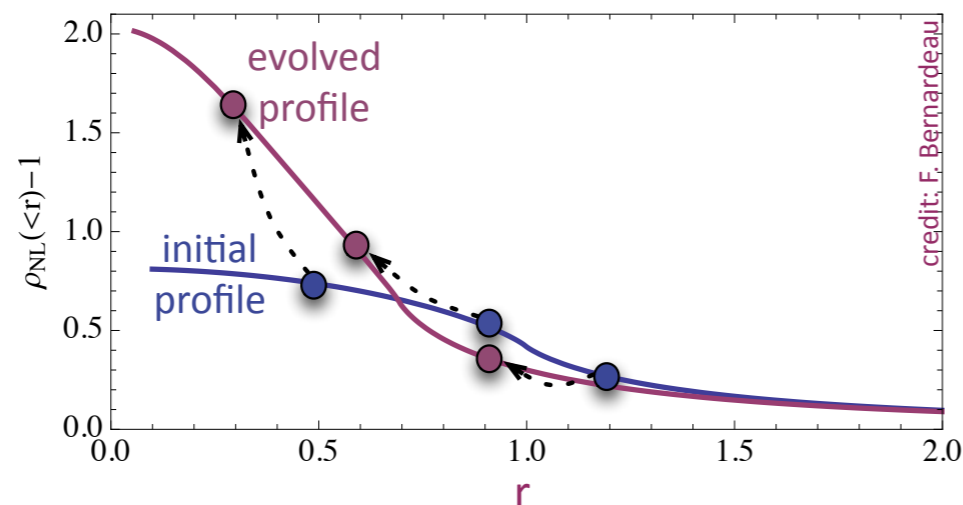
what is the most likely initial configuration a final density originates from?

In principle, one has to sum over all possible paths:



Different initial configurations can lead to the same final state! What is the most likely one?

Conjecture: Spherical symmetry enforces this most likely path to be the **Spherical Collapse dynamics**.



$$\tau \rightarrow \rho = \zeta_{\text{SC}}(\tau)$$

$$r_0 \rightarrow r = r_0 \rho^{-1/3}$$

Large-deviation Theory: in a nutshell

LDP tells us how to compute the **cumulant generating function** from the initial conditions using the spherical collapse as the « mean dynamics »:

$$\varphi(\{\lambda_k\}) = \sup_{\rho_i} (\lambda_i \rho_i - I(\rho_i))$$

**Varadhan's
theorem**

Why?

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\lambda_k) &= \left\langle \exp\left(\underbrace{\sum_i \lambda_i \rho_i}_i\right) \right\rangle = \int_0^\infty \prod_i d\rho_i P(\{\rho_k\}) \exp\left(\sum_i \lambda_i \rho_i\right) \\ &\simeq \lambda_i \langle \rho_i \rangle + \lambda_i \lambda_j \langle \rho_i \rho_j \rangle + \dots \end{aligned}$$

initial density contrast

$$= \int \mathcal{D}[\tau(\vec{x})] \mathcal{P}[\tau(\vec{x})] \exp(\lambda_i \rho_i [\tau(\vec{x})])$$

known Gaussian PDF $\mathcal{P}(\tau) \propto e^{-I(\tau)}$

**contraction
principle**

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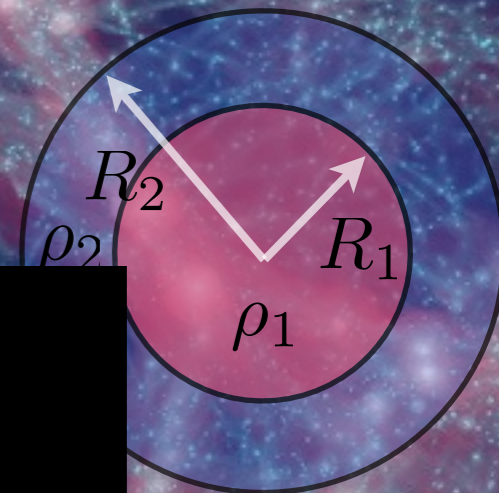
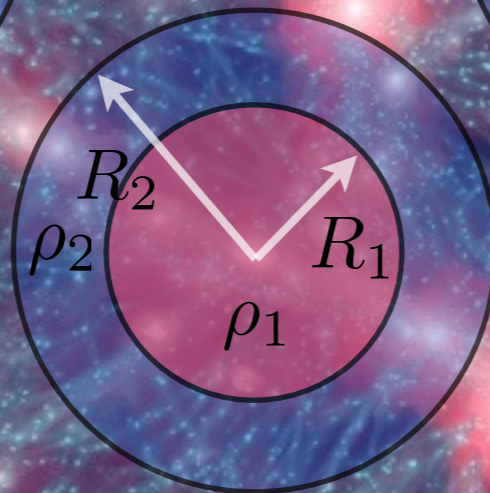
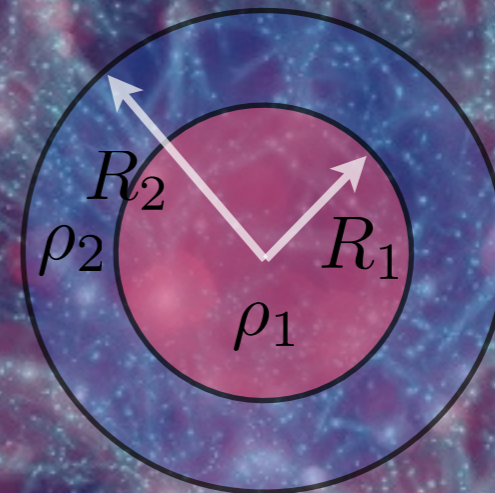
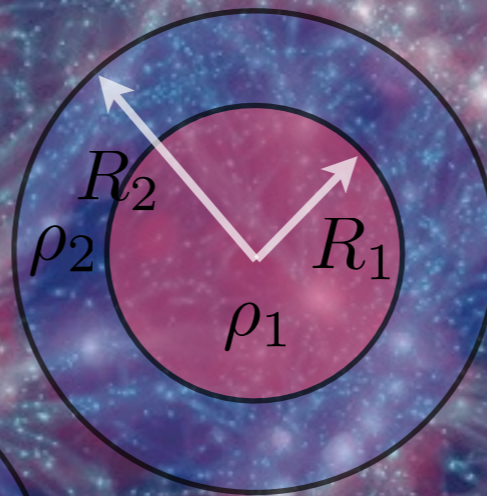
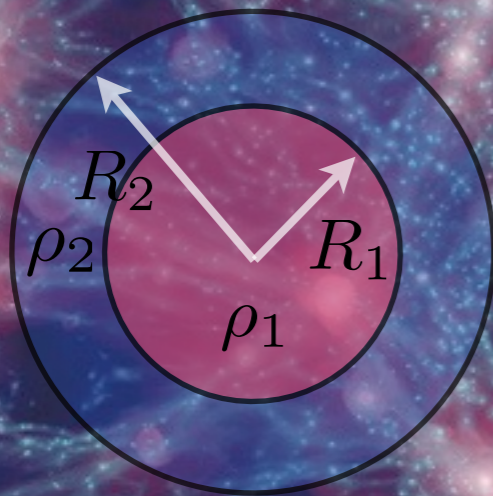
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The density **PDF** is then obtained via an inverse Laplace transform of the CGF

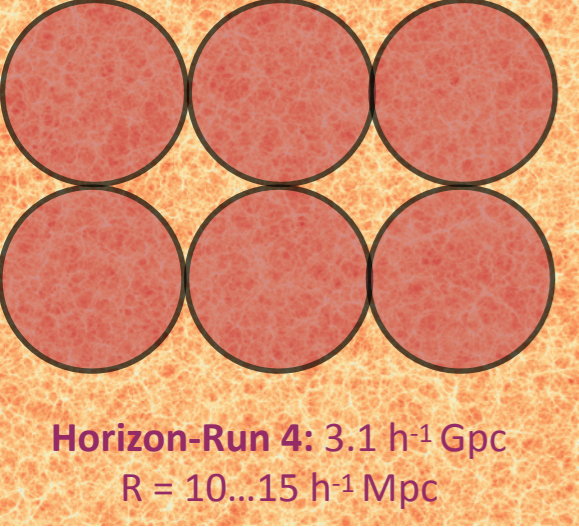
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- This is exact in the zero variance limit. We then extrapolate to non zero values.
- **Parameter-free** theory which depends on cosmology through : the spherical collapse dynamics, the linear power spectrum and growth of structure.
- Predictions are fully **analytical** if one applies the LDP to the log. (*Uhlemann+16*)

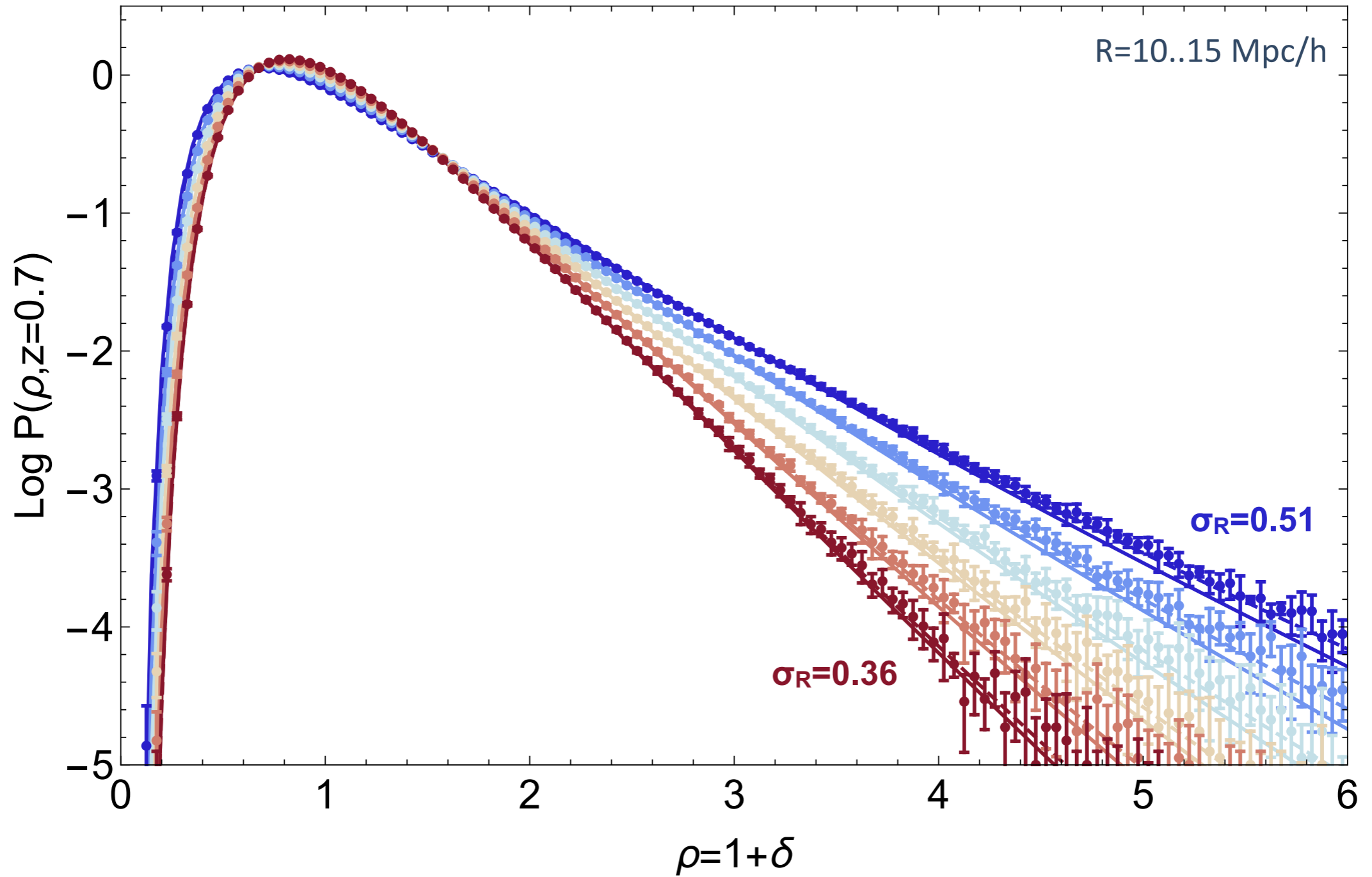
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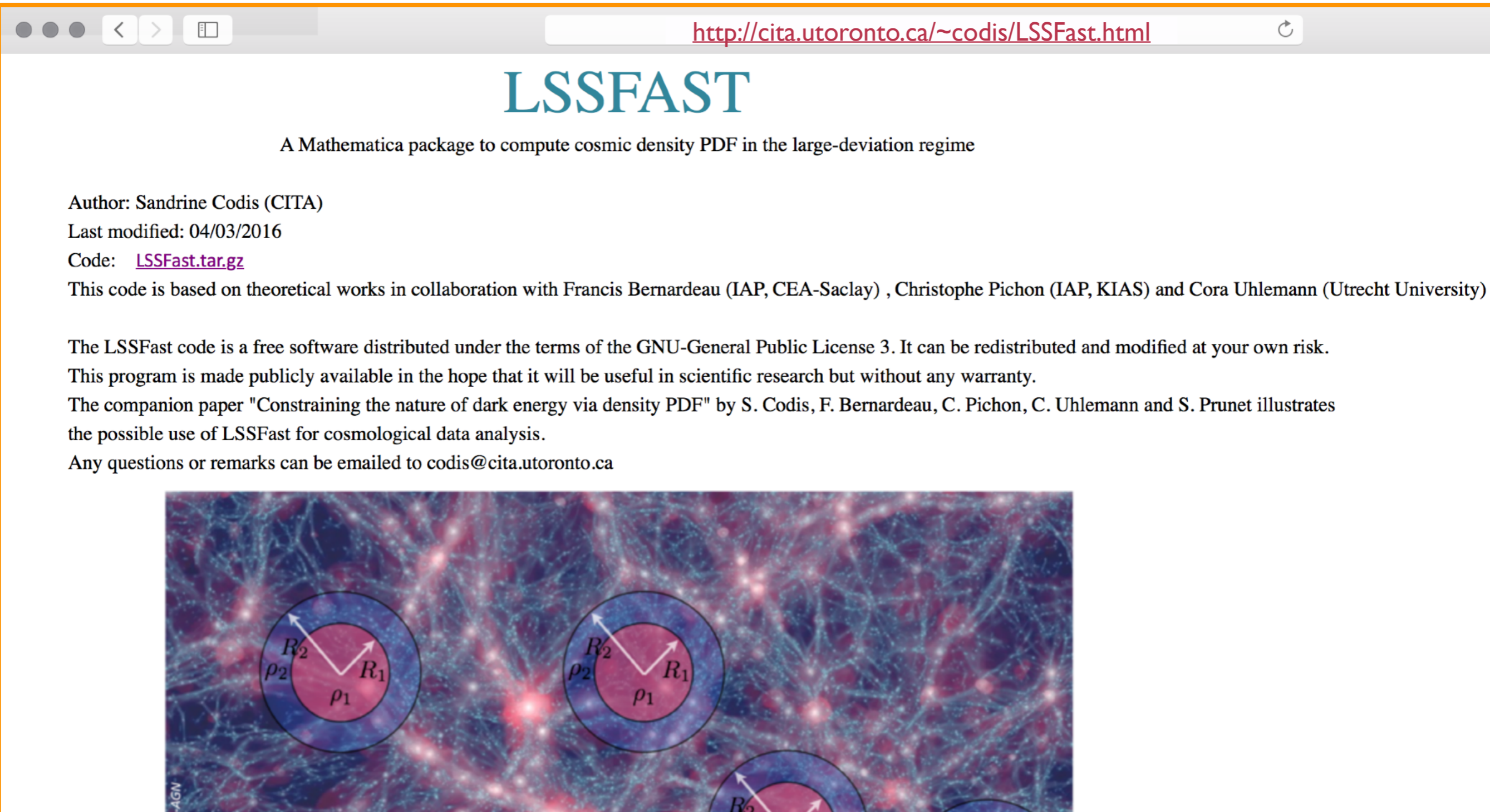
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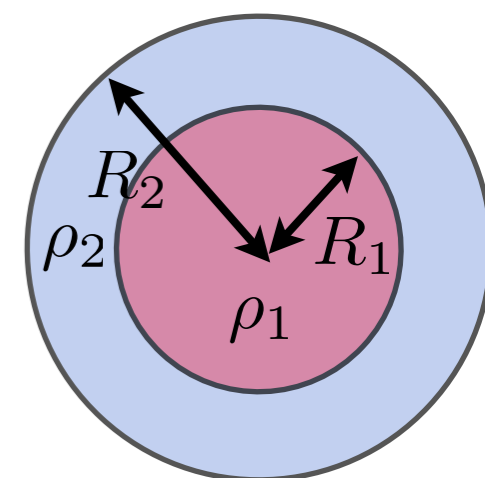
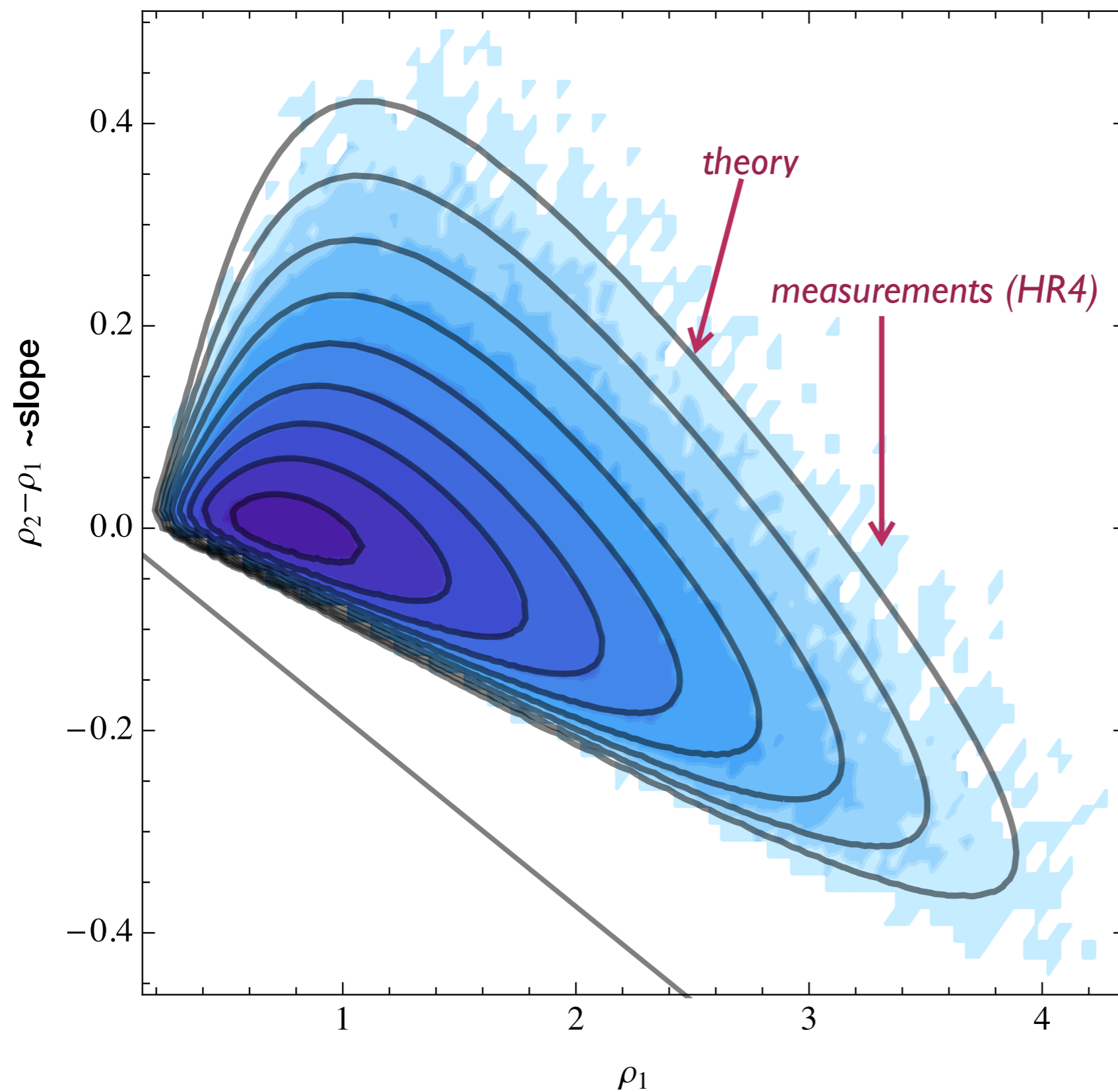
One-cell density PDF



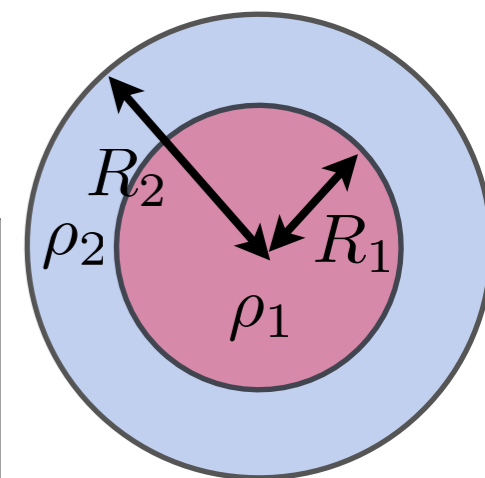
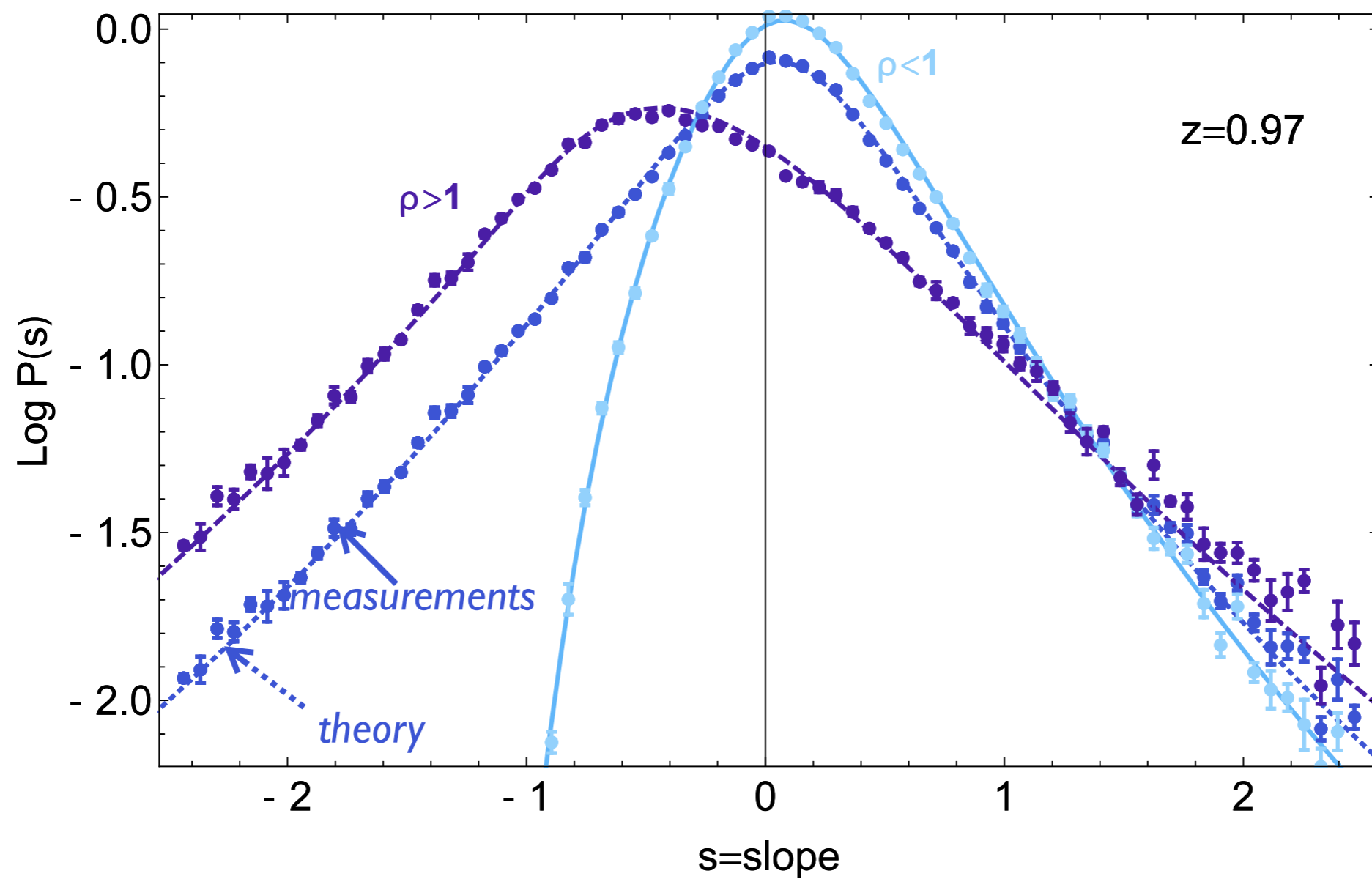
We have developed a fast and easy-to-use public code...

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the LSSFast website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://cita.utoronto.ca/~codis/LSSFast.html>. The page title is "LSSFAST" in large blue letters. Below the title, it says "A Mathematica package to compute cosmic density PDF in the large-deviation regime". The author is listed as "Author: Sandrine Codis (CITA)" with a last modified date of "04/03/2016". The code is available at LSSFast.tar.gz. A paragraph states that the code is based on theoretical works in collaboration with Francis Bernardeau (IAP, CEA-Saclay), Christophe Pichon (IAP, KIAS), and Cora Uhlemann (Utrecht University). Another paragraph explains that the LSSFast code is free software distributed under the GNU-General Public License 3, and it can be redistributed and modified at the user's own risk. It also mentions that the program is made publicly available in the hope that it will be useful in scientific research but without any warranty. A final paragraph notes that the companion paper "Constraining the nature of dark energy via density PDF" by S. Codis, F. Bernardeau, C. Pichon, C. Uhlemann, and S. Prunet illustrates the possible use of LSSFast for cosmological data analysis. A contact email, codis@cita.utoronto.ca, is provided for any questions or remarks. At the bottom of the page, there is a visualization of a cosmic web with red and blue filaments. Two circular regions are highlighted with concentric circles and labeled with radii R_1 and R_2 and densities ρ_1 and ρ_2 . A small "AGN" logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the image.

Two-cell PDF

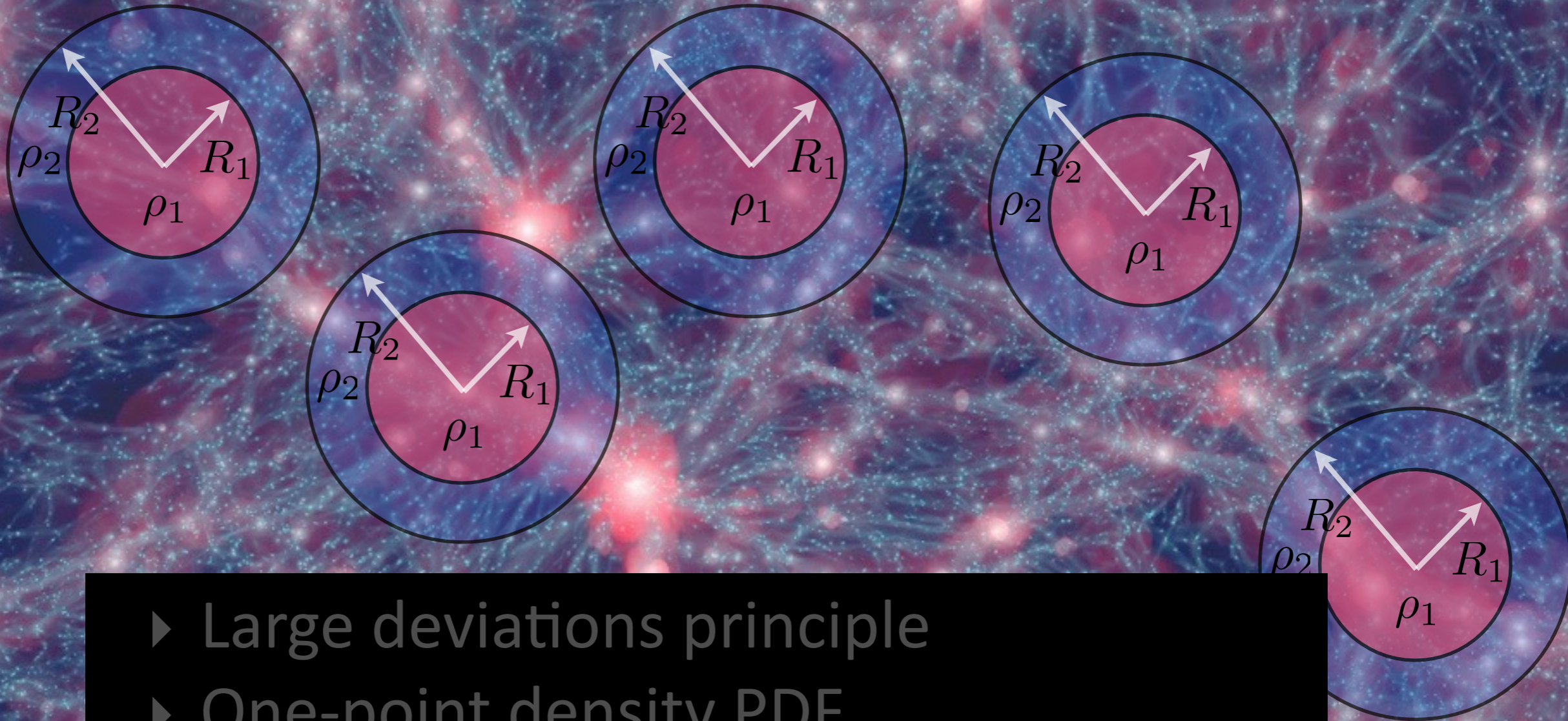


Two-cell PDF statistics of the slope



Higher density environments have more negative slopes (peaks!).

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Where is the cosmology dependence?

To get one-cell PDF, one has to:

1) know the rate function of the initial conditions e.g (Gaussian):

$$I(\tau(R_0)) = \sigma^2(R_p) \times 1/2\tau(R_0)^2 / \sigma^2(R_0)$$

where the initial variance is a function of the **linear power spectrum**

$$\sigma^2(R) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\mathbf{k} P_{\text{lin}}(k) W_{\text{TH}}^2(kR)$$

2) deduce the rate function of the final densities from the Contraction Principle

$$I(\rho) = I(\tau = \zeta^{-1}(\rho))$$

spherical collapse dynamics

3) compute CGF and then PDF

$$P(\rho | \nu, P_{\text{lin}}, \sigma_{\text{NL}}(R, z))$$

**growth of structure
dark energy**

**modifications
of gravity**

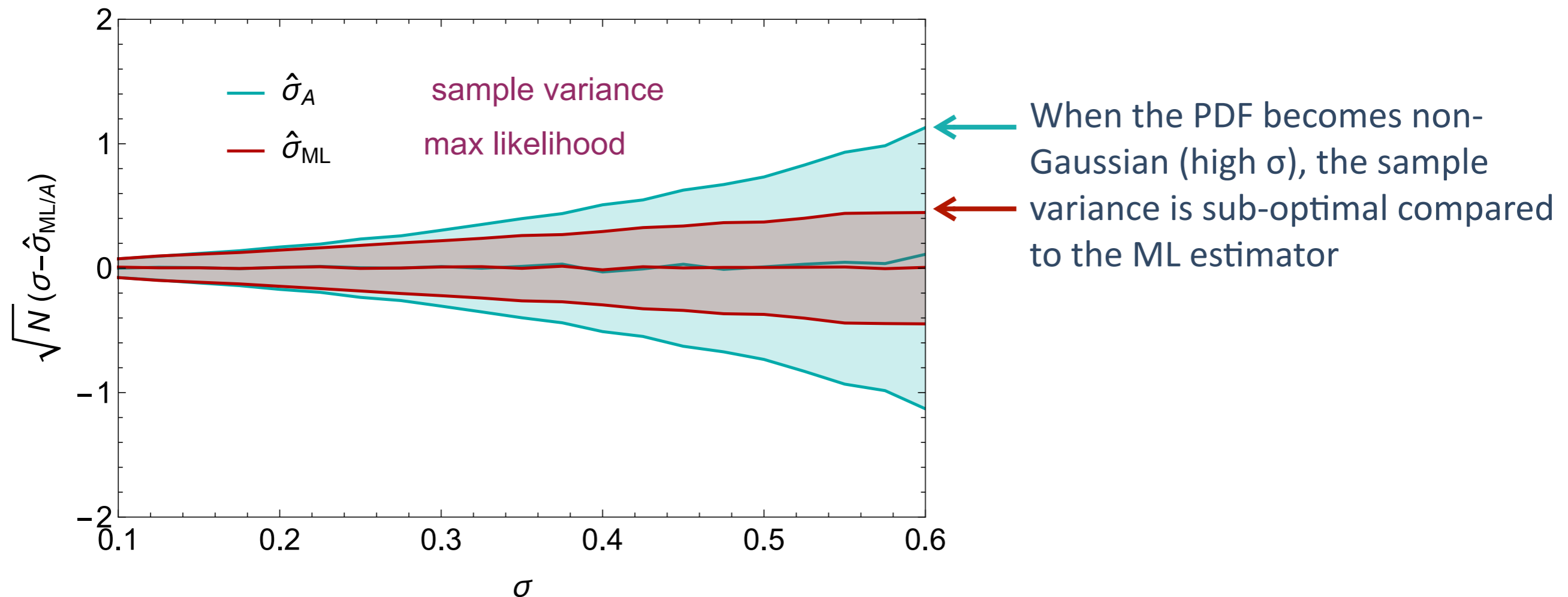
**initial statistics
primordial non-Gaussianities**

ML estimator for the variance

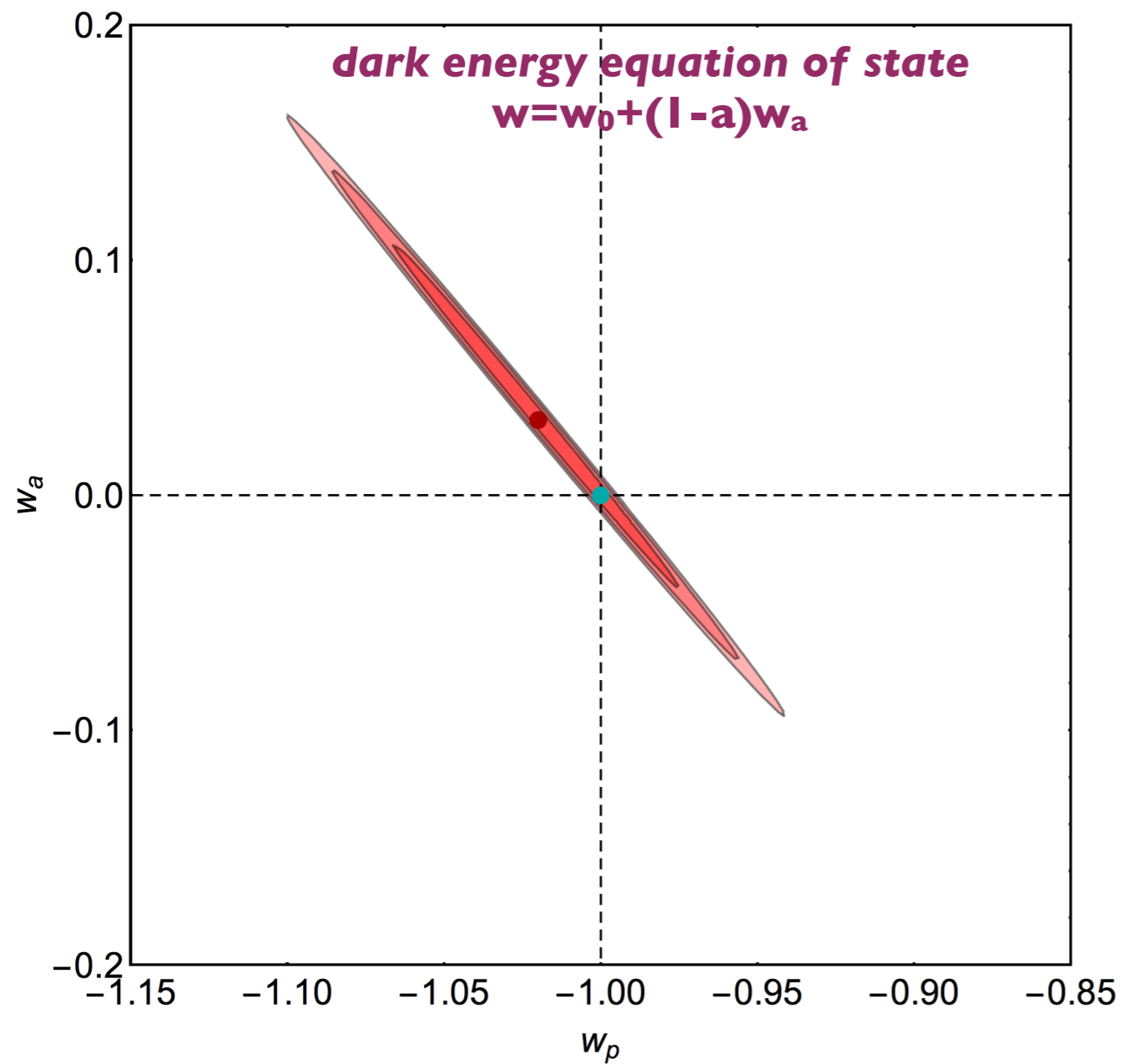
The full knowledge of the PDF can be used to estimate the redshift evolution of the density variance σ and therefore the DE e.o.s through $D(z)$.

Maximum Likelihood estimator : $\hat{\sigma}_{\text{ML}}^2 = \text{argmax}_{\tilde{\sigma}^2} \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{P}(\rho_i | \tilde{\sigma}^2)$

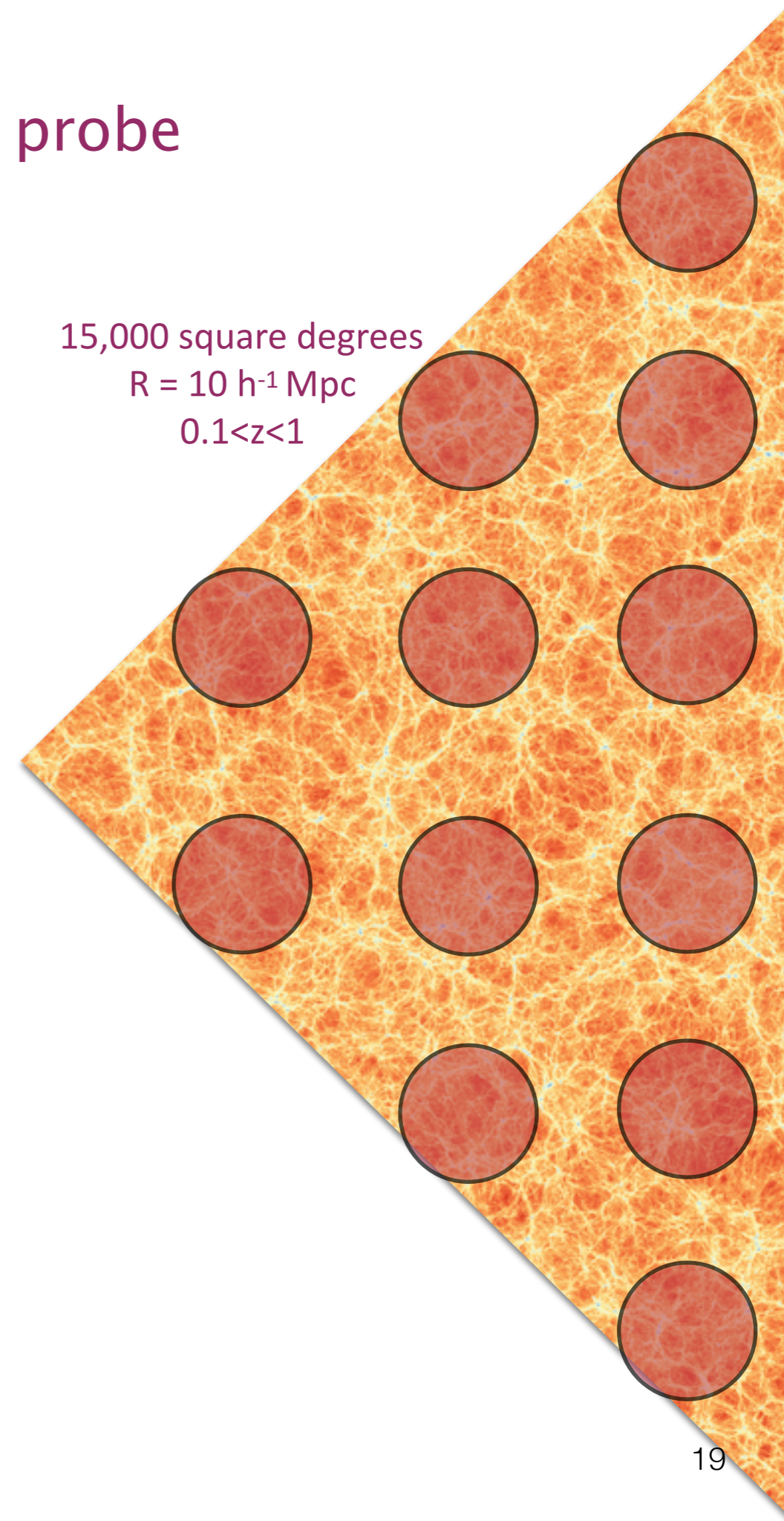
Sample variance : $\hat{\sigma}_A^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\rho_i - 1)^2$



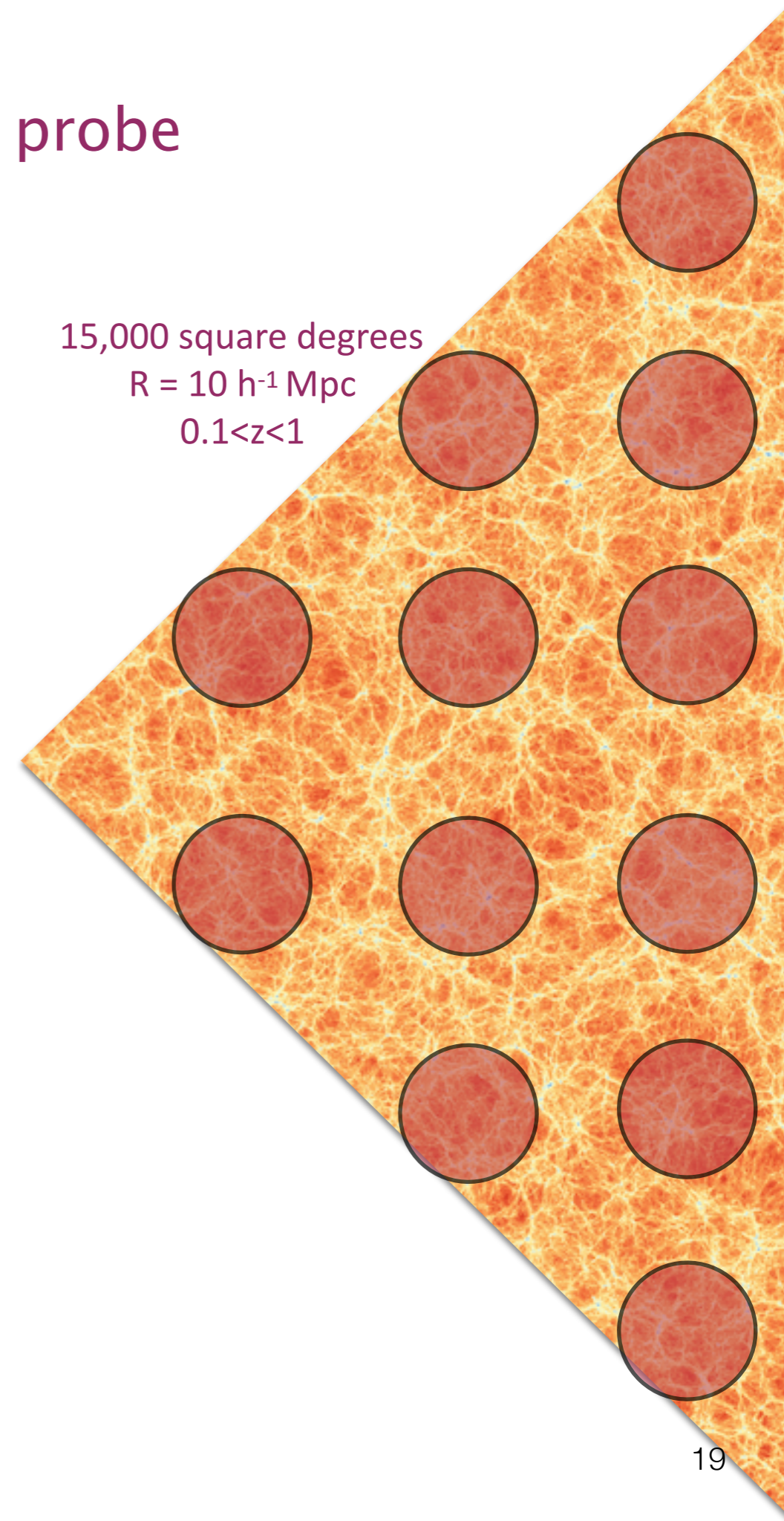
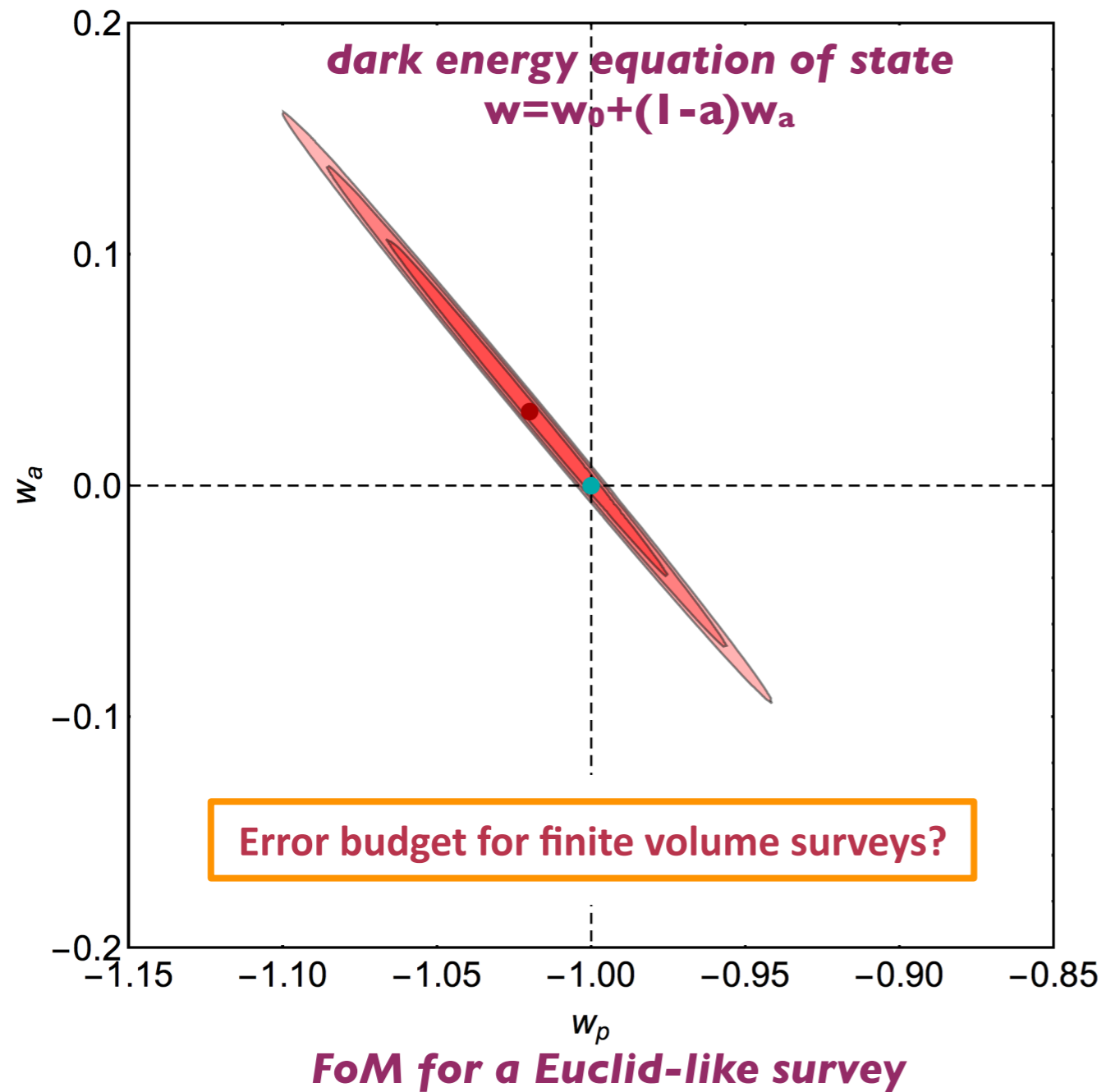
PDF as a cosmological probe



FoM for a Euclid-like survey



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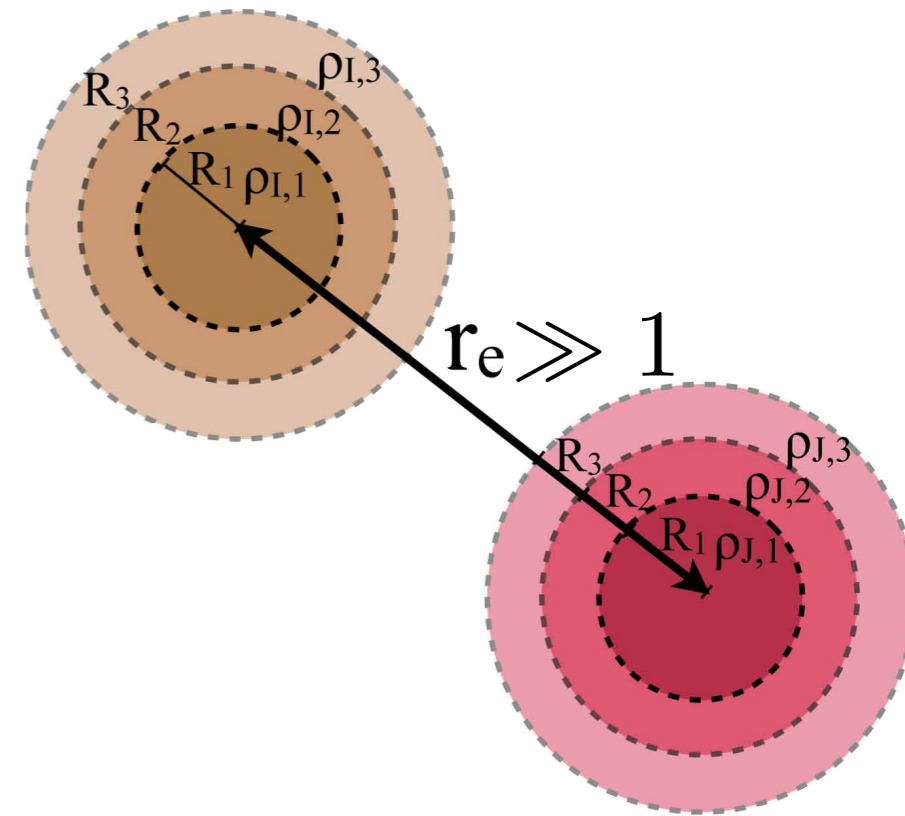
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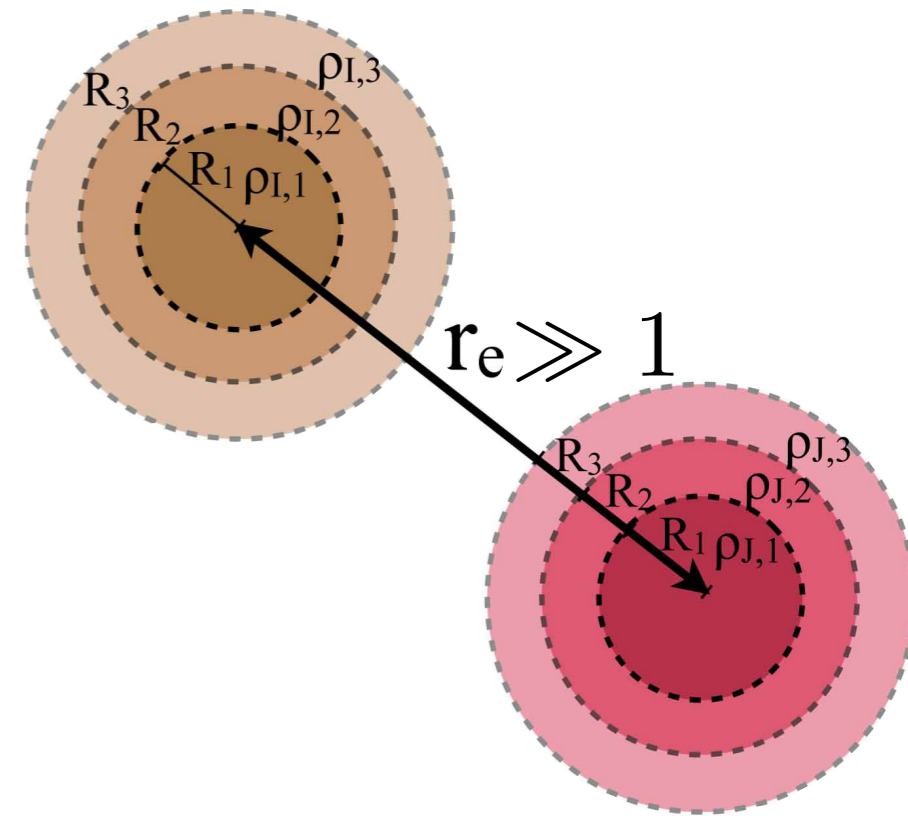
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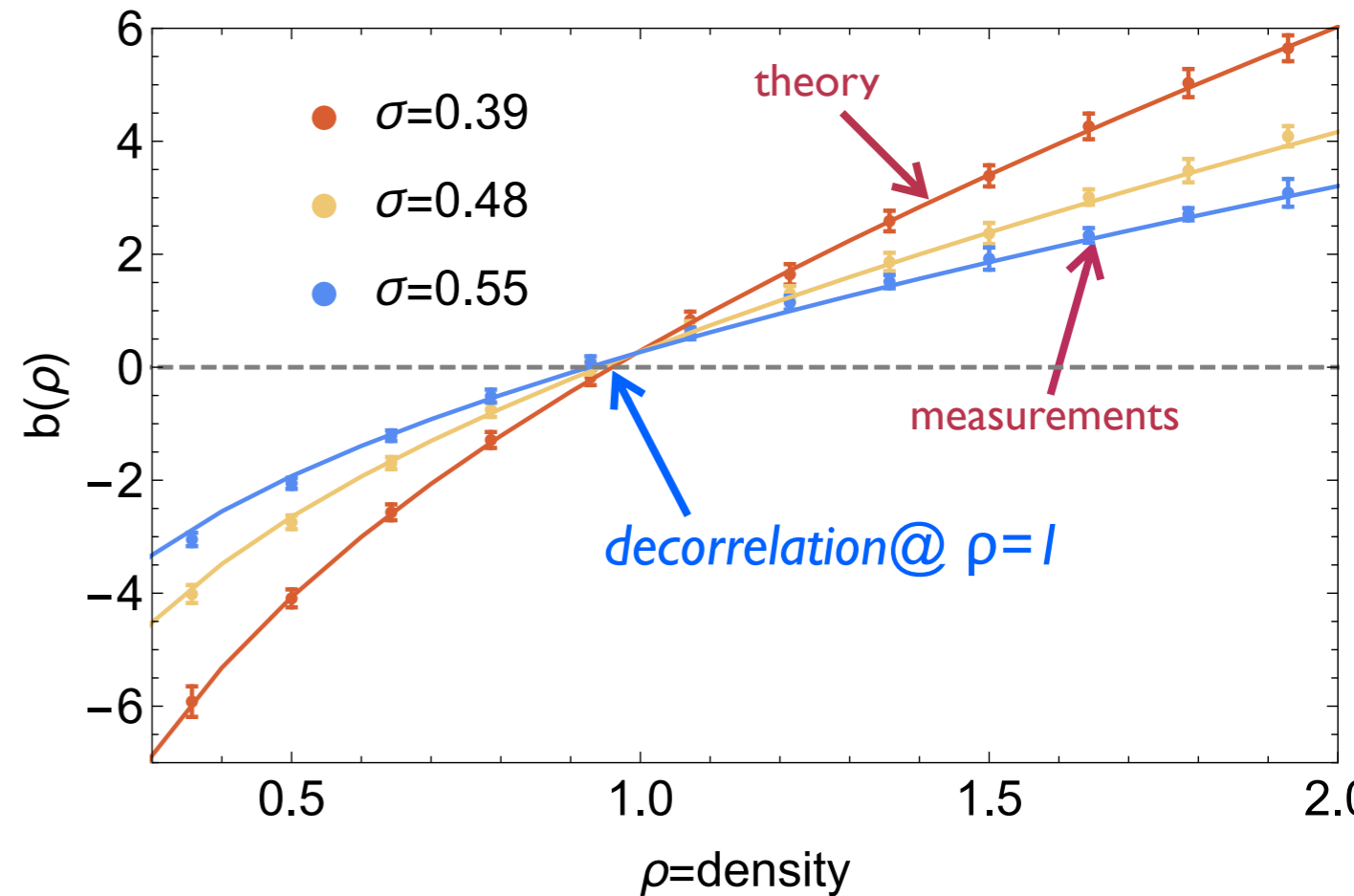
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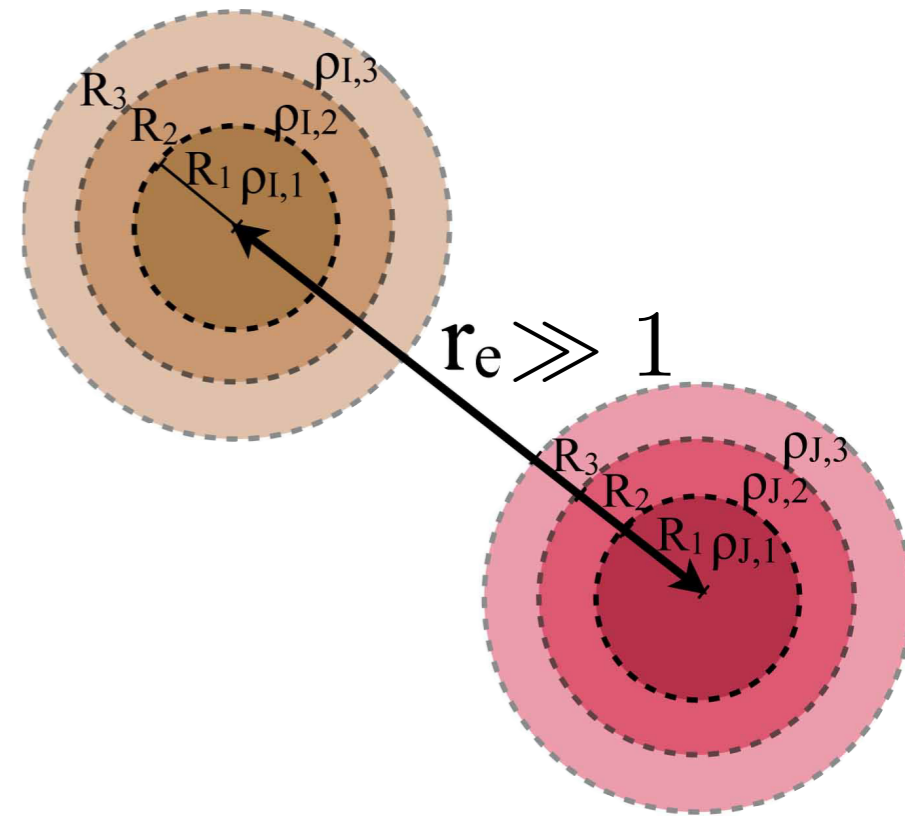
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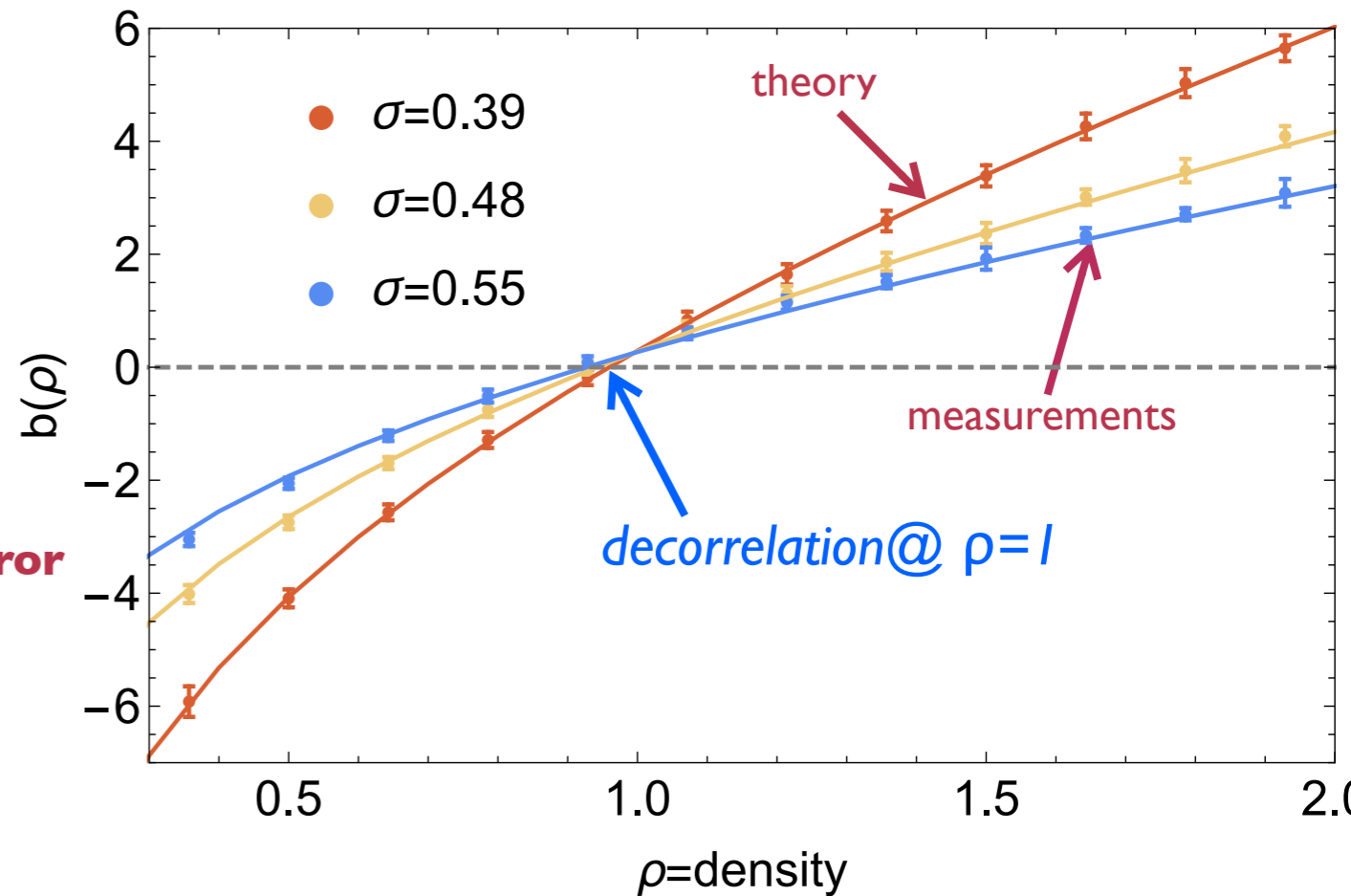
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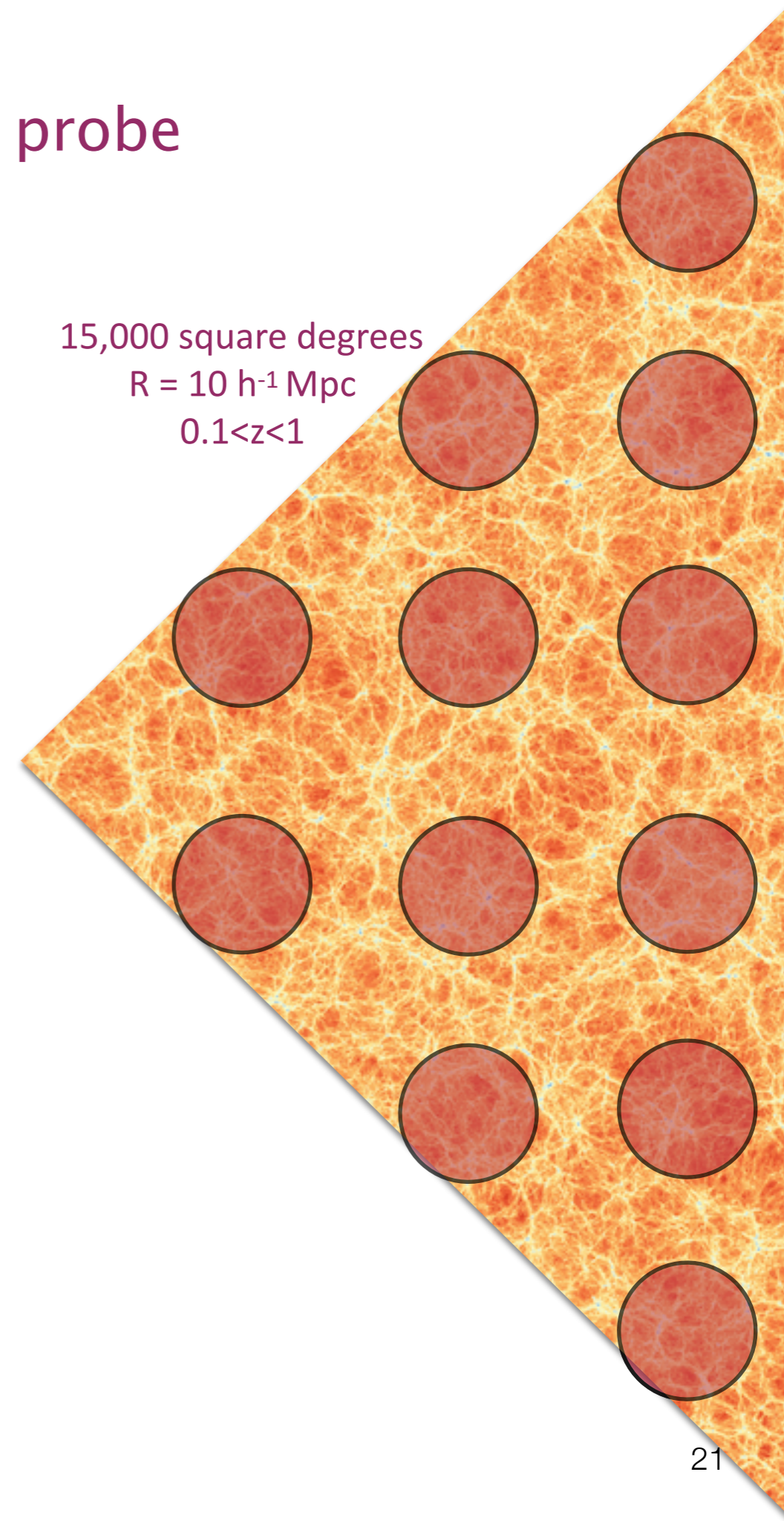
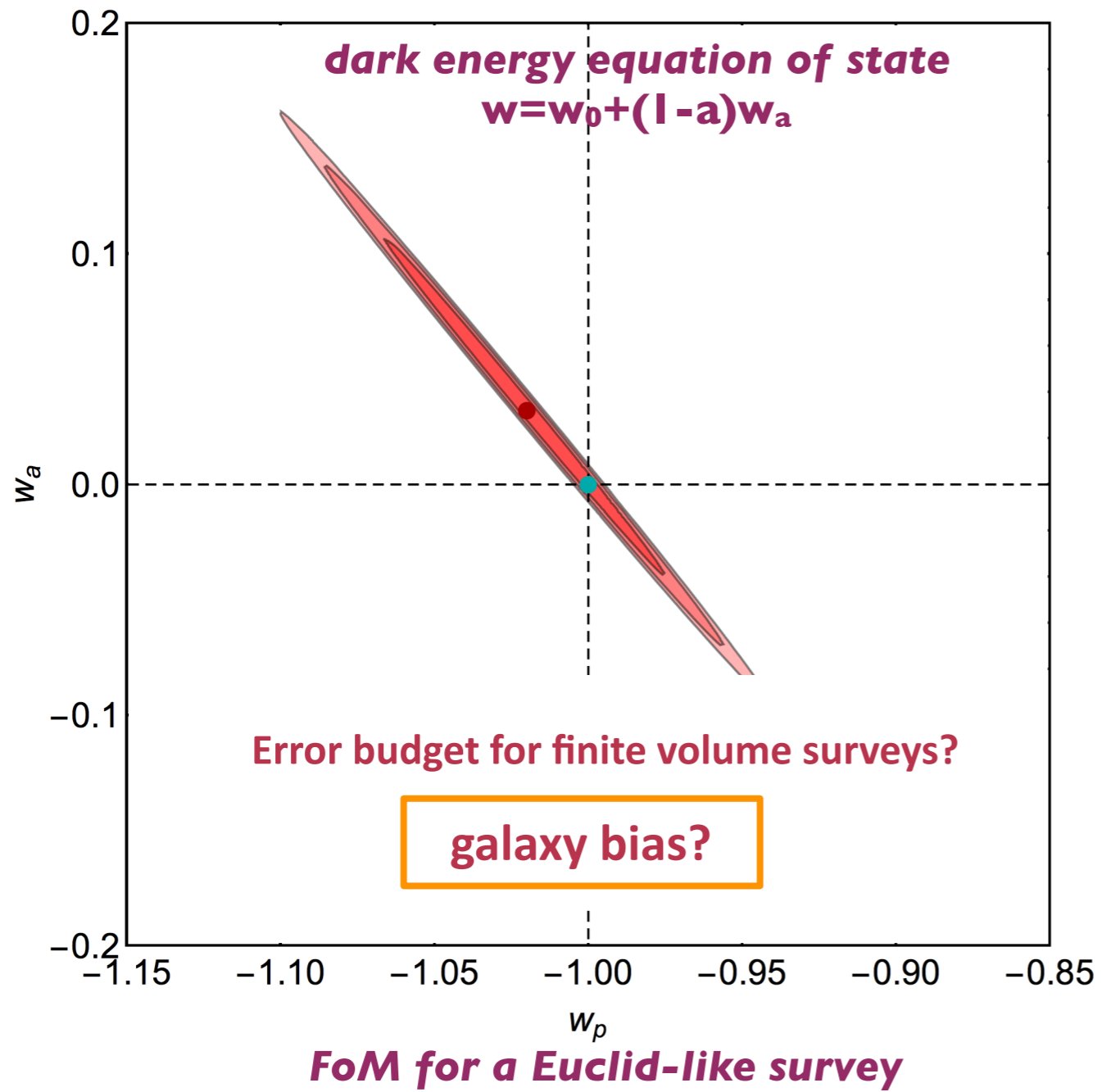
The typical cosmic variance on the density PDF is then:

$$\langle \hat{\mathcal{P}}^2(\rho) \rangle - \langle \hat{\mathcal{P}}(\rho) \rangle^2 = \frac{\mathcal{P}(\rho)}{N\Delta\rho} + \xi b^2(\rho)\mathcal{P}^2(\rho)$$

← shot noise ← finite volume error



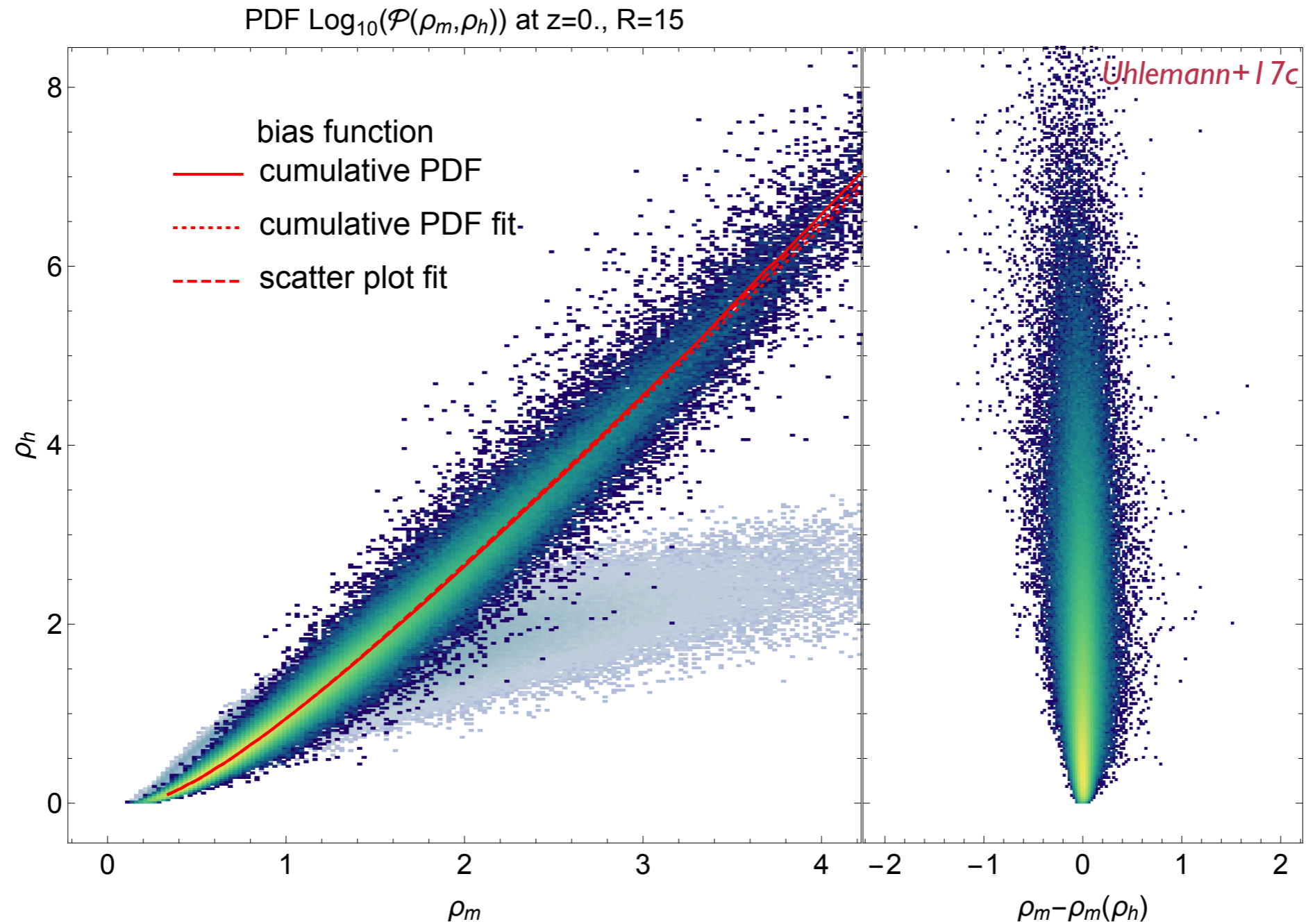
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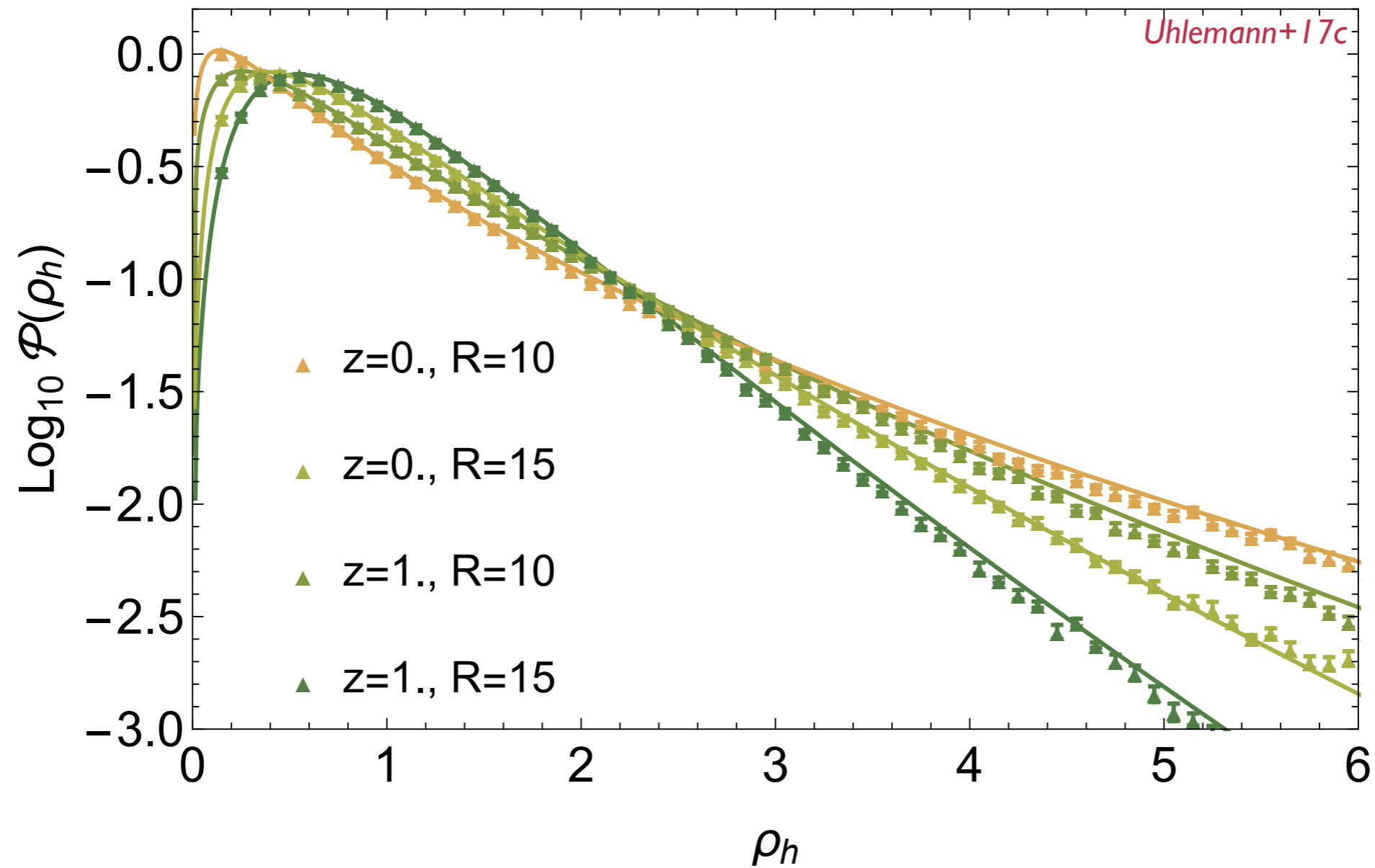
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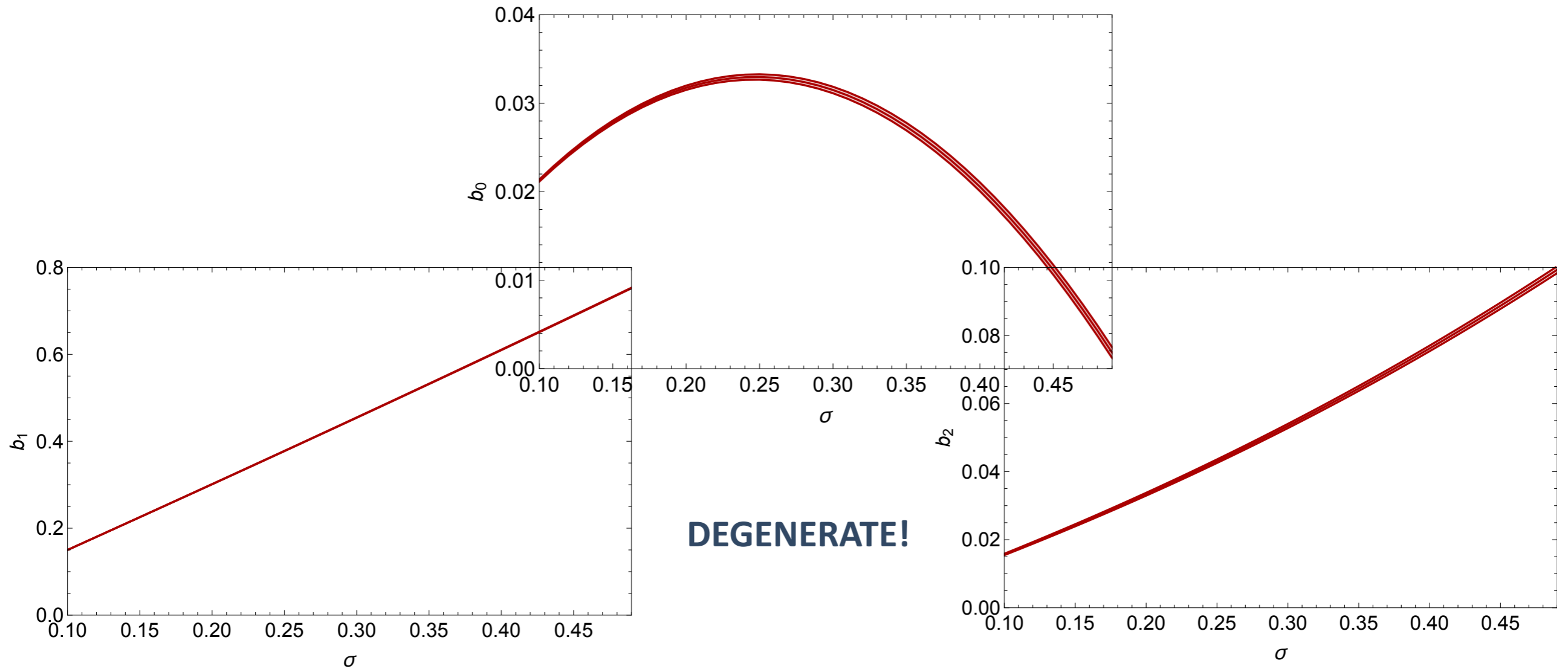


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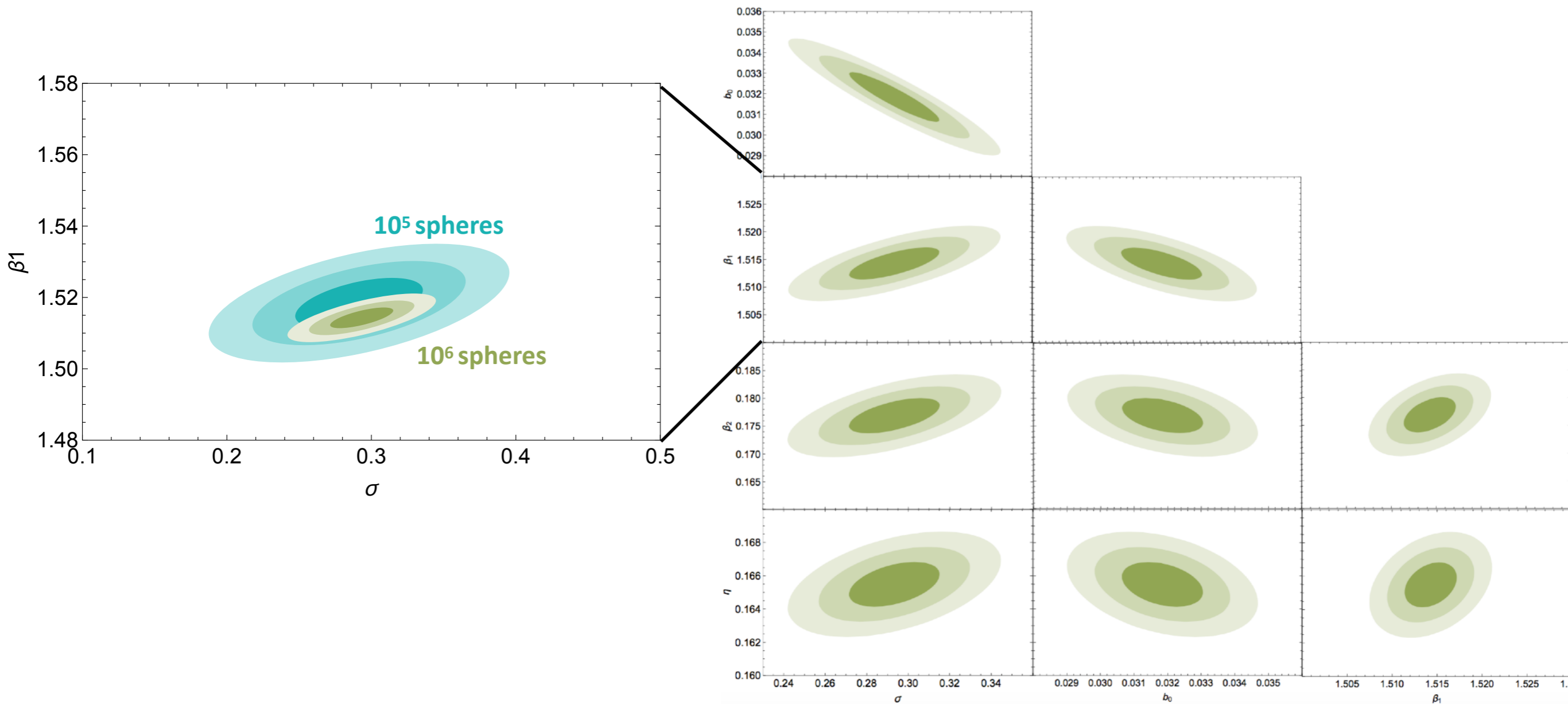
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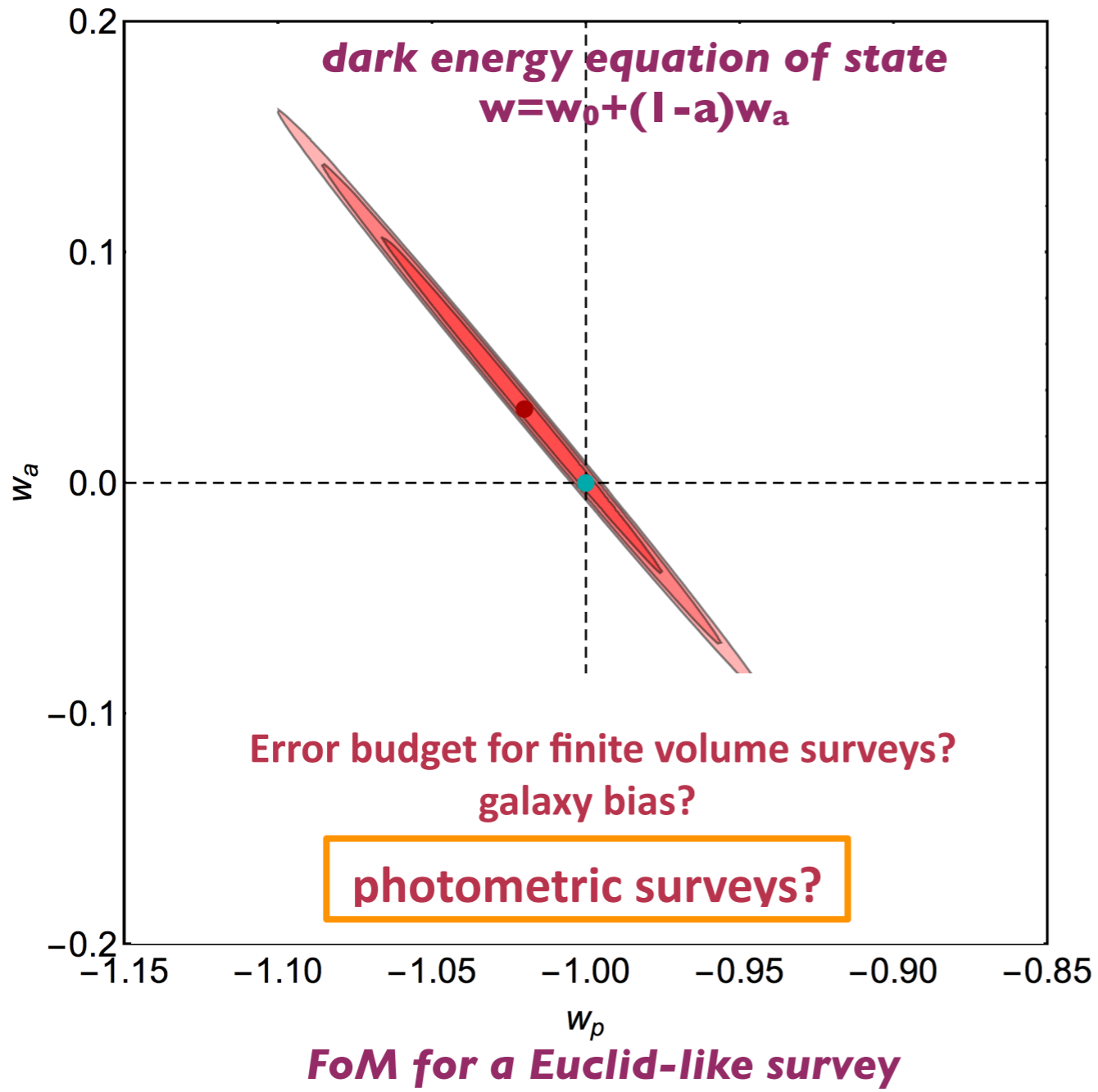
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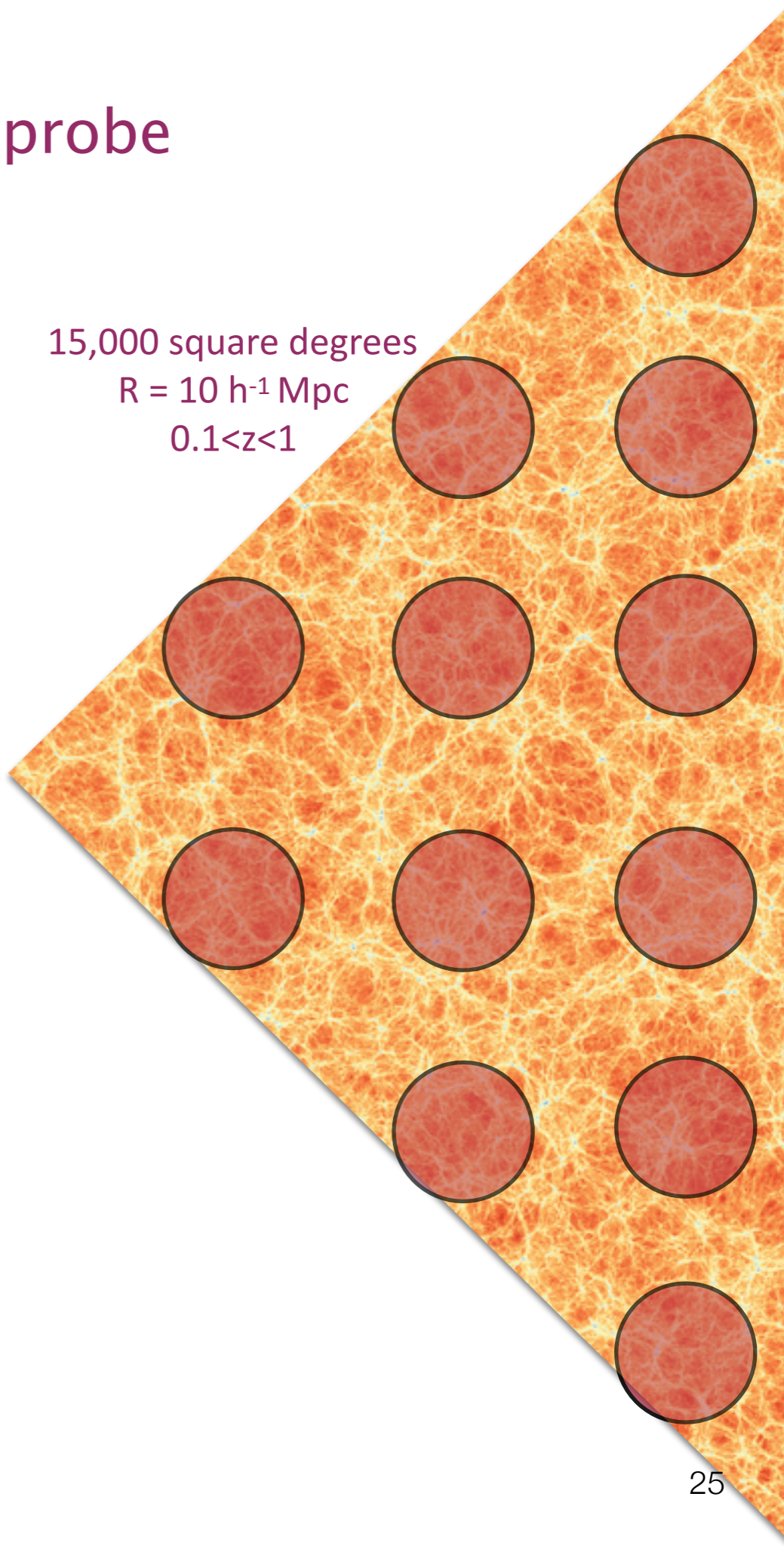
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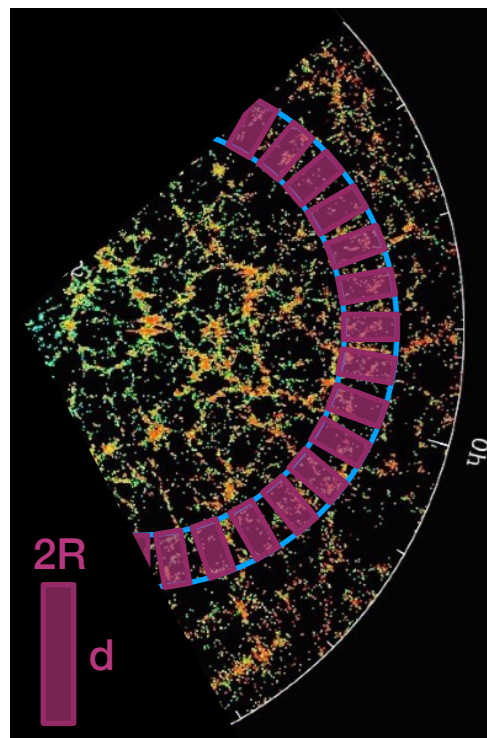
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15,000 square degrees
 $R = 10 h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$
 $0.1 < z < 1$



densities in redshift bins

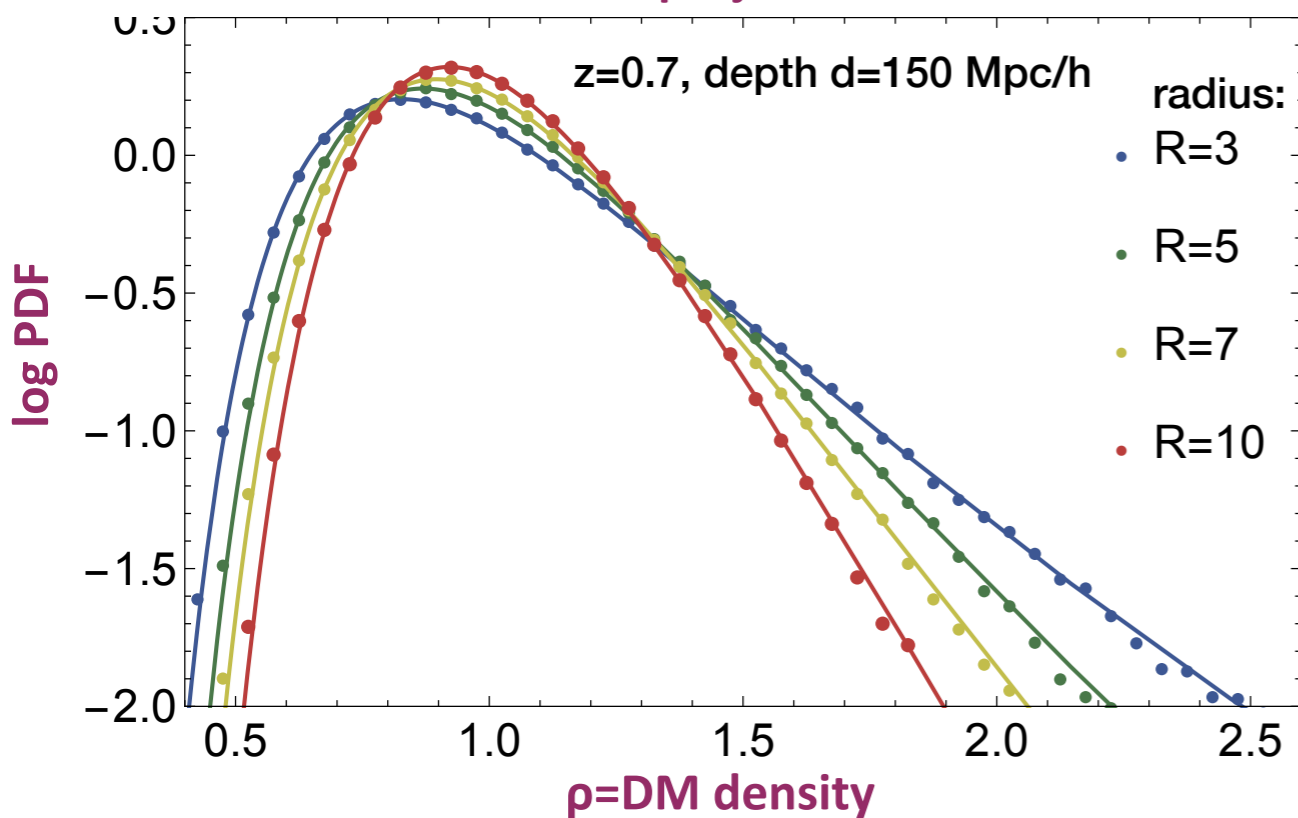


Densities in long cylinders: same formalism applies with cylindrical collapse

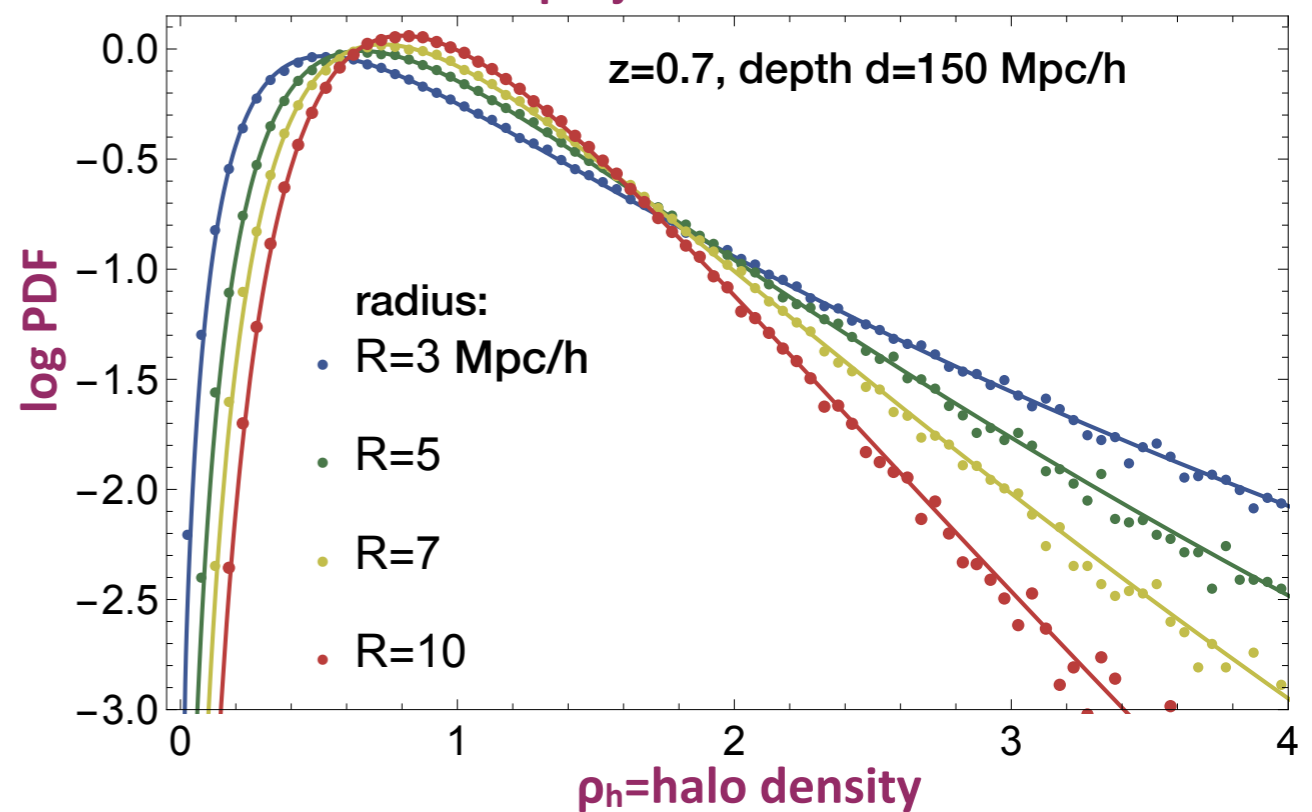
$$\zeta_{CC}(\tau_{2D}) = \left(1 - \frac{\tau_{2D}}{\nu}\right)^{-\nu}$$

$$\nu \approx 1.3$$

PDF of projected DM



PDF of projected halo densities



Conclusion

- ▶ Multi-scale density PDF can be predicted in the mildly non-linear regime with surprising accuracy ($<1\%$ for $\sigma=O(1)$) even in the rare event tails
- ▶ Predictions are fully analytical, parameter-free and explicitly cosmology-dependent
- ▶ Cosmic variance can be predicted from first principle
- ▶ We have an accurate model for biased density tracers, velocities, projected densities and (in progress) cosmic shear maps, including primordial non-Gaussianities



Large deviation principle:

an unlikely fluctuation is brought about by the least unlikely of all unlikely paths.