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# First measurement of projected phase correlations and large-scale structure constraints

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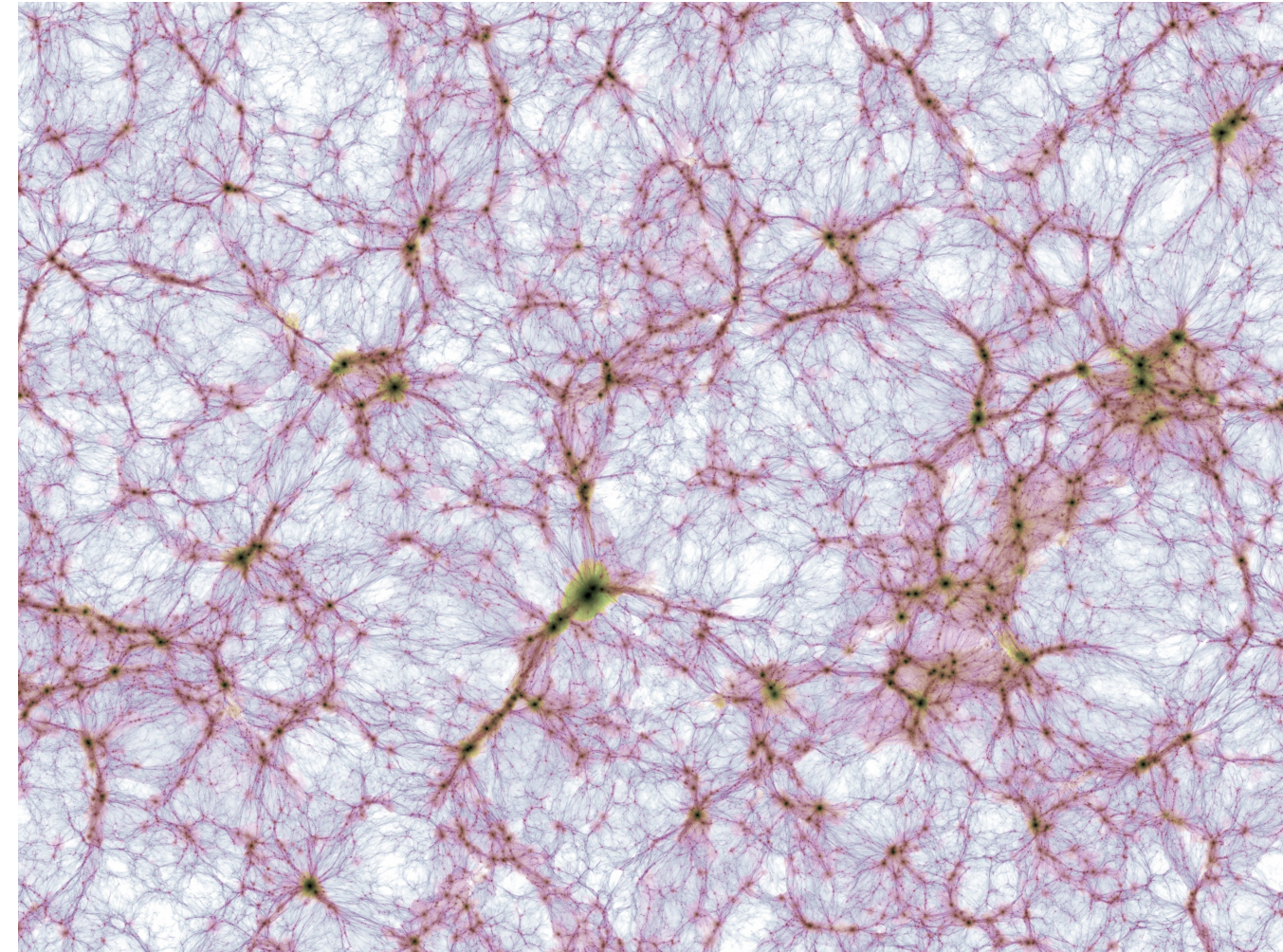


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# Motivation

- The Large Scale Structure (LSS)
- Distribution of matter in the late-time Universe: clusters, filaments, sheets, and voids → cosmic web
- Signatures of a strongly non-Gaussian field



Credit: "TNG Collaboration"

- Significant information regarding its origin and evolution

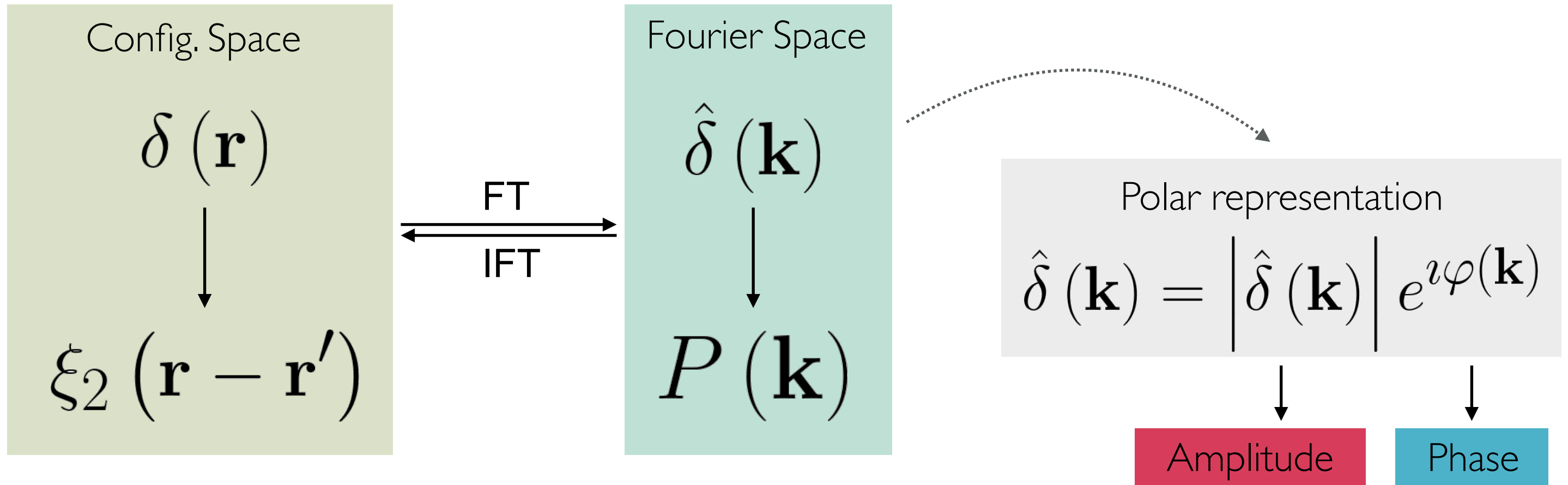
How to extract this information?



# Motivation

- This can be challenging:
  - No optimal summary statistics exists for generic non-Gaussian fields in terms of data compression
  - The number of independent elements grow geometrically for high-order correlations
  - Lack of general analytical solutions  $\longrightarrow$  often it is not possible to derive theoretical predictions

# Phase Correlations



- Gaussian random field:
  - statistical properties are completely contained in the power spectrum

$$P(\mathbf{k}) \sim \left\langle \left| \hat{\delta}(\mathbf{k}) \right|^2 \right\rangle \longrightarrow \text{amplitude information}$$

- phases are uniformly distributed



# Phase Correlations

- Non-Gaussianities  $\longrightarrow$  introduce phase couplings

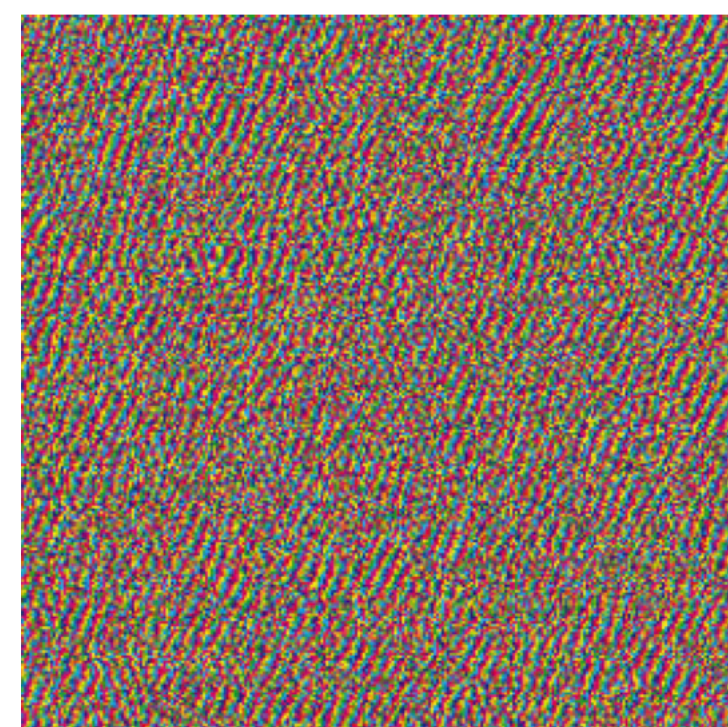
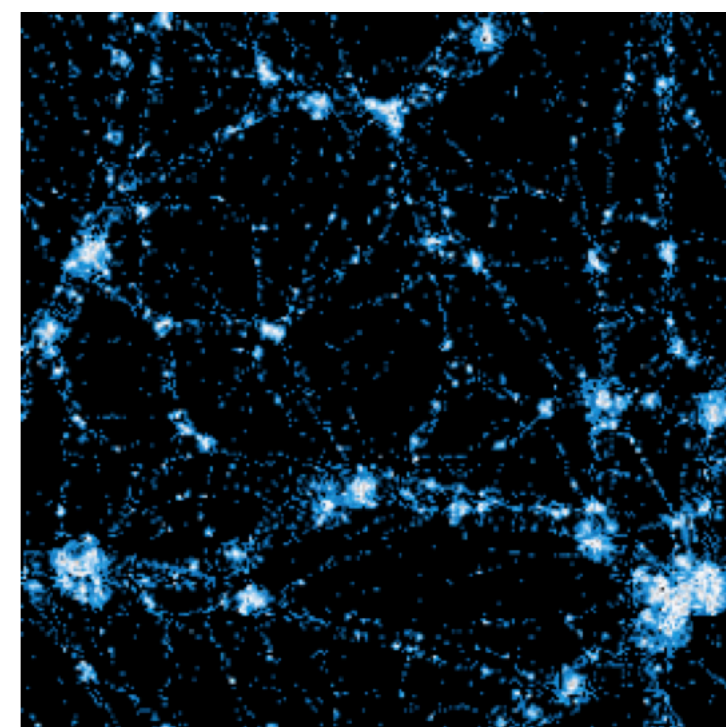
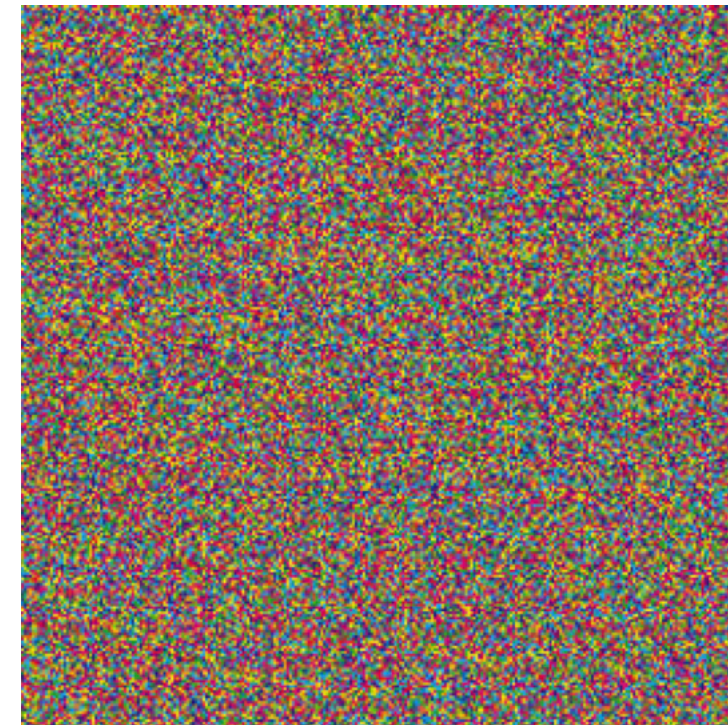
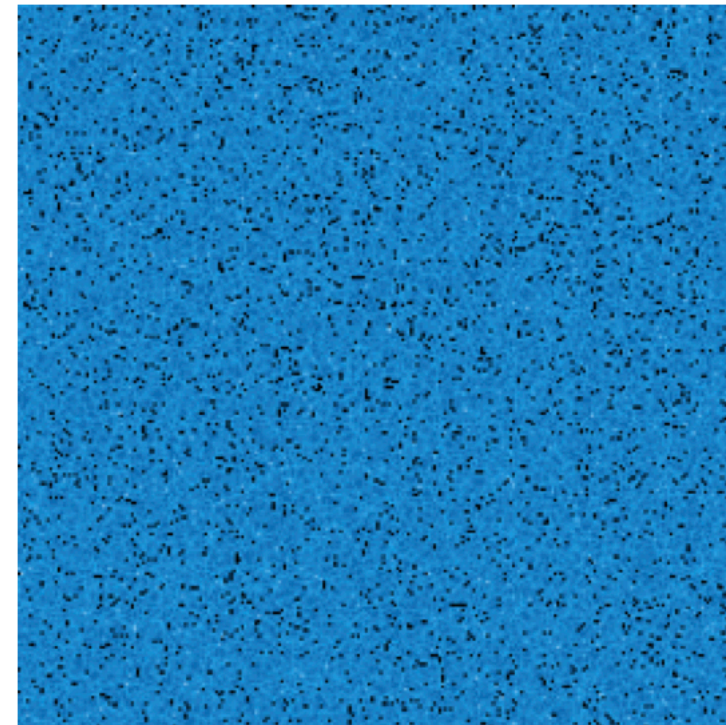
- Phase correlations

$$\langle \varepsilon(\mathbf{r}_1) \dots \varepsilon(\mathbf{r}_N) \rangle$$

- Phase factors

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \text{IFT}[\varepsilon(\mathbf{k})]$$

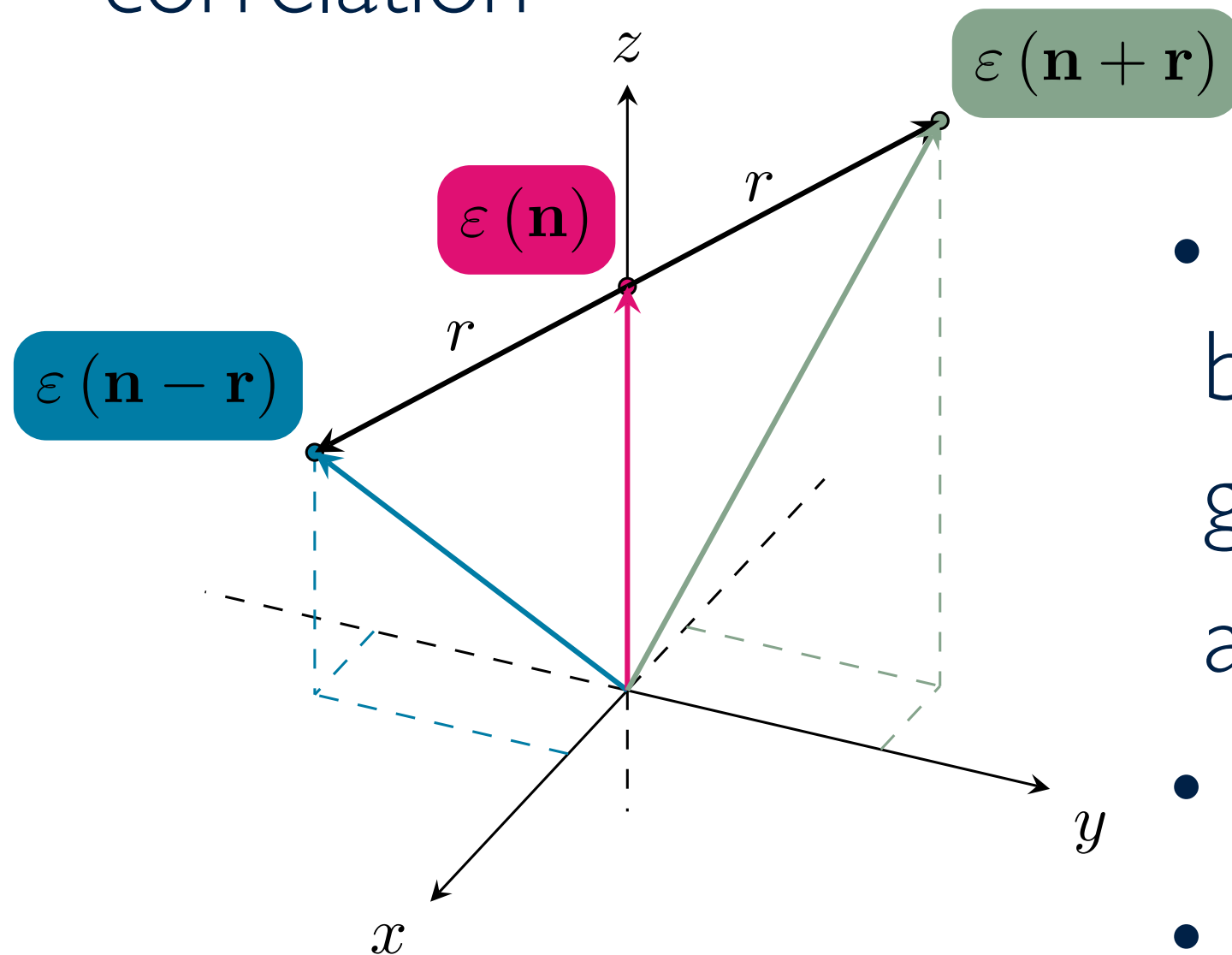
$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \frac{\hat{\delta}(\mathbf{k})}{|\hat{\delta}(\mathbf{k})|} = e^{i\varphi(\mathbf{k})}$$





# Line-Correlation Function

- Line-Correlation Function is a specific three-point phase correlation



- It can break the degeneracy between the measurement of the growth rate of structure  $f$  and the amplitude of perturbations  $\sigma_8$
- Redshift-space distortions
- Modified theories of gravity

LCF is sensitive to filamentary structures

# Observational Motivation

- In the future, photometric galaxy surveys will probe the late-time structures and play a significant role in our current understanding of the Universe
- Projected maps of the matter and galaxy distributions still preserve much of the underlying non-Gaussian structure

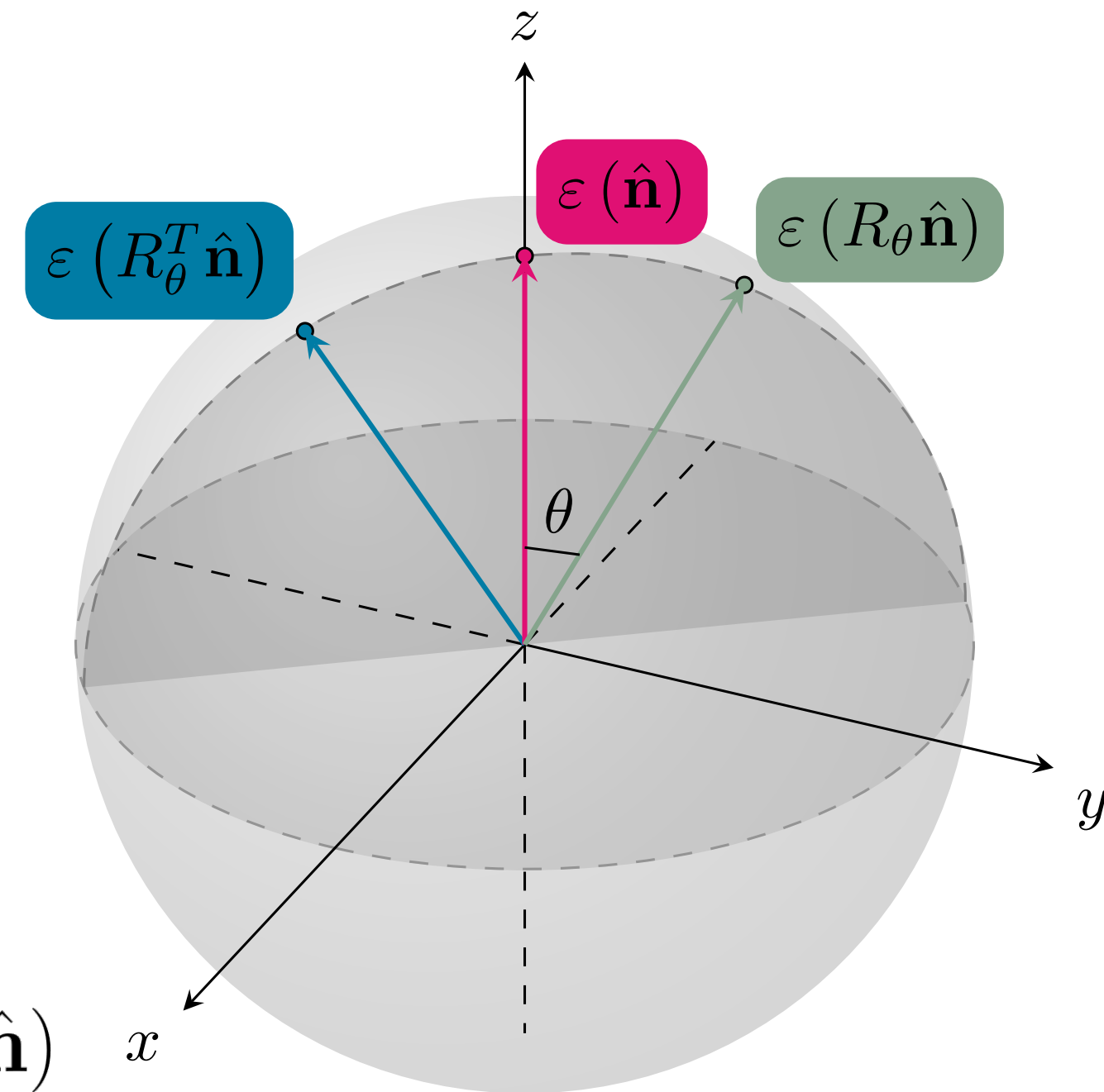


the study of phase correlations on the sphere

# The projected line correlation function

- LCF is defined as the correlation between the harmonic-space phases at three equi-distant points lying on a great circle

$$L(\theta) \equiv \left\langle \varepsilon \left( R_{\theta}^T \hat{\mathbf{n}} \right) \varepsilon \left( \hat{\mathbf{n}} \right) \varepsilon \left( R_{\theta} \hat{\mathbf{n}} \right) \right\rangle$$



- Spherical Harmonic Transform:

$$\varepsilon(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \equiv \sum_{\ell, m} Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \varepsilon_{\ell m}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\ell m} \equiv \frac{\delta_{\ell m}}{|\delta_{\ell m}|} \quad \delta_{\ell m} \equiv \int d^2 \hat{\mathbf{n}} Y_{\ell m}^{\dagger}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \delta(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$$



# Data

The 2MASS Photometric Redshift catalog (2MPZ)

Two Micron All-Sky Survey Extended Source Catalogue (2MASS)

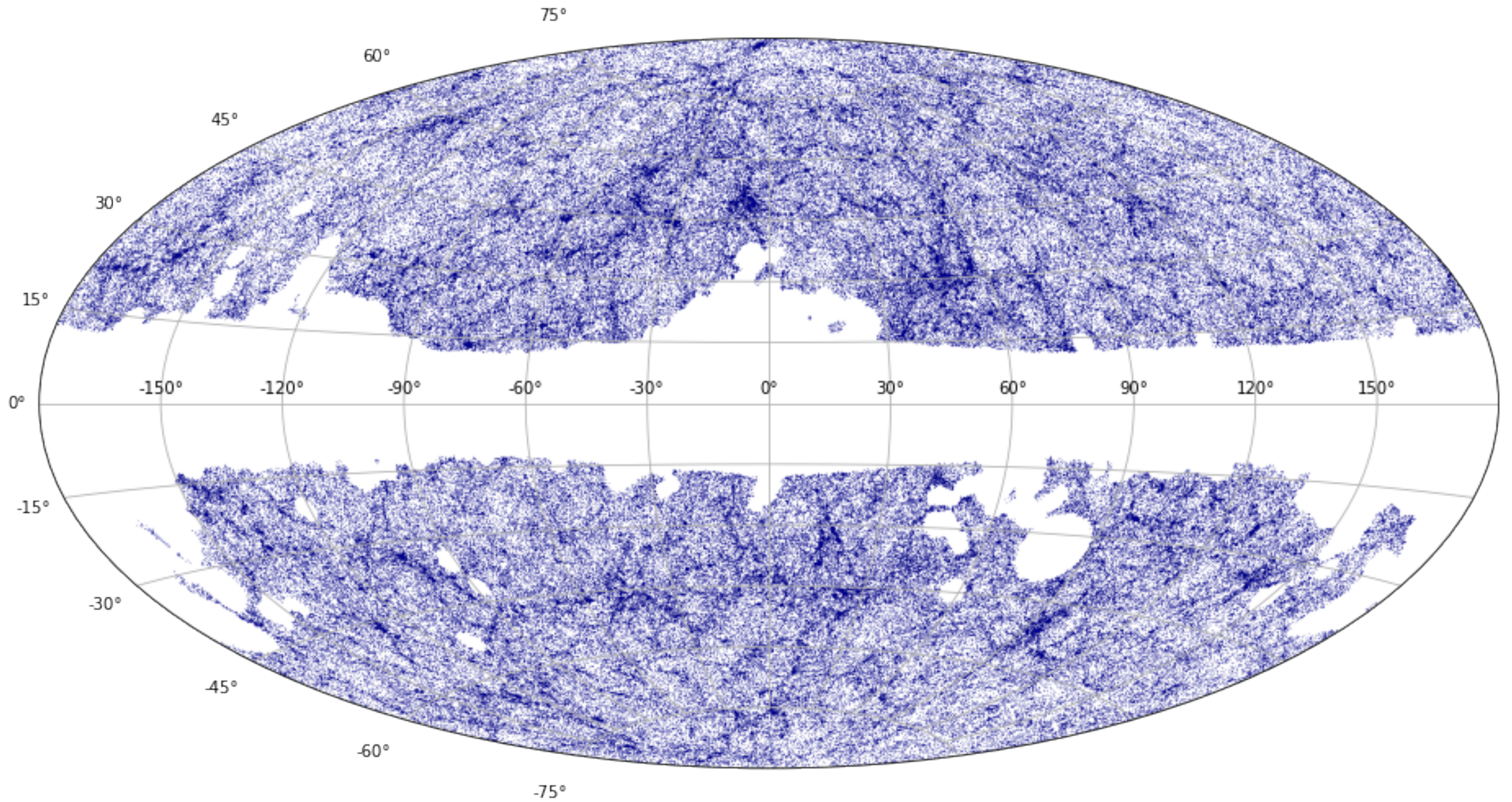
SuperCOSMOS

Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE)

- 2MPZ is an ideal sample:
  - photometric survey
  - low redshift and good photo-z accuracy
  - → filamentary structure of the cosmic web



# Data



$$\bar{z} = 0.08$$

$$\sigma_{\delta z} \sim 0.013$$

$$f_{\text{sky}} = 0.68$$



# Estimating LCF in the presence of a mask

- What is the impact of an incomplete sky coverage on LCF?
- The mask leads to non-trivial statistical couplings between different modes that can affect the shape and normalisation of the resulting LCF
- Approximate estimator  $\triangleright$  overall normalization

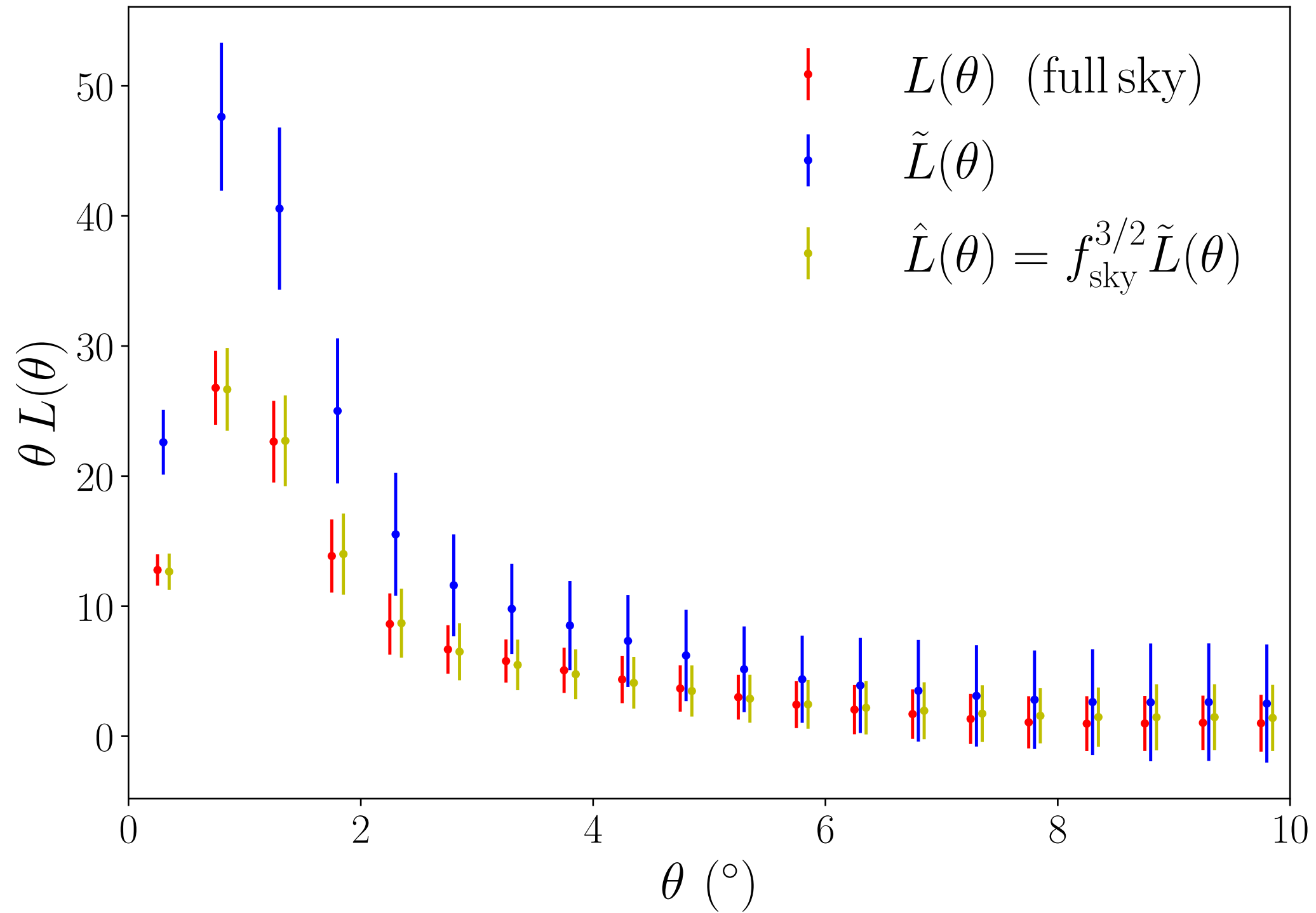
$$\hat{L}(\theta) = f_{\text{sky}}^{3/2} \tilde{L}(\theta)$$

- We compute:

$$\tilde{L}(\theta) = \frac{\sum_{ij} \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j \varepsilon_{ij} \Theta(\theta < \theta_{ij}/2 < \theta + \Delta\theta)}{\sum_{ij} \Theta(\theta < \theta_{ij}/2 < \theta + \Delta\theta)}$$



# Estimating LCF in the presence of a mask



- Validation: 100 fast mock realisations making use of CoLoRe

# Simulation-based Emulator

- Theoretical model: N-body simulations from
- Generate simulated galaxy catalogs for 100 different halo occupation distribution (HOD) models



Minimum halo mass required to host a central galaxy

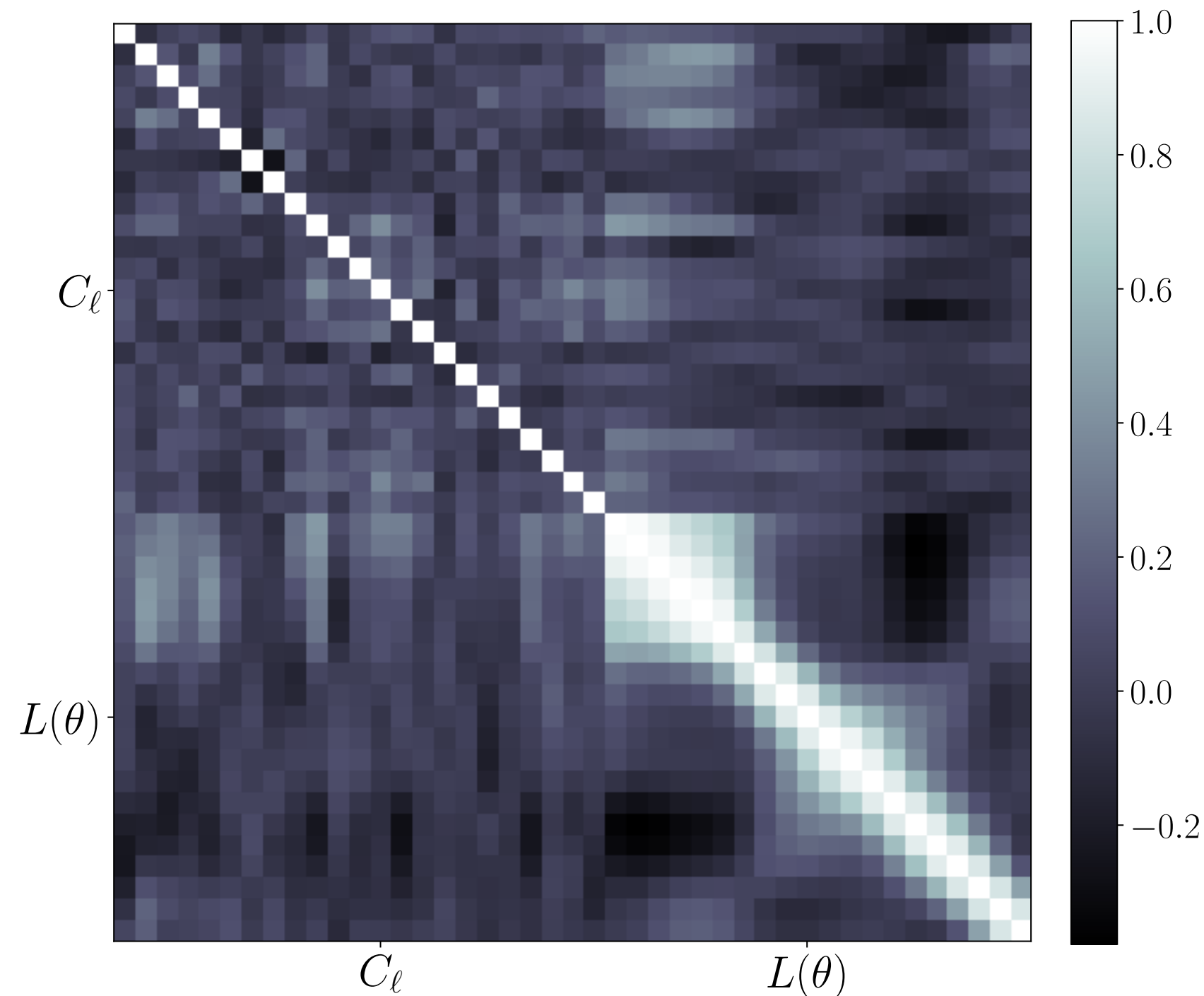
$$\log_{10} \left( M_{\min} / M_{\odot} h^{-1} \right) \in (10.7, 12.2)$$

Mass of halos that contain, on average, one satellite galaxy

$$\log_{10} \left( M_1 / M_{\odot} h^{-1} \right) \in (11.5, 14.0)$$

# Covariance Matrix

- Jackknife resampling method



- The LCF covariance has large off-diagonal element

- Non-negligible covariance between both measurements

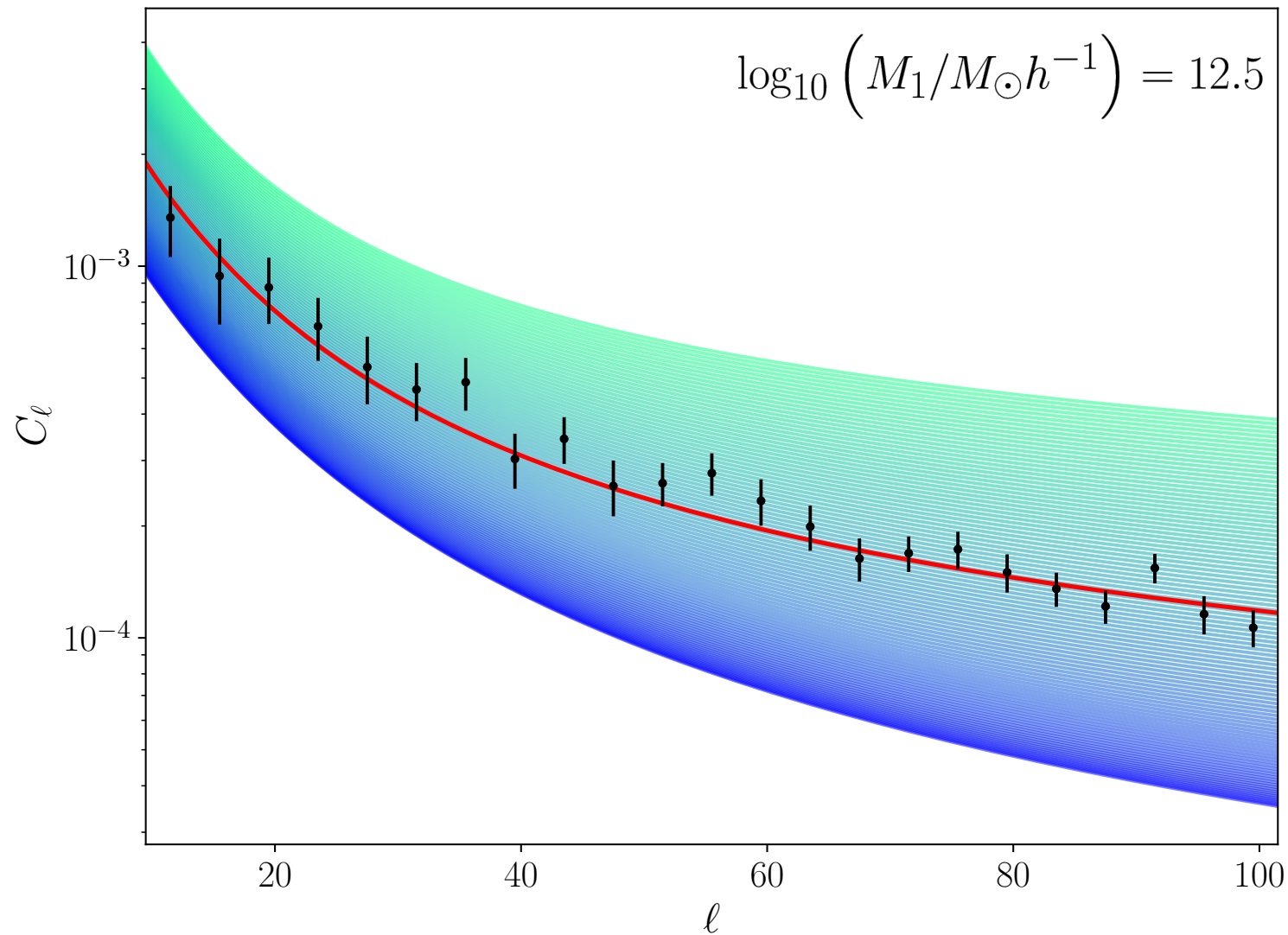


sourced by higher-order connected N-point correlators

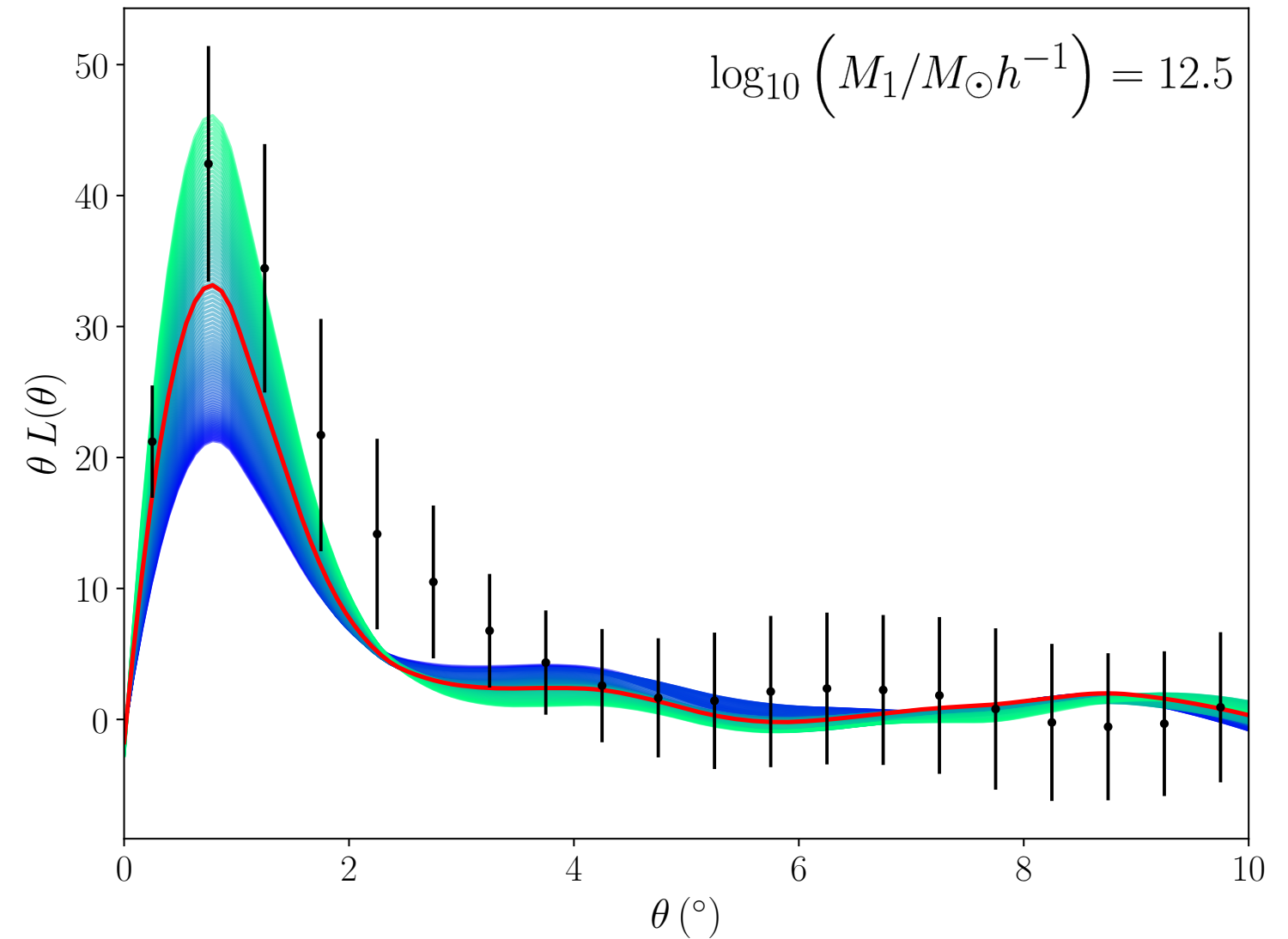


# Measurements

## Angular power spectrum



## LCF



Detection of phase correlations in 2MPZ:

$$S/N = 6.5 \sigma$$

# Constraining power

- We constructed a Gaussian likelihood of the form

$$-2 \log p(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{q}) = (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{q}))^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{q}))$$

**d** data

$C_\ell$

$L(\theta)$

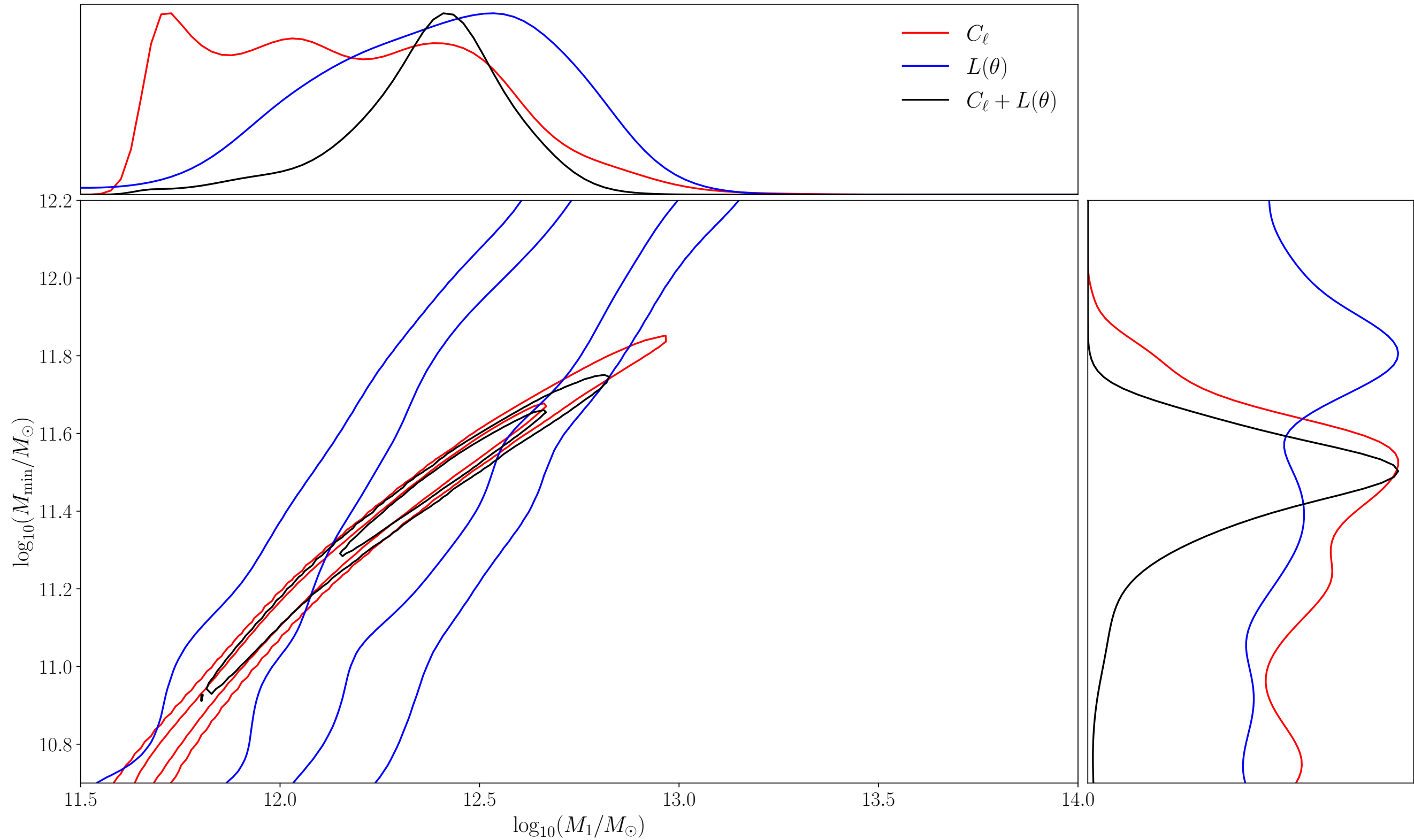
$C_\ell + L(\theta)$

**q** free model parameters

**m** the theoretical model  
provided by the emulator

**C** the jackknife covariance  
matrix

# Constraining power



$$\log_{10} \left( M_{\min}/M_\odot h^{-1} \right) = 11.45 \pm 0.17$$

$$\log_{10} \left( M_1/M_\odot h^{-1} \right) = 12.37 \pm 0.20$$



# Conclusions and Future Perspectives

- The first measurement to date of phase correlations on real data
- The addition of the LCF is able to significantly improve the parameter constraints
- This advocates the use of phase correlations in cosmological data analysis
- Application for three-dimensional datasets
- Other phase correlation configurations may contain valuable cosmological information

# Thank you

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