



DARK ENERGY SPECTROSCOPIC INSTRUMENT

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Blind analysis

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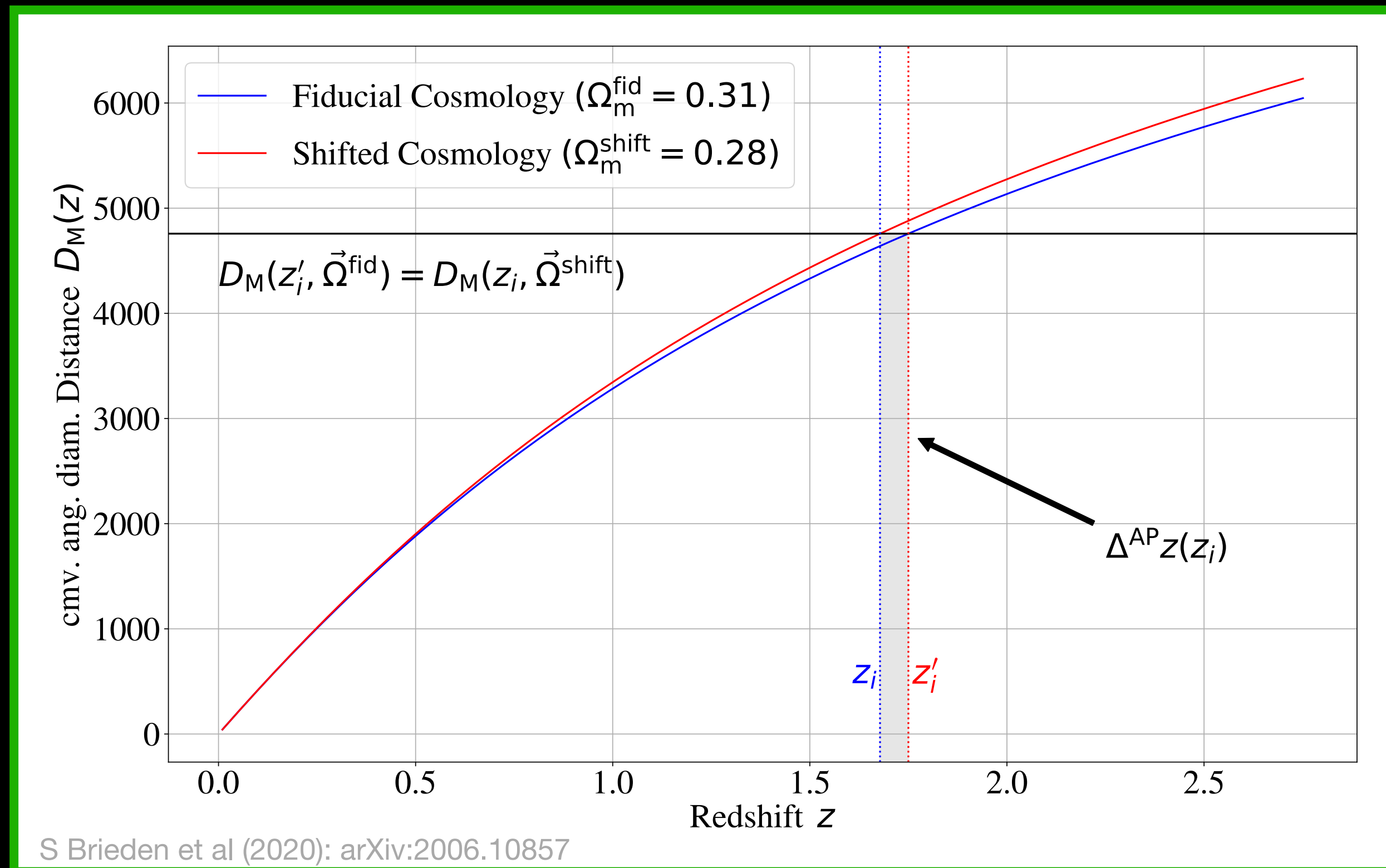
- **Blind analysis** to mitigate observer/confirmation biases (catalogue-level blinding)

Blinding happens in three steps:

1. Blinding for BAO;
2. Blinding for RSD;
3. Blinding for primordial non-Gaussianity f_{NL} .

How is the DESI BAO analysis different?

- **First step:** AP-like shift



blind cosmology w_0, w_a, Ω_m (not revealed!)

$(\text{ra}, \text{dec}, z) \longrightarrow (X, Y, Z)$

fiducial cosmology

$(\text{ra}, \text{dec}, z') \longleftarrow (X, Y, Z)$

$$z_i(\Omega_{\text{true}}) \xrightarrow{\Omega_{\text{blind}}} D_M(z_i, \Omega_{\text{blind}}) = D_M(z'_i, \Omega_{\text{fid}}) \xrightarrow{\Omega_{\text{fid}}} z'_i(\Omega_{\text{blind}})$$