

# Effective Field Theory of Large Scale Structure

*the way to go for inflation*

# How do we probe inflation

- The only observable we are testing from the background solution is

$$\Omega_K \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-3}$$

- All the rest, comes from the fluctuations

- For the fluctuations

- they are primordial

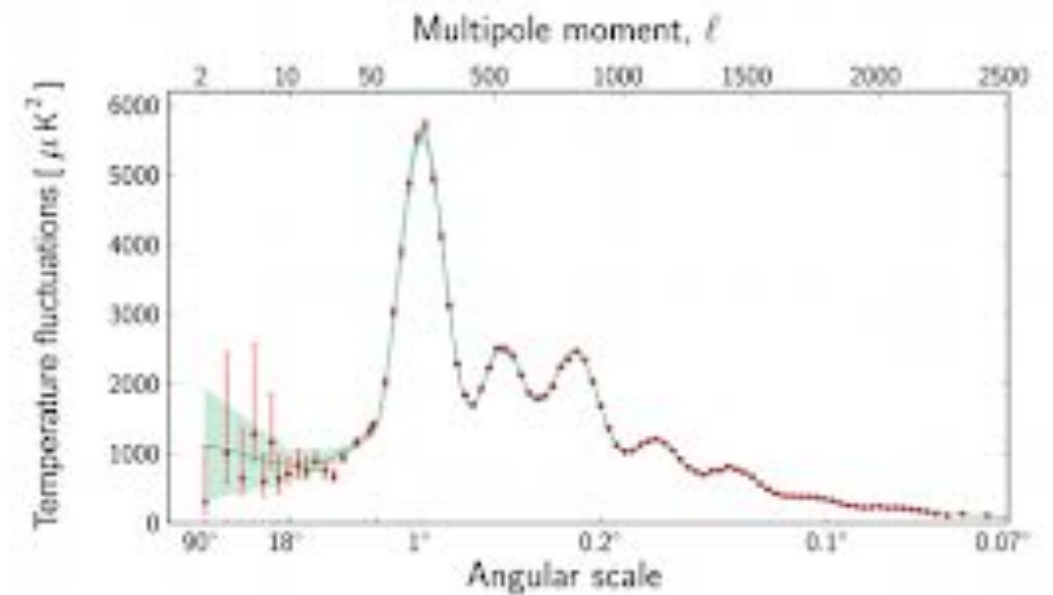
- they are scale invariant

- they have a tilt  $n_s - 1 \simeq -0.04 \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N_e}\right)$

- they are quite gaussian

$$\text{NG} \sim \frac{\langle \zeta^3 \rangle}{\langle \zeta^2 \rangle^{3/2}} \lesssim 10^{-3}$$

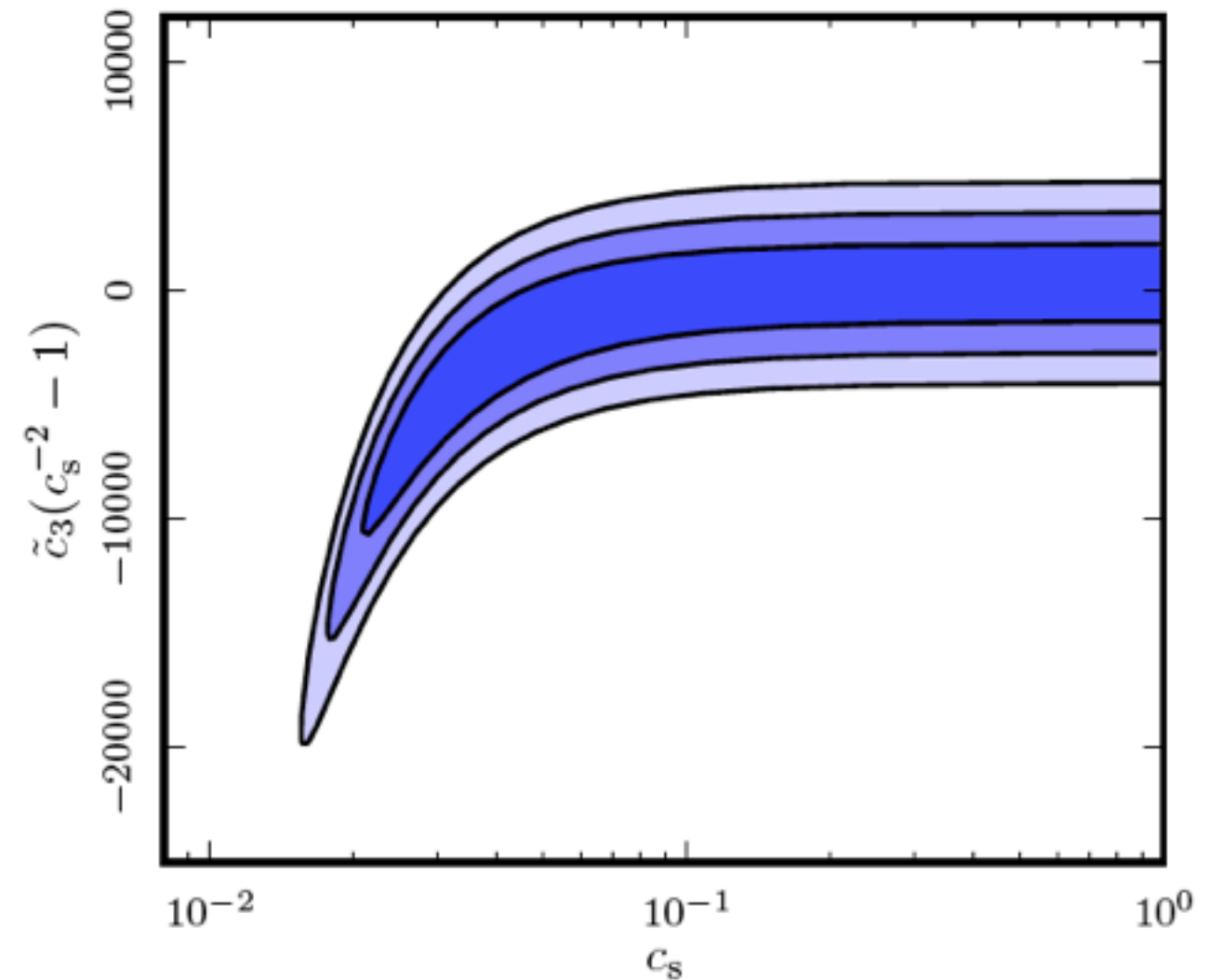
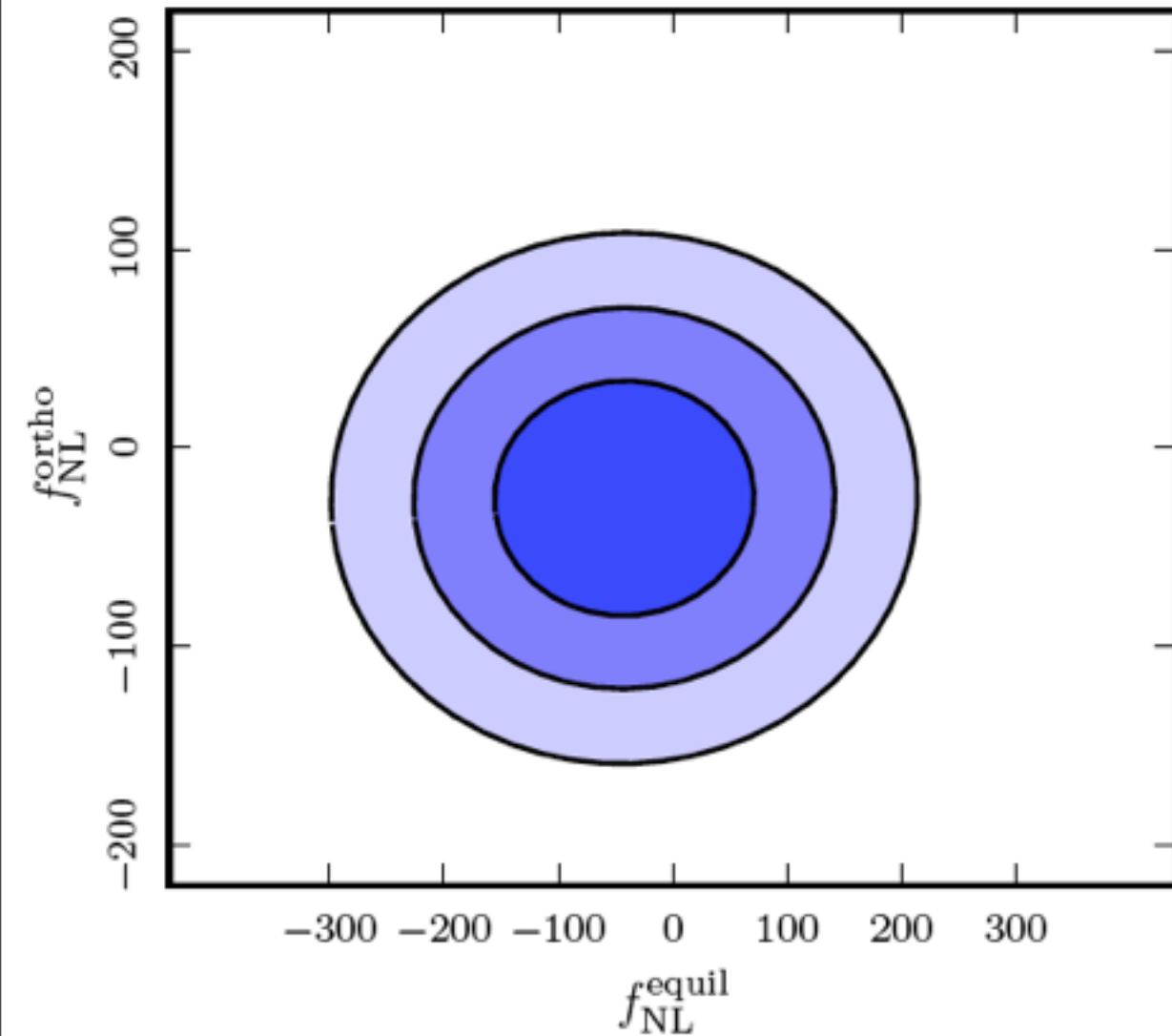
- both scalar and maybe tensors



# Limits in terms of parameters of a Lagrangian

- $$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \dot{H}}{c_s^2} \left( \dot{\pi}^2 - c_s^2 \frac{(\partial_i \pi)^2}{a^2} \right) + (M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \dot{H}) \frac{1 - c_s^2}{c_s^2} \left( \frac{\dot{\pi} (\partial_i \pi)^2}{a^2} + \frac{A}{c_s^2} \dot{\pi}^3 \right) + \dots \right]$$

with C. Cheung, P. Creminelli, L. Fitzpatrick, J. Kaplan **JHEP 2008**



- these are limits on the cutoff of the theory

$$\sim \frac{\dot{\pi}^3}{\Lambda^2}$$

with Smith and Zaldarriaga, **JCAP2010**  
Planck Collaboration **2013**

# Cosmology is going to change in a few months

- Tremendous progress has been made through observation of the primordial fluctuations
- In order to increase our knowledge of Inflation, we need more modes
- **Planck** will soon have observed all the modes from the CMB
- **and then what?**
- I will assume we are not lucky
  - no B-mode detection
  - no signs from the beginning of inflation
- Unless we find a way to get more modes, **the game is over**
- Large Scale Structures offer the only medium-term place for hunting for more modes
  - but we are compelled to understand them
    - I do not think, so far, we understand them well enough

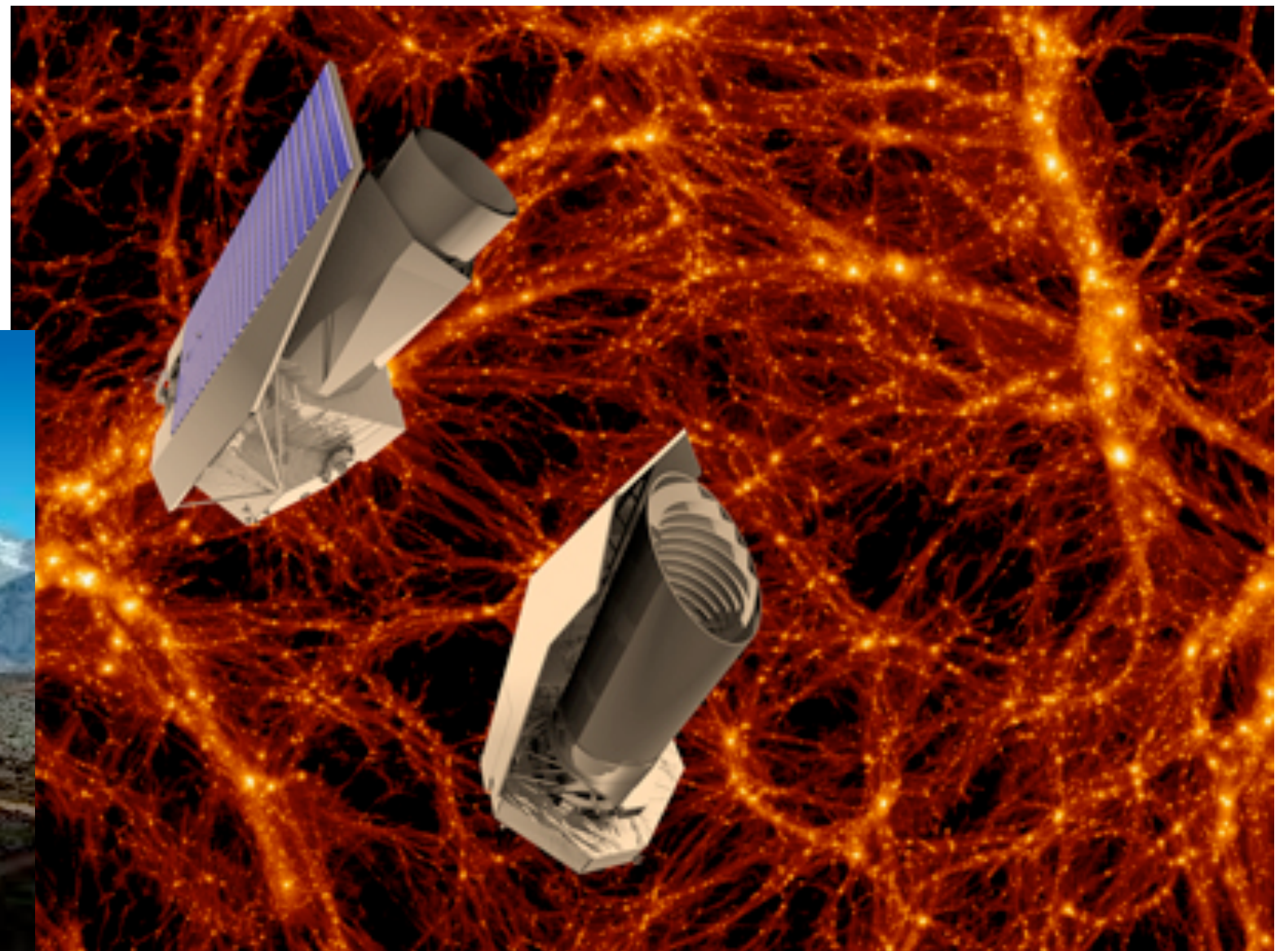


# What is next?

- Euclid and LSST like: this is our only next chance
  - we need to understand how many modes are available

$$\text{Number of modes} \sim \left( \frac{k_{\max}}{k_{\min}} \right)^3$$

- Need to understand short distances
- Similar as from LEP to LHC



# The Effective Field Theory of Cosmological Large Scale Structures

**Bias in the EFTofLSS**

Senatore **1306**

**The one-loop bispectrum in the EFTofLSS**

with Angulo, Foreman, Schmittful **1306**  
see also Baldauf, Mirbabayi, Mercolli, Pajer **1306**

**The IR-resummed  
EFTofLSS**

with Zaldarriaga **1304**

**The Lagrangian-space  
EFTofLSS**

with Porto and Zaldarriaga **JCAP1405**

**The EFTofLSS at 2-loops**

with Carrasco, Foreman and Green **JCAP1407**

**The 2-loop power spectrum  
and the IR safe integrand**

with Carrasco, Foreman and Green **JCAP1407**

**The Effective Theory of Large  
Scale Structure (EFTofLSS)**

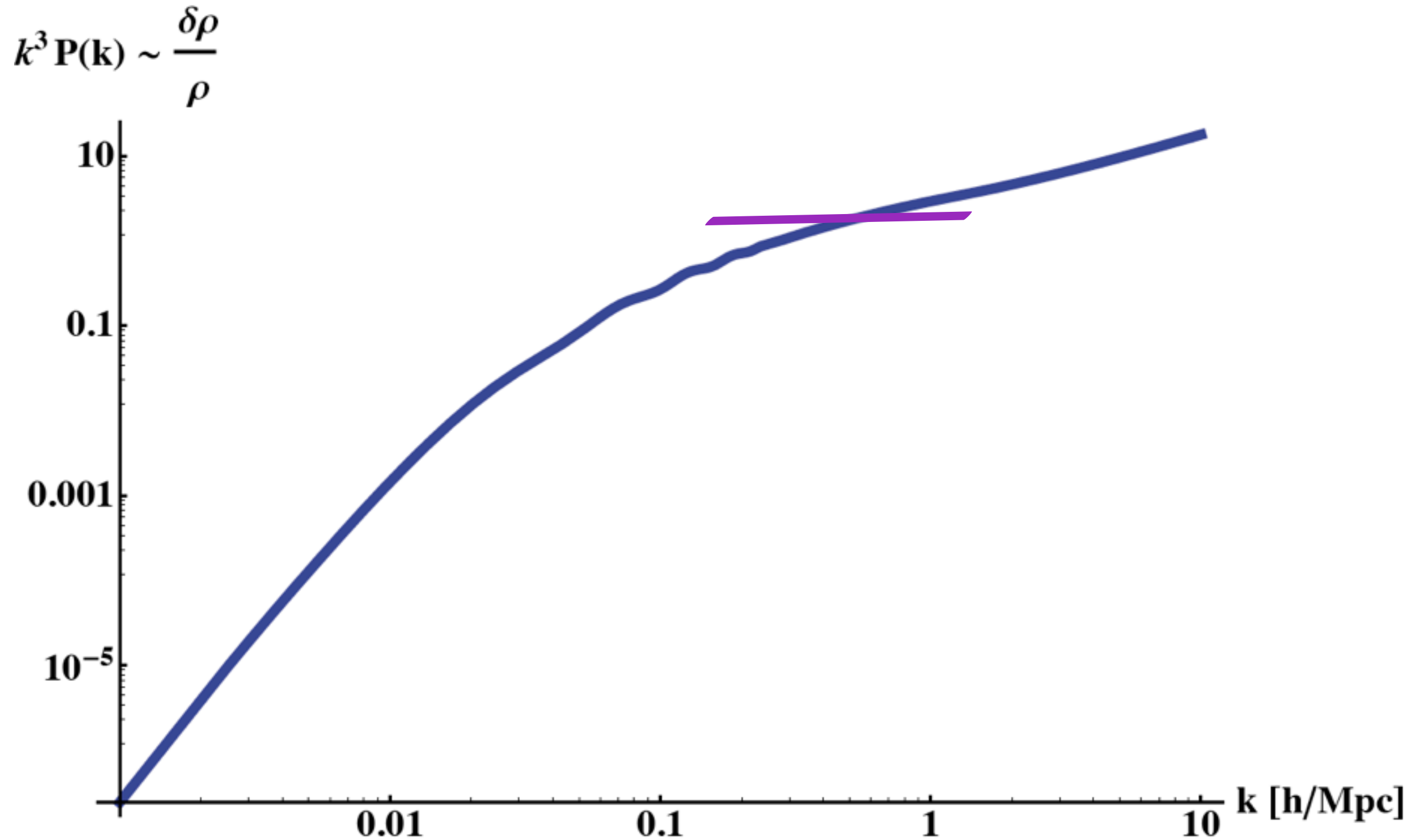
with Carrasco and Hertzberg **JHEP 2012**

**Cosmological Non-linearities  
as an Effective Fluid**

with Baumann, Nicolis and Zaldarriaga **JCAP 2012**

# A well defined perturbation theory

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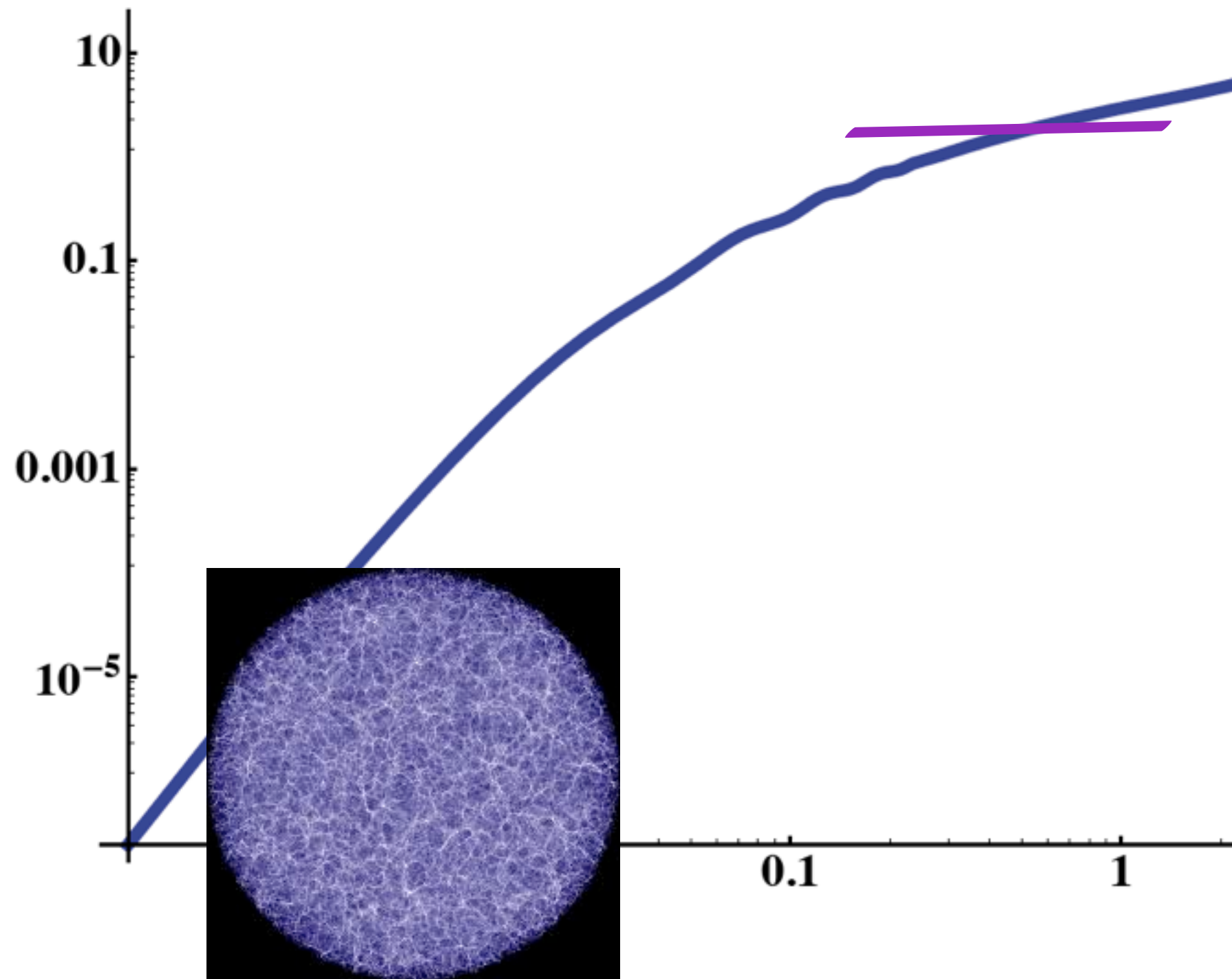




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$$k^3 P(k) \sim \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho}$$



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- Standard perturbation theory is not well defined
- Standard techniques

– perfect fluid  $\dot{\rho} + \partial_i (\rho v^i) = 0$ ,

– expand in  $\delta \sim \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho}$  and solve iteratively

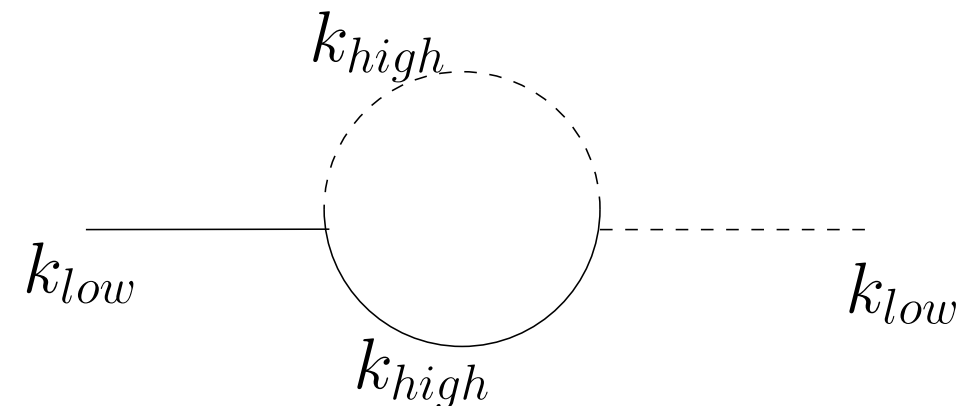
$$\delta^{(n)} \sim \int \text{GreenFunction} \times \text{Source}^{(n)} [\delta^{(1)}, \delta^{(2)}, \dots, \delta^{(n-1)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle \delta_k^{(2)} \delta_k^{(2)} \rangle \sim \int d^3 k' \langle \delta_{k-k'}^{(1)} \delta_{k-k'}^{(1)} \rangle \langle \delta_{k'}^{(1)} \delta_{k'}^{(1)} \rangle$$

- Perturbative equations break in the UV

–  $\delta \sim \frac{k}{k_{NL}} \gg 1$  for  $k \gg k_{NL}$

– no perfect fluid if we truncate

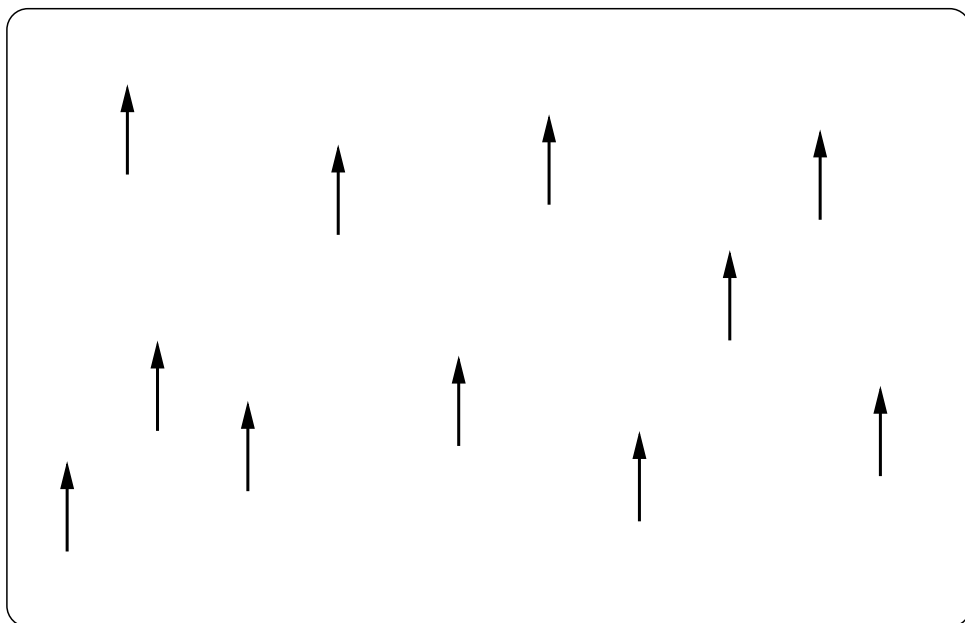


# Idea of the Effective Field Theory

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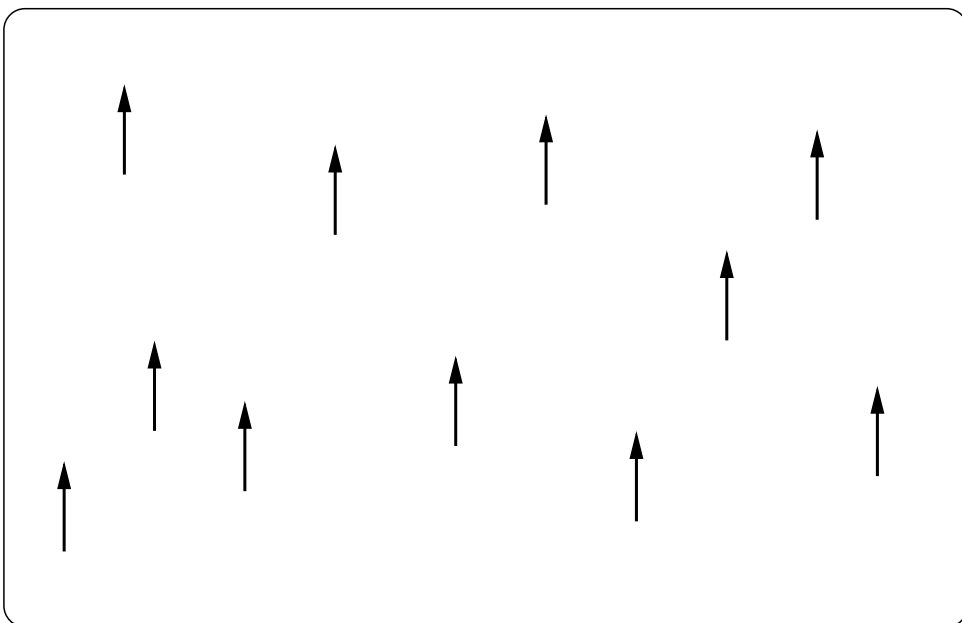
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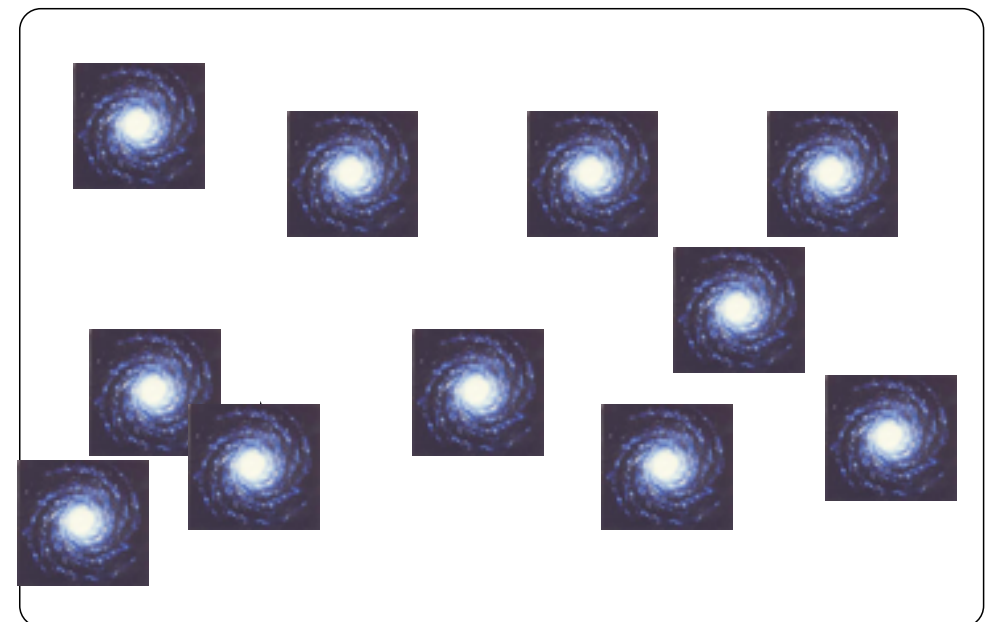
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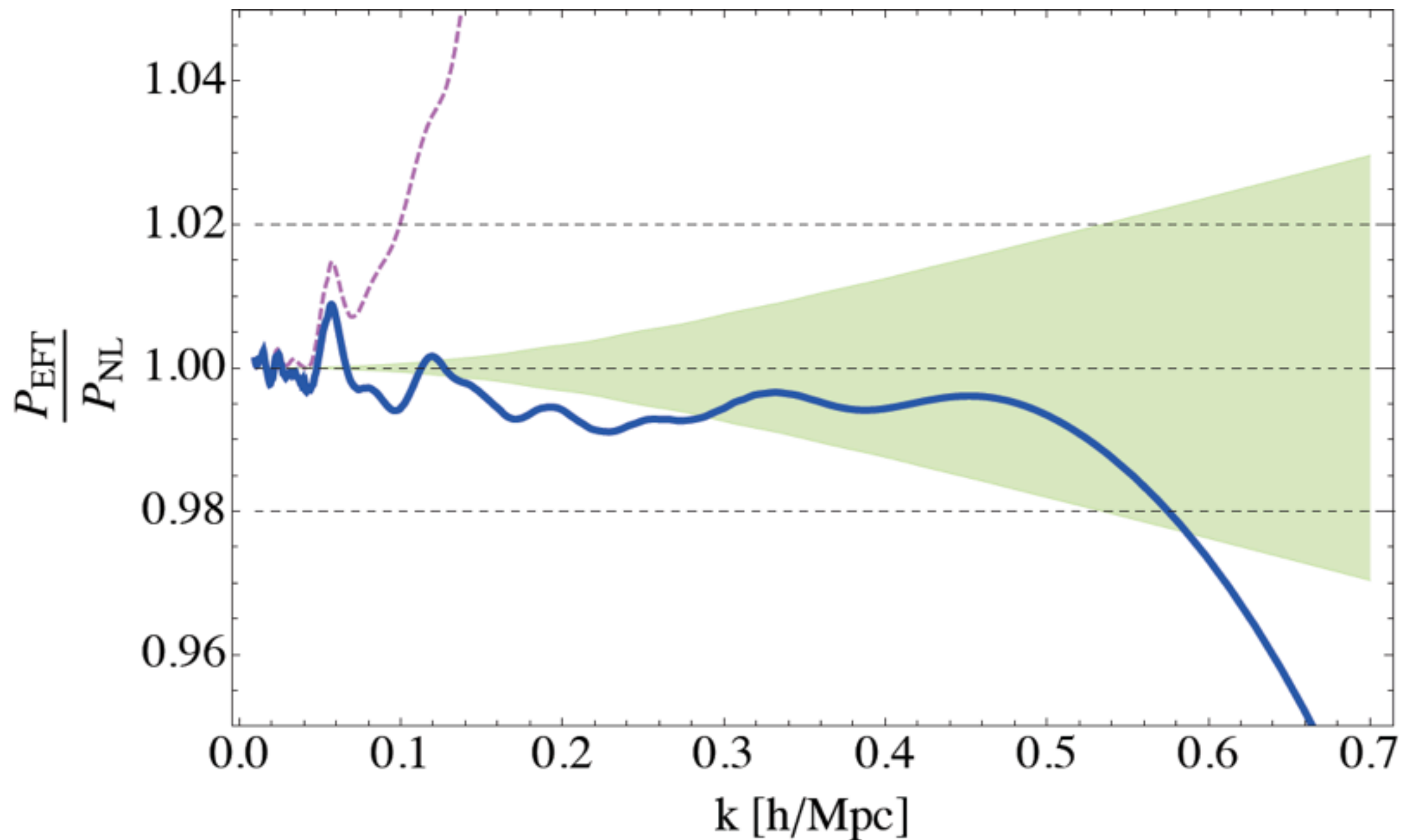
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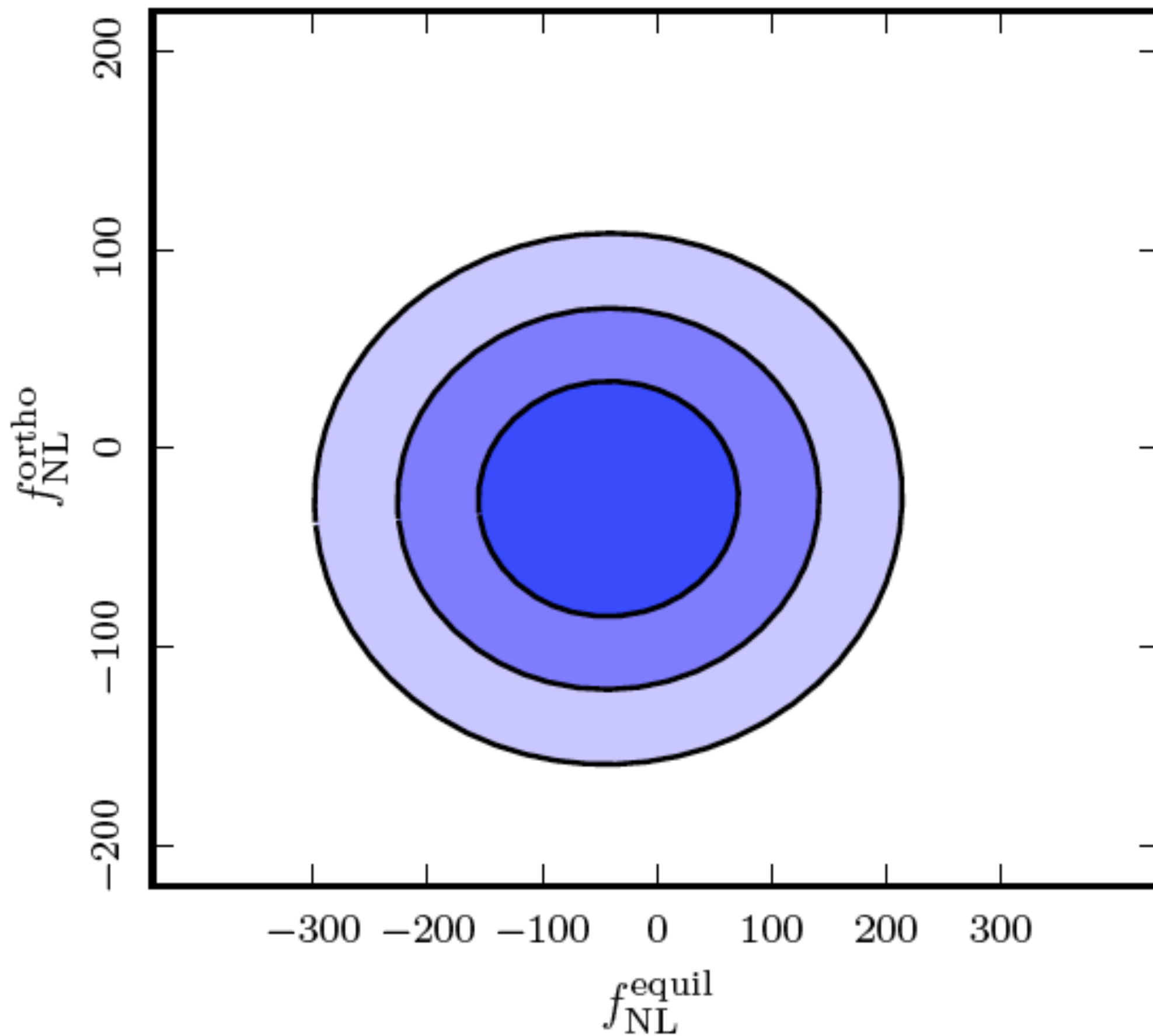
# Bottom line result

- A well defined perturbation theory
- 2-loop in the EFT, with IR resummation

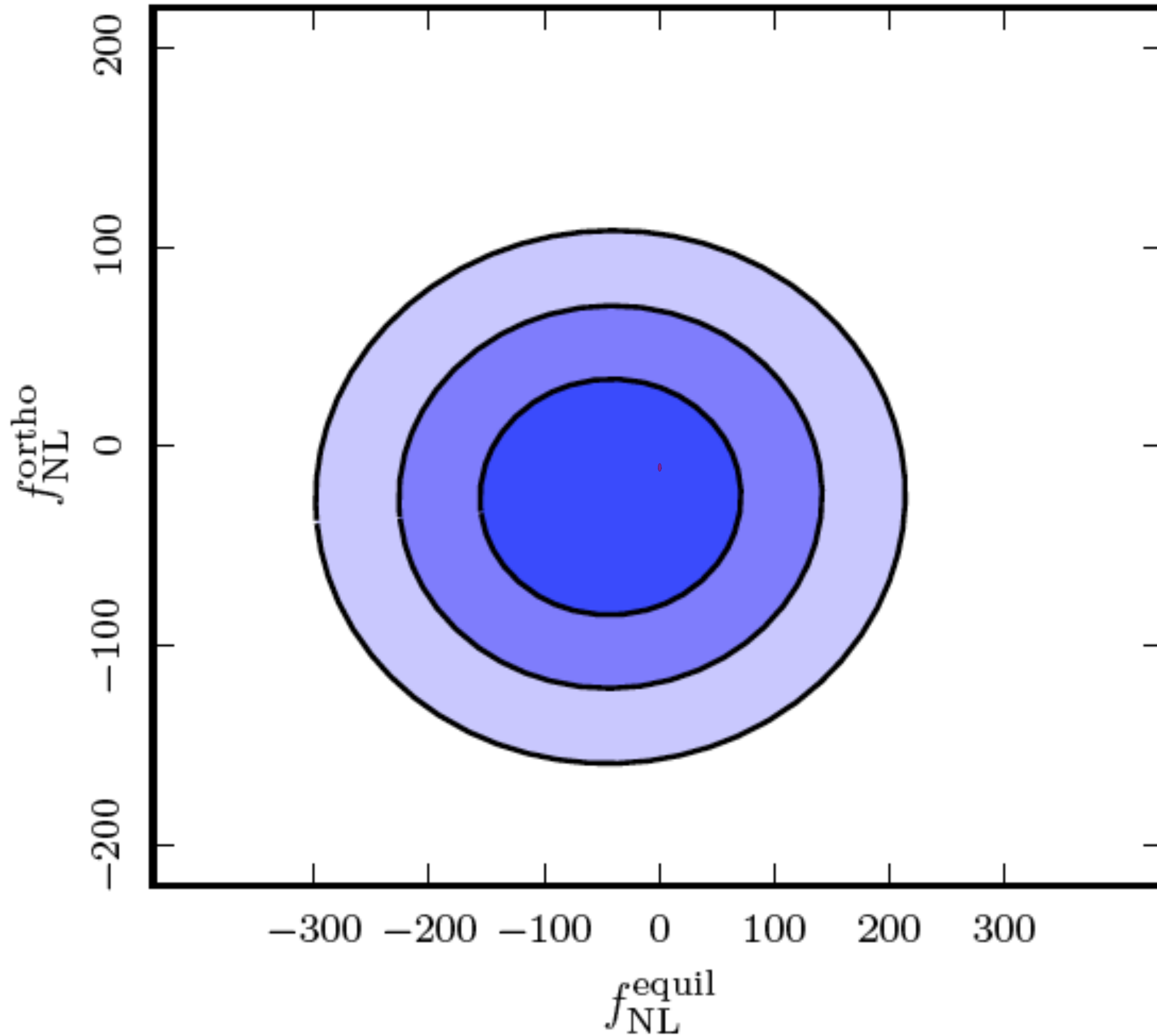


- Data go as  $k_{\text{max}}^3$  : factor of 200 more modes than naive

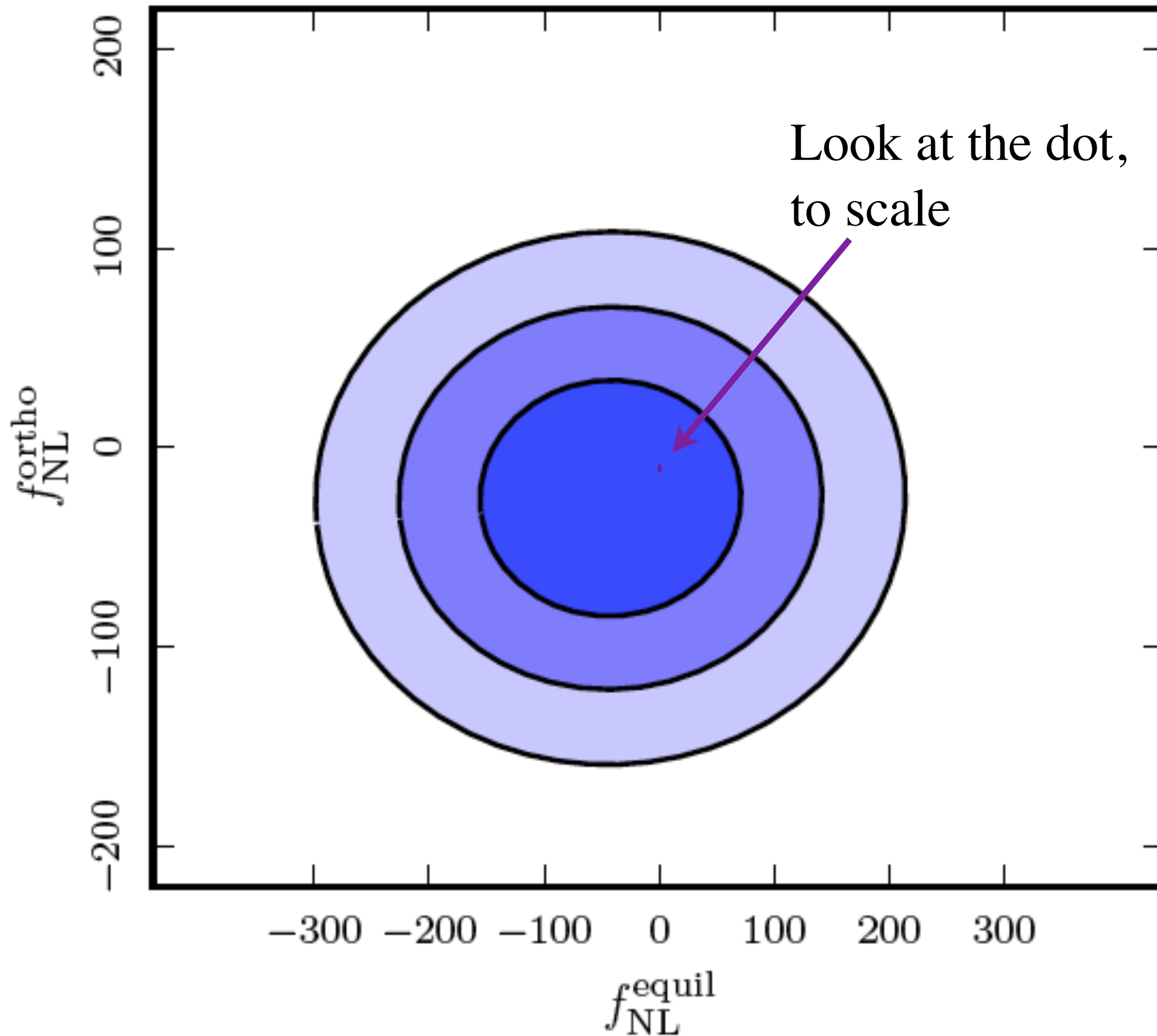
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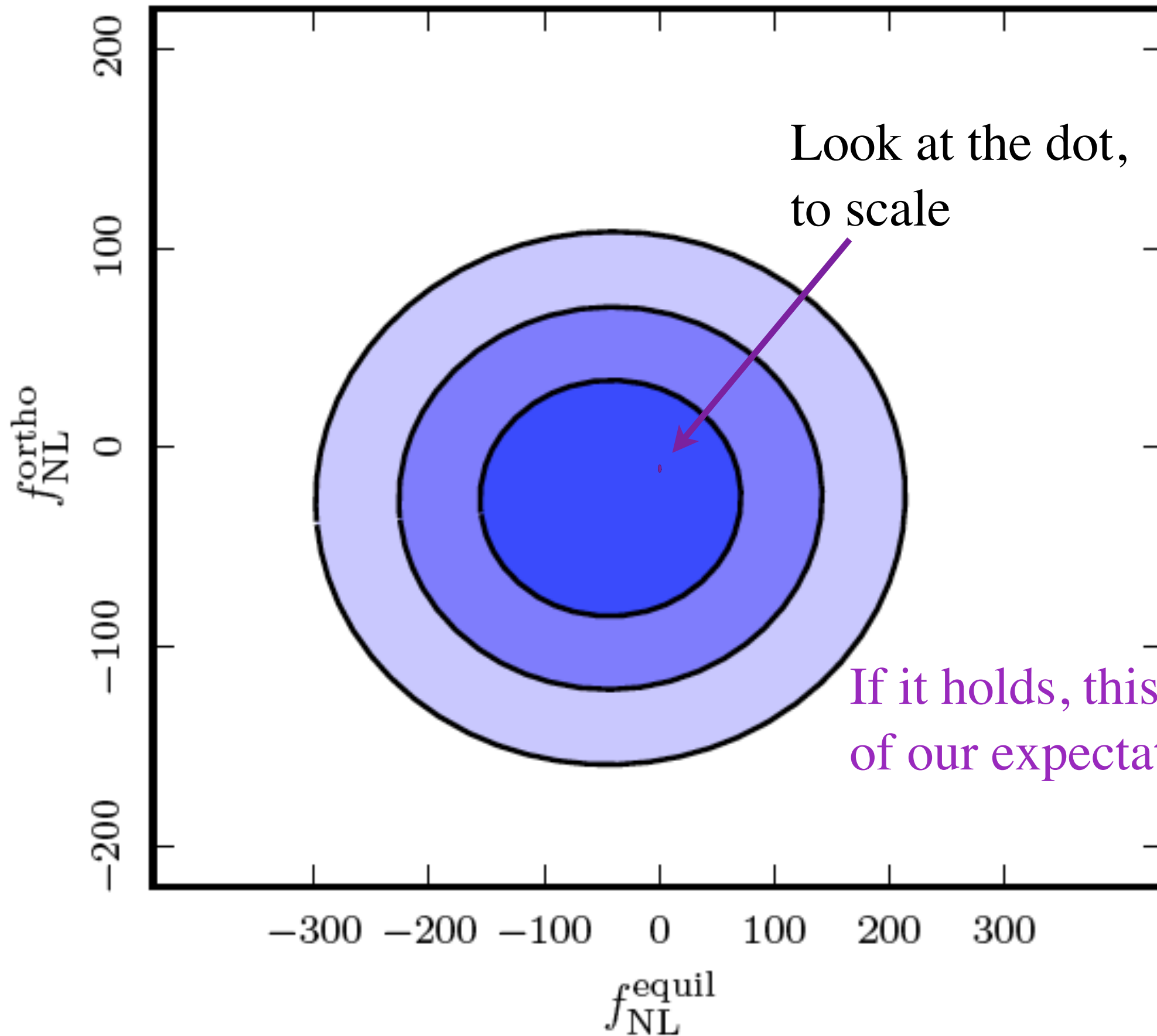
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Look at the dot,  
to scale

If it holds, this is a revolution  
of our expectations

# Construction of the Effective Field Theory

# Point-like Particle versus Extended Objects

- On short distances, we have point-like particles
  - they move

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{z}(\vec{q}, \eta)}{d\eta^2} + \mathcal{H} \frac{d\vec{z}(\vec{q}, \eta)}{d\eta} = -\vec{\partial}_x \Phi[\vec{z}(\vec{q}, \eta)]$$

- induce overdensities

$$1 + \delta(\vec{x}, \eta) = \int d^3 q \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{z}(\vec{q}, \eta))$$

- Source gravity

$$\partial^2 \Phi(\vec{x}) = \mathcal{H}^2 \delta(\vec{x})$$

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# Point-like Particle versus Extended Objects

- they induce number over-densities and real-space multipole moments

$$1 + \delta_{n,L}(\vec{x}, \eta) \equiv \int d^3 \vec{q} \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{z}_L(\vec{q}, \eta)) ,$$

$$Q^{i_1 \dots i_p}(\vec{x}, \eta) \equiv \int d^3 \vec{q} Q^{i_1 \dots i_p}(\vec{q}, \eta) \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{z}_L(\vec{q}, \eta))$$

- they source gravity with the `overall' mass

$$\partial_x^2 \Phi_L = \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{H}^2 \Omega_m \left( \delta_{n,L}(\vec{x}, \eta) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \partial_j Q^{ij}(\vec{x}, \eta) - \frac{1}{6} \partial_i \partial_j \partial_k Q^{ijk}(\vec{x}, \eta) + \dots \right) \equiv \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{H}^2 \Omega_m \delta_{m,L}(\vec{x}, \eta)$$

$$\sim \text{Energy}_{\text{electrostatic}} = qV + \vec{d} \cdot \vec{E} + \dots$$

- These equations can be derived from smoothing the point-particle equations  
–but actually these are the assumption-less equations

# How do we treat the new terms?

- Similar to treatment of material polarizability:  $\vec{d}_{\text{dipole}} \sim \vec{d}_{\text{intrinsic}} + \alpha \vec{E}$

- Take moments:

$$Q^{ij} = \langle Q^{ij} \rangle_S + Q_S^{ij} + Q_{\mathcal{R}}^{ij}$$

- Expectation value

$$\langle Q^{ij} \rangle_S = l_S^2(\eta) \delta_{ij}$$

- Response (non-local in time)  $Q_{ij,\mathcal{R}} \sim l_1(\eta)^2 \partial_i \partial_j \Phi_L(\vec{z}_L(\vec{q}, \eta))$

- Stochastic noise

$$\langle Q_S \rangle = 0 \quad \langle Q_S Q_S \dots \rangle \neq 0$$

- Overall

$$Q_{ij}(\vec{x}, t) = l_0^2(t) \delta_{ij} + l_1^2(t) \partial_i \partial_j \Phi(\vec{x}, t) + \dots$$

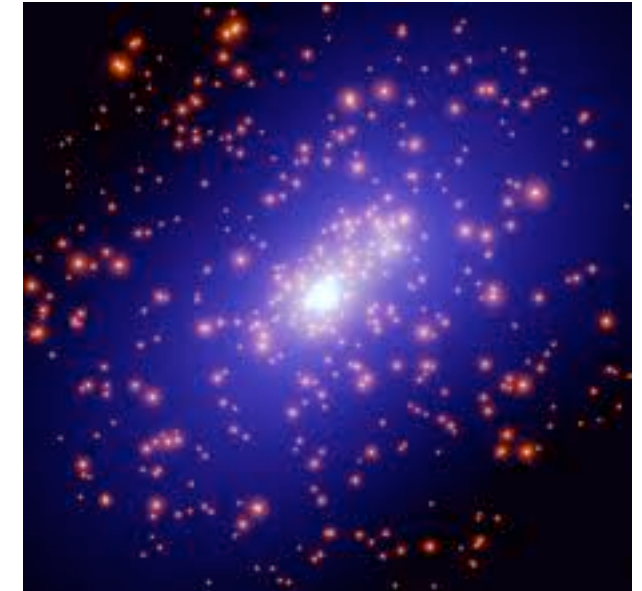
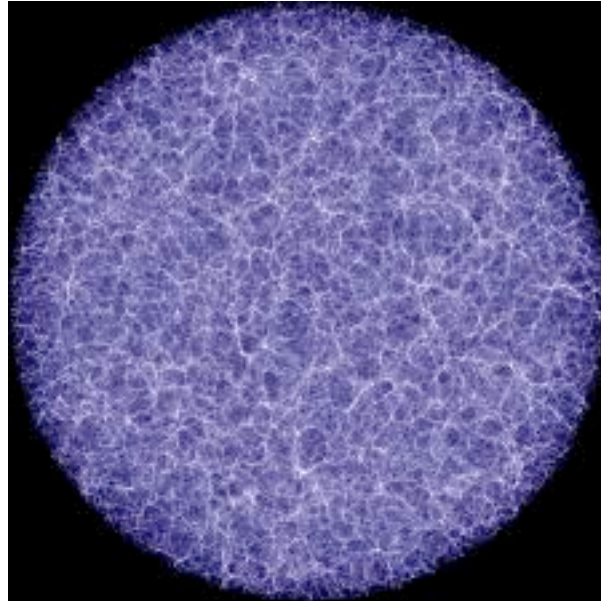
- In summary: we obtain an expression just in terms of long-wavelength variables

$$\frac{\partial^2}{H^2} \Phi(\vec{x}, t) = \delta(\vec{x}, t) + \partial_i \partial_j Q_{ij}(\delta(\vec{x}, t), \dots) + \dots$$

# This EFT is non-local in time

- For local EFT, we need hierarchy of scales.

– In space we are ok



– In time we are not ok: all modes evolve with time-scale of order Hubble



with Carrasco, Foreman and Green **1310**

Carroll, Leichenauer, Pollak **1310**

- $\Rightarrow$  The EFT is local in space, non-local in time

– Technically it does not affect much because the linear propagator is local in space

# When do we stop?

- Similar to treatment for material polarizability:  $\vec{d}_{\text{dipole}} \sim \alpha \vec{E}_{\text{electric}}$  ,  $Q_{ij}^{\text{electric}} = c E_i E_j$  , ...
- Short distance physics is taken into account by expectation value, response, and noise
- Poisson equation breaks when  $\delta_{n,L}(\vec{x}, \eta) \sim \partial_i \partial_j Q^{ij}(\vec{x}, \eta)$ 
  - gravitational potential from quadrupole moment  $\sim$  the one from center of mass
- By dimensional analysis, this happens for distances shorter than a critical length
  - the **non-linear scale**  $k \gtrsim k_{\text{NL}}$
  - on long distances,  $k \ll k_{\text{NL}}$ , write as many terms as precision requires.
    - Manifestly convergent expansion in  $\left( \frac{k}{k_{\text{NL}}} \right) \ll 1$

# Connecting with the Eulerian Treatment

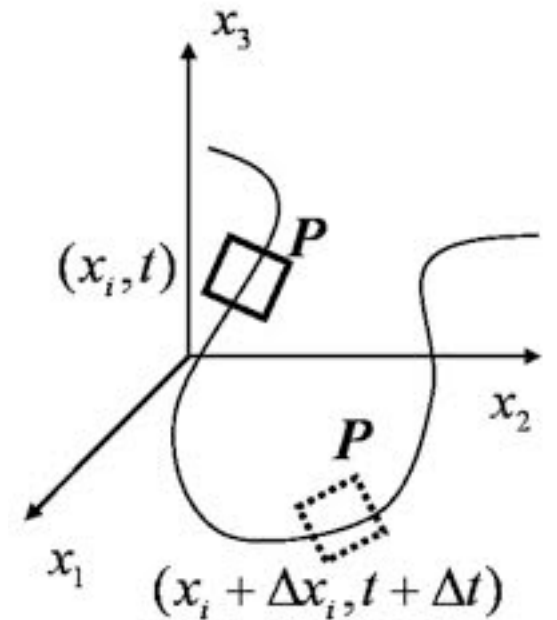
- In the universe, finite-size particles move

$$\vec{z}(\vec{q}, t) = \vec{q} + \vec{s}(\vec{q}, t)$$

- In Lagrangian space, we do not expand in  $\vec{s}(\vec{q}, t)$

- In Eulerian, we do: we describe particles from a fixed position

– Expand in  $k s \ll 1$



# Connecting with the Eulerian Treatment

- The resulting equations are equivalent to Eulerian fluid-like equations

$$\nabla^2 \phi = H^2 \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho}$$

$$\partial_t \rho + H \rho + \partial_i (\rho v^i) = 0$$

$$\dot{v}^i + H v^i + v^j \partial_j v^i = \frac{1}{\rho} \partial_j \tau^{ij}$$

–here it appears a non trivial stress tensor for the long-distance fluid

$$\tau_{ij} = p_0 \delta_{ij} + c_s^2 \delta_{ij} \partial^2 \delta \rho + \dots$$

# Perturbation Theory with the EFT



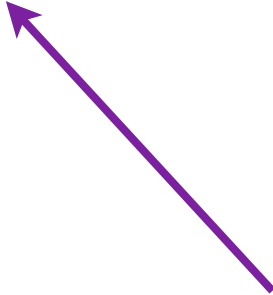
# Perturbation Theory within the EFT

- In the EFT we can solve iteratively (loop expansion)  $\delta_\ell, v_\ell, \Phi_\ell \ll 1$

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$$\Rightarrow P_{1\text{-loop, counter}} = c_{\text{counter}}^\Lambda \left(\frac{k}{k_{\text{NL}}}\right)^2 P_{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_{\text{counter}}^\Lambda = -c_1^\Lambda + \delta c_{\text{counter}} \left(\frac{k_{\text{NL}}}{\Lambda}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{1\text{-loop}} + P_{1\text{-loop, counter}} = \delta c_{\text{counter}} \left(\frac{k}{k_{\text{NL}}}\right)^2 P_{11} + c_1^{\text{finite}} \left(\frac{k}{k_{\text{NL}}}\right)^3 P_{11}$$

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- the subleading finite term is not degenerate with a counterterm.
  - it cannot be changed
  - it is calculable by the EFT
    - so it predicts an observation  $c_1^{\text{finite}} = 0.044$

# Lesson from Renormalization

- Each loop-order  $L$  contributed a finite, calculable term of order

$$P_{L\text{-loops}} \sim \left( \frac{k}{k_{\text{NL}}} \right)^L$$

– each higher-loop is smaller and smaller

- This happens **after** canceling the divergencies with counterterms

$$P_{L\text{-loops}; \text{ without counterterms}} = \left( \frac{\Lambda}{k_{\text{NL}}} \right)^L \frac{k^2}{k_{\text{NL}}^2} P(k)$$

- each loop contributes the same
- Up to 2-loops, we need only the 1-loop counterterm

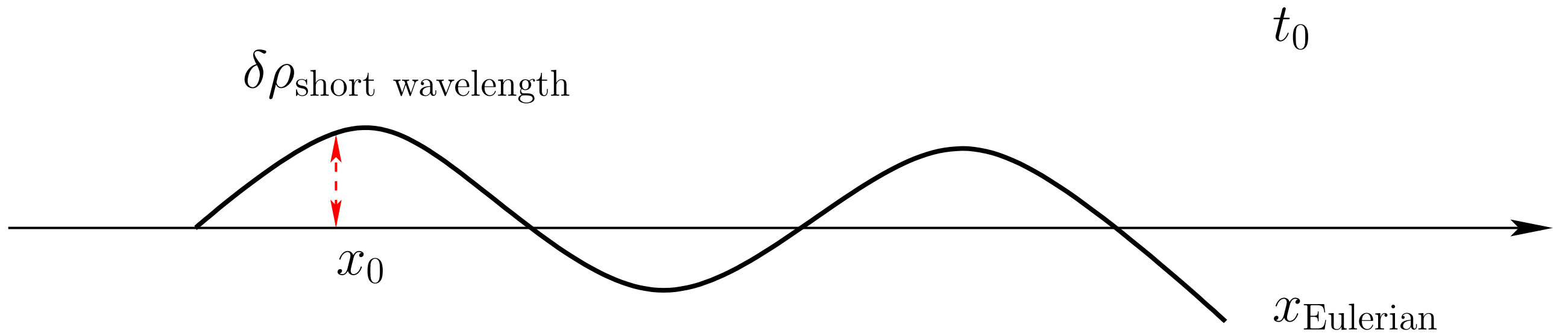
# IR-effects

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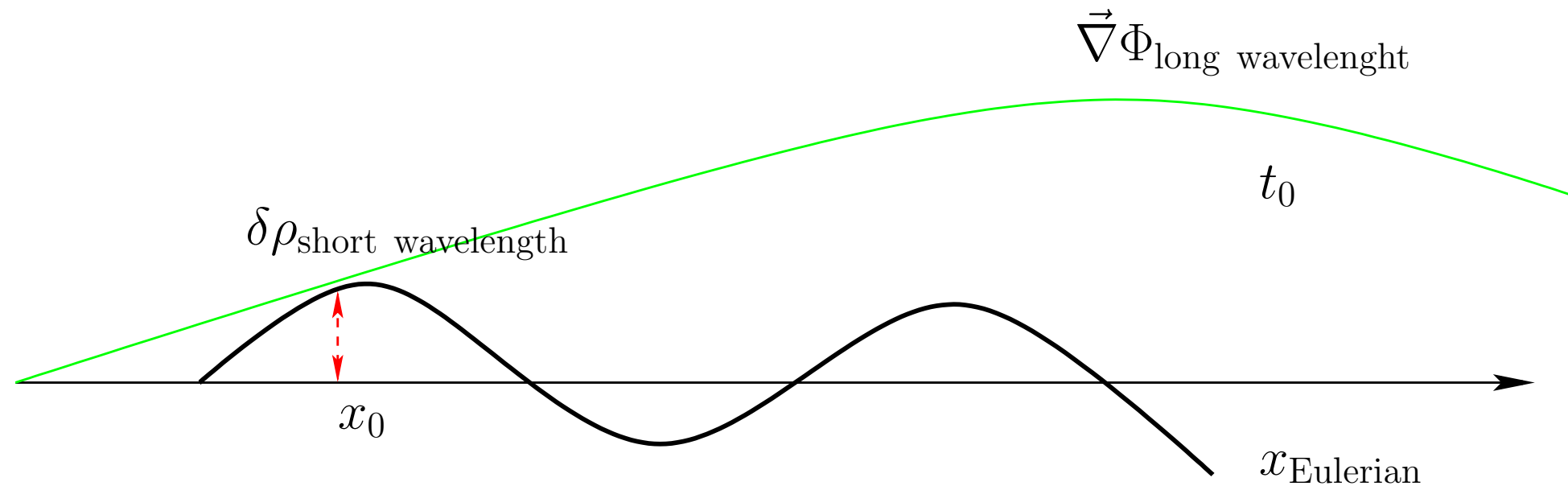
# The Effect of Long-modes on Shorter ones

- In Eulerian treatment



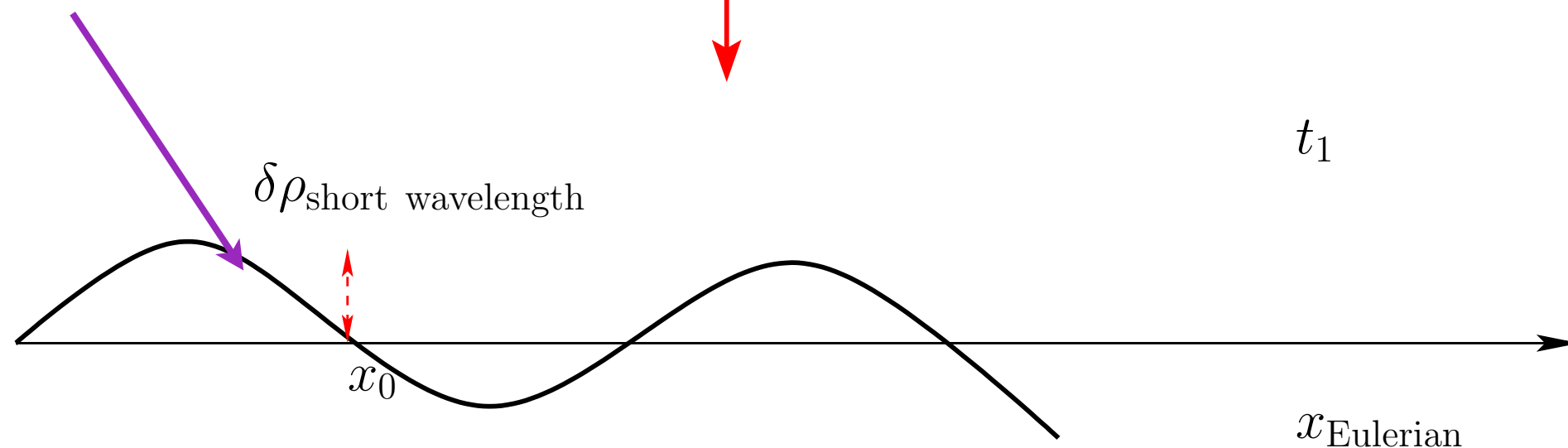
# The Effect of Long-modes

- Add a long 'trivial' force (trivial by GR)
- This tells you that one can resum the IR modes: this is the Lagrangian treatment



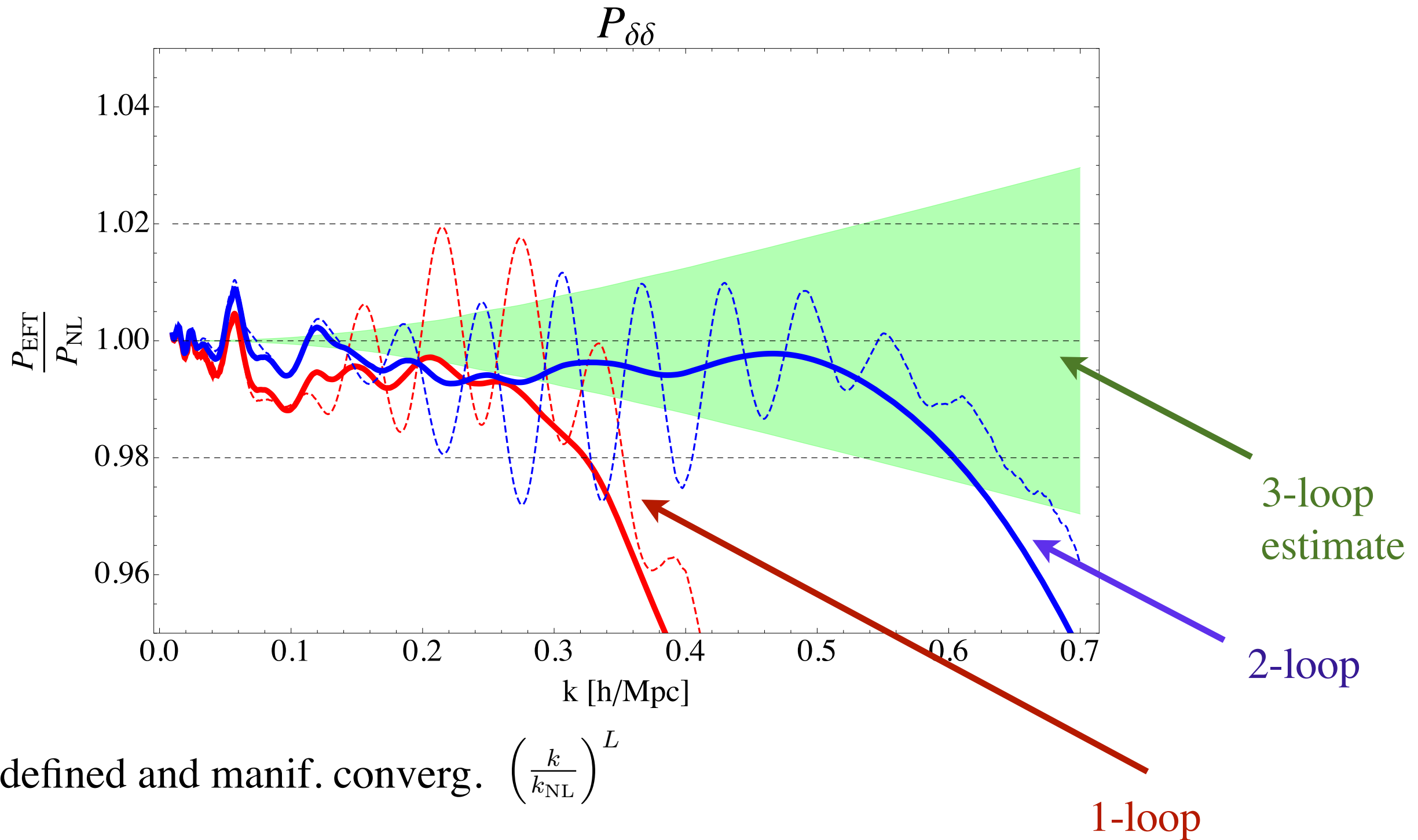
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Big 'trivial' Perturbation



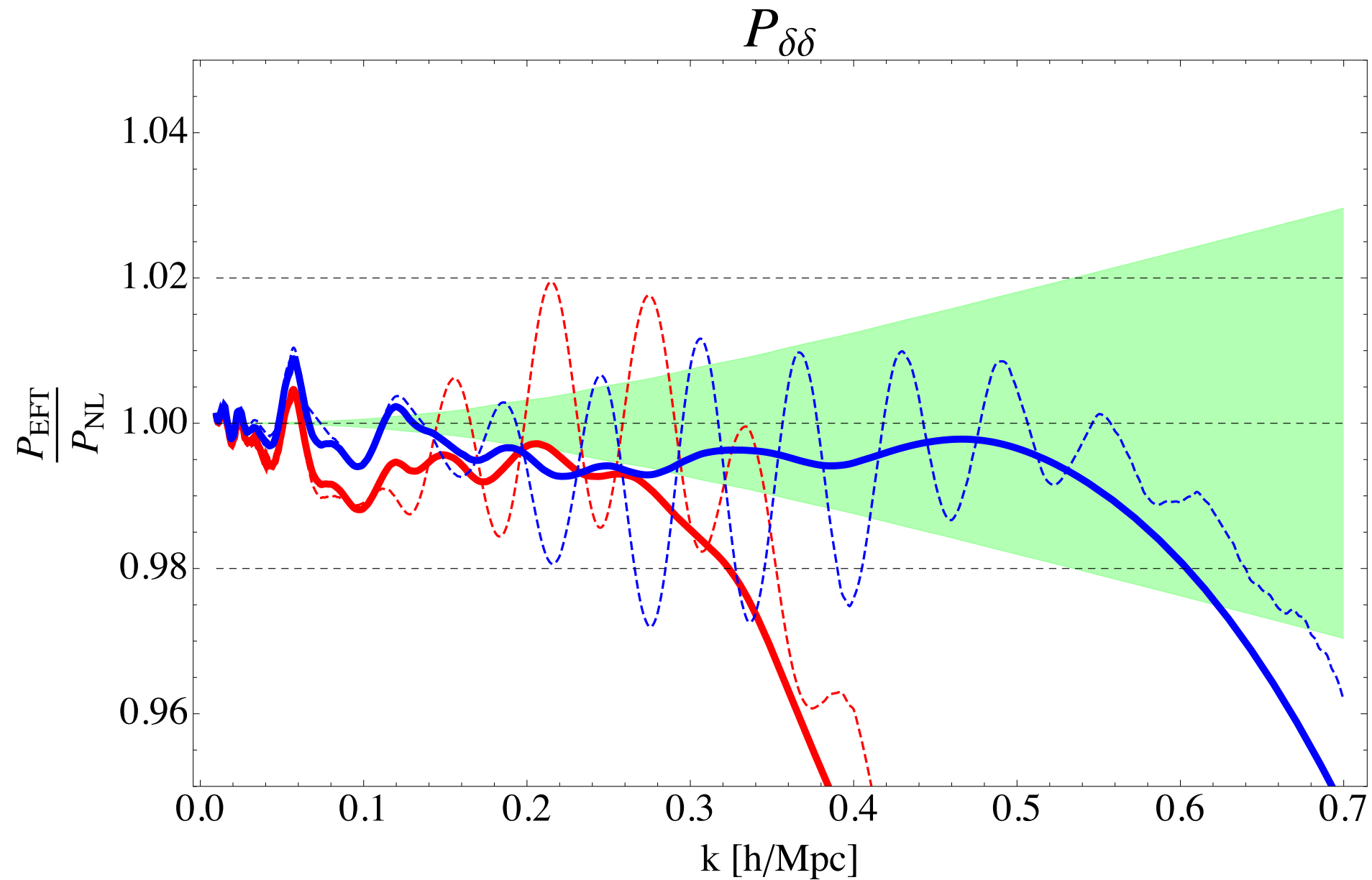
# Results

# EFT of Large Scale Structures



- Well defined and manif. converg.  $\left(\frac{k}{k_{\text{NL}}}\right)^L$
- Every perturbative order improves the agreement as it should
- We know when we should fail, and we fail when we should

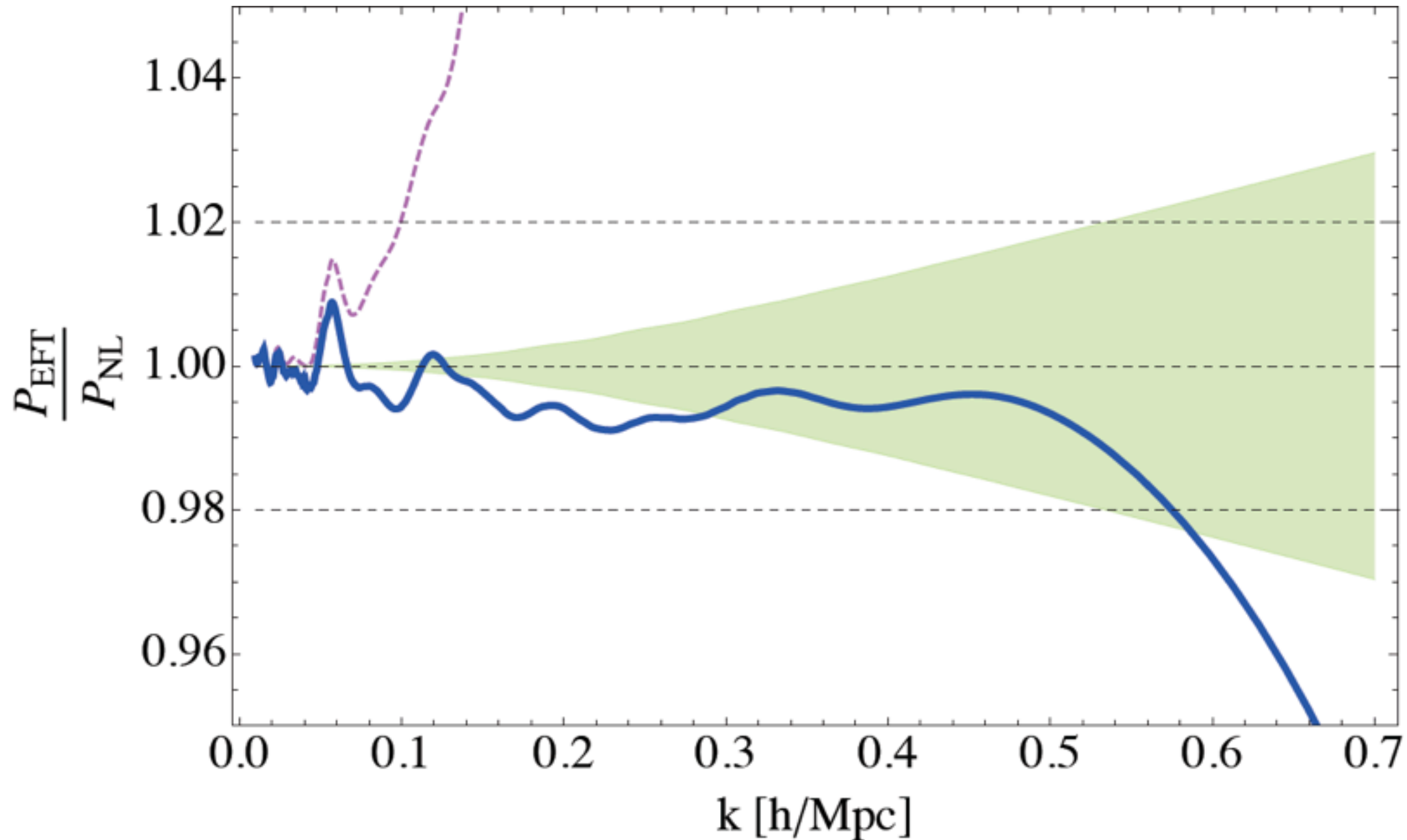
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- The lines with oscillations are obtained without resummation in the IR

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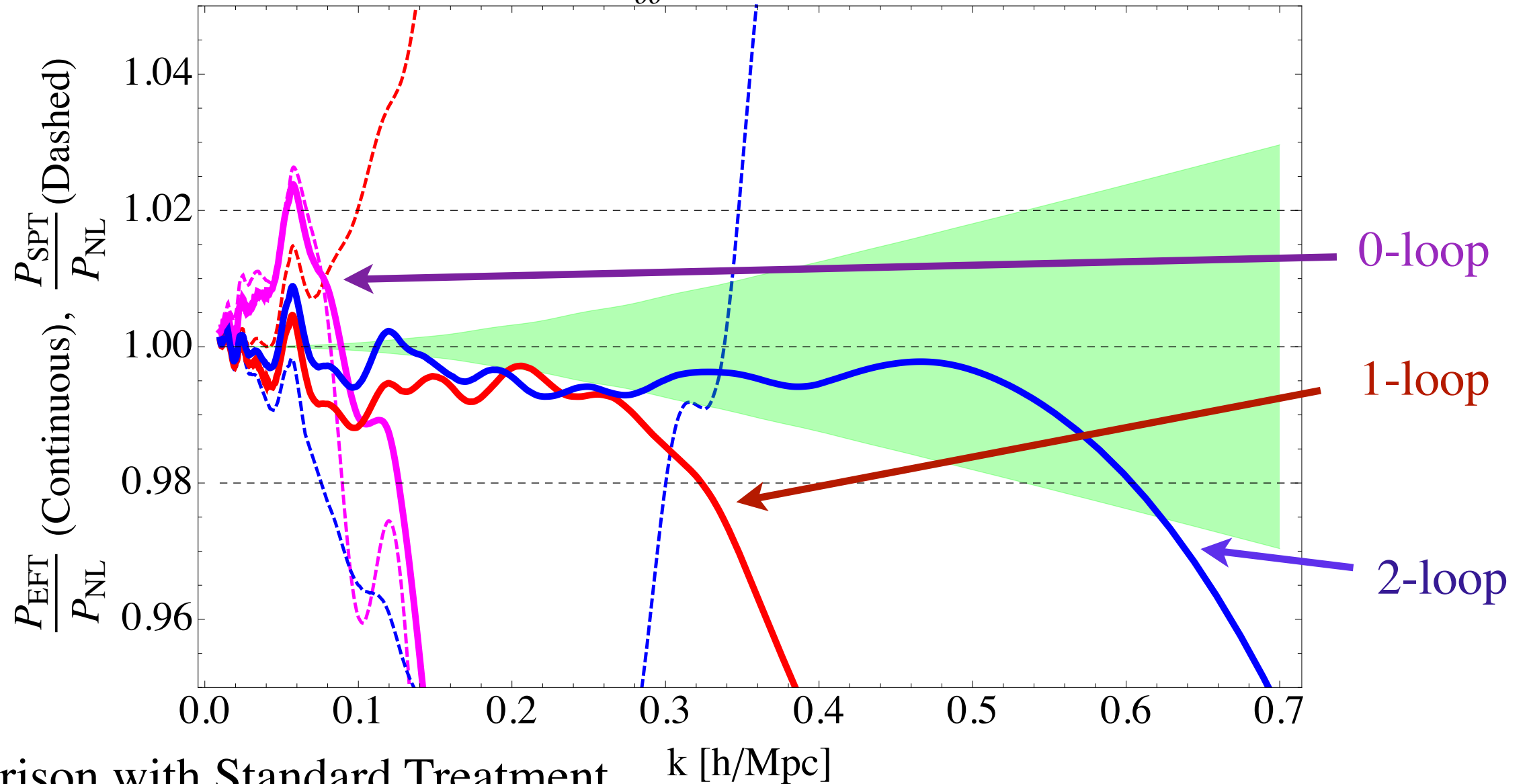


- we fit until  $k_{\text{max}} \simeq 0.6 h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ , as where we should stop fitting
  - there are 200 more quasi linear modes than previously believed!

with Zaldarriaga **1404**

# EFT of Large Scale Structures

$P_{\delta\delta}$  EFT Vs SPT



- Comparison with Standard Treatment
- For the EFT, change from 1-loop to 2-loop predicted

$$P_{\text{EFT-2-loop}} = P_{11} + P_{1\text{-loop}} + P_{2\text{-loop}} - 2(2\pi)(c_{s(1)}^2 + c_{s(2)}^2) \frac{k^2}{k_{\text{NL}}^2} P_{11} + (2\pi)c_{s(1)}^2 P_{1\text{-loop}}^{(c_s,p)} + (2\pi)^2 c_{s(1)}^4 \frac{k^4}{k_{\text{NL}}^4} P_{11}$$

- the other new terms are clearly important
- they ‘conspire’ to the right answer

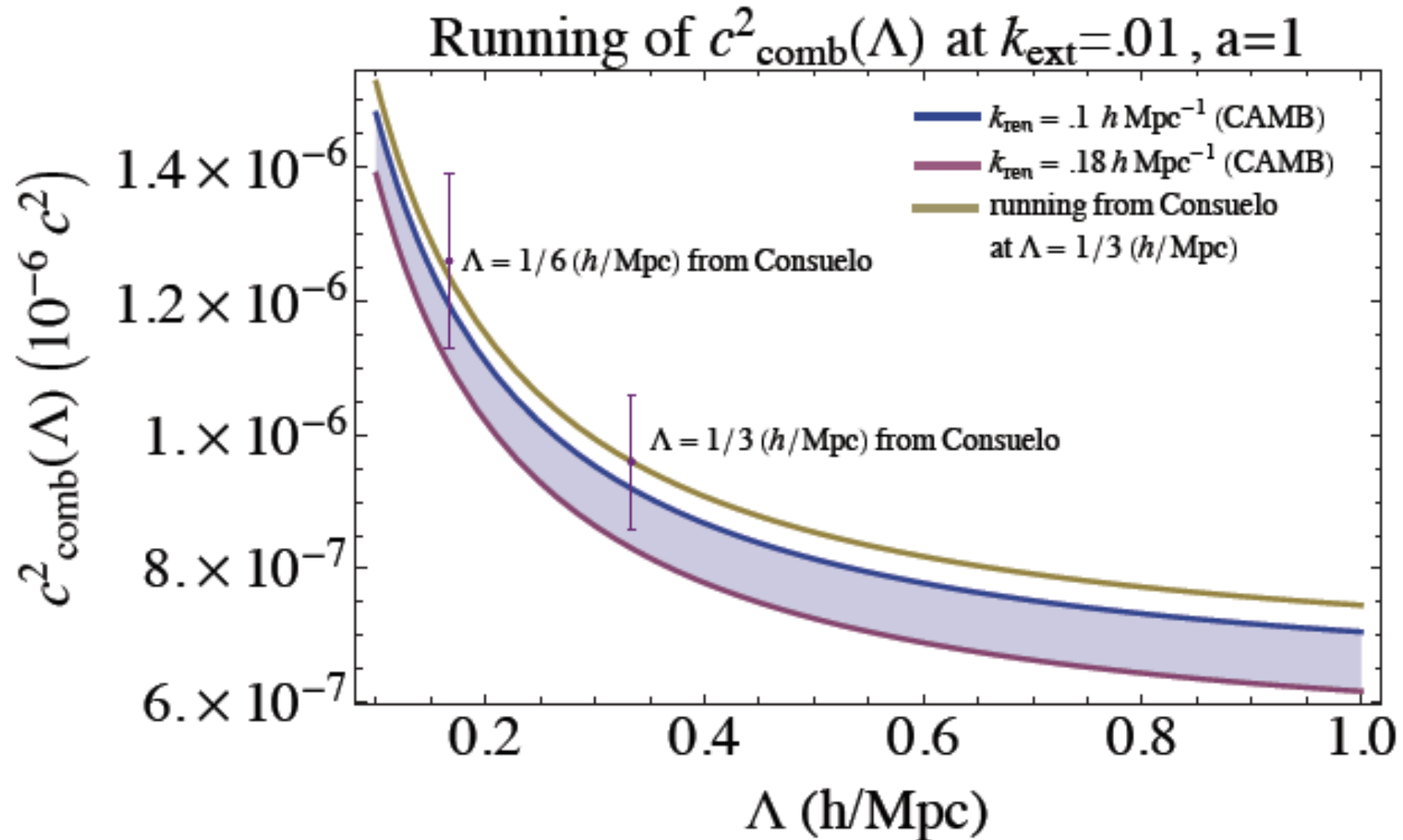
# Measuring Parameters from small N-body Simulations



# Measuring parameters from N-body sims.

- The EFT parameters can be measured from **small** N-body simulations
  - similar to what happens in QCD: lattice sims
- As you change smoothing scale, the result changes

$$\frac{d c_s}{d \Lambda} = \frac{d}{d \Lambda} \int^{\Lambda} d^3 k P_{13}(k)$$

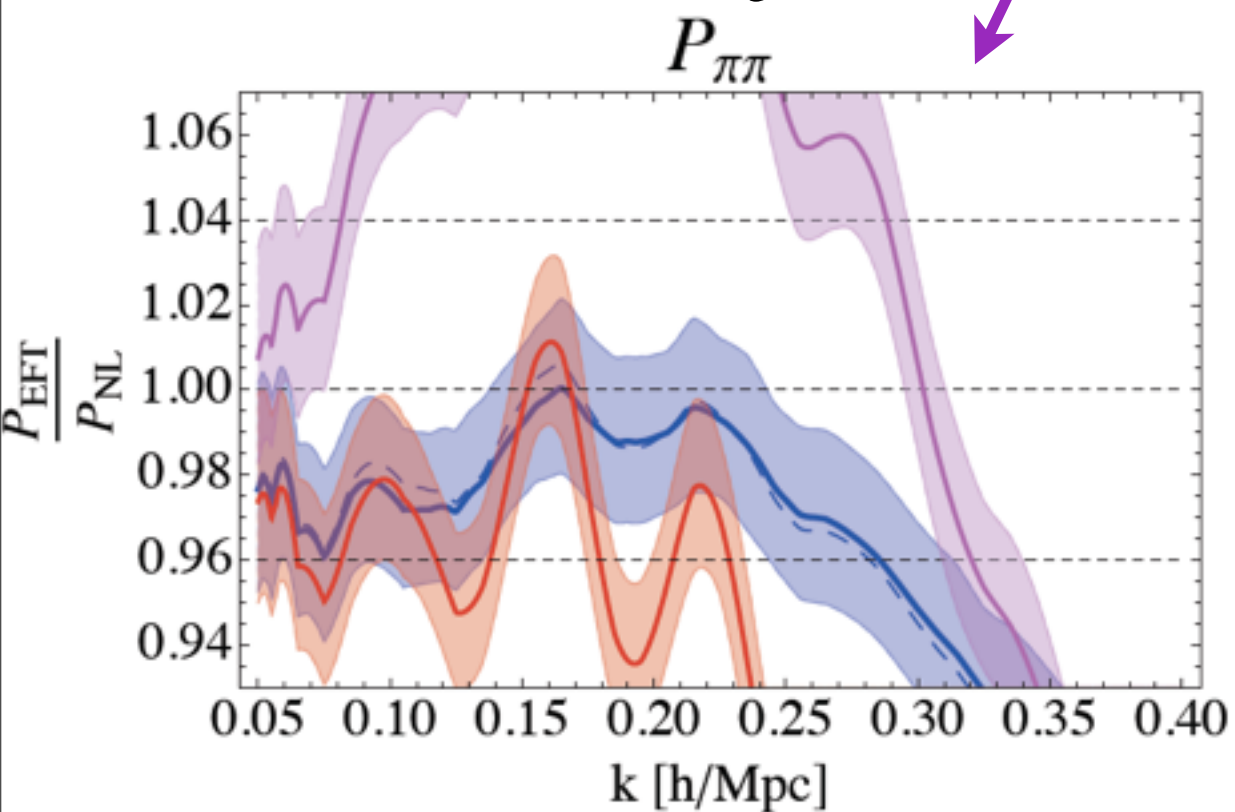


- Perfect agreement with fitting at low energies
  - like measuring  $F_\pi$  from lattice sims and  $\pi\pi$  scattering

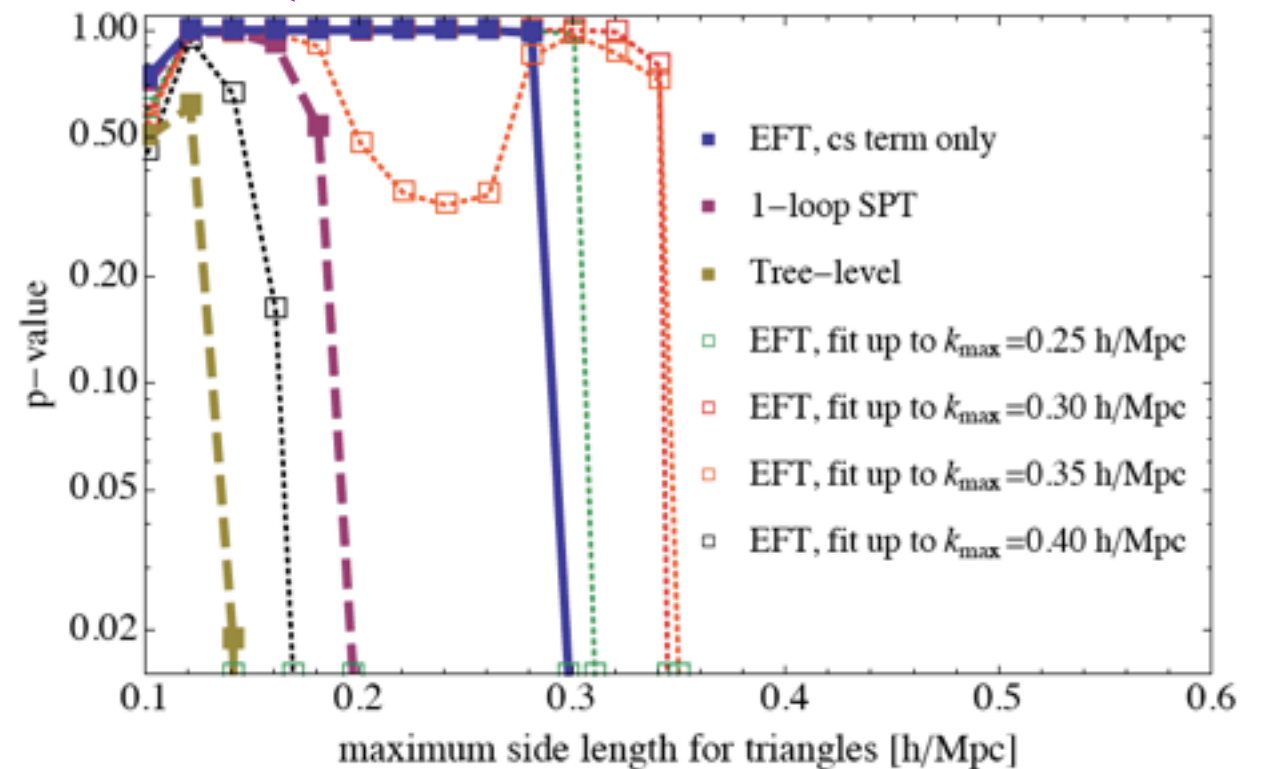
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# Momentum and Bispectrum

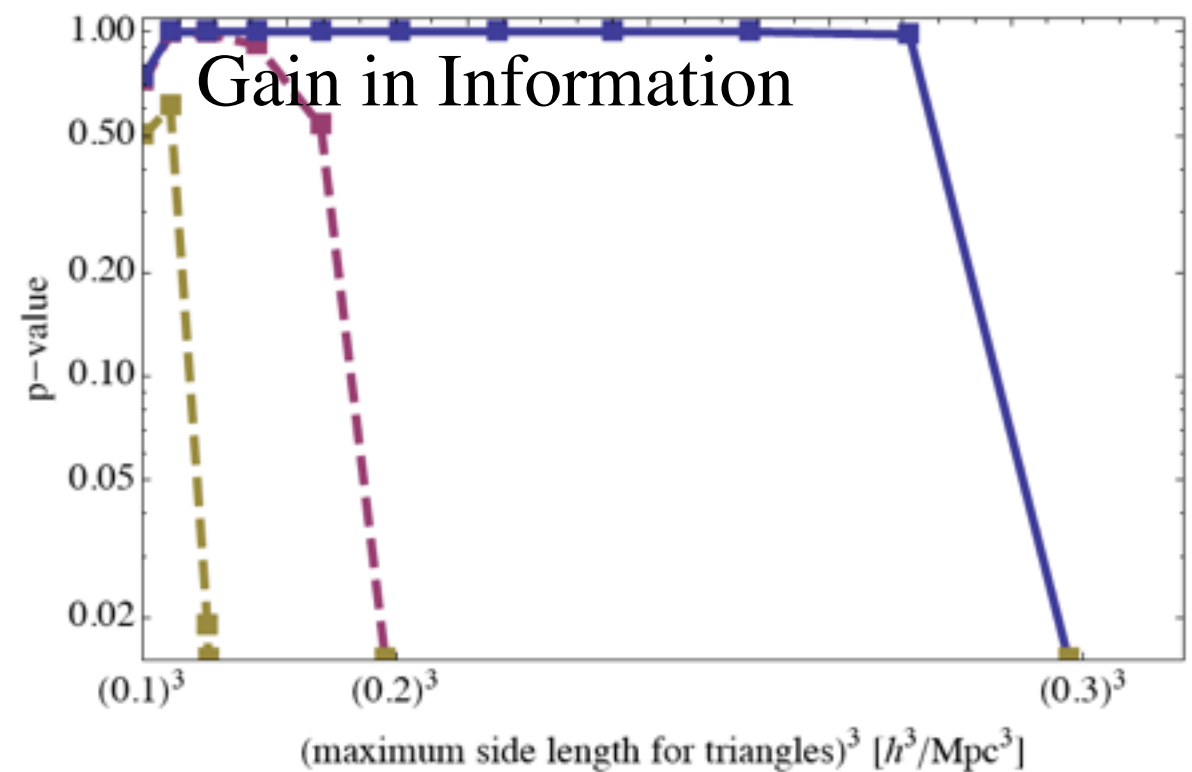
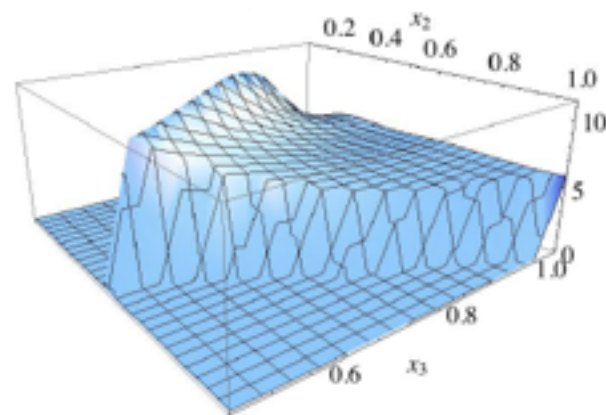
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- At one-loop, similarly great results
  - with no additional parameter
  - as good as they should

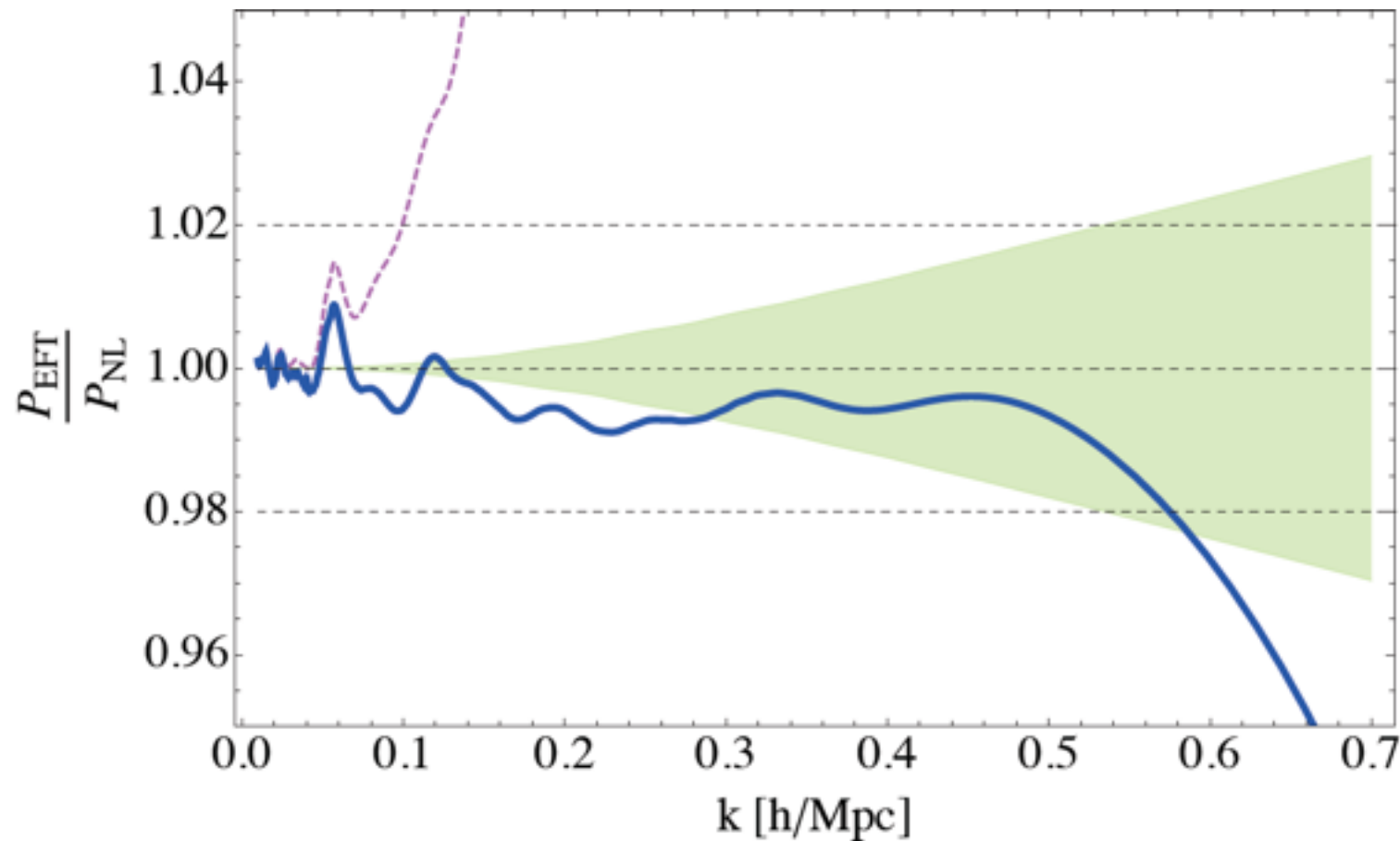


- Similar formulas just worked out for Bias

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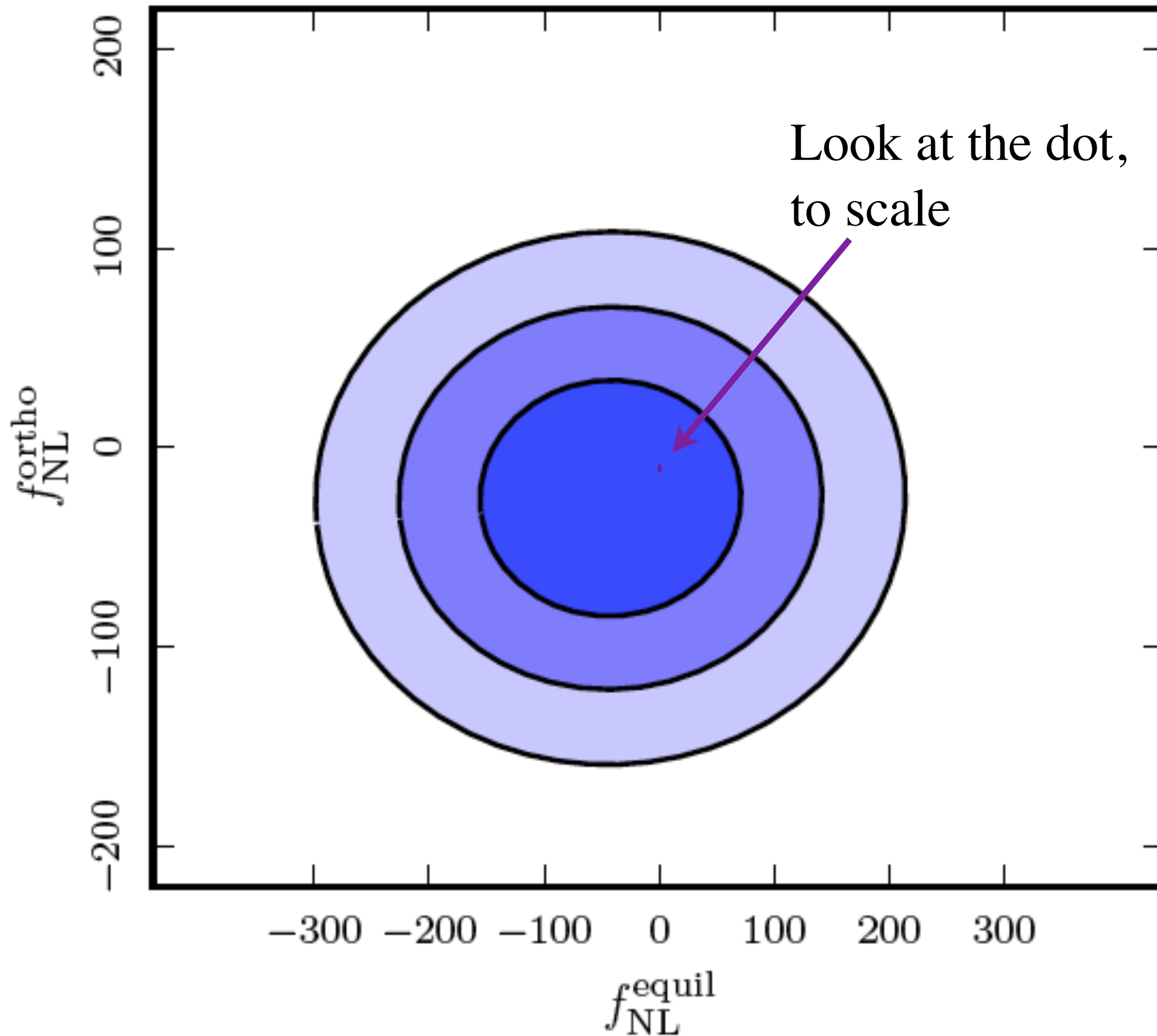
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# EFT of Large Scale Structures



- A manifestly convergent perturbation theory  $\left(\frac{k}{k_{\text{NL}}}\right)^L$
- we fit until  $k_{\text{max}} \simeq 0.6 h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ , as where we should stop fitting
  - there are 200 more quasi linear modes than previously believed!
  - huge impact on possibilities, for ex:  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{equil., orthog.}} \lesssim 1$
- Can all of us handle it?! This is an huge opportunity and a challenge for us

With this



# Conclusions

- Many (most?) of the features of QFT appear in the EFT of LSS:
  - Loops, divergencies, counterterms and renormalization
  - non-renormalization theorems
  - Calculable and non-calculable terms
  - Measurements in lattice and lattice-running
  - IR-divergencies
- Results seem to be amazing, many calculations and verifications to do:
  - like if we just learned perturbative QCD, and LHC was soon turning on
    - higher  $n$ -point functions
    - Validation with simulation
  - With a growing number of groups (Caltech, Princeton, IAS, Cambridge, CEA, Zurich..., immediately after 2-loop result, a Princeton workshop was organized)
- If this works, the 10-yr future of Early Cosmology is good, even with no luck

# The BAO peak in '5 minutes'

- The IR-resummation is crucial to get the BAO peak right.
  - we can do this very quickly.

with Zaldarriaga 1404

