



# How to learn to Love the BOSS Baryon Oscillations Spectroscopic Survey

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# What is BOSS ?



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# BOSS may be ...



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# What is SDSS III - BOSS ?

- A 2.5 m diameter
- Collimated to 1.8 arcmin
- 1.8 arcmin
- 4000 fibers
- (90% efficiency)
- 4000 fibers
- imaged in 5 colors
- quasar



# What is SDSS III - BOSS ?

- A 2.5m telescope in New Mexico
- Collected
  - 1 million spectra of galaxies ,
  - 400,000 spectra of supermassive blackholes (quasars),
  - 400,000 spectra of stars
  - images of 20 millions of stars, galaxies and quasars.



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BAO: Baryon Acoustic Oscillations  
AND Many others!

# What can we do with BOSS?

- Probing Modified gravity with Growth of Structures
- Probing initial conditions, neutrino masses using full shape of the correlation function
- Probing velocities of clusters via kinetic Sunyaev Zeldovich
- Understanding the Intergalactic medium and dust in galaxies
- Galaxy/cluster evolution at lower redshift, quasars properties at high redshift
- New way to Test Gravity using CMB lensing and BOSS

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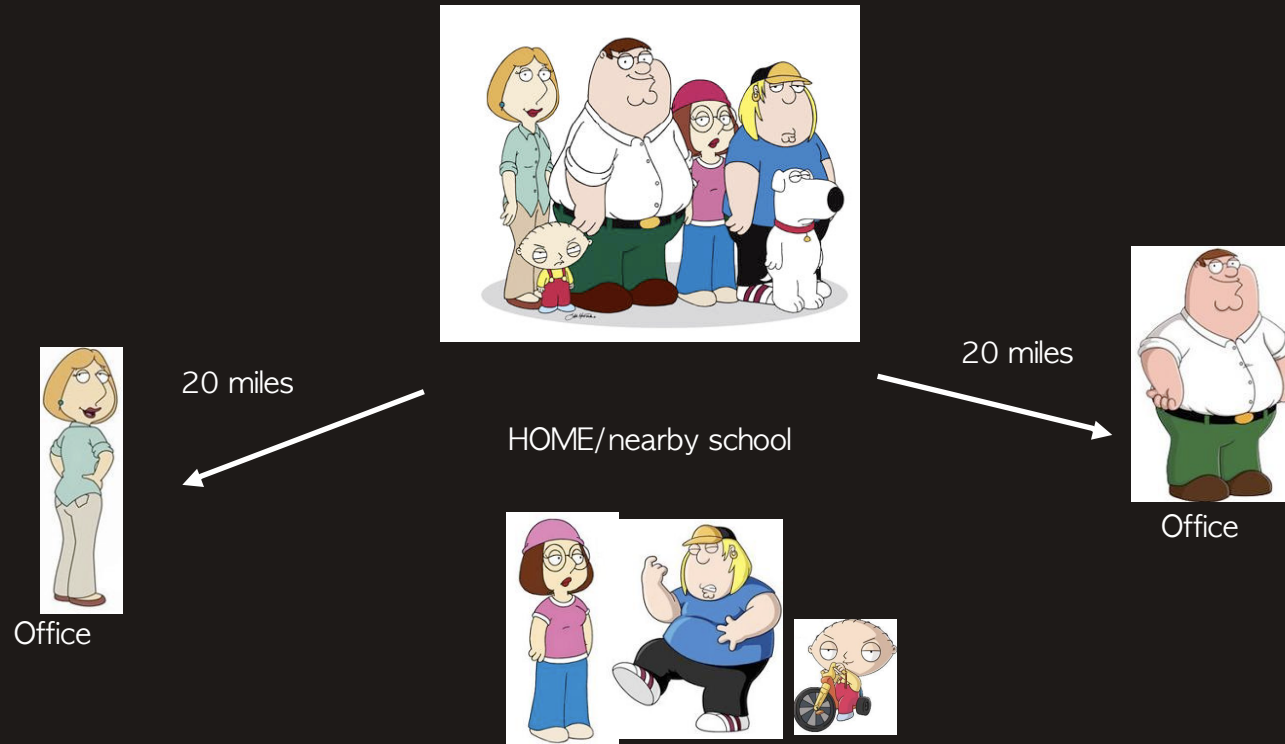
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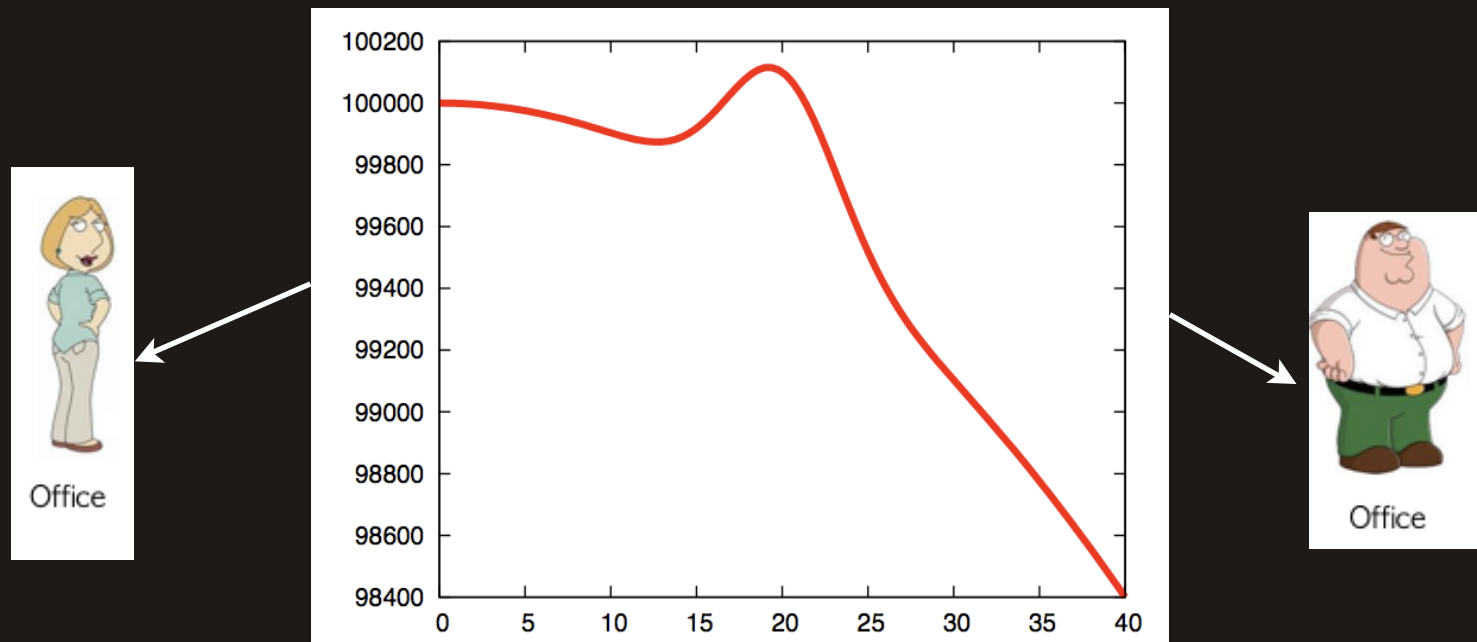
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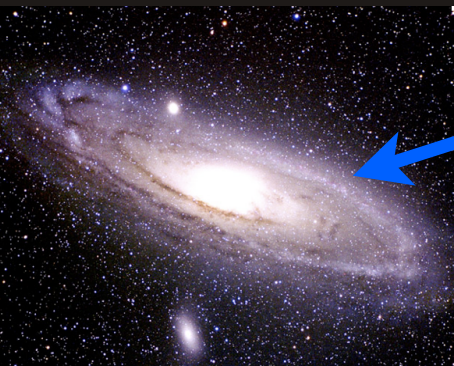
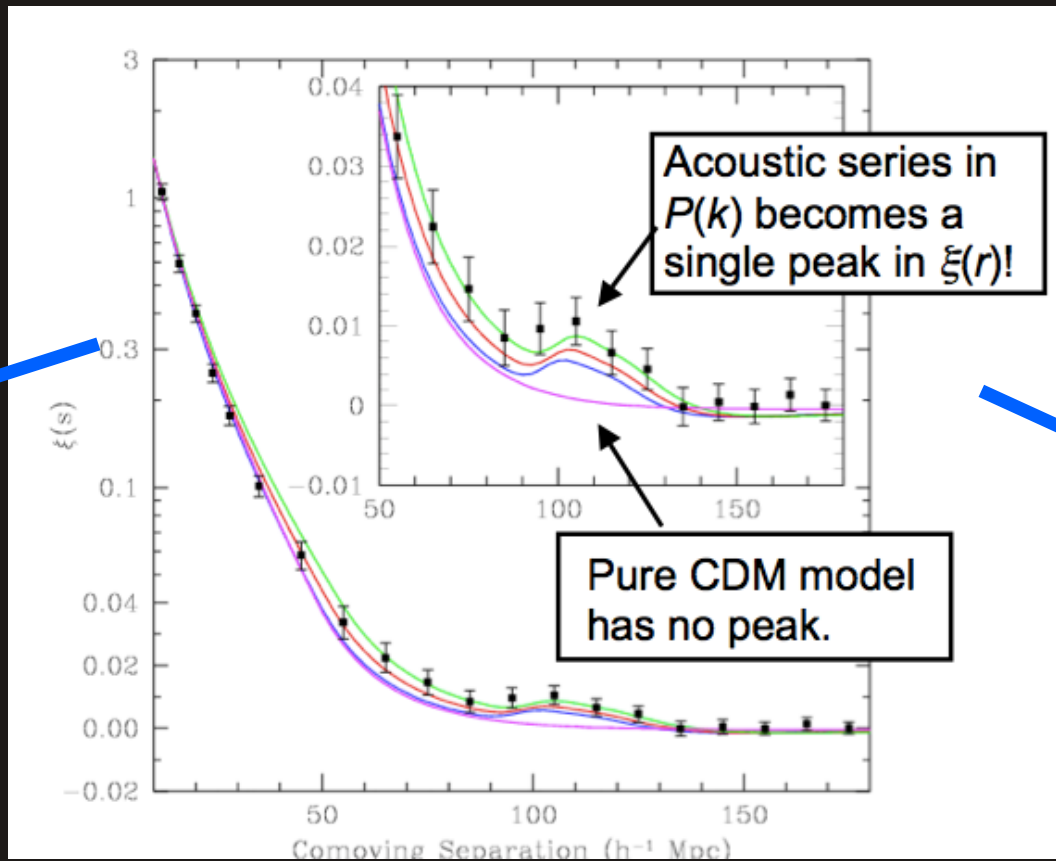
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A bump in 20 miles!

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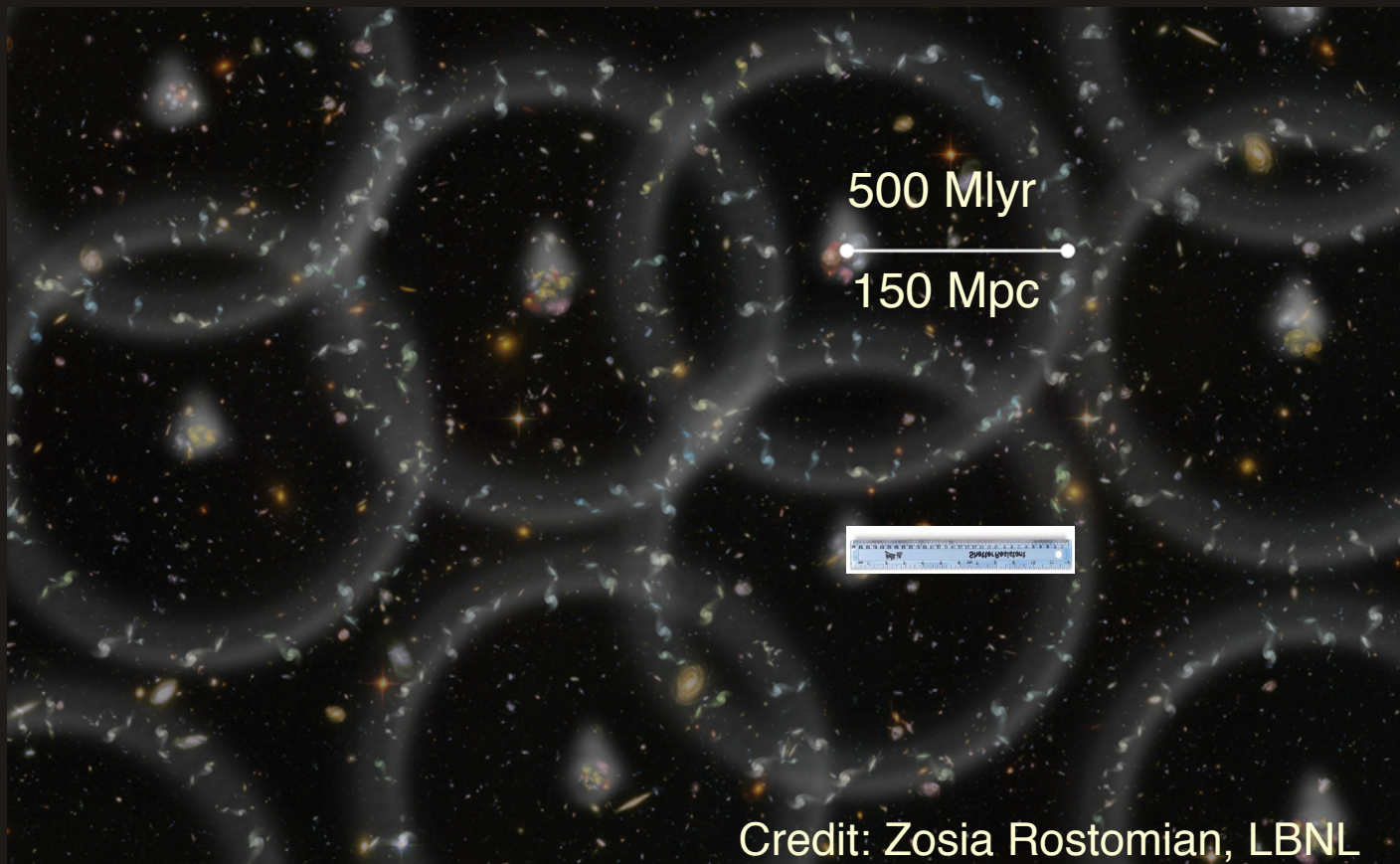
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# BAO and Galaxies

- Pairs of galaxies are slightly more likely to be separated by 150 Mpc than 120 Mpc or 170 Mpc.

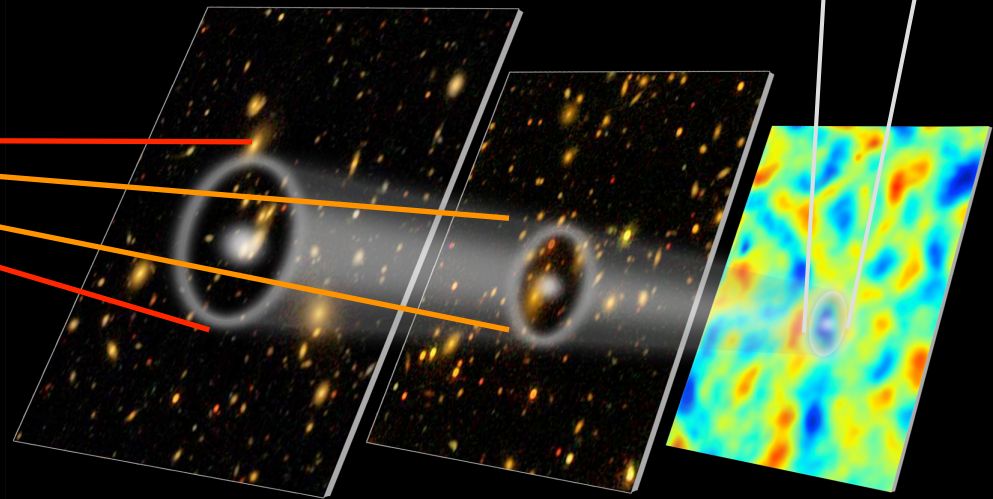
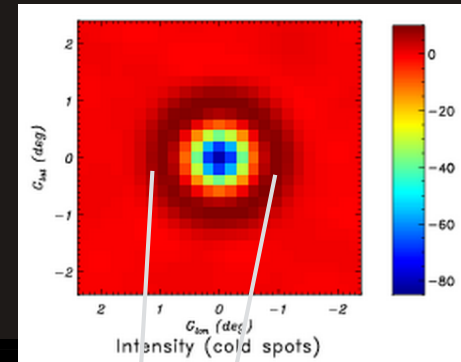


# BAO as a Standard Ruler

- This distance of 150 Mpc is very accurately computed from the anisotropies of the CMB.
  - 0.4% calibration with current CMB.

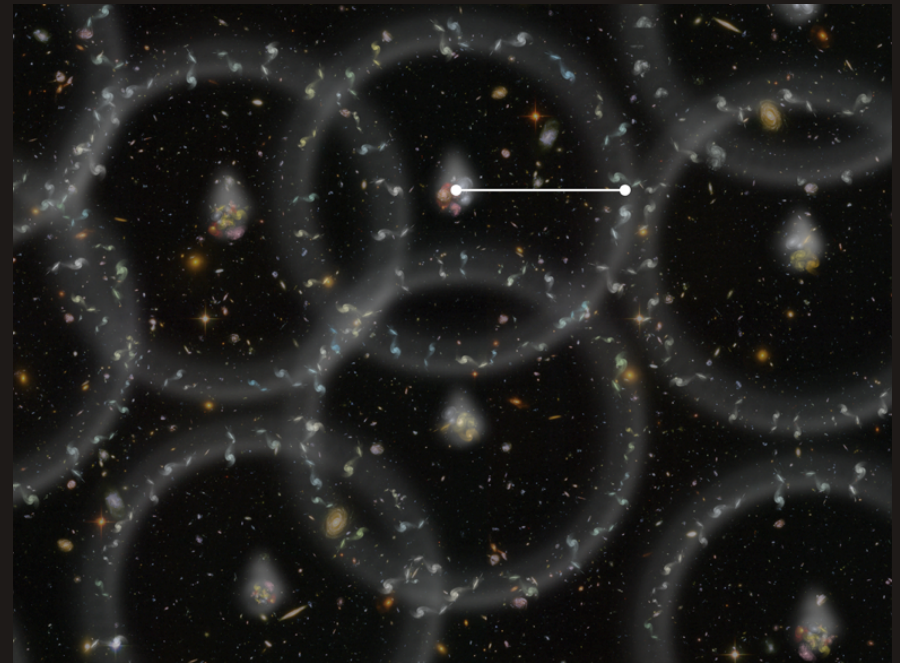
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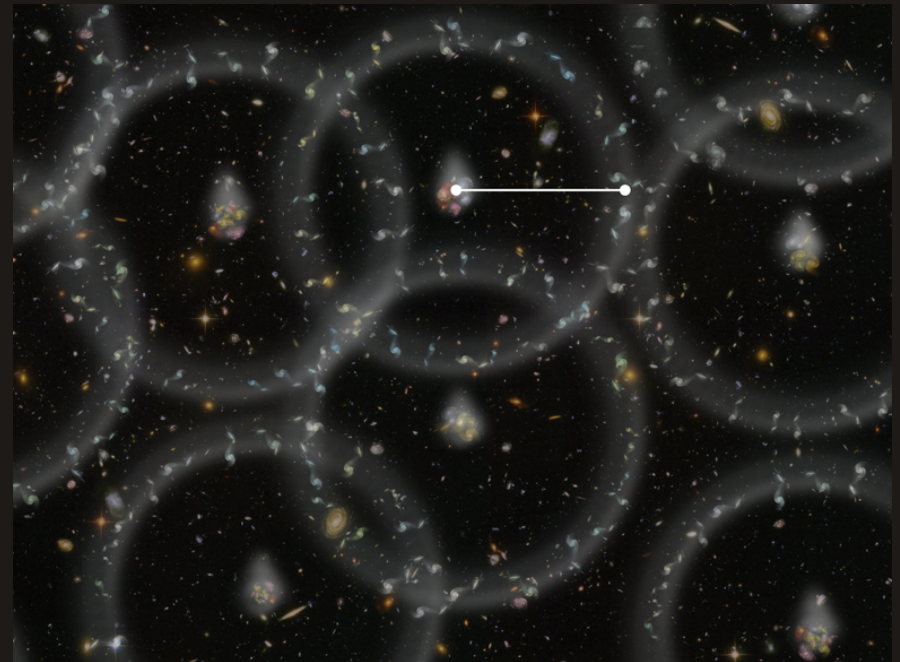
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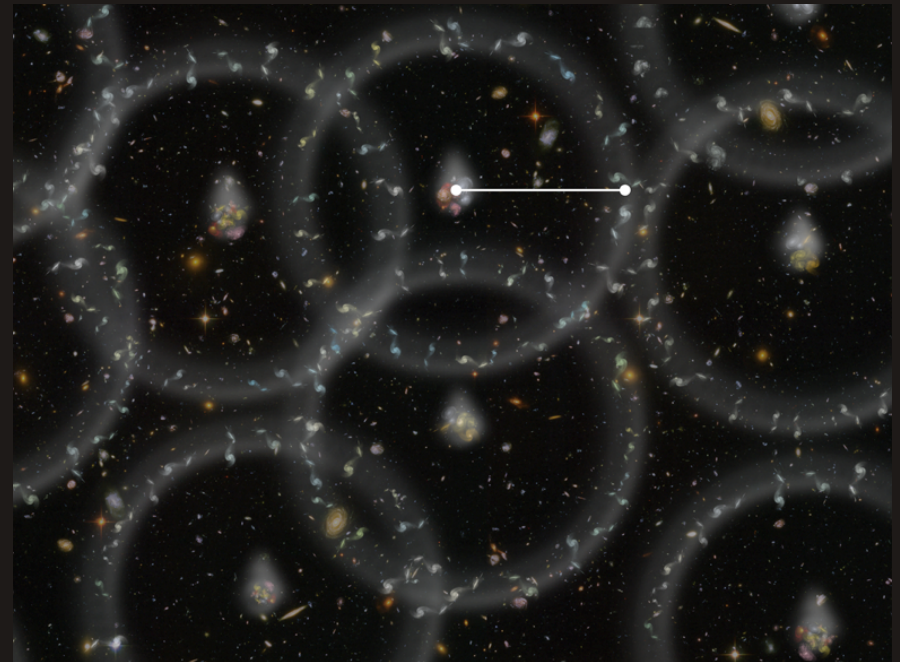
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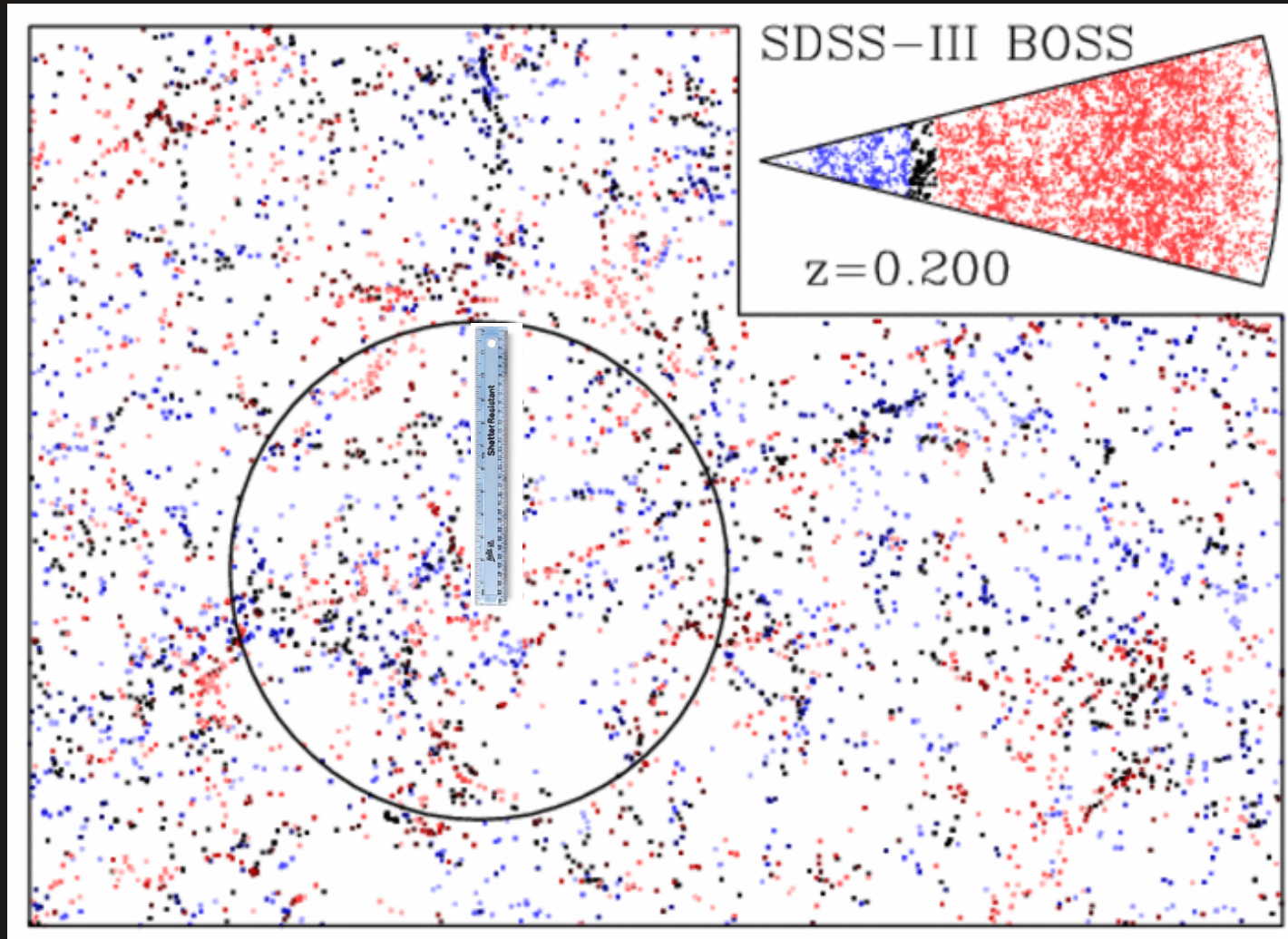


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# A Slice of BOSS



Credit: D. Eisenstein

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s (Mpc/h)

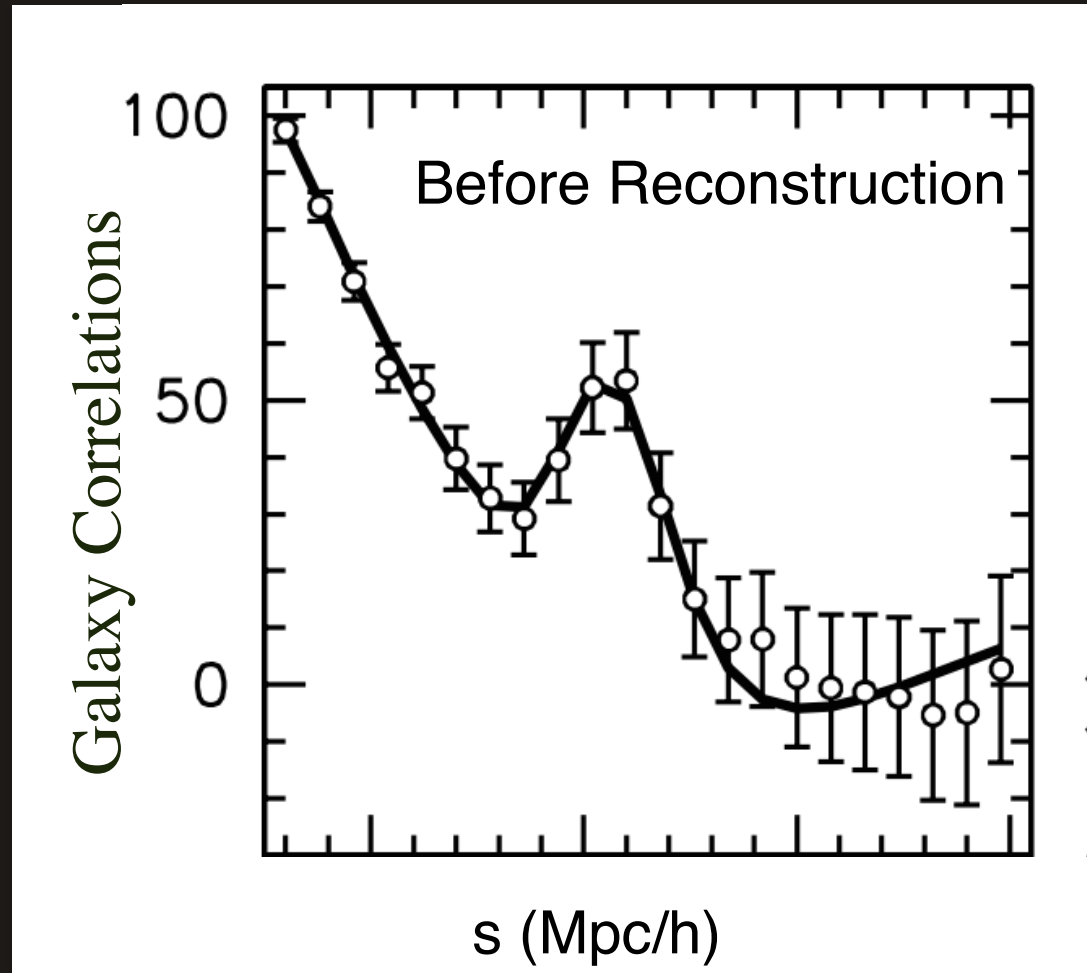
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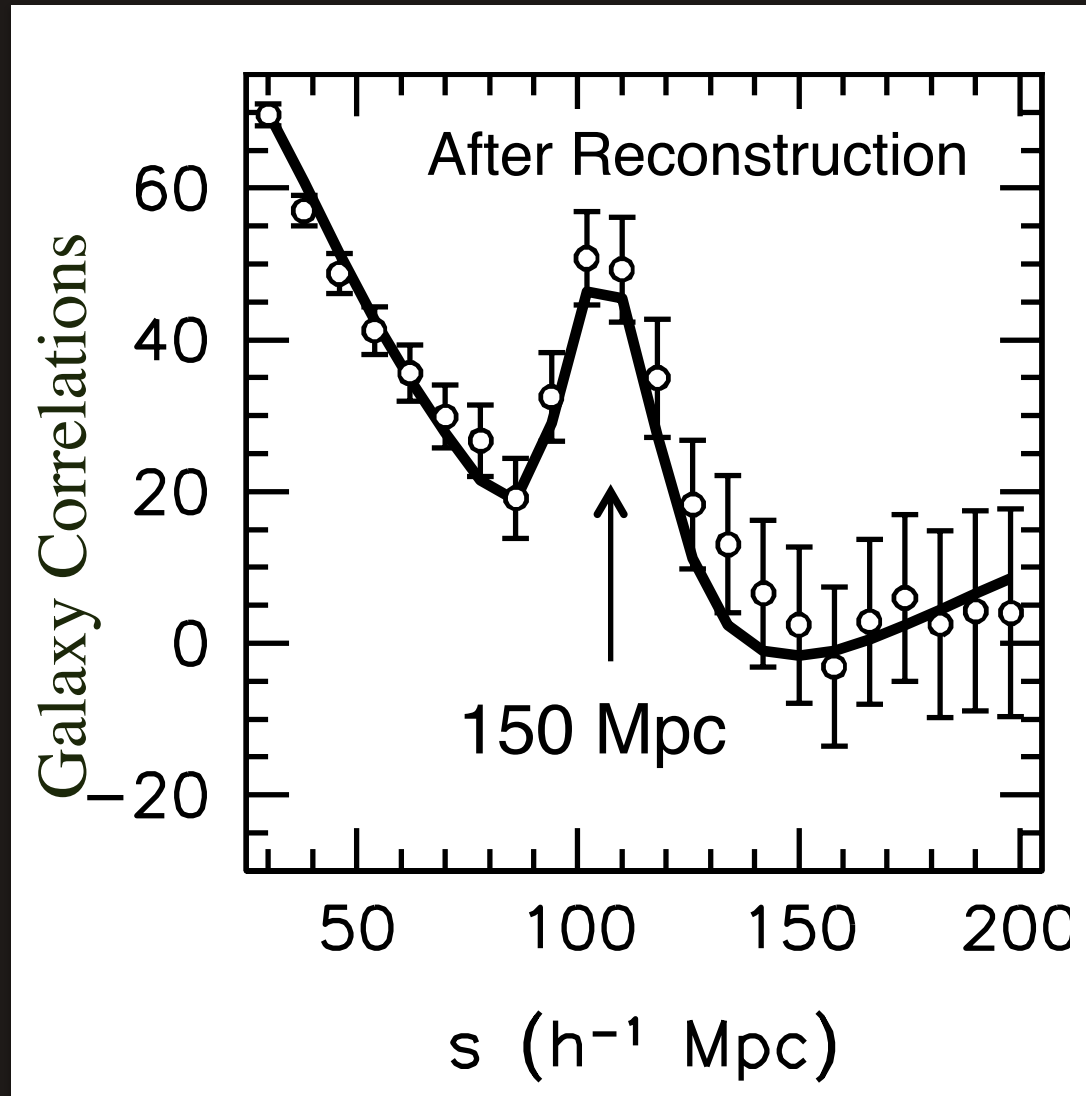
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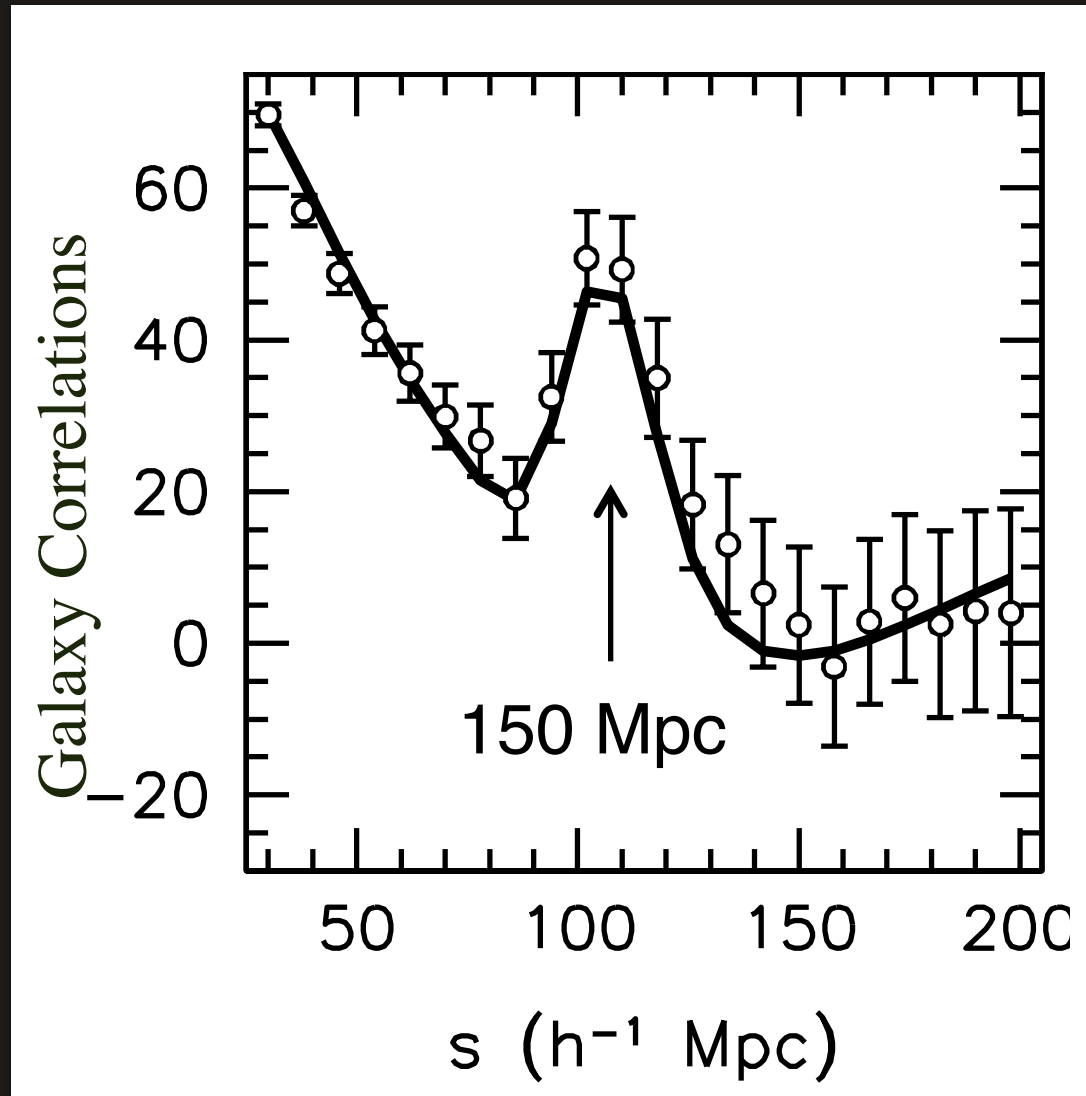
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- The peak location is measured to 1.0% in our  $z = 0.57$  sample and 2.1% in our  $z = 0.32$  sample



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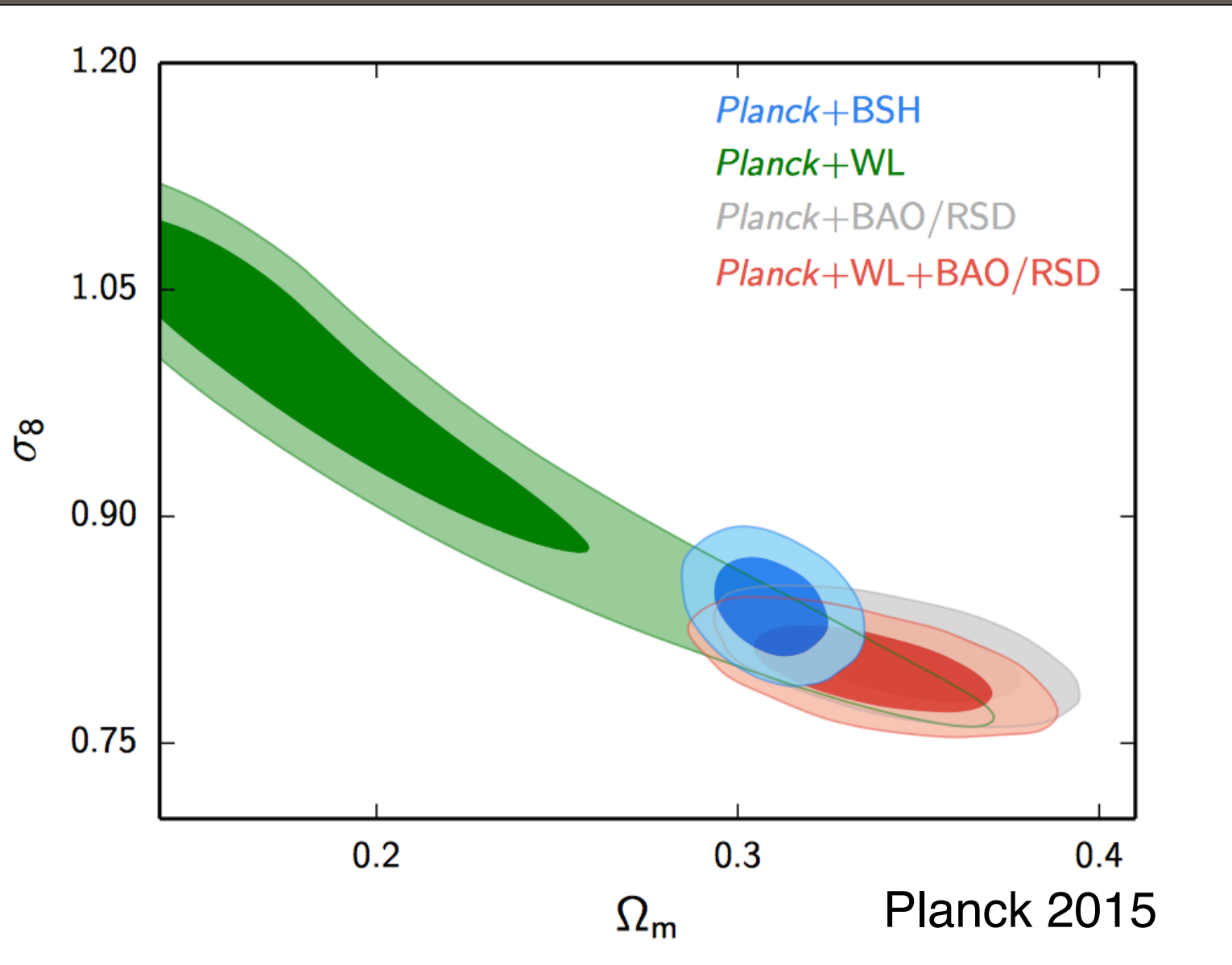
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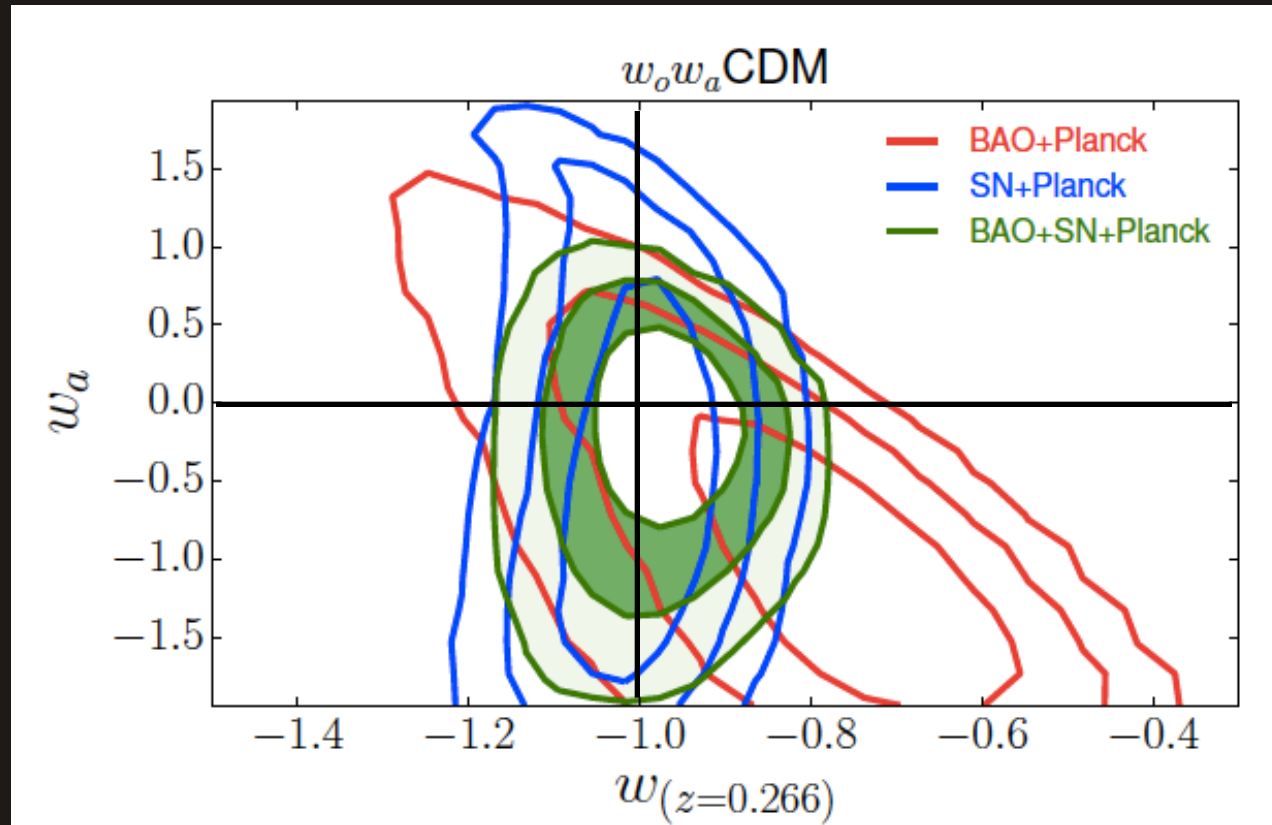
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# Constraining cosmological models



# How about Dark Energy?

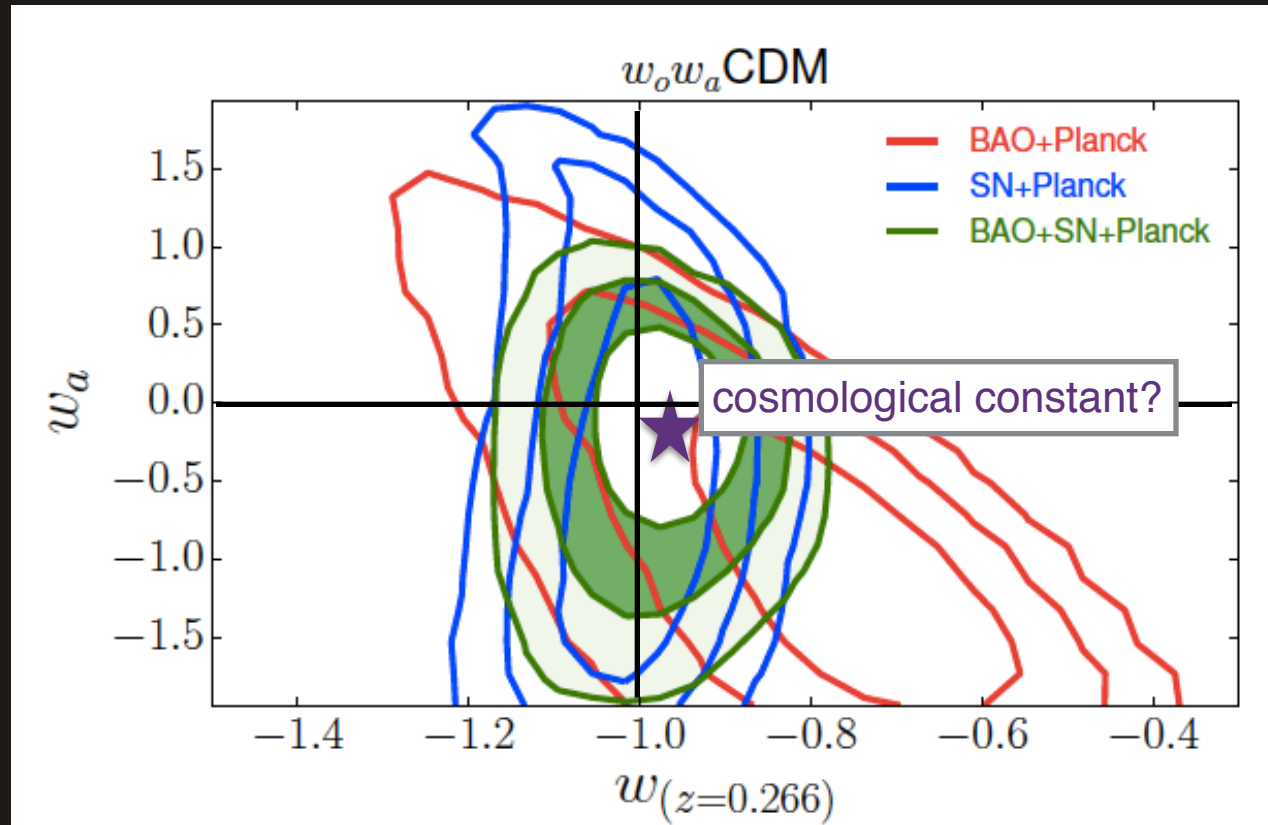
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BOSS collaboration 2014

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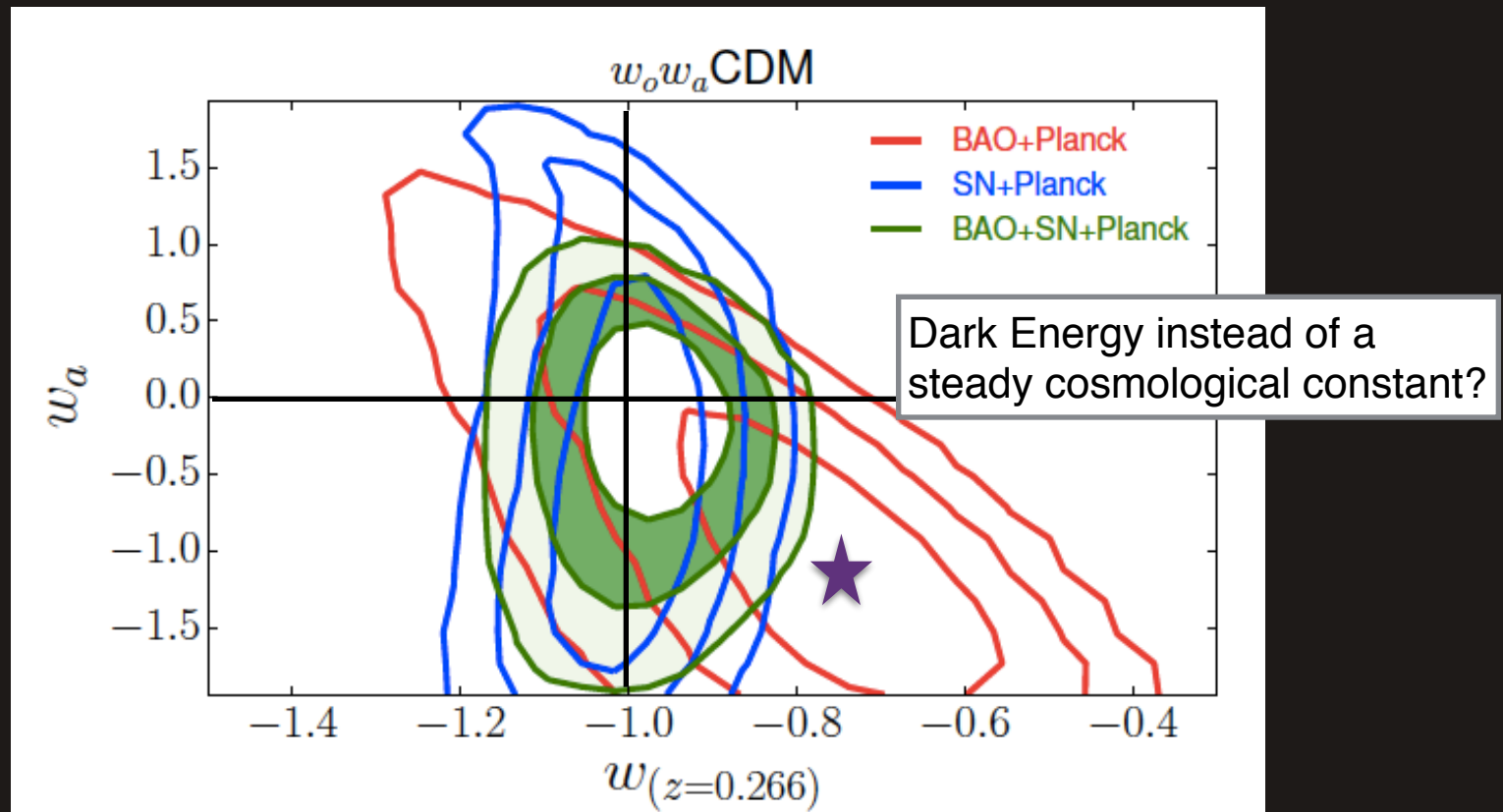
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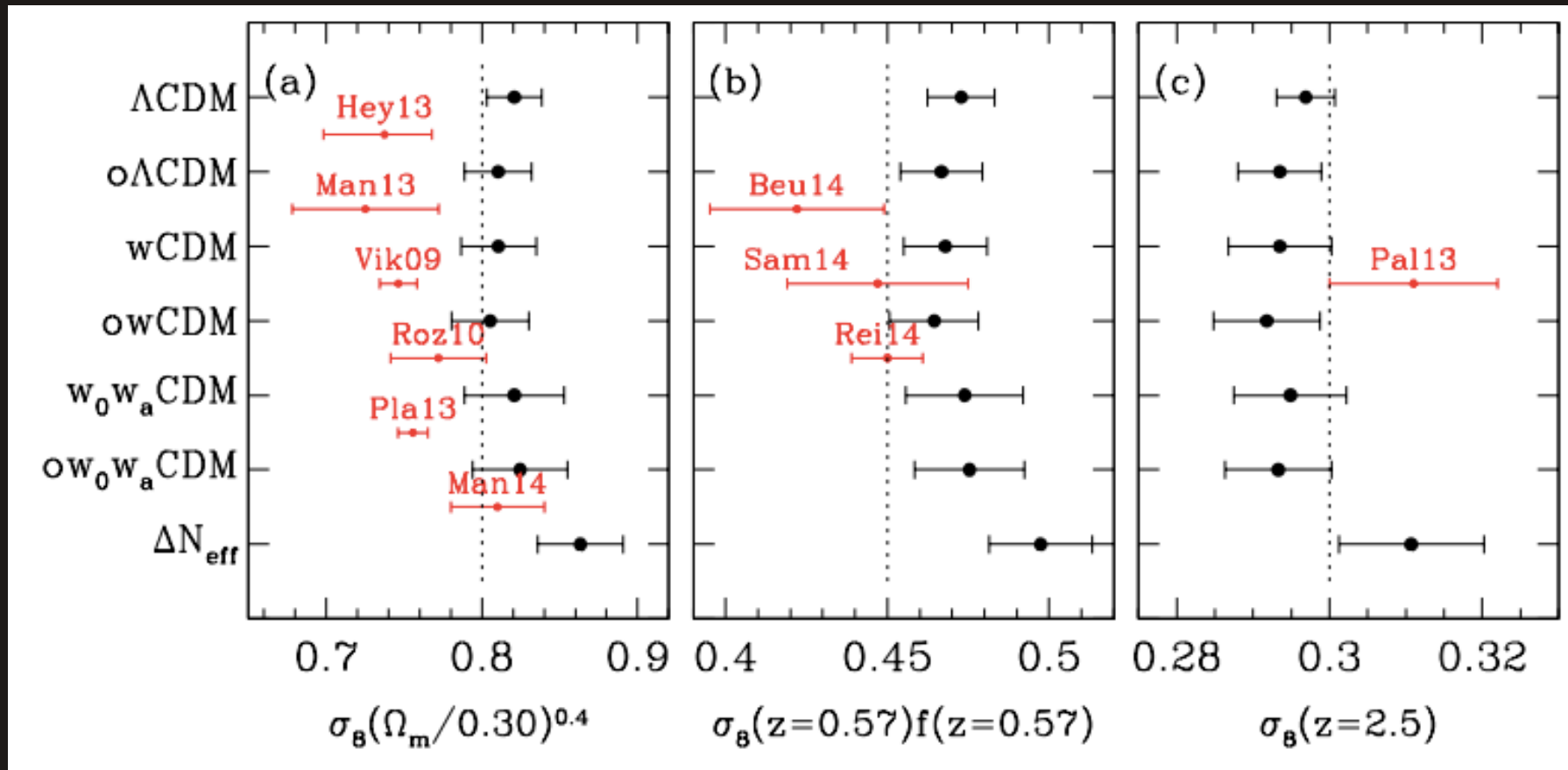


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# Comparison with other probes

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Black: Planck +BAO + SN



Lensing, clusters

Redshift Space  
Distortions

Ly $\alpha$  1D P(k)

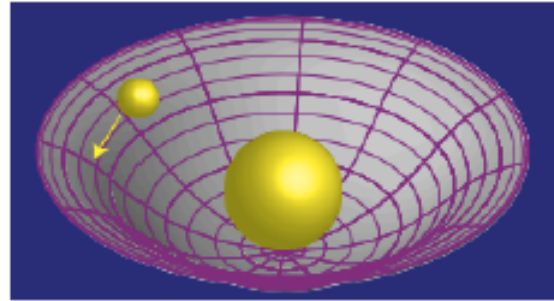


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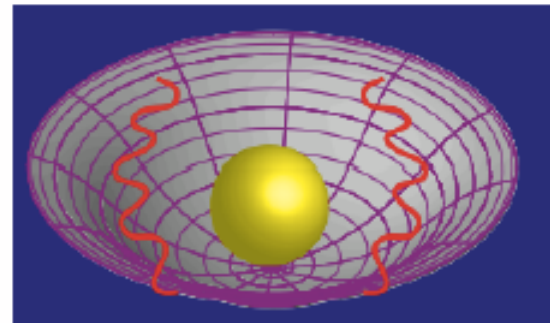
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Motions of these particles probe **Dynamical mass**



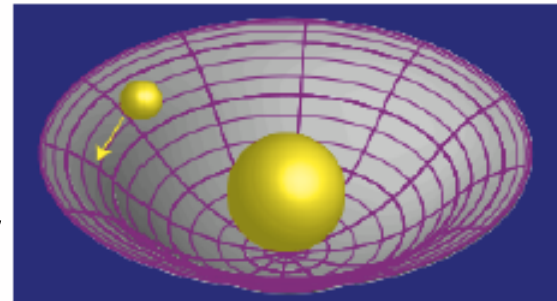
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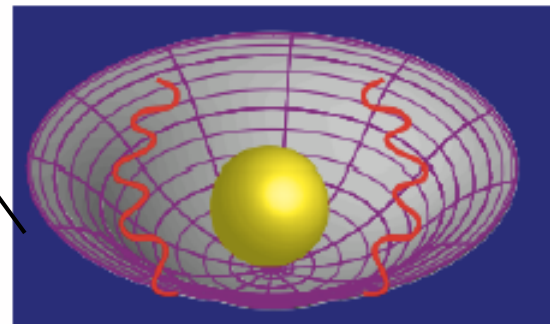
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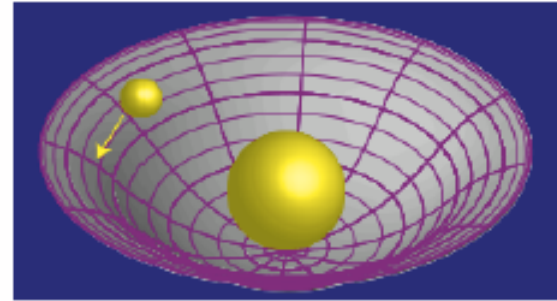
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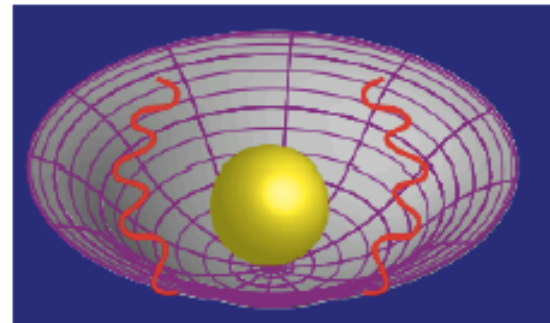


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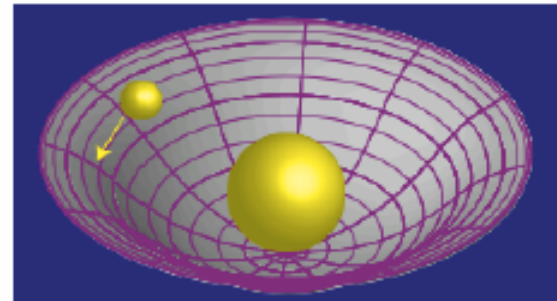
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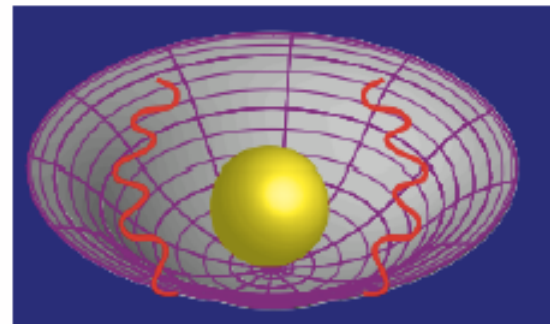


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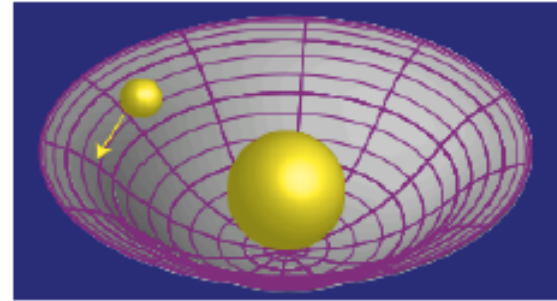
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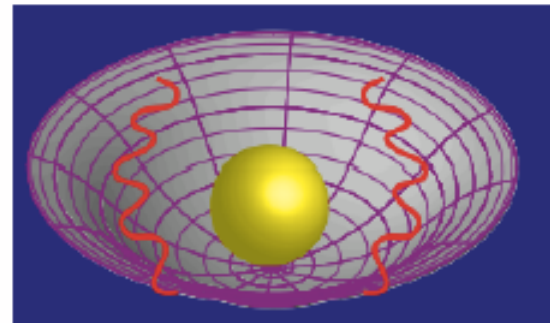


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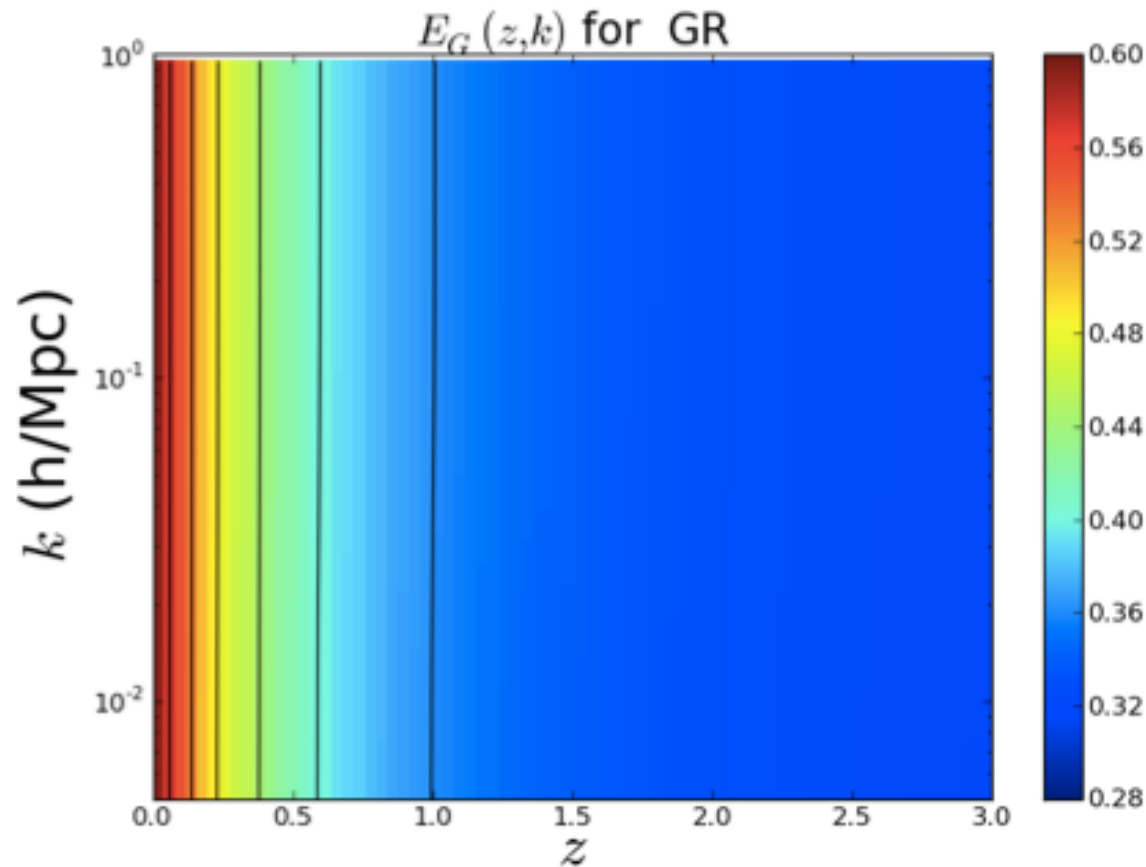
$$E_G(k, z) = \frac{\Omega_{m,0}\mu(k, a)[\gamma(k, a) + 1]}{2f}.$$

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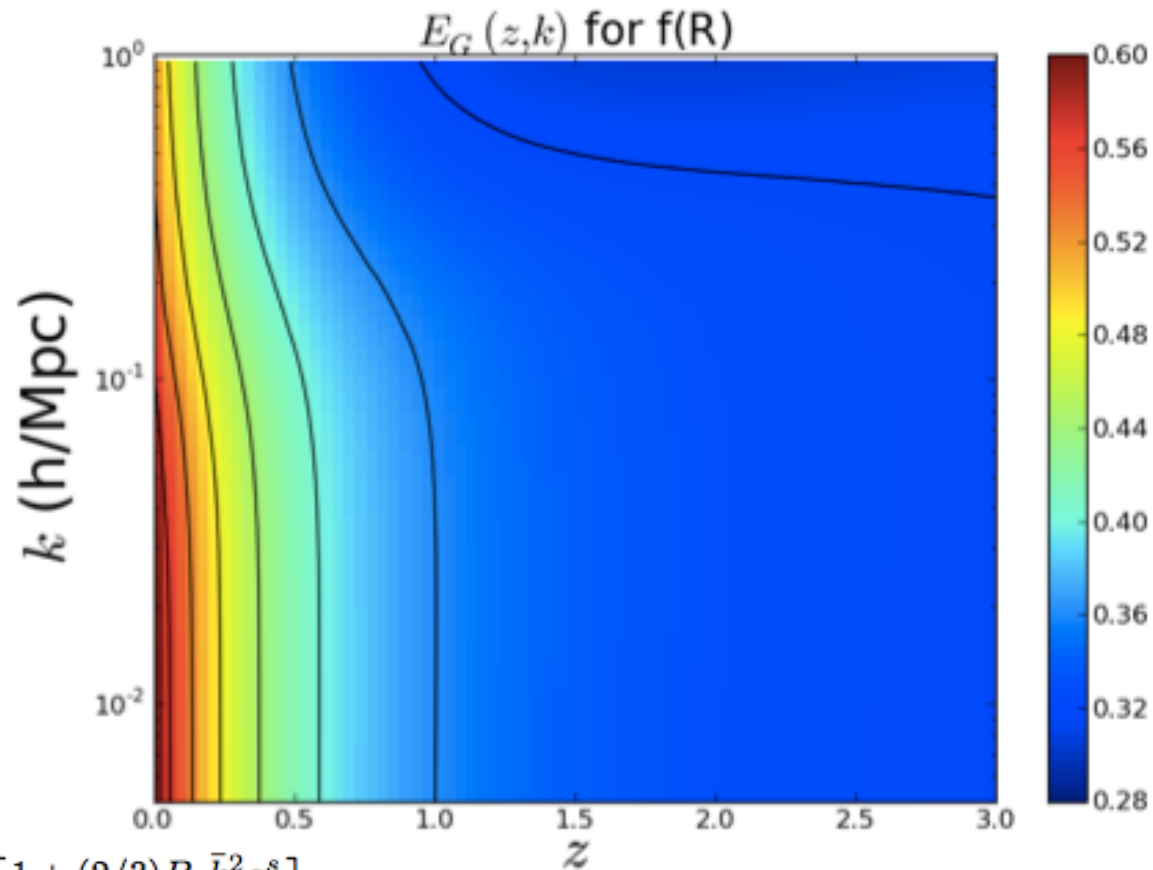
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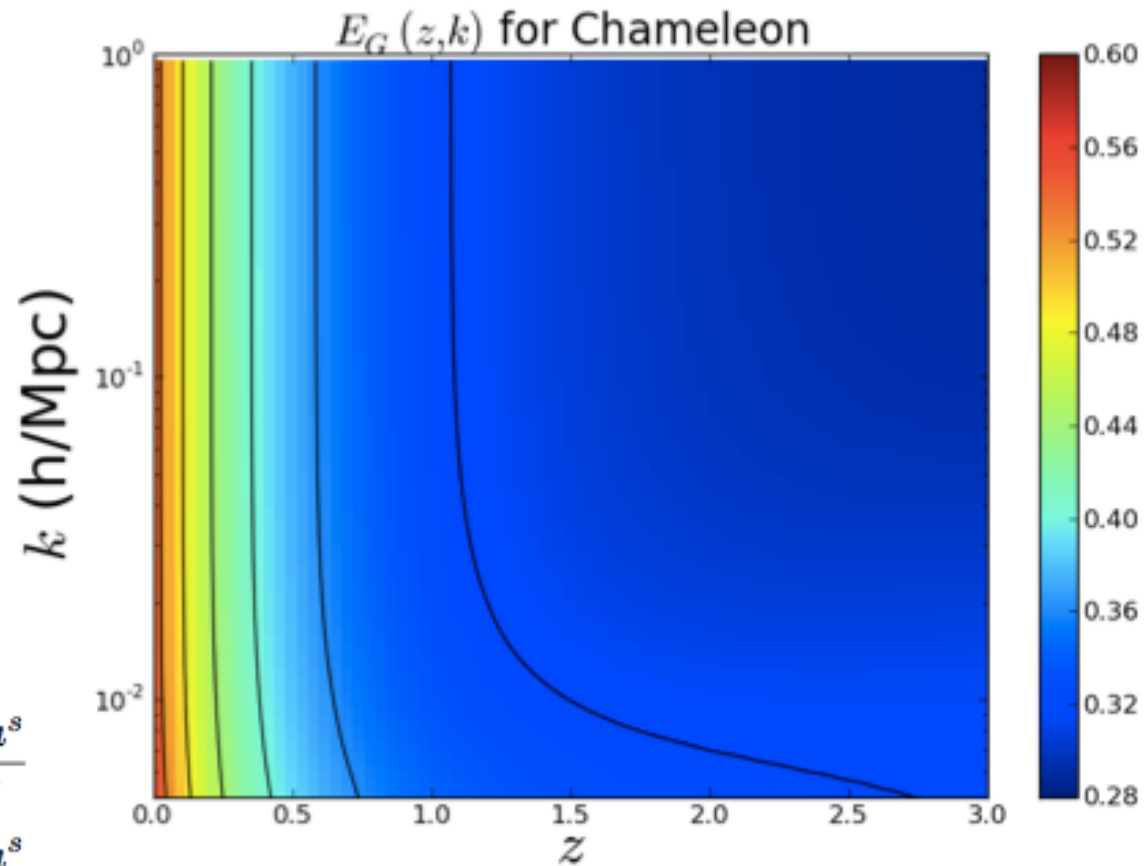
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$$\mu^{\text{Ch}}(k, a) = \frac{1 + \beta_1 \lambda_1^2 k^2 a^s}{1 + \lambda_1^2 k^2 a^s}$$

$$\gamma^{\text{Ch}}(k, a) = \frac{1 + \beta_2 \lambda_2^2 k^2 a^s}{1 + \lambda_2^2 k^2 a^s}$$

$$\lambda_2^2 = \beta_1 \lambda_1^2$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{2}{\beta_1} - 1,$$

if it is chameleon model

We now translate these into observables that we can measure:

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tracer-CMB lensing

Redshift space distortions

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Due to canceling of galaxy bias parameter,

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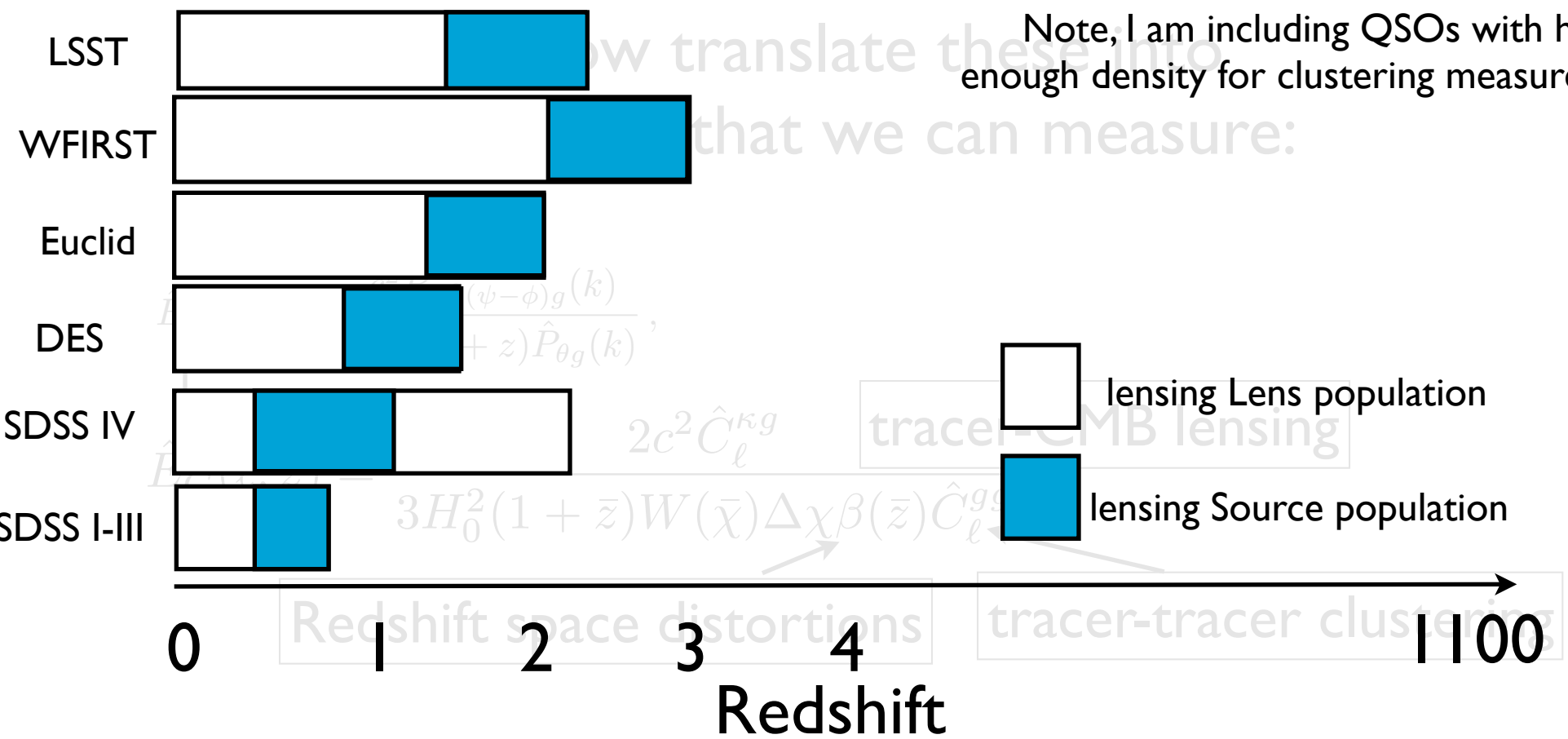
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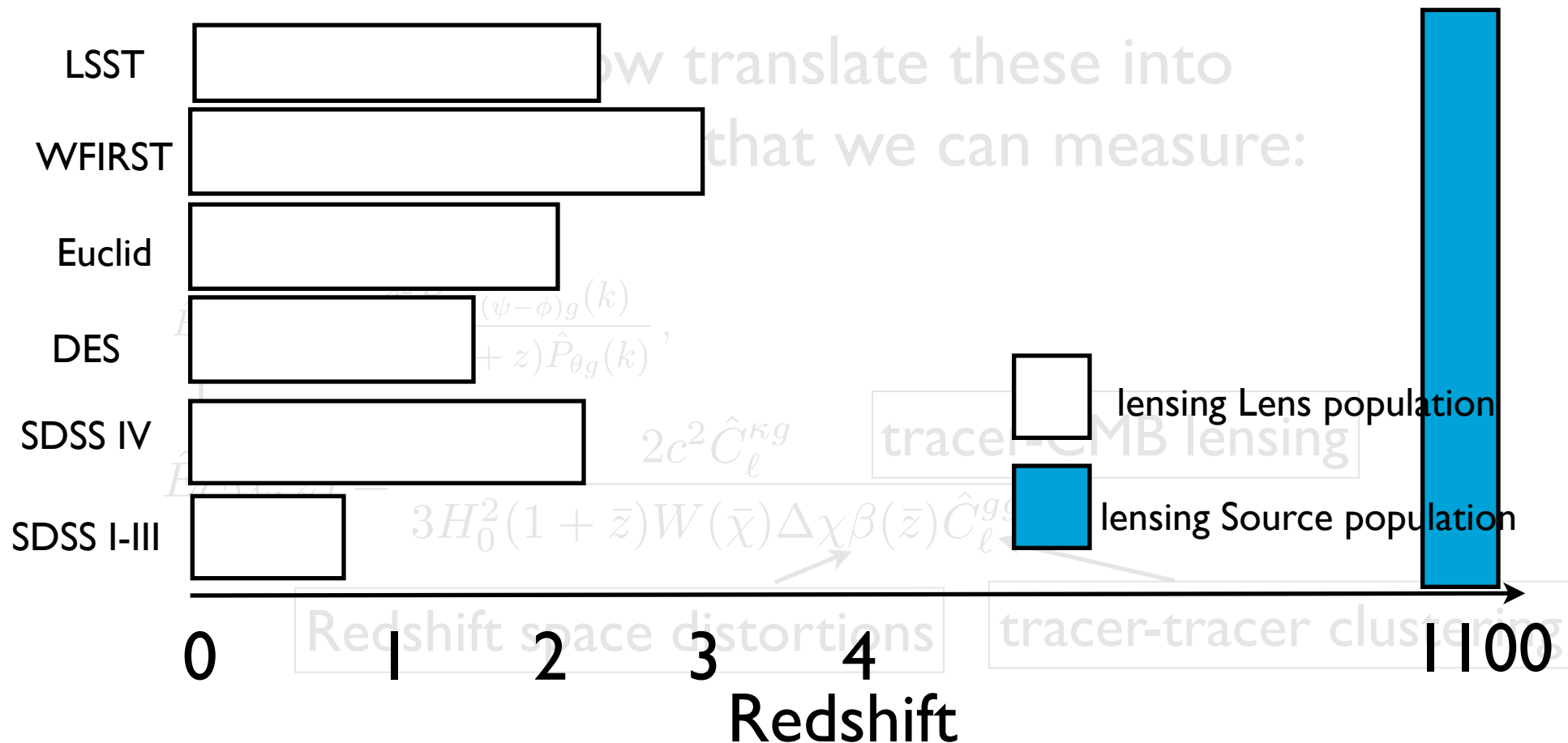
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Note, I am including QSOs with high enough density for clustering measurements



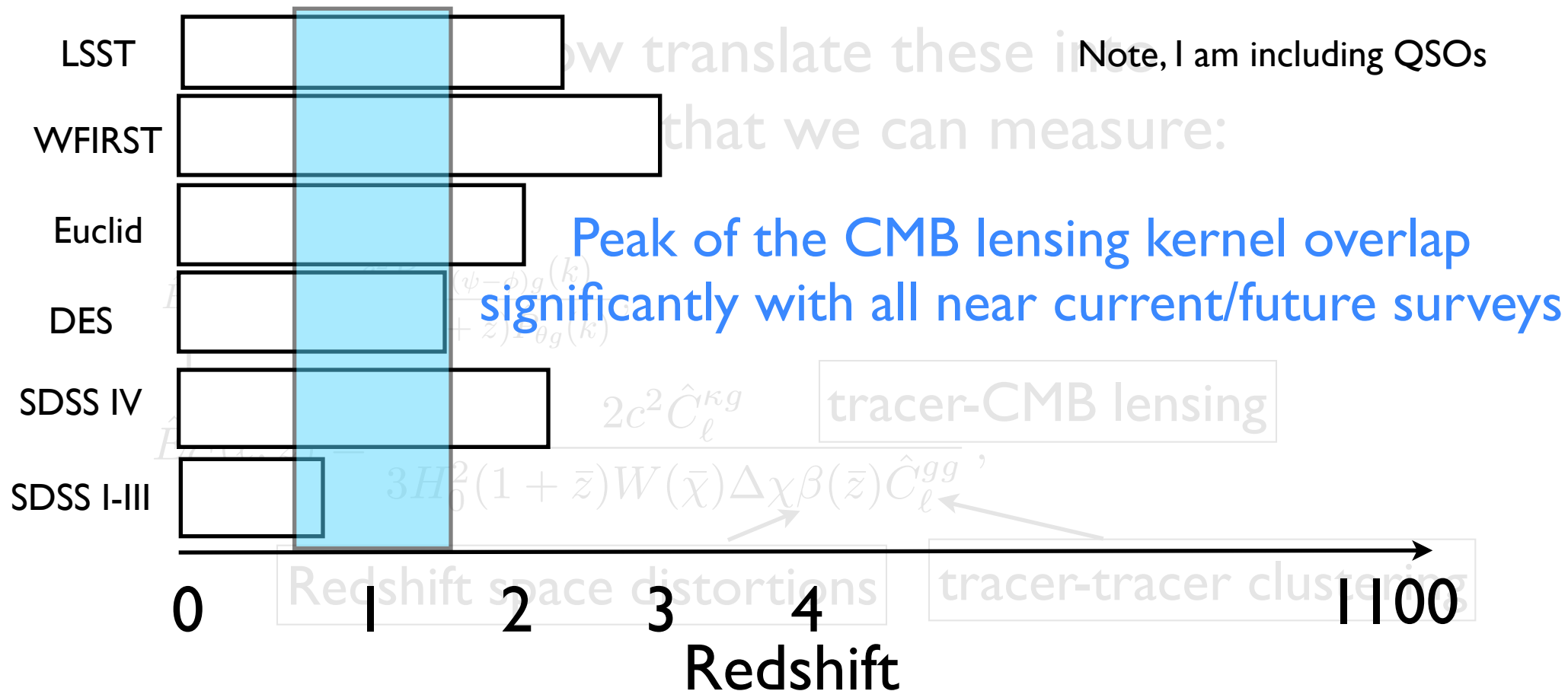
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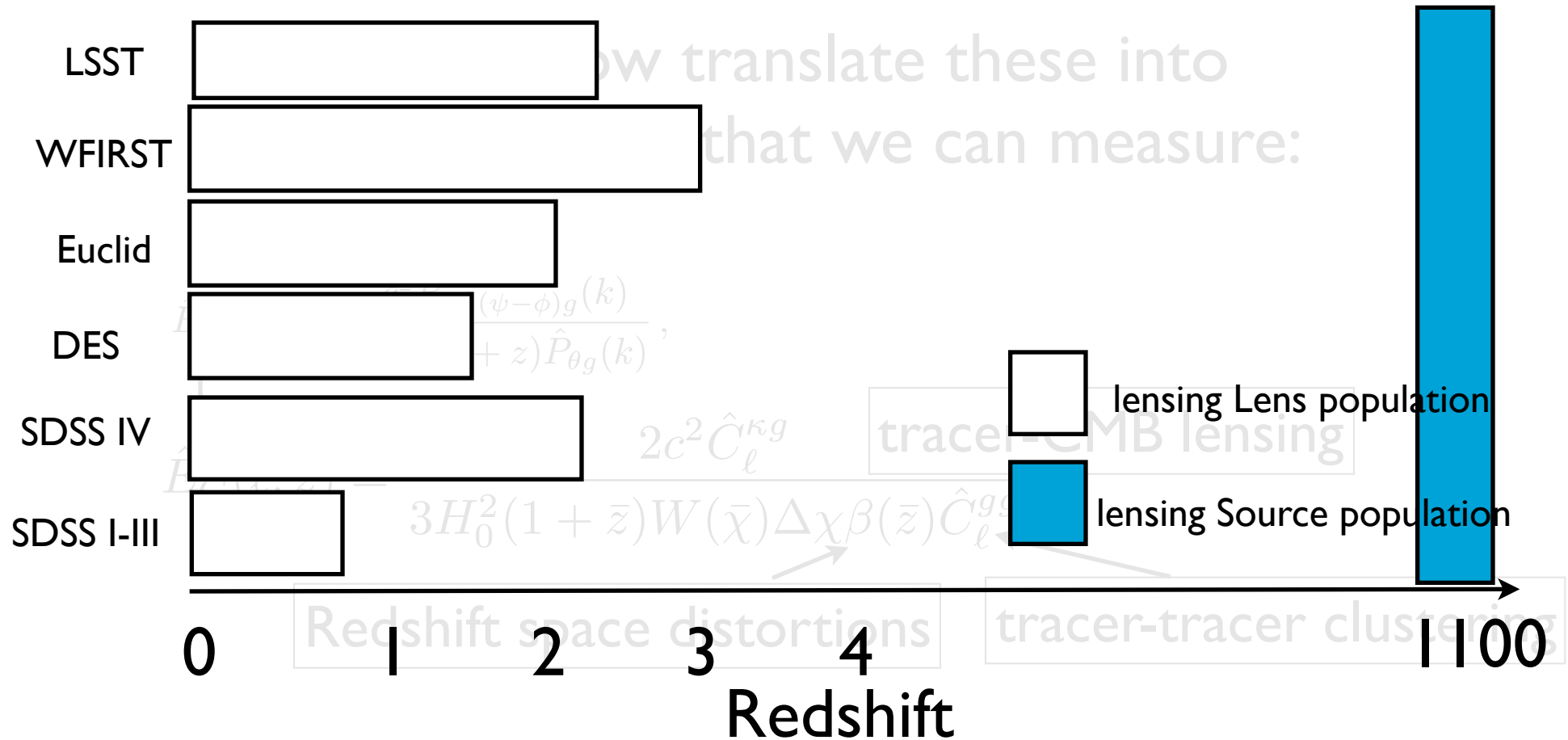
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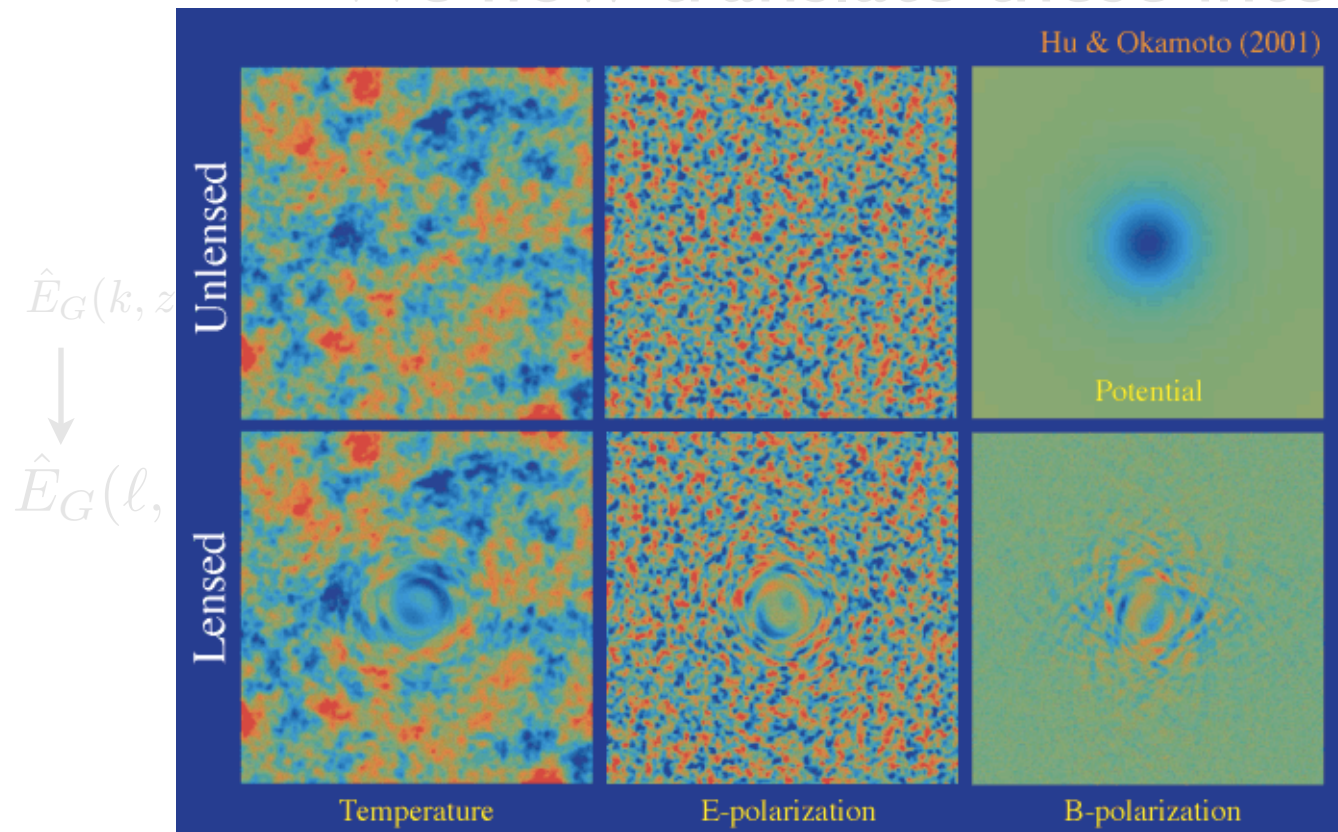




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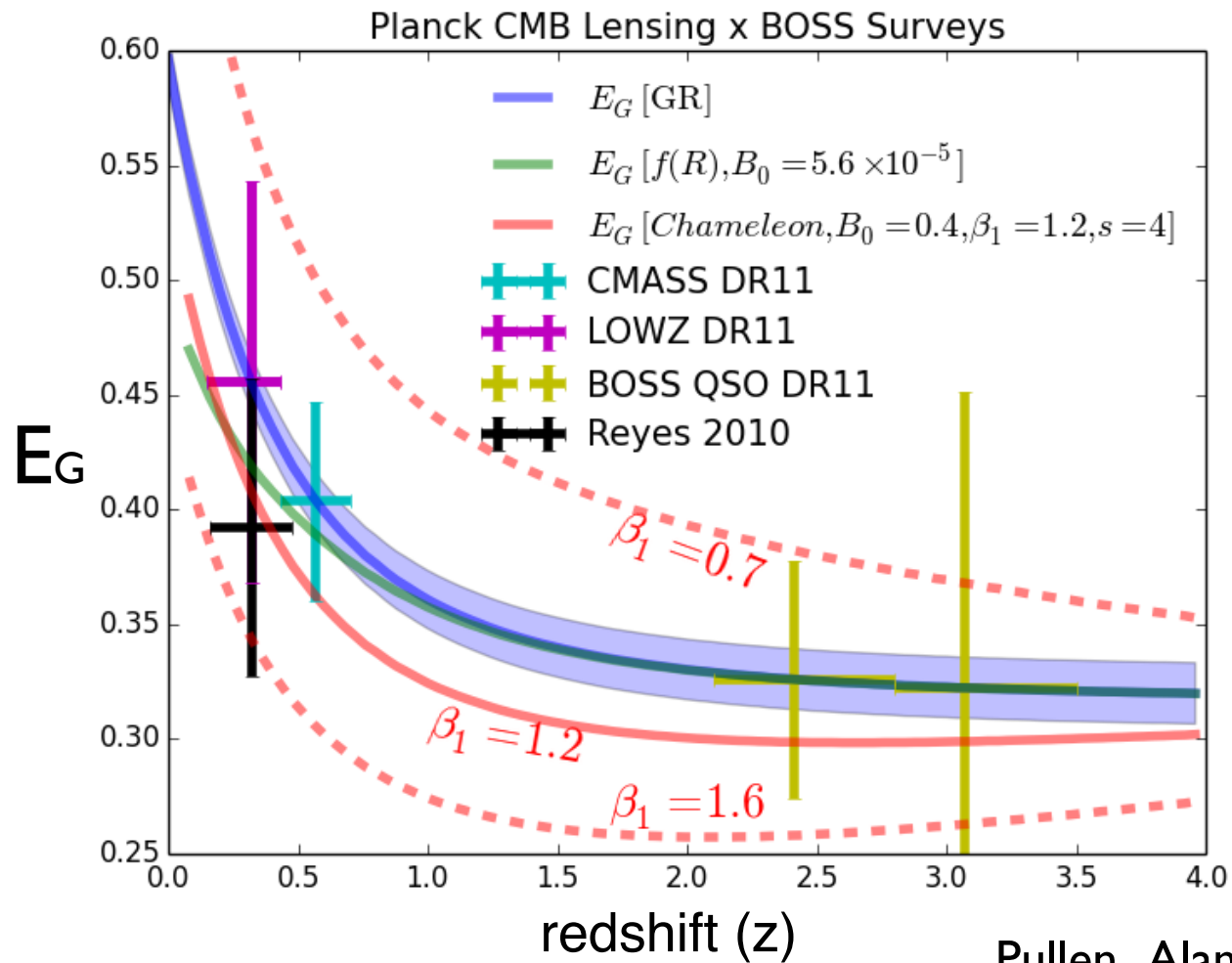
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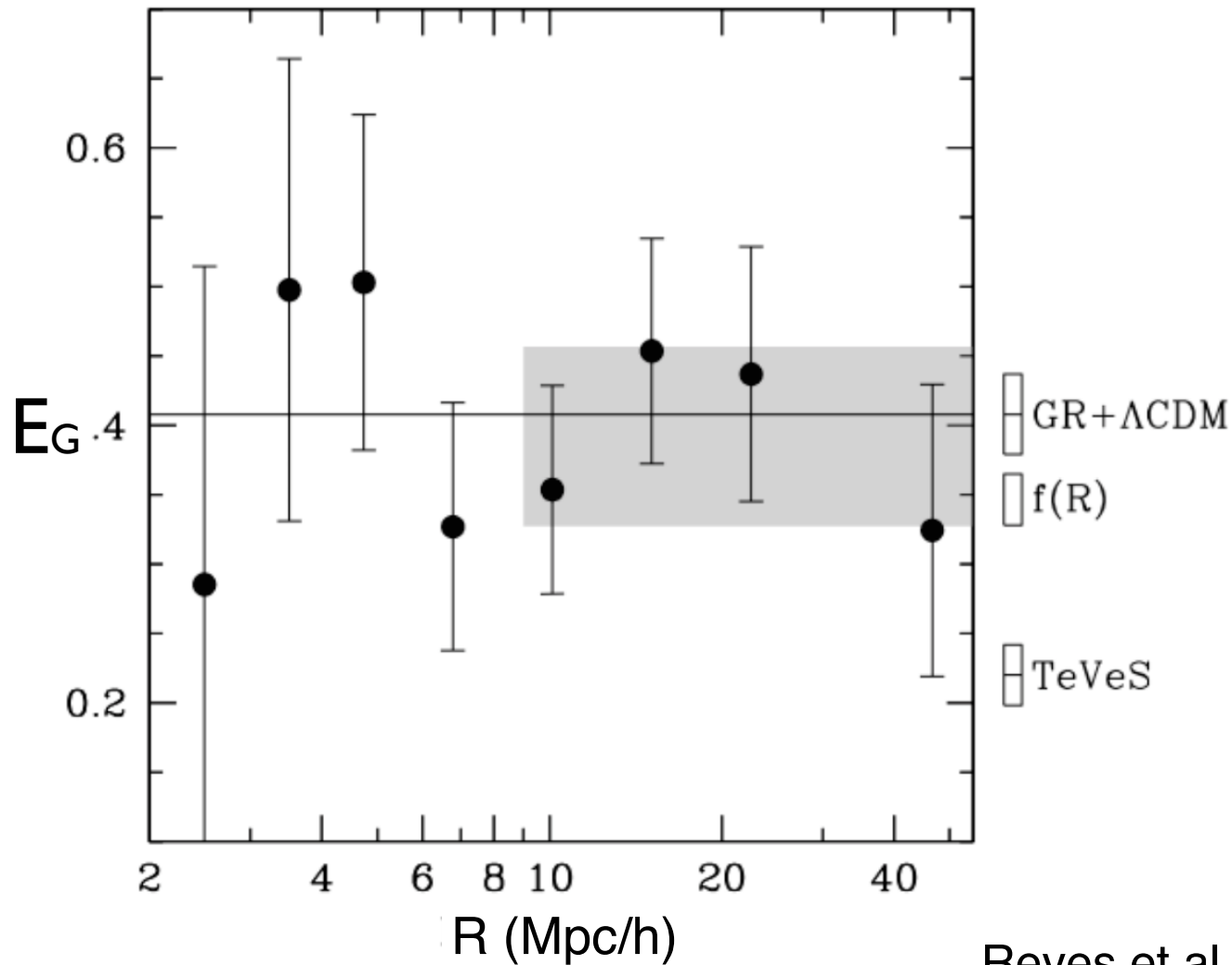
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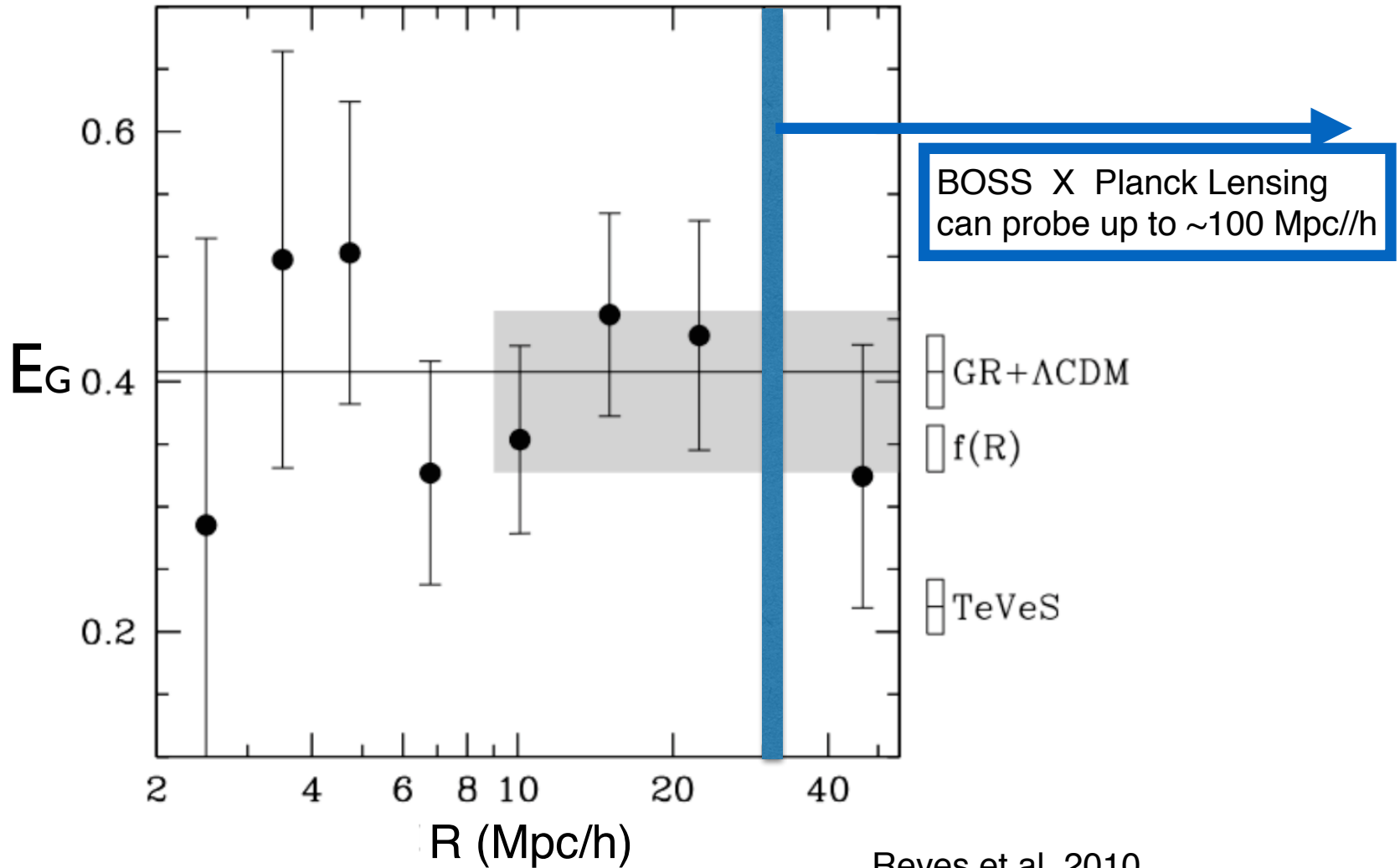


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Reyes et al. 2010

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# Preliminary look into BOSS X Planck-lensing







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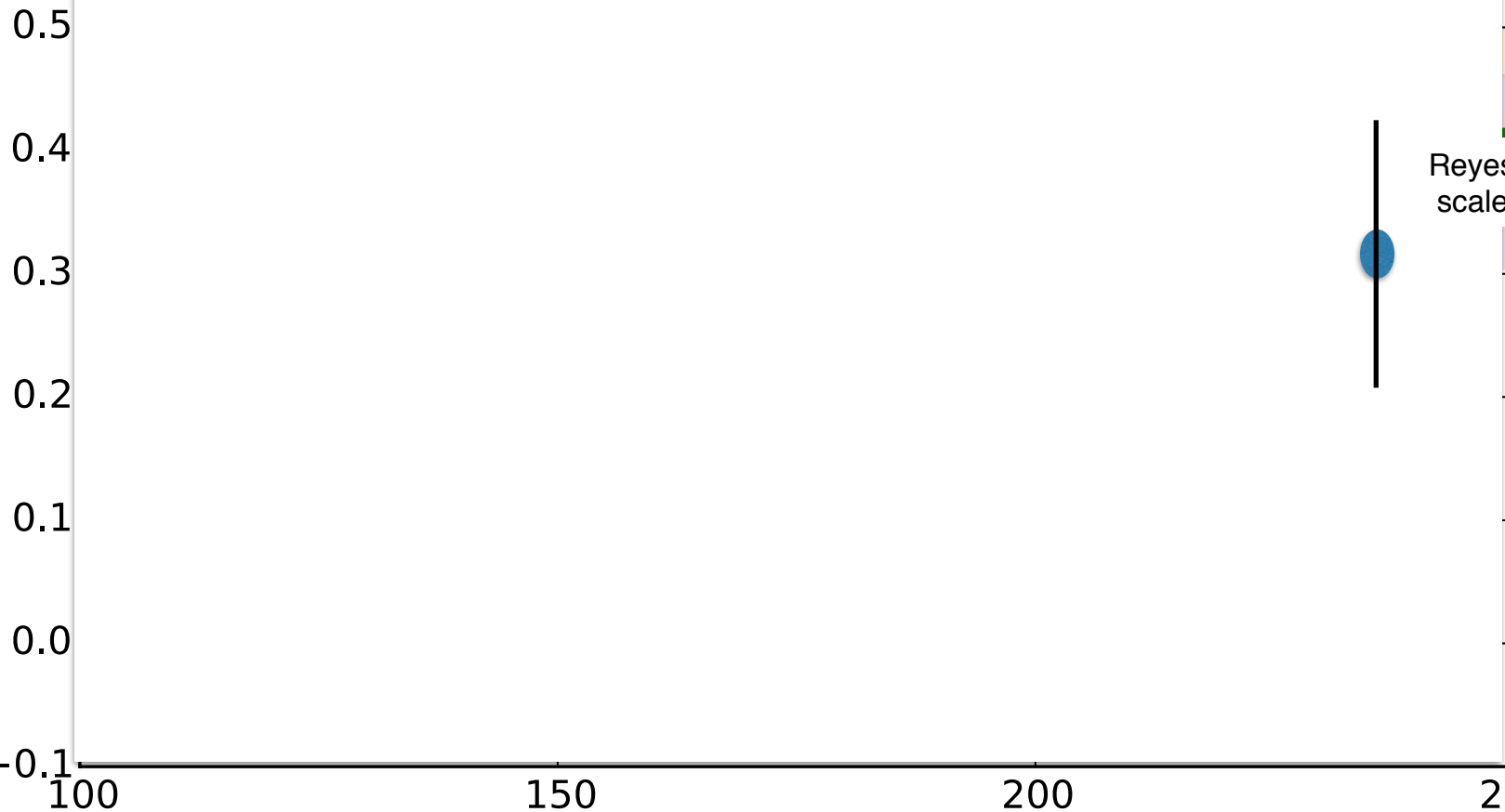
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Reyes et al.'s largest scale measurement

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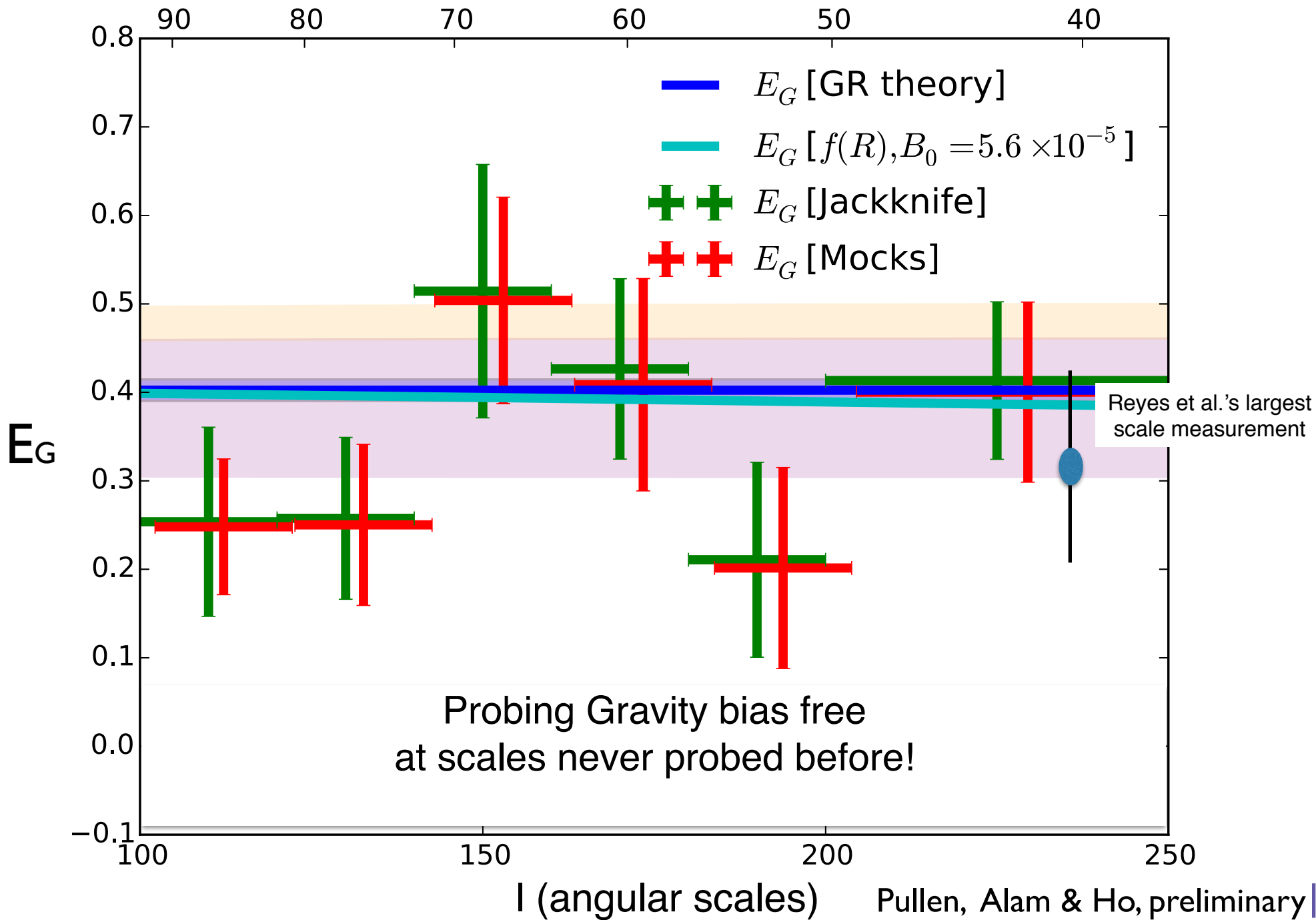
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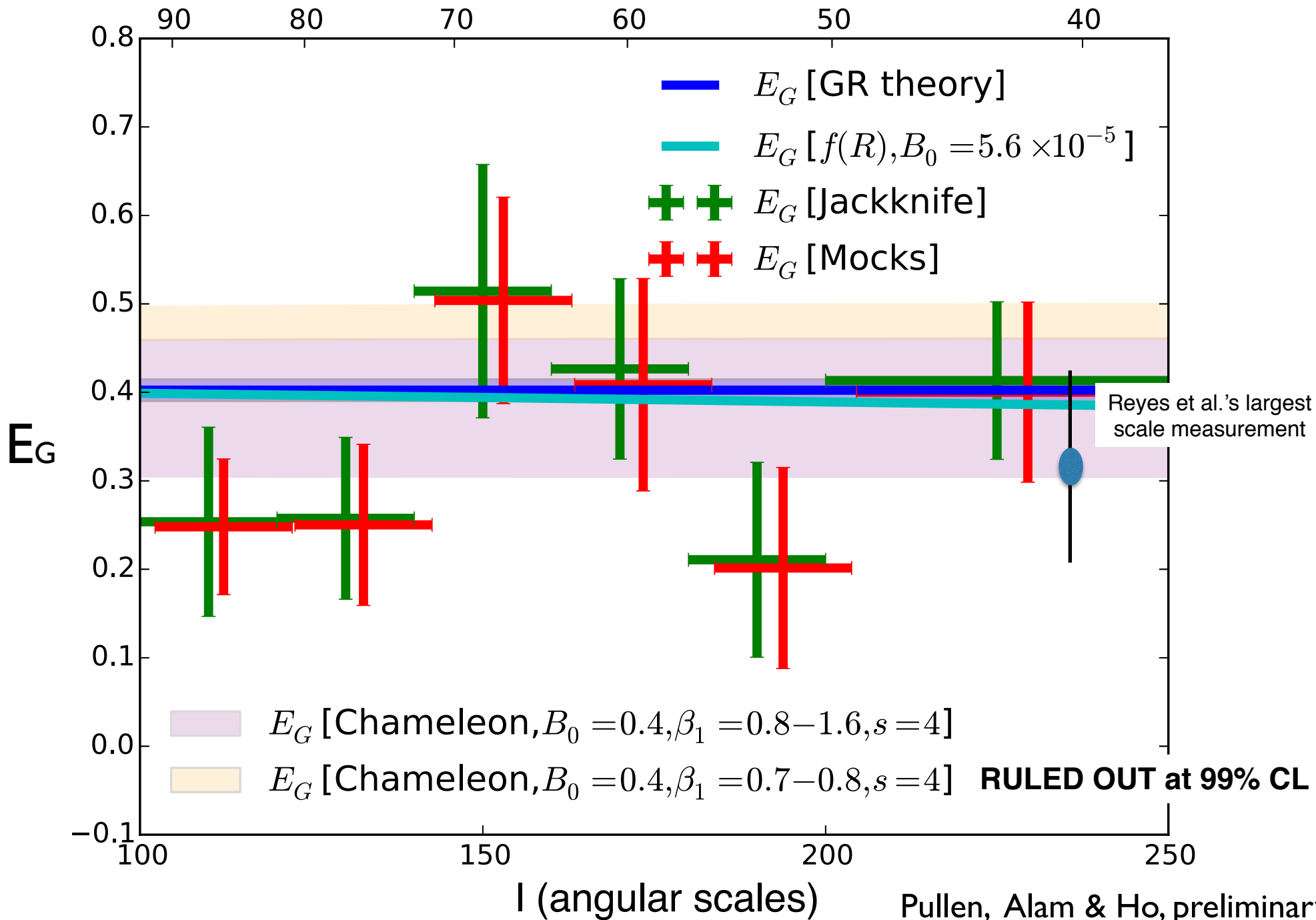
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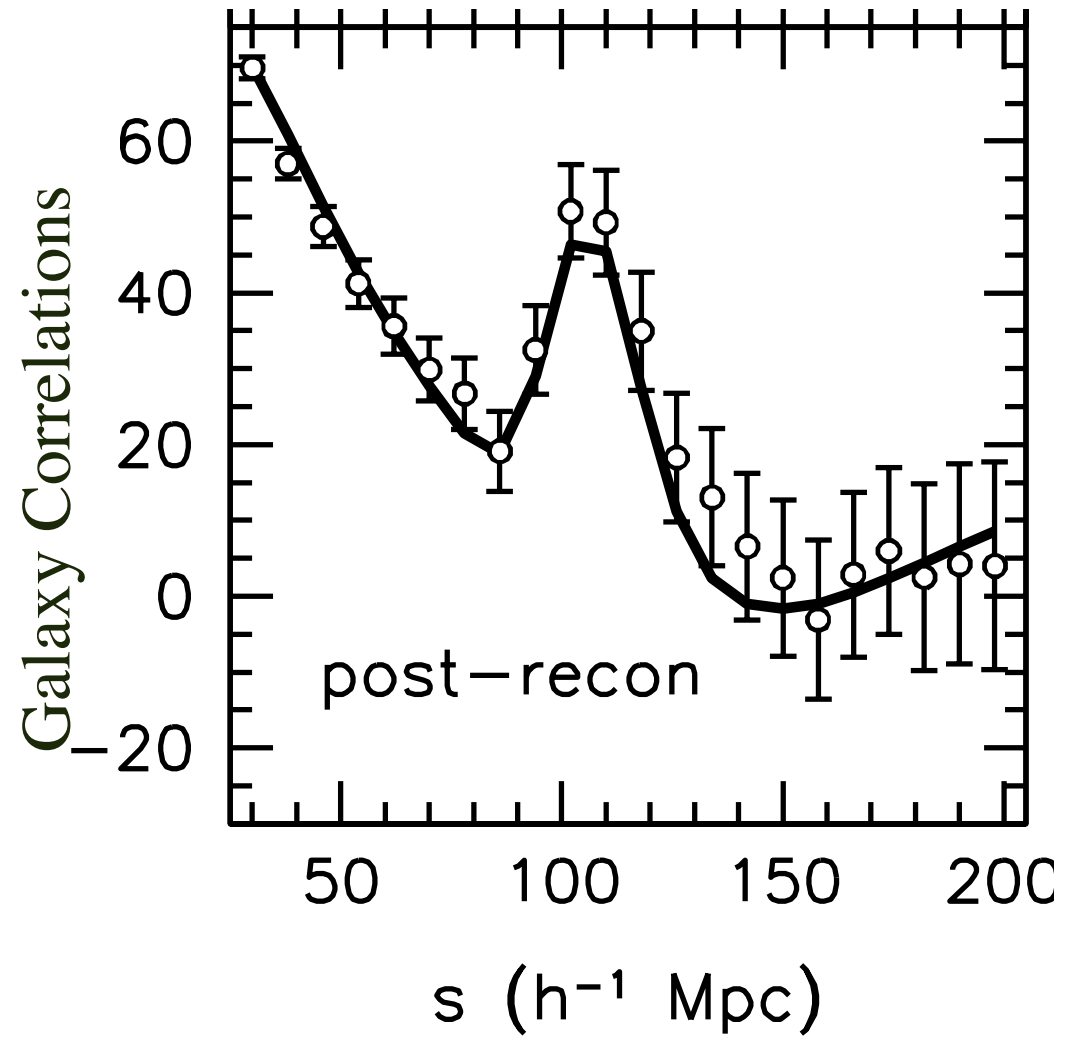
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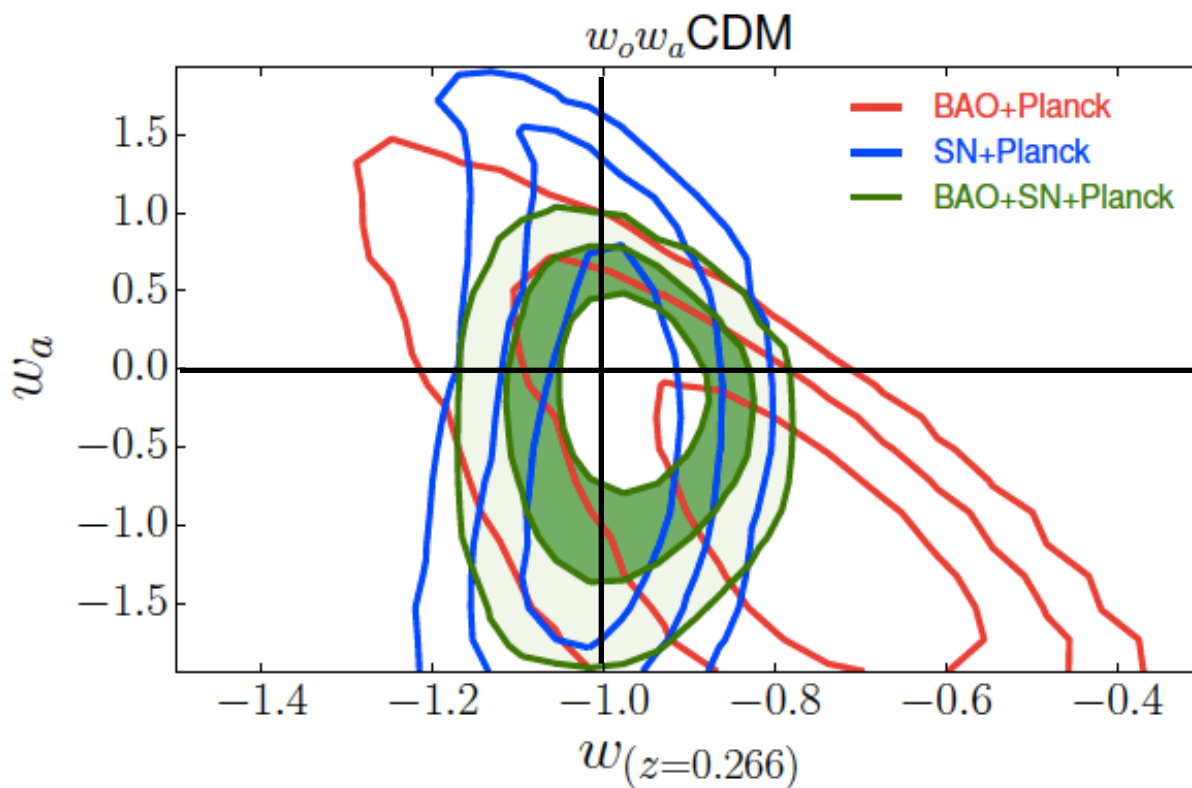


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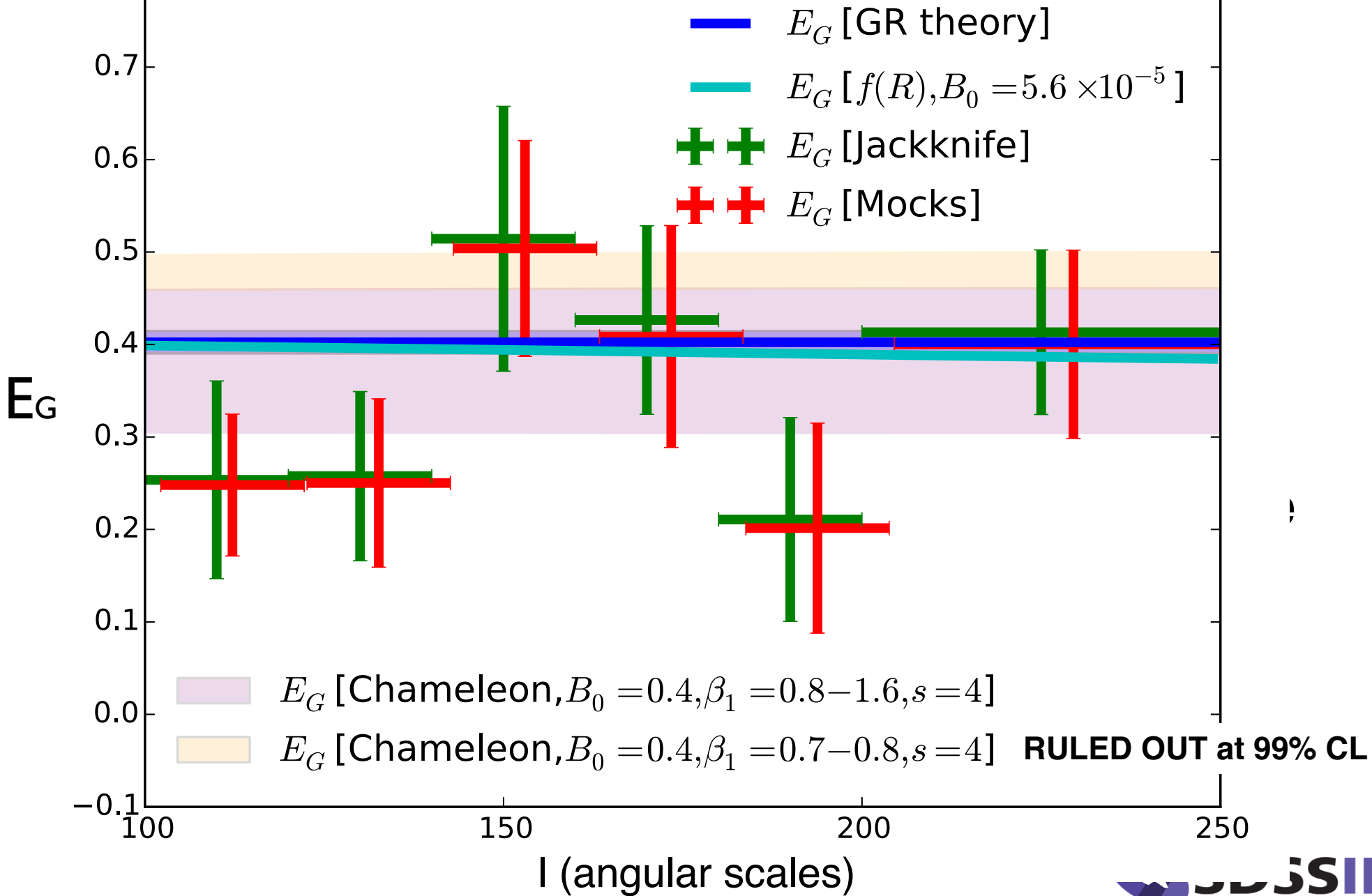


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