

# Nonlinear Structure Formation at Two Scales: from Bispectrum Baryon Acoustic Oscillations to Evolution of Halo Profiles

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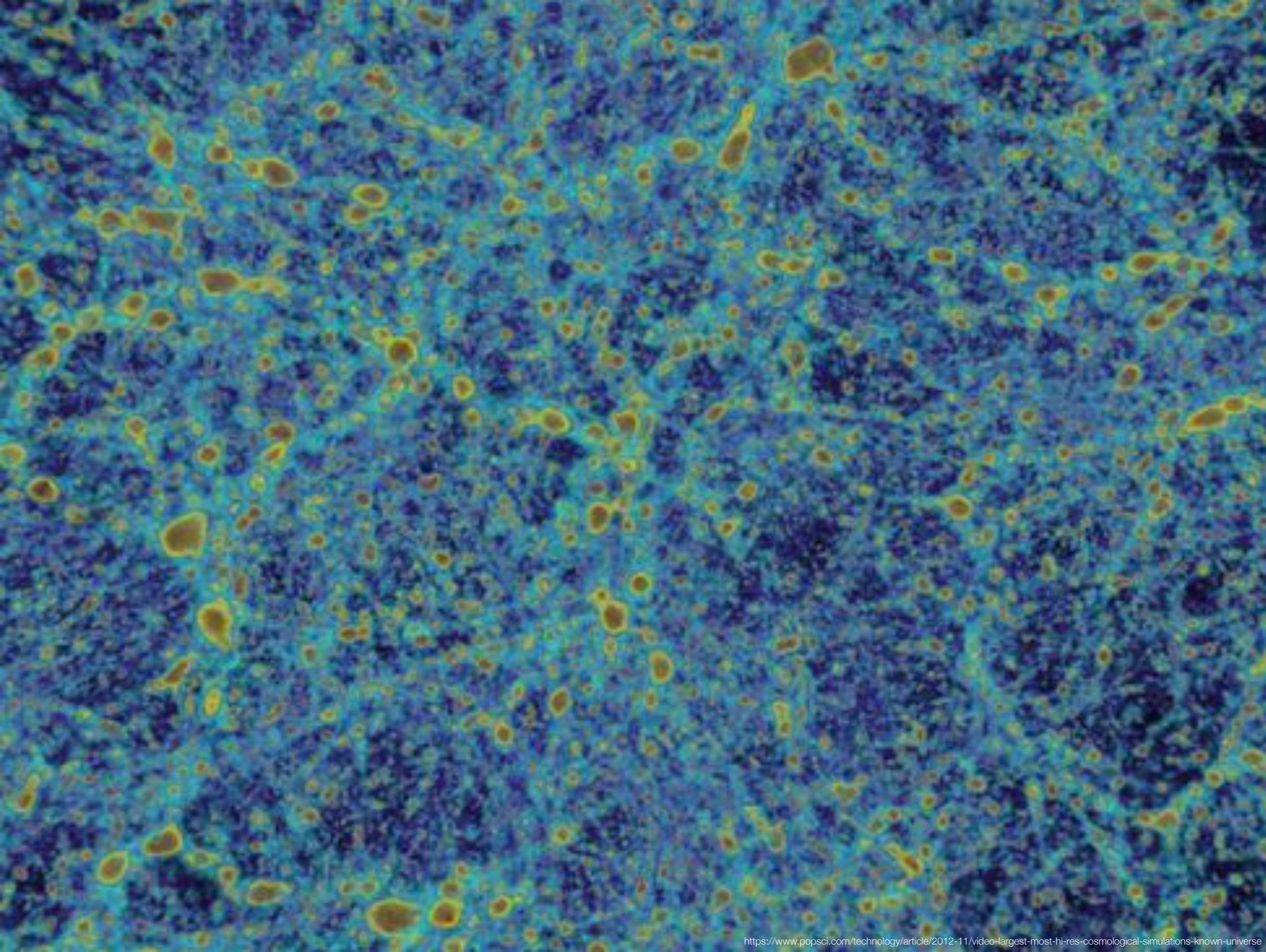


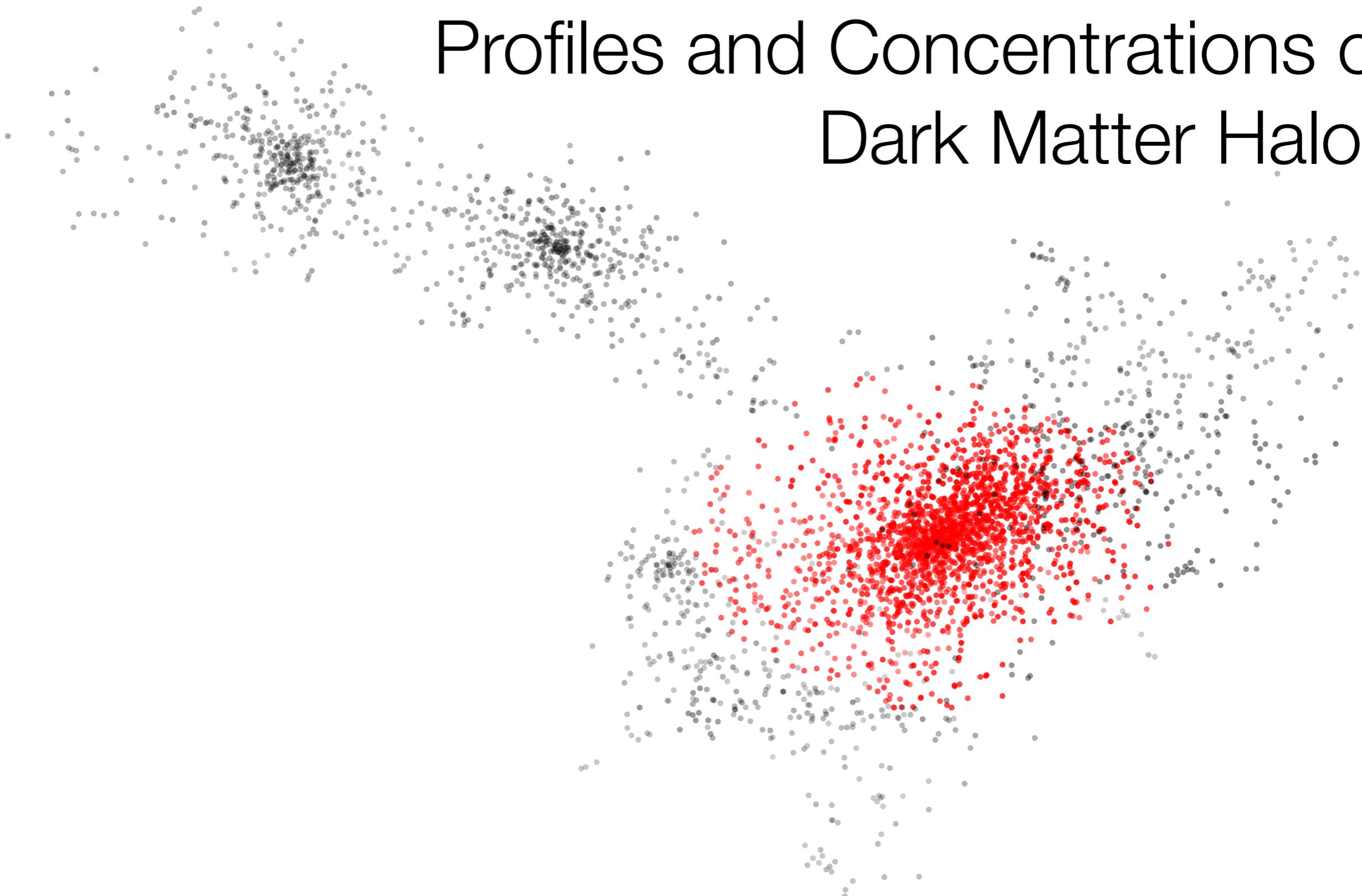
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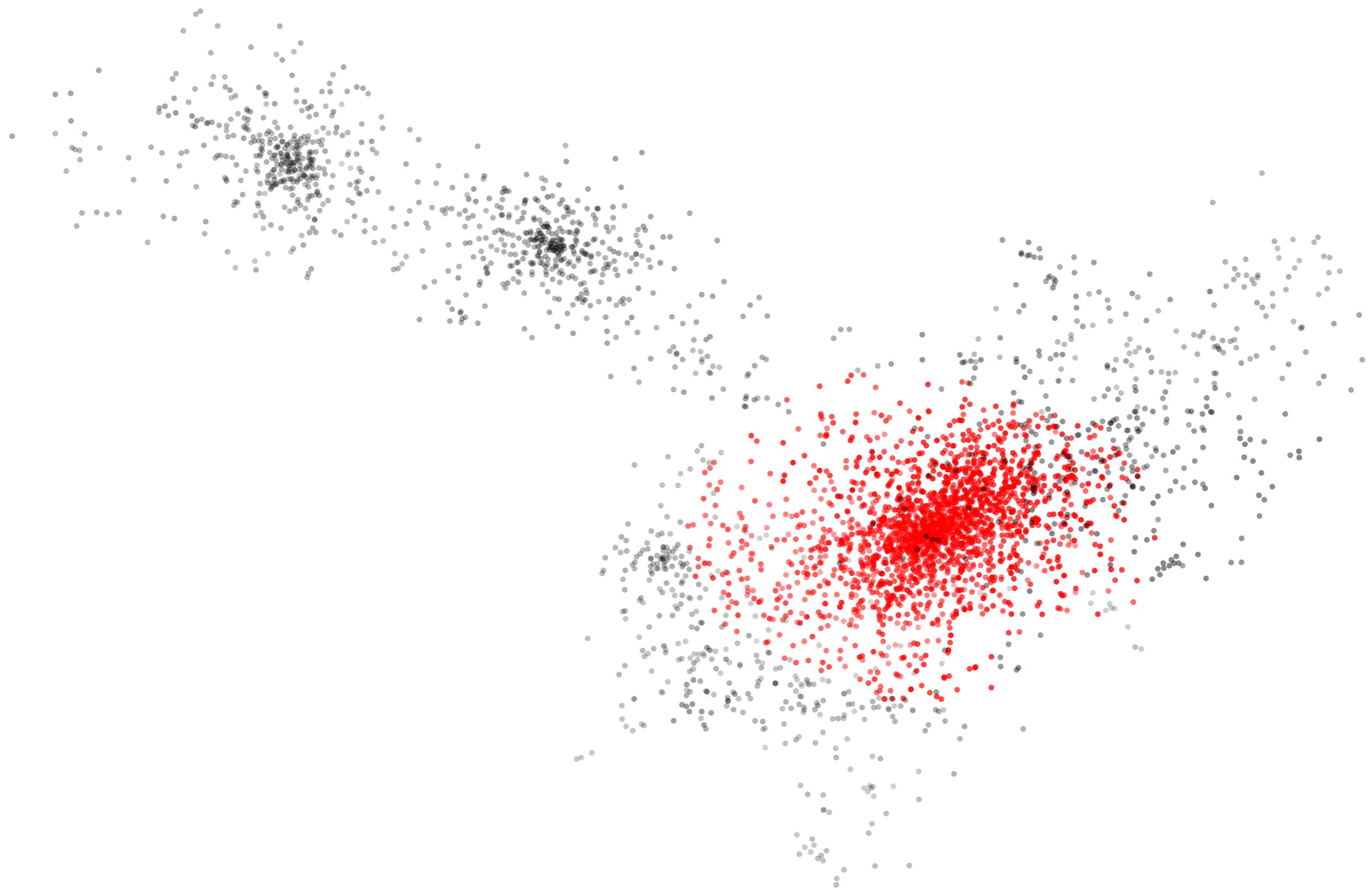






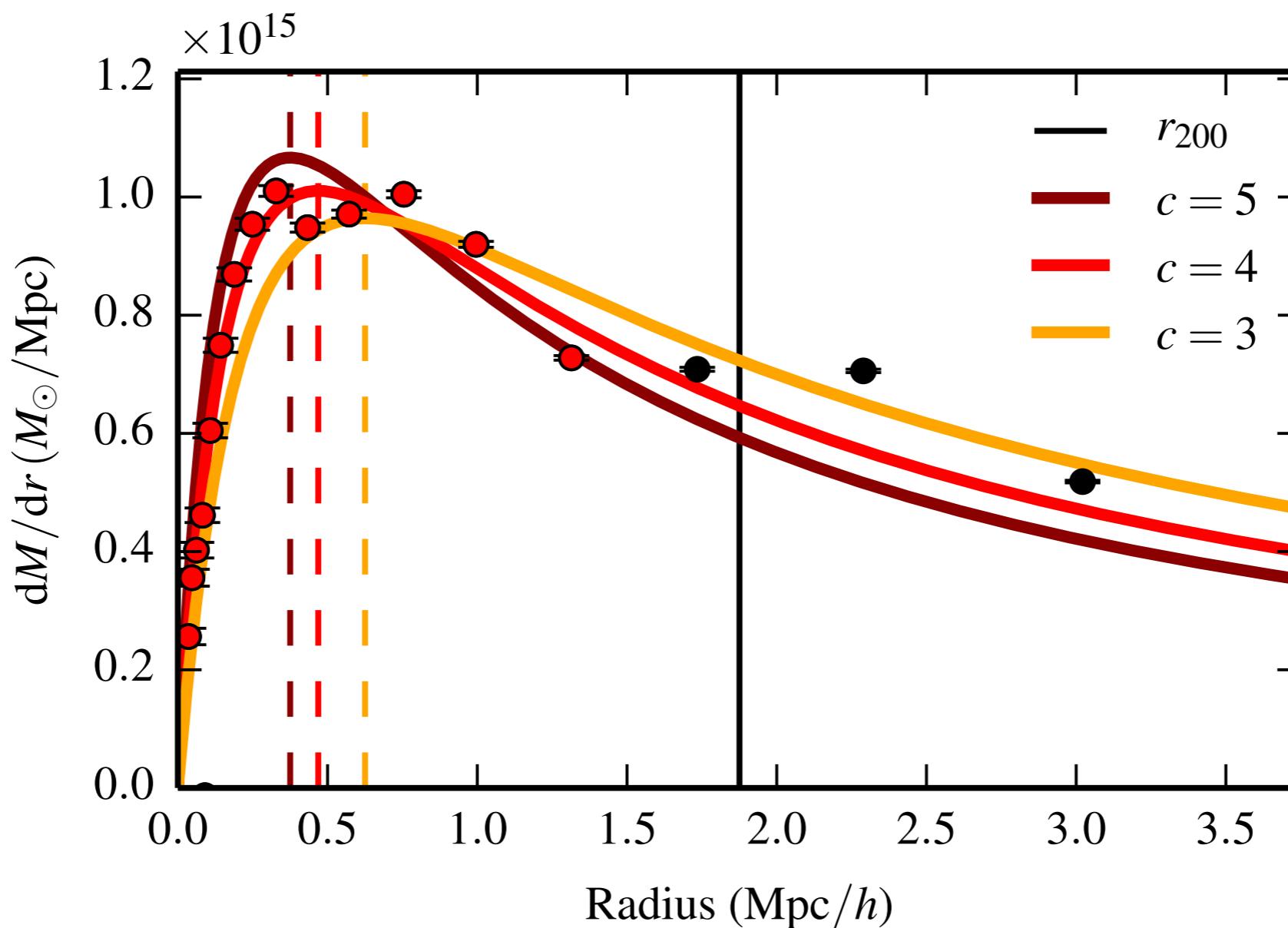
# Deeply Nonlinear Regime: Profiles and Concentrations of Dark Matter Halos

# Why Concentrations?



# Navarro-Frenk-White (NFW) profile describes spherically-averaged halo density

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Concentration:  $c_{\Delta} = \frac{r_{\Delta}}{r_s}$

# State-of-the-art simulations

## Q Continuum

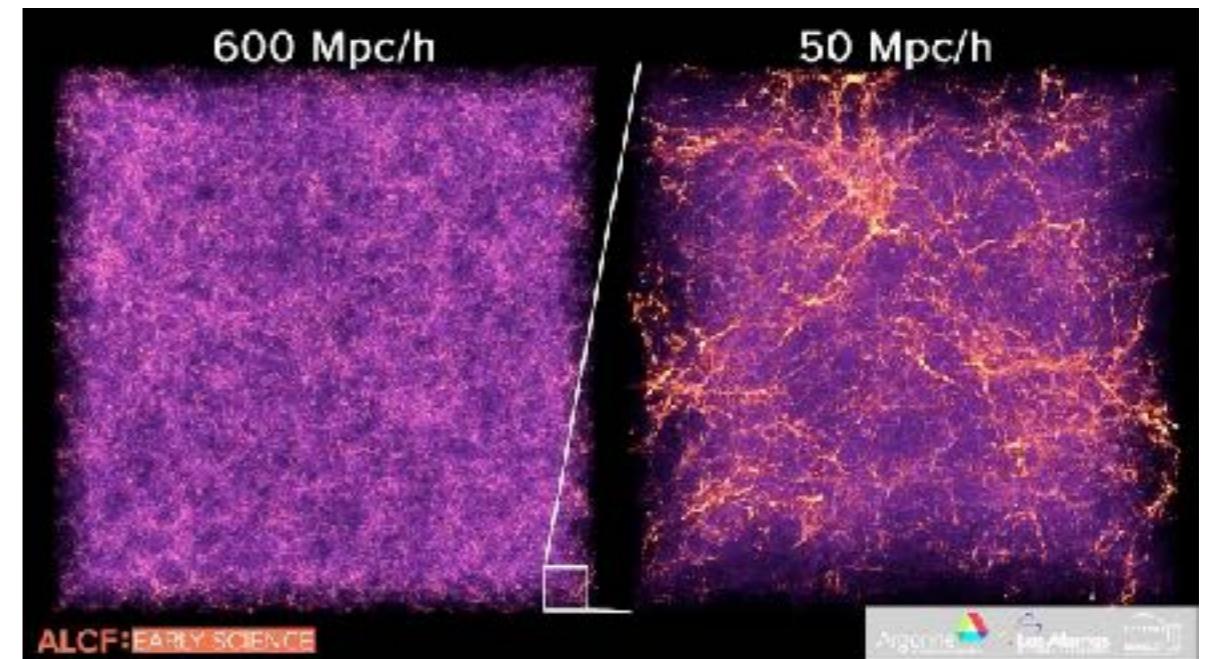
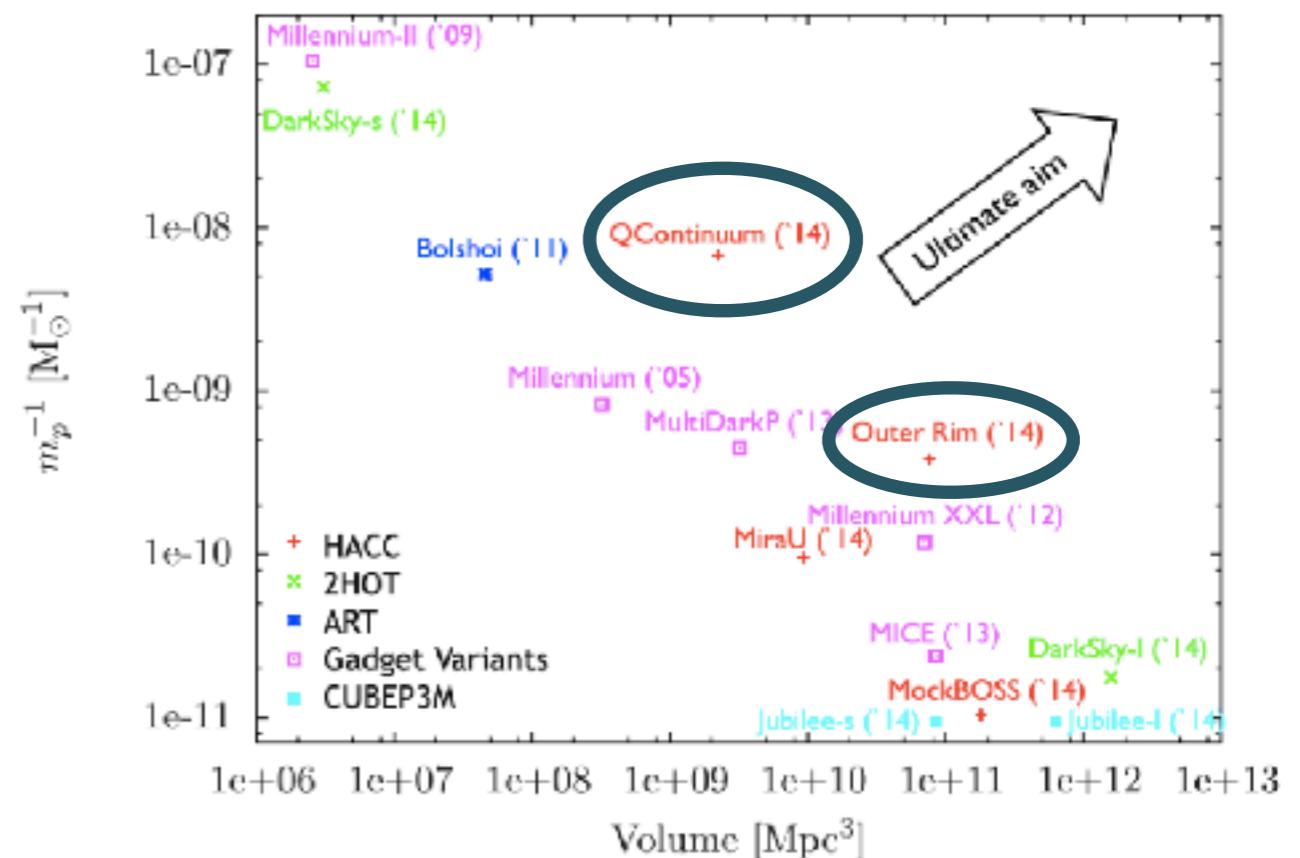
0.55 trillion particles

concentrations for 10 million  
halos at  $z=0$

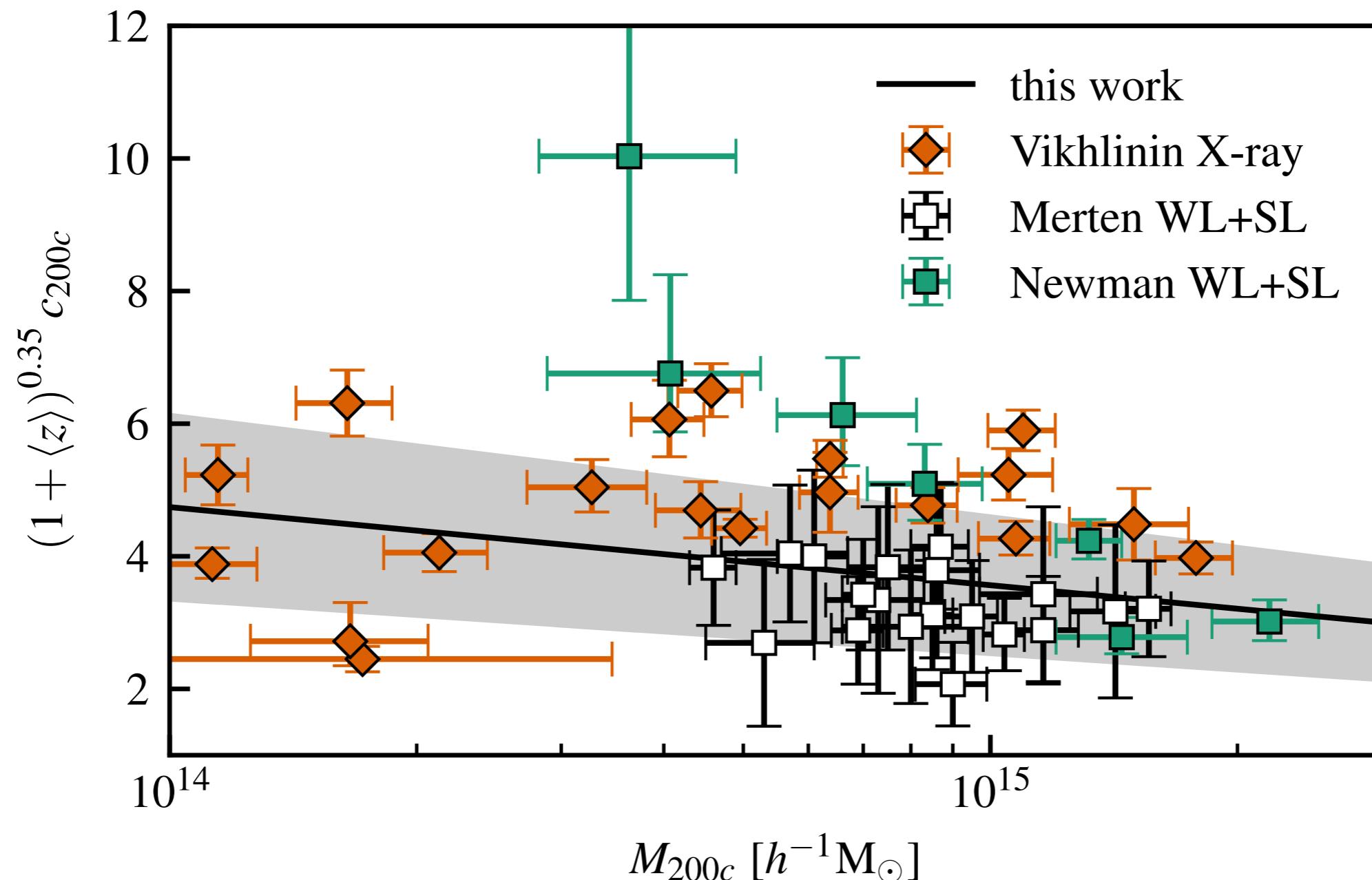
## Outer Rim

1.1 trillion particles

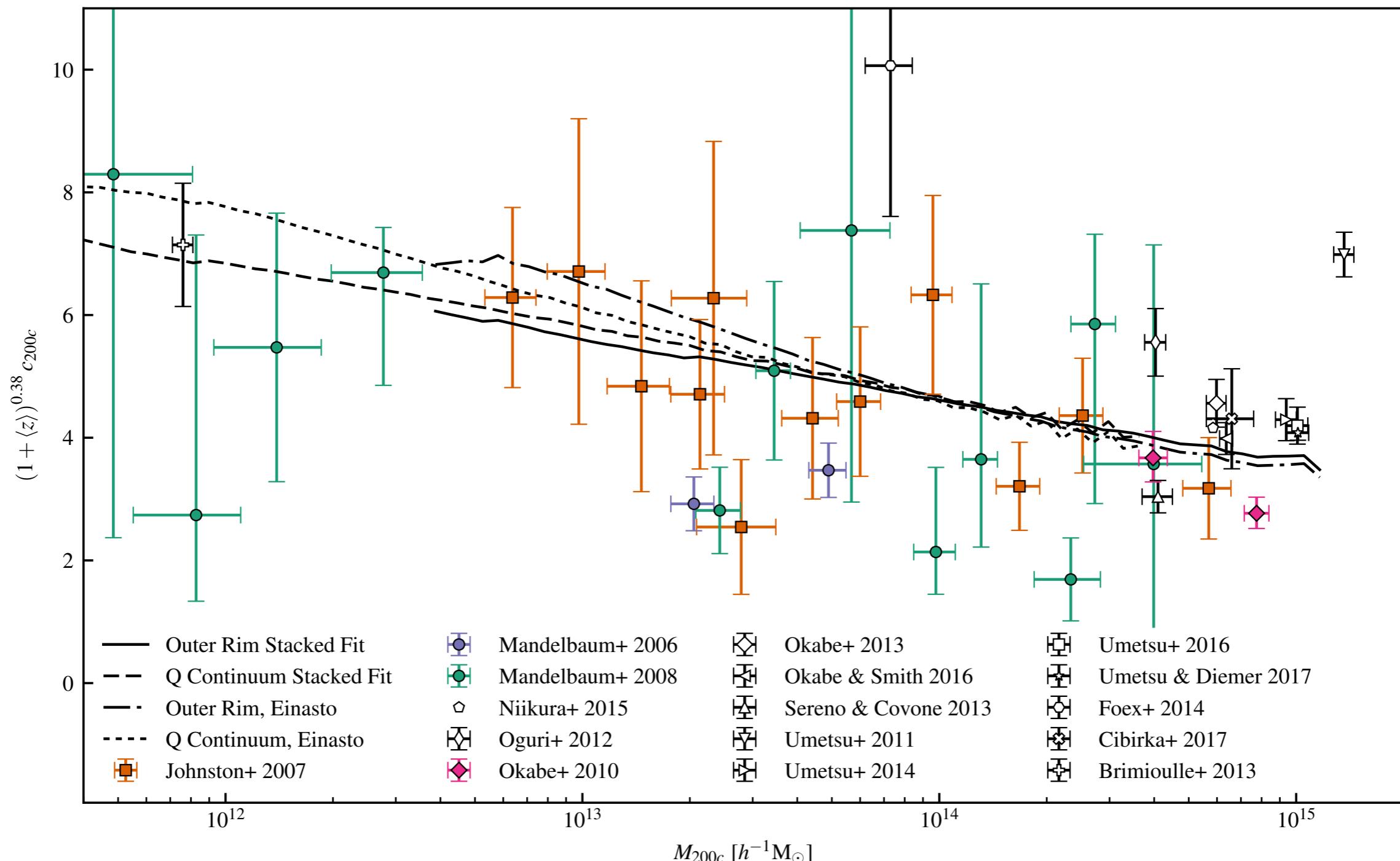
concentrations for 20 million  
halos at  $z=0$



# Concentrations of individual halos



# Concentrations of stacked halos



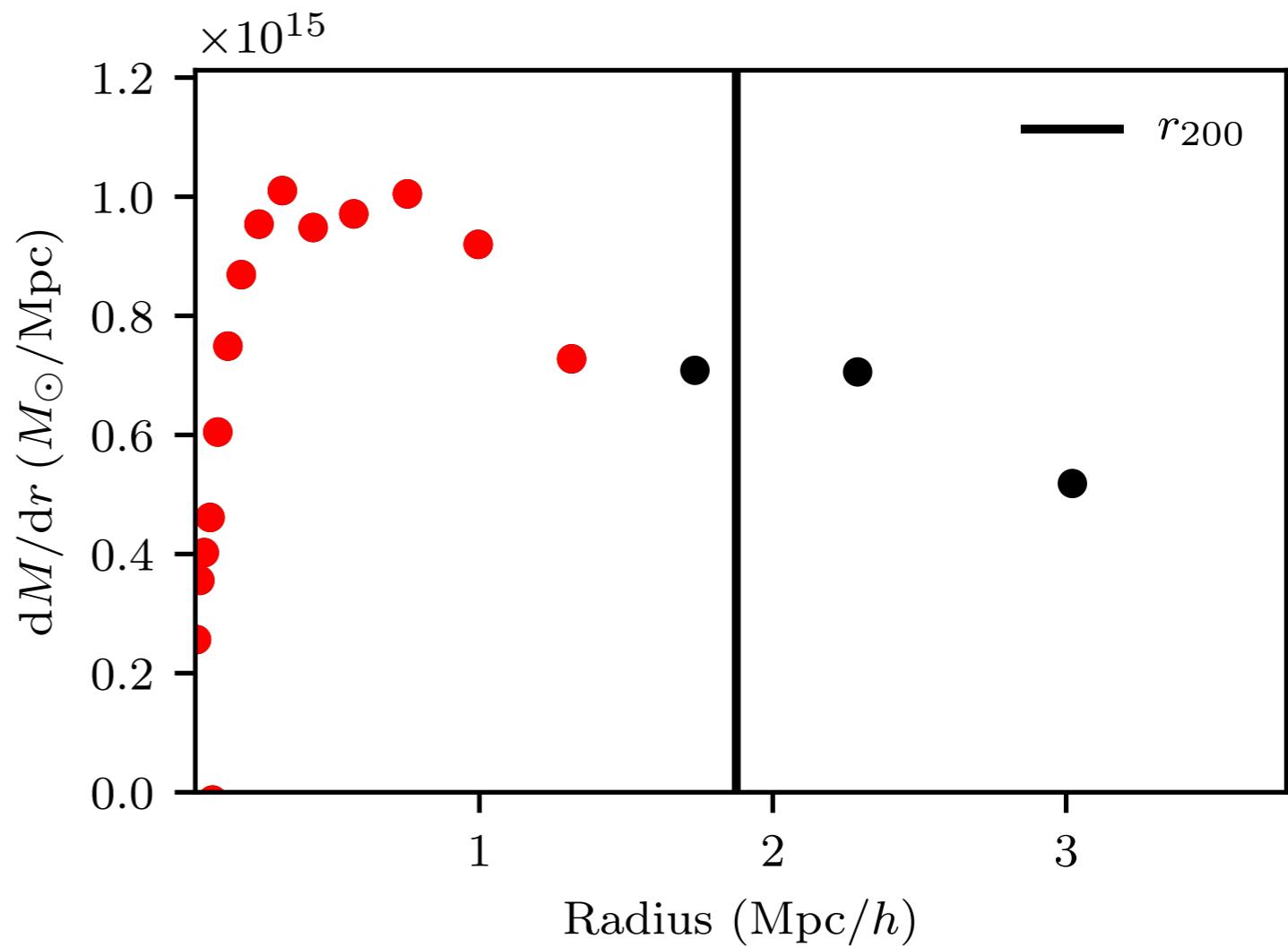
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## 2. Accumulated Mass

## 3. Peak



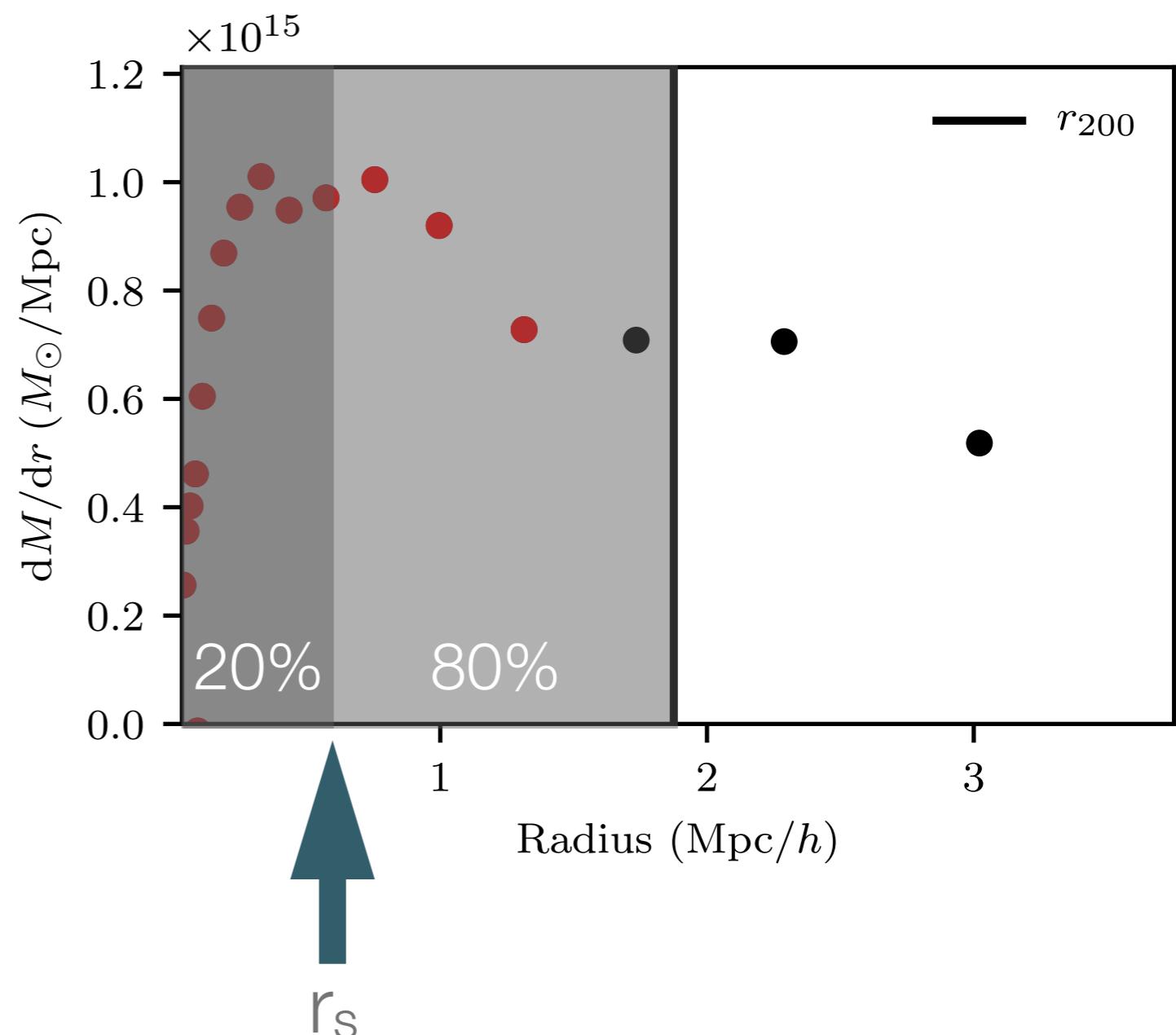
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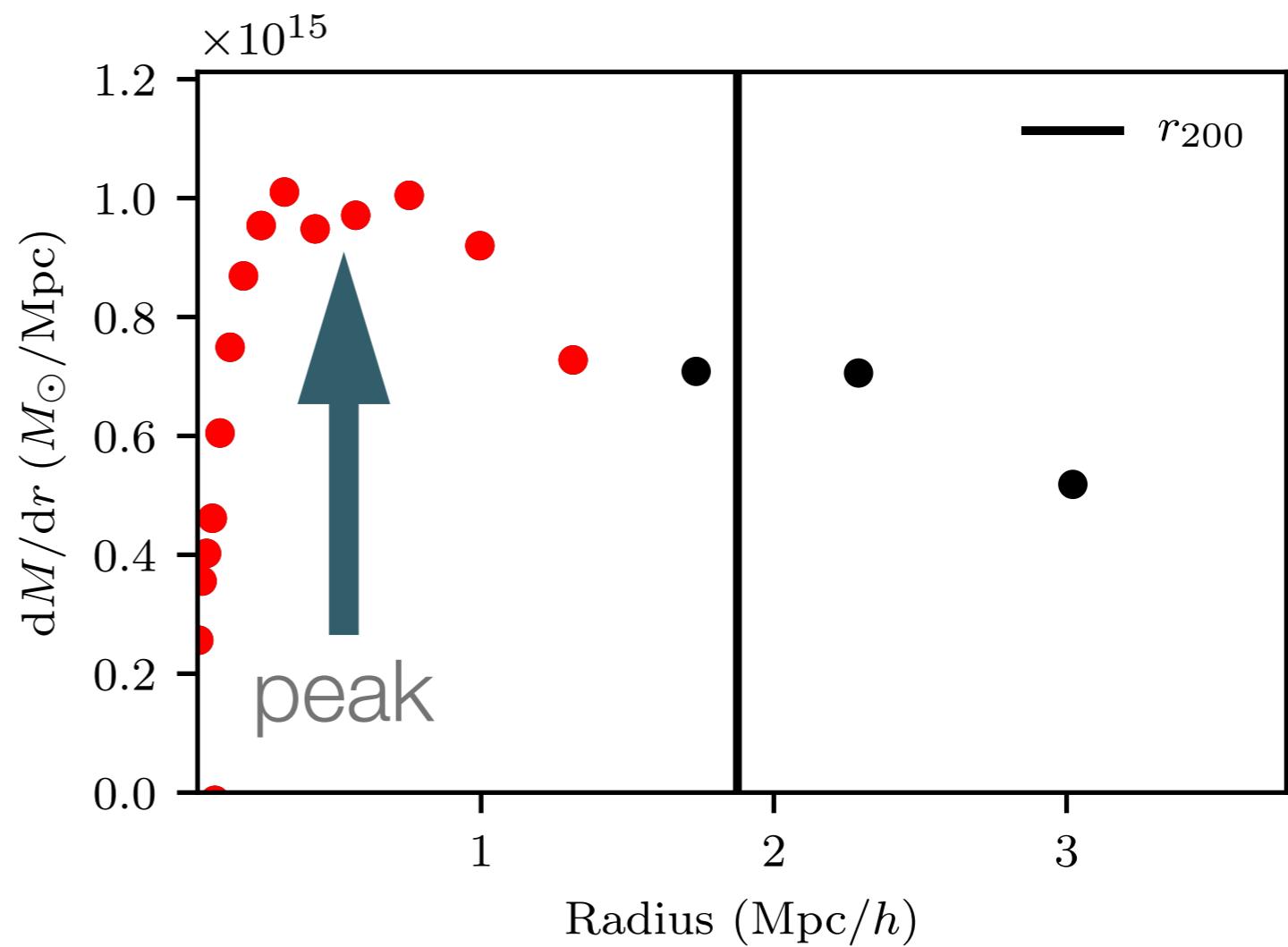
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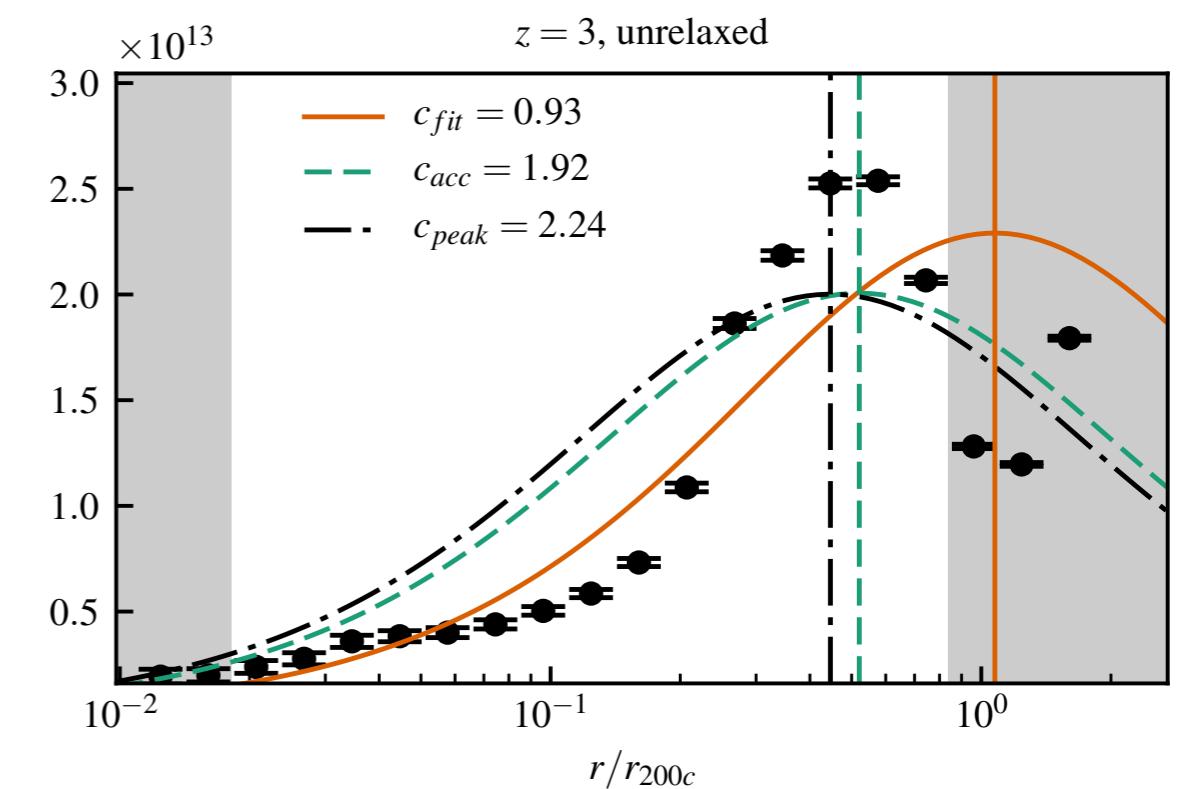
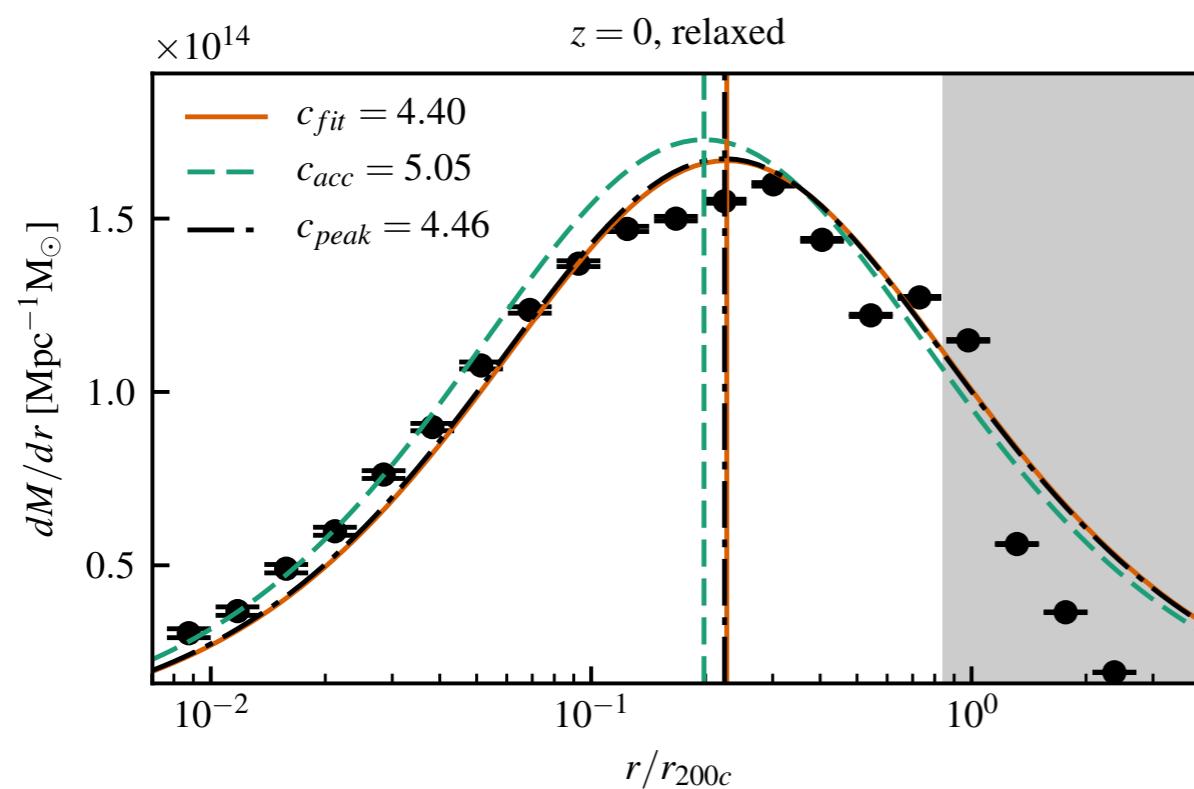
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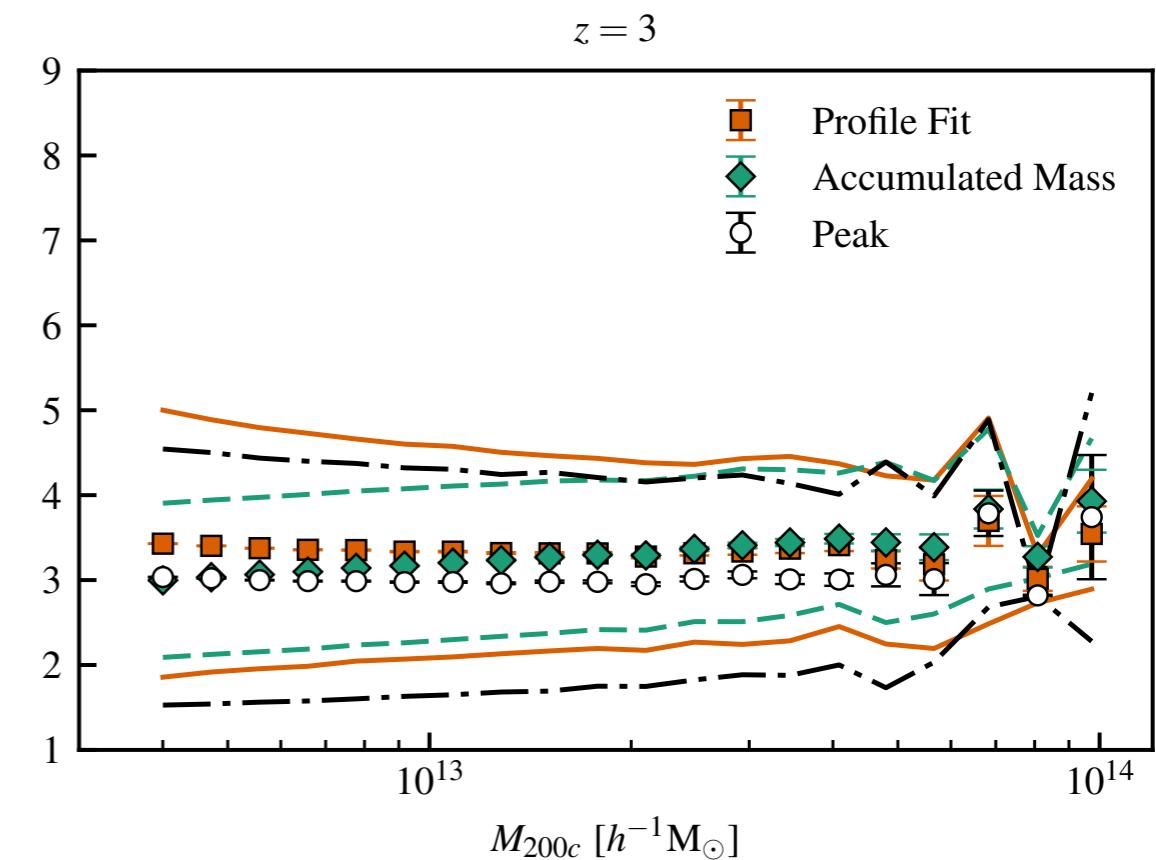
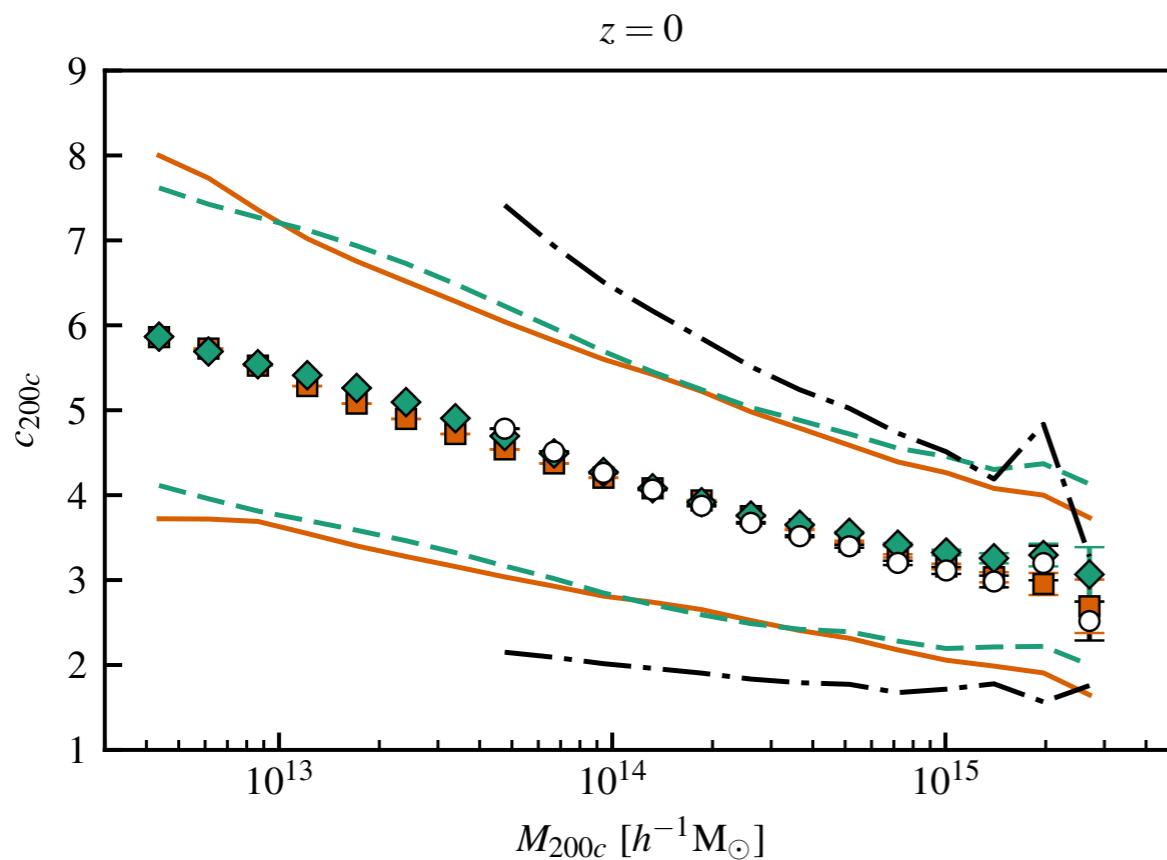


All methods agree on relaxed halos, but not on unrelaxed halos

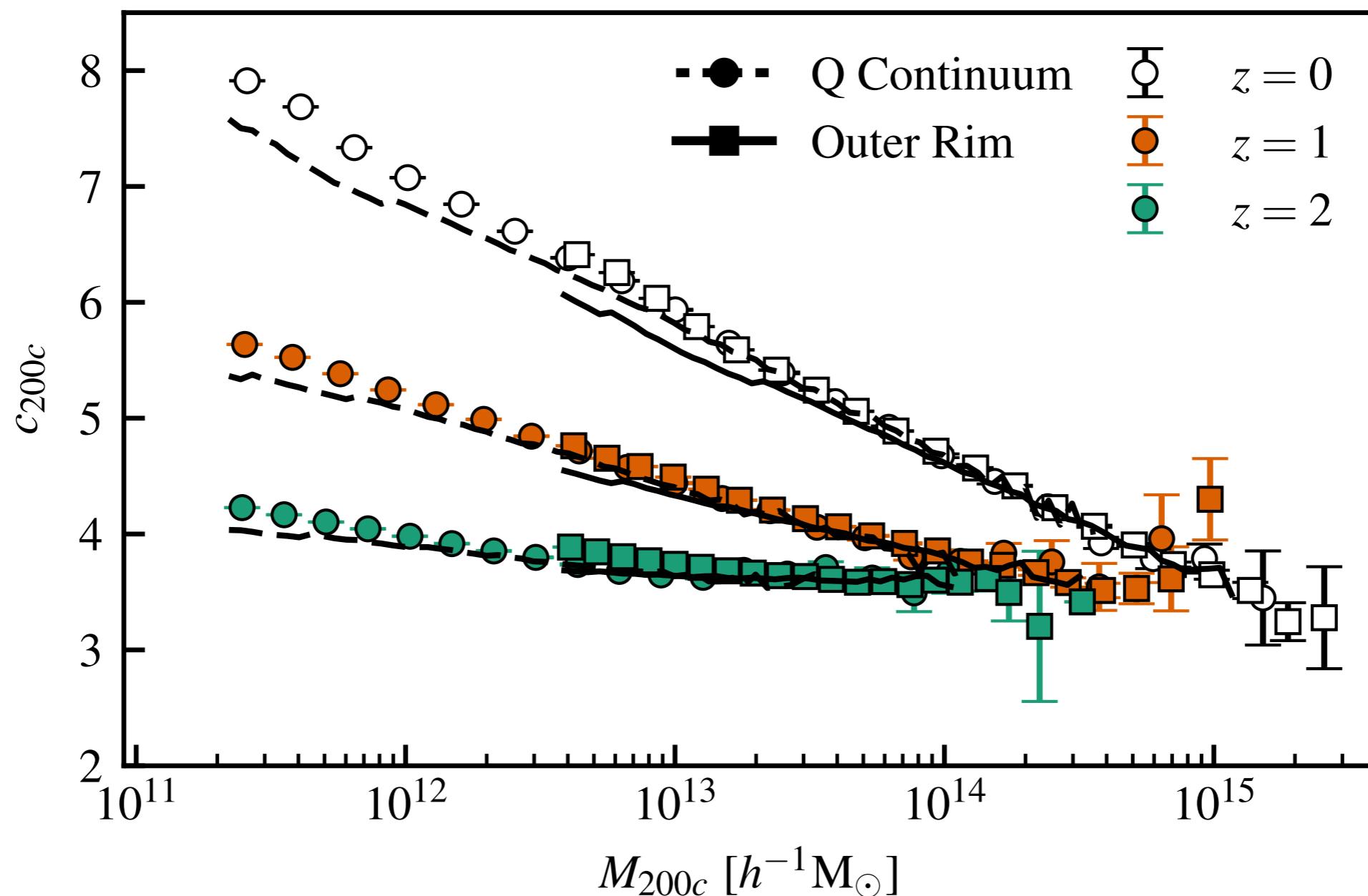
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# Population statistics: average concentrations

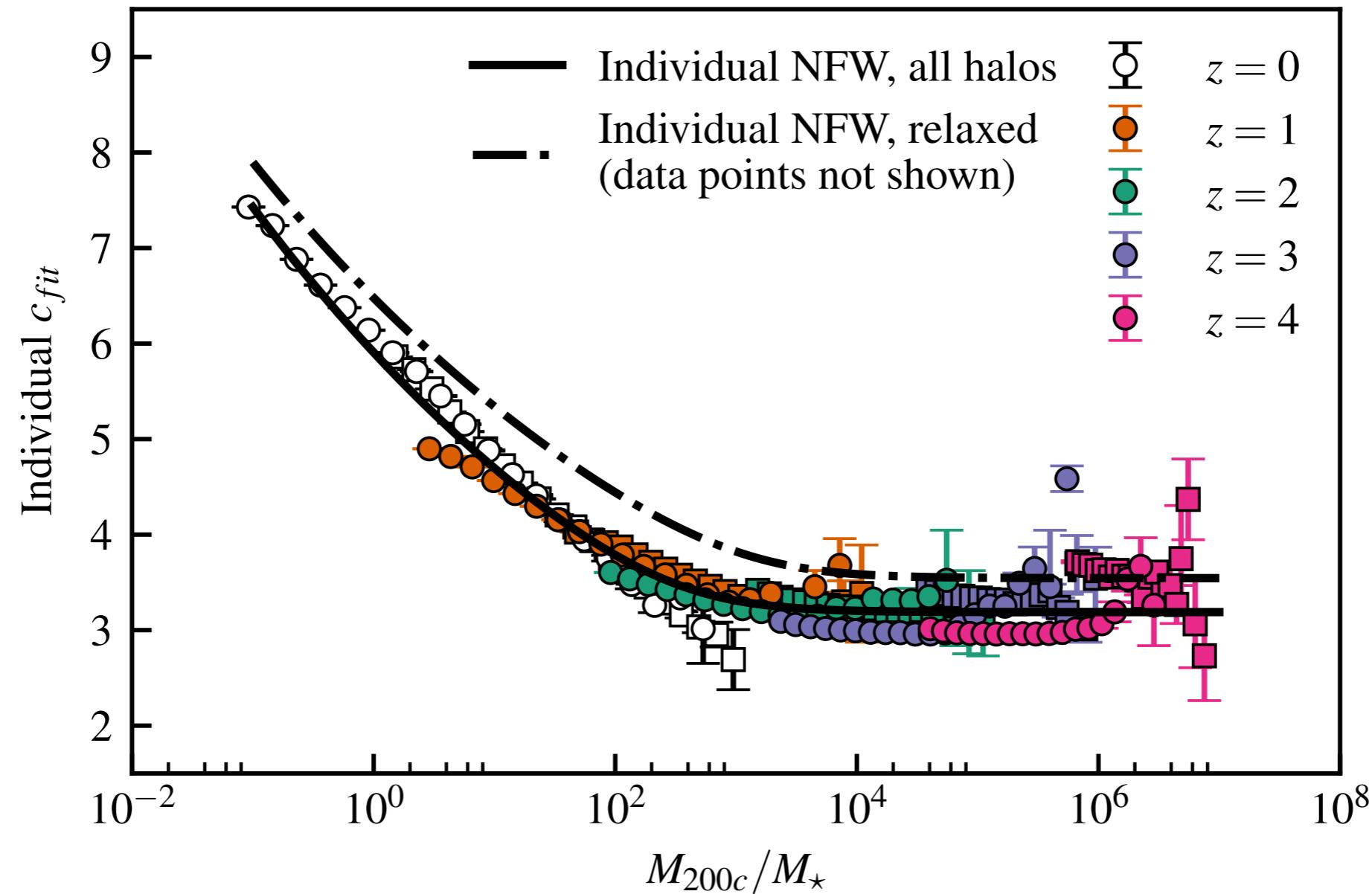


# Concentration falls at high redshift



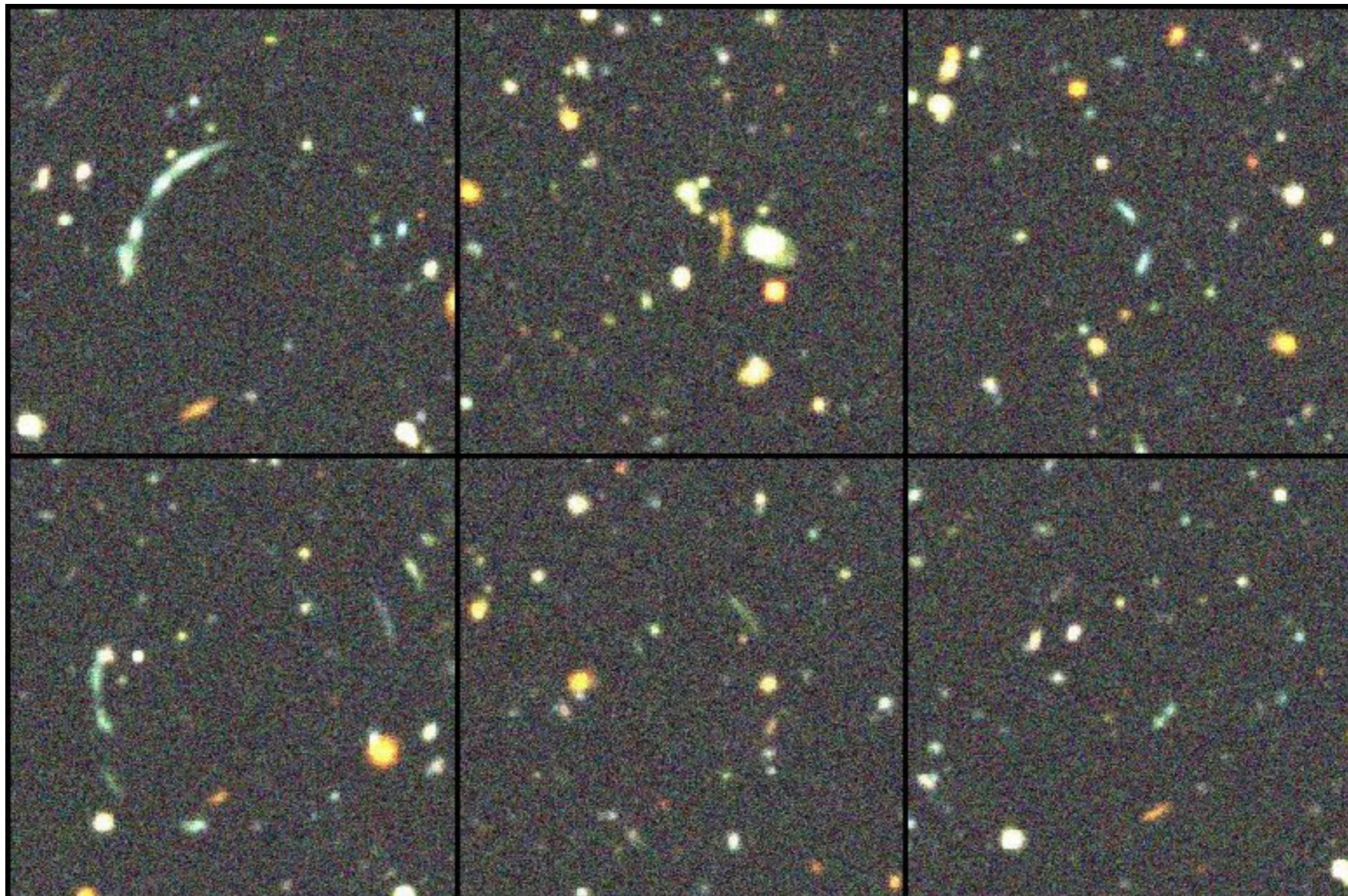
When mass is scaled by the nonlinear mass  $M^*$ ,  
concentration is a simple function of  $M/M^*$

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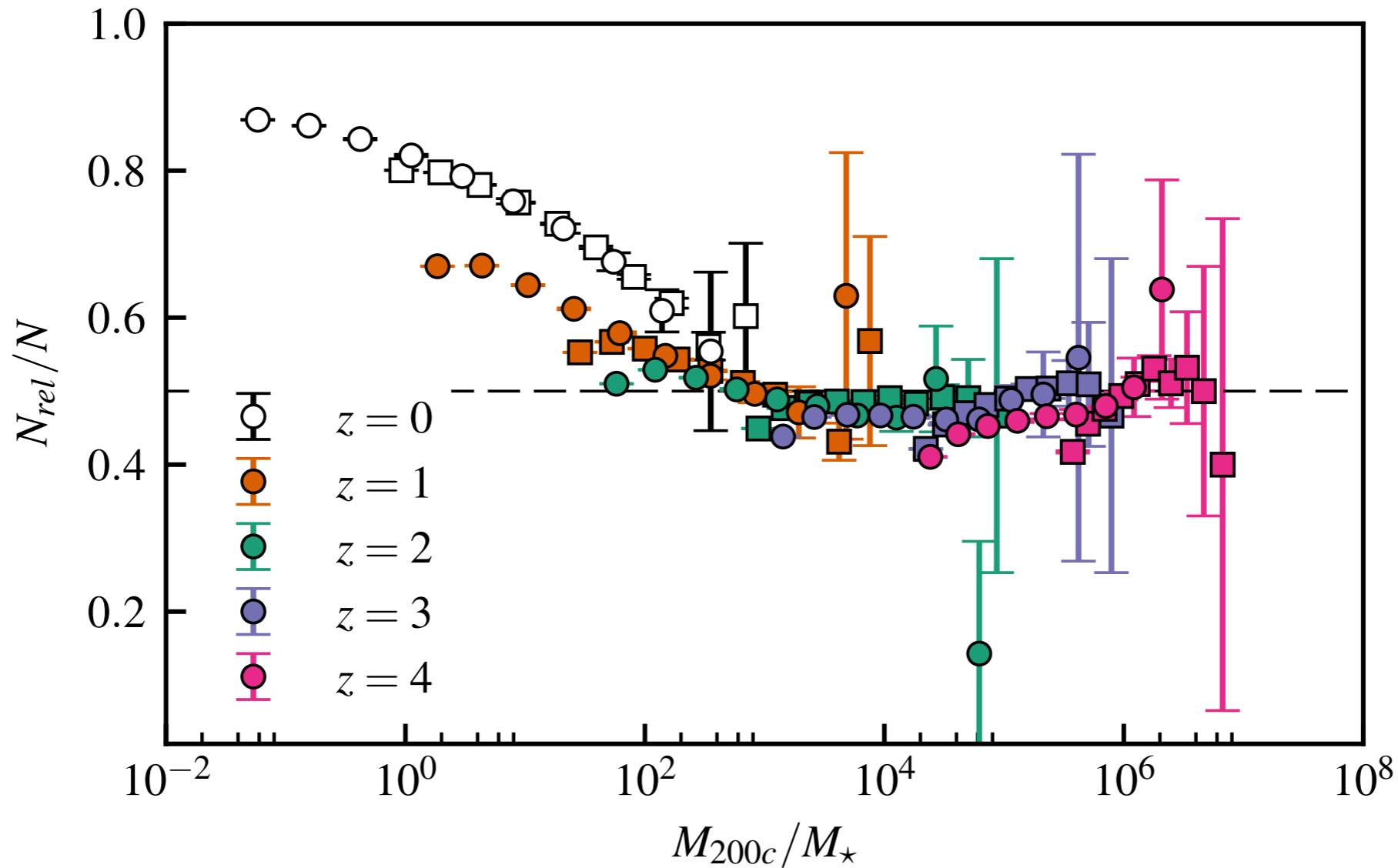


# Application: Strong Lensing

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# Relaxed fraction similarly depends on $M/M^*$



# Merger trees track halo evolution

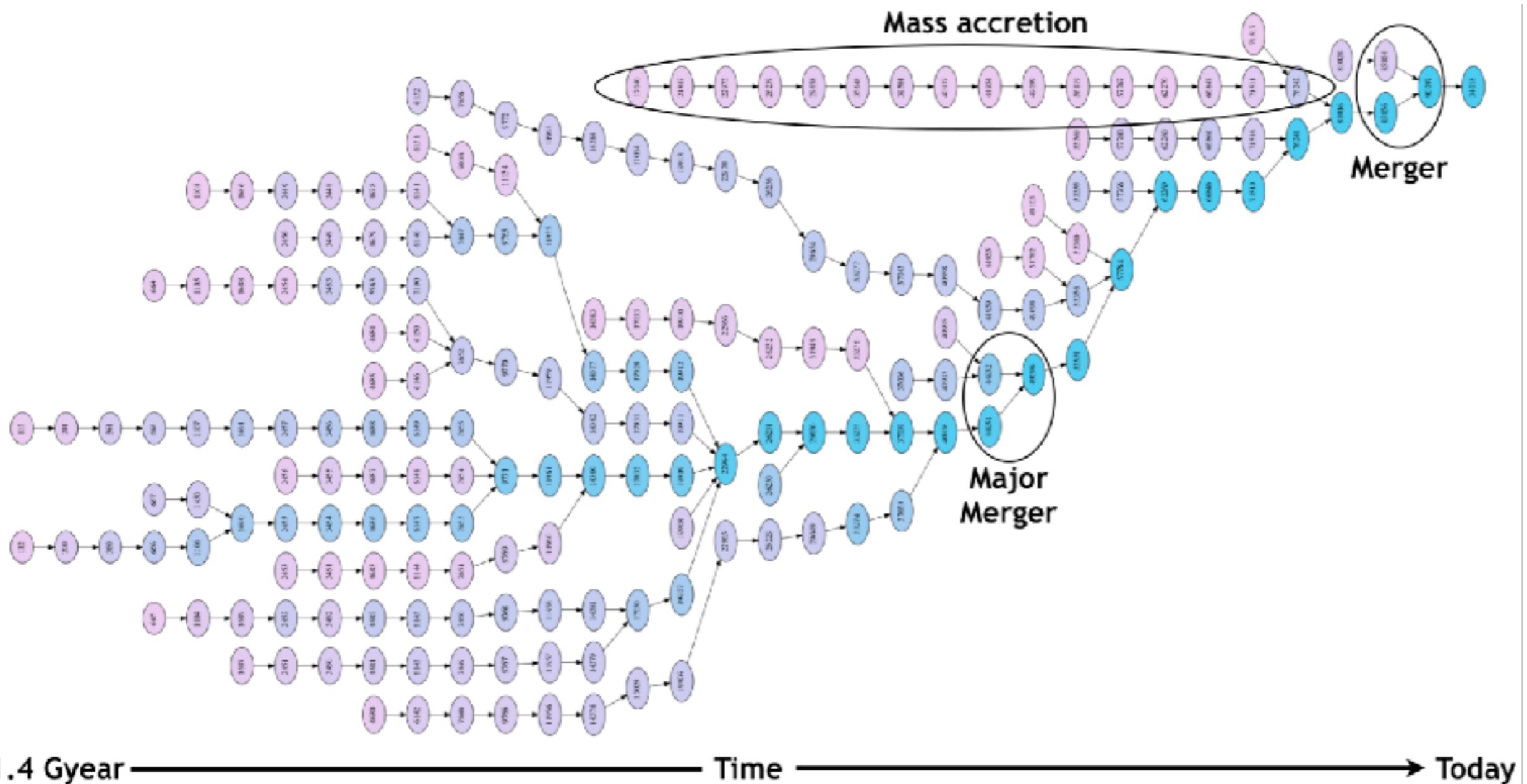


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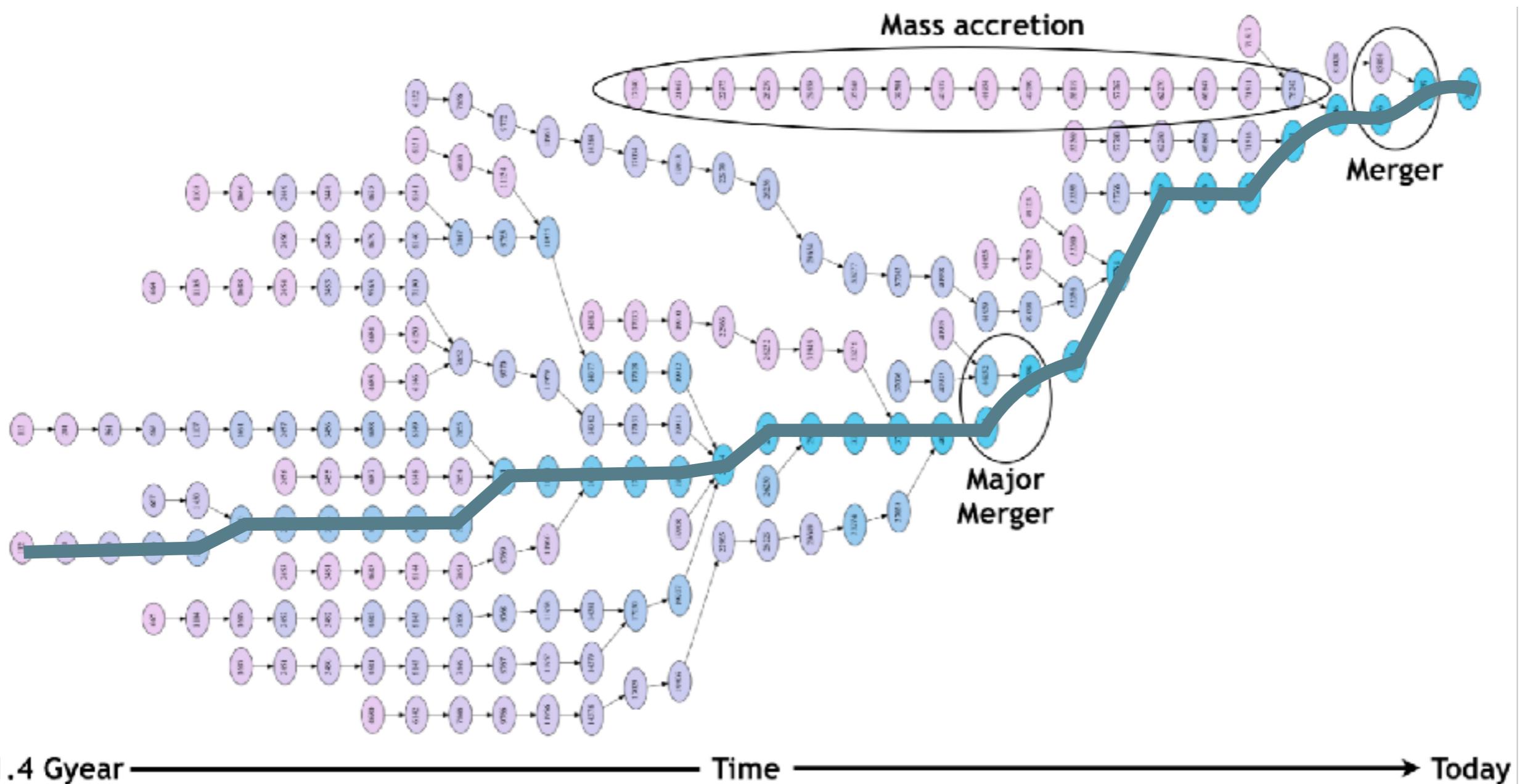
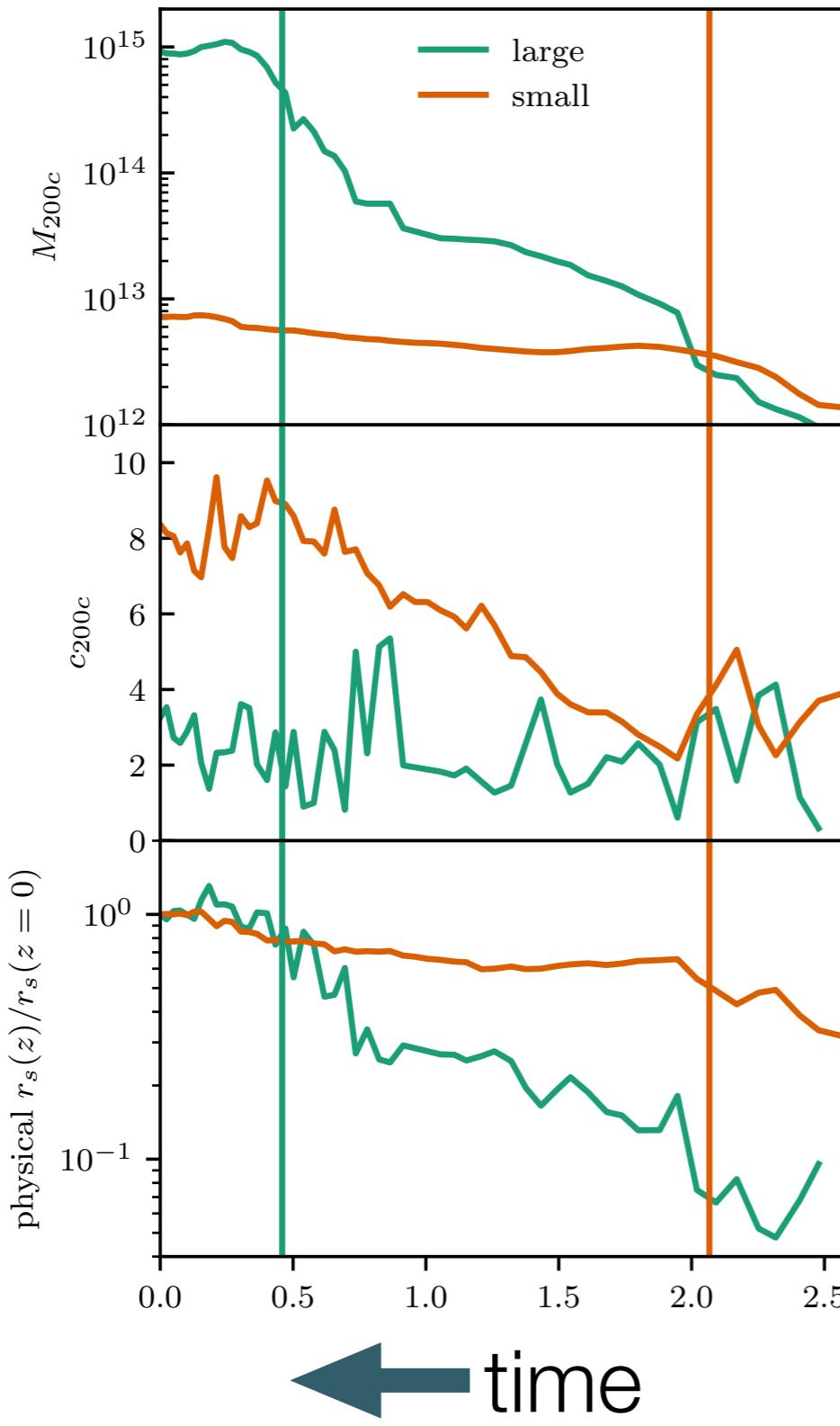


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# Halo backbones



mass grows through mergers

mass grows smoothly

concentration remains ~3

concentration grows to 8-10

scale radius grows ~ x50

scale radius grows ~ x2

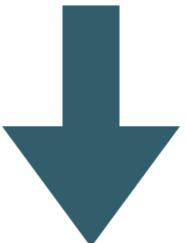
# Pseudo-evolution: halos accrete mass only at their outskirts, without disrupting the inner profile

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scale radius is constant

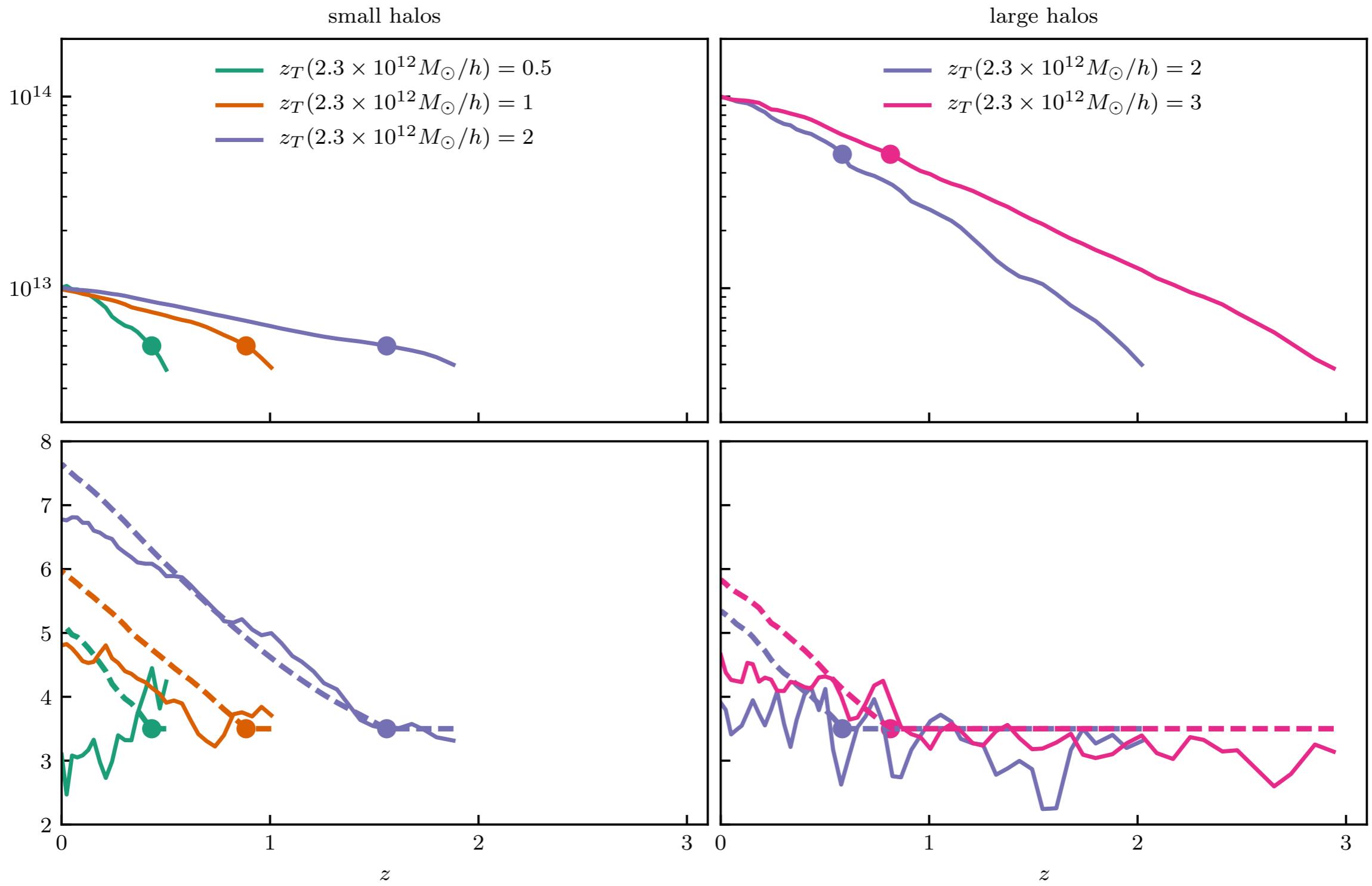
mass grows

critical density falls

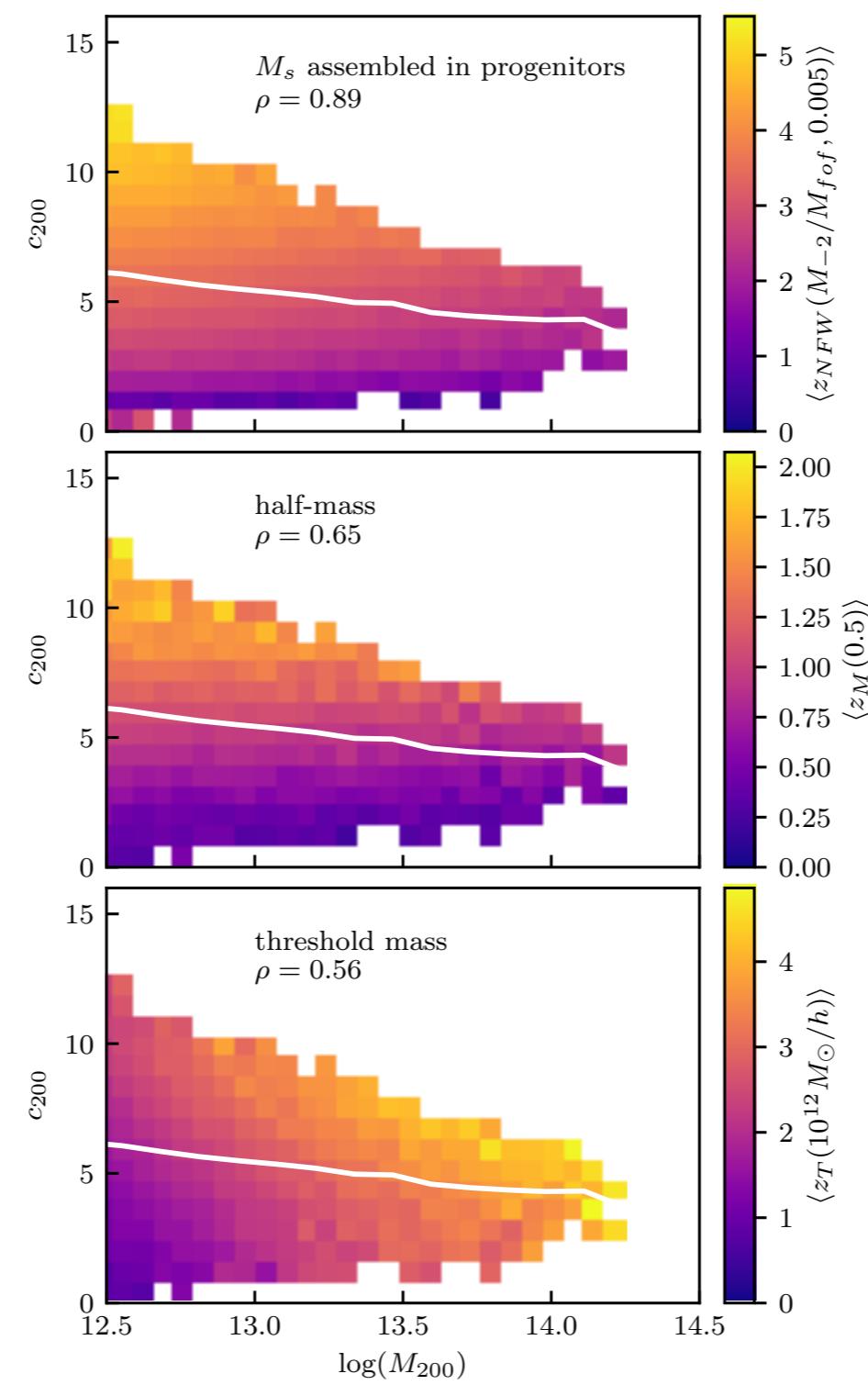


viral radius grows

# Pseudo-evolution predicts concentrations for old, slowly-growing halos



# Old halos have high concentrations



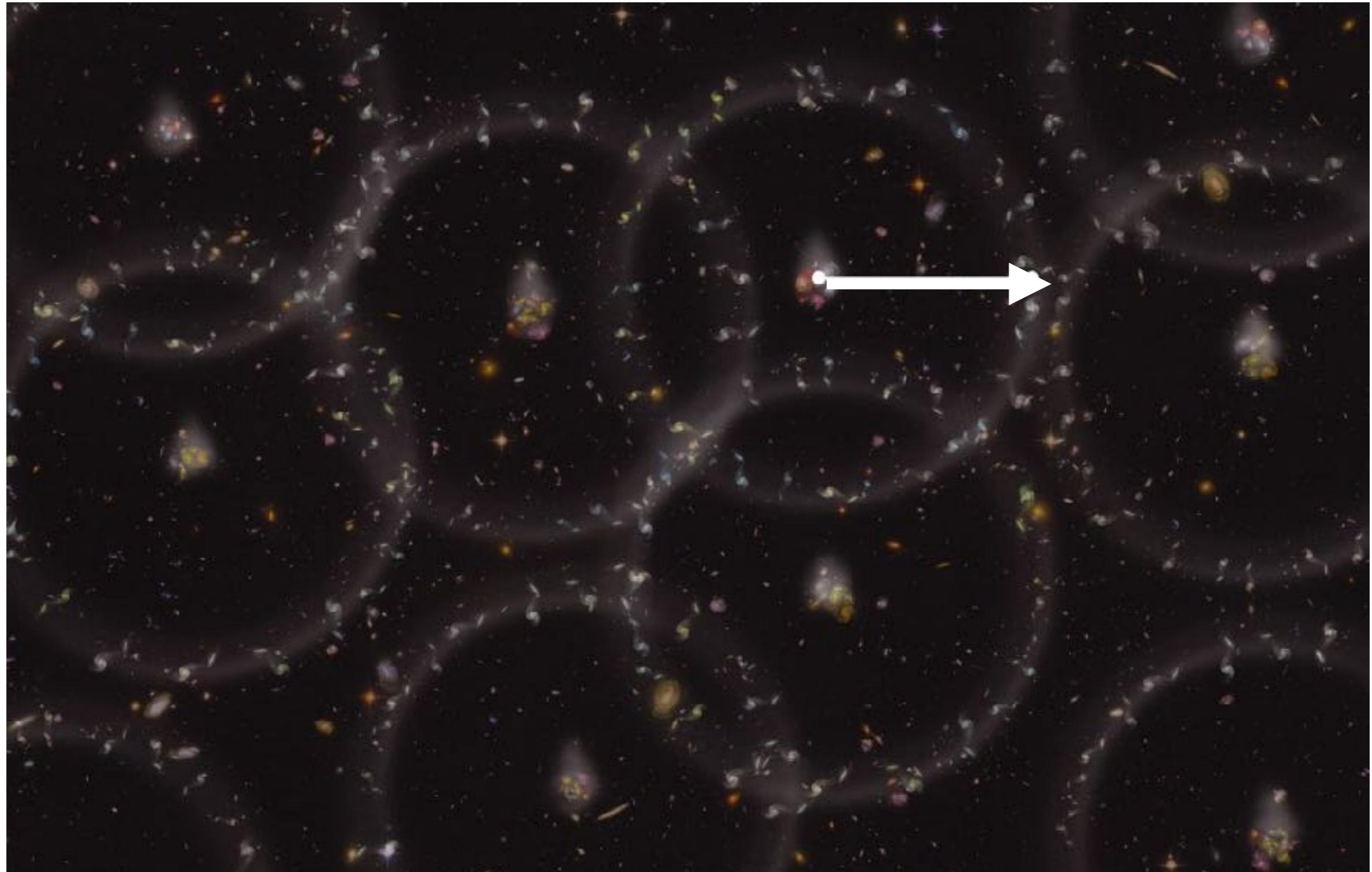
# Primary Results

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- State-of-the-art simulations provide superior statistics for robust concentration measurement
- Concentration-mass relation: agreement with observations and other simulations
- Scaling by  $M^*$ : power-law behavior below a threshold mass, transition to constant
- Best correlated with concentration: definitions based on the time when the sum of all progenitor masses reaches the mass contained within the final scale radius
- Pseudoevolution describes concentration evolution well for slowly growing halos

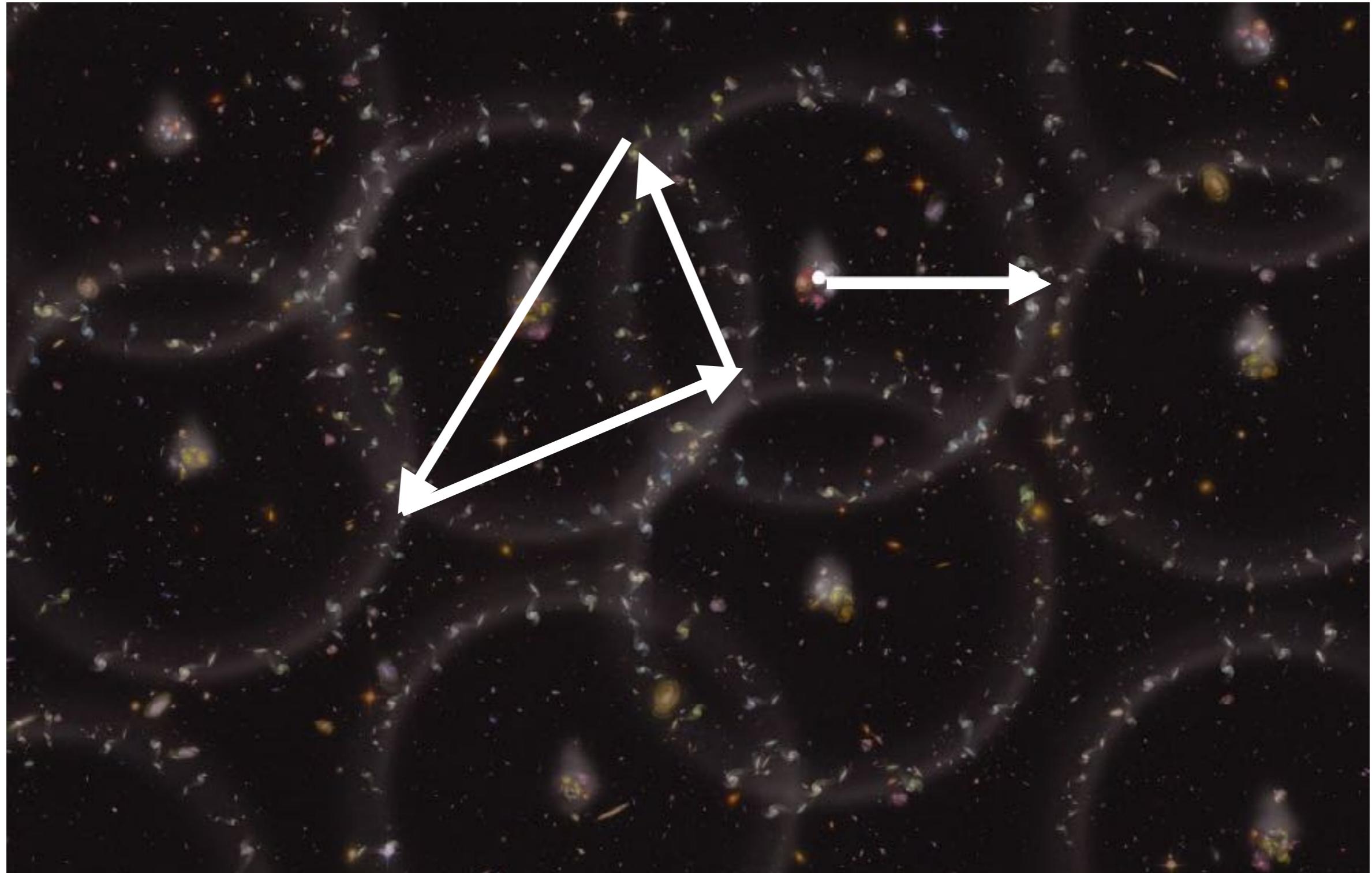
# Weakly Nonlinear Regime: BAO Interferometry in the Bispectrum

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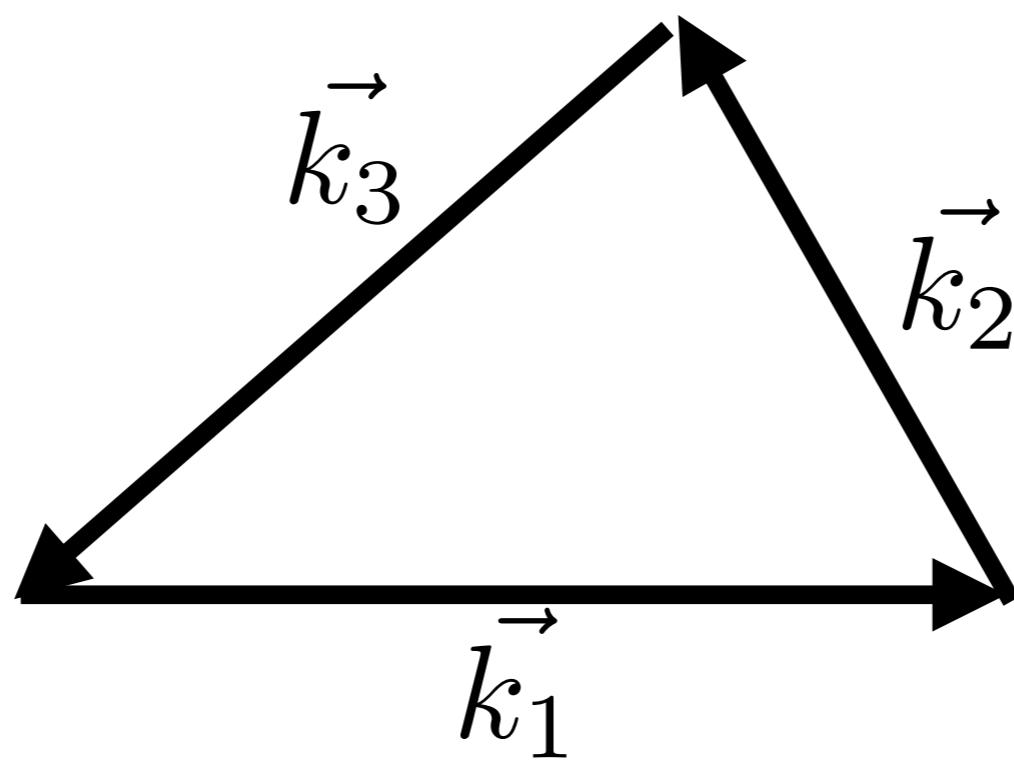
The BAO feature also appears in three-point statistics

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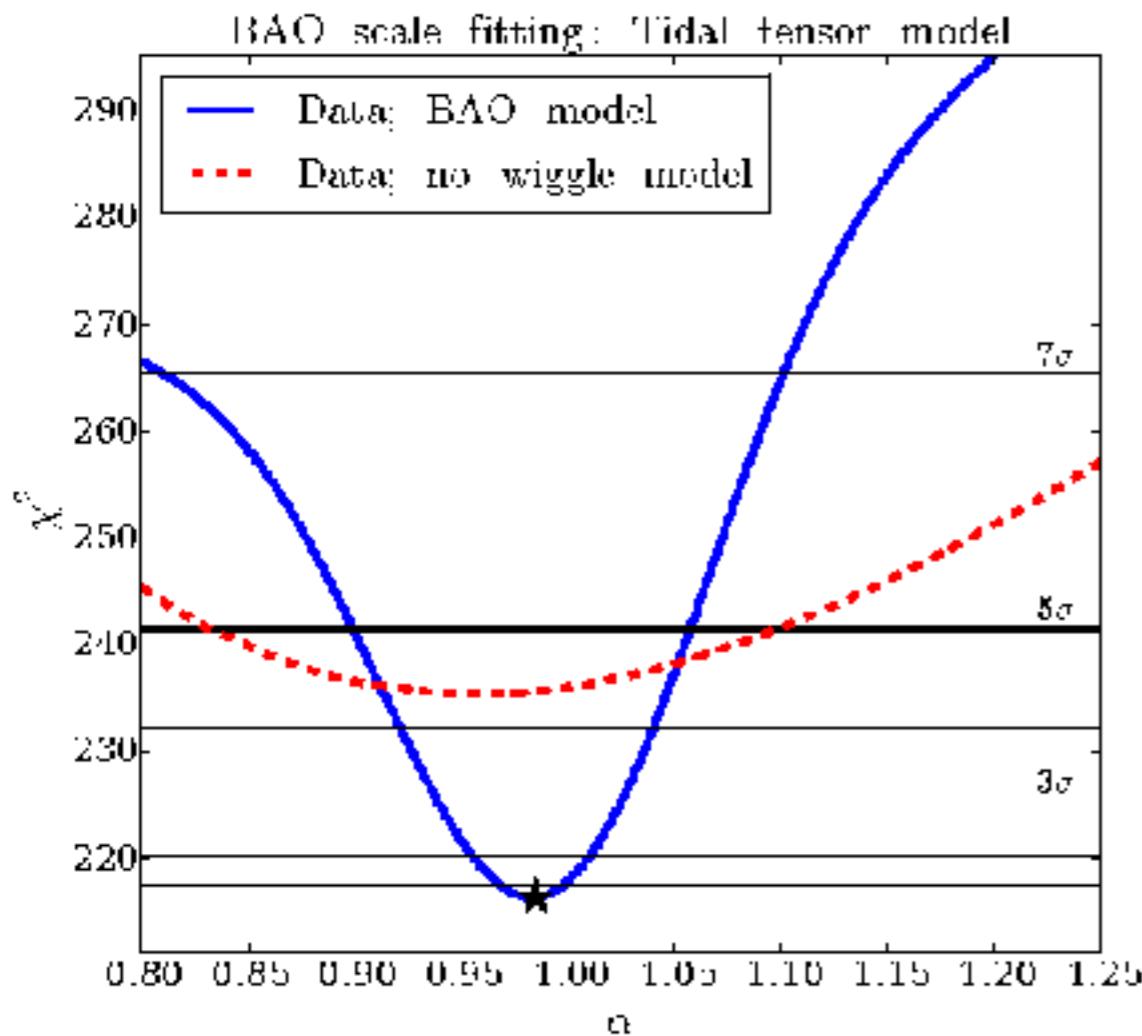


# Triangles

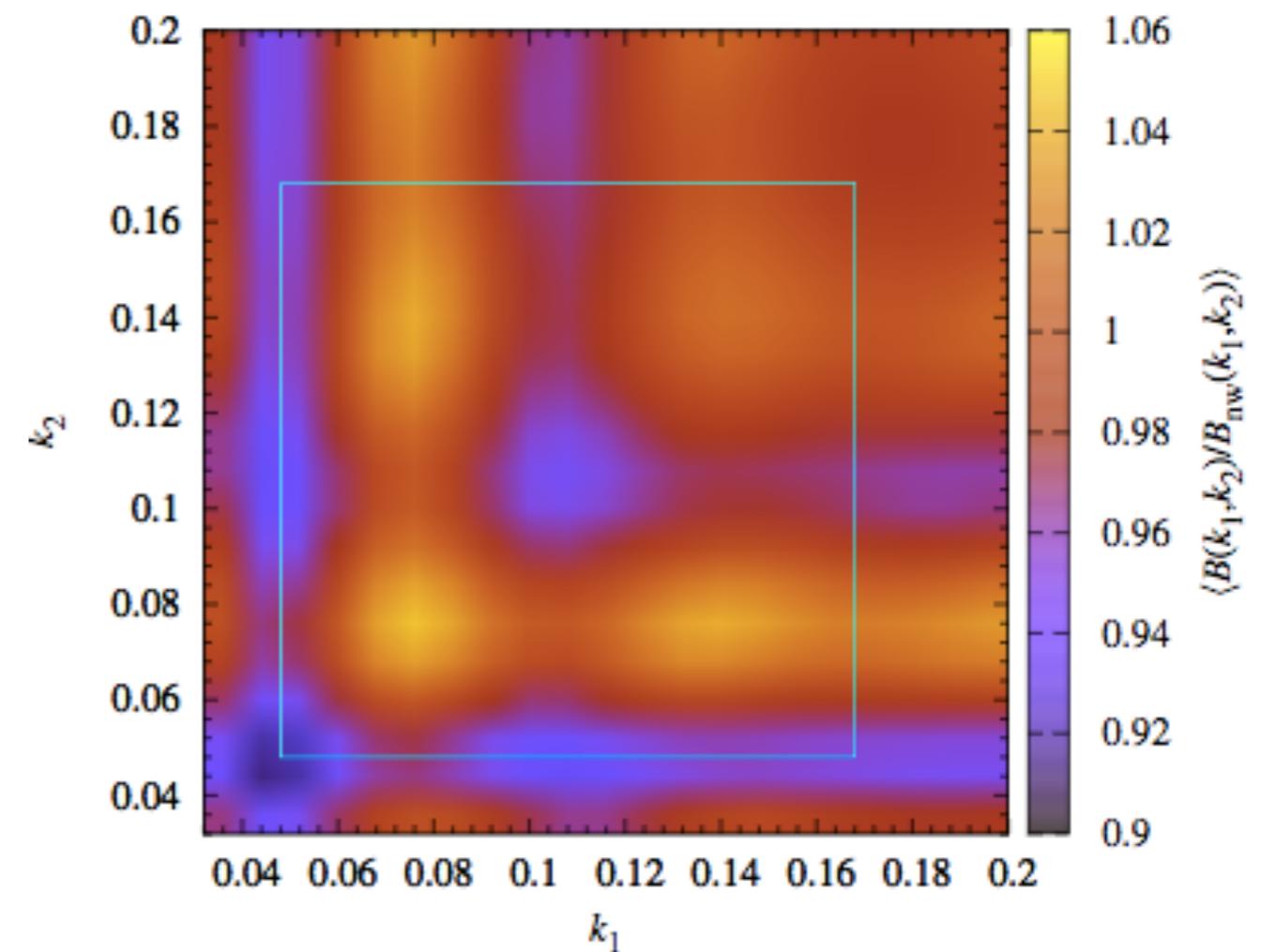
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# BAO in three-point statistics



Slepian+ 2017  
MNRAS 469, 1738

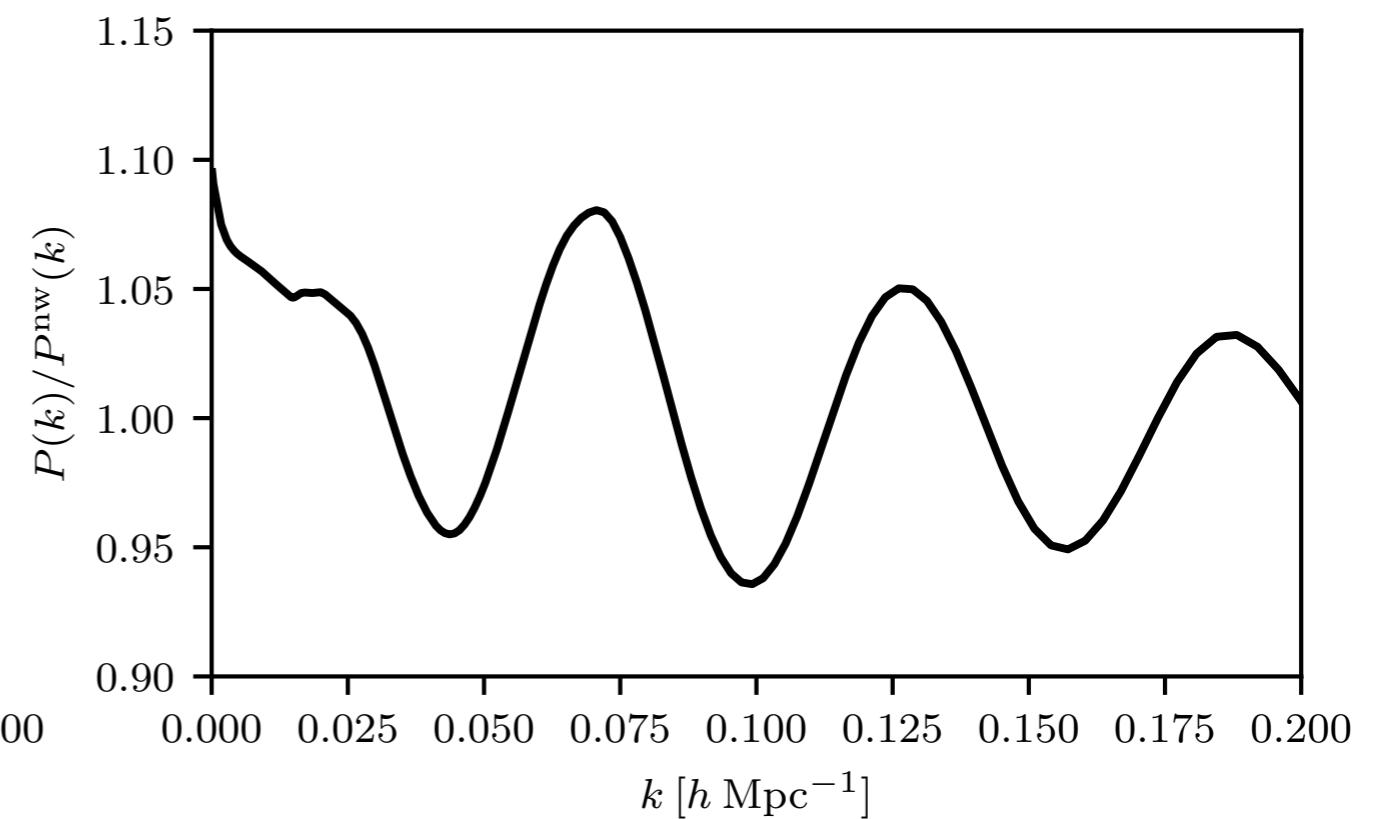
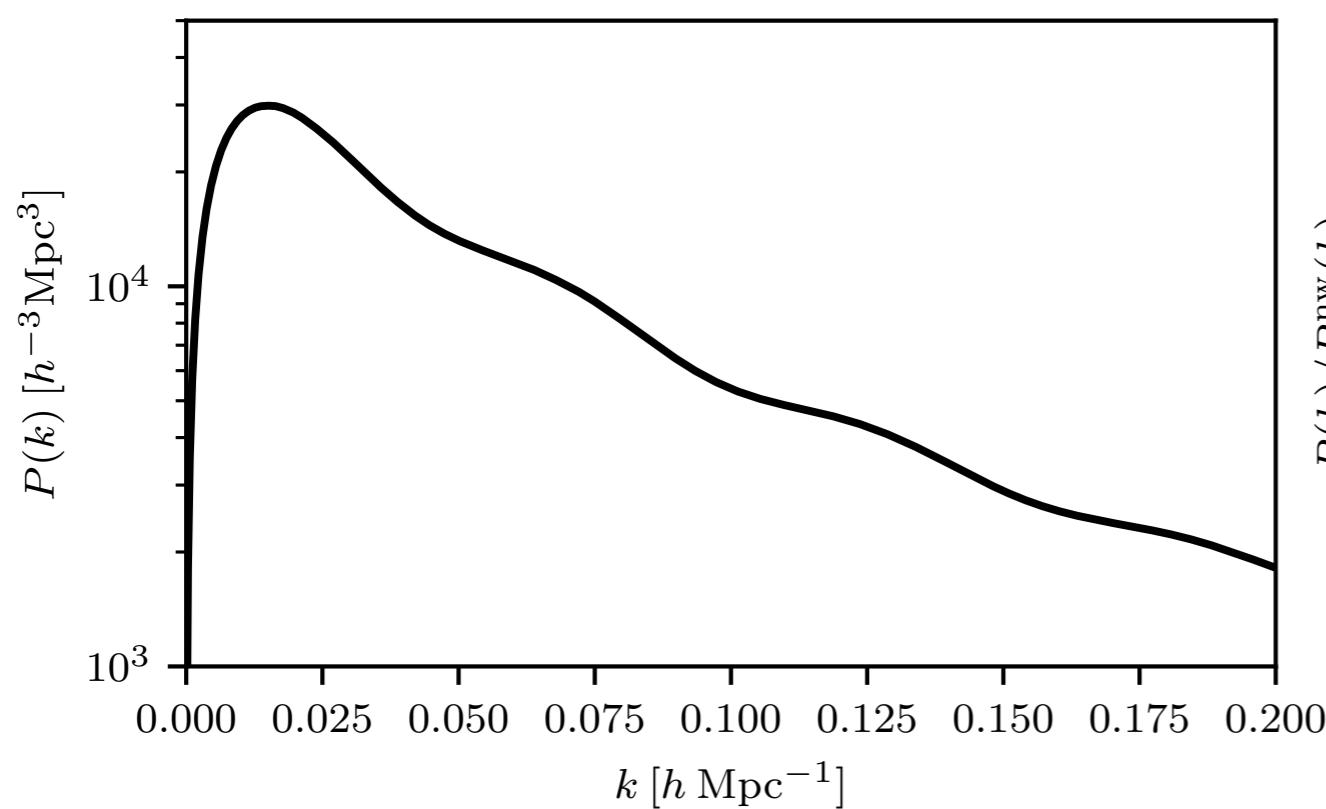


Pearson & Samushia 2017  
MNRAS 478, 4500

more BAO in 3PCF:  
Gaztanaga+ 2009 (MNRAS 399, 801)  
Slepian+ 2017 (MNRAS 468, 1070)

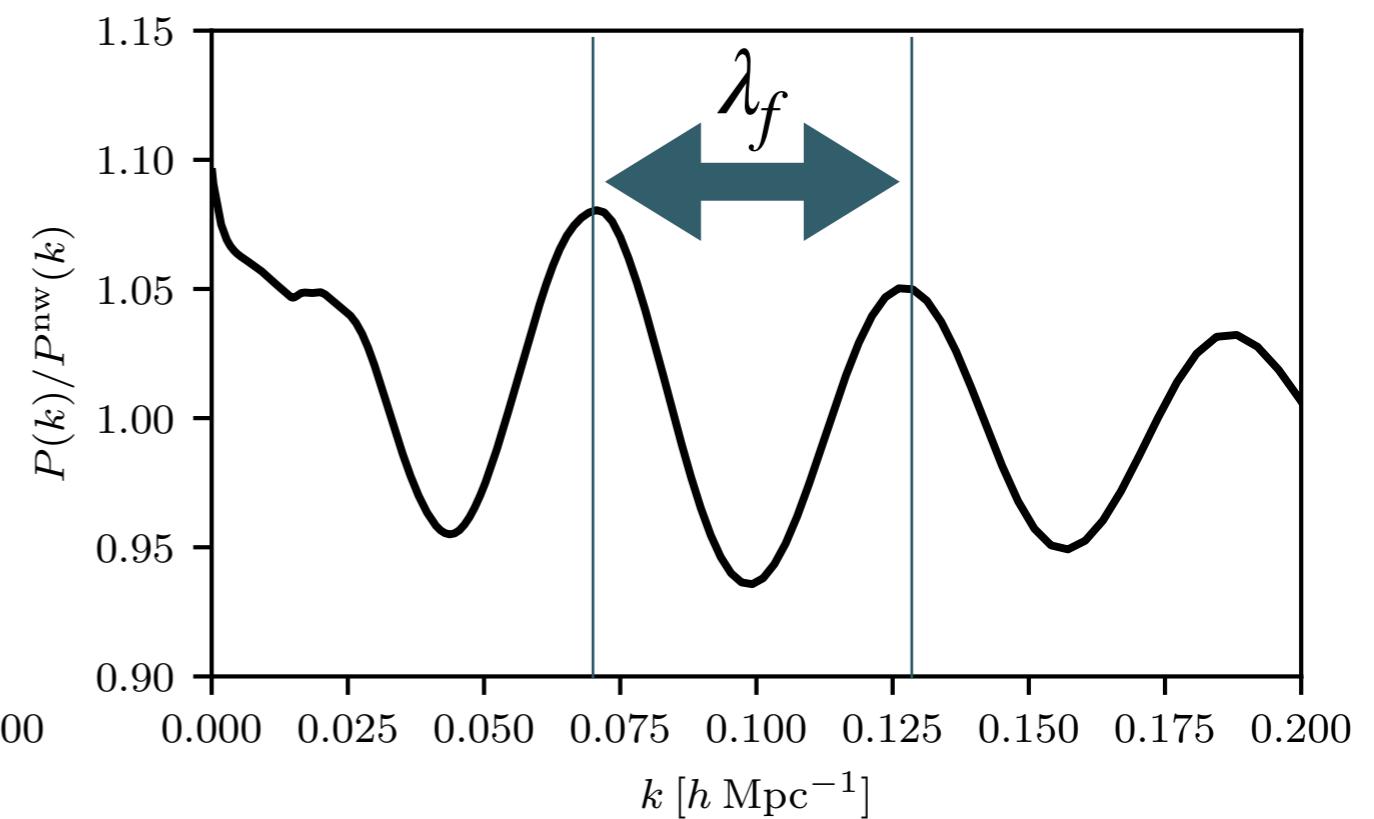
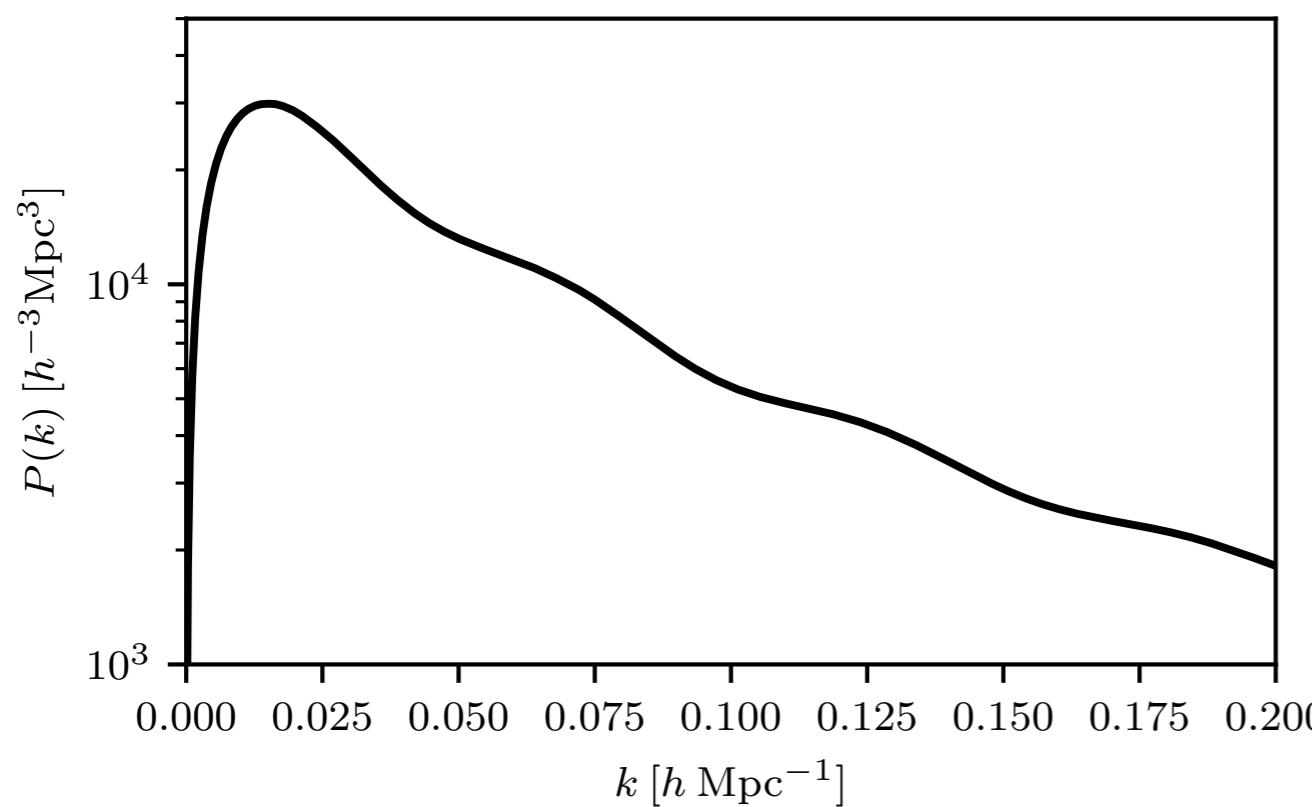
# BAO in the power spectrum

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# BAO in the power spectrum

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# Bispectrum

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initial density (Gaussian random) field

+ BAO signature in 2-point statistics

+ gravity



bispectrum (with BAO)

BAOs enter the bispectrum through a cyclic sum

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$$\begin{aligned} B^{(0)}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = & 2P^{(0)}(k_1)P^{(0)}(k_2)F_2^{(s)}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \\ & + 2P^{(0)}(k_2)P^{(0)}(k_3)F_2^{(s)}(\mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) \\ & + 2P^{(0)}(k_3)P^{(0)}(k_1)F_2^{(s)}(\mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$2F_2^{(s)}(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{k}_j) = \frac{10}{7} + \hat{\mathbf{k}_i} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}_j} \left( \frac{k_i}{k_j} + \frac{k_j}{k_i} \right) + \frac{4}{7} \left( \hat{\mathbf{k}_i} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}_j} \right)^2$$

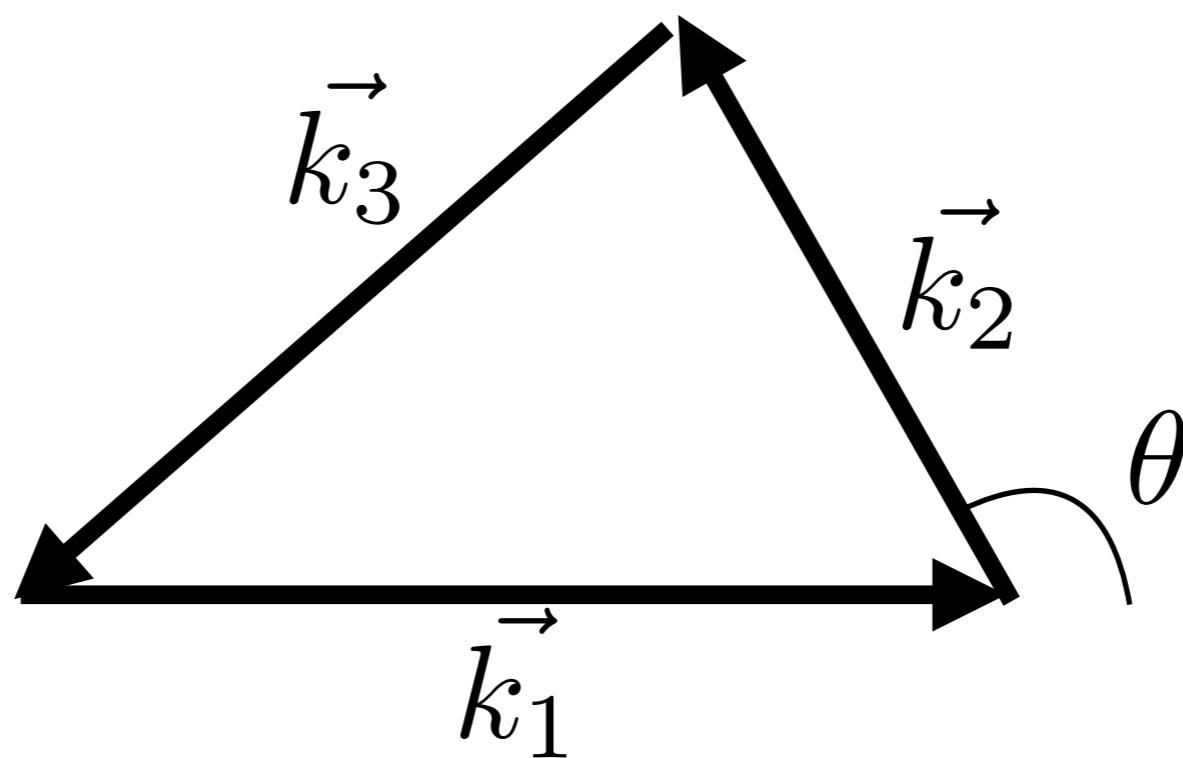
# Sines interfere—destructively or constructively

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# Interferometry

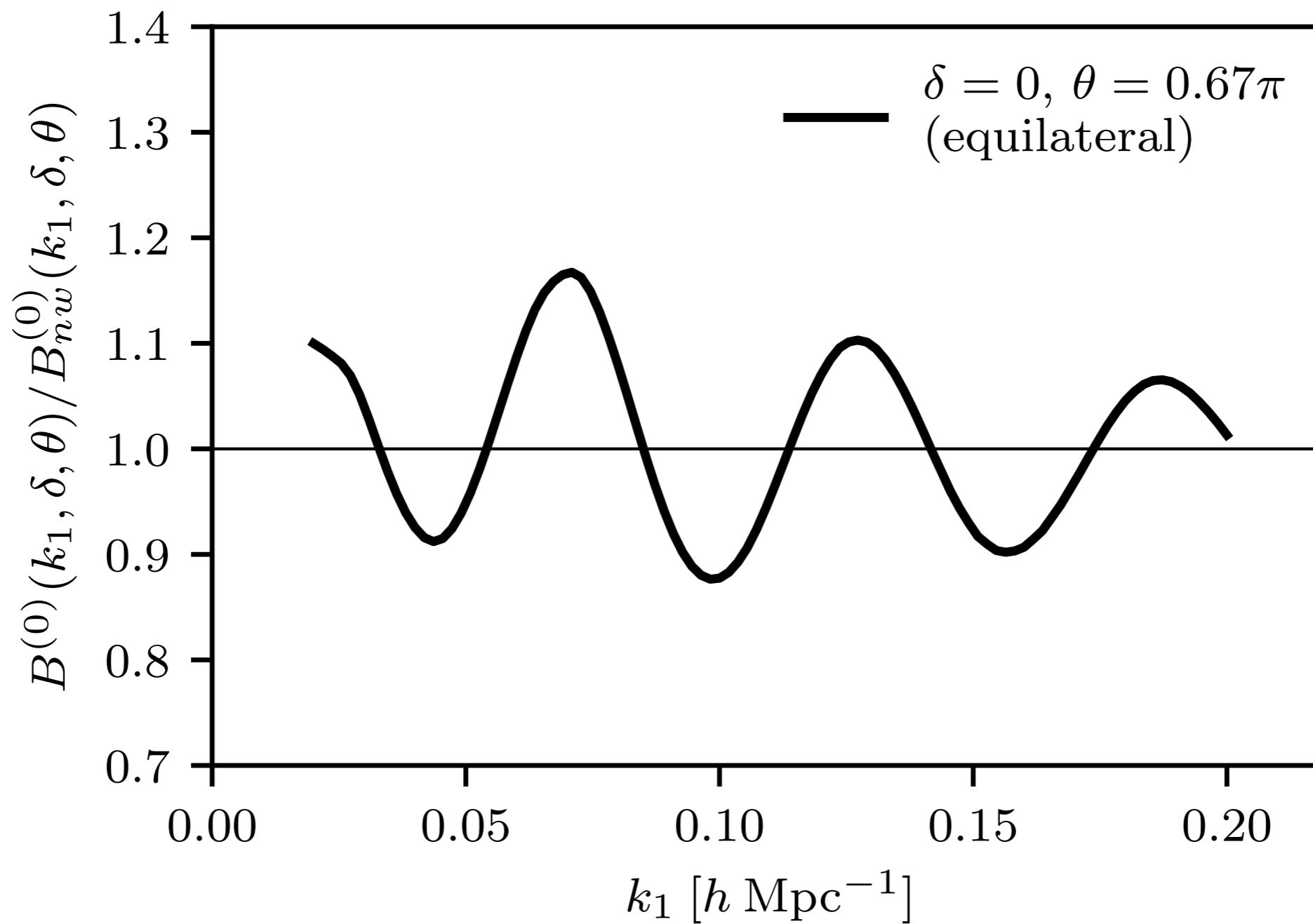
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$$\vec{k}_2 = \vec{k}_1 + \delta\lambda_f / 2$$

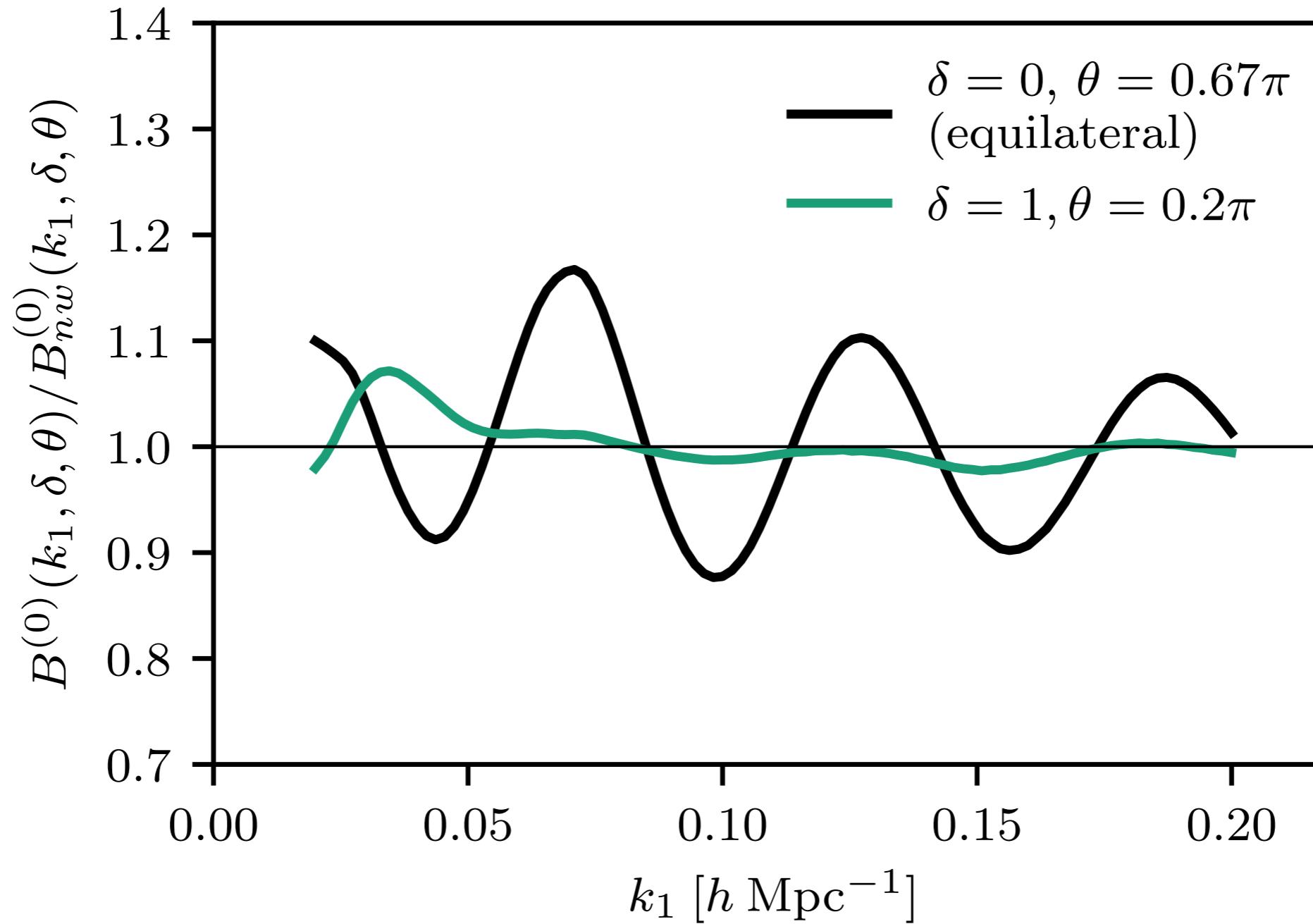
# Destructive configurations minimize BAO amplitude

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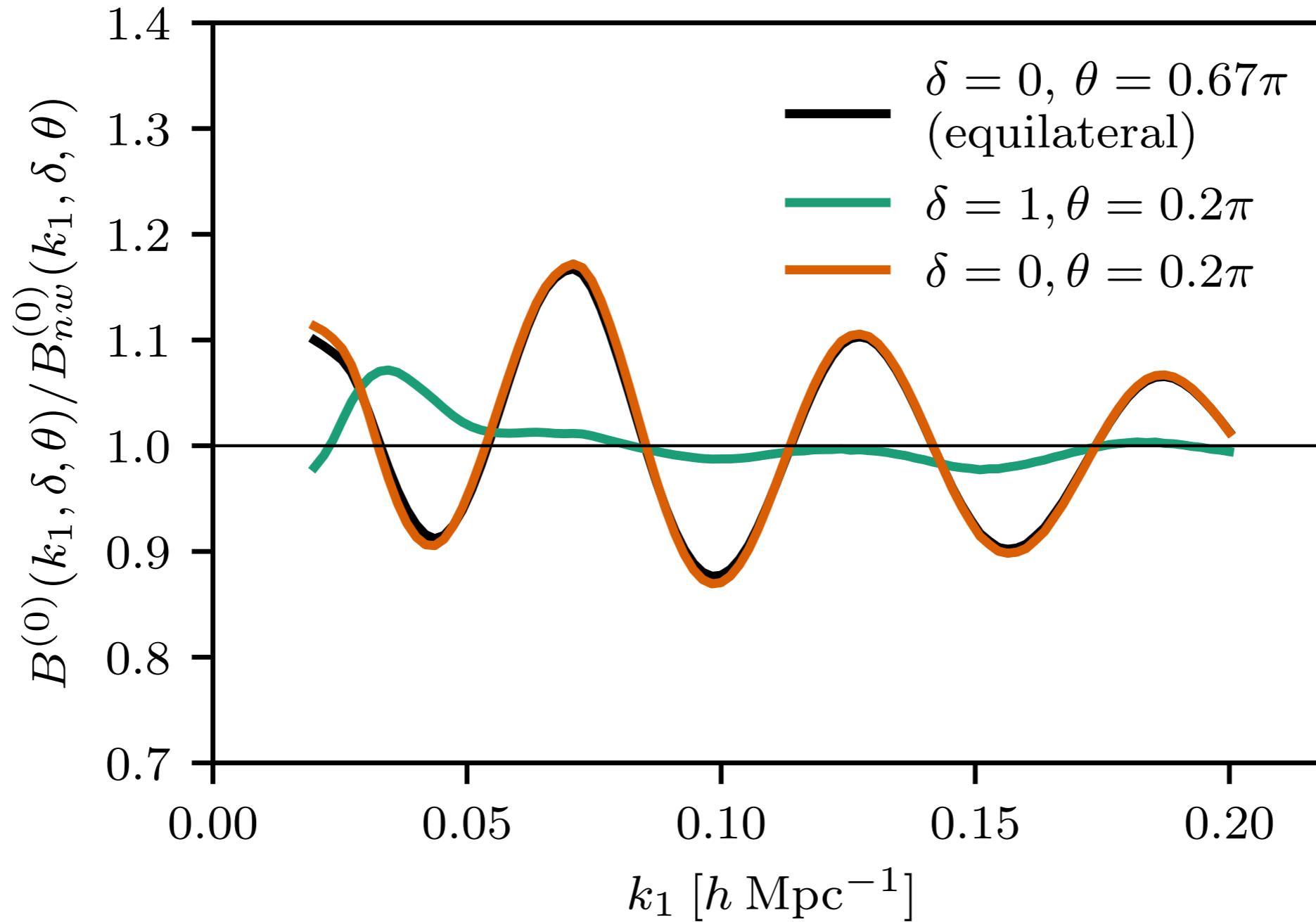
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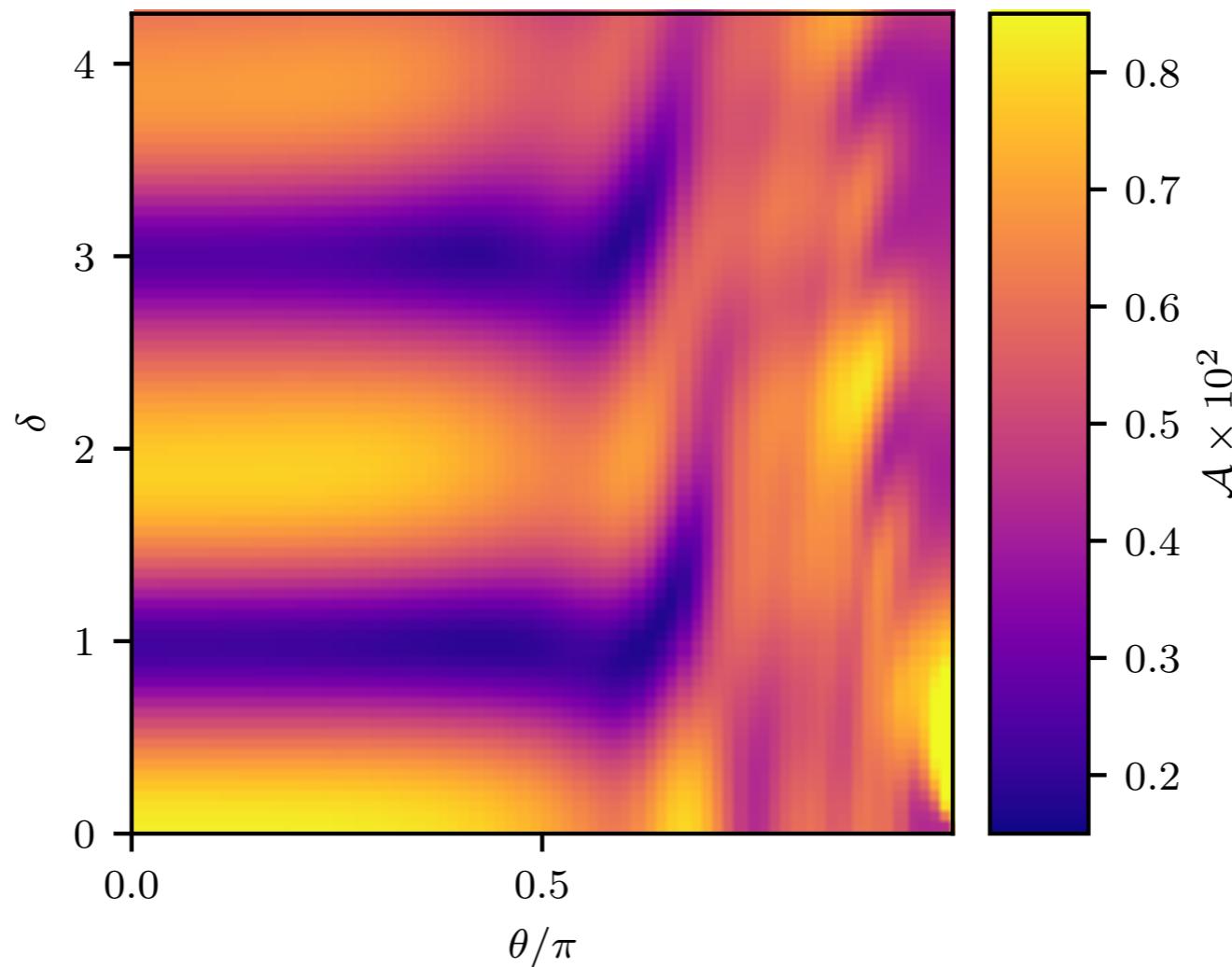
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RMS map shows configurations where BAO is amplified or suppressed

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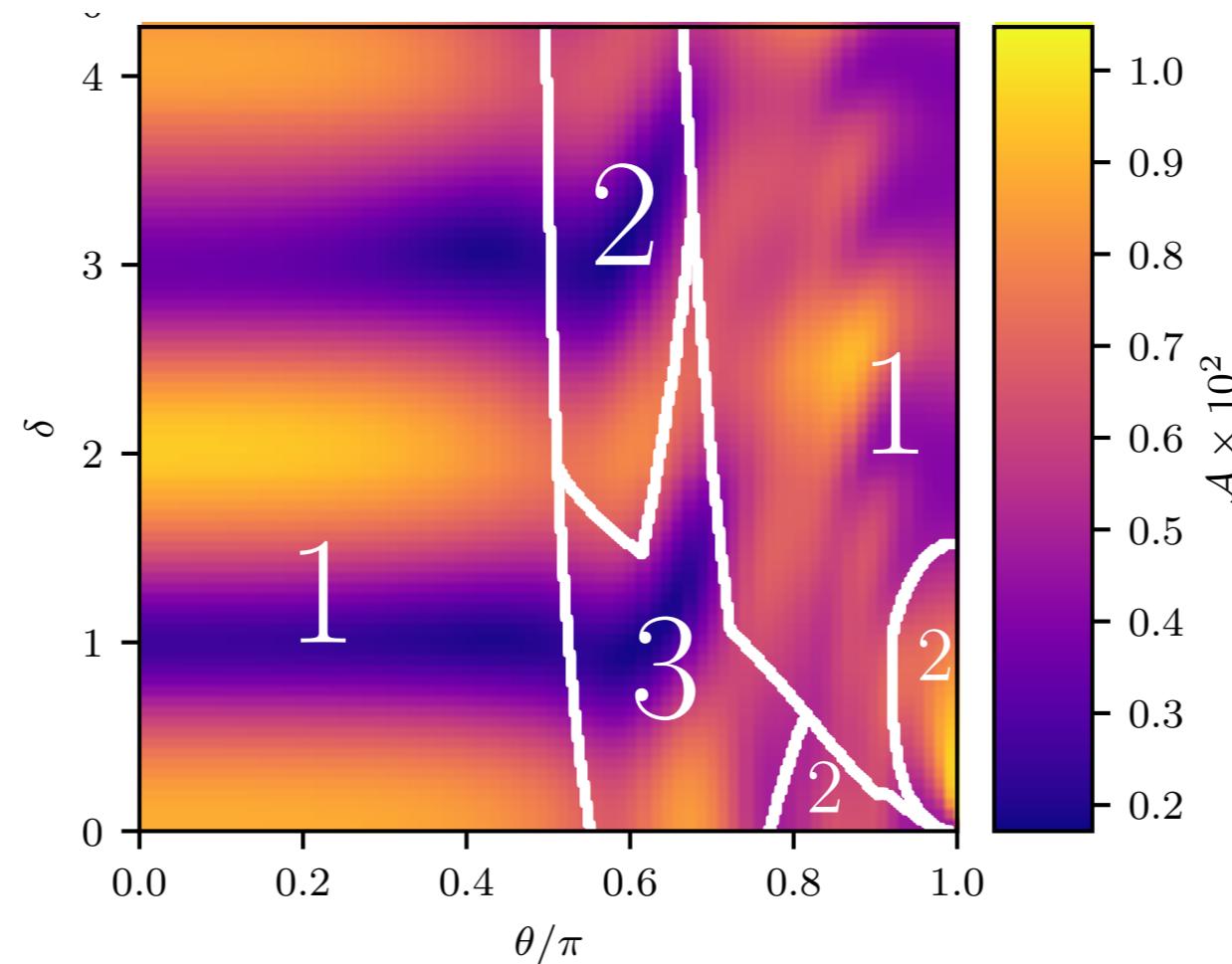
$$\mathcal{A}^2(\delta, \theta) \equiv \int_{0.01}^{0.2} [R(k_1, \delta, \theta) - \bar{R}(\delta, \theta)]^2 \frac{dk_1}{[h/\text{Mpc}]}$$



# Single terms or pairs of terms dominate the cyclic sum

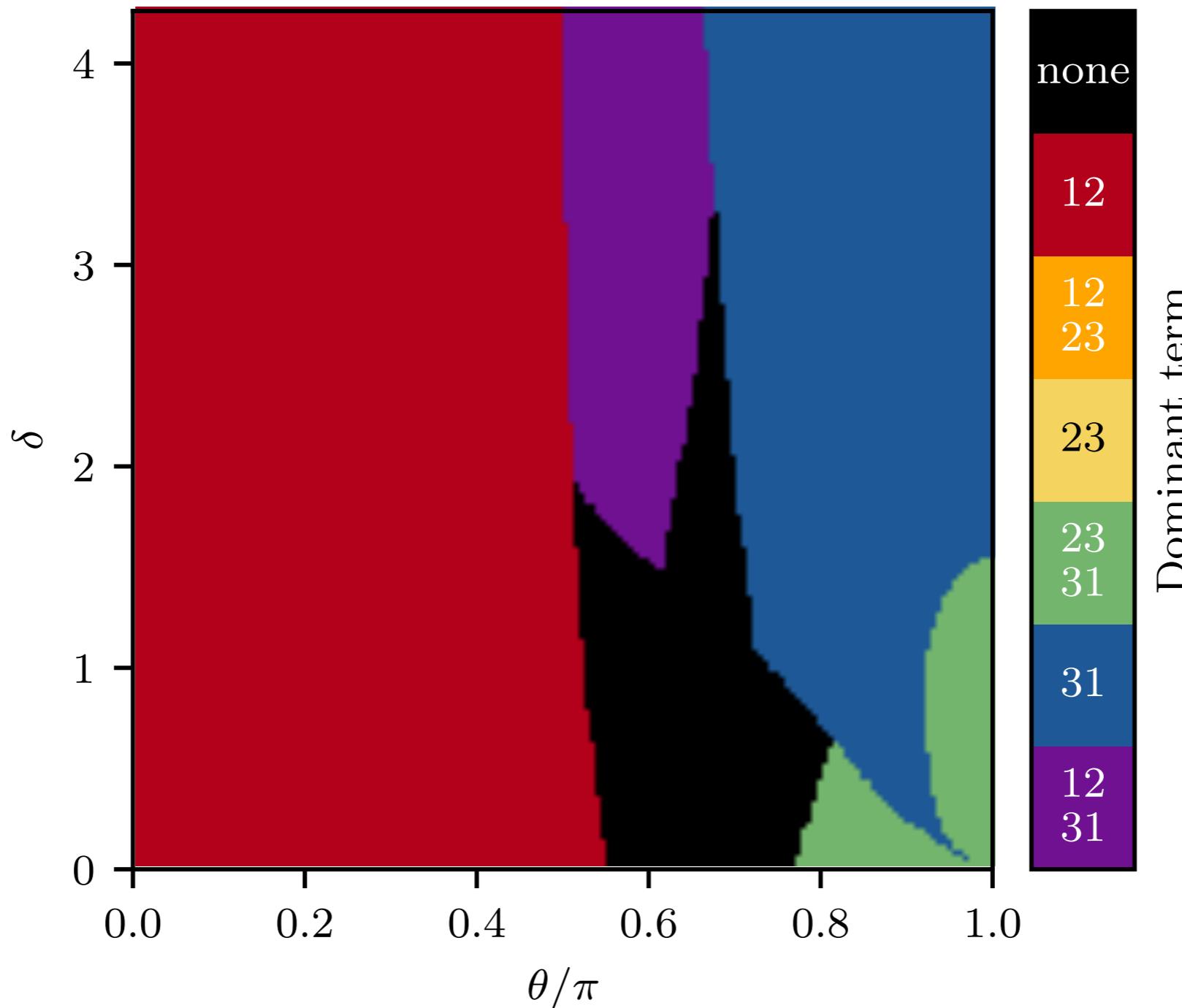
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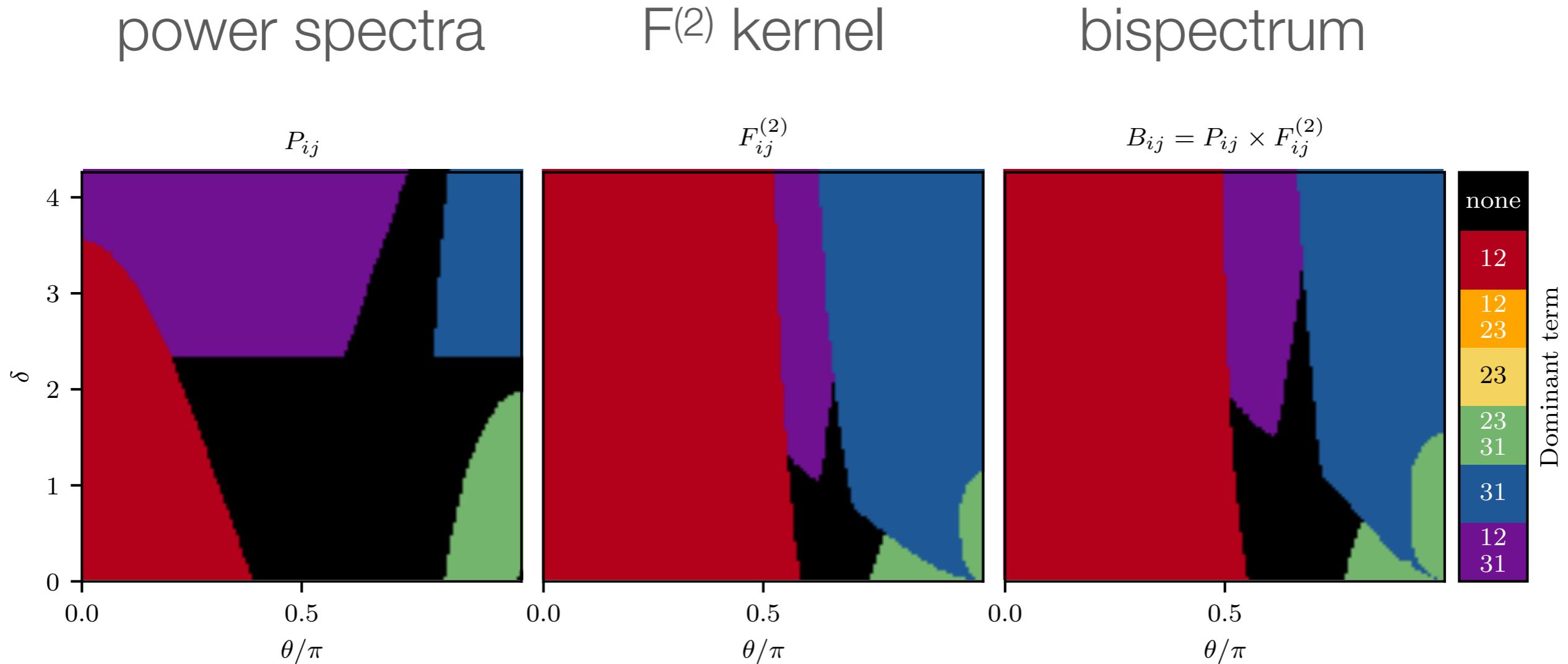


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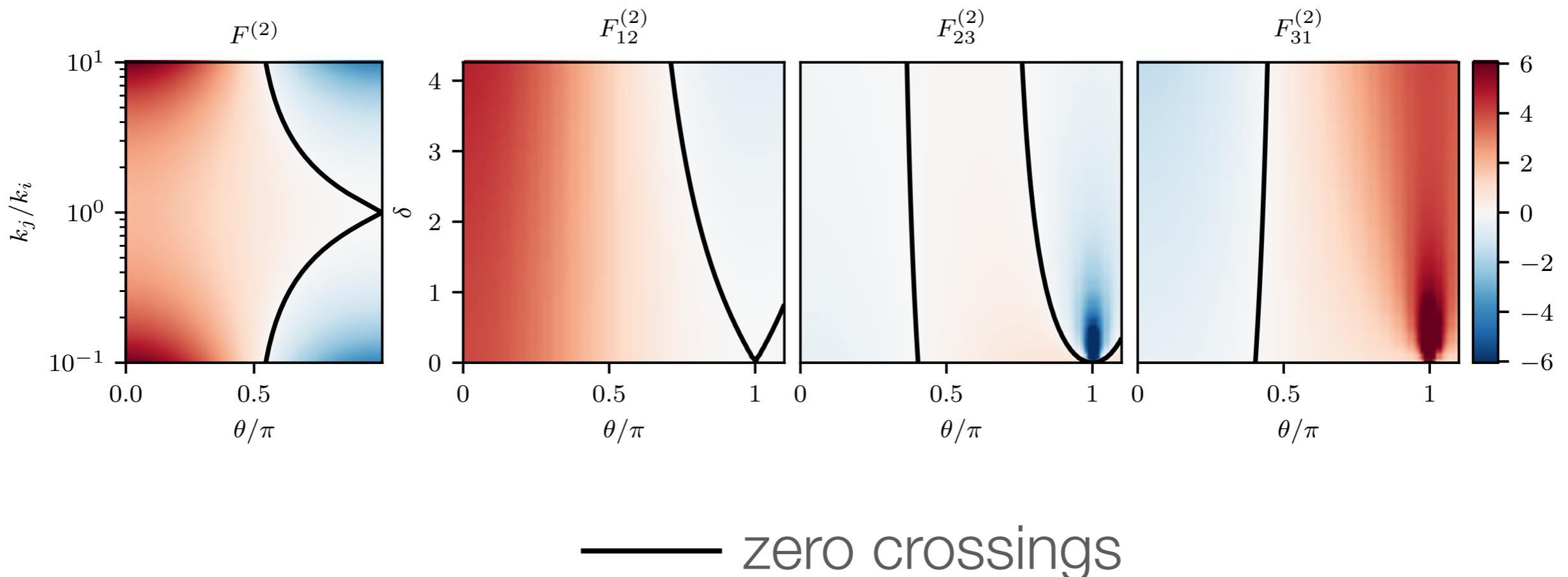
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# $F^{(2)}$ kernel drives dominance structure

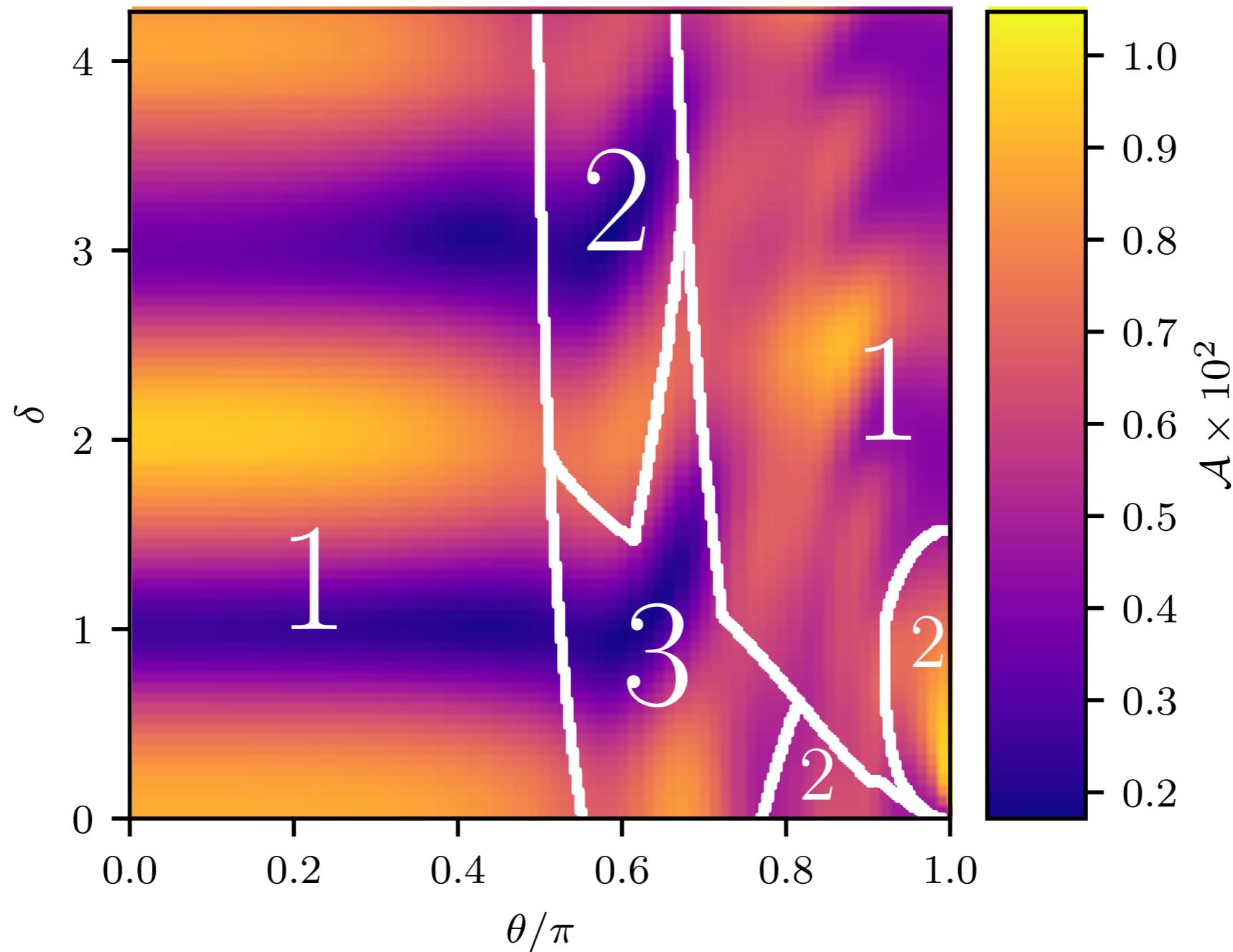


# Large dynamic range of the $F^{(2)}$ kernel drives dominance structure



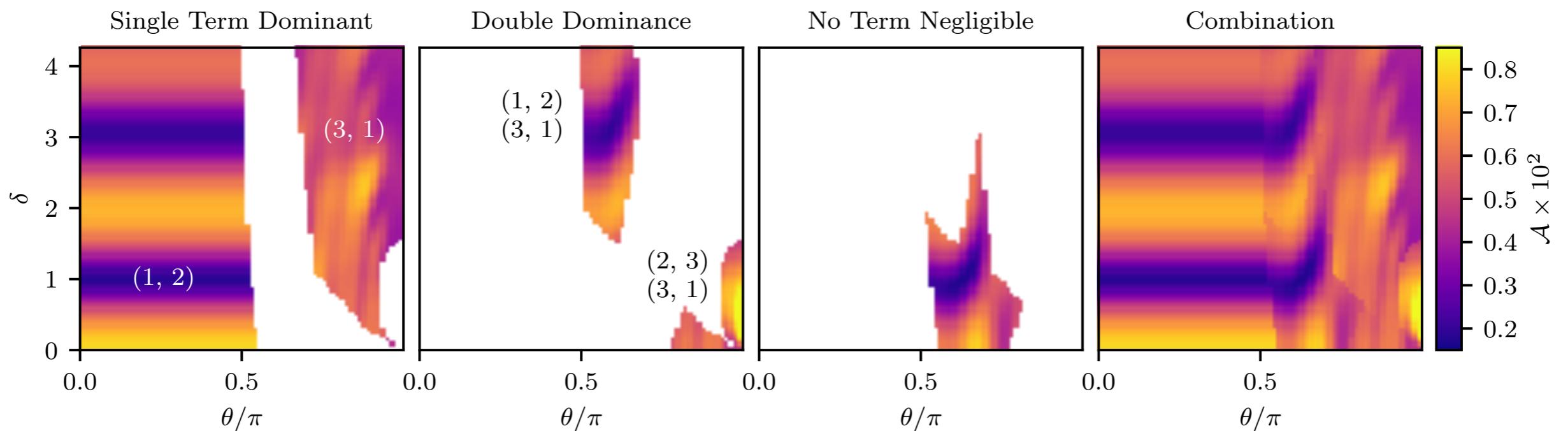
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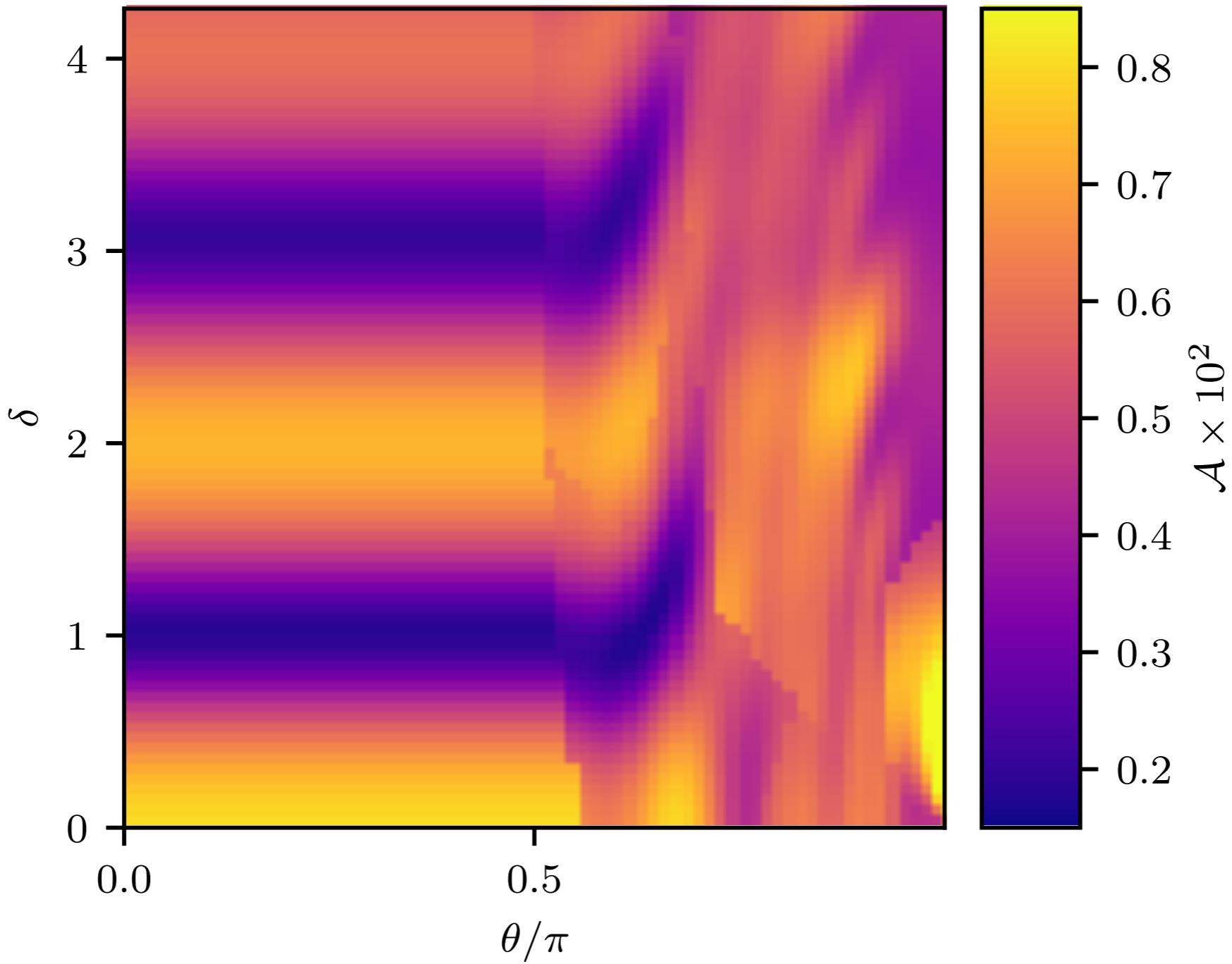
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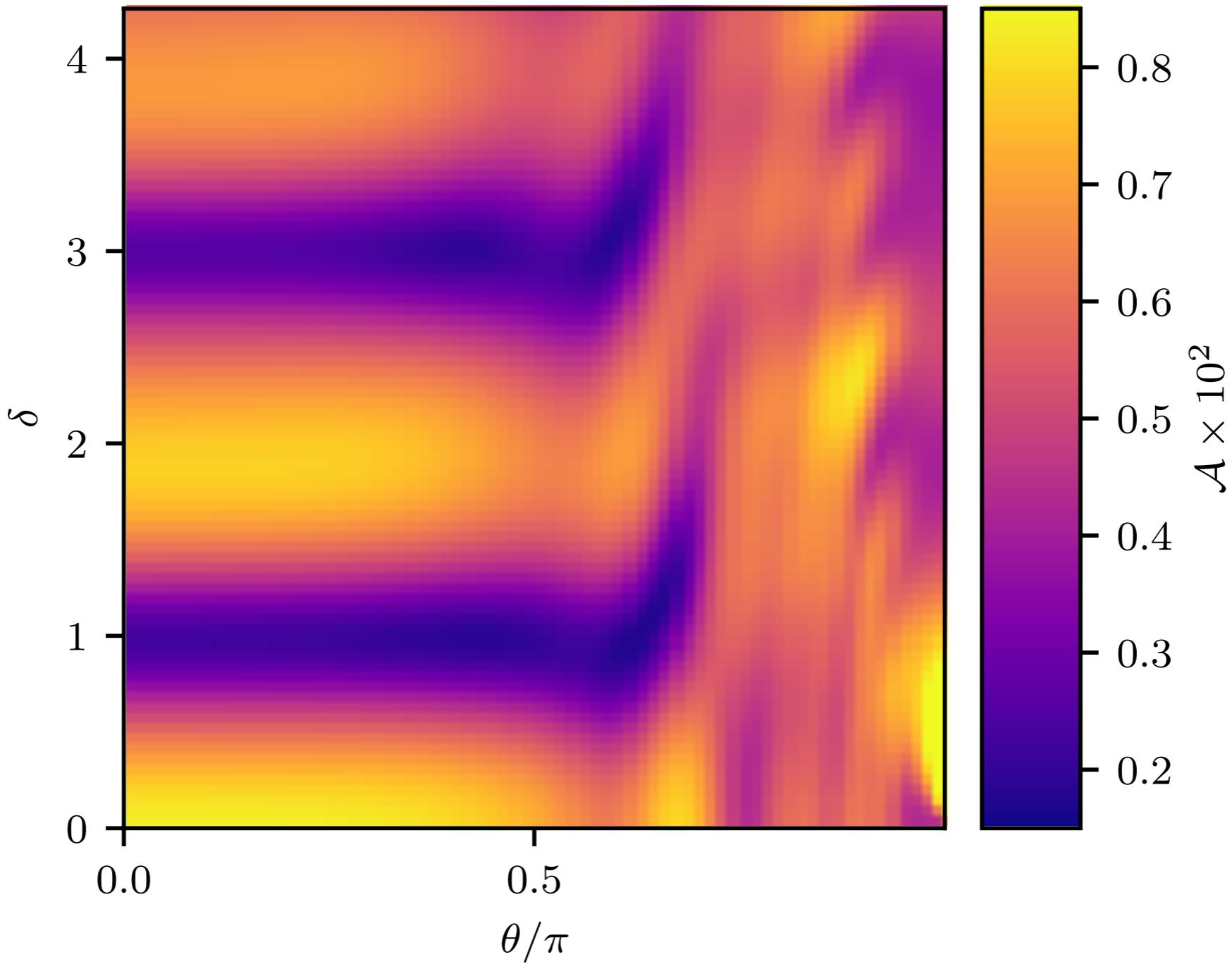
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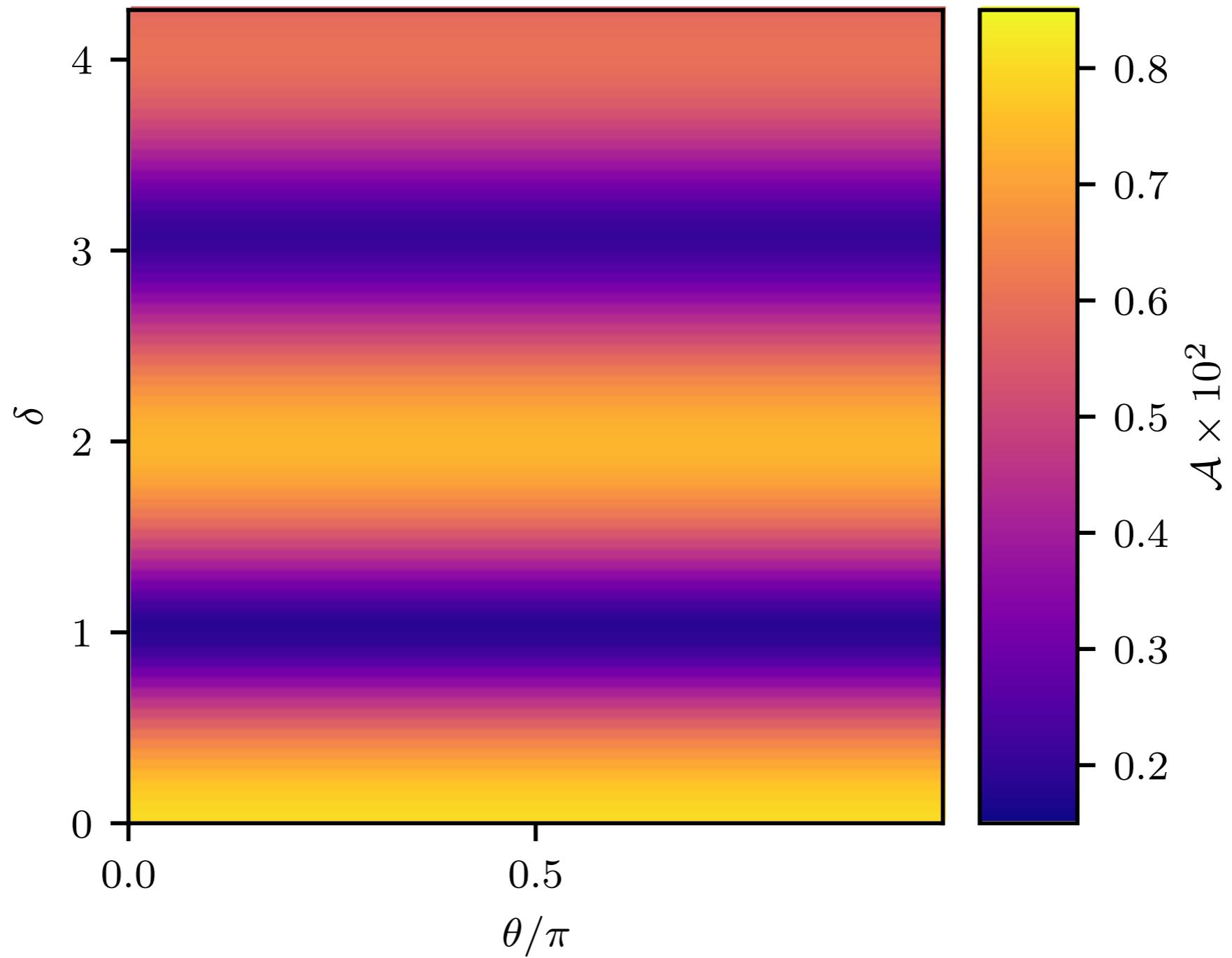
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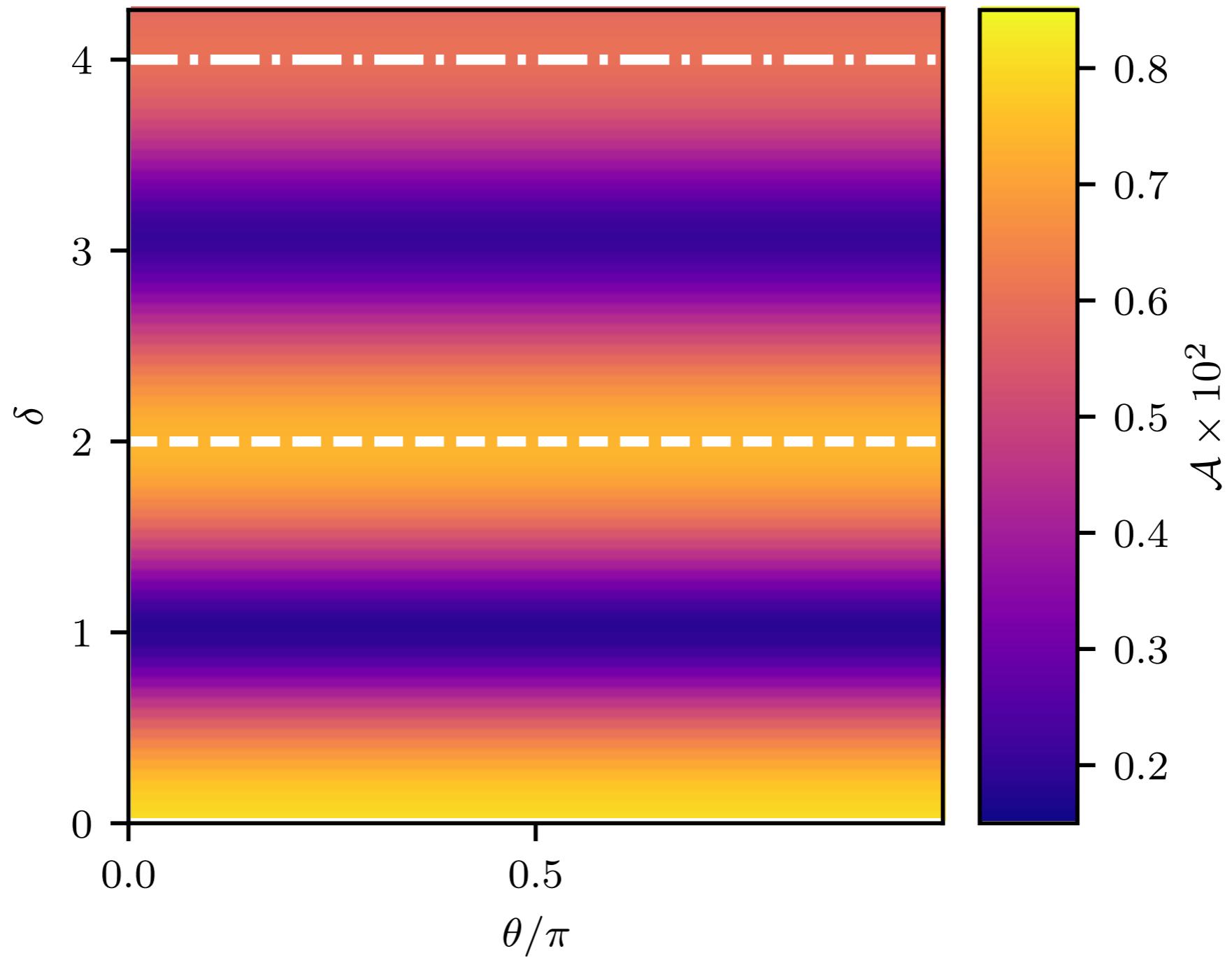
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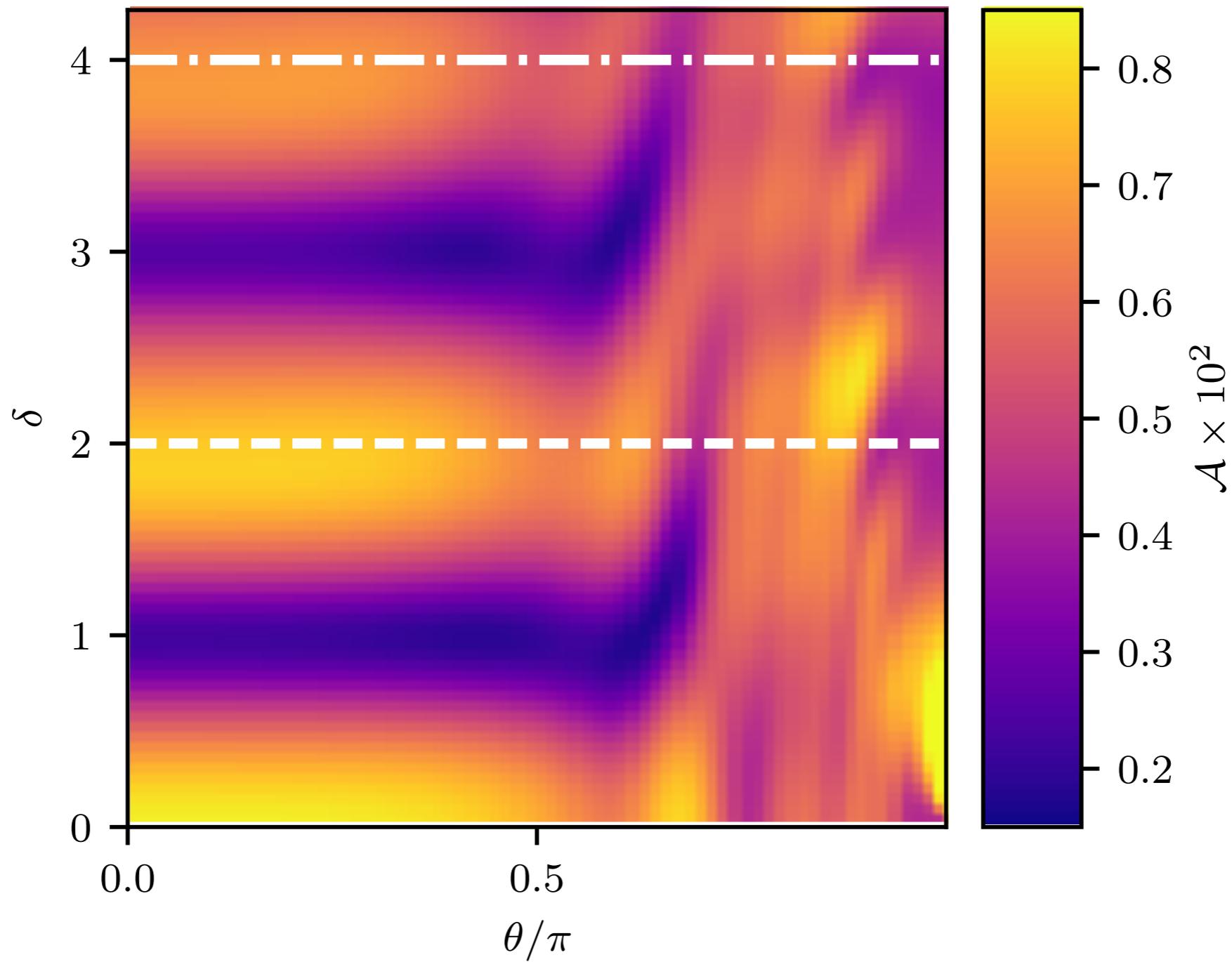
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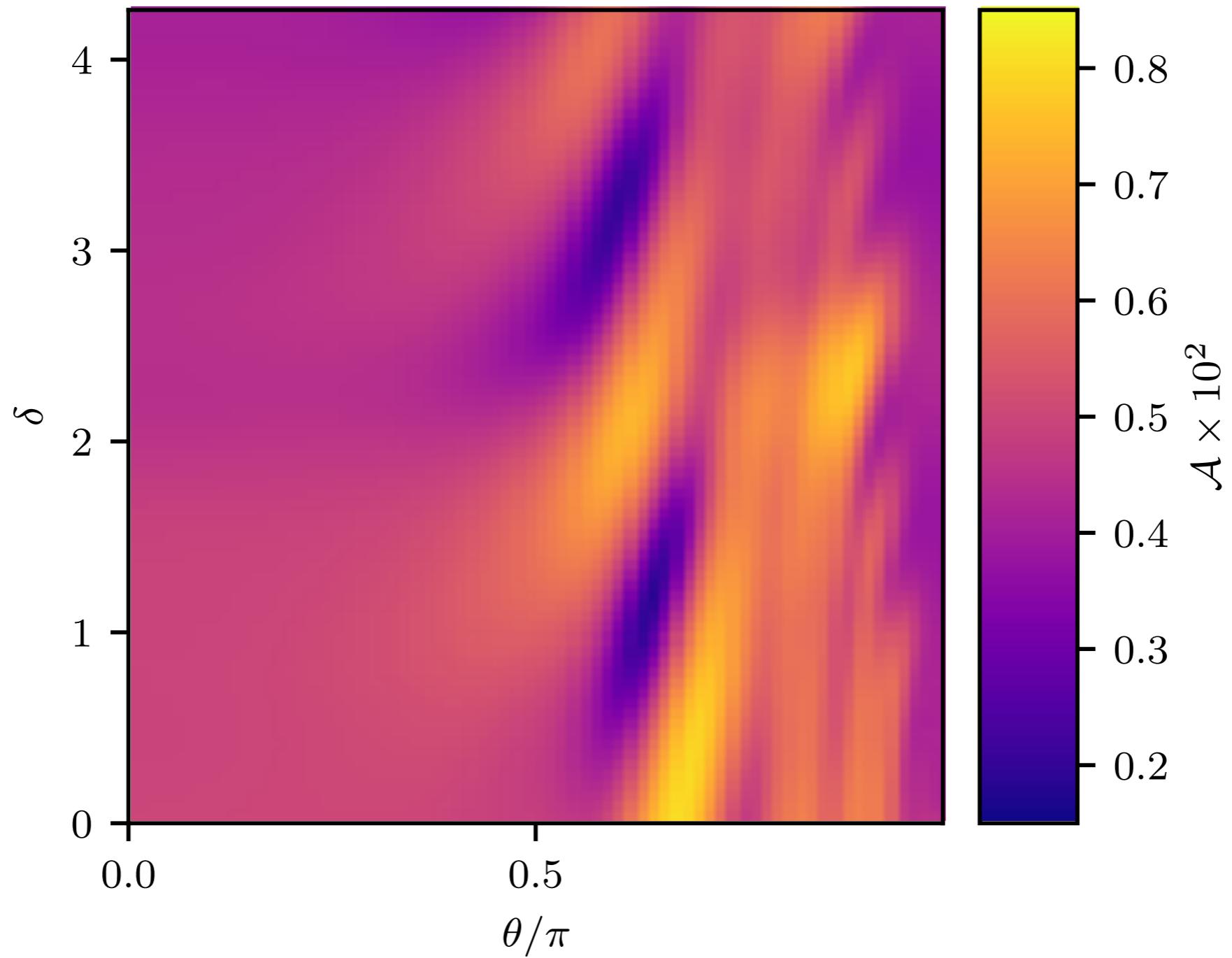
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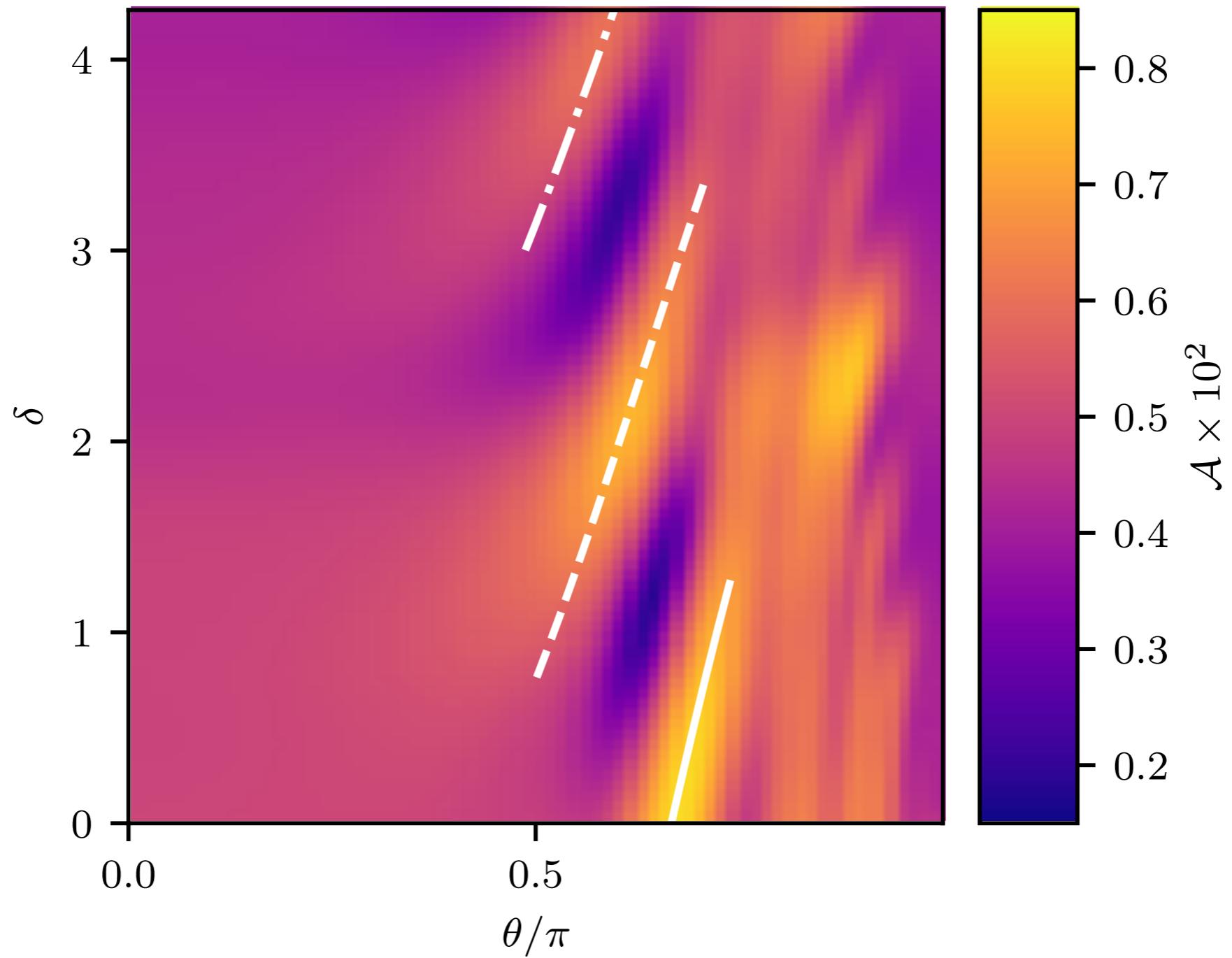
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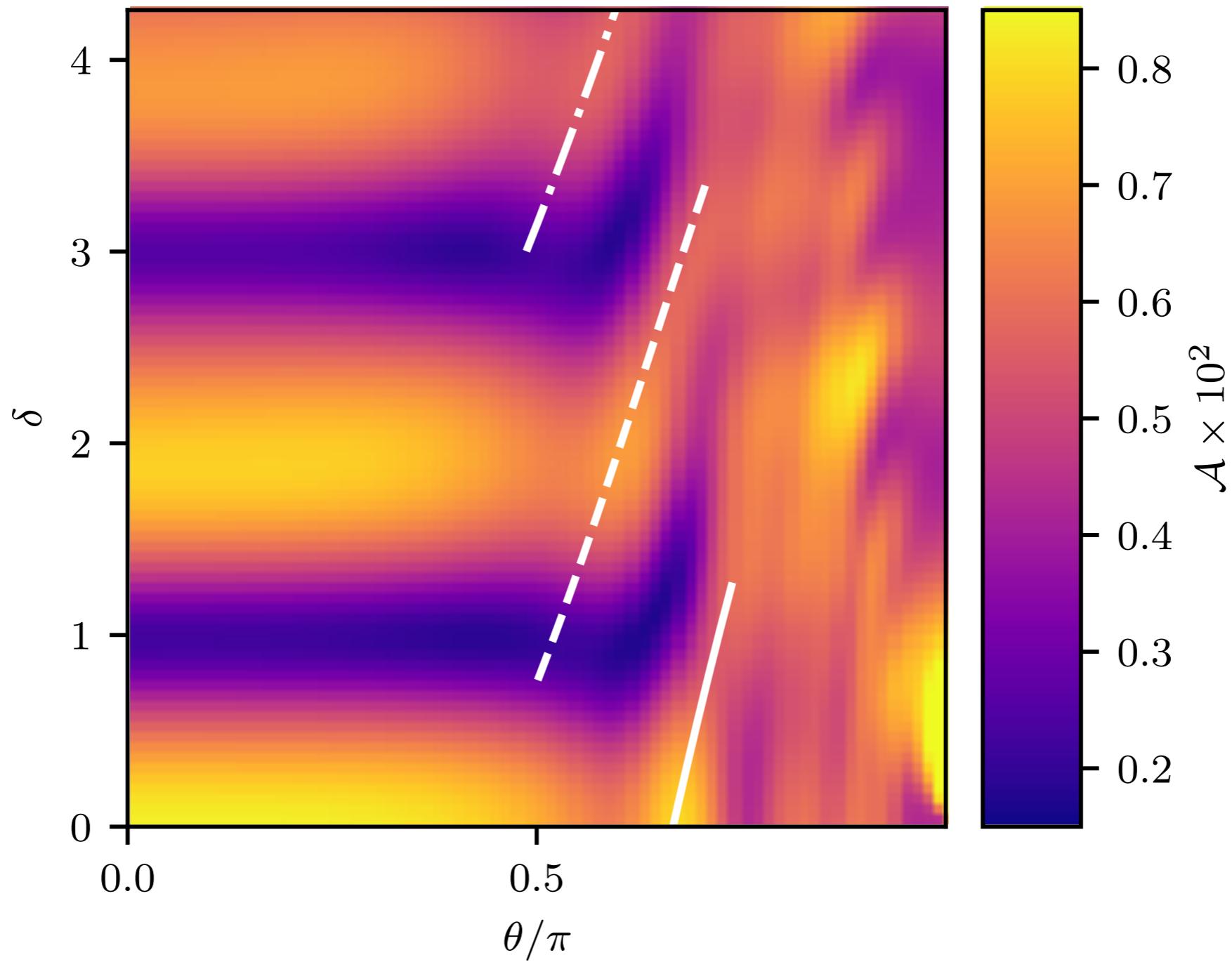
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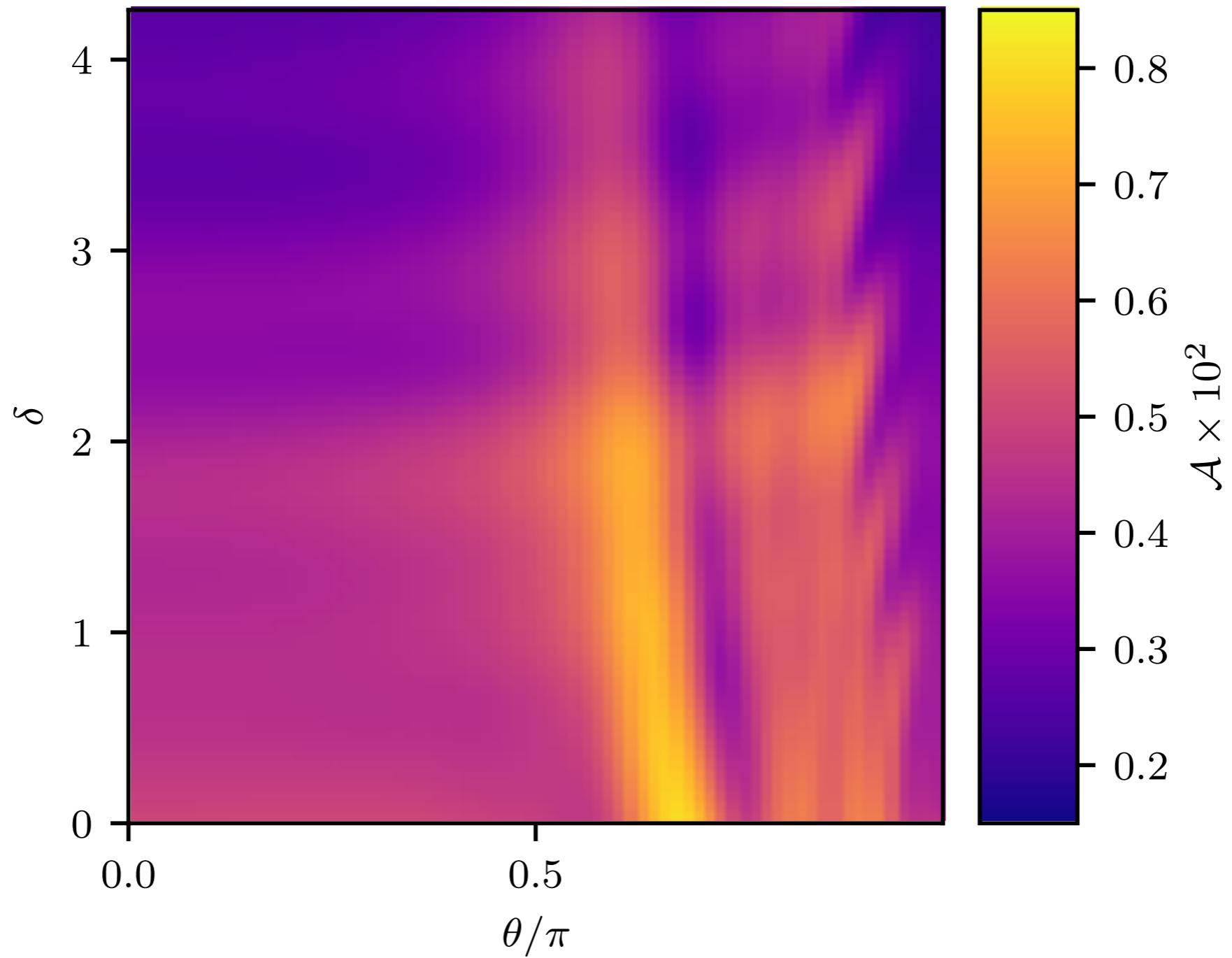
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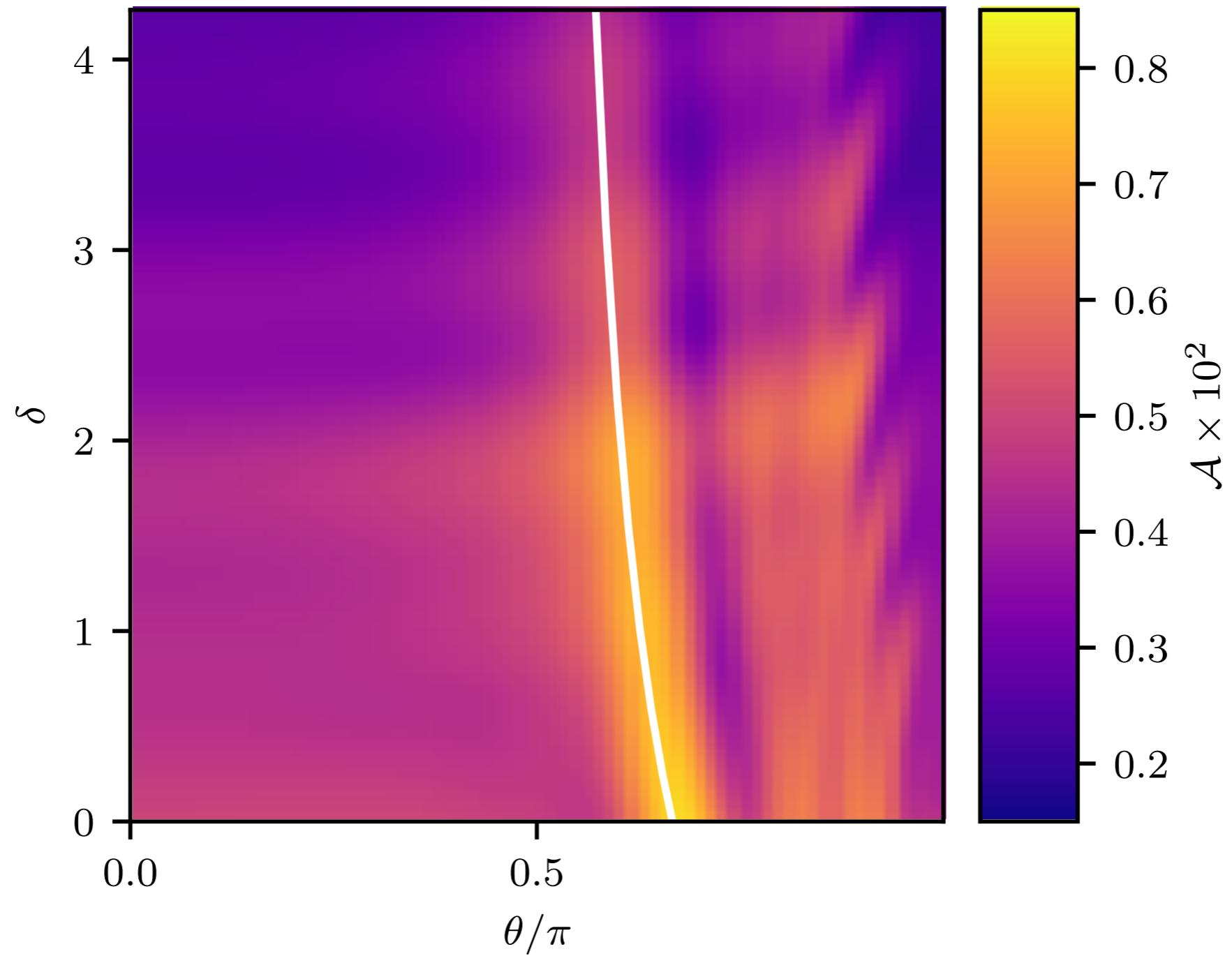
# (2, 3) term RMS map

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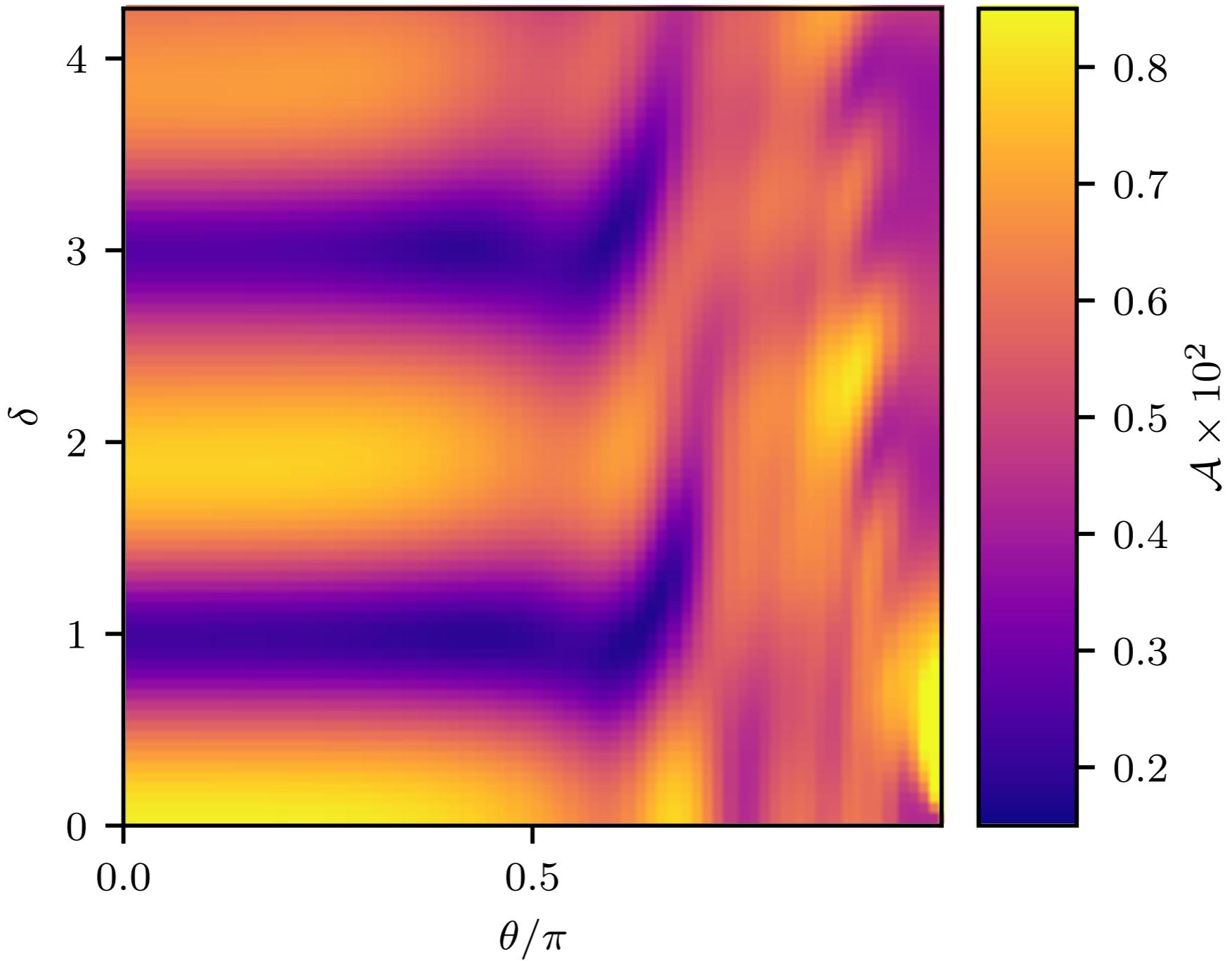
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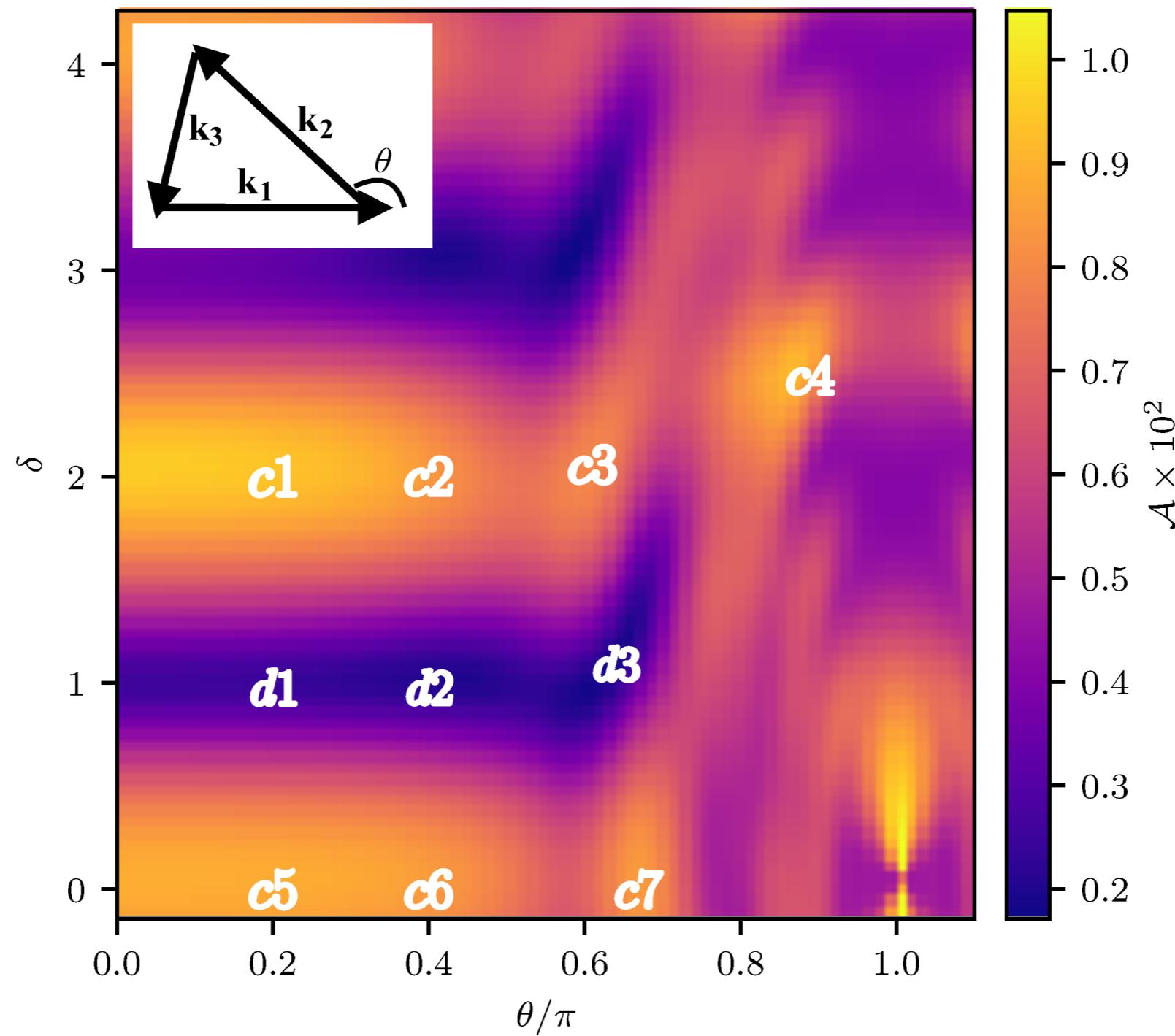
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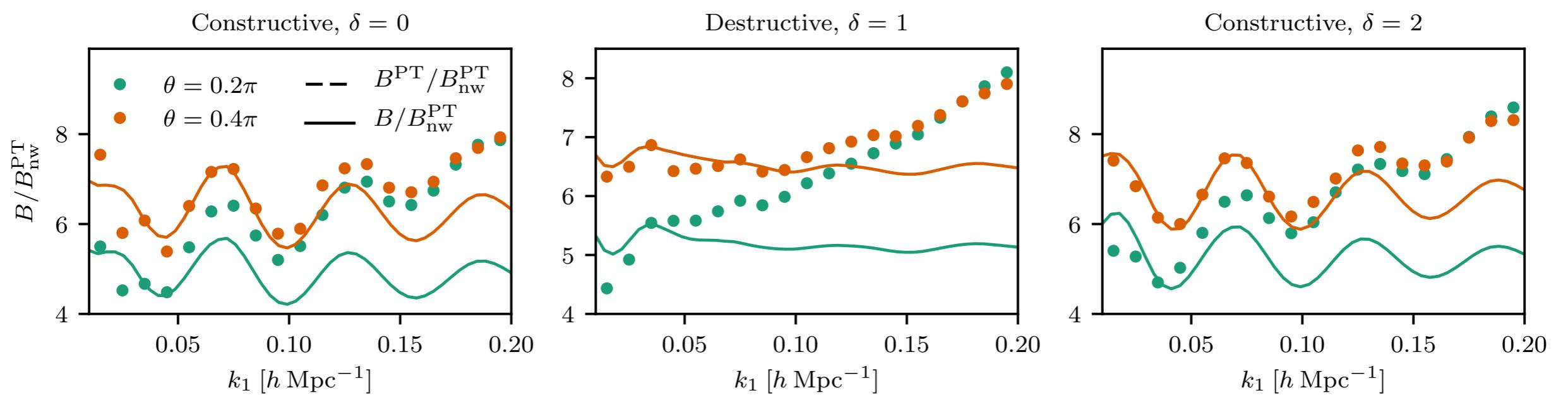
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# Bispectra measured from simulations show expected interference

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# Bispectrum measurements improve BAO constraints

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Fisher matrix analysis to estimate improvement in constraints on BAO scale, compared to  $P(k)$  alone

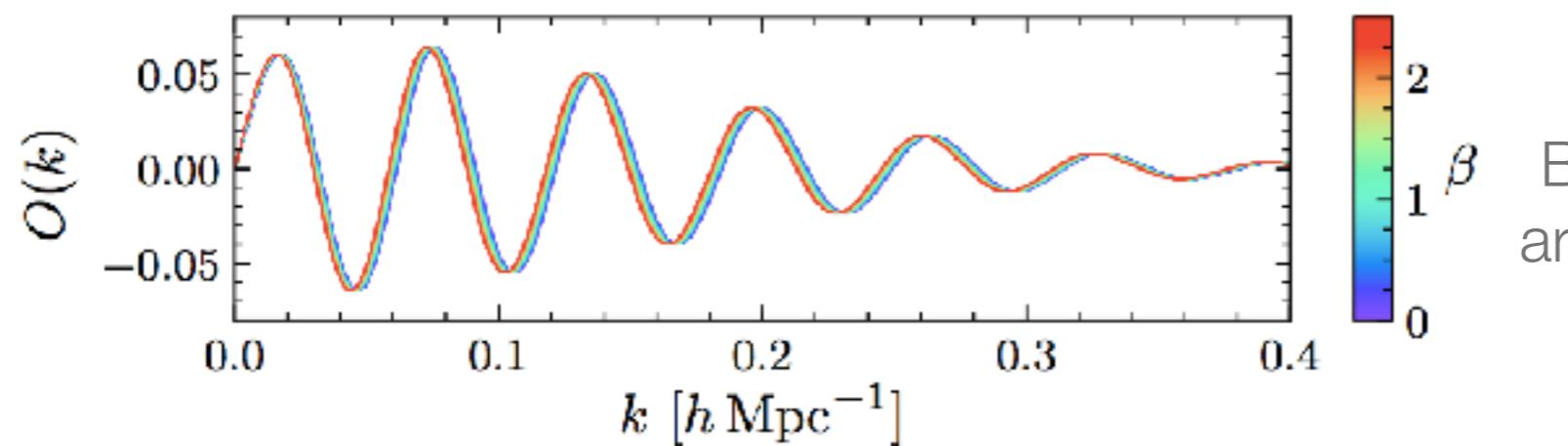
3 constructive configurations — ~8%

3 destructive configurations — ~3%

**10 configurations (3 destructive + 7 constructive) — ~14%**

# Extensions

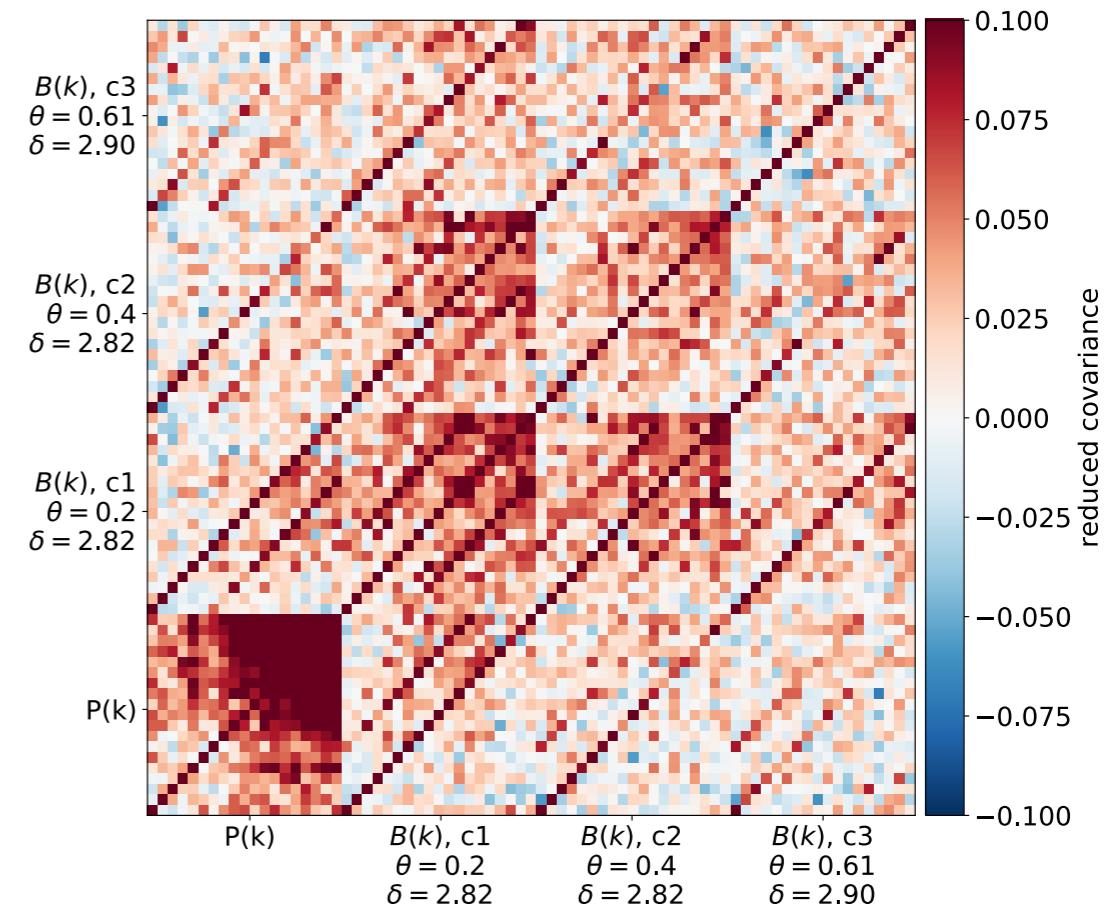
1. phase effects, e.g. relativistic neutrinos at high redshift



Baumann+ 2018  
arXiv: 1803.10741

2. how best to select triangles

3. independence from  
reconstruction



Thank you!