

Euclid: a space mission to map the dark Universe

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Neutrino telescopes

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Euclid (2023 - 2029+)

Satellite mission led by ESA, Launched July 1, 2023
EC: Mellier et al 2025, A&A 697, id.A1



cosmology:

galaxy weak lensing

galaxy clustering

clusters of galaxies

galaxy voids

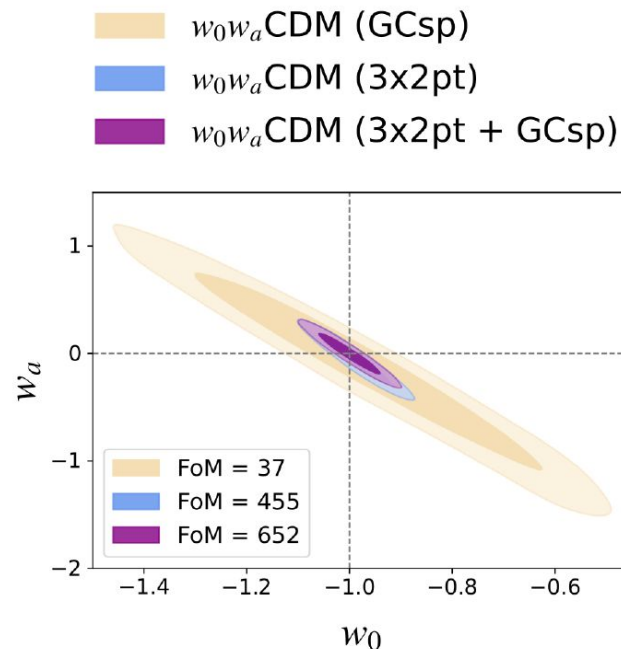
cross-correlation with CMB

strong lensing

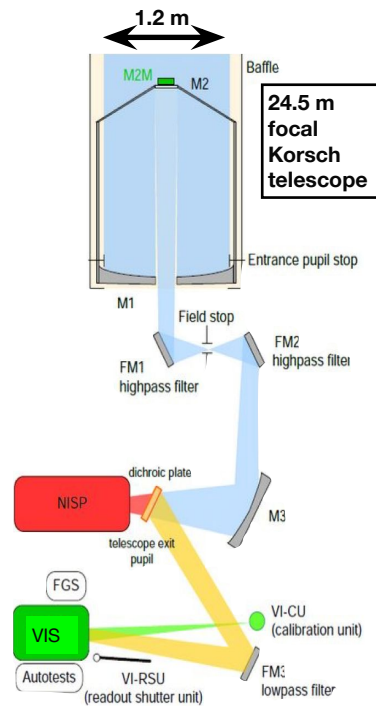
and **legacy science**:

galaxy evolution, primeval Universe, local Universe, Solar System objects...

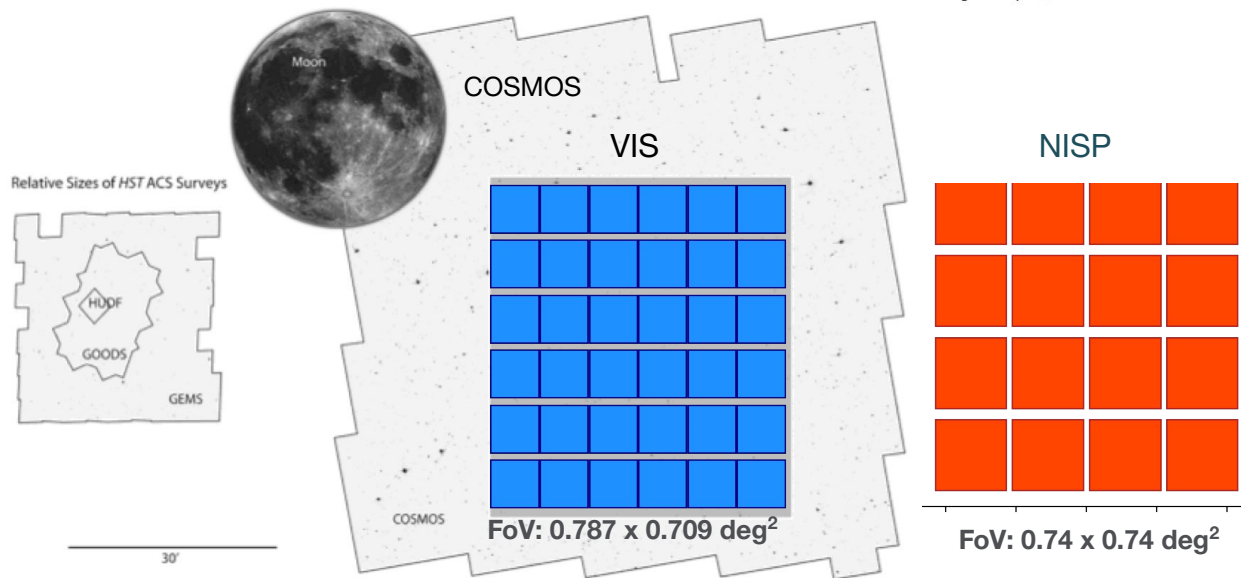
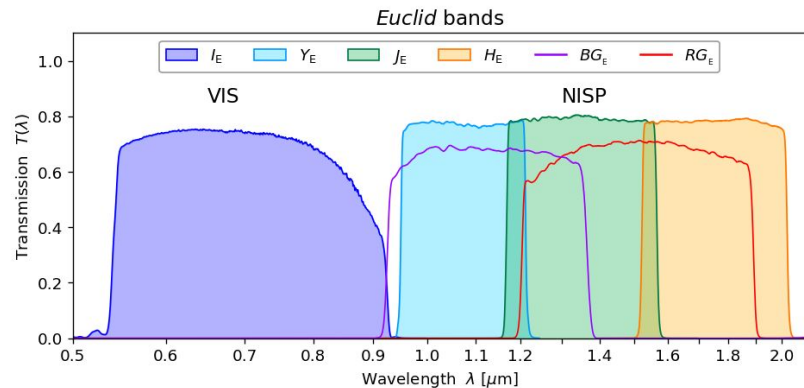
formal goal:
 $\text{FoM}(w_0, w_a) > 400$



A dual wide-field imager



Overview of the PLIM sub-systems – Courtesy Airbus Defence and Space



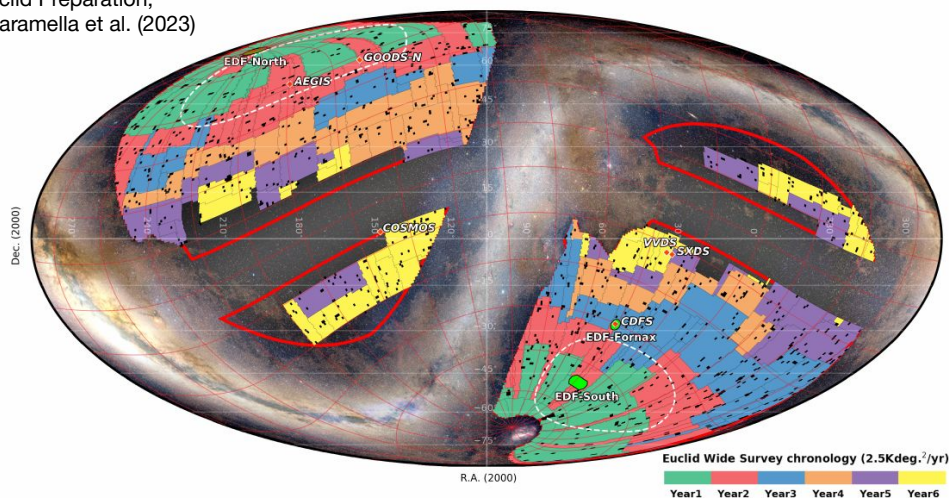
Credit: Space Telescope Science Institute/Nick Scoville (Caltech)

Deep and wide fields in Euclid

Wide survey:

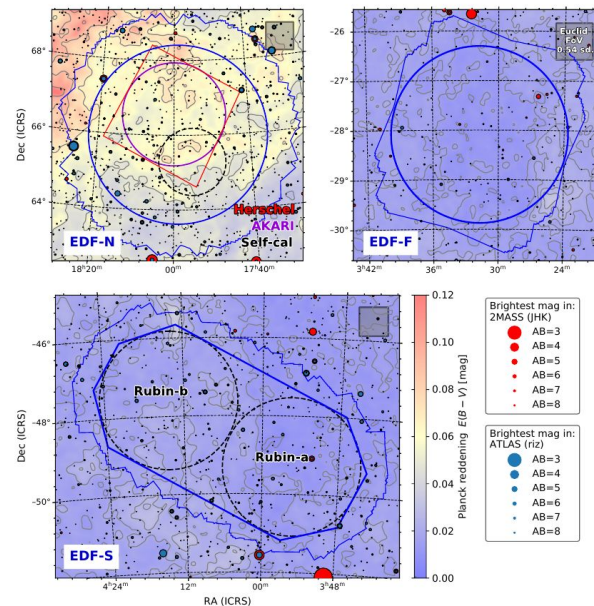
- 14,000 deg²
- VIS and NIR photometry
- slitless spectroscopy

Euclid Preparation,
Scaramella et al. (2023)

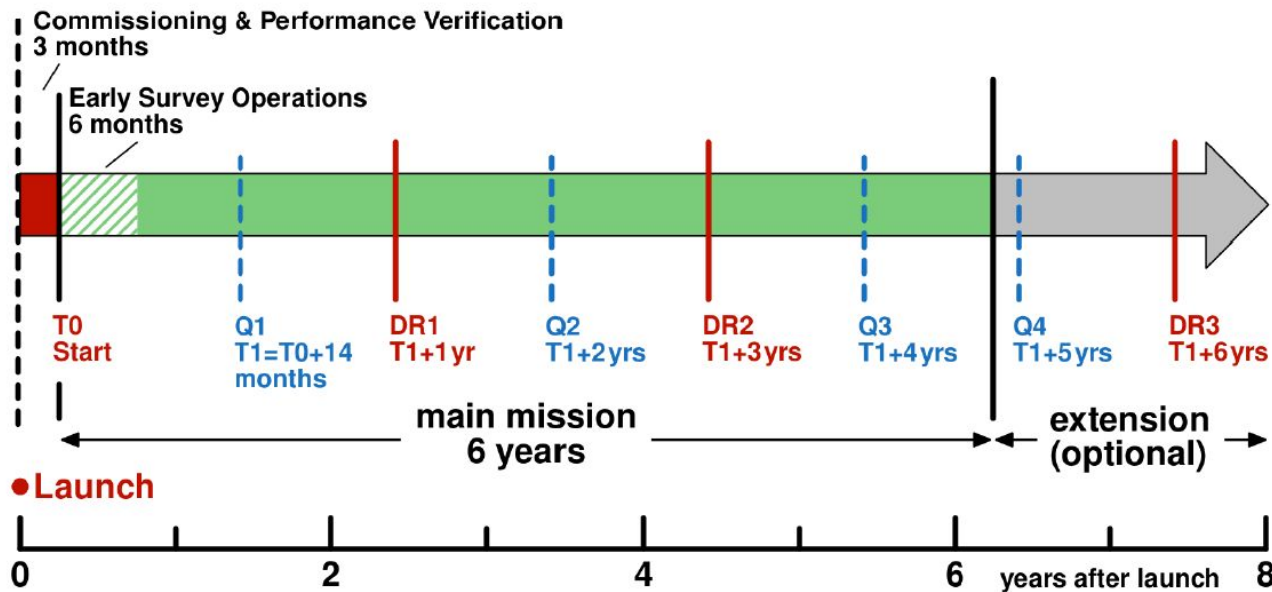


Deep survey:

- 53 deg²
- 15 wide-like passes (red grism)
- 25 with blue grism

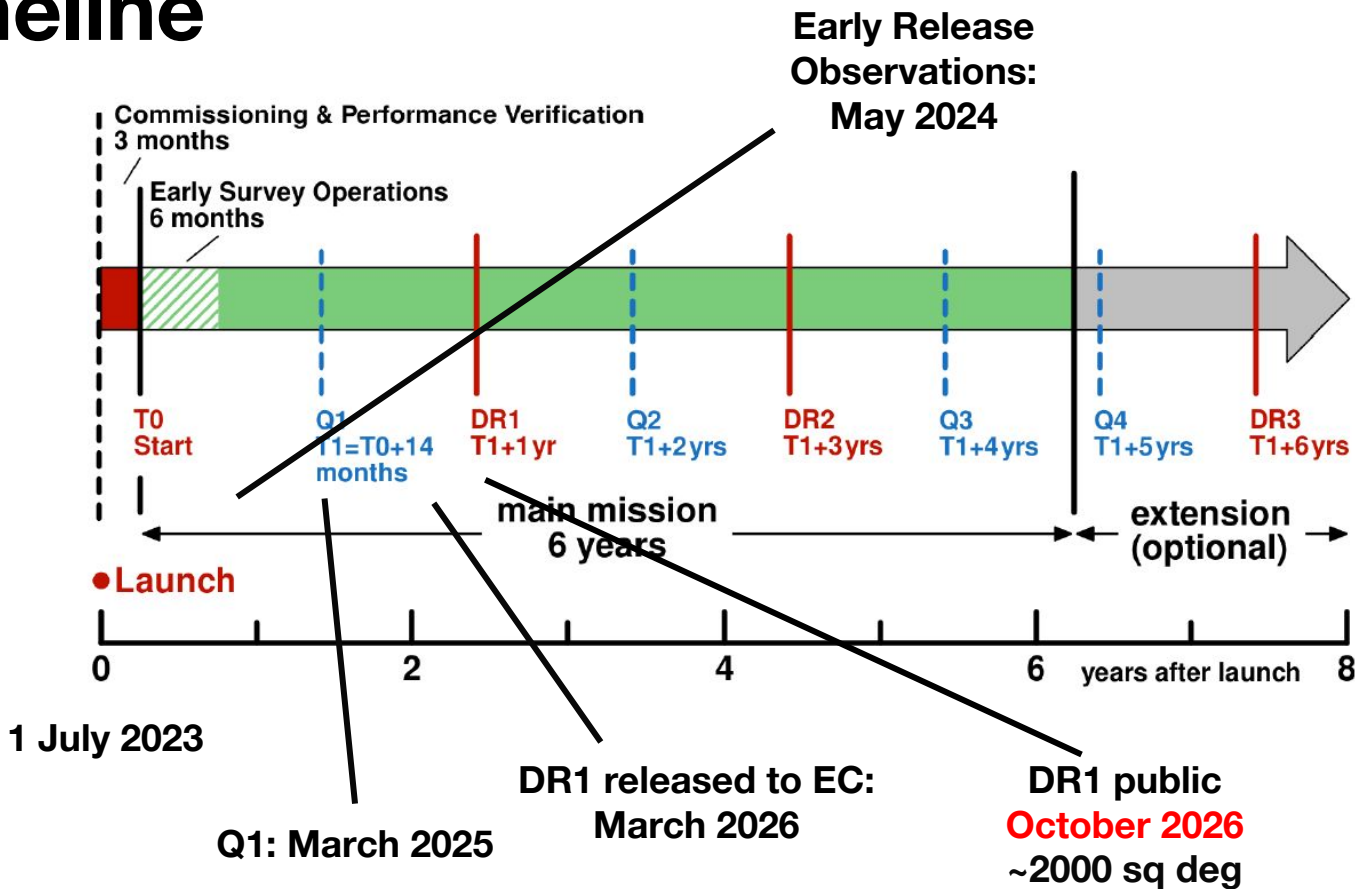


Timeline

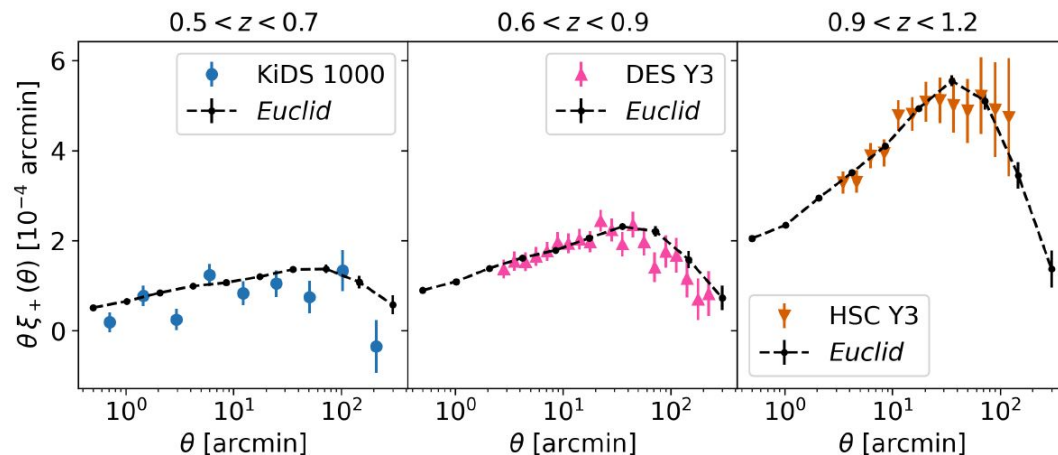
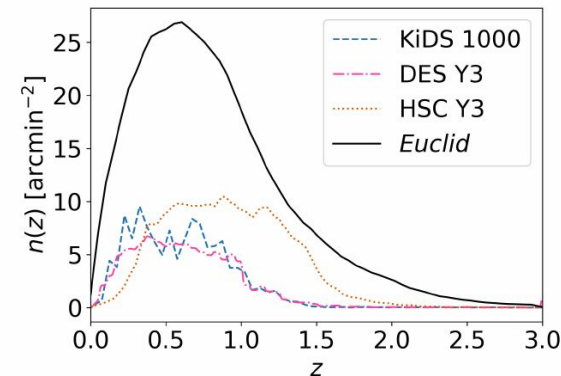
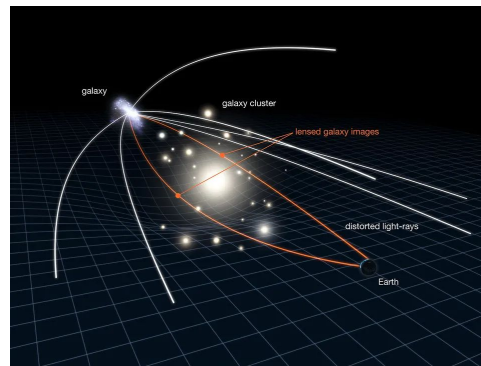
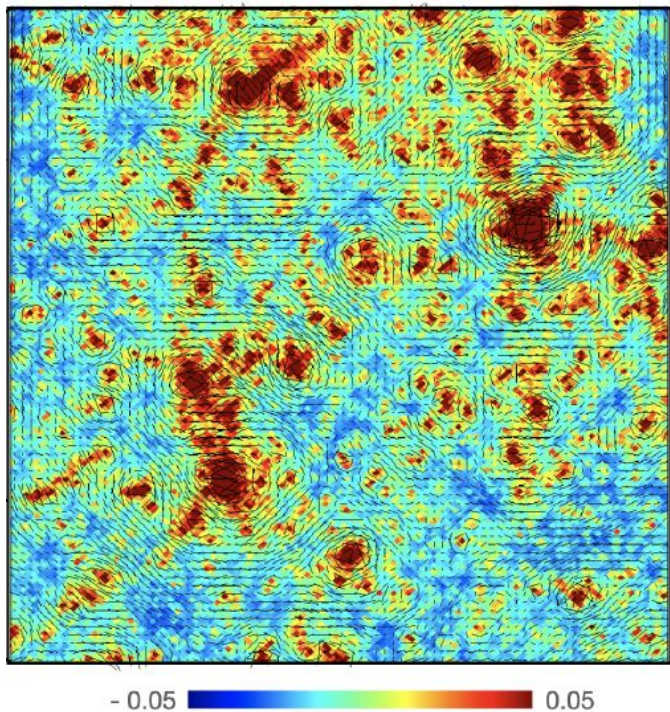


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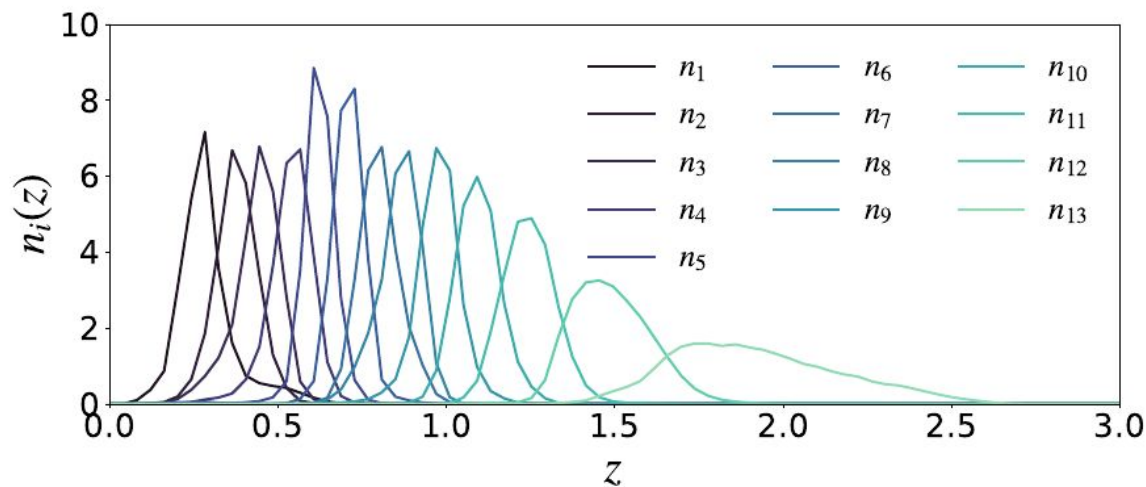
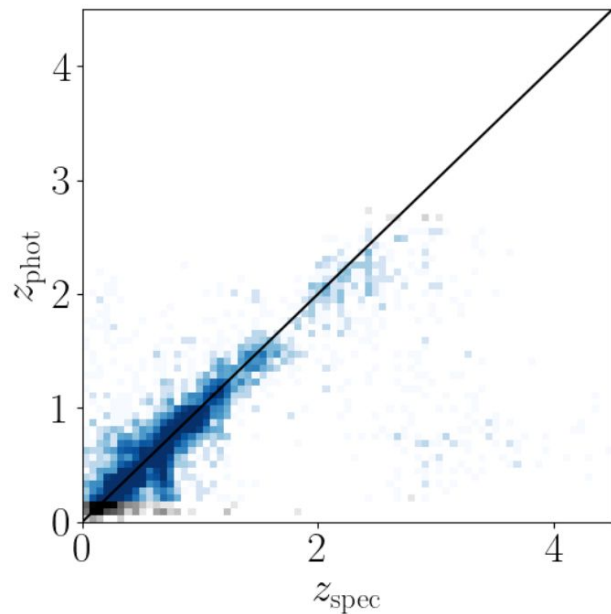
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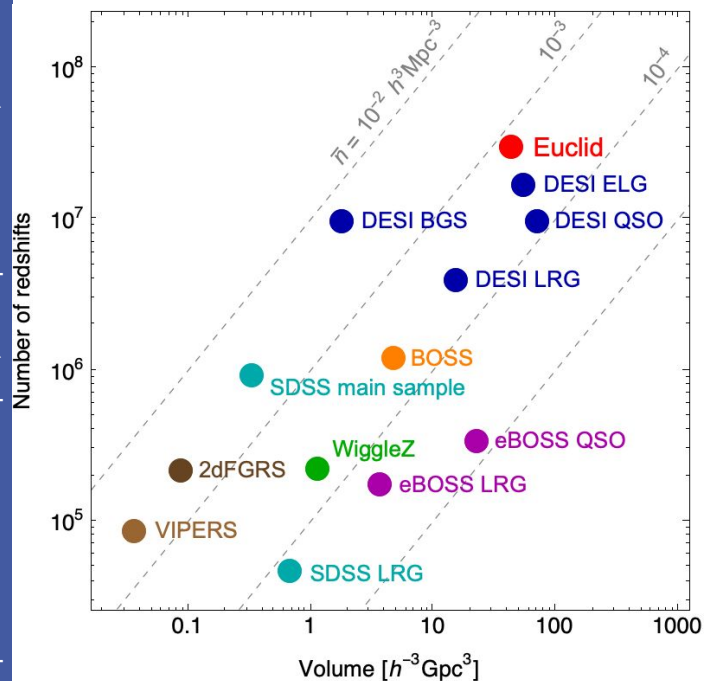
Photometry: galaxy weak lensing



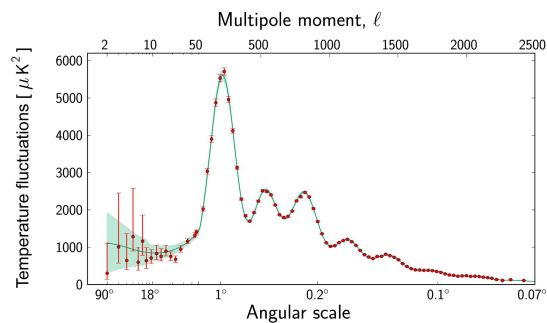
Photometry: galaxy clustering



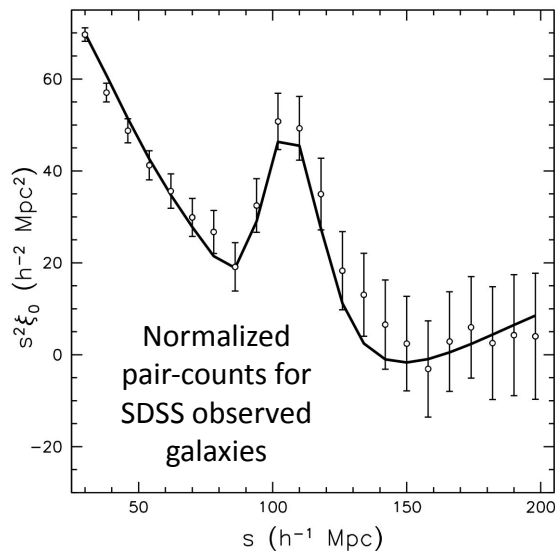
Spectroscopy: galaxy clustering



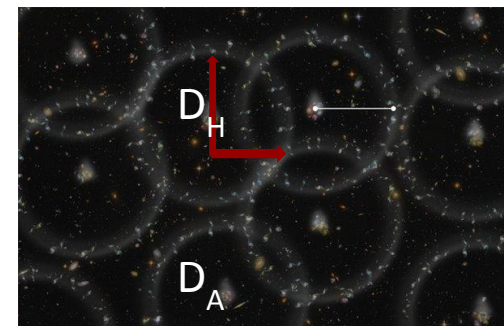
BAO as a standard ruler



Acoustic waves move material in the early (<300,000 years) universe

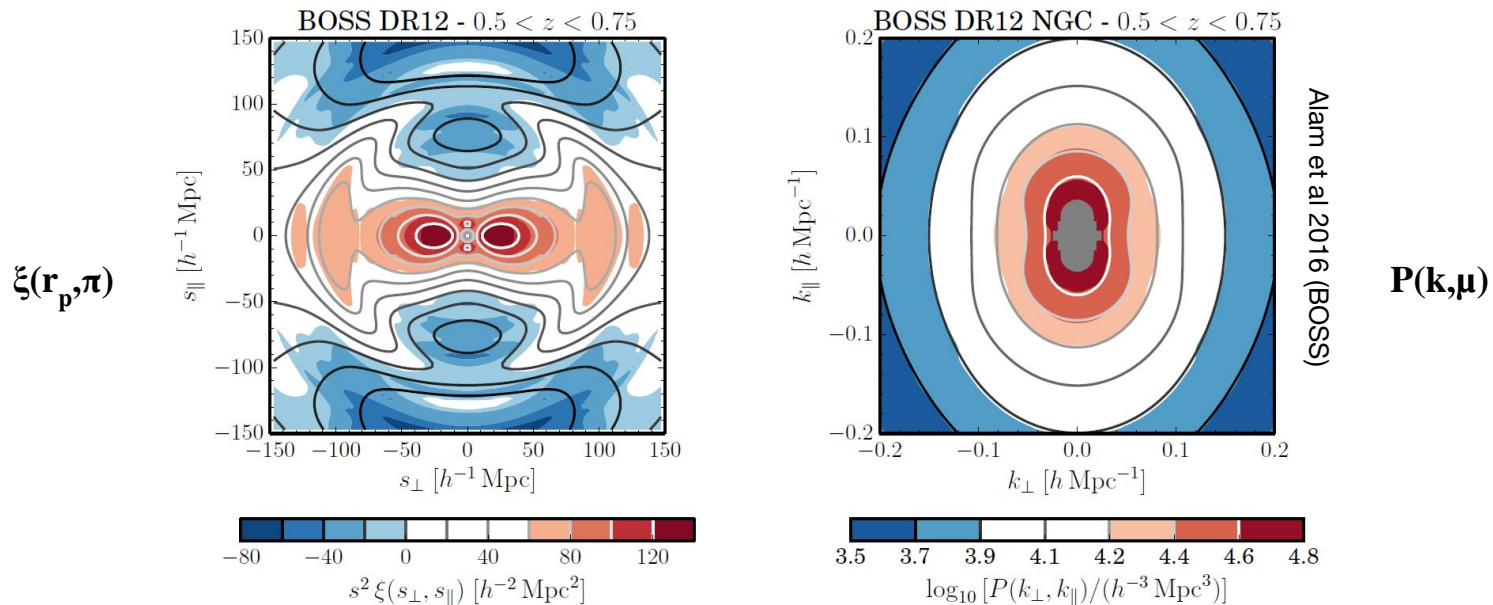


Galaxies form concentrations of mass; we see the imprint of the acoustic waves in the galaxy distribution



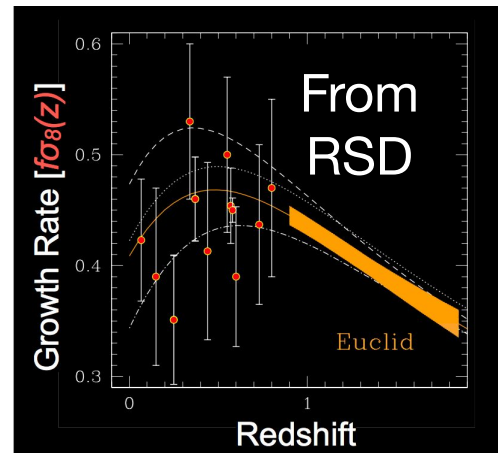
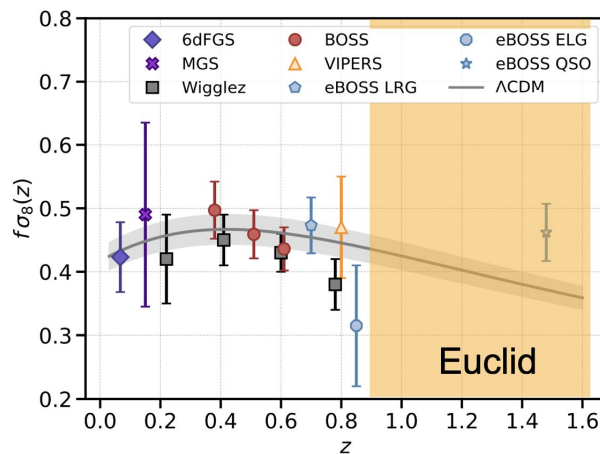
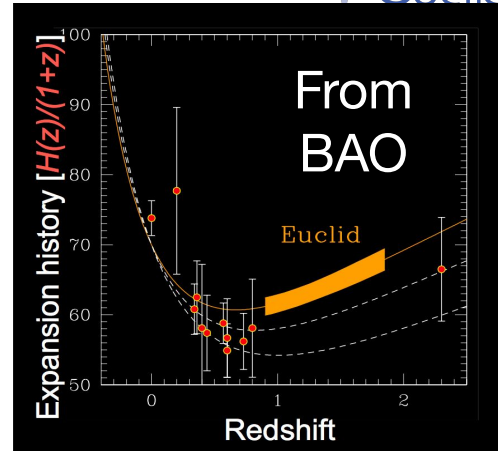
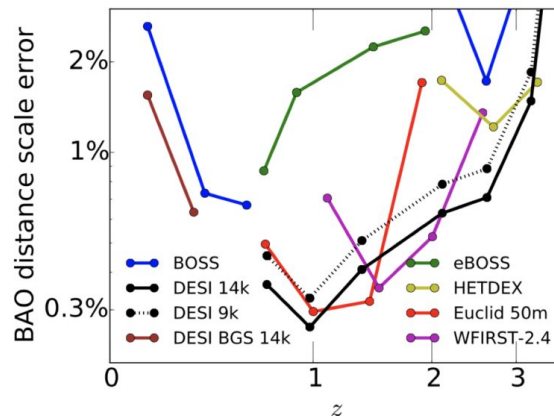
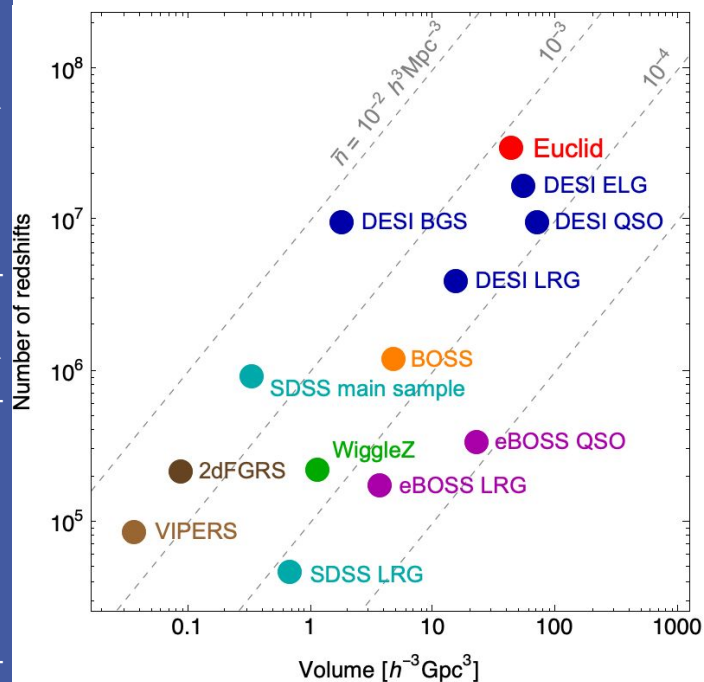
The projected scale of the acoustic waves gives a standard ruler with which to measure the universe

RSD in 2-point clustering



The measured pre-reconstruction correlation function (left) and power spectrum (middle) in the directions perpendicular and parallel to the line of sight

Spectroscopy: galaxy clustering



Probe combination

Galaxy weak lensing:

is a probe of integrated matter density
does not rely on assumptions on galaxy bias
it can be combined with photometric clustering

=> **3x2pt**

main systematics:

- galaxy intrinsic alignments
- effect of baryons on small scales

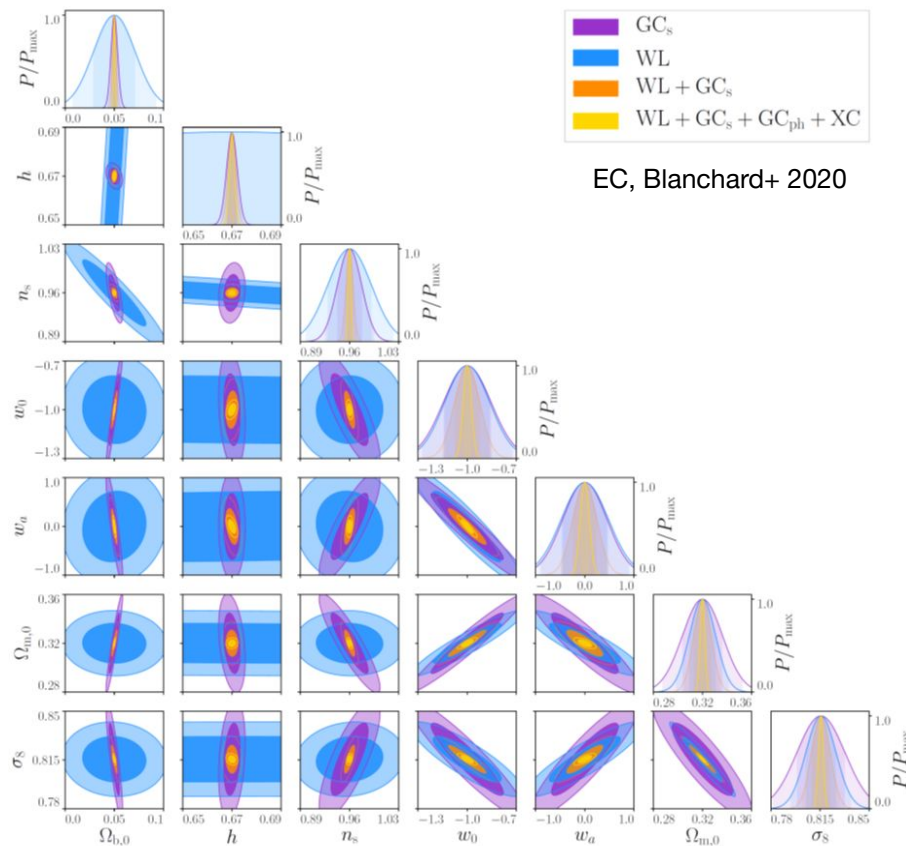
Spectroscopic clustering:

BAO + RSD are powerful complementary probes

galaxy bias is a theoretical nuisance

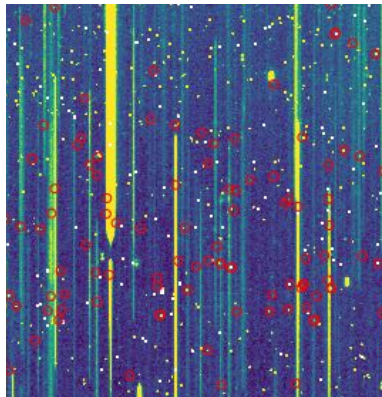
main systematics:

- angular fluctuations of survey depth
- redshift errors

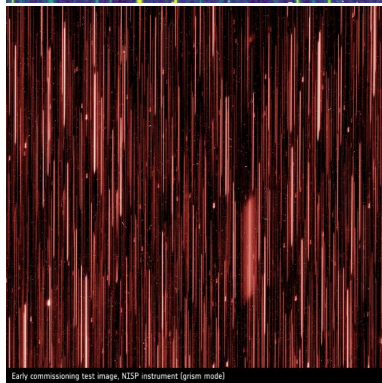


Slitless spectroscopy

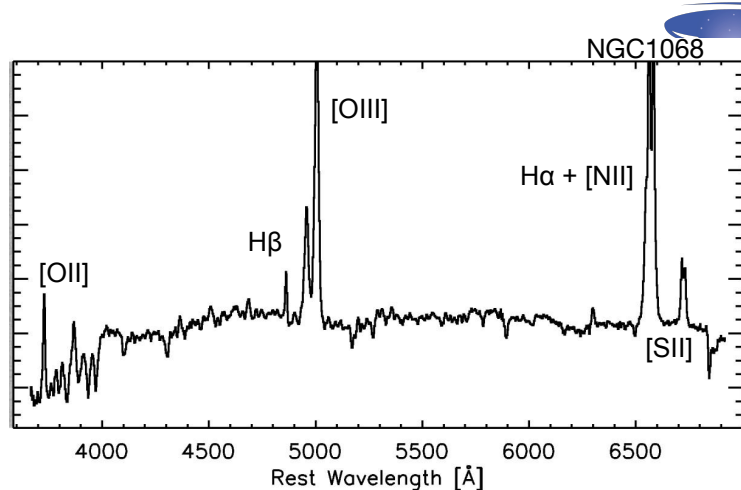
Credits: B. Granett



simulated



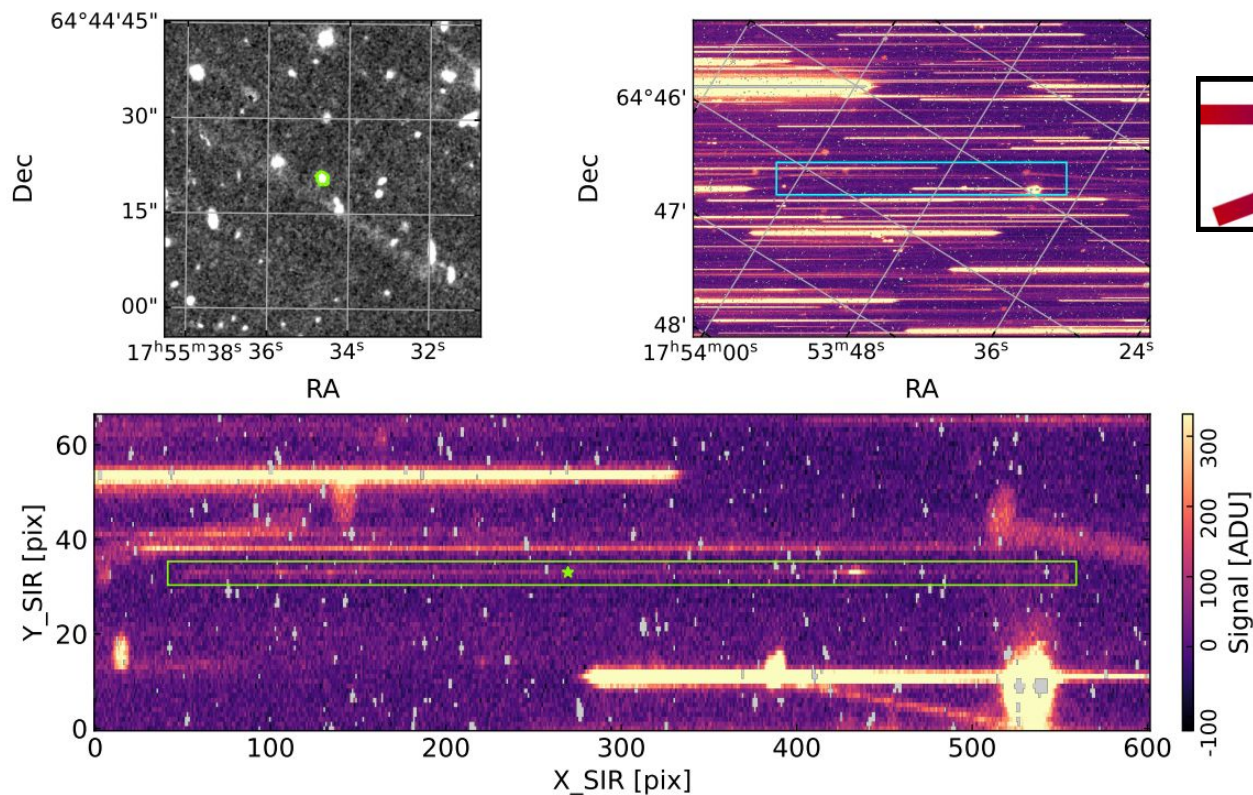
real



- All photons pass the grism (no slits or fibers)
 - Emission line galaxies are the main target
 - **No photometric selection required**
 - Efficiency loss due to higher background
- Euclid is the **first large-scale application** of this technique
- Slitless spectroscopy is technically simpler (no fibers), but the resulting **selection function** is complex
- Low signal-to-noise needed to have a dense sample
=> **high level of redshift errors**

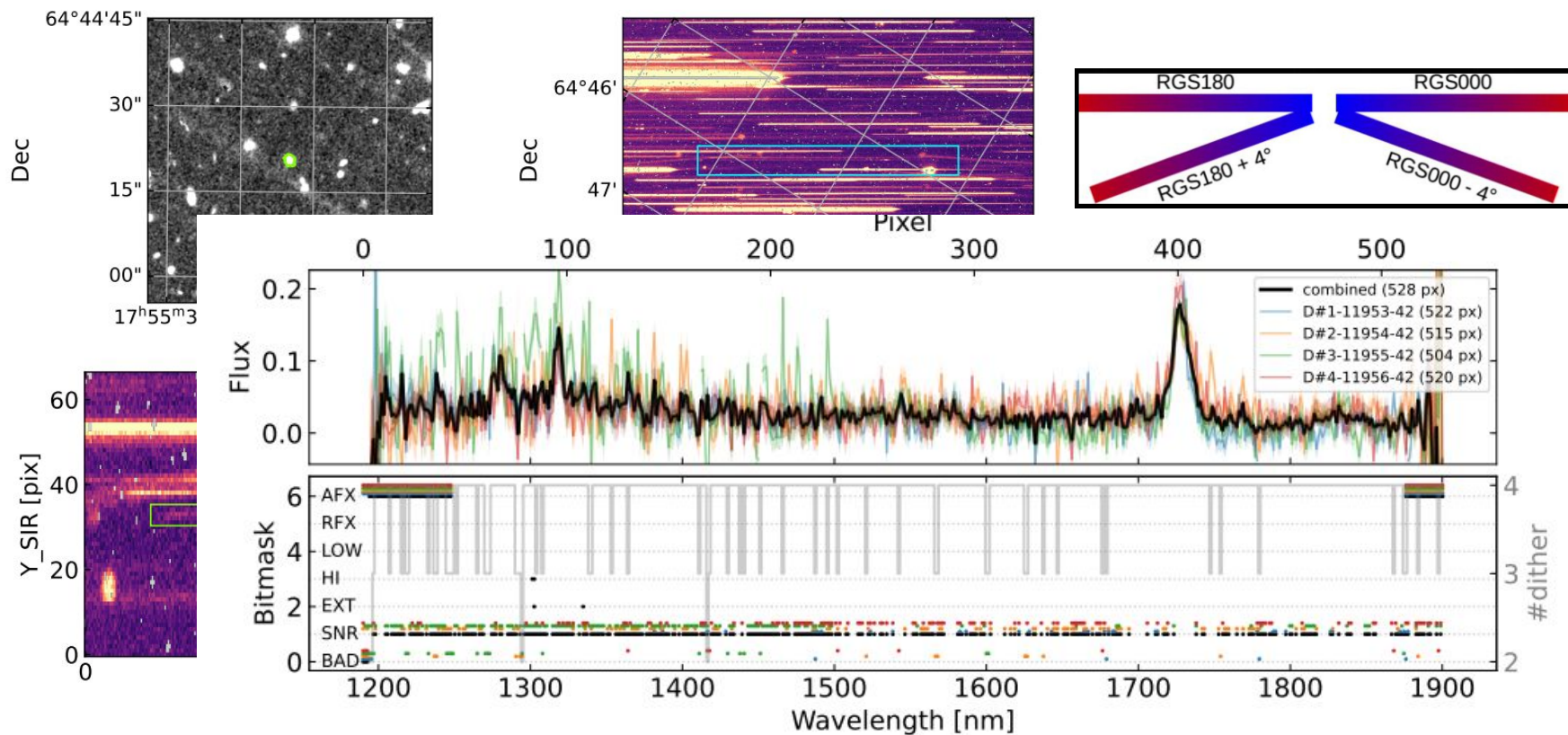
Slitless spectroscopy

EC-Q1, Copin et al., arXiv:2503.15307



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Purity and completeness

Due to the high background, the fraction of galaxies with a correct redshift is not expected to be very high.

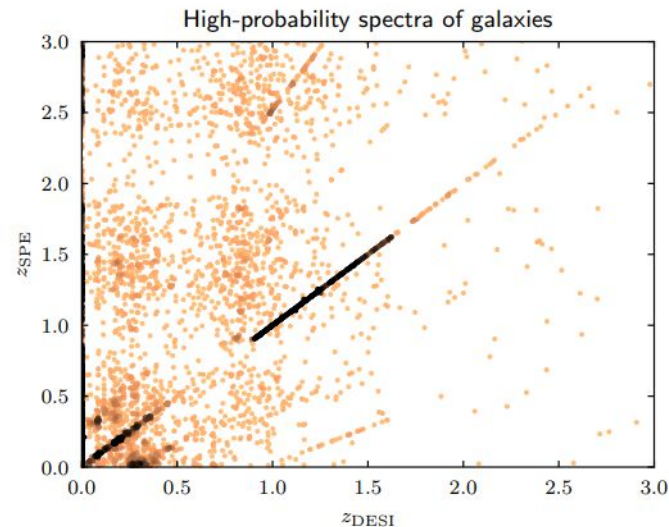
In Q1 data the fraction of correct redshifts (purity) was still low, due to a large number of bad redshifts.

We expect:

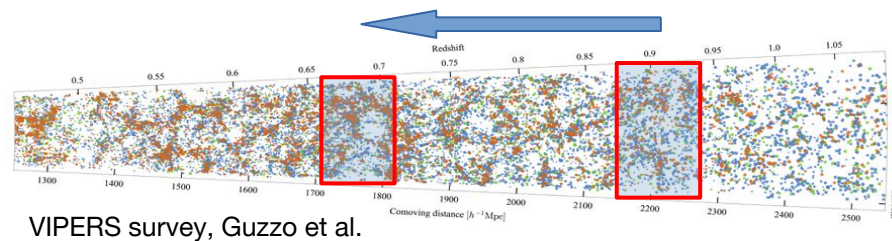
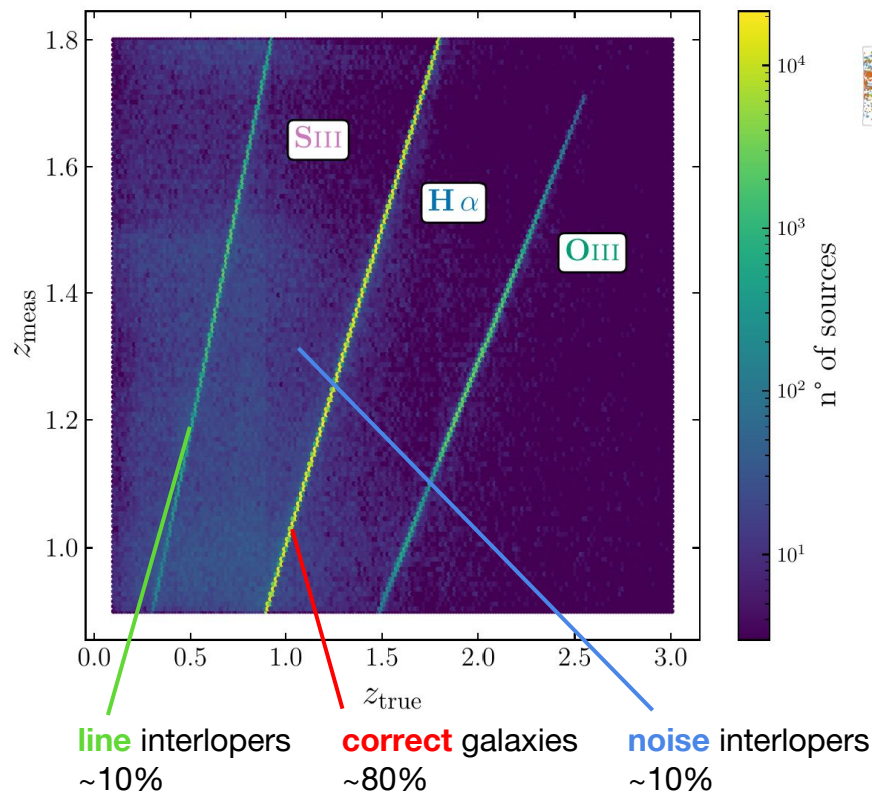
- **line interlopers**: galaxies with a detected line that is misinterpreted as an H α line
- **noise interlopers**: galaxies without prominent lines, where a noise fluctuation or a detector feature not perfectly removed is interpreted as a line.

We aim at a purity of 80% for a sample with a galaxy density of at least 1700 deg⁻²

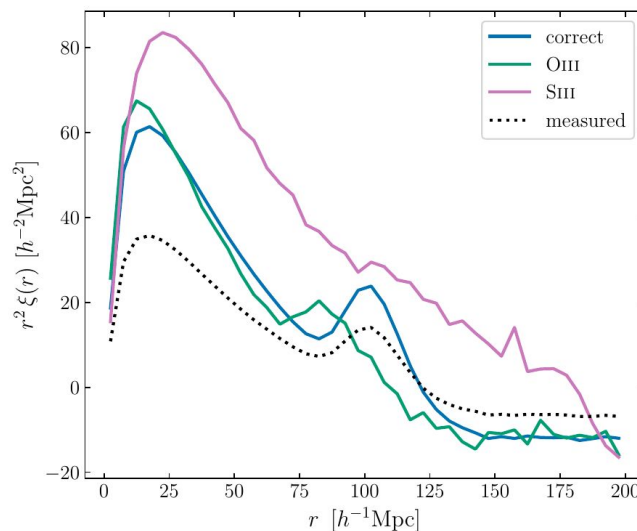
sources in NISP	Number
$H_E < 24$ galaxies	100 000
$H_E < 20$ galaxies with continuum	1900
H α + [N II]	2100
[O III]	200
[S III]	80
tot. ELGs	2380
stars	5000–15 000



Line and noise interlopers



VIPERS survey, Guzzo et al.

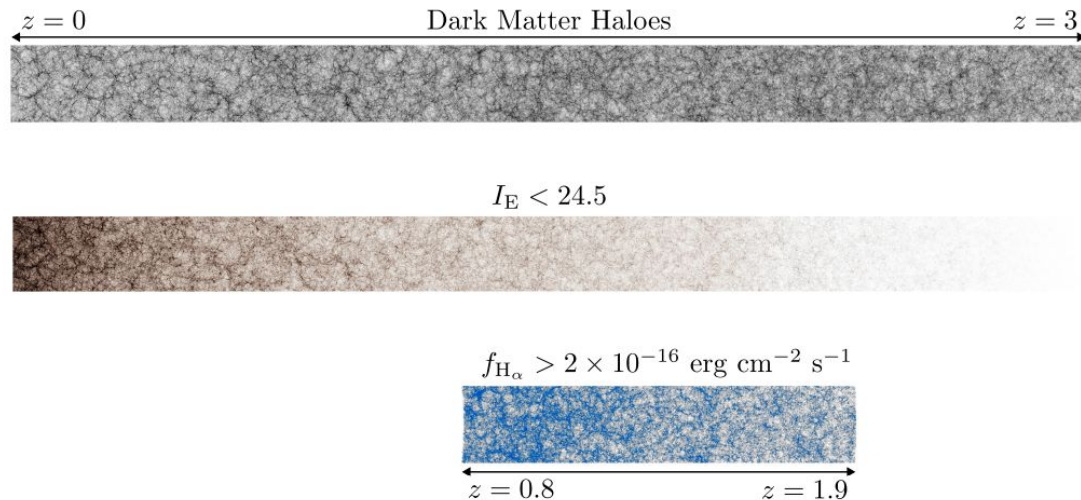


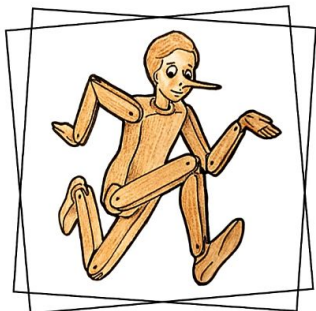
A Flagship mock galaxy catalogue

Simulation box of **3600 Mpc/h**
16000³ particles
 particle mass of 10^9 Msun/h
 output on the past light cone to $z=3$
 ~1 000 000 node hours on 4000 node
 of Piz Daint, ~68 000 000 core hours

Data public con cosmohub.pic.es

Euclid Collaboration: Castander, F. J., et al.: A&A, 697, A5 (2025)

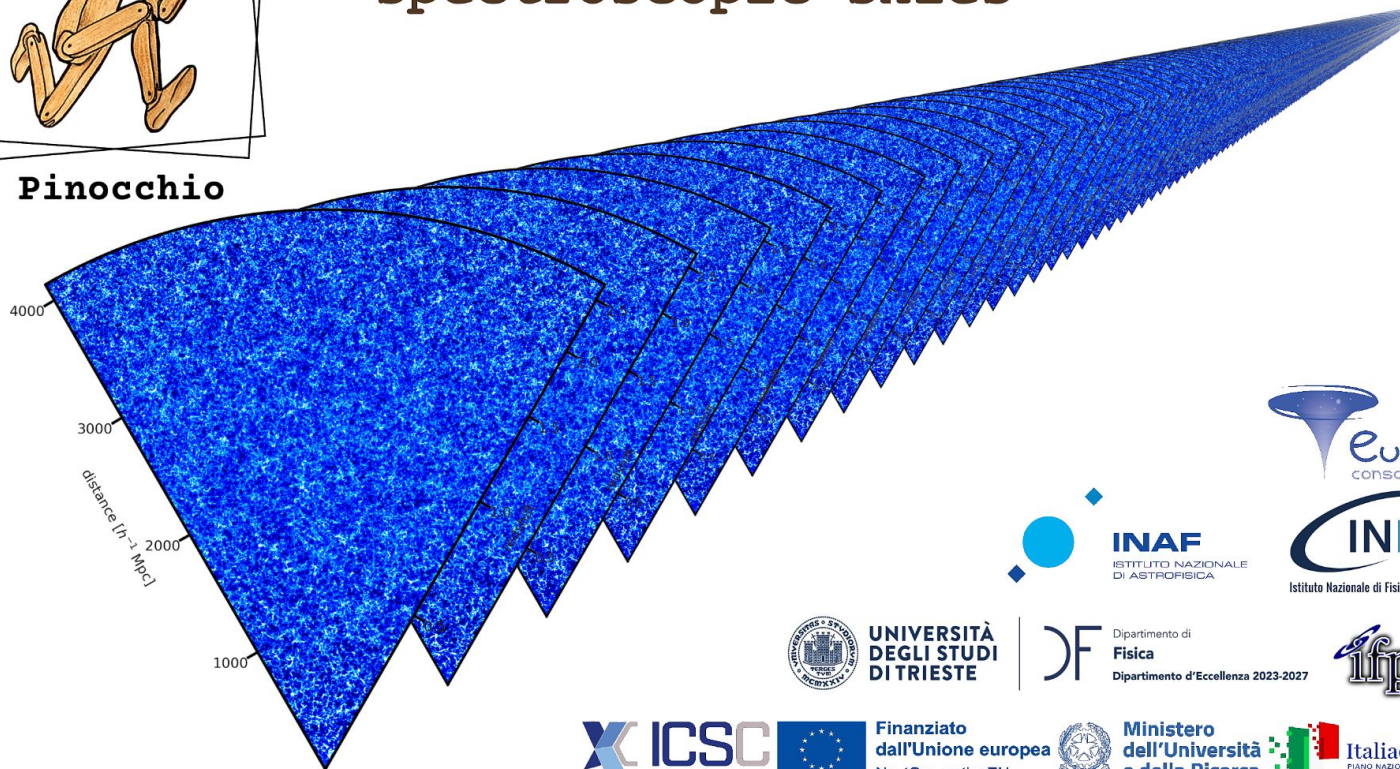




Pinocchio

Thousands of Euclid spectroscopic skies

EC, Monaco et al., arXiv:2507.12116

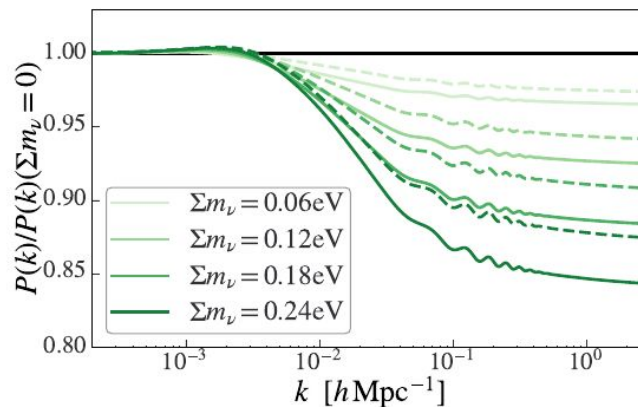


Massive neutrinos

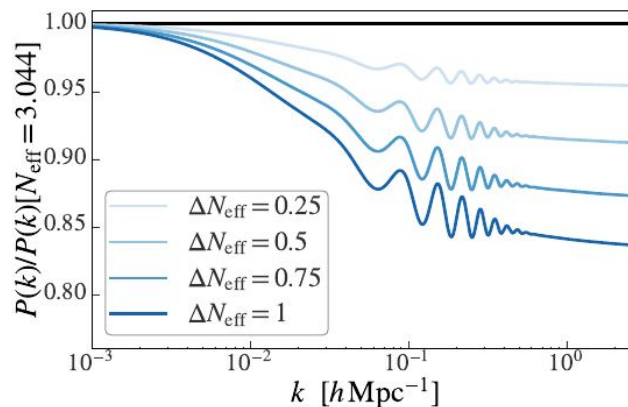
Massive neutrinos make the growth of structure **scale-dependent**, leaving imprints on the matter power spectrum.

This enables us to measure the sum of neutrino masses, whose effect is similar to that of the effective number of relativistic degrees of freedom

Fixed $\Omega_{m,0}h^2, \Omega_{b,0}h^2, \Omega_\Lambda$



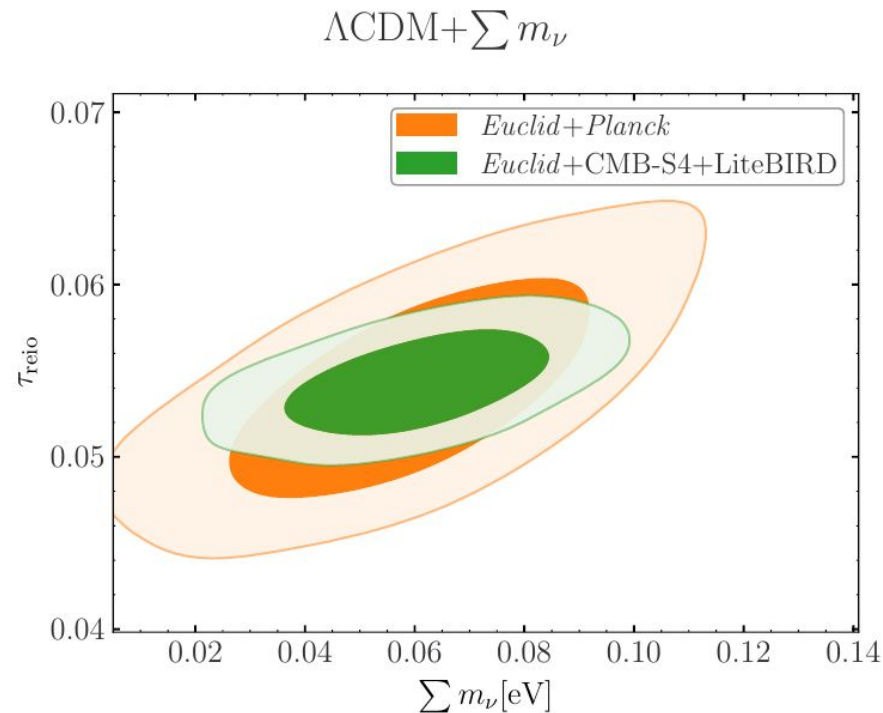
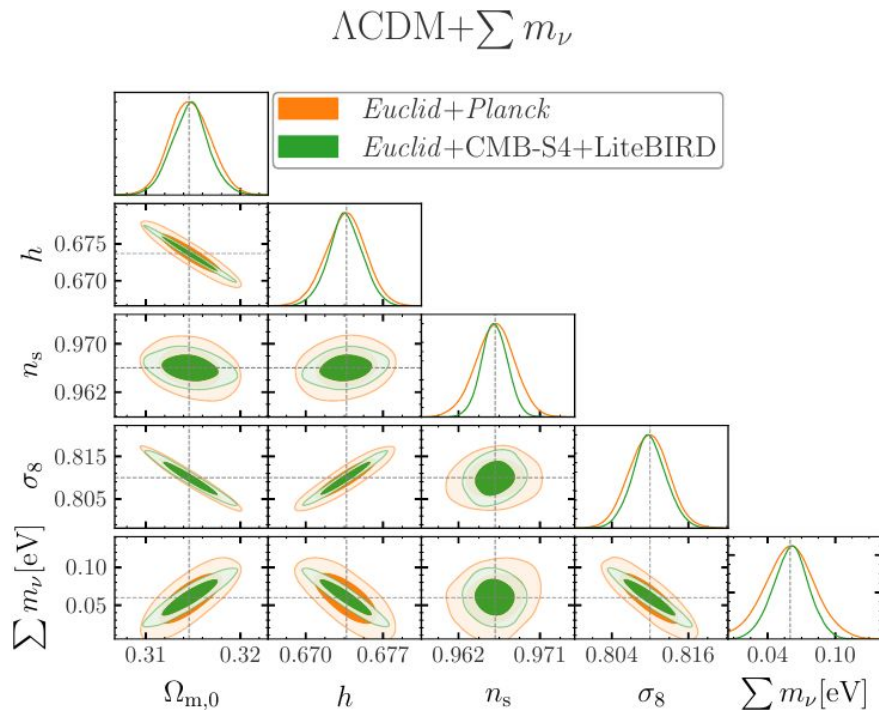
Fixed $\Omega_{m,0}, \Omega_{b,0}, h$



Massive neutrinos

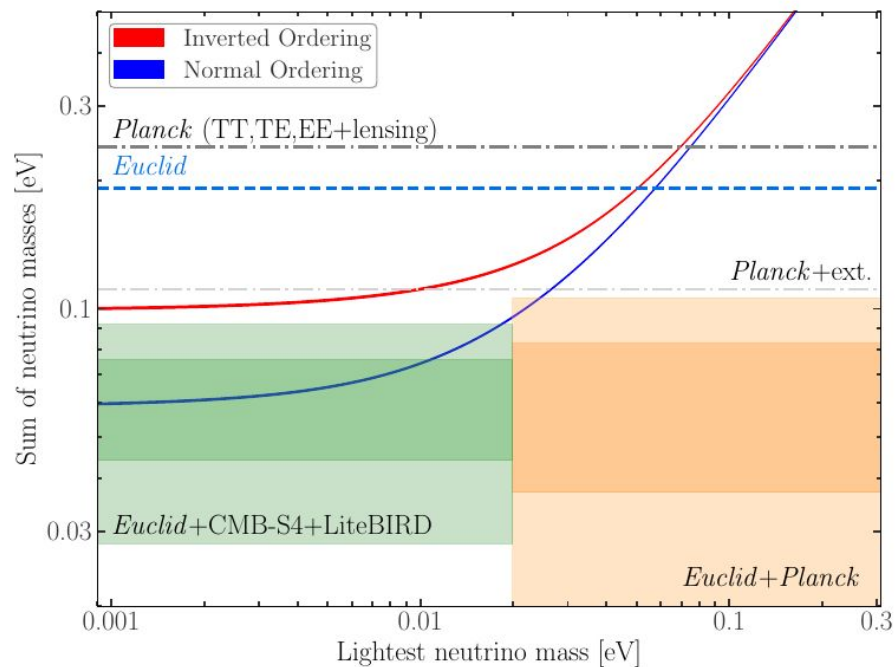
$\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu$							
	$\Omega_{\text{m},0}$	$100\ \Omega_{\text{b},0}$	h	n_{s}	σ_8	$\sum m_\nu[\text{meV}]$	
<i>Euclid-only</i>							
GC _{sp}	0.0068	0.37	0.033	0.029	0.0077	< 320	
WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph}	0.0032	0.36	0.035	0.017	0.0047	< 260	
WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} +GC _{sp}	0.0026	0.24	0.022	0.013	0.0039	56	
WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} +GC _{sp} +CC	0.0025	0.24	0.022	0.012	0.0037	53	
<i>Euclid+CMB</i>							
<i>Euclid+Planck</i>	0.0023	0.033	0.0021	0.0022	0.0033	23	
<i>Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD</i>	0.0021	0.024	0.0016	0.0014	0.0028	16	
$\Lambda\text{CDM} + \sum m_\nu + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$							
	$\Omega_{\text{m},0}$	$100\ \Omega_{\text{b},0}$	h	n_{s}	σ_8	$\sum m_\nu[\text{meV}]$	ΔN_{eff}
<i>Euclid-only</i>							
WL+GC _{ph} +XC _{ph} +GC _{sp}	0.0026	0.19	0.023	0.012	0.0039	< 220	< 0.746
<i>Euclid+CMB</i>							
<i>Euclid+Planck</i>	0.0022	0.037	0.0028	0.0021	0.0031	25	< 0.144
<i>Euclid+CMB-S4+LiteBIRD</i>	0.0019	0.025	0.0018	0.0016	0.0025	16	< 0.063

Massive neutrinos: Euclid + CMB

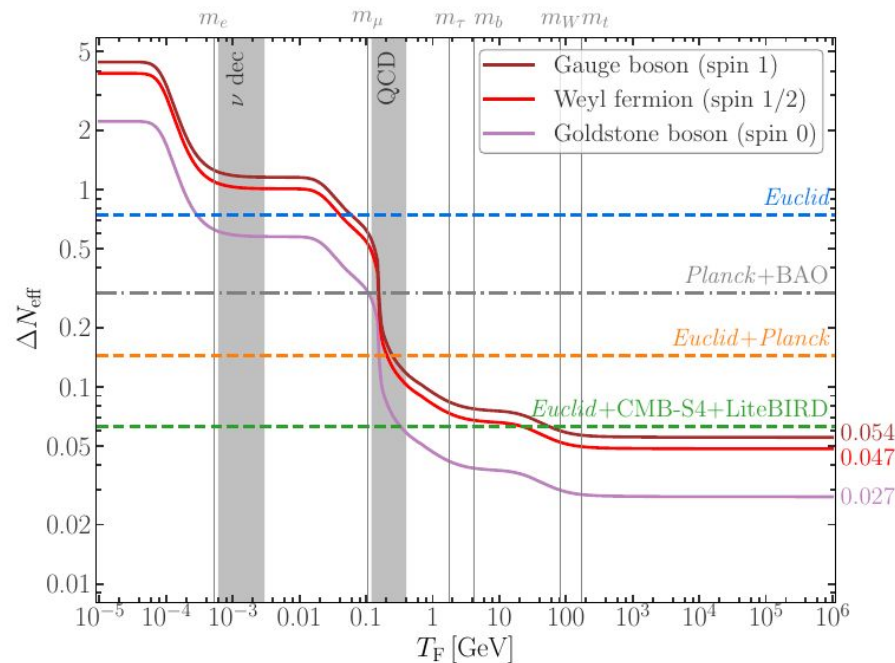


Massive neutrinos and N_{eff}

normal/inverted neutrino mass hierarchy



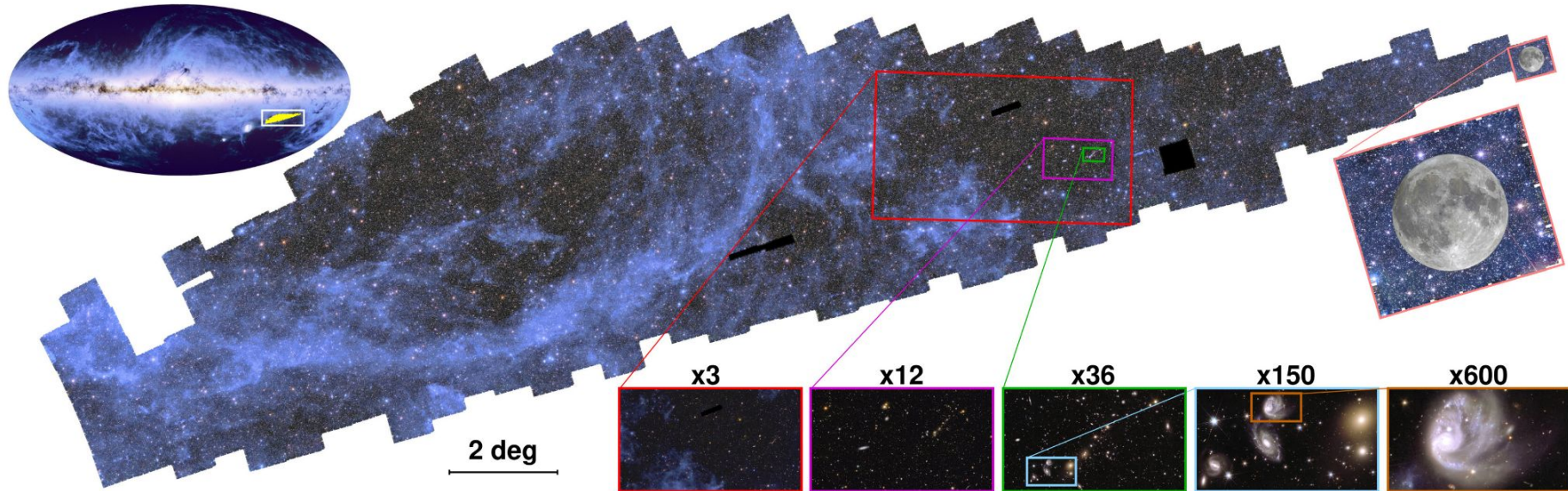
further relativistic degrees of freedom



Conclusions

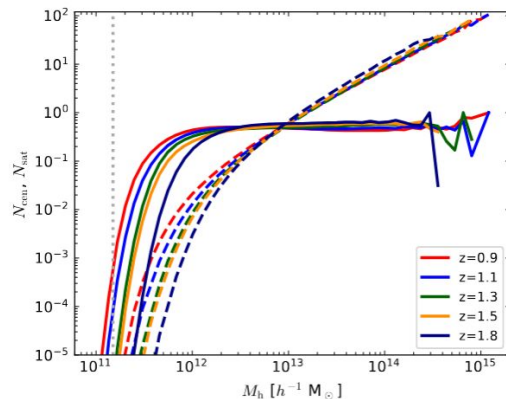
Bright times ahead with **Euclid**, DESI, Roman, Rubin-LSST, SKA...

A measurement of the **neutrino mass** from large-scale structure may be behind the corner



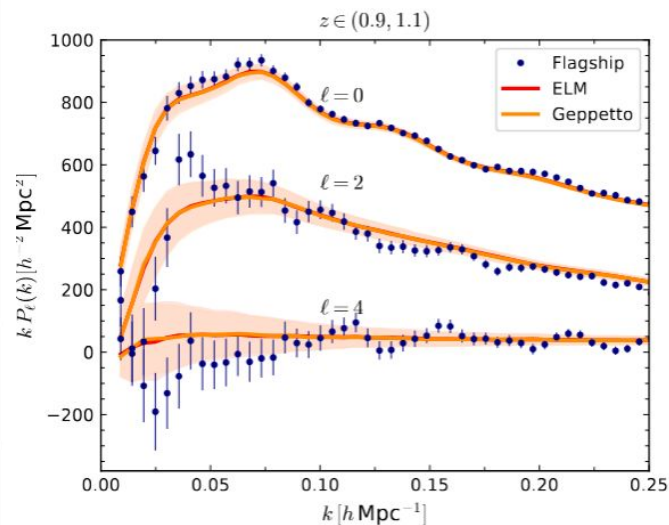
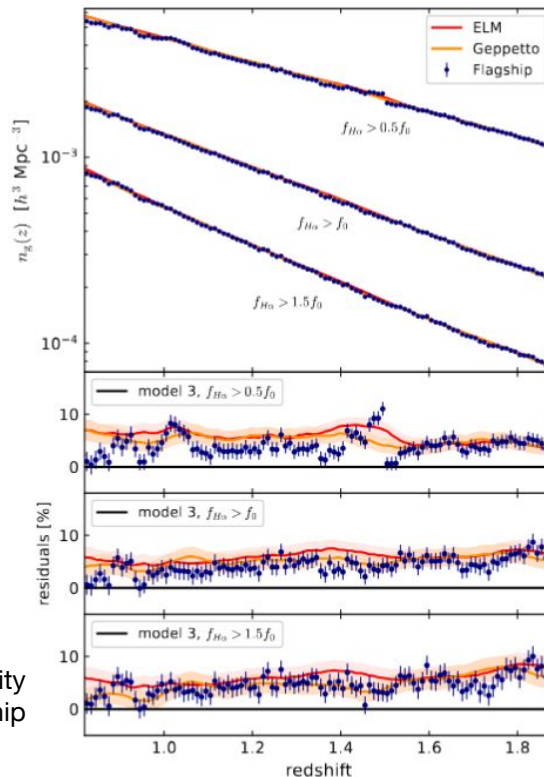
backup slides

Calibrated on Flagship mock



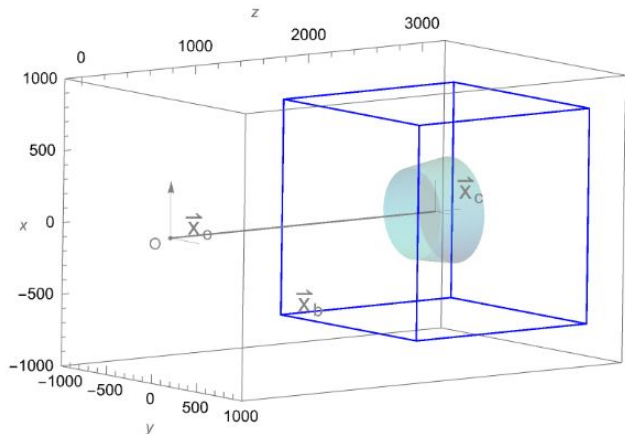
HOD curves $N_{\text{cent}}(M_h, z)$ and $N_{\text{sat}}(M_h, z)$

number density
vs Flagship



galaxy power spectrum vs Flagship

Measuring the galaxy power spectrum



J. Salvalaggio, E. Sefusatti, A. Eggemeier,
K. Pardede, F. Rizzo et al., in prep.

The window function and its mixing matrix are obtained by taking the Fourier transform of the **random catalog**

With a survey geometry you are measuring the **convolution** of the galaxy power spectrum with a window function

$$\tilde{P}_\ell(k) = \sum_{\ell'} \int d^3k' \mathcal{W}_{\ell\ell'}(k, k') P_{\ell'}(k')$$

$$W(\mathbf{x}) = W_{\text{fp}}(\hat{n}) w_{\text{fkp}}(z) \alpha n_r(\mathbf{x})$$

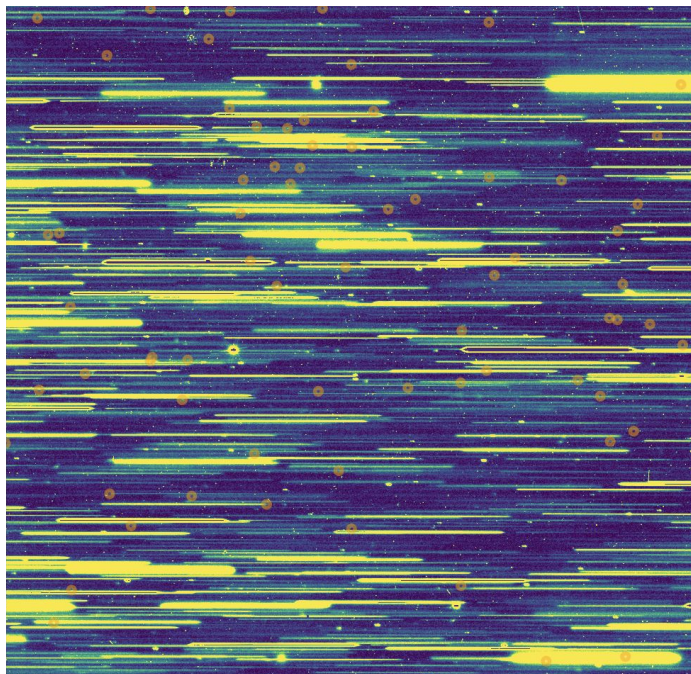
survey
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FKP
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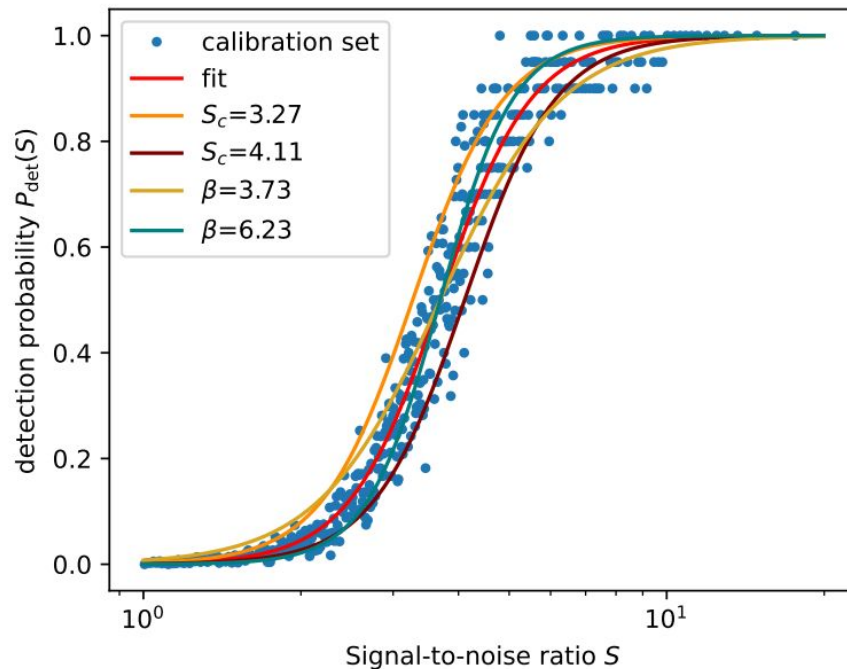
average
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A forward model of systematics

circles denote the location of H α line

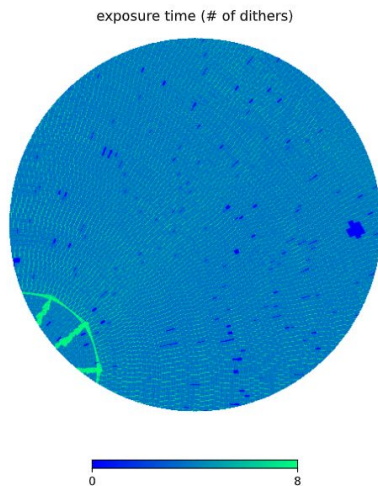


Detection probability is expected to be a function of SNR at the location of emission lines

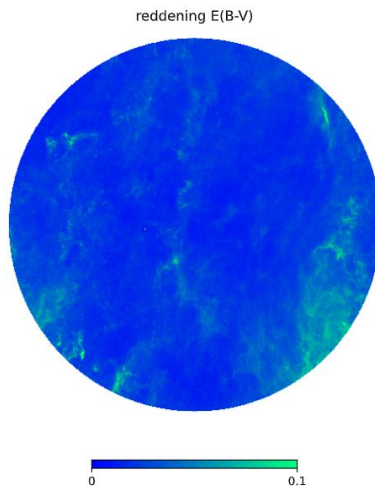


Nuisance maps

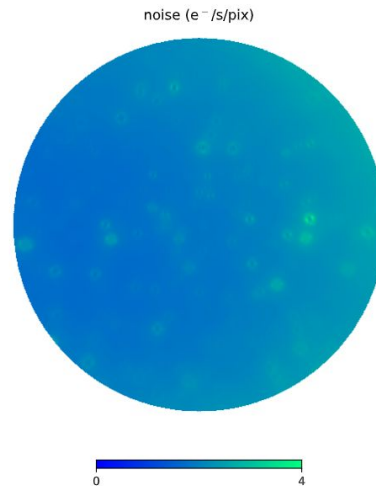
tiling of the survey



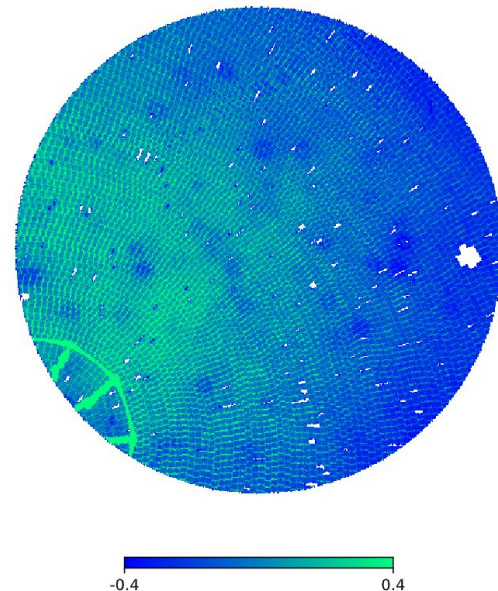
Milky Way **extinction**



(simple) background **noise**



$$S = \kappa_1 f(\mathcal{E}) \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{T}}{\mathcal{N}}}$$



The **random** catalog
represents angular systematics

No bias when the window is known

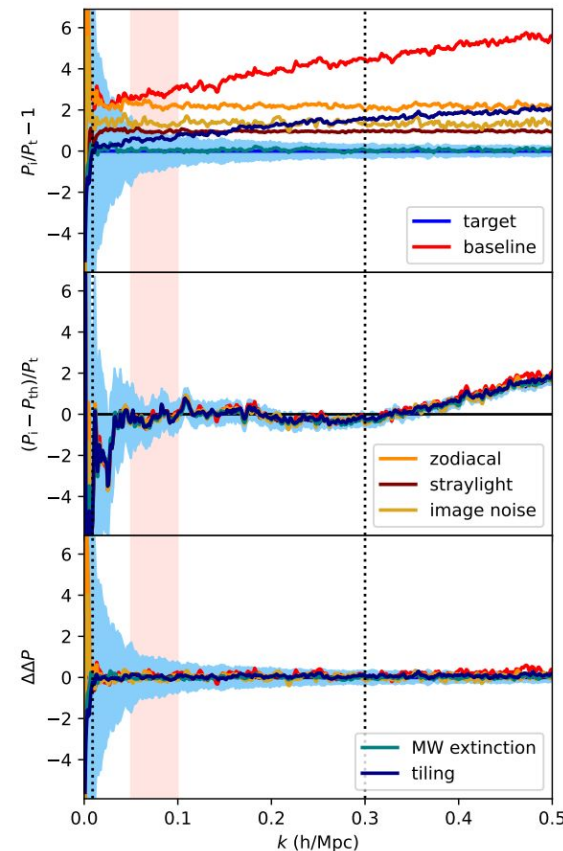
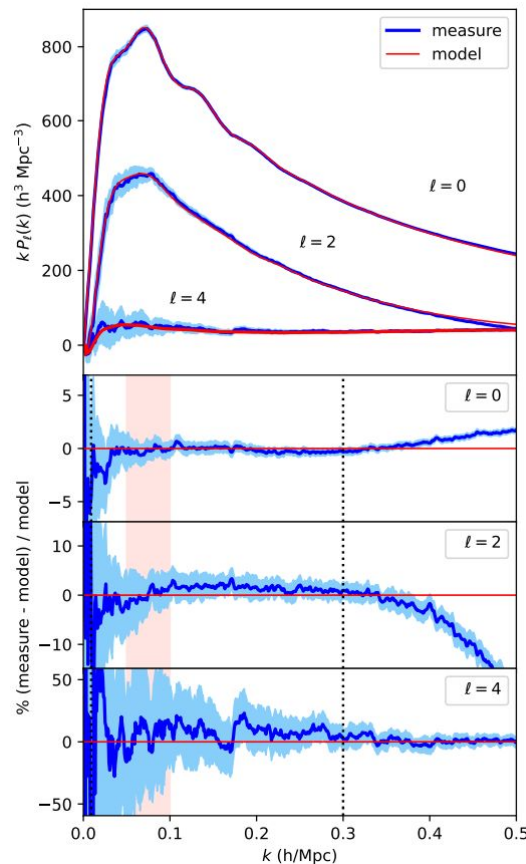
we use **50 mocks**, averaging over groups of 5 - so we have 10 DR3-sized realizations

we use four **redshift bins** [0.9,1.1,1.3,1.5,1.8]

we fit the no-systematics case with **VDG** model

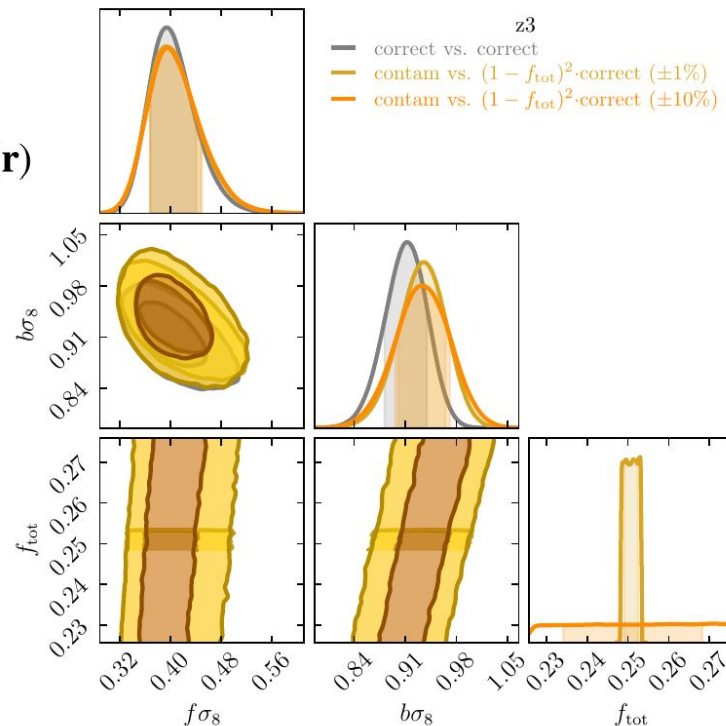
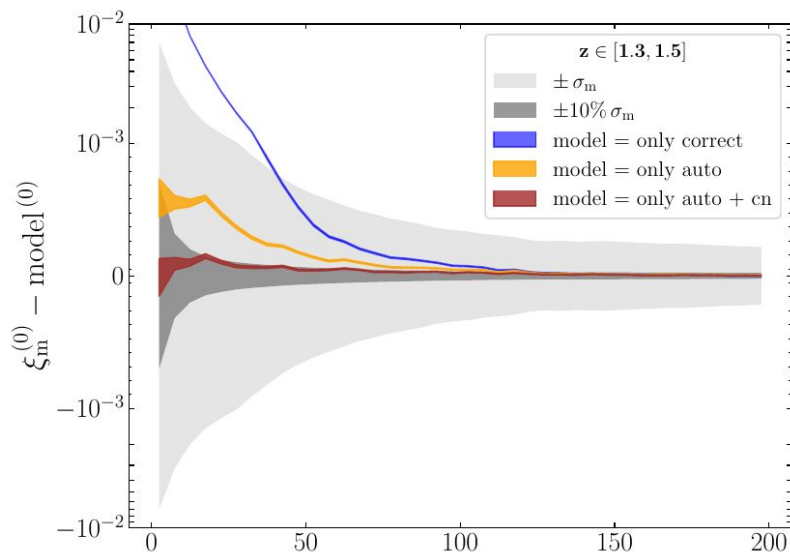
using the same model, we **convolve** it with different window functions and compare it with measurements

thanks to Y. Elkhachab, J. Salvalaggio, E. Sefusatti



The role of interlopers

$$\xi_m(\mathbf{r}) = (1 - f_{\text{tot}})^2 \xi_{\text{cc}}(\mathbf{r}) + f_\ell^2 \xi_{\ell\ell}(\mathbf{r}) + f_n^2 \xi_{\text{nn}}(\mathbf{r}) \\ + 2f_\ell(1 - f_{\text{tot}}) \xi_{\ell\ell}(\mathbf{r}) + 2f_n(1 - f_{\text{tot}}) \xi_{\text{cn}}(\mathbf{r}) + 2f_\ell f_n \xi_{\ell n}(\mathbf{r})$$



At this level of contamination a **simple $(1-f_{\text{tot}})^2$ correction** seems to be adequate