

Large Scale Structure observations

Large Scale Structure surveys

- Study the large scale structure distribution in the Universe to deduce its expansion rate, dynamics and energy content: H_0 , Ω_m , Ω_Λ and w (dark equation of state)
- Mainly observations of distant galaxies and quasars (extremely massive black holes at high redshift)
- At least four independent cosmological observational proofs:
 - 1.Supernova Ia : nearly standard candles
 - 2.Matter power spectrum and BAO (standard ruler)
 - 3.Weak lensing
 - 4.Cluster counts and structure growth
- Observations in the optical and IR domain using photometry and spectroscopy
 - ➔Large optical and IR telescopes 300 - 2000 nm
 - ➔Multi-object spectrographs
 - ➔Very large CCD cameras, up to few 10^9 pixels in total
- We discuss here only few examples of experiments SDSS-BOSS, SNLS, LSST and Euclid

Dedicated SN surveys

2 observables :

flux: f

Redshift: z

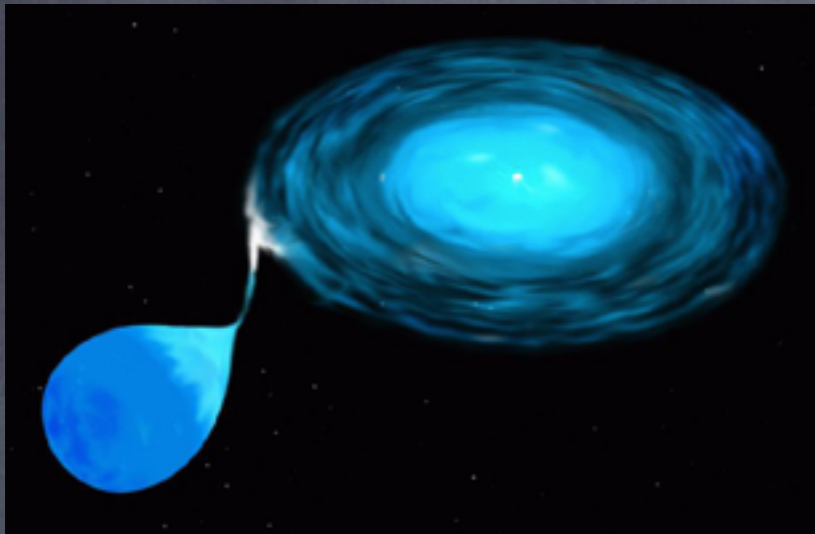
$$d_L^2 = L / 4\pi f$$



- Use supernova type Ia as distance indicators to measure the luminosity distance, d_L
- d_L is sensitive to the expansion rate and the energy content of the Universe
- Dedicated surveys are used in order to search for SNIa
- Need to have many of them at different redshift for precise cosmology

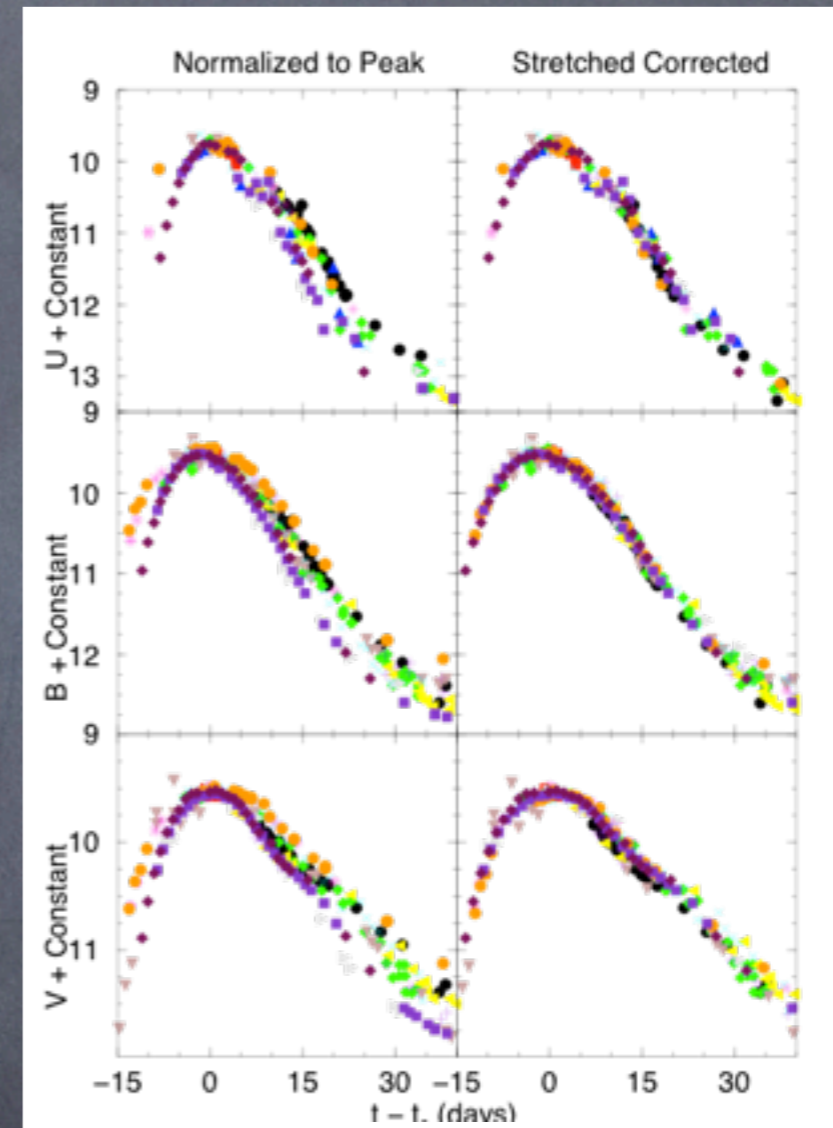
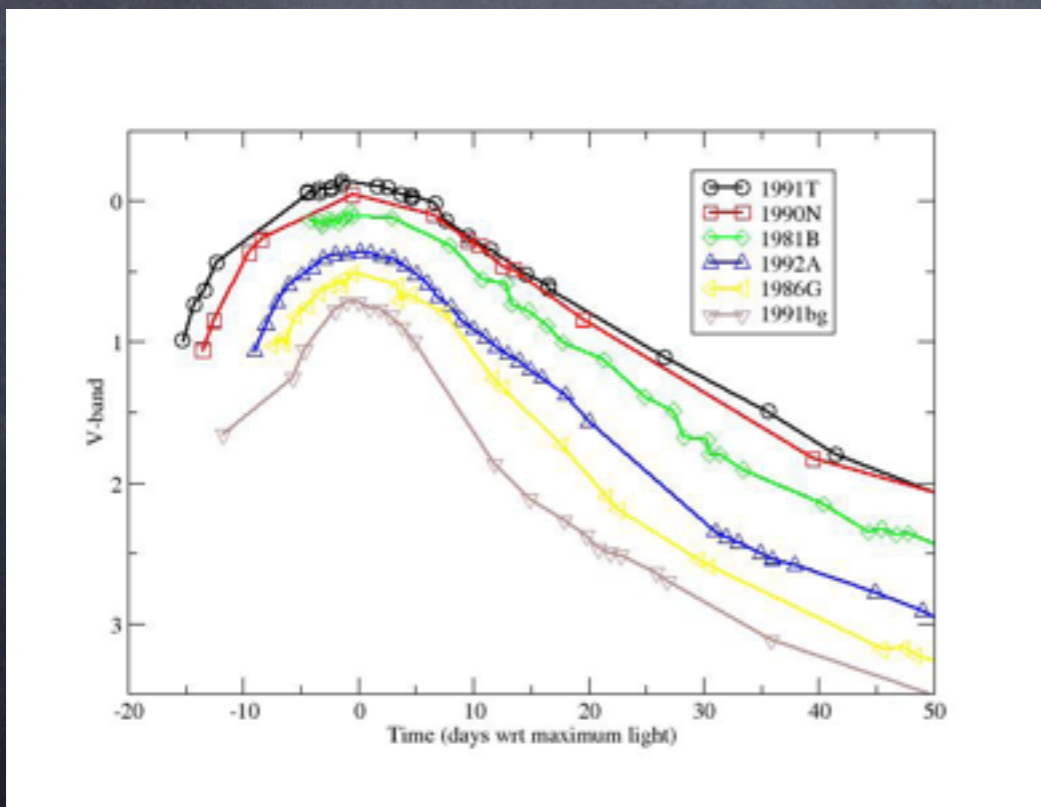
SNIa are NOT standard candles

- SNIa are very luminous



- Need to recalibrate luminosity curves for cosmology

- Show little luminosity dispersion

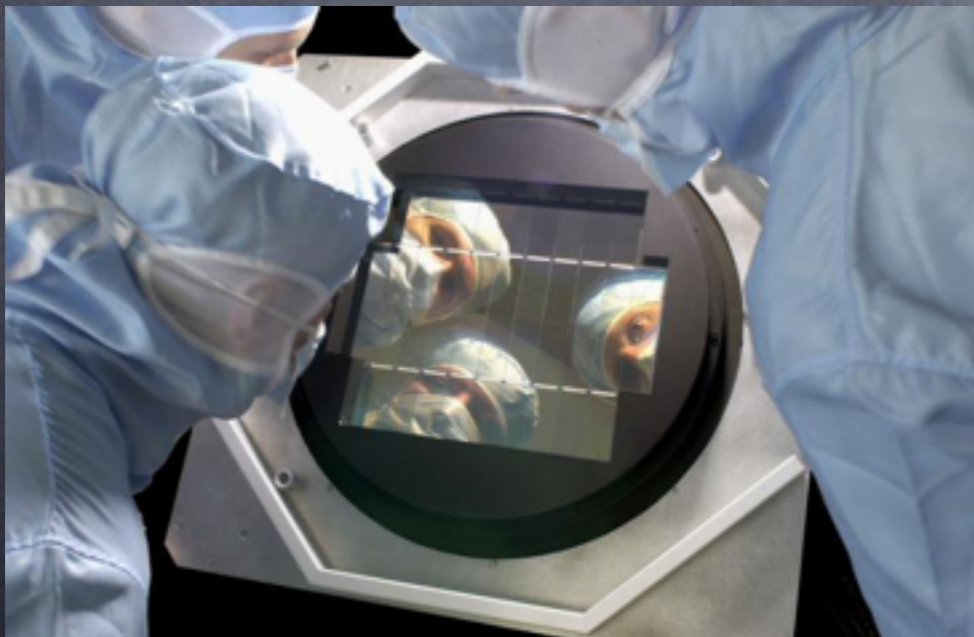


- SNIa do not measure H_0 , need to start with an absolute distance scale (Cepheids for example)

SNLS - The Supernova Legacy Survey

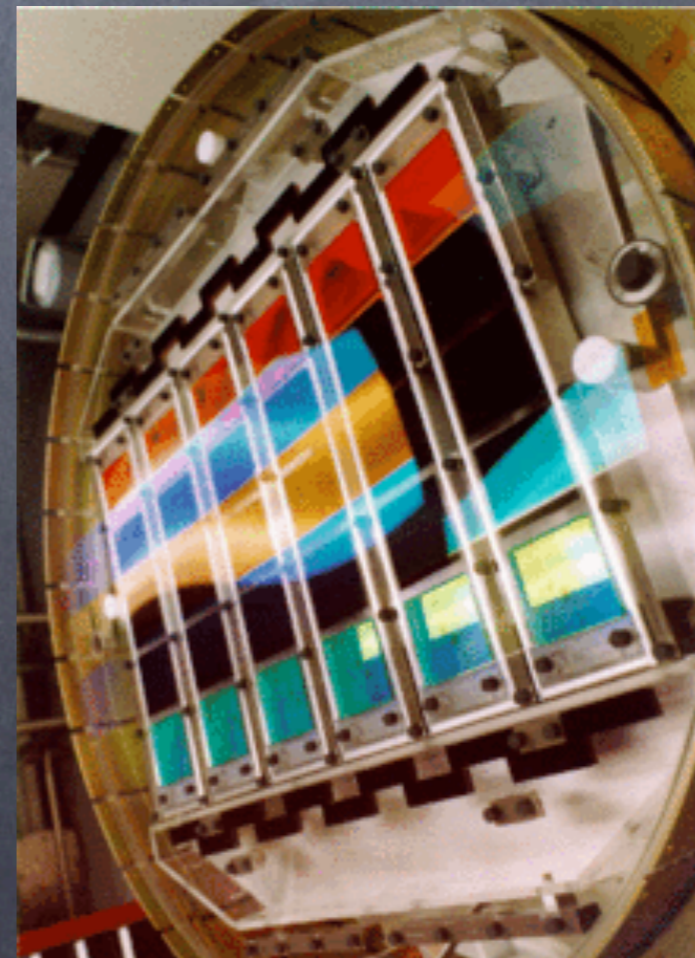
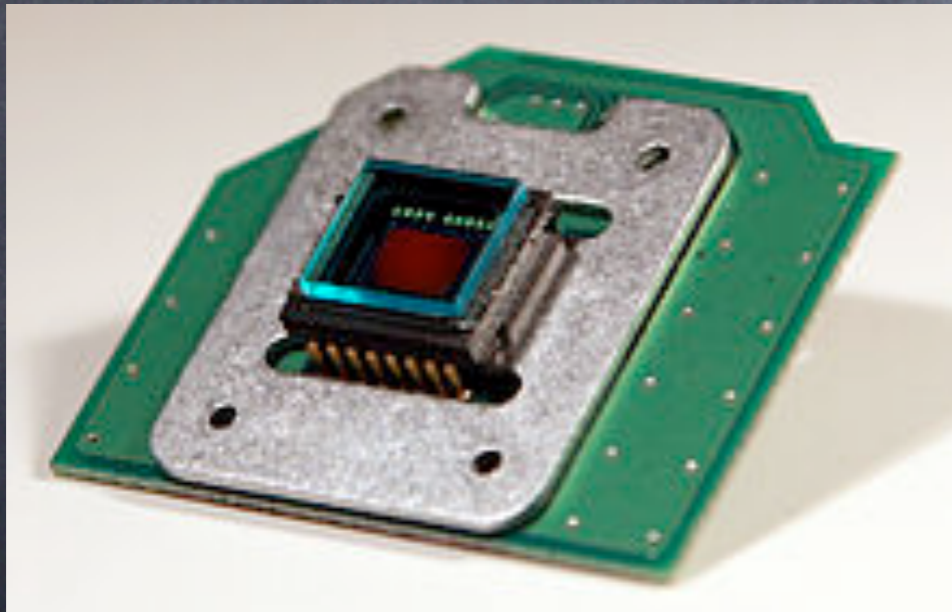
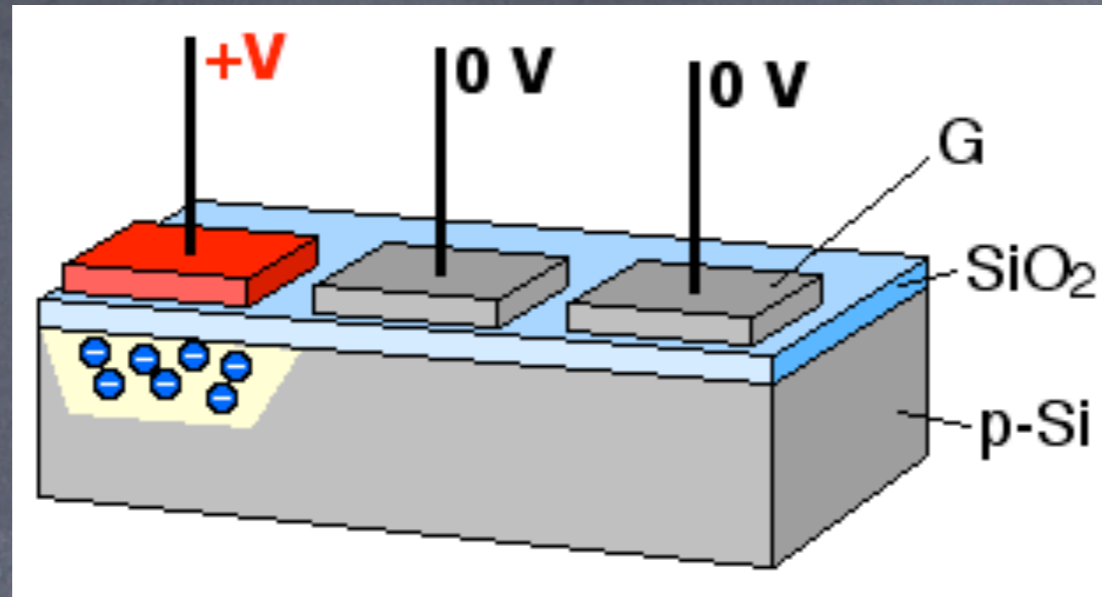
- A large imaging survey at CFHT the CFHT Legacy Survey detected and monitored about 1000 supernovae with Megaprime at the Canada-France-Hawaii telescope .
- A large spectroscopic survey Type Ia SNe were observed on 8m class telescopes (Gemini, VLT, Keck).

“Rolling Search” survey with MegaCam



Each lunation (~18 nights) :
repeated observations
(every 3-4 night) of
2 fields in four bands (griz)+u
for as long as the fields stay
visible (~6 months)
=> ~500 SN Ia identified
(+ ~300 « photometric »)
observed between 2003 and 2008

CCD cameras

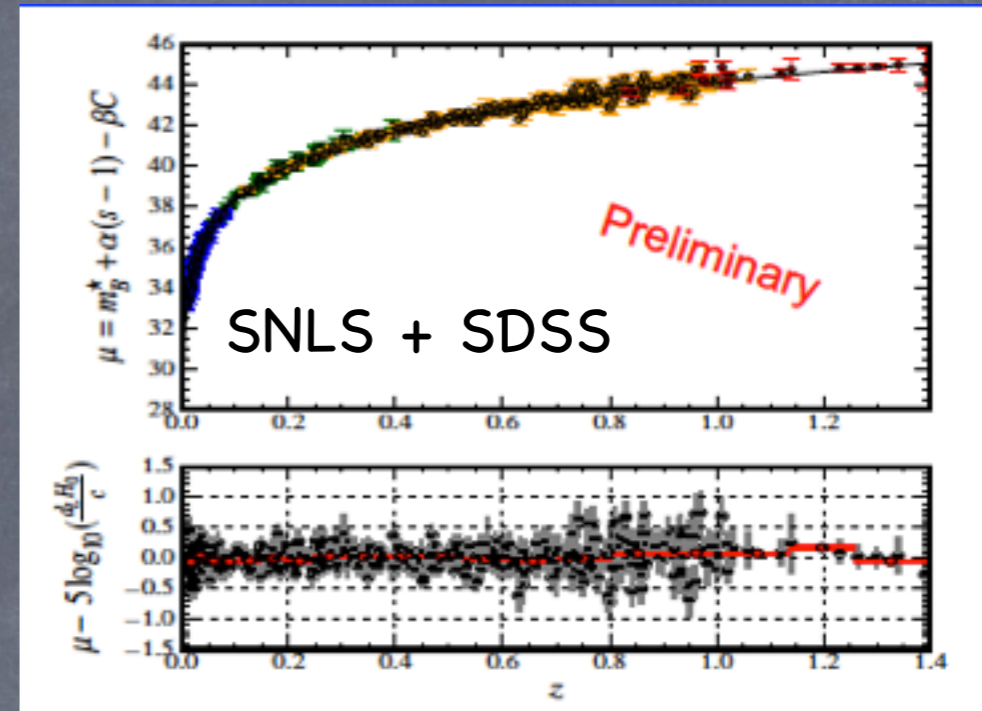
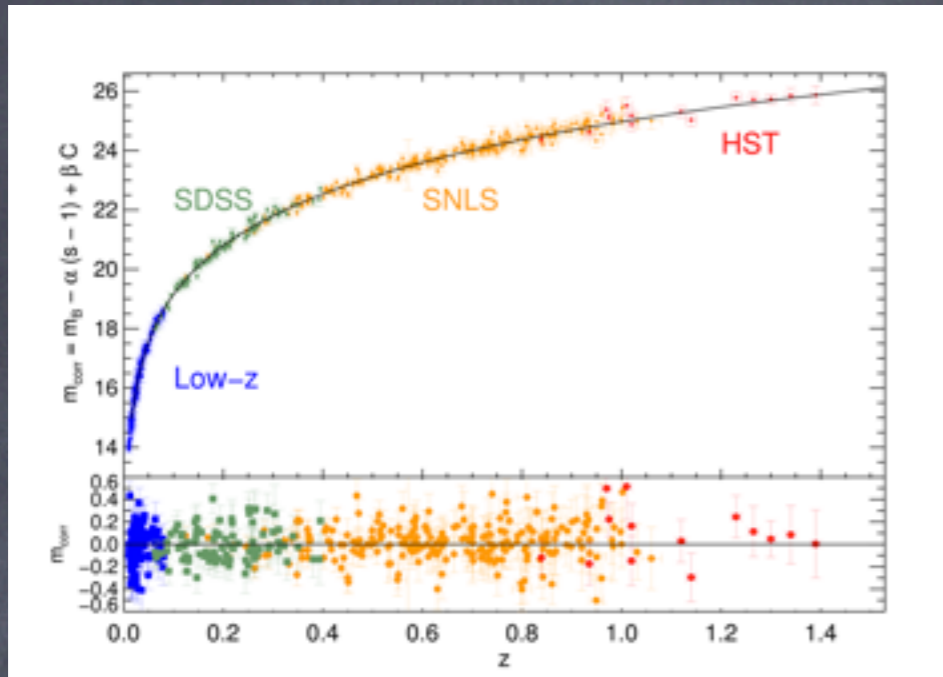


SDSS supernovae

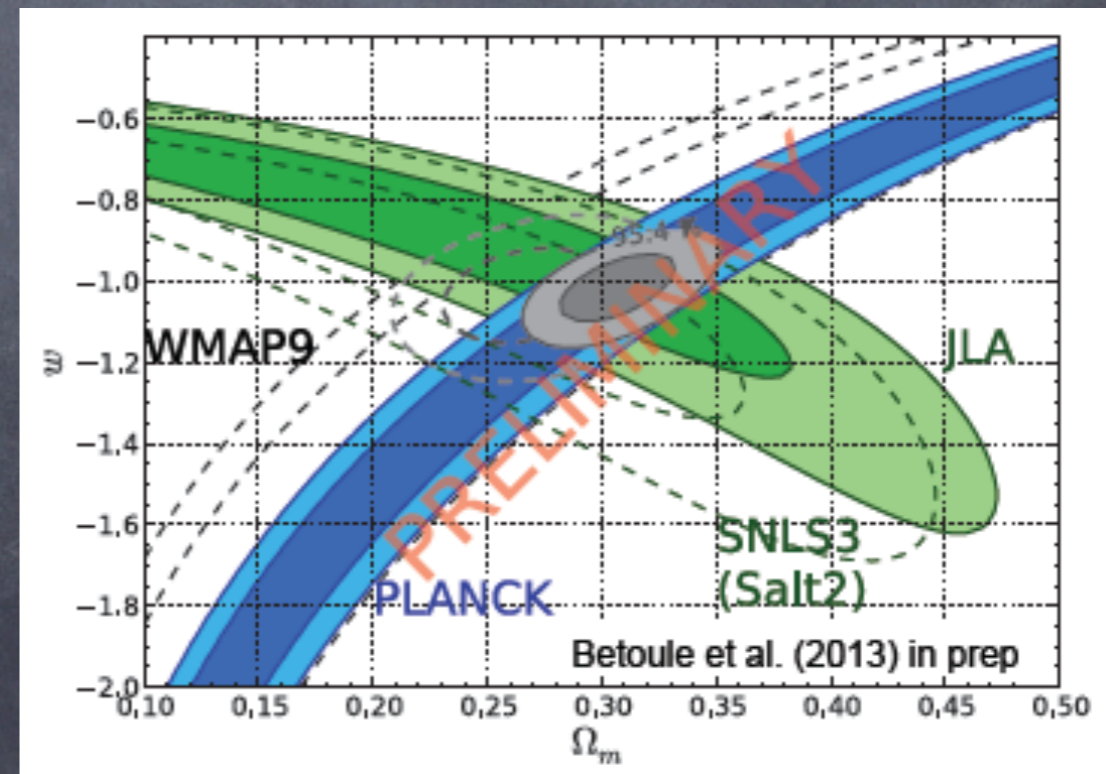
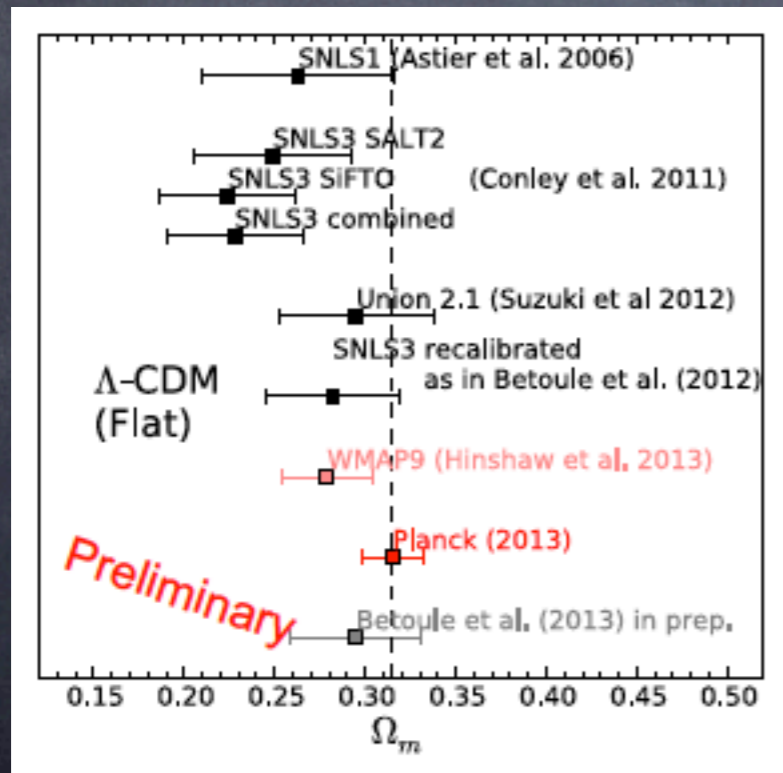


Cosmological constraints with SNIa

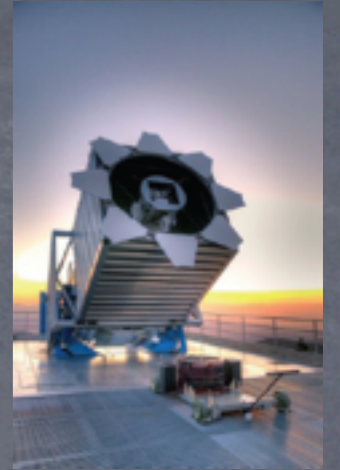
Hubble diagram measurements



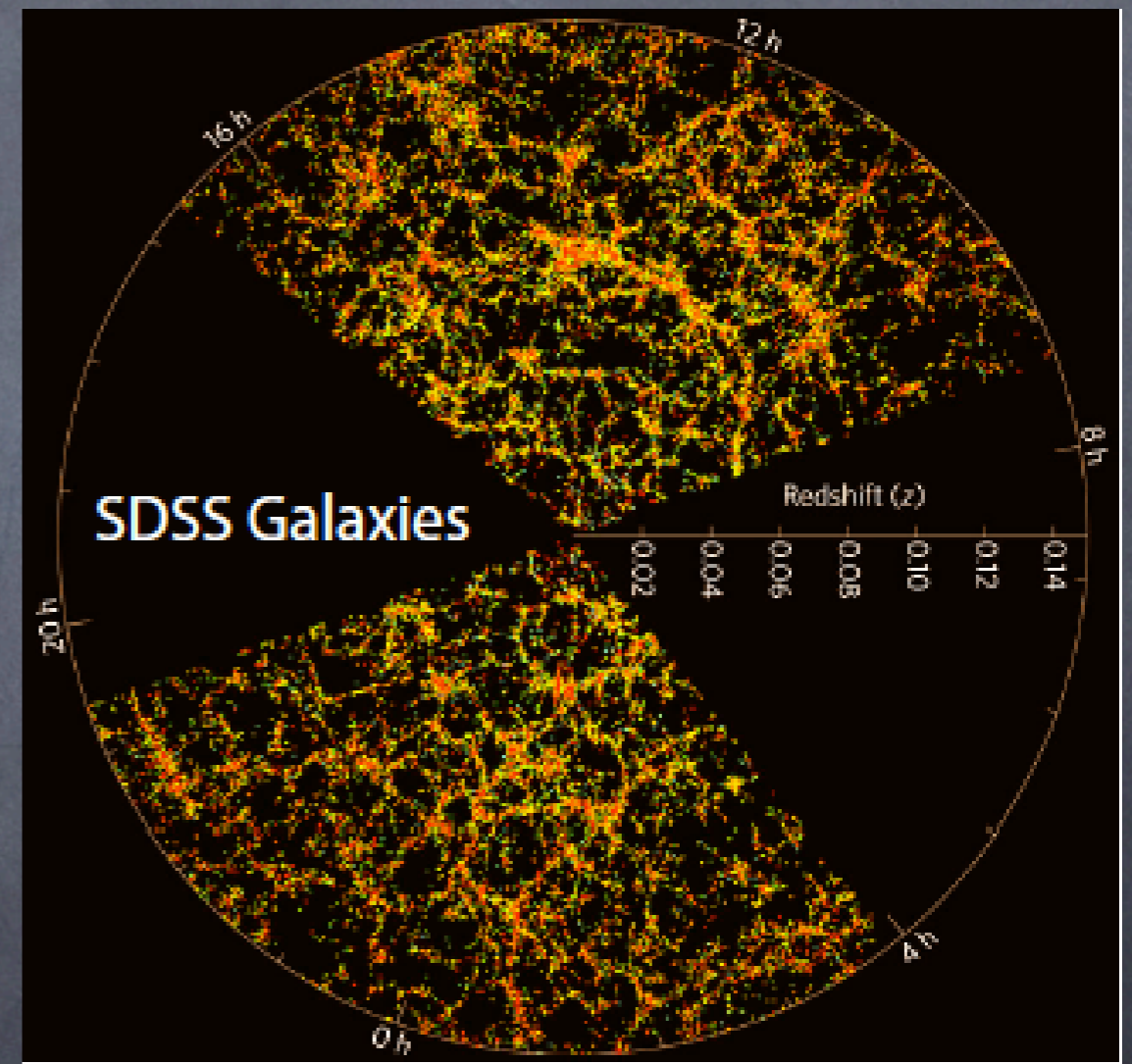
-Constraints on Ω_m and the equation of state of dark energy



SDSS (Sloan Digital Sky Survey)

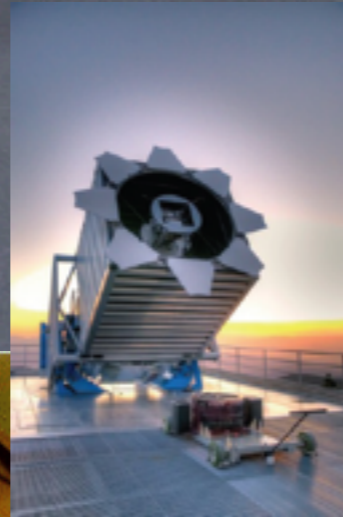


- 2.5 m telescope in the APO (New Mexico)
- Photometric survey using SDSS-III
- Spectroscopy survey using BOSS
 - Two spectrographs with 1000 optical fibers
 - 3600 Å to 10000, R = 3000
- 10000 square degrees survey
 - 1.5 Millions LRG galaxies up to $z=0.7$
 - 150000 quasars for Ly- α up to $z=2.5$
- Obtain position of the BAO peak to better than 1 %

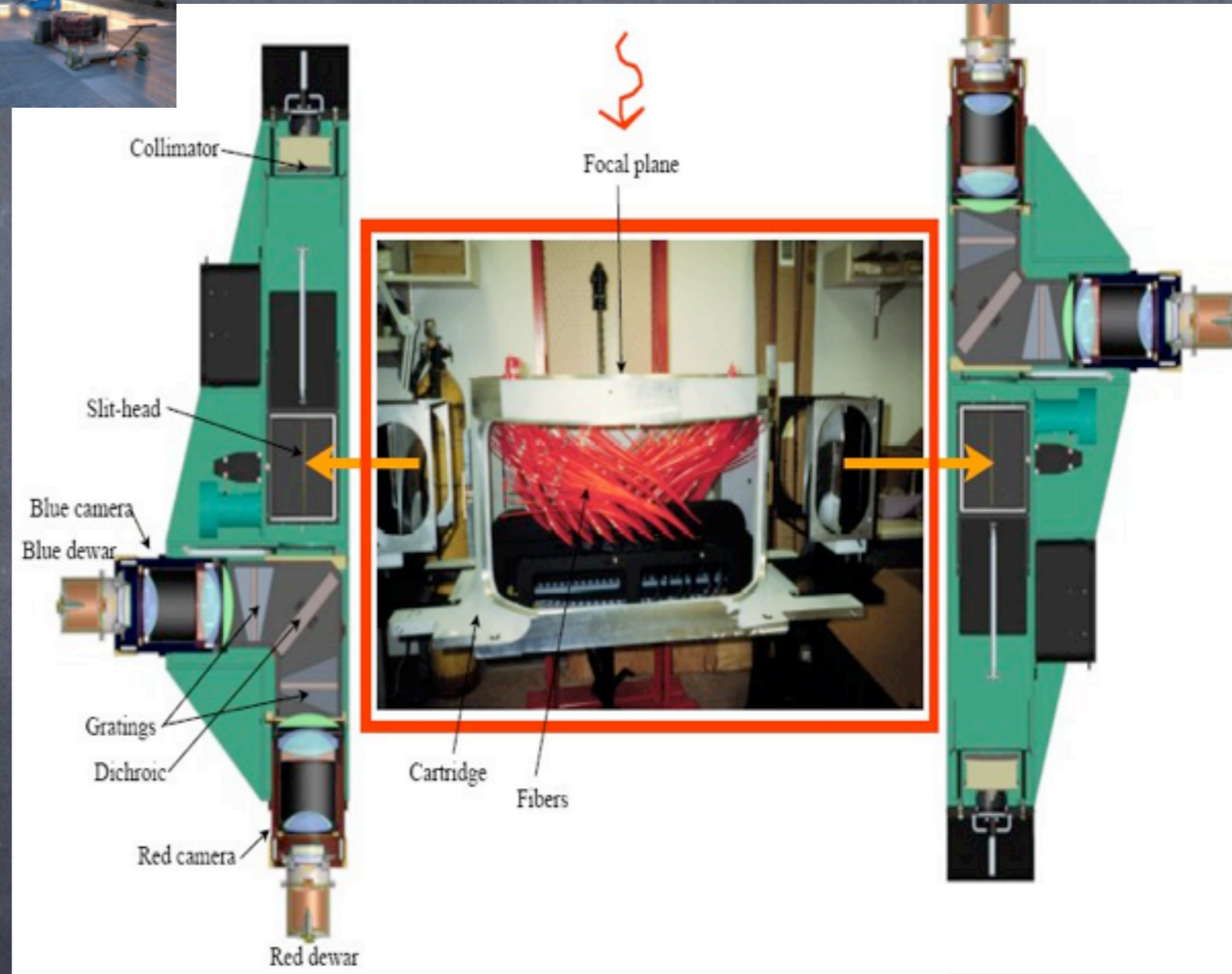
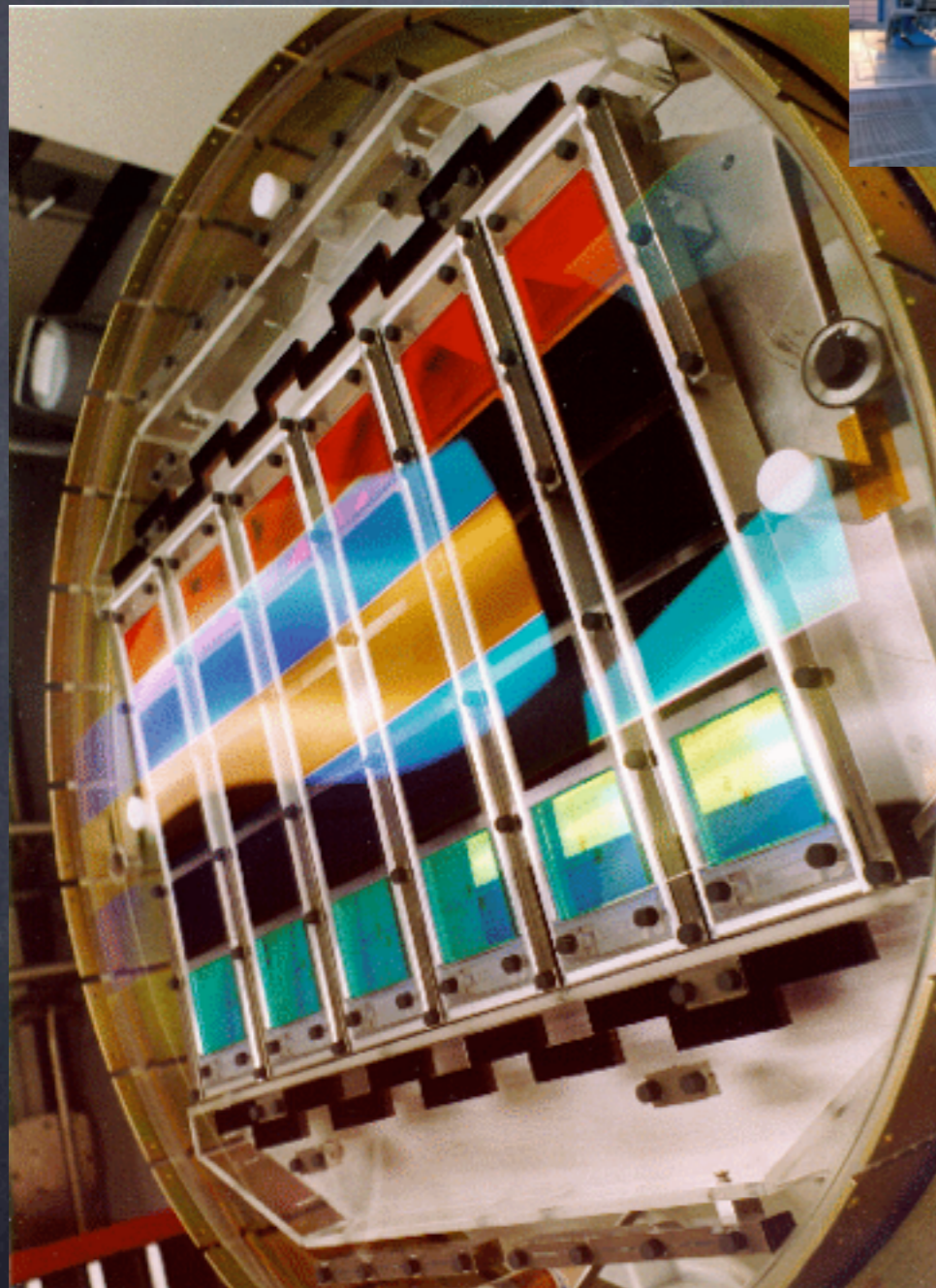


SDSS technology

Photometric camera

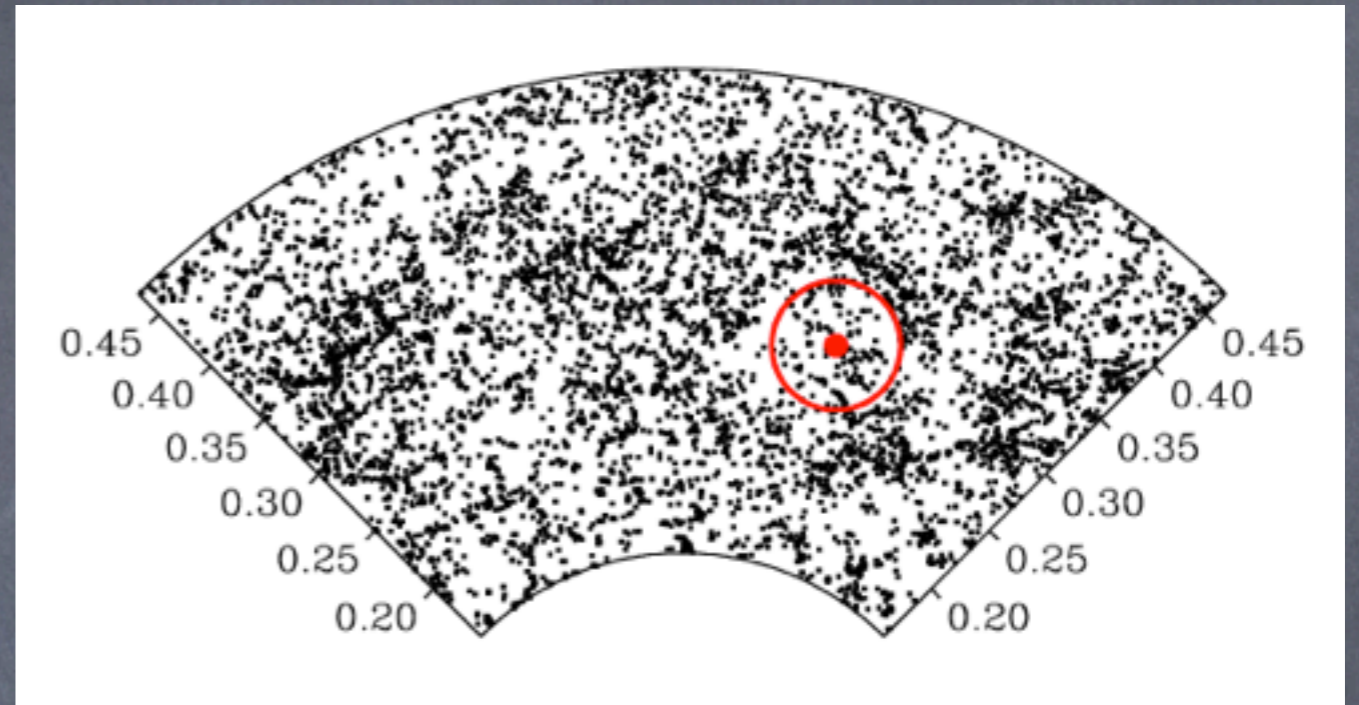


Spectrograph

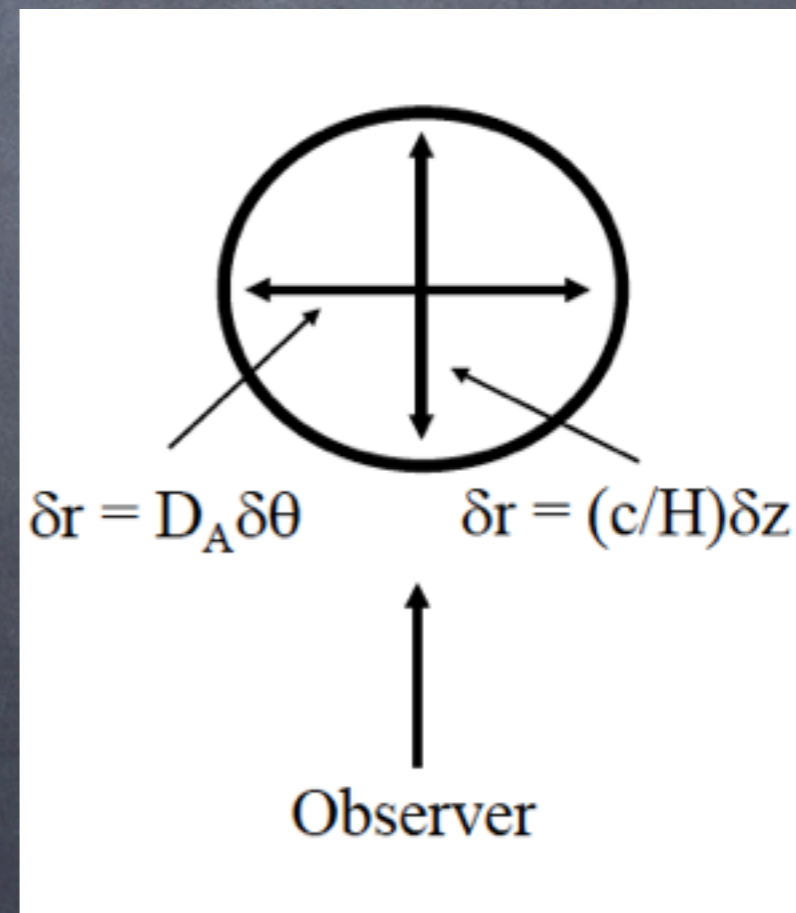


Observing BAO

- ➔BAO defines a preferred scale for galaxy distribution
- ➔We expect an excess in the number of galaxies at 150 Mpc scales
- ➔This scale is defined by the CMB BAO (peaks in the spectrum)

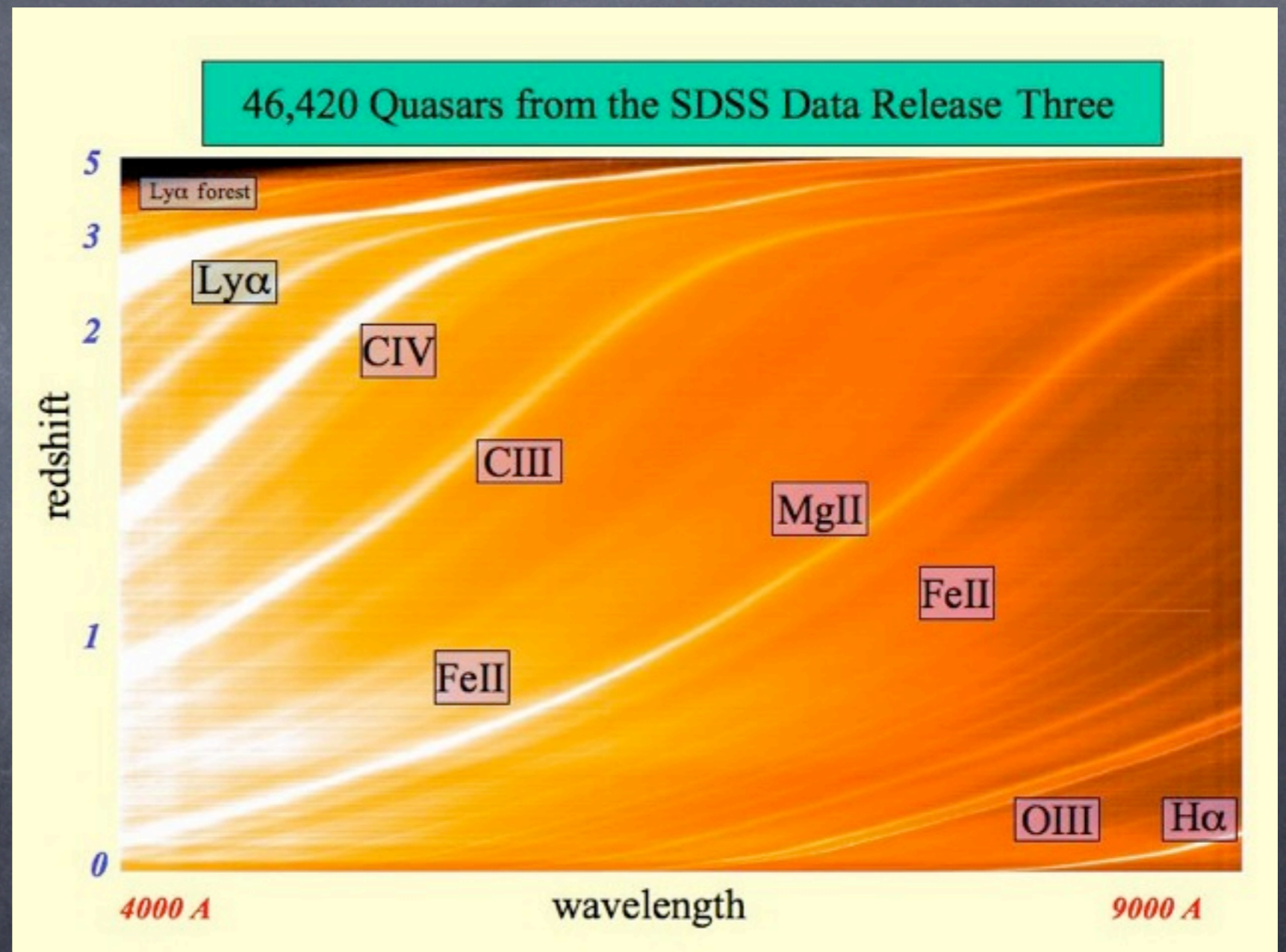
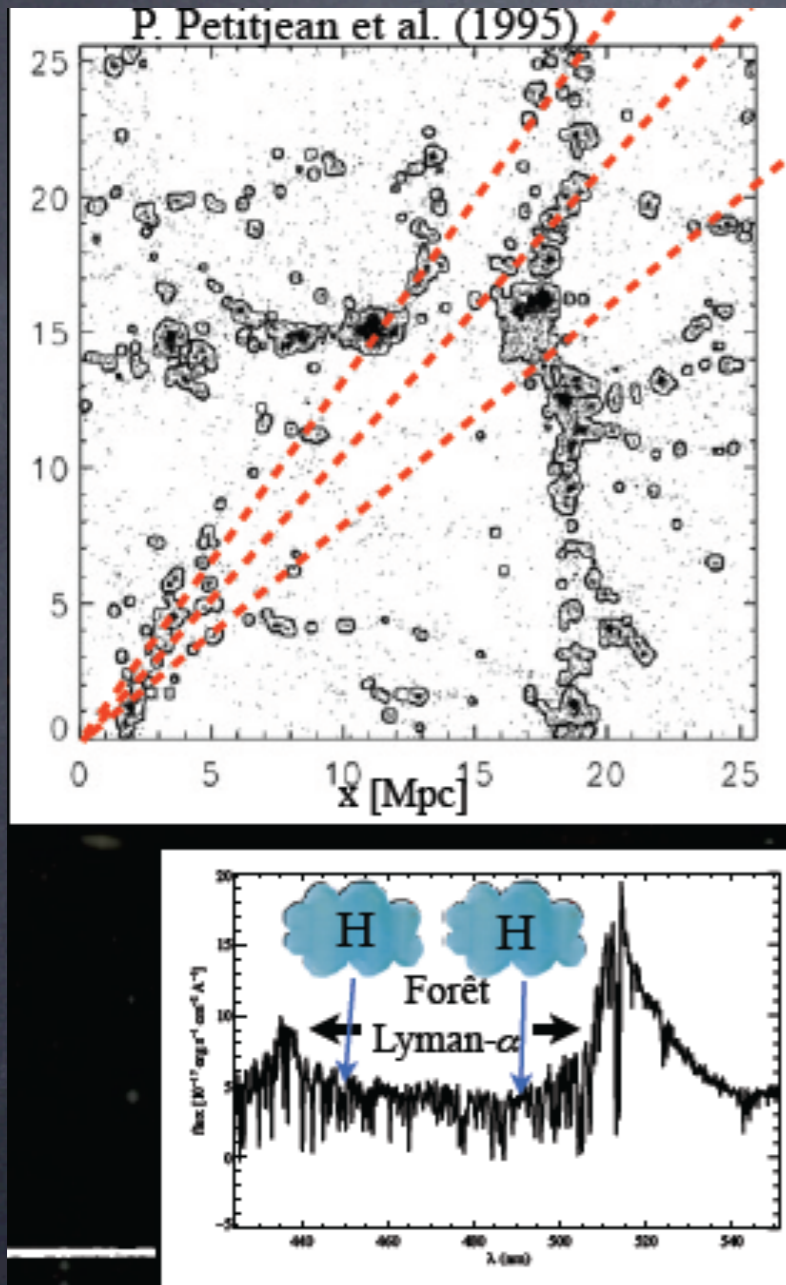


- In a LSS survey we can study BAO along and across the line-of-sight
- We can use LRG galaxies at low redshift and quasars Ly- α forest at high redshift
- We measure both the angular distance and the Hubble constant

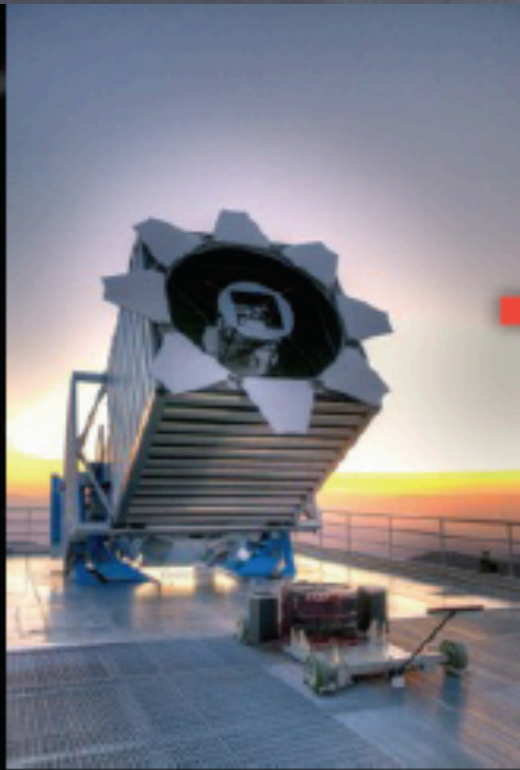


Why quasars ?

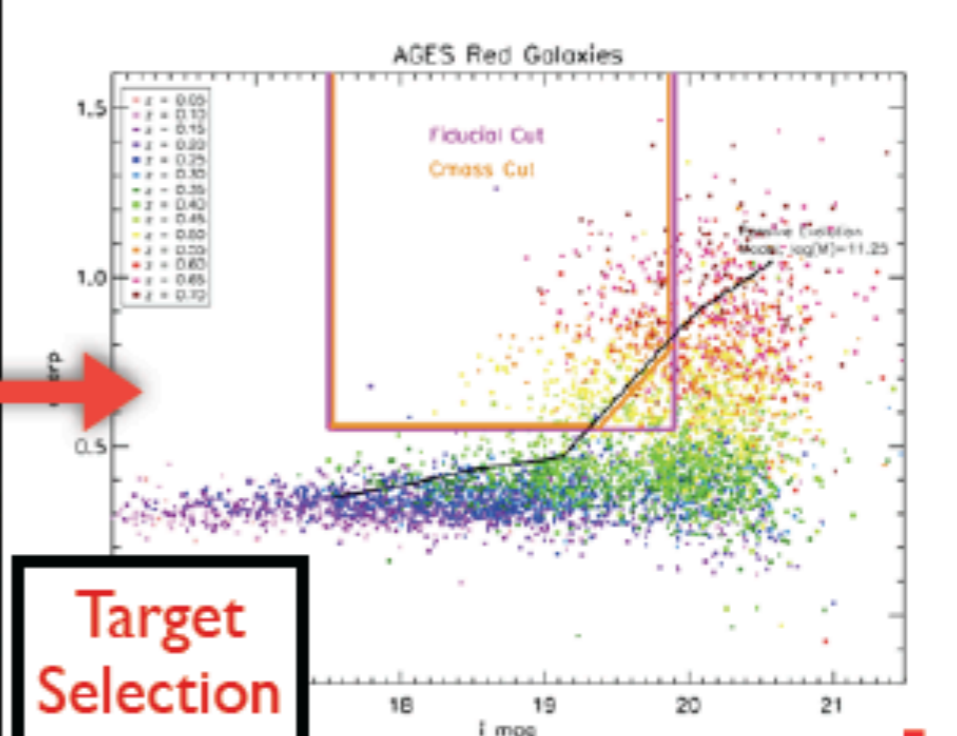
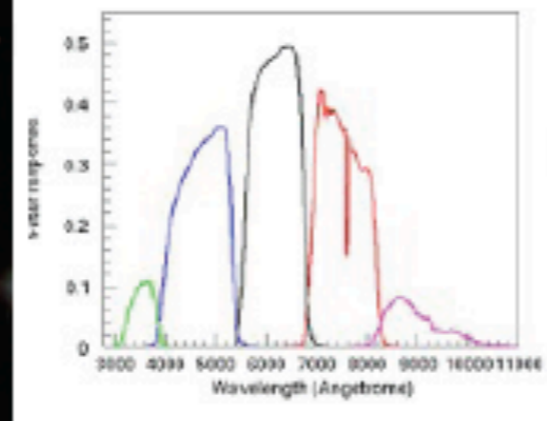
We study hydrogen absorption of in the Ly- α forest



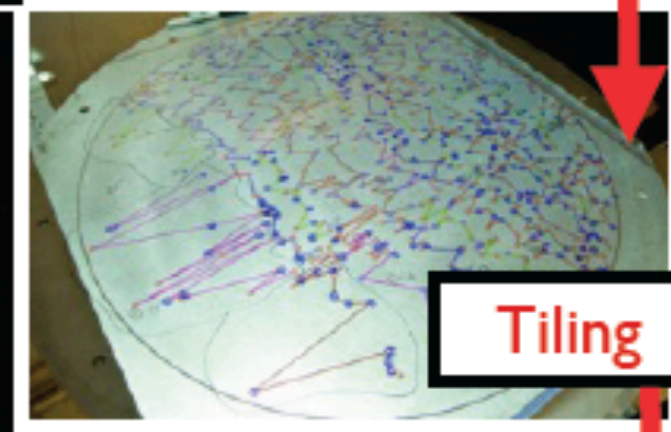
BAO with BOSS



Photometric Survey

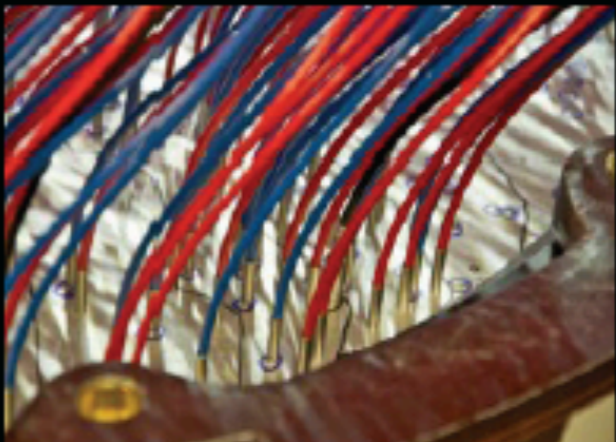
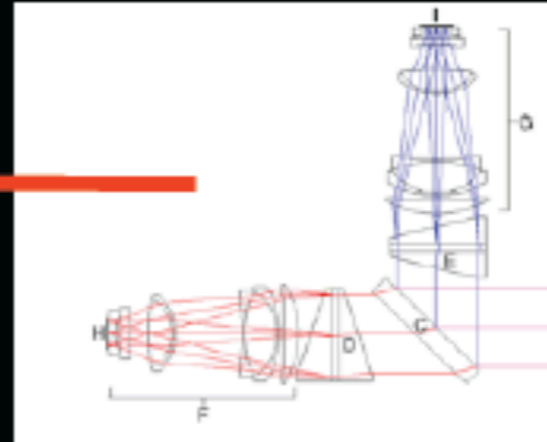
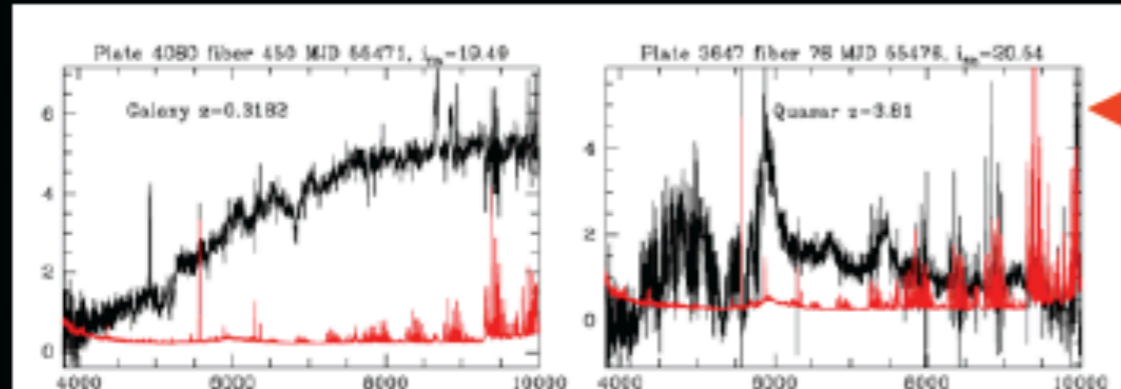


Target Selection



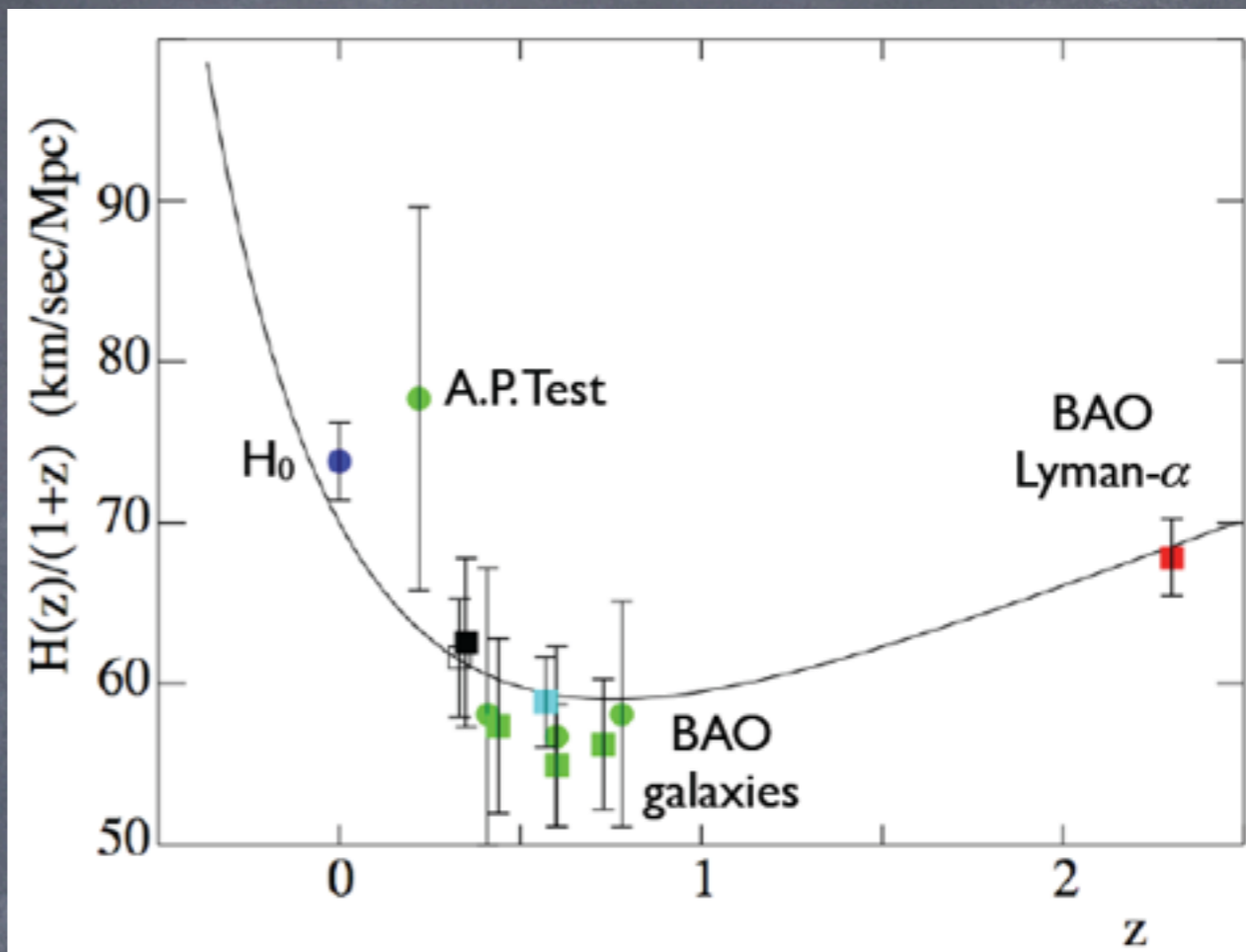
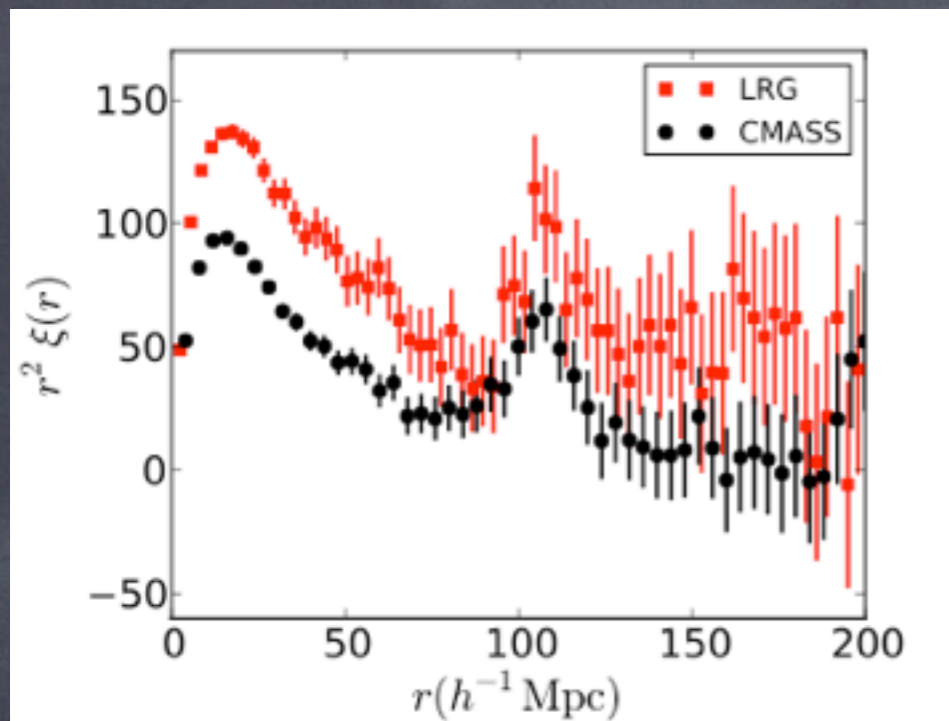
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Spectroscopic Survey

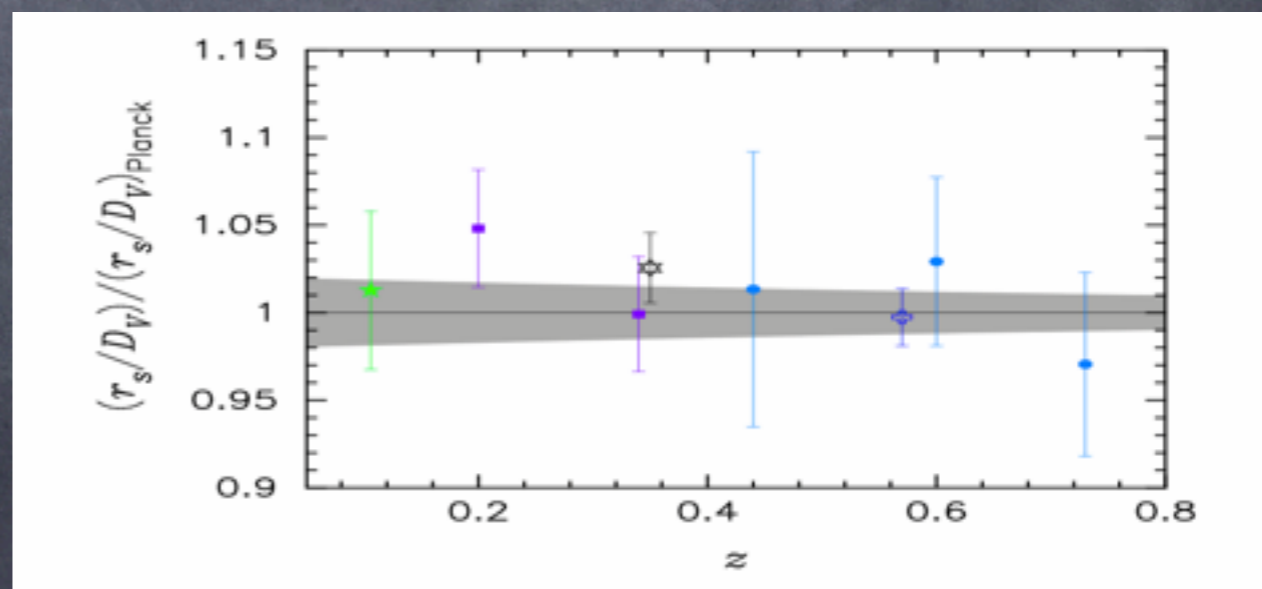
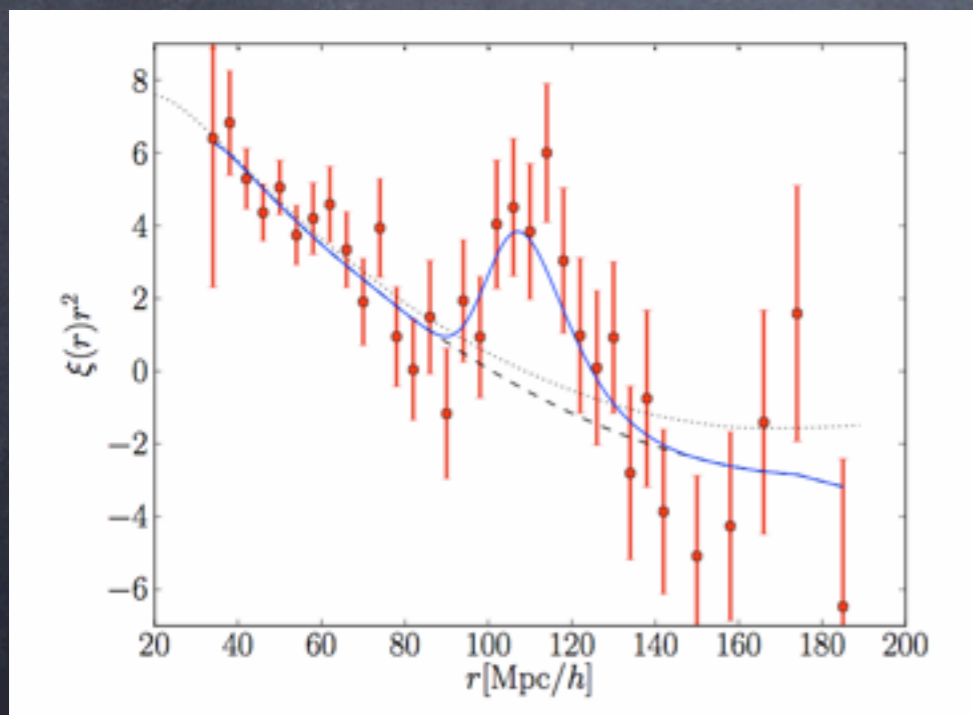


Main BAO results

galaxies



quasars



New generation

Euclid



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FoM ~ 1500(WL&Galaxie)-4000 (all)

~ 900 members

European lead project / ESA

Space telescope / 1.2 m mirror

Launch : 2019

Mission length : 6 years

1 exposure depth : 24 mag

Survey Area : 15 000 square degrees (.36 sky)

Filters : 1 Visible(550-900nm)+ 3 IR(920-2000 nm)

+ NIR spectroscopy (1100 – 2000 nm)

FoM > 800 (WL,BAO, SN)

~ 450 Core members + 450 to come

US lead project / NSF-DOE

Ground Telescope / 6.5 m effective mirror

1st light : 2019

Observation length : 10 years

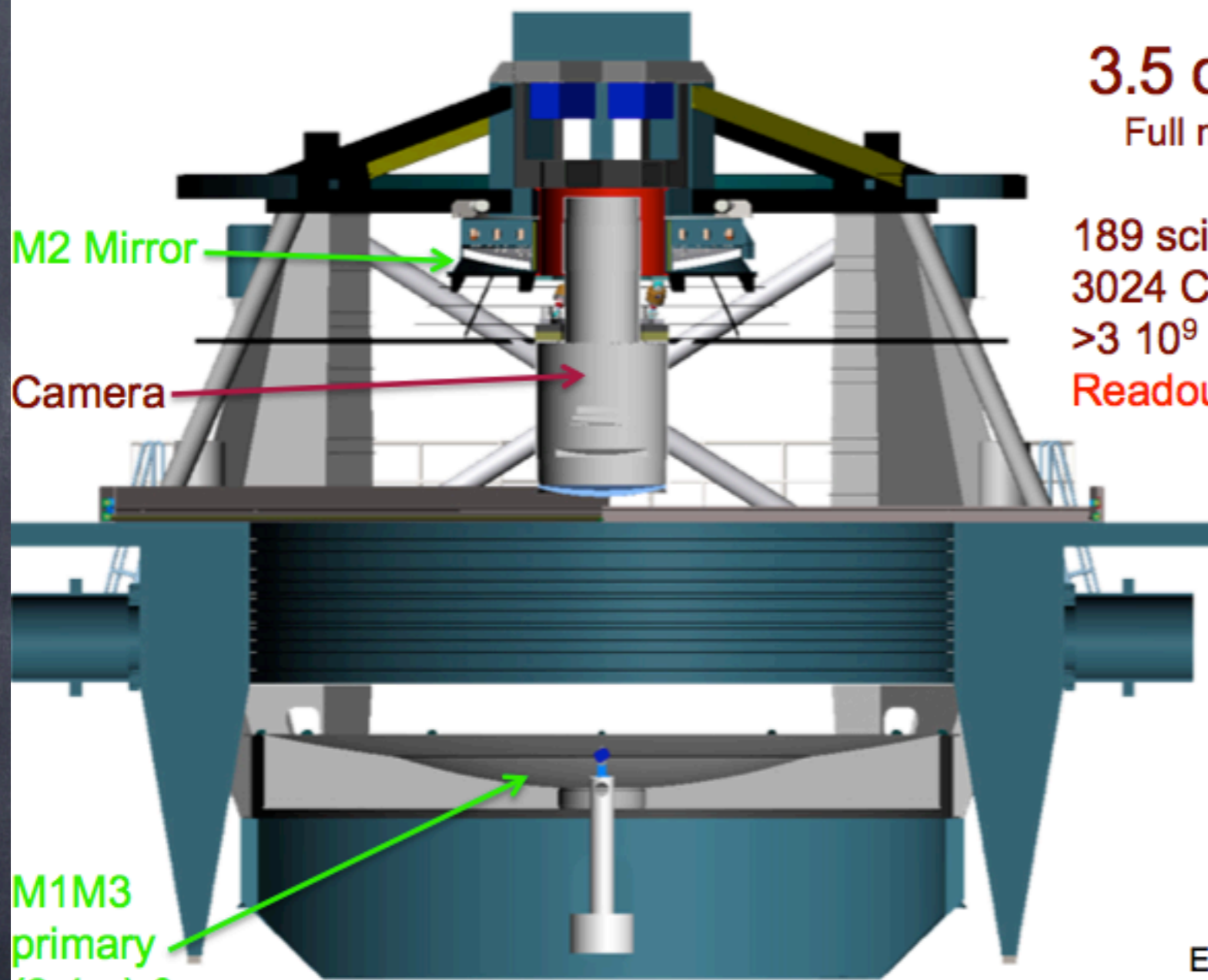
1 exposure depth : 24 mag (i) (~27 in 10 years)

Survey Area : 20 000 square degrees (.48 sky)

Filters : 6 filters (320-1070 nm)

→2 complementary approaches to address the question of the acceleration of the Universe and the nature of the Dark Energy in the next decade.

Large Synoptic Survey Telescope



M2 Mirror
Camera
M1M3 primary (8.4m) & Tertiary mirrors

Moving Structure 350 tons
60 tons optical systems

Field of view :

3.5 deg (9.6 deg² = .023% sky sphere)

Full moon = 0.5 deg = 4.8 10⁻⁶ of sky sphere

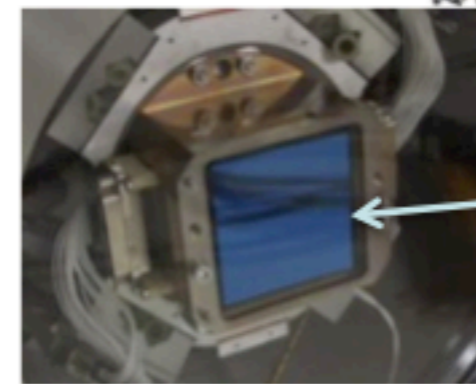
Focal plane diameter : 64 cm

189 science CCD (21 rafts)

3024 Channels

>3 10⁹ pixels

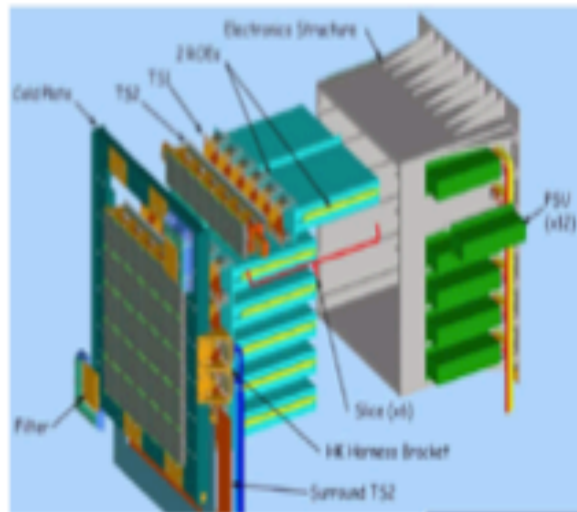
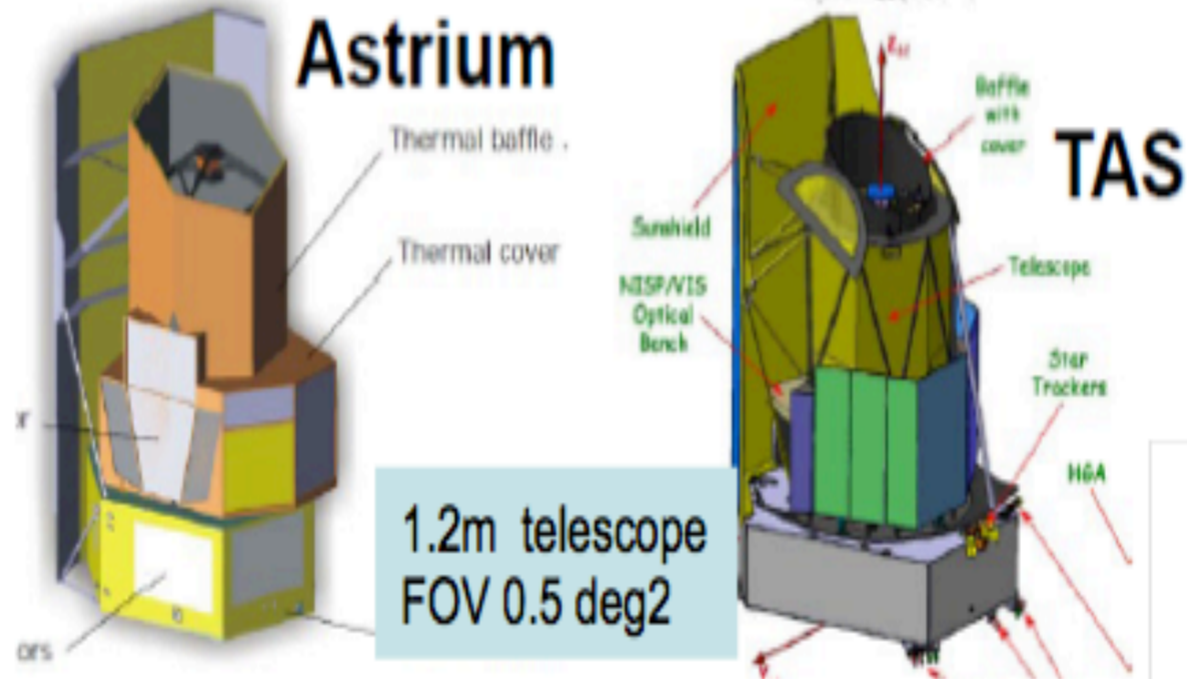
Readout: 2s



E2v CCD 250 ,
4kx4k , 10 μm pixels
100 μm deep depleted
UV to IR sensitive
16 channels output
Designed by Dedicated
R&D for LSST

1 raft = 3x3 CCD
150 M pixels
(1/2 Megacam)₁₀

Euclid satellite mission



The Visible imager (VIS)
36 E2V CCD, 0,1" PSF
1 broad band R+I+Z (550-900nm)



The Infrared spectro/photometer (NISP)
16 H2Rg infra red pixel detectors, 0,3" PSF,
3 IR bands Y,J,H (920-2000 nm)
NIR slitless spectroscopy (1100 – 2000 nm) R ~ 350