

A Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) fluctuation map showing temperature variations across the sky. The map features a prominent purple band on the left side, with various yellow and white spots and streaks scattered across the dark background, representing the distribution of matter and energy in the early universe.

Observing the dark: Cosmological constraints on theories of gravity

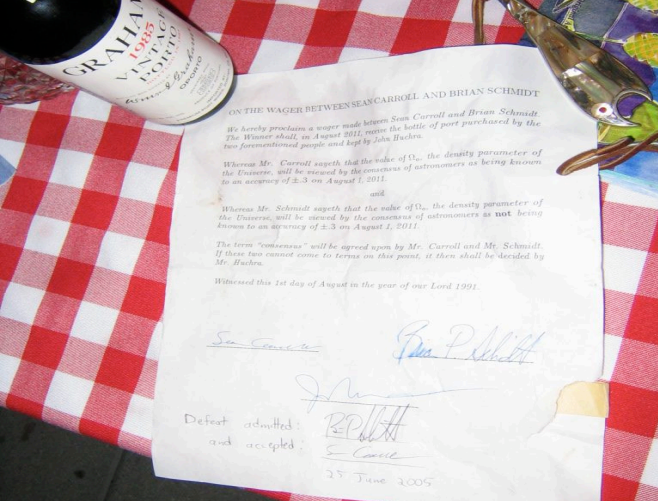
For more detail please see the review article I wrote, which covers most of the content of this talk:
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014GReGr..46.1731D>

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Artist's Concept



ON THE WAGER BETWEEN SEAN CARROLL AND BRIAN SCHMIDT

We hereby proclaim a wager made between Sean Carroll and Brian Schmidt. The Winner shall, in August 2011, receive the bottle of port purchased by the two forementioned people and kept by John Huchra.

Whereas Mr. Carroll sayeth that the value of Ω_0 , the density parameter of the Universe, will be viewed by the consensus of astronomers as being known to an accuracy of ± 0.3 on August 1, 2011.

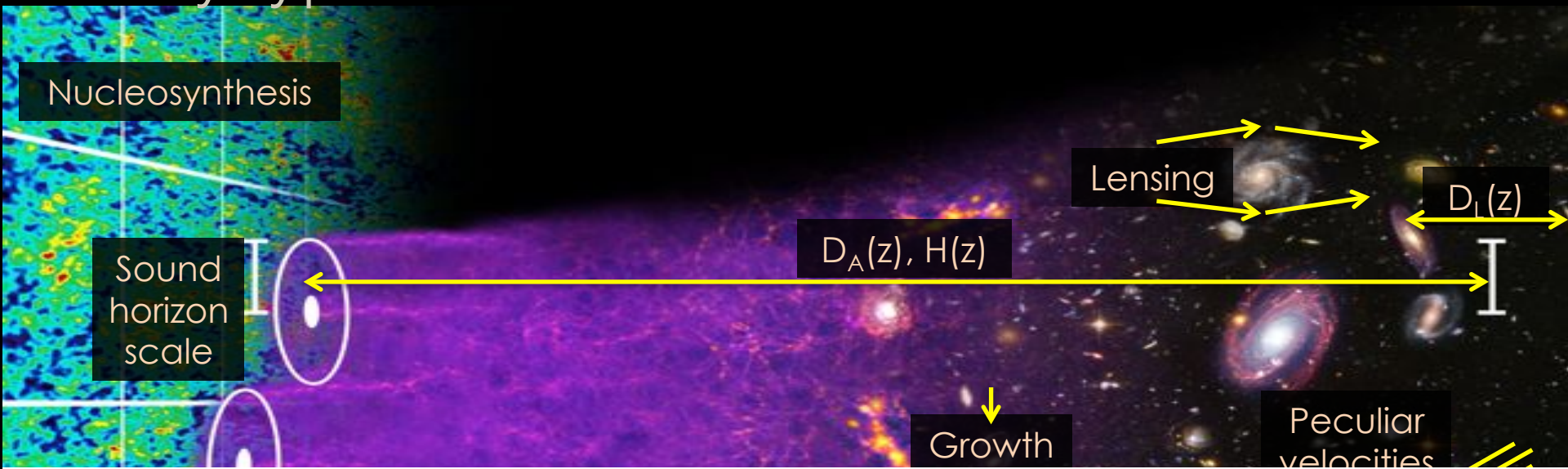
Whereas Mr. Schmidt sayeth that the value of Ω_0 , the density parameter of the Universe, will be viewed by the consensus of astronomers as **not** being known to an accuracy of ± 0.3 on August 1, 2011.

The term “consensus” will be agreed upon by Mr. Carroll and Mr. Schmidt. If these two cannot come to terms on this point, it then shall be decided by Mr. Huchra.

Witnessed this 1st day of August in the year of our Lord 1991.



Many types of observations = concordance

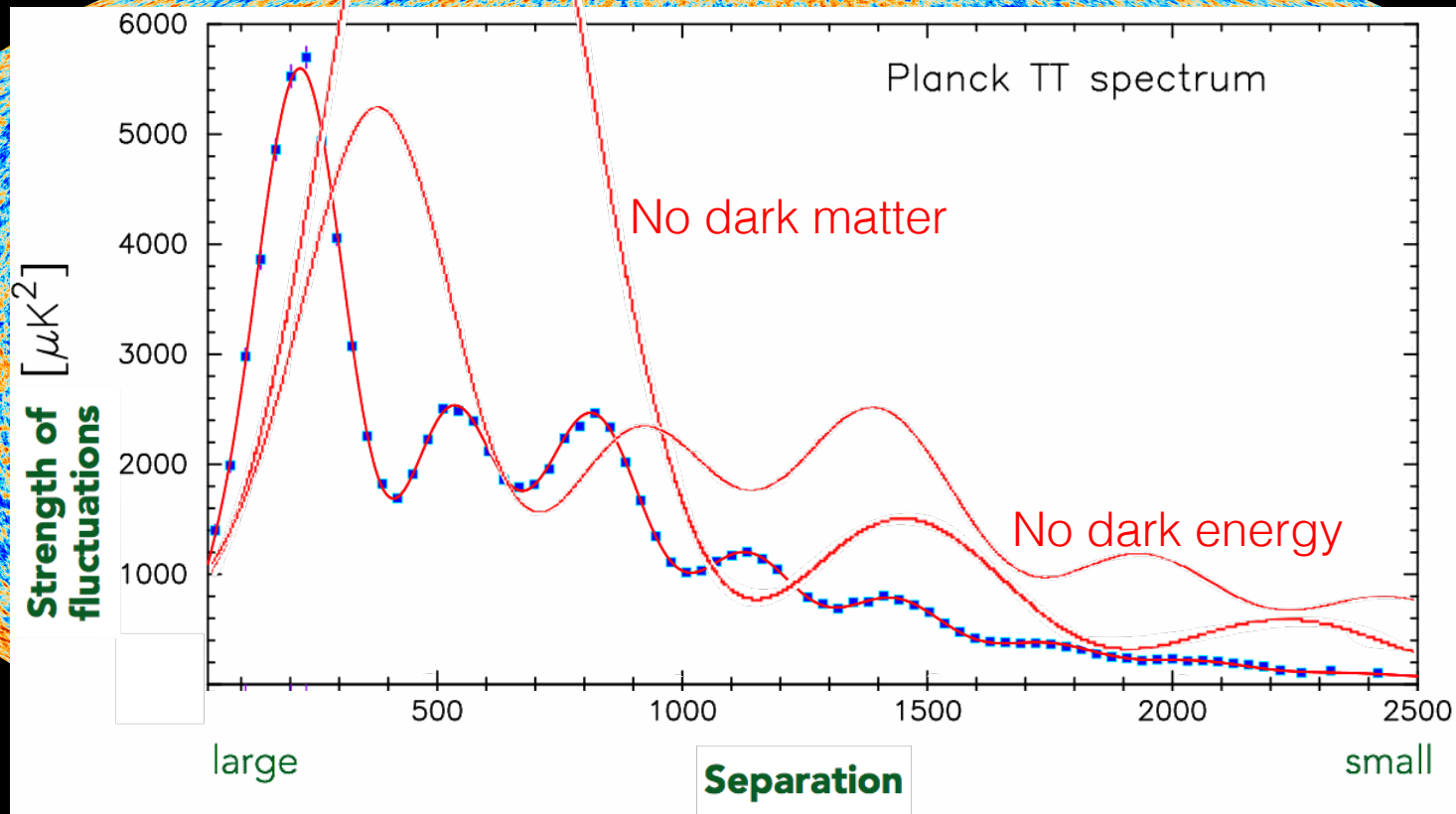


| Parameter | TT+lowP 68 % limits | TT+lowP+lensing 68 % limits | TT+lowP+lensing+ext 68 % limits | TT,TE,EE+lowP 68 % limits | TT,TE,EE+lowP+lensing 68 % limits | TT,TE,EE+lowP+lensing+ext 68 % limits |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| $\Omega_b h^2$ | 0.02222 ± 0.00023 | 0.02226 ± 0.00023 | 0.02227 ± 0.00020 | 0.02225 ± 0.00016 | 0.02226 ± 0.00016 | 0.02230 ± 0.00014 |
| $\Omega_c h^2$ | 0.1197 ± 0.0022 | 0.1186 ± 0.0020 | 0.1184 ± 0.0012 | 0.1198 ± 0.0015 | 0.1193 ± 0.0014 | 0.1188 ± 0.0010 |
| $100\theta_{MC}$ | 1.04085 ± 0.00047 | 1.04103 ± 0.00046 | 1.04106 ± 0.00041 | 1.04077 ± 0.00032 | 1.04087 ± 0.00032 | 1.04093 ± 0.00030 |
| τ | 0.078 ± 0.019 | 0.066 ± 0.016 | 0.067 ± 0.013 | 0.079 ± 0.017 | 0.063 ± 0.014 | 0.066 ± 0.012 |
| $\ln(10^{10} A_s)$ | 3.089 ± 0.036 | 3.062 ± 0.029 | 3.064 ± 0.024 | 3.094 ± 0.034 | 3.059 ± 0.025 | 3.064 ± 0.023 |
| n_s | 0.9655 ± 0.0062 | 0.967 | 0.967 | 0.9645 ± 0.0049 | 0.9653 ± 0.0048 | 0.9667 ± 0.0040 |

Planck collaboration, 2015

0.9% precision

Planck - Cosmic Microwave Background



Overview

Review evidence for
acceleration

Review methods by
which we can distinguish
dark energy models

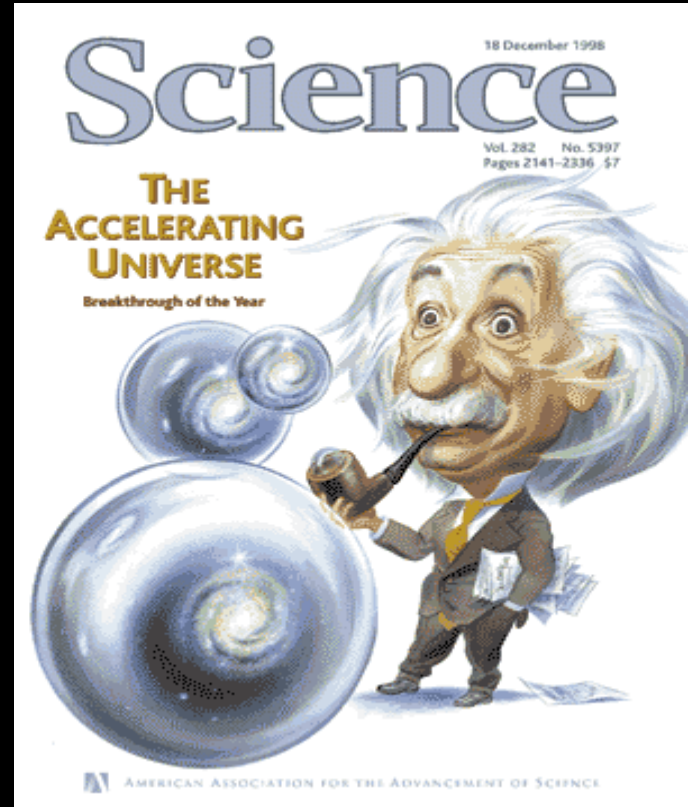
1. Supernovae + lensing thereof
 - 1a. Time dilation
 2. Cosmic Microwave Background
 - 2a. Fluctuations
 - 2b. Sunyaev-Zeldovich Cluster Counts
 - 2c. Integrated Sachs Wolfe Effect
 3. Large Scale Structure
 - 3a. Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
 - 3b. Growth of Structure
 - 3c. Alcock-Paczynski effect, $H(z)$
 - 3d. Homogeneity
 - 3e. Peculiar velocities
 4. Gravitational Lensing
 - 4a. Strong Gravitational Lensing
 - 4b. Weak Gravitational Lensing
- etc...
- X-ray clusters
 - Baryogenesis
 - Solar System Tests
 - Galaxy ages vs redshift....

Evidence for dark energy

1. SUPERNOVAE

Acceleration was accepted very quickly

- Science's breakthrough of the year in 1998
 - (Riess et al. 1998, Perlmutter et al. 1999)
- How was such an astonishing discovery accepted so quickly?
- **TWO TEAMS** helped. But there was more...

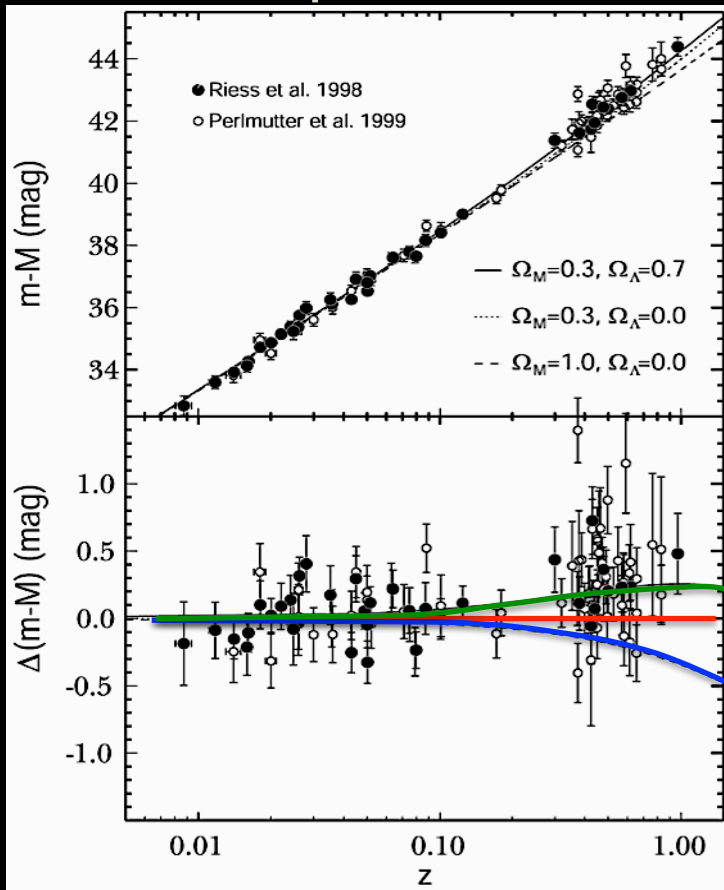


Think back 20 years....

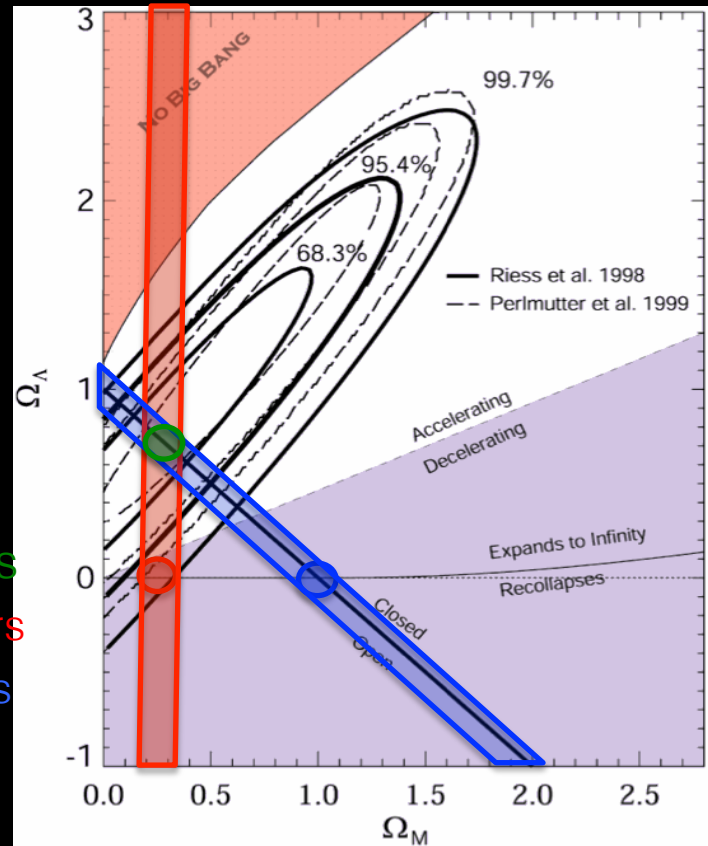
- Several problems with cosmology:
 - The universe was younger than the oldest stars
 - The number of galaxies at high redshift was too large
 - The amount of matter in the universe didn't add up
 - Theorists had good reason to believe $\Omega_{\text{tot}}=1$ (a prediction of inflation)
 - But galaxy observers could only find $\Omega_{\text{M}}=0.3$ (including dark matter)



First supernova results

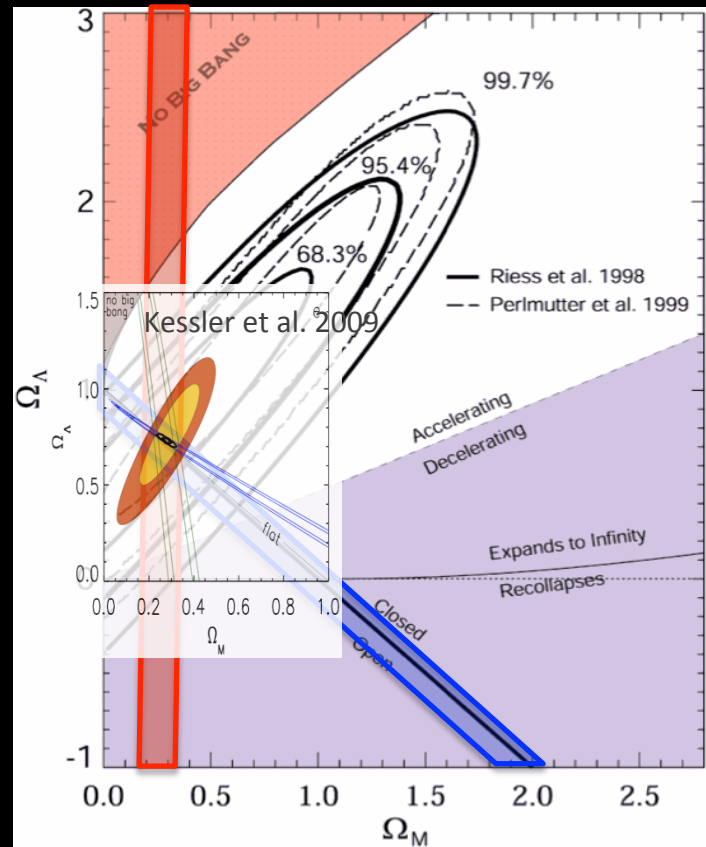
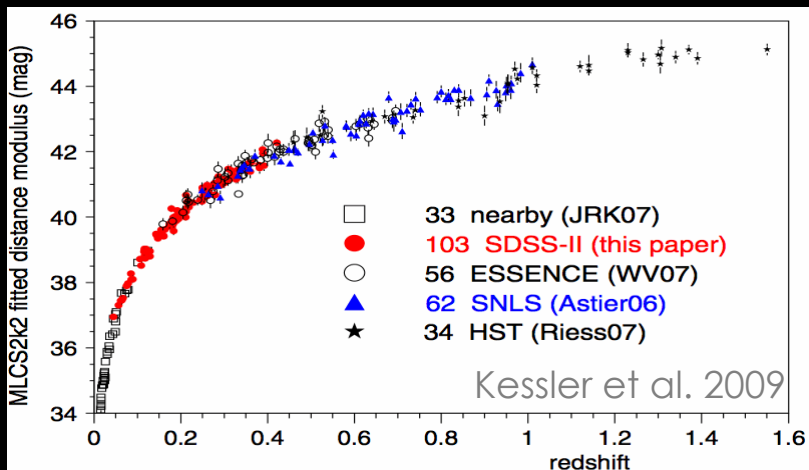


Outcasts
 Observers
 Theorists
 /CMB



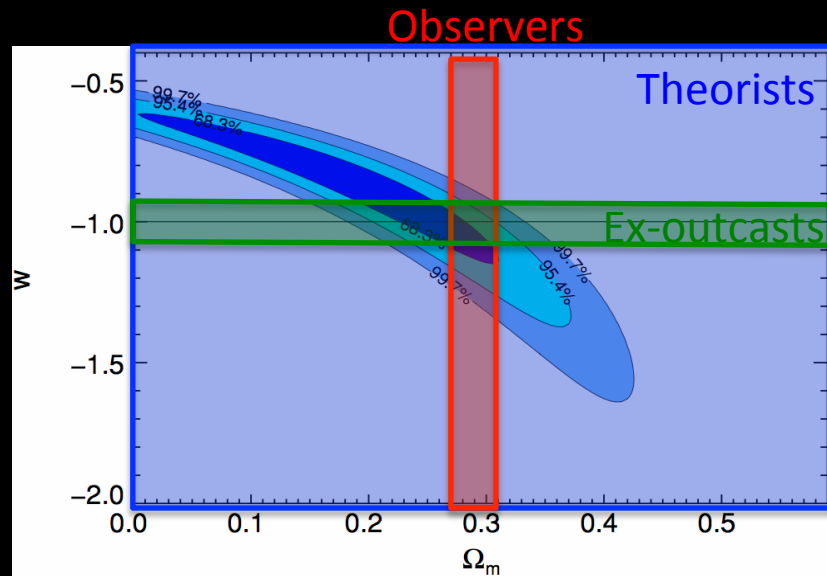
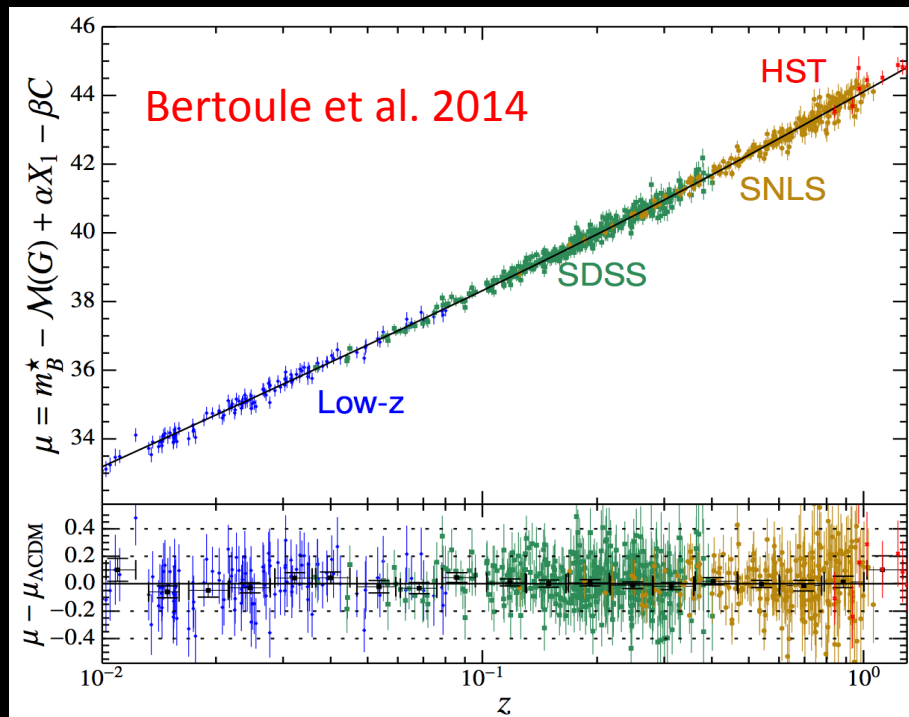
Perlmutter and Schmidt 2003

Newer supernova results



Perlmutter and Schmidt 2003

Even newer supernova results



Equation of state of dark energy

w = pressure / density

$w = -1$ for Λ

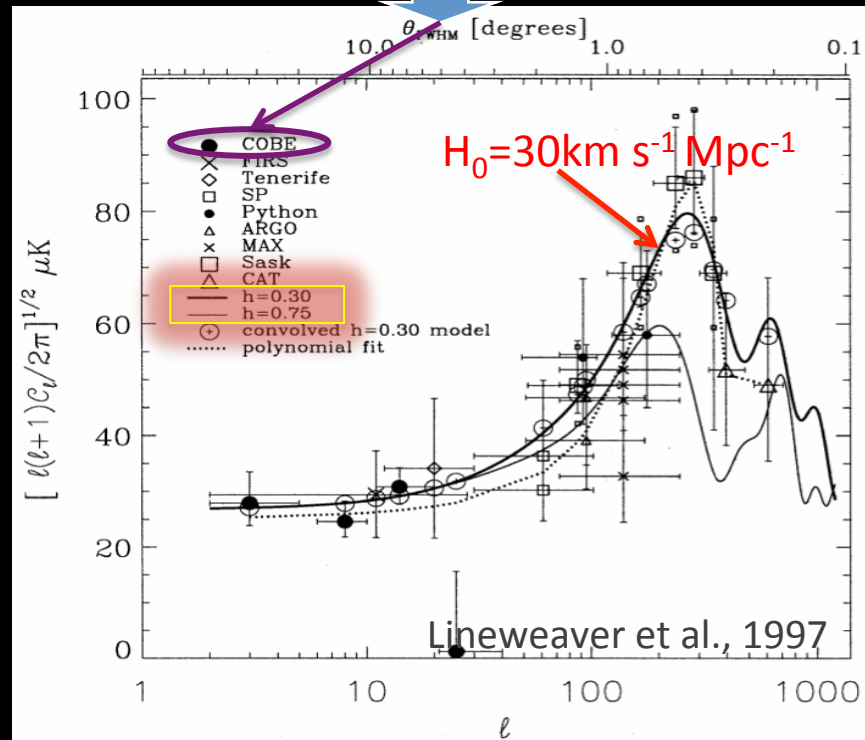
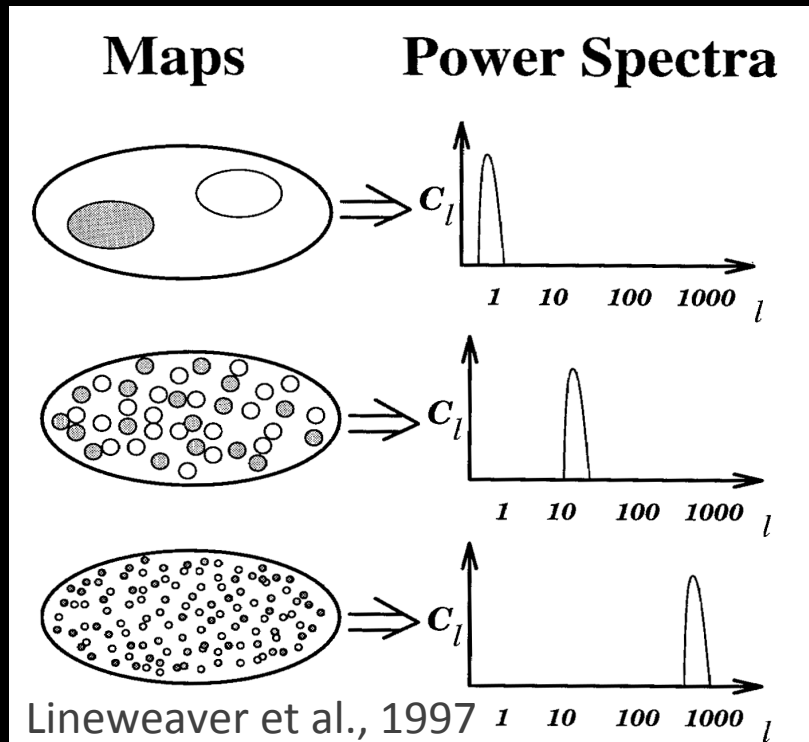
(cosmological constant)

(vacuum energy)

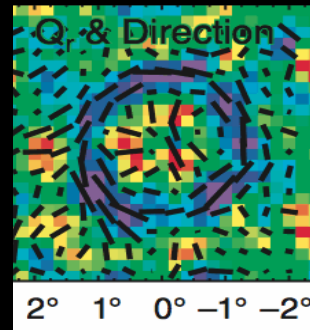
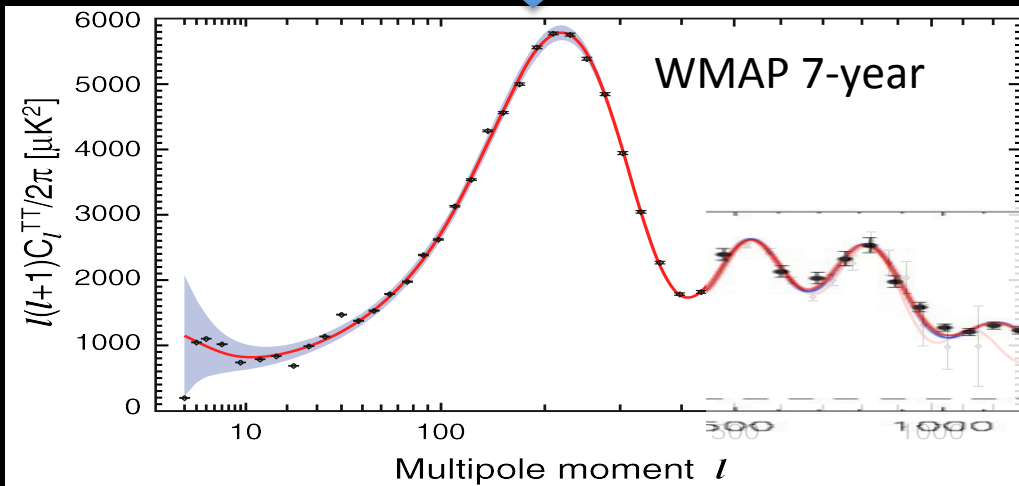
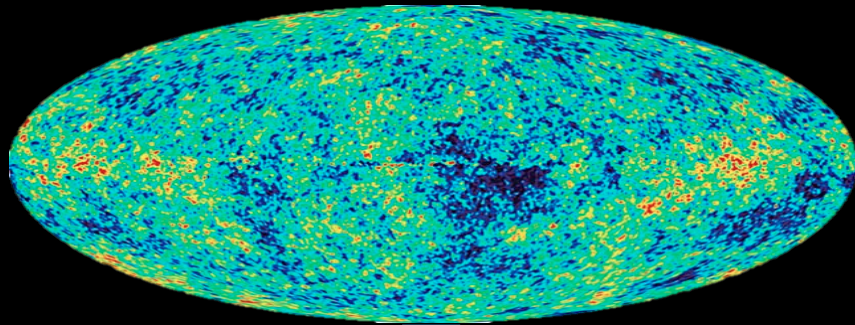
Constraining parameters of our cosmological model

2A. COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND - POWER SPECTRUM

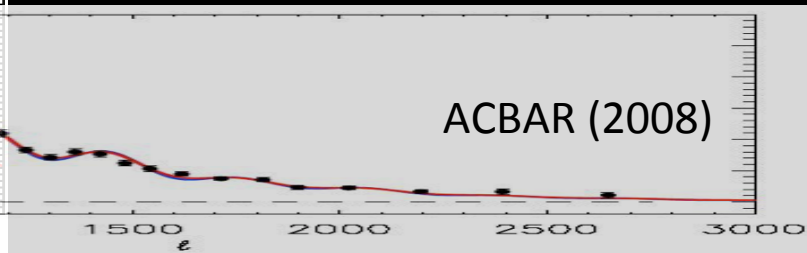
Early CMB results



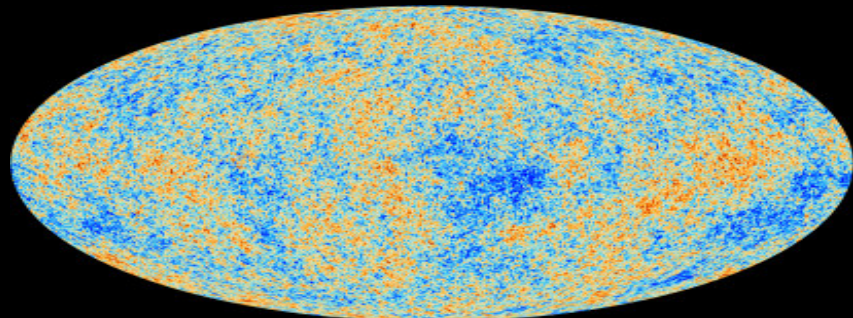
Intermediate CMB results – WMAP++



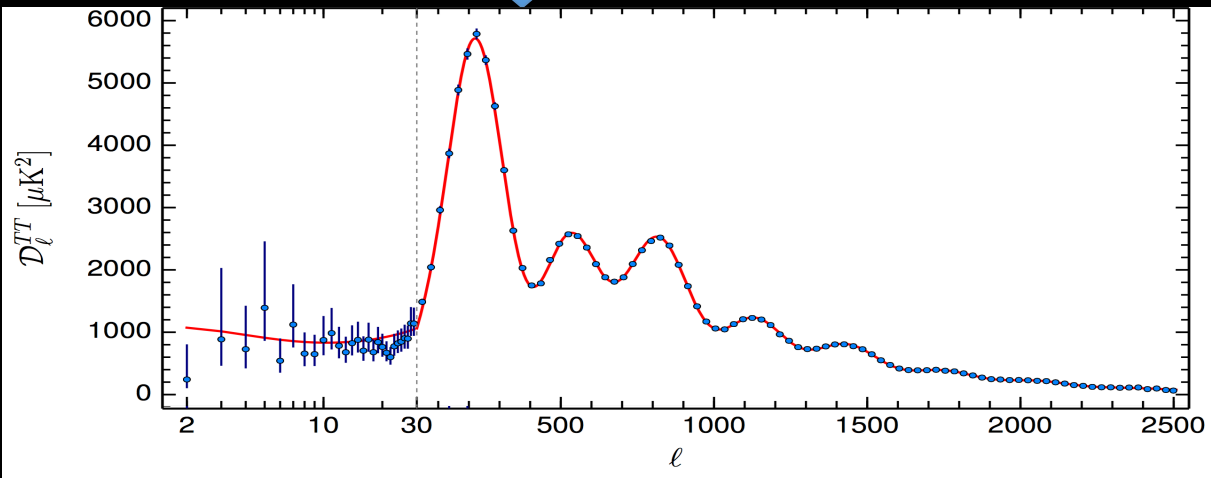
Polarisation
detected



Latest CMB results – Planck ++ (SPT and ACT)



Temperature fluctuations
+ Lensing
+ Polarization



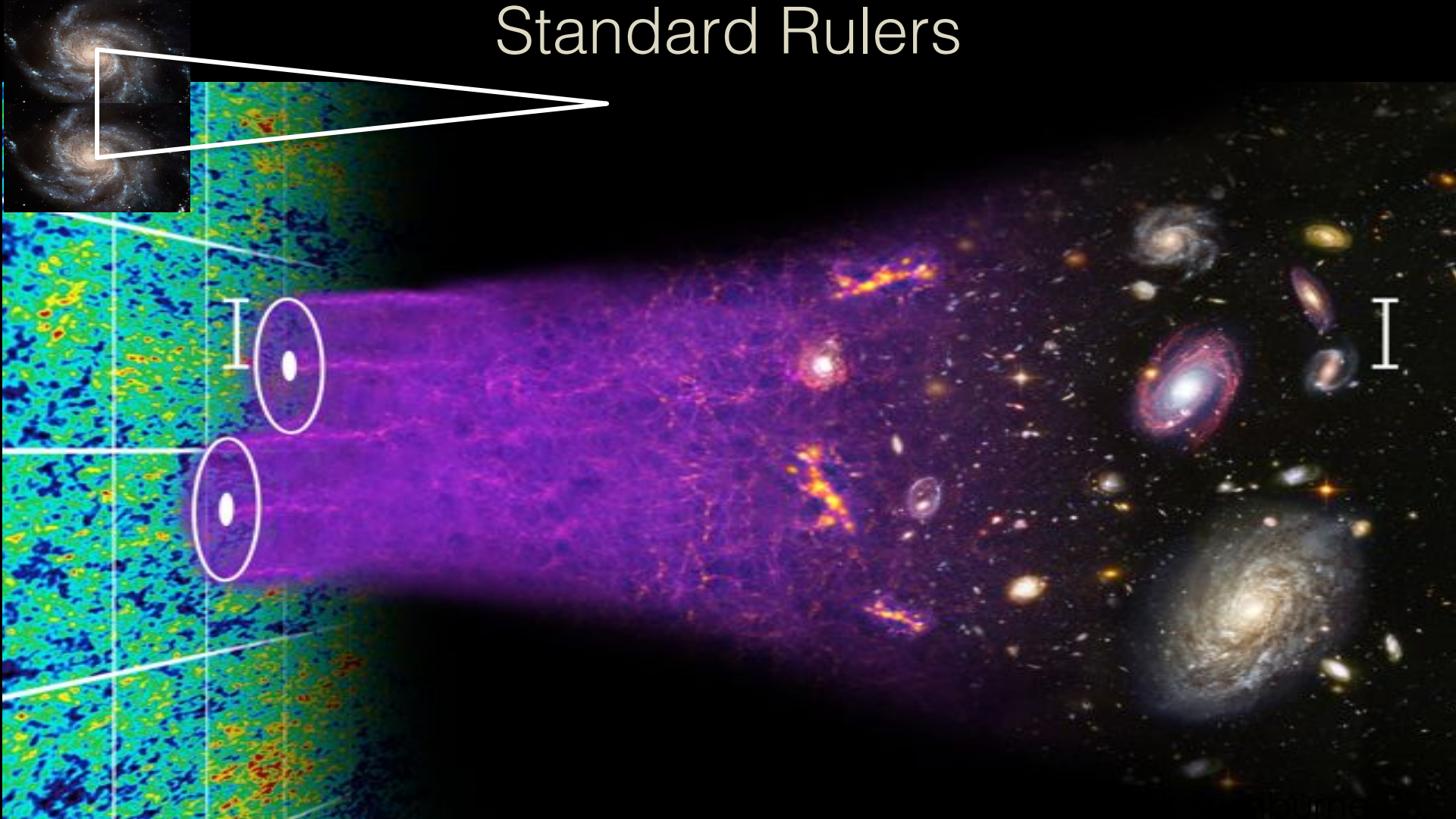
$$\Omega_m = 0.308 \pm 0.012 \text{ (4\%)} \\ w = -1.006 \pm 0.045 \text{ (incl. SNe)}$$

Measuring dark energy

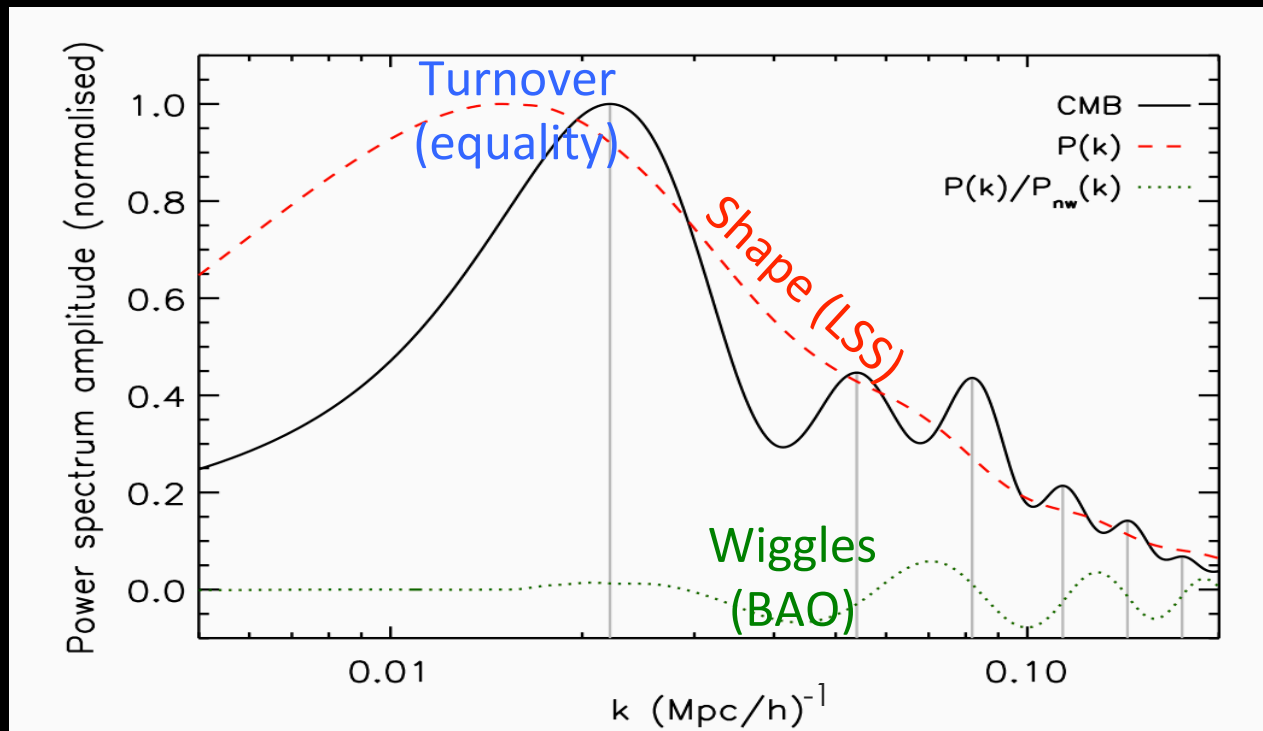
3A. LARGE SCALE STRUCTURE

- BARYON ACOUSTIC OSC.

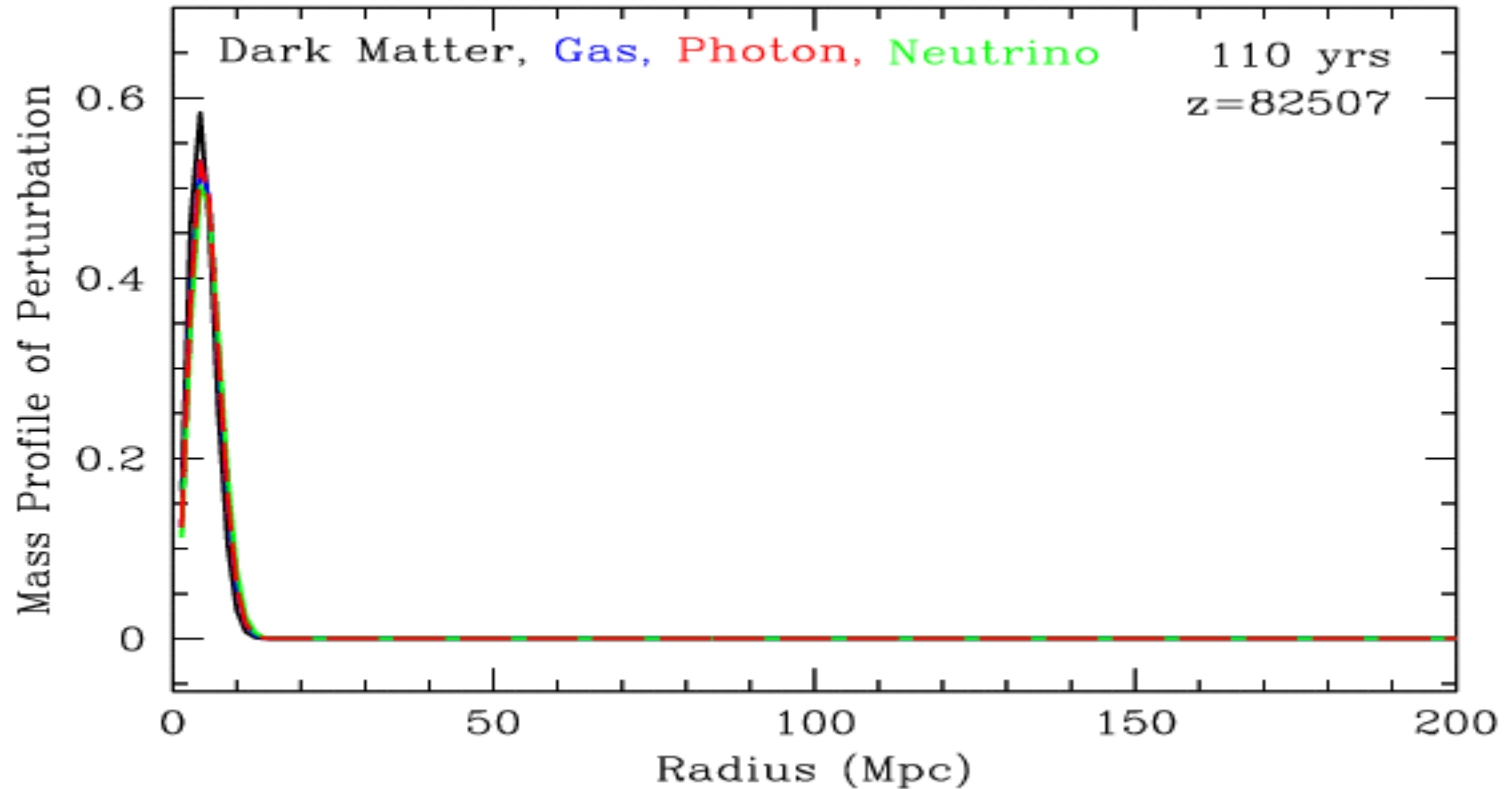
Standard Rulers



Features of power spectrum (compared to CMB)

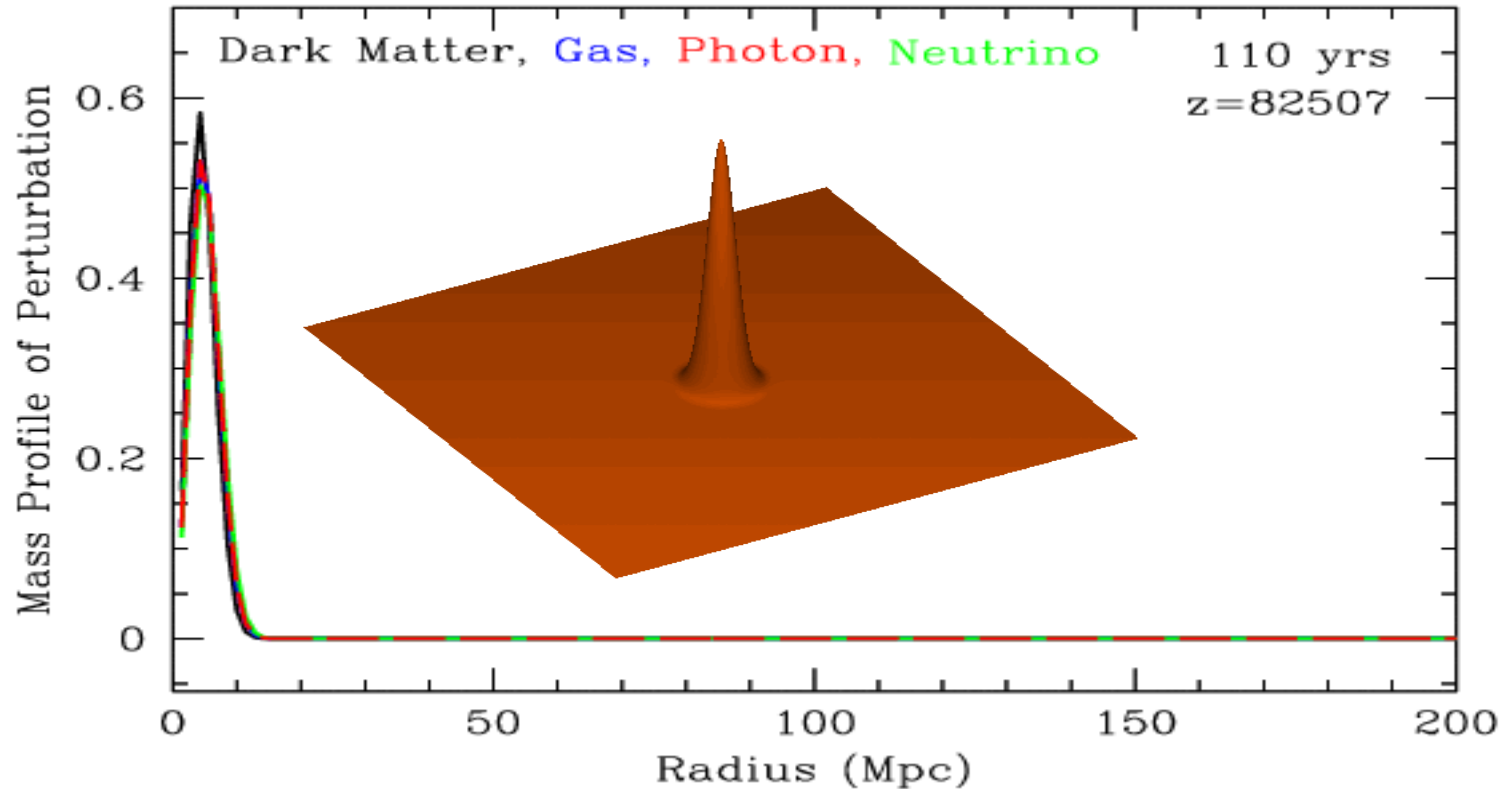


Formation of acoustic peak



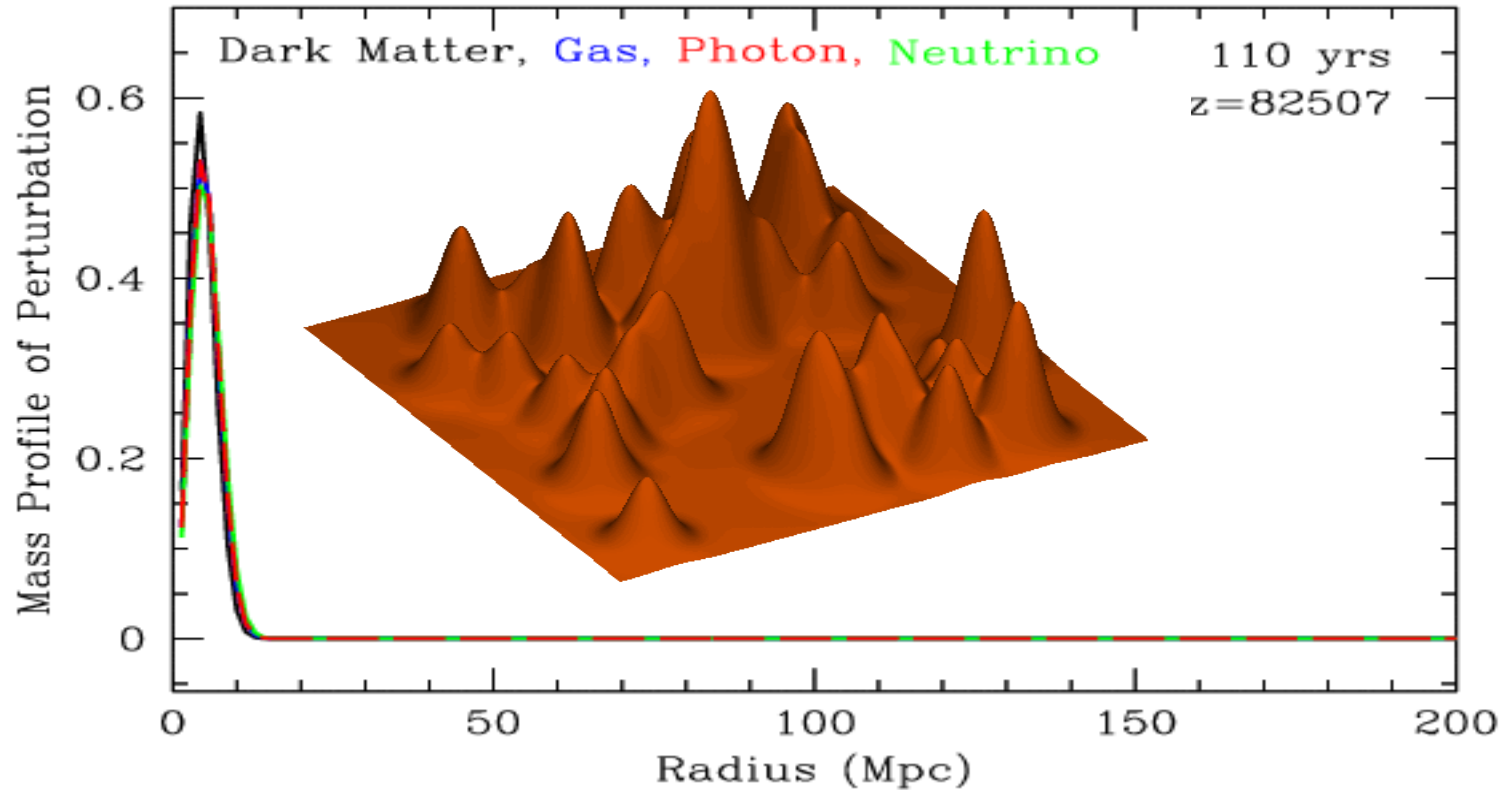
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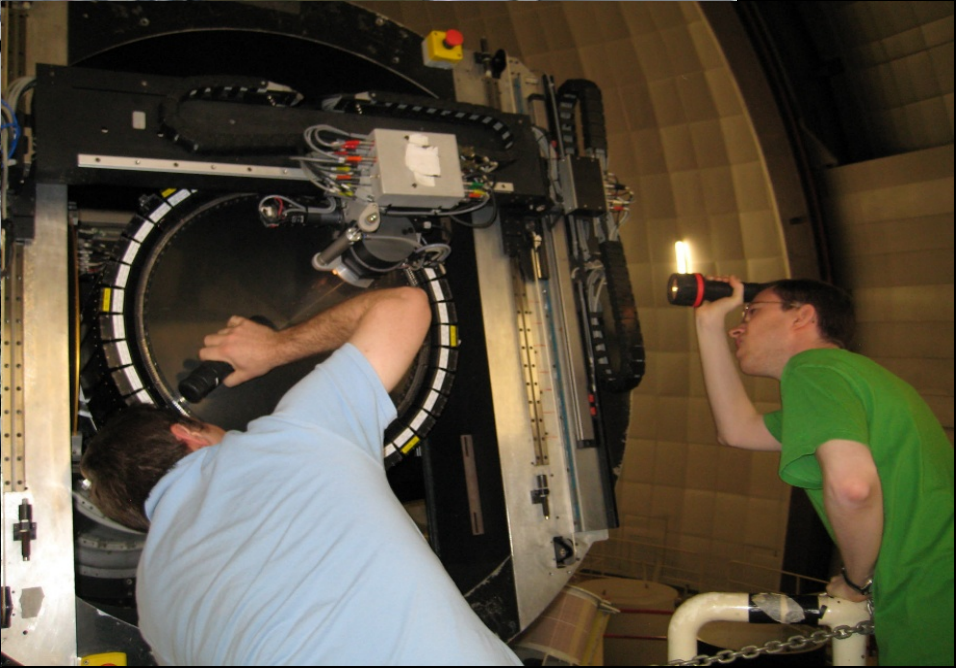


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SIMULATION SUITE

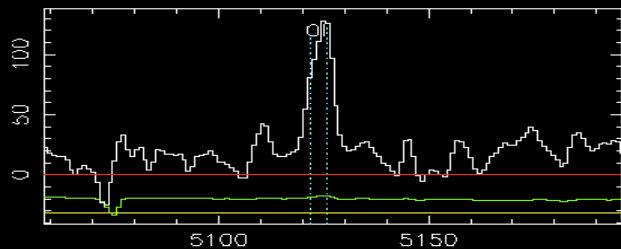
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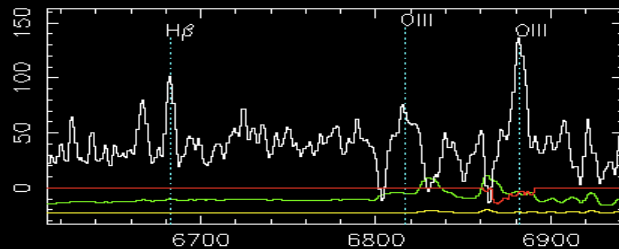


Example spectrum: $z=0.37$

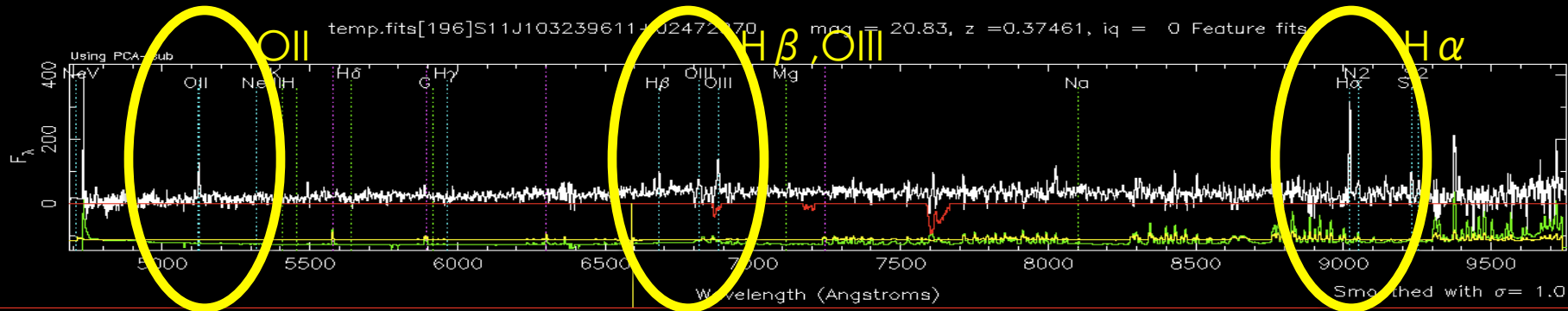
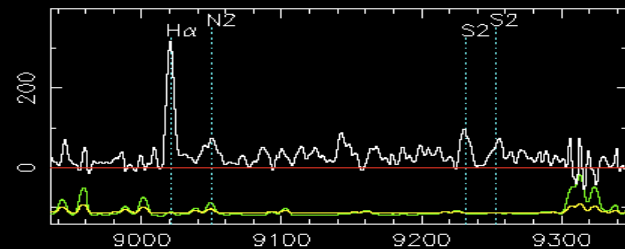
[OII] region



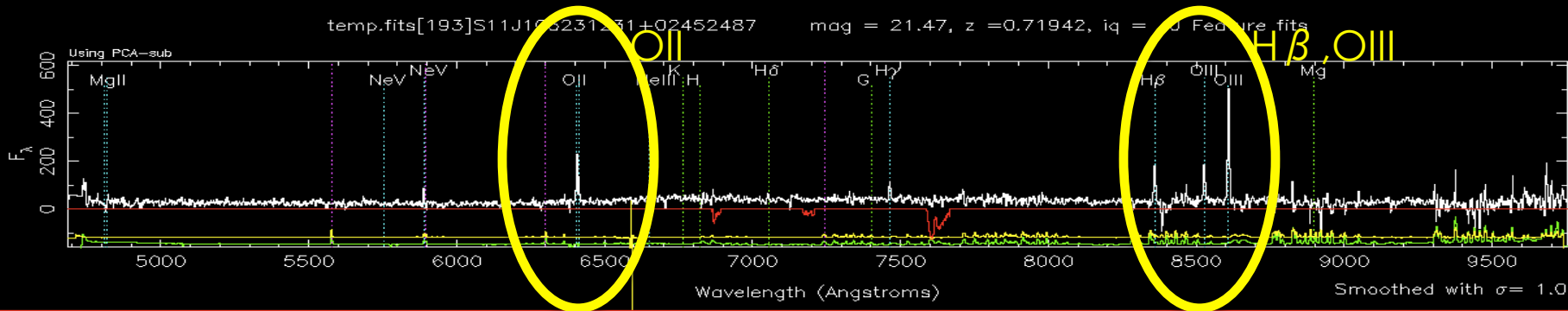
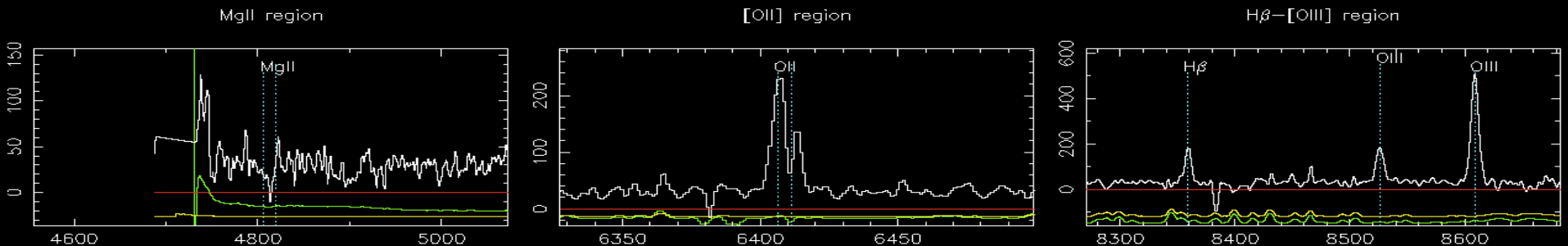
H β -[OIII] region



H α -[NII] region



Example spectrum: $z=0.72$



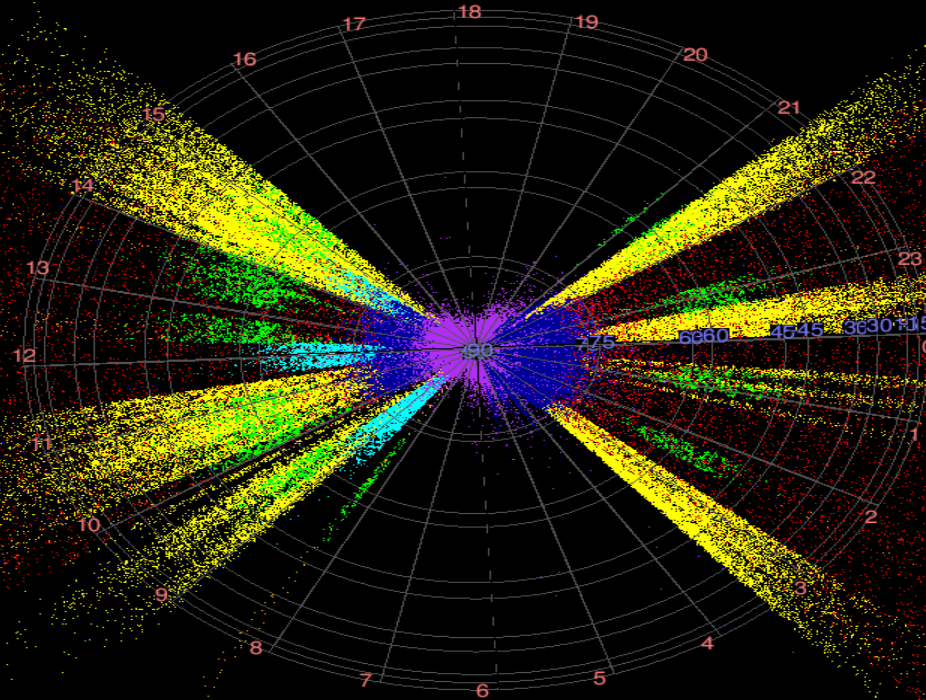
Redshifts become less certain above $z \sim 1$ because we lose H β

Redshift surveys (e.g. WiggleZ)

7 equatorial fields, each 100-200 deg²

>9° on side, ~3 x BAO scale at $z > 0.5$

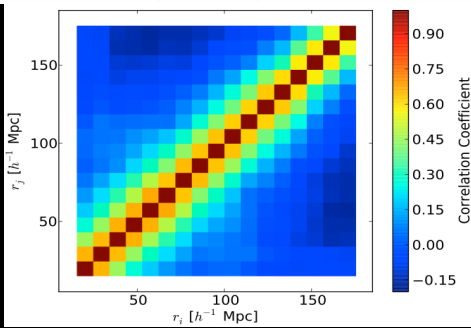
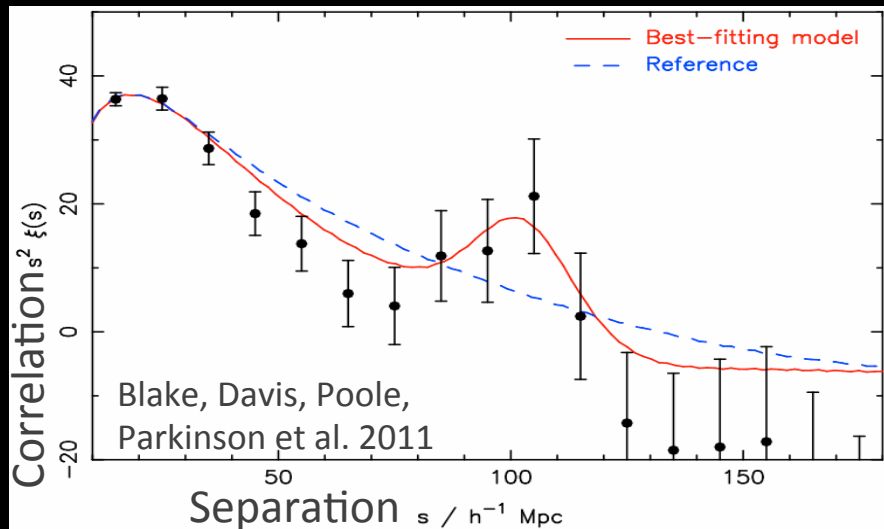
Physical size ~ 1300 x 500 x 500 Mpc/h



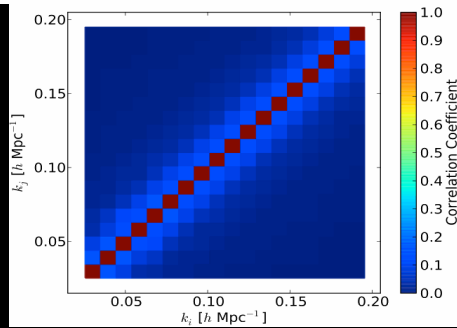
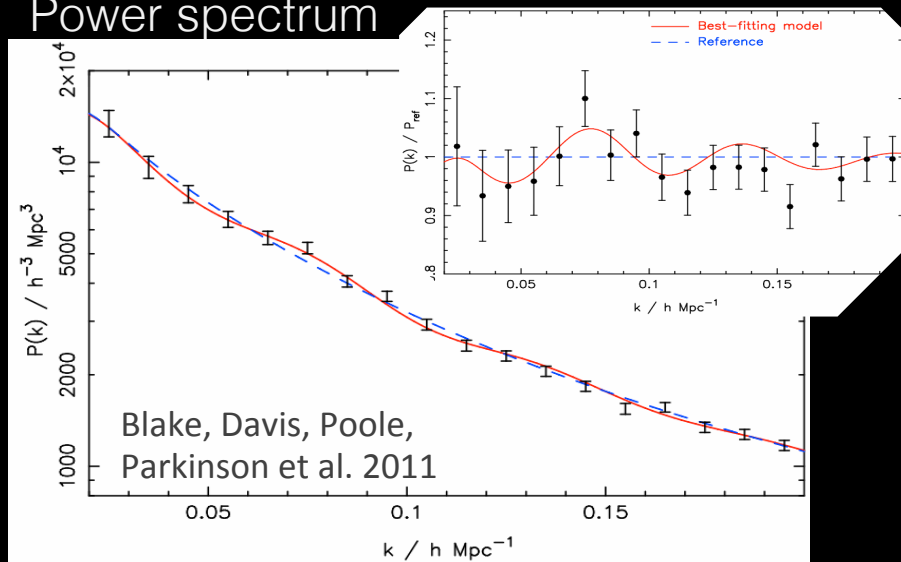
6dFGS (purple), 2dFGRS (blue), MGC (navy), GAMA (cyan), 2SLAQ-LRG (green),
WiggleZ (yellow), 2SLAQ-QSO (orange), 2QZ (red); the celestial sphere is at $z=1$.

Correlation function vs Power spectrum

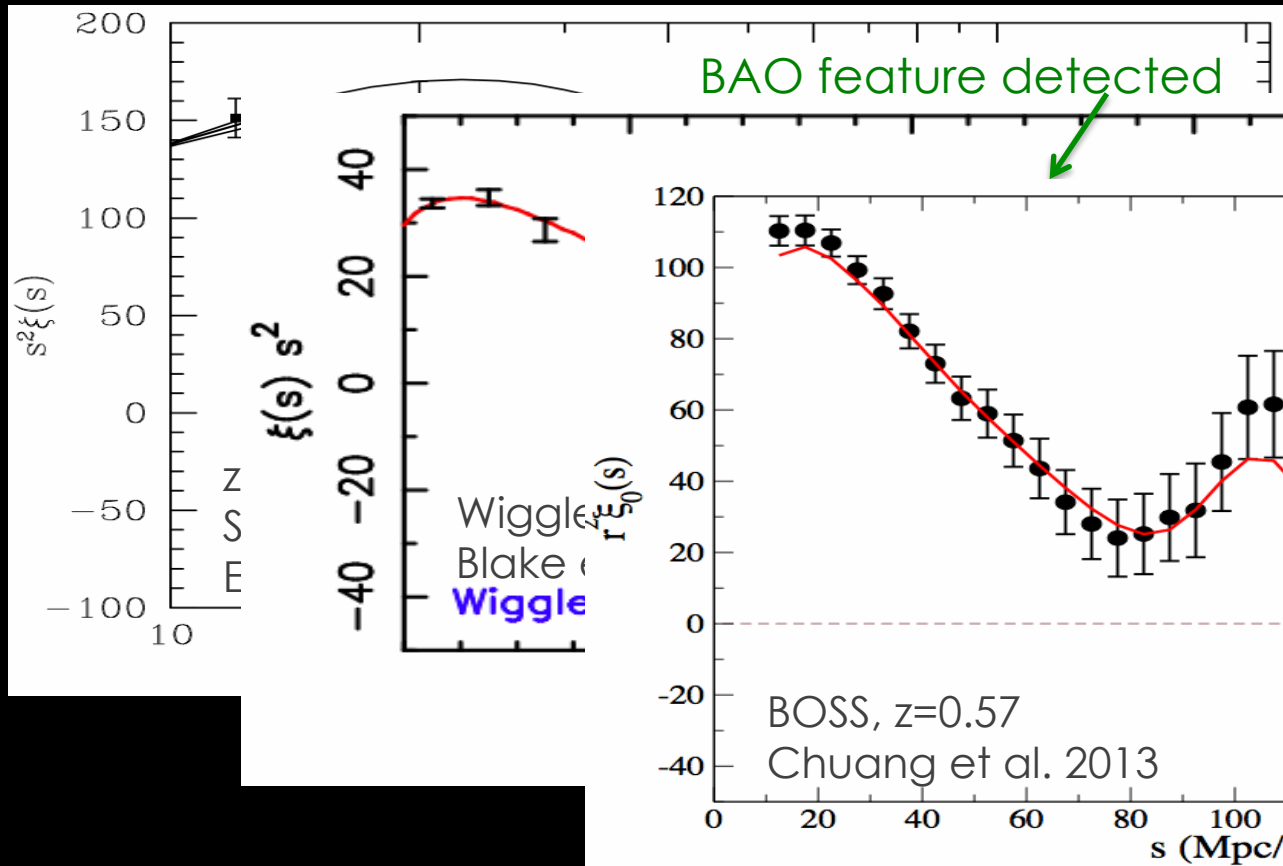
Correlation Function



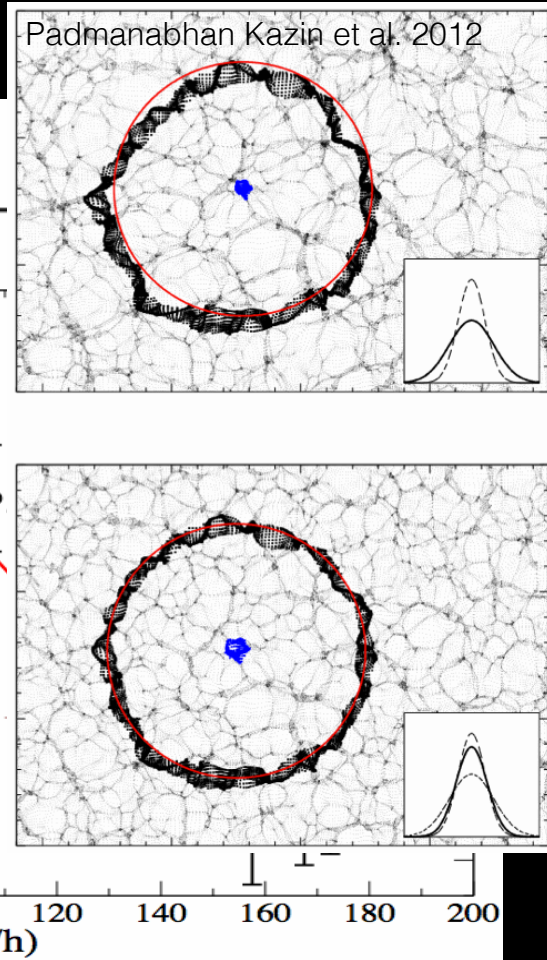
Power spectrum



Acoustic peak detections

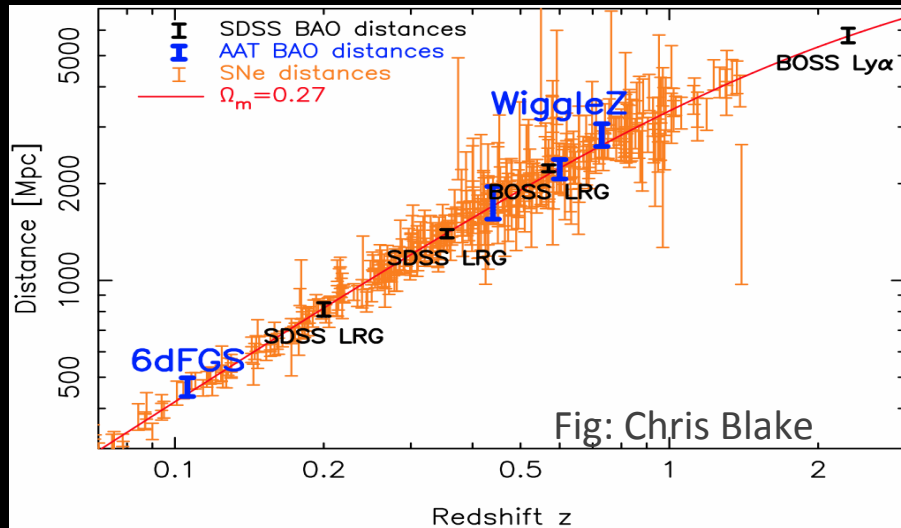


Reconstruction



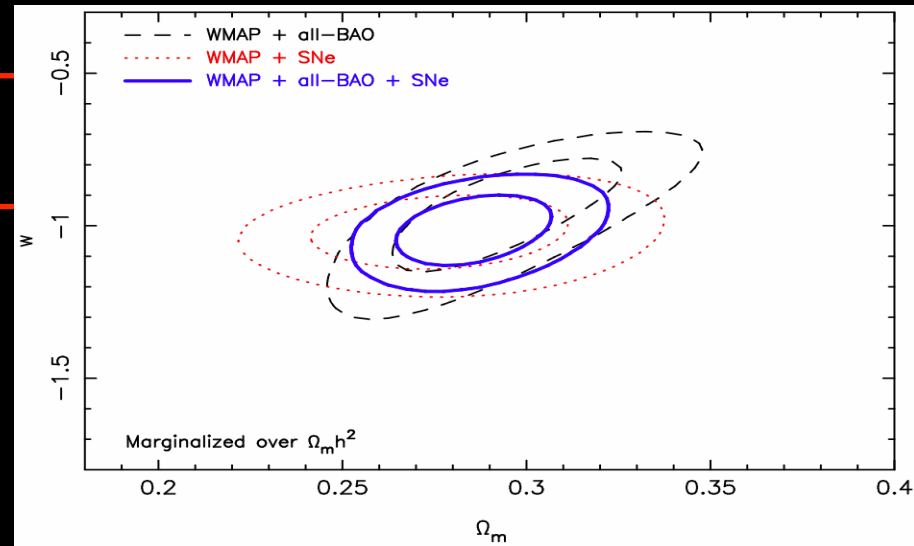
Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

Compared to supernovae



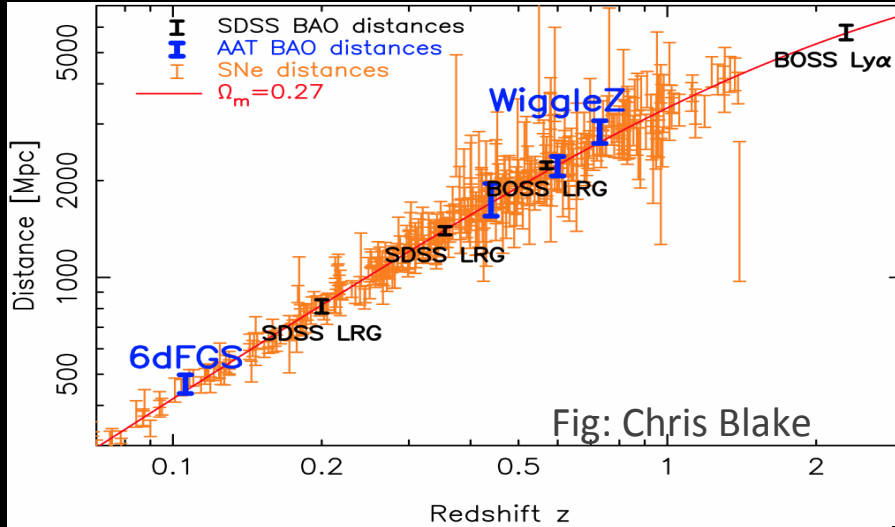
No longer need SNe!
BAO distances alone now
require acceleration!

BAO and SNe Combined with CMB



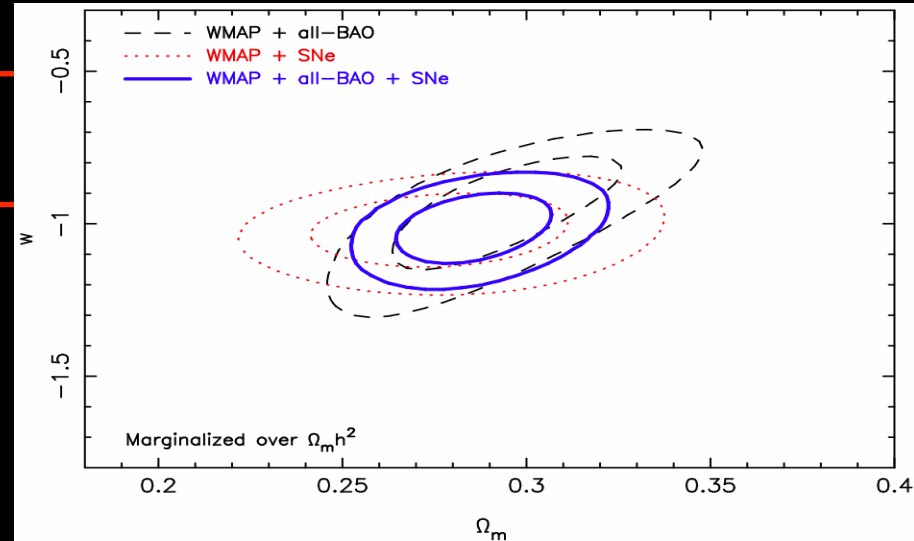
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We don't know what is causing
the acceleration

(And the leading candidate, vacuum
energy, is way too large)

Model testing vs parameter fitting

INTERLUDE...

- A CAUTIONARY TALE

What is the value of [parameter]?

[Matter density;
equation of state of
dark energy;
Hubble's parameter]

Data combination

Model

Parameters

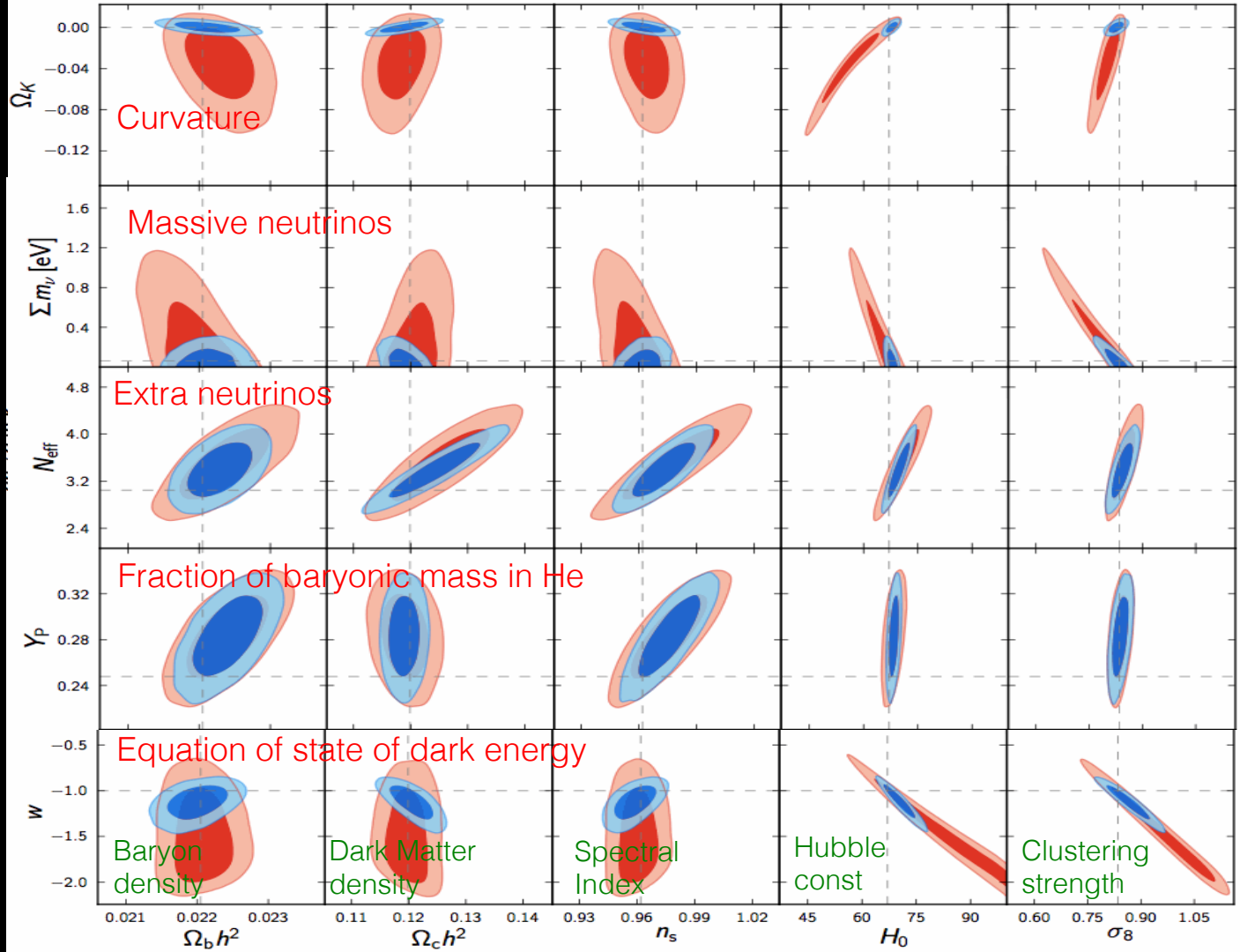
| Model | Parameter | CMB + WiggleZ | + H_0 | + SN-Ia | + BAO | + H_0 + BAO |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Flat Λ CDM | $100\Omega_b h^2$ | 2.238 ± 0.052 | 2.255 ± 0.050 | 2.240 ± 0.053 | 2.239 ± 0.050 | 2.253 ± 0.050 |
| | $\Omega_{\text{CDM}} h^2$ | 0.1153 ± 0.0027 | 0.1145 ± 0.0026 | 0.1150 ± 0.0028 | 0.1152 ± 0.0024 | 0.1146 ± 0.0024 |
| | 100θ | 1.039 ± 0.002 | 1.040 ± 0.002 | 1.039 ± 0.003 | 1.039 ± 0.002 | 1.039 ± 0.002 |
| | τ | 0.083 ± 0.014 | 0.084 ± 0.014 | 0.083 ± 0.014 | 0.083 ± 0.014 | 0.084 ± 0.014 |
| | n_s | 0.964 ± 0.012 | 0.968 ± 0.012 | 0.965 ± 0.013 | 0.964 ± 0.012 | 0.968 ± 0.011 |
| | $\log(10^{10} A_s)$ | 3.084 ± 0.029 | 3.086 ± 0.029 | 3.085 ± 0.030 | 3.083 ± 0.029 | 3.086 ± 0.029 |
| | Ω_m | 0.290 ± 0.016 | 0.283 ± 0.014 | 0.288 ± 0.017 | 0.289 ± 0.013 | 0.284 ± 0.012 |
| | $H_0 [\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}]$ | 68.9 ± 1.4 | 69.6 ± 1.3 | 69.1 ± 1.6 | 69.0 ± 1.2 | 69.5 ± 1.2 |
| | σ_8 | 0.825 ± 0.017 | 0.825 ± 0.017 | 0.825 ± 0.017 | 0.825 ± 0.017 | 0.825 ± 0.017 |
| | Flat w CDM | $100\Omega_b h^2$ | 2.265 ± 0.062 | 2.253 ± 0.057 | 2.228 ± 0.055 | 2.247 ± 0.056 |
| $\Omega_{DM} h^2$ | | 0.1164 ± 0.0036 | 0.1146 ± 0.0030 | 0.1157 ± 0.0030 | 0.1147 ± 0.0029 | 0.1148 ± 0.0030 |
| 100θ | | 1.039 ± 0.003 | 1.039 ± 0.003 | 1.038 ± 0.003 | 1.039 ± 0.003 | 1.039 ± 0.003 |
| τ | | 0.084 ± 0.015 | 0.084 ± 0.014 | 0.082 ± 0.014 | 0.084 ± 0.014 | 0.084 ± 0.014 |
| n_s | | 0.975 ± 0.019 | 0.968 ± 0.014 | 0.962 ± 0.014 | 0.967 ± 0.014 | 0.968 ± 0.014 |
| $\log[10^{10}]$ | | 3.096 ± 0.031 | 3.086 ± 0.030 | 3.082 ± 0.029 | 3.085 ± 0.030 | 3.086 ± 0.030 |
| w | | -0.525 ± 0.293 | -1.007 ± 0.084 | -1.062 ± 0.072 | -0.973 ± 0.086 | -1.008 ± 0.085 |
| Ω_m | | 0.487 ± 0.132 | 0.283 ± 0.018 | 0.844 ± 0.028 | 0.294 ± 0.018 | 0.284 ± 0.018 |
| H_0 | | 55.2 ± 8.4 | 69.7 ± 2.1 | 70.5 ± 2.3 | 68.4 ± 2.0 | 69.7 ± 2.1 |
| σ_8 | | 0.664 ± 0.110 | 0.826 ± 0.032 | 0.844 ± 0.028 | 0.815 ± 0.033 | 0.827 ± 0.032 |
| Λ CDM | $100\Omega_b h^2$ | 2.215 ± 0.055 | 2.263 ± 0.054 | 2.256 ± 0.054 | 2.252 ± 0.054 | 2.262 ± 0.052 |
| | $\Omega_{\text{CDM}} h^2$ | 0.1118 ± 0.0039 | 0.1162 ± 0.0039 | 0.114 ± 0.0042 | 0.1150 ± 0.0038 | 0.1161 ± 0.0038 |
| | 100θ | 1.038 ± 0.003 | 1.040 ± 0.003 | 1.040 ± 0.003 | 1.040 ± 0.003 | 1.040 ± 0.003 |
| | τ | 0.086 ± 0.014 | 0.088 ± 0.015 | 0.089 ± 0.014 | 0.088 ± 0.015 | 0.088 ± 0.014 |
| | n_s | 0.958 ± 0.013 | 0.970 ± 0.013 | 0.969 ± 0.013 | 0.968 ± 0.013 | 0.969 ± 0.013 |
| | $\log(10^{10} A_s)$ | 3.072 ± 0.031 | 3.101 ± 0.031 | 3.096 ± 0.031 | 3.096 ± 0.031 | 3.101 ± 0.030 |
| | Ω_m | 0.454 ± 0.058 | 0.287 ± 0.029 | 0.303 ± 0.038 | 0.302 ± 0.020 | 0.288 ± 0.016 |
| | Ω_k | -0.046 ± 0.017 | 0.001 ± 0.008 | -0.005 ± 0.012 | -0.004 ± 0.006 | 0.000 ± 0.005 |
| | $H_0 [\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}]$ | 54.65 ± 3.8 | 69.86 ± 3.6 | 67.7 ± 4.7 | 67.6 ± 2.3 | 69.9 ± 3.6 |
| | σ_8 | 0.782 ± 0.024 | 0.838 ± 0.023 | 0.825 ± 0.026 | 0.829 ± 0.022 | 0.838 ± 0.023 |

Model

Model

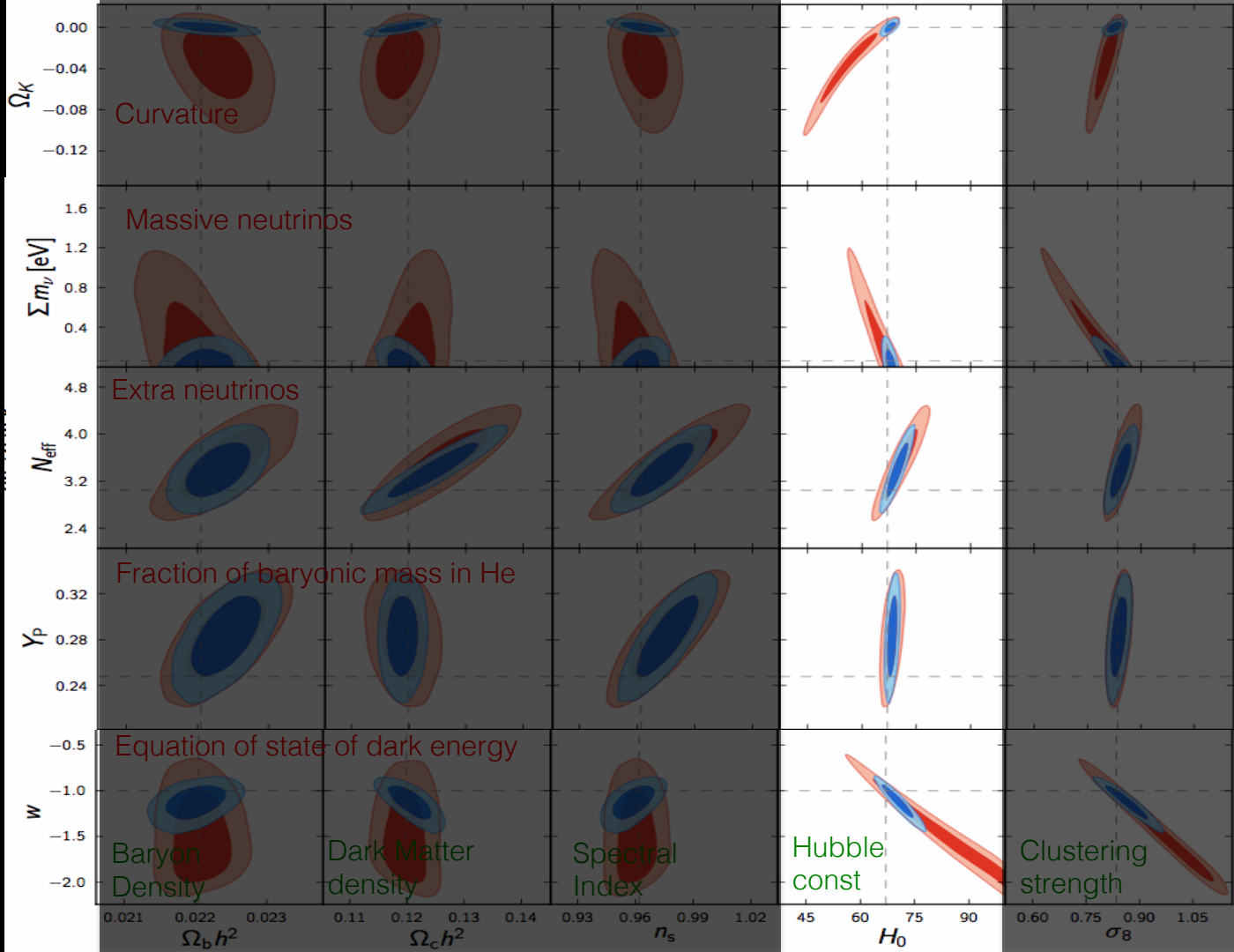
CMB: Model extensions

Planck XVI, 2013
+BAO (blue)



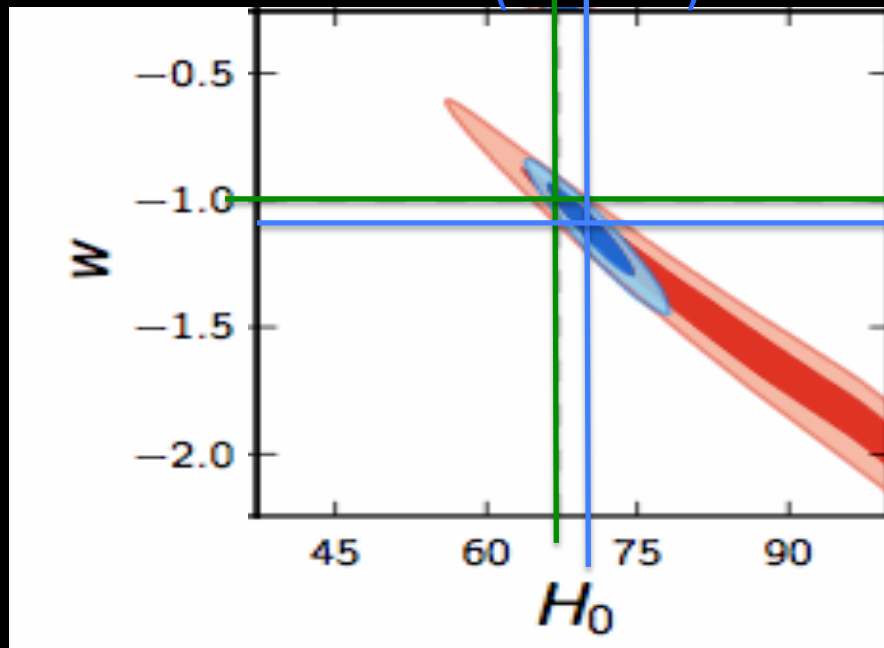
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CMB: Model extensions

Dark energy
equation
of state



Hubble's constant

Best fit in
extended model
(wCDM)

Planck+WP+highL
+BAO

$$H_0 = 67.80 \pm 0.77$$

Planck+WP+highL
+BAO

$$H_0 = 71 \pm 4 (?)$$

Back on track

WHAT IS DARK ENERGY?

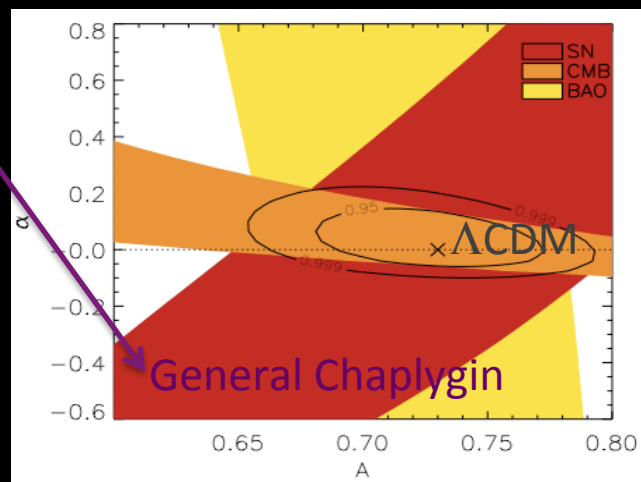
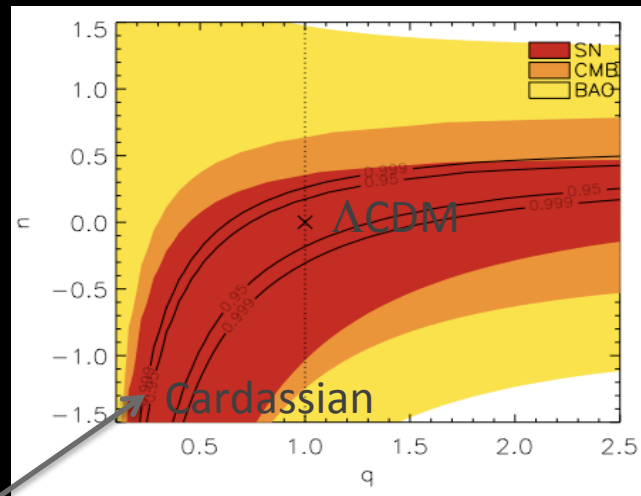
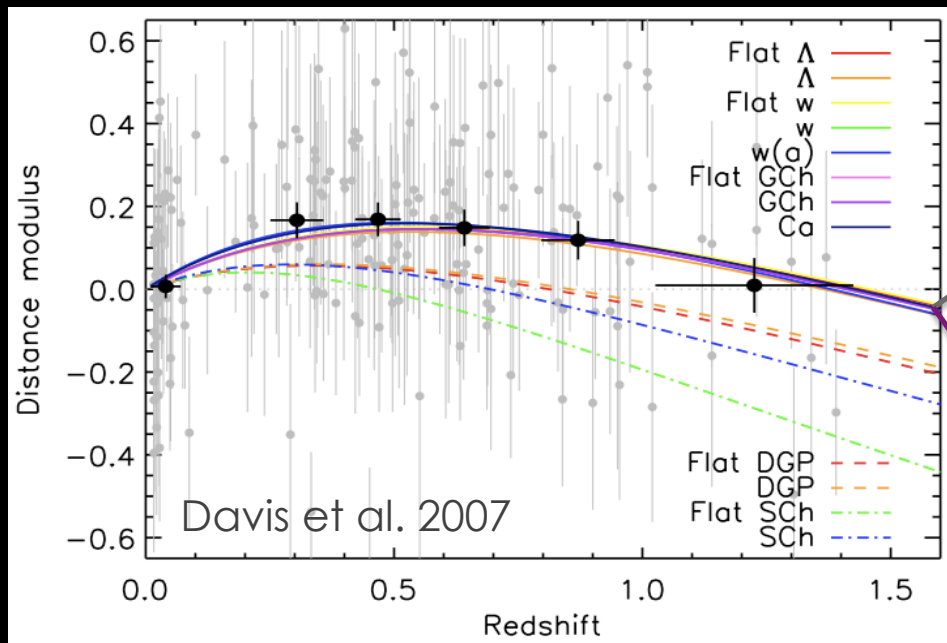


New theory?

New stuff?

Whoops?

Some models
can't be distinguished
using only distance data



Distinguishing dark energy models

3B. LARGE SCALE STRUCTURE

- GROWTH
(dynamic)

Other types of measurements needed

- Growth

$$f = \frac{d(\ln \delta)}{d(\ln a)} \sim \Omega_M(z)^\gamma$$

overdensity

scalefactor

$\gamma = 6/11$ in Λ CDM

$\gamma = 6/10$ in CDM

$\gamma = 11/16$ in DGP

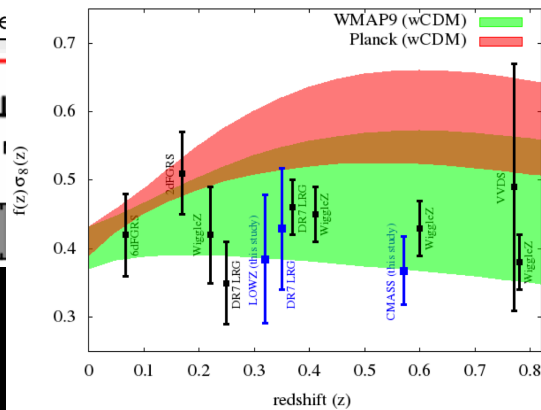
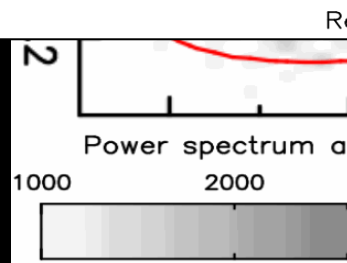
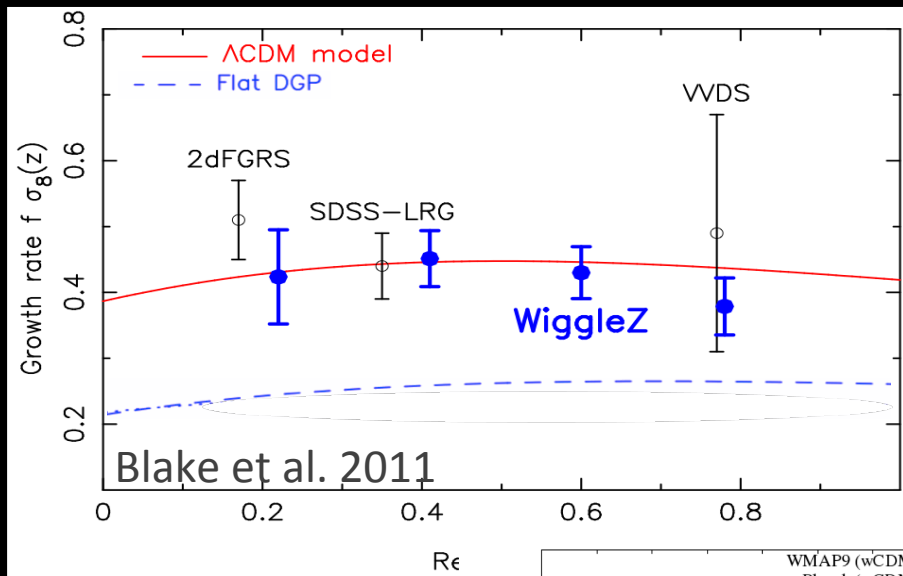
γ is different in different models

- Amplitude of density fluctuations at present day

$$\sigma_8$$

1. measure density in spheres 8 Mpc in radius
2. calculate the dispersion

Growth

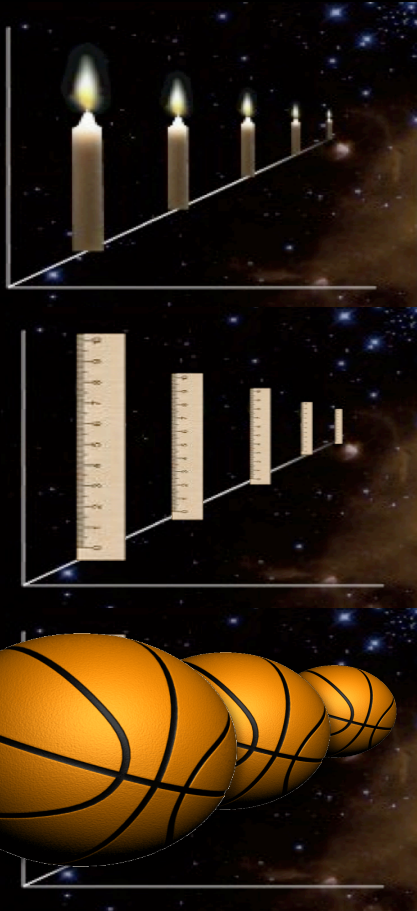


Measuring acceleration more directly

3C. LARGE SCALE STRUCTURE

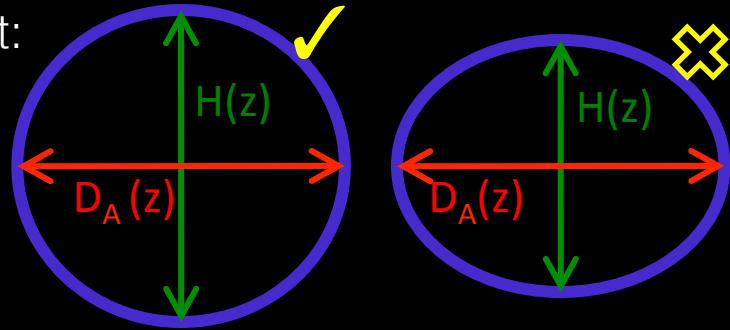
- $H(z)$ ALCOCK-PACZYNSKI

BAO – a standard sphere

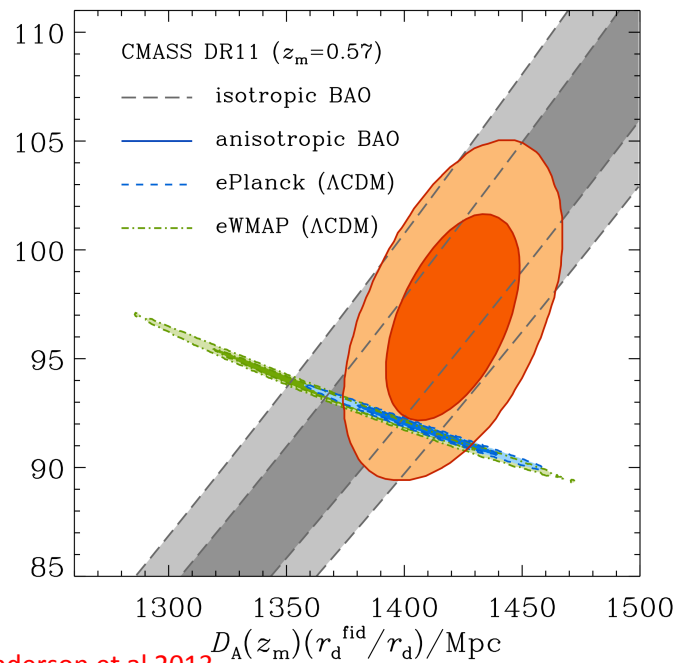
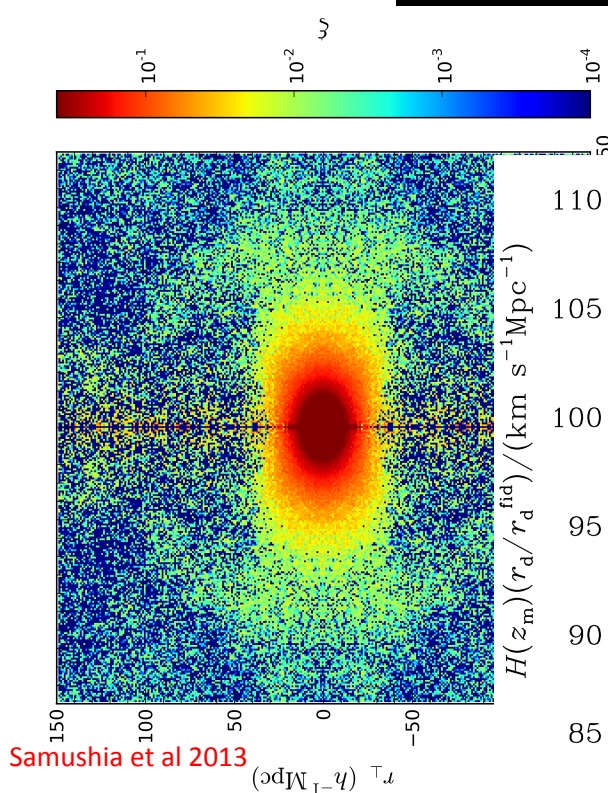
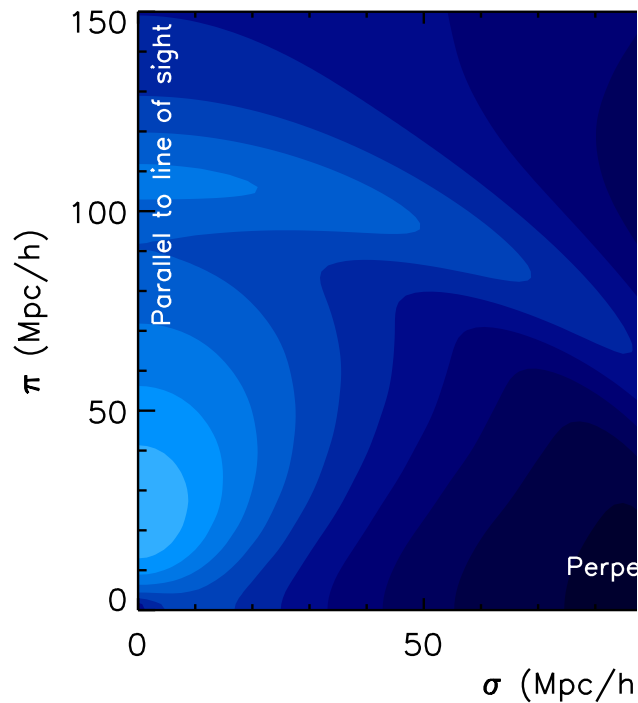


- SNe = **radial** info (line of sight)
- CMB = **tangential** info (surface of sphere)
- BAO can be applied **radially** to give $H(z)$ AND **tangentially** to give $D_A(z)$

Alcock-Paczynski test:



2D BAO



Measurement of $H(z)$

AP measures

$$(1+z)D_A(z)H(z)/c$$

Supernovae measure

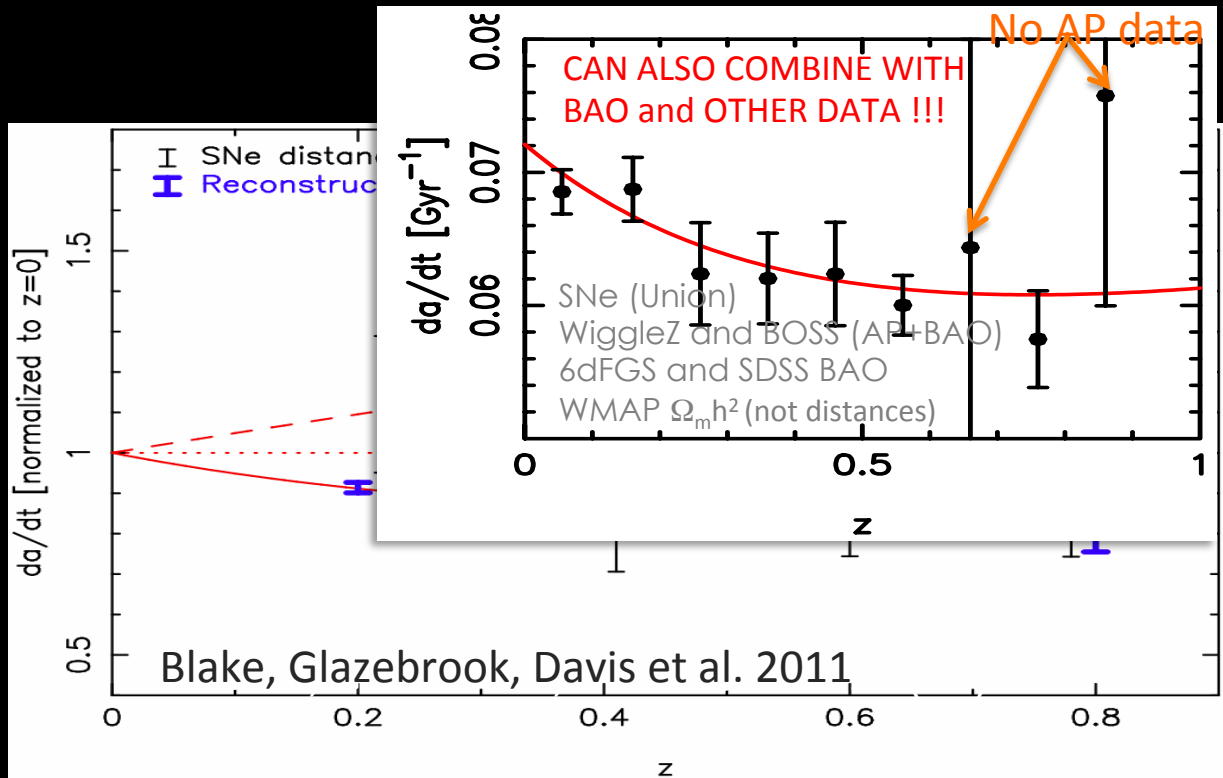
$$D_L(z)H_0/c$$

Distances are related by

$$D_L(z) = D_A(z)(1+z)^2$$

So the ratio gives

$$H(z)/H_0$$

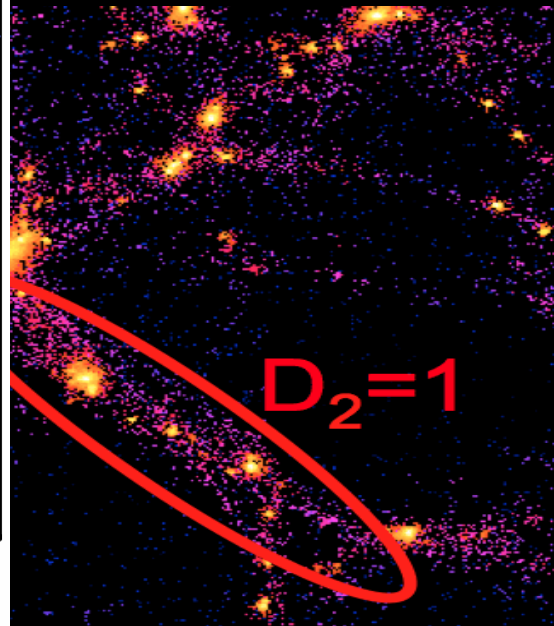
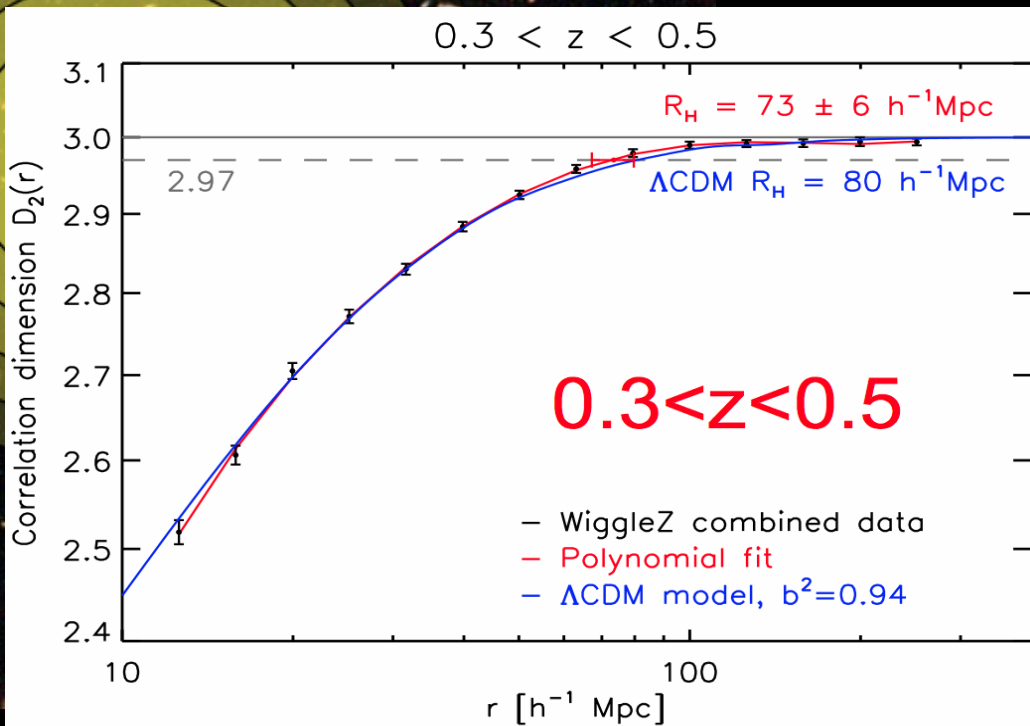


Testing the cosmological principle

3D. LARGE SCALE STRUCTURE - HOMOGENEITY

Fractal dimension (Morag Scrimgeour, ICRAR)

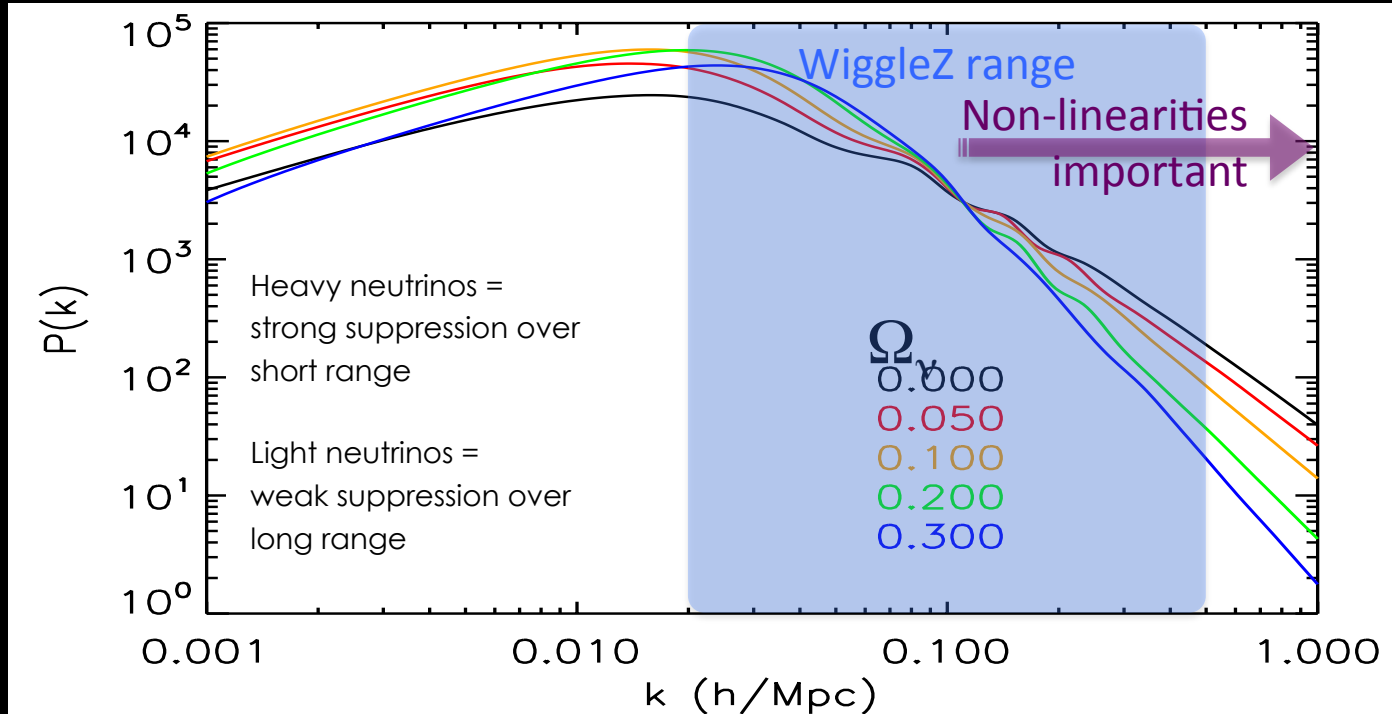
$$N(< r) \propto r^{D_2}$$



Particle physics

3E. LARGE SCALE STRUCTURE - NEUTRINO MASS

Neutrino mass and number

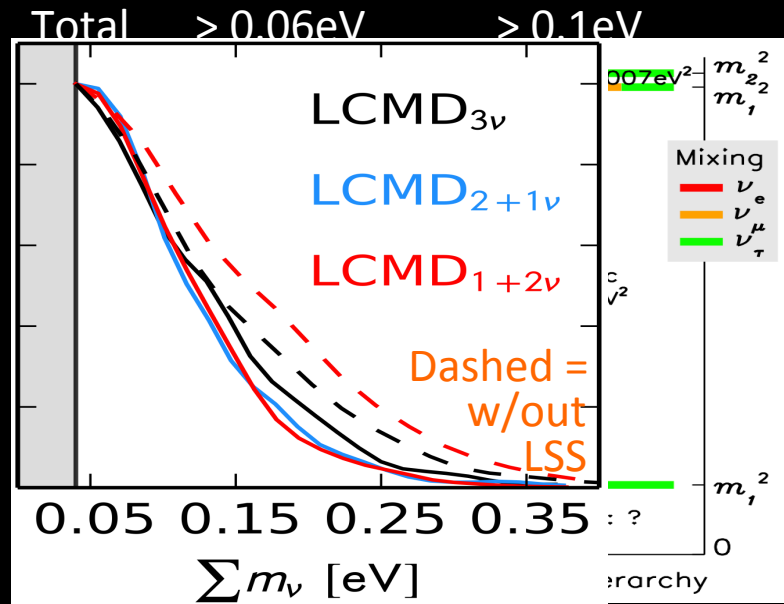
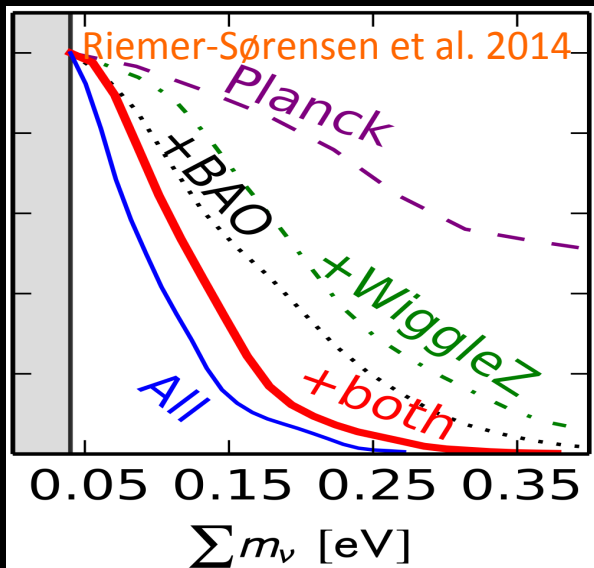


Changes balance of radiation to dust

⇒ changes expansion rate vs time

⇒ changes horizon size at matter radiation equality

Neutrino mass constraint



Allowed range for the sum of neutrino masses is now:

$$0.05 \text{ eV} < \Sigma m_\nu < 0.18 \text{ eV}$$

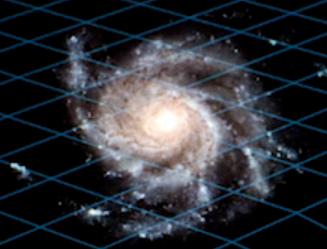
(lab oscillation expts)

(cosmology, 95% confidence,
Flat Λ CDM model)

Measuring dark matter

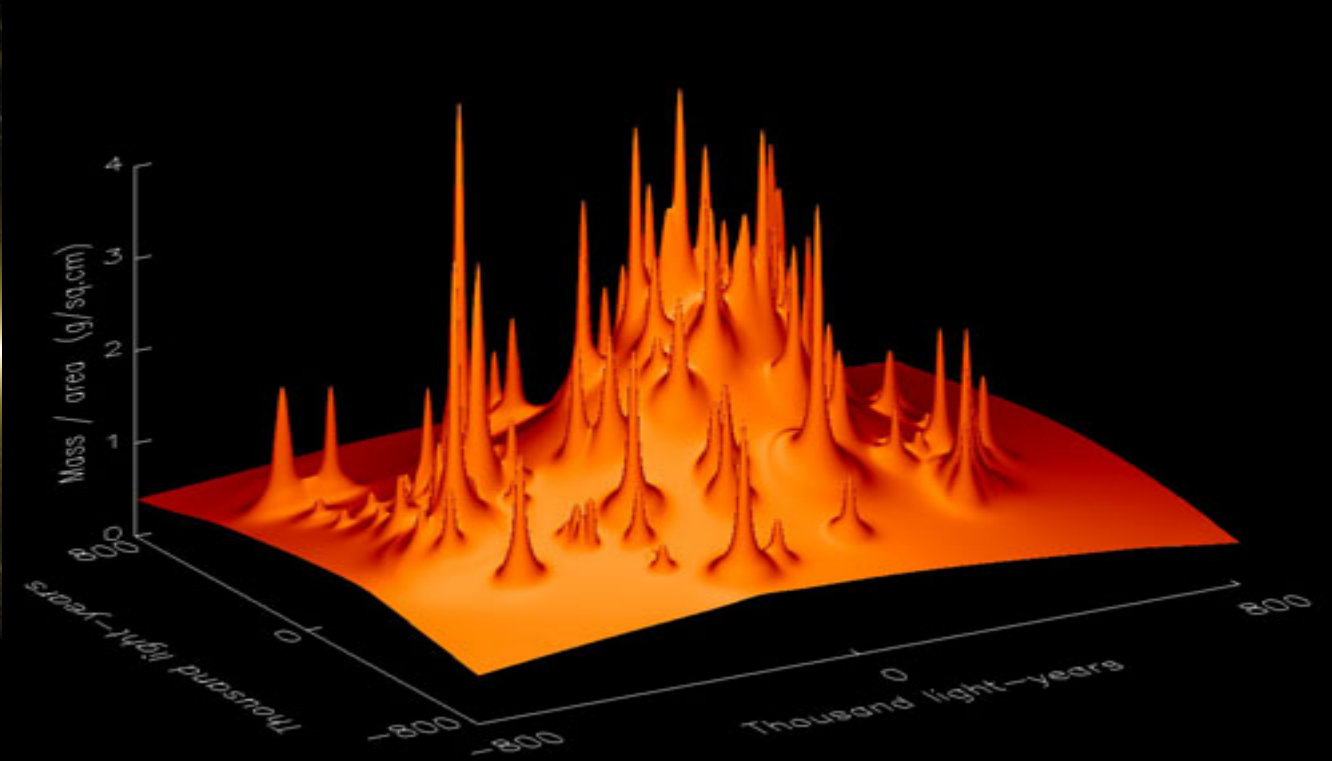
4A. LENSING

- STRONG LENSING



Galaxy Cluster

Strong Lensing



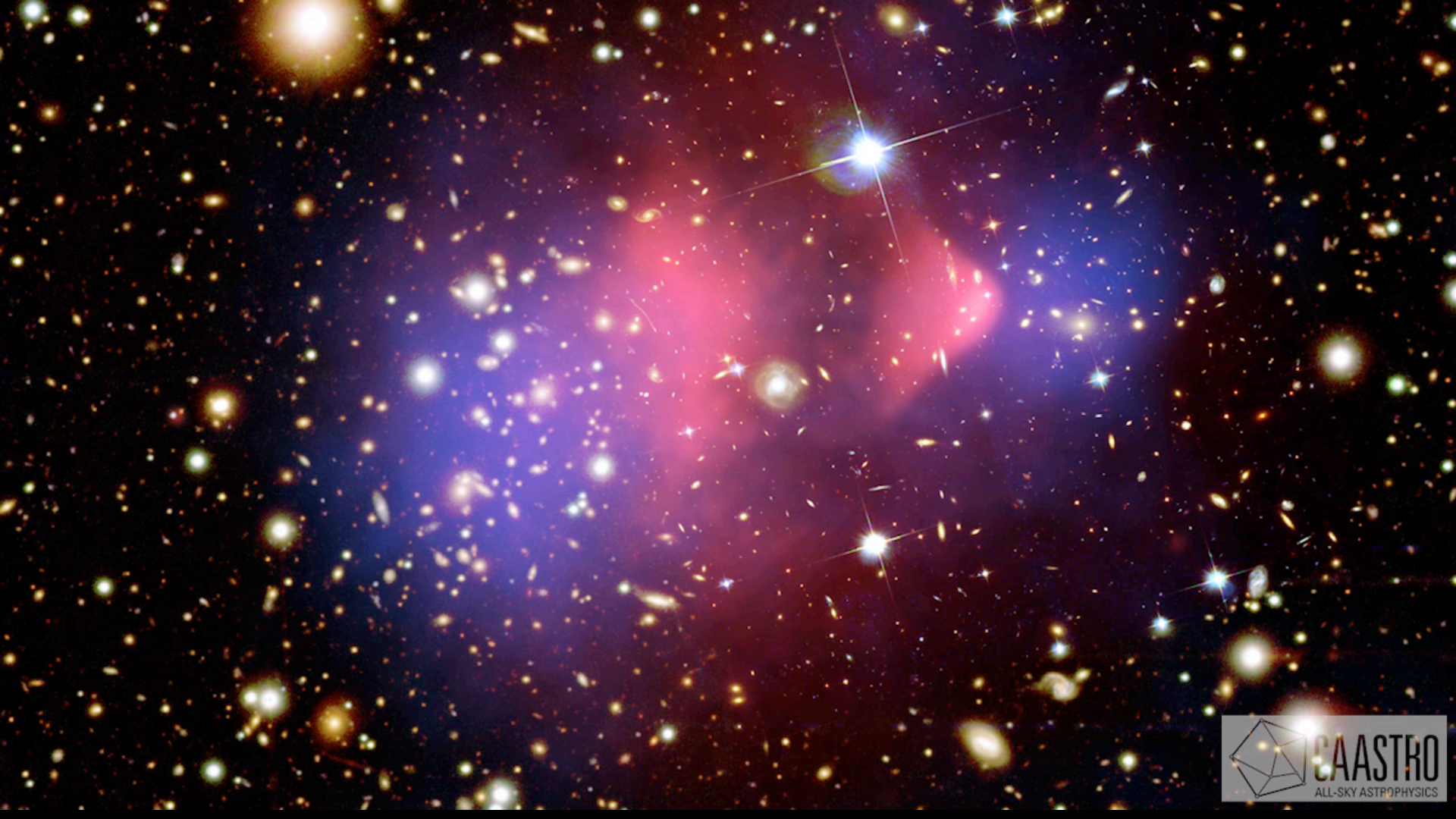
Measuring cosmological parameters

4B. LENSING

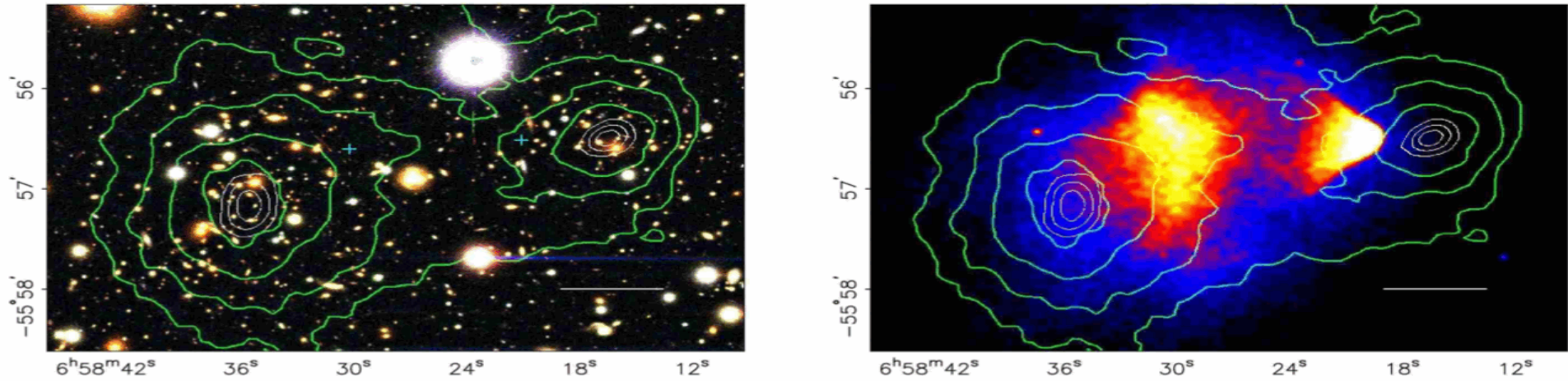
- WEAK LENSING

Galaxies





Weak Lensing



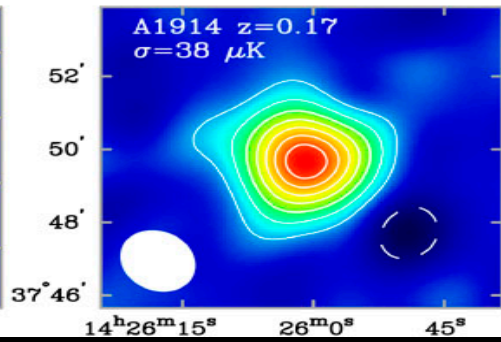
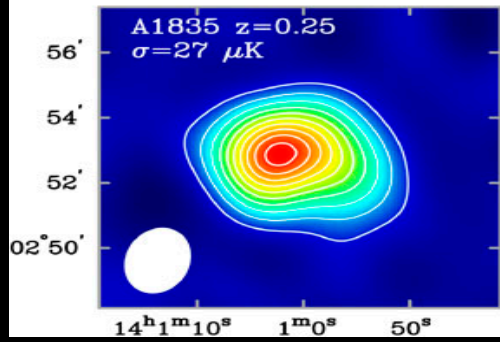
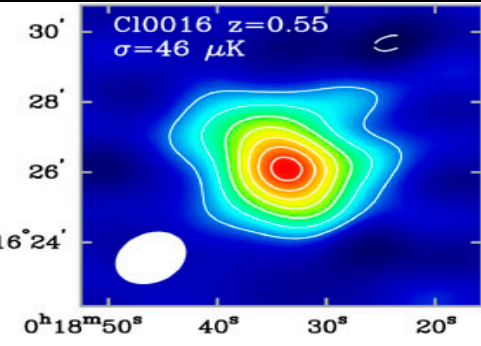
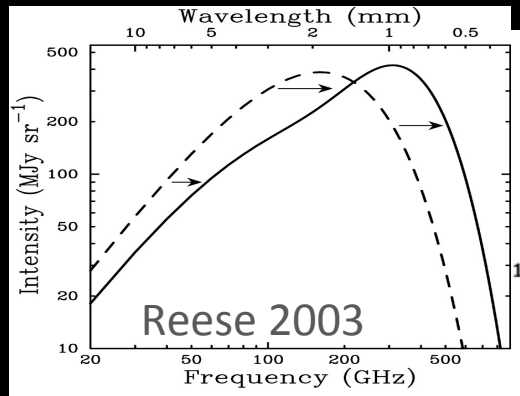
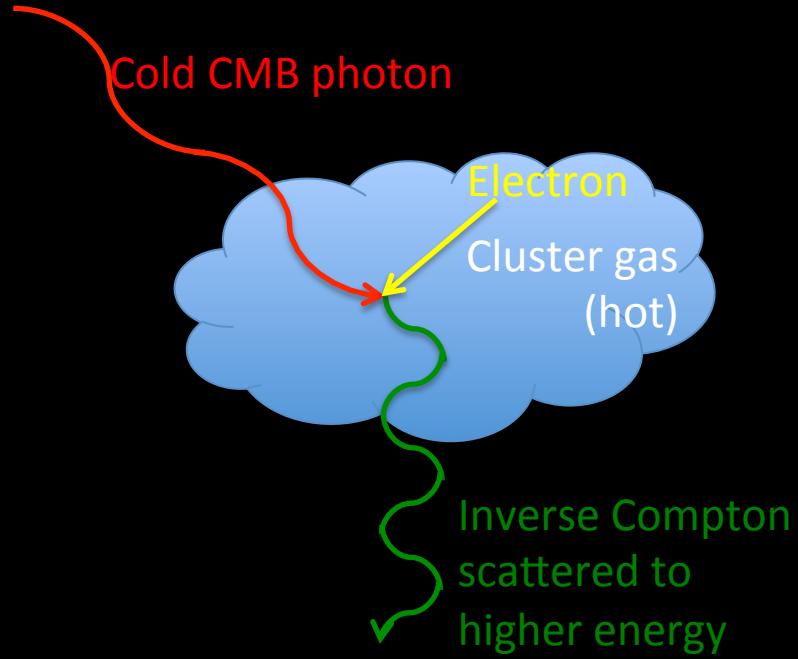
NOTE: **Dark matter** has to explain a lot **more** than **galaxy rotation curves**!!

- All **CMB** + **Galaxy $P(k)$** + other methods already mentioned
- **Timing** of structure formation
- **Lensing** around ellipticals and clusters

Constraining parameters

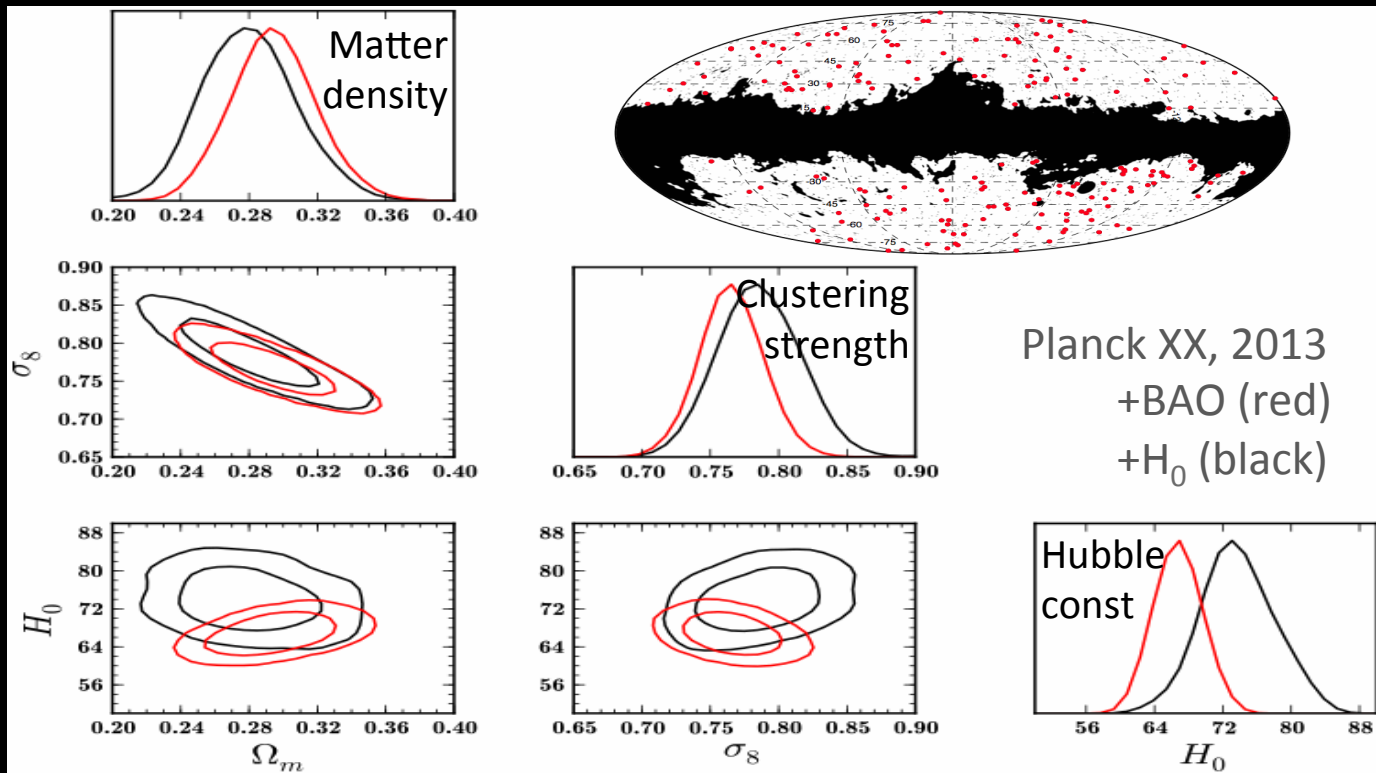
2B. COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND - SUNYAEV ZELDOVICH

Sunyaev-Zeldovich (SZ) effect



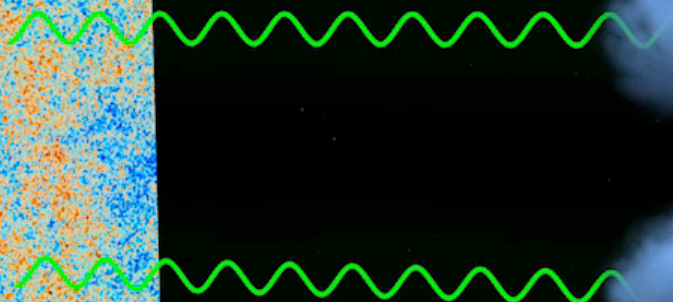
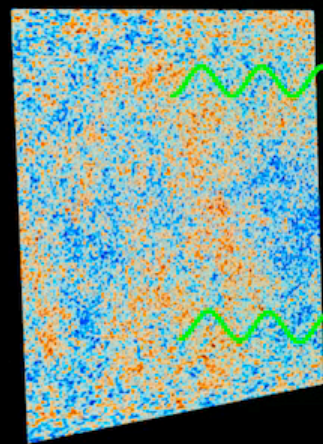
Independent of redshift !

Sunyaev-Zeldovich (SZ) effect



Constraints from dN/dz of clusters from SZ catalogue

Cloud Motion

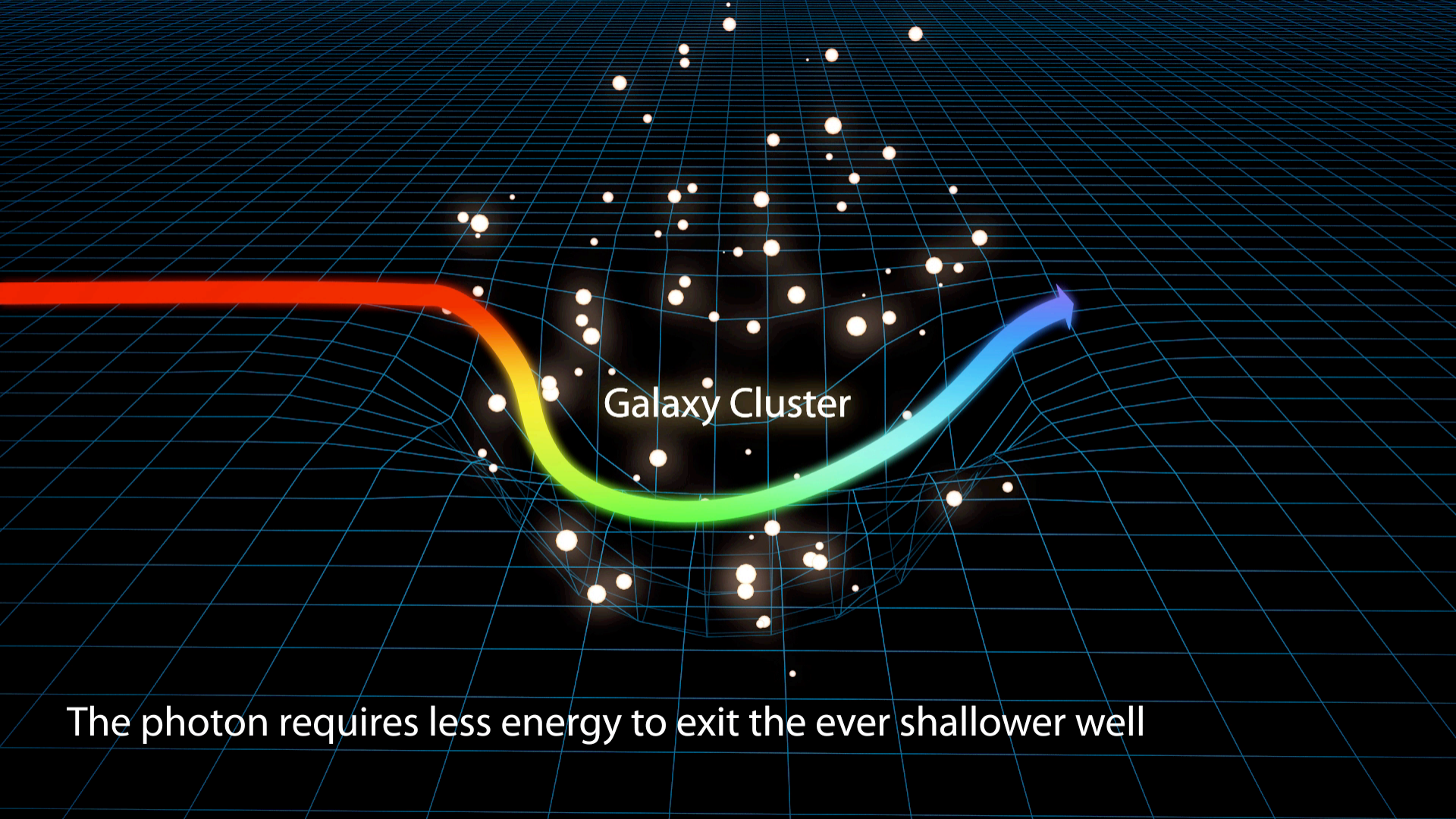


Cloud Motion



Detecting dark energy

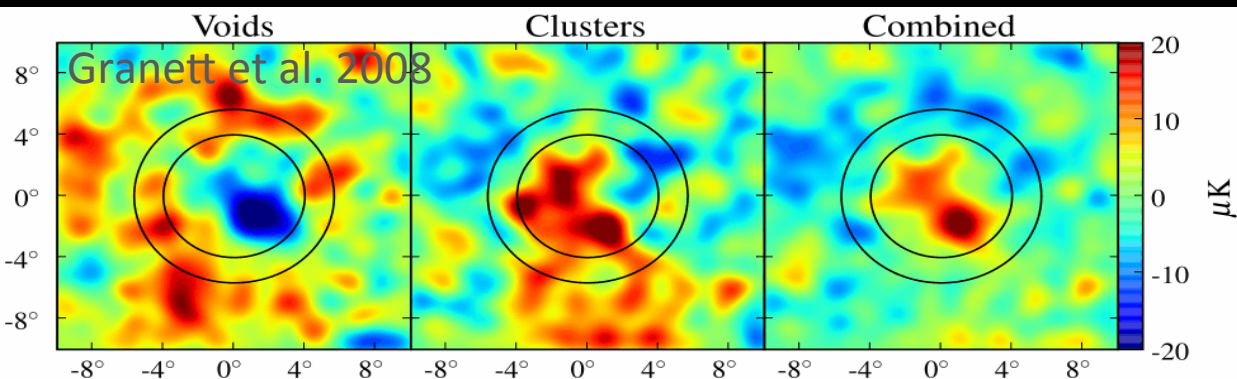
2C. COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND - INTEGRATED SACHS WOLFE



Galaxy Cluster

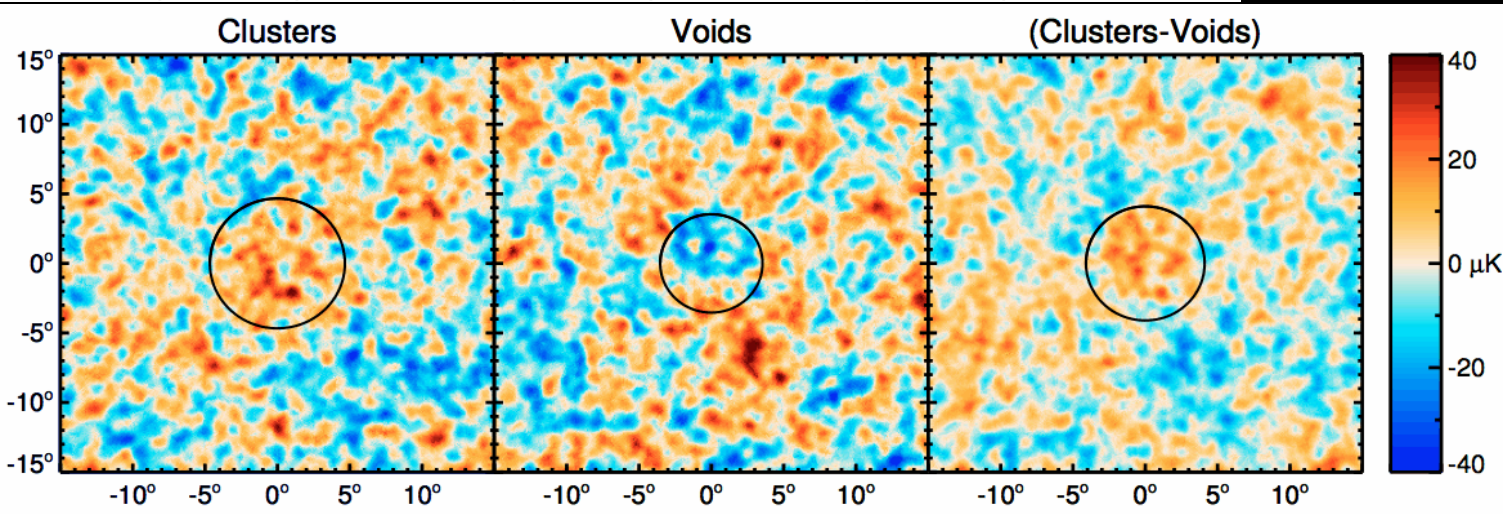
The photon requires less energy to exit the ever shallower well

Integrated Sachs-Wolfe (ISW) effect



Can cross-correlate with
-galaxy surveys
-lensing maps

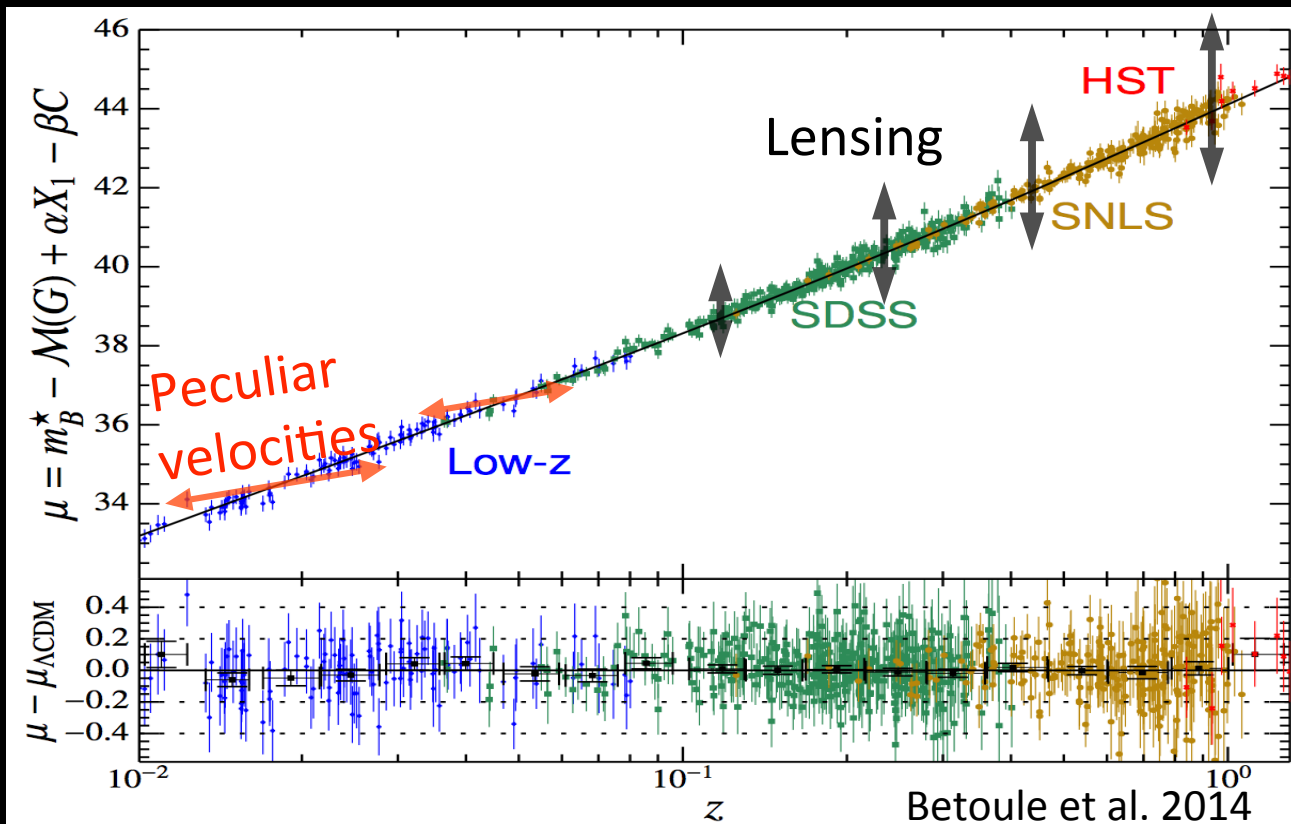
Magnitude matches
 ΛCDM



4C LENSING

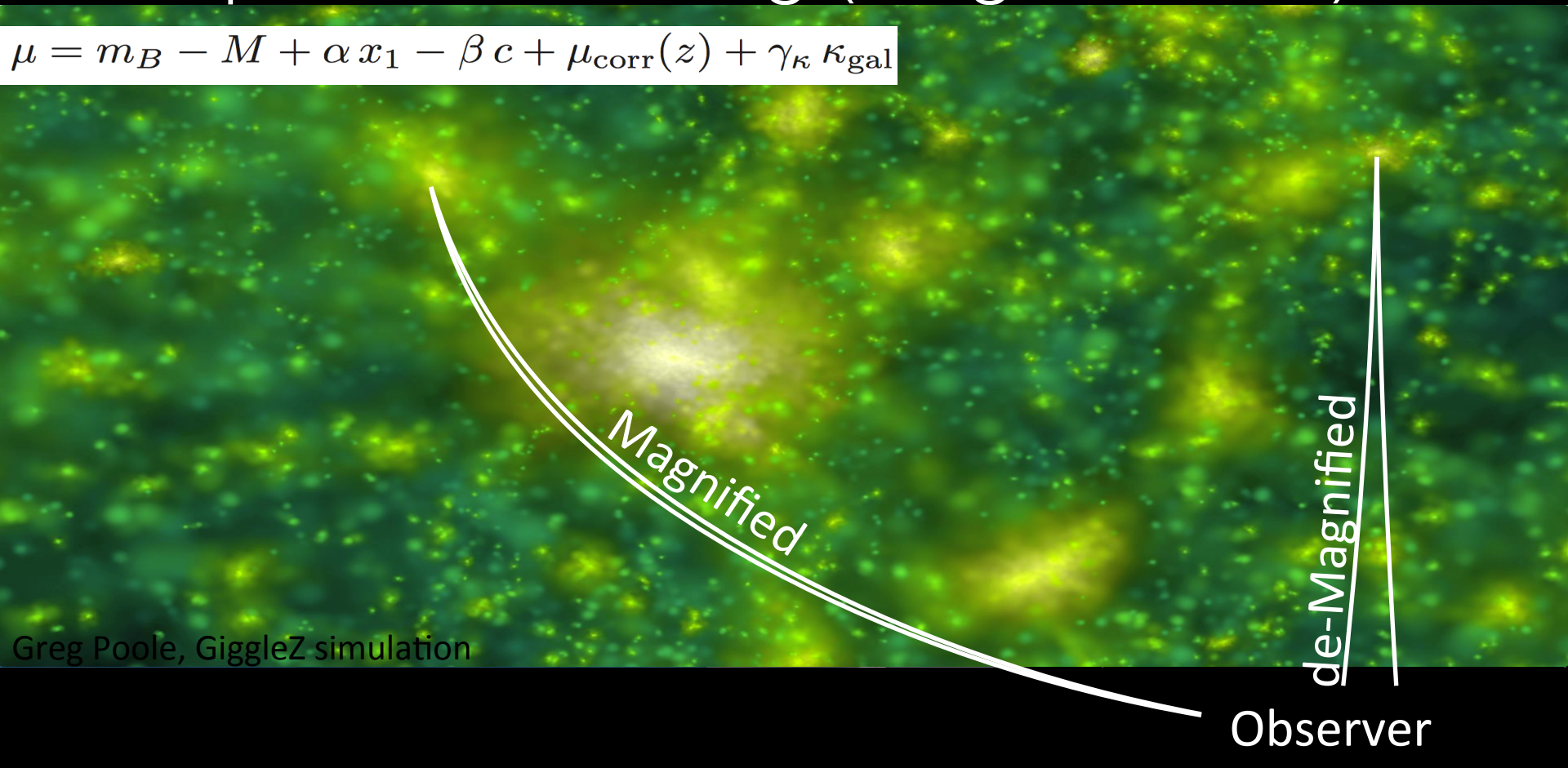
- MAGNIFICATION

Not all scatter is random



Supernova Lensing (magnification)

$$\mu = m_B - M + \alpha x_1 - \beta c + \mu_{\text{corr}}(z) + \gamma_{\kappa} \kappa_{\text{gal}}$$



Greg Poole, GigggleZ simulation

Observer

Distribution of magnifications is asymmetric

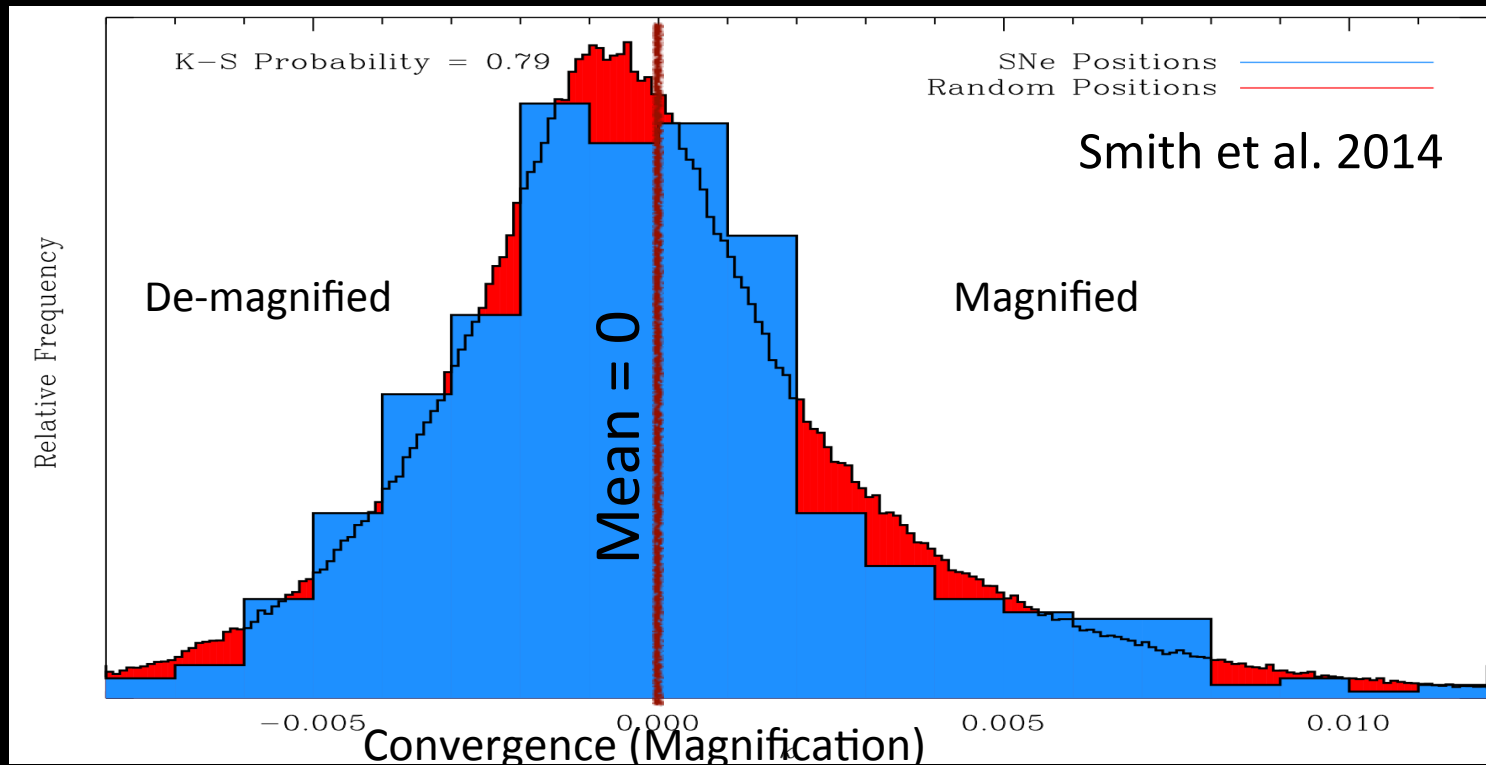


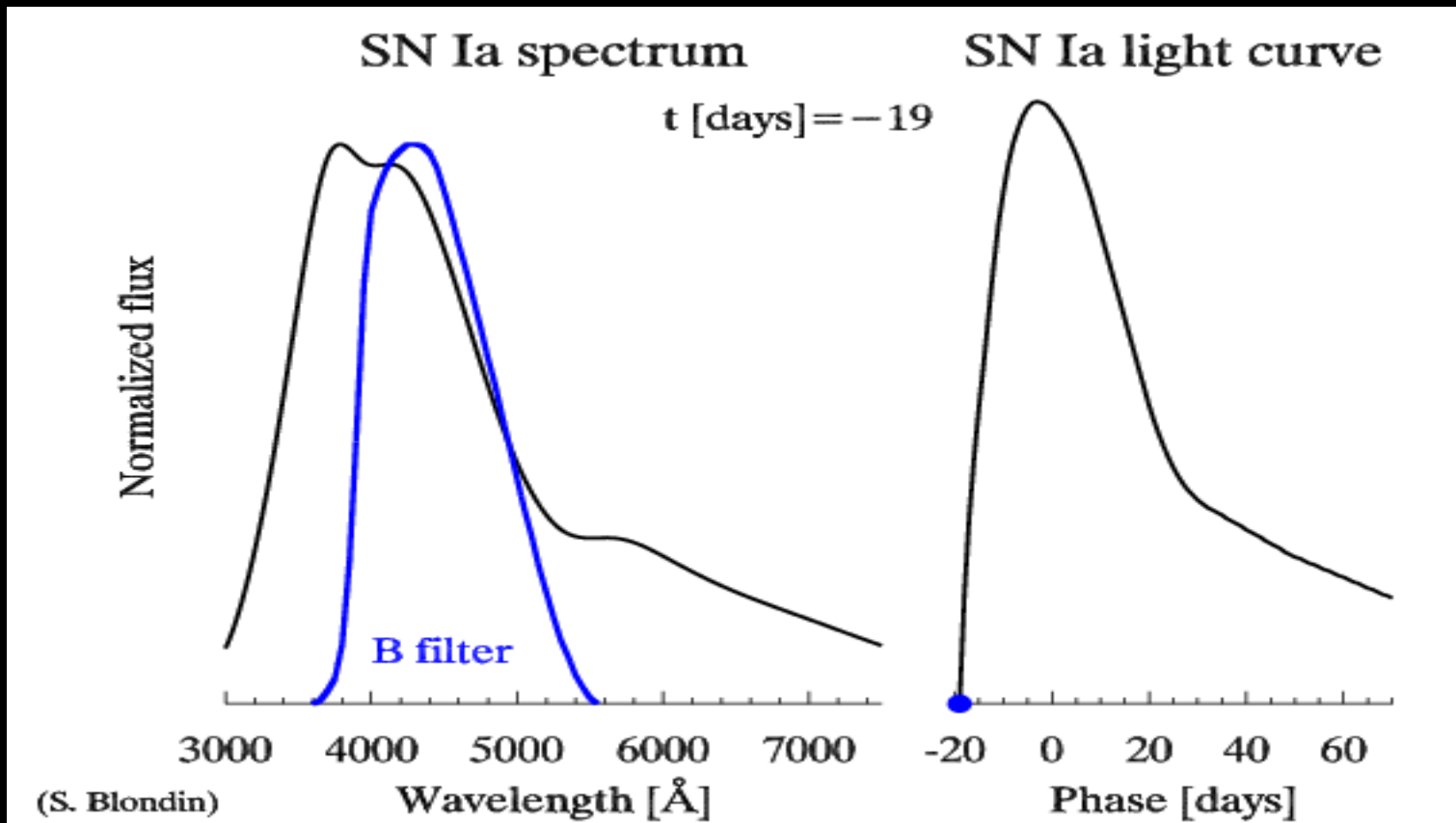
FIG. 5.— Normalized histogram of the distribution of κ_{gal} for the sample of 749 SDSS SNe (in blue), compared to a sample produced from 1000 realizations of 749 random positions within the “Stripe82” footprint (shown in red), when a fixed aperture of 12 arcminutes is considered. The probability obtained from a K-S test is also shown.

Measuring expansion

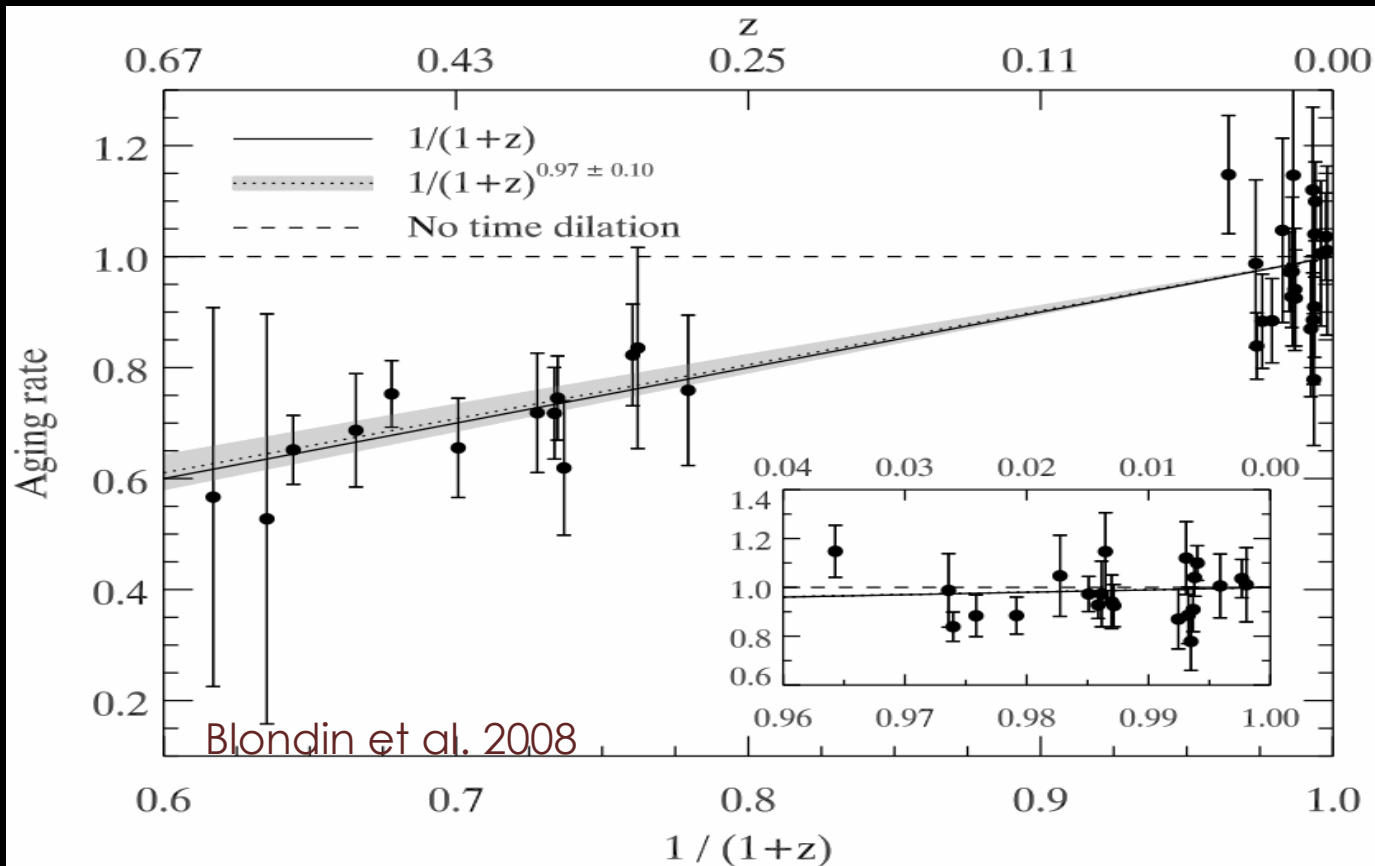
1C. SUPERNOVAE

- TIME DILATION

Supernovae as clocks

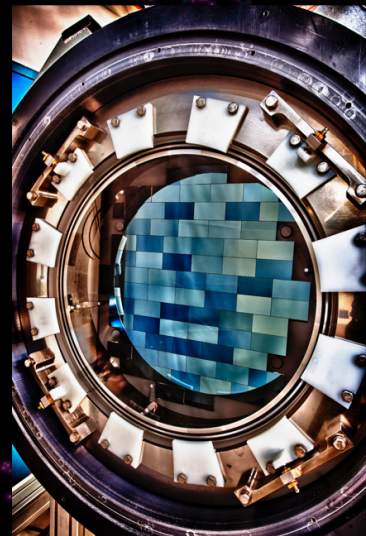
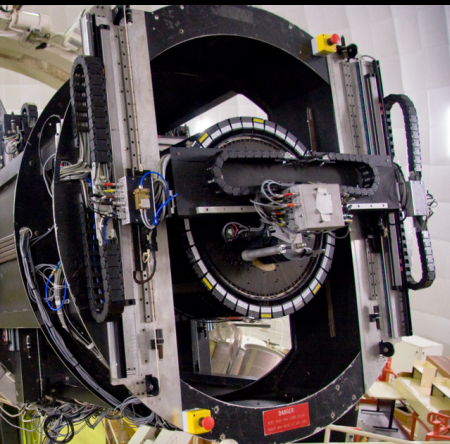
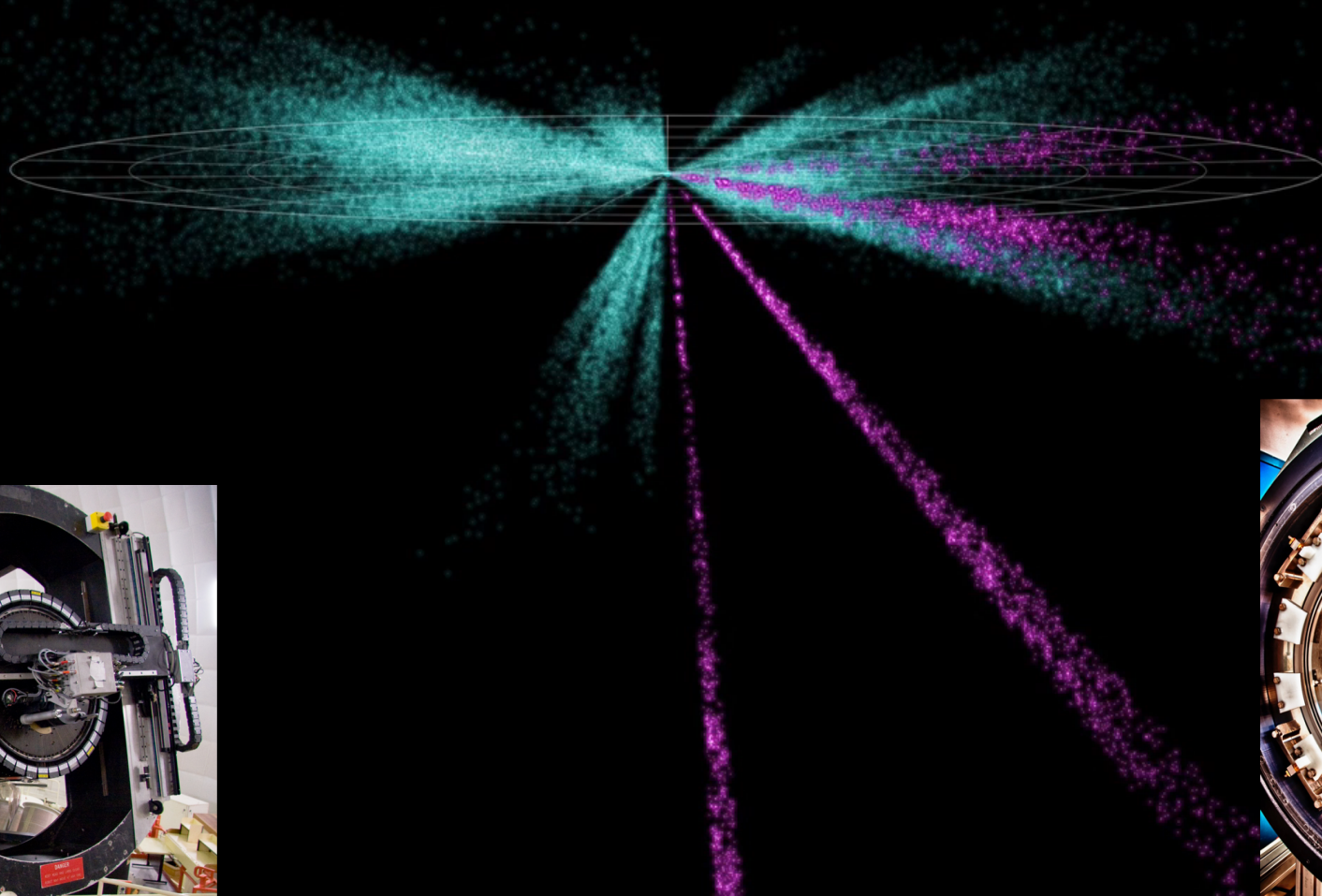


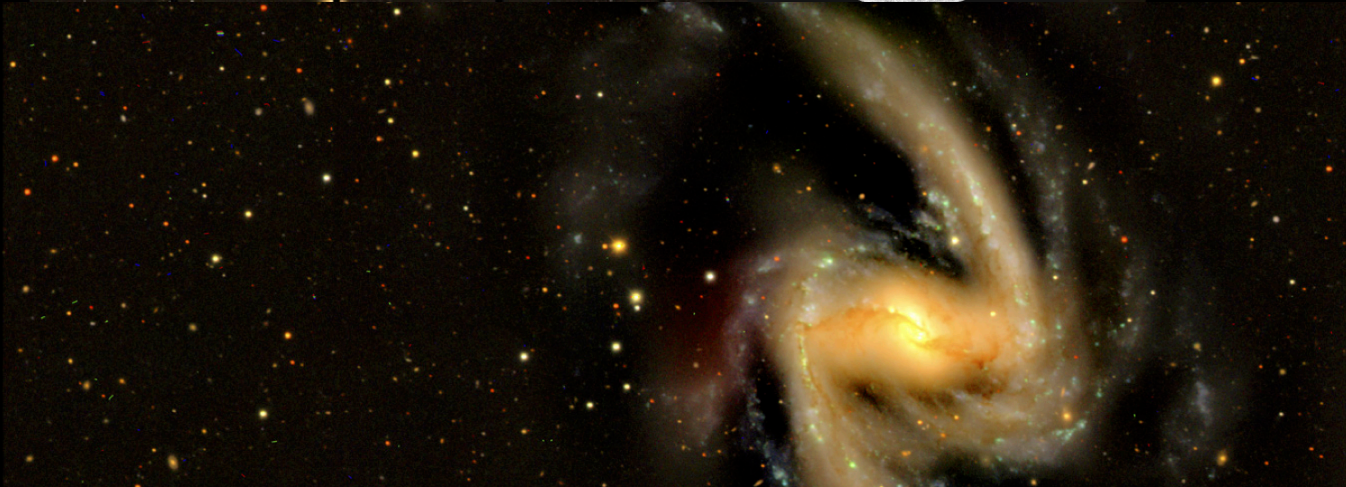
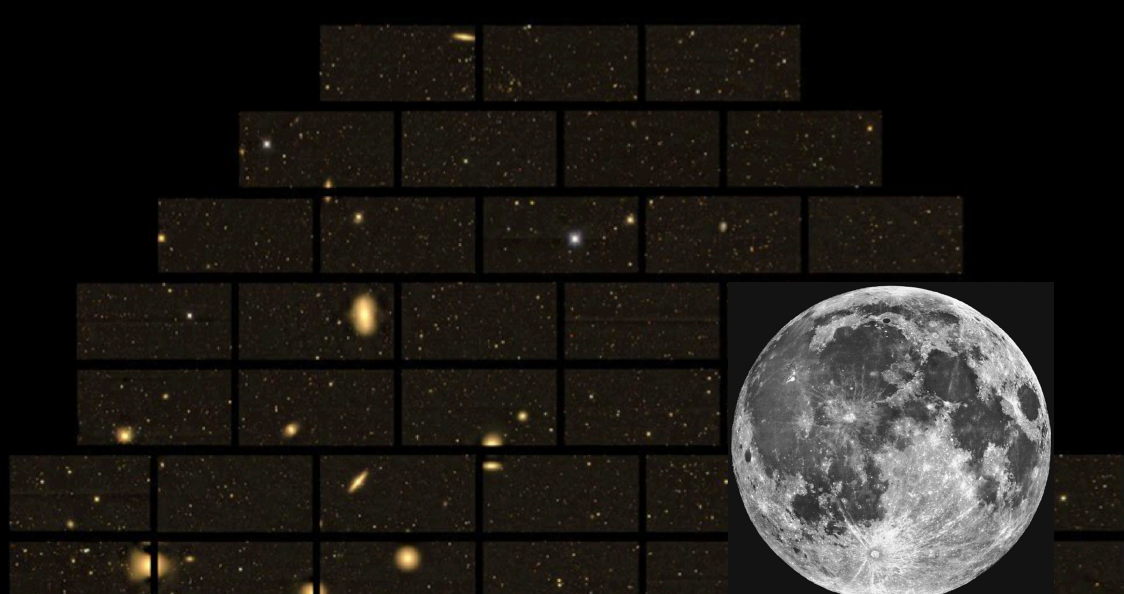
Supernovae as clocks



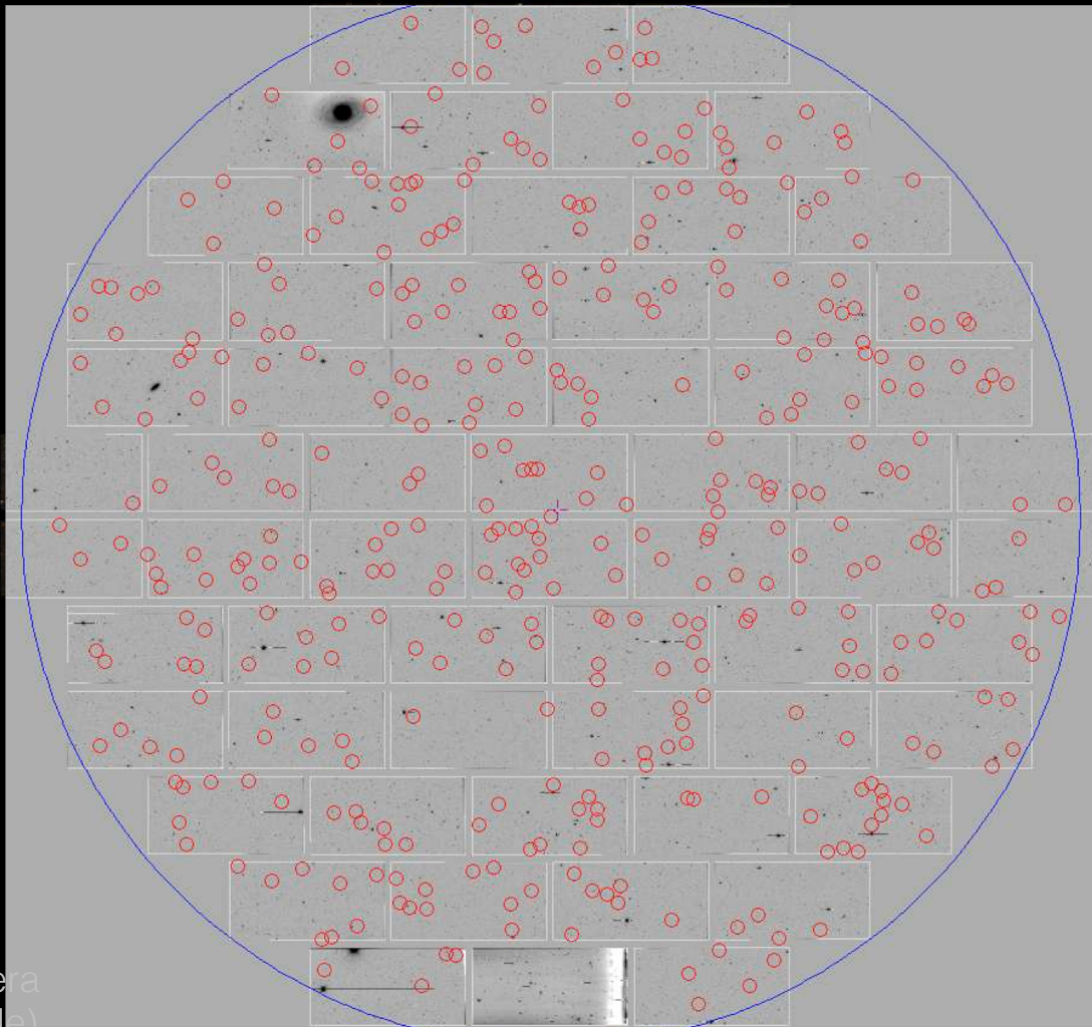
The Dark Energy Survey (DES)

Animation: Edward Macaulay
(University of Queensland)





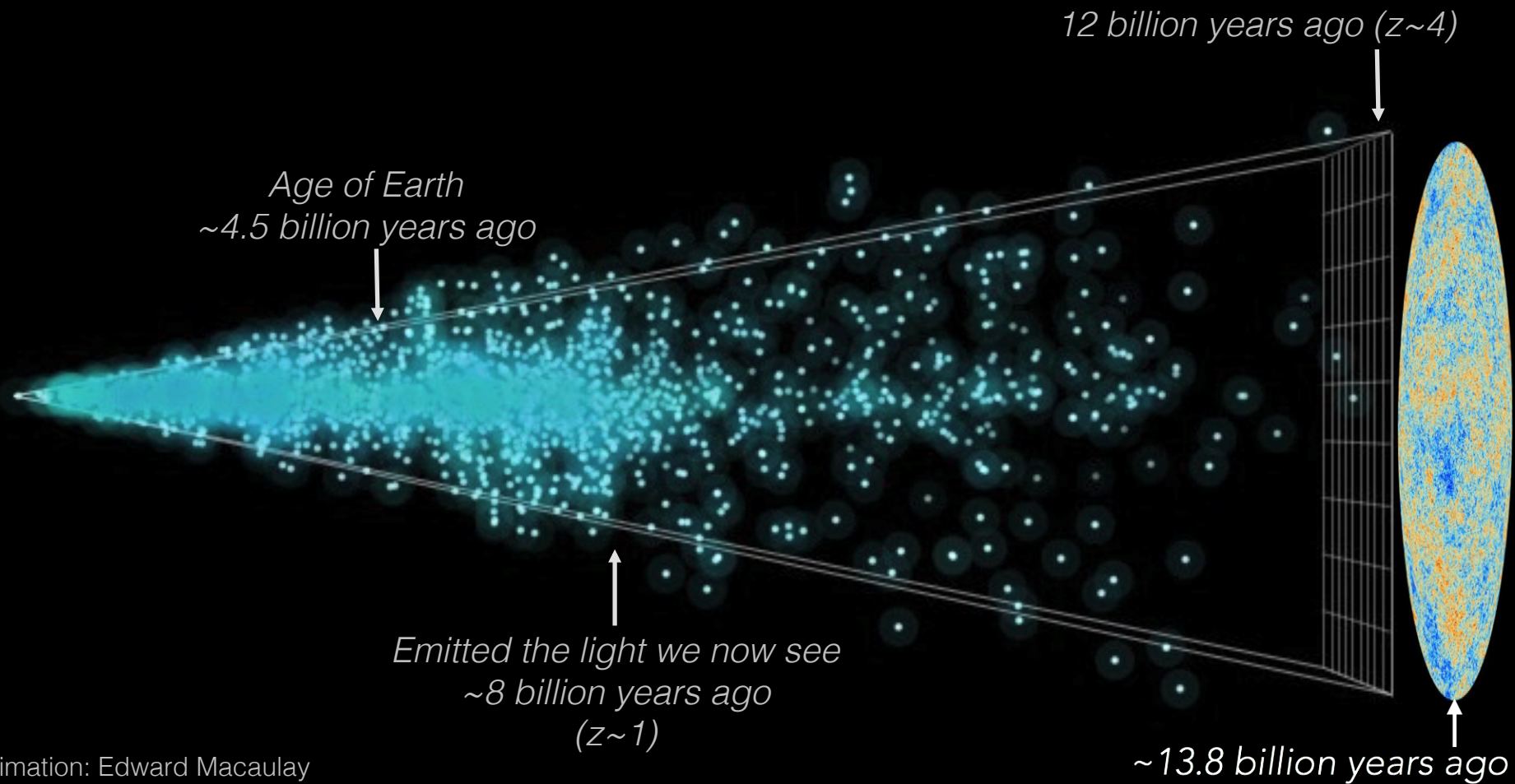
The Dark Energy Car
(Blanco telescope, C

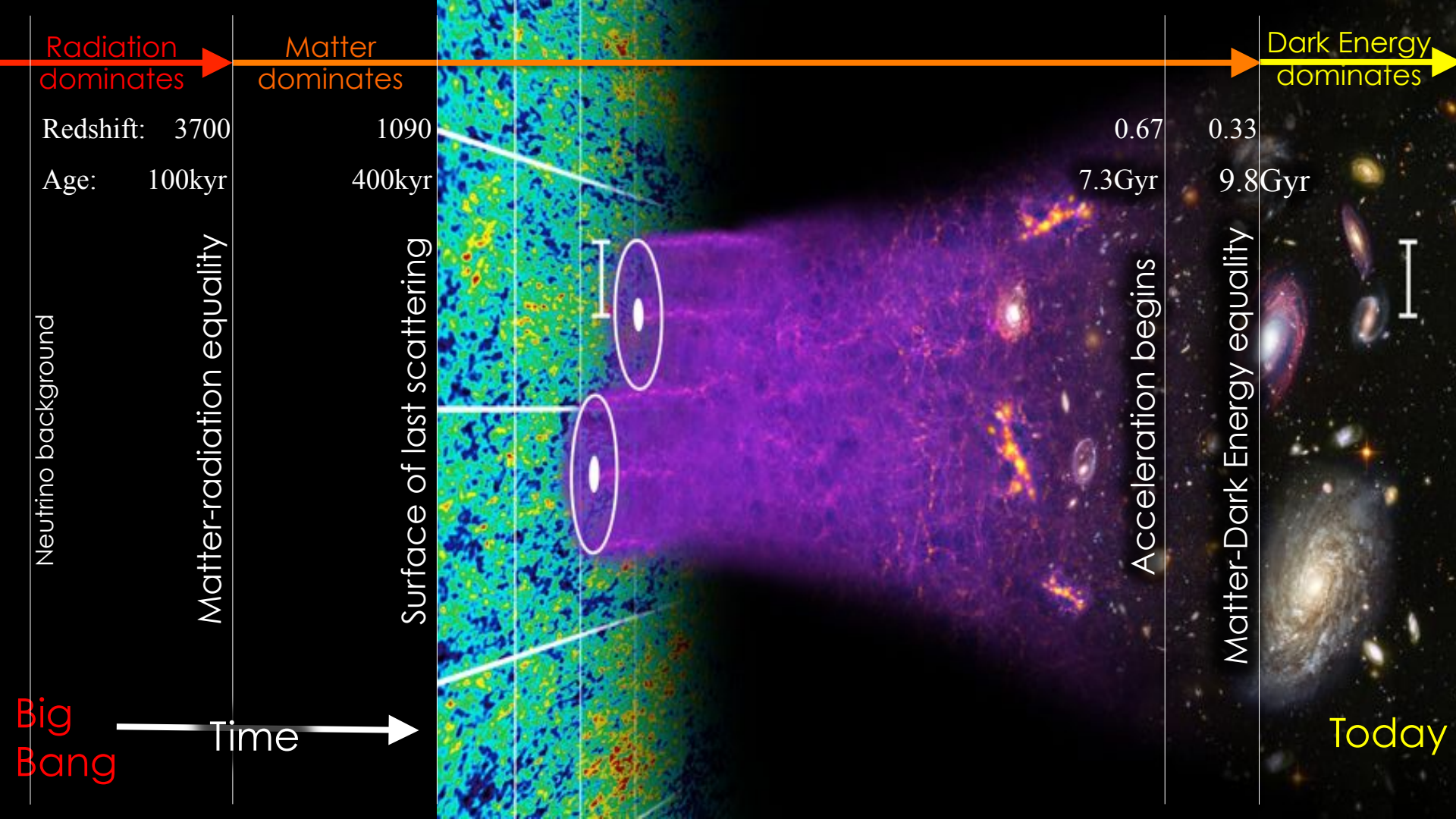


2 degree field spectrograph
(Anglo-Australian Telescope)

superimposed on

The Dark Energy Camera
(Blanco telescope, Chile)







Summary

Evidence for dark energy:

Supernovae
Cosmic Microwave Background
Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
Large Scale Structure,
Growth
Alcock-Paczynski
Strong Gravitational Lensing
Weak Gravitational Lensing
Sunyaev-Zeldovich
Integrated Sachs-Wolfe
Time dilation
Galaxy ages vs redshift
Big bang nucleosynthesis
Solar system tests
X-ray galaxies

Cosmology has advanced in leaps and bounds over the last two decades

Any model that wants to explain dark energy needs to explain a **very wide range of observational tests**

(Λ CDM is winning)

Better theories needed!!

(Both for dark energy,
and for structure formation)