

# Cosmological implications of massive galaxy surveys

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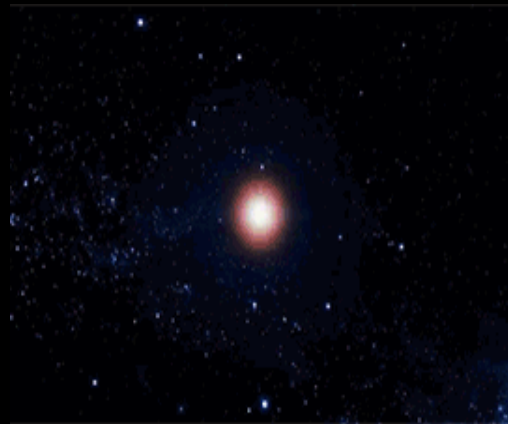


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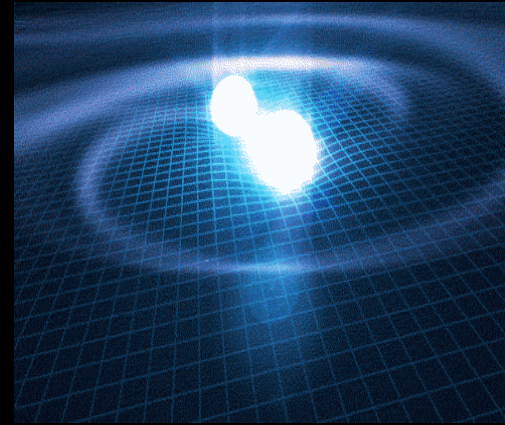


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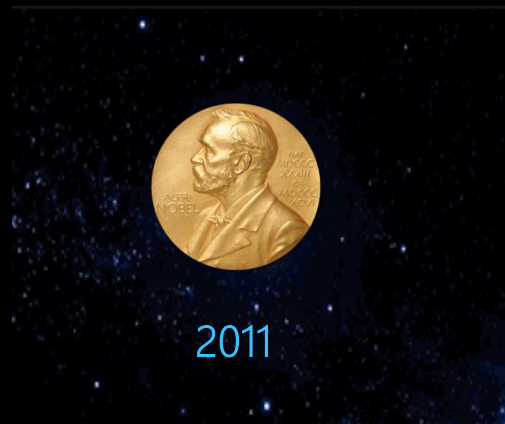


1978, 2006



**Gravitational  
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2011

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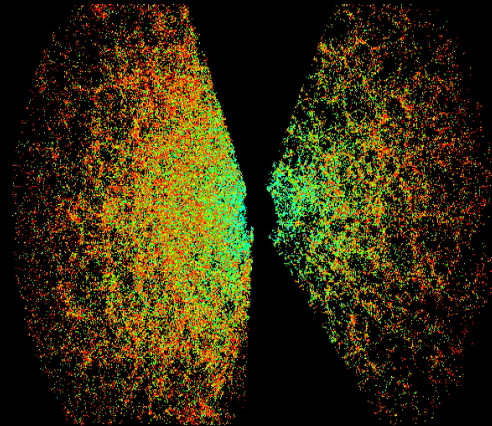
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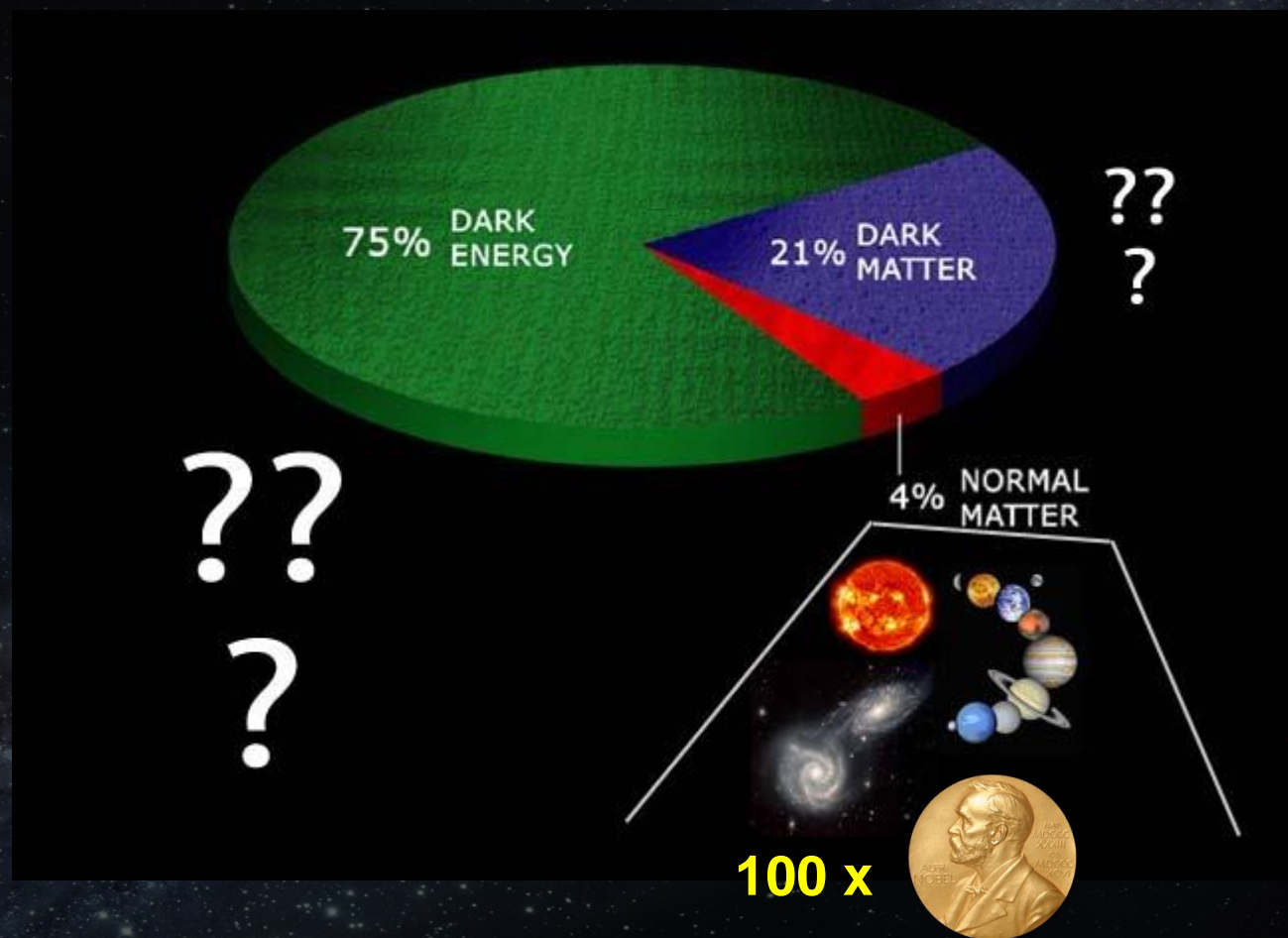
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**CMB (1978)**

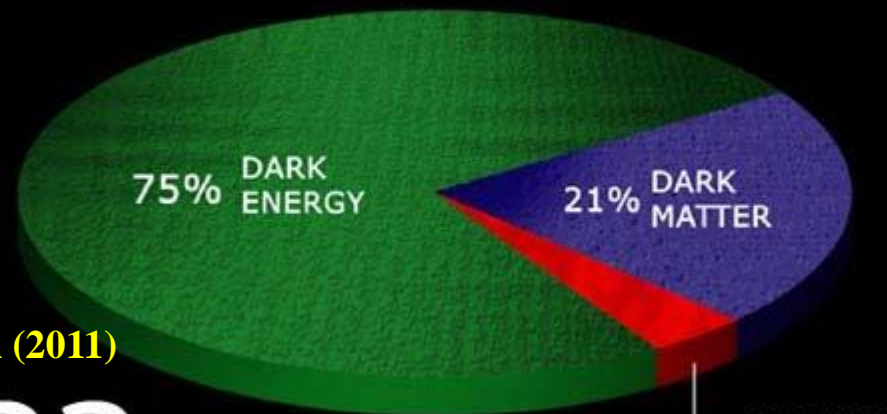


**CMB (2006)**



**Cosmic Acceleration (2011)**

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?



**Gravitational waves (2017)**

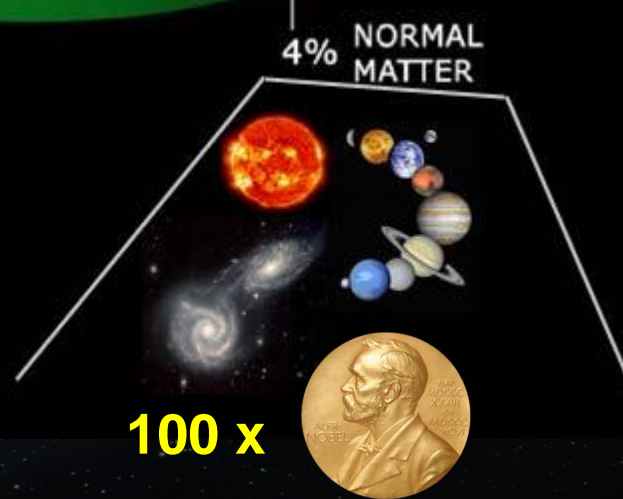


**Theoretical cosmology (2019)**



**Black holes (2020)**

**100 x**







## The accelerating Universe!



2011



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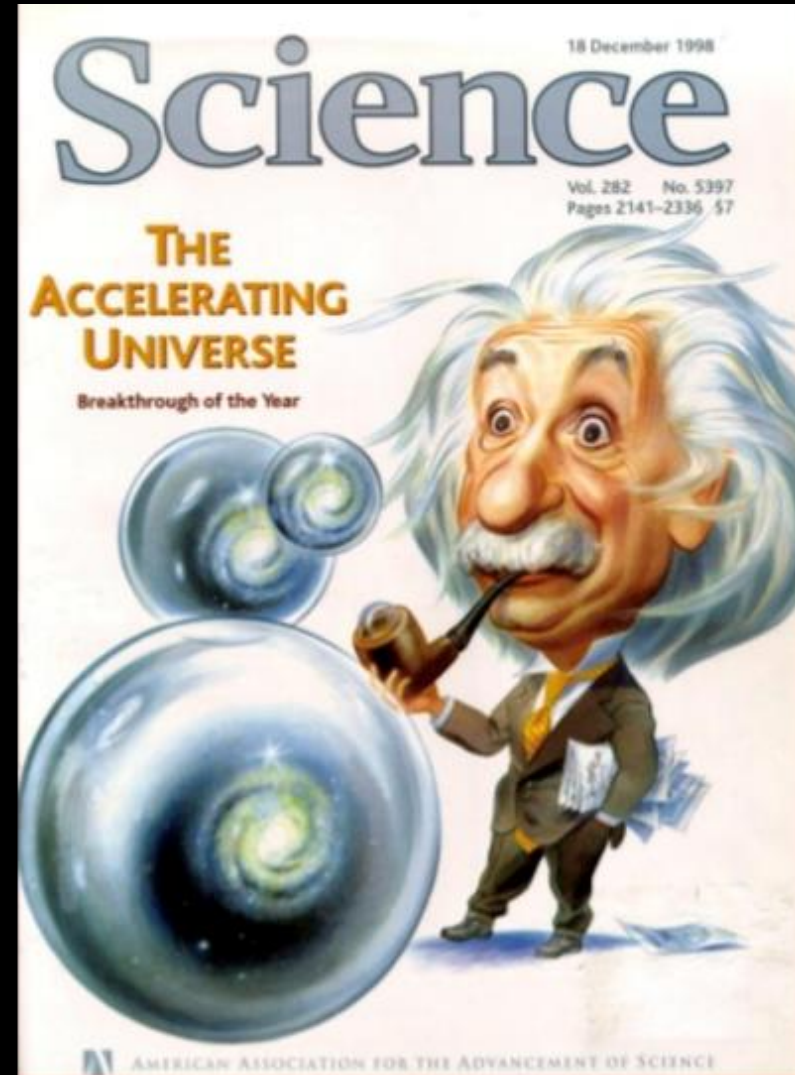
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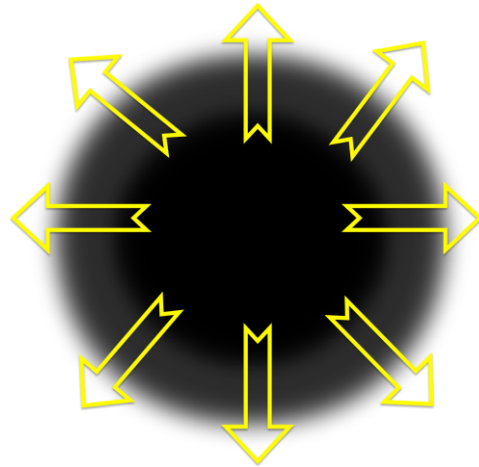
**Adam G. Riess**



The expansion of the Universe can **accelerate** if



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To modify General  
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**Modified Gravity**

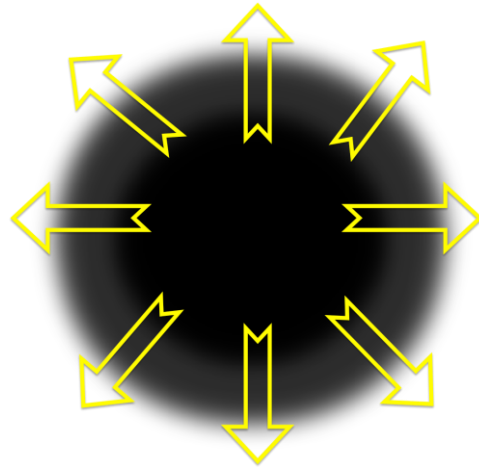
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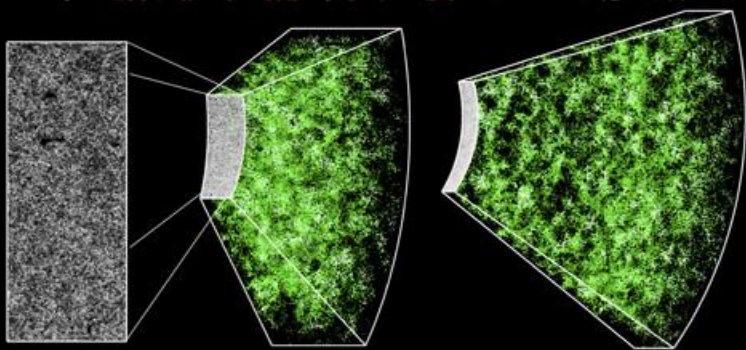
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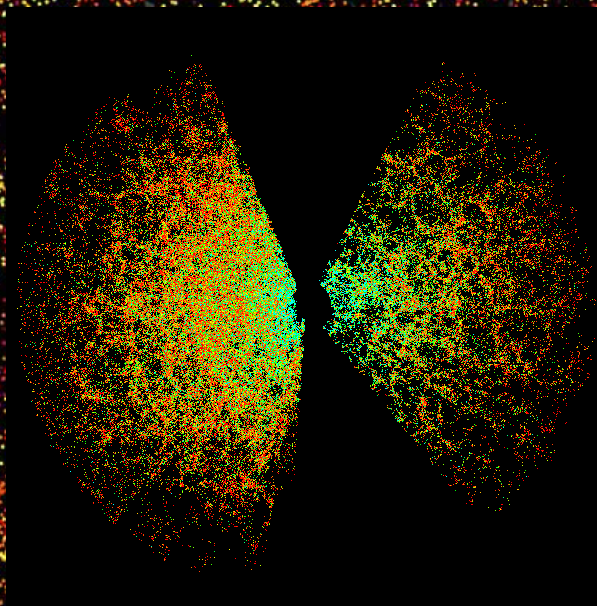
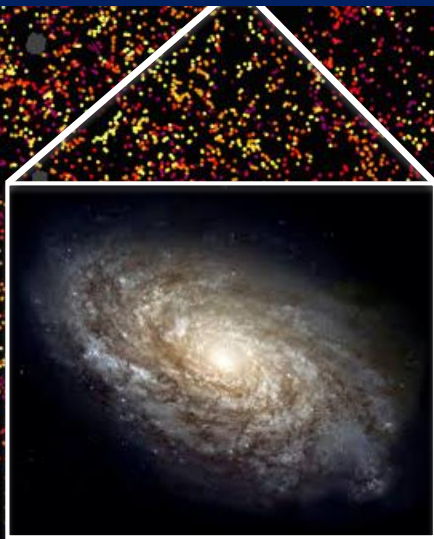
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**Galaxy surveys can break the dark degeneracy!**





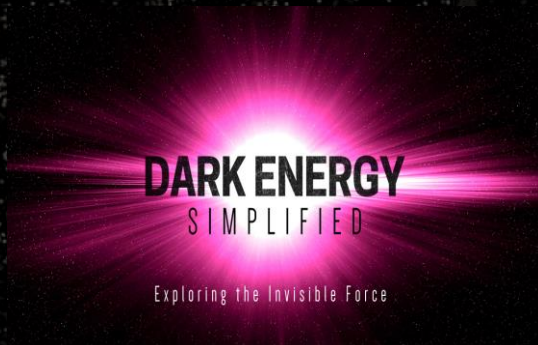
# Massive redshift surveys as a key cosmological probe





# Large z-surveys: a key probe of the Universe

**Large-scale  
clustering**



**Dark Energy**



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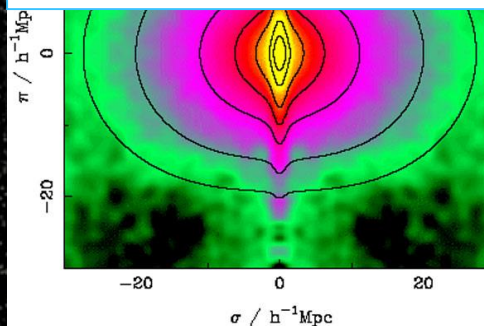


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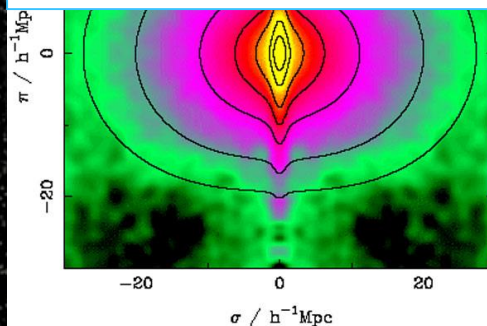


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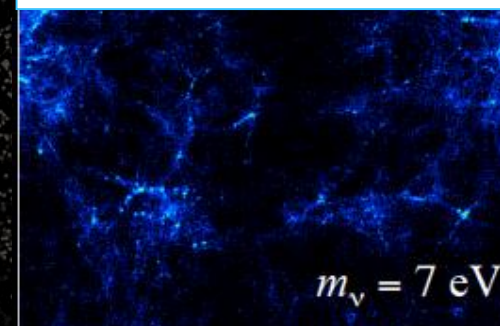
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**Neutrino masses**

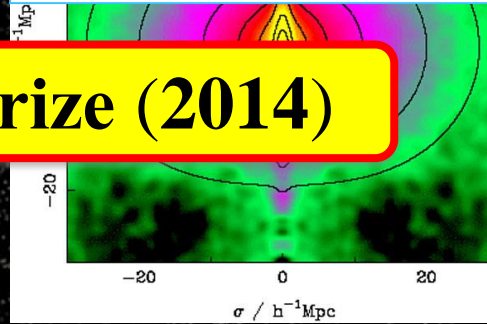
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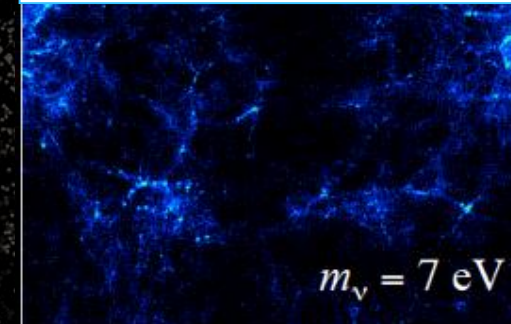


Shaw's prize (2014)

Mid-scale  
clustering



Small-scale  
clustering



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**Nobel Prize  
(2011)**

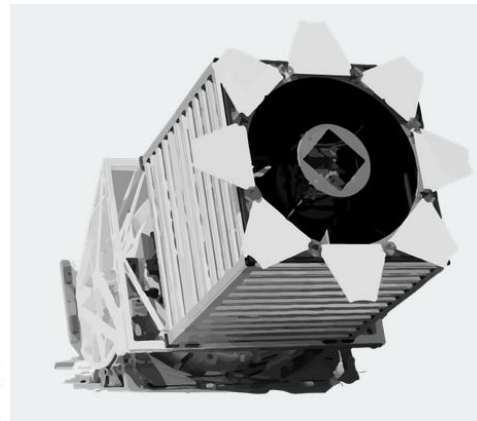
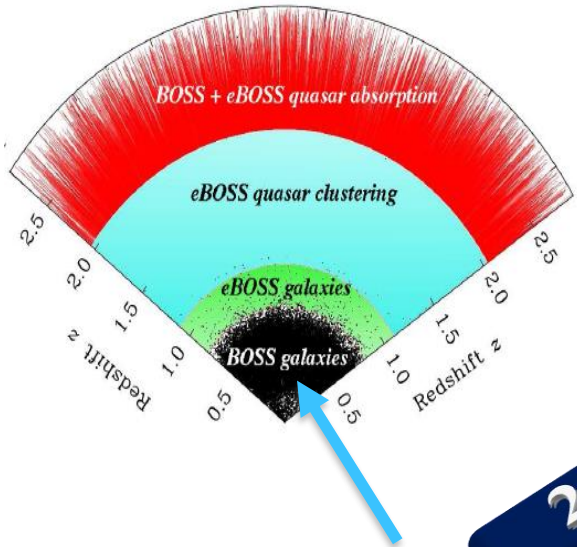
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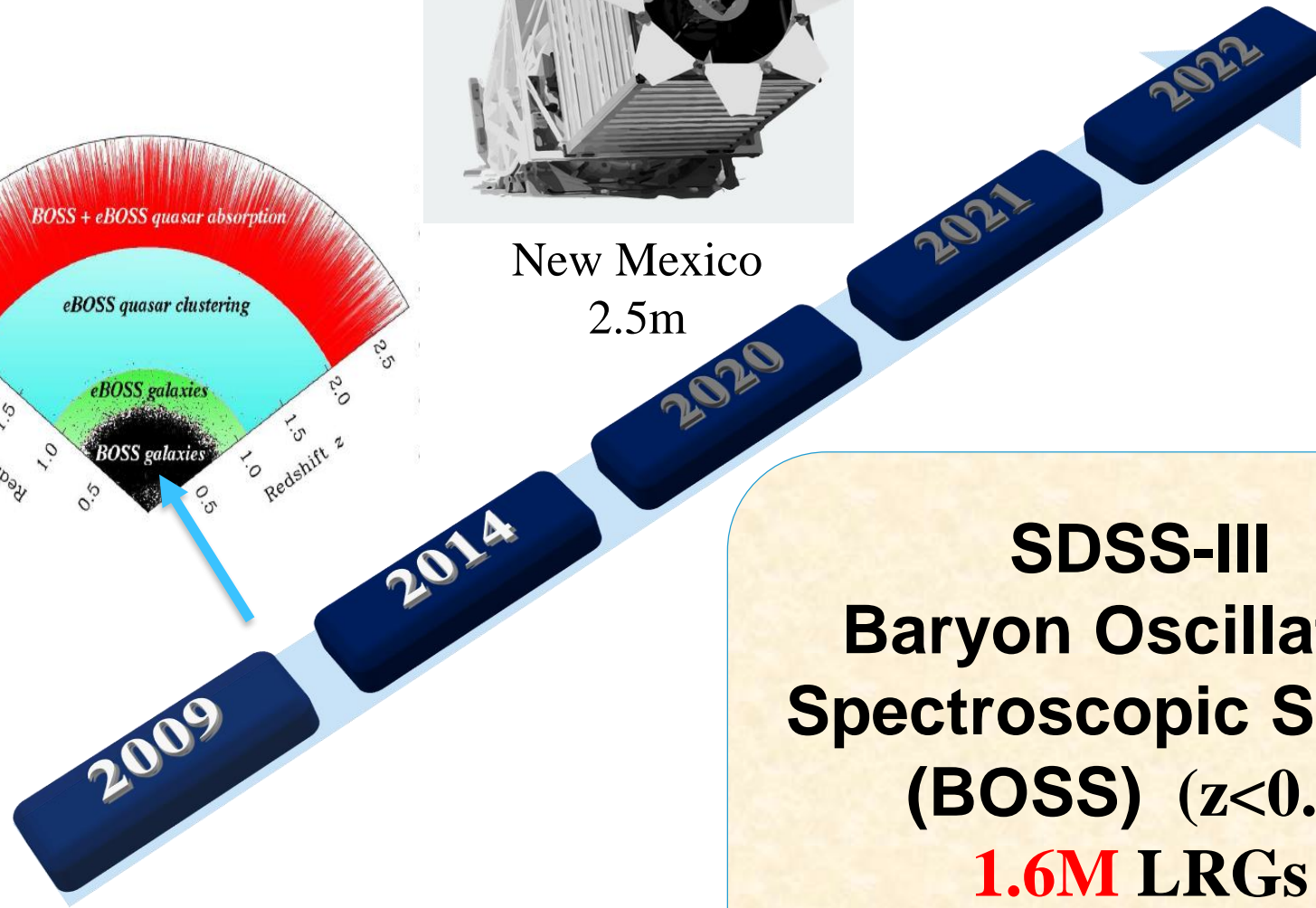
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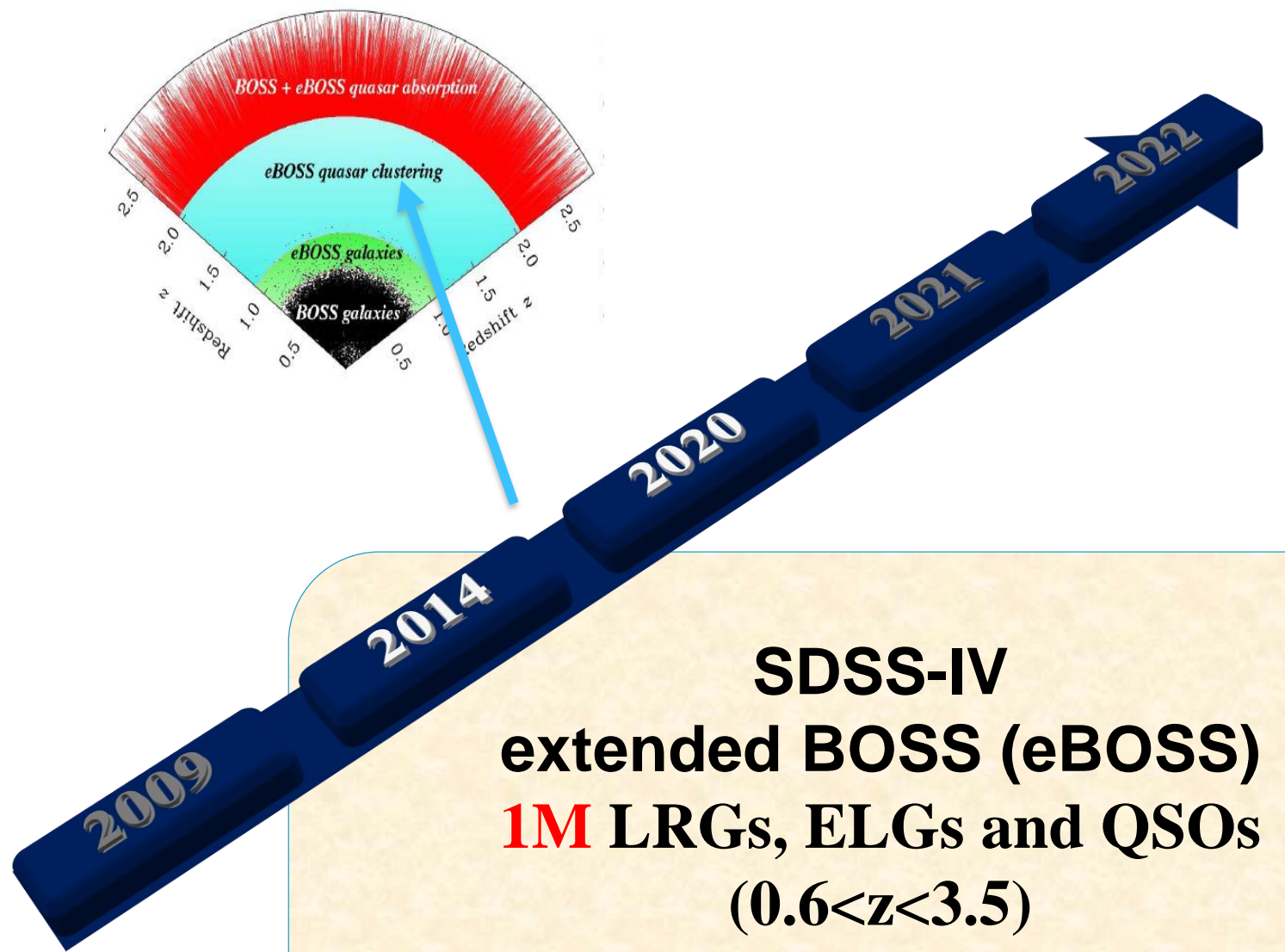




New Mexico  
2.5m



**SDSS-III**  
**Baryon Oscillation**  
**Spectroscopic Survey**  
**(BOSS) ( $z < 0.6$ )**  
**1.6M LRGs**  
**The largest in last decade**

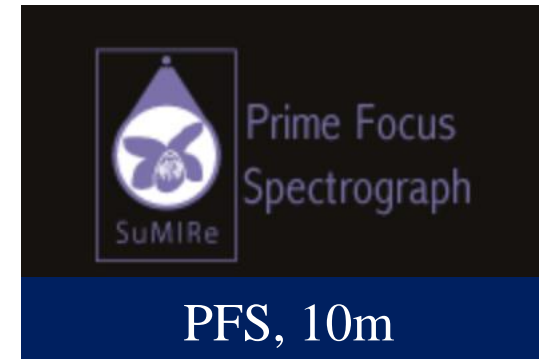
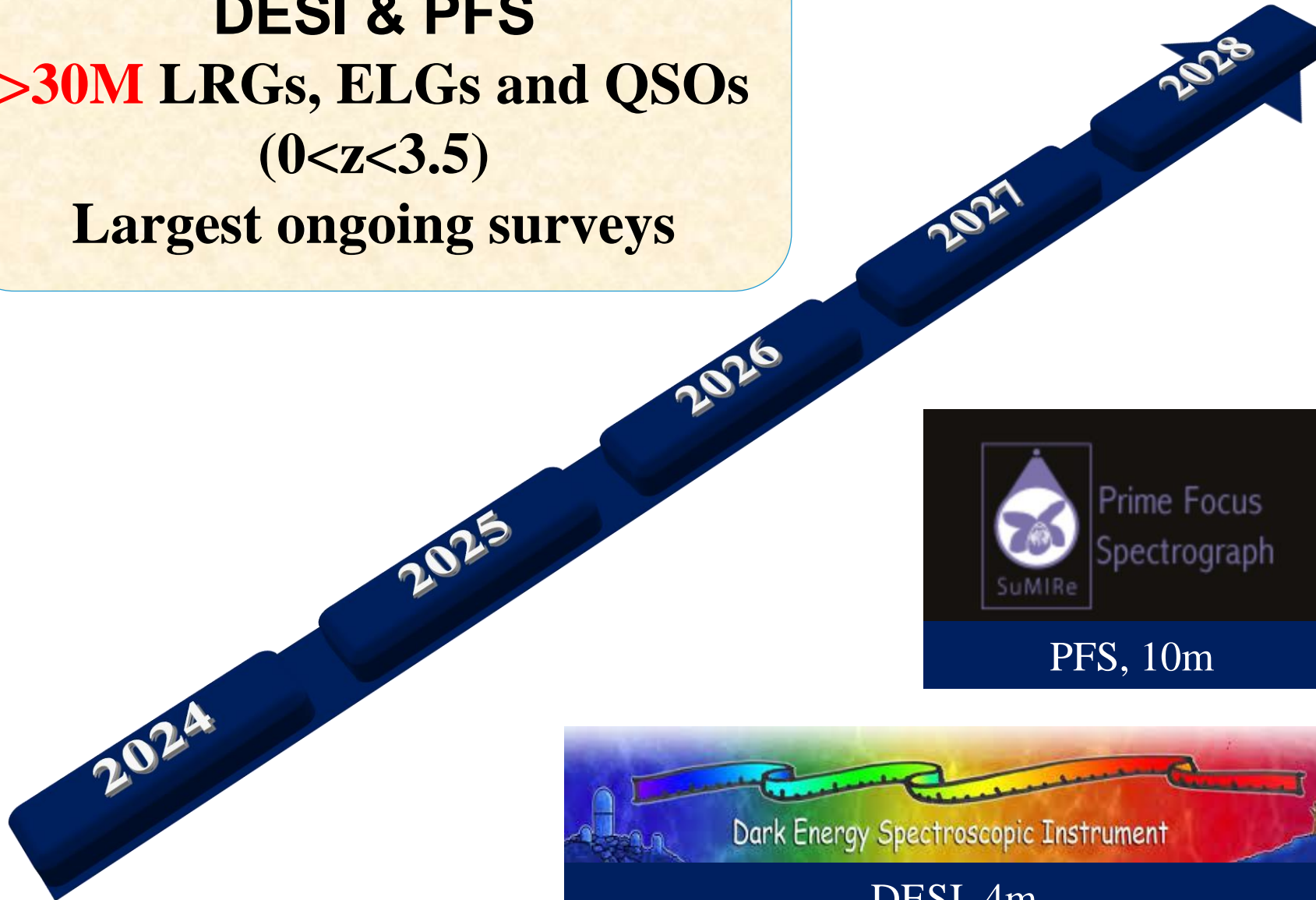


**SDSS-IV**  
**extended BOSS (eBOSS)**  
**1M** LRGs, ELGs and QSOs  
**( $0.6 < z < 3.5$ )**  
**The largest in the past 5 years**

## DESI & PFS

**>30M** LRGs, ELGs and QSOs  
( $0 < z < 3.5$ )

Largest ongoing surveys

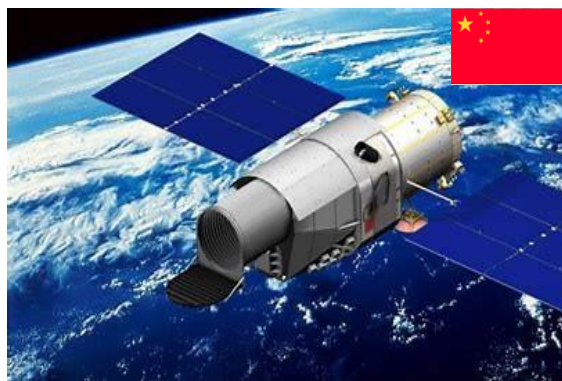


PFS, 10m



DESI, 4m





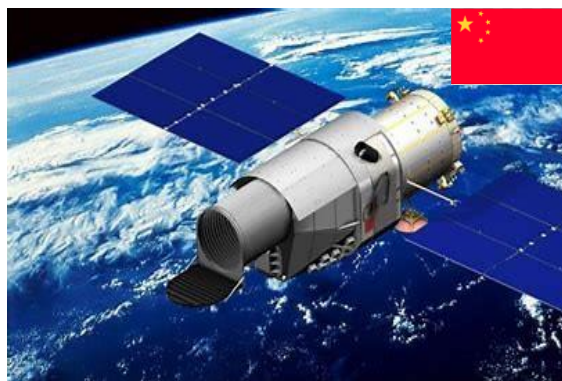
CSST, 2m in space



MUST, 6.5m



ESST, 10+m



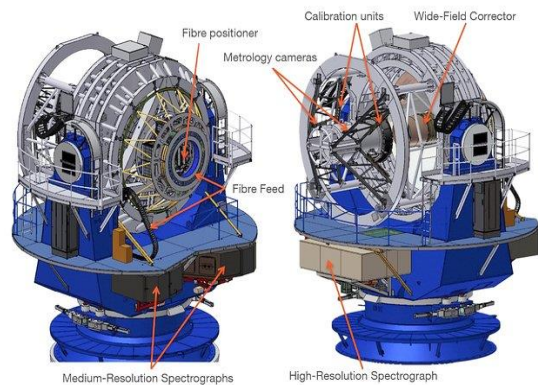
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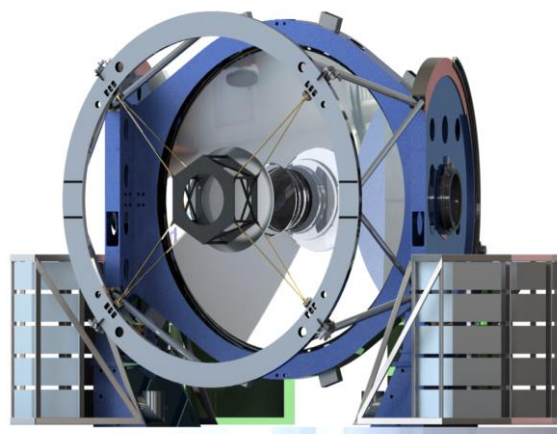
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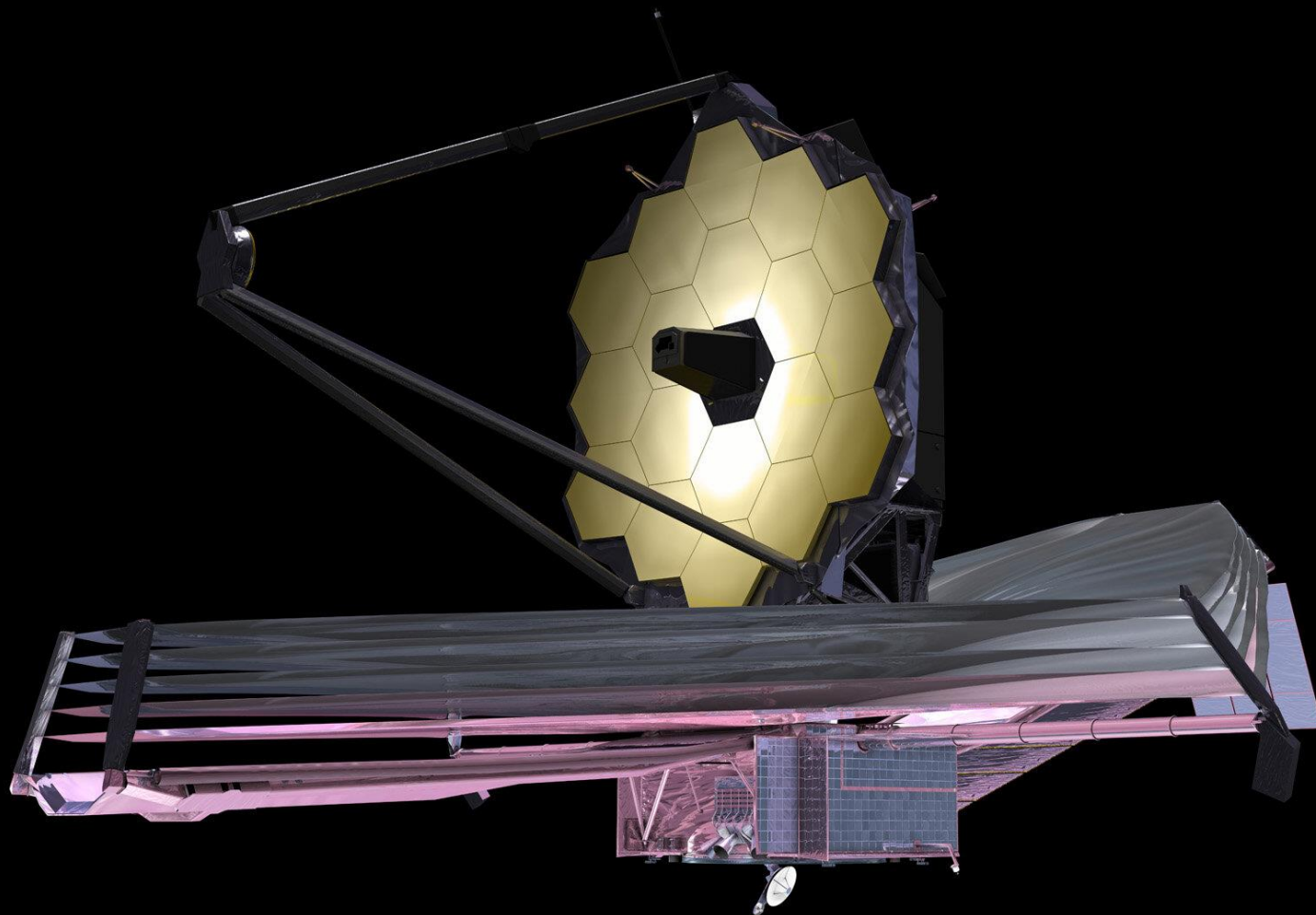
4MOST, 4m



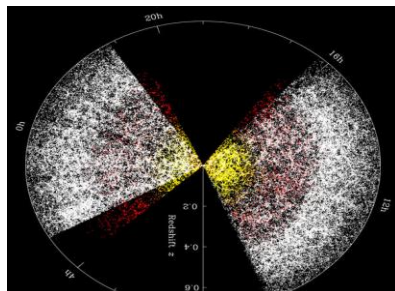
MegaMapper, 6.5m



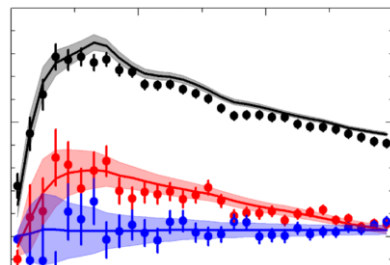
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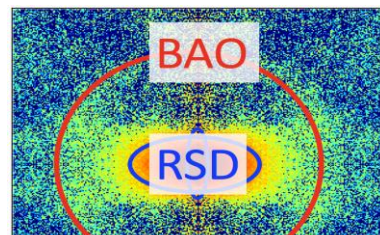
**280 m in space!!**  
**arXiv: 2010.06064**



LSS survey



$\xi(s)$ ,  $P(k)$



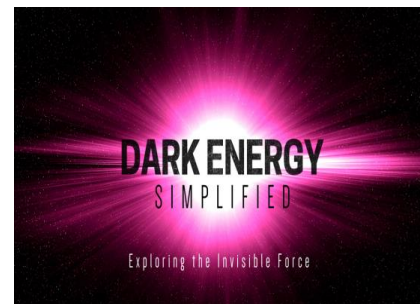
BAO, RSD

Model

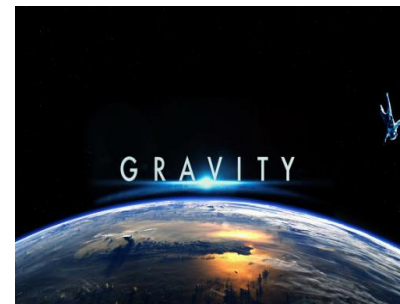
Sim.

Stat.

Cosmic acceleration

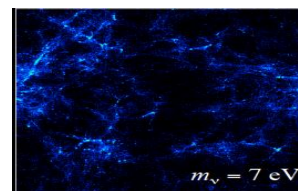


Dark Energy



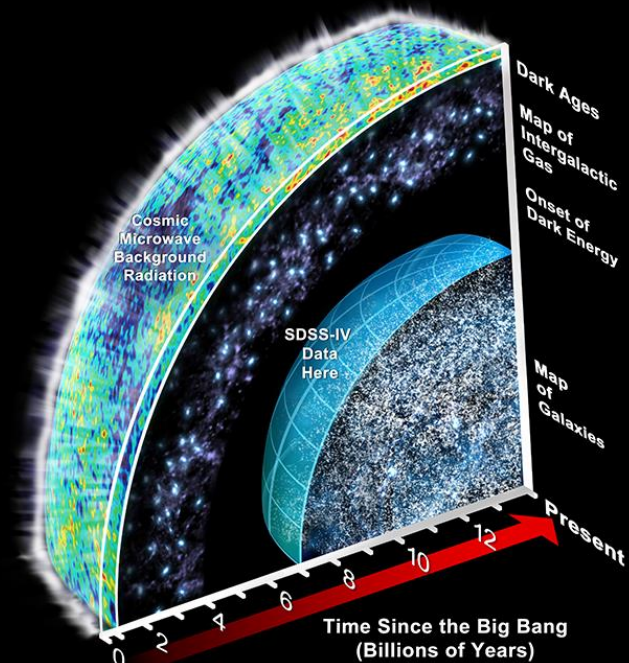
Modified Gravity

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## SDSS-IV Catches the Rise of Dark Energy



eBOSS (2014-2020)

2.5 m SDSS telescope @ New Mexico



eBOSS result released on July 20, 2020 in 20+ papers



**SDSS**

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# No need to Mind the Gap: Astrophysicists fill in 11 billion years of our universe's expansion history

🕒 July 19, 2020

The Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) released today a comprehensive analysis of the largest three-dimensional map of the Universe ever created, filling in the most significant gaps in our possible exploration of its history.



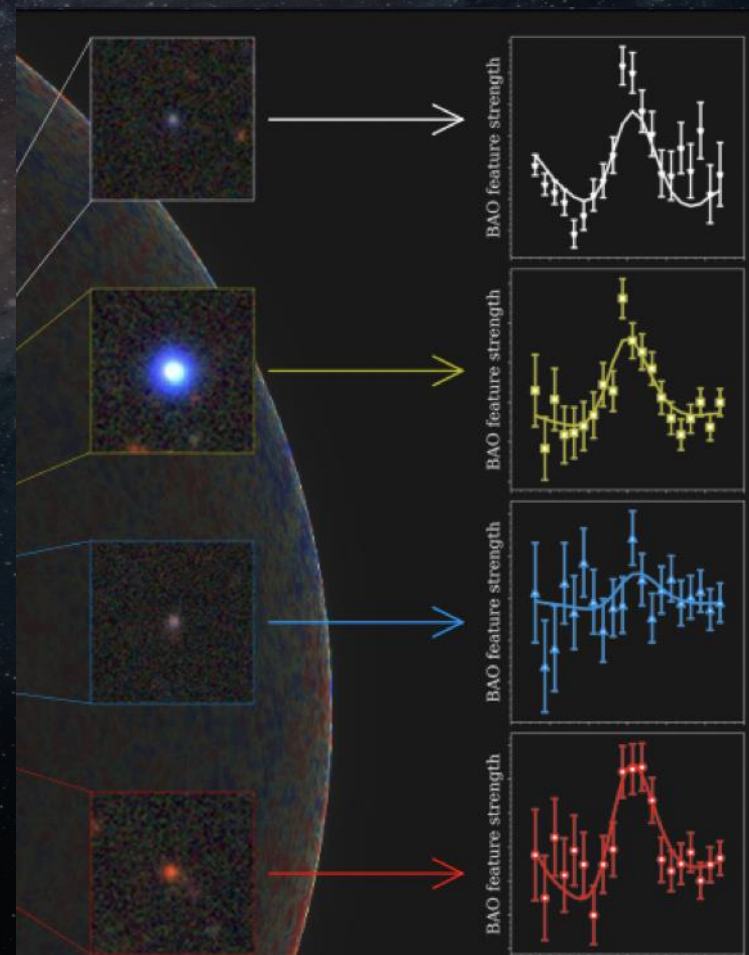
## eBOSS tracers

Lyman-a forest

Clustering quasars

Emission Line Galaxies (ELGs)

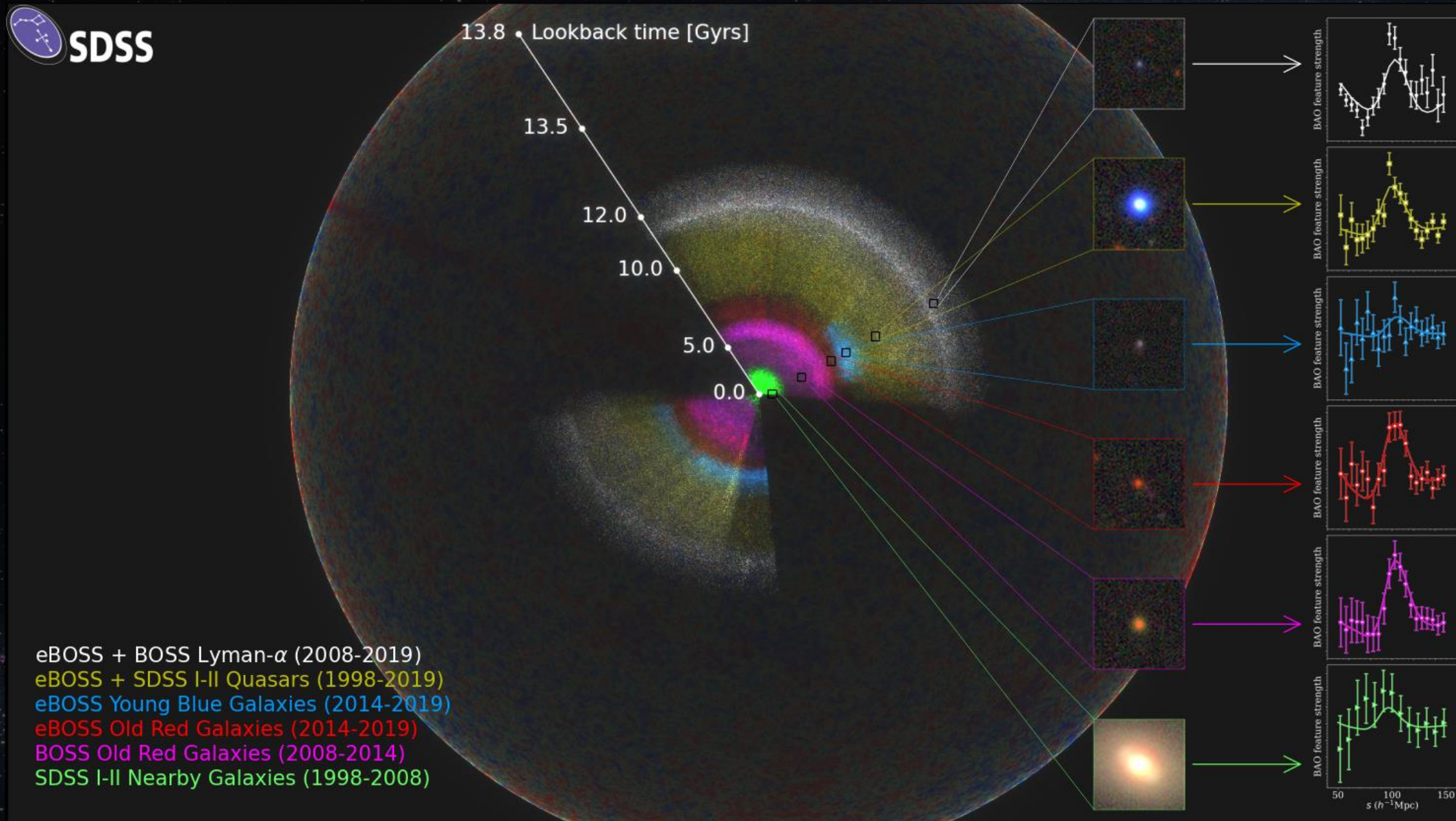
Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs)





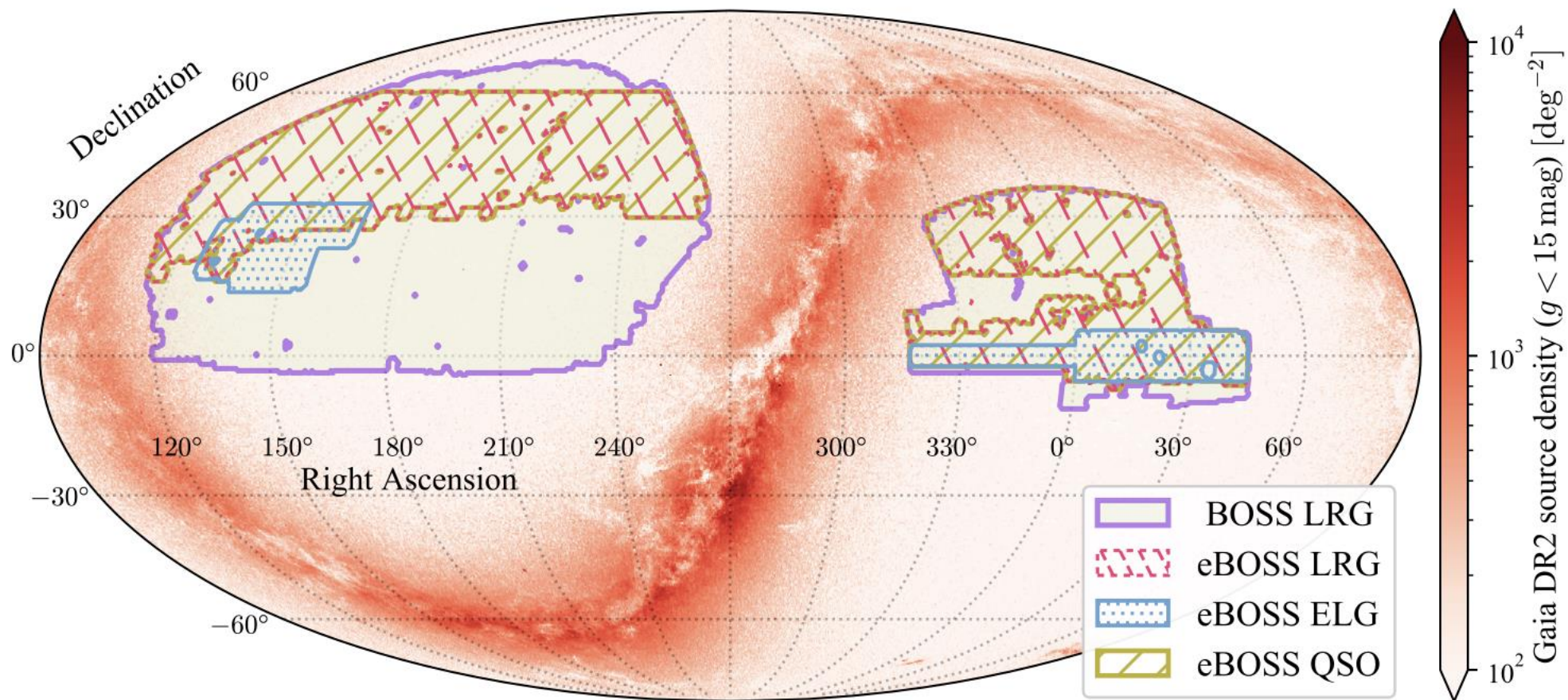
- **ELG (k-space): De Mattia et al, 2007.09008**
- **ELG (s-space): Tamone et al, 2007.09009**
- **LRG (k-space): Gil-Marin et al, 2007.08994**
- **LRG (s-space): Bautista et al, 2007.08993**
- **ELG x LRG (k-space): G-B. Zhao et al, 2007.09011**
- **ELG x LRG (s-space): Y. Wang et al, 2007.09010**







# eBOSS footprint





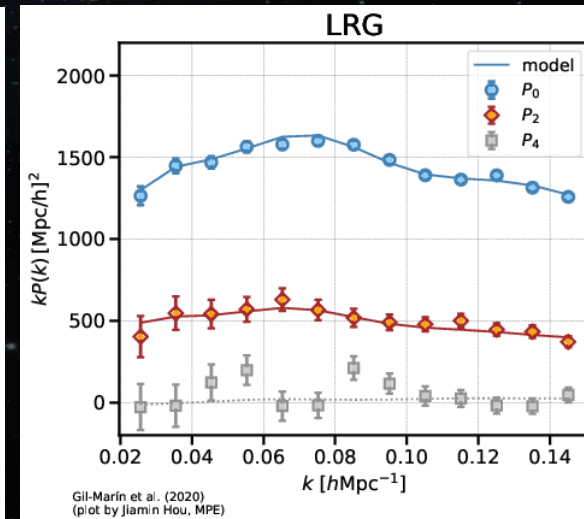
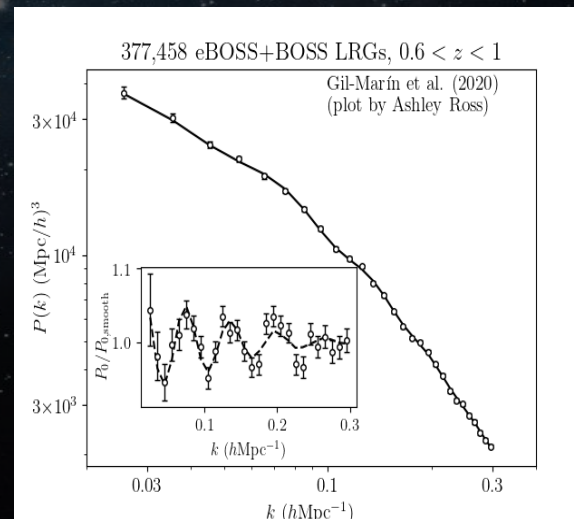
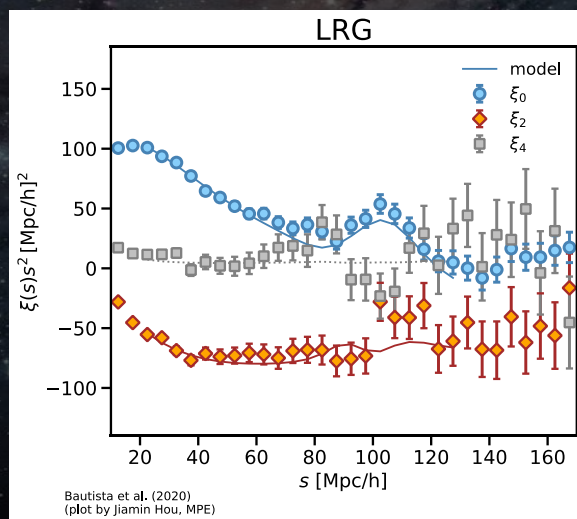
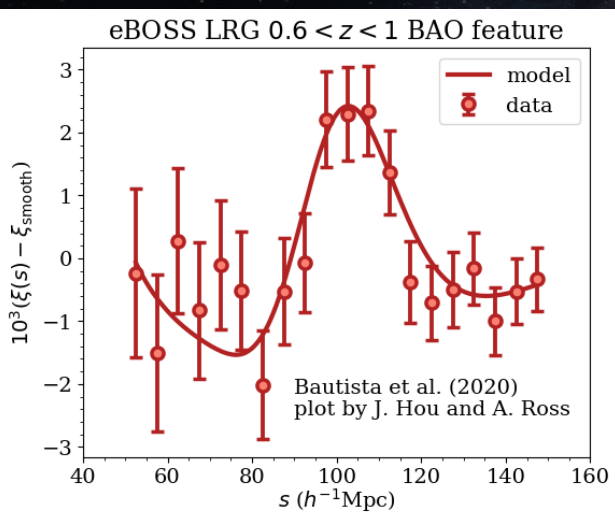
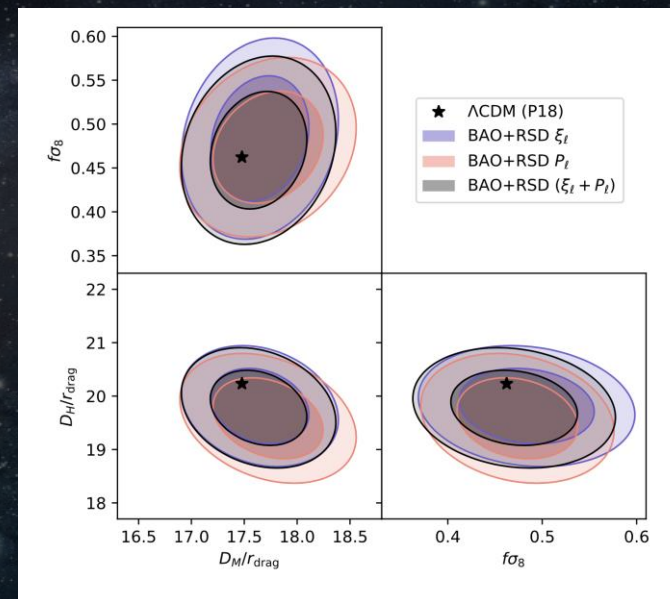
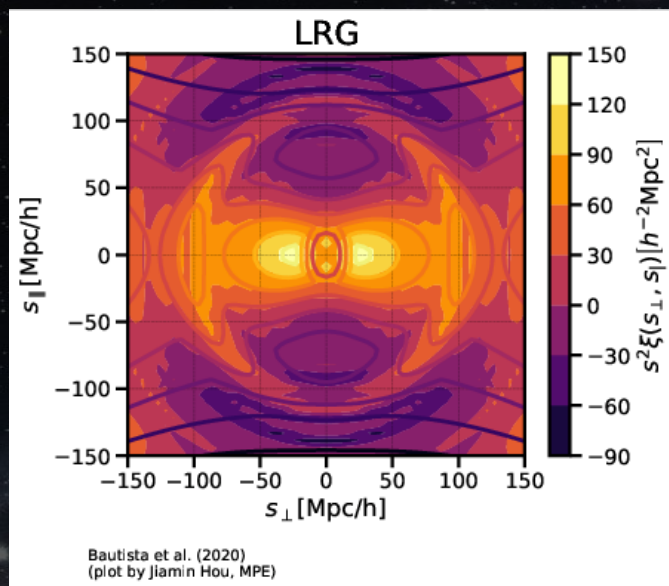
## Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs)

$$0.6 < z < 1.0, z_{\text{eff}} = 0.77$$

~9500 deg<sup>2</sup>

~400 K spectra

Bautista+, 2020; Gil-Marín+, 2020





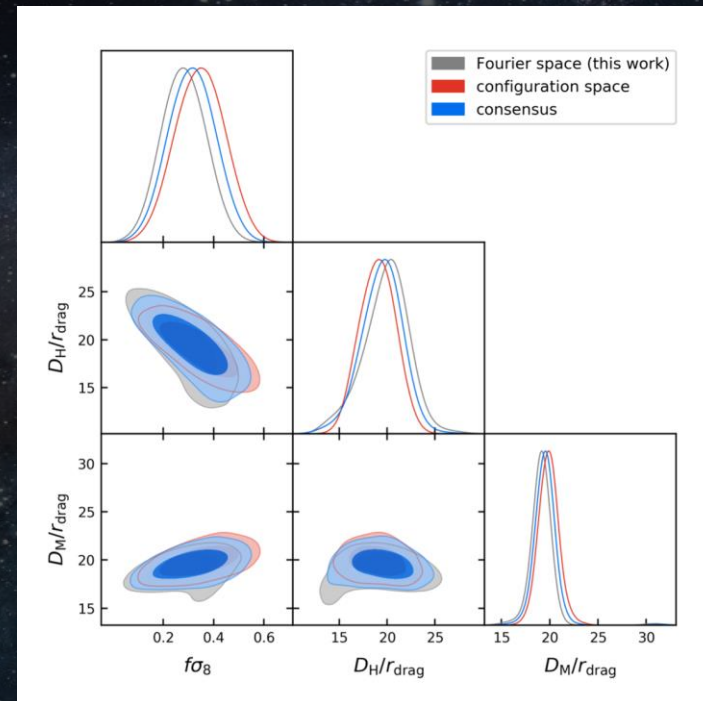
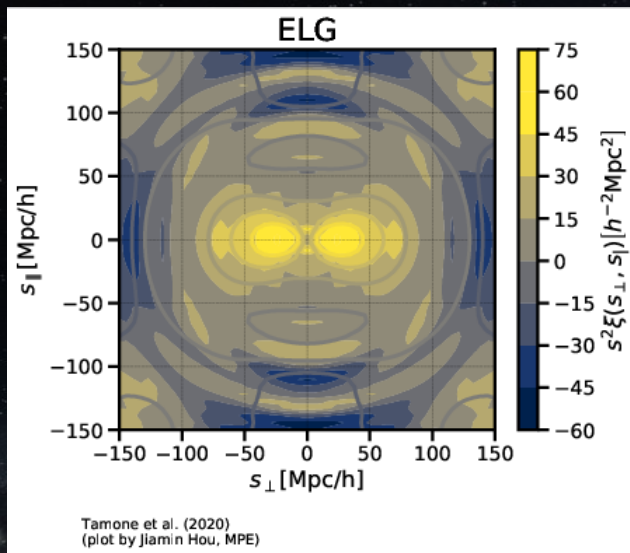
## Emission line Galaxies (ELGs)

$$0.6 < z < 1.1, z_{\text{eff}} = 0.845$$

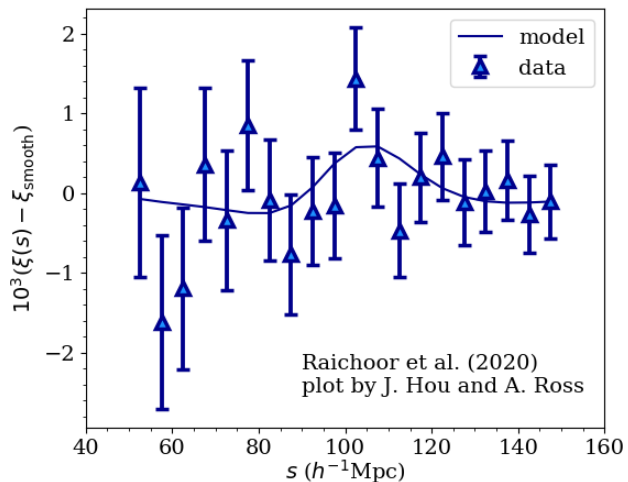
~730 deg<sup>2</sup>

~170 K spectra

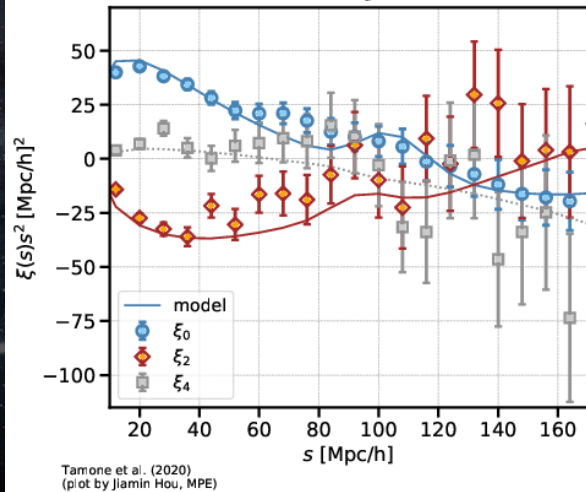
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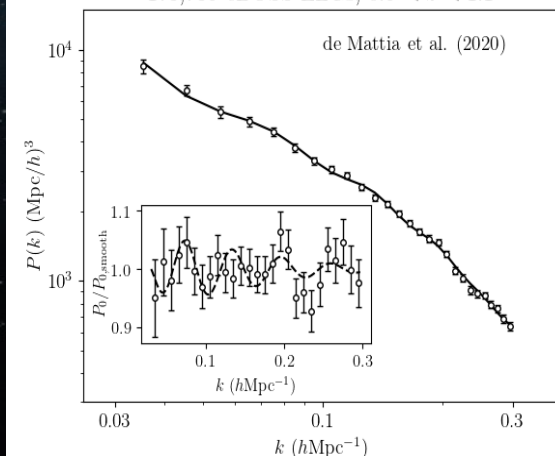
eBOSS ELG  $0.6 < z < 1.1$  BAO feature



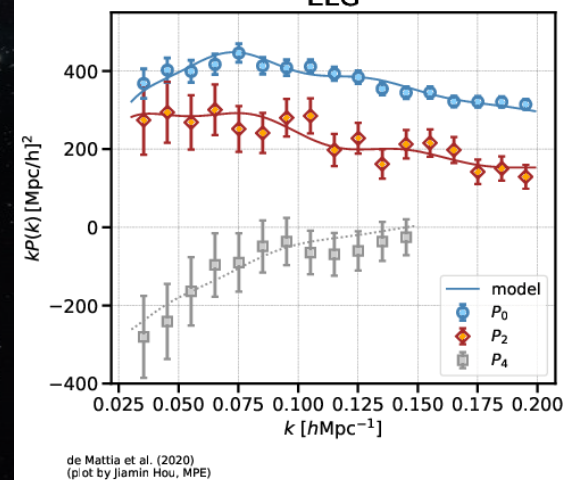
ELG



173,736 eBOSS ELGs,  $0.6 < z < 1.1$



ELG





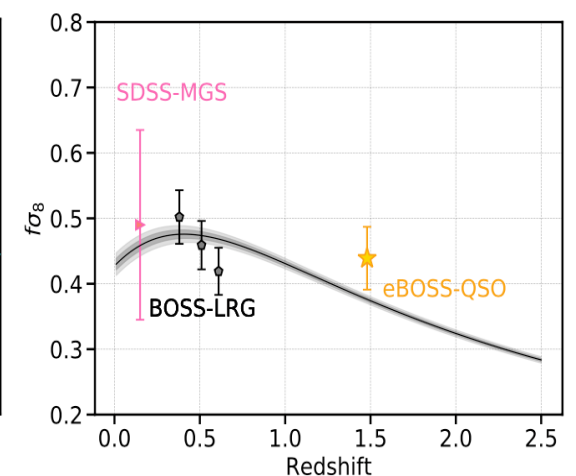
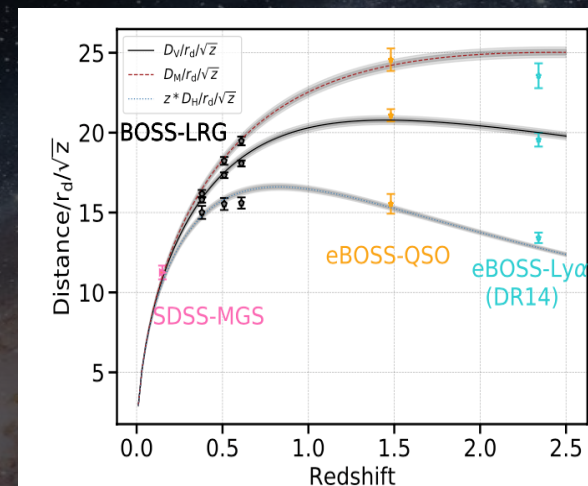
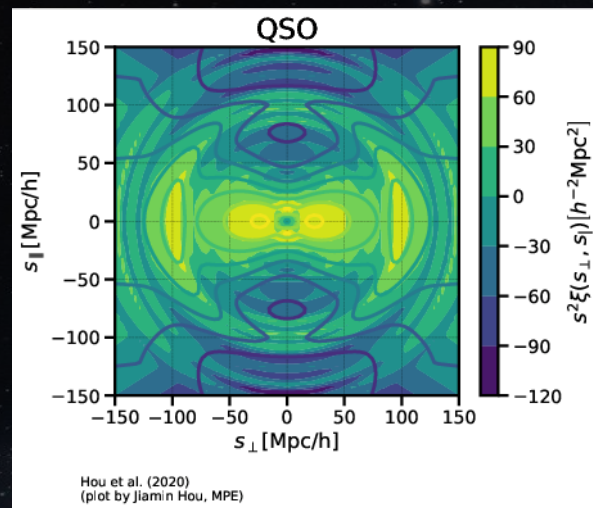
## Clustering quasars (QSOs)

$$0.8 < z < 2.2, z_{\text{eff}} = 1.48$$

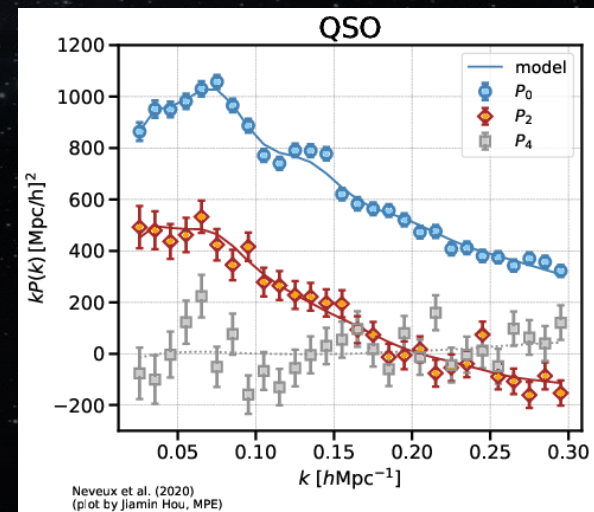
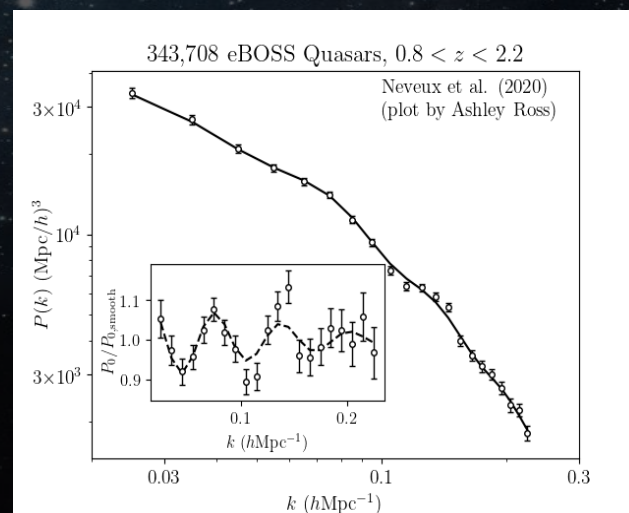
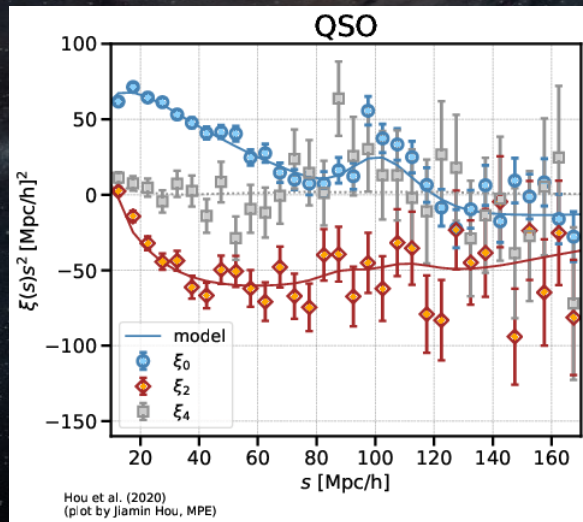
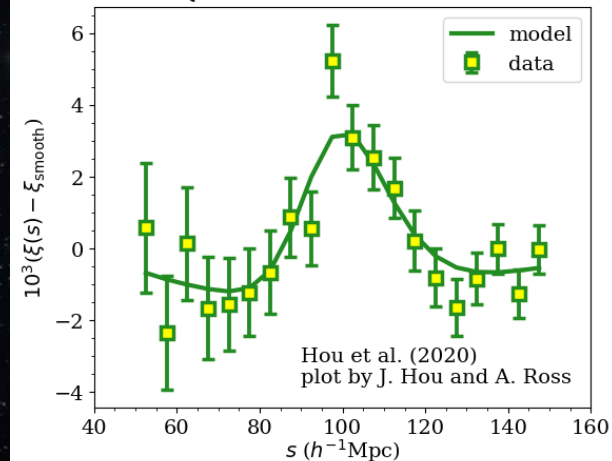
~4700 deg<sup>2</sup>

~340 K spectra

Hou+, 2020; Neveux+, 2020

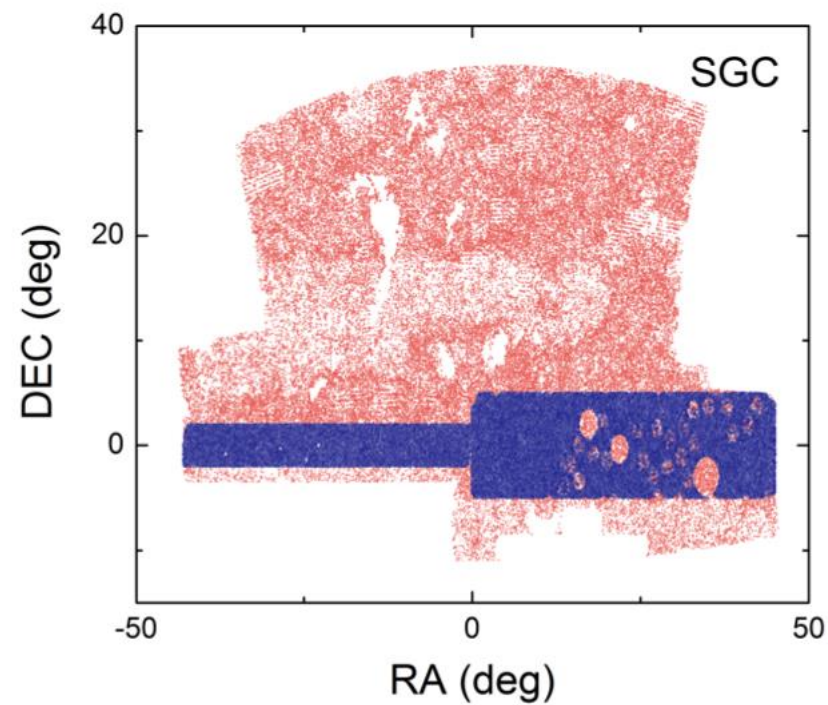
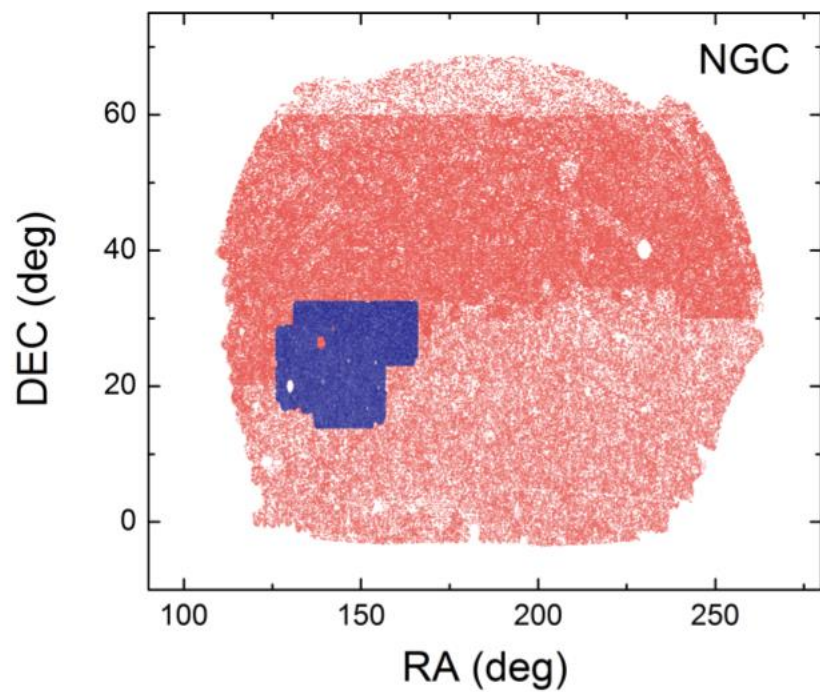


## eBOSS Quasars $0.8 < z < 2.2$ BAO feature



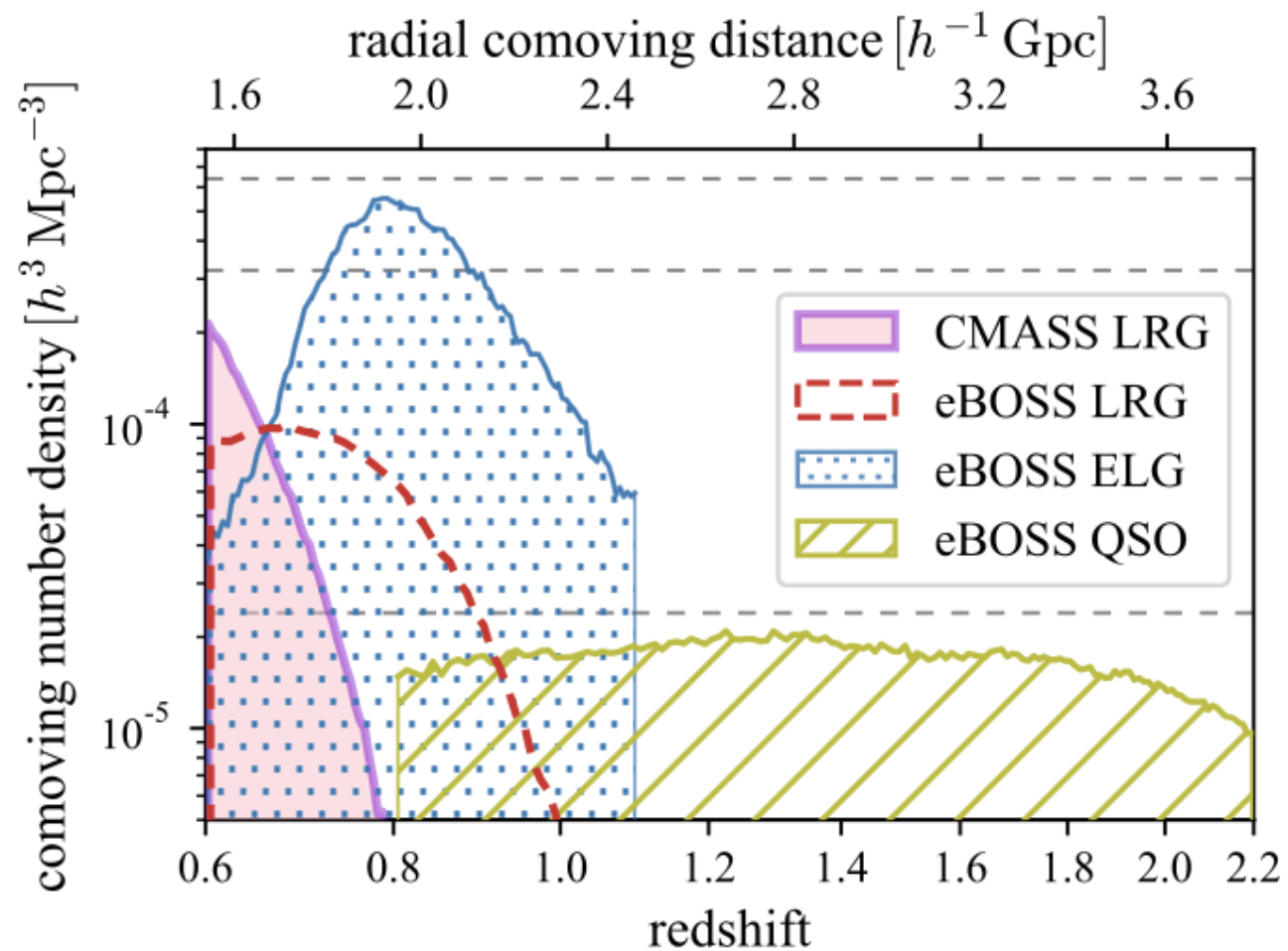


## Angular overlap





# Radial overlap



# Why cross-correlation is cool?

- It can remove the cosmic variance, thus reduce the statistical uncertainty!

1-tracer:  $\delta_{g1} = (b_1 + f\mu^2)\delta + \epsilon_1 = f(\beta^{-1} + \mu^2)\delta + \epsilon_1$

$$C = 2\langle\delta_{g1}^2\rangle \frac{\sigma_\beta^2}{\beta^2} = \frac{(1+\beta)^2}{\beta^2}$$

2-tracers:  $\delta_{g1} = f(\beta^{-1} + \mu^2)\delta + \epsilon_1$   $\delta_{g2} = f(\alpha\beta^{-1} + \mu^2)\delta + \epsilon_2$

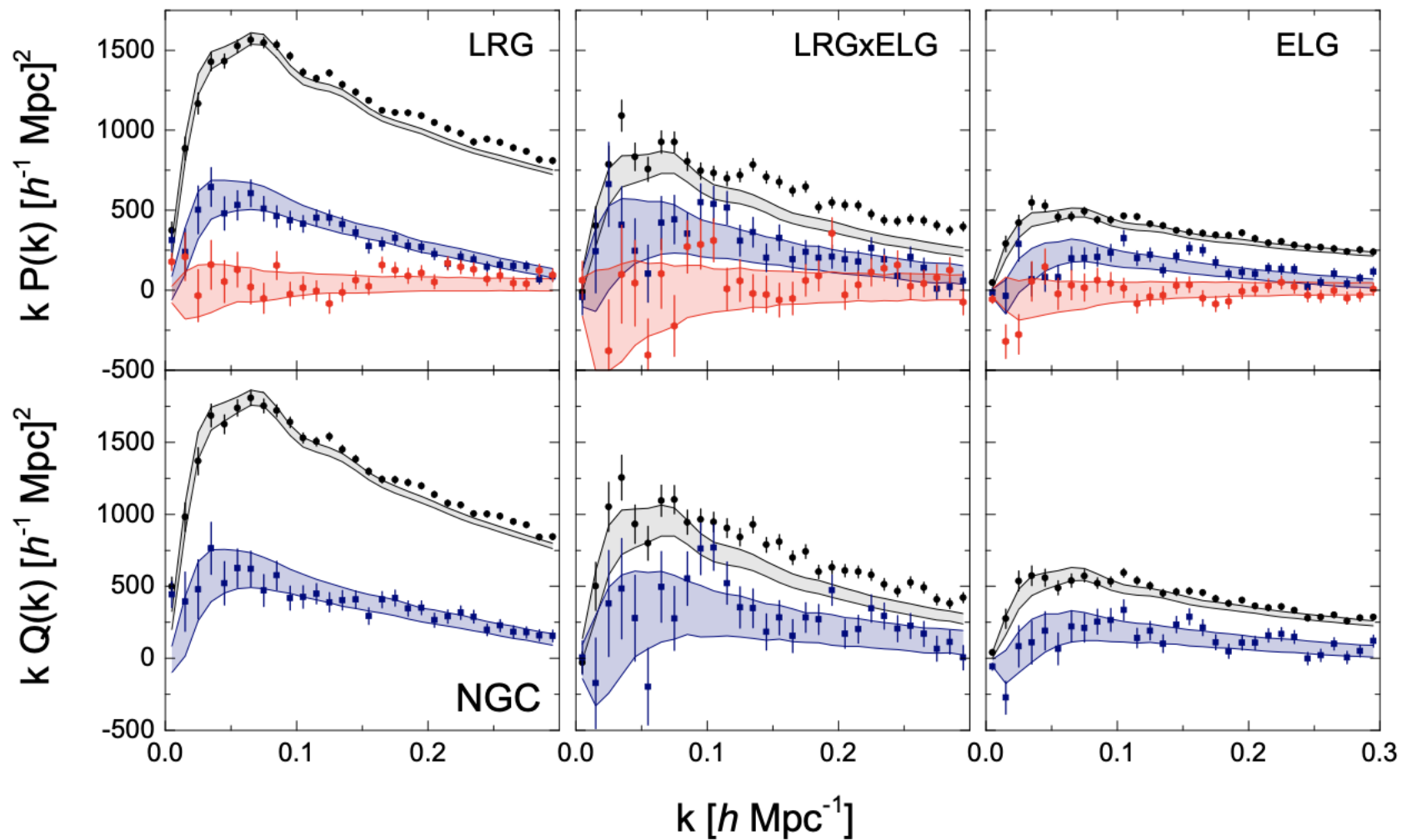
$$C \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \langle\delta_{g1}^2\rangle & \langle\delta_{g1}\delta_{g2}\rangle \\ \langle\delta_{g2}\delta_{g1}\rangle & \langle\delta_{g2}^2\rangle \end{bmatrix} = \frac{P_{\theta\theta}}{2} \begin{bmatrix} (\beta^{-1} + \mu^2)^2 & (\beta^{-1} + \mu^2)(\alpha\beta^{-1} + \mu^2) \\ (\beta^{-1} + \mu^2)(\alpha\beta^{-1} + \mu^2) & (\alpha\beta^{-1} + \mu^2)^2 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{N}{2}$$

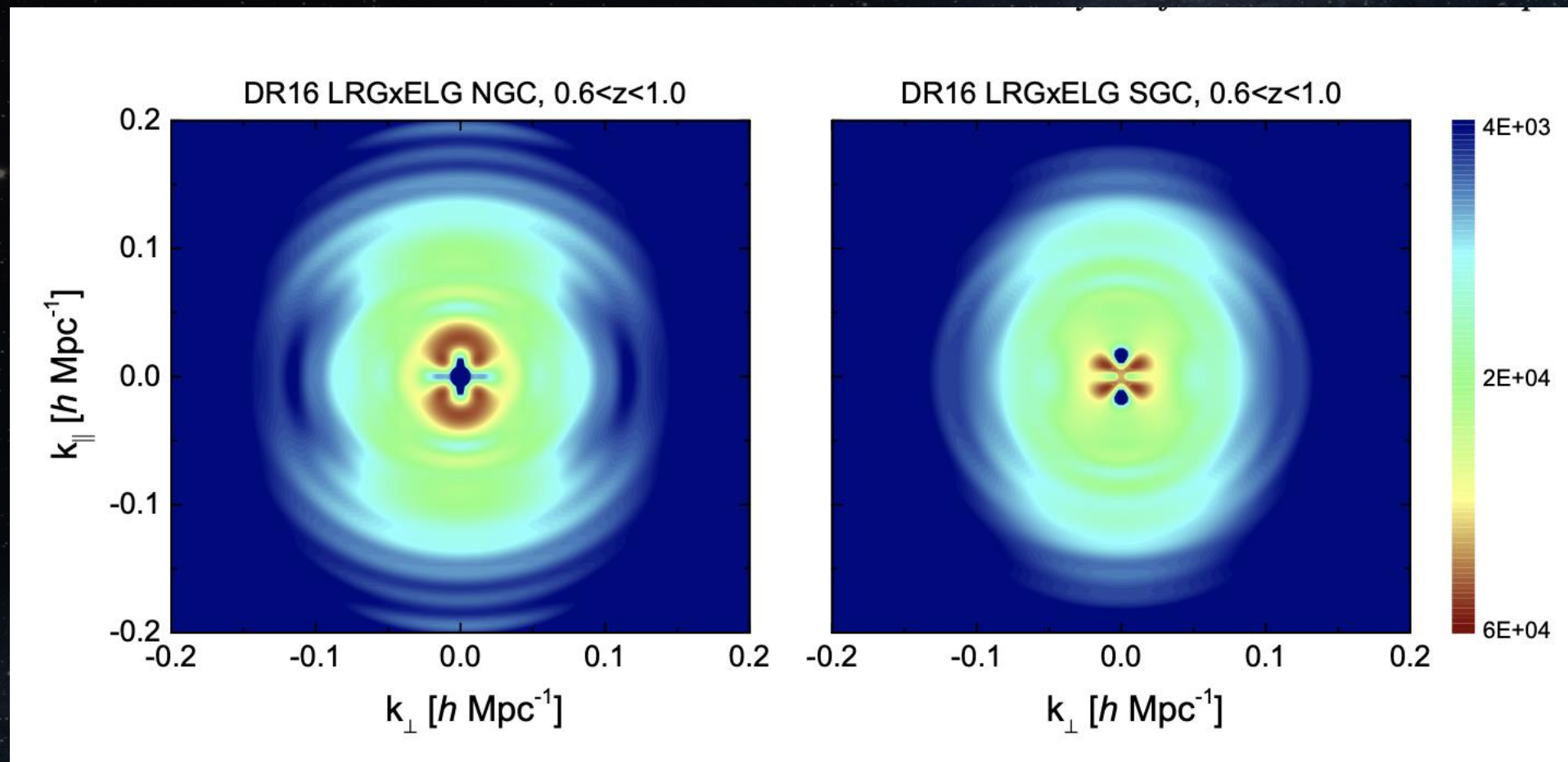
$$\frac{\delta_{g2}}{\delta_{g1}} = \frac{\alpha\beta^{-1} + \mu^2}{\beta^{-1} + \mu^2}.$$

McDonald & Seljak 2008; Seljak 2009

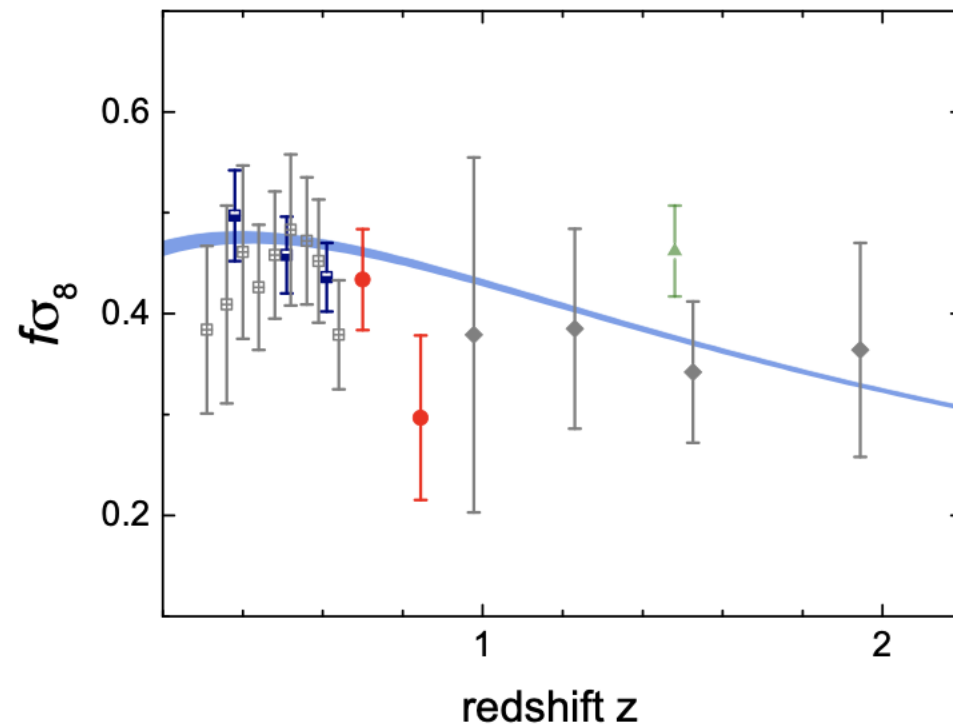
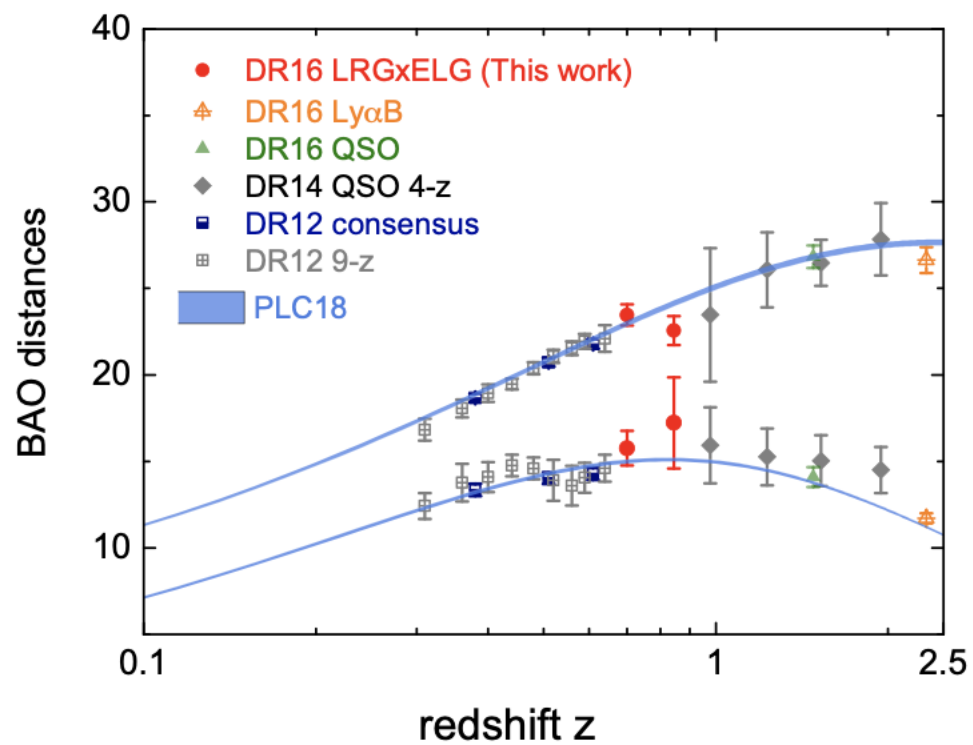
- It can reduce the systematics, as the photometry used for observing different tracers are usually uncorrelated!



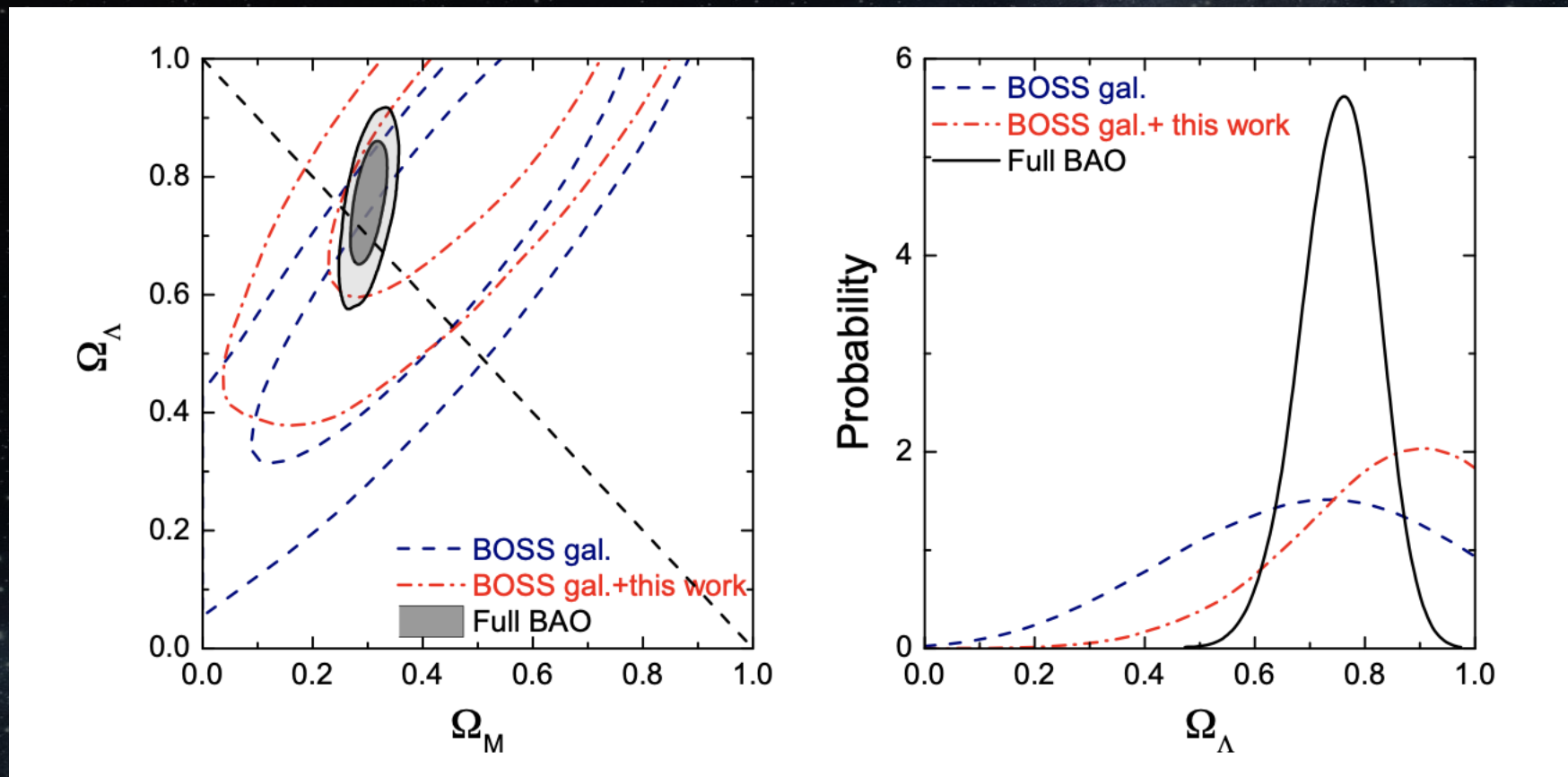










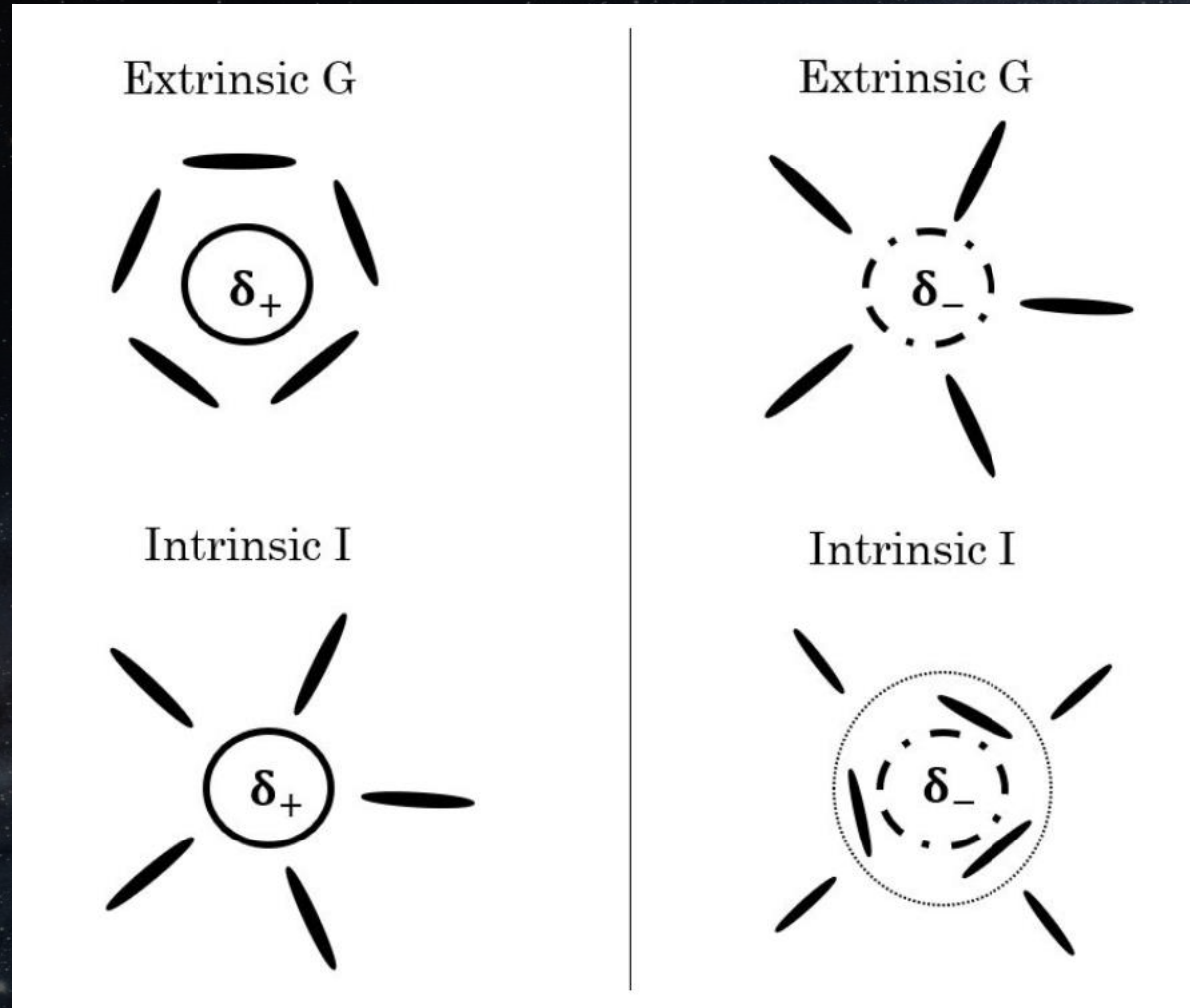


A  $11\sigma$  detection of  $\Omega_\Lambda > 0$

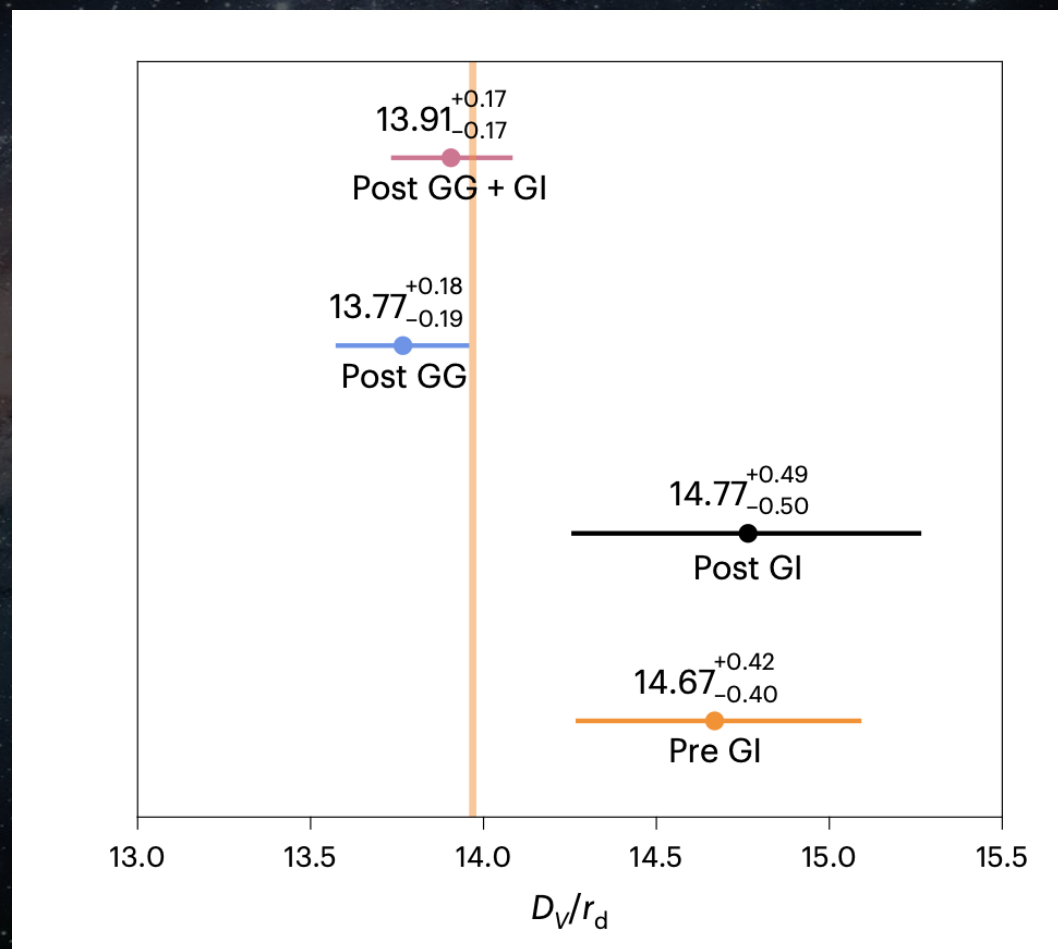
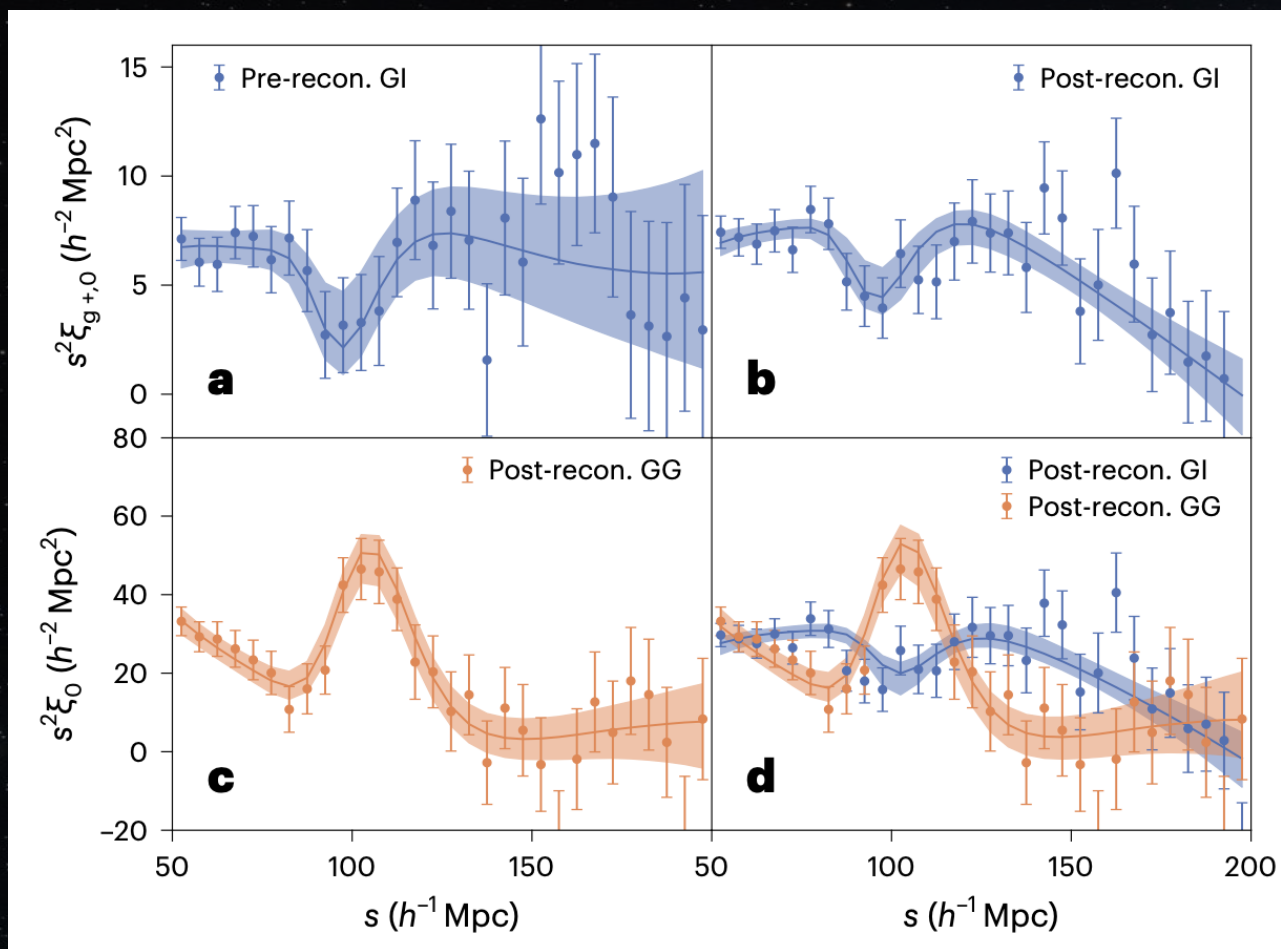
Zhao, Wang et al, (eBOSS), 2007.09011



# A first detection of BAO from galaxy-ellipticity correlations

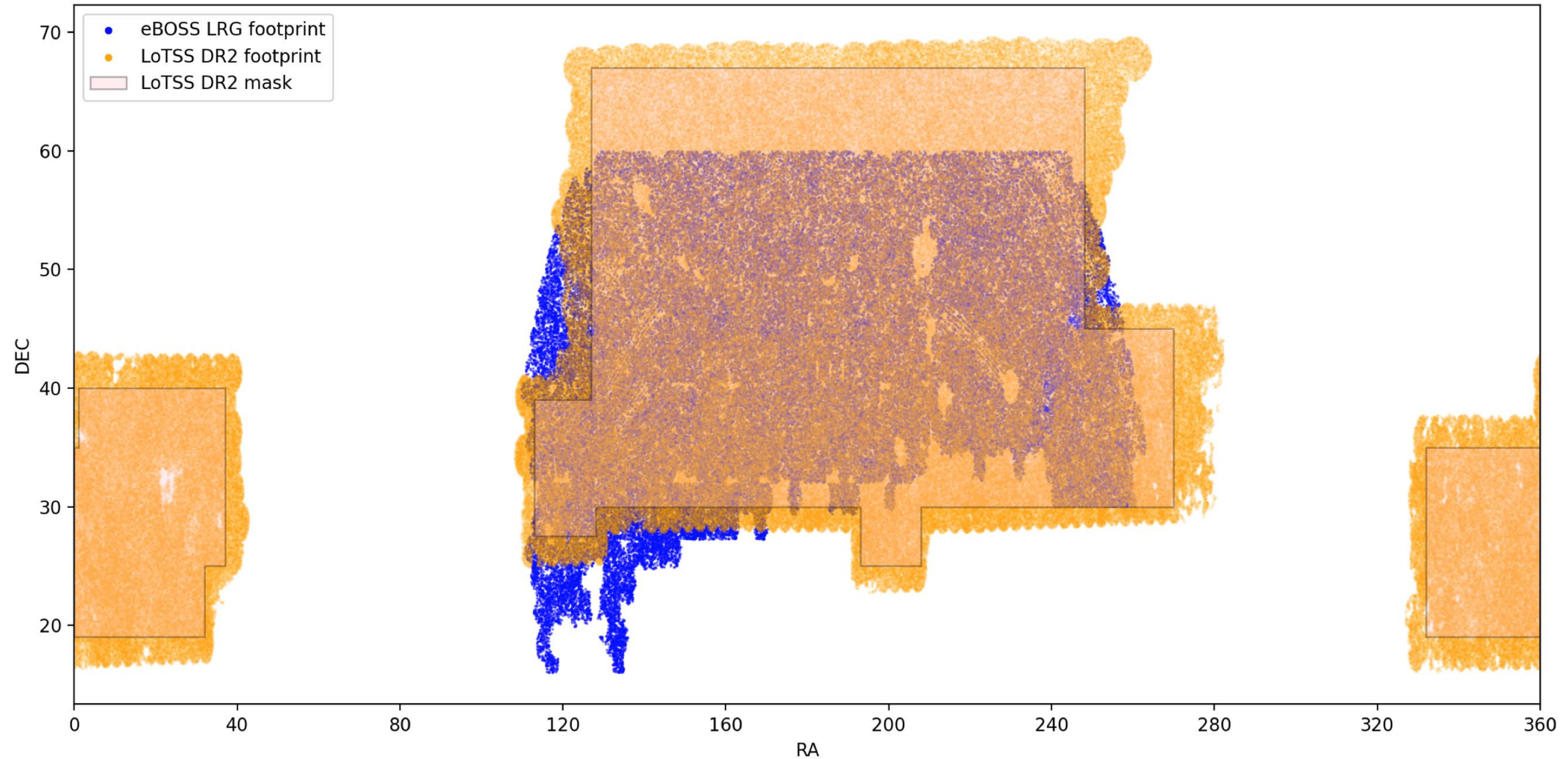






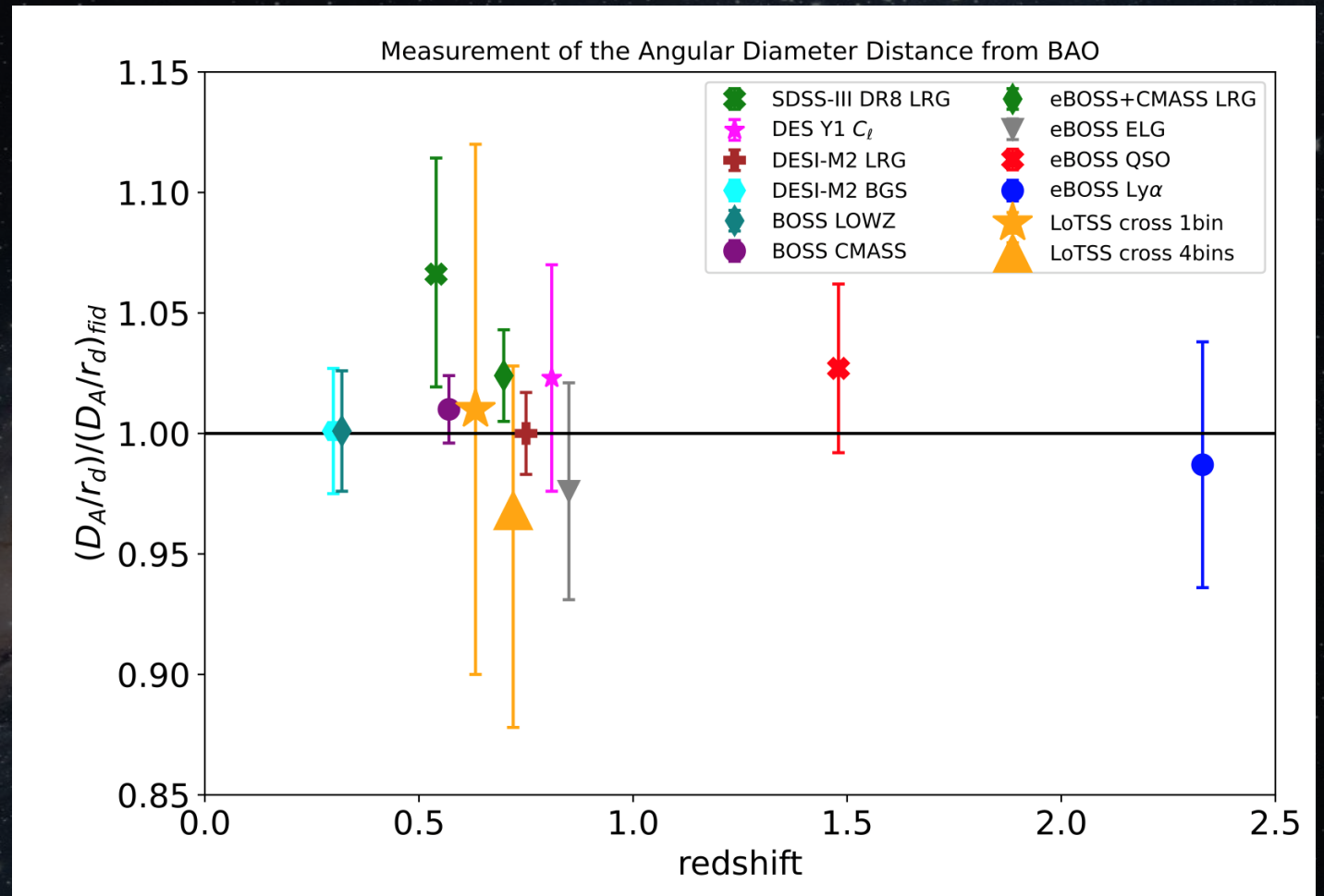
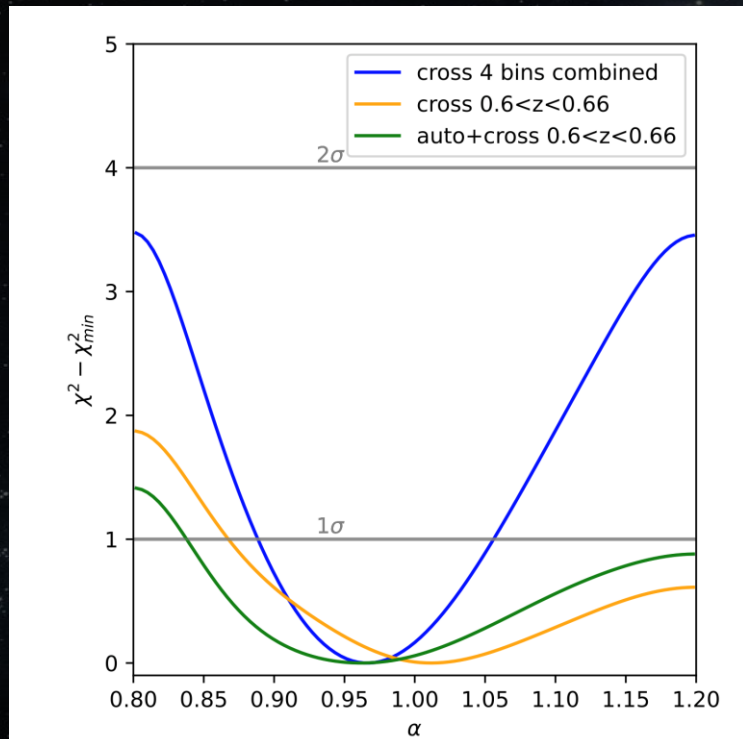
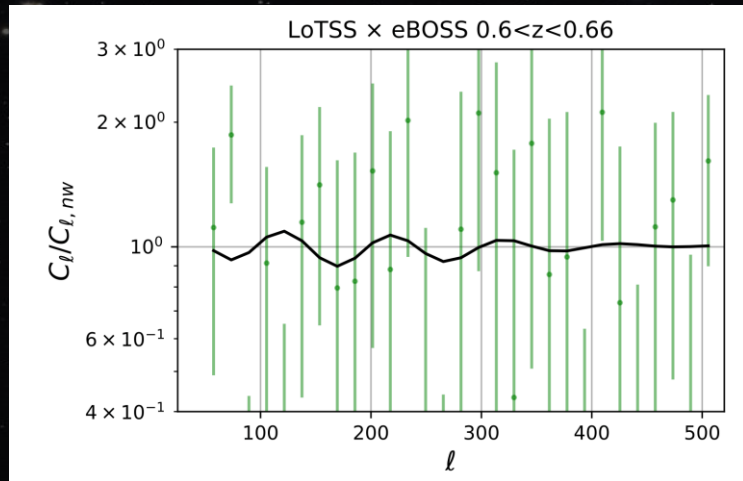
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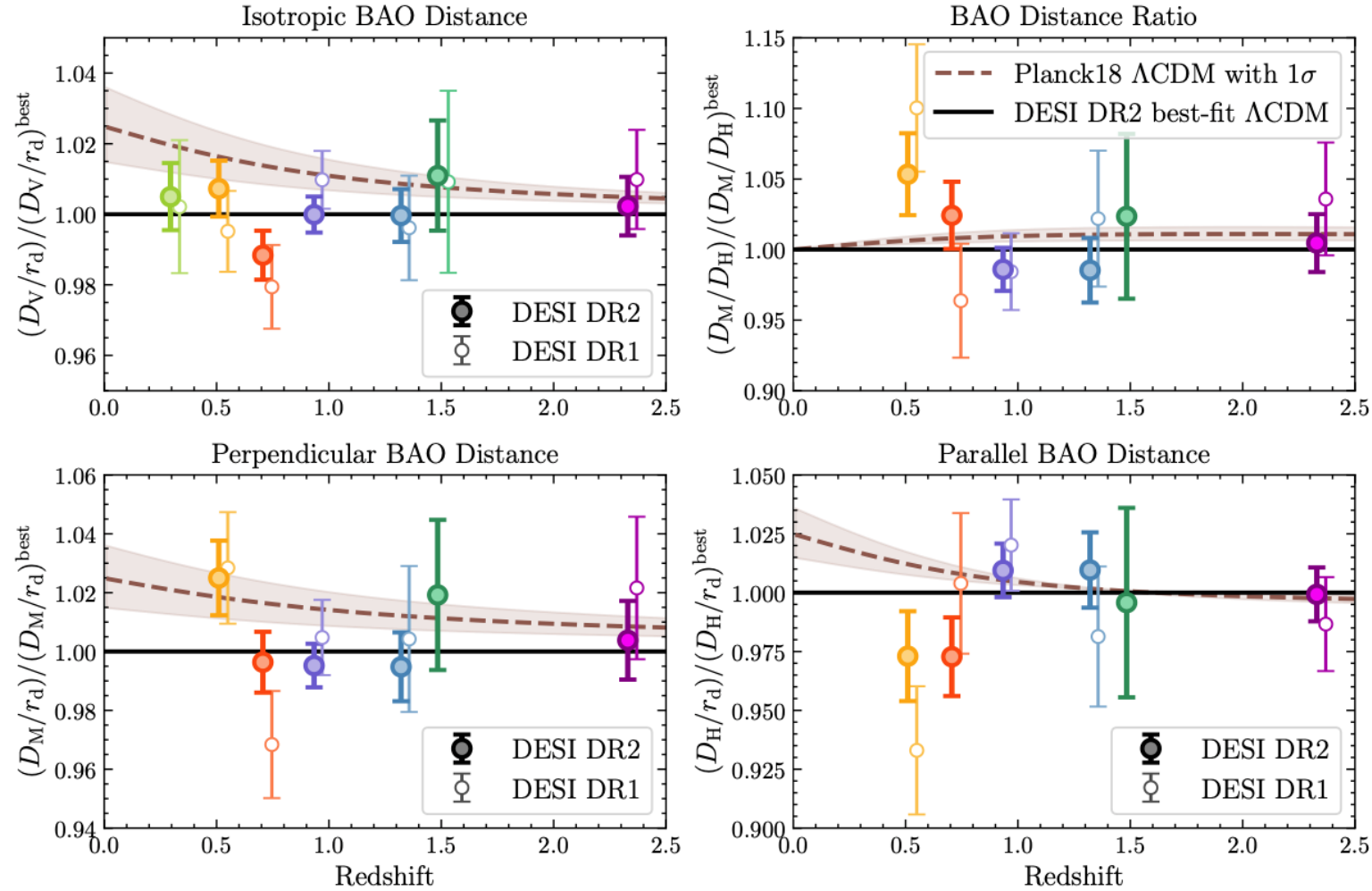


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# A study of dynamical dark gravity using DESI





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✓ : show  $w(z)$  with details

✗ : expensive; usually requires datasets to be combined



# Probing dynamical DE from distance measurements

(Gu et al, 2404.06303; Wang et al, 2404.06310)

$$\frac{D_A(z)}{D_{A,\text{fid}}(z)} = \alpha_0 \left( 1 + \alpha_1 x + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_2 x^2 + \frac{1}{6} \alpha_3 x^3 + \frac{1}{24} \alpha_4 x^4 \right) \quad (\text{Zhu et al, 2015})$$

$$\frac{H_{\text{fid}}(z)}{H(z)} = \alpha_0 \left[ 1 + \alpha_1 + (2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)x + \left( \frac{3}{2} \alpha_2 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_3 \right) x^2 + \left( \frac{2}{3} \alpha_3 + \frac{1}{6} \alpha_4 \right) x^3 + \frac{5}{24} \alpha_4 x^4 \right]$$

$$1 + x \equiv D_{A,\text{fid}}(z)/D_{A,\text{fid}}(z_*)$$

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$$S_0(a) \equiv a^3 - \frac{3 [S(a) - S(1)]}{S'(1)} = a^3 + \frac{X(a) a^3 - 1}{w(1)} \xrightarrow{\Lambda} 1.$$

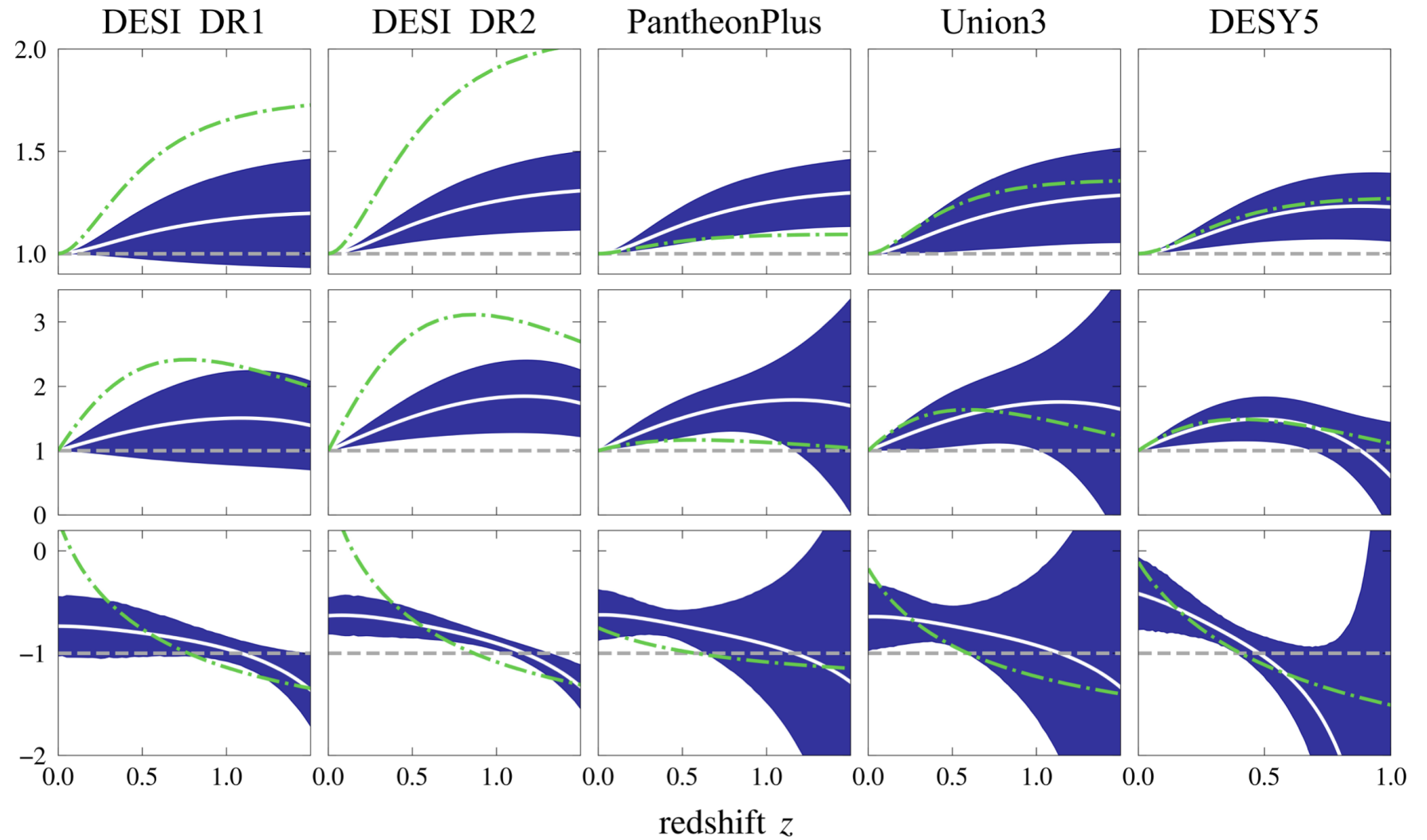
$$S_1(a) \equiv \frac{1}{a^3} \frac{S'(a)}{S'(1)} = \frac{P_{\text{DE}}(a)}{P_{\text{DE}}(1)} \xrightarrow{\Lambda} 1,$$

$$S_2(a) \equiv -\frac{S''(a)}{3S'(a)} = w(a) - \frac{w'(a)}{3w(a)} \xrightarrow{\Lambda} -1,$$

$$a^3 + \frac{X(a)a^3 - 1}{w(1)}$$

$$\frac{P_{\text{DE}}(a)}{P_{\text{DE}}(1)}$$

$$w(a) - \frac{w'(a)}{3w(a)}$$



Gu, Wang, Wang, GBZ, et al [DESI collaboration], 2504.06118, **Nature Astronomy (2025)**



# Reconstructing the evolution history of dark energy

Crittenden, Pogosian, GBZ (**CPZ**, JCAP 2009)

Crittenden, GBZ, Pogosian, Samushia, Zhang (JCAP 2012)

$$\xi_w(|a - a'|) \equiv \langle [w(a) - w^{\text{fid}}(a)][w(a') - w^{\text{fid}}(a')] \rangle$$

$$w_i = \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_{a_i}^{a_i + \Delta} da w(a).$$

$$C_{ij} \equiv \langle \delta w_i \delta w_j \rangle = \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \int_{a_i}^{a_i + \Delta} da \int_{a_j}^{a_j + \Delta} da' \xi_w(|a - a'|)$$

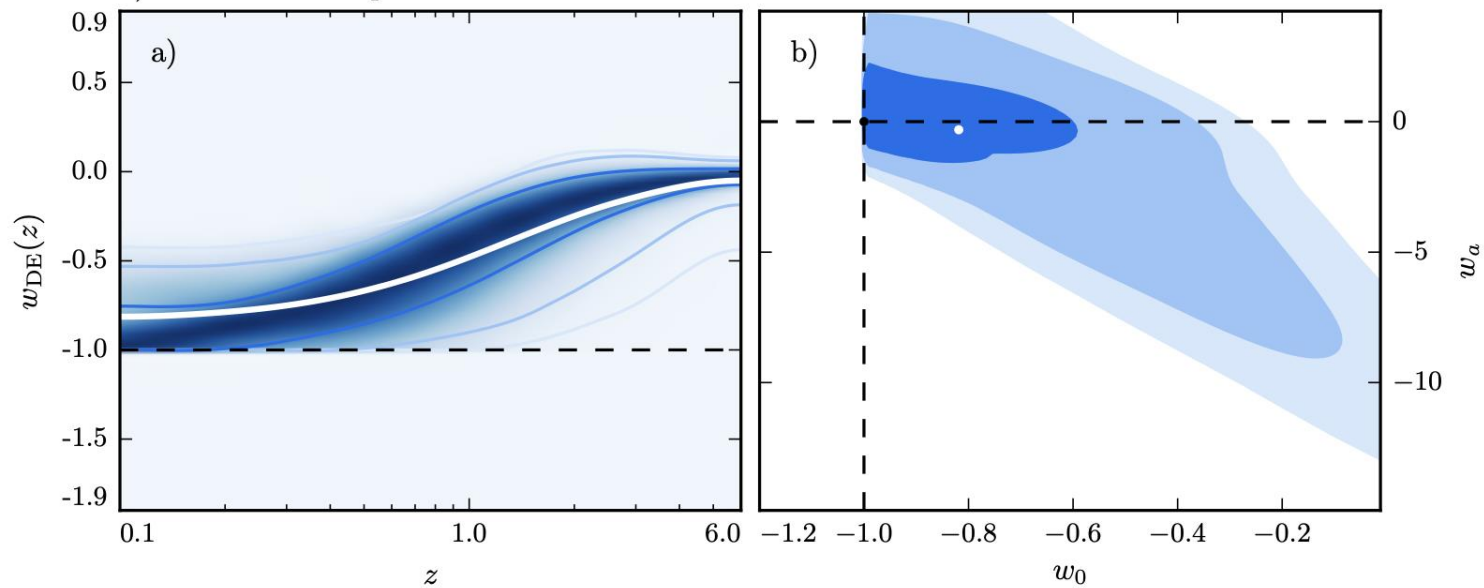
$$\chi_{\text{prior}}^2 = -2 \ln \mathcal{P}_{\text{prior}} = (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^{\text{fid}})^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}^{\text{fid}})$$

Theory-motivated correlated prior on  $w(z)$  (Raveri et al, 1703.05297)

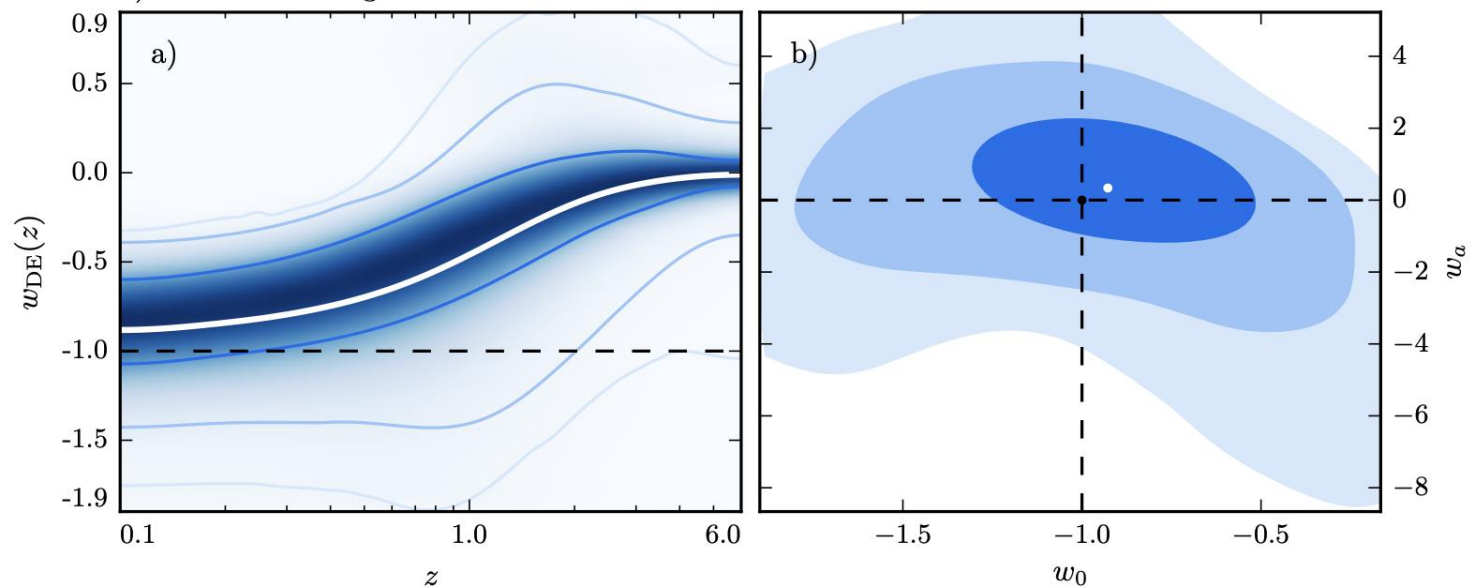
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{S} = & \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{m_0^2}{2} [1 + \Omega(\tau)] R + \Lambda(\tau) - c(\tau) a^2 \delta g^{00} \right. \\
 & + \frac{M_2^4(\tau)}{2} (a^2 \delta g^{00})^2 - \frac{\bar{M}_1^3(\tau)}{2} a^2 \delta g^{00} \delta K^\mu_\mu \\
 & + \frac{\bar{M}_3^2(\tau)}{2} \left[ (\delta K^\mu_\mu)^2 - \delta K^\mu_\nu \delta K^\nu_\mu - \frac{a^2}{2} \delta g^{00} \delta \mathcal{R} \right] + \dots \Big\} \\
 & + S_m[g_{\mu\nu}, \chi_m], \tag{1}
 \end{aligned}$$



1) Results for the quintessence class of models



2) Results for the general Horndeski class of models

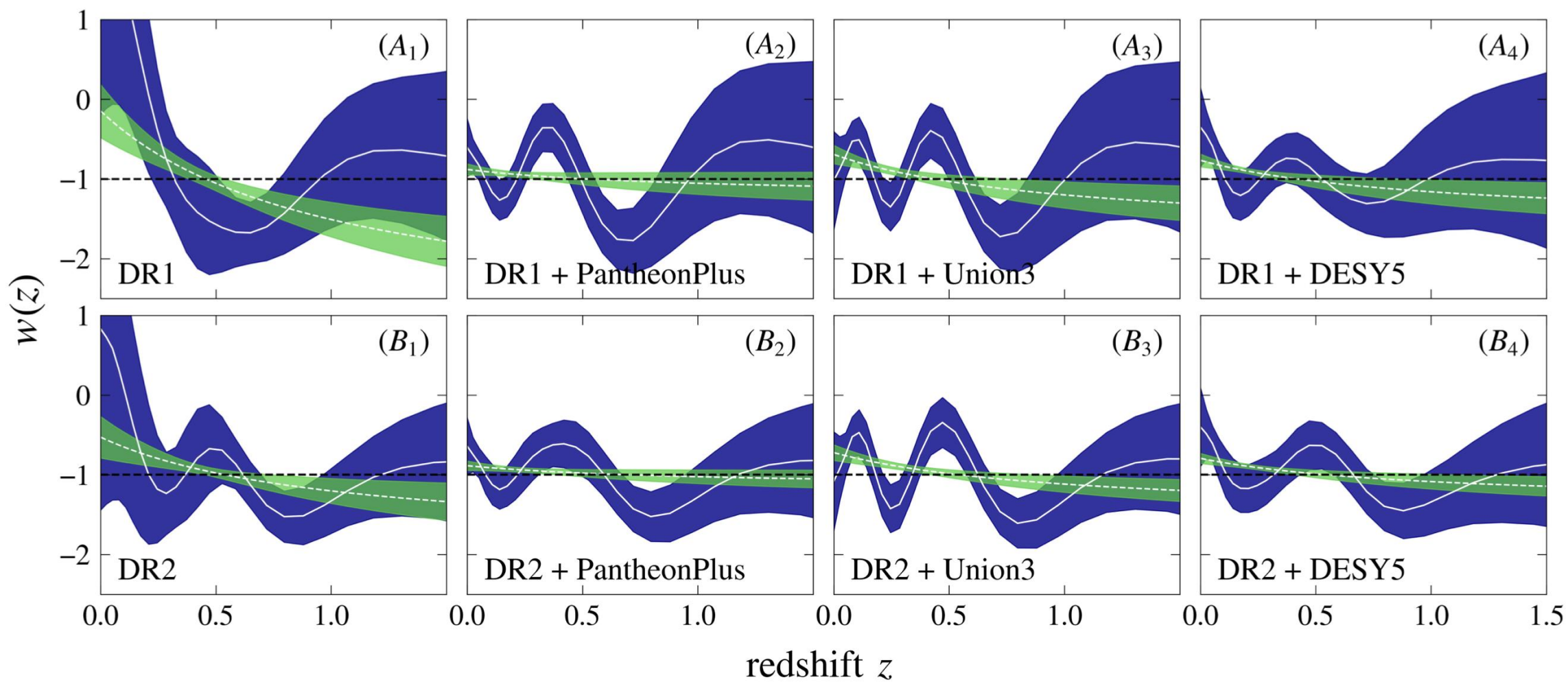


$$\begin{aligned}
C(a, a') &\equiv \langle [w(a) - w_{\text{fid}}(a)][w(a) - w_{\text{fid}}(a')] \rangle \\
&= \sqrt{C(a)C(a')}R(a, a'),
\end{aligned}$$

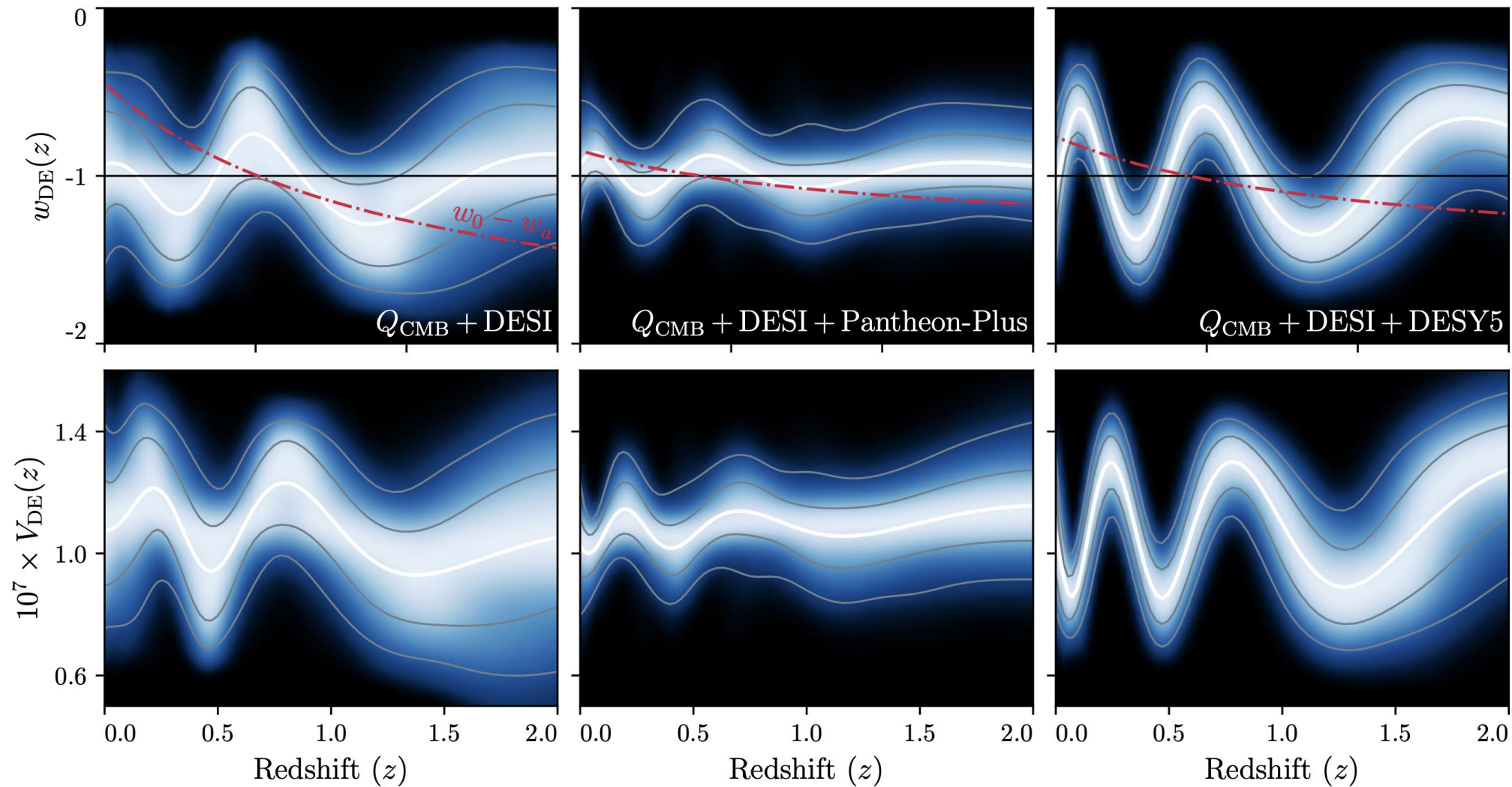
$$C(a) = 0.05 + 0.8a^2,$$

$$R(a, a') = \exp \left[ - (|\ln a - \ln a'| / 0.3)^{1.2} \right]$$





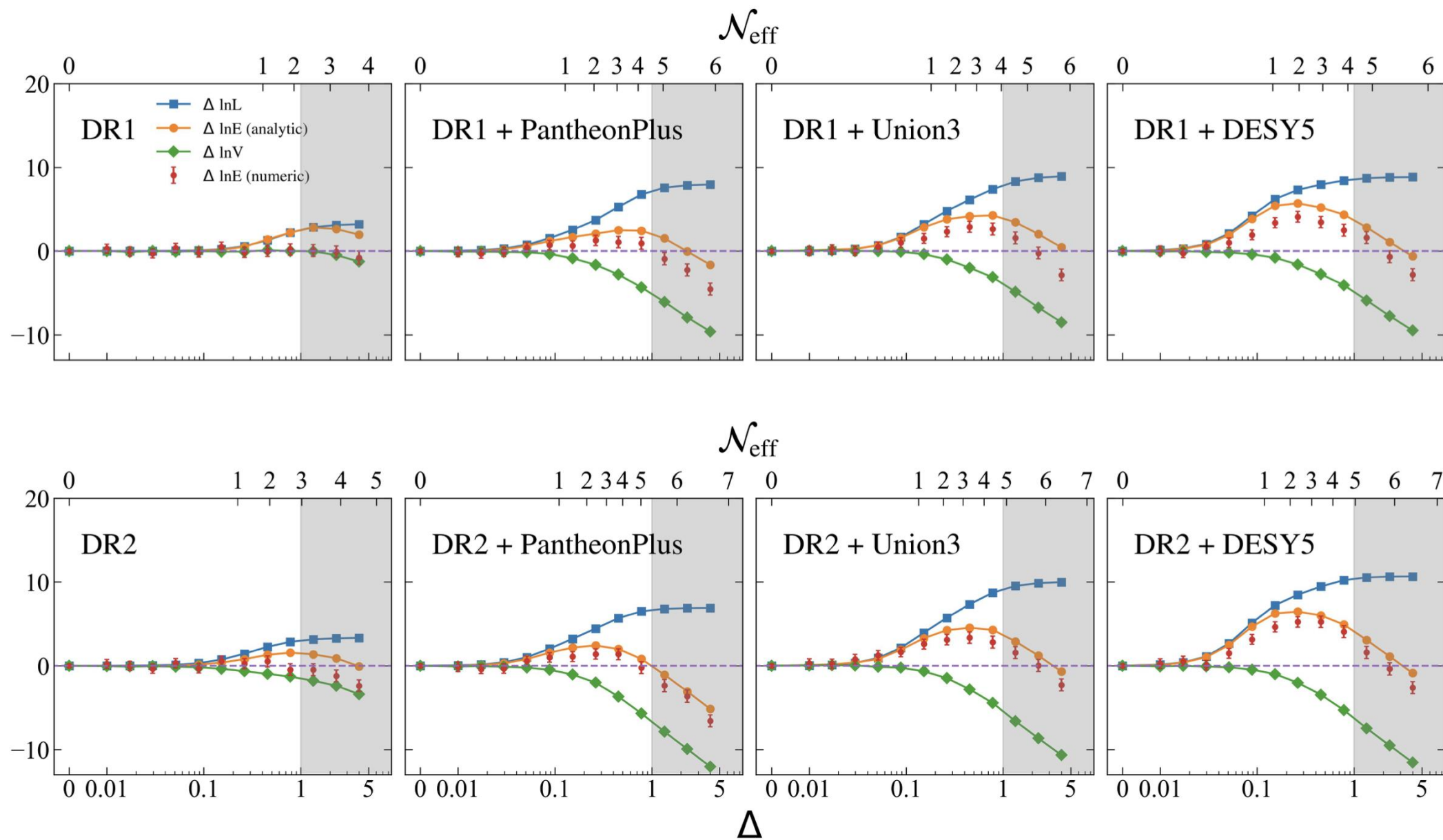
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Goldstein, Celoria & Schmidt, arXiv: 2507.16970



# Bayesian Evidence



# Development of spectroscopic survey

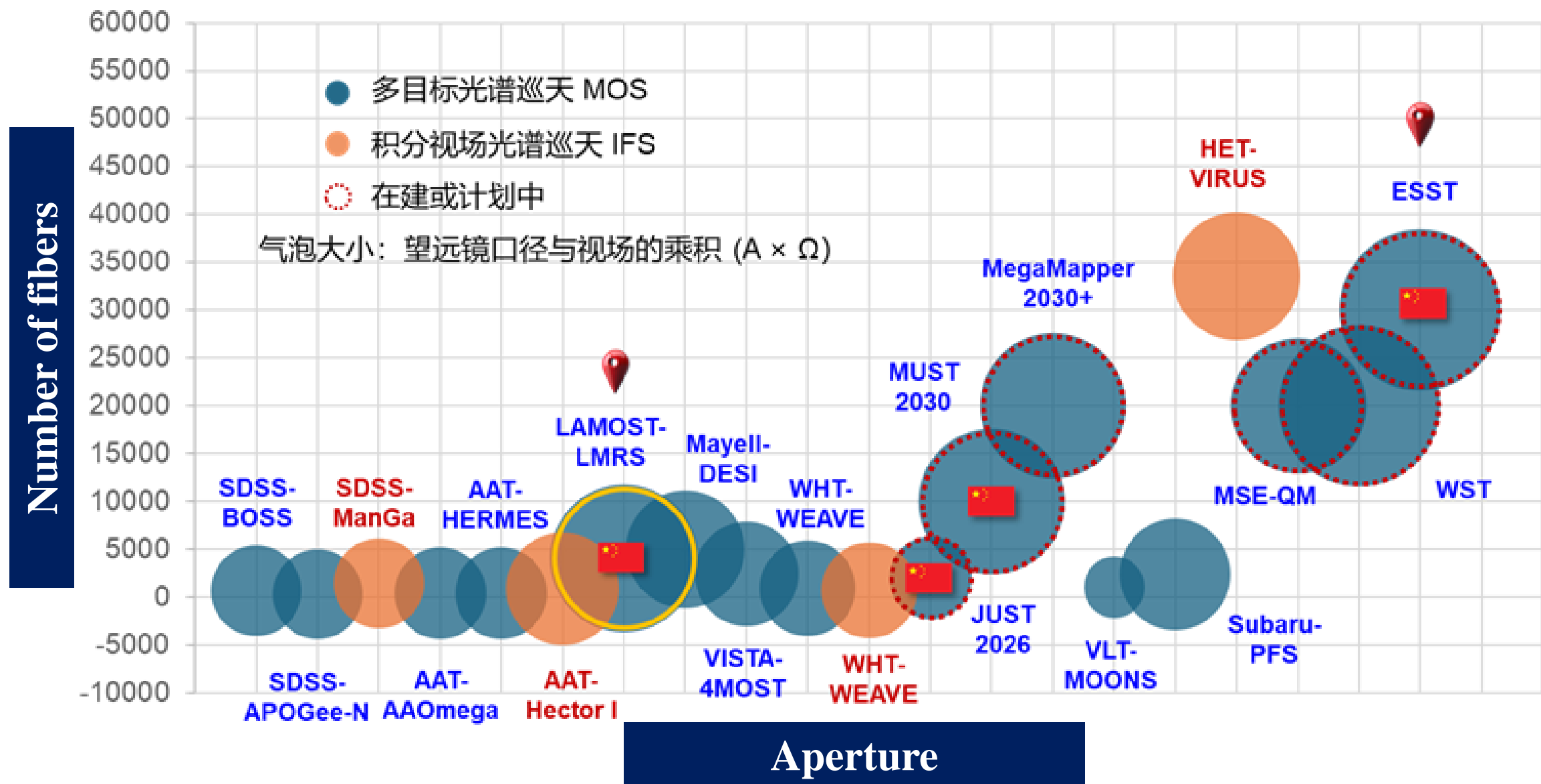
- Large-scale spectroscopic surveys are critical on studying dark matter, dark energy, large scale structure of the Universe, galaxy formation and evolution etc.
- A new round of technical revolution has been initiated by proposing WST and ESST.





□ Ground-based survey telescopes will go into the era of 10m class

□ The number of fibers increases up to tens of thousands



Hundreds of fibers

Thousands of fibers

Tens of thousands

1997

2000

2012

2021

2025

2030+

2dfGRS

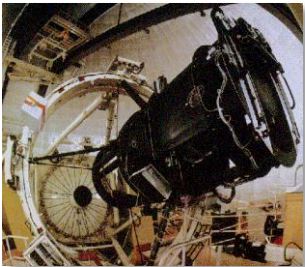
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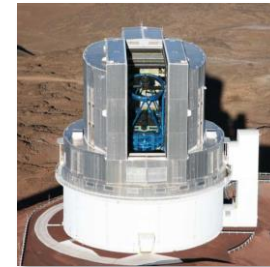
DESI

PFS

ESST, WST



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3.9m

2.5m

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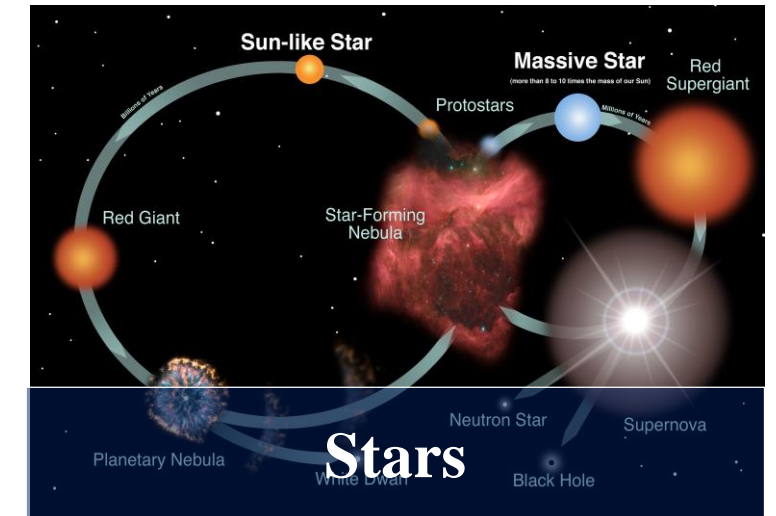
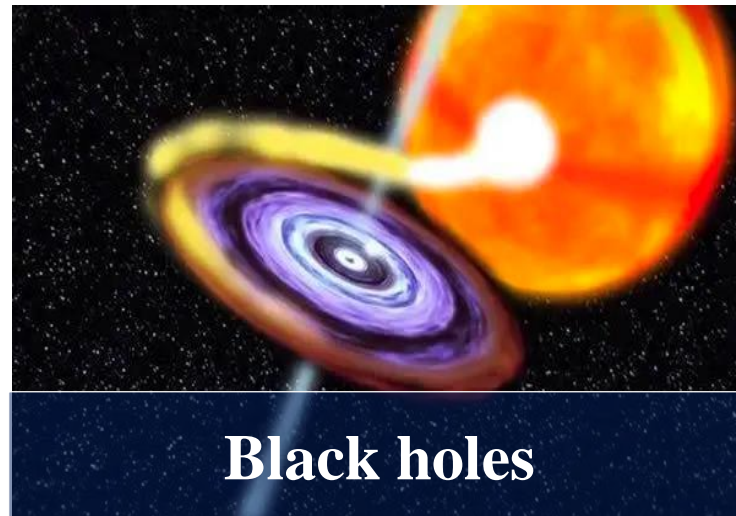
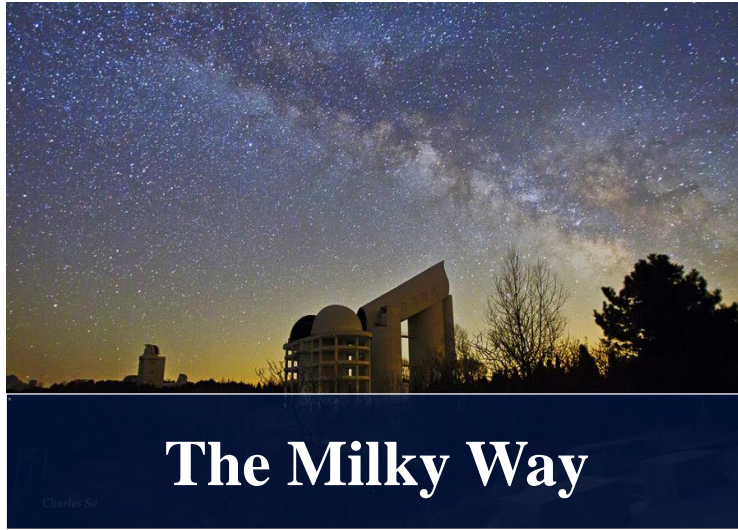
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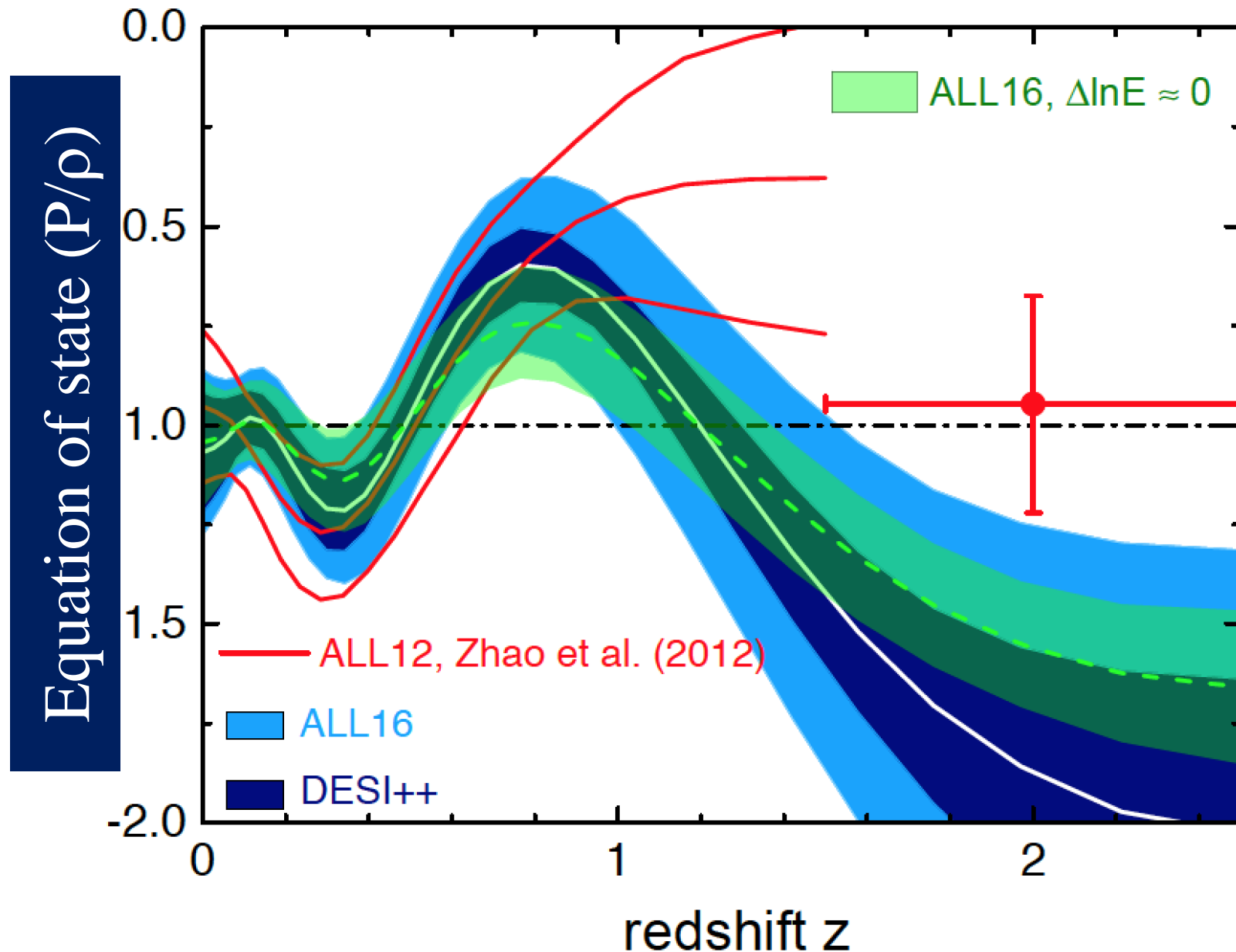
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# ESST science cases



# Revealing the nature of dark energy

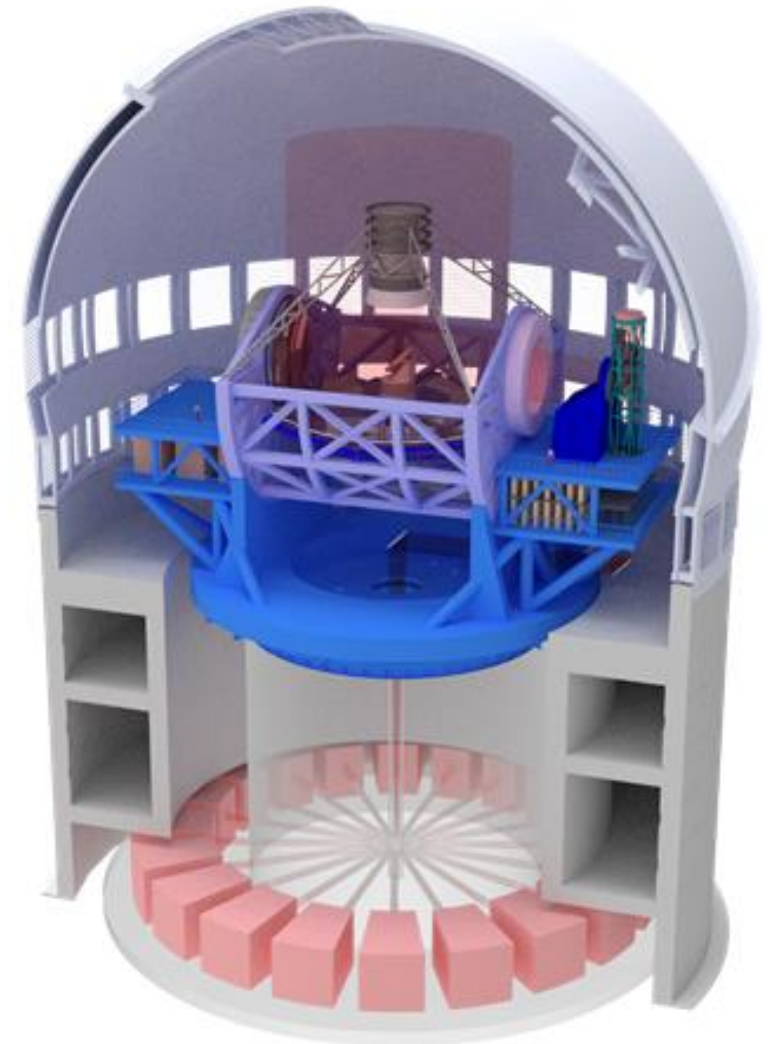


- 2012: **2.5  $\sigma$**  (Zhao *et al*, PRL)
- 2017: **3.5  $\sigma$**  (Zhao *et al*, Nature Astronomy; SDSS-BOSS survey)
- 2025: **4.3 $\sigma$**  (Zhao's group *et al*, Nature Astronomy; DESI survey)
- **>5  $\sigma$**  (ESST forecast)

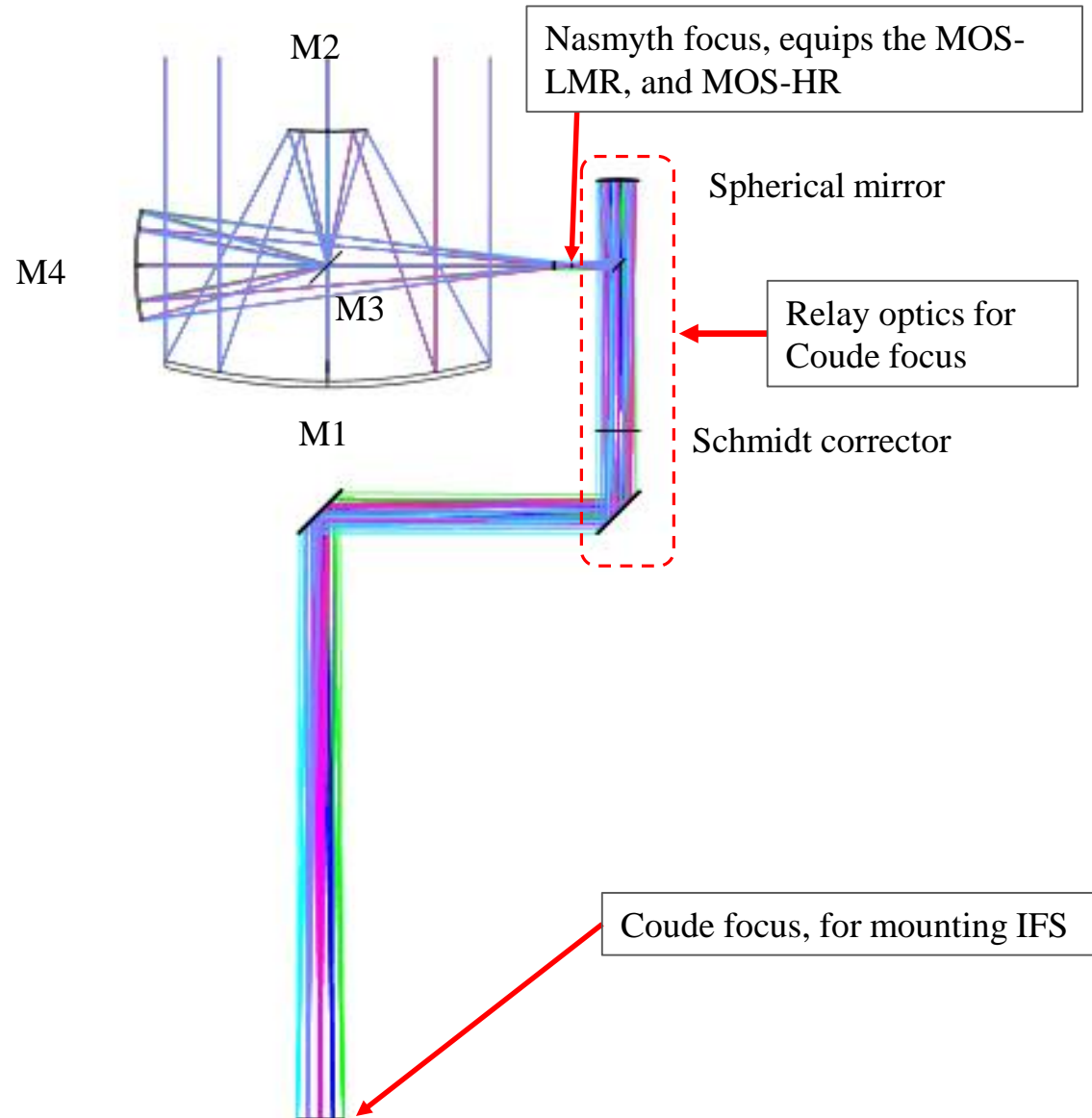


# Extremely-large Spectroscopic Survey Telescope (ESST)

- Aperture: 12 meters
- Magnitude limit:  $V=23$  (LR)
- FOV:  $2^\circ$
- Fiber: 30000~50000
- Instruments: MOS-LMR  
MOS-HR  
PIFS  
New concept instruments
- Site: Chile (Paranal or Pachon)

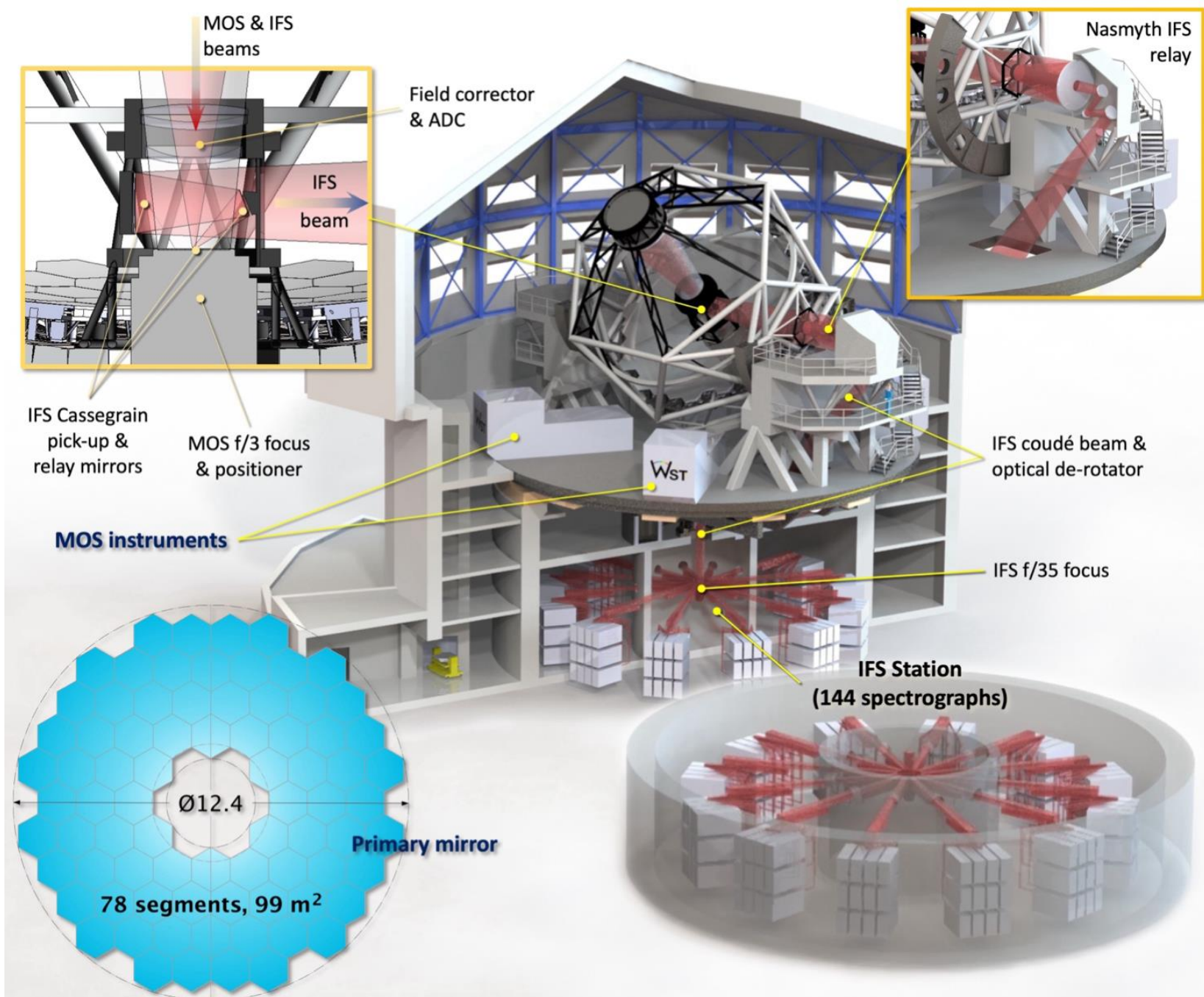


# ESST Optical design



- A second mirror for multi-focus
- Compact optics with high throughput
- Simultaneously observation with wide field MOS and central field IFS
- Innovative S-ADC made by lens-prism segments can be used on large optical telescope





# WST

- ❑ Aperture: 12 meters
- ❑ FOV: 2.5~5 square degrees (MOS)
- ❑ Fiber capacity: 20000 (MOS)

# Comparison between ESST and WST

Telescope	ESST	WST
Aperture	12 m	12 m
FOV	2° (Nasmyth) 13' (Coude)	2° (Nasmyth) 13' (Coude)
Focal ratio	F/4 (Nasmyth) F/37.2 (Coude)	F/3 (Nasmyth) F/35 (Coude)
Band	0.36-1.8 $\mu\text{m}$ (Nasmyth, Coude)	0.37-1.0 $\mu\text{m}$ (Nasmyth, Coude)
Number of fibers	30000~50000	~20000
Focal plane	1.69 m	1.27 m
Simultaneously observation with IFS	Yes	Yes
Image quality (EE80)	Nasmyth $\leq 0.40$ arcsec	Nasmyth $\leq 0.8$ arcsec

**ESST: Compact optics, Wide band, Large focal plane, More fibers, better image quality**

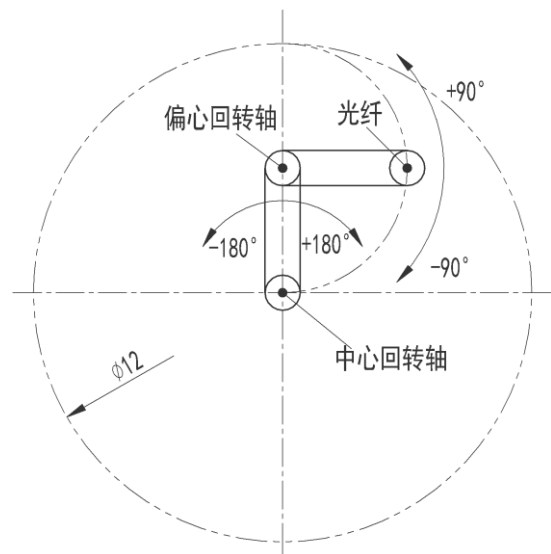


- ❑ It consists of many lens–prism strips. All surfaces are spherical. S-ADC prototype:  $\phi 360\text{mm}$
- ❑ By moving such a corrector along optical axis, the different dispersion can be produced and the atmospheric dispersion at different zenith distance can be compensated.



# ❖ Next generation fiber positioning system

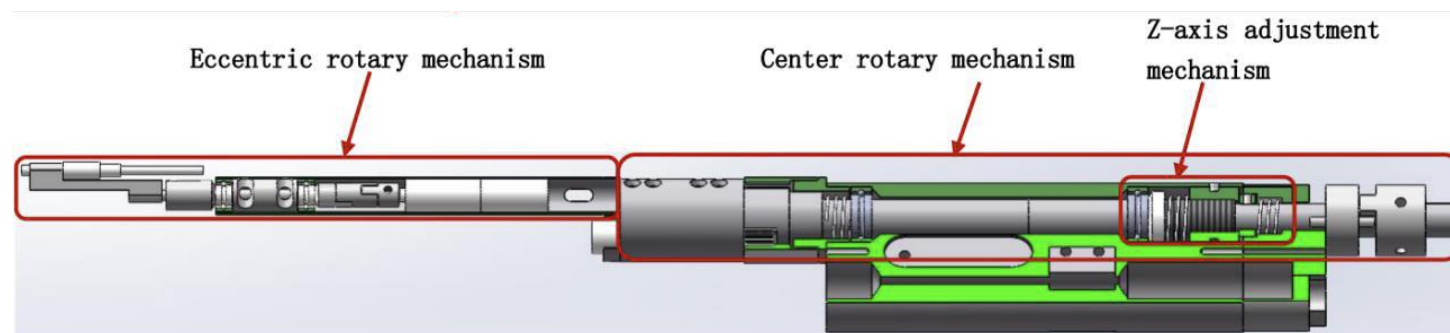
Dual rotation fiber optic positioning system will be thinner for larger fiber scale, higher-positioning accuracy, and lower thermal effect.



Theory of dual rotation



Comparison with two generations of fiber positioners



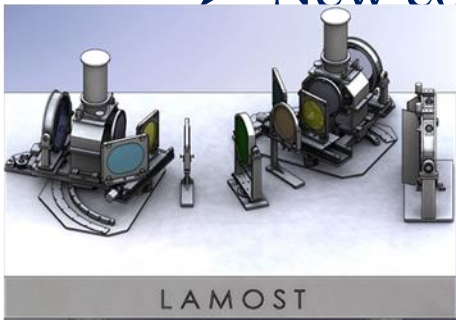
- Central rotation:  $0^{\circ} \sim 360^{\circ}$
- Off-axial rotation:  $0^{\circ} \sim 180^{\circ}$
- On-axial translation: focusing

# Concept of instruments for ESST

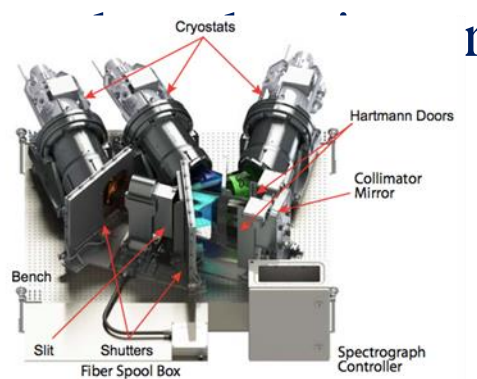
## Large scale spectroscopic survey

- Multi-object Low-Medium Resolution
- Multi-object High Resolution
- Panoramic Integral Field Spectrograph

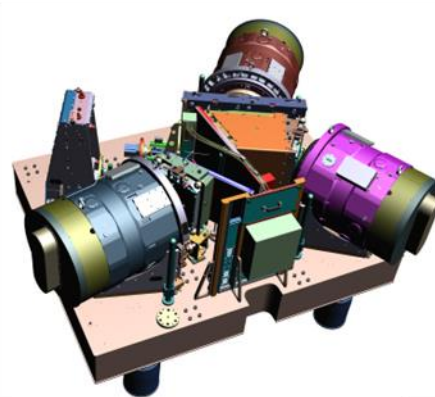
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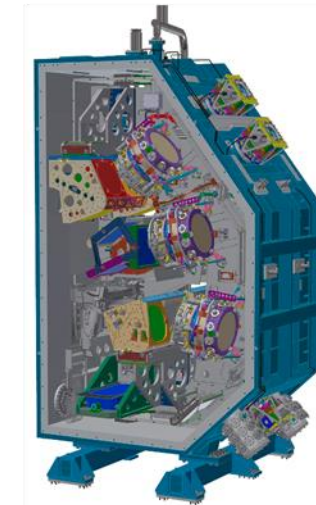
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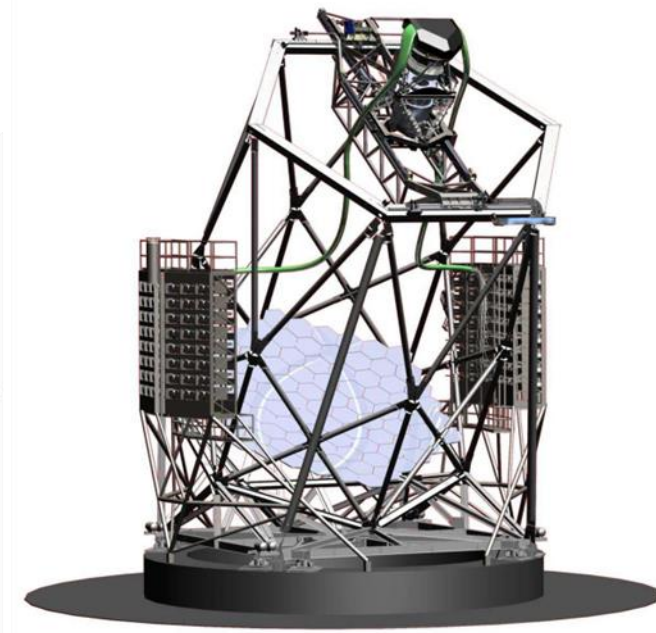
Mayall - DESI



Subaru - PFS



VLT - MOONS



HETDEX - VIRUS

## Key technologies

- Clustering technology based on 100+ spectrographs
- IFS Implement in spectroscopic survey

# ESST — Multi-object Low-Medium Resolution spectrographs

Takes great challenges of MOS with 30000 fibers :

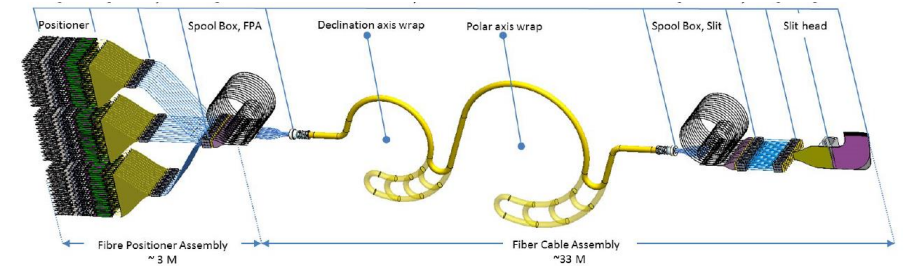
- Gets larger aperture, wider aperture, faster focal ratio, and broadband
- Spectrograph scale production and maintenance

## ESST MOS-LMR:

- Adds a fiber relay station
- Build an instrument matrix to manage 60+ spectrographs
- Fiber capacity: 500 fibers/spec.
- Resolution:  $R = 3000 \sim 4000$  @  $\phi 1''$  fiber
- Wavelength coverage: 370-900nm at one shot

1<sup>st</sup> phase: a group of 40 spec. to build the basic

Capability of multi-object observation



Ref. DESI fiber transmission unit



Ref: DESI spectrograph array



# ESST — Multi-object High Resolution spectrographs

Most of MOS-HR ( $R \sim 20000$ ) is mounted on 4-8m telescopes

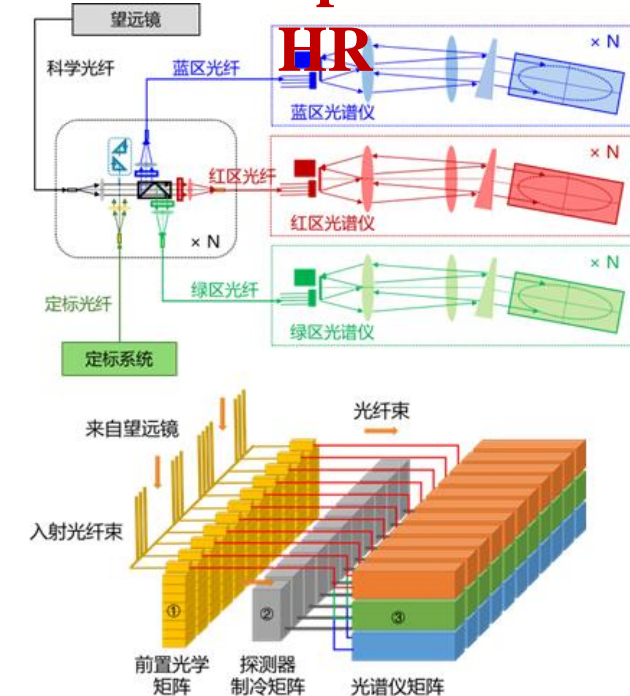
- Has taken full use of the existing capabilities in manufacture
- Higher resolution, narrower band (MSE requirement:  $R \sim 40000$ , bandwi

## ESST MOS-HR:

- Fiber capacity:  $\sim 3000$  fibers ( $\sim 100$  fibers / spec.)

Instruments	HERMES	4MOST	WEAVE	MOONS	MSE
Telescopes	AAT(3.9m)	VISTA(4m)	WHT(4.2m)	VLT(8.2m)	MSE(11.25m)
Resolution R	R=20K	R=18K	R=20K	R=18K	R=40K
Number of fibers	784	2436	1000	1000	1083
Collimated pupil Dc	$\Phi 190\text{mm}$	$\Phi 250\text{mm}$	$\Phi 190\text{mm}$	$\Phi 265\text{mm}$	$\Phi 300\text{mm}$
Blaze angles $\theta_b$	68° grating	45° grating	51.6° grating	53° grating	50° grating
Detectors	4K@15um	6K@15um	8K@15um	4K@15um	6K@15um

## New concept of MOS-



# ESST — Integral Field Spectrographs

## ❑ Two instrument designs:

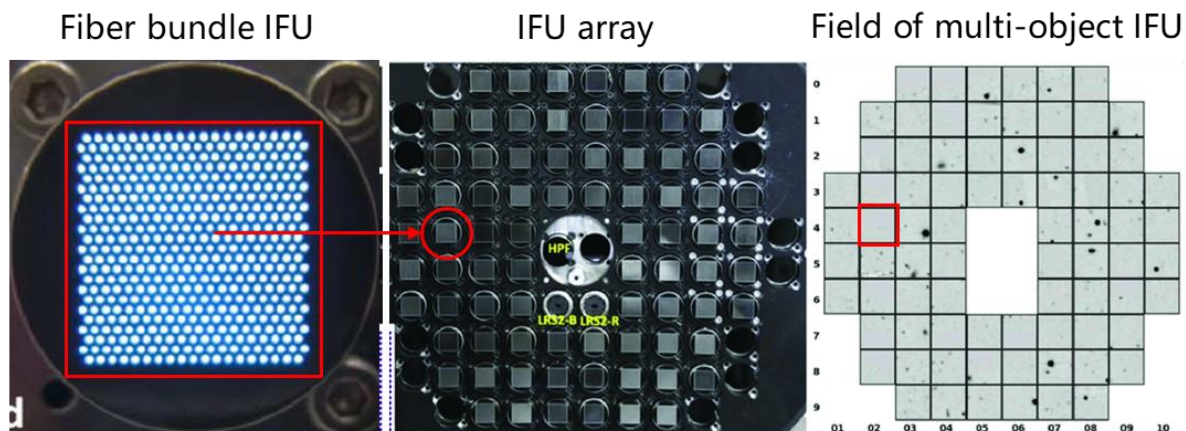
- Multi-object IFS (Tens of IFUs, large field of view, Reference: HETDEX-VIRUS)
- Panoramic IFS (a few amins, high duty rate, Reference: VLT-MUSE)

## ❑ ESST IFS concepts:

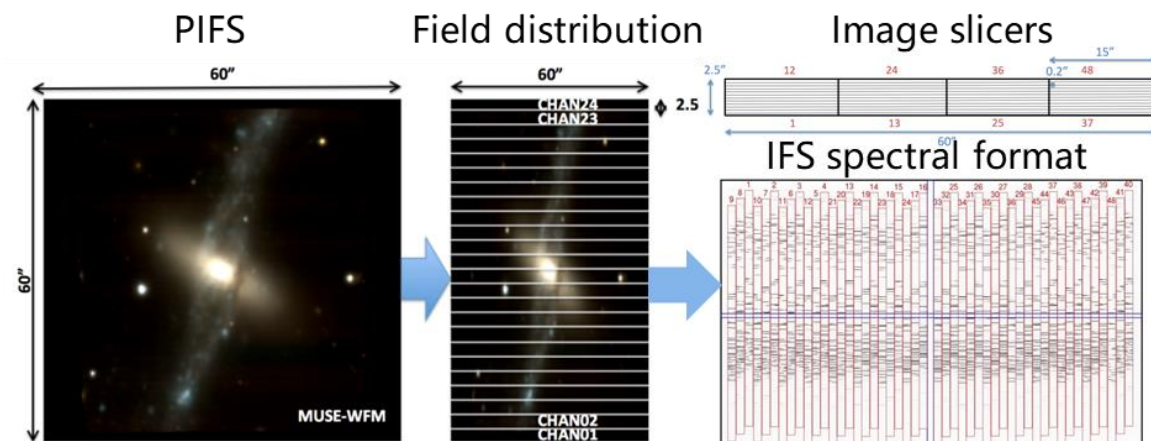
- Location: Coudé focus
- FOV:  $2' \times 2'$ , Seeing limit, sky aperture of FU:  $1'' \times 1''$ ;

GLAO condition, sky aperture of IFU:  $\leq 0.5'' \times 0.5''$

- Resolution:  $R=1000 \sim 3000$  @ 500-900nm (370-900nm)



HET-VIRUS Multi-object IFS group



VLT-MUSE 1'x1' Panoramic IFS

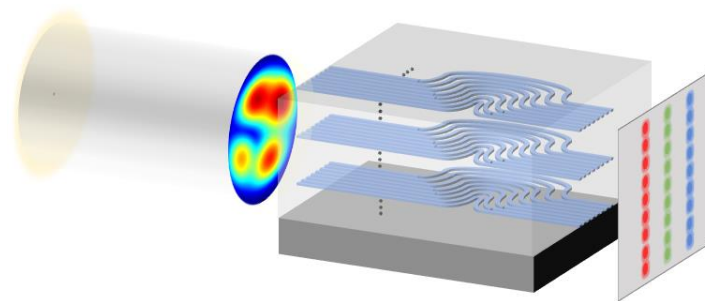
# ESST — New instrument concept based on Integrated optics

## Concept:

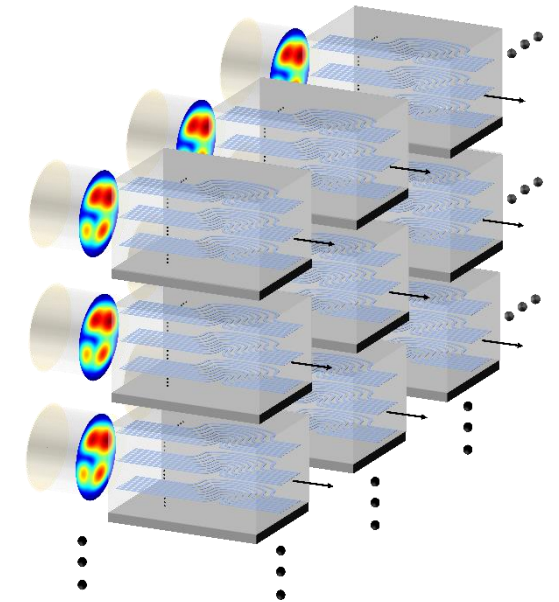
- To minimize the instrument, higher integration, shorten fiber length

## Elementary parameters:

- Number of spec.:  $\geq 100$  spec.
- Fiber capacity: 500 fibers per spec.
- Fiber: 100~300  $\mu\text{m}$
- Resolution:  $R=3000\sim 5000$
- Wavelength coverage: 450~900 nm
- Size:  $<0.1\text{ m}^3$
- Weight:  $<10\text{ kg}$



multimode spectroscopy chip  
Based on Stacked waveguide array



Large scale instrument group

## Characterization & innovation:

- Minimization, Weight-lighten
- 60% less
- High instrument stability



# Support from the Chinese astronomical community



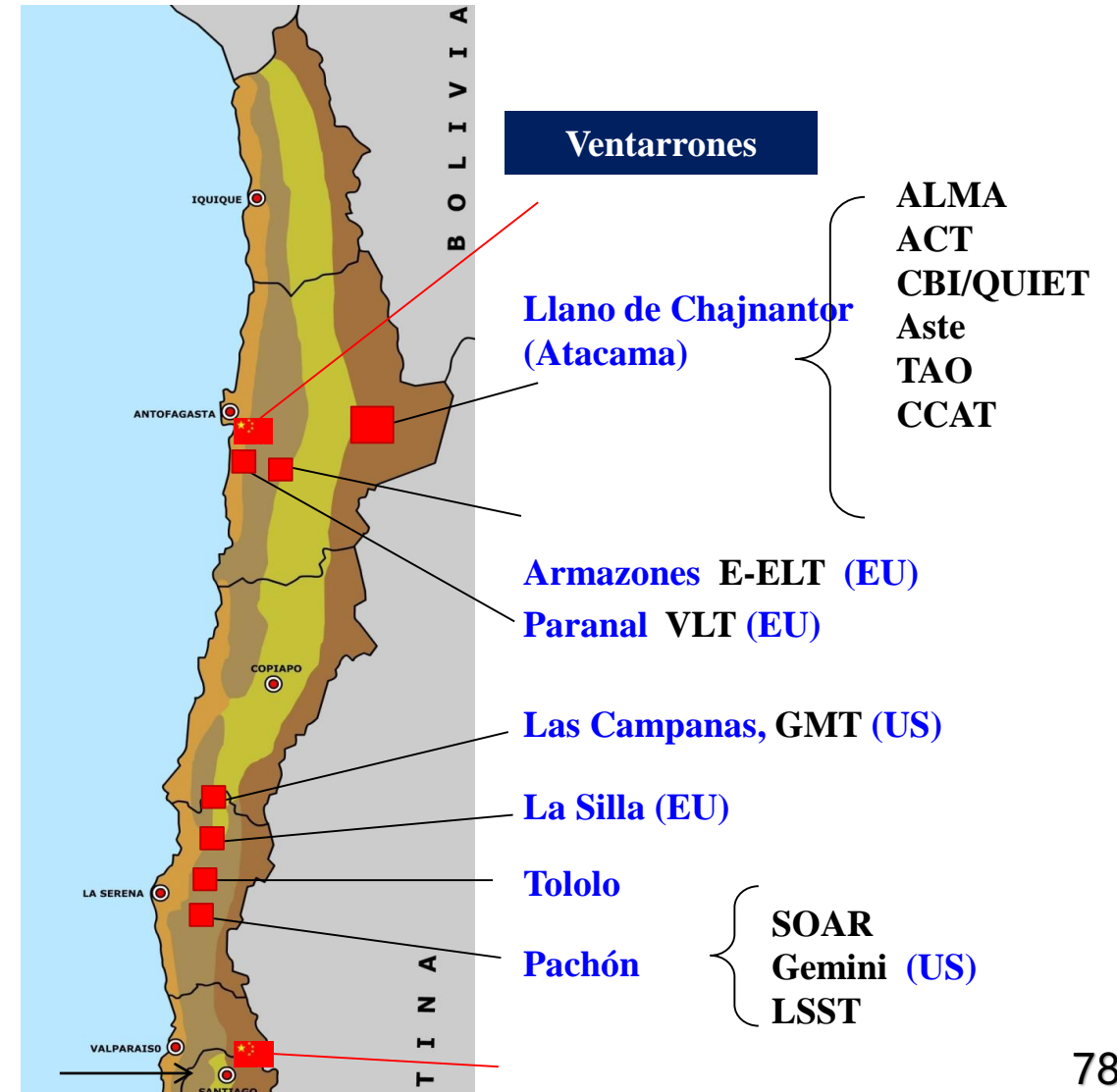
**ESST  
consortium**

**Strategic Guidance Committee  
(8 Academicians)**

**Scientific committee  
(30 representative astronomers)**

**12 Science Working Groups  
(40 young scientists)**

# CAS South America Center for Astronomy (CASSACA)





# Summary and next steps

- DESI BAO data show interesting signs of new physics, awaiting confirmation of Y5 and later observations (MUST, ESST, etc);
- As statistical errors get reduced, more work is needed to mitigate the systematics;
- New statistics (MFs, wavelets, etc) and new ideas (tests of parity, etc) are needed to probe new physics from future galaxy surveys.