

Robust Measurements of the Large-Scale Clustering of Galaxies and Quasars

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Outline

- ❑ DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys Data Release 9 Galaxies and Quasars
Clustering in BASS/MzLS (dr9m/0.42.0)-- special thanks to **Anand Raichoor!**
- ❑ SDSS-IV eBOSS Data Release 16 Quasars
Enhance the method to handle the sparsity of quasars
Enable robust constraint on the local-type primordial non-Gaussianity
1D and 2D tests of residual fluctuations

DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys DR9

Primordial non-Gaussianity with the DESI Imaging and SV data (Year 1)
Project [38], join @ https://desi.lbl.gov/desipub/app/PB/show_project?pid=38

See, e.g., Pullen & Hirata (2013) with photometric quasars from SDSS DR6

DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys DR9m (BASS/MzLS)

dr9m/0.42.0

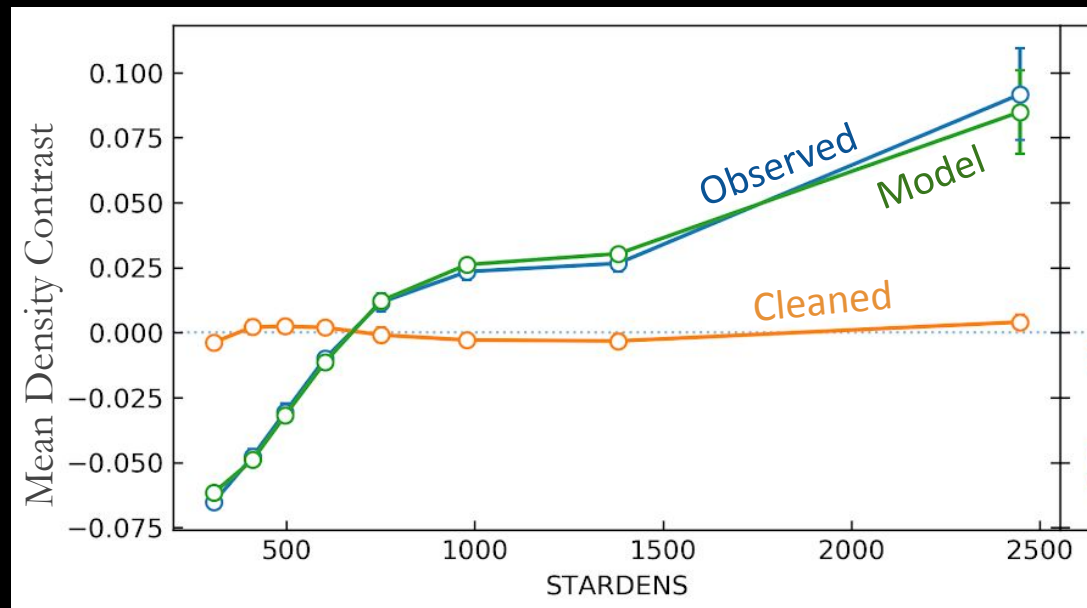
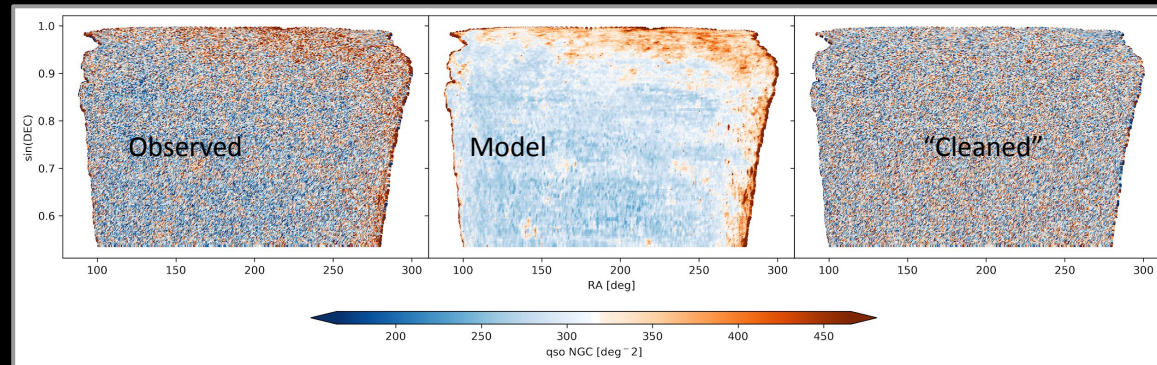
Question: Can we model the impact of imaging variables, such as seeing, depth, and extinction, on the observed density field of targets?

Mean density contrast:

$$\delta = \frac{n_{g,\text{bin}}}{\langle n_{g,\text{bin}} \rangle} - 1$$

Quasars

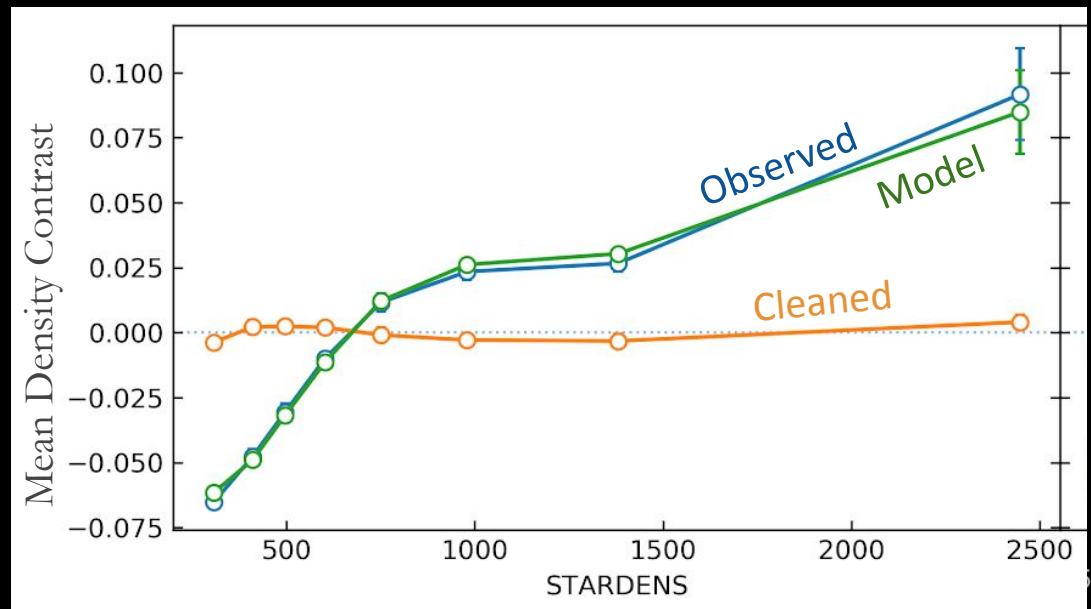
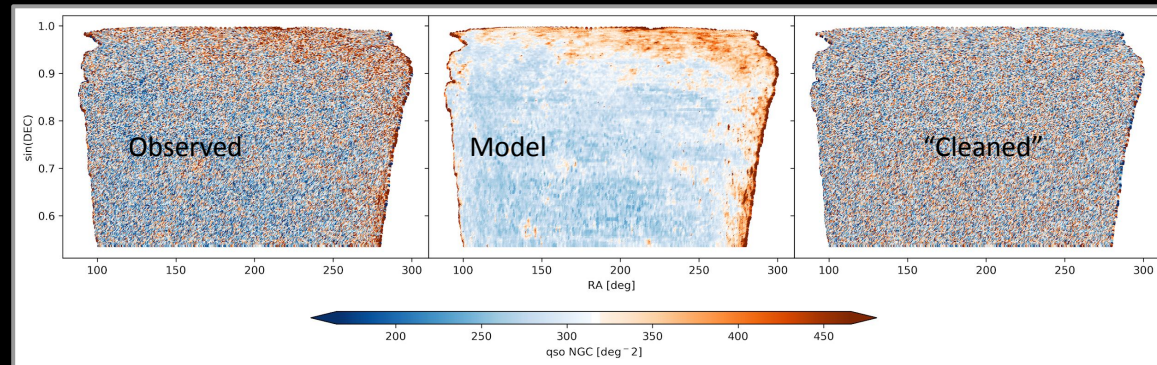
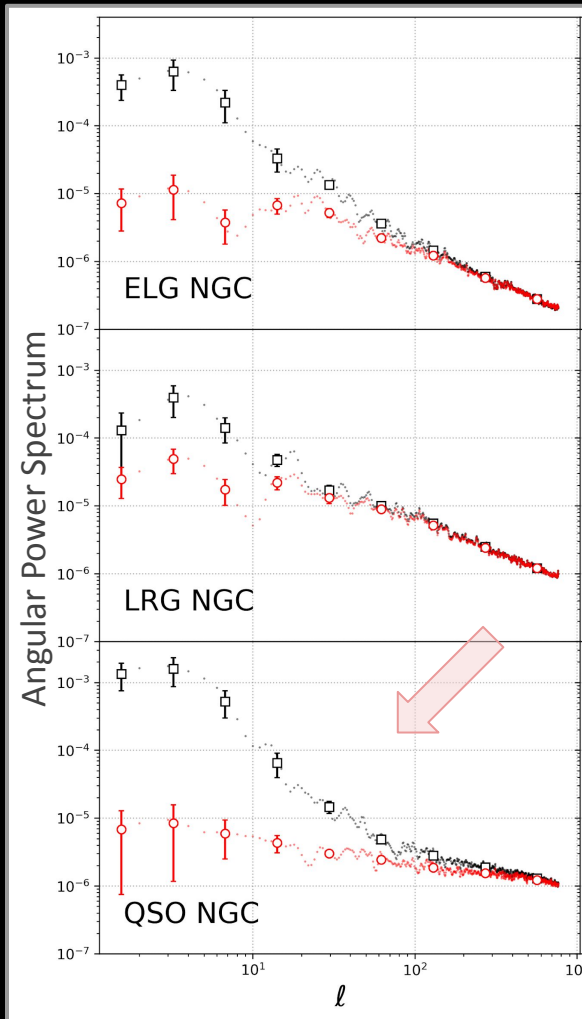
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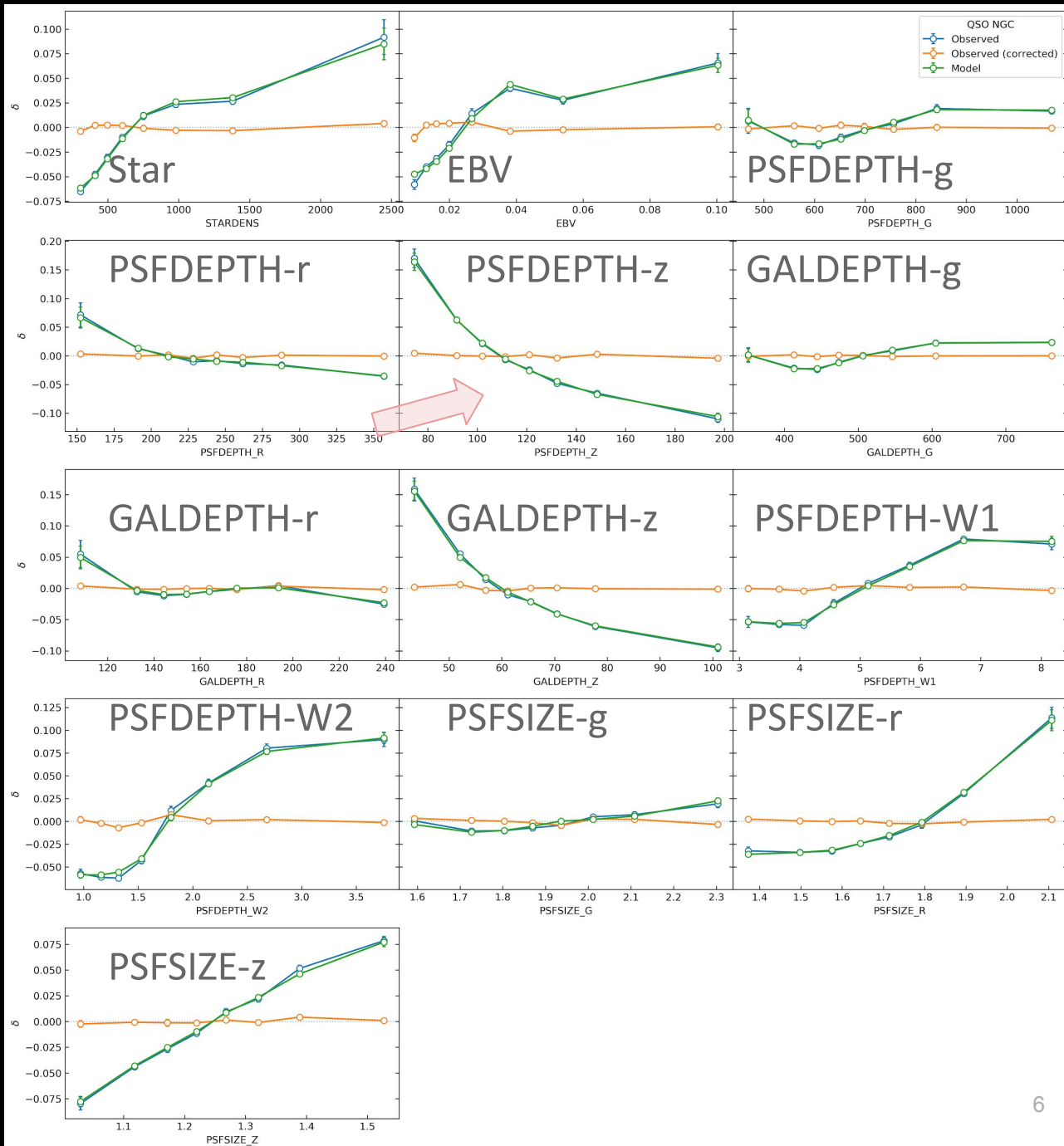
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Quasars

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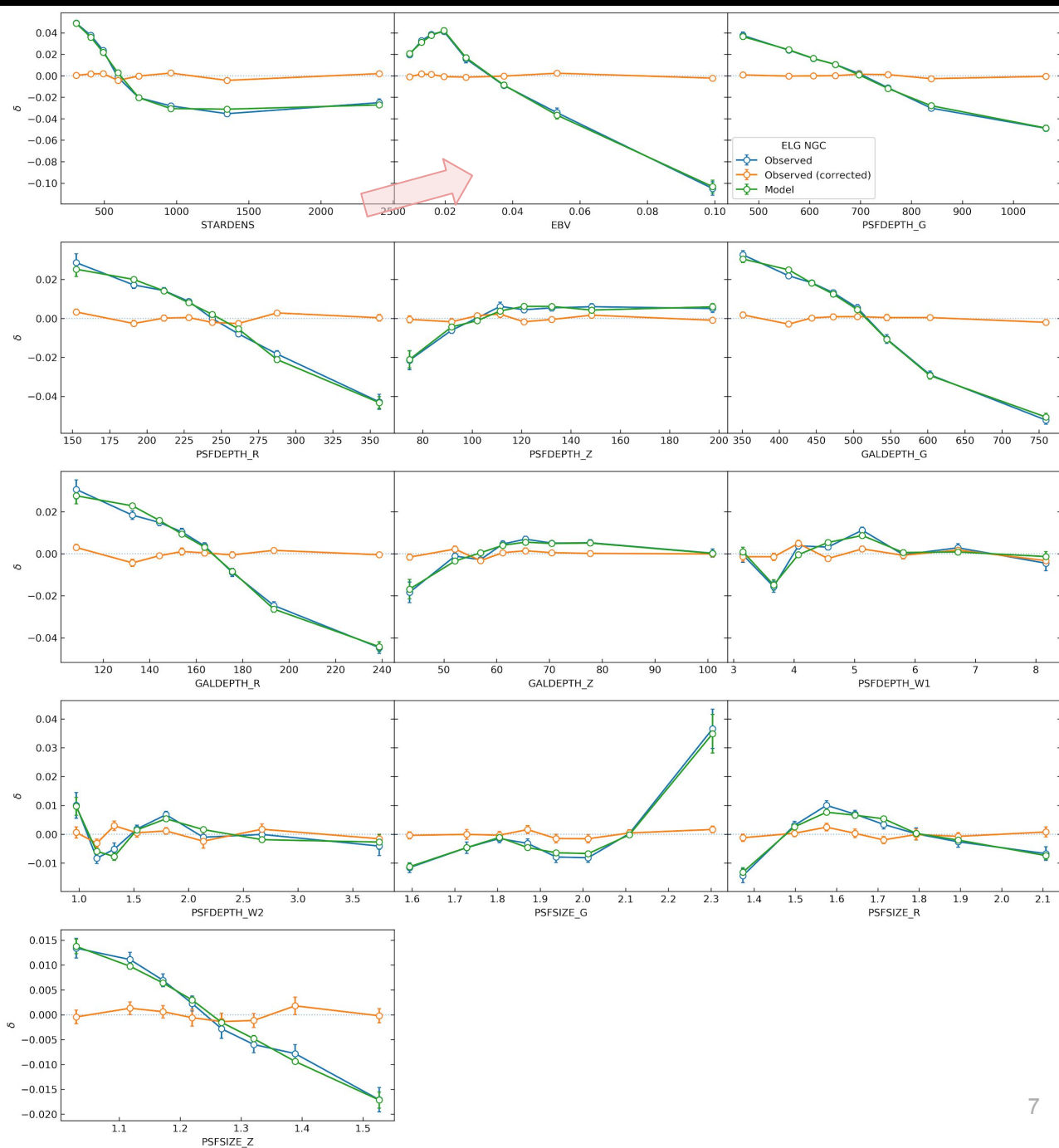
QSOs



20% variations against PSFDEPTH-z

ELGs

10% variations against E[B-V]



LRGs

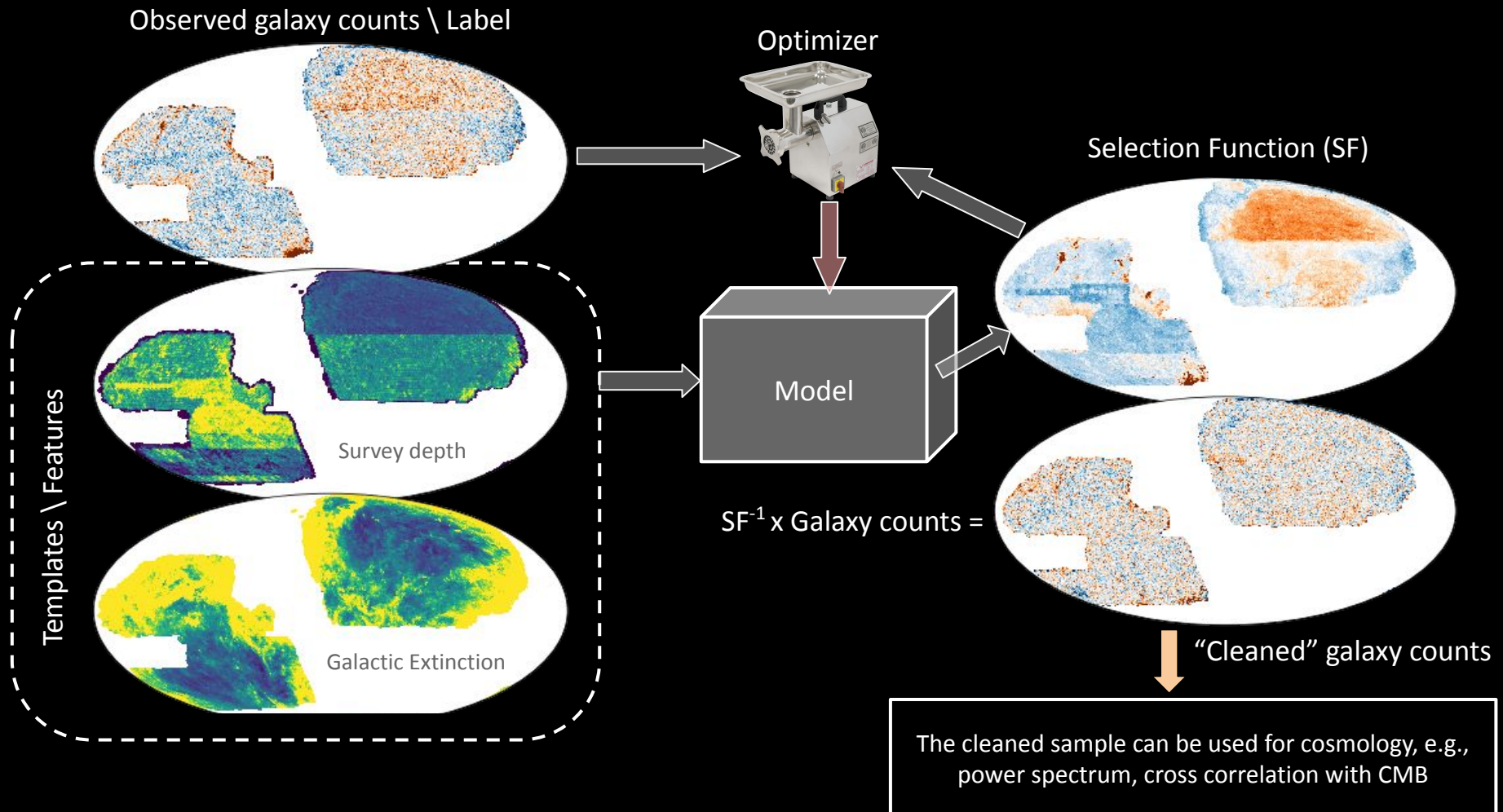
5% variations against PSFSIZE-R



Template-based Modeling of Imaging Systematics

DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys DR7 Emission Line Galaxies, Rezaie et al. (2020)
SDSS-IV DR16 Quasars, Rezaie et al. (in prep)

Template-based Modeling of Systematics



Standard Method

In pixel i , the observed galaxy density $n_{g,i}$ is a combination of cosmological signal and systematics. The latter is assumed to be a linear function of imaging attributes \mathbf{x}_i such as Galactic extinction, stellar density, seeing, sky brightness, and depth:

$$\begin{aligned} n_{g,i} &= \text{cosmology} + \text{systematics} \sim \varepsilon + \sum_{j=1} \theta_j x_{ij} + \sum_{j=1} \omega_j x_{ij}^2 \\ &= \varepsilon + Y(\theta, \mathbf{x}_i) \end{aligned}$$

Minimizing the Mean Squared Error will train parameters θ (and ω)

$$\text{Cost function } J \sim \sum_i [n_{g,i} - Y(\theta, \mathbf{x}_i)]^2$$

Finally,

$$\text{Systematic weights } w_{\text{systot}} \sim 1 / Y \text{ with } \theta = \theta_{\text{best}}$$

See e.g., Bautista J. E., et al. ApJ (2018)

Cost Function: Poisson Negative Log-Likelihood

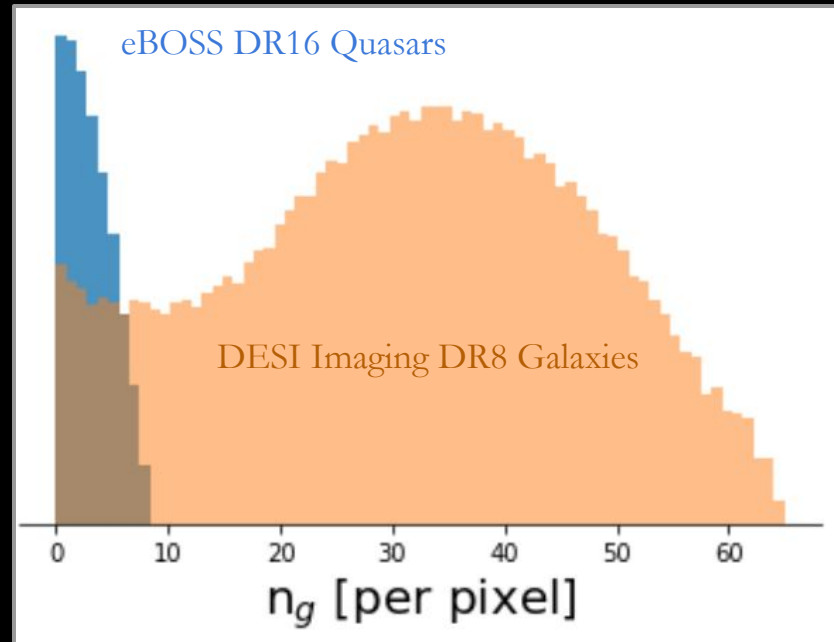
We assume the observed number of quasars in each pixel n_i is a Poisson process that depends on imaging attributes \mathbf{x}_i :

$$f(n_i|\theta, \mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{Y(\theta, \mathbf{x}_i)^{n_i} e^{-Y(\theta, \mathbf{x}_i)}}{n_i!}$$

$$L = f(n_1, \dots, n_N|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N f(n_i|\theta, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

The cost function is then defined as negative log likelihood:

$$J = -\log(L) = \sum_{i=1}^N [Y(\theta, \mathbf{x}_i) - n_i \log(Y(\theta, \mathbf{x}_i))]$$

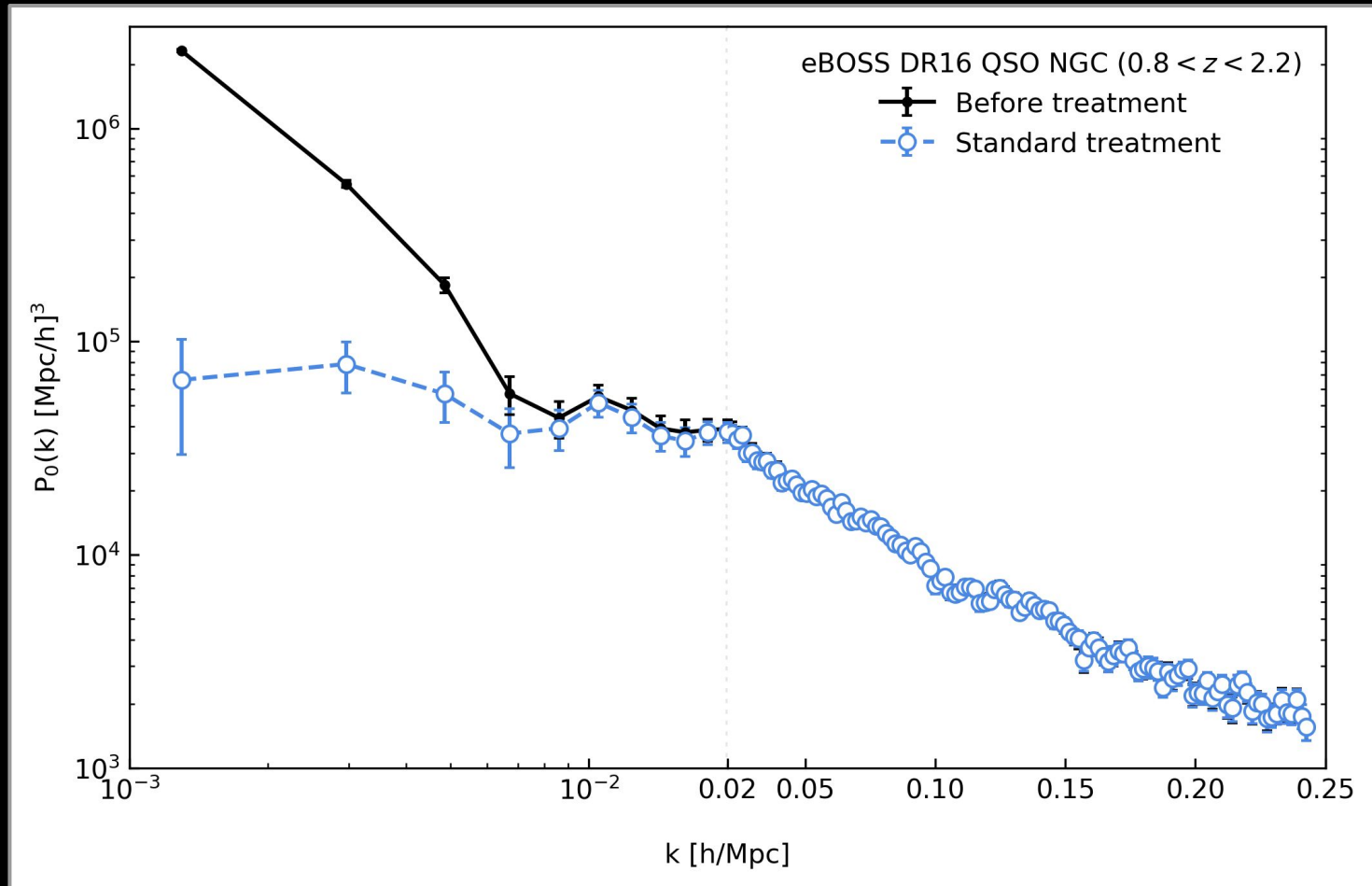


*y-axis has a logarithmic scaling.

M. Rezaie et al. (in prep.)

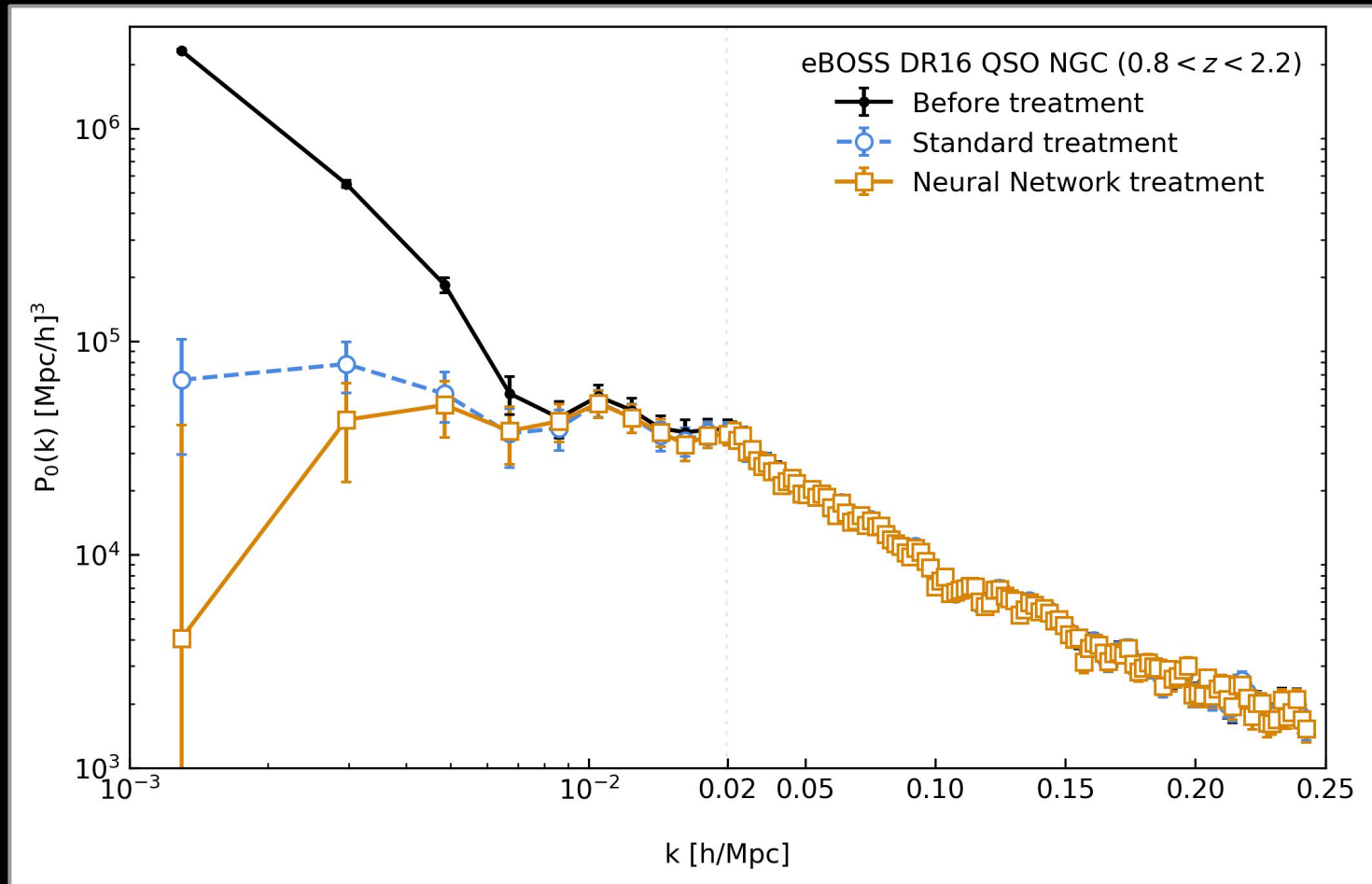
Final sample of Quasars from SDSS eBOSS DR16

Is this sample clean enough? 🙄



Final sample of Quasars from SDSS eBOSS DR16

Is this sample clean enough? Probably not



Local Primordial non-Gaussianity

Komatsu & Spergel 2001:

$$\Phi = \varphi + f_{\text{NL}} \varphi^2$$

Adds a shift to the bias (e.g., Dalal et al. 2008):

$$\delta_g = (b_g + \alpha f_{\text{NL}} k^{-2}) \delta_m$$

- CMB (Planck Collab., Akrami et al. 2019)
 $f_{\text{NL}} = -0.9 \pm 5.1$ (68% C.L.)
- LSS (eBOSS DR14, Castorina et al. 2019)
 $-81 \leq f_{\text{NL}} \leq 26$ (95% C.L.)

DESI:

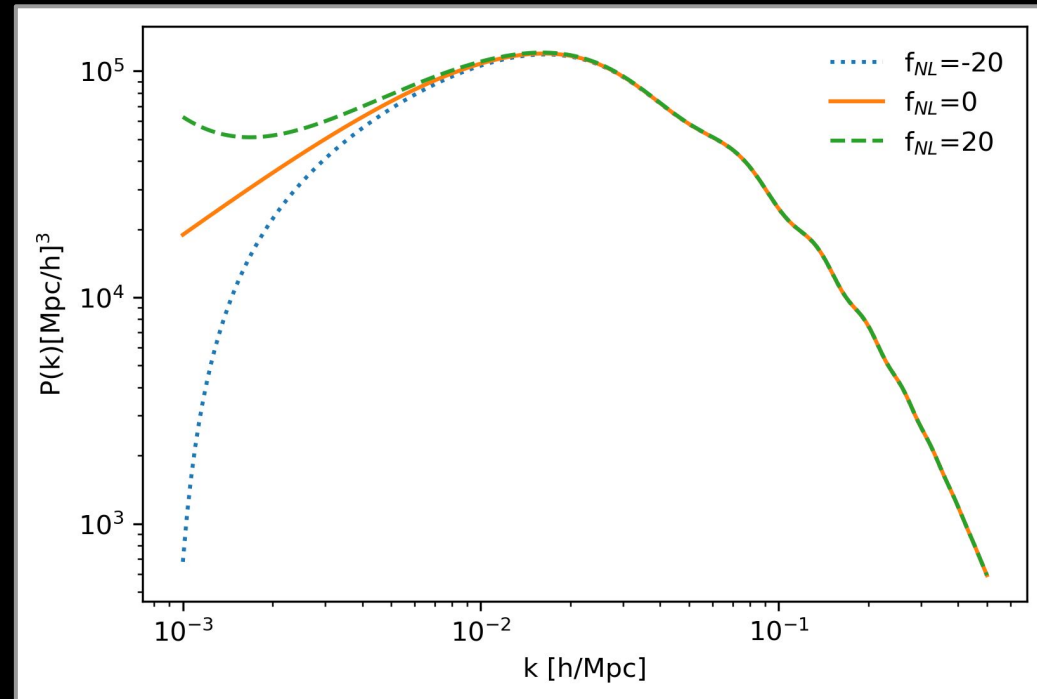
$$\sigma(f_{\text{NL}}) = 5 \text{ (Aghamousa et al. 2016)}$$

DESI + Simons Observatory or CMB-S4:

$$\sigma(f_{\text{NL}}) = 3.4 \text{ or } 2.8 \text{ (Münchmeyer et al. 2018)}$$

Rubin Observatory + CMB-S4:

$$\sigma(f_{\text{NL}}) = 0.4\text{-}1 \text{ (Schmittfull and Seljak 2018)}$$



A non-zero detection of PNG ($f_{\text{NL}} \gtrsim 1$) will rule out single-field inflationary models (see e.g., Alvarez et al. 2014)

Primordial non-Gaussianity with eBOSS DR16



Objective:

Constrain inflation with galaxy clustering

Sample:

eBOSS DR16 Quasars $0.8 < z < 2.2$

Methodology:

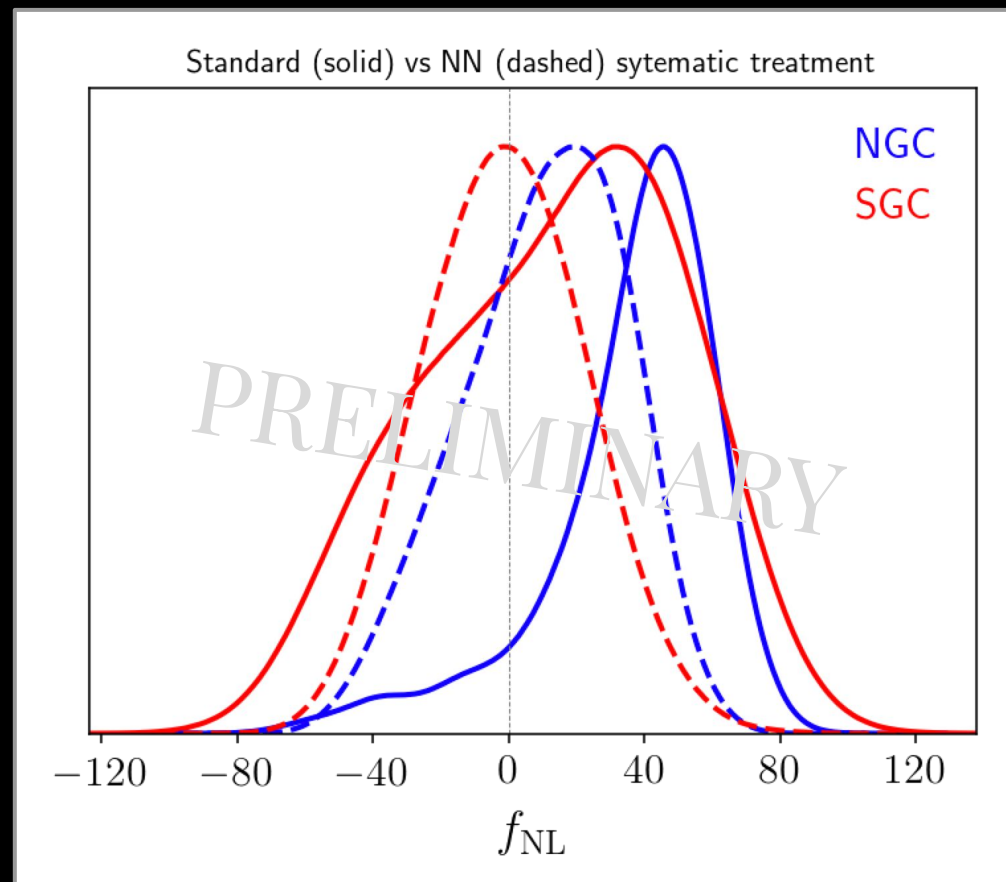
- Scale dependent halo bias due to PNG
- Very sensitive to large scales
- Correct systematic treatment is crucial

$$b_{\text{tot}} = b + \Delta b$$

$$\Delta b \propto \frac{f_{\text{NL}}}{k^2}$$

This is even without redshift weighting (Castorina et al. 2019, Müller et al. 2019), which accounts for the bias evolution over redshift. We expect 30-40% improvement!

Eva Müller et al. (in prep)



Credit: Figure by Eva Müller

Residual Error Test I

1. Group pixels given a particular imaging variable, e.g., Extinction.
2. Compute the mean density contrast in each bin:

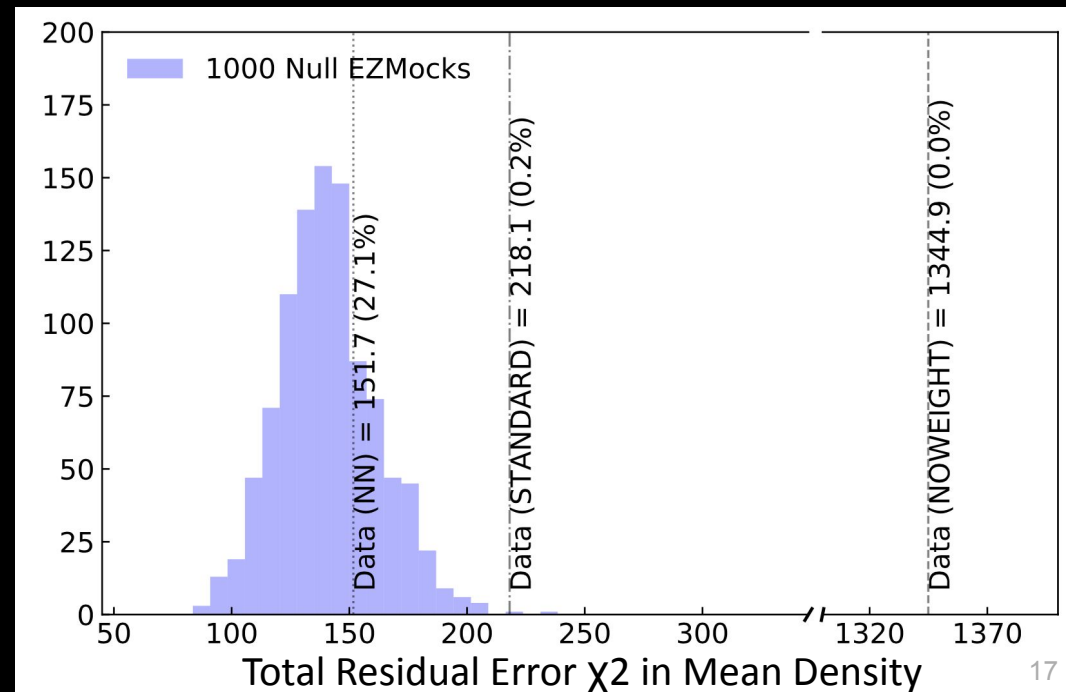
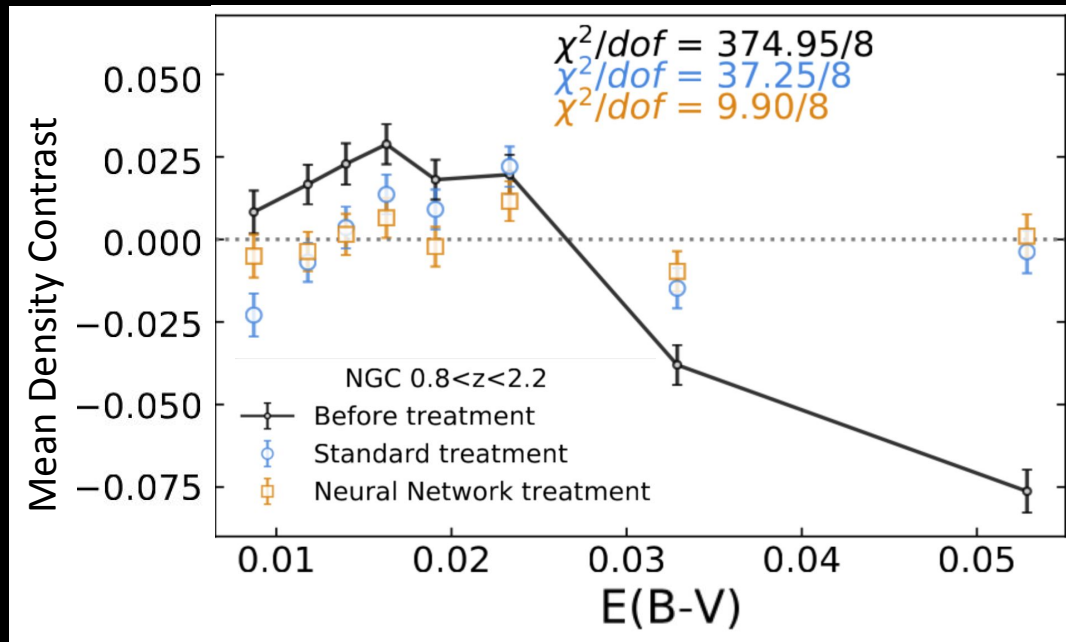
$$\delta = \frac{n_{g,\text{bin}}}{\langle n_{g,\text{bin}} \rangle} - 1$$

Then, δ is not expected to depend on the extinction.

$$\chi^2 = \langle \delta | C^{-1} | \delta \rangle$$

C is the covariance matrix.

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Residual Error Test II

Cross correlate the quasar density map (p=nqso) with the systematic map, e.g., (q=ebv) and normalize them by the auto-correlation of the systematic:

$$\hat{C}_{\ell}^{p,q} = \frac{1}{2\ell + 1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \hat{a}_{\ell m}^p \hat{a}_{\ell m}^{q*}$$

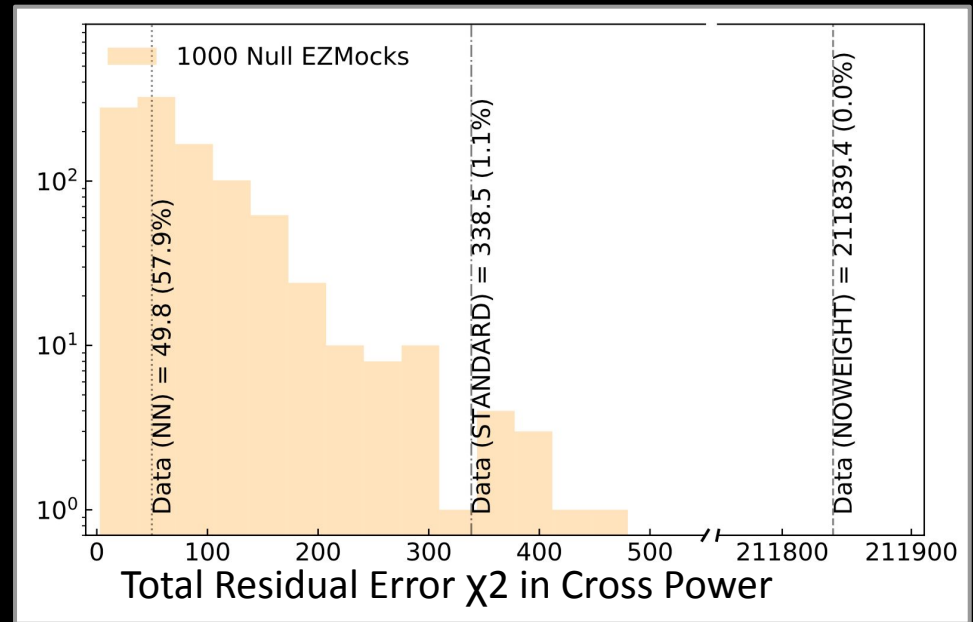
Normalized cross correlation:

$$C_X = (C^{s,g})^2 / C^{s,s}$$

Total residual error:

$$\chi^2 = \langle C_X | C^{-1} | C_X \rangle$$

C is the covariance matrix.



P-value for the catalog with standard treatment is 1.1%!

Summary

In the era of *Big Data* in cosmology, advanced tools are needed to identify and address the various sources of systematic error to fully exploit galaxy clustering and CMB-lensing.

>> developed a method to capture the non-linear imaging systematic effects <<

Near future (\sim year):

- ❑ Primordial non-Gaussianity with the DESI Imaging and Survey Validation data.
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Future (> 1 year):

- ❑ Cross Correlation of CMB lensing and DESI/Rubin Observatory catalogs
>> Robust f_{NL} constraint with sample variance cancellation (e.g., Munchmeyer et al. 2018)
- ❑ Gravitational Lens Detection:
>> Develop noise resistant methods
>> Falsifying various dark matter models (see e.g., Diaz Rivero et al. 2018)

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