

# Detectability of contributions to the galaxy bispectrum

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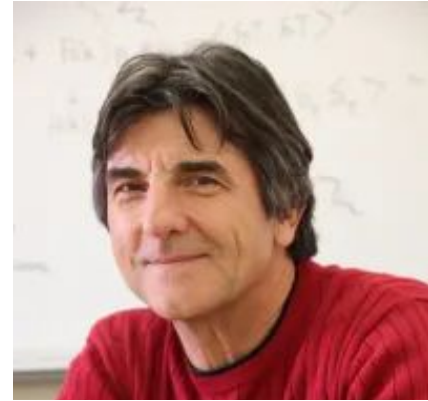
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**Stefano Camera**  
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# Background papers



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Local primordial non-Gaussianity in  
the relativistic galaxy bispectrum

[arXiv:2011.13660](#)

Roy Maartens<sup>1,2</sup>, Sheean Jolicoeur<sup>1</sup>, Obinna Umeh<sup>2</sup>,  
Eline M. De Weerd<sup>3</sup>, Chris Clarkson<sup>3,1</sup>

Detecting the relativistic galaxy  
bispectrum

[arXiv:1911.02398](#)

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# Detectability of contributions to the Galaxy Bispectrum



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- We investigate the potential of detecting contributions to the galaxy bispectrum
- In reality, the Universe is not Gaussian: Non-linear evolution of structures and gravitational dynamics, Primordial non-Gaussianity, etc.
- Require higher order statistics such as the Bispectrum

$$\langle \delta_g(\mathbf{k}_1) \delta_g(\mathbf{k}_2) \delta_g(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 B_g(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) \delta^D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3)$$

## **Relativistic effects and local primordial non-Gaussianity**

- Implications of gravity mean what we observe is a distorted view of reality
- Source of non-Gaussianity in the observed galaxy distribution
- More accessible in the bispectrum than in the power spectrum
- Apart from RSD, relativistic corrections only appear at second order in perturbations

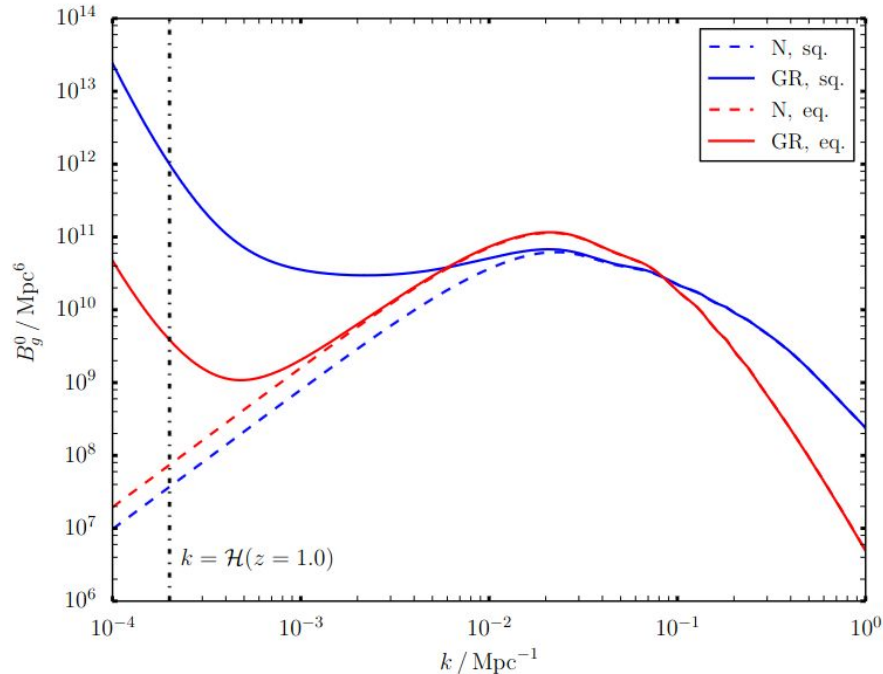
# Relativistic Galaxy Bispectrum



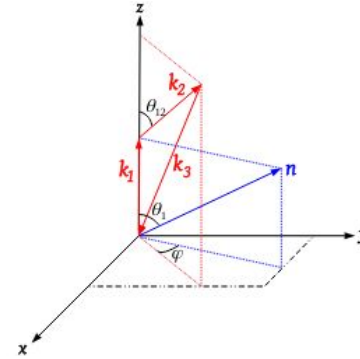
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$$B_g(\mathbf{k}_{123}) = \mathcal{K}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}_1) \mathcal{K}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}_2) \mathcal{K}^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}_{123}) P(\mathbf{k}_1) P(\mathbf{k}_2) + 2 \text{ } \circlearrowleft$$

$$\mathcal{K}^{(i)} = \mathcal{K}_N^{(i)} + \mathcal{K}_{GR}^{(i)}$$



From Umeh et al 1610.03351



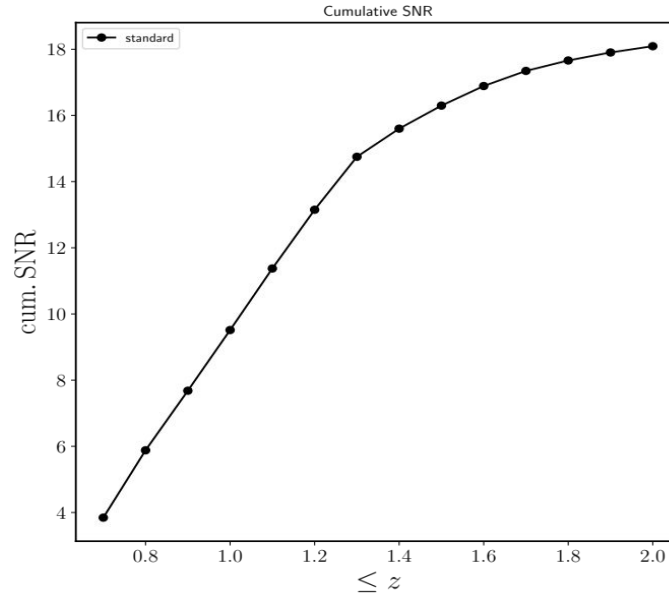
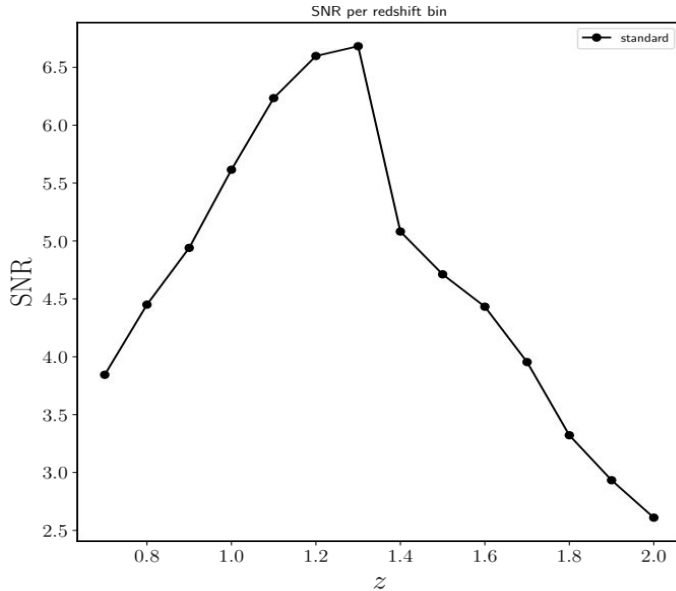
- Monopole of the bispectrum for squeezed and equilateral triangles
- Shows a significant difference at larger scales i.e small  $k$
- This paper also demonstrated how these effects can mimic signatures of PNG

# Signal-to-noise Ratio



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$$\left(\frac{S}{N}\right)_D^2 = \sum_{k_a, \mu_1, \varphi} \frac{B_{gD} B_{gD}^*}{\text{Var}[B_{gN}]}$$

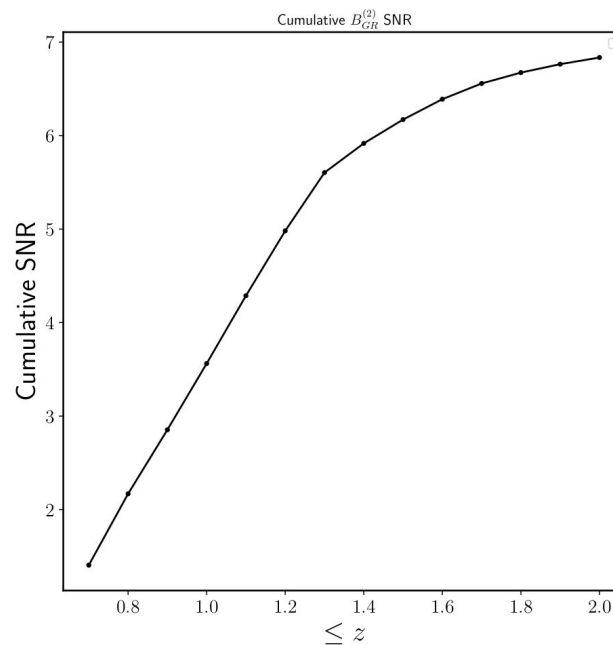
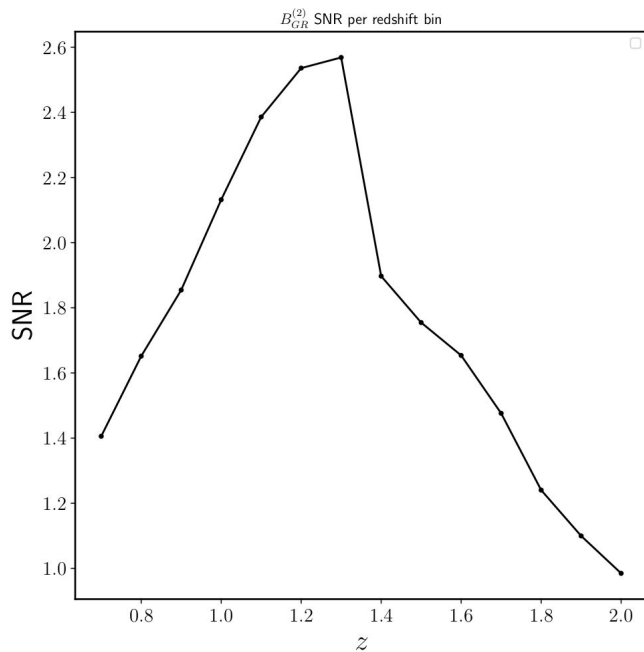


# Signal-to-noise Ratio



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$$\left(\frac{S}{N}\right)_{GR^{(2)}}^2 = \sum_{k_a, \mu_1, \varphi} \frac{(B_g - (B_N + B_{GR^{(1)}})) (B_g - (B_N + B_{GR^{(1)}}))^*}{\text{Var}[B_{gN}]}$$



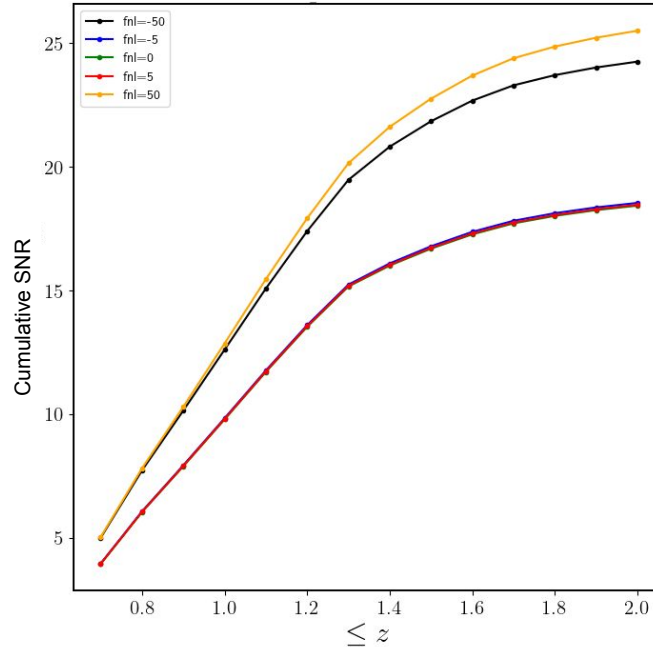
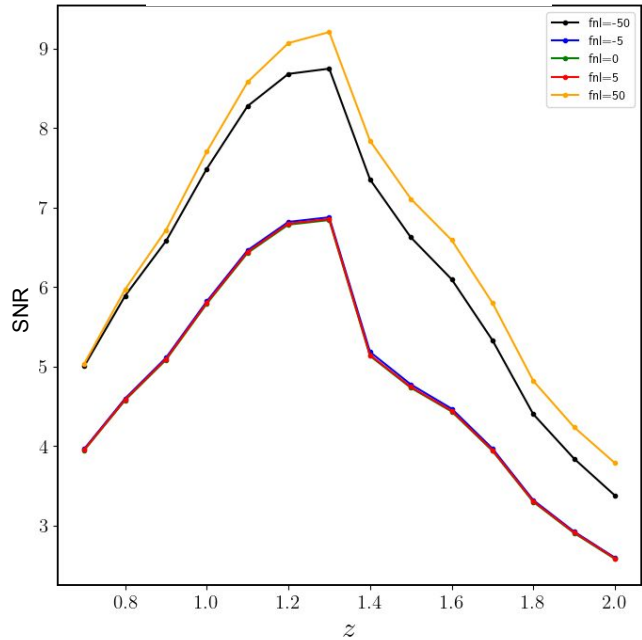
# Local Primordial Non-Gaussianity



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- Contributions from local Primordial non-Gaussianity (PNG)

$$\mathcal{K}^{(i)} = \mathcal{K}_N^{(i)} + \mathcal{K}_{GR}^{(i)} + \mathcal{K}_{nG}^{(i)}$$





# Marginal errors



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- We want to see how precisely we can measure the local PNG and relativistic contributions

**Fisher matrix formalism:**

$$F_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{z, k_a, \mu_a, \varphi} \frac{\partial_{(\alpha} B_g \partial_{\beta)} B_g^*}{\text{Var}[B_g, B_g]}$$

- From this we can get the marginal errors on our parameters  $\theta = \{\epsilon_{\text{GR}}^{(1)}, \epsilon_{\text{GR}}^{(2)}, f_{\text{NL}}\}$

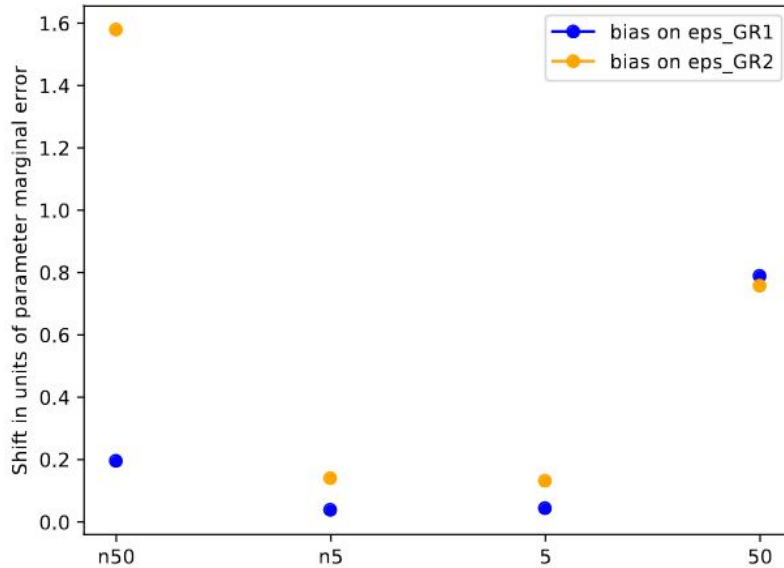
$$\sigma_\alpha = \sqrt{(F^{-1})_{\alpha\alpha}}$$

- We obtain the marginal errors:
  - $\sigma_{\epsilon_{\text{GR}1}} \sim 0.1$ , consistent with the literature
  - $\sigma_{\epsilon_{\text{GR}2}} \sim 0.25$ , novel result
  - $\sigma_{f_{\text{NL}}} \sim 3$ , consistent with the literature

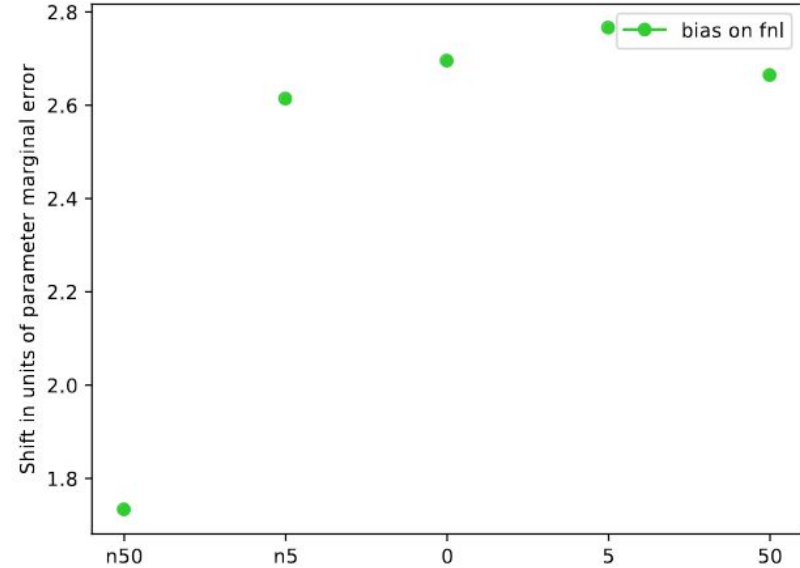
# Bias on parameters



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Uncertainty on  $f_{NL}$  makes little difference to the observed value we get on the relativistic contributions



Uncertainty on Relativistic contributions would impact our observed value of  $f_{NL}$  significantly.



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Any questions?



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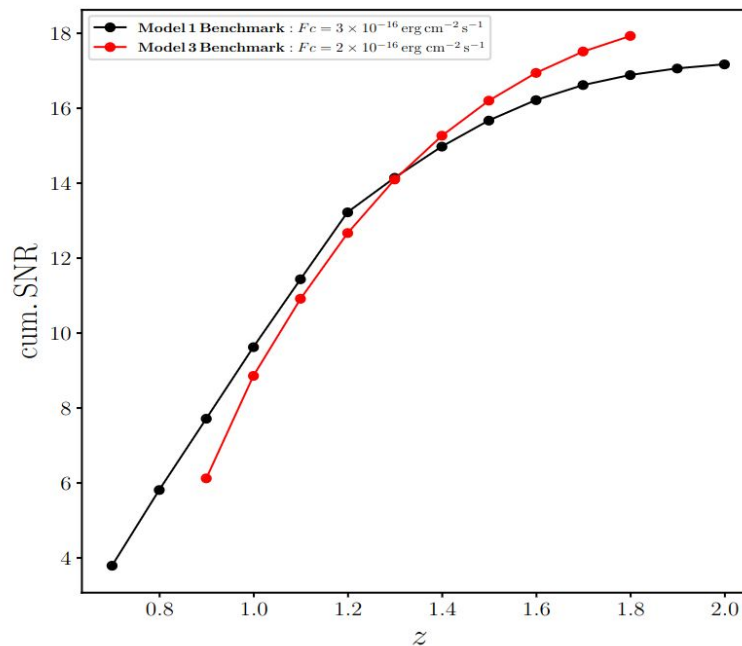
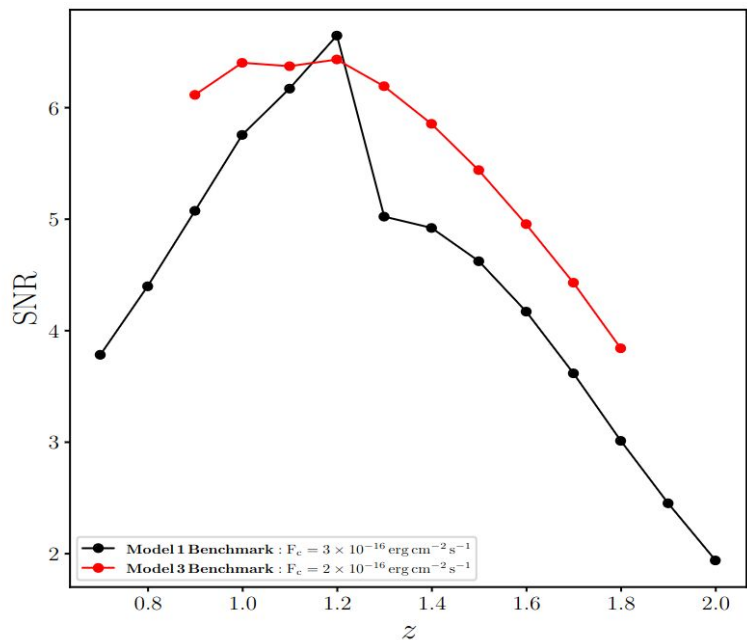
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# Signal-to-noise Redone

- Discontinuity in luminosity function causes steep drop in signal at  $z \sim 1.3$
- Check against an improved luminosity model with updated Euclid specs



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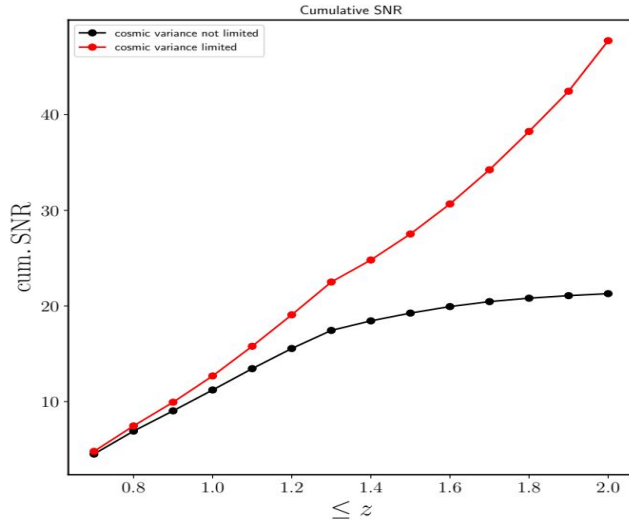


# Cosmic Variance and shot noise



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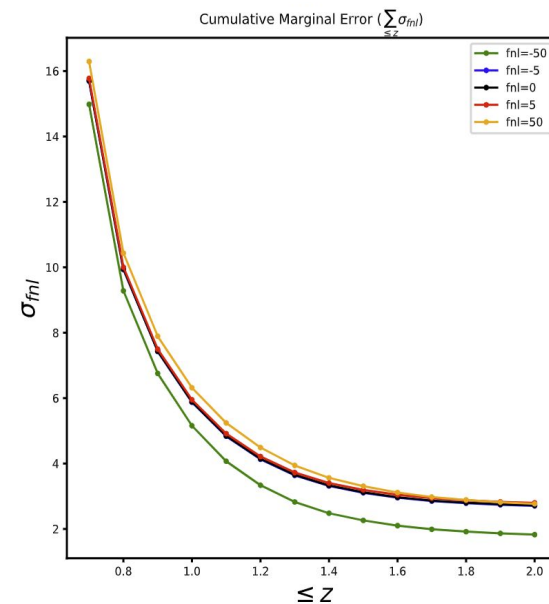
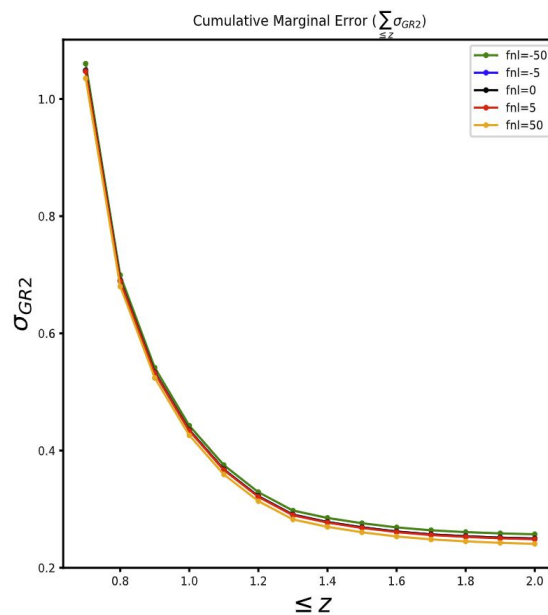
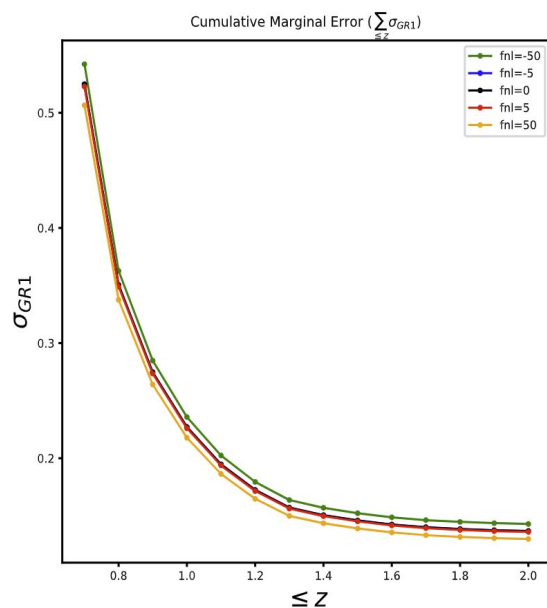
- Our local universe is not homogeneous, this causes an uncertainty in observational estimates of average galaxy densities
- As we go to higher redshift, this variance decreases as we have access to larger volumes
- However, at these larger volumes, the number of galaxies is sparse and so the signal is suppressed, we call this galaxy shot noise.
- Here we showcase the limitation of galaxy shot noise on the SNR of the Doppler bispectrum



# Cumulative Marginal errors



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# Constraints on parameter values



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