

ACT-DR6 Power Spectrum Foreground Model

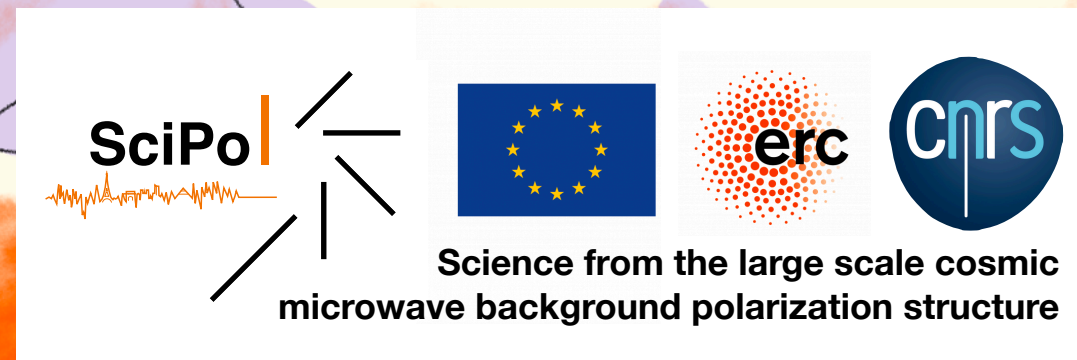
... and validation on non-Gaussian simulations

Based on Béringue, Surao et al. (JCAP, 2025)

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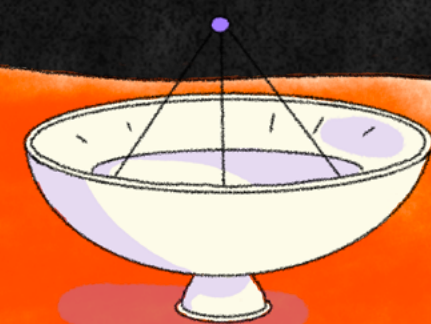


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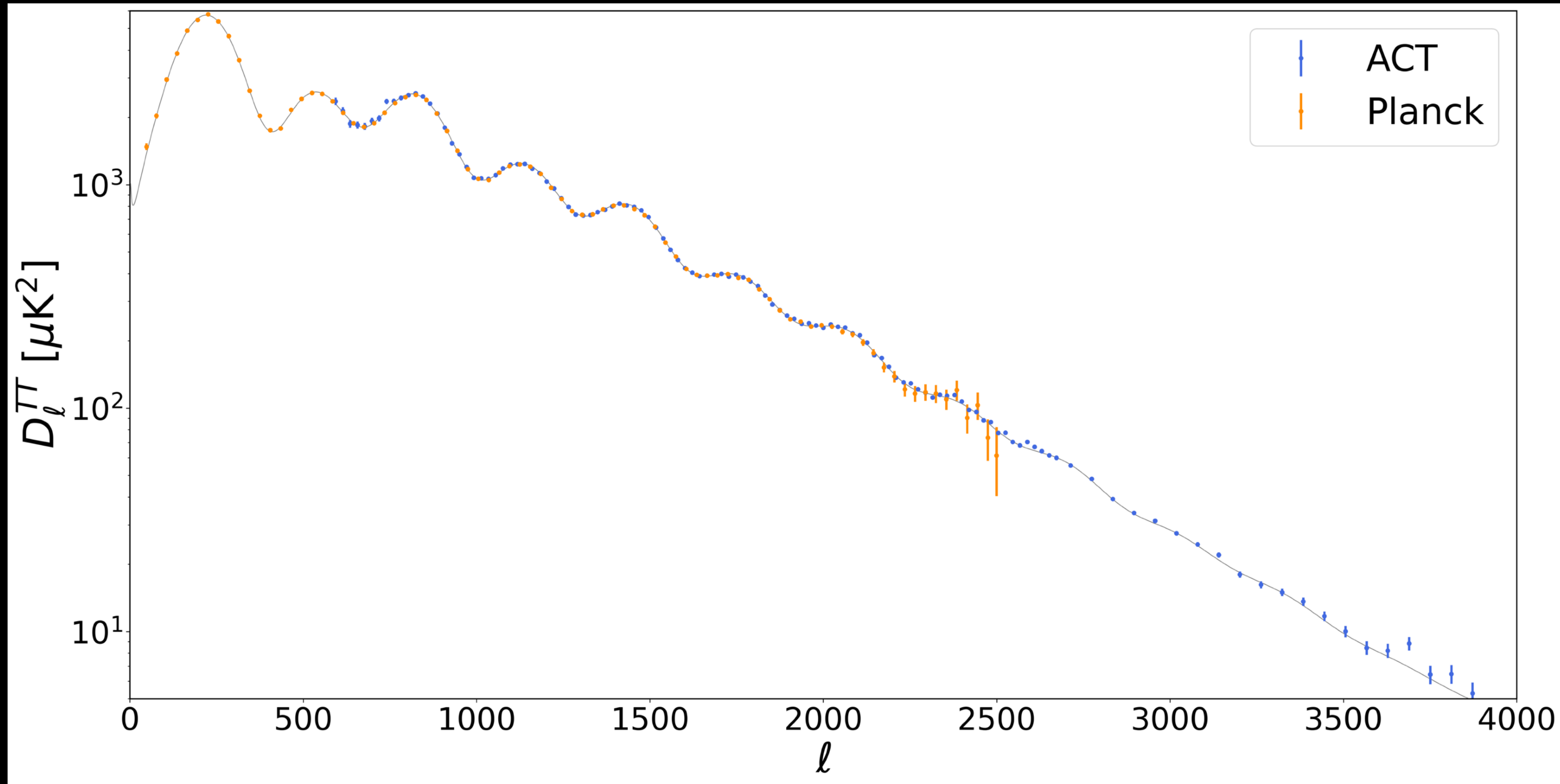
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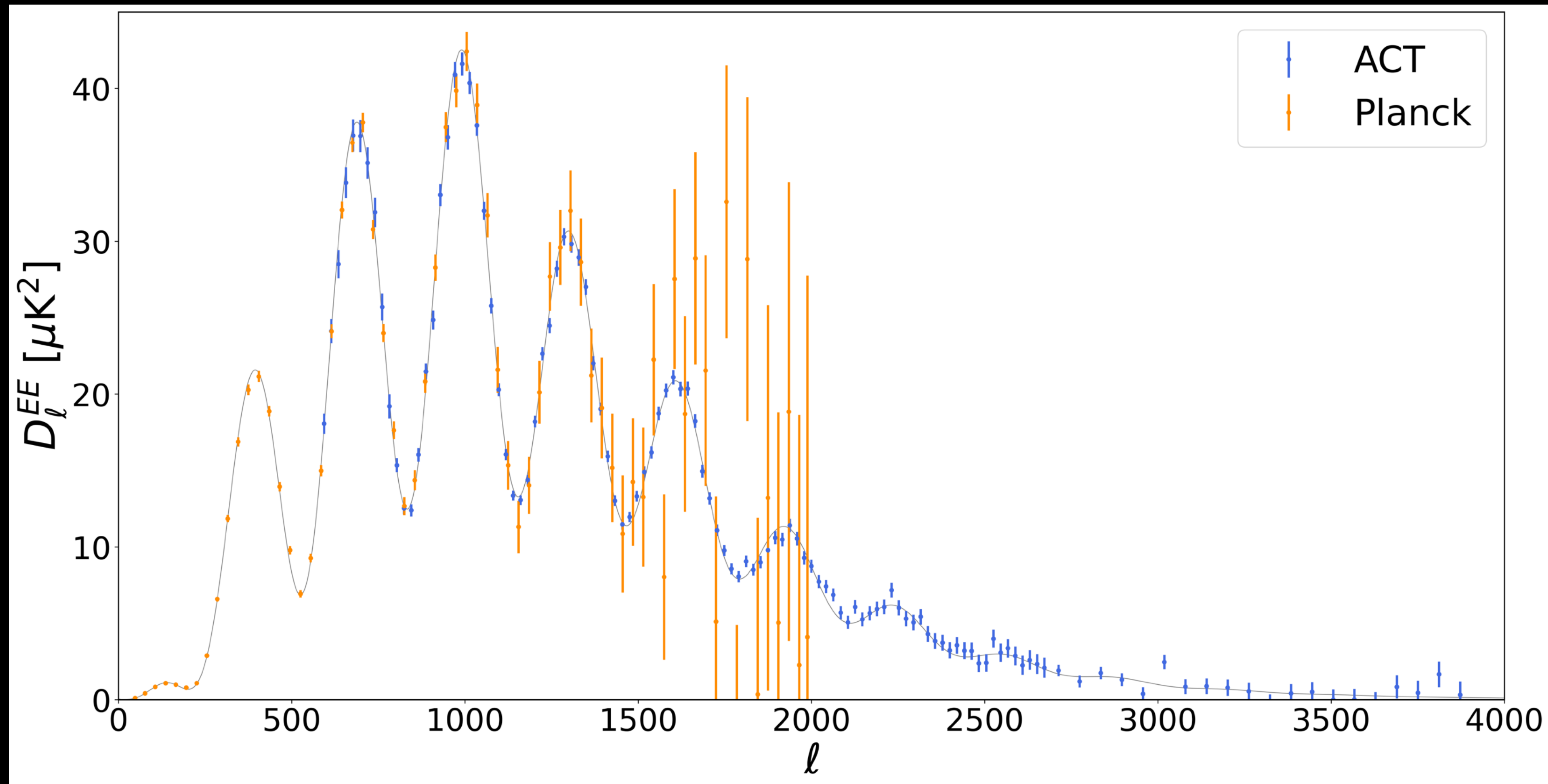


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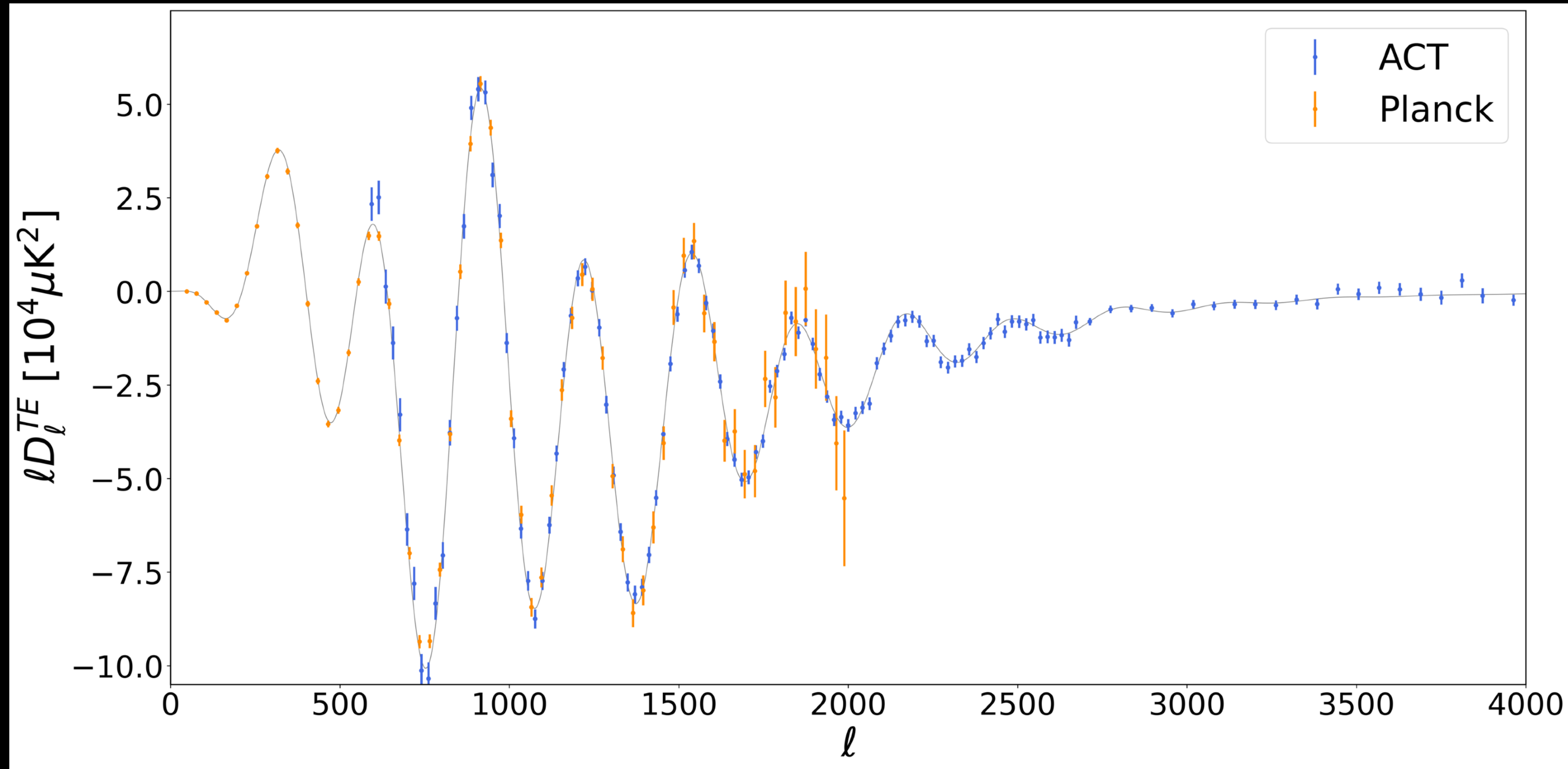


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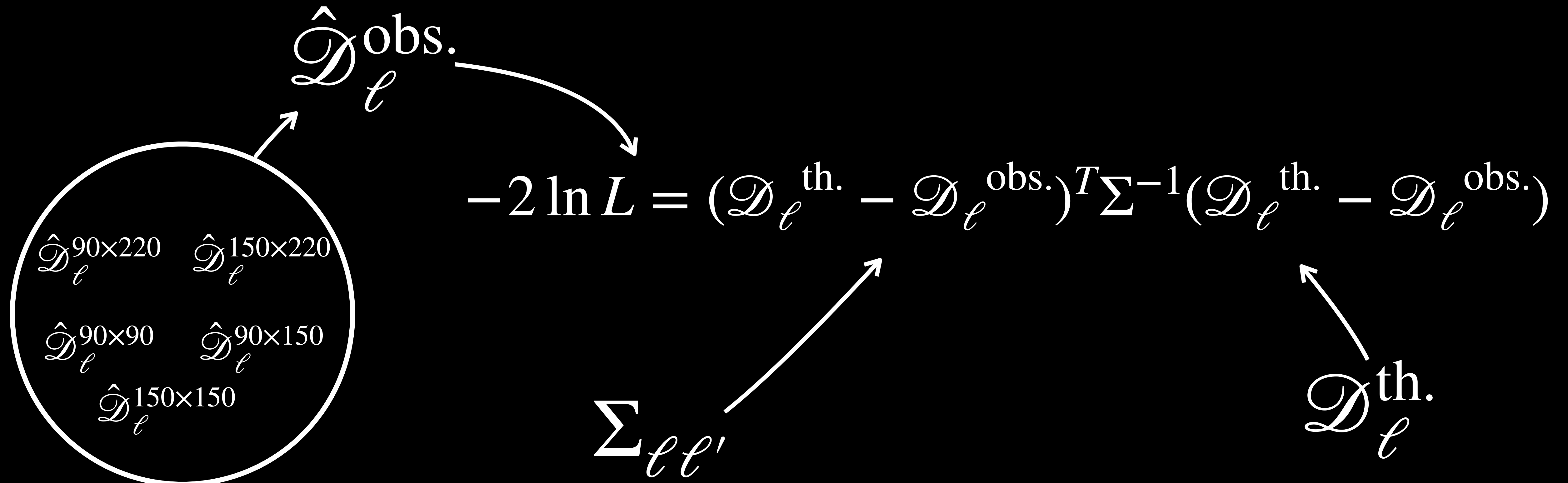
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Atkins et al. [2025]

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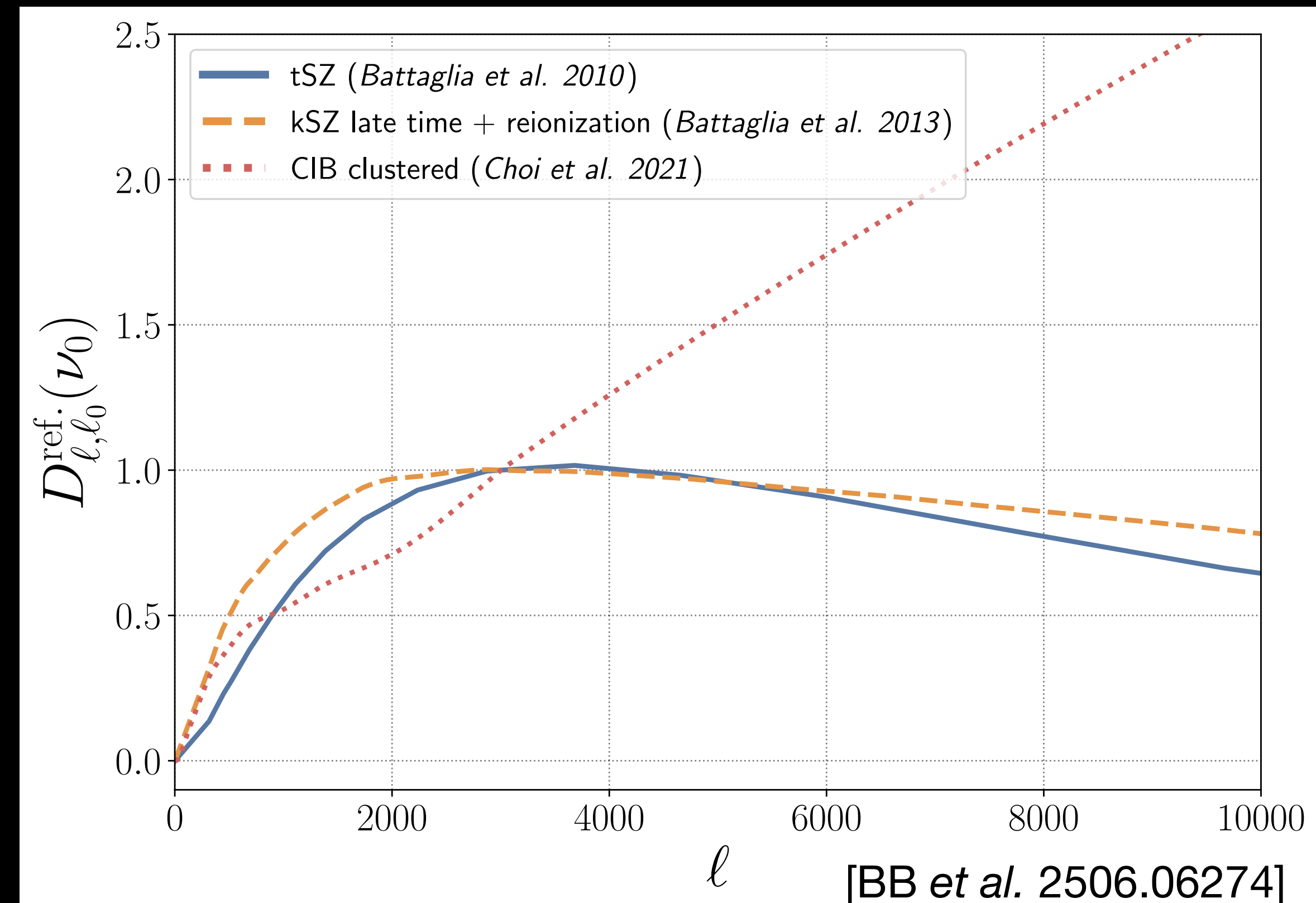
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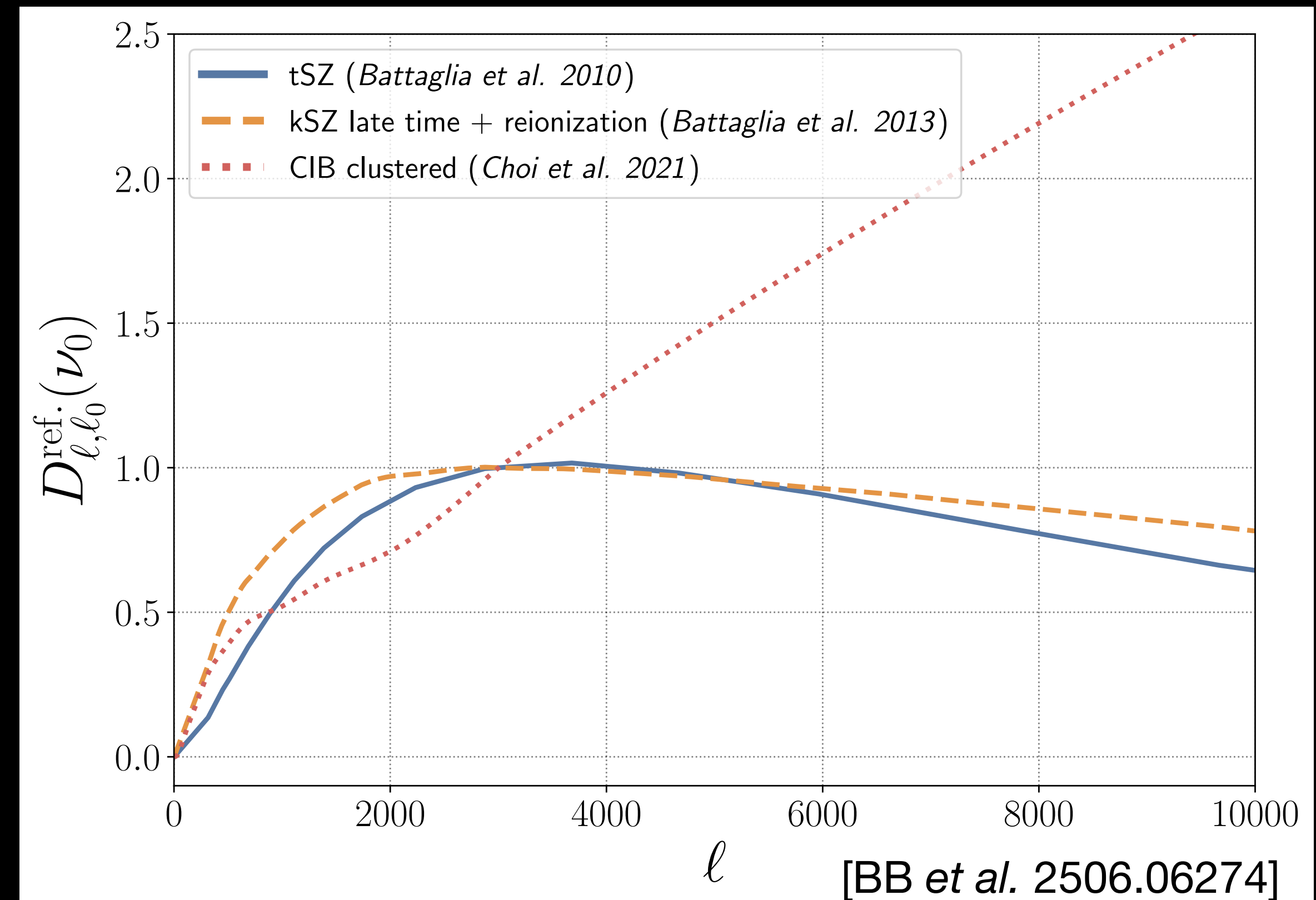
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Kinetic Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect

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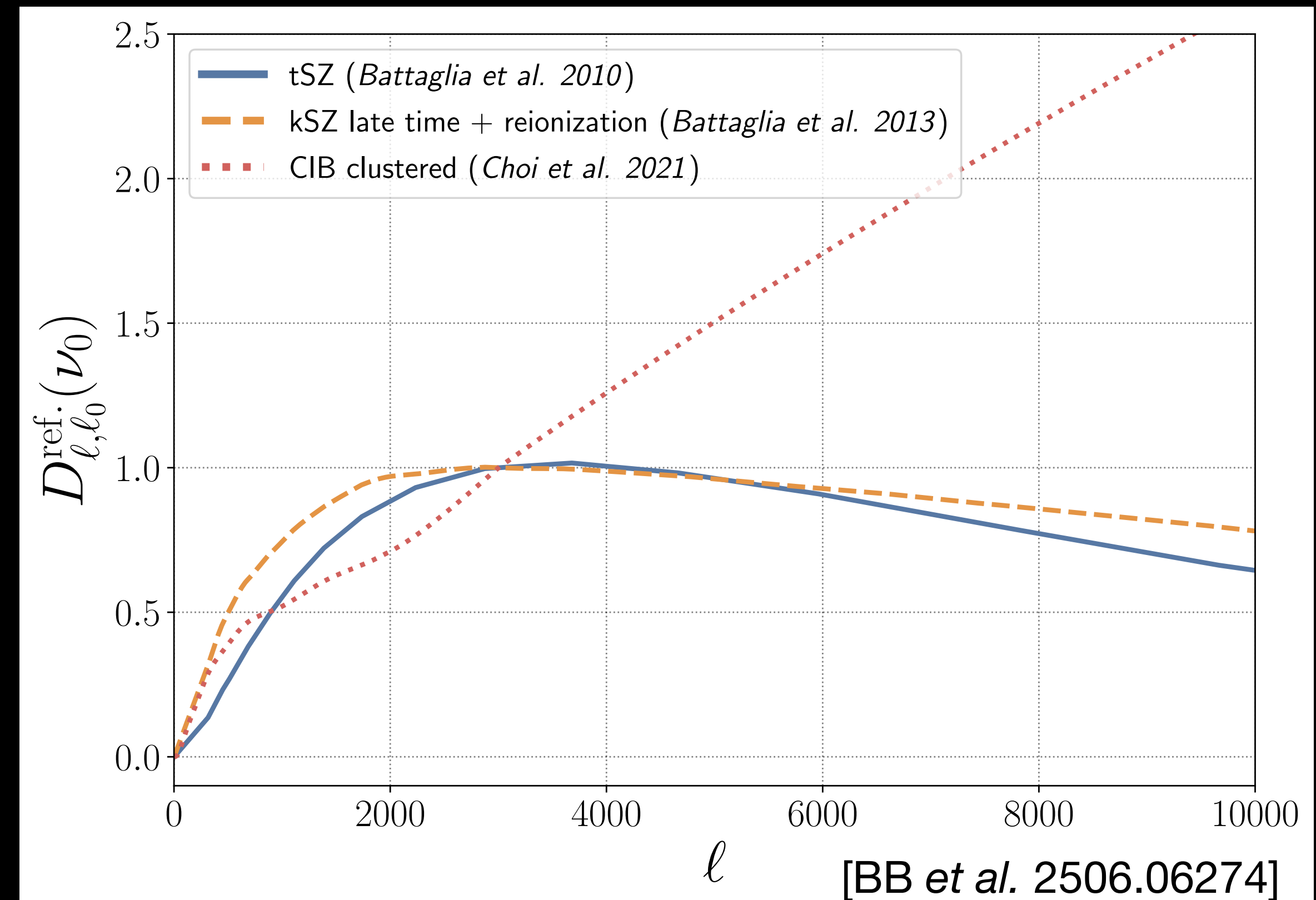
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Clustered Cosmic Infrared Background

- Redshifted thermal dust emission from distant galaxies.

$$\mathcal{D}_{\ell,\text{CIB-c}}^{T_i T_j} = a_c \mathcal{D}_{\ell,\ell_0}^{\text{CIB-c}} \frac{\mu(\nu_i; \beta_c, T_d) \mu(\nu_j; \beta_c, T_d)}{\mu^2(\nu_0; \beta_c, T_d)}$$



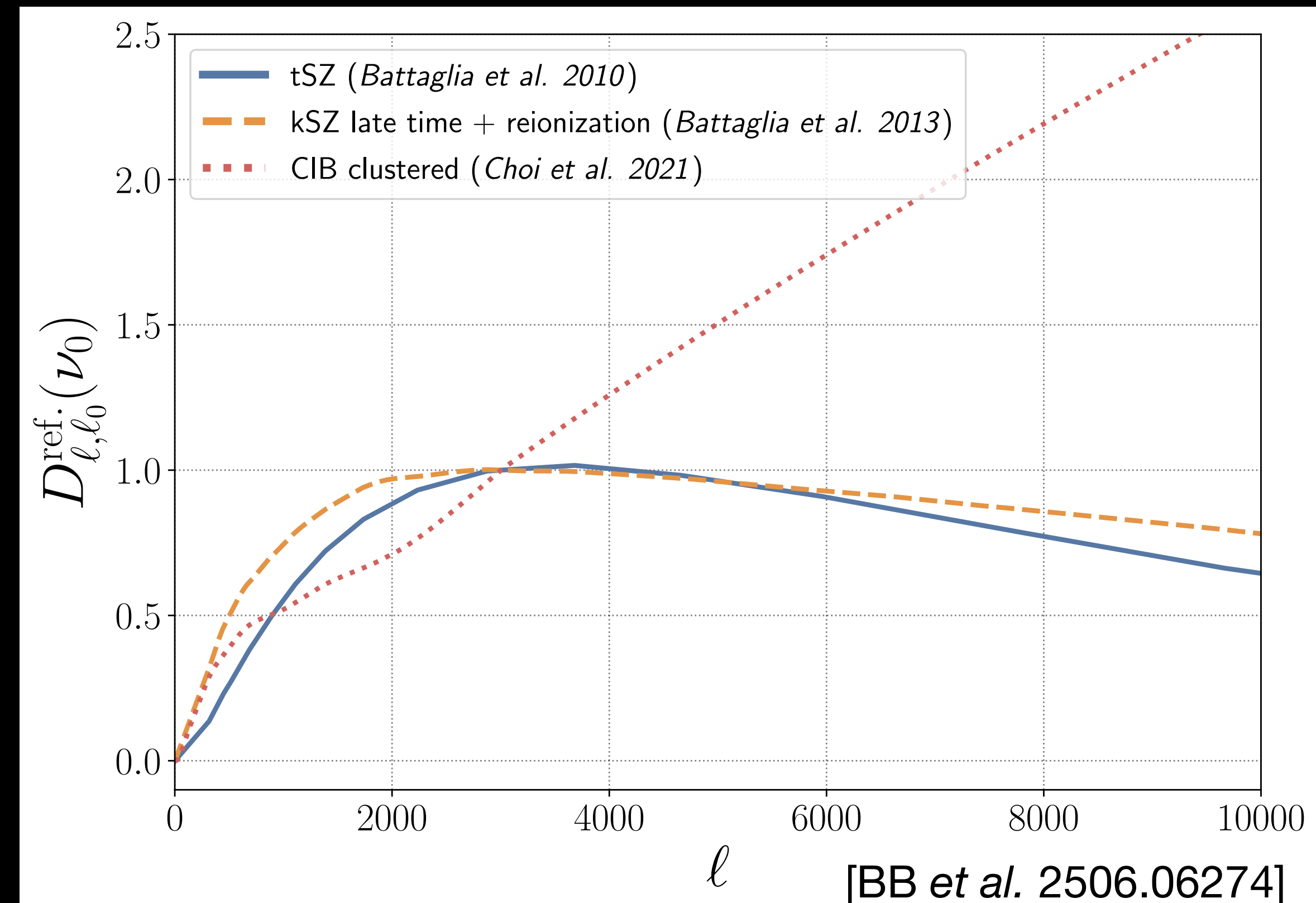
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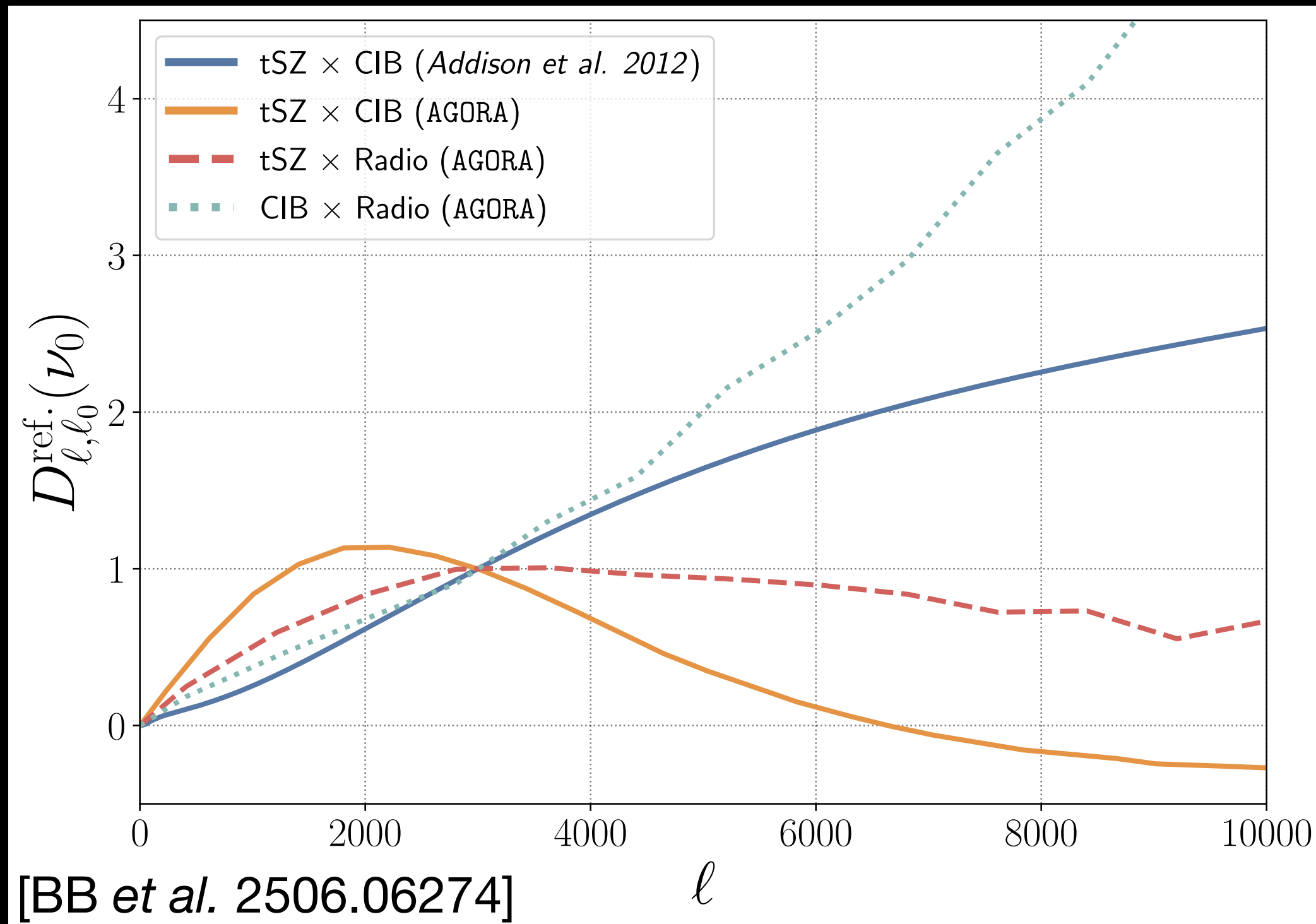
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CIBxtSZ correlation

- tSZ and clustered CIB are sourced by the same clusters

$$\mathcal{D}_{\ell, \text{tSZ} \times \text{CIB}}^{T_i T_j} = -\xi_{yc} \sqrt{a_c a_{\text{tSZ}}} \mathcal{D}_{\ell, \ell_0}^{\text{tSZ} \times \text{CIB}} \times \left(\frac{f_{\text{tSZ}}(\nu_i) \mu(\nu_j; \beta_c, T_d) + f_{\text{tSZ}}(\nu_j) \mu(\nu_i; \beta_c, T_d)}{f_{\text{tSZ}}(\nu_0) \mu(\nu_0; \beta_c, T_d)} \right)$$

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Poisson distributed Radio Galaxies

- Synchrotron emission from distant radio galaxies

$$\mathcal{D}_{\ell,\text{radio}}^{X,Y} = a_s^{XY} \left[\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{\ell_0(\ell_0+1)} \right] \left[\frac{g(\nu_i)g(\nu_j)}{g^2(\nu_0)} \right] \left[\frac{\nu_i\nu_j}{\nu_0^2} \right]^{\beta_s+2}$$

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Residual galactic dust emission

- Thermal emission from galactic dust in the ACT footprint

$$\mathcal{D}_{\ell,g}^{T_i T_j} = a_g^{TT} \left[\frac{\ell}{\ell_0} \right]^{\alpha_g^{TT}} \frac{\mu(\nu_i; \beta_d, T_d^{\text{eff}}) \mu(\nu_j; \beta_d, T_d^{\text{eff}})}{\mu^2(\nu_0; \beta_d, T_d^{\text{eff}})}$$

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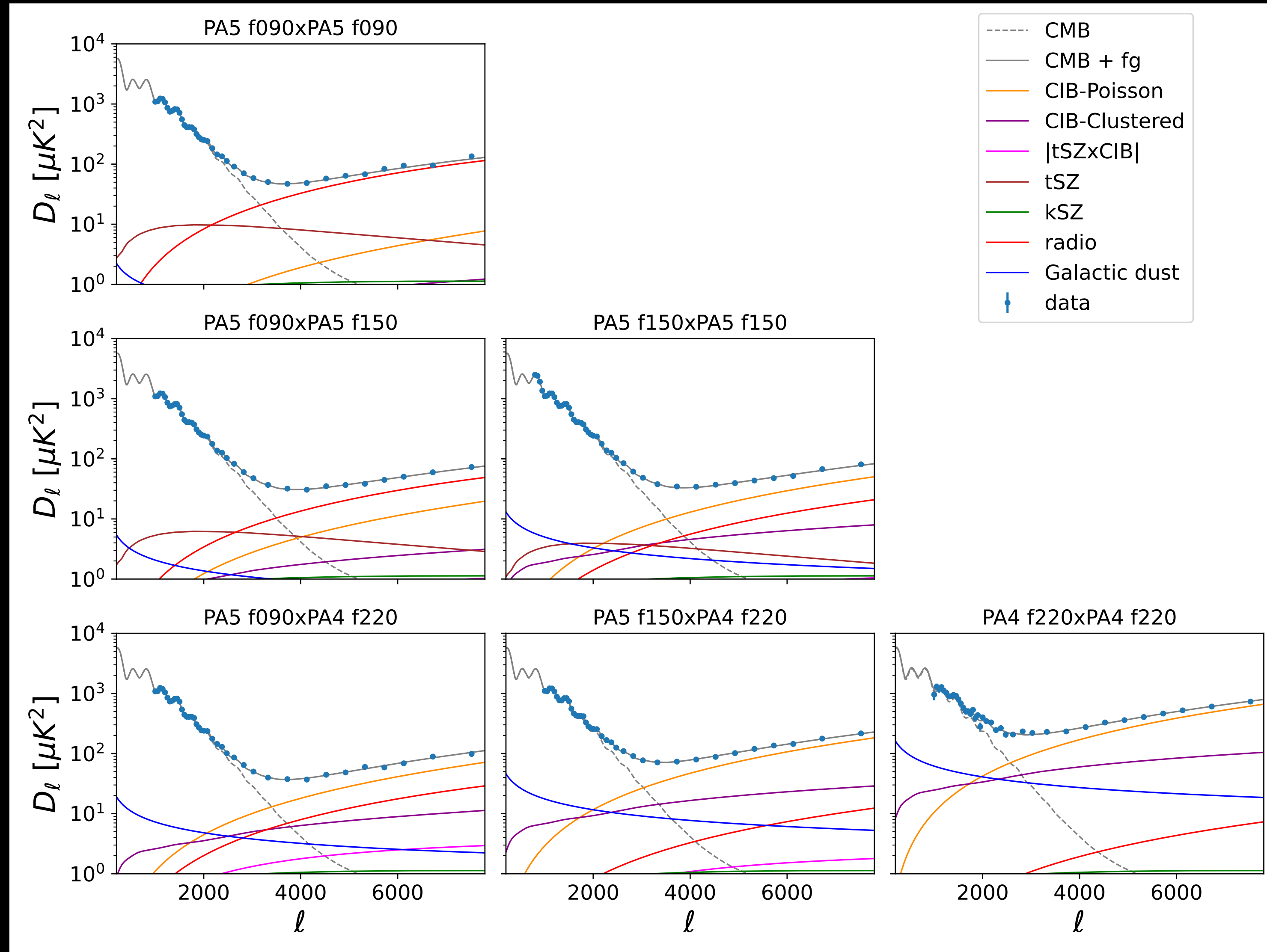
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14 parameters

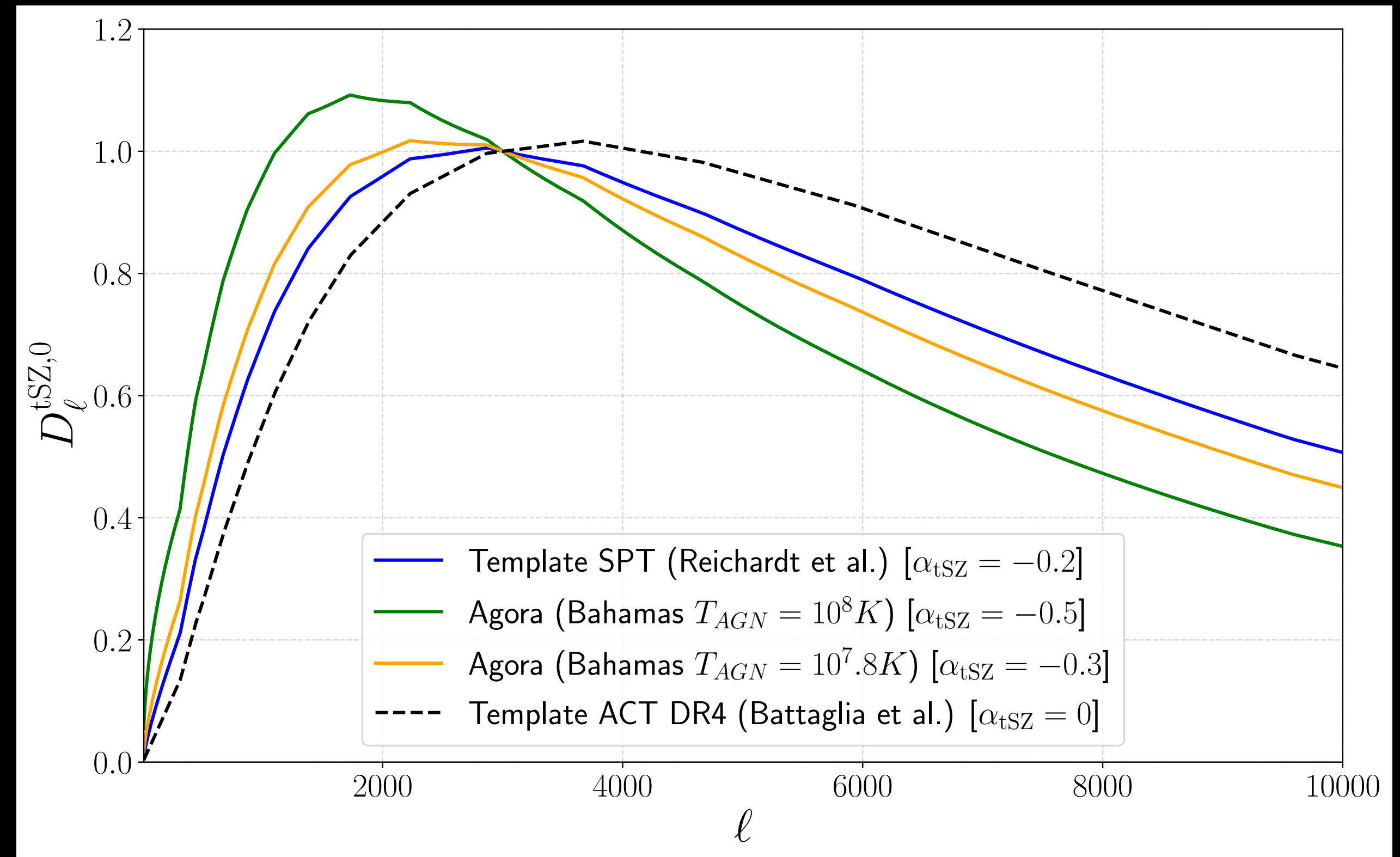
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Modeling of tSZ signal

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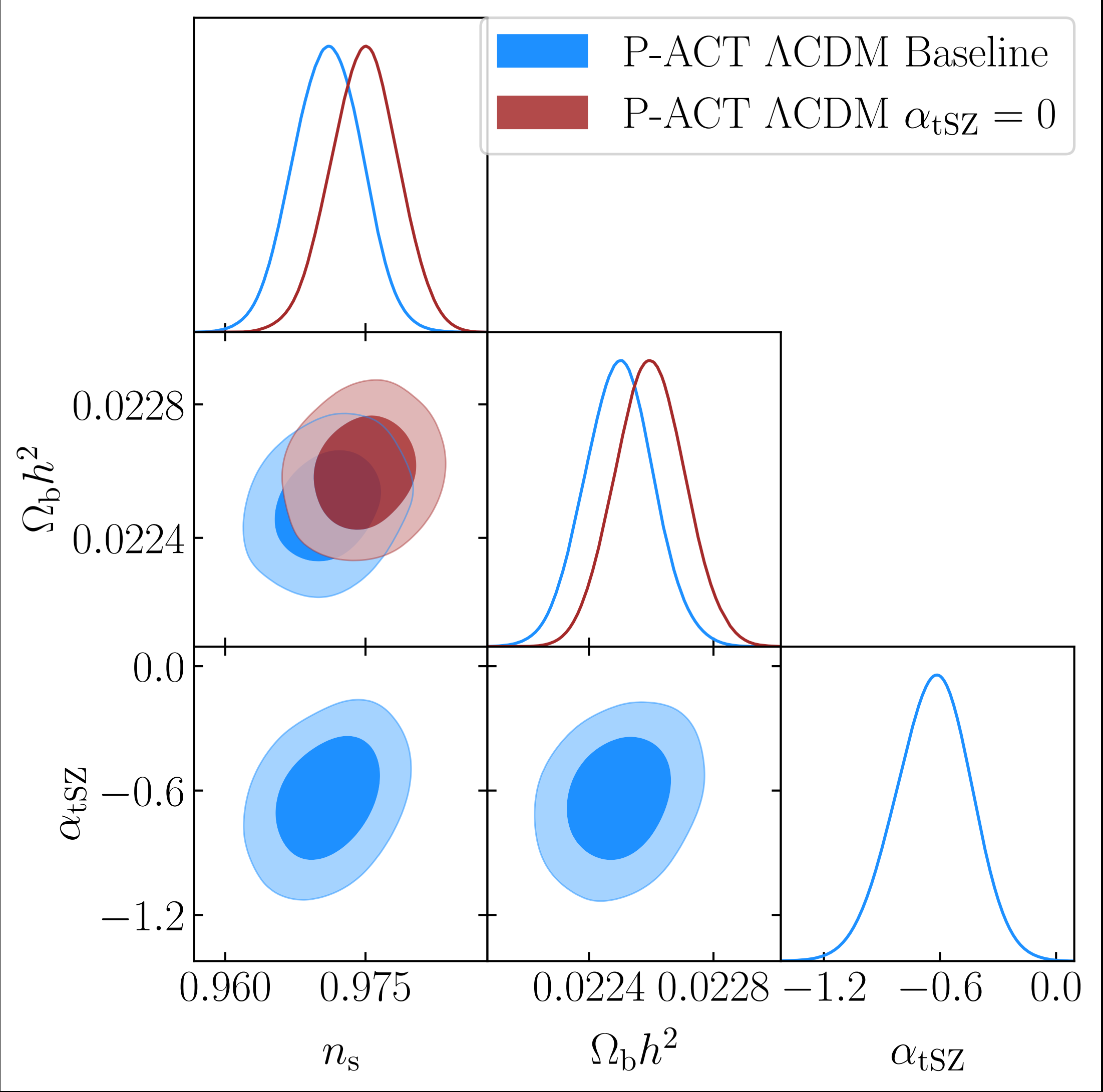
- Introduced new parameter : α_{tSZ} that empirically captures the scale dependence of the tSZ signal.
- Proxy for AGN temperature (in AGORA simulations). [Omori 2023].



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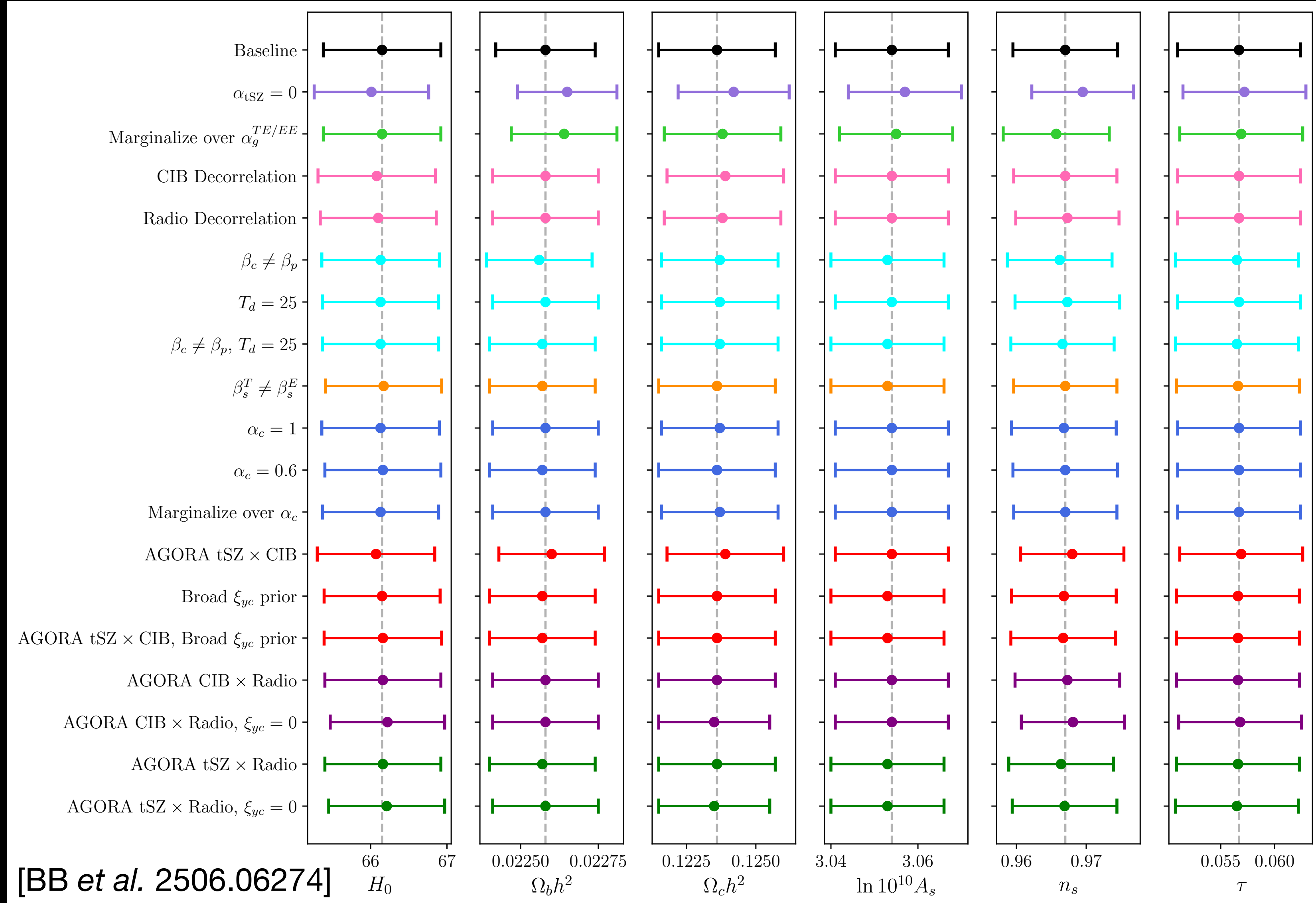
- $> 0.5\sigma$ shift in cosmological parameters when $\alpha_{\text{tSZ}} = 0$.

Parameter	ACT Λ CDM	ACT Λ CDM + N_{eff}	P-ACT Λ CDM	P-ACT Λ CDM + N_{eff}
H_0	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	-0.4
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.3	0.0	0.6	-0.2
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.5
$\ln 10^{10} A_s$	0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.1
n_s	0.2	-0.2	0.8	-0.2
τ	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1
N_{eff}	-	-0.3	-	-0.5



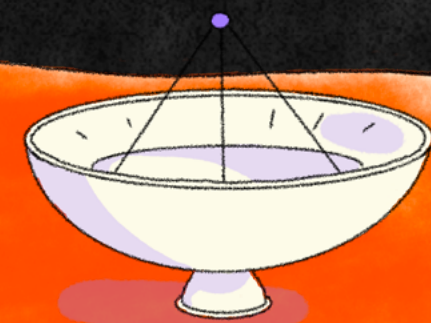
Foreground model extensions

- Tested ~20 fg model extensions and assessed the impact on cosmological parameters.
- All changes below 0.1σ .
- No preference for any other model with ACT-DR6 data.



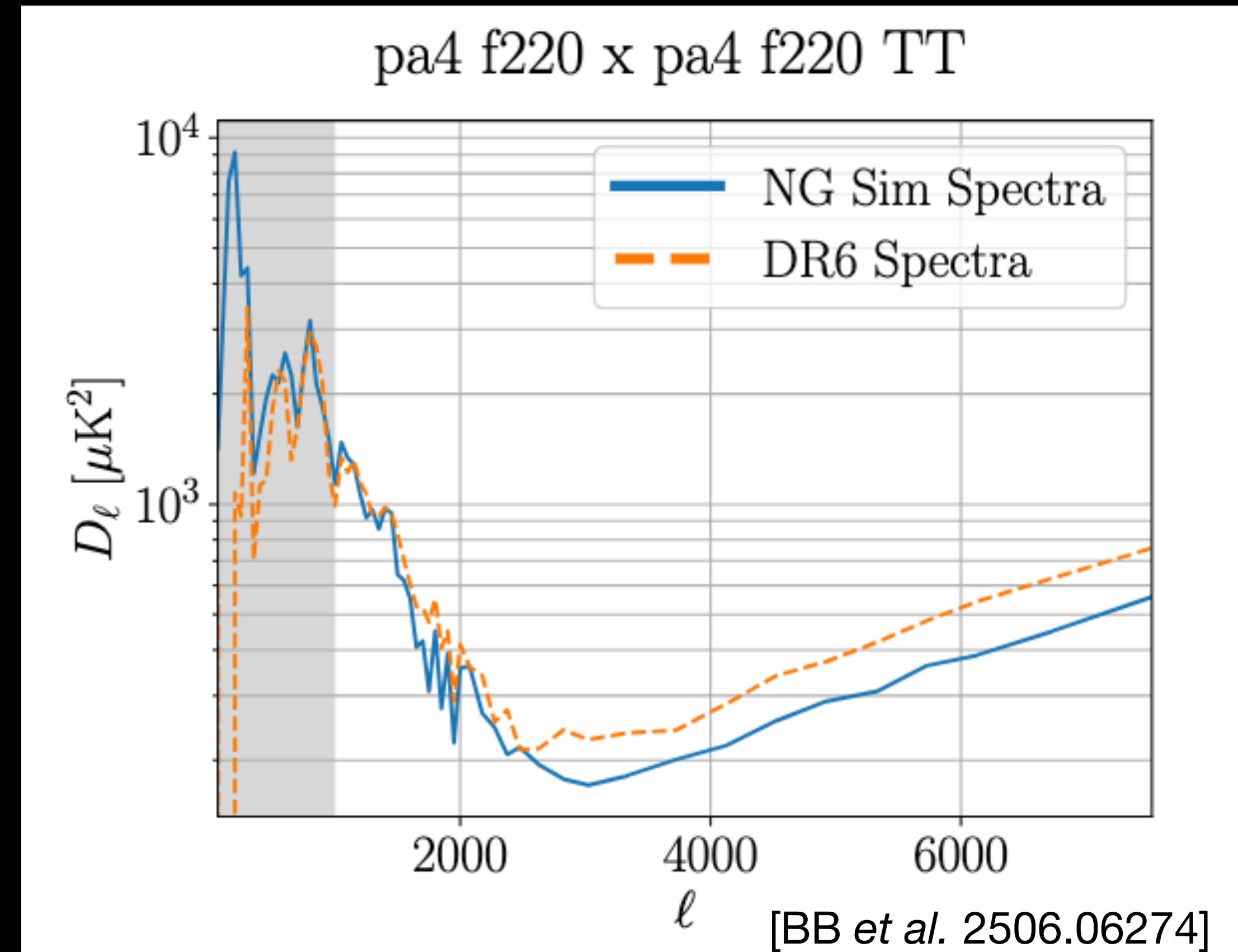
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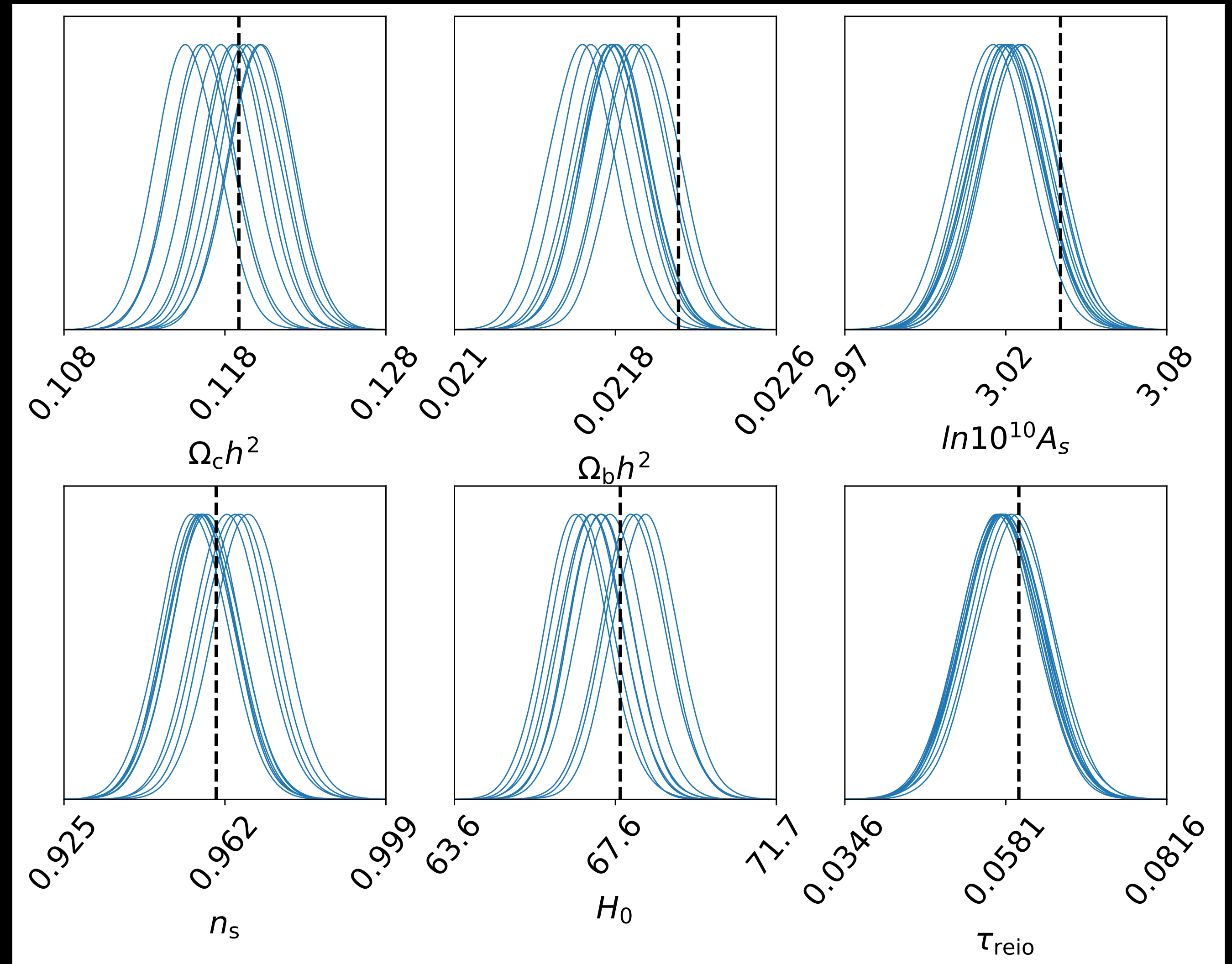
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- We used the AGORA simulations to produce 10 fully correlated non-gaussian simulations (CMB + foregrounds (galactic + extragal.) + noise).
- Processed through the DR6 pipeline.



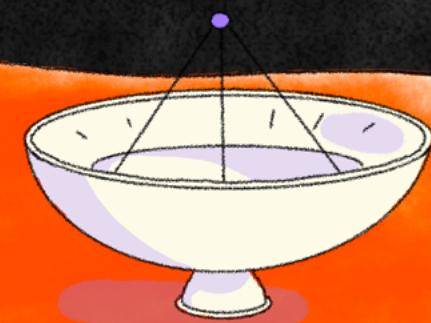
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- Recovered cosmo parameters are scattered as expected ($< 2\sigma$).
- Extremely challenging test of DR6 foreground model and pipeline.



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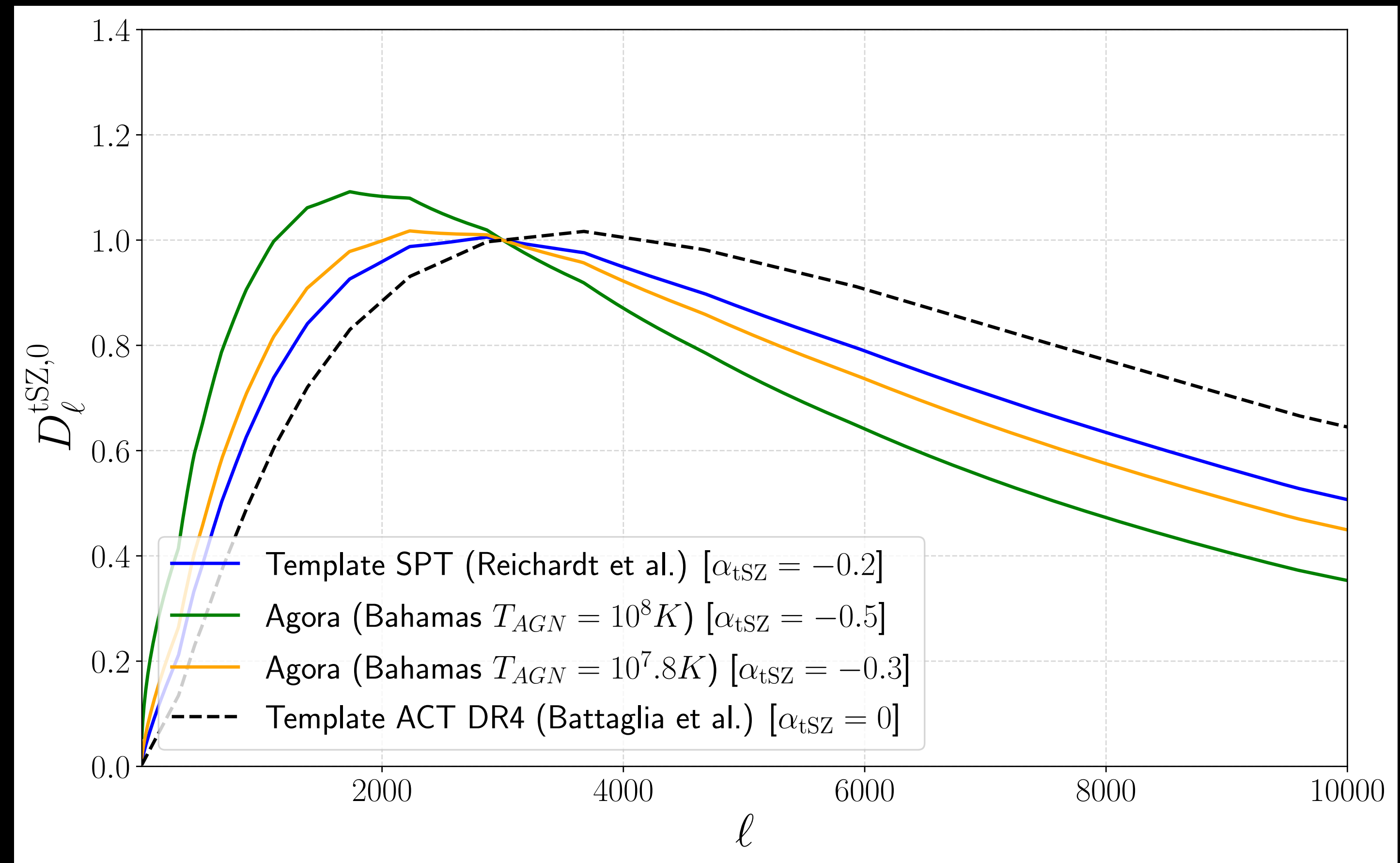
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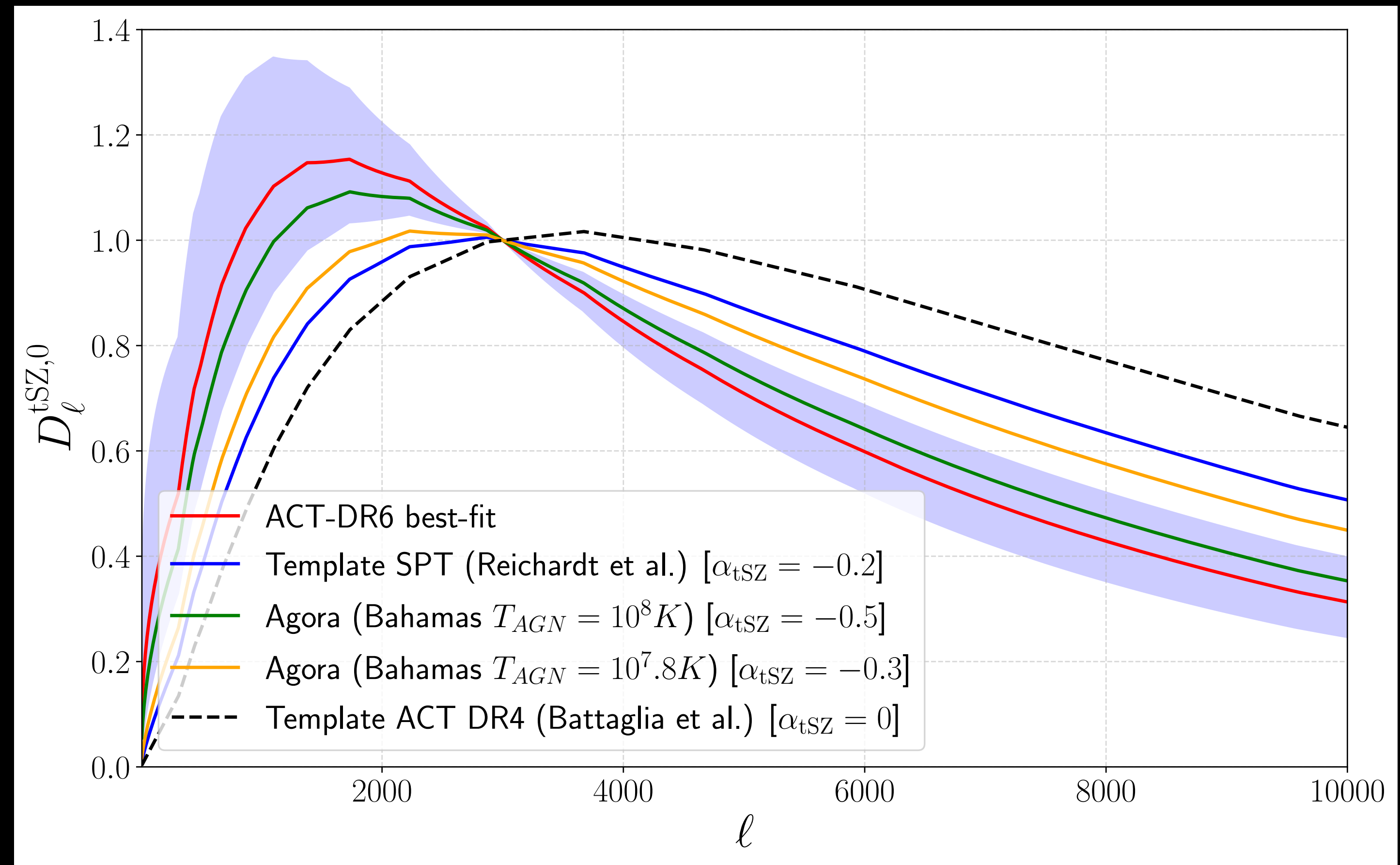
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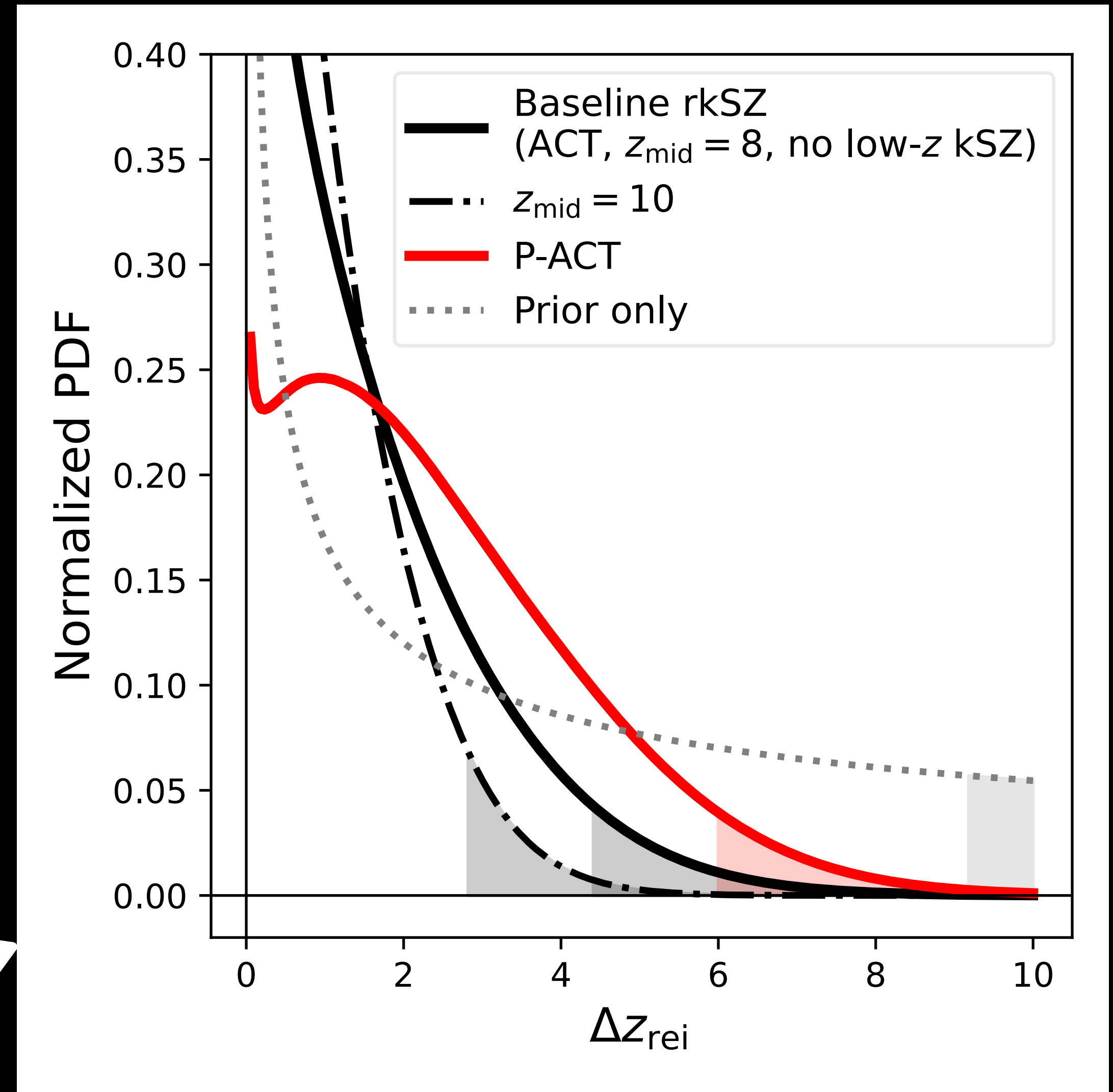


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[Battaglia et al. 2013]



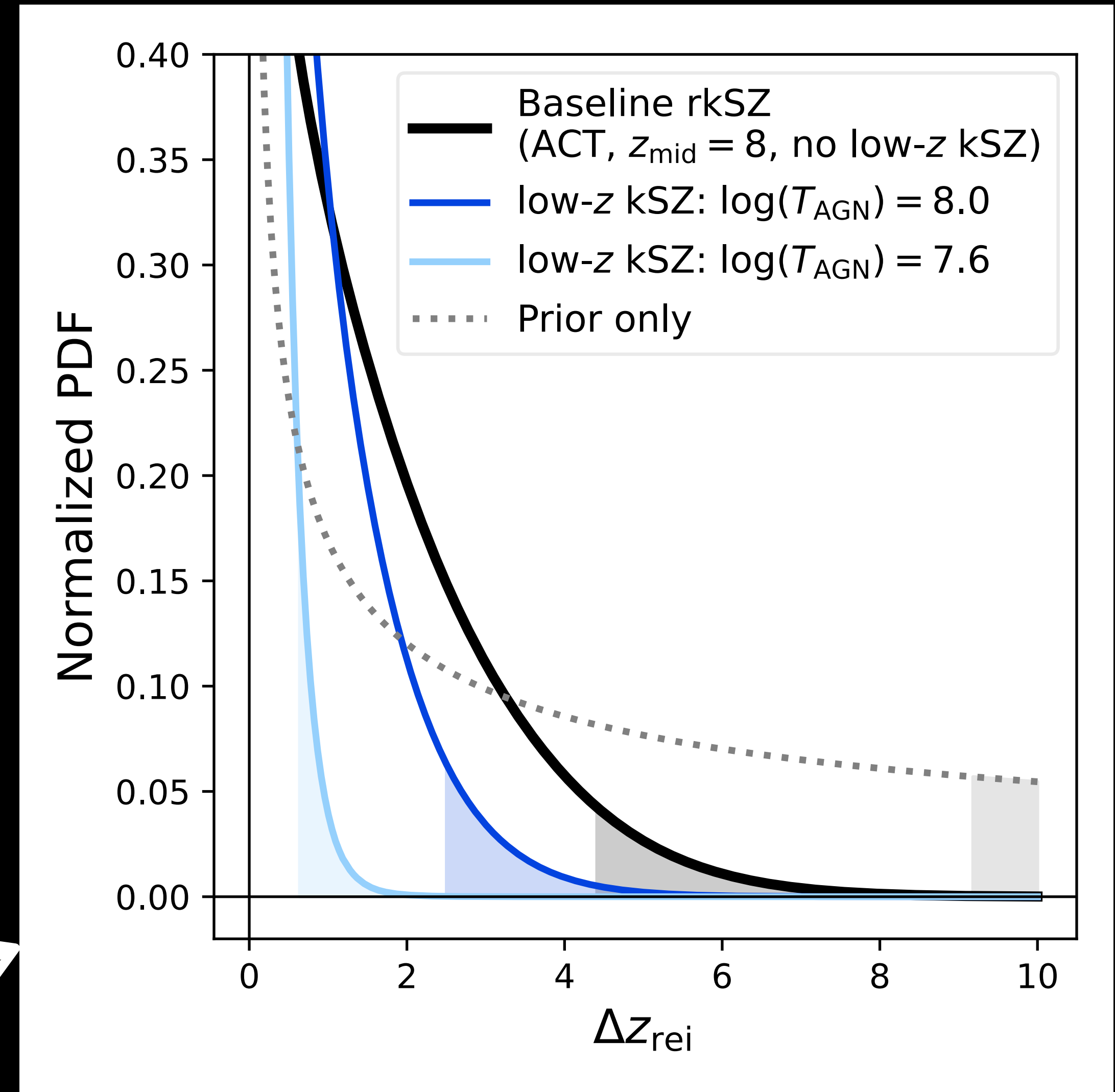
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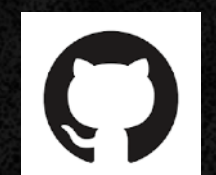
Constraints on reionisation

- Constraints on duration of reionisation for two different scaling relations.

Model	95% Upper Limit
Baseline rkSZ (ACT, B13 param., $z_{\text{mid}} = 8$, no low- z kSZ)	$\Delta z_{\text{rei}} < 4.4$
$z_{\text{mid}} = 10$	$\Delta z_{\text{rei}} < 2.9$
P-ACT	$\Delta z_{\text{rei}} < 6.0$
low- z kSZ: $\log(T_{\text{AGN}}) = 8.0$	$\Delta z_{\text{rei}} < 2.5$
low- z kSZ: $\log(T_{\text{AGN}}) = 7.6$	$\Delta z_{\text{rei}} < 0.7$
Prior only	$\Delta z_{\text{rei}} < 9.1$
AMBER param.	$\Delta z_{\text{rei},90} < 7.7$
AMBER param., $z_{\text{mid}} = 10$	$\Delta z_{\text{rei},90} < 5.2$

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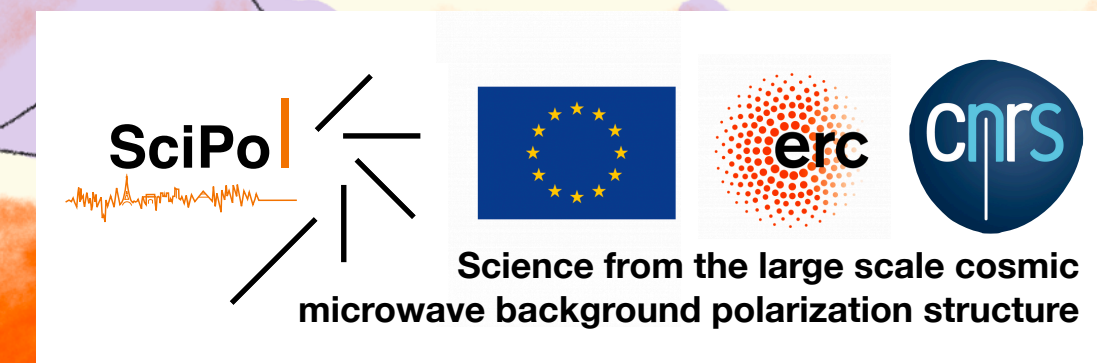
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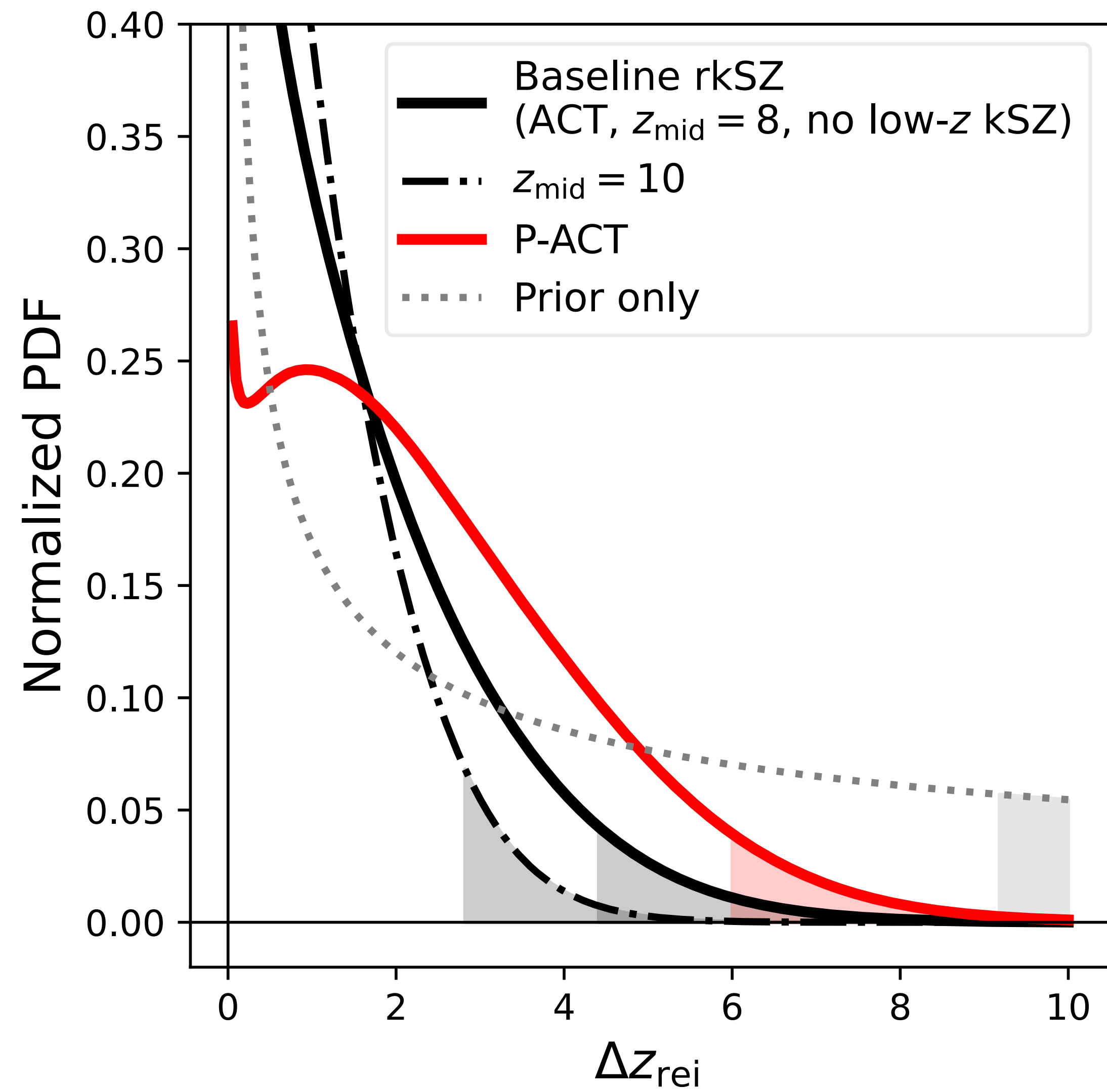
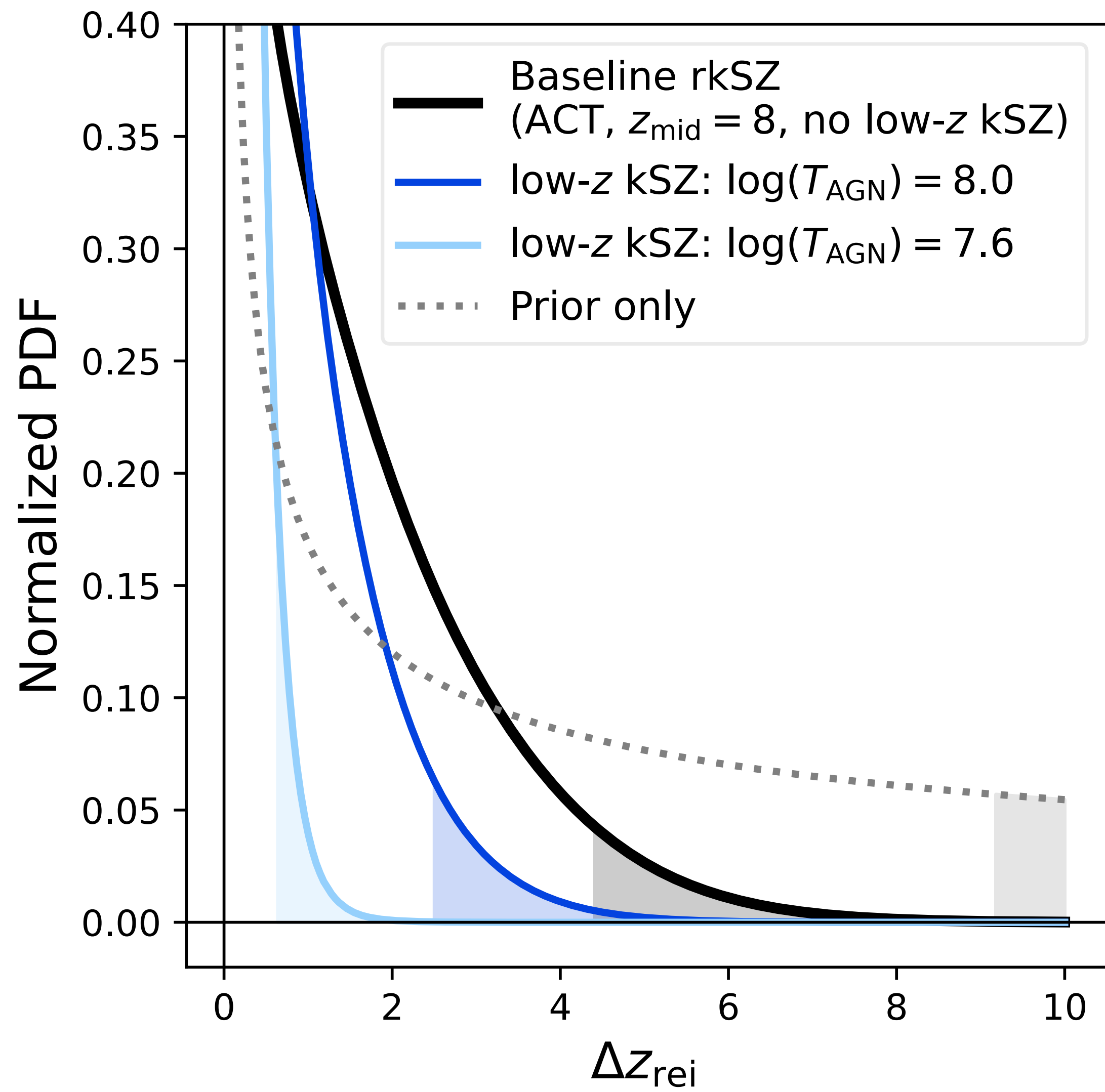


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$$a_{\text{tSZ}} = 3.36^{+0.36}_{-0.32} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.6}_{-0.4} \text{ (FG model sys)}$$

$$a_{\text{kSZ}} = 1.42^{+0.69}_{-1.00} \text{ (stat)}^{+1.0}_{-0.2} \text{ (FG model sys)}$$

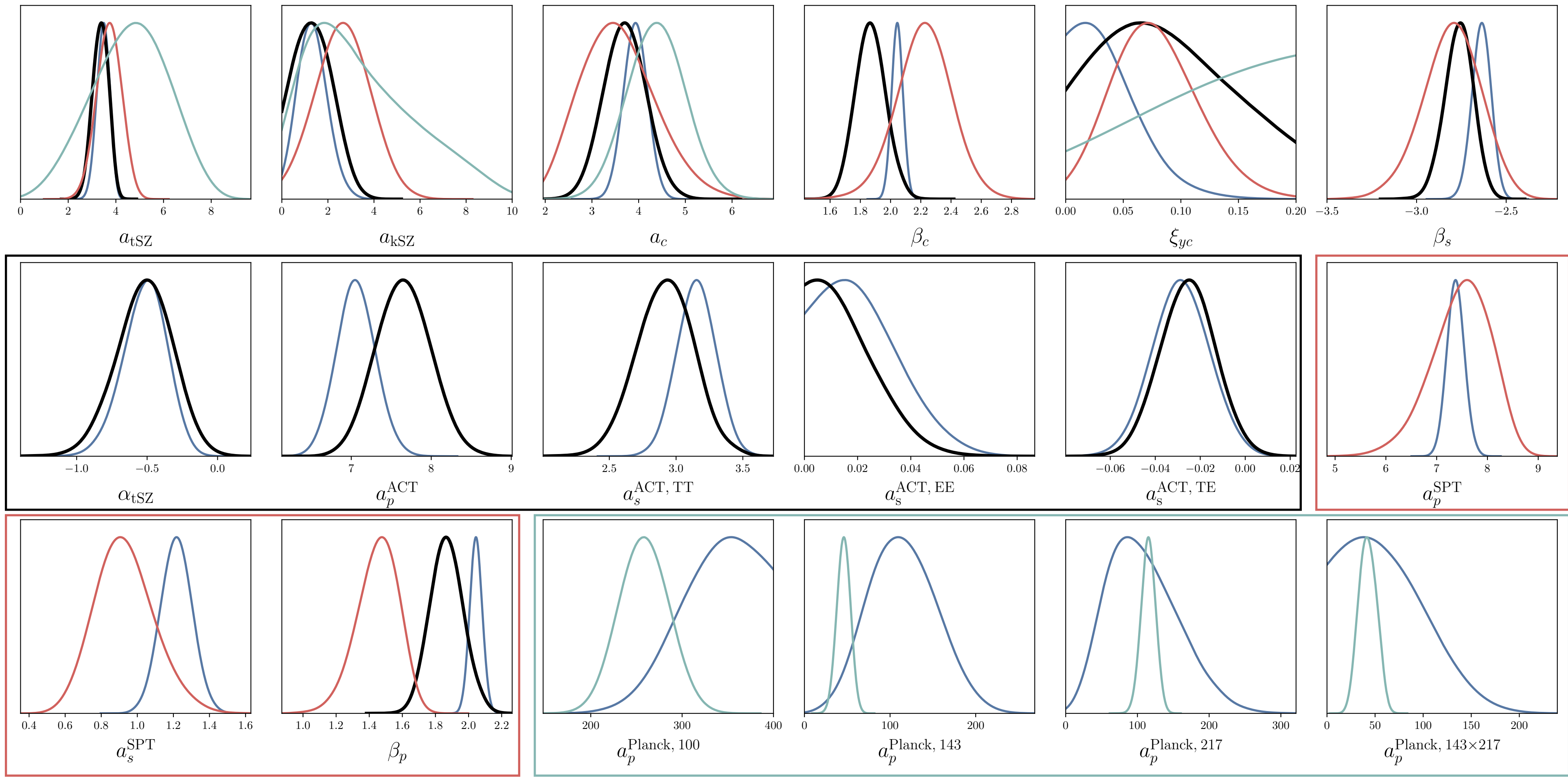
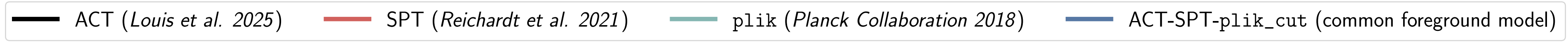
$$a_p = 7.66 \pm 0.34 \text{ (stat)}^{+0.5}_{-0.0} \text{ (FG model sys)}$$

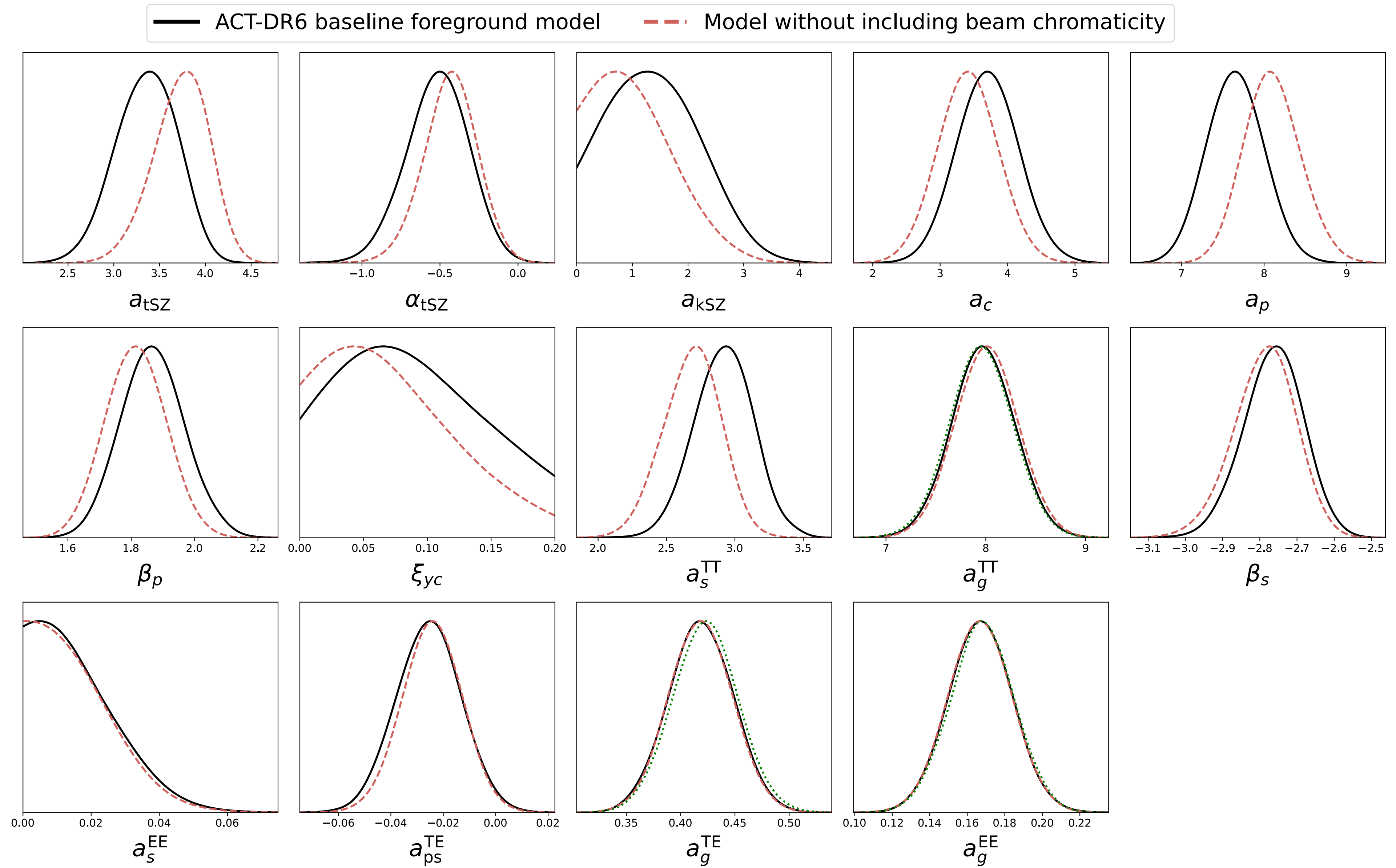
$$a_c = 3.71 \pm 0.46 \text{ (stat)}^{+0.0}_{-1.3} \text{ (FG model sys)}$$

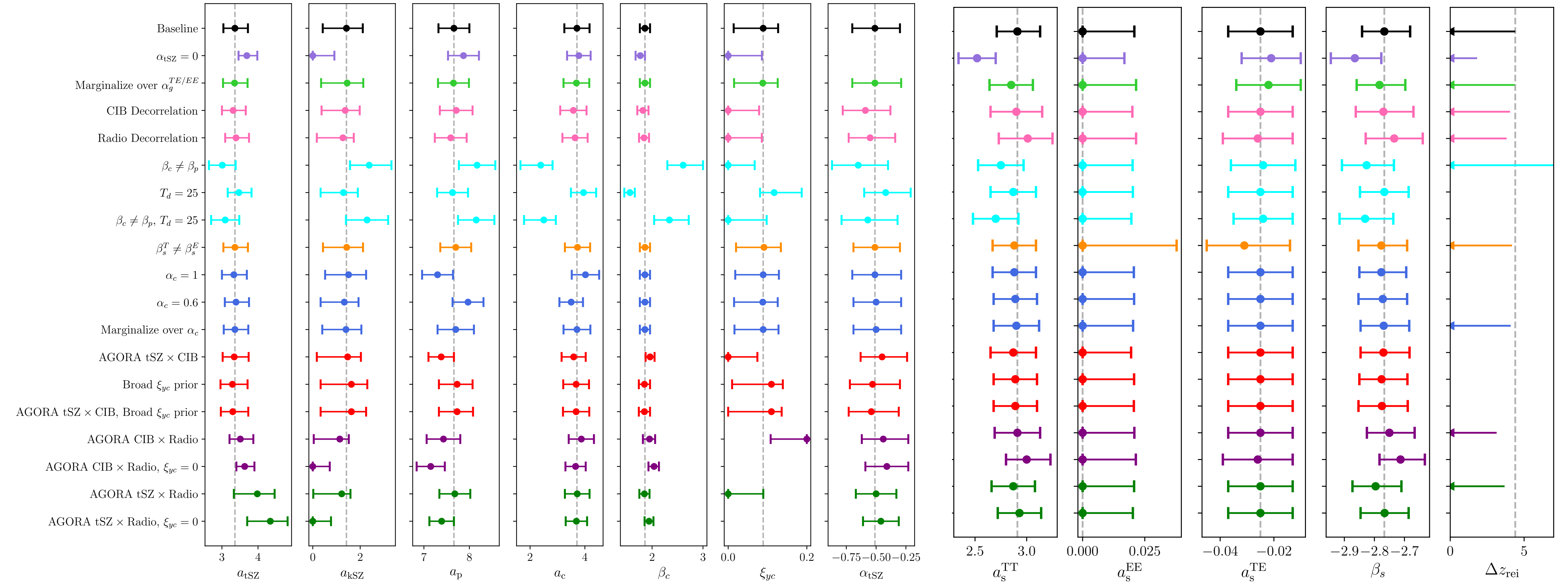
$$\beta_c = 1.86 \pm 0.10 \text{ (stat)}^{+0.7}_{-0.0} \text{ (FG model sys)}$$

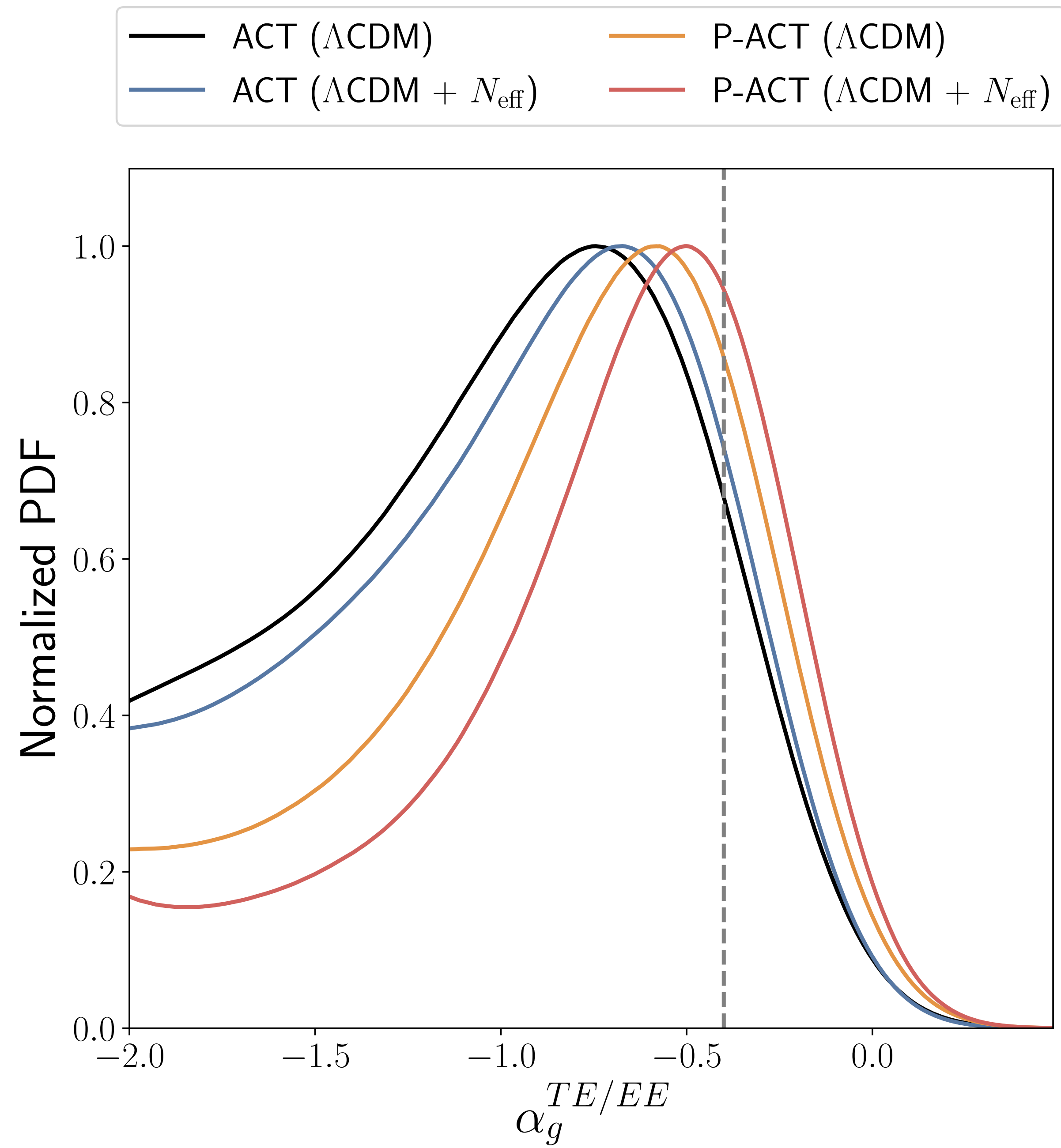
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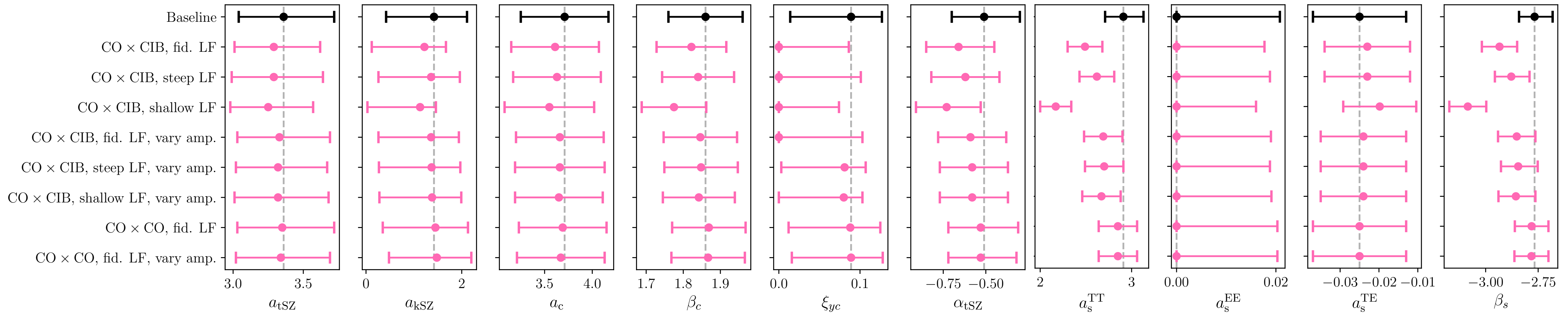
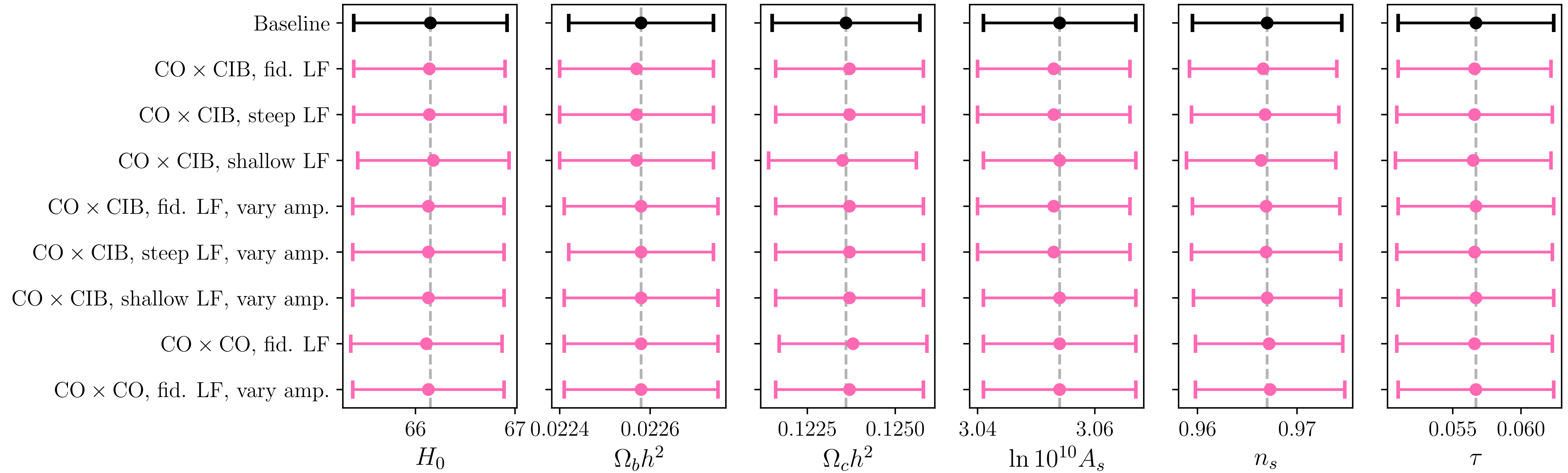
$$\alpha_{\text{tSZ}} = -0.51^{+0.21}_{-0.19} \text{ (stat)}^{+0.0}_{-0.1} \text{ (FG model sys)}$$

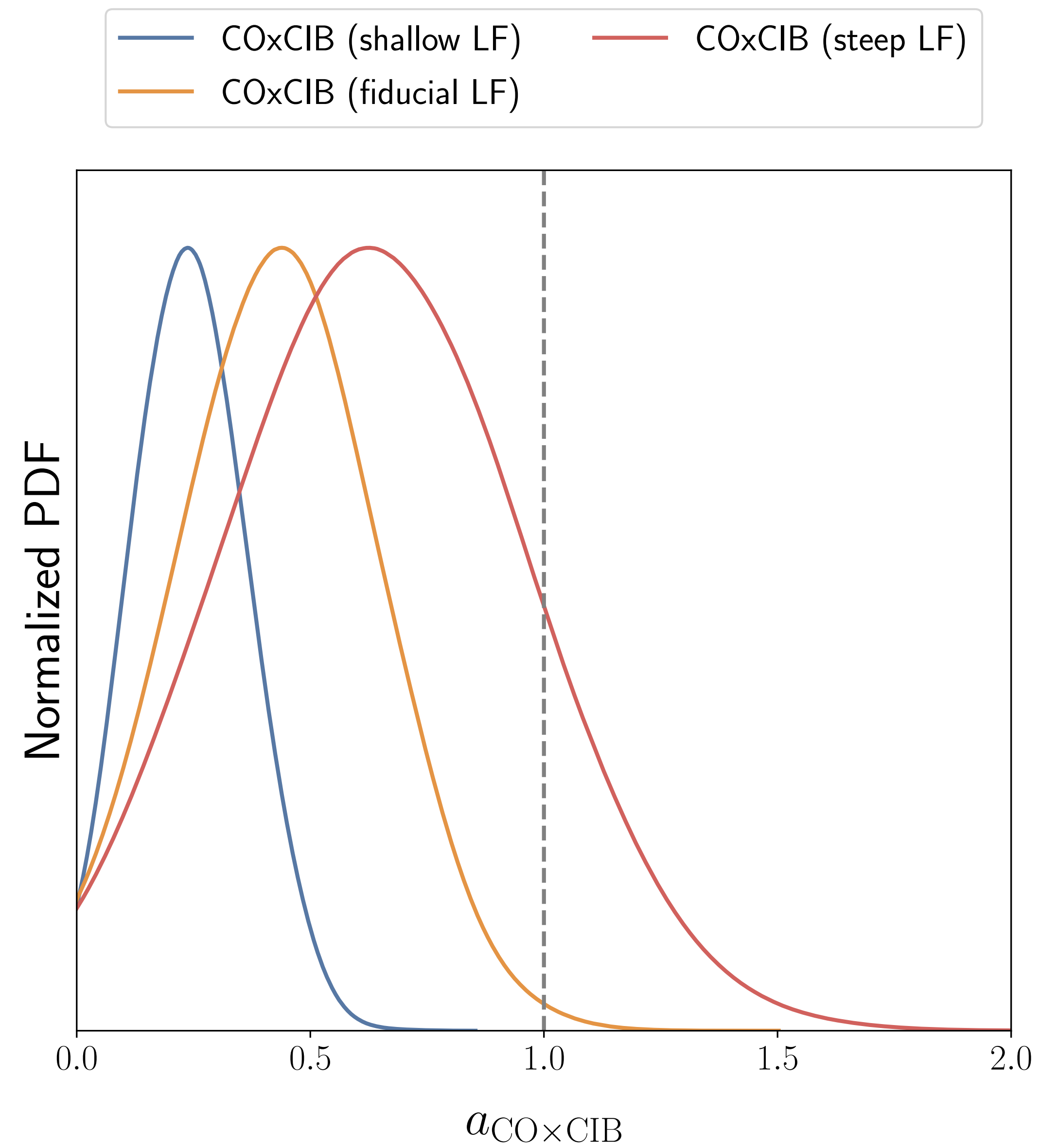


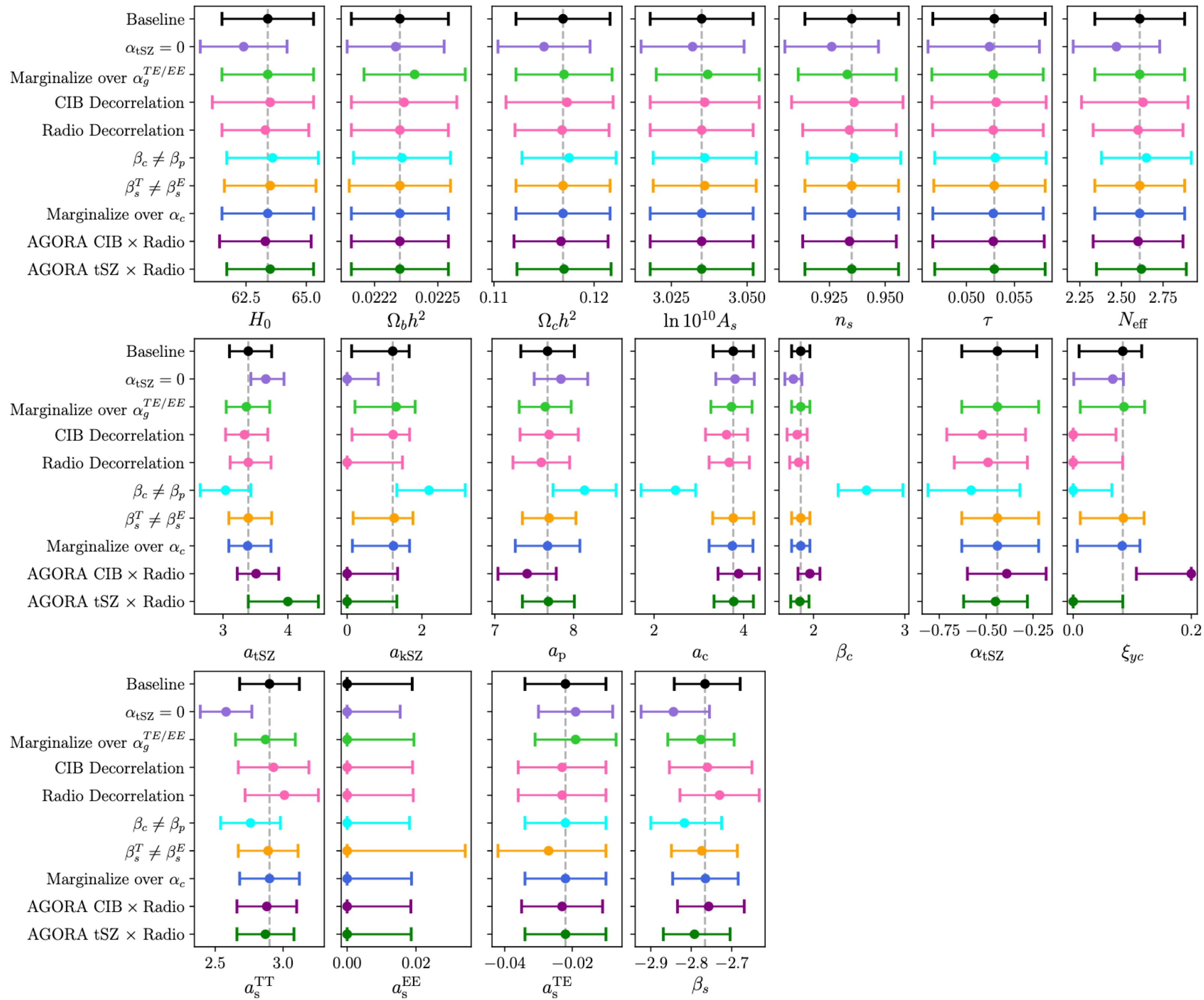












Foreground Model	New Parameter (Λ CDM+ N_{eff} Cosmology)
Baseline (compare with $\alpha_{\text{tSZ}} = 0$)	$\alpha_{\text{tSZ}} = -0.44^{+0.21}_{-0.19}$
Marginalize over $\alpha_g^{\text{TE/EE}}$	$\alpha_g^{\text{TE/EE}} = -0.94^{+0.65}_{-0.37}$
CIB decorrelation	$r_{90 \times 220}^{\text{CIB}} > 0.898$ $r_{90 \times 150}^{\text{CIB}} > 0.874$ $r_{150 \times 220}^{\text{CIB}} > 0.978$
Radio decorrelation	$r_{90 \times 220}^{\text{radio}} = --$ $r_{90 \times 150}^{\text{radio}} = 0.970^{+0.026}_{-0.011}$ $r_{150 \times 220}^{\text{radio}} = --$
$\beta_c \neq \beta_p$	$\beta_c = 2.6^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$ $\beta_p = 1.8 \pm 0.1$
$\beta_s^T \neq \beta_s^E$	$\beta_s^T = -2.77^{+0.09}_{-0.08}$ $\beta_s^E > -3.15$
Marginalize over α_c	$\alpha_c = --$
AGORA CIB $\times$ radio	$\xi_{cs} = 0.06^{+0.02}_{-0.06}$
AGORA tSZ $\times$ radio	$\xi_{ys} < 0.13$

