

# Systematics: Experience from BOSS

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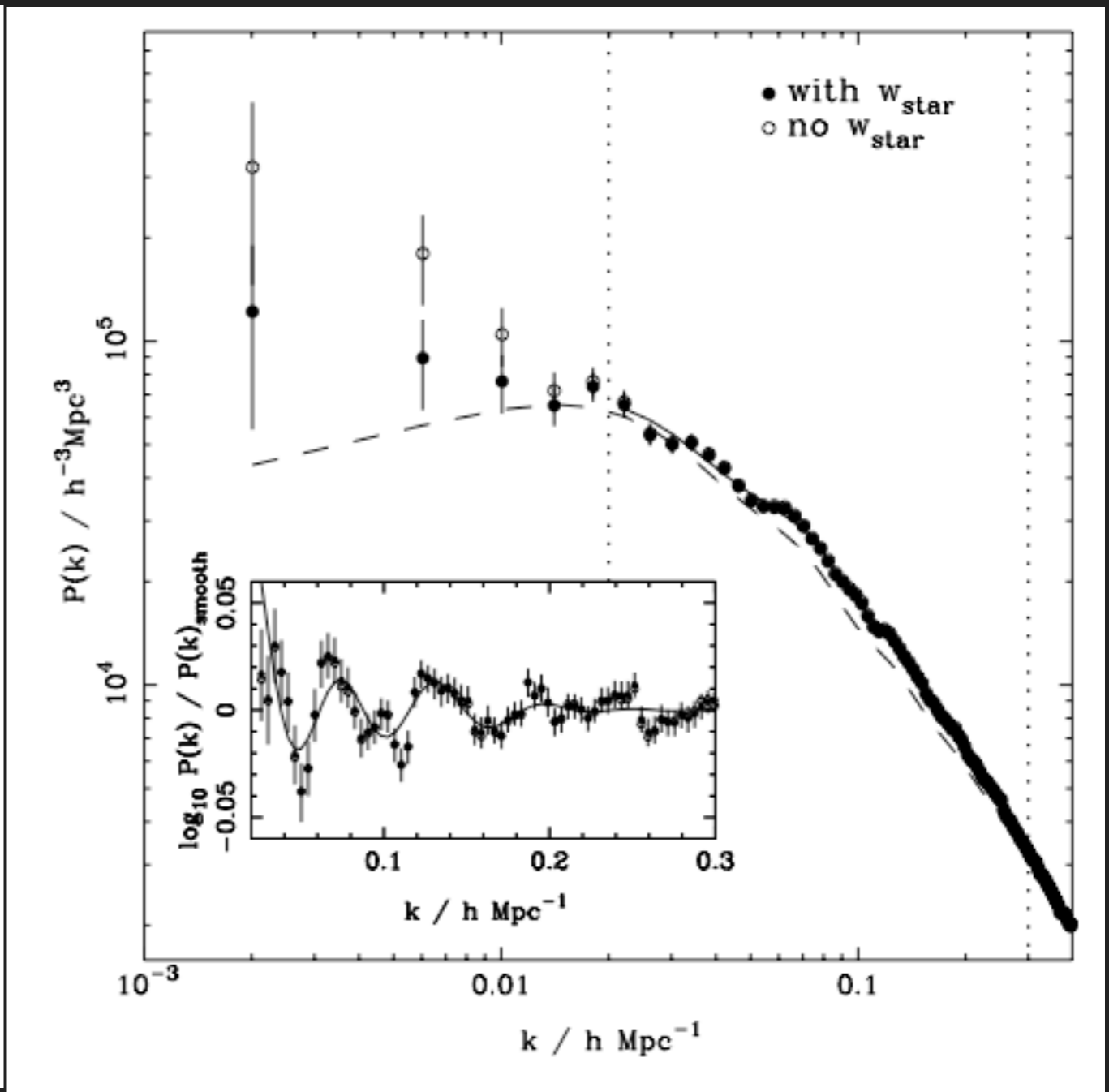
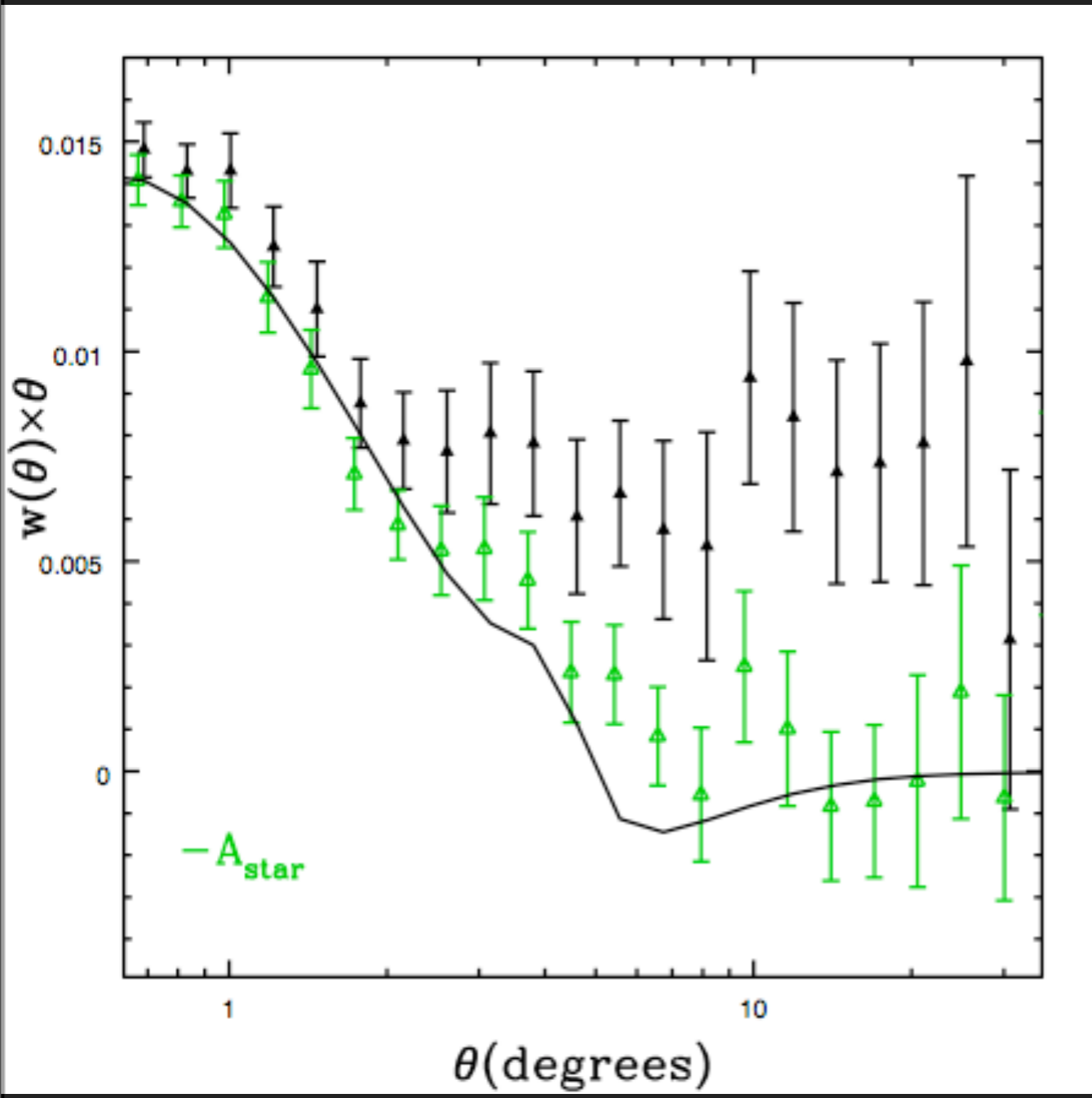
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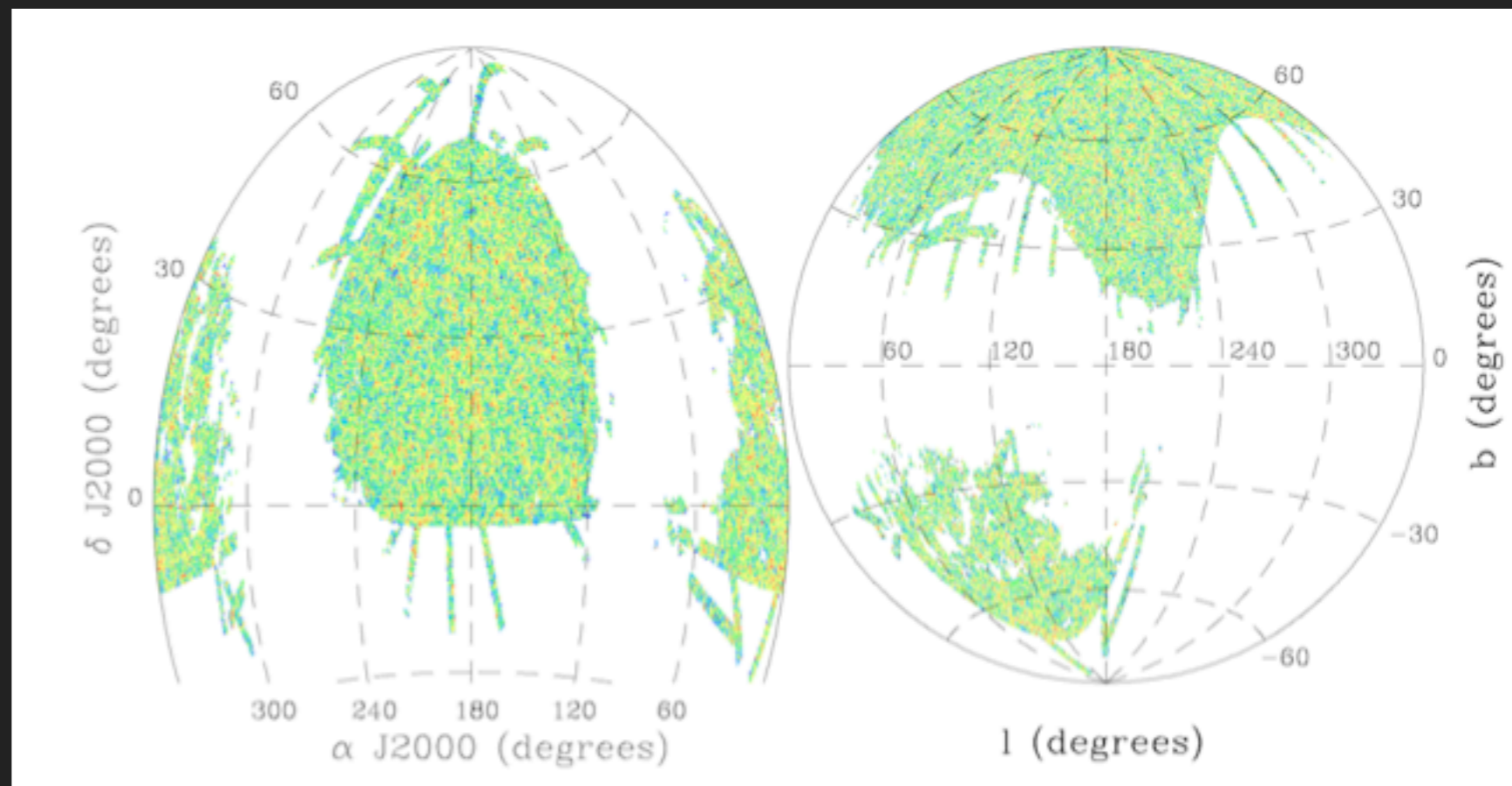


# Outline

- BOSS data samples
  - photoz and specz
- Observational systematics
  - Corrections
- $f_{NL}$  measurements

# BOSS-trained SDSS DR8 Photozs

- Used over 100,000 BOSS spectra
- Over 1,000,000 photozs over 10,000 sq degrees



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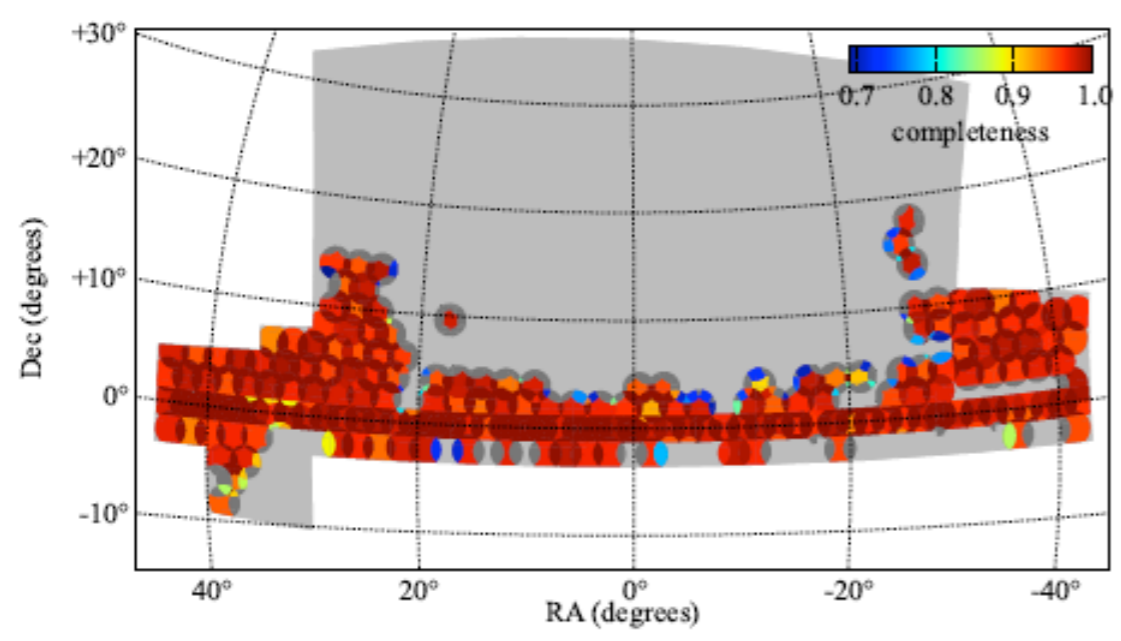
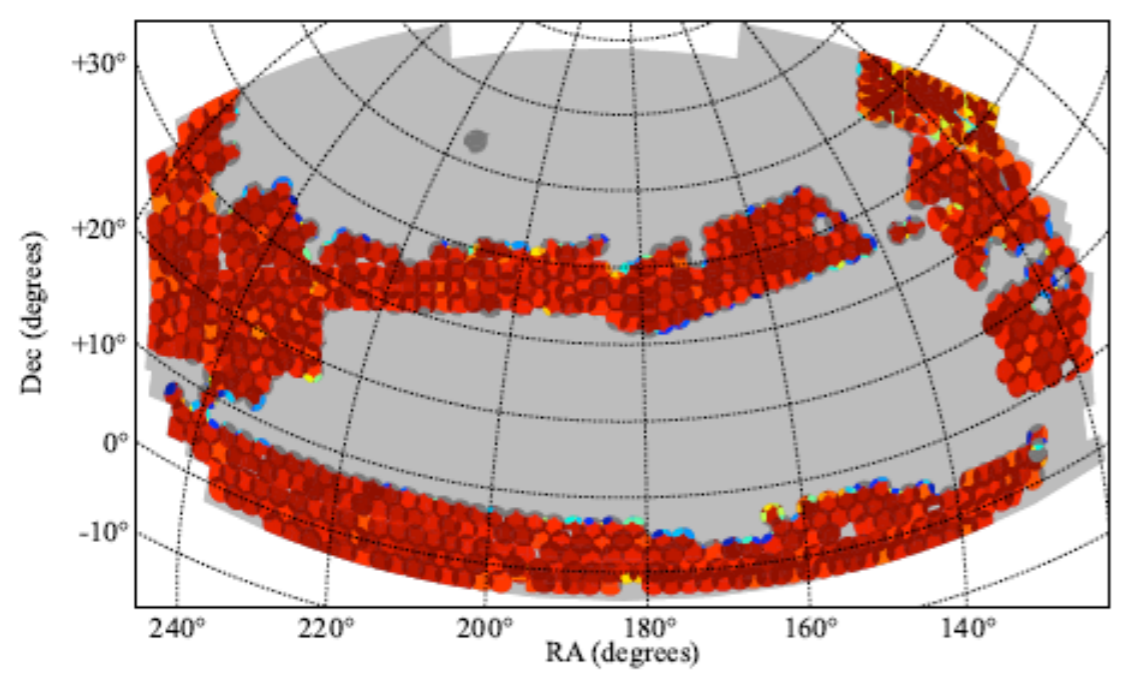
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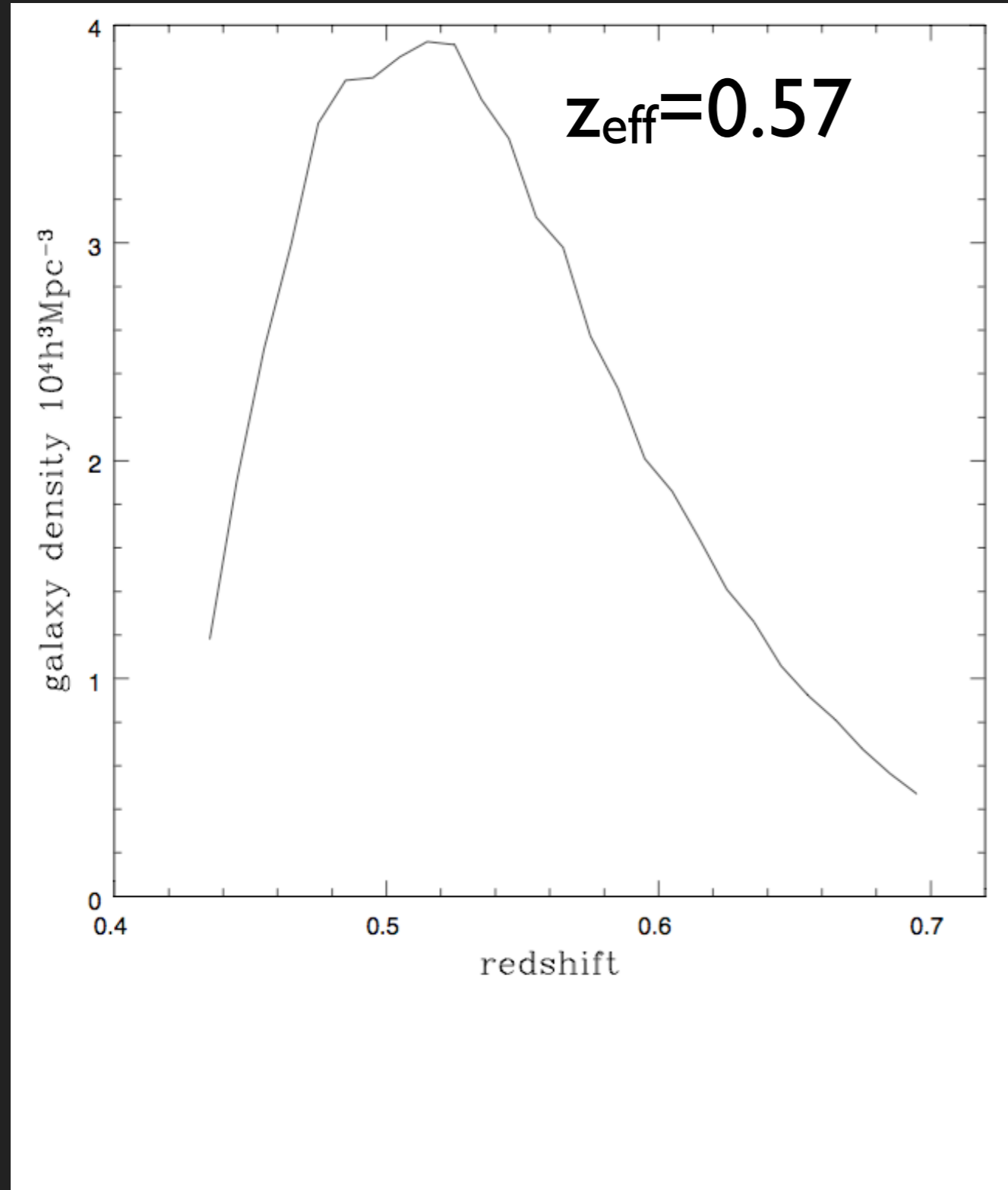
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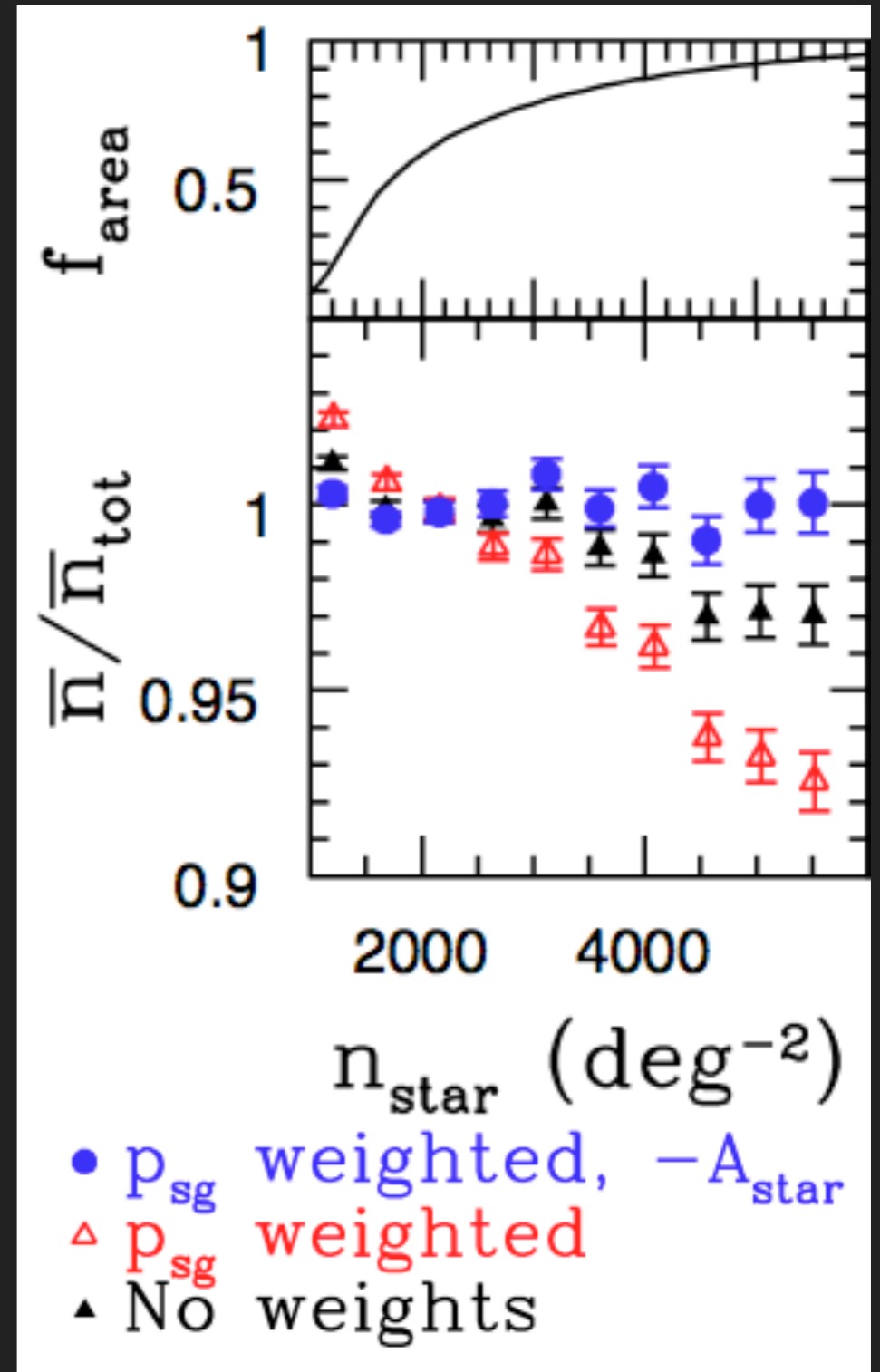
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# Observational Systematics

- Object classification
  - Star/galaxy/quasar
  - Use probabilities
- Galactic foregrounds
  - Stars, Galactic Extinction
- Observing conditions
  - Seeing, Sky Background, Airmass
- Photometric offsets, varying dust law?
  - See Schlafly et al. (2011a,b)
- Obtaining redshifts

# Stars

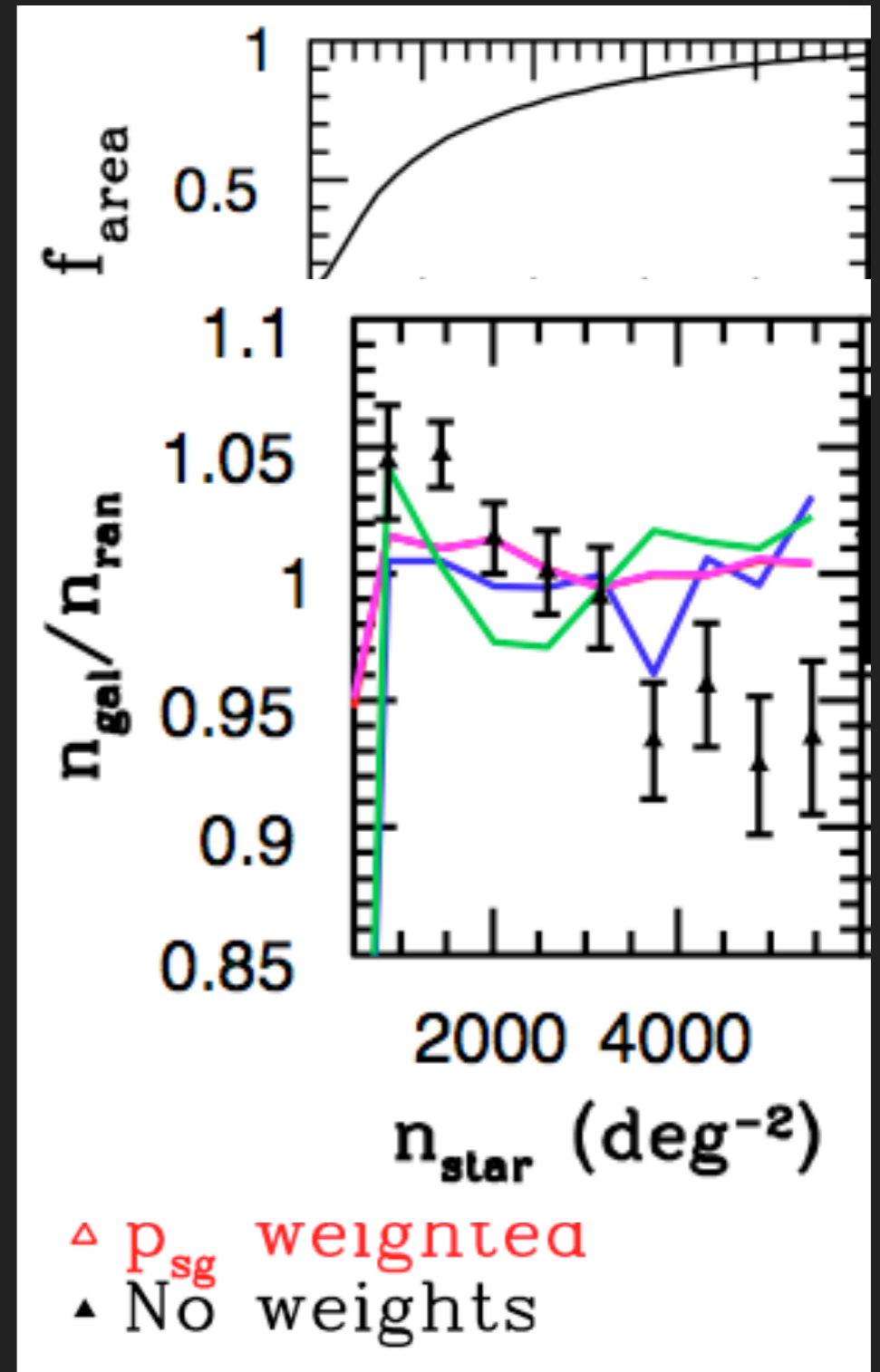
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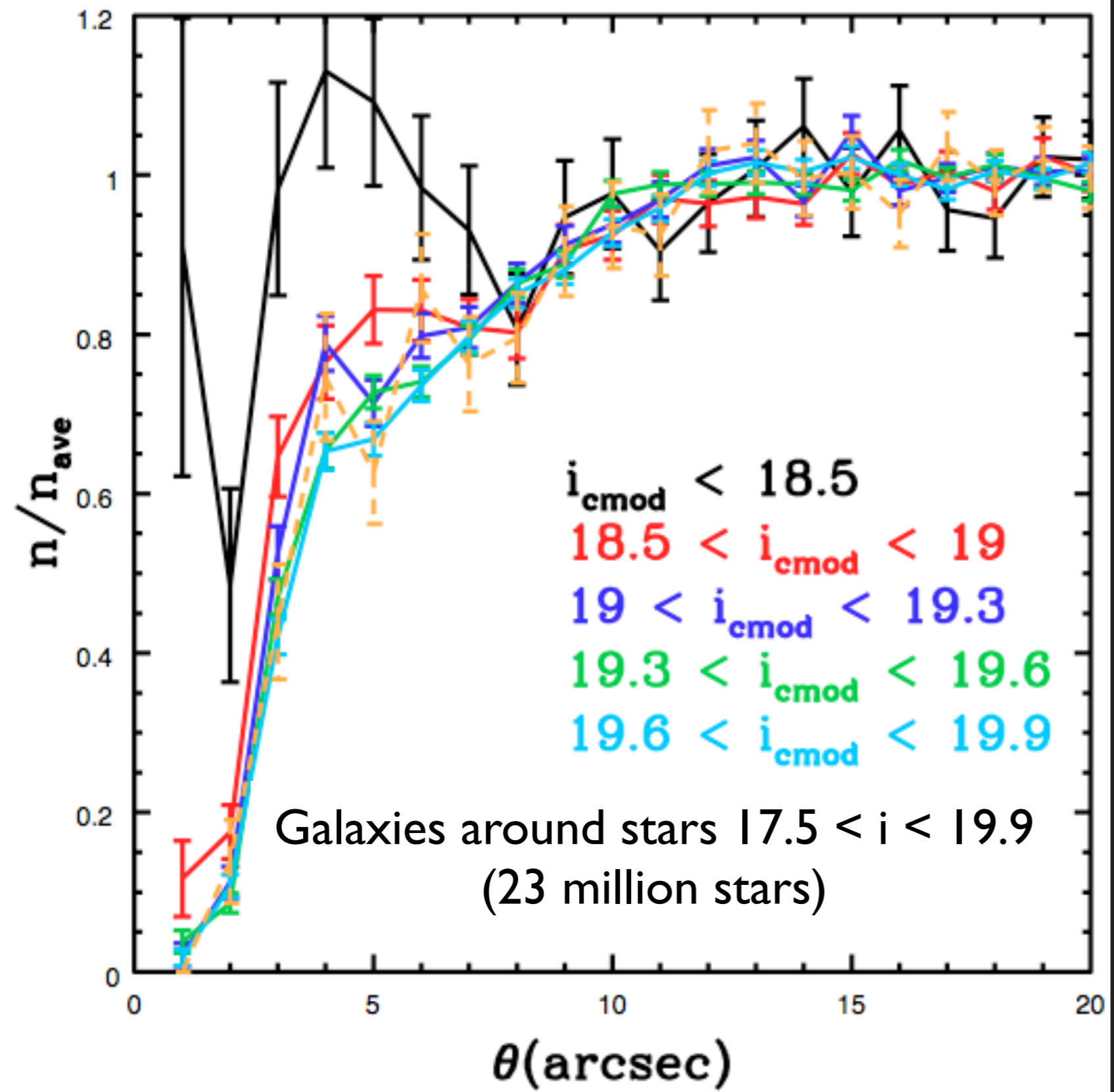


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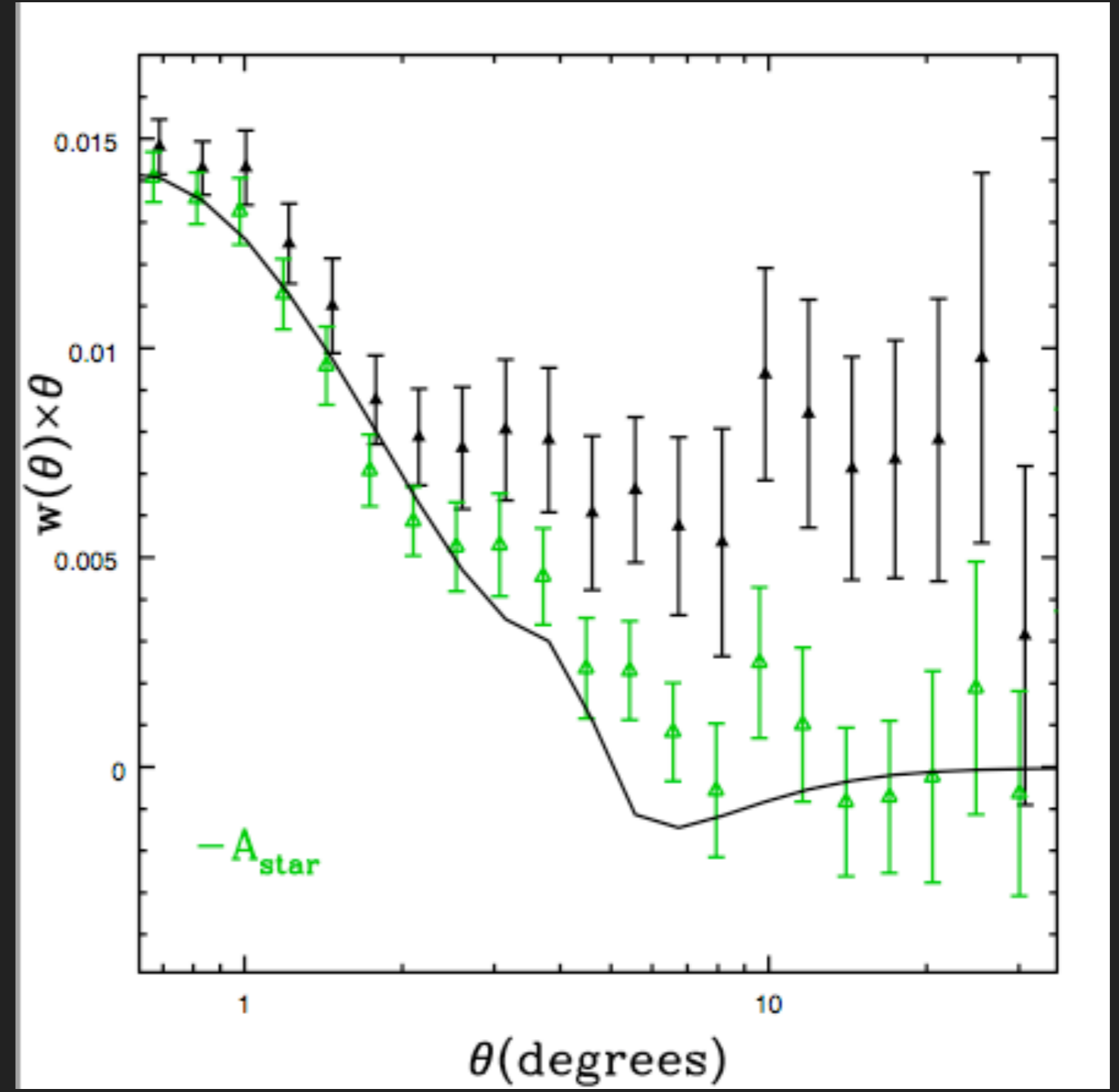
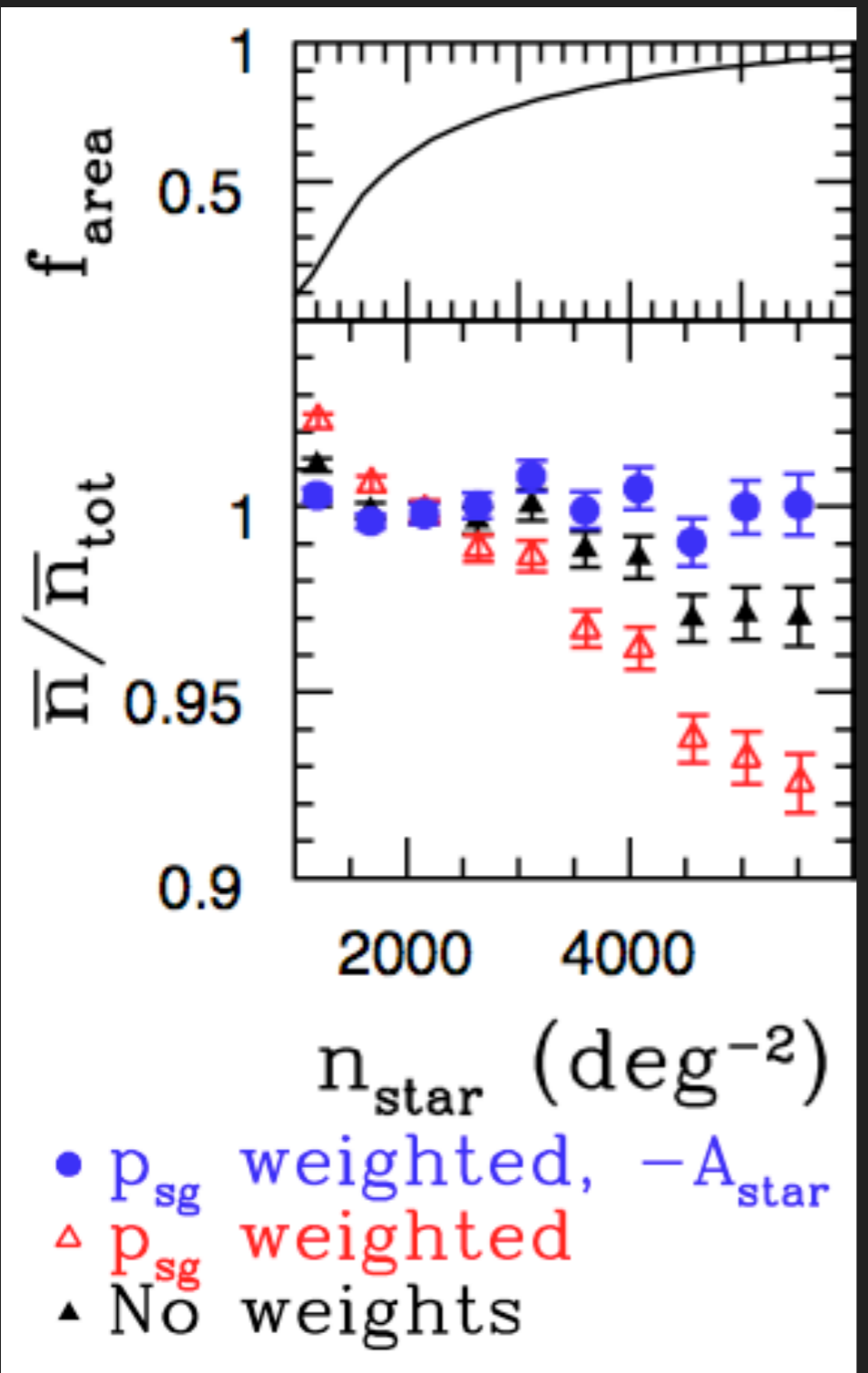
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# Stars Occult Area



# Correcting for Stars



# General Solution

- If you can make a map
- 1) Assume intrinsic cross-correlations are 0, subtract measured contribution
- 2) Assume intrinsic no local relationship, weight appropriately

# Corrections with Cross-correlations

$$\delta_g^o = \delta_g^t + \sum_i \epsilon_i \delta_i.$$

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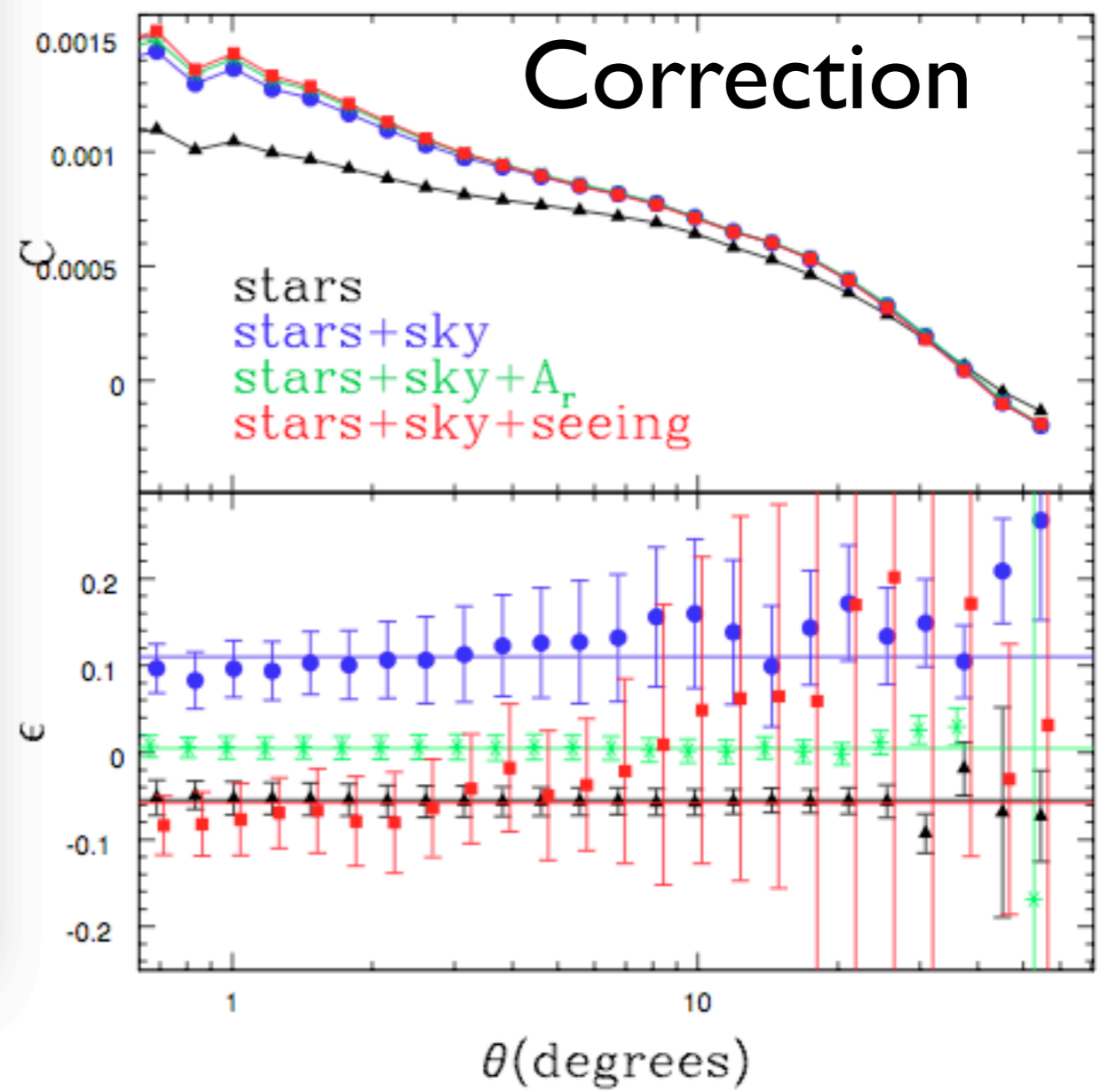
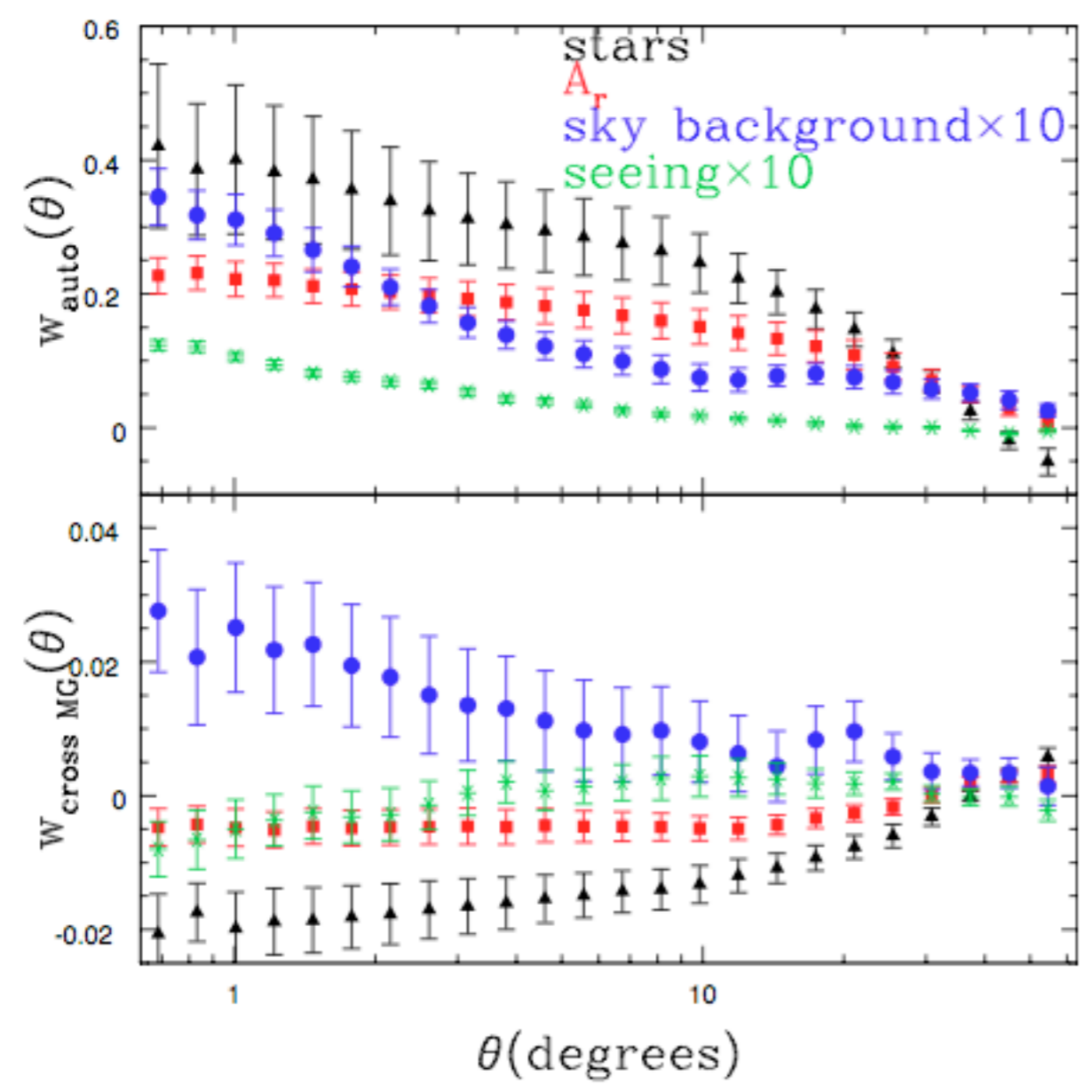
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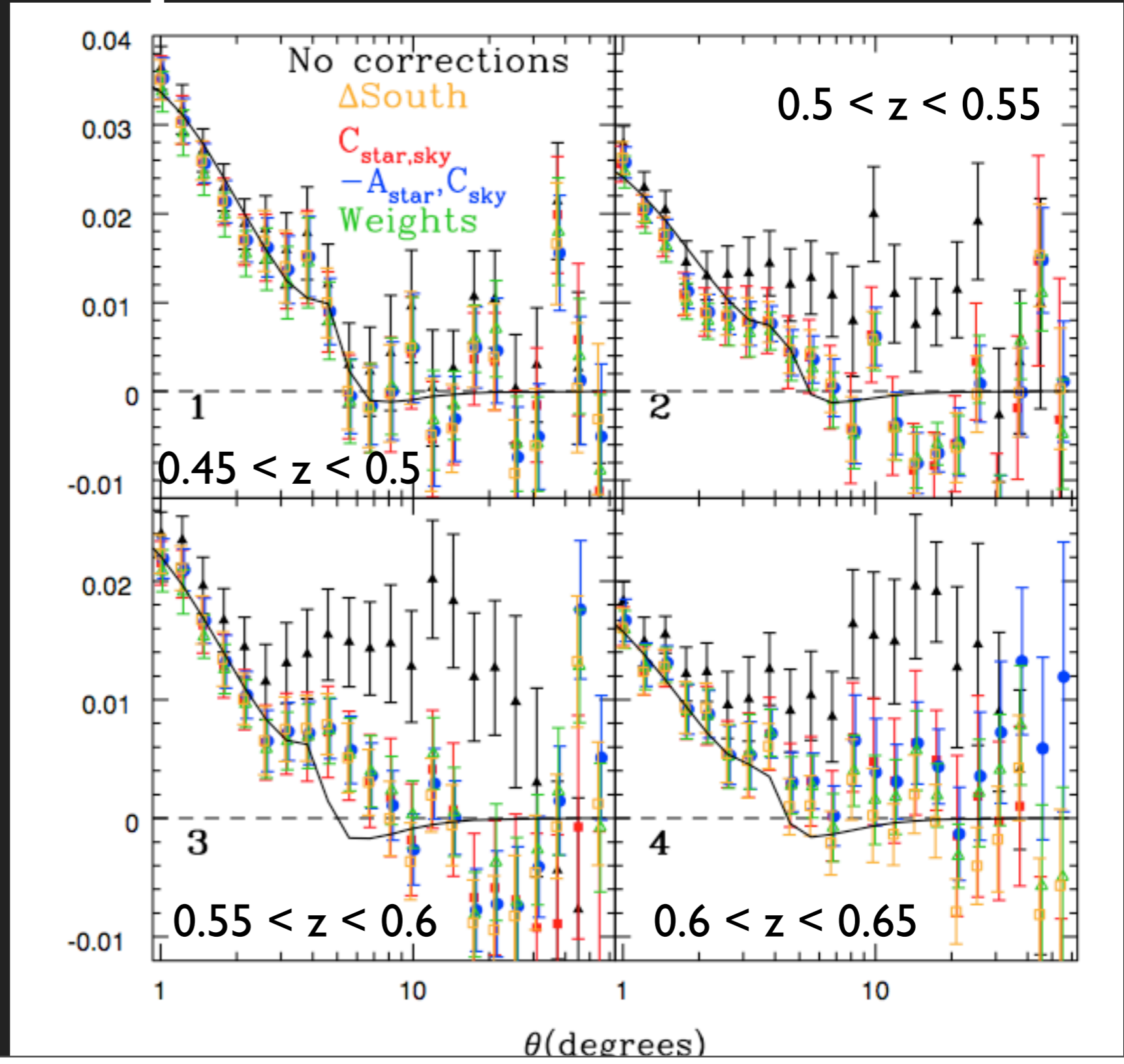
$$C = A^2 w_{sys} \sim (w_{g,sys}^2 / w_{sys})$$

# Auto-/cross-correlations



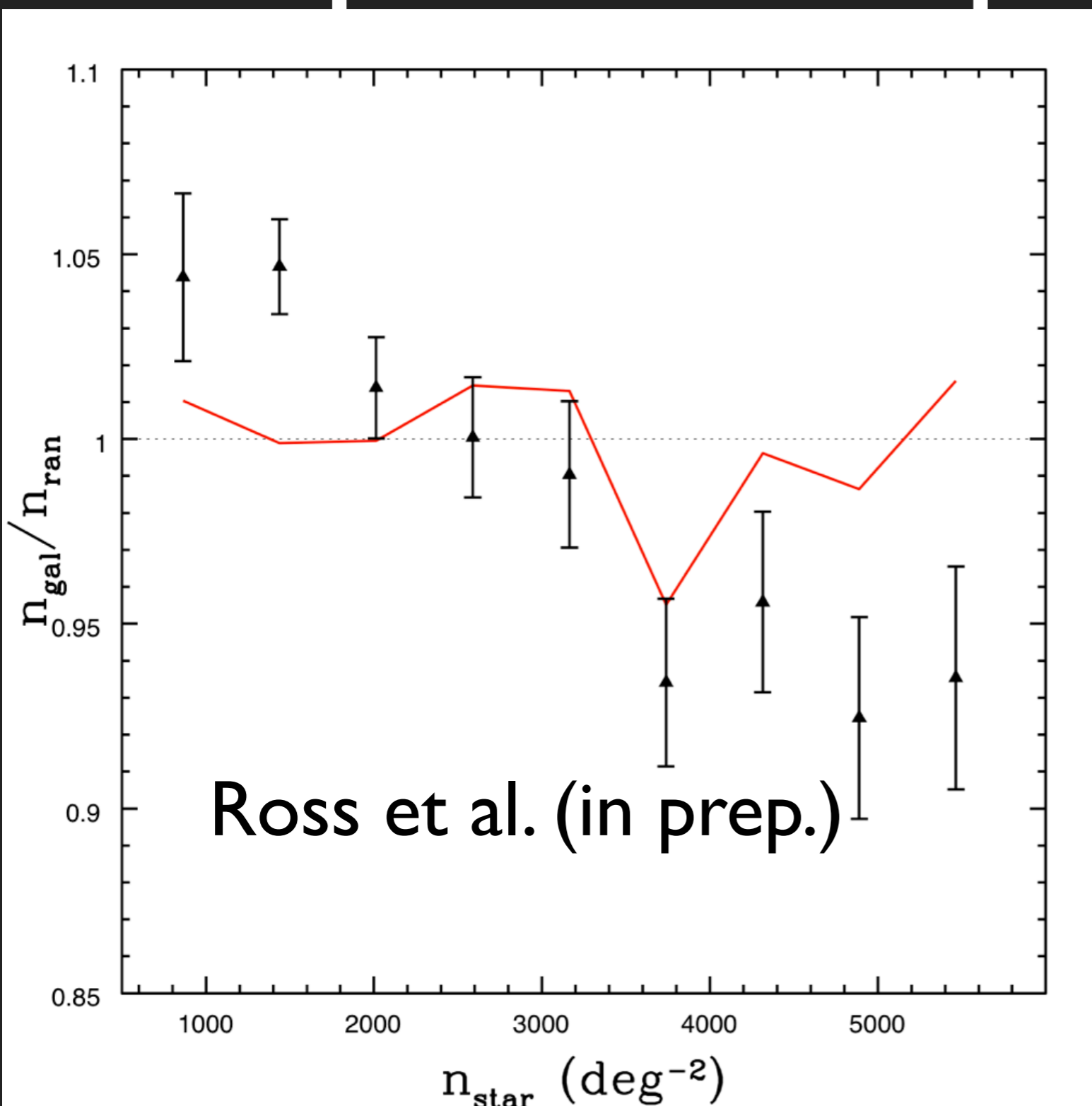
# $w(\theta)$ for photoz shells

- fit for bias with basic  $\Lambda$ CDM model
- with corrections:  $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f} = 0.79, 1.8, 0.99, 1.0$
- without corrections:  $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f} = 0.99, 3.9, 7.0, 6.4$



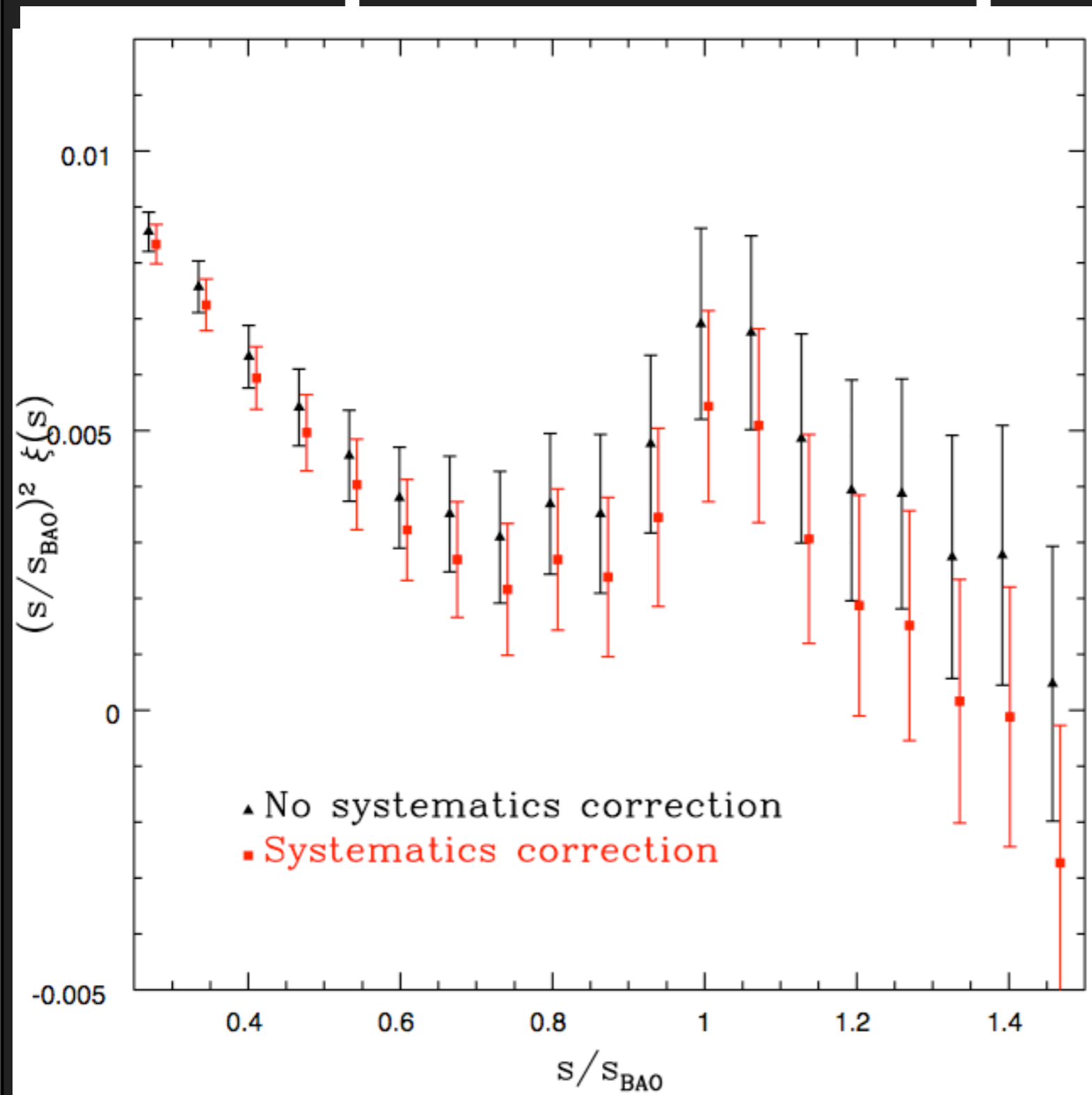


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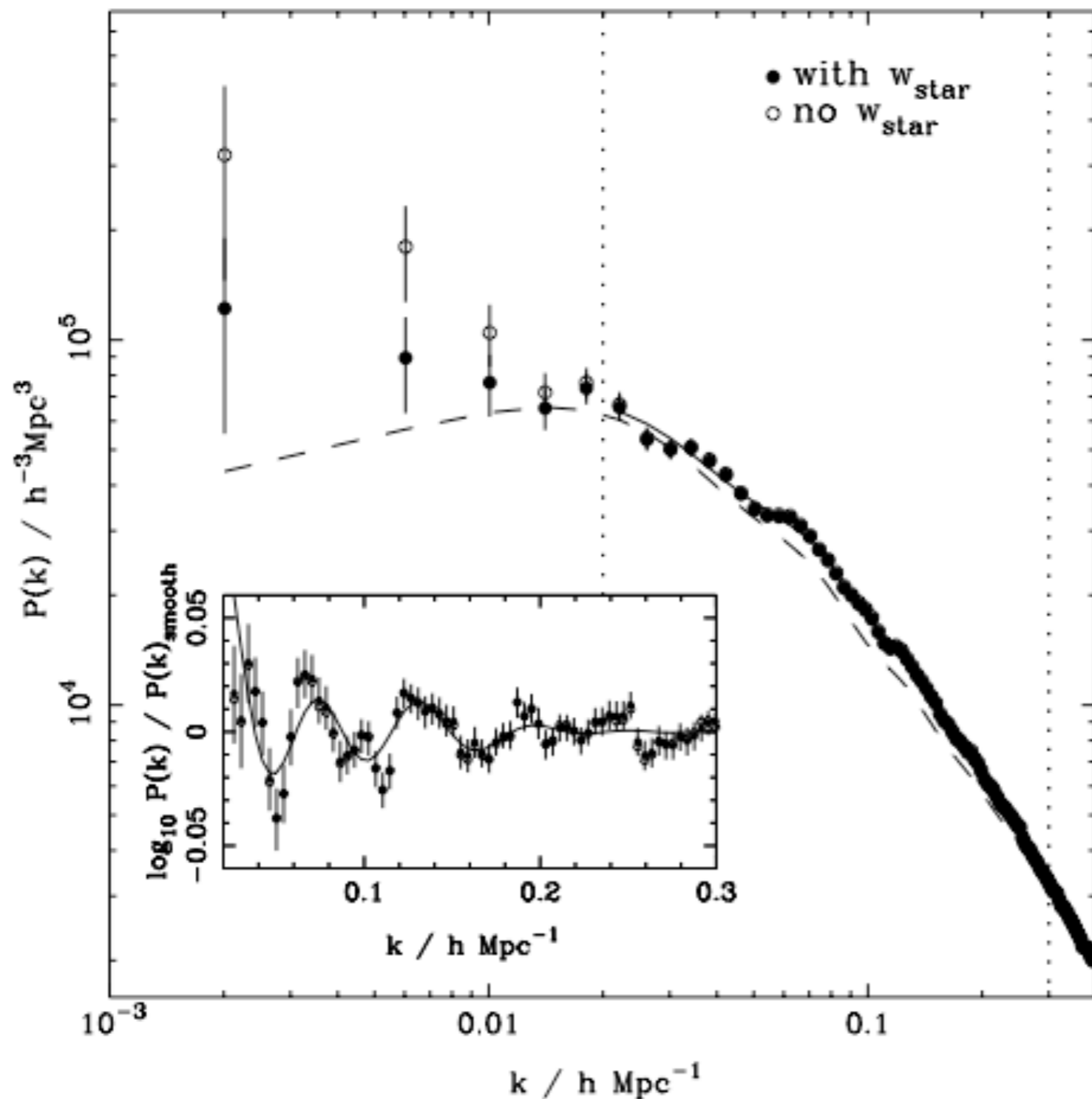
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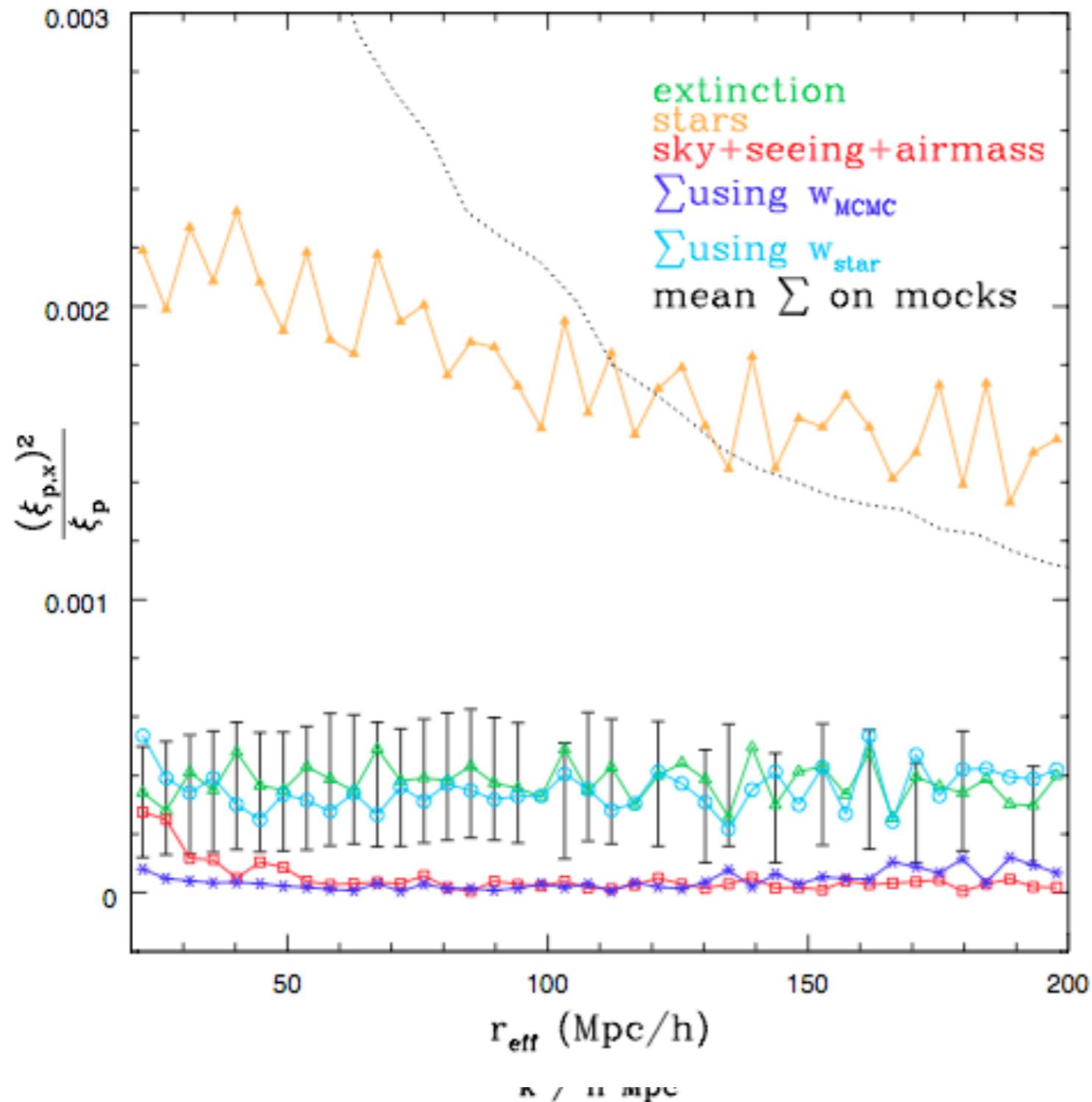
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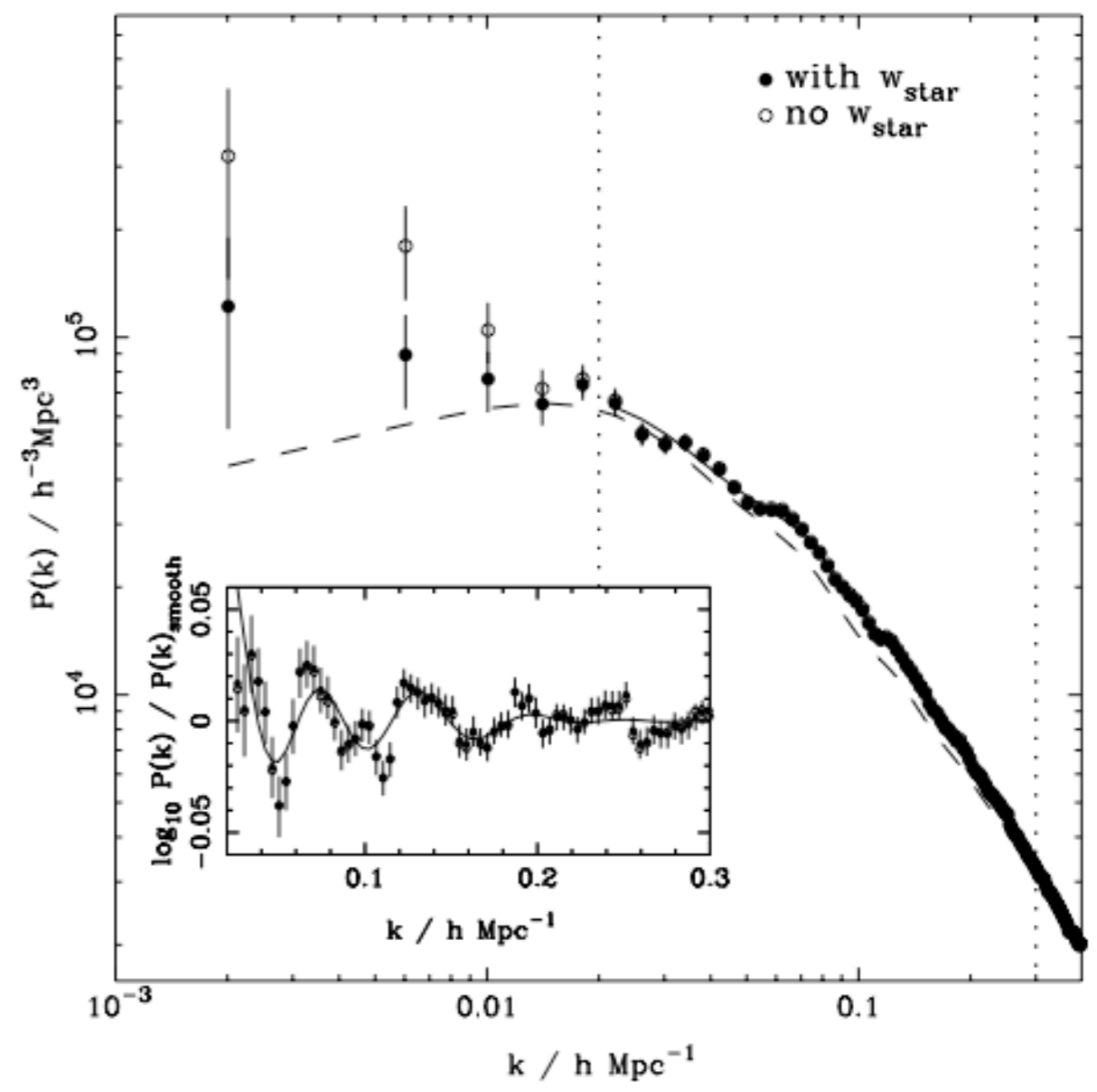
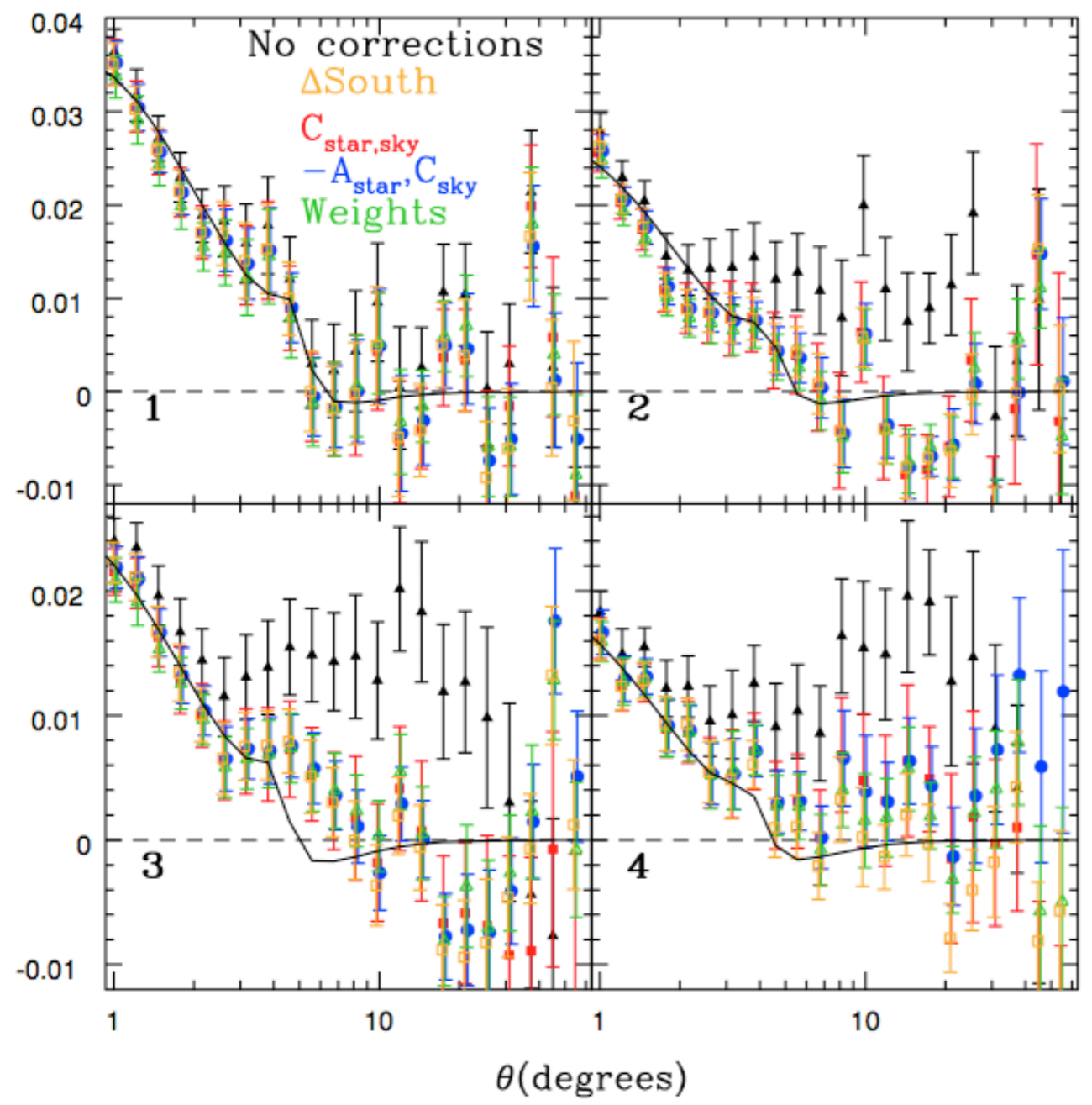
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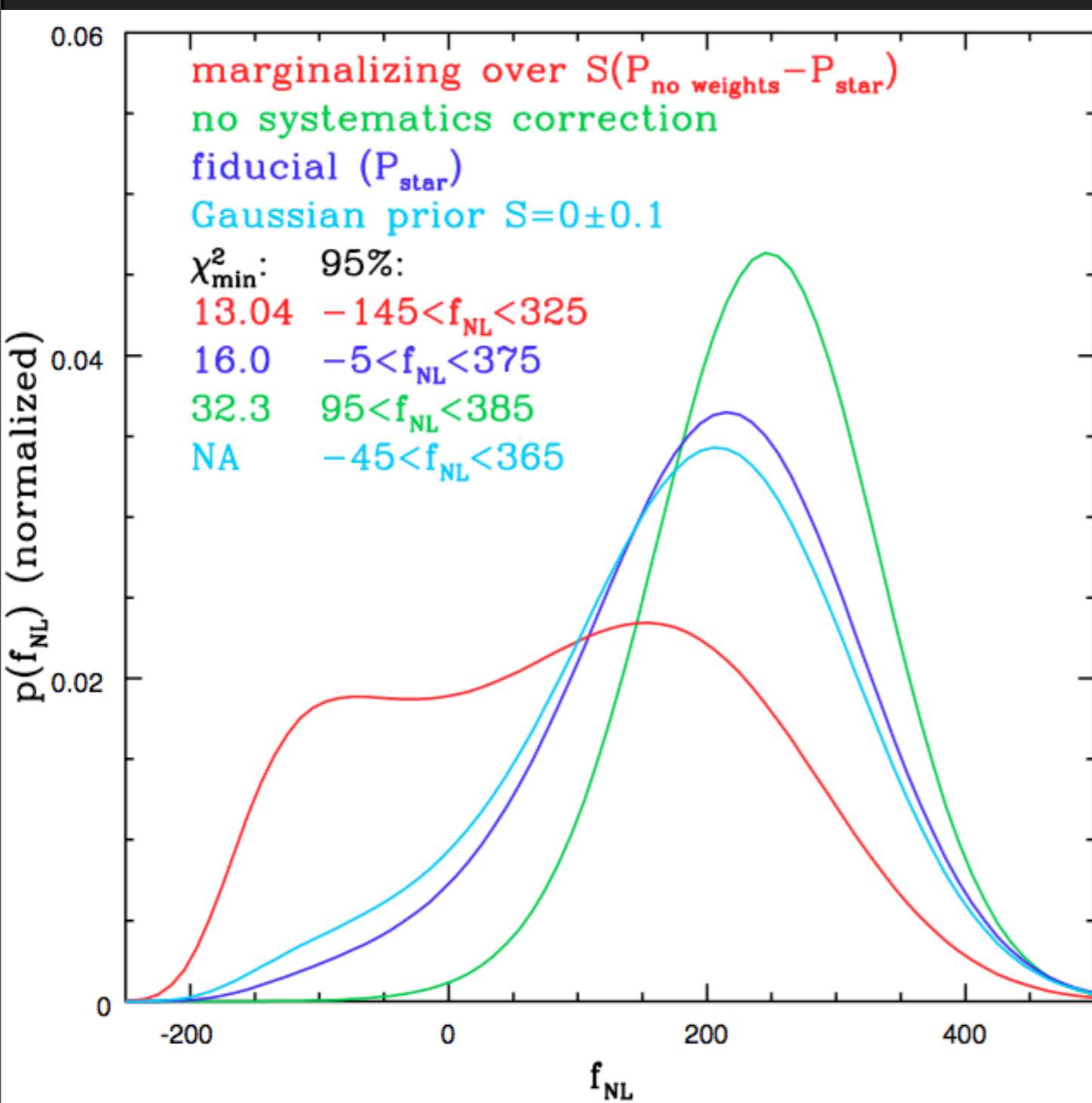


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# Clustering Estimators



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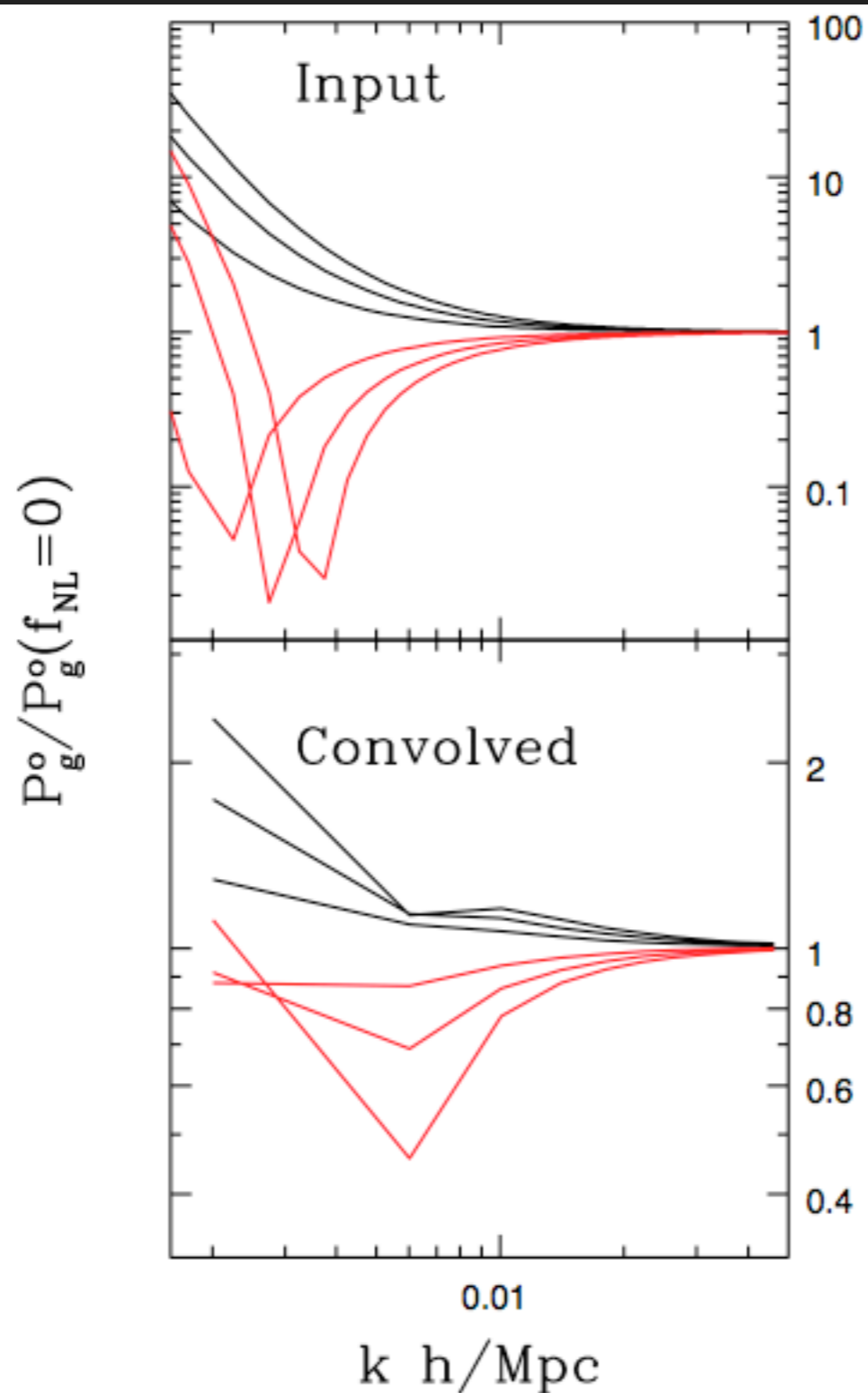
- Using  $P(k)$

$$\Delta b_{NG}(k) \propto f_{NL} \frac{3(b_{halo} - 1)\Omega_m \delta_c}{k^2 T(k) D(z)} \left( \frac{H_0}{c} \right)^2$$

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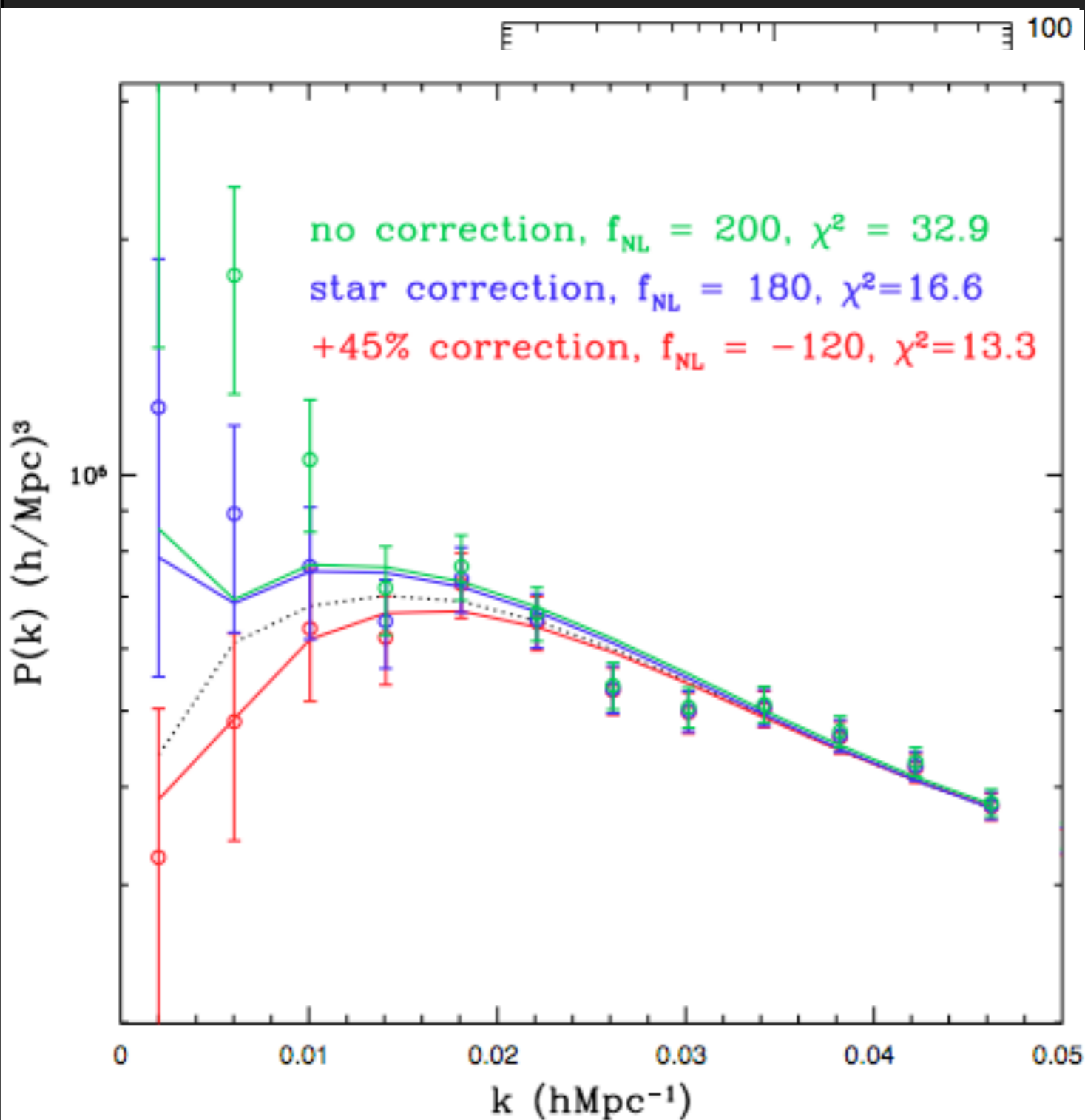


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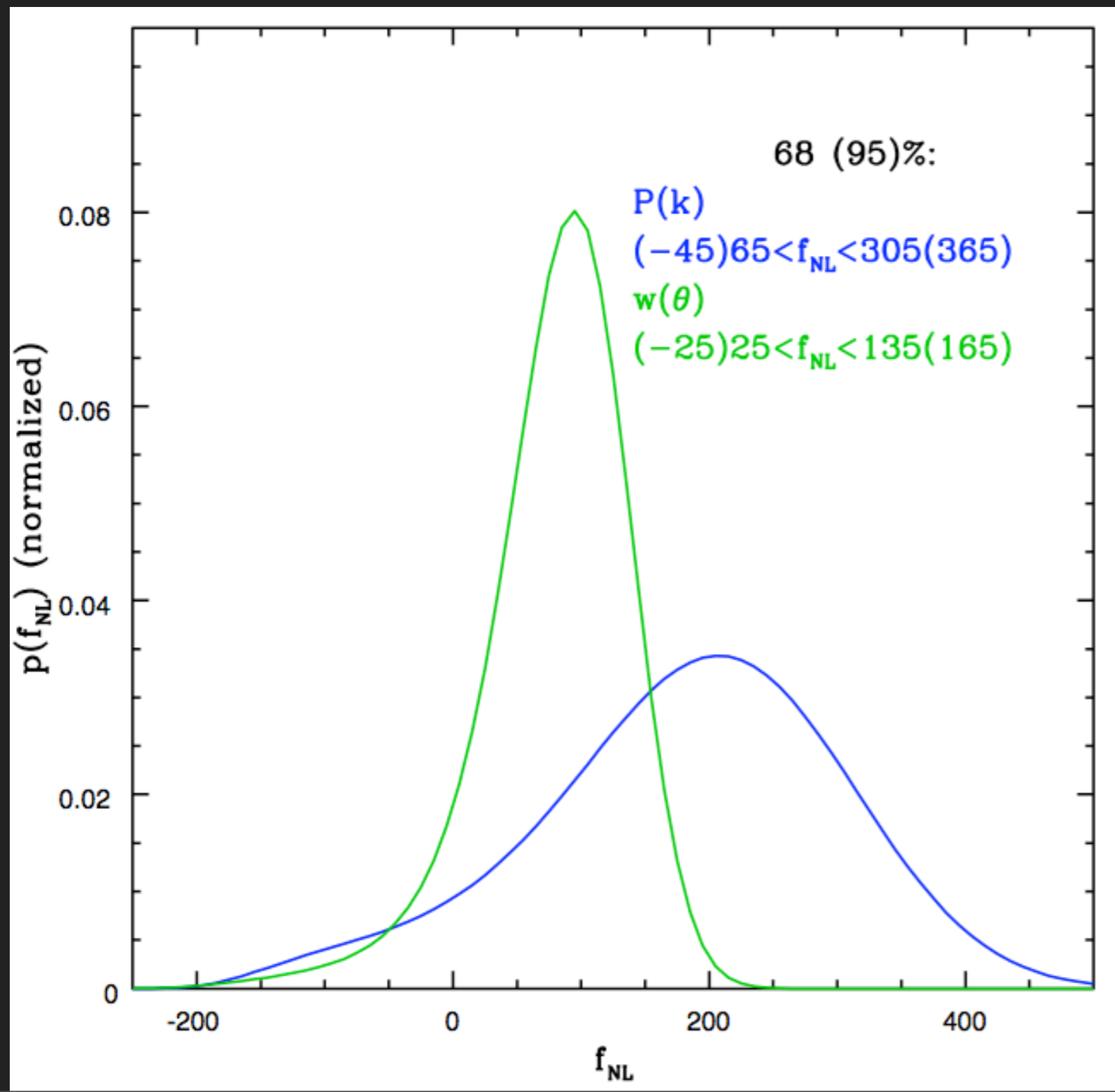
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# Comparison of Estimators



- photoz doing significantly better than spec
- (spec has 1/3 angular footprint)

# Conclusions

- (faint) foreground stars present challenge for all forthcoming surveys
- Systematic effect pretty degenerate with fNL
  - ...but utilizing all of the information, robust constraints can be obtained
- (BAO position appear robust to observational systematics)

# Model Correlation Functions

- redshift space correlation function (Halofit w/ linear RSD)
- $w(\theta)$ , project over  $n(z)$

$$w(\theta) = \int dz_1 \int dz_2 n(z_1) n(z_2) \xi^s(\mu, r_{ev}(\theta, z_1, z_2))$$

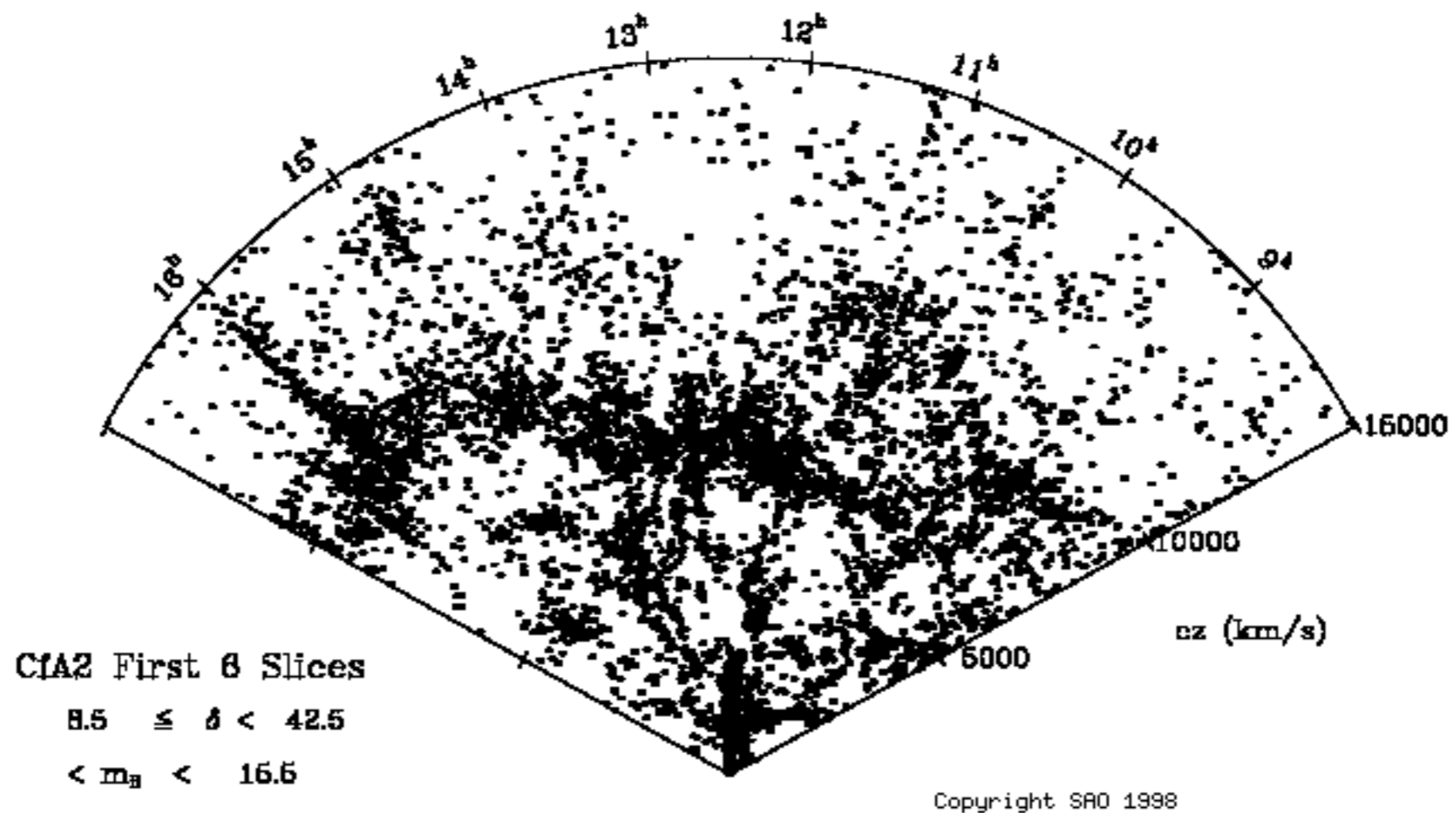
$$r_{ev}(\theta, z_1, z_2) = \sqrt{\chi^2(z_1) + \chi^2(z_2) - 2\chi(z_1)\chi(z_2)\cos\theta}$$

$$\mu = (\chi(z_1) - \chi(z_2))/r_{ev}$$

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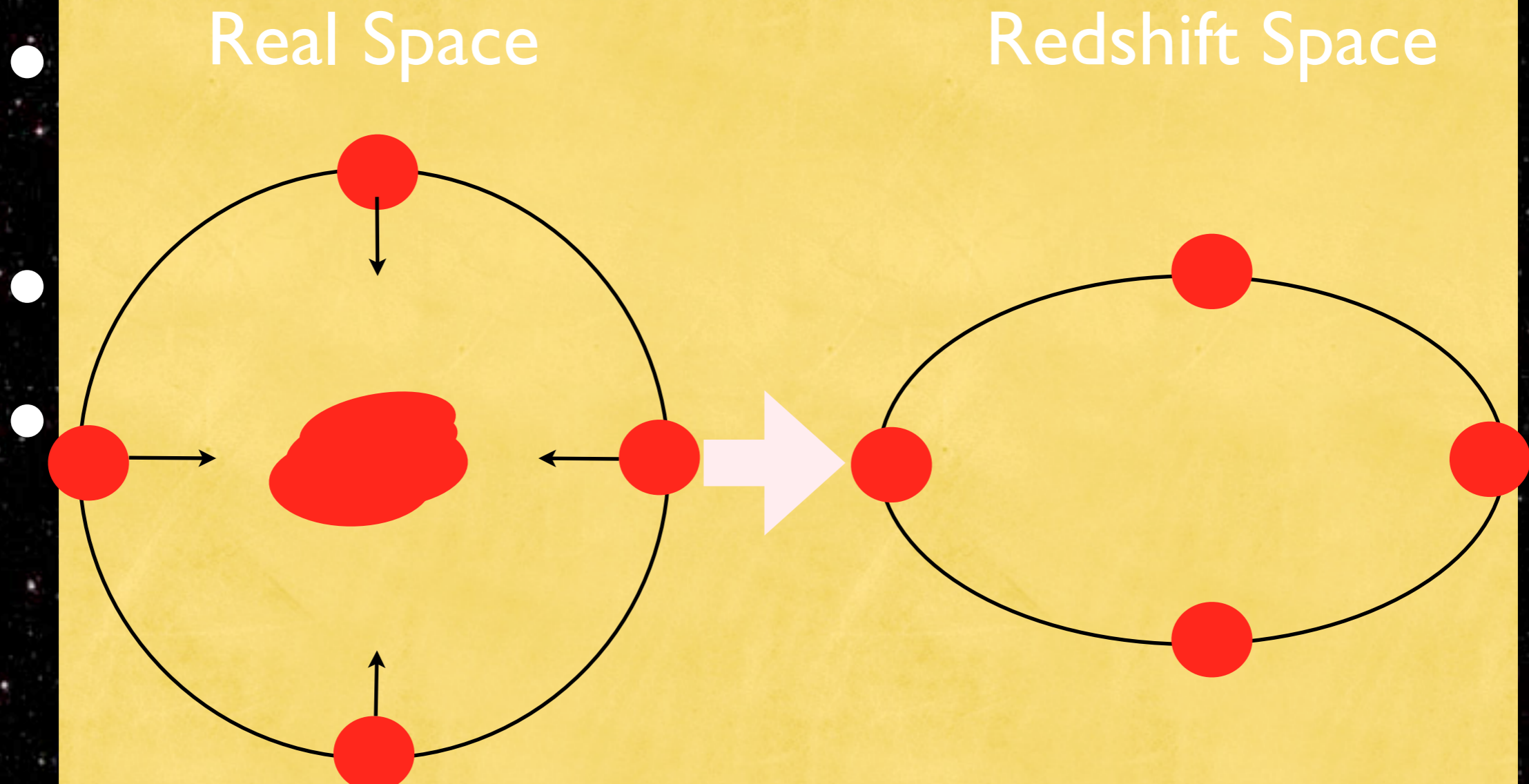


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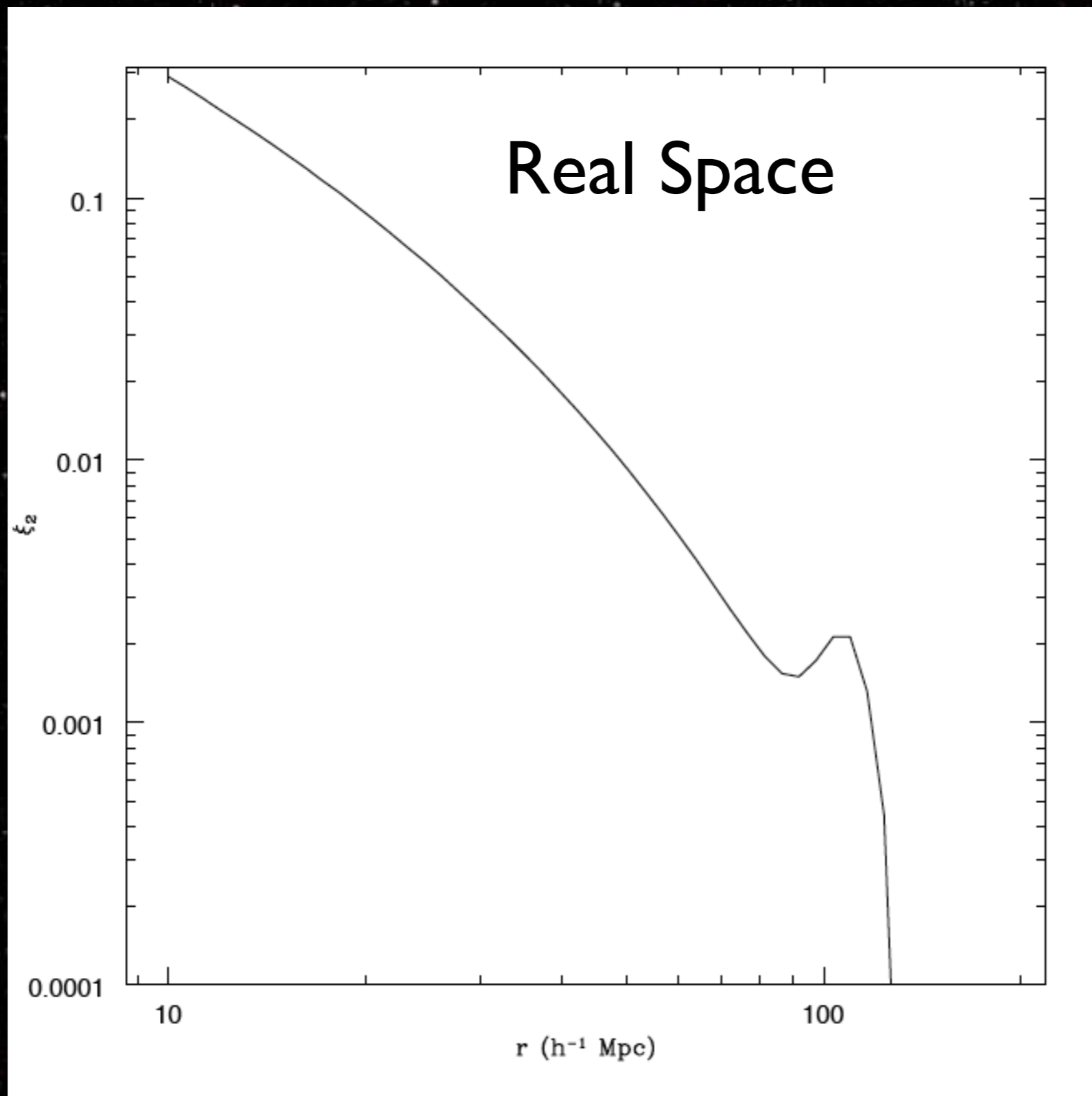


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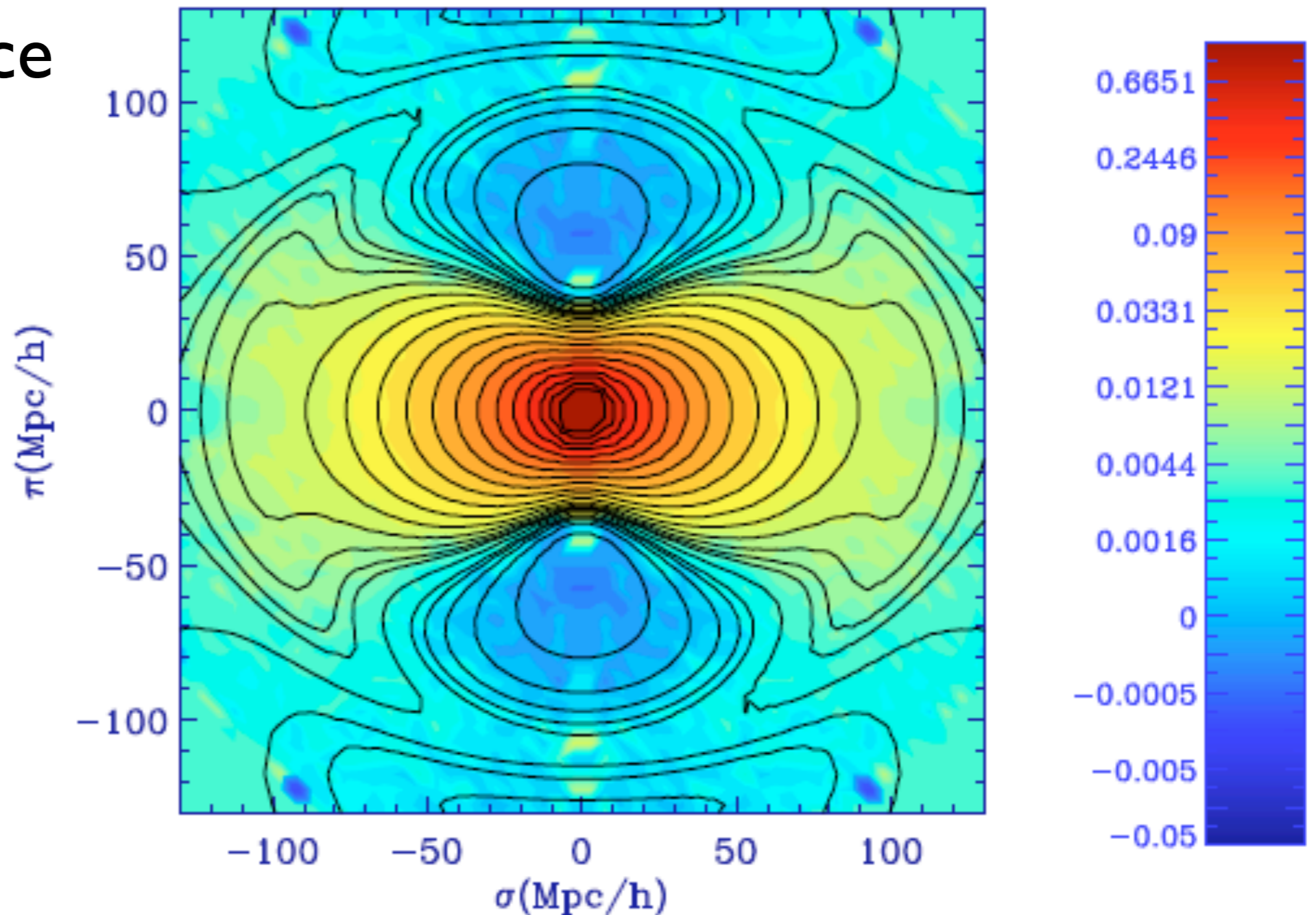




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Cabr e &  
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(2008)



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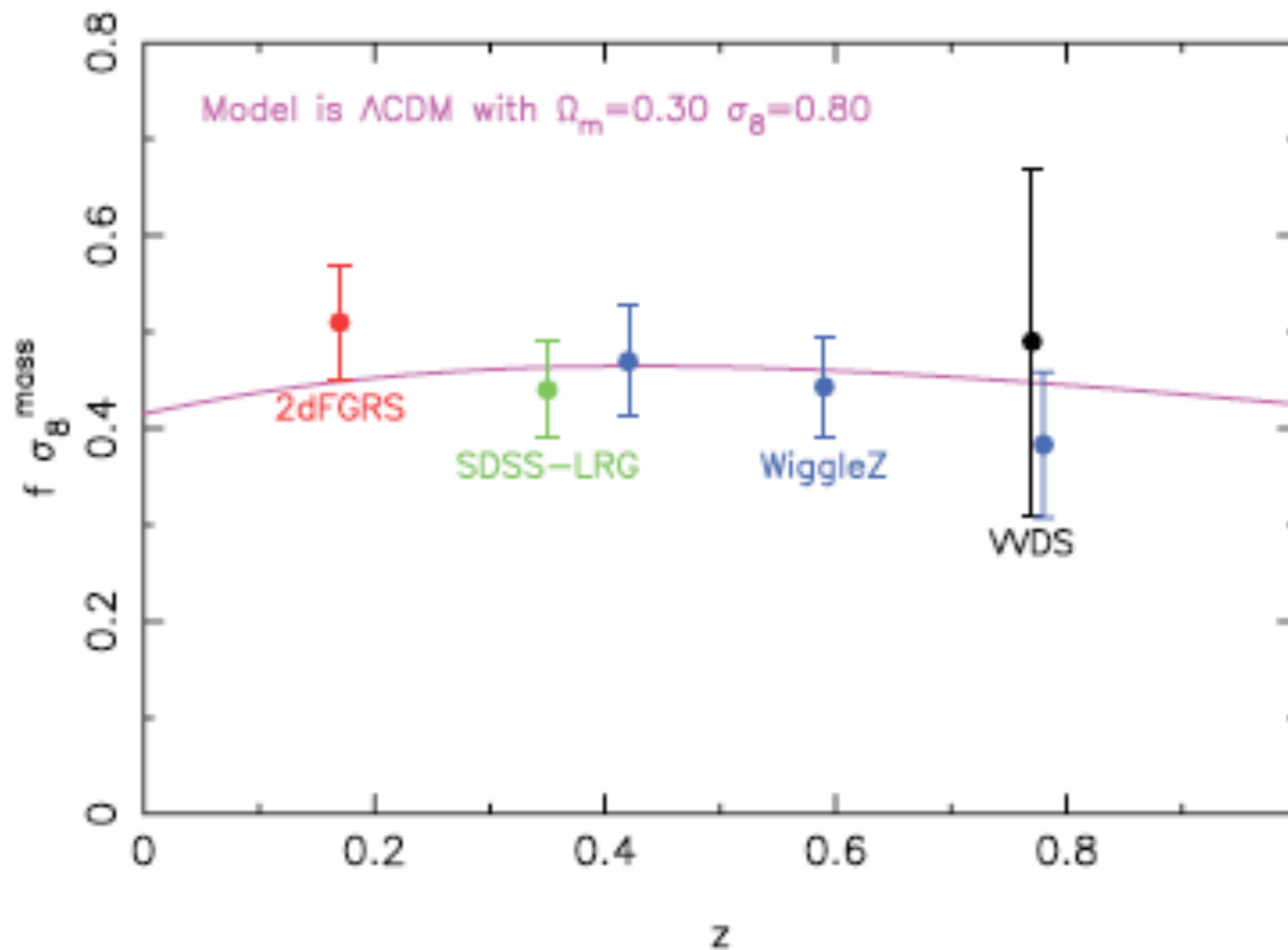
- Large scale distortions can be modeled with linear theory:

$$P(k, \mu) = (1 + f\mu^2)^2 P(k)$$

$$\mu = \cos(\theta); f = d\ln(D)/d\ln(a) \sim \Omega_{matter}^\gamma$$

- GR predicts  $\gamma = 0.557$

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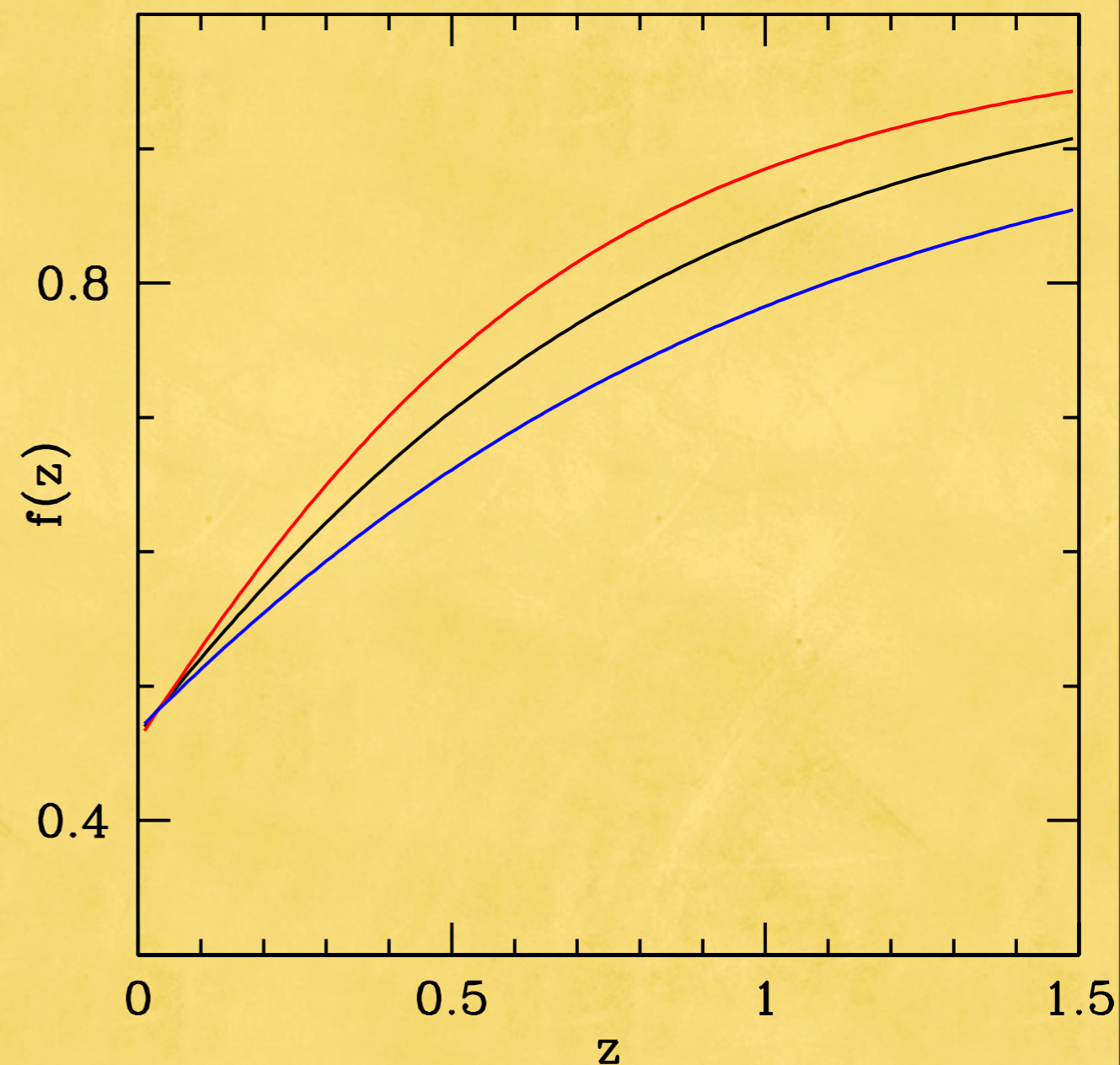
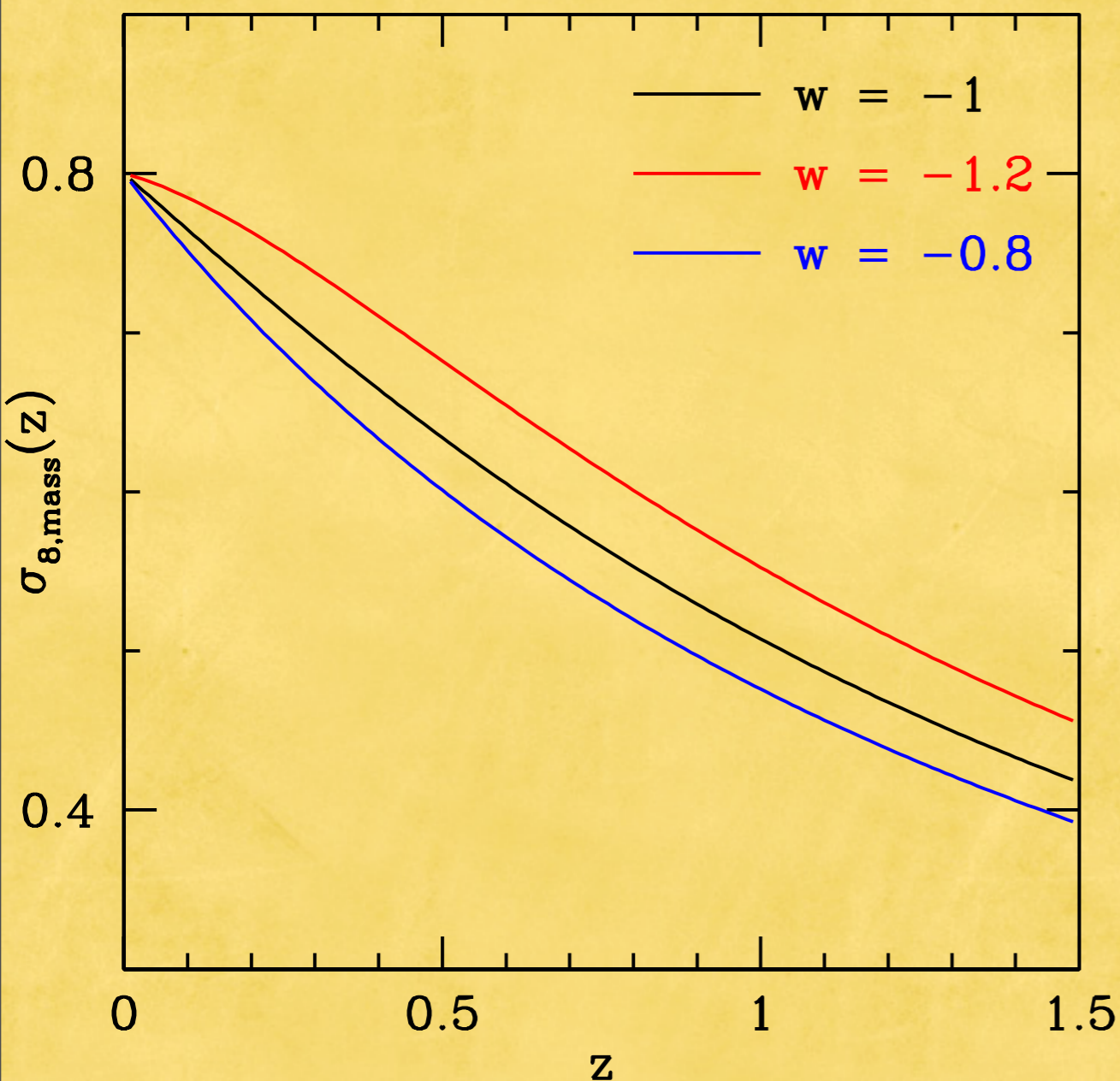


Blake et al. (2010)

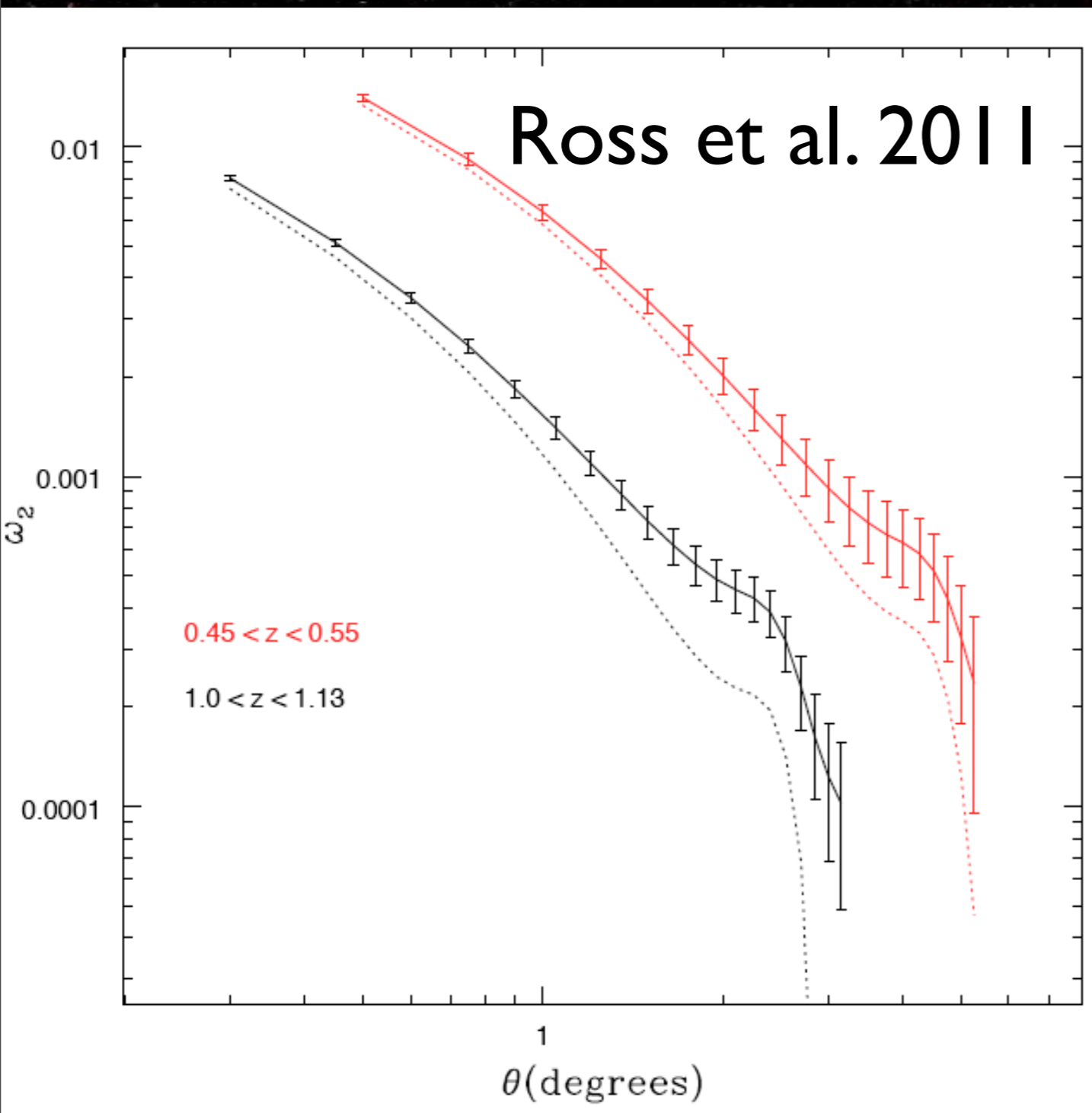
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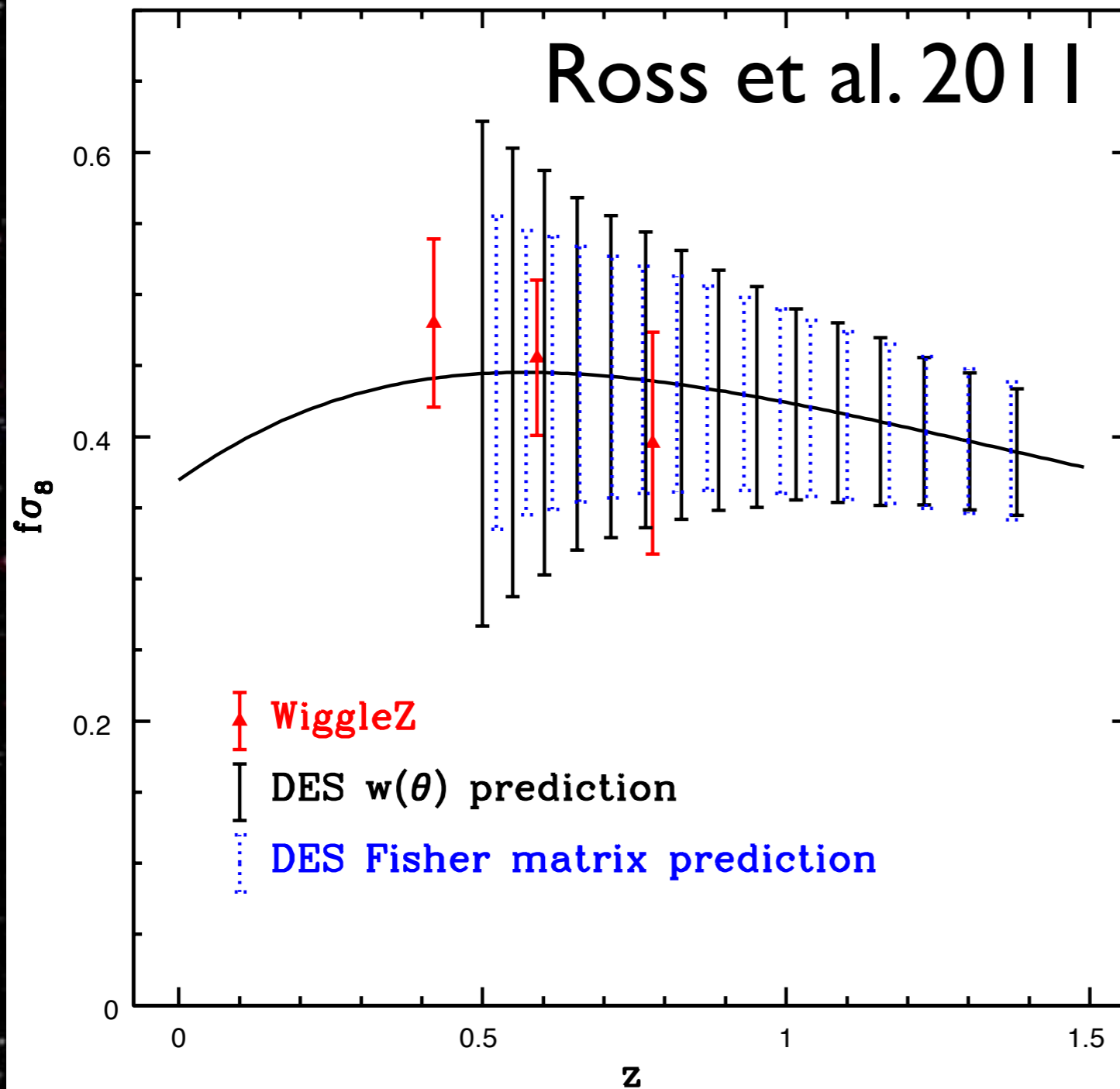


# RSD with Photozs?



- Projections for Dark Energy Survey

# Measure $f\sigma_8$ with DES?

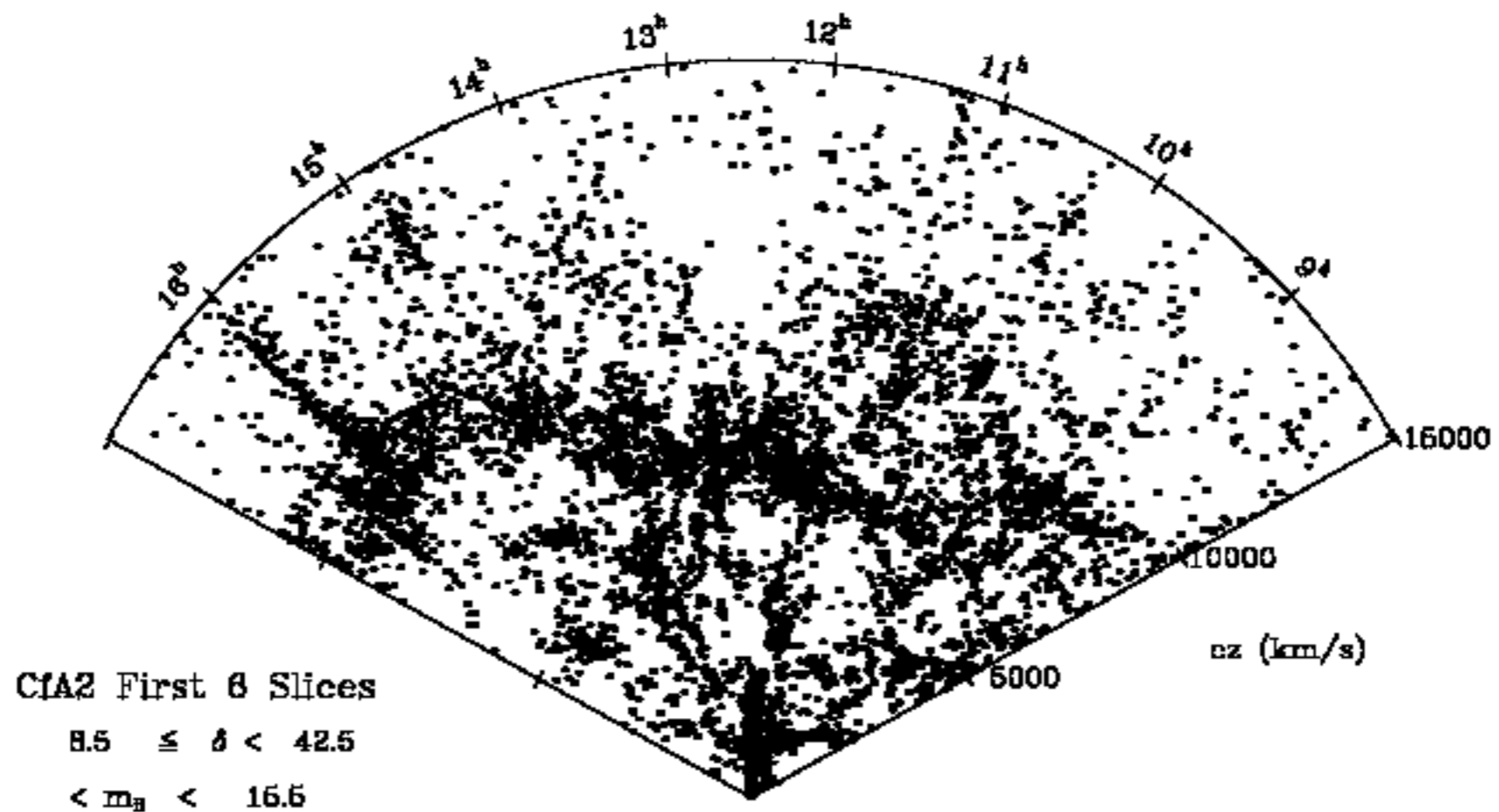


assuming  
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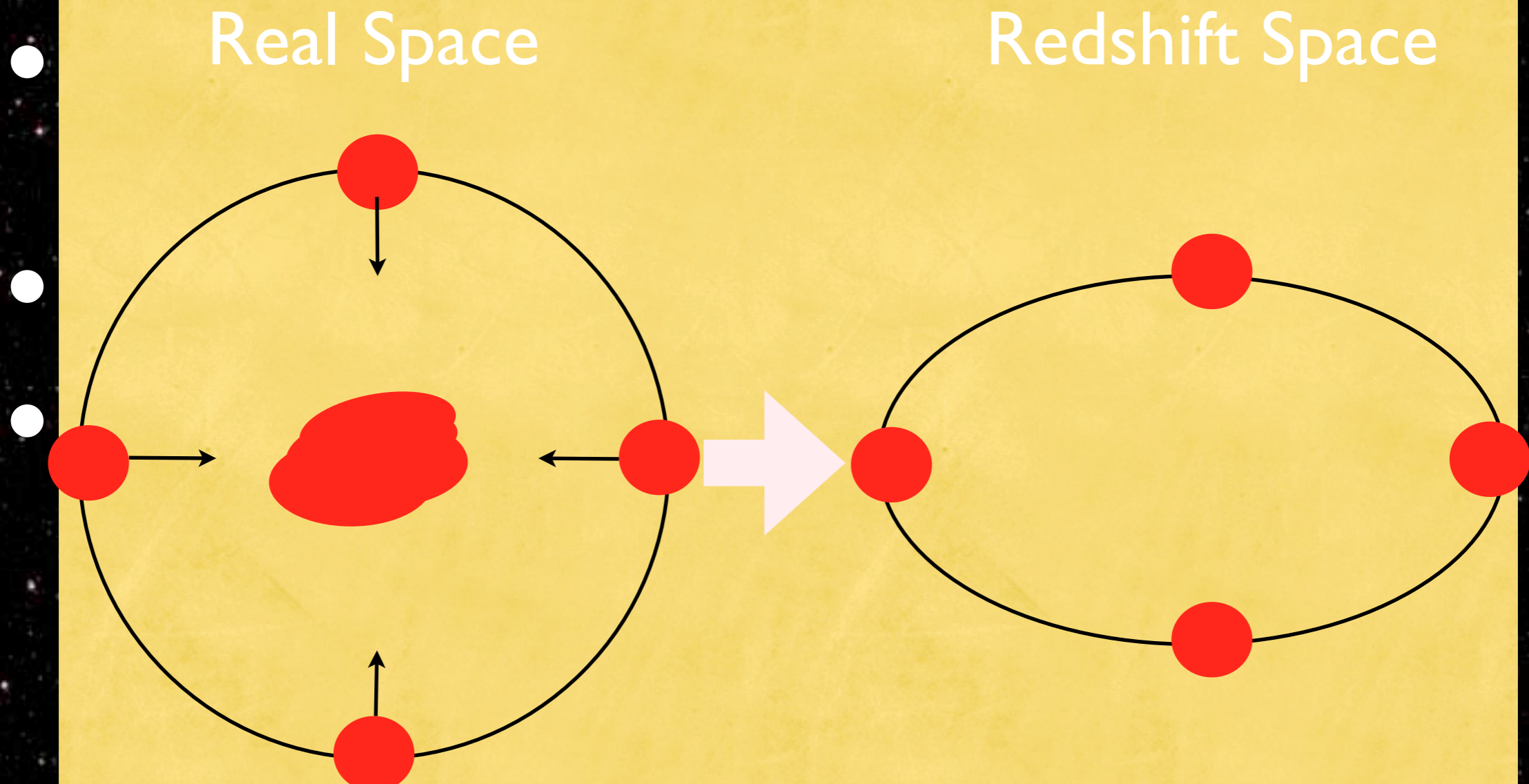


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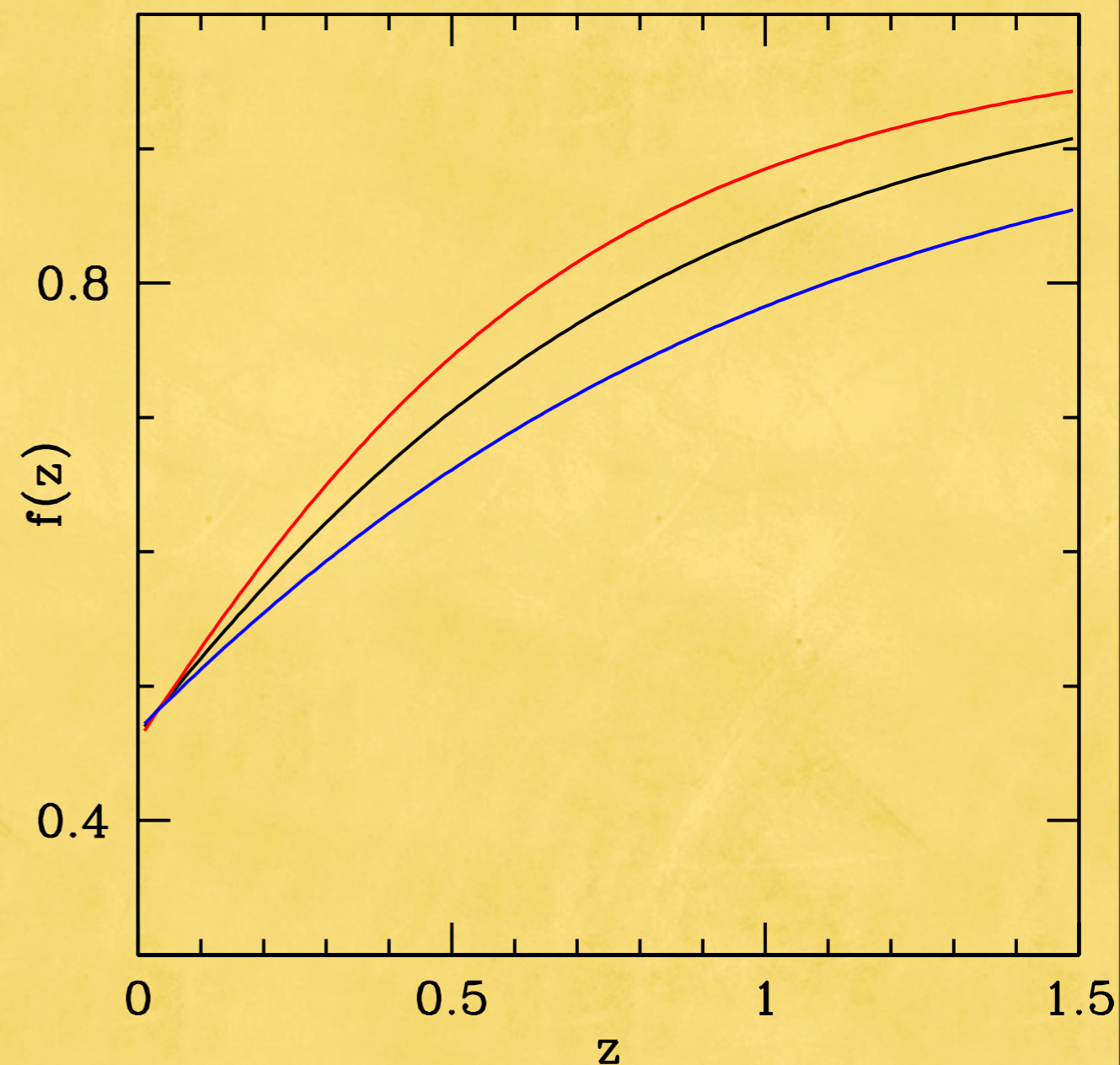
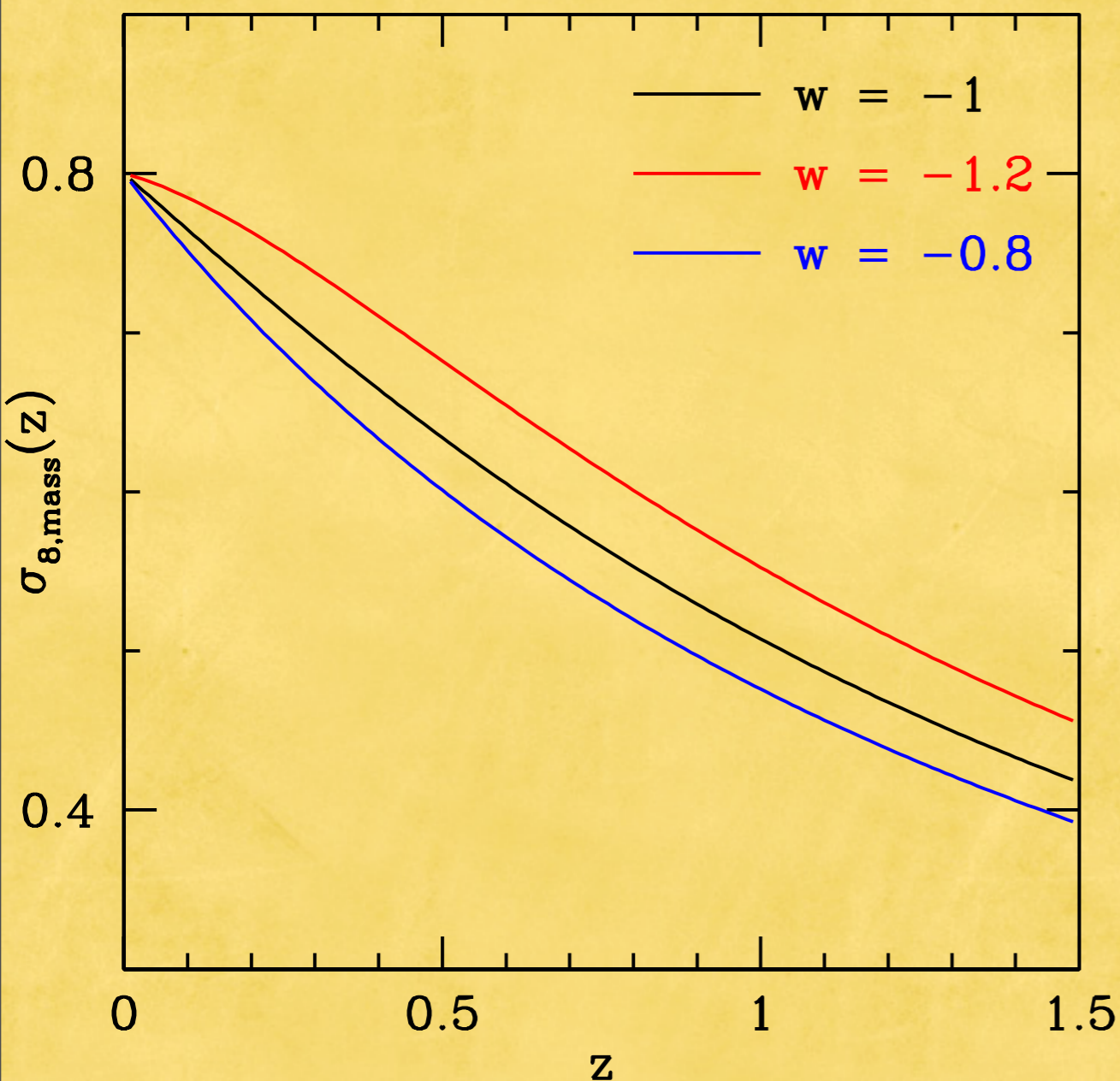
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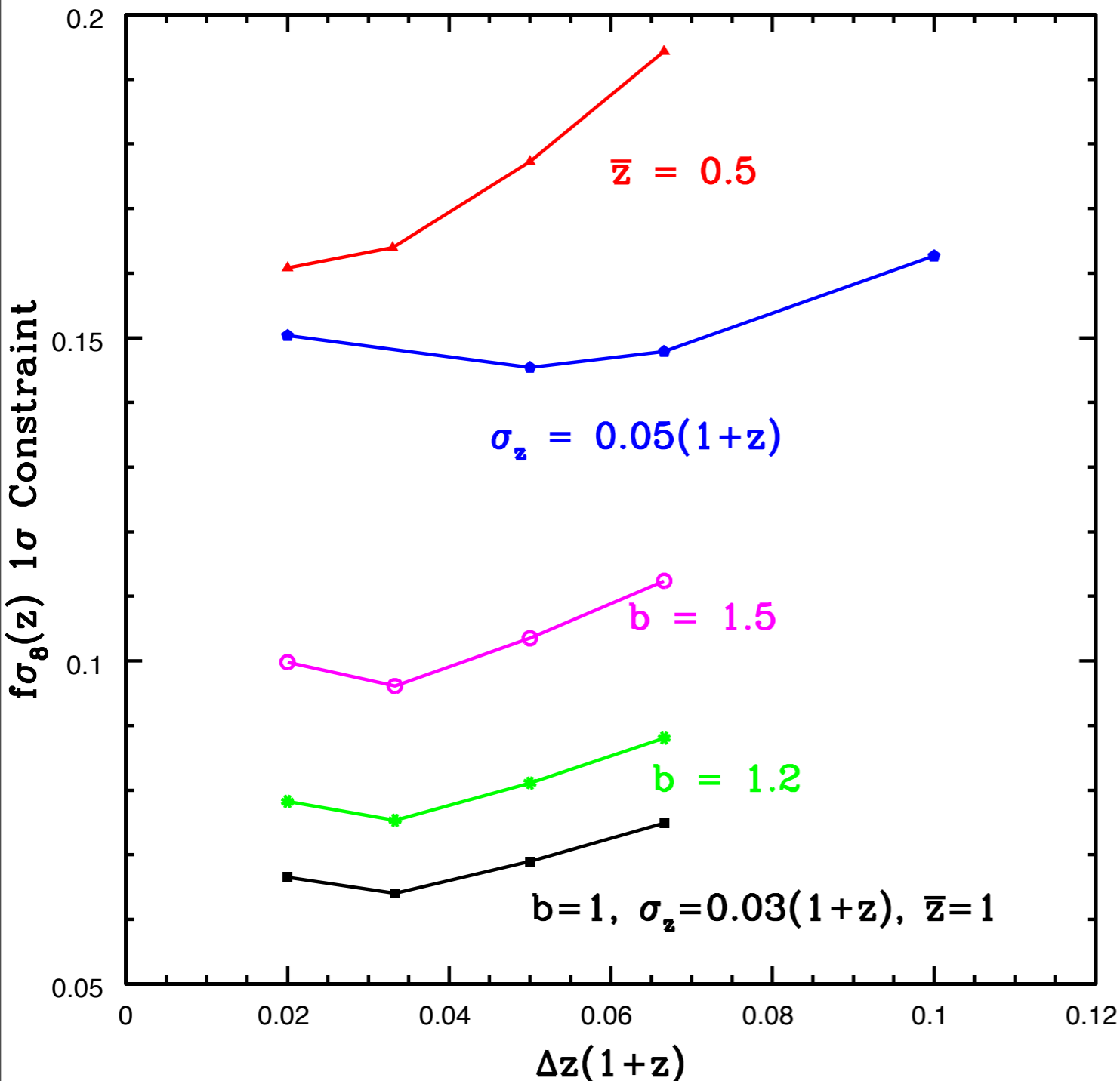
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# Optimal Galaxy Sample?



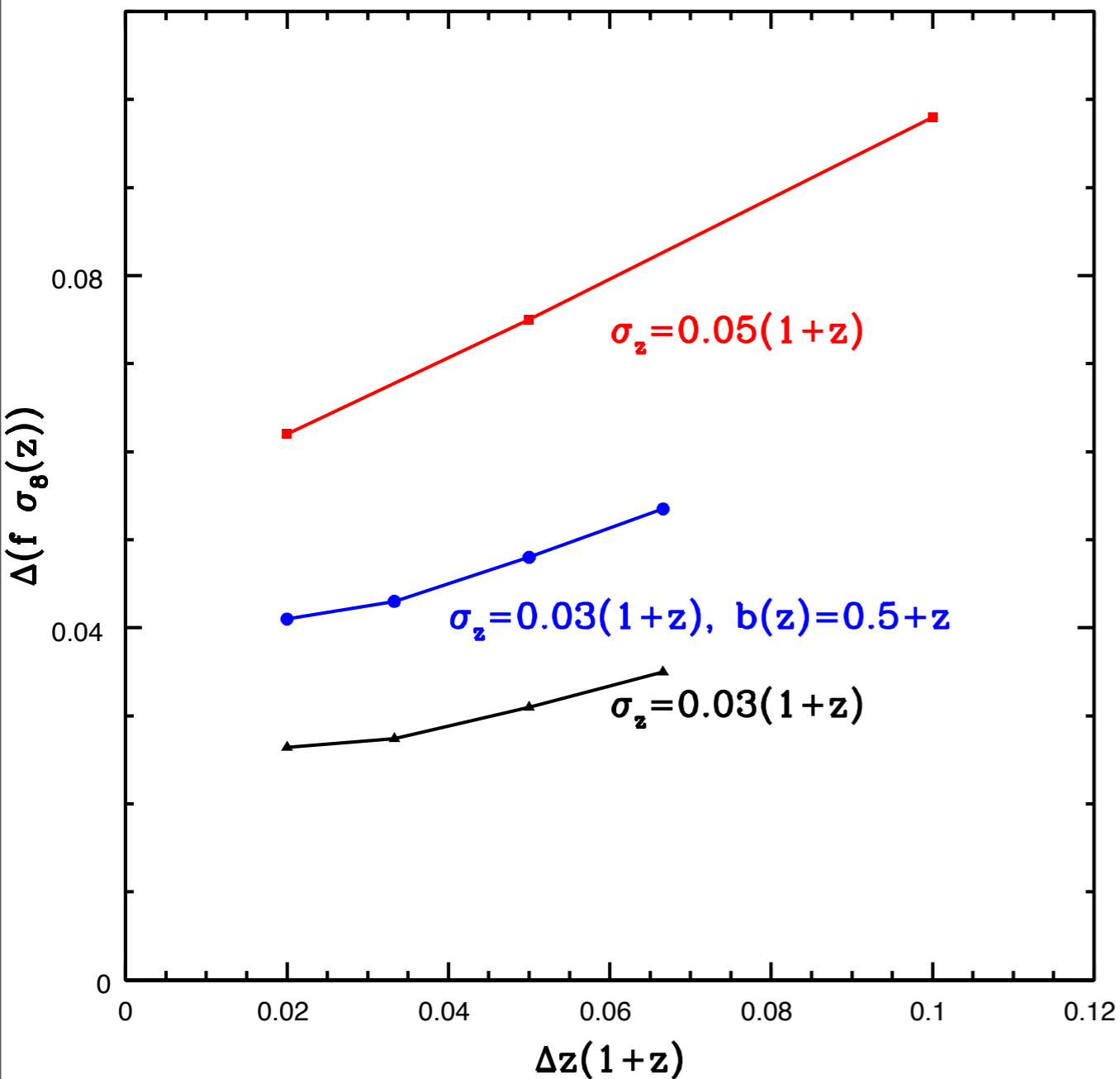
Bias, redshift error, and median redshift are important factors

- Assumes 10 million galaxies per  $\Delta z = 0.066(1+z)$
- 1/8<sup>th</sup> sky cover

# Combined Constraints

Constant offset from  $\Lambda$ CDM

$$\Delta (f(z)\sigma_8(z)) = 1 / \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} C_{i,j}^{-1}},$$



DES should be able to detect 10% deviation in  $f(z)$  from  $\Lambda$ CDM

# Combining 2nd and 3rd-order clustering

- Produces tighter cosmological constraints
- $\bar{\omega}_N$  easy to calculate with photometric data

- Reminder:

- $\bar{\omega}_N(\theta) = \langle \delta^N \rangle_c \quad s_N(\theta) = \frac{\bar{\omega}_N}{\bar{\omega}_2^{N-1}}$

# Measuring $\sigma_8$

- $\sigma_8$  : rms mass fluctuation at  $8 h^{-1}$  Mpc
- $\langle \delta_{DM}^2 \rangle \propto \sigma_8^2$  so  $b_1 \propto 1/\sigma_8$
- This makes it nuisance parameter for 2-point measurements
- Adding  $s_3$ :
  - Measure  $s_3$  for galaxies, determine  $c_2(\sigma_8)$
  - Turn  $\delta_g$  to  $\delta_{DM}$  with assumed  $b_1$  and  $b_2$ , measure *corrected*  $\overline{\omega}_2$ , match to model  $\overline{\omega}_{2,DM}$ , yields separate  $c_2(\sigma_8)$

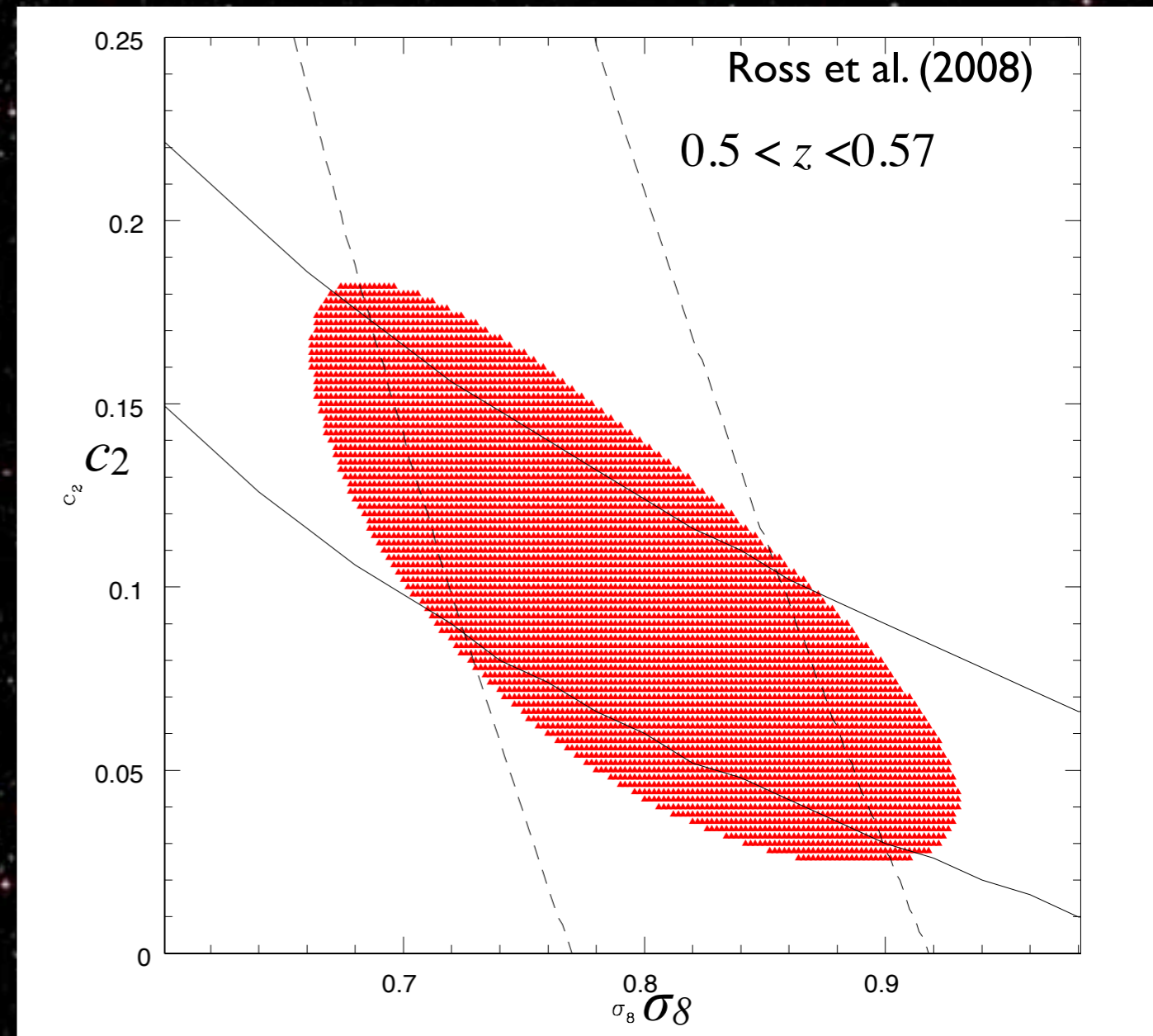


# SDSS LRG Catalog

- SDSS DR5 LRGs with MegaZ-LRG color cuts (Collister et al. 2007) and ANNZ for photozs and star/galaxy separation
- Over 1.6 million LRGs with  $0.4 < z < 0.7$  and median redshift of 0.52
- Split into three distinct redshift ranges with median redshifts of 0.47, 0.53, and 0.61

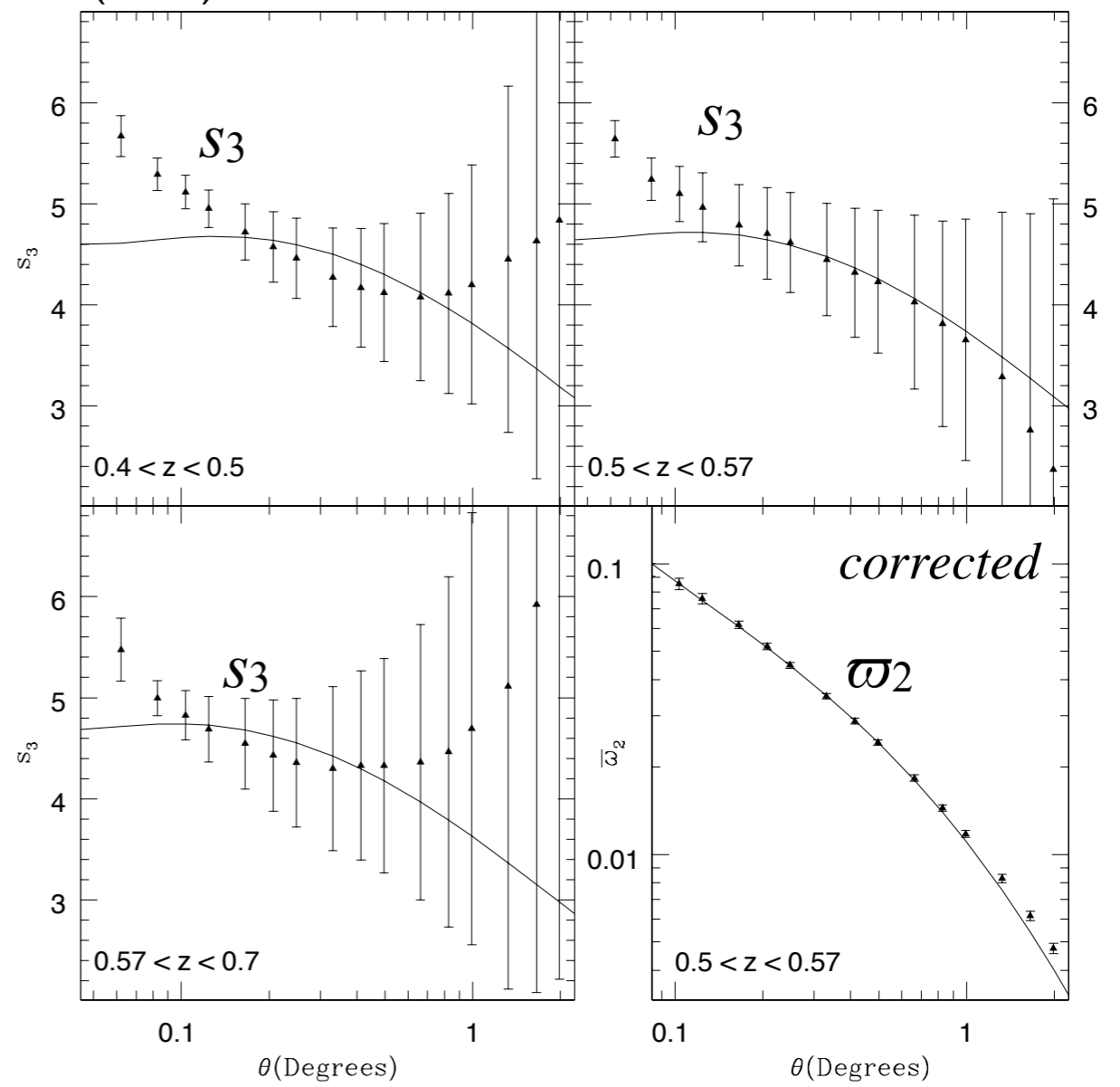
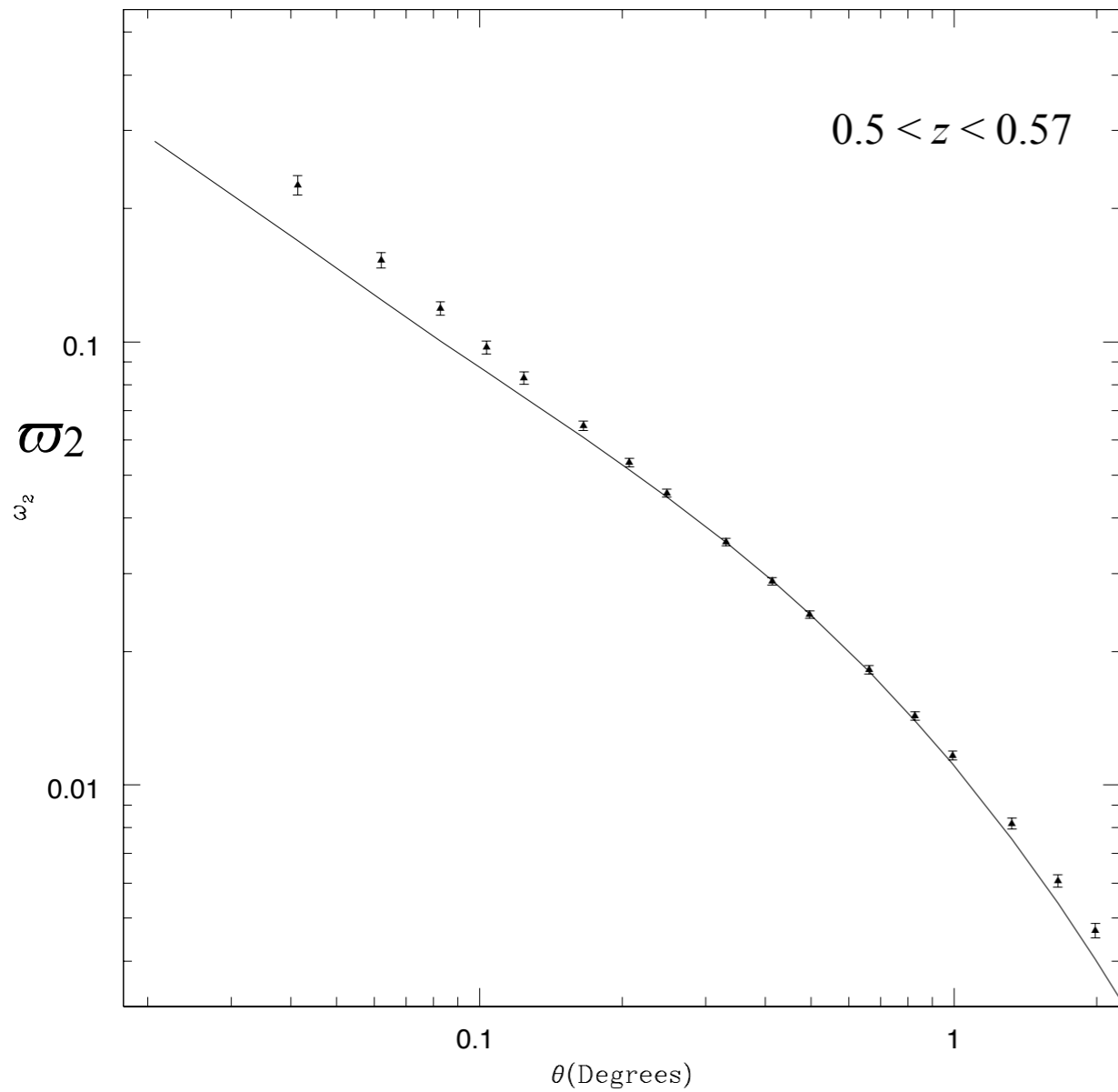
# LRG Results

- Measured  $\sigma_8 = 0.78 \pm 0.08$ ,  $0.80 \pm 0.09$ , and  $0.80 \pm 0.09$
- Combine for  $\sigma_8 = 0.79 \pm 0.05$
- Find  $b_1 = 1.47 \pm 0.09$ ,  $1.65 \pm 0.09$ ,  $1.80 \pm 0.10$
- $c_2 = 0.09 \pm 0.04$ ,  $0.09 \pm 0.05$ ,  $0.09 \pm 0.03$



# LRG Results

Ross et al. (2008)



# Testing on Millennium Simulation

- $M_r < -23$  and  $B - R > 1.4$  from Blaizot et al. (2005)
- Found  $\sigma_8 = 0.898 \pm 0.062$
- (Input is  $\sigma_8 = 0.9$ )

