

Why and how test gravity? (on cosmological scales)



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OUTLINE:

- **Standard model of cosmology (abridged)**
- **General Relativity – basics and the current status**
- **Beyond GR (why and how) – Modified Gravity**
- **MG Screening**
- **Observational effects of beyond GR**
- **Troubles**
- **Outlook and the future**

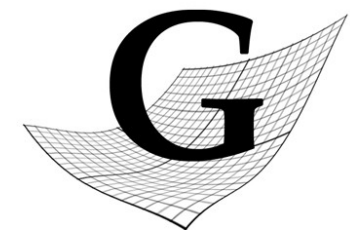
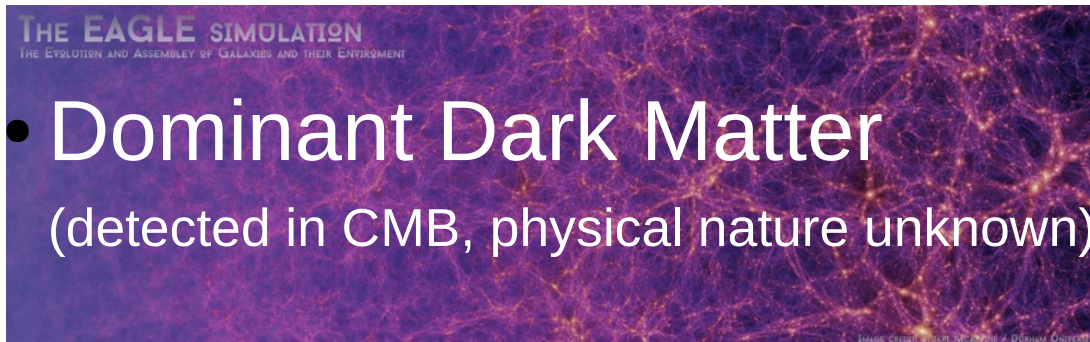
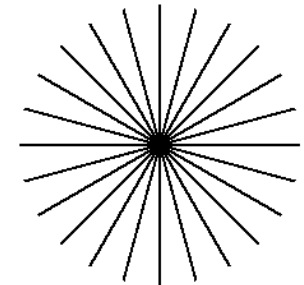
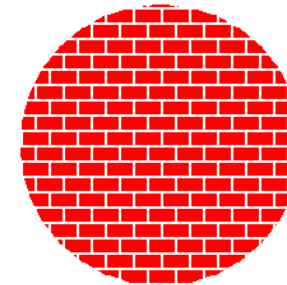
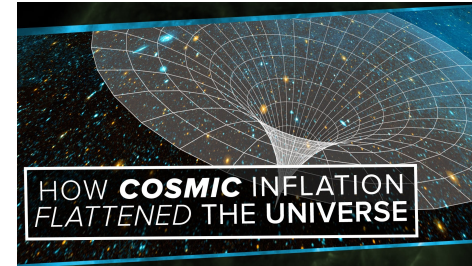


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Standard model of cosmology: core assumptions

- Hot relativistic Big Bang
- Gaussian initial conditions
(adiabatic, Inflation)
- global homogeneity and isotropy
(early Universe ok, late-time under scrutiny)
- Dominant Dark Matter
(detected in CMB, physical nature unknown)
- GR is theory of gravity on all scales
(tested only on Solar System scales and strong-field regime)



Gravity



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GR - a successful story (of metric)

General Relativity is a metric theory. Einstein field equations can be derived by varying the Einstein-Hilbert action integral with respect to metric.

GR curvature term

SM particles and dark matter

$$\frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R(g) + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}(g, \text{matter})$$

Einstein's cosmological constant

$$+ \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \Lambda$$

metric of space time



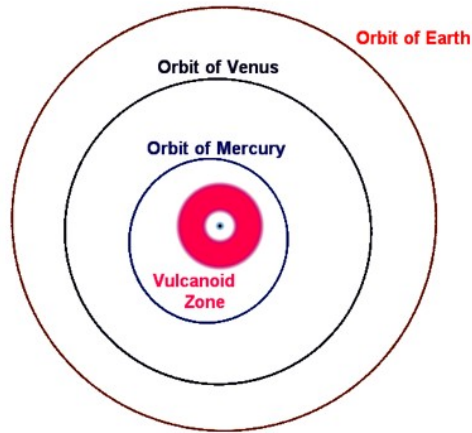
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Paving the road to new paradigm



In 1859 **Urbain Le Verrier** showed that slow precession of Mercury's orbit perihelion could not be explained by Newton's theory of gravity.

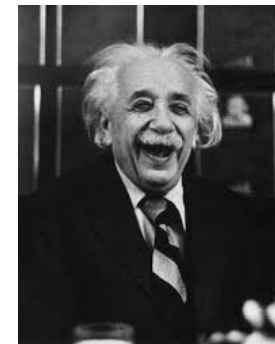


A conjecture – hypothetical planet Vulcan as a cause of the anomaly.



Vulcan was never discovered.

Instead the Newtonian theory was improved to GR



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Avoid comparing apples to oranges

A **test** of GR cannot be simply described only by **single scale** parameter. Any metric theory of gravity might experience different behaviour in two parameter space – **curvature scale** and **potential strength**.

Kretschmann scalar

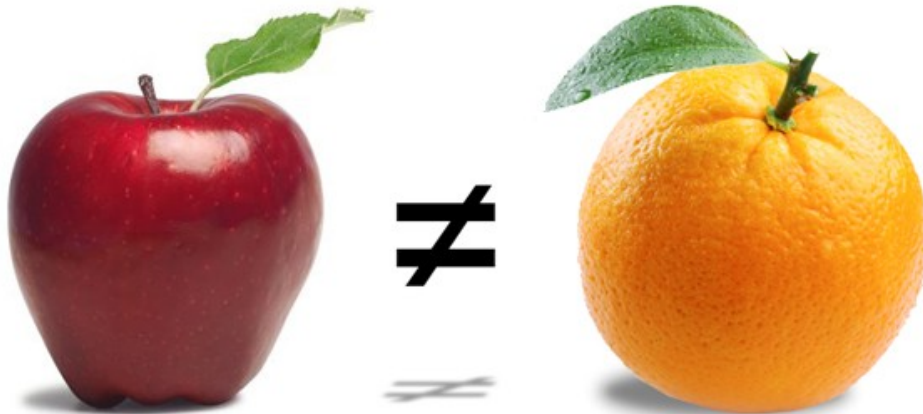
(e.g. for Swartzschild metric)

$$\xi = (R^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta})^{1/2} = \sqrt{48} \frac{GM}{r^3 c^2}$$

Newtonian potential

(e.g. for a particle orbiting a point mass)

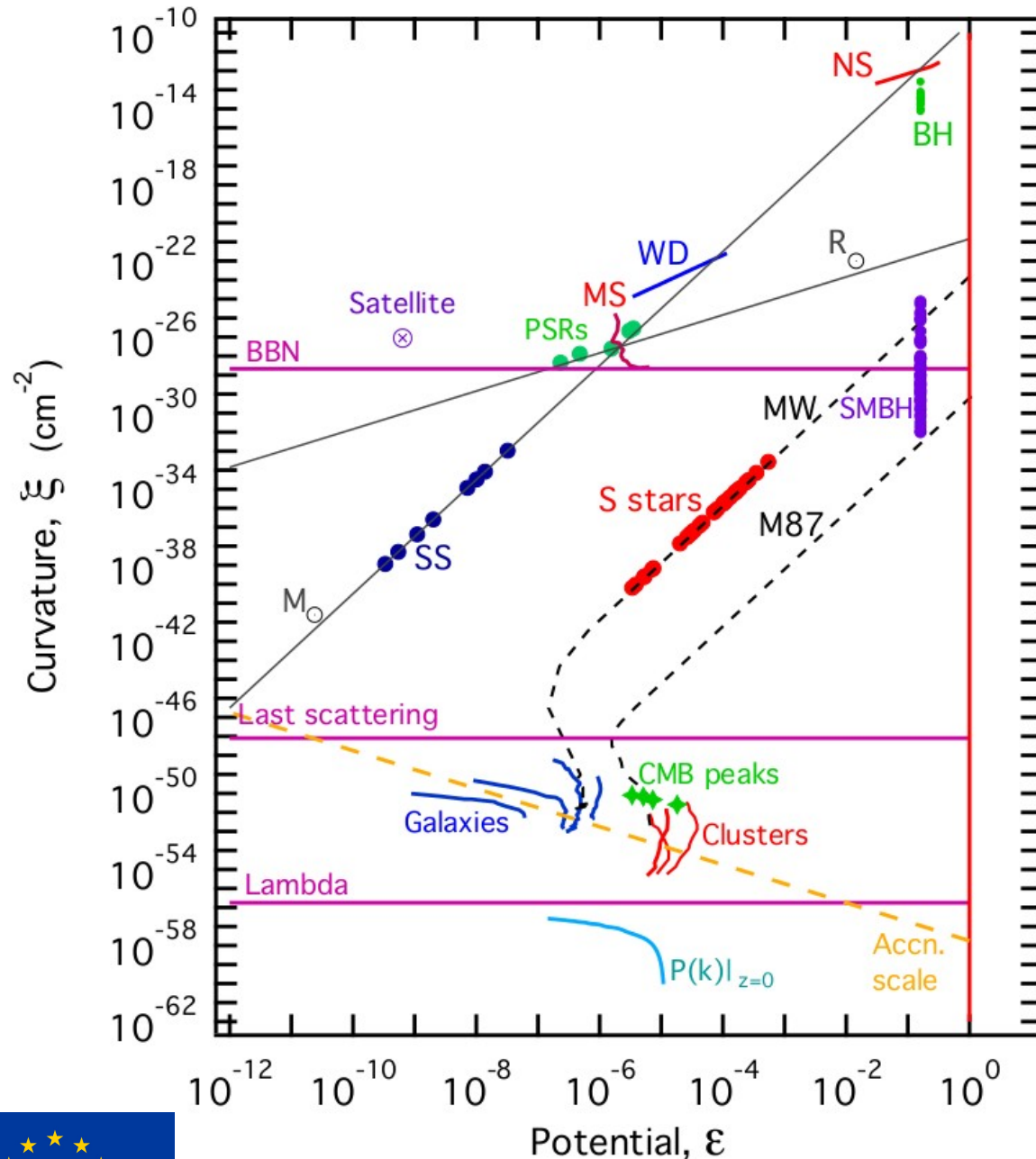
$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{GM}{rc^2}$$



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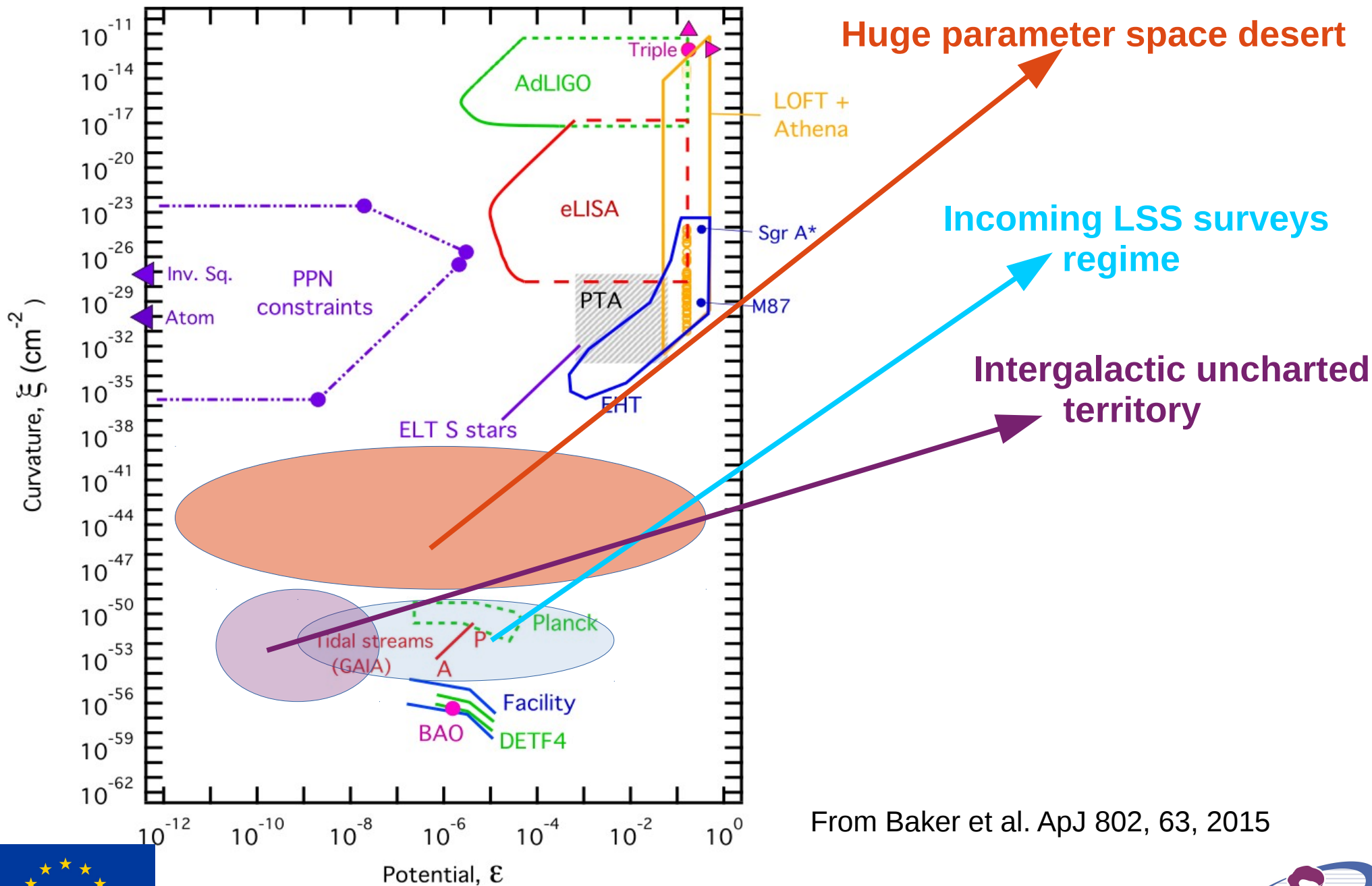


Different astrophysical objects probe different parts on 2D parameter plane.

From Baker et al. ApJ 802, 63, 2015

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Uncharted territory – parameter desert



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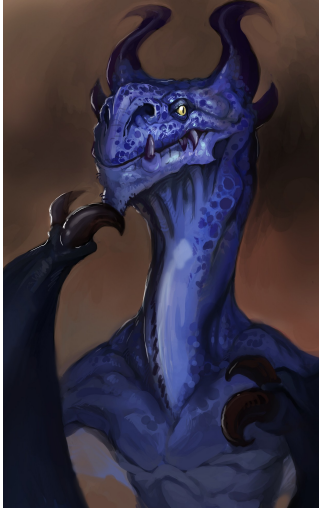


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Charting MG. From GR to the land of dragons

Diagram of Modified Gravity plethora of treasure trove



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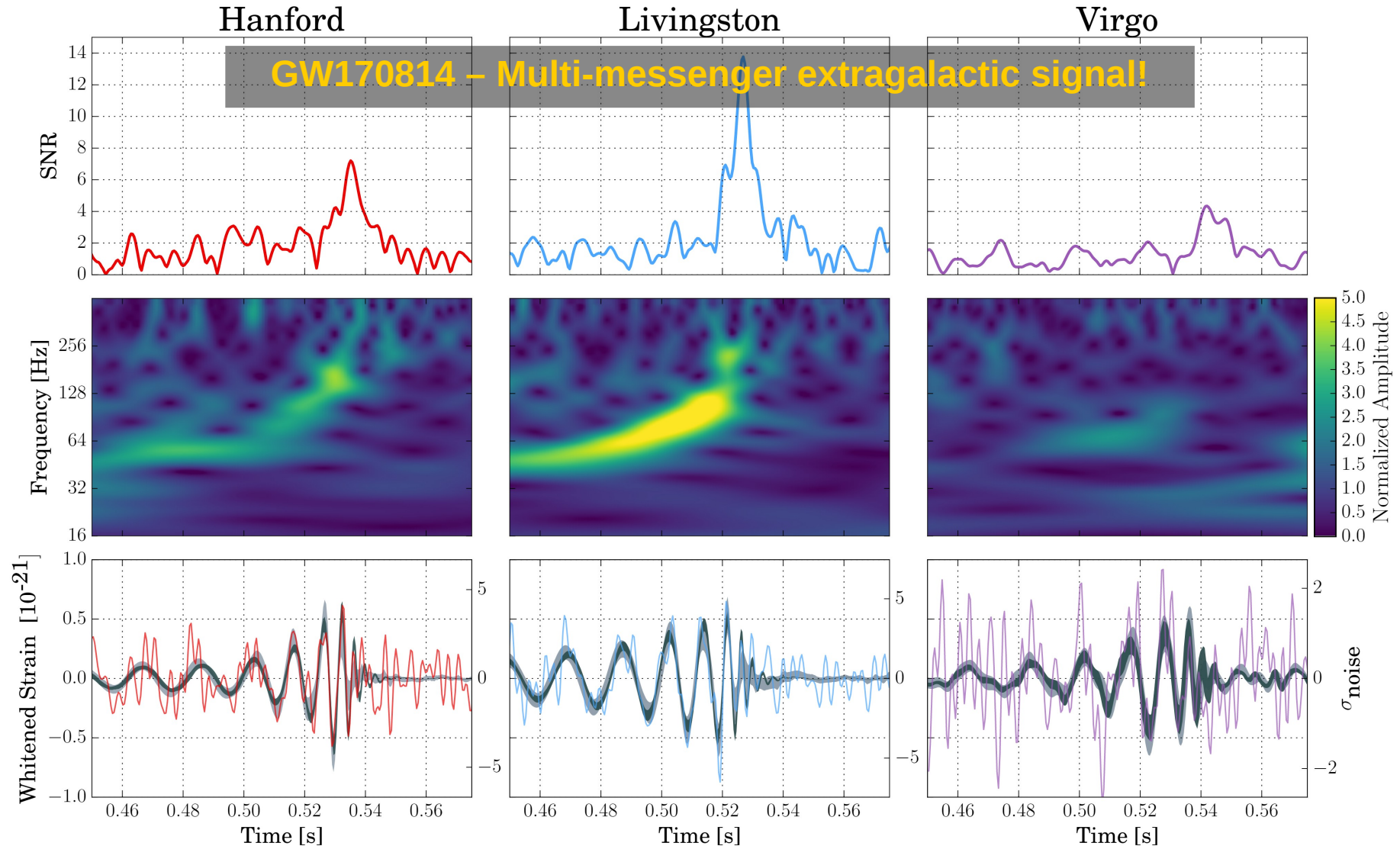
Tessa Baker 2013



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GW helped to clear the stage a bit

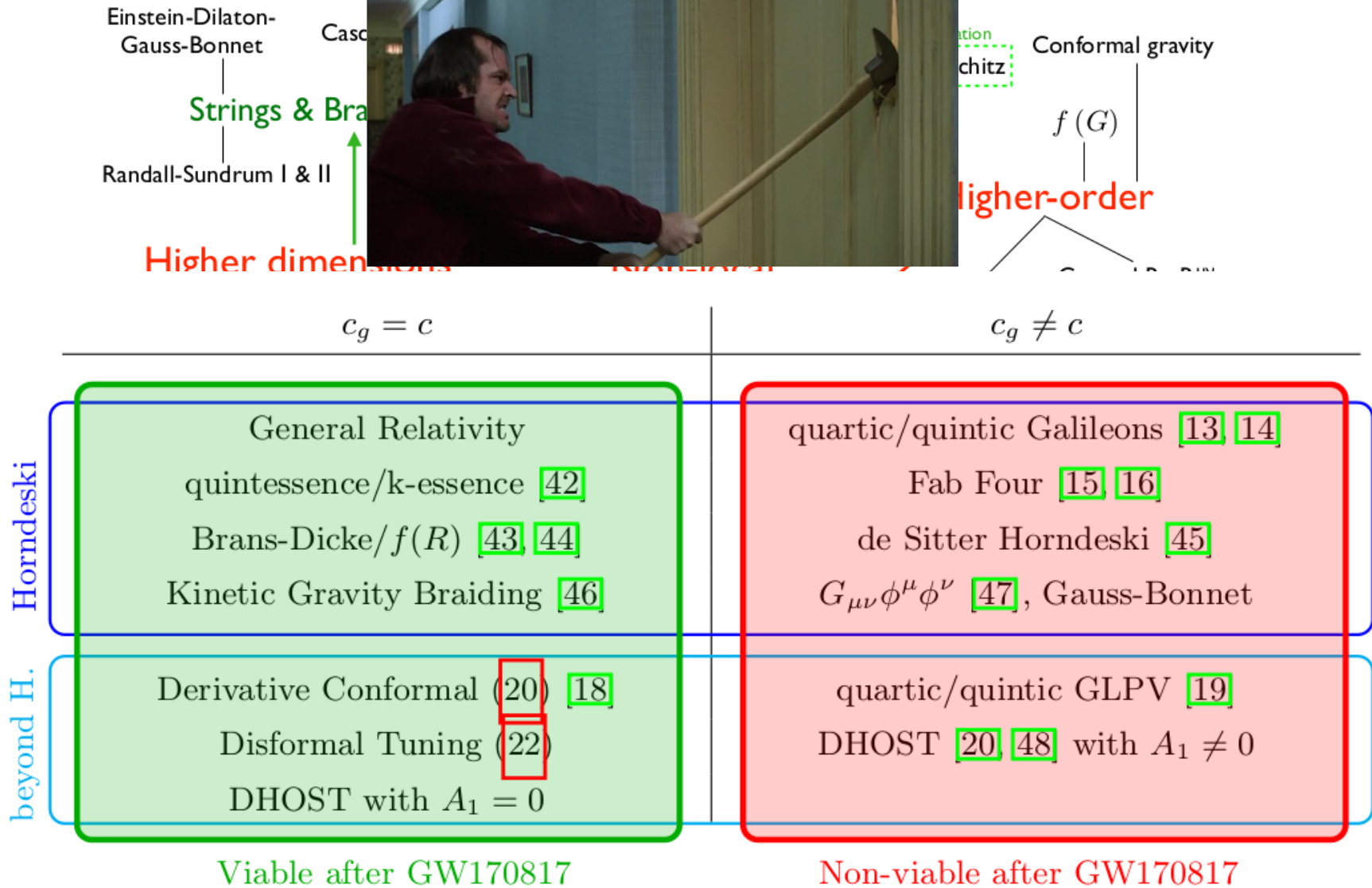


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Kilonova discovery – clearing the stage

Diagram of Modified Gravity theories – a treasure trove



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Beyond GR, or how to accelerate?

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{16\pi G} + \mathcal{L}_m \right] \longrightarrow \text{No acceleration}$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{16\pi G} + \mathcal{L}_m + \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G} \right] \longrightarrow \text{Standard GR based LCDM}$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{16\pi G} + \mathcal{L}_m + \frac{\nabla_\mu \varphi \nabla^\mu \varphi}{2} + V(\varphi) \right] \longrightarrow \text{Modified gravity (MG)!}$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{16\pi G} + \mathcal{L}_m + f(\nabla_\mu \varphi \nabla^\mu \varphi) \right]$$

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$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{16\pi G} + \mathcal{L}_m + f(\varphi)R + \frac{w(\varphi) \nabla_\mu \varphi \nabla^\mu \varphi}{2} + V(\varphi) \right]$$

Modified gravity (MG)!

GR curvature term

Particle physics and DM

Stuff that accelerates



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Extra degrees of freedom (DOF)

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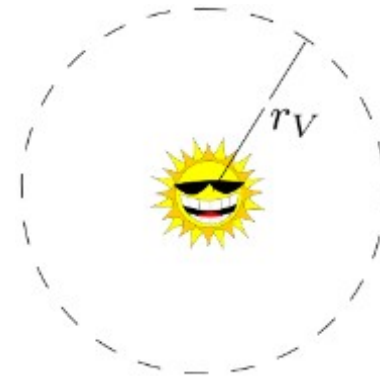
Charting MG. Screening is the trick!

Accelerates the Universe (no need for Lambda)
Has the same or similar expansion history as LCDM
Produce **DIFFERENT** growth of structure history

chameleon screening family
The 5th force is suppressed by the chameleon mechanism. This is environmentally dependent (local density)



Galileon/DGP gravity family
The 5th force is suppressed by the Vainshtein mechanism – no dependence on the environment



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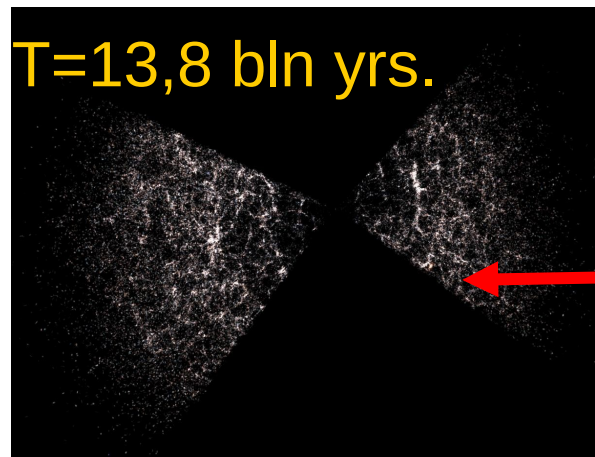
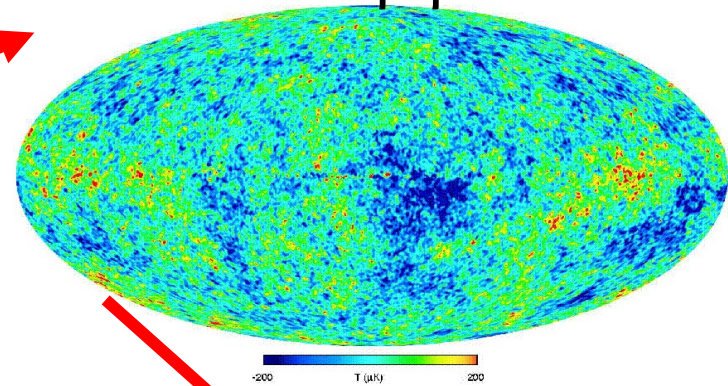
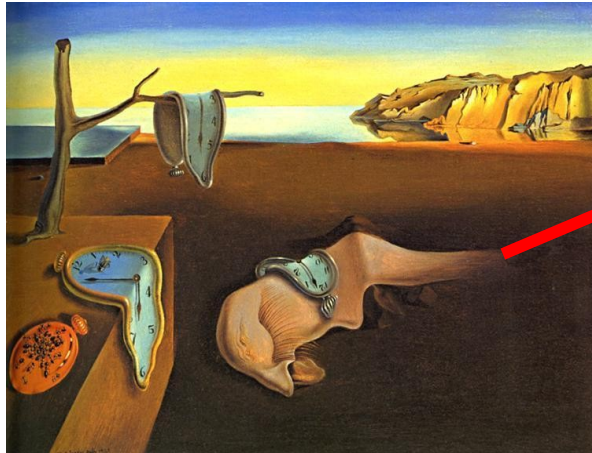


MG is even more non-linear than GR

To model and study the growth of cosmic structures we need high-res N-body simulations

$T=380,000$ yrs.

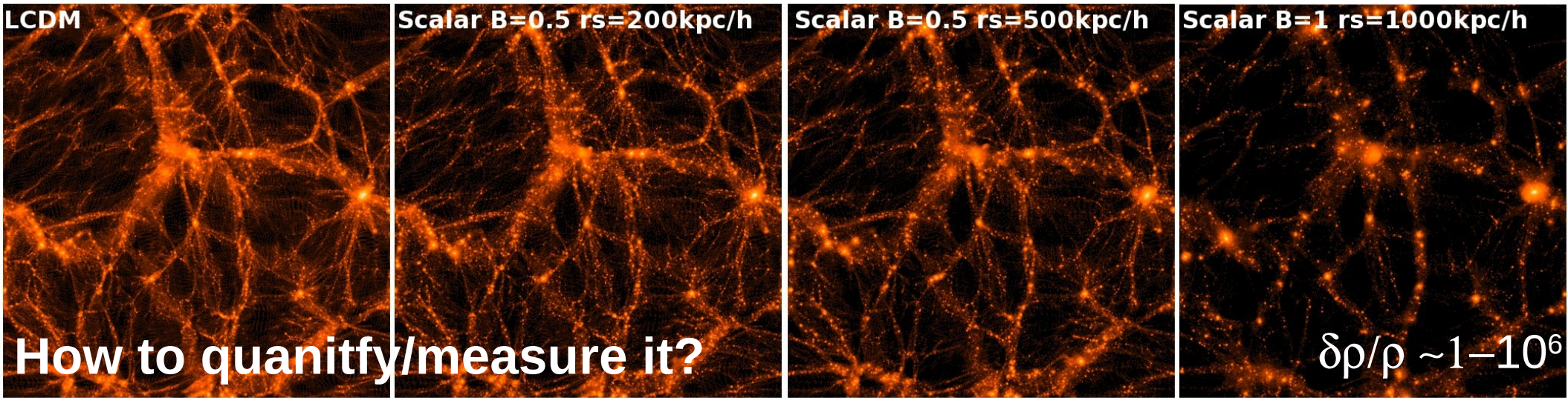
$\delta\rho/\rho \sim 10^{-5}$



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Beyond GR – looking for cosmological effects



$P(k) = \langle |\delta_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle$ Power spectrum of density fluctuations

Linear evolution equation for density perturbations.

$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta_k}{\partial t^2} + 2 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \frac{\partial \delta_k}{\partial t} + \left(\frac{c_s^2 k^2}{a^2} - 4\pi G \rho_0 \right) \delta_k = 0.$$

Linear growth rate: f

$$f(z)\sigma_8(z) \propto \frac{dD}{da} a$$
$$f \equiv \frac{d \ln D}{d \ln a}$$



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MG predict enhanced growth of structures

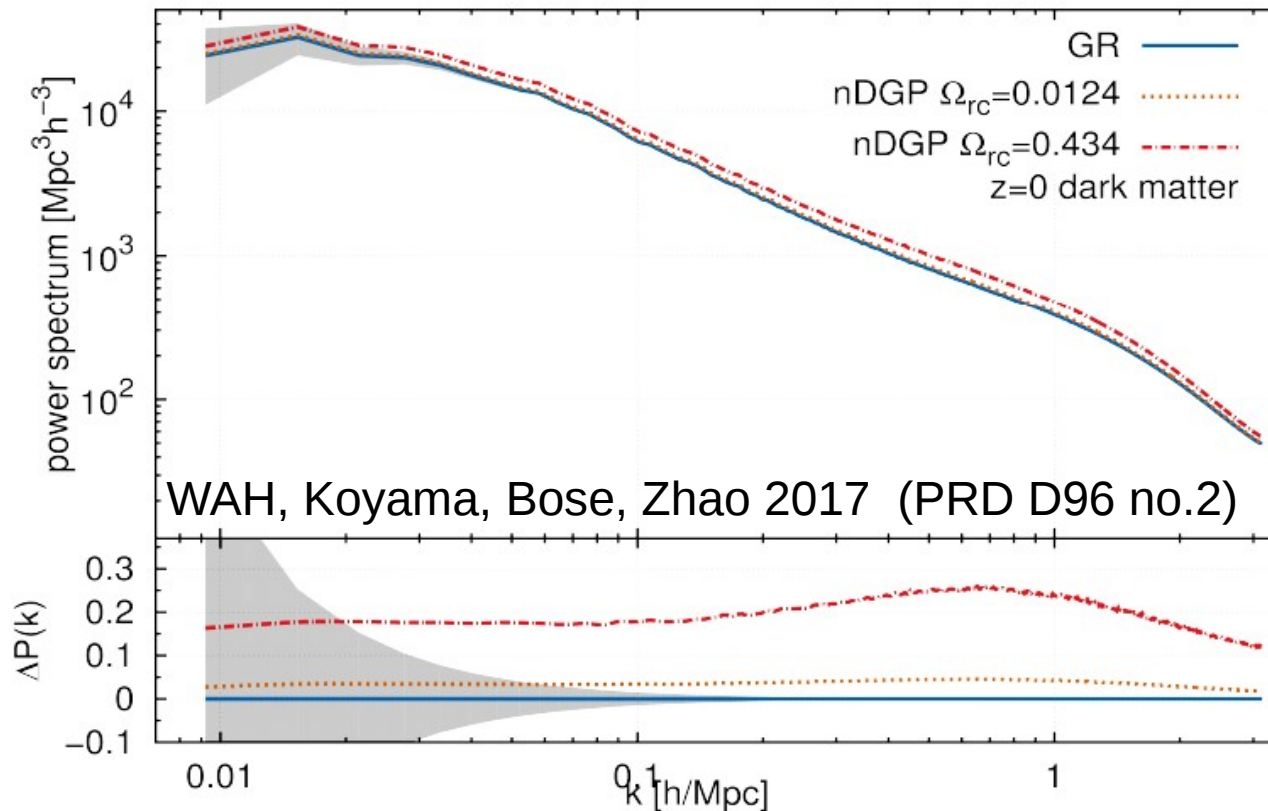


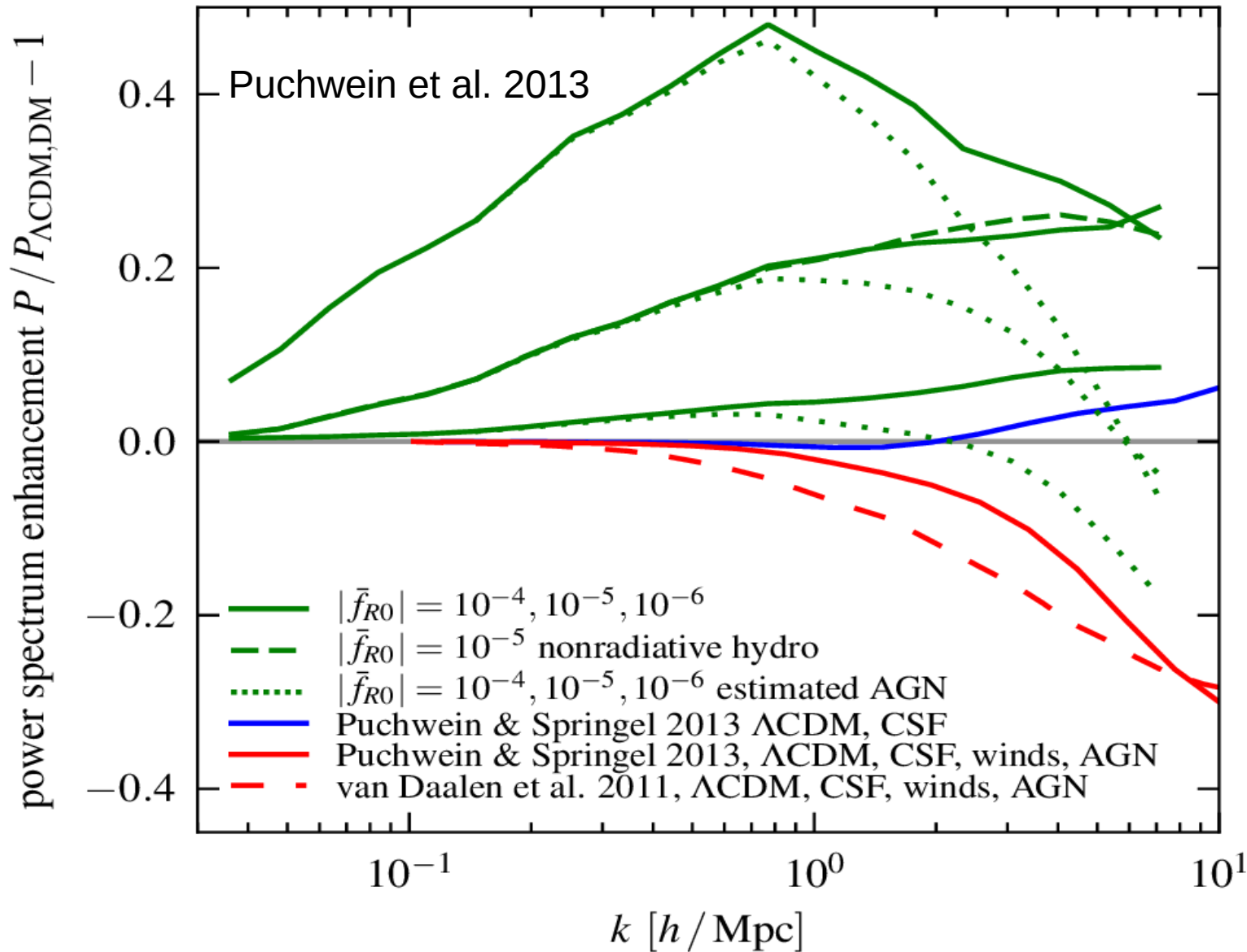
FIG. 5. The matter density power spectrum computed at $z = 0$ for our fiducial GR model (solid line) and two nDGP flavours (dotted and dashed-dotted lines). The shaded region illustrate the cosmic variance error. The bottom panel illustrates the fractional difference of both MG models w.r.t. the GR case.



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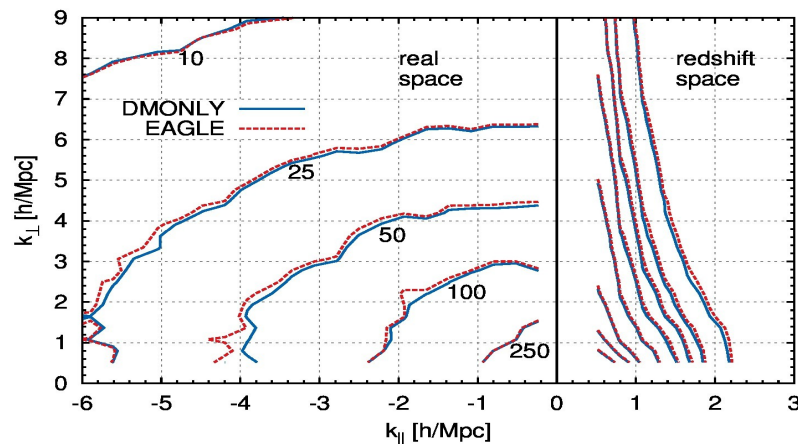
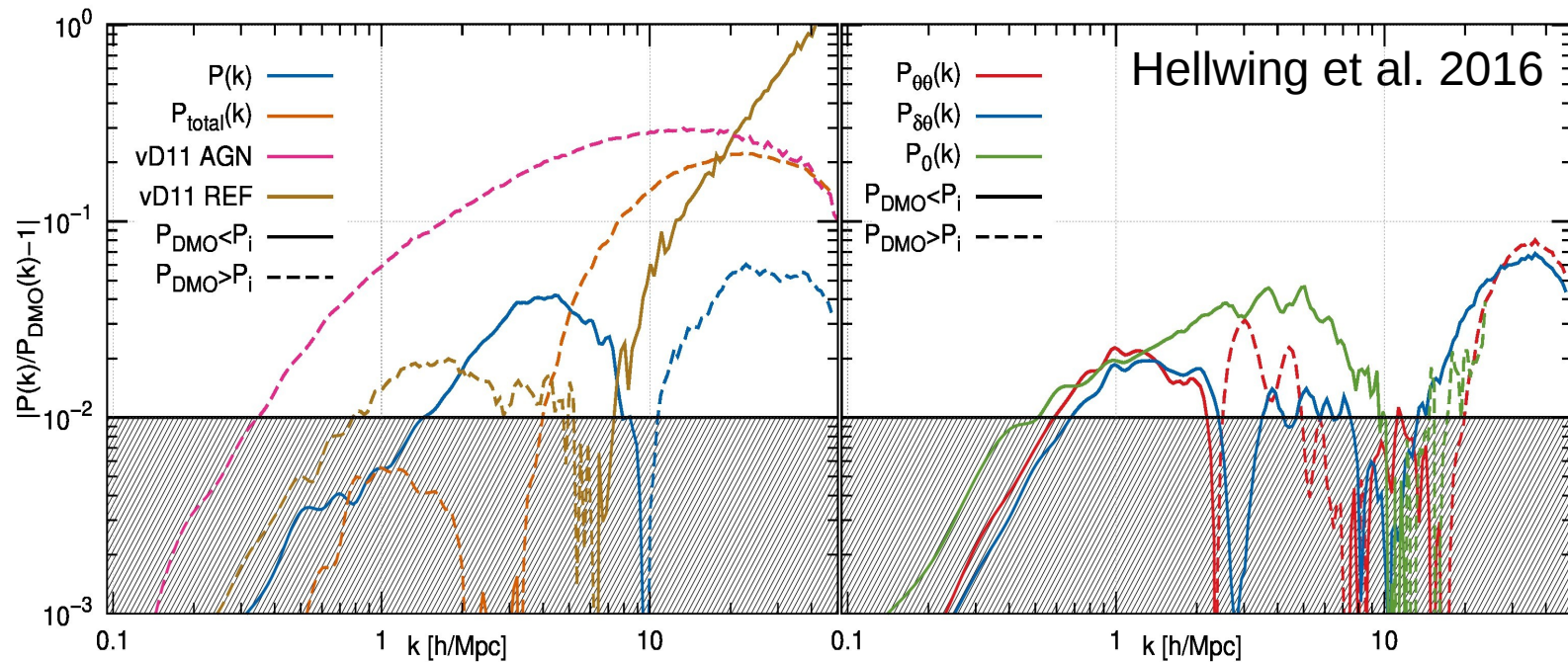
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Galaxies are not helping... since they're biased!

DARK MATTER

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Courtesy of Till Sawala
(APOSTOLES project)

STAR & GALAXIES

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RSD and the conspiracy of the damping tail

$$P_g^s(k, \mu) = D(k\mu\sigma_v)P_K(k, \mu, b), \quad (24)$$

where

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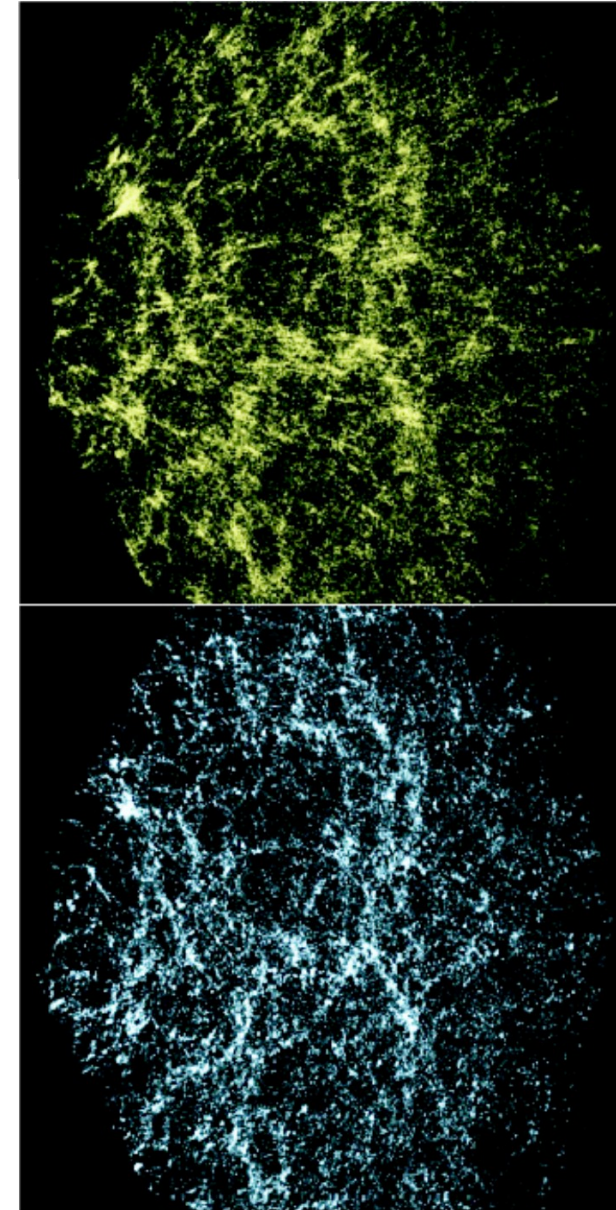
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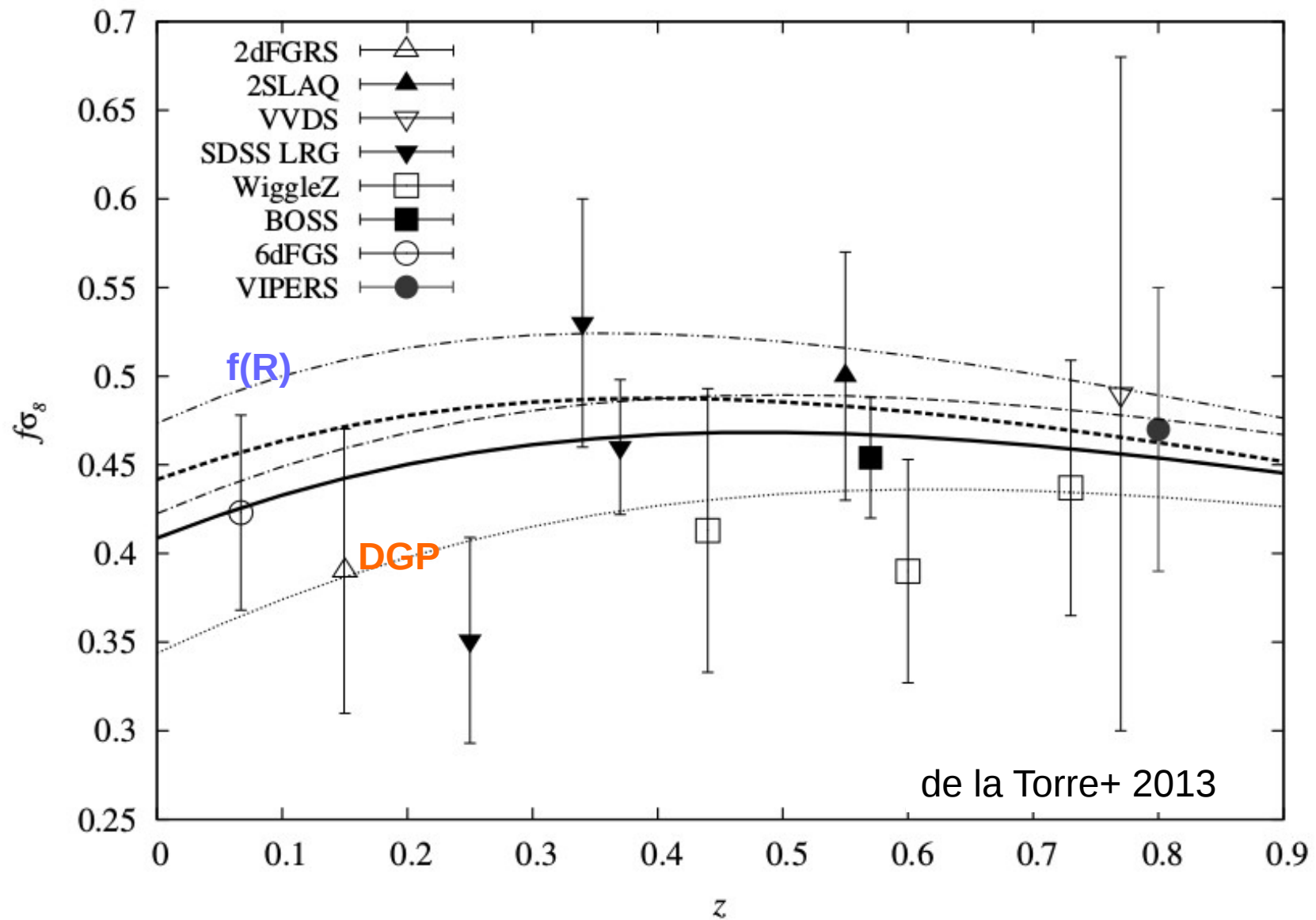
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Signal modeling is degenerated with assumed gravity!

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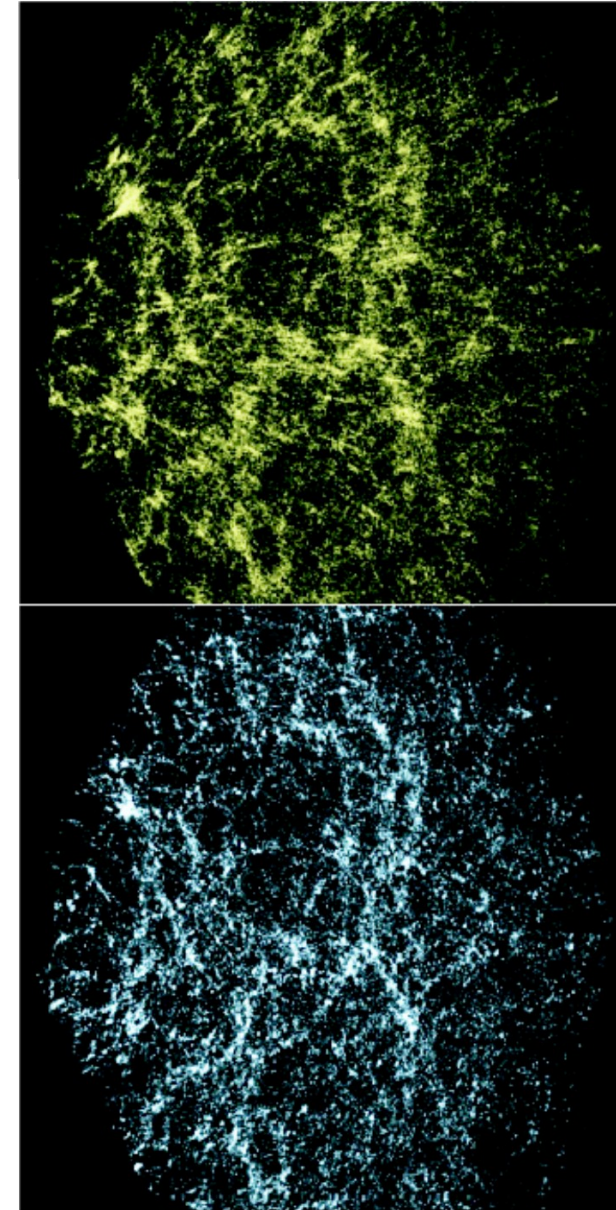
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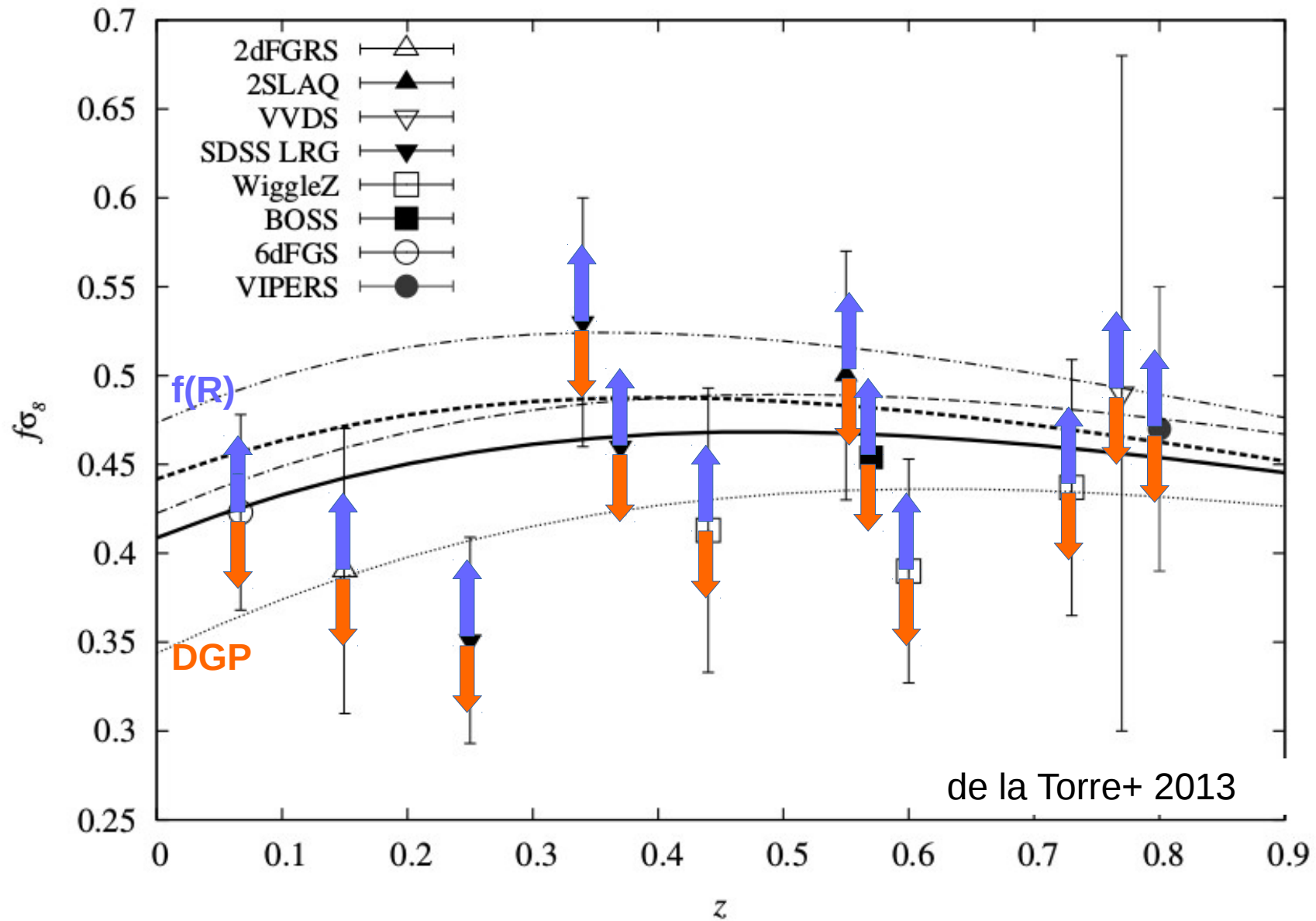
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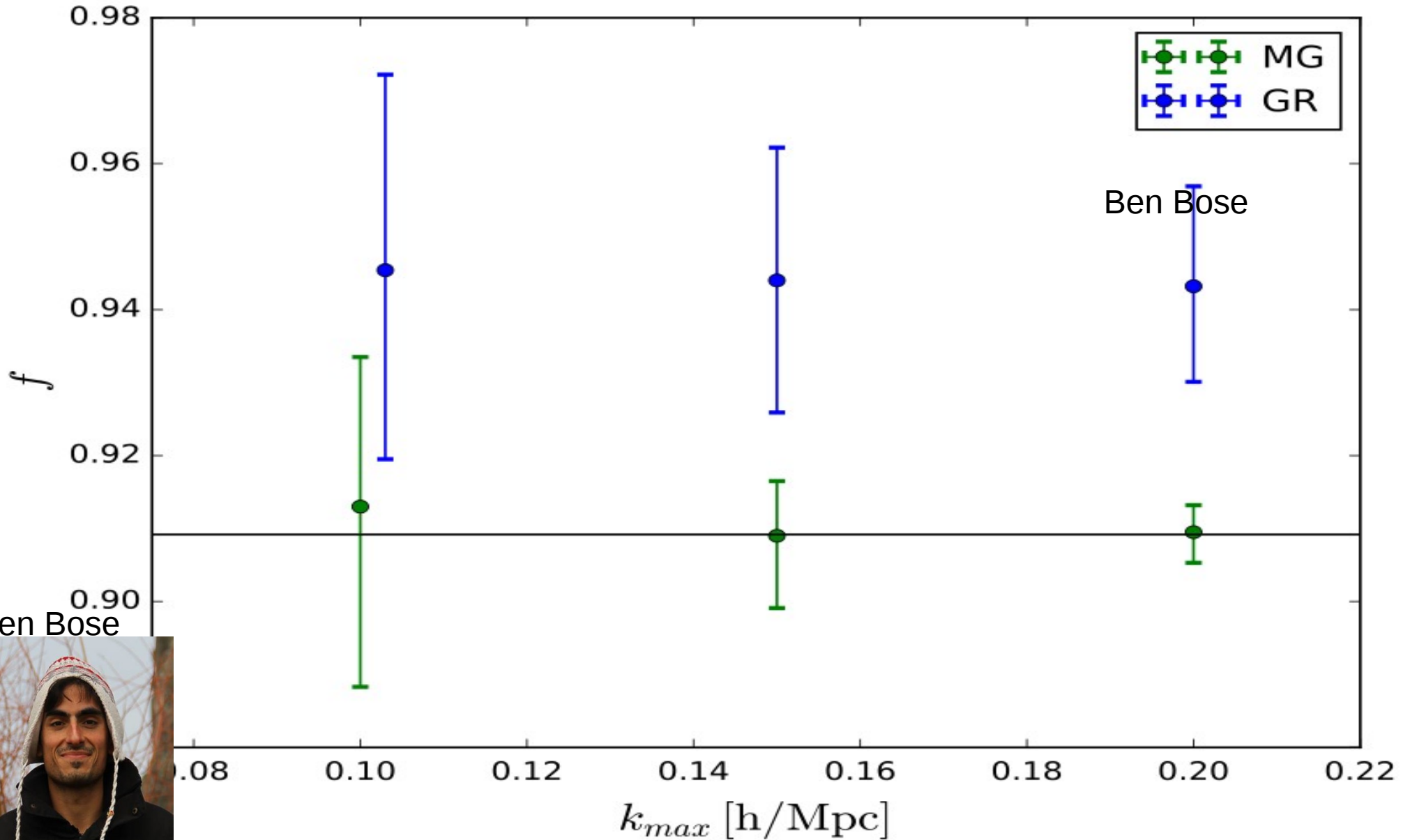
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Gravity agnostic modeling leads to theoretical bias

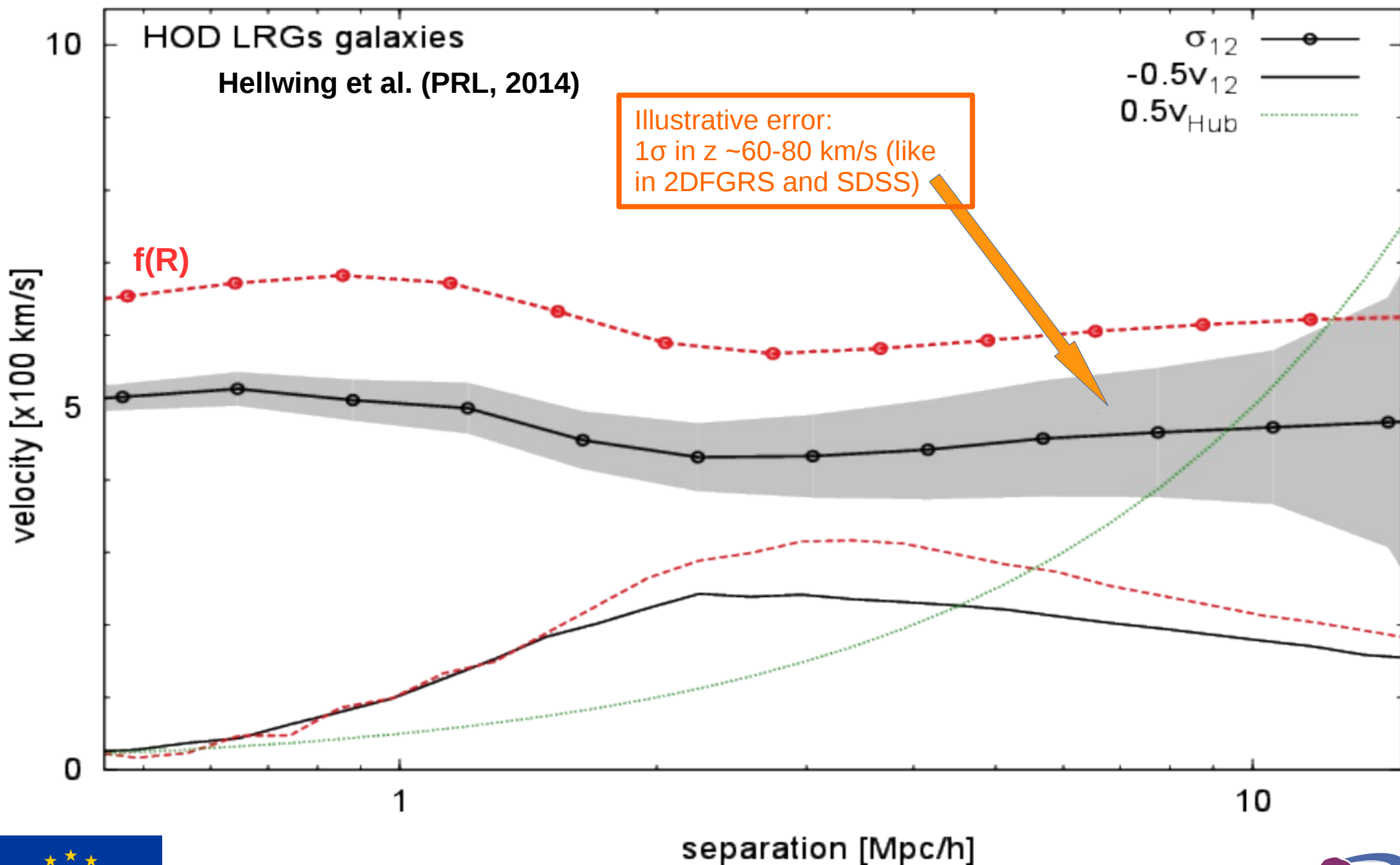


Bose, Koyama, WAH, Zhao, Winther 2017

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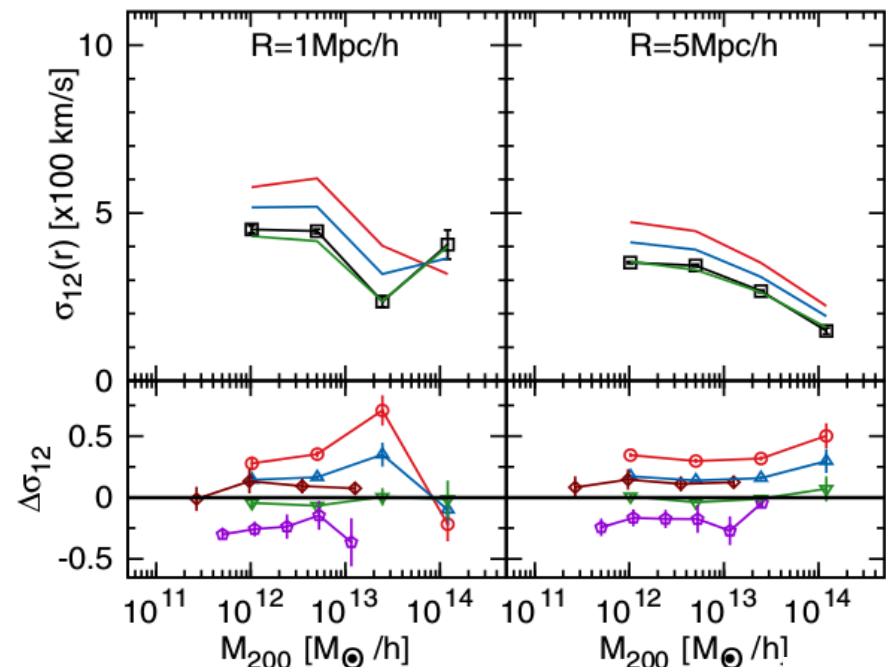
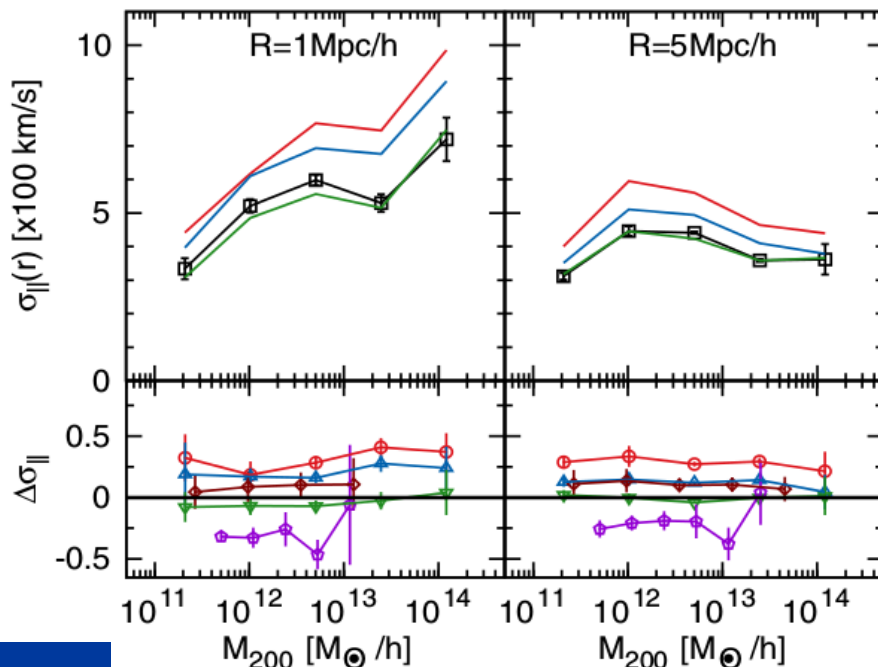
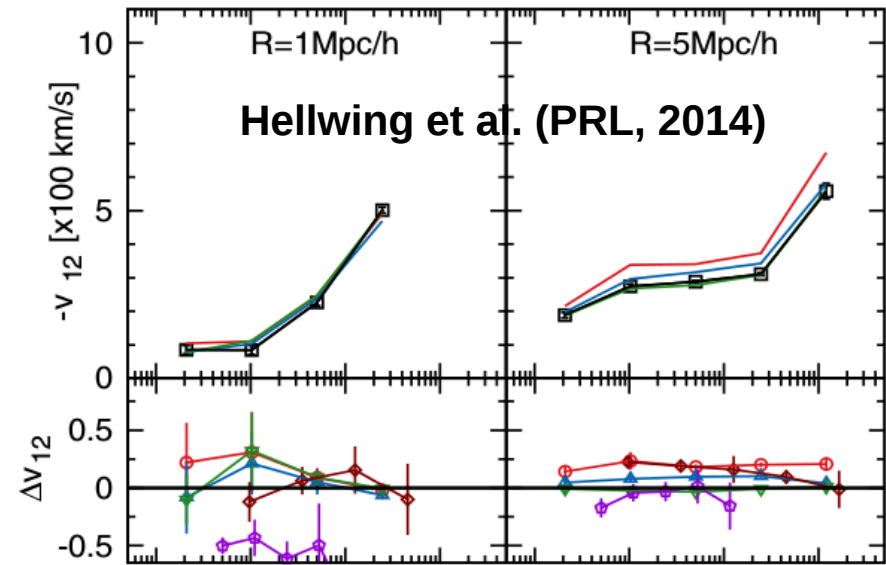
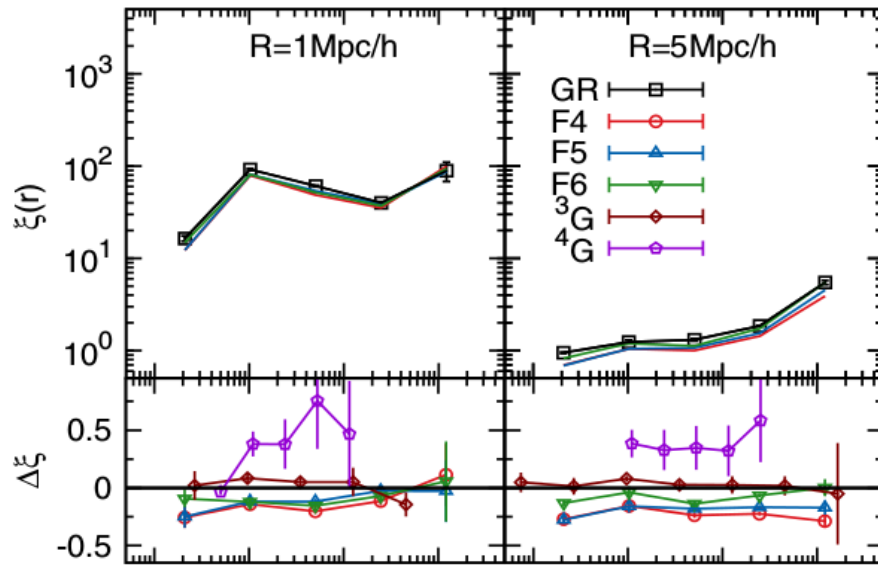
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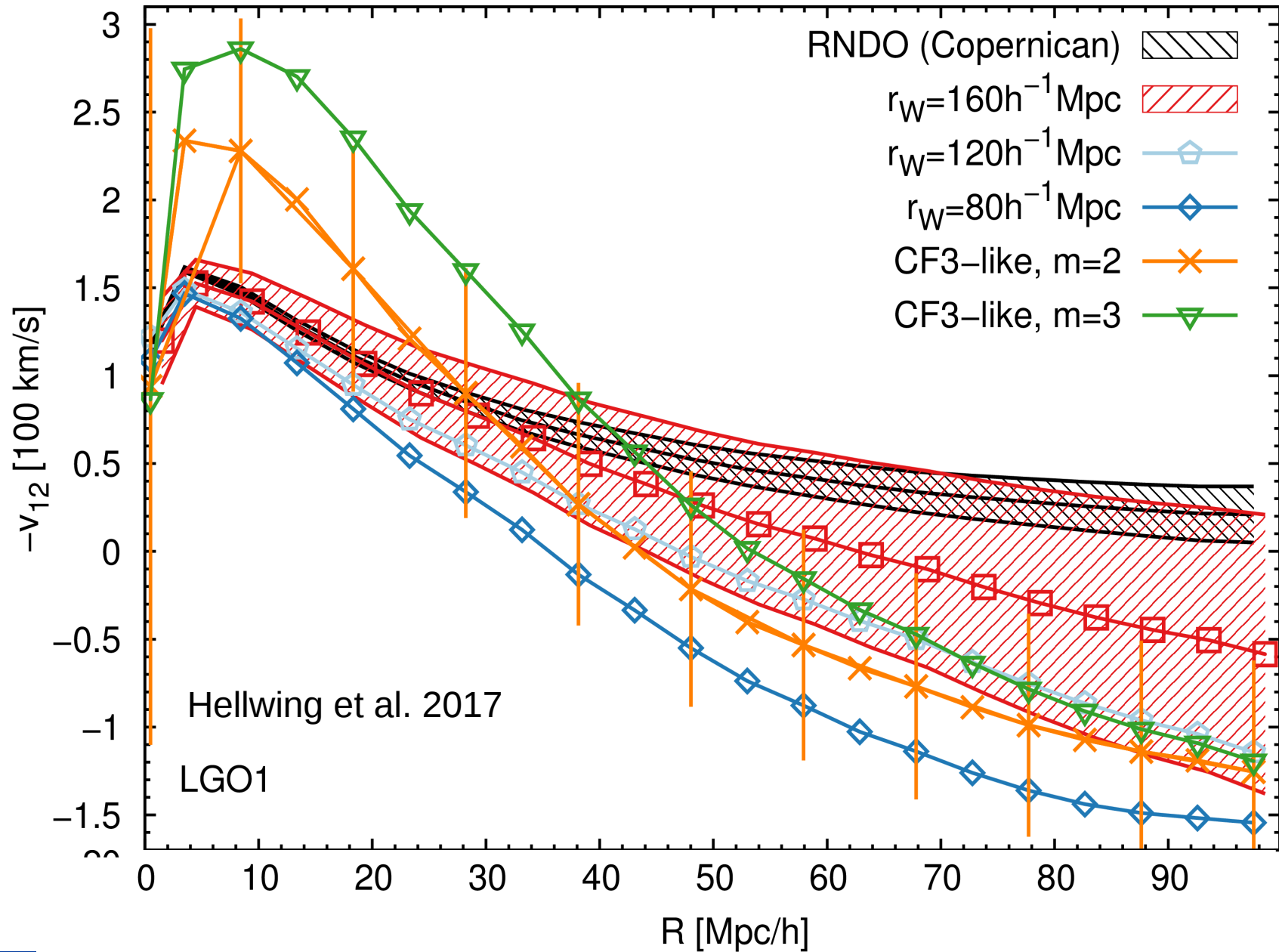
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Signal is model independent but there are big systematics



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Cosmo gravity probes list of bad deeds

- Theoretical bias prone
- Weak lensing statistics
- RSD clustering probes
- Cluster mass comparison

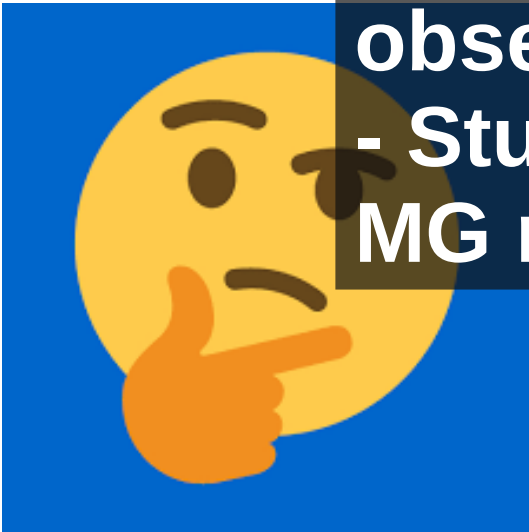


Solution?

- Look for model independent observable.. or/and

- Study galaxy formation in MG regime.

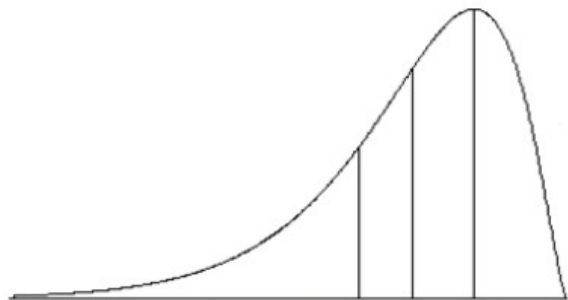
- Weak lensing statistics
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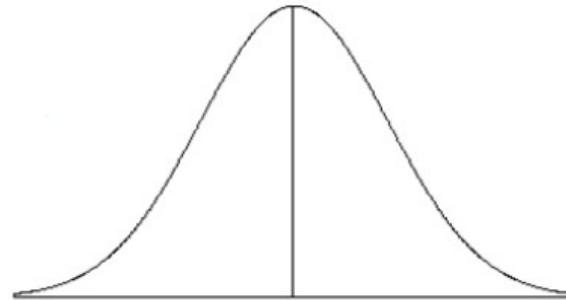
Non-standard GR tests: clustering amplitudes

Skewed Left
Long tail points left



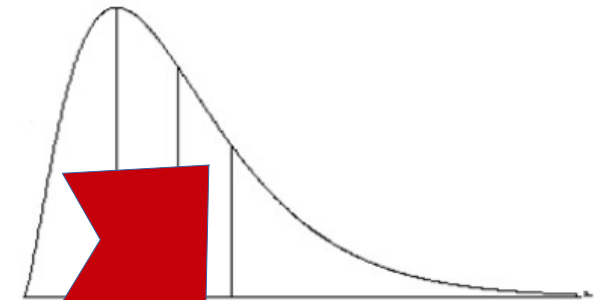
Mean < Median < Mode

Symmetric Normal
Tails are balanced



Mean = Median = Mode

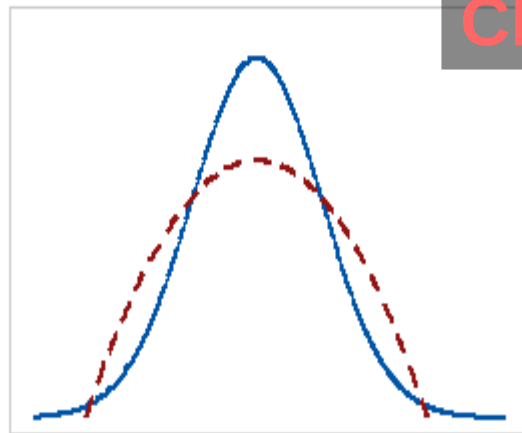
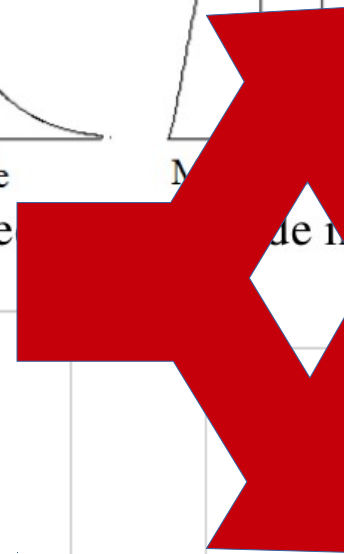
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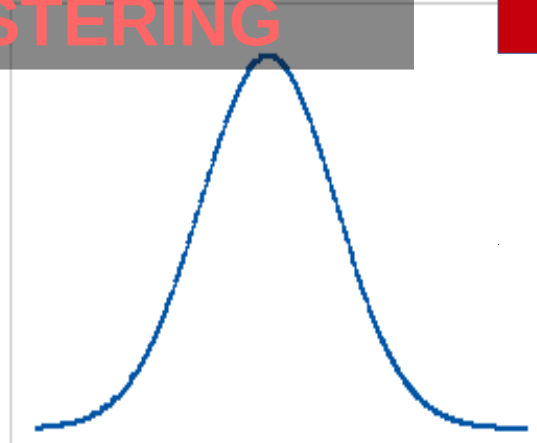
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Figure 1. Sketches showing general position of mean, median and mode in a population.

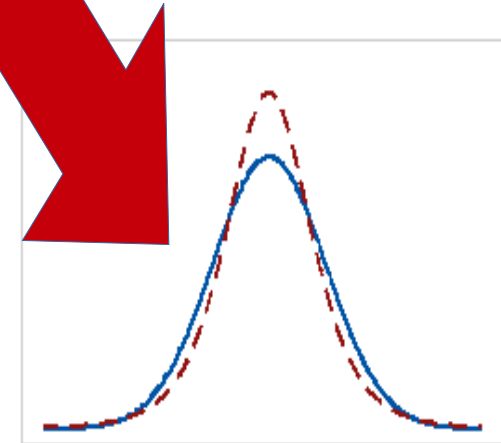
GRAVITATIONAL CLUSTERING



Negative kurtosis



Baseline: Kurtosis value of 0



Positive kurtosis



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$$S_n \equiv \frac{\langle \delta^n \rangle_c}{\langle \delta^2 \rangle_c^{n-1}}$$

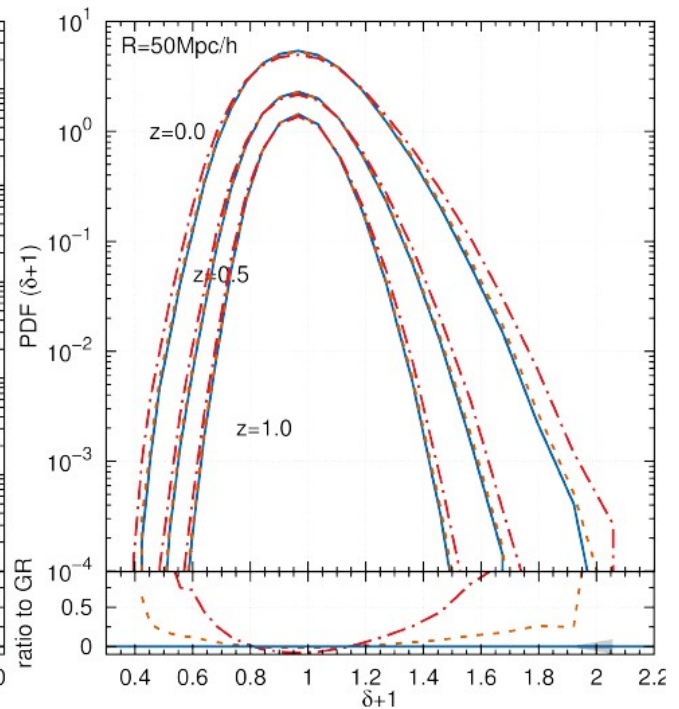
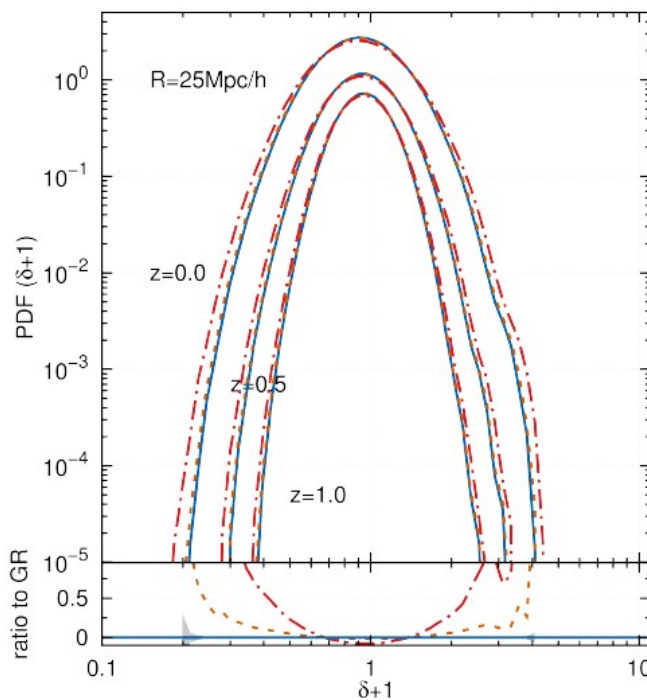
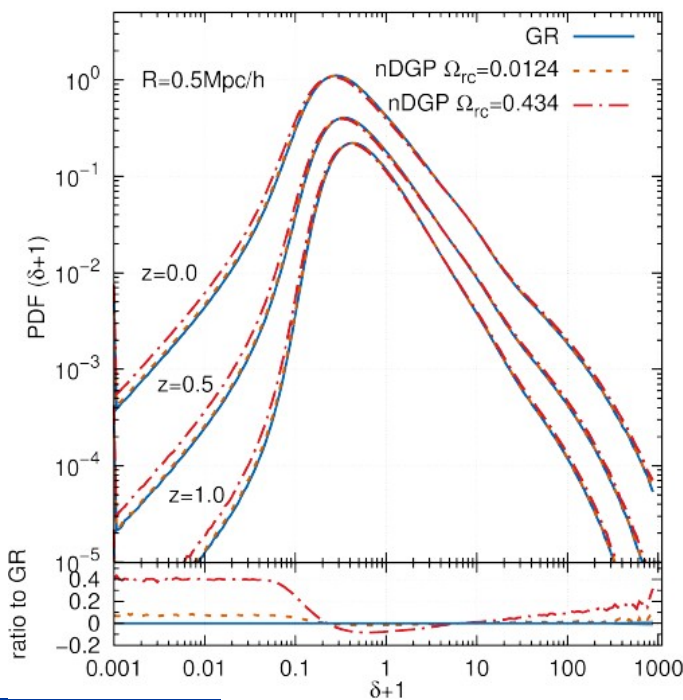
$\langle \delta \rangle_c = 0$, (the mean)

$\langle \delta^2 \rangle_c = \langle \delta^2 \rangle \equiv \sigma^2$, (the variance)

$\langle \delta^3 \rangle_c = \langle \delta^3 \rangle$, (the skewness)

$\langle \delta^4 \rangle_c = \langle \delta^4 \rangle - 3\langle \delta^2 \rangle_c^2$, (the kurtosis)

$\langle \delta^5 \rangle_c = \langle \delta^5 \rangle - 10\langle \delta^3 \rangle_c \langle \delta^2 \rangle_c$.

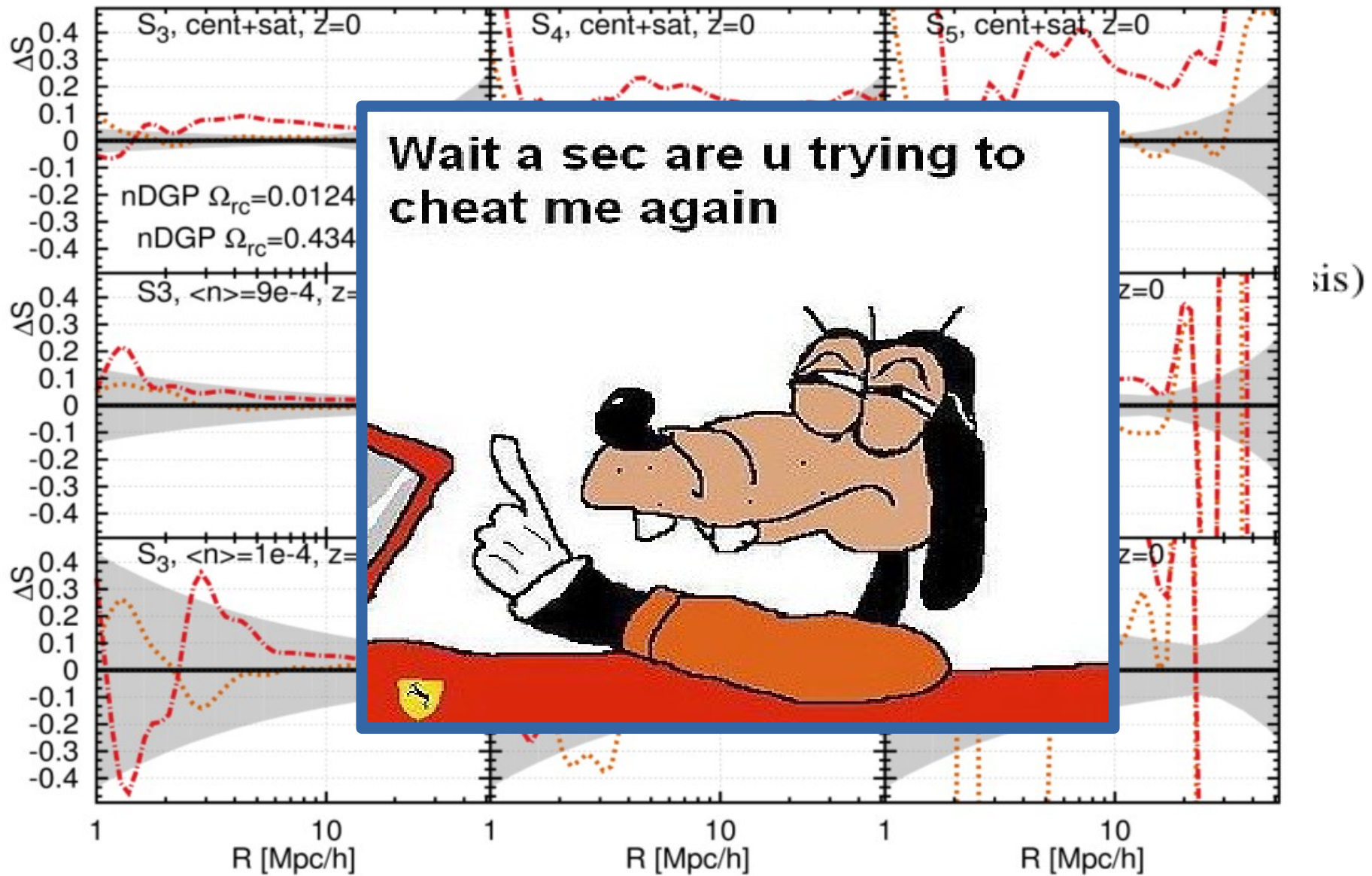


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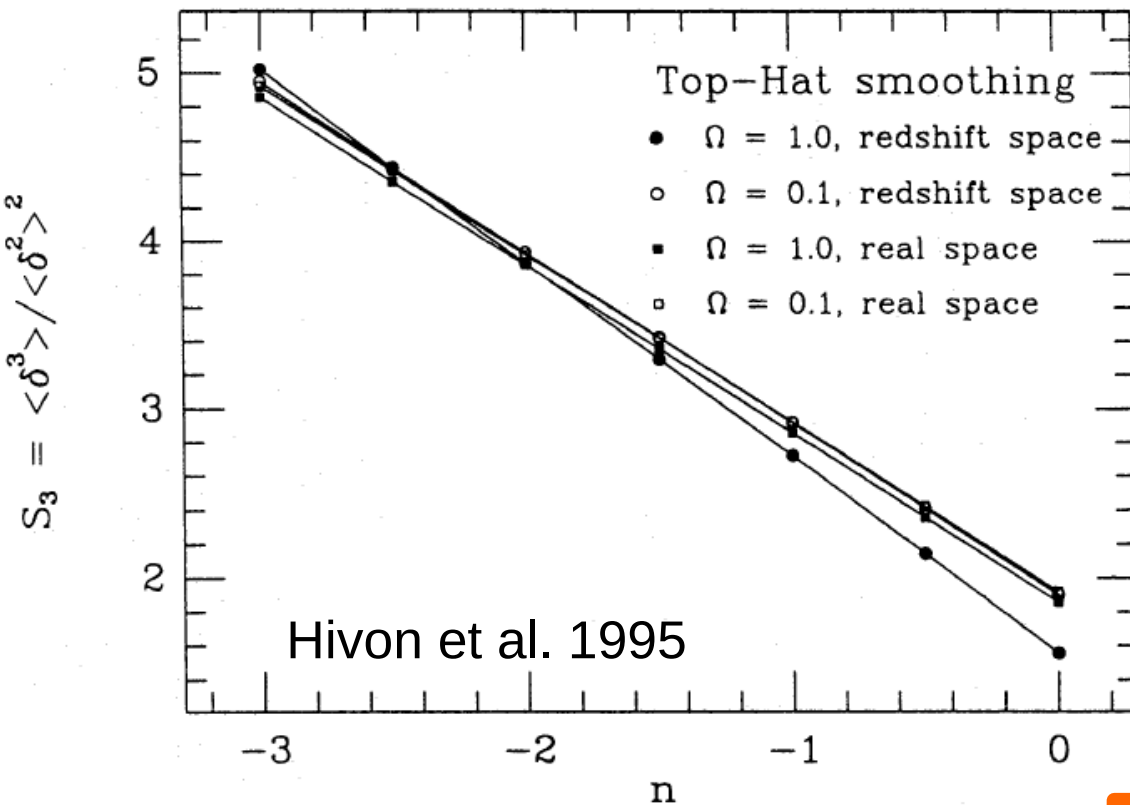
Non-standard GR tests: clustering amplitudes



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RSD mild for clustering amplitudes!



Skewness in real space

$$S_3 = \frac{34}{7} + \frac{6}{7}(\Omega^{-2/63} - 1) - (n + 3)$$

Skewness in redshift space

$$S_{3,z} \simeq \frac{35.2}{7} - 1.15(n + 3)$$

$$S_n \equiv \frac{\langle \delta^n \rangle_c}{\langle \delta^2 \rangle_c^{n-1}}$$

Both terms affected by RSD by similar amount (in mildly non-linear regime). Overall RSD effect largely **cancels out!**

Take home messages

- Crucial to test GR on cosmological and intergalactic distances.
- Clean test (both for GR and MG) are hard to achieve: degeneracies leading to systematics effects.
- Outlook for difficult but cleaner methods (i.e. velocities, hierarchical clustering in RSD)
- Really need MG-hydro galaxy formation run to test most of the methods against baryonic effects!



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