

*Einstein's signature in  
large-scale structure.*

**non-Gaussianity, scale-dependent bias and GR**

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Wands & Slosar, arXiv:0902.1084

Bruni, Crittenden, Koyama, Maartens, Pitrou & Wands, arXiv:1106.3999

Bruni, Hidalgo, Meures & Wands, arXiv:1307.1478

Bruni, Hidalgo & Wands, arXiv:1405.7006

# motivation

1. cosmic structure on very largest scales provides window onto the primordial density perturbation and hence models of very early universe
  - *primordial (non-)Gaussianity from inflation*
2. can we trust Newtonian solutions for large-scale structure formation on the largest scales?

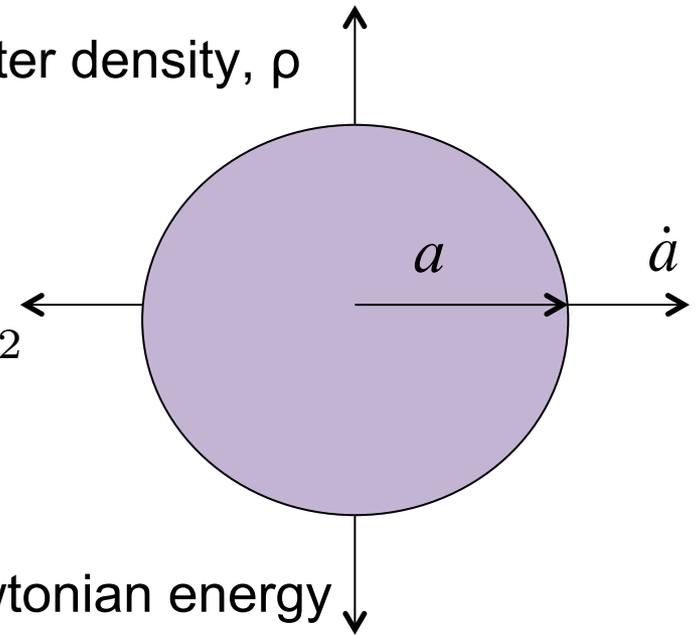
# Newtonian $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology

homogeneous (FRW) background (Milne, 1930s)

same evolution+continuity equations for matter density,  $\rho$

+ Friedmann constraint:

$$K = \frac{1}{2}\dot{a}^2 - \frac{G(4\pi\rho a^3/3)}{a} - \frac{\Lambda}{6}a^2$$



interpret GR spatial curvature = Newtonian energy

*note:* cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  = constant vacuum density

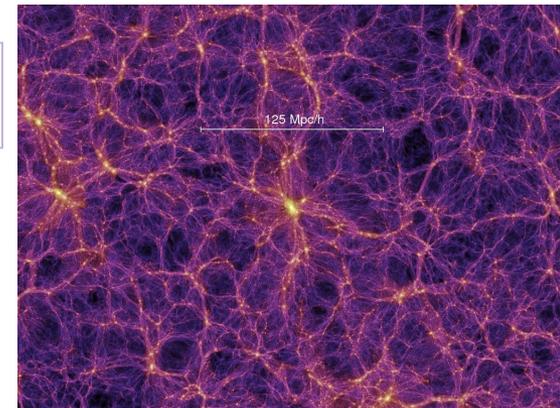
# Standard Newtonian+Gaussian universe

Gaussian metric perturbation  $\zeta(x)$  on large scales from single-field, slow-roll inflation

Gaussian Newtonian potential  $\Phi = (3/5)\zeta$  on large scales using linear perturbation theory

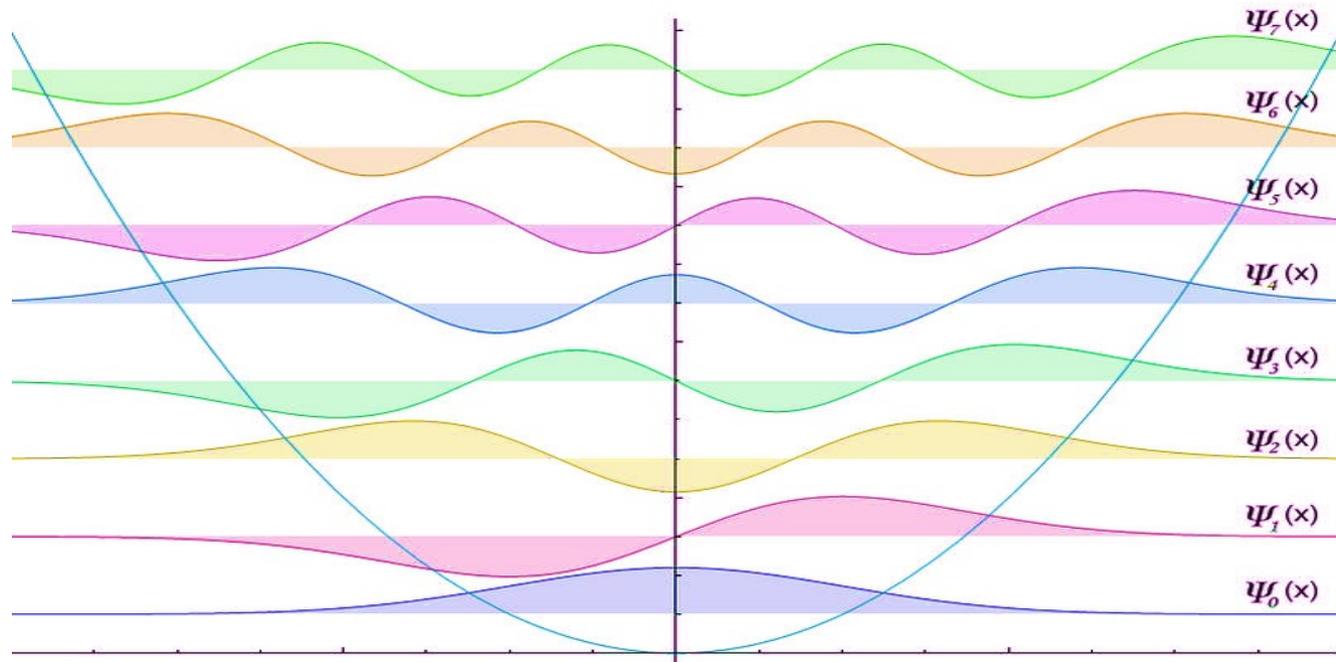
Gaussian initial matter density  $\delta$  using Poisson equation  $\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \delta \rho$

Newtonian N-body simulations



# Primordial Gaussianity from inflation

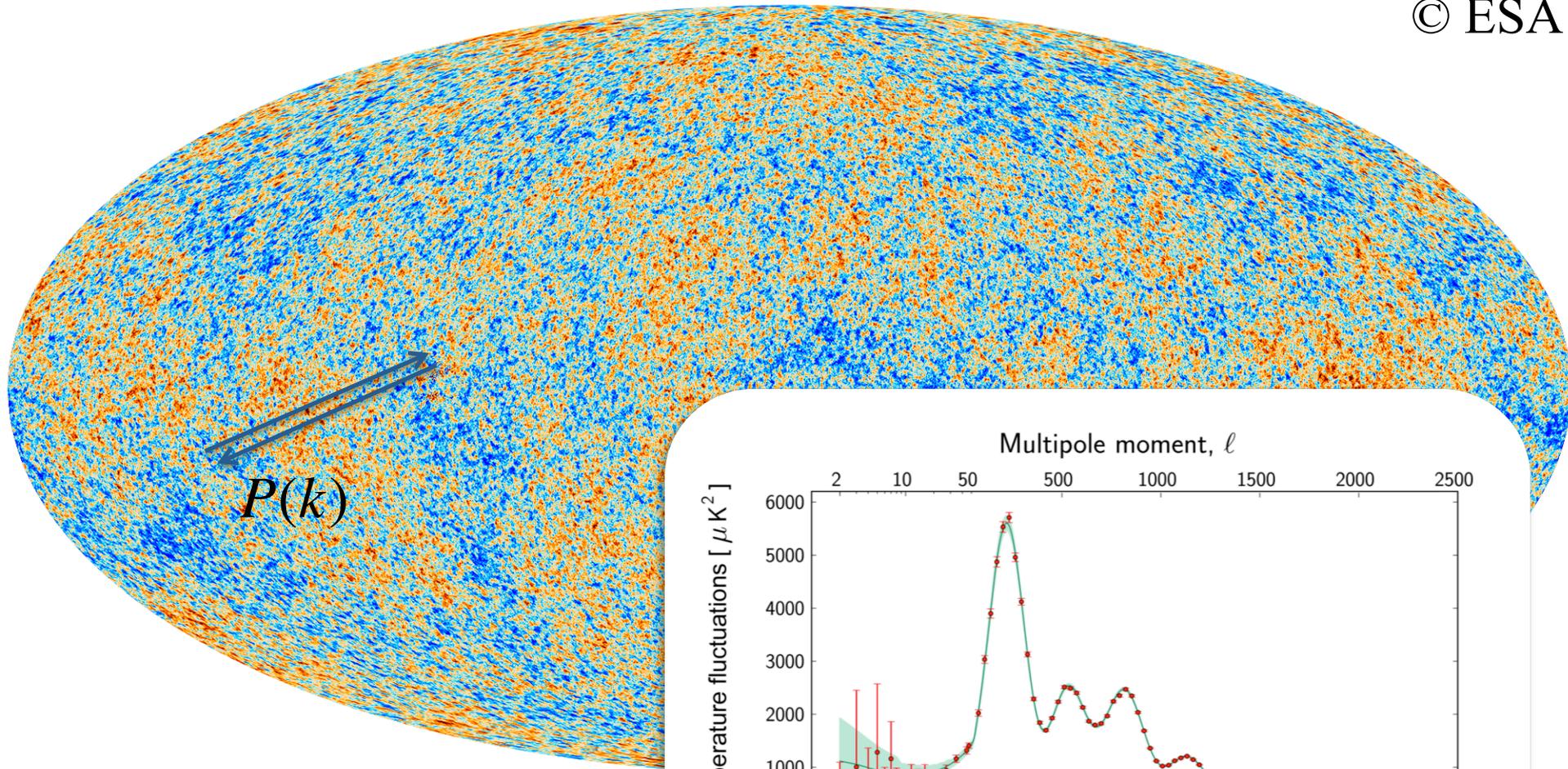
- Quantum field fluctuations during inflation
  - *ground state of simple harmonic oscillator*
  - *almost free field in almost de Sitter space*
  - *almost scale-invariant and almost Gaussian*



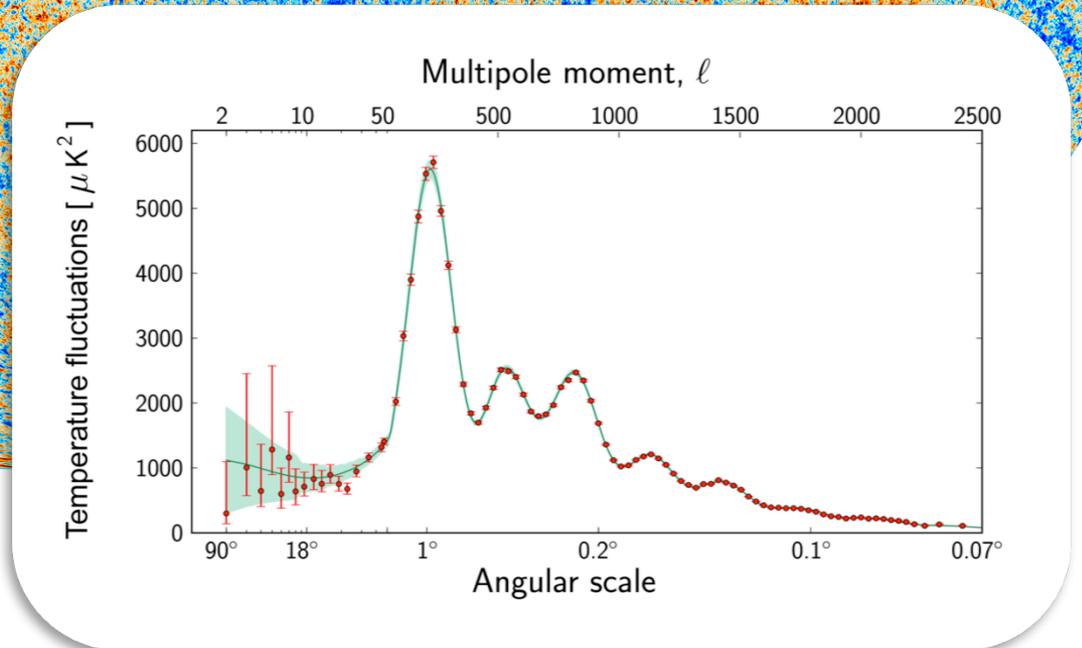
Wikipedia: AllenMcC

# Planck2013 - $\Lambda$ CDM model of primordial cosmology

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\*Fully relativistic calculations of linearised Einstein-Boltzmann equations via CMBfast, etc



# Primordial non-Gaussianity from inflation

$$\xi = N(\phi(x, t_i)) - \bar{N} \approx \sum_I \frac{\partial N}{\partial \phi_I} \delta\phi_I(x) + \dots$$

Starobinsky 85; Salopek & Bond 90; Sasaki & Stewart 96; Lyth & Rodriguez 05

- **Power spectra probe background *dynamics* (H,  $\varepsilon$ , ...)**

$$\langle \xi_{k_1} \xi_{k_2} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 P_\xi(k) \delta^3(k_1 + k_2) \quad , \quad P_\xi(k) \propto k^{n-4}$$

- *2-pt function contains all the information in a Gaussian random field*
- *Strong evidence now for deviations from scale-invariance:  $n-1 = -0.04$*
- *First detection of primordial gravitational waves claimed by BICEP2:  $r = 0.2$*

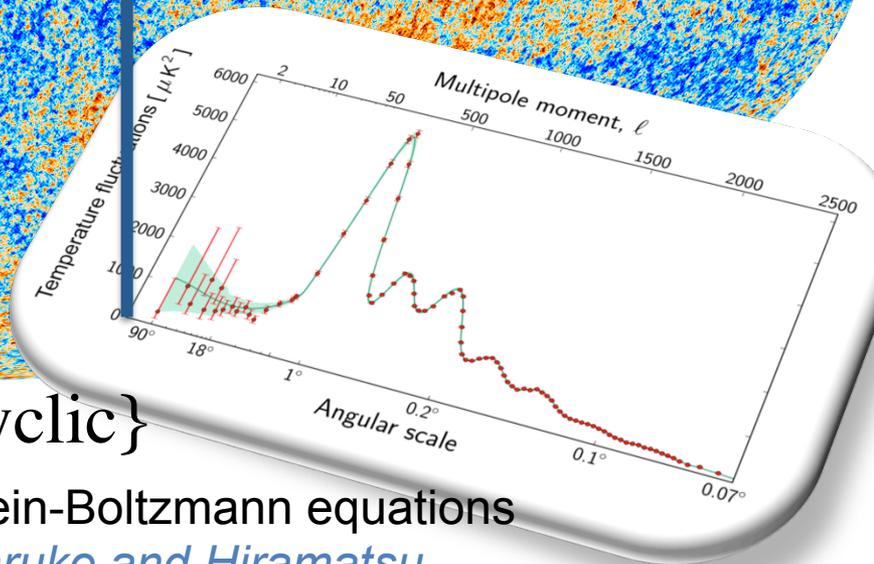
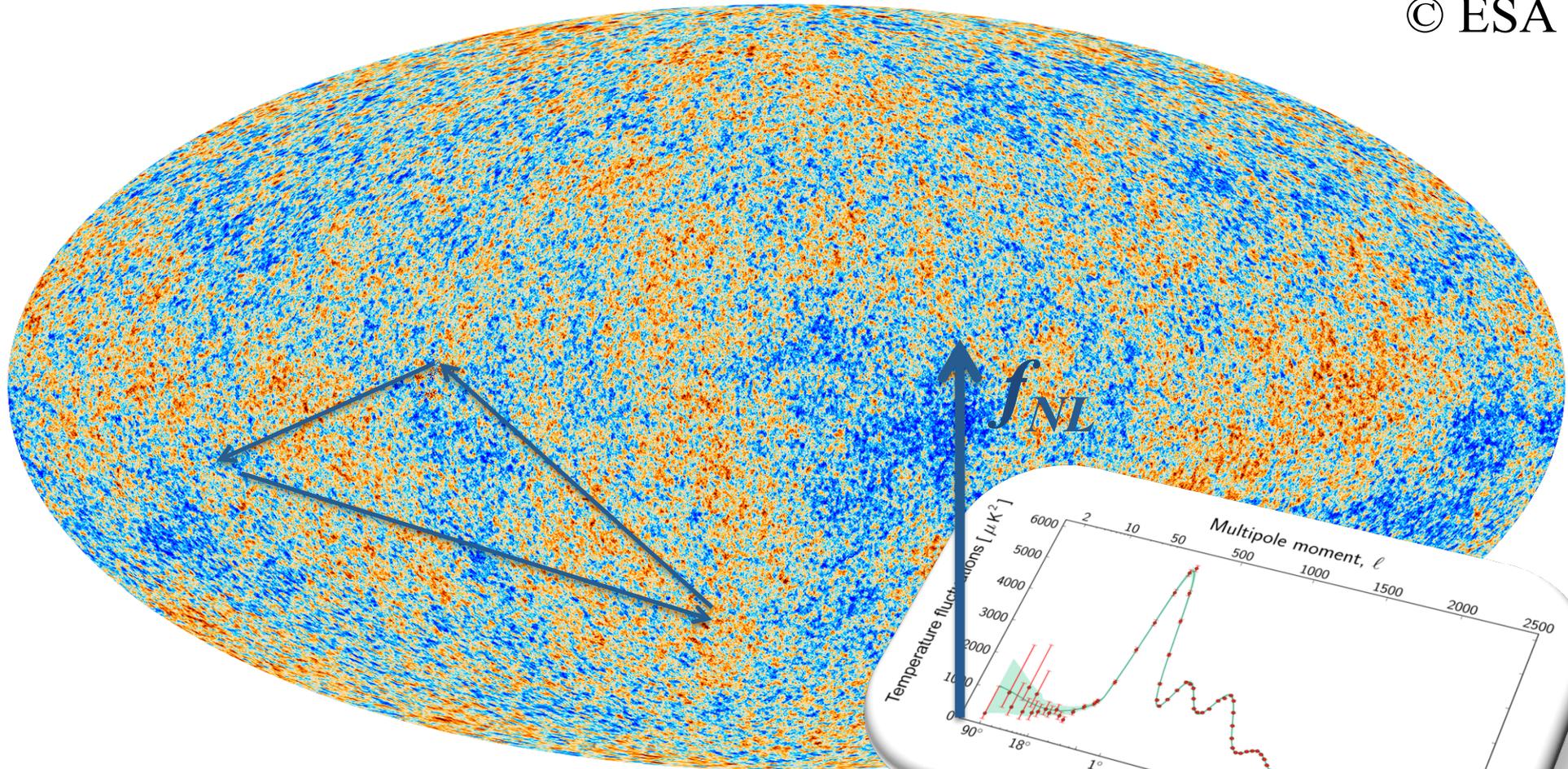
- **Higher-order correlations probe *interactions***

$$\langle \xi_{k_1} \xi_{k_2} \xi_{k_3} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 B_\xi(k_1, k_2, k_3) \delta^3(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)$$

- *physics+gravity  $\rightarrow$  non-linearity  $\rightarrow$  non-Gaussianity*

# more information in higher-order correlators...

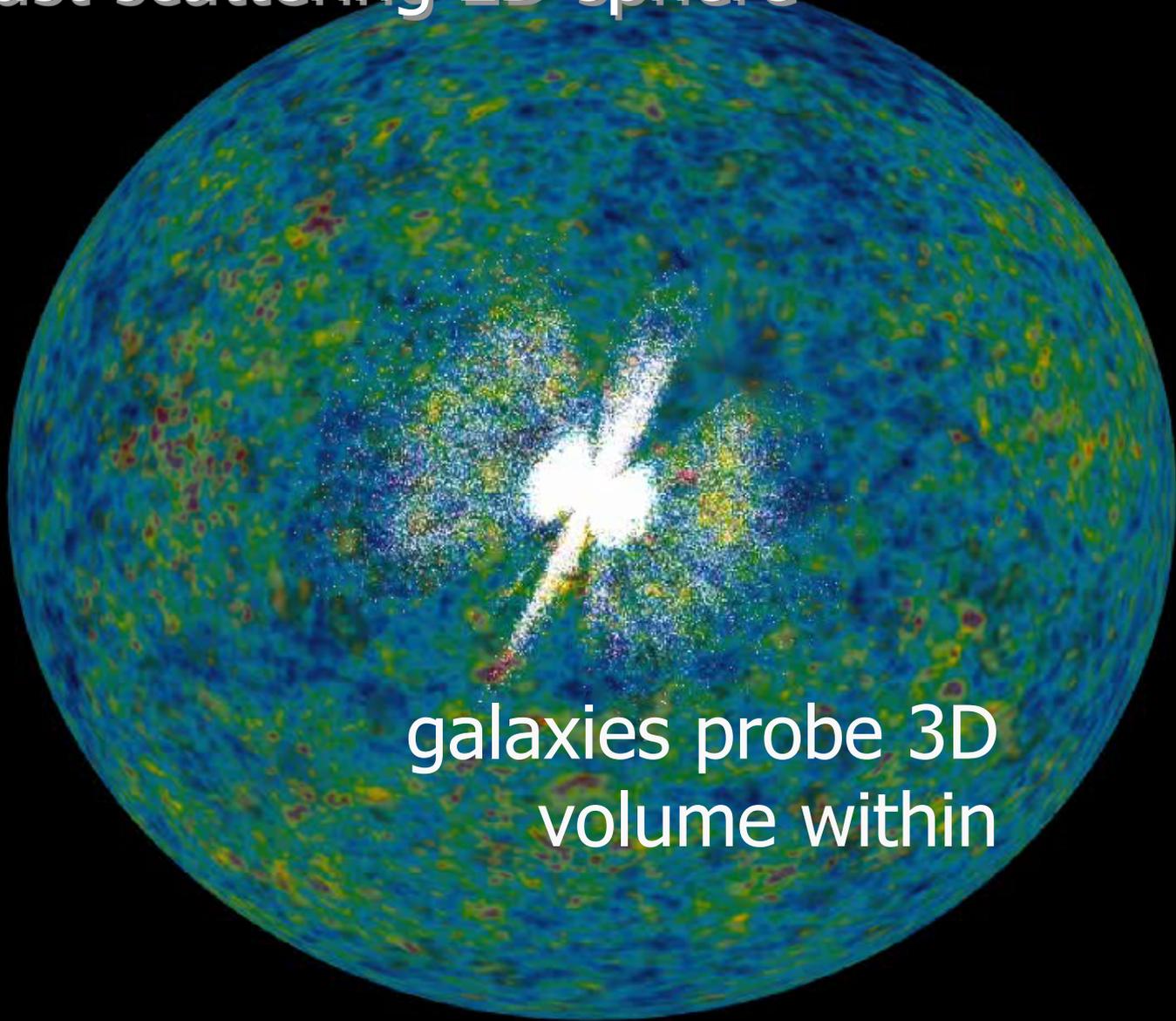
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$$B(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) = f_{NL} \{P(k_1)P(k_1) + \text{cyclic}\}$$

Second-order relativistic calculations of Einstein-Boltzmann equations via SONG, etc, *see talks by Koyama, Naruko and Hiramatsu*

# CMB last scattering 2D sphere



galaxies probe 3D  
volume within

# Large scale structure

**Galaxy distribution on large scales:**

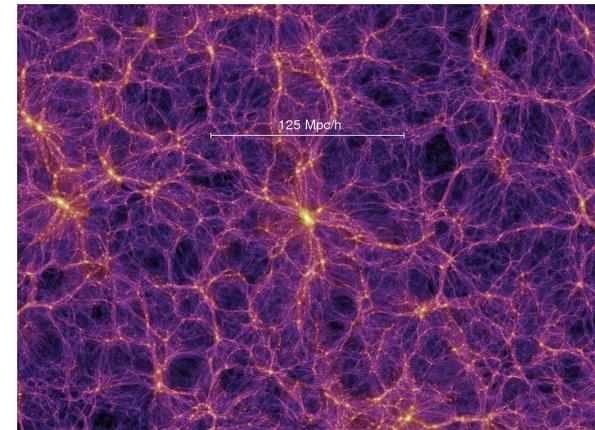
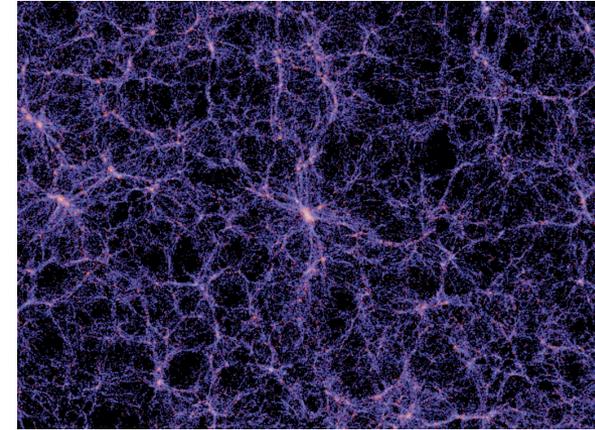
$$\delta_g(x, t) \equiv \frac{\delta n_g}{n_g}$$

***biased* tracer of underlying matter  
dark matter + baryons):**

$$\delta_m(x, t) \equiv \frac{\delta \rho_m}{\rho_m}$$

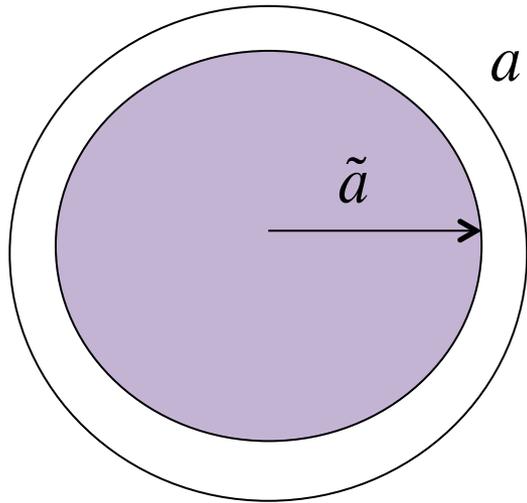
**Assume galaxies form in matter overdensities (halos)  
that have collapsed under their own gravity**

$$\delta_g(x, t) \equiv b_g(t) \delta_m(x, t)$$



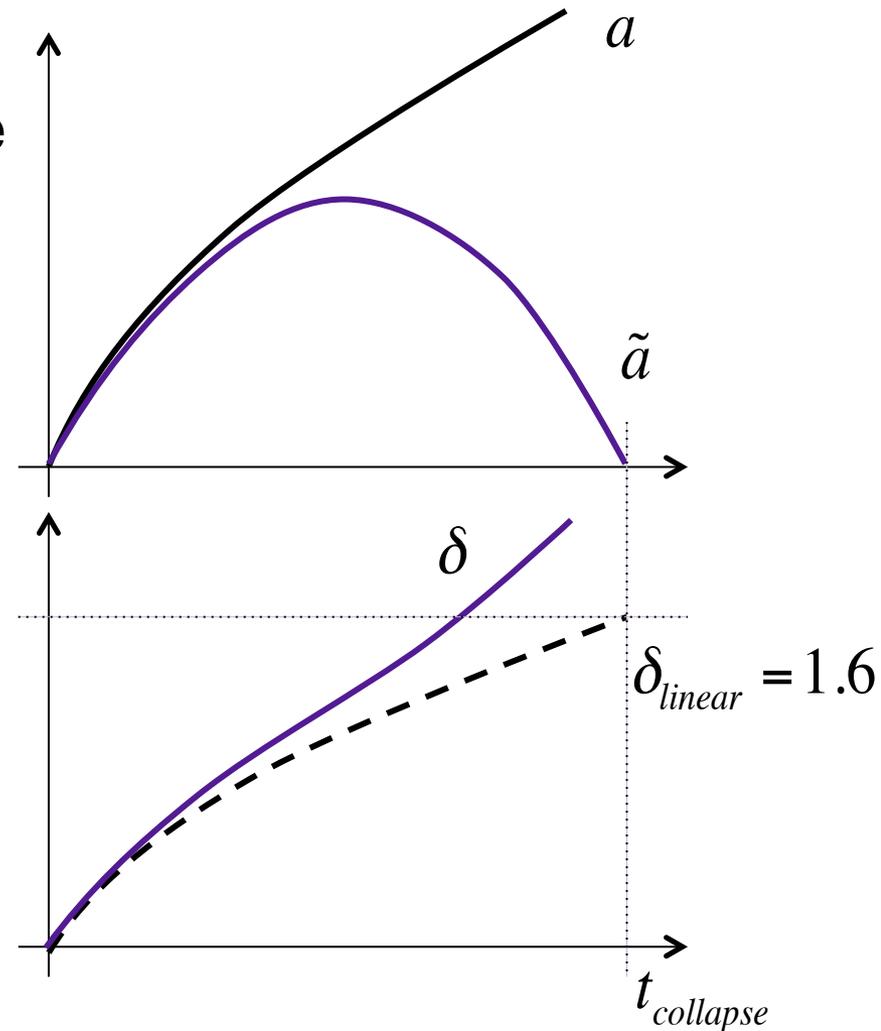
# Spherical collapse model

GR dynamics = Newtonian  
in comoving-synchronous gauge



exterior:  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2 d\Omega_{k=0}^2$

interior:  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + \tilde{a}^2 d\Omega_{k>0}^2$

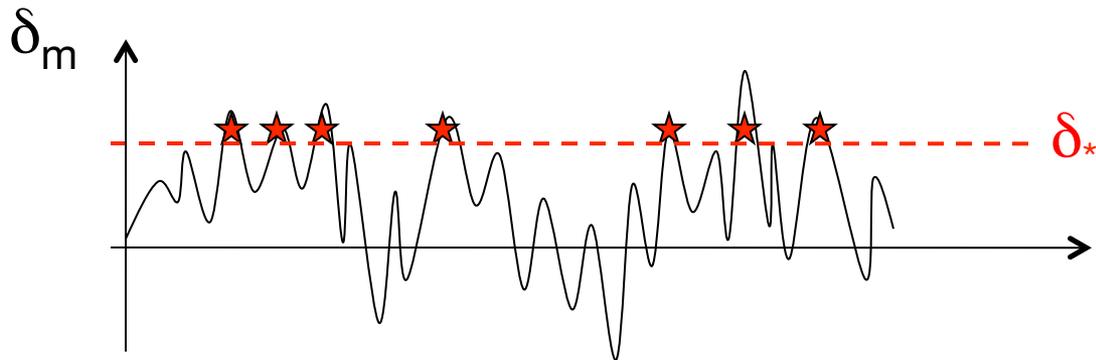
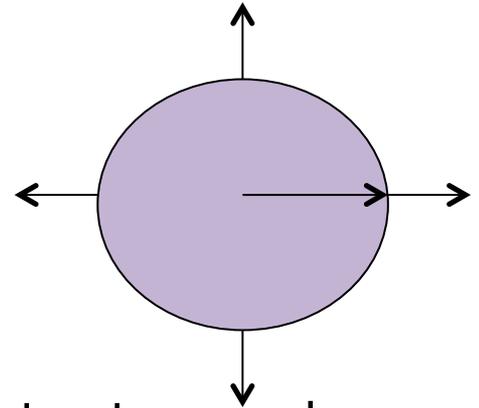


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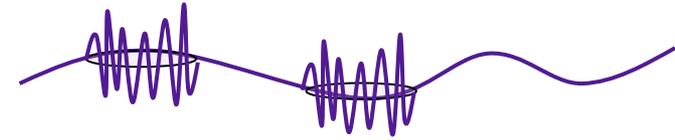
exact parametric solution for spherical collapse

works same in Newtonian gravity and in GR

small-scale collapse of peaks when linear density contrast exceeds threshold:  $\delta_m > \delta_* \approx 1.6$



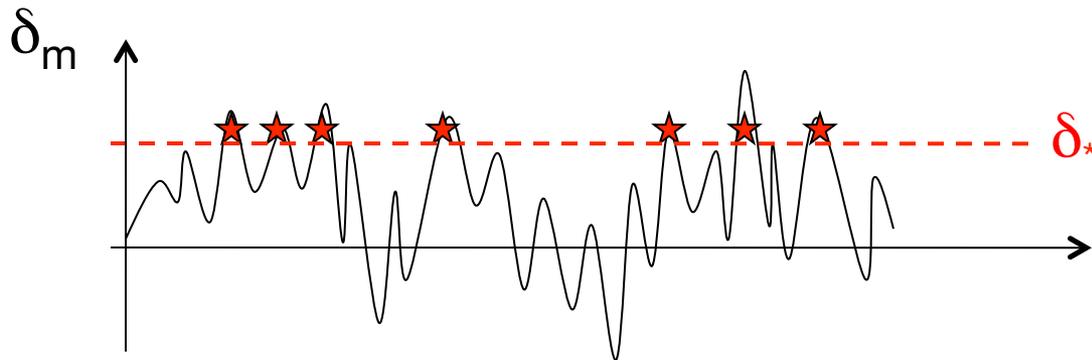
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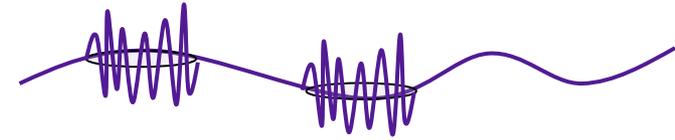
$$\delta_m = \delta_{short} + \delta_{long}$$

large-scale fluctuations  $\delta_{long}$  raise local background density

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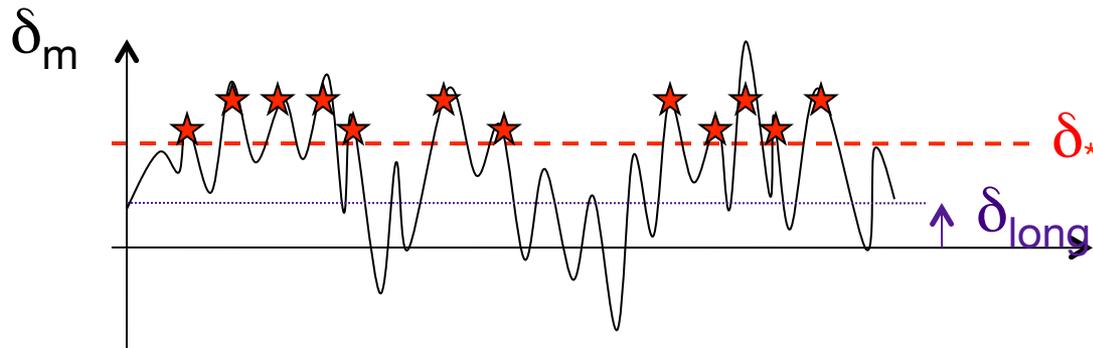
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- large-scale modes lower effective threshold for collapse
- enhancing number of peaks above threshold

**linear bias:  $\delta_g = b \delta_m$**

**$b \rightarrow b_G = \text{constant on large scales for a Gaussian density}$**

# Scale-dependent bias from non-Gaussianity

Dalal et al, arXiv:0710.4560

**Local model of non-Gaussianity:**

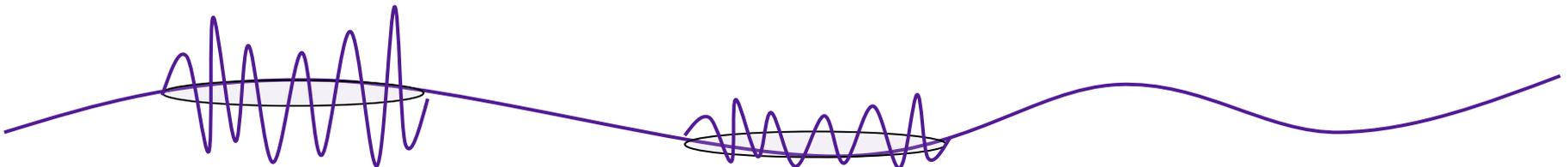
$$\Phi(x) = \phi_G(x) + f_{NL} \left( \phi_G^2(x) - \langle \phi_G^2 \rangle \right)$$

**peak-background (small-scale – large-scale) split:**

$$\phi_G(x) = \phi_s(x) + \phi_l(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(x) = \left( 1 + 2f_{NL}\phi_l(x) \right) \phi_s(x) + \phi_l(x) + f_{NL} \left( \phi_s^2(x) + \phi_l^2(x) - \langle \phi_s^2 \rangle - \langle \phi_l^2 \rangle \right)$$

- large-scale modes add to local background density  $+ \delta_{long}$   
and modulate amplitude on small scales  $\times f_{NL} \phi_l$



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- large-scale modes enhance power on small scales  $\propto f_{NL} \phi_l$
- relate potential to density via Poisson equation:

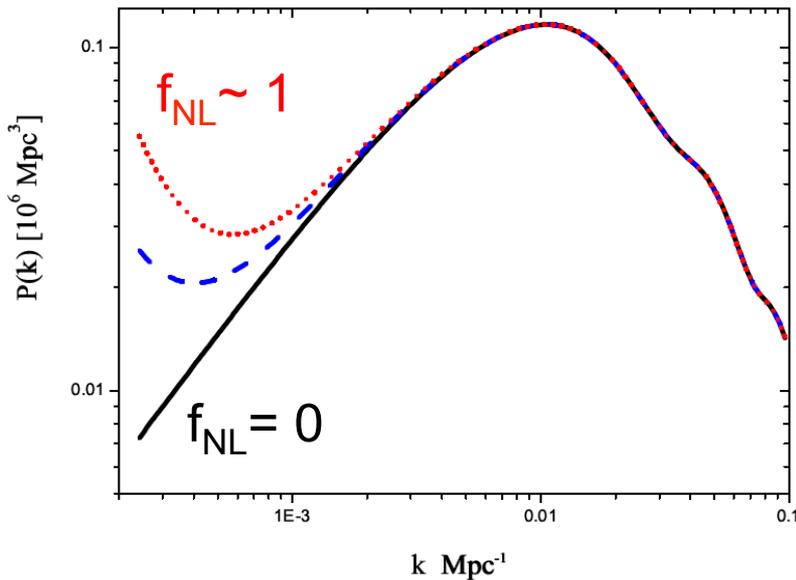
$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G_N \delta\rho \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi_l = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{aH}{k} \right)^2 \delta_l$$

$\Rightarrow$  **scale-dependent bias:**  
*diverges on large scales*

$$b \rightarrow b_G + 2f_{NL} \left( \frac{aH}{k} \right)^2 (b_G - 1)$$

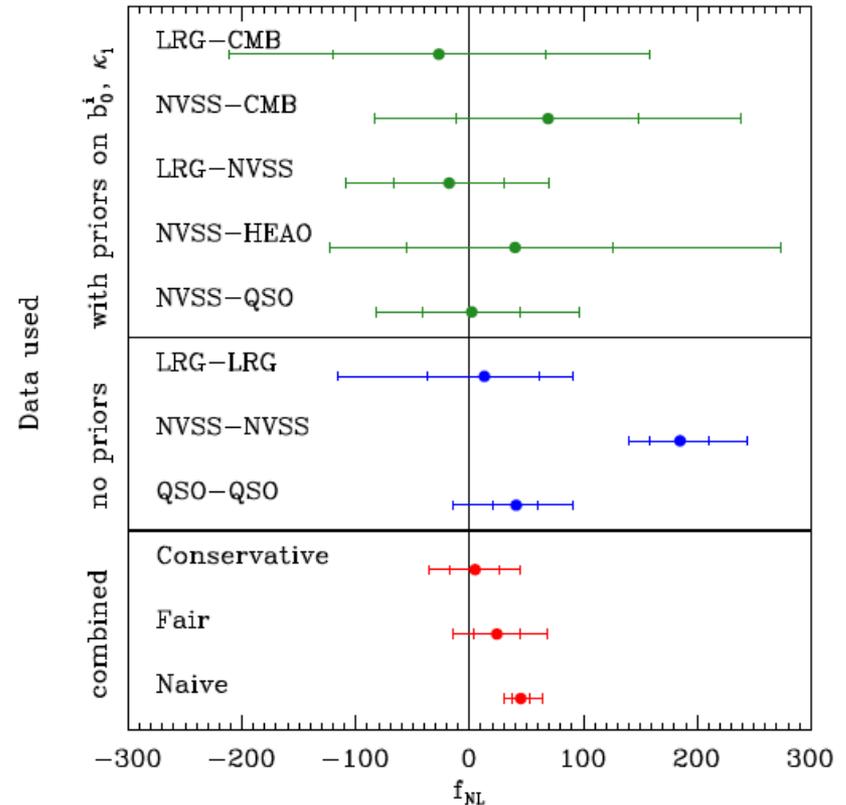
# $f_{\text{NL}}$ constraints from galaxy power spectra

$$P_g(k) = b^2 P_m(k)$$



Giannantonio et al,  
arXiv:1303.1349

$-36 < f_{\text{NL}} < +45$  (conservative 95% c.l.)



Future constraints:

ESA Euclid satellite (Amendola et al)

$$|f_{\text{NL}}| < 5$$

SKA (Square Km Array) (Santos et al)

$$|f_{\text{NL}}| < 0.1 ?$$

# Galaxy bias *in General Relativity?*

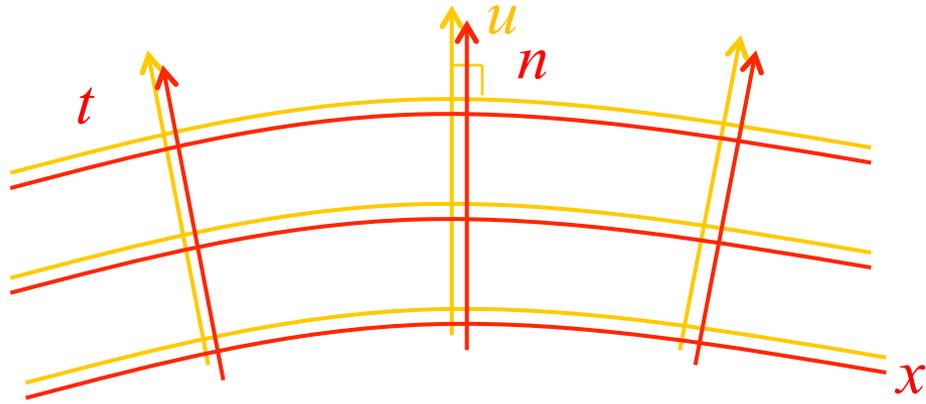
## peak-background split in GR

- small-scale ( $R \ll H^{-1}$ ) peak collapse
  - described by Newtonian gravity
- large-scale background needs GR ( $R \approx H^{-1}$ )
  - density perturbation is gauge dependent

$$t \rightarrow t + \delta t, \quad \delta_m \rightarrow \tilde{\delta}_m = \delta_m + 3H\delta t, \quad \delta_g \rightarrow \tilde{\delta}_g = \delta_g + 3H\delta t$$

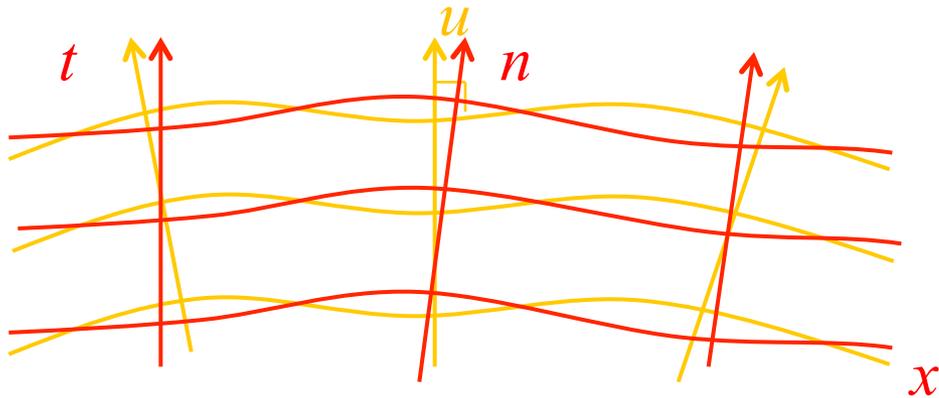
$\Rightarrow$  ***bias is a gauge-dependent quantity***

$$\delta_g = b\delta_m \Rightarrow \tilde{\delta}_g = b\tilde{\delta}_m - 3H(b-1)\delta t$$



FRW cosmology

*no unique choice of time (slicing) and space coordinates (threading)  
in an inhomogeneous universe*



FRW cosmology  
+ perturbations

comoving-orthogonal  
coordinates  $(t,x)$

# What is correct gauge to define bias?

## peak-background split works in GR with right variables

(Wands & Slosar, 2009; Bruni, Crittenden, Koyama, Maartens, Pitrou & Wands 2011)

➤ Newtonian potential = GR longitudinal gauge metric:  $\Phi = \psi^{(N)}$

➤ GR Poisson equation:

relates Newtonian potential to density perturbation in comoving-synchronous gauge:

$$\delta_m^{(c)} = \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{aH}{k} \right)^2 \Phi$$

➤ GR spherical collapse:

local collapse criterion applies to density perturbation in comoving-synchronous gauge:  $\delta_m^{(c)} > \delta_* \approx 1.6$

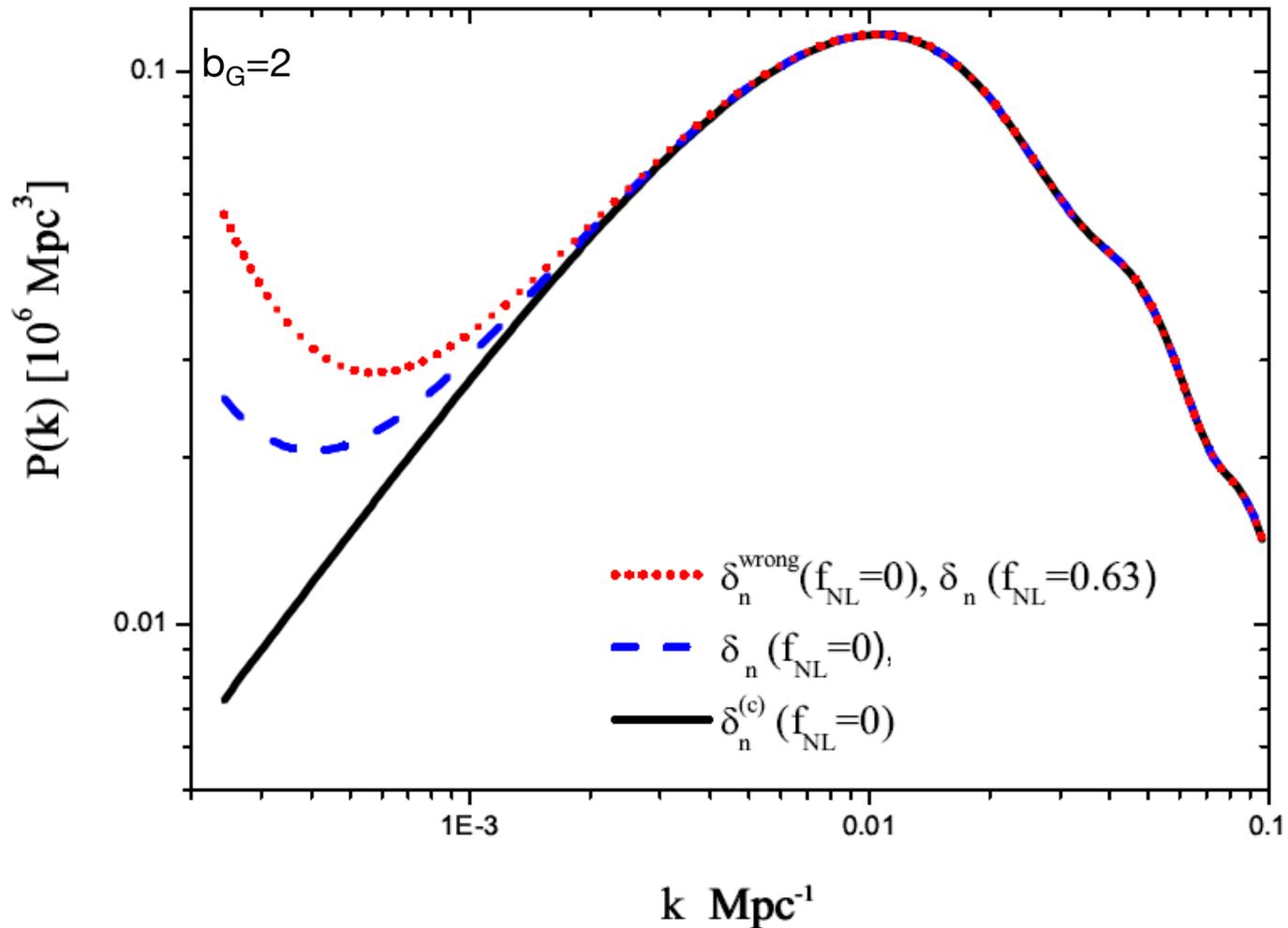
⇒ **local bias defined in the comoving-synchronous gauge**

$$\delta_g^{(c)} = b \delta_m^{(c)}$$

see also Baldauf, Seljak, Senatore & Zaldarriaga, arXiv:1106.5507

# Galaxy power spectrum at $z=1$

Bruni, Crittenden, Koyama, Maartens, Pitrou & Wands, arXiv:1106.3999



# Non-linear equations in GR

Bruni, Hidalgo, Meures & Wands (2013); Bruni, Hidalgo & Wands (2014)

Matter density,  $\rho$ , expansion,  $\Theta$ , and shear,  $\sigma$ , for irrotational flow in  $\Lambda$ CDM

- evolution equations in comoving-synchronous gauge [Ellis, 1971]

$$\dot{\rho} + \Theta\rho = 0$$

$$\dot{\Theta} + \frac{1}{3}\Theta^2 + 2\sigma^2 + 4\pi G\rho - \Lambda = 0$$

coincides with Newtonian equations

- constraint relates density and expansion to spatial curvature,  ${}^{(3)}R$

$$\frac{2}{3}\Theta^2 - 2\sigma^2 + {}^{(3)}R = 16\pi G\rho + 2\Lambda$$

*only reduces to Poisson equation  $\Delta\Phi \sim {}^{(3)}R \sim \delta\rho$  at linear order*

# Schematic second-order solutions in GR

Tomita (1975)... Bartolo, Matarrese and Riotto (2005); Bruni, Hidalgo, Meures & Wands (2013)

Matter density contrast,  $\delta$ , obeys second-order differential equation: ...

- first-order linearly growing mode:

$$L\{\delta^{(1)}\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta^{(1)} = \underline{C_1(\vec{x})D_+(t)}$$

$$\text{constraint : } C_1 \sim \nabla^2 \zeta_1$$

- second-order:

$$L\{\delta^{(2)}\} = Q\{(\delta^{(1)})^2\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta^{(2)} = \underline{C_2(\vec{x})D_+(t)} + P_2(\vec{x})D_{2+}(t, \vec{x})$$

$$\text{constraint : } C_2 \sim \nabla^2 \zeta_2 + \zeta_1 \nabla^2 \zeta_1 + (\nabla \zeta_1)^2$$

- *particular solution:  $P_2(x) \sim (C_1(x))^2$ , is the usual “Newtonian” solution*
- *homogeneous solution:  $C_2(x)$ , set by primordial non-Gaussianity and intrinsic non-linear GR constraint*

# What are the non-linear initial conditions in GR?

Bruni, Hidalgo & Wands (2014)

Matter density,  $\rho$ , and expansion,  $\Theta$ , in  $\Lambda$ CDM

- *GR constraint relates density and expansion to spatial curvature*

$$\frac{2}{3}\Theta^2 - 2\sigma^2 + {}^{(3)}R = 16\pi G\rho + 2\Lambda$$

Non-linear perturbations about FRW:  $\Theta(t, x^i) = 3H(t) + \theta(t, x^i)$ ,  
 $\rho(t, x^i) = \bar{\rho}(t) [1 + \delta(t, x^i)]$

At early times use large-scale limit – *gradient expansion*

$$\delta \sim \theta \sim \sigma \sim {}^{(3)}R \sim \nabla^2$$

- GR constraint becomes

$$\frac{{}^{(3)}R}{4} + H\theta = 4\pi G\bar{\rho}\delta + \mathcal{O}(\nabla^4)$$

*spatial curvature is a non-linear function of the metric perturbation*

# Non-linear density from Gaussian $\zeta(x)$

Spatial metric on large scales is conformally flat:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t)e^{2\zeta(t,x^i)} \delta_{kj} dx^k dx^j$$

hence simple non-linear form for spatial (Ricci) curvature,  $R = {}^{(3)}R a^2$ :

$$R = \exp(-2\zeta) [-4\nabla^2 \zeta - 2(\nabla \zeta)^2]$$

determines amplitude of growing mode / large-scale density perturbations

$$\delta_m \propto R(x) D_+(t)$$

# Non-Gaussian structure from Gaussian $\zeta(x)$

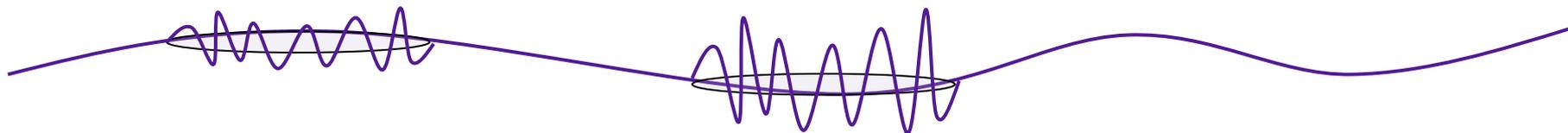
**Peak-background split:**  $\zeta = \zeta_s + \zeta_\ell$

Long-wavelength mode modulates spatial curvature (rescales background)

$$R = \exp(-2\zeta_\ell) R_s + \mathcal{O}(\nabla\zeta_\ell)$$

and hence growing mode / large-scale density perturbation:

$$\delta_m = \exp(-2\zeta_\ell) \delta_s + \mathcal{O}(\nabla\zeta_\ell)$$



*large scale  $\zeta_\ell$  modulates smaller scale  $\delta_s$*

# Compare GR curvature $R(x)$ and non-Gaussian $\Phi(x)$

GR density perturbations from Gaussian  $\zeta(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_m &= \exp(-2\zeta_\ell)\delta_s + \mathcal{O}(\nabla\zeta_\ell) \\ &= (1 - 2\zeta_\ell + 2\zeta_\ell^2 - \frac{4}{3}\zeta_\ell^3 + \dots)\delta_s + \mathcal{O}(\nabla\zeta_\ell)\end{aligned}$$

Newtonian density perturbations from non-Gaussian  $\Phi(x)$

$$\delta_m = (1 + 2f_{NL}\phi_\ell + 3g_{NL}\phi_\ell^2 + 4h_{NL}\phi_\ell^3 + \dots)\delta_s + \mathcal{O}(\nabla\phi_\ell)$$

compare term by term using linear relation:  $\phi_\ell = (3/5)\zeta_\ell$

*Einstein's signature in large-scale structure:*

$$f_{NL}^{GR} = -\frac{5}{3}, \quad g_{NL}^{GR} = -\frac{50}{3}, \quad h_{NL}^{GR} = -\frac{125}{81} \dots$$

*Bartolo et al; Verde & Matarrese;  
Bruni, Hidalgo & Wands (2014)*

# alternative viewpoints:

- **“even to the second order perturbations, equations for the relativistic irrotational flow... coincide exactly with the previously known Newtonian equations”**

Hwang & Noh gr-qc/0412128

- fluid flow evolution are same
- but there are non-linear constraints in GR
  - there is no simple Poisson equation relating density to metric potential beyond first order
  - GR corrections to non-linear growing mode at second- and higher-order from a given primordial metric perturbation,  $\zeta$ , e.g. from inflation

# alternative viewpoint:

- “synchronous gauge is an inappropriate coordinate choice when handling the growth of the large-scale structure”

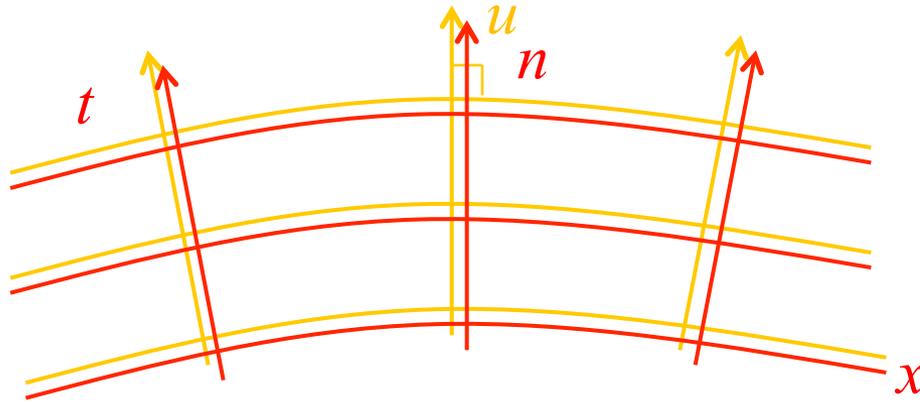
*Hwang et al, arXiv:1408.4656*

- comoving-synchronous gauge ( $v = 0$ ) = Newtonian *Lagrangian* frame
- total matter ( $v_E \neq 0$ ) = Newtonian *Eulerian* frame
- both have time-slicing orthogonal to matter 4-velocity, hence same density at first order
- frame-dependent density at second order (*exactly as in Newtonian theory*)

$$\delta_E^{(2)} = \delta^{(2)} - 2\partial_i \delta^{(1)} \int \partial^i v_E d\tau$$

*Bruni, Hidalgo, Meures & Wands, arXiv:1307.1478*

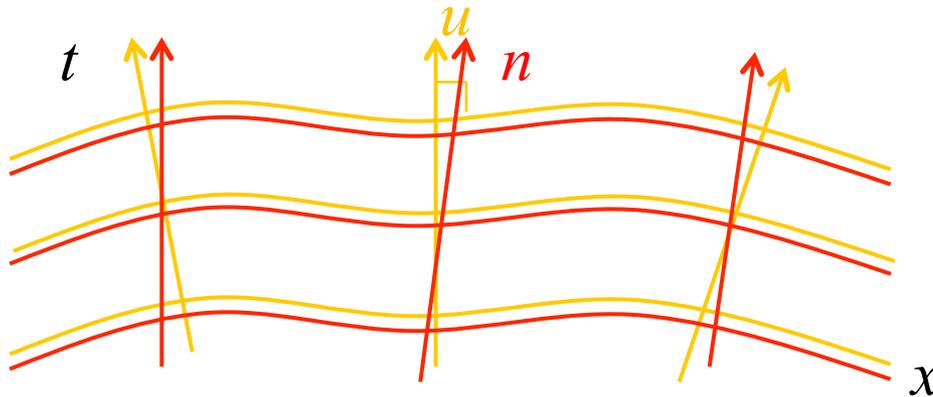
- local Eulerian bias  $\neq$  local Lagrangian bias *Matsubara, arXiv:1102.4619*



## FRW cosmology

- $u$  = matter 4-velocity equals
- $n$  = constant spatial coordinates

*time-slicing orthogonal to matter 4-velocity  
but alternative choices of spatial coordinates (“threading”)*



*comoving-orthogonal  
(Lagrangian)  
spatial coordinates*

*conformal  
(Eulerian)  
spatial coordinates*

# Conclusions

- **Large-scale structure probes primordial density perturbation and hence the very early universe**
  - primordial non-Gaussianity can give rise to scale-dependent bias
  - future LSS observations might detect  $f_{NL} = O(0.1)$ ?
- **Newtonian cosmology works remarkably well in  $\Lambda$ CDM**
  - but requires care for correct interpretation within GR
- **Galaxy bias is a gauge-dependent quantity**
  - use comoving-synchronous gauge for local Lagrangian bias in GR
- **GR vs Newtonian growth of structure**
  - *non-linear constraints in GR -> non-Gaussian initial density*
  - observations also introduce non-linearities (e.g., lensing)
  - observables are independent of gauge (but calculations are not)
- **GR initial conditions give intrinsic non-Gaussianity**
  - $f_{NL} = -5/3$ ,  $g_{NL} = -50/3$ ,  $h_{NL} = -125/81\dots$