



# The information content of LSS measurements

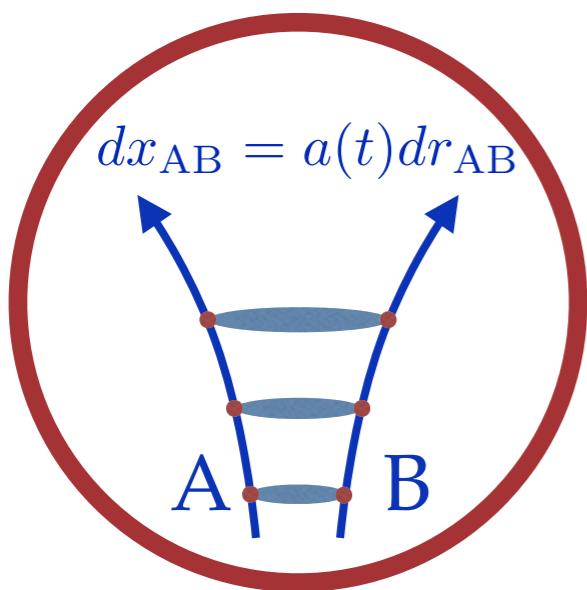
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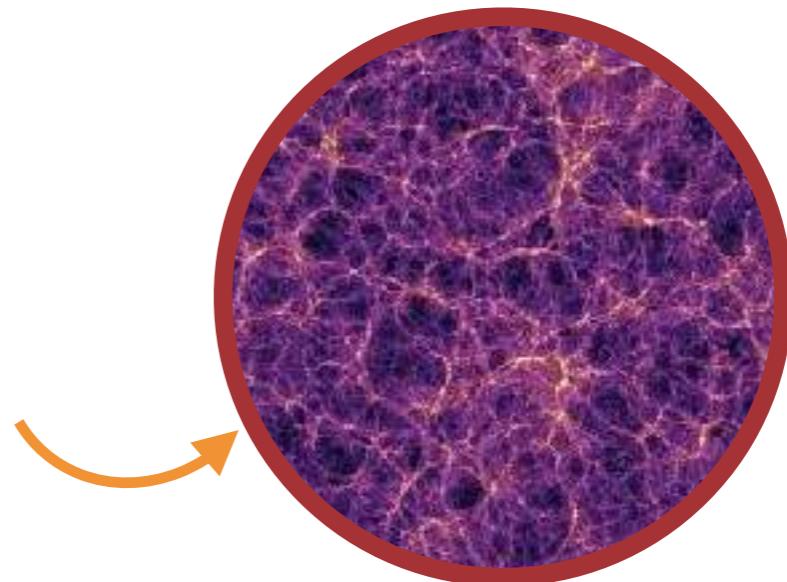


# Observational cosmology

- Multiple data have cemented a standard model:  $\Lambda$ CDM.
- CMB data can accurately constrain its basic parameters.
- **Galaxy clustering:** a powerful route to **stress-test**  $\Lambda$ CDM.
- CMB-based predictions of:



The Universe's  
**expansion**  
and  
**structure growth**  
histories.



Both can be probed by **galaxy clustering** measurements!

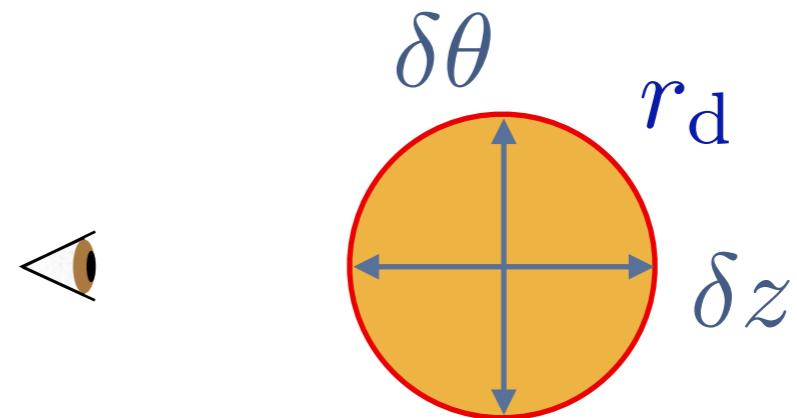
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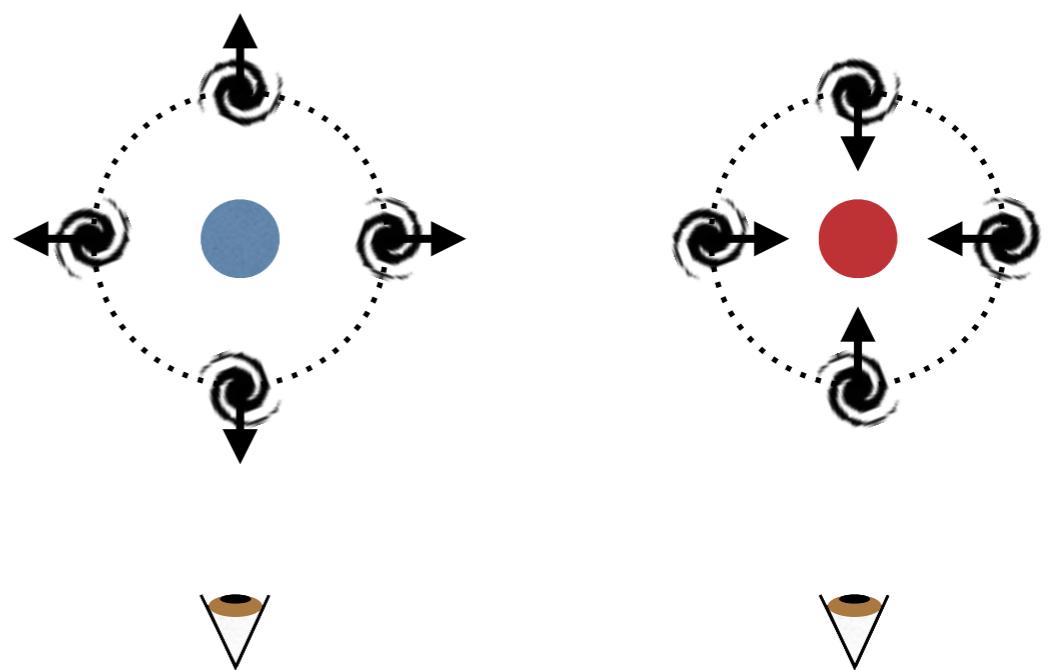
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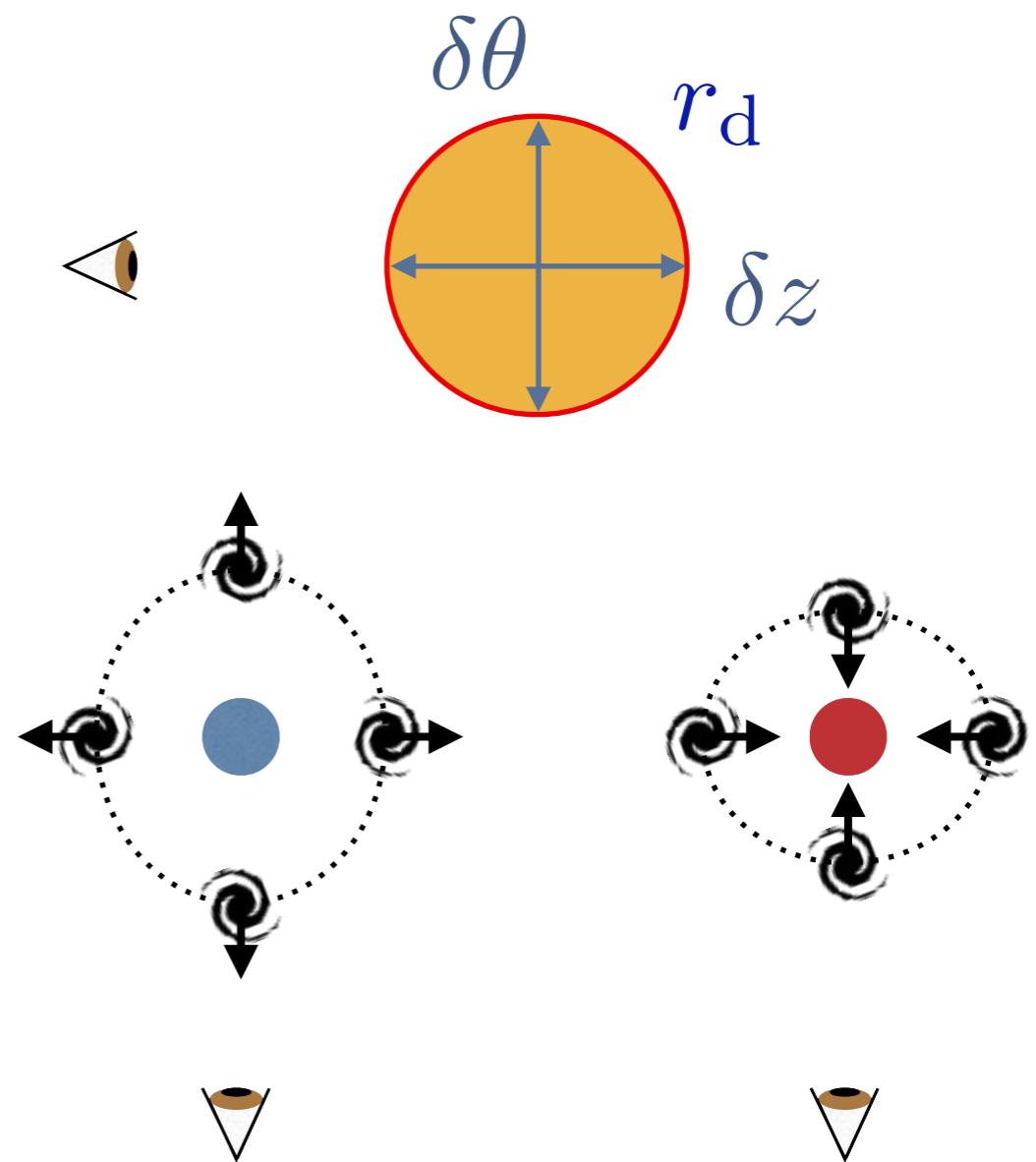
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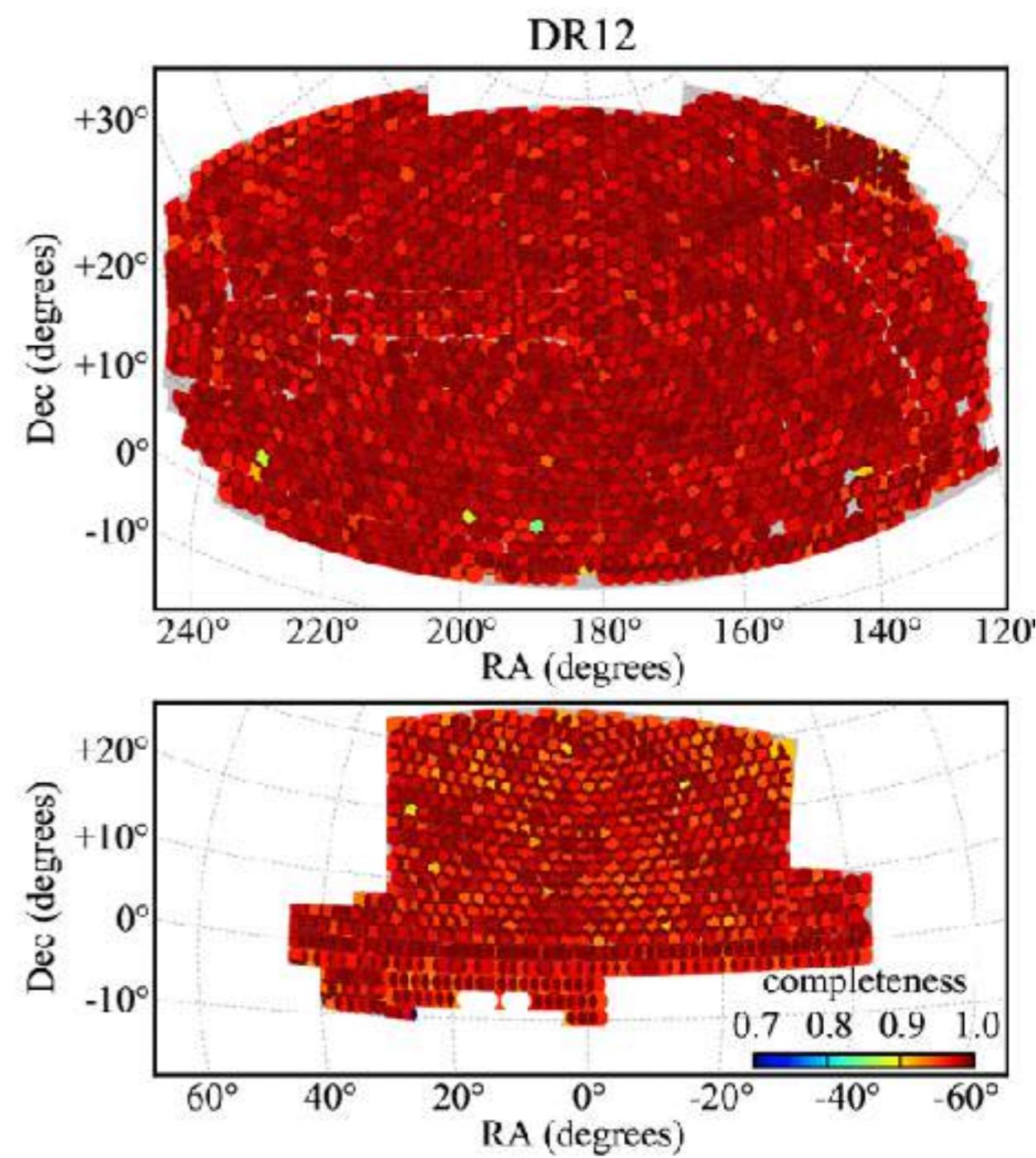
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# BOSS in a nutshell

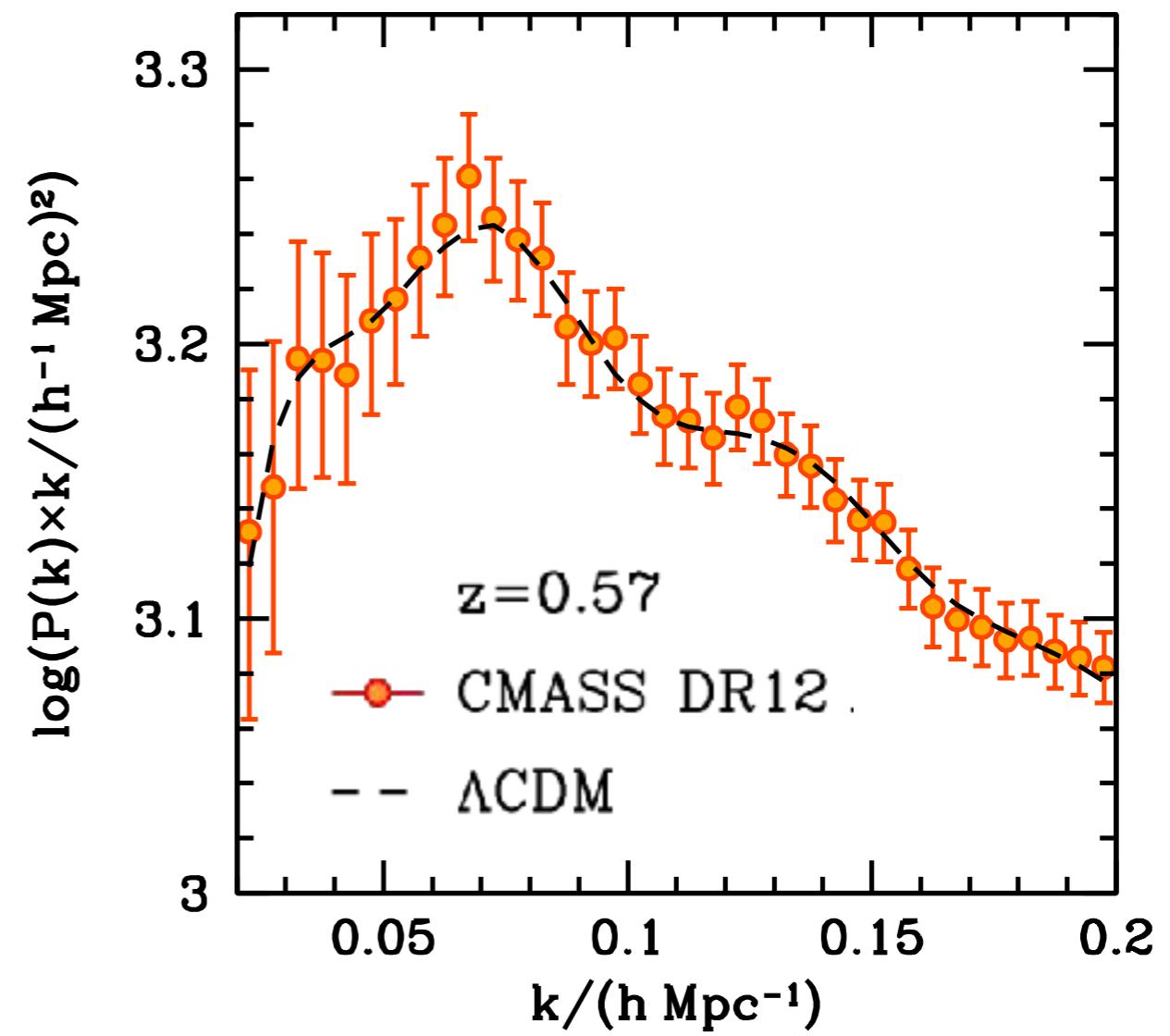
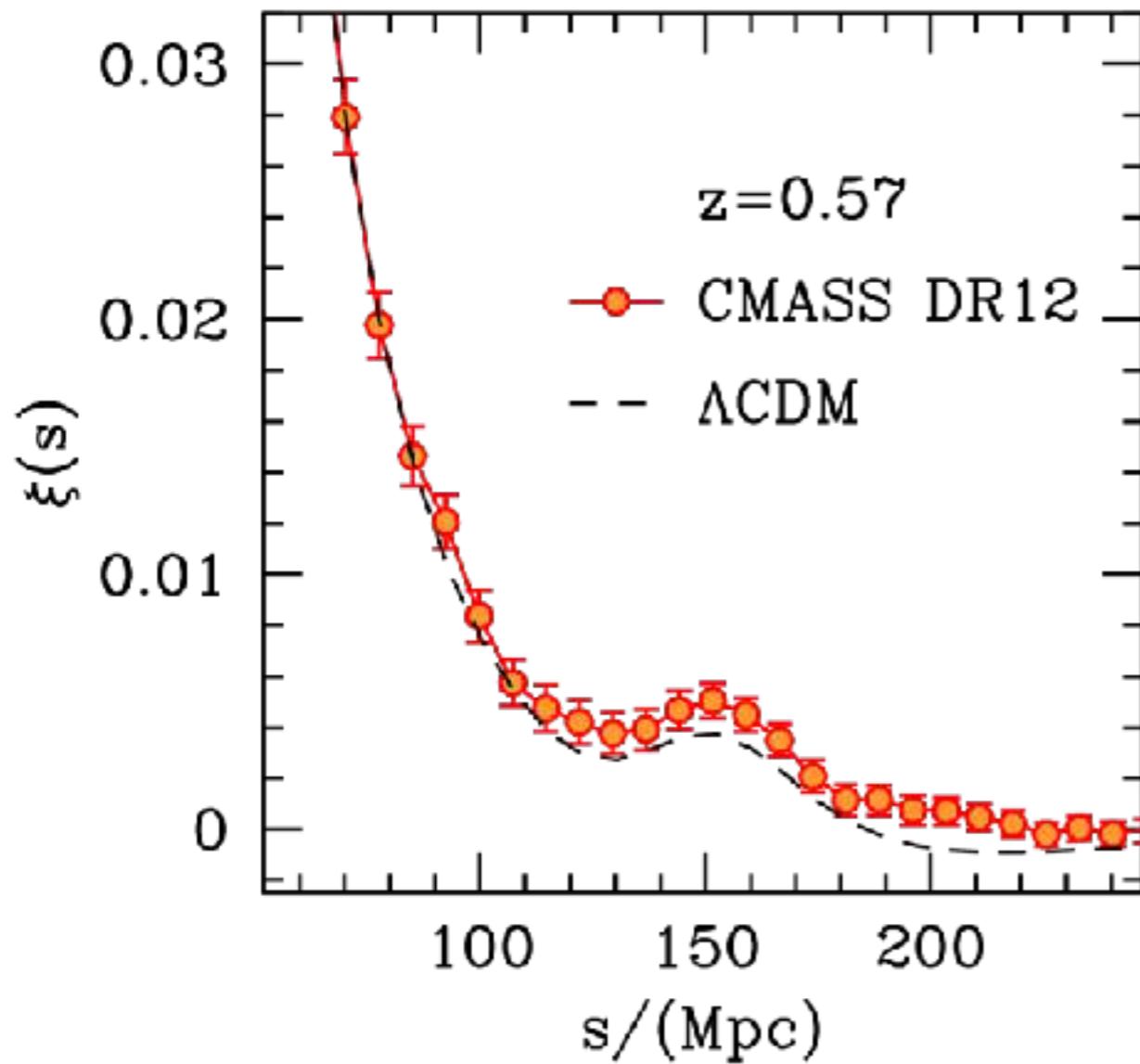
- The largest galaxy catalogue available today.
- Total area of 10,200 deg<sup>2</sup>.
- Positions for  $1.2 \times 10^6$  LGs
  - LOWZ, with  $0.1 < z < 0.43$
  - CMASS, with  $0.43 < z < 0.7$
- A sample of  $1.6 \times 10^5$  QSOs,  $2.3 < z < 2.8$



Reid et al. (2016)

# Galaxy clustering observables

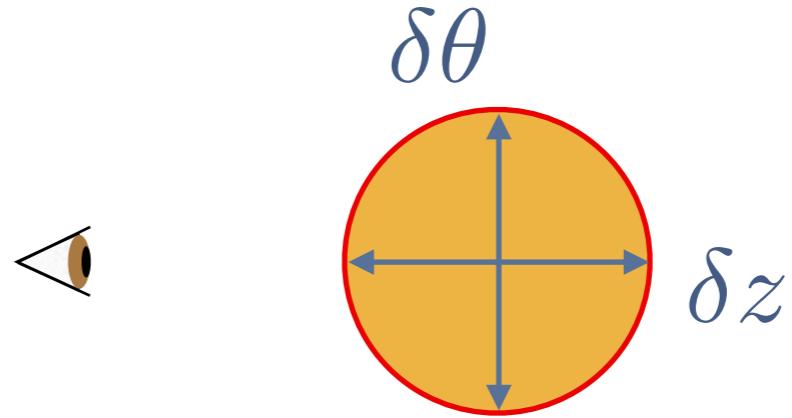
- BAO signal in the clustering of BOSS galaxies.



# Angle-averaged measurements

- Angle-averaged measurements have a limited constraining power.

BAO: only sensitive to a volume-averaged distance.



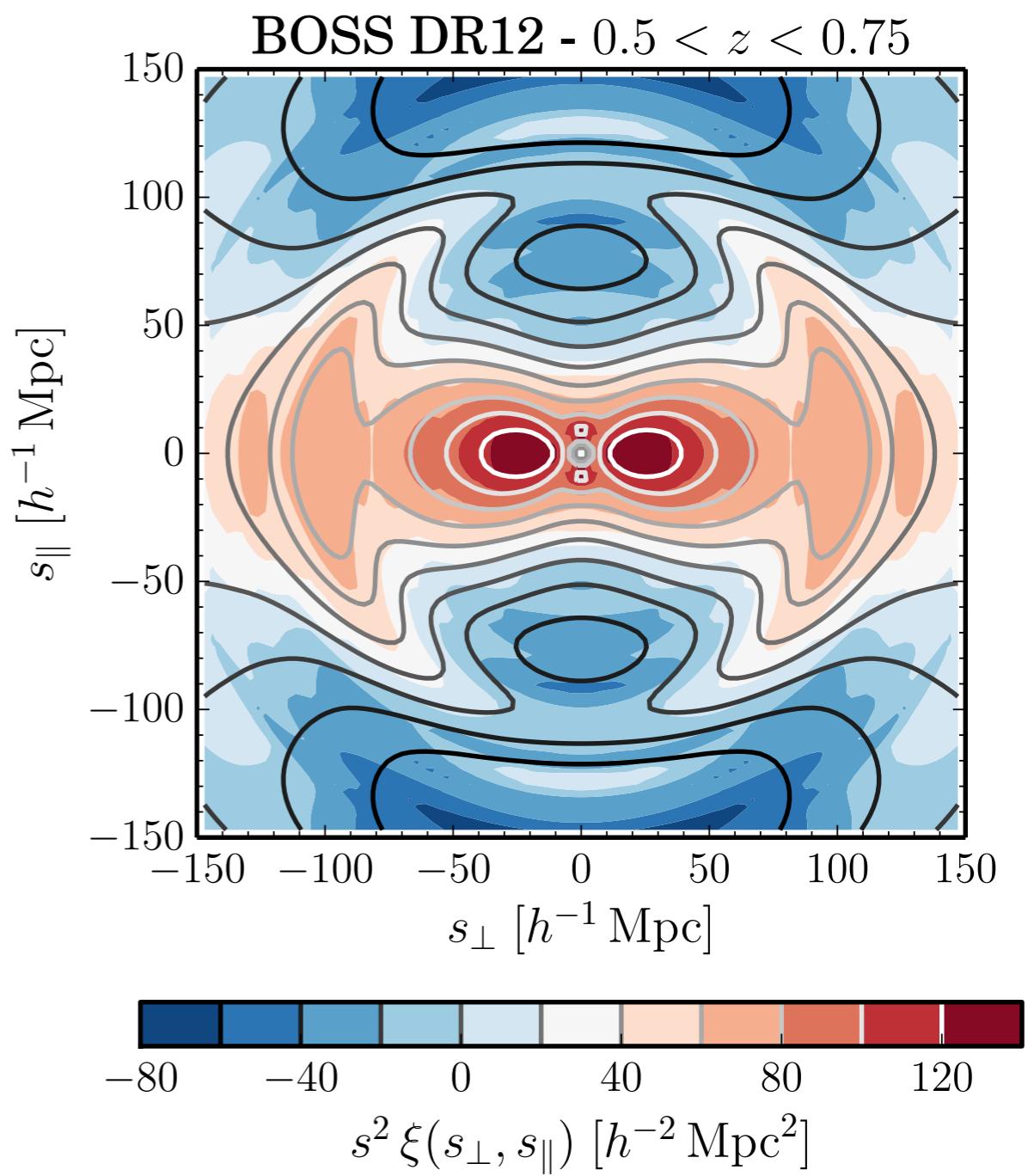
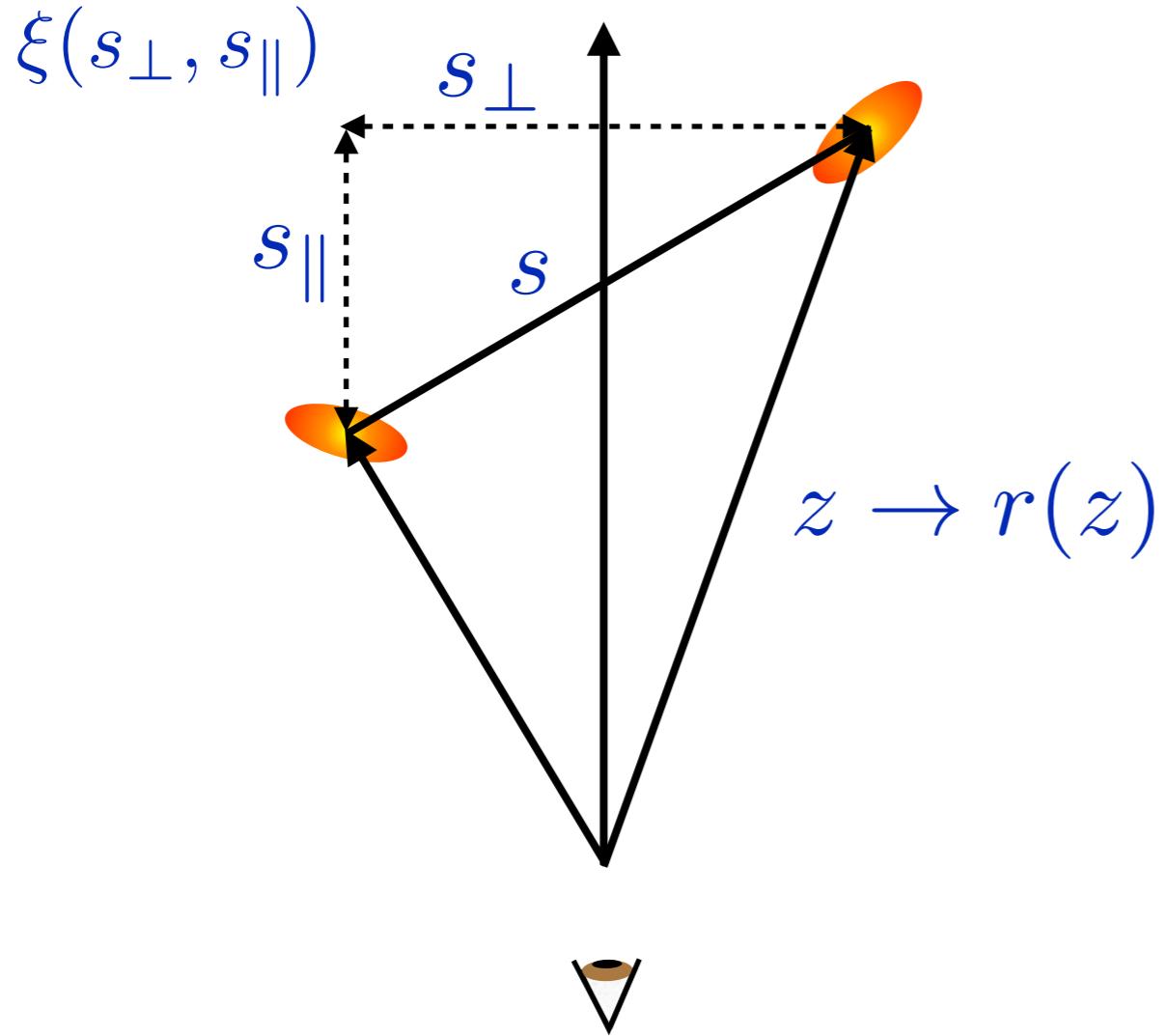
$$D_V(z) = \left( D_M(z)^2 c z / H(z) \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

RSD: growth of structure is degenerate with galaxy bias

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

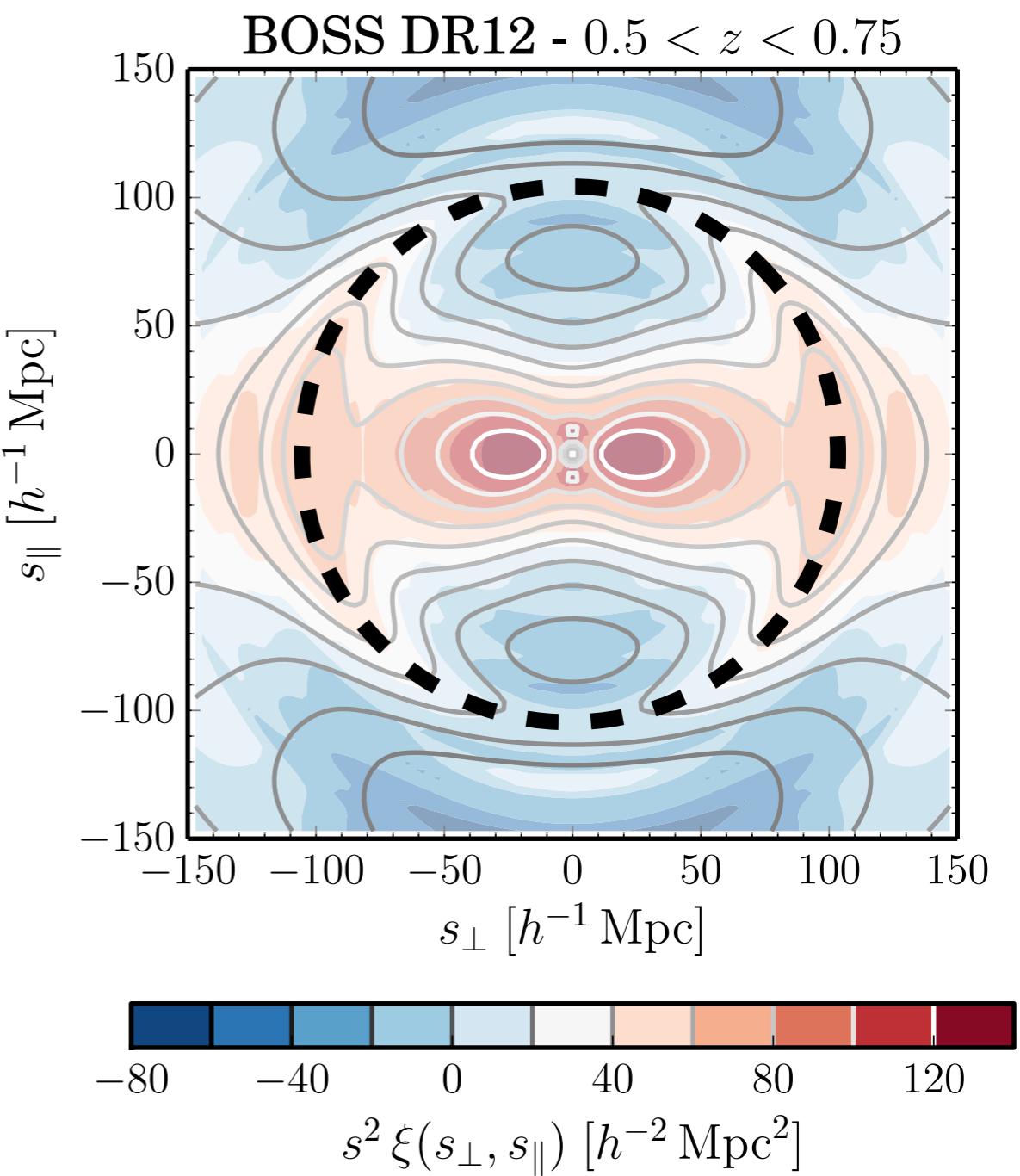
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- BAO signal appears as a ring at  $s = 110 \text{ Mpc}/h$ .
- RSD distort the contours, which deviate from perfect circles.
- Using  $\xi(s_{\perp}, s_{\parallel})$  is difficult (low S/N, cov. matrix)



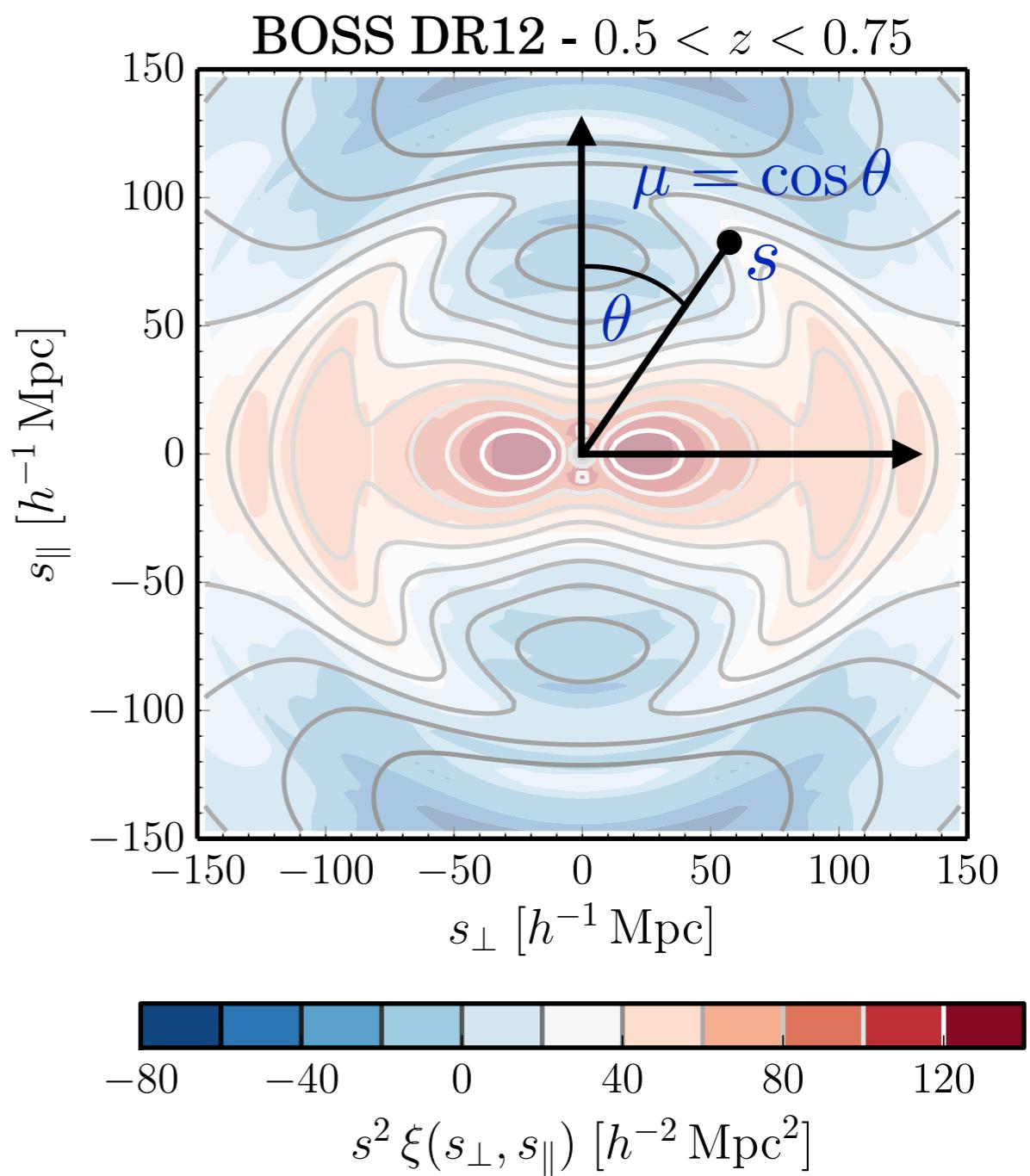
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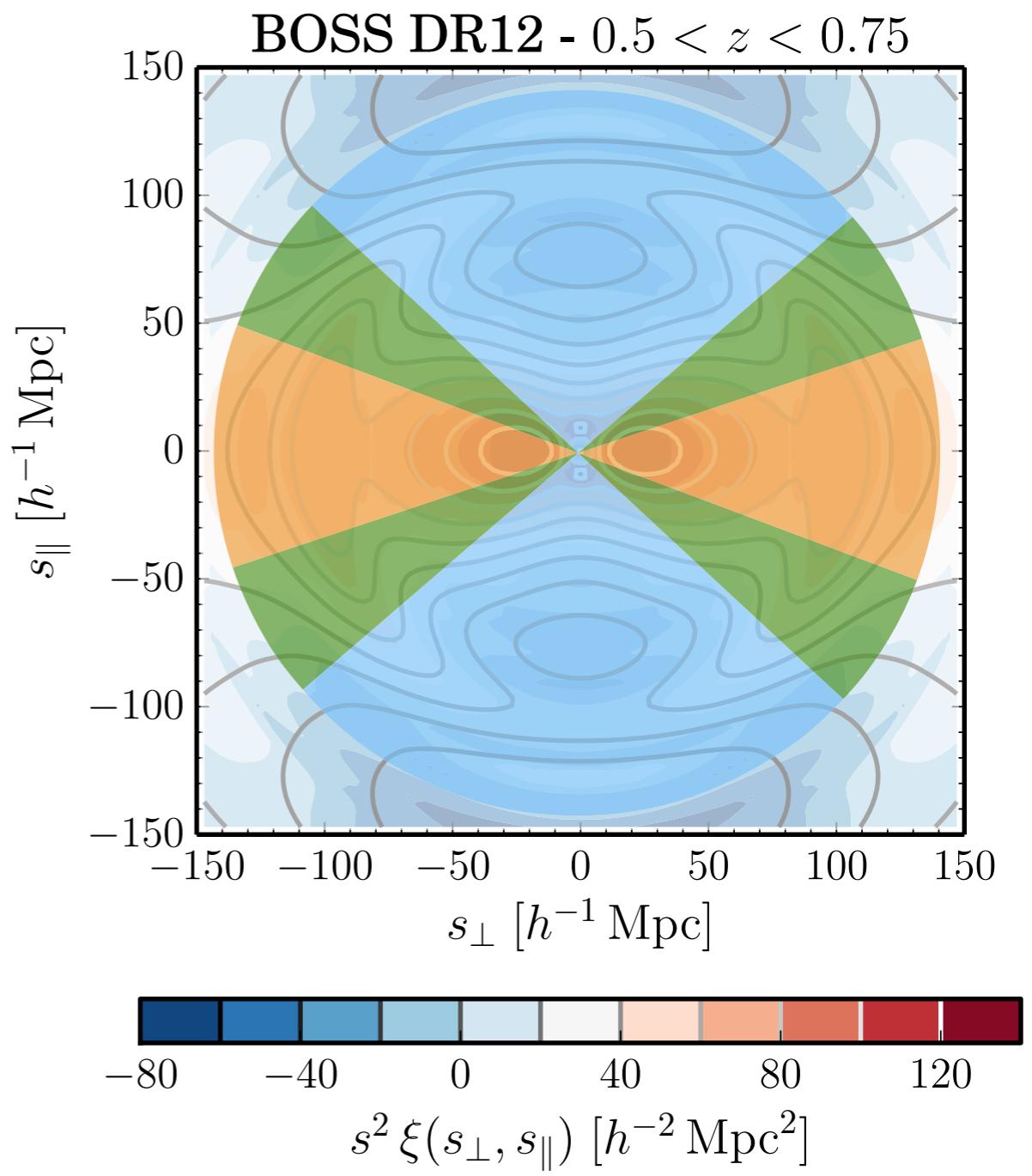
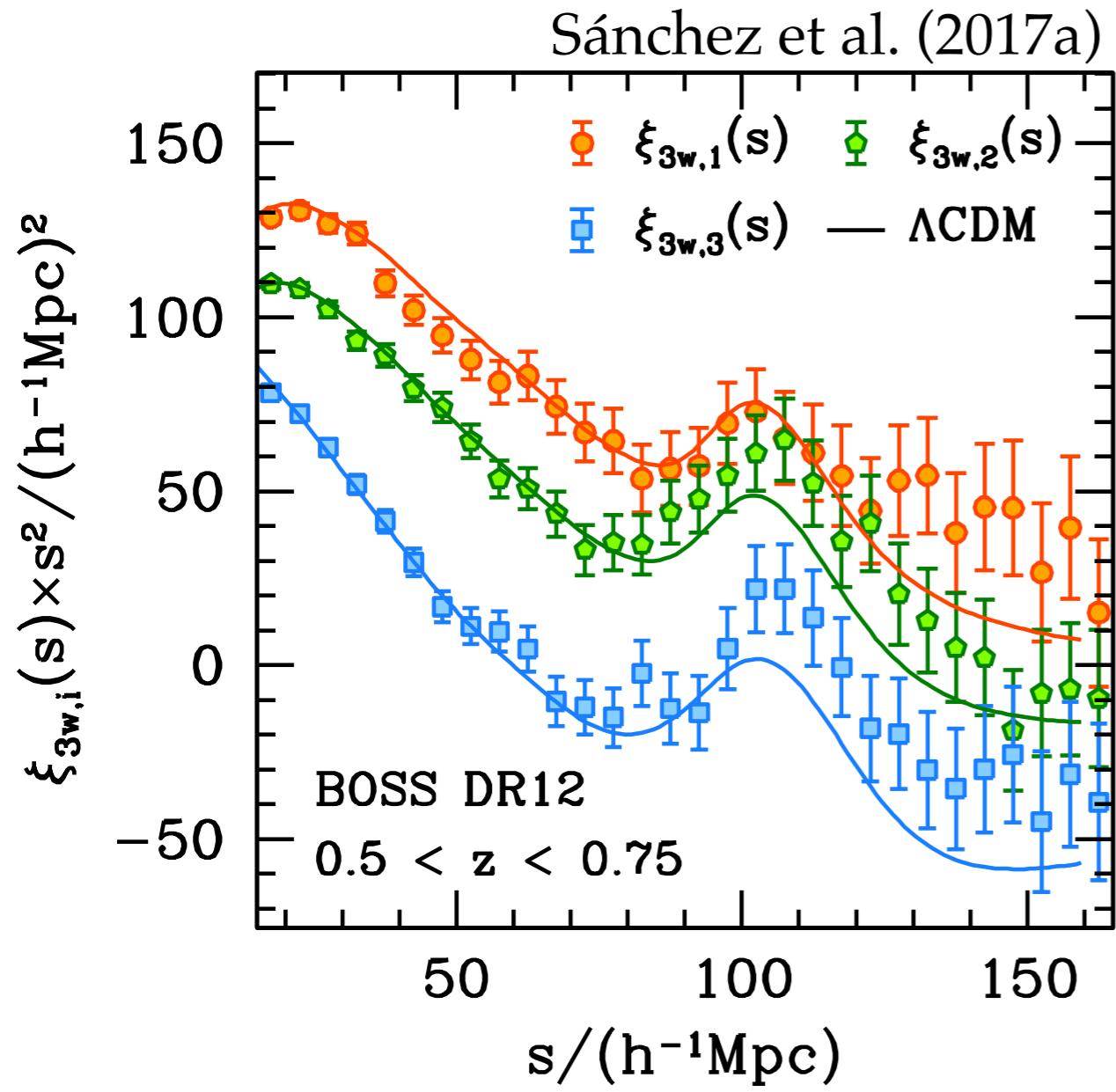
$$\xi_\ell(s) = \frac{(2\ell+1)}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \xi(\mu, s) L_\ell(\mu) d\mu$$

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

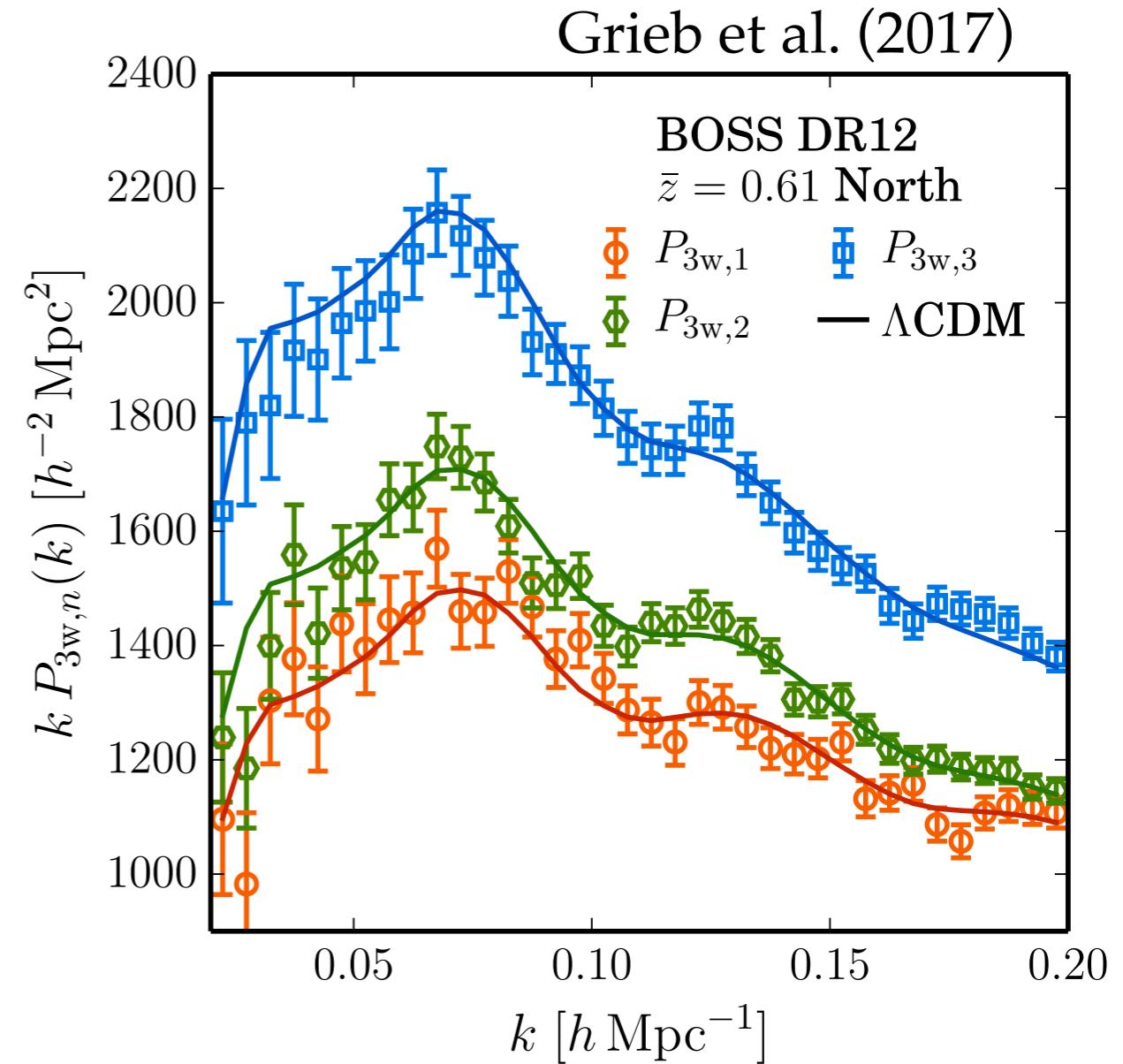
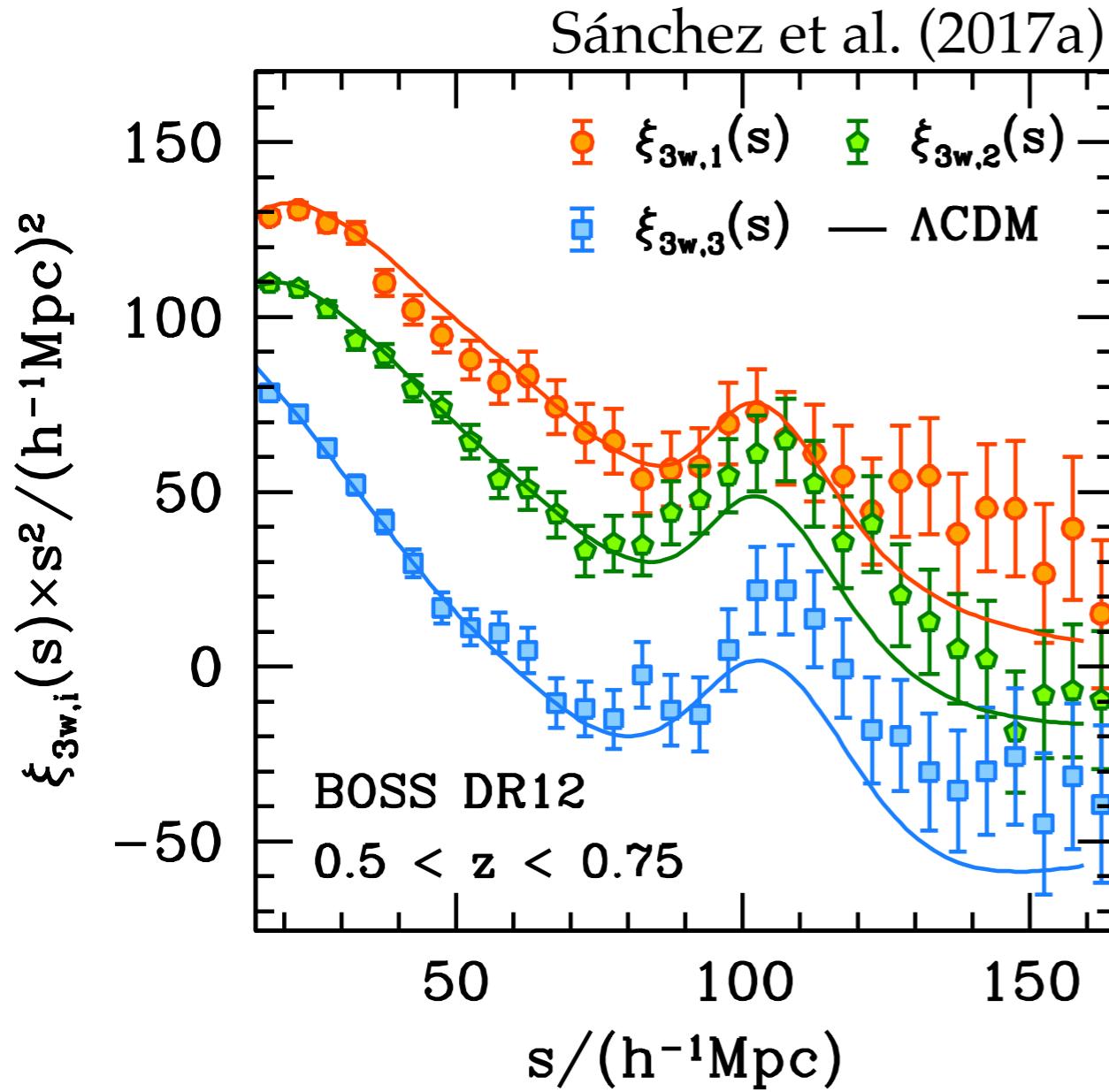
$$\xi_{\mu_1}^{\mu_2} = \frac{1}{\mu_2 - \mu_1} \int_{\mu_1}^{\mu_2} \xi(\mu, s) d\mu$$



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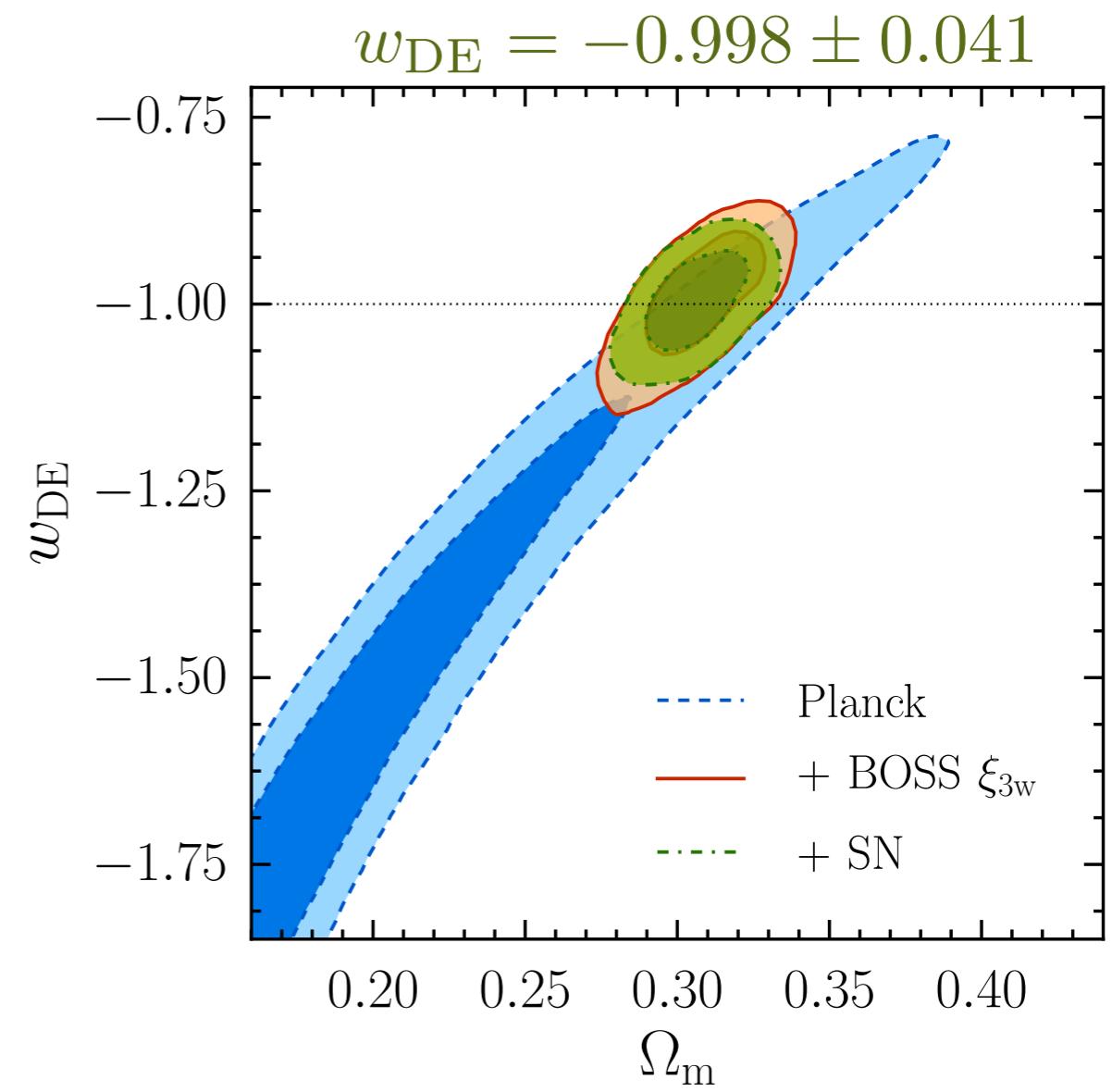
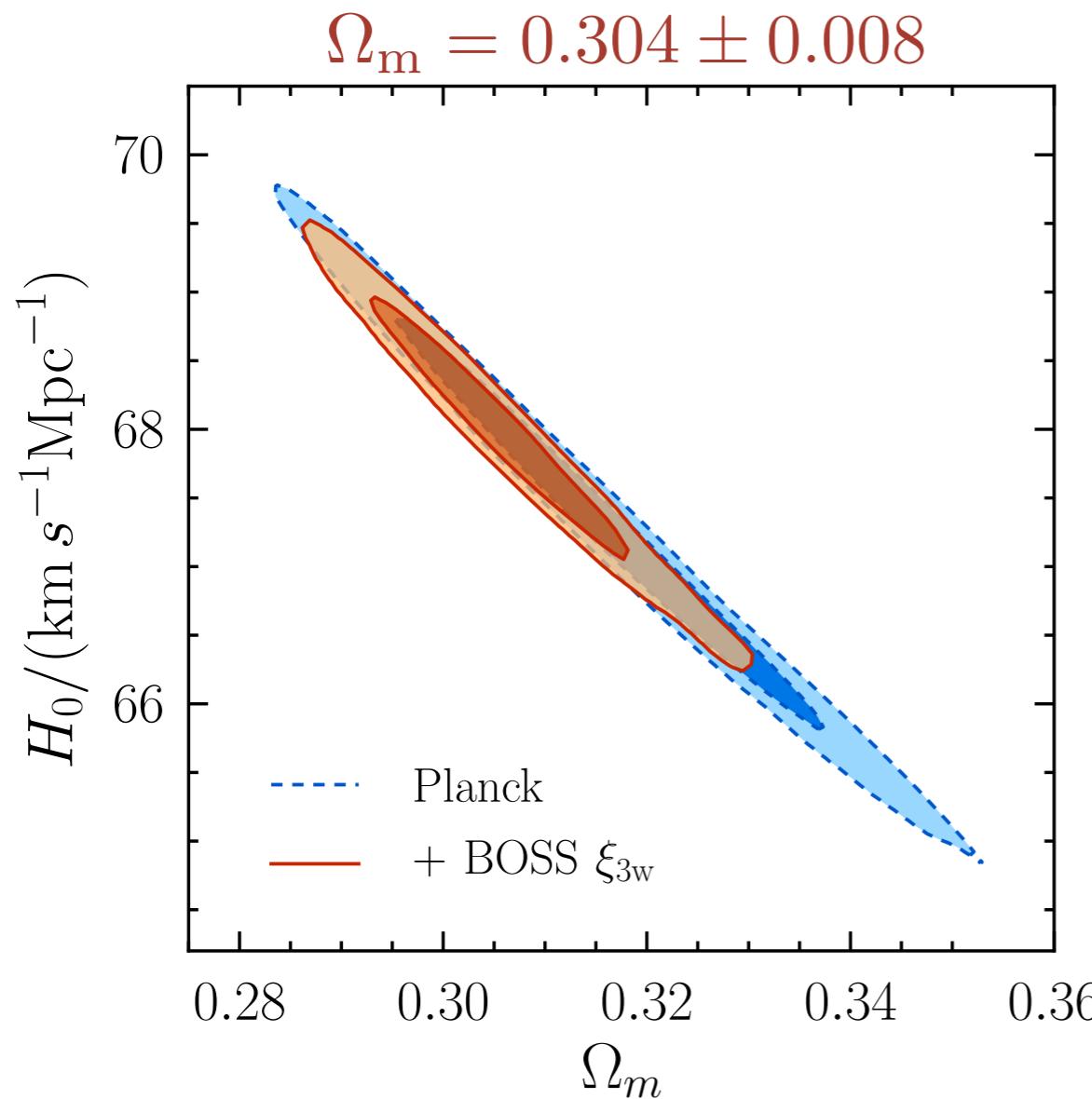
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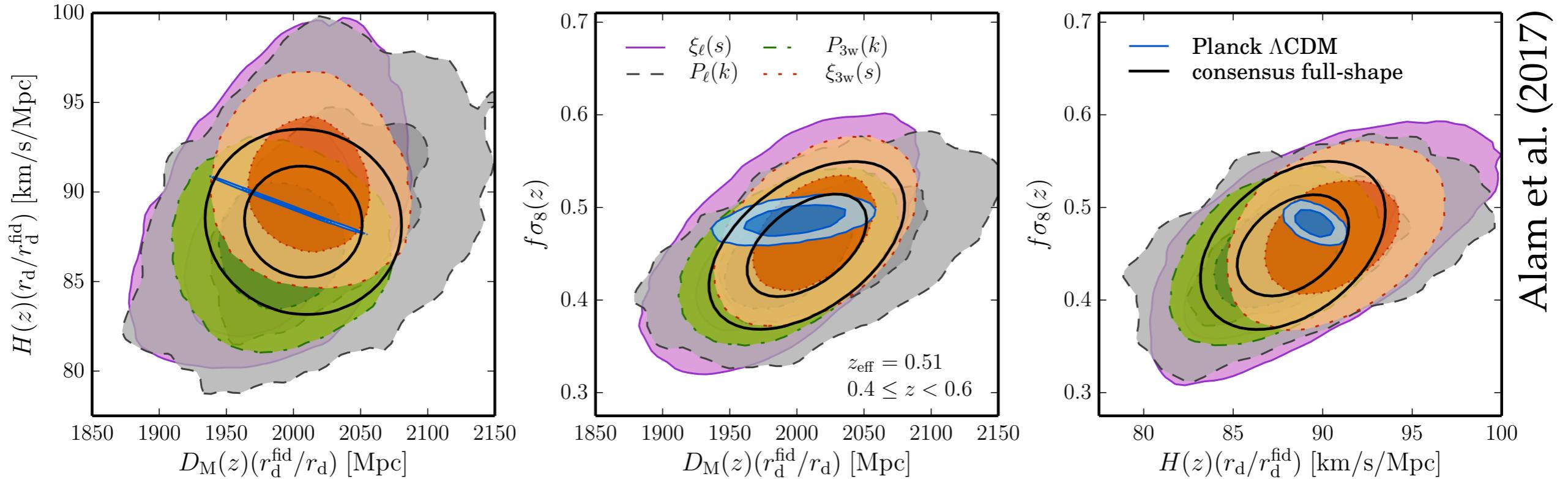
Cosmological constraints in good agreement with  $\Lambda$ CDM



Sánchez et al. (2017a), Grieb et al. (2017), Salazar-Albornoz (2017)

# BOSS consensus constraints

- Different analyses can be combined into a set of *consensus constraints* (Sánchez et al. 2017b)



- 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.

# Galaxy redshift surveys

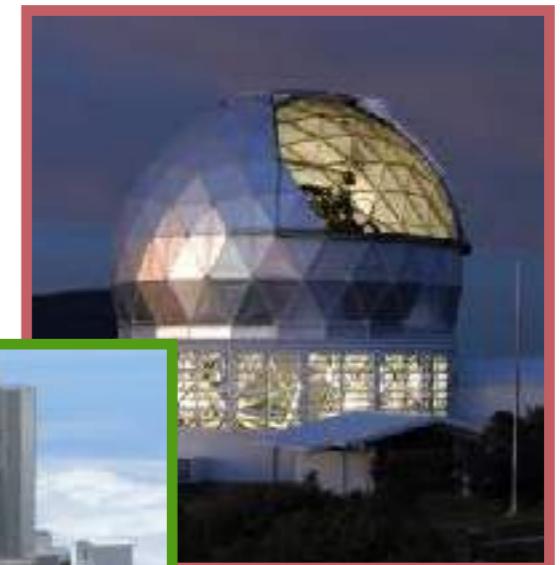
- A new generation of large-volume surveys

**eBOSS**: LRGs, ELGs, QSO

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**HETDEX**: Ly- $\alpha$  emitters,  
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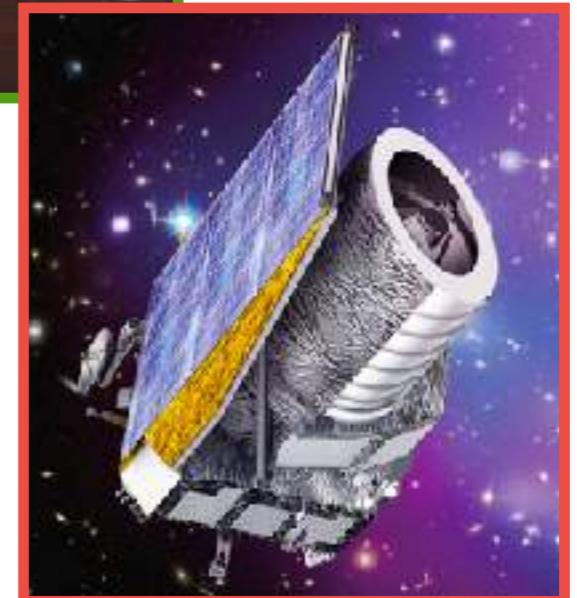
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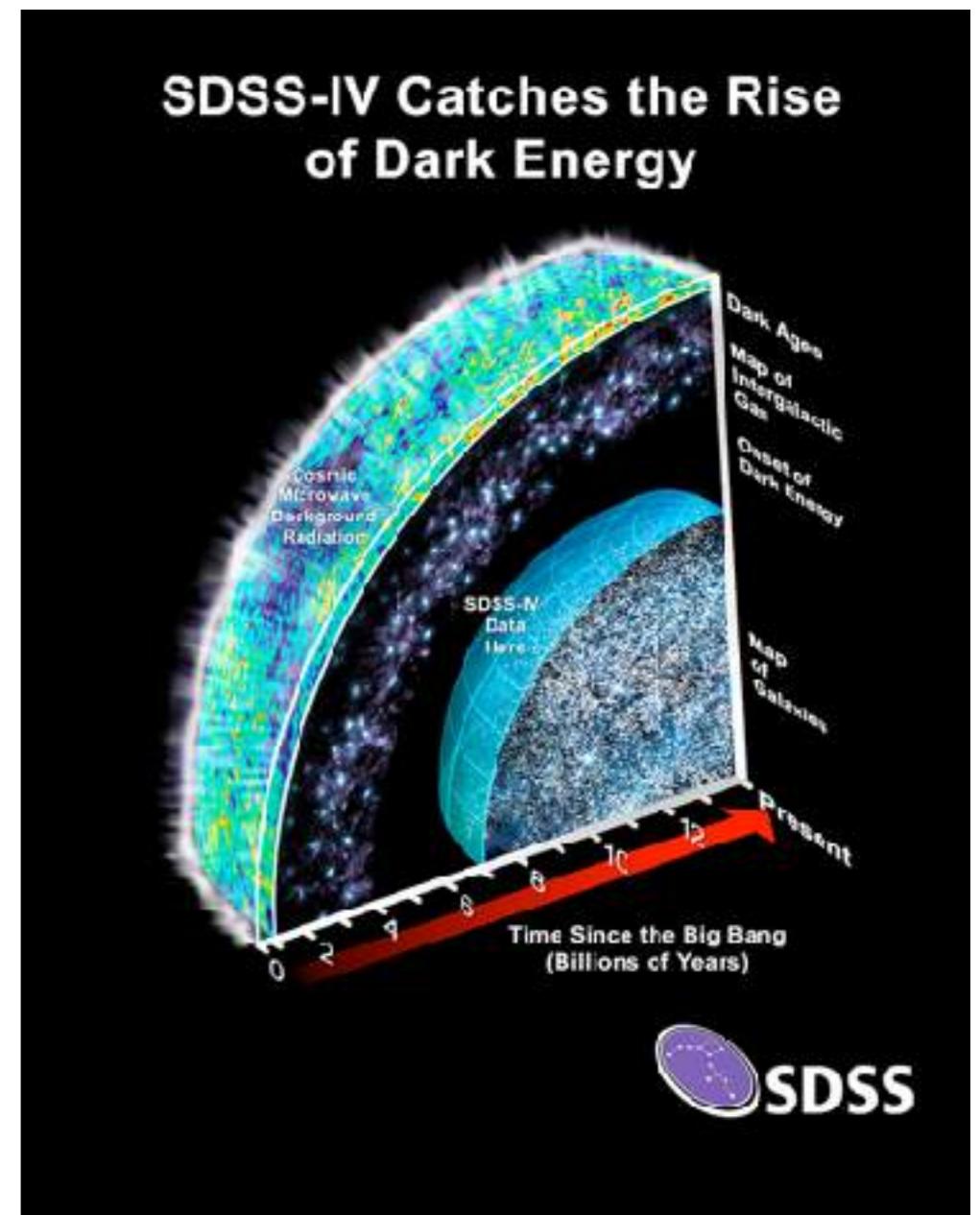
**Euclid**: H- $\alpha$  emitters,  
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# QSO clustering in eBOSS

- QSOs open up a new  $z$  window for clustering studies.
- Bridge gap between BOSS gal. and Ly- $\alpha$  measurements.
- DR14 sample:  $\sim 147,000$  QSOs,  $0.8 < z < 2.2$ .
- BAO distance measurements at  $z = 1.52$  (Ata et al. 2018).

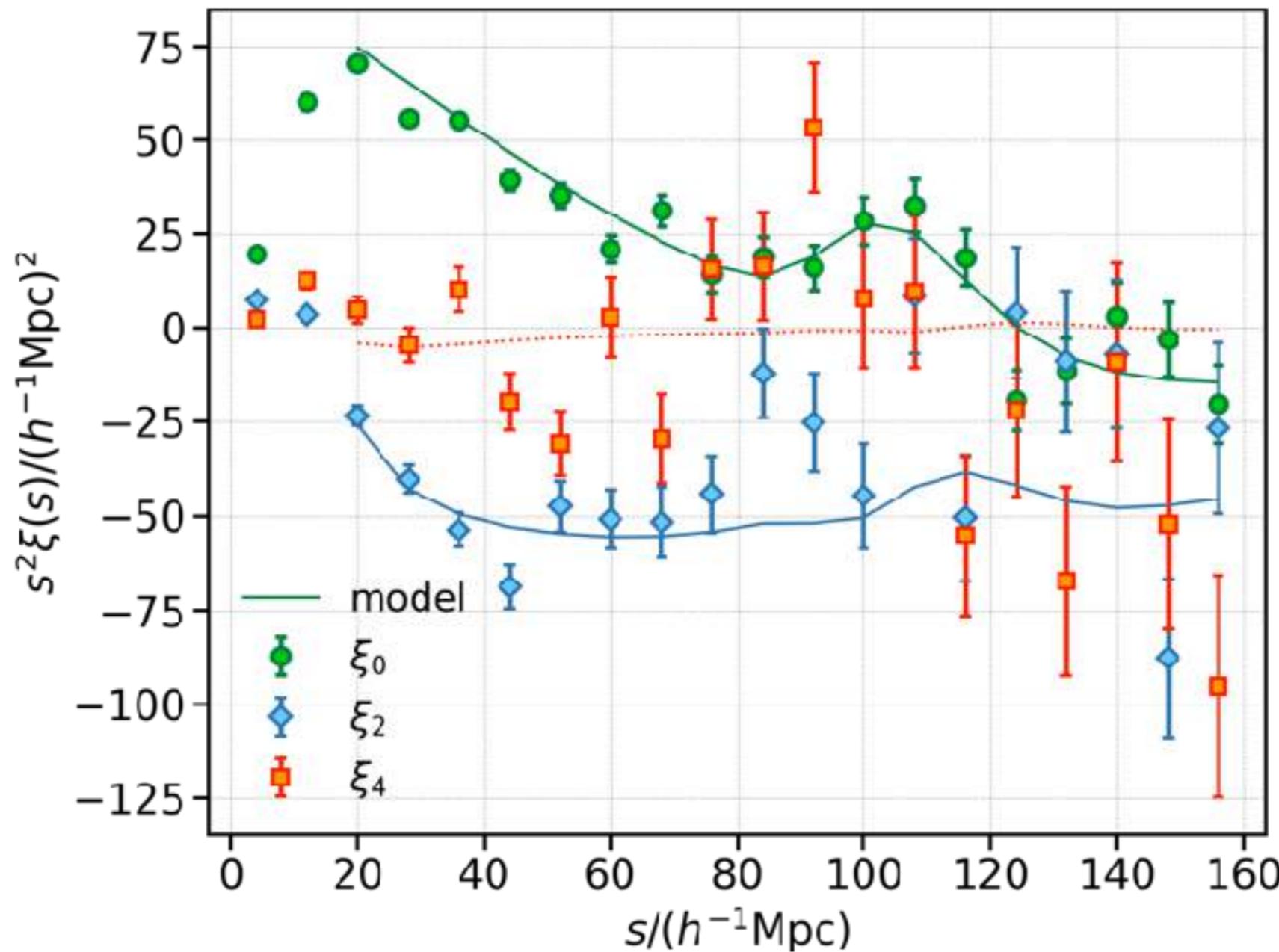
$$D_V(z = 1.52) = 3843 \pm 147 \left( \frac{r_d}{r_{d}^{\text{fid}}} \right) \text{ Mpc}$$



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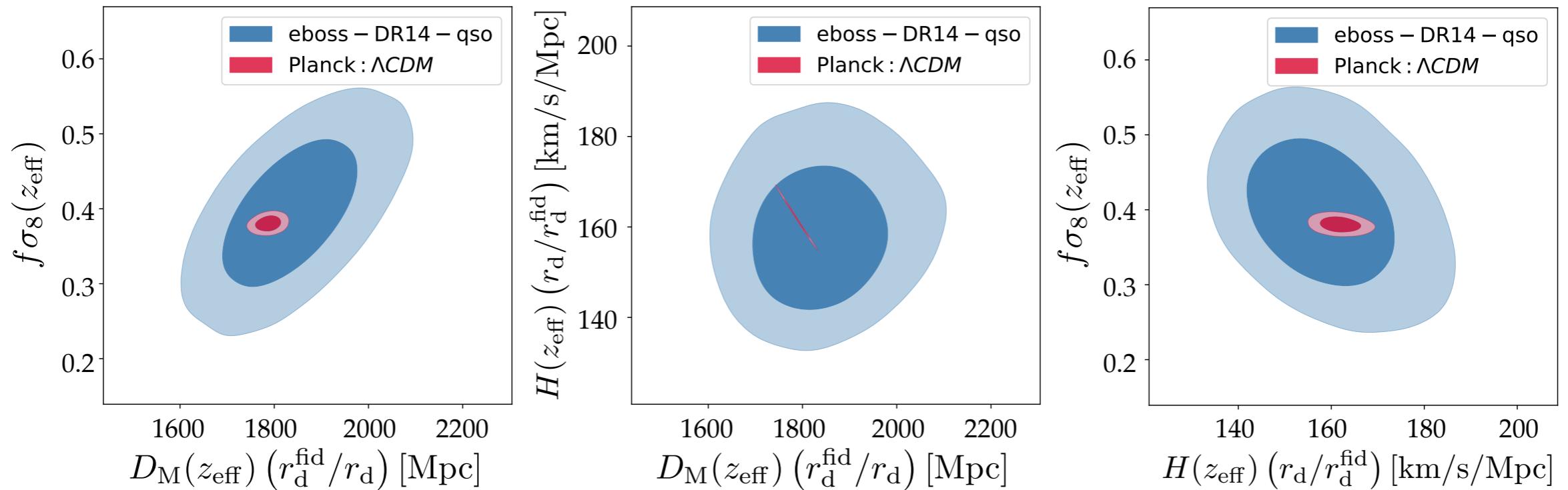
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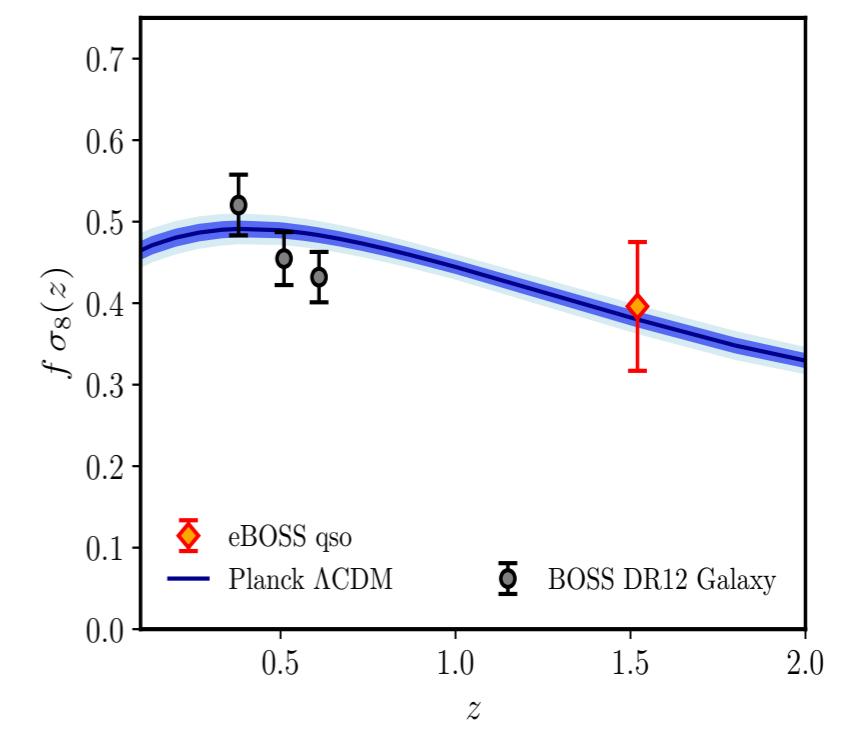
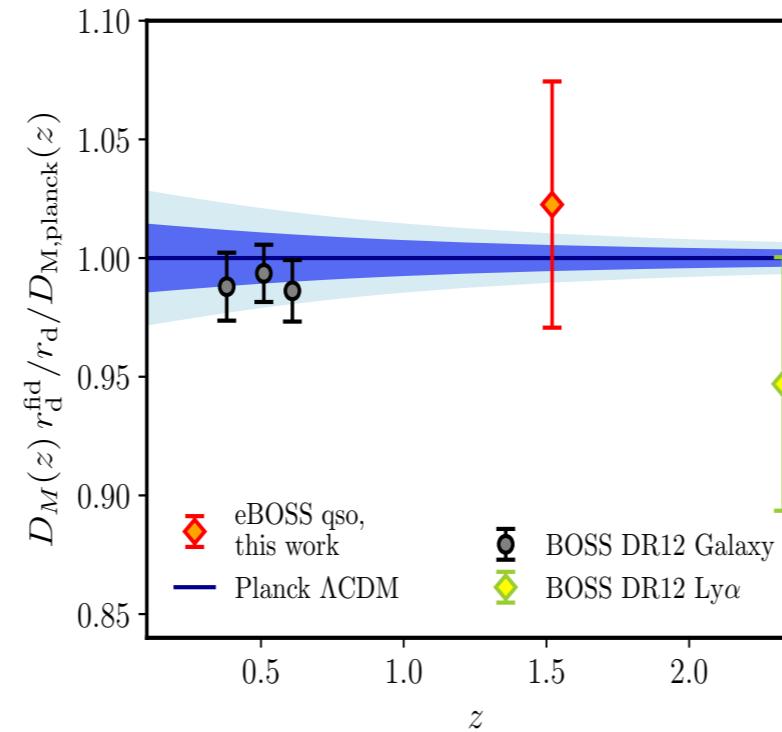
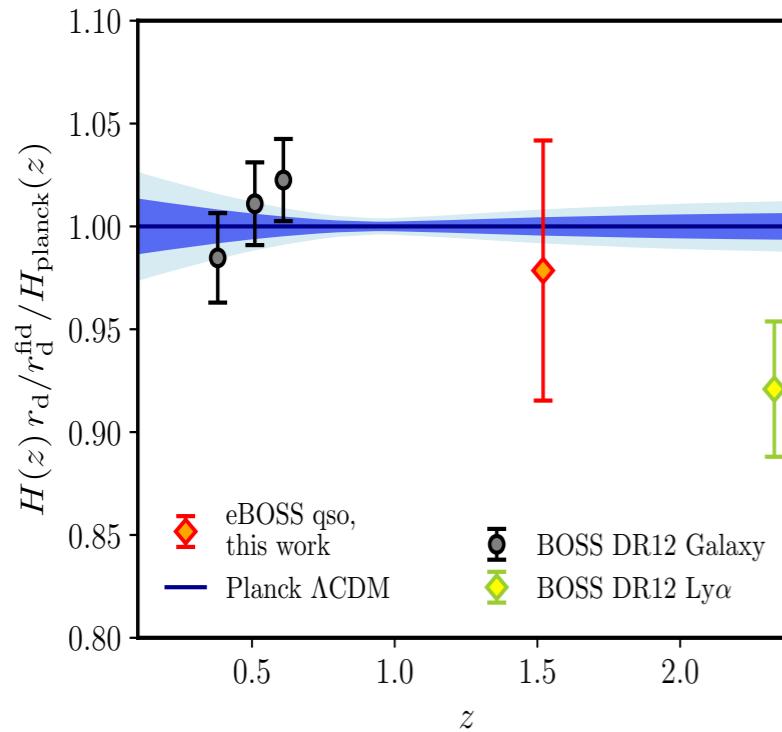


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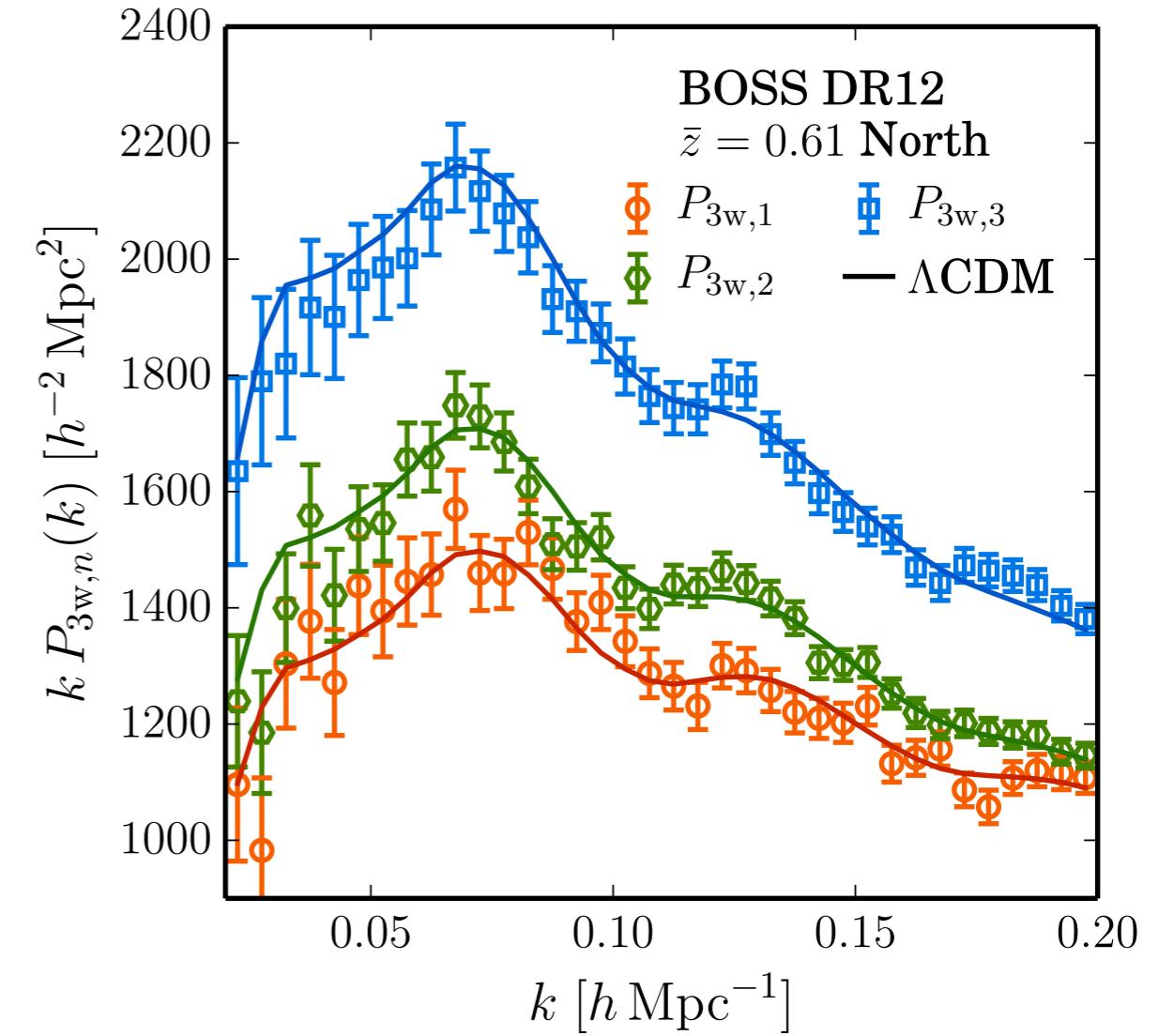
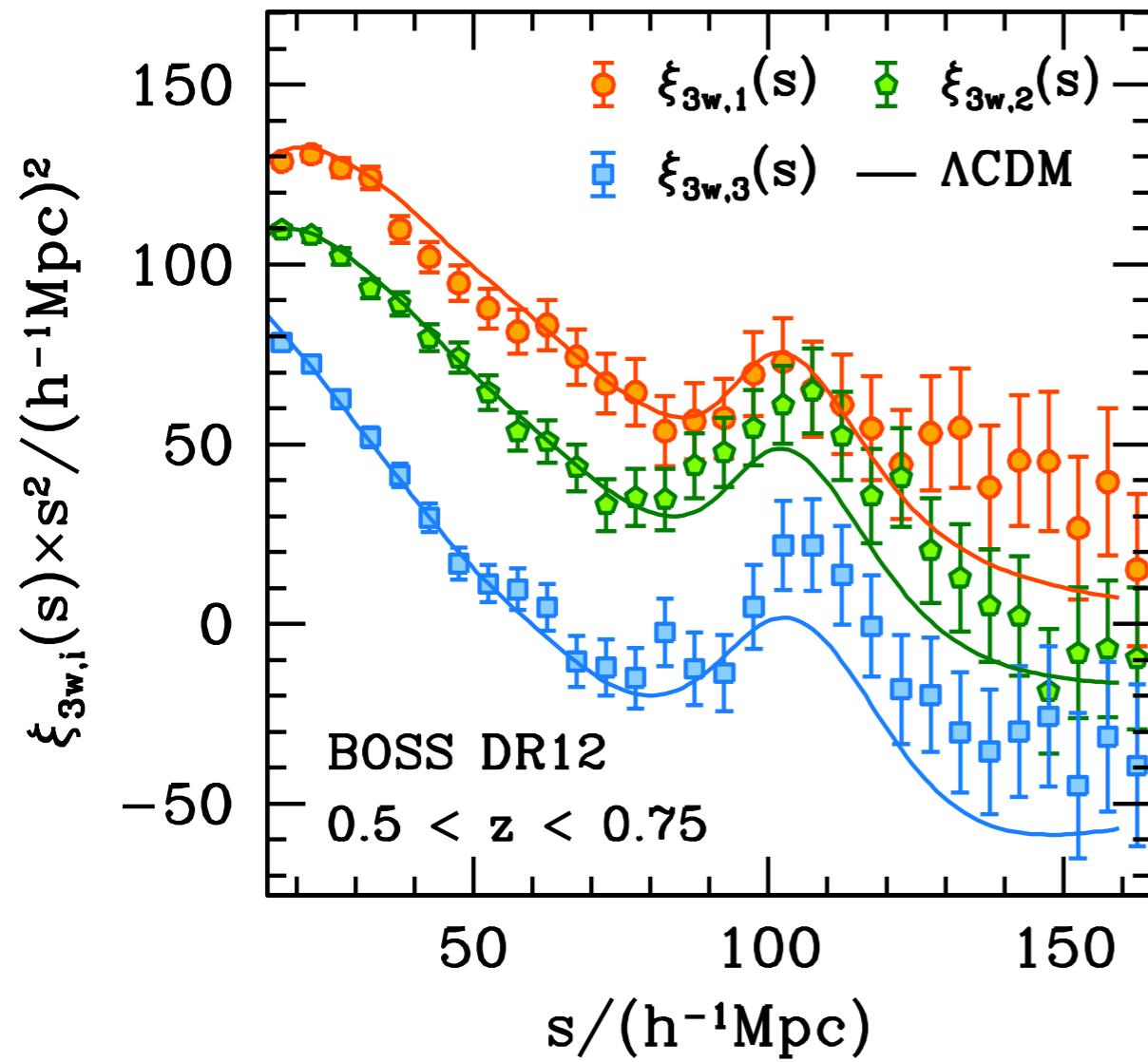
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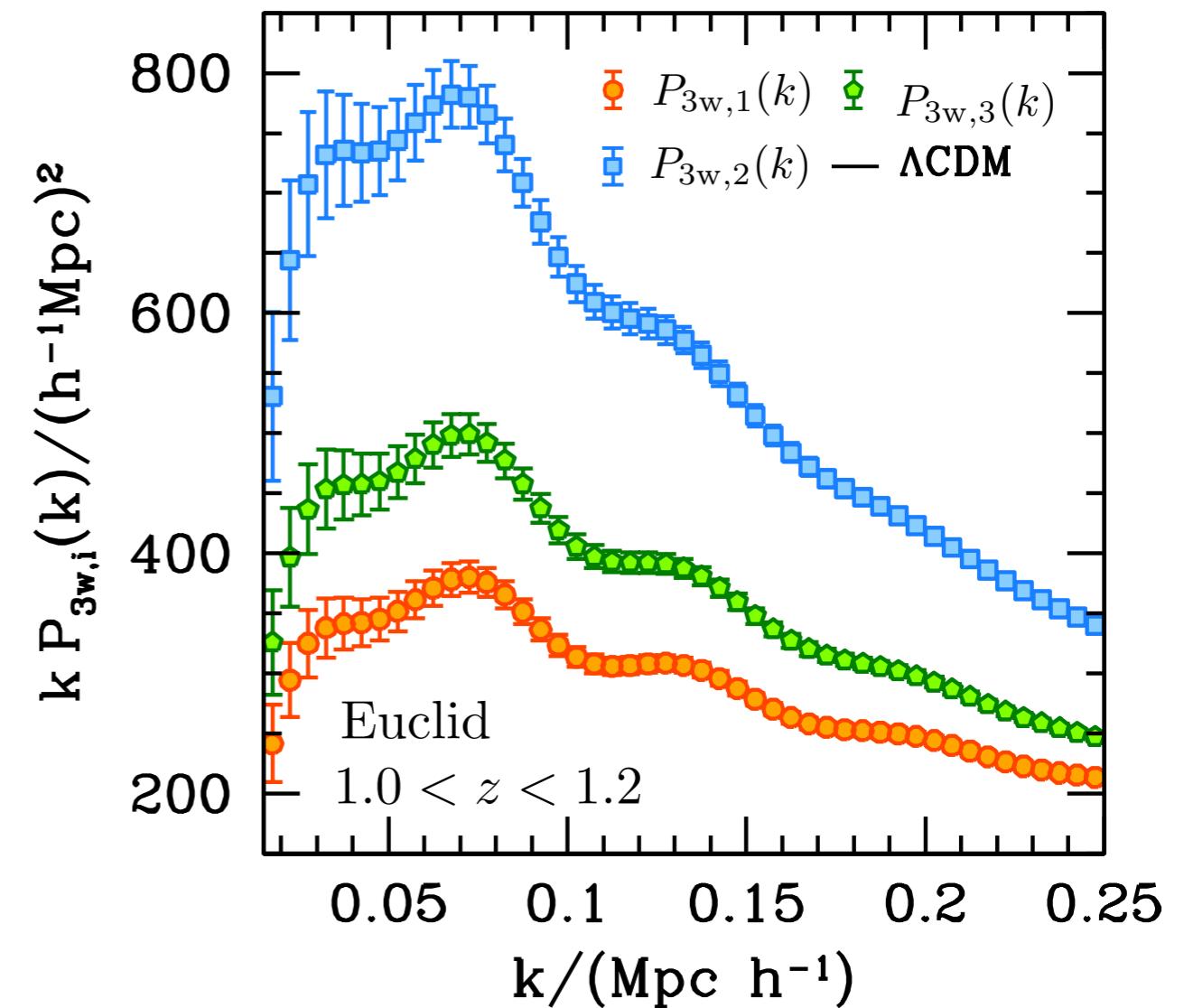
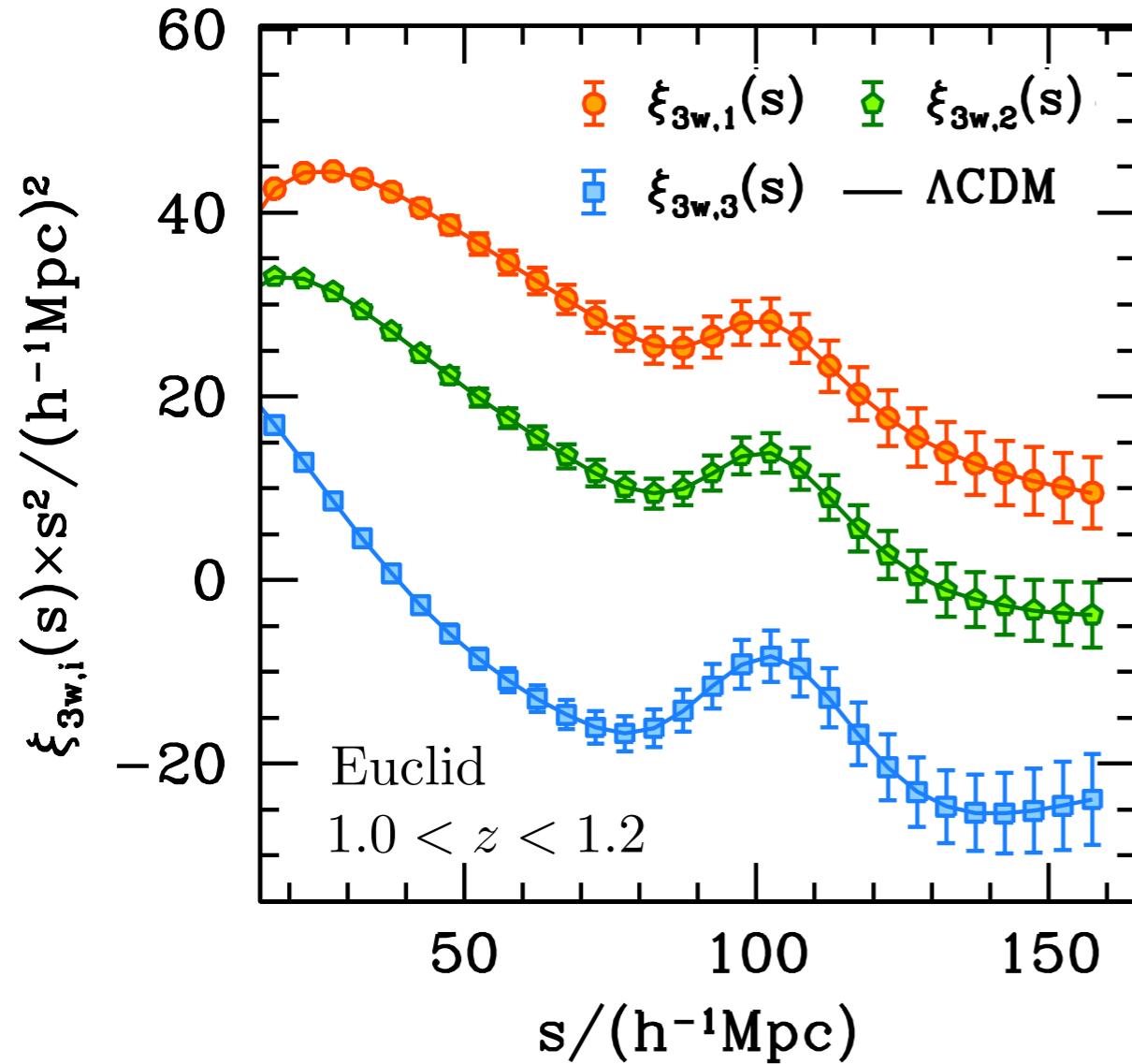
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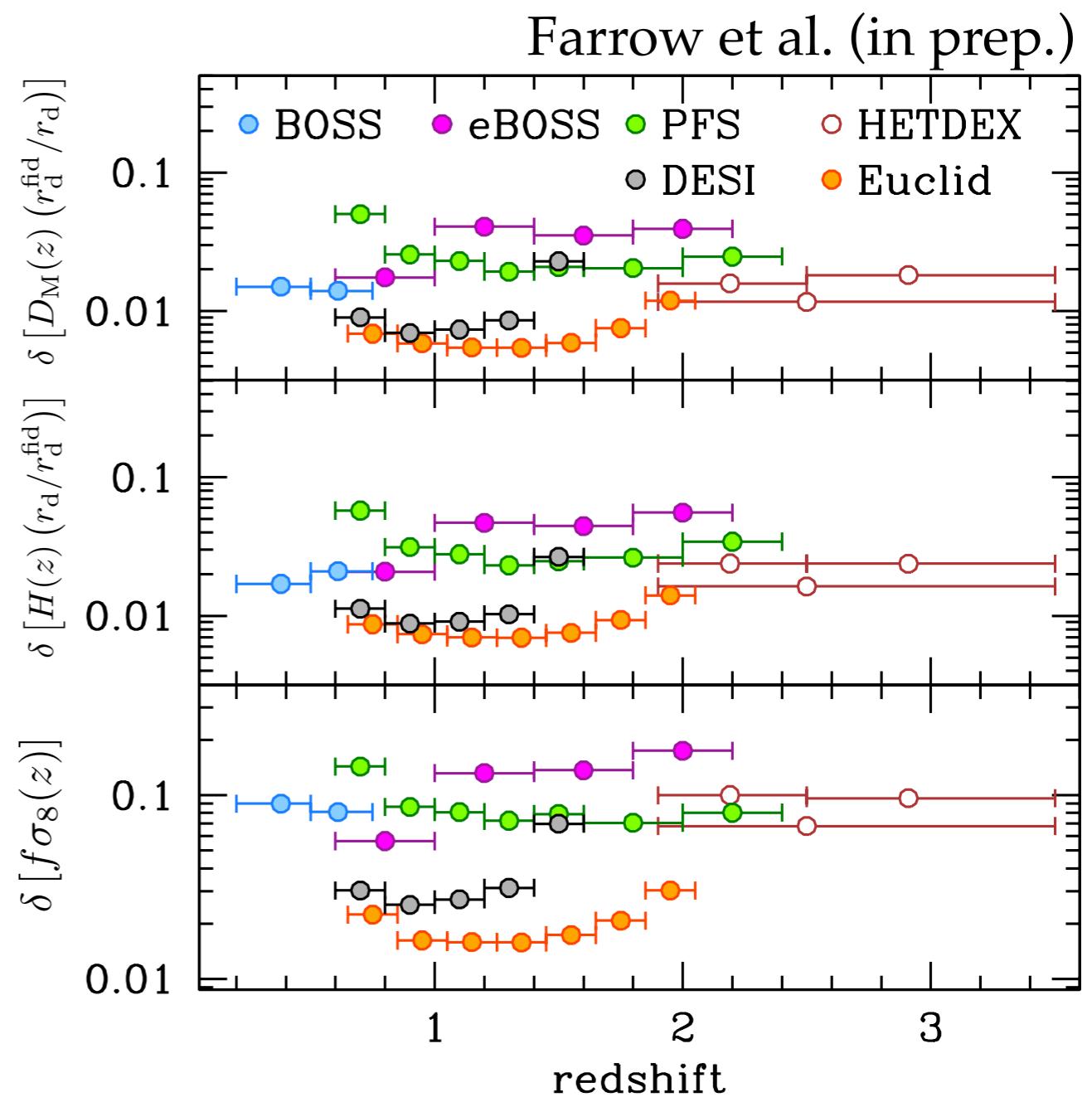
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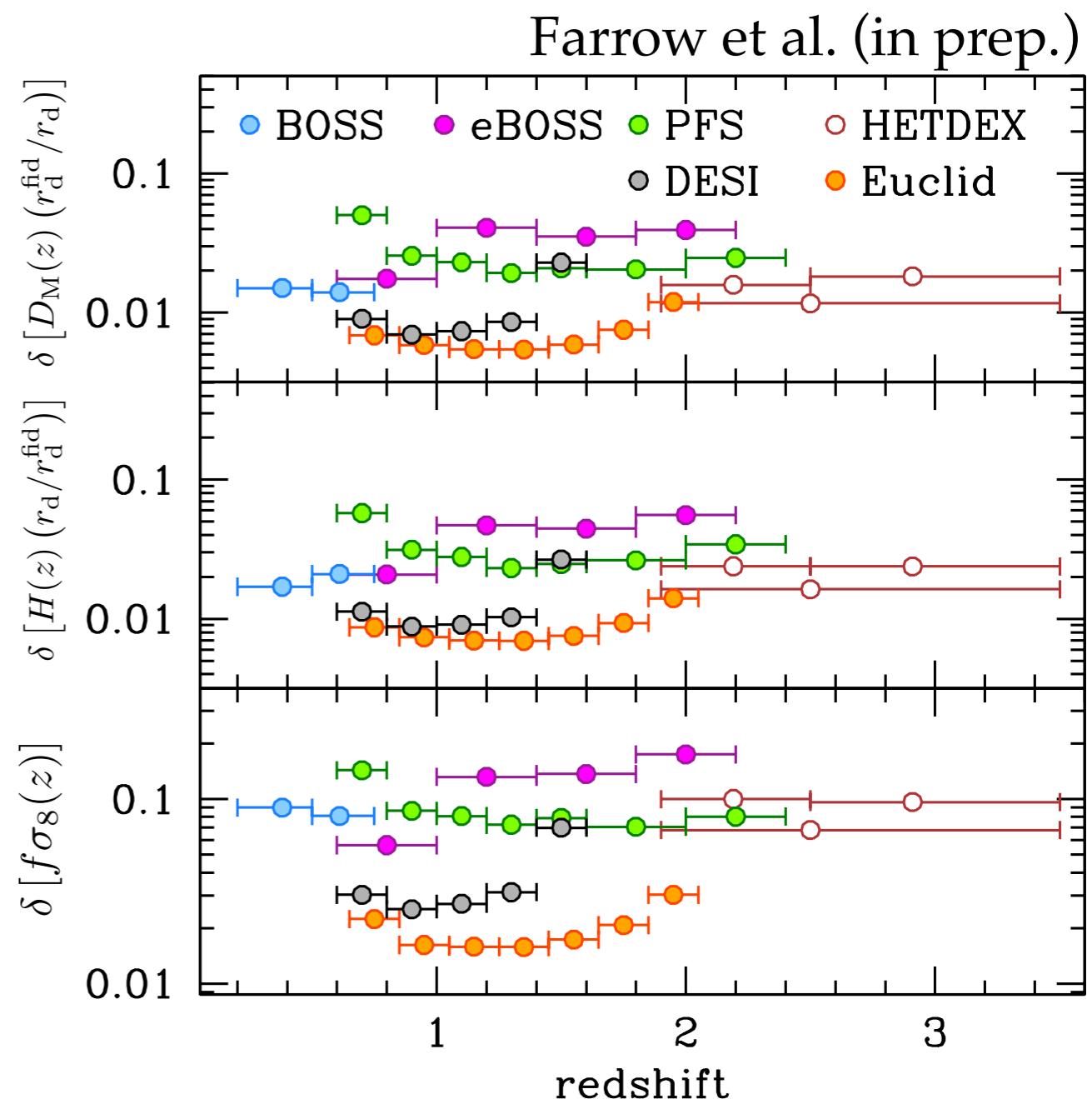
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- Construct the likelihood  
function  $\mathcal{L} \propto e^{-\chi^2/2}$ .
- Can be explored with  
MCMC or Fisher matrices

$$F_{ij} = - \left\langle \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} \right\rangle_{\theta_0}$$



# Robust cosmological forecasts

- Forecasts based on consistent assumptions.
- Galaxy clustering only (no WL or Ly-alpha).
- New *Euclid* forecasts will be released soon.
- HETDEX covers a unique redshift range.



# Final remarks

- GC probes the expansion and growth of structure history of the Universe.
- These measurements can be compared against CMB-based predictions assuming  $\Lambda$ CDM.
- Current data from BOSS and eBOSS in agreement with the standard model.
- New data will shape our understanding of cosmic history.
- Test the  $\Lambda$ CDM paradigm to much higher accuracy.