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Detecting Relativistic Doppler by Multi-tracing a Single Galaxy Population

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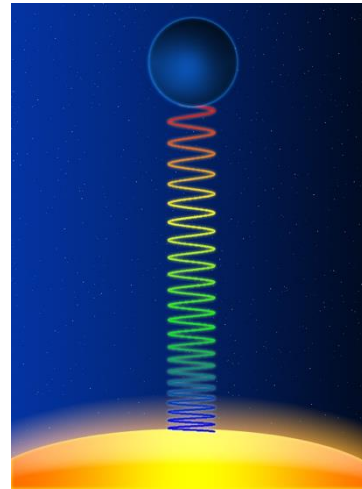
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Detecting relativistic effects: why?

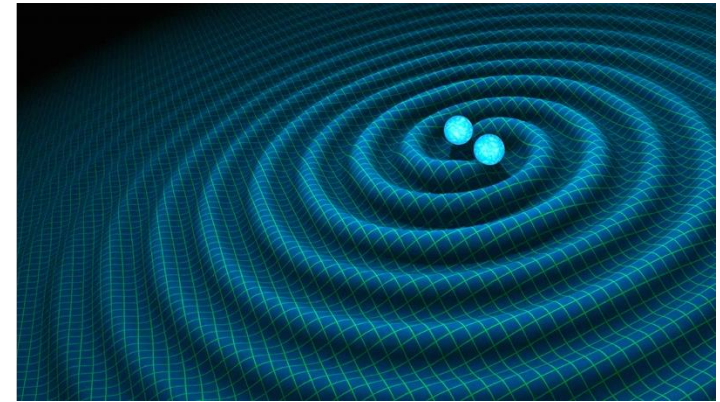
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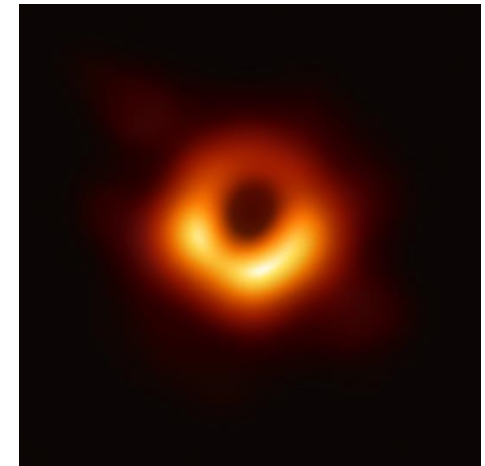
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[NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope]



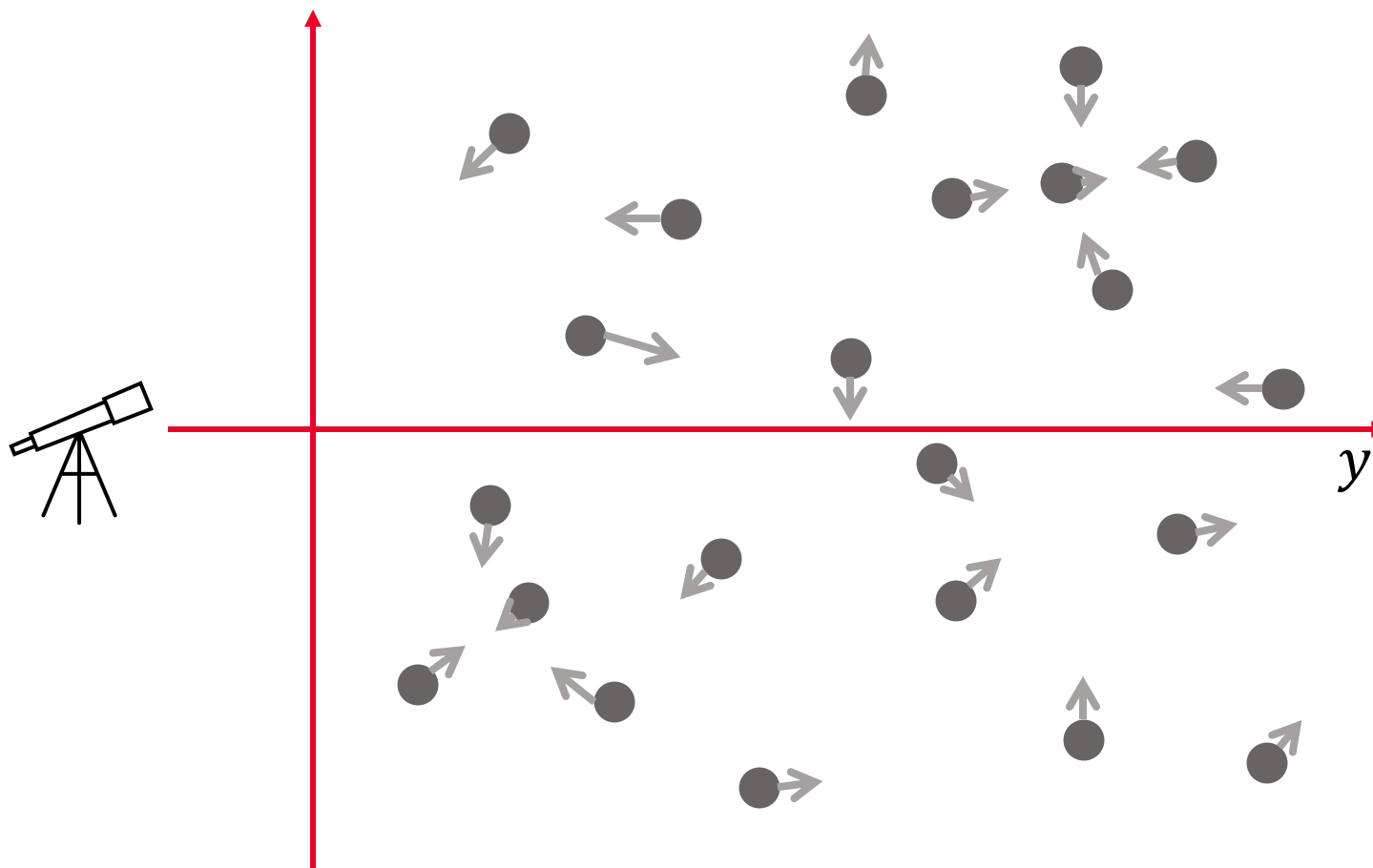
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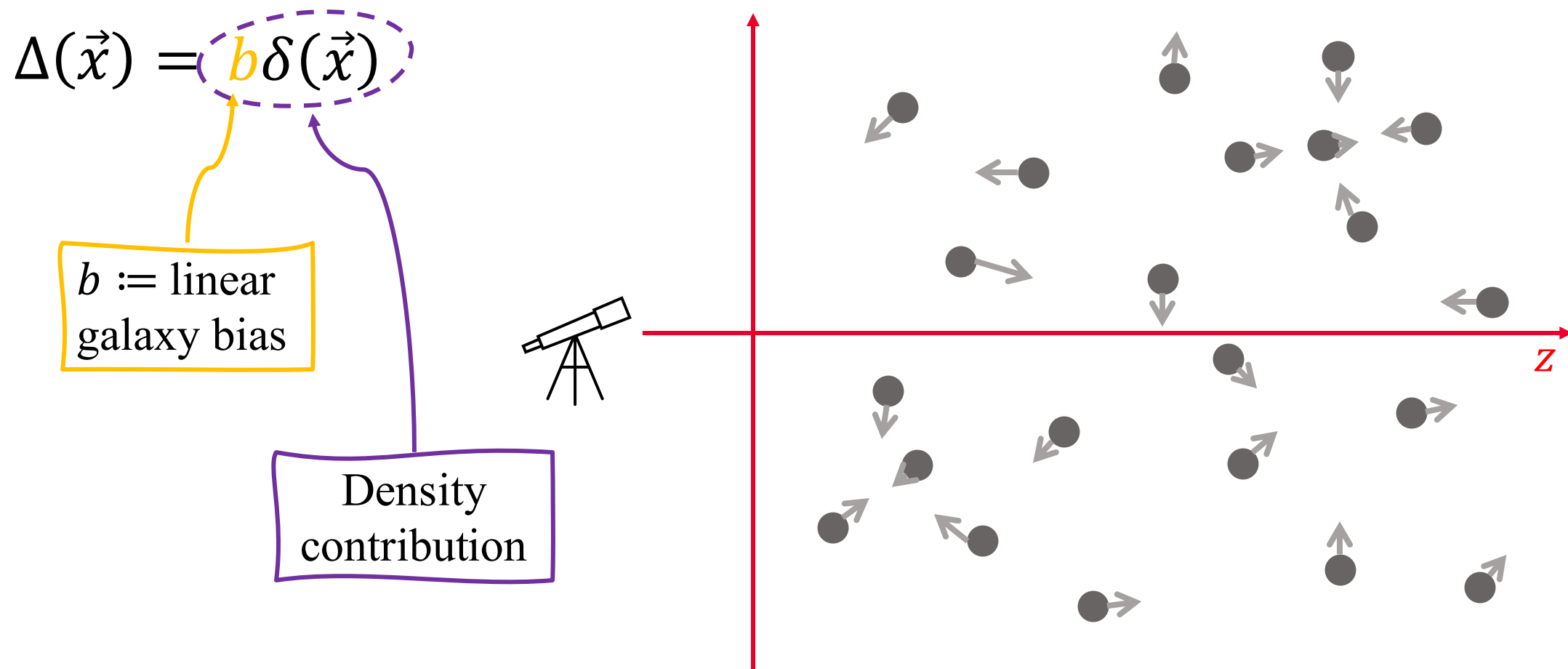
Galaxy surveys observe the galaxy distribution

- in redshift space
- on the past light-cone



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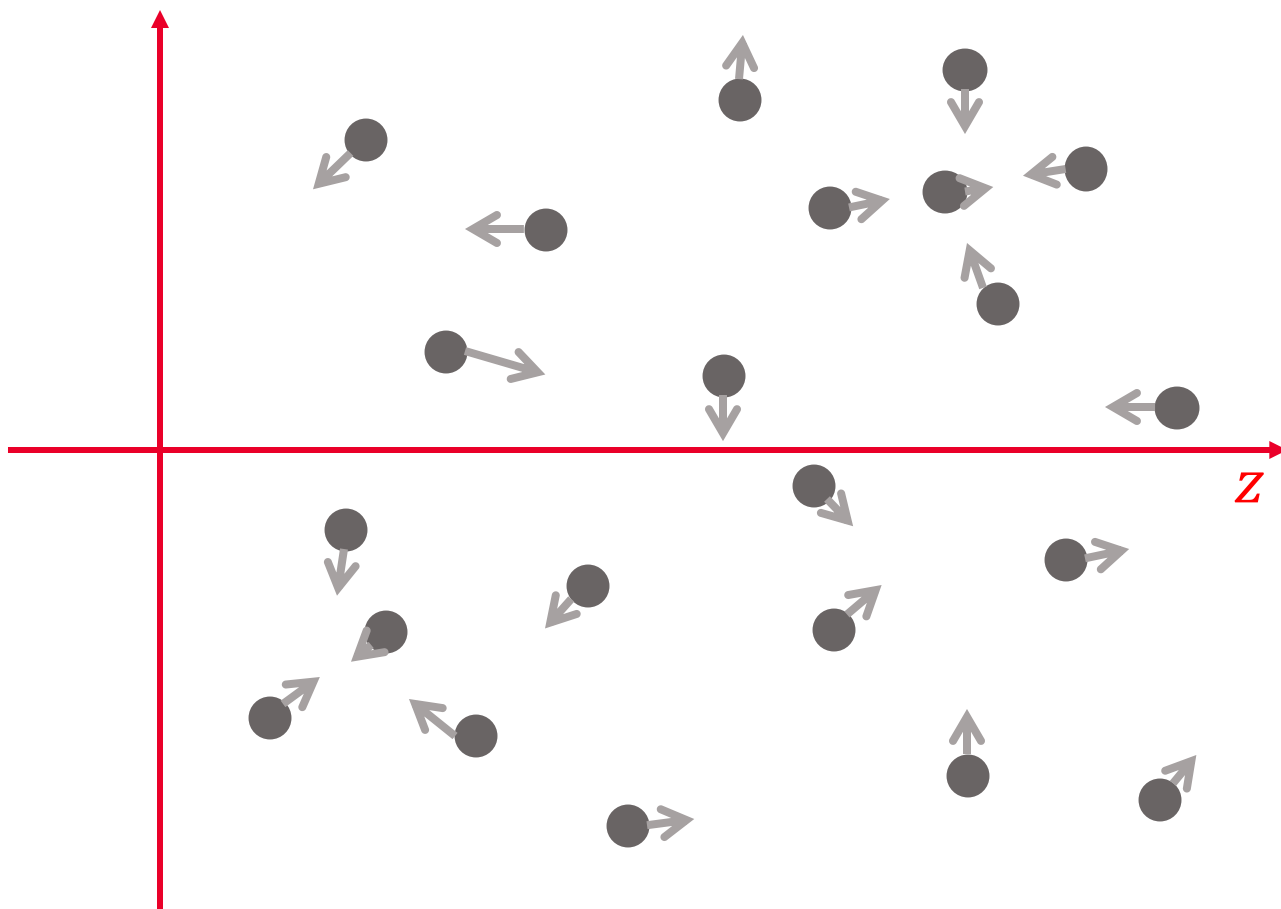
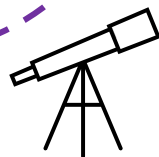
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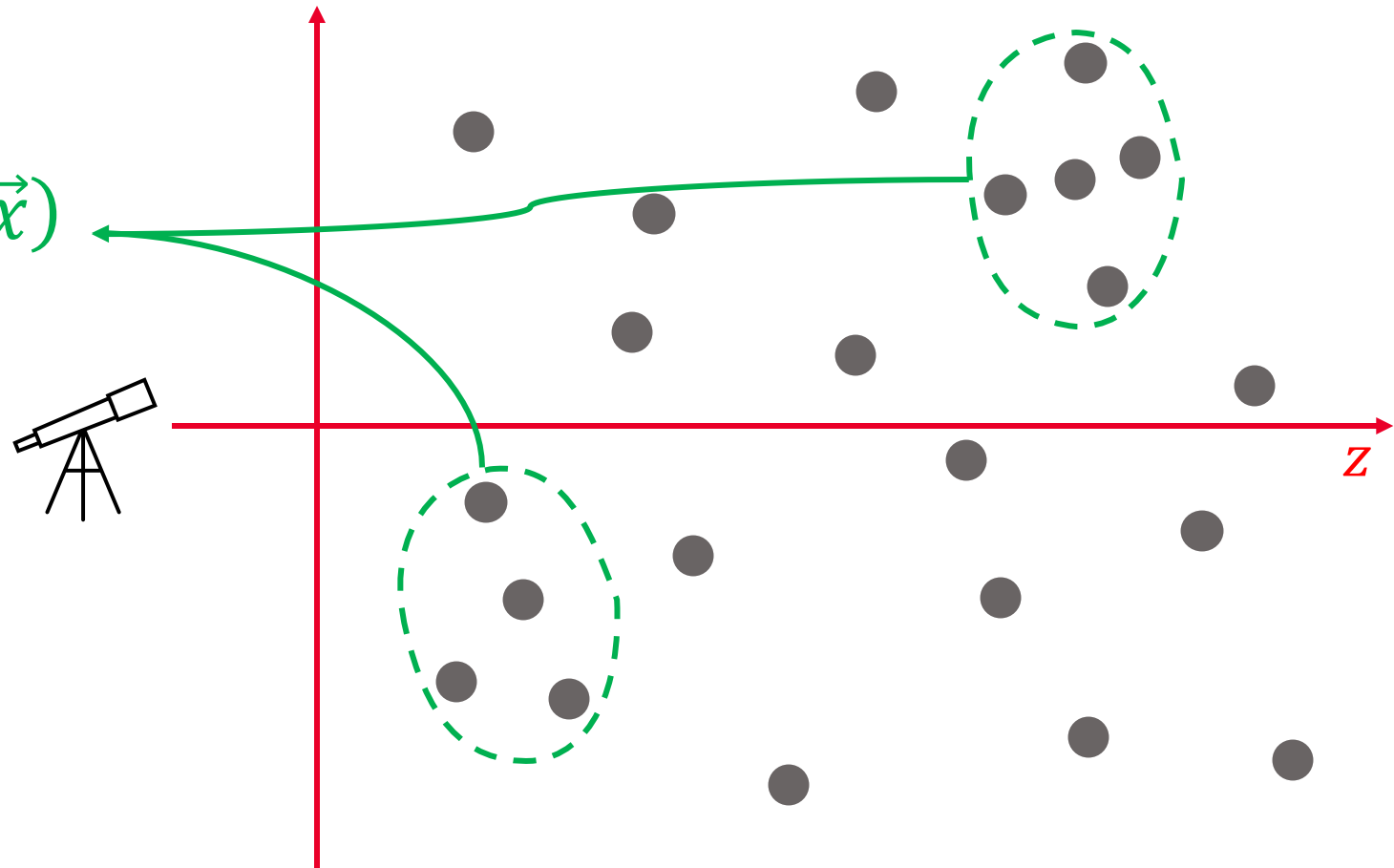
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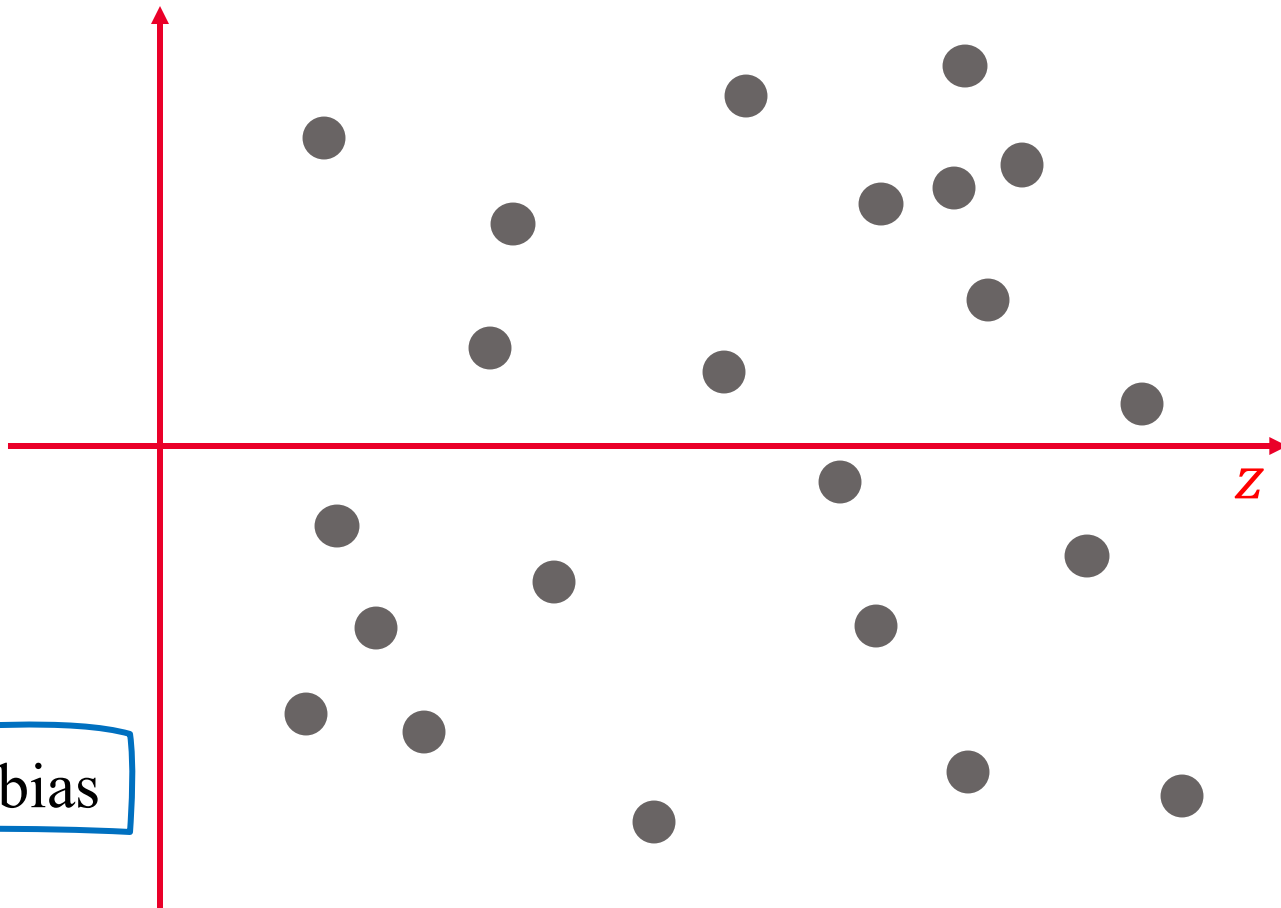
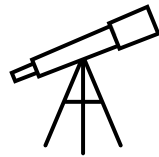
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Relativistic
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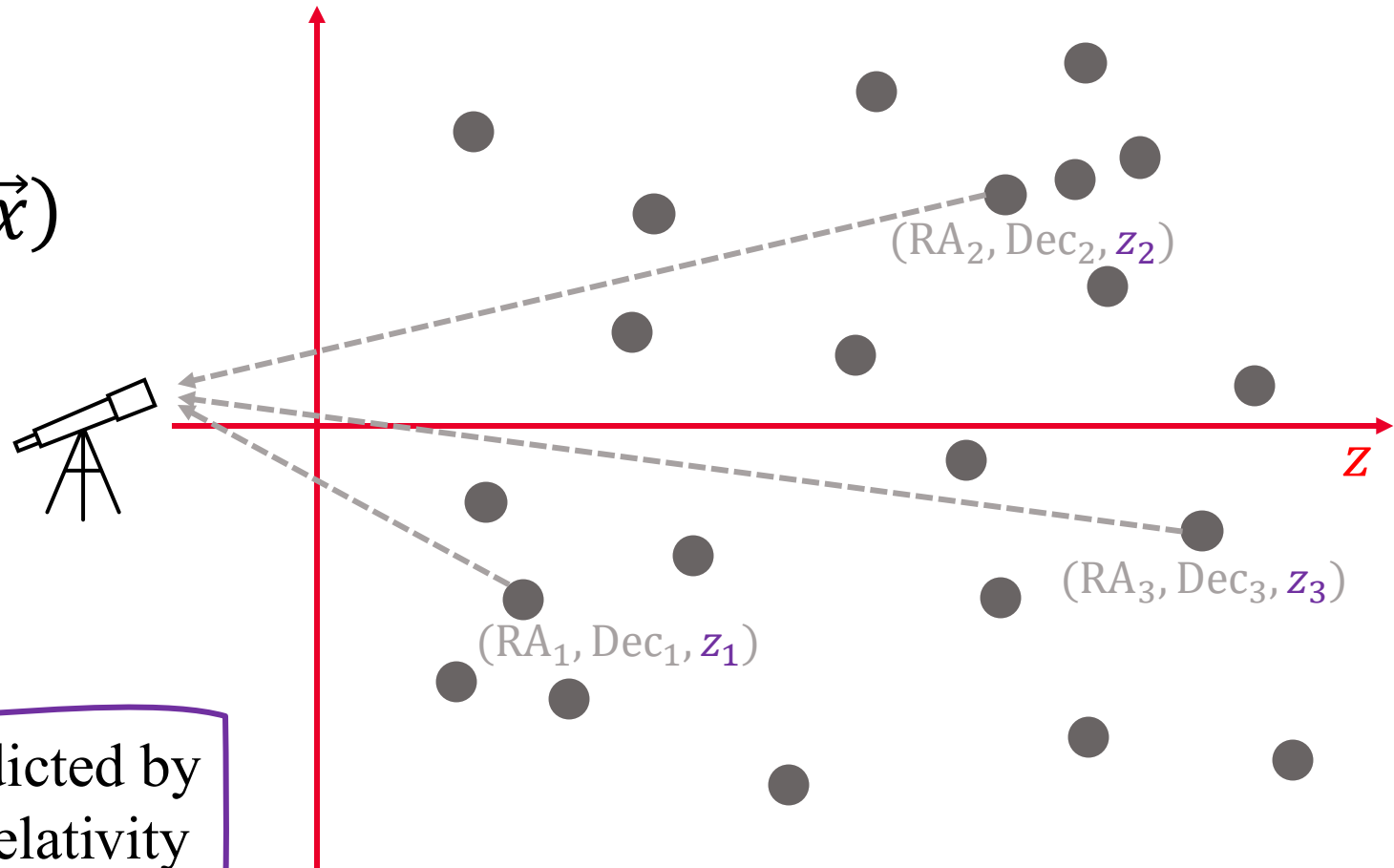
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Relativistic Doppler term

Terms predicted by General Relativity

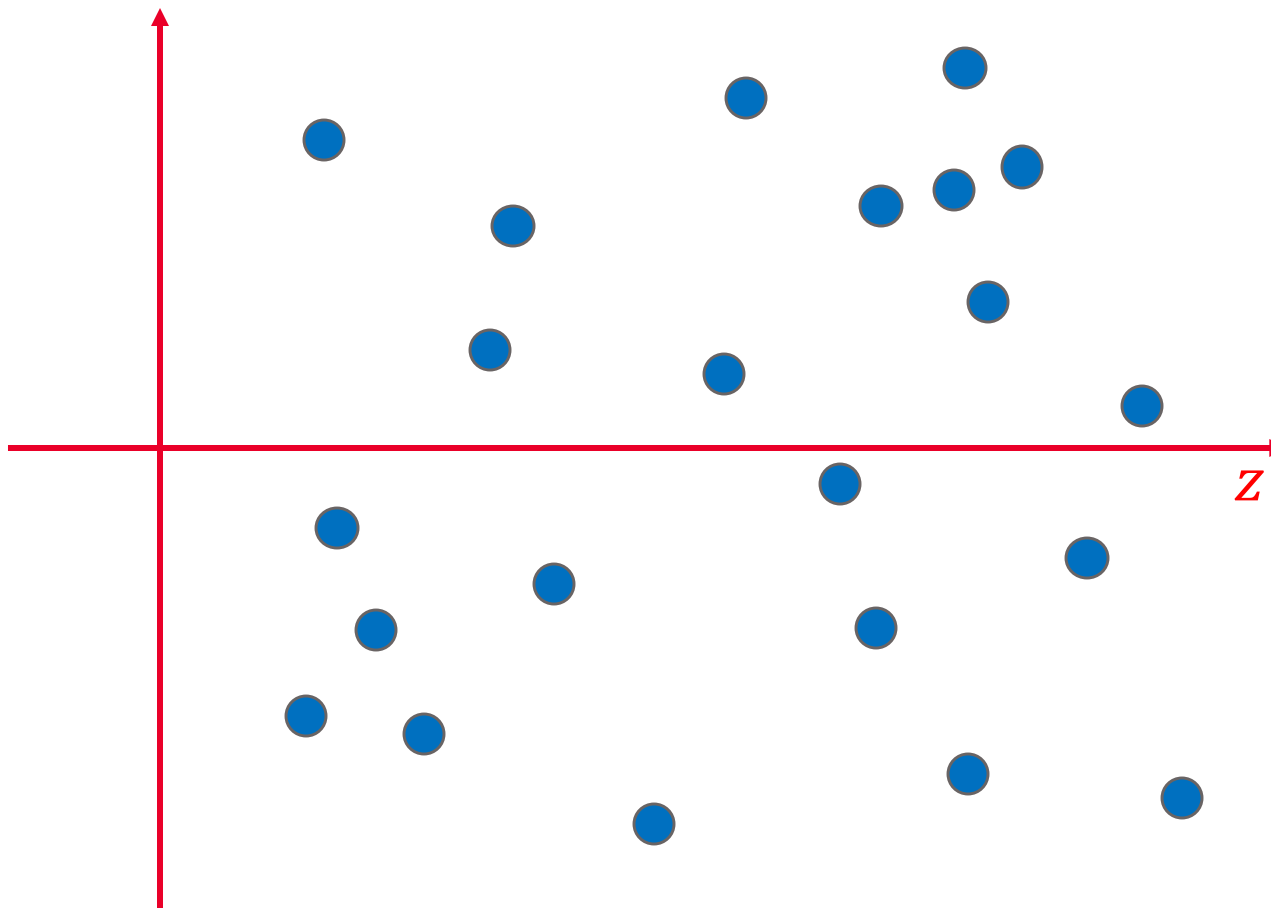
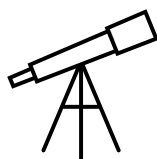


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Sample-dependent quantities



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- $P_{XY}(z, k, \mu) = P_{YX}^*(z, k, \mu) \rightarrow P_{XY}(z, k, \mu) = P_{YX}(z, k, -\mu)$
- The Doppler contribution is **proportional to k^{-1} in the imaginary part** of the cross-power spectrum [McDonald (2009)].

Luminosity cut technique

[Bonvin *et al.* (2014, 2016, 2023); Gaztanaga *et al.* (2017)]

- **Complete sample (T):** all the galaxies that are observed with a flux density F higher than a fixed minimum flux

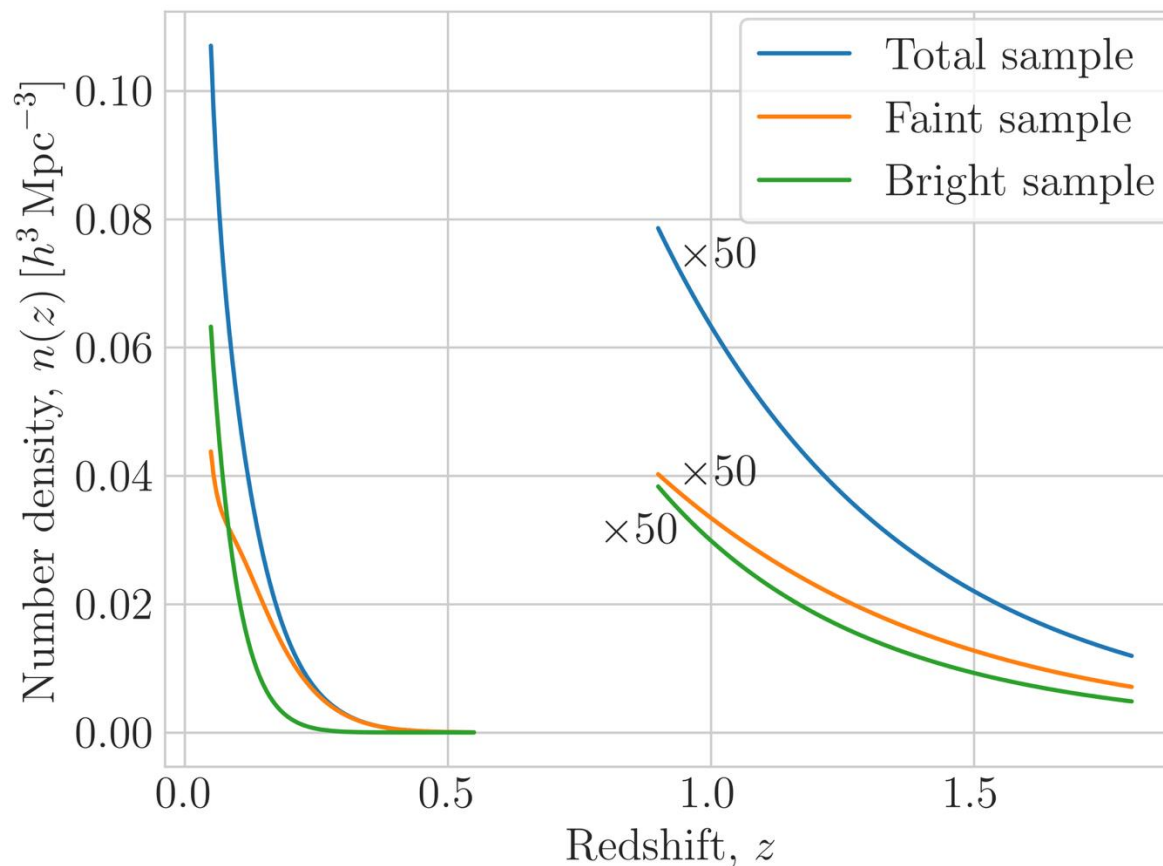
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- **Faint sample (F):** all the galaxies with

$$F_c < F < F_s$$

- **Bright sample (B):** all the galaxies with

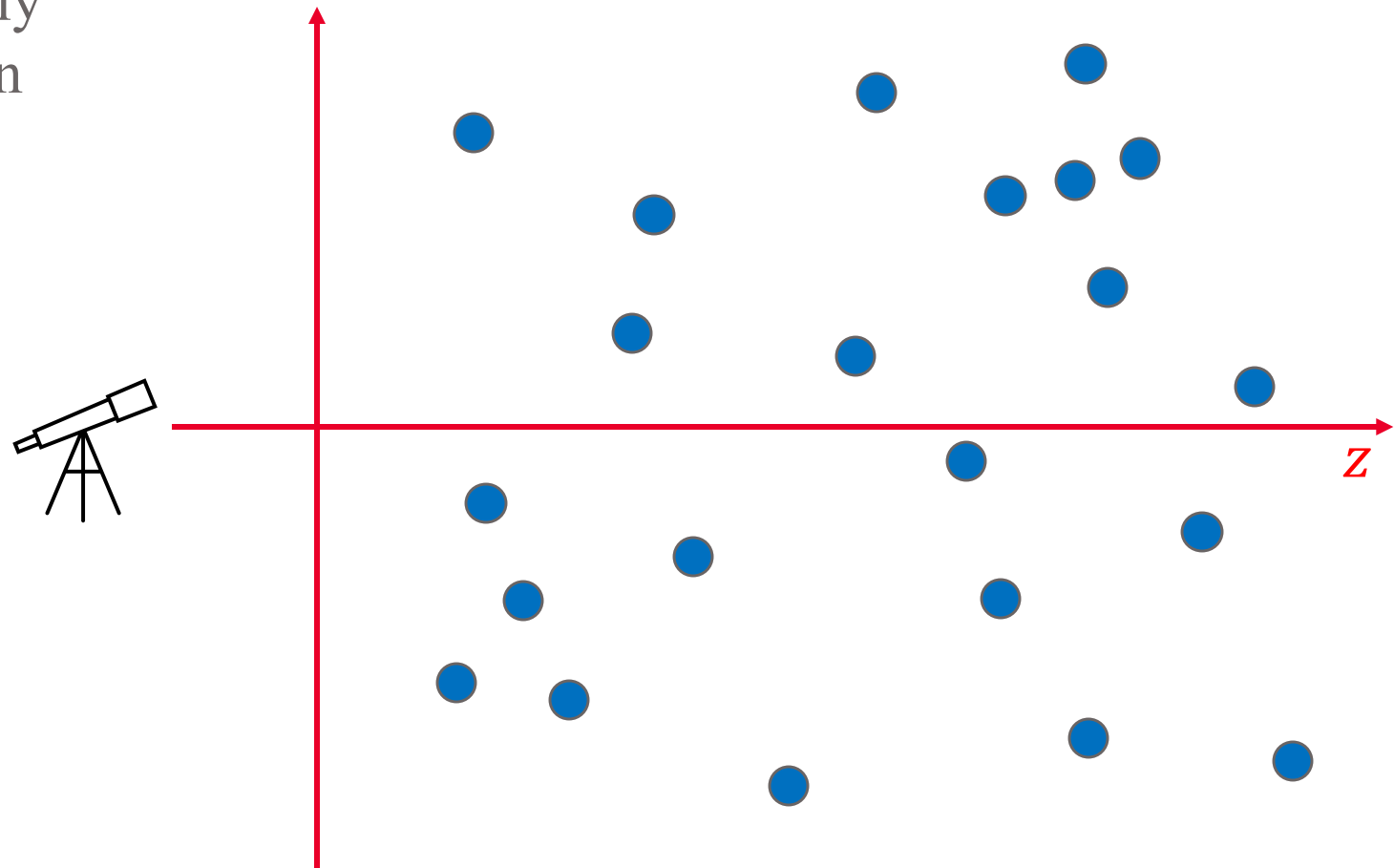
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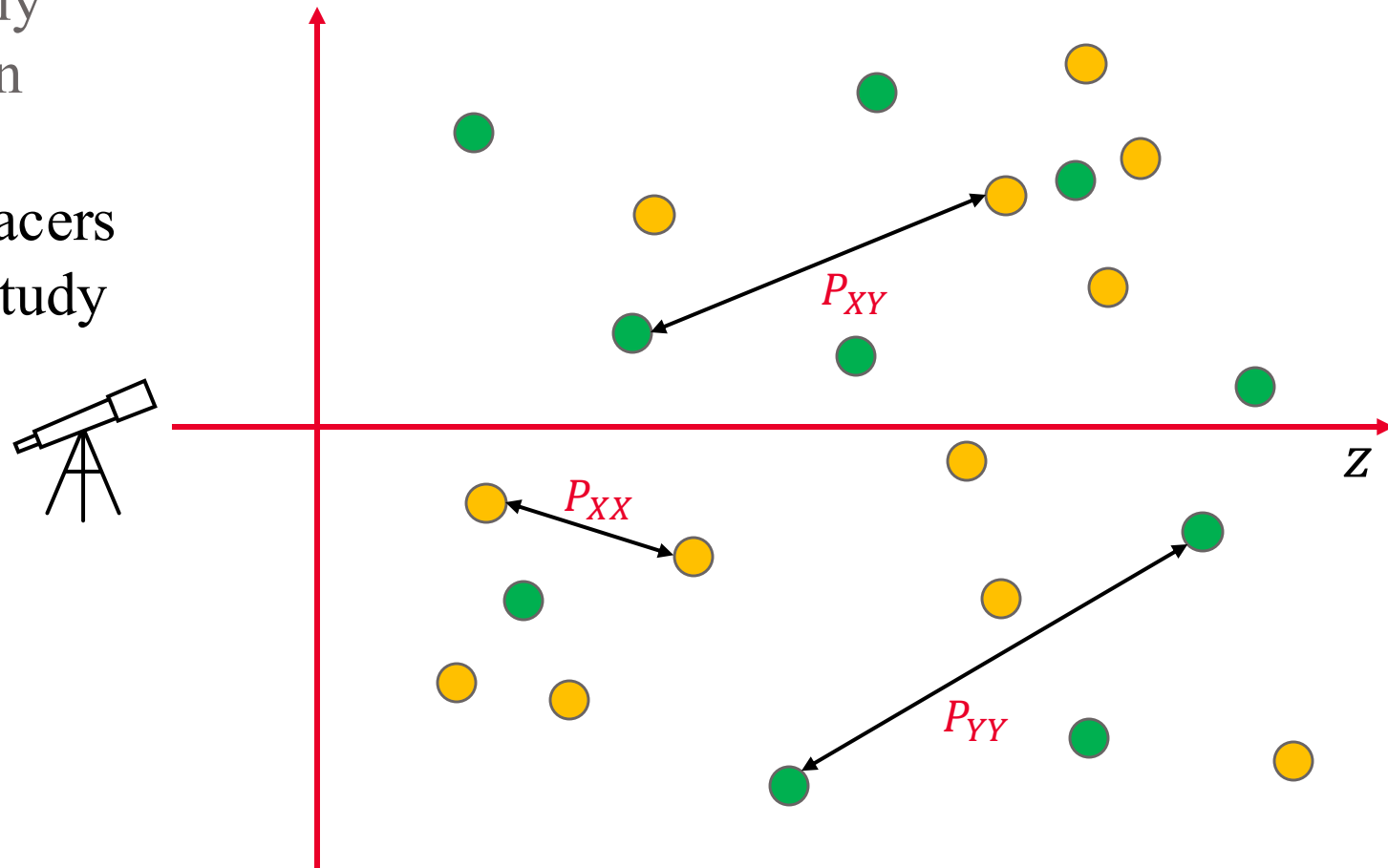


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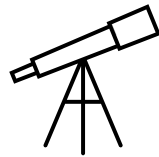


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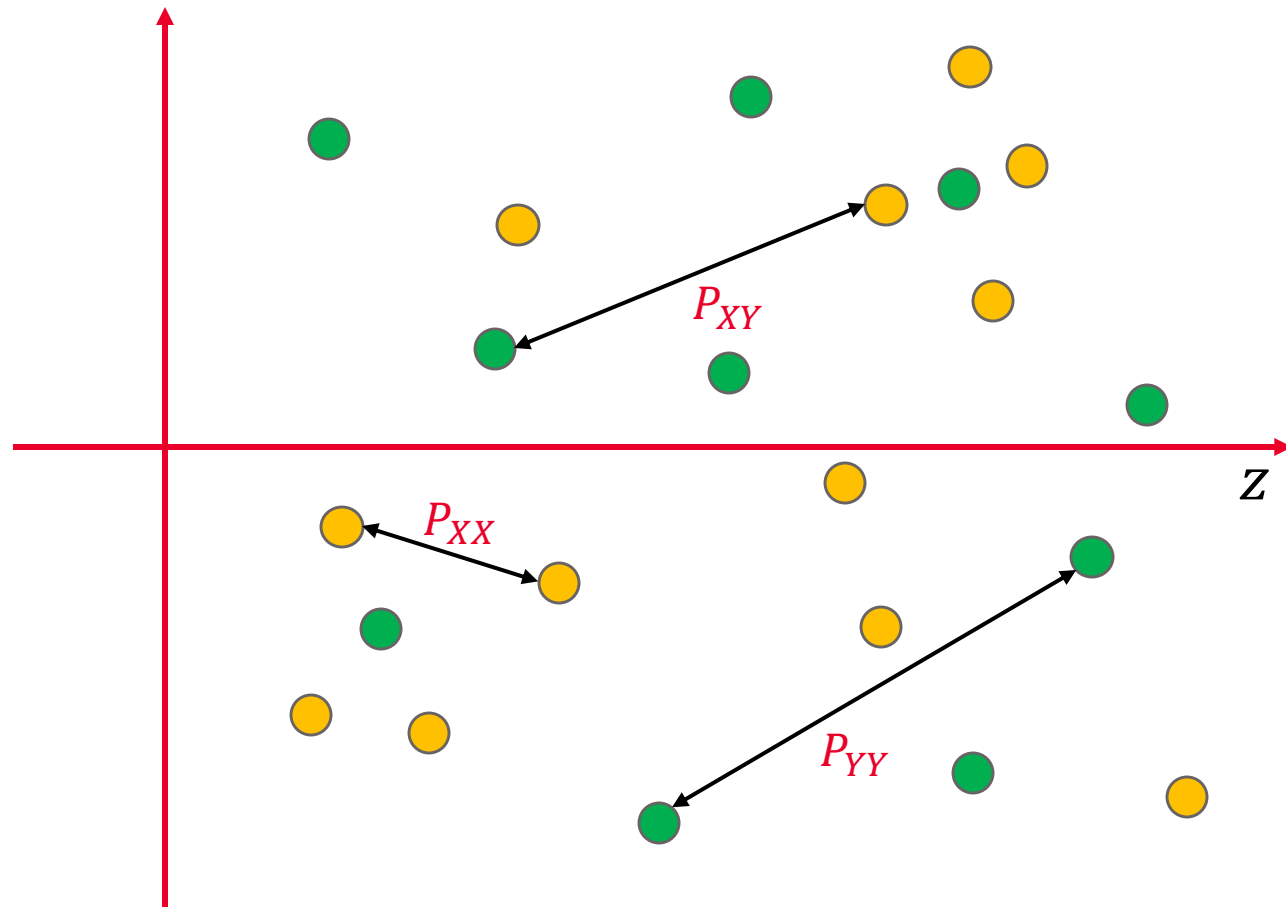
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We can jointly analyse auto- and cross-power spectra to obtain tighter constraints

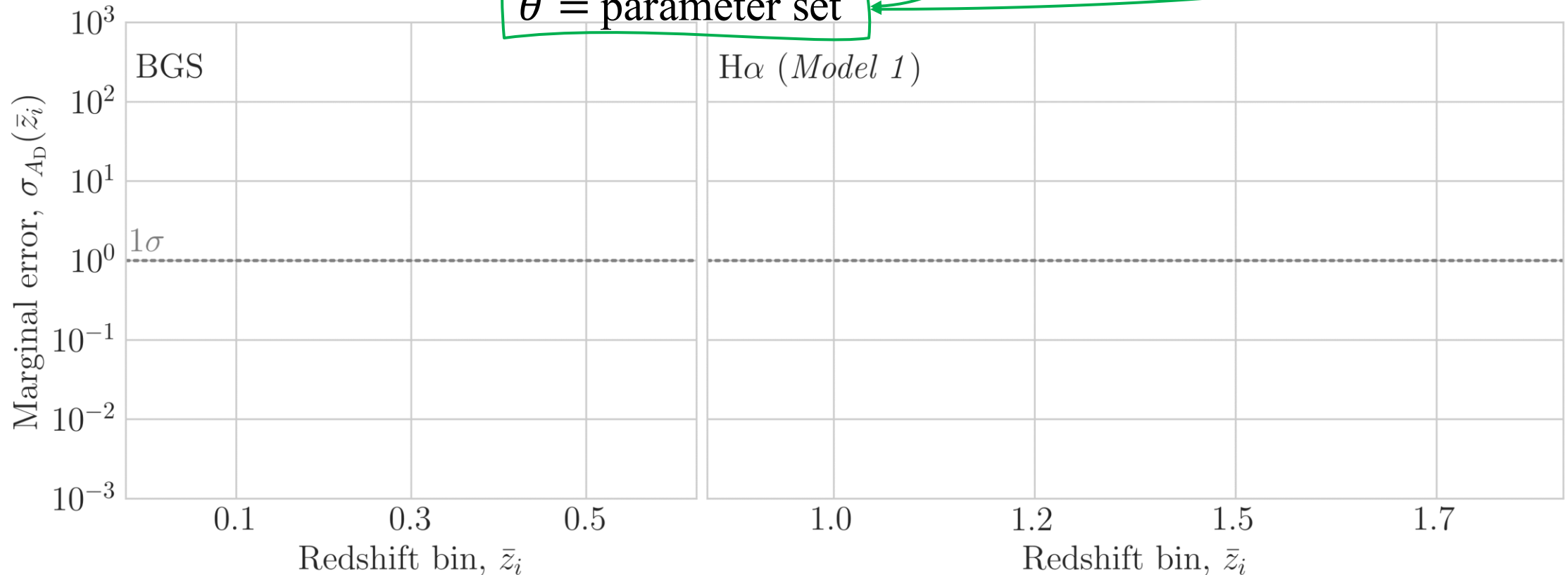


Faint-bright multi-tracer

Information matrix analysis

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} P_{FF} \\ P_{FB} \\ P_{BB} \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_{\alpha\beta}(z_i) = \sum_{m,n} \frac{\partial P(z_i, \mu_m, k_n)^H}{\partial \theta_{(\alpha)}} \Gamma^{-1} \frac{\partial P(z_i, \mu_n, k_m)}{\partial \theta_{(\beta)}}$$

$\theta =$ parameter set



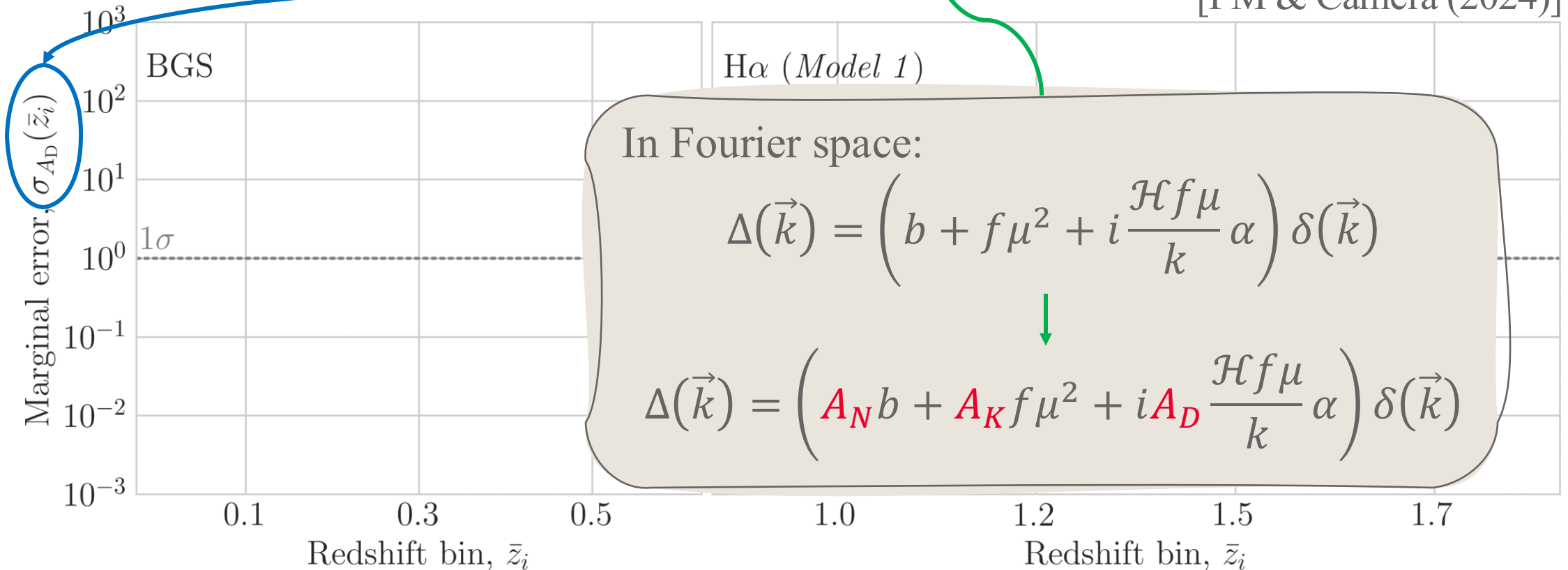
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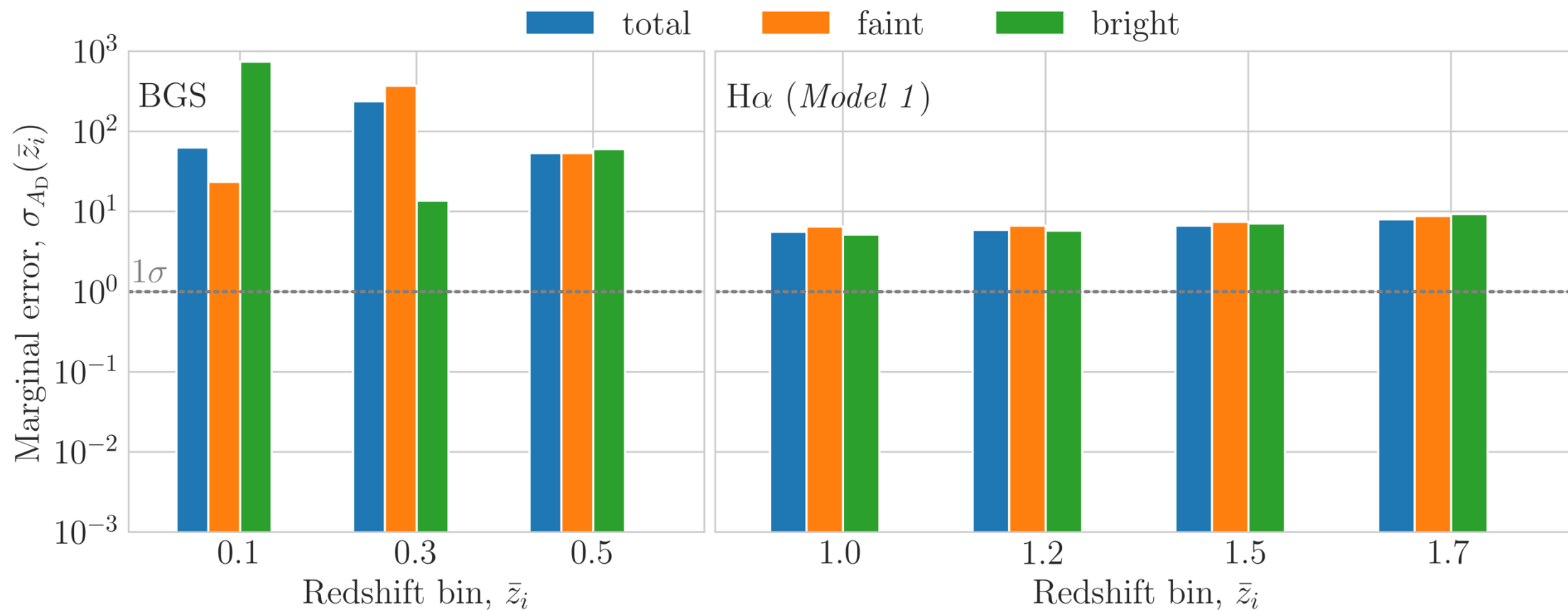
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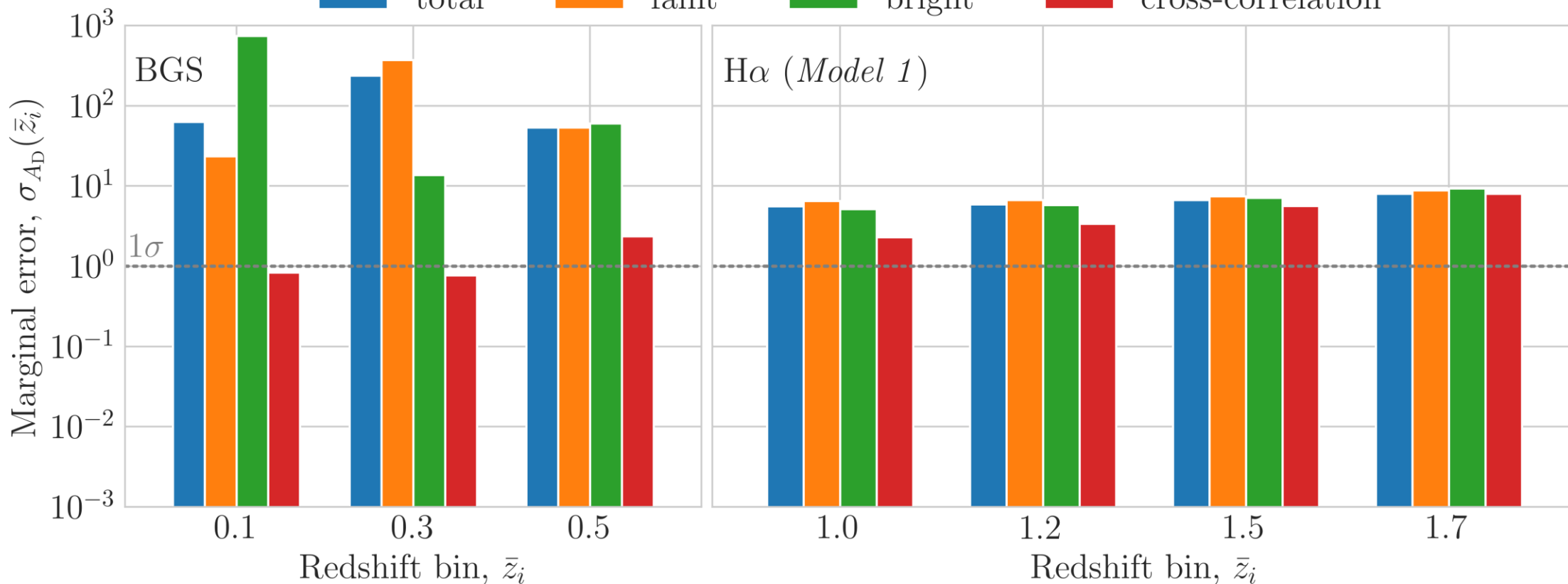
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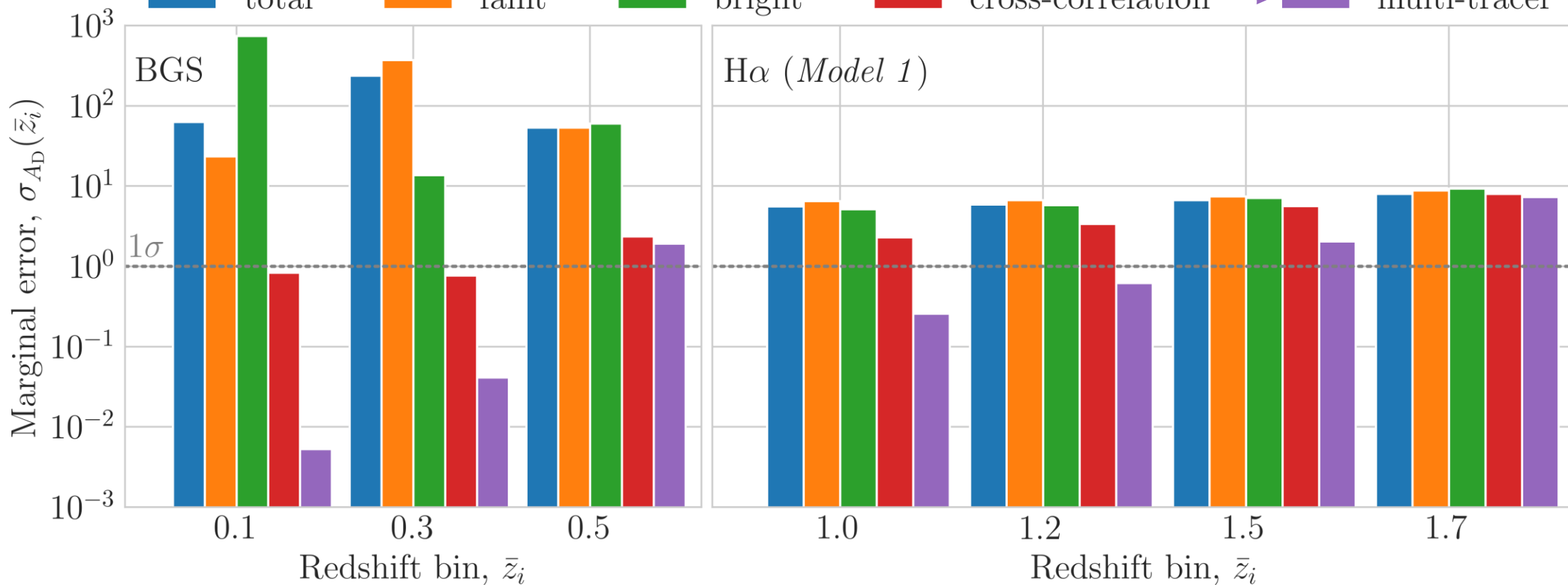
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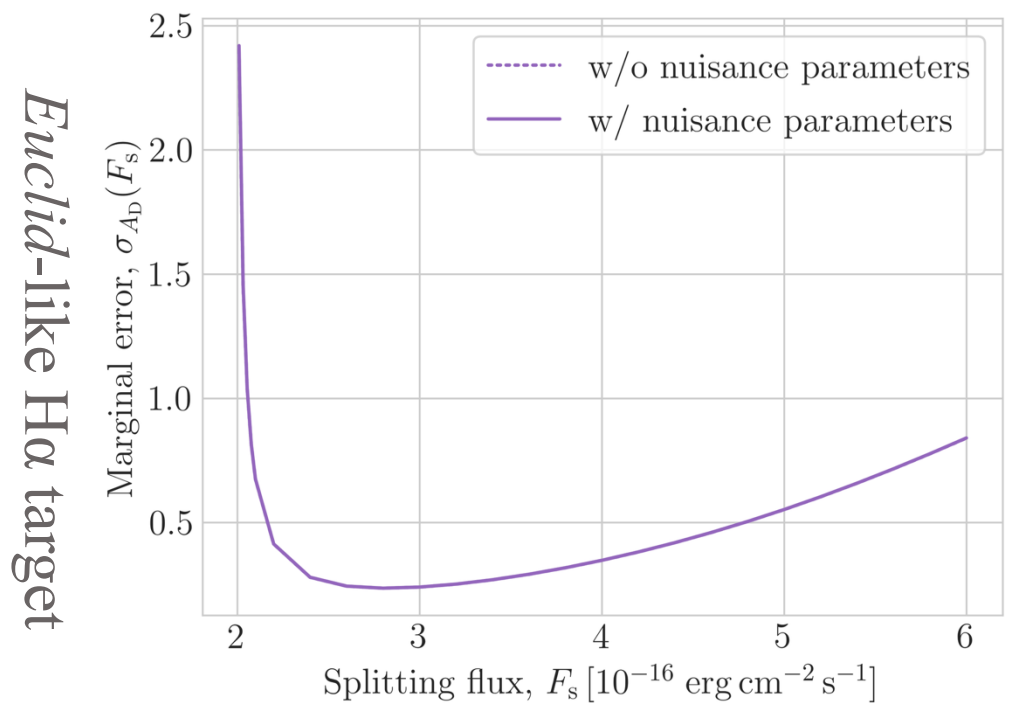
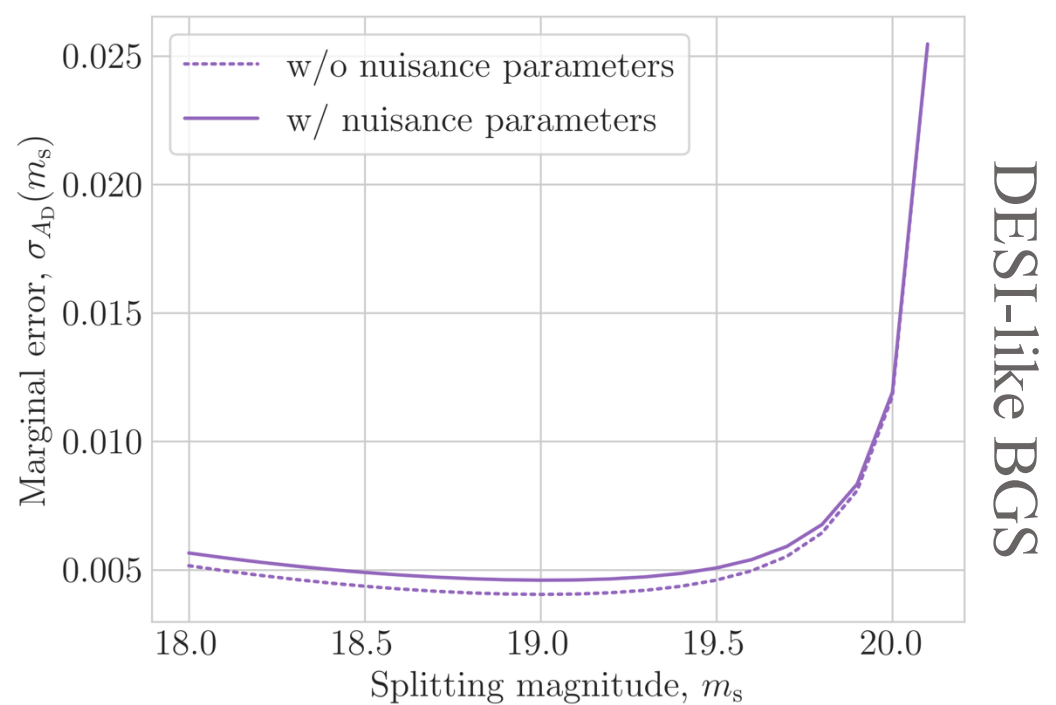
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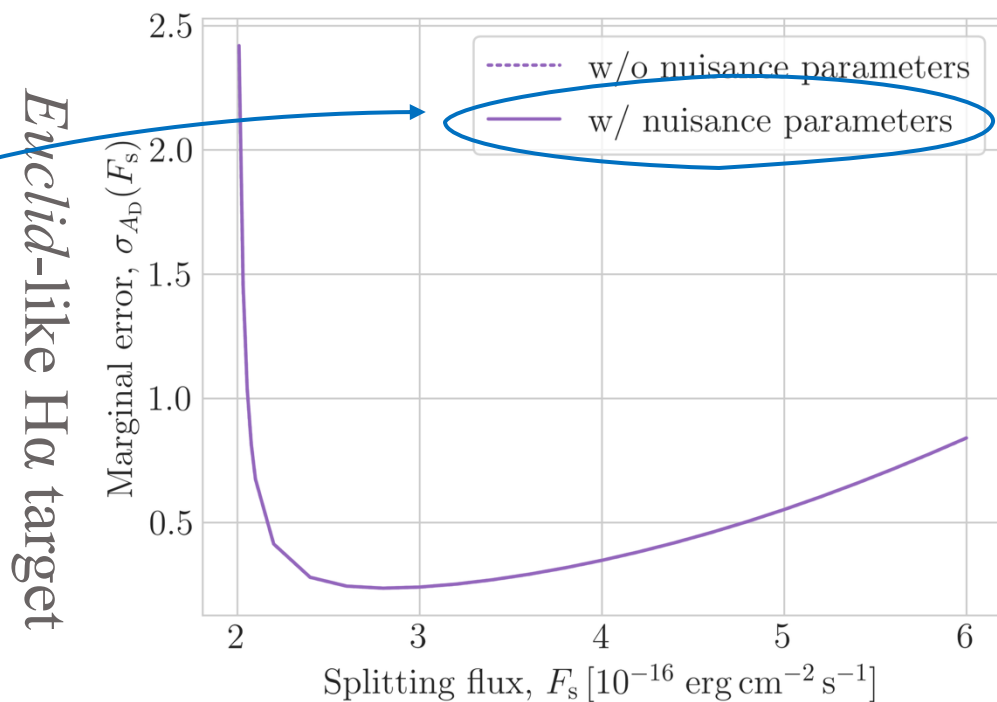
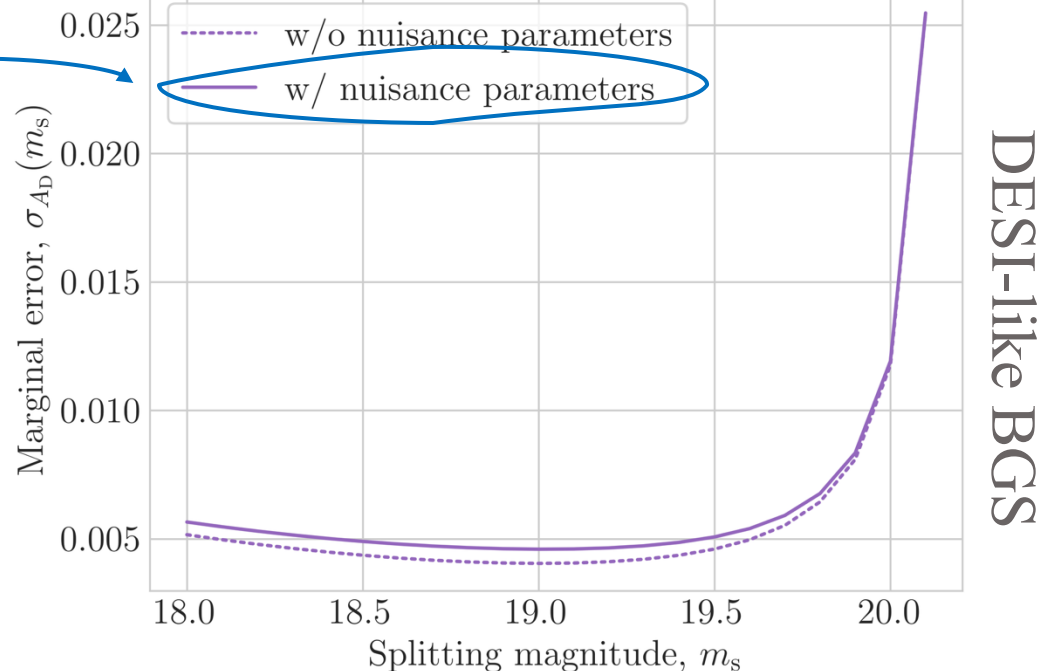


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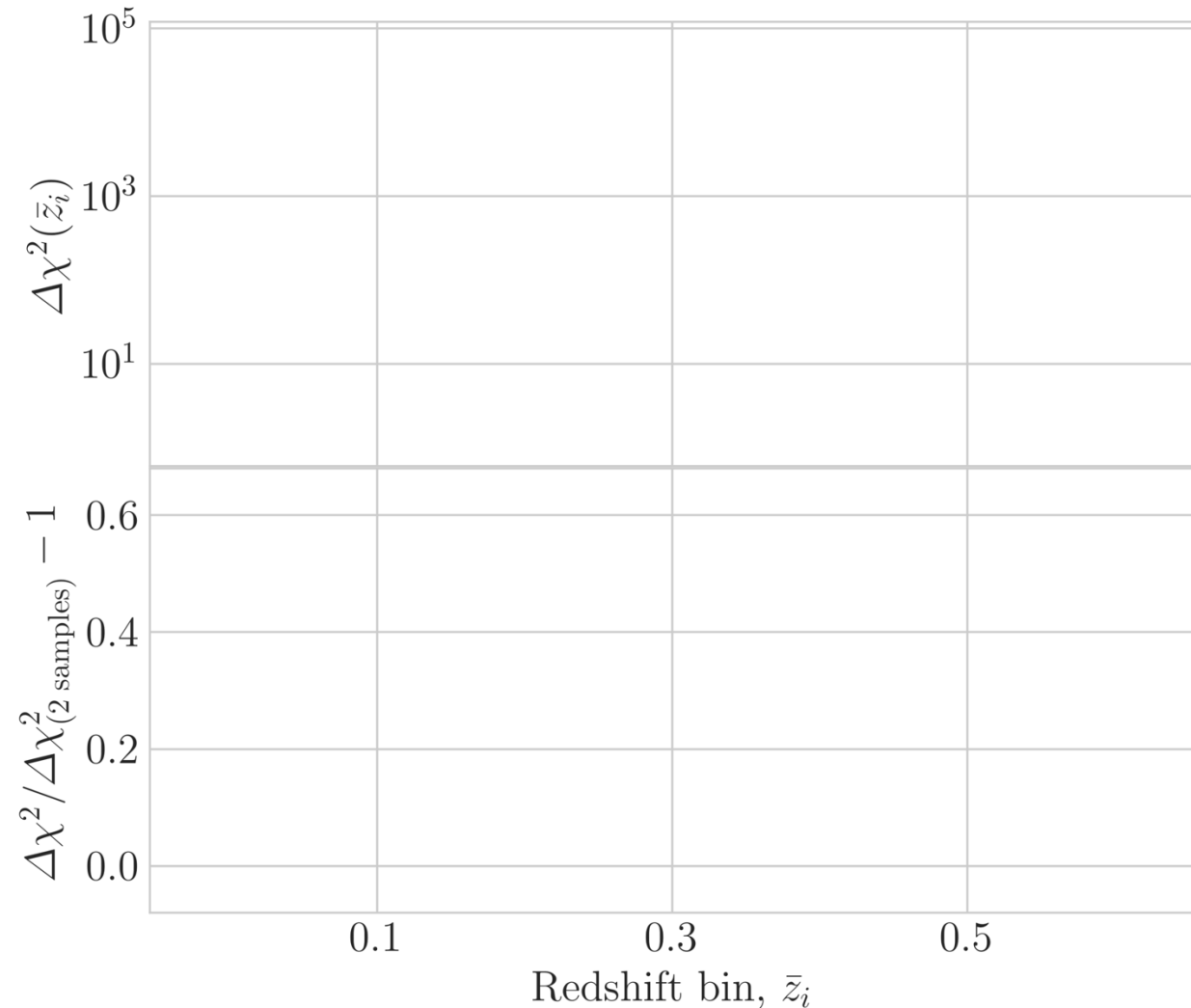
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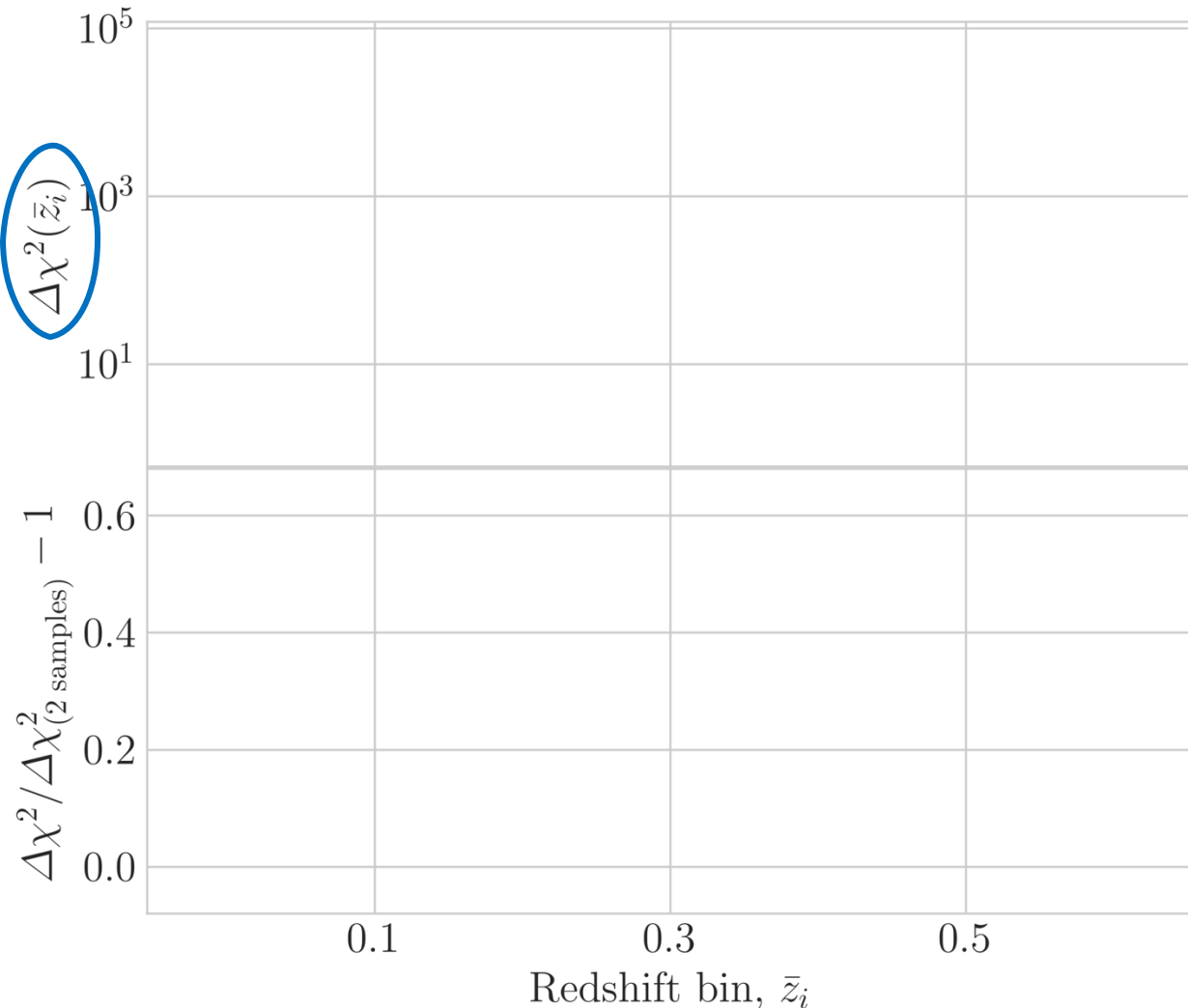
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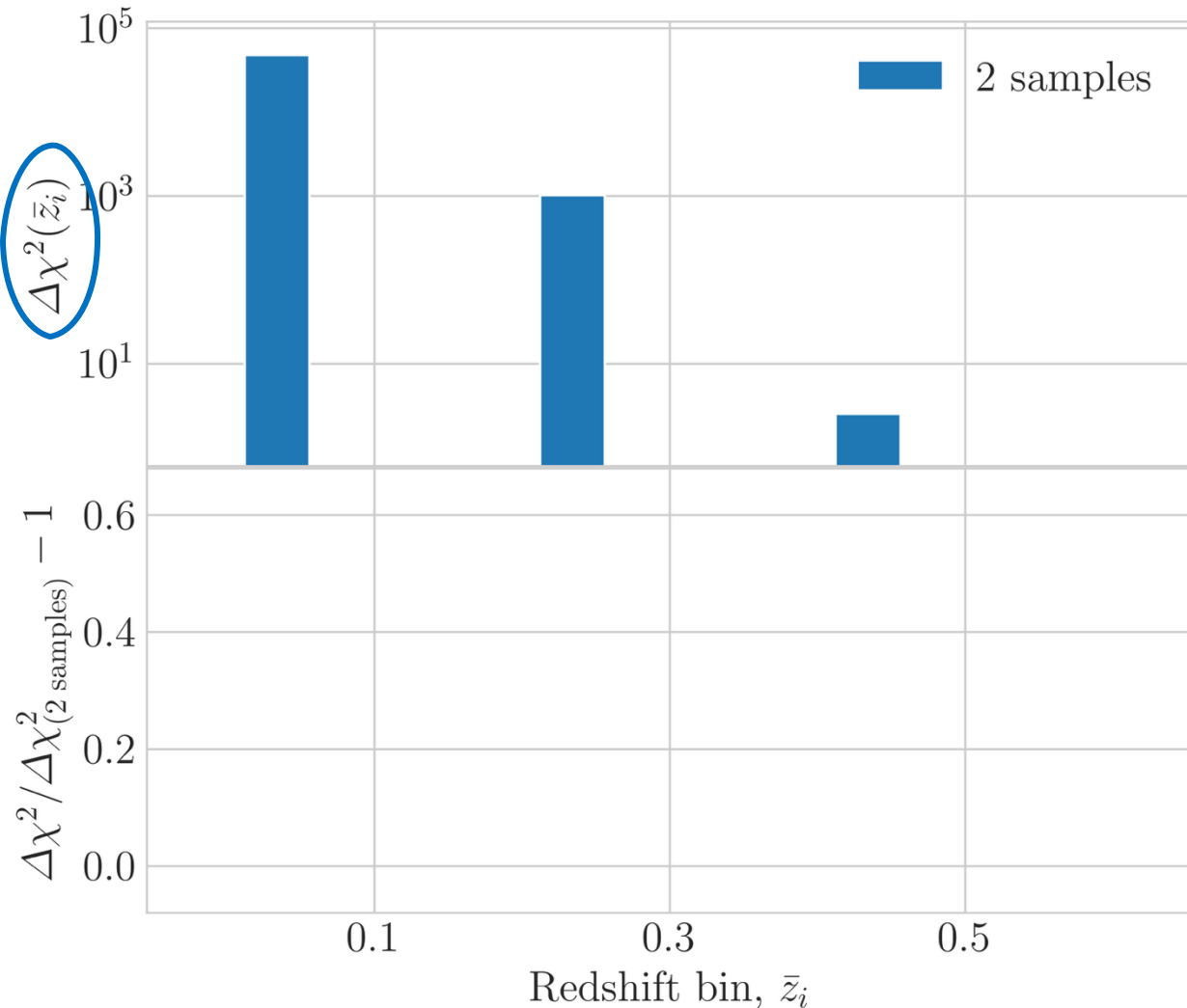
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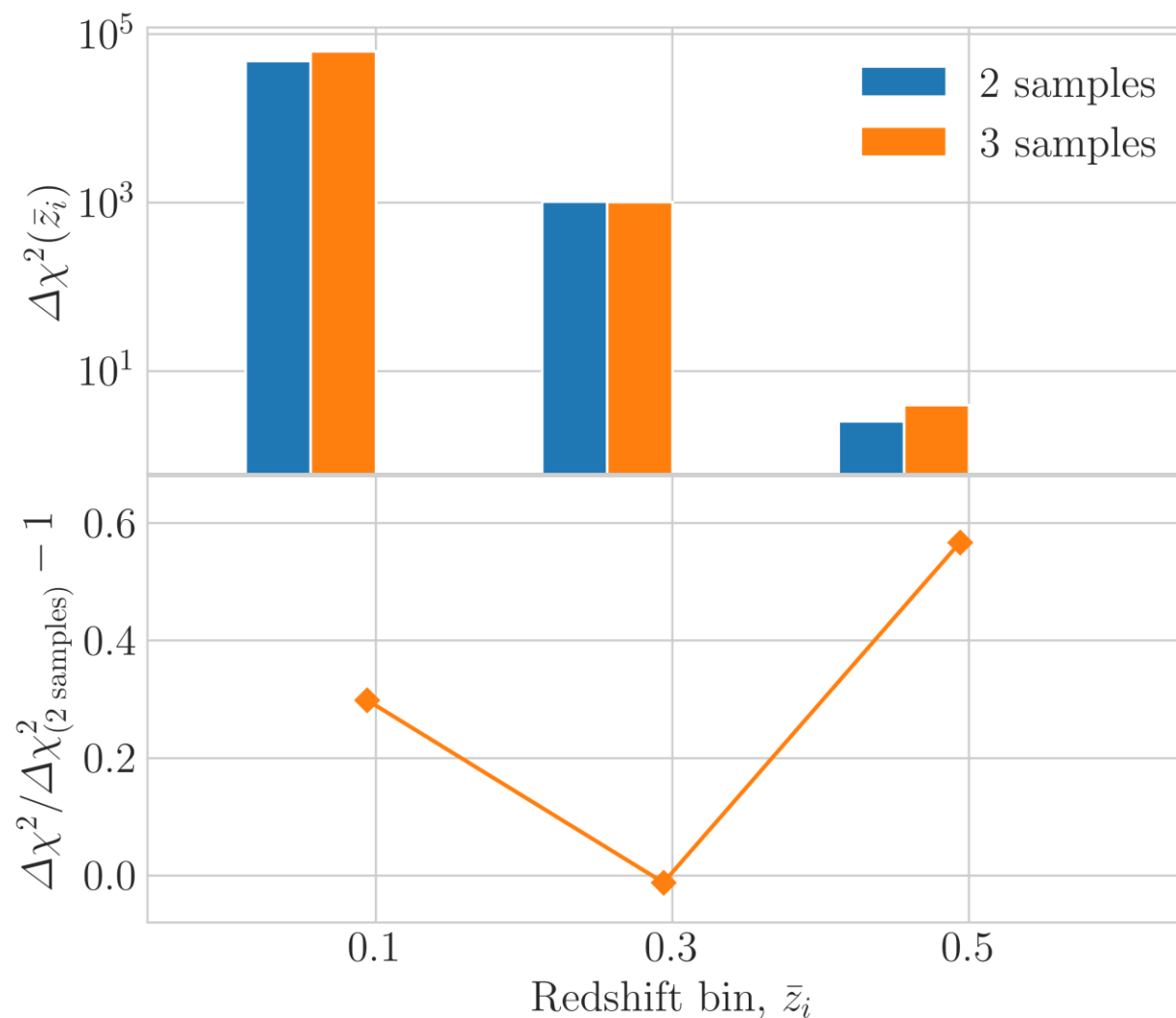
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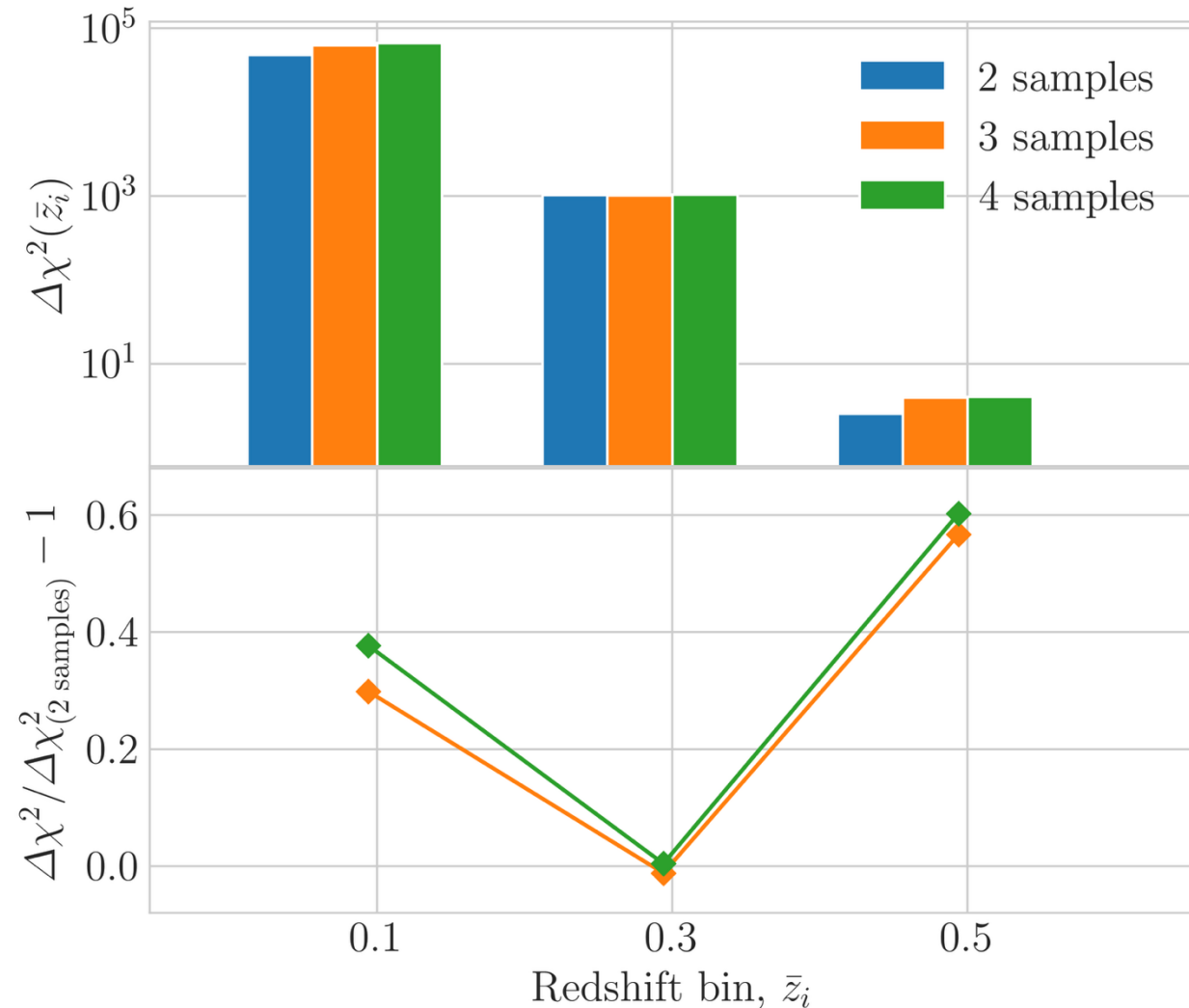


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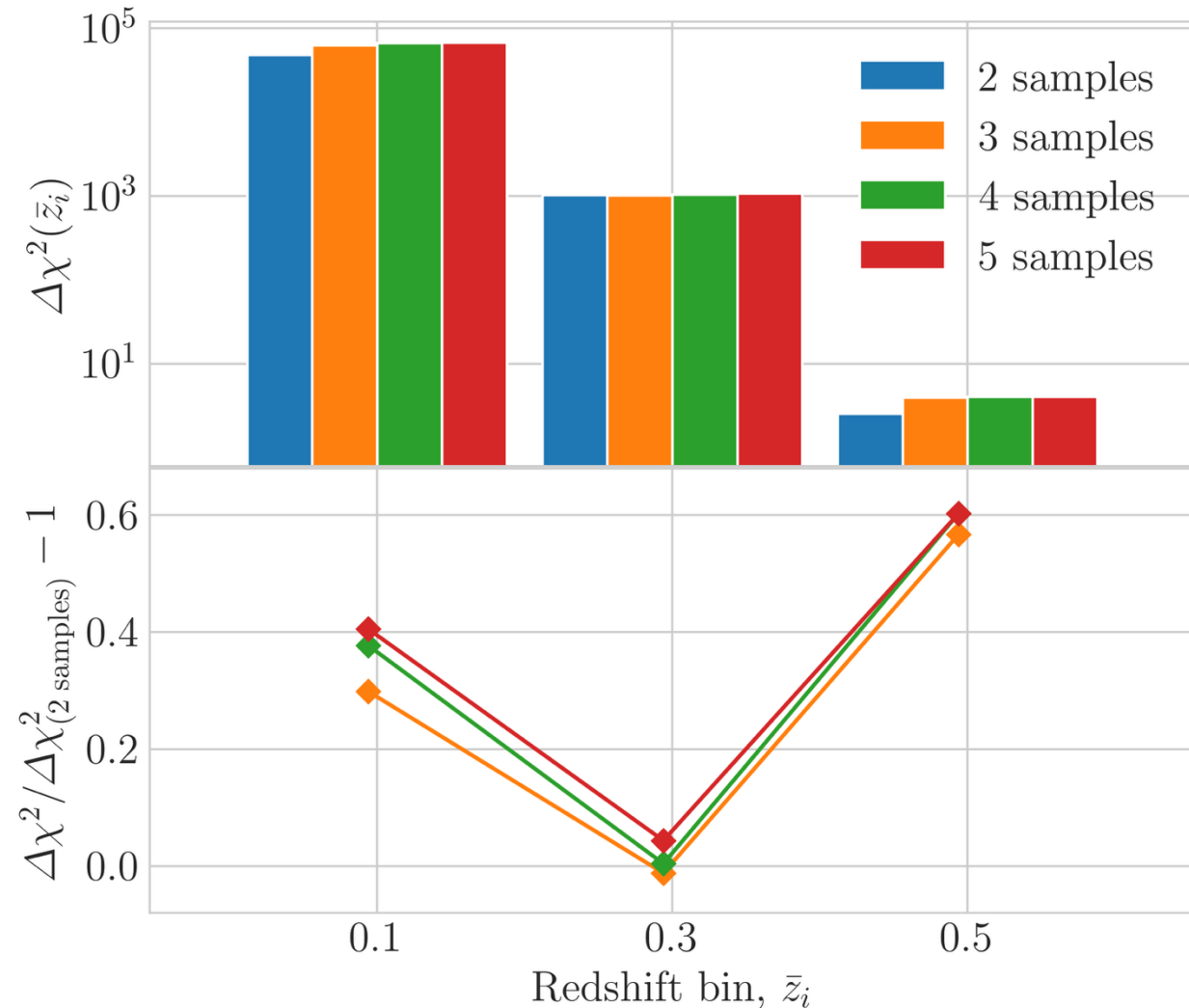
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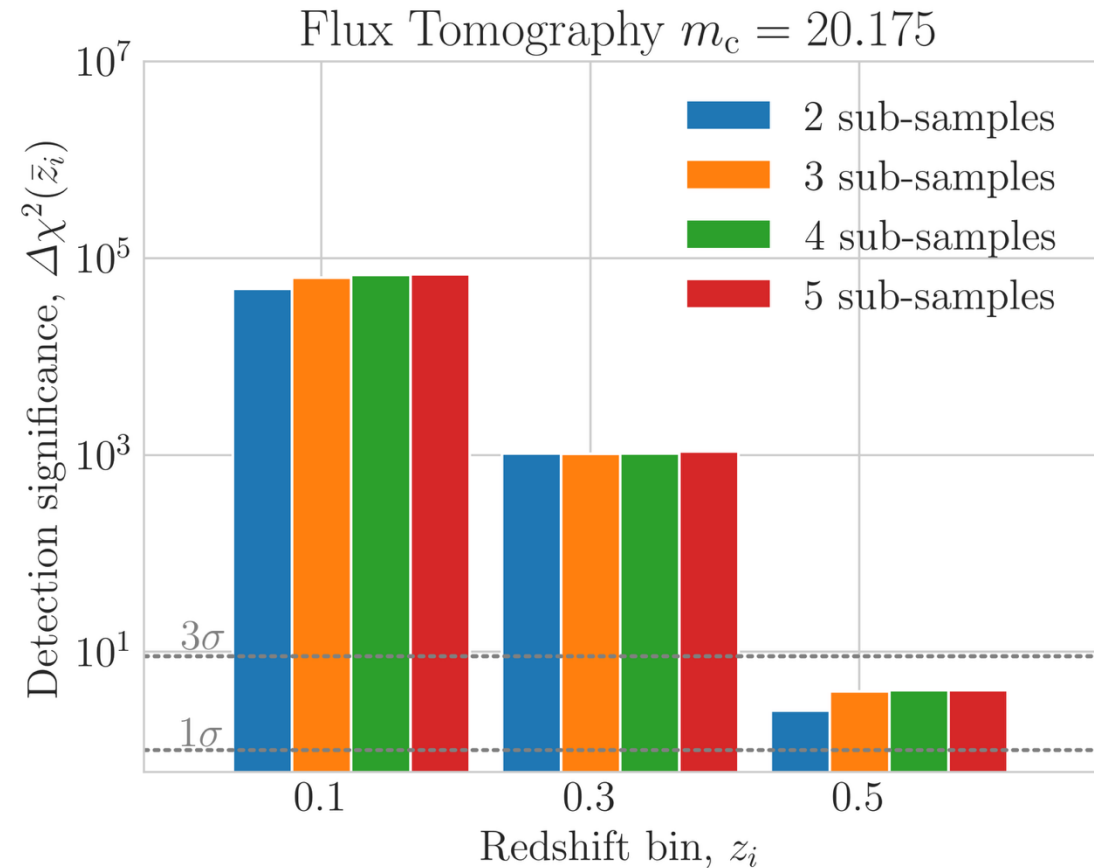
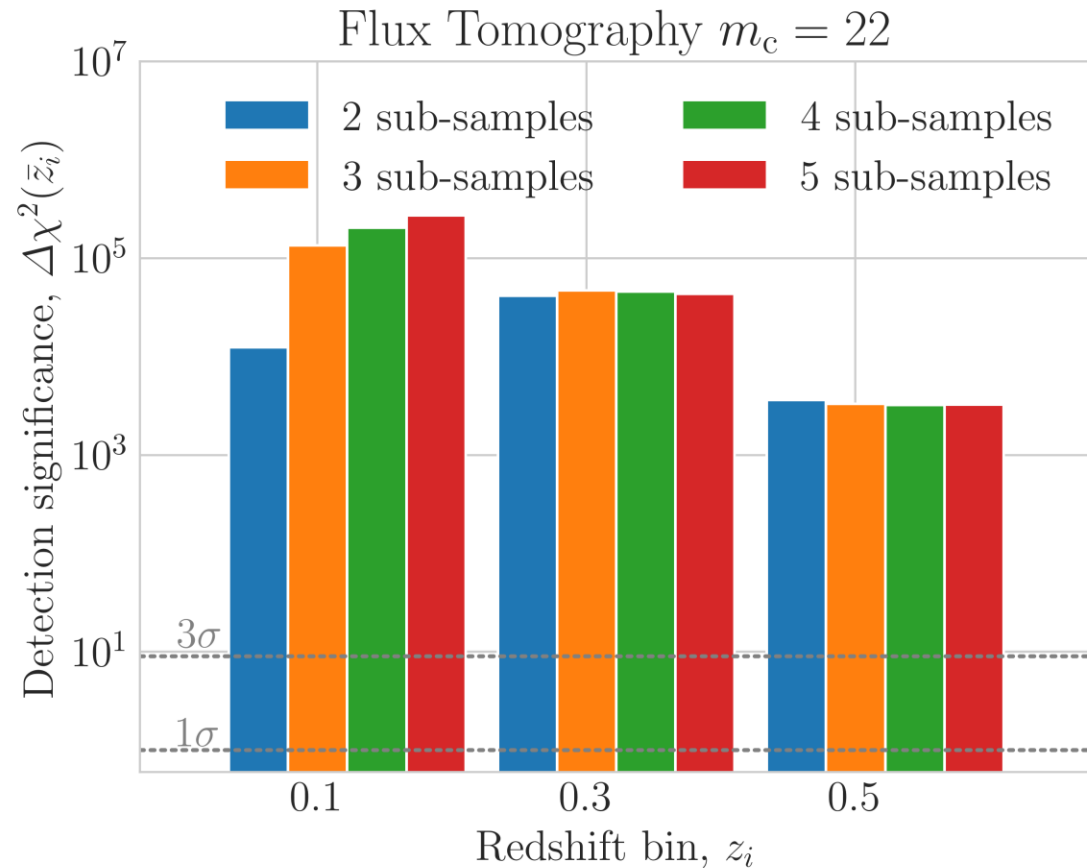
We seem to be going towards a **saturation** of the information we can extract from a single galaxy population



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Take-home messages

- A first detection of relativistic Doppler could confirm the validity of general relativity on cosmological scales
- A multi-tracer approach is able to overcome cosmic variance, even within a single dataset.



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