

# Cosmological constraints using BAO

From spectroscopic to photometric catalogues

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Cosmic acceleration  
(Riess et al. 1998, Perlmutter et al. 1999)

Models proposed

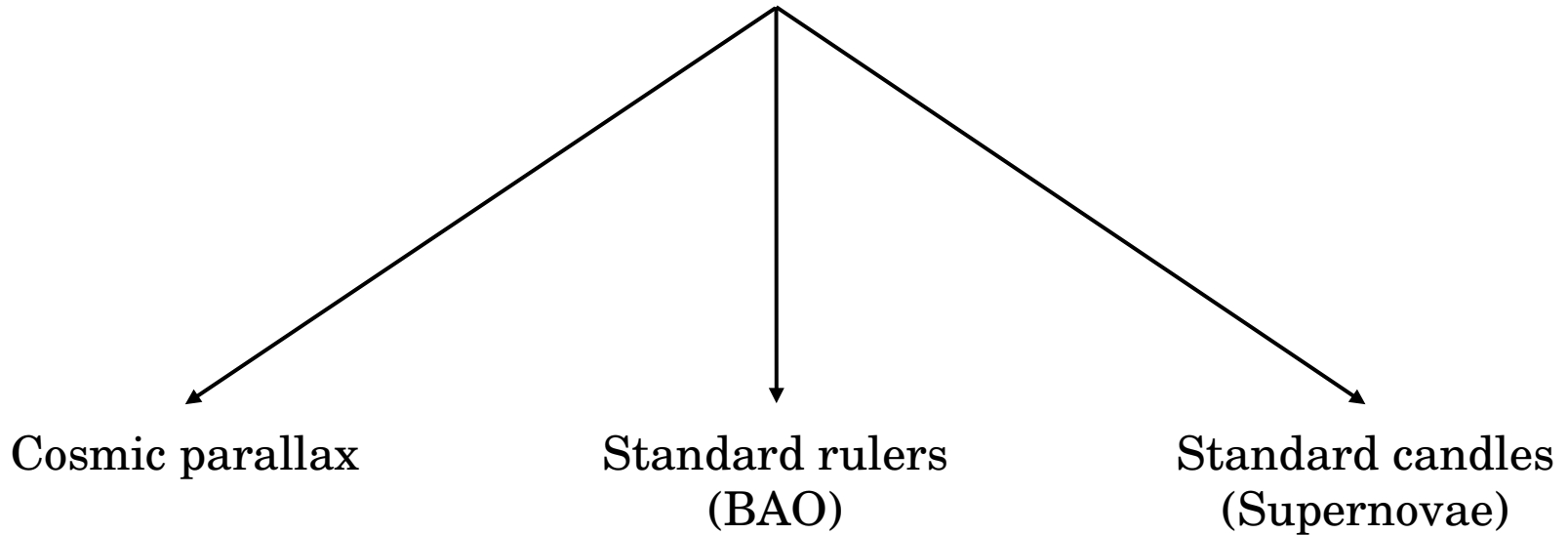
Positive  $\Lambda$

Time varying dark energy

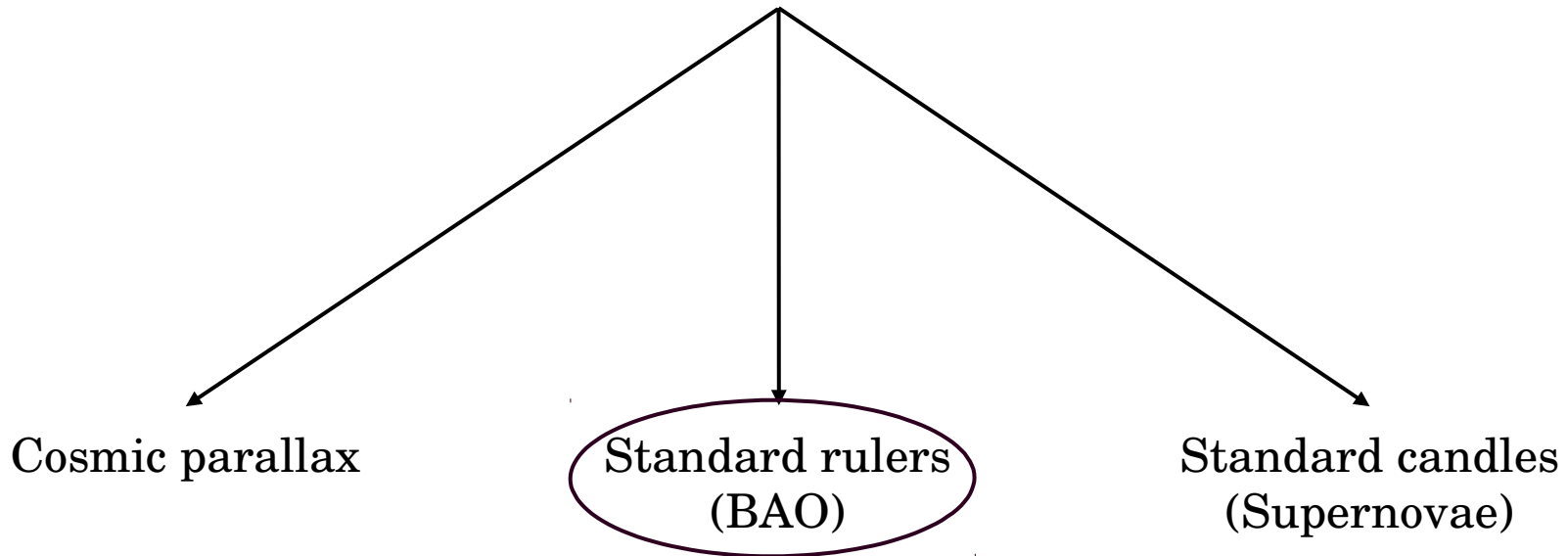
Modified gravity

Observational mission to confirm  $\Lambda$ CDM in precision  
OR  
To probe possible deviations from it

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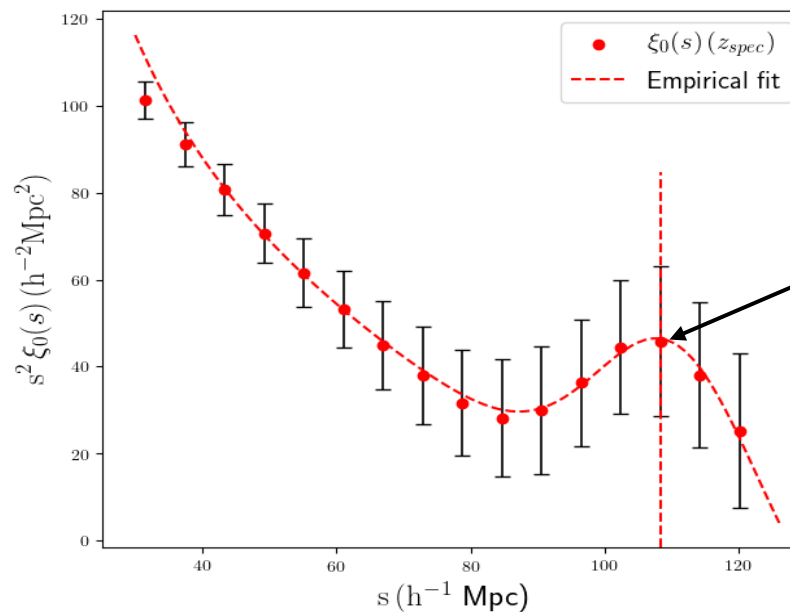


Constraints on

$$D_V(z) = \left[ (1+z)^2 \boxed{D_A(z)^2} \boxed{H(z)} \right]^{1/3}$$

Angular diameter distance

Hubble parameter



Appears as a bump in the two-point correlation function

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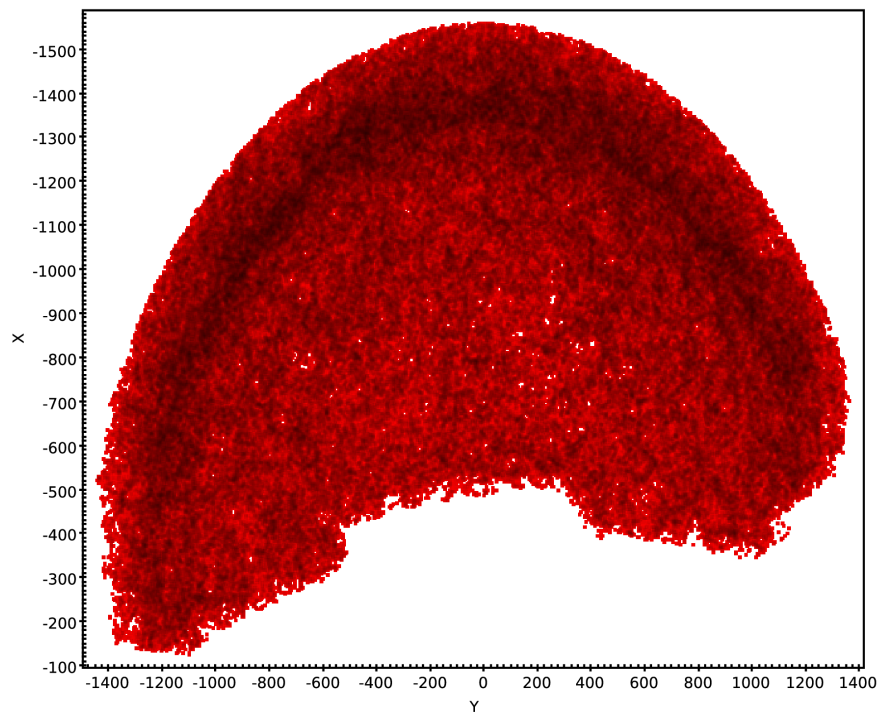
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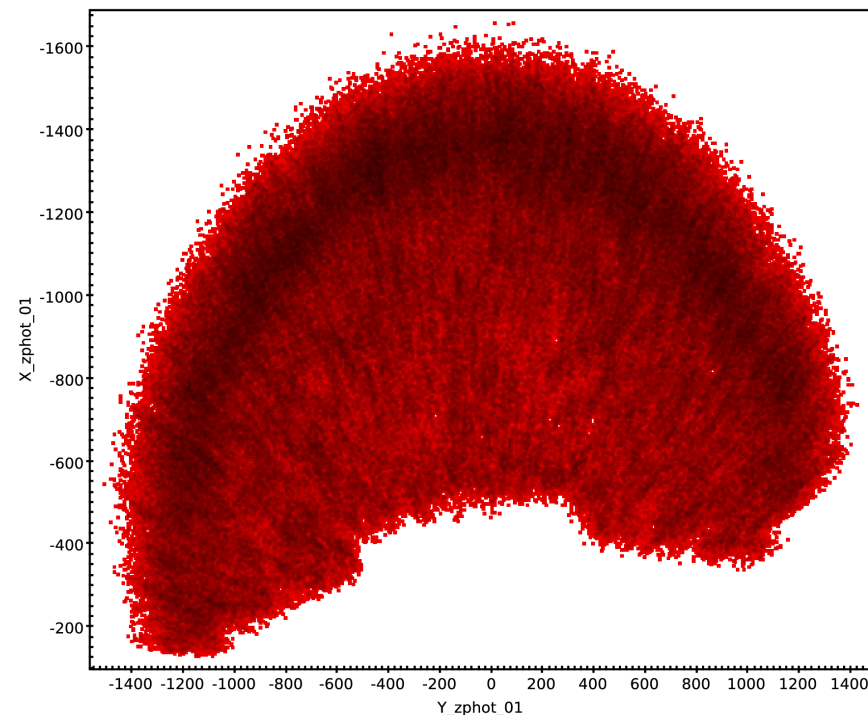
Ongoing and upcoming surveys will have photometric redshift measurements

**1) Is there a possible way to recover the BAO information from photo-z's ?**

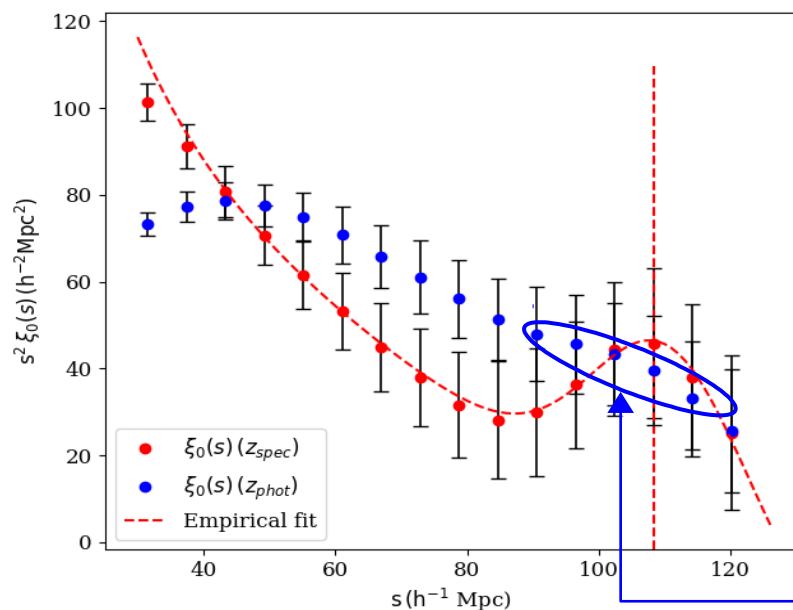
**2) Is the recovered BAO peak usable for cosmic distance measures ?**



spectro-z

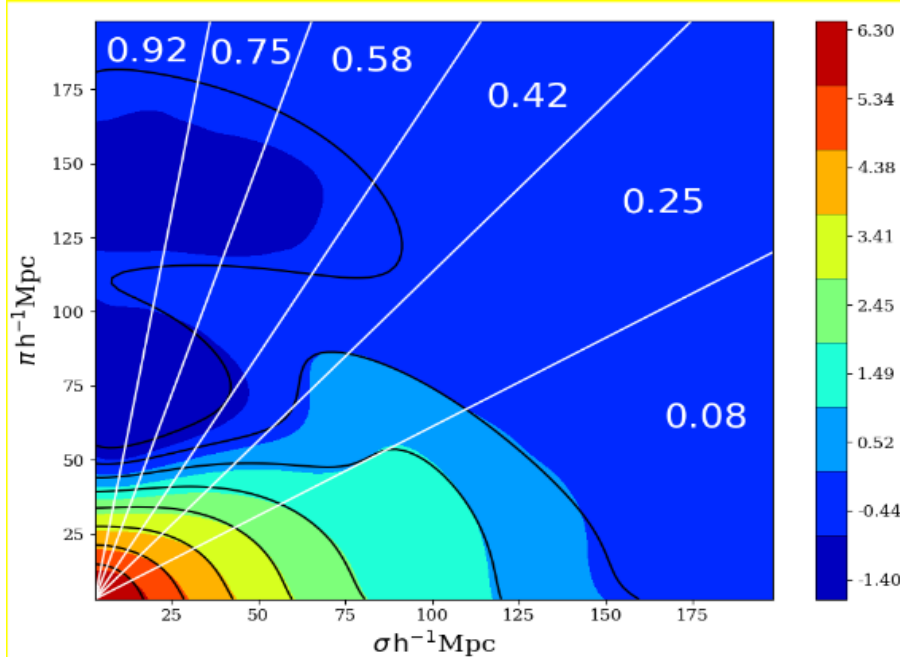


p h o t o - z

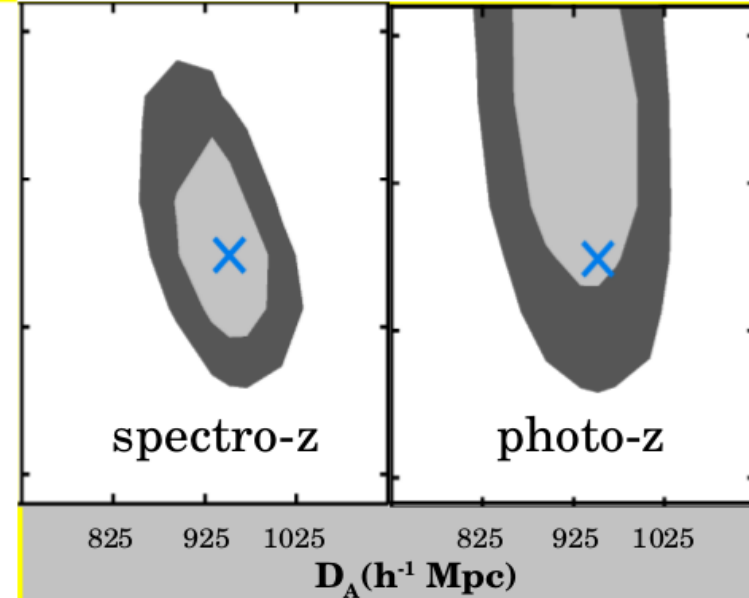
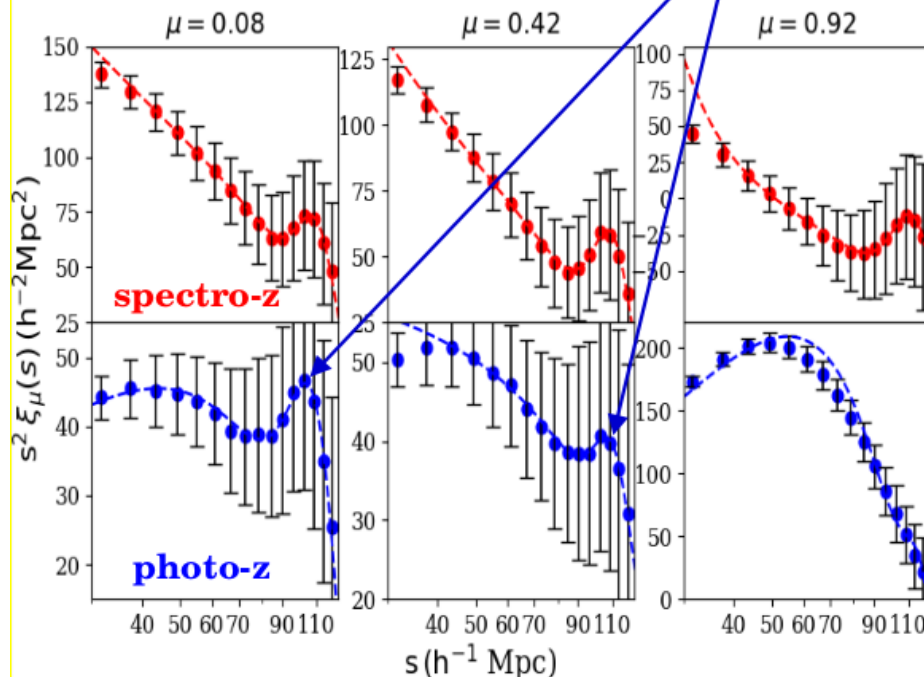


Structures are  
**S T R E T C H E D**  
in photometric redshift space

BAO peak smeared out in photo-z space



Photometric redshift  $\rightarrow$  BAO peak smeared  
 Analysis using wedge approach is promising!



## $D_A$ constraints

from spectro-z = **5% precision**  
 from photo-z = **6% precision**

## Why not use angular clustering?

Wedge approach  $[\xi(s, \mu)]$  has

- 1) More info
- 2) 6% more accurate
- 3) Covariance matrix less complicated !



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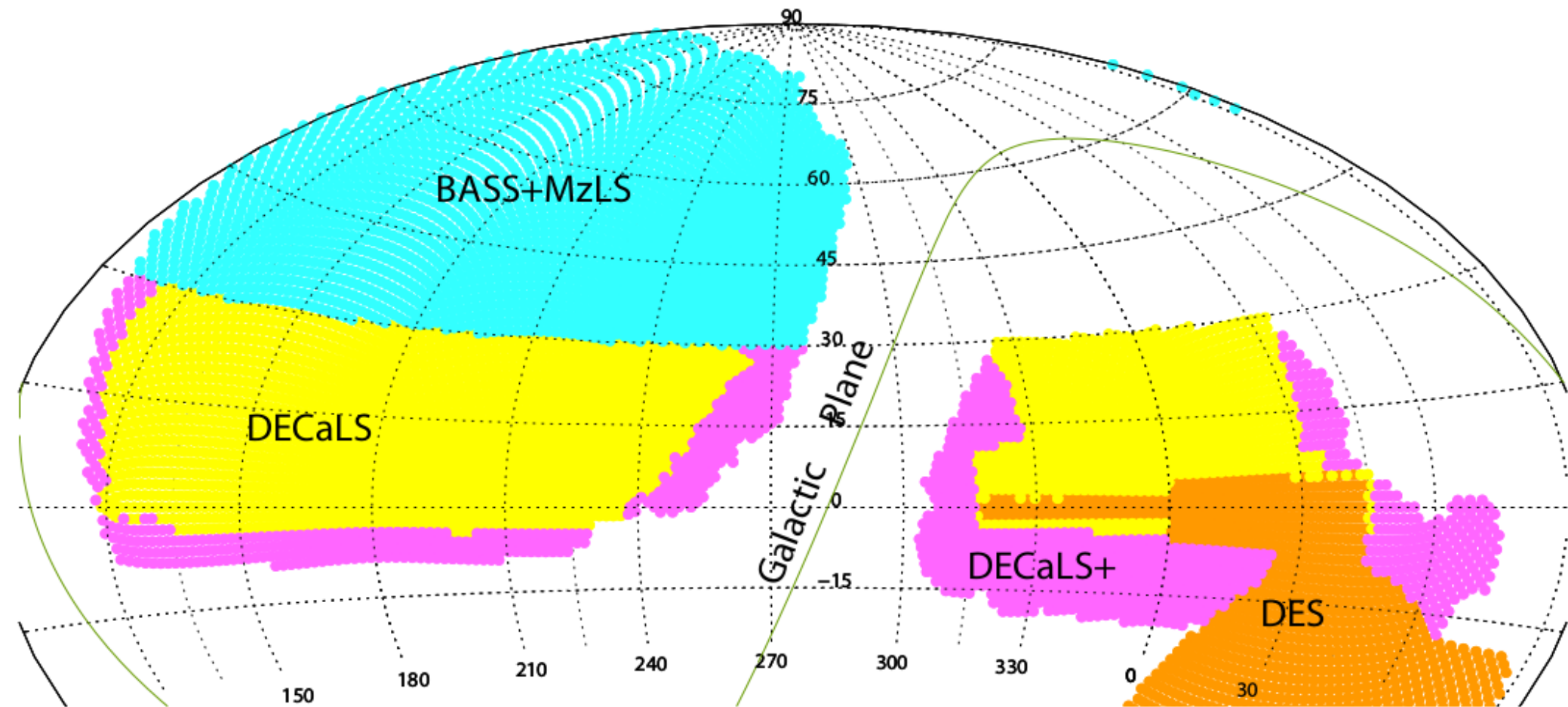
The galaxy distributions along the line-of-sight are significantly contaminated by the uncertainty on redshift measurements obtained through multiband photometry, which makes it difficult to get cosmic distance information measured from baryon acoustic oscillations, or growth functions probed by redshift distortions. We investigate the propagation of the uncertainties into large scale clustering by exploiting all known estimators, and propose the wedge approach as a promising analysis tool to extract cosmic distance information still remaining in the photometric galaxy samples. We test our method using simulated galaxy maps with photometric uncertainties of  $\sigma_0 = (0.01, 0.02, 0.03)$ . The measured anisotropy correlation function  $\xi$  is binned into the radial direction of  $s$  and the angular direction of  $\mu$ , and the variations of  $\xi(s, \mu)$  with perpendicular and radial cosmic distance measures of  $D_A$  and  $H^{-1}$  are theoretically estimated by an improved RSD model. Although the radial cosmic distance  $H^{-1}$  is unable to be probed from any of the three photometric galaxy samples, the perpendicular component of  $D_A$  is verified to be accurately measured even after the full marginalisation of  $H^{-1}$ . We measure  $D_A$  with approximately 6% precision which is nearly equivalent to what we can expect from spectroscopic DR12 CMASS galaxy samples.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

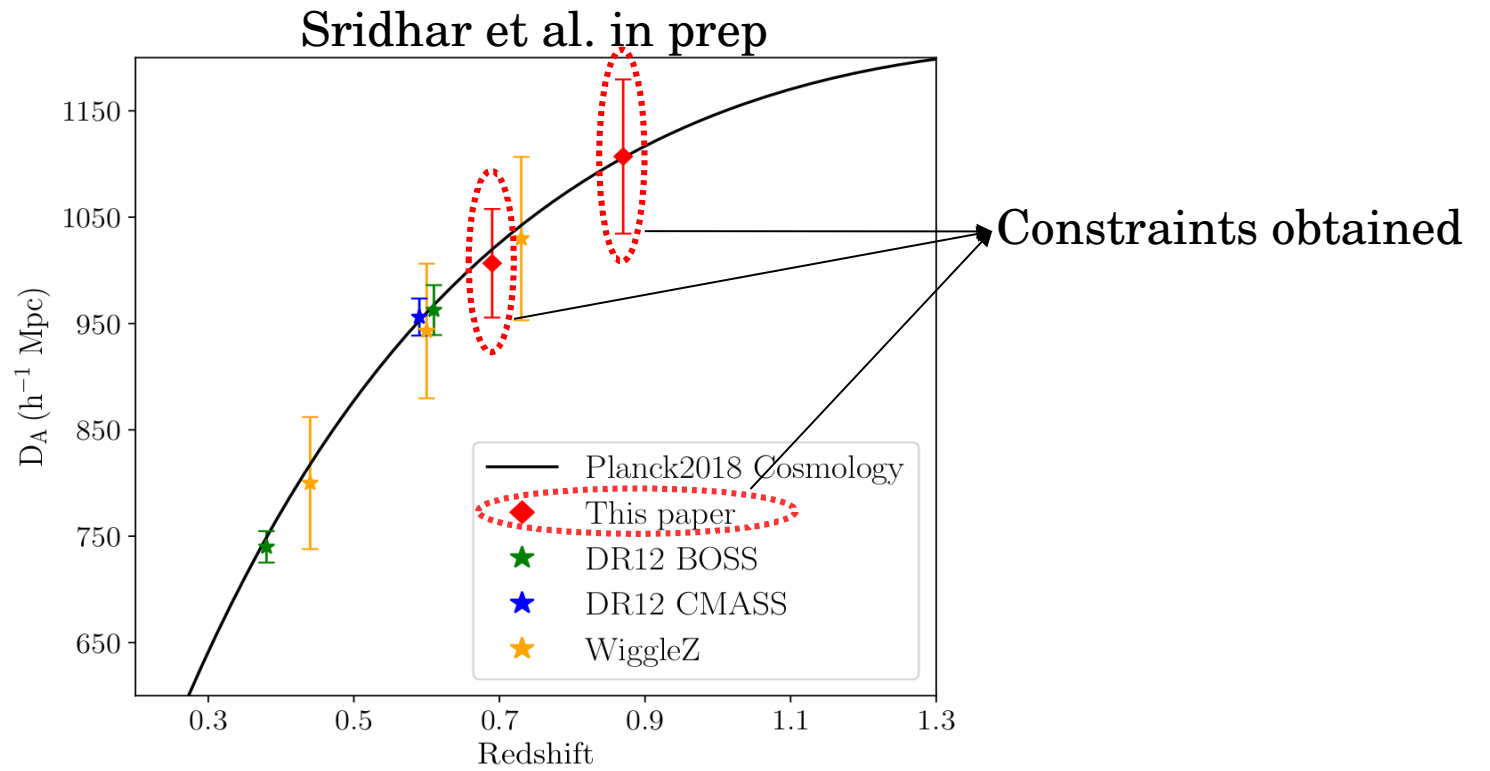
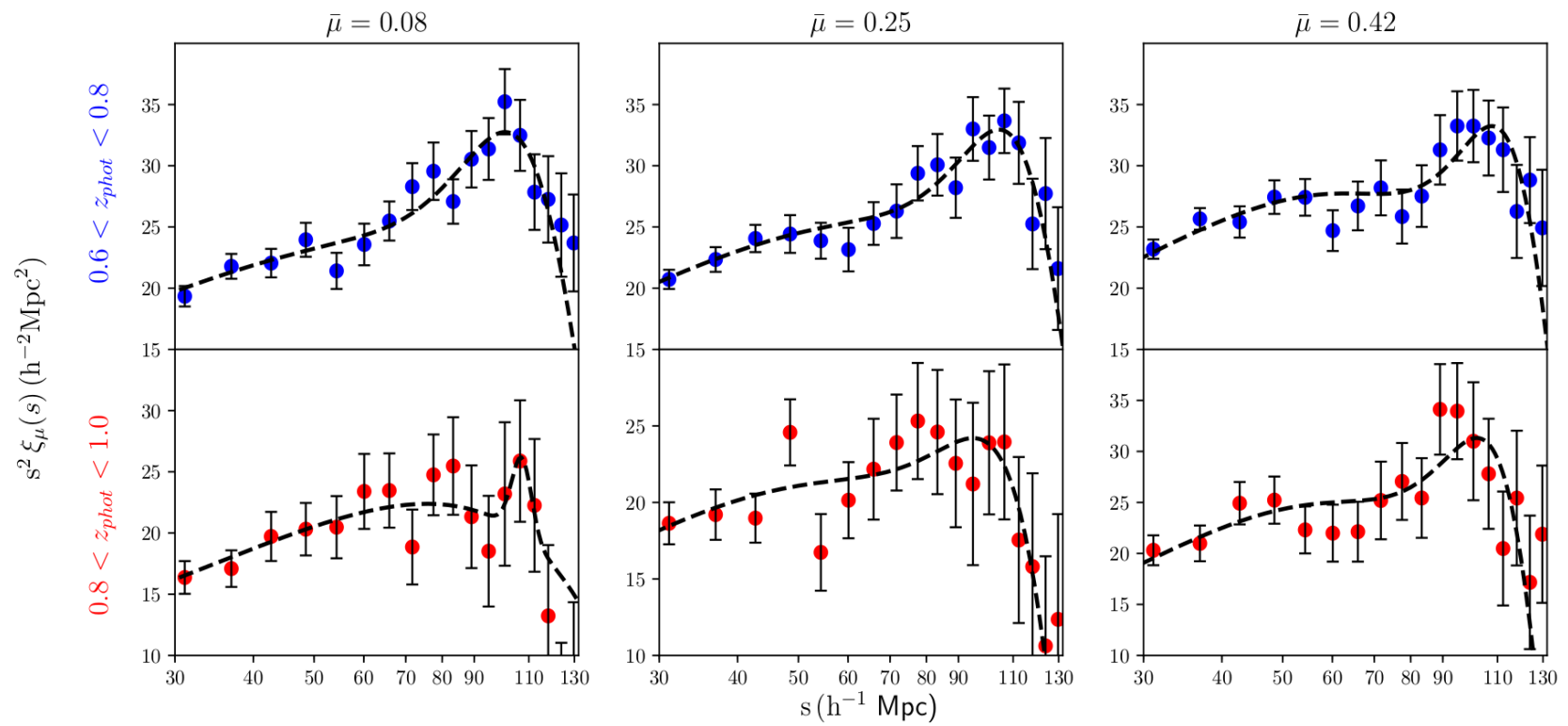
dard ruler technique to probe cosmic distances. The BAO feature has been measured through the correlation function (Blake & Glazebrook 2003; Eisenstein et al. 2005), and the most successful measurements in the clustering of large-scale structure at low redshifts have been obtained using data from SDSS (Eisenstein et al. 2005; Estrada et al. 2009; Padmanabha et al. 2012; Hogg et al. 2012; Viana et al.

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# Application to DECaLS DR7 photometric data



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Thank you – நன்றி (Nandri) – 감사합니다