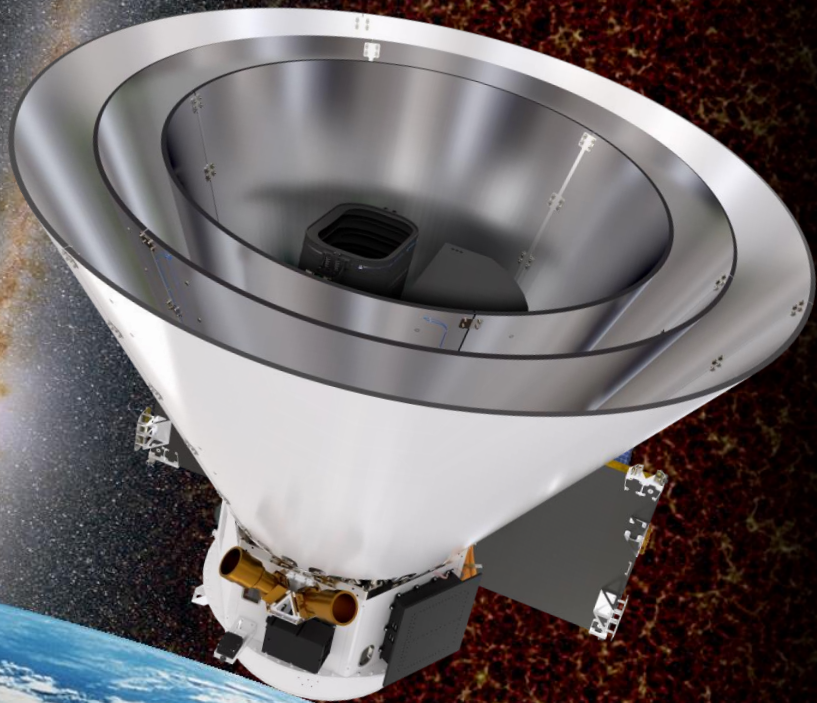


# Spherical Fourier-Bessel Power Spectrum for SPHERE<sup>x</sup>

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# SPHERE<sup>x</sup>: An All-Sky Infrared Spectral Survey Satellite



## Designed to Explore

- Origin of the Universe
- Origin and History of Galaxies
- Origin of Water in Planetary Systems

## First All-Sky Near-IR Spectral Survey

102 bands in 0.75-5  $\mu\text{m}$

Scan full-sky 4 times in 2 years

## Elegantly Simple

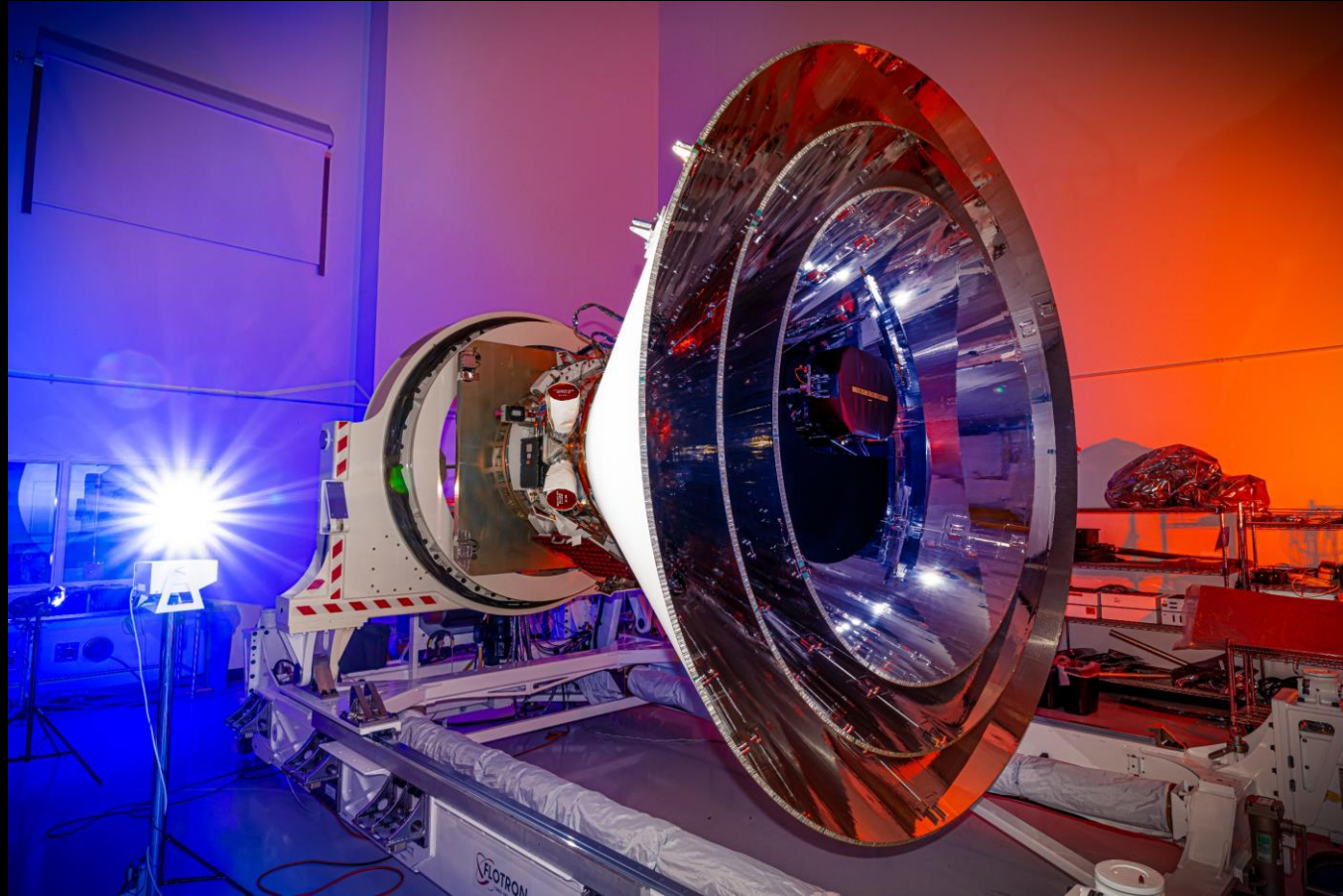
- Single Observing Mode
- No Moving Parts in Instrument

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PS: Olivier Doré -- JPL



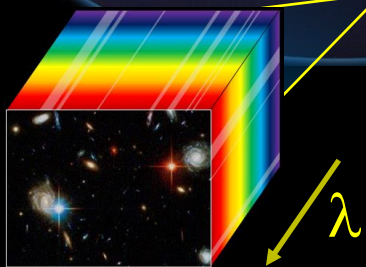
Launch in early 2025!





# SPHERE<sup>x</sup> PROVIDES A RICH ALL-SKY SPECTRAL CATALOG

All-Sky Survey



Spectral Data Cube

102 wavelength channels

**SPHERE<sup>x</sup> provides a new and unique dataset**

a complete near-infrared spectrum for every 6" pixel on the sky

	Detected 1.4 billion	Med. Accuracy Spectra 120 million	High Accuracy Spectra 10 million	Clusters 100,000
Galaxies				
Stars	Main Seq. Spectra > 100 million 	Dust-forming 10,000 	Brown Dwarfs > 400 	Cataclysms > 1,000 
Other	Quasars > 1.5 million 	Quasars z > 7 2 - 300? 	Asteroids & Comets 100,000 	Galactic Line Maps PAH, HI, H <sub>2</sub> 

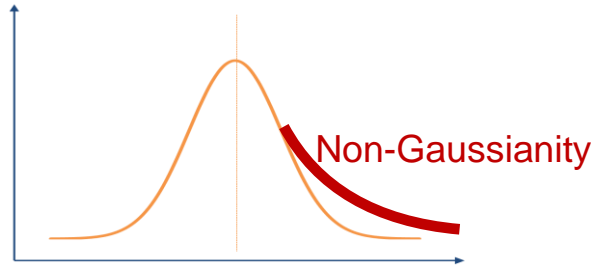
All-Sky surveys demonstrate high scientific return with lasting data legacy used across astronomy (COBE, IRAS, GALEX, WMAP, Planck, WISE)

Many exciting discoveries will come from the community

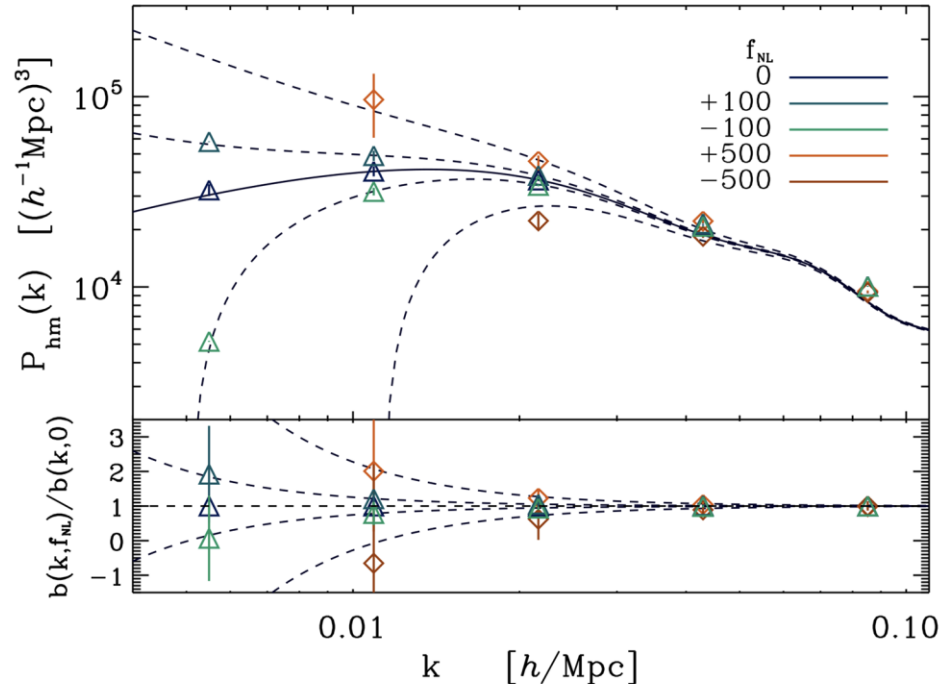


# SPHERE<sup>x</sup> Constrains Local Primordial Non-Gaussianity (PNG)

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi(\mathbf{x}) + f_{\text{NL}} (\varphi^2(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \varphi^2 \rangle)$$



- Single-field inflation generically predicts  $f_{\text{NL}} < 0.01$
- Multi-field inflation generically predicts  $f_{\text{NL}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$
- Power Spectrum (PS): scale-dependent bias
- Bispectrum (BS): primordial non-Gaussian perturbation

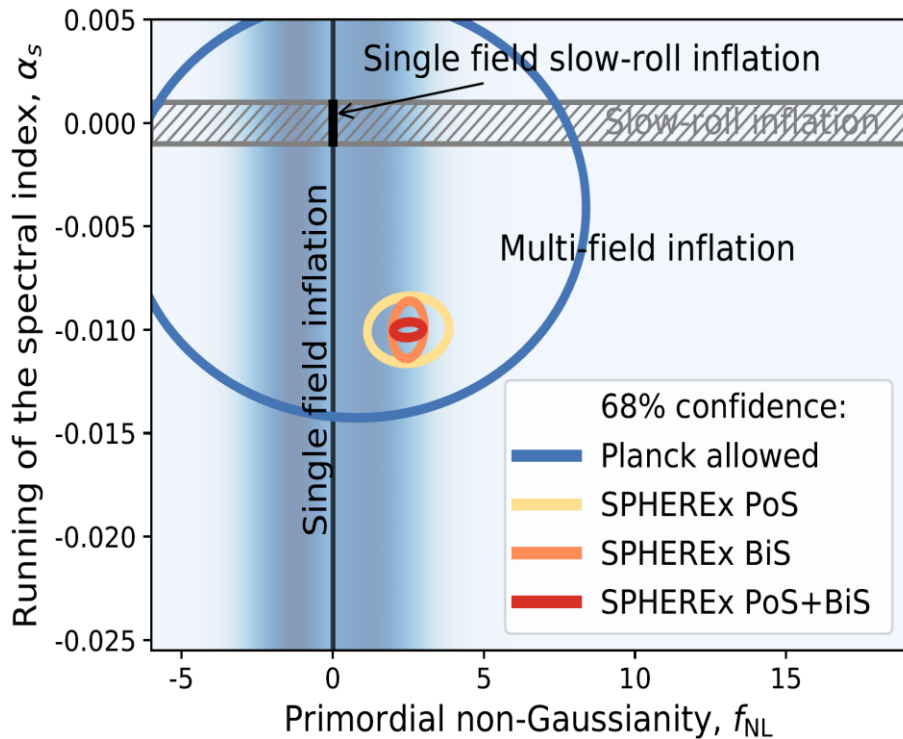


[Dalal, Doré et al. 2008](#)

$$\delta_g(k) = [b_1 + b_\phi f_{\text{NL}} \alpha^{-1}(k)] \delta_m(k)$$



# SPHERE<sup>x</sup> Tests Inflation through local PNG



PS:  $\sigma(f_{\text{NL}}) \sim 1$

BS:  $\sigma(f_{\text{NL}}) \sim 0.7$

PS+BS:  $\sigma(f_{\text{NL}}) \sim 0.5$

[Doré et al. 2014](#)

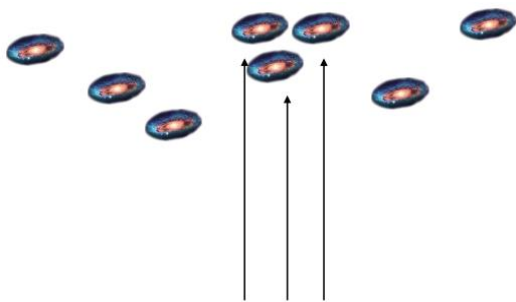
[Heinrich, Doré, Krause 2024](#)

\*Multi-tracer analysis exploiting LPNG bias ( $b_\phi$ ) may offer further improvement!

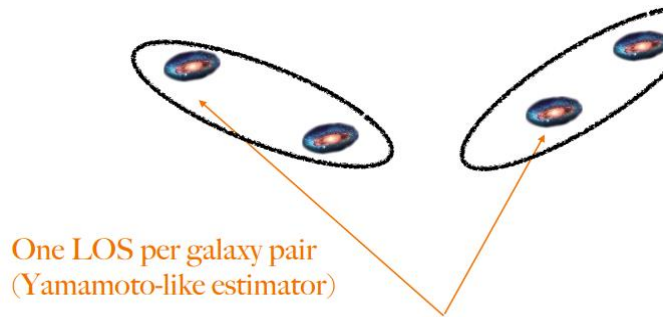


# Challenges

- Observational Systematics
- Redshift-error modelling (spectro-photometric survey)
- Theoretical Modeling at Large-scale
  - Wide-angle (WA) Effects
  - General Relativistic (GR) Effects
  - Covariance



Plane-parallel approximation



One LOS per galaxy pair  
(Yamamoto-like estimator)

End-point LOS

# Spherical Fourier-Bessel (SFB) Transform

Laplacian Eigenfunctions:  $\nabla^2 f = -k^2 f$

Cartesian Coordinates:

$$f(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) = e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$$

Fourier transform:

$$\tilde{\delta}(\mathbf{k}) = \int d^3r e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

Spherical Coordinates:

$$f_{\ell m}(k, \mathbf{r}) = j_{\ell}(kr) Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{r}})$$

SFB transform:

$$\tilde{\delta}_{\ell m}(k) = \int d^3r j_{\ell}(kr) Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}) \delta(\mathbf{r})$$

- Obey curved-sky geometry. Retain angular modes
- Naturally include WA effects
- Remain in Fourier space, diagonal covariance
- Easy implementation of line-of-sight (GR) effects

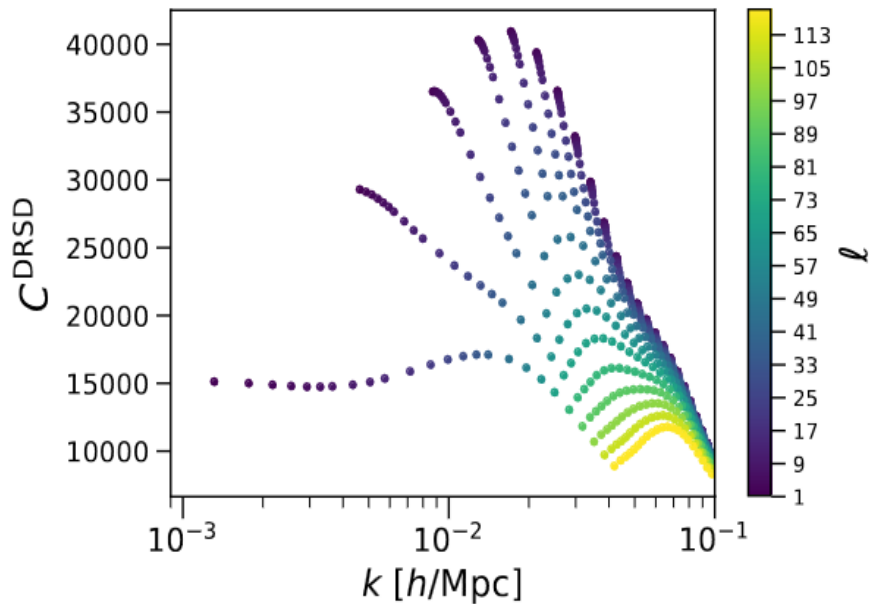


# SFB Power Spectrum

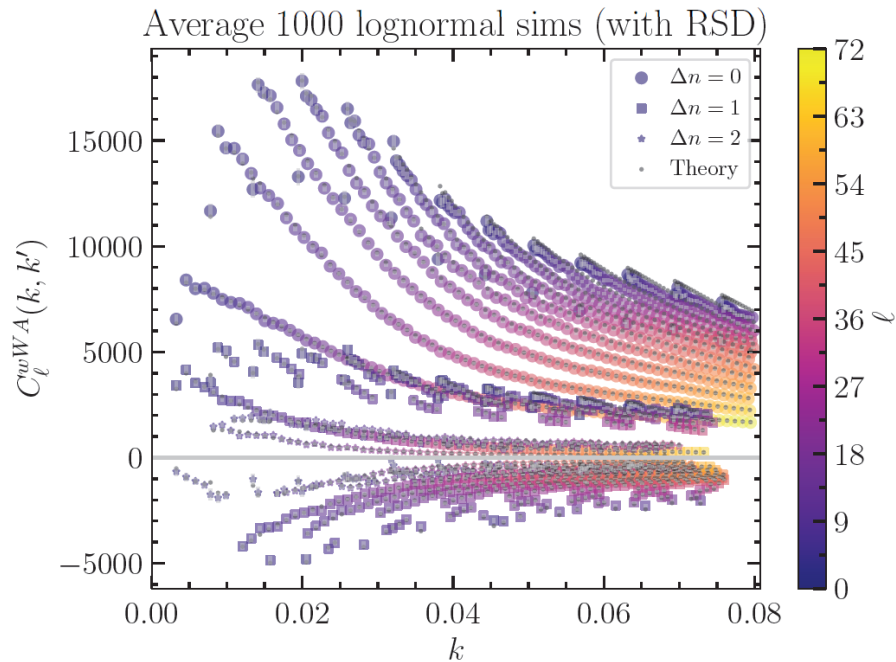
$$\langle \delta_{\ell_1 m_1}(k_1) \delta_{\ell_2 m_2}^*(k_2) \rangle = C_{\ell_1}(k_1, k_2) \delta_{\ell_1 \ell_2}^K \delta_{m_1 m_2}^K$$

[Wen et al. 2024](#)

[Grasshorn Gebhardt & Doré 2024](#)

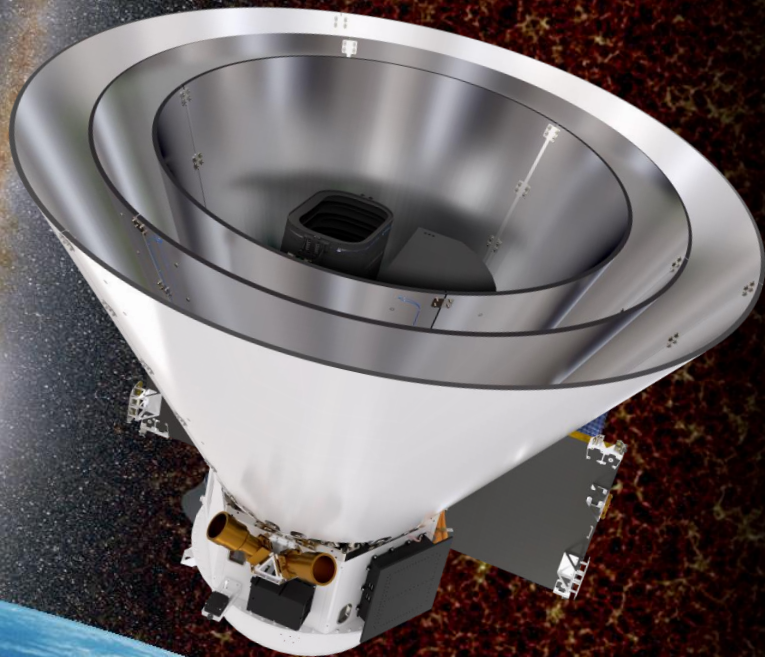


theory



Validation with mock

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# **Backup Slides**

# SFB Power Spectrum

$$\langle \delta_{\ell_1 m_1}(k_1) \delta_{\ell_2 m_2}^*(k_2) \rangle = C_{\ell_1}(k_1, k_2) \delta_{\ell_1 \ell_2}^K \delta_{m_1 m_2}^K$$

$$C_{\ell}^R(k_1, k_2) = \int_0^{\infty} dq \mathcal{W}_{\ell}^R(k_1, q) \mathcal{W}_{\ell}^R(k_2, q) P_{m,0}(q)$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{\ell}^R(k, q) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} q \int_0^{\infty} dx x^2 j_{\ell}(kx) R(x) \Delta_{\ell}(x, q)$$

Projection to  
SFB space

angular kernel

$$\Delta_{\ell}(x, q)^{\text{DRSD}} = b_1(x) D_m(x, q) j_{\ell}(qx) + \frac{q}{\mathcal{H}(x)} v(x, q) j_{\ell}''(qx)$$

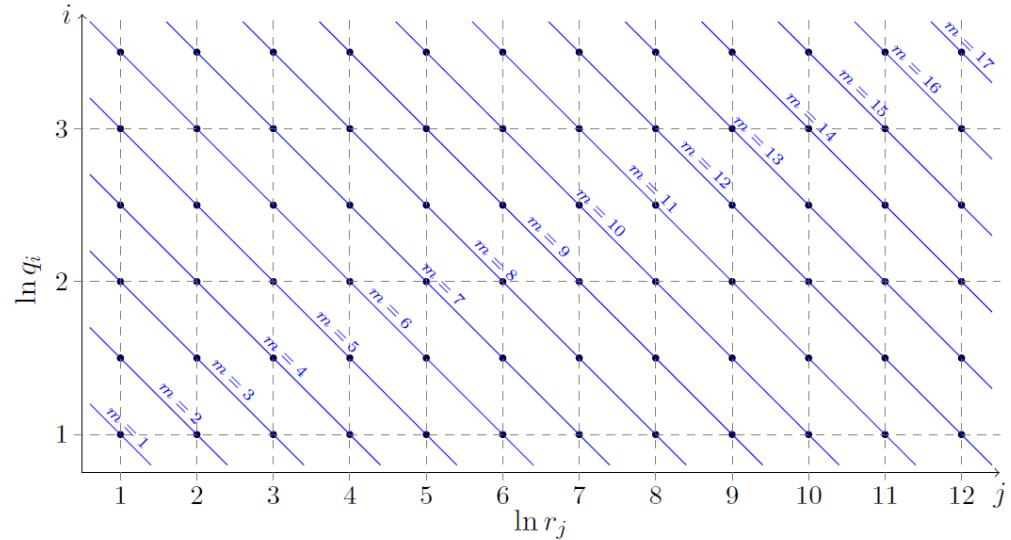
Drawbacks:

- Unfamiliar statistics
- Large Data Vector
- No FFT estimator
- Challenging non-linear modeling

# Numerical Technique: Iso-qr Integration

First proposed in [Grasshorn Gebhardt & Doré 2024](#)

$$\int_{r_{\min}}^{r_{\max}} f(r, q) j_l(qr)$$



- $f(r, q)$  evaluation is fast, spherical Bessel is slow
- Spherical Bessel only depends on “qr” combination
- Choose  $q$  and  $r$  on iso-qr lines, efficiently cache spherical Bessel
- Quadrature integration
- A few seconds for Newtonian RSD, Performed MCMC with SFB
- Can be adapted for all GR effects

## Continuous versus Discrete SFB

### Continuous

$$\delta_{\ell m}(k) = \int_{\mathbf{x}} j_{\ell}(kx) Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \delta(\mathbf{x}) \quad \langle \delta_{\ell_1 m_1}(k_1) \delta_{\ell_2 m_2}^*(k_2) \rangle = C_{\ell_1}(k_1, k_2) \delta_{\ell_1 \ell_2}^K \delta_{m_1 m_2}^K$$

### Discrete

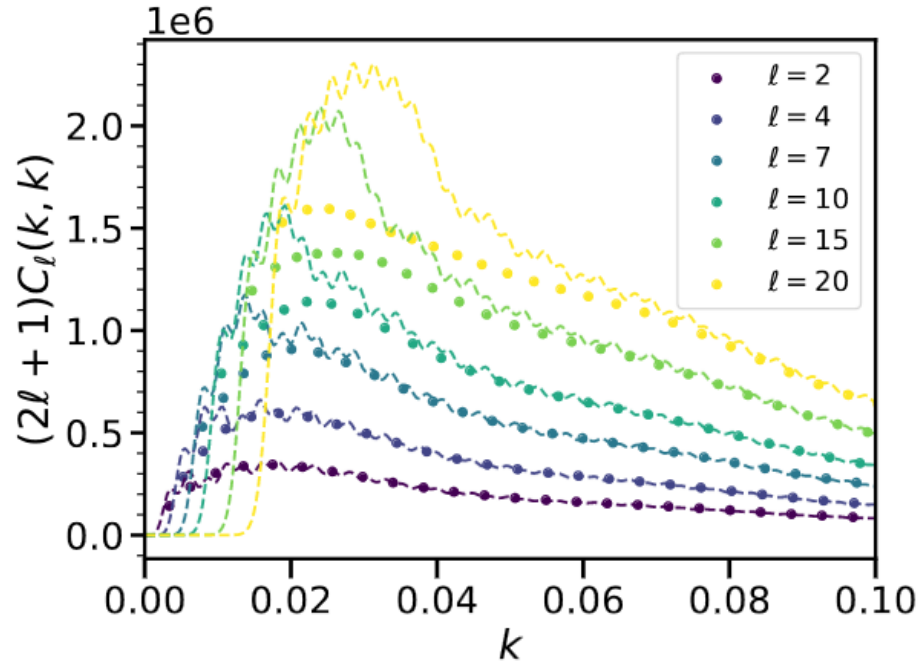
$$\delta_{n\ell m} = \int_{\mathbf{x}} g_{n\ell}(x) Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \delta(\mathbf{x}) \quad \langle \delta_{n_1 \ell_1 m_1} \delta_{n_2 \ell_2 m_2}^* \rangle = C_{\ell_1 n_1 n_2} \delta_{\ell_1 \ell_2}^K \delta_{m_1 m_2}^K$$

$$g_{n\ell}(x) = c_{n\ell} j_{\ell}(k_{n\ell}x) + d_{n\ell} y_{\ell}(k_{n\ell}x)$$

$$\int_{x_{\min}}^{x_{\max}} dx x^2 g_{n\ell}(x) g_{n'\ell}(x) = \delta_{nn'}^K$$

## Benefit of Discrete SFB

- Numerical Stability
- Complete decomposition of the finite volume
- Efficient for large scale
- Explicit angular-fourier mode dependence
- Matching the estimator



- GR effects only in continuous basis ([Yoo & Desjacques 2014](#), [Semenzato et al. 2024](#))

# SPHERE<sup>X</sup> ADDRESSES 3 CENTRAL QUESTIONS

...as stated in the NASA 2014 Science Plan



## How Did the Universe Begin?

“Probe the origin and destiny of our universe, including the nature of black holes, dark energy, dark matter and gravity”



## How Did Galaxies Begin?

“Explore the origin and evolution of the galaxies, stars and planets that make up our universe”



## What are the Conditions for Life Outside the Solar System?

“Discover and study planets around other stars, and explore whether they could harbor life”



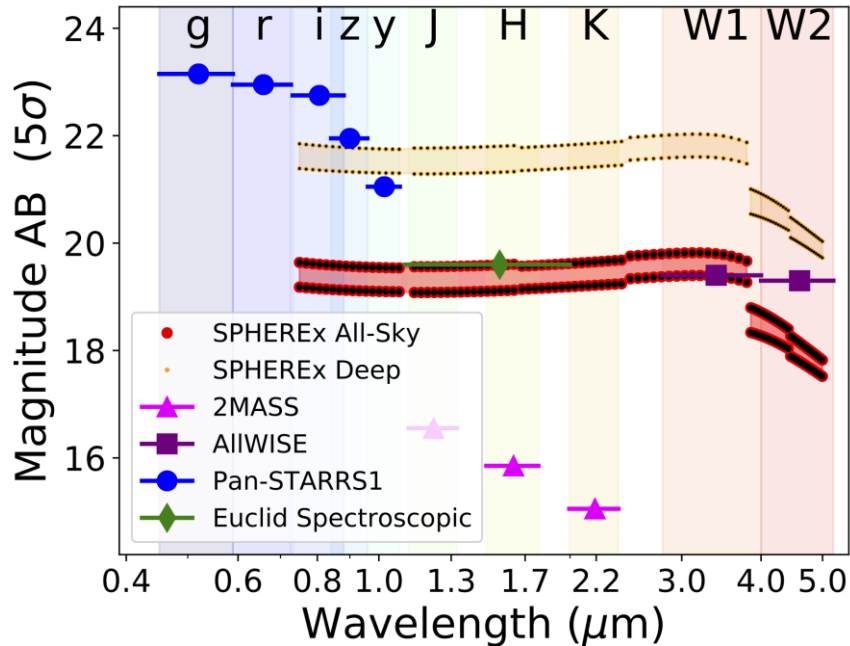
...While Creating a Unique All-Sky Spectral Survey





# What Can YOU Do With the all-sky survey?

## SPHEREx<sup>x</sup> Point Source Sensitivity



## Data are rapidly released to the public

- Calibrated spectral images within 2 months of observation, updated following 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> survey recalibration
- High-reliability catalog after 3<sup>rd</sup> survey
- Core science products at end of mission

## Users have access to data exploration, analysis, and visualization tools

- On-the-Fly Mosaics
- Photometry on Known Position
- Spectral Data Cube Extractor
- Variable Source Extractor
- Source Discovery



# REDSHIFTS FROM LOW-RESOLUTION SPECTROSCOPY

We extract the spectra from *known* galaxy positions

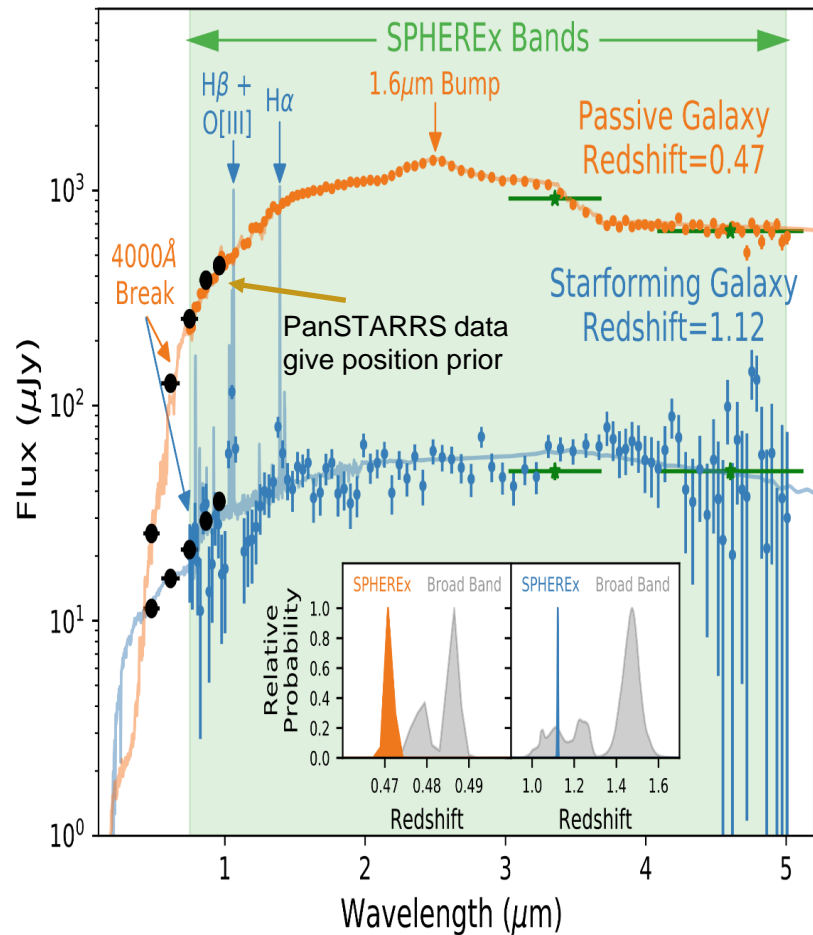
Controls blending and confusion

We compare each spectrum to a template library:

For each galaxy: redshift, type and redshift error

Many self-consistency tests using SPHEREx data, spectral models, and external redshift catalogs

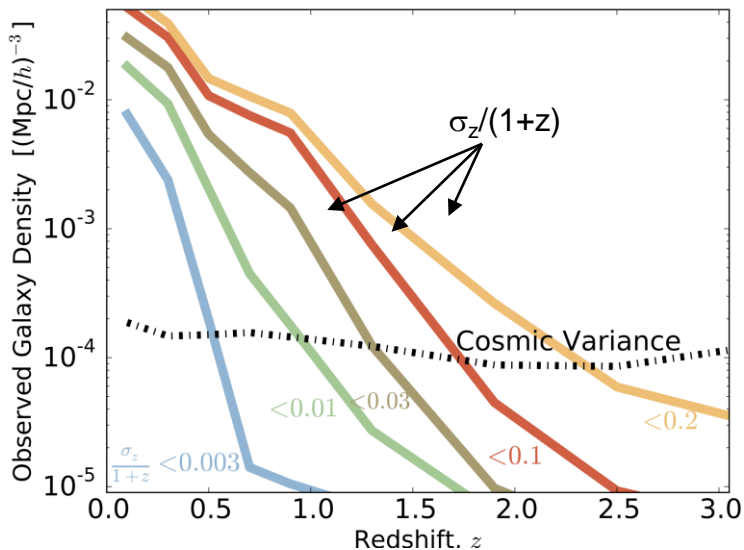
<b>Detected galaxies</b>	<b>&gt; 1 billion</b>
<b>Galaxies <math>\Delta z/1+z &lt; 10\%</math></b>	<b>&gt; 450 million</b>
<b>Galaxies <math>\Delta z/1+z &lt; 0.3\%</math></b>	<b>&gt; 10 million</b>



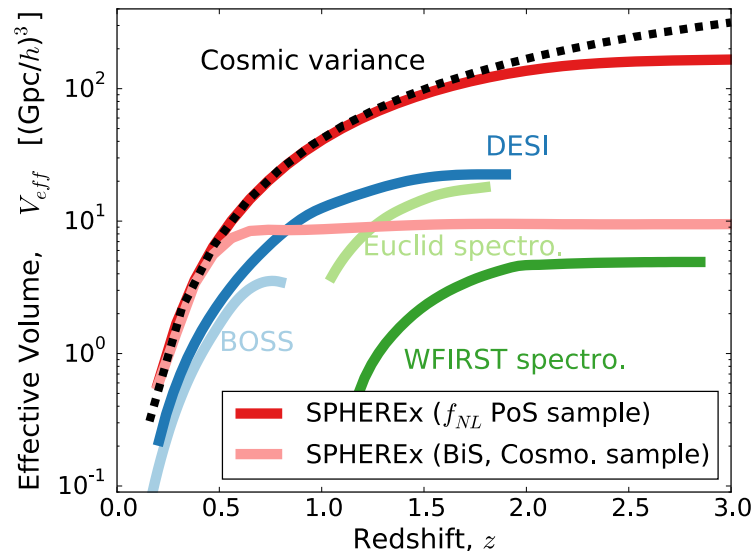


# SPHERE<sup>x</sup> Galaxy Redshift Survey

Catalog Split into Redshift Accuracy Bins



SPHERE<sup>x</sup> Surveys Maximum Cosmic Volume



## Survey Designed for local PNG

- Probe large spatial modes: wide redshift range, full sky, IR wavelengths, stable
- Large scale power from PS: large number of low-accuracy redshifts
- Modulation of fine-scale power from BS: fewer high-accuracy redshifts



## Challenges

- Systematics
  - SPHEREx is designed to minimize systematics (in space, stable gain)
  - However, galactic foregrounds (dust, star,...)
  - Crowding
  - Systematics in reference catalogues
  - Unknown systematics