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- Median r-band 5σ limiting magnitude: 24.8
- Median seeing: $0.7''$

Kilo-Degree Survey



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KiDS-Legacy publications

- The fifth data release of the Kilo Degree Survey: Multi-epoch optical/NIR imaging covering wide and legacy-calibration fields ([arXiv:2503.19439](#))
- **KiDS-Legacy: Cosmological constraints from cosmic shear with the complete Kilo-Degree Survey ([arXiv:2503.19441](#))**
- **KiDS-Legacy: Consistency of cosmic shear measurements and joint cosmological constraints with external probes ([arXiv:2503.19442](#))**
- KiDS-Legacy: Covariance validation and the unified OneCovariance framework for projected large-scale structure observables ([arXiv:2410.06962](#))
- KiDS-Legacy: Redshift distributions and their calibration ([arXiv:2503.19440](#))
- KiDS-Legacy calibration: Unifying shear and redshift calibration with the SKiLLS multi-band image simulations ([arXiv:2210.07163](#))
- KiDS-Legacy: Angular galaxy clustering from deep surveys with complex selection effects ([arXiv:2410.23141](#))

Weak Lensing

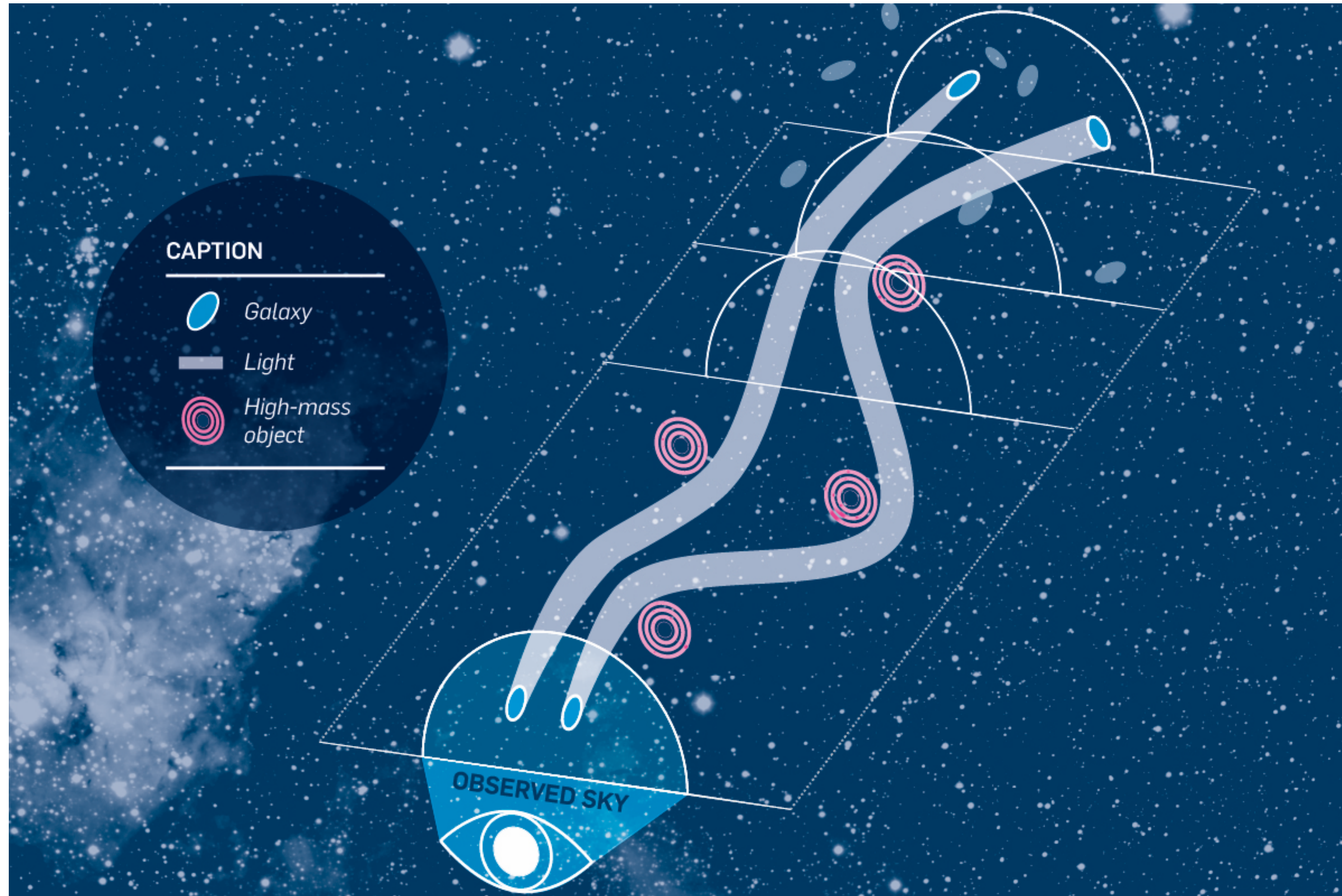
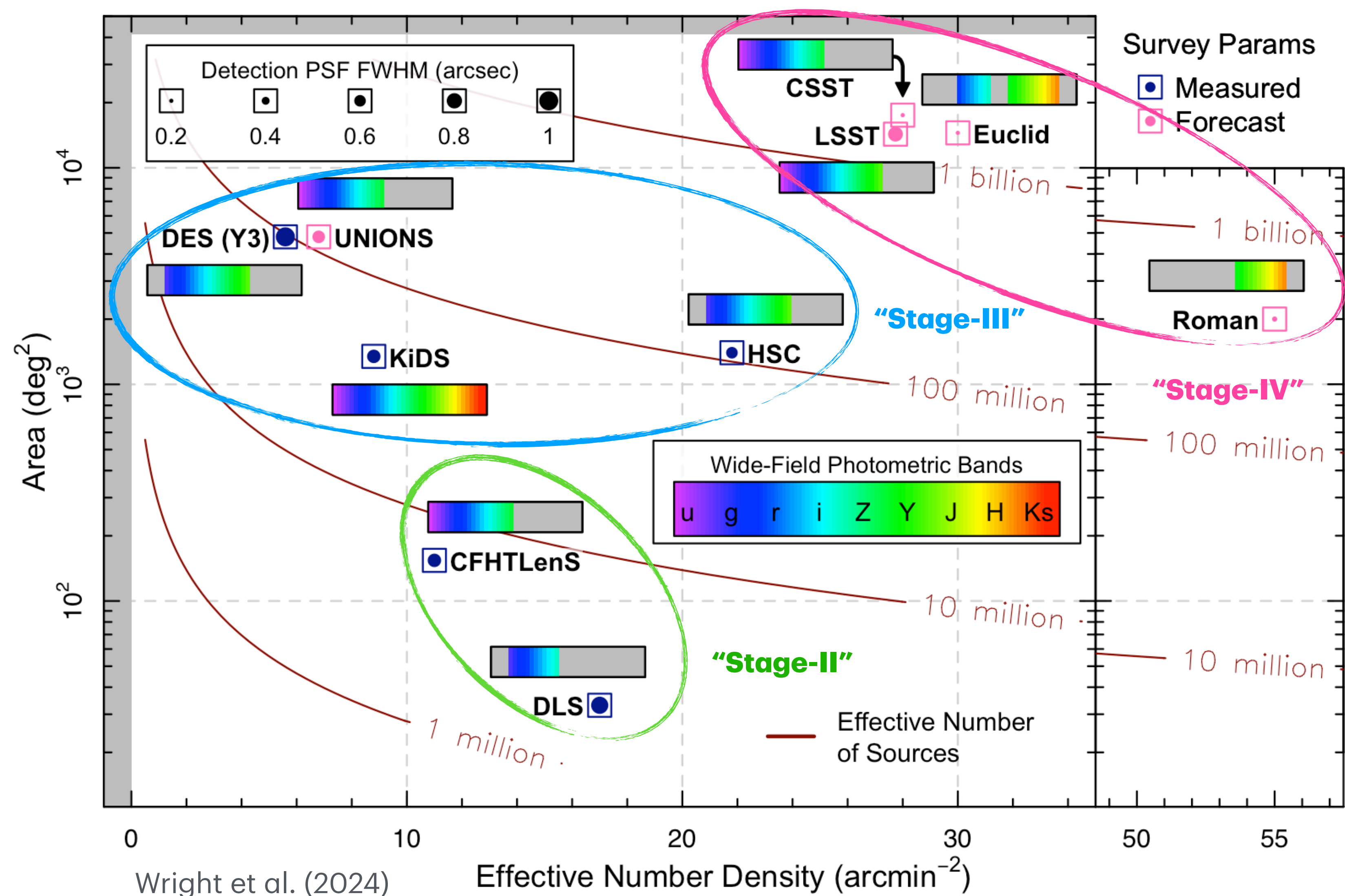


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Imaging Surveys for cosmology



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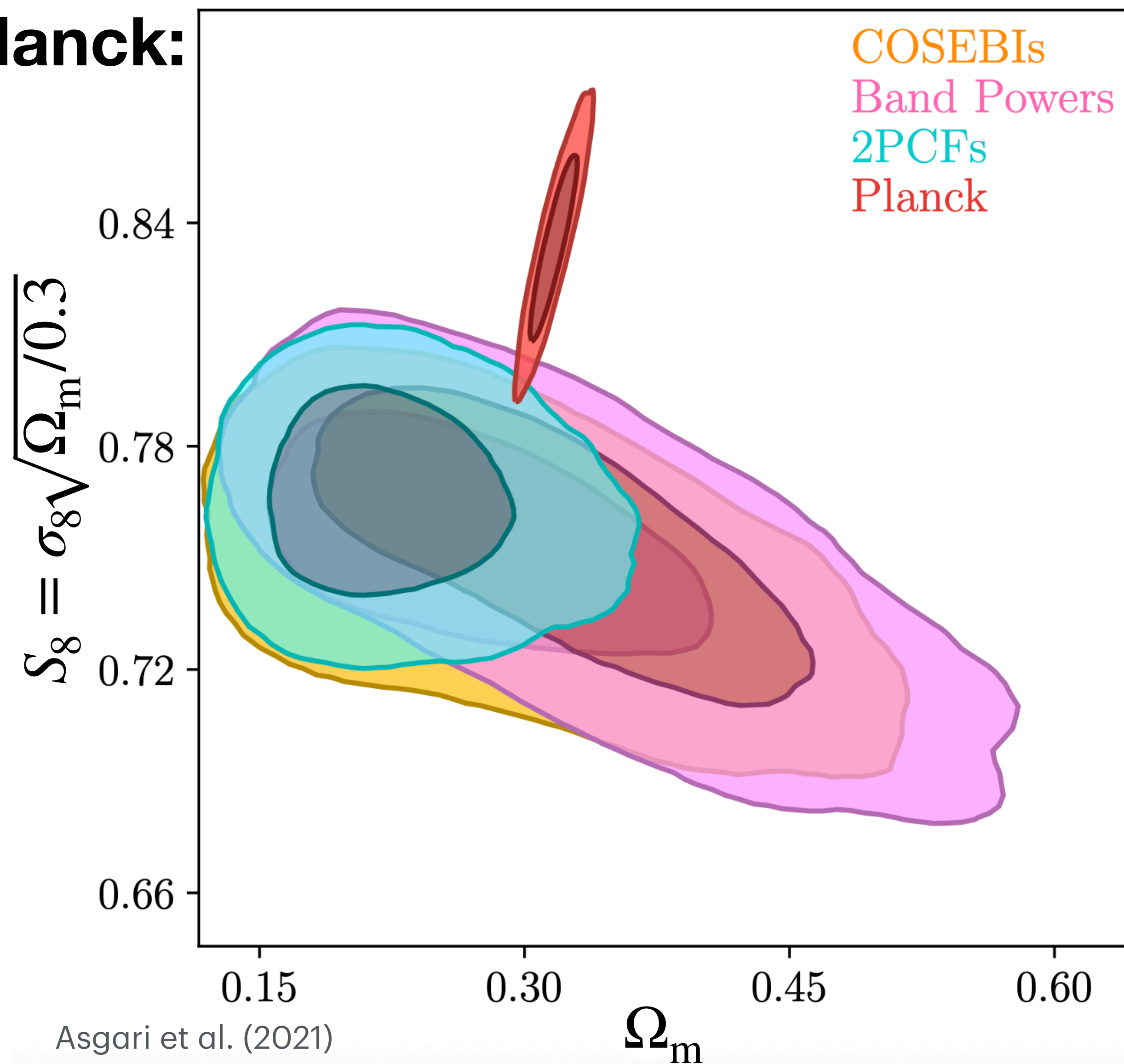
Particular Focus on Legacy benefits of our data & analysis pipelines

Cosmological constraints

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Tension with Planck:

$$N_\sigma \approx 3$$



Cosmological constraints

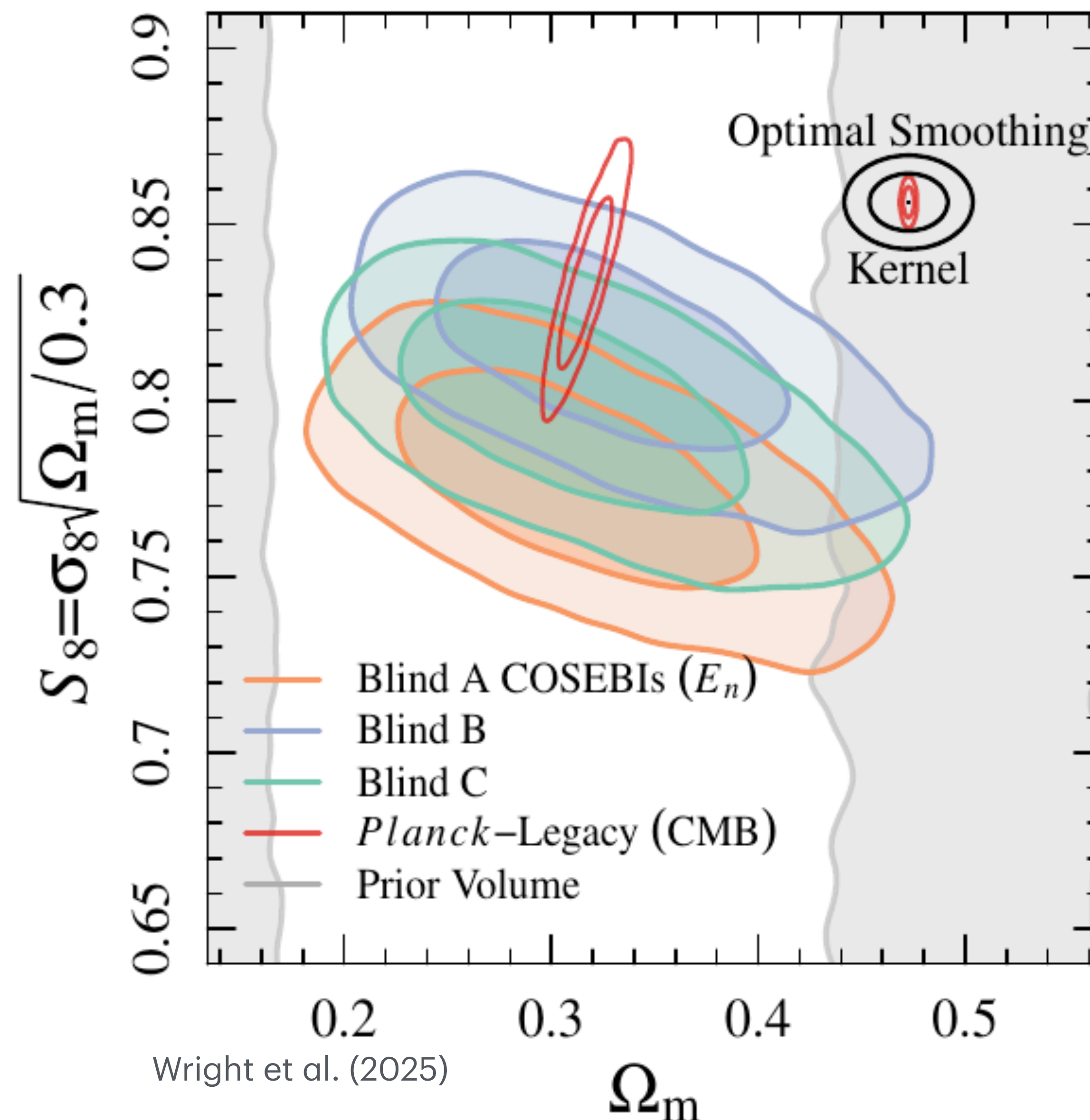
Blinded results

Tension with Planck:

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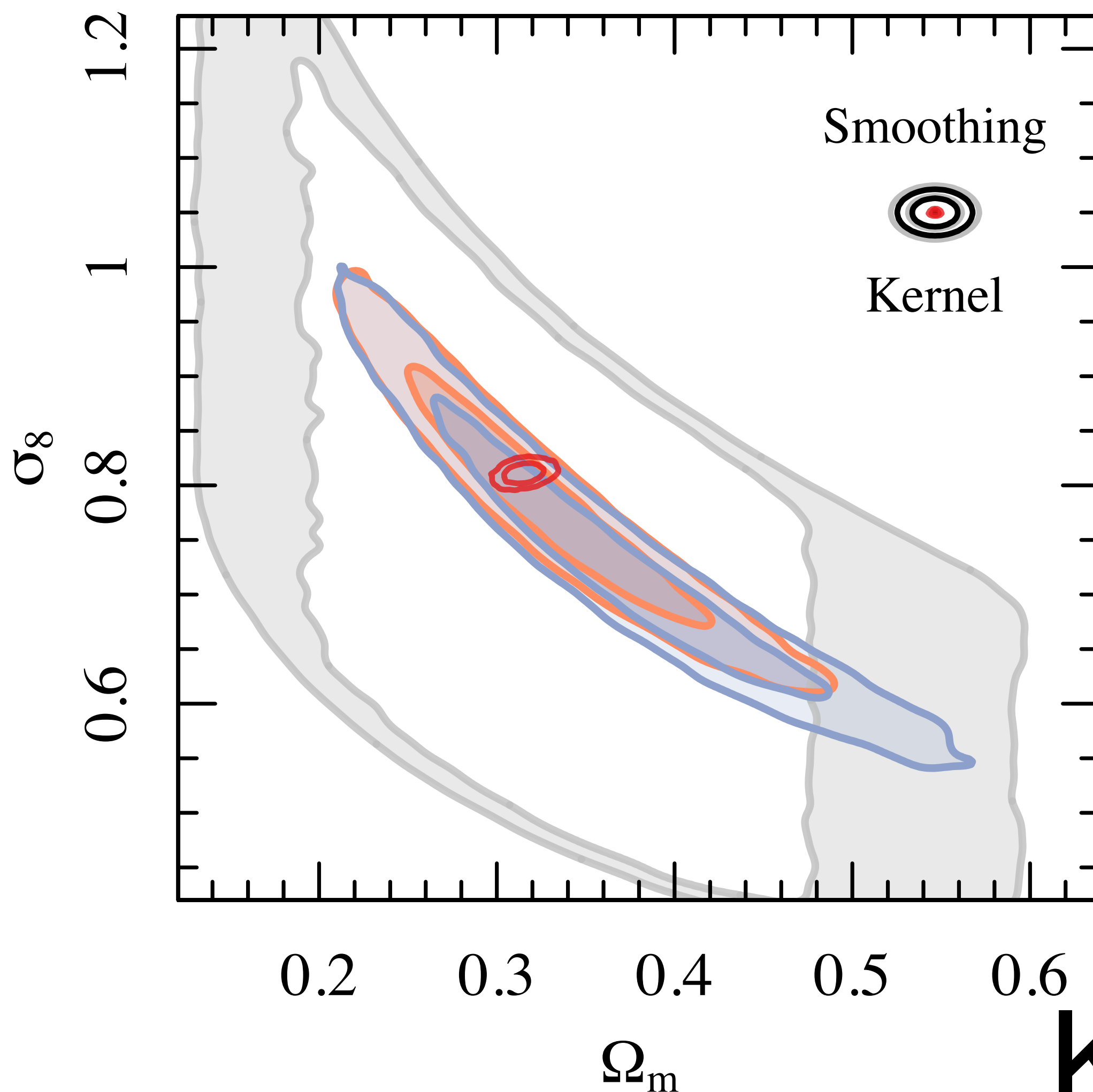
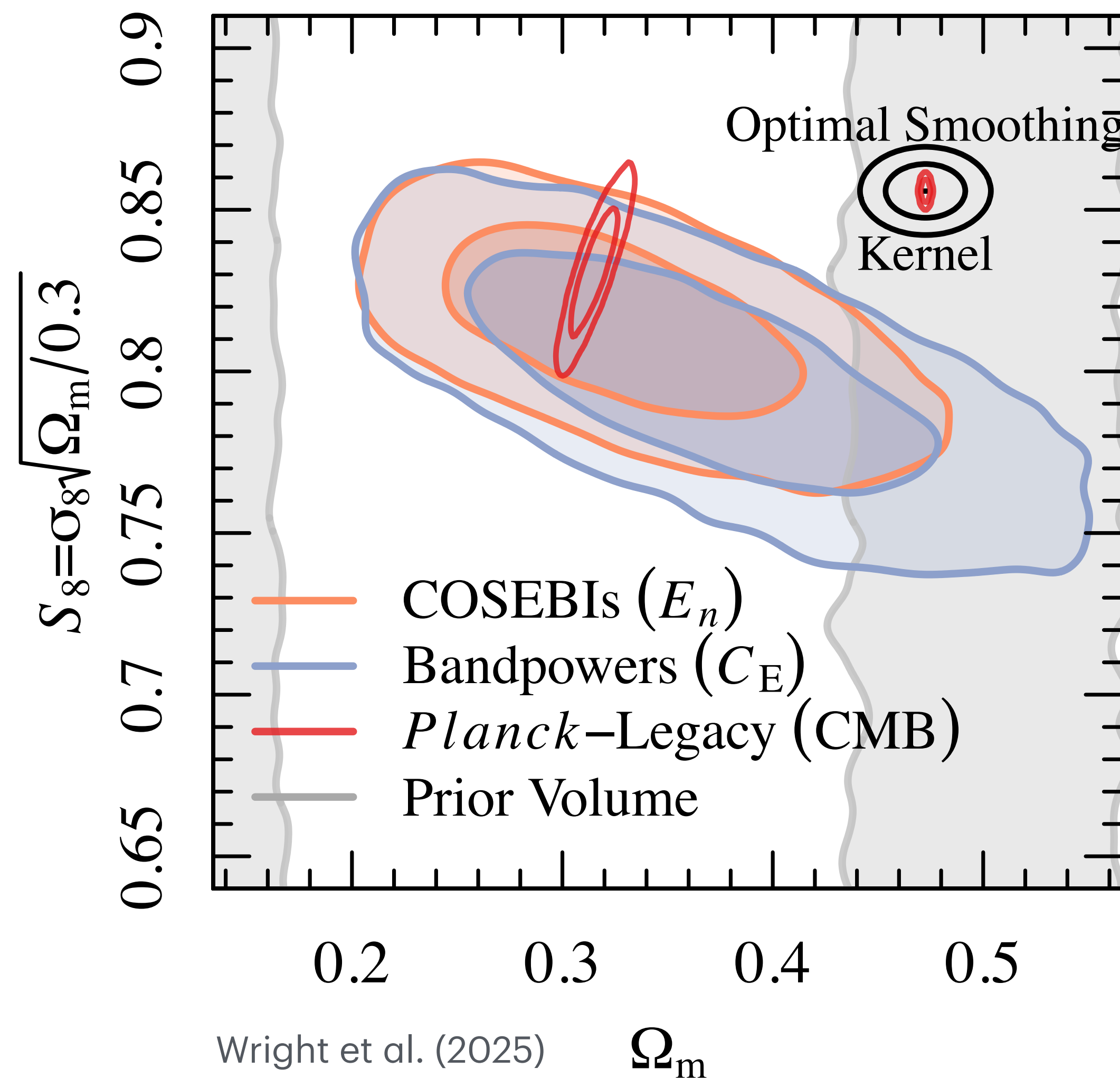
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Blind C: $N_\sigma = 1.73$



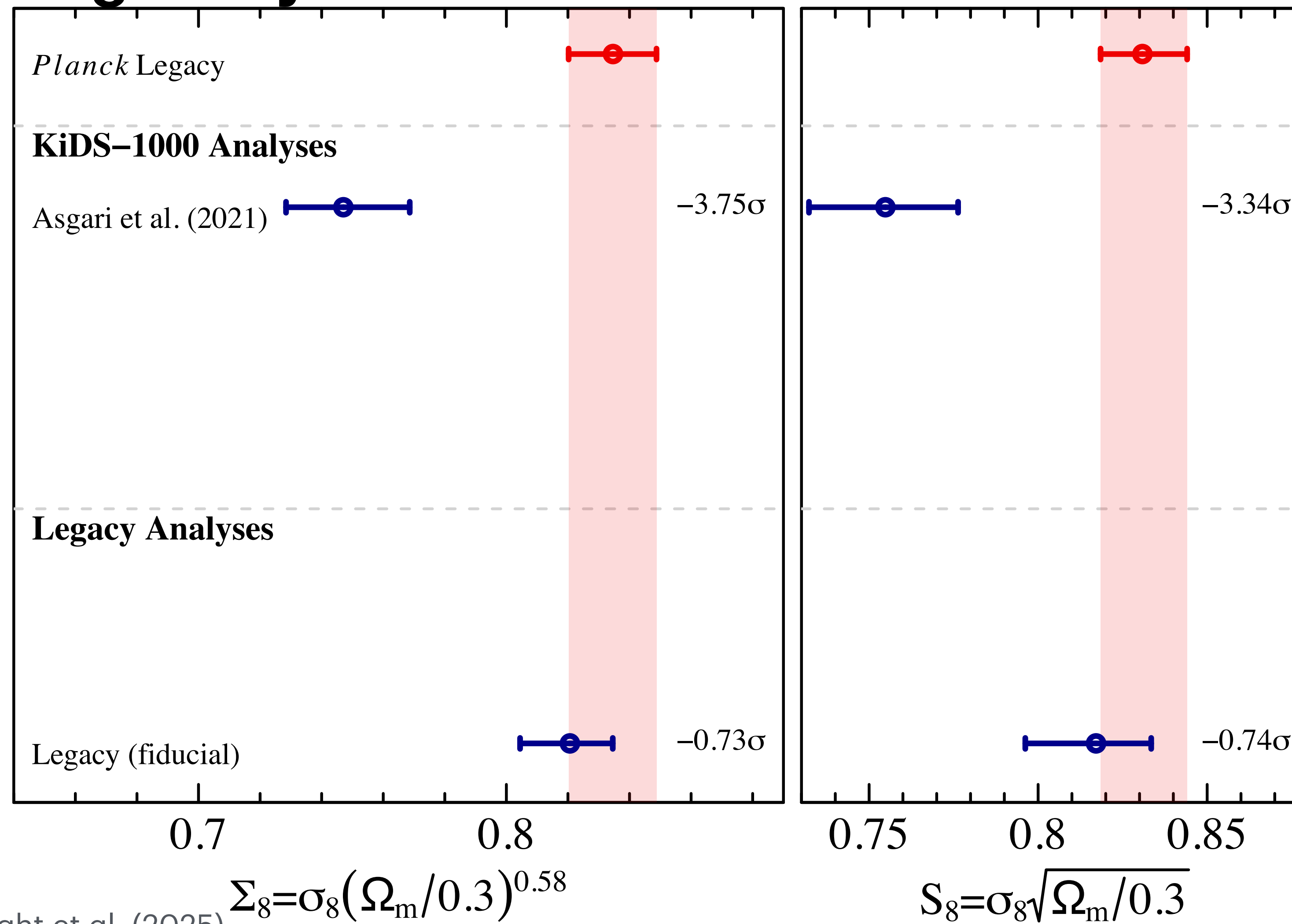
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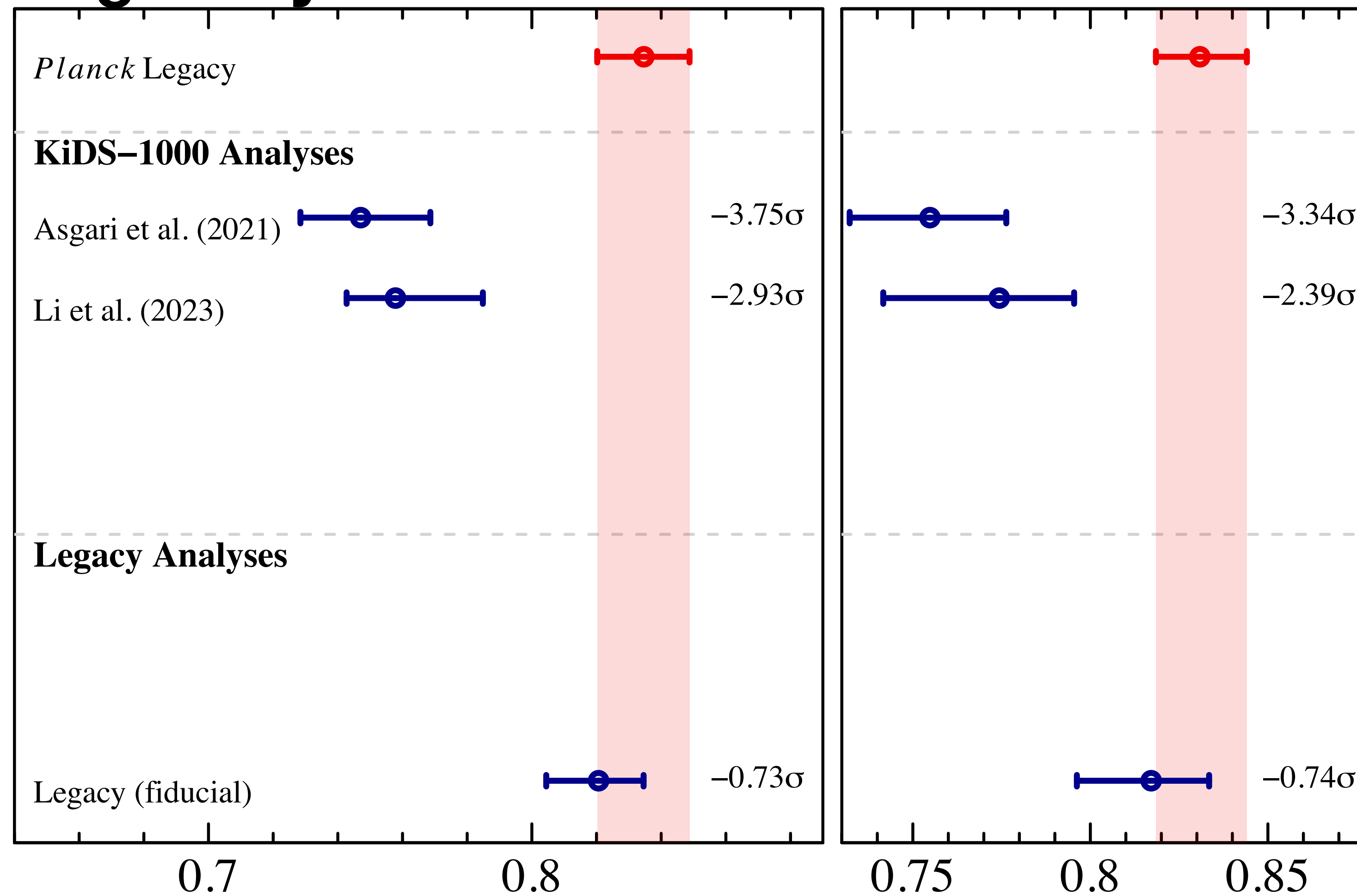
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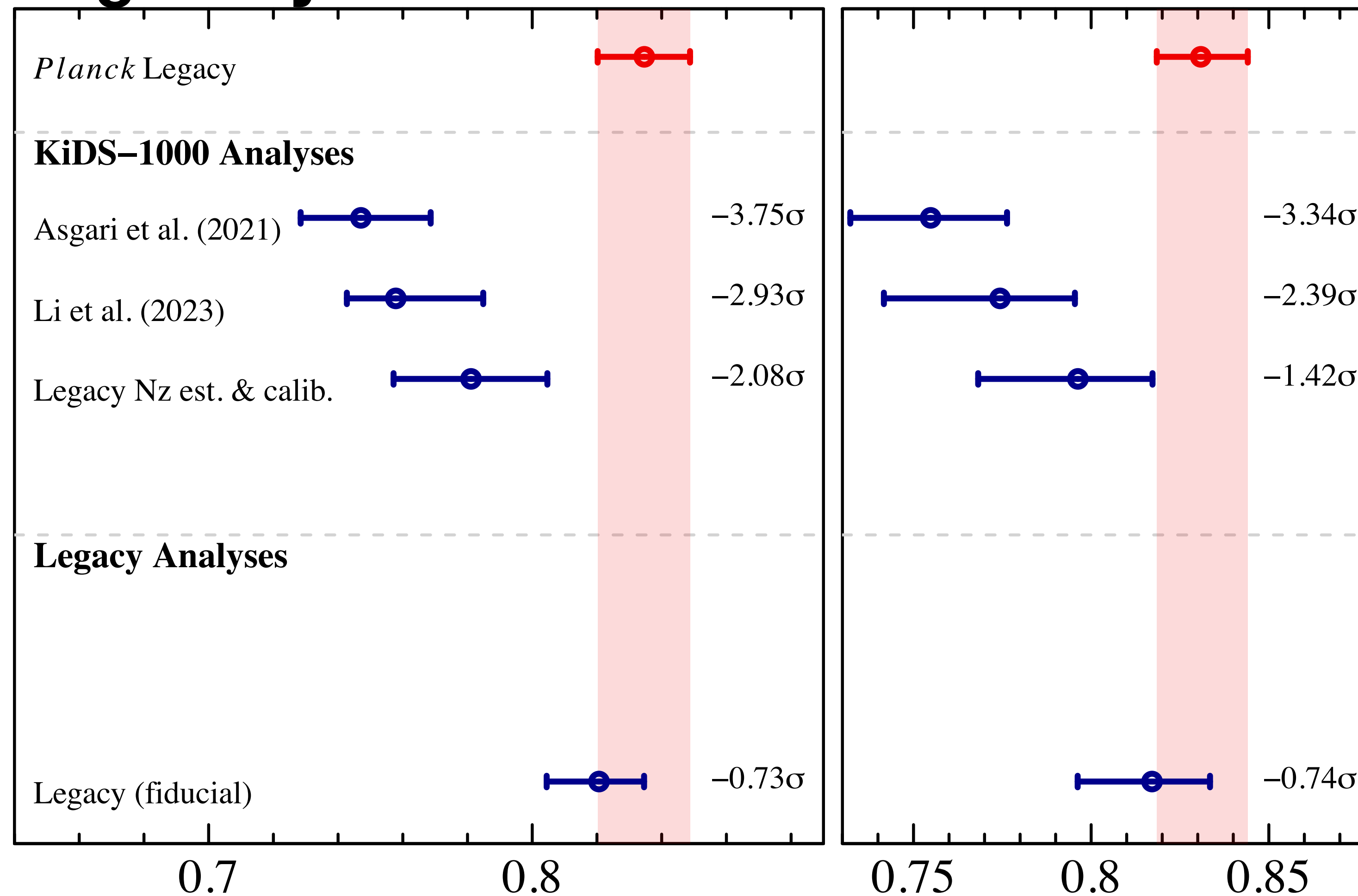
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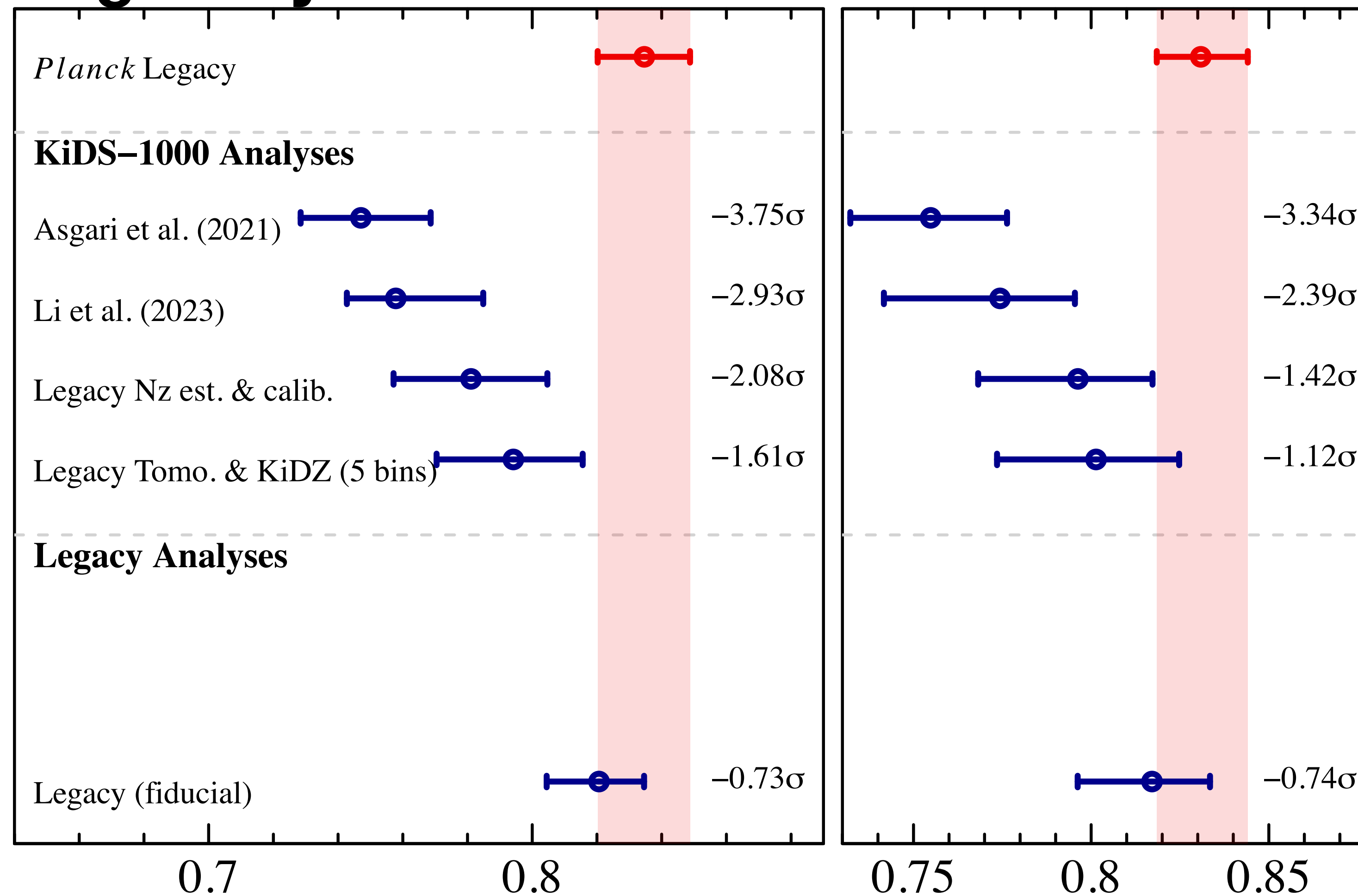
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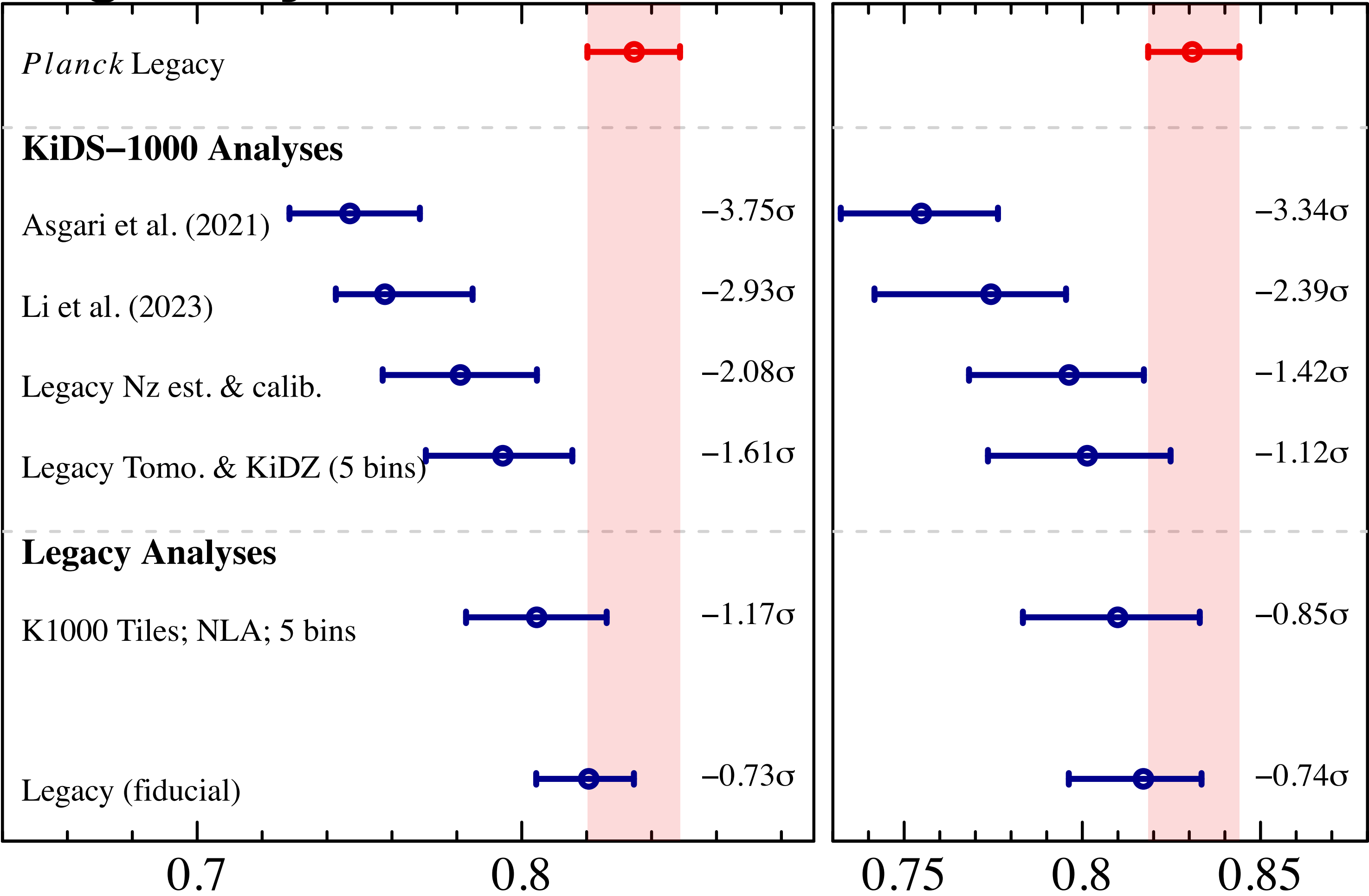
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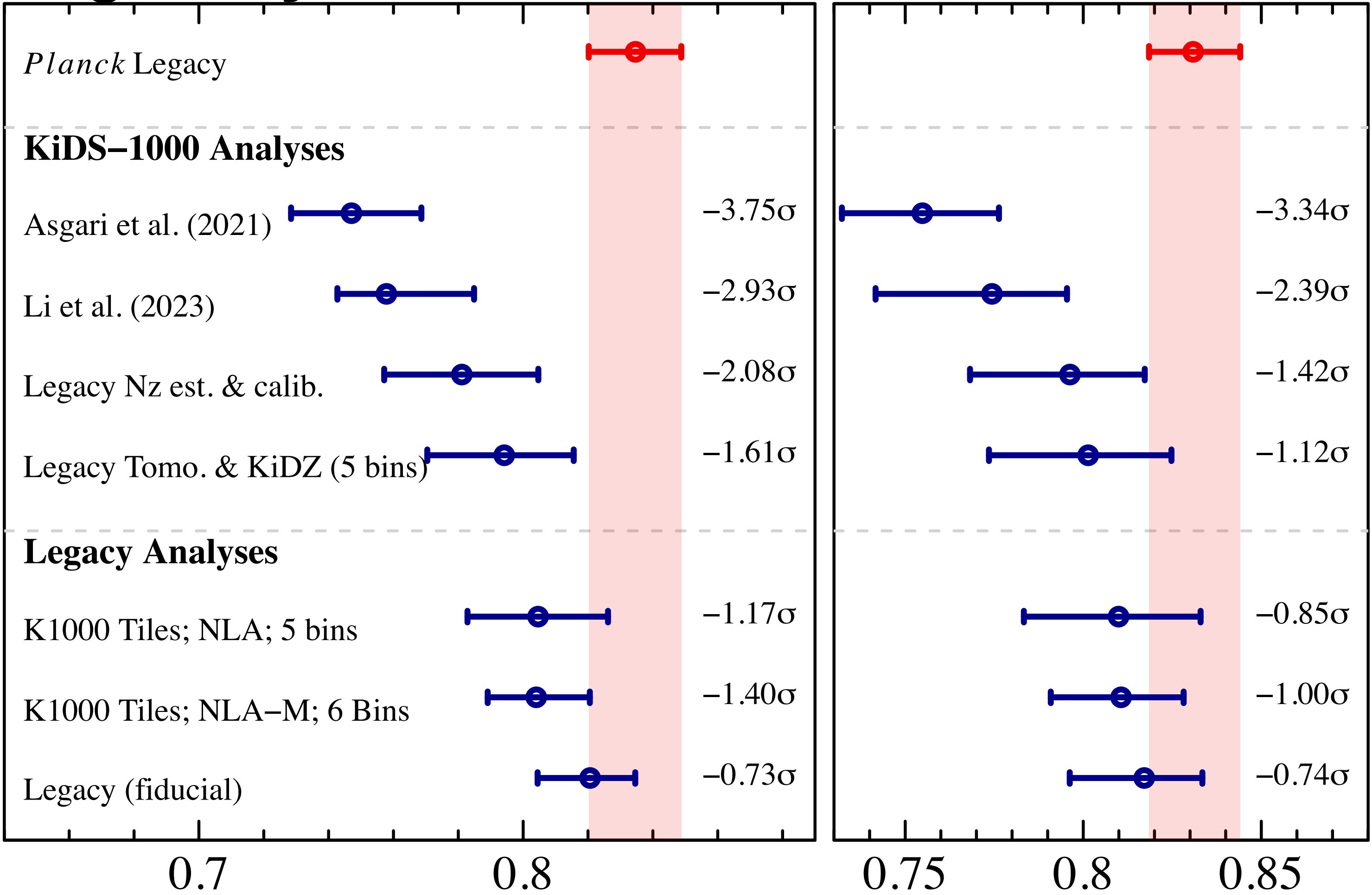


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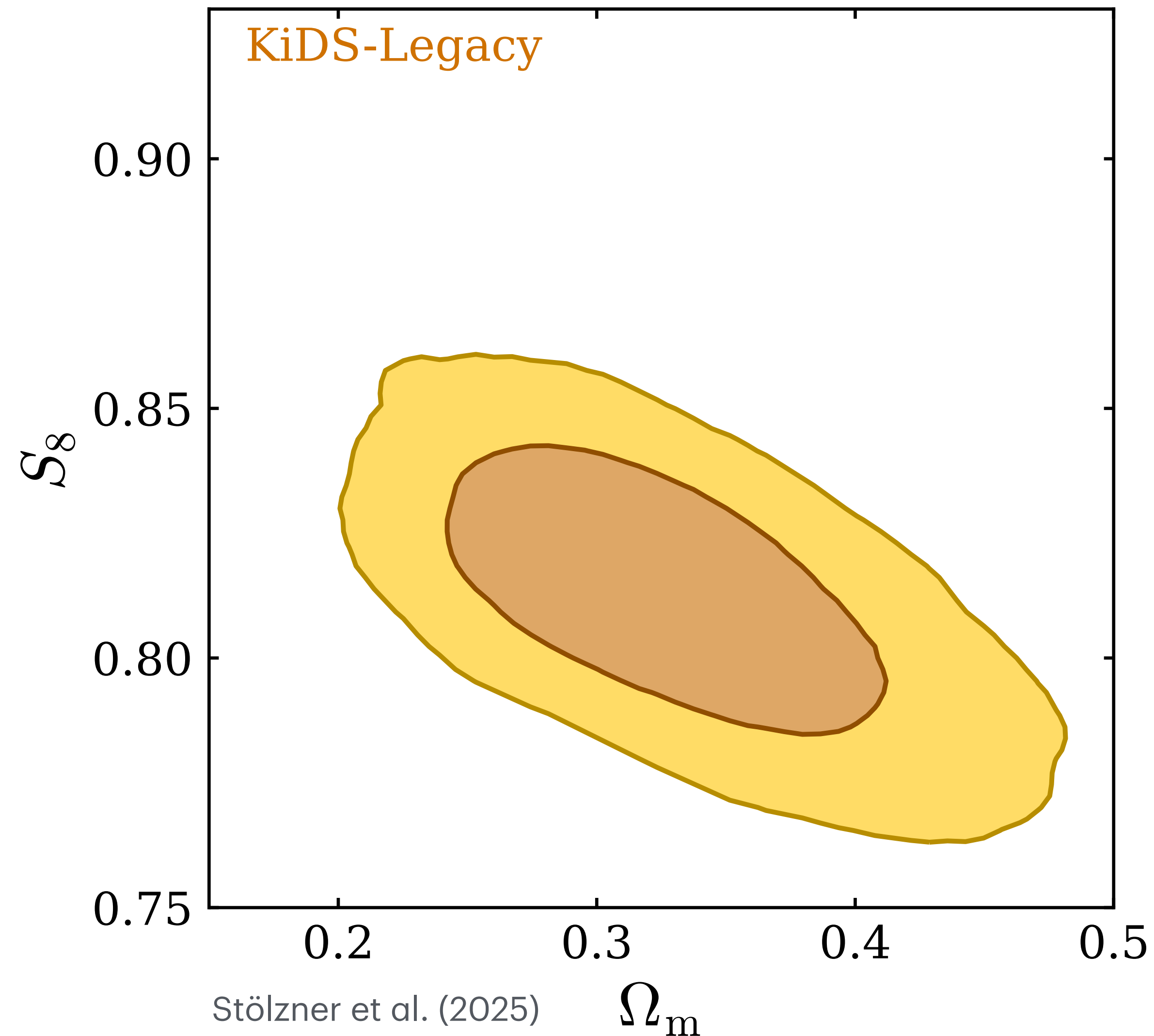


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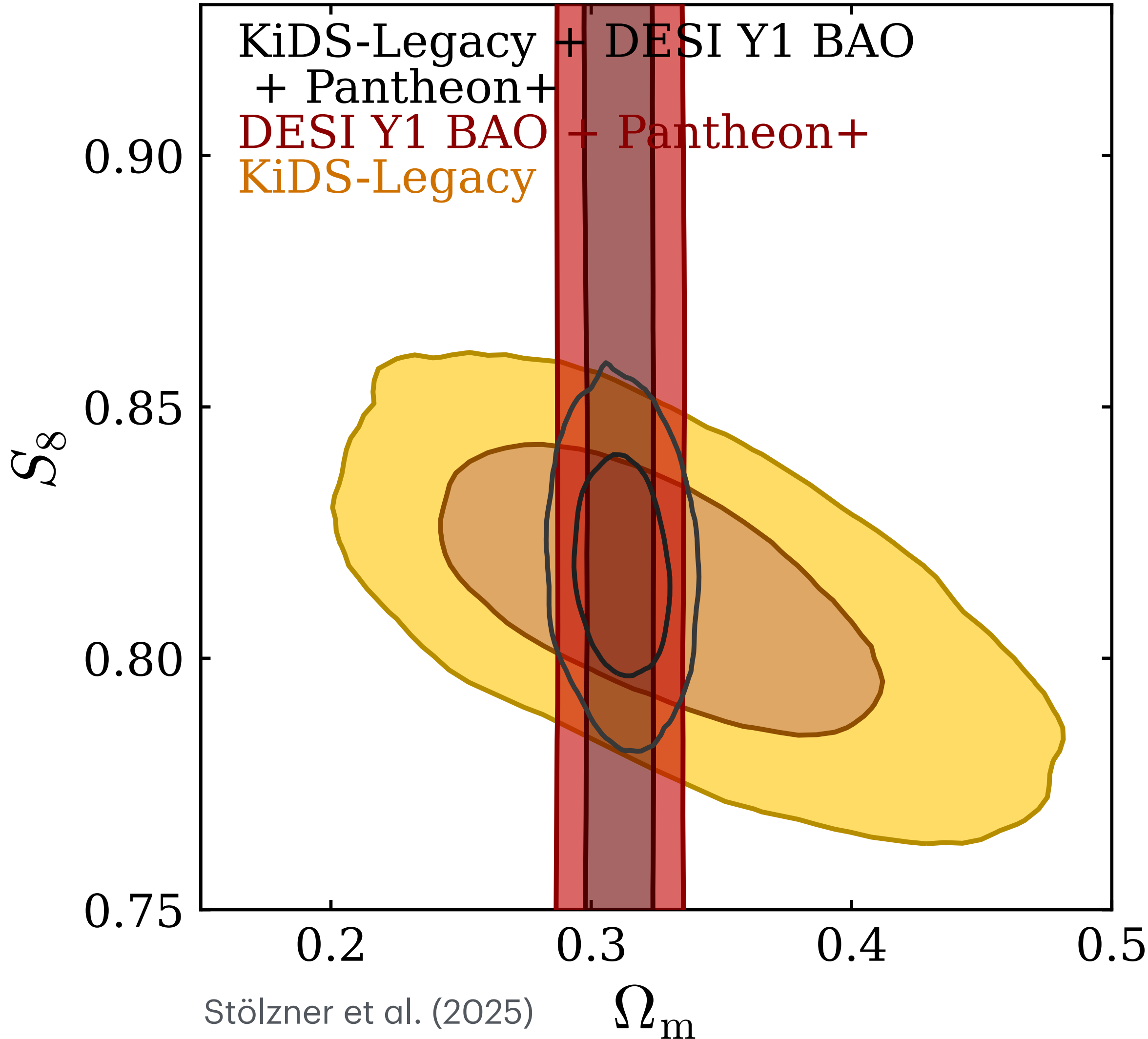
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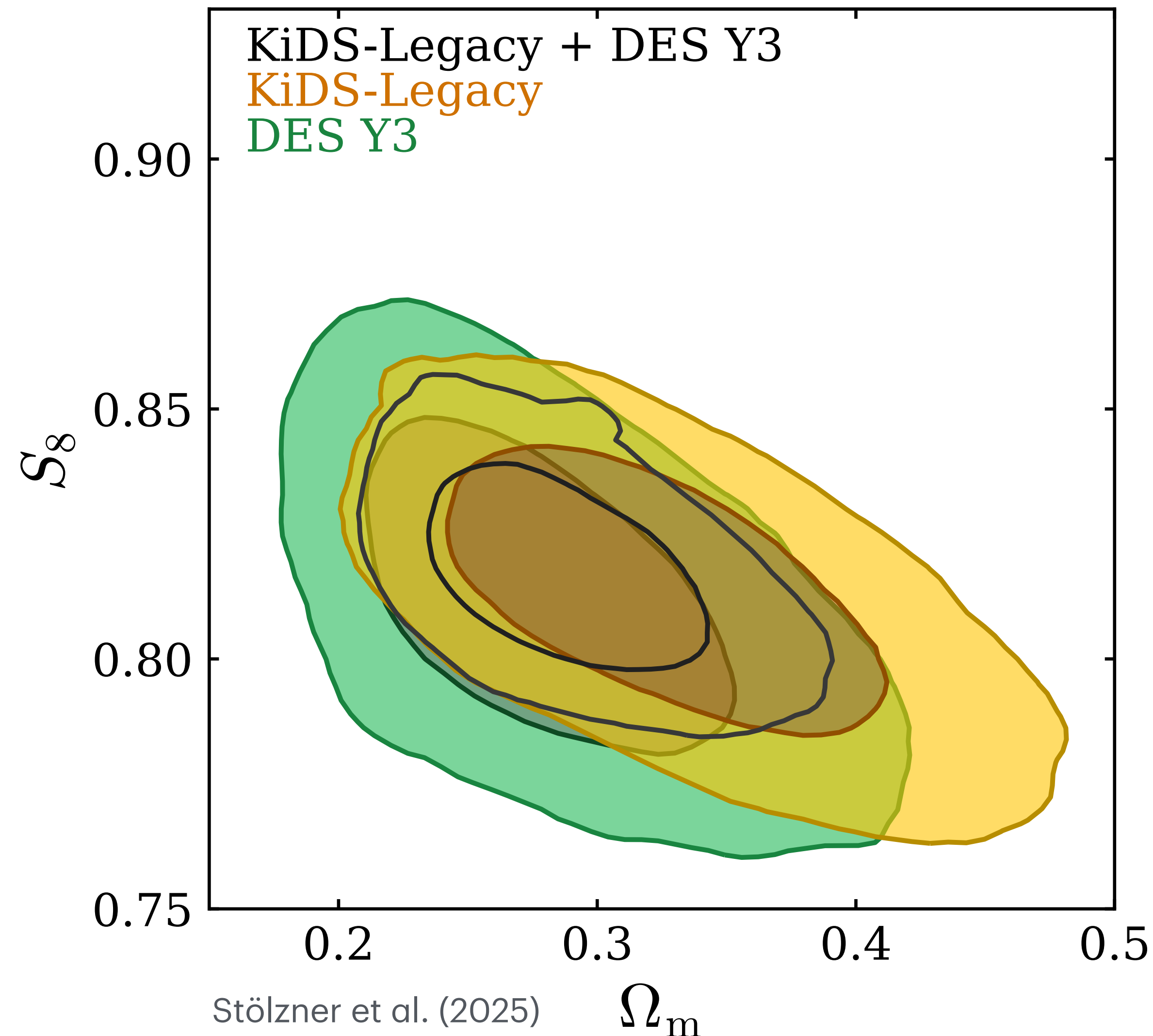


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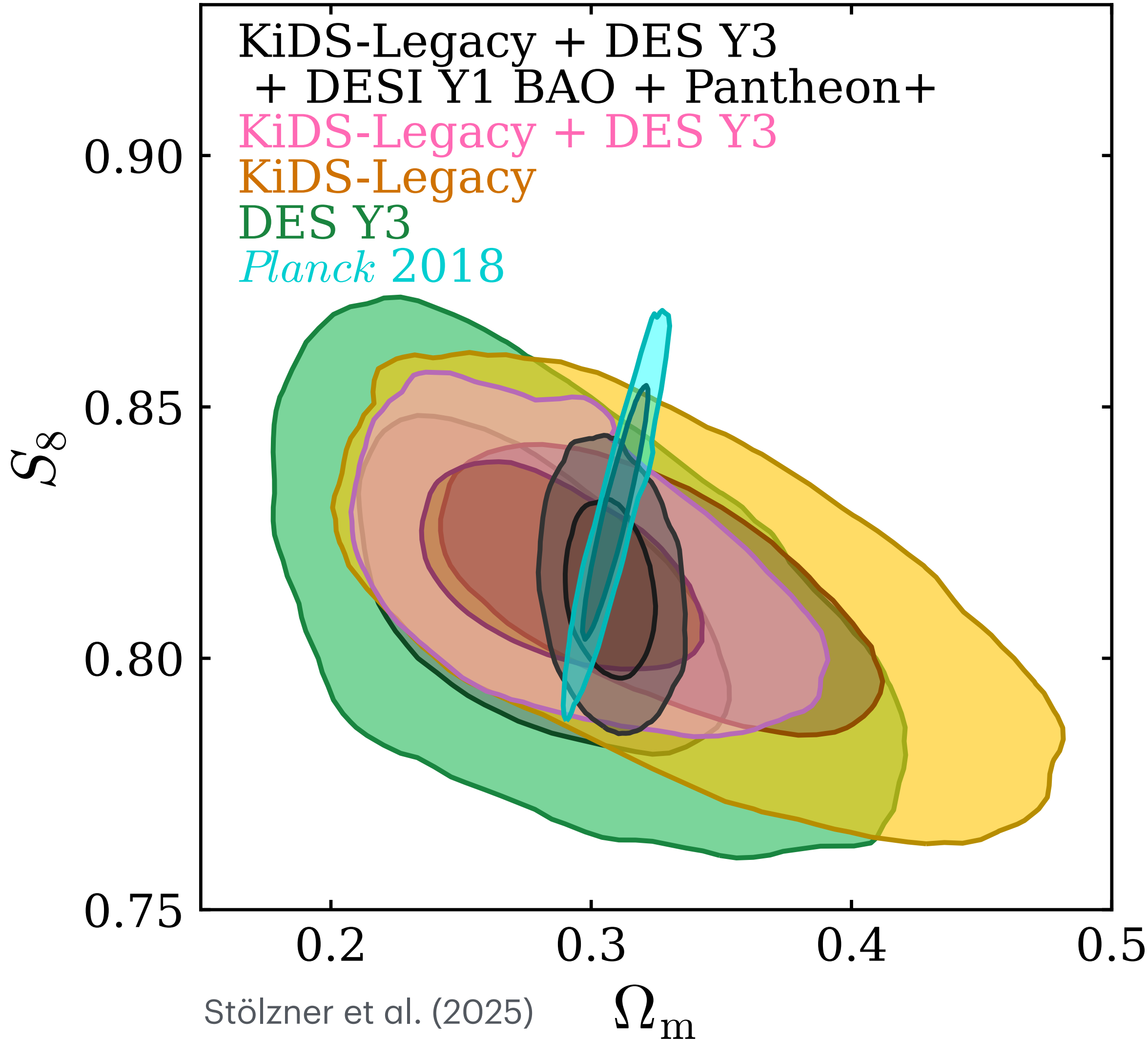
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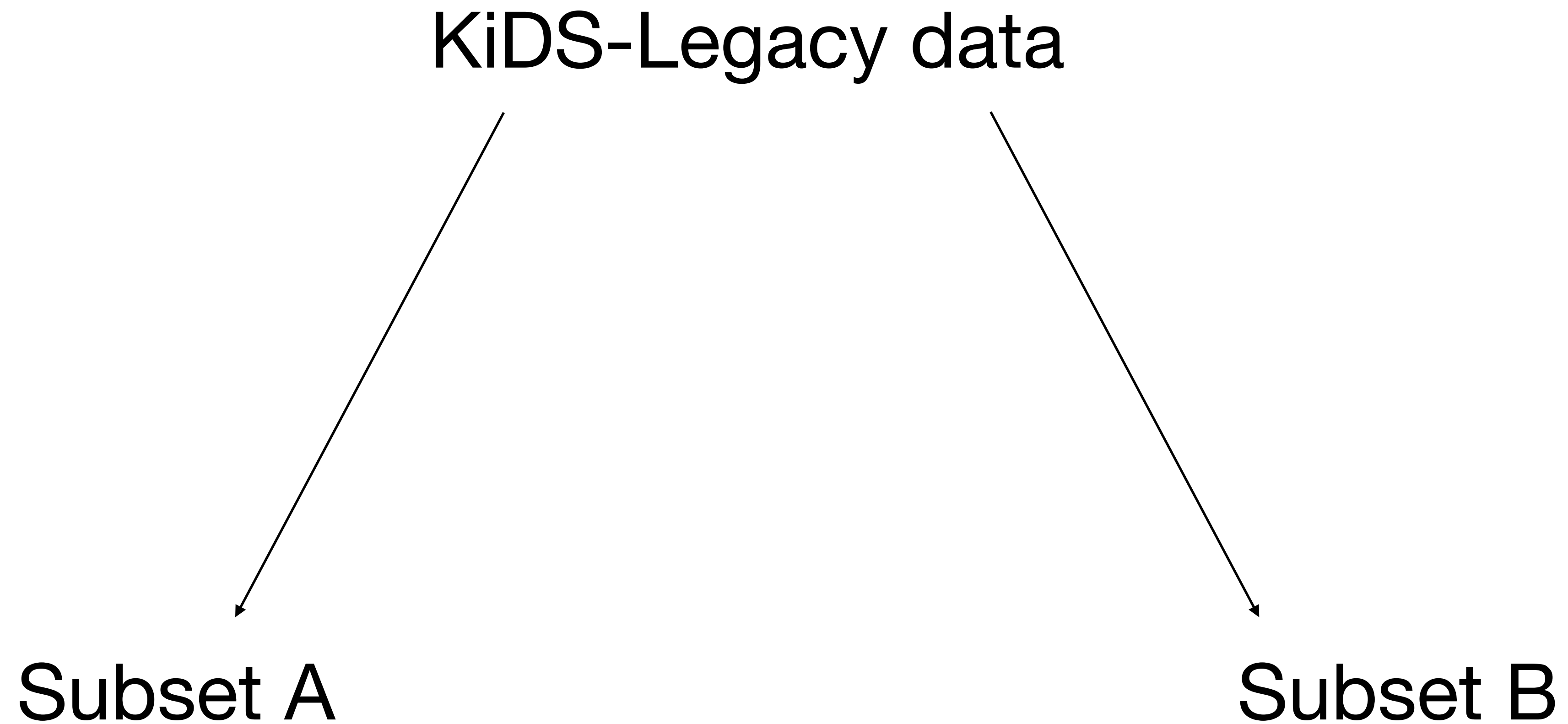
$$S_8 = 0.814^{+0.011}_{-0.012}$$
$$\Omega_m = 0.307^{+0.011}_{-0.011}$$

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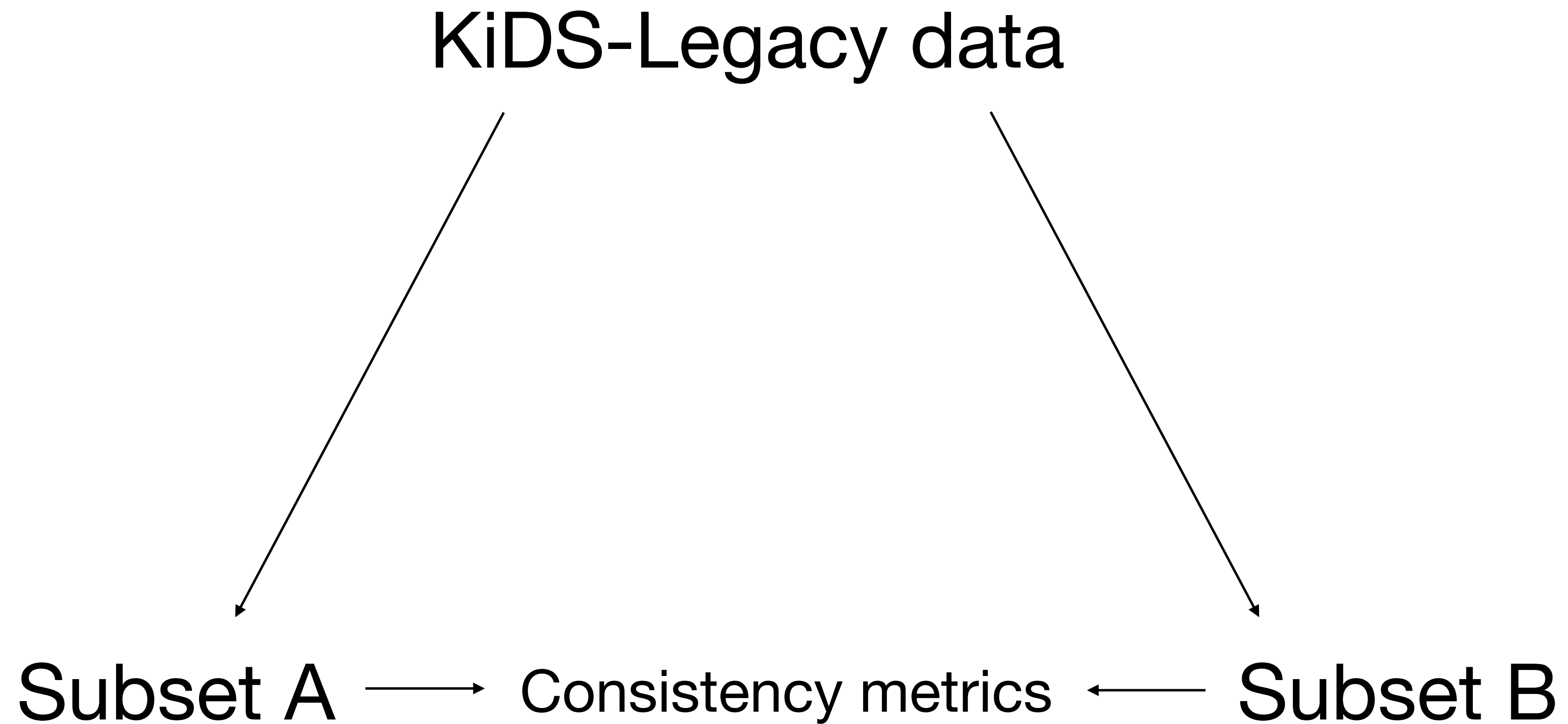
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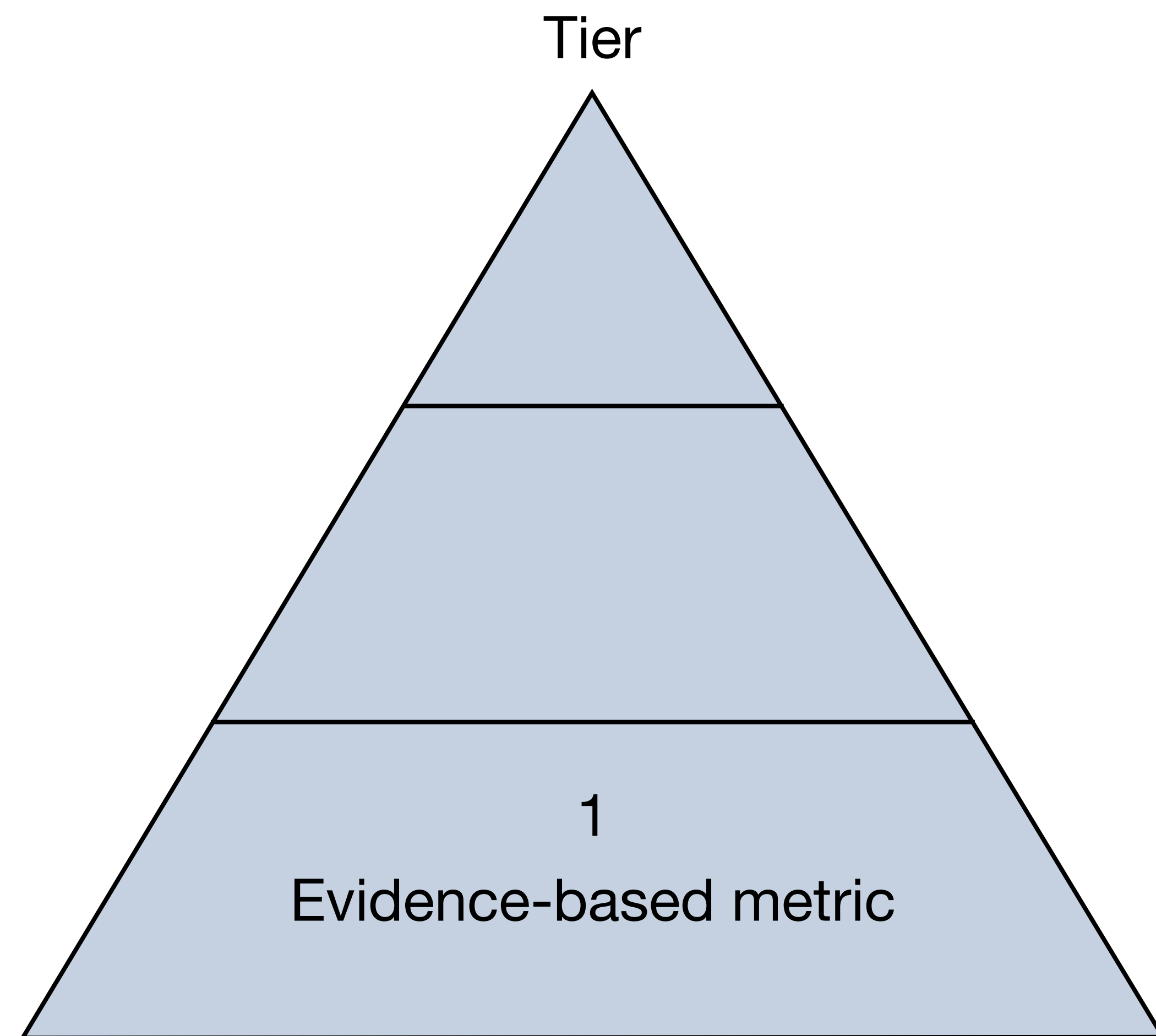


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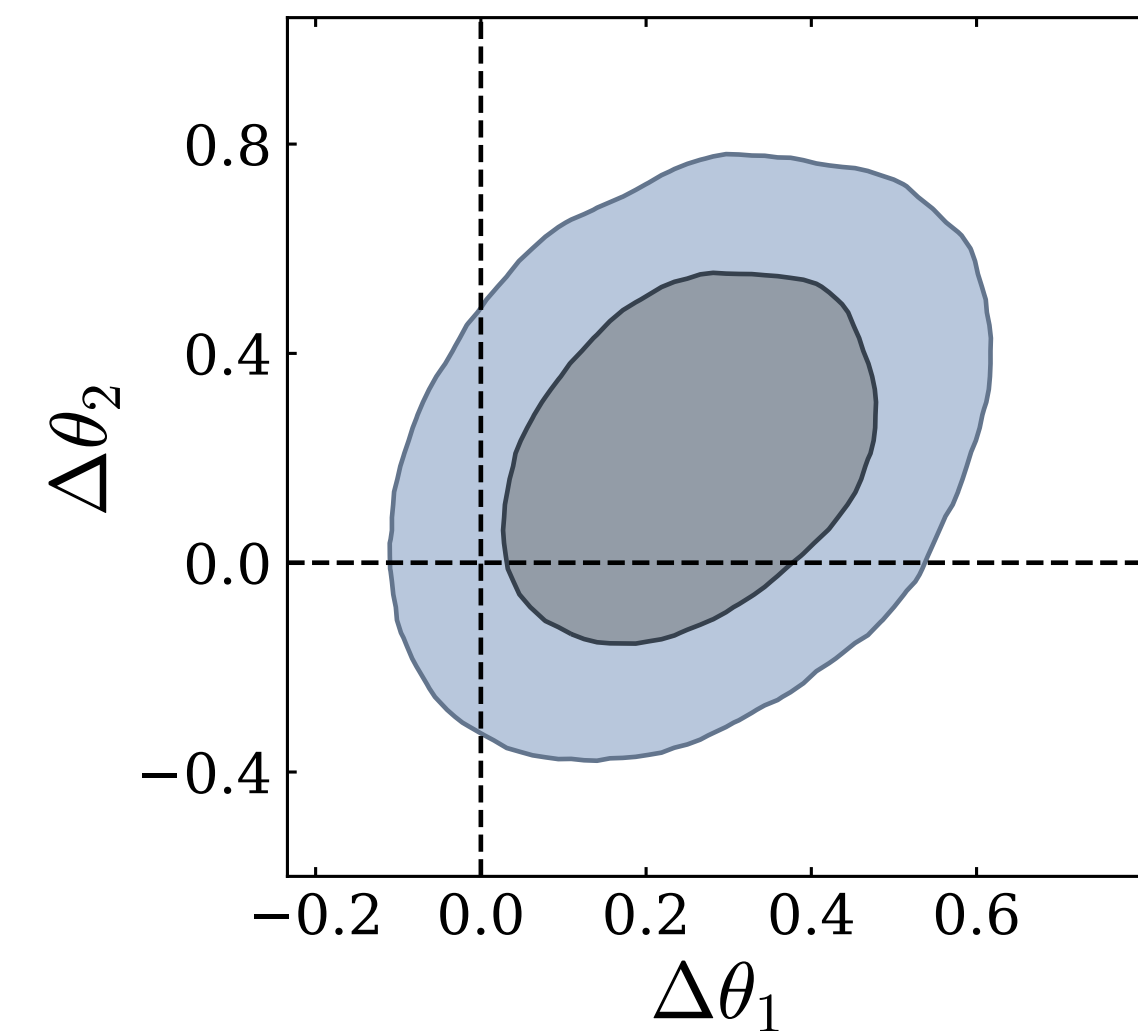
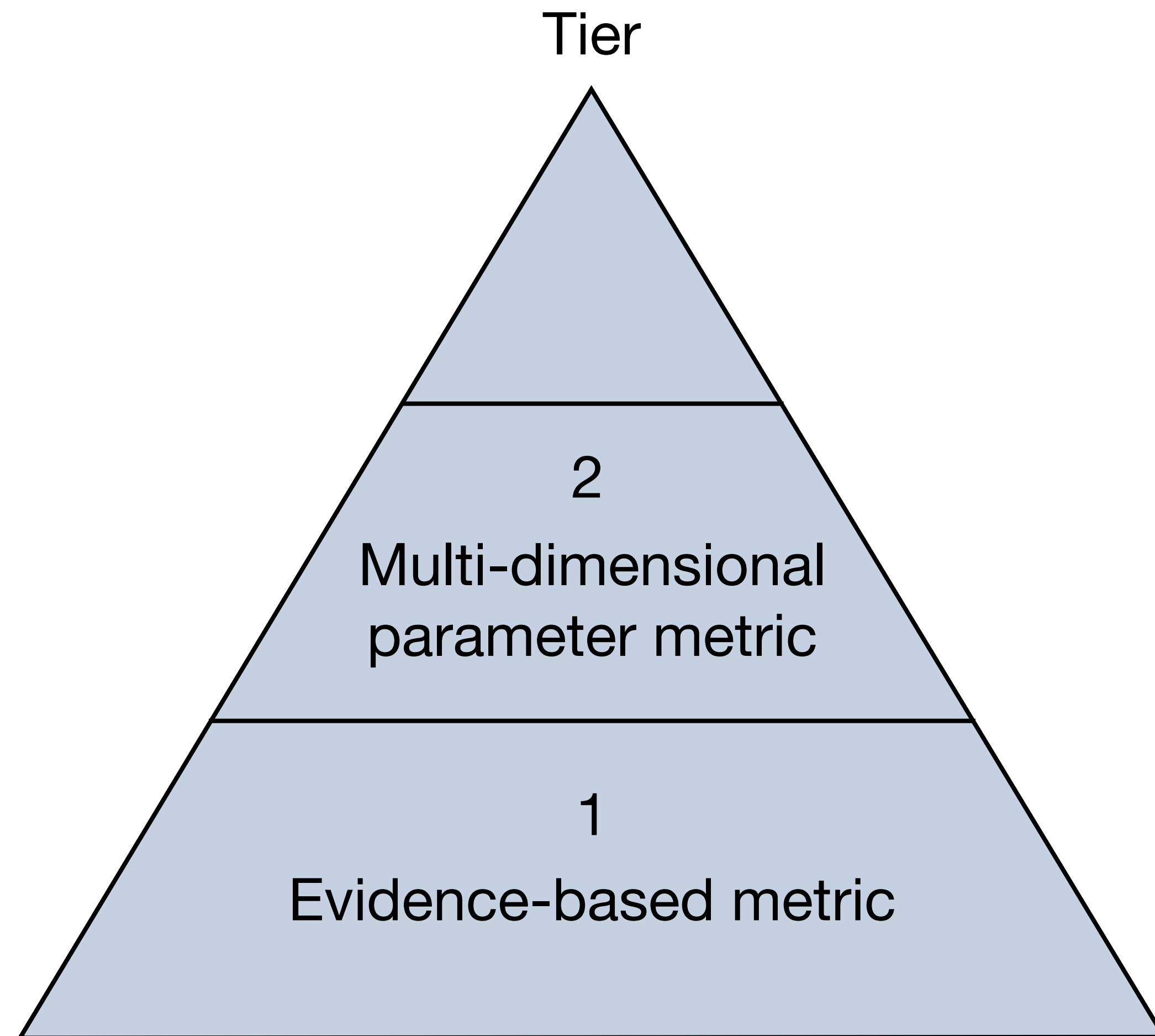


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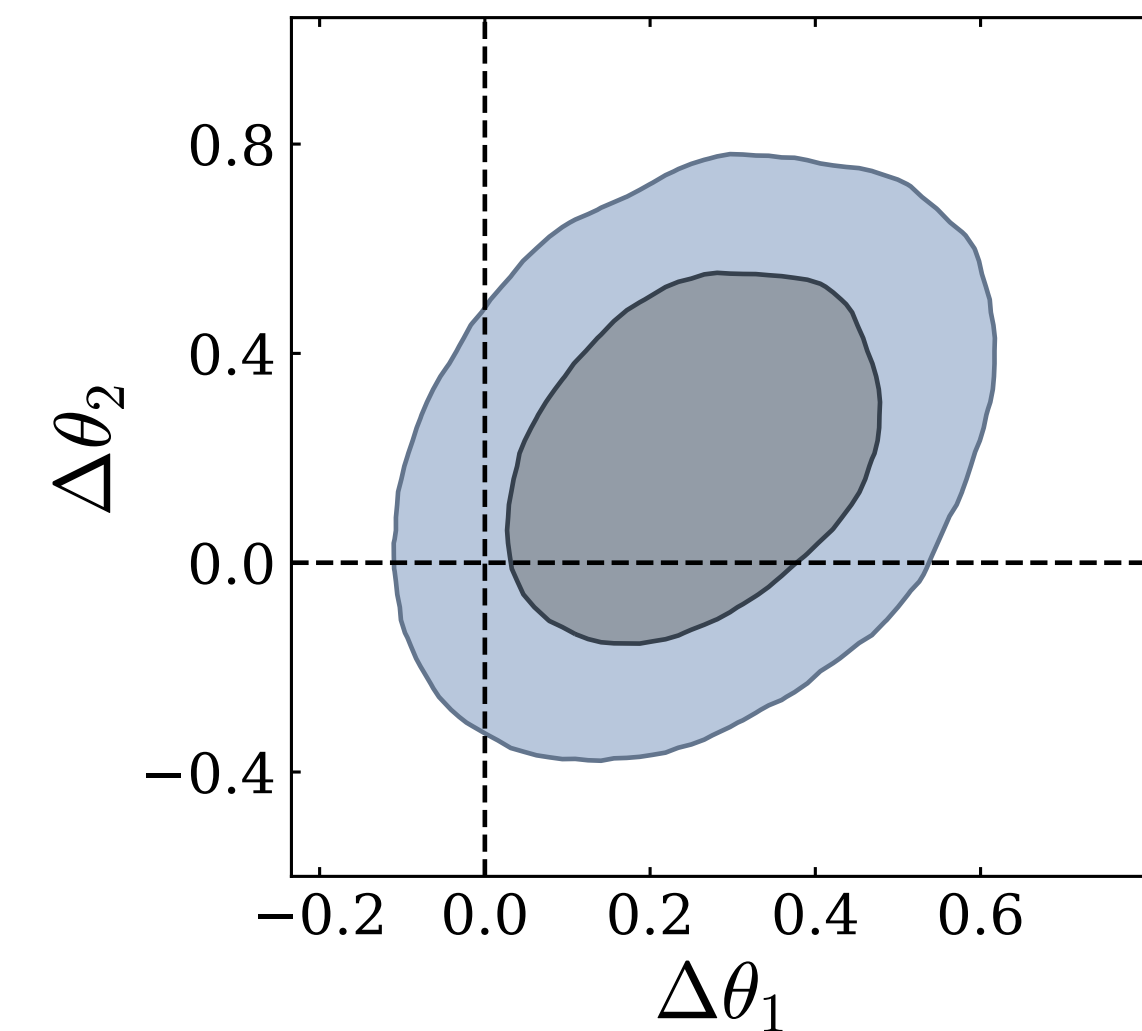
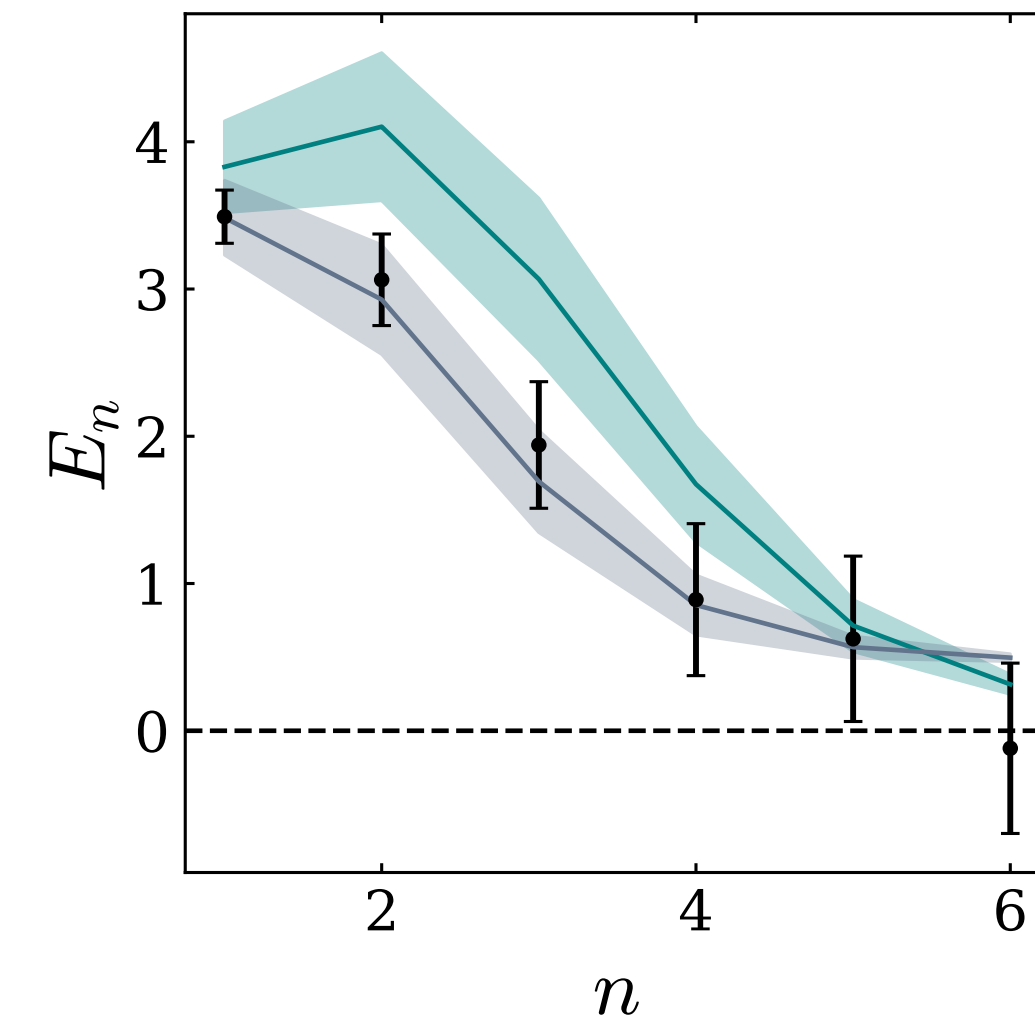
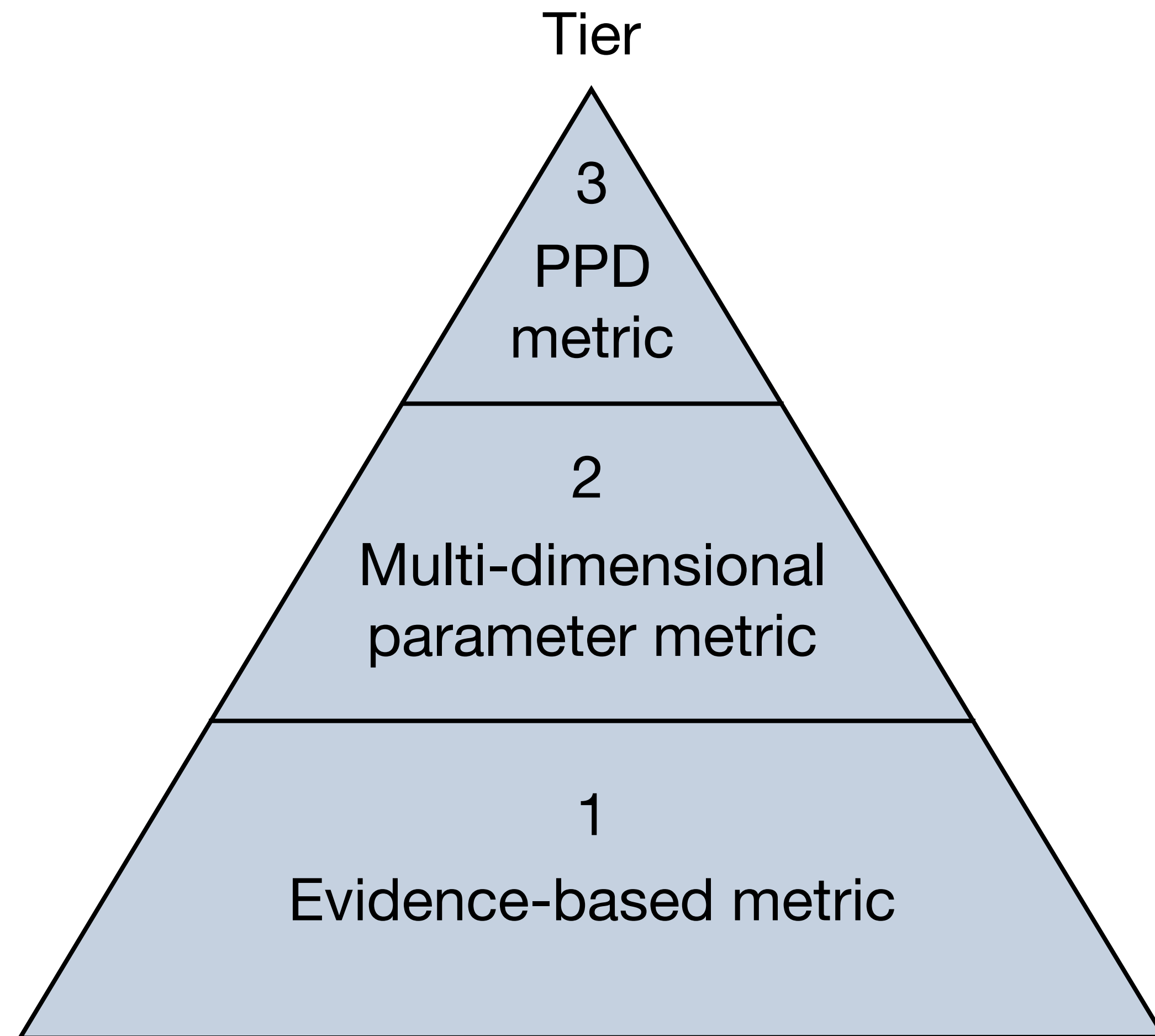


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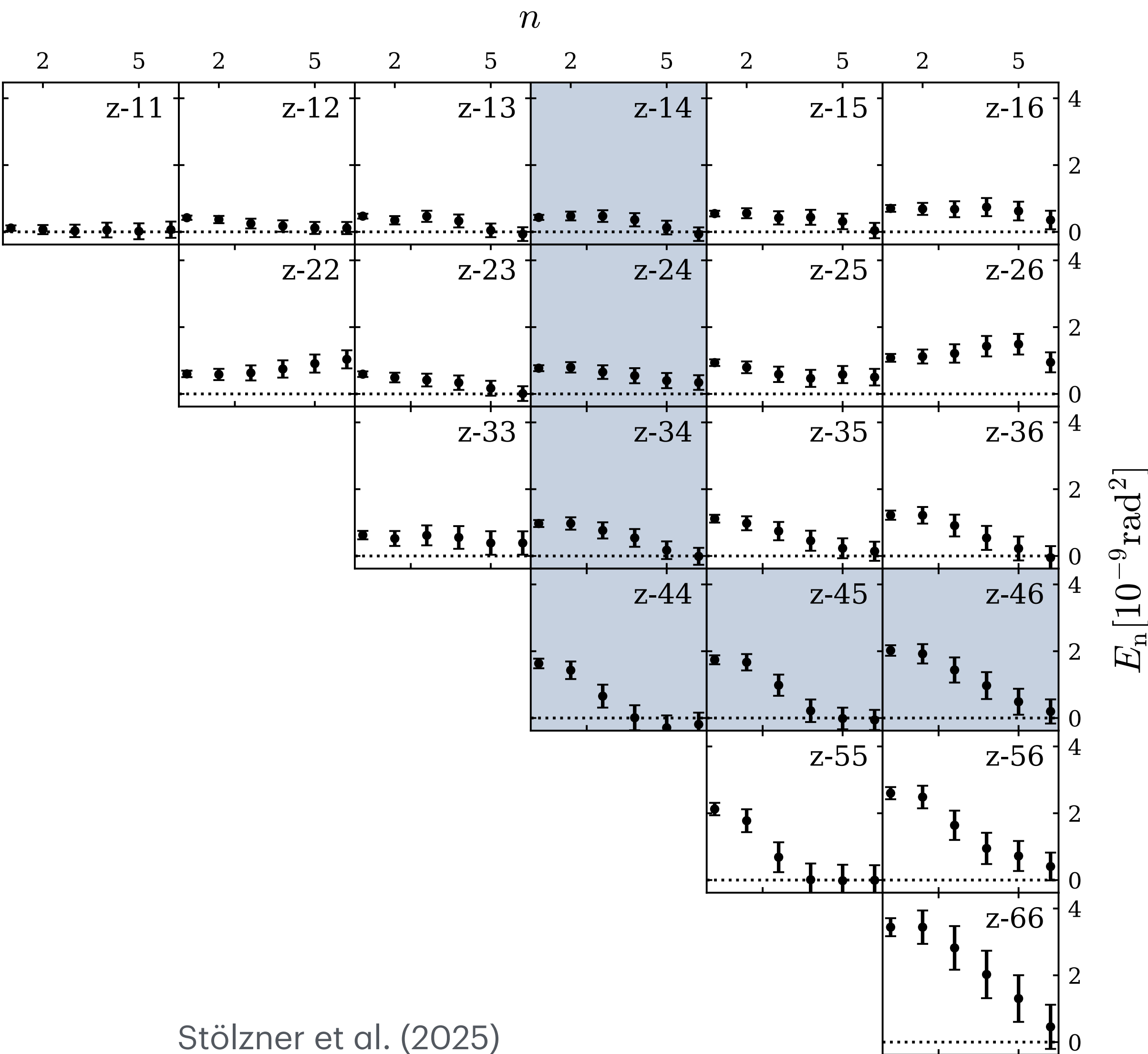
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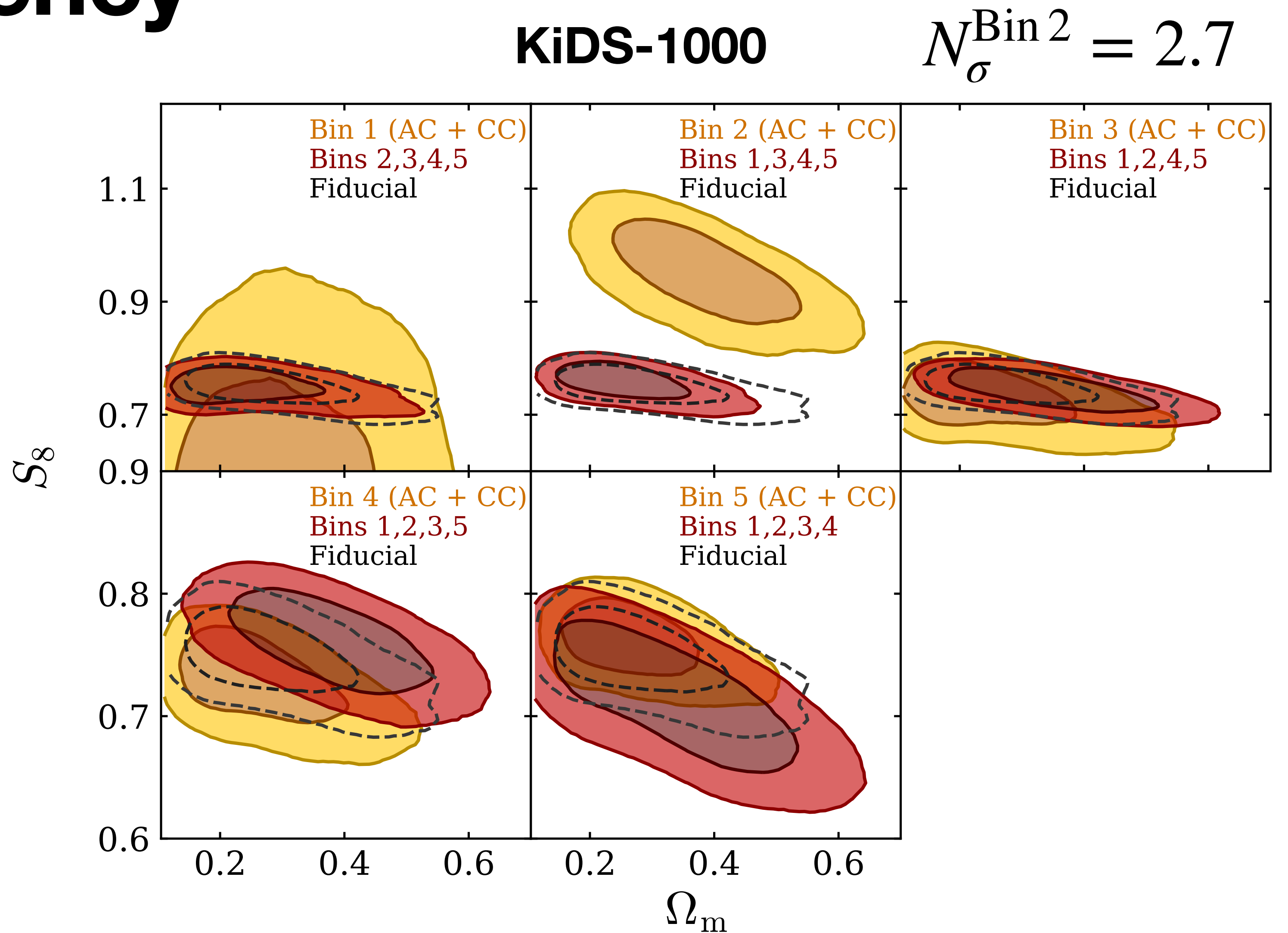
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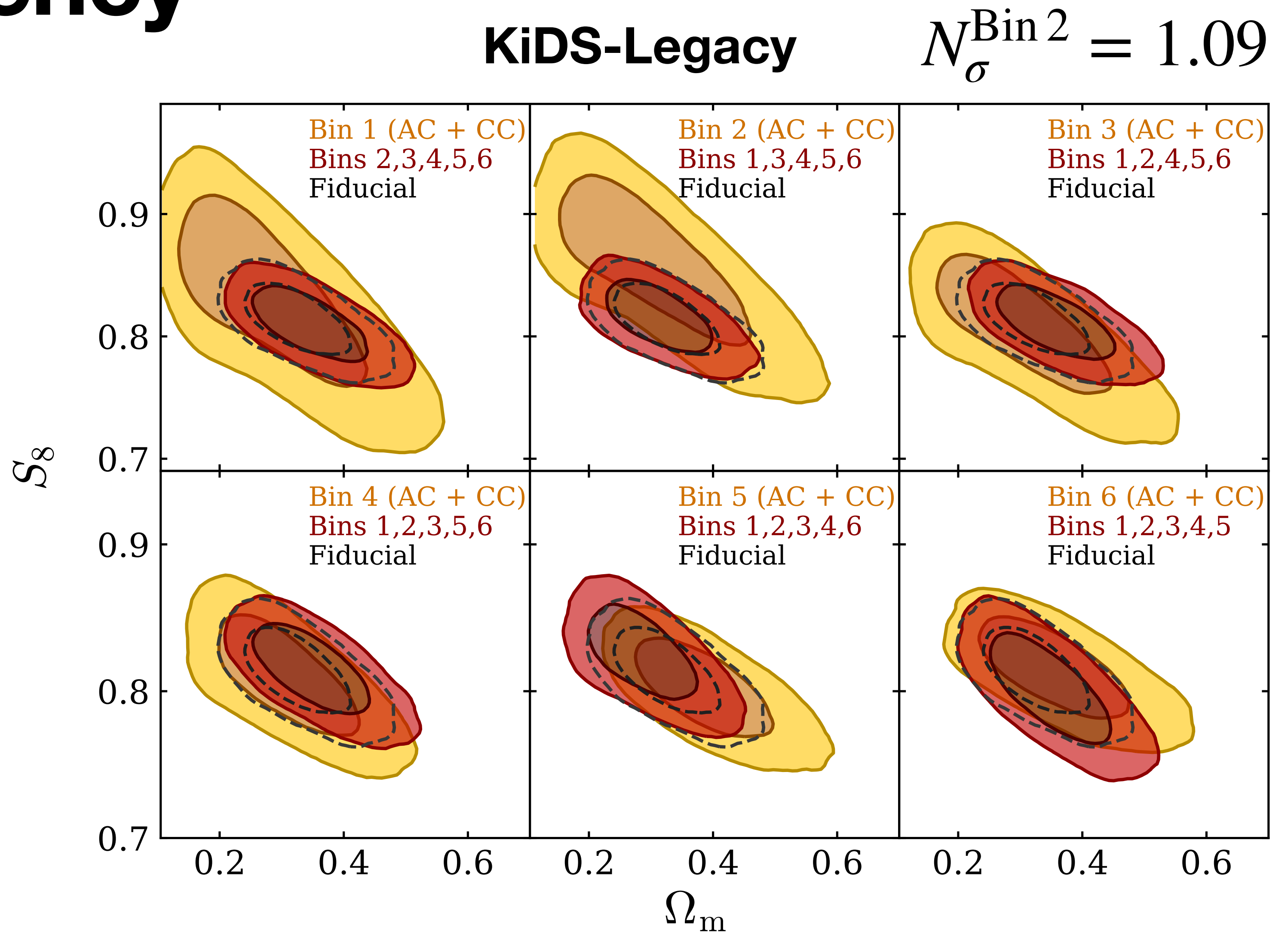


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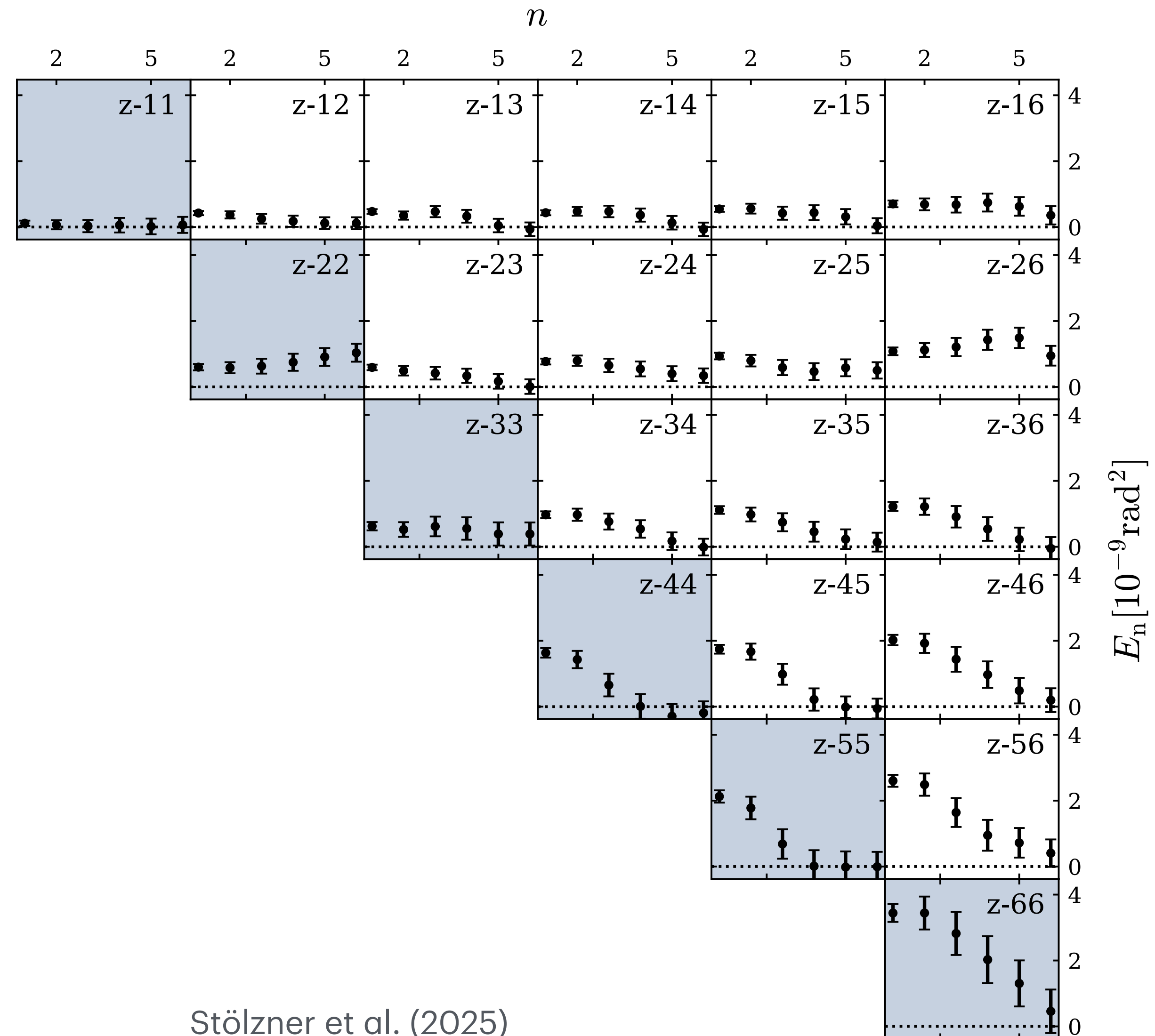


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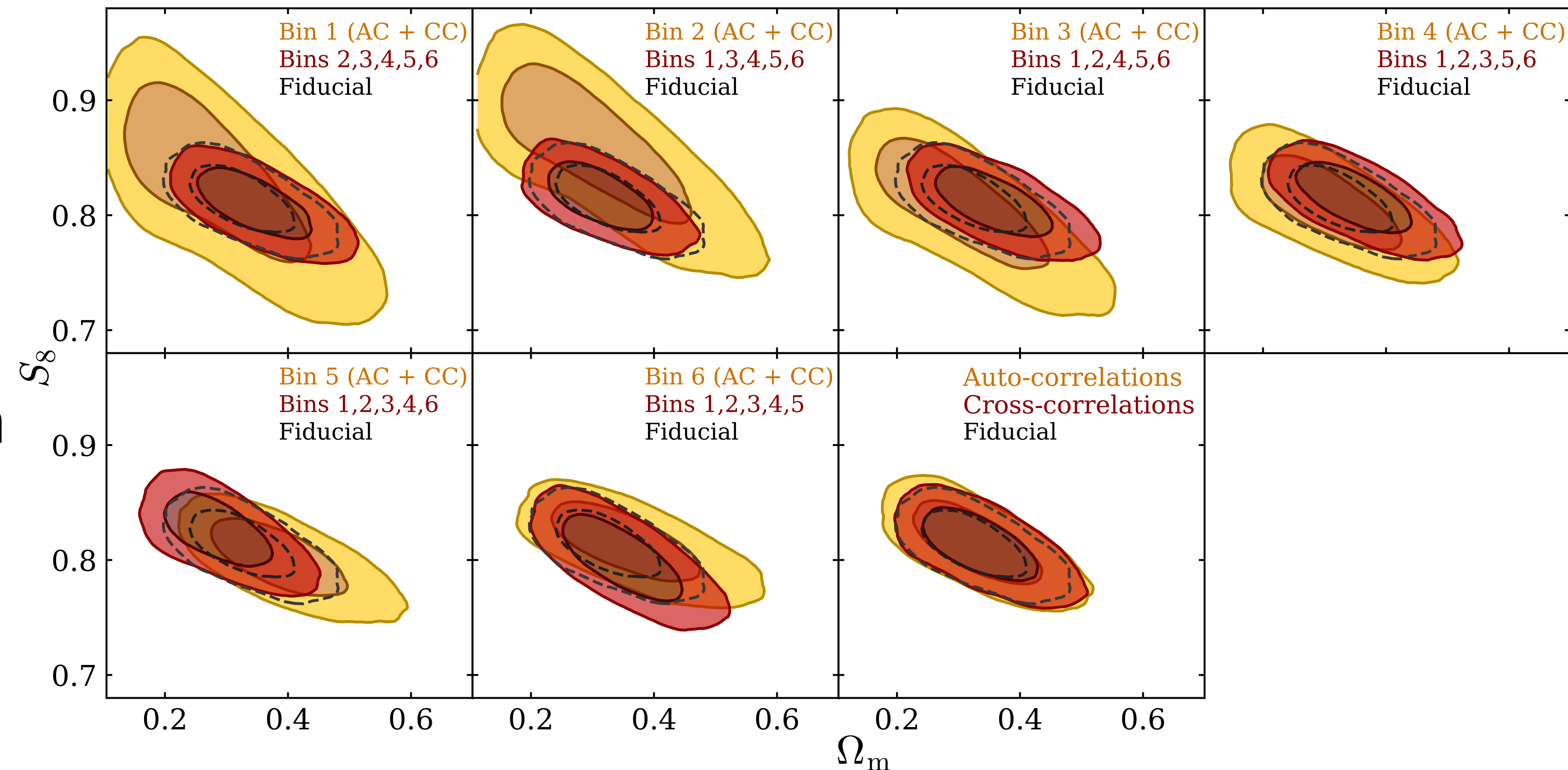
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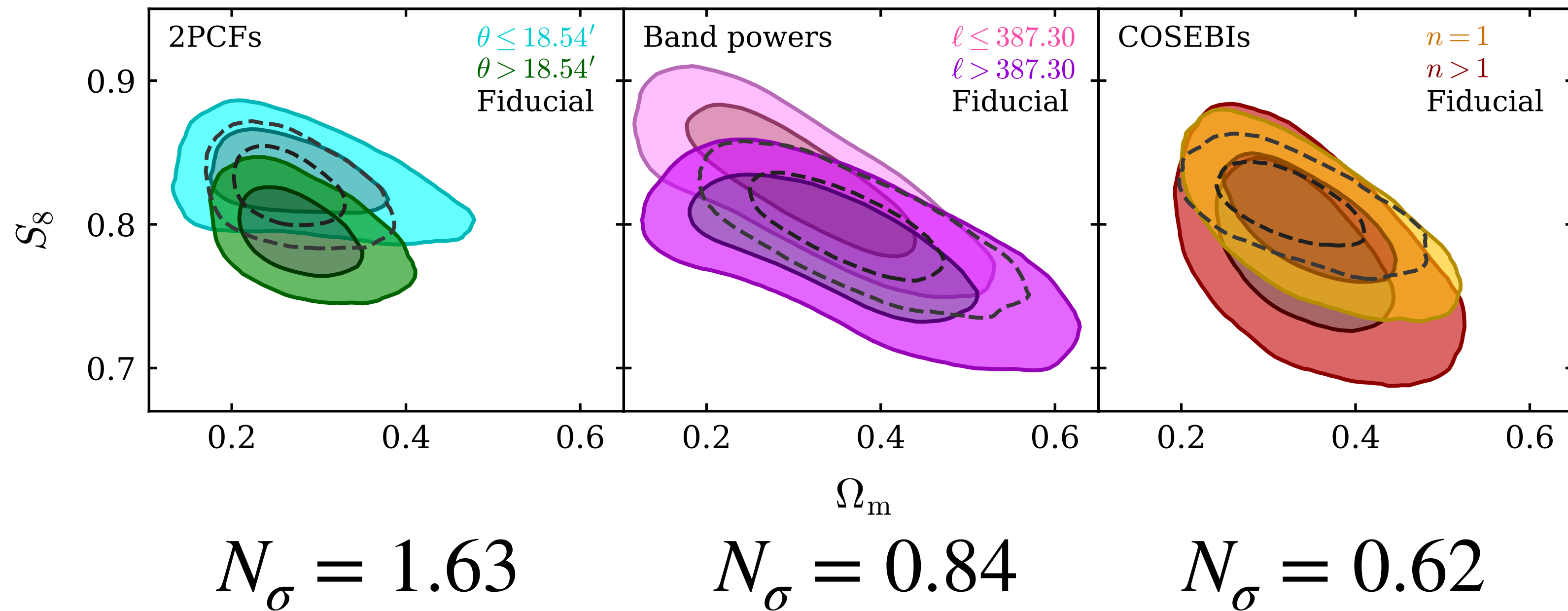


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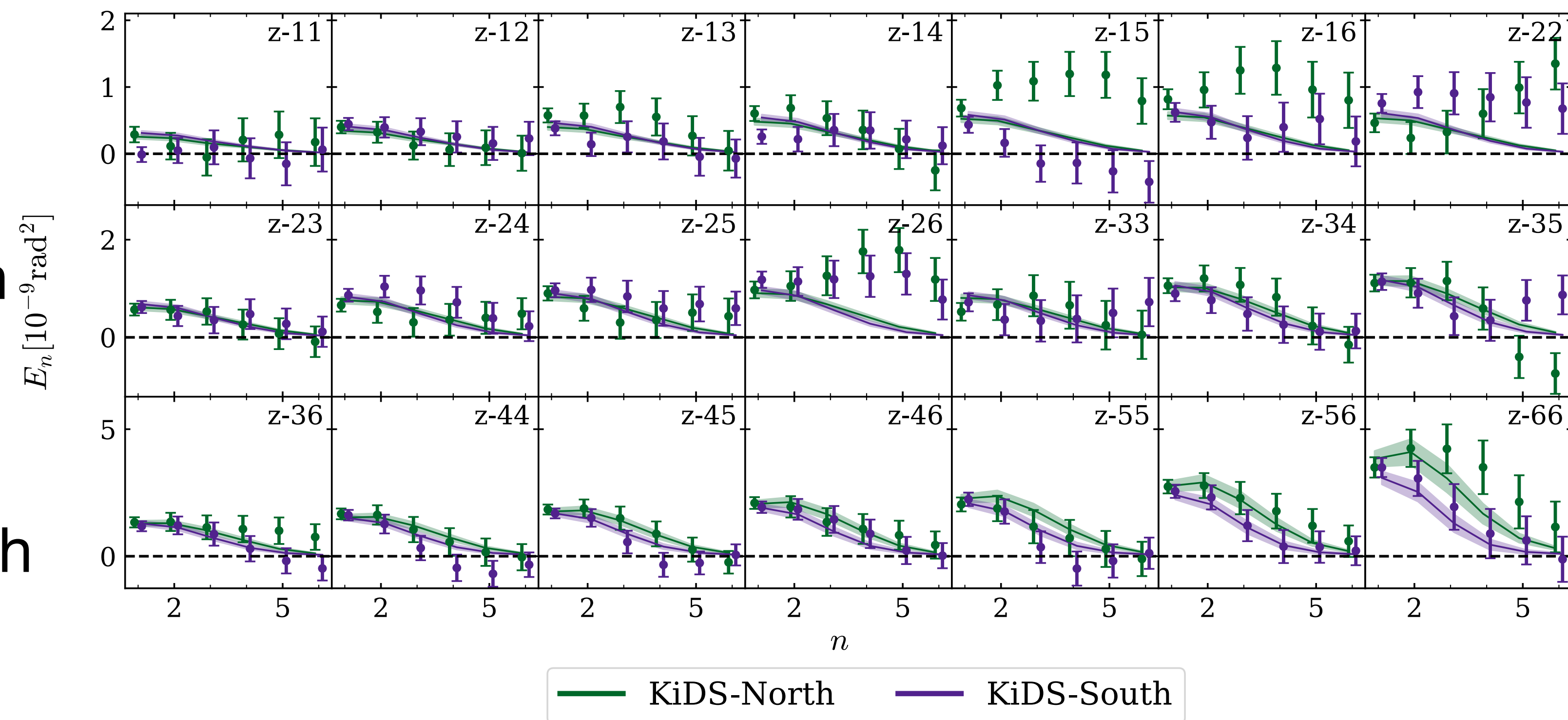
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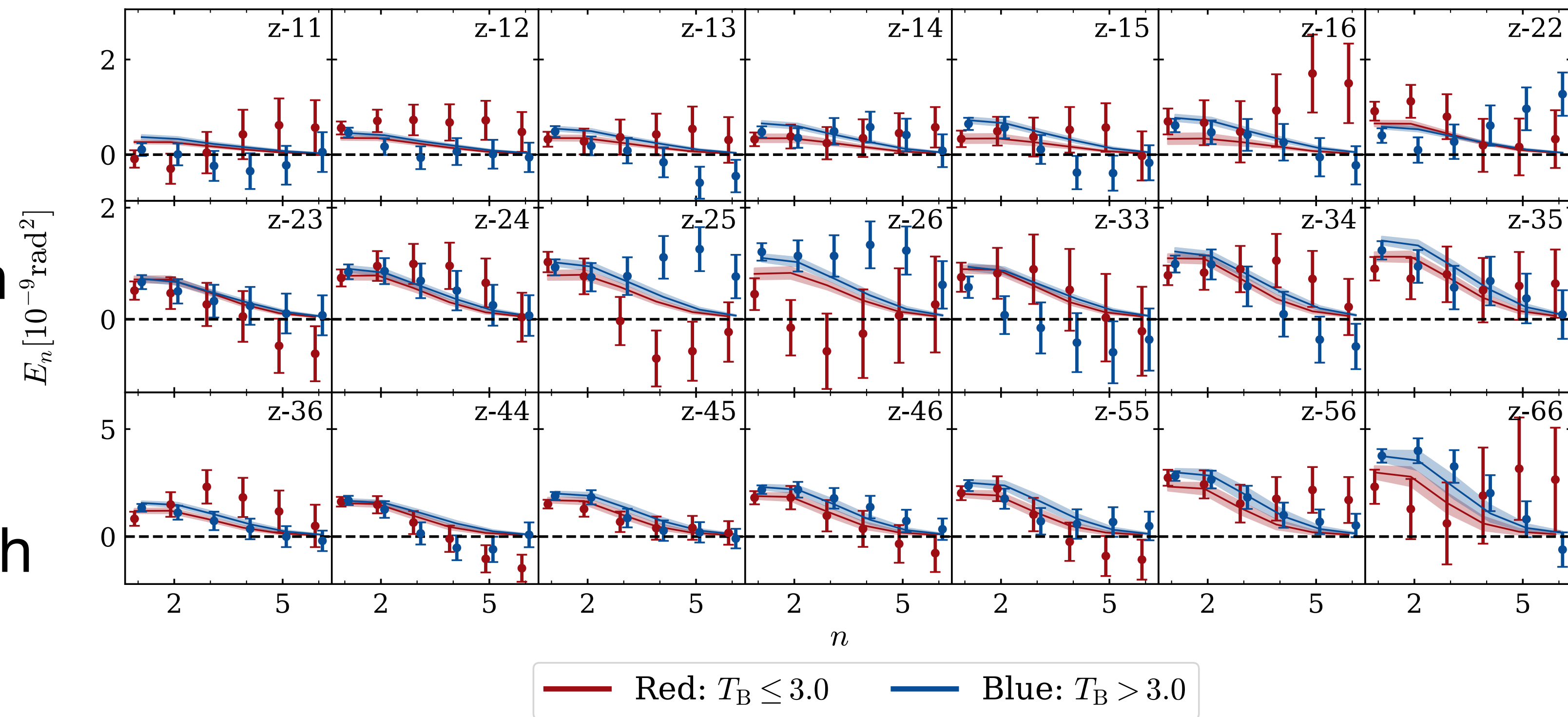
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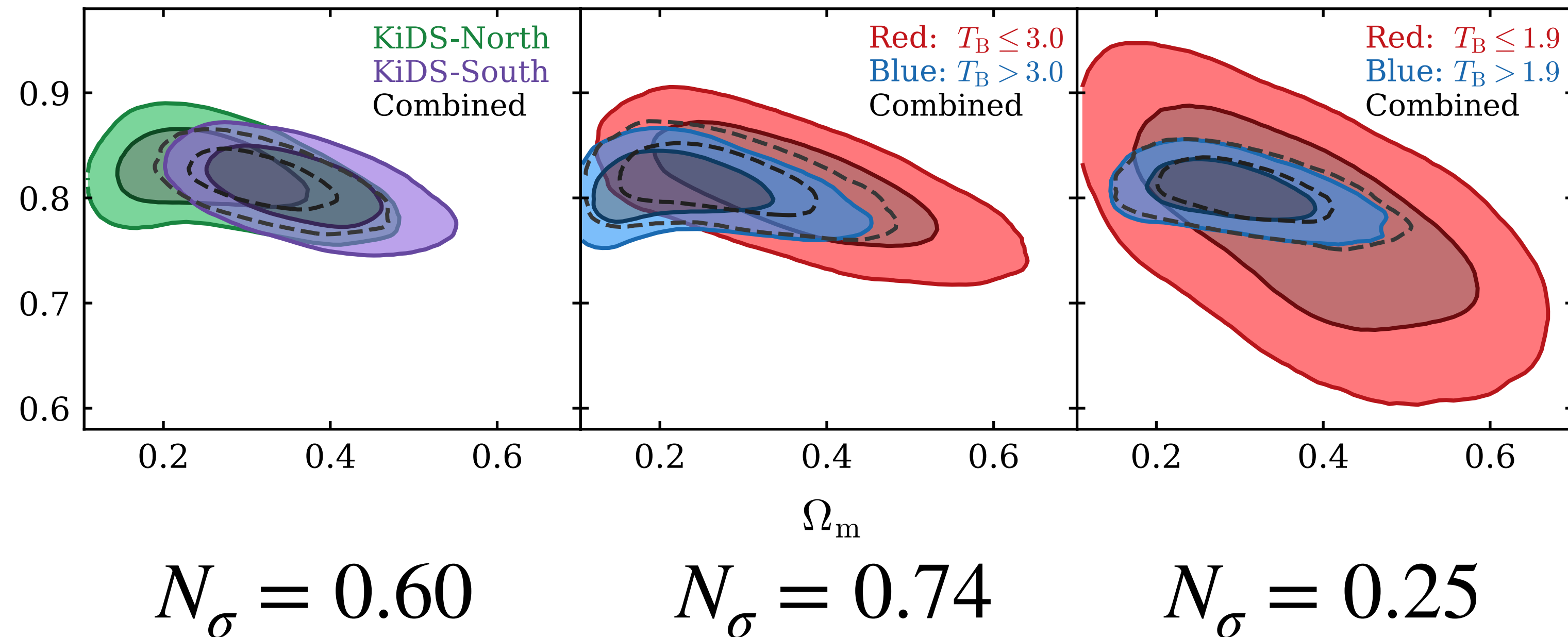
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- Redshift bins
- Auto- vs cross-correlation S_8
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KiDS-Legacy follow-up analyses

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- Constraints on extended cosmological models beyond Λ CDM
- Constraints on Horndeski gravity
- Cosmic shear with blue galaxies
- 3x2pt: cosmic shear + galaxy clustering + galaxy-galaxy lensing (GGL)
- 6x2pt: cosmic shear + spectroscopic and photometric clustering + spectroscopic and photometric GGL + spectroscopic-photometric cross-clustering
- Constraints from simulation-based inference
- And more!

Coming soon

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$$C_{GG}^{ij}(\ell) = \int_0^{\chi_H} d\chi \frac{W_G^i(\chi) W_G^j(\chi)}{f_K^2(\chi)} \Sigma^2\left(\frac{\ell + 1/2}{f_K(\chi)}, z(\chi)\right) P_{m,nl}^{MG}\left(\frac{\ell + 1/2}{f_K(\chi)}, z(\chi)\right)$$

Conclusions

- No S_8 tension
- Fully consistent with CMB constraints from Planck
- Combination of effects moved KiDS from $\sim 3\sigma$ to $\sim 0.7\sigma$
- KiDS-Legacy is the most internally and externally consistent KiDS cosmic shear analysis

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