

N-body Simulations with generic non-Gaussian Initial Conditions

Paper I: [arXiv:1006.5793](#) (JCAP 2010)

Paper II: in preparation

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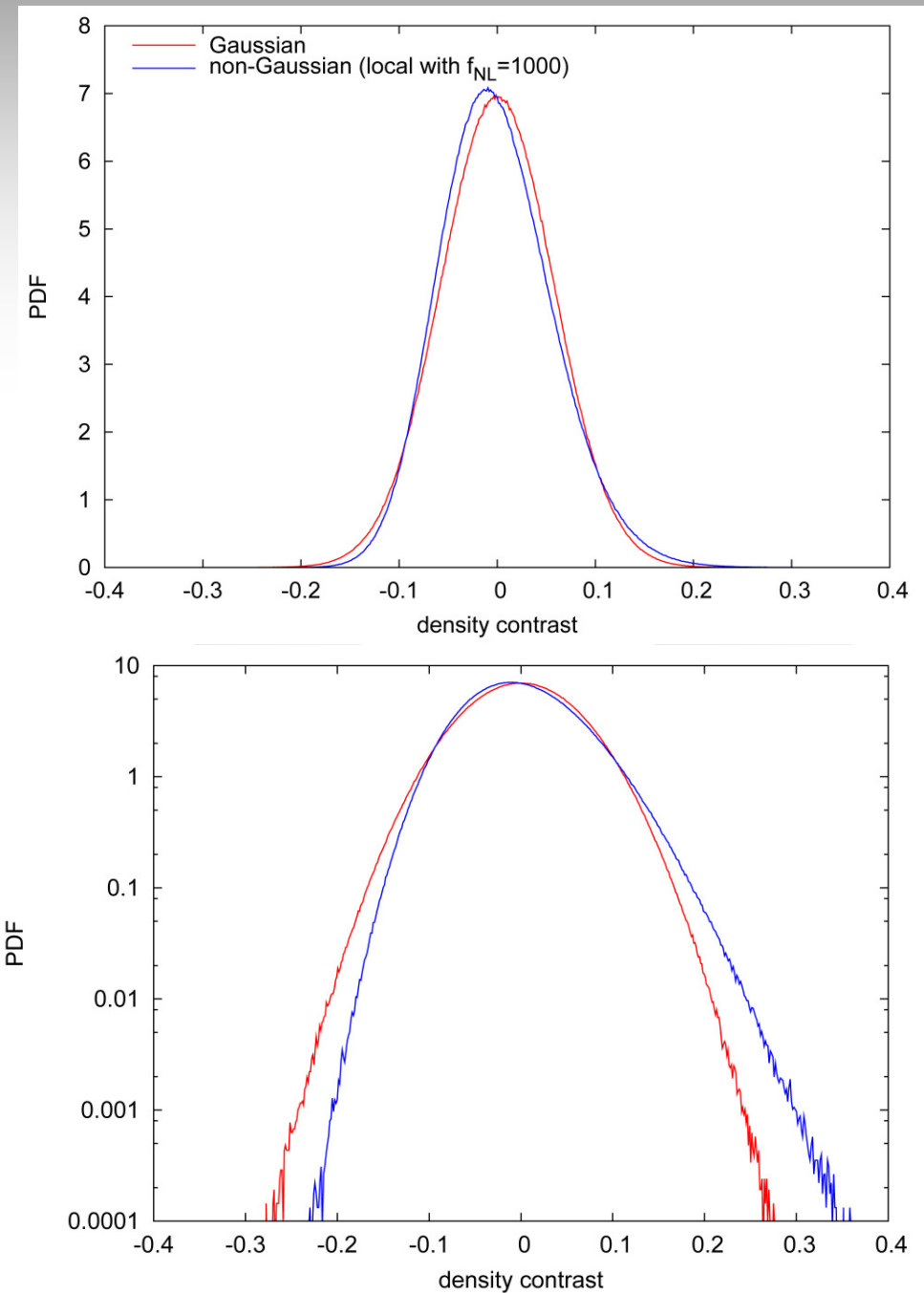
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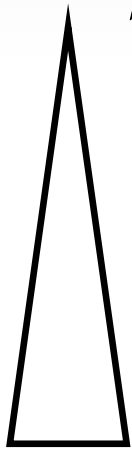
Non-Gaussianity

- Non-Gaussian PDF of the density contrast (1-point)
- Skewness $\langle \delta^3 \rangle \neq 0$
 \Rightarrow non-zero bispectrum $B(k_1, k_2, k_3)$ (3-point)
- Non-vanishing higher-order statistics (n-point)



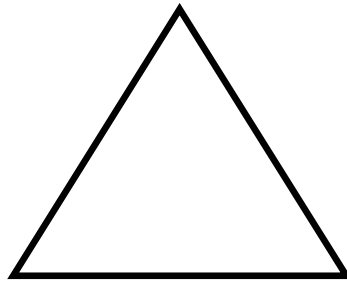
Different shapes

$$\langle \Phi_{k_1} \Phi_{k_2} \Phi_{k_3} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$



Squeezed / local

Triangle configuration for which the bispectrum peaks



equilateral



flattened / enfolded

orthogonal (to the equilateral shape)

Probes of non-Gaussianity

- Cosmic Microwave Background

$$\begin{aligned} -10 &< f_{NL}^{\text{local}} < 74 \\ -214 &< f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} < 266 \\ -410 &< f_{NL}^{\text{orthog}} < 6 \end{aligned}$$

(Komatsu et al. 2010)

- Large-scale structure:

- Abundance of very massive objects (or voids)

Local: $f_{NL} = 449 \pm 286$ (Cayon et al. 2010, see also Hoyle et al. 2010 and Enqvist et al. 2010)

- Scale-dependent halo bias on large scales

Local: $-27 < f_{NL} < 70$ (Slosar et al. 2008, see also Xia et al. 2010)

- Halo bispectrum

e.g. Nishimichi et al 2009 (simulations) and Baldauf et al. 2010 (PT)

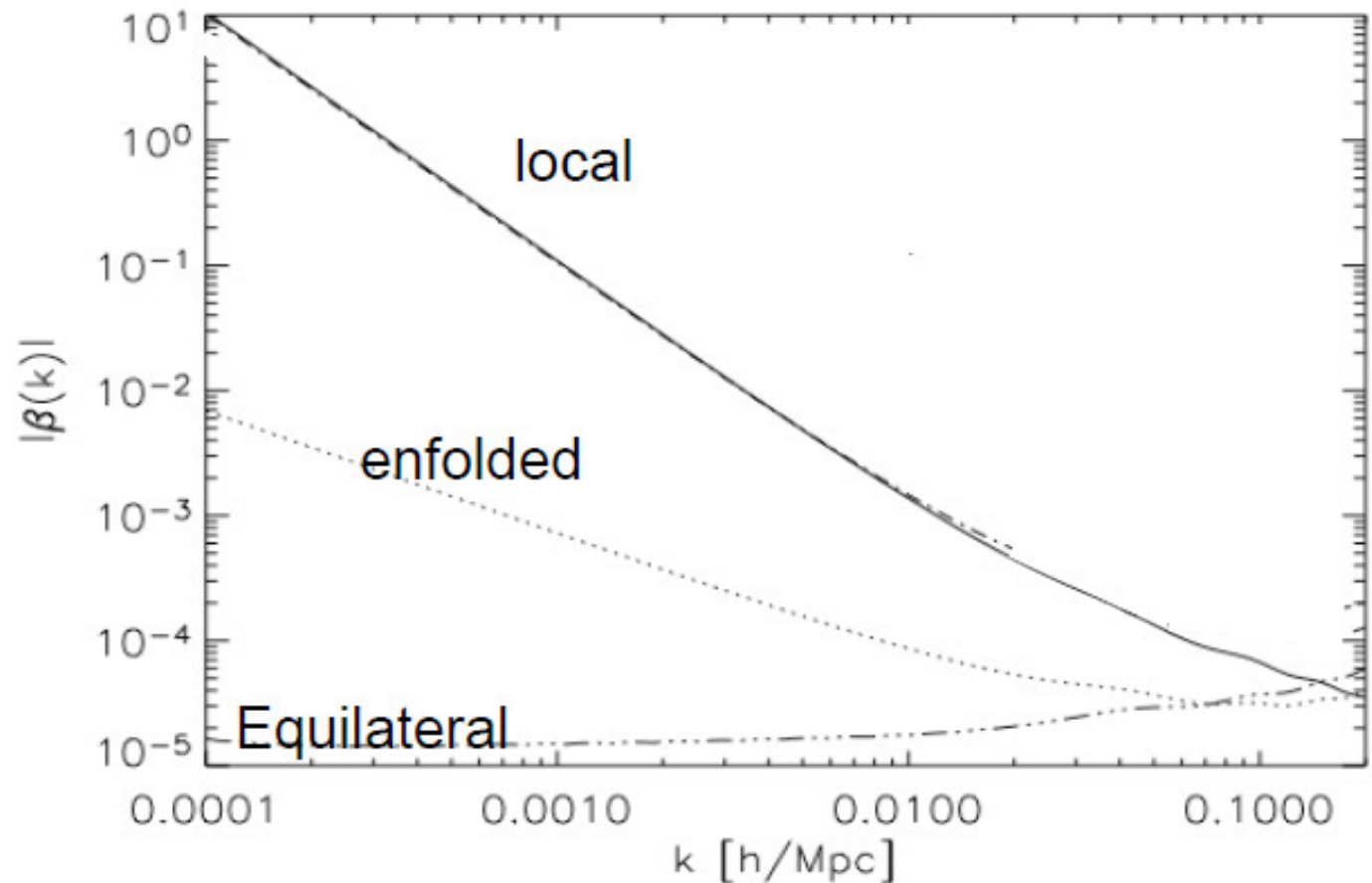
Non-Gaussian halo bias

- Scale-dependent halo bias on large scales (Dalal et al. 2008)
- Local bias approach:

$$\frac{\Delta b_h}{b_h} = \frac{\Delta_c}{D(z)} \beta(k)$$

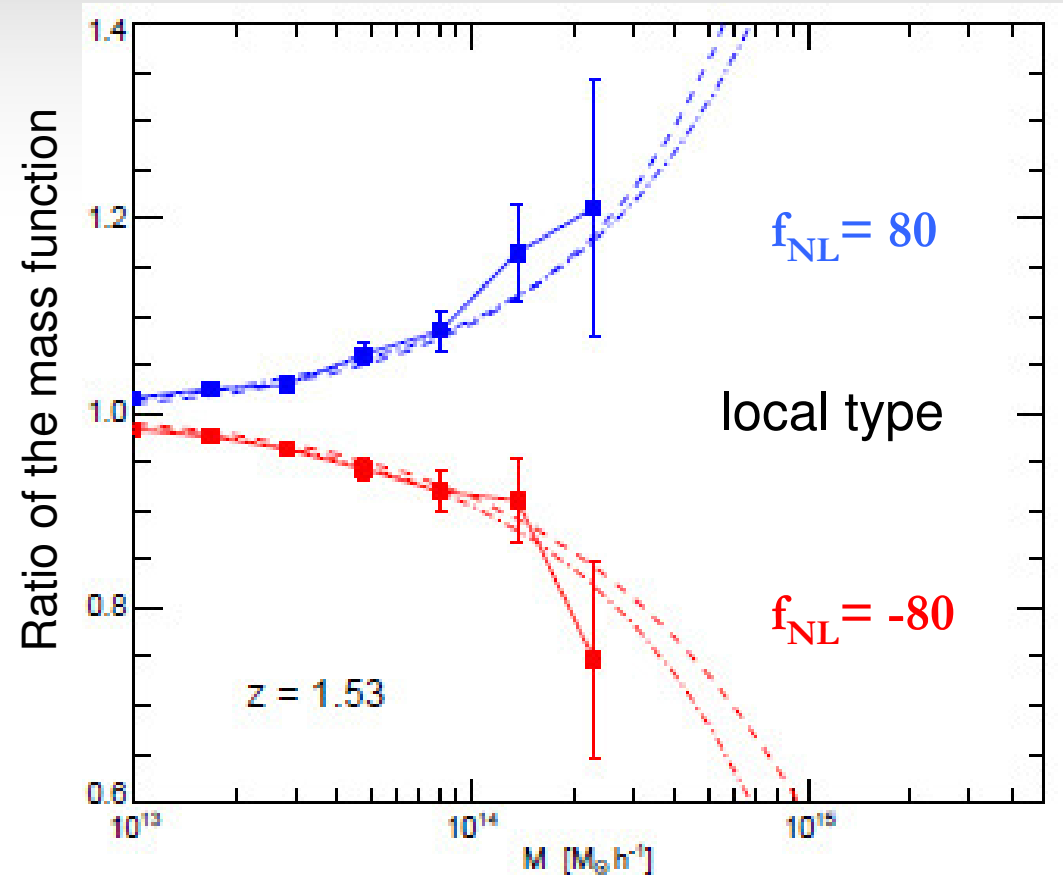
(Verde and Matarrese 2009)

- Peak Background Split (Slosar et al. 2008, Schmidt et al. 2010)



Non-Gaussian halo mass function

- Press-Schechter for non-Gaussian fields
- Two different approximations:
 - MVJ (Matarrese, Verde, Jimenez 2000)
 - LoVerde et al. 2008
- Skewness is the relevant parameter
- For other analytic approaches see Aseem's talk (D'Amico et al. 2010, Ma et al. 2007, De Simone et al. 2007)



Grossi et al. 2009

N-body Simulations

- Analytic predictions have been tested with N-body simulations by many groups
- Papers:
 - Dalal et al. 2008
 - Grossi et al. 2007 and 2010
 - Desjacques et al. 2009
 - Pillepich et al. 2010
 - ...
- But up to now **only the local type** was simulated!

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Initial Conditions

- Split the Potential into a Gaussian and a (small) non-Gaussian part

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{k}} = \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^G + \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{NG}$$

- Generate a Gaussian Random field

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^G \sim N\{0, (P(k)/2)^{1/2}\} + i N\{0, (P(k)/2)^{1/2}\}$$

$P(k) = A k^{n-4}$ where n is the spectral index

- Poisson equation and CMB physics

$$\delta_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{2 k^2 T(k) D(z)}{3 \Omega_m H_0^2} \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}$$

- Using Zel'dovich Approximation or 2LPT to generate particle distribution

How to get ϕ^{NG}

- Ansatz for Φ^{NG} for a given bispectrum

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{\text{NG}} &= \frac{1}{6(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k_2 d^3k_3 B(k, k_2, k_3) \delta^D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \frac{\Phi_{\mathbf{k}_2}^{*G} \Phi_{\mathbf{k}_3}^{*G}}{P(k_2) P(k_3)} \\ &= \frac{1}{6(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k_2 B(k, k_2, |\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_2|) \frac{\Phi_{\mathbf{k}_2}^{*G}}{P(k_2)} \frac{\Phi_{\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_2}^G}{P(|\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_2|)}\end{aligned}$$

- Test: $\langle \Phi_{k_1}^G \Phi_{k_2}^G \Phi_{k_3}^{\text{NG}} \rangle = \frac{1}{3} (2\pi)^3 B(k_1, k_2, k_3) \delta^D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3)$ ✓
- Does $P(\mathbf{k})$ change?
- Computationally very expensive: cost $\sim N_g^6$

If the Bispectrum is factorizable

$$B(k_1, k_2, k_3) \equiv \sum_i b_1^i(k_1) b_2^i(k_2) b_3^i(k_3)$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{NG} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_i b_1^i(k) \int \frac{d^3 k_2}{(2\pi)^3} G^i(\mathbf{k}_2) Q^i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_2)$$

- Compute convolutions with the help of Fast Fourier Transforms => very significant speed up of the IC generation

Bispectrum for different shapes

$$B(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 2f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} F^{\text{local}}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

$$B(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 6f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{eq}} (-F^{\text{local}} - 2F^A + F^B)$$

$$B(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 6f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{enfl}} (F^{\text{local}} + 3F^A - F^B)$$

$$B(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 6f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{orth}} (-3F^{\text{local}} - 8F^A + 3F^B)$$

$$F^{\text{local}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = P(k_1)P(k_2) + P(k_2)P(k_3) + P(k_1)P(k_3)$$

$$F^A(k_1, k_2, k_3) = [P(k_1)P(k_2)P(k_3)]^{2/3}$$

$$F^B(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \{[P(k_1)]^{1/3}[P(k_2)]^{2/3}P(k_3) + 5\text{cyc.}\}$$

Local case

■ local a)
$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi^G(\mathbf{x}) + f_{\text{NL}}(\Phi^G(\mathbf{x})^2 - \langle \Phi^G(\mathbf{x})^2 \rangle)$$

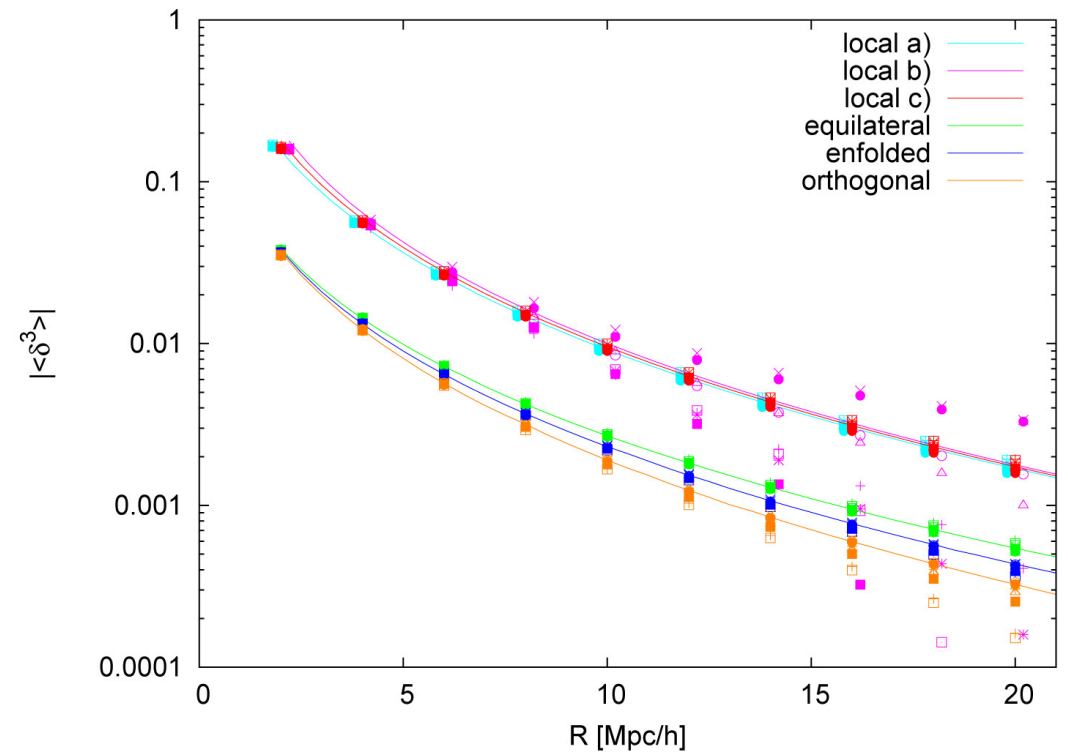
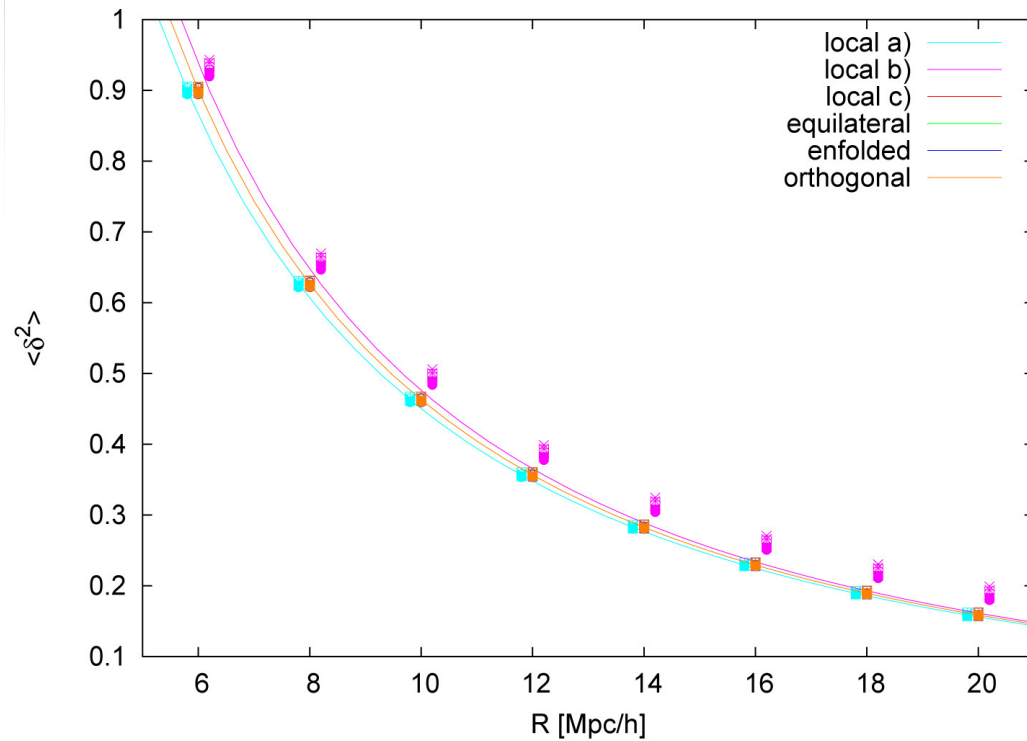
(in real space)

■ local b)
$$B(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 2f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} F^{\text{local}}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

■ local c)
$$B(k_1, k_2, k_3) \longrightarrow 6f_{\text{NL}} P(k_2) P(k_3)$$

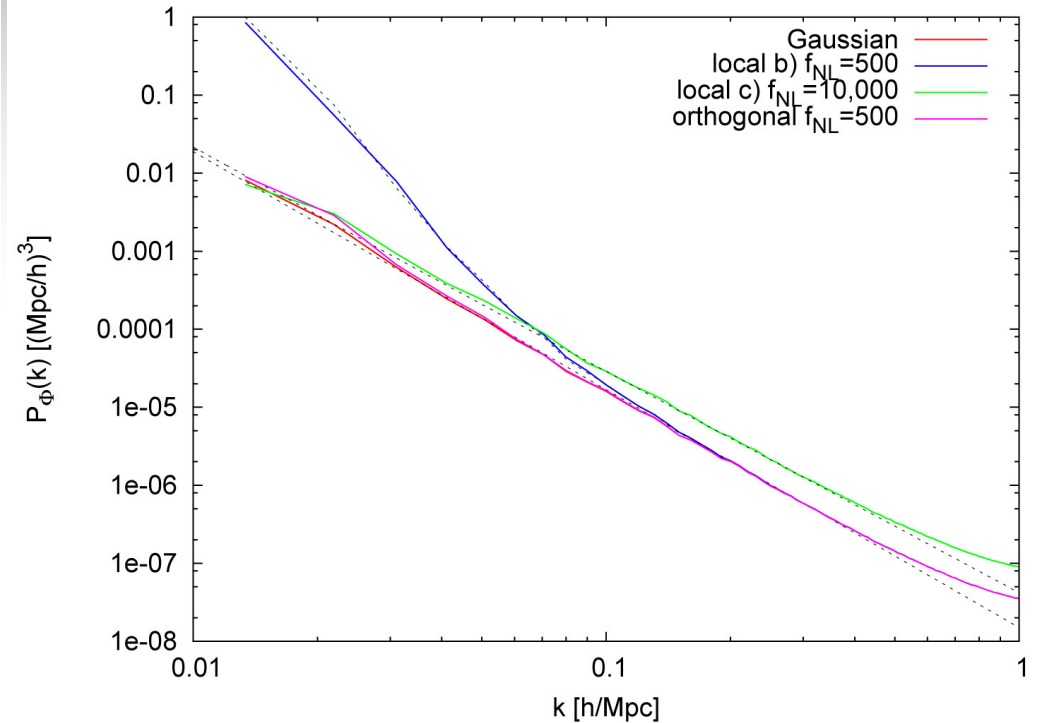
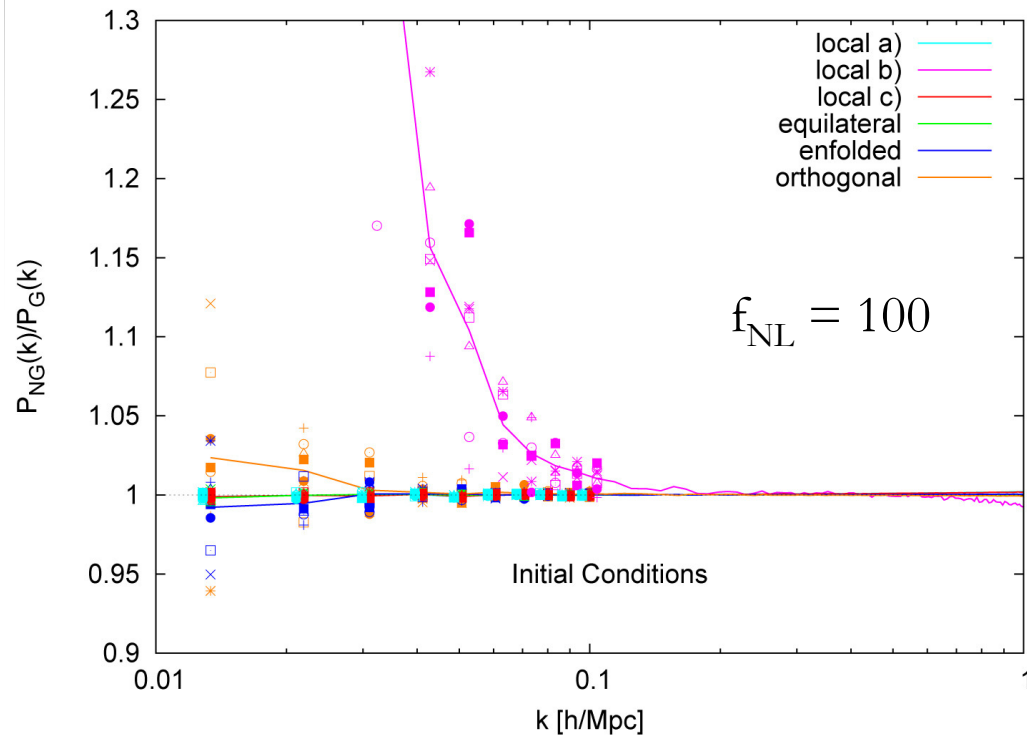
$$\Phi_{\mathbf{k}} = \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^G + f_{\text{NL}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 k' \Phi_{\mathbf{k}'}^{*G} \Phi_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}'}^G$$

Variance and skewness



R is the radius of the top-hat filter used to smooth the density field

Initial Power Spectrum



- Second-order terms for “local b)”

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{NG} \Phi_{\mathbf{q}}^{NG} \rangle = & \frac{2}{9} f_{NL}^2 \delta^D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}) \left\{ \int d^3 k' P(k') P(|\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}'|) \right. \\ & + 4P(k) \int d^3 k' P(k') \\ & \left. + 2P^2(k) \int d^3 k' \left(\frac{P(|\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}'|)}{P(k')} + 1 \right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

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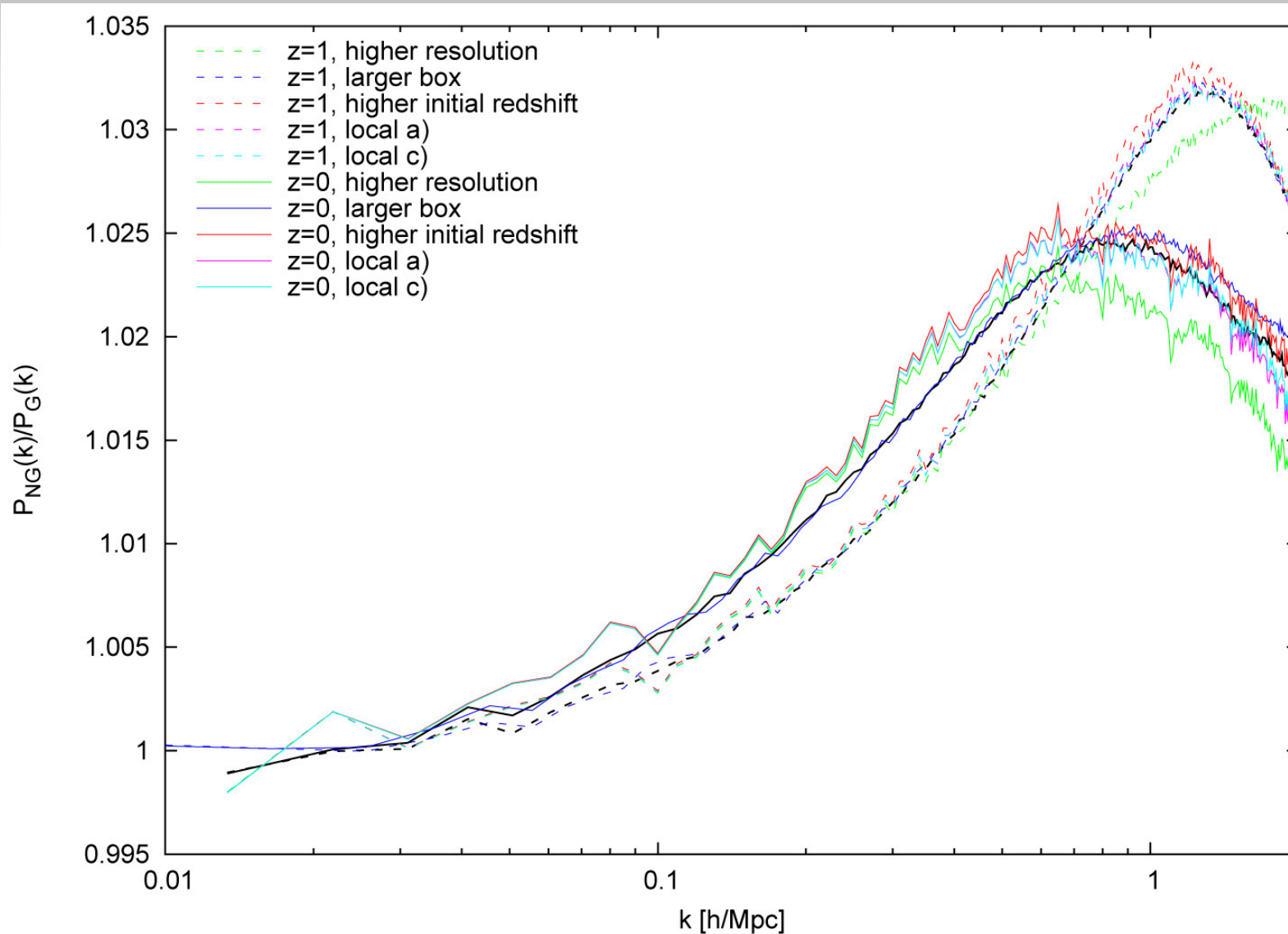
Simulations

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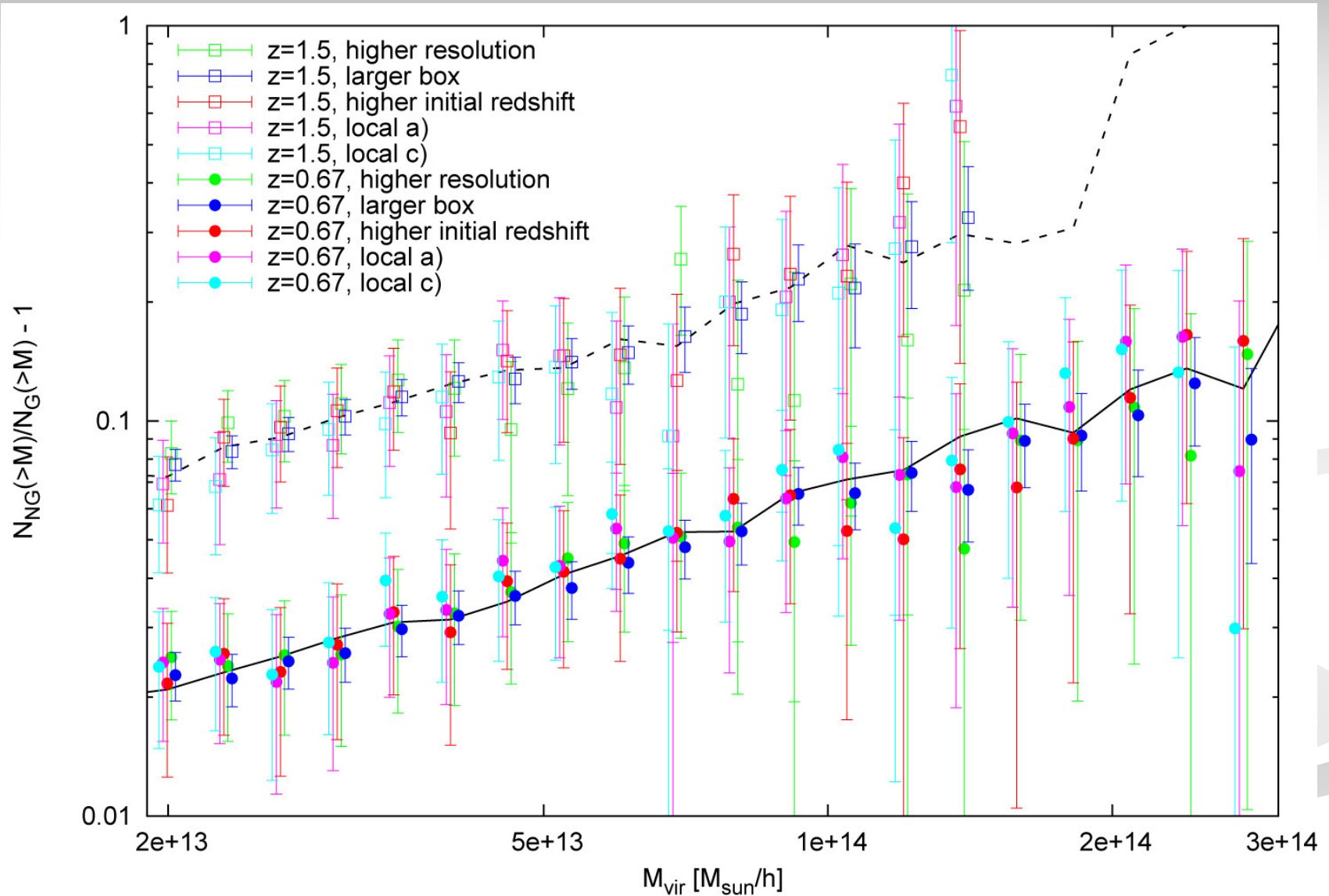
N_{part}	L_{box} (Mpc/ h)	m_{part} (M_{\odot}/h)	l_{soft} (kpc/ h)	z_{initial}	f_{NL}	shape	# sims
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256^3	600	10^{12}	70	49	-500 to 500^a	equilateral	8
256^3	600	10^{12}	70	49	-500 to 500^a	enfolded	8
256^3	600	10^{12}	70	49	-500 to 500^a	orthogonal	8
512^3	600	$\sim 10^{11}$	35	49	0 and 100	local a)	1
512^3	1200	10^{12}	70	49	0 and 100	local a)	1
256^3	600	10^{12}	70	99	0 and 100	local a)	1
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^a $f_{\text{NL}} = -500, -250, -100, 0, 100, 250, 500$

Non-linear Power Spectrum



Halo Mass Function



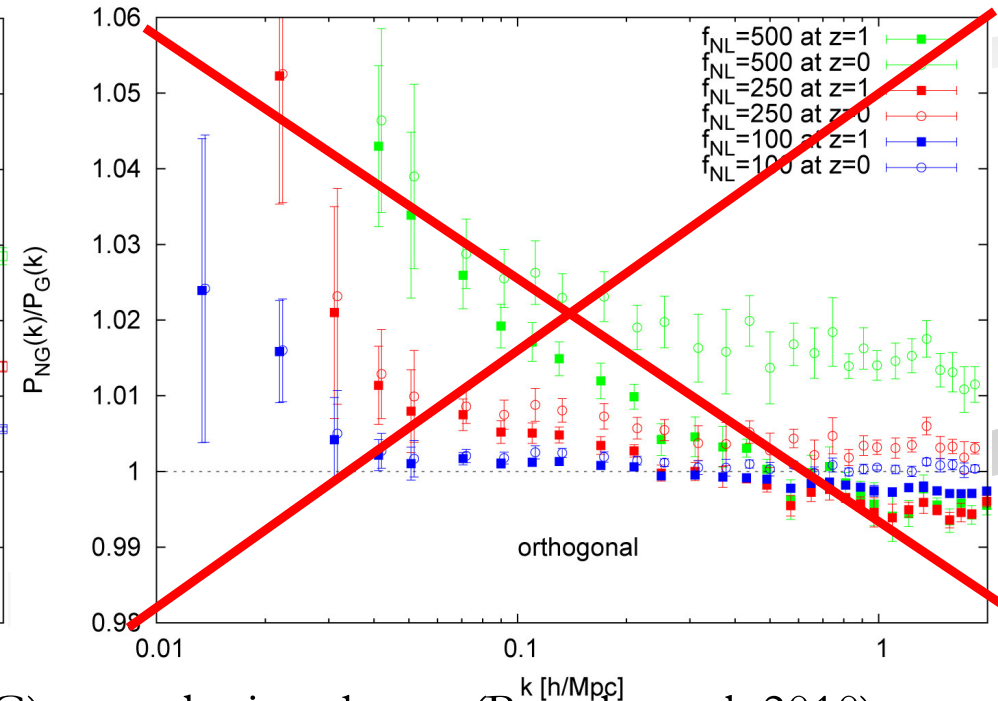
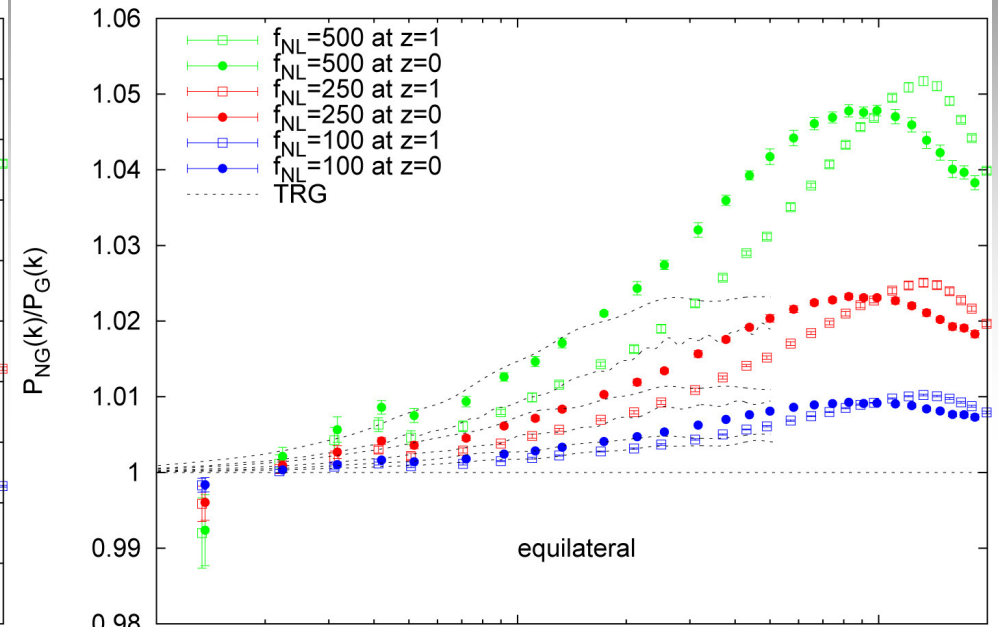
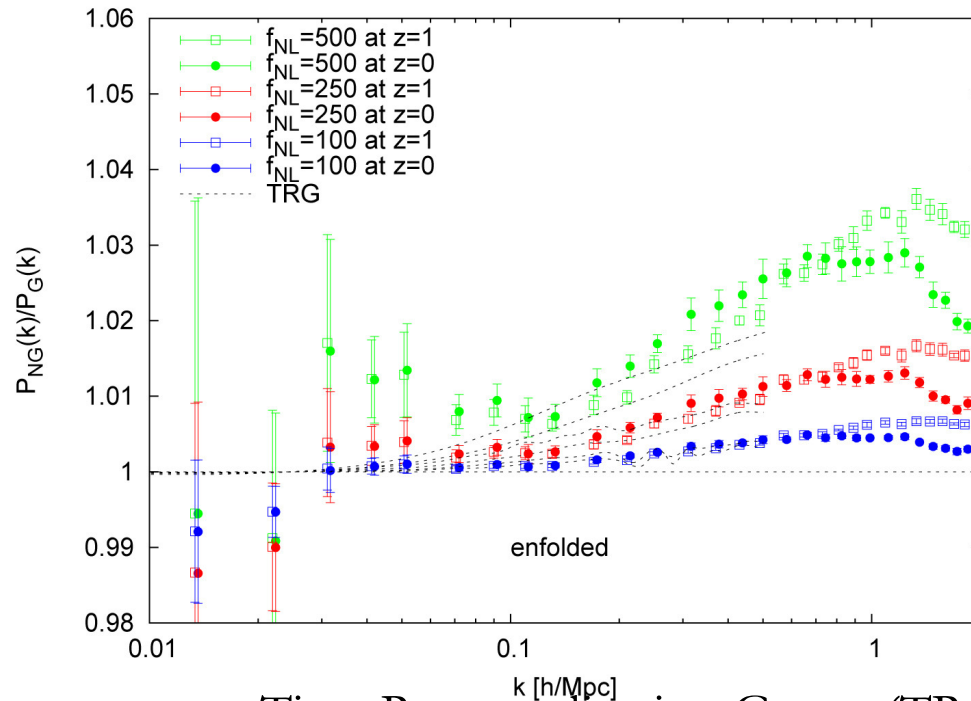
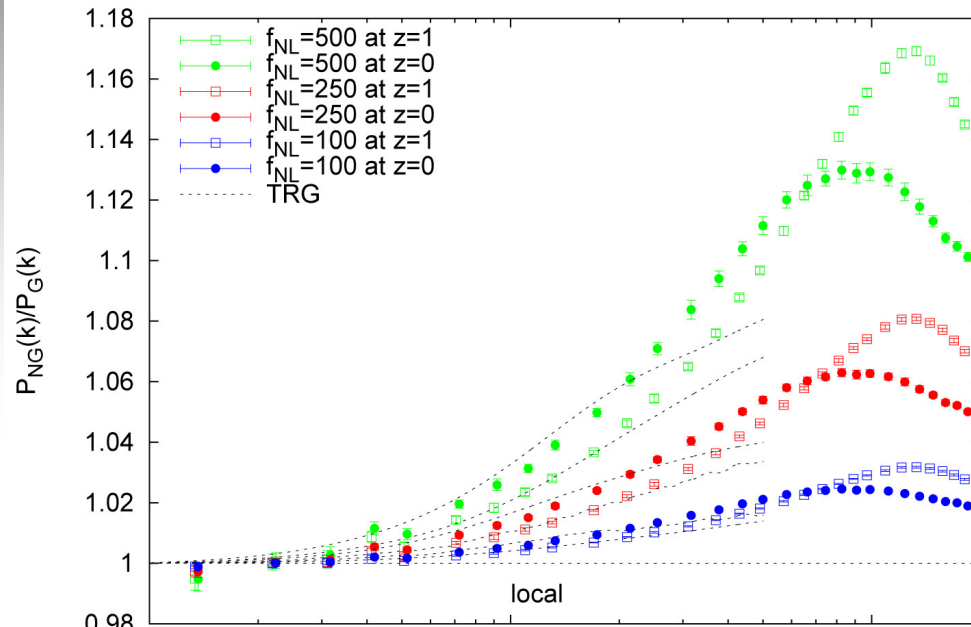
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Non-linear Power spectrum



Time Renormalization Group (TRG) perturbation theory (Bartolo et al. 2010)

Halo mass function

- Here, halos are defined as bound objects with an spherical overdensity equal to the virial density (instead of Friends-of-Friends halos) No $\delta_c \longrightarrow \sqrt{q}\delta_c$?
- Theoretical Predictions for the ratio of *cumulative* mass functions

$$R_{NG>(> M) = \frac{\int_M^\infty r_{NG}(\tilde{M}) n_{\text{Tinker}}(\tilde{M}) d\tilde{M}}{\int_M^\infty n_{\text{Tinker}}(\tilde{M}) d\tilde{M}}$$

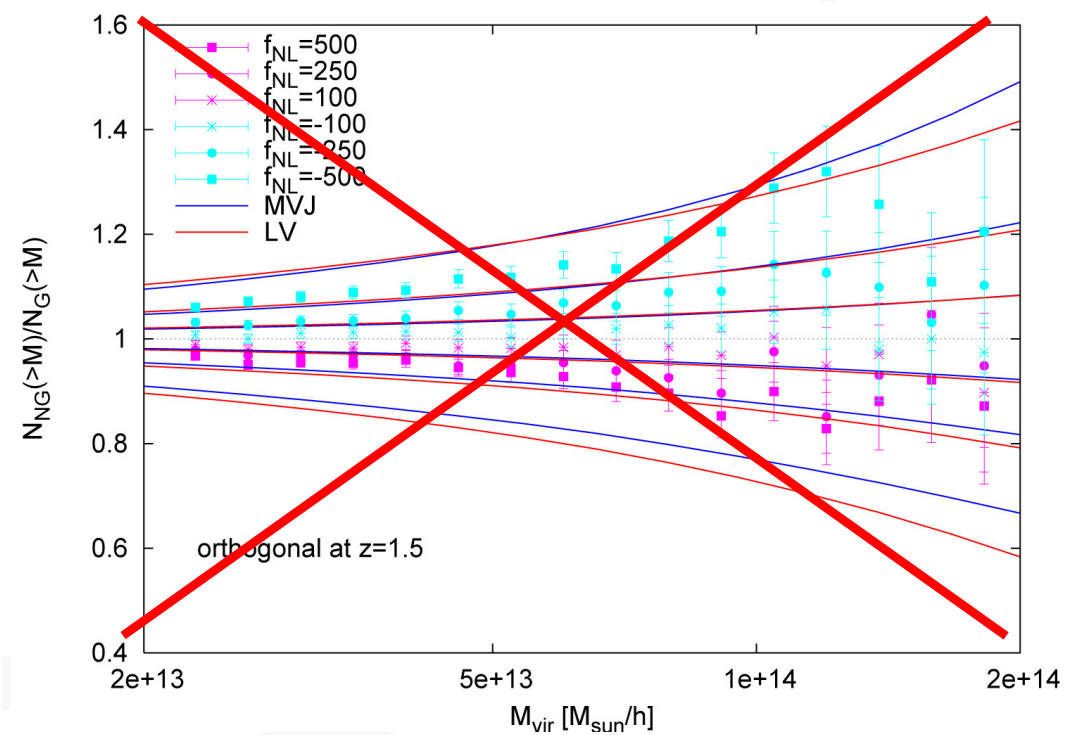
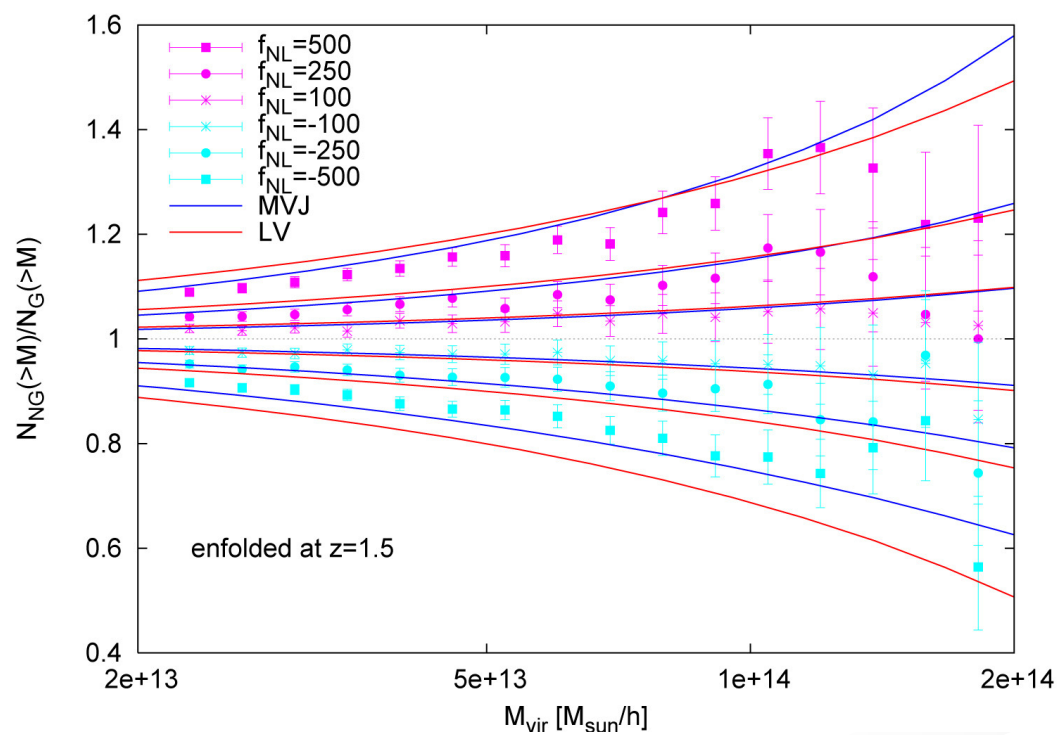
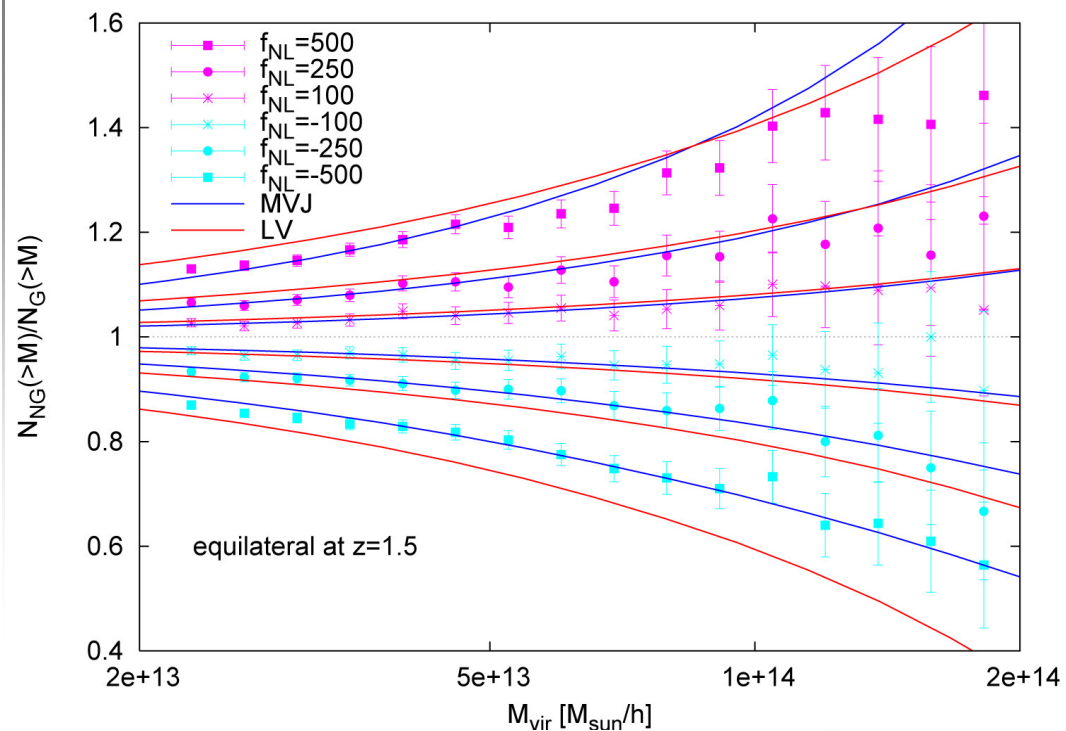
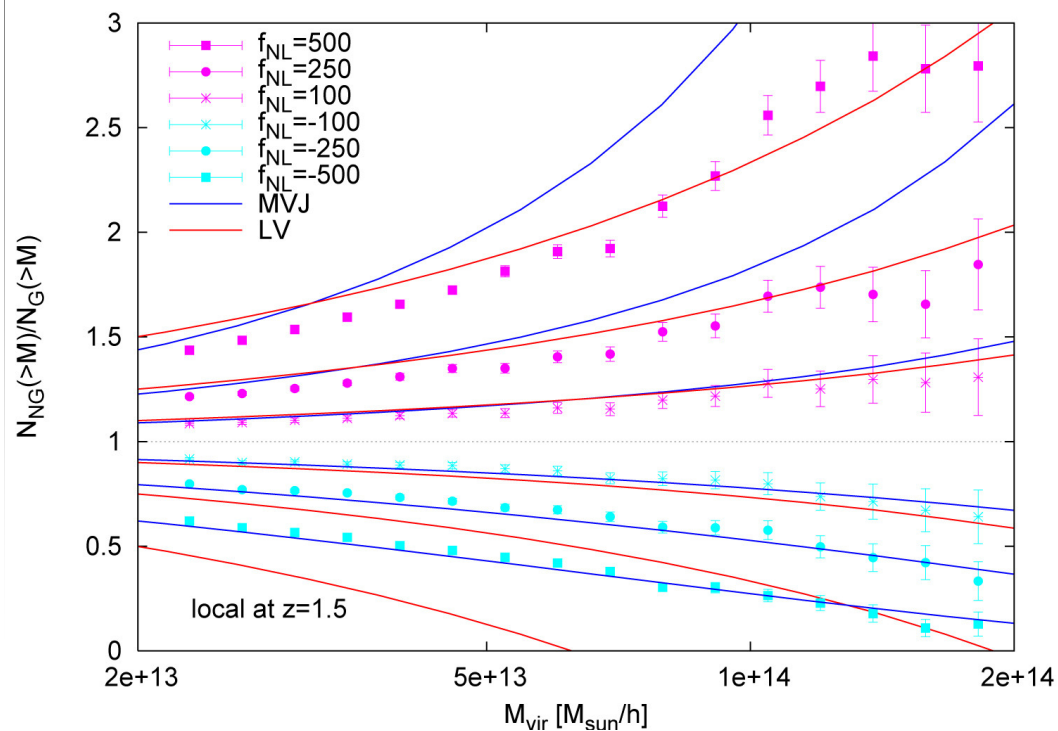
with $r_{NG}(M)$ the ratio:

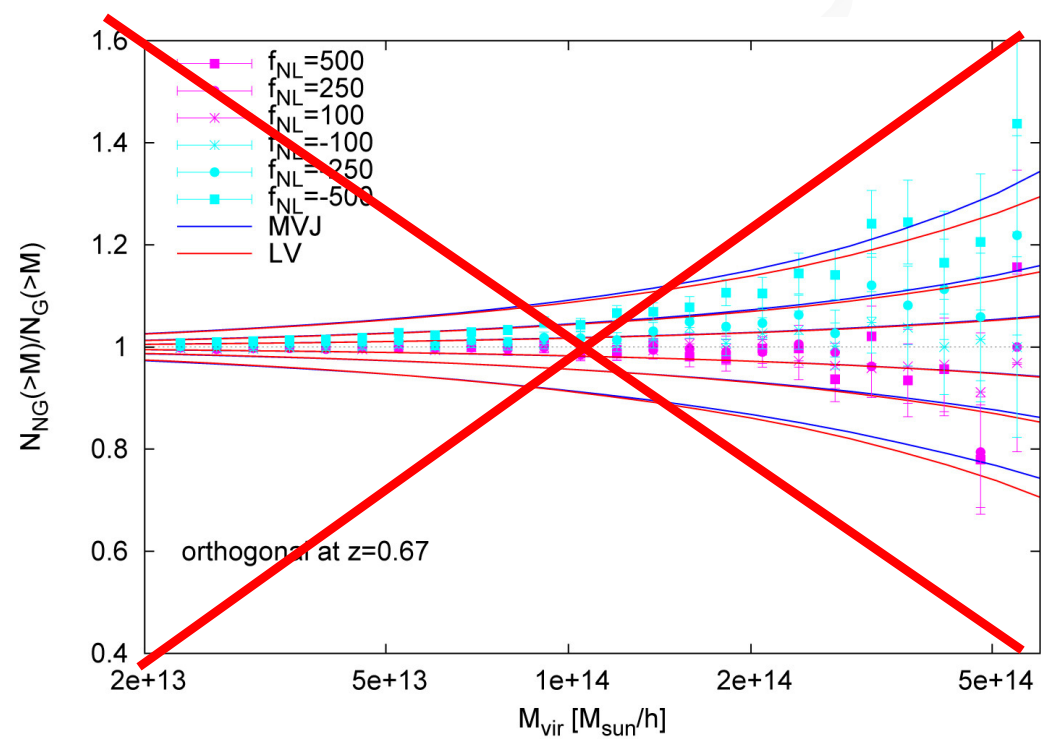
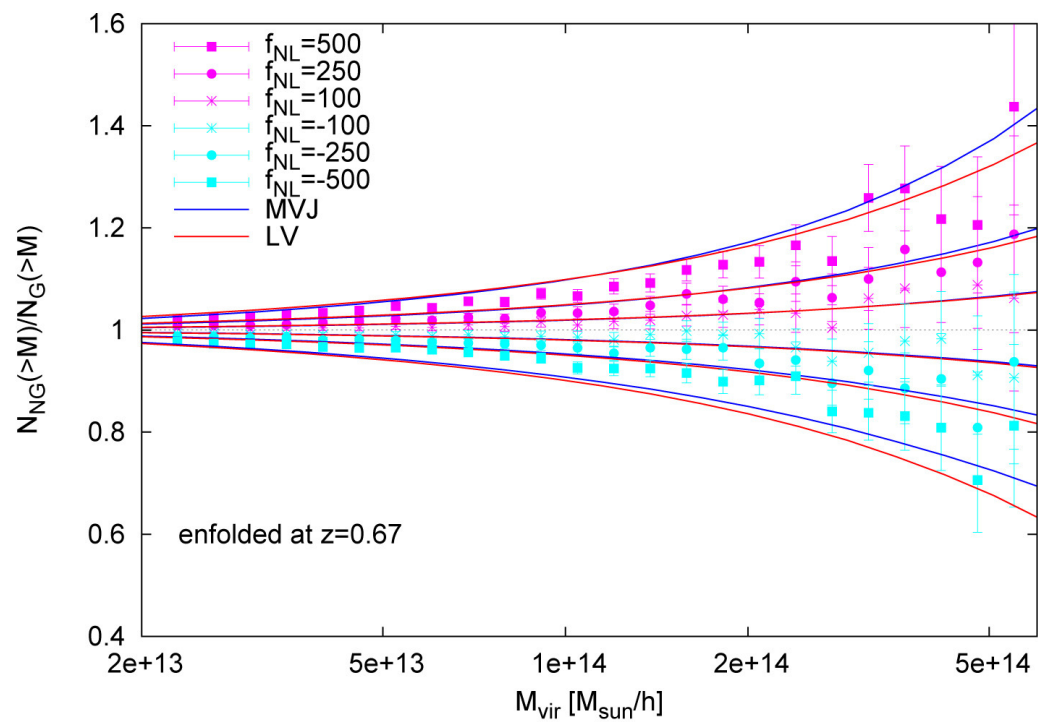
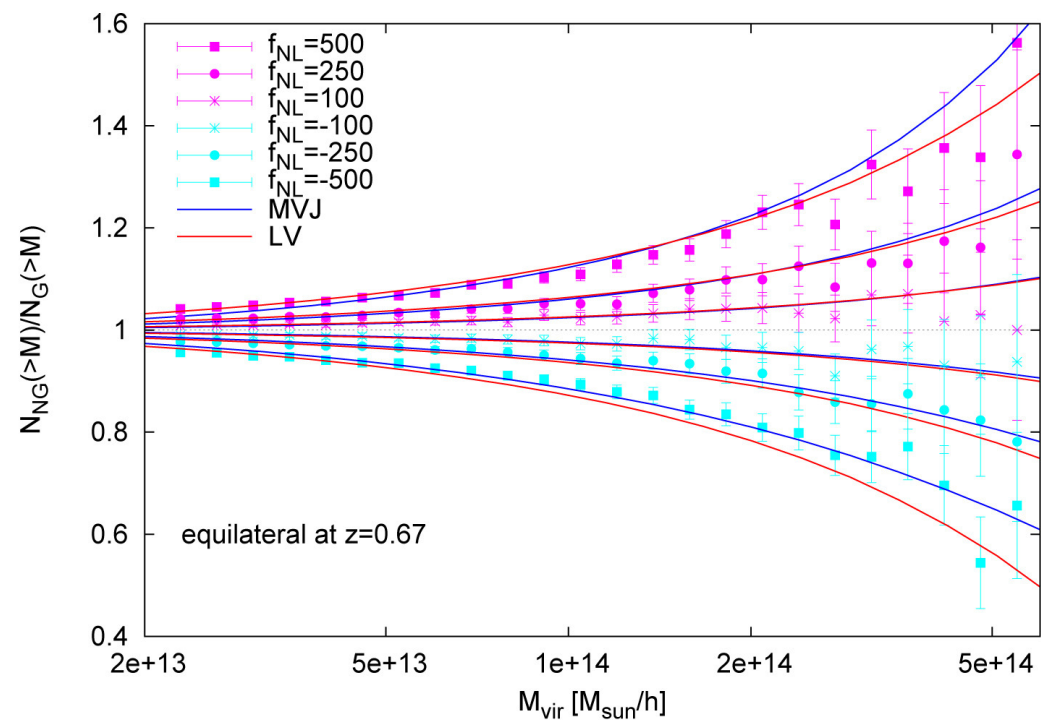
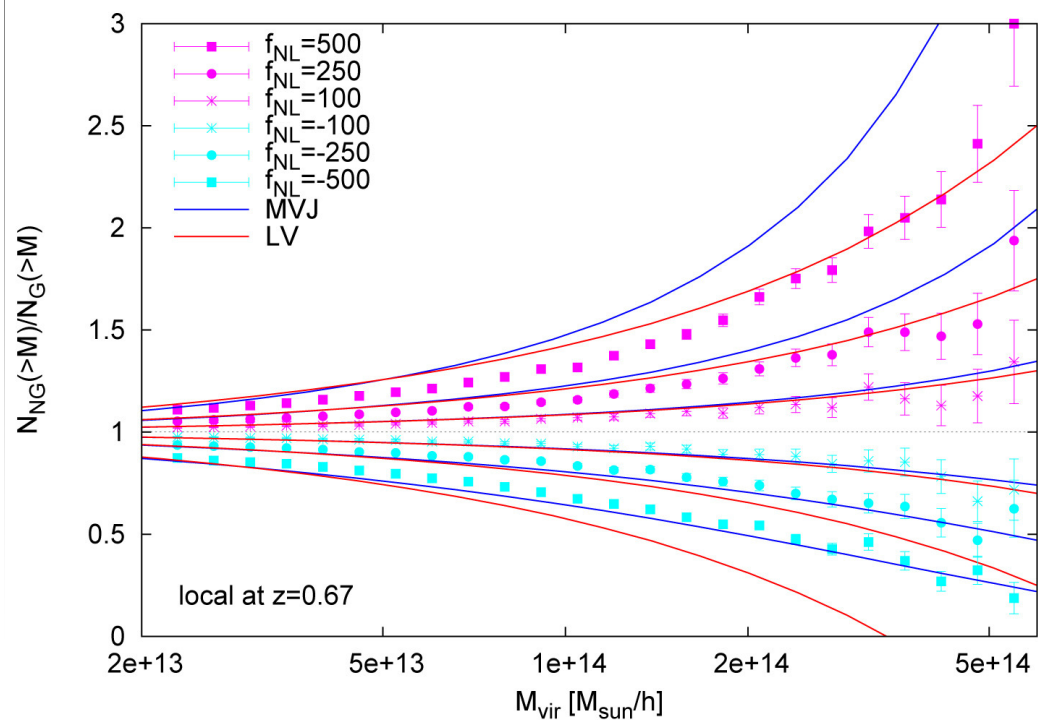
MVJ

$$r_{NG}(M, z, f_{NL}) = \exp \left[\delta_{ec}^3 \frac{S_{3,M}}{6\sigma_M^2} \right] \times \left[\frac{1}{6} \frac{\delta_{ec}^2}{\sqrt{1 - \delta_{ec} S_{3,M}/3}} \frac{dS_{3,M}}{d \ln \sigma_M} + \frac{\delta_{ec} \sqrt{1 - \delta_{ec} S_{3,M}/3}}{\delta_{ec}} \right]$$

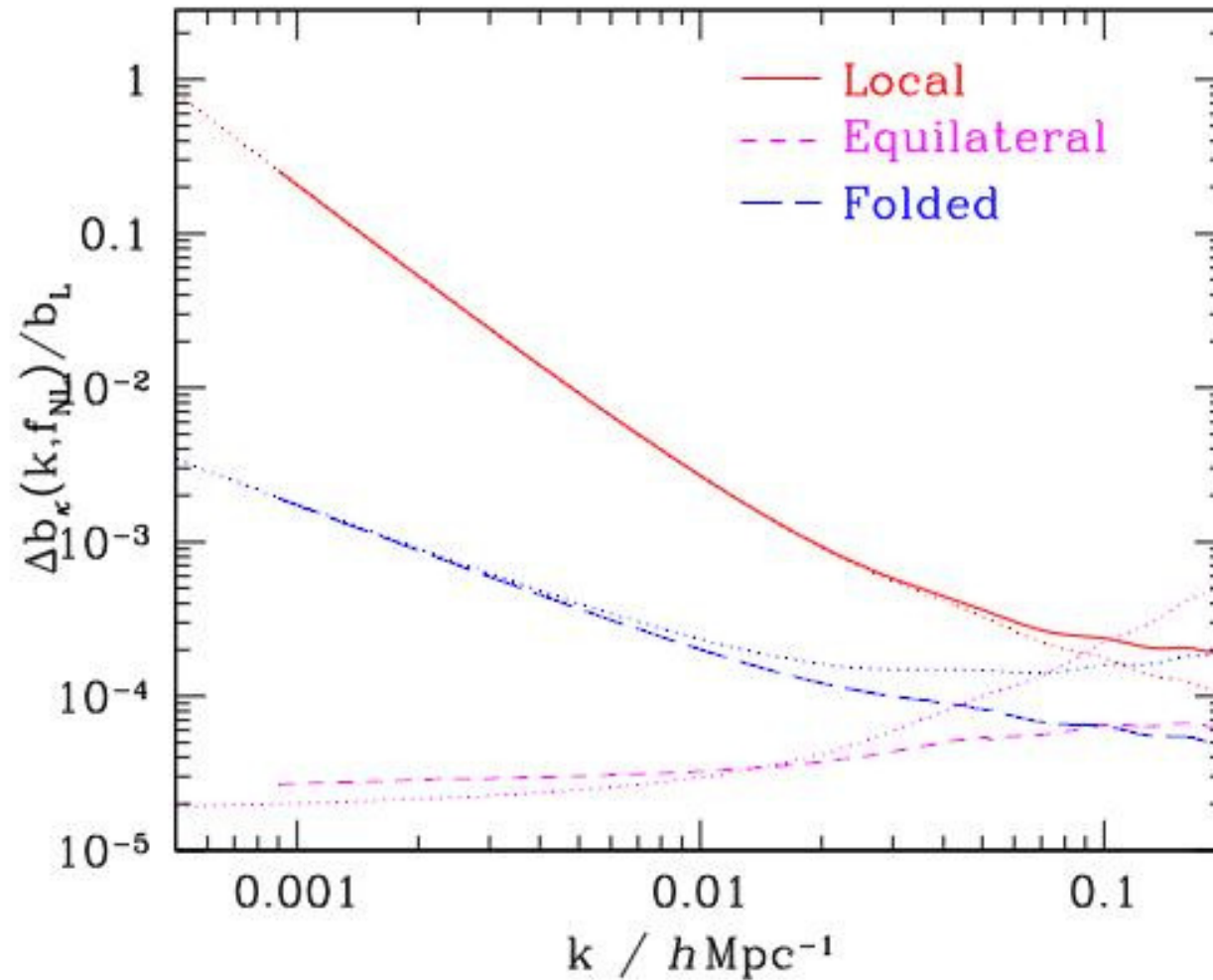
LV

$$r_{NG}(M, z, f_{NL}) = 1 + \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sigma_M^2}{\delta_{ec}} \times \left[S_{3,M} \left(\frac{\delta_{ec}^4}{\sigma_M^4} - 2 \frac{\delta_{ec}^2}{\sigma_M^2} - 1 \right) + \frac{dS_{3,M}}{d \ln \sigma_M} \left(\frac{\delta_{ec}^2}{\sigma_M^2} - 1 \right) \right]$$





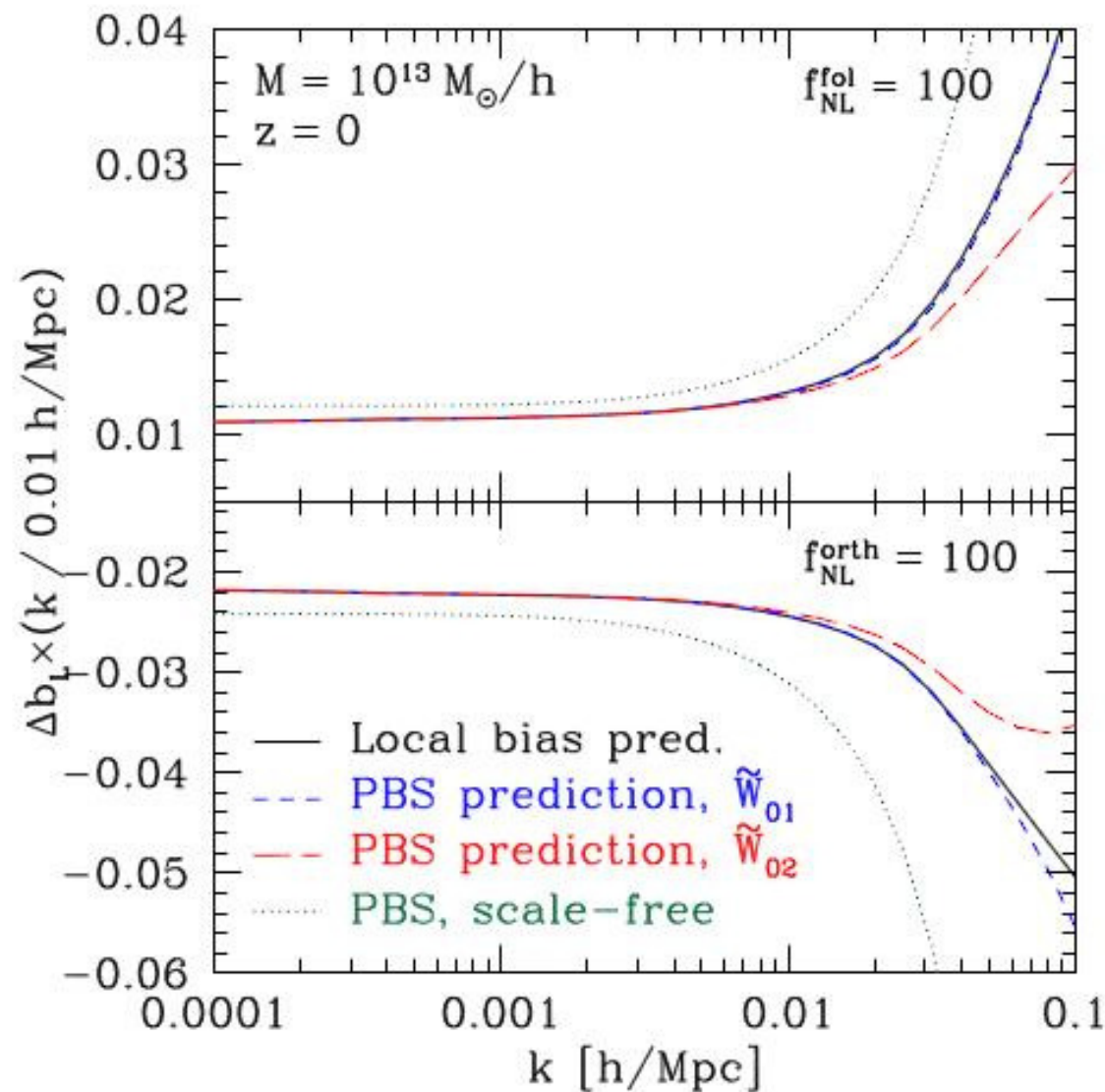
NG halo bias



- NG halo bias depends on shape
- Effect becomes measurable on large scales
- linear in f_{NL}

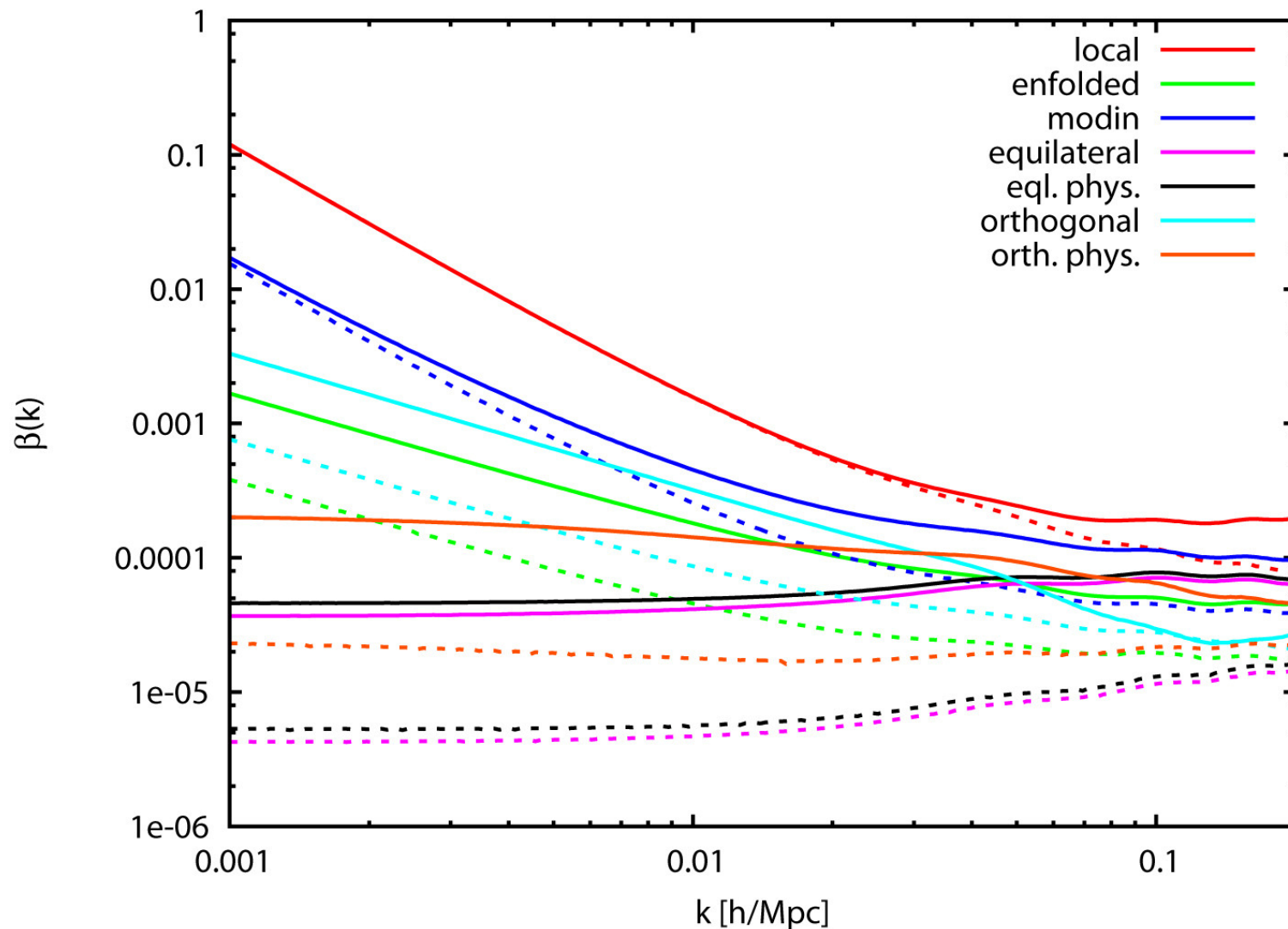
from a review article by Desjacques and Seljak (2010)

NG halo bias



Prediction derived with the
peak background split
approach
Schmidt & Kamionkowski
(2010)

Templates vs. physical shapes



- modified initial state / enfolded (Meerburg et al. 2009)
- orthogonal and equilateral (Senatore et al. 2010)
- templates maximize the so-called “cosine”, this is relevant for CMB analysis
- for NG bias the correct scaling in the squeezed limit is crucial

Problem

- Second-order contributions of our ansatz

$$\langle \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{NG} \Phi_{\mathbf{q}}^{NG} \rangle = \frac{1}{18} \delta^D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}) \int d^3 k' \frac{B^2(k, k', |\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}'|)}{P(k')P(|\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}'|)}$$

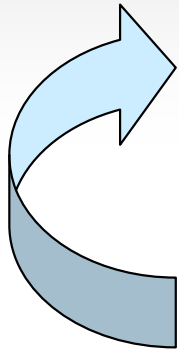
scale a $\mathbf{f}_{\text{NL}}^2/\mathbf{k}$ for the enfolded and orthogonal template

- The NG halos bias scales as $\mathbf{f}_{\text{NL}}/\mathbf{k}$

=> Effect is swamped by artificial power on large scales

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Modified Ansatz

- Generalize the transformation for the local shape:

$$2(P(k_1)P(k_2) + P(k_2)P(k_3) + P(k_1)P(k_3)) \longrightarrow 6P(k_2)P(k_3)$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{k}_1}^{NG} = \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^3} \int d^3k_2 d^3k_3 \frac{B(k_1, k_2, k_3) \delta^D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \Phi_{\mathbf{k}_2}^{*G} \Phi_{\mathbf{k}_3}^{*G}}{P(k_1)P(k_2) + P(k_2)P(k_3) + P(k_1)P(k_3)}$$

(see also Schmidt & Kamionkowski 2010)

- Not factorizable => computational expensive
 - But physical shapes often not factorizable anyway
- Second-order contributions to the Power Spectrum are suppressed on large scales

Using a smaller grid for ϕ_k^{NG}

- ϕ_k^{NG} computation scales as $\sim N_g^6$
- Choose a grid size for ϕ_k^{NG} of 400
(computation takes 2 days on 256 cores)
- Gaussian grid size is 1024
- Box size 1875 Mpc/h
=> “NG resolution” 5 Mpc/h $\sim 3 \times 10^{13} M_{\text{sun}}/h$
- One billion particles per simulation
=> Particle mass $\sim 5 \times 10^{11} M_{\text{sun}}/h$
- Numerical tests confirmed the expected lower mass limit of resolved halos to be $3 \times 10^{13} M_{\text{sun}}/h$

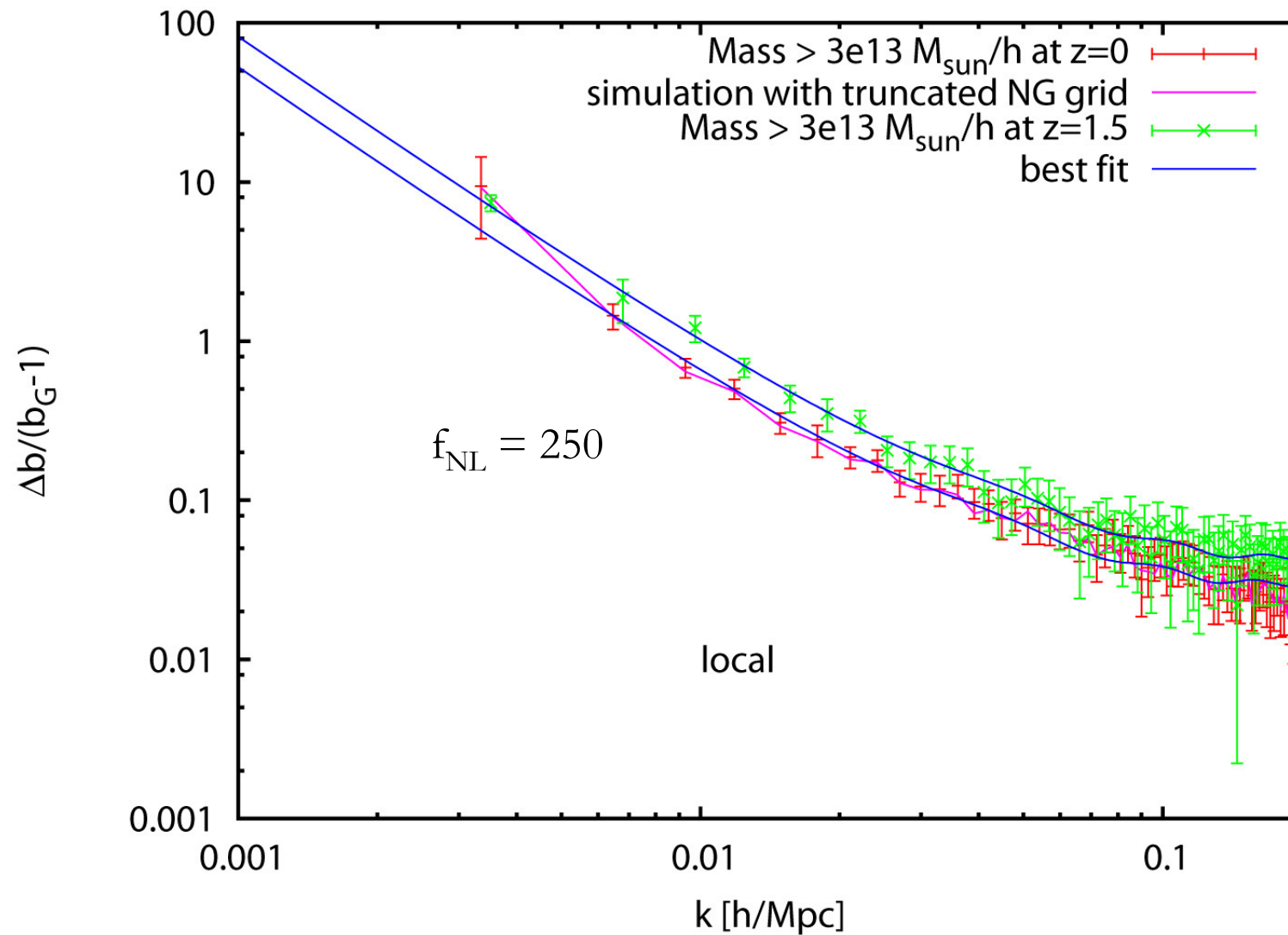
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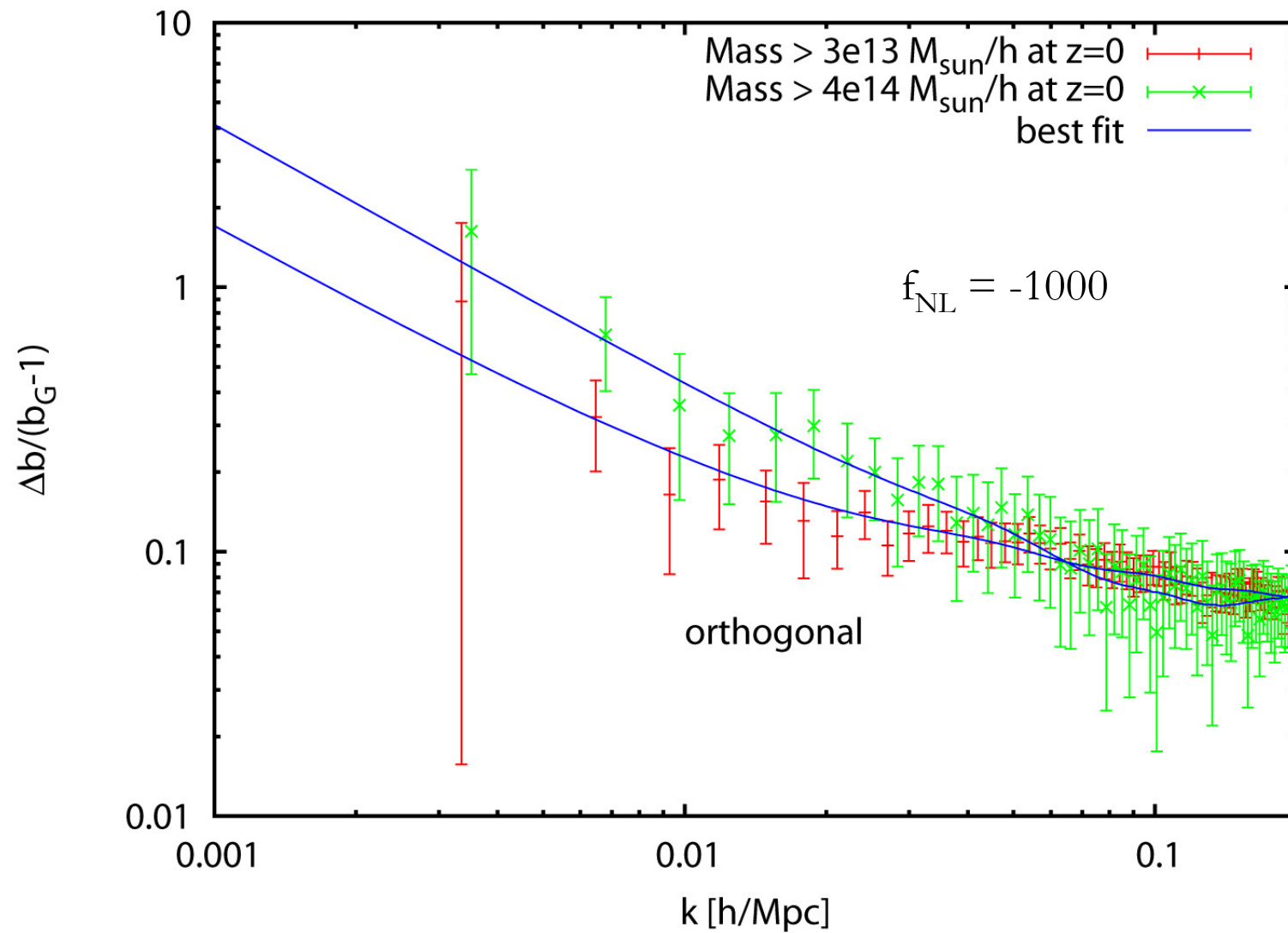


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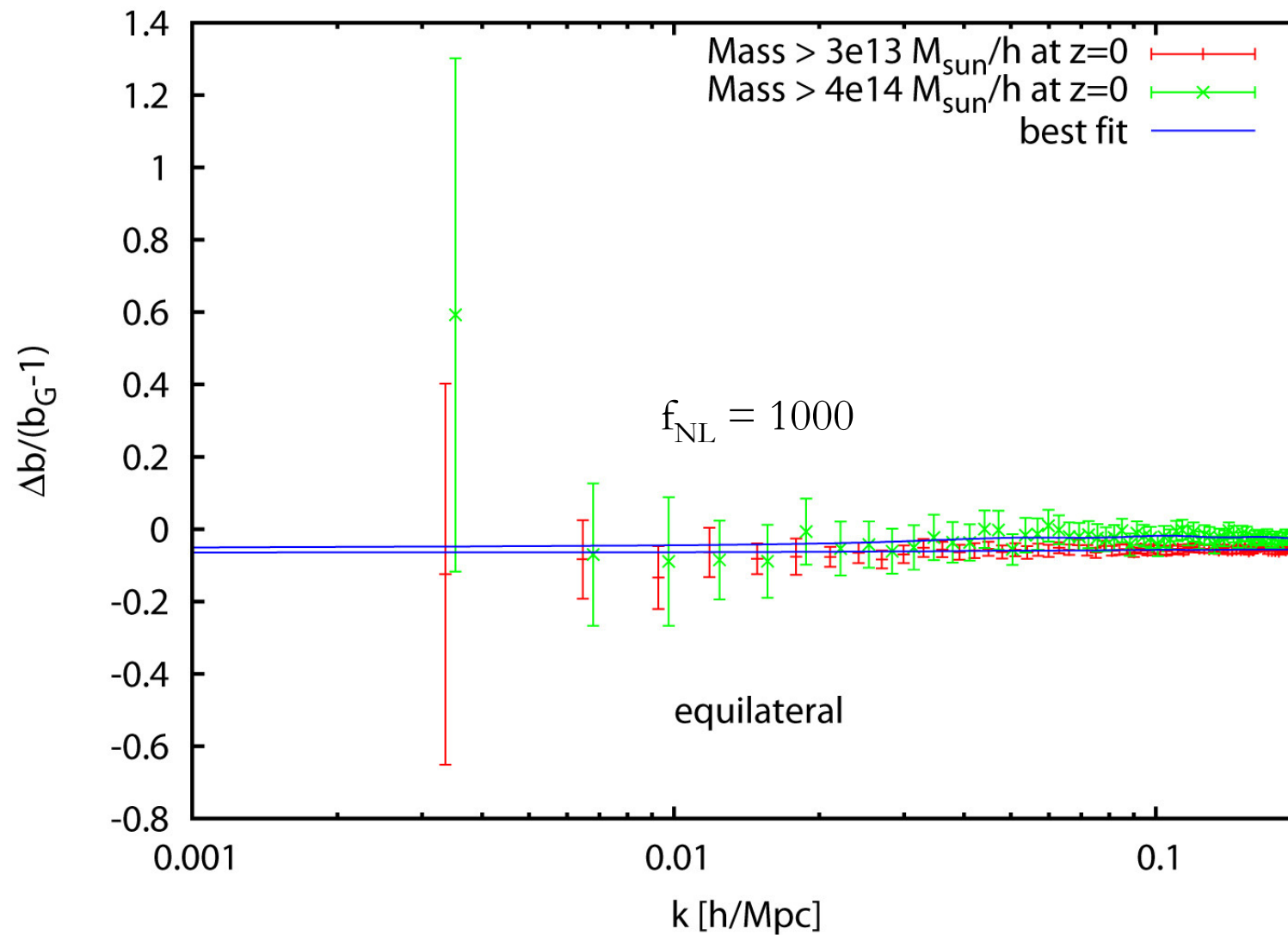
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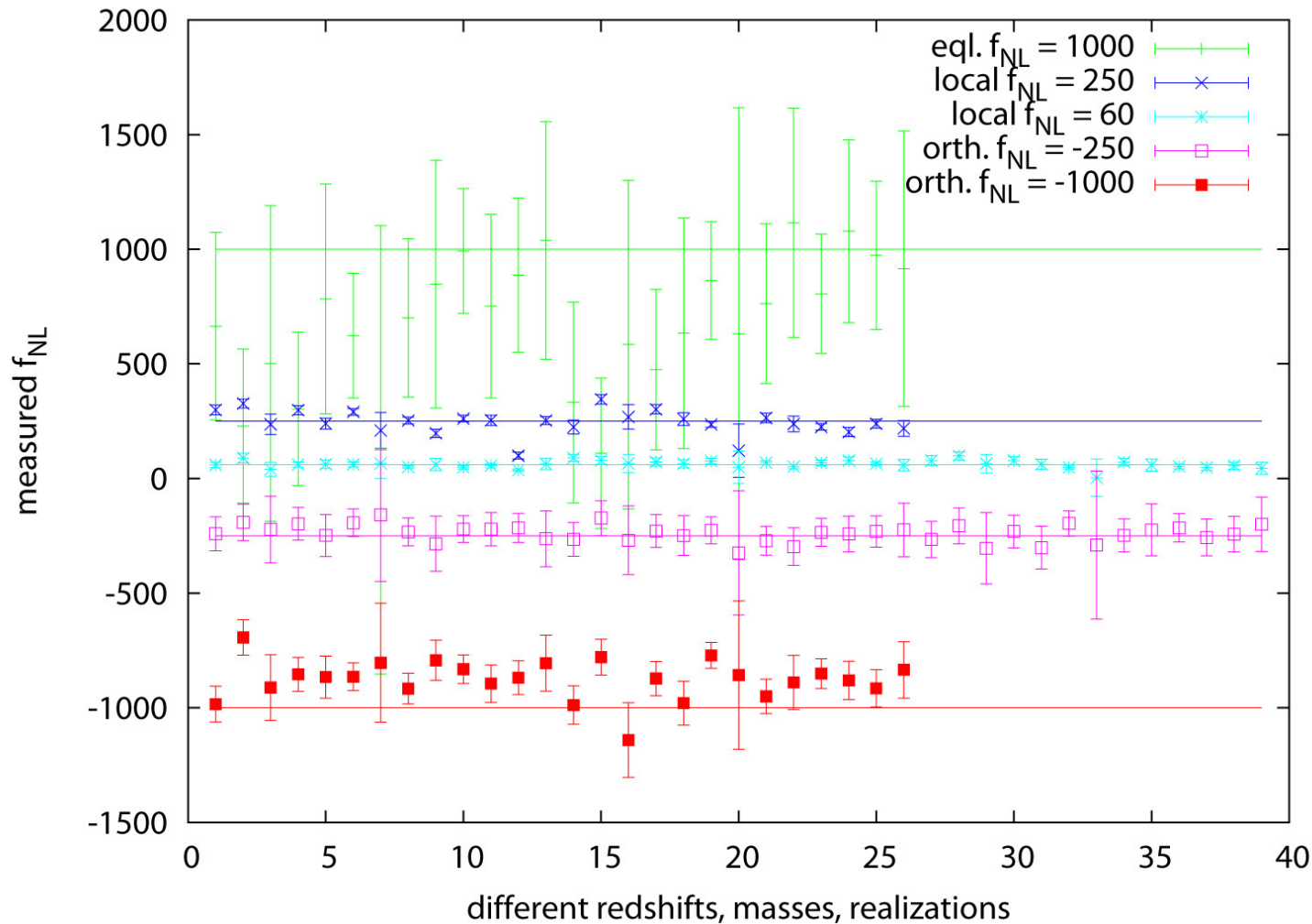
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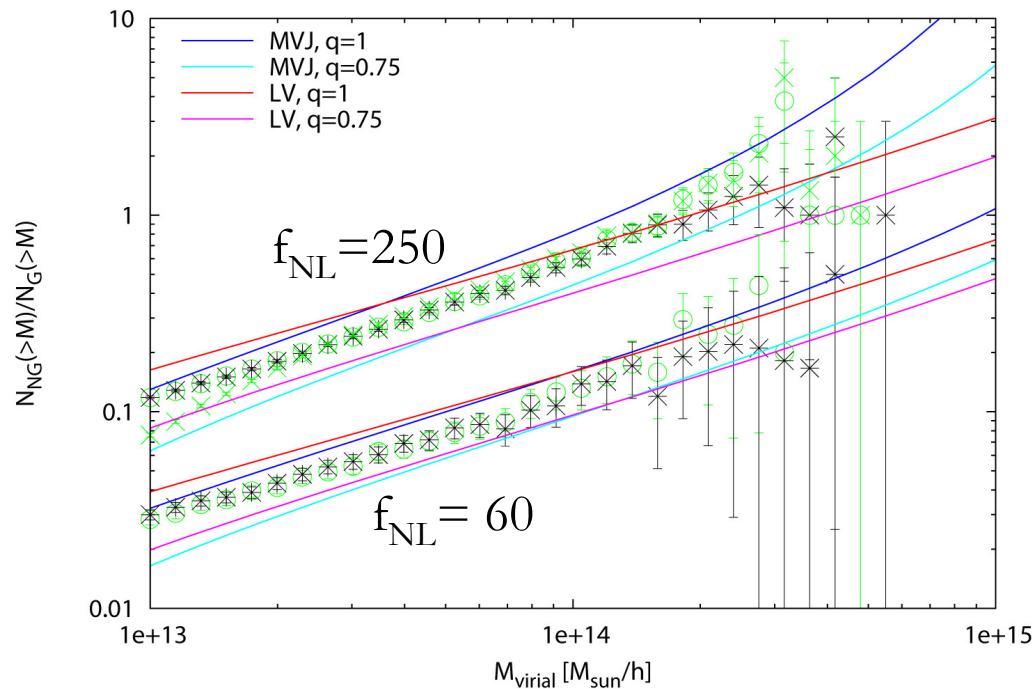
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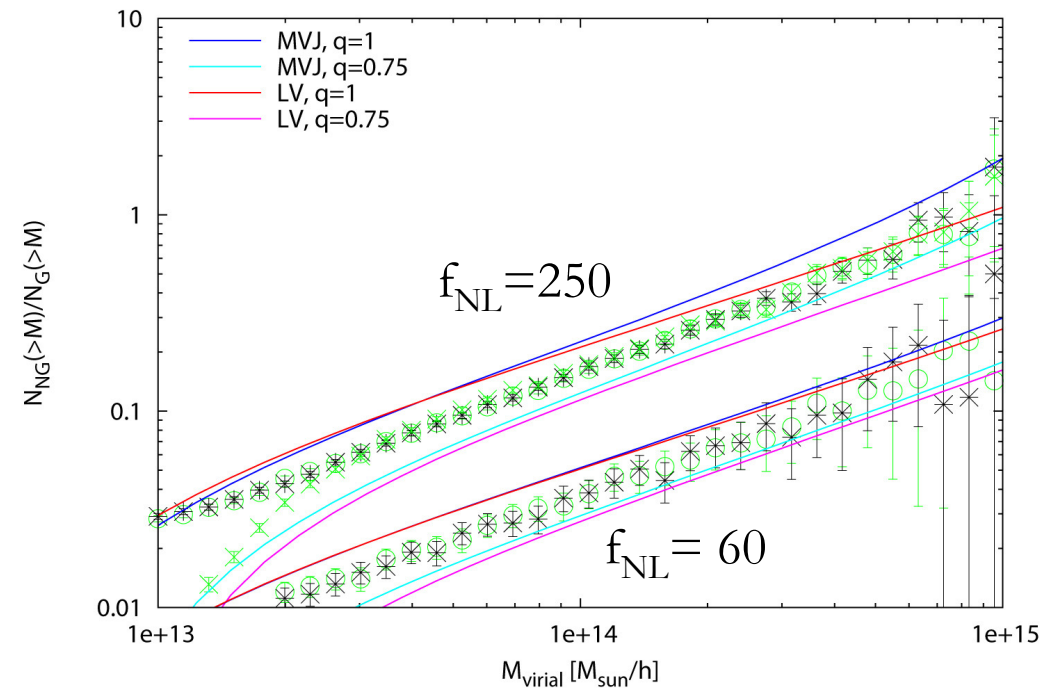
- No significant additional dependence on mass or redshift detected
- Measured f_{NL} values for the orthogonal shape seem to be too low \Rightarrow is the q -correction shape dependent?

Mass function for the local type

$z=1.5$



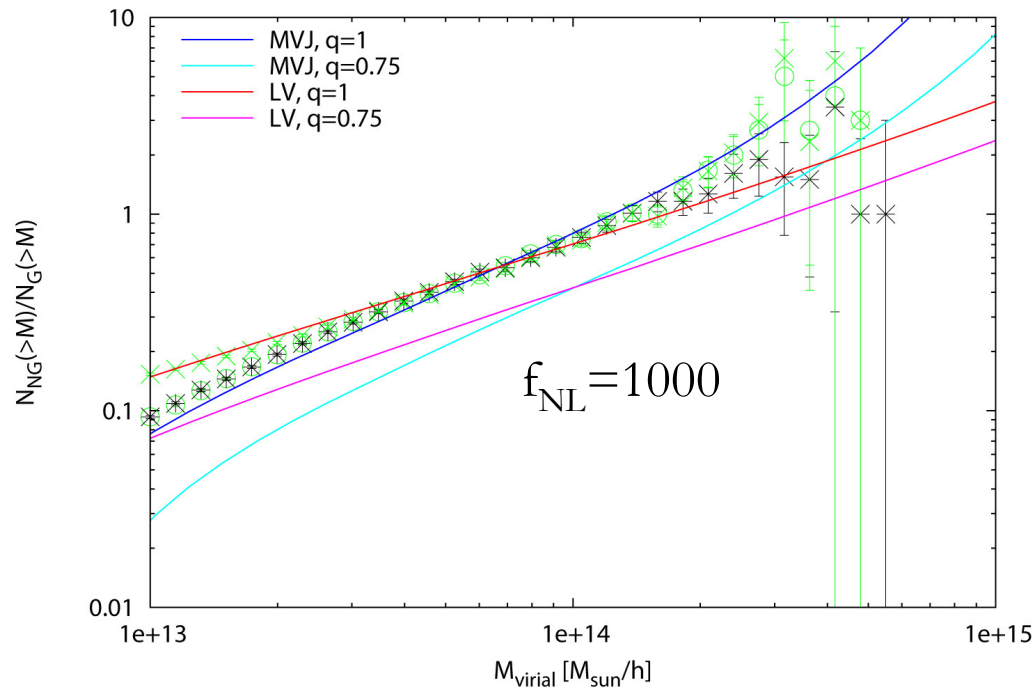
$z=0.67$



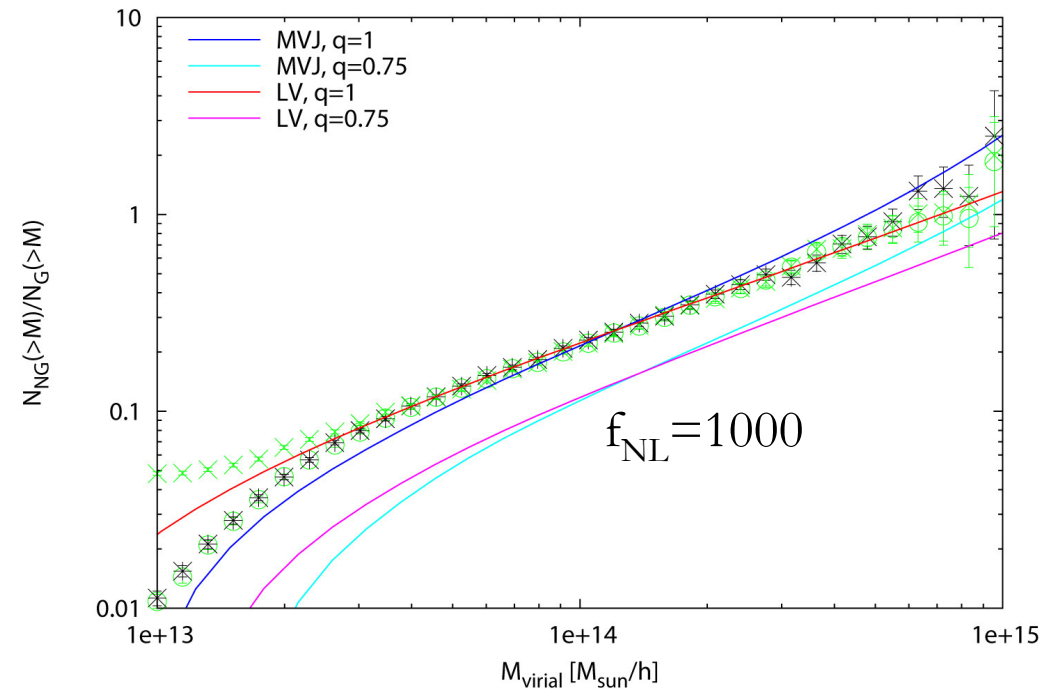
$q \sim 0.9 ?$

Mass function for the equilateral type

$z=1.5$



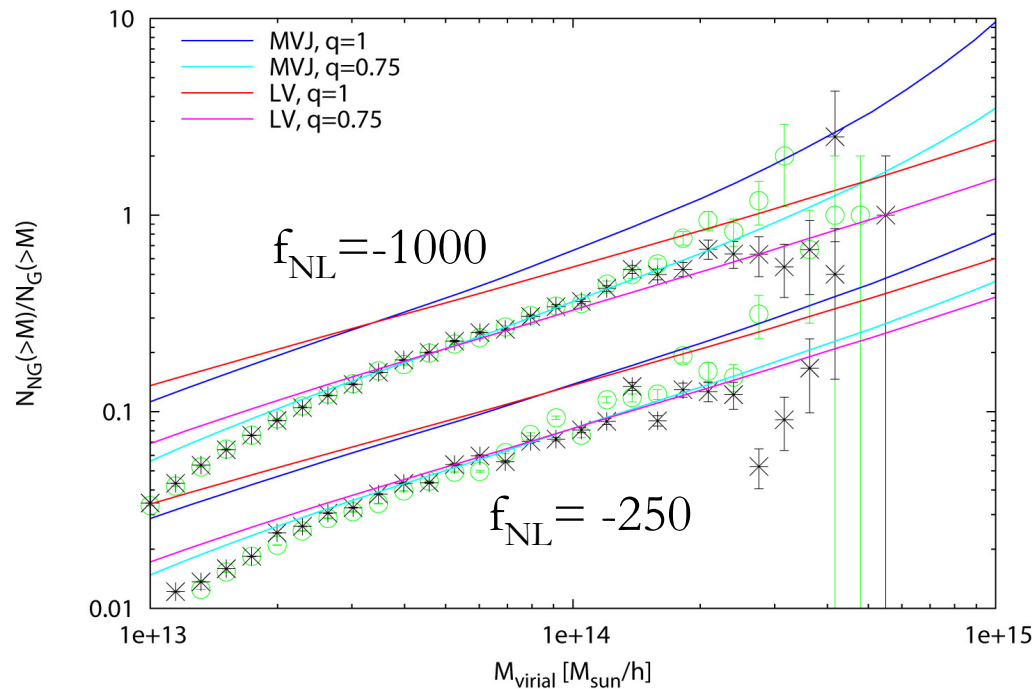
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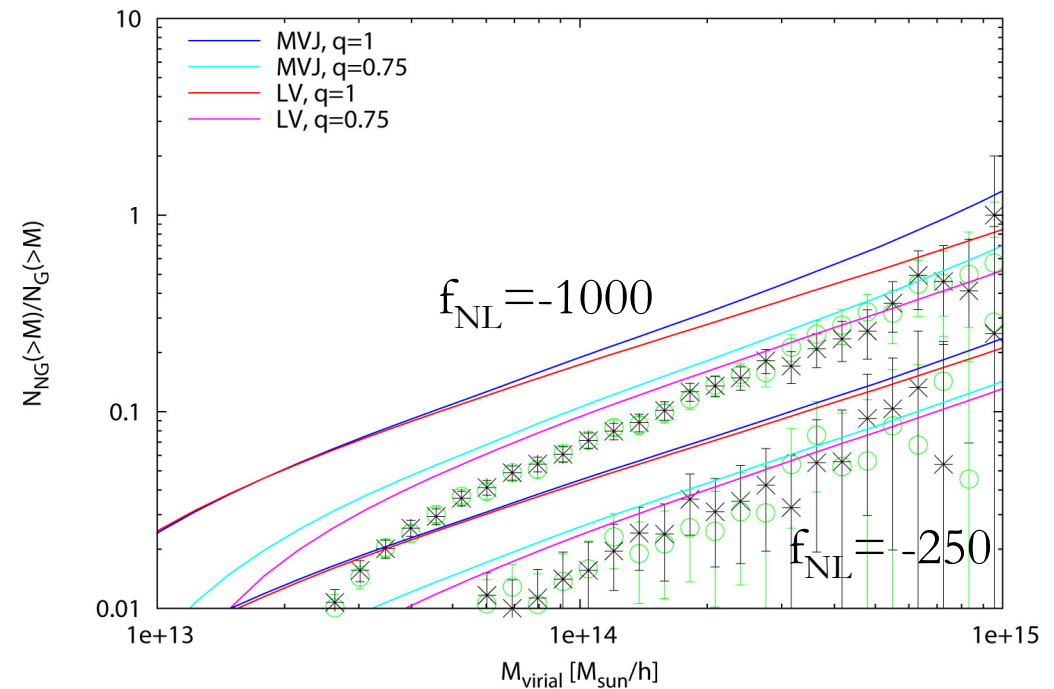
$q \sim 1$

Mass function for the orthogonal type

$z=1.5$



$z=0.67$



$q \sim 0.75$ and redshift dependent?

Conclusions

- Non-Gaussian Initial Condition for N-body simulations with generic bispectrum possible, but in most cases computationally expensive
- N-body results for non-local NG are fairly consistent with theoretical predictions
- Mass function predictions need q-calibration
=> Is there a NG shape dependence of the mass function which is not modeled by the skewness?
- Halo bias for non-local shapes needs to be derived from the physical models, not from the CMB templates
- q-correction seems to be shape dependent

