

Anisotropic assembly bias

in theory, simulations and data

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Outline

- Introduction
- Anisotropic halo assembly bias in simulations
- Anisotropic galaxy assembly bias in BOSS sample
- Consequences (for DESI) & Summary

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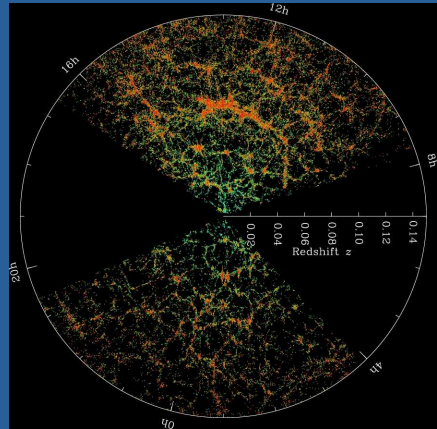
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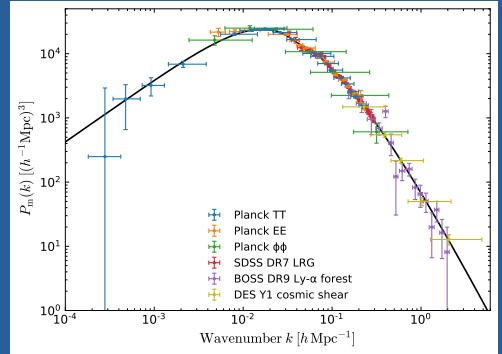
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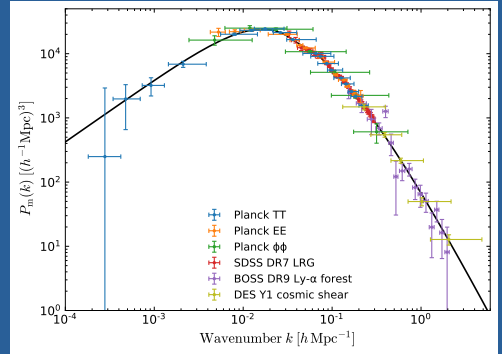
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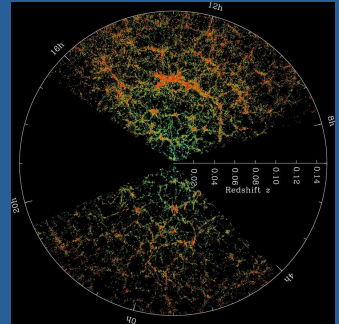


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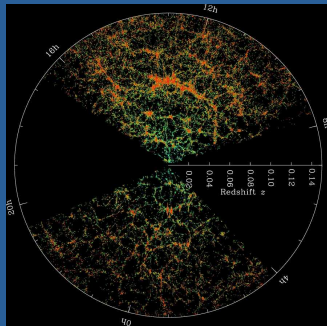


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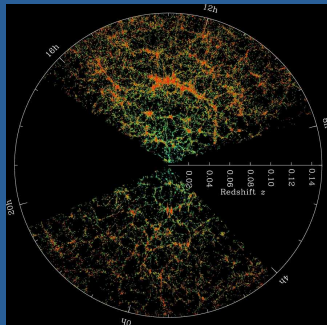


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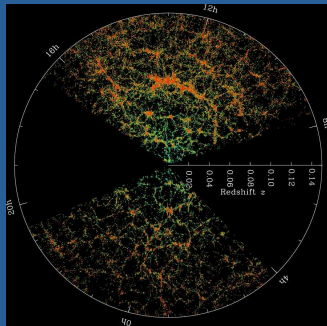
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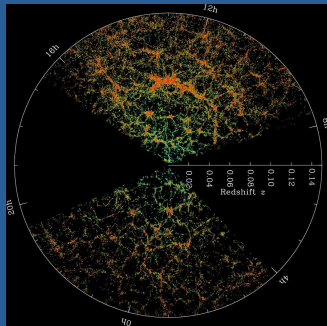
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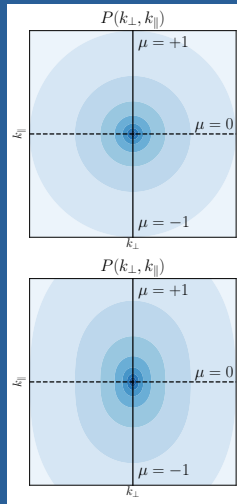
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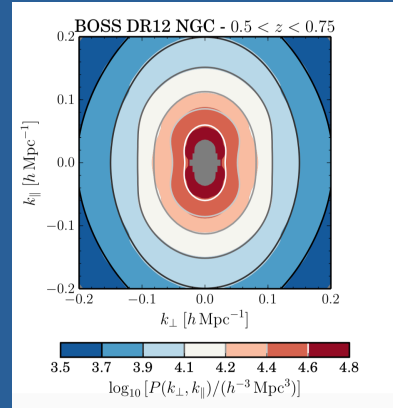
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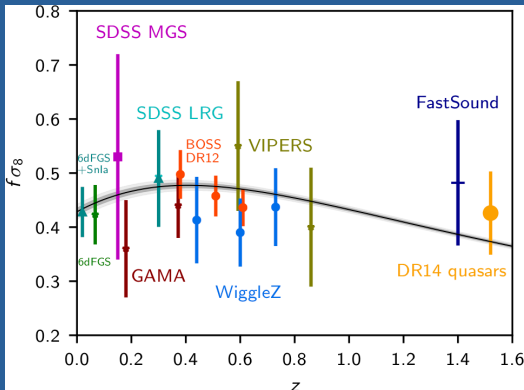


Alam+2016

Growth rate f

One of the key parameters

- $f \equiv \frac{d \ln D(a)}{d \ln a}$
- GR prediction: $f = \Omega_m(z)^{0.55}$
- Important for:
 - Testing Gravity
 - Constraining neutrino masses
 - Testing dark energy models
 - ...
- Currently $\sim 5 - 10\%$
- Future surveys (DESI, Euclid) expected to reach $\sim 1 - 5\%$ precision

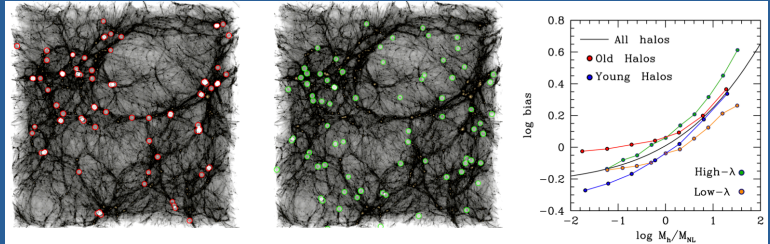


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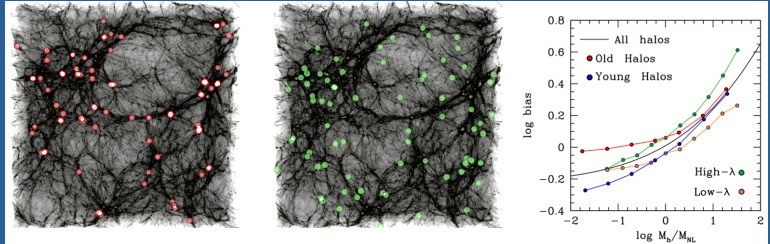


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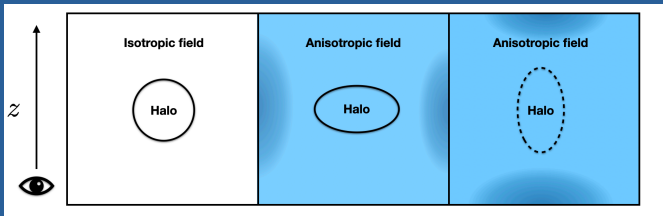
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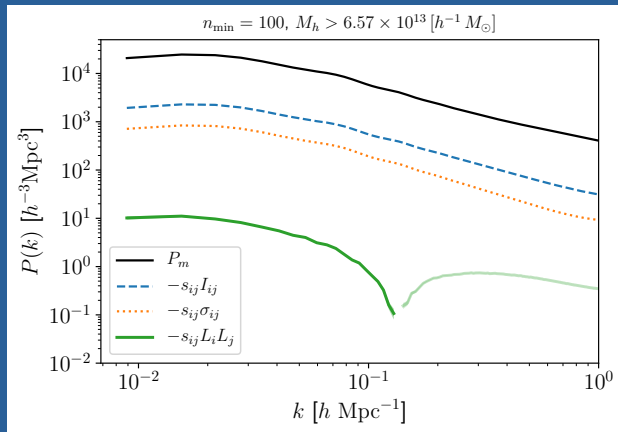
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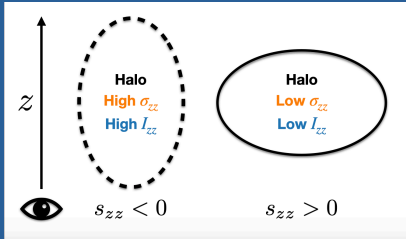
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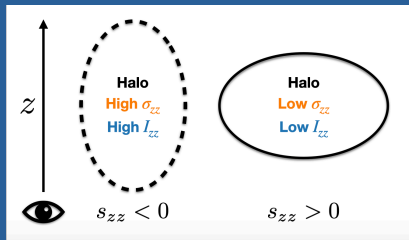
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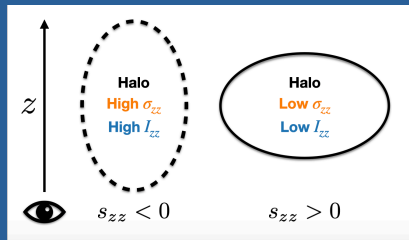
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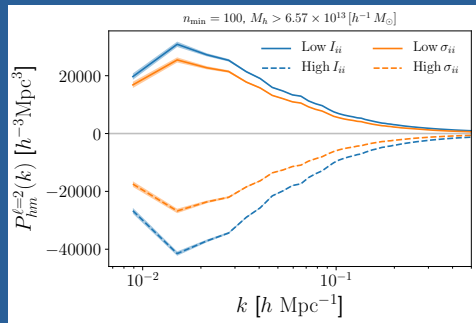
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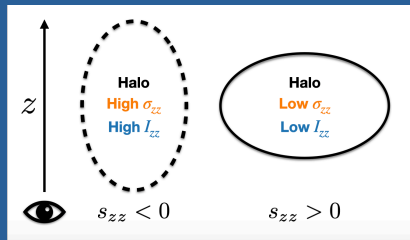
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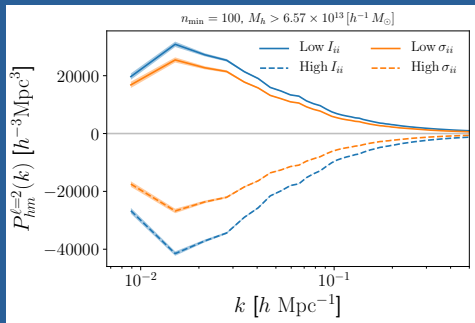
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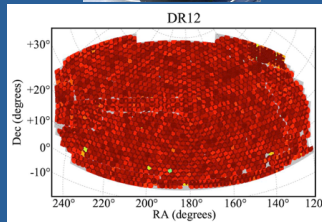
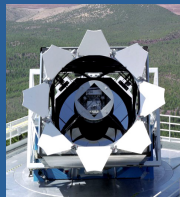
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- Luminous red galaxies, $b_g \sim 2$
- Ellipticals, $M_h \sim 10^{13} M_\odot/h$
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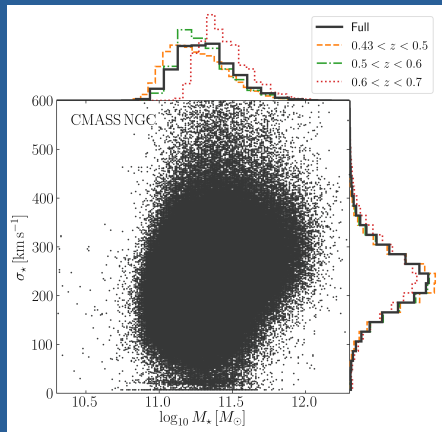
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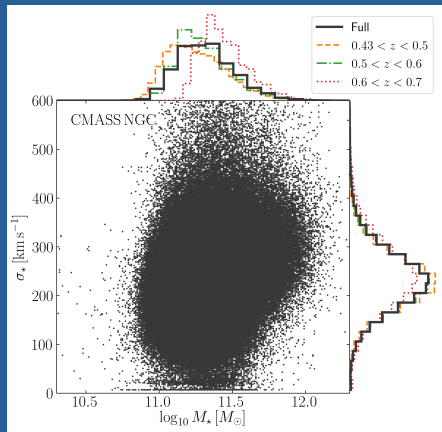
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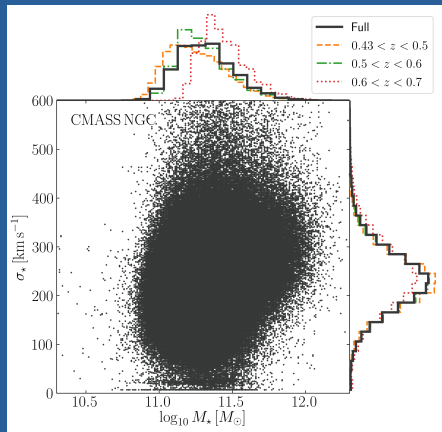
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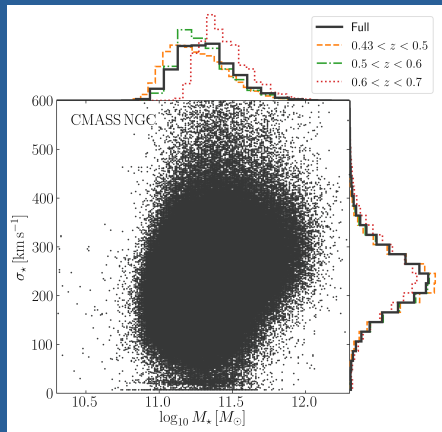
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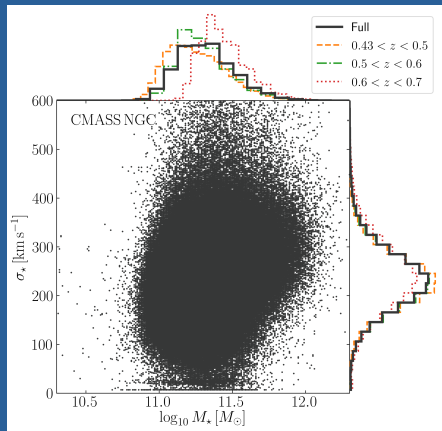
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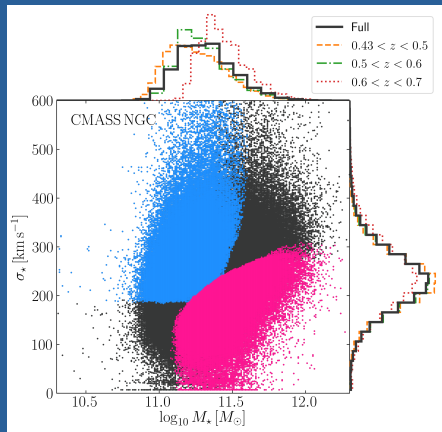
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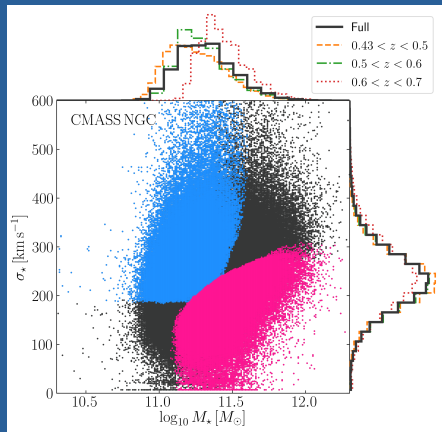
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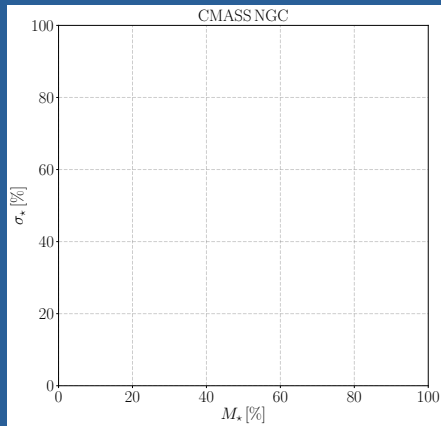
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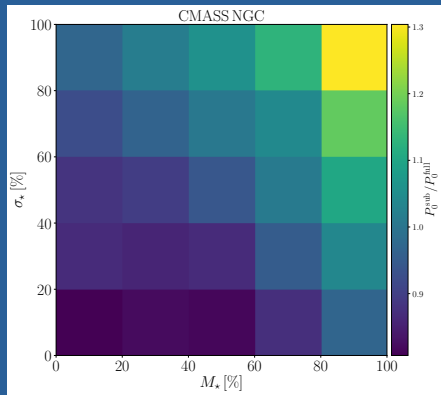
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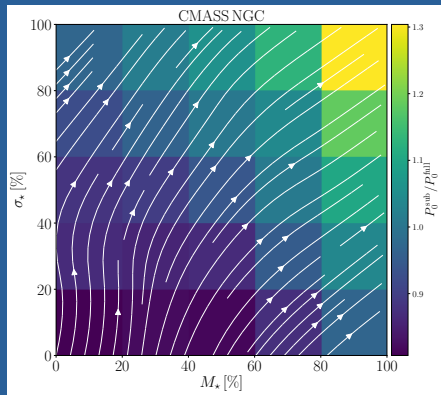
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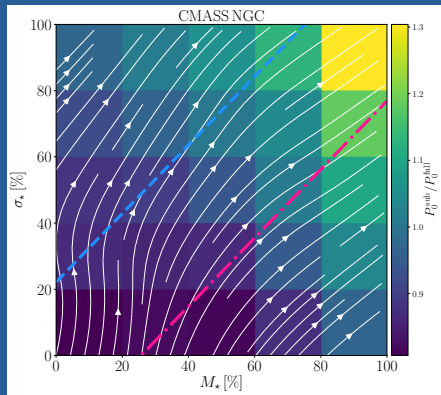
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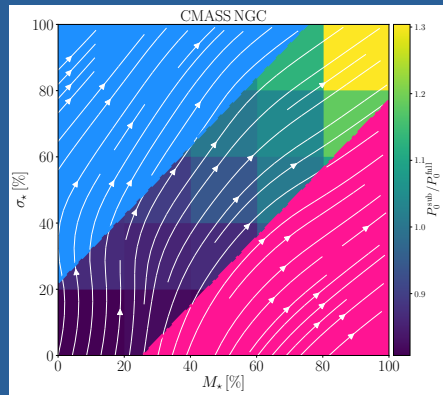
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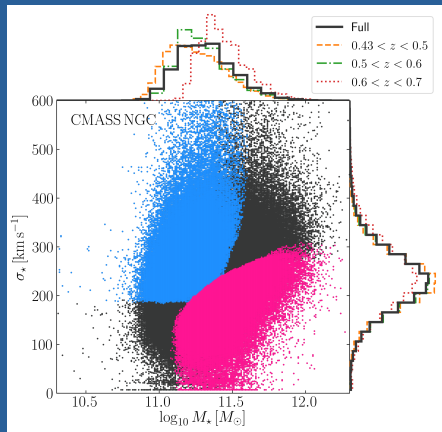
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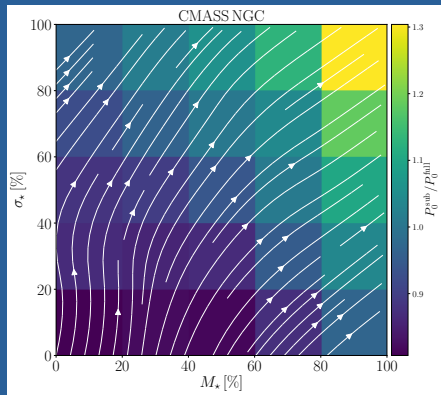
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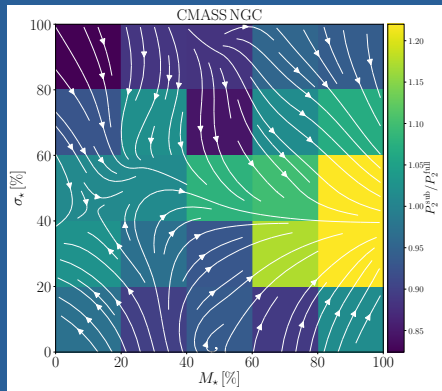
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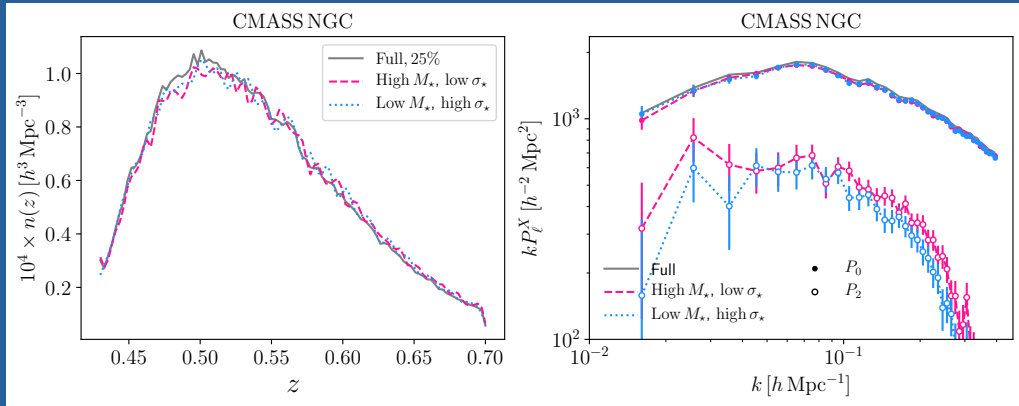
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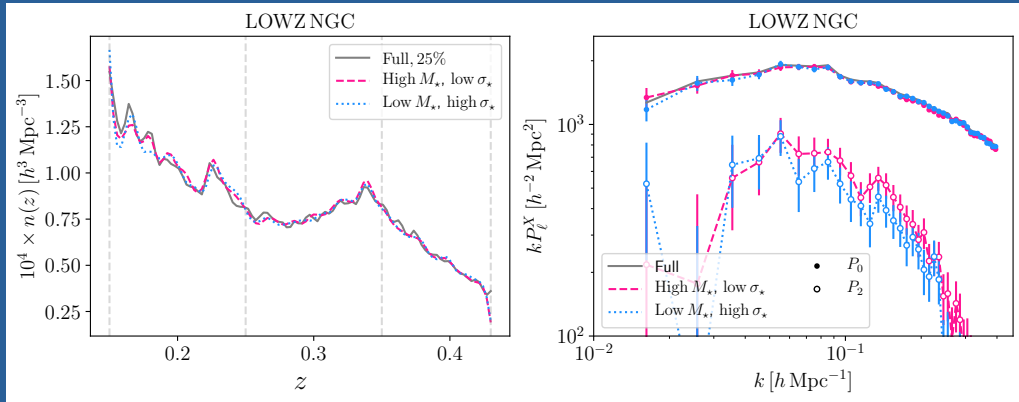
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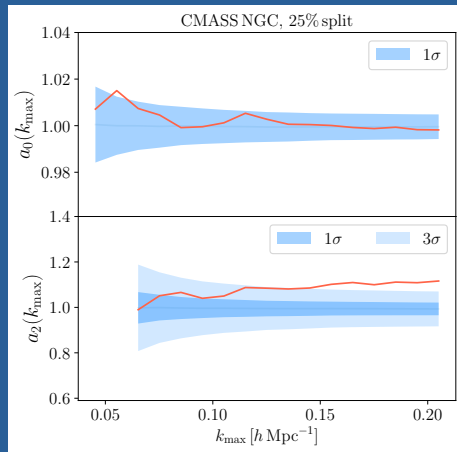
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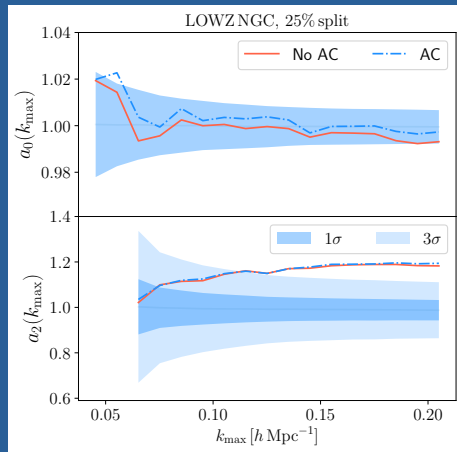
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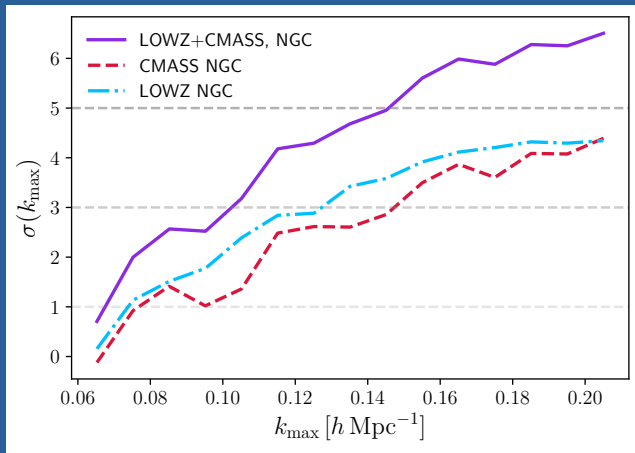
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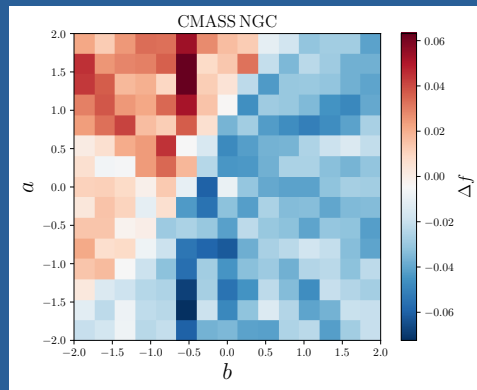
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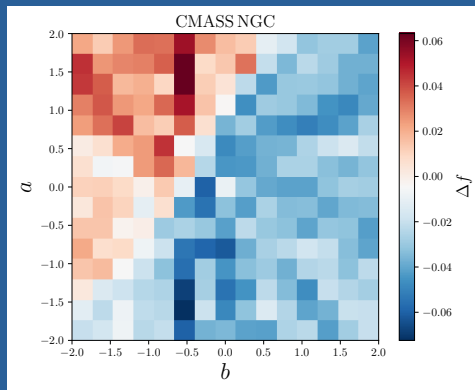
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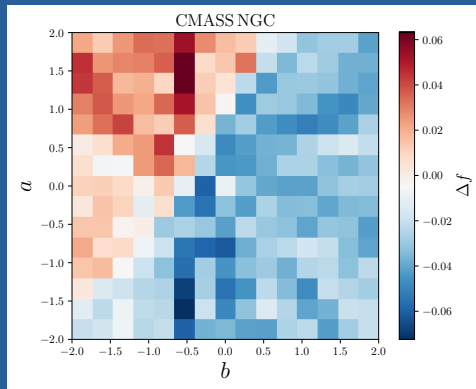
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