Exploring fundamental physics with galaxy redshift surveys

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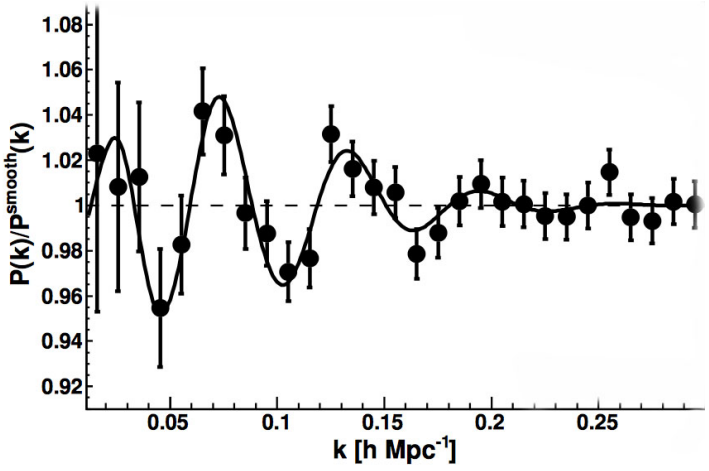

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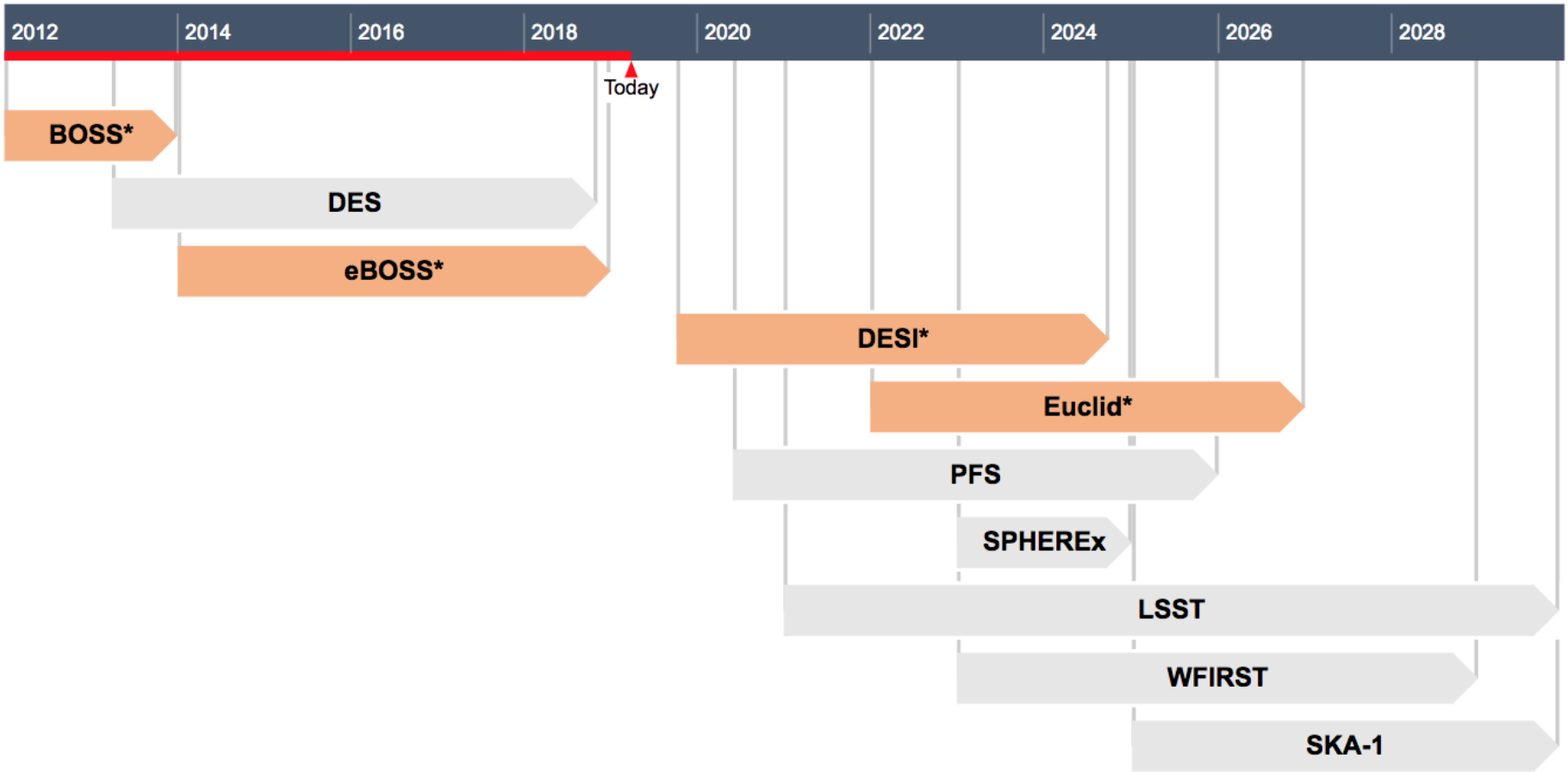
Why should you care?



- DESI will start observing this year!

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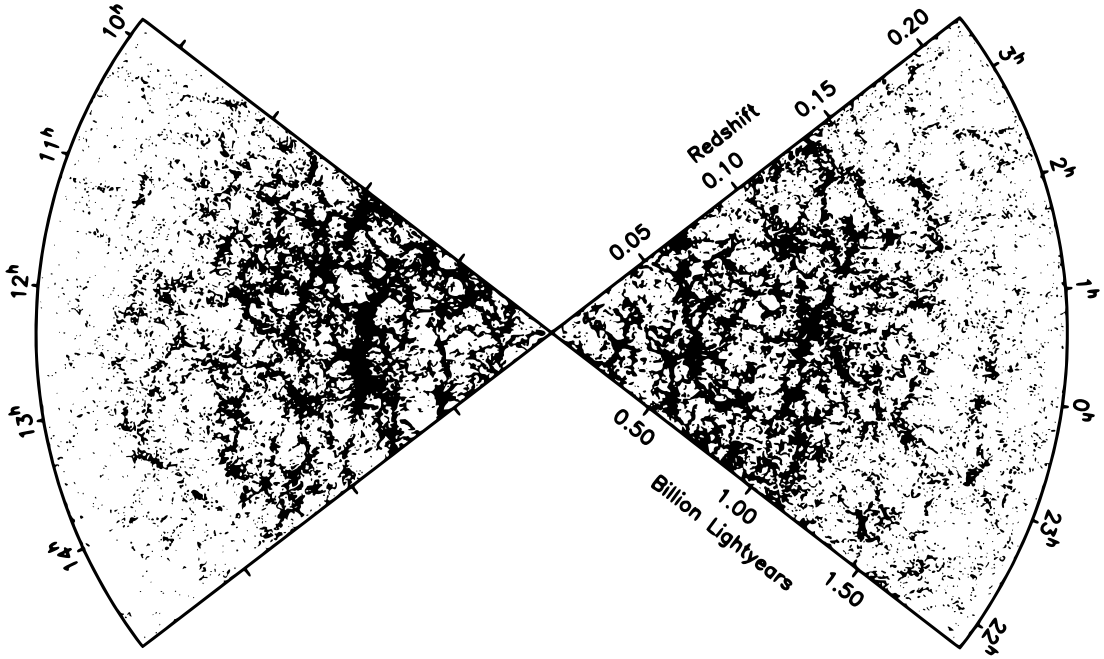
What is a galaxy redshift survey?

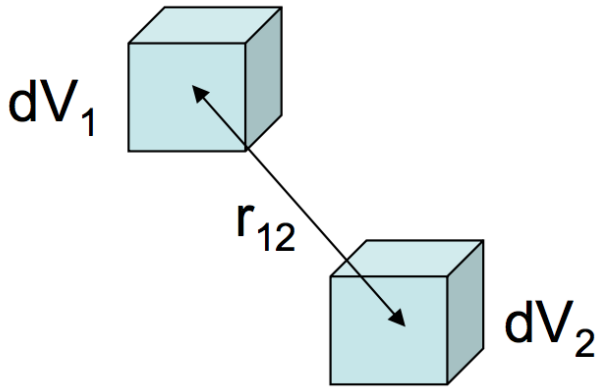


- Measure the position of galaxies (redshift + RA, DEC).
- The CMB tells us a lot about the initial conditions for today's distribution of matter.
- How the initial density fluctuations in the CMB evolved from redshift $z \sim 1100$ to today depends on Ω_m, Ω_Λ, H_0 etc.

From a point distribution to a power spectrum

- Overdensity-field:

$$\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x}) - \overline{\rho}}{\overline{\rho}}$$



- Two-point function:

$$\xi(\mathbf{r}) \overset{\text{homogeneity}}{=} \langle \delta(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{r})\delta(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \begin{cases} \overset{\text{isotropy}}{=} & \xi(r) \\ \overset{\text{anisotropy}}{=} & \xi_\ell(r) = \int_{-1}^{1} d\mu\, \xi(r,\mu)\mathcal{L}_\ell(\mu) \end{cases}$$

- ...and in Fourier-space:

$$\boxed{P_\ell(k) = 4\pi(-i)^\ell \int r^2 dr \xi_\ell(r) j_\ell(kr)}$$

From a point distribution to a bispectrum

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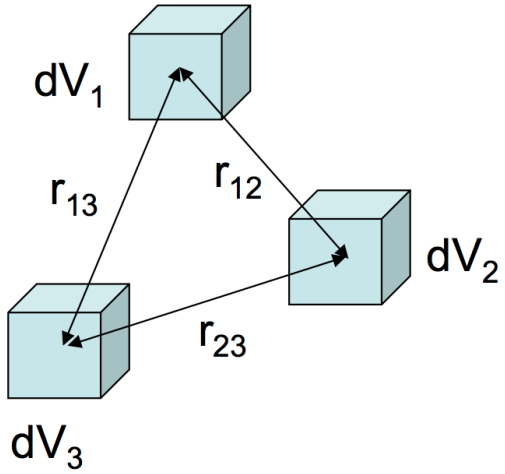

- Three-point function:

$$\xi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \overset{\text{homogeneity}}{=} \langle \delta(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{r}_1)\delta(\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{r}_2)\delta(\mathbf{x}) \rangle \begin{cases} \overset{\text{isotropy}}{=} & \xi_L(r_1, r_2) \\ \overset{\text{anisotropy}}{\longrightarrow} & \xi_{\ell_1 \ell_2 L}(r_1, r_2) \end{cases}$$

- ...and in Fourier-space:

$$B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 L}(k_1, k_2) = (4\pi)^2 (-i)^{\ell_1 + \ell_2} \int r_1^2 dr_1 \int r_2^2 dr_2 \xi_{\ell_1 \ell_2 L}(r_1, r_2) j_{\ell_1}(k_1 r_1) j_{\ell_2}(k_2 r_2)$$

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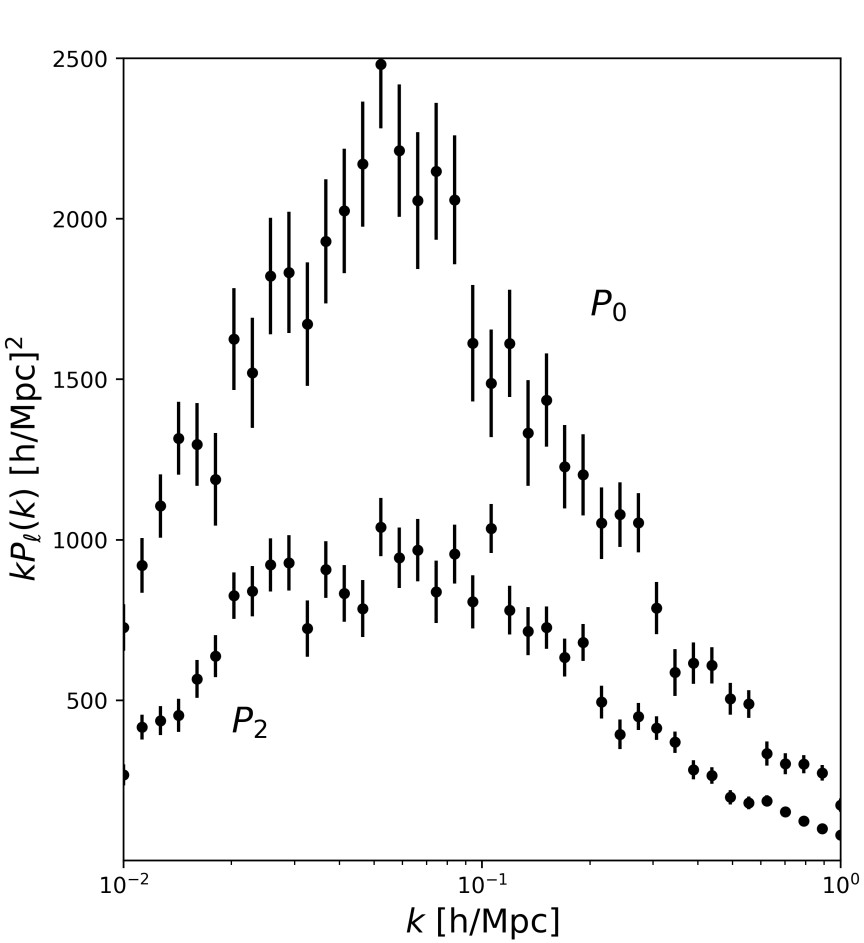

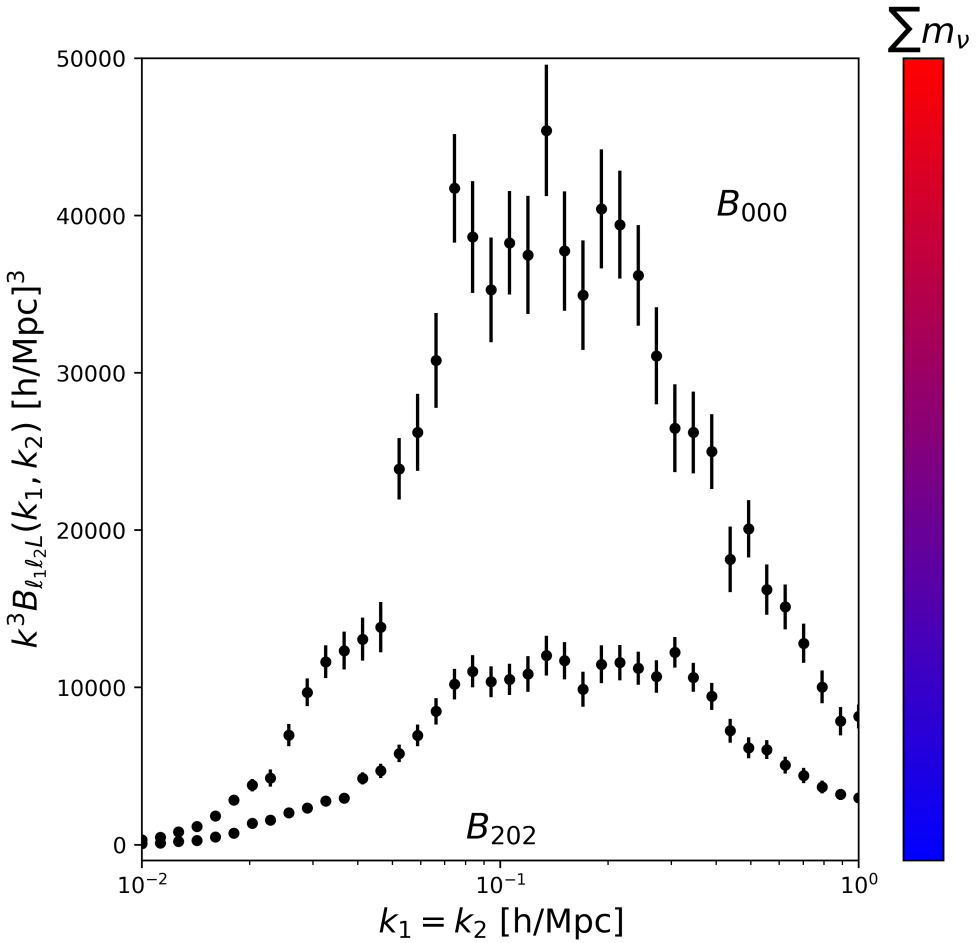

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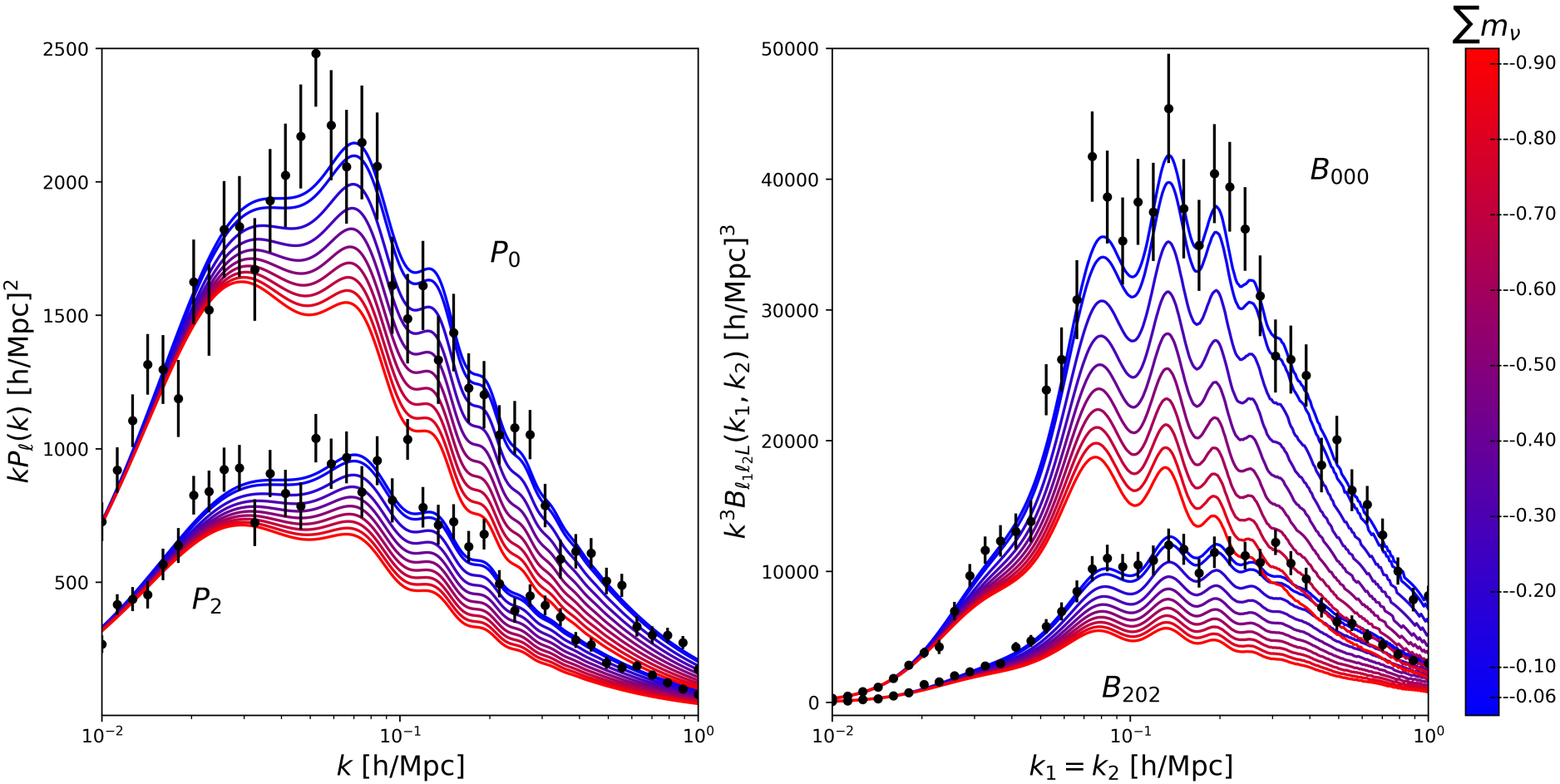

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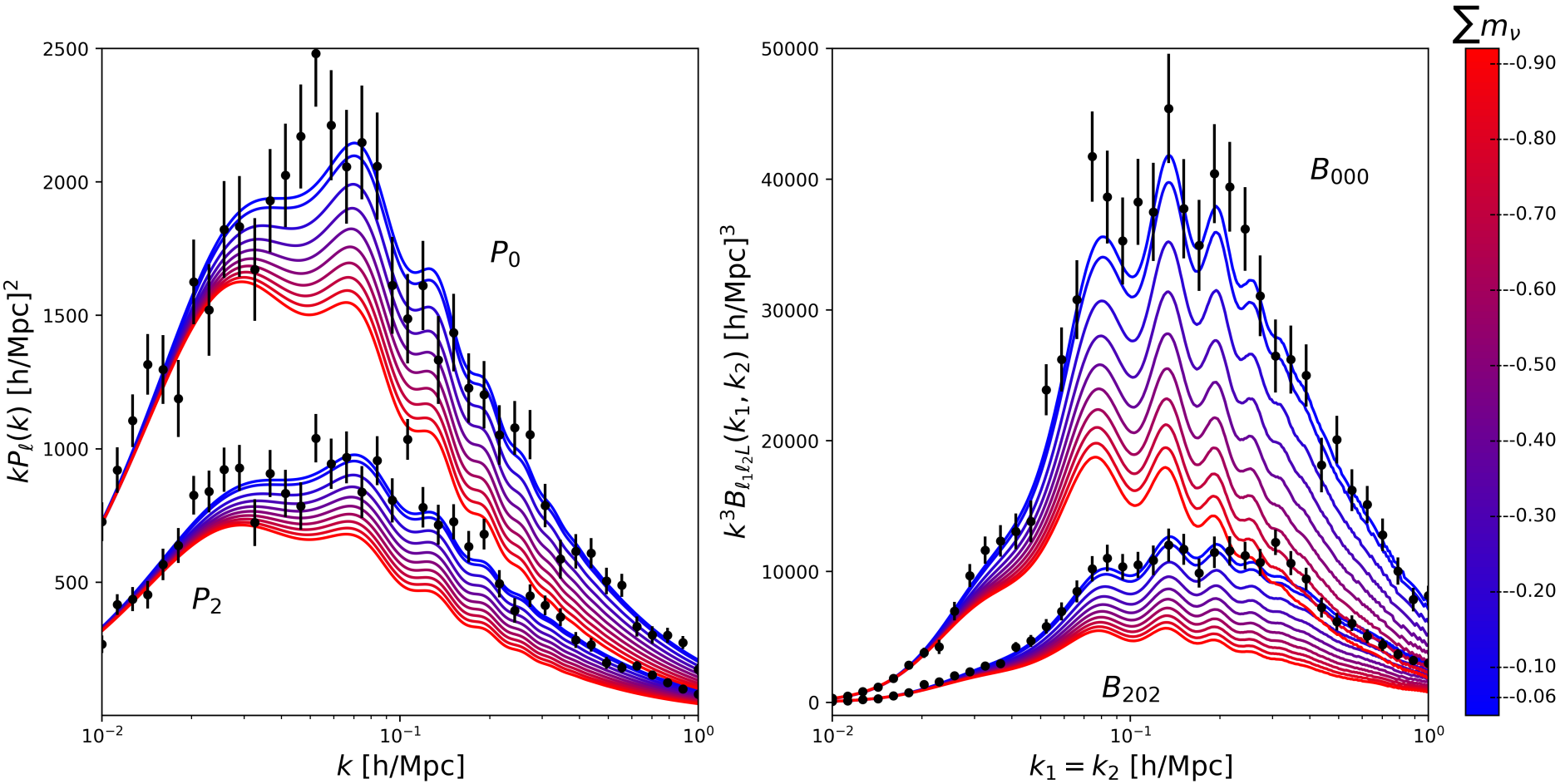

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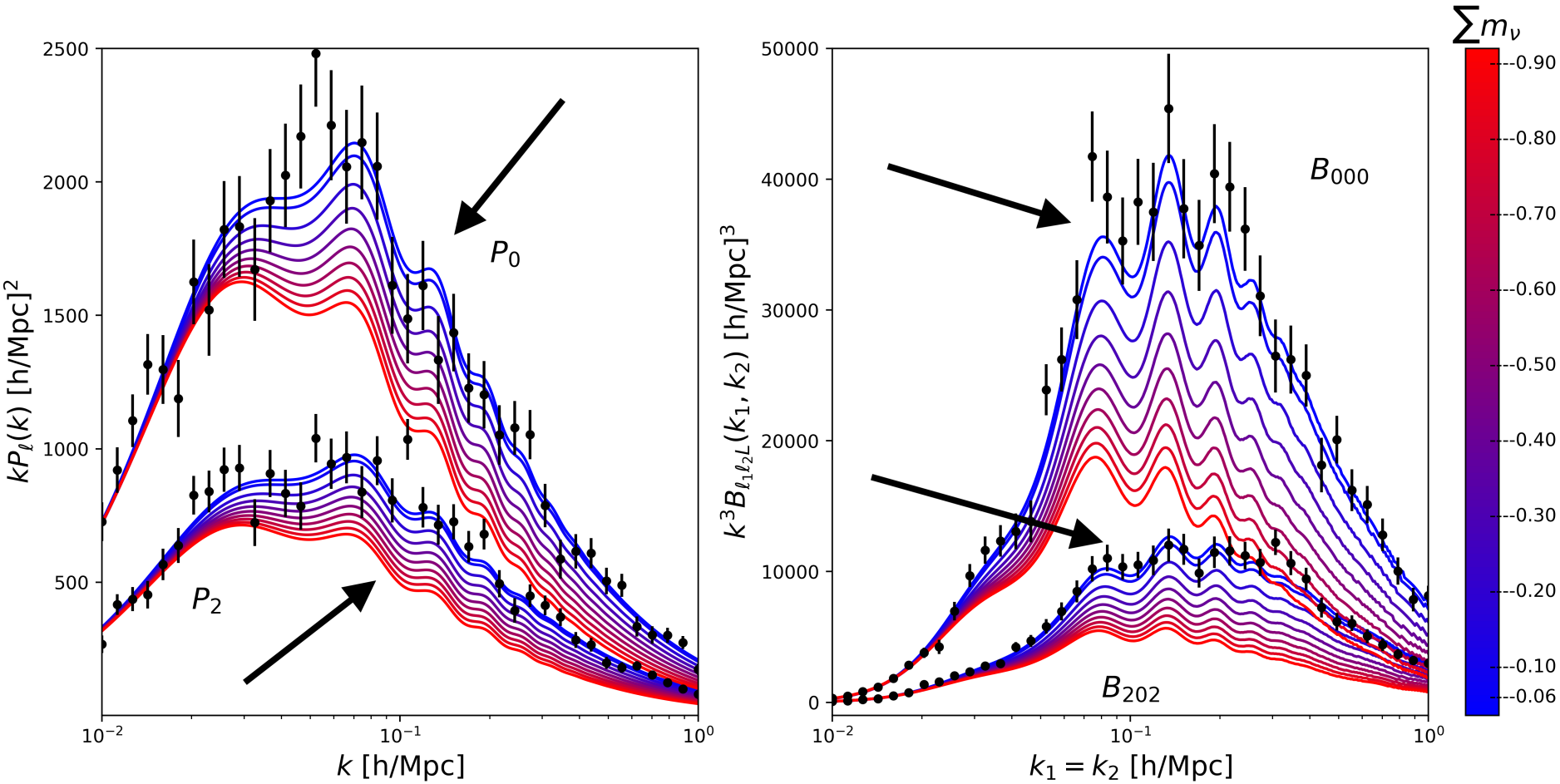

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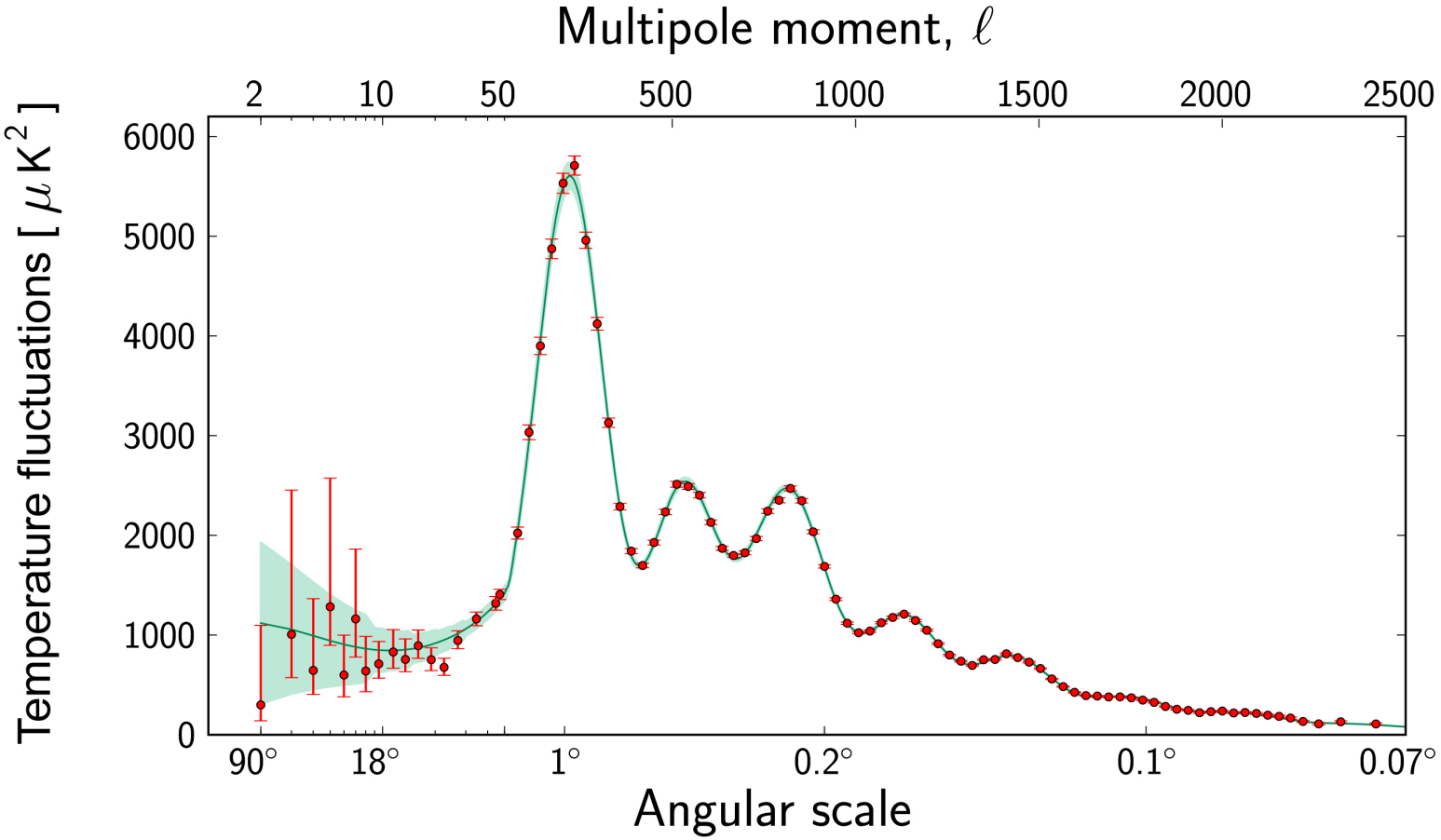


Planck collaboration

What are Baryon Acoustic Oscillations?

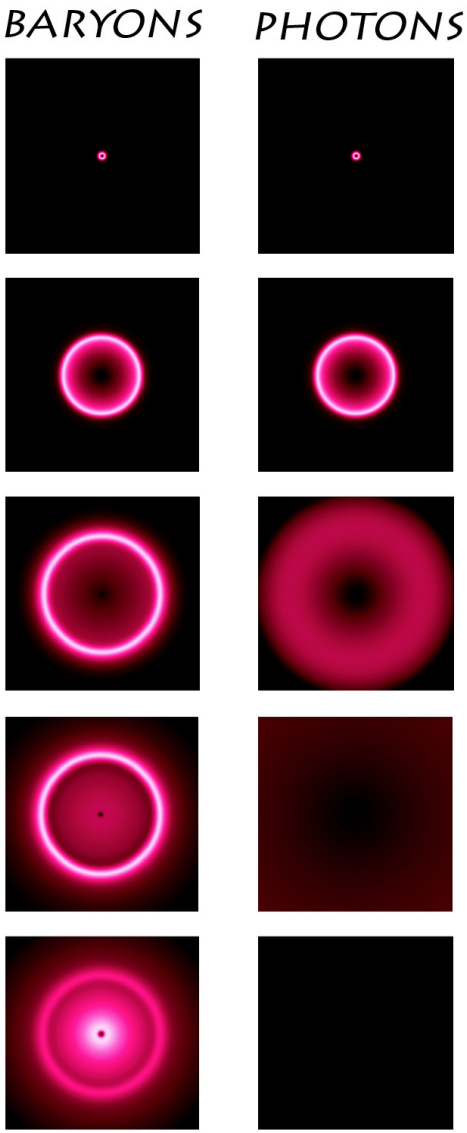
- For the first 380 000 years the evolution eq. of baryon and photon perturbations can be written as

$$\ddot{\delta}_{b\gamma} - c_s^2 \nabla^2 \delta_{b\gamma} = \nabla^2 \Phi$$

with the plane wave solution

$$\delta_{b\gamma} = A \cos(k r_s + \phi)$$

- Preferred distance scale between galaxies as a relic of sound waves in the early Universe.
- This signal is present at low redshift and detectable in $\xi(r)/P(k)$ **on very large scales**.



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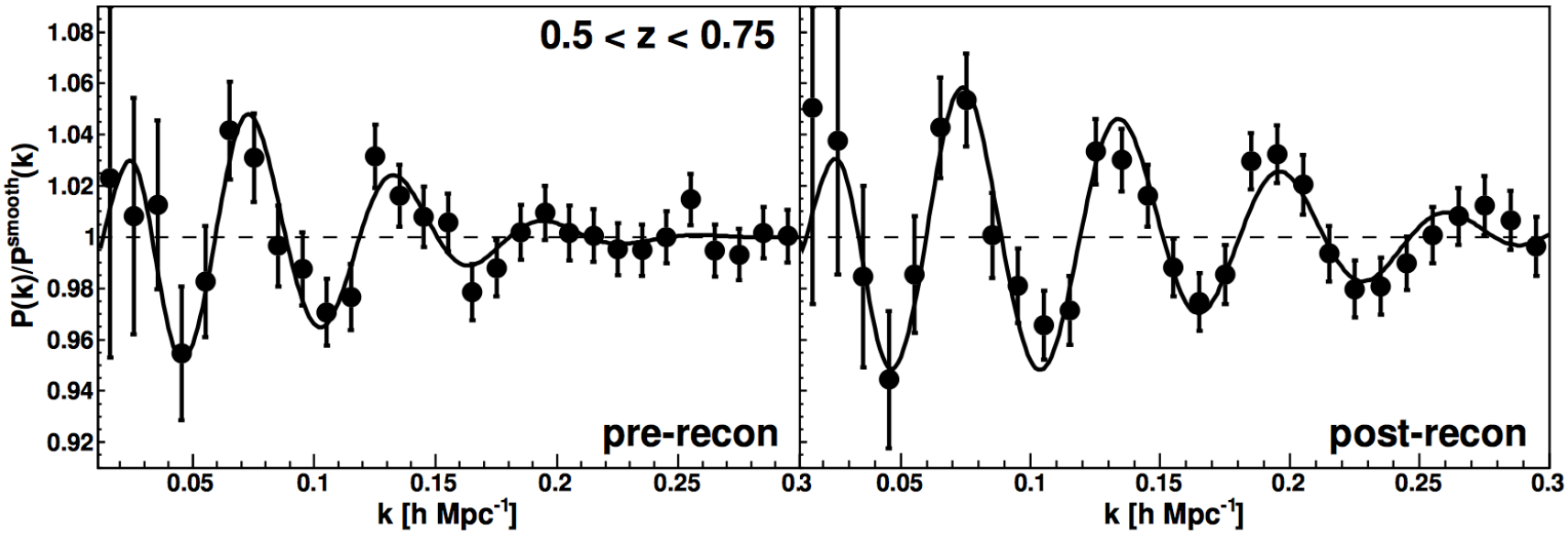
Baryon Acoustic Oscillations in BOSS



$$D_A(z) = \int_0^z \frac{c dz'}{H(z')}$$

$$H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_k (1+z)^2}$$

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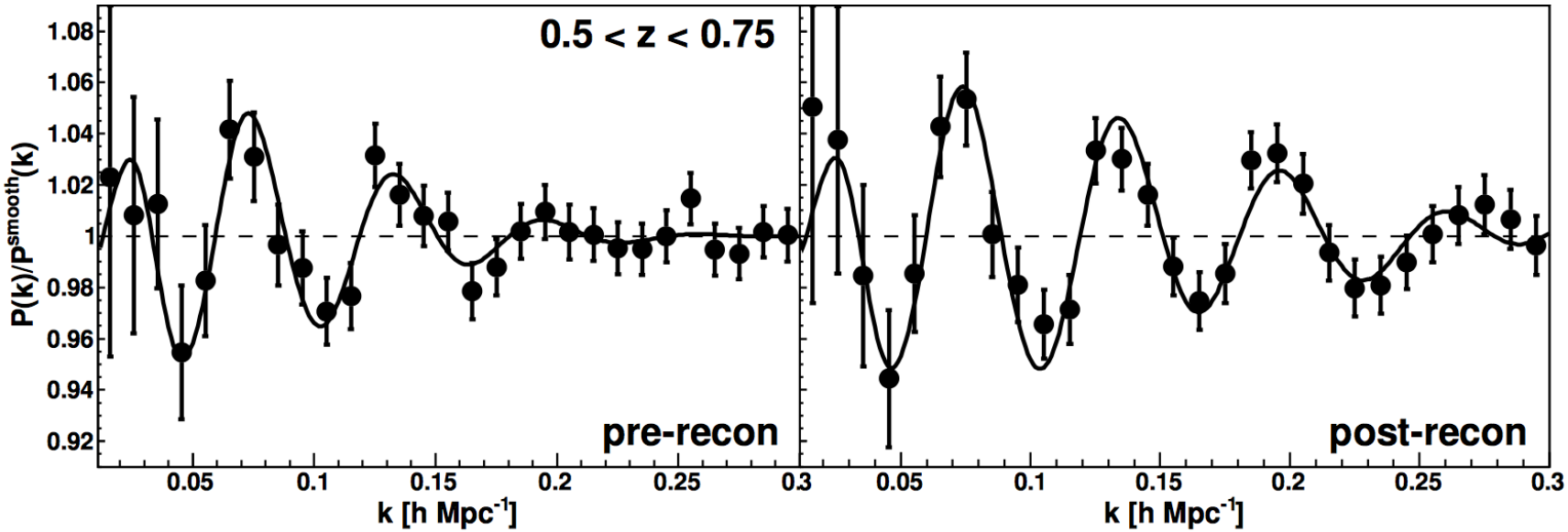

$$D_V(z = 0.38)\, r_s^{\rm fid}/r_s = 1476 \pm 15 \text{ Mpc} \qquad (1.0\%)$$

$$D_V(z = 0.61)\, r_s^{\rm fid}/r_s = 2146 \pm 19 \text{ Mpc} \qquad (0.9\%)$$

$$D_V(z) = \left[(1+z)^2 D_A^2(z) \frac{cz}{H(z)}\right]^{1/3}$$

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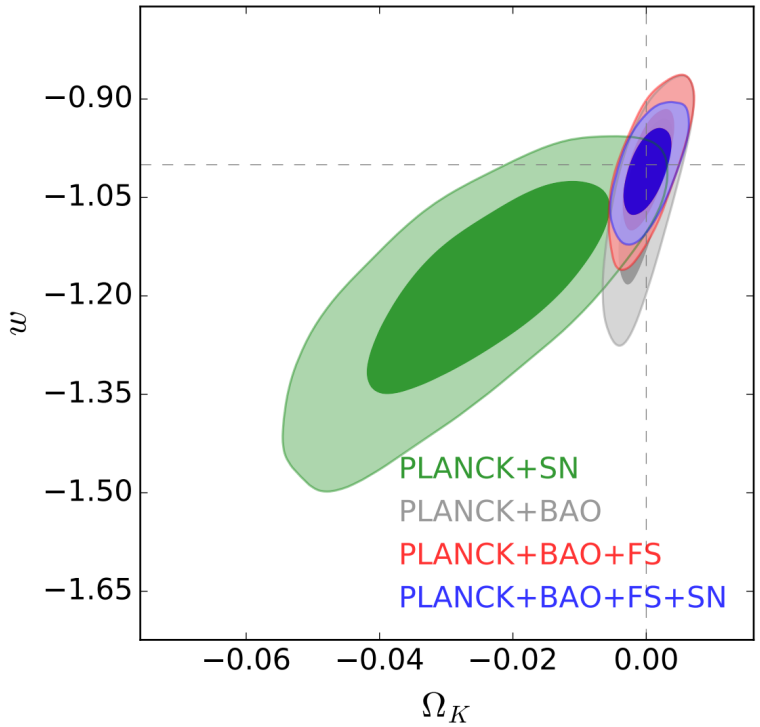

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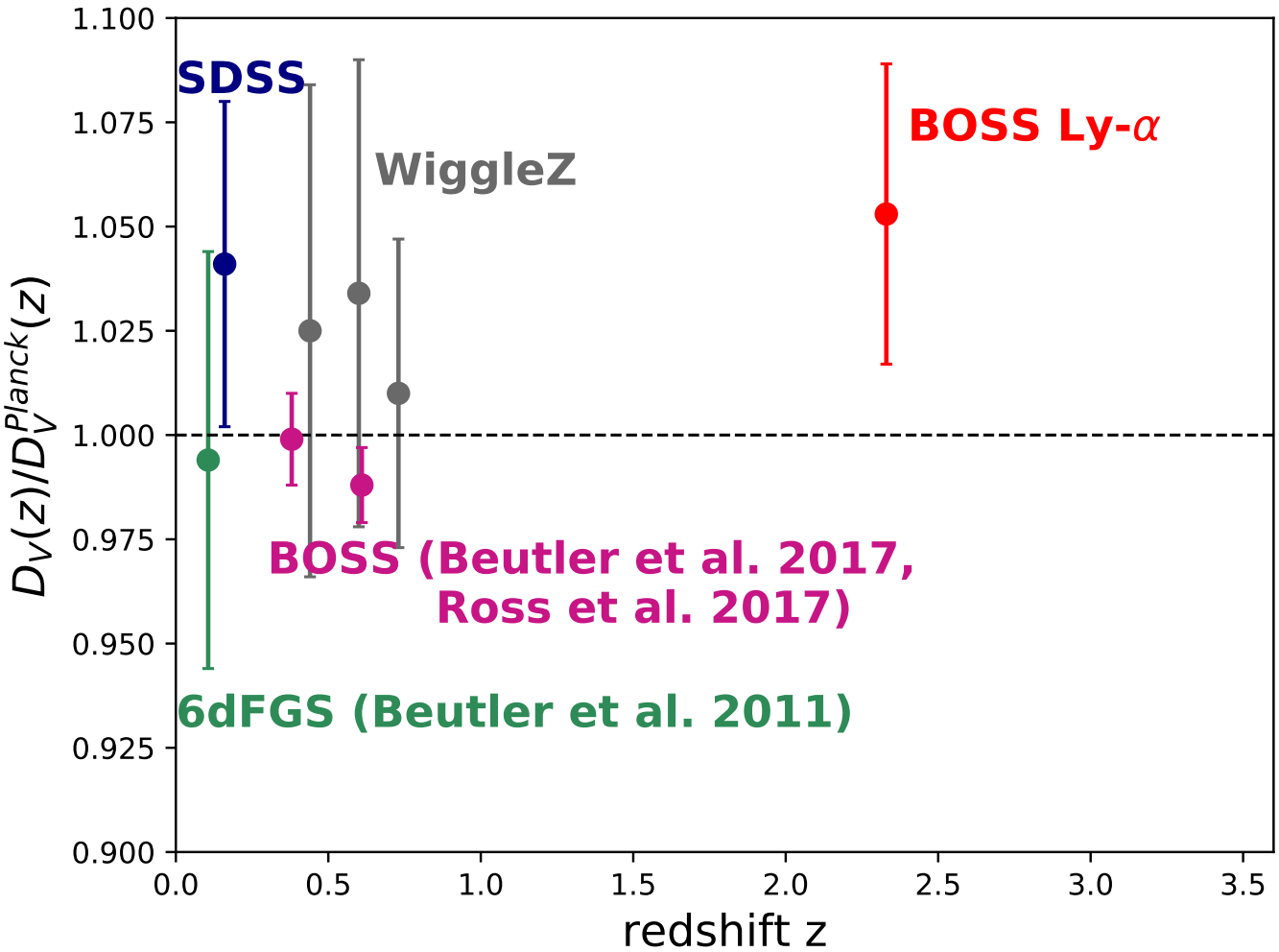
Planck+SN:

$$\Omega_k = 0.025 \pm 0.012$$
$$w = -1.01 \pm 0.11$$

Planck+SN+BAO:

$$\Omega_k = 0.0003 \pm 0.0027$$
$$w = -1.05 \pm 0.08$$

Looking into the (near) future



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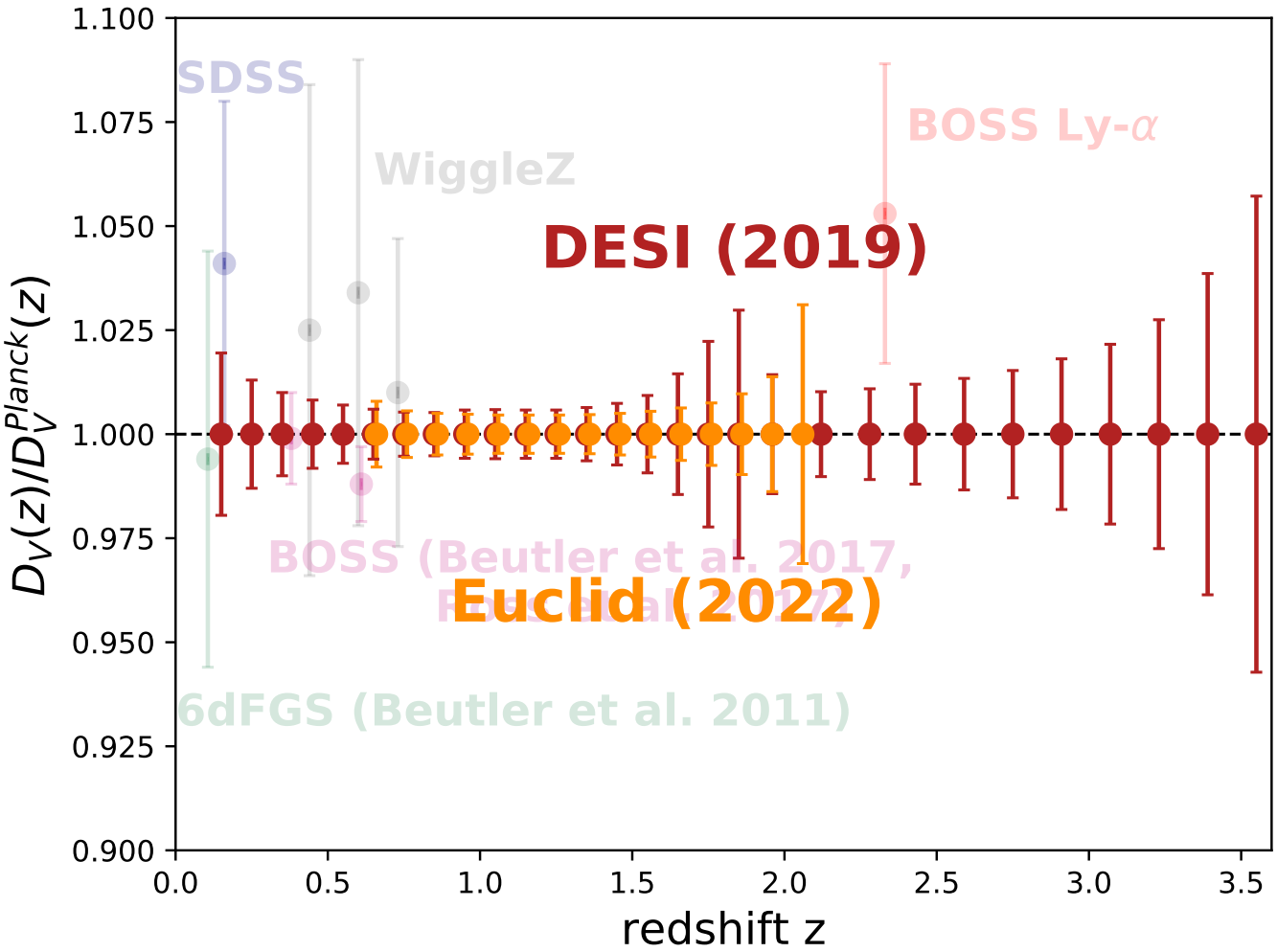

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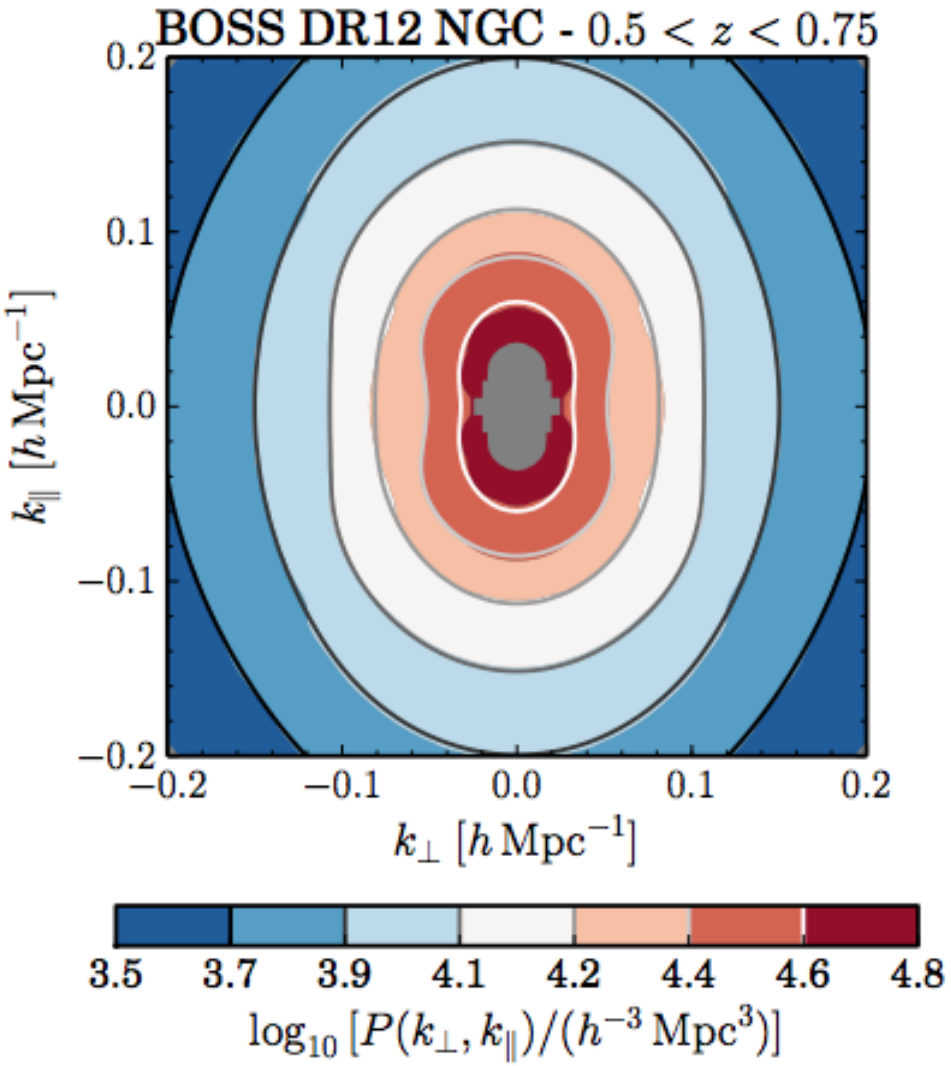
What are redshift-space distortions?

The densities along the line-of-sight are enhanced due to the velocity field

$$\delta_g(k) = b_1 \delta_m(k) - \mu^2 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v}$$
$$= \delta_m(k)(b_1 + f\mu^2)$$

→ Introduces a quadrupole
→ Sensitive to cosmology since

$$f = \frac{\partial \ln D}{\partial \ln a} \approx \Omega_m^{0.55}$$



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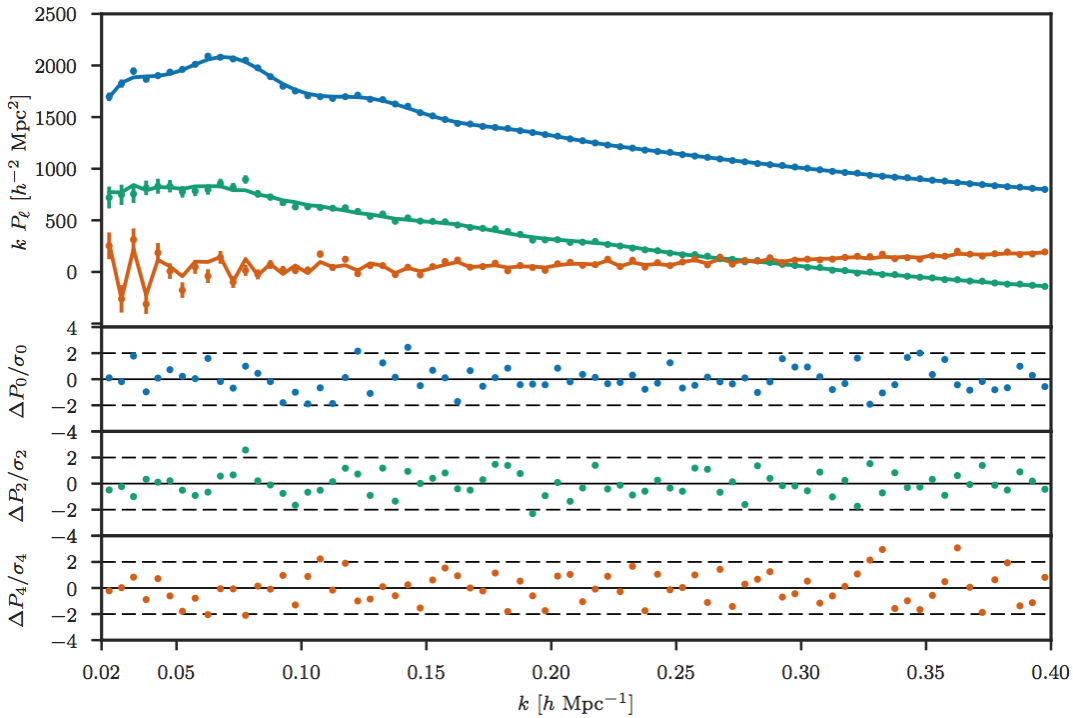
Broadband modelling - Distribution function model



- Can model the power spectrum up to $k_{\mathrm{max}} = 0.4h/\mathrm{Mpc}$ using 9 nuisance (HOD based) parameters.
- We still have to **include the bispectrum** to constrain the nuisance parameters.

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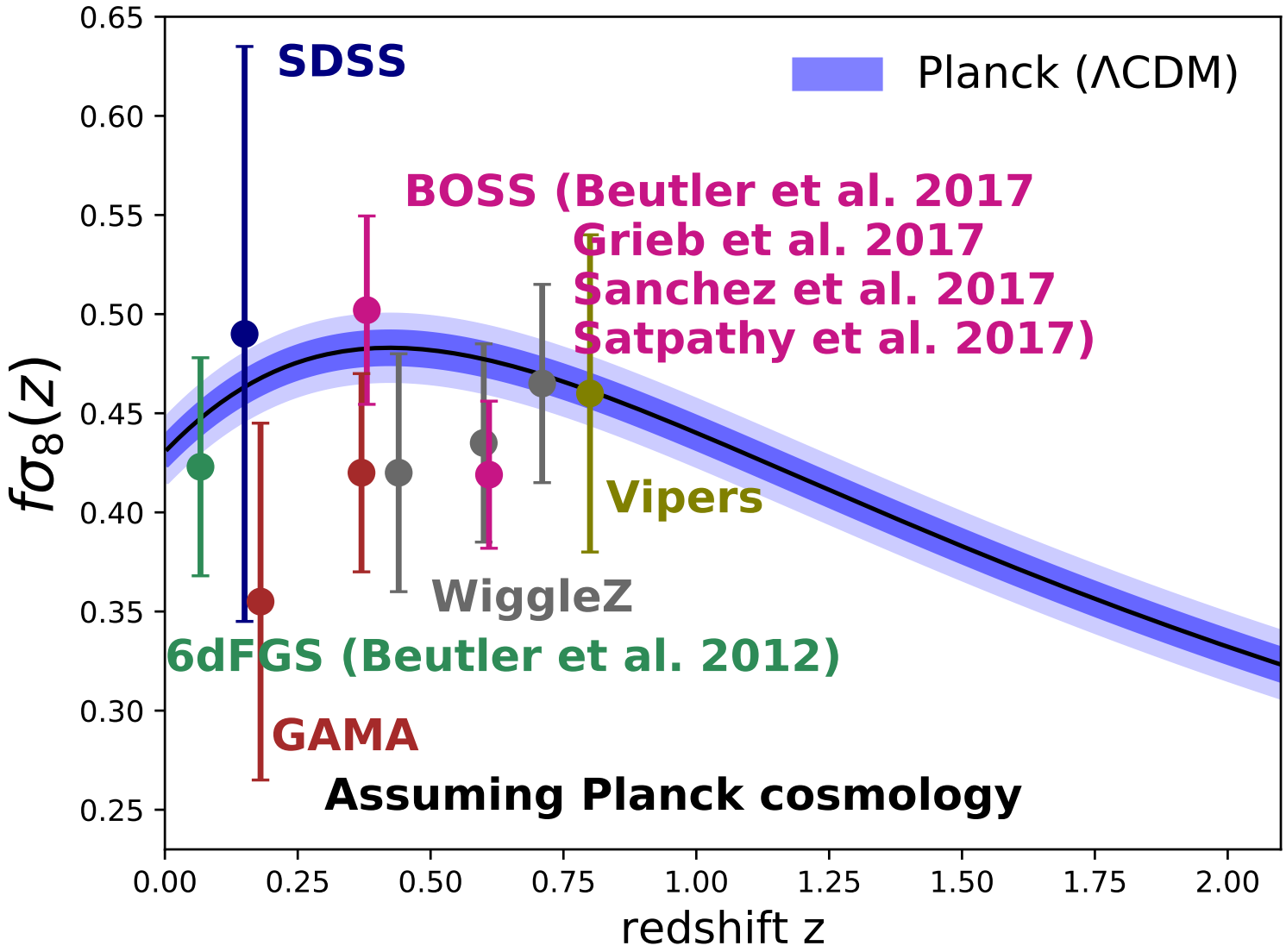

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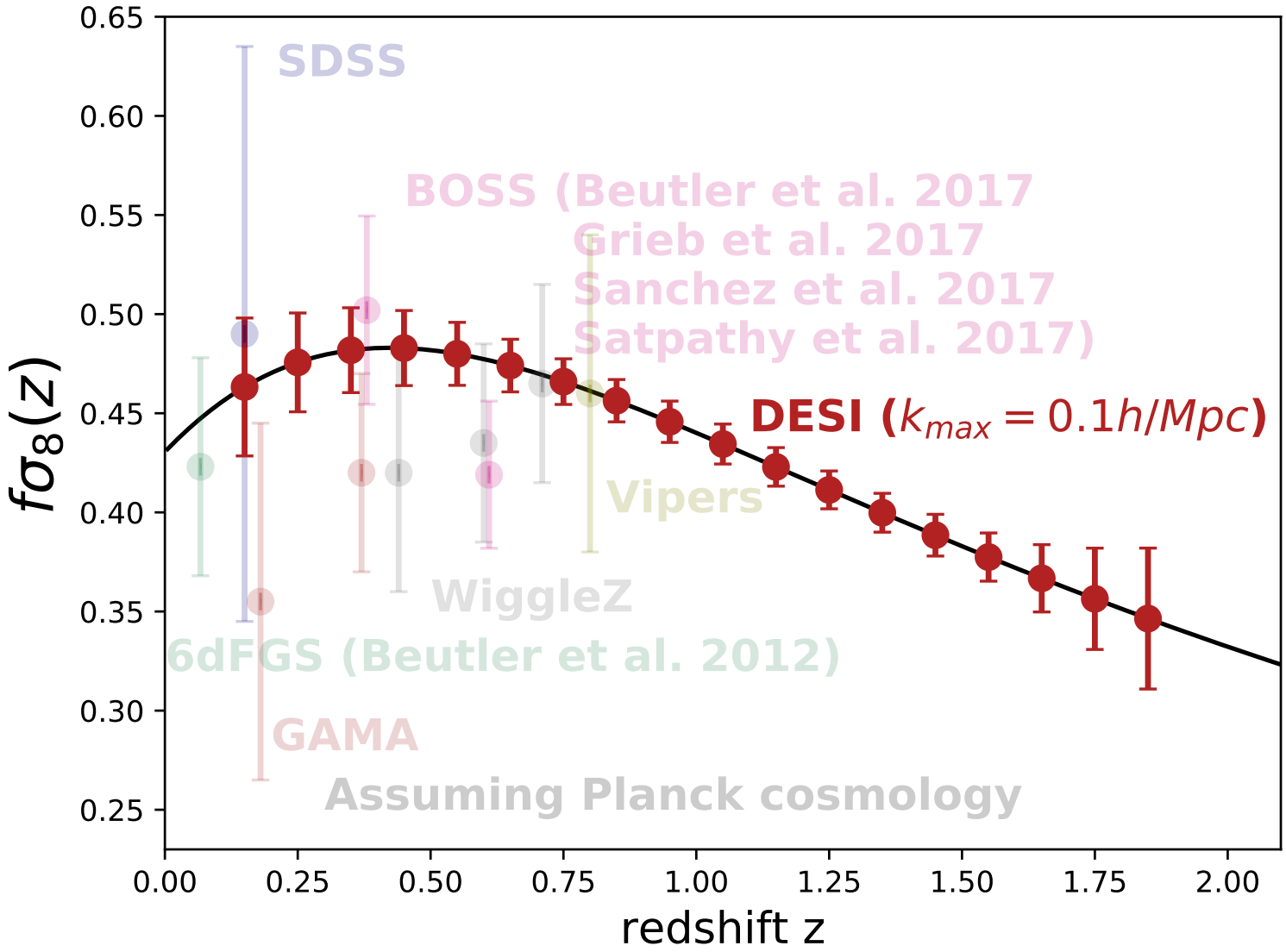

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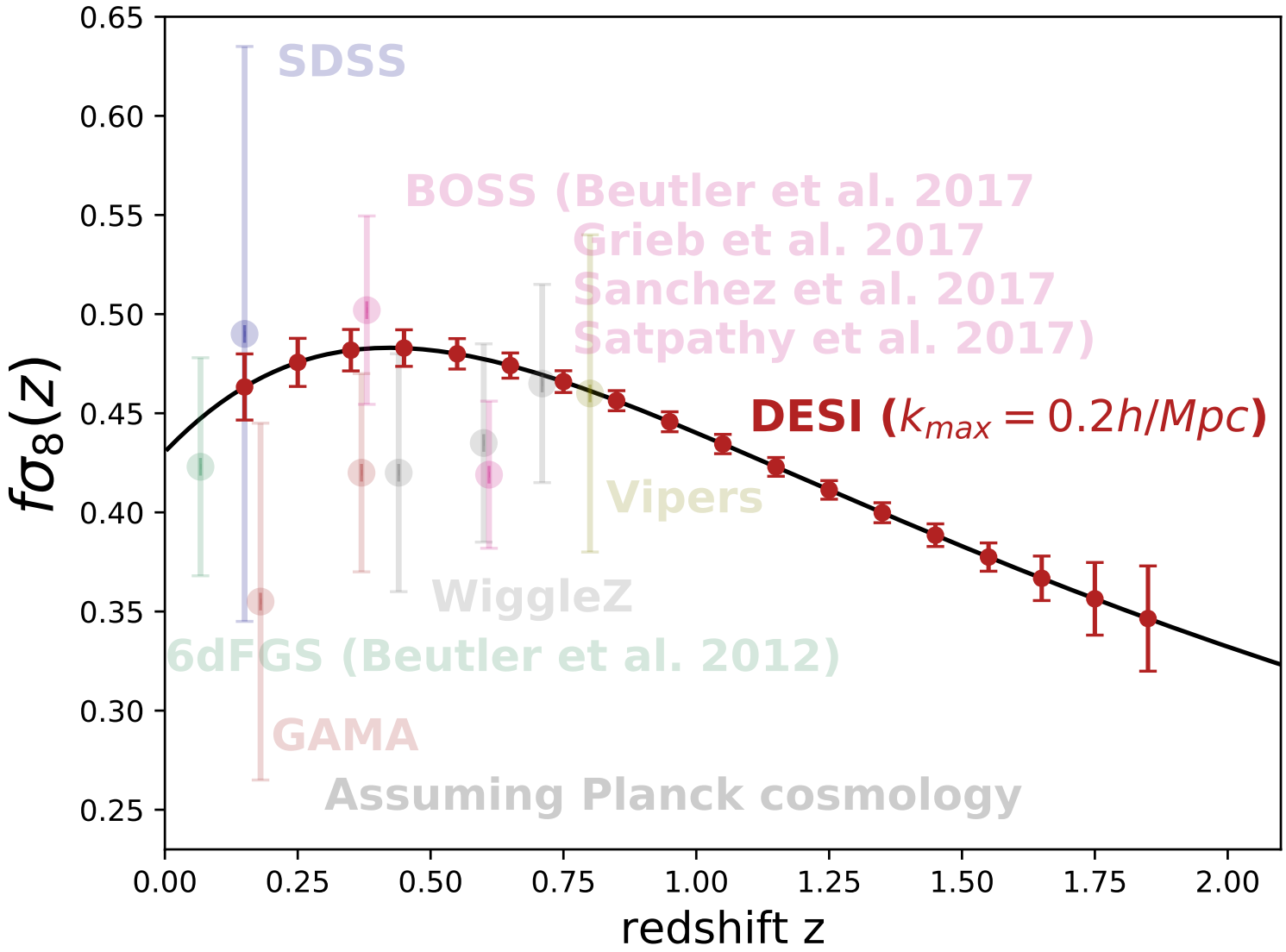

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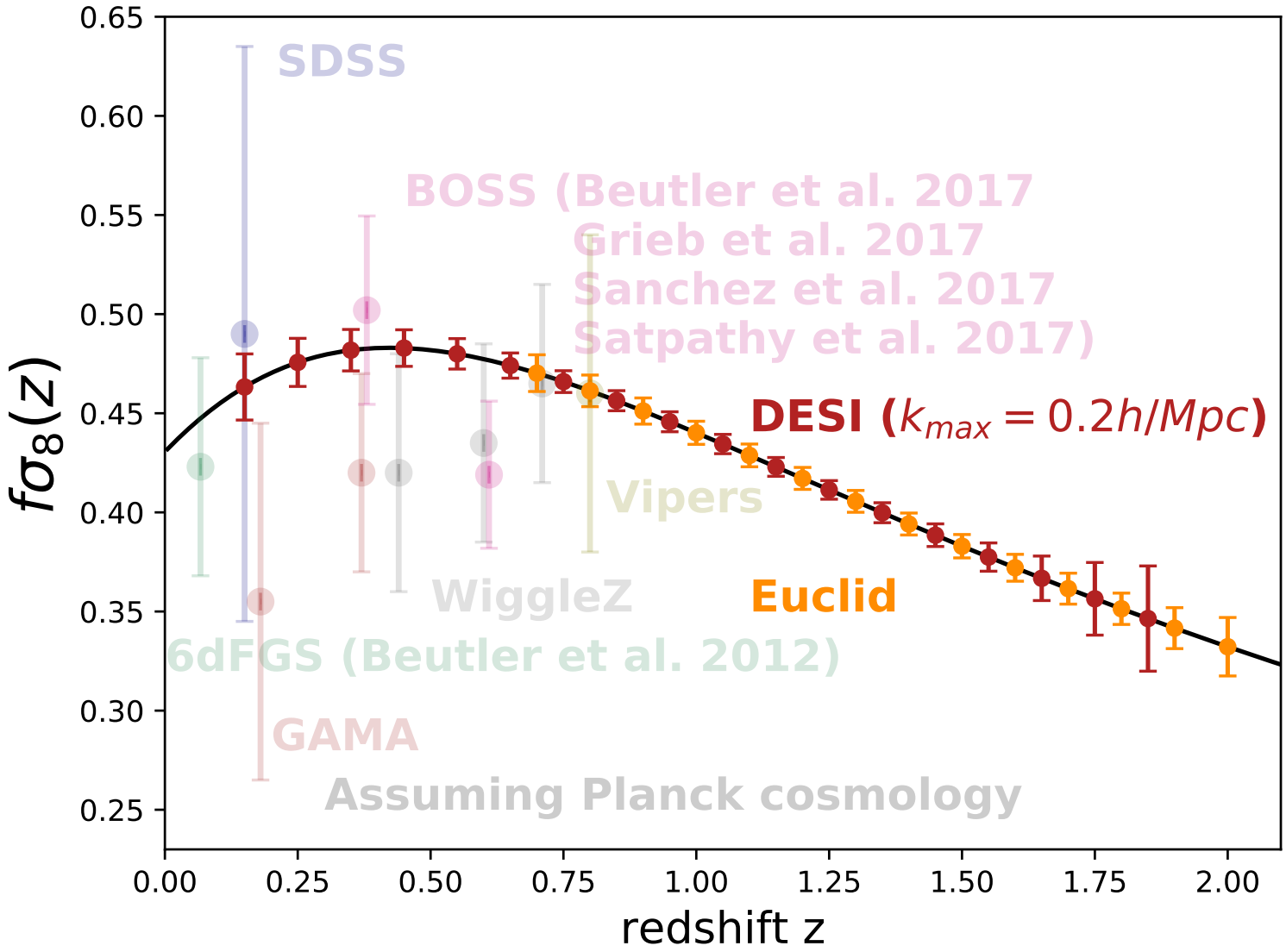
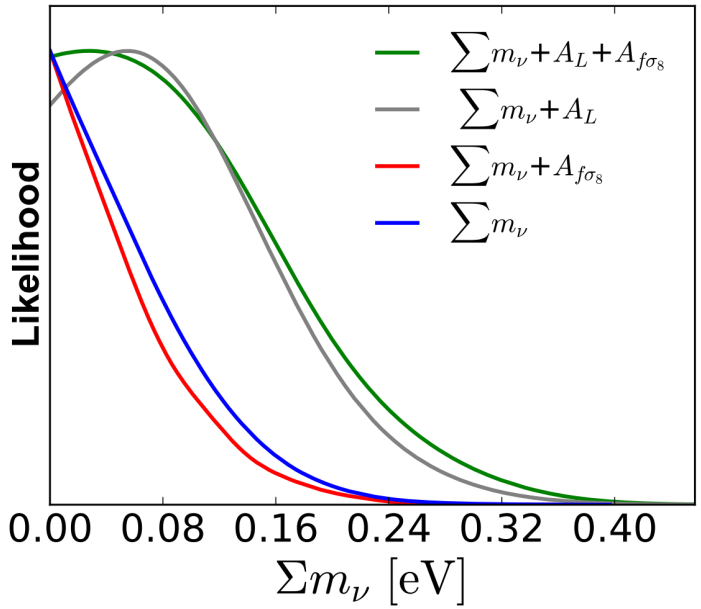


Constraining the neutrino mass with BAO & RSD



$|\Delta m^2_{31}| \simeq 2.56 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$

$\Delta m^2_{21} \simeq 7.37 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$

$0.06\,eV \lesssim \text{Planck}\left(\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu\right) + \text{BOSS} < 0.16\,eV$

- Neutrino mass hierarchy $\begin{cases} m_{\nu_1} < m_{\nu_2} \ll m_{\nu_3} \rightarrow \textbf{min}\left(\sum m_\nu\right) \simeq 0.06\,eV \\ m_{\nu_3} \ll m_{\nu_1} < m_{\nu_2} \rightarrow \textbf{min}\left(\sum m_\nu\right) \simeq 0.1\,eV \end{cases}$
- **Planck + DESI will yield** $\sigma_{\sum m_\nu} = 0.017\,eV$
- Tritium β-decay (Troitzk): $m_{\bar{\nu}_e} < 2.05\,eV$
- KATRIN forecast: $m_{\bar{\nu}_e} \sim 0.2\,eV$ $(\sum m_\nu \simeq 0.6\,eV)$

Alam + Beutler et al. (2017), PDG (2018), Font-Ribera et al. (2014), Wolf (2008)

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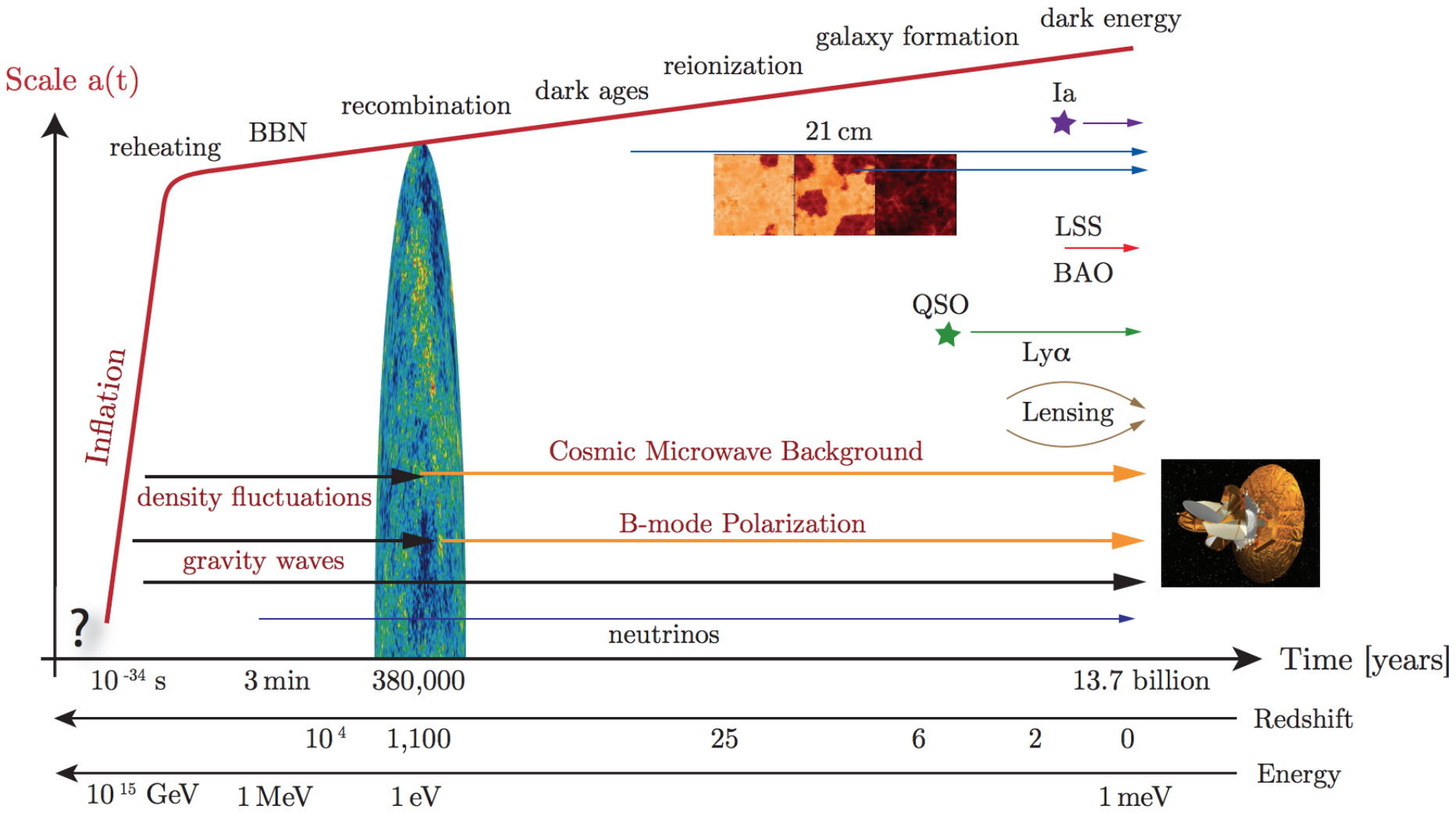
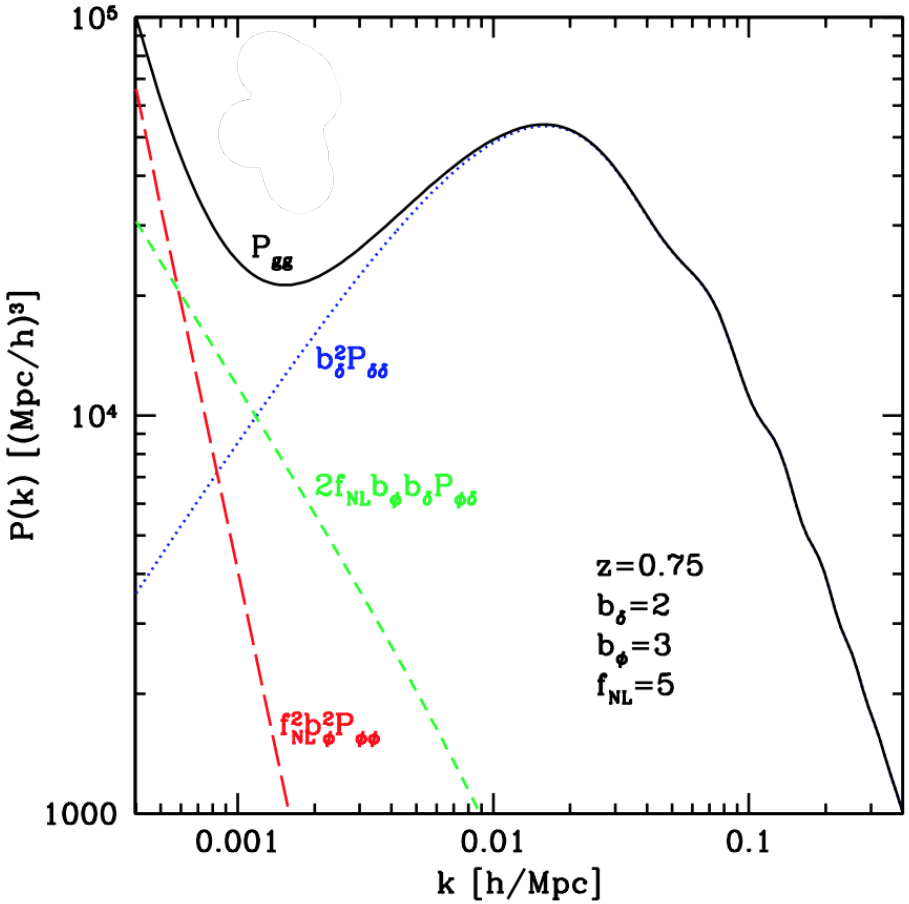
Inflation in one plot



Baumann (2009)

Testing inflation through primordial non-Gaussianity



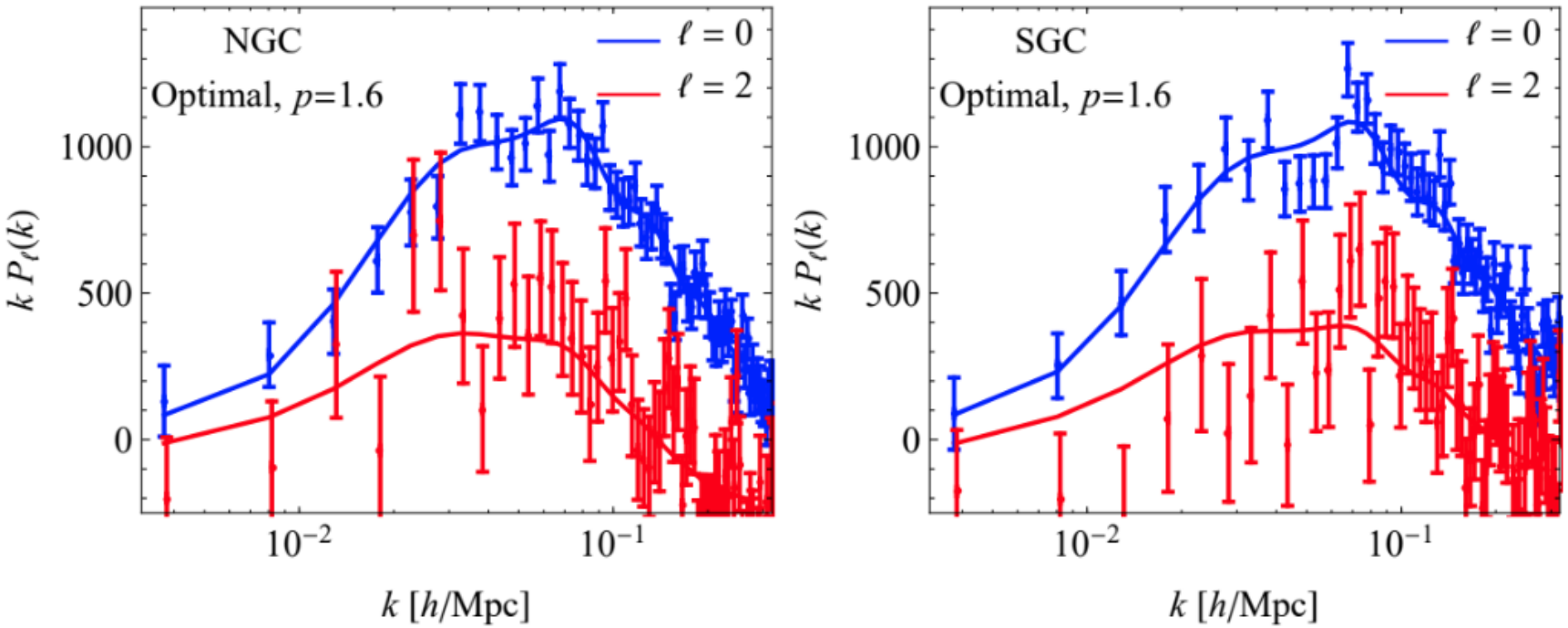
$$\phi_{\rm p} = \phi + f_{\rm NL}^{\rm loc}(\phi^2 - \langle\phi^2\rangle)$$

$$\delta_g(k) = \delta_m(k)\left(b_1 + f\mu^2 + \frac{b_\phi f_{\rm NL}^{\rm loc}\alpha}{k^2}\right)$$

McDonald (2008)

Primordial non-Gaussianity with LSS (preliminary)

- The CMB bispectrum yields $f_{\rm NL}^{\rm loc} = 0.8 \pm 5.2$ (Planck col.)
- eBOSS DR14: $\sim$ 150 000 Quasars at $0.8 < z < 2.2$
- eBOSS provides the currently best LSS constraint $f_{\rm NL}^{\rm loc} = -8^{+18}_{-19}$ using 1/3 of the final eBOSS sky coverage and excluding $z > 2.2$



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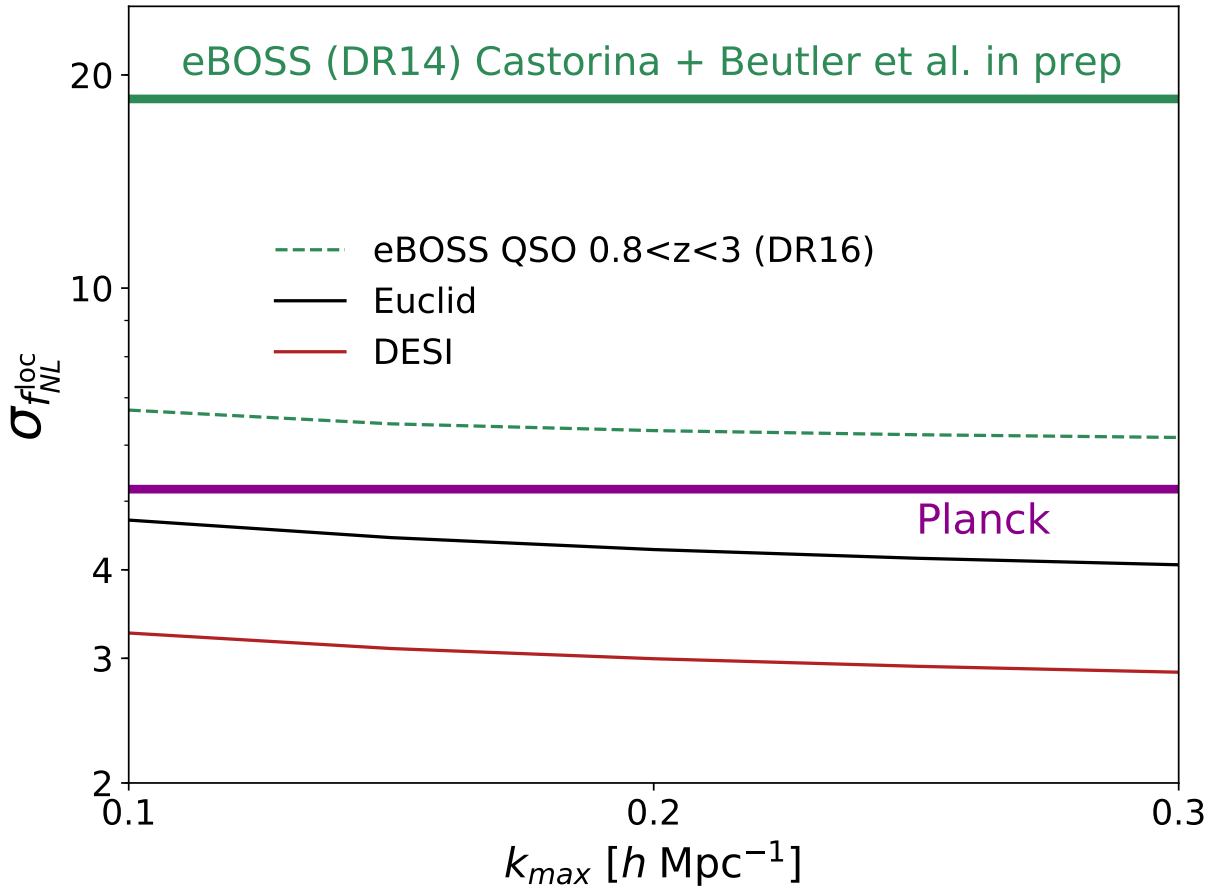
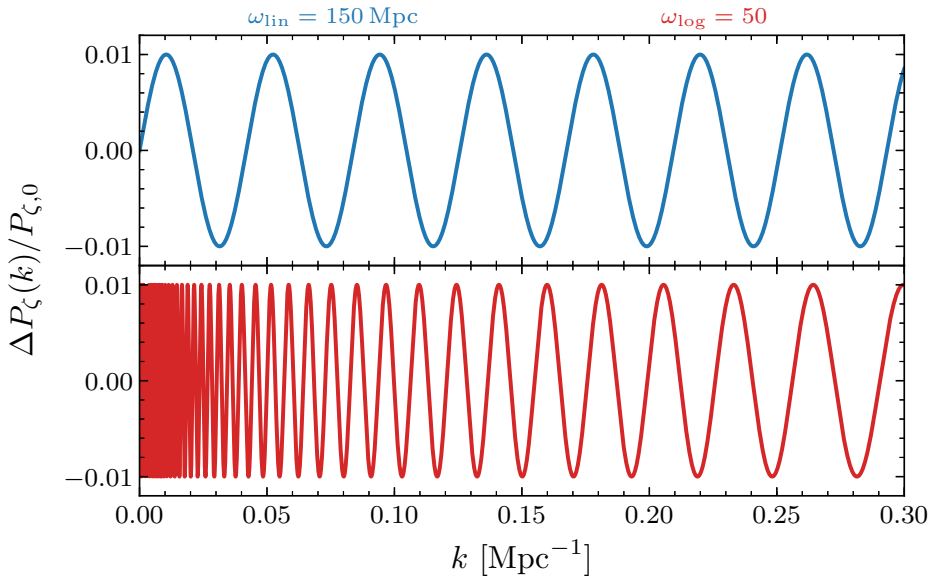


- **No bispectrum information included yet!** $\rightarrow f_{\rm NL}^{\rm equil}, f_{\rm NL}^{\rm ortho}$
- **SPHEREx is now funded** $\rightarrow \sigma_{f_{\rm NL}^{\rm loc}} < 1$ **in 2025**

Testing inflation through primordial features



- Feature(s) in the inflationary potential can introduce features in the primordial power spectrum, which might still be detectable today.
- Sharp features can lead to linear oscillations, while periodic features lead to log-oscillations.
- Such features are predicted by many popular inflationary models like monodromy inflation, brane inflation, axion inflation etc.

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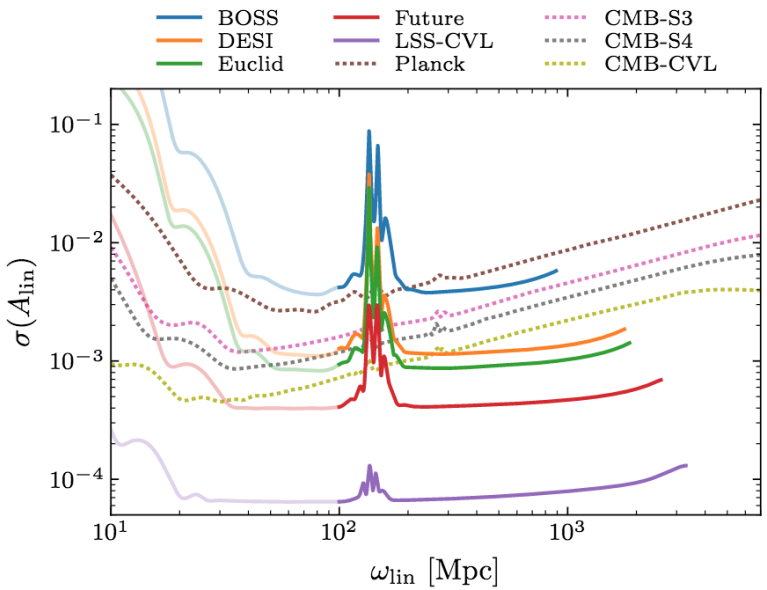

- Here we use a model-independent approach based on

$$\frac{\Delta P_\zeta}{P_\zeta} = \begin{cases} A^{\cos}\cos\left[\omega_{\log}\log\left(\frac{k}{0.05}\right)\right] + A^{\sin}\sin\left[\omega_{\log}\log\left(\frac{k}{0.05}\right)\right], \\ A^{\cos}\cos\left[\omega_{\rm lin}k\right] + A^{\sin}\sin\left[\omega_{\rm lin}k\right] \end{cases}$$

- LSS is more powerful than the CMB on small frequencies, while the CMB can access much higher frequencies
- DESI is going to provide constraints which cannot be accessed even by a CVL CMB experiment

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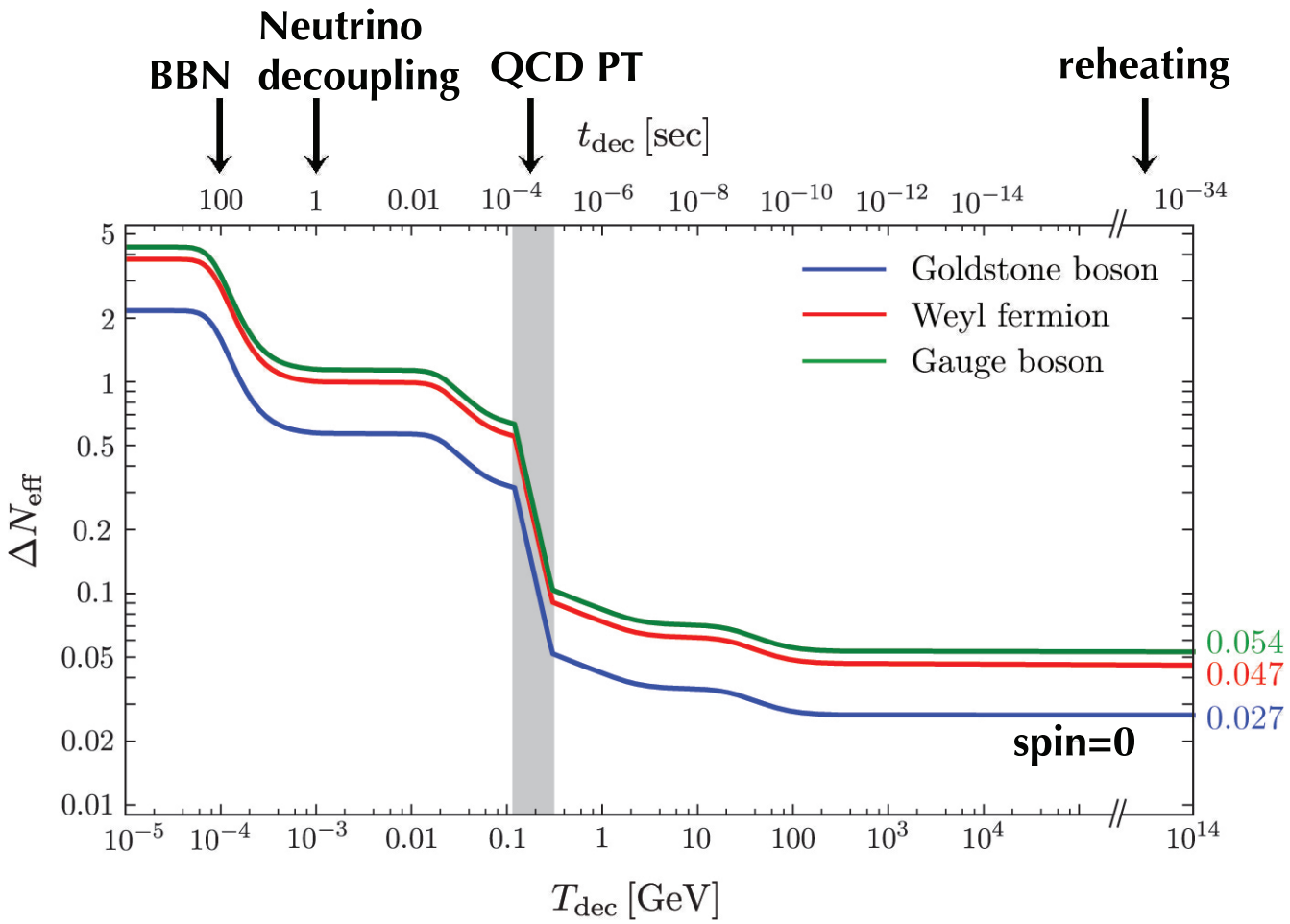

$$\rho_r = \left[1 + \frac{7}{8}\left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{4/3} N_{\rm eff}\right] \rho_\gamma$$

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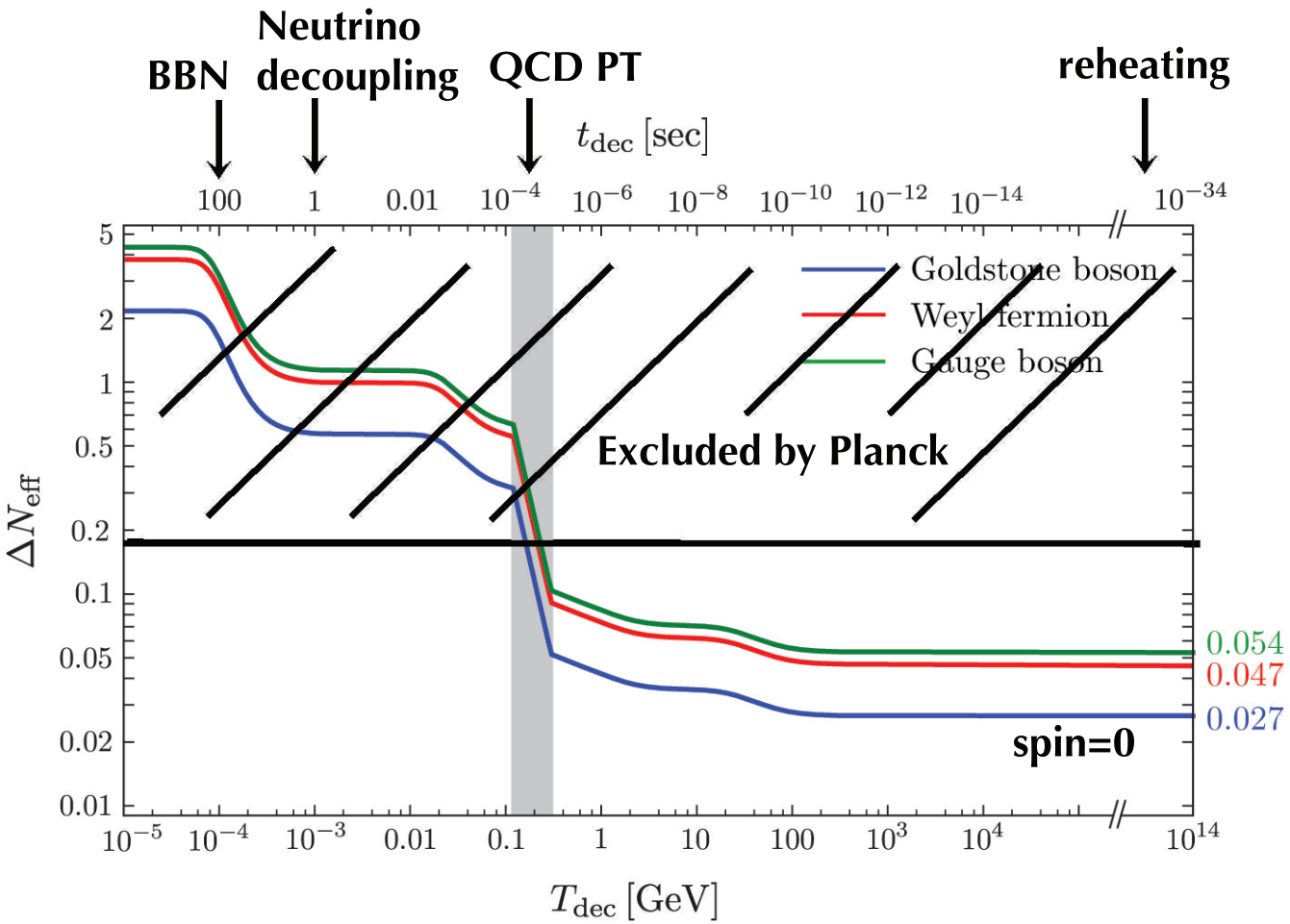

$N_{\rm eff} = 3.04 \pm 0.18$ (Planck)

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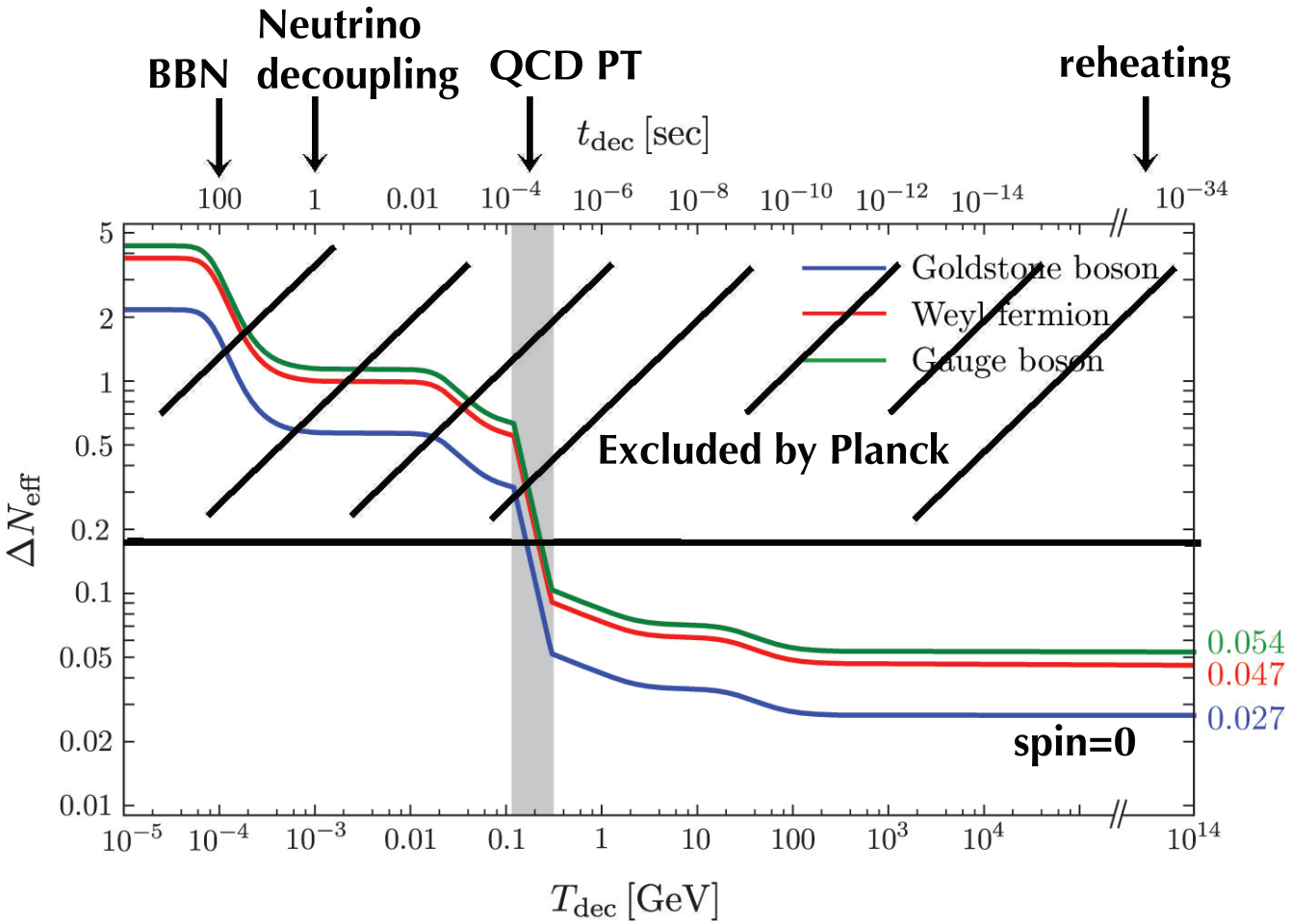

$\sigma(N_{\rm eff}) = 0.030$ (CMB-S4)

$\sigma(N_{\rm eff}) = 0.027$ (CMB-S4 + Euclid)

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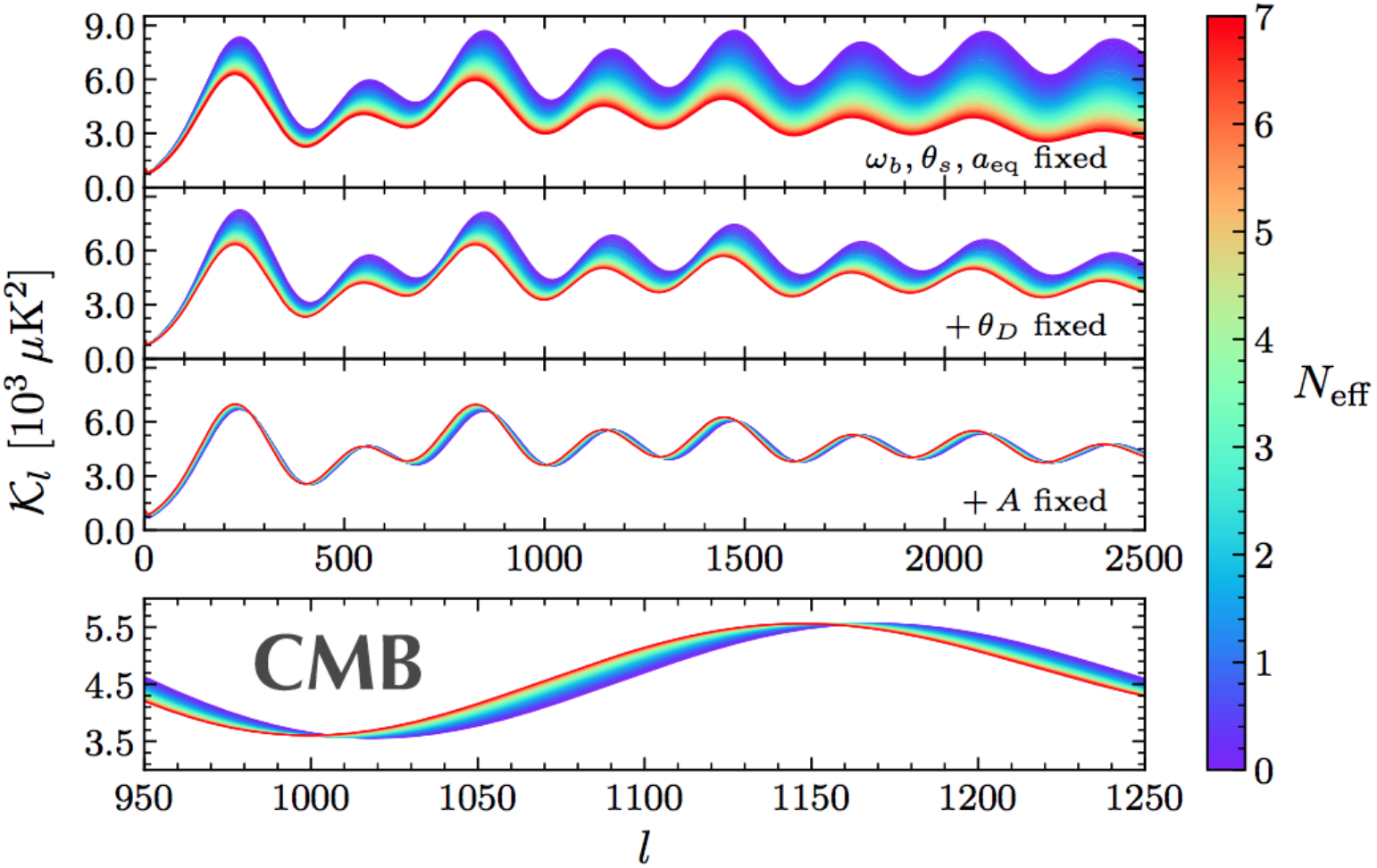
Neutrinos in the CMB Spectrum

Current constraints are dominated by the damping of the power spectrum (degenerate with helium fraction).



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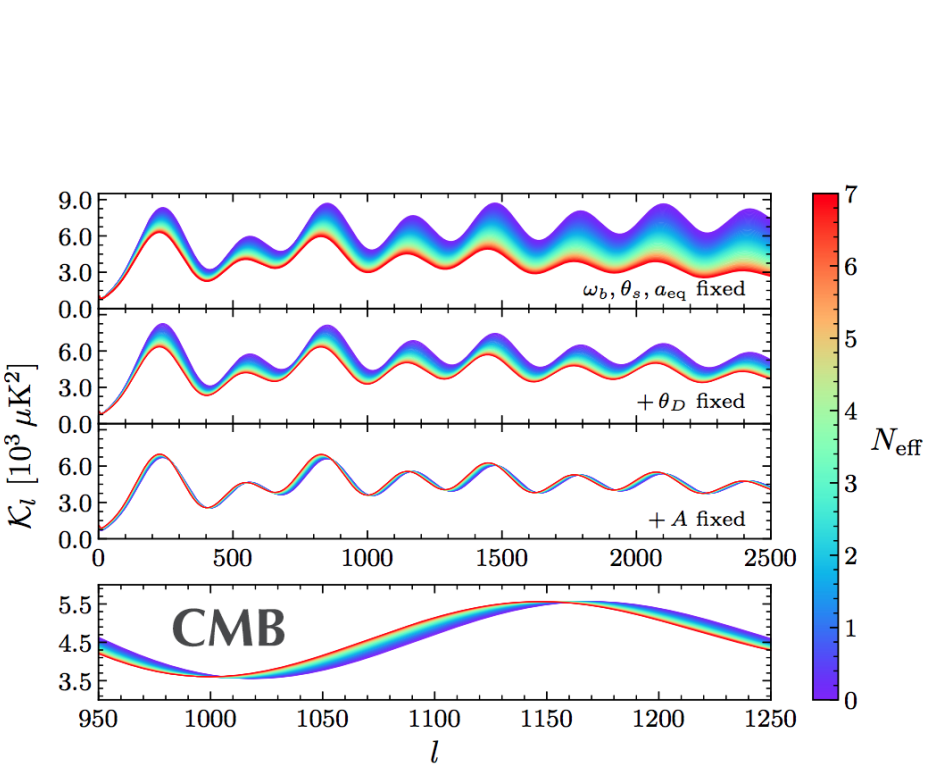

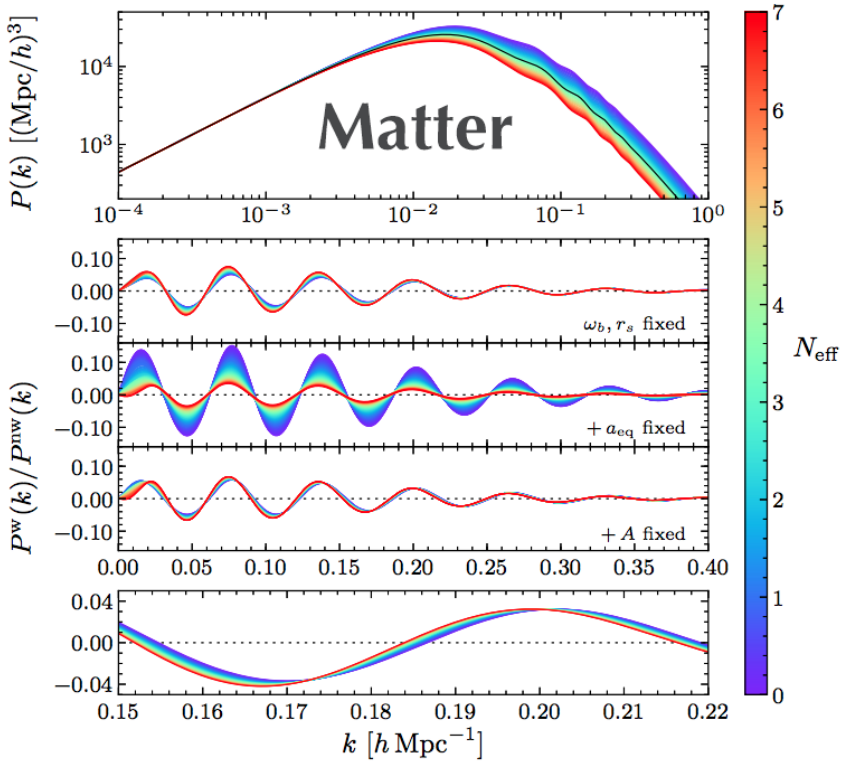

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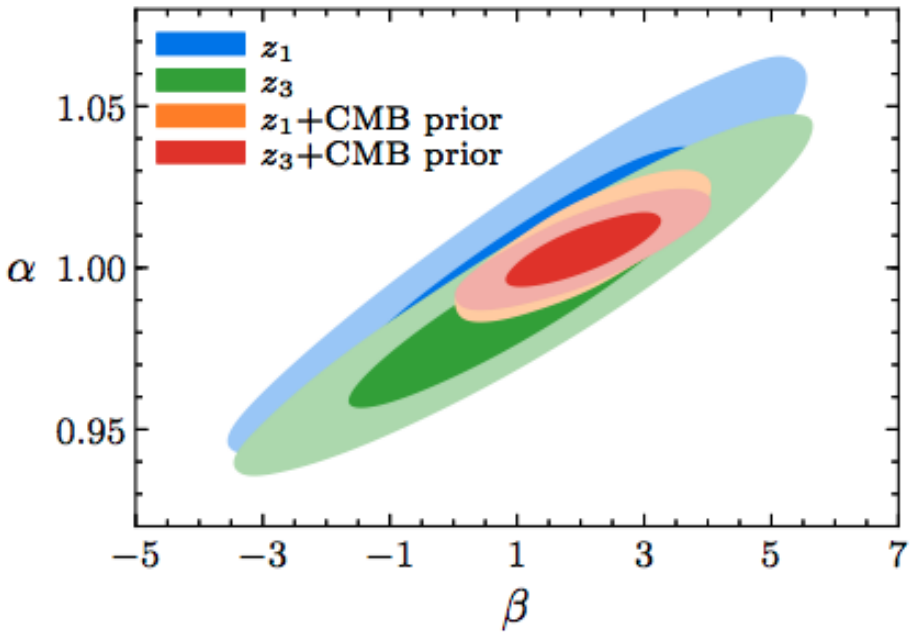

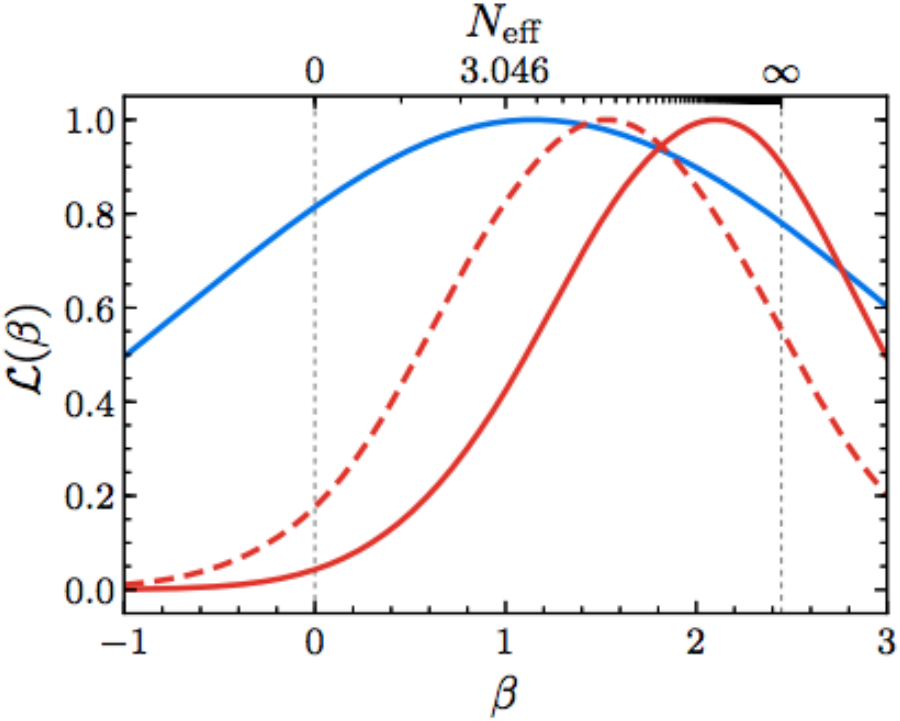

$$\beta(N_{\rm eff}) = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_{\rm fid}} \qquad \text{with} \qquad \epsilon = \frac{N_{\rm eff}}{8(11/4)^{4/3}/7 + N_{\rm eff}}$$

→ This is a proof of principle for extracting information on light relics from galaxy clustering data.

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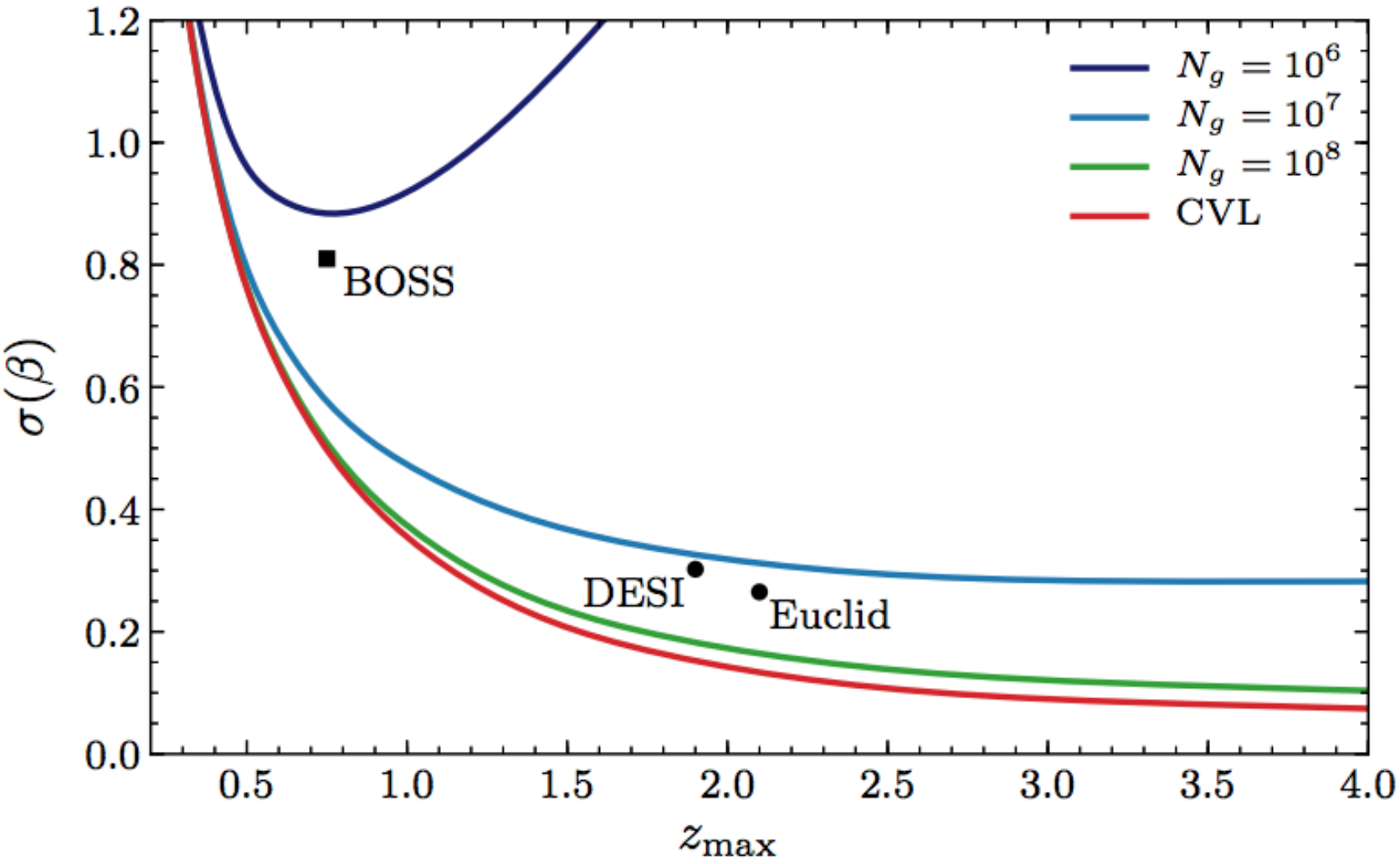

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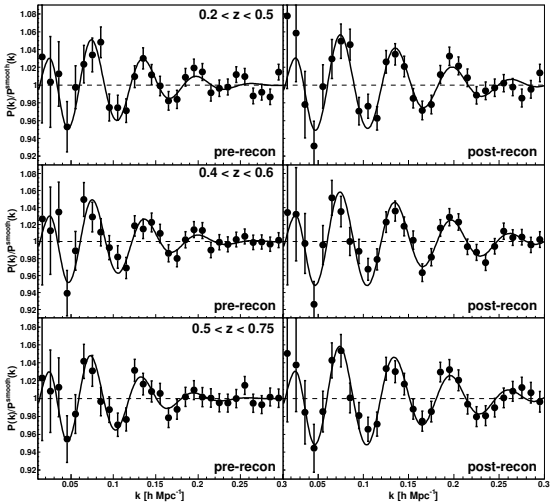

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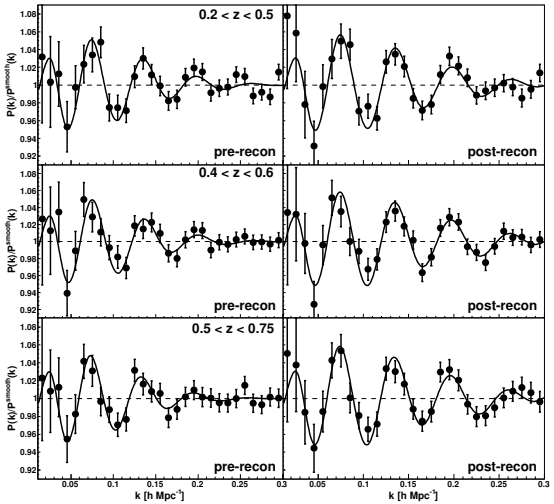

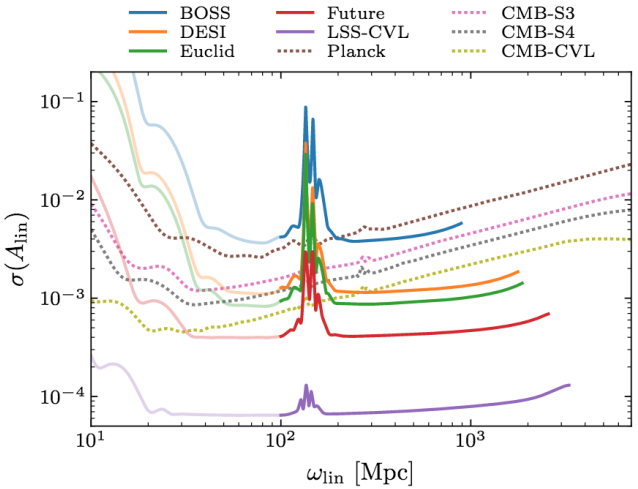

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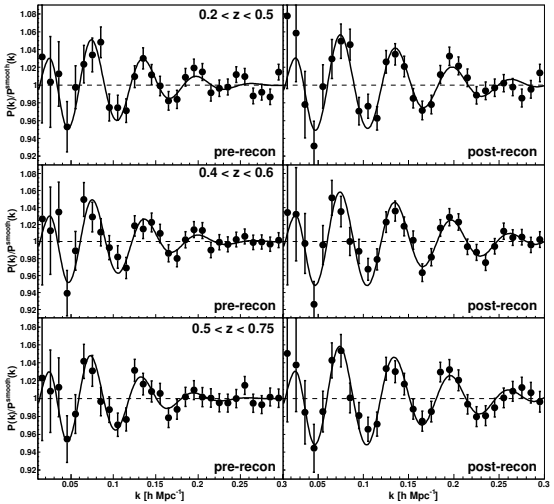

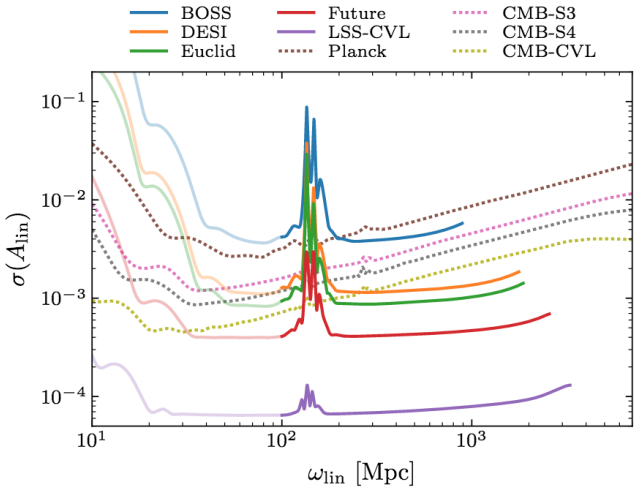

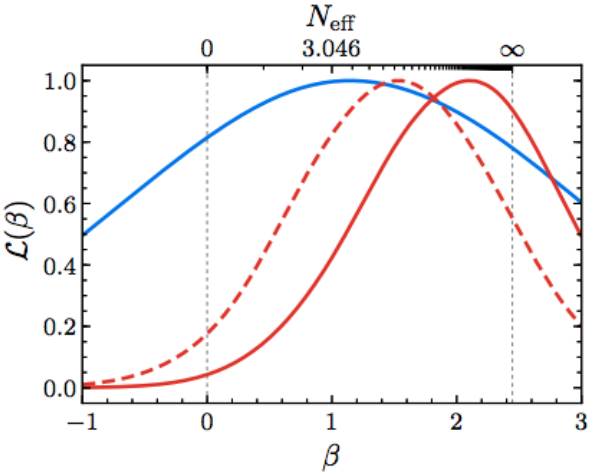

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Research agenda

1. What is the nature of inflation?
   $\hookrightarrow$ primordial features, primordial non-Gaussianity, primordial grav. waves
2. What is the Neutrino mass scale and are there additional relativistic d.o.f. in the early Universe?
   $\hookrightarrow$ BAO, RSD, CMB lensing, Ly-α forest, weak lensing
3. What is the nature of dark matter and dark energy?
   $\hookrightarrow$ BAO... testing modified gravity with RSD

- Co-chair of the Euclid galaxy clustering working group (since 10/2015)
- Manager of the spectroscopic visibility mask and sample selection for Euclid (since 03/2016)
- Member of the DESI institutional board (Since 07/2018) and AI WG lead
- I led the BOSS DR11, Fourier-space RSD and neutrino mass analysis (Beutler et al. 2014), and the final BOSS, Fourier-space BAO and RSD analysis (Beutler et al. 2017a, 2017b)
- I led the BOSS-WiggleZ project $\rightarrow$ first BAO detection in cross-correlation (Beutler et al. 2015)

Further linear corrections

At horizon scales further linear (GR) corrections start to matter:

$$\delta_g(k) = \delta_m(k)\left(b_1 + f\mu^2\right) - \overbrace{\int_0^r dr' \frac{r - r'}{rr'} \Delta_\Omega(\Phi + \Psi)}^{\text{Lensing}}$$

$$+ \overbrace{\left(1 - \frac{\dot{\mathcal{H}}}{\mathcal{H}^2} - \frac{2}{r\mathcal{H}}\right) v_\parallel + \frac{1}{\mathcal{H}}\dot{v}_\parallel}^{\text{Doppler}} + \overbrace{\frac{1}{\mathcal{H}}\partial_r \Psi}^{\text{grav. redshift}}$$

$$\left.\begin{aligned} &+\Psi - 2\Phi + \frac{1}{\mathcal{H}}\dot{\Phi} + \frac{2}{r}\int_0^r dr'(\Phi + \Psi) \\ &+\left(\frac{\dot{\mathcal{H}}}{\mathcal{H}^2} + \frac{2}{r\mathcal{H}}\right)\left[\Psi + \int_0^r dr'(\dot{\Phi} + \dot{\Psi})\right] \end{aligned}\right\} \text{Potential}$$

Yoo et al. (2010), Bonvin & Durrer (2011), Challinor & Lewis (2011)

Fitting the BAO

- Start with linear $P(k)$ and separate the broadband shape, $P^{\rm sm}(k)$, and the BAO feature $O^{\rm lin}(k)$. Include a damping of the BAO feature:

$$P^{\rm sm,lin}(k) = P^{\rm sm}(k)\left[1 + (O^{\rm lin}(k/\alpha) - 1)e^{-k^2\Sigma_{\rm nl}^2/2}\right]$$

- Add broadband nuisance terms

$$A(k) = a_1 k + a_2 + \frac{a_3}{k} + \frac{a_4}{k^2} + \frac{a_5}{k^3}$$
$$P^{\rm fit}(k) = B^2 P^{\rm sm,lin}(k/\alpha) + A(k)$$

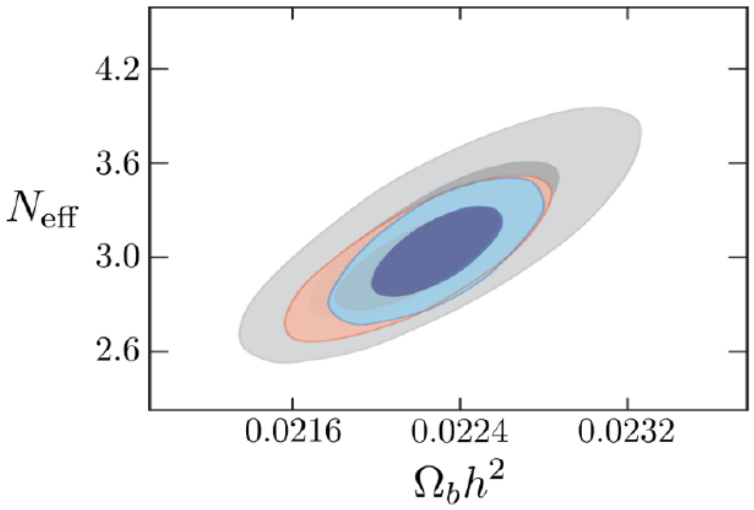
- Marginalize to get $\mathcal{L}(\alpha)$.

Current constraints on $N_{\rm eff}$

Relic neutrinos make up 41% of the radiation density

$$\rho_r = \left[1 + \frac{7}{8}\left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{4/3} N_{\rm eff}\right] \rho_\gamma$$

CMB



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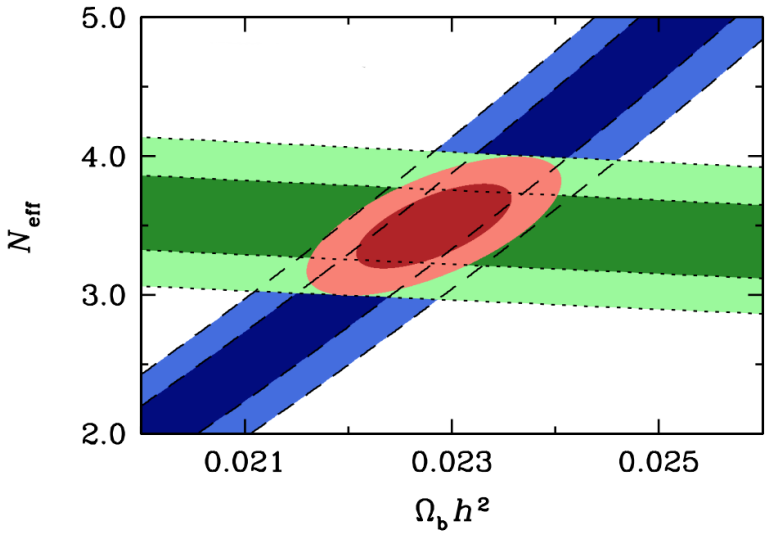

$$N_{\rm eff}^{\rm CMB} = 3.04 \pm 0.18$$

$$N_{\rm eff}^{\rm BBN} = 3.28 \pm 0.28$$

Planck (2015), Cooke et al. (2015)

New decomposition formalism for the bispectrum

The estimator is based on the spherical harmonics expansion

$$\widehat{B}_{\ell_1\ell_2L}(k_1,k_2) = H_{\ell_1\ell_2L} \sum_{m_1m_2M} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 & \ell_2 & L \\ m_1 & m_2 & M \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\times \frac{N_{\ell_1\ell_2L}}{I} \int \frac{d^2\hat{k}_1}{4\pi} y_{\ell_1}^{m_1*}(\hat{k}_1) \int \frac{d^2\hat{k}_2}{4\pi} y_{\ell_2}^{m_2*}(\hat{k}_2)$$
$$\times \int \frac{d^3k_3}{(2\pi)^3} (2\pi)^3 \delta_{\rm D}\left(\vec{k}_1+\vec{k}_2+\vec{k}_3\right)$$
$$\times \delta n(\vec{k}_1)\, \delta n(\vec{k}_2)\, \delta n_L^M(\vec{k}_3)$$

where y_L^{M*}-weighted density fluctuation

$$\delta n_L^M(\vec{x}) \equiv y_L^{M*}(\hat{x})\, \delta n(\vec{x})$$
$$\delta n_L^M(\vec{k}) = \int d^3x e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \delta n_L^M(\vec{x})$$

and $y_\ell^m = \sqrt{4\pi/(2\ell+1)}\, Y_\ell^m$.

Why using this formalism

- This decomposition compresses the data into 2D quantities $B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 L}(k_1, k_2)$ rather than 3D quantities like other decompositions $B_\ell^m(k_1, k_2, k_3)$. This reduces the size of the connected covariance matrix.
- This decomposition allows for a self consistent inclusion of the survey window function.
- The RSD information is clearly separated into the L multipoles.
- The complexity of our estimator is $\mathcal{O}((2\ell_1 + 1)N_b^2 N \log N)$.
- Only some multipoles are non-zero: (1) $\ell_1 > \ell_2$ (2) L = even (3) $|\ell_1 - \ell_2| \leq L \leq |\ell_1 + \ell_2|$ and (4) $\ell_1 + \ell_2 + L =$ even.