

Constraining cosmological models with the Effective Field Theory of Large-Scale Structures

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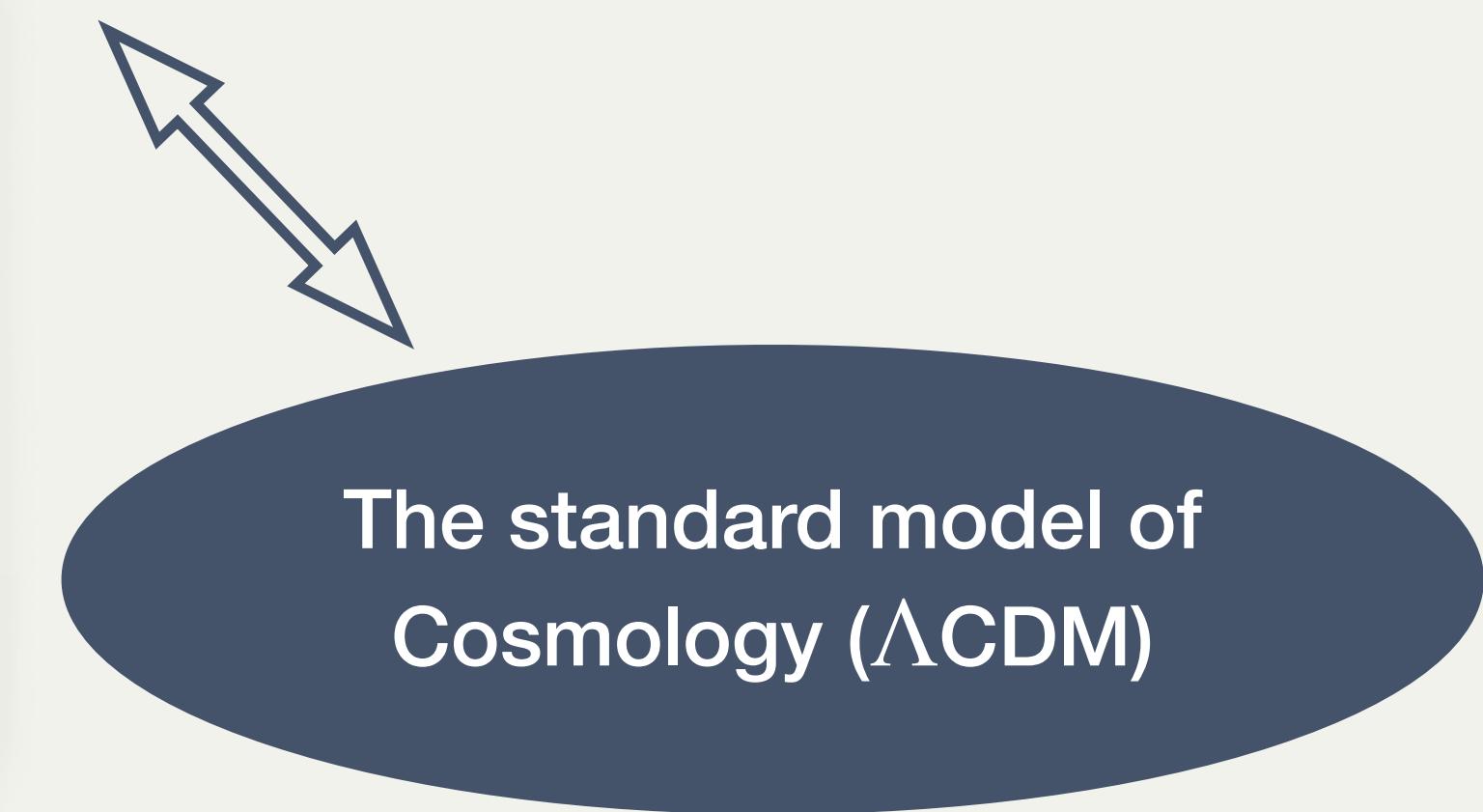
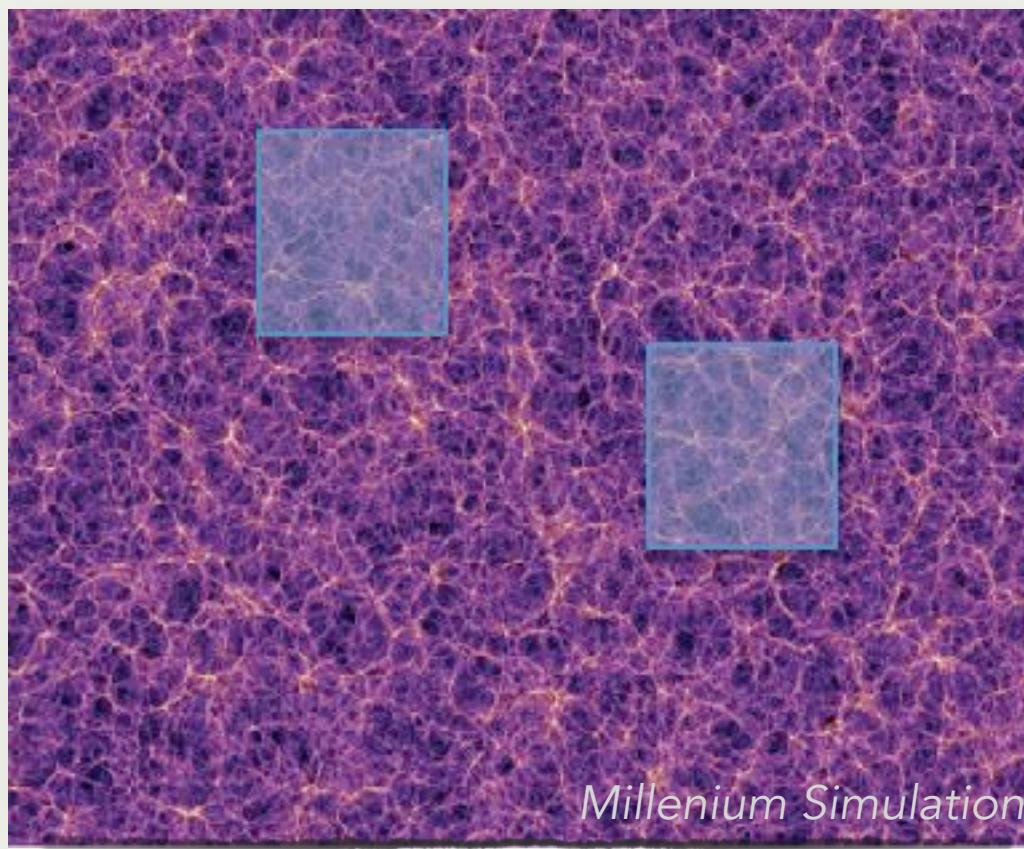
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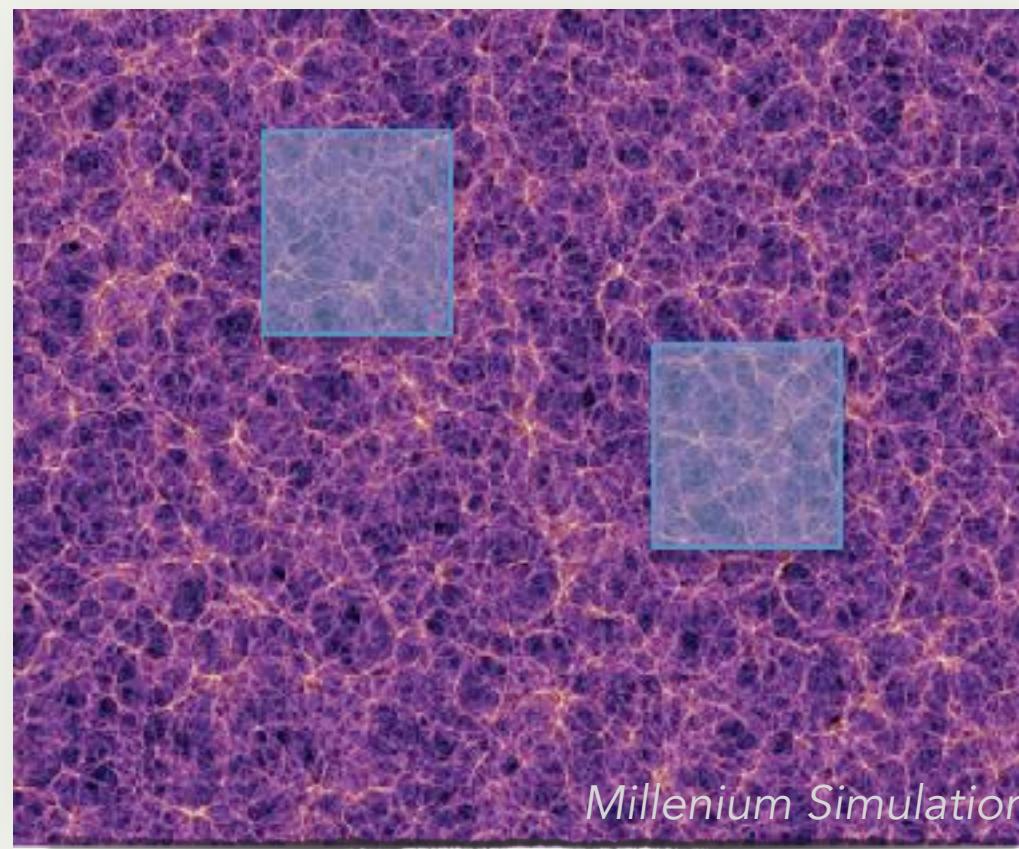
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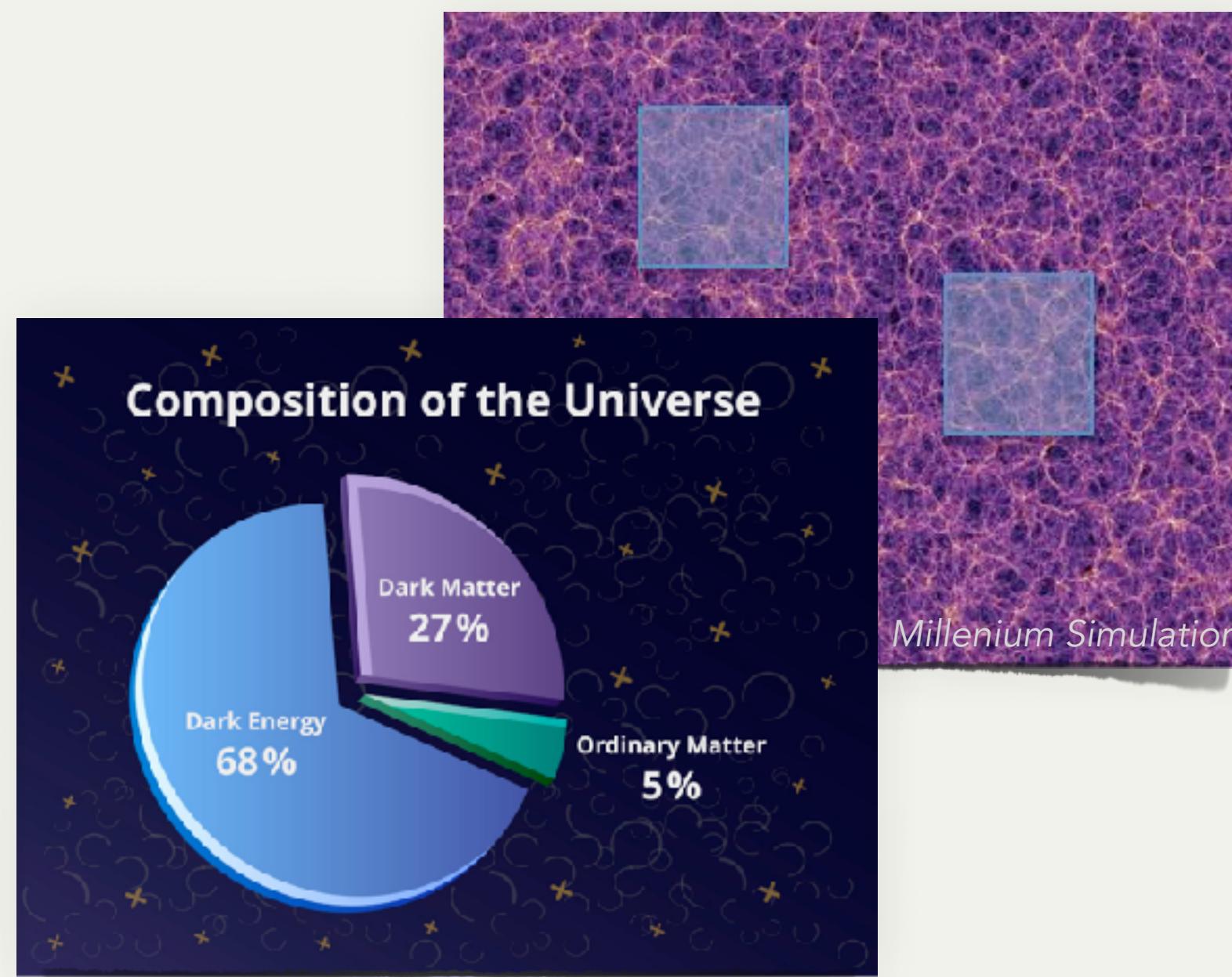
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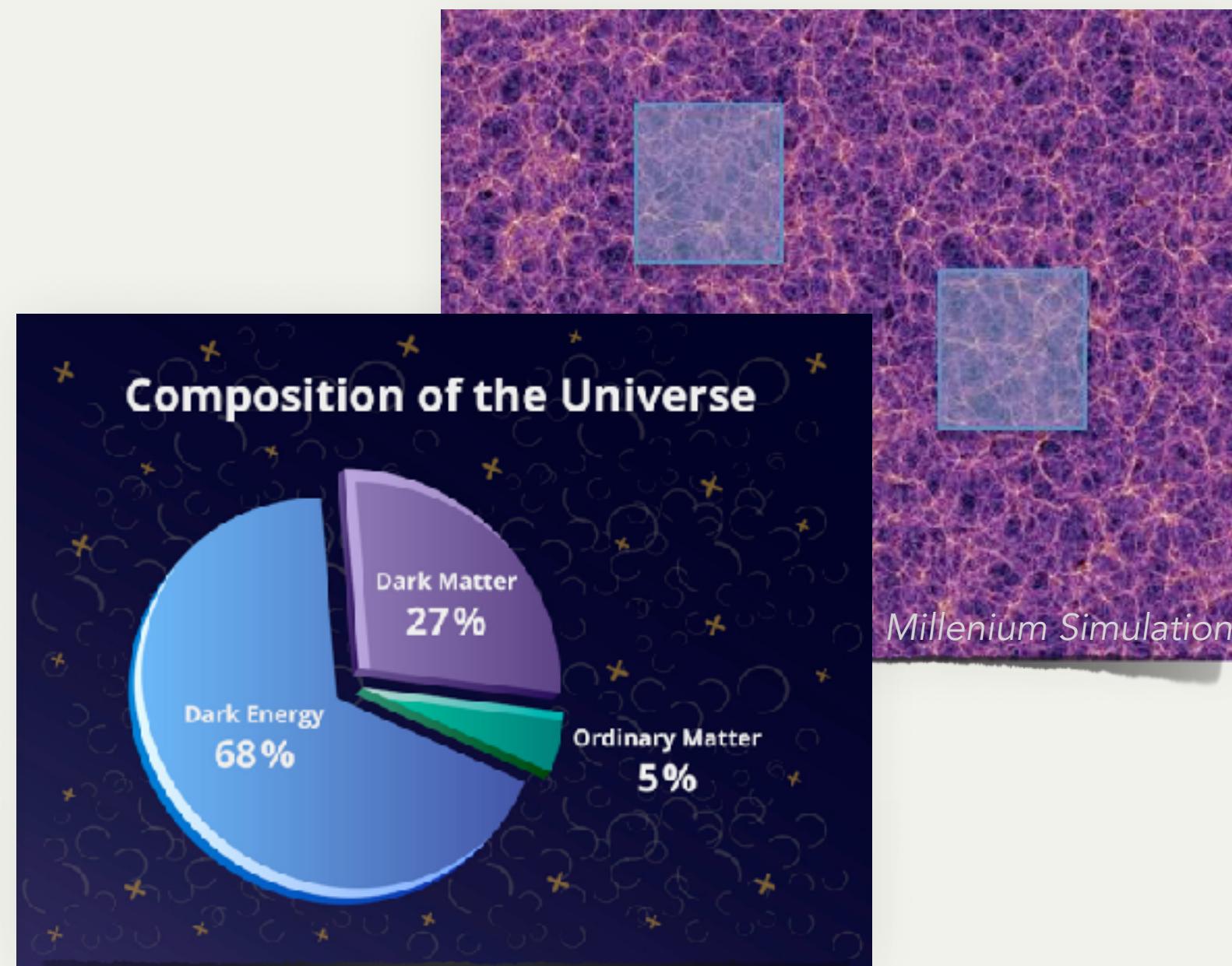
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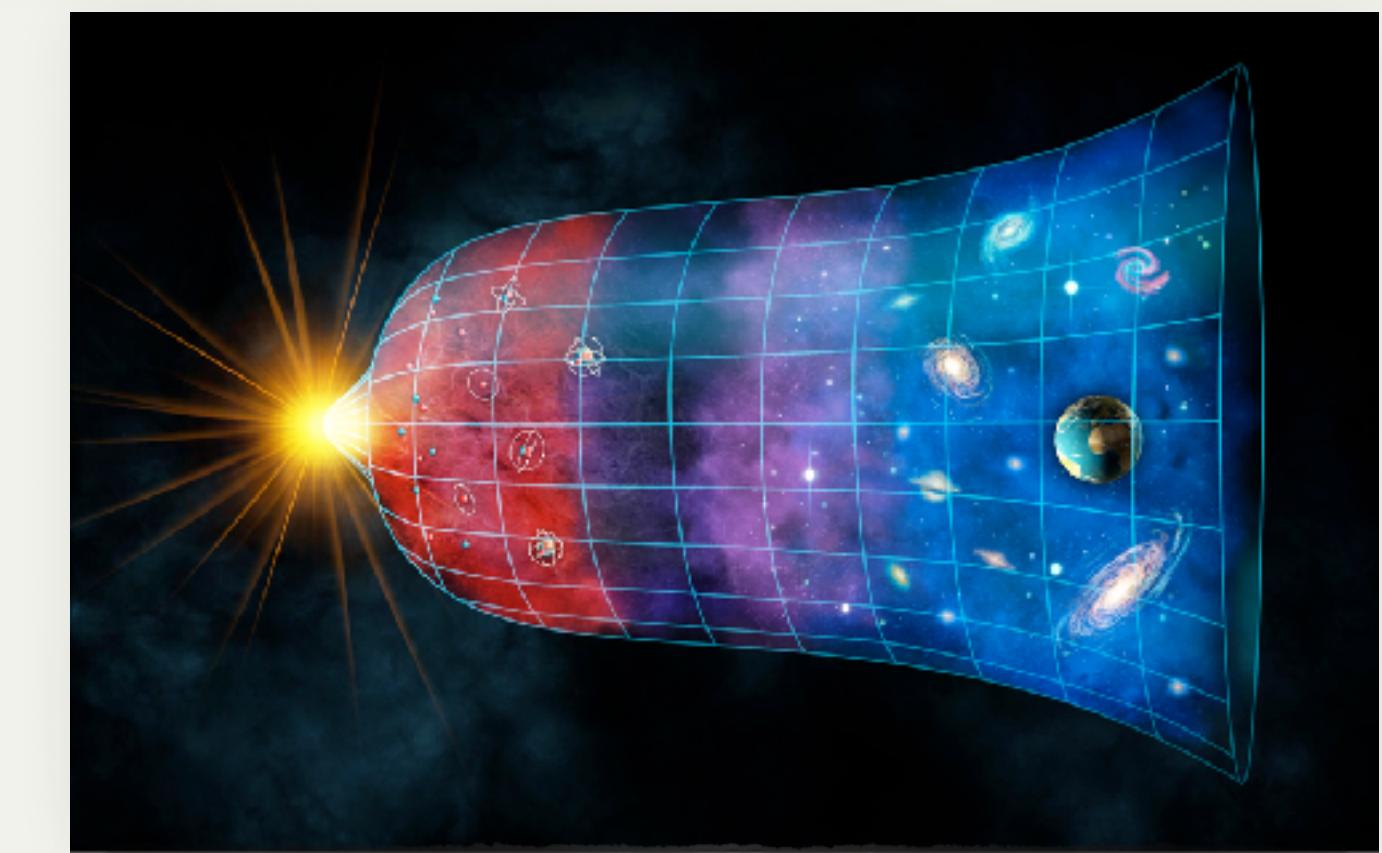
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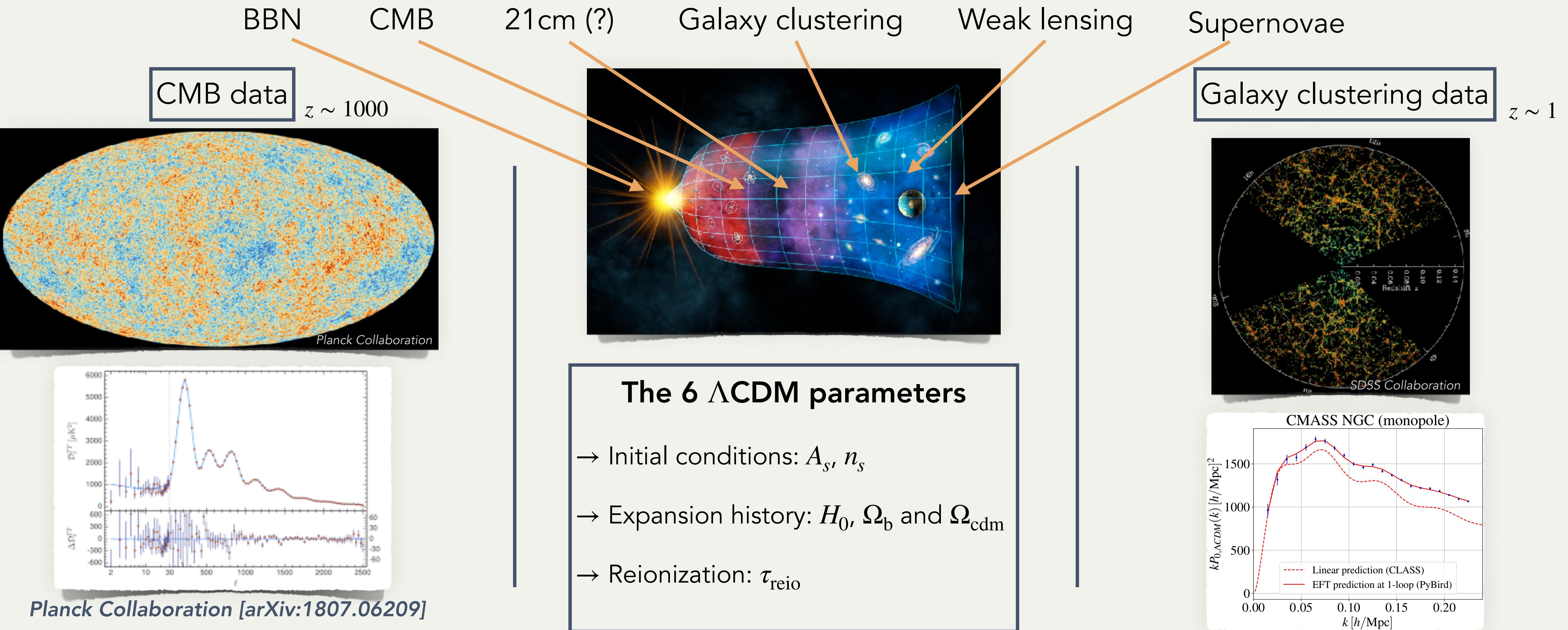
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The Λ CDM parameters

- Initial conditions: A_s , n_s
- Expansion history: H_0 , Ω_b and Ω_{cdm}
- Reionization: τ_{reio}

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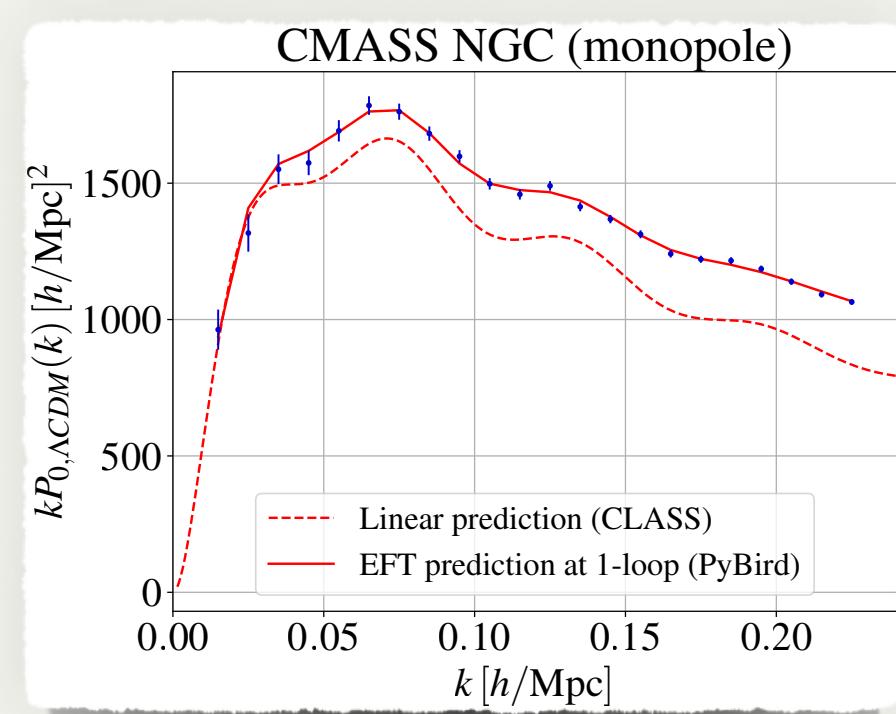


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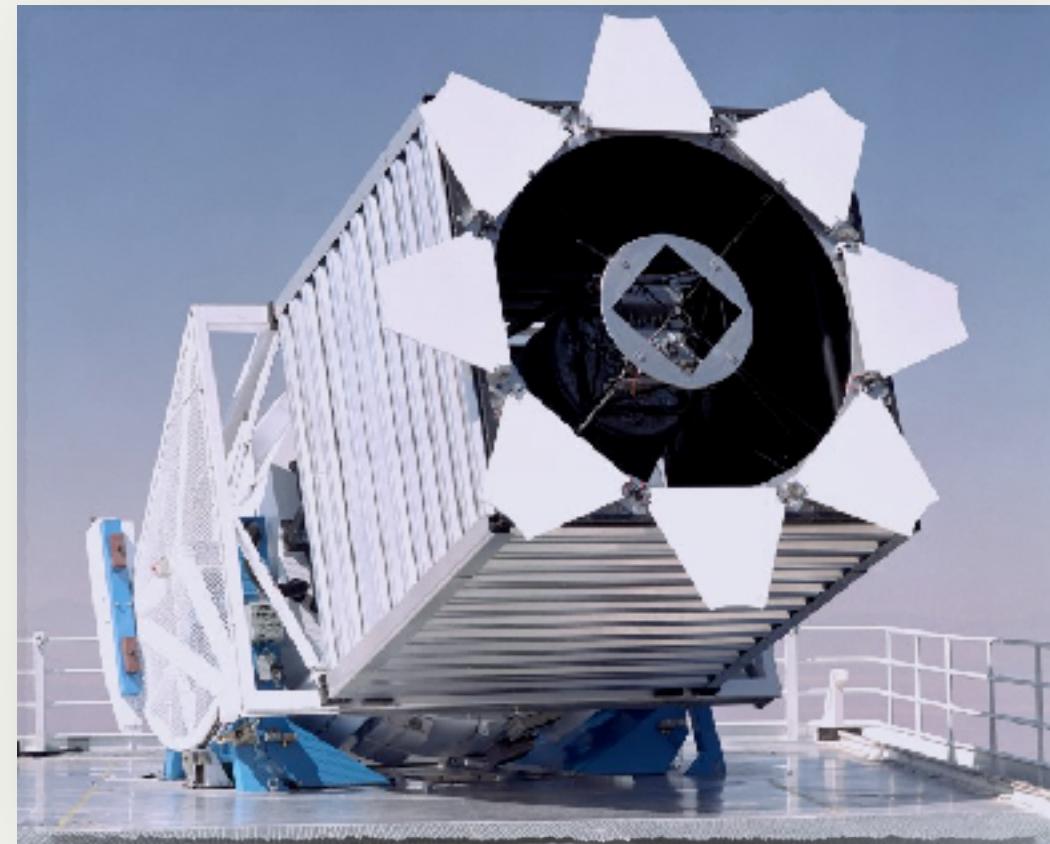
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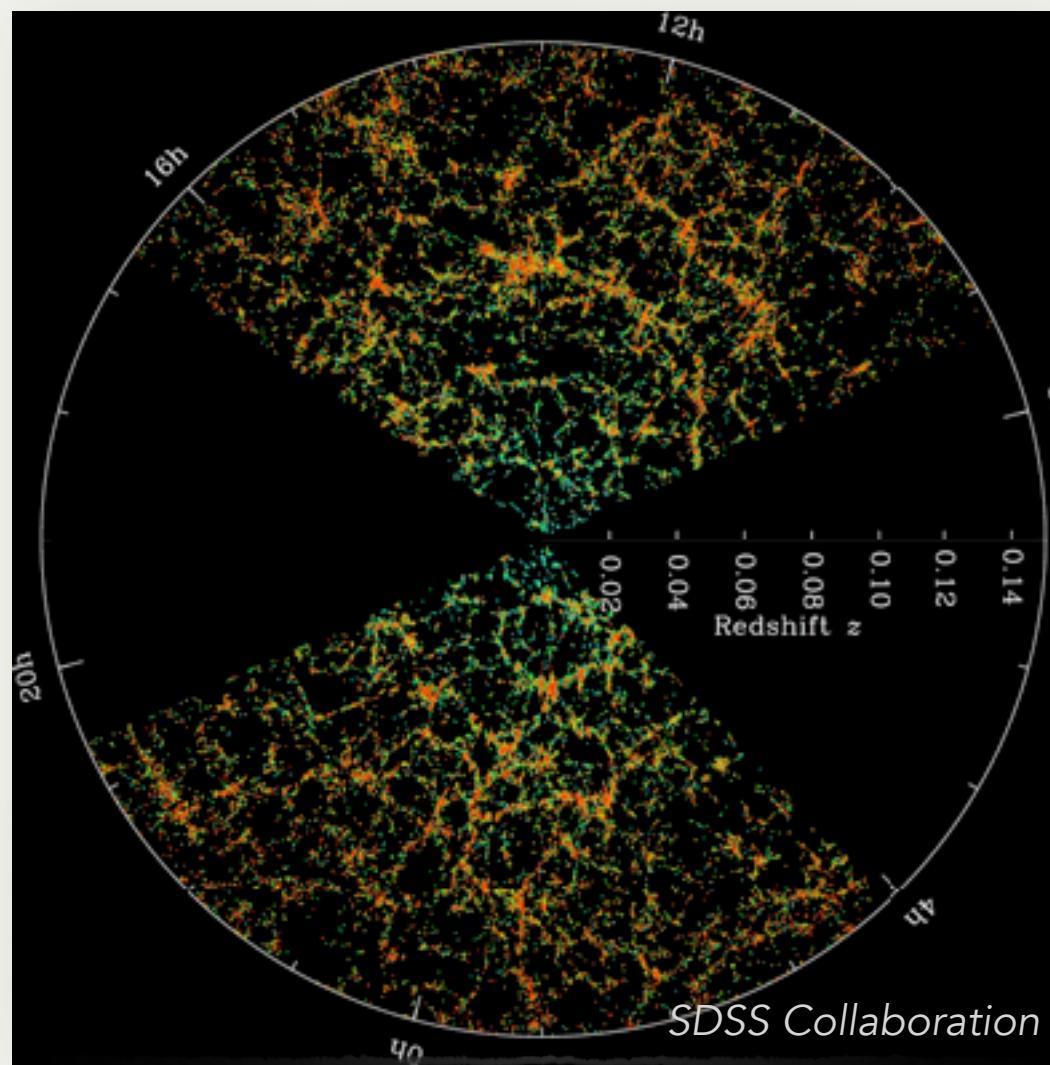


Introduction: large-scale structure data

The Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)



www.sdss.org



2000 - 2025

BOSS DR12 LRG (Luminous Red Galaxies)

Galaxies (~ 1.5 million) selected in two redshift ranges:
→ LOWZ (SGC/NGC): $0.2 < z < 0.43$ ($z_{\text{eff}} = 0.32$)
→ CMASS (SGC/NGC): $0.43 < z < 0.7$ ($z_{\text{eff}} = 0.57$)

BOSS Collaboration [[arXiv:1607.03155](https://arxiv.org/abs/1607.03155)]

eBOSS DR16 QSO

Quasars ($\sim 300\,000$) selected in one redshift range:
 $0.8 < z < 2.2$ ($z_{\text{eff}} = 1.5$)

eBOSS Collaboration [[arXiv:2007.08991](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.08991)]

I- EFTofLSS applied to (e)BOSS data and its consistency within the Λ CDM model

Based on:

- **TS et al.**, JCAP [[arXiv:2210.14931](#)]
Cosmological inference from the EFTofLSS: the eBOSS QSO full-shape analysis
- **TS et al.**, Phys. Rev. D [[arXiv:2208.05929](#)]
Consistency of effective field theory analyses of the BOSS power spectrum
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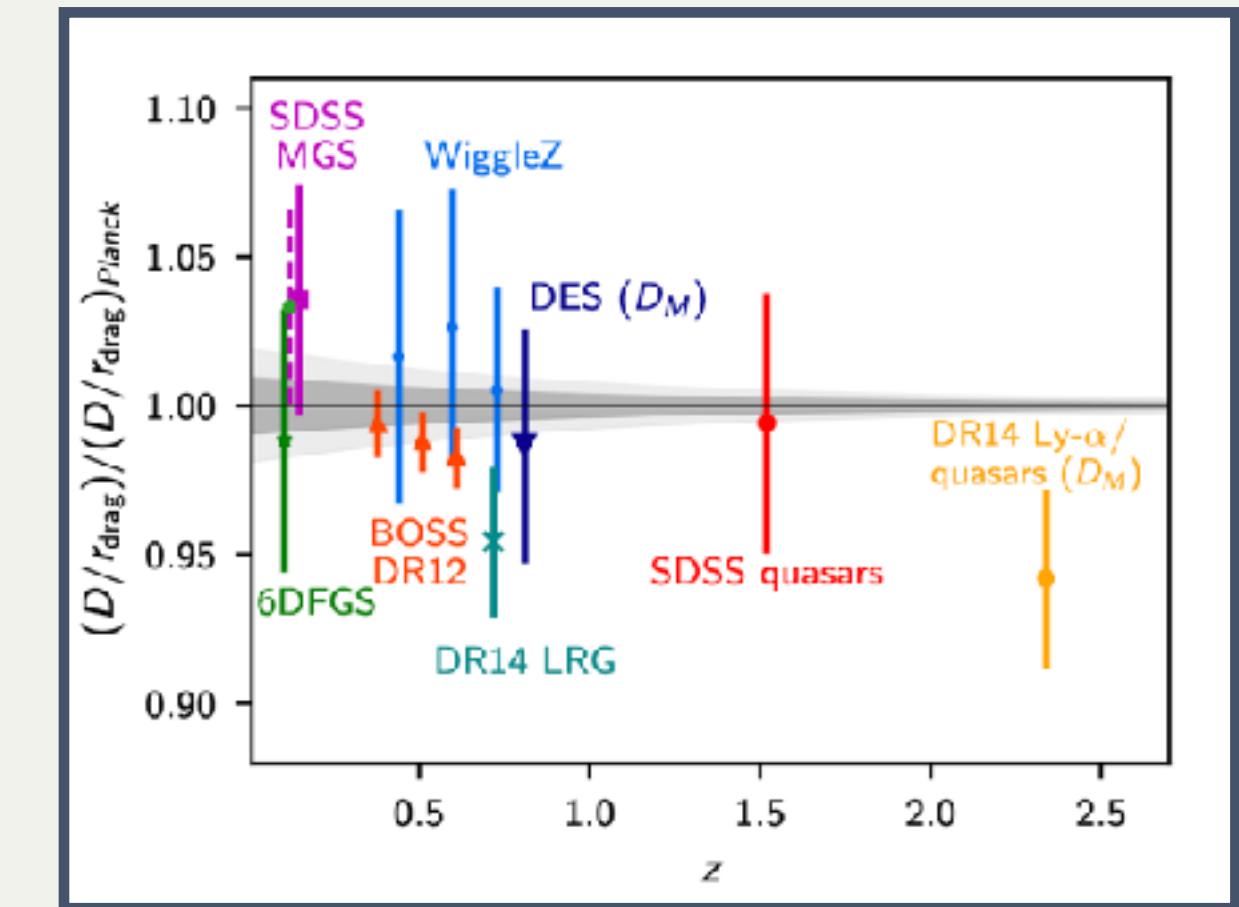
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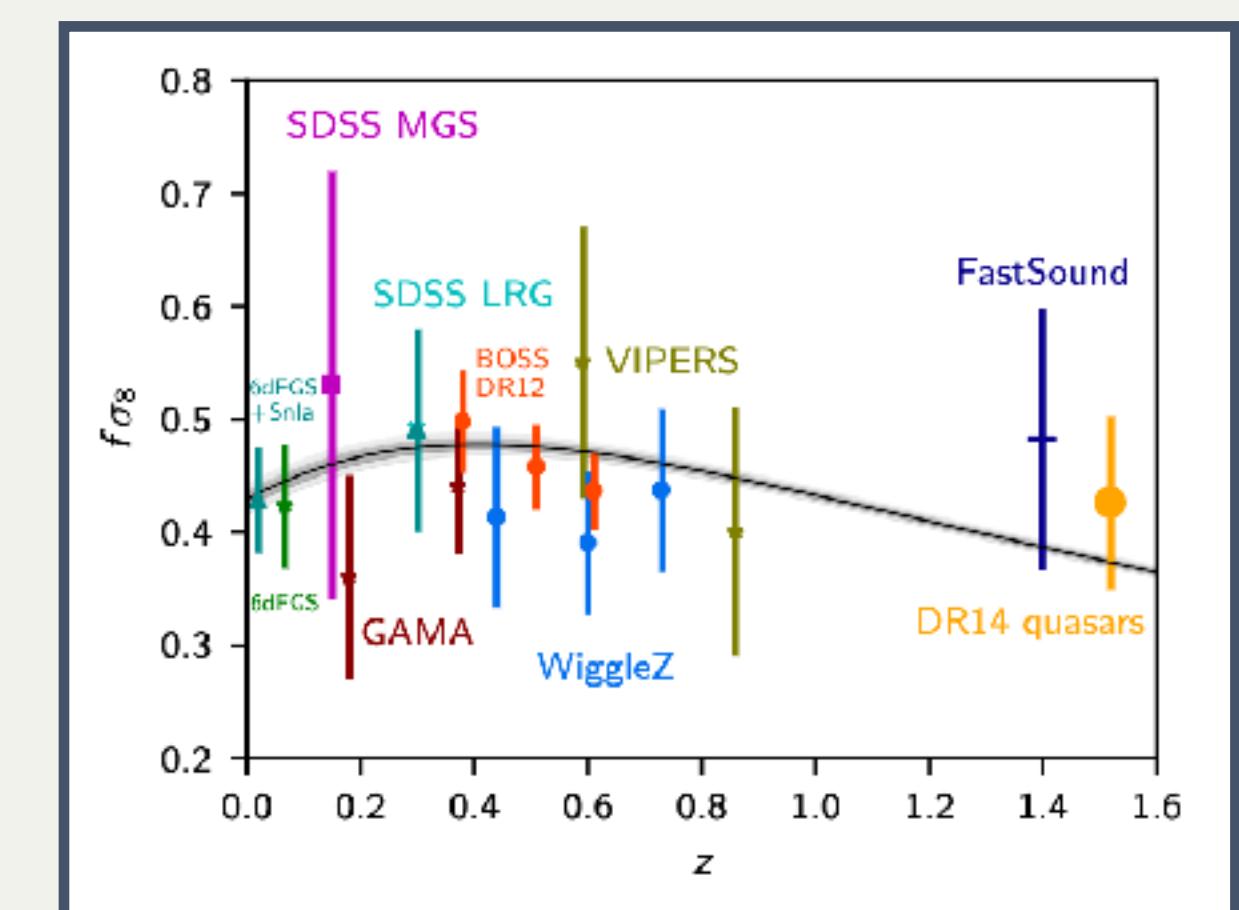
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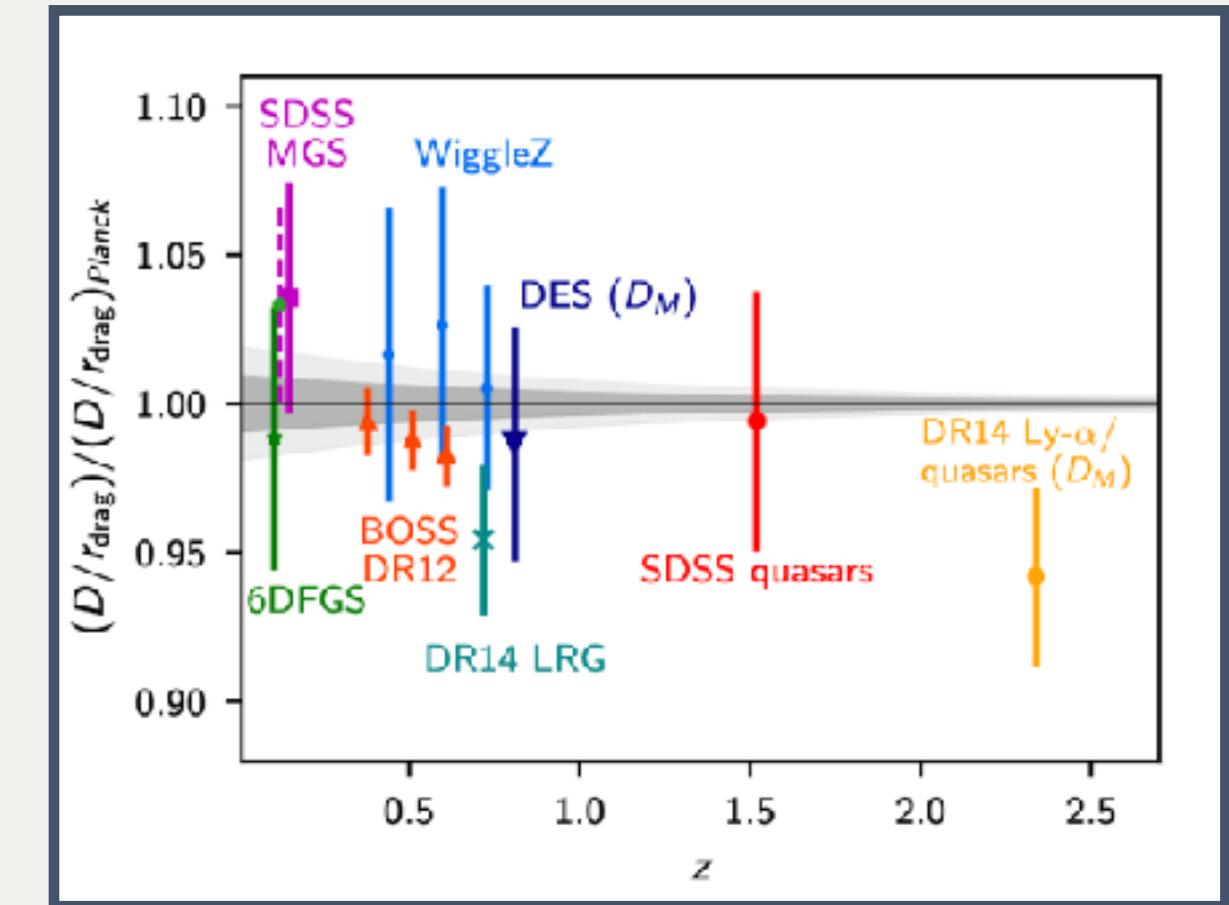
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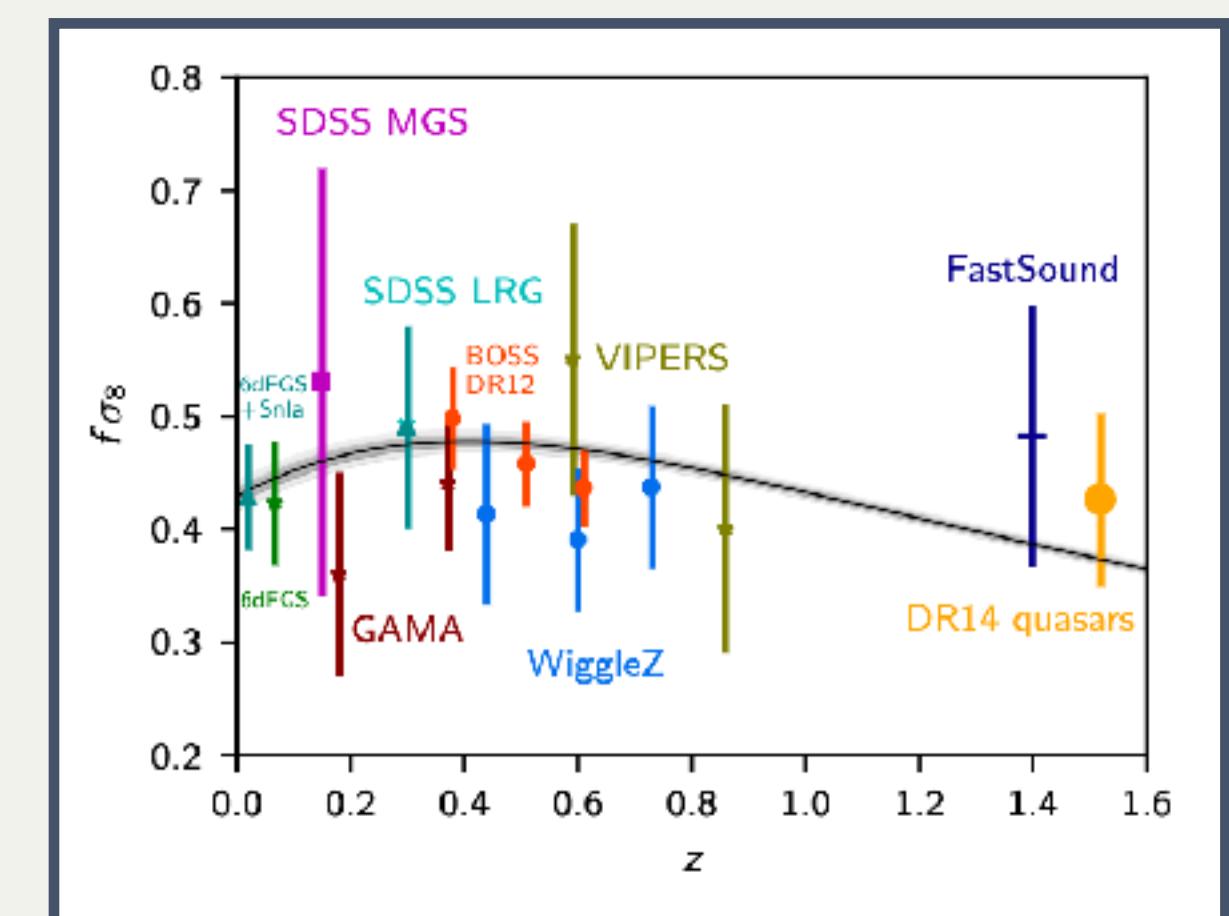
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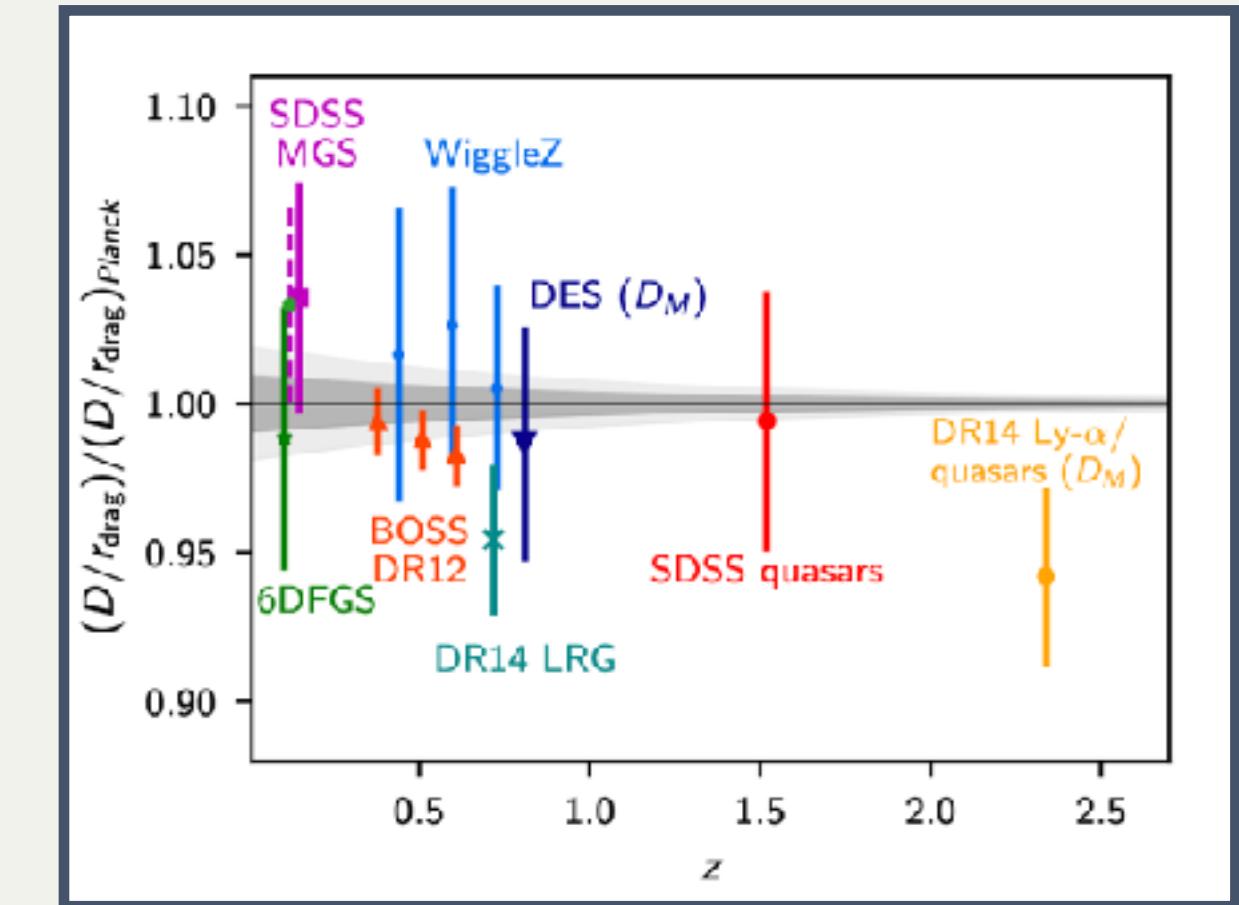
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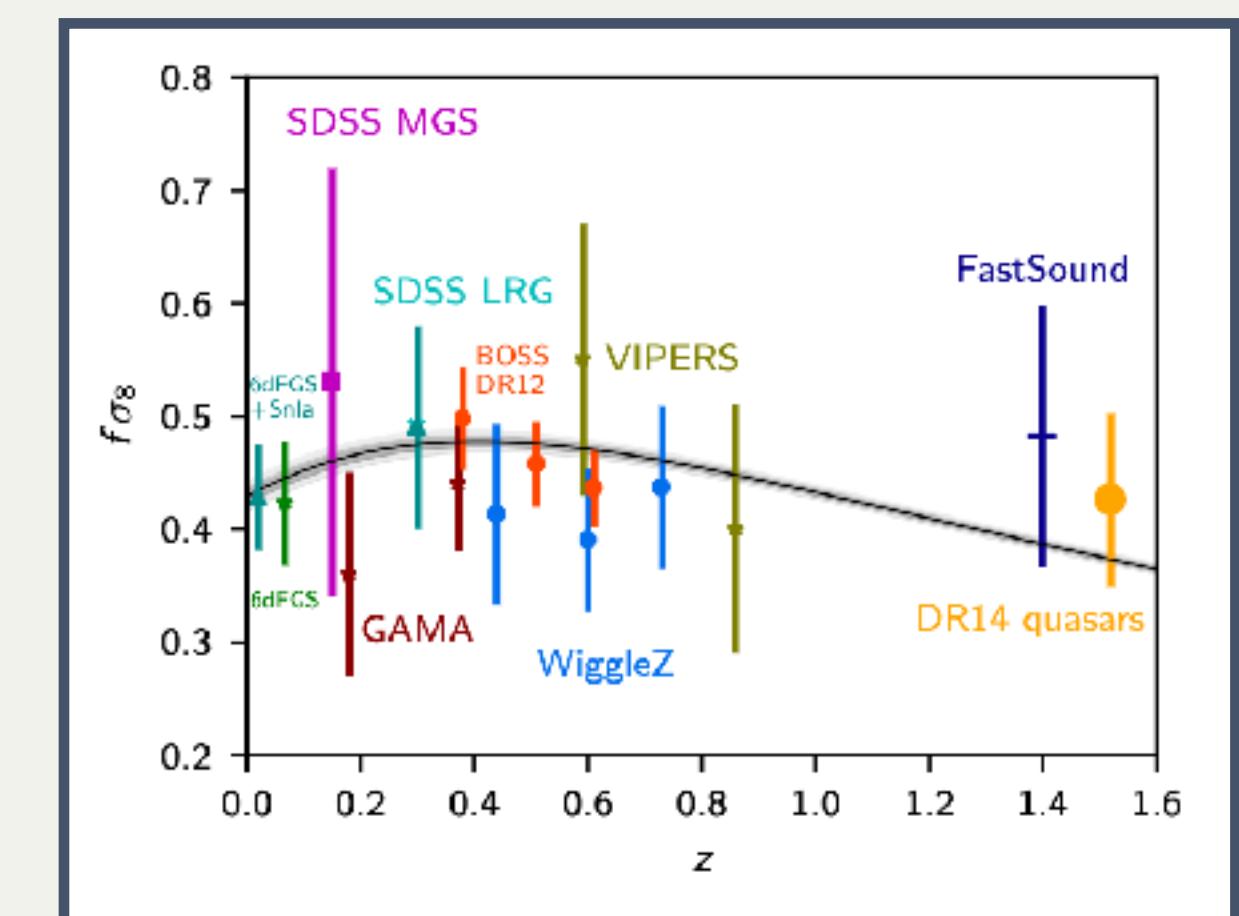
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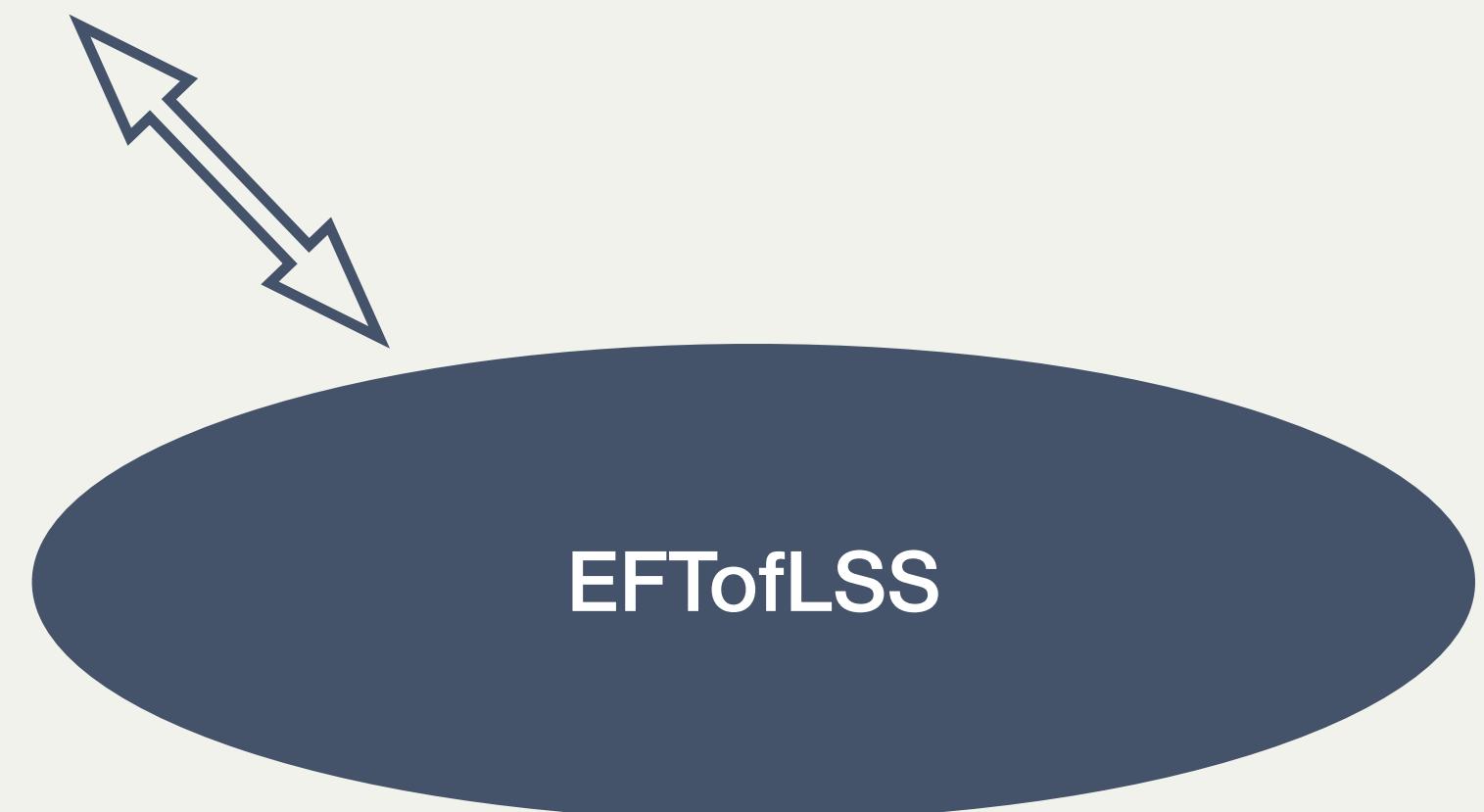
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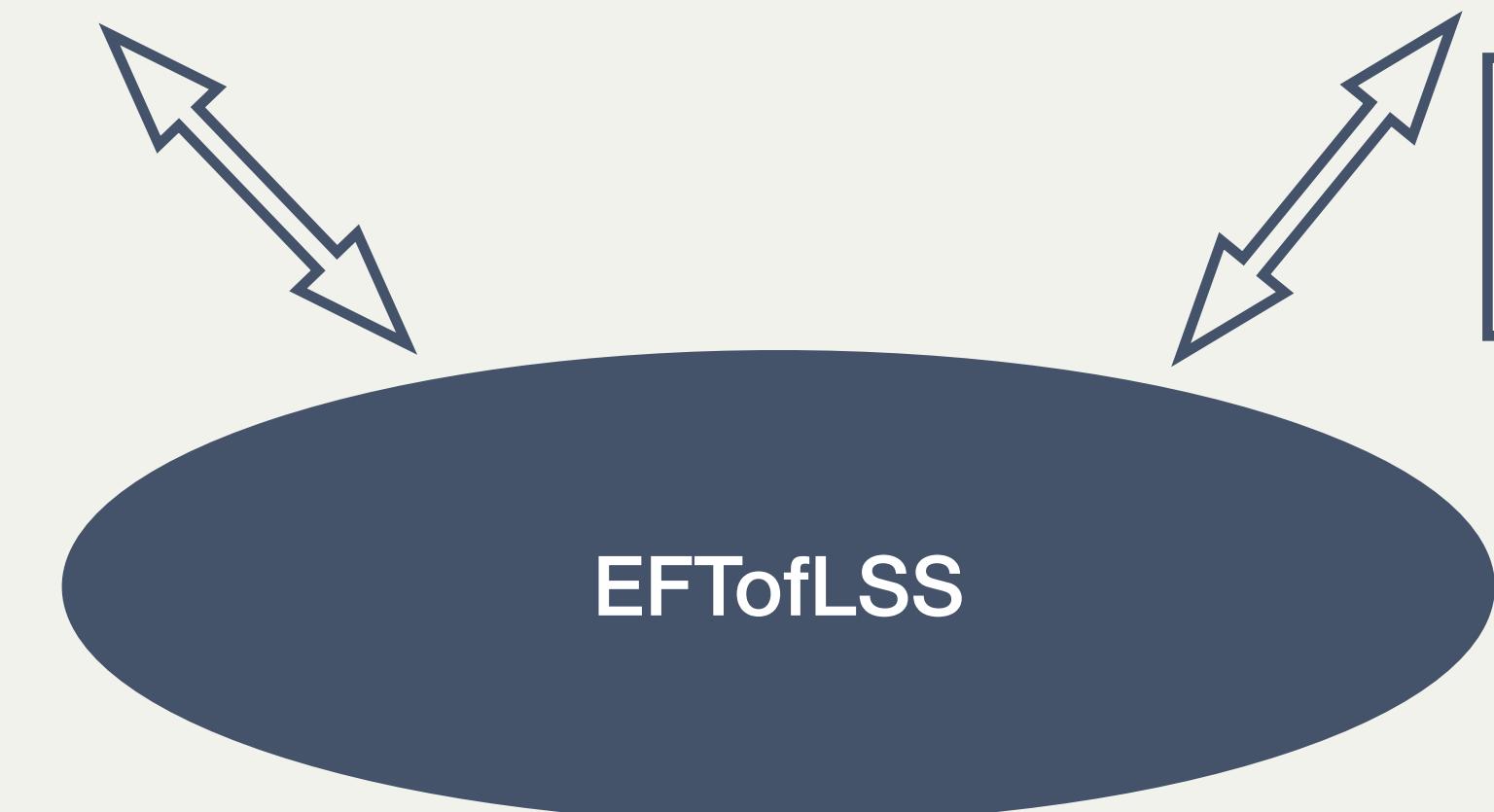
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 Renormalization scale controlling the **spatial derivative expansion**, given by the typical size of a **virialized halo**

 Renormalization scale of the **velocity products** appearing in the redshift-space expansion

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10 EFT parameters

○ **4 parameters** b_i ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) to describe the **galaxy bias** which arises from the one-loop contributions

○ **3 parameters** corresponding to **counterterms** (c_{ct} linear combination of a higher derivative bias and the dark matter sound speed, while $c_{r,1}$ and $c_{r,2}$ are the redshift-space counterterms)

○ **3 parameters** which describe **stochastic** terms

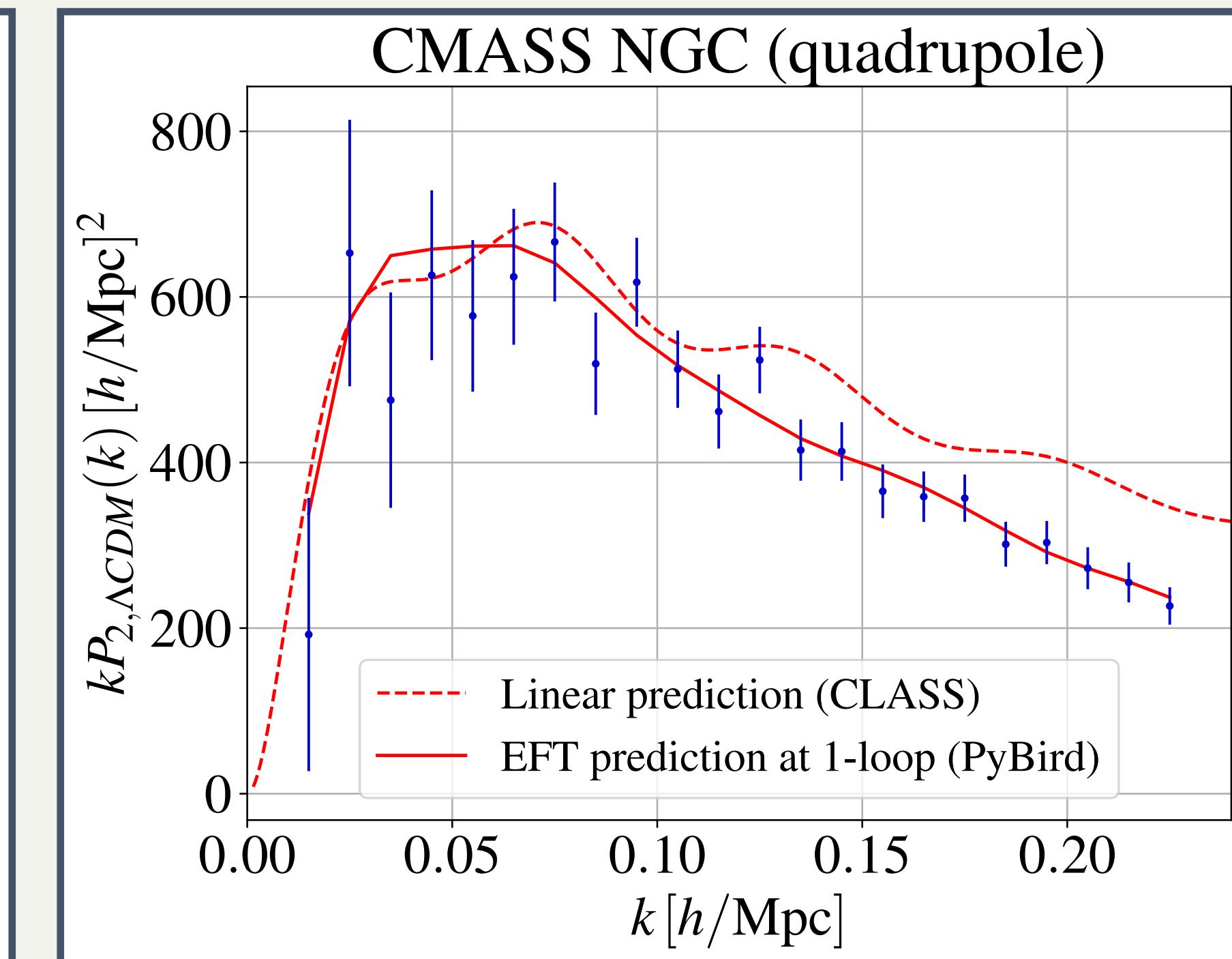
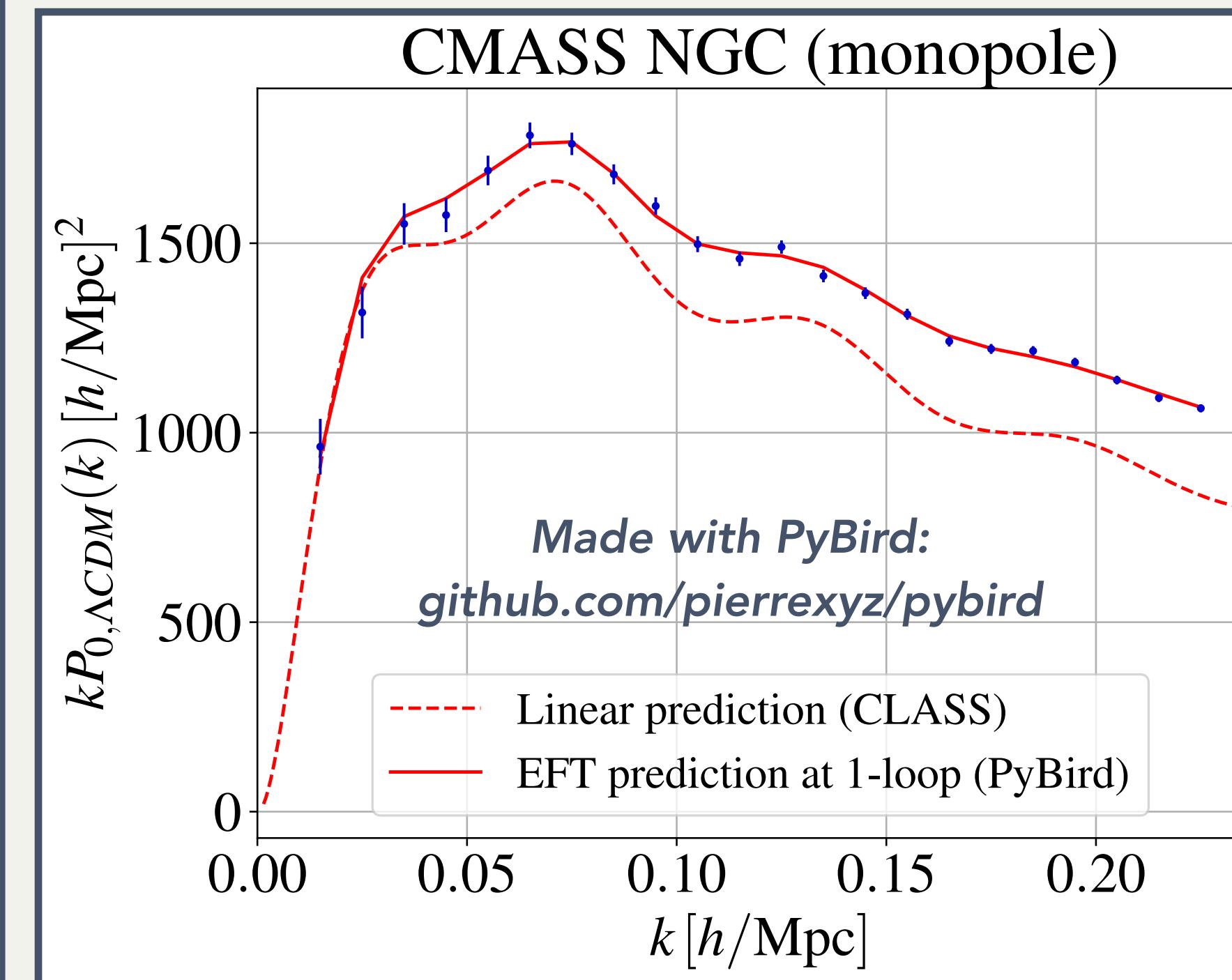
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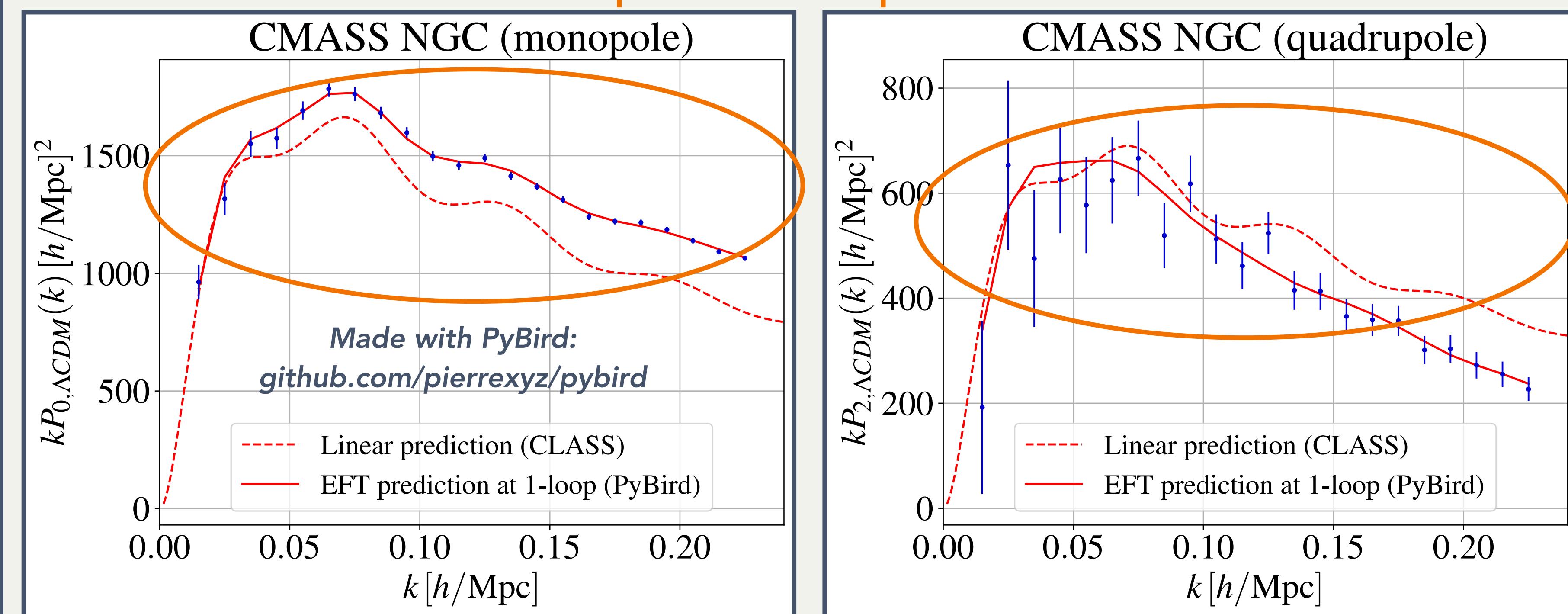
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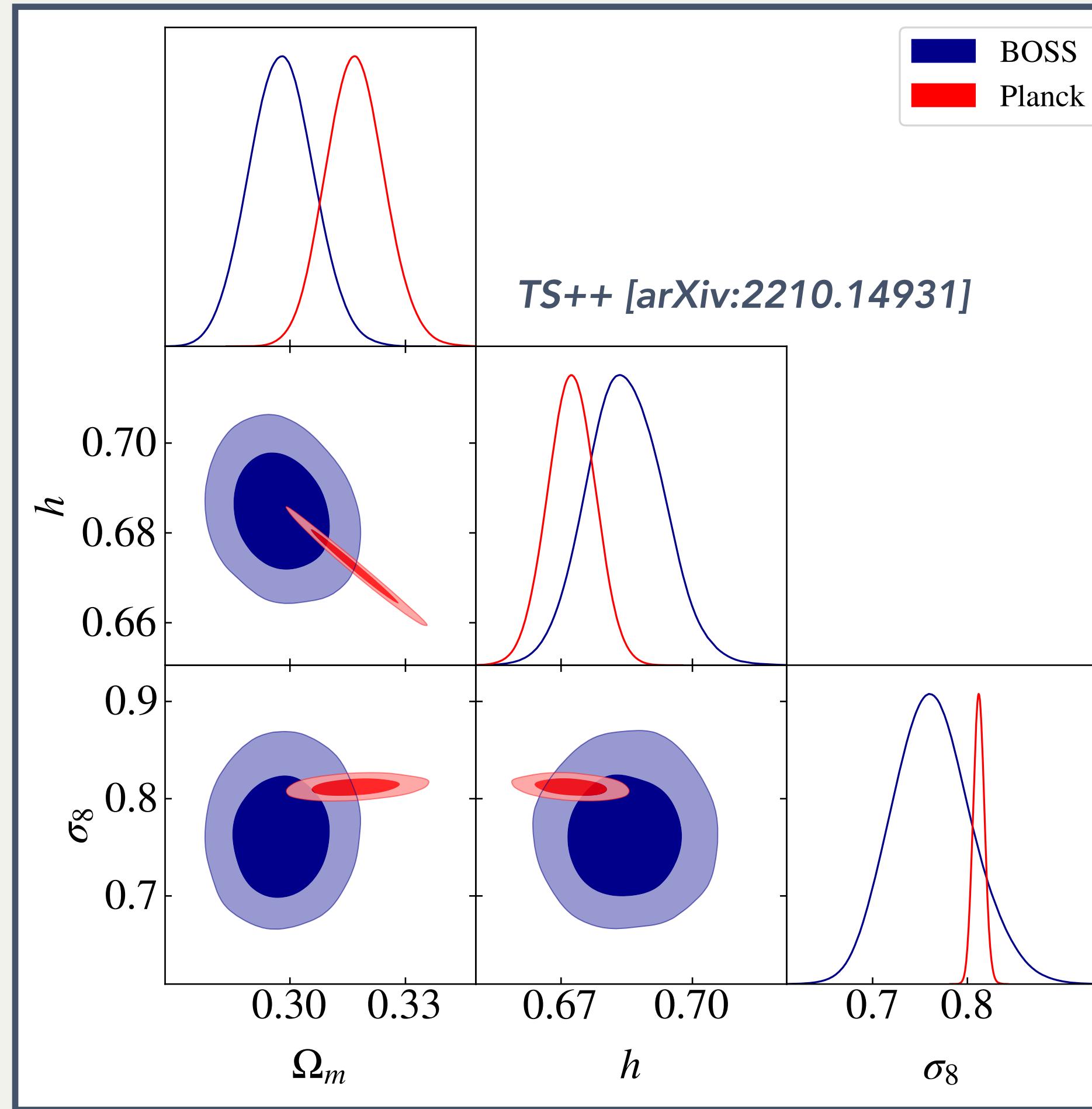
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The EFTofLSS analysis of BOSS data allows to determine Ω_m and h at a **precision only 10 % and 60 % worse than Planck**

This is ~ 5.4 (for Ω_m) and ~ 3.2 (for h) times better than the BAO/ $f\sigma_8$ analysis

See also D'Amico++ [arXiv:1909.05271] ; Philcox++ [arXiv:2002.04035]

On the consistency of EFTofLSS

Presentation of the problem

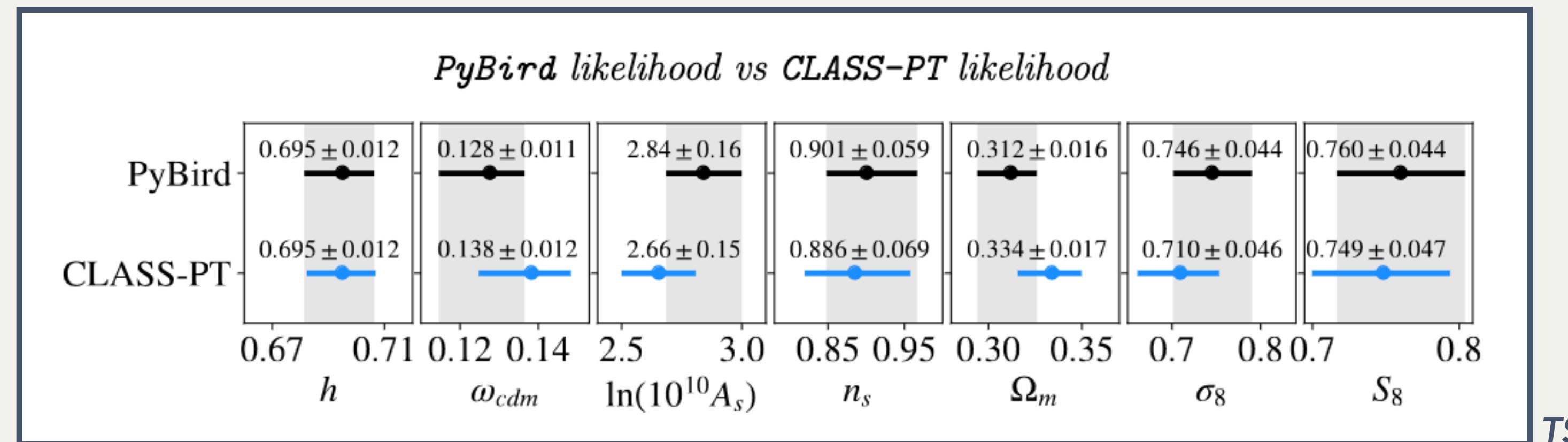
There are **several codes** in the literature with **different parametrizations**:

→ **CLASS PT** with the **EC** parametrization *Chudaykin++ [arXiv:2004.10607]*

→ **PyBird** with the **WC** parametrization *D'Amico++ [arXiv:2003.07956]*
(+ **Velocileptors** + **CLASS-OneLoop**)
Chen++ [arXiv:2005.00523] ; Linde++ [arXiv:2402.09778]

→ these codes use **different sets of priors** on EFT parameters

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Presentation of the problem

There are **several codes** in the literature with **different parametrizations**:

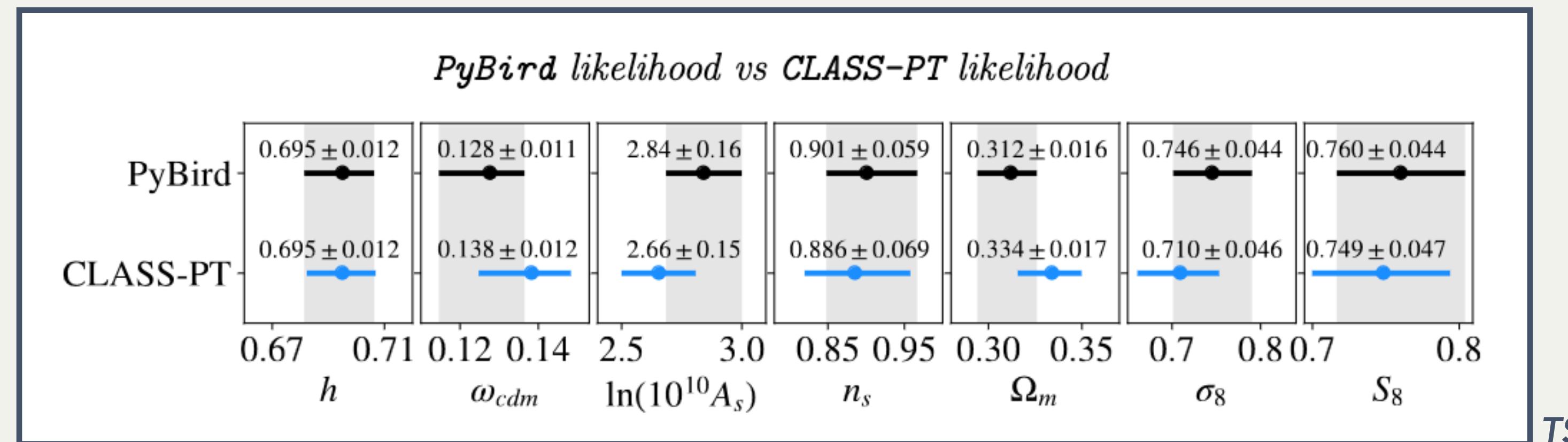
→ **CLASS PT** with the **EC** parametrization *Chudaykin++ [arXiv:2004.10607]*

→ **PyBird** with the **WC** parametrization *D'Amico++ [arXiv:2003.07956]*
(+ **Velocileptors** + **CLASS-OneLoop**)

Chen++ [arXiv:2005.00523] ; Linde++ [arXiv:2402.09778]

→ these codes use **different sets of priors** on EFT parameters

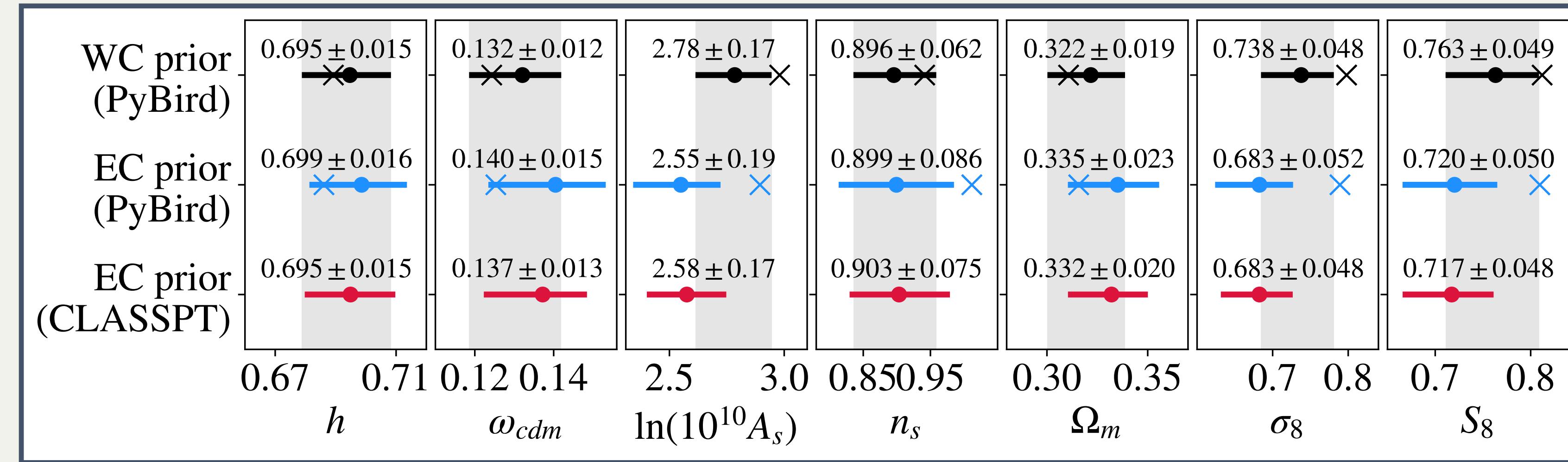
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Data, theoretical **parametrizations** and **codes** are supposed to be **equivalent**: what is going on?

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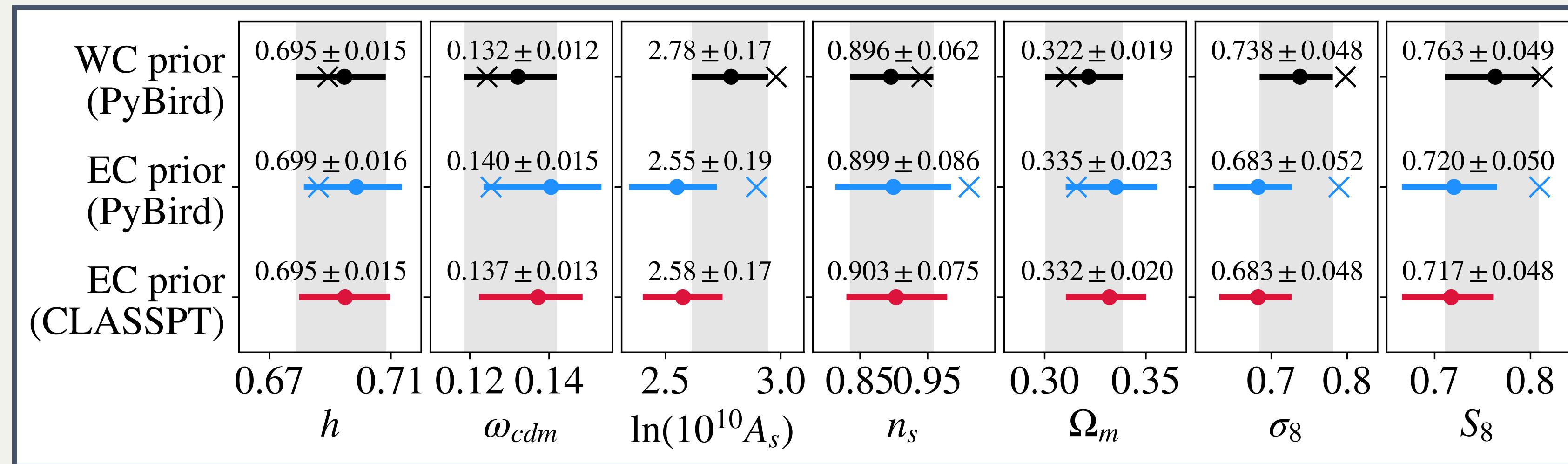
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Prior effects

- **The prior weight effect:** if the region allowed by the prior is far from the true value of a parameter, then the posterior and bestfit will be shifted from the true value
- **The prior volume effect:** a posterior depends on the volume enclosed by the priors ⇒ large parameter regions are emphasized compared to smaller regions

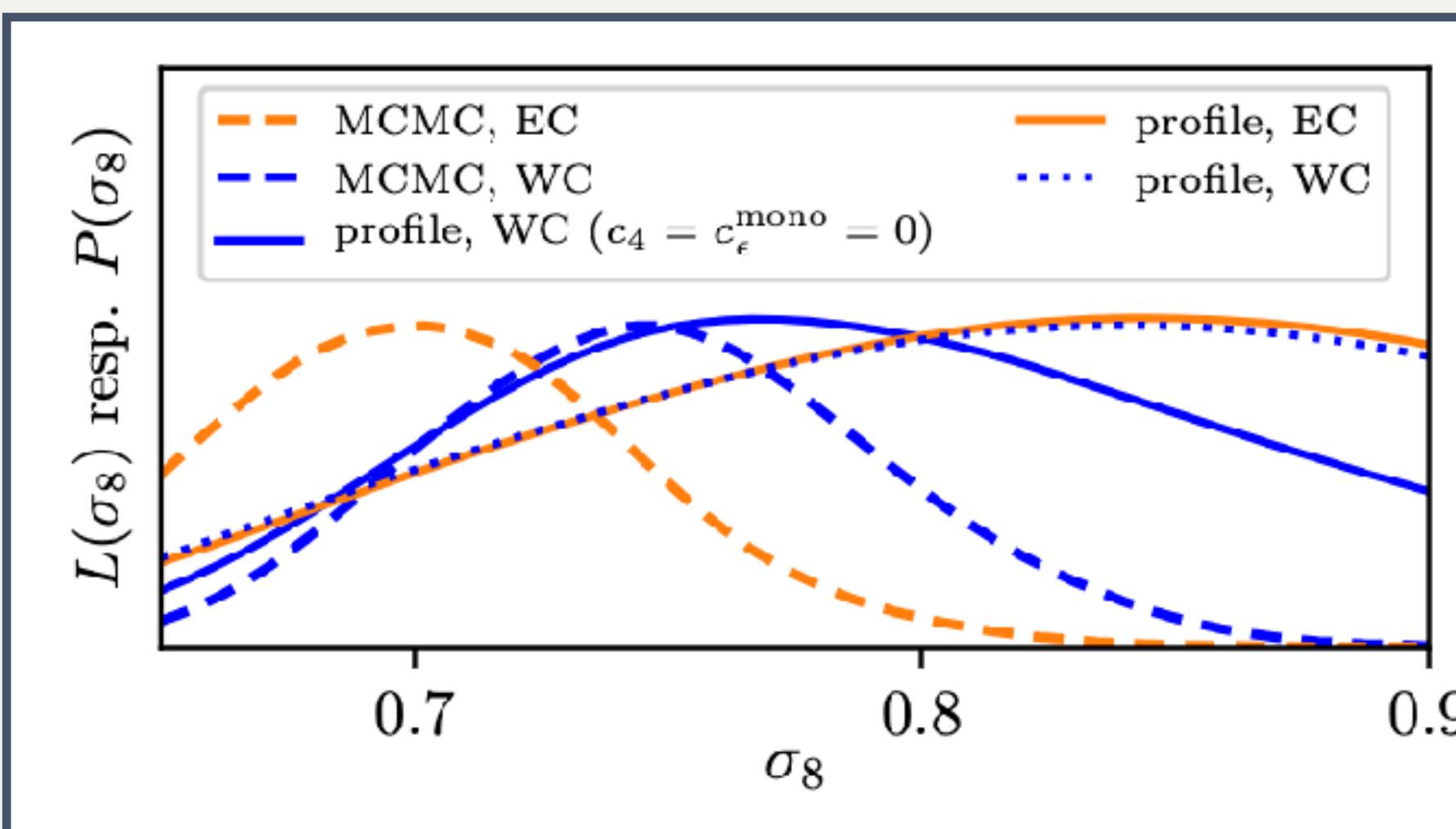
Bayes' theorem:
 $P \propto \mathcal{L} \times p$

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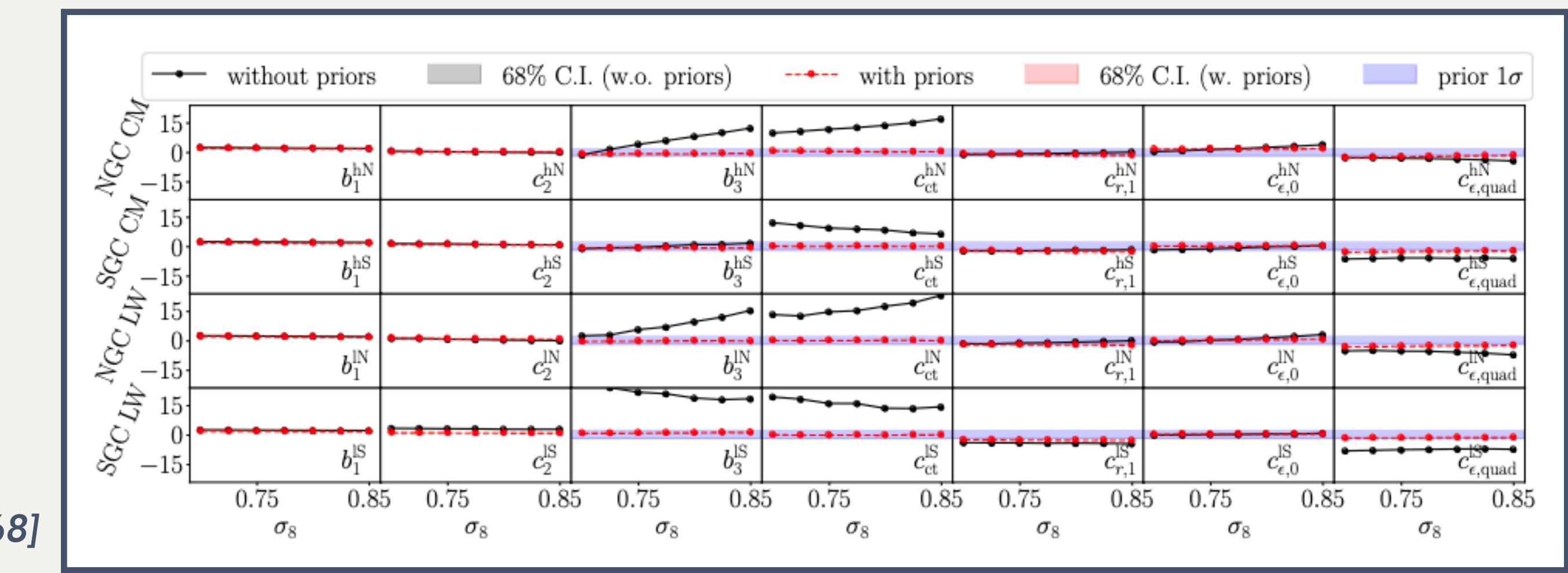
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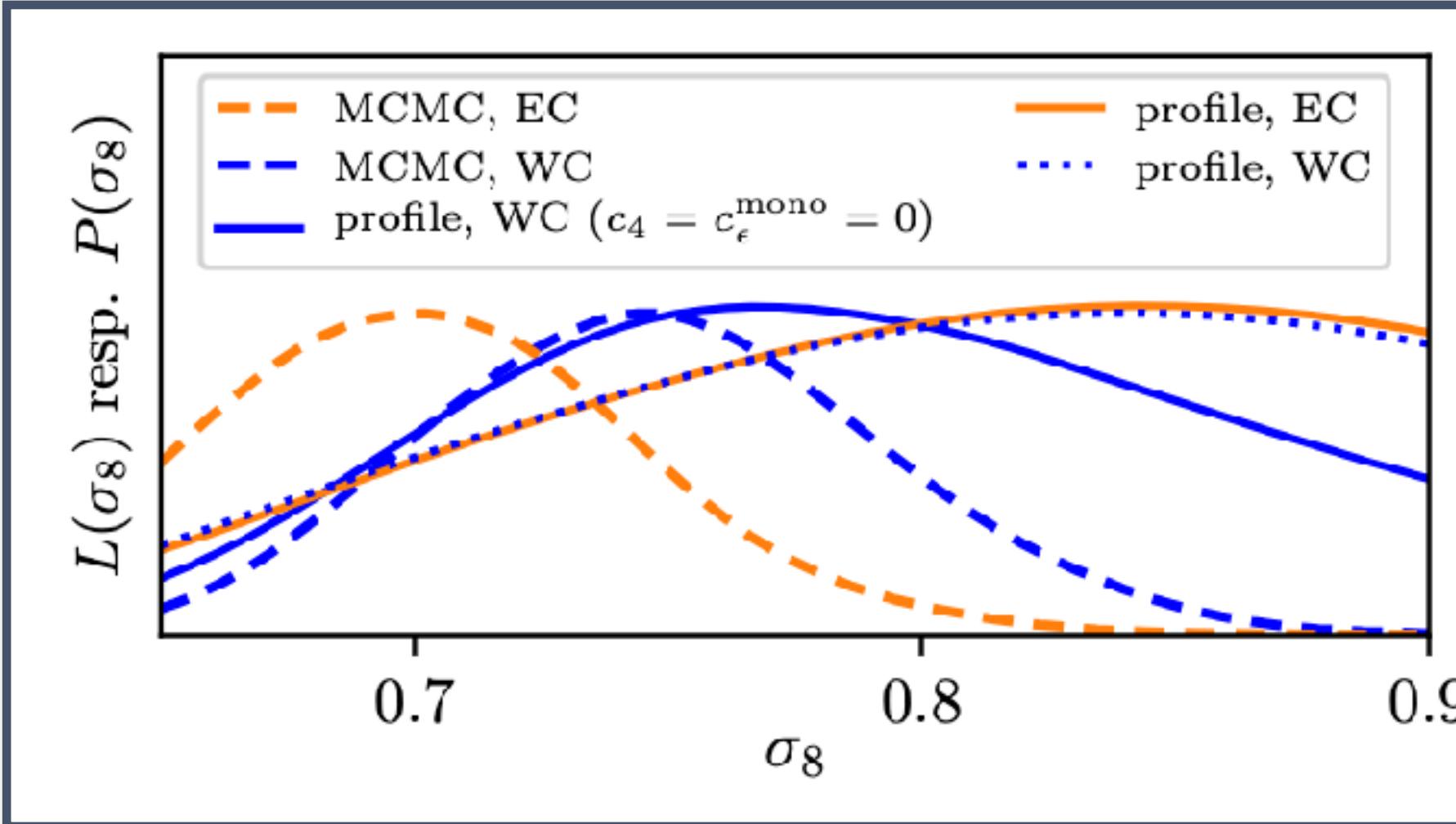


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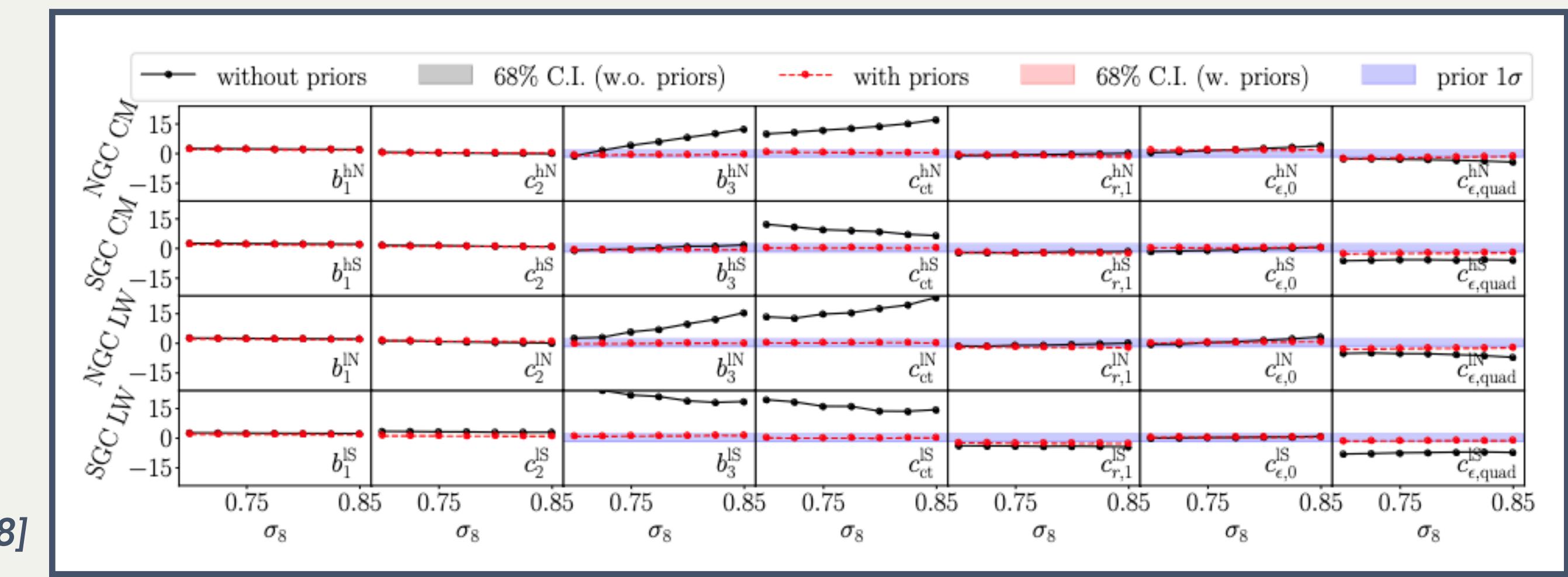
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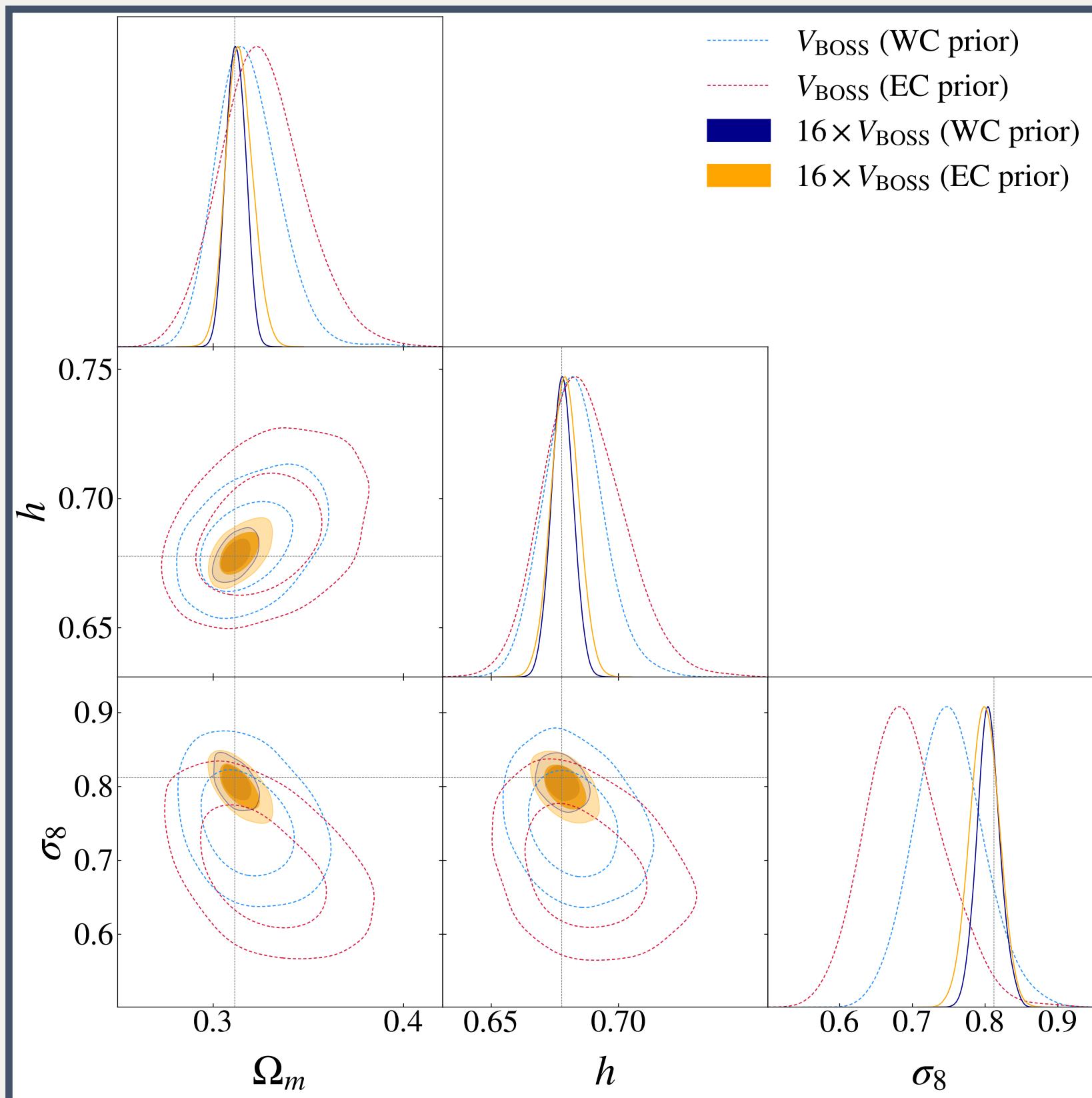
The low value of σ_8 is due to prior effects!

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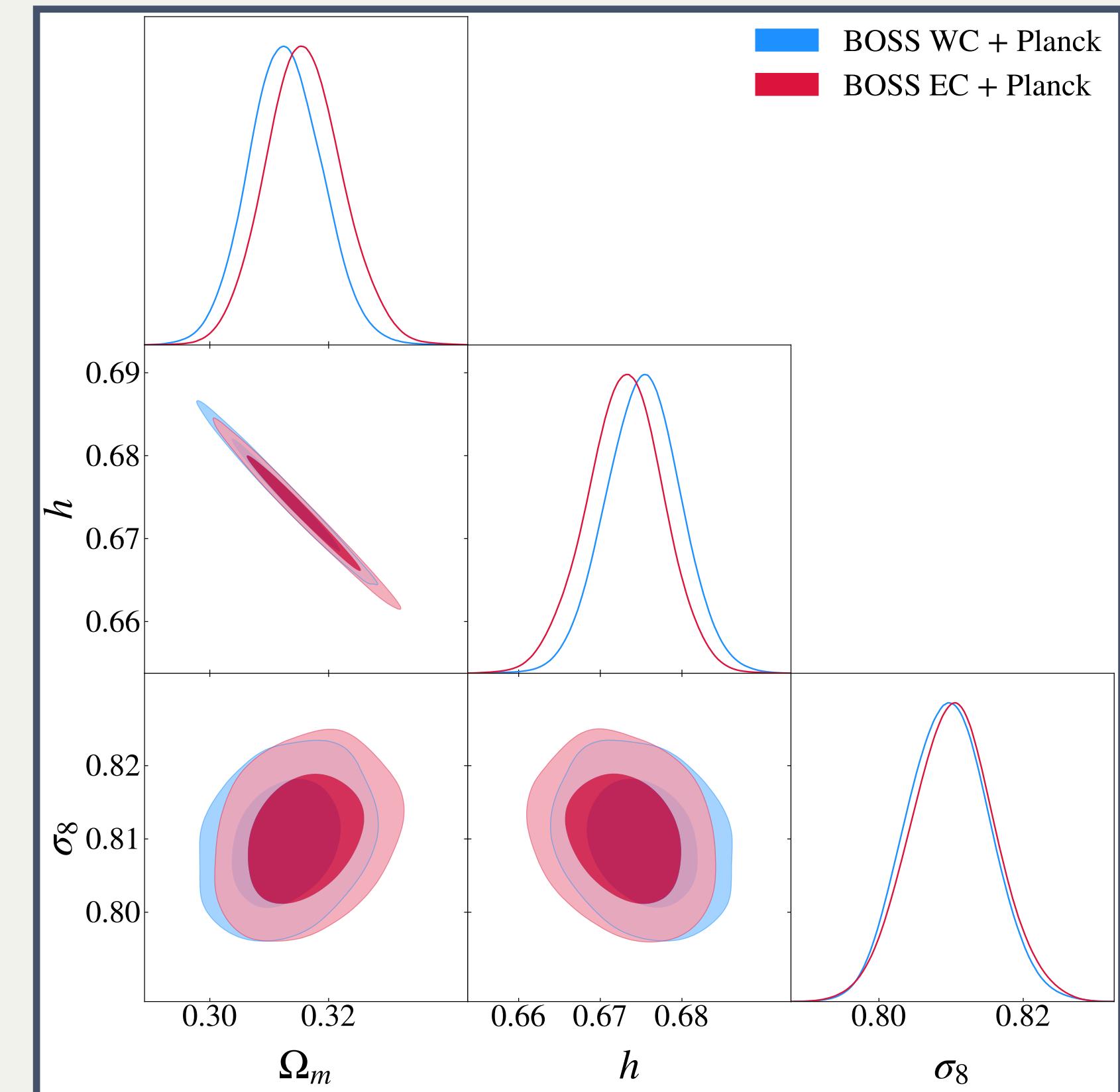
How to overcome this problem?



We find good consistency for:

- a larger volume of data
(future experiments like DESI or EUCLID)
- a combination with Planck data

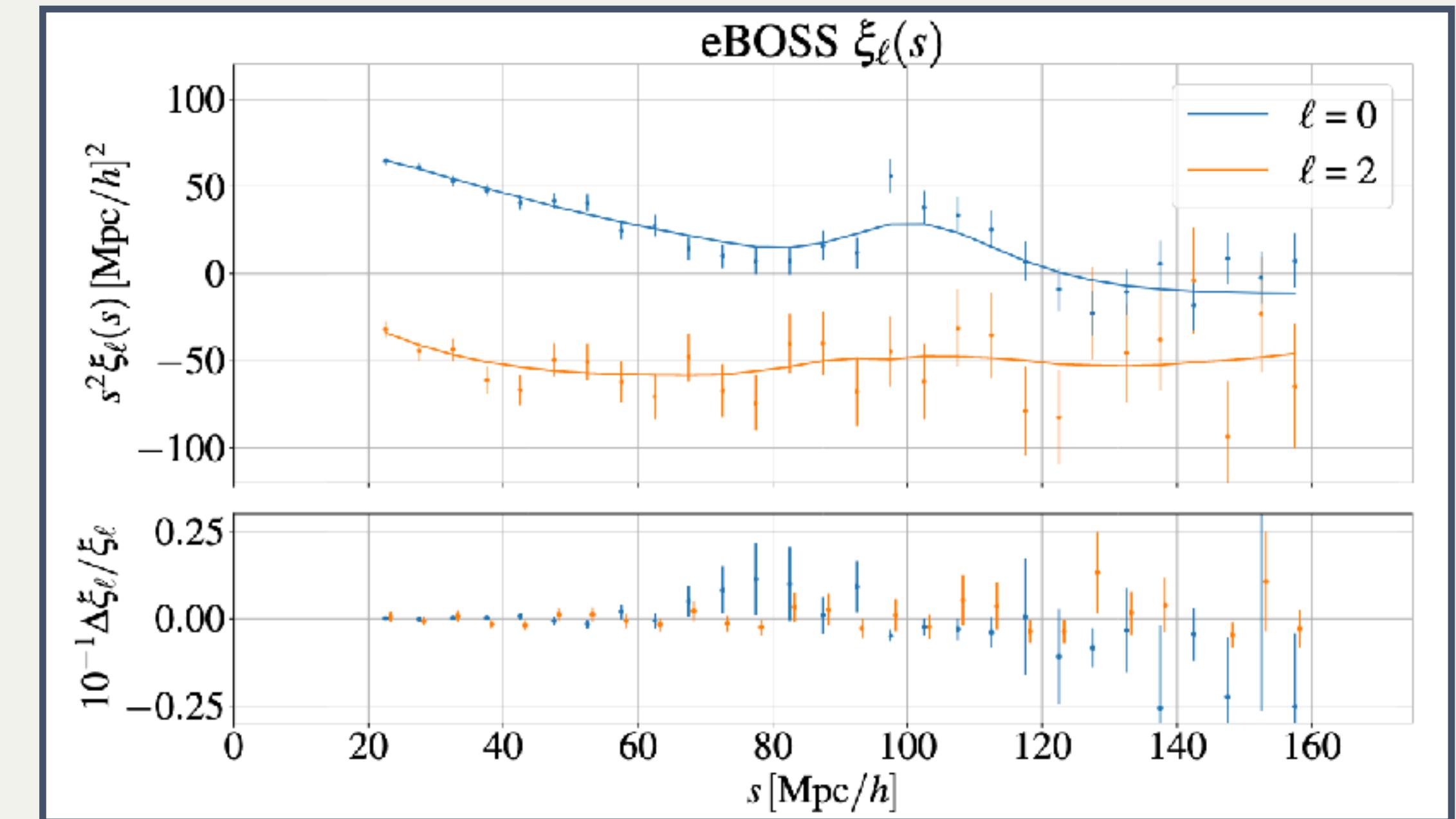
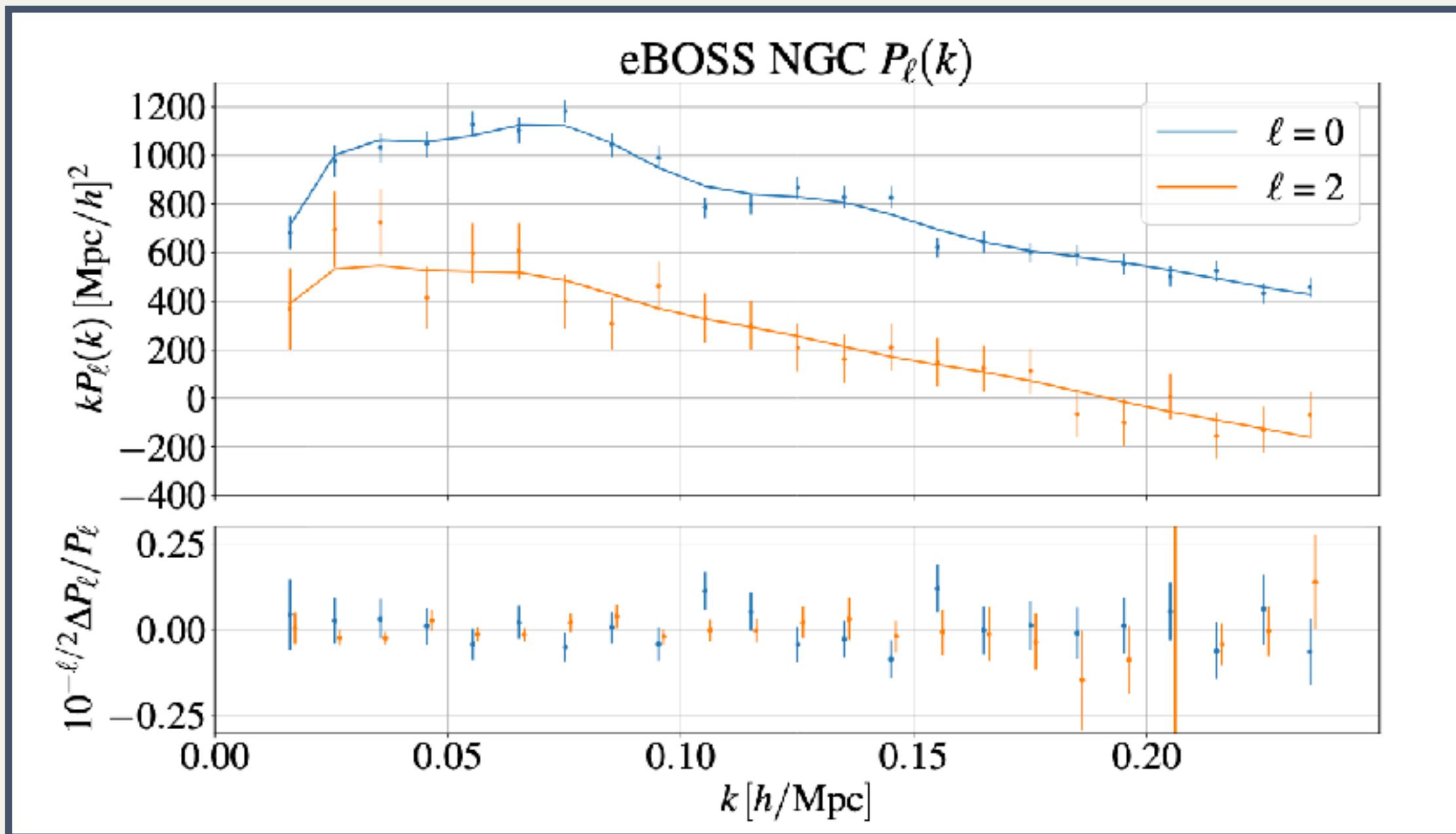
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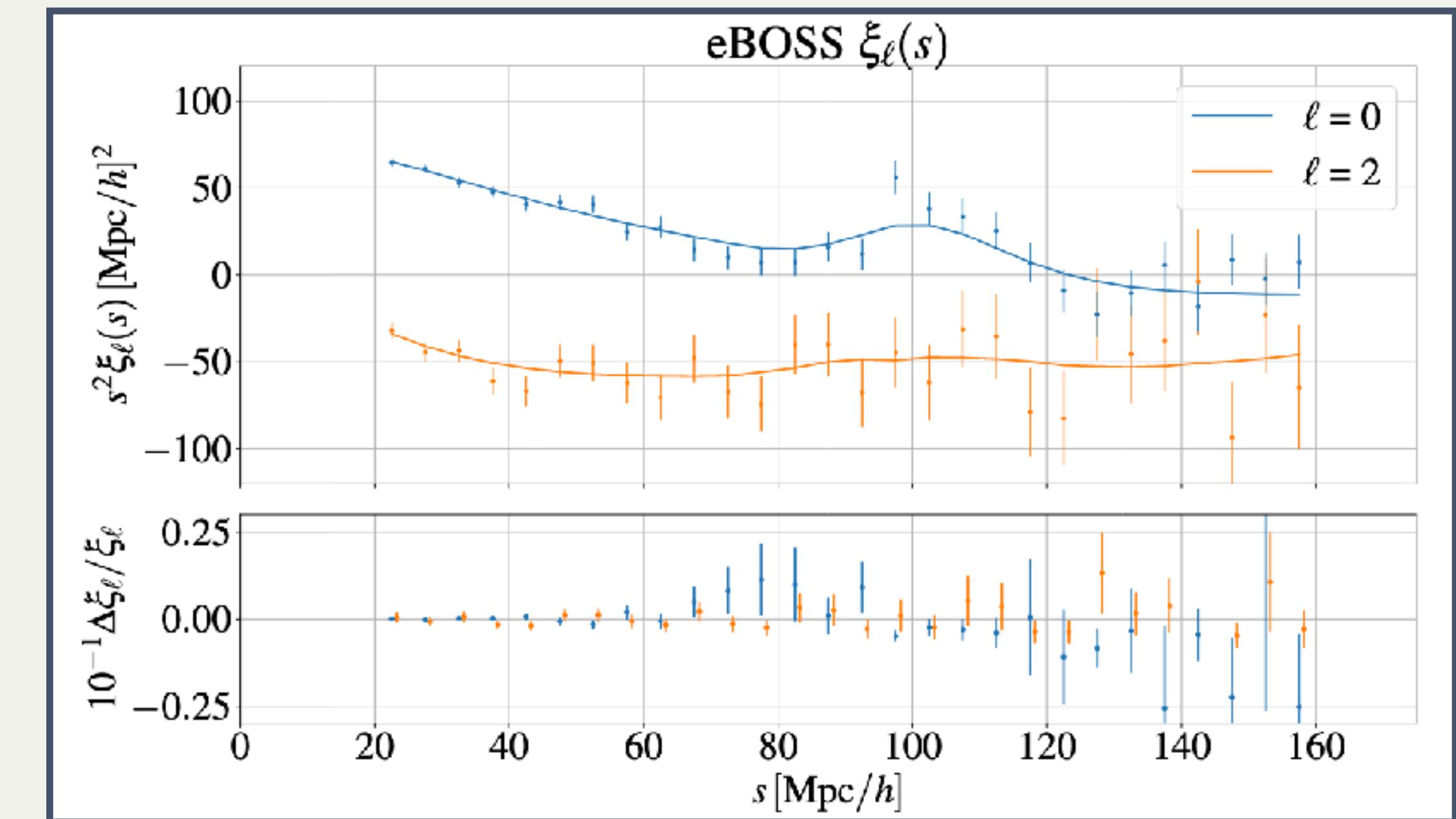
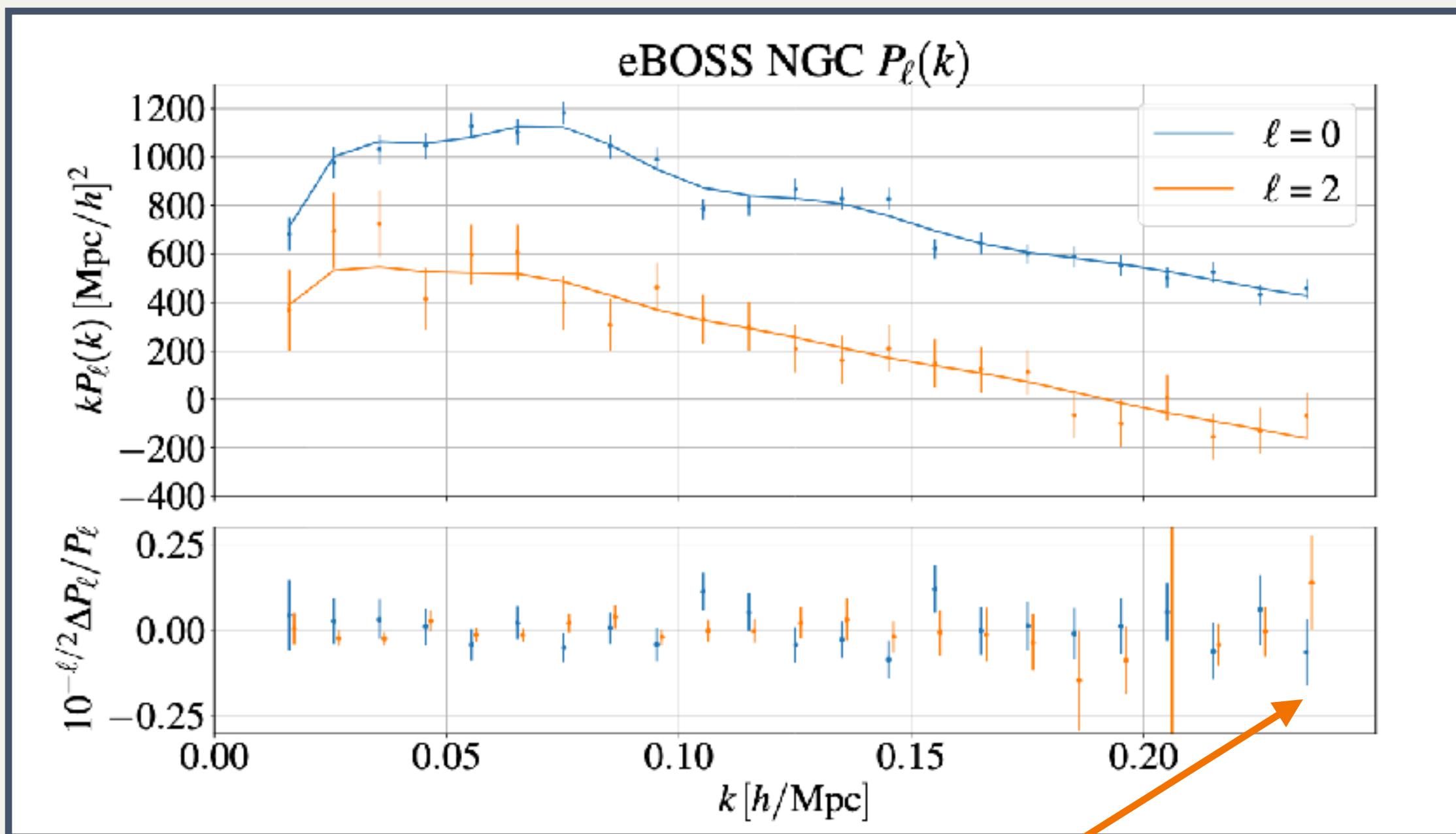


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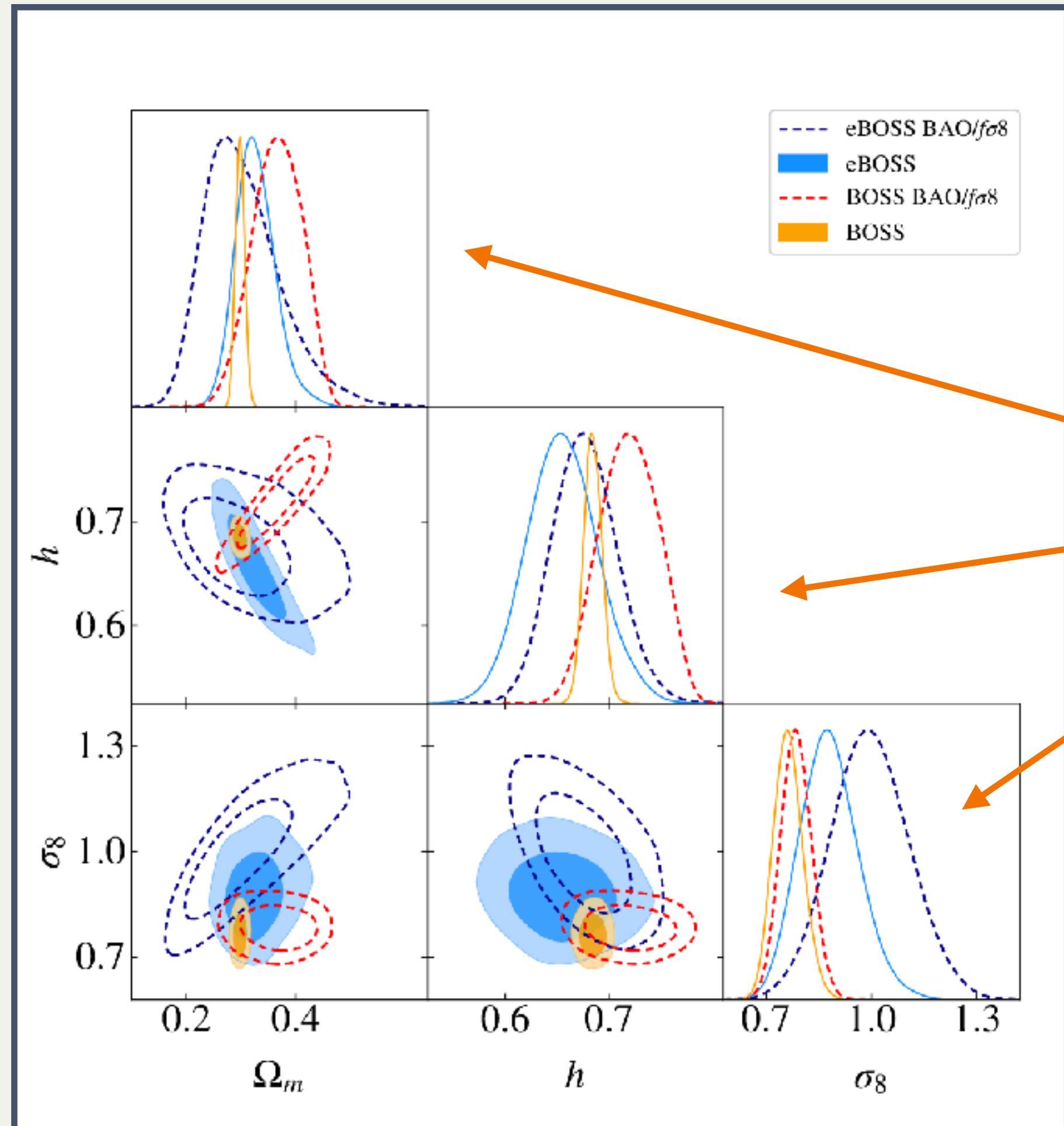
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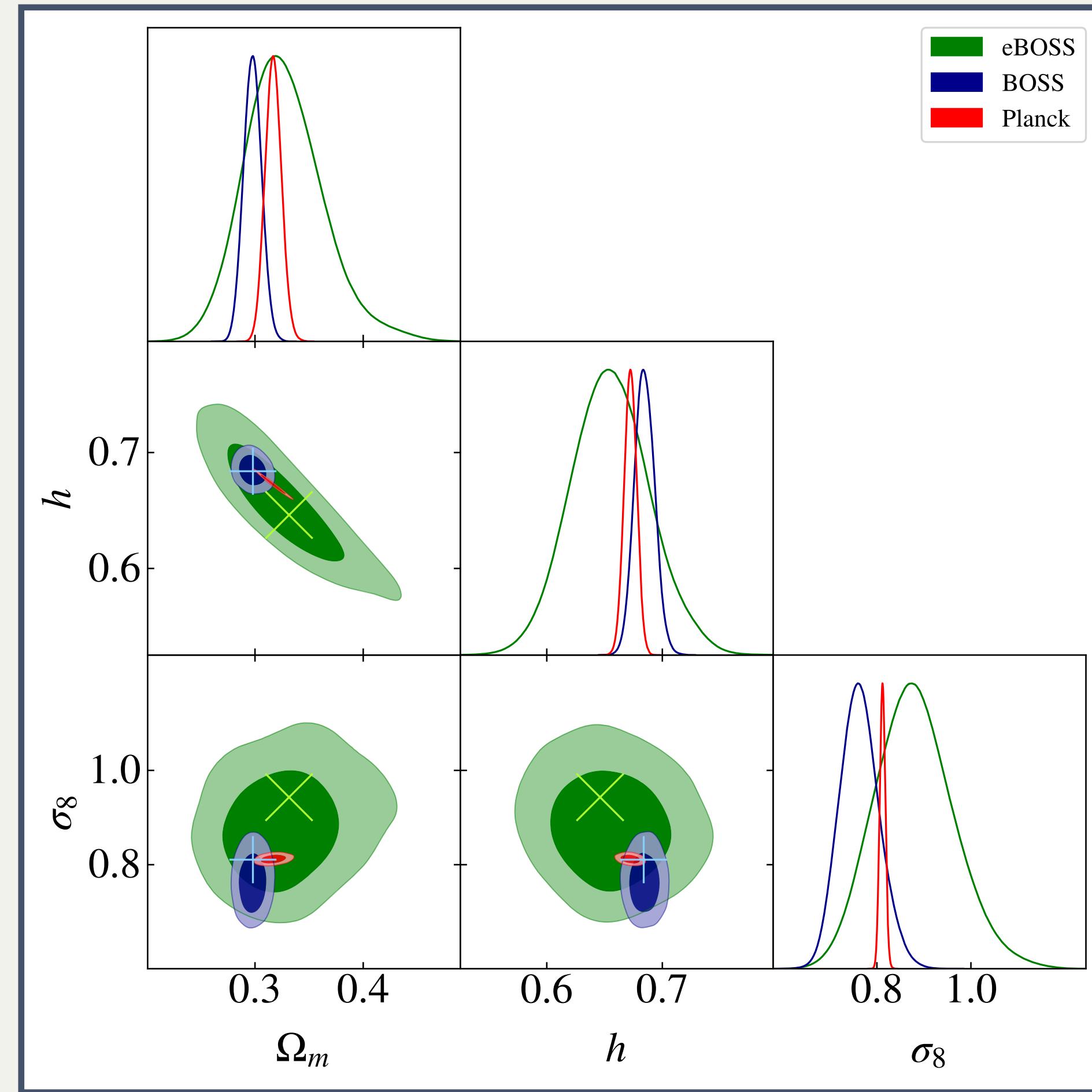
BAO/ $f\sigma_8$ vs EFTofLSS



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- For **eBOSS**, the error bars of Ω_m and σ_8 are reduced by a factor ~ 2.0 and ~ 1.3
- For **BOSS**, the error bars of Ω_m and h are reduced by a factor ~ 5.4 and ~ 3.2

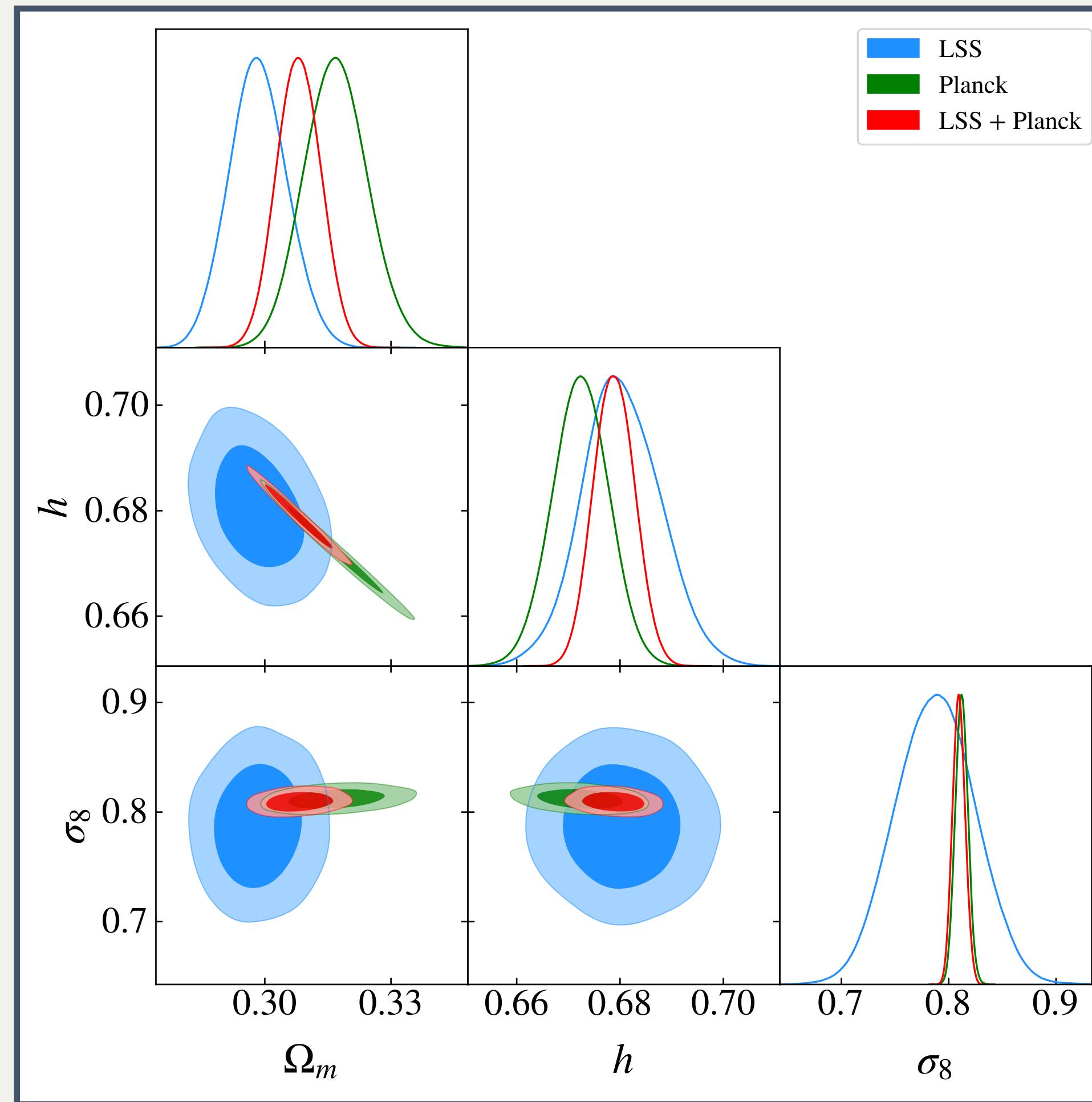
LSS data vs Planck



- eBOSS, BOSS and Planck are consistent at $\lesssim 1.8\sigma$ on all cosmological parameters
 - The h and σ_8 Planck values are **in-between** those of BOSS and eBOSS
- there is no tension between Planck and BOSS/eBOSS

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LSS data combined with Planck



LSS: eBOSS + BOSS + ext-BAO + Pantheon

→ (Uncalibrated Supernovae)

- Compared to Planck alone, the constraints on Ω_m and h are improved by $\sim 30\%$
- σ_8 and A_s are not significantly impacted

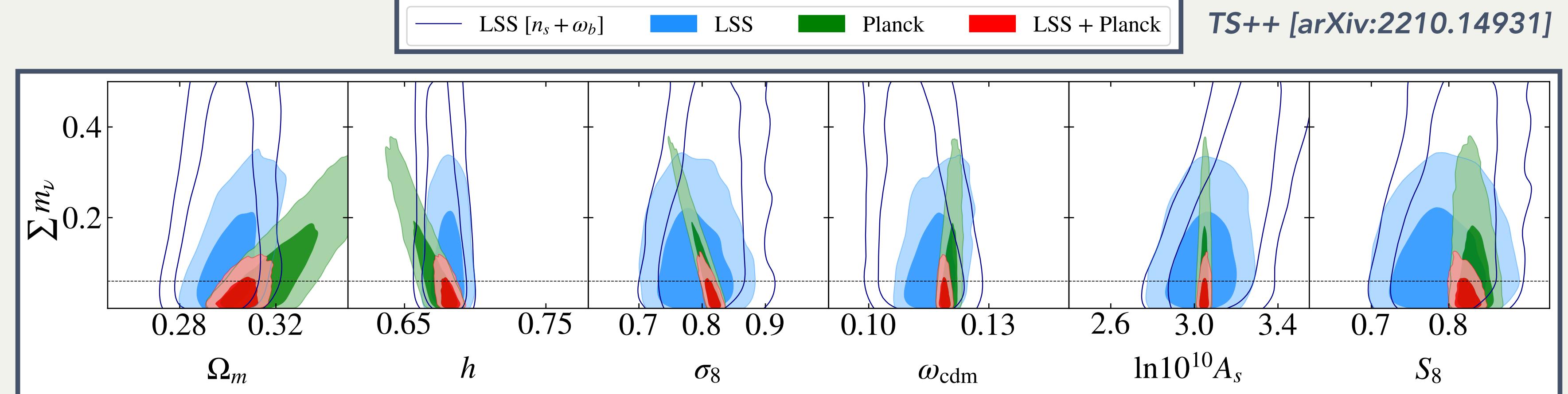
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Extensions to Λ CDM: total neutrino mass $\sum m_\nu$

- The LSS constraint derived in this work is **only $\sim 10\%$ weaker than the Planck constraint** ($\sum m_\nu < 0.241\text{eV}$)
 - The EFT analysis **significantly improves the constraints** on $\sum m_\nu$ (by a factor of ~ 18) over the conventional BAO/ $f\sigma_8$ analysis ($\sum m_\nu < 4.84\text{eV}$)
 - This analysis **disfavors the inverse hierarchy** at $\sim 2.2\sigma$ & is **competitive to the Lyman- α constraints**
- Palanque-Delabrouille++ [arXiv:1911.09073]*

LSS:
 $\sum m_\nu < 0.274\text{eV}$

LSS+Planck:
 $\sum m_\nu < 0.093\text{eV}$



Conclusion

- The EFTofLSS is a novel method that provides an **accurate description of LSS data (up to mildly non linear scales) at a controlled precision**
- Constraints from LSS data are **competitive with CMB data** and their combination **improves over Planck alone**
- EFTofLSS allows to highlight that **there is no tension** between current BOSS/eBOSS data and Planck data (but not in tension with weak lensing neither)
- Data are consistent with Λ CDM at $\lesssim 1.3\sigma \rightarrow$ Strong constraints on canonical extensions to Λ CDM
e.g. $LSS+Planck: \sum m_\nu < 0.093 \text{eV}$
- Does EFTofLSS provide **interesting constraints on non-canonical extensions** to the Λ CDM model ?