

Galaxy Survey Cosmology Beyond Two Points

Propagating Systematics with Simulation-Based Inference

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**Lessons from Stage III
on systematics**

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Stage IV considerations

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SBI

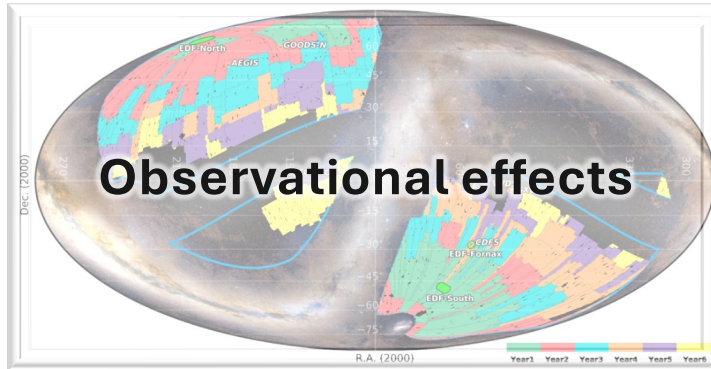
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Types of Systematics in Galaxy Surveys

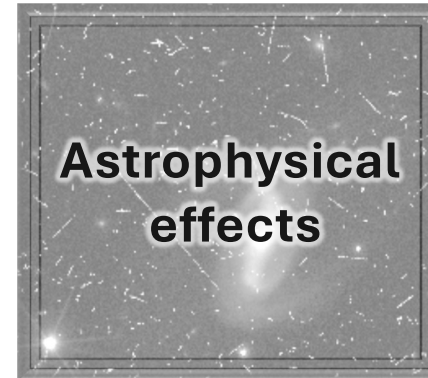
Instrumental effects



Observational effects



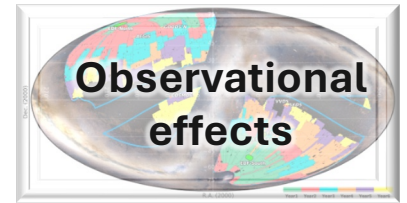
Astrophysical effects



Statistical effects

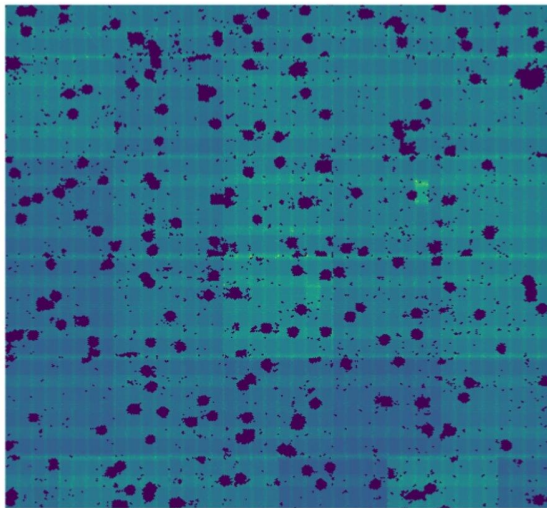


Variable Selection in KiDS

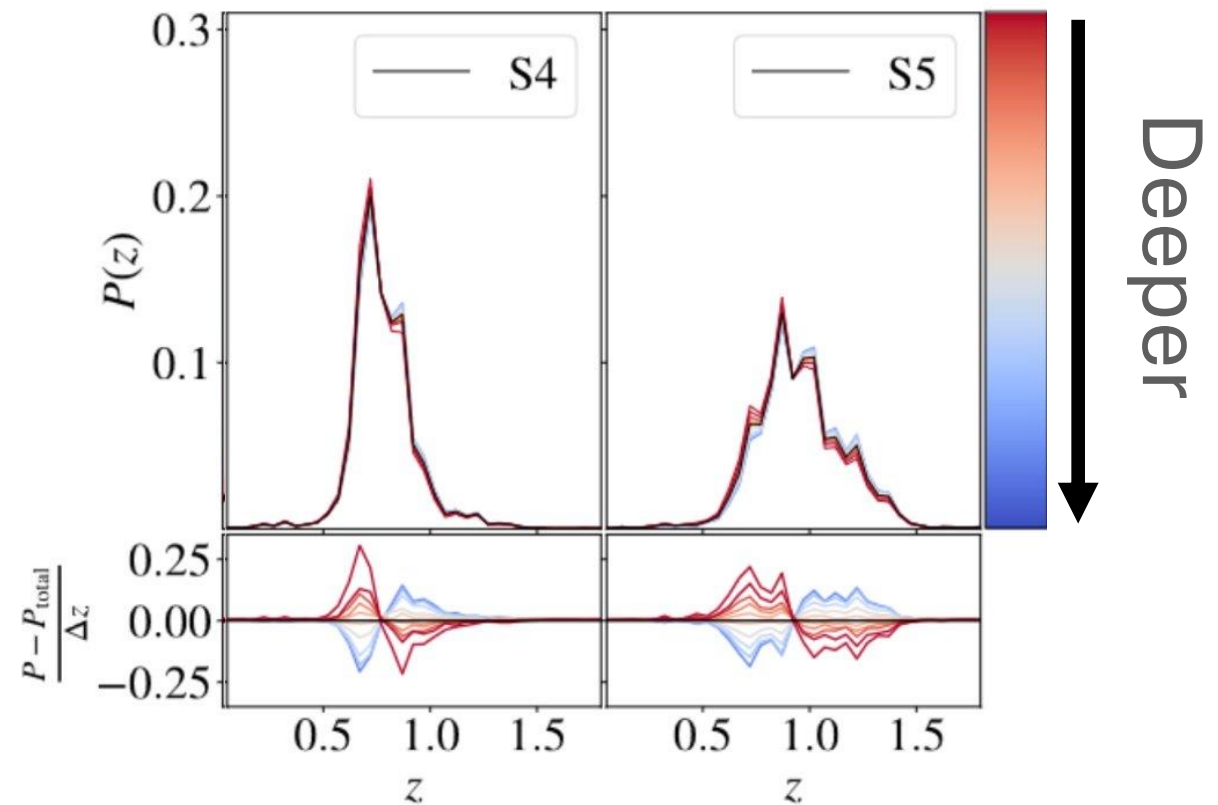


Angular Variations

- Pointing overlap/Survey strategy
- Dithering
- Zodiacal light
- Galactic extinction
- Atmospheric extinction
- Moonlight

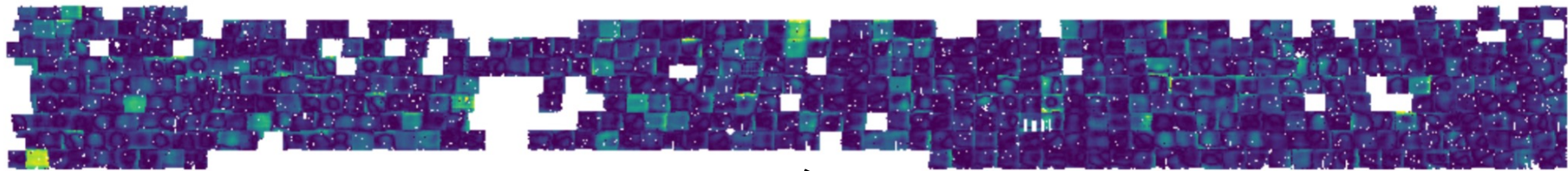
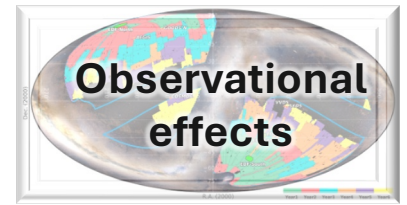


Line-of-Sight Variations



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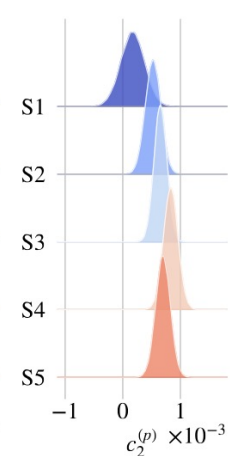
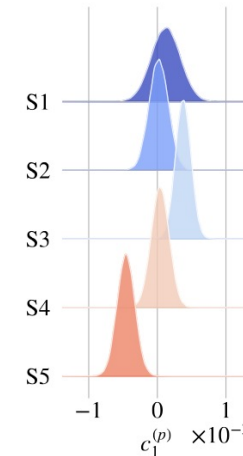
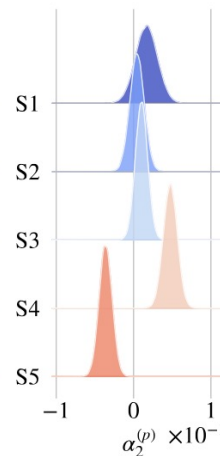
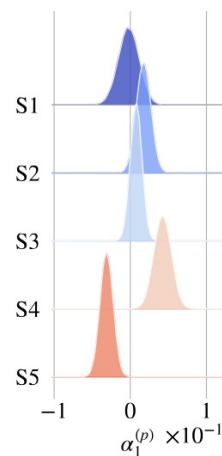
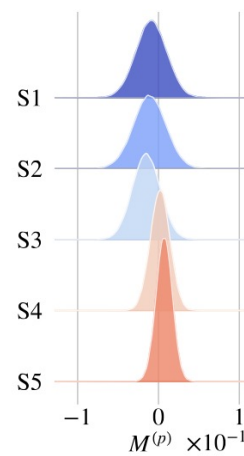
PSF Variations in KiDS



$$\epsilon_{\text{obs}}(p, m; \Theta) = \left(1 + M^{(p)}\right) \epsilon_{\text{lensed}}(\Theta) + \alpha^{(p)} \epsilon_{\text{PSF}}(m) + \beta^{(p)} \delta \epsilon_{\text{PSF}} + c^{(p)}$$

Pixel
 Tomographic bin
 Multiplicative shear bias
 PSF shear bias
 Additive shear bias

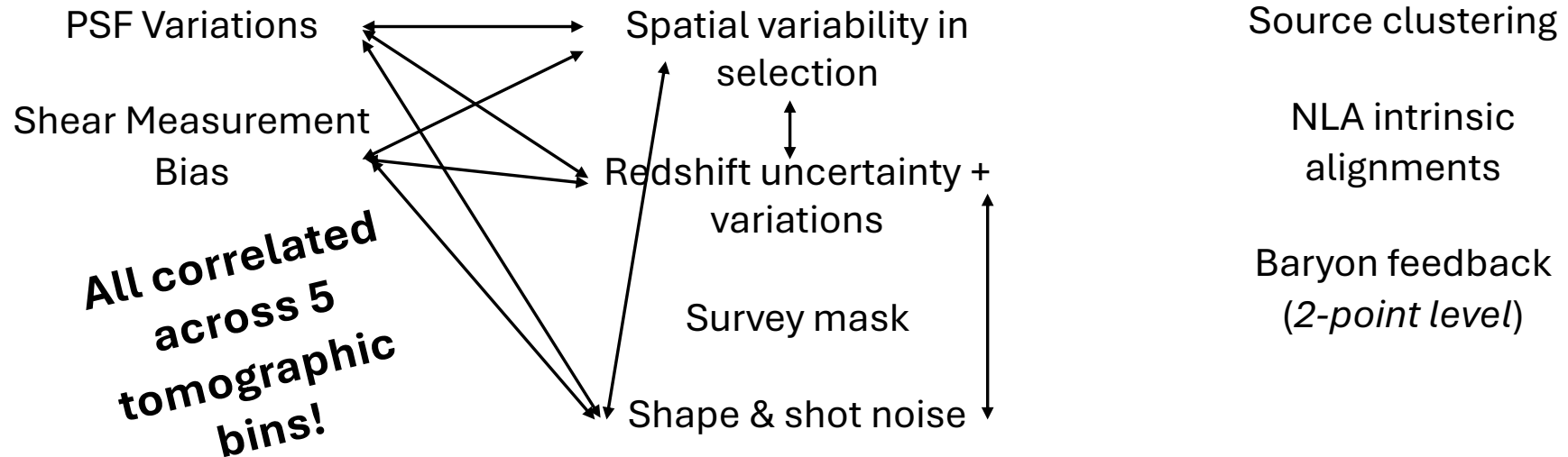
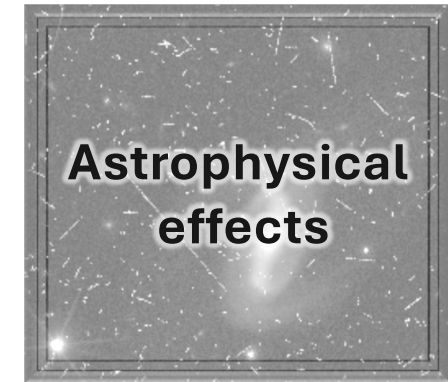
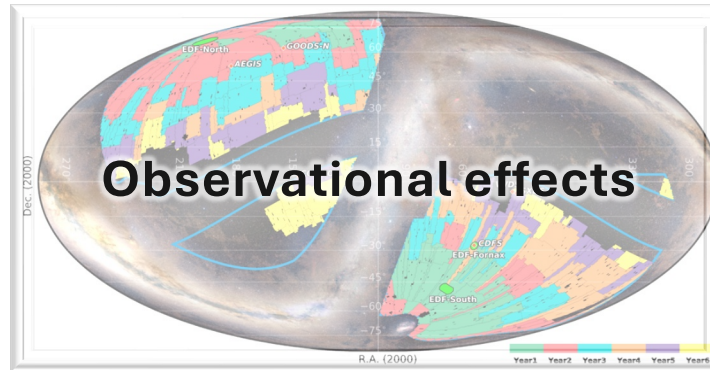
Pre-marginalization
of 25 parameters
from shear
calibration



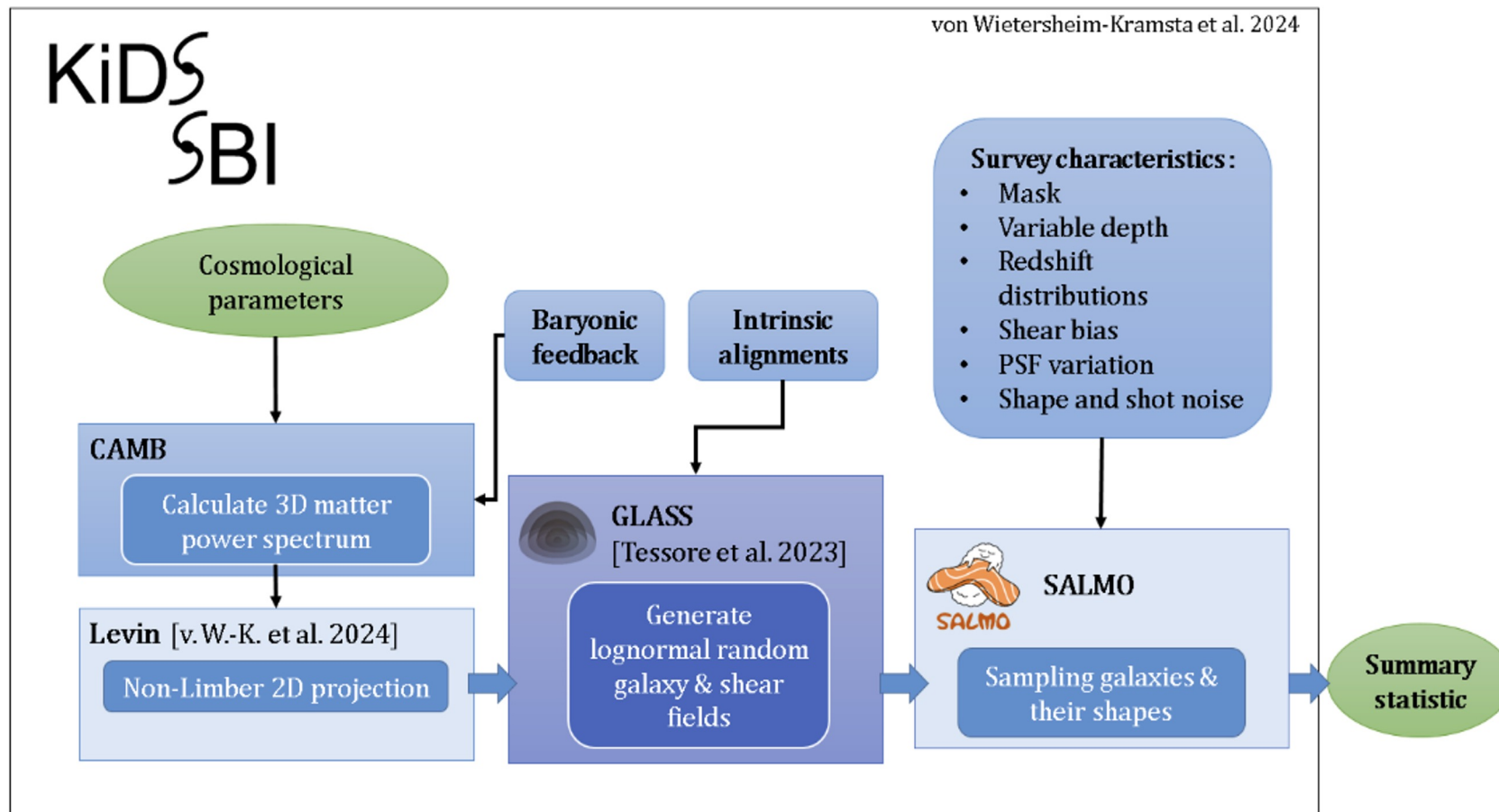
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KiDS-SBI: Cosmic Shear Systematics

Modelled at field level:

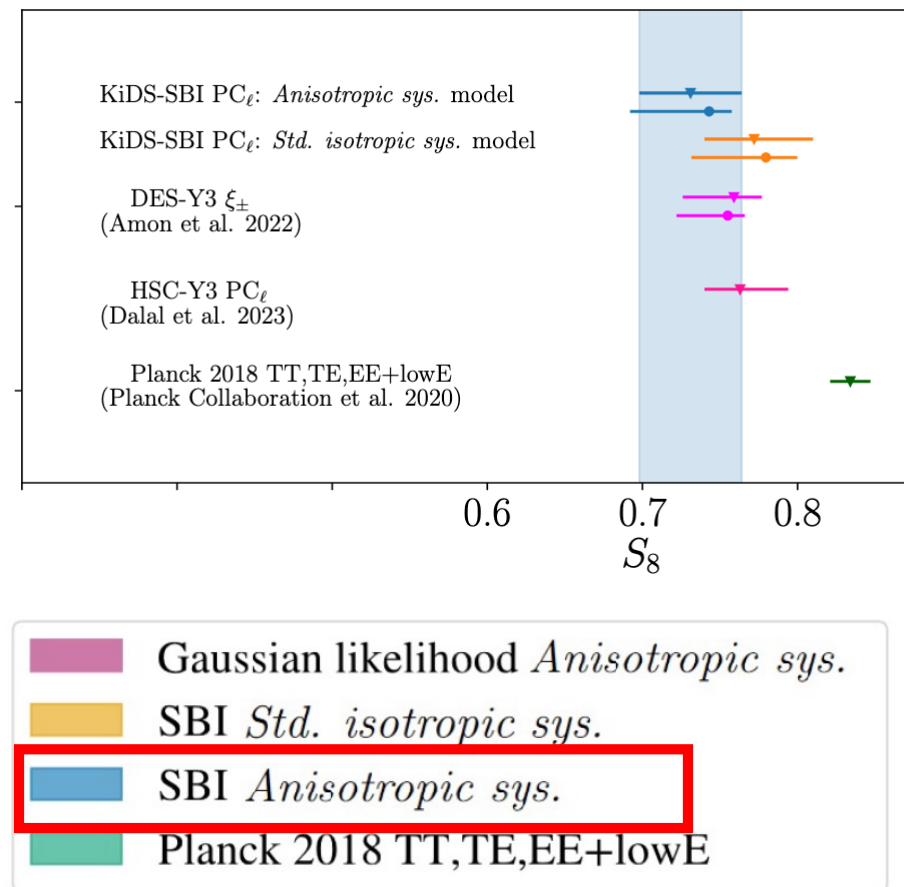
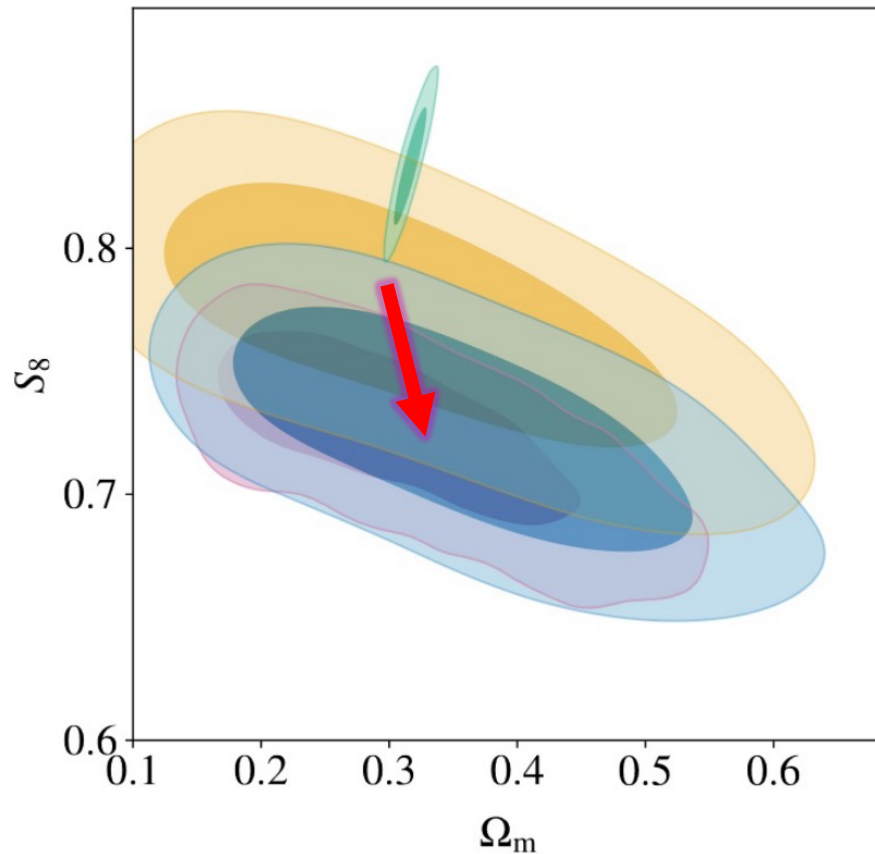


Simulation-Based Inference w/ KiDS



KiDS-SBI: KiDS-1000 1x2pt

KiDS
SBI



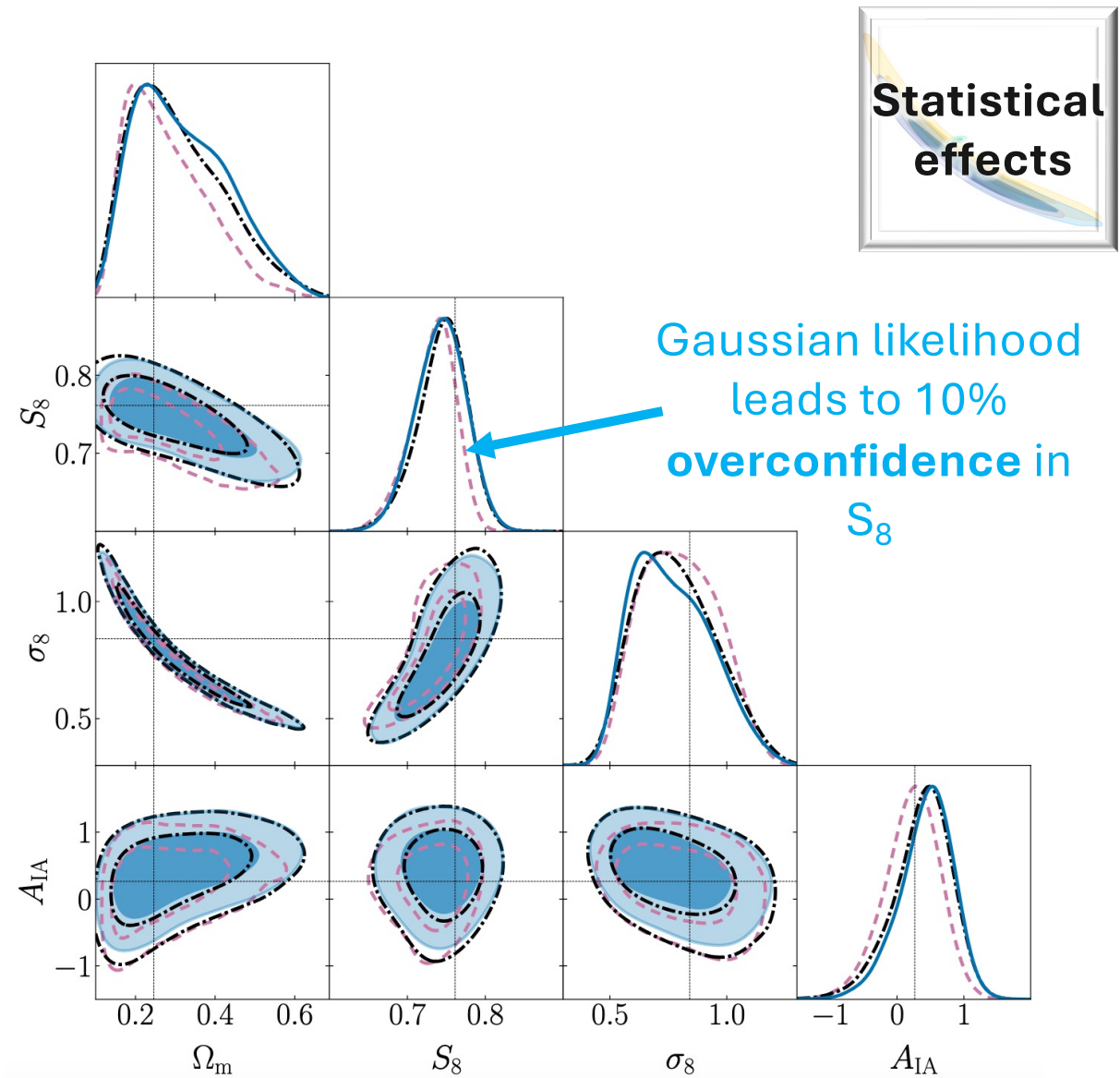
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KiDS-SBI:

Parameter-Dependent Likelihood

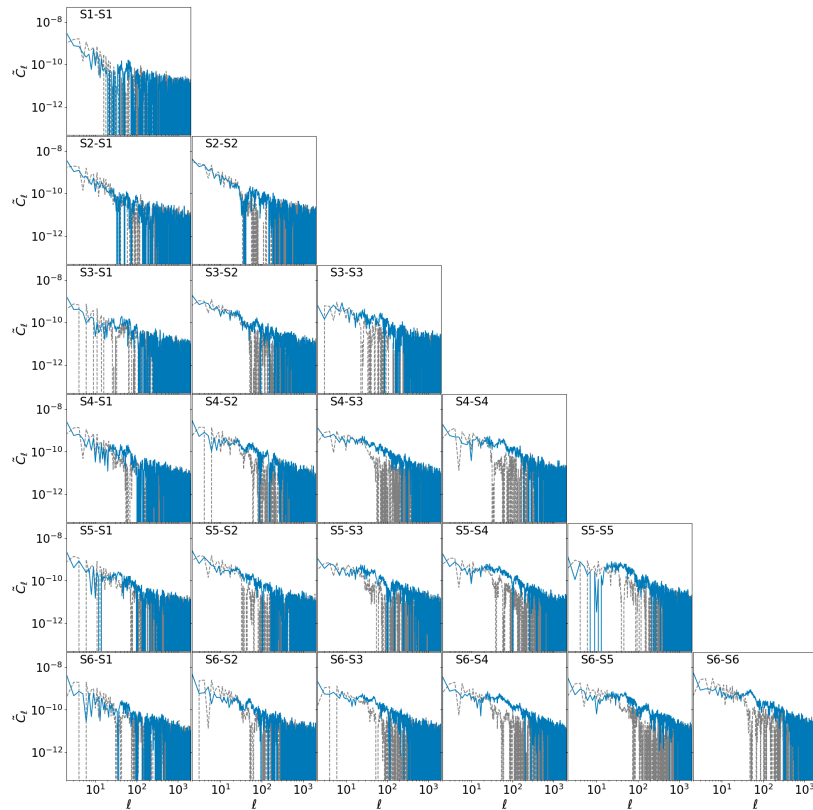
- Mock standard Gaussian likelihood
- .- Mock learned Gaussian SBI
- Mock full neural density SBI

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Lin, von Wietersheim-Kramsta et al. (2022)



KiDS-SBI: KiDS-Legacy

KiDS
SBI

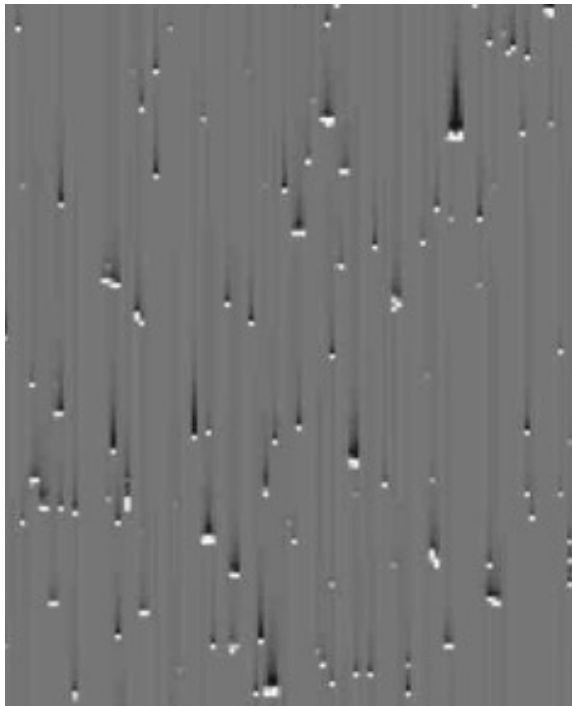


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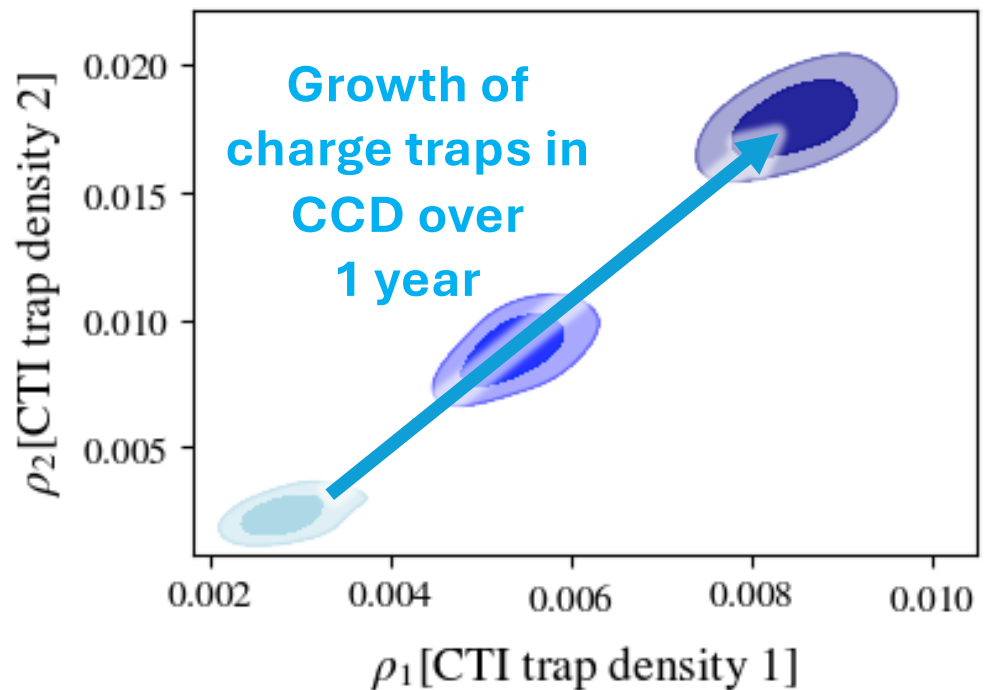
- + extra 350 deg²
- + 1 extra i-band pass
- + 1 tomographic bin
- + new images sims for calib.
- + new redshift calibration
- + new baryon feedback model
- + new mass-dependent IAs model
- + new var. depth tracer & models
- + new compression

Euclid: Unique Challenges

e.g. Radiation Damage

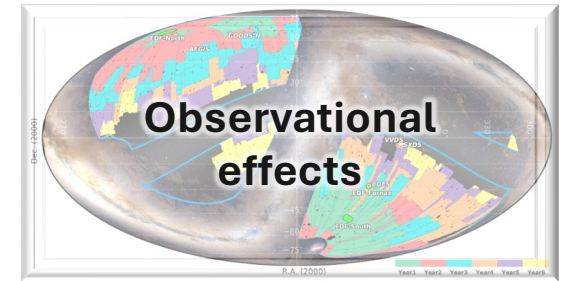


Massey et al. (2025)
McCracken et al. (2025)



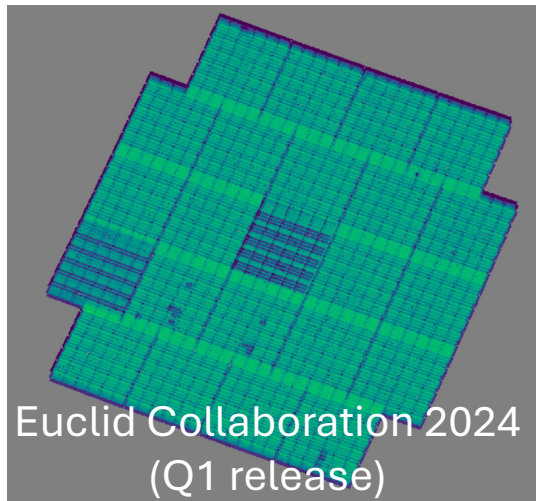
***Euclid*: Unique Challenges**

e.g. Variable Depth



Angular Variation

- Shapes measured by VIS
- Single-visit survey
- Space-based

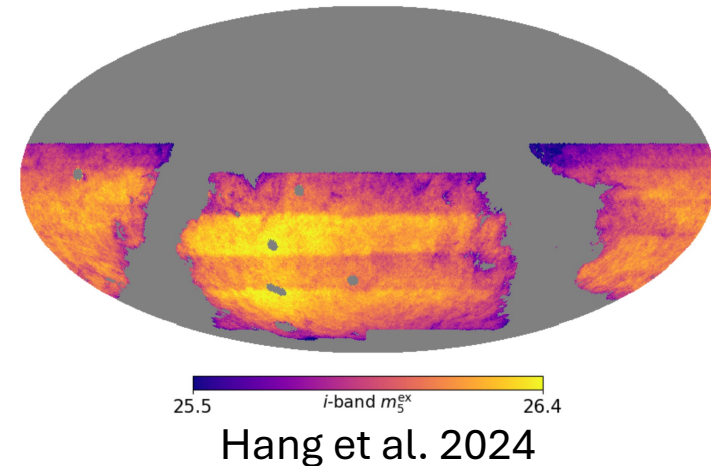


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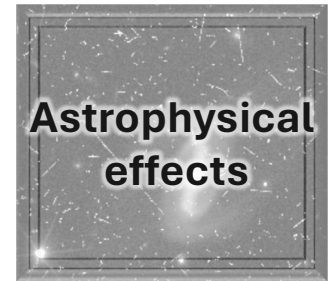
Line-of-Sight Variation

- Photometry by partner surveys
- (Some) multi-epoch surveys
- (Some) ground-based

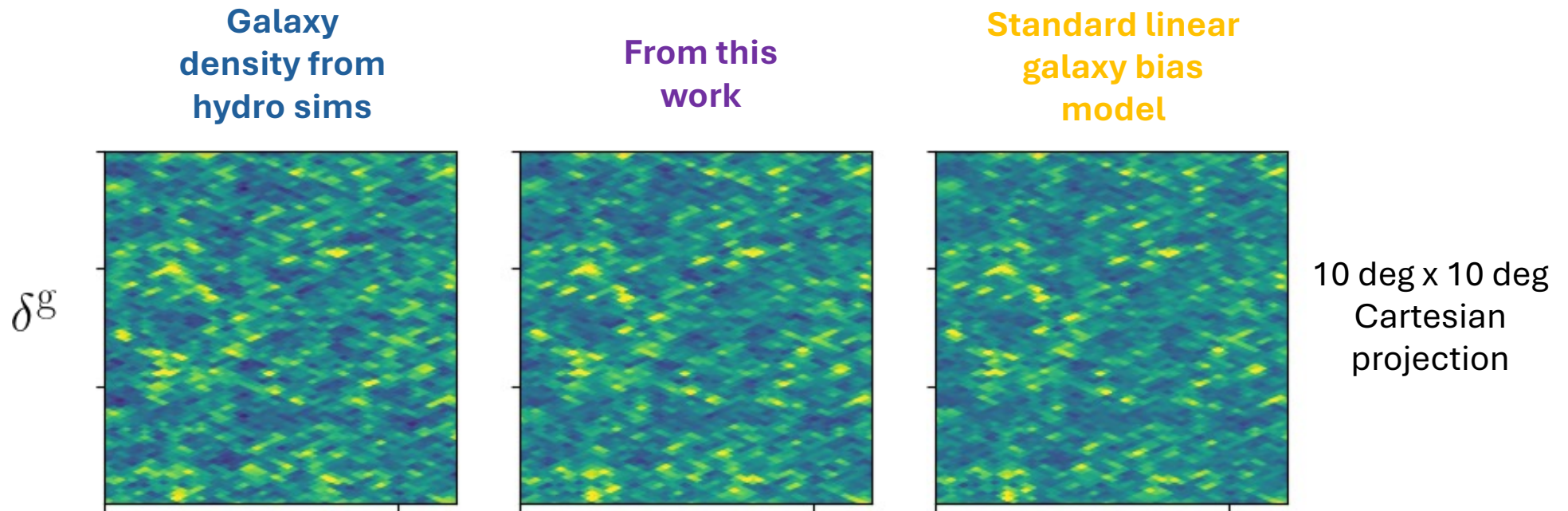
e.g. depth variation in Rubin LSST



Towards 3x2pt SBI: Galaxy Bias Forward Model

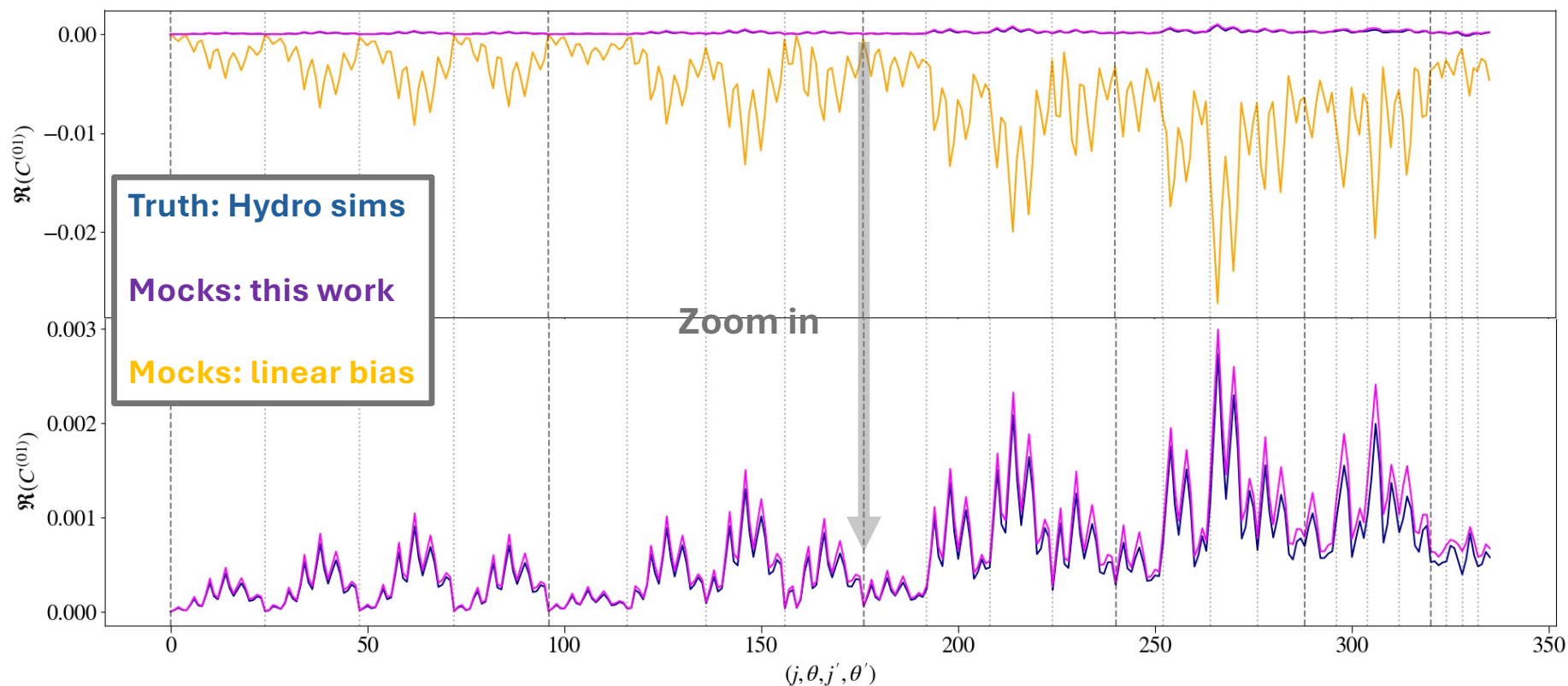
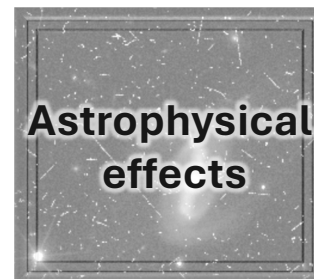


Novel fully analytic model tested with FLAMINGO



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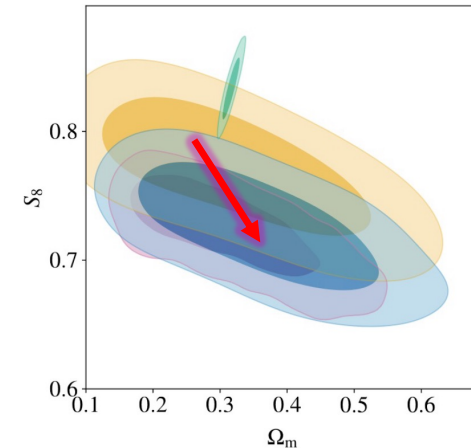


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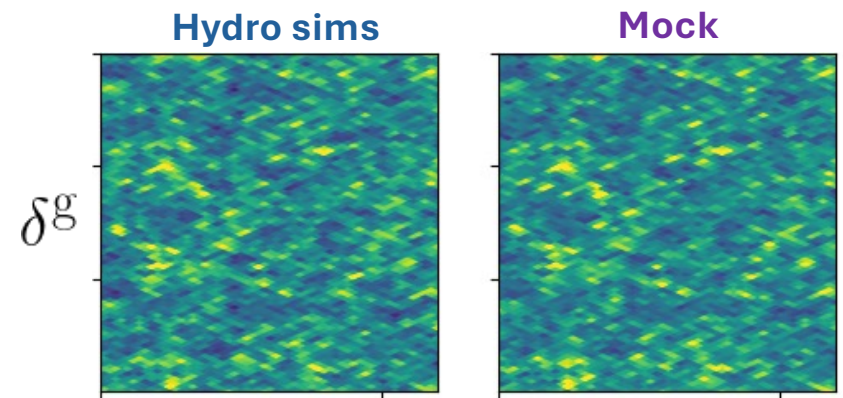
Conclusions

- Lesson from Kilo-Degree Survey:
 - **Complex correlated systematics** matter
 - **Field-level forward modelling + SBI** incorporates them
- Consideration from Stage IV (*Euclid*):
 - **Increased sensitivity** to increasingly complex systematics
- Systematics from source clustering & 3x2pt SBI:
 - **Improved galaxy bias models**

= Profit ...?



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Extra

5 cosmological + 7 nuisance + 25 pre-marginalised parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Prior type	Prior range	Fiducial
Density fluctuation amp.	S_8	Flat	[0.1, 1.3]	0.76
Hubble constant	h_0	Flat	[0.64, 0.82]	0.767
Cold dark matter density	ω_c	Flat	[0.051, 0.255]	0.118
Baryonic matter density	ω_b	Flat	[0.019, 0.026]	0.026
Scalar spectral index	n_s	Flat	[0.84, 1.1]	0.901
Intrinsic alignment amp.	A_{IA}	Flat	[-6, 6]	0.264
Baryon feedback amp.	A_{bary}	Flat	[2, 3.13]	3.1
Redshift displacement	δ_z	Gaussian	$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C}_z)$	$\mathbf{0}$
Multiplicative shear bias	$M^{(p)}$	Gaussian	$\mathcal{N}(\overline{M}^{(p)}, \sigma_M^{(p)})$	$\overline{M}^{(p)}$
Additive shear bias	$c_{1,2}^{(p)}$	Gaussian	$\mathcal{N}(\overline{c}_{1,2}^{(p)}, \sigma_{c_{1,2}}^{(p)})$	$\overline{c}_{1,2}^{(p)}$
PSF variation shear bias	$\alpha_{1,2}^{(p)}$	Gaussian	$\mathcal{N}(\overline{\alpha}_{1,2}^{(p)}, \sigma_{\alpha_{1,2}}^{(p)})$	$\overline{\alpha}_{1,2}^{(p)}$

