

Relativistic effects in galaxy clustering with the DESI Bright Galaxy Survey

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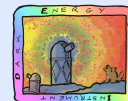
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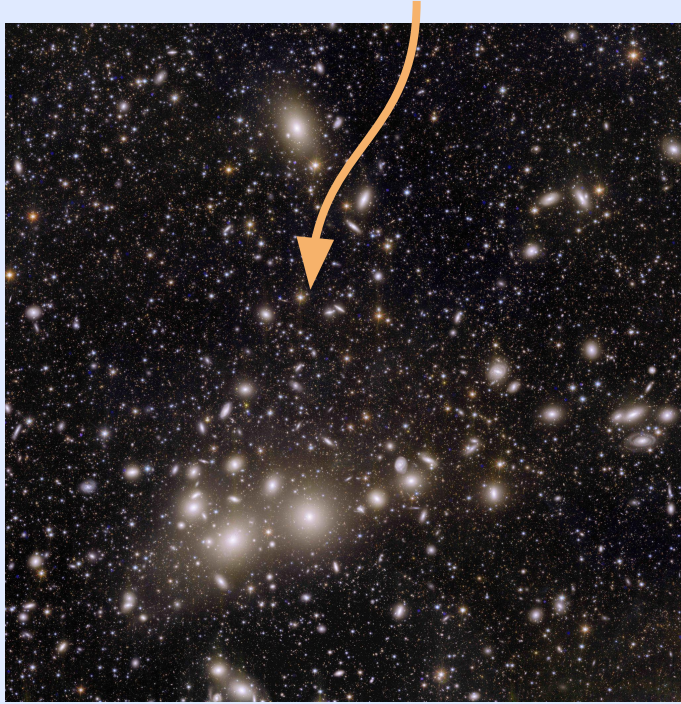
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Underlying matter distribution



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Not the the real picture



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Galaxies are biased
tracers

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Standard Redshift Space Distortions
Kaiser + Doppler terms

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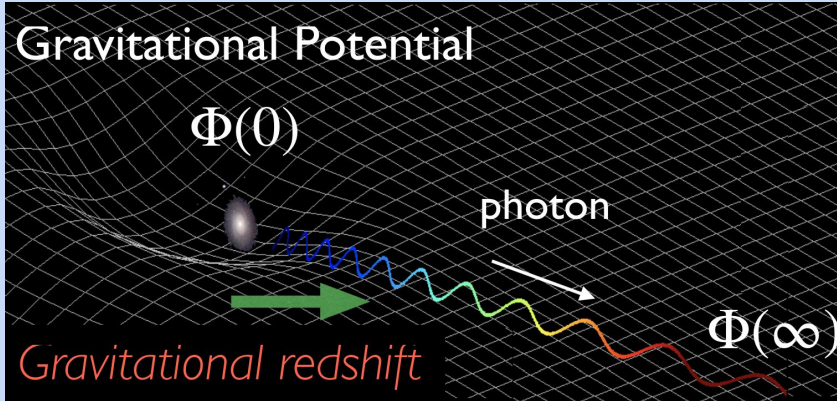
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Taruya (2021)

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Gravitational redshift

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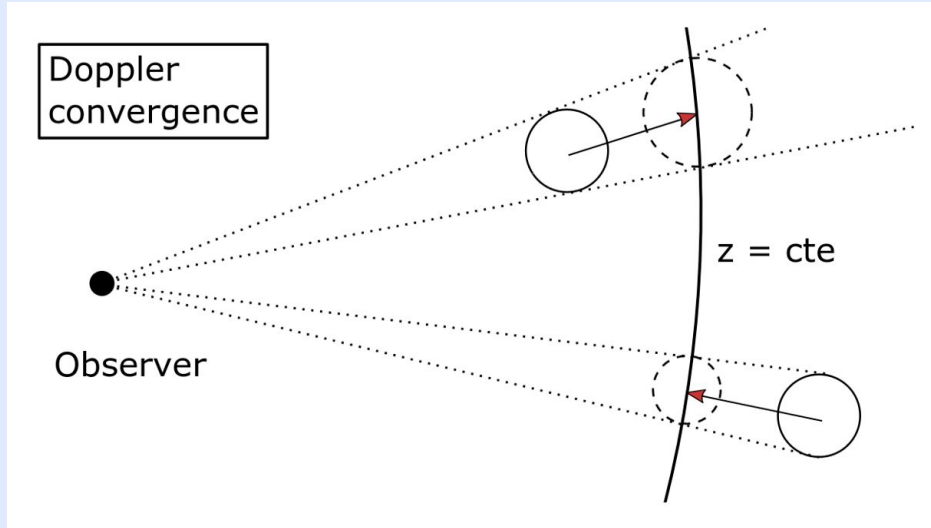
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- In the case of **General Relativity**, matter obeys Euler's equation

$$\dot{v}_{\parallel} + \mathcal{H}v_{\parallel} + \partial_r \psi = 0$$

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Selection effects - Magnitude limited survey



Breton (2018)

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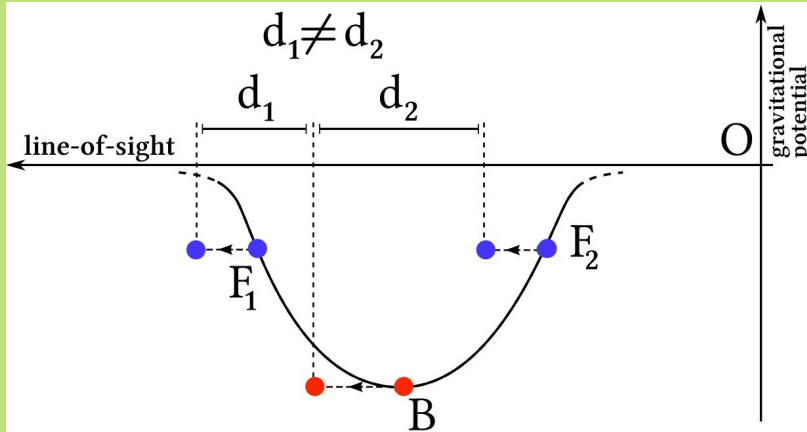
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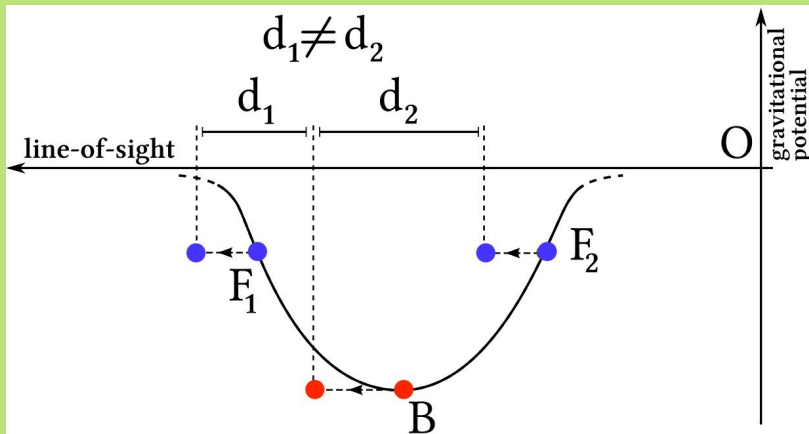
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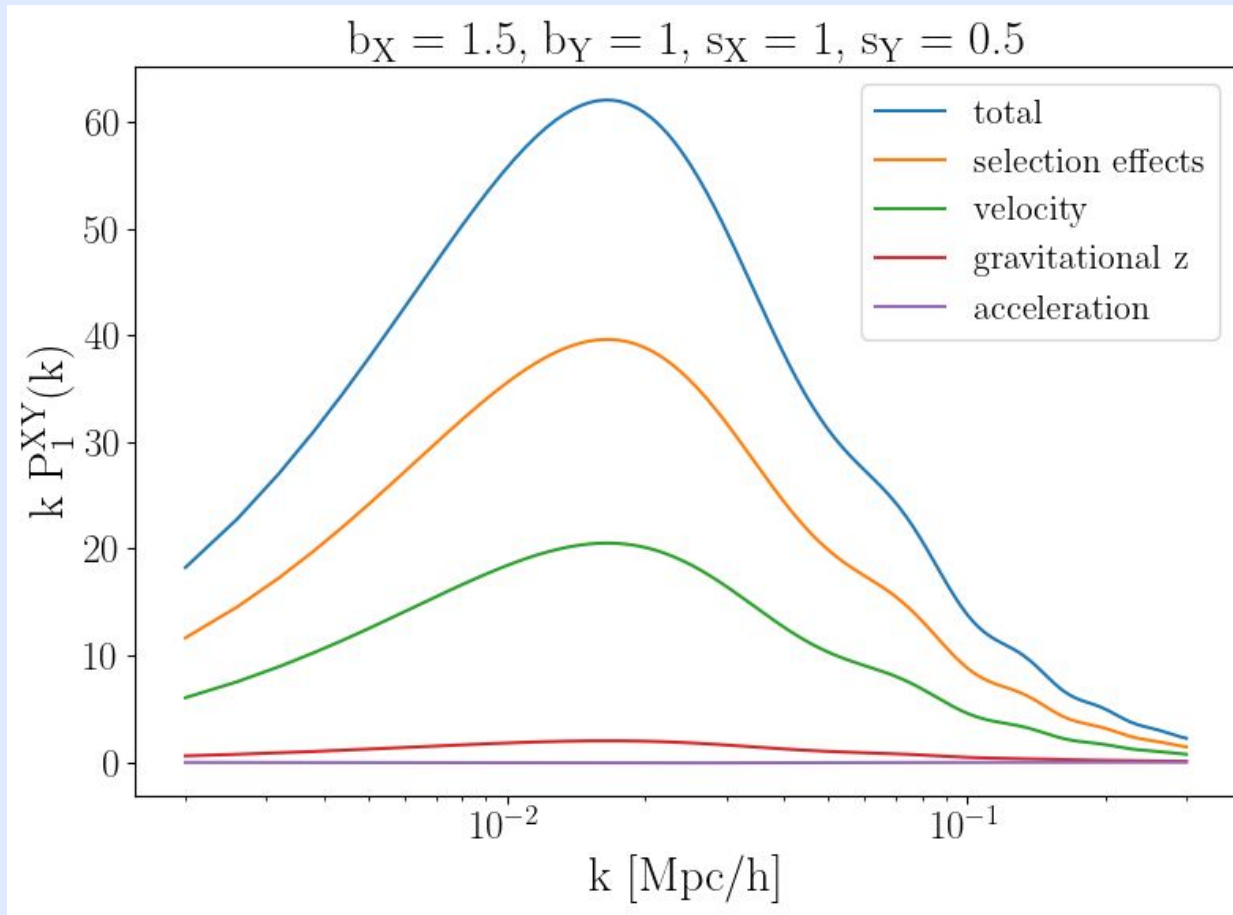
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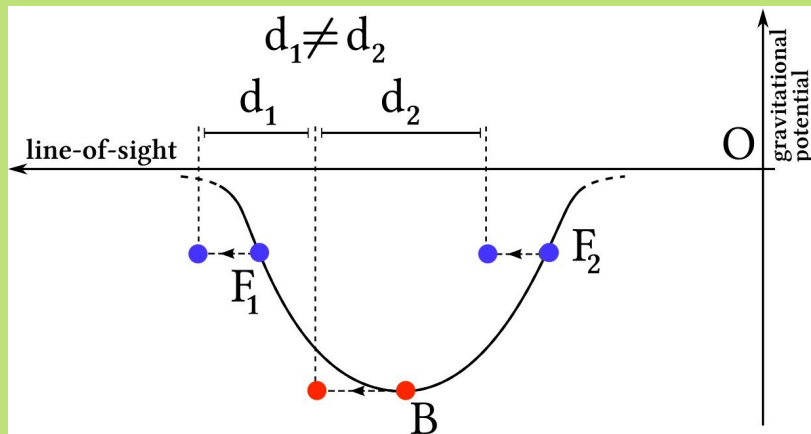
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Dipole model



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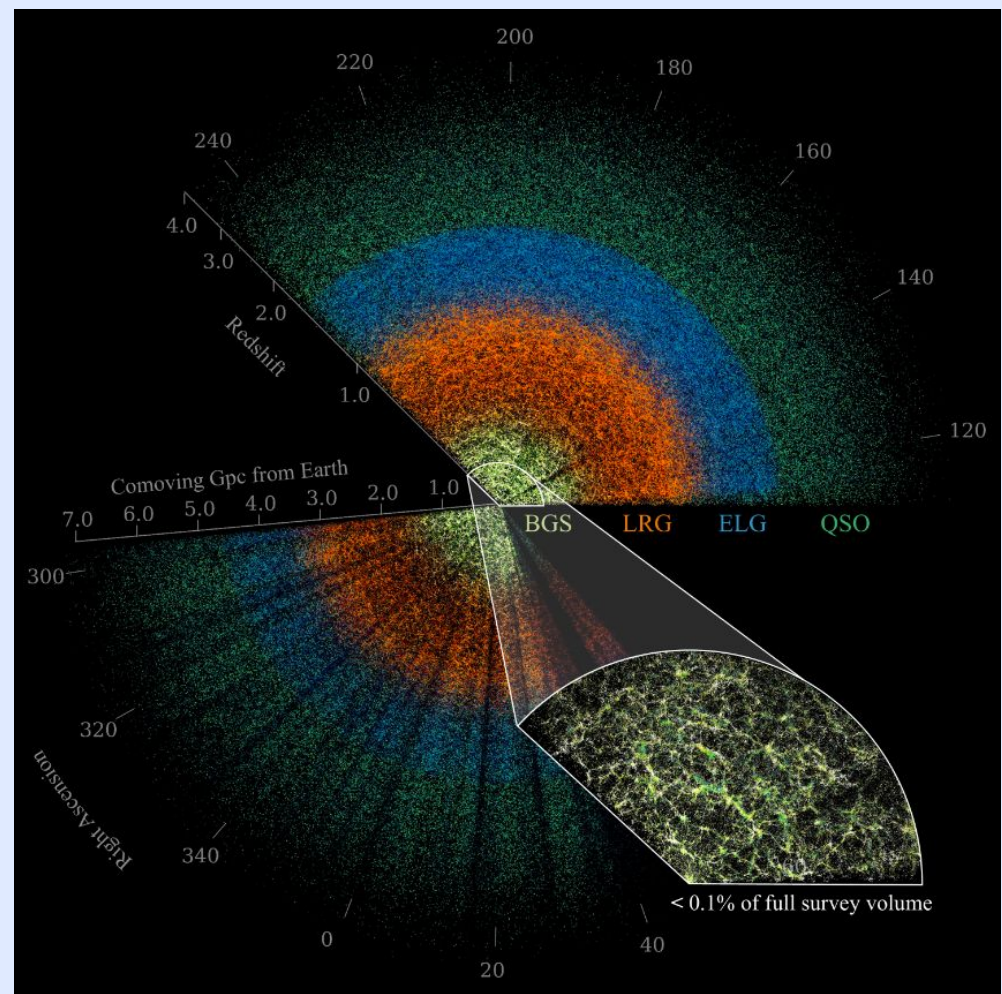
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We need a lot of statistical power!

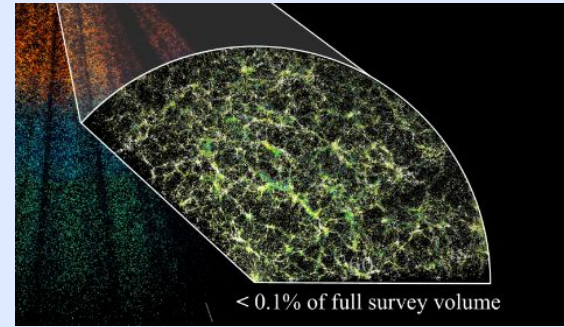
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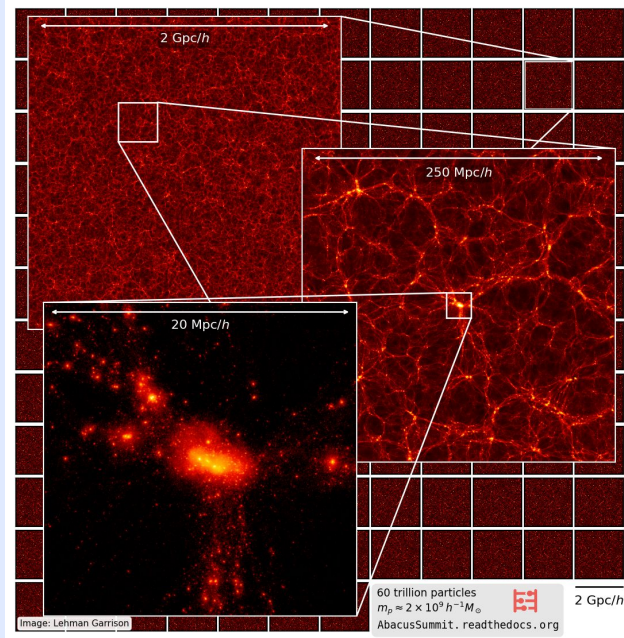


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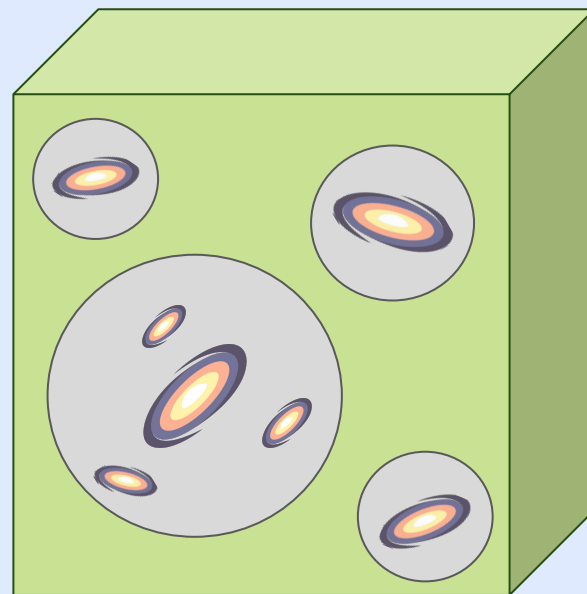
To study the dipole, we use **BGS mocks** created from large, high-accuracy cosmological N-body simulations (AbacusSummit)

A **Halo Occupation Distribution (HOD)** model varying with absolute magnitude is used to populate the halos with central and satellite galaxies

$$\langle N_{\text{cen}}(> L | M) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + F \left(\frac{\log M - \log M_{\text{min}}(L)}{\sigma_{\log M}(L)} \right) \right]$$

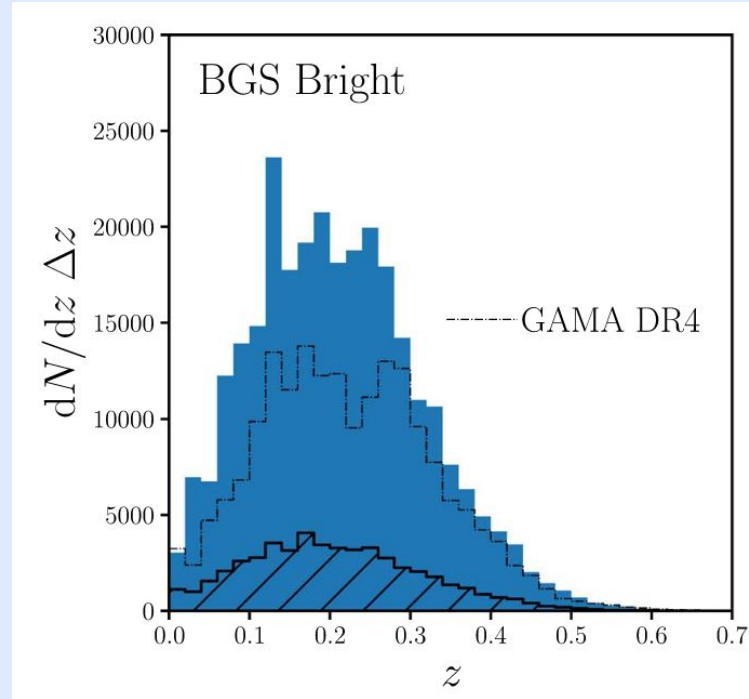
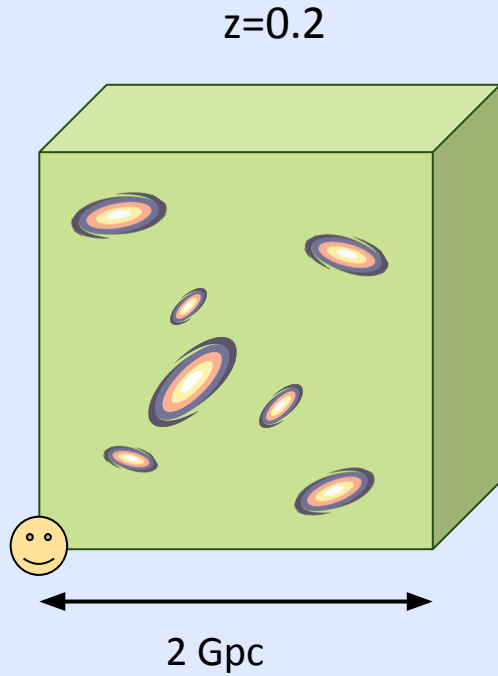
$$\langle N_{\text{sat}}(> L | M) \rangle = \langle N_{\text{cen}}(> L | M) \rangle \left(\frac{M - M_0(L)}{M'_1(L)} \right)^{\alpha(L)}$$

Smith et al. (2023)



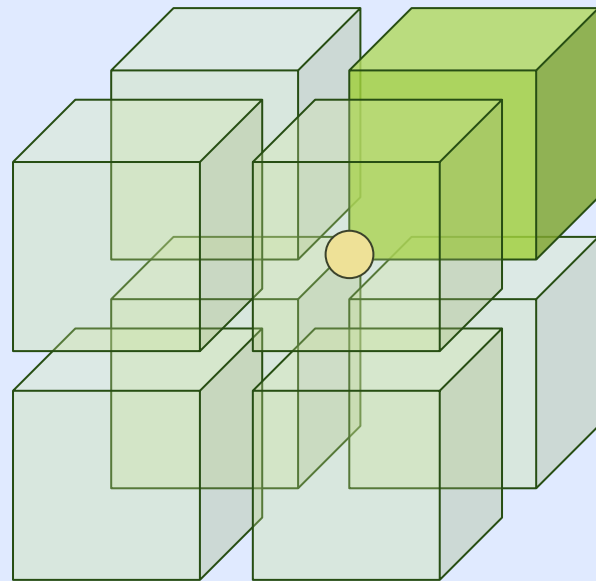
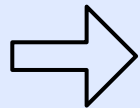
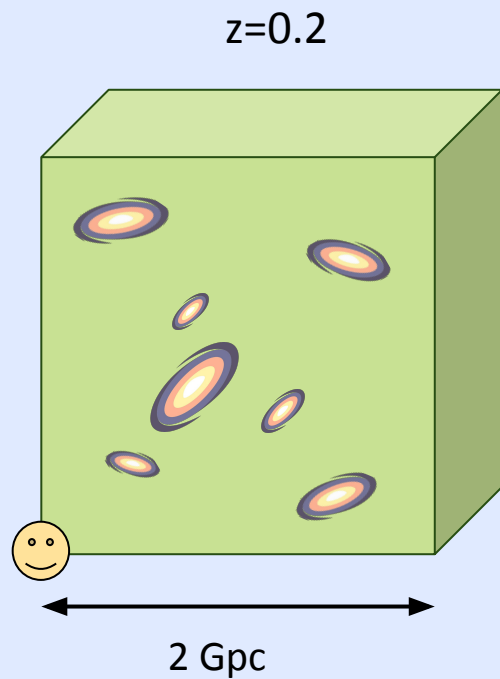
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BGS Cut-sky mocks

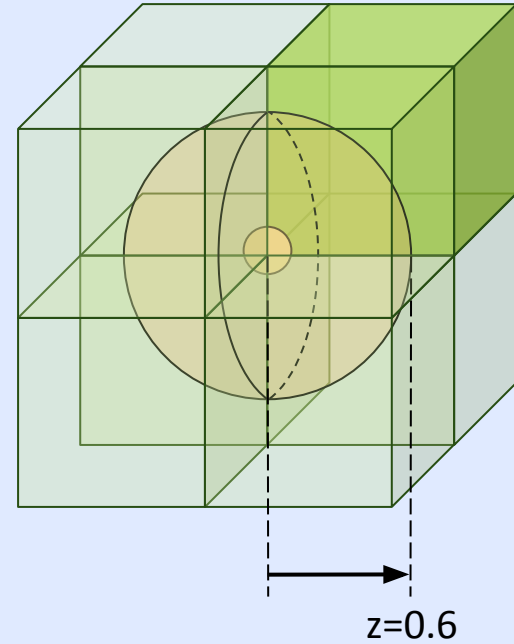
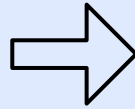
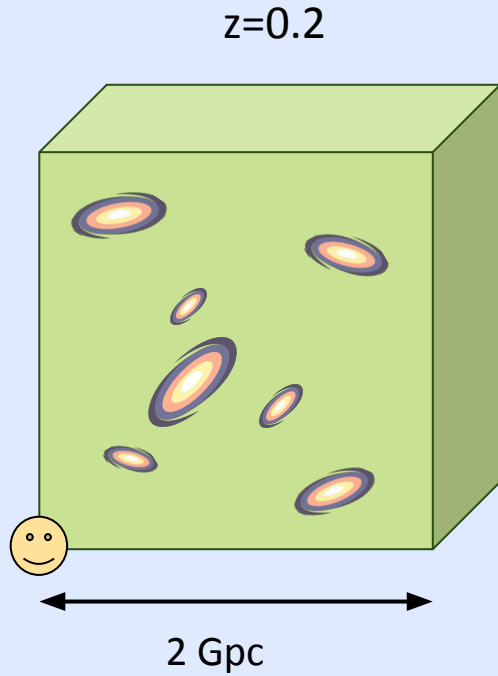


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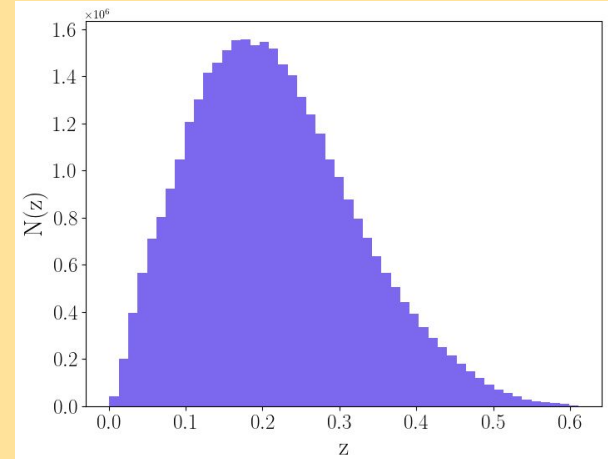
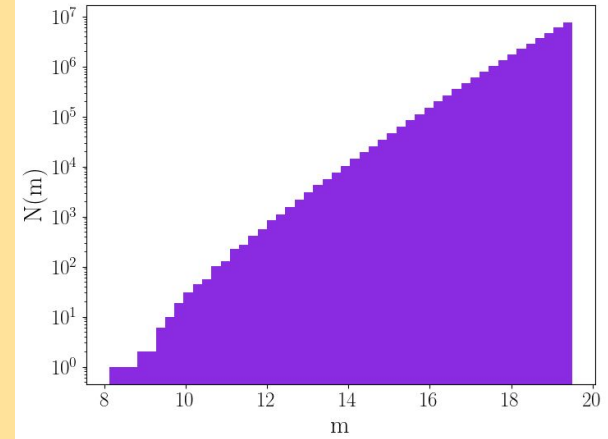
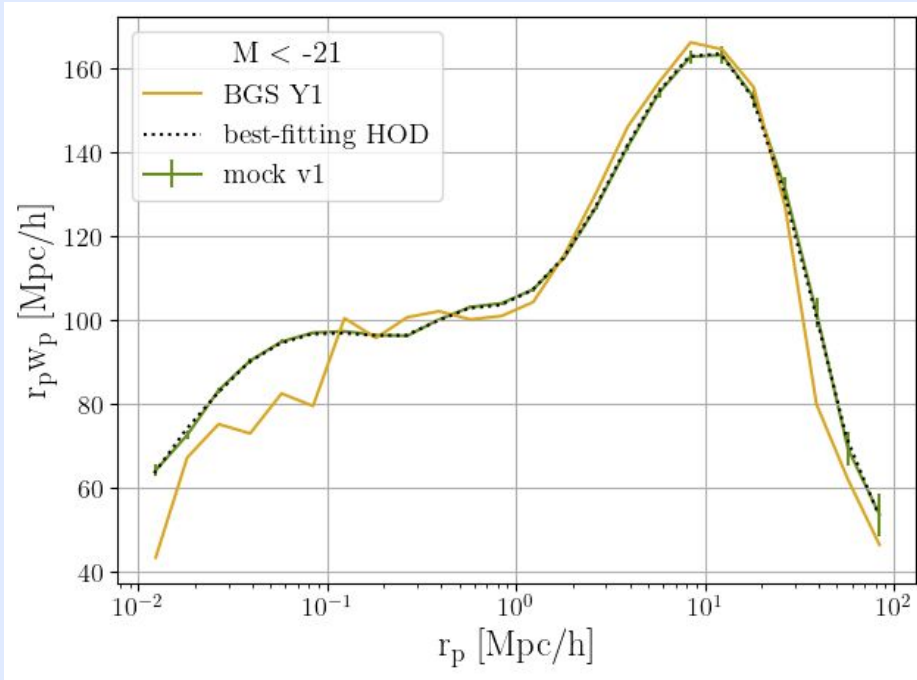


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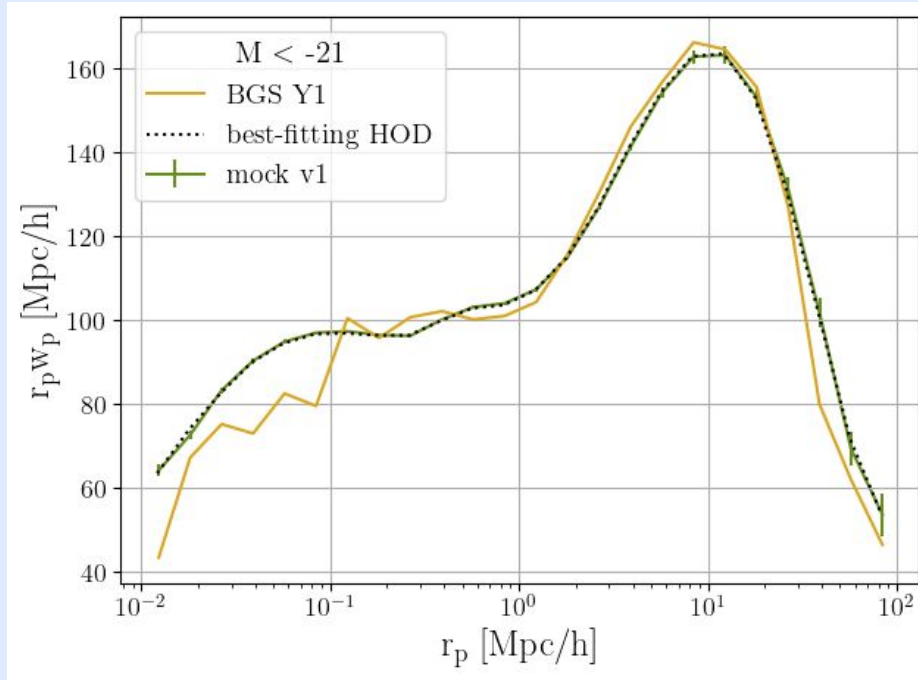


+ redshift evolution applied to magnitudes

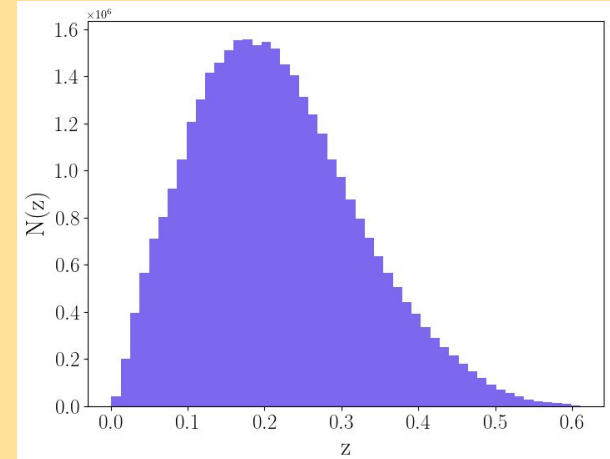
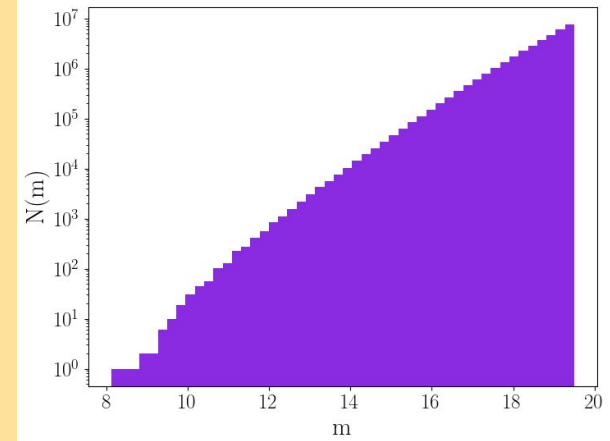
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How do we select our **tracers**?



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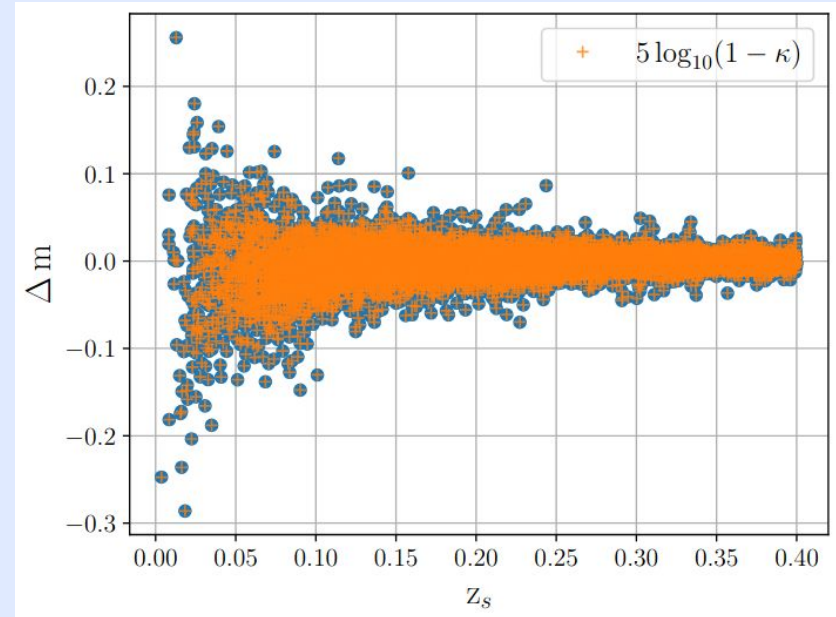
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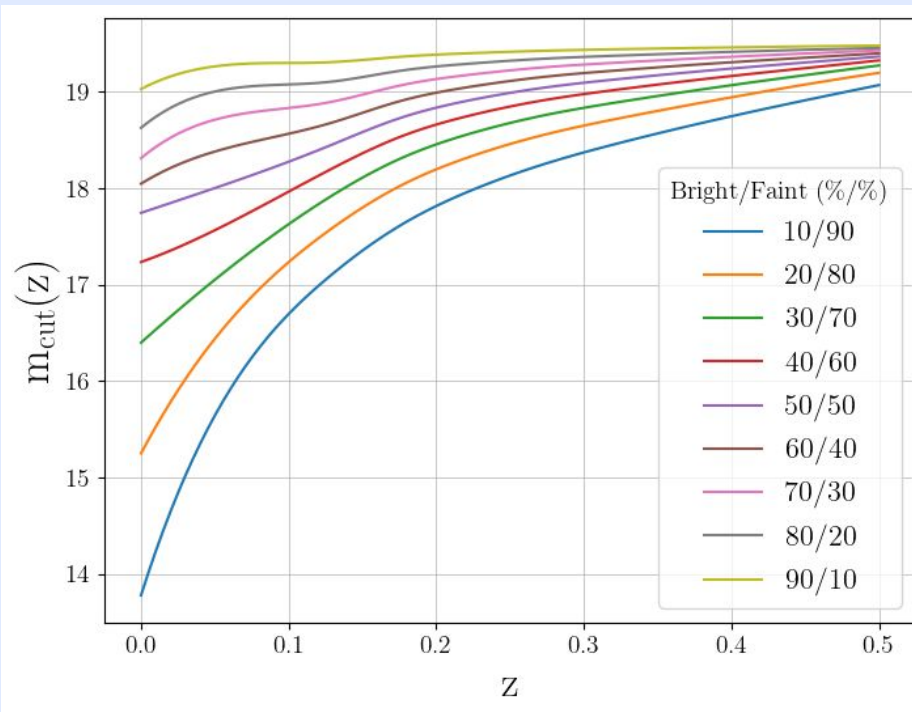
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Magnitude cuts



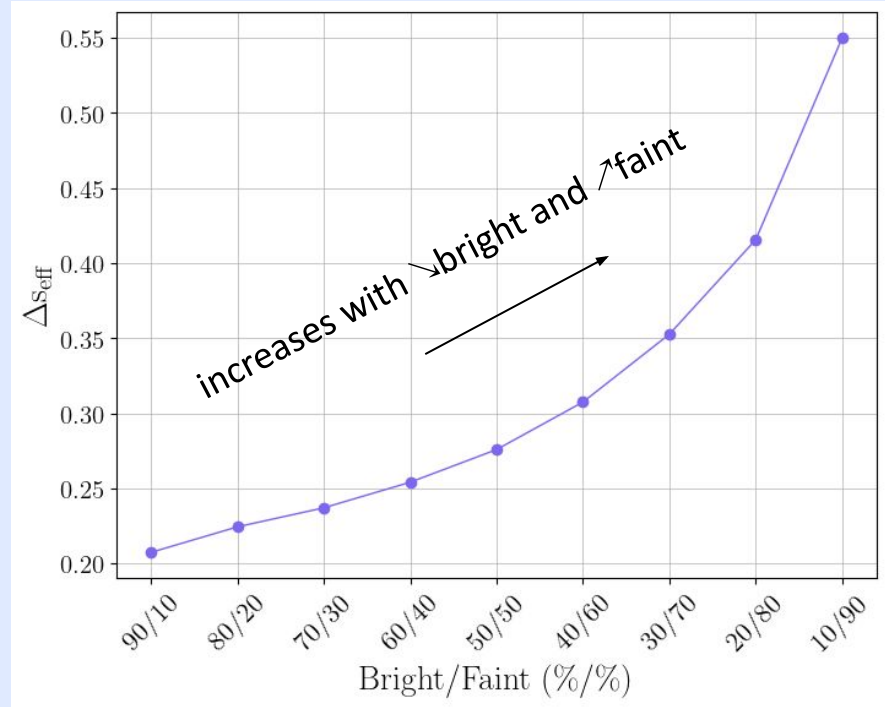
Effective magnification bias

$$s_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\sum N_i s(z_i)}{\sum N_i}$$

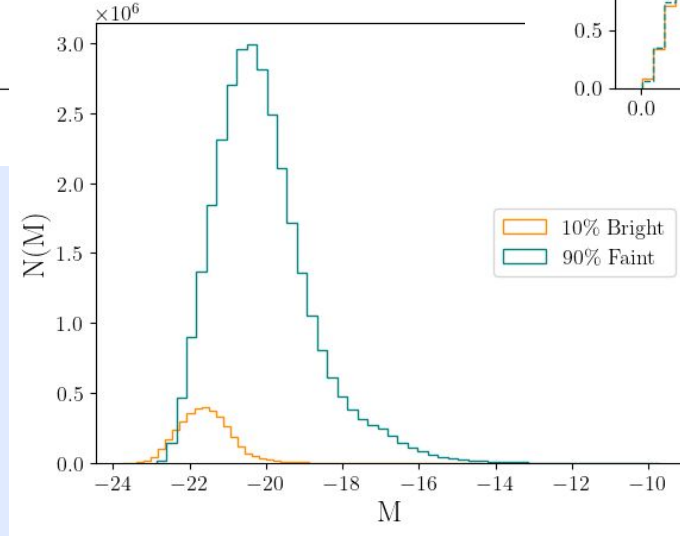
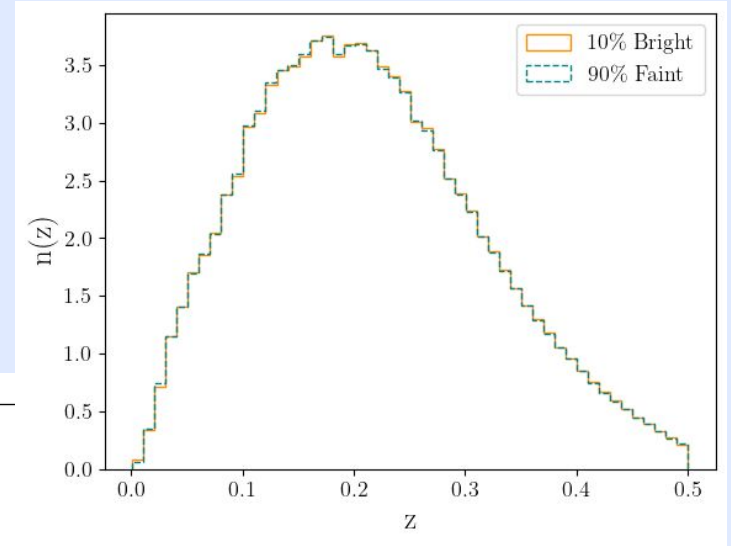
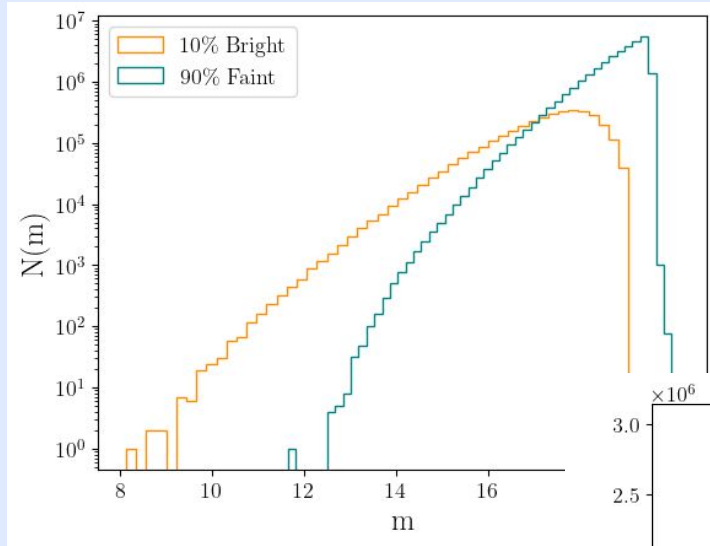
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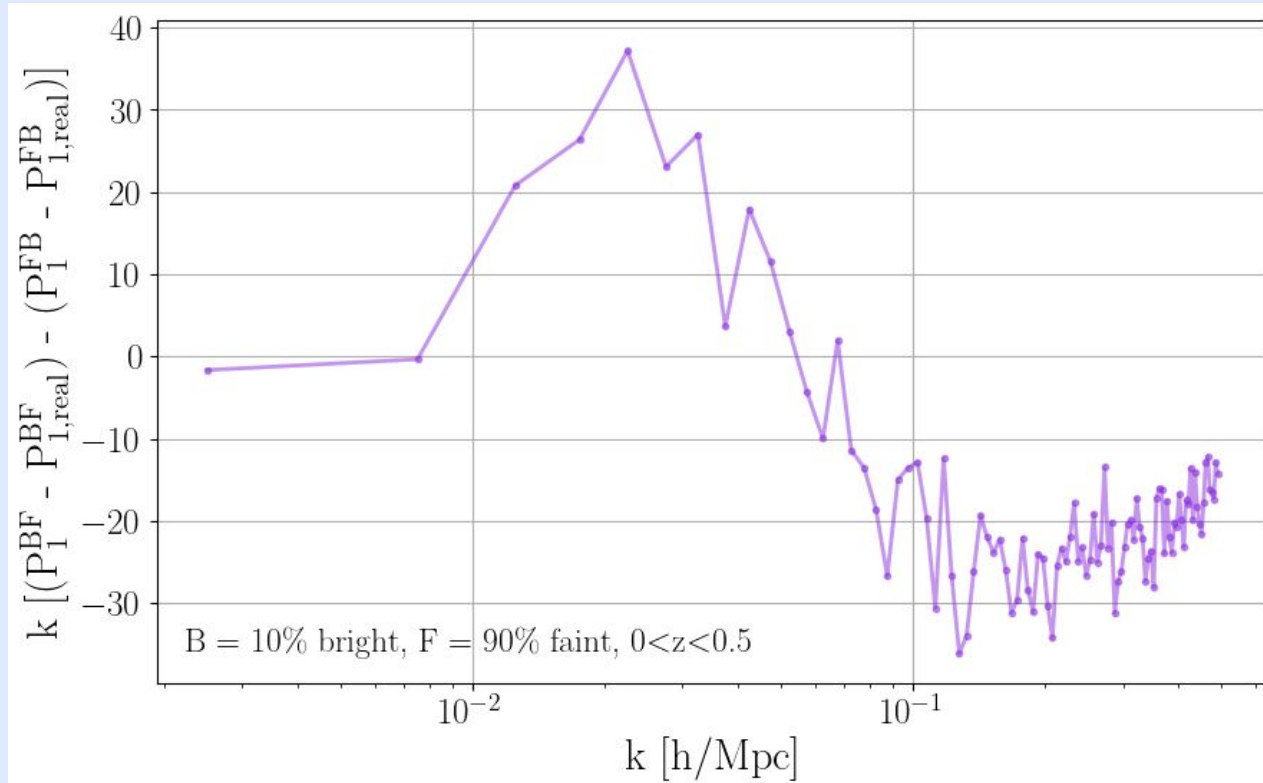


10% Bright / 90% Faint samples

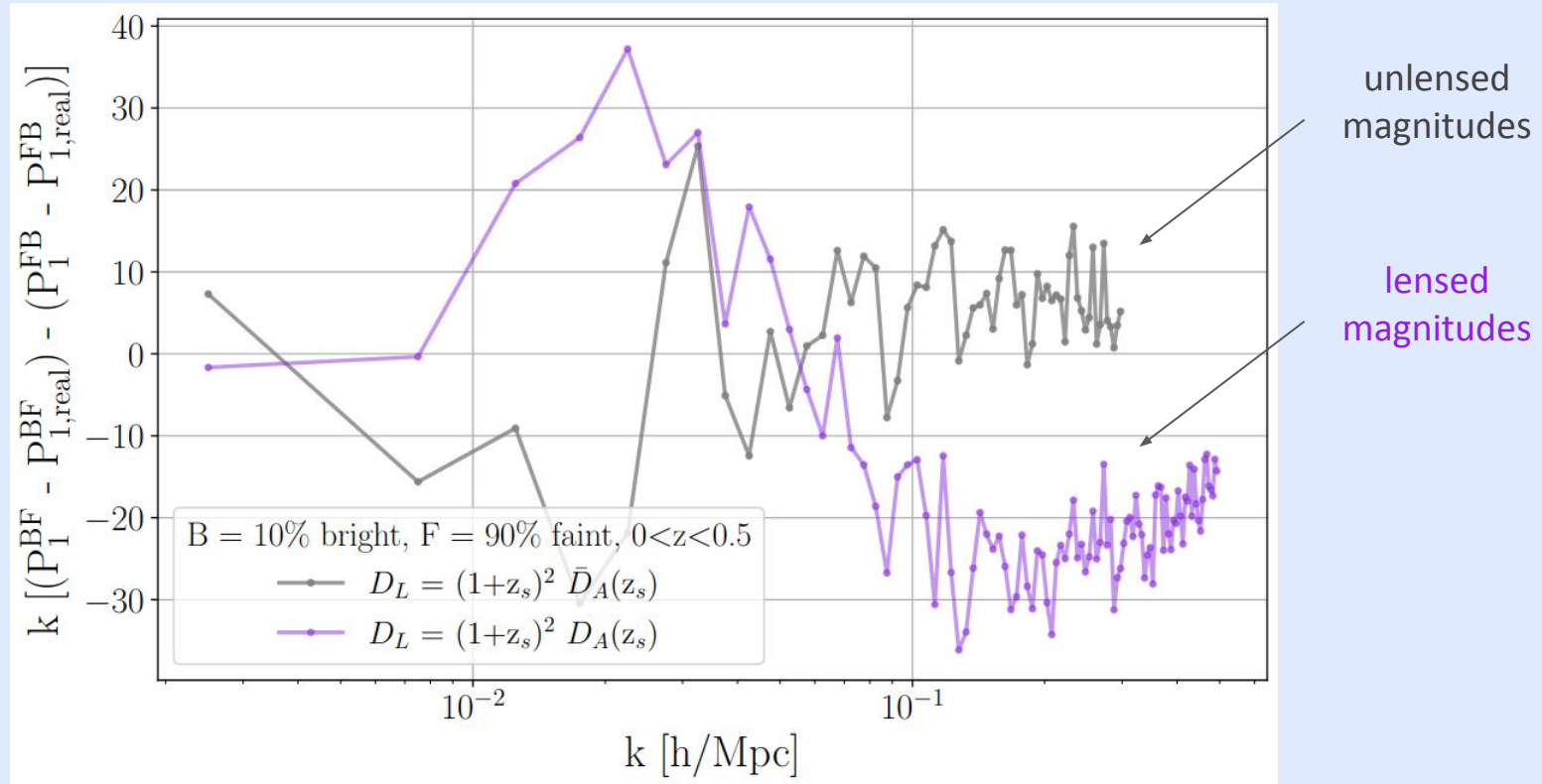


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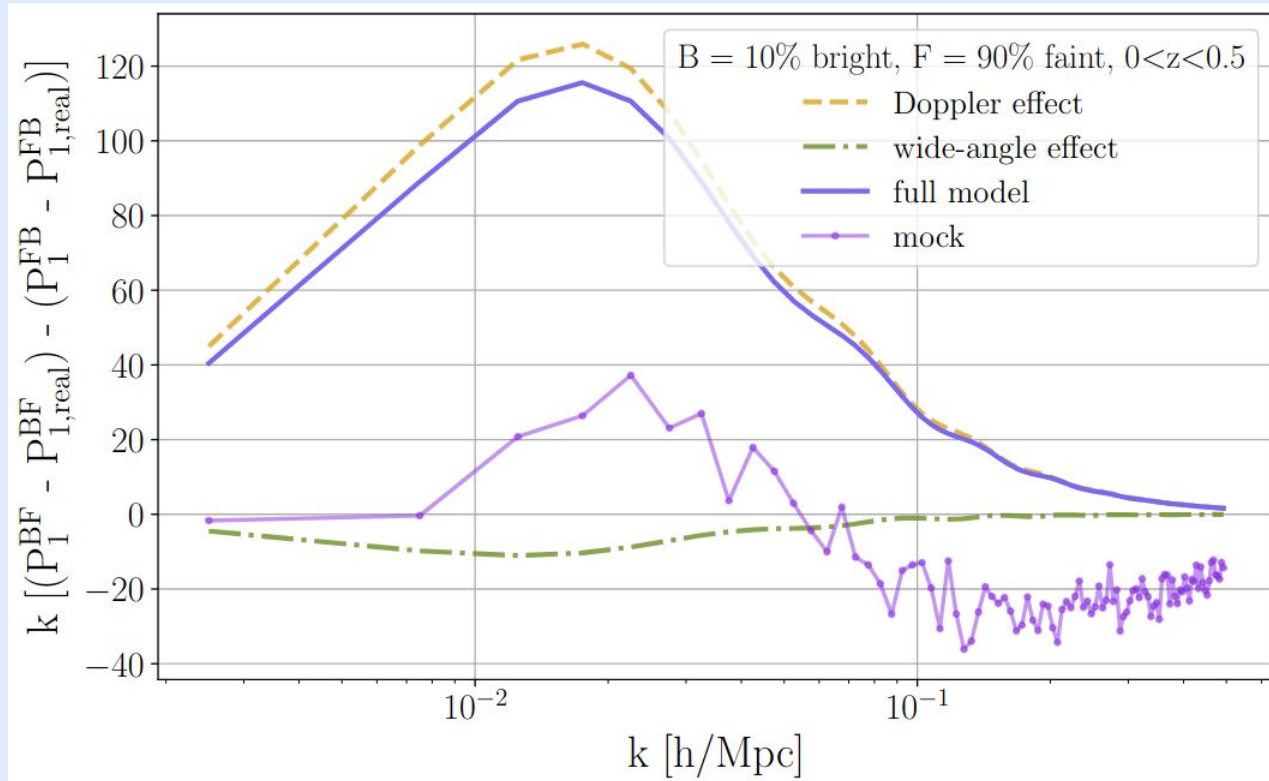


Selection effect - Doppler lensing



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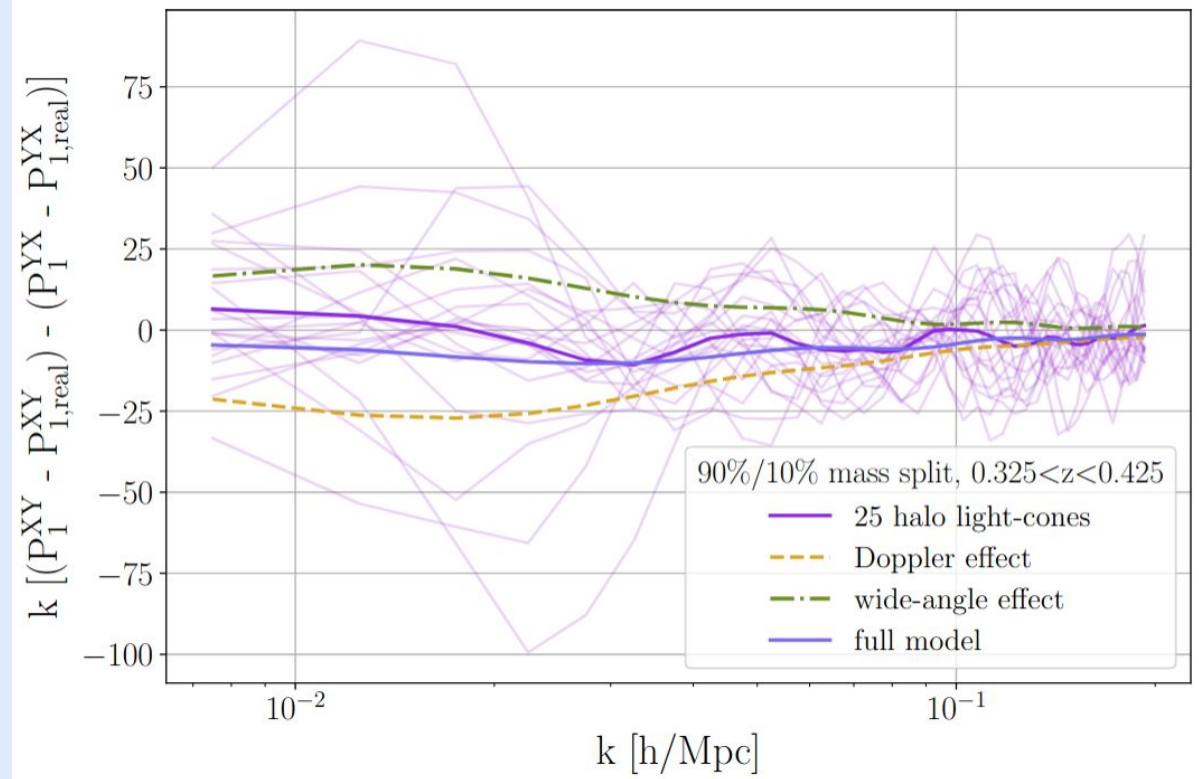


Problem: No redshift evolution in cut-sky mocks



- Apply linear velocity evolution
- Use interpolated lightcones mocks

Requires redshift evolution of the HOD



Summary

- The galaxy number overdensity has relativistic corrections
- Relativistic effects can be isolated from standard contributions as they generate a dipole in the cross-power spectrum of two different biased tracers
- We can use several properties to split galaxies into different tracers such as apparent magnitude

Next steps

- Further investigate how to optimise the dipole, apply velocity evolution to cutsky mocks
- Extend the post-processing of the mocks to include all relativistic effects such as the gravitational redshift
- Produce realistic light-cones mocks
- Process all 25 mocks and compute the covariance matrix
- Compute the dipole of the correlation function (configuration space)