

# Cosmology with imaging surveys

– from precision to accuracy



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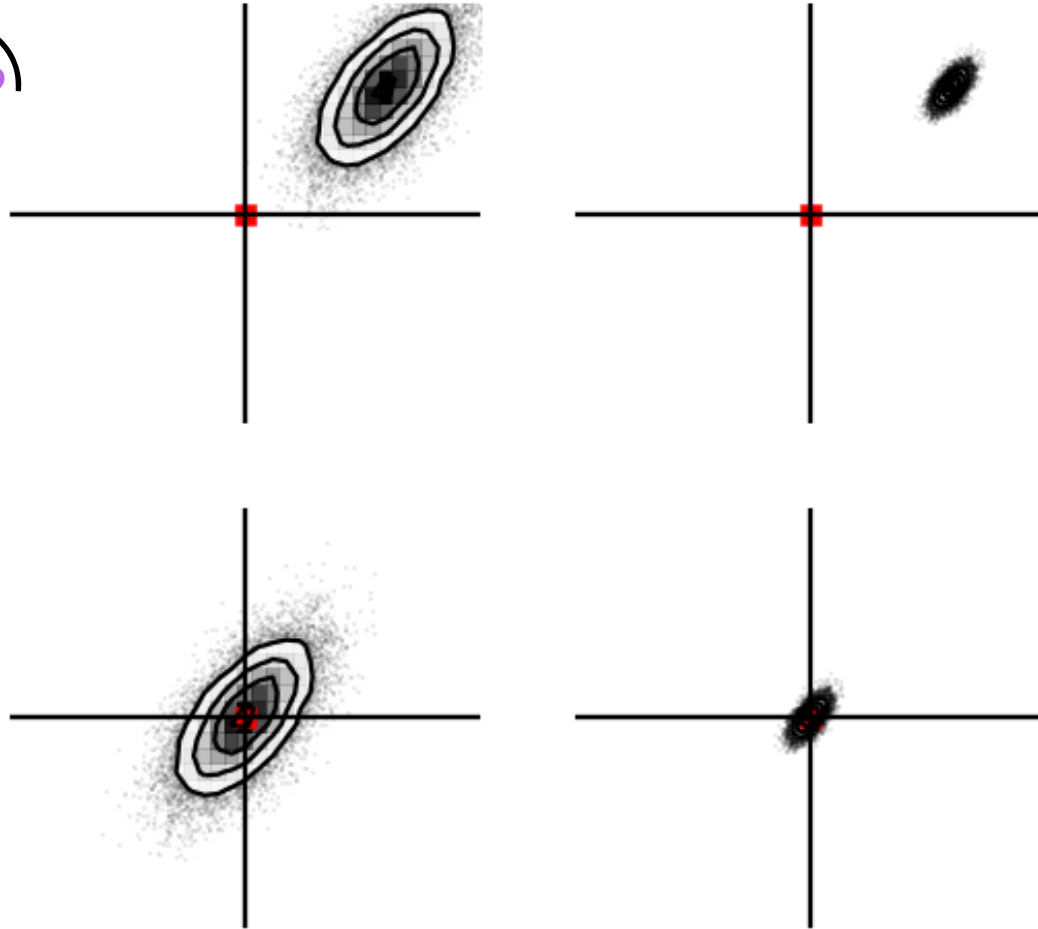
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**precision** (*good data*)



**accuracy**  
(*good methods*)



*observational systematics are the next frontier*

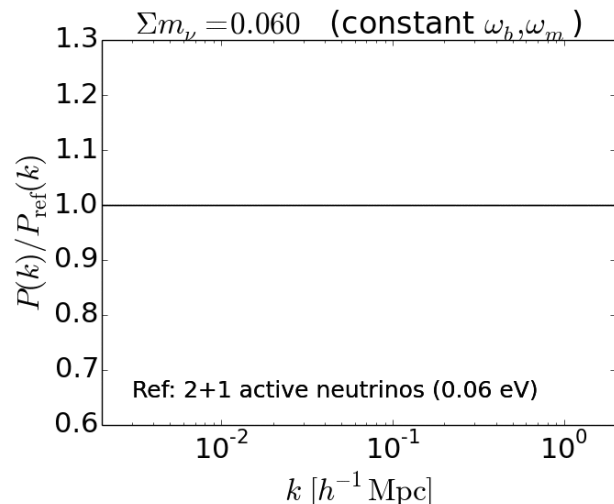
# *models*

## **Fundamental physics:**

inflation, neutrinos, dark energy, modified gravity

## **Dark matter & baryons**

on large & small scales



# *observables*

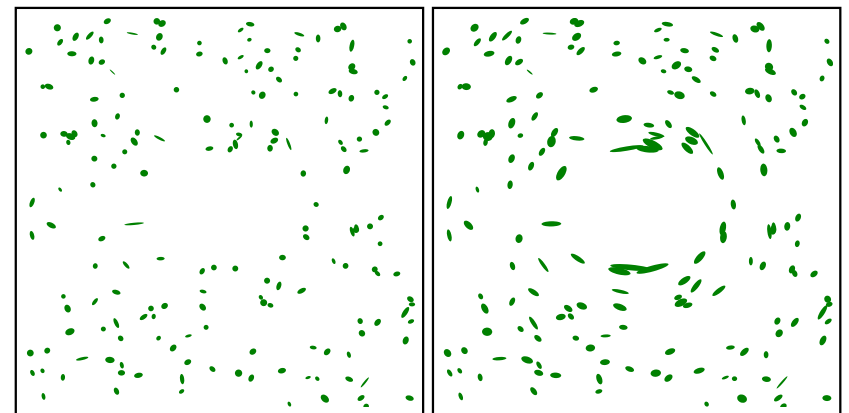
Galaxy clustering

Baryon acoustic oscillations

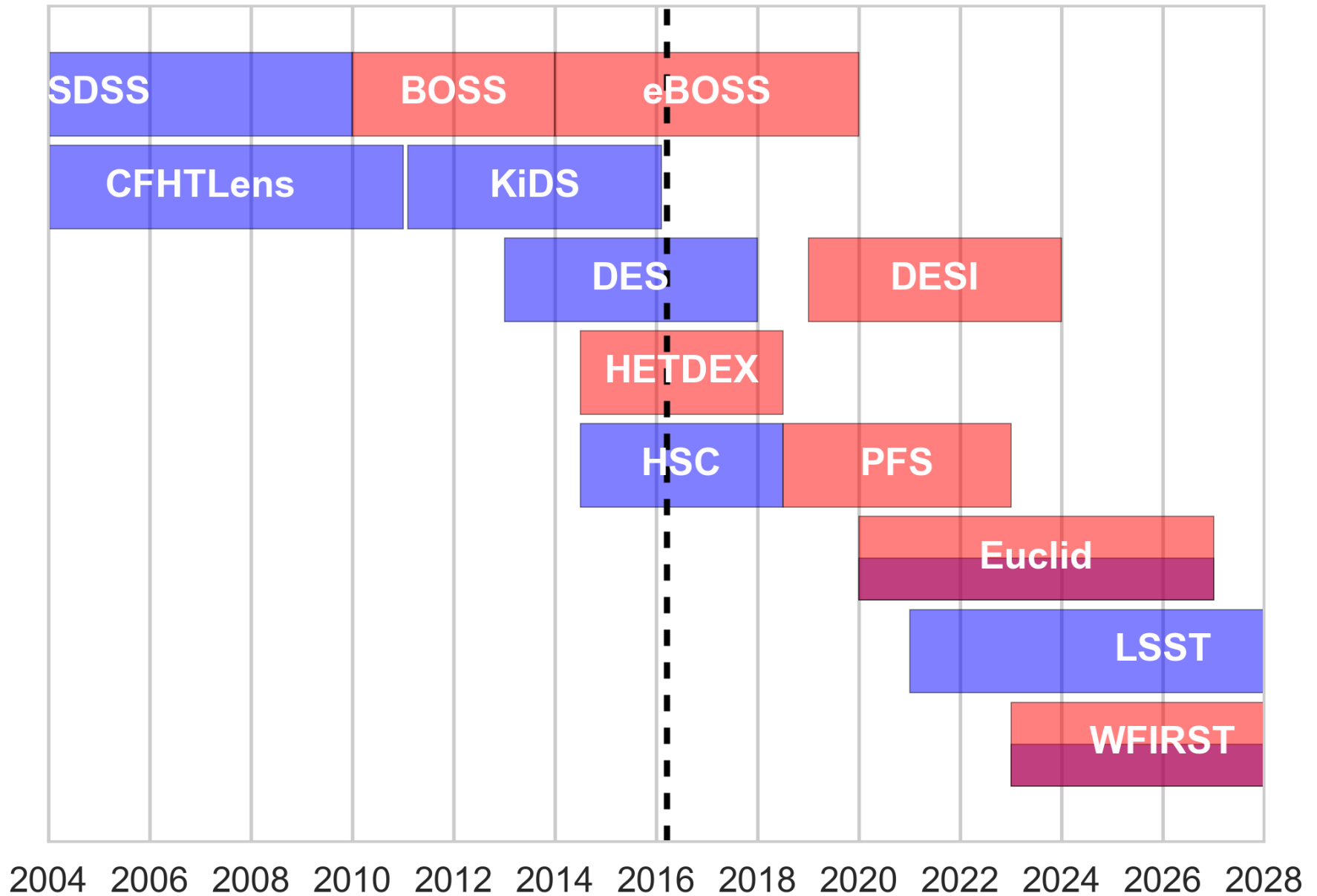
Redshift-space distortions

Gravitational lensing

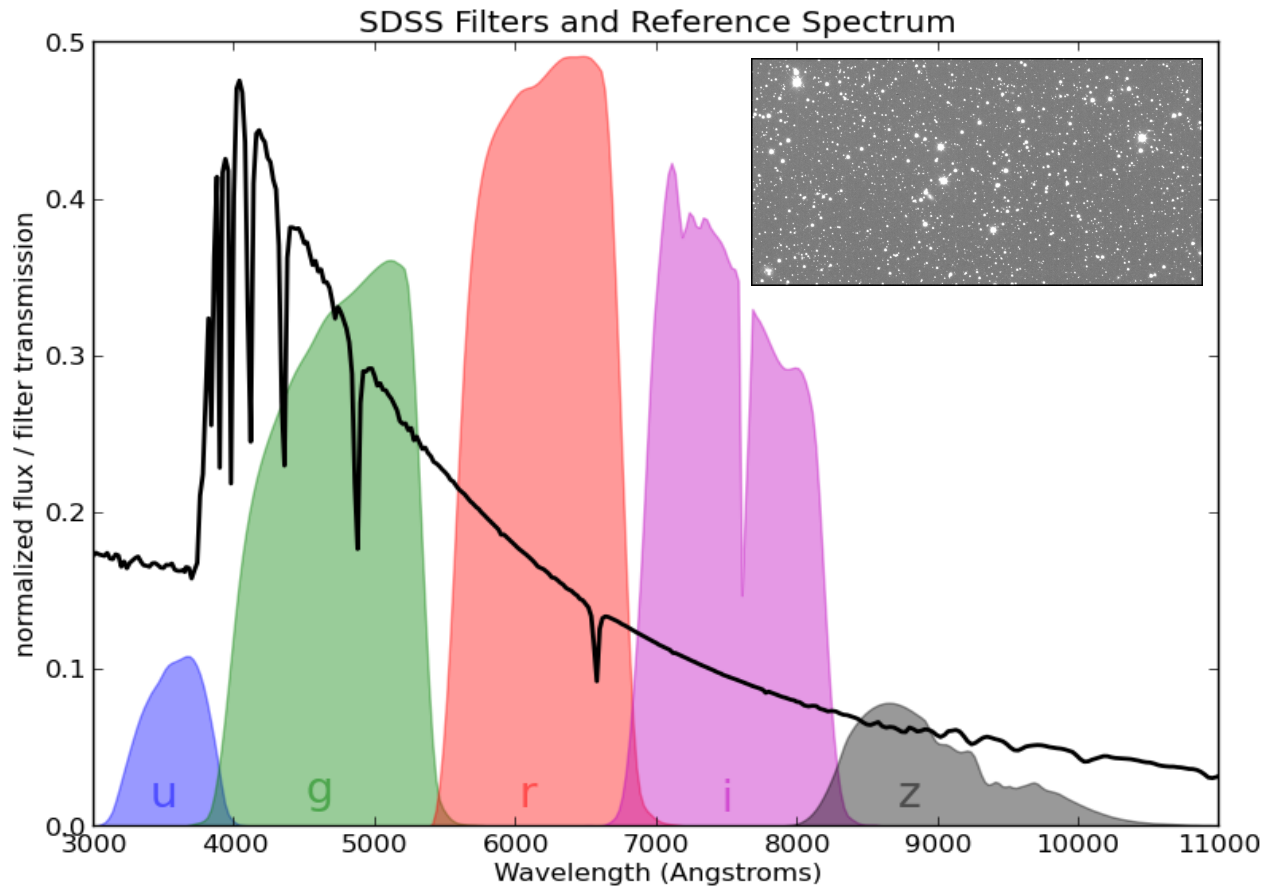
Galaxy clusters



# *experimental landscape*



# photometric galaxy surveys



✓ CCD images

✓ deep

✓ shear

✗ no types

✗ no redshifts

**Challenge:** *construct uniform, pure galaxy catalog  
with redshift estimates*

# spectroscopic

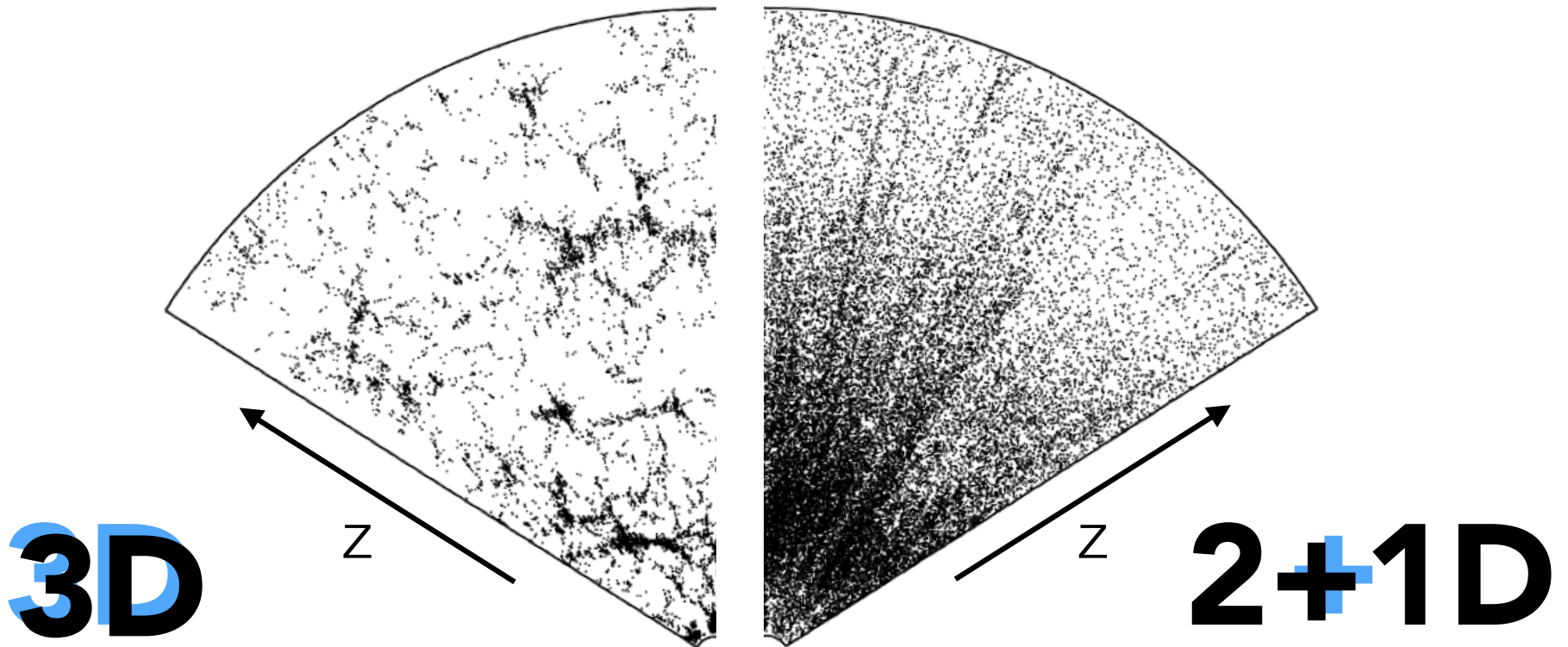
✓ types + redshifts

✗ shallow

# photometric

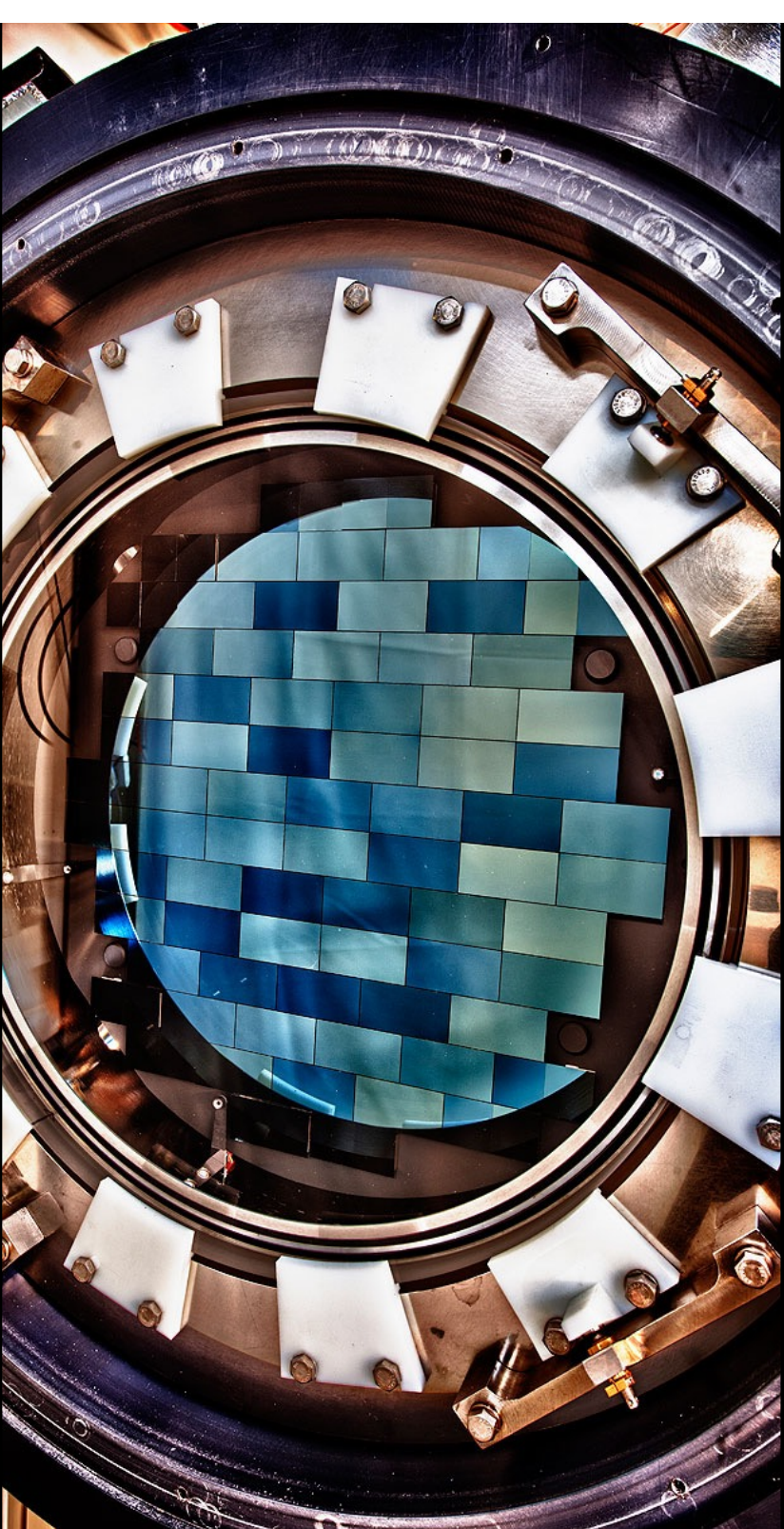
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✓ deep



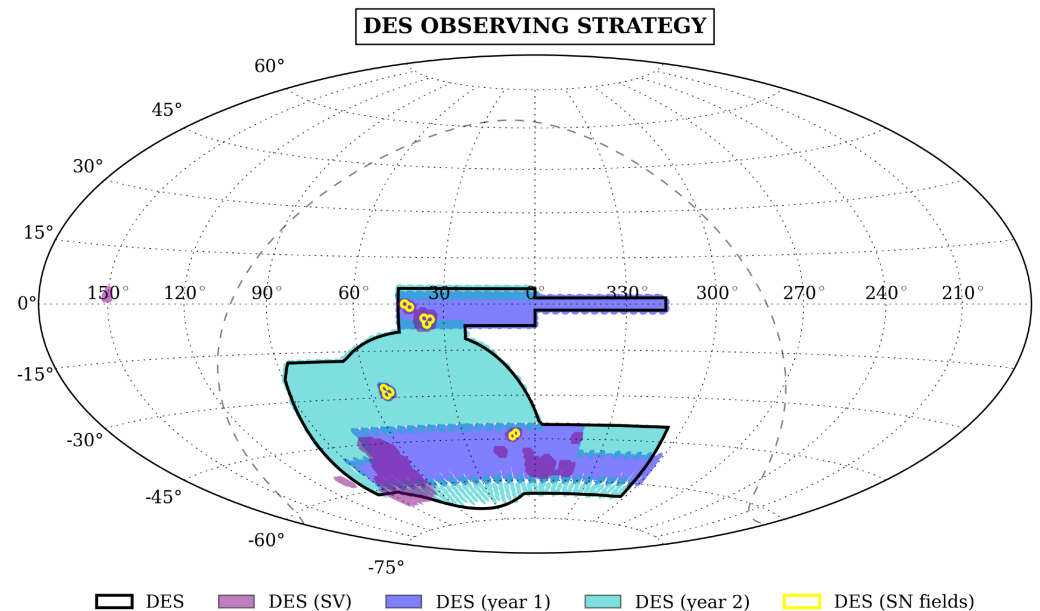
credit: Aragon-Calvo et al (2014)





# DES (2013-2018) — The Dark Energy Survey

**4 standard observational probes:**  
galaxy clustering, galaxy lensing,  
supernovae, clusters  
+ **cross-correlations**

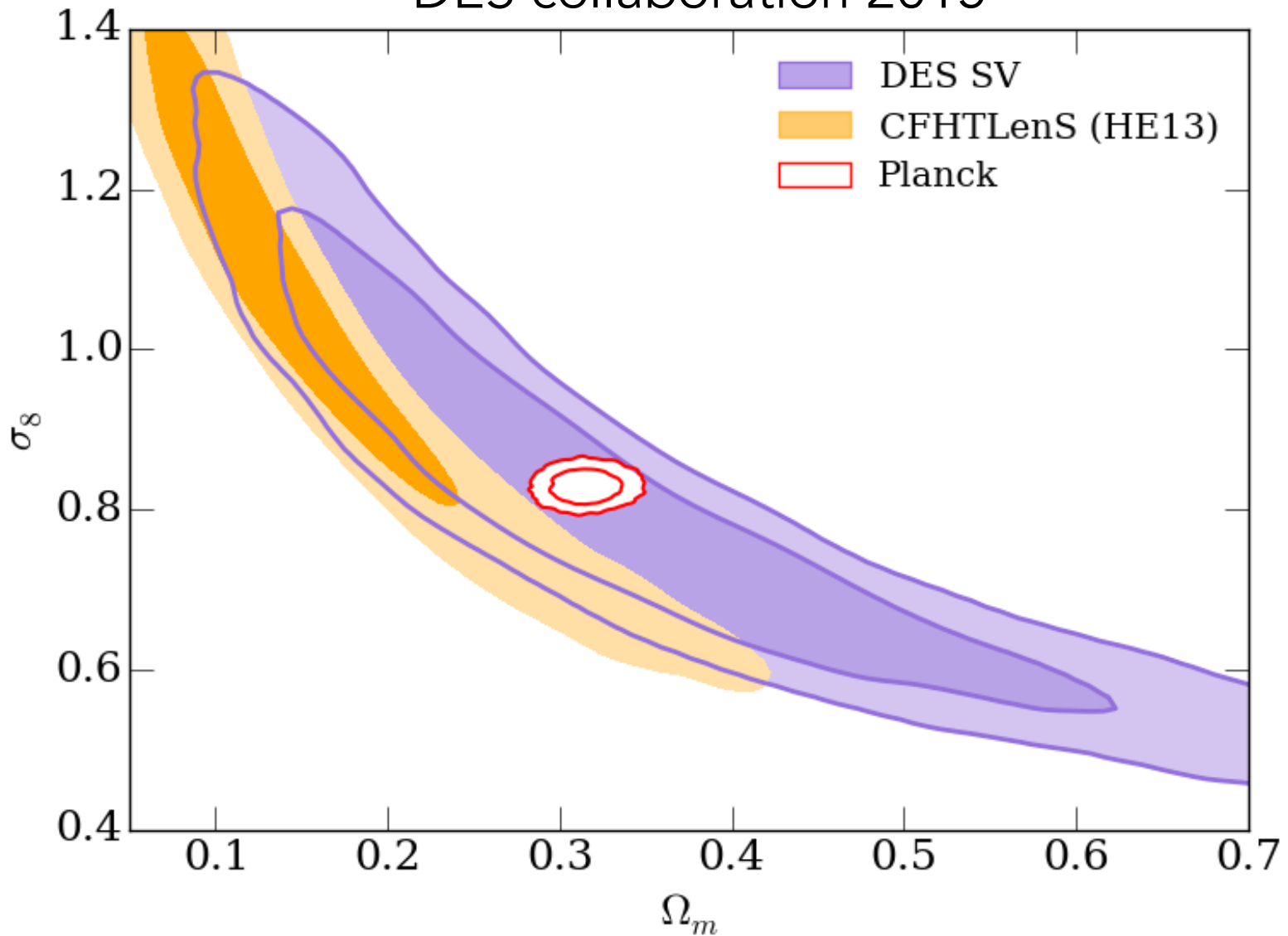


Over 60 papers already — some highlights:

- ▶ **Galaxy-Galaxy Lensing**, *Clampitt et al*, arXiv:1603.05790
- ▶ **Cosmology constraints from shear peak statistics**, *Kacprzak et al*, arXiv:1603.05040
- ▶ **Weak lensing by galaxy troughs**, *Gruen et al*, arXiv:1507.05090
- ▶ **Mapping spatial systematics**, *Leistedt et al*, arXiv:1507.05647
- ▶ **Detection of the kinematic Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect (DES Y1)**, *Soergel et al*, arXiv:1603.03904
- ▶ **DECam Search for an Optical Counterpart to the First Advanced LIGO Gravitational Wave Event GW150914**, *Soares-Santos et al*, arXiv:1602.04198
- ▶ **Cosmology from Cosmic Shear**, arXiv:1507.05552
- ▶ **CMB lensing tomography**, *T. Giannantonio et al*, arXiv:1507.05551
- ▶ **Wide-Field Lensing Mass Maps**, *Chang et al*, arXiv:1505.01871



# DES collaboration 2015

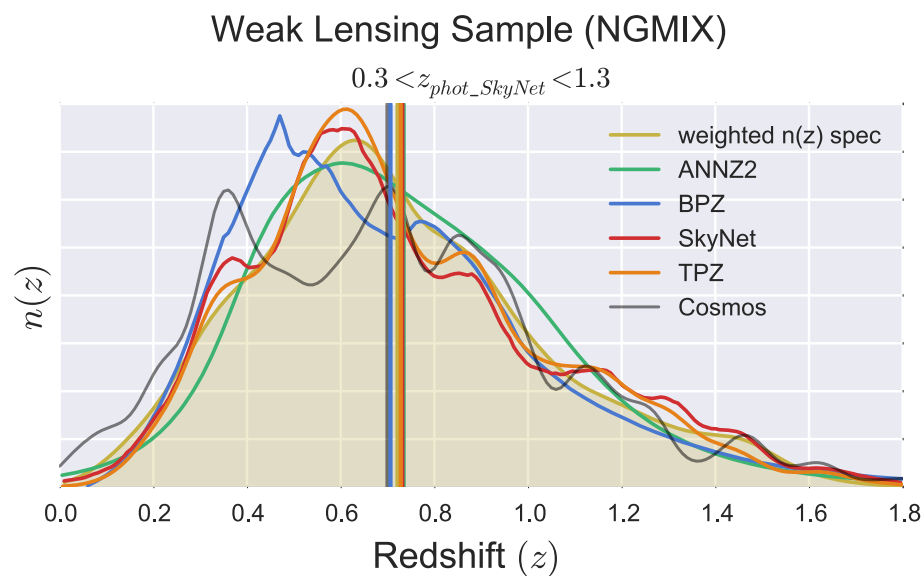


Data vectors available at <http://deswl.github.io/>  
**First BAO and multi-probe cosmology coming soon!**

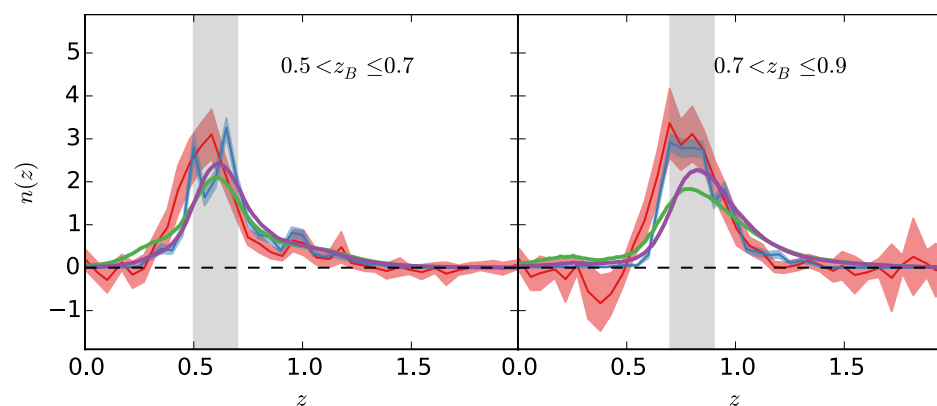
*photometric redshifts*  
*for galaxy clustering & cosmic shear*

# State of the art

DES SV data  
(arXiv:1507.05909)

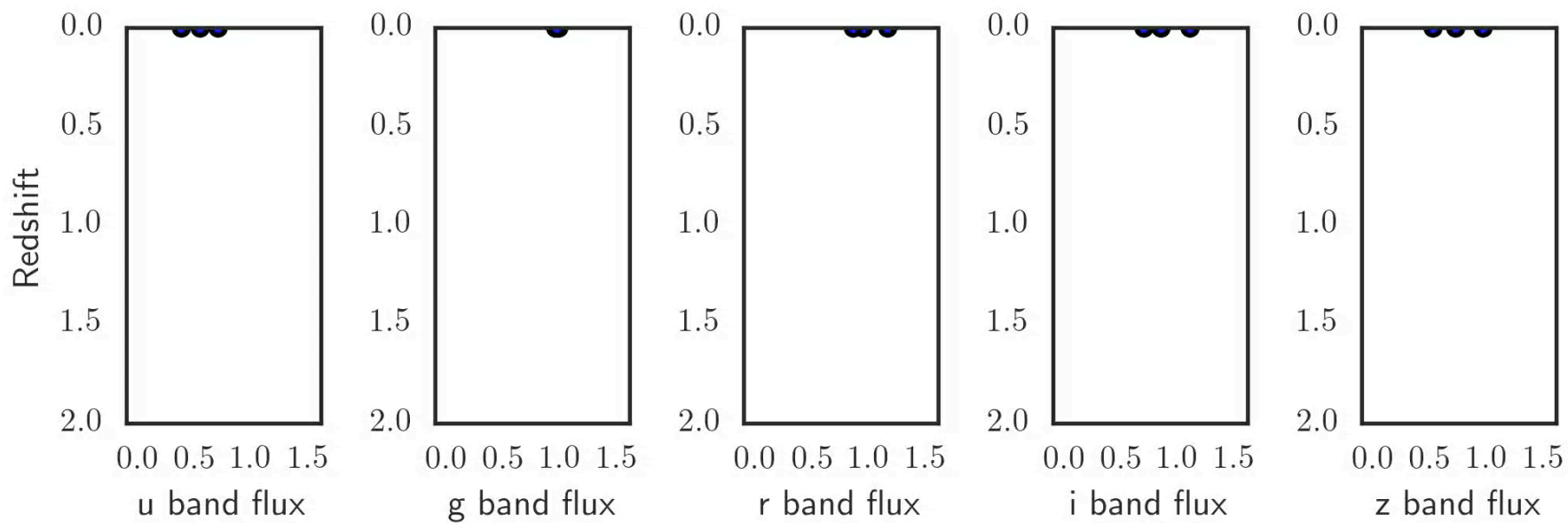
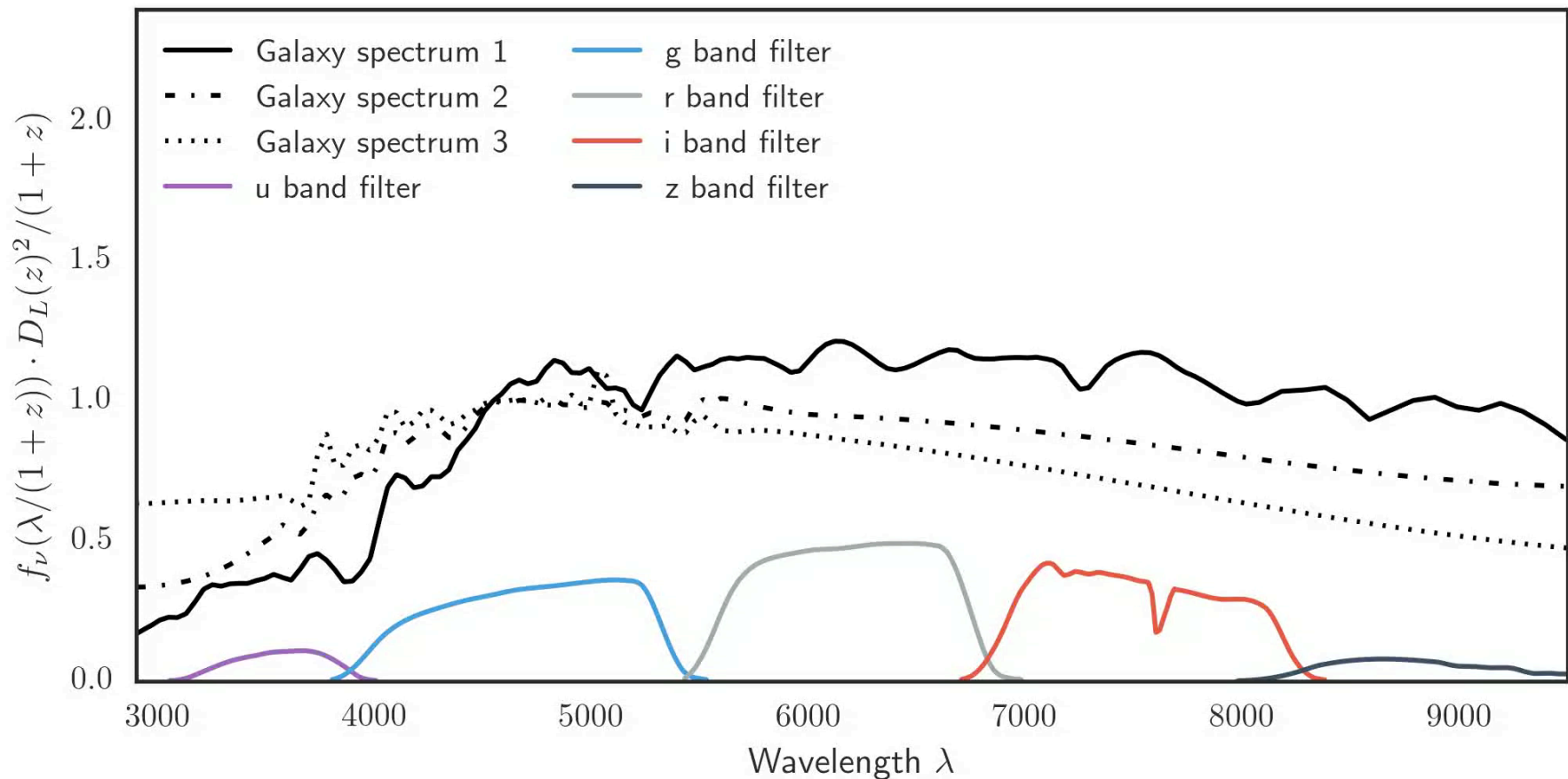


KIDS data  
(arXiv:1606.05338)



Ongoing surveys don't meet  
photo-z requirements

LSST requires  
***insanely precise*** photo-z's

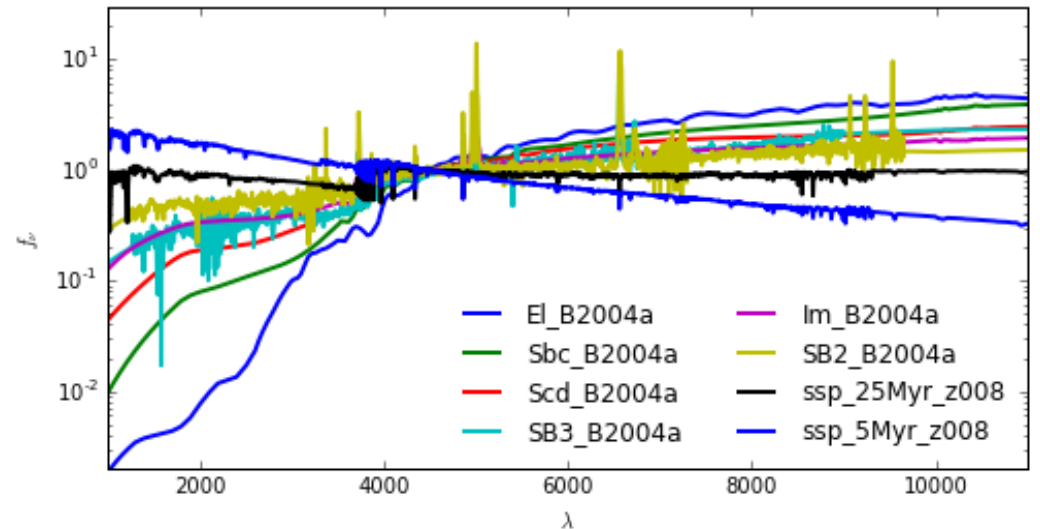




# template fitting

- ✓ *physical model*
- ✓ *probabilistic*
- ✗ *need template set*
- ✗ *hard to capture data complexity*
- ✗ *sensitive to priors*

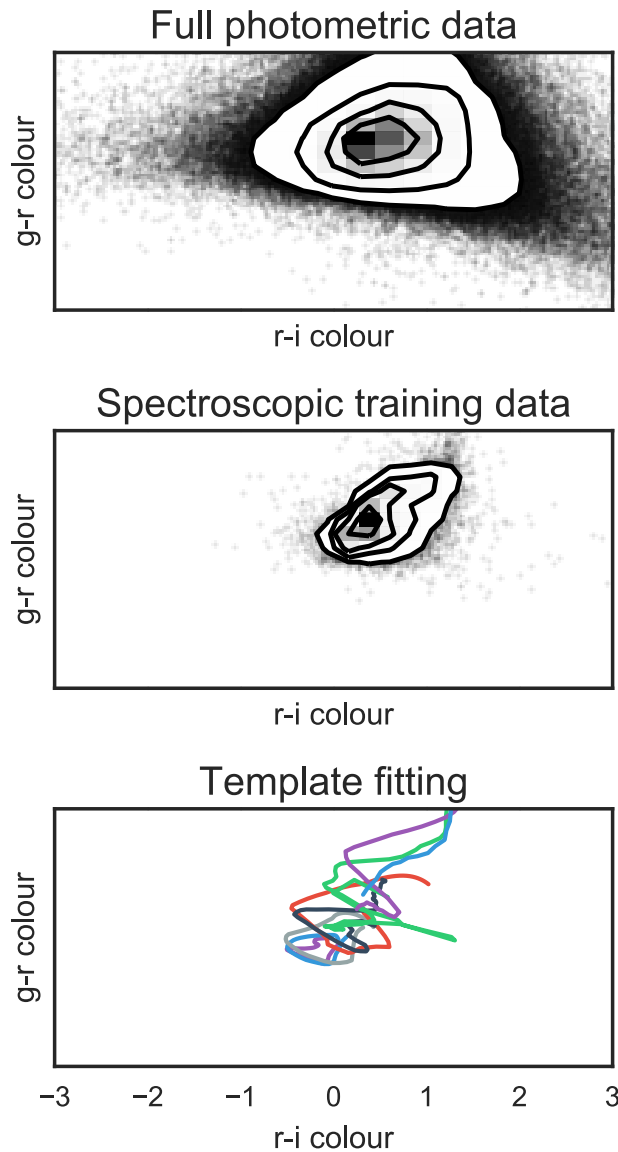
template set (CWW)



likelihood function

$$p(\{\hat{F}_b\}|z, t) = \prod_b \mathcal{N}(\hat{F}_b, F_b^{\text{mod}}(z, t), \sigma_{\hat{F}_b})$$

# machine learning



✓ captures data complexity

✓ very flexible

✗ no physical model,  
solves for flux=>z,  
cannot extrapolate

✗ not probabilistic

✗ requires representative  
training data

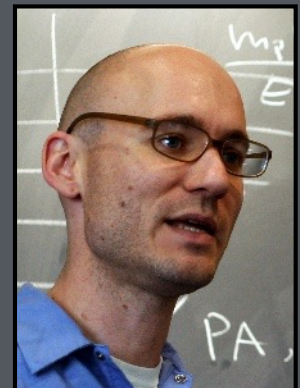
Will **never** have representative spectroscopic data

Galaxy SED models are not flexible/precise enough

Only deep spectroscopic & many-band surveys available

*photometric redshifts  
with  
heterogeneous, incomplete training*

*with David Hogg (NYU)*



# New method: DELIGHT<sup>TM</sup>

**Template space:** all SEDs fitting training galaxies

Pairwise comparisons:  $p(\underbrace{\{\hat{F}'_b\}}_{\text{target}} | z', t_i) = p(\underbrace{\{\hat{F}_b\}}_{\text{training}} | z', z, \{\hat{F}_b\})$

Tractable via **Gaussian Process** fitting/predicting fluxes while encoding physics of redshift

Training need not to be representative, only *diverse*.

Can consistently combine training sets (=use more data)



Why is Boris algorithm so good?  CrossMark

Hong Qin<sup>1,2</sup>, Shuangxi Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Jianyuan Xiao<sup>1</sup>, Jian Liu<sup>1</sup>, Yajuan Sun<sup>3</sup> and William M. Tang<sup>2</sup>

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Phys. Plasmas **20**, 084503 (2013); <http://dx.doi.org/10.1063/1.4818428> 

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# DELIGHT™

**Theory:** machine learning + template fitting

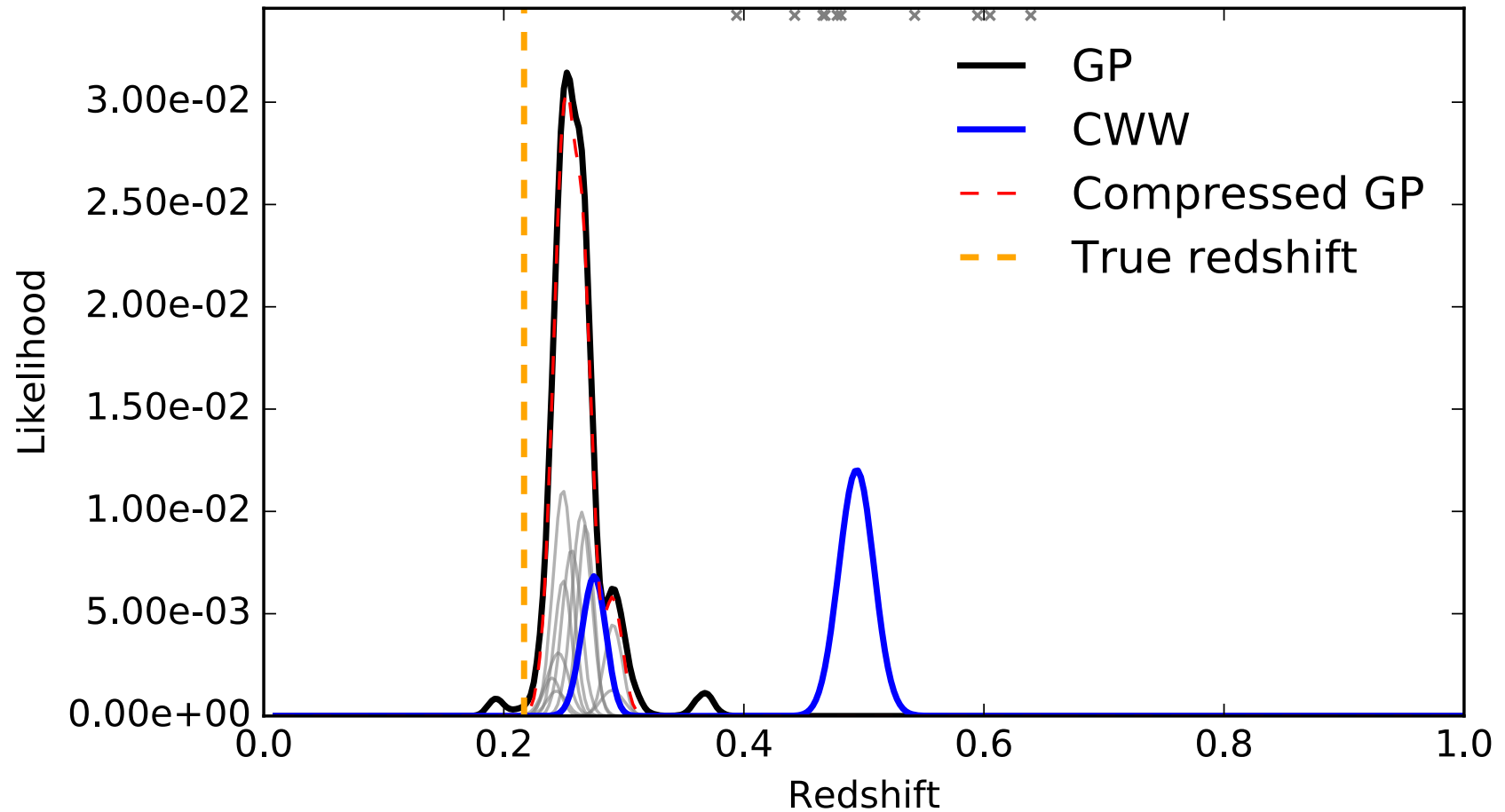
**Meaning:** interpretable model & PDFs

**Speed:** fast to train, re-train, apply to data

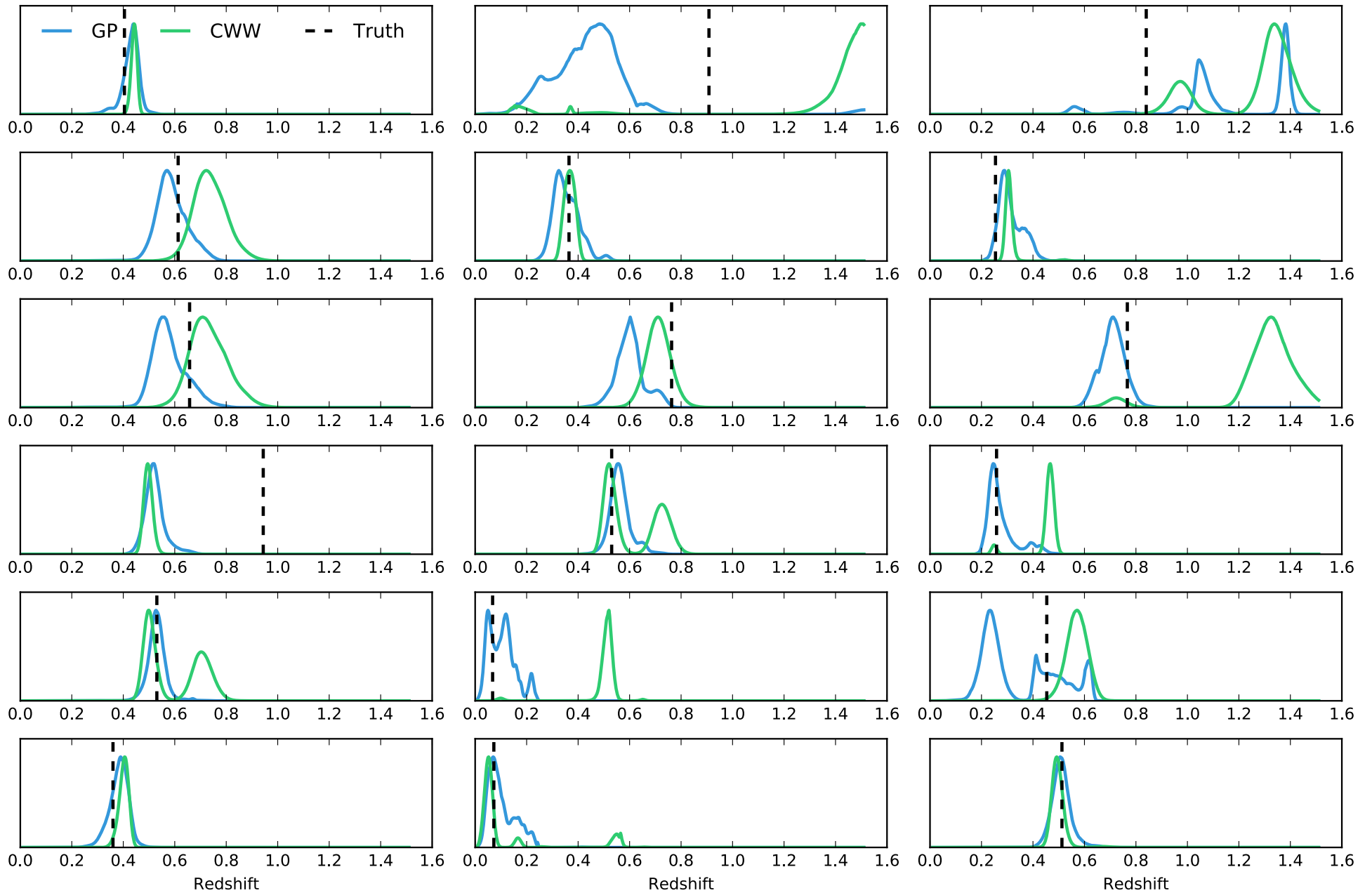
**Storage:** no need to store tabulated PDFs

**Flexibility:** hyperparameters optimization

*Example: SDSS griz data with unrepresentative training set*



# Robust redshift probability distributions



# What's next?

Robust redshifts for galaxy clustering/cosmic shear

Populating cosmological simulations  
with realistic galaxy fluxes, types & redshifts

Density + velocity field reconstructions  
with photometric and spectroscopic surveys



# Conclusions

## **Imaging surveys**

*diverse science: fundamental physics, astrophysics  
systematics limited — require exquisite photo-z's*

## **DELIGHT**

*data-driven method with physics & machine learning  
delivers accurate, interpretable redshifts probabilities*

## **The future: LSST**

*exploit deep, diverse, non-overlapping training sets  
capture & propagate redshift uncertainties*