

Galaxy Clustering: An EFT Approach

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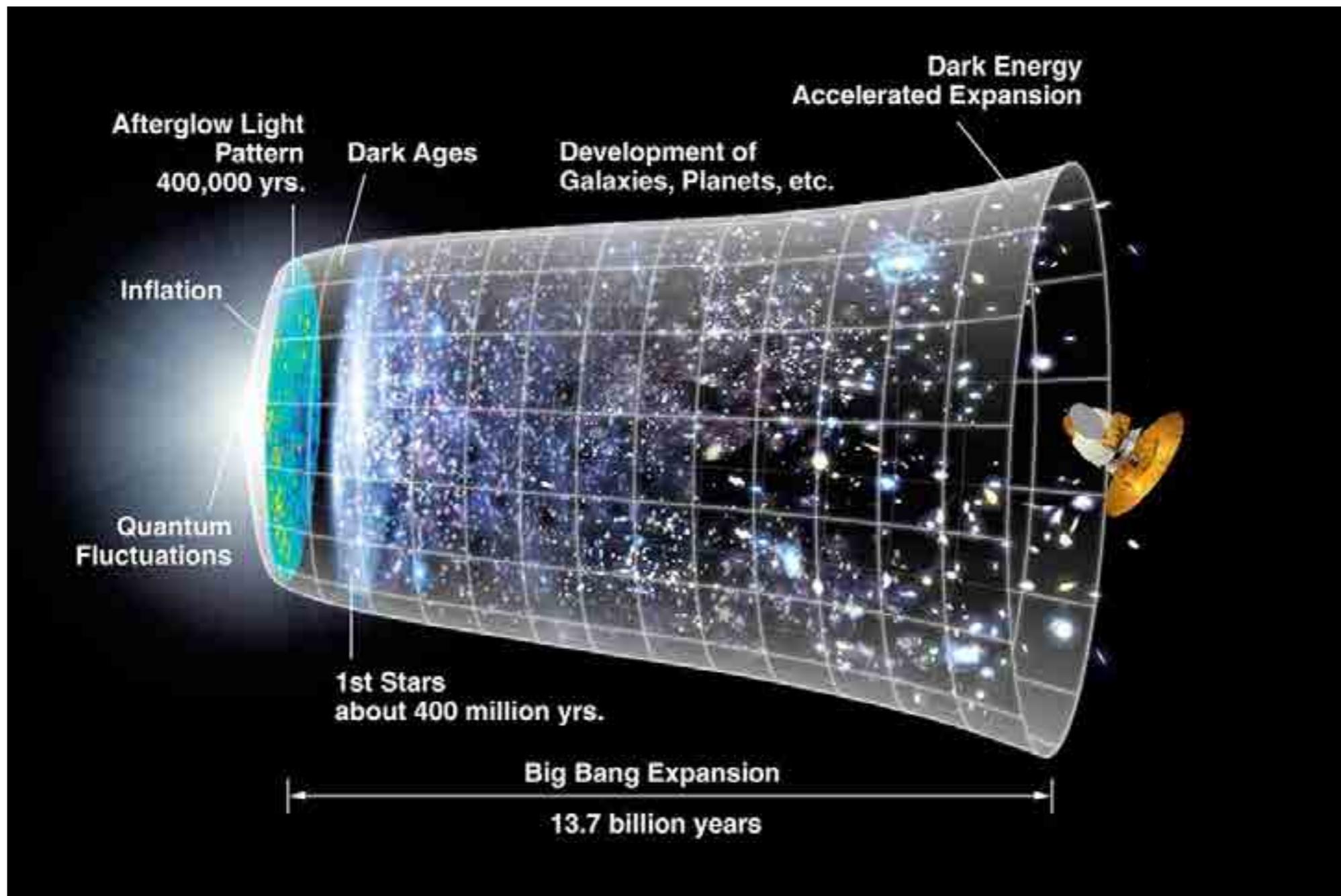
- The clustering of galaxies (large-scale structure, LSS) is historically one of the key probes of cosmology

Peebles; Efstathiou+ '90 predicted a positive cosmological constant Λ from LSS observations

- From ~1998 until recently, most spectacular results came from “cleaner” probes - Supernovae and the cosmic microwave background (CMB)
- Now, again, in a new golden age of LSS with plenty of experiments under way: BOSS, DES, DESI, PFS, SphereX, Euclid, WFIRST, ...

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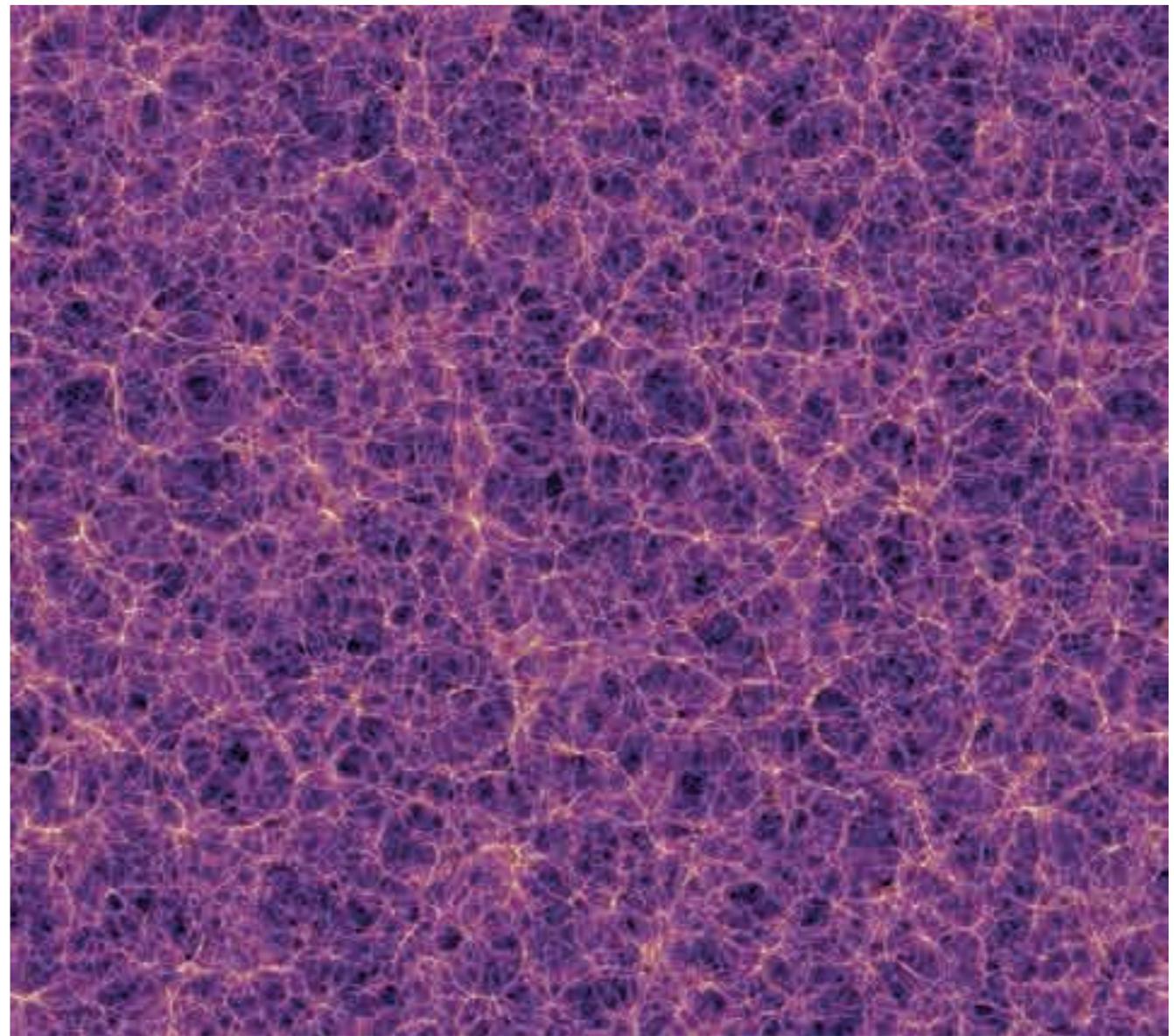
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What is the sum of neutrino masses ?

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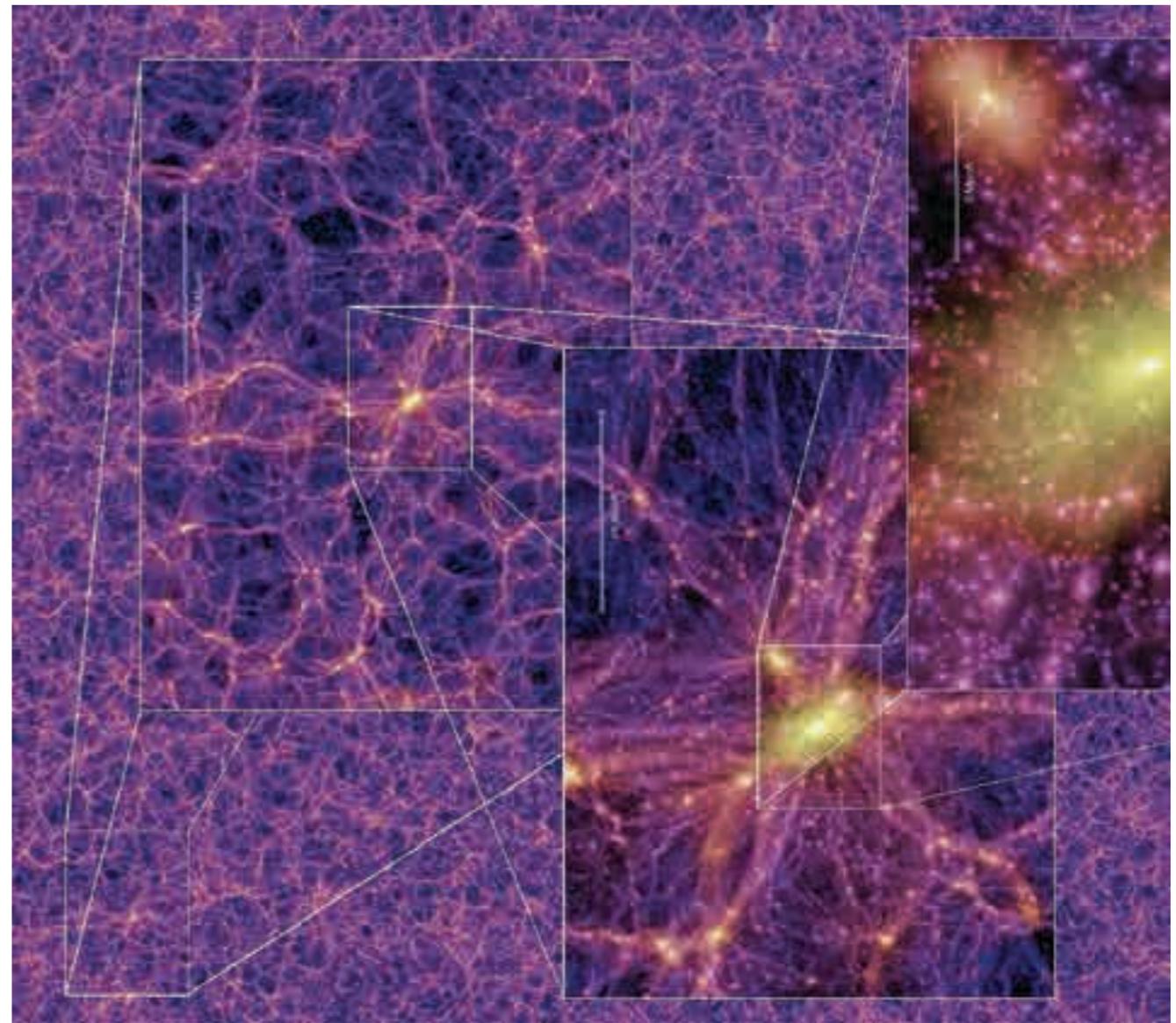
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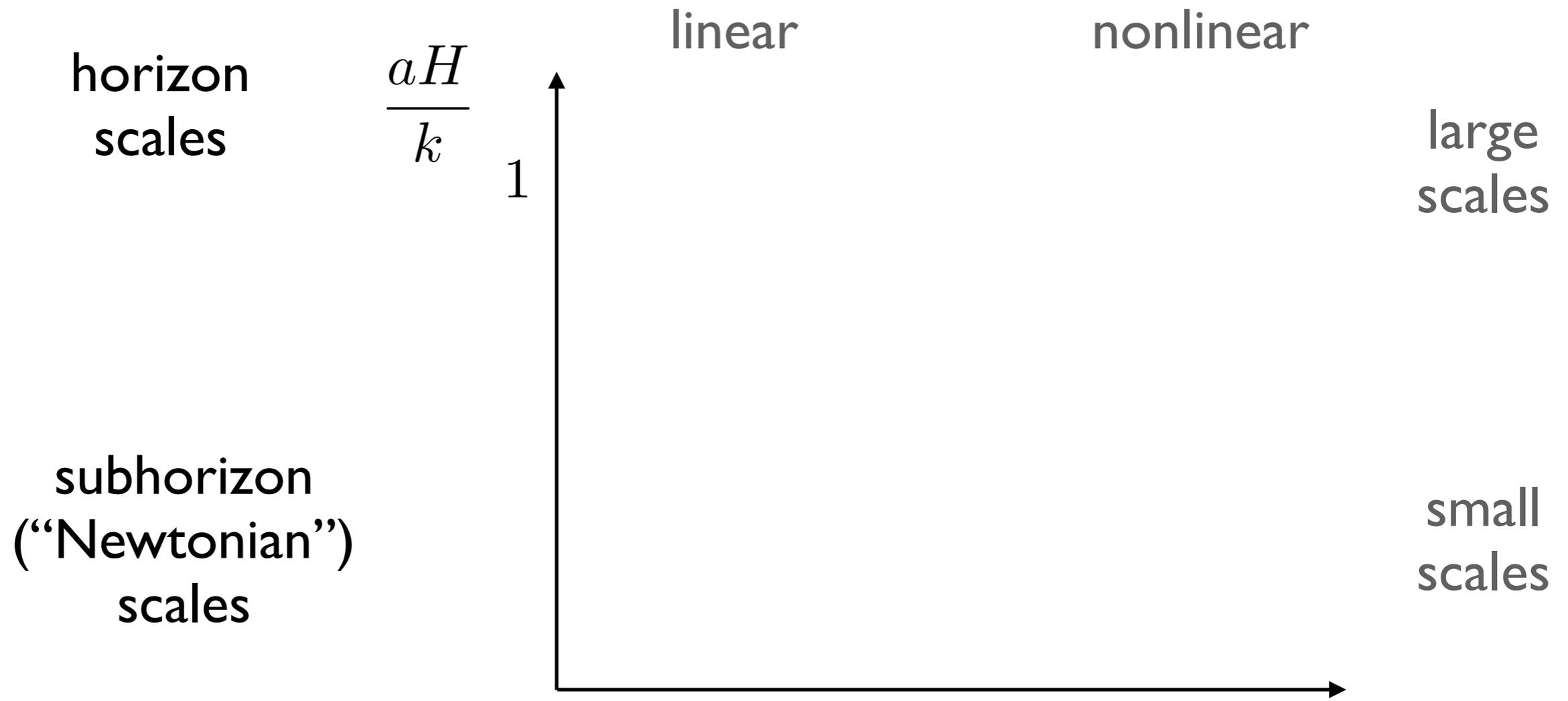
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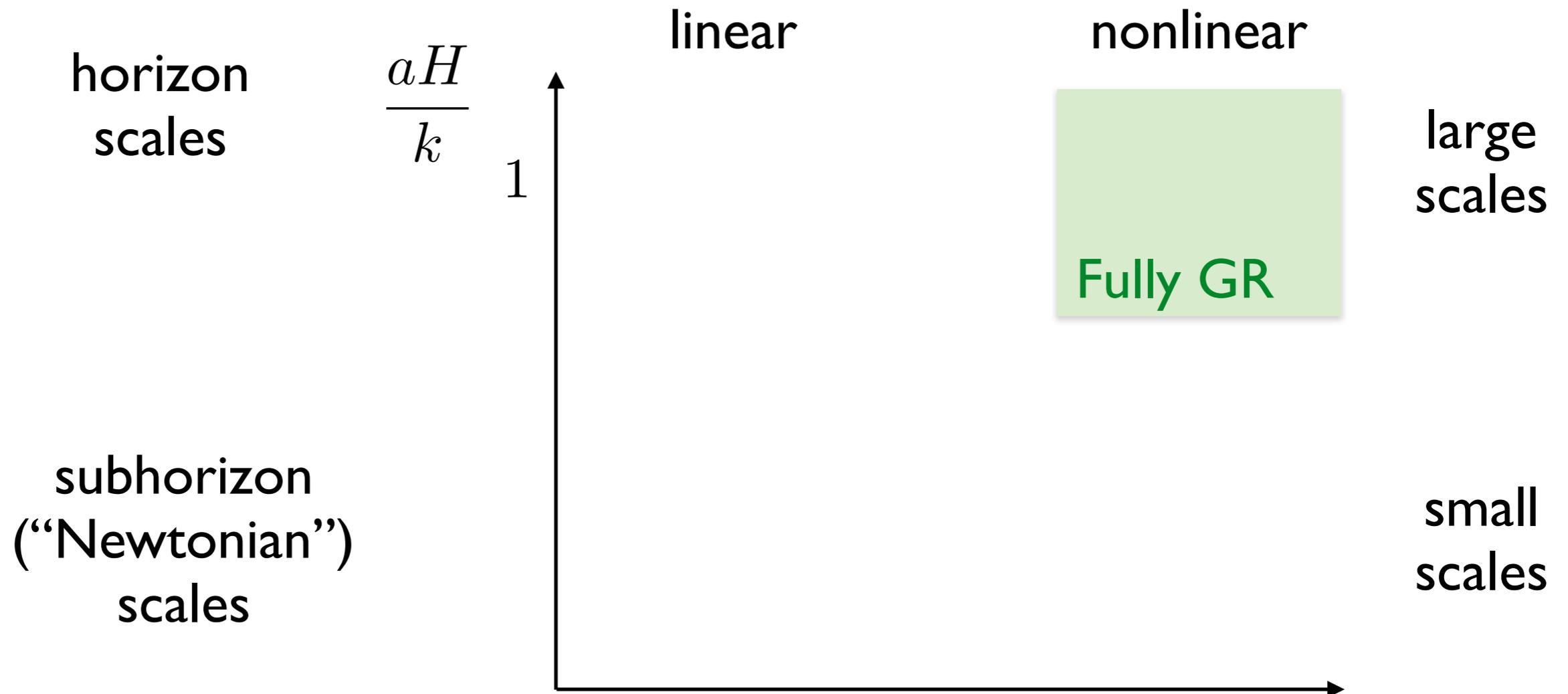
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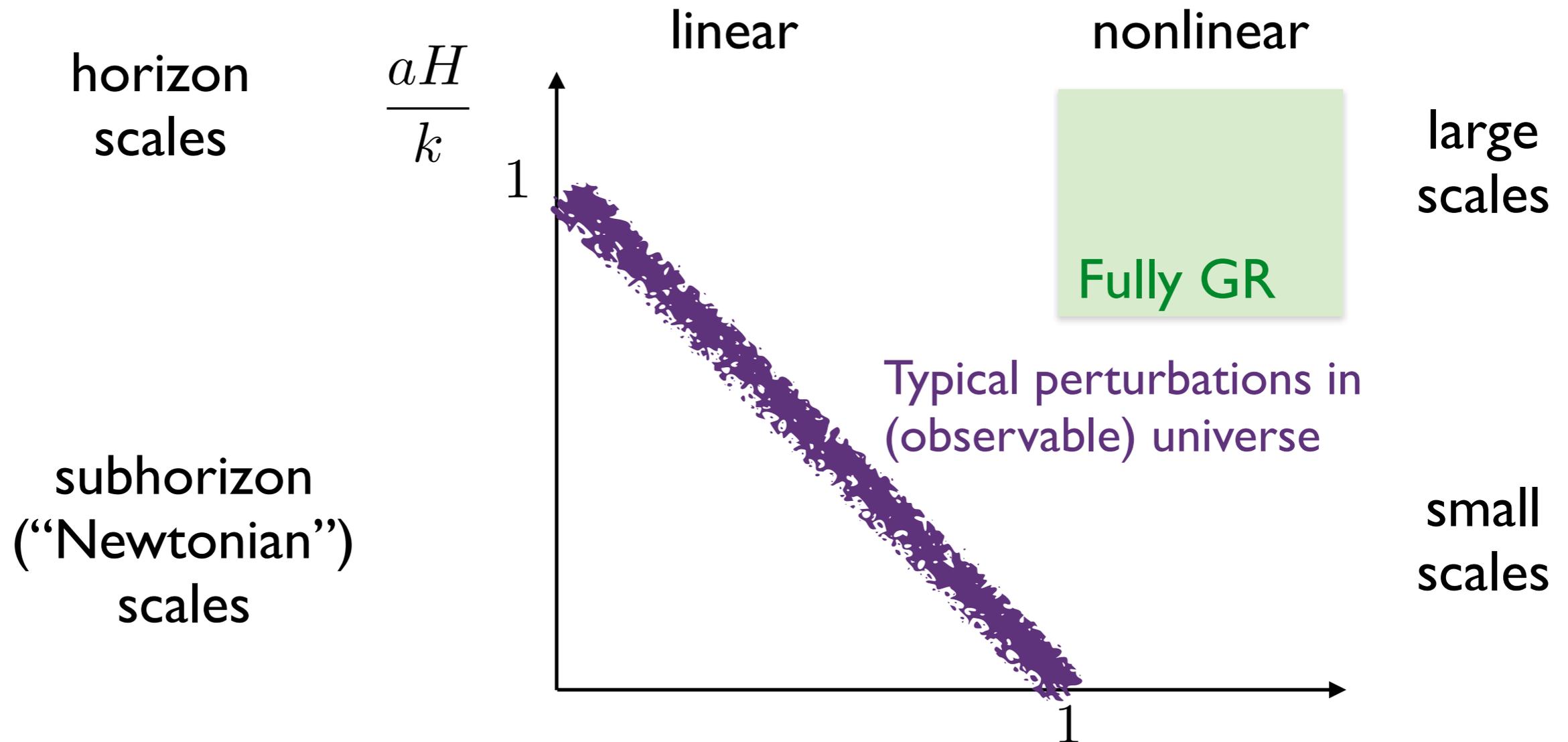
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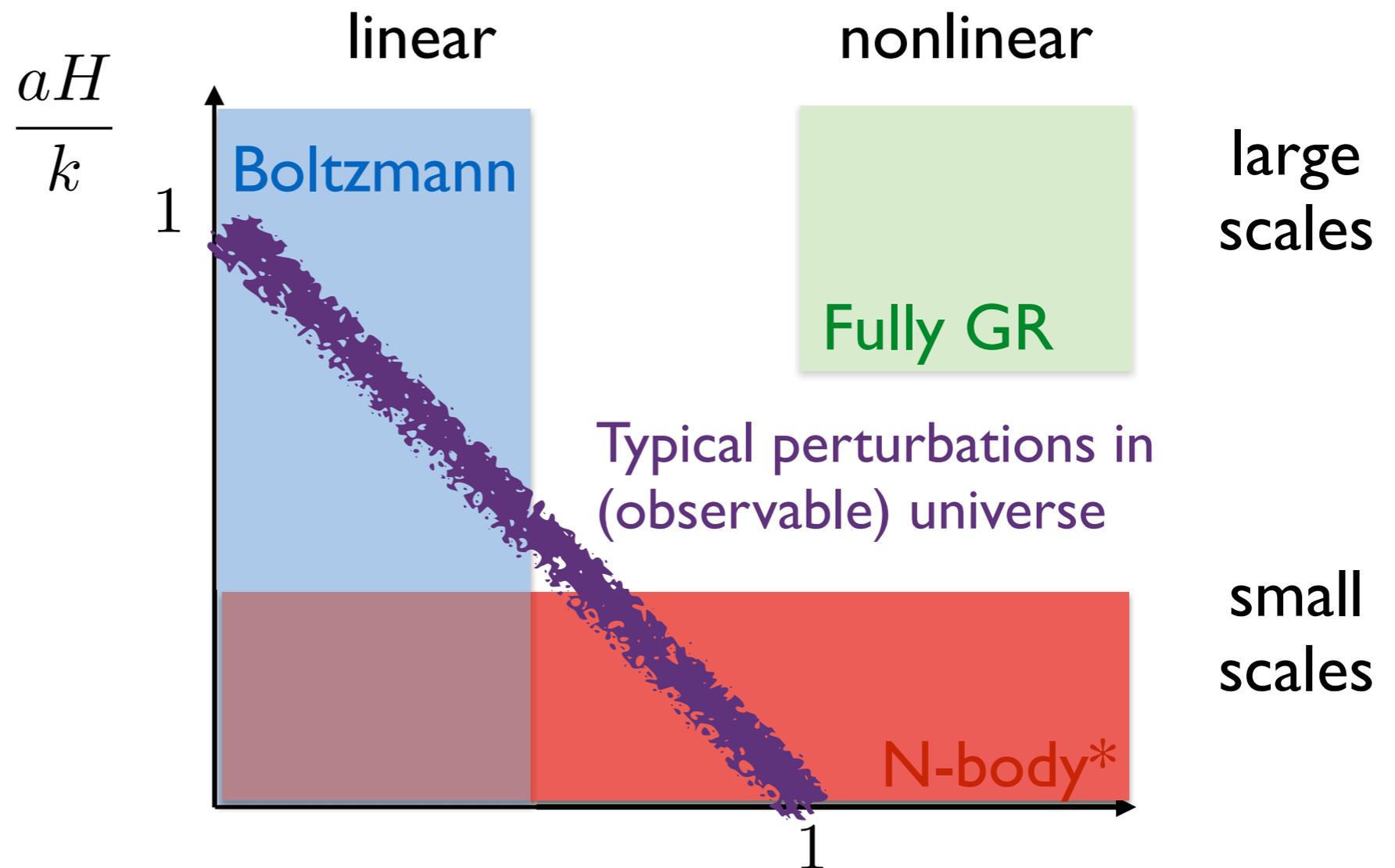


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- Well-established tools:
 - linear Boltzmann
 - N-body* methods



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- Foundation: separation between nonlinear scale and horizon

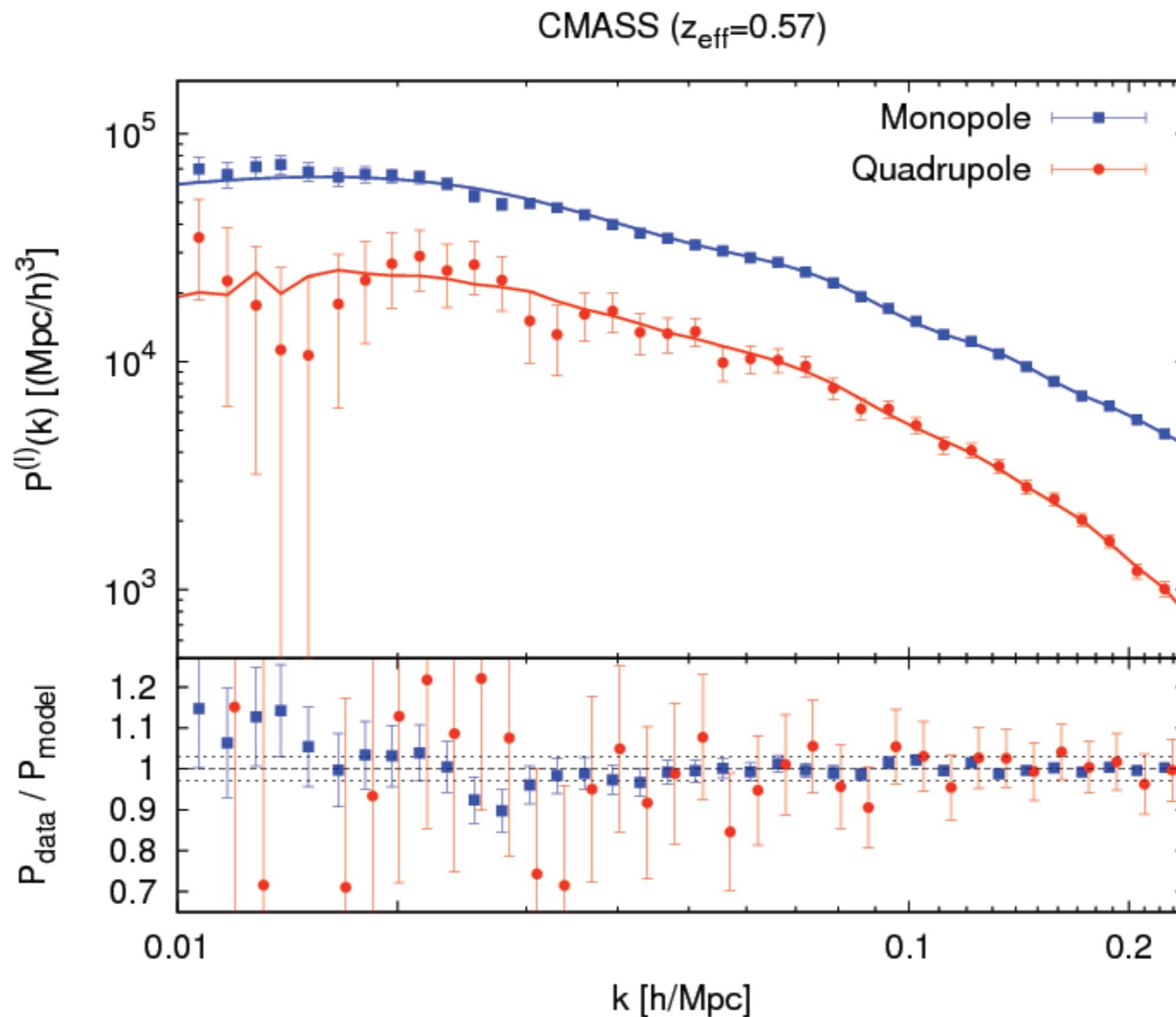
$$k_{\text{NL}} \simeq 0.1h \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \gg aH$$

- Linear theory: Fourier modes evolve independently; *solved problem*
- However, **bulk of information in LSS is on nonlinear scales** ($N_{\text{modes}} \sim k_{\text{max}}^3$)

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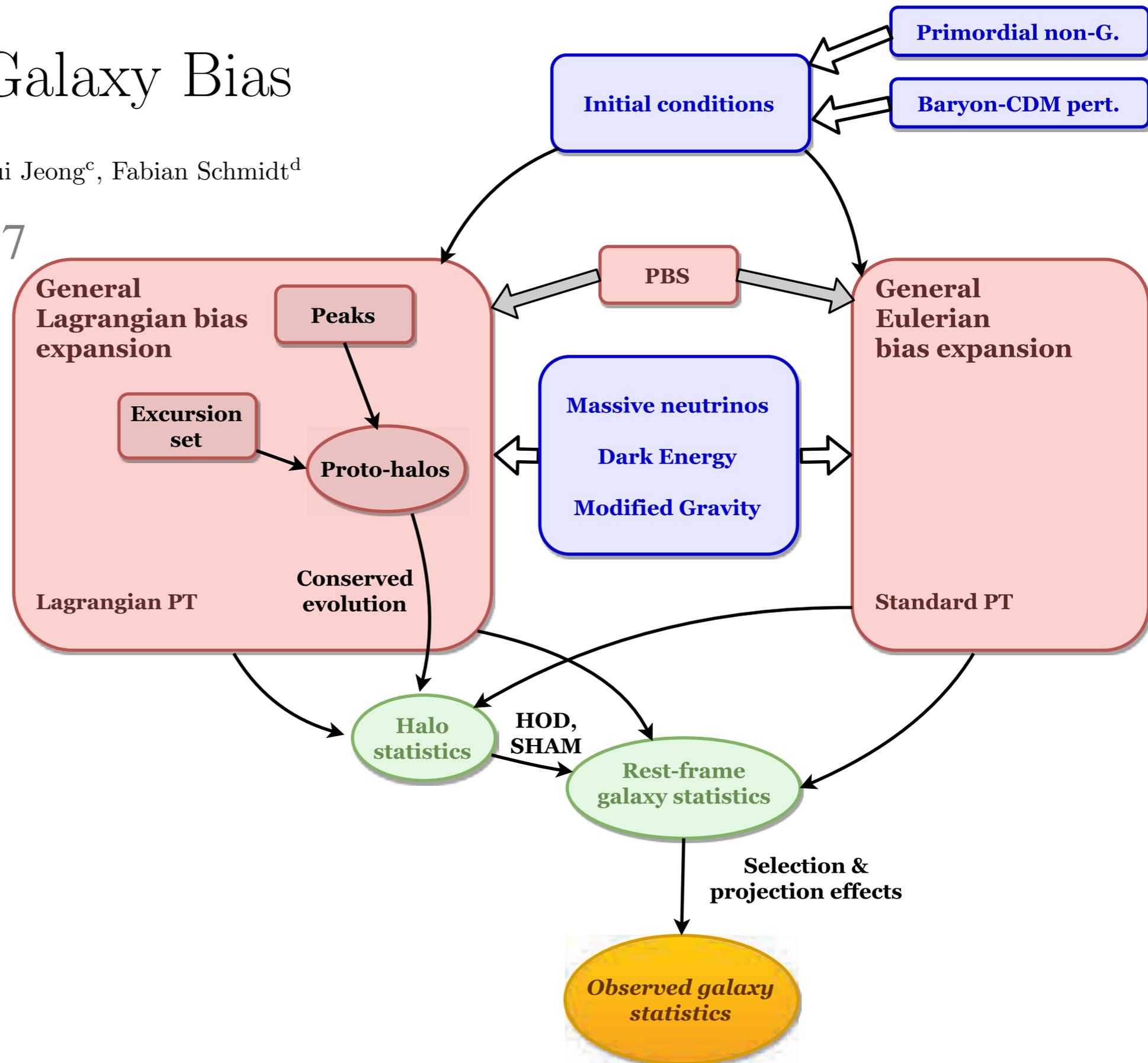
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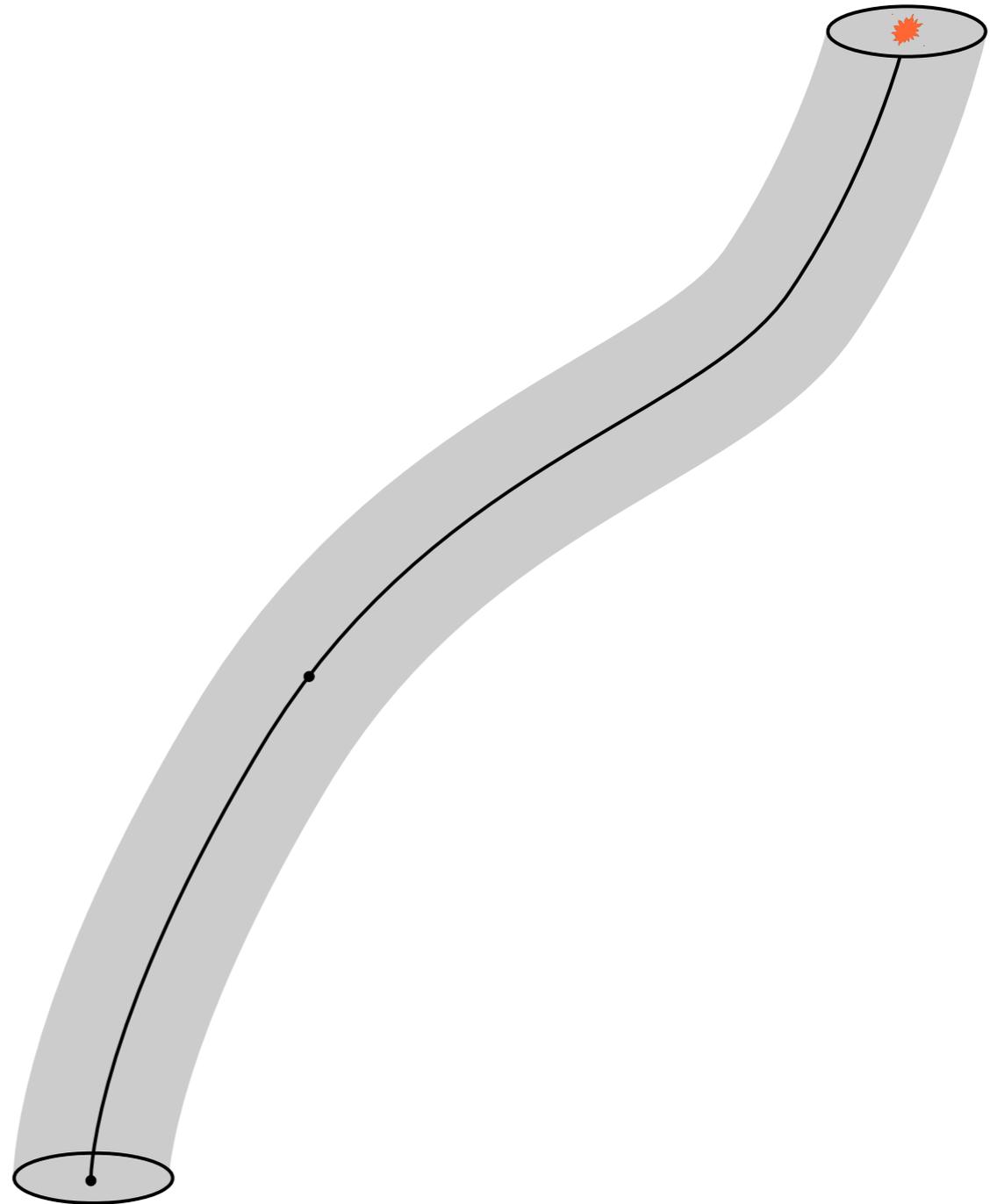
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- So far, we have written the EFT as local in time and space
 - Only makes sense if spatial and time derivatives are suppressed
 - True for spatial derivatives, but not for time derivatives!
Galaxies form over many Hubble times (as does matter field)
 - Theory is “nonlocal in time”

Galaxy formation

- Consider coarse-grained (large scale) view of region that forms a galaxy at conformal time τ
- Formation happens over long time scale, but small spatial scale R_*
- For halos, expect $R_* \lesssim R_L$

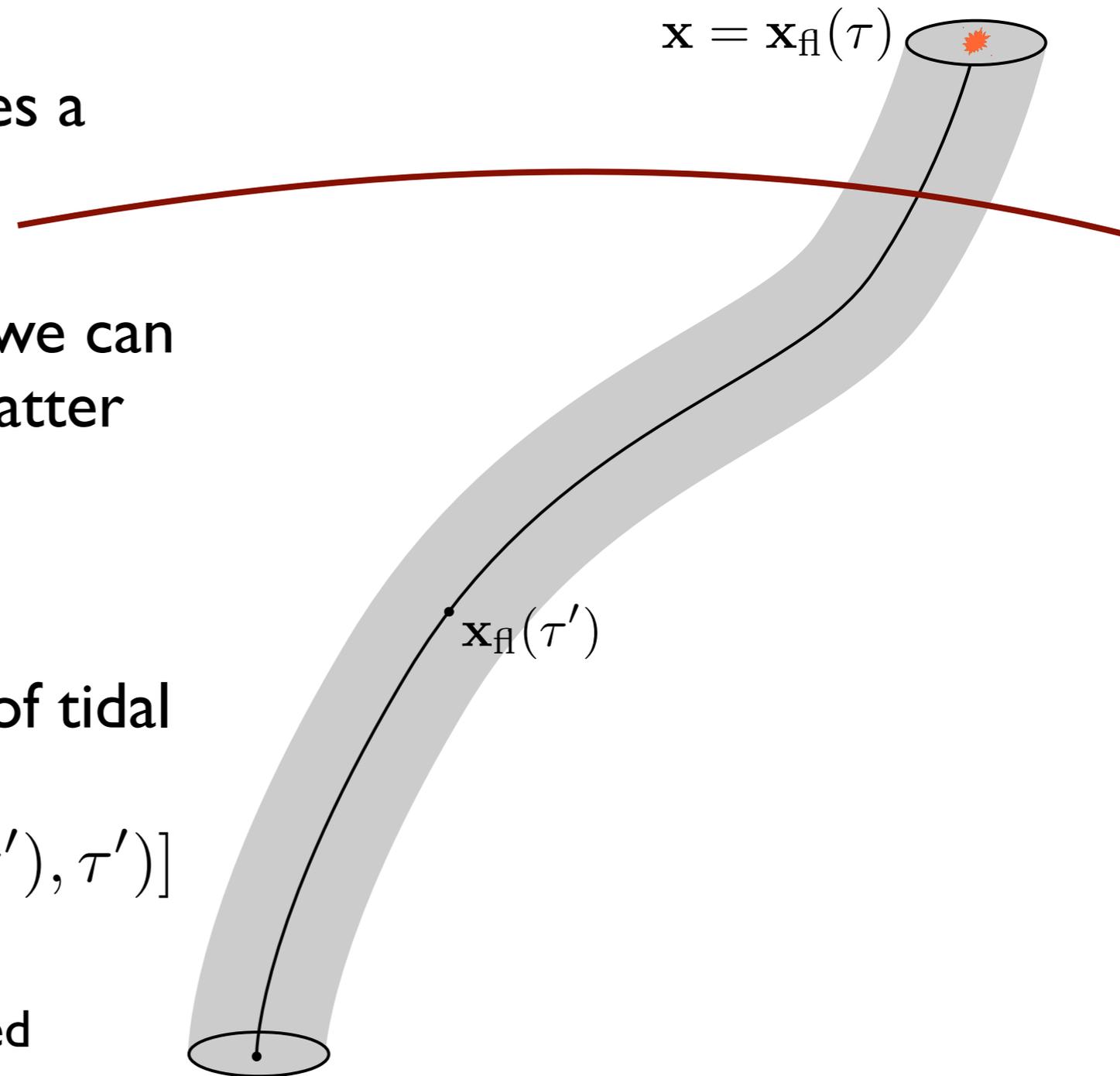


Galaxy formation

- Consider large-scale perturbations
- Galaxy density then becomes a local function *in space**
- Using equations of motion, we can eliminate dependence on matter density and velocity
- We are left with nonlinear, nonlocal-in-time functional of tidal tensor:

$$n_g(\mathbf{x}, \tau) = F_g [\partial_i \partial_j \Phi(\mathbf{x}_{\text{fl}}(\tau'), \tau')]$$

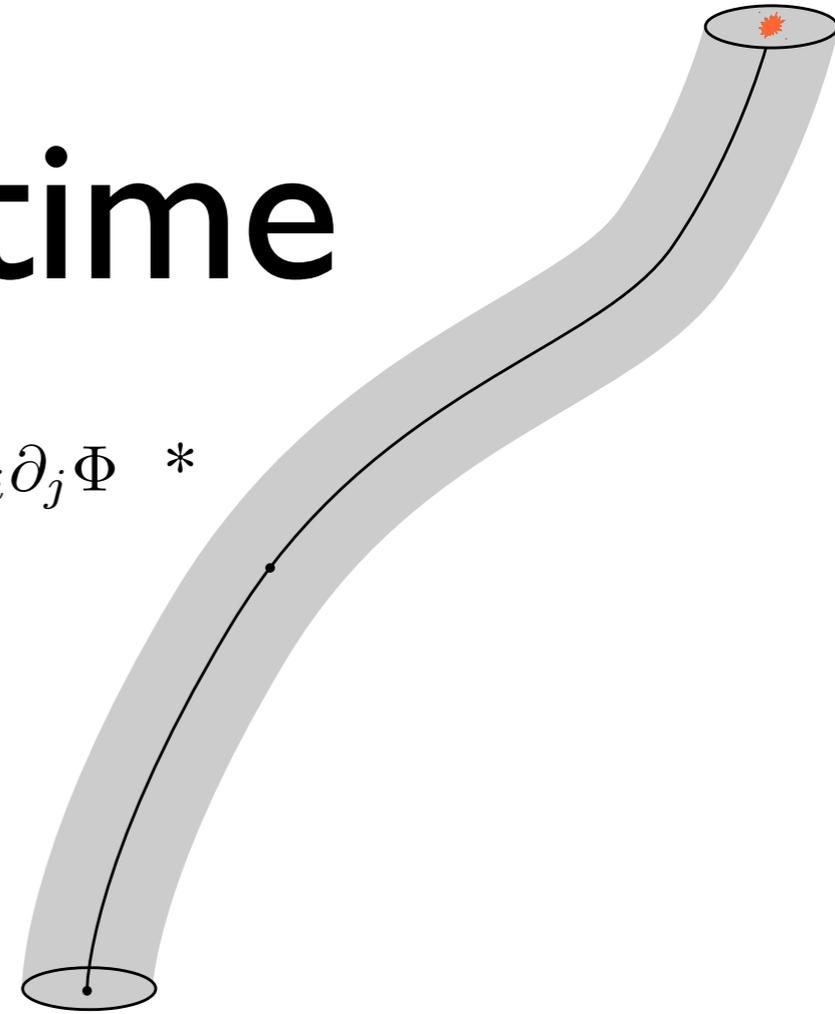
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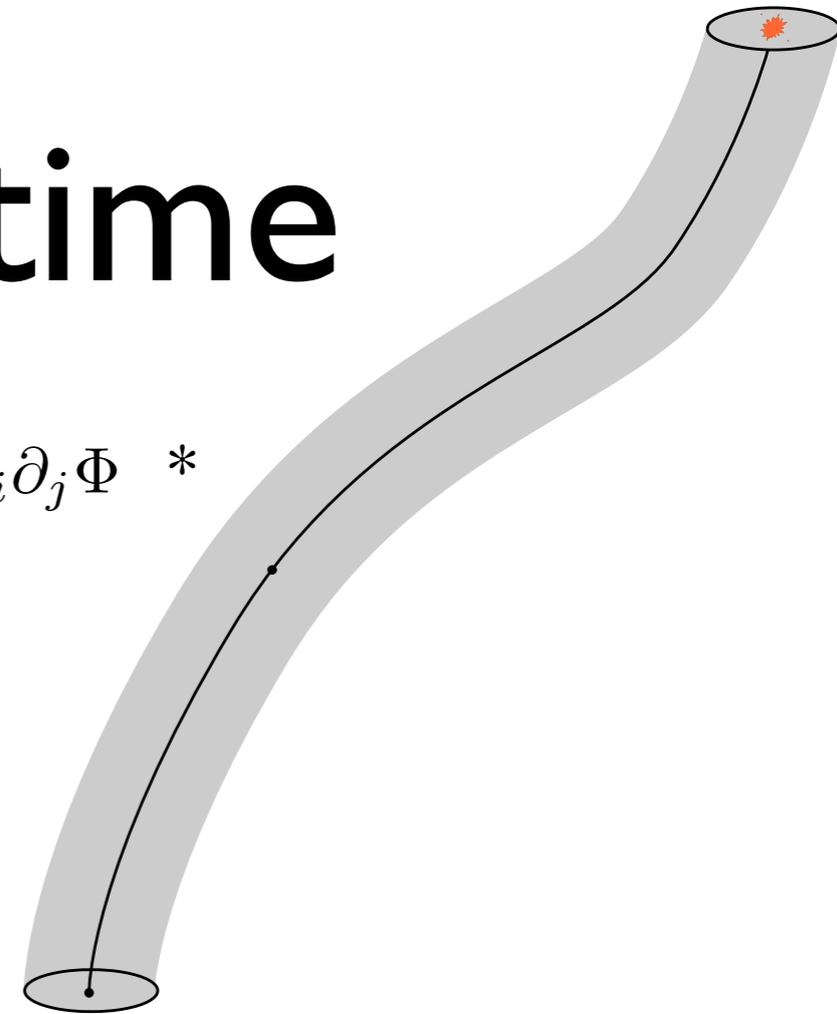
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- In perturbation theory, we know the time evolution of all these operators, e.g.

$$O(\mathbf{x}_{\text{fl}}, \tau) = D^m(\tau) O^{(m)}(\mathbf{x}_{\text{fl}}, \tau_0) + D^{m+1}(\tau) O^{(m+1)}(\mathbf{x}_{\text{fl}}, \tau_0) + \dots$$

- At n-th order, there can be at most n different time dependences, and hence $\leq n$ *independent terms!*
- Equivalently: arbitrarily high time derivatives can be written in terms of $\leq n$ terms

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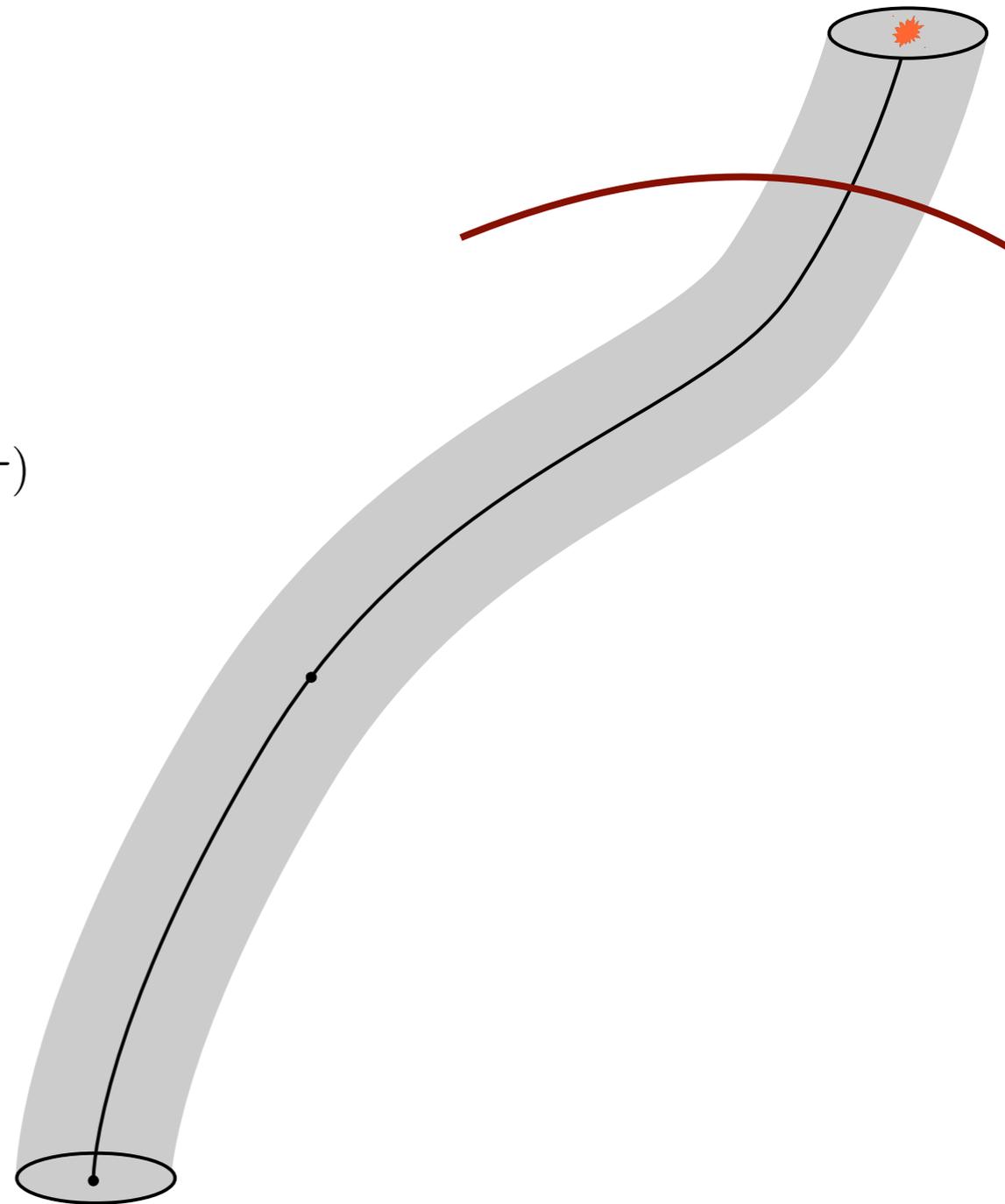
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- Some virtues of this expansion:
 - Linearly independent at each order
 - Complete in the EFT sense: closed under renormalization (*proof see MSZ*)
 - Equivalent expansions in Eulerian and Lagrangian space
 - Bias parameters can be mapped from one frame to another unambiguously

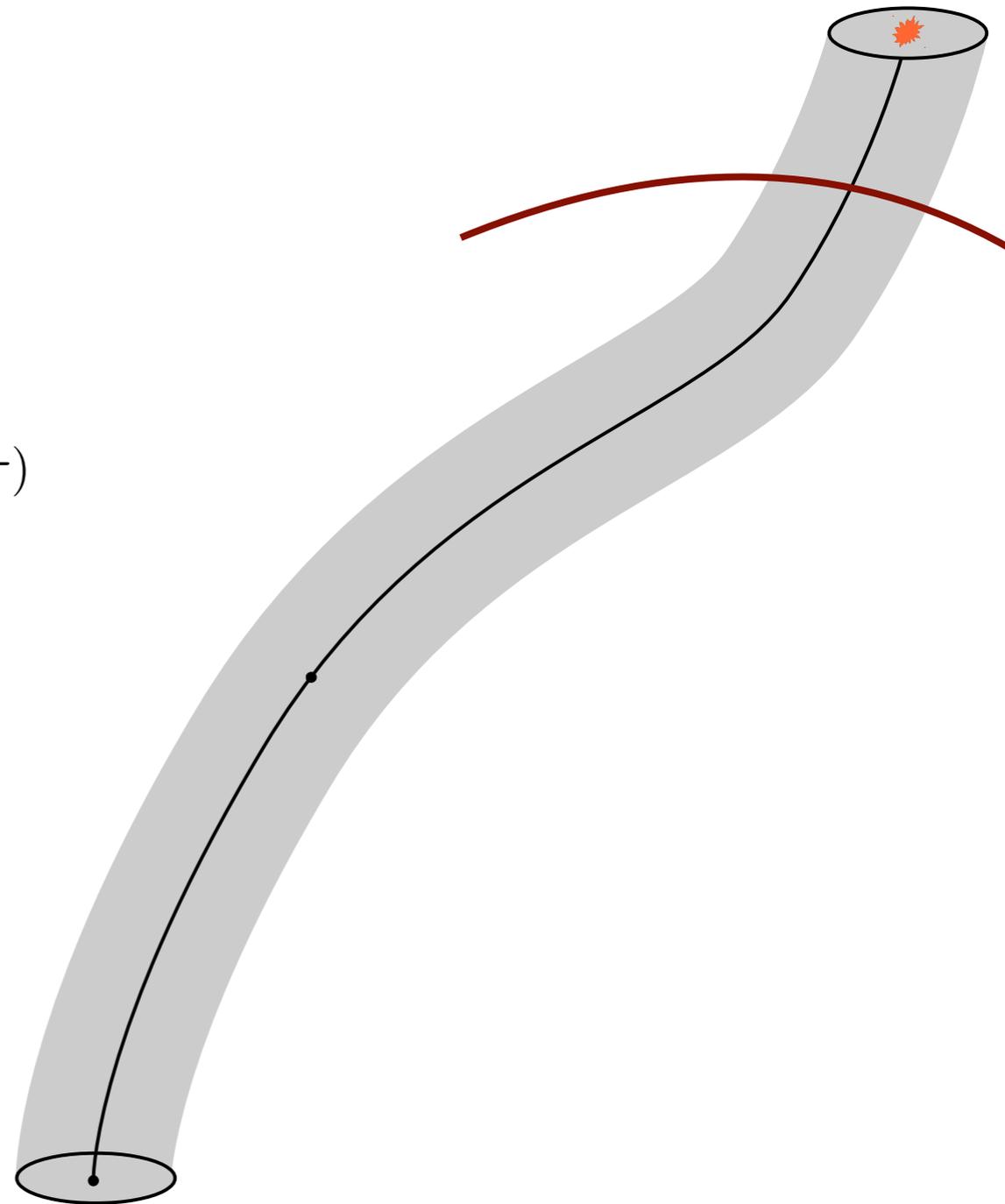
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- This also allows for **baryonic physics**, which *has to come with additional derivatives*
 - Example: pressure perturbations $\delta p = c_s^2 \delta \rho$
 - Pressure force: $F = \nabla \delta p \propto \nabla \delta$
- At higher order in derivatives, time evolution no longer determined by gravity alone



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- Hence, relative velocity can be written as

$$v_g^i - v^i = \partial^i \left\{ \delta, (\partial_i \partial_j \Phi)^2, \dots \right\}$$

- Necessarily higher derivative $\sim R_*^2$! Cf. pressure forces $F = \nabla \delta p \propto \nabla \delta$
 - Also small-scale stochastic velocities, with power spectrum $\sim k^4$, which captures virial motions

- Summary: **Galaxy velocities are unbiased on large scales.**

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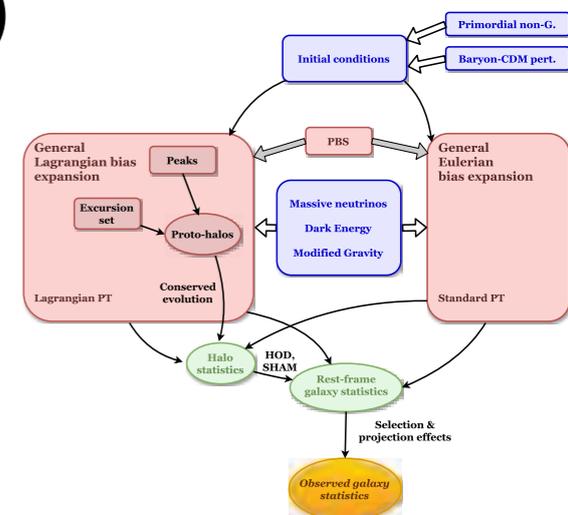
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- By combining three ingredients, we can obtain consistent theoretical description for observed galaxy statistics (n-point functions in redshift space):
 - Perturbation theory for matter
 - Bias expansion
 - Velocity bias expansion

Impact of initial conditions

- So far, assumed Gaussian, adiabatic initial conditions
- If these assumptions are violated at most weakly (as indicated by CMB), can perturbatively include these:
 - Primordial non-Gaussianity
 - Relative density/velocity perturbations between CDM and baryons (from pre-recombination)
- In each case, obtain well-defined finite set of additional terms in bias expansion



Application: galaxy power spectrum

- Assume we can measure rest-frame galaxy density
 - That is, neglect redshift-space distortions and other projection effects

- Leading-order galaxy power spectrum at fixed time:

$$P_{gg}(k) = b_1^2 P_L(k) + P_\varepsilon^{\{0\}}$$

- Valid on very large scales
- 2 free parameters

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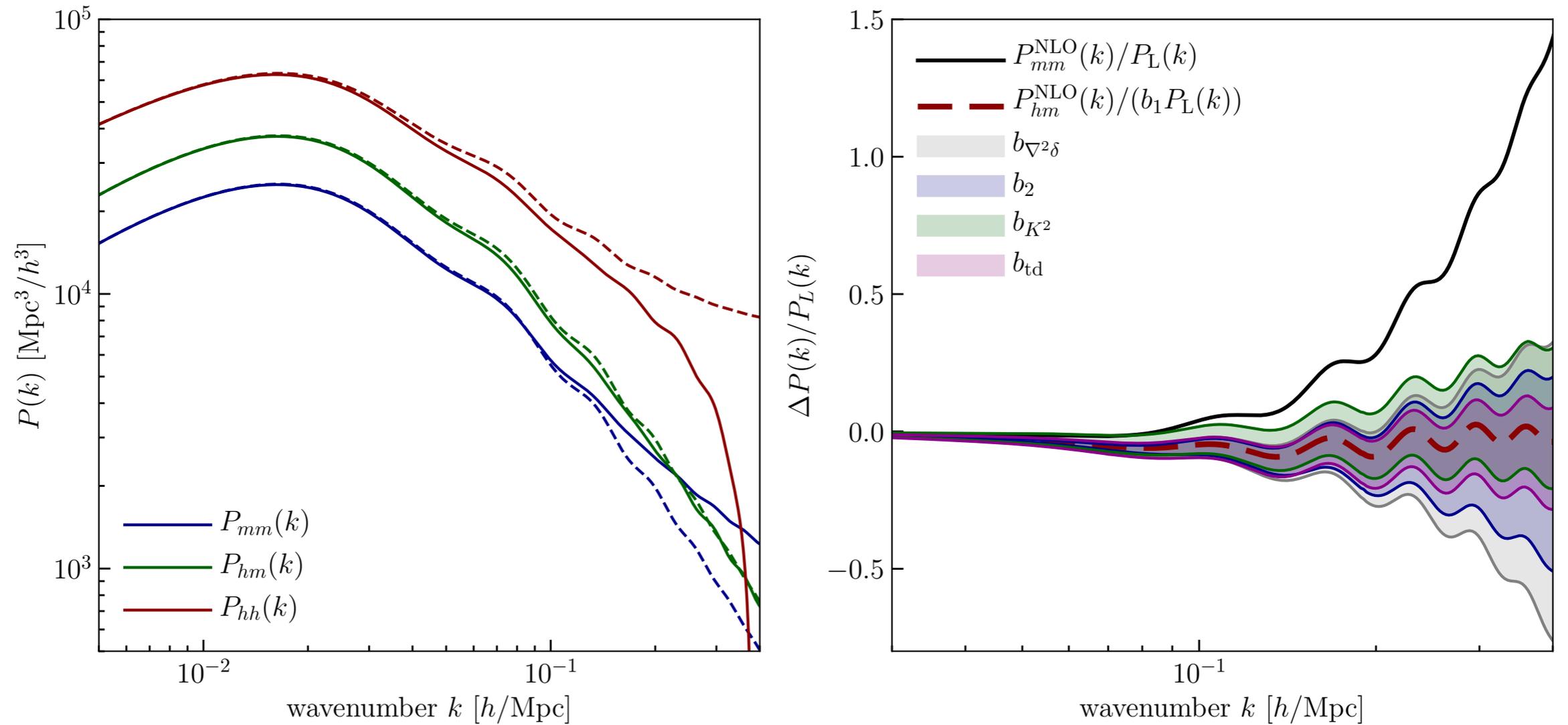
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Illustration of NLO contributions to galaxy power spectrum



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FS, Chisari, Dvorkin 2015
Vlah, Chisari, FS, in prep.

2. Complete description of counterterms in EFT of matter

Zaldarriaga & Mirbabayi, 2015

3. Small scale power spectrum = “responses”:
symmetric 2-/4-/6-/... tensor

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Wagner, FS et al 2015
Barreira & FS 2017a,b

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