

Unbiased contaminant removal for $P(k)$ measurement

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Galaxy sample contaminants

We're interested in cosmological fluctuations in the galaxy distribution.

All surveys have window functions describing the spatial probability of finding a galaxy in a small volume element given no information about other galaxies.

Determining the expected spatial distribution of galaxies in a sample (with no cosmological fluctuations) is difficult

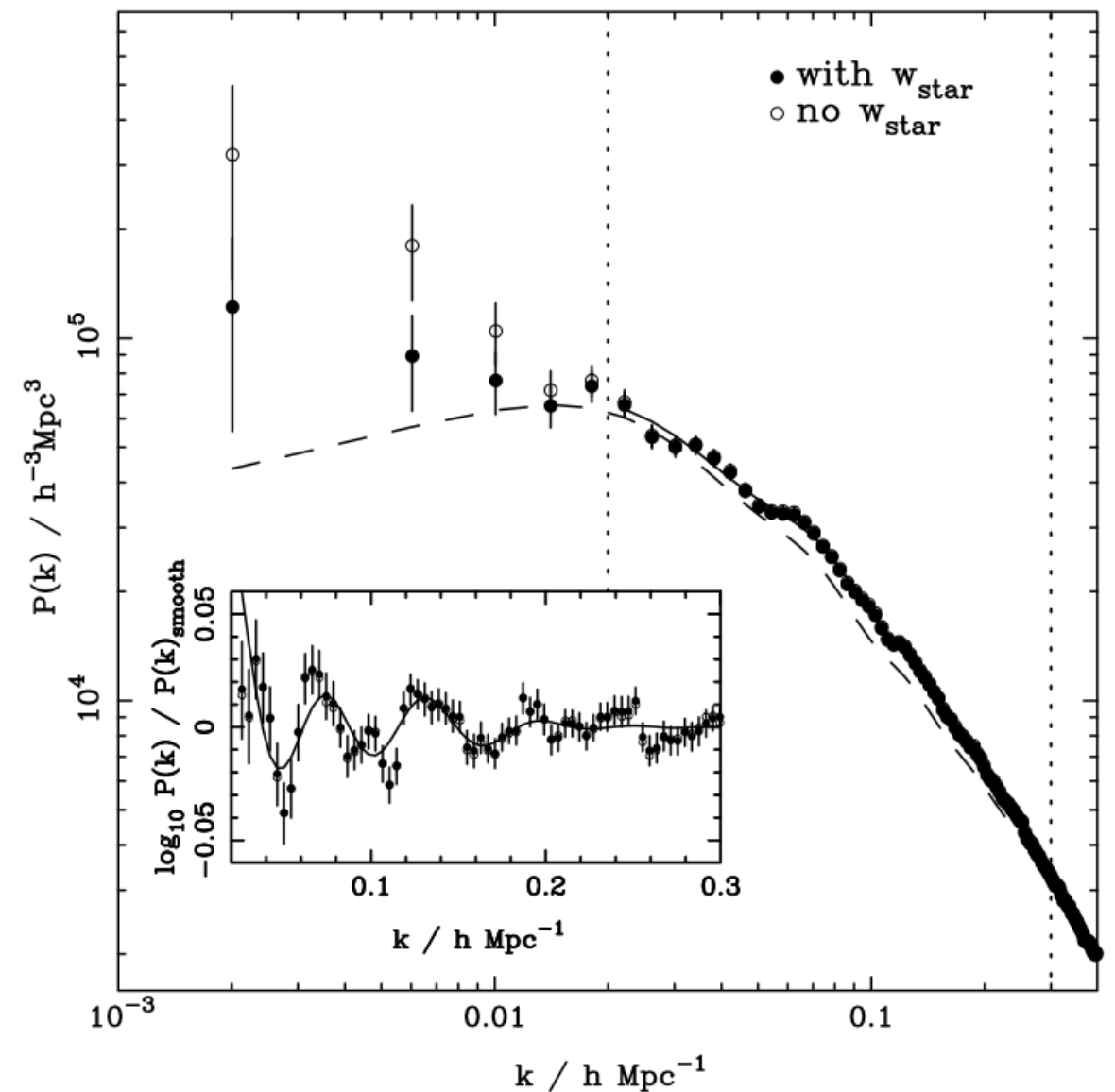
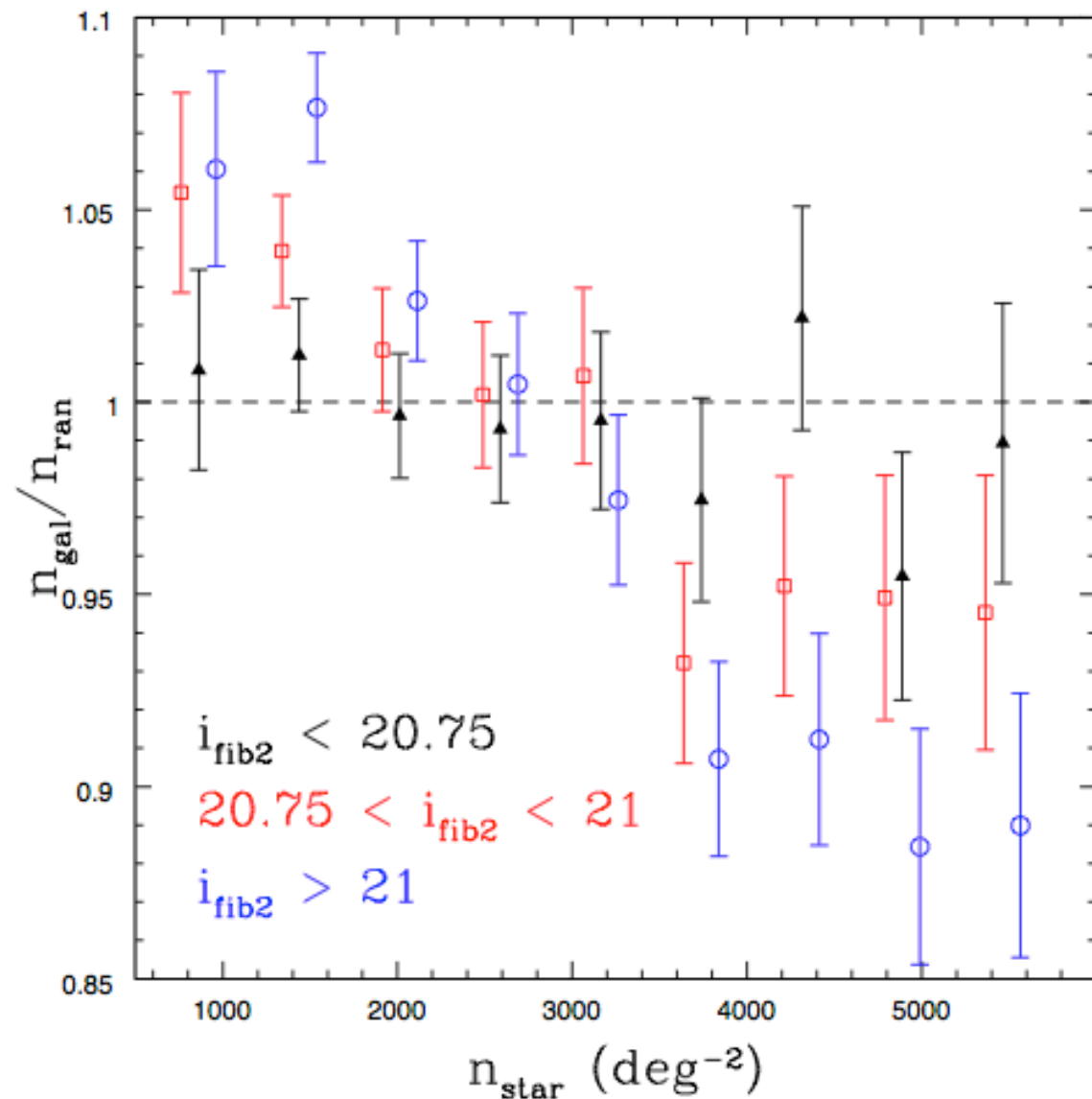
- i.e. cannot perfectly match galaxies and randoms

Basic problems:

- stars, extinction, observing conditions, differences across instruments
- for both the target sample, and spectroscopy.

SDSS-III DR9 spectroscopic sample

DR9 (~1/3 of DR12) contained
264,283 galaxies, $z \sim 0.57$, and
covered 2.2 Gpc²



δ is sourced from a potential field Φ , whose form might not be Gaussian

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = 4\pi G \delta(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) \sim \phi(\mathbf{x}) + f_{\text{NL}} \phi^2(\mathbf{x}) + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{skewness} &\sim f_{\text{NL}} \\ \text{kurtosis} &\sim f_{\text{NL}}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Φ is a Gaussian field. the non-linear terms in Φ make Φ non-Gaussian. This map completely specifies Φ statistics.

Salopek and Bond 1990;
Gangui, Lucchin, Matarrese, Mollerach 1994;
Komatsu and Spergel 2001

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) \sim \phi(\mathbf{x}) + g_{\text{NL}} \phi^3(\mathbf{x}) + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{skewness} &\sim 0 \\ \text{kurtosis} &\sim g_{\text{NL}} \end{aligned}$$

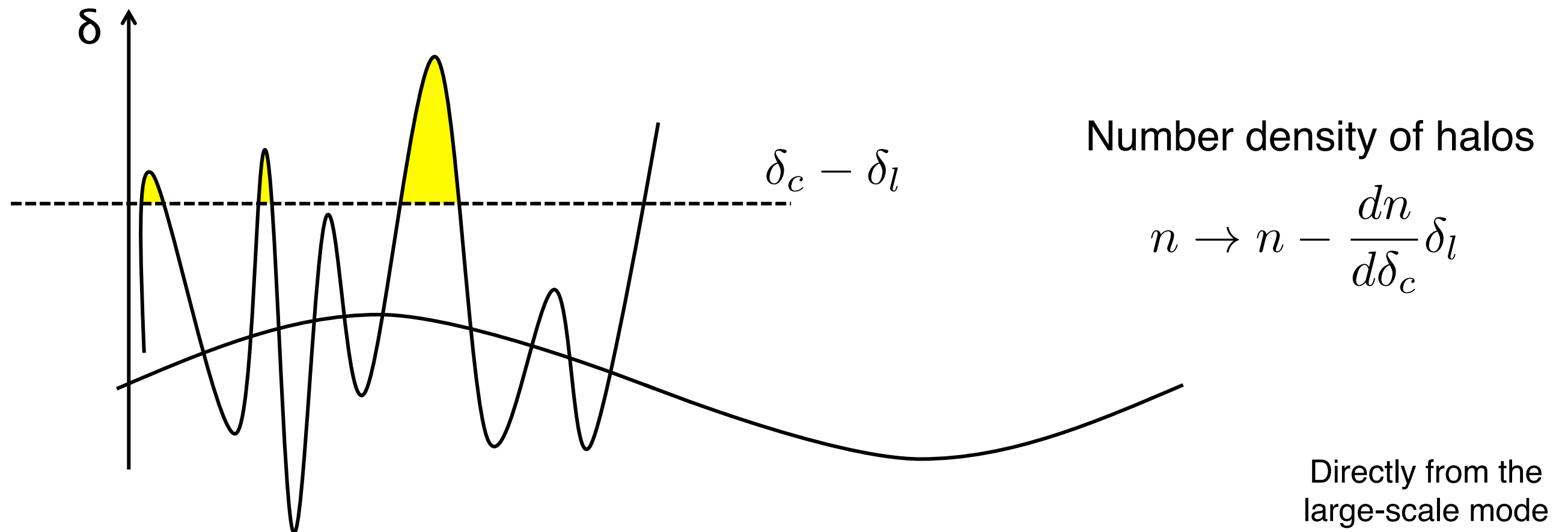
f_{NL} is not the only option for local potential fluctuations ... you can go even further down this route ...

Okamoto and Hu 2002;
Enqvist and Nurmi 2005

Non-local models introduce non-trivial higher order correlations in Φ

Peak-background split bias model

Halo formation much easier with additional long-wavelength fluctuation



Leads to a revised large-scale halo density

$$(1 + \delta_{\text{new}}) = \left(1 + \frac{\Delta n}{n}\right) (1 + \delta_l)$$

Directly from the large-scale mode

From the change in Number of haloes

To first order, this leads to a bias

$$\delta_{\text{new}} = \left(\delta_l + \frac{\Delta n}{n}\right)$$

$$b = \frac{\delta_{\text{new}}}{\delta_l} = 1 + \frac{\Delta n}{n\delta_l} = 1 - \frac{d \ln n}{d\delta_c}$$

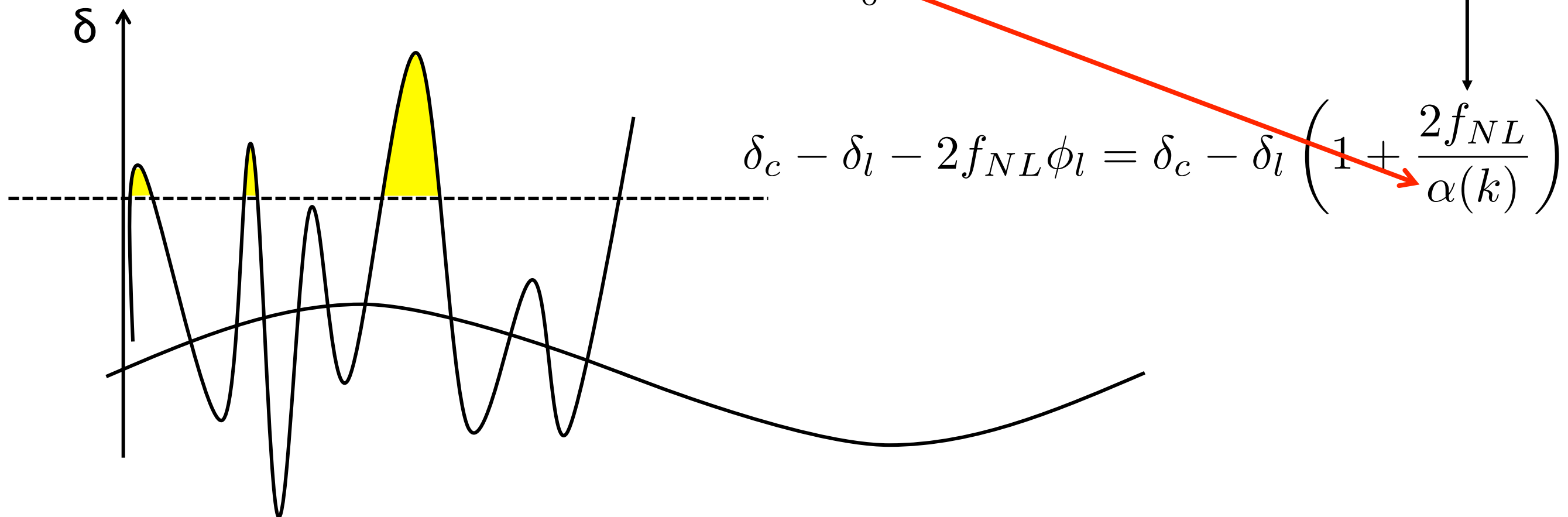
This is altered by f_{NL} signal

Now split $(\phi + f_{NL}\phi^2)$ into long and short wavelength components

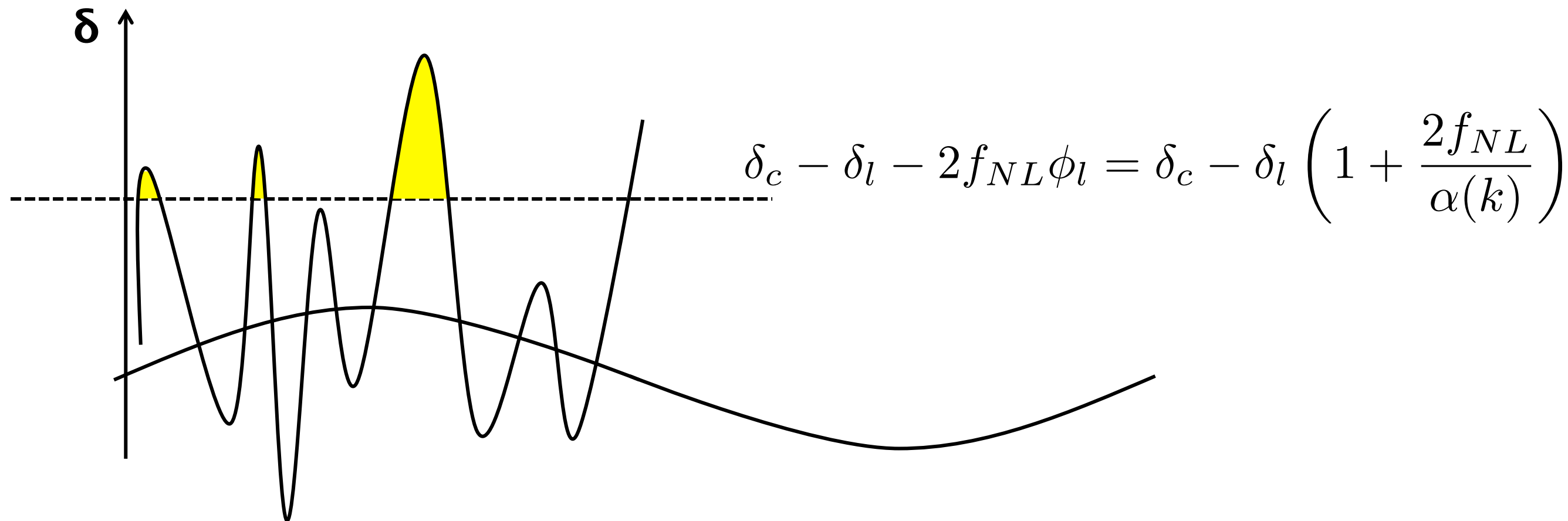
$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \phi_l + \underbrace{f_{NL}\phi_l^2}_{\text{small}} + \underbrace{(1 + 2f_{NL}\phi_l)\phi_s + f_{NL}\phi_s^2}_{\text{altered by } f_{NL} \text{ signal}} + \text{cnst}$$

Link between potential and overdensity field shows how changing long wavelength potential component changes “critical density”

$$\delta_l(k) = \alpha(k)\Phi(k) \quad \alpha(k) = \frac{2c^2 k^2 T(k) D(z)}{3\Omega_m H_0^2}$$



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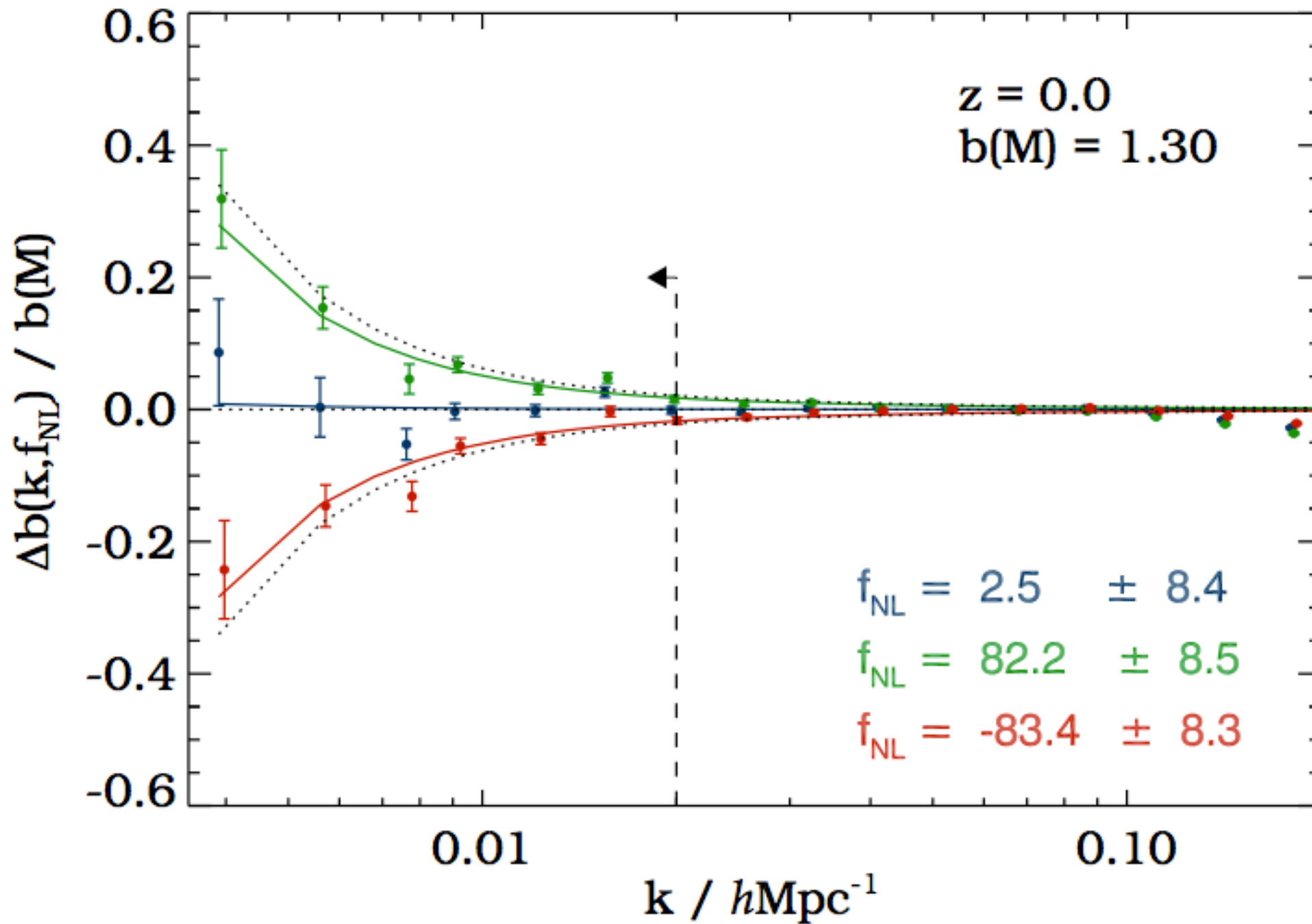


Number density of halos $n \rightarrow n - \left(1 + \frac{2f_{NL}}{\alpha(k)} \right) \frac{dn}{d\delta_c} \delta_l$

Leads to a revised bias

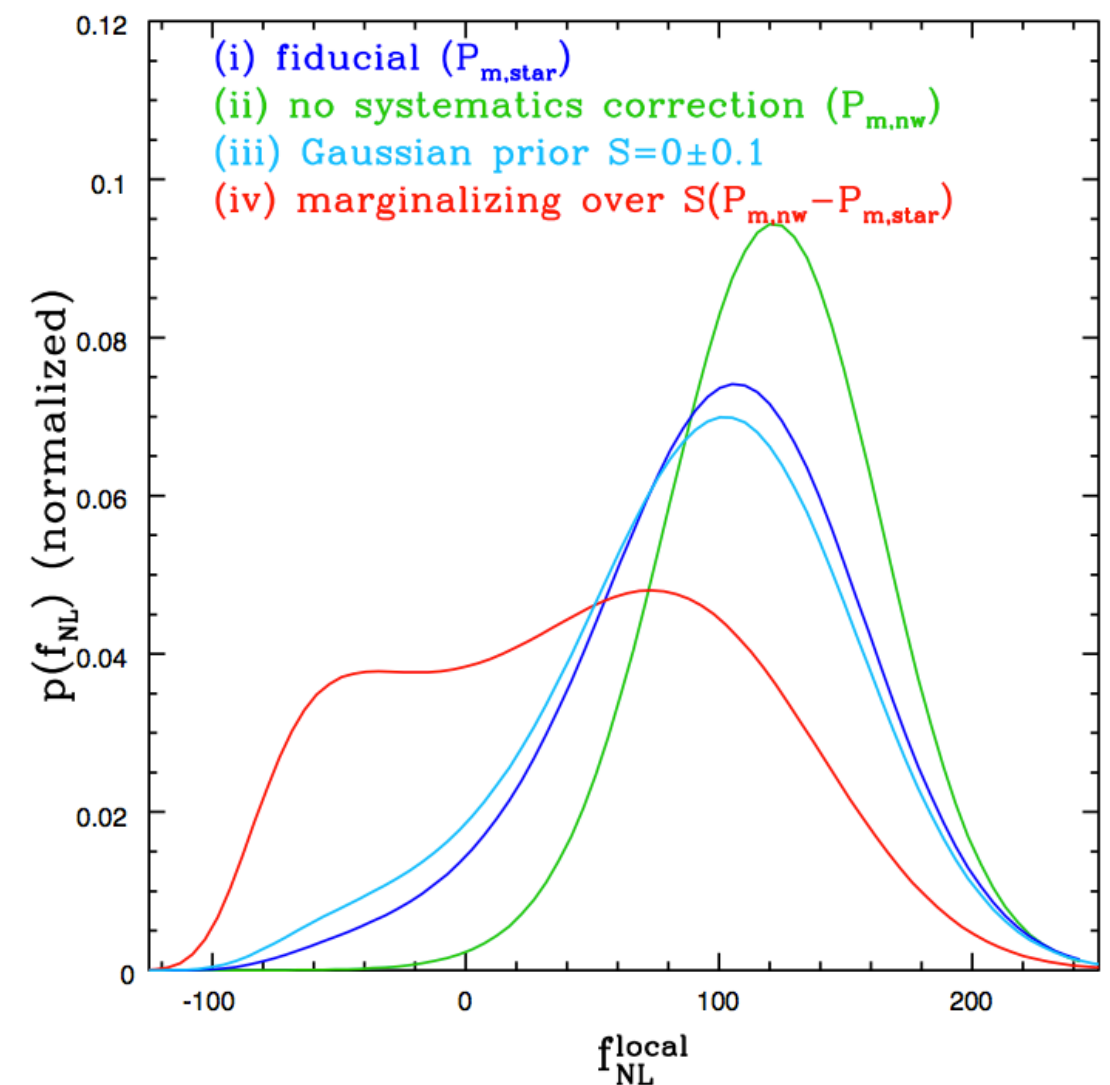
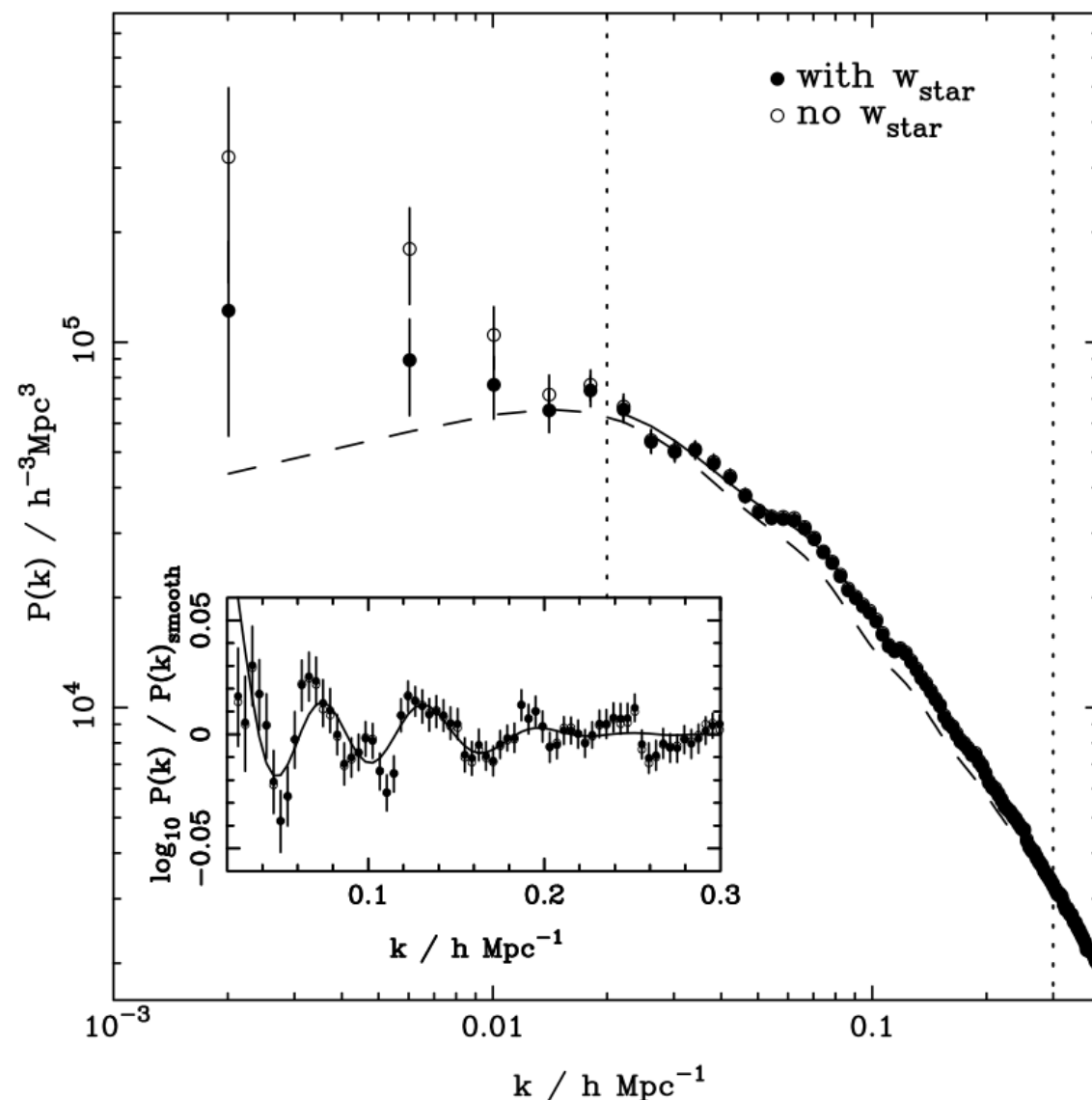
$$b = 1 - \left(1 + \frac{2f_{NL}}{\alpha(k)} \right) \frac{d \ln n}{d\delta_c}$$

K² dependence in simulations

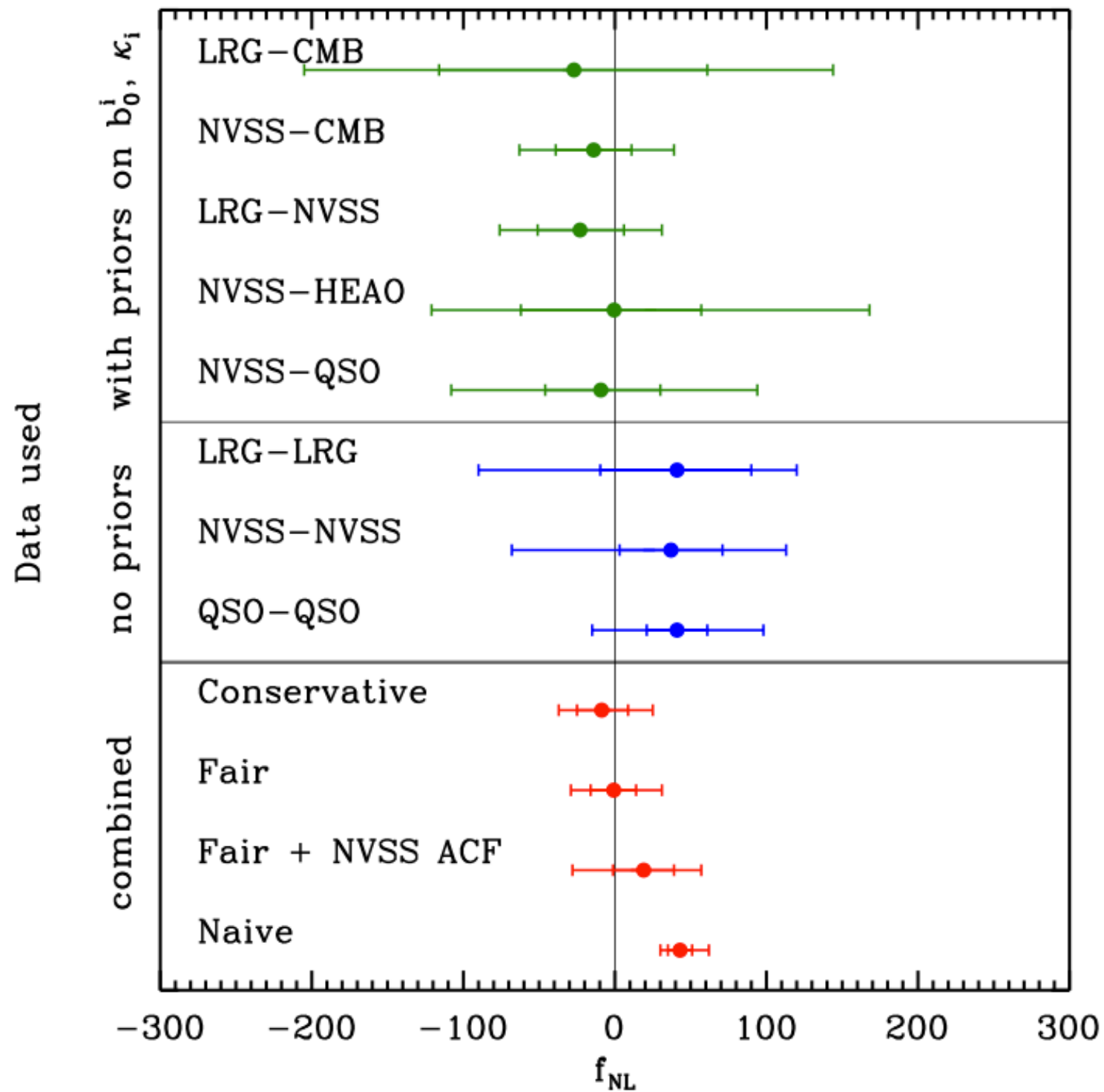


f_{NL} from BOSS DR9 spectroscopic sample

- linked careful analysis of observational systematics with local f_{NL} measurement
- significant effect of stars on measured f_{NL} signal
- $-82 < f_{\text{NL}} < 178$ (at 95% confidence)
- no significant evidence for non-zero f_{NL}



f_{NL} from a combination of data



Removing contaminants from δ : methods

Definition of measured modes of density field (think δ in Fourier space)

$$D(\mathbf{k}) = F(\mathbf{k}) - \epsilon f(\mathbf{k})$$

Cosmological
fluctuation
Measurement
Contaminant

Mode deprojection removes contaminated modes from the covariance matrix of F

$$C_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow \tilde{C}_{\alpha\beta} = C_{\alpha\beta} + \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow \infty} \sigma f(\mathbf{k}_\alpha) f^*(\mathbf{k}_\beta)$$

Mode subtraction removes the best-fit contaminant

$$D(\mathbf{k}) = F(\mathbf{k}) - \epsilon_{\text{BF}} f(\mathbf{k})$$

Estimating $P(k)$

Quadratic Maximum Likelihood (QML) estimator for $P(k)$ is unbiased with any covariance matrix (so can cope with one with missing). Can consider QML as two steps:

mode deprojection (in \mathbf{E})

$$\mathbf{p}_j \equiv \sum_{\alpha, \beta} F^*(\mathbf{k}_\alpha) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha\beta}(k_j) F(\mathbf{k}_\beta)$$

$$\mathbf{E}(k_j) = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{C}^{-1}}{\partial P(k_j)}$$

debiasing / optimisation

$$\hat{P}(k_i) = \sum_j \mathbf{N}_{ij}^{-1} \mathbf{p}_j$$

$$\mathbf{N}_{ij} = \text{tr} \left\{ \mathbf{C}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}}{\partial P(k_i)} \mathbf{C}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}}{\partial P(k_j)} \right\}$$

Practical problem
performing QML: we
need to manipulate
matrices of size $(N_{\text{mode}})^2$

QML reduces to FKP estimator only in the limit of diagonal covariance, constant in bin

$$\hat{P}(k_i) = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbb{k}_i}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_\alpha \in \mathbb{k}_i} |F(\mathbf{k}_\alpha)|^2$$

Writing mode deprojection as a subtraction

$$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} = \mathbf{C}_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} - \frac{\sum_{\mu\nu} \mathbf{C}_{\alpha\mu}^{-1} f(\mathbf{k}_\mu) f^*(\mathbf{k}_\nu) \mathbf{C}_{\nu\beta}^{-1}}{\sum_{\mu\nu} f^*(\mathbf{k}_\mu) \mathbf{C}_{\mu\nu}^{-1} f(\mathbf{k}_\nu)}$$

Sherman-Morrison matrix inversion lemma

Then the \mathbf{p}_i in the QML estimator becomes
(for a diagonal \mathbf{C} , although the result is actually more general)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}_i &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}_\alpha \in \mathbb{k}_i} \left\{ \frac{|F(\mathbf{k}_\alpha)|^2}{P^2(k_\alpha)} - \frac{2}{R_P} \operatorname{Re} \left[S_P \frac{F^*(\mathbf{k}_\alpha) f(\mathbf{k}_\alpha)}{P^2(k_\alpha)} \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|S_P|^2}{R_P^2} \frac{|f(\mathbf{k}_\alpha)|^2}{P^2(k_\alpha)} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{k}_\alpha \in \mathbb{k}_i} \frac{\left| F(\mathbf{k}_\alpha) - \frac{S_P}{R_P} f(\mathbf{k}_\alpha) \right|^2}{P^2(k_\alpha)}, \end{aligned}$$

Remember that QML has

$$\hat{P}(k_i) = \sum_j \mathbf{N}_{ij}^{-1} \mathbf{p}_j$$

$$R_P \equiv \sum_{\mu} \frac{|f(\mathbf{k}_\mu)|^2}{P(\mathbf{k}_\mu)} \quad S_P \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{k}_\alpha} \frac{F^*(\mathbf{k}_\alpha) f(\mathbf{k}_\alpha)}{P_\alpha}$$

Writing mode deprojection as a subtraction

Suppose instead we'd written out the likelihood, and found the best-fit contaminant

$$-2 \ln \mathcal{L} = \ln \left(\prod_{\mathbf{k}} P(\mathbf{k}) \right) + \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{|F(\mathbf{k}) - \varepsilon f(\mathbf{k})|^2}{P(\mathbf{k})}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \varepsilon} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\text{Re} [F_f(\mathbf{k}) F^*(\mathbf{k})] - \varepsilon |F_f(\mathbf{k})|^2}{P(\mathbf{k})}$$

Has solution

$$\varepsilon^{(\text{BF})} = \frac{S_P}{R_P} \quad R_P \equiv \sum_{\mu} \frac{|f(\mathbf{k}_{\mu})|^2}{P(\mathbf{k}_{\mu})} \quad S_P \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha}} \frac{F^*(\mathbf{k}_{\alpha}) f(\mathbf{k}_{\alpha})}{P_{\alpha}}$$

Giving

$$\hat{P}(k_i) = \frac{1}{N_{\mathbb{k}_i}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_{\alpha}} \left| F(\mathbf{k}_{\alpha}) - \frac{S_P}{R_P} f(\mathbf{k}_{\alpha}) \right|^2$$

This estimate is biased, but shows how linked to mode deprojection

Can we debias FKP + mode subtraction?

Finding the expected values of the FKP estimator after mode subtraction

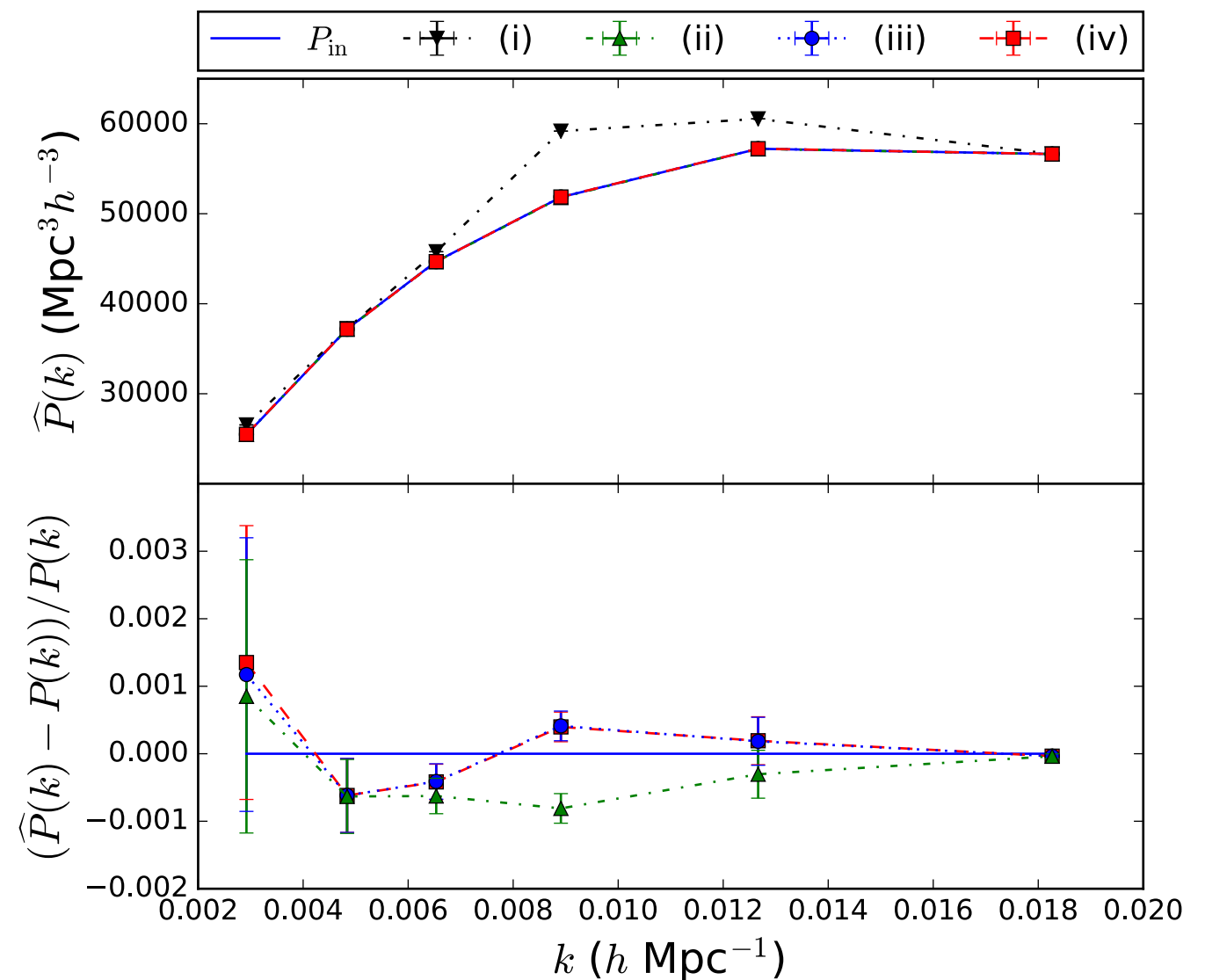
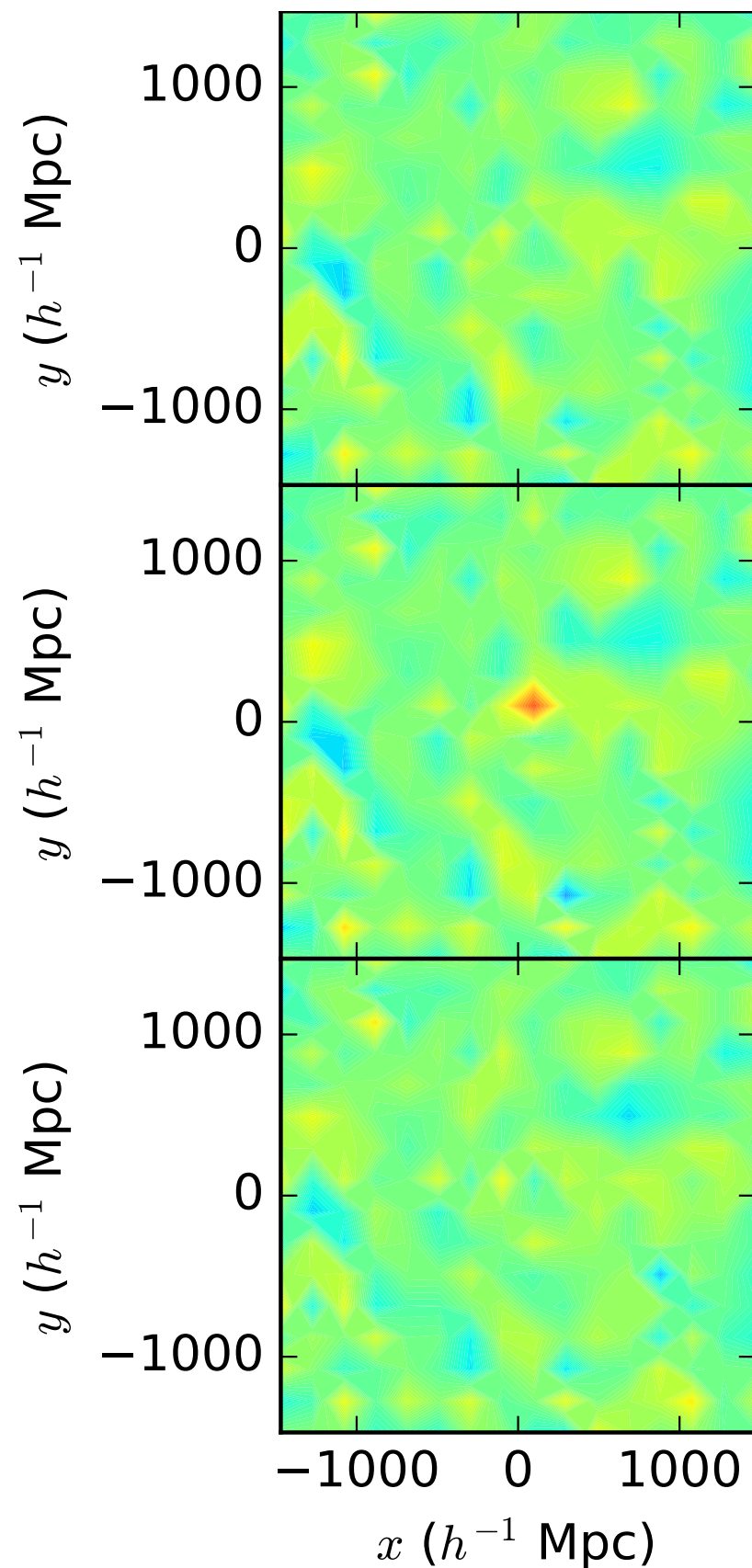
$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \left| F_\alpha - \frac{S_P}{R_P} f_\alpha \right|^2 \right\rangle &= \mathbf{C}_{\alpha\alpha} + |f_\alpha|^2 - 2|f_\alpha|^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{R_P} \right) + \left(1 + \frac{1}{R_P} \right) |f_\alpha|^2 \\ &= \mathbf{C}_{\alpha\alpha} - \frac{|f_\alpha|^2}{R_P}. \end{aligned}$$

Gives a bias

$$\left(1 - \frac{|f(\mathbf{k}_\alpha)|^2}{R_P P(k_\alpha)} \right)$$

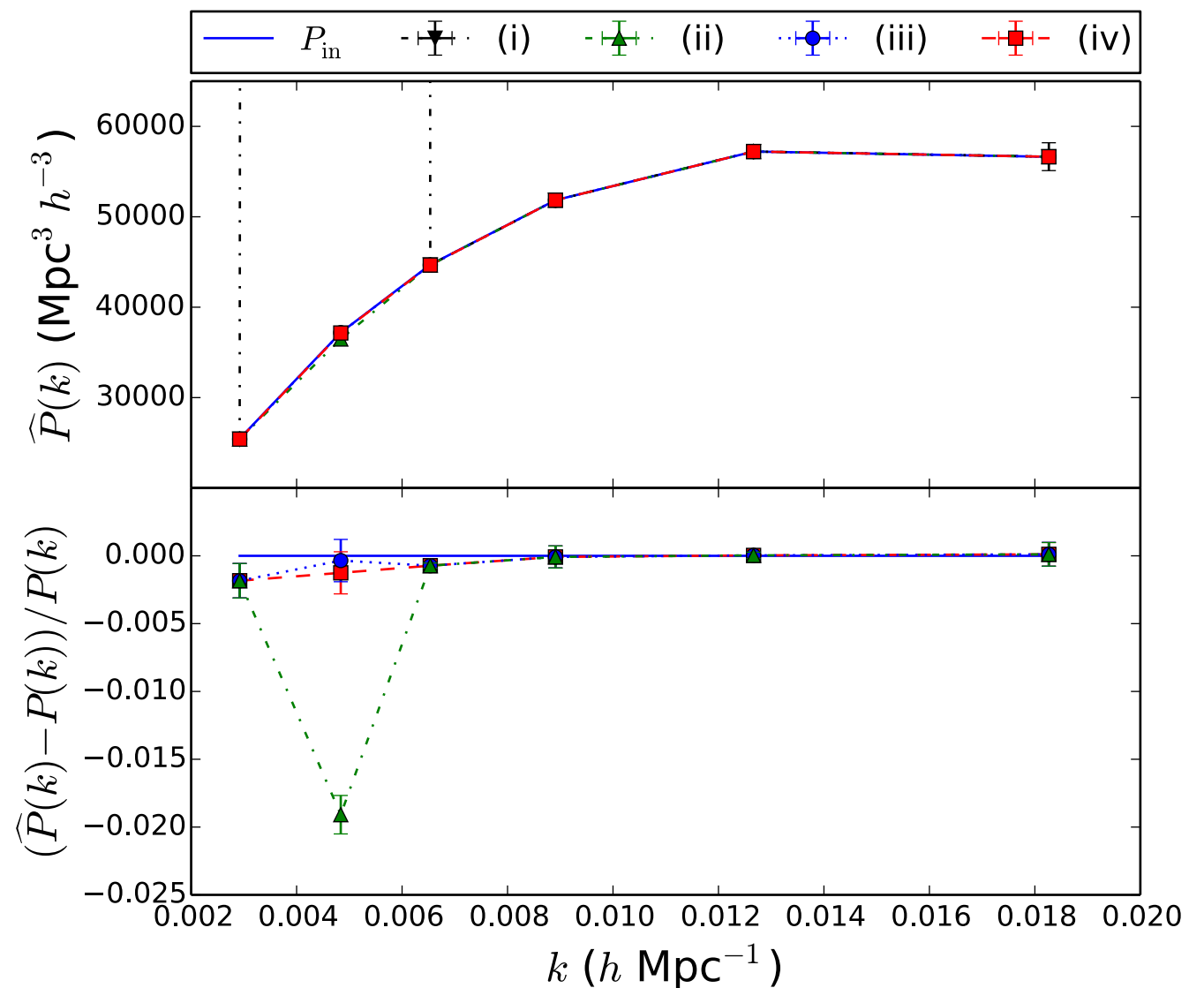
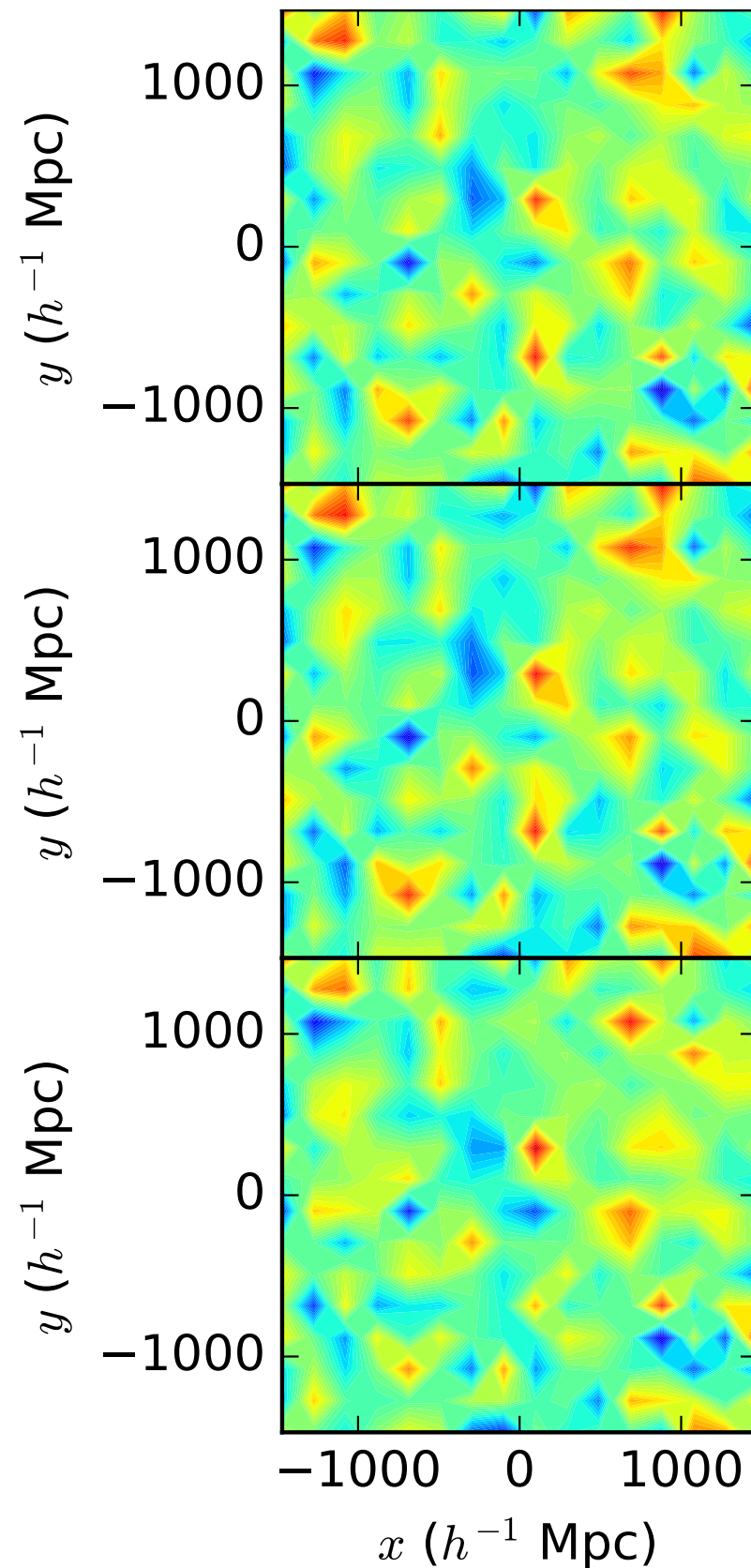
That we can calculate (and remove) without having to define any $(N_{\text{mode}})^2$ matrices

Some simple tests - spike removal



- (i) do nothing about contaminant
- (ii) best-fit removal of contaminant
- (iii) debiased FKP
- (iv) QML

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Conclusions

Finding a best-fit linear multiple, or nulling a mode are equivalent, modulo a bias for each measured mode

QML estimator does the correct debiasing as it's based on a covariance matrix allowing for the contaminant

FKP estimator can also be made unbiased, and has the advantage of not requiring large matrices to be calculated

Extension to multiple contaminants is straightforward (see arXiv:1607.02417)

Sub-optimality of not using QML for contaminants is generally a lot lower order than ignoring window function

With a window function do need to consider large matrices to debias, but do not need to perform matrix inversion (see arXiv:1607.02417)