

# Cosmological analysis of the completed BOSS

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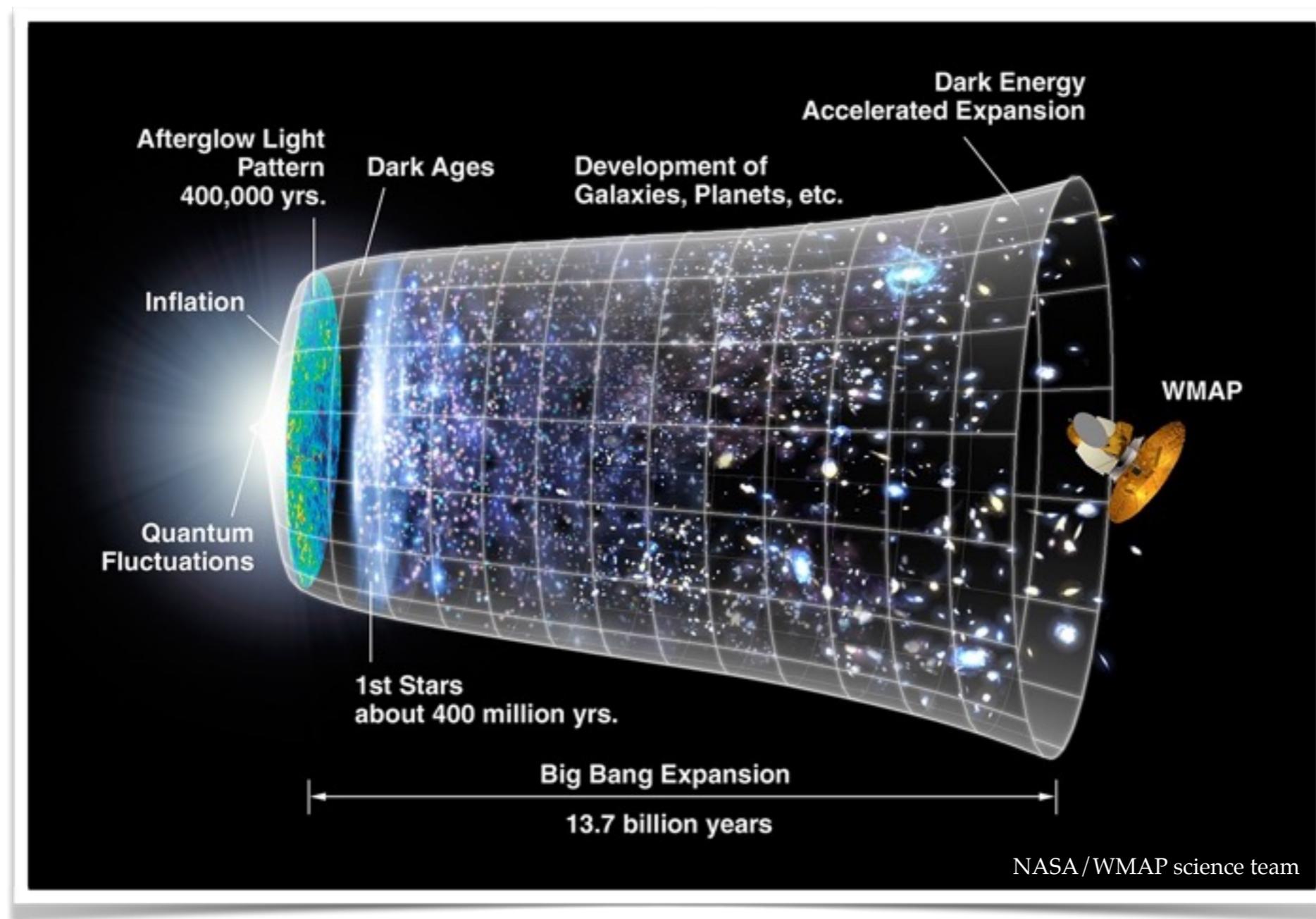
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# Outline

- Cosmology from large-scale structure observations.
- The Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (BOSS).
- Anisotropic clustering measurements.
- Cosmological constraints from BOSS-DR12.
- The DR12 BOSS *consensus* cosmological constraints.

# Observational cosmology

- A wealth of high precision observations have shown us a more complex Universe than previously thought.



# Observational cosmology

- The origin of cosmic acceleration is one of the most important open problems in cosmology.
- A mysterious *dark energy* must dominate the energy budget of the Universe.

$$w_{\text{DE}} = \frac{p_{\text{DE}}}{\rho_{\text{DE}}}$$

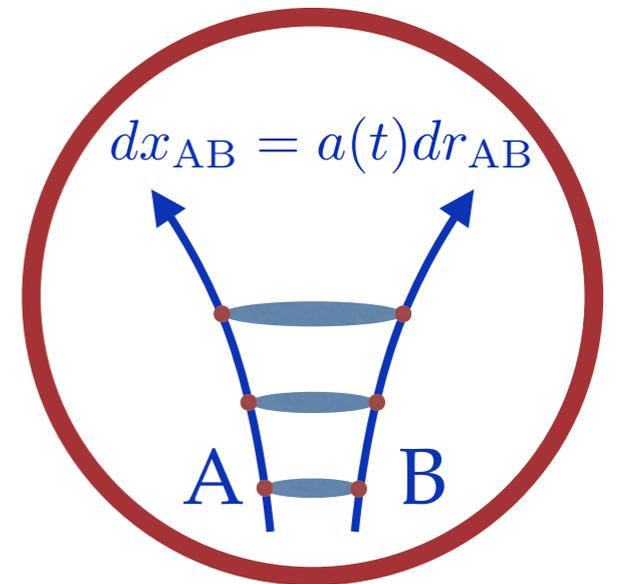
- The  $\Lambda$ CDM model: vacuum energy,  $w_{\text{DE}} = -1$ .
- Alternatively, cosmic acceleration indicates a failure of GR, which needs to be modified.

# Cosmology from LSS observations

- Observational effects of cosmic acceleration:

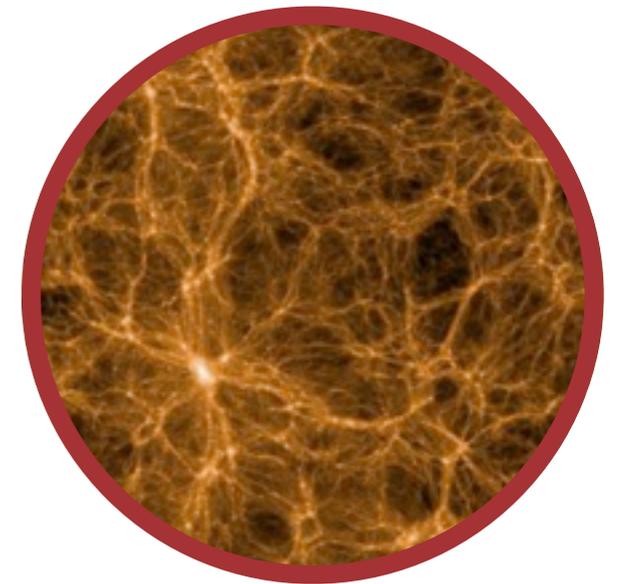
- Expansion history of the Universe:

$$H(z) = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \quad r(z) = \int_0^z \frac{c dz'}{H(z')}$$



- Growth of density fluctuations:

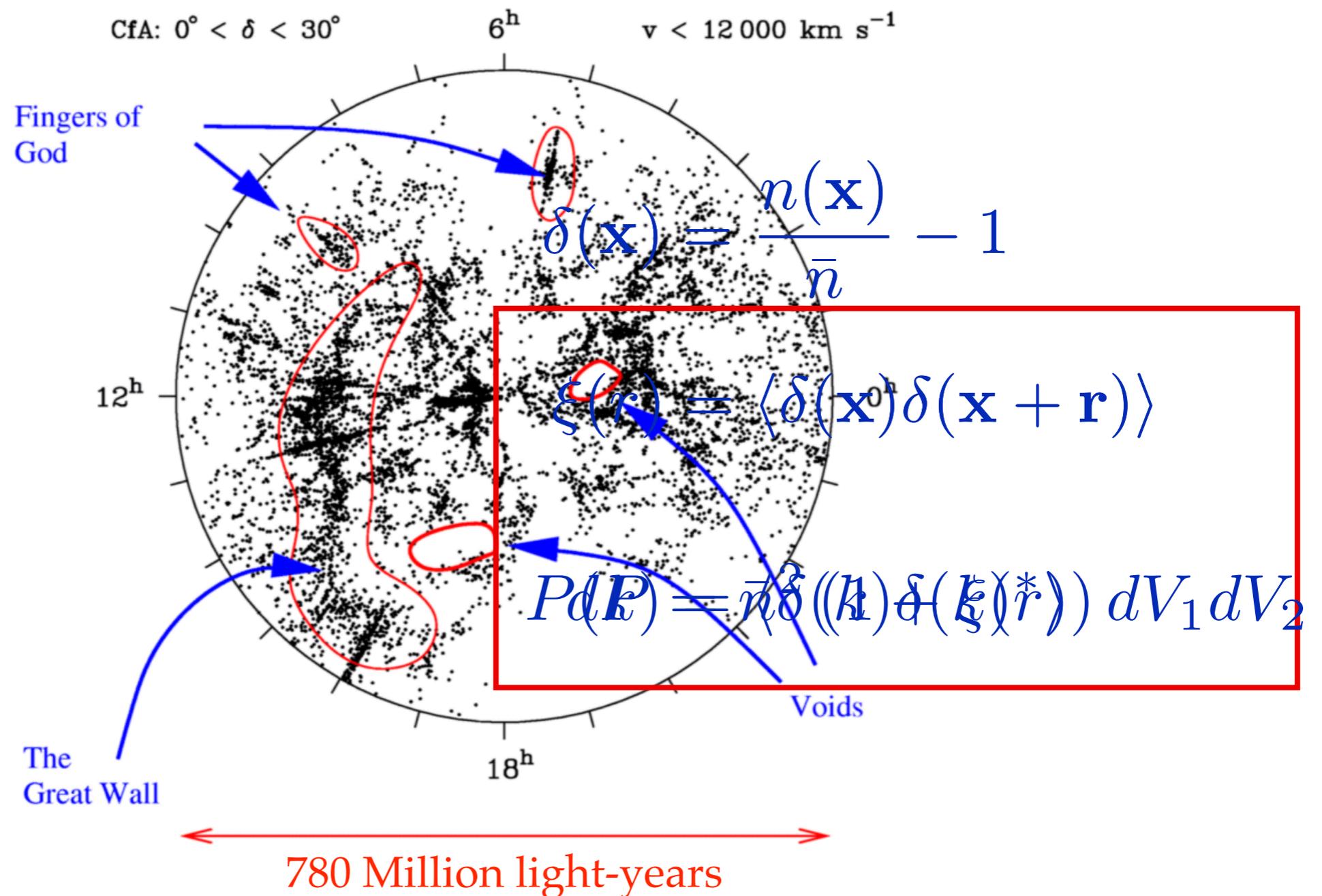
$$\delta = \frac{\rho - \bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}} \quad \ddot{\delta} + 2H\dot{\delta} = 4\pi G\bar{\rho}\delta$$



- Both effects can be probed by LSS observations

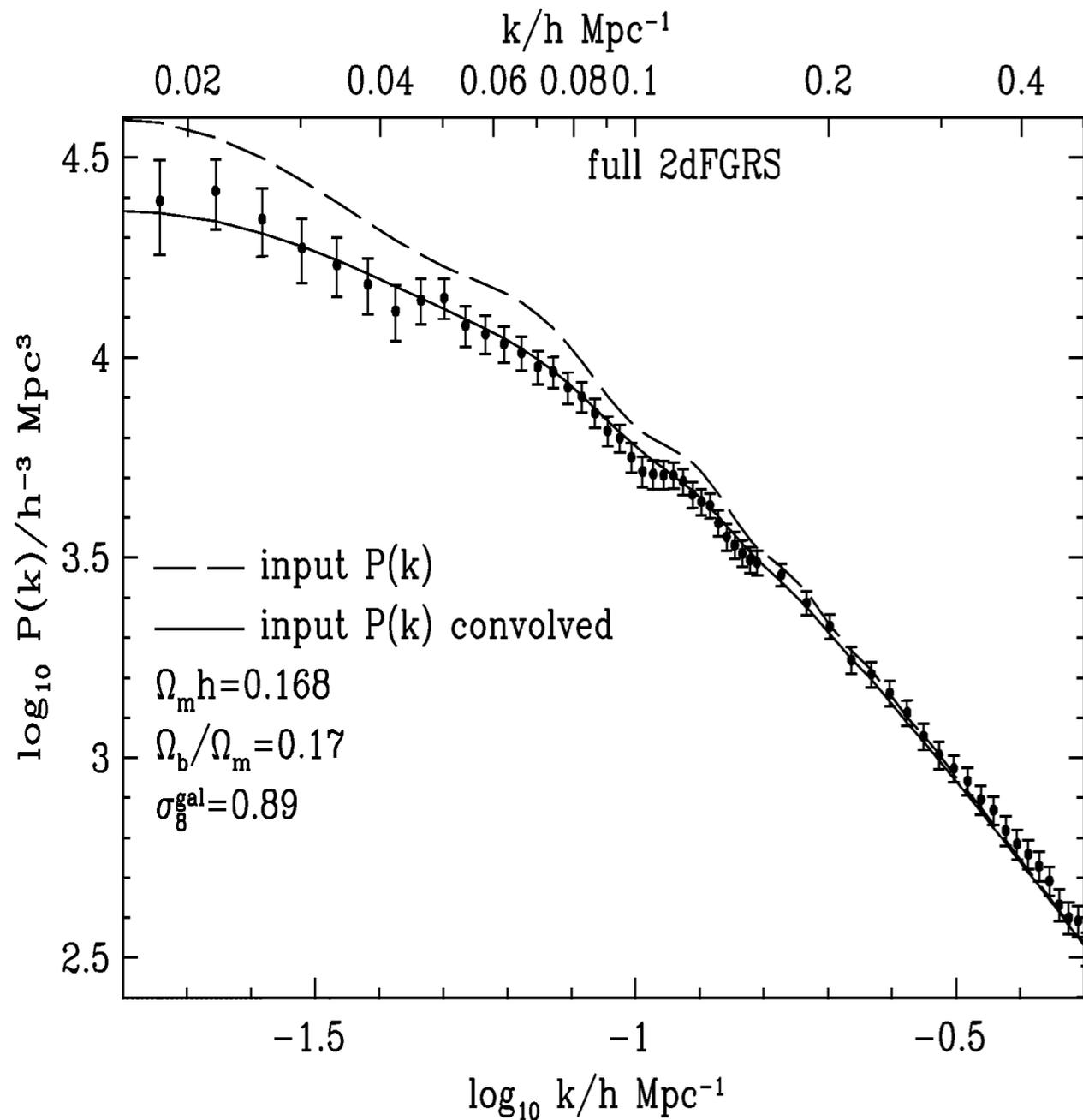
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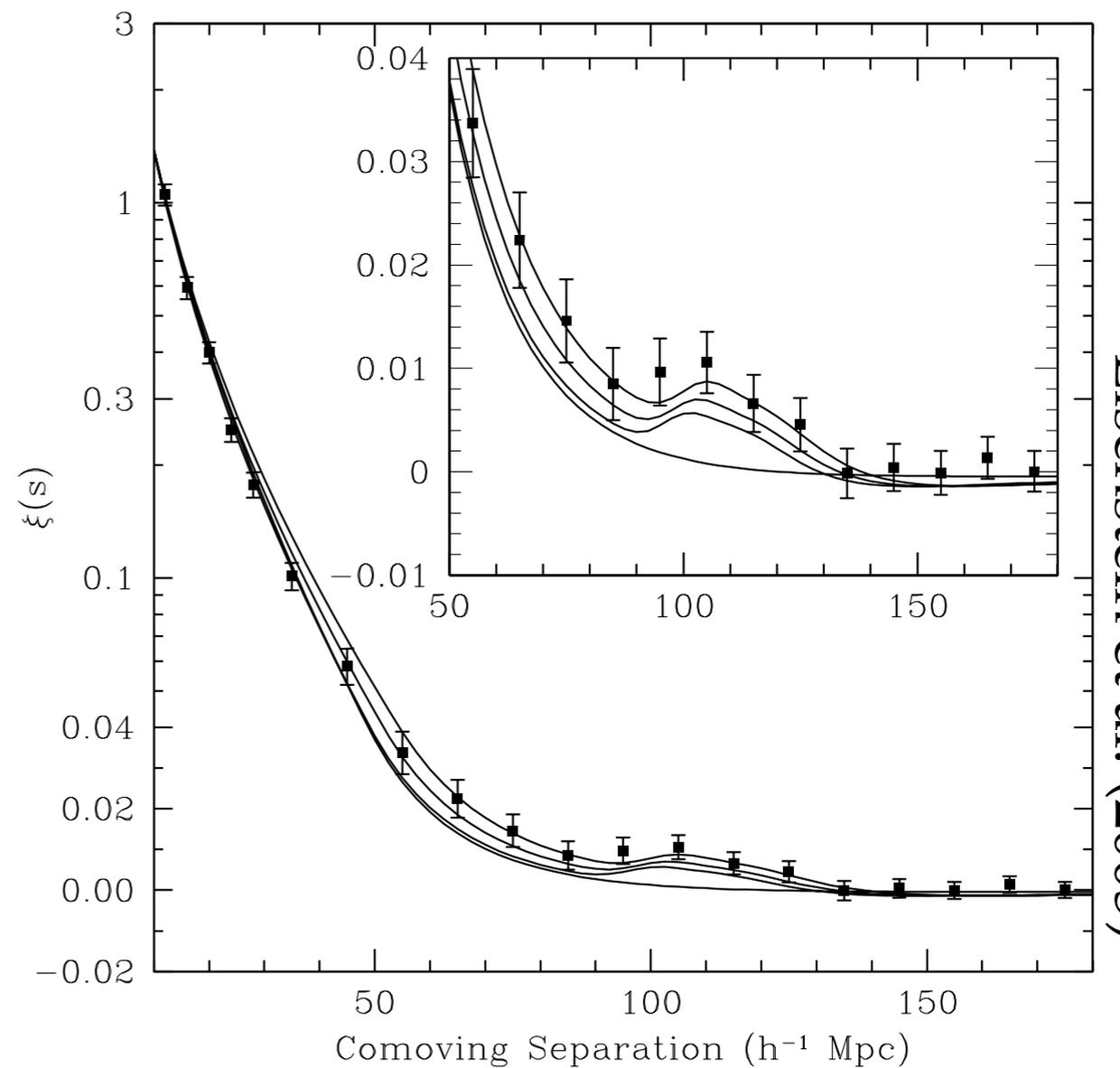


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Cole et al. (2005)



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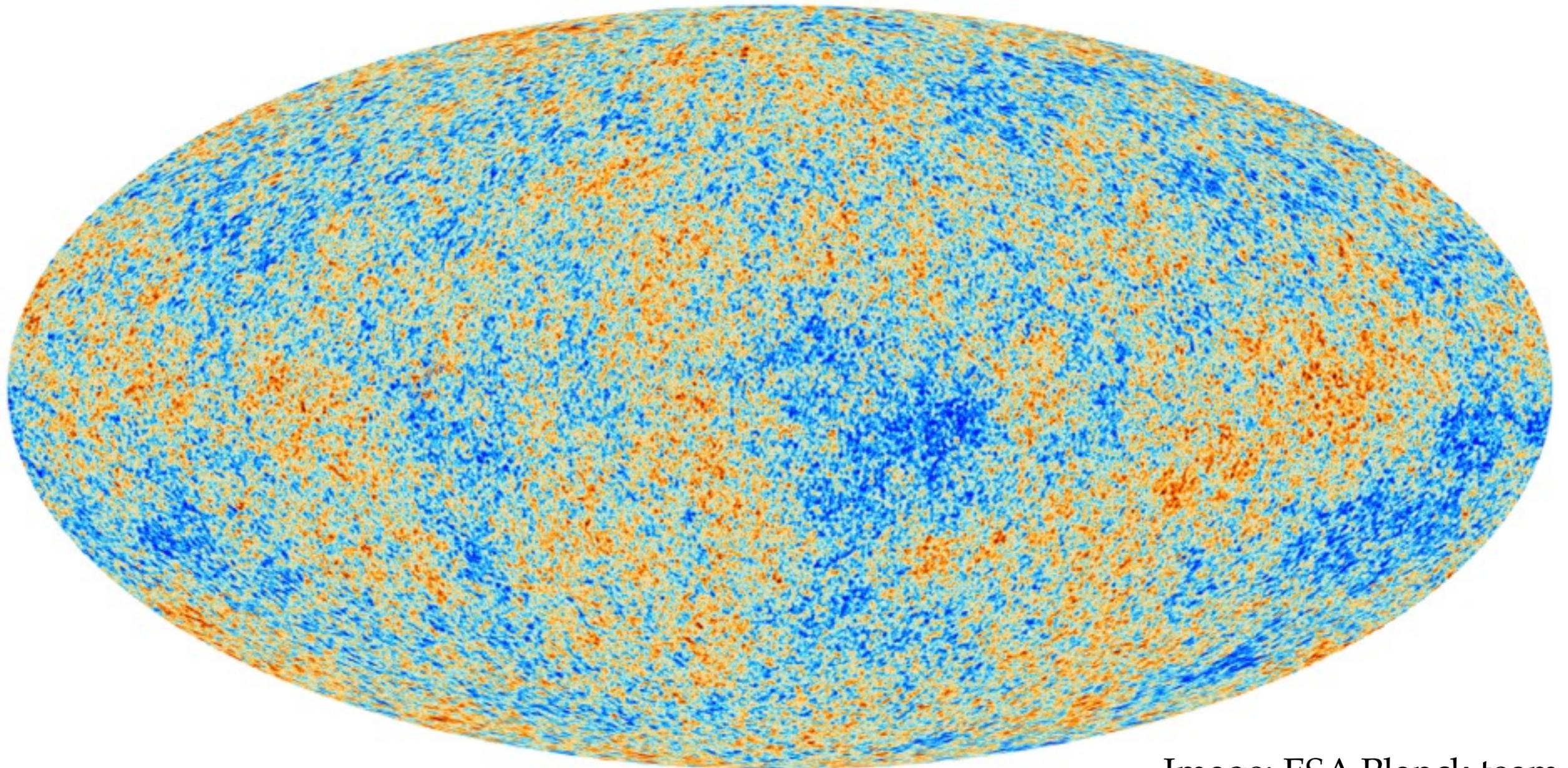
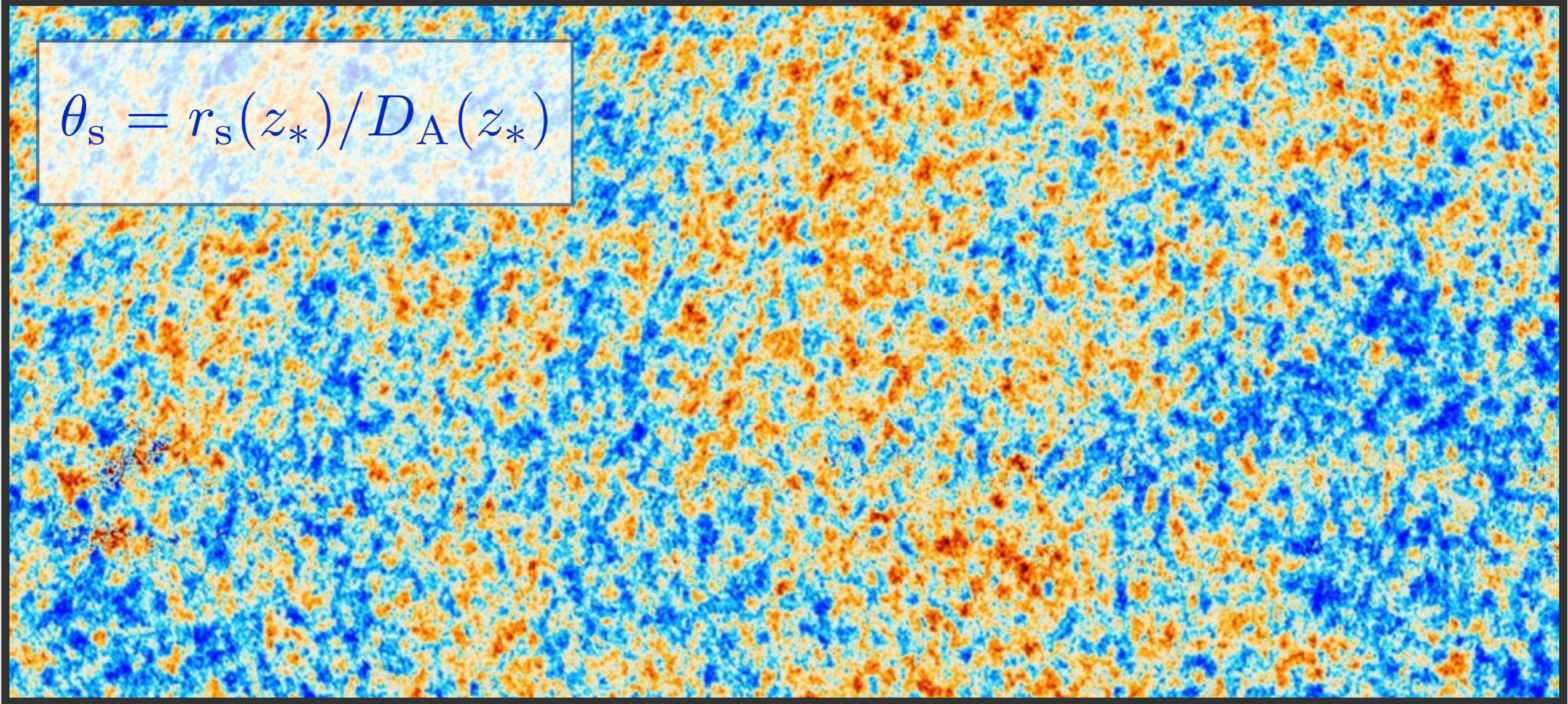


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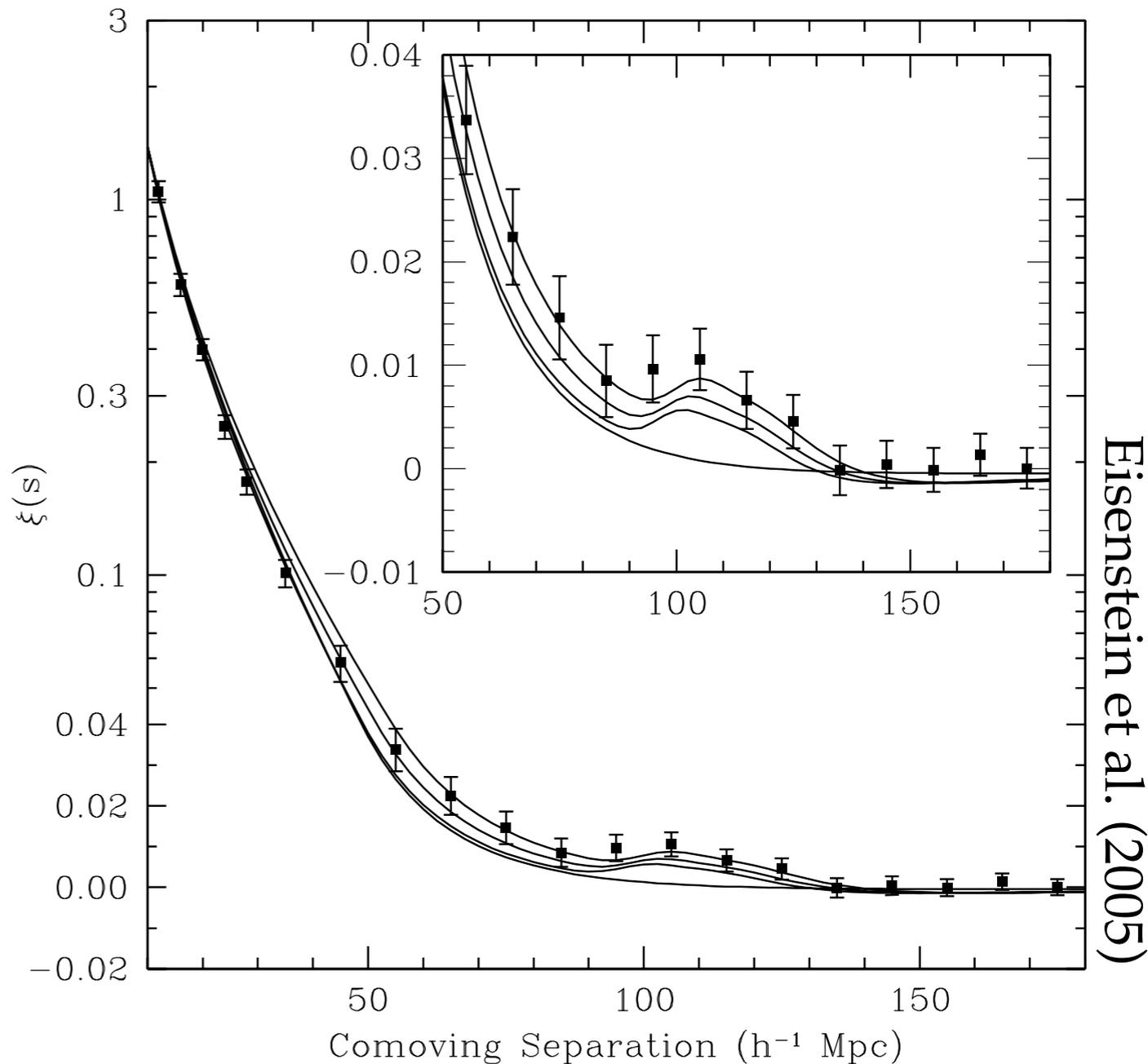
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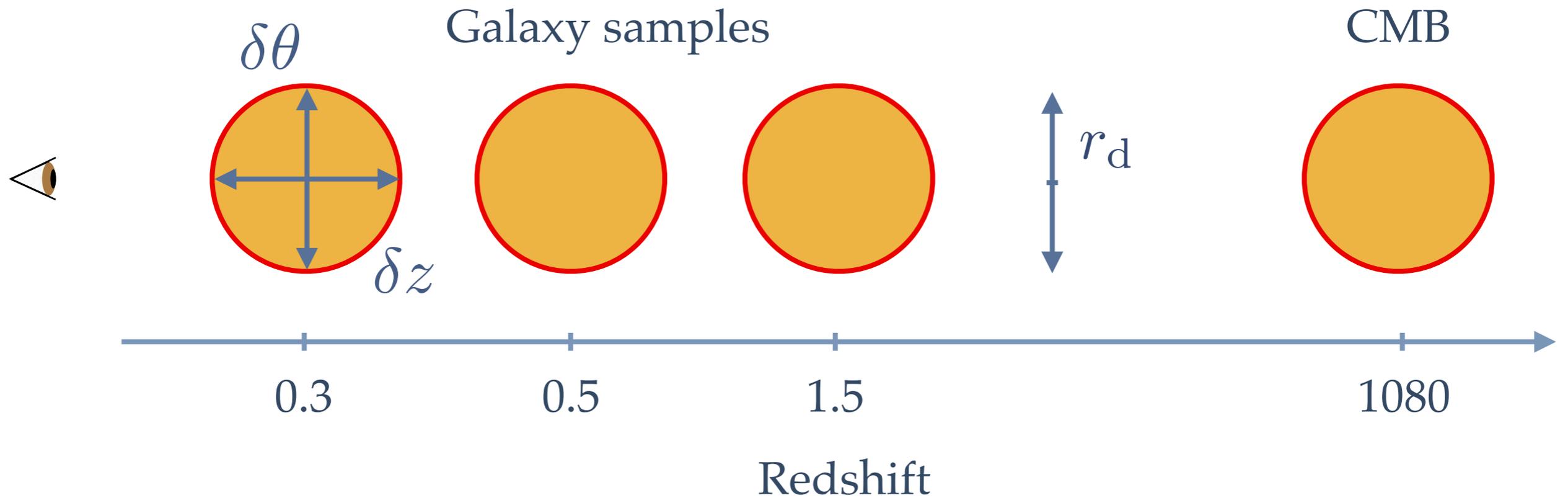
- First detection of the BAO peak (SDSS-LRG).
- Confirmed by other techniques and samples.
- Confirms a prediction of the standard model.
- BAOs are related to the sound

$$r_d = r_s(z_{\text{drag}})$$



# Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

- BAO can be used as a standard ruler.



$$D_M(z) = r_d / \delta\theta$$

$$H(z) = c \delta z / r_d$$

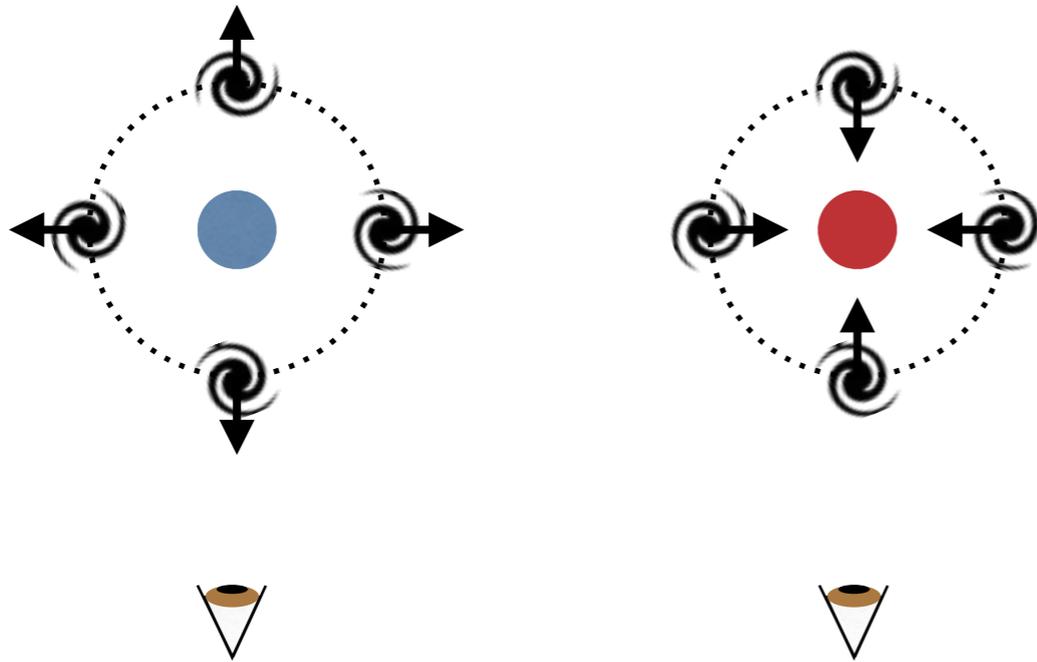
A probe of the expansion history of the Universe.

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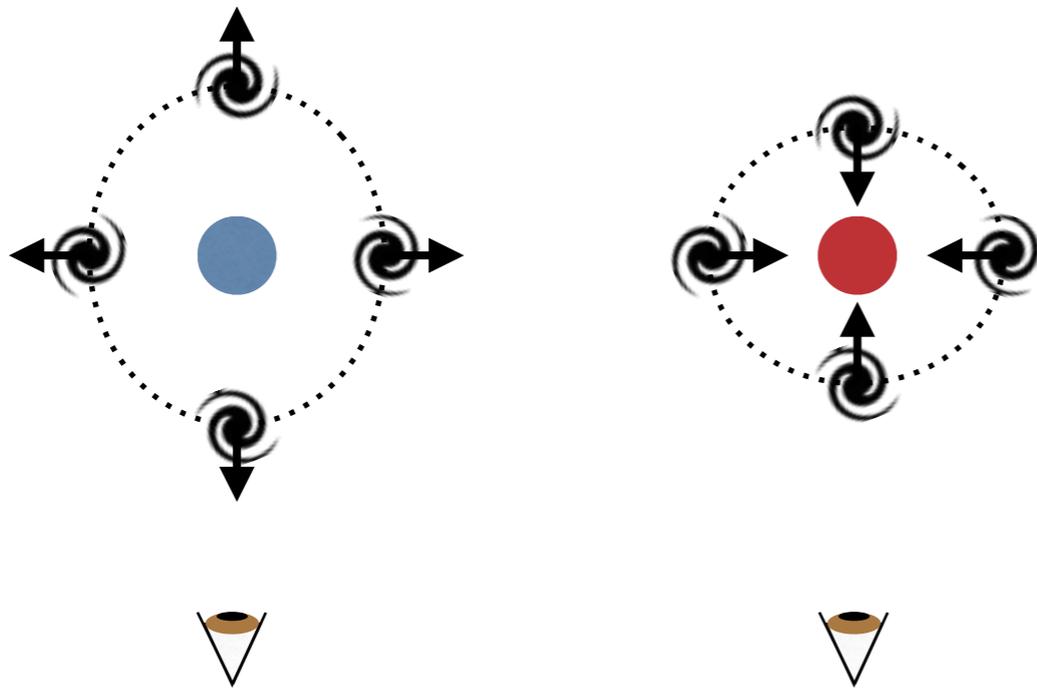
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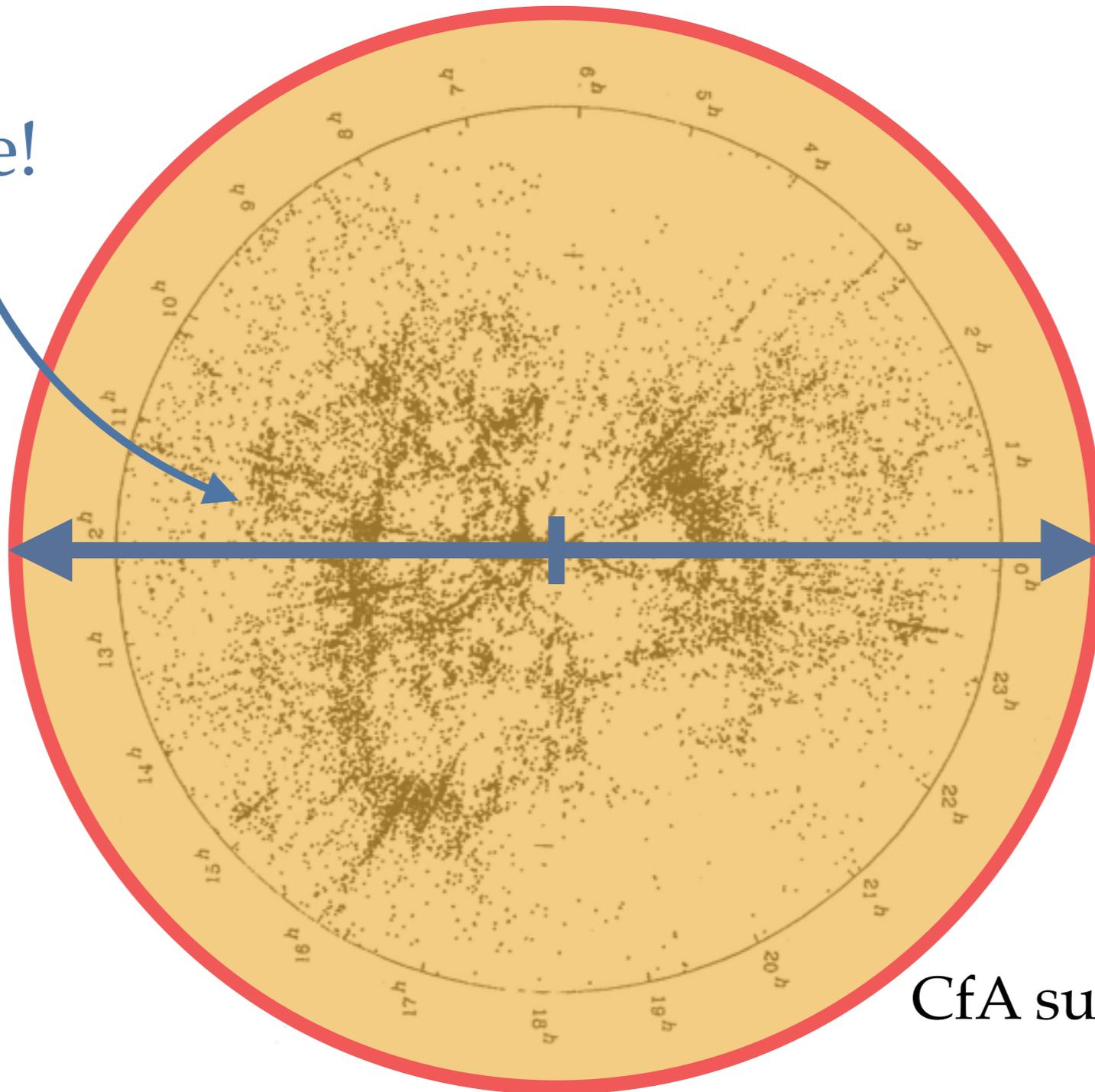
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# Galaxy redshift surveys

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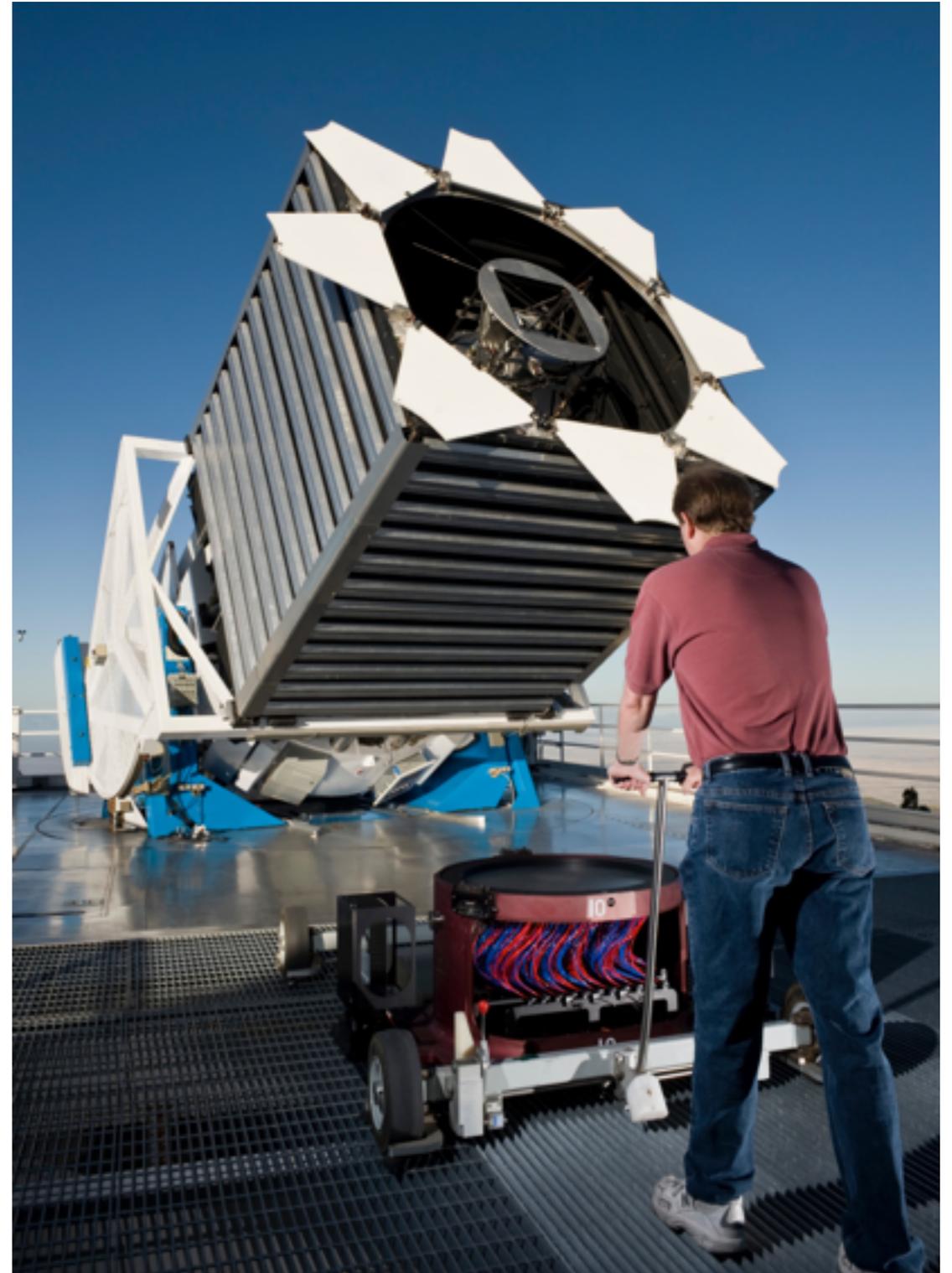
BAO scale!



CfA survey (1989)

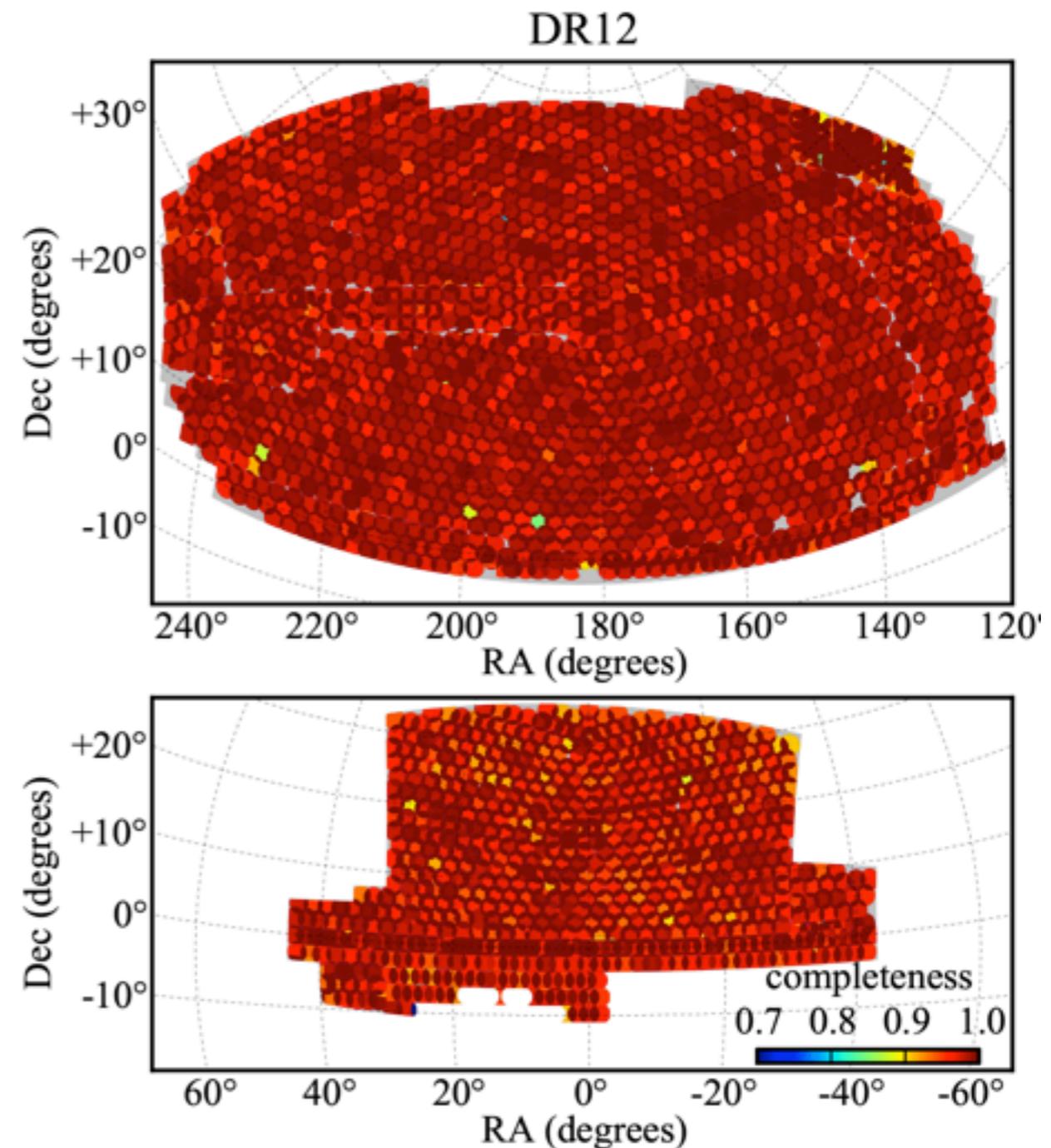
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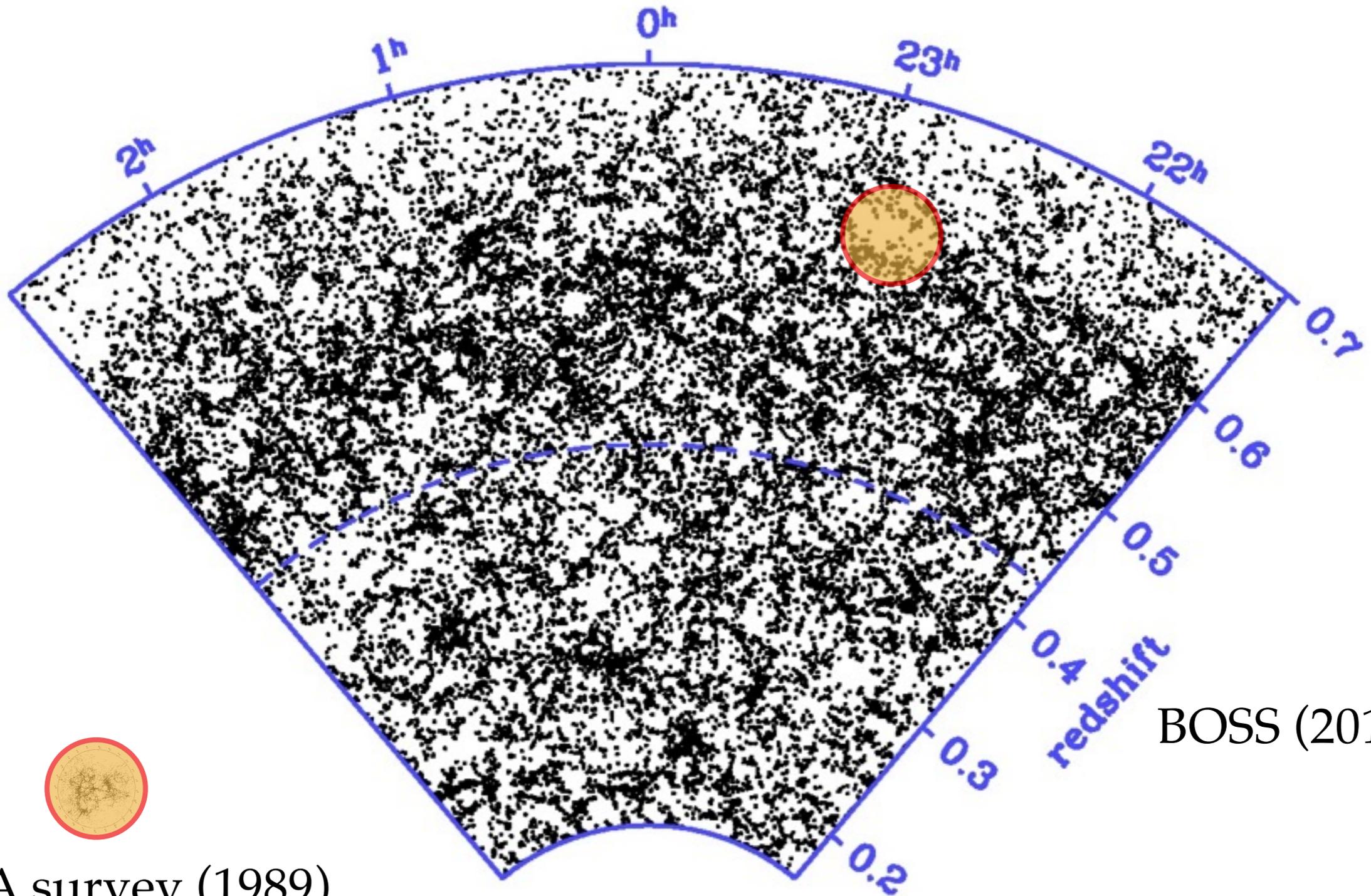


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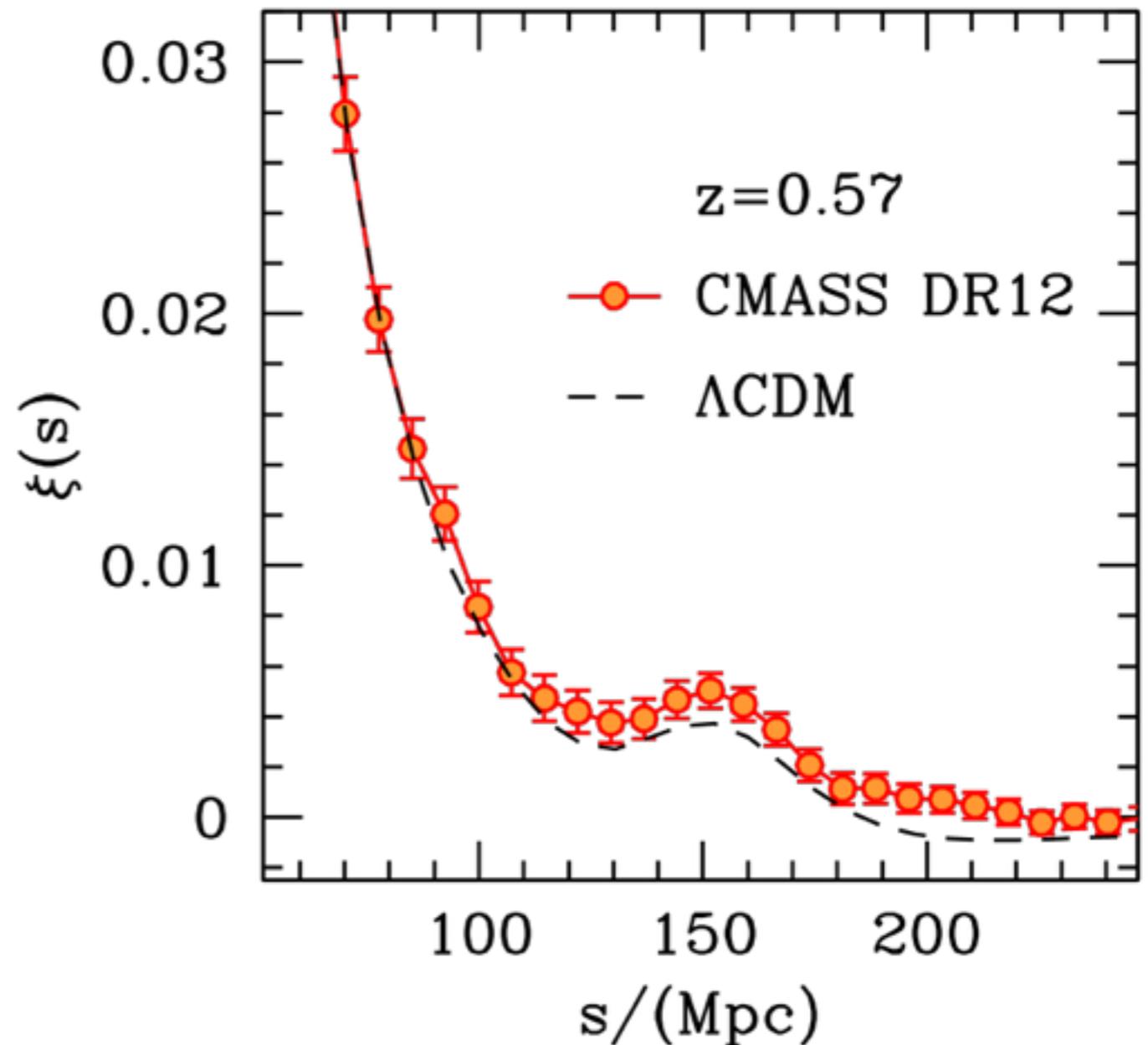
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- CMASS-DR12 monopole correlation function.
- Great improvement in statistical uncertainties.
- High-significance detection of BAO signal.
- Excellent opportunity for accurate cosmological constraints.



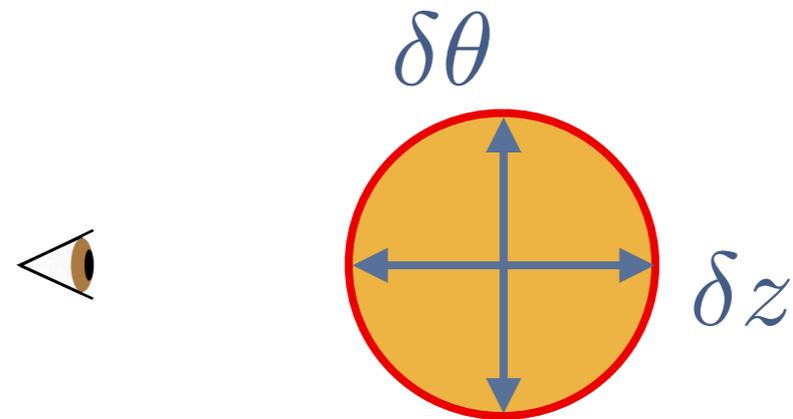
# Modelling of LSS observations

- Systematic errors can dominate final error budget.
- Key issue: how does the BAO signal evolves with time?
- In practice, BAOs are not precisely a standard ruler (Crocce & Scoccimarro 2008, Sánchez et al. 2008).
- Our models must take into account
  - Non-linear evolution ( $\delta \gtrsim 1$ )
  - Redshift-space distortions ( $z_{\text{obs}} = z_{\text{cos}} + u_{\parallel}/c$ )
  - Galaxy bias (light  $\neq$  matter,  $\delta_g = b_1 \delta + \frac{b_2}{2} \delta^2 + \dots$ )

# Angle-averaged measurements

- Angle-averaged measurements have a limited constraining power.

**BAO:** only sensitive to a volume-averaged distance.



$$D_V(z) = \left( D_M(z)^2 cz / H(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

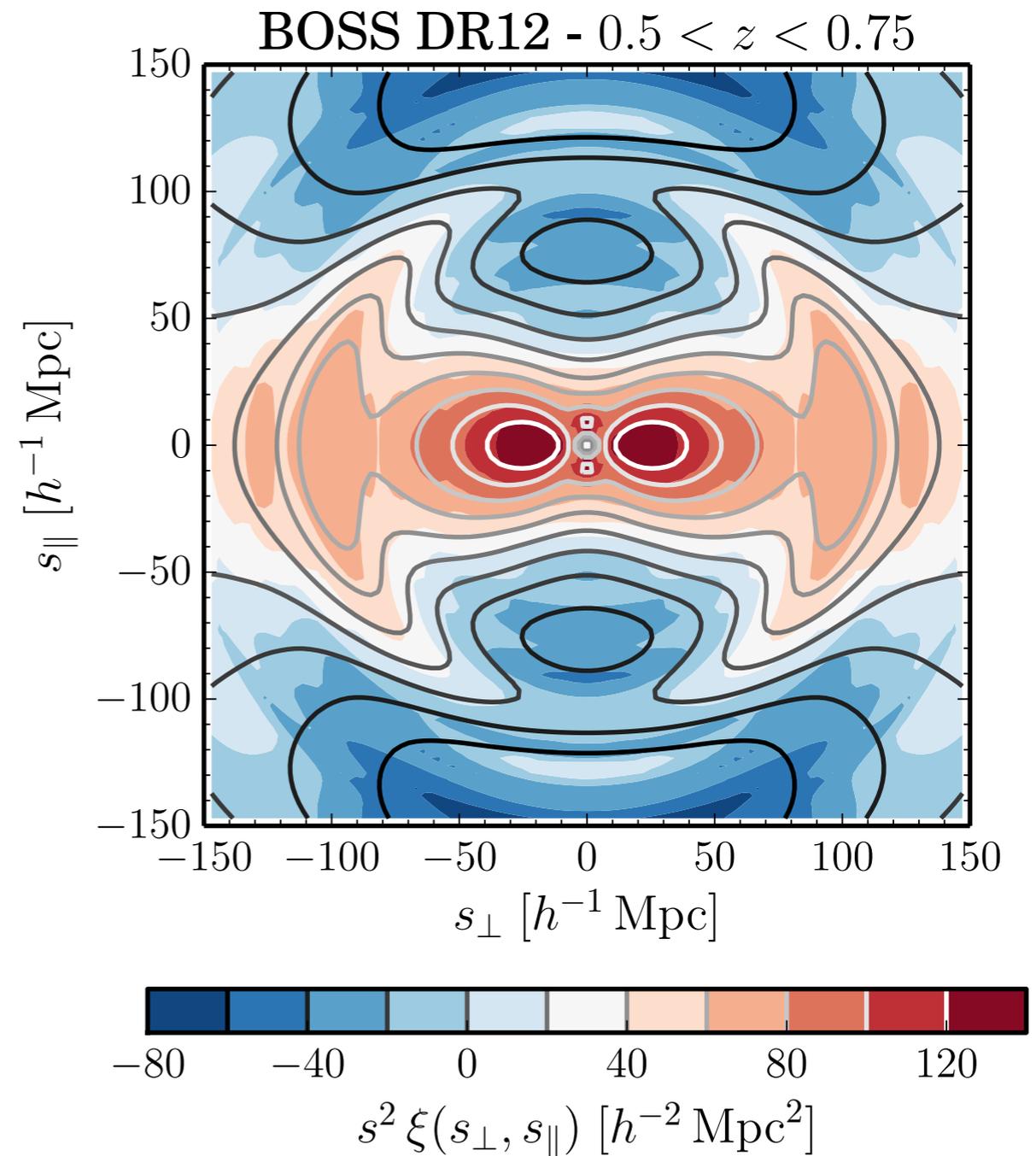
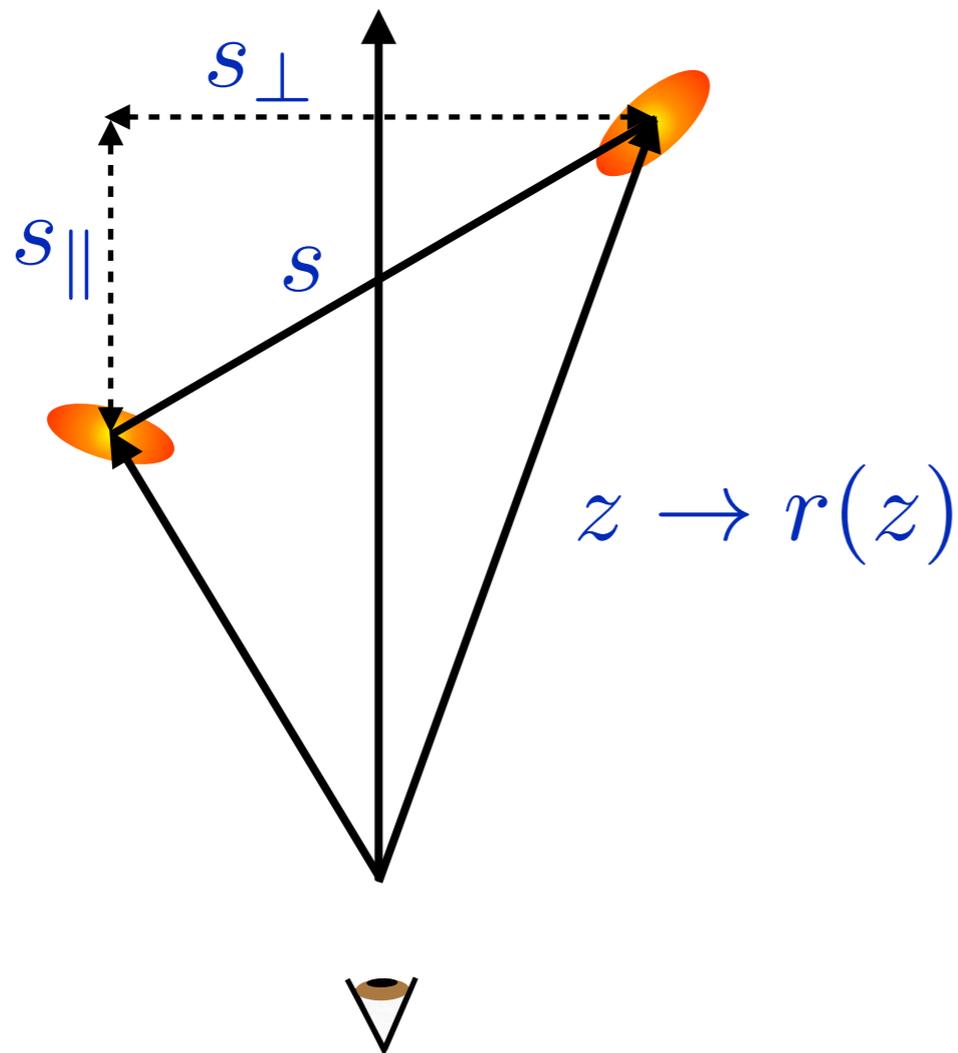
**RSD:** growth of structure is degenerate with galaxy bias

$$P_0(k) = b^2 \left( 1 + \frac{2}{3} \frac{f}{b} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{f}{b} \right)^2 \right) P(k)$$

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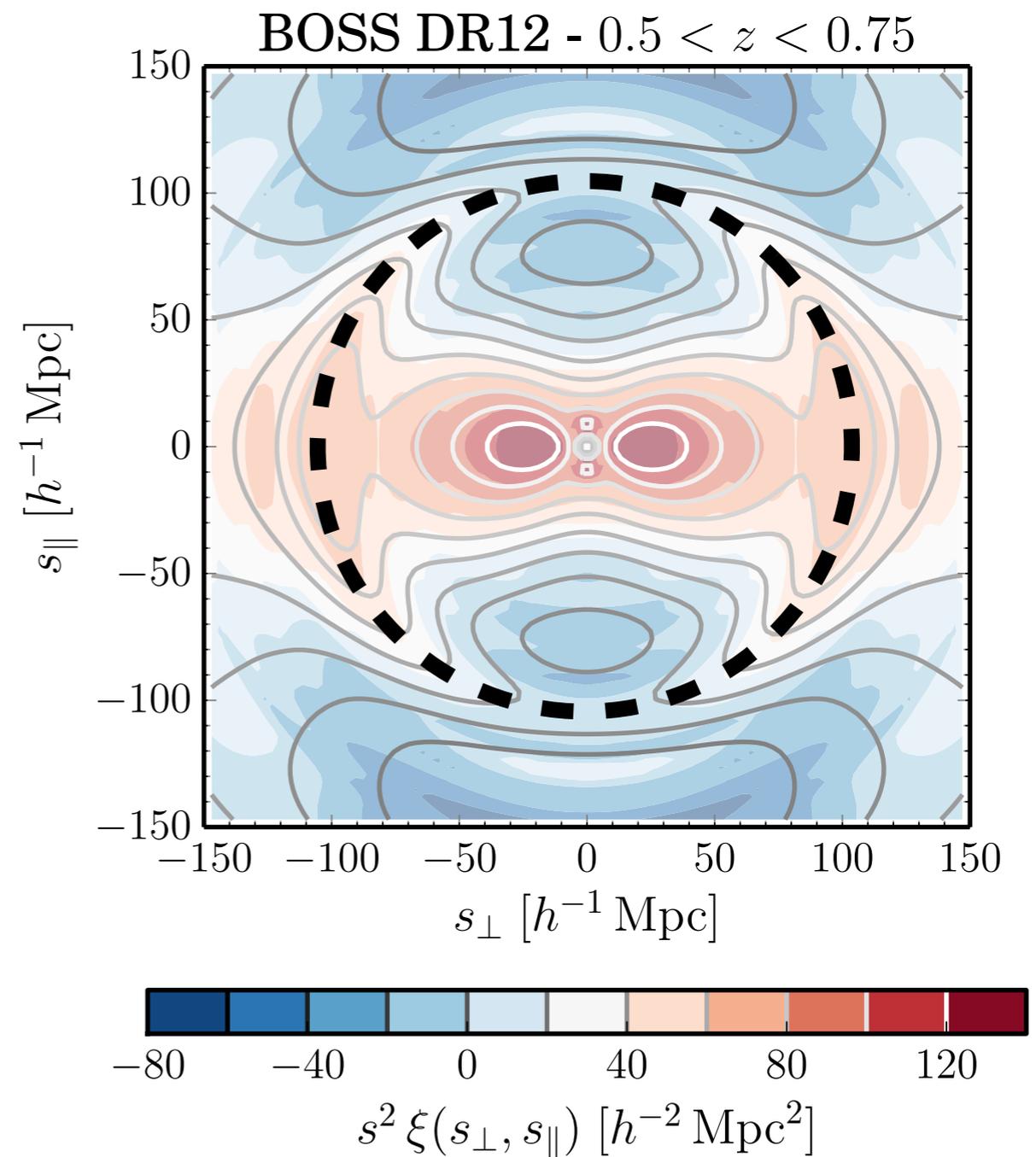
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- BAO signal appears as a ring at  $s = 110 \text{ Mpc}/h$ .
- RSD distort the contours, which deviate from perfect circles.
- Using  $\xi(s_{\perp}, s_{\parallel})$  is difficult (low S/N, cov. matrix)



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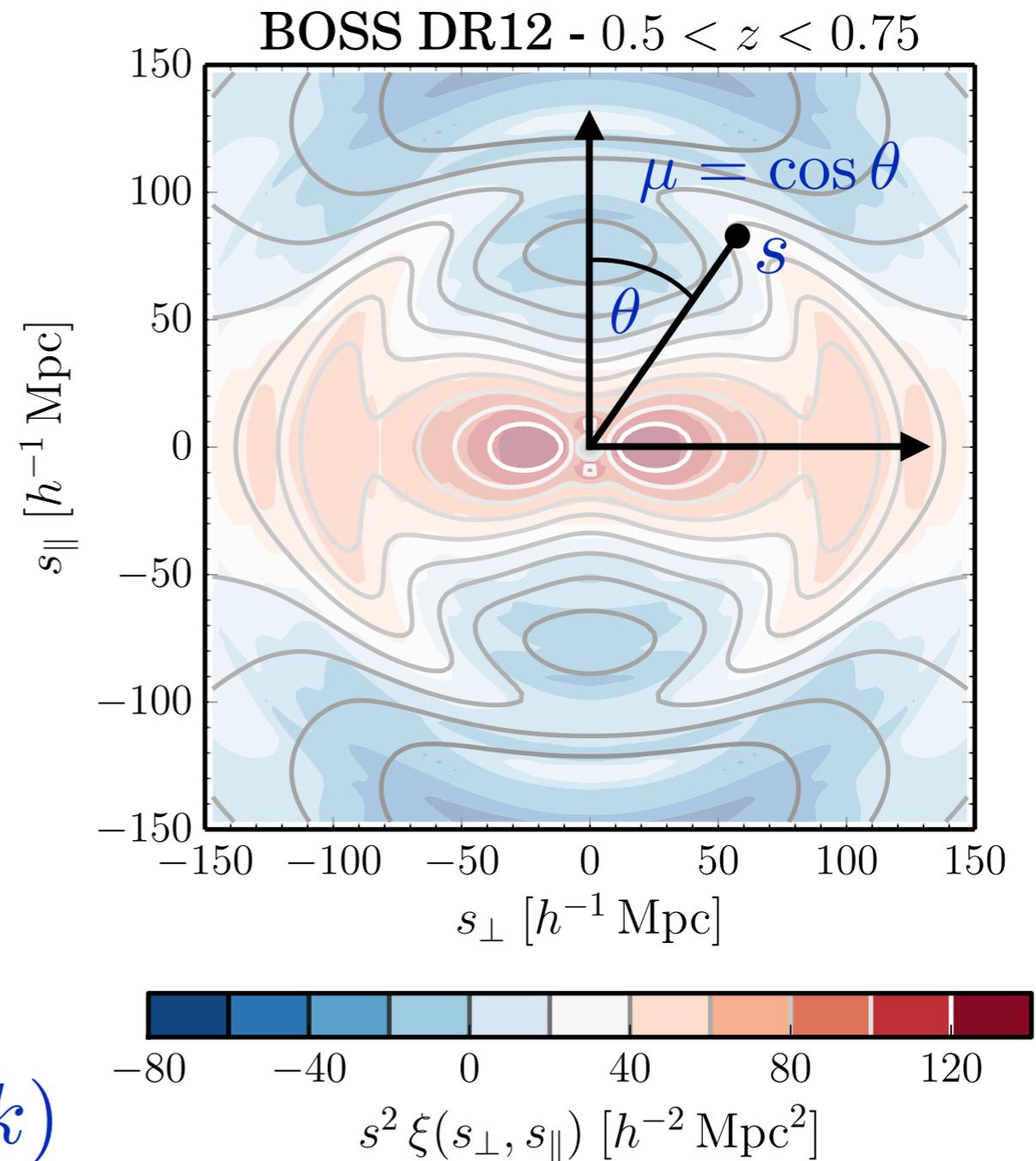
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- Alternatively, use *clustering wedges* (Kazin, Sánchez & Blanton, 2012).

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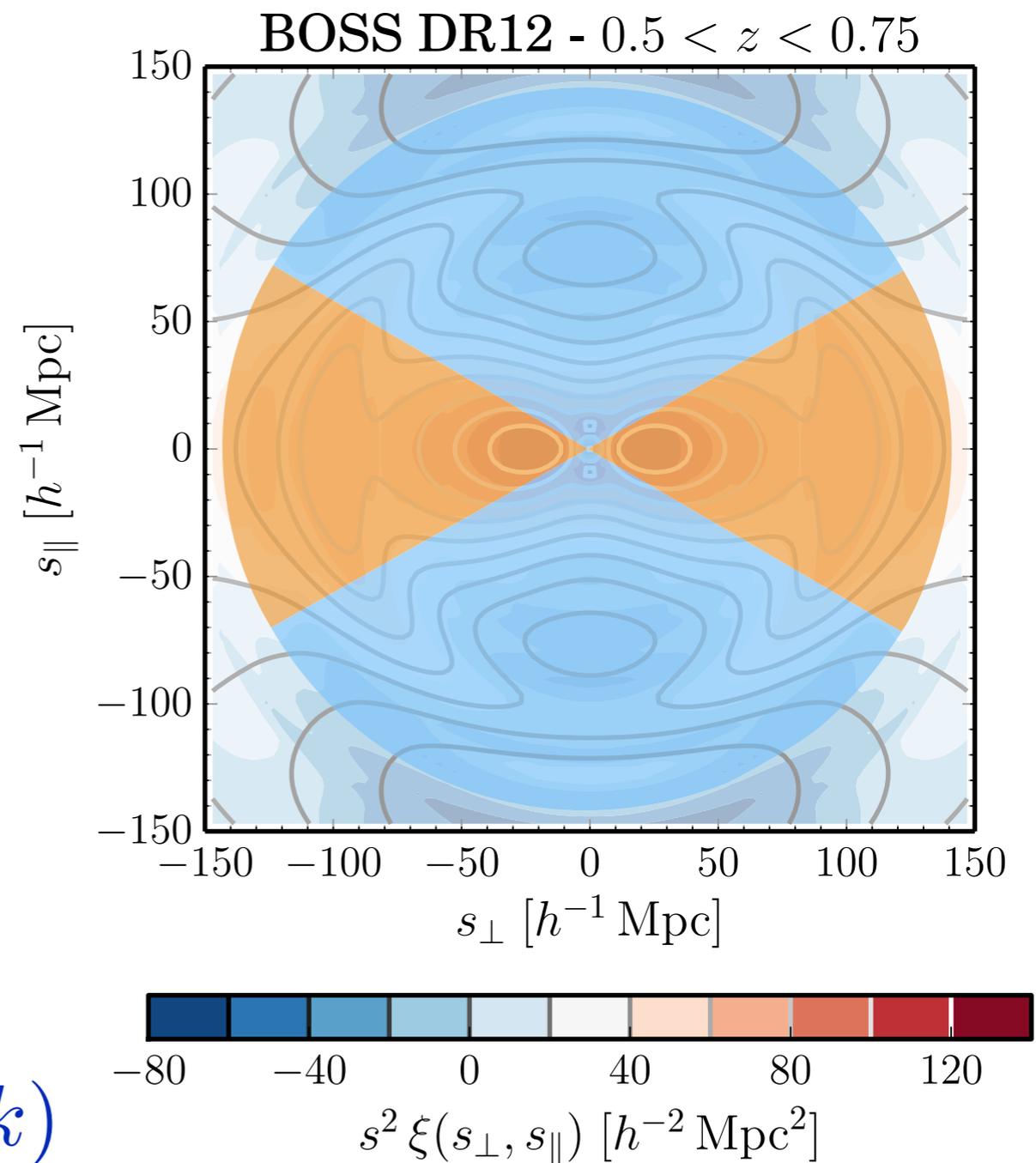
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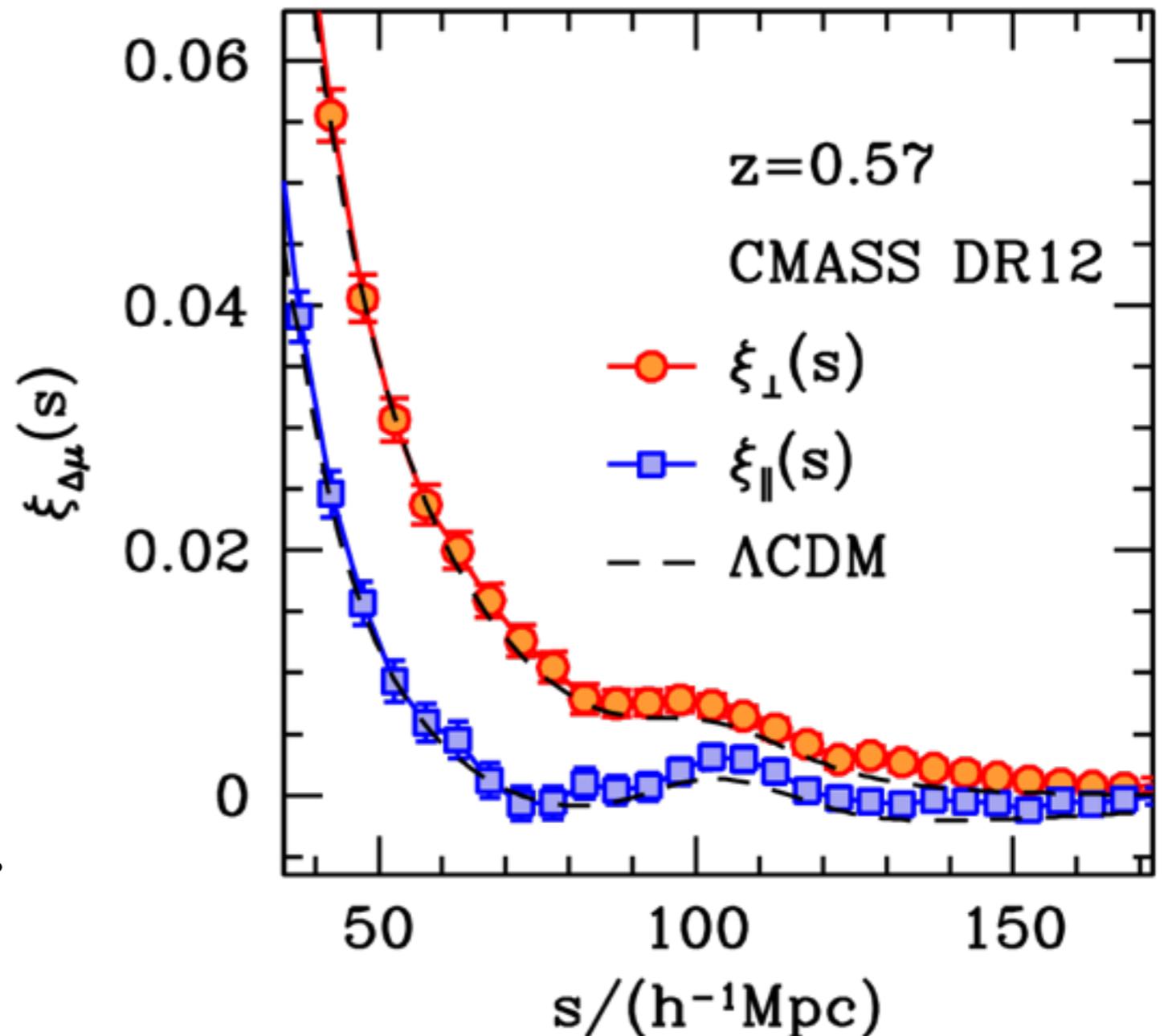
- CMASS-DR12 clustering wedges  $\xi_{\perp, \parallel}(s)$ .

- BAO signal can be seen in both wedges.

$$D_M(z)/r_d, H(z) \times r_d$$

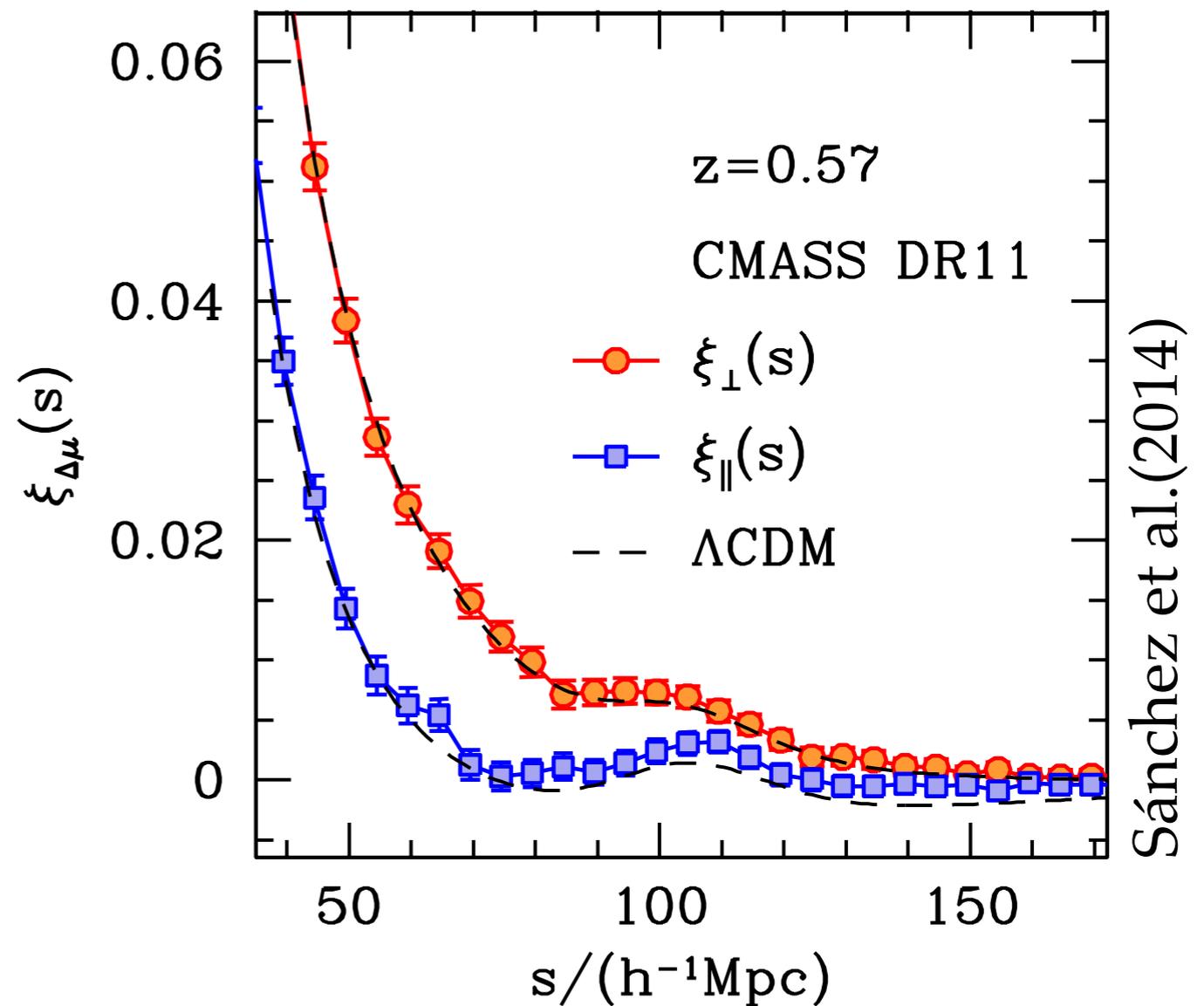
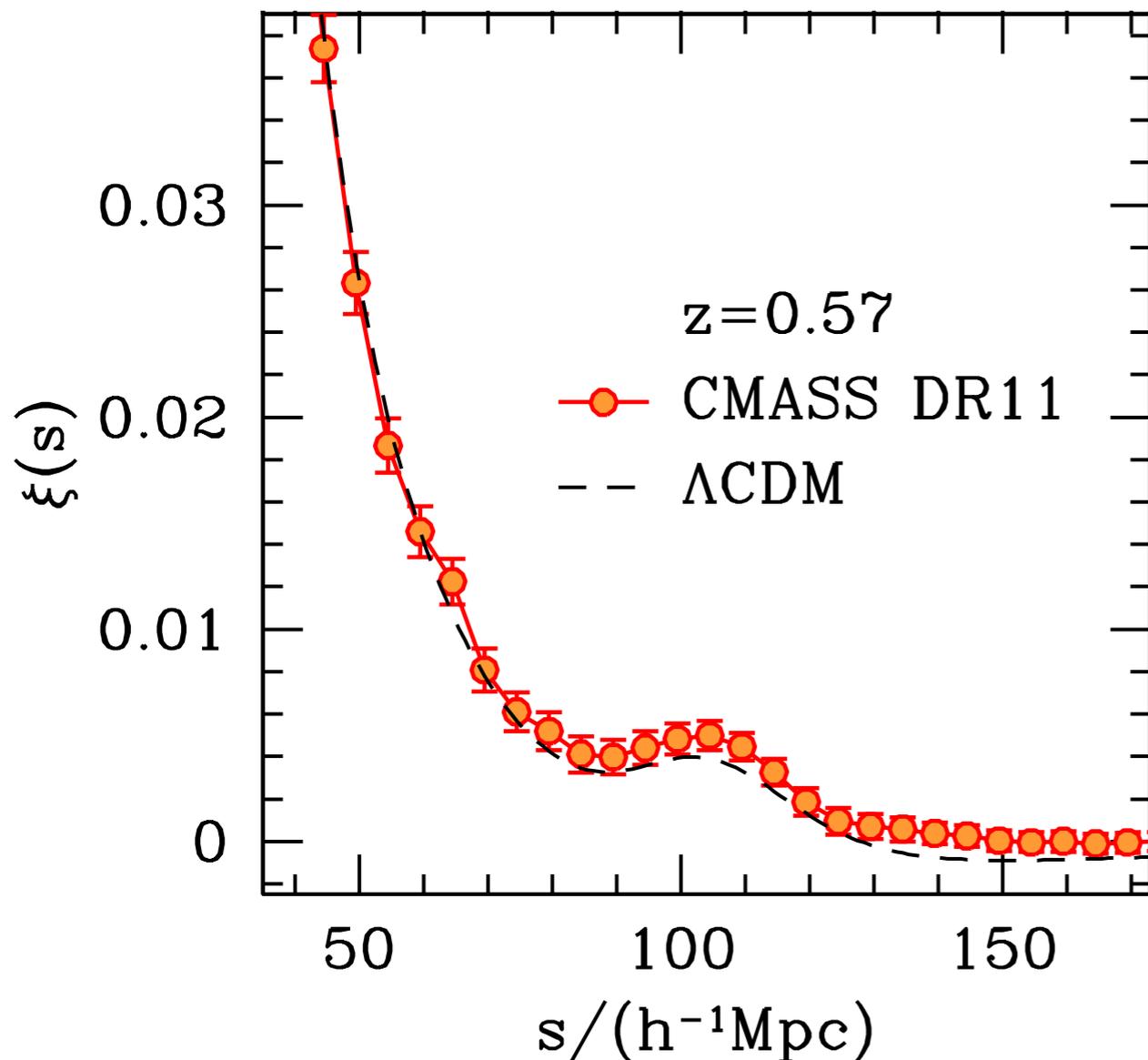
- RSD lead to differences in shape and amplitude.

$$f\sigma_8(z)$$

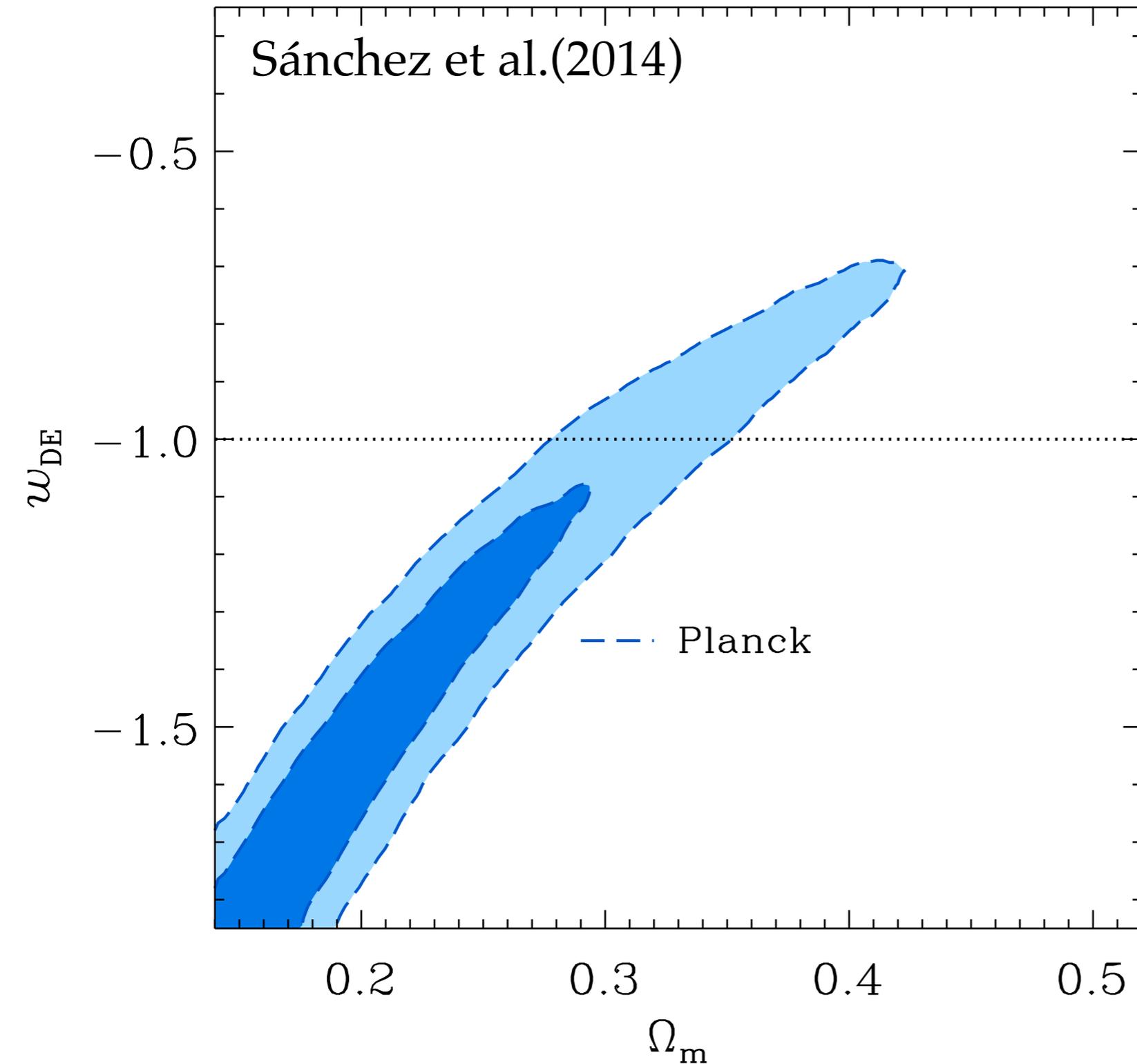


# Results from previous data releases

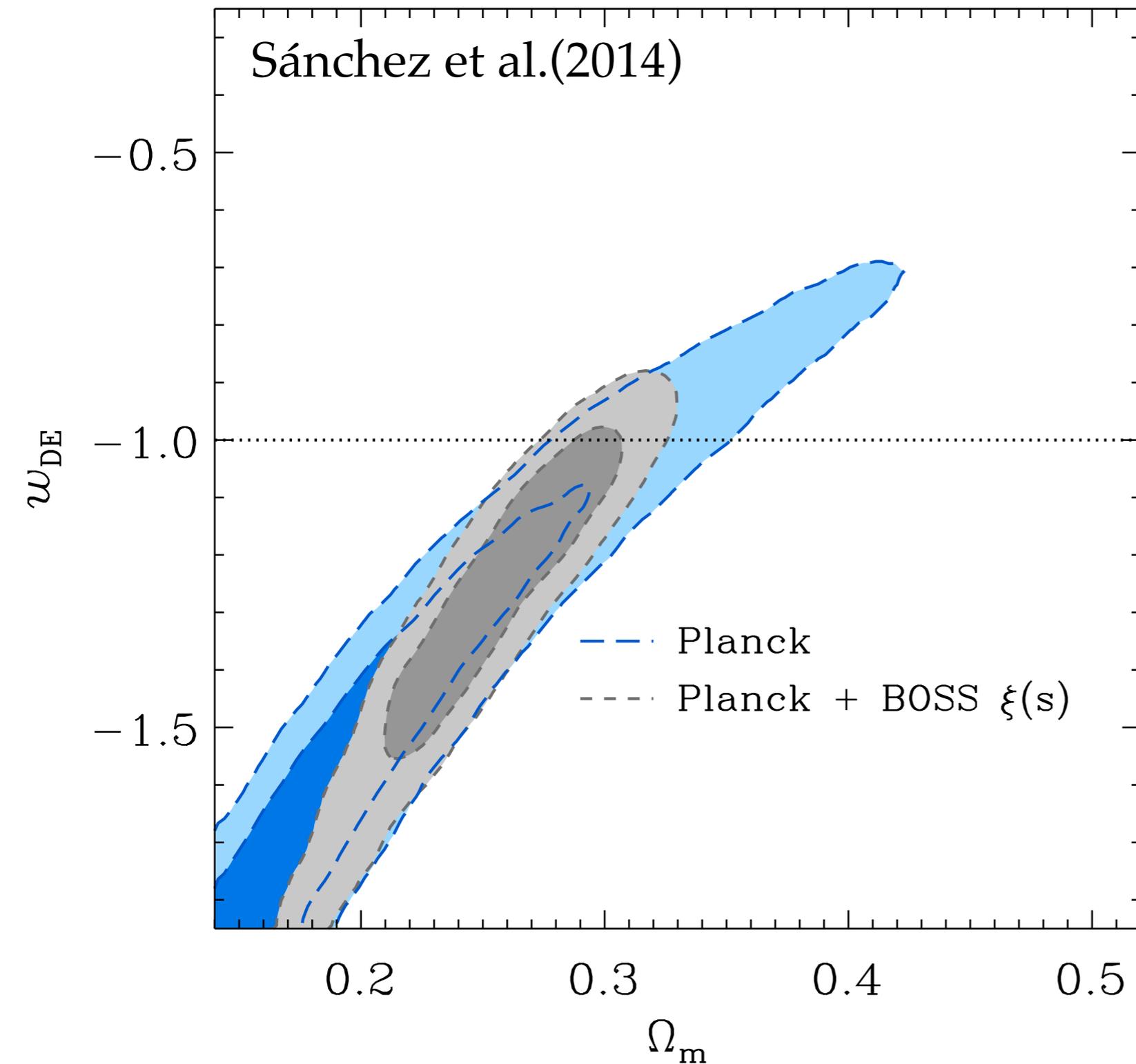
- Constraining power of anis. clustering measurements



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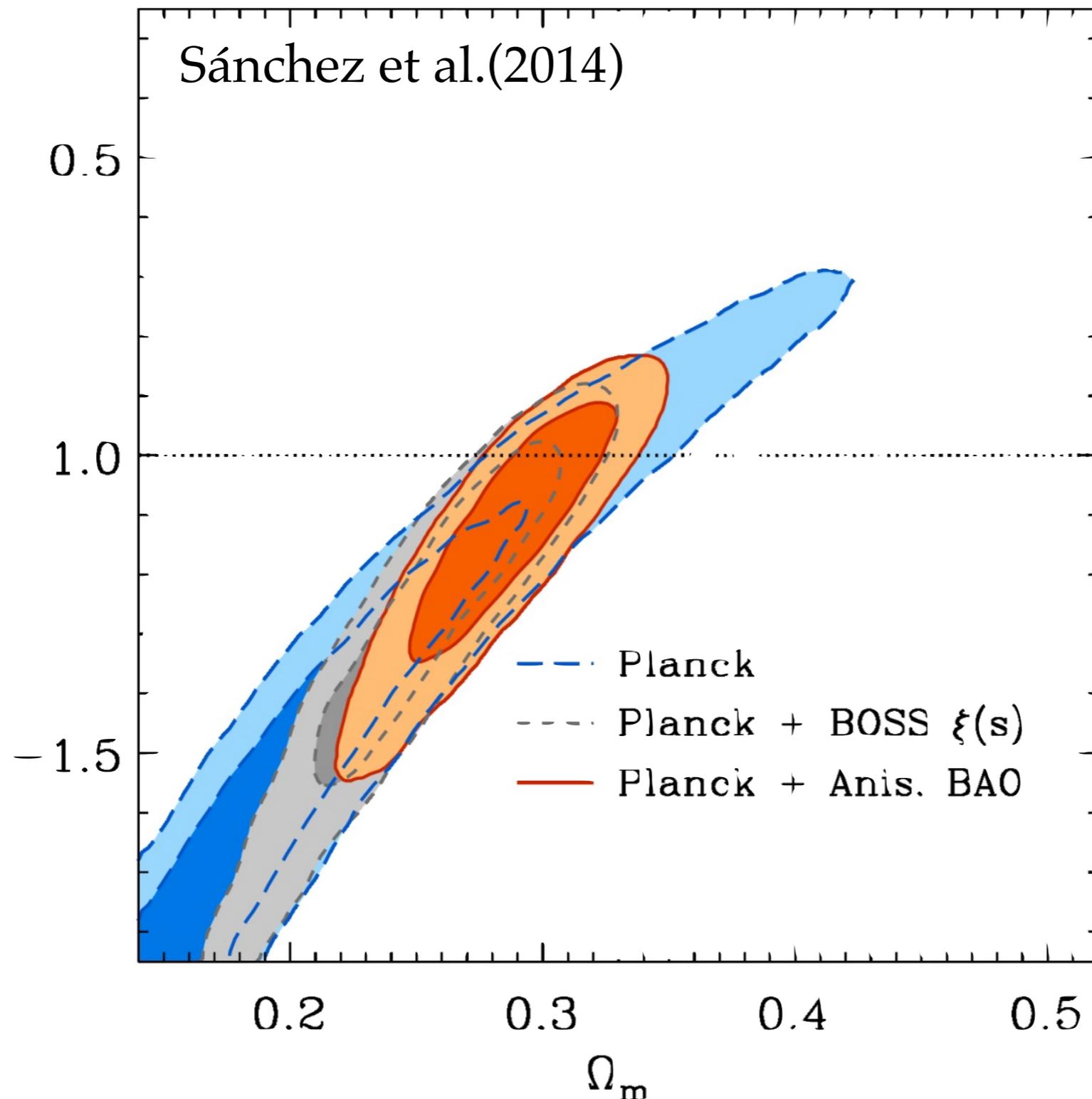


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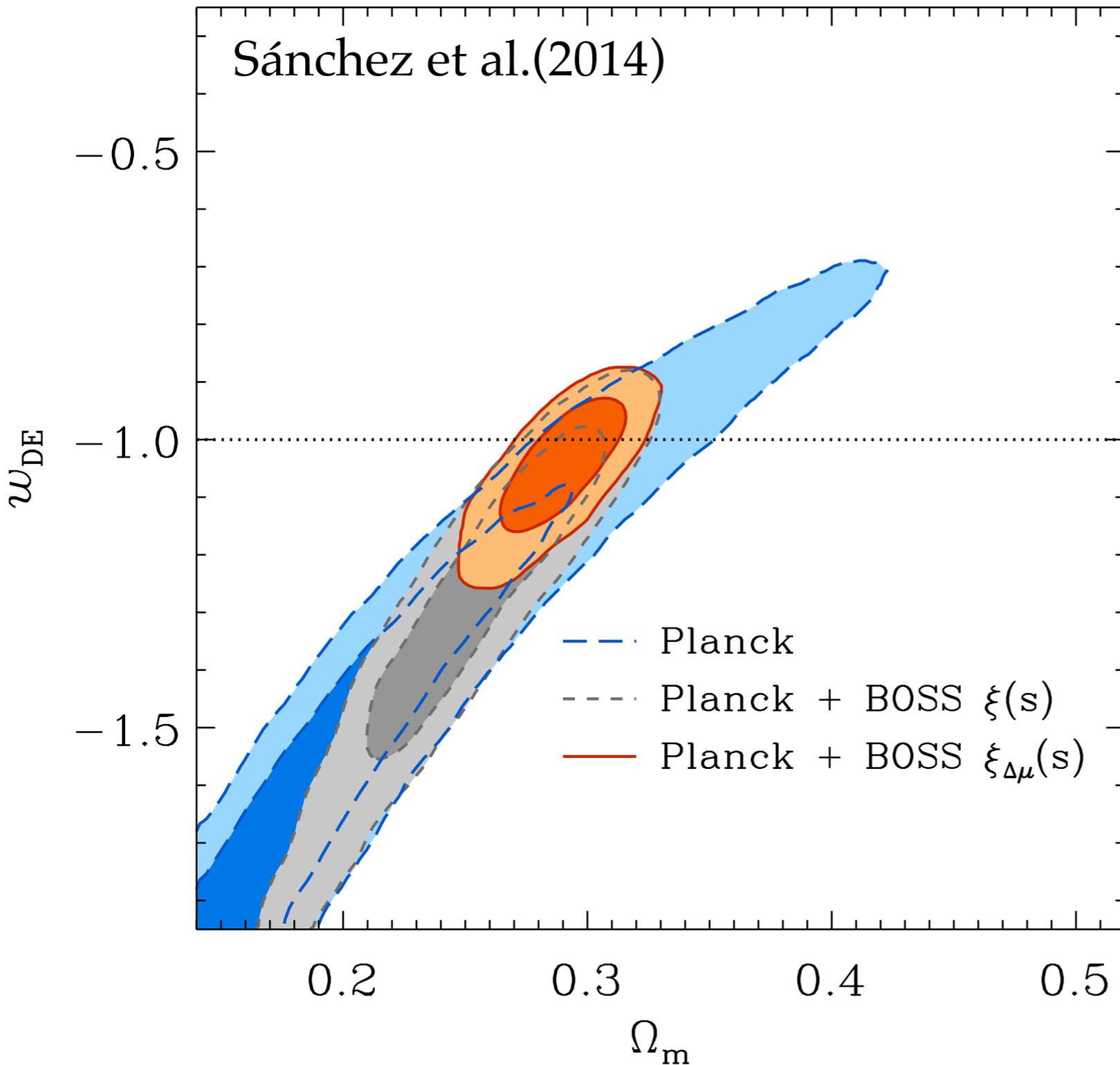


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Planck + BOSS  $\xi_{\Delta\mu}(s)$

$$\Omega_{\text{m}} = 0.288 \pm 0.016$$

$$w_{\text{DE}} = -1.051 \pm 0.076$$

# Final BOSS papers

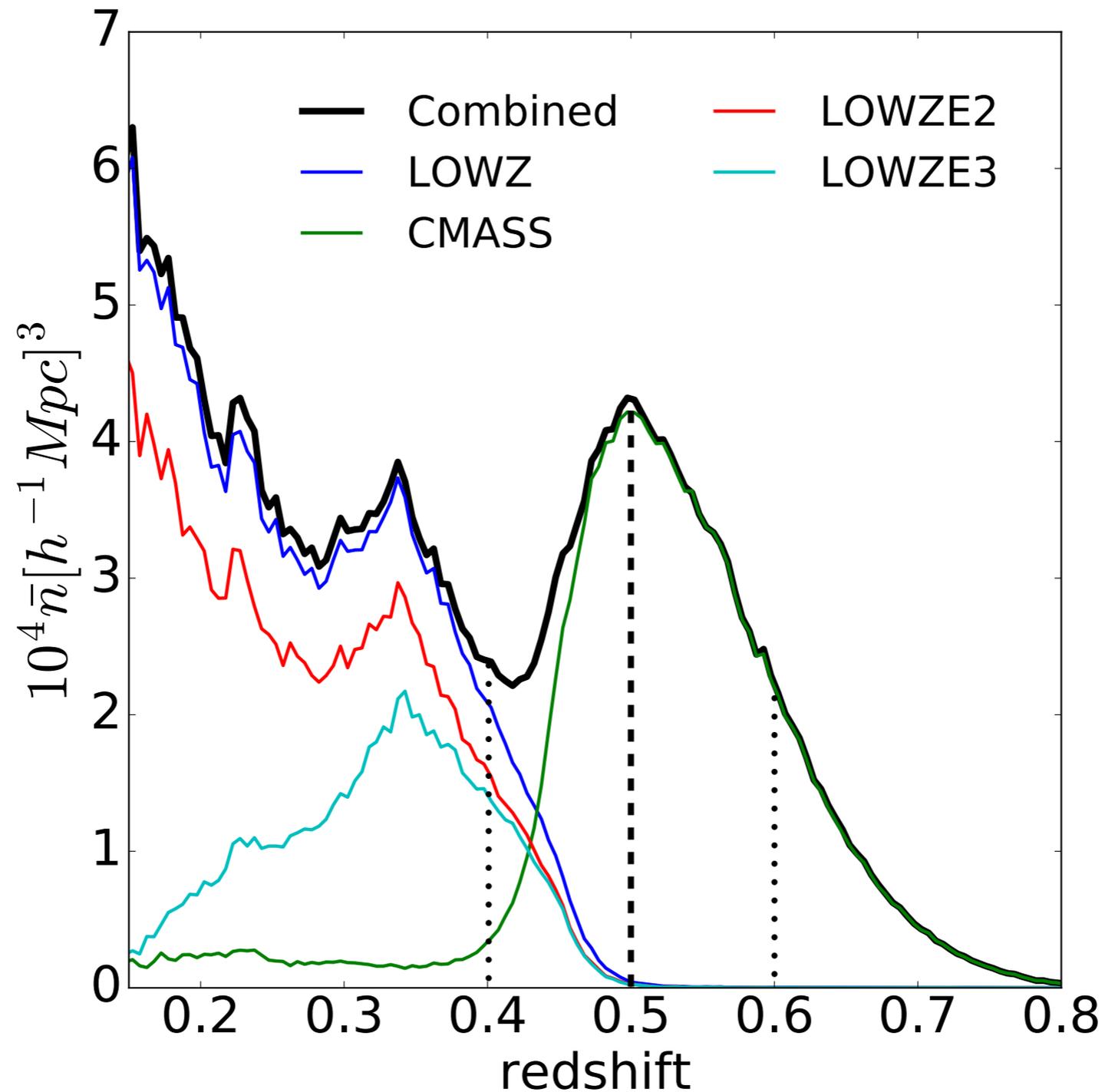
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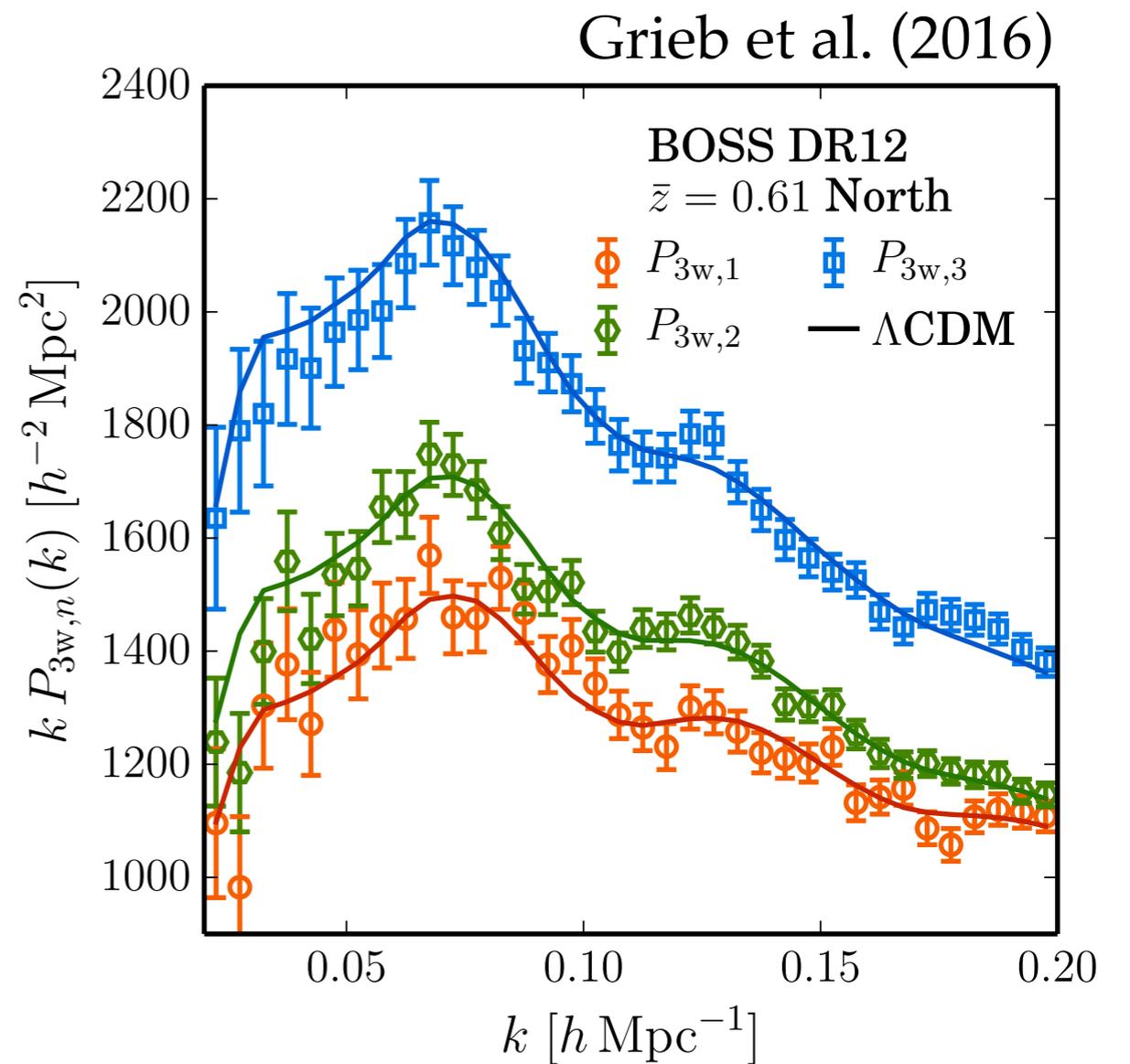
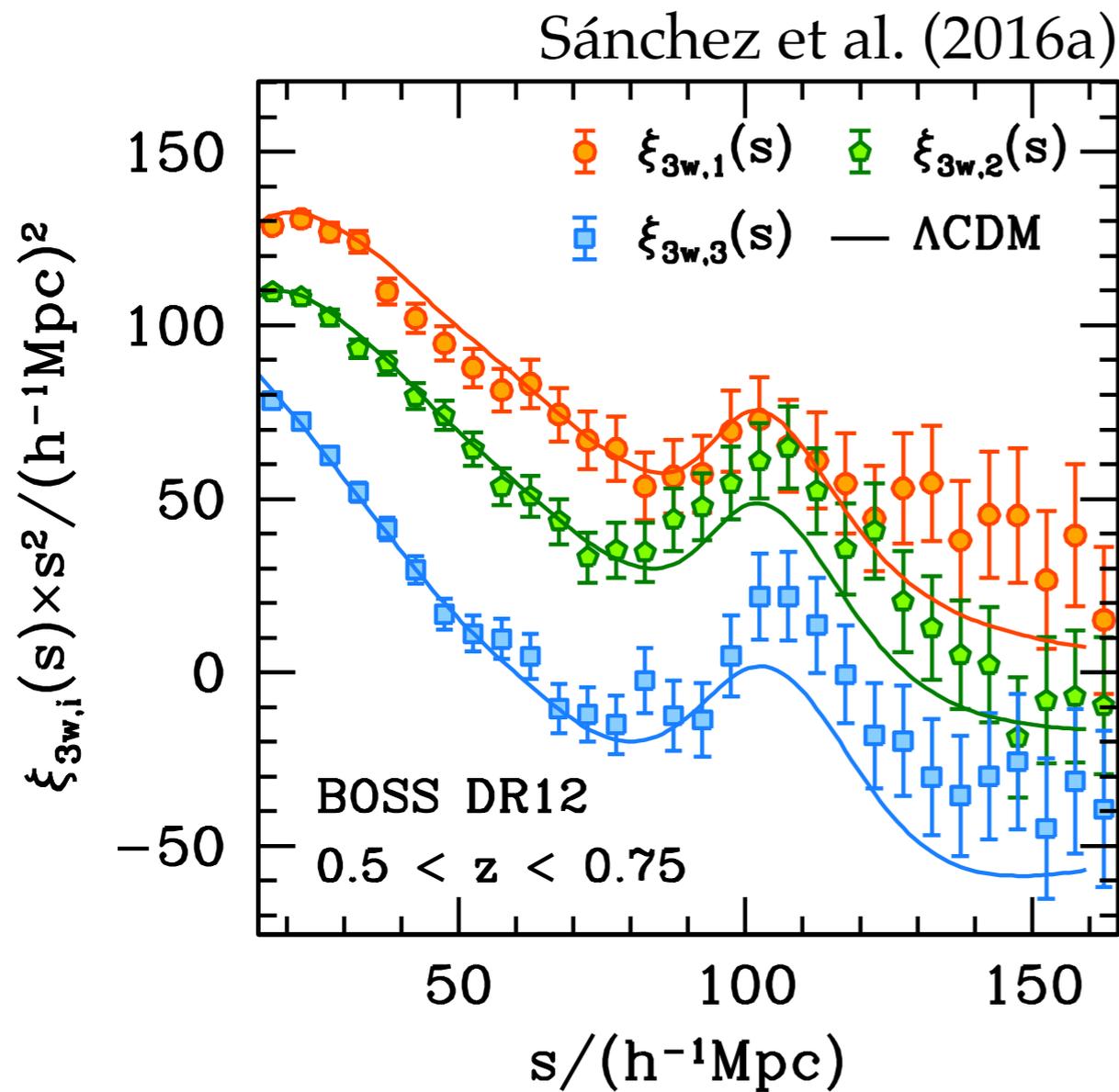
# Final BOSS galaxy samples

- The *combined sample*: LOWZ, CMASS & EARLY regions

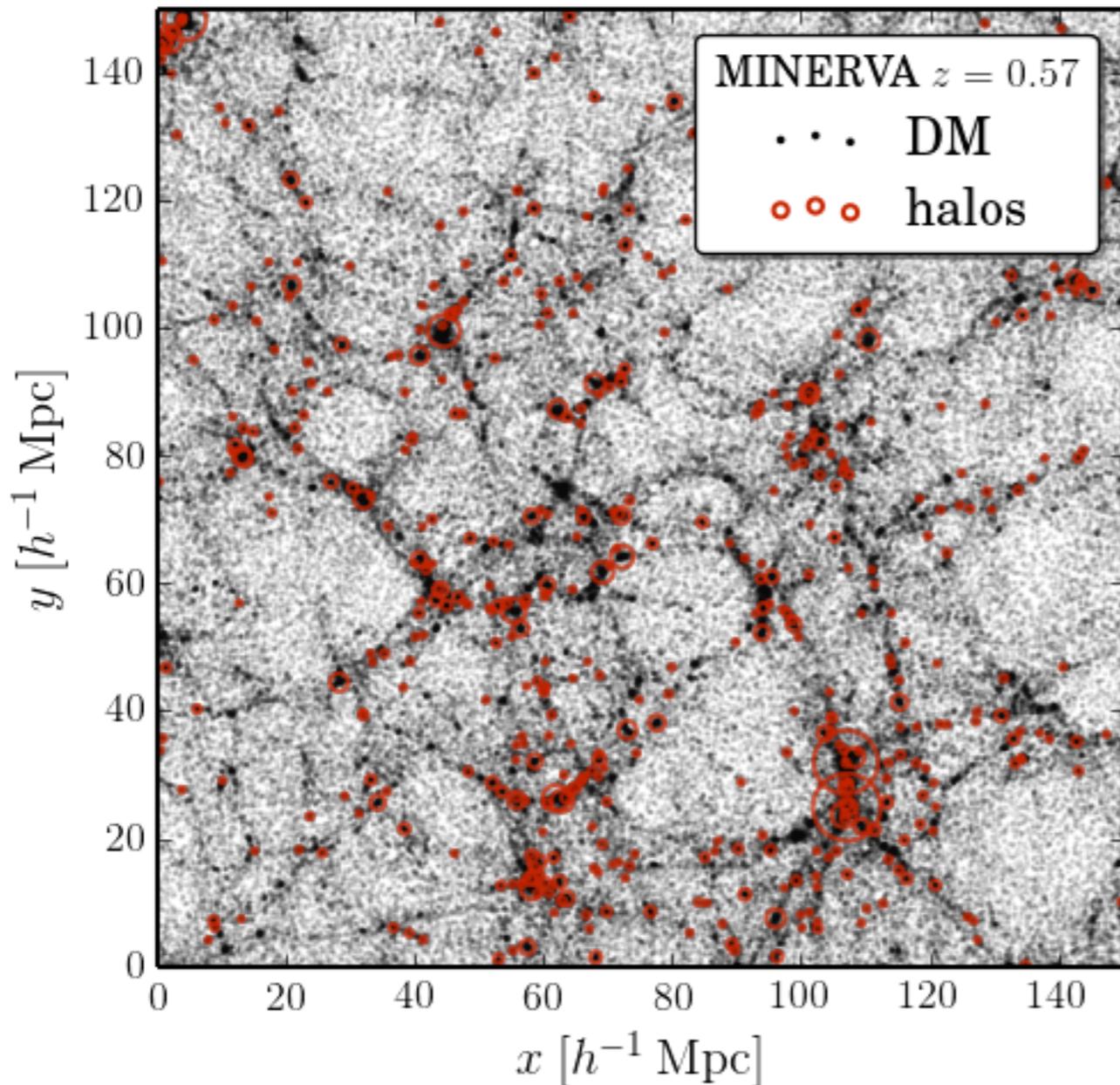


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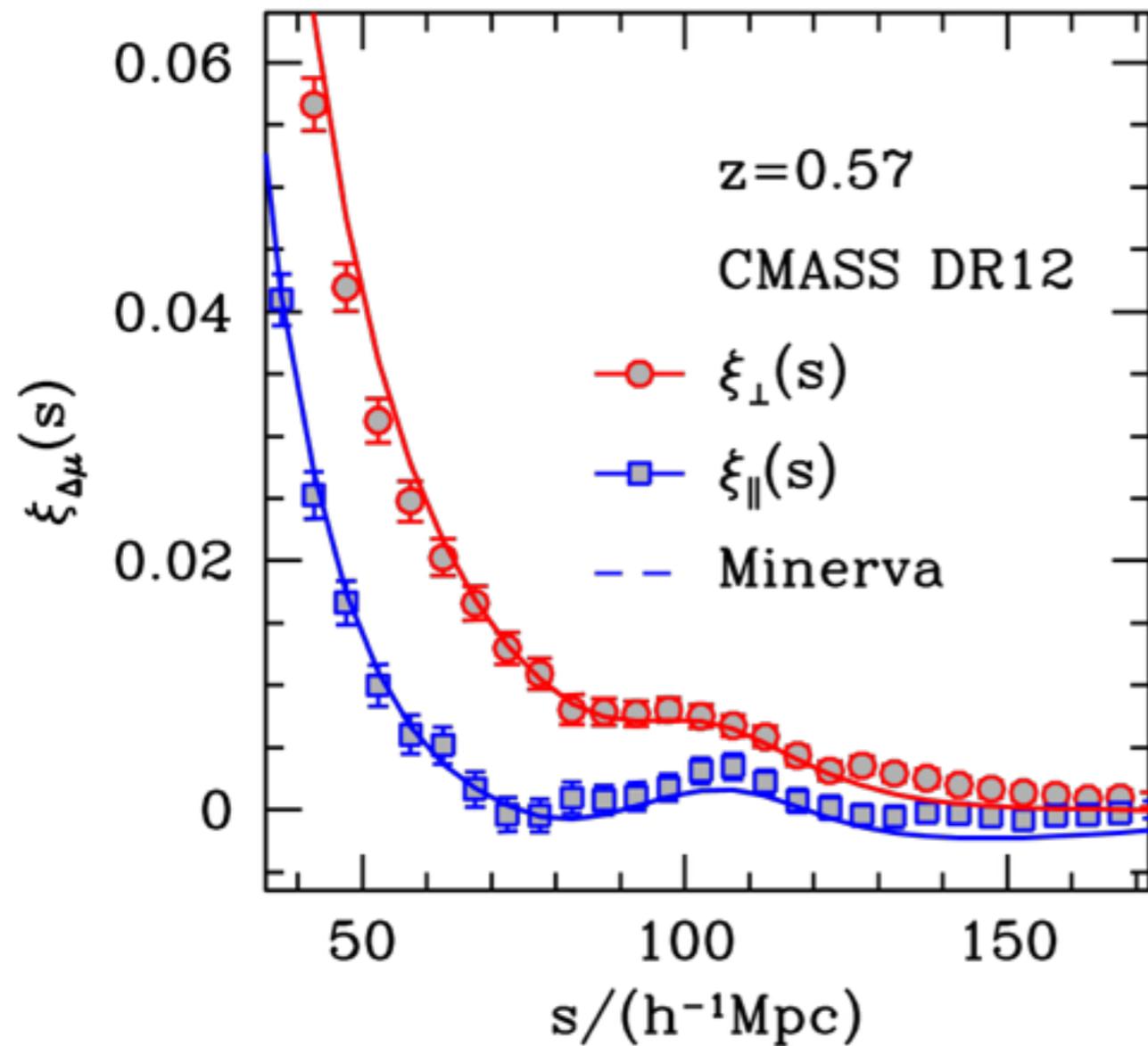


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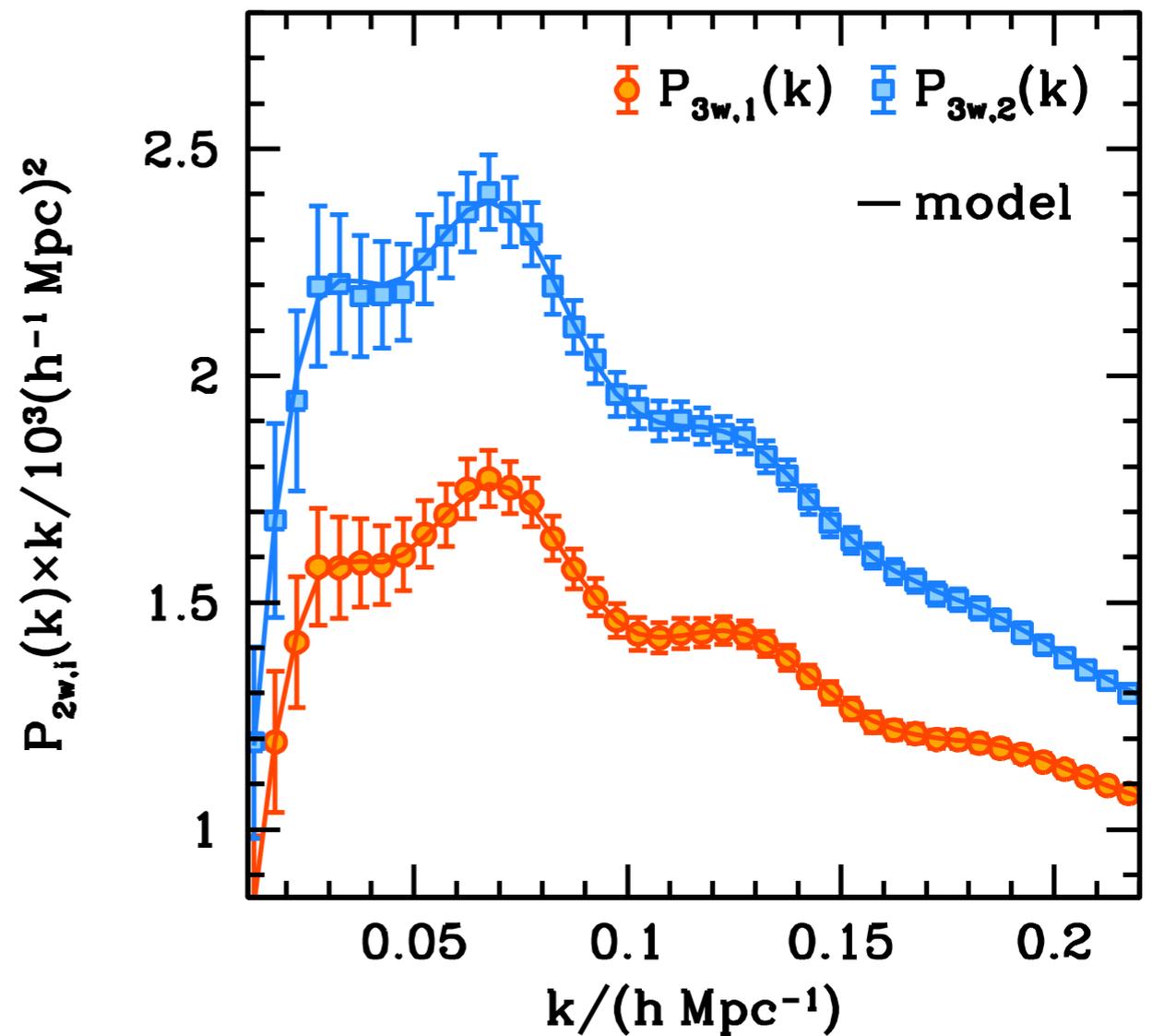
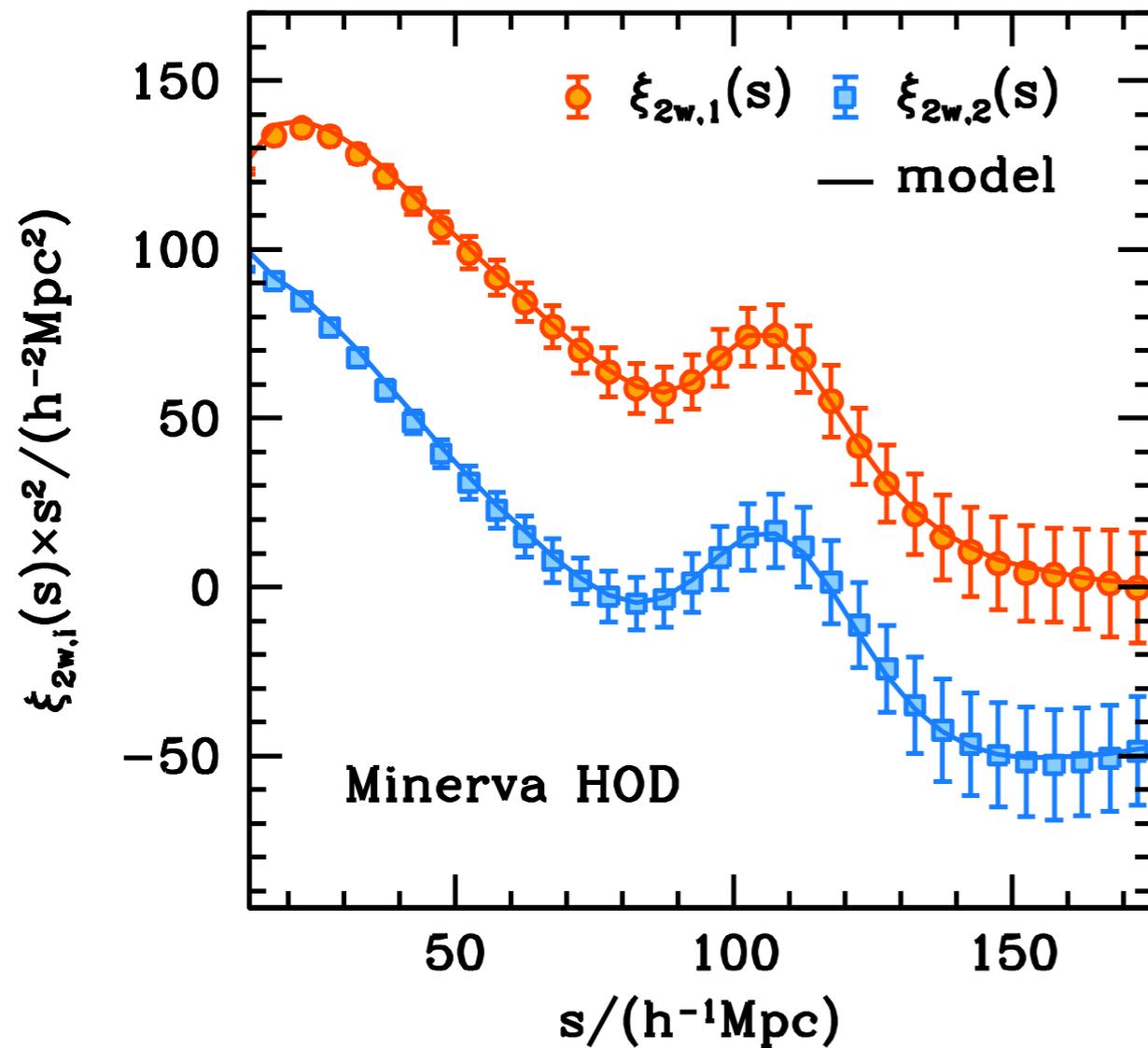
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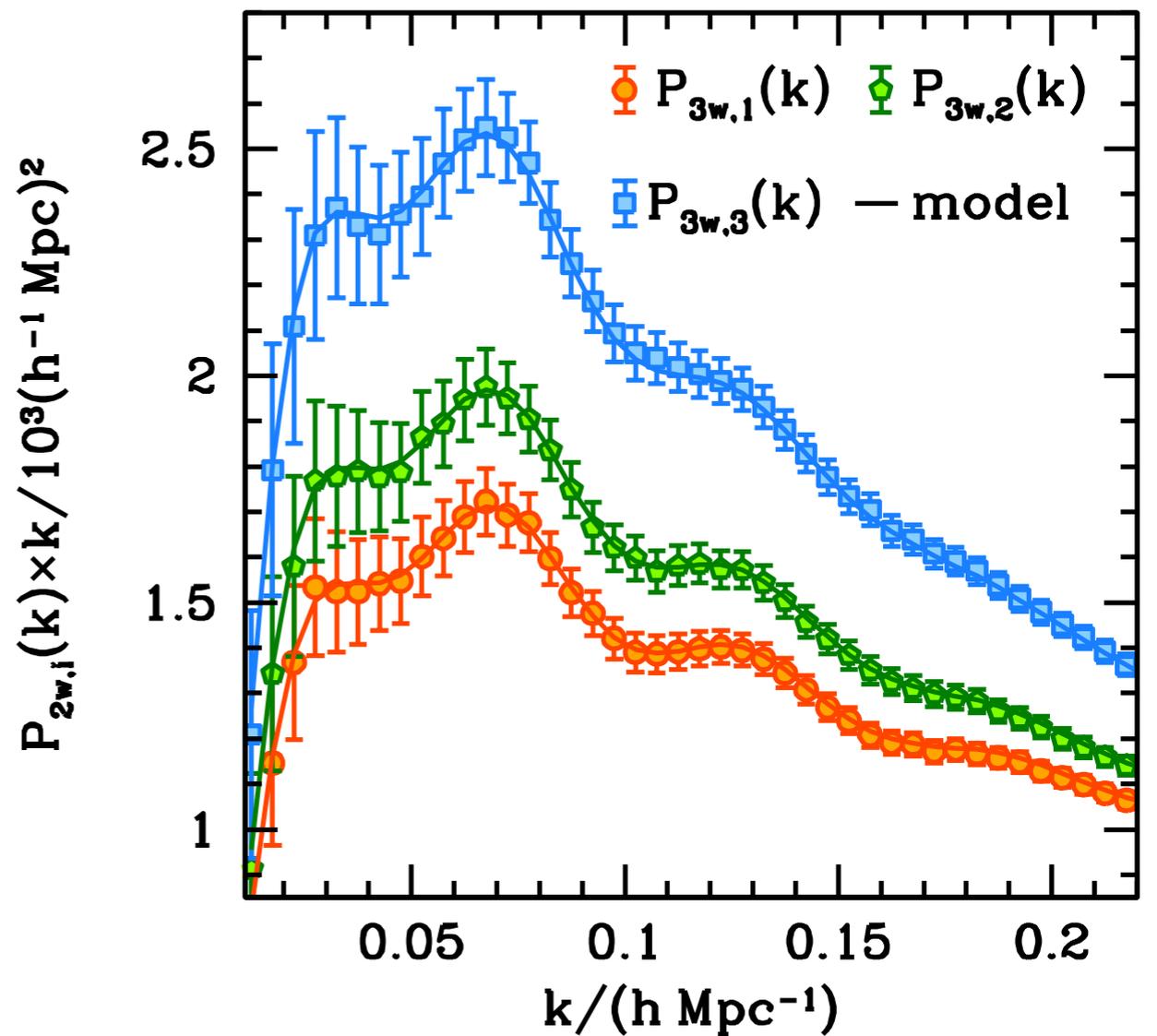
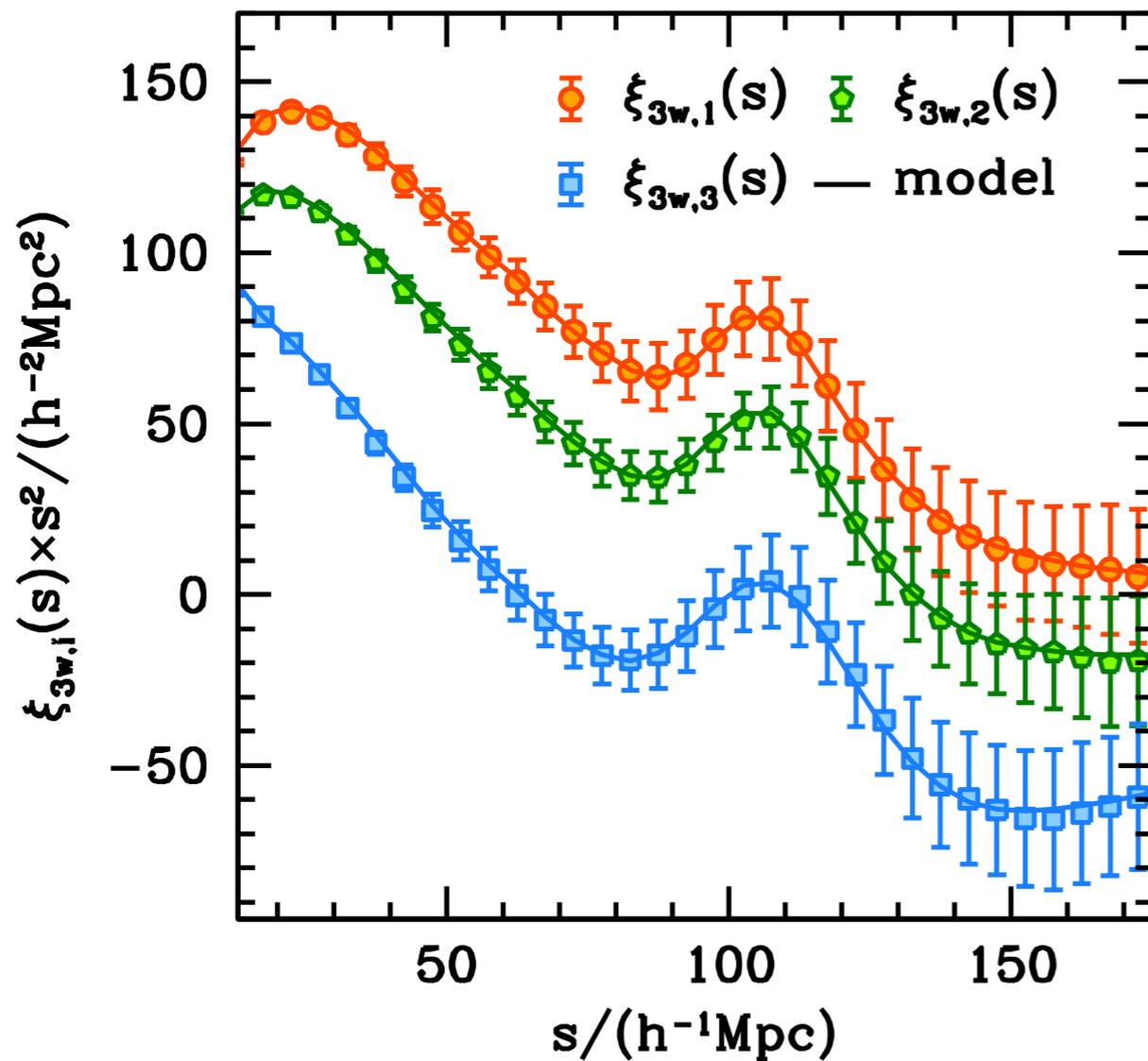
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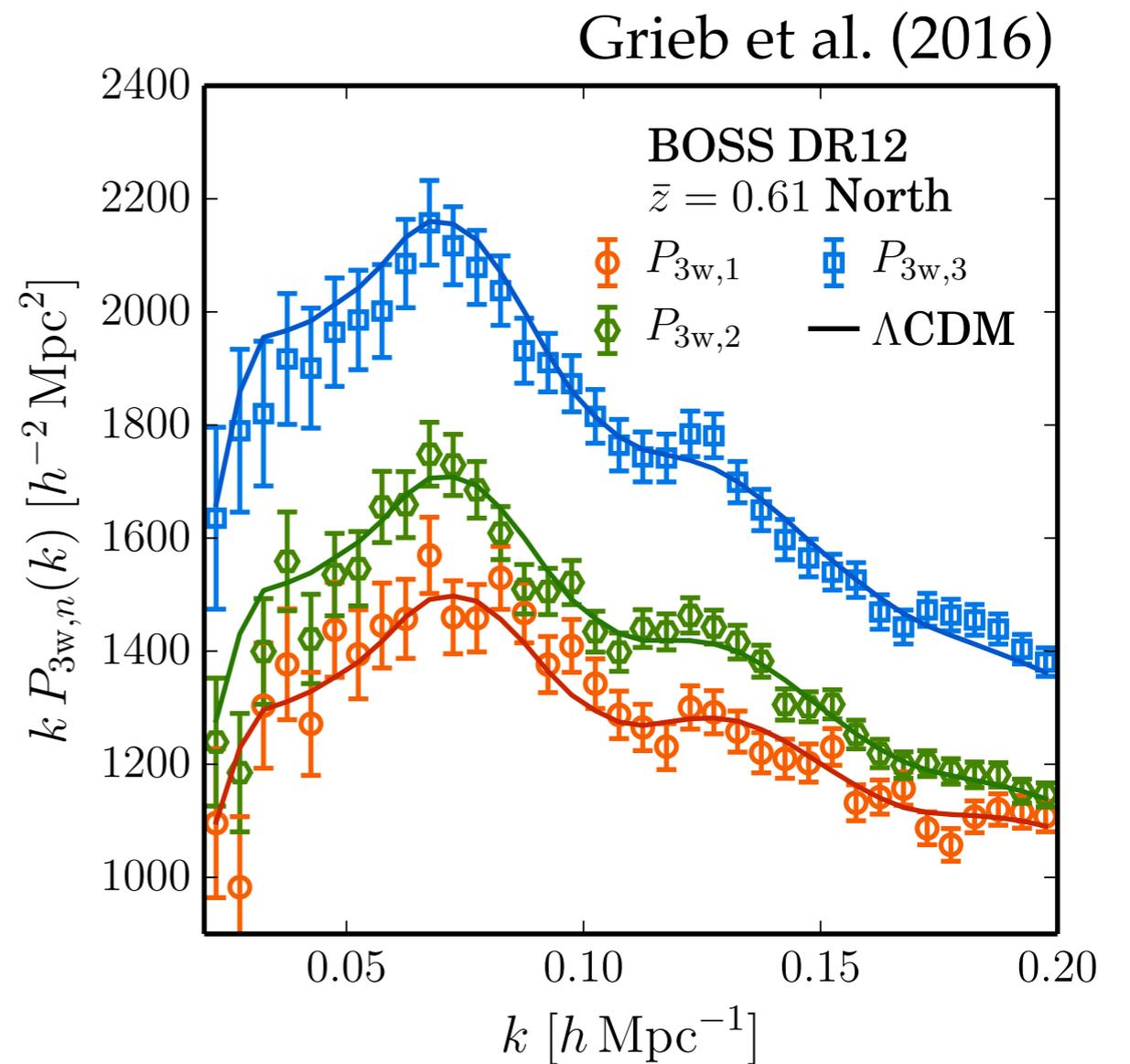
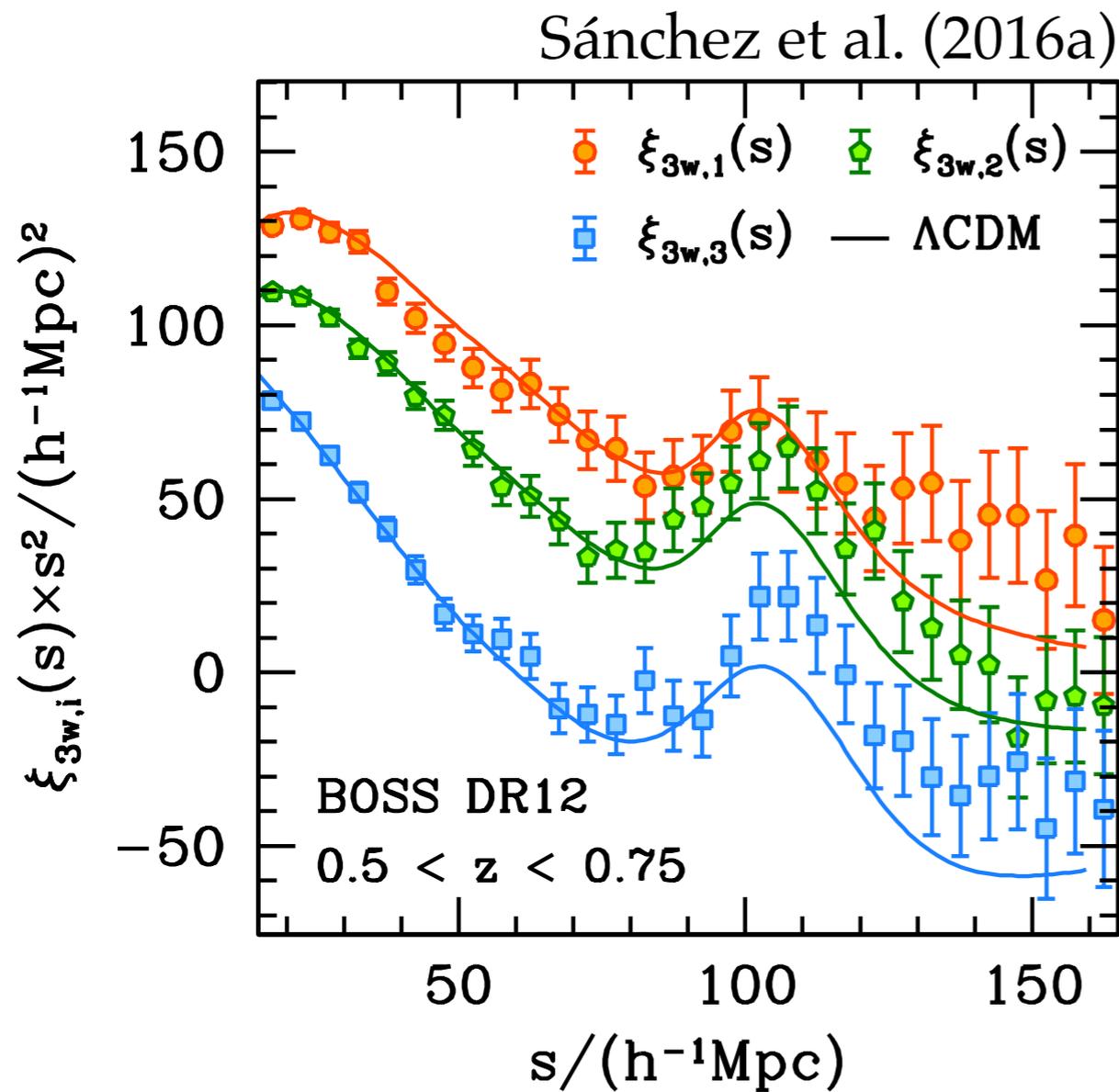
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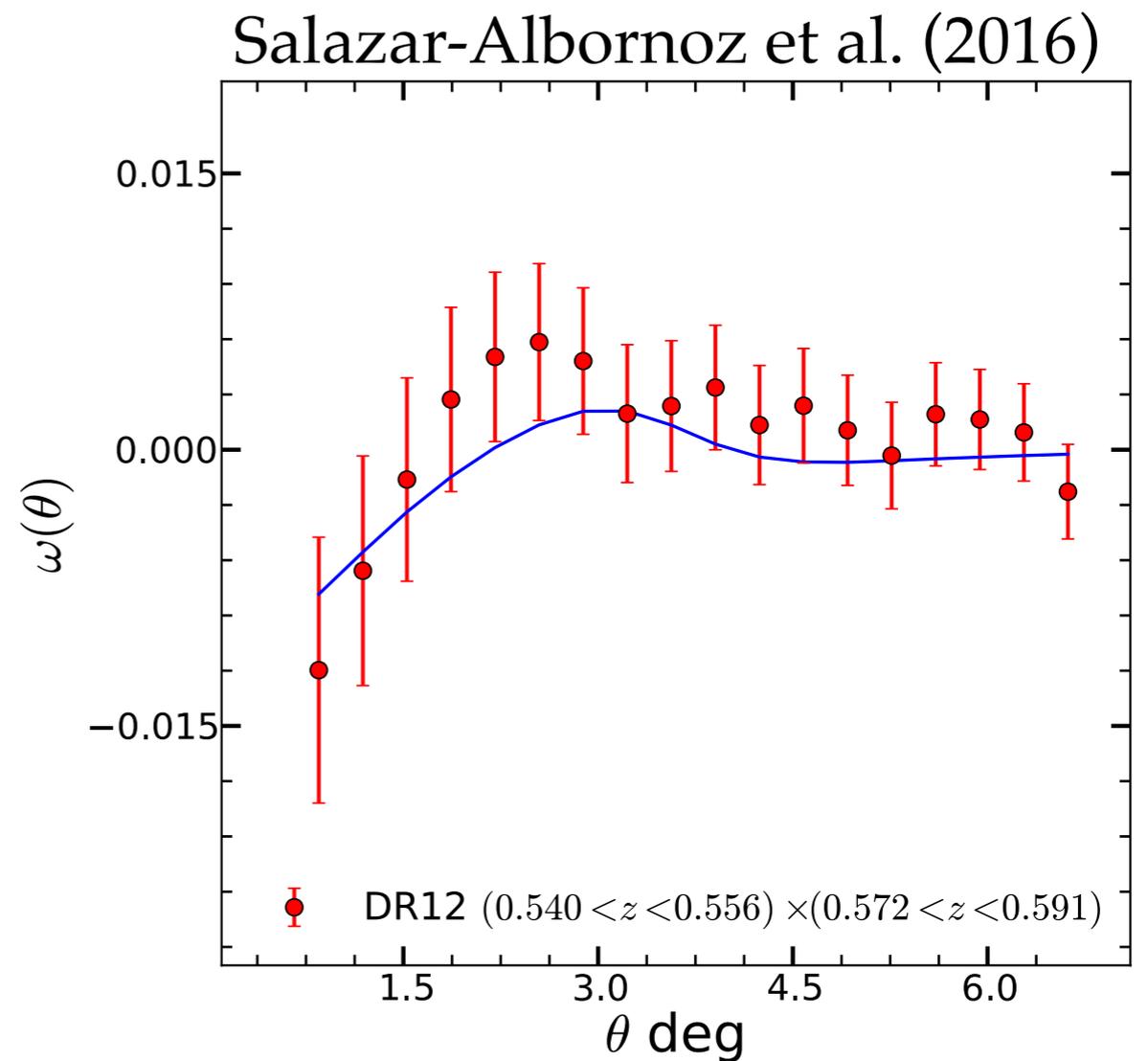
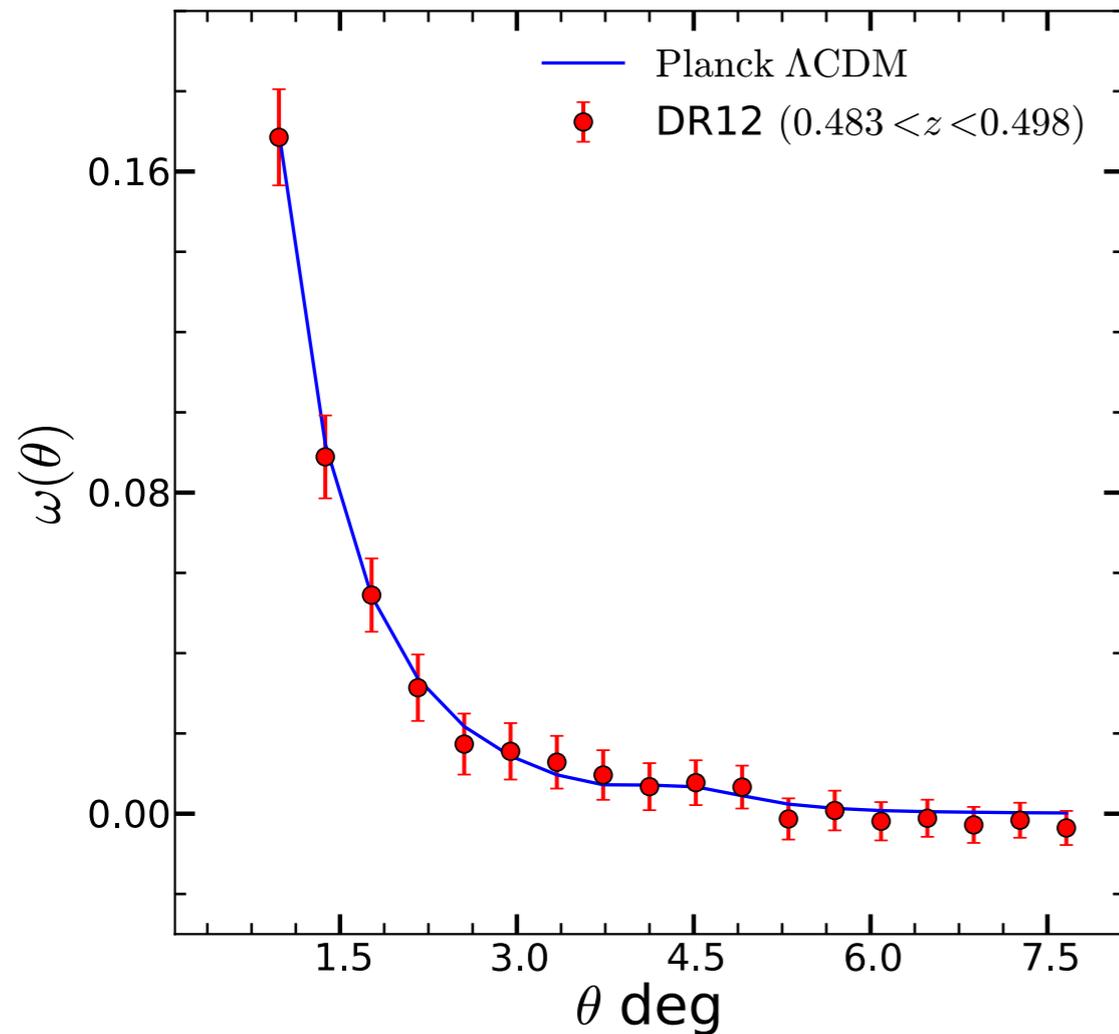


# Clustering tomography

- Potential problems of 3D clustering measurements:
  - Require a fiducial cosmology to transform  $z$  into  $r$ .
  - Correspond to the average over a large volume.
- Alternative: measure  $w(\theta)$  in thin redshift shells (Salazar-Albornoz et al. 2014).
  - Relies on observable quantities (no fid. cosmology).
  - Probes the redshift evolution of the galaxy clustering.

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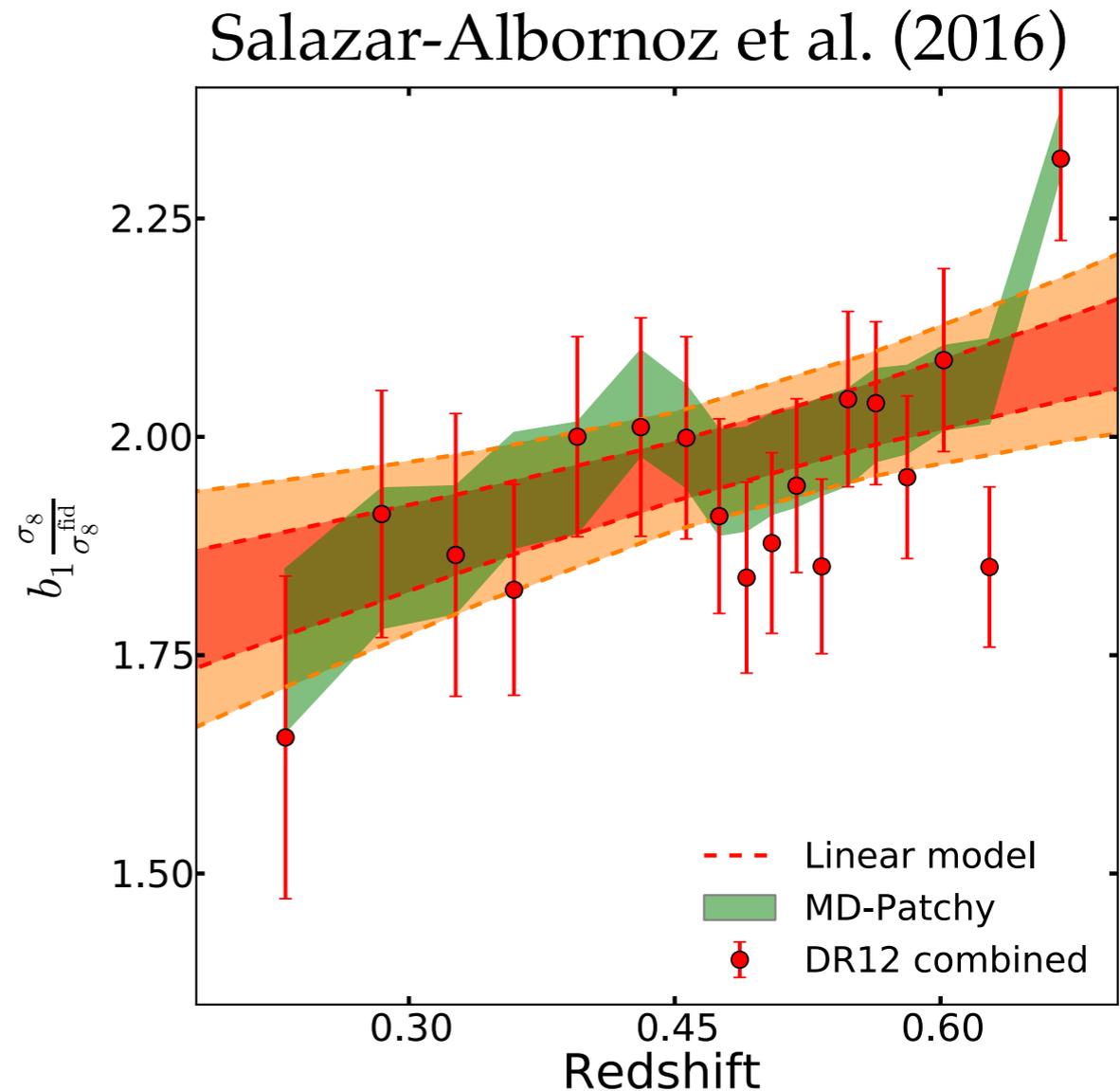
- Tomographic analysis of BOSS DR12.



# Clustering tomography

- We can explore the redshift evolution of the linear bias.
- Points show individual fits to 18  $w(\theta)$  BOSS measurements.
- The green band shows the result from PATCHY.
- The dashed lines show the constraints on  $b(z)$  assuming

$$b(z) = b_1 + b'(z - z_{\text{ref}})$$



# The $\Lambda$ CDM model

- Basic parameters of  $\Lambda$ CDM measured to high accuracy

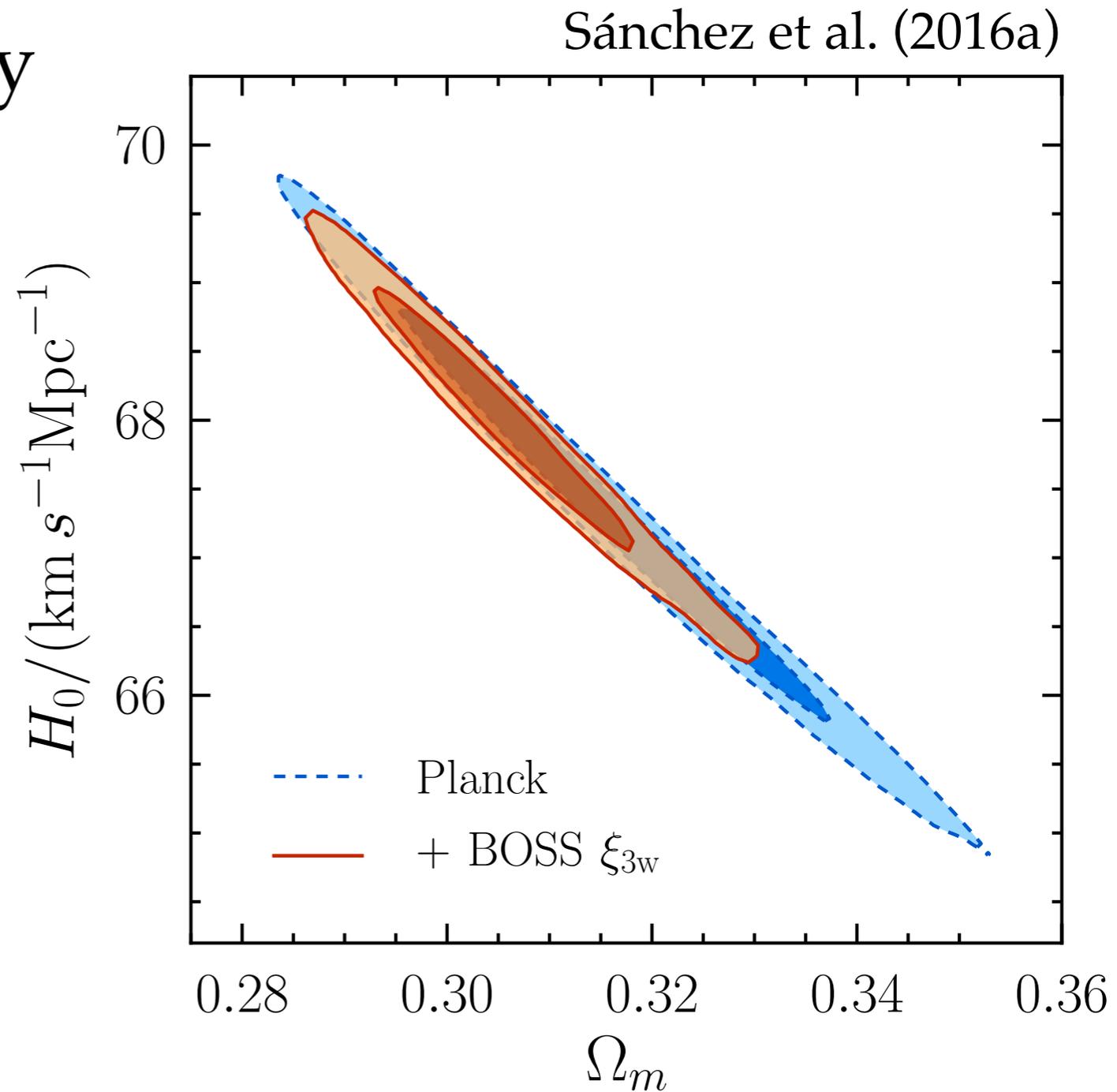
$$\Omega_m = 0.315 \pm 0.013$$

$$h = 0.6727 \pm 0.0099$$

$$\Omega_m = 0.3054 \pm 0.0087$$

$$h = 0.6798 \pm 0.0065$$

- BOSS prefers slightly lower  $\Omega_m$  than Planck



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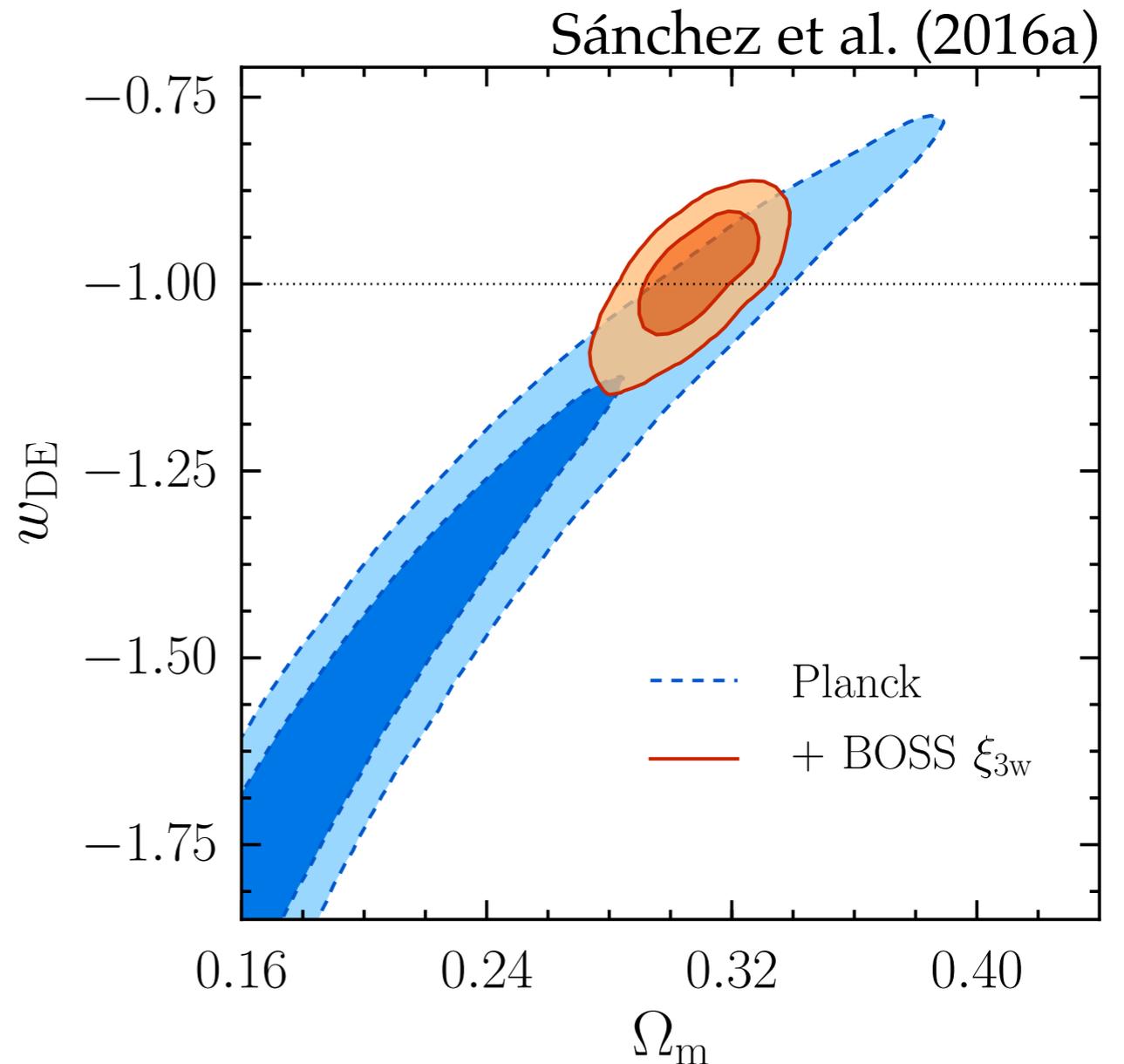
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$$w_{\text{DE}} = -0.991 \pm 0.055$$
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- Our previous analysis

$$\delta w_{\text{DE}} = 0.076 \text{ (DR11)}$$

$$\delta w_{\text{DE}} = 0.072 \text{ (DR12)}$$



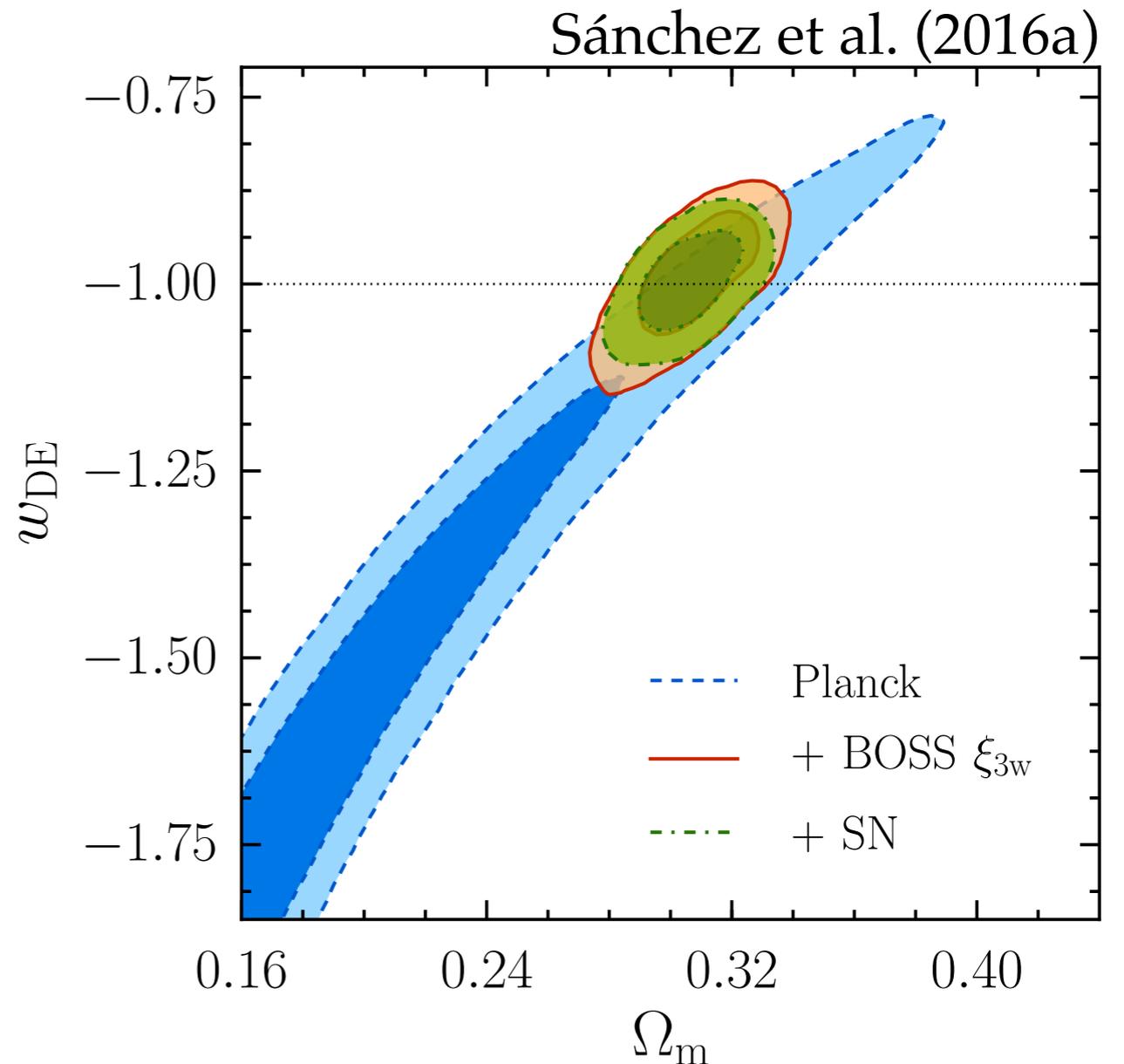
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- Adding SN information

$$w_{\text{DE}} = -0.996 \pm 0.042$$
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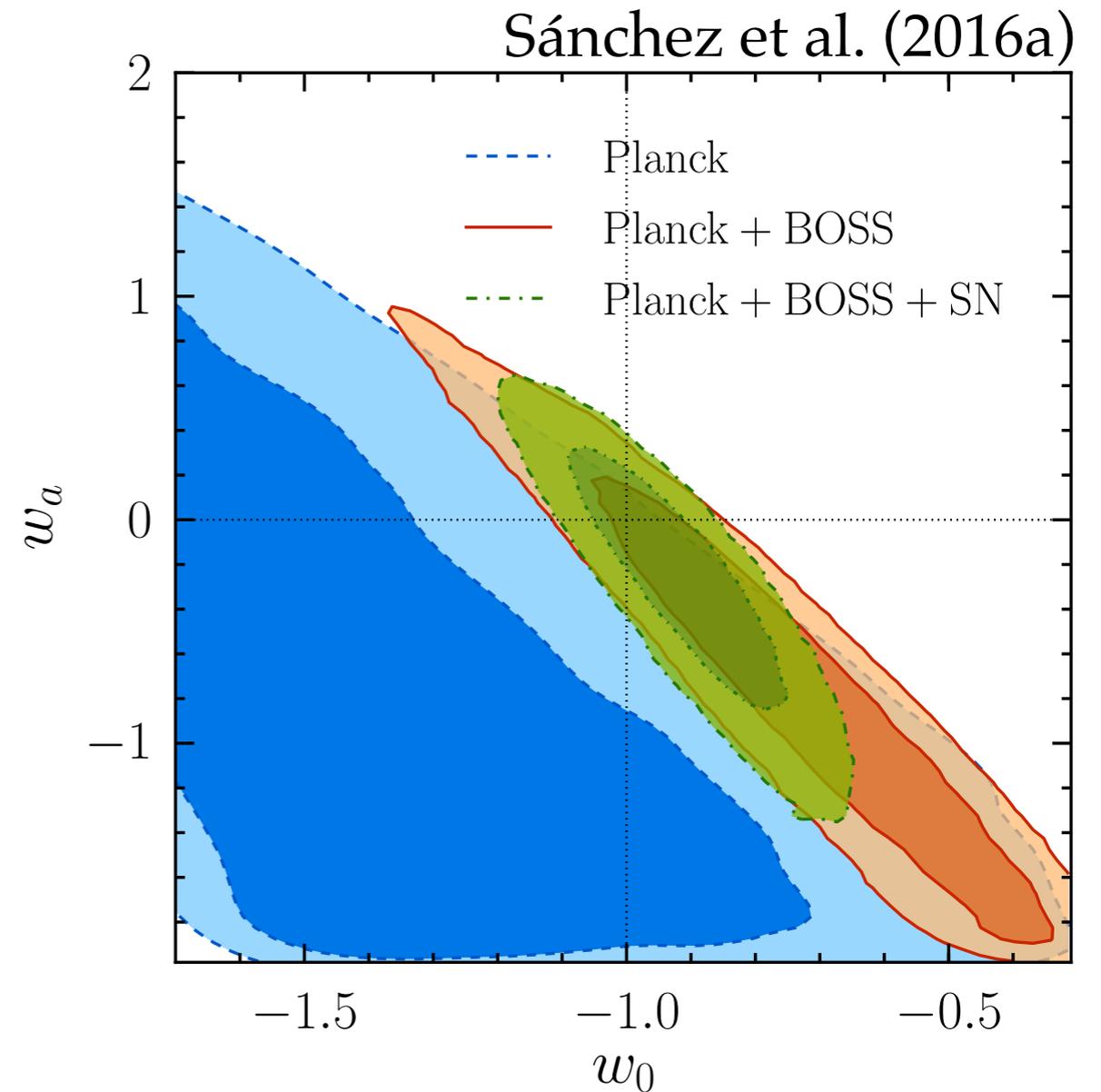
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- Allowing  $w_{\text{DE}}$  to evolve as

$$w_{\text{DE}}(a) = w_0 + w_a (1 - a)$$

$$w_0 = -0.92 \pm 0.11$$

$$w_a = -0.32 \pm 0.40$$



# Testing general relativity

- General relativity predicts

$$f(z) = \Omega_m(z)^\gamma$$

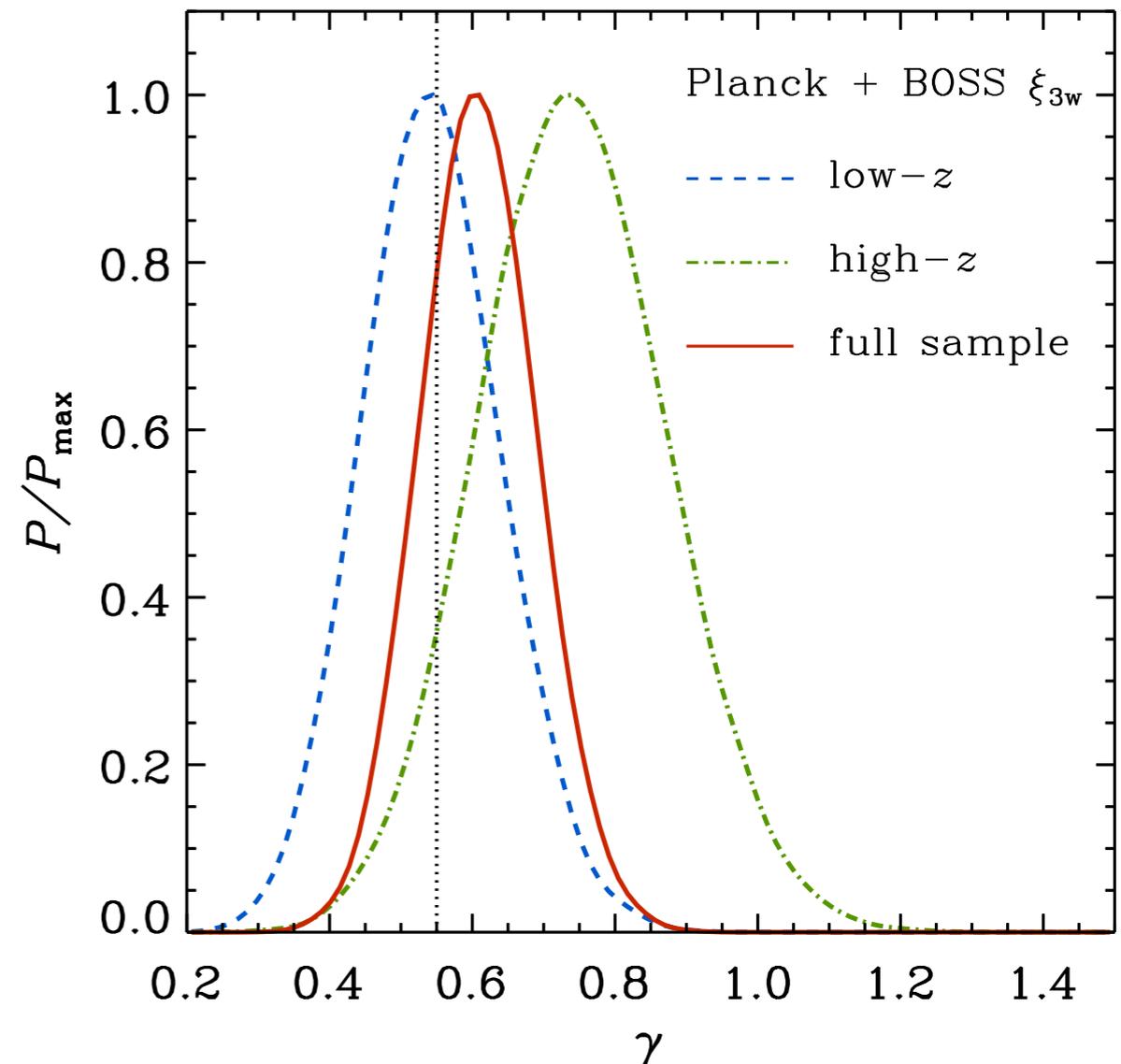
with  $\gamma \simeq 0.55$

- Deviations from this value could indicate a failure of GR.
- Combining Planck+BOSS

$$\gamma = 0.61 \pm 0.08$$

$$\gamma = 0.69 \pm 0.15 \quad (\text{DR11})$$

Sánchez et al. (2016a)



# BOSS consensus constraints

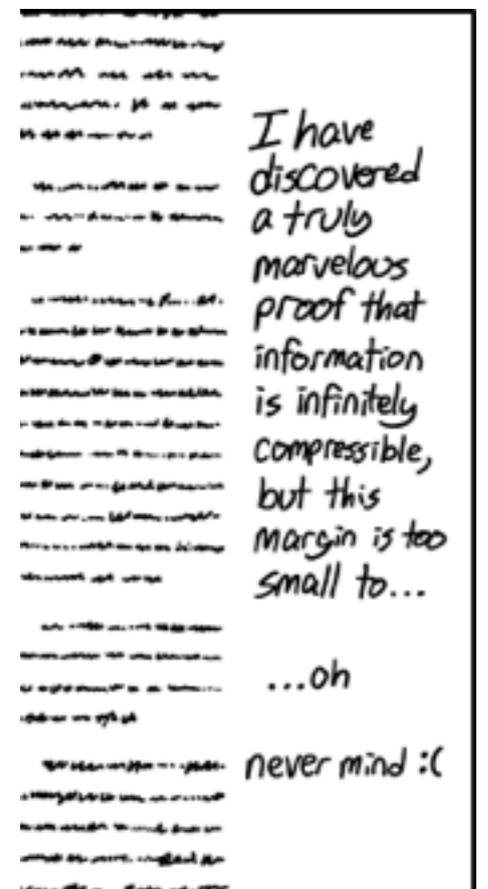
- Galaxy surveys require considerable resources from the community.
- Effort to maximise the information extracted from these data sets.
- Question often posed as which statistic or method should be used (e.g.  $P(k)$  vs  $\xi(s)$ ).
- Additional information can be obtained from the combination of different results.

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- Galaxy clustering information can be compressed into a set of parameters  $\mathbf{D}$  (e.g.  $D_M(z)/r_d, H(z)r_d, f\sigma_8(z)$ )
- A set of  $m$  measurements  $\mathbf{D}_i, \mathbf{C}_{ii}$  can be combined into a set of *consensus constraints*  $\mathbf{D}_c, \mathbf{C}_c$  (Sánchez et al. 2016b)

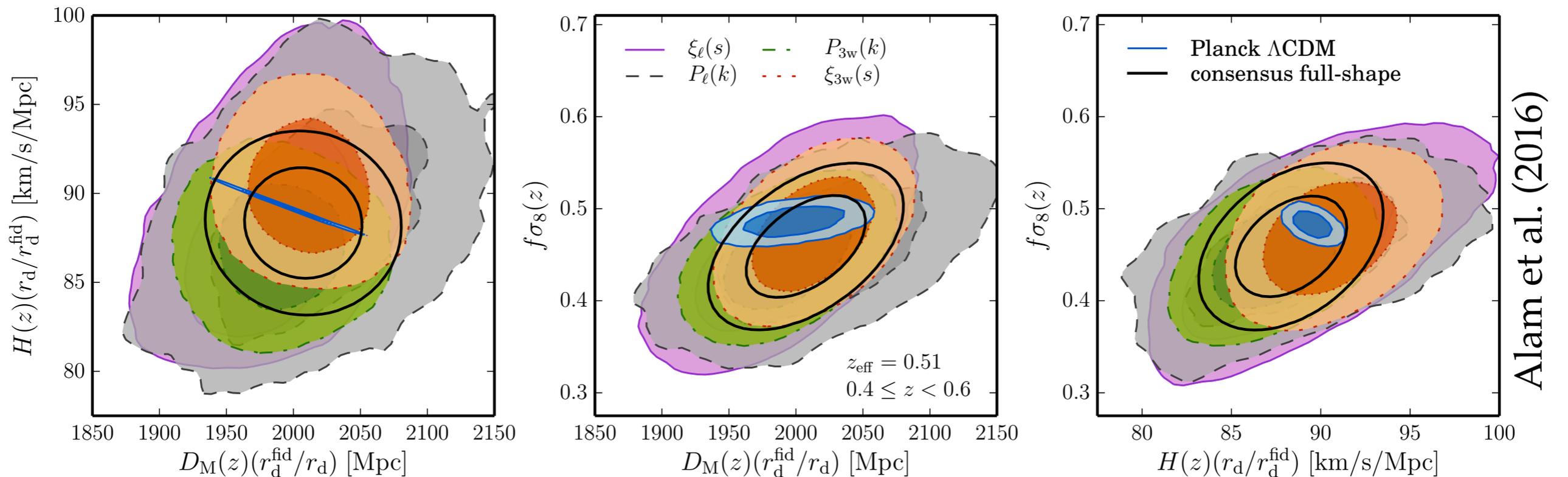
$$\mathbf{D}_{\text{tot}} = (\mathbf{D}_1, \dots, \mathbf{D}_m)$$
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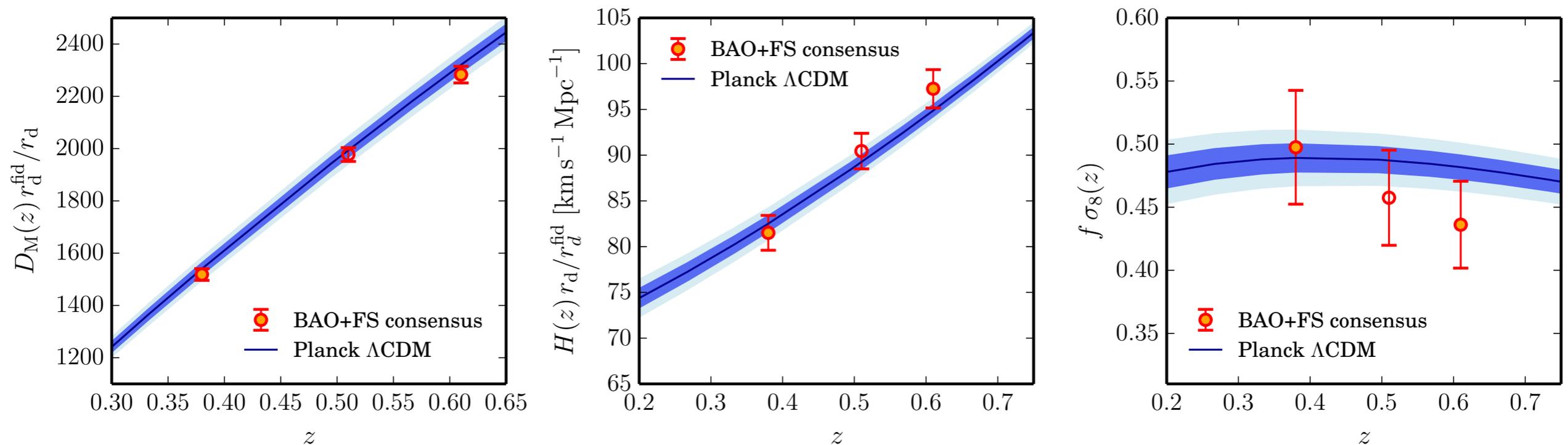


- Consensus constraints are  $\sim 10$  to  $20\%$  tighter than the most accurate measurement from the original set.
- Good agreement with the Planck  $\Lambda$ CDM prediction.

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- All analyses are combined into our final consensus constraints on  $D_M(z)$ ,  $H(z)$  and  $f\sigma_8(z)$

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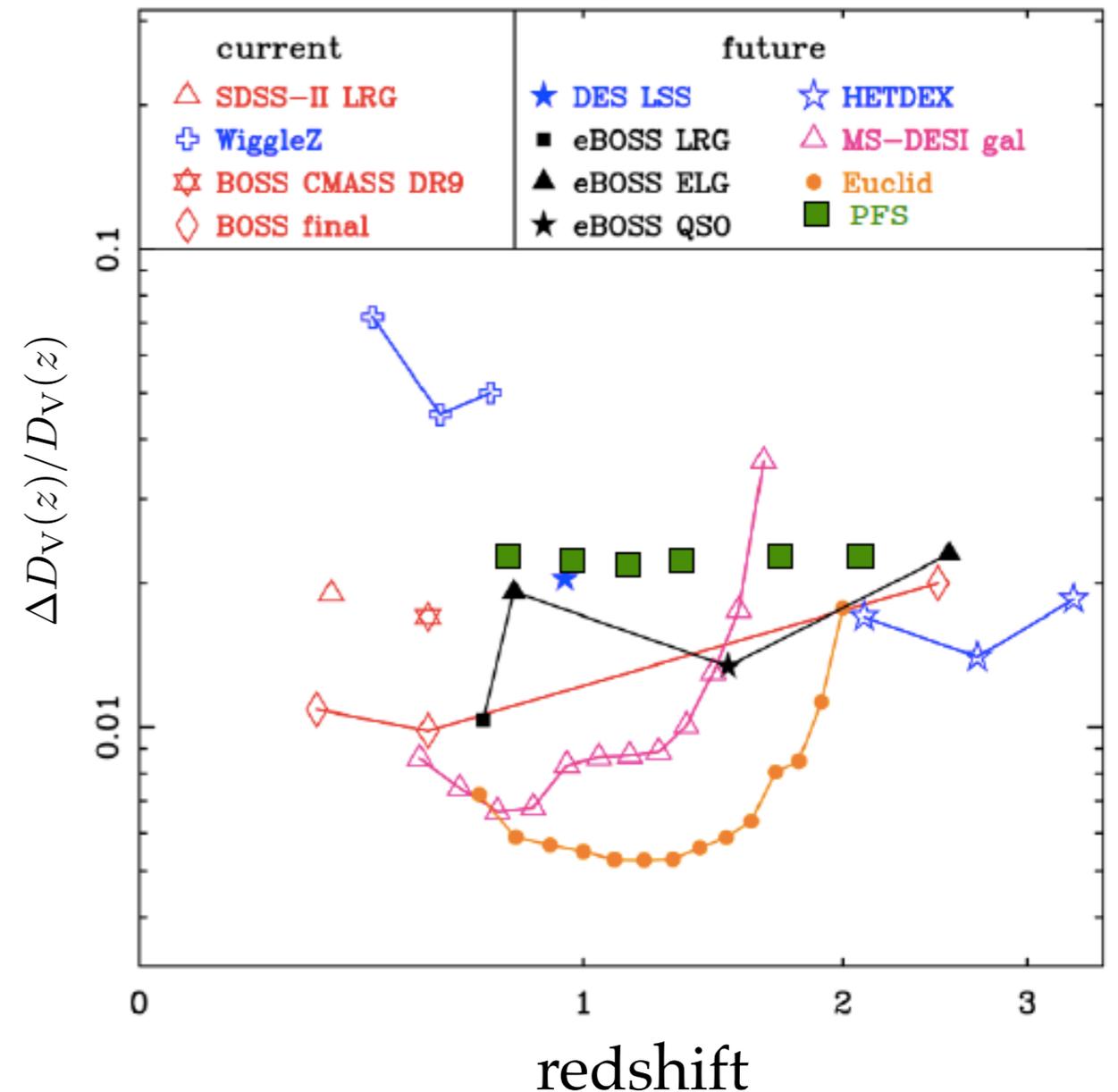
- Cosmological implications explored in Alam et al. (2016)

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Figure: Will Percival

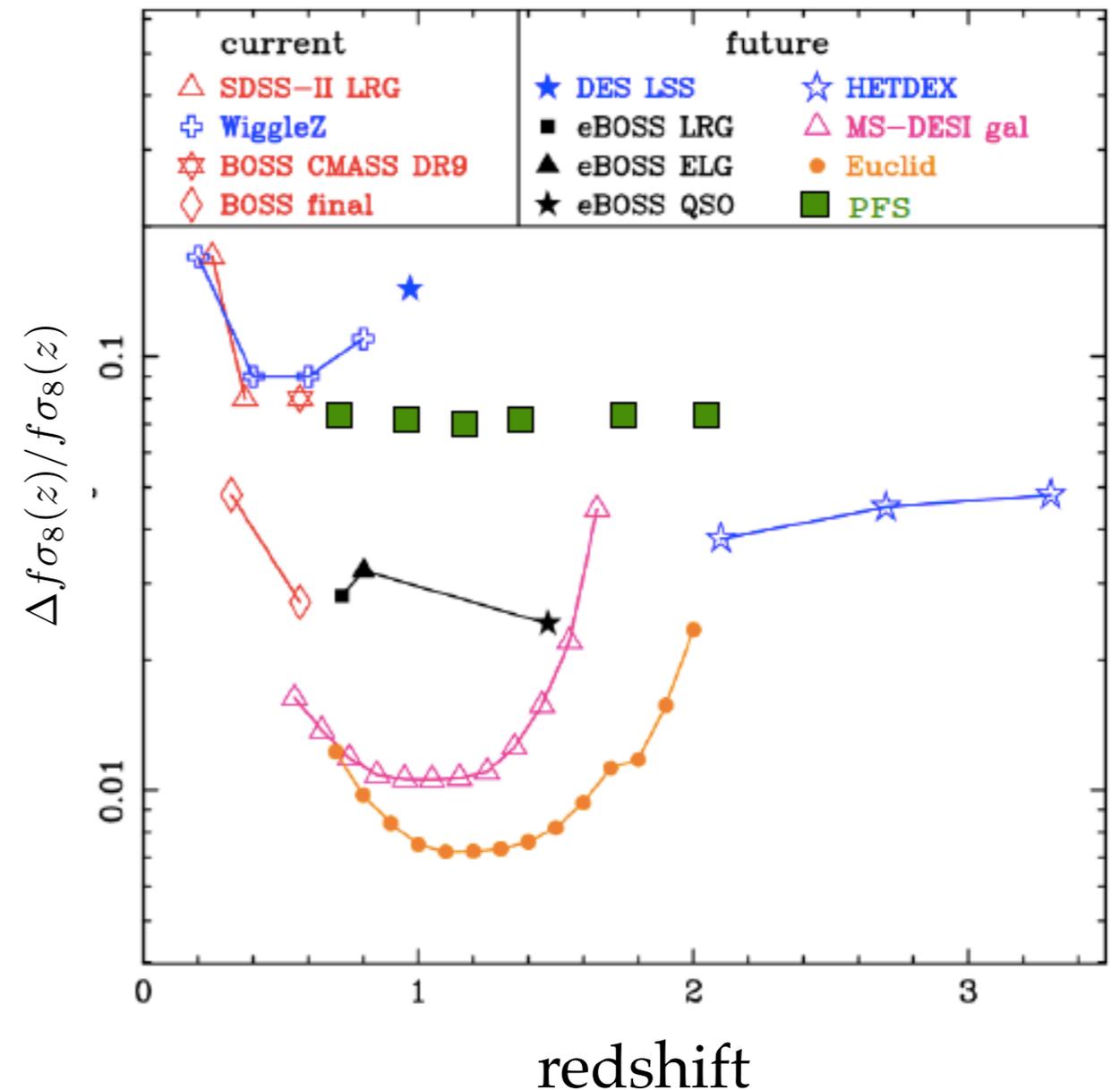


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# Final remarks

- Analysis of the final BOSS galaxy sample completed.
- Several analysis methods based on the same underlying model.
- Improved methodology leads to an increase in the constraining power of the sample.
- BOSS has shown that **BAO** & **RSD** can be used as robust and accurate cosmological probes.
- A quality jump in our use of LSS to constrain deviations from  $\Lambda$ CDM, which will be extended to future surveys.