

# Primordial power spectrum and cosmology from black-box galaxy surveys



Prospects for Euclid

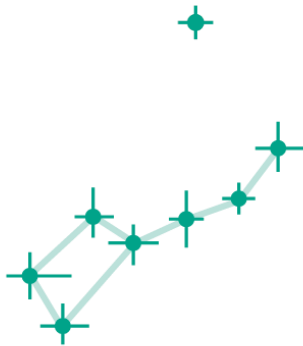
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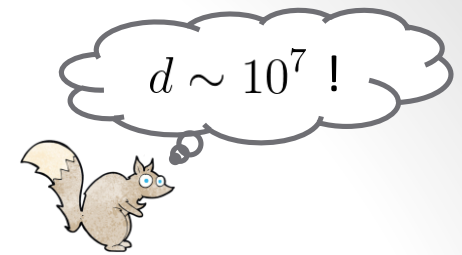
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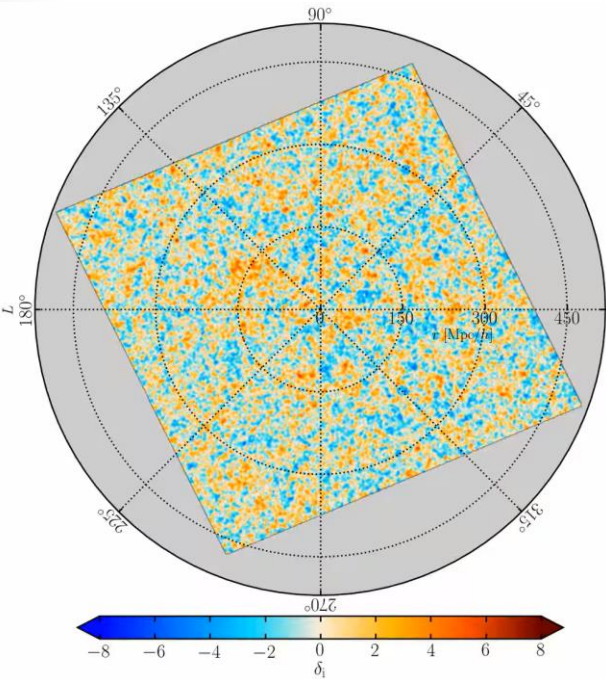
# Vocabulary considerations I:

*What is the likelihood?*

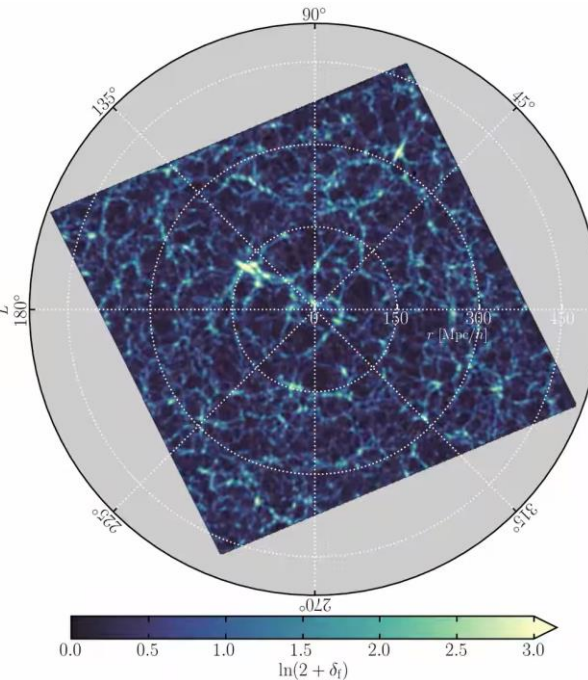


In cosmology, the (true?) likelihood should live at the level of the **map** of the CMB or LSS. e.g. Wiener filtering for the CMB, BORG for the LSS (a  $256^3$ -dimensional Poisson likelihood):

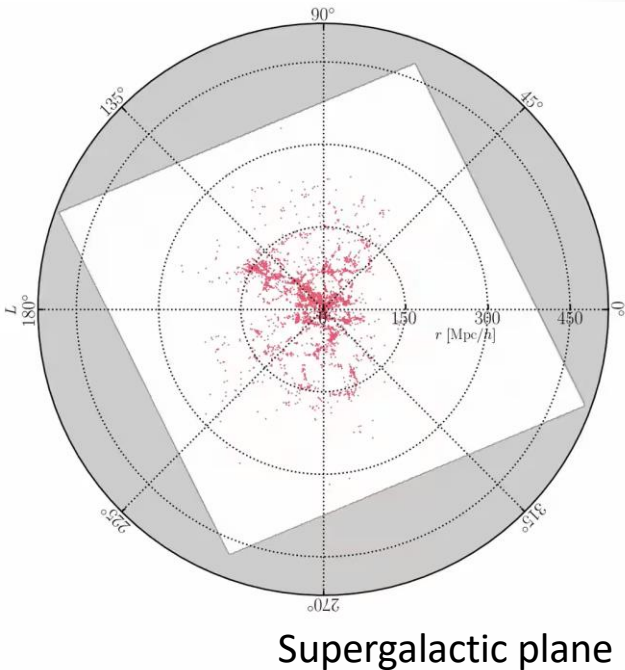
Initial conditions



Final conditions



Observations



Jasche & Lavaux 2019, 1806.11117 – FL, Lavaux & Jasche, in prep.

**Expert knowledge** of the likelihood is needed to beat the curse of dimensionality: conditionals/gradients of the likelihood are required by the samplers (Gibbs/Hamiltonian).

# Vocabulary considerations II:

*You may already be an LFI specialist!*

- Likelihood-free inference (LFI) techniques bypass the need for a map-level likelihood, by relying instead **only on a “black-box”**.
- The likelihood is replaced by a measure of the **distance/discrepancy**  $\Delta$  between simulated and observed statistical summaries of the data.

e.g.  $d$  = full galaxy survey data

$\Phi = \{\hat{P}(k)\}$  estimated power spectrum

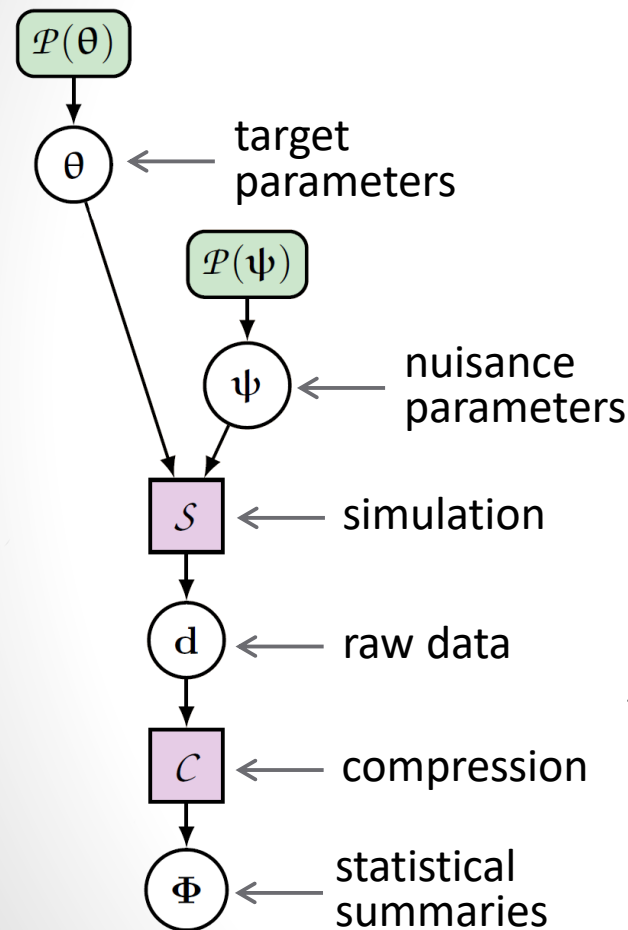
$\Delta$  = Mahalanobis distance with covariance

matrix  $\Sigma$

$$\Delta(\Phi_{\theta}, \Phi_{\text{O}}) = \sqrt{\sum_{k,k'} \left[ \hat{P}_{\theta}(k) - \hat{P}_{\text{O}}(k) \right]^{\top} \Sigma_{k,k'}^{-1} \left[ \hat{P}_{\theta}(k') - \hat{P}_{\text{O}}(k') \right]}$$

Note that this is what many people would call...  
(square root of -2 times) the log-likelihood!

- What is **“primordial”** depends mostly on your ambition...



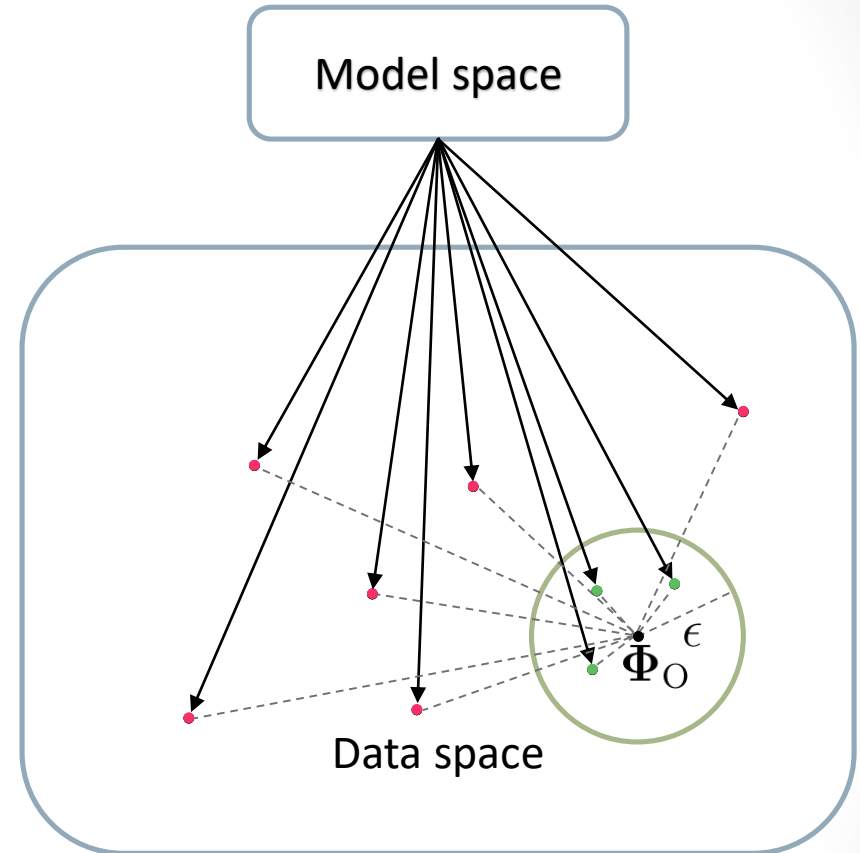
# Cosmological synergies with LFI

- Advantages of likelihood-free inference:
  - **No expert knowledge** (conditionals/gradients of the likelihood) is required
  - Summary statistics **need not be physically modelled** and can be chosen **robustly to model misspecification**, e.g.:
    - Microwave sky: cross-power spectra between different frequency maps
    - Imaging surveys: cross-correlation between different bands
  - **Joint and self-consistent analyses of correlated data sets** is straightforward
- Drawbacks of likelihood-free inference:
  - No inference of the map
  - Relies on (lossy) data compression and statistical approximations

# Likelihood-free rejection sampling (LFRS)

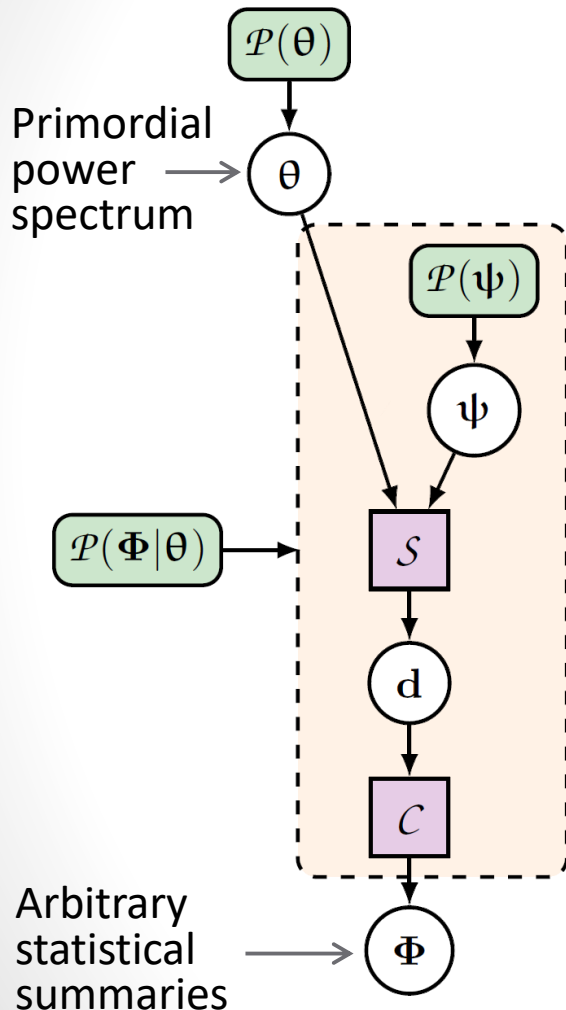
- Iterate many times:
  - Sample  $\theta$  from a proposal distribution  $q(\theta)$
  - Simulate  $\Phi_\theta$  using the black-box
  - Compute the distance  $\Delta(\Phi_\theta, \Phi_O)$  between simulated and observed data
  - Retain  $\theta$  if  $\Delta(\Phi_\theta, \Phi_O) \leq \epsilon$ , otherwise reject

$\epsilon$  can be adaptively reduced  
(Population Monte Carlo)



# Beyond LFRS: the SELFIE approach

*Simulator Expansion for Likelihood-Free Inference*

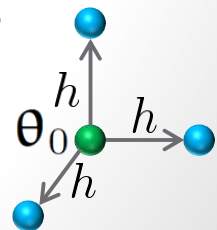


- We aim at inferring the primordial power spectrum, which contains (almost?) all of the information
- This requires doing LFI in  $d = \mathcal{O}(100) - \mathcal{O}(1,000)$
- If we trust the results of earlier experiments, we can Taylor-expand the black-box around an expansion point  $\theta_0$ :

$$\hat{\Phi}_\theta \approx \mathbf{f}_0 + \nabla \mathbf{f}_0 \cdot (\theta - \theta_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta_0)^\top \cdot \mathbf{H} \cdot (\theta - \theta_0) + \dots$$

SELFIE-2 (second-order): coming soon!

- Gradients, Hessian matrix, etc. of the black-box can be evaluated via finite differences in parameter space



# SEIFI-1: linearization of the black-box

- Linearization of the black-box:

$$\hat{\Phi}_{\theta} \approx \mathbf{f}_0 + \nabla \mathbf{f}_0 \cdot (\theta - \theta_0)$$

- Gaussian prior + Gaussian effective likelihood

➔ The posterior is Gaussian and analogous to a Wiener filter:

expansion point

observed summaries

$$\gamma \equiv \theta_0 + \mathbf{\Gamma} (\nabla \mathbf{f}_0)^\top \mathbf{C}_0^{-1} (\Phi_O - \mathbf{f}_0)$$
$$\mathbf{\Gamma} \equiv [(\nabla \mathbf{f}_0)^\top \mathbf{C}_0^{-1} \nabla \mathbf{f}_0 + \mathbf{S}^{-1}]^{-1}$$

covariance of summaries

gradient of the black-box

prior covariance

$\mathbf{f}_0, \mathbf{C}_0$  and  $\nabla \mathbf{f}_0$  can be evaluated through simulations only.

The number of required simulations is fixed *a priori* (contrary to MCMC).

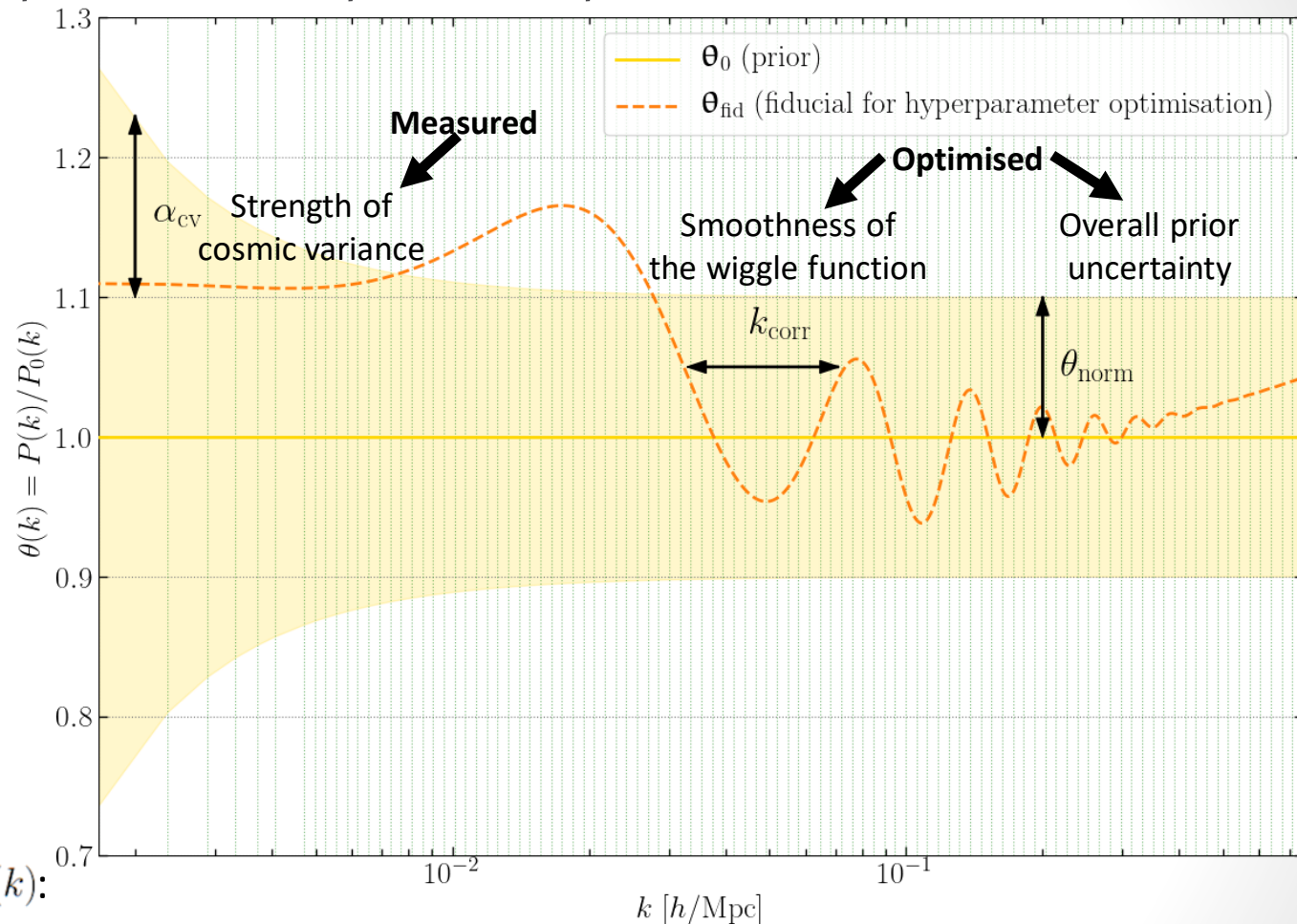
The workload is perfectly parallel.



# A prior for the primordial power spectrum

## Assumptions:

1. the power spectrum is Gaussian-distributed
2. it is strongly constrained to live close to  $P_0$ ,
3. it is a smooth function of wavenumber,
4. and the power spectrum  $P_0$  is subject to cosmic variance



➔ Prior for  $\theta(k) = P(k)/P_0(k)$ :

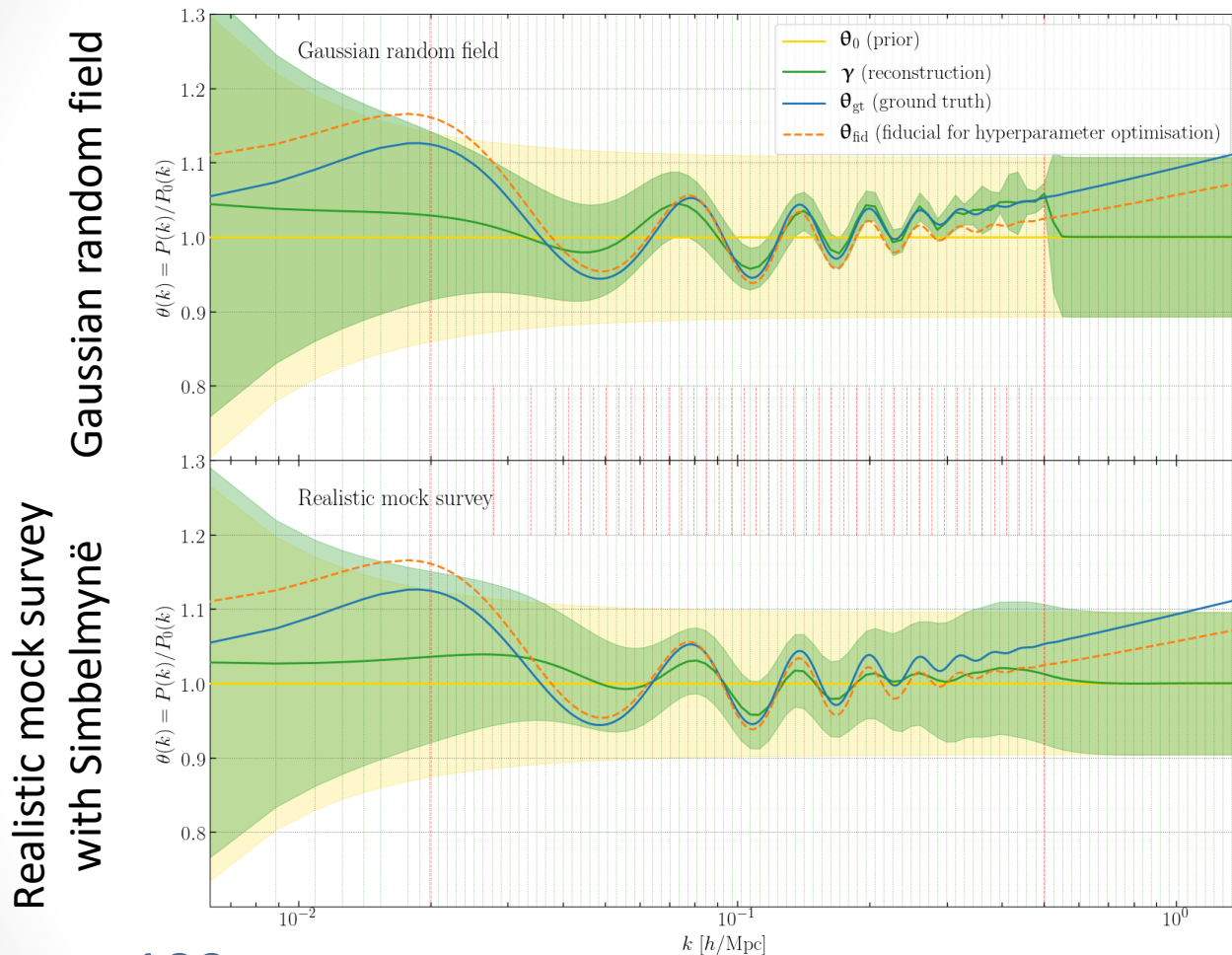
Mean:  $\theta_0 = \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{R}^S}$  (without baryon acoustic oscillations wiggles)

Covariance:  $\mathbf{S} \equiv \theta_{\text{norm}}^2 \mathbf{u}\mathbf{u}^T \circ \mathbf{K}$   $(\mathbf{K})_{ss'} \equiv \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{k_s - k_{s'}}{k_{\text{corr}}}\right)^2\right]$   $(\mathbf{u})_s \equiv 1 + \sigma_s = 1 + \frac{\alpha_{\text{cv}}}{k_s^{3/2}}$

FL, Enzi, Jasche & Heavens 2019, 1902.10149



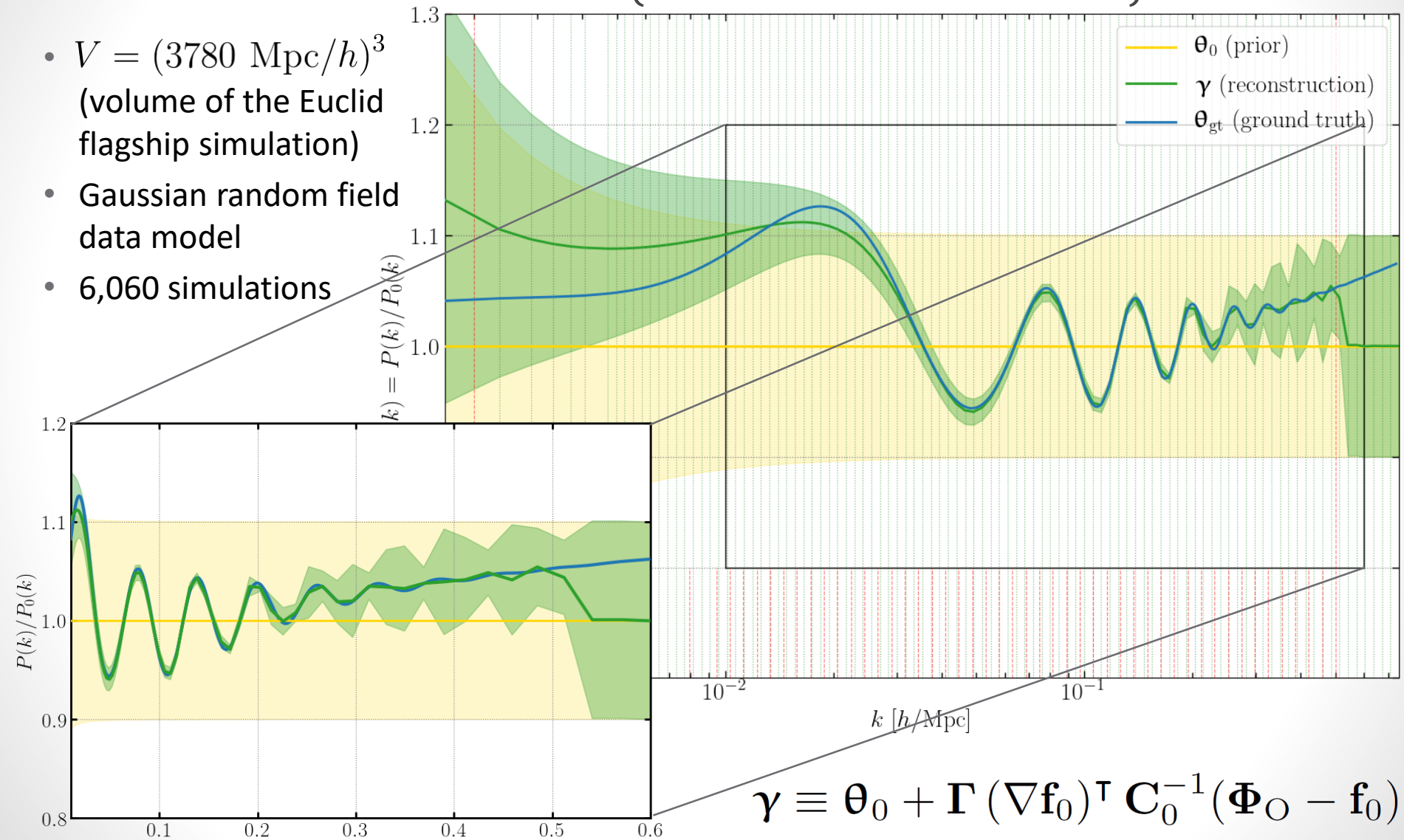
# SEIFI + numerical model: Proof-of-concept



**100** parameters are simultaneously inferred from a black-box data model  
**1** (Gpc/h)<sup>3</sup> only! Much more potential for upcoming data...

# SELI-1 Euclid forecast (cosmic variance limit)

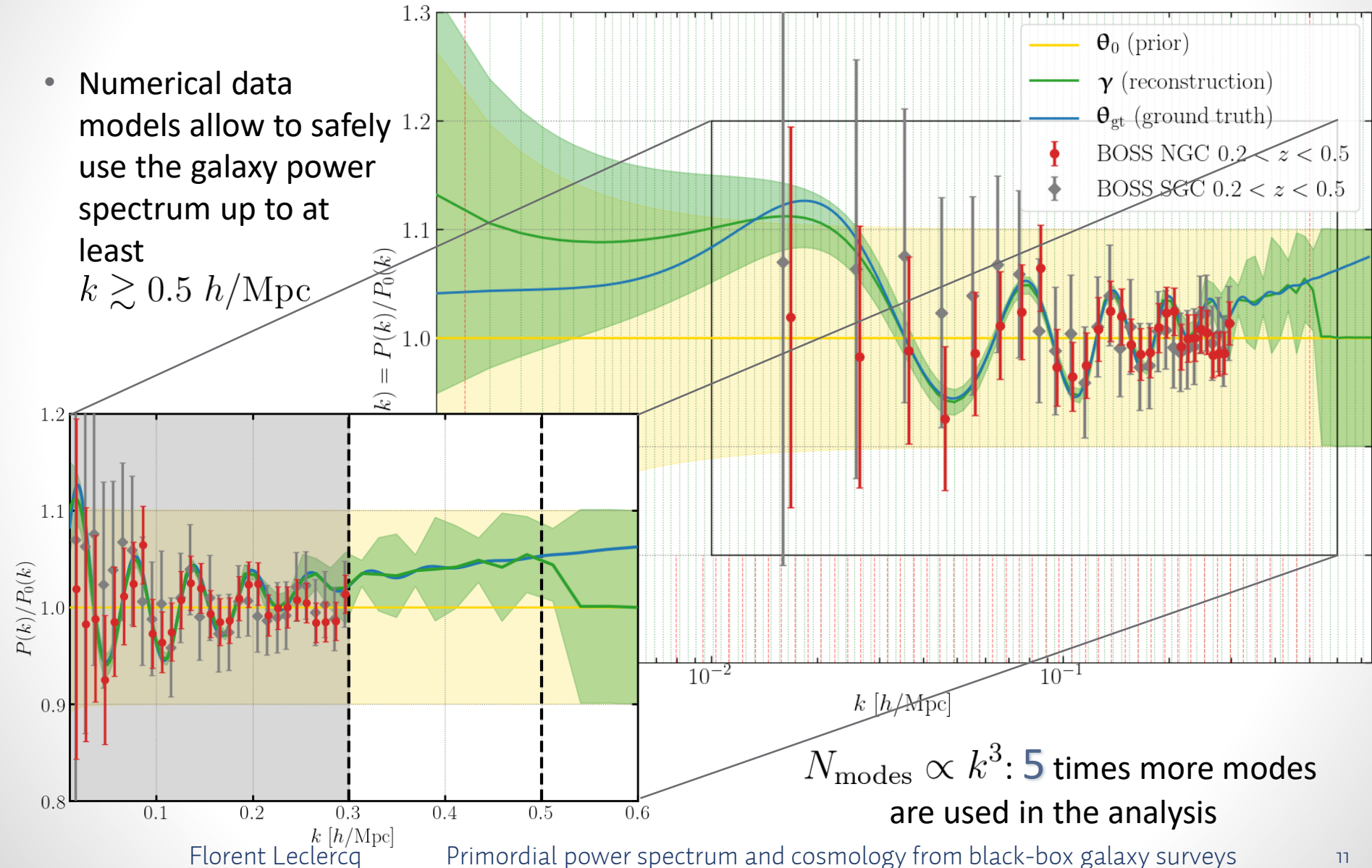
- $V = (3780 \text{ Mpc}/h)^3$   
(volume of the Euclid flagship simulation)
- Gaussian random field data model
- 6,060 simulations



# SEFI-1 Euclid versus BOSS

Data points from  
Beutler *et al.* 2016, 1607.03149

- Numerical data models allow to safely use the galaxy power spectrum up to at least  $k \gtrsim 0.5 h/\text{Mpc}$



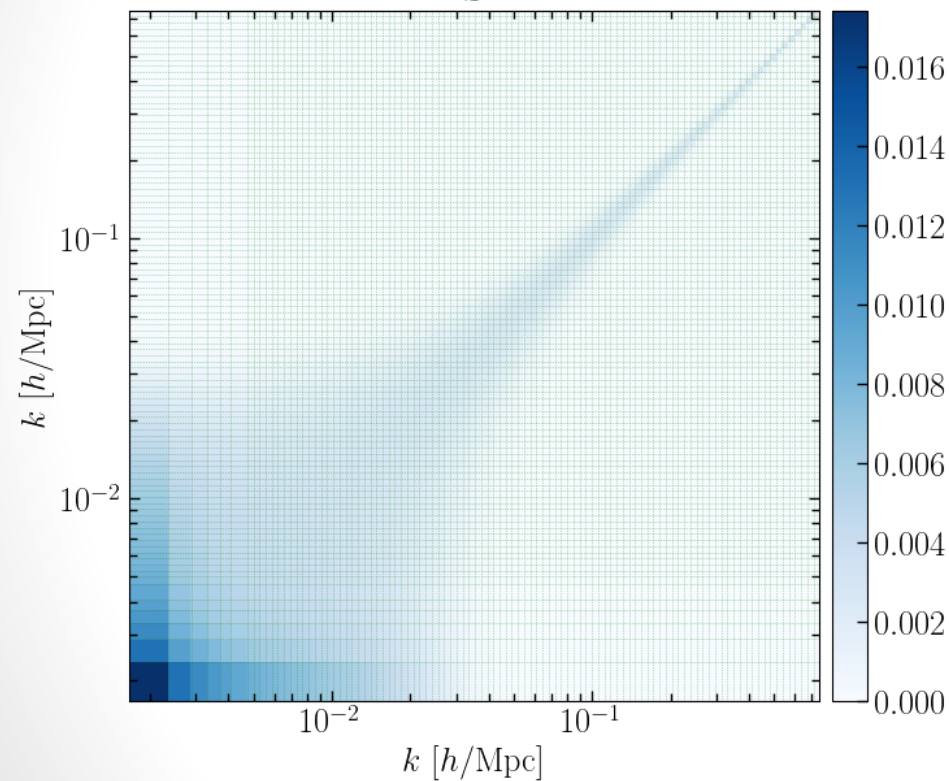


# Uncertainty quantification

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} \equiv [(\nabla \mathbf{f}_0)^\top \mathbf{C}_0^{-1} \nabla \mathbf{f}_0 + \mathbf{S}^{-1}]^{-1}$$

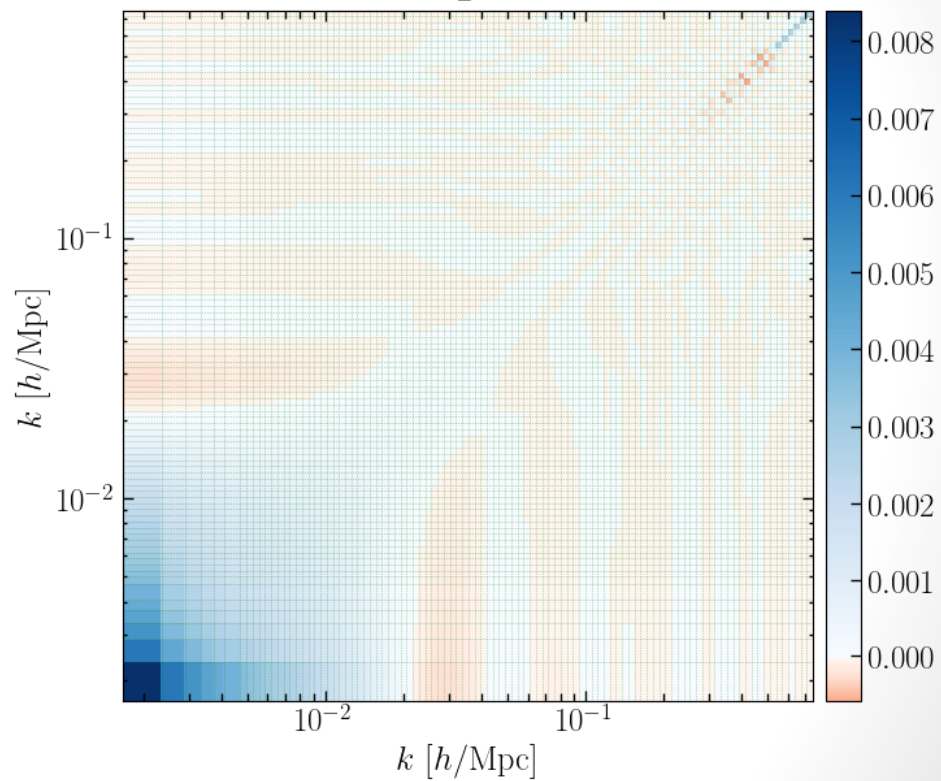
Prior covariance matrix

$\mathbf{S}$

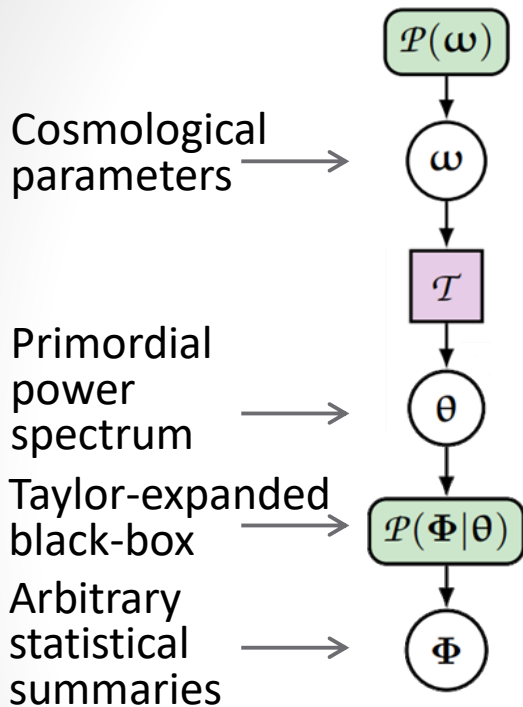


Posterior covariance matrix

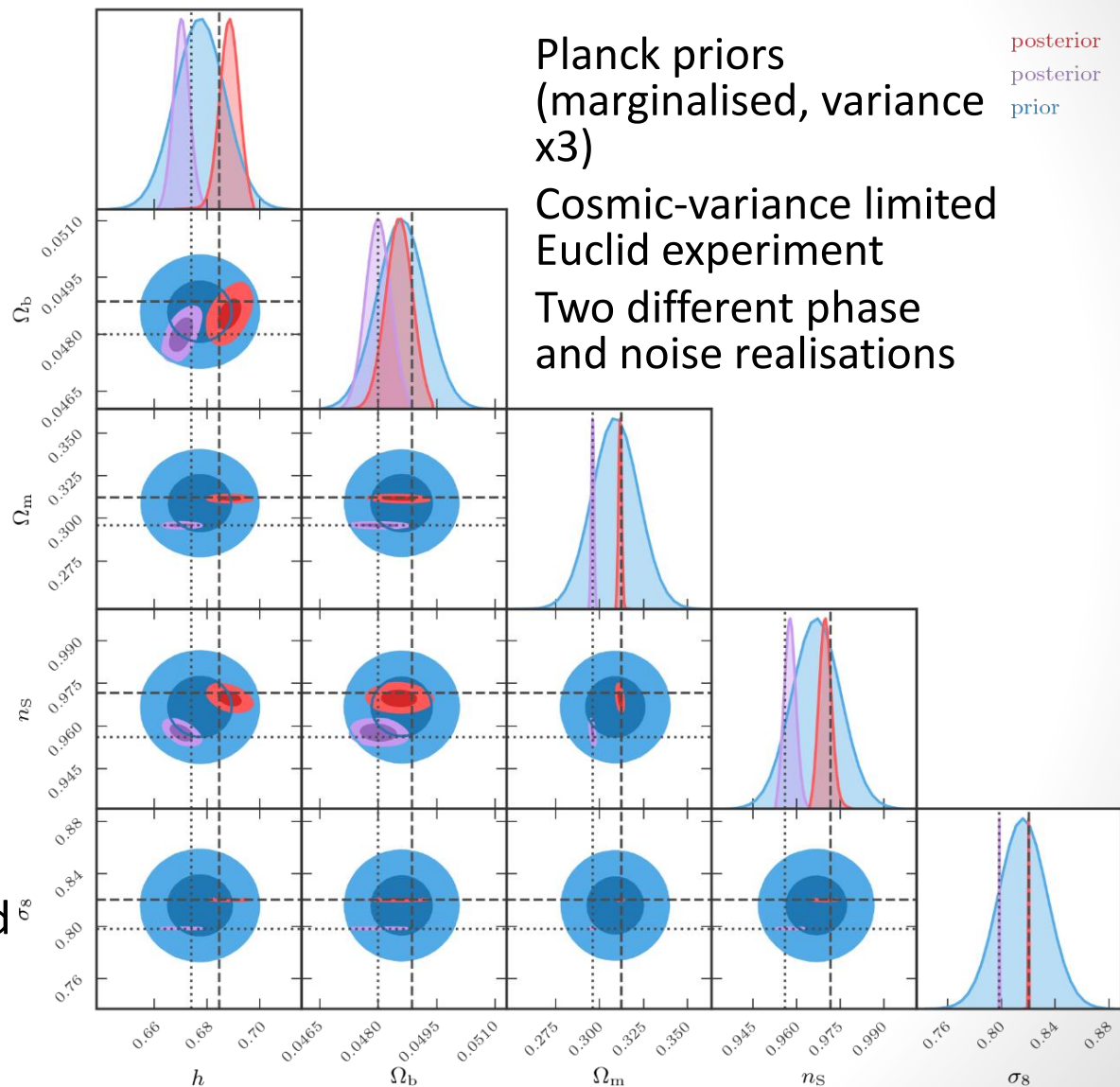
$\mathbf{\Gamma}$



# From primordial power spectrum to cosmology



- Robust inference of cosmological parameters can be easily performed *a posteriori* once the linearized data model is learnt



# pySELFi is publicly available

- Code homepage: <http://pyselfi.florent-leclercq.eu/>
- Source on GitHub: <https://github.com/florent-leclercq/pyselfi/>
- Documentation on ReadtheDocs: <https://pyselfi.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>  
(with templates to use your on black-box)



The screenshot shows the ReadTheDocs interface for pySELFi. On the left is a dark sidebar with a search bar and a table of contents including sections like 'GETTING STARTED', 'USAGE', and 'API DOCUMENTATION'. The main content area has a light background and features a header with 'pySELFi' and 'latest', a search bar, and a 'Docs » pySELFi' breadcrumb. Below the header is a metadata bar with various tags: 'astro-ph.CO', 'arxiv:1902.10149', 'version v1.2', 'commits since v1.2 1', 'DOI 10.5281/zenodo.3358032', and 'License GPLv3'. A secondary bar shows 'pypi package 1.2', 'docs passing', 'build passing', and 'website up'. The main text describes pySELFi as a statistical software package implementing the Simulator Expansion for Likelihood-Free Inference (SELFi) algorithm. It includes a 'Getting started' section with a link to 'Installation' and a sub-link for 'Minimal installation using pip'. An 'Edit on GitHub' link is visible in the top right corner.

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pip install pyselfi
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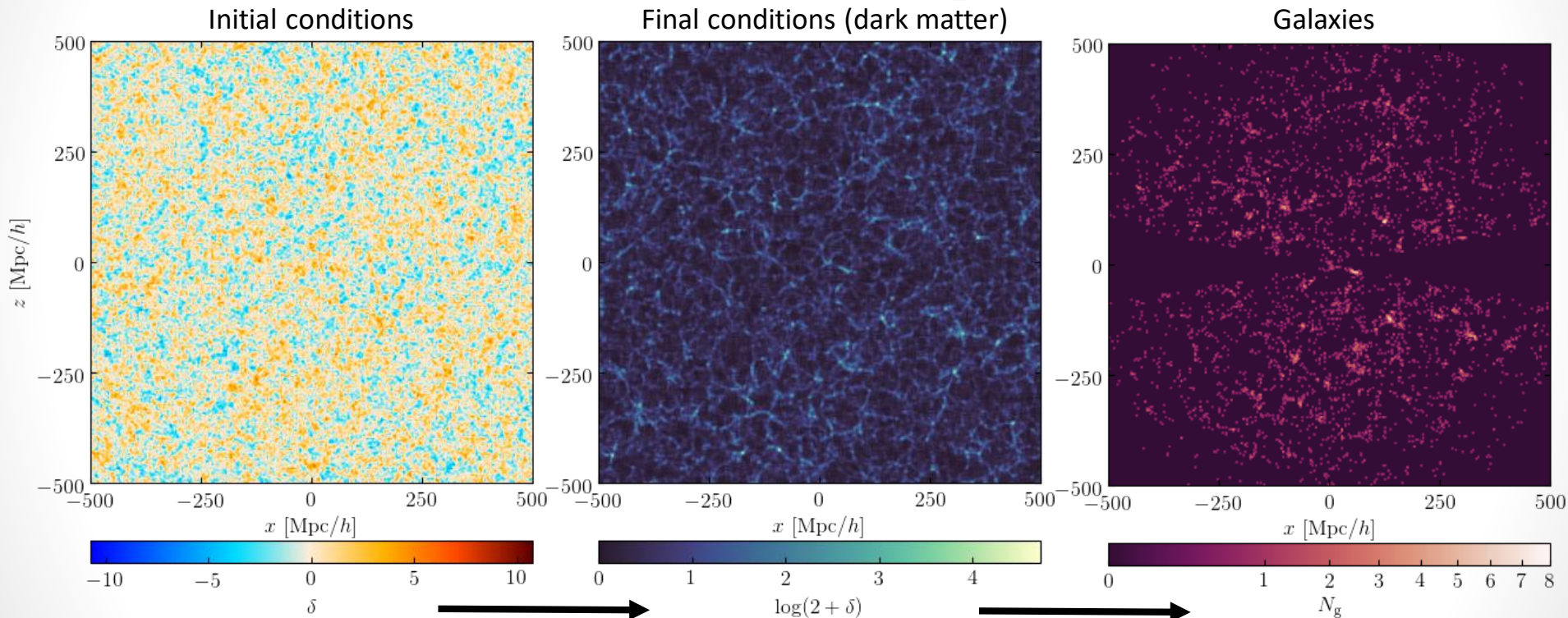
# A black-box: Simbelmynë

I'm happy to explain the name during the coffee break...



Publicly available code:

<https://bitbucket.org/florent-leclercq/simbelmyne/>



Dark matter simulation  
with COLA

Tassev, Zaldarriaga & Eisenstein 2013, 1301.0322

Survey simulation:  
Redshift-space distortions, galaxy  
bias, selection effects, survey  
geometry, instrumental noise

# tCOLA: Comoving Lagrangian Acceleration (temporal domain)

- Write the displacement vector as:  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_{\text{LPT}} + \mathbf{s}_{\text{MC}}$

Tassev & Zaldarriaga 2012, arXiv:1203.5785

- Time-stepping (omitted constants and Hubble expansion):

**Standard:**

$$\partial_{\tau}^2 \mathbf{s} = -\nabla \Phi$$

2LPT  
~ 3 timesteps

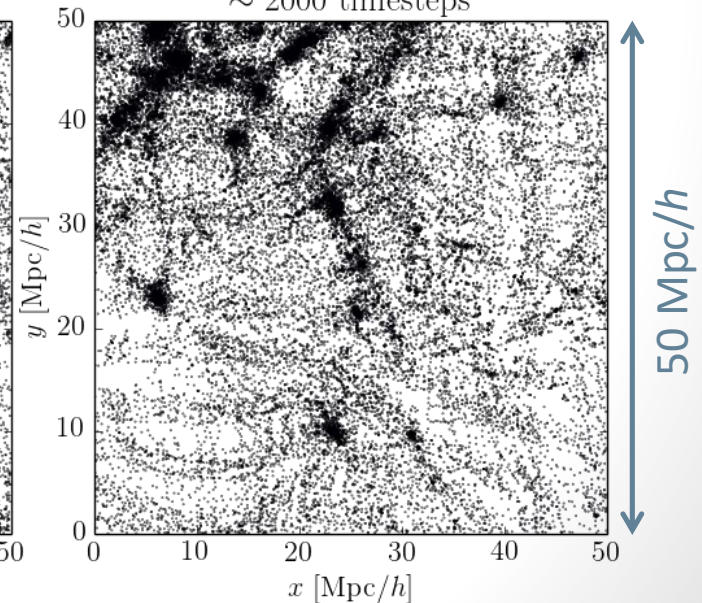
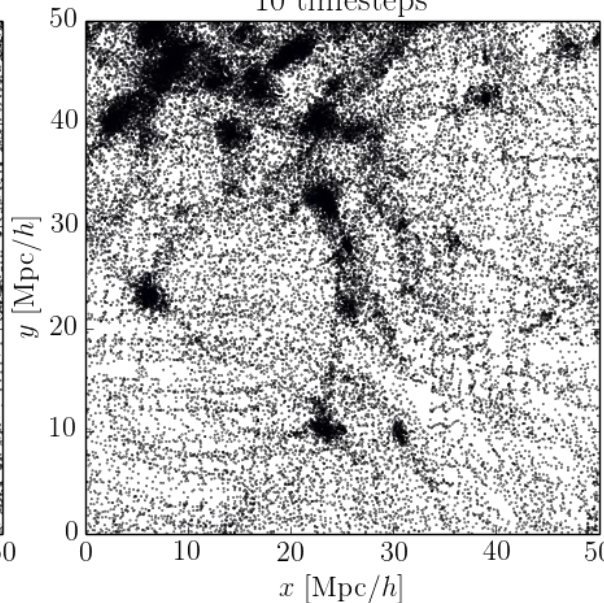
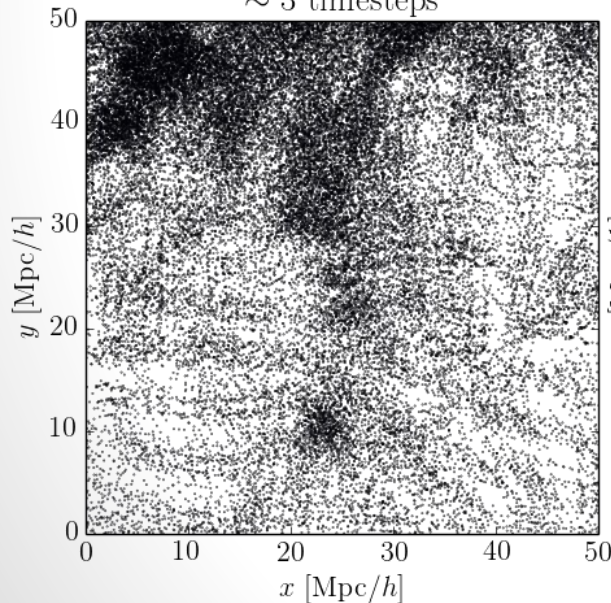


**Modified:**

$$\partial_{\tau}^2 \mathbf{s}_{\text{MC}} = \partial_{\tau}^2 (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_{\text{LPT}}) = -\nabla \Phi - \partial_{\tau}^2 \mathbf{s}_{\text{LPT}}$$

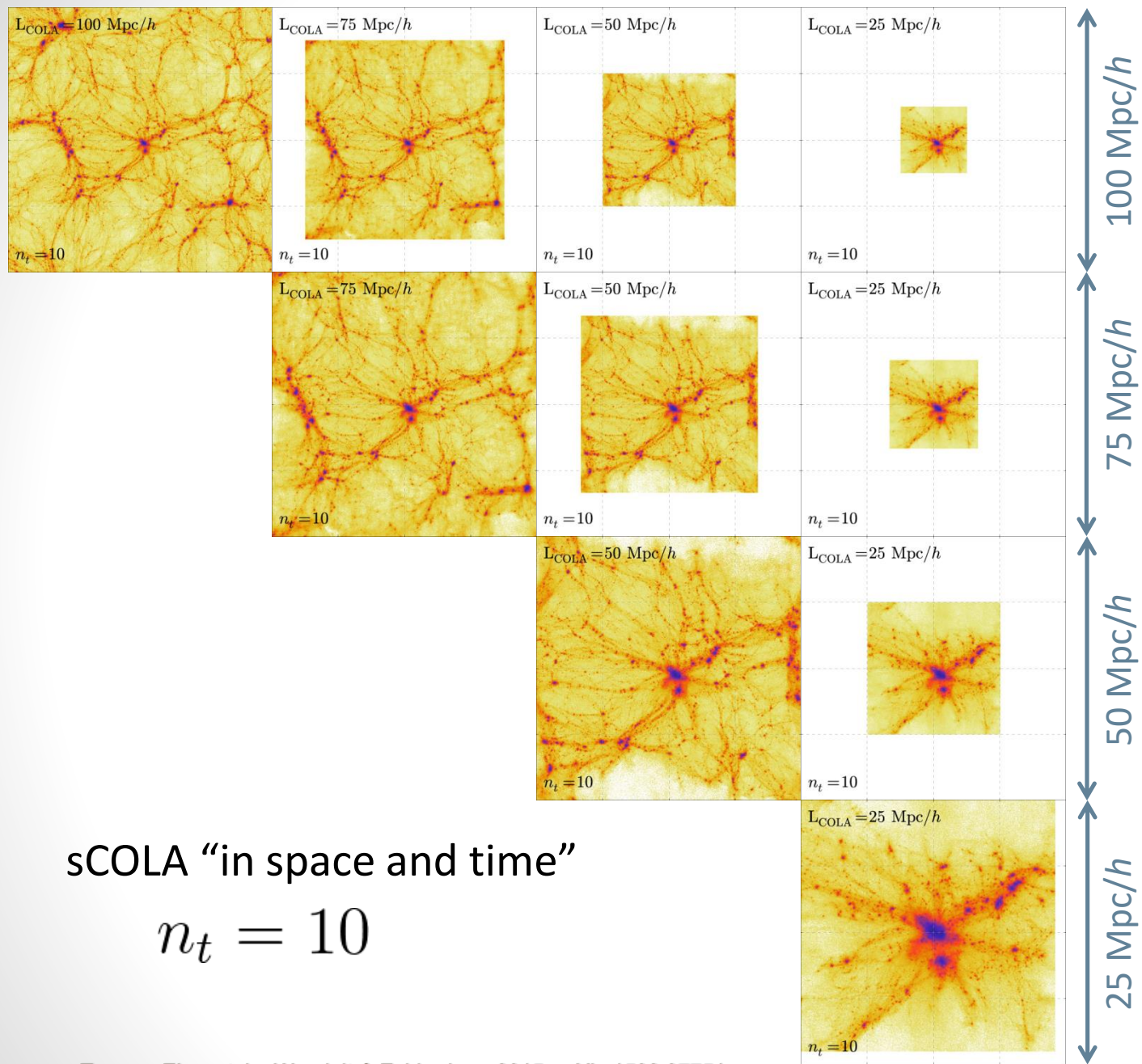
COLA  
10 timesteps

GADGET  
~ 2000 timesteps



Tassev, Zaldarriaga & Eisenstein 2013, arXiv:1301.0322



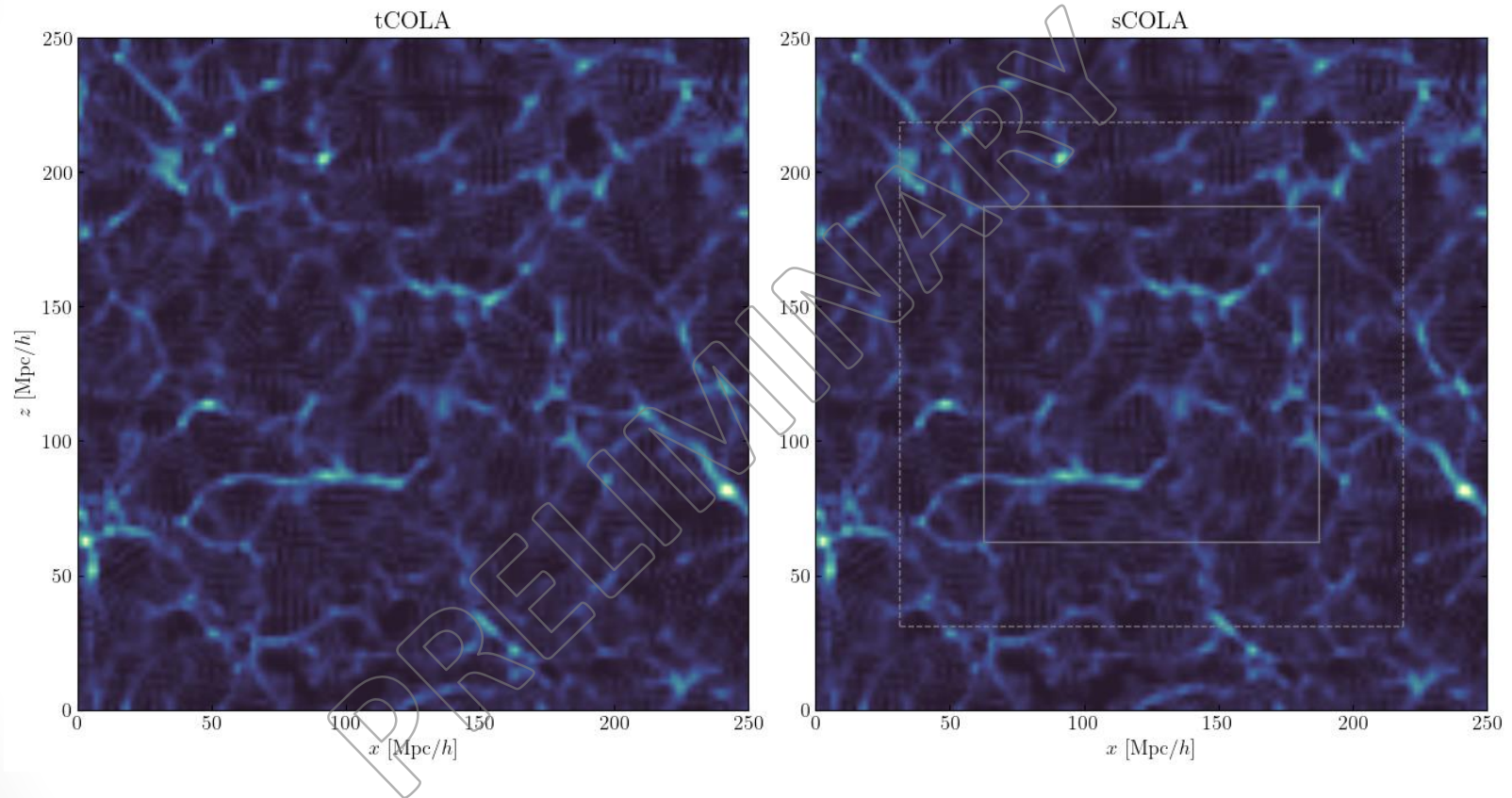


sCOLA:  
Extension to  
the spatial  
domain

sCOLA “in space and time”

$$n_t = 10$$

# Perfectly parallel simulations with sCOLA tiling



# Concluding thoughts

- **Goal:** developing an algorithm for targeted questions, allowing the use of simulators including **all relevant physical and observational effects**.
- **Bayesian analyses of galaxy surveys with fully non-linear numerical black-box models** is not an impossible task!
- **Likelihood-free inference** is an easy way to account for **cosmological synergies**.
- The “**number of parameters route**” beyond likelihood-free rejection sampling (SELF):
  - High-dimensional likelihood-free problems can be addressed.
  - The computational workload is fixed *a priori* and perfectly parallel.
- SELF allows inference of the **primordial power spectrum** and **cosmological parameters**.