

# Optimal Transport Reconstruction of the Cosmic Web

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Motivation (Cosmology)

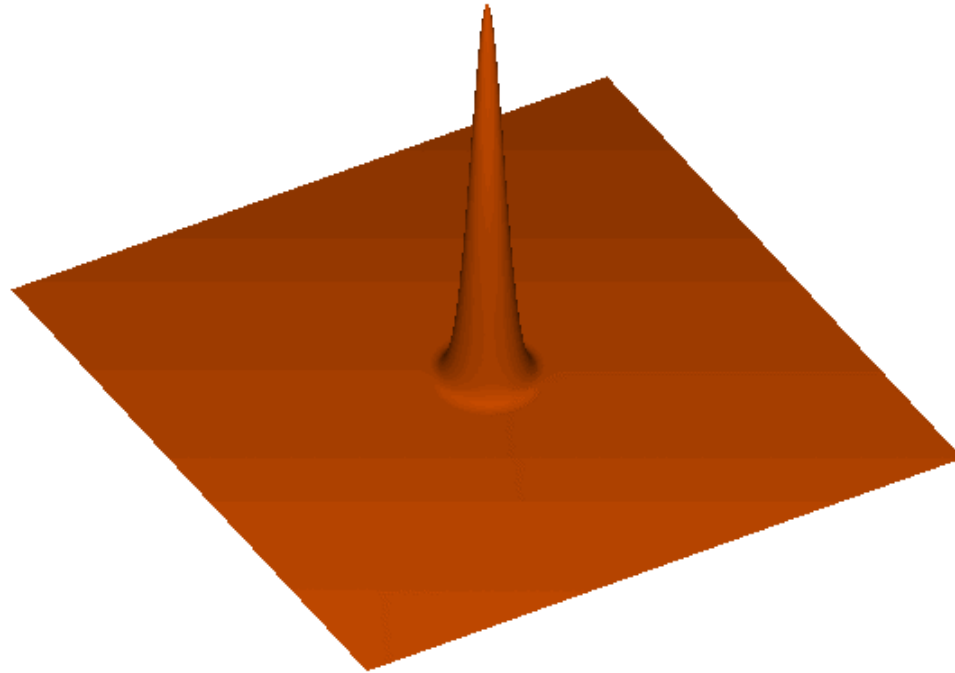
Reconstruction (OT)

Complications (Real-world)

CMB from interaction between photons and baryons when Universe was 3,000 degrees (about 380,000 years old)

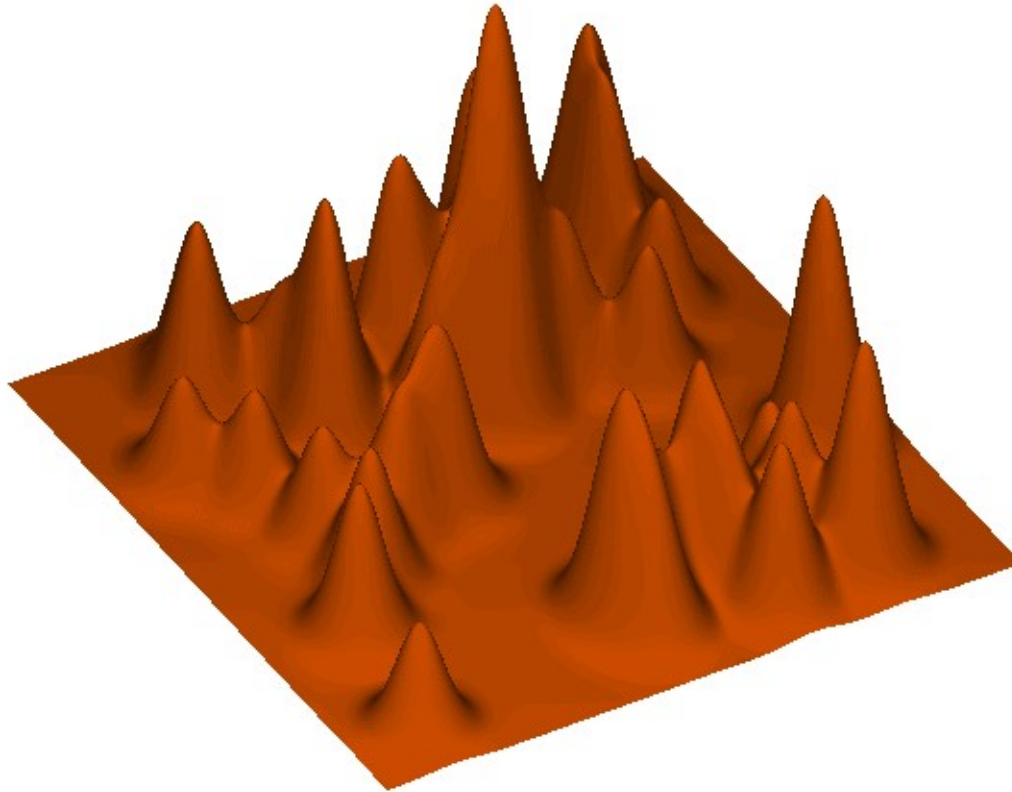
- Do galaxies which formed much later carry a memory of this epoch of last scattering?

Photons 'drag' baryons for  $\sim 400,000$  years (time set by  $\Omega_m h^2$ ) at speed  $\sim c/[3(1 + 3\rho_b/4\rho_\gamma)]^{1/2}$  (set by  $\Omega_b h^2$ ) ...  
300,000 light years  $\sim 100,000$  pc  $\sim 100$  kpc



Expansion of Universe since then stretches this to  $(3000/2.725) \times 100$  kpc  $\sim 100$  Mpc

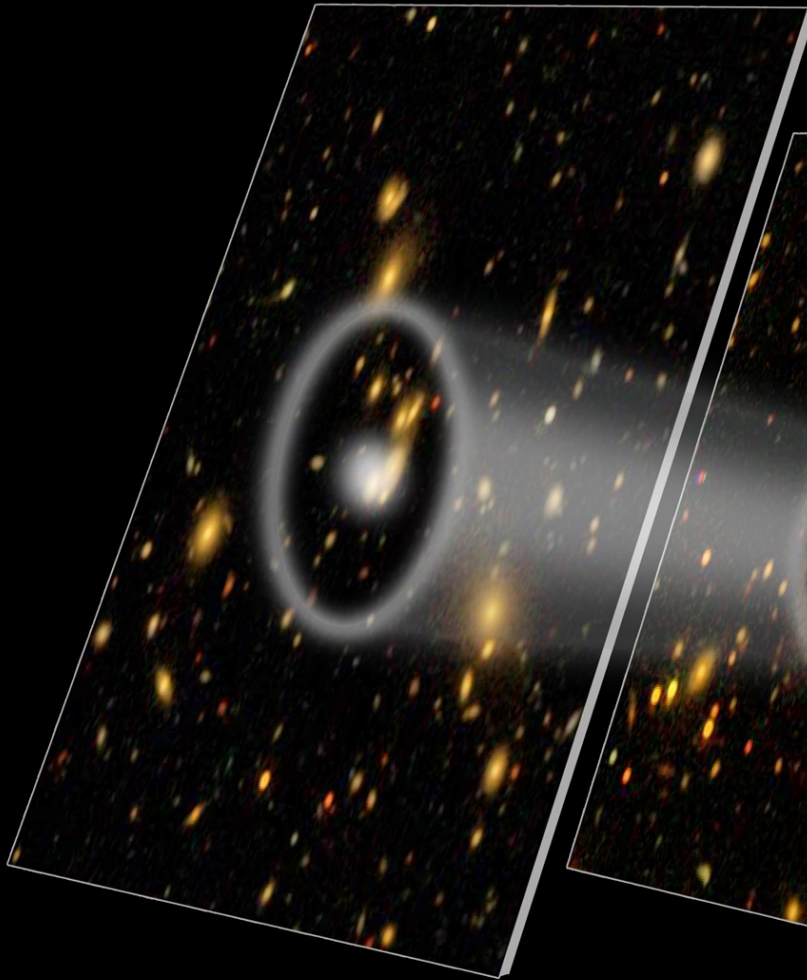
Expect to see a feature in the Baryon distribution  
on scales of 100 Mpc today



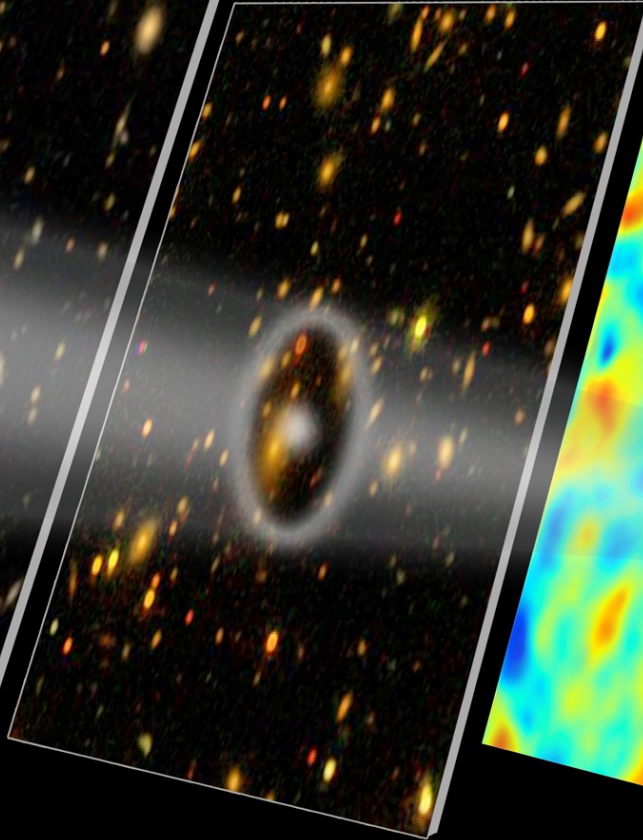
But this feature is like a standard rod:  
We see it in the CMB itself at  $z \sim 1000$   
Should see it in the galaxy distribution at other  $z$

# Cartoon of expected effect

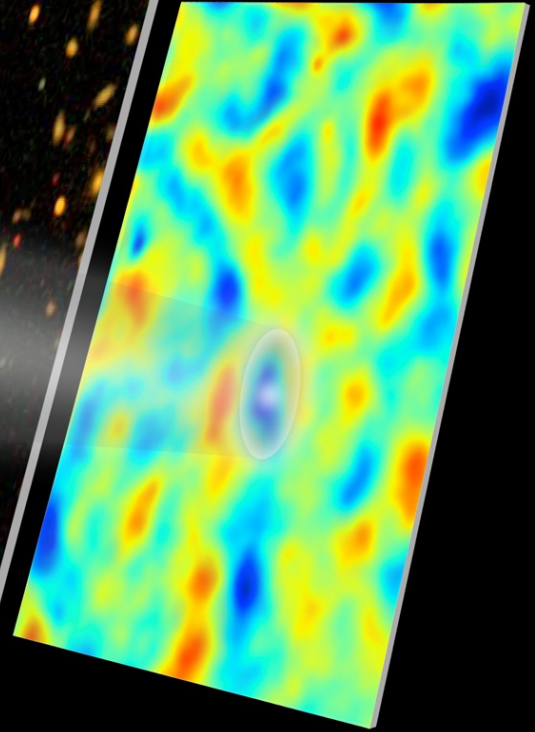




Galaxy map 3.8 billion years ago



Galaxy map 5.5 billion years ago

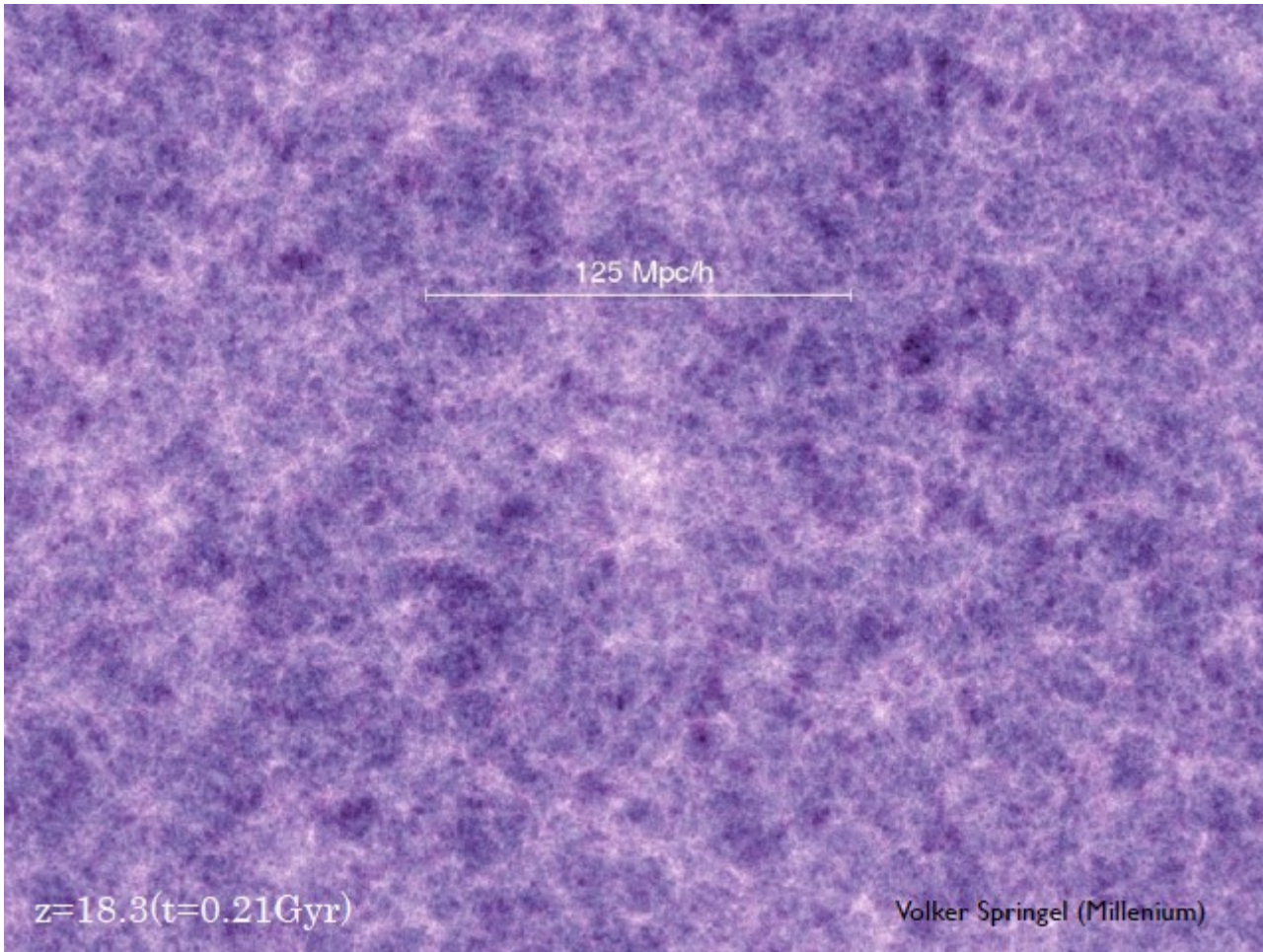


CMB 13.7 billion years ago

Mapping the expansion history:

Cosmology from the same physics  
imprinted in the galaxy distribution at  
different redshifts *if* BAO feature at  
late times same as initial

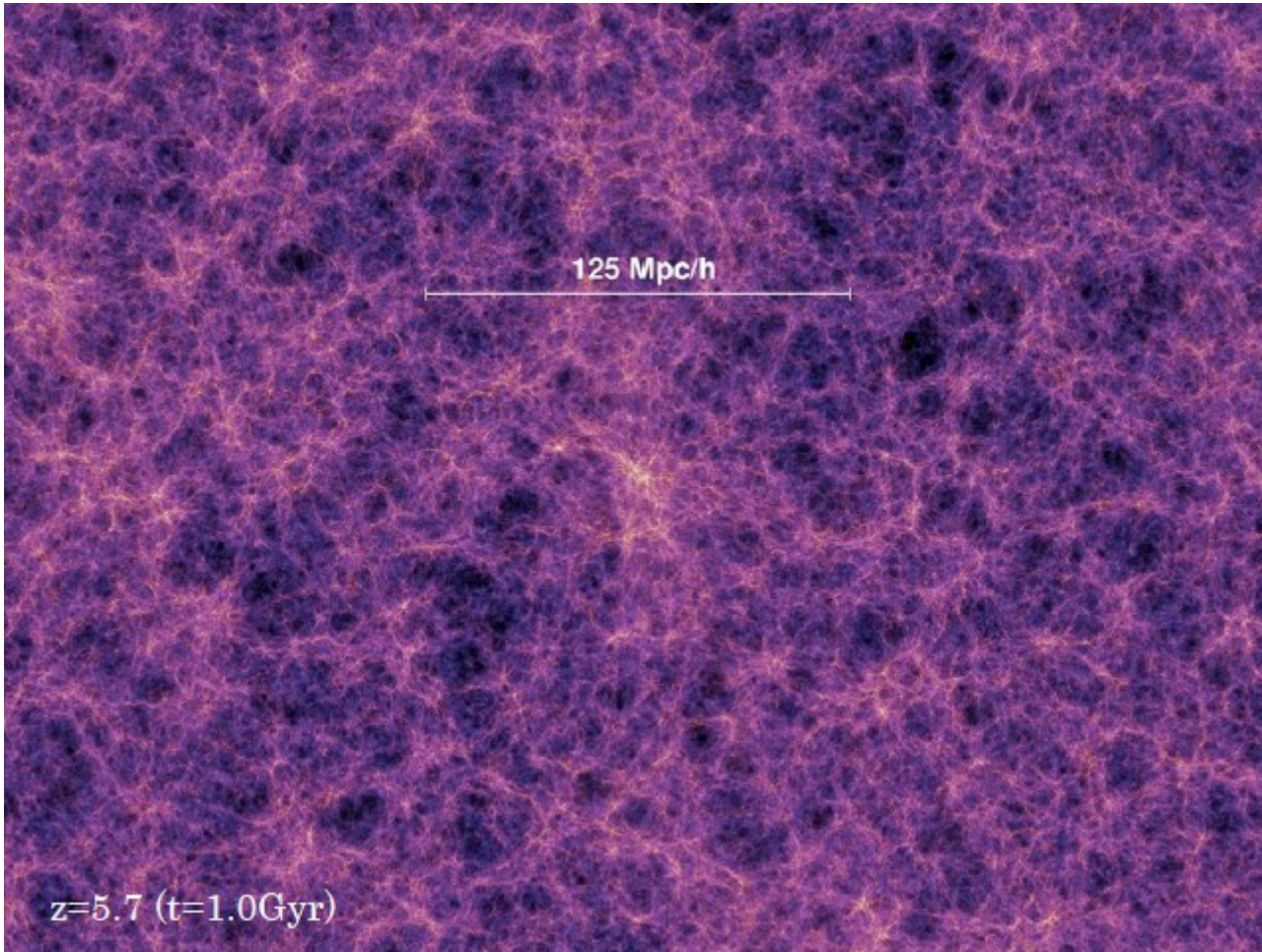




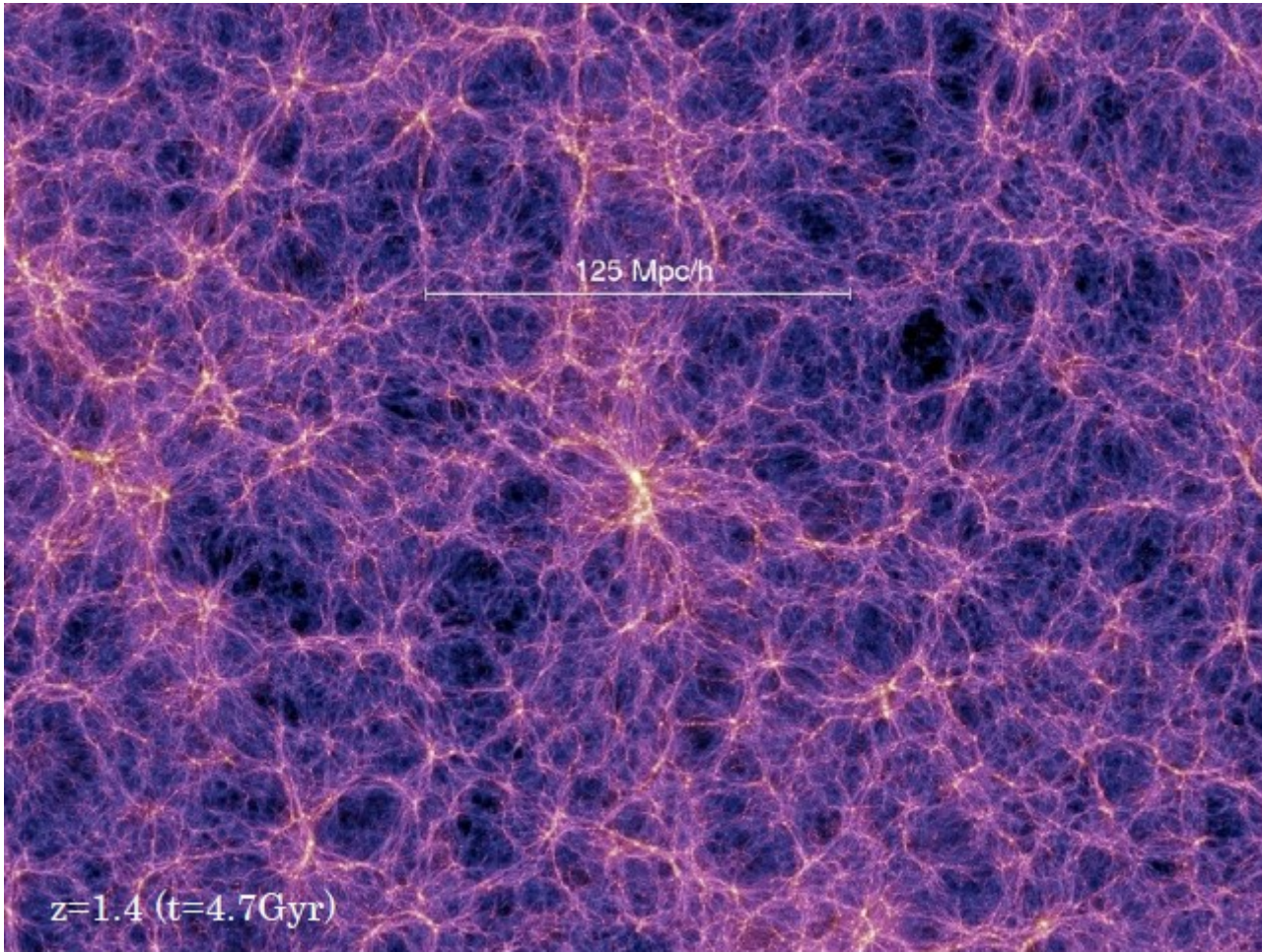
$z=18.3(t=0.21\text{Gyr})$

Volker Springel (Millenium)

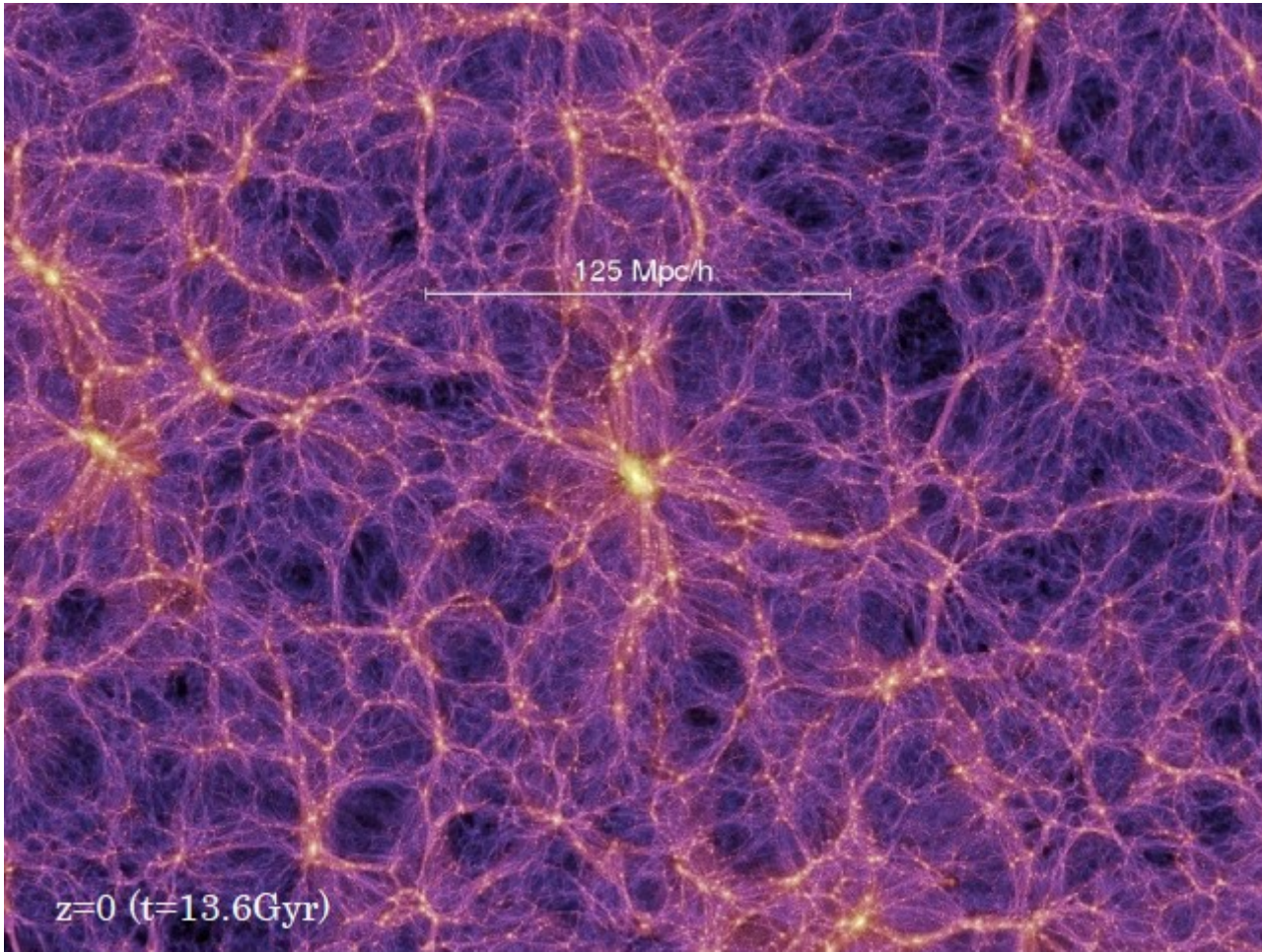
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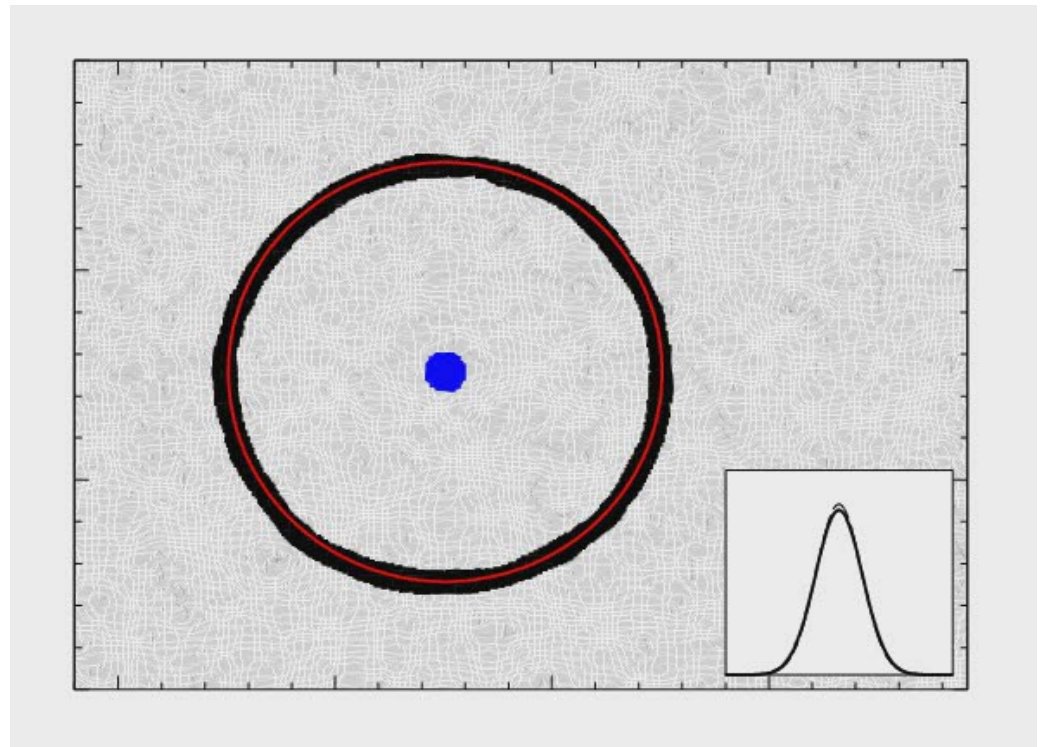


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Springel et al. 2005

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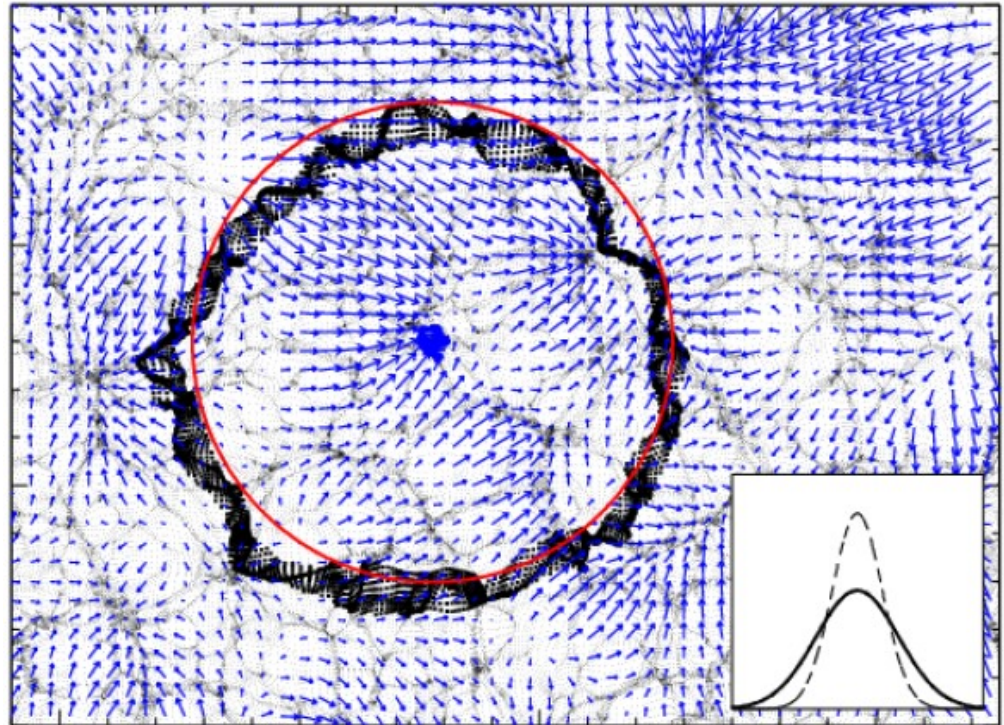
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Gaussian random  
number with rms  
 $\sim 7$  Mpc



Padmanabhan et al. 2012

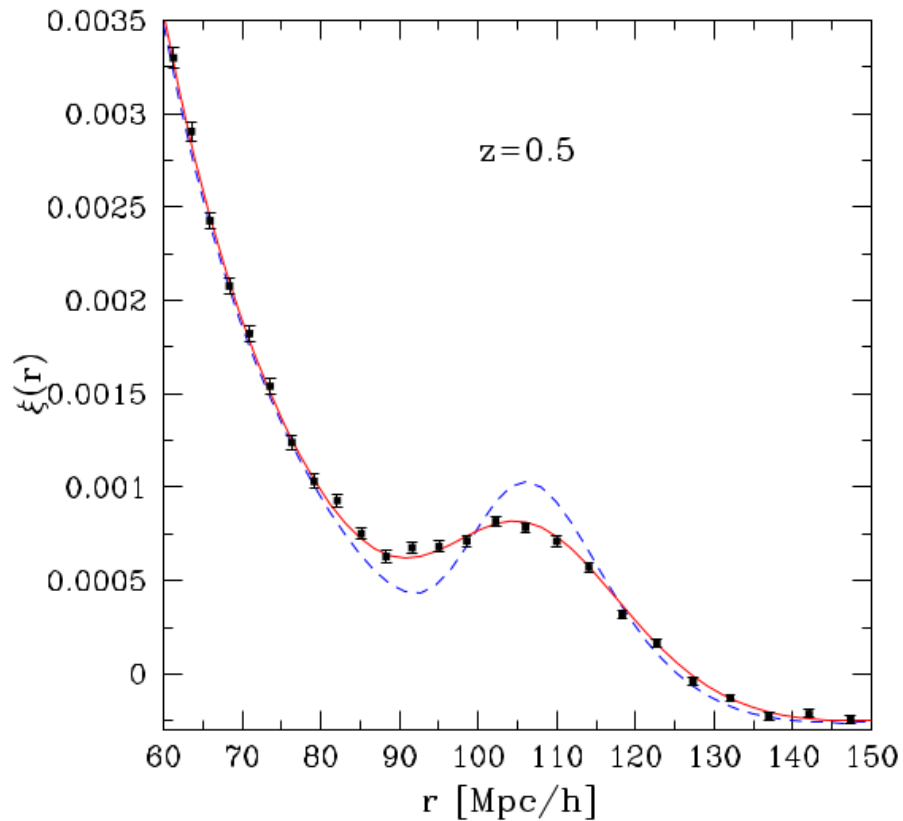
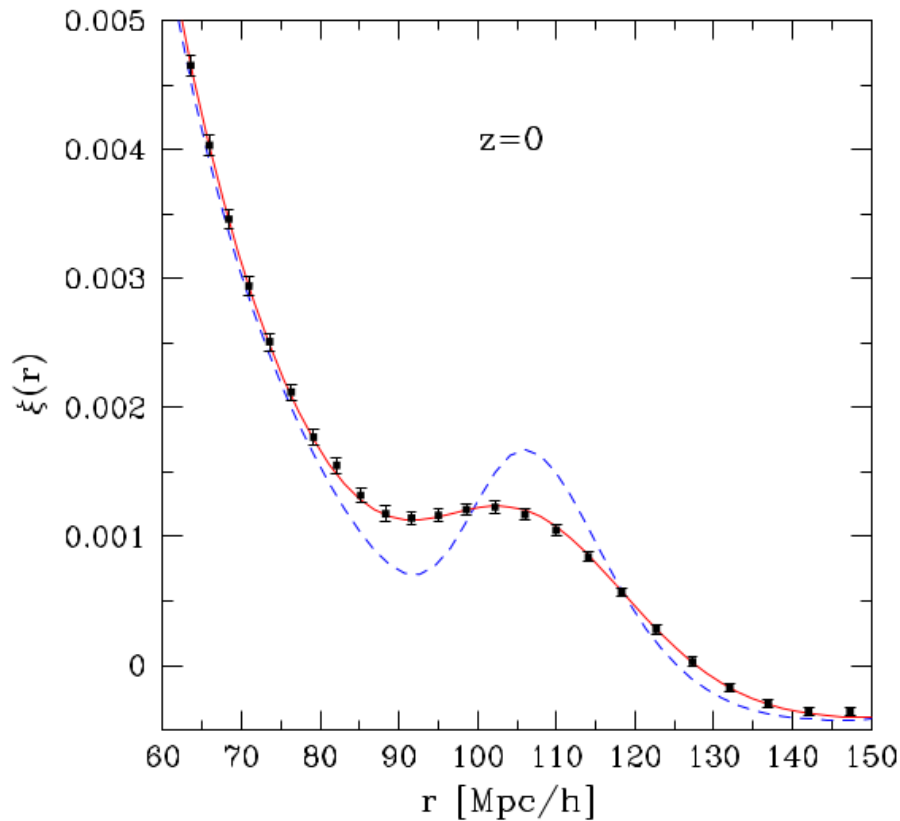
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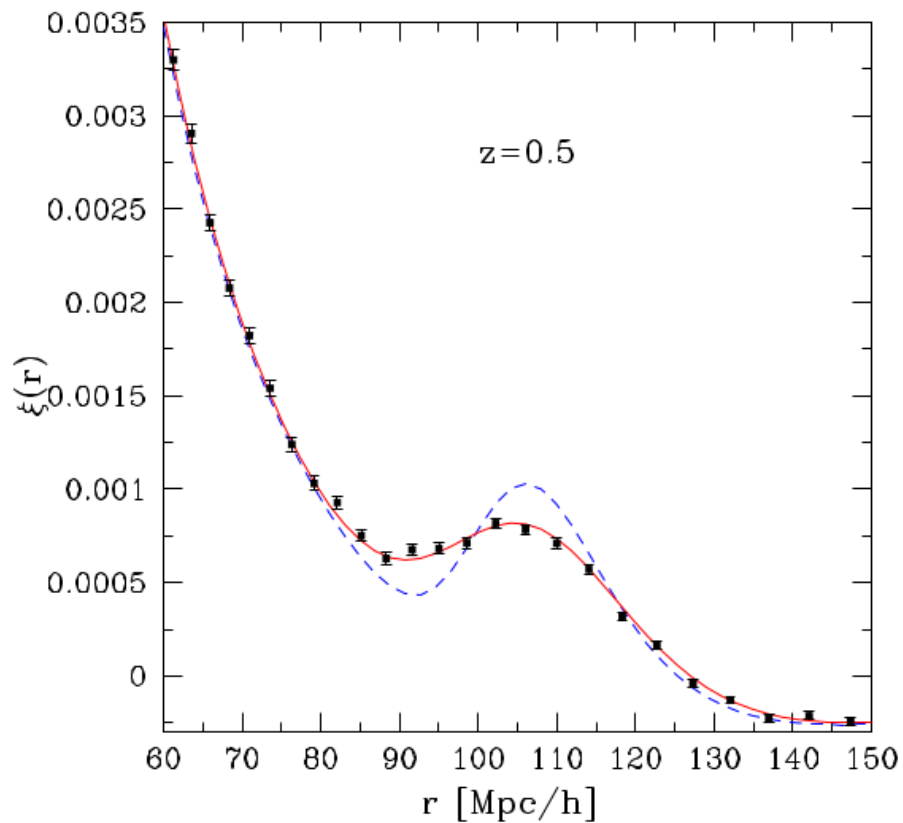
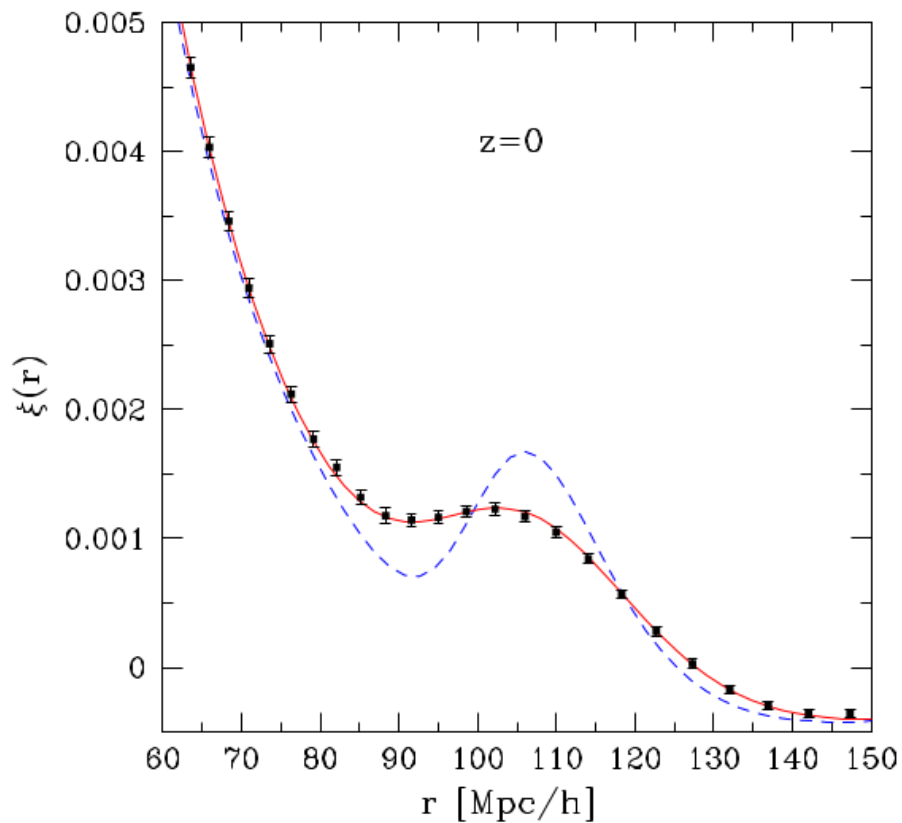
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Smearing:  $P(k) \sim P_{\text{init}}(k) e^{-k^2 \text{smear}^2}$   
changes height alot, but scale  $\sim$  stable



Crocce & Scoccimarro 2008

# Can we use OT to undo smearing and 'reconstruct' the BAO feature?





# Optimal Transport:

Assume initial density field uniform (same for all cosmologies); solve for displacements

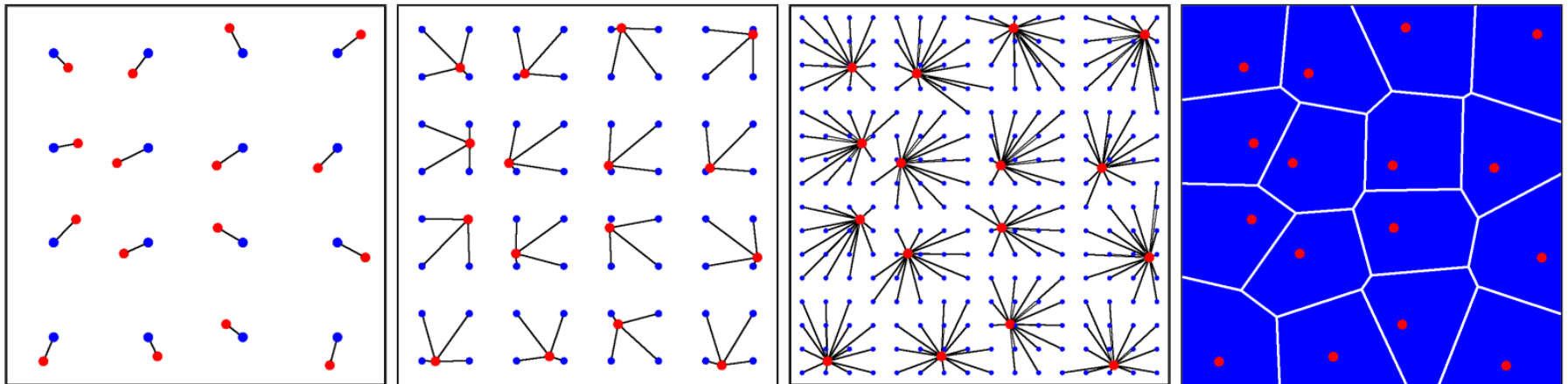


Figure 52: From discrete-discrete to semi-discrete optimal transport problem. The red points show the distribution of matter at current time and the blue points represent the initial condition by a regular grid. From left to right, we increase the precision by using a finer grid for the initial positions (Lévy et al., 2020).

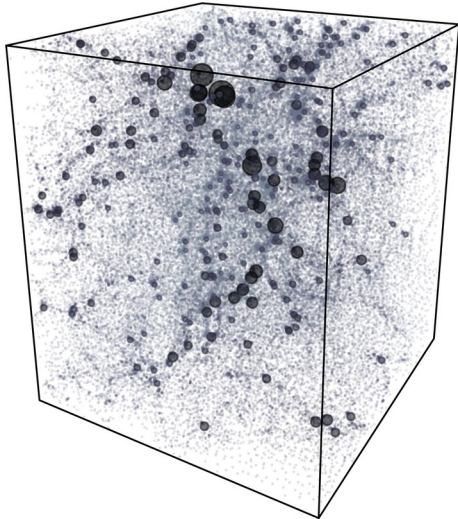
Voronoi: same positions, volumes different

Laguerre: same volumes, positions different (= displacements)

halos (volume~mass) require 'weighted' semi-discrete OT

# Optimal transport (Nikakhtar et al. 2022, PRL)

$z = 0$

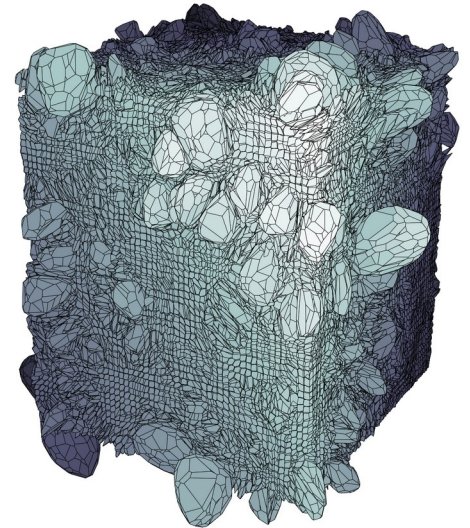


Weighted Semi-discrete OT Reconstruction:  
Computing Laguerre cells  $V_i^\psi$



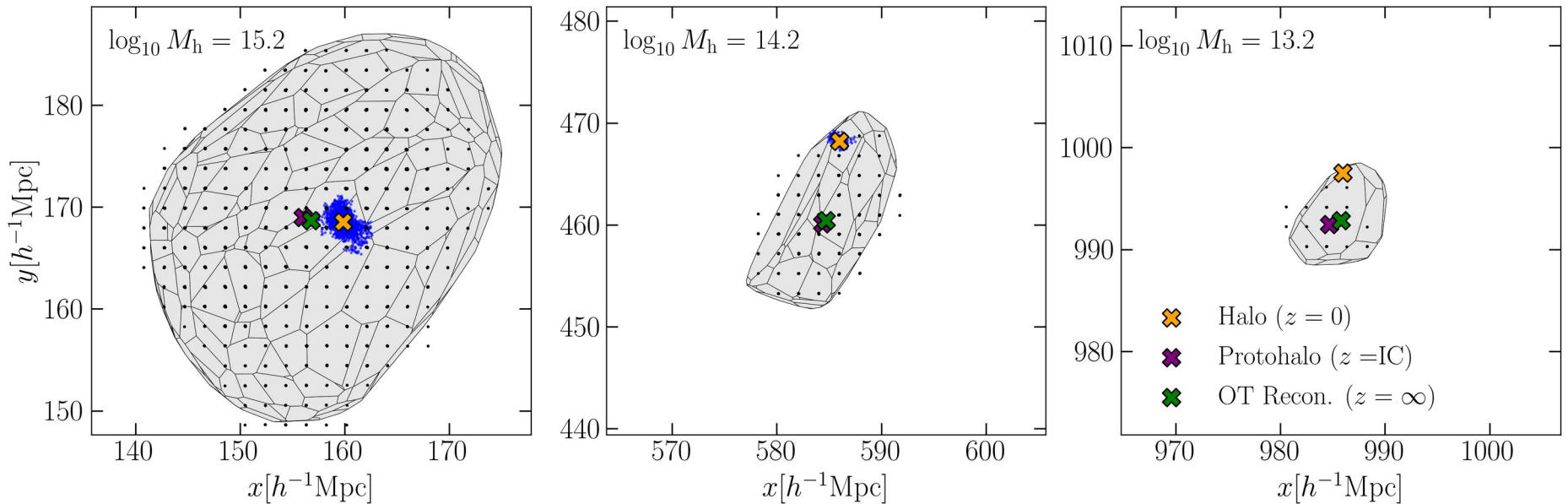
$$V_i^\psi = \left\{ \mathbf{q} \mid \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{q}|^2 - \psi_i < \frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{q}|^2 - \psi_j, \forall j \neq i \right\}$$

$z = \infty$



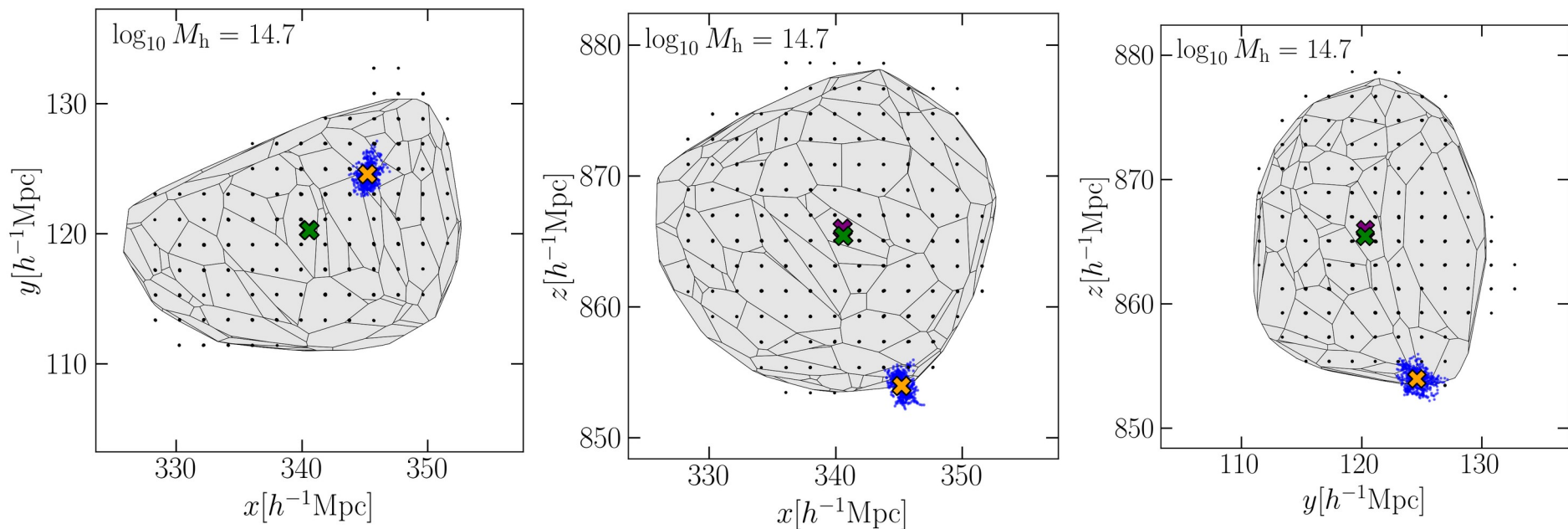
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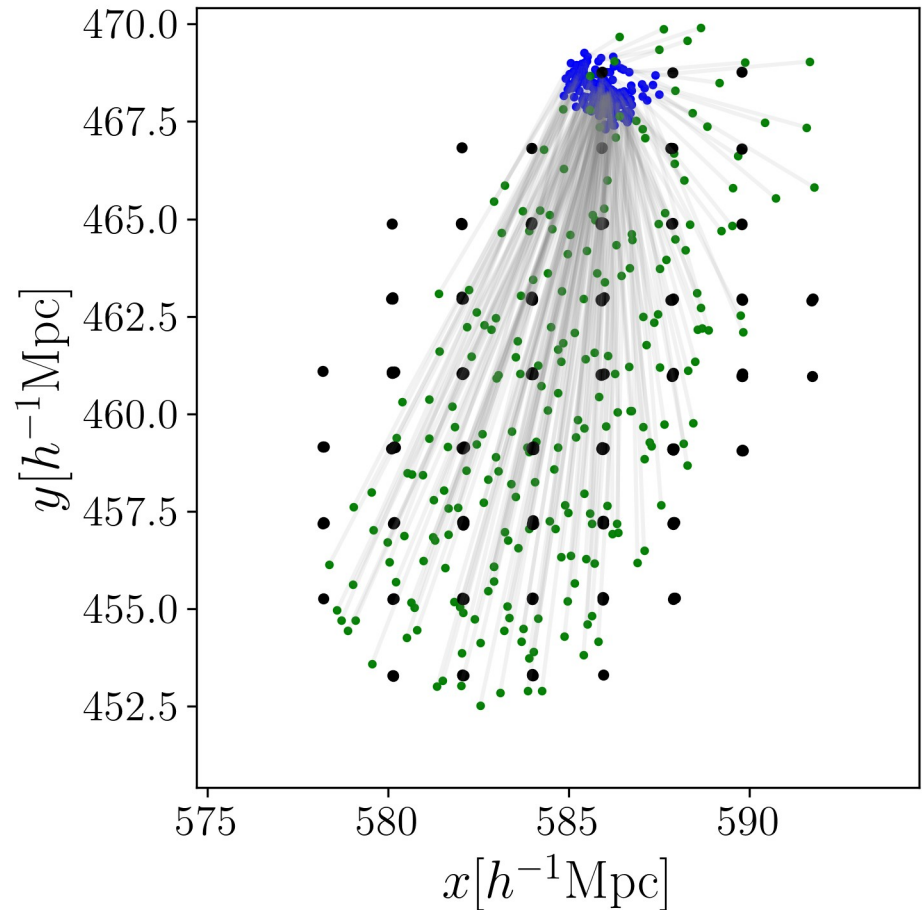
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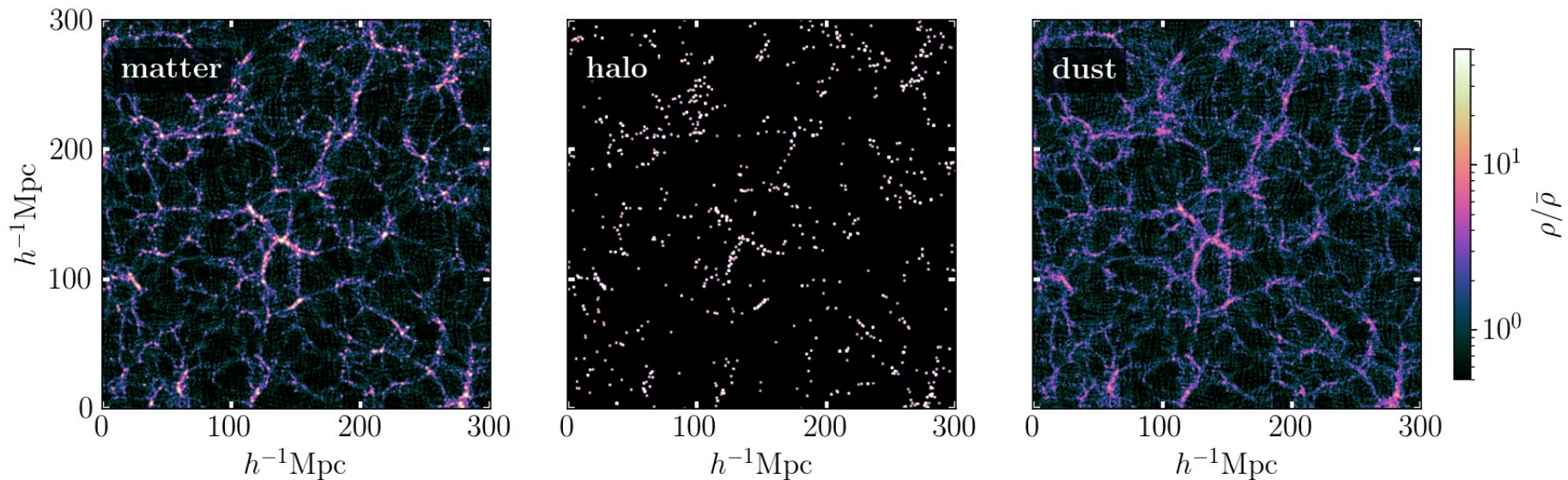
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# Optimal transport: self-consistency of weighting scheme

Shape  
reconstructed  
using wtSD-OT  
(~ protohalo grid)  
agrees with  
'full' SD-OT



# Optimal transport: What if 'missing' some data



Model 'dust' using something simple?

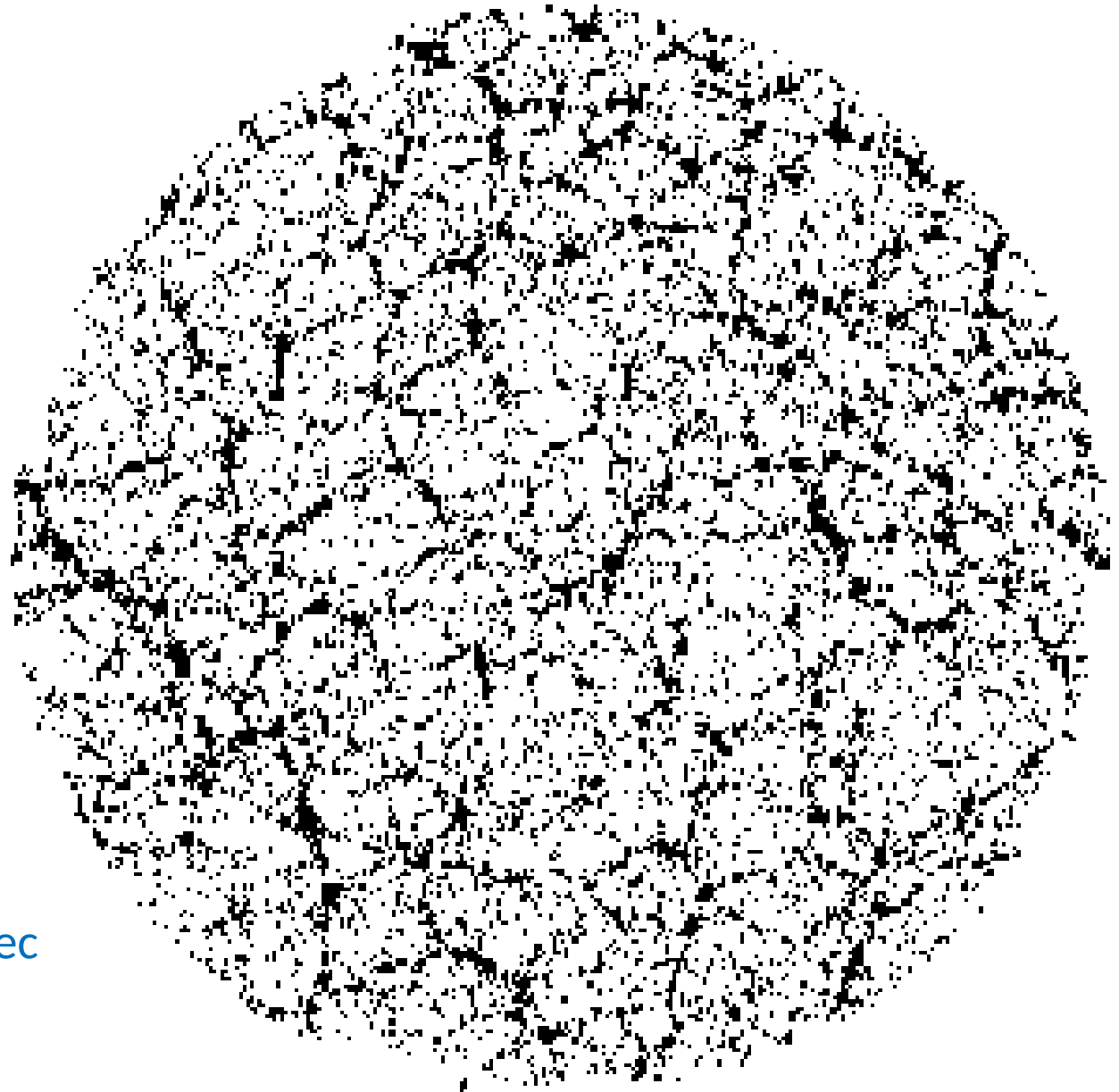
Use information about skeleton of cosmic web (ala Feldbrugge)?

Cosmology dependence?

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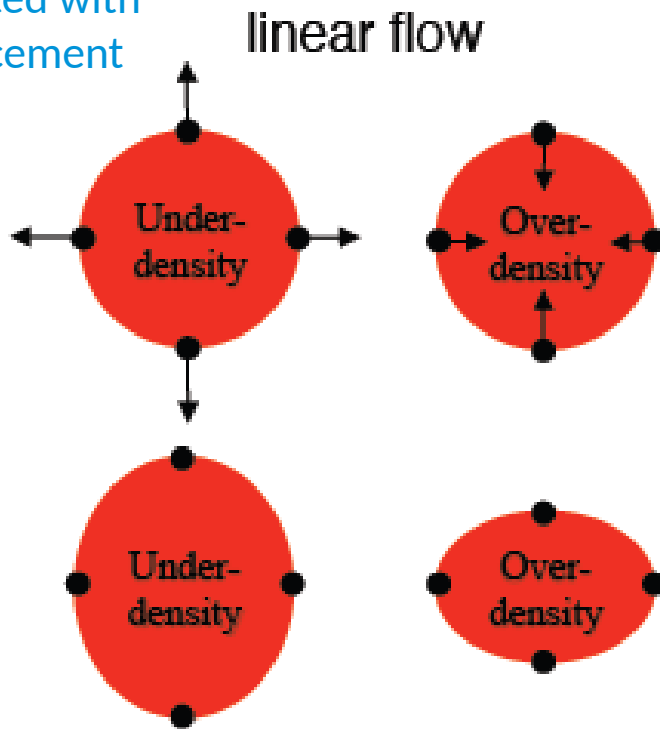
Redshift  
space  
distortions:  
peculiar  
velocities  
driven by  
gravity

$$cz_{\text{obs}} = Hd + v_{\text{pec}}$$



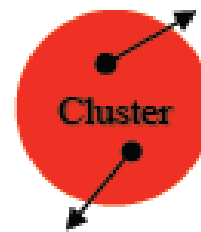
# Two redshift space distortions: Linear + nonlinear

correlated with  
displacement

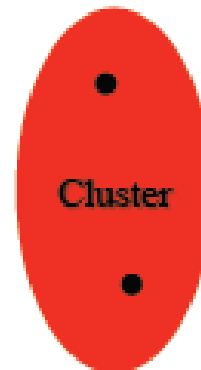


non-linear  
structure

stochastic



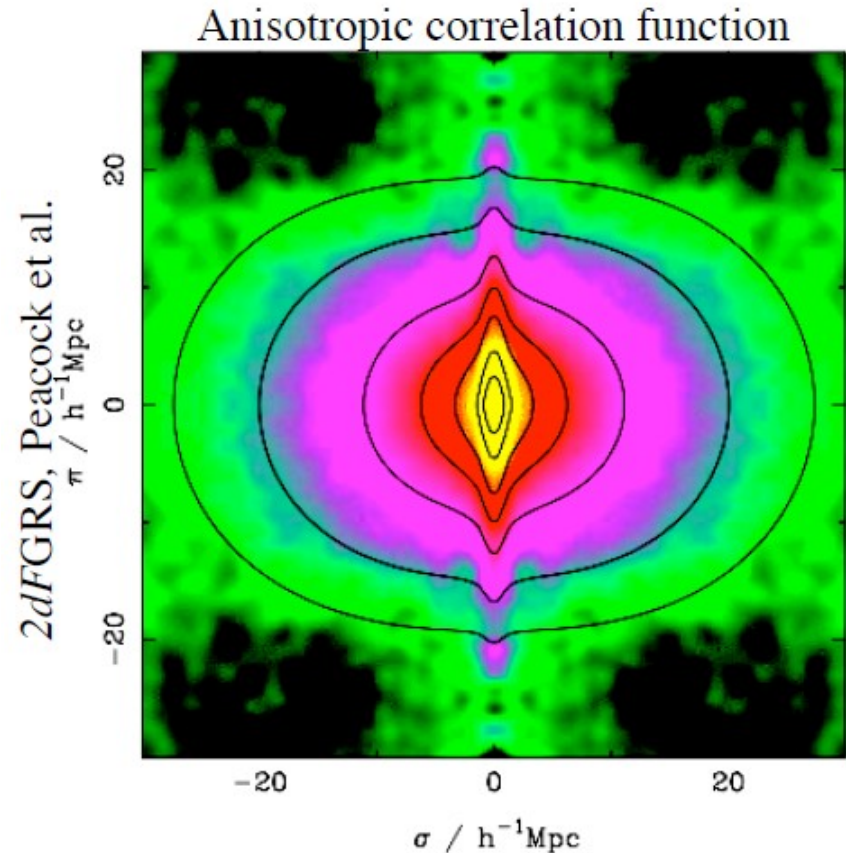
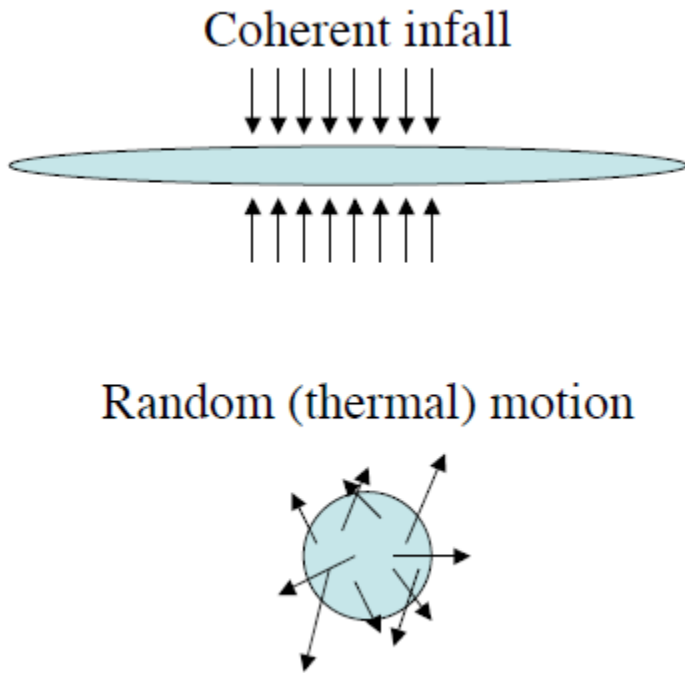
Actual  
shape



Apparent  
shape  
(viewed from  
below)



# Redshift space distortions



$$1 + \xi_s(s_{\parallel}, s_{\perp}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dr_{\parallel} [1 + \xi(r)] \underbrace{\mathcal{P}(r_{\parallel} - s_{\parallel}, \mathbf{r})}_{\mathbf{v}_p}$$

On large scales, use Gaussian statistics to compute (Fisher 1995)

# Linear redshift space distortions

- The displacements imply velocities which make redshift space position different from real space position

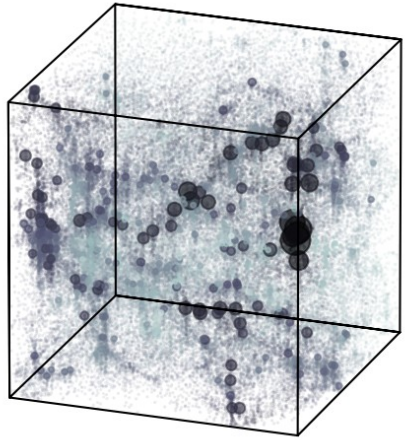
- $$\begin{aligned}x_s &= x + [v(x) \cdot d_{\text{los}} / |d_{\text{los}}|] / H \\ &= q + S(q) + [f S(q) \cdot d_{\text{los}} / |d_{\text{los}}|]\end{aligned}$$

If distances large, then line-of-sight is along z-coordinate

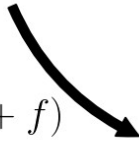
$$\begin{aligned}(x, y, z) &= (q_x, q_y, q_z) + (S_x, S_y, S_z) + f (0, 0, S_z) \\ &= (q_x, q_y, q_z) + [S_x, S_y, S_z(1+f)]\end{aligned}$$

$$[S_x, S_y, S_z(1+f)] = (x - q_x, y - q_y, z - q_z)$$

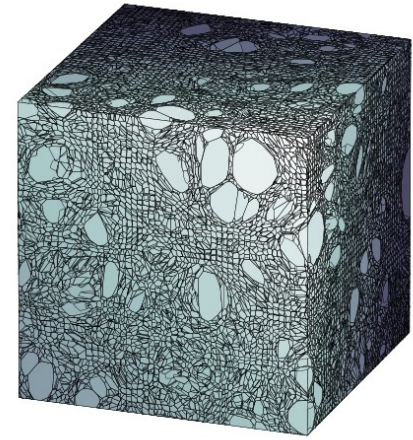
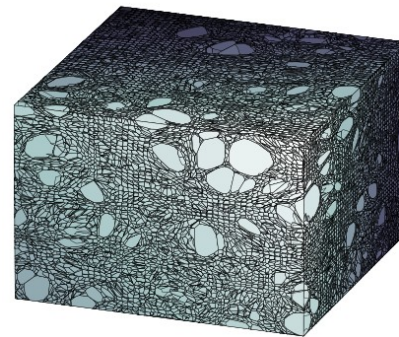
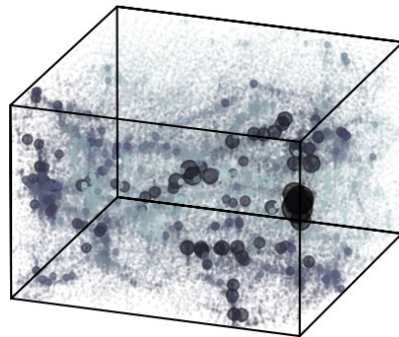
# Optimal transport: Redshift space distortions $x =$ anisotropic




$$z_{\text{rsd}}/(1+f)$$

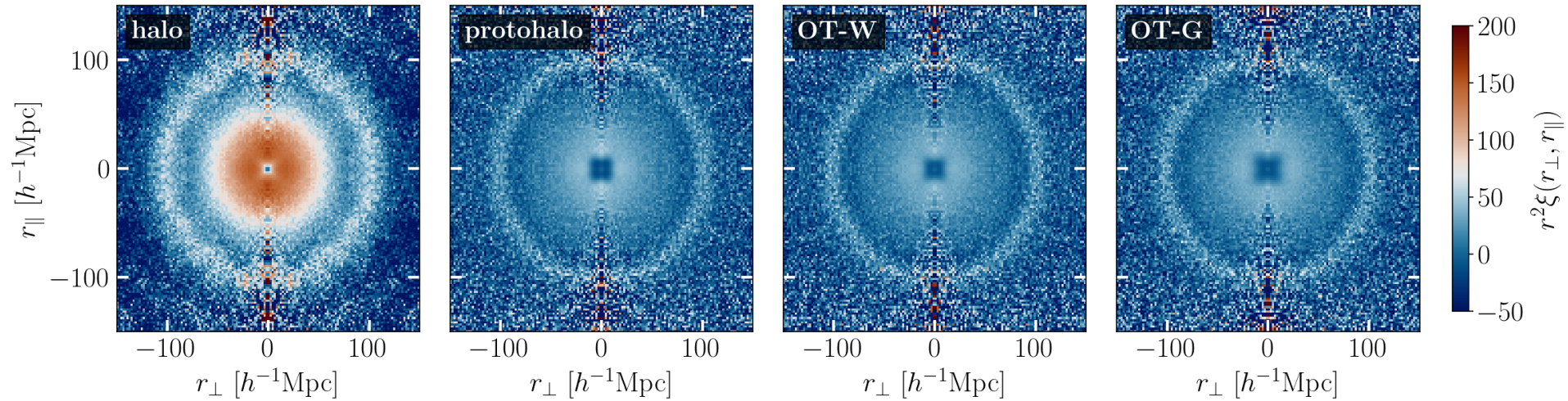


Isotropic weighted semi-discrete OT on rectangular domain



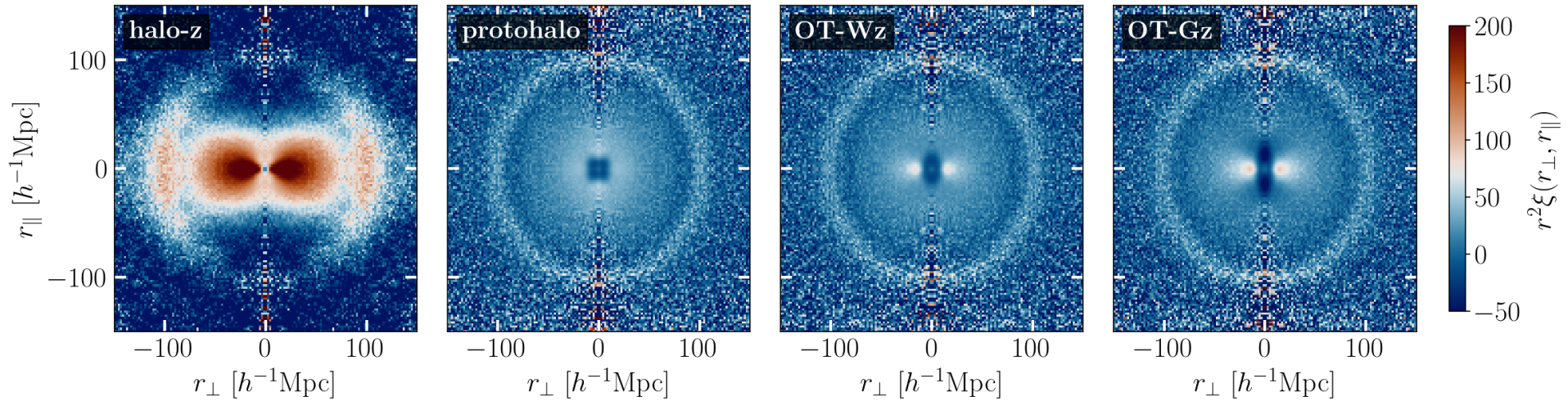
$$q_z^{\text{rect}}(1+f)$$


# Optimal transport



Reconstructed 2-point statistics  
similar to true initial statistics

# Optimal transport



Reconstructed 2-point statistics  
from RSD data much more isotropic  
(e.g. reduces quadrupole)

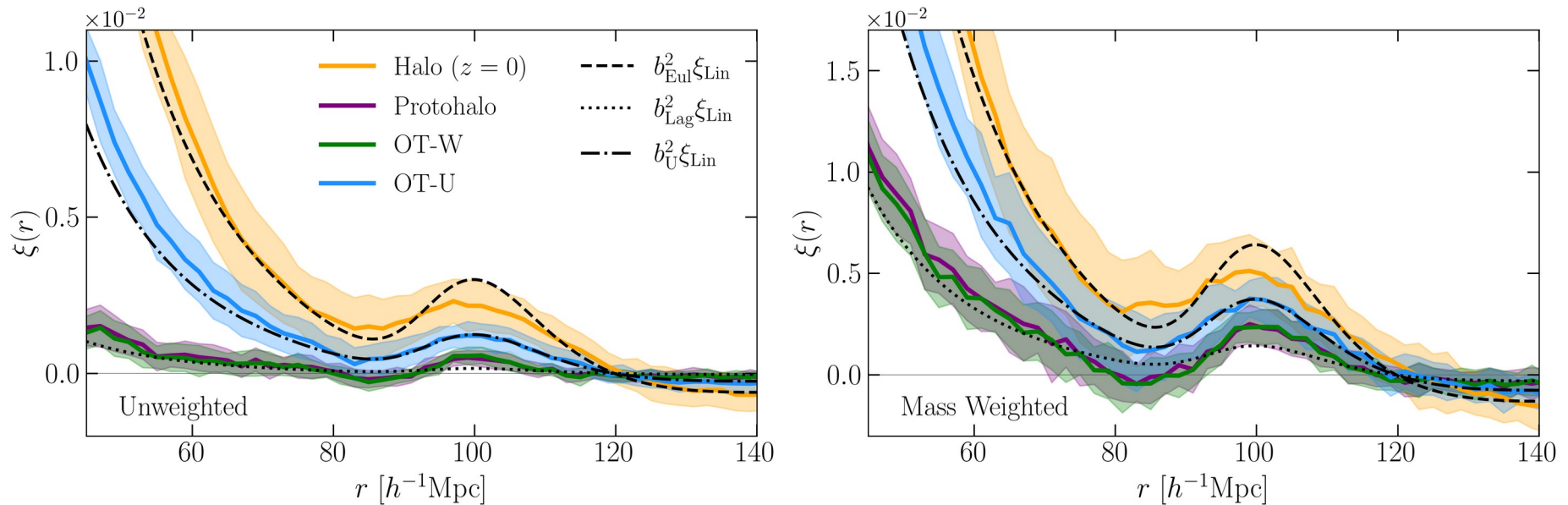
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## Reconstruction (OT)

### Complications (Real-world)

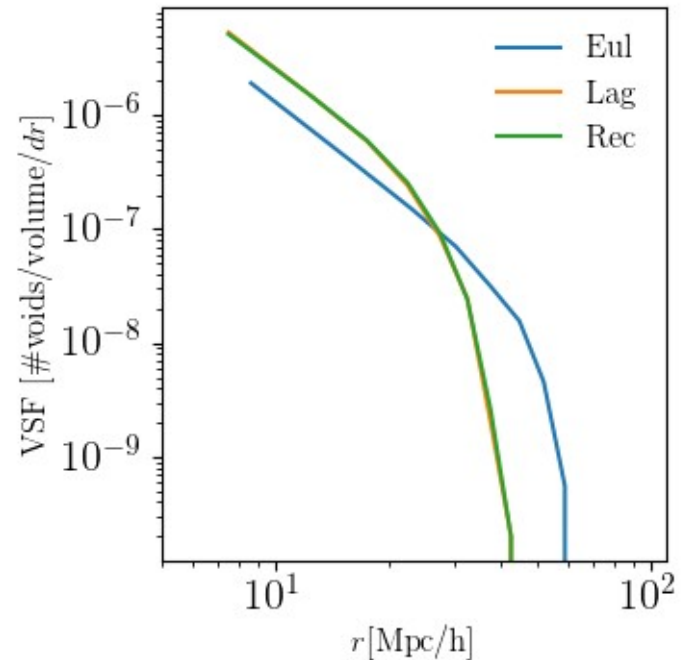
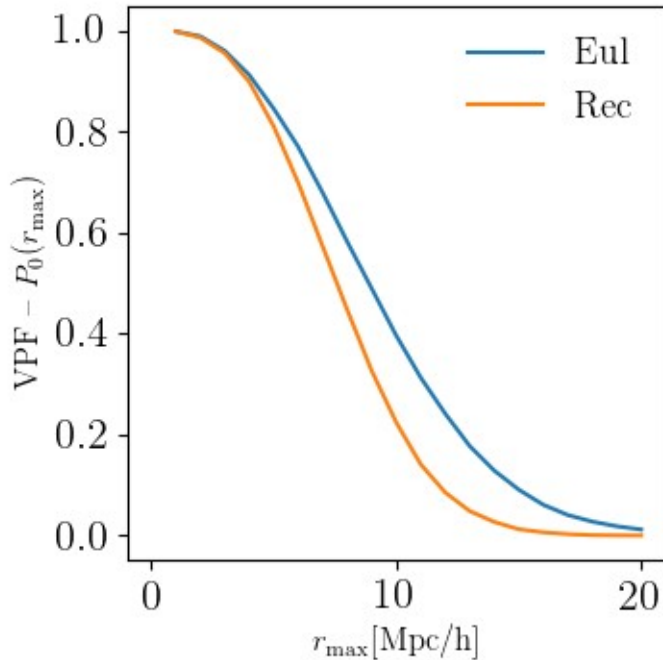
- dust (missing data)
- mass weights (robust to errors)
- nonlinear RSD (noisy positions)
- filaments (= OT+adhesion?)

# Optimal transport



Reconstructs two-point statistics  
(mass weighted  $\sim$  HOD galaxies)

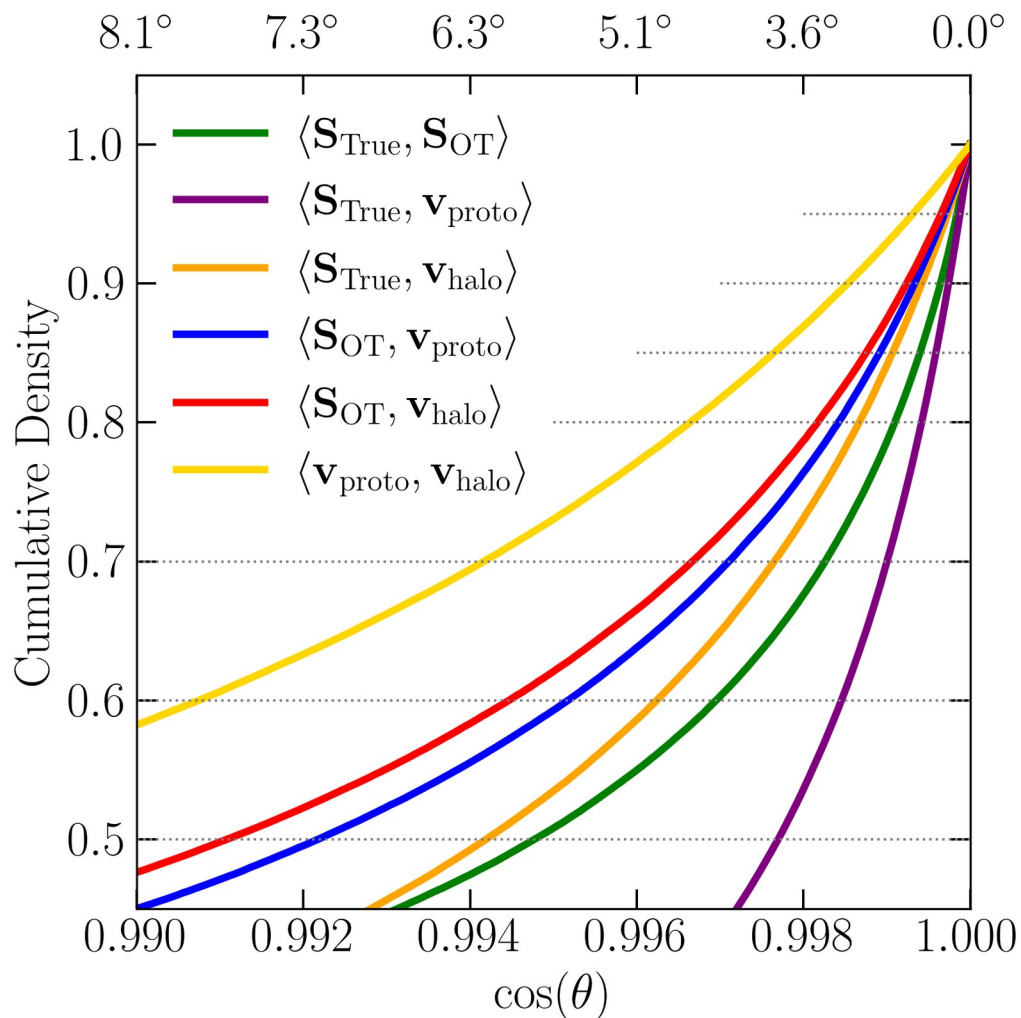
# Optimal transport



Reconstructs n-point statistics:  
Void PDF (hence kNN), Void sizes

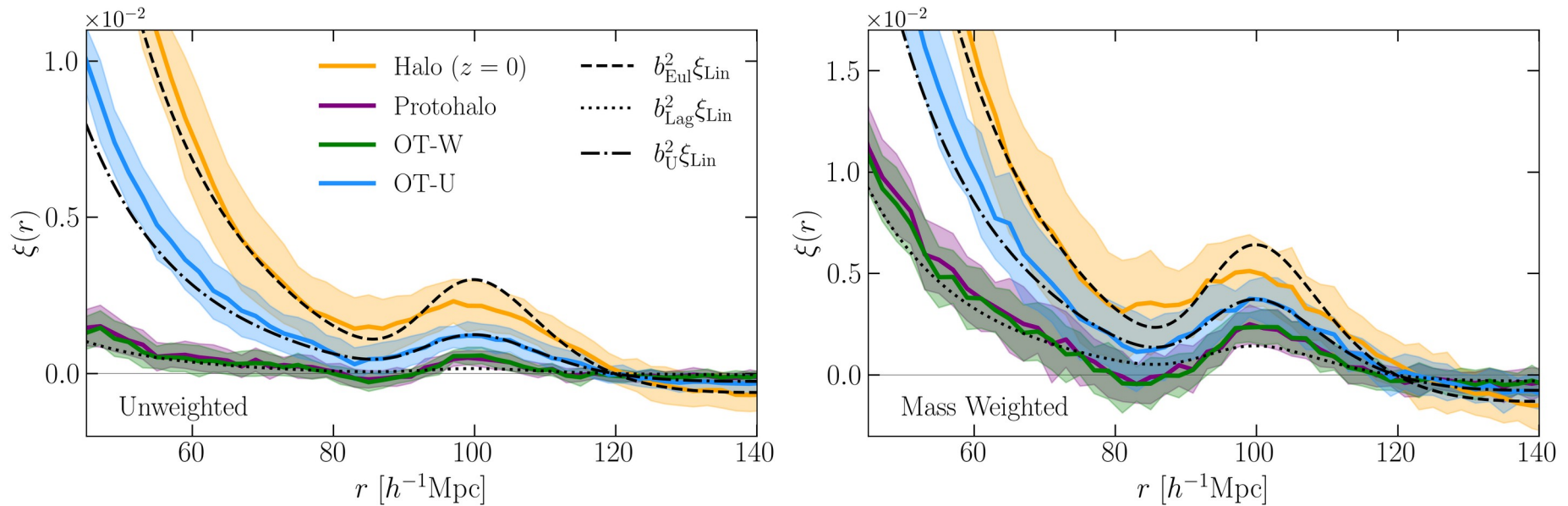


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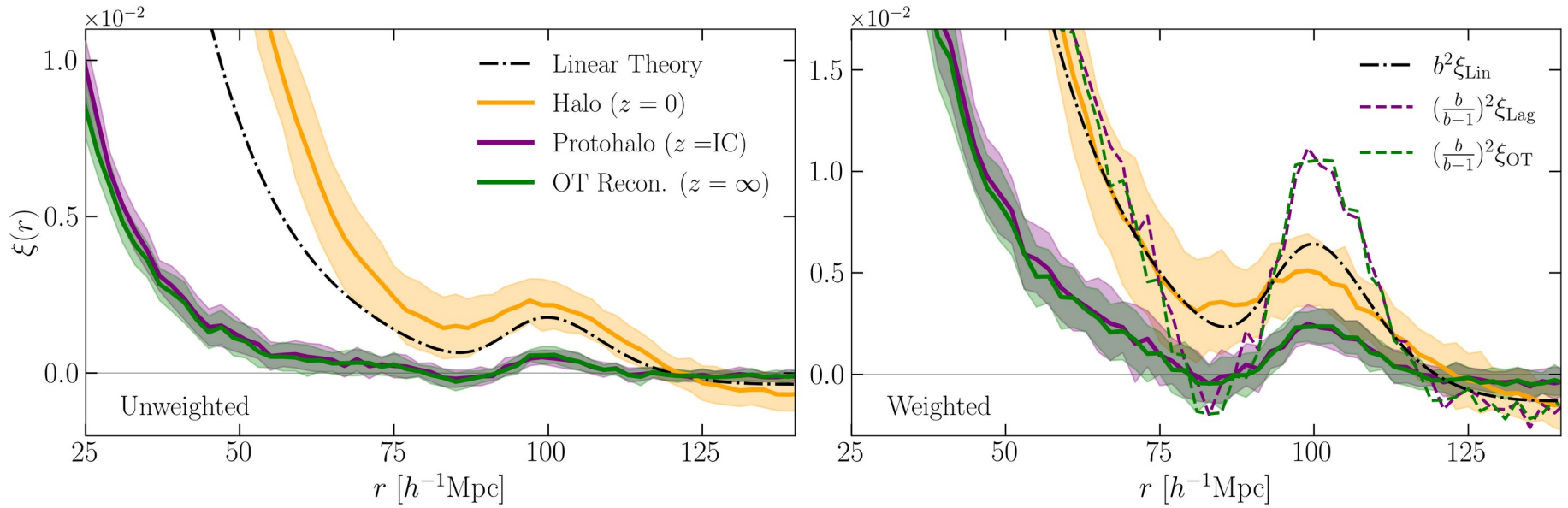
Reconstructs  
displacements;  
BAO-kSZ  
synergy?

# Optimal transport



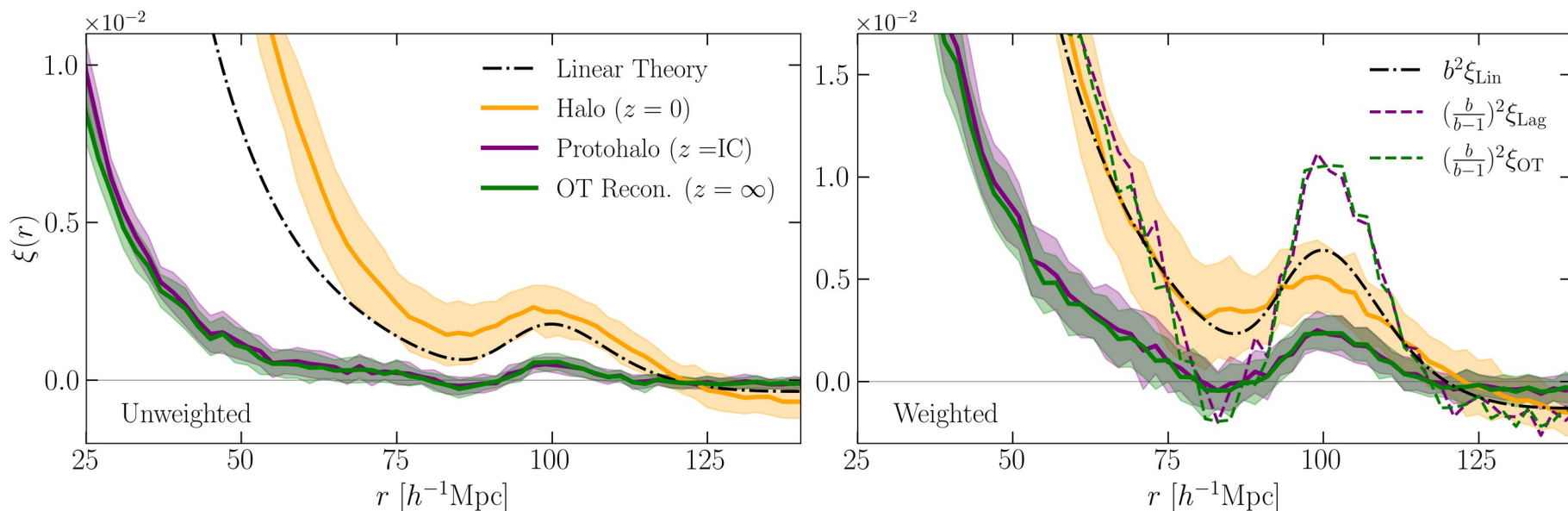
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Reconstructed 2-point statistics  
scale as expected – enables  
determination of bias factor  $b$

# Optimal transport



Reconstructed 2-point statistics  
scale as expected – but **shape**  
**different from pure linear theory!**

# Optimal transport

