

# Non-perturbative probability distribution function for cosmological counts in cells

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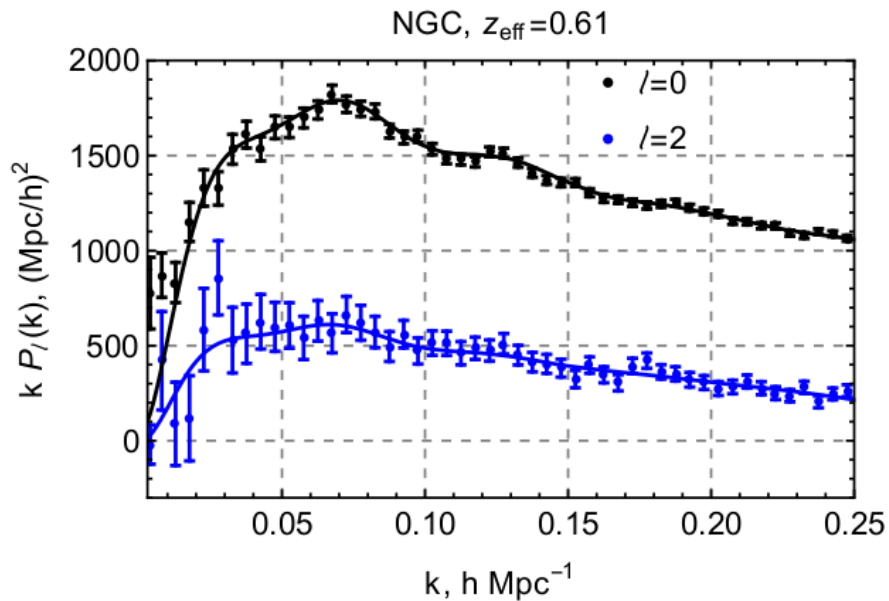
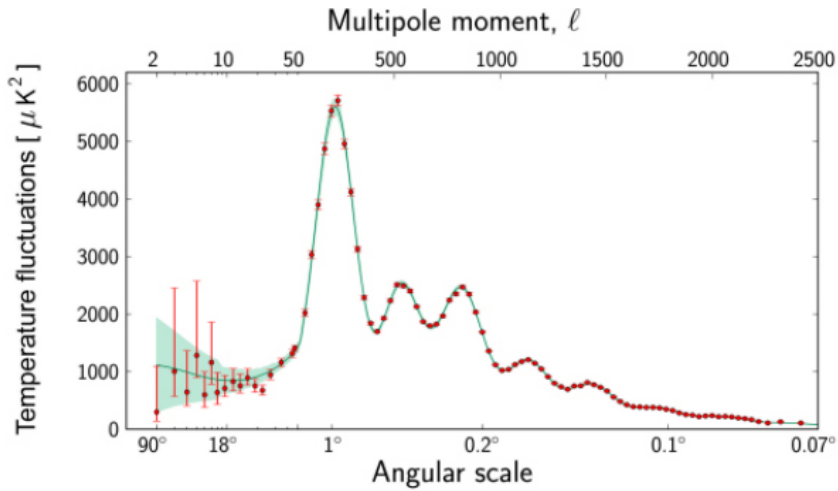
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# CMB and LSS analysis



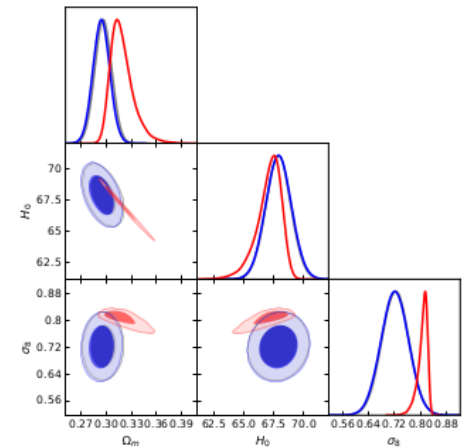
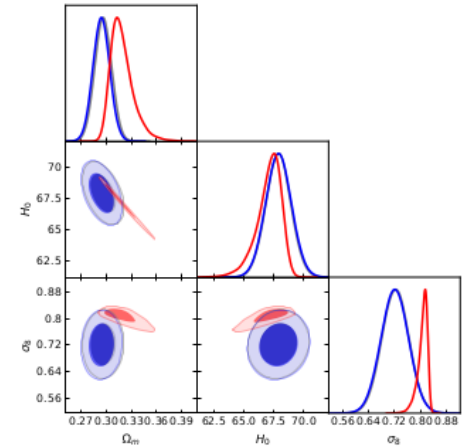
$$+ C_\ell(H_0, \Omega_m, \dots) =$$



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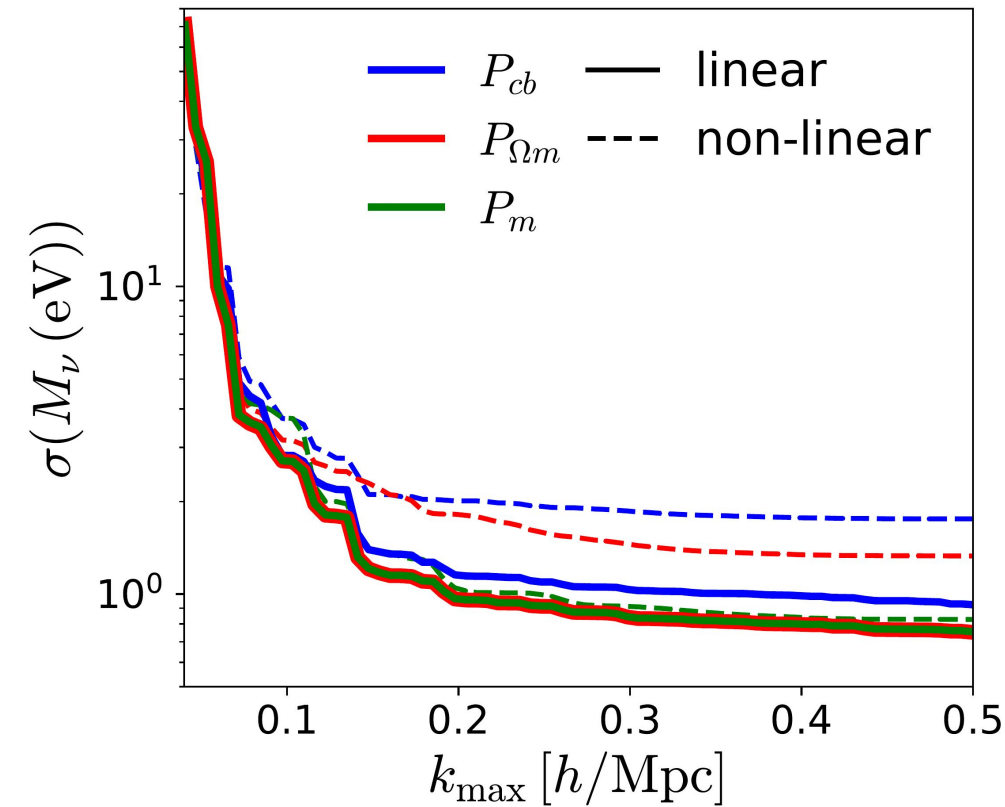


$$+ P_k(H_0, \Omega_m, \dots) =$$

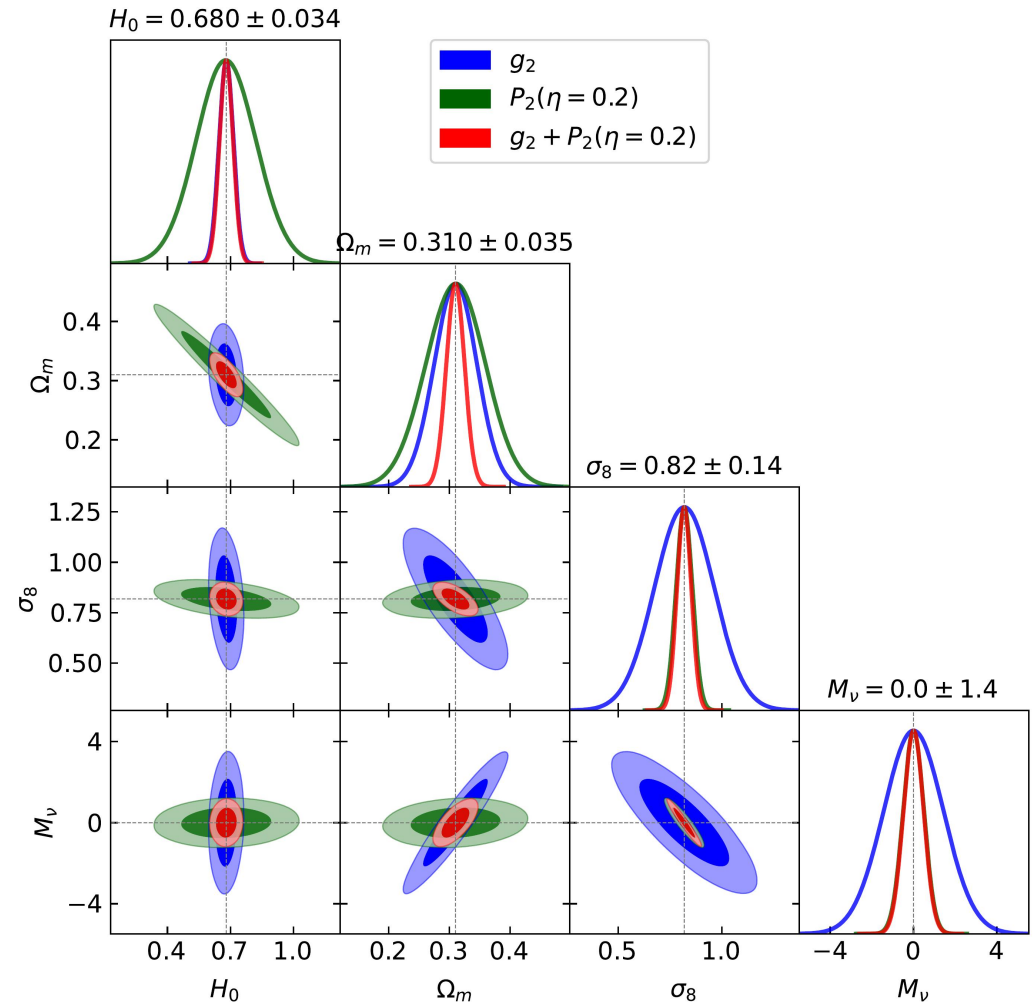


# Information beyond linear physics

Fisher Forecast



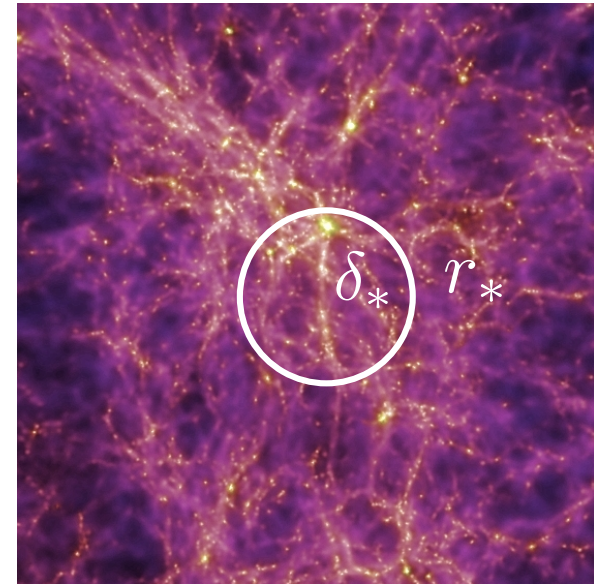
Bayer et al., 2022



Philcox, et al., 2023

# Cosmological counts in cells

$\mathcal{P}(\delta_*)$  - probability that a cell of radius  $r_*$  has averaged density contrast  $\delta_*$



$$\alpha \sim g(z)^2 \sigma_{r_*}^2 \ll 1 \quad \sigma_{r_*}^2 = \langle \delta^2 \rangle_{r_*}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\delta_*) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{\alpha} (a_0 + \alpha a_1 + \dots) \right\}$$

Saddle point solution  
(‘instanton’)  
defined by spherical collapse  
(Valageas’02)

Prefactor  
(‘determinant’)  
from perturbations around  
the saddle point solution  
(M.M. Ivanov’19)



# Cosmological counts in cells

$$\mathcal{P}(\delta_*) = \mathcal{N}^{-1} \int \mathcal{D}\delta_L \exp \left\{ - \int_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{|\delta_L(\mathbf{k})|^2}{2g^2 P(k)} \right\} \delta_D^{(1)}(\delta_* - \bar{\delta}_W[\delta_L])$$

$$\bar{\delta}_W = \int \frac{d^3x}{r_*^3} \tilde{W}(r/r_*) \delta(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbf{k}} W(kr_*) \delta(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\delta_*) \propto \exp \left\{ - \frac{F^2(\delta_*)}{2g^2 \sigma_{R_*}^2} \right\}$$

$$\delta_L \equiv F \quad R_* = r_* (1 + \delta_*)^{1/3}$$

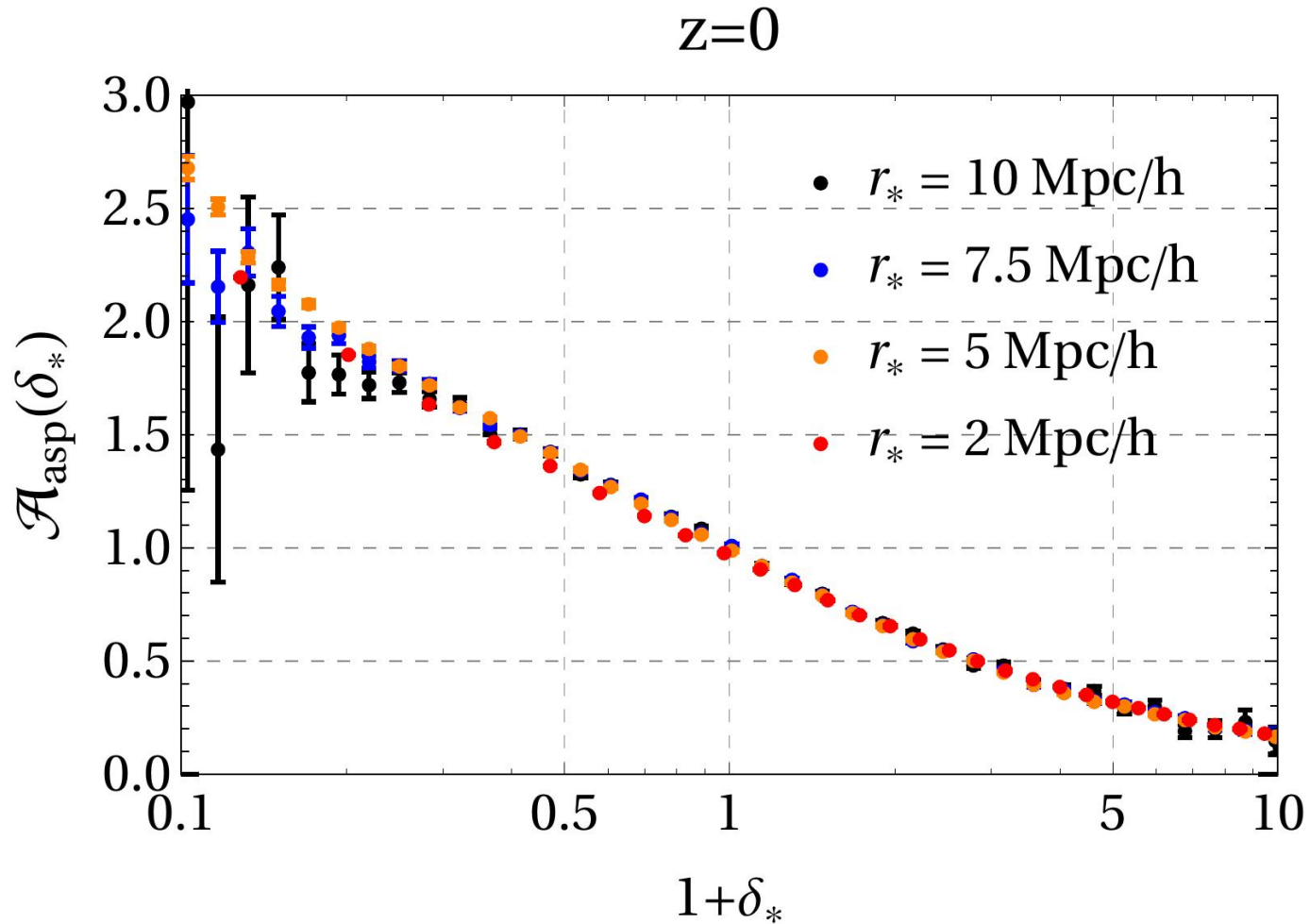
$$\mathcal{P}(\delta_*) = \mathcal{A}_0 \cdot \prod_{\ell > 0} \mathcal{A}_\ell(\delta_*) \cdot \exp \left\{ - \frac{F^2(\delta_*)}{2g^2 \sigma_{R_*}^2} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_{SP} \times \mathcal{A}_{ASP}$$

Monopole prefactor  
can be found precisely

Aspherical prefactor  
can be calculated on grid numerically

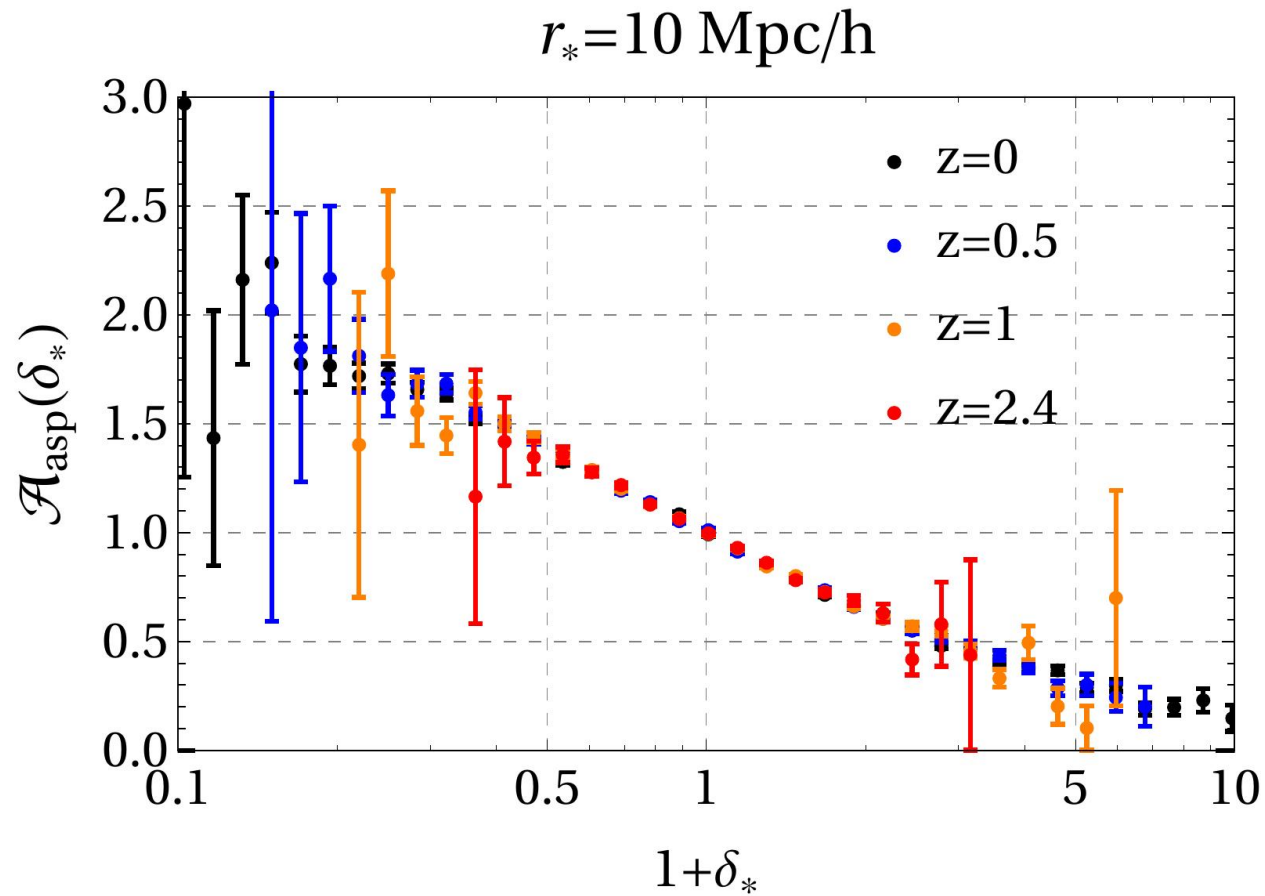
# Semiclassical scaling



Semiclassical scaling persists down to very small  $r_*$



# Redshift dependence



Aspherical prefactor is almost redshift-independent

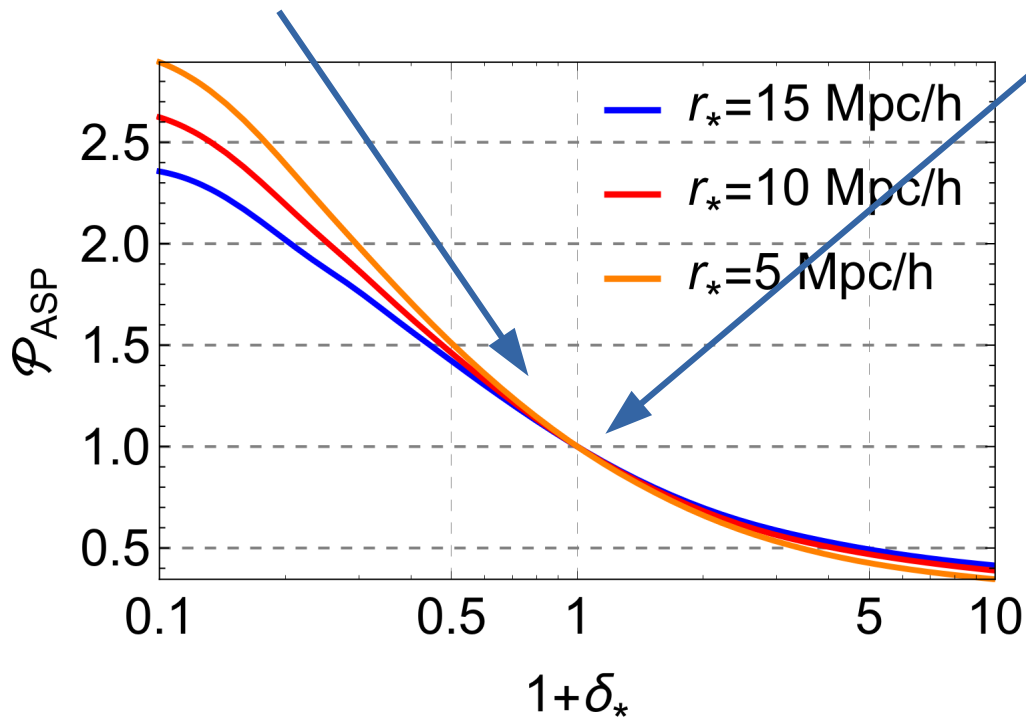
# Fluctuation determinant

Value at the origin  
controlled by unitarity

$$\int_{-1}^{\infty} d\delta_* \mathcal{P}(\delta_*) = 1$$

Slope at the origin  
controlled by  
translation invariance

$$\langle \delta_* \rangle \equiv \int_{-1}^{\infty} d\delta_* \mathcal{P}(\delta_*) \delta_* = 0$$



- ✓ Unitarity
- ✓ Translation invariance
- ✓ Weakly depends on cosmology

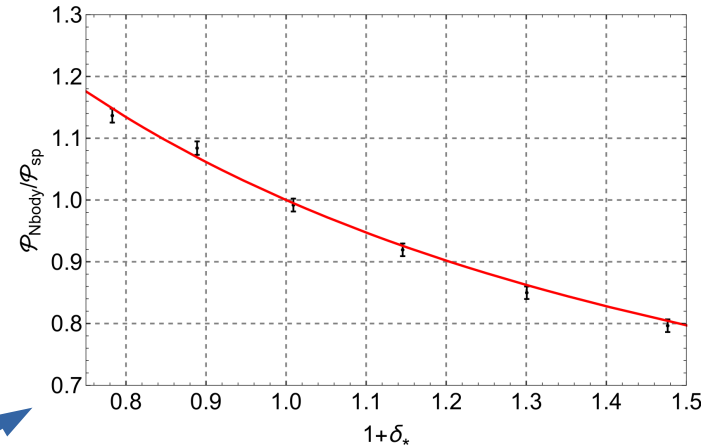
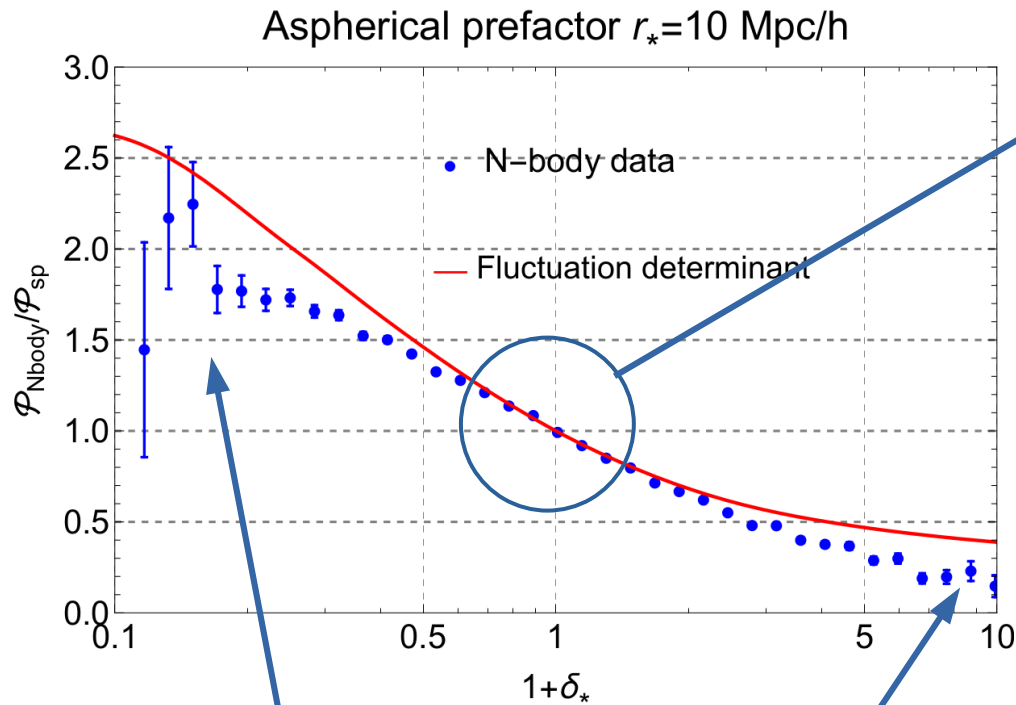
$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_{SP} \times \mathcal{A}_{ASP}$$

Computations use <https://github.com/Michalychforever/AsPy>



# Aspherical prefactor from data

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{ASP}}(\delta_*) = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{data}}(\delta_*)}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{SP}}(\delta_*)}$$



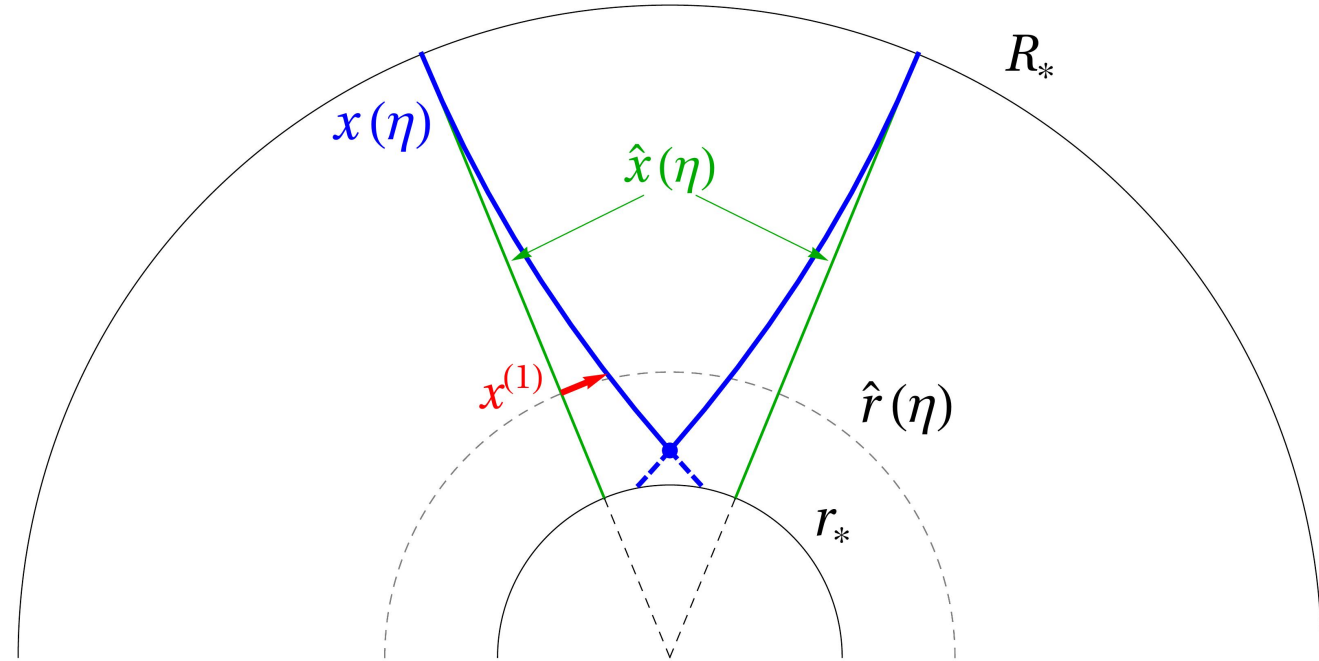
- ✓ Unitarity
- ✓ Translation invariance
- ✓ Weakly depend on cosmology
- ✗ Fluctuation determinant overpredicts the data

Renormalization of short-wavelength contributions is required!

# Aspherical perturbations

$$u_i = -\mathcal{H}\partial_i\Psi$$

$$\Delta\Psi = \Theta$$



$$\frac{dx_i}{d\eta} = -\partial_i\hat{\Psi} - \partial_i\Psi^{(1)}$$

$$1 + \delta(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = \left( \det \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial X_j} \right)^{-1} = \left[ \det \left( \frac{\partial \hat{x}_i}{\partial X_j} + \frac{\partial x_i^{(1)}}{\partial X_j} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \left( \det \frac{\partial \hat{x}_k}{\partial X_l} \right)^{-1} \left[ \det \left( \delta_i^j + \frac{\partial x_i^{(1)}}{\partial \hat{x}_j} \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

$$\varpi_i^j \equiv \frac{\partial x_i^{(1)}}{\partial \hat{x}_j}$$

Consider its trace

$$\frac{d\varpi}{d\eta} = \Delta\Psi^{(1)} = \Theta^{(1)}$$

$$\varpi(\eta, \mathbf{X}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\eta} d\eta' \Theta^{(1)}(\eta', \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\eta', \mathbf{X}))$$



# Growth factor in non-linear background

$$\langle \varpi^2 \rangle_{k_{\max}} \approx 4\pi \int^{k_{\max}} [dk] P(k) [D(\eta; R)]^2$$

$$\varkappa \equiv \frac{k}{\ell + 1/2}$$

$$\tilde{\Theta}_\ell = \Theta_\ell(\ell + 1/2)$$

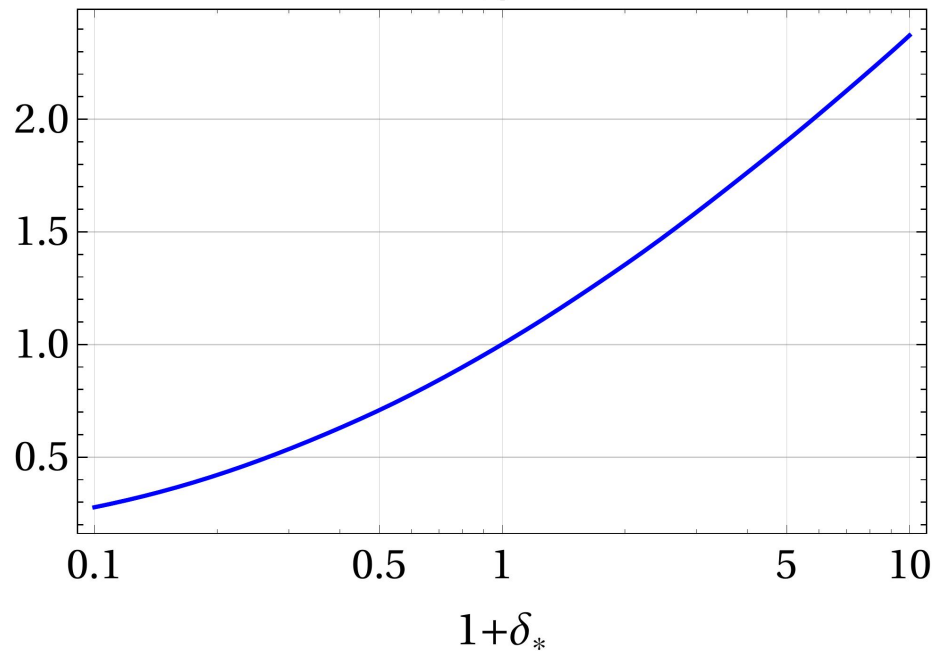
$$D(\eta; R) \approx \left( \int_{1/R_*}^{\infty} \frac{d\varkappa}{(2\pi)^2 \varkappa} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\eta} d\eta' \tilde{\Theta}_{\ell 1}(\eta', R; \varkappa) \right|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

Assuming power-law Universe

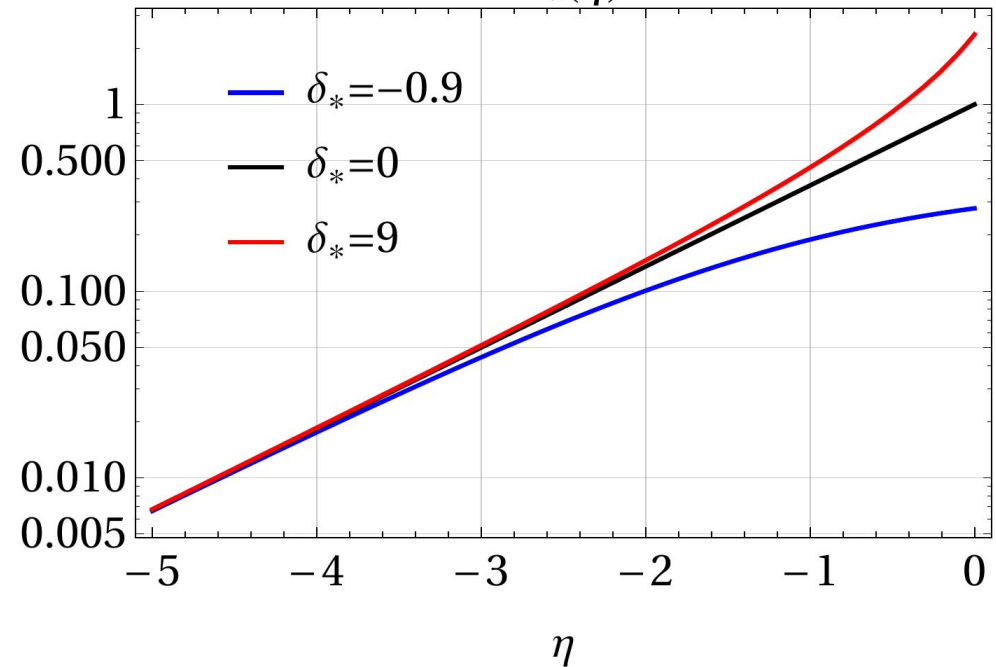
$$P(k) \propto k^n$$

$$D_*(\eta) \equiv D(\eta, R_*)$$

$D_*(\eta=0)$



$D_*(\eta)$



# Shell crossing scale

$$\langle \varpi^2 \rangle_{k_{\text{SC}}} \sim 1$$

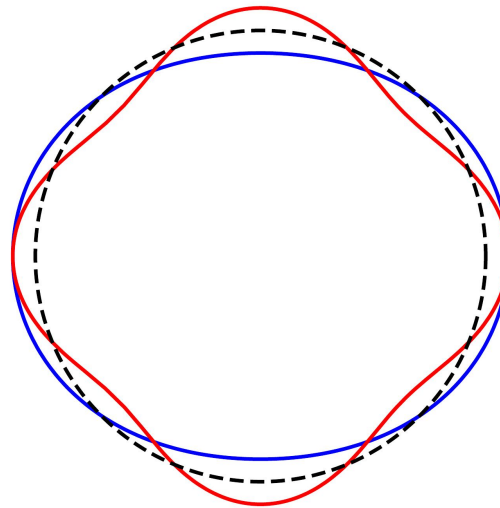


$$k_{\text{SC}}(\eta, R) \propto (D(\eta, R))^{-m/2}$$

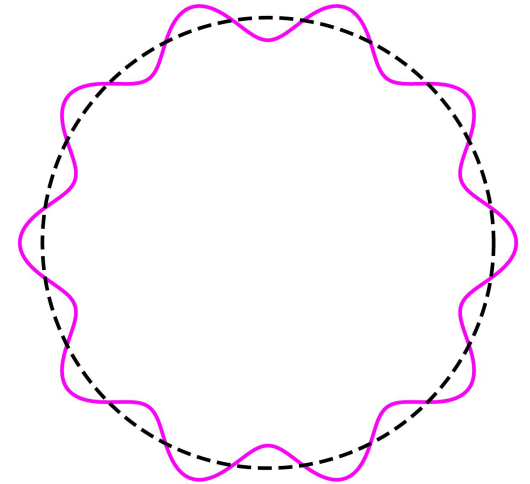
$$m = \frac{4}{3+n}$$

$$\gamma(z) = \gamma_0 g^m(z)$$

—  $\ell=2$  —  $\ell=4$



—  $\ell=10$



# Effective stress tensor

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{am} \cdot \nabla f - am \nabla \Phi \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{\text{tot}} &= \delta + \delta^s \\ u_{\text{tot},i} &= u_i + u_i^s \\ \Phi_{\text{tot}} &= \Phi + \Phi^s \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \int_{x'} W_\Lambda(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|) \delta_{\text{tot}}(\mathbf{x}') \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial t} + \partial_i((1 + \delta)u_i) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \mathcal{H}u_i + (u_j \partial_j)u_i + \partial_i \Phi &= -\frac{1}{1 + \delta} \partial_j \tau_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_{ij} = (1 + \delta)\sigma_{ij}^l + \frac{2}{3\mathcal{H}^2} \left( [\partial_i \Phi^s \partial_j \Phi^s]^l - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij} [\partial_k \Phi^s \partial_k \Phi^s]^l \right) \quad \text{D. Baumann et al., 2012}$$

'kinetic' part

$$\sigma_{ij}^l = \frac{\int (v_i - u_i^l)(v_j - u_j^l) f^l d^3p}{\int f^l d^3p}, \quad v_i \equiv \frac{p_i}{am}$$

'potential' part

crucial for decoupling virial scales from long-wavelength dynamics

# Fluid description

$$1/R_* \ll k_1 < k < k_2 \ll k_{\text{sc}}$$

Averaging over initial conditions



$$\sigma_{ij}^l = \langle u_i^{(1)} u_j^{(1)} \rangle = \mathcal{H}^2 \langle \partial_i \Psi^{(1)} \partial_j \Psi^{(1)} \rangle$$

Expanding up to the quadratic order  
and averaging over the angles...

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_0 &= \hat{\delta}_0 + \delta_0^{(2)} \\ \Theta_0 &= \hat{\Theta}_0 + \Theta_0^{(2)} \\ \Phi_0 &= \hat{\Phi}_0 + \Phi_0^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Upsilon^a(\eta) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{H}^2(1 + \hat{\delta})} \partial_j \tau_{ij}^a \Big|_{i \rightarrow r}, \quad a = \text{kin, pot}$$

$$\dot{\mu}^{(2)} + \dot{r}_\eta^{(2)} \hat{r}_\eta^2 (1 + \hat{\delta}(\hat{r}_\eta)) + r_\eta^{(2)} \frac{d}{d\eta} \left( \hat{r}_\eta^2 (1 + \hat{\delta}(\hat{r}_\eta)) \right) = 0$$

$$\ddot{r}_\eta^{(2)} + \frac{\dot{r}_\eta^{(2)}}{2} + \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2} \hat{\delta}(\hat{r}_\eta) - \frac{R_*^3}{\hat{r}_\eta^3} \right) r_\eta^{(2)} + \frac{3}{2 \hat{r}_\eta^2} \mu^{(2)} = -\Upsilon^a(\hat{r}_\eta)$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \int_0^{r_\eta} dr r^2 (1 + \hat{\delta}_0(r))$$

$$\mu^{(2)} = \int_0^{r_\eta} dr r^2 \delta_0^{(2)}(r)$$

$\Upsilon^{\text{pot}}, \Upsilon^{\text{kin}}$  receive sizable contributions from short modes and must be renormalized



# Counterterm model

Counterterm should scale as

$$\tau_{\alpha}^{a,\text{ctr}} \sim 2\mathcal{H}^2 \int_{k_{\text{sc}}}^{\infty} \frac{dk P(k)}{(2\pi)^3} \cdot \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{\varkappa}}{\boldsymbol{\varkappa}} \chi_{\alpha}^a$$

$$\tau_{\alpha}^{a,\text{ctr}}(\eta, R) = \zeta^a \cdot 2\mathcal{H}^2 (D(\eta, R))^{m-2} \int_{R^{-1}}^{\infty} \frac{d\boldsymbol{\varkappa}}{\boldsymbol{\varkappa}} \chi_{\alpha}^a(\eta, R; \boldsymbol{\varkappa}), \quad a = \text{kin, pot}; \quad \alpha = \parallel, \perp$$

$$\Upsilon^a(\eta) = 2\zeta^a [D_*(\eta)]^{m-2} \left[ \int_{R_*^{-1}}^{\infty} \frac{d\boldsymbol{\varkappa}}{\boldsymbol{\varkappa}} v^a(\eta; \boldsymbol{\varkappa}) + \frac{(m-2)[\ln D_*(\eta)]'}{1 + \hat{\delta}|_{\eta, \hat{r}(\eta)}} \int_{R_*^{-1}}^{\infty} \frac{d\boldsymbol{\varkappa}}{\boldsymbol{\varkappa}} \chi^a(\eta, R_*; \boldsymbol{\varkappa}) \right]$$

$$\bar{\delta}_W^a = \frac{3}{r_*^3} \mu^{(2),a}(\eta = 0)$$



$$\mathcal{A}^a = \exp[-\hat{\lambda} \bar{\delta}_W^a]$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{ctr}} = \mathcal{A}^{\text{kin}} \cdot \mathcal{A}^{\text{pot}}$$

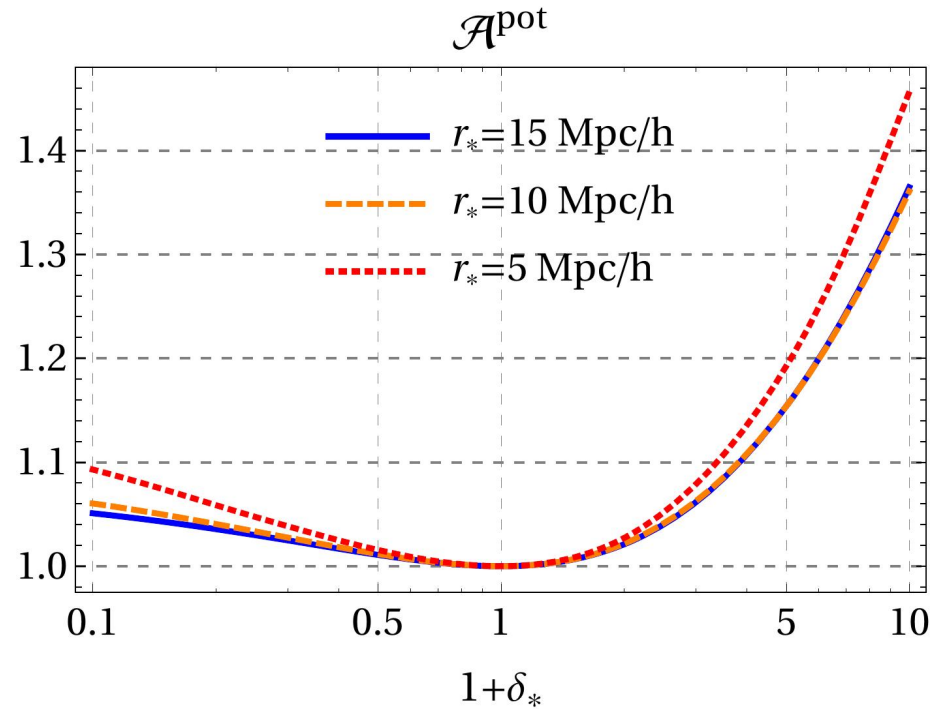
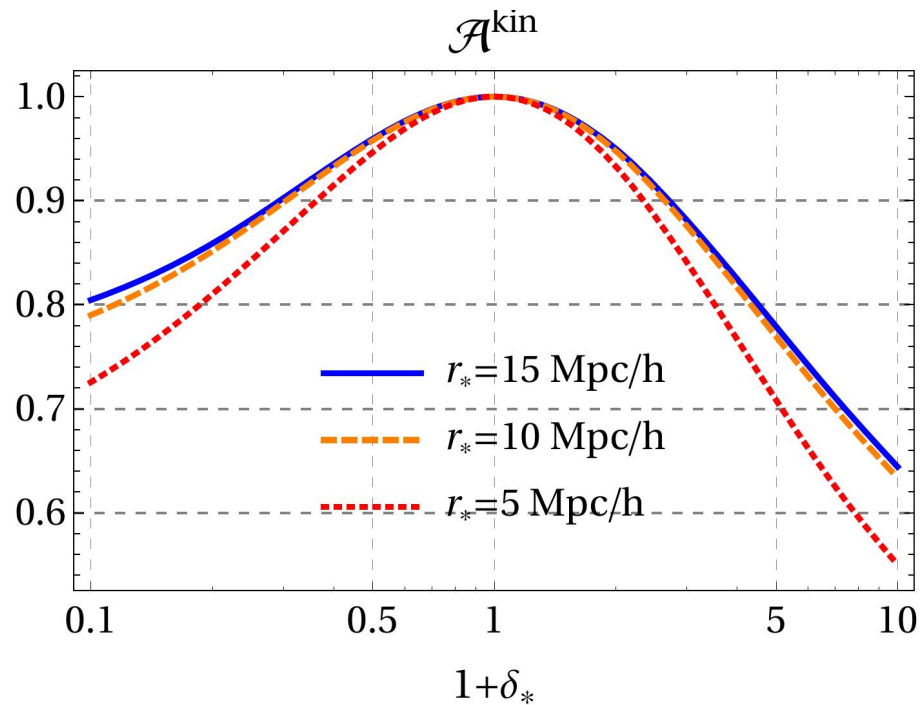
Time dependence



$$\ln[\mathcal{A}^{\text{ctr}}] \propto [g(z)]^{m-2}$$

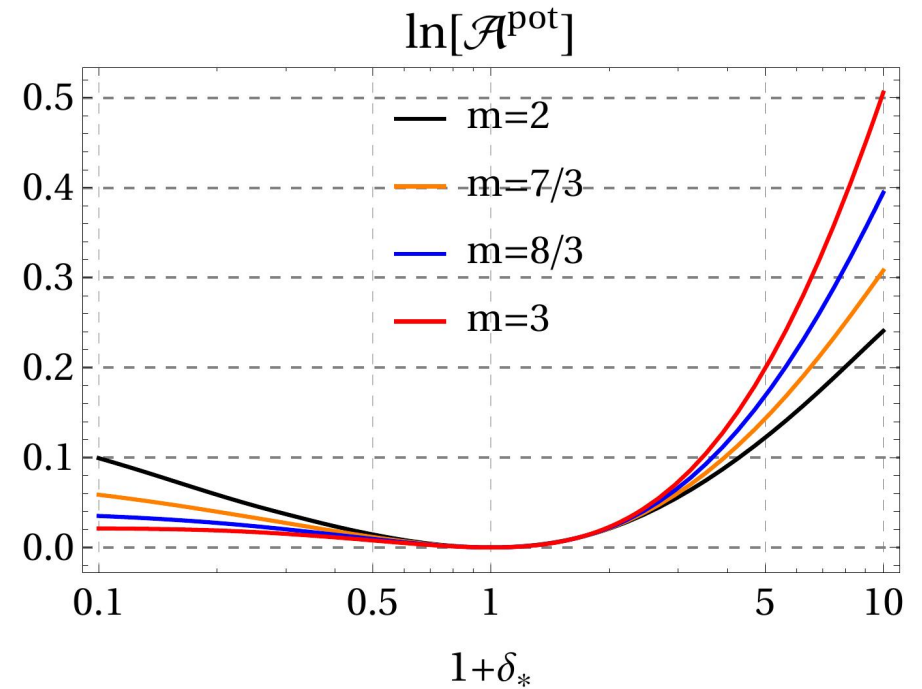
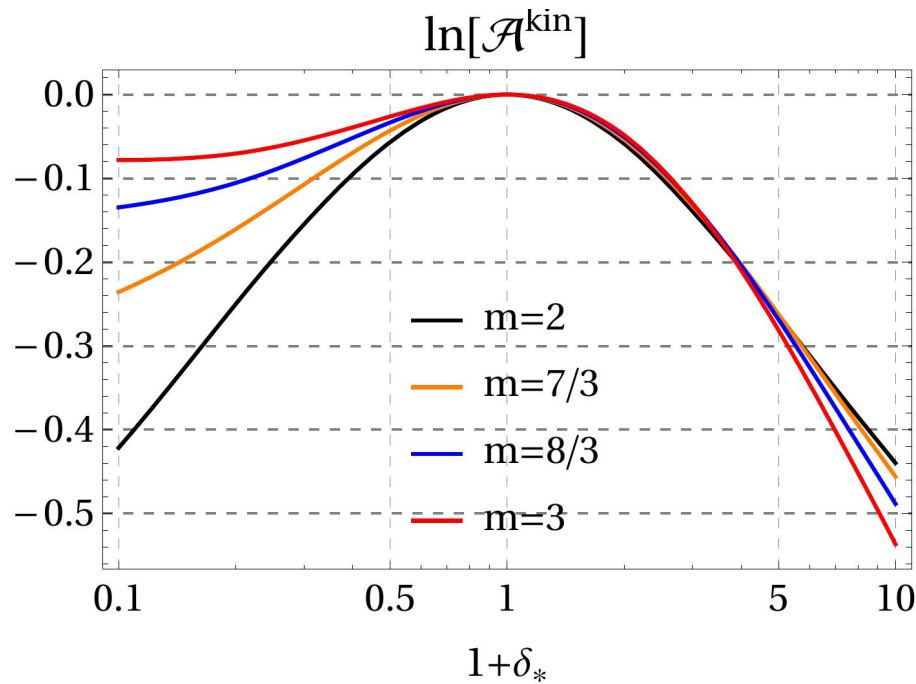
# $r_*$ -dependence of counterterm prefactor

$$\zeta^{\text{kin}} = \zeta^{\text{pot}} = (1 \text{ Mpc}/h)^2, \quad m = 2.33$$



# $m$ -dependence of counterterm prefactor

$$\zeta^{\text{kin}} = \zeta^{\text{pot}} = (1 \text{ Mpc}/h)^2, \quad r_* = 10 \text{ Mpc}/h$$



# Theoretical model

$$\mathcal{P}(\delta_*) = \mathcal{P}_{\text{SP}} \cdot \prod_{\ell > 0} \mathcal{A}_\ell(\delta_*) \cdot \mathcal{A}_{\text{ctr}}$$

Spherical PDF  
computed exactly

Fluctuation determinant  
calculated on grid numerically

Counterterm prefactor  
predicted given  
model parameters  
( $\alpha, \beta, m$ )

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{ASP}}^{\text{theory}}(\delta_*) = \prod_{\ell > 0} \mathcal{A}_\ell(\delta_*) \cdot \mathcal{A}^{\text{ctr}}(\delta_*)$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{ctr}}(z) = \exp\left(-\delta_*^2 \frac{\gamma(z)}{g^2(z)} \frac{\Sigma_{r_*}^2}{\sigma_{r_*}^4} + \mathcal{O}(\delta_*^2)\right)$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{ctr}} = \mathcal{A}^{\text{kin}} \cdot \mathcal{A}^{\text{pot}}$$

$$\Sigma_{r_*}^2 \equiv 4\pi \int [dk] k^2 |W_{\text{th}}(kr_*)|^2 P(k)$$

Time-dependence:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{ctr}}(z) = \mathcal{A}_{\text{ctr}}(0) \frac{\gamma(z)}{\gamma_0}$$

$$m = \frac{4}{3+n}$$

$$\gamma(z) = \gamma_0 g^m(z)$$

$\langle \zeta^{\text{kin}}, \zeta^{\text{pot}}, m \rangle$  free parameters



# Aspherical prefactor

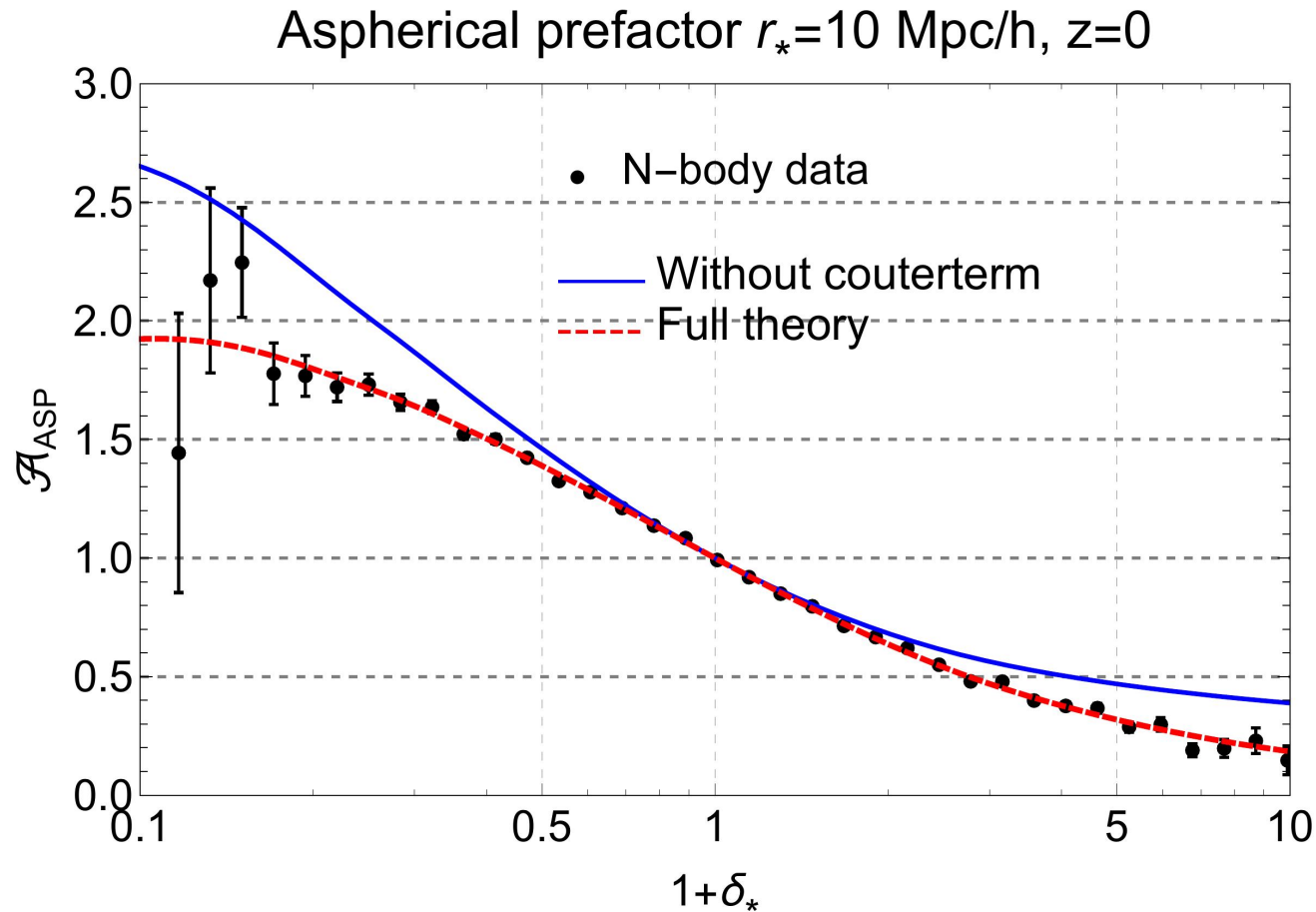
$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{ASP}}^{\text{data}}(\delta_i) = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{data}}(\delta_i)}{\langle \mathcal{P}_{\text{SP}} \rangle_i}$$

$$-2 \ln \mathcal{L} = (\langle \mathcal{A}_{\text{ASP}}^{\text{theory}} \rangle_i - \mathcal{A}_{\text{ASP}}^{\text{data}}(\delta_i)) (C_{ij}^{\text{stat}})^{-1} (\langle \mathcal{A}_{\text{ASP}}^{\text{theory}} \rangle_j - \mathcal{A}_{\text{ASP}}^{\text{data}}(\delta_j)) + (\gamma_0, m)^{\text{T}} C(\gamma_0, m)$$

# Aspherical prefactor

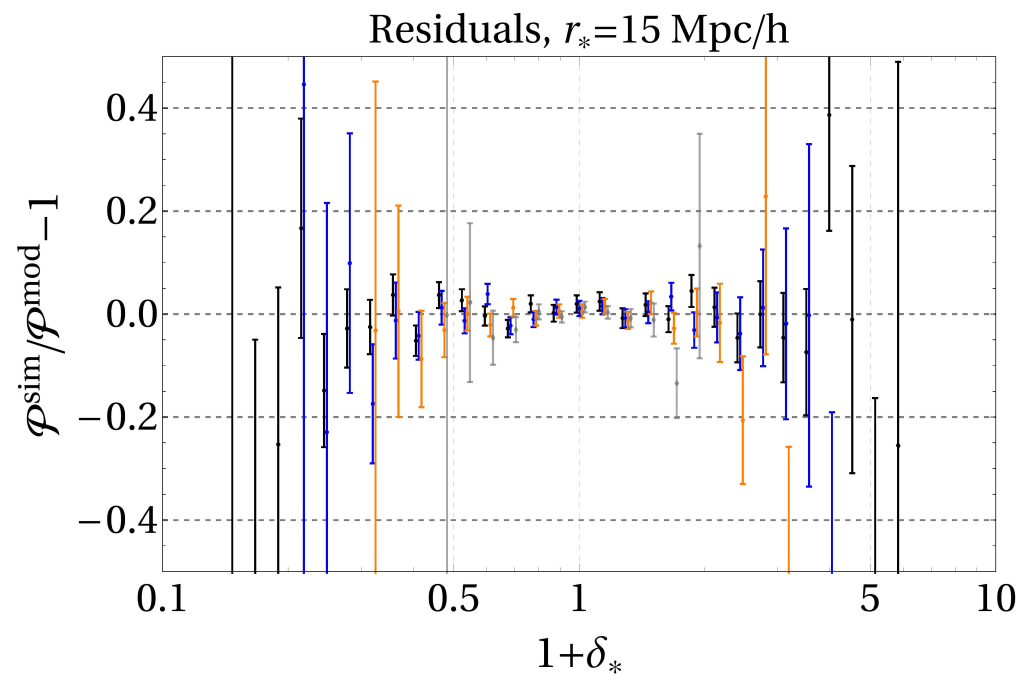
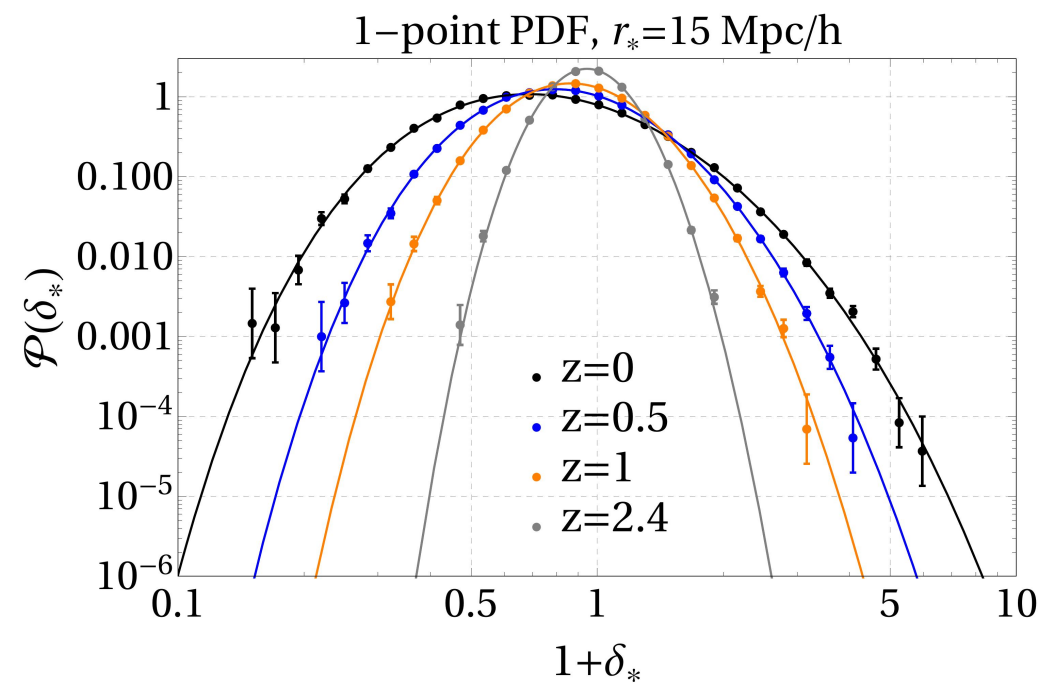
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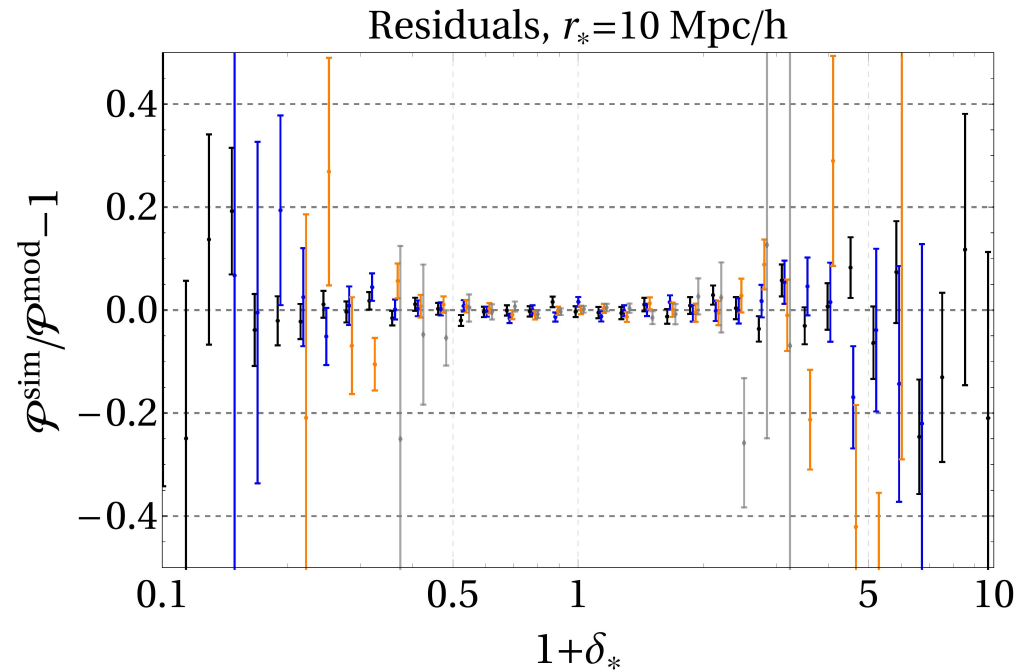
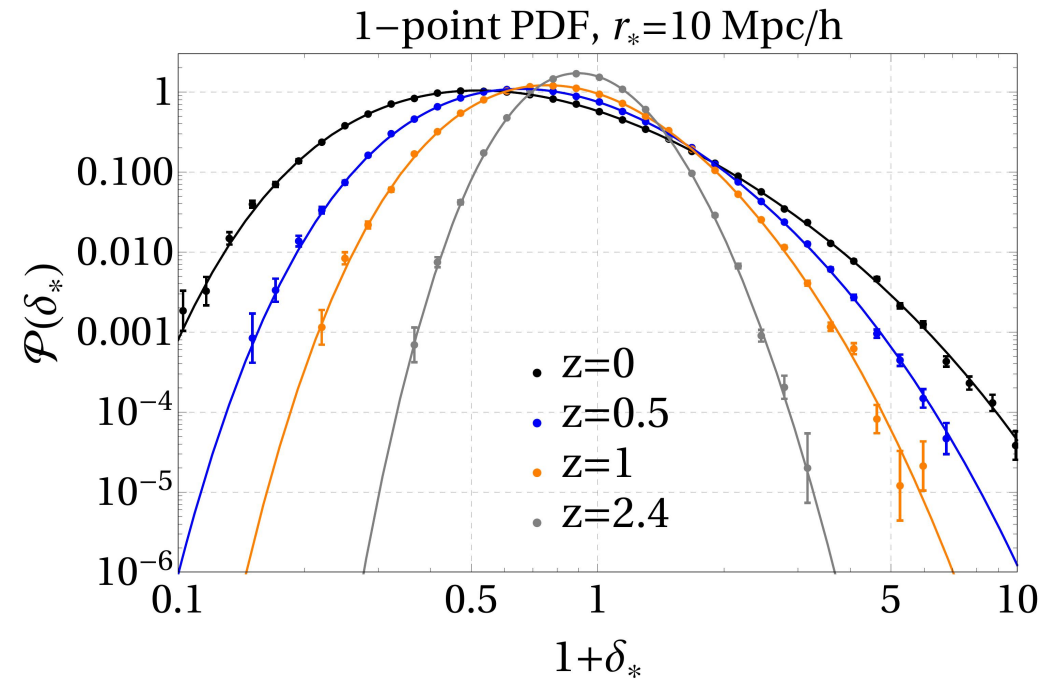
# Results for $R=15 \text{ Mpc}/h$

$$\chi^2_{\text{best-fit}}/N_{\text{dof}} = 0.88 \text{ (} 0.3\sigma \text{)}$$



# Results for $R=10 \text{ Mpc}/h$

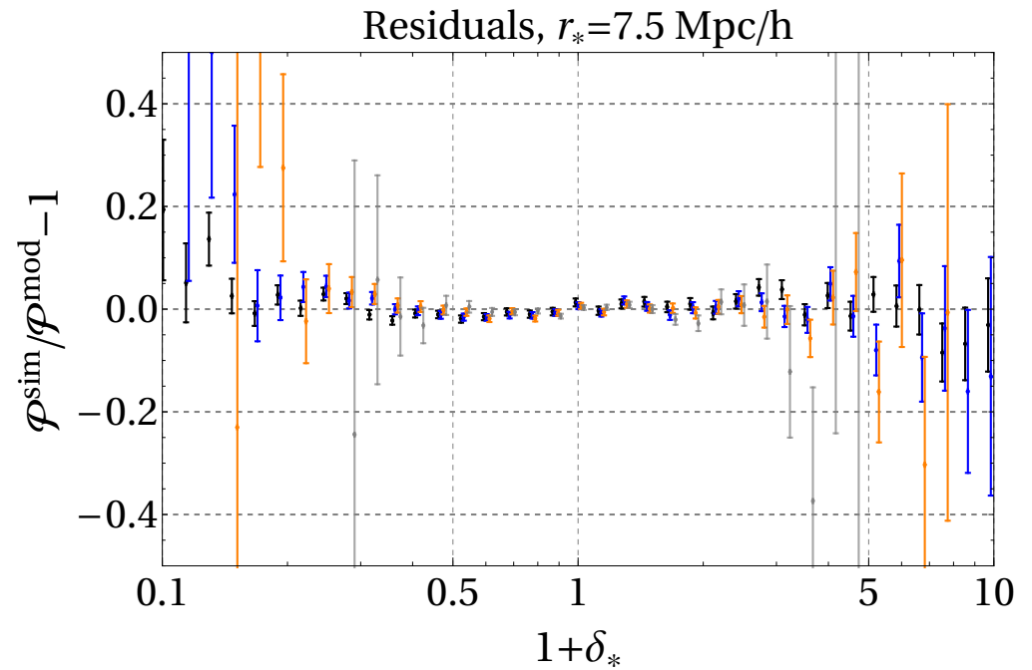
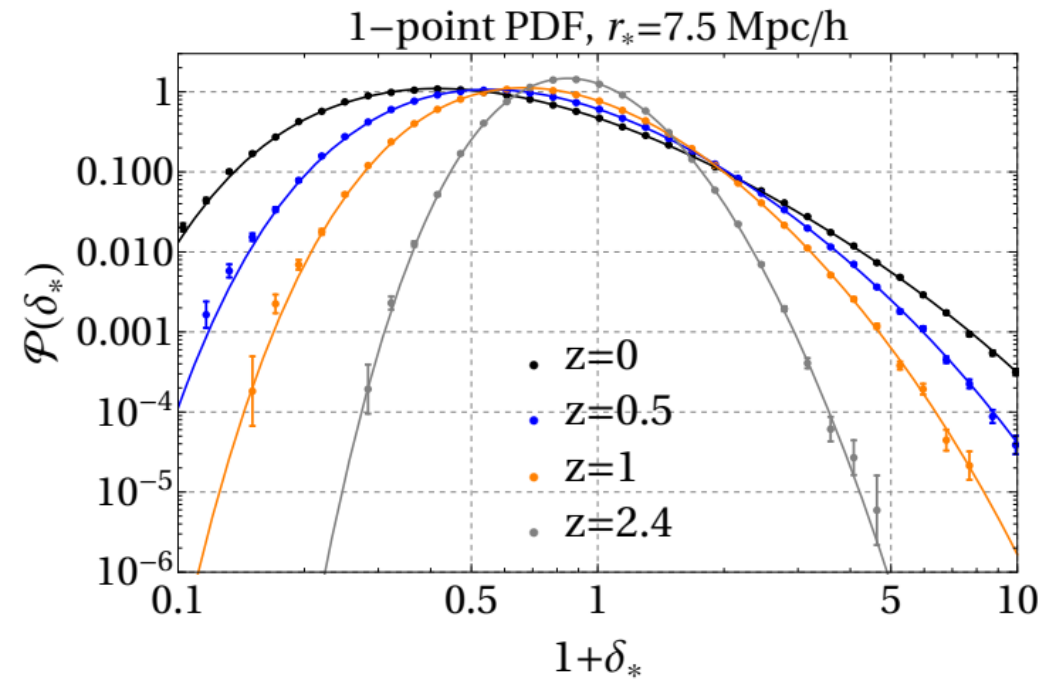
$$\chi_{\text{best-fit}}^2 / N_{\text{dof}} = 0.99 \text{ (} 0.6\sigma \text{)}$$





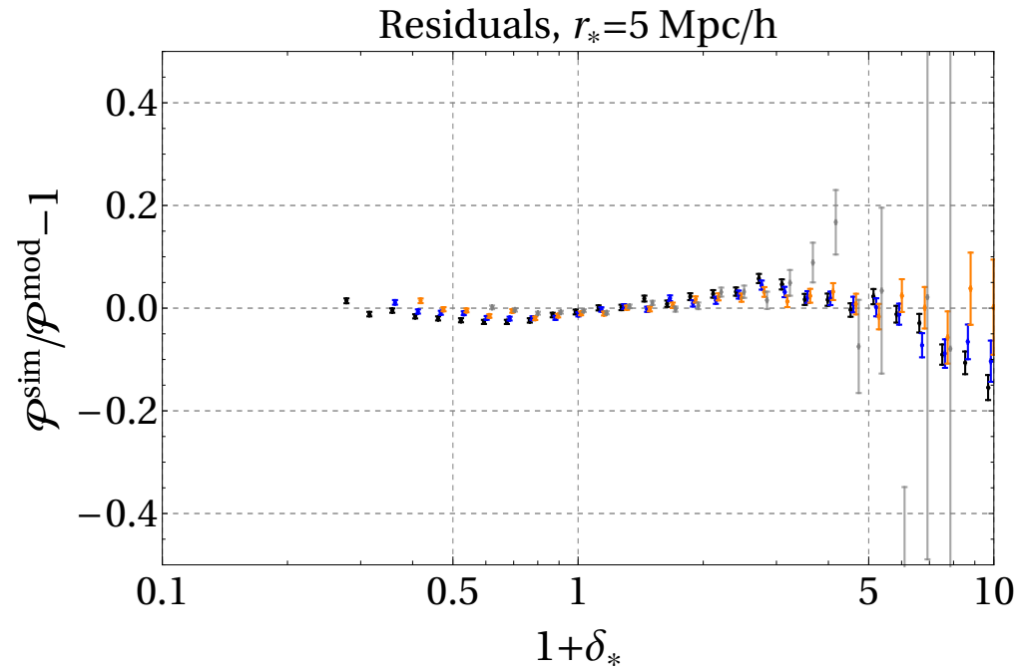
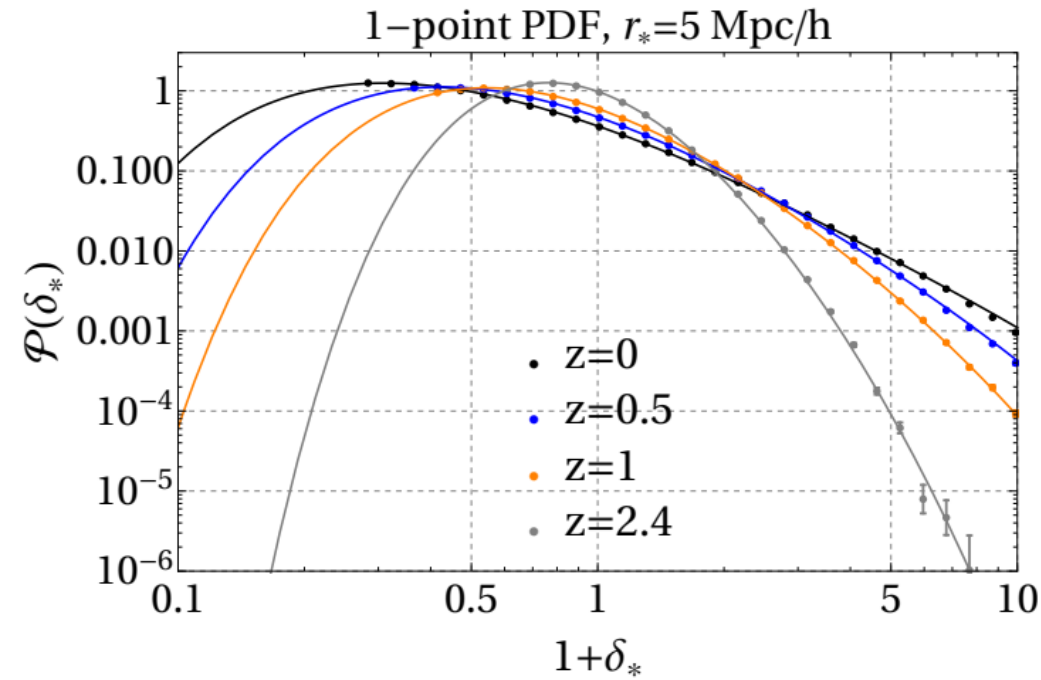
# Results for $R=7.5 \text{ Mpc}/h$

$$\chi_{\text{best-fit}}^2 / N_{\text{dof}} = 1.80 \quad (5.3\sigma)$$



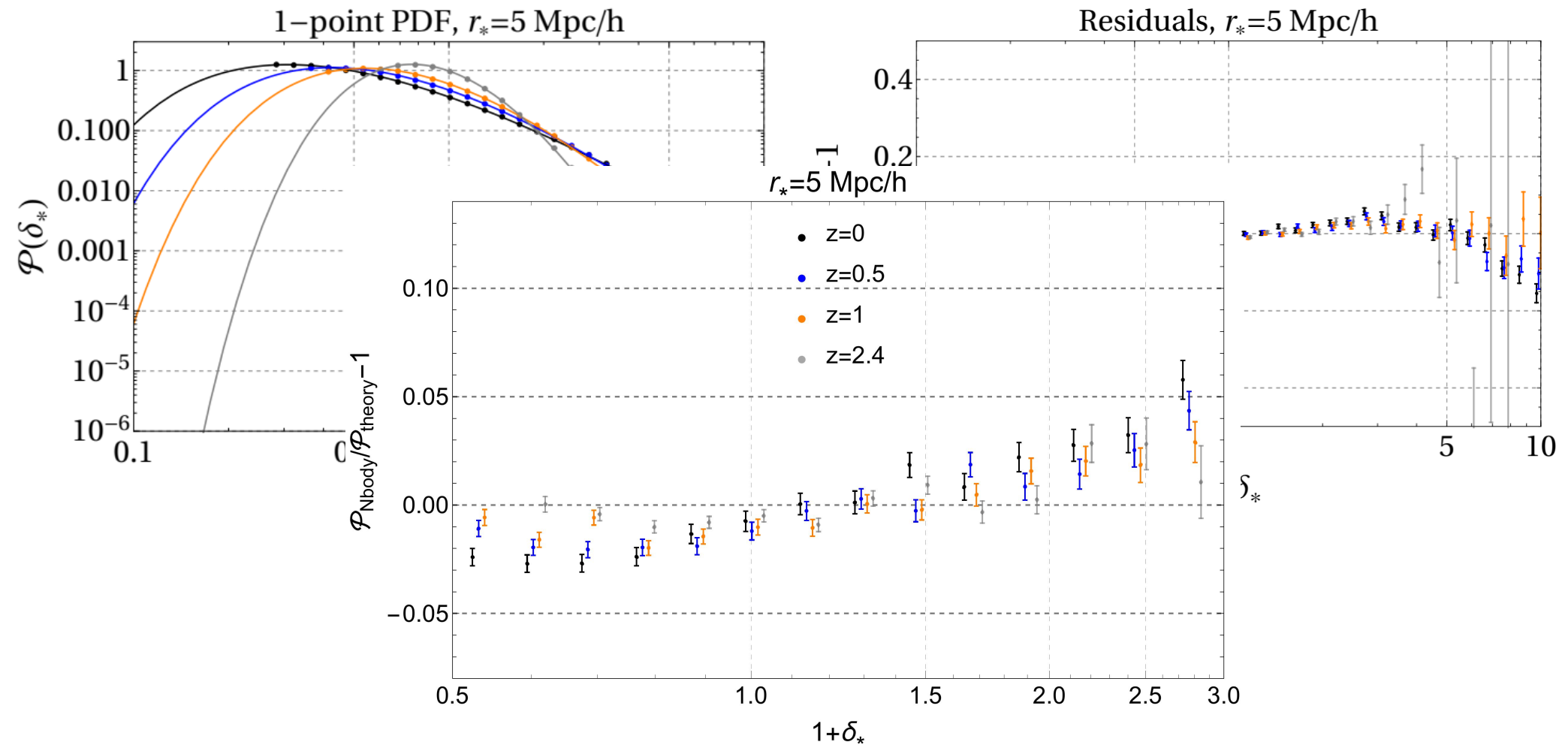
# Results for $R=5 \text{ Mpc}/h$

$$\chi_{\text{best-fit}}^2 / N_{\text{dof}} = 9.74 \text{ (} 25\sigma \text{)}$$

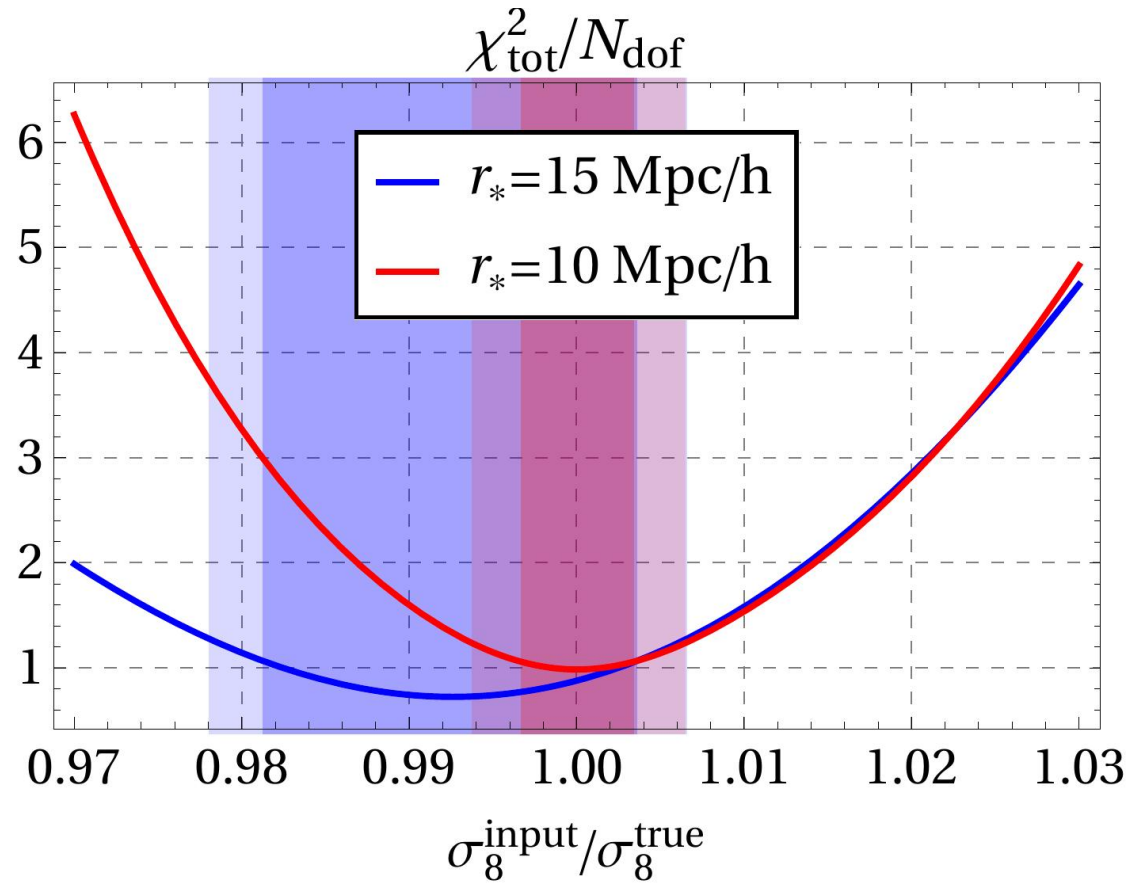


# Results for $R=5 \text{ Mpc}/h$

$$\chi^2_{\text{best-fit}}/N_{\text{dof}} = 9.74 \text{ (} 25\sigma \text{)}$$



# Sensitivity to $\sigma_8$



PDF is sensitive to the value of  $\sigma_8$  at sub-per cent level



# Filtered n-point correlators

		norm - 1	$\langle \delta_* \rangle$	$\langle \delta_*^2 \rangle$	$\sigma_{\text{EFT}}^2$	$\langle \delta_*^3 \rangle / \langle \delta_*^2 \rangle^2$
$r_* = 15 \text{ Mpc}/h$	$z = 0$	$-6.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-7.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.260	0.262	3.35
	$z = 0.5$	$-2.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-3.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.153	0.154	3.30
	$z = 1$	$-1.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-1.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.095	0.095	3.27
	$z = 2.4$	$-3.3 \cdot 10^{-5}$	$-5.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.035	0.035	3.23
$r_* = 10 \text{ Mpc}/h$	$z = 0$	$-3.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$-2.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.533	0.532	3.63
	$z = 0.5$	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$-6.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.306	0.304	3.65
	$z = 1$	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$-2.9 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.185	0.185	3.56
	$z = 2.4$	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.4 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.067	0.067	3.45

PDF reproduces the EFT filtered density variance with  
sub-per cent accuracy

# Conclusions

- ✓ Three-parametric model for counterterm prefactor is in excellent agreement with N-body data for  $r_* \geq 10 \text{ Mpc}/h$
- ✓ For  $r_* < 10 \text{ Mpc}/h$  the 2-loop order correction at the the origin comes into play - **theoretical error is needed!**
- ✓ The renormalized theory describe the N-body data for  $r_* = 5 \text{ Mpc}/h$  with **10% accuracy**

**Priors:**

$$\gamma_0 = (1.95 \pm 0.26) (\text{Mpc}/h)^2, \quad m = 2.26 \pm 0.21, \quad \text{corr}(\gamma_0, m) = 0.85$$