

# Dark Energy at the Crossroads

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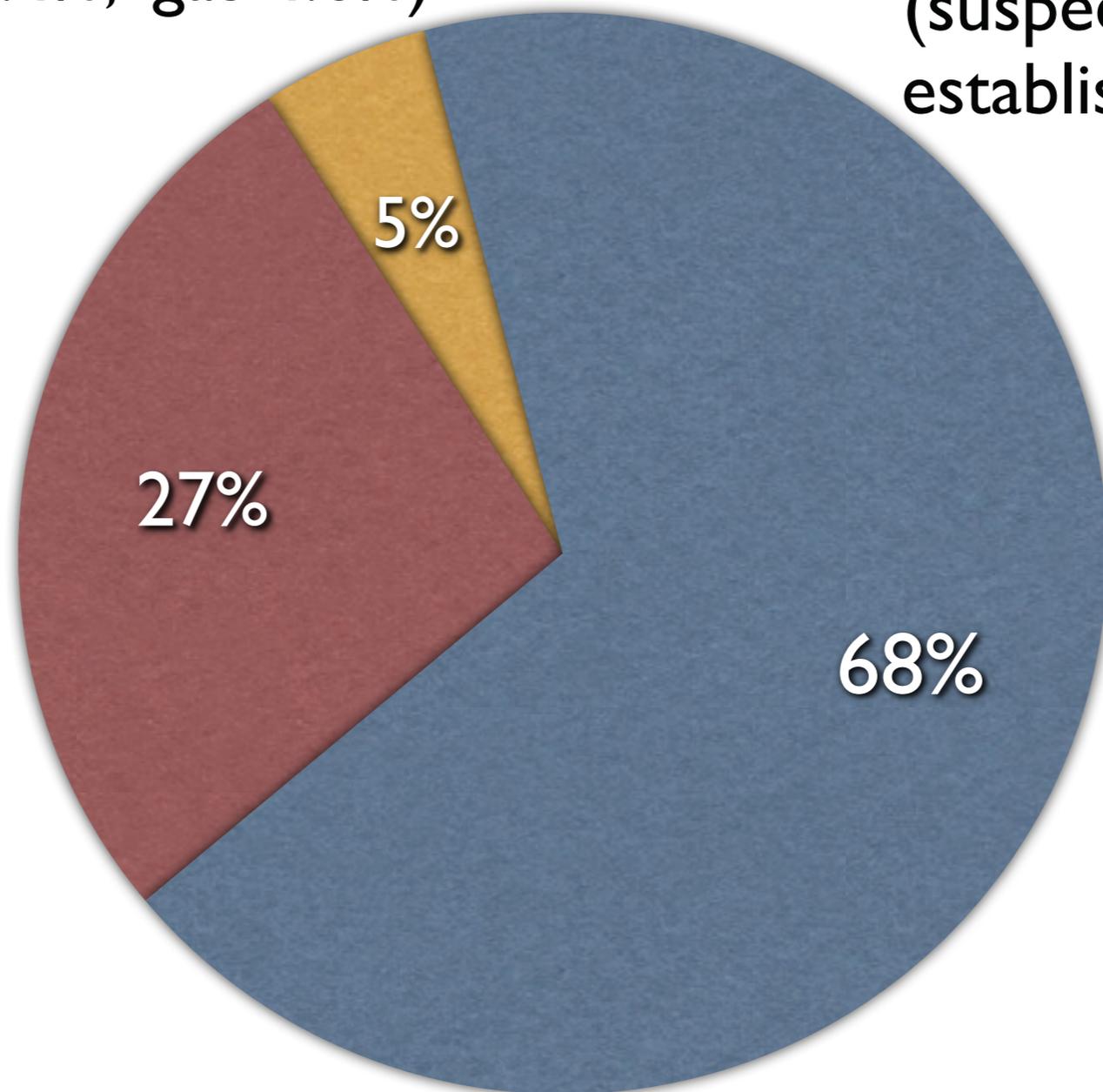
# Makeup of universe **today**

**Baryonic Matter**  
(stars 0.4%, gas 4.6%)

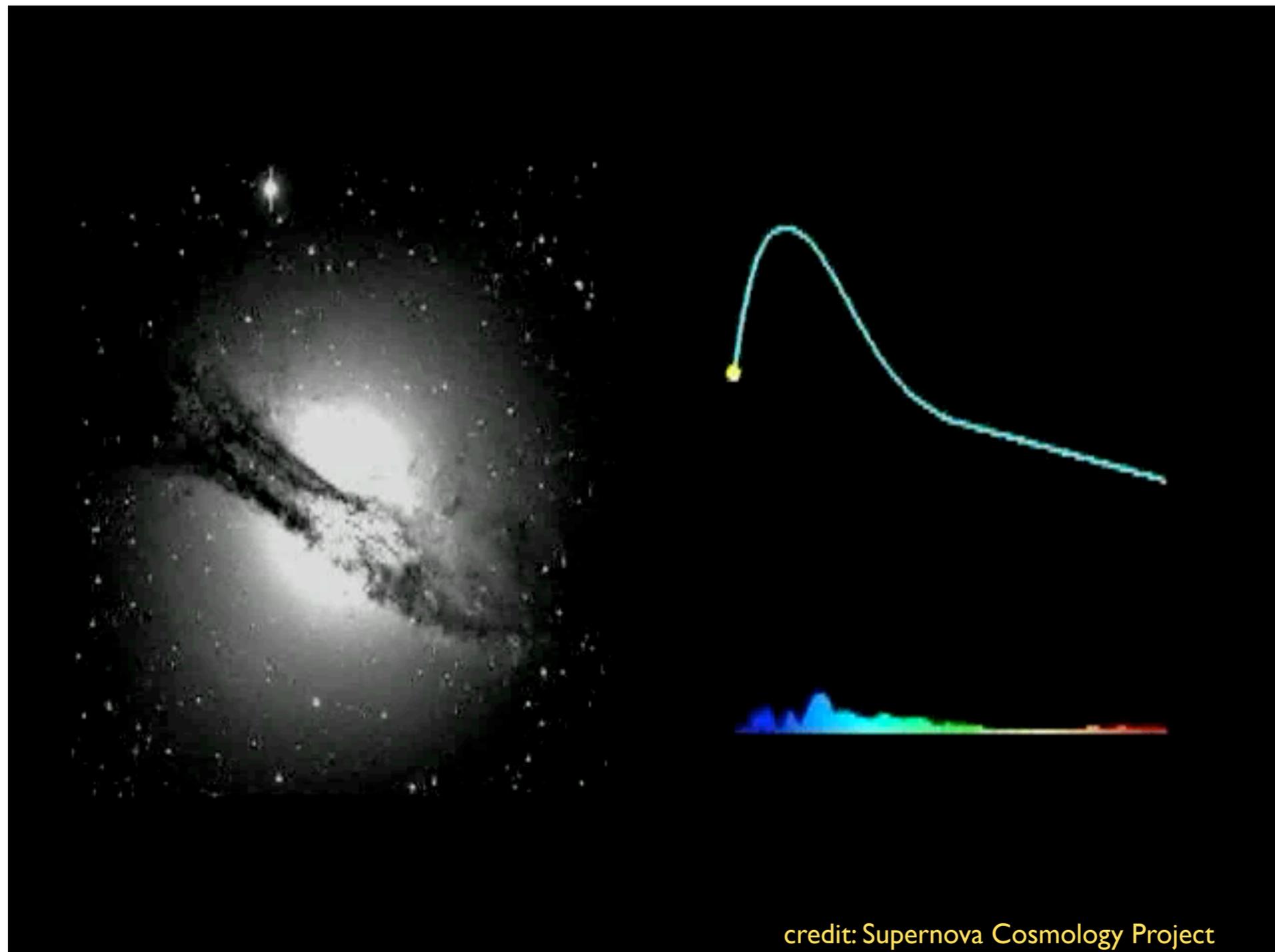
**Dark Energy**  
(suspected since 1980s  
established since 1998)

**Dark Matter**  
(suspected since 1930s  
established since 1970s)

Also:  
radiation (0.01%)

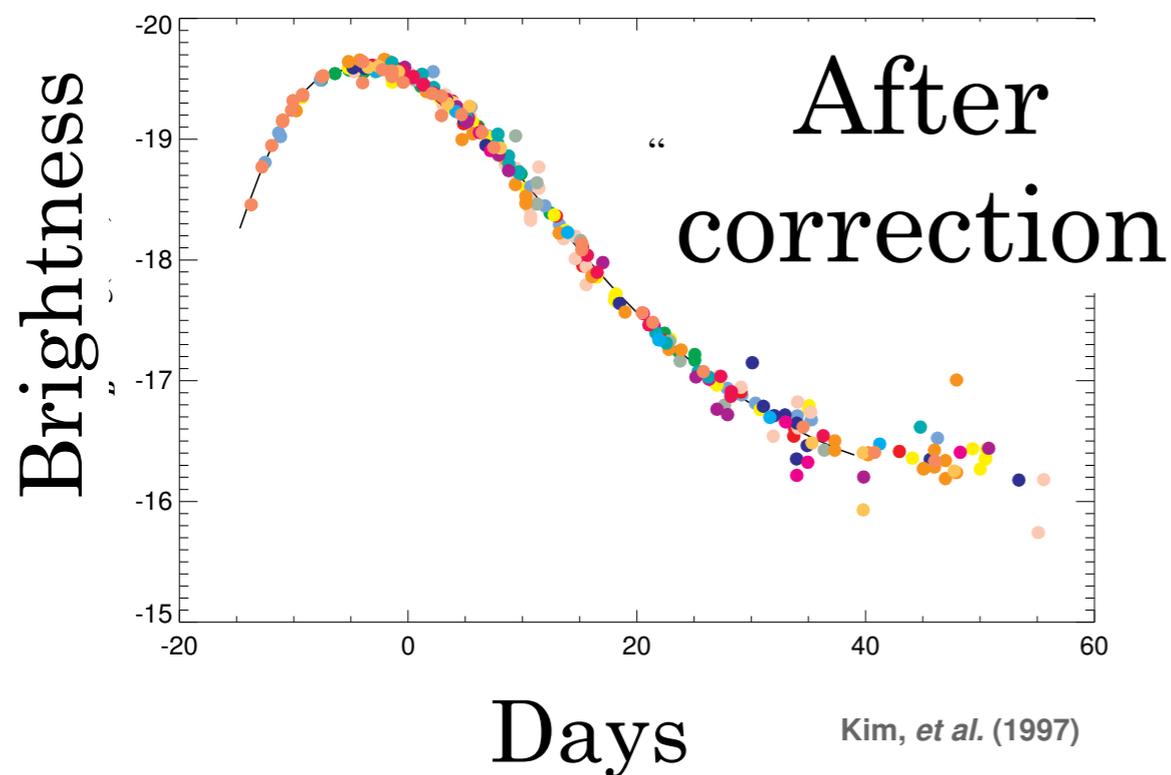
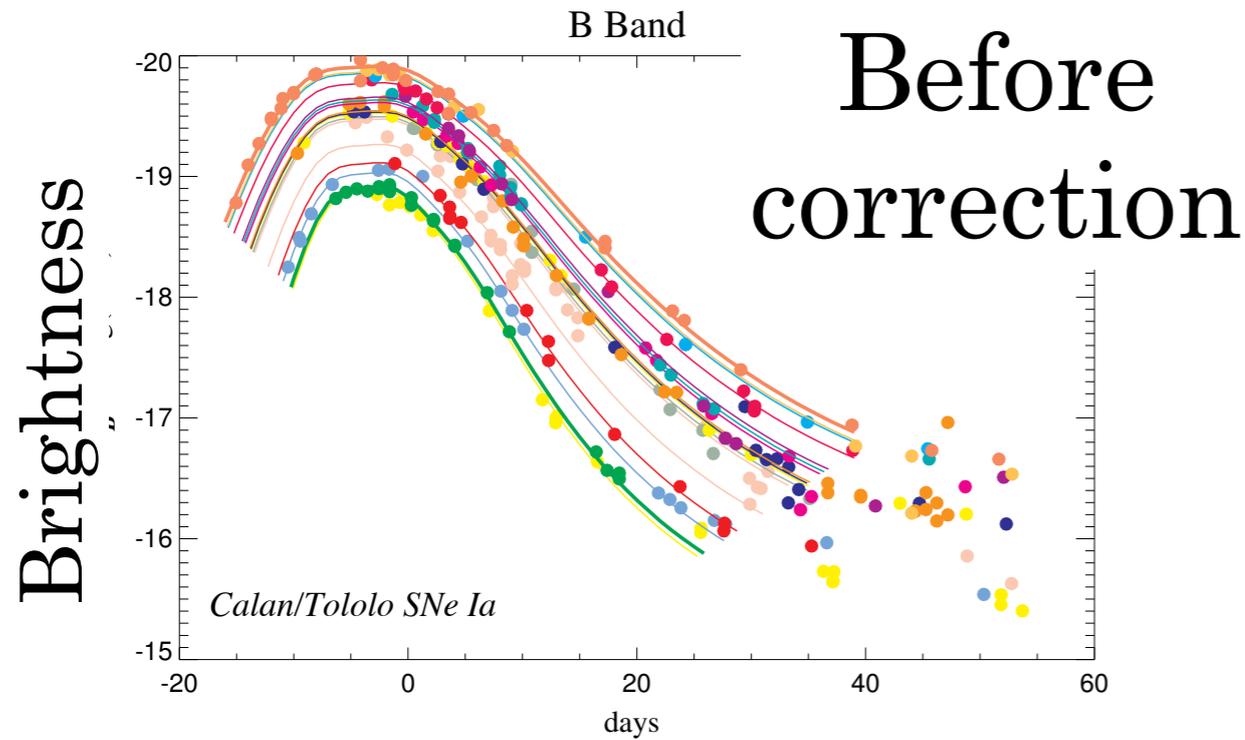


# Type Ia Supernovae



(Nearly) standard candles, so get  $d_L = (L/4\pi F)^{1/2}$

# Standardizing the candles

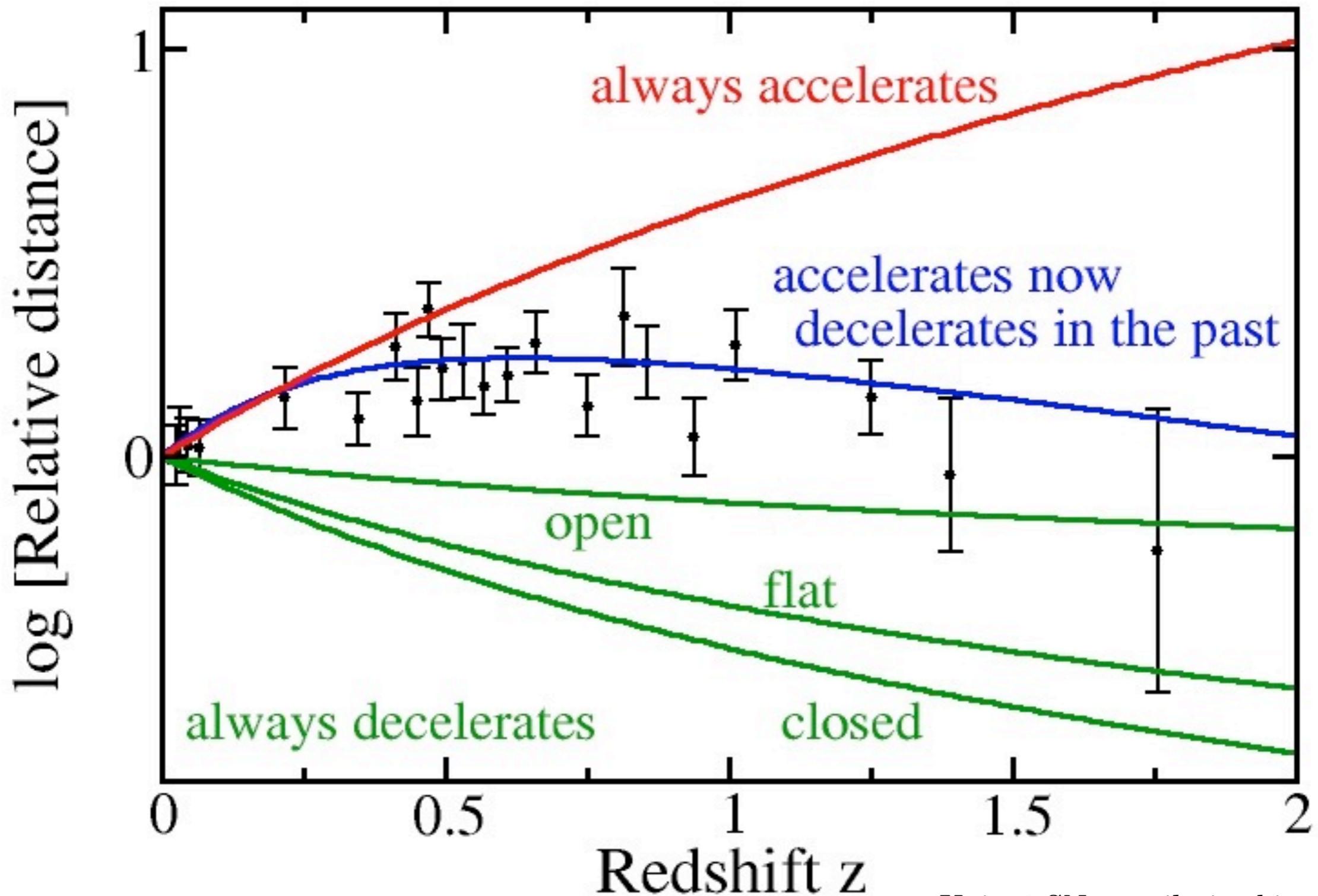


“Broader  
is  
(intrinsically) Brighter”

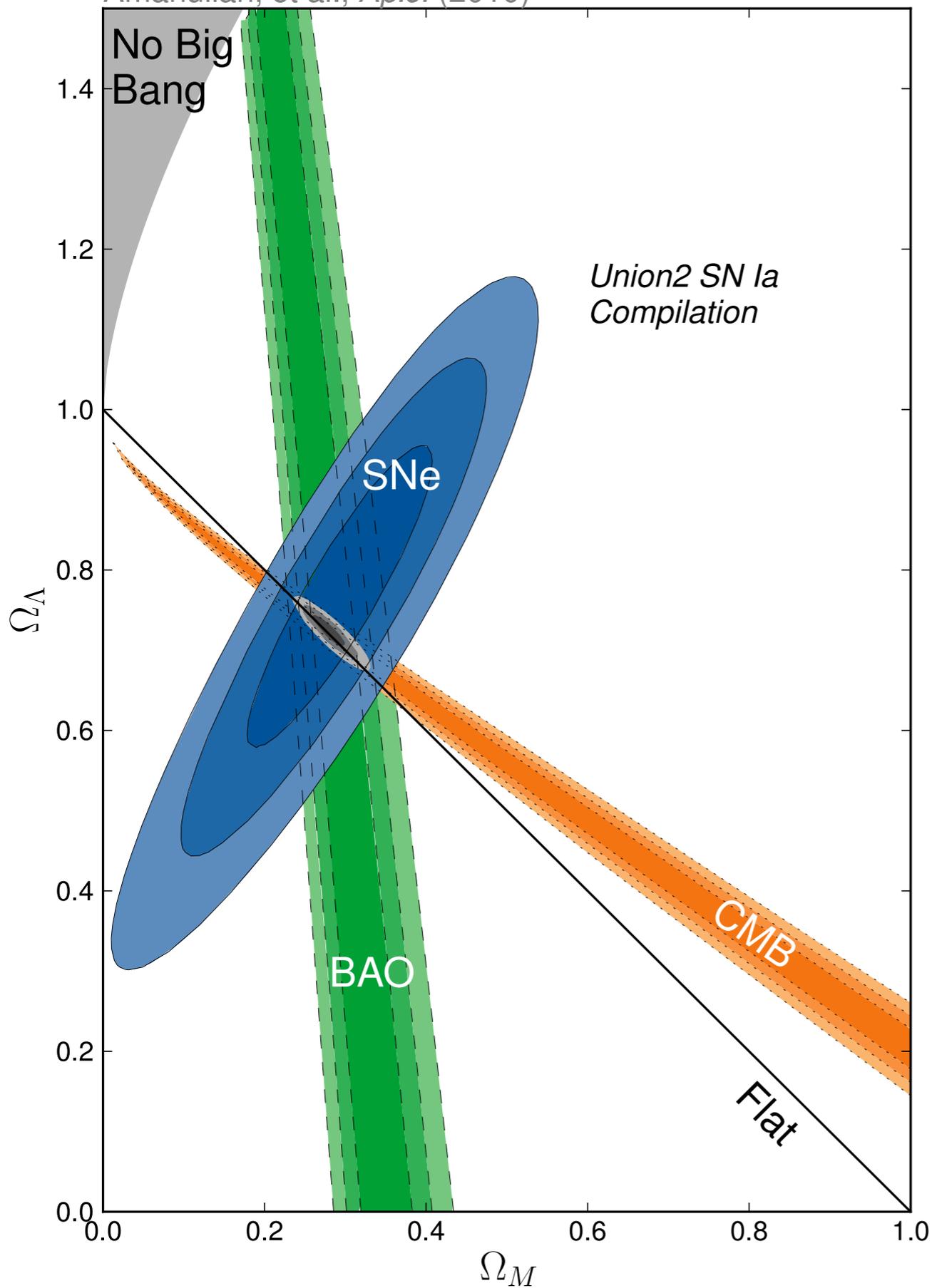
Key insight:

M. Phillips, *ApJ*, 413, L105, 1993

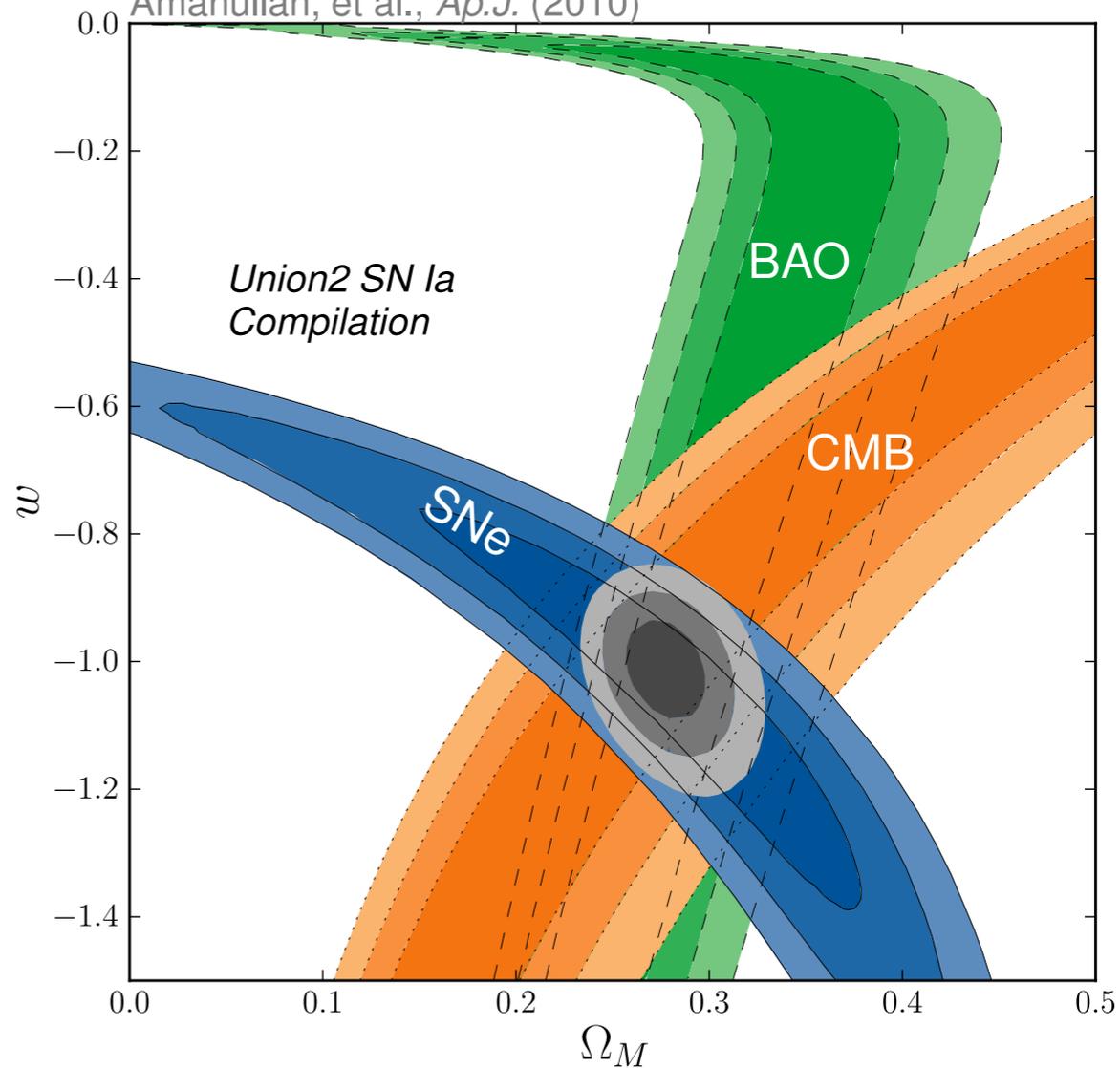
# Evidence for Dark energy from type Ia Supernovae



Supernova Cosmology Project  
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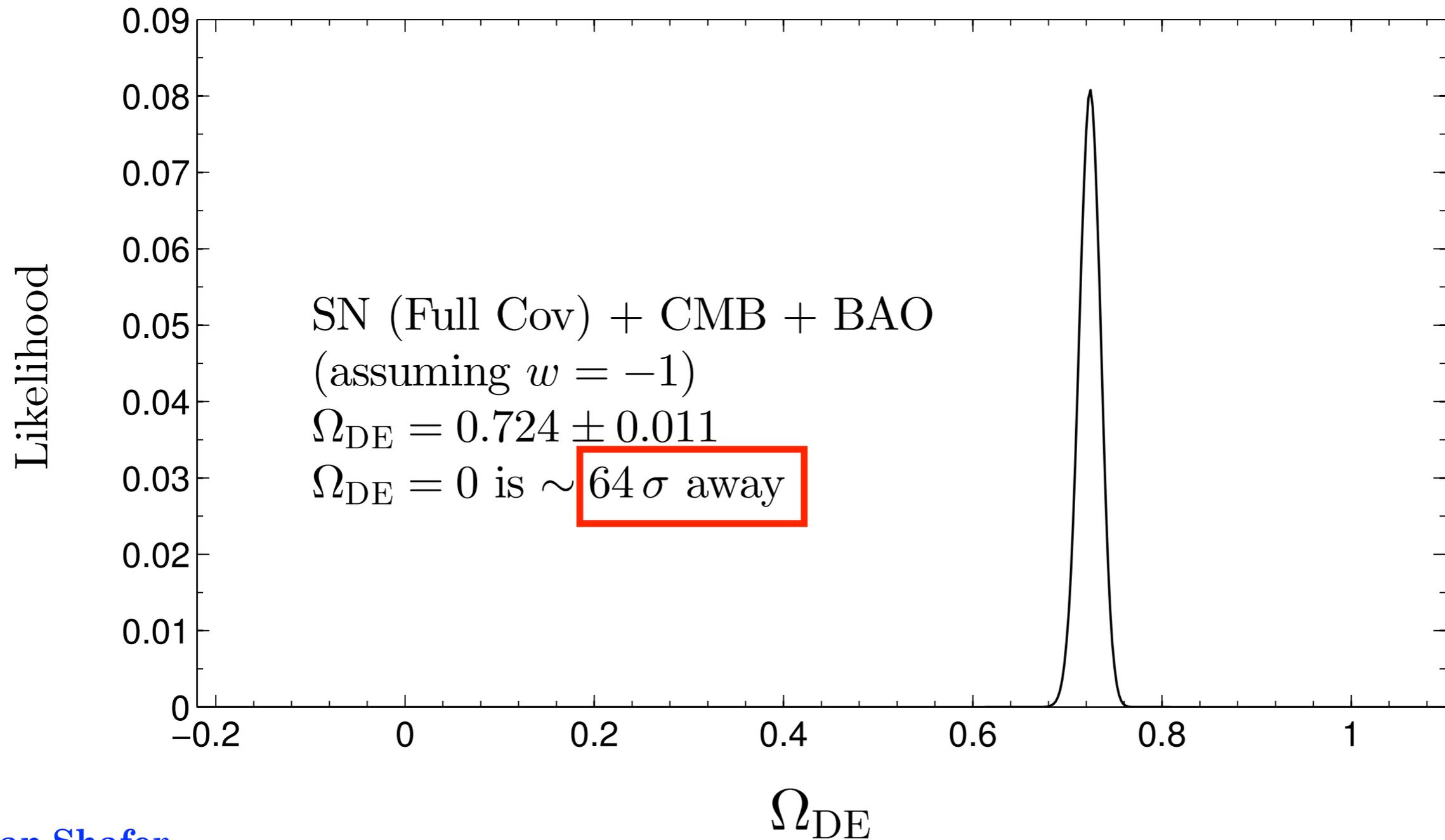
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# Dark Energy

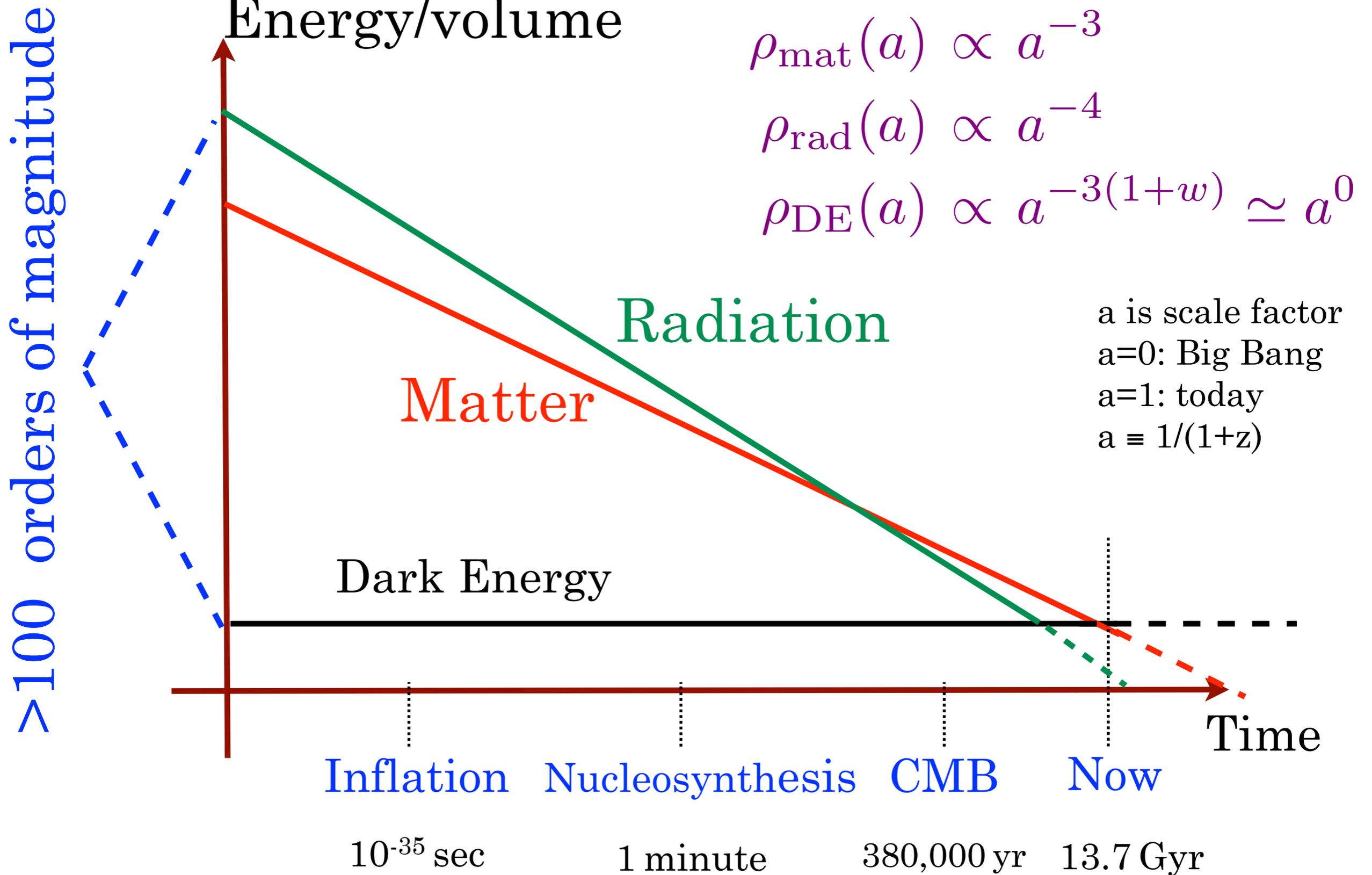


- Universe is dominated by something other than dark matter
- This new component - “dark energy” - makes the universe undergo **accelerated expansion**
- This new component is largely **smooth**
- Other than that, we don’t know much!

# Current evidence for dark energy is impressively strong



# Coincidence problem



# Cosmological constant problem

Vacuum Energy: QFT predicts it to be cutoff scale

$$\rho_{\text{VAC}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{fields}} g_i \int_0^\infty \sqrt{k^2 + m^2} \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \simeq \sum_{\text{fields}} \frac{g_i k_{\text{max}}^4}{16\pi^2}$$

Measured:  $(10^{-3} \text{eV})^4$

SUSY scale:  $(1 \text{TeV})^4$

Planck scale:  $(10^{19} \text{GeV})^4$

} 60-120 orders of magnitude smaller than expected!

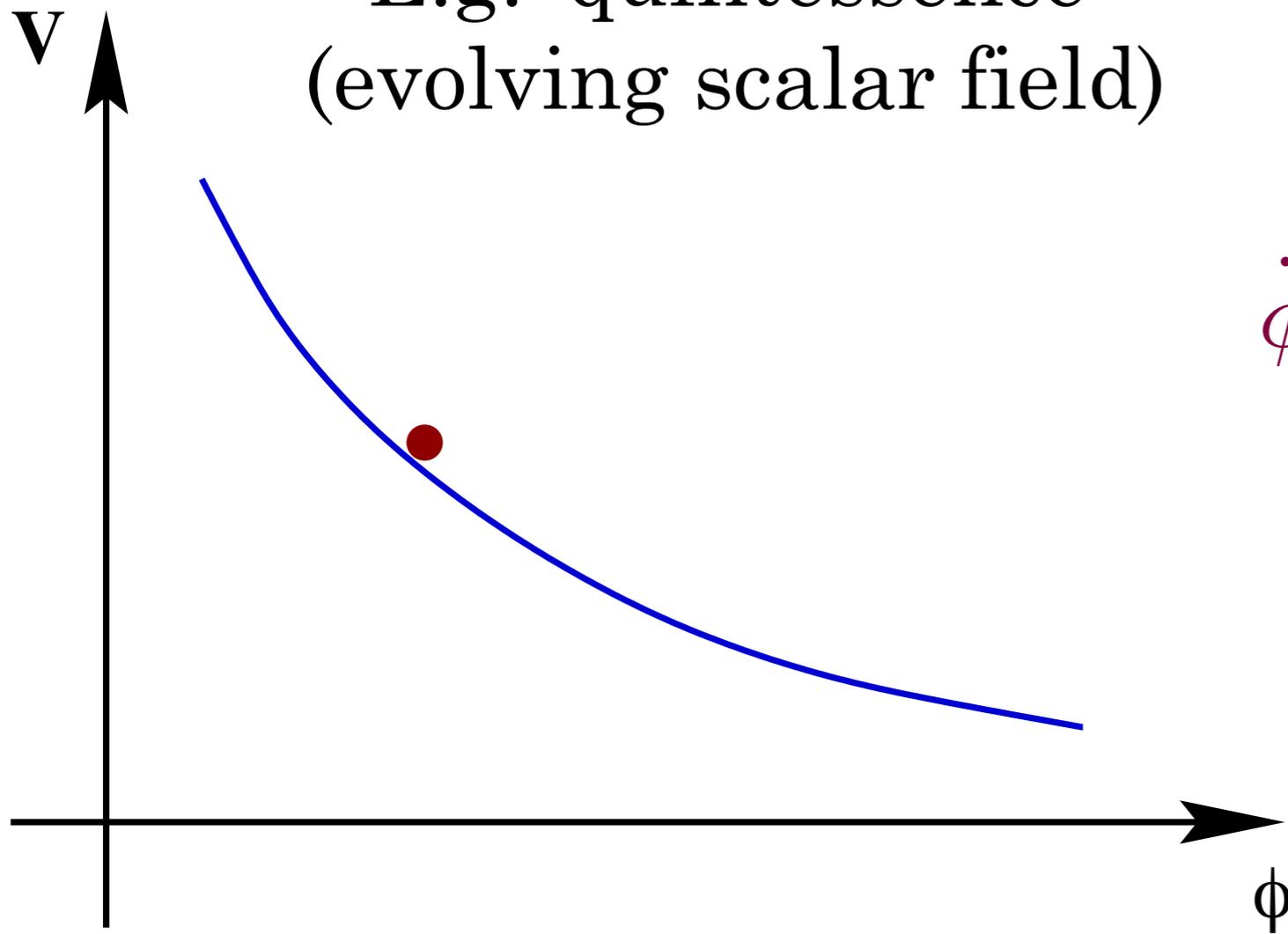
“The mother of all Physics problems” (Susskind)

Reviews: A. Padilla, “Lectures on the Cosmological Constant Problem”, [arXiv:1502.05296](https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.05296)  
J. Martin, “Everything you wanted to know about the CC but didn’t dare to ask”, [arXiv:1205.3365](https://arxiv.org/abs/1205.3365)

Lots of theoretical ideas, few compelling ones:

Very difficult to motivate DE naturally

E.g. 'quintessence'  
(evolving scalar field)

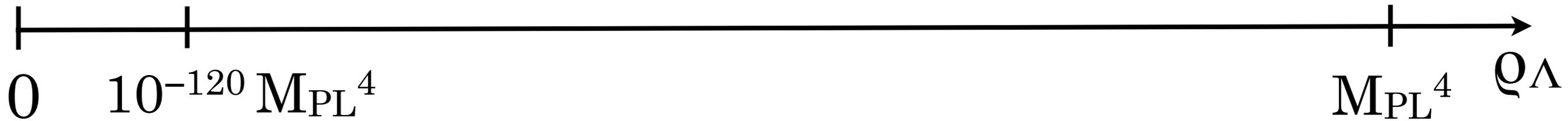


$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \frac{dV}{d\phi} = 0$$

$$m_{\phi} \simeq H_0 \simeq 10^{-33} \text{ eV}$$

# String landscape?

Bousso & Polchinski 2000



Among the  $\sim 10^{500}$  minima,  
we live in one that allows structure/galaxies to form  
(selection effect) (anthropic principle)



Pam Jeffries

Landscape  
postdicts  $w = -1$

# Big questions

1. Is the cosmic acceleration due to something other than vacuum energy?
2. Does GR self-consistently describe the acceleration?

# Wish List

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## Difficulties:

$w(z)$  enters the observables via integral relations

$$r(z) = \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

$$H^2(z) = H_0^2 \left[ \Omega_M (1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\text{DE}} \exp \left( 3 \int_0^z (1 + w(z')) d \ln(1+z') \right) \right]$$

DE clustering is negligible except perhaps on scales  $\simeq H_0^{-1}$

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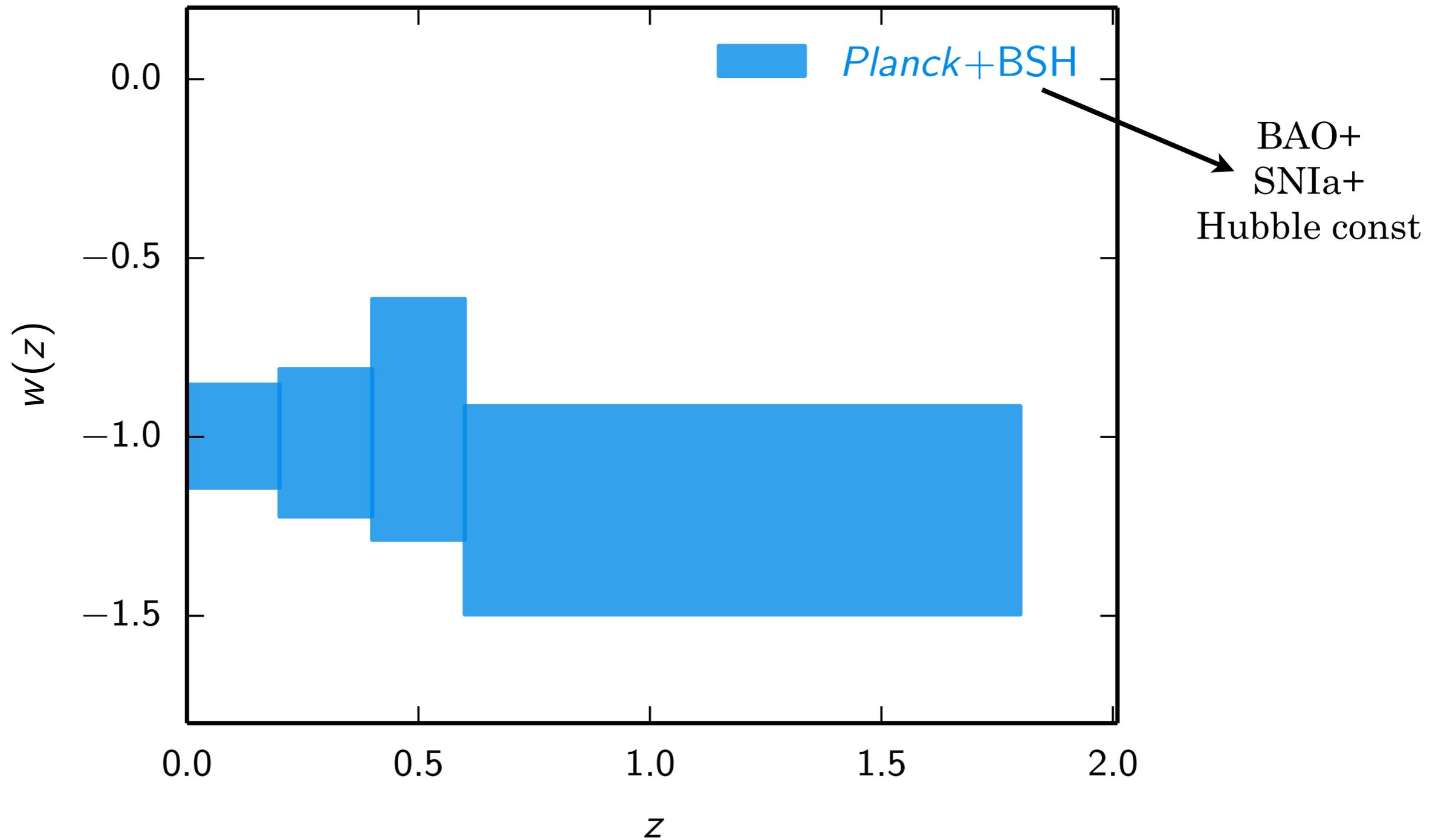
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## 2. Higgs Boson mass (before LHC 2012):

$$m_H \simeq O(200) \text{ GeV}$$

(assuming Standard Model Higgs)

# Current constraints on $w(z)$ : largely from geometrical measures



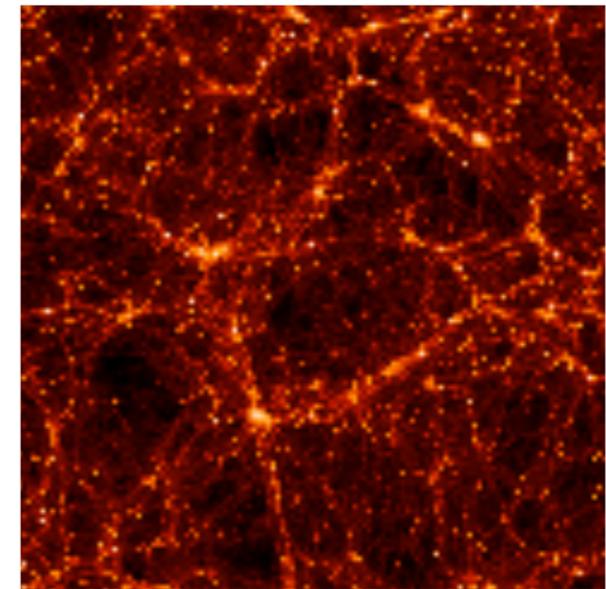
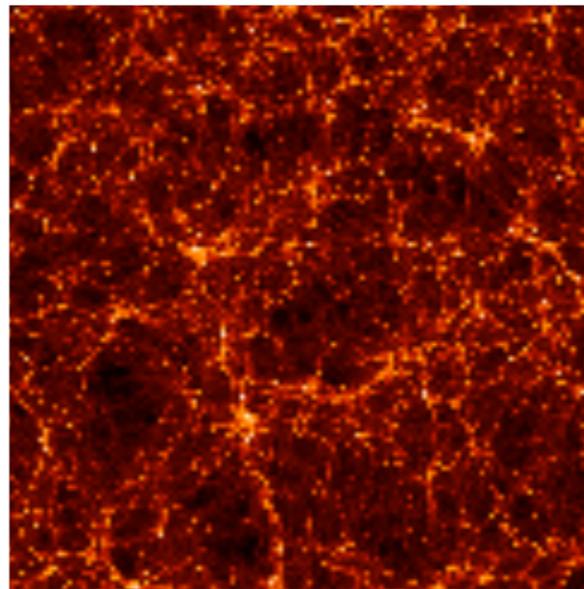
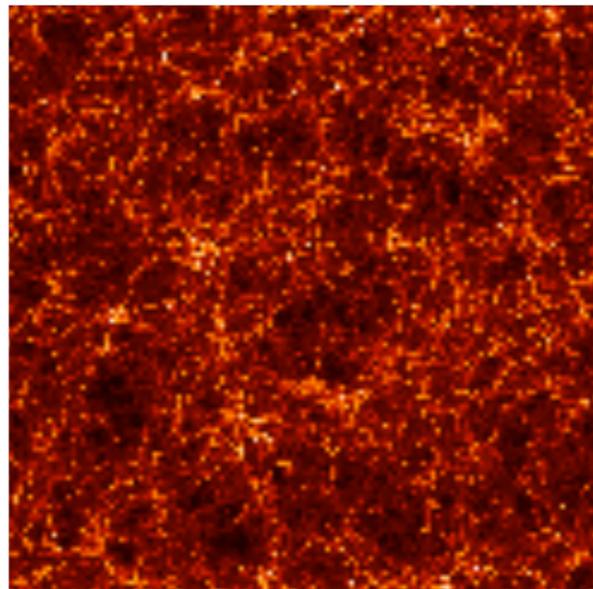
# Dark Energy **suppresses** the growth of density fluctuations

( $a=1/4$  or  $z=3$ )  
1/4 size of today

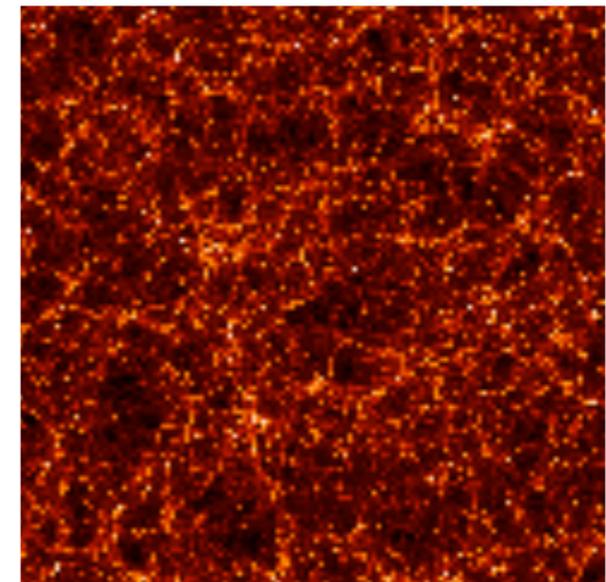
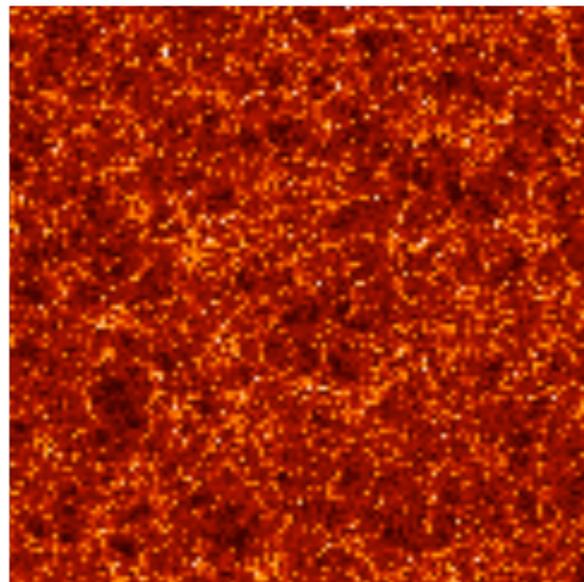
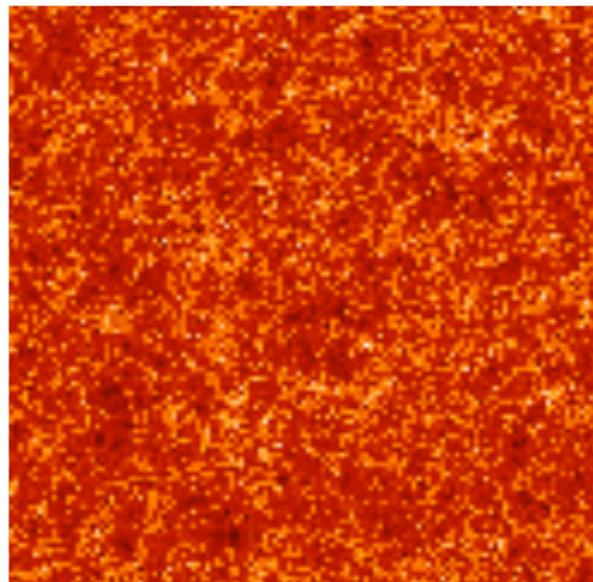
( $a=1/2$  or  $z=1$ )  
1/2 size of today

( $a=1$  or  $z=0$ )  
Today

with DE



without  
DE



# Using growth to separate GR from MG:

For example:

$$H^2 - F(H) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho, \quad \text{or} \quad H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \left( \rho + \frac{3F(H)}{8\pi G} \right)$$



Modified gravity



GR + dark energy

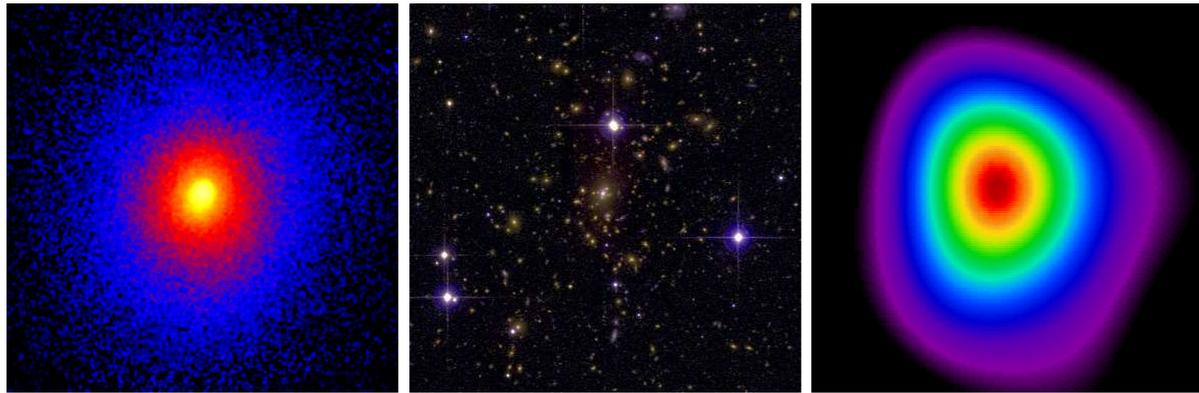
Growth of density fluctuations can decide:

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2H\dot{\delta} - 4\pi G\rho_M\delta = 0 \quad (\text{assuming GR})$$

# LSS tracers and their statistical probes

- ▶ Clusters of galaxies
  - ▶ 1-point function - cluster counts ( $dn/d\ln M$ ), sens to DE
  - ▶ 2-pt function - sensitive to primordial NG
- ▶ Galaxies: LRG, ELG, also quasars
  - ▶ 2-point function: pretty well understood, easily measured
  - ▶ anisotropic 2-pt function - Redshift Space Distortions (RSD)
  - ▶ 3-pt function: powerful, but issues in predicting  $b_G(k, a, env)$
  - ▶ also galaxy-CMB cross-correlation
- ▶ Weak Lensing Shear:
  - ▶ 2-point function: measurements systematics dominated
  - ▶ 3-pt function: future; systematics a huge challenge
  - ▶ also gal-gal ( $\gamma$ -g), shear peaks, ....

# Counting galaxy clusters



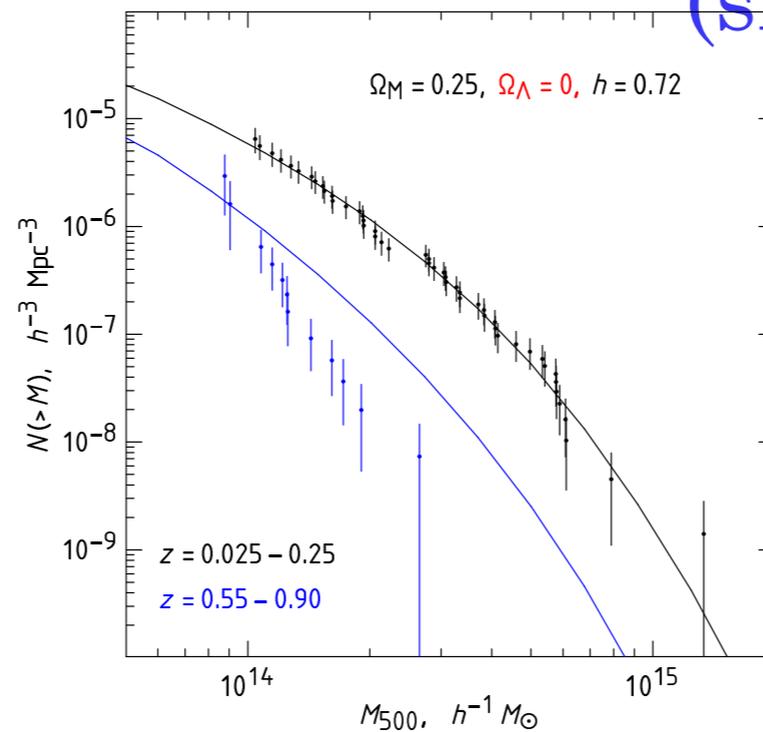
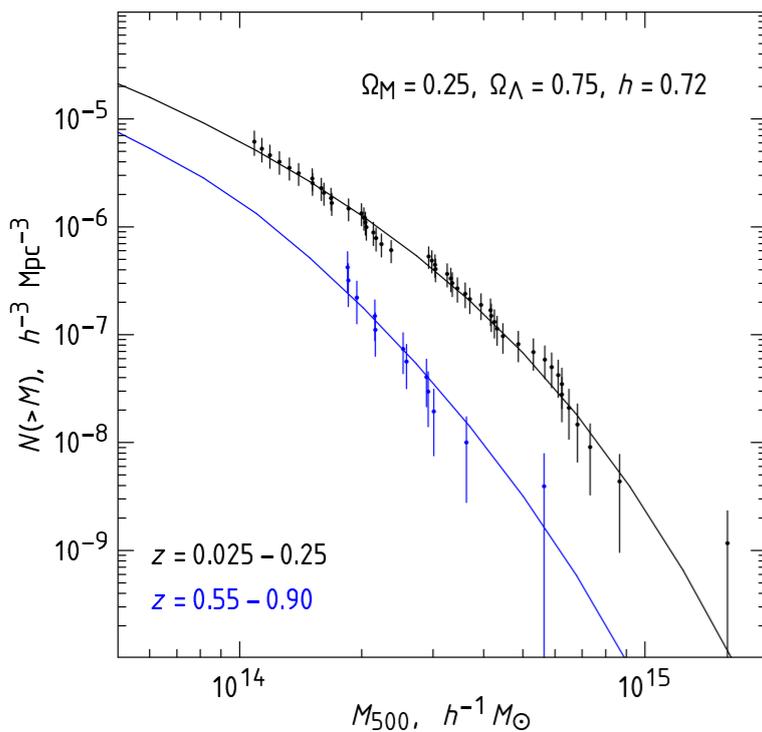
Allen, Evrard & Mantz review, 2011

cluster number  
(measure)

$$\frac{d^2 N}{d\Omega dz} = n(z) \frac{r(z)^2}{H(z)}$$

cluster num. density  
(simulations)

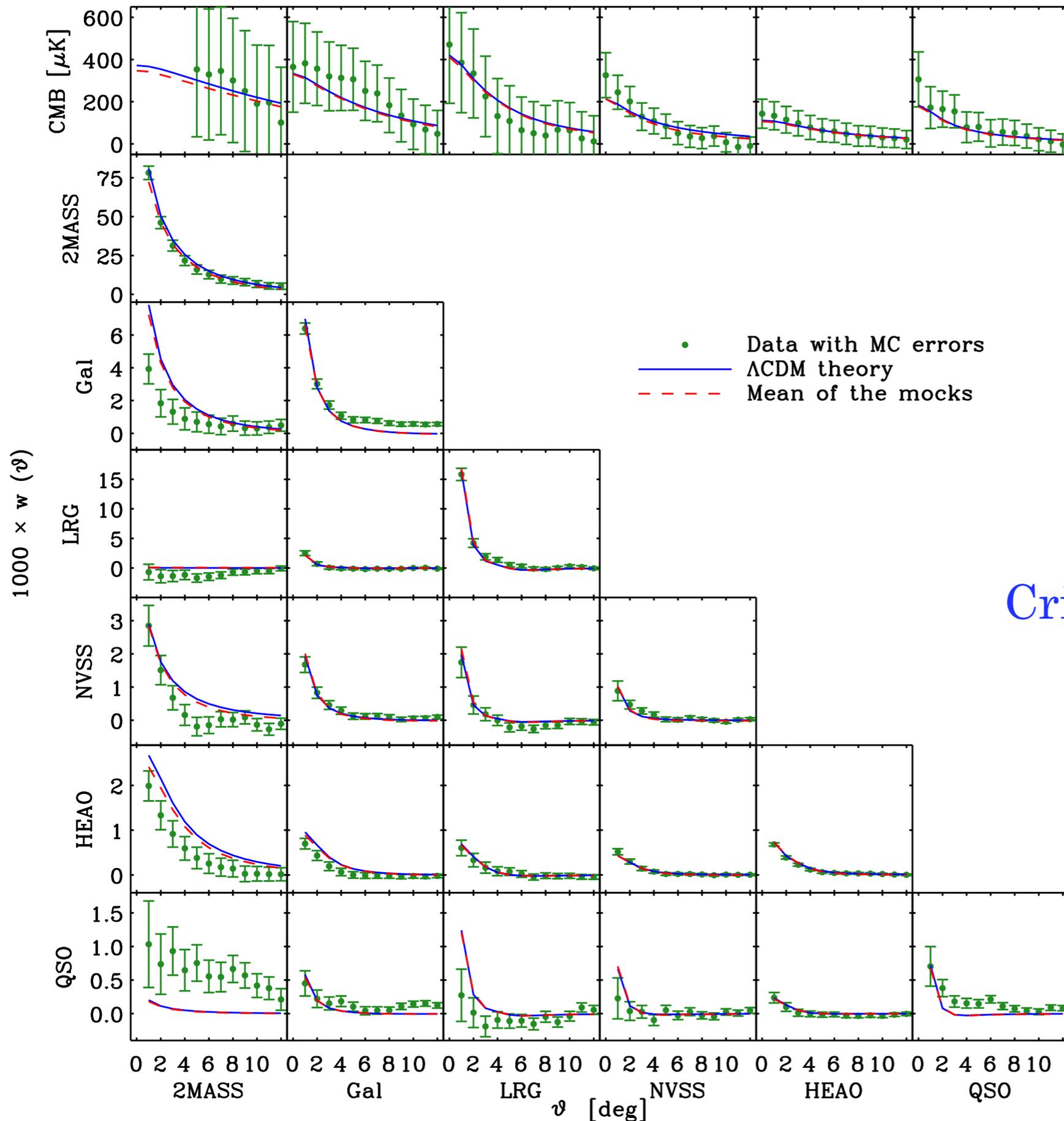
distance factors  
(theory)



Vikhlinin et al, 2009

# “Cross - correlations”:

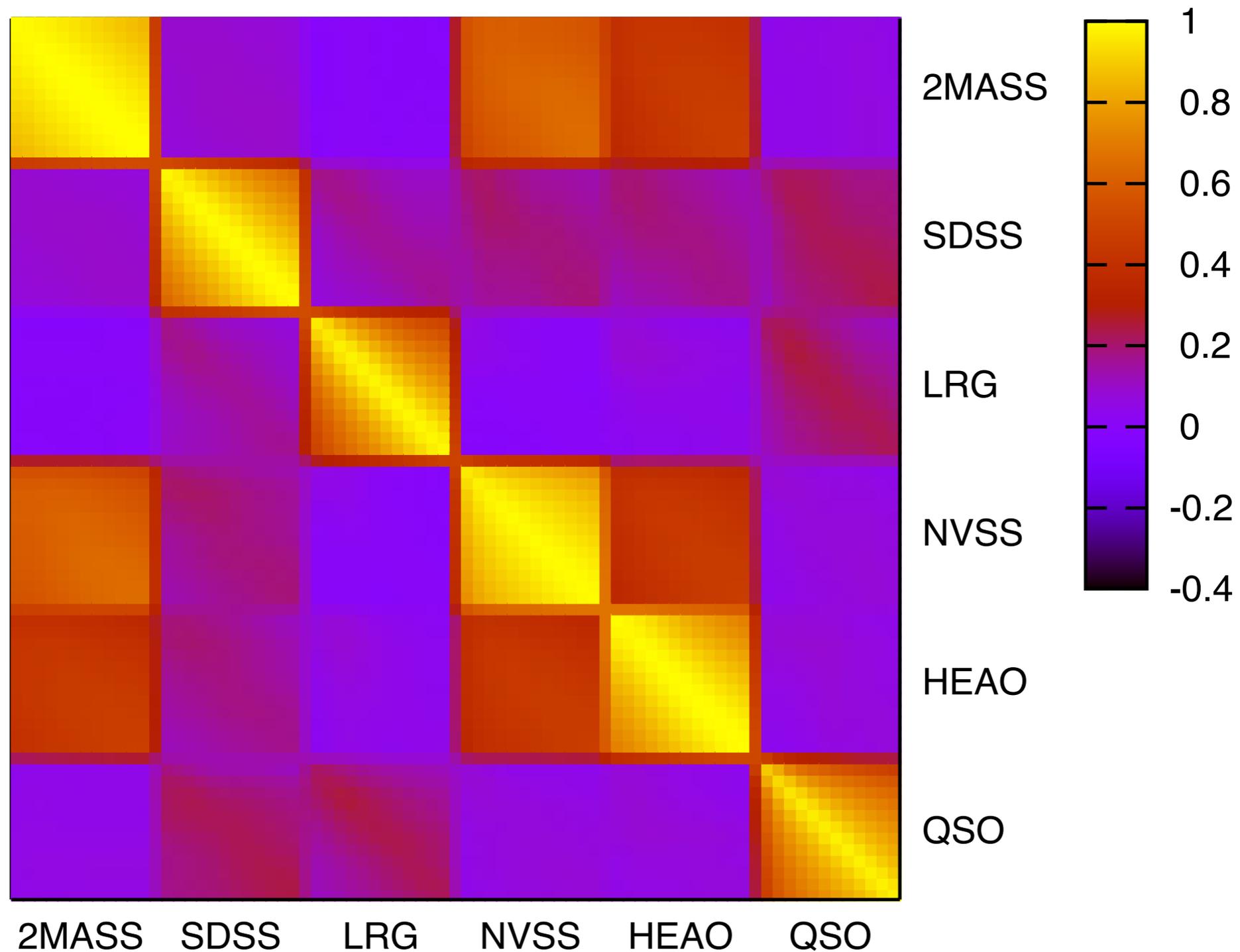
galaxy - galaxy  
 galaxy - QSO  
 galaxy - CMB  
 shear -shear  
 shear-galaxy  
**apple - orange**



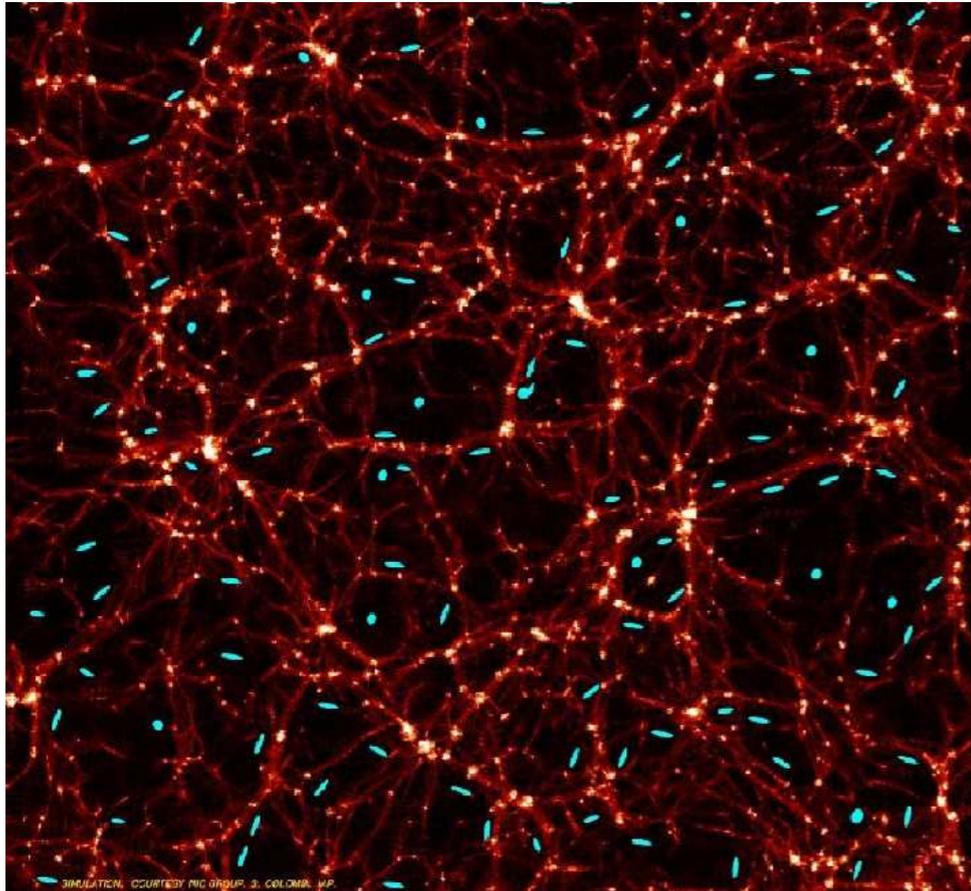
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Key insight:  
 Crittenden & Turok, 1996

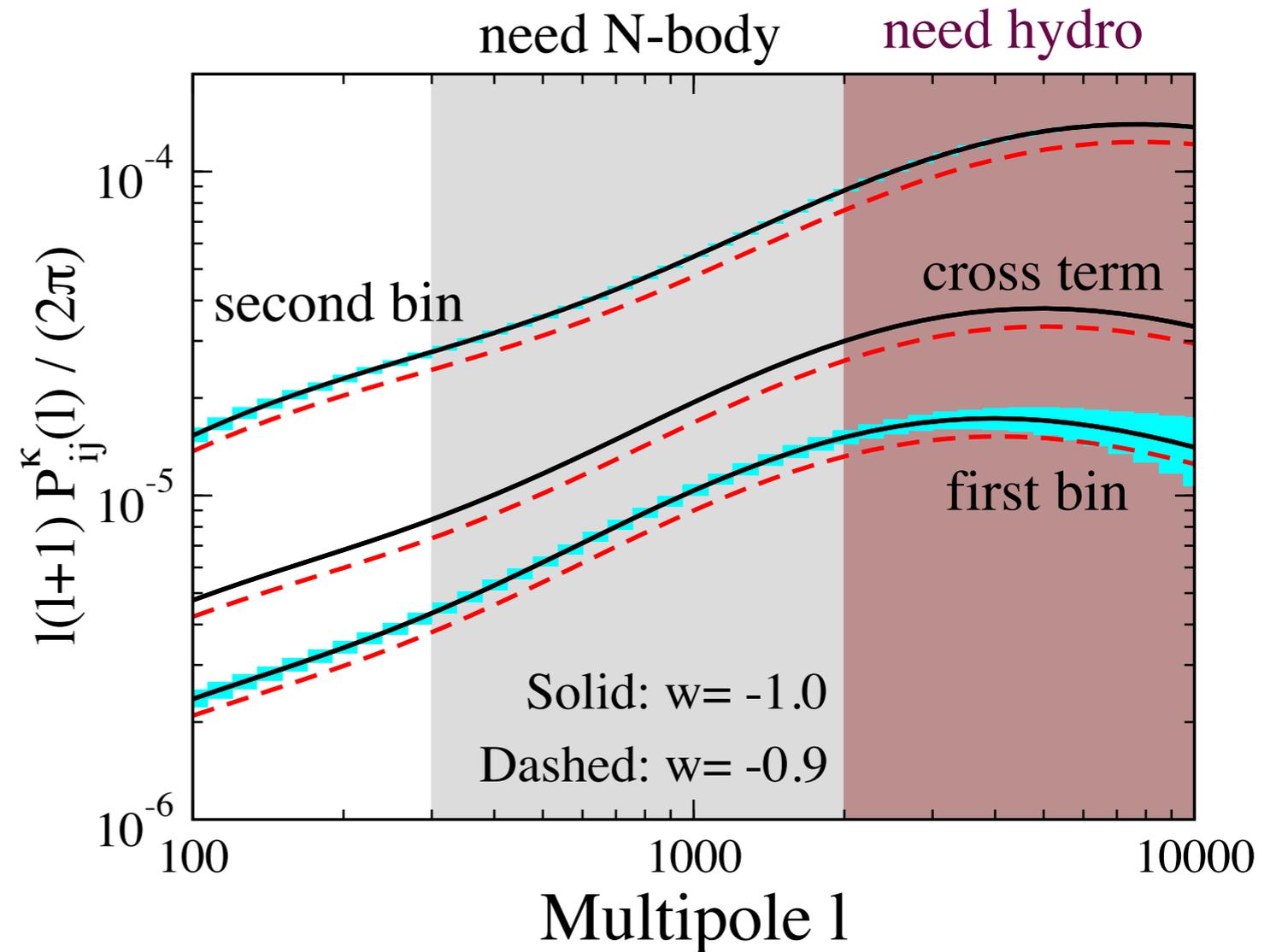
Hardest part of this:  
simulating/calculating the covariance matrix  
(that is: clustering in nonlinear regime)



# Weak Gravitational Lensing



Takashi Hamana

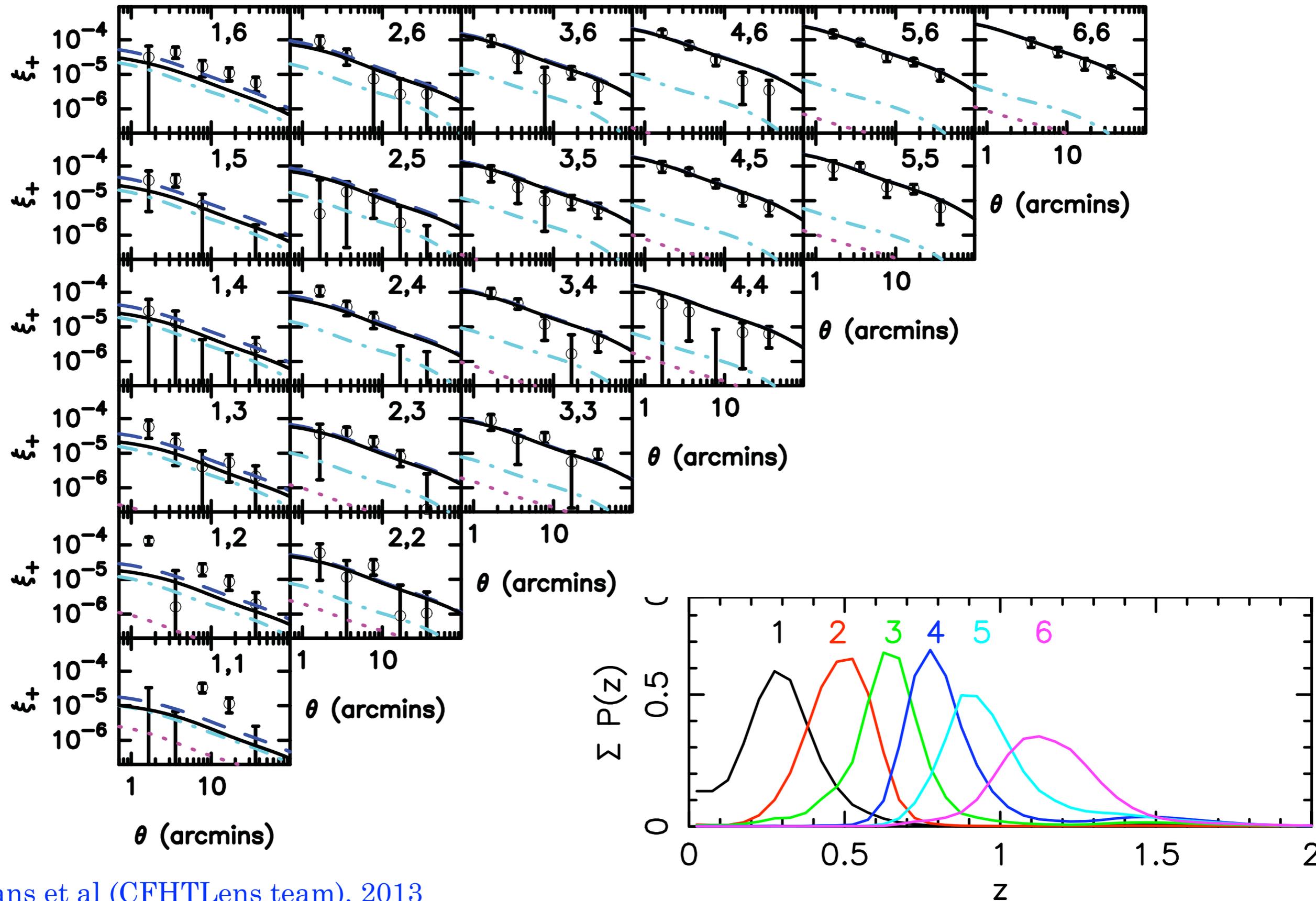


Huterer et al, Snowmass report, 1309.5385

WL systematics are very challenging:

$$\gamma^{\text{obs}} = \gamma^{\text{true}} (1 + m) + \gamma^{\text{add}} + \gamma^{\text{noise}}$$

# Measured 2-pt correlation func from CFHTLenS



# Next Frontier: Growth (+geom) from LSS

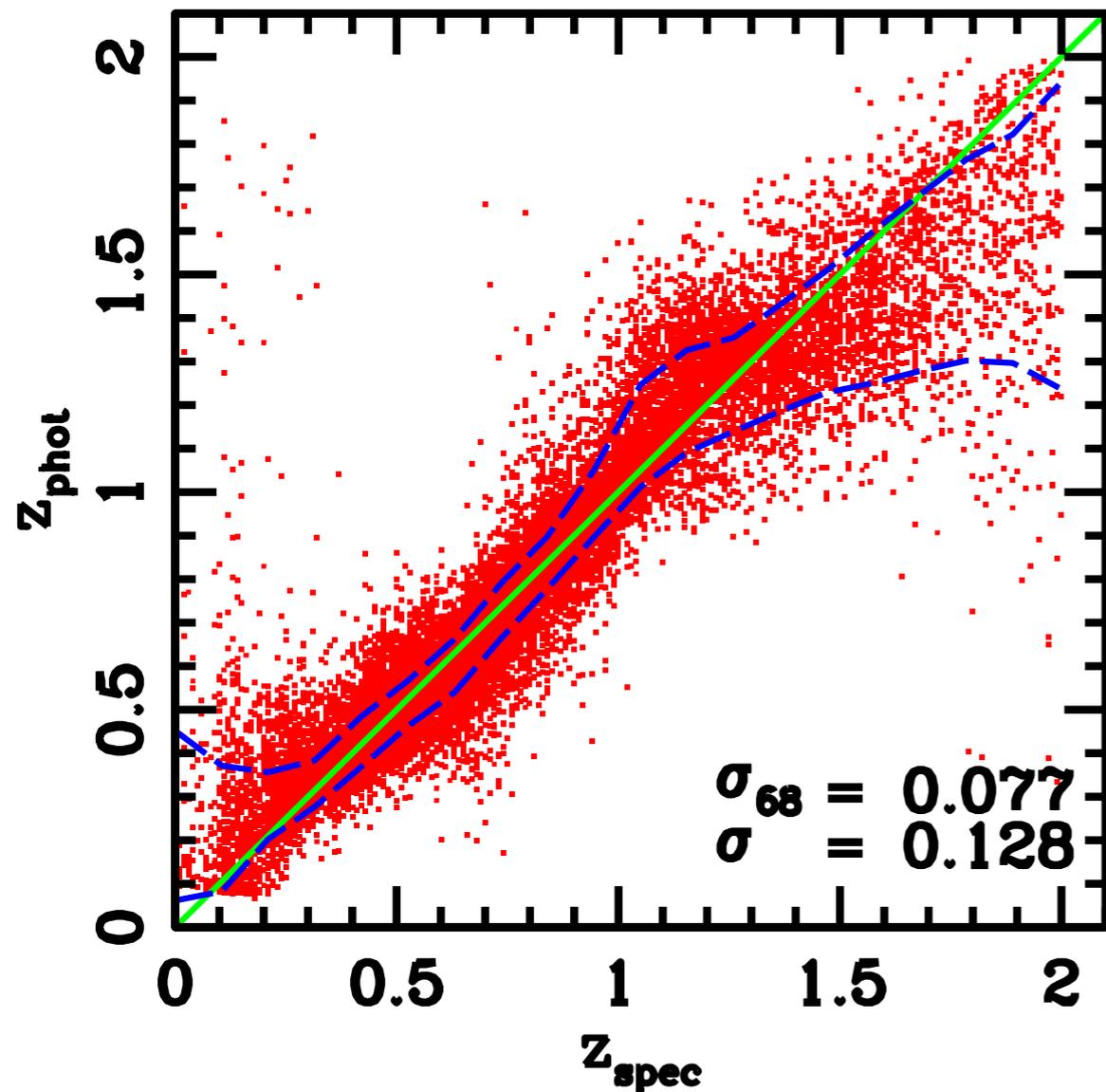
	CMB	LSS
dimension	2D	3D
# modes	$\propto l_{\max}^2$	$\propto k_{\max}^3$
can slice in	$\lambda$ only	$\lambda, M, \text{bias} \dots$
temporal evol.	no	yes
systematics?	relatively clean	relatively messy
theory modeling	easy	can be hard

## **Systematic Errors, top two:**

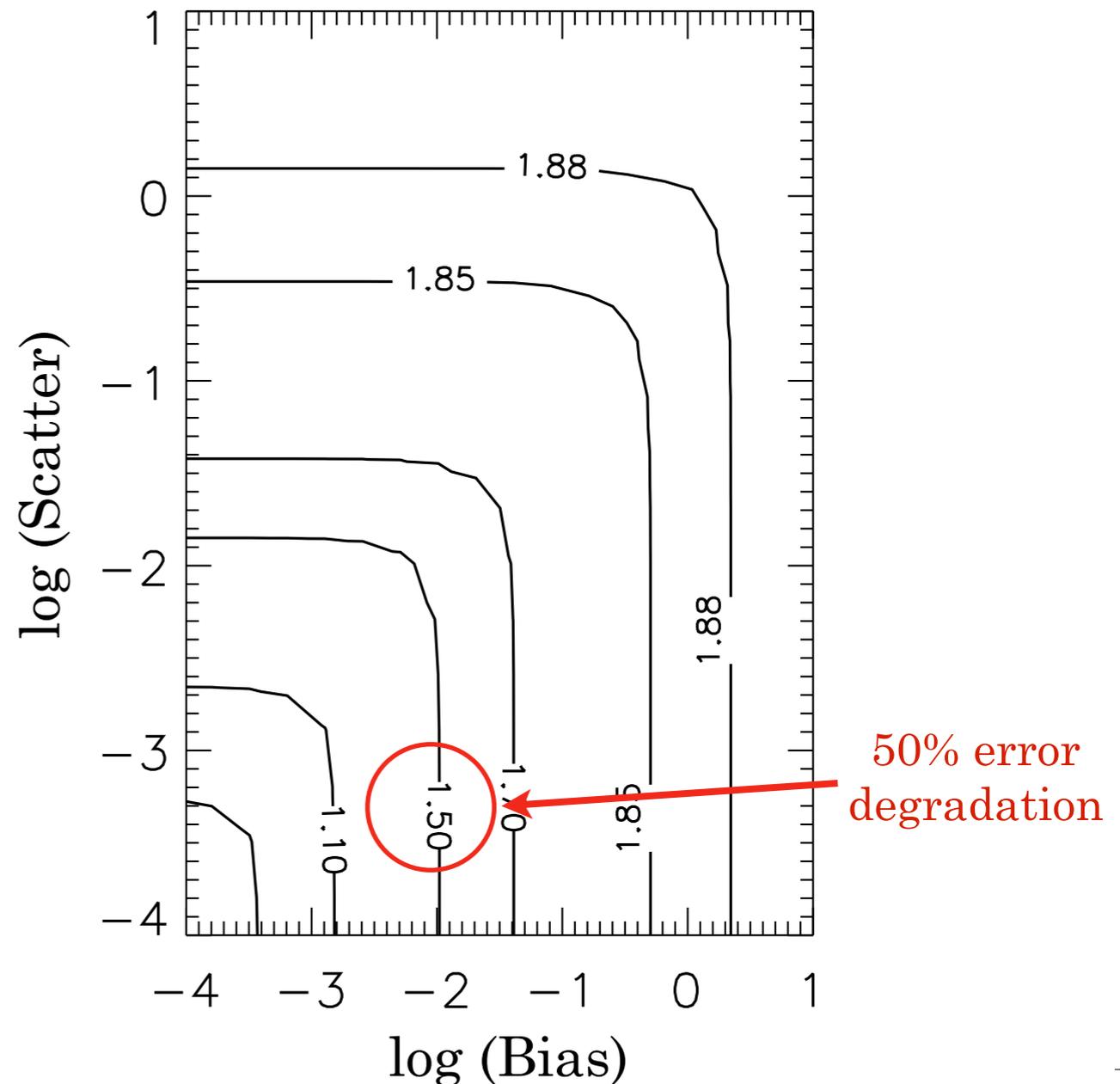
- 1. Photometric Redshift errors**
- 2. (photometric) Calibration errors**

# Poster child for the systematics: photometric redshift errors

$Z_{\text{phot}} - Z_{\text{spec}}$   
from “training set”



## Requirements

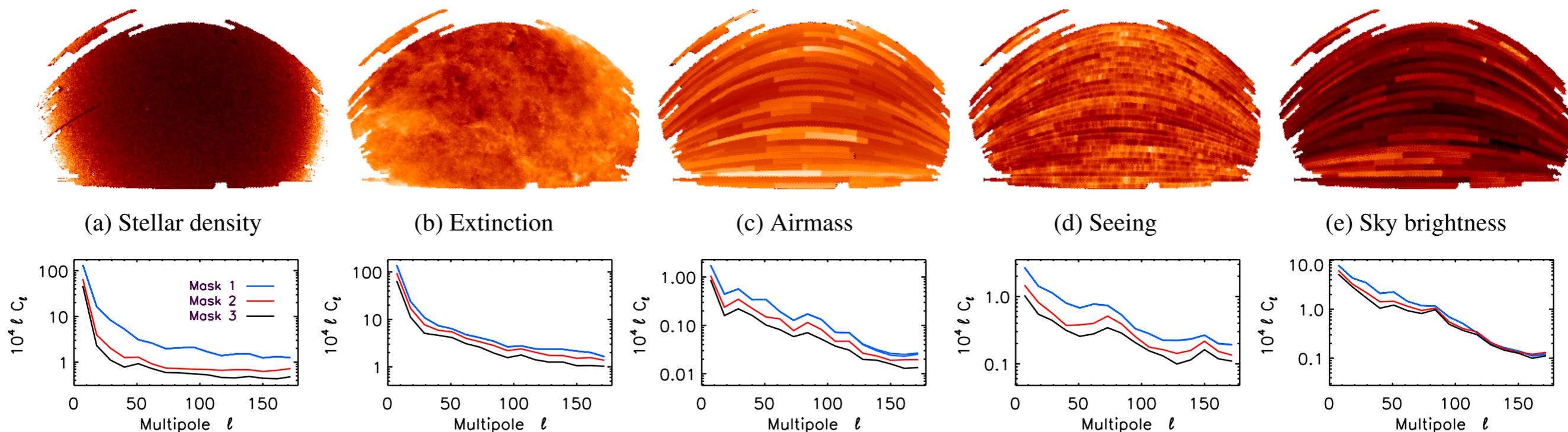


C. Cunha

# (Photometric) calibration errors

- ▶ **Detector sensitivity:** sensitivity of the pixels on the camera vary along focal plane.
- ▶ **Observing conditions:** spatial and temporal variations.
- ▶ **Bright objects:** The light from foreground bright stars and galaxies.
- ▶ **Dust extinction:** Dust in the MW absorbs light from the distant galaxies.
- ▶ **Star-galaxy separation:** Faint stars erroneously included in the galaxy sample.
- ▶ **Deblending:** Galaxy images can overlap.

Huterer, Cunha & Fang 2013  
Shafer & Huterer 2015



Leistedt et al 2013

**Explicitly separating information  
from growth and geometry  
using current data**

# Sensitivity to geometry and growth

Cosmological Probe	Geometry	Growth
SN Ia	$H_0 D_L(z)$	—
BAO	$\left(\frac{D_A^2(z)}{H(z)}\right)^{1/3} / r_s(z_d)$	—
CMB peak loc.	$R \propto \sqrt{\Omega_m H_0^2} D_A(z_*)$	—
Cluster counts	$\frac{dV}{dz}$	$\frac{dn}{dM}$
Weak lens 2pt	$\frac{r^2(z)}{H(z)} W_i(z) W_j(z)$	$P \left( k = \frac{\ell}{r(z)} \right)$
RSD	$F(z) \propto D_A(z) H(z)$	$f(z) \sigma_8(z)$

# Idea: compare geometry and growth

e.g. Wang, Hui, May & Haiman 2007

## Our approach:

Double the standard DE parameter space

( $\Omega_M=1-\Omega_{DE}$  and  $w$ ):

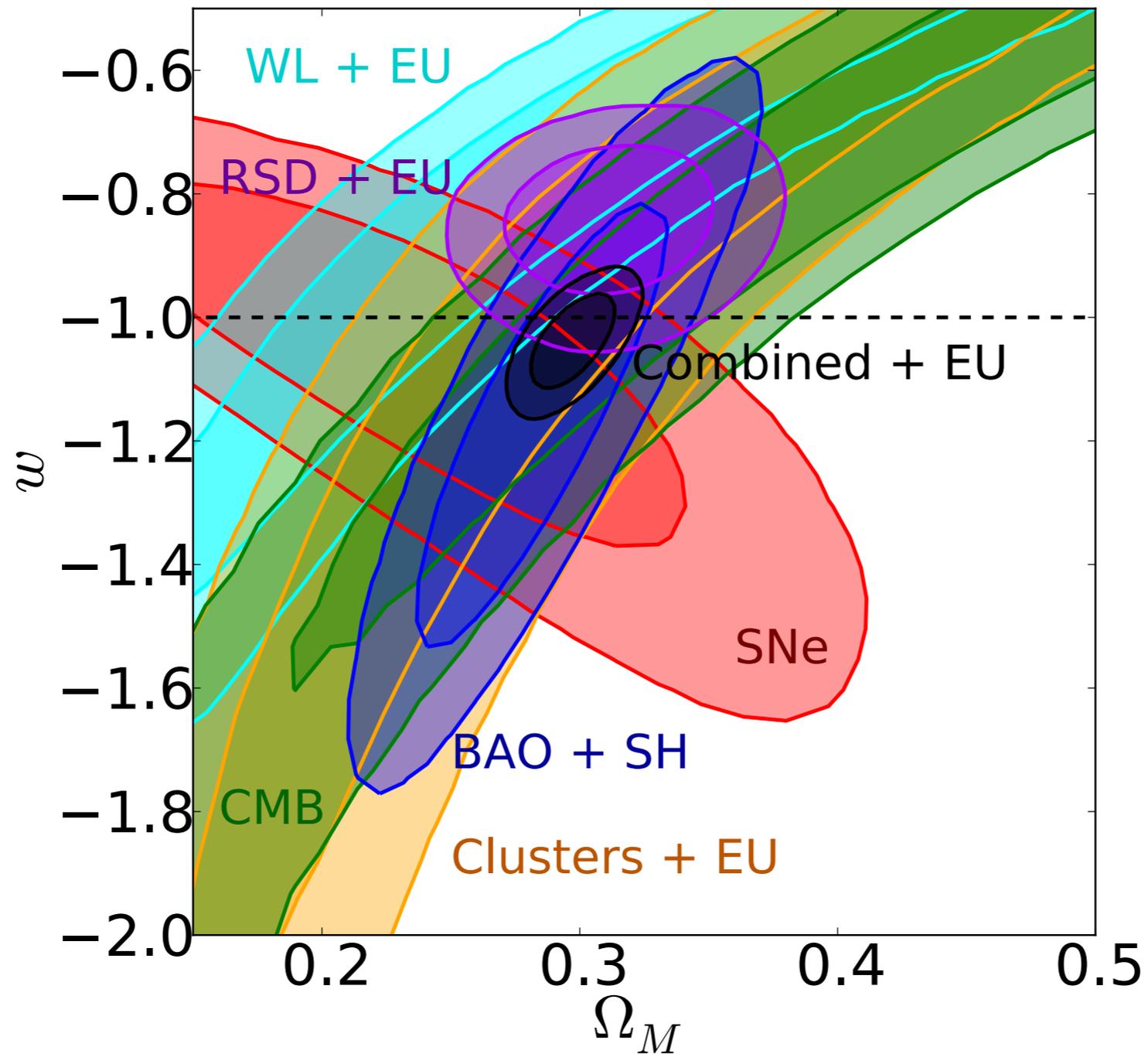
$\Rightarrow \Omega_M^{\text{geom}}, w^{\text{geom}} \quad \Omega_M^{\text{grow}}, w^{\text{grow}}$

[In addition to other:

standard parameters:  $\Omega_M h^2$   $\Omega_B h^2$ ,  $n_s$ ,  $A$ )

nuisance parameters: probe-dependent]

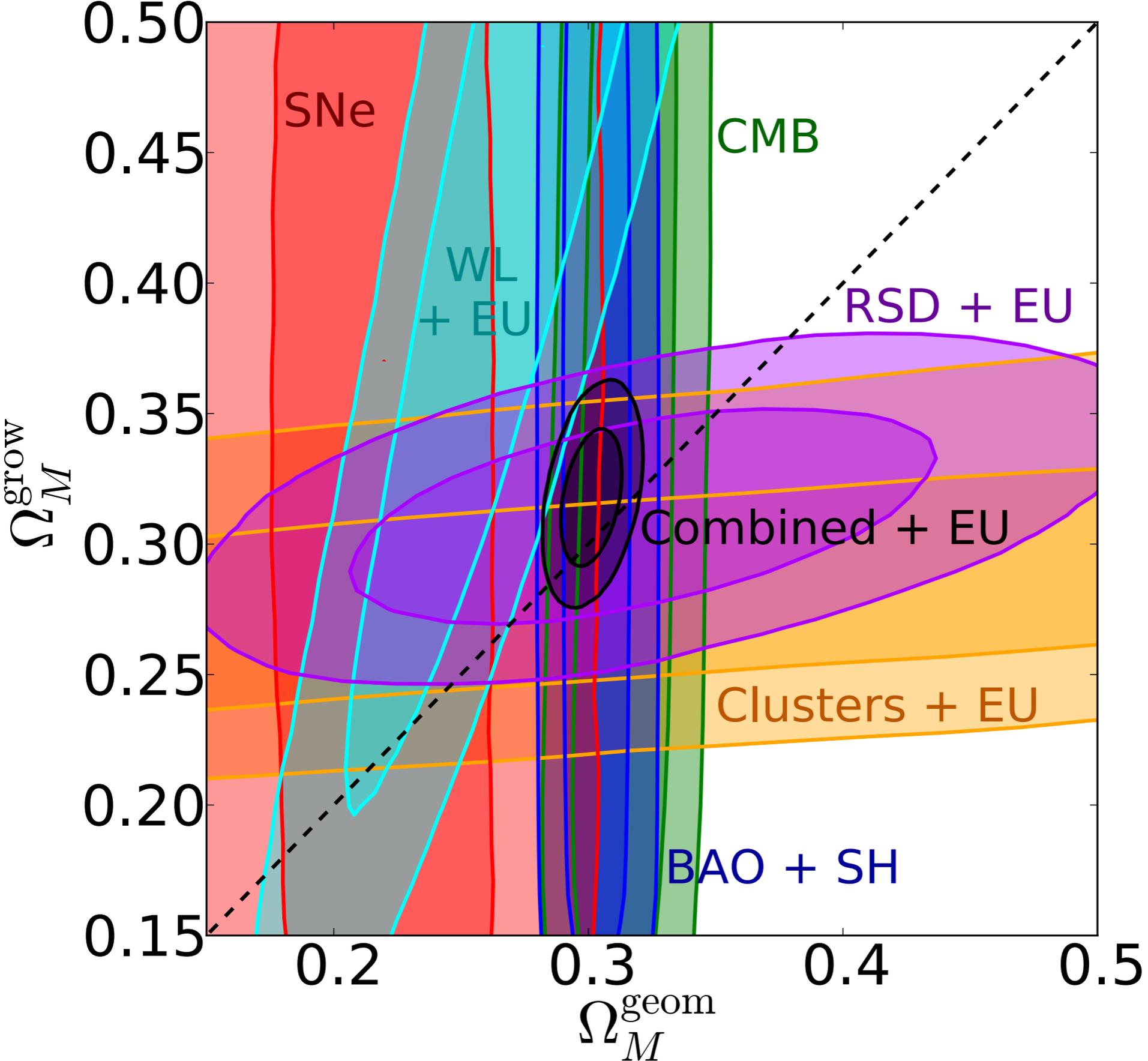
# Standard parameter space



EU = Early Universe prior from Planck ( $\Omega_M h^2$ ,  $\Omega_B h^2$ ,  $n_s$ ,  $A$ )

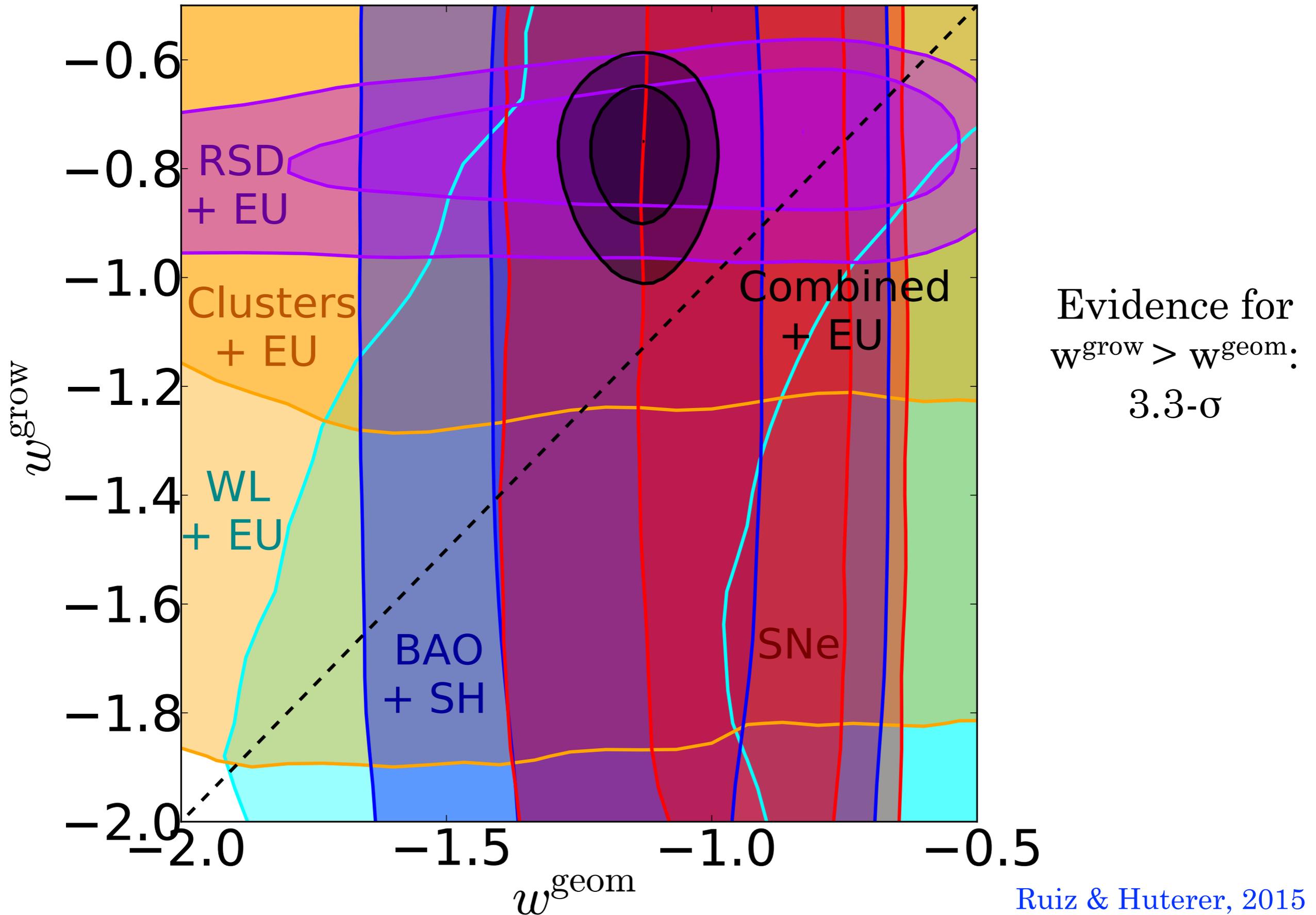
SH = Sound Horizon prior from Planck ( $\Omega_M h^2$ ,  $\Omega_B h^2$ )

# Omega matter: geometry vs. growth



\* SN not the recalibrated JLA compilation - need to update; will move  $\Omega_M^{\text{grow}}$  up

# $w$ (eq of state of DE): geometry vs. growth



**Therefore:**  
**growth probes point to even less growth**  
**than LCDM with ~Planck parameters**  
**(i.e.  $w^{\text{grow}} > -1$ )**

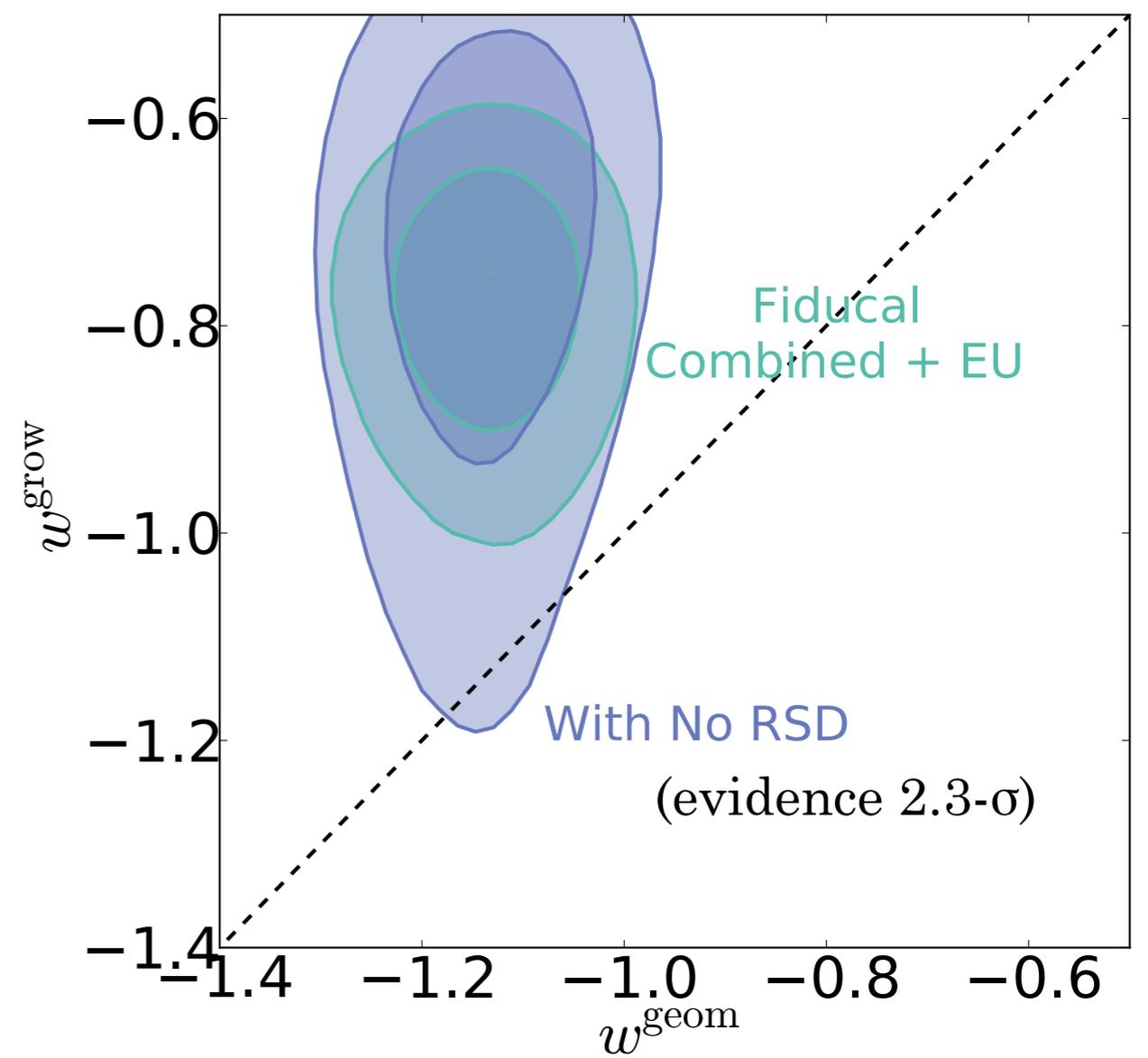
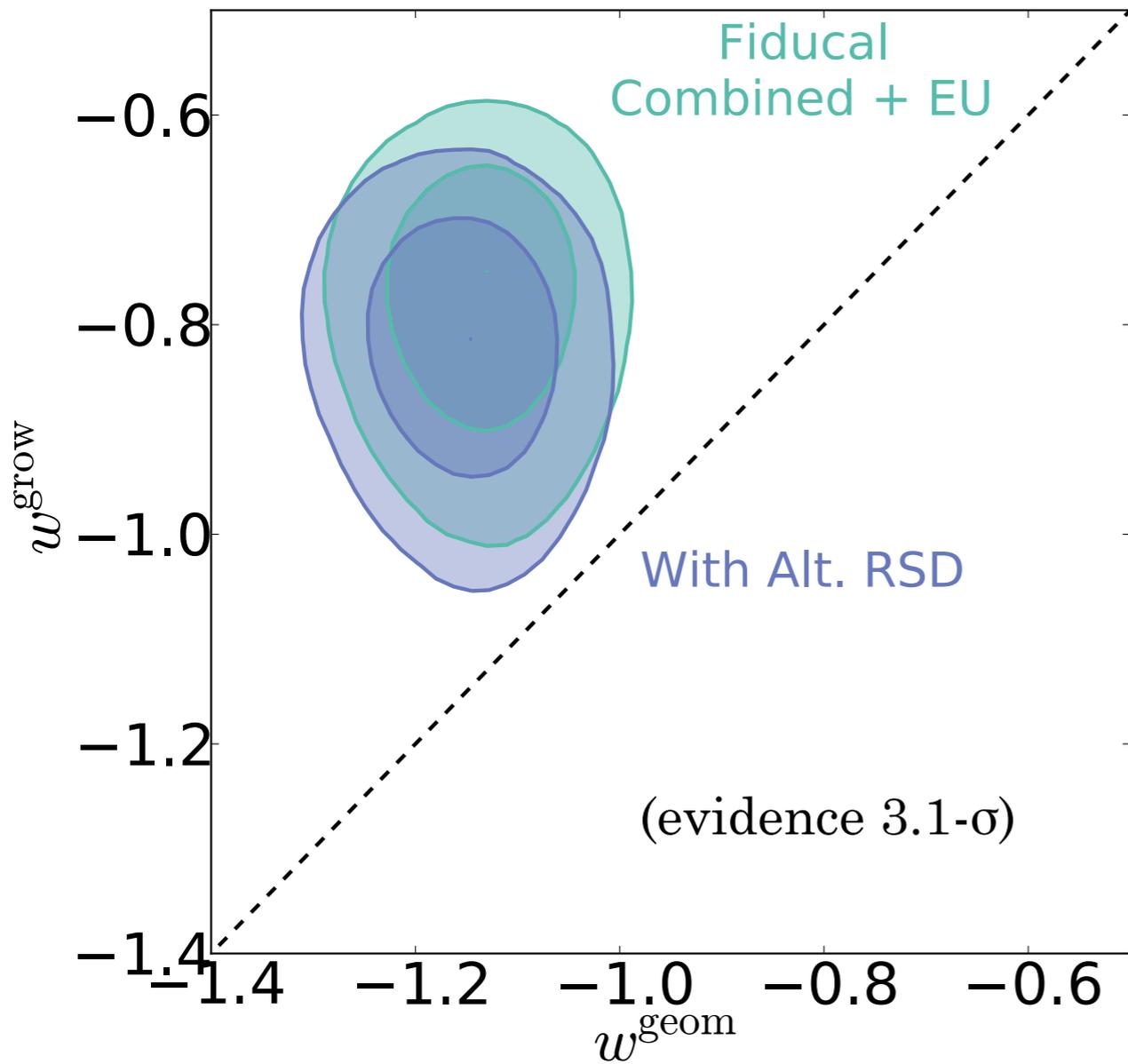
(but the evidence is still not ironclad...)

**Probably equivalent to these recent findings:**

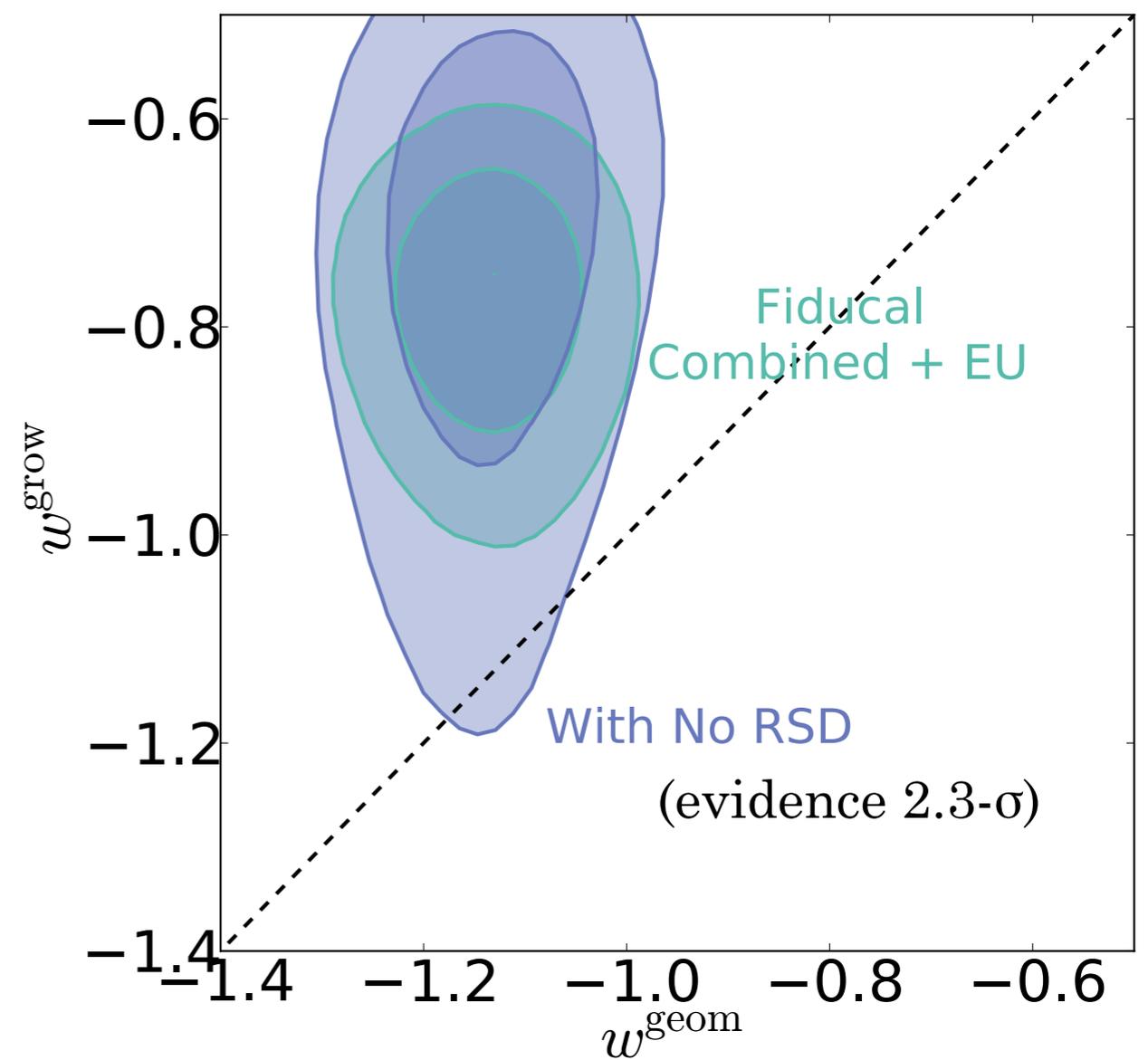
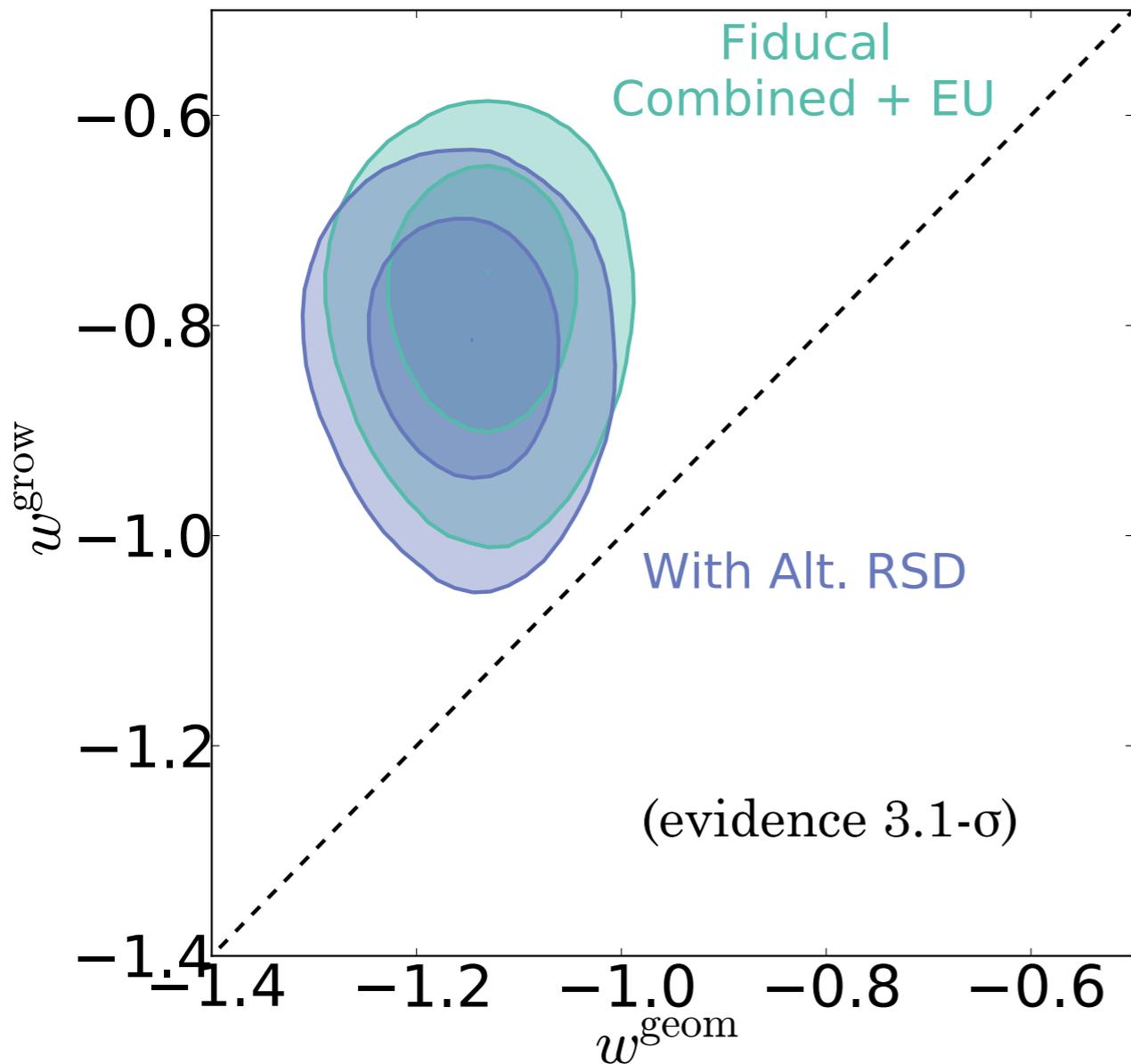
- $\sigma_8$  from clusters is lower than that from CMB (eg. Chon & Bohringer, Hou et al, Bocquet et al, Costanzi et al)
- $\sigma_8$  from WL is lower than that from CMB (eg. MacCrann et al)
- evidence for neutrino mass (eg. Beutler et al, Dvorkin et al)
- evidence for interactions in the dark energy sector (eg. Salvatelli et al)

also: Battye, Charnock & Moss 2015; Wednesday talk by Tom Charnock

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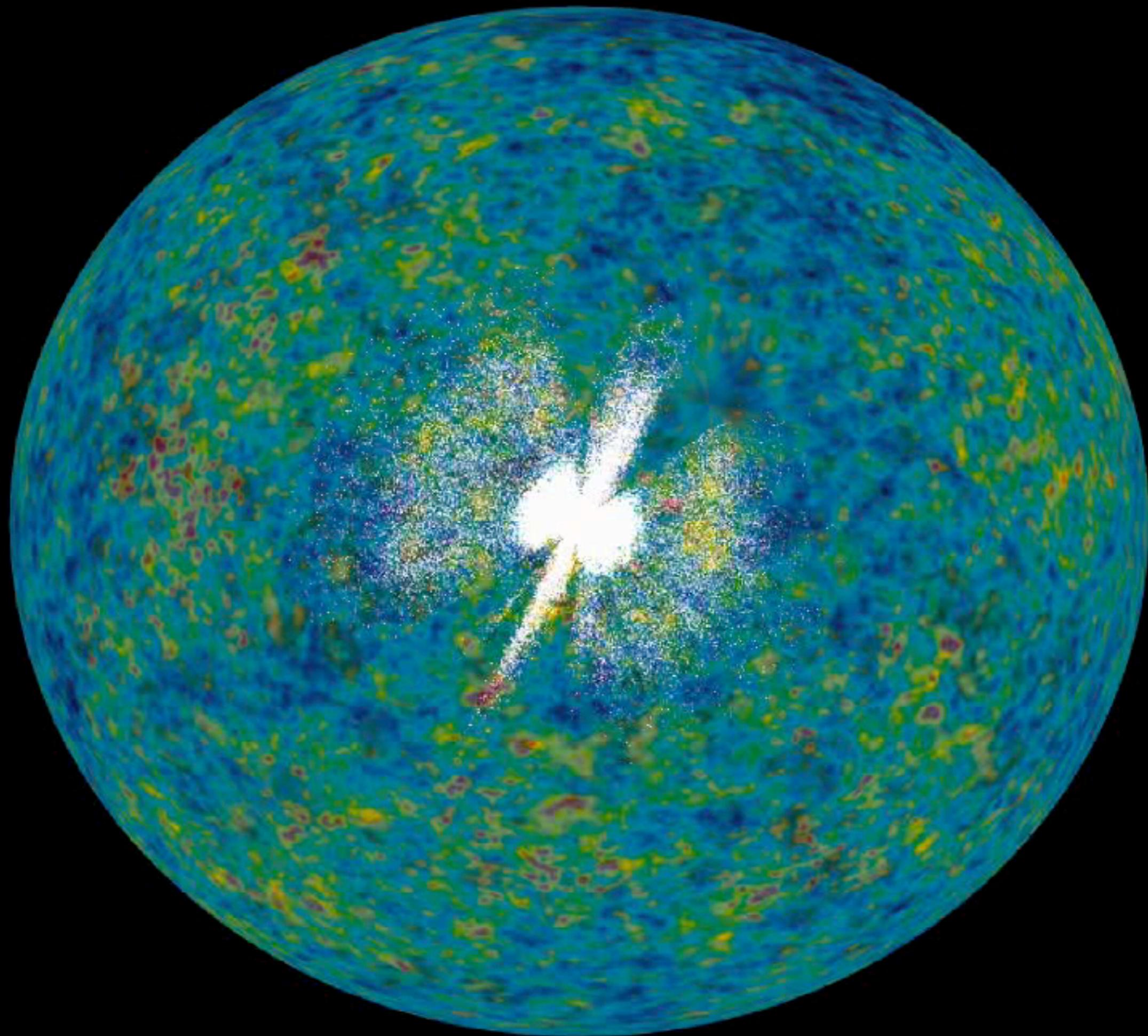


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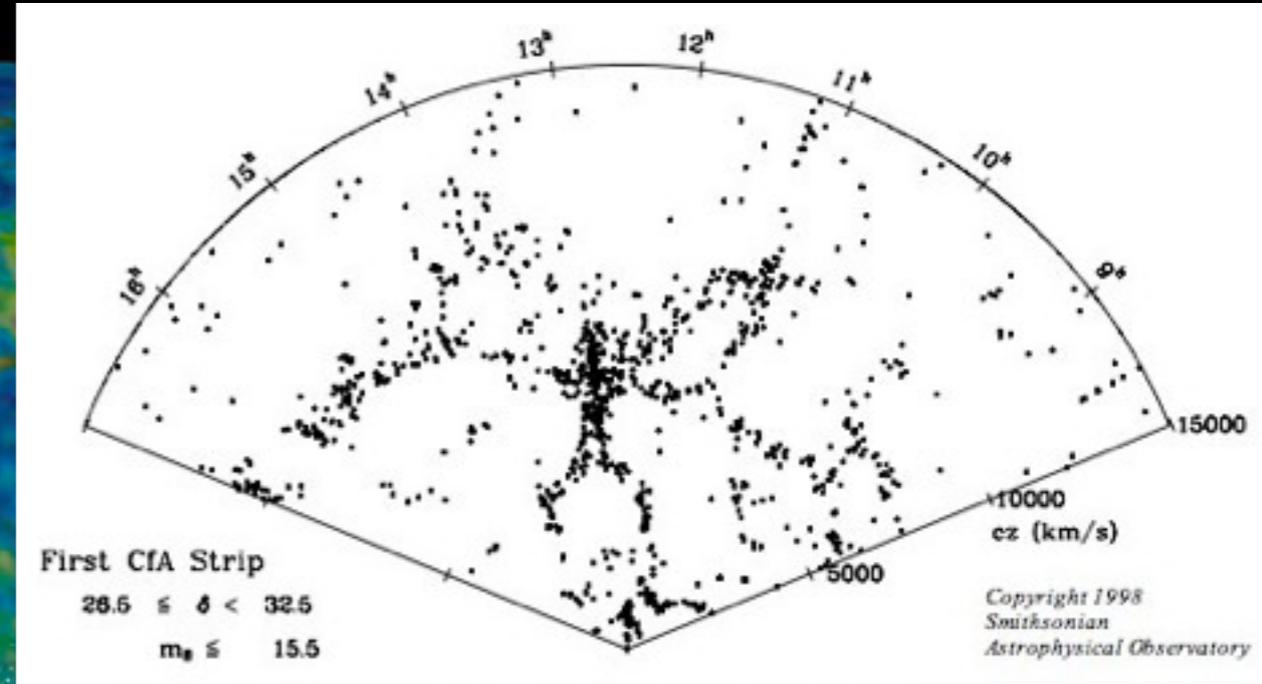
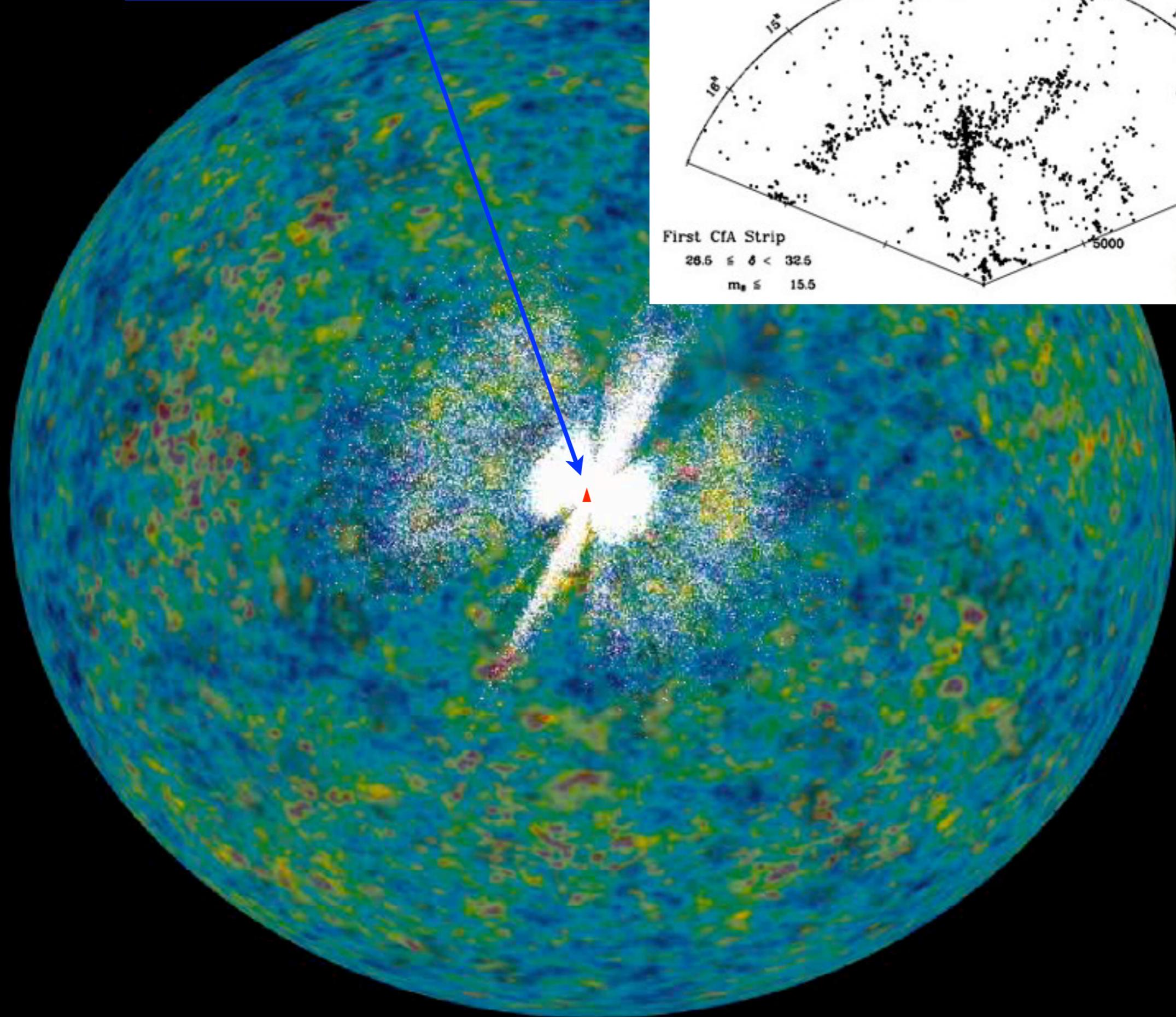


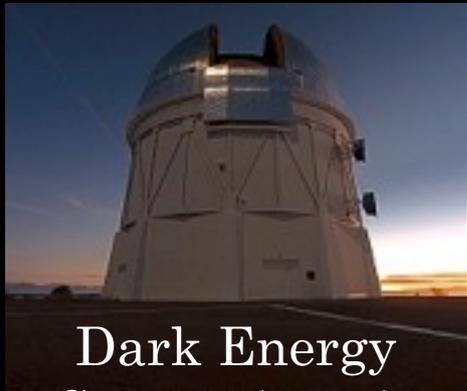
“Are there cracks in the Cosmic Egg?”

Michael Turner, Aspen, summer 2014

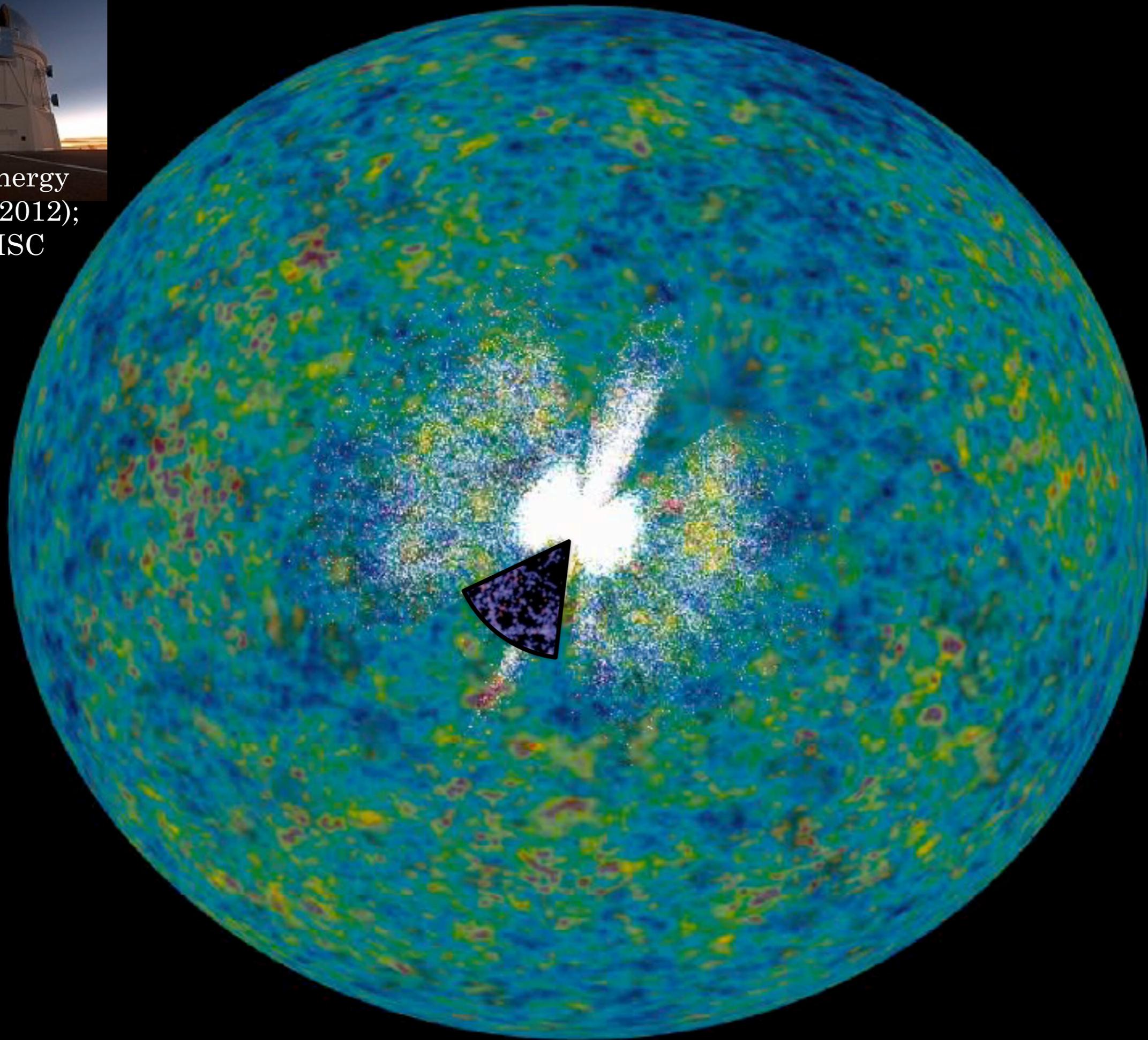


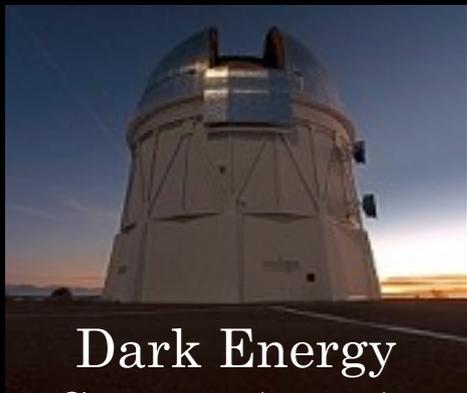
▲ Harvard-Cfa survey (1980s)



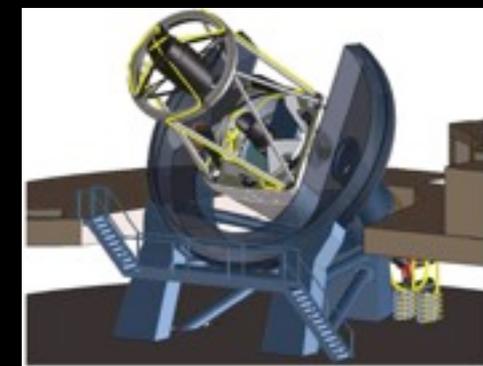


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also HSC

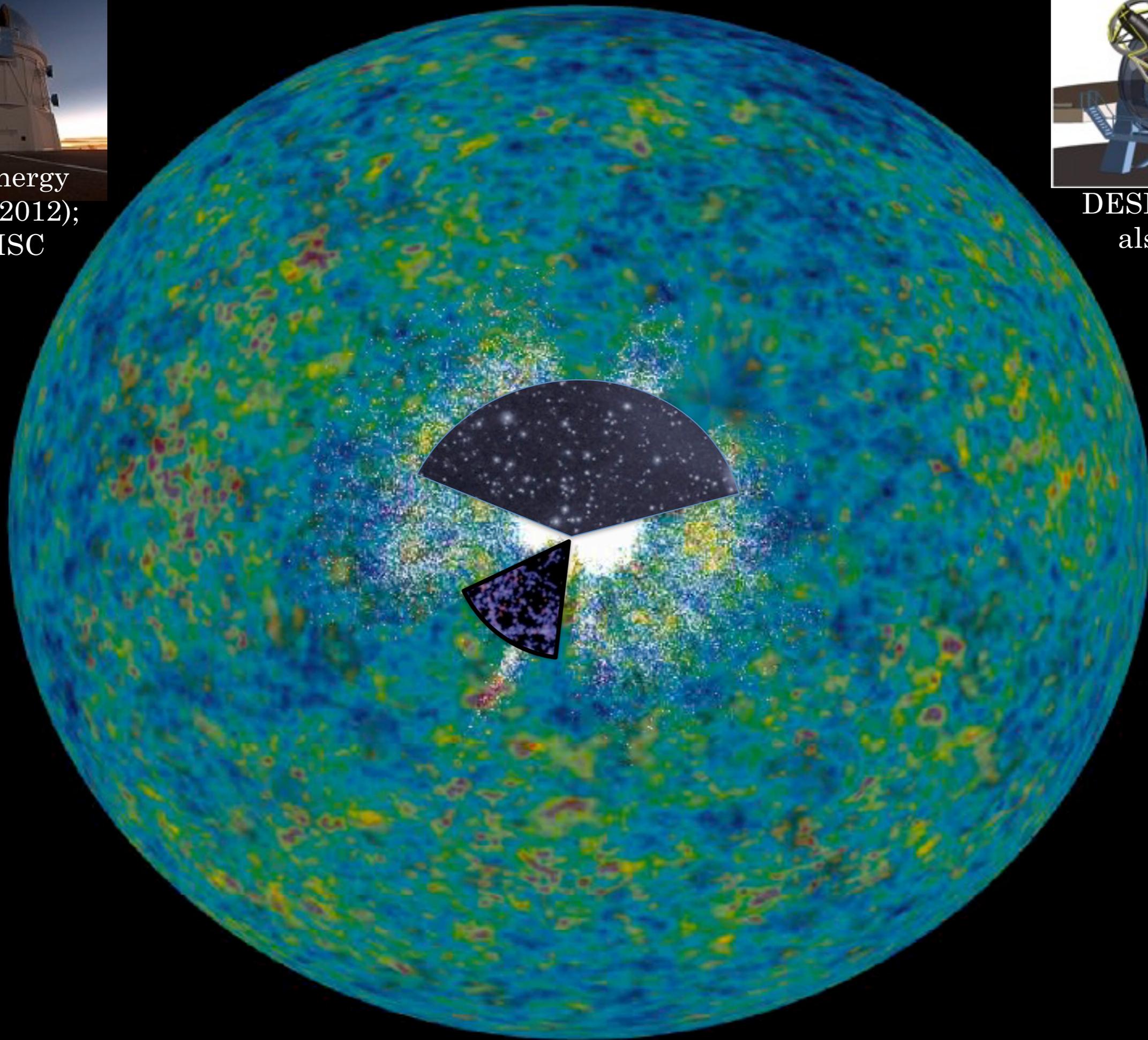


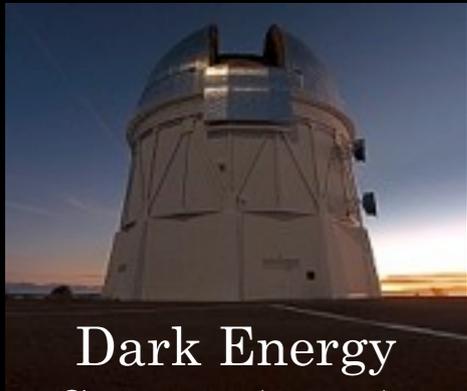


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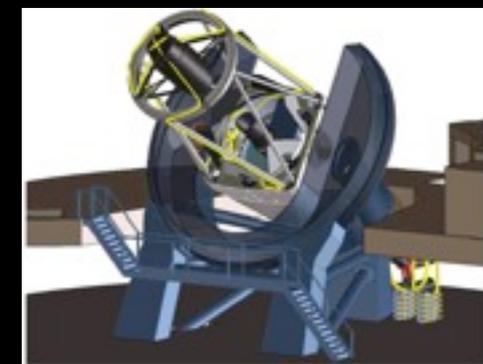


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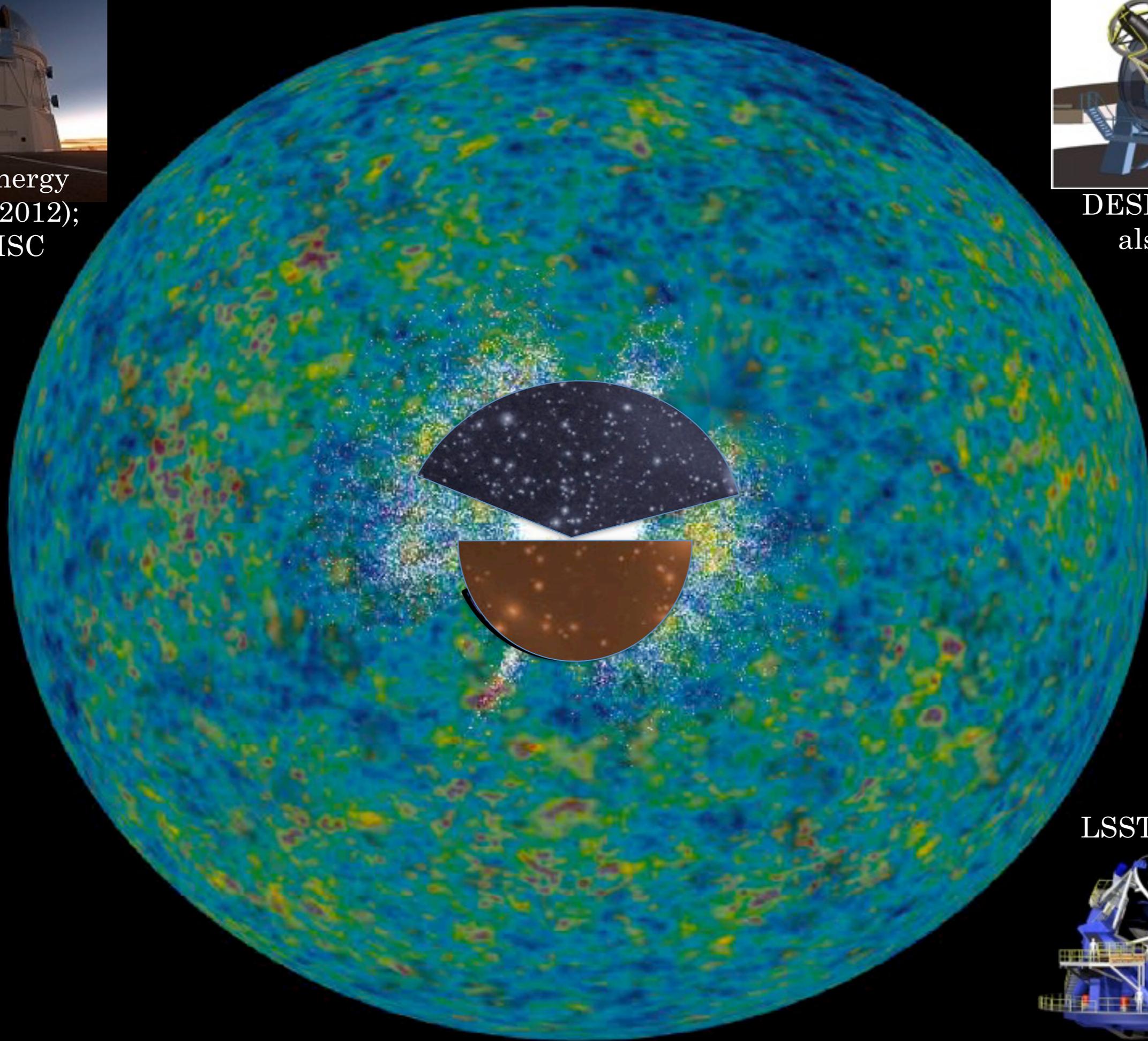




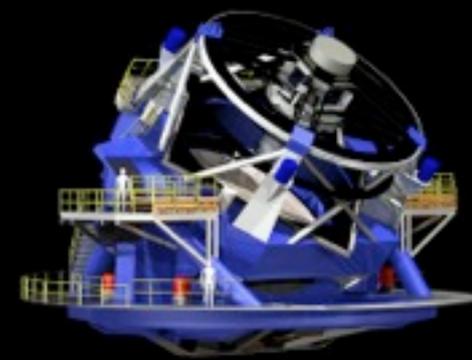
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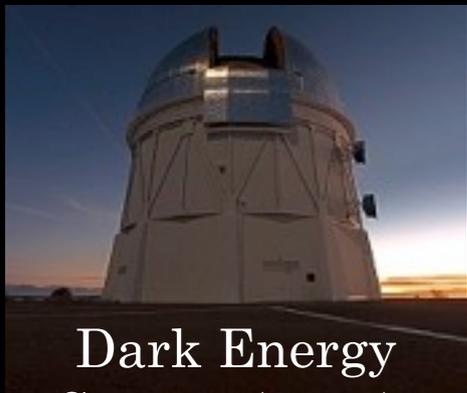


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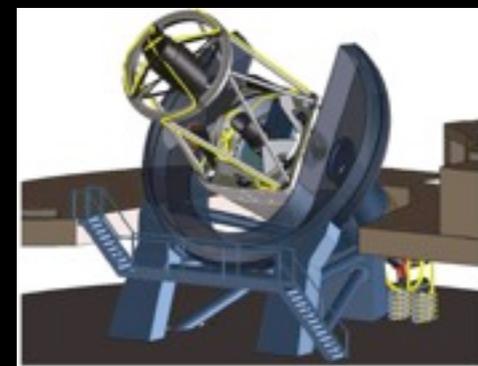


LSST (~2018)

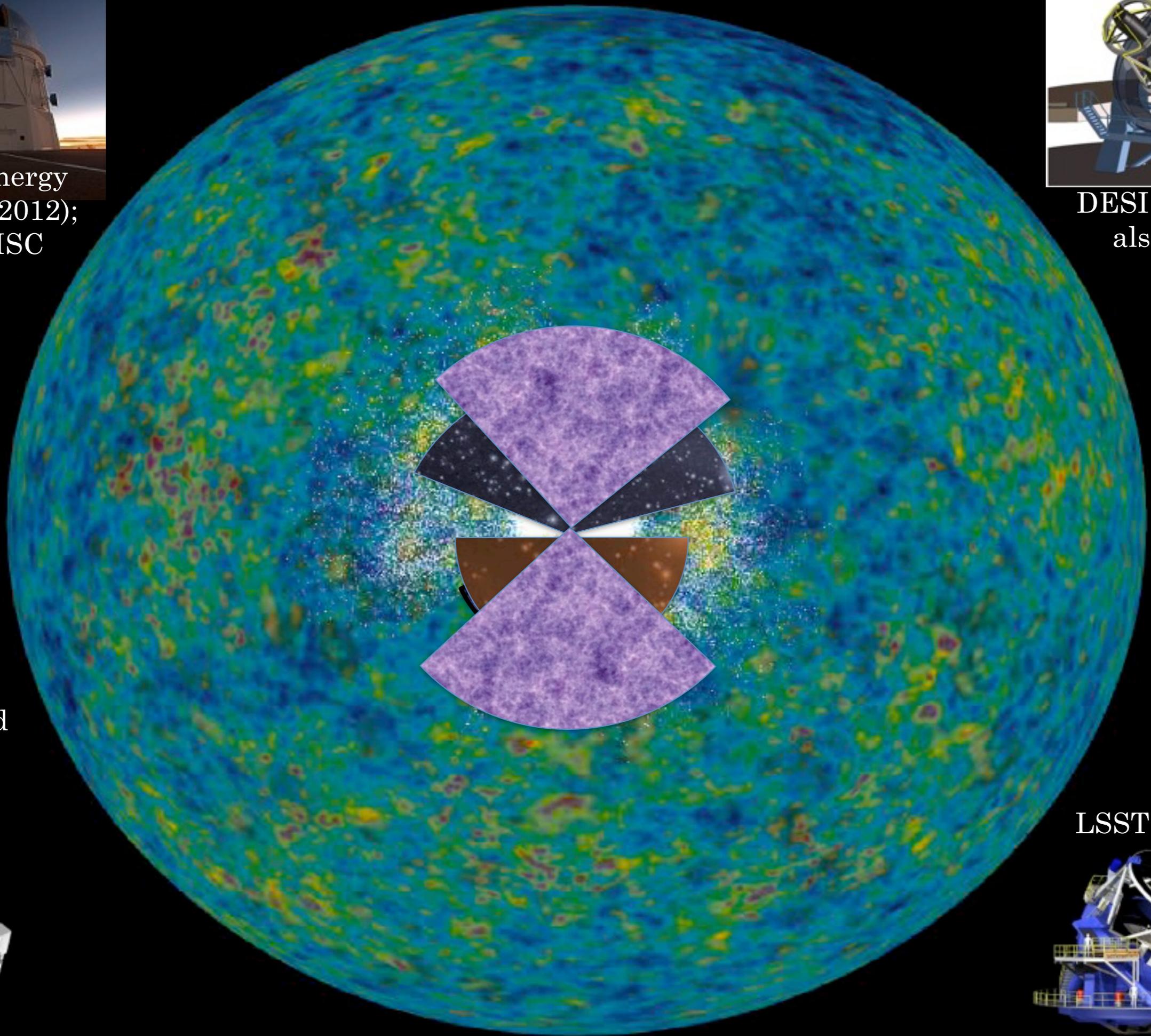




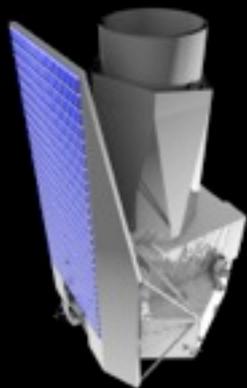
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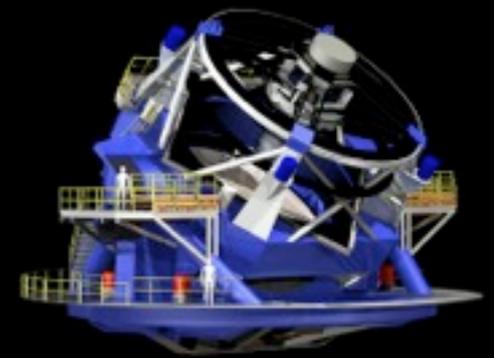
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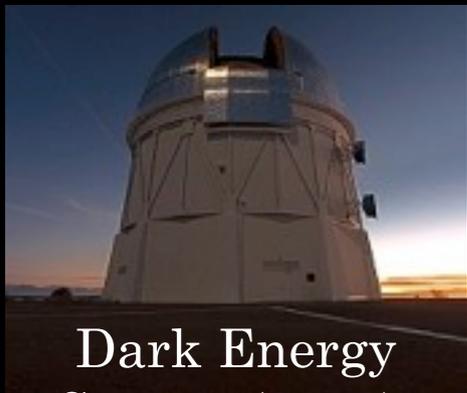


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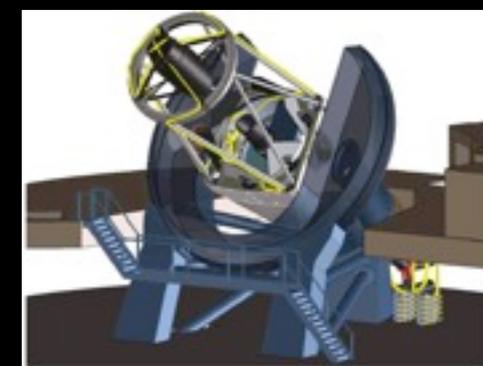


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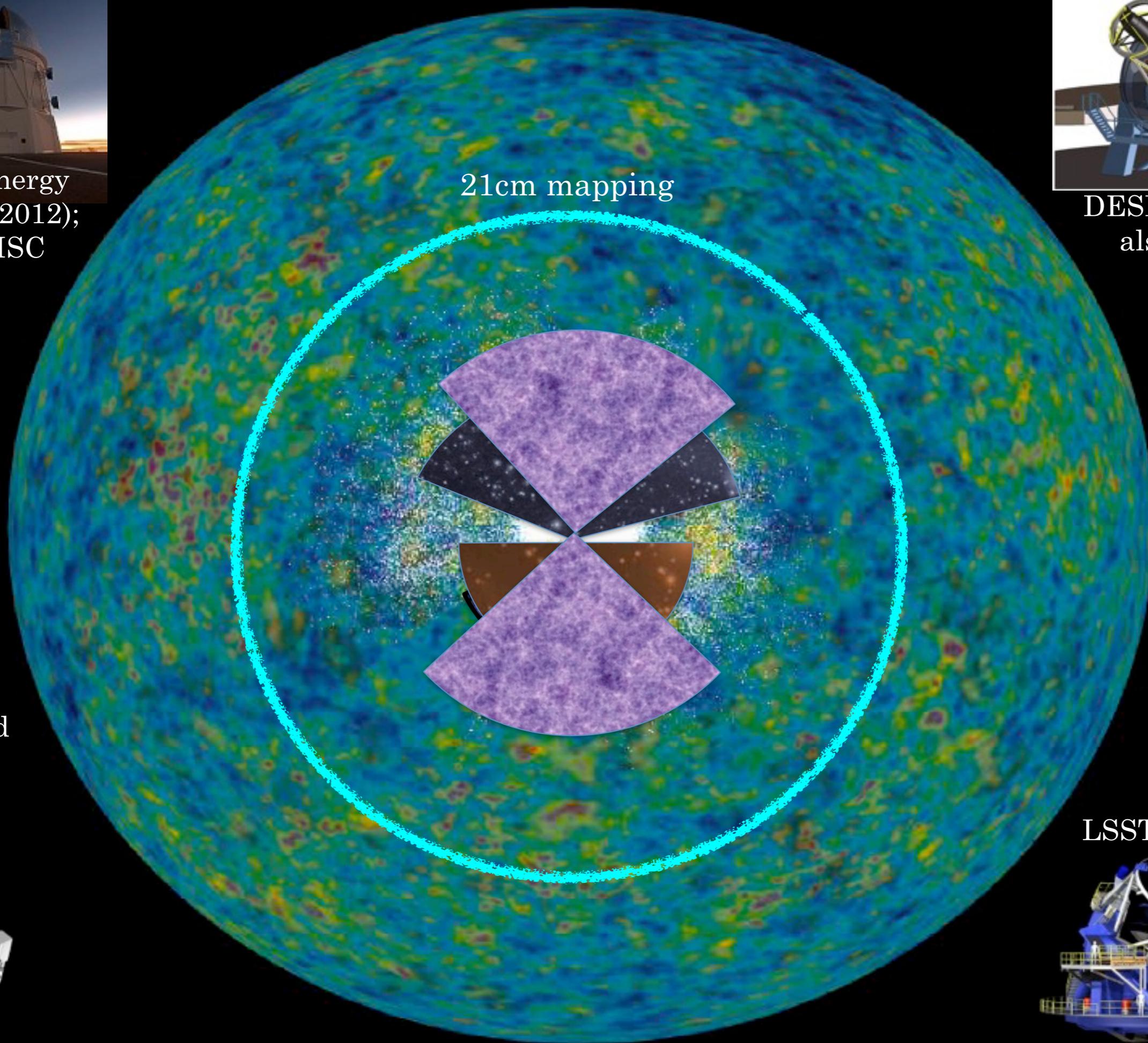




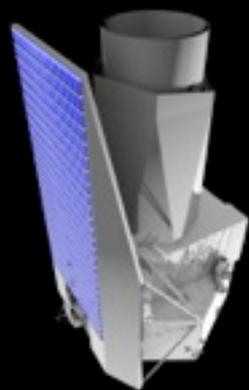
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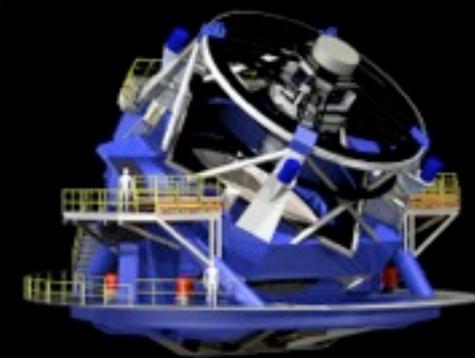
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# Dark Energy Survey Instrument (DESI)



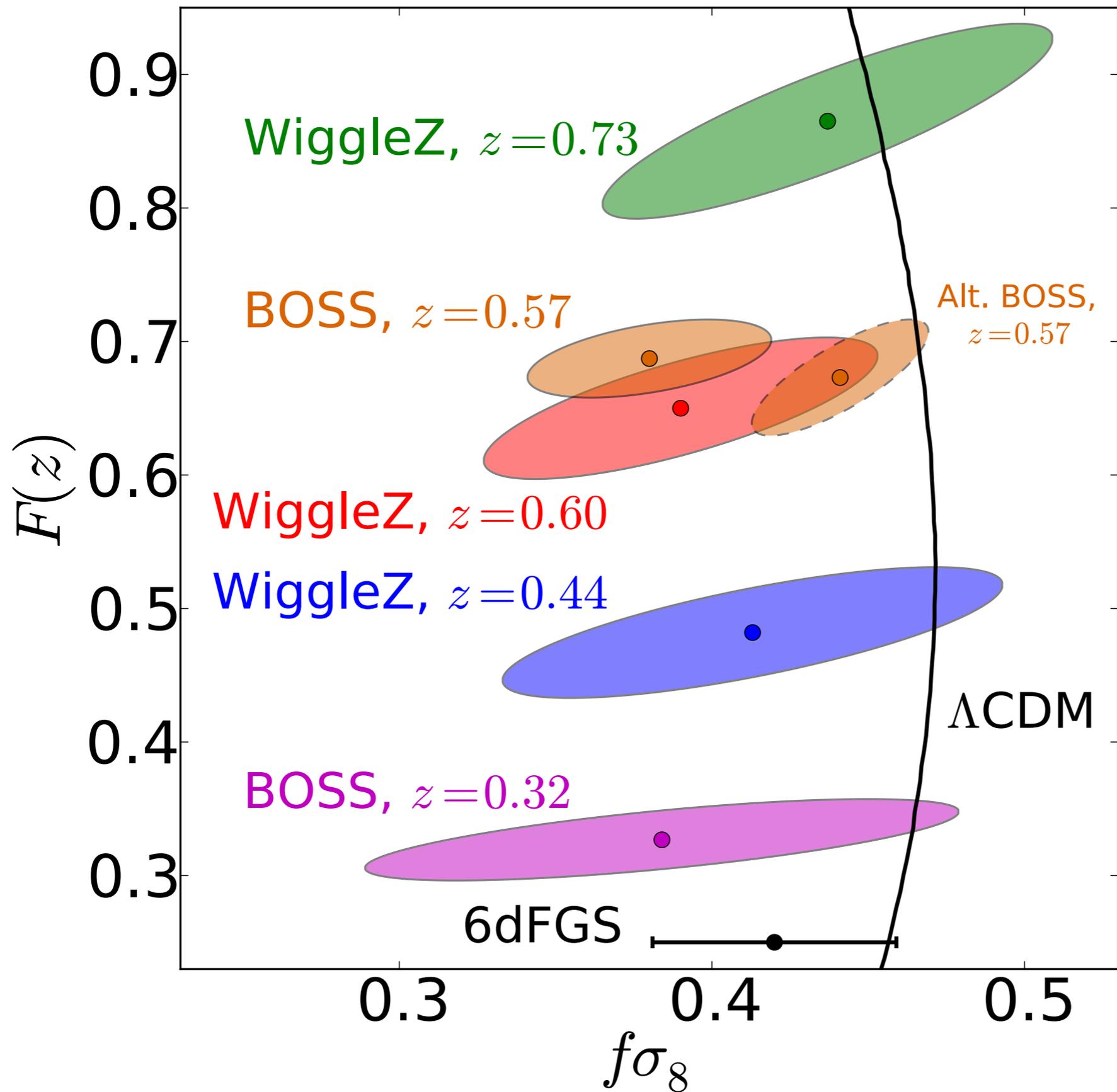
- Huge spectroscopic survey on Mayall telescope (Arizona)
- ~5000 fibres, ~15,000 sqdeg, ~30 million spectra
- LRG in  $0 < z < 1$ , ELG in  $0 < z < 1.5$ , QSO  $2.2 < z < 3.5$
- Great for **dark energy** (RSD, BAO)
- Great for **primordial non-Gaussianity** -  $P(k, z)$ , bispectrum...
- Start ~2018, funding DOE + institutions

# Conclusions

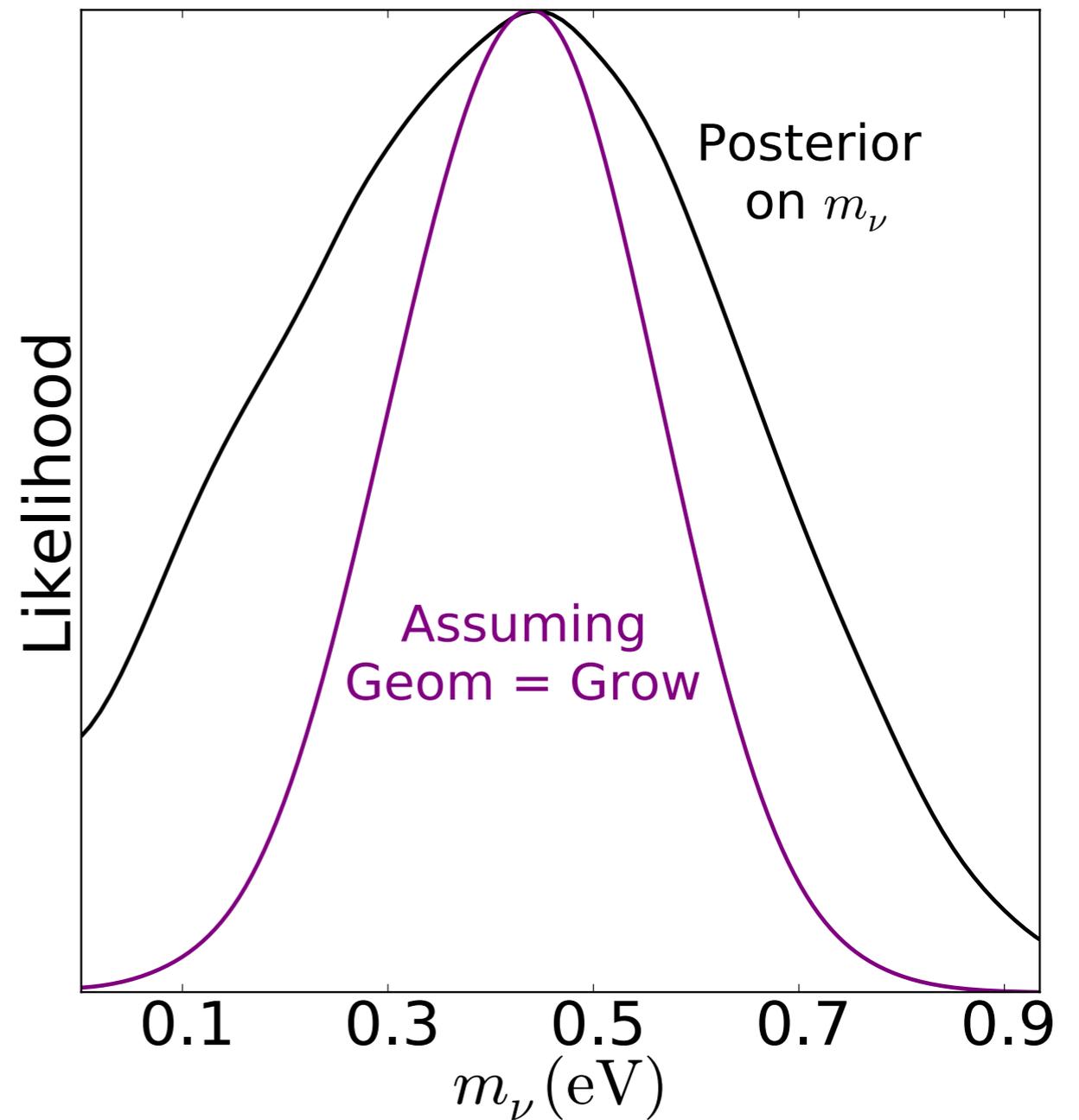
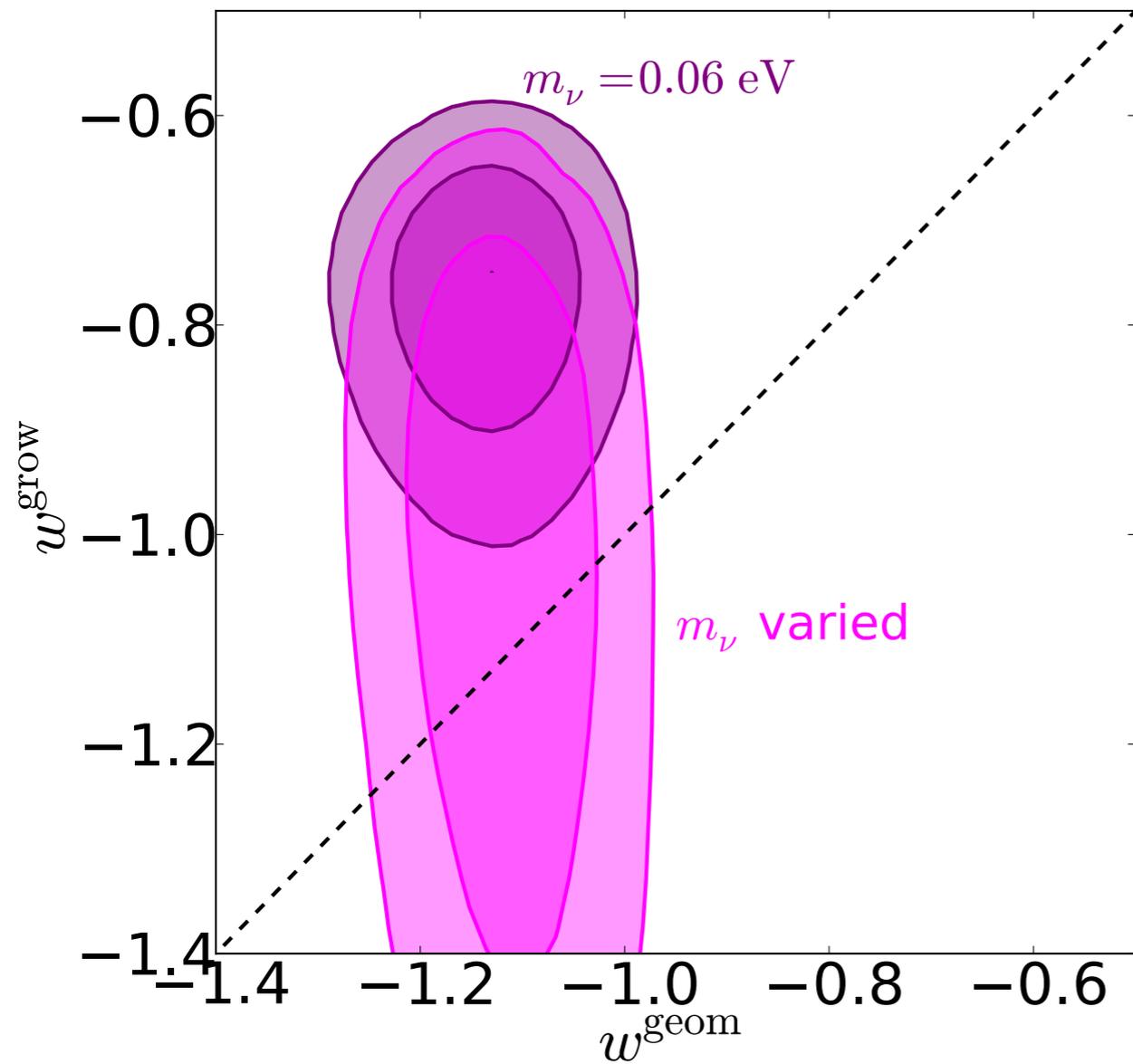
- ▶ The physical mechanism behind the accelerating universe is a major mystery linking cosmology, particle physics and astrophysics
- ▶ So far, all measurements are in excellent agreement with  $\Lambda^*$  (i.e.  $w = -1$ ) \* except some evidence for growth $\neq$ geom
- ▶ Separating growth from geometry is a good way to get  
a) DE constraints b) insights into what data is telling us
- ▶ “We shouldn’t be afraid of null tests!” (E. Komatsu)

# EXTRA SLIDES

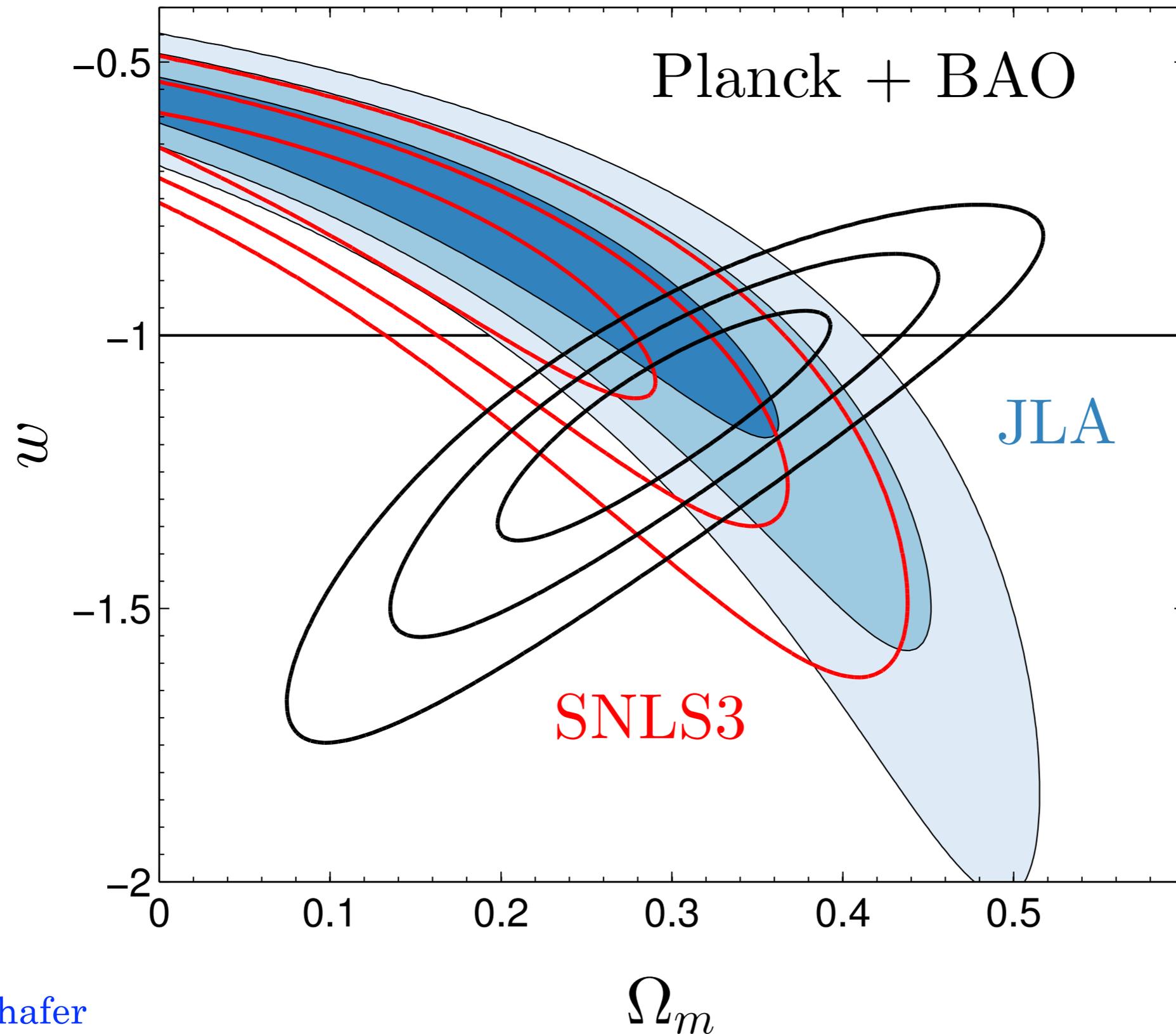
# Redshift Space Distortion data



# (Pretty high) neutrino mass can relieve the tension



# SN datasets and dark energy constraints

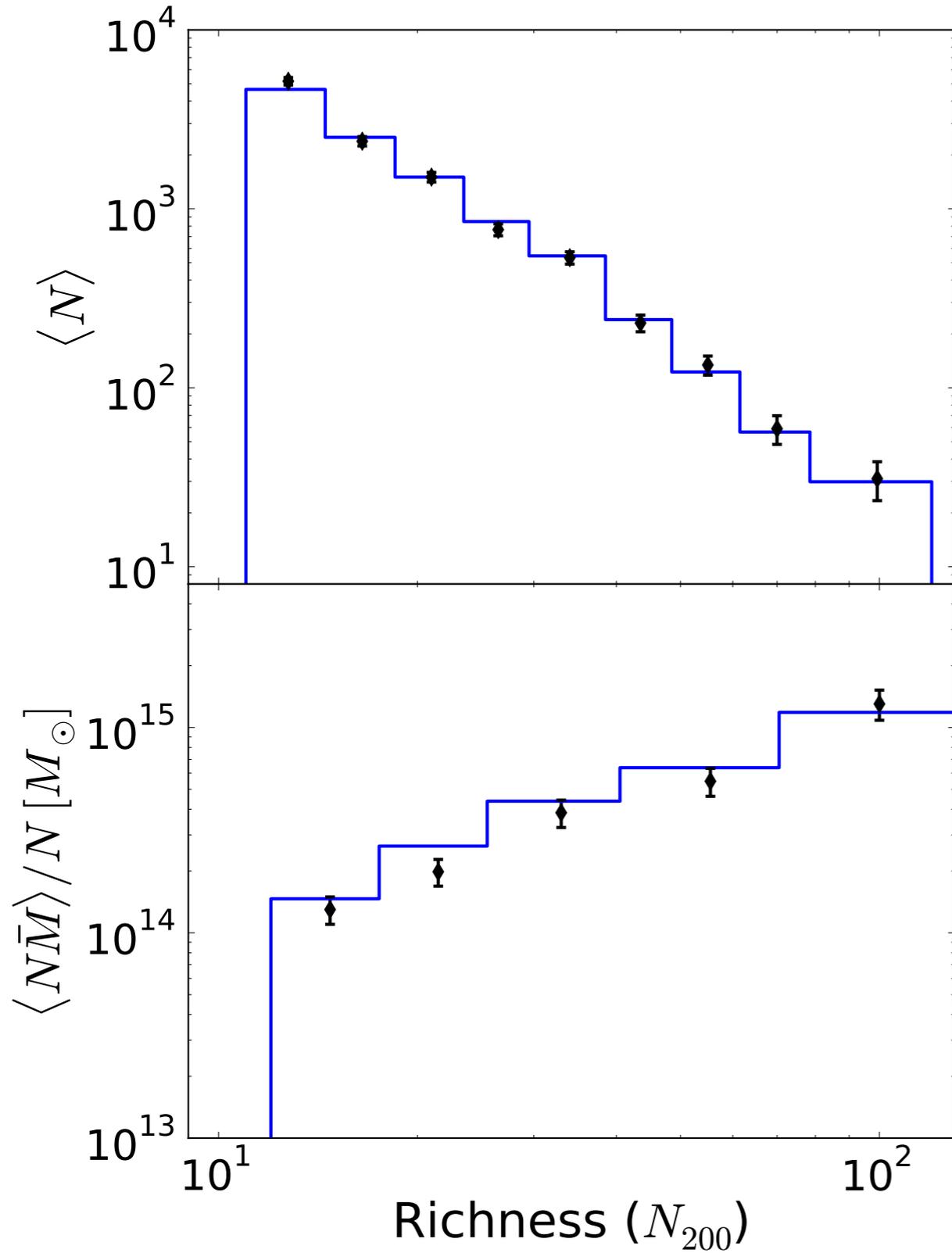


# BAO data

Survey	$z_{\text{eff}}$	Parameter	Measurement
6dFGS [33]	0.106	$r_s/D_V$	$0.336 \pm 0.015$
SDSS LRG [34]	0.35	$D_V/r_s$	$8.88 \pm 0.17$
BOSS CMASS [35]	0.57	$D_V/r_s$	$13.67 \pm 0.22$

TABLE III. BAO data measurements used here, together with the effective redshift for the corresponding galaxy sample.

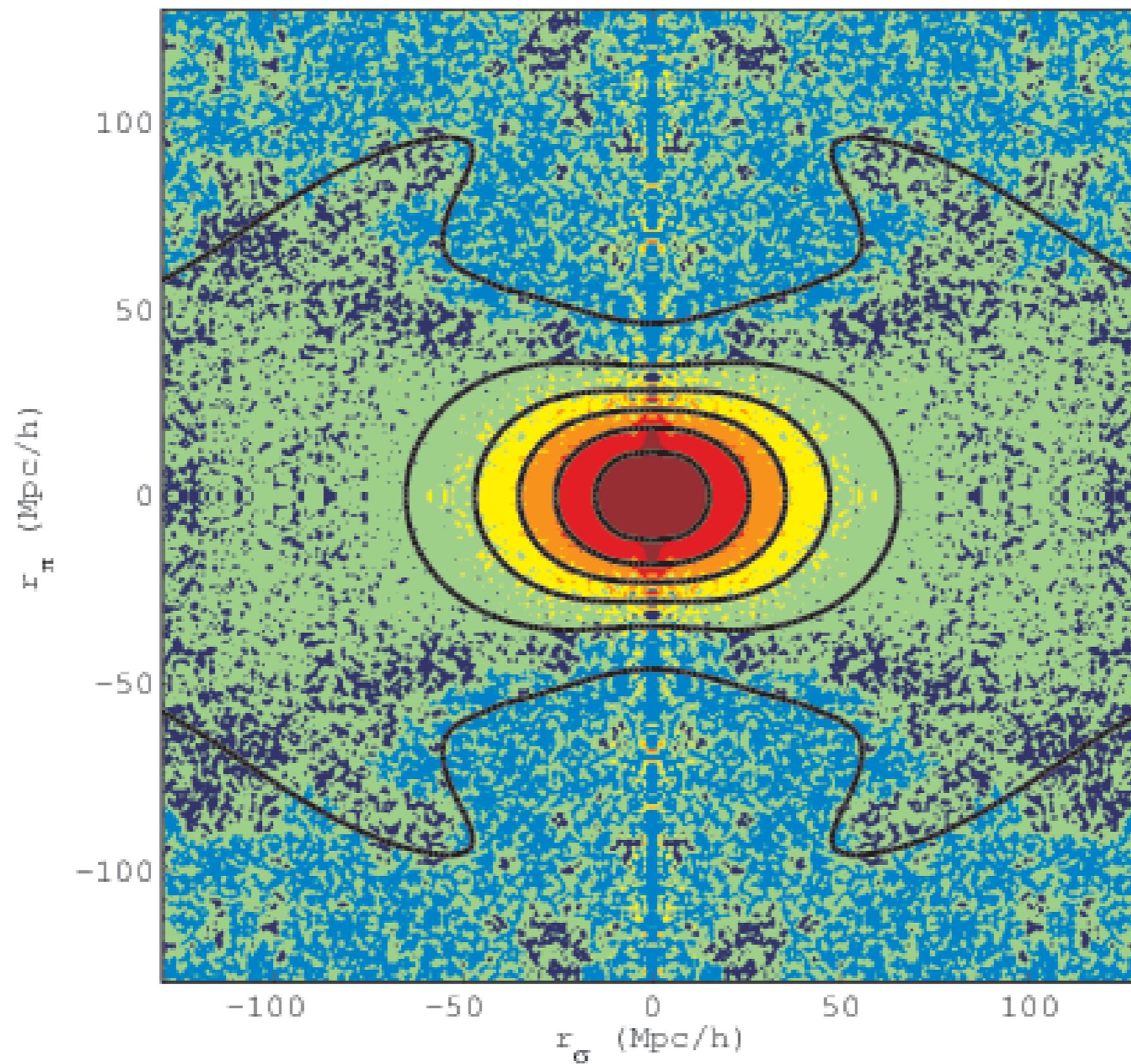
# Cluster data



Richness bin	No. of Clusters	$\langle M_{200b} \rangle [10^{14} M_{\odot}]$
12-17	5651	1.298
18-25	2269	1.983
26-40	1021	3.846
41-70	353	5.475
71+	55	13.03

TABLE IX. Mean mass (and their number) of clusters with a richness within the given bin.

# RSD (BOSS paper)



Parameter	Unsplit, $w = -1$	Unsplit, $w$ free	Split, $w = -1$	Split, $w$ free
$\Omega_M$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Omega_M^{\text{geom}} \\ \Omega_M^{\text{grow}} \end{array} \right.$	$0.303 \pm 0.008$	$0.299 \pm 0.010$	$0.302 \pm 0.008$	$0.283 \pm 0.011$
$\Omega_M h^2$	$0.140 \pm 0.001$	$0.141 \pm 0.002$	$0.140 \pm 0.001$	$0.142 \pm 0.002$
$\Omega_b h^2$	$0.0221 \pm 0.0002$	$0.0220 \pm 0.0003$	$0.0221 \pm 0.0002$	$0.0221 \pm 0.0003$
$w$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} w^{\text{geom}} \\ w^{\text{grow}} \end{array} \right.$	—	$-1.03 \pm 0.05$	—	$-1.13 \pm 0.06$
$10^9 A$	$1.95 \pm 0.09$	$1.91 \pm 0.10$	$1.96 \pm 0.09$	$2.17 \pm 0.13$
$n_s$	$0.961 \pm 0.005$	$0.959 \pm 0.006$	$0.962 \pm 0.005$	$0.961 \pm 0.006$
$\sigma_8$	$0.786 \pm 0.015$	$0.788 \pm 0.016$	$0.782 \pm 0.016$	$0.771 \pm 0.017$
$h$	$0.680 \pm 0.006$	$0.687 \pm 0.012$	$0.661 \pm 0.017$	$0.677 \pm 0.018$
$\alpha_s$	$1.44 \pm 0.11$	$1.44 \pm 0.11$	$1.44 \pm 0.11$	$1.44 \pm 0.11$
$\beta_c$	$3.26 \pm 0.11$	$3.26 \pm 0.11$	$3.26 \pm 0.11$	$3.27 \pm 0.11$
$\ln(N M_1)$	$2.36 \pm 0.06$	$2.37 \pm 0.06$	$2.29 \pm 0.08$	$2.33 \pm 0.08$
$\ln(N M_2)$	$4.15 \pm 0.09$	$4.16 \pm 0.09$	$4.09 \pm 0.11$	$4.15 \pm 0.11$
$\sigma_{NM}$	$0.359 \pm 0.057$	$0.357 \pm 0.057$	$0.378 \pm 0.059$	$0.367 \pm 0.060$
$\beta$	$1.041 \pm 0.050$	$1.045 \pm 0.051$	$1.018 \pm 0.054$	$1.036 \pm 0.055$
$\sigma_{MN}$	$0.462 \pm 0.081$	$0.459 \pm 0.082$	$0.486 \pm 0.085$	$0.464 \pm 0.084$