

New Results from SDSS-III BOSS: cosmic expansion and growth of structure



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Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey
[BOSS] collaboration

Outline

- Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (BOSS) status
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- BOSS DR9 results and cosmological implications
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SDSS-III Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey

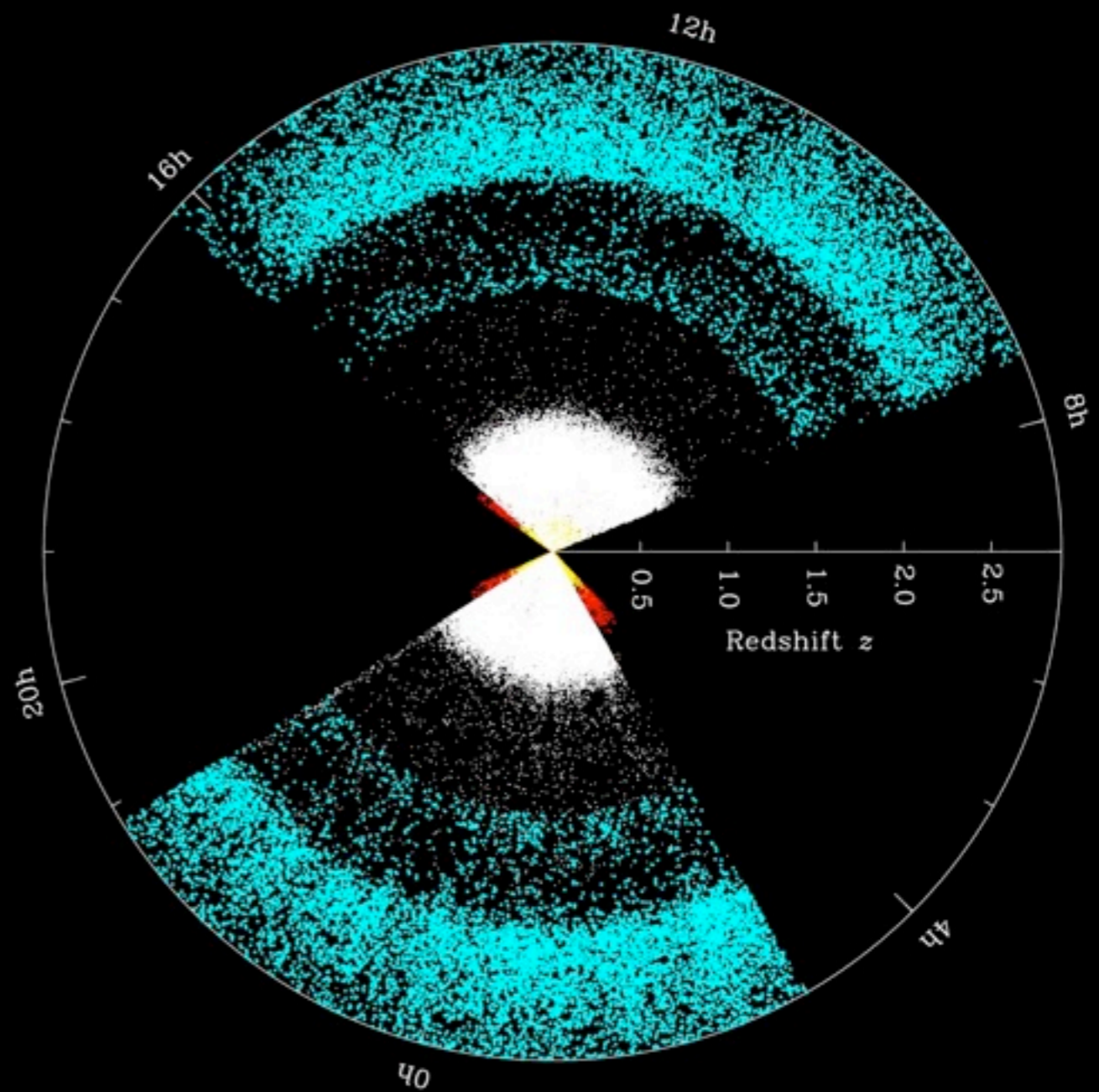
- 10,000 deg², 1.35M new redshifts
- %-level distances at $z = 0.35, 0.6, 2.3$

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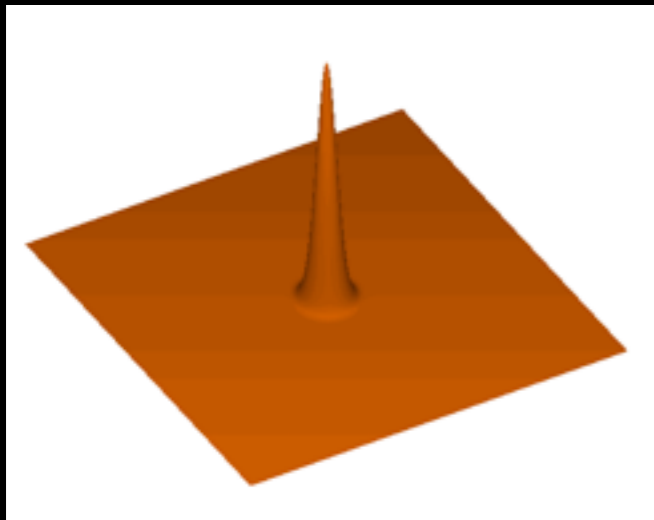
BOSS galaxies

SDSS Main

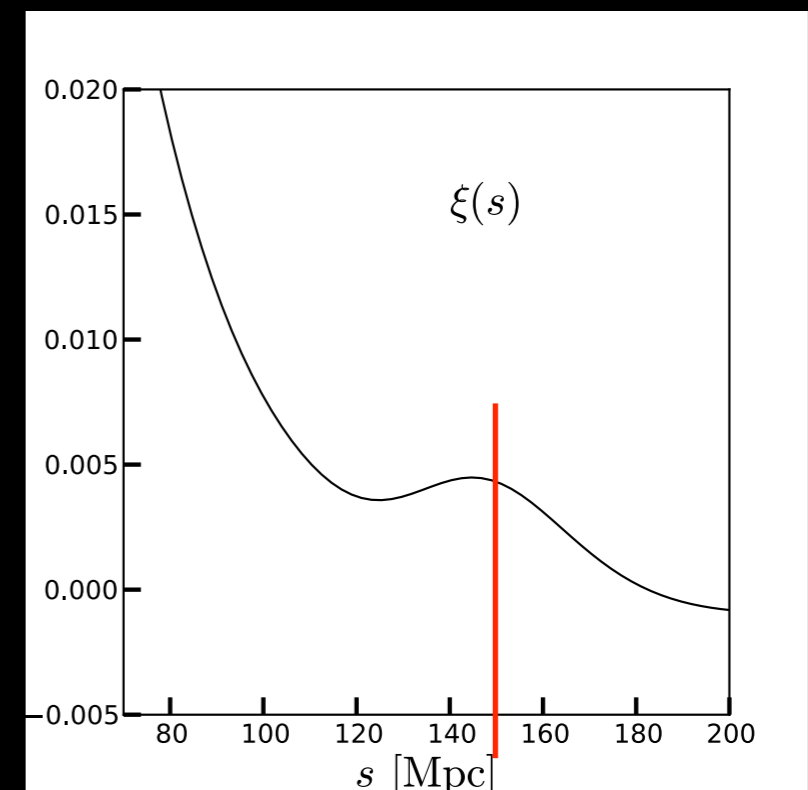
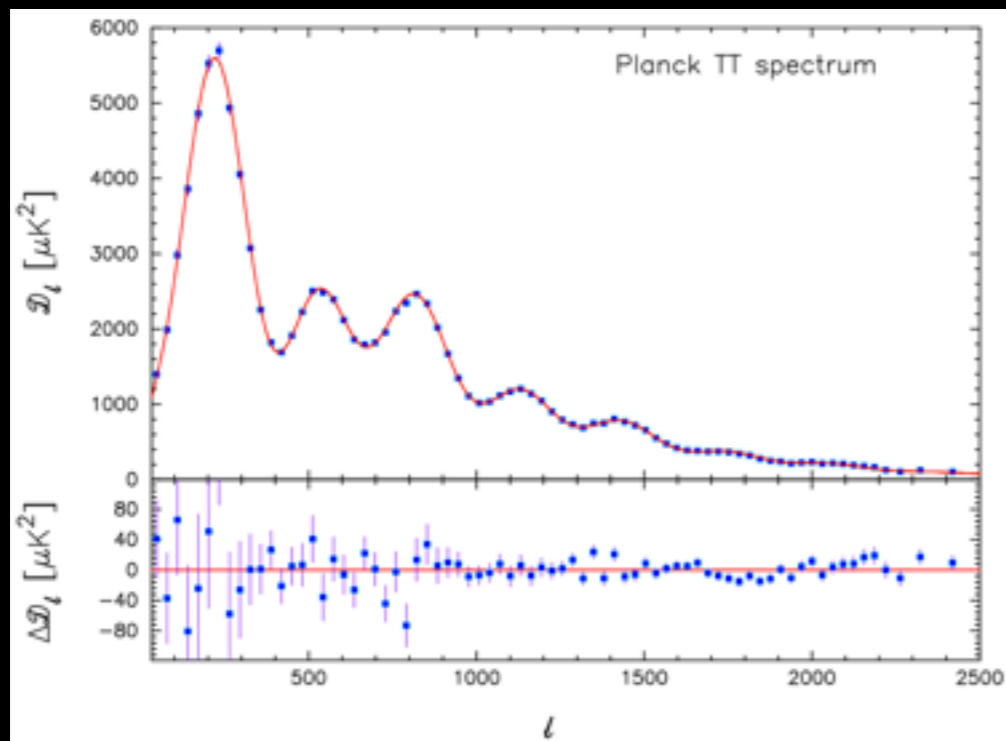
SDSS LRGs



The BAO standard ruler: [see Mariana Vargas-Magana's talk]



$$r_s = 151.4 \pm 0.66 \text{ Mpc} \\ \text{(Planck 2013)}$$

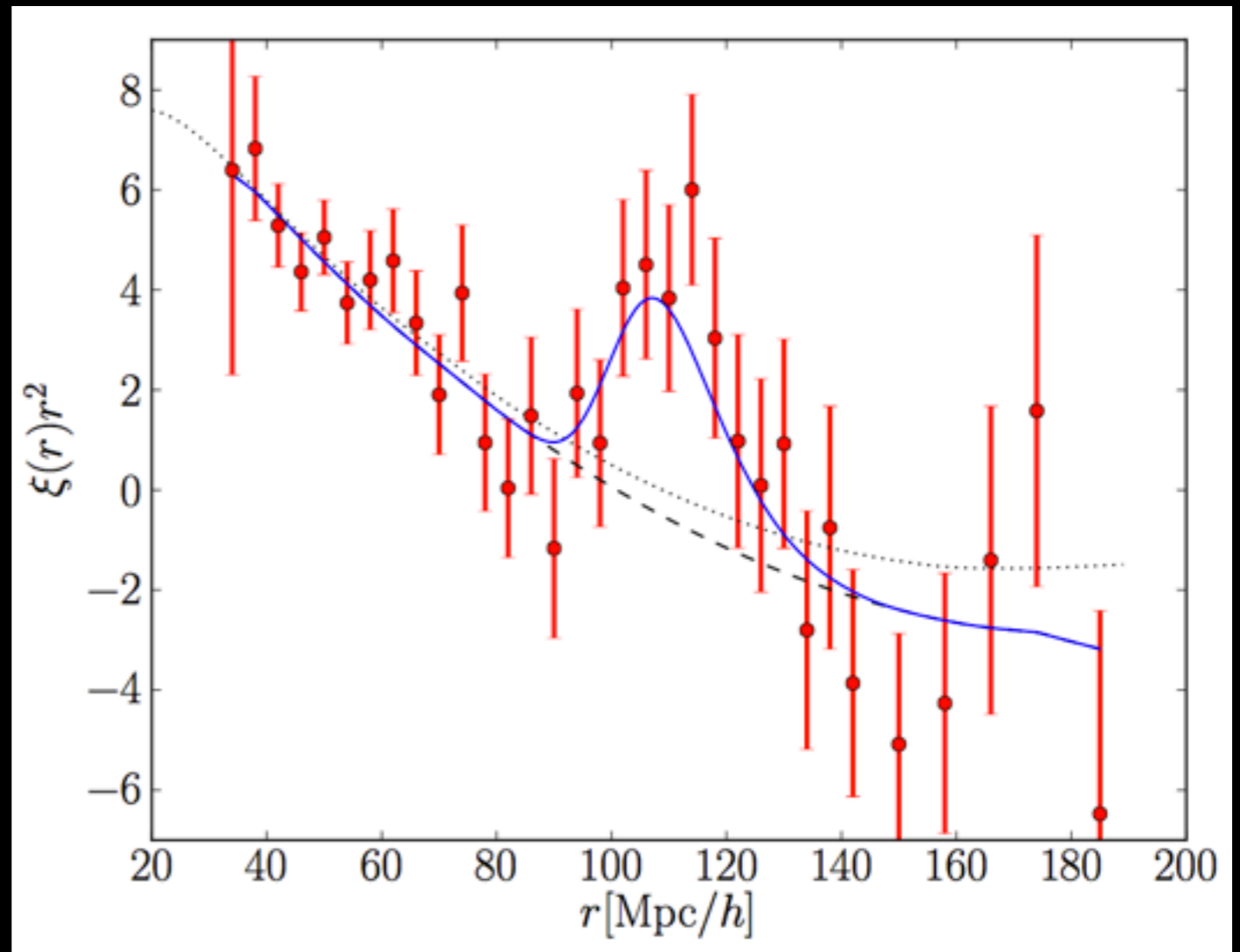


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SDSS-III Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey

Ly- α forest BAO detection

- Busca et al. 2012, Slosar et al. 2013, Kirkby et al. 2013
- $H(z=2.3)$ to $<4\%$!



Slosar et al. 2013

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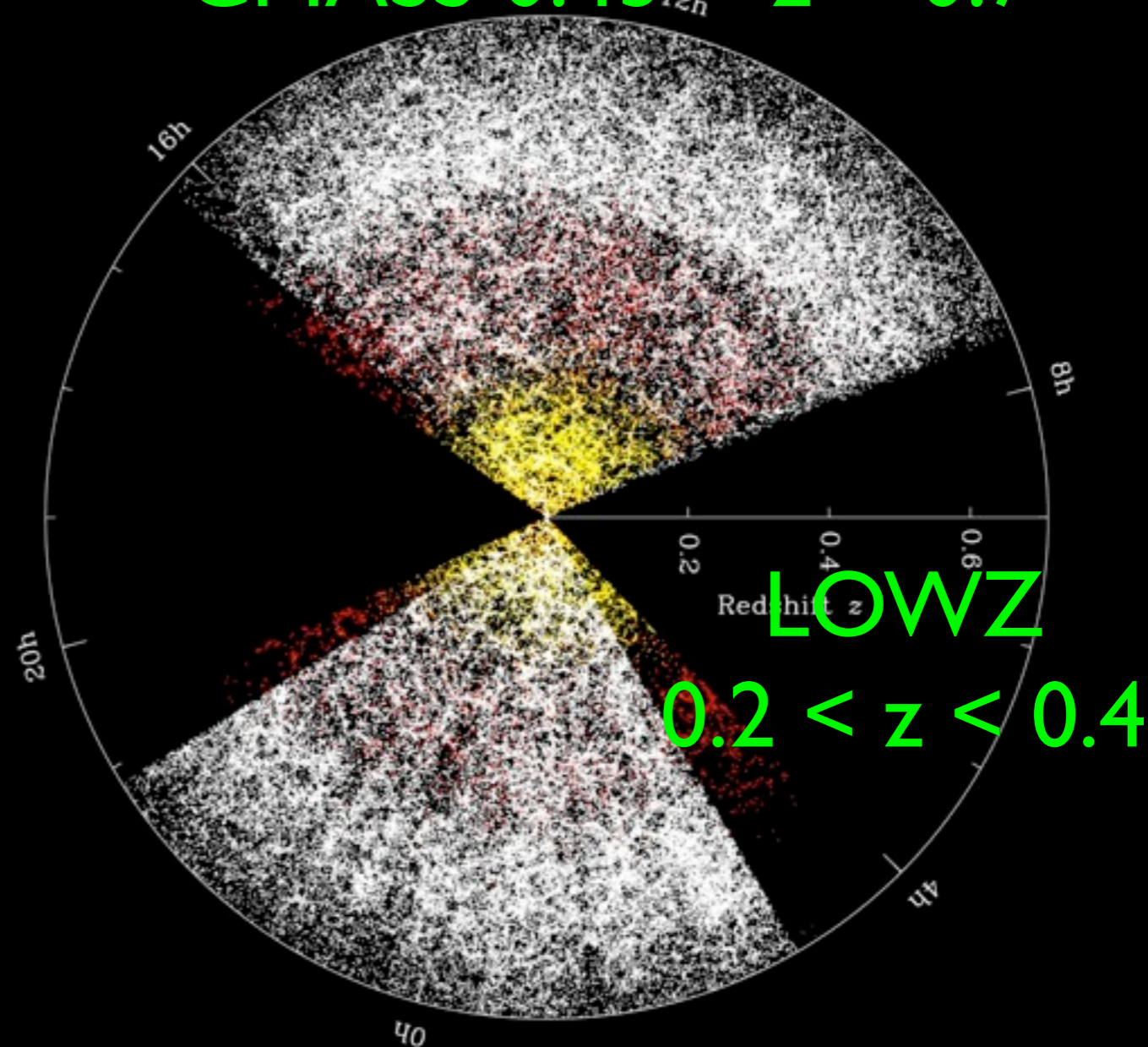
CMASS $0.43 < z < 0.7$

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BOSS survey status

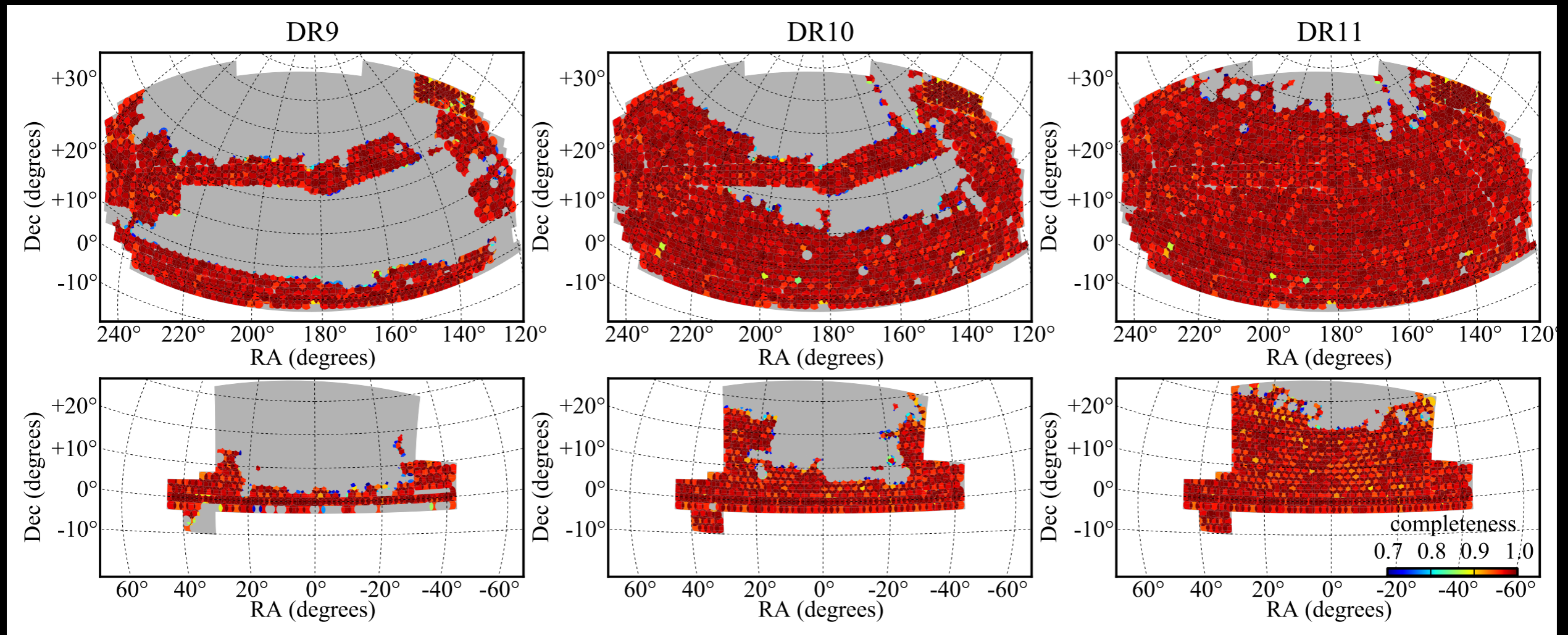


figure credit Molly Swanson

Results presented
today
 $A_{\text{eff}}: 3275 \text{ deg}^2$

Public!
data.sdss3.org
 6161 deg^2

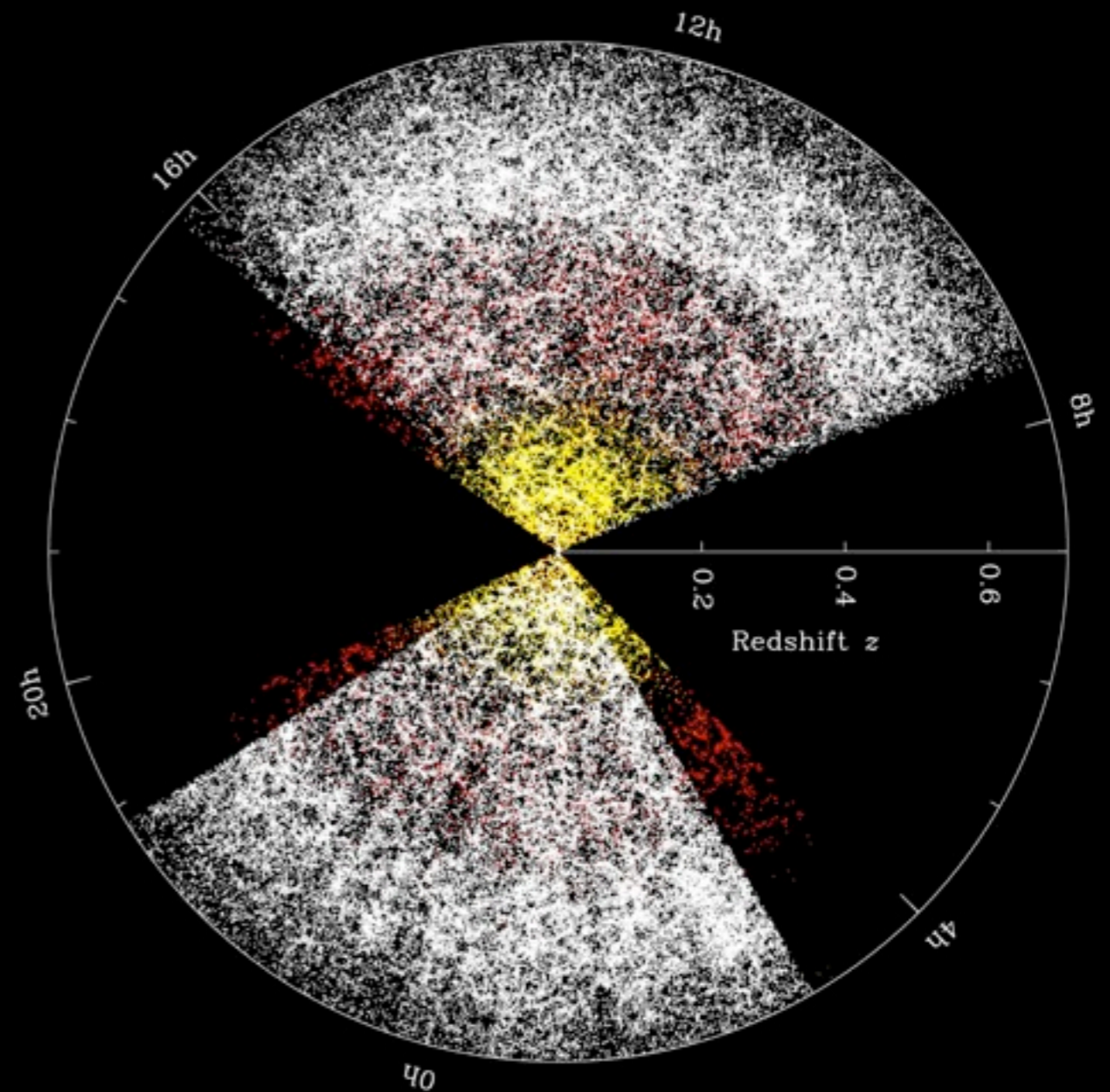
Currently
analyzing
 8387 deg^2

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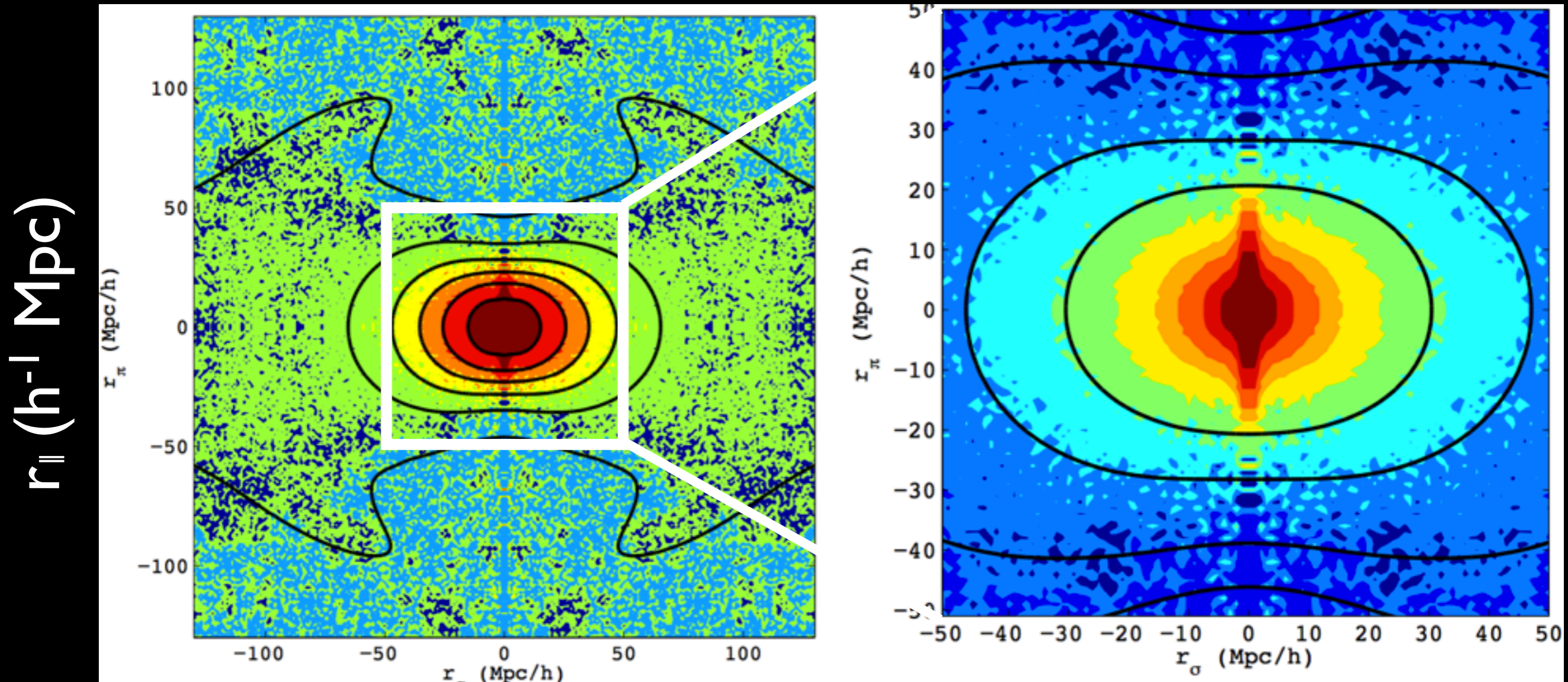
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Motivation

- There is *much* more information in this 3d map than the BAO feature
- Rocky III: RSD is “among the most powerful ways of addressing whether the acceleration is caused by dark energy or modified gravity”



Let's start simple: what can we extract from the full 2d correlation function $\xi(r_\sigma, r_\pi)$?



Reid et al. 2012

r_\perp (h^{-1} Mpc)

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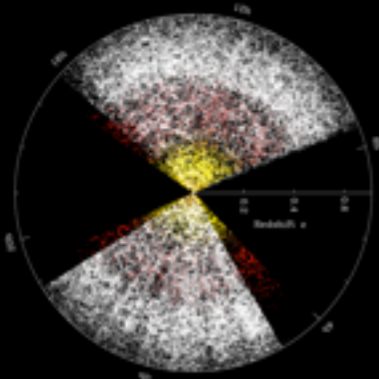
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Geometric constraints from galaxy surveys

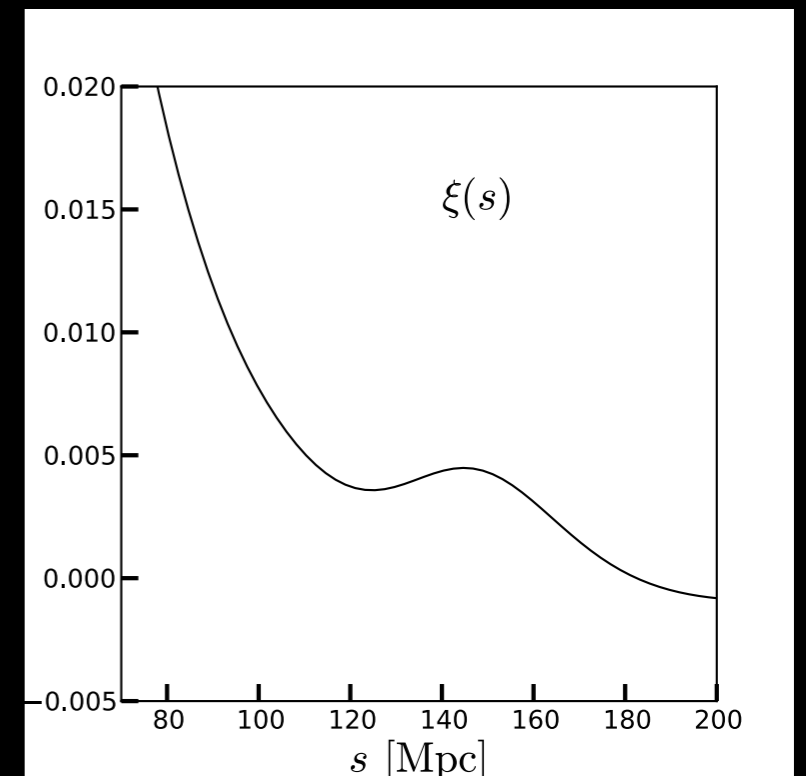
Observer space:
ra, dec, z



depends on $H(z)$
for z in $[0, z_{\max}]$



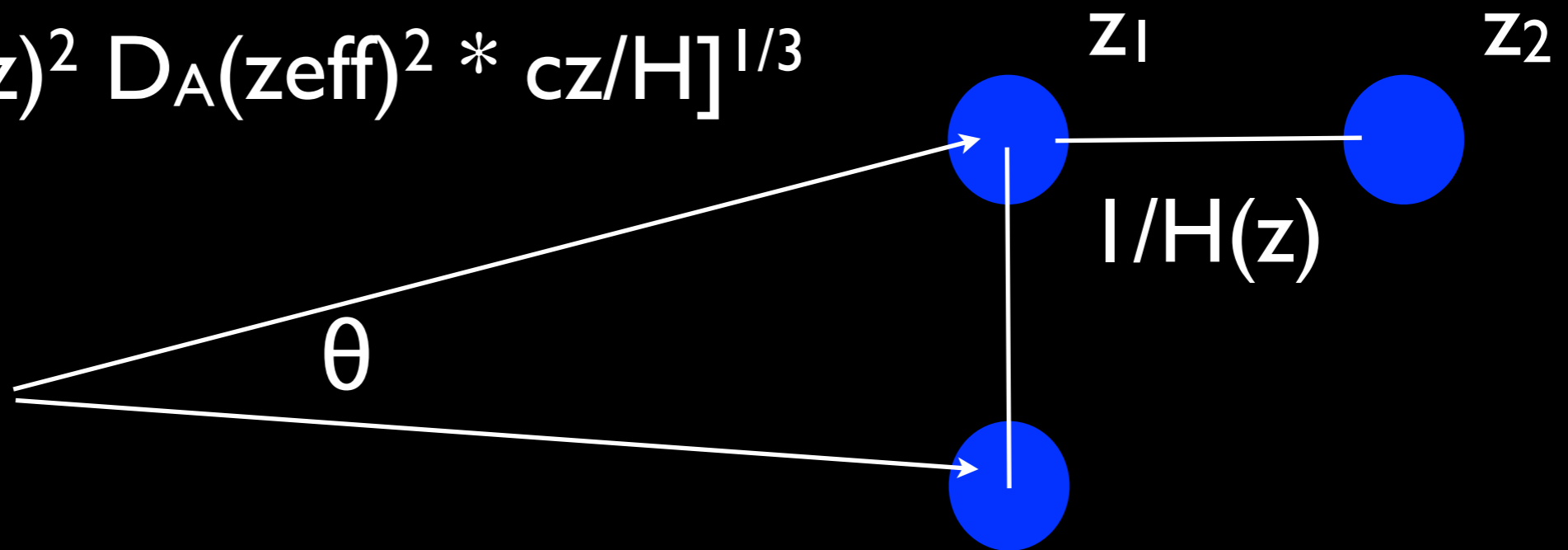
Theory space:
(physical) Mpc



BAO standard ruler

- The BAO feature in the angle-averaged correlation function constrains $\alpha = [D_V(z_{\text{eff}})/r_s]/[D_V(z_{\text{eff}})/r_s]_{\text{fiducial}}$

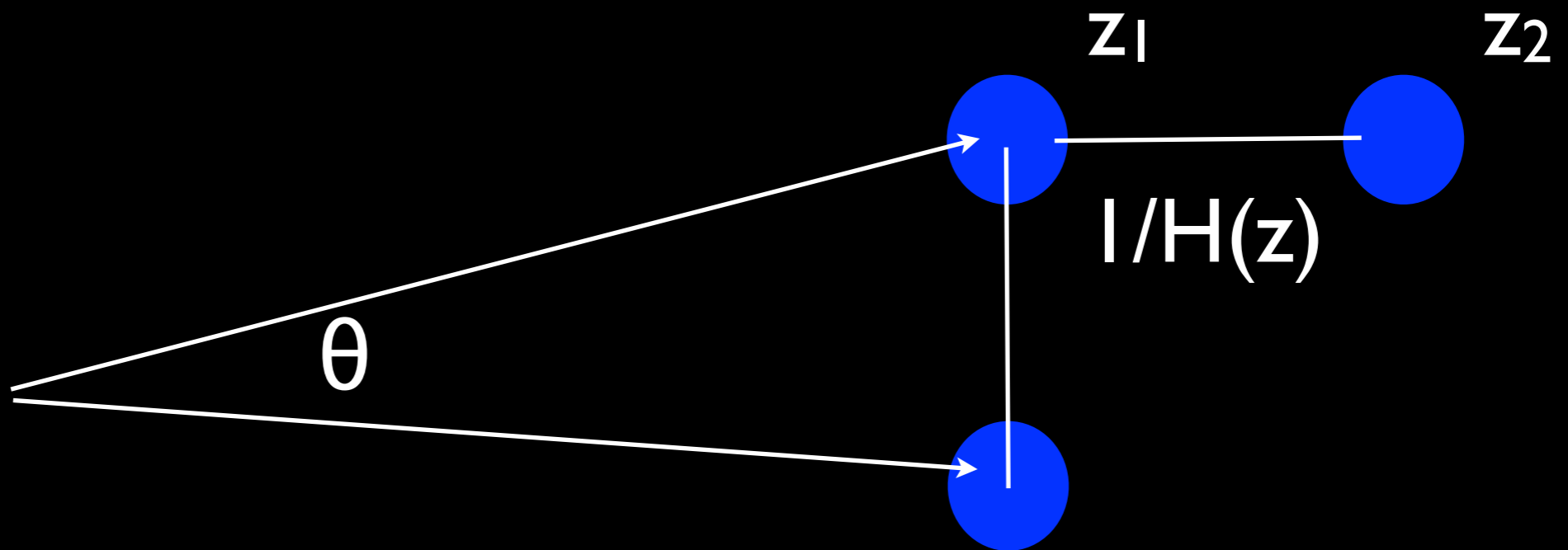
$$D_V \equiv [(1+z)^2 D_A(z_{\text{eff}})^2 * cz/H]^{1/3}$$



comoving angular diameter distance $\equiv (1+z) D_A(z)$

Alcock-Paczynski effect

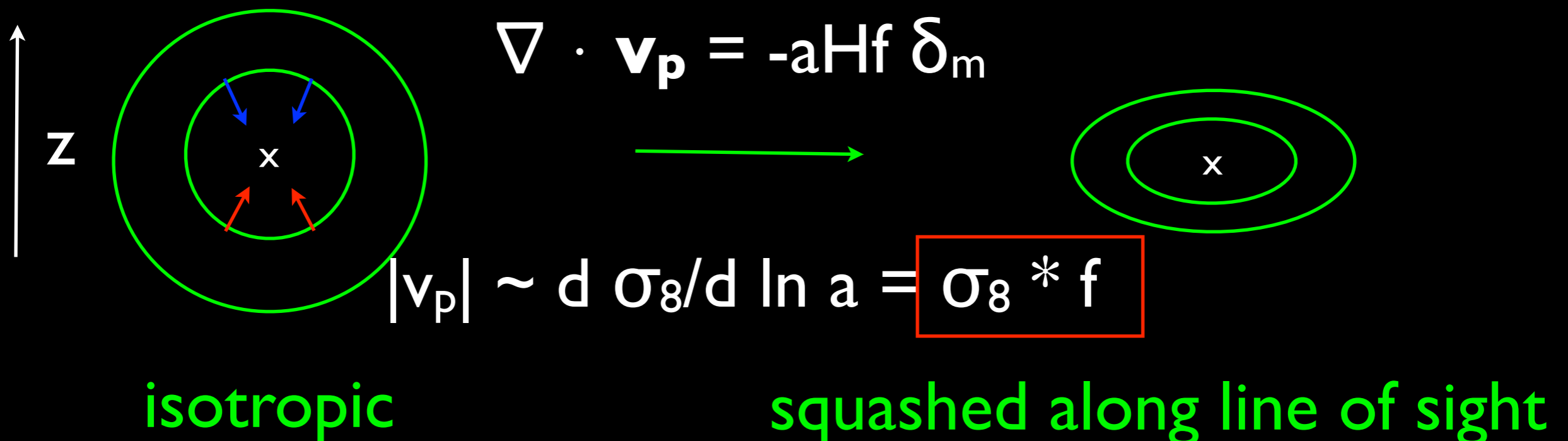
- Even without a standard ruler, comparing clustering along and perpendicular to the LOS allows us to measure $D_A * H$



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Redshift Space Distortions (RSD)

real to redshift space separations: $\chi(\mathbf{z}) = \chi_{\text{true}} + \mathbf{v}_p/aH$



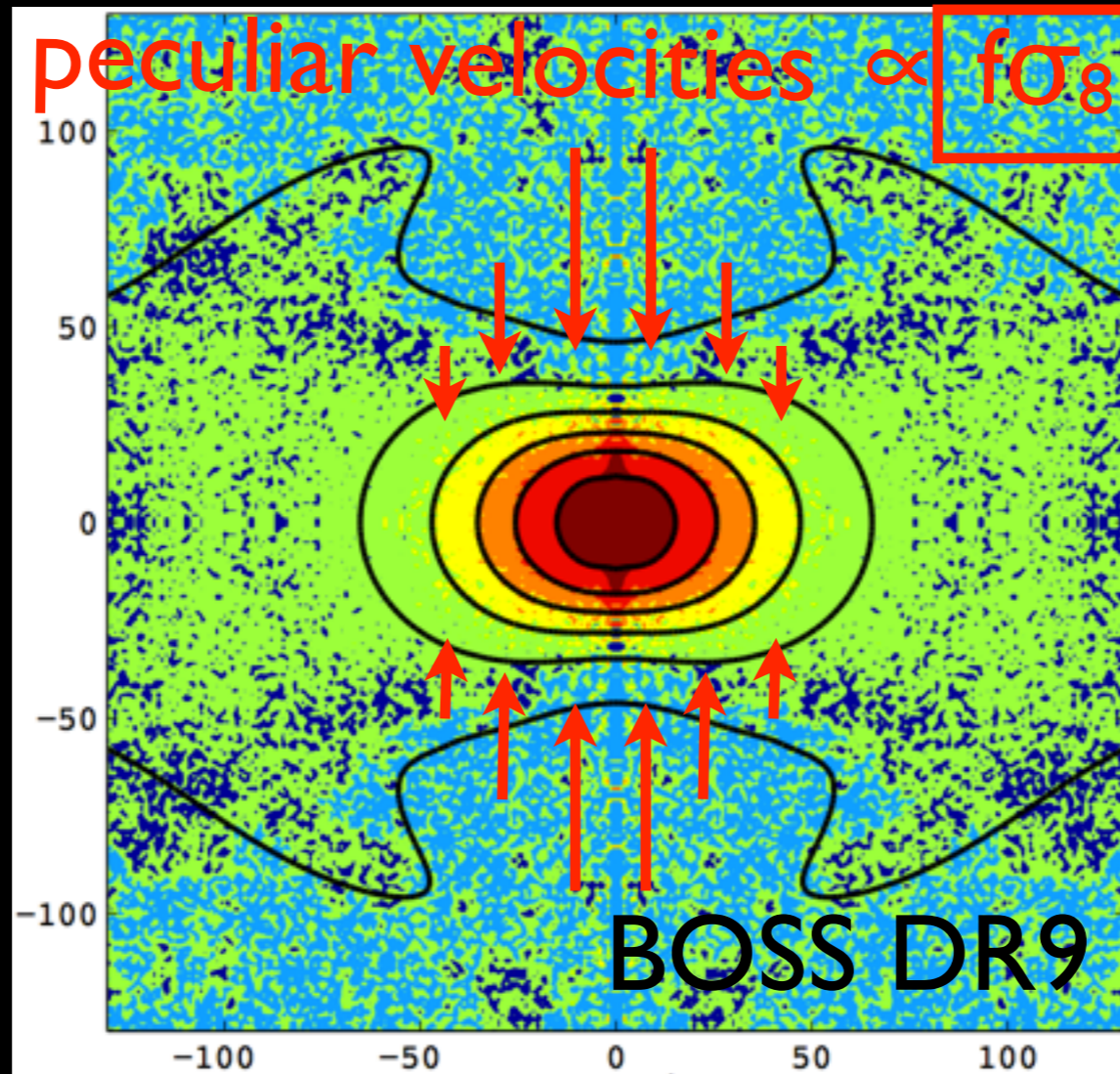
$$f = d \ln \sigma_8 / d \ln a \approx \Omega_m \gamma$$

Putting it all together

isotropic dilation

$$D_V \propto D_A^{2/3} * H^{-1/3}$$

r_{\parallel} (h^{-1} Mpc)



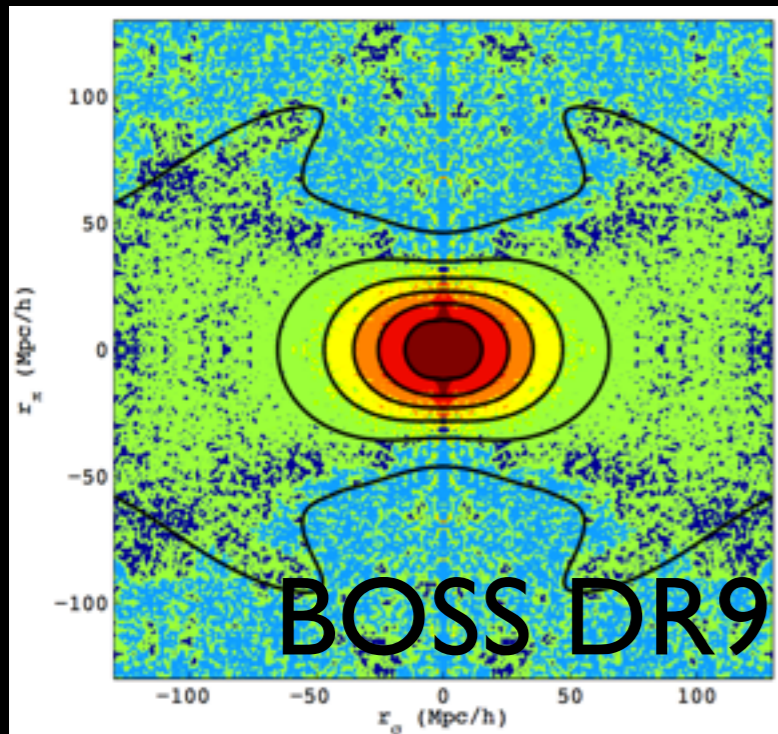
r_{\perp} (h^{-1} Mpc)

$$D_A / D_{A, \text{fid}}$$

$$H_{\text{fid}} / H$$

$$F_{\text{AP}} \propto D_A * H$$

Information compression step 2: Legendre Polynomial moments $\xi_\ell(s)$

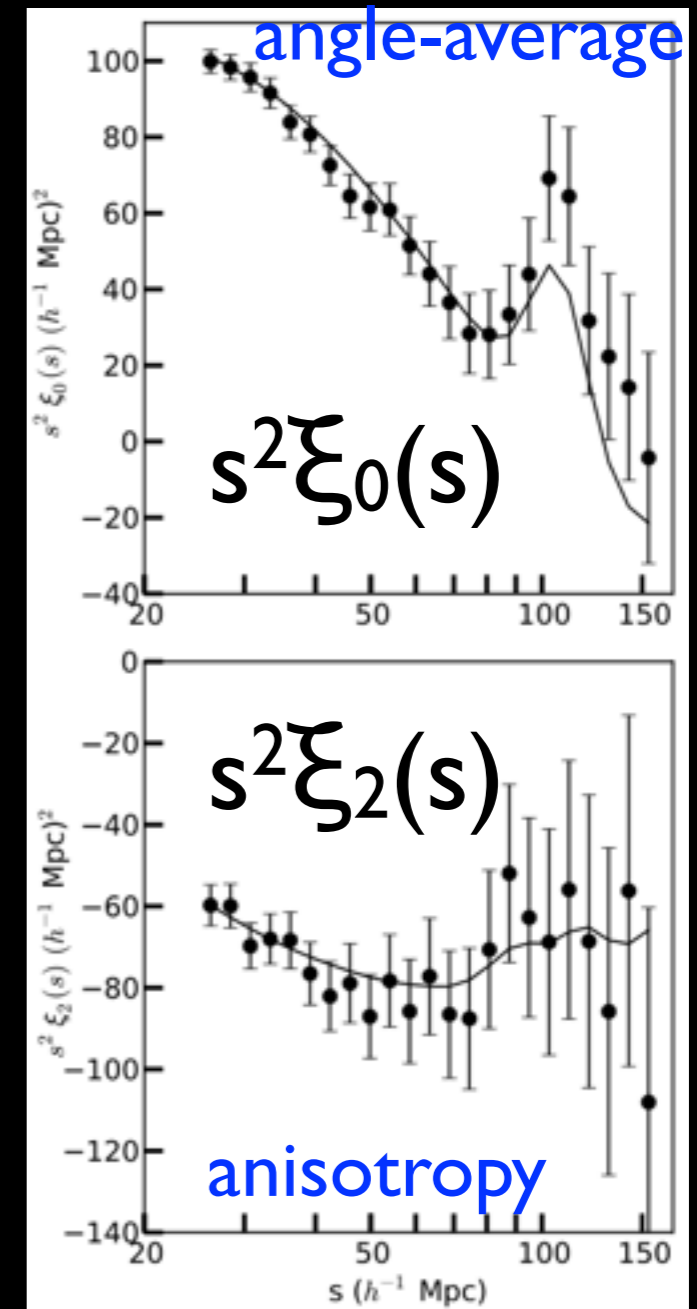


$$\xi(s, \mu_s) = \sum_{\ell} \xi_{\ell}(s) L_{\ell}(\mu_s)$$

$$L_0 = 1$$

$$L_2 = (3\mu^2 - 1)/2$$

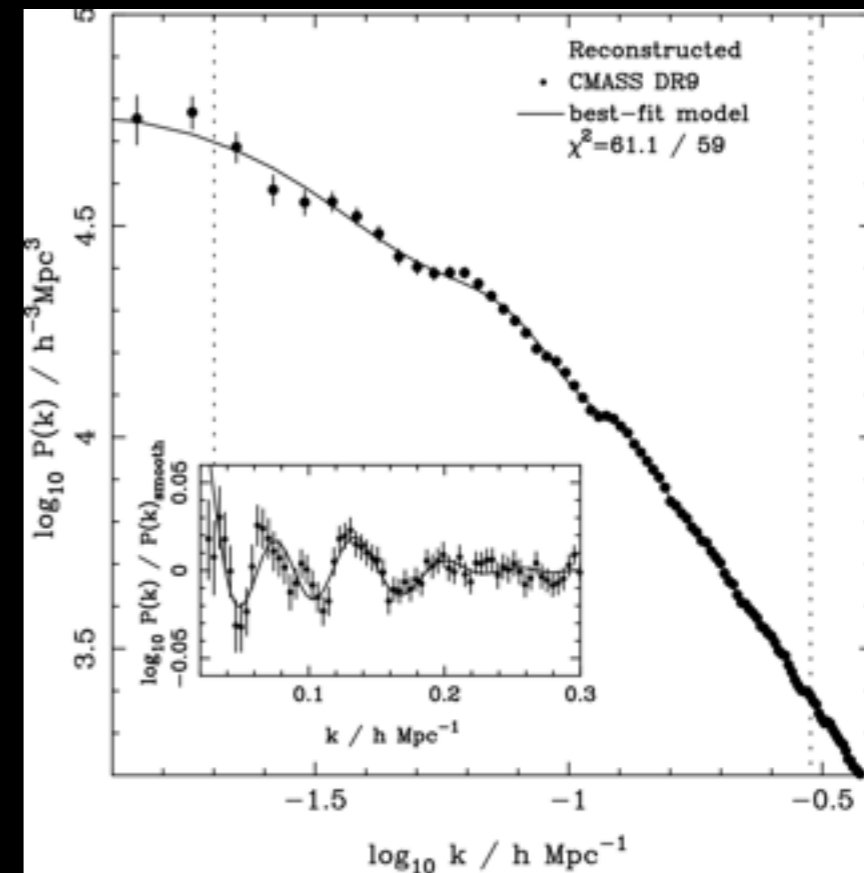
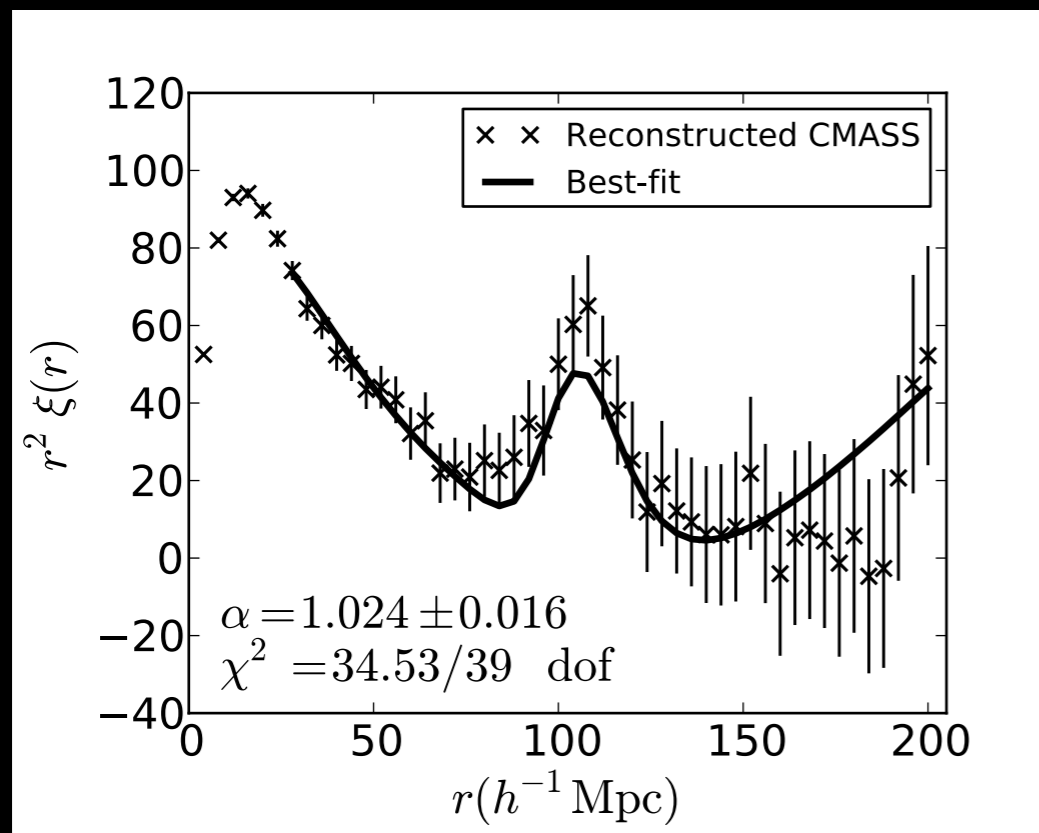
$$\mu = r_{\text{LOS}} / (r_{\text{LOS}}^2 + r_{\perp}^2)^{1/2}$$



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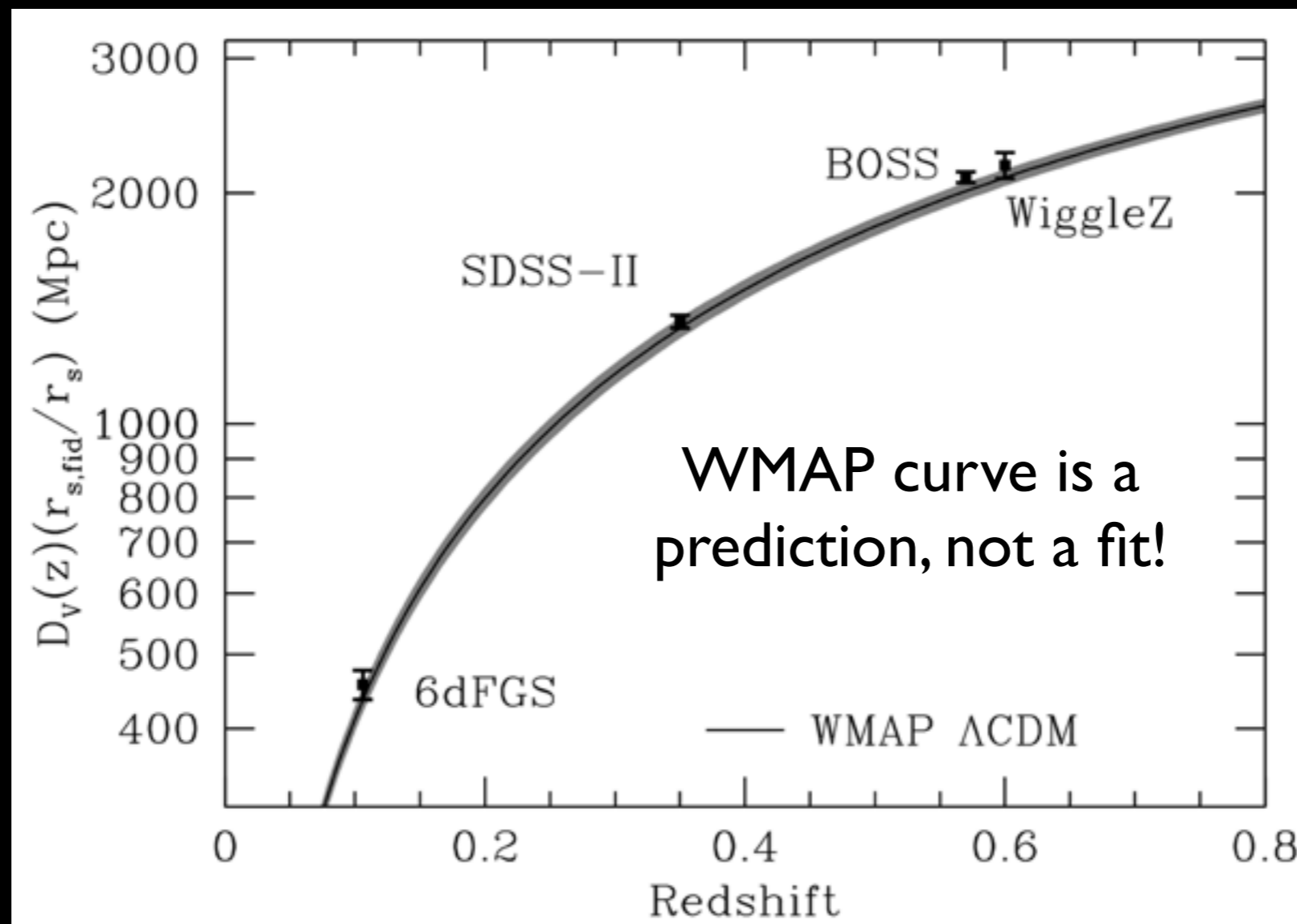
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Anderson et al. 2012: fits to α for “reconstructed” $\xi(s)$ and $P(k)$

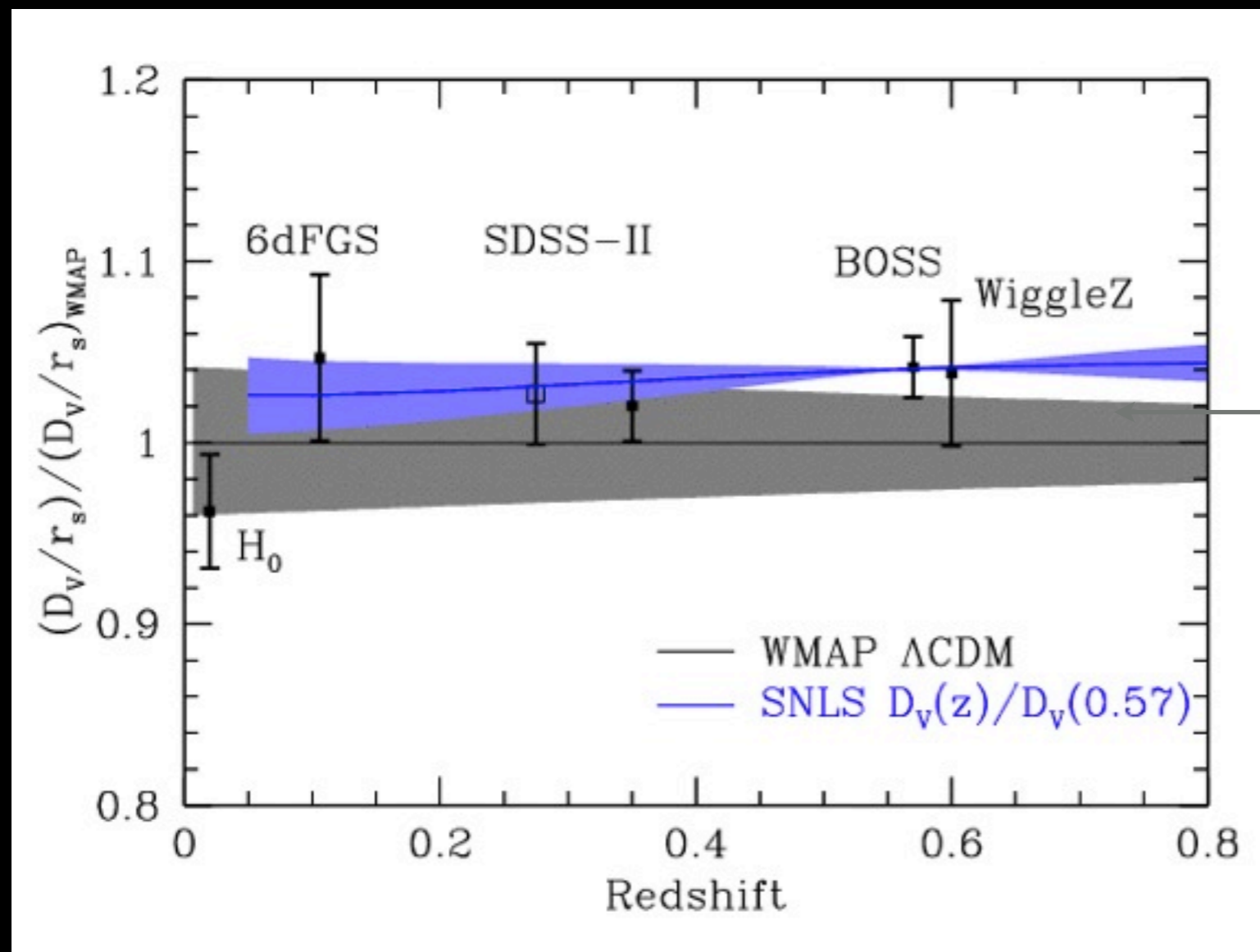


Reid et al.: $\alpha = 1.023 \pm 0.019$

BAO Hubble Diagram

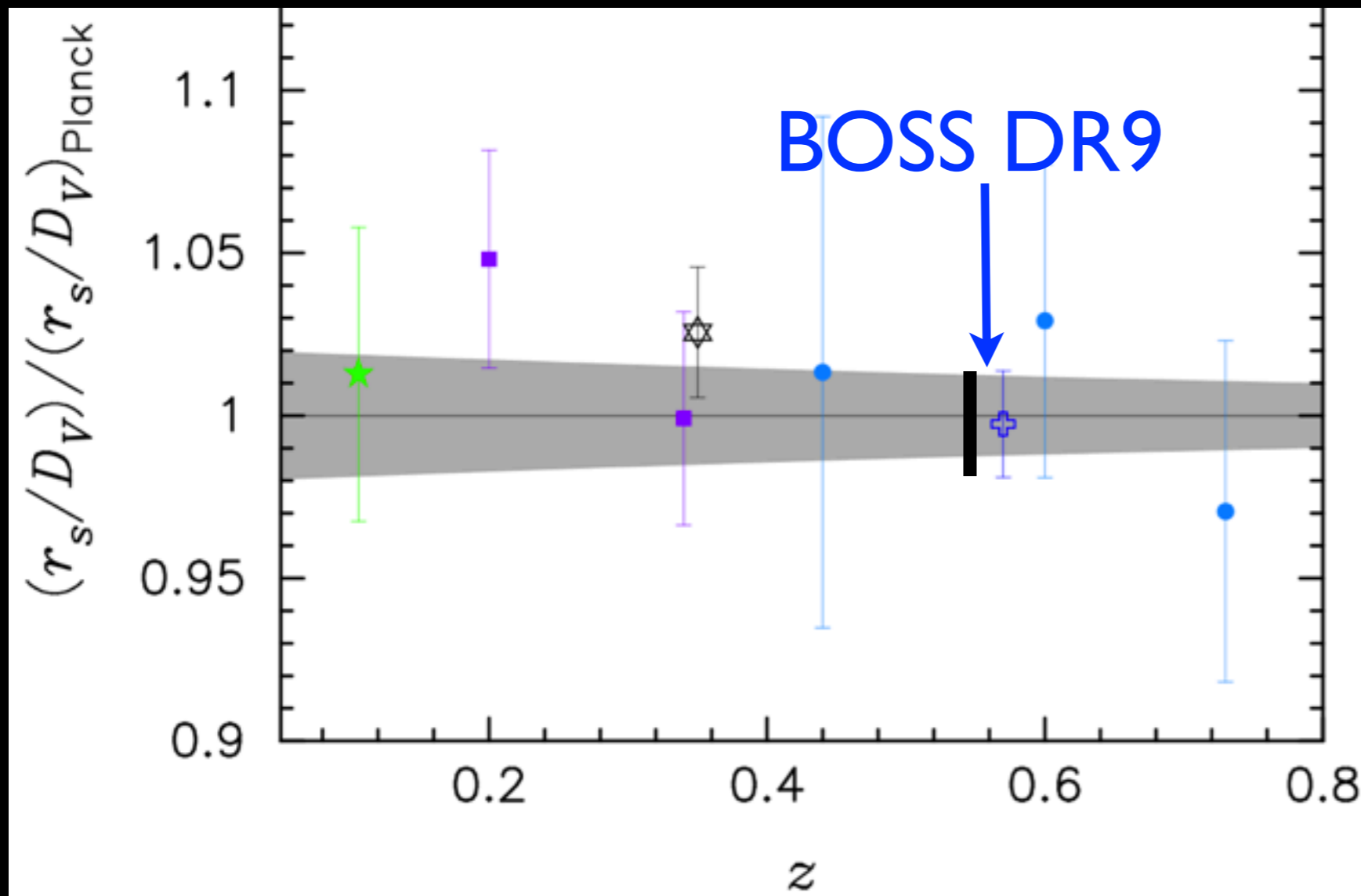


BAO Hubble Diagram: Comparison with CMB, H_0 , and SN



+1 σ in $\Omega_m h^2$
(WMAP7)

BAO Hubble Diagram: Comparison with Planck



+1 σ in $\Omega_m h^2$
(Planck)

DR9 ξ_0 BAO + ξ_2 : D_A , H , $f\sigma_8$ at $z=0.57$

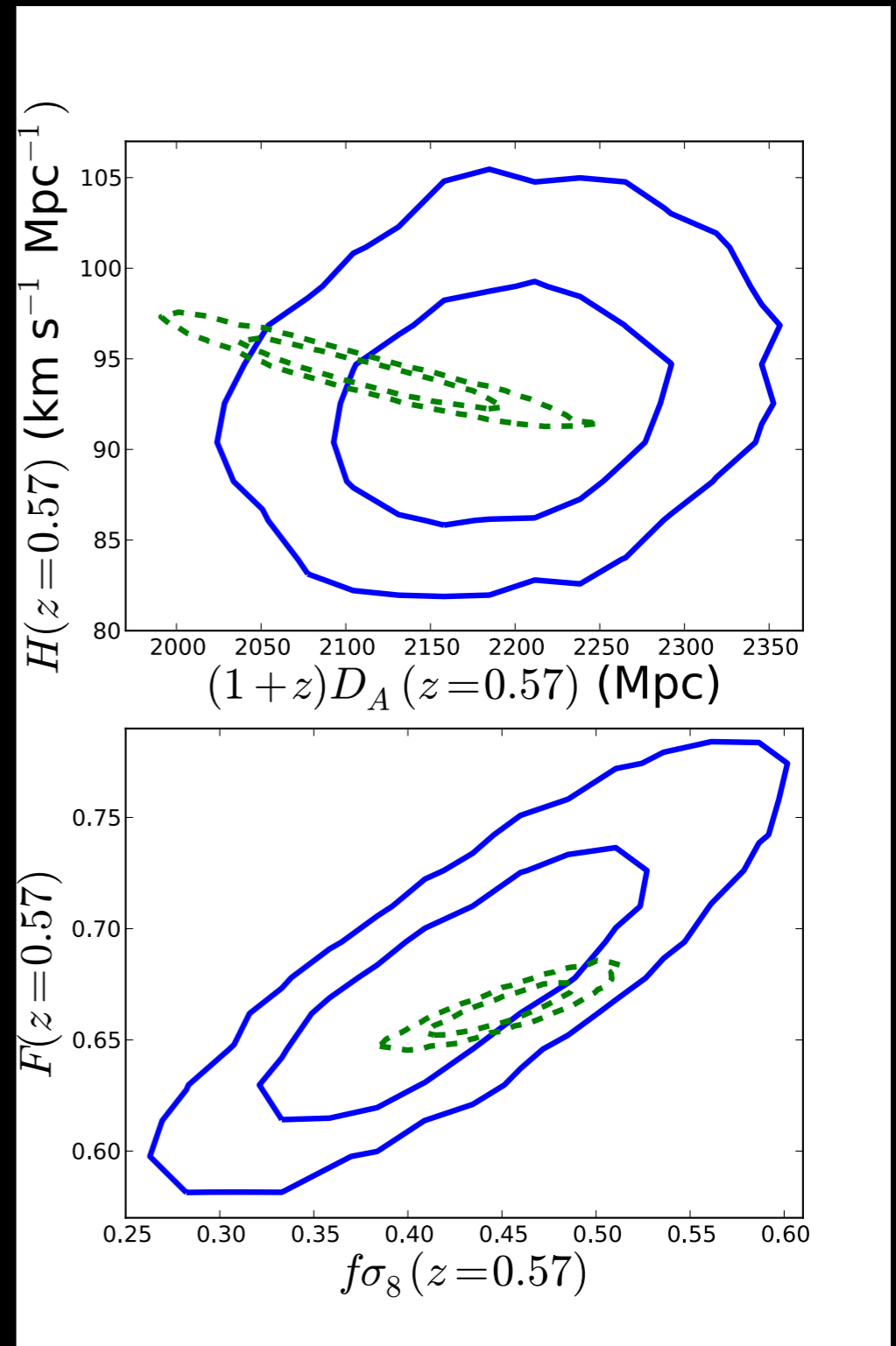
- $f\sigma_8(0.57) = 0.43 \pm 0.069$
- $H(0.57) = 92.4 \pm 4.5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- $D_A(0.57) = 2190 \pm 61 \text{ Mpc}$

Marginalize over:

-- CMB $P(k)$ shape prior

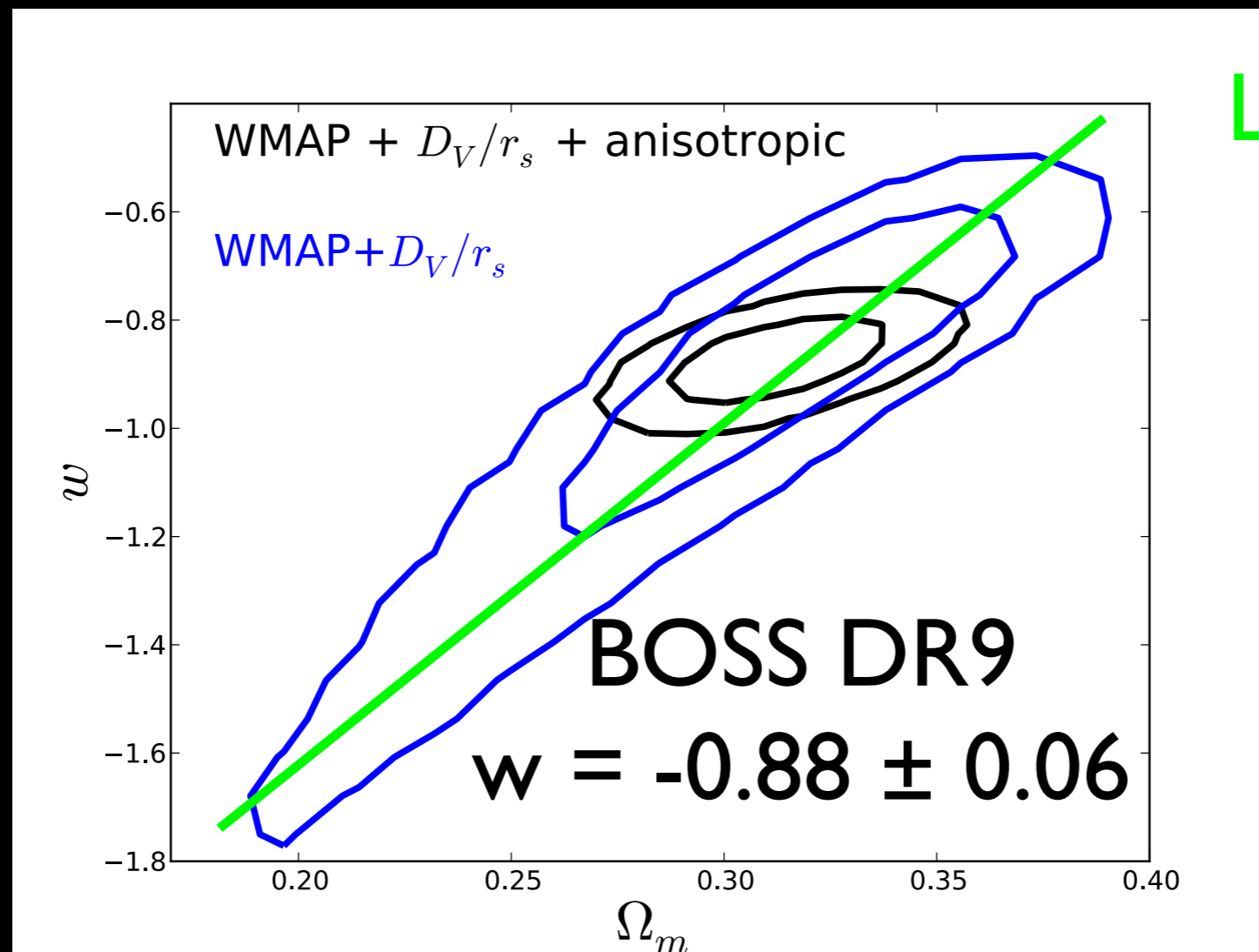
-- $b\sigma_8$

-- σ_{FOG}^2



DR9 Results

- Modeling $\xi(s, \mu)$ buys you a lot of statistical power on dark energy parameters and testing gravity



Line of constant $D_A(z=1091)$

DE more “recent”/larger H_0

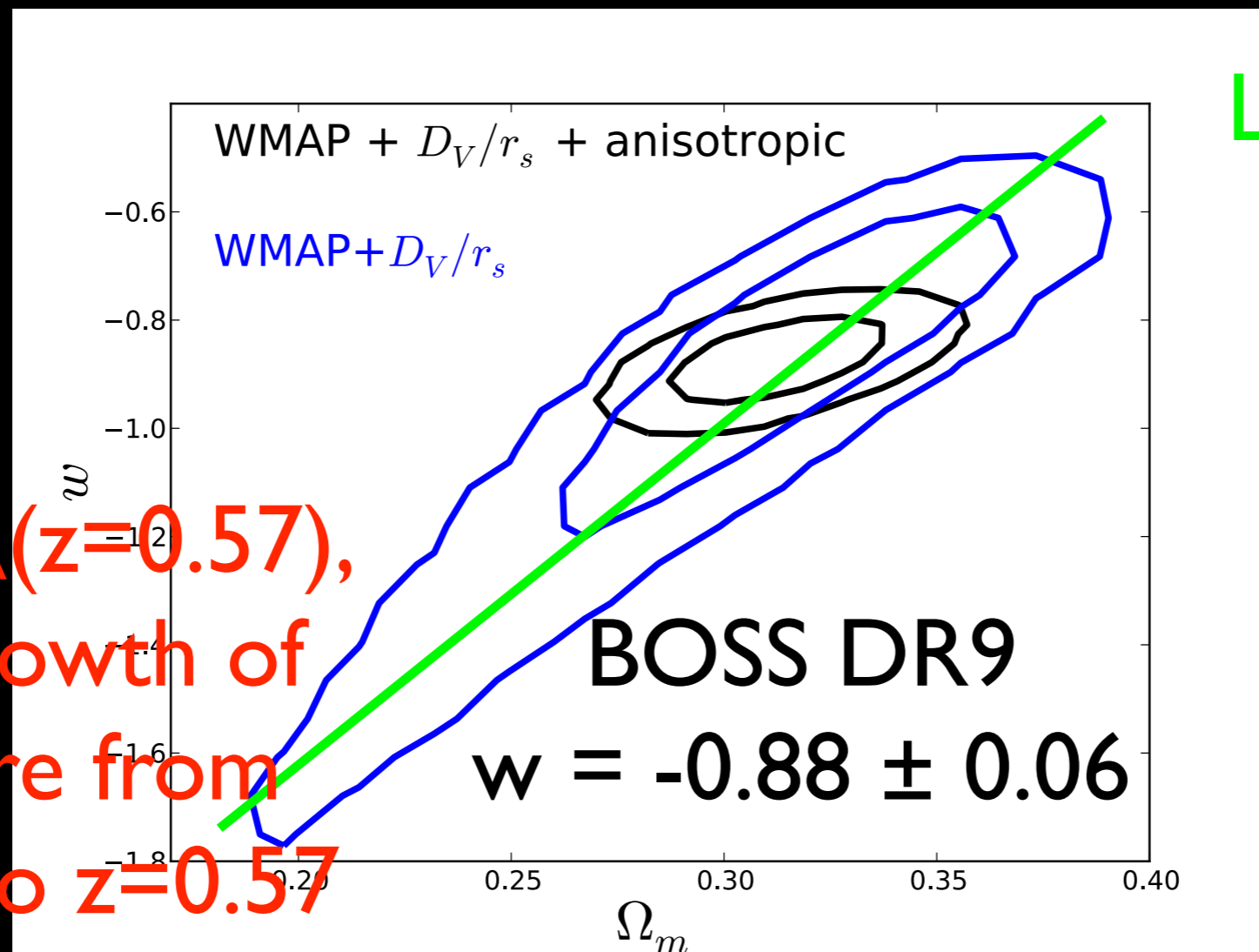


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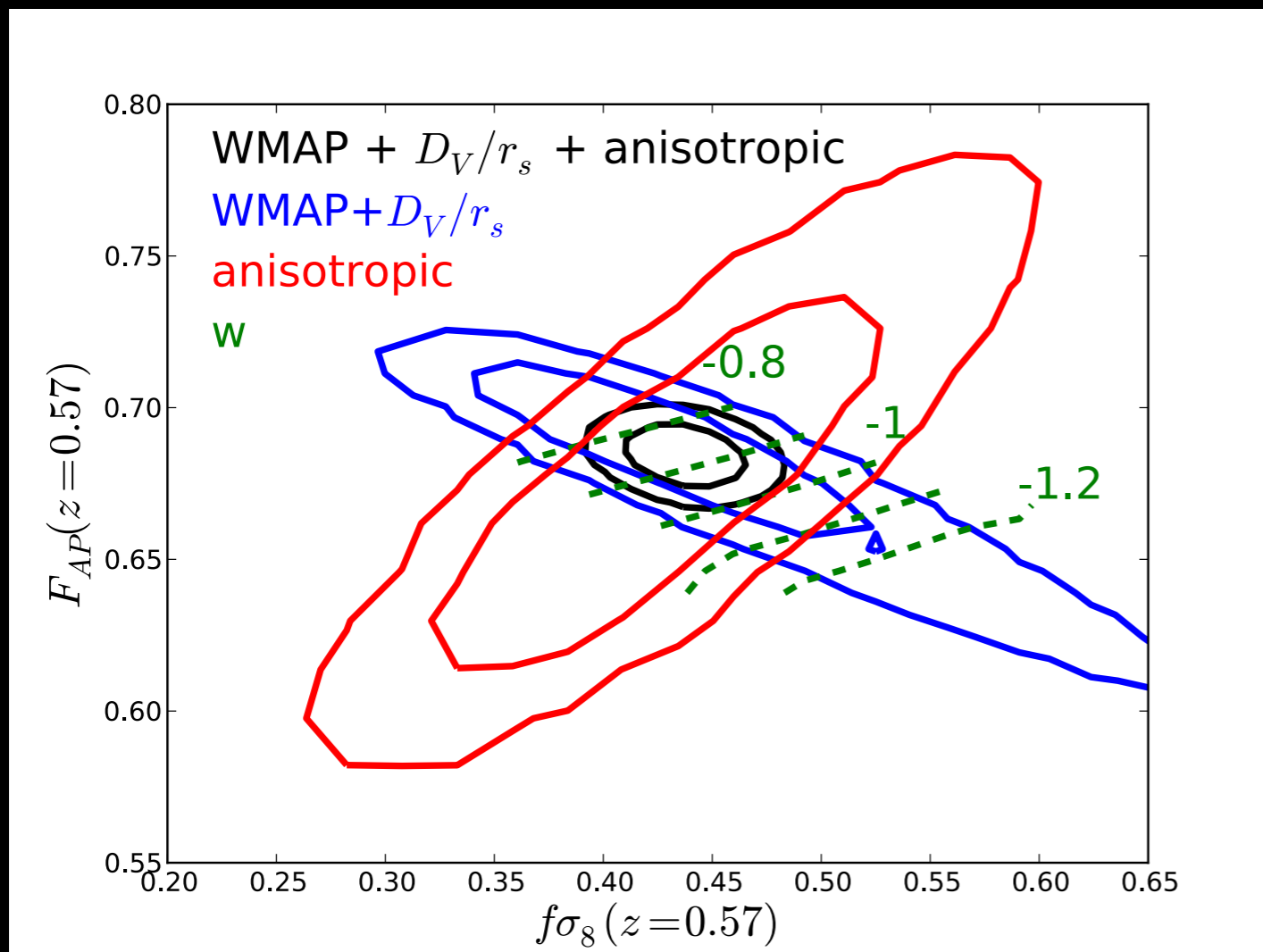


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lower $D_A(z=0.57)$,
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Samushia, BR, et al., 2012

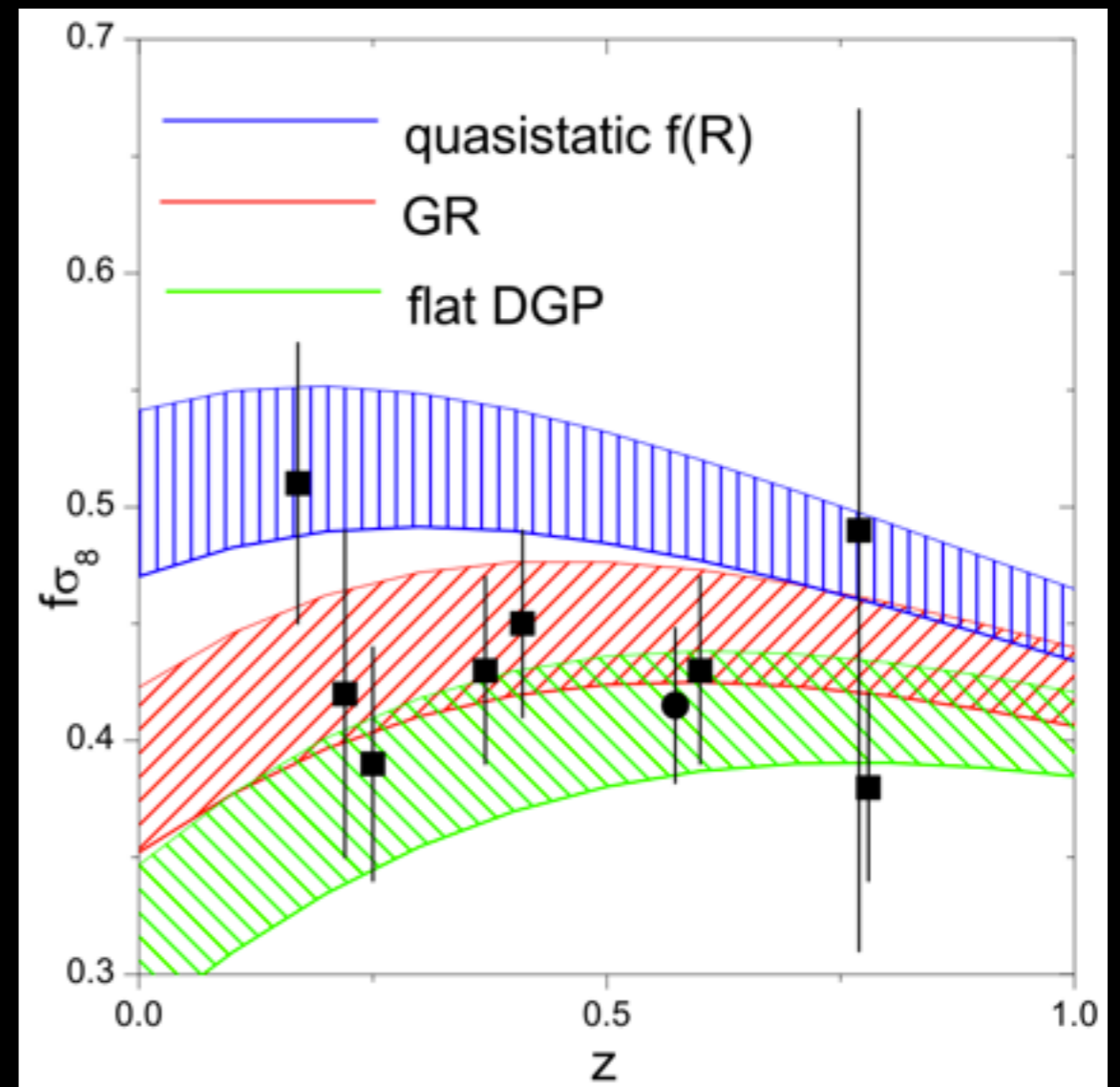
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Dark Energy or modified gravity?

- CMASS geometric constraints tighten Λ CDM $f\sigma_8$ prediction, shift it up
- CMASS $f\sigma_8$ is low by $\sim 1.5\sigma$

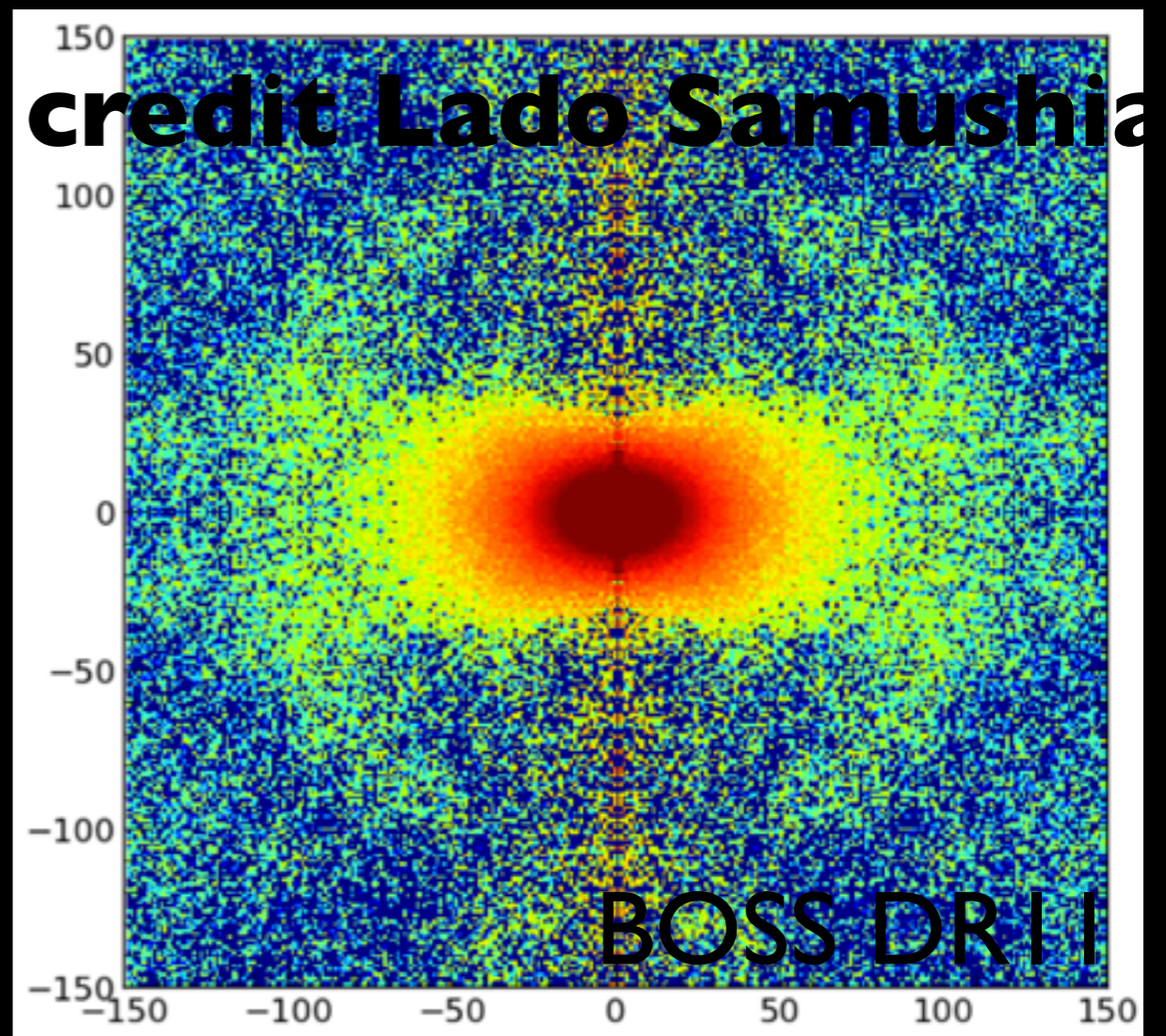
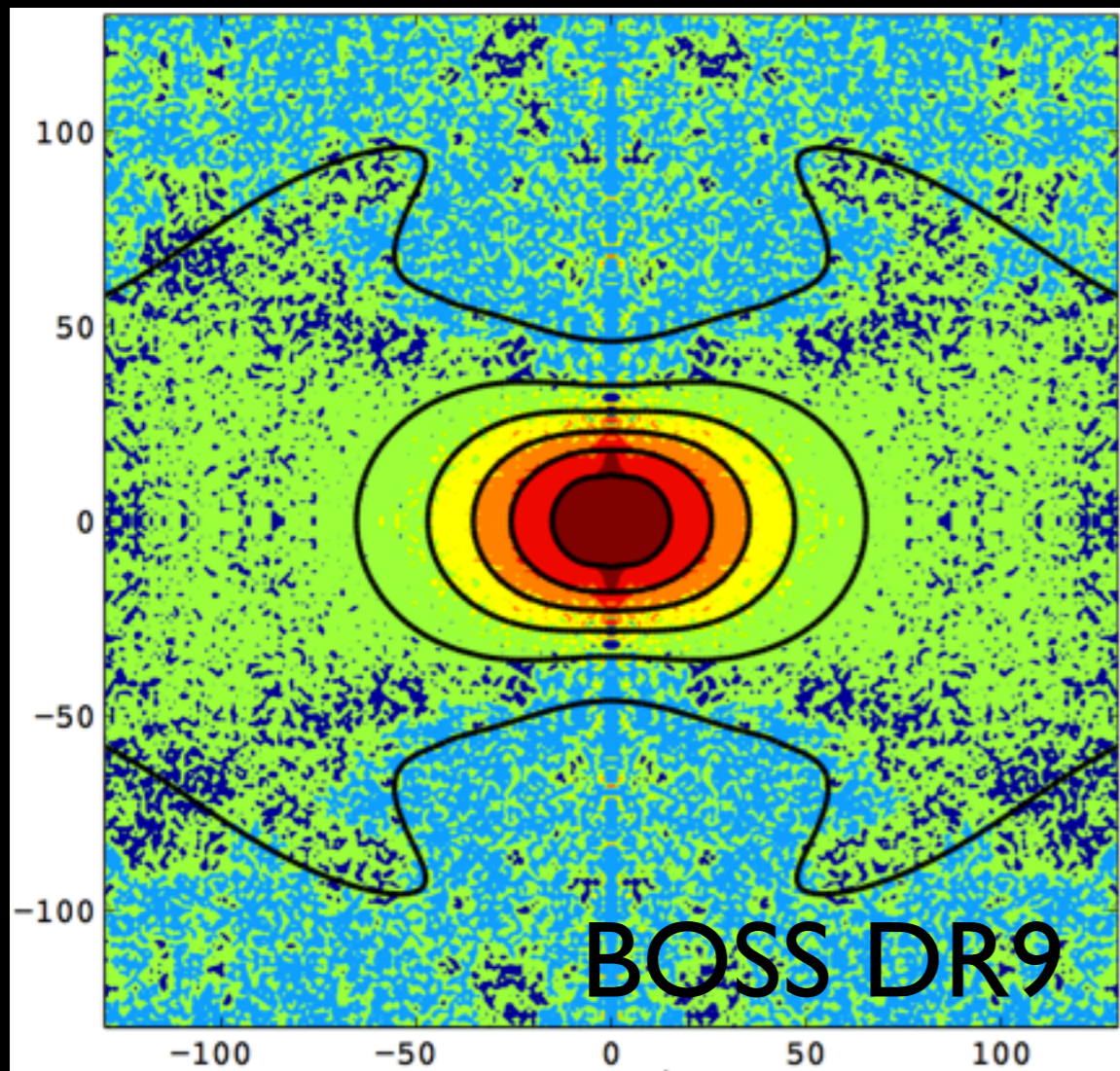


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Future prospects

- Including 2d broadband $P(k)/\xi(r)$ increases DETF FOM by factor of $\sim 2-4$ and allows modified gravity tests using RSD, if we can control the theoretical uncertainties

DR11 coming soon...



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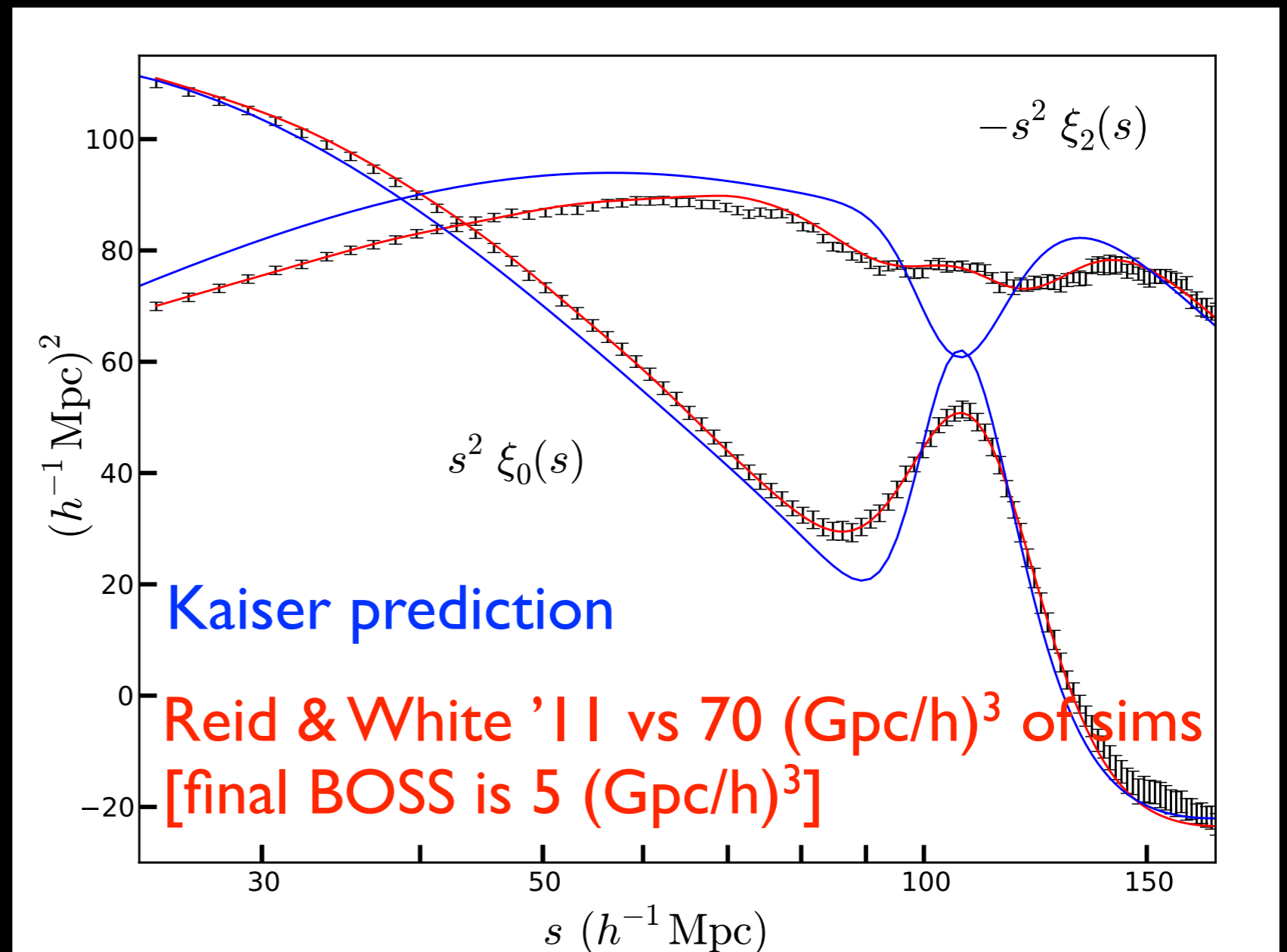
Modeling the full shape of $\xi_{0,2}$ (Reid & White 2011)

- $b\sigma_8, f\sigma_8$ determine amplitude of $\xi_{0,2}$

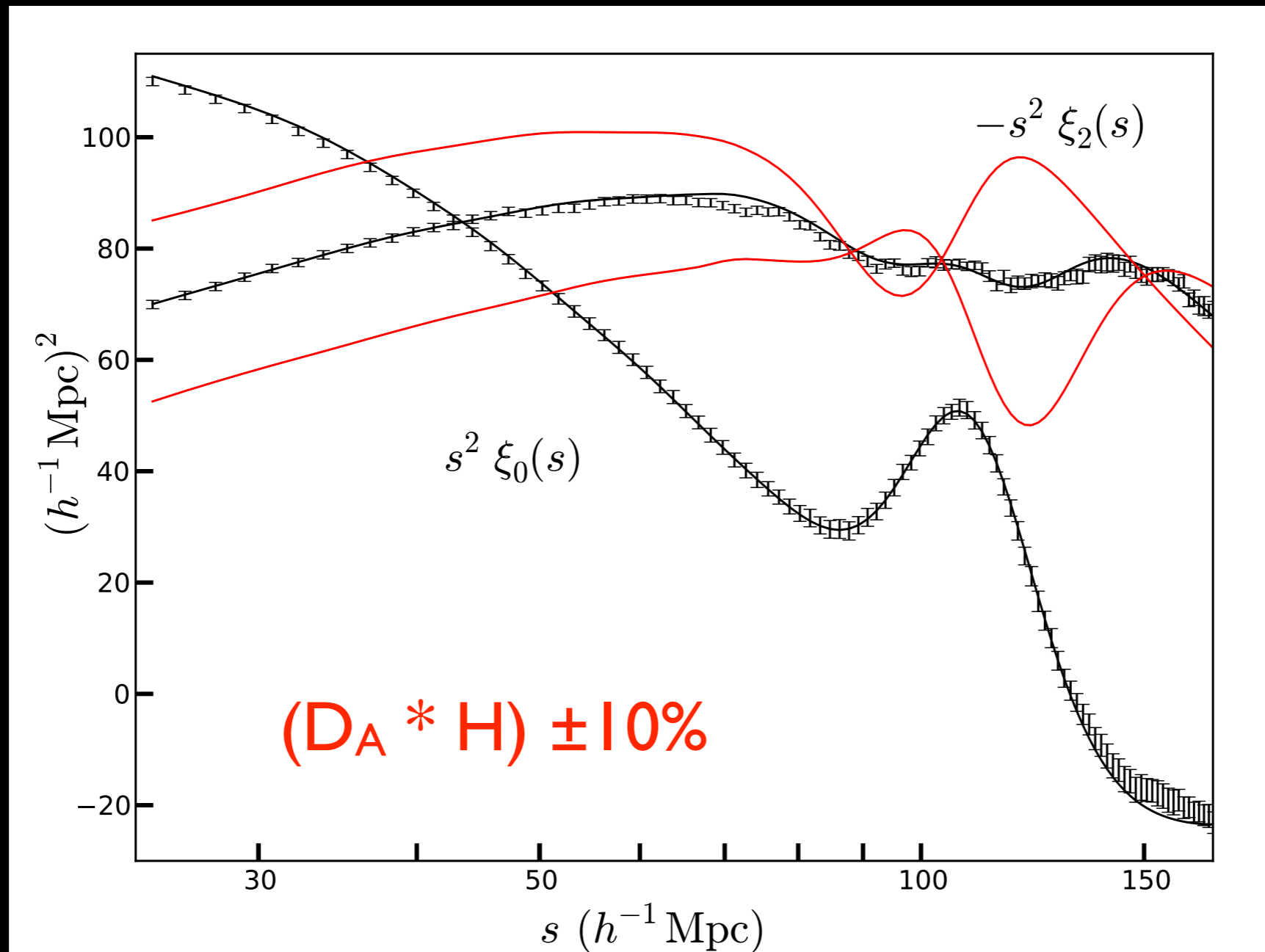
σ_8 : amplitude of matter fluctuations

b : unknown conversion factor between galaxy and matter fluctuations

$f = d \ln \sigma_8 / d \ln a$; conversion factor between matter and velocity fluctuations



Alcock-Paczynski has different scale-dependence, distinguishable from RSD



Dark Energy or modified gravity?

- Our strongest evidence for DE is from geometric measures: SNIa, BAO, H_0 + distance to CMB, *AP*, ...
[probes *homogeneous* universe]
- We can distinguish modified gravity from exotic fluid in GR as the reason for cosmic acceleration by the *growth* of *inhomogeneities*

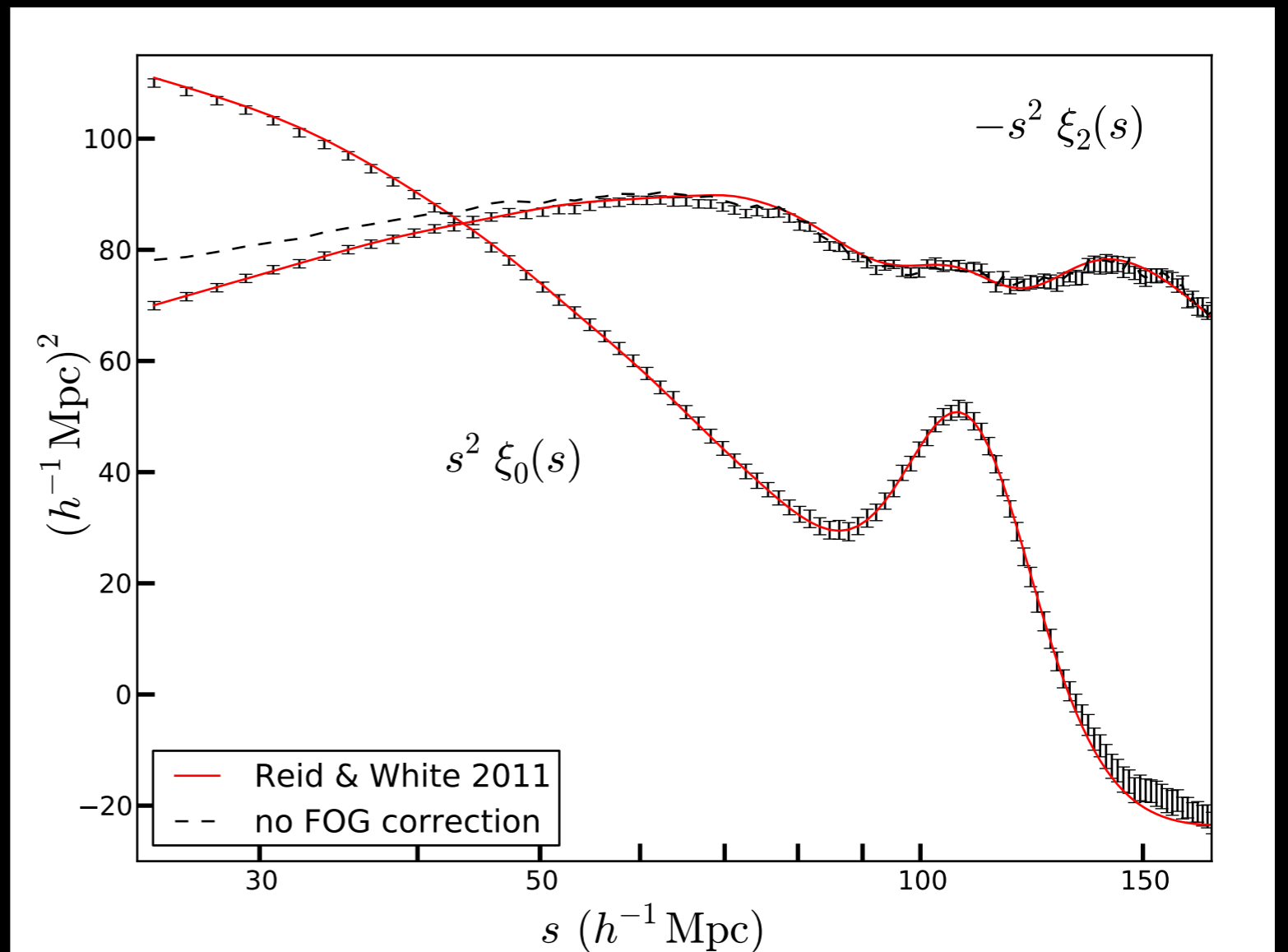
growth in GR:

$$\frac{d^2 G}{d \ln a^2} + \left(2 + \frac{d \ln H}{d \ln a} \right) \frac{dG}{d \ln a} = \frac{3}{2} \Omega_m(a) G$$

Effect of intrahalo satellite velocities (aka “Fingers of God”)

DR9 Battle plan:
marginalize over
nuisance parameter
 σ^2_{FOG} with hard prior
informed by small-
scale galaxy clustering

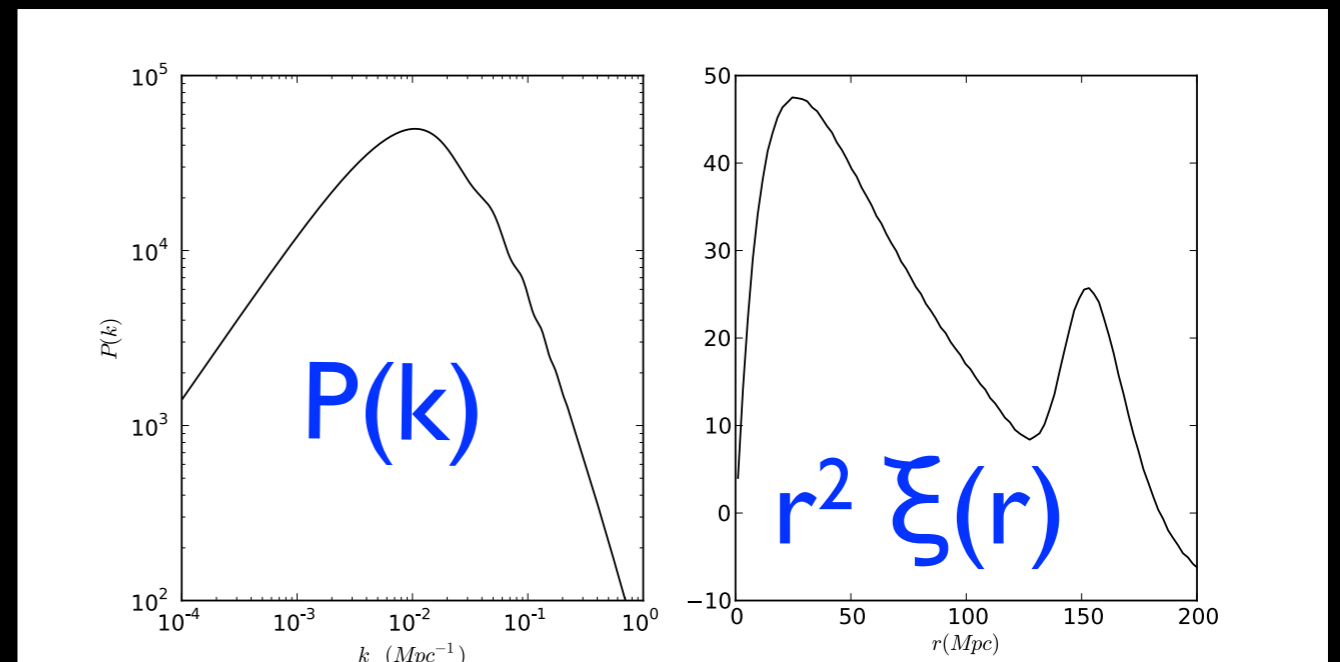
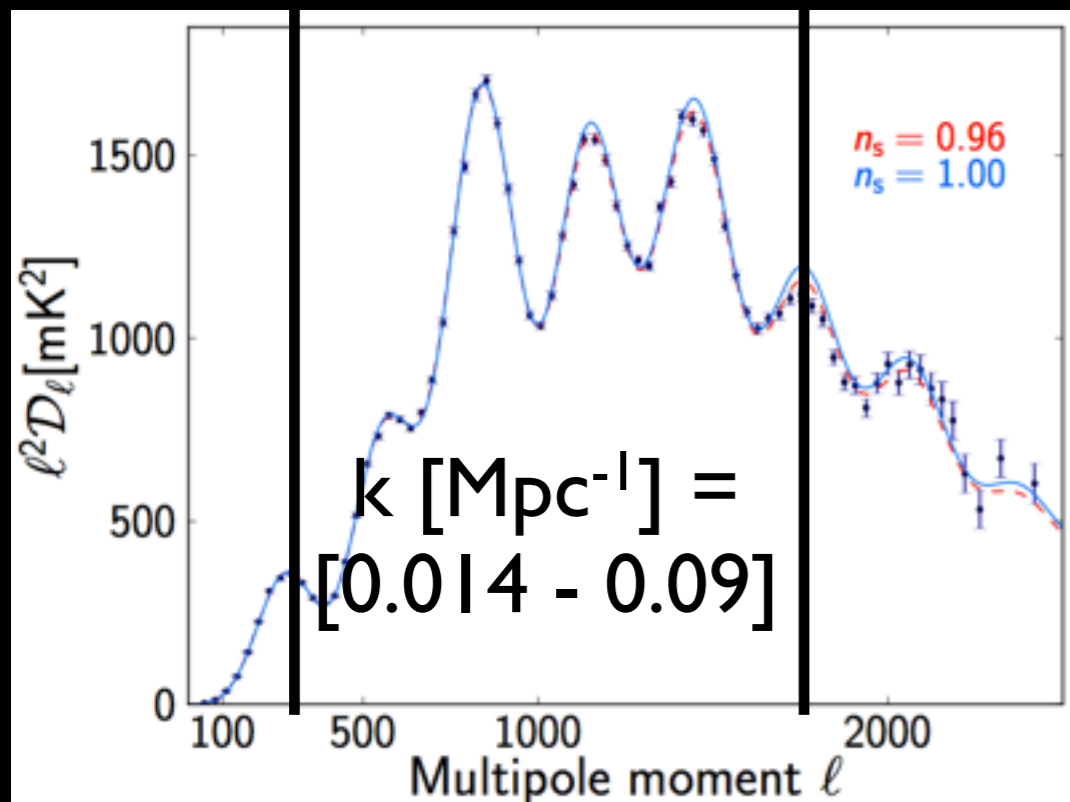
DRx: derive FOG
velocity distribution
directly from observed
small-scale clustering



CMB precisely predicts full $P(k)$, not just BAO feature

photon-baryon fluid

dark matter dominated



Mpc^{-1}

Mpc

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