

# The Persistence of Large Scale Structures

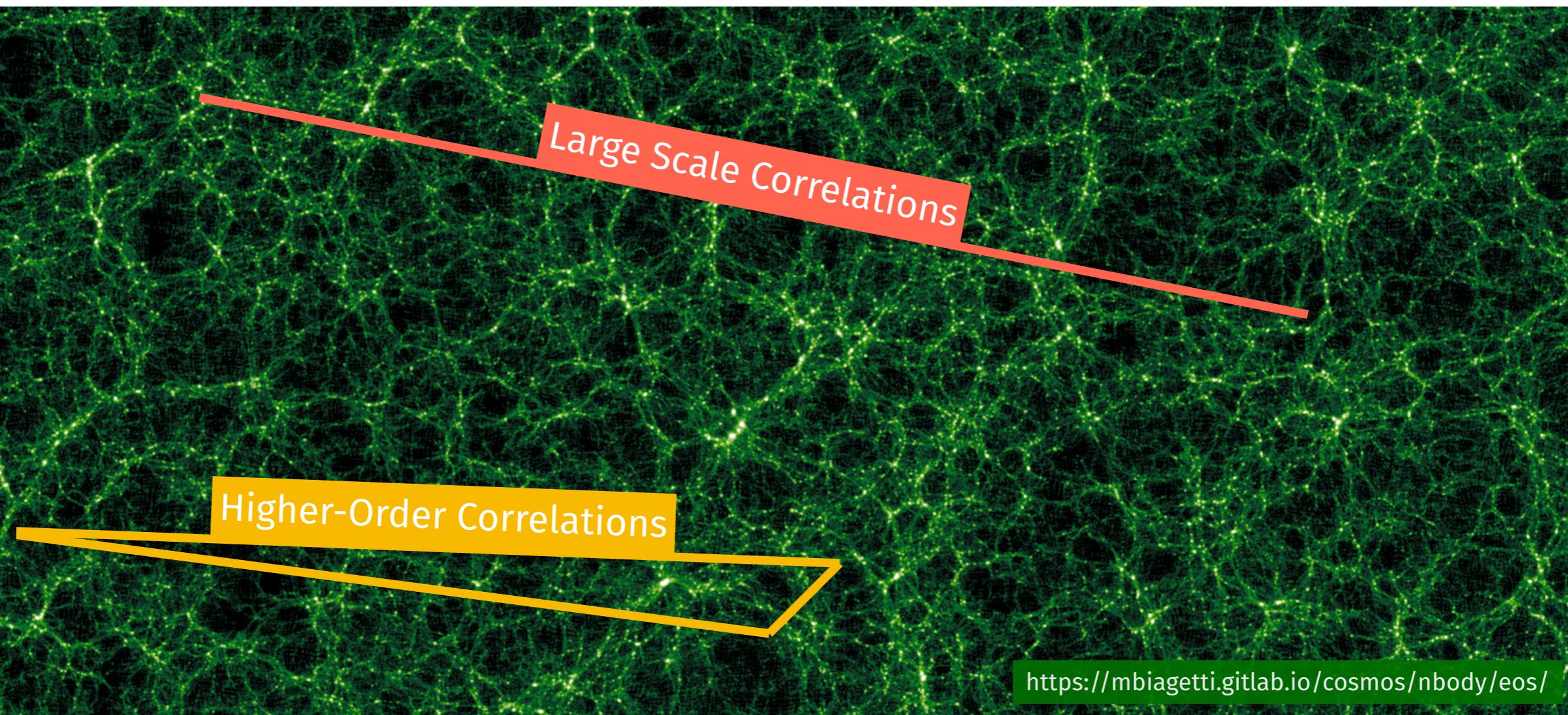
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# Motivation

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## Cosmology from biased tracers



## Challenges

- Dark matter nonlinearities
- Galaxy bias
- Redshift-space distortions

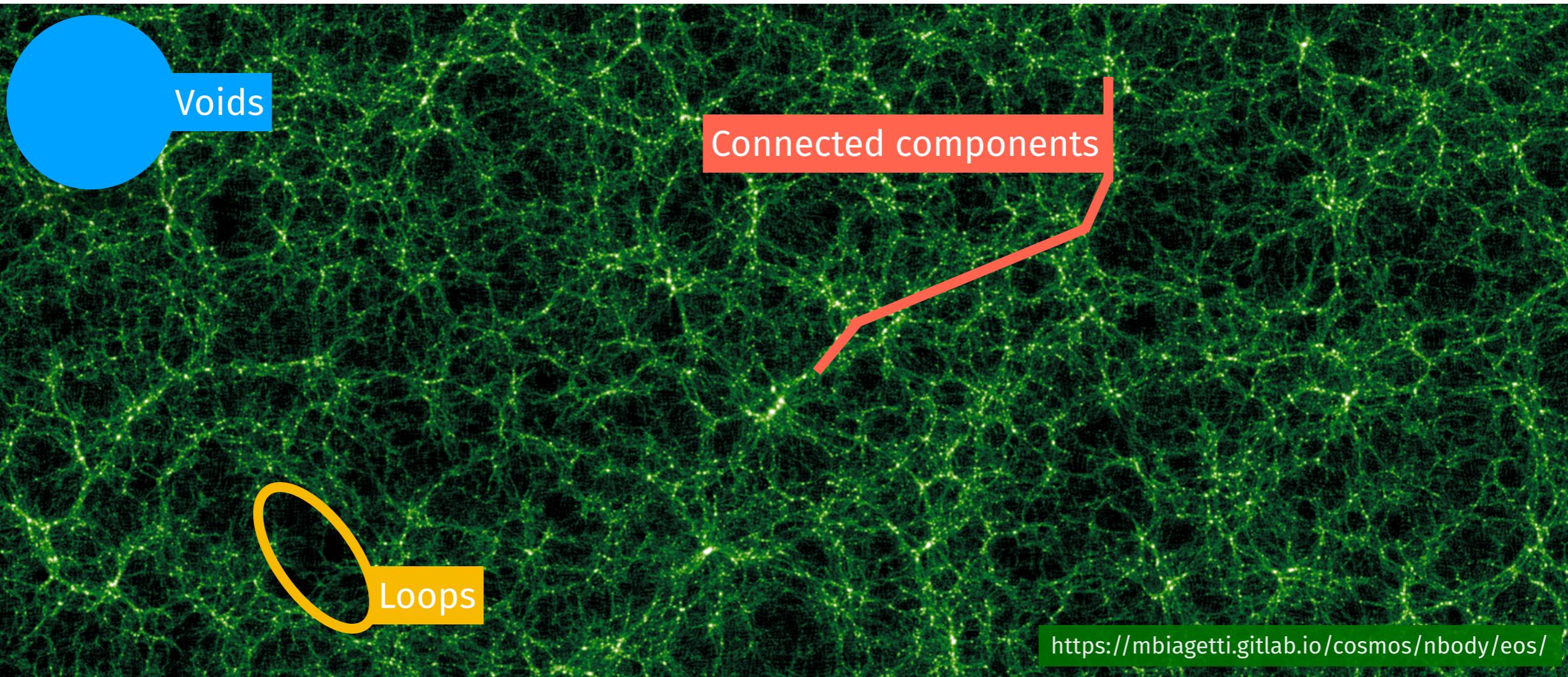
## Advantages

- Theory under control
- Handling of uncertainties
- Complementarity with Nbody

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- Theoretical predictions
- Computational expense

## Advantages

- Connection to LSS observables
- High-order correlations

# Topological Data Analysis

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Compute the **shape** of discrete data via its **multiscale** topology

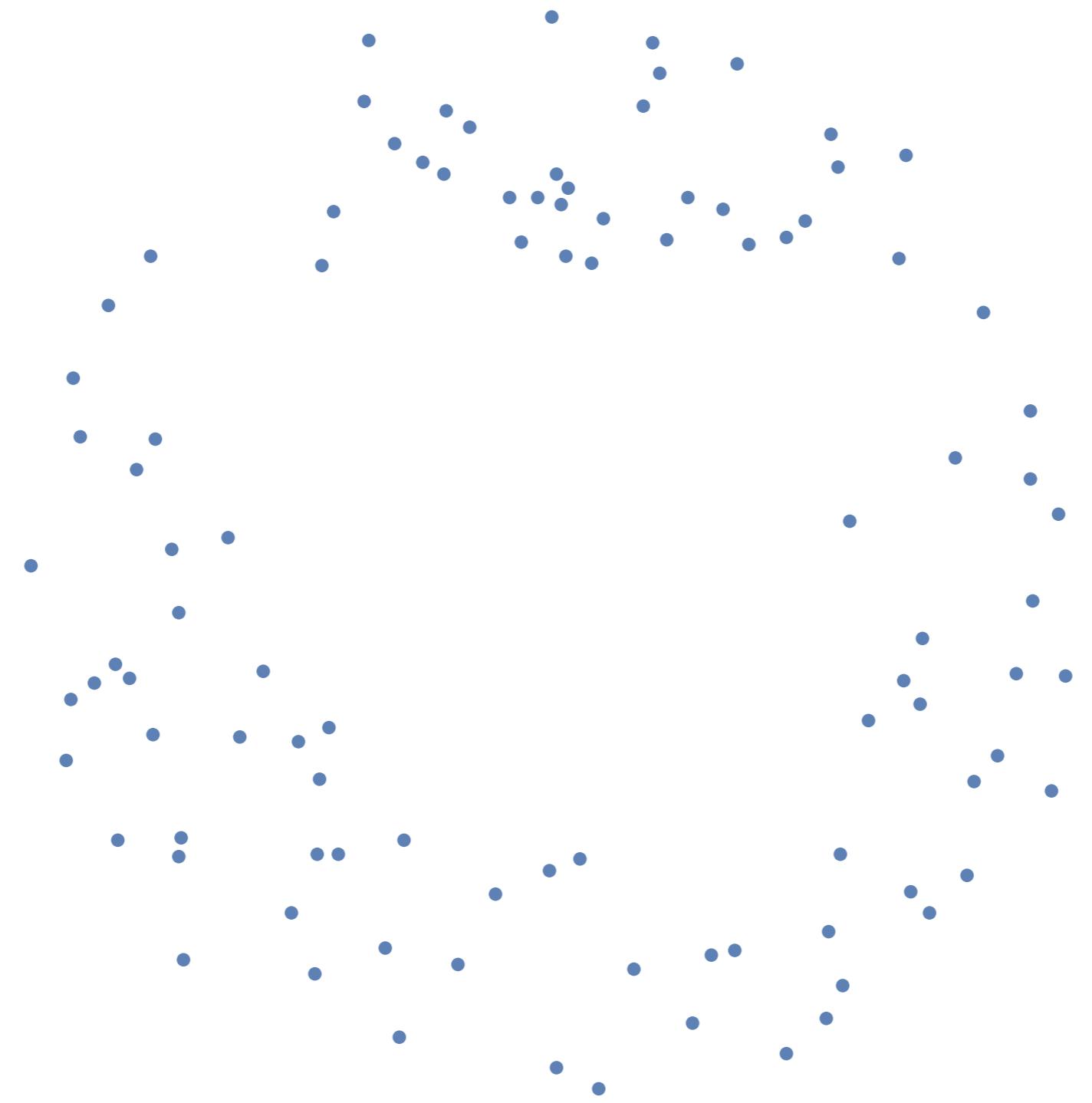
Track individual topological features as they are created and destroyed by successive coarse-graining transformations

## Applications:

- Sensor networks
- Image processing
- Genomics
- Protein structure
- Neuroscience
- Physics

# Persistent Homology

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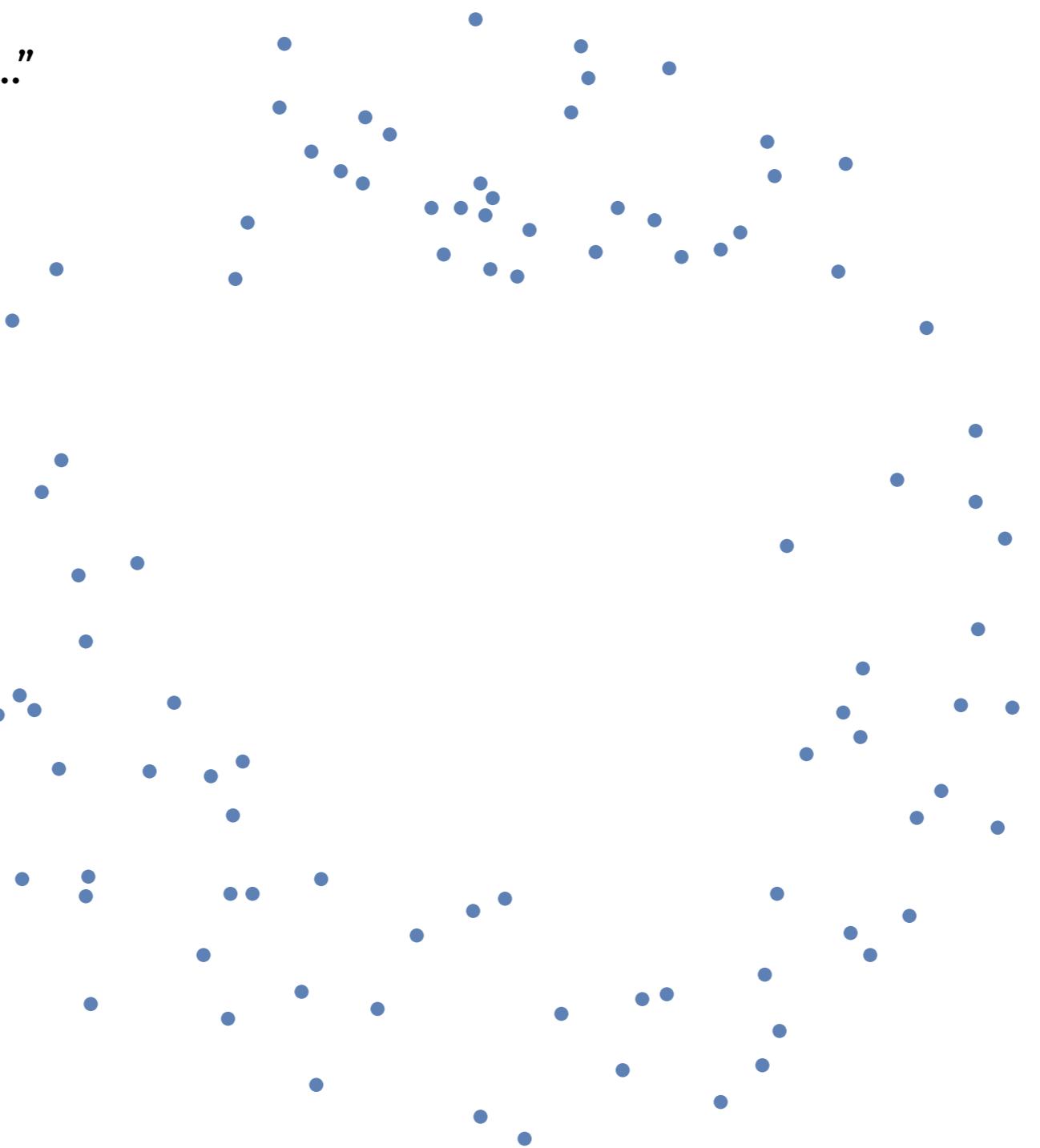
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Computer answer:

"100 points with  
the following coordinates..."



Human answer:

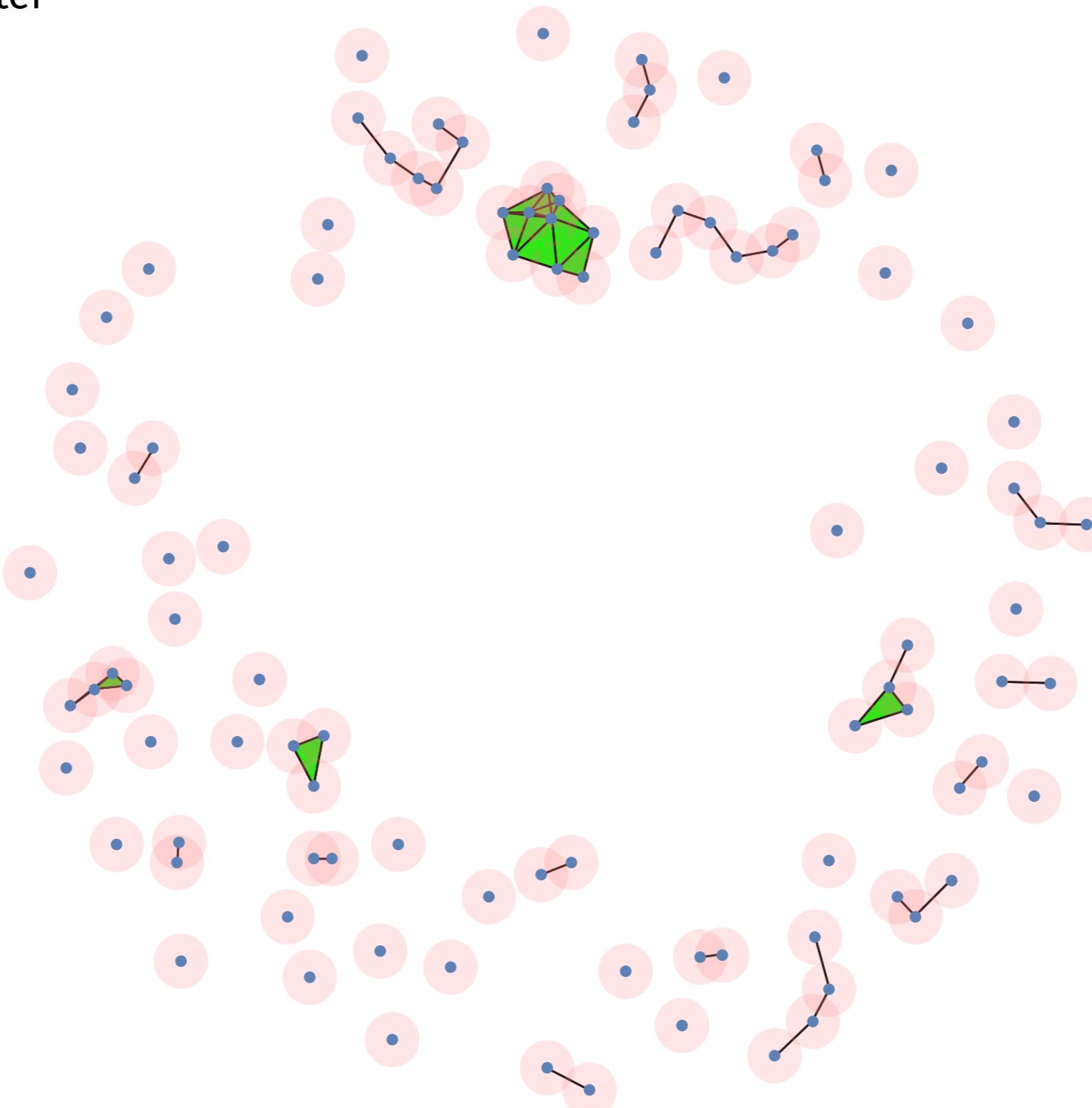
a noisy circle/ points  
sampled from an annulus

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Filtration parameter

$$\nu = 1$$



Vietoris-Rips filtration

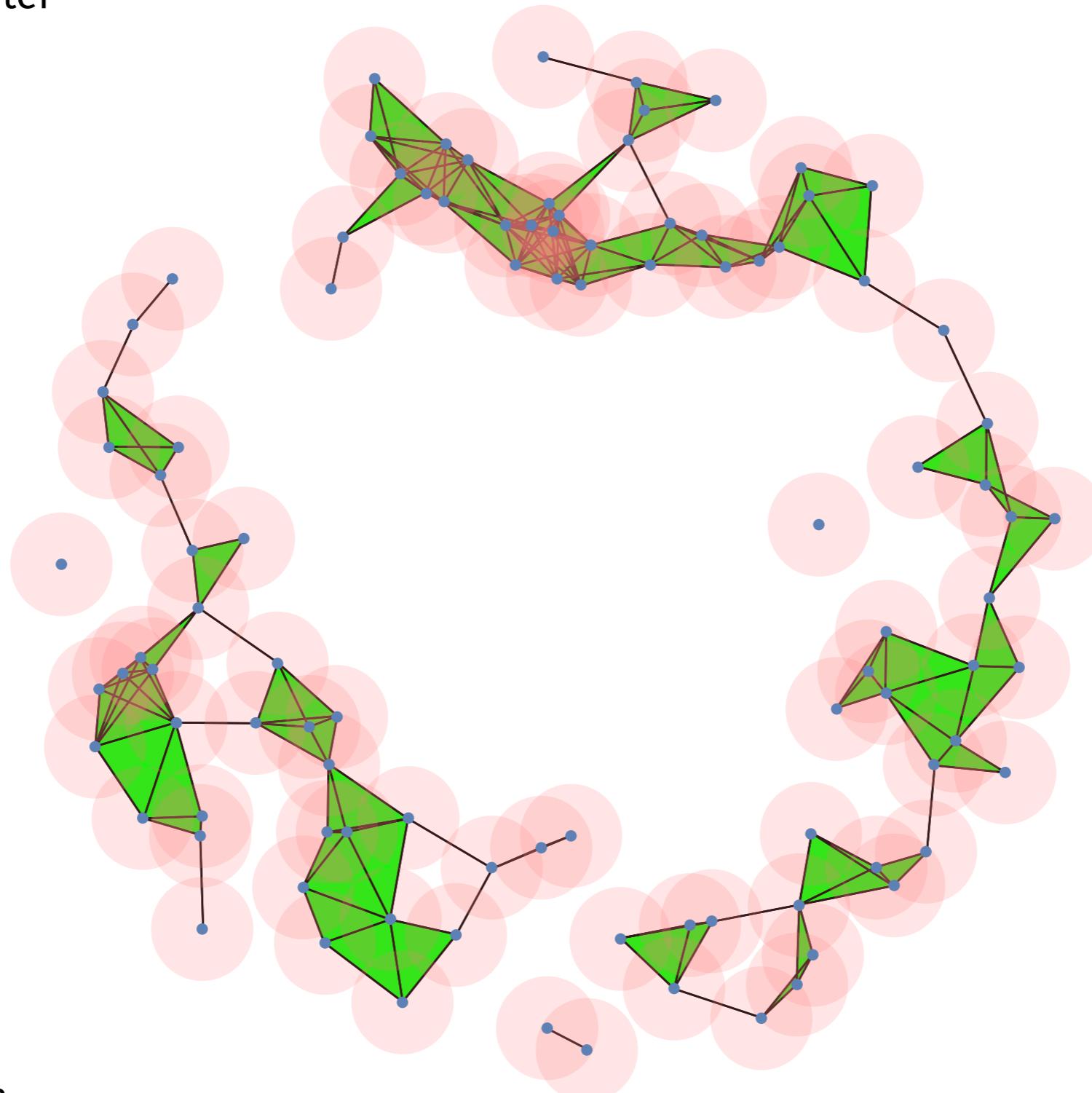
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$$\nu = 2$$



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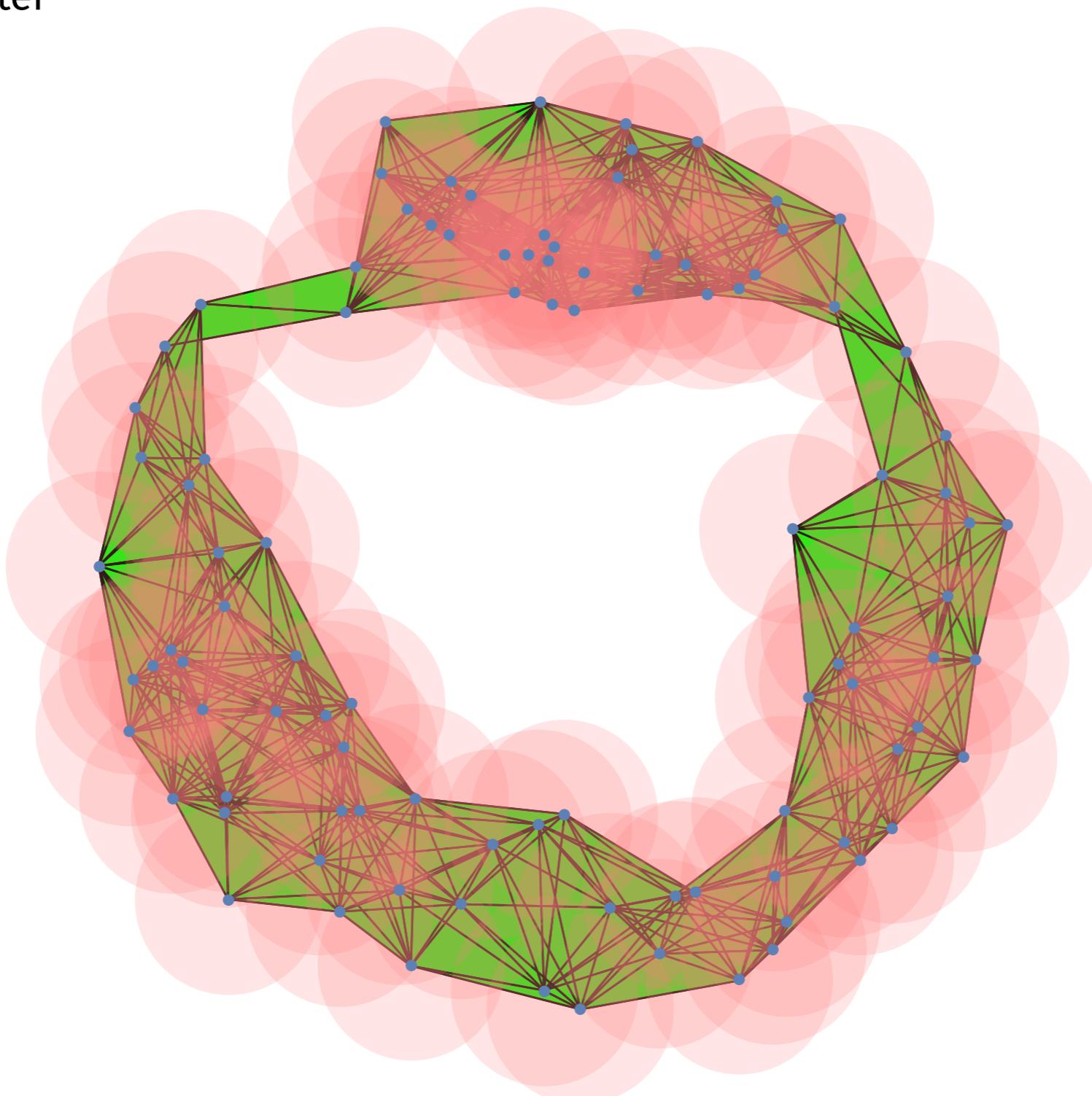
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Filtration parameter

$$\nu = 3$$



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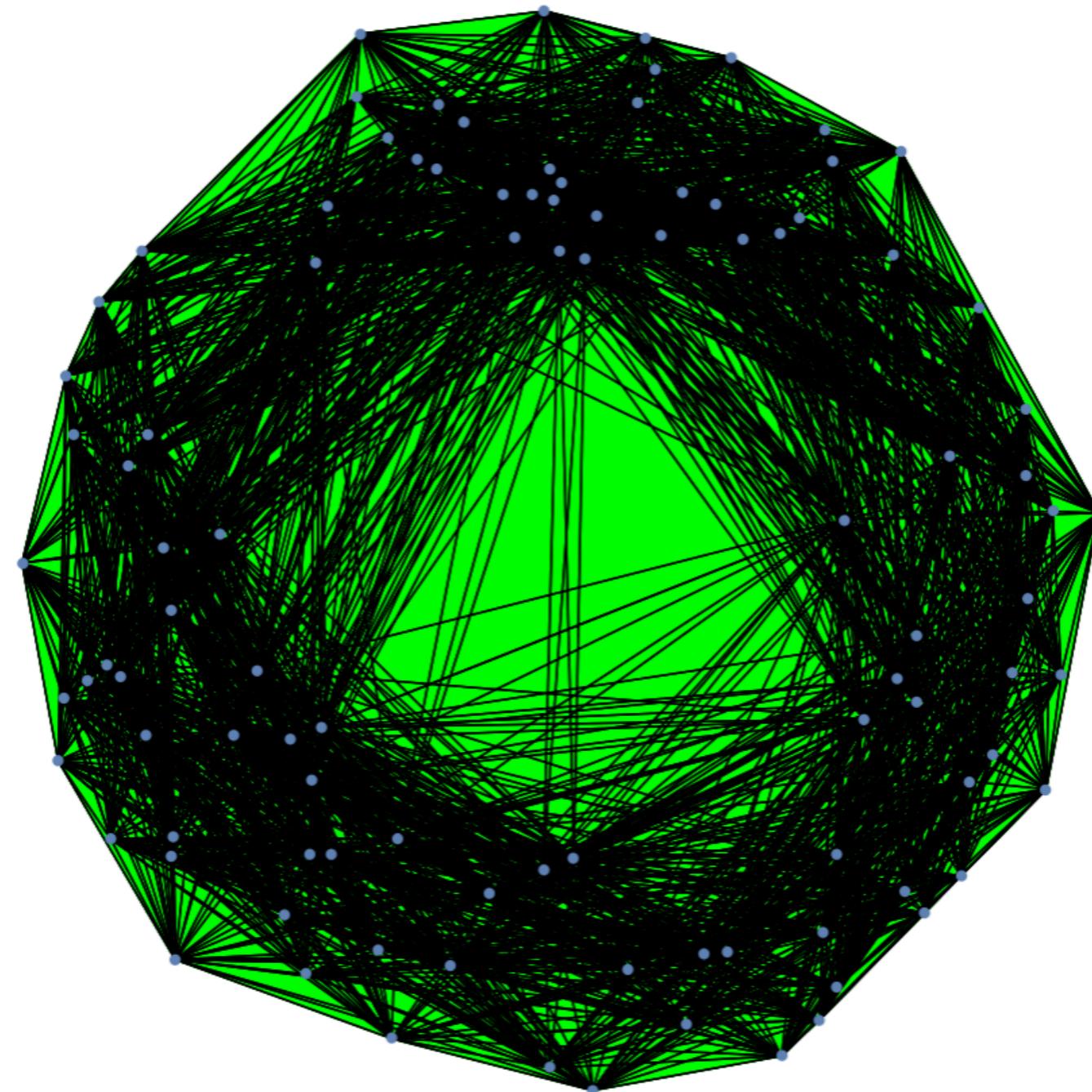
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Filtration parameter

$$\nu = 5$$



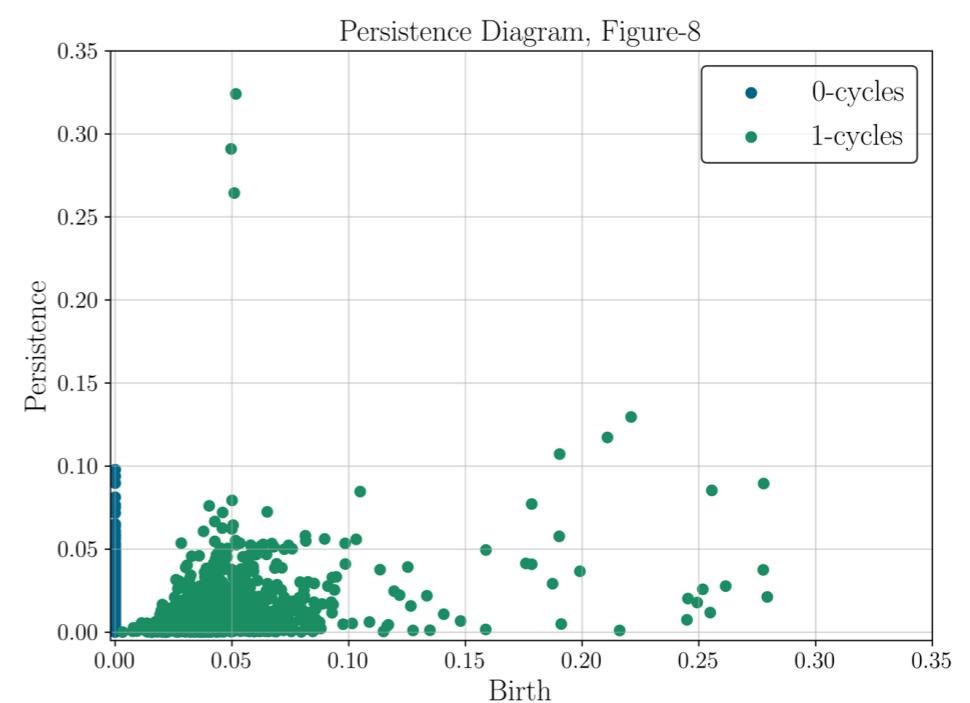
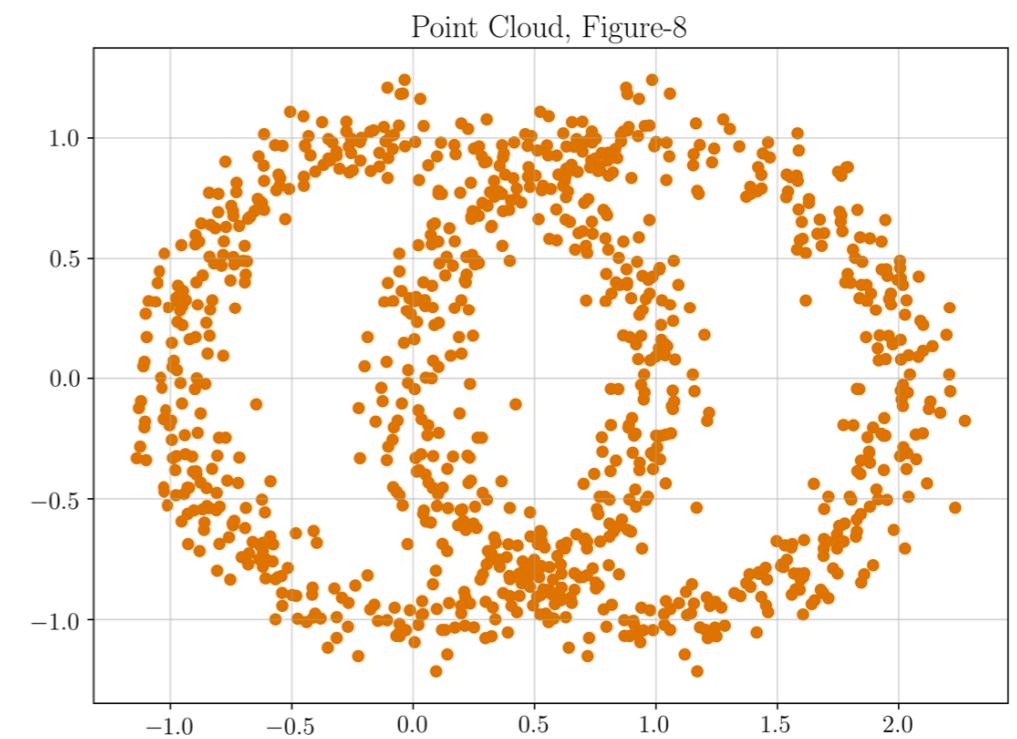
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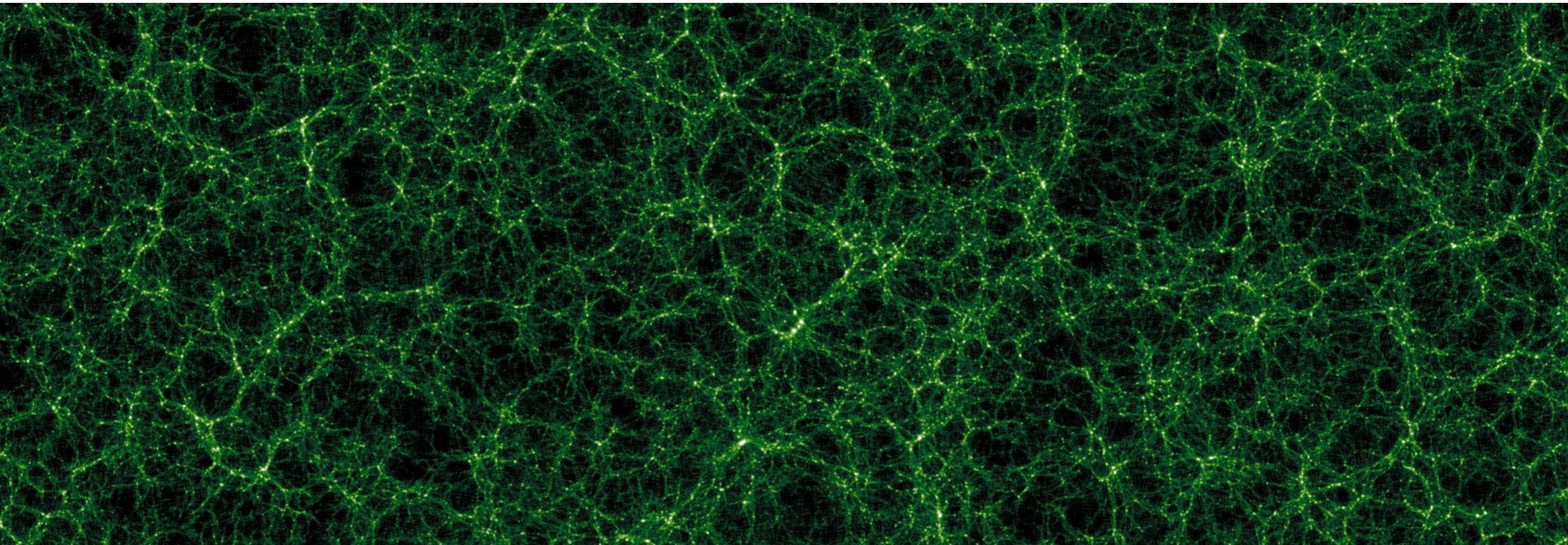
## Persistence diagrams

- Persistent homology: vary simplicial representation  $\Sigma_\nu$  of data with parameter  $\nu$  such that  $\Sigma_{\nu_1} \subseteq \Sigma_{\nu_2}$  for  $\nu_1 < \nu_2$ .  $\Sigma_\nu$  is called a filtration.
- Scatter plots of birth and death times for individual homology generators
- Intuition\*: long-lived features are “real,” short-lived features are “noise.”



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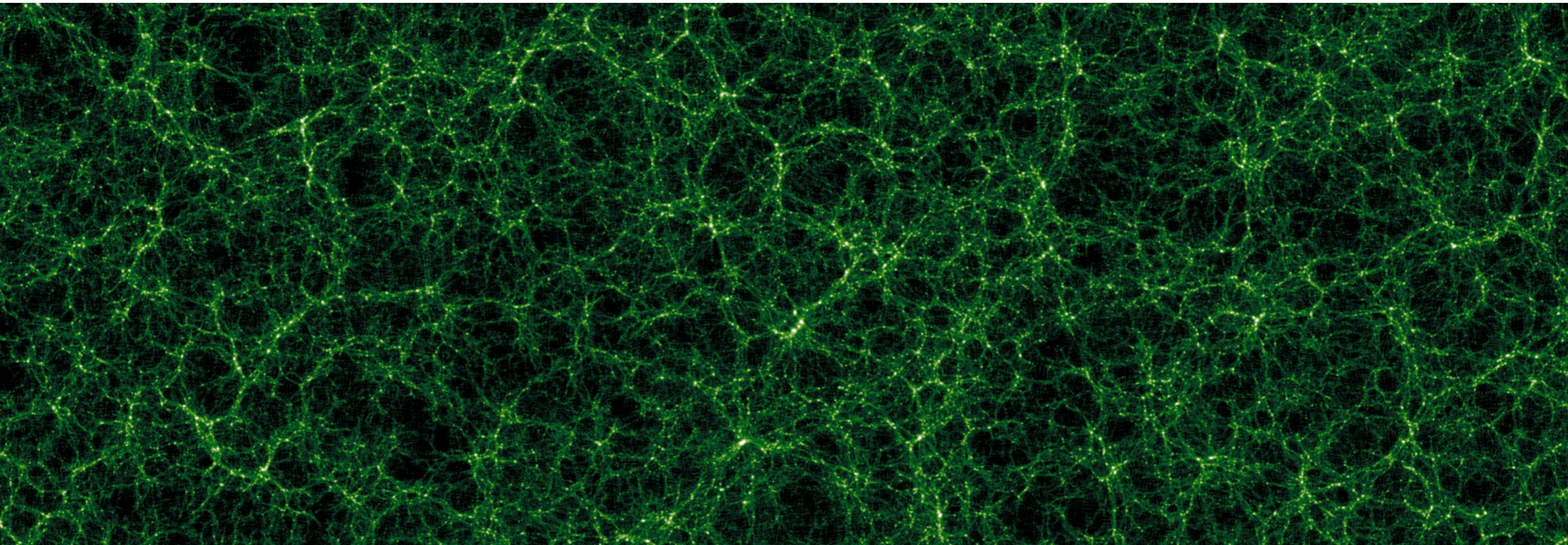


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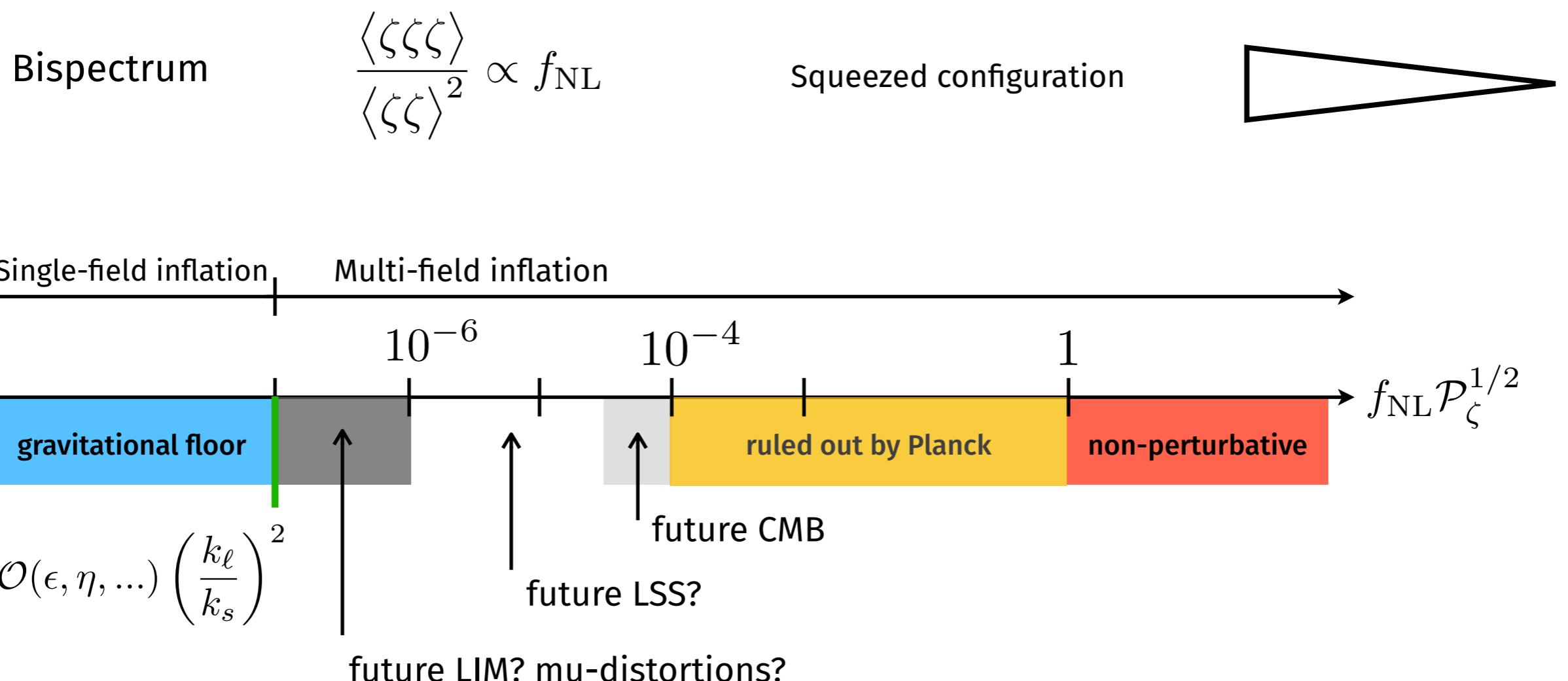
A one-slide summary on primordial non-Gaussianity

- Primordial non-Gaussianity refers to the non-Gaussianity statistical distribution of primordial perturbations
- Non-zero N-point function is related to interactions among fields taking place during inflation
- We have constraints on the free theory (power spectrum), but none on interactions (we have not detected primordial non-Gaussianity yet)
- Constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity allow to tell something about the mechanism of production of primordial perturbations and the particle content during inflation

# Primordial non-Gaussianity

Local type

$$\zeta(\mathbf{x}) = \zeta_G(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{3}{5} f_{NL}^{\text{loc}} (\zeta_G^2(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \zeta_G^2 \rangle) + \mathcal{O}(\zeta_G^3).$$



current constraints

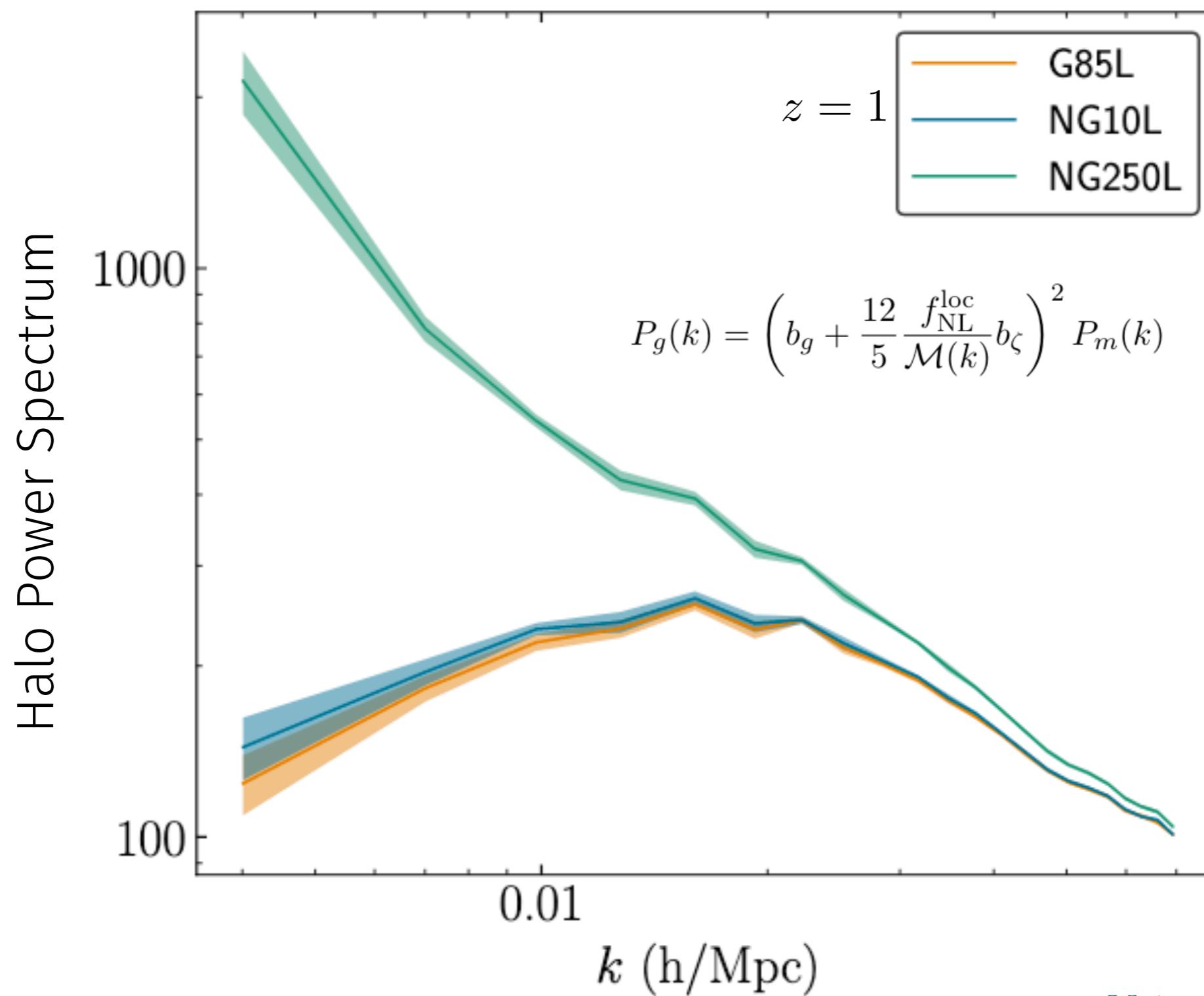
$$f_{NL}^{\text{loc}} = -0.9 \pm 5.1 \quad @68\% \text{ CL}$$
$$-51 < f_{NL}^{\text{loc}} < 21 \quad @95\% \text{ CL}$$

Planck (2018)

eBOSS (2019)

# Primordial non-Gaussianity

Effect of local primordial non-Gaussianity on biased tracers

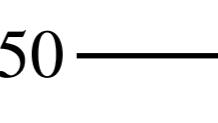
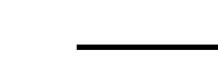


Dalal et al. (2007)  
Slosar et al. (2007)  
Matarrese and Verde (2007)

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## Dataset:

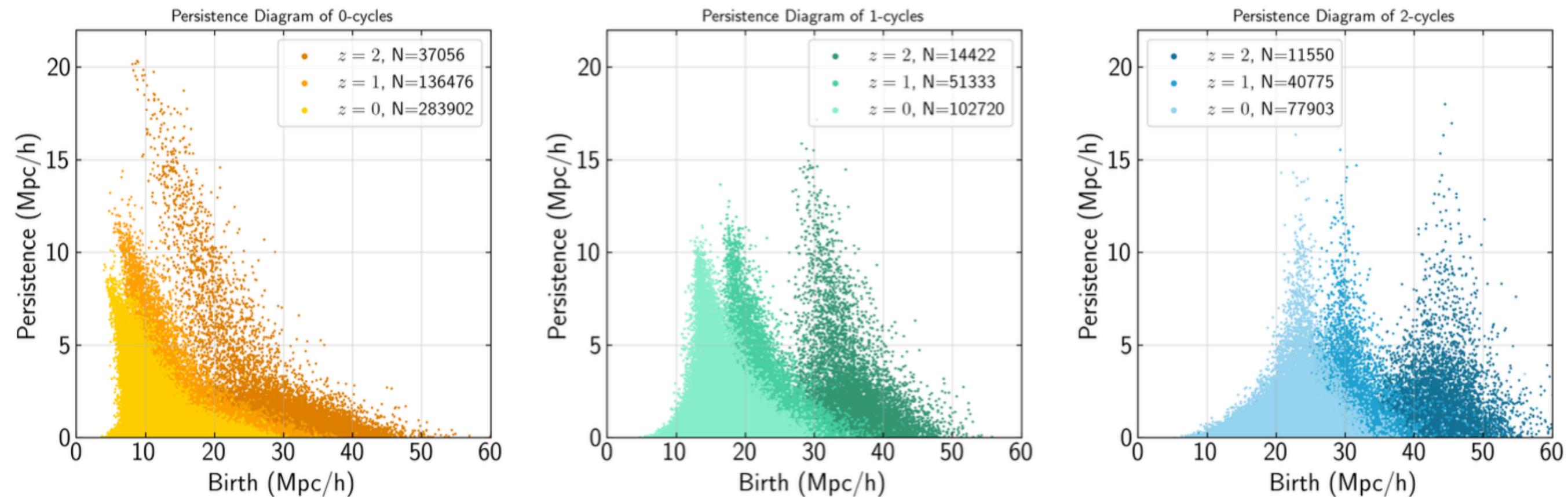
- G85L: 15 realizations,  $120 \text{ (Gpc/h)}^3$  total volume, LCDM 
- NG10L: 15 realizations,  $120 \text{ (Gpc/h)}^3$  total volume,  $f_{\text{NL}} = 10$  
- NG250L: 10 realizations,  $80 \text{ (Gpc/h)}^3$  total volume,  $f_{\text{NL}} = 250$   Physical Intuition
- NG250S: 5 realizations,  $5 \text{ (Gpc/h)}^3$  total volume,  $f_{\text{NL}} = 250$   Templates

LCDM cosmology:  $n_s = 0.967$        $\Omega_m = 0.3$        $h = 0.7$

$\sim 10$  millions halos at  $z = 0, 1, 2$  with masses  $10^{13} M_\odot \lesssim M \lesssim 10^{15} M_\odot$

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## Persistence diagrams



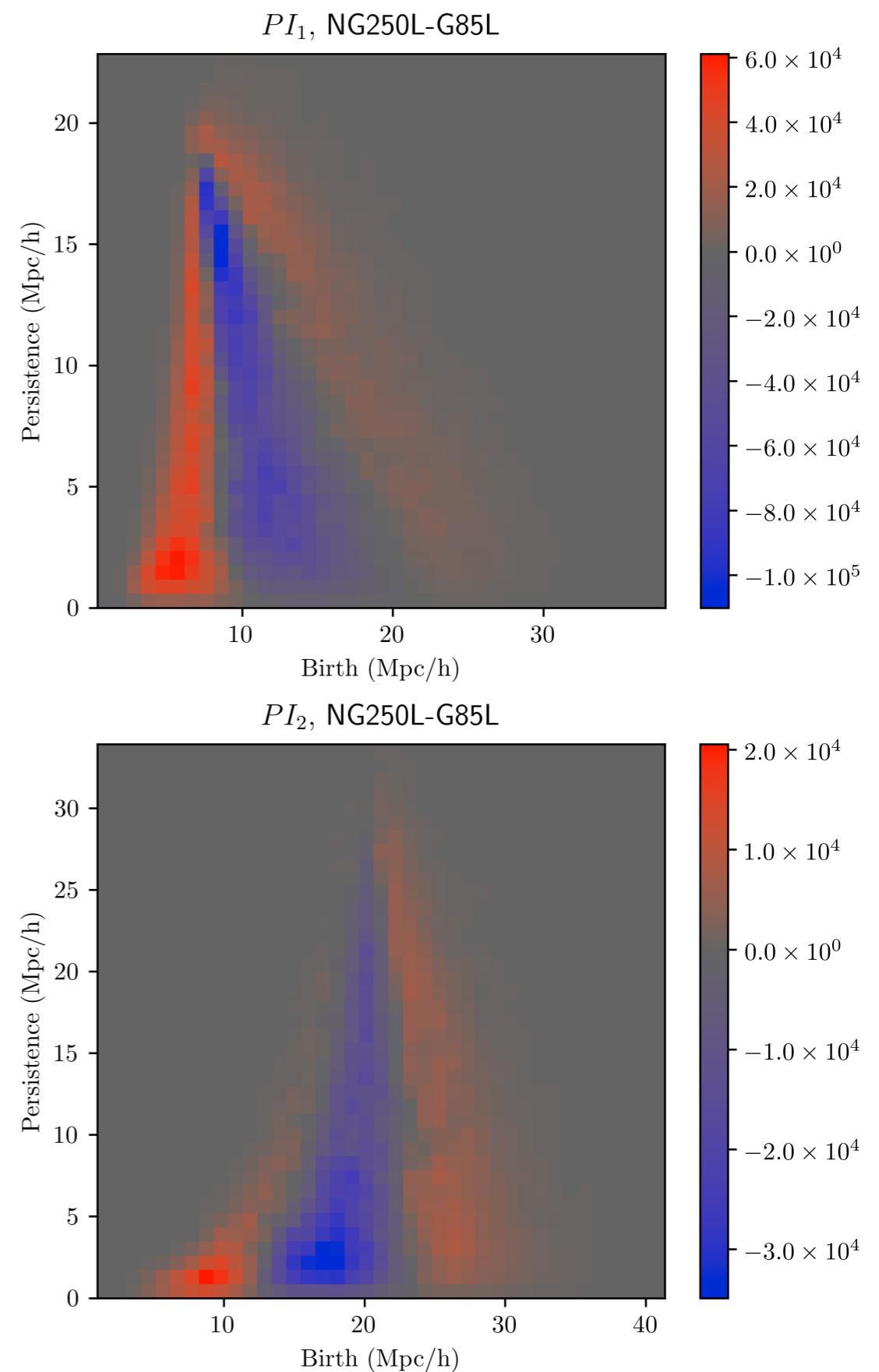
Each dot corresponds to a topological feature in the LCDM simulation

0-cycles are clusters of halos, 1-cycles are loops from connecting halos and 2-cycles are voids

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## Persistence Images

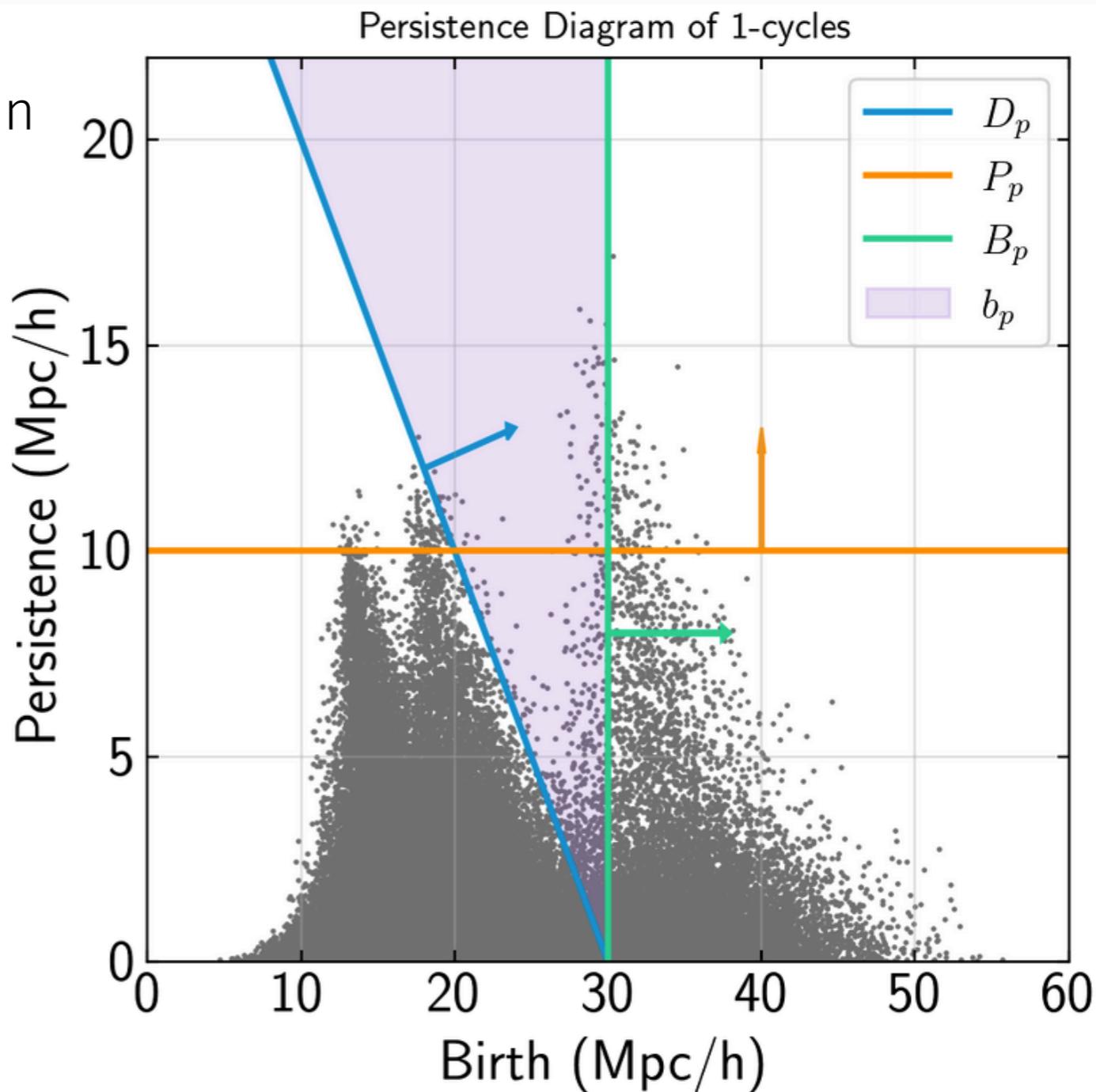
- For physical intuition, look at strong non-Gaussianity  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}} = 250$
- Obvious sensitivity of births to  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}}$ . For positive  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}}$ , more features born early and late.
- Hints toward which slicings of PD will be statistically useful.
- Notice the scale of deviations: much smaller than scale dependent bias.



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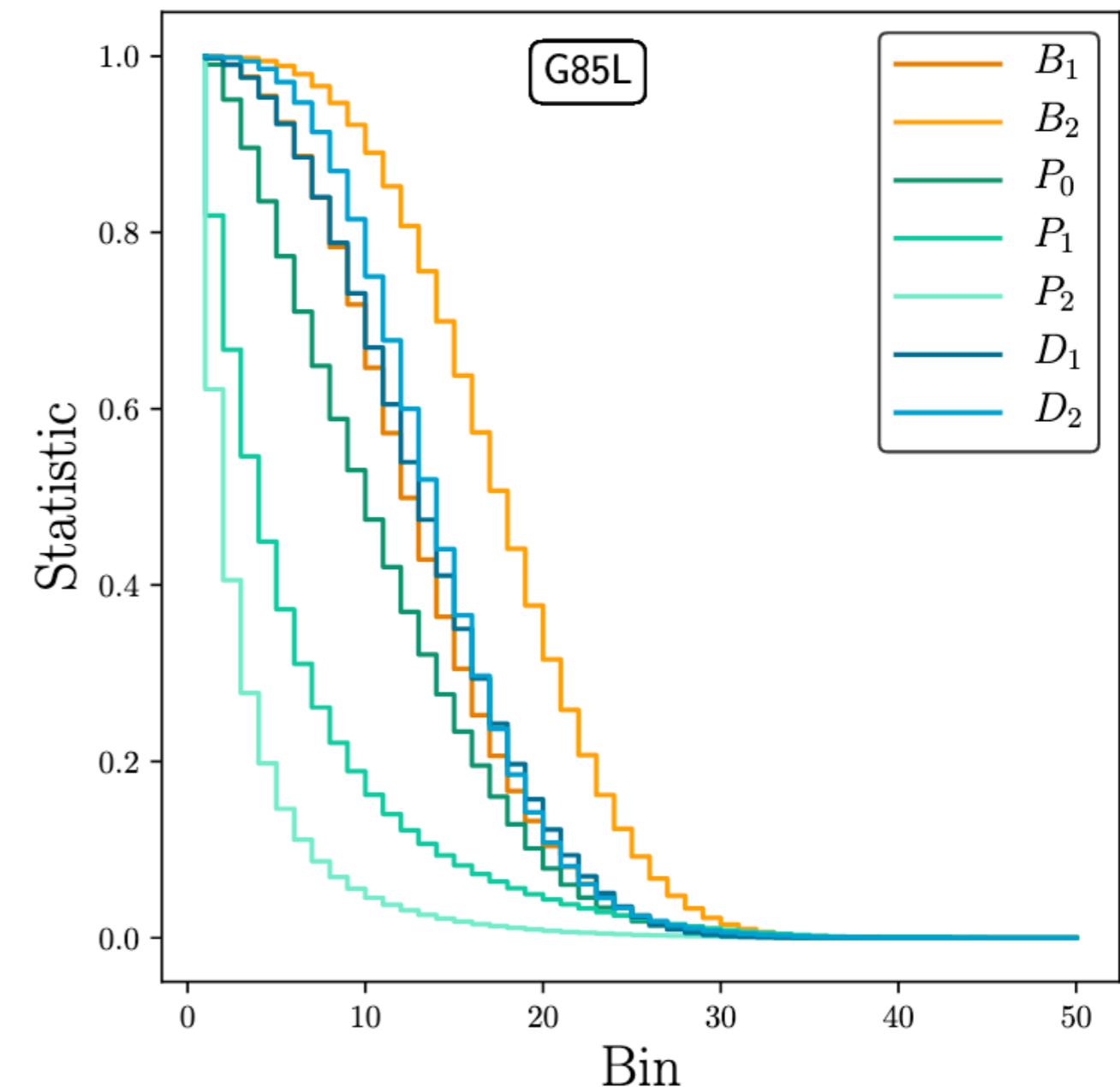
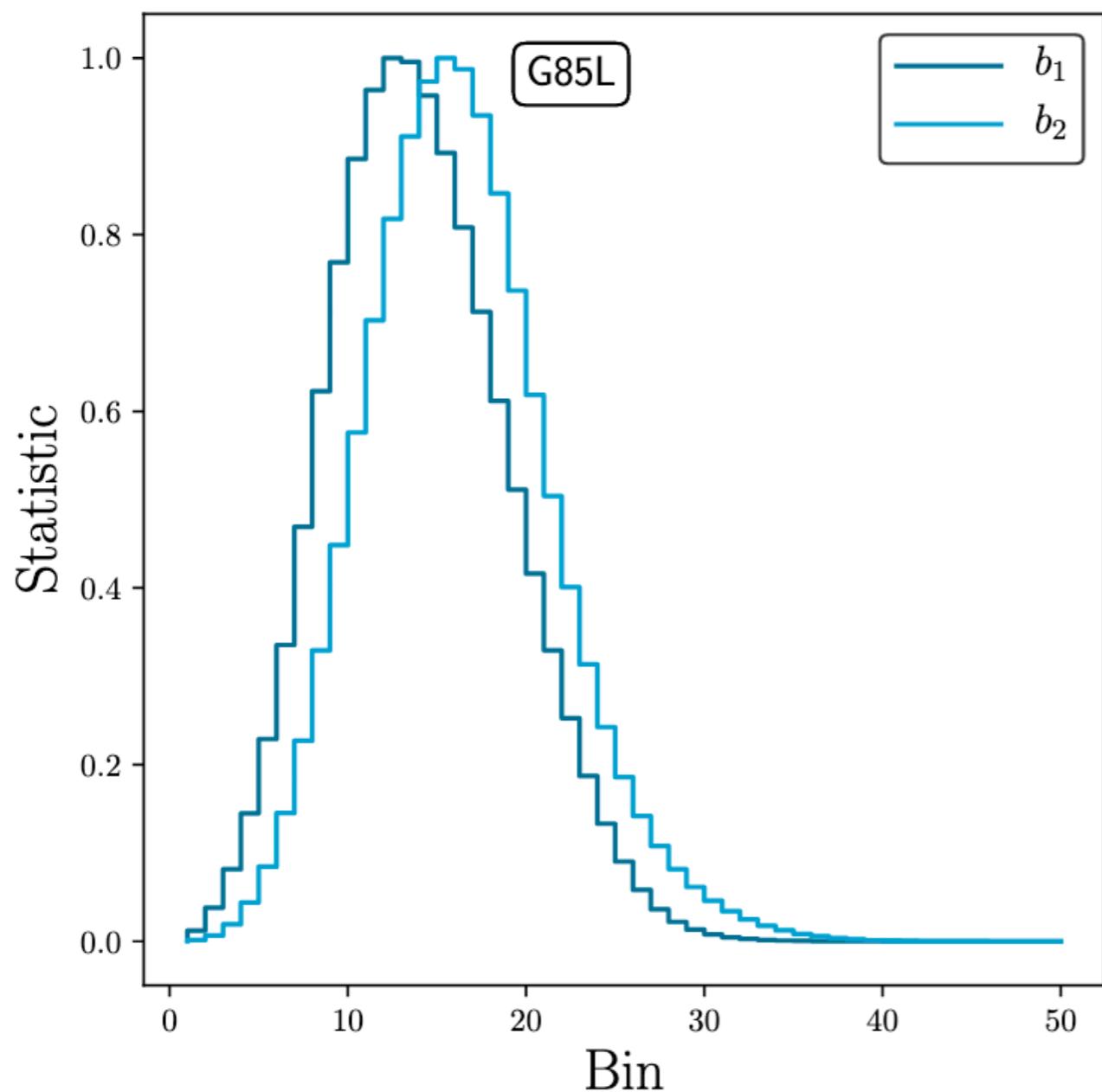
## Topological Curves

- Topological curves: count cycles in particular regions of diagram.
  - $D_p(\nu)$ : deaths
  - $P_p(\nu)$ : persistence
  - $B_p(\nu)$ : births
  - $b_p(\nu) = B_p(\nu) - D_p(\nu)$ : Betti numbers



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## Topological Curves



$D_p$ ,  $P_p$ ,  $B_p$  have interpretation of empirical distribution functions for deaths, etc. of cycles

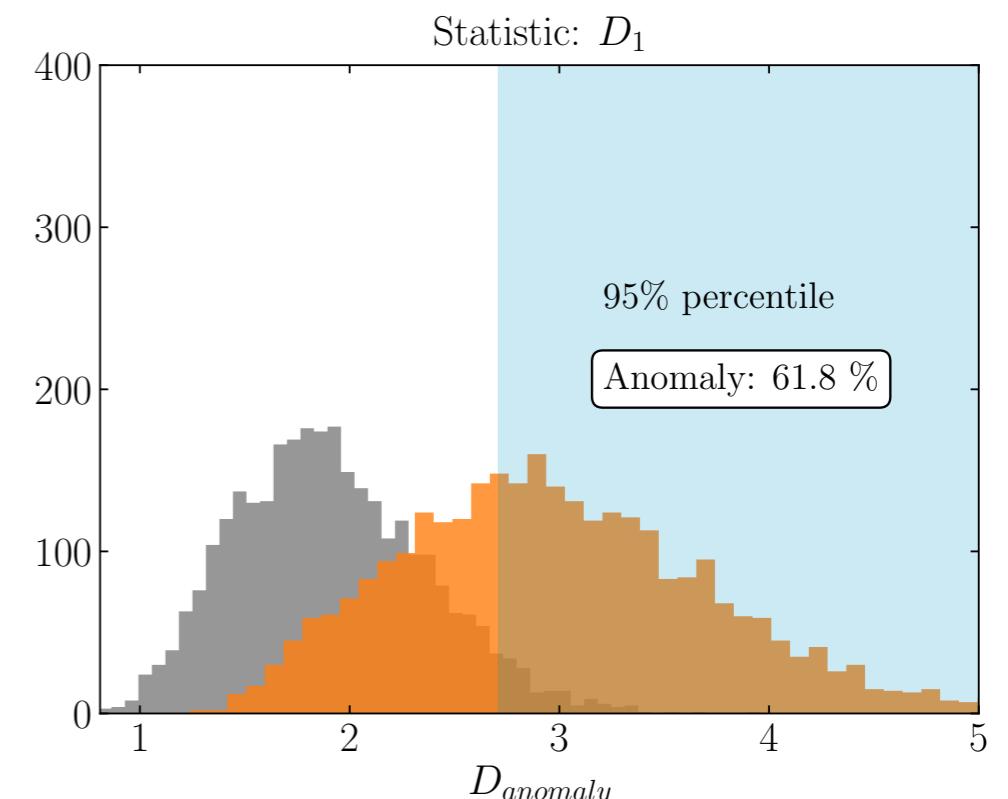
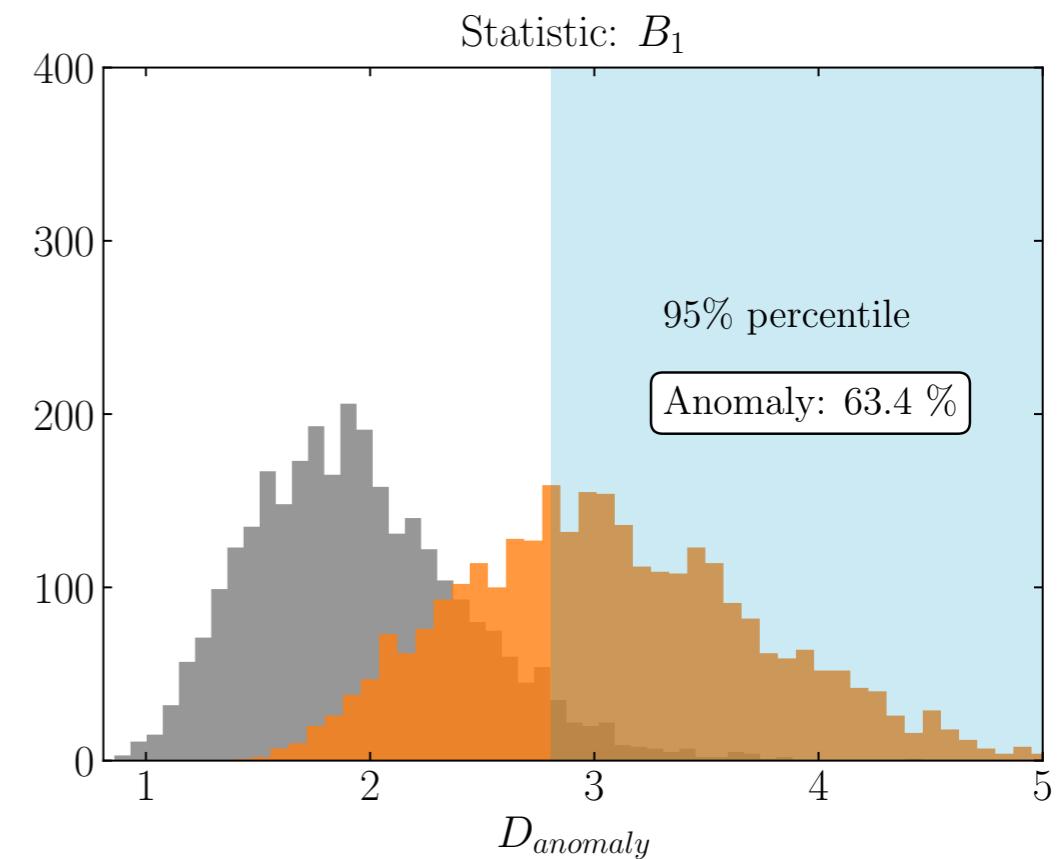
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## Anomaly detection

- Anomaly detection: given a statistic  $X$  from a simulation with  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}} = 10$ , compute probability that it arises when  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}} = 0$ .

$$D_{\text{anomaly}}^X = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(d_i - \mu_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2}}$$

- Compare to results from fiducial cosmology to account for cosmic variance. Use to set threshold for anomaly, e.g. at 95 percentile.
- Features scales  $\sim 10$  Mpc/h, so complementary to usual scale dependent bias



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## Constraint using template

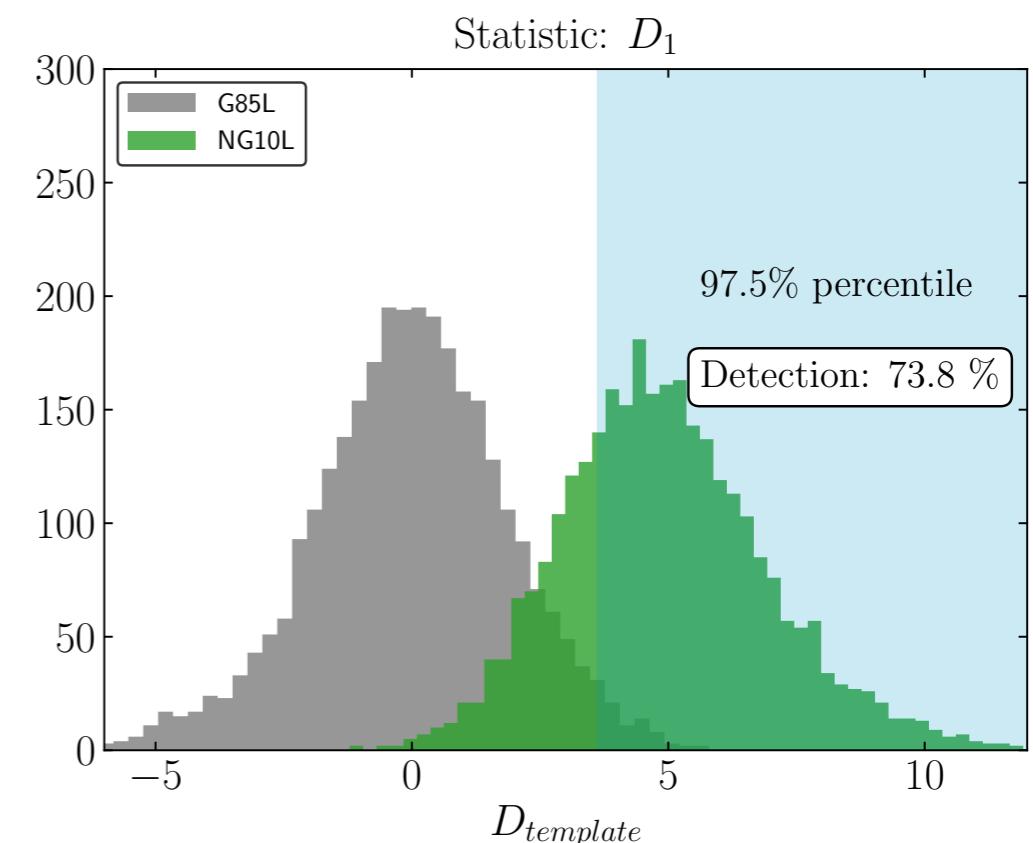
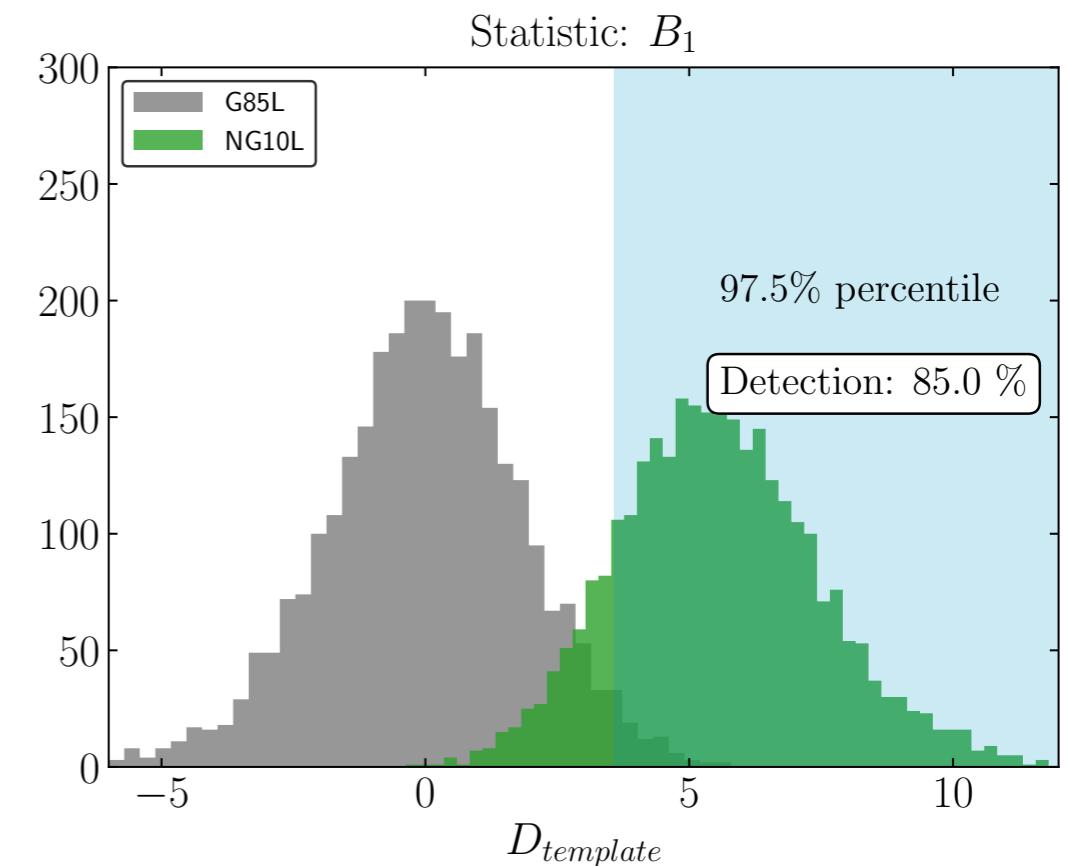
- Template method: compute templates corresponding to deviations from the fiducial cosmology.

$$\overrightarrow{T^X} \equiv \frac{1}{N_r} \sum_{i=1}^{N_r} \overrightarrow{S}_{NG_i}^X - \overrightarrow{S}_{G_i}^X$$

- Compare  $D_{\text{template}}$  to results from fiducial cosmology to account for cosmic variance. Set threshold for detection at e.g. 97.5%.

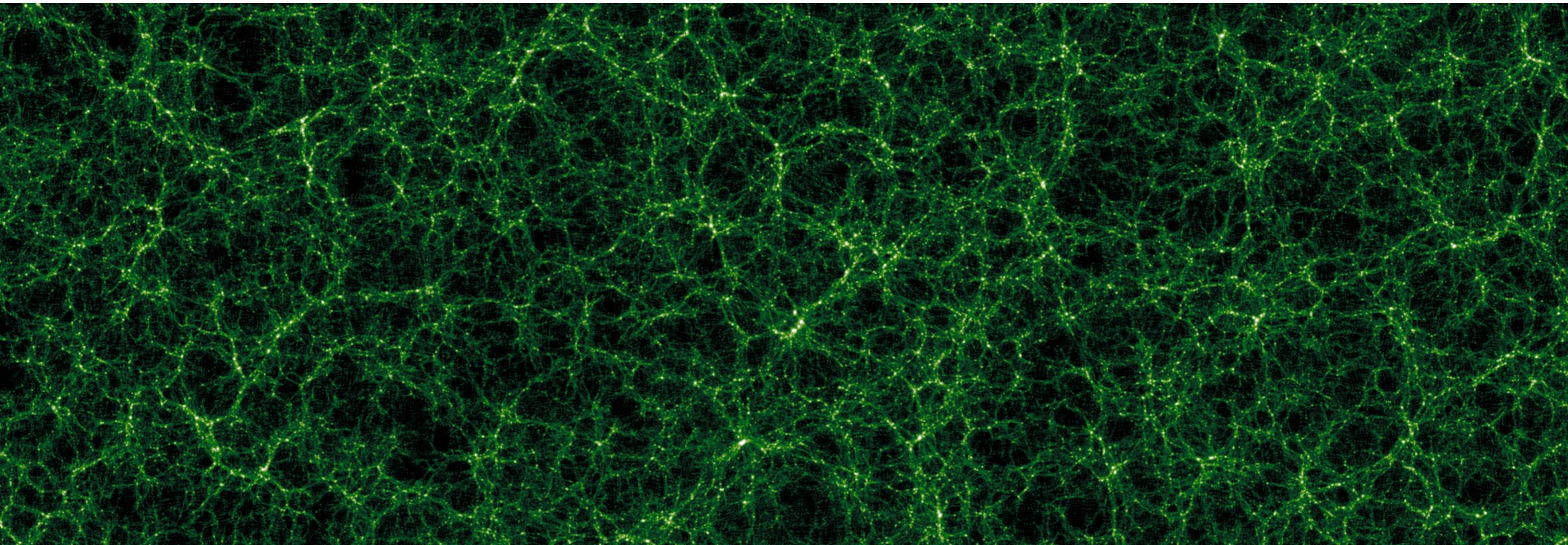
$$D_{\text{template}} = \frac{\vec{S}_{\text{survey}} \cdot \vec{T} - \vec{S}_{\text{fid,avg}} \cdot \vec{T}}{\sigma}$$

- Results improve because our anomaly detection model was simplistic.



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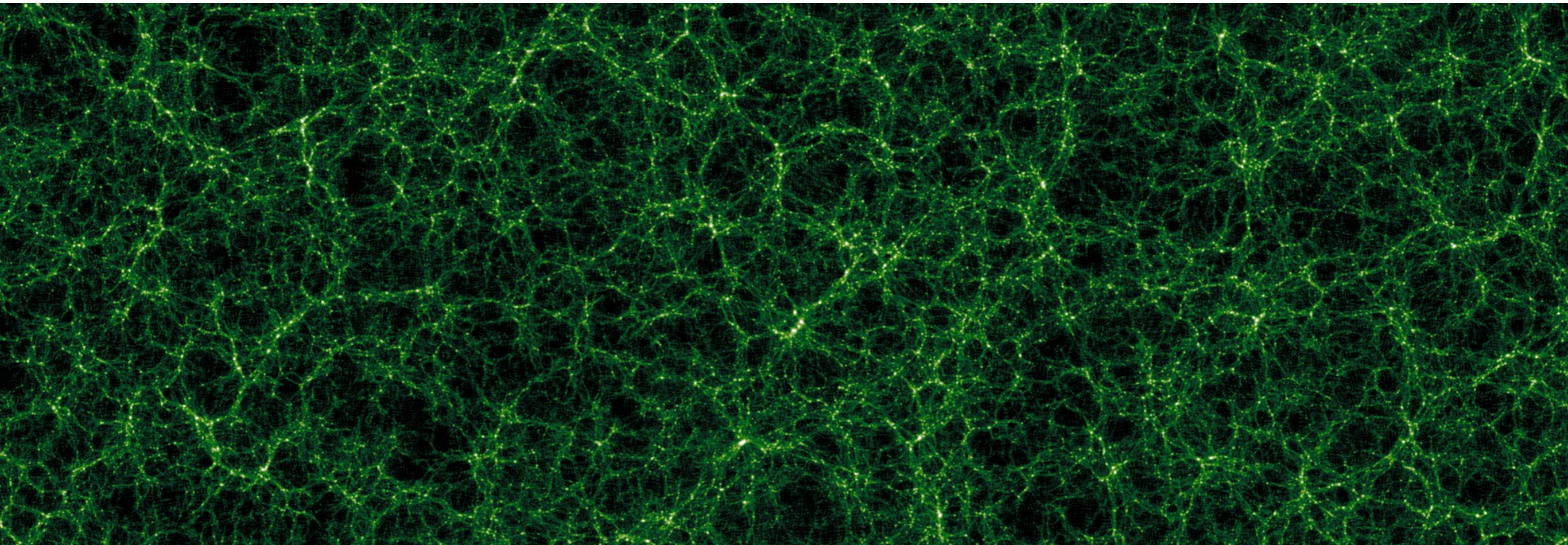


## Main results:

- See  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}} = 10$  with a degree of significance
- Physics at complementary scales wrt conventional methods  
(large volumes, but not so large scales)
- Pipeline applicable to any cosmological parameters

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## Future plans

- Constraining cosmological parameters
- Real data
- Other types of primordial non-Gaussianity