

Consistency Tests of Λ CDM

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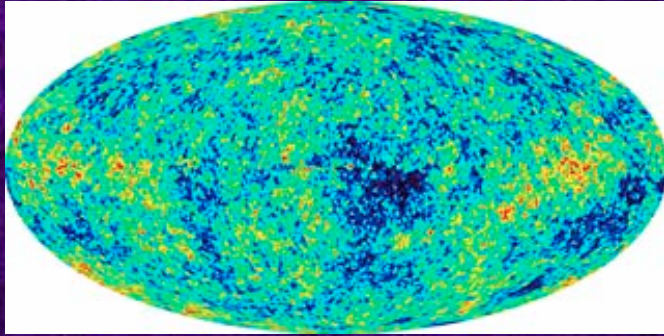
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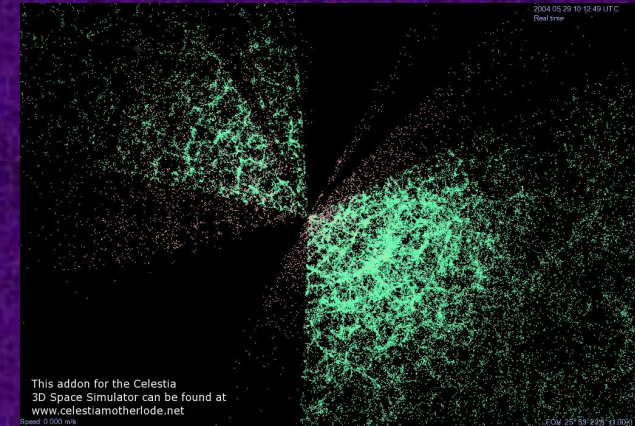
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Cosmology, from *fiction* to being *science*.....



Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)



Large-scale structure

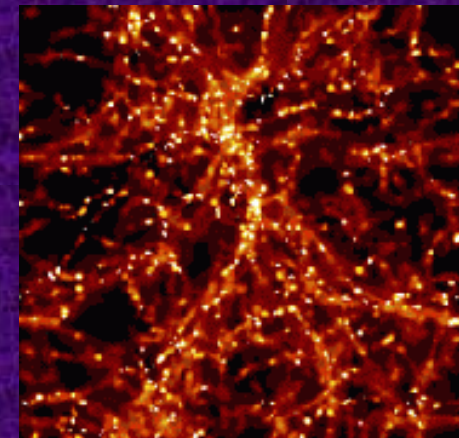
Cosmological Observations



Gravitational Lensing



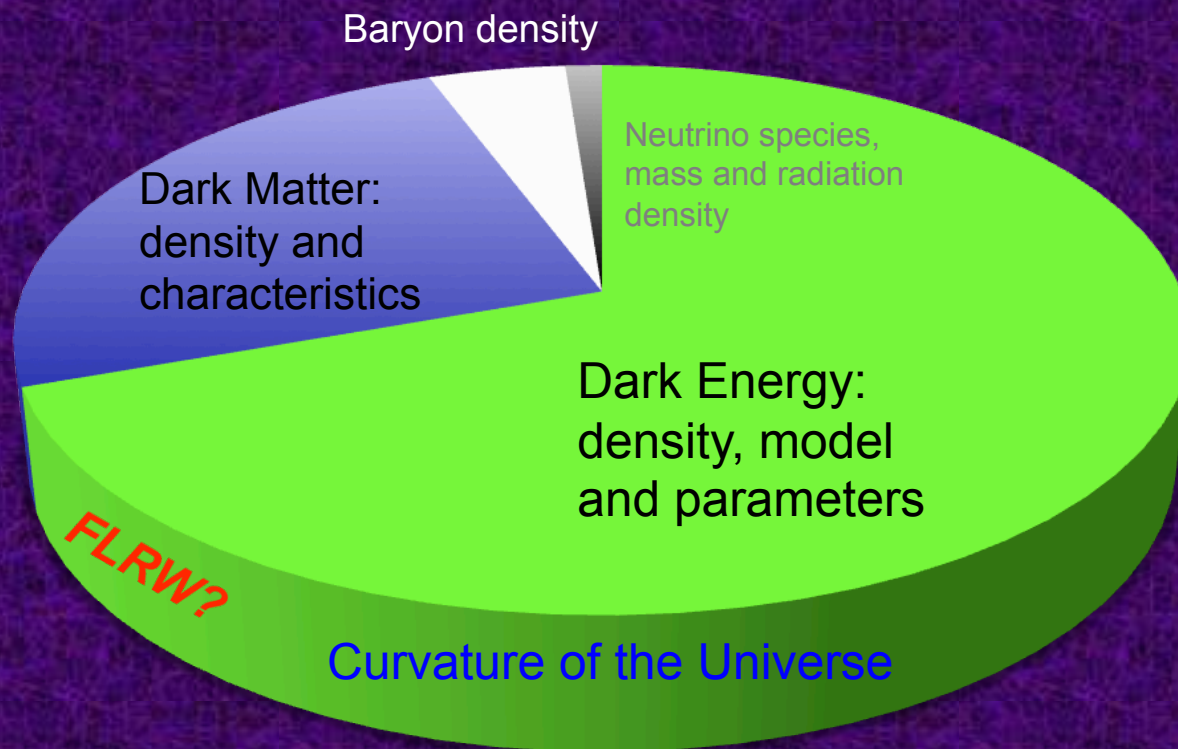
Type Ia supernovae



Lyman Alpha Forest

Era of Precision Cosmology

Combining theoretical works with new measurements and using statistical techniques to place sharp constraints on cosmological models and their parameters.



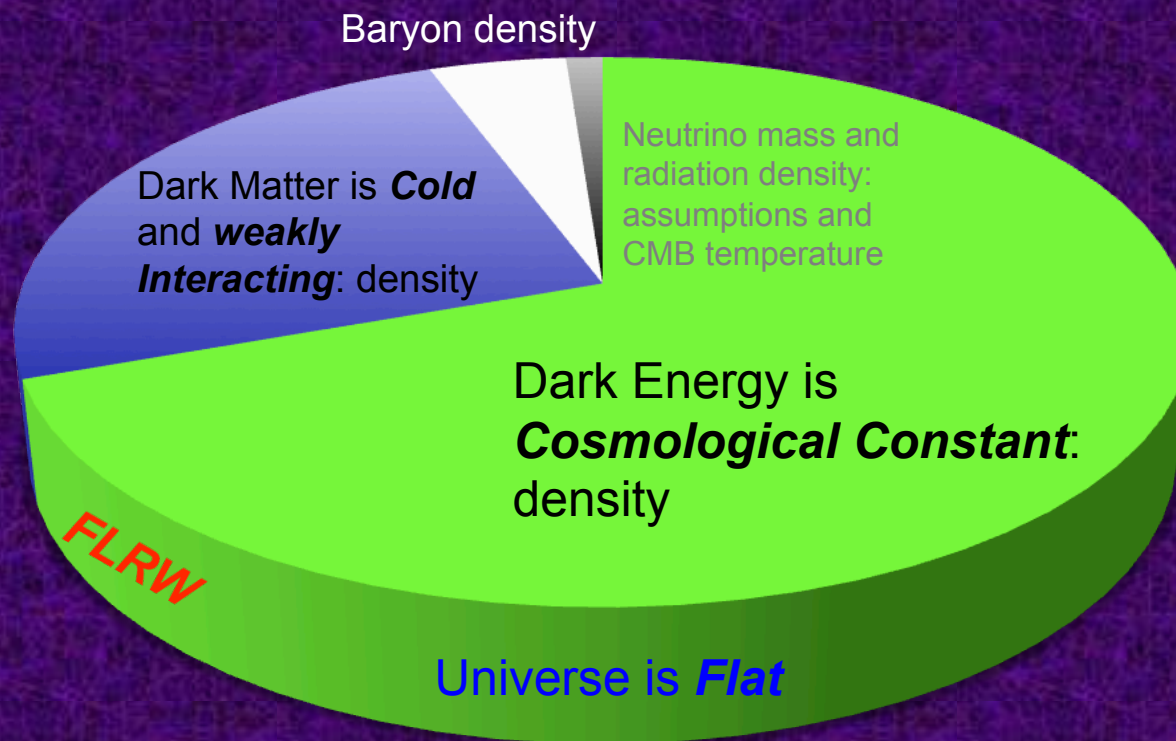
Initial Conditions:
Form of the Primordial
Spectrum and Model of
Inflation and its Parameters

Epoch of reionization

Hubble Parameter and
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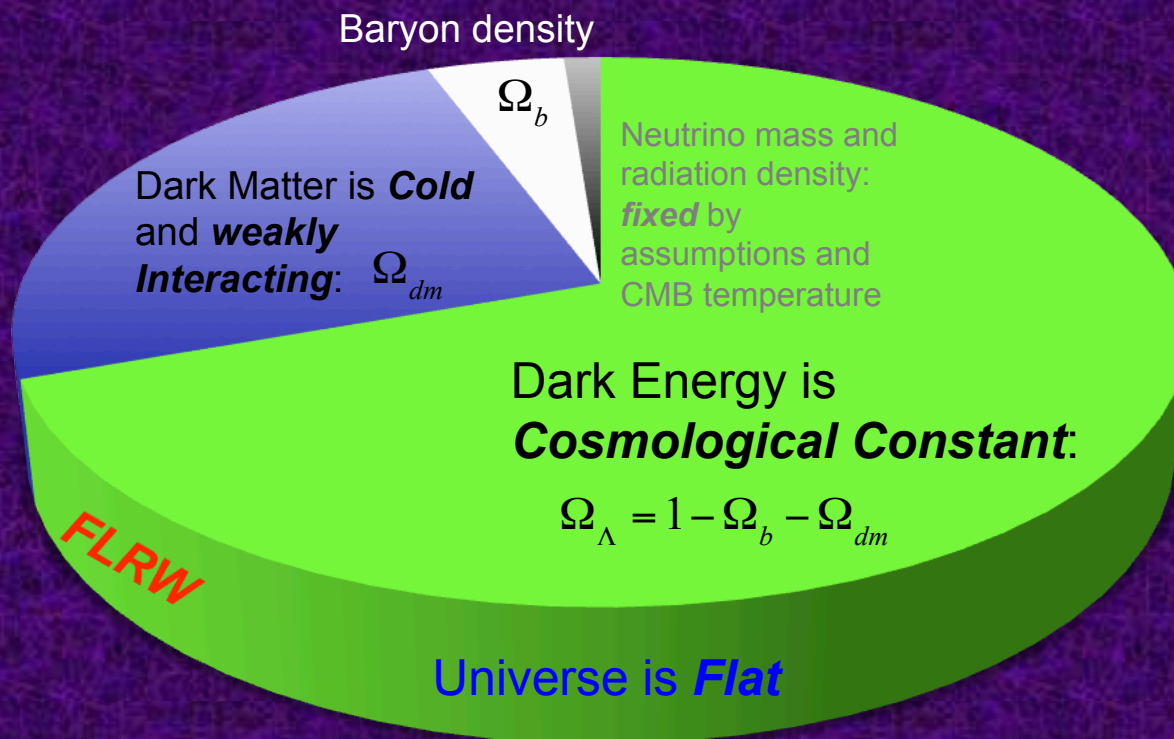
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Baryon density

Combination of Assumptions

Dark Energy is
Cosmological Constant:

$$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 1 - \Omega_b - \Omega_{dm}$$

FLRW

Universe is ***Flat***

Epoch of reionization

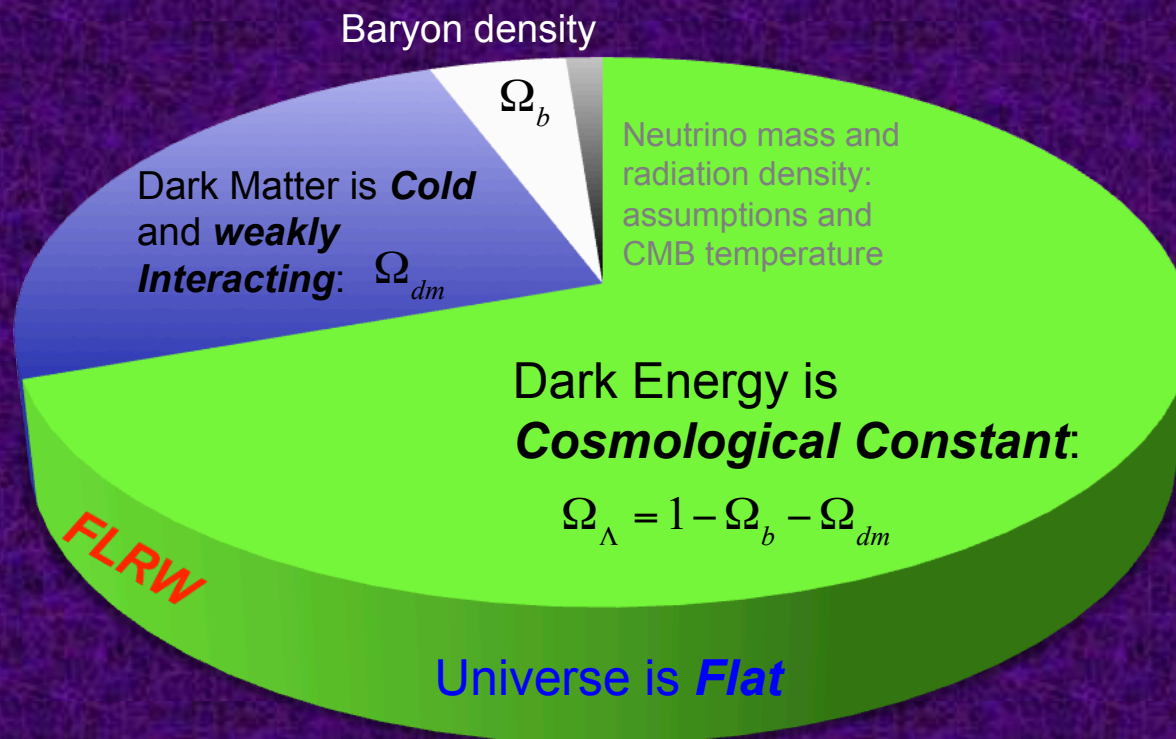
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Standard Model of Cosmology

combination of *reasonable* assumptions, but.....



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Beyond the Standard Model of Cosmology



- The universe might be more complicated than its current standard model (Vanilla Model).
- There might be some extensions to the standard model in defining the cosmological quantities.
- This needs proper investigation, using advanced statistical methods, high performance computational facilities and high quality observational data.

(Present)_t

Standard Model of Cosmology

Universe is Flat

Universe is Isotropic

Universe is Homogeneous

Dark Energy is Lambda ($w=-1$)

Power-Law primordial spectrum ($n_s=\text{const}$)

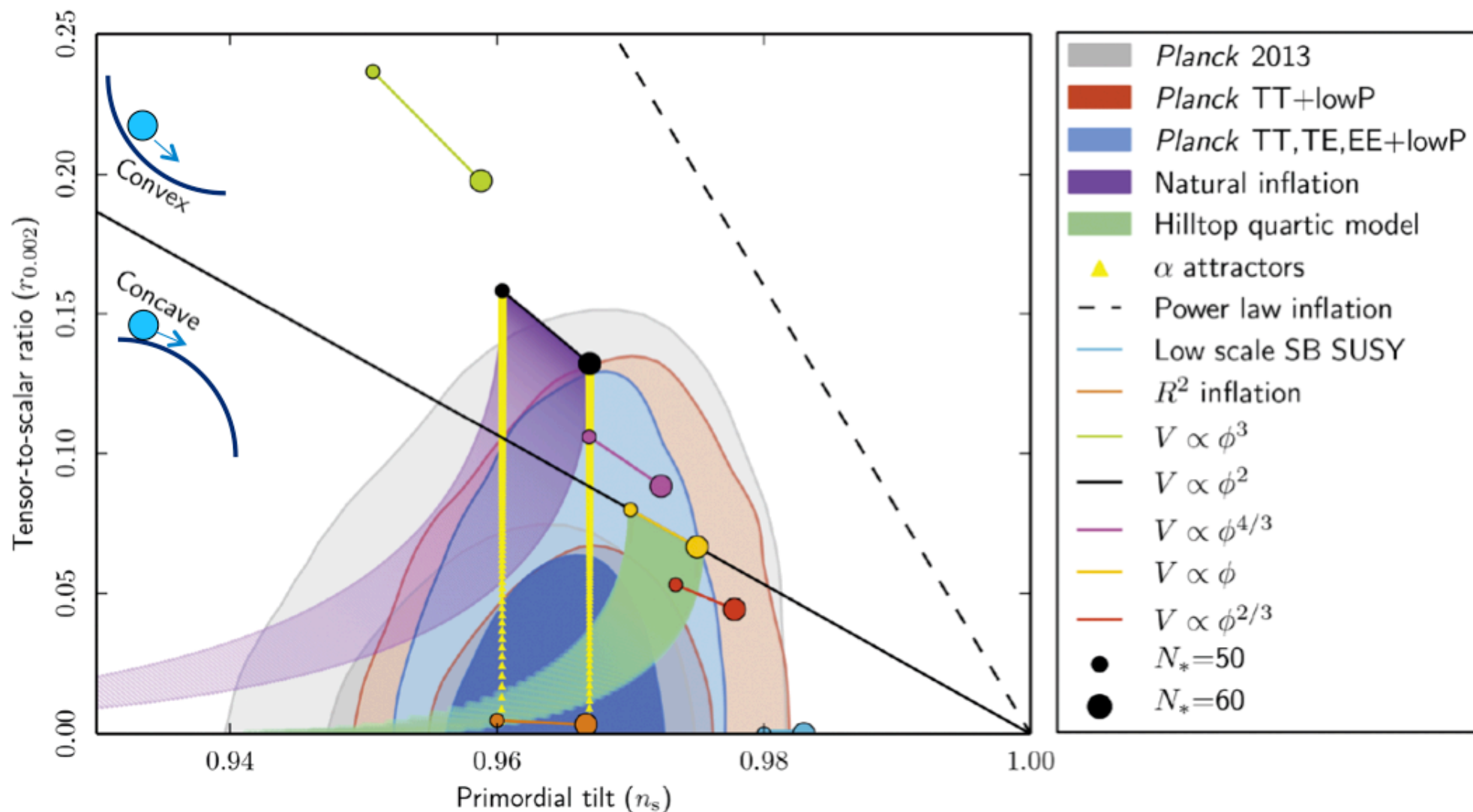
Dark Matter is cold

All within framework of FLRW

Planck 2015: No detectable primordial G-waves



Planck 2015: n_s vs r



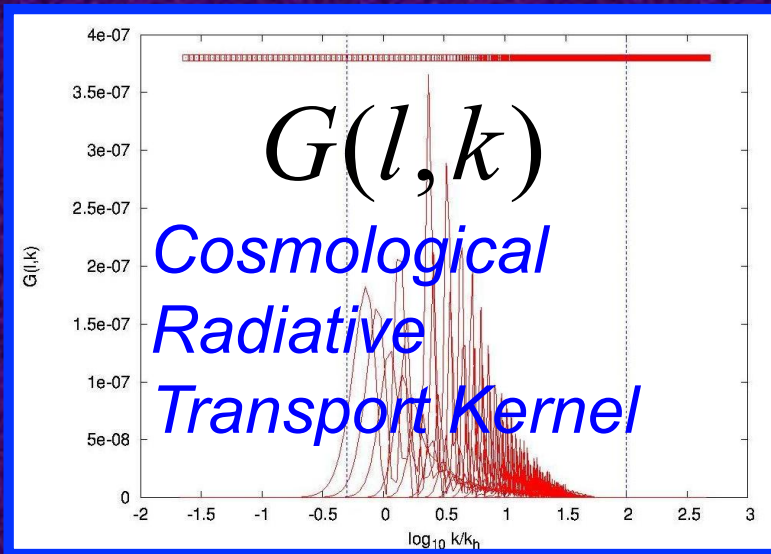
Parameterization and Model Fitting

Suggested by Model of Inflation

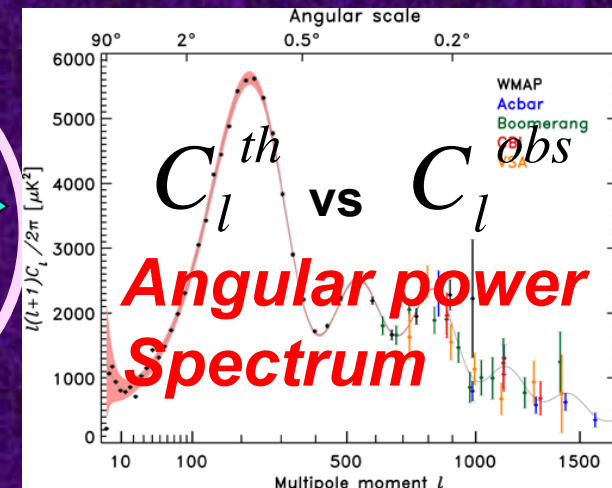
$P(k)$
Primordial Power
Spectrum

$$C_l = \sum G(l, k) P(k)$$

Determined by background model
and cosmological parameters

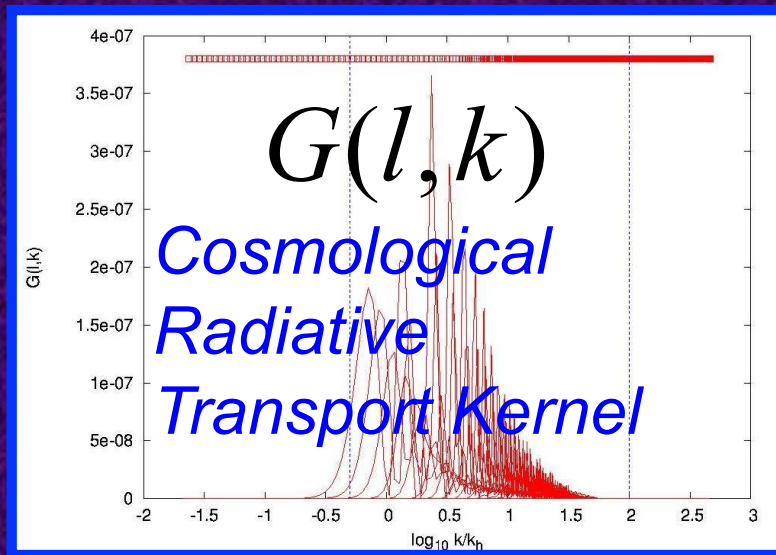


Detected by observation



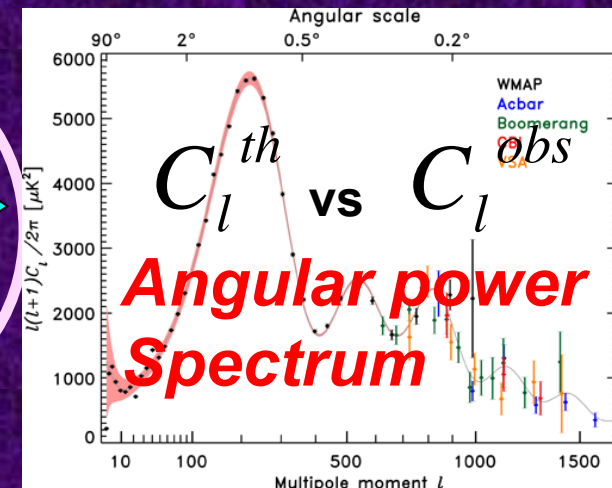
We cannot anticipate the unexpected !!

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DIRECT TOP DOWN Reconstruction

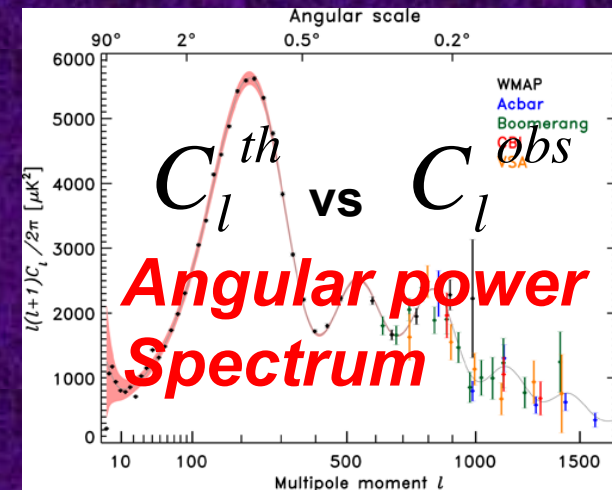
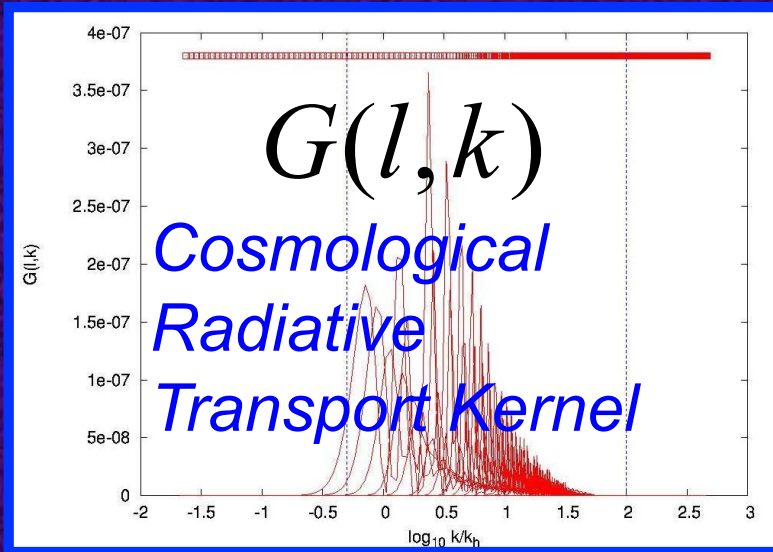
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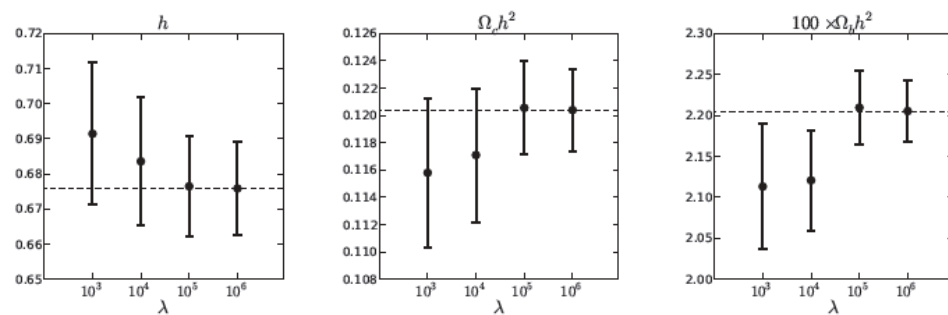
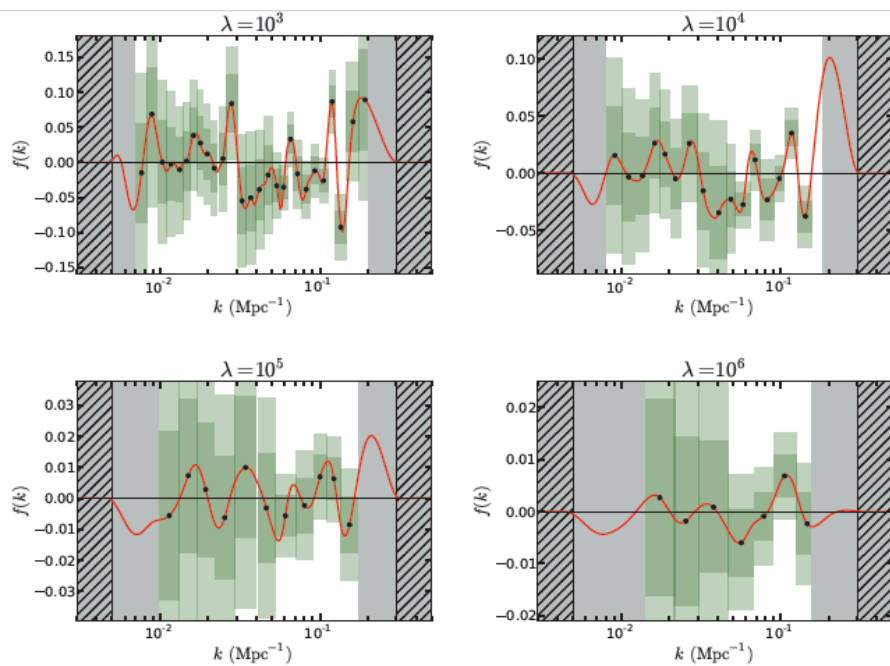
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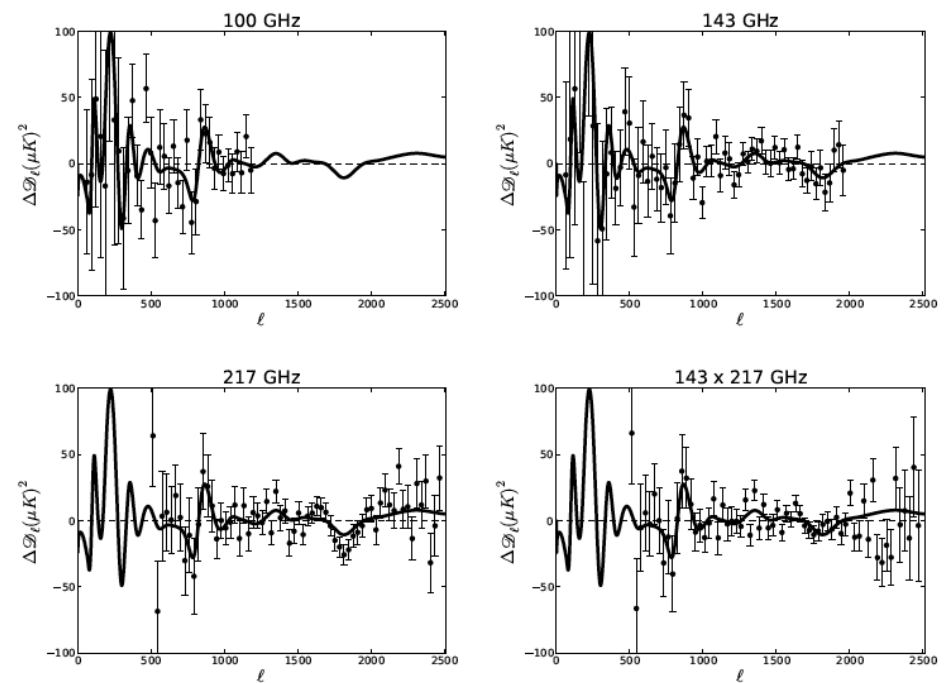
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$P(k)$
Primordial Power Spectrum





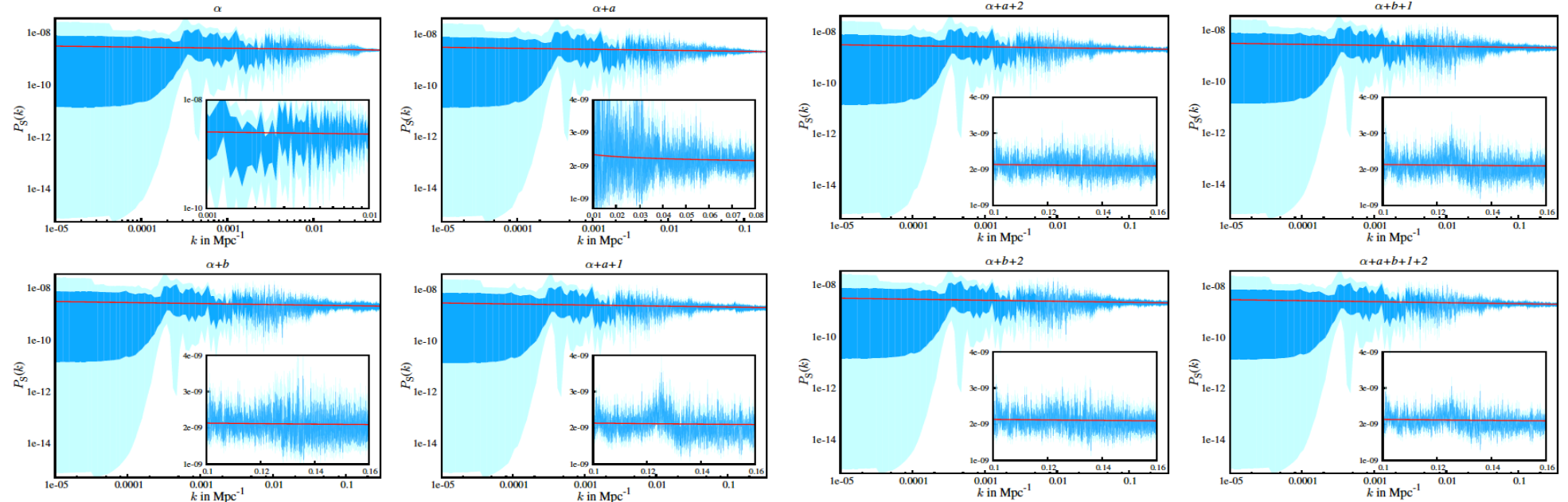
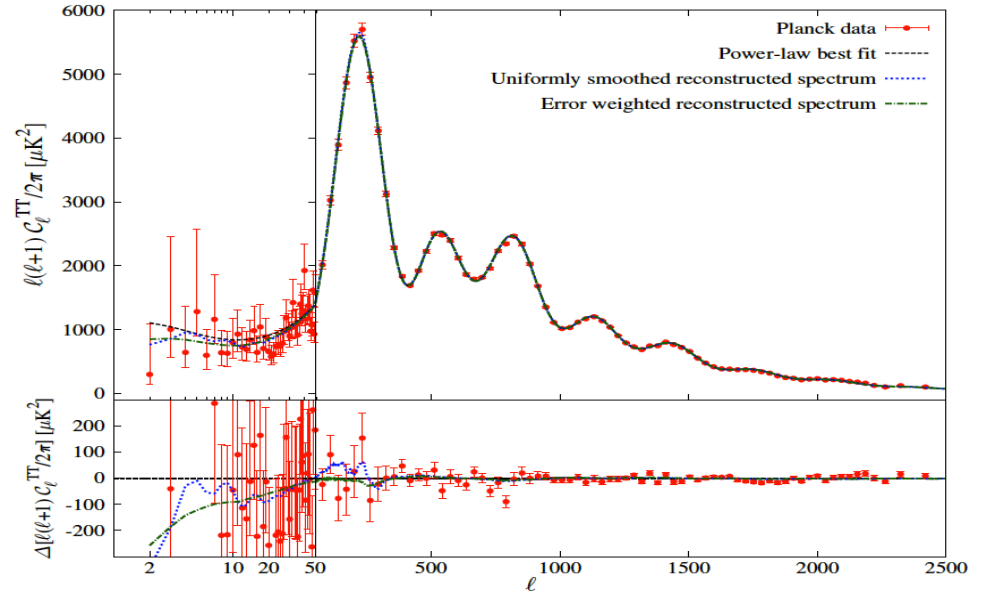
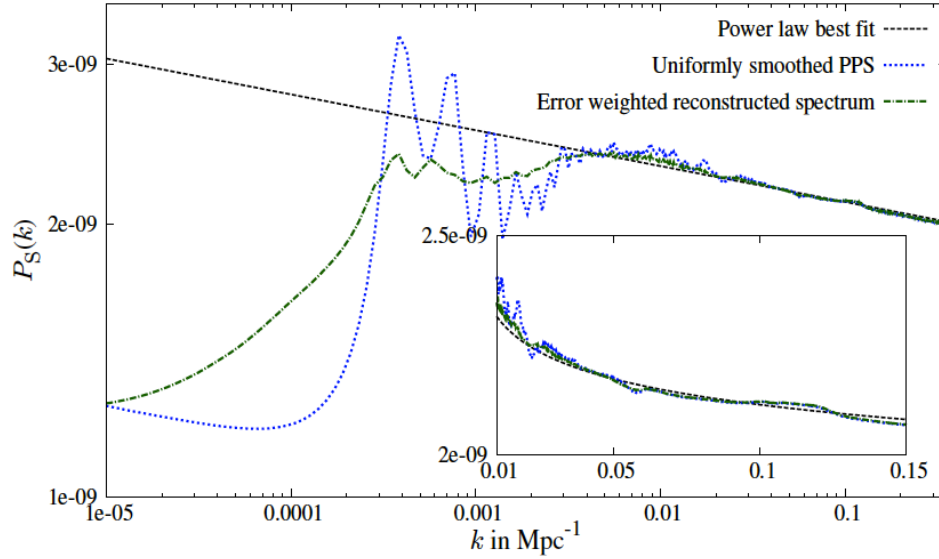
Planck 2013 reconstructed PPS (Gauthier, Bucher 2012)



Our symbol	Spectra	Multipoles(ℓ)	Scales
α	low- ℓ	2-49	Largest scales
a	100 GHz \times 100 GHz	50-1200	Intermediate scales
b	143 GHz \times 143 GHz	50-2000	Intermediate scales
1	217 GHz \times 217 GHz	500-2500	Small scales
2	143 GHz \times 217 GHz	500-2500	Small scales

Primordial Power Spectrum from Planck

Hazra, Shafieloo & Souradeep, JCAP 2014



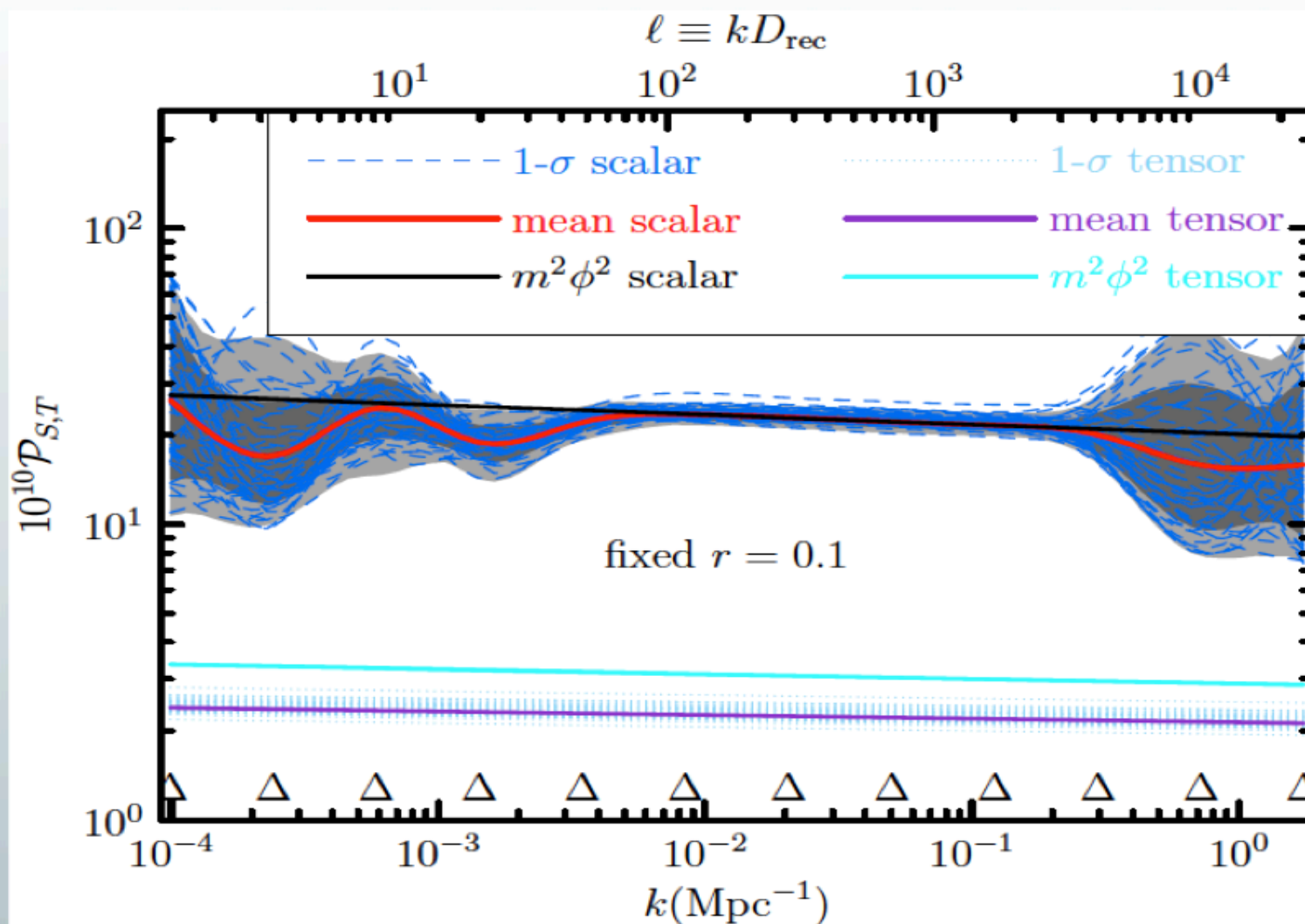
Planck 2015: No feature



Power spectra reconstruction



2015
TT+lowP
+BAO+JLA
+Hlow

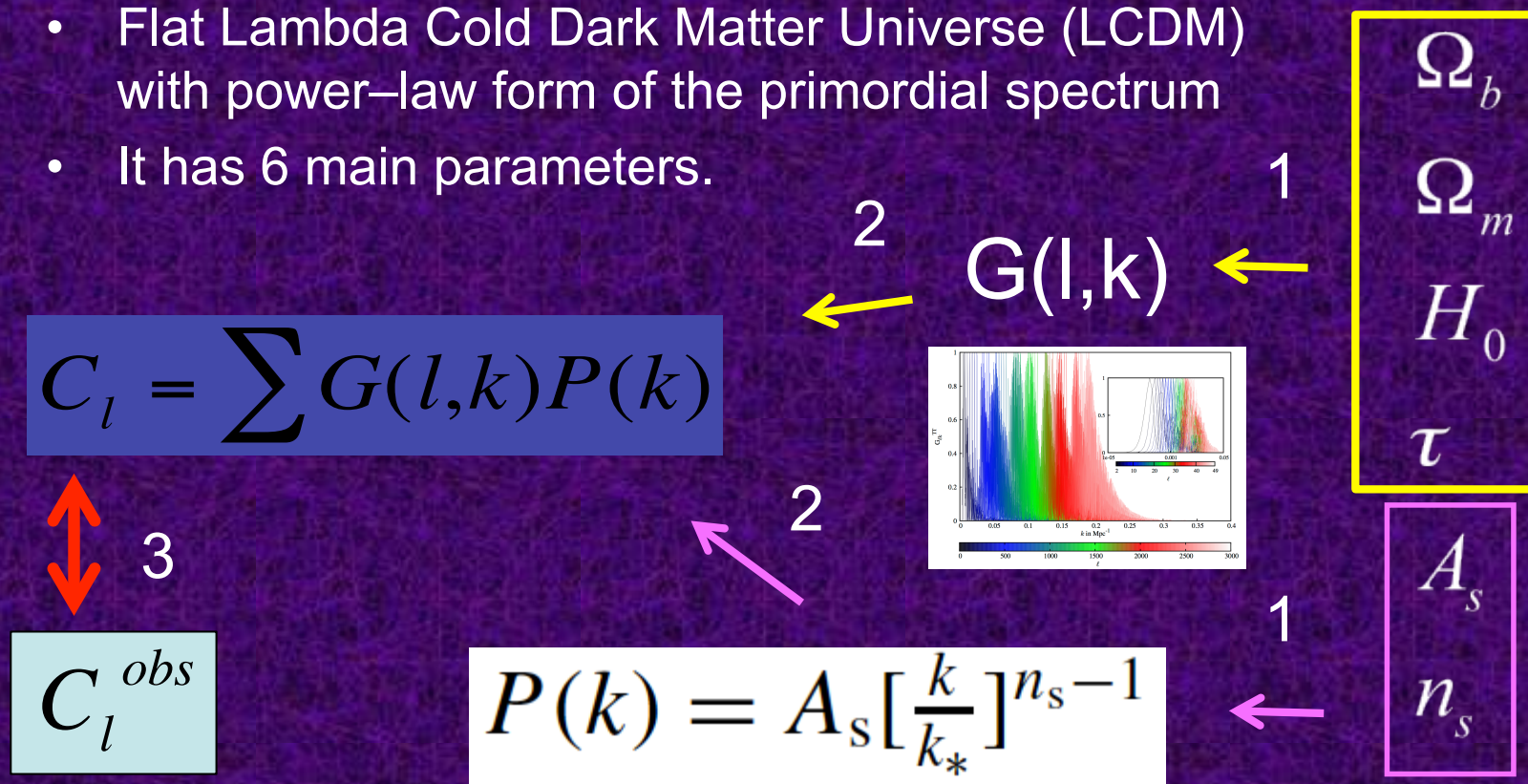


12-knots
power
spectra

(actually
used 3
different
methods,
all with
similar
results)

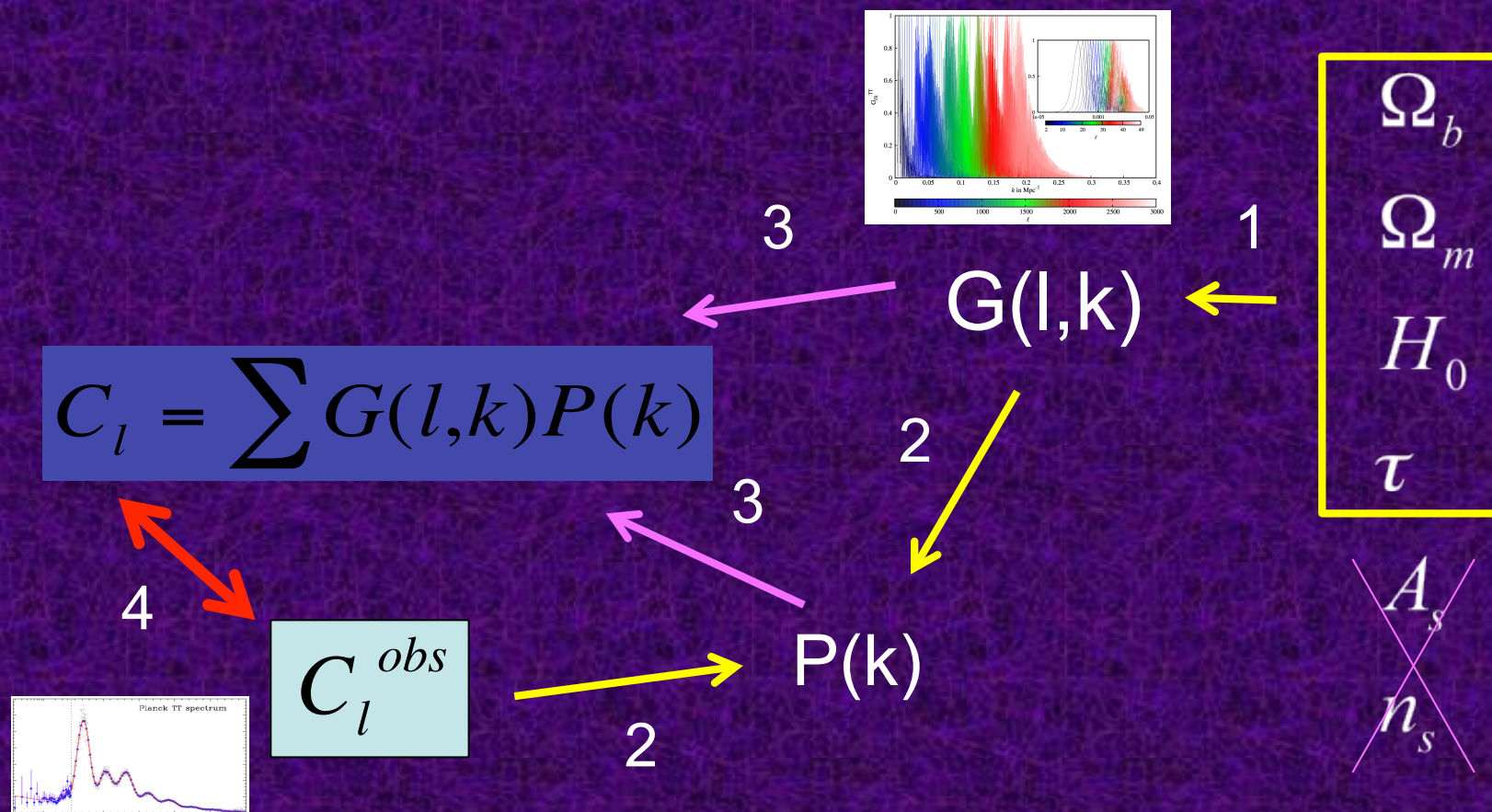
Cosmological Parameter Estimation with Power-Law Primordial Spectrum

- Flat Lambda Cold Dark Matter Universe (LCDM) with power-law form of the primordial spectrum
- It has 6 main parameters.

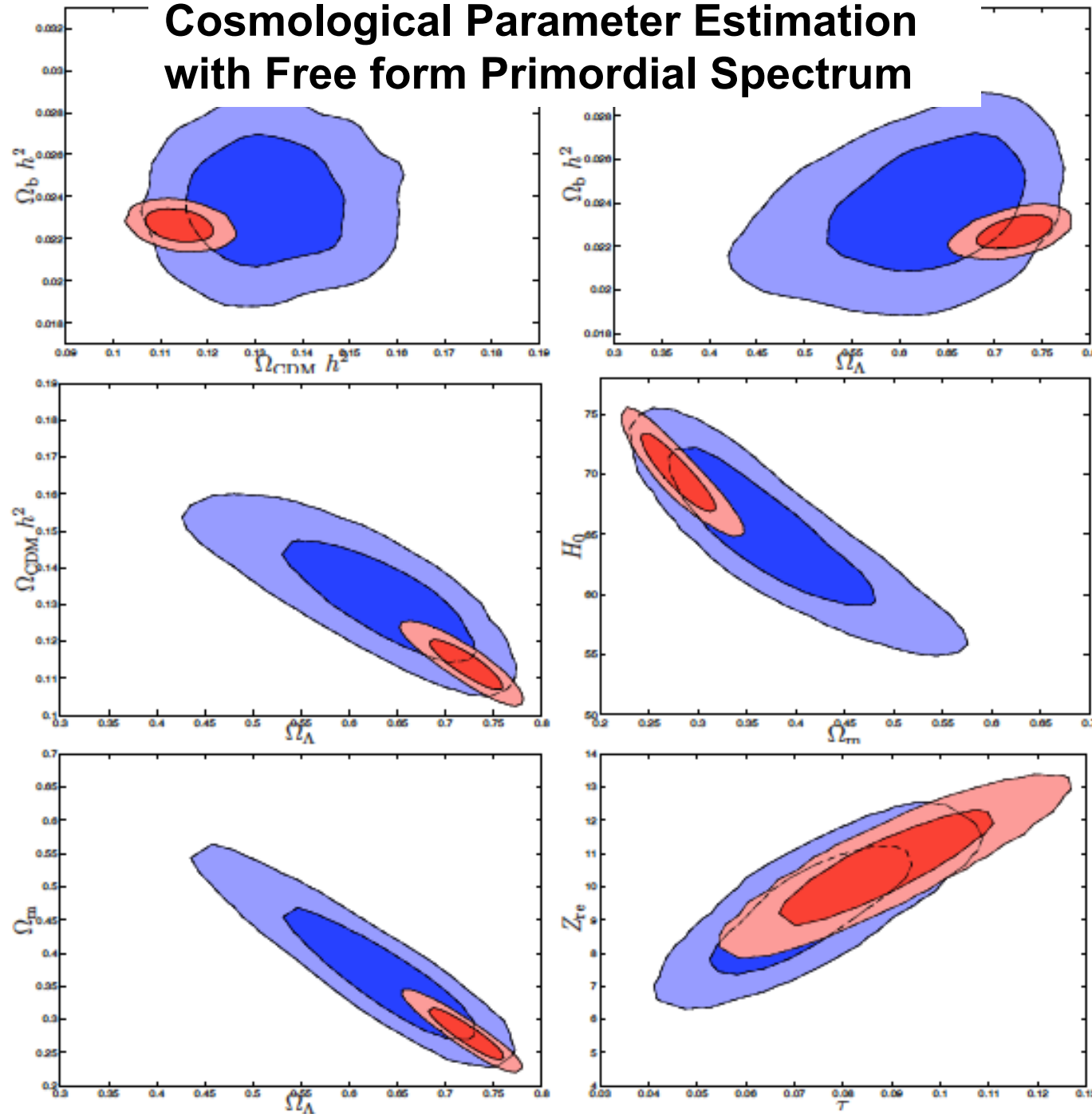


Direct Reconstruction of PPS and Theoretical Implication

Cosmological Parameter Estimation with Free form Primordial Spectrum



Cosmological Parameter Estimation with Free form Primordial Spectrum



Red Contours:
Power Law PPS

Blue Contours:
Free Form PPS

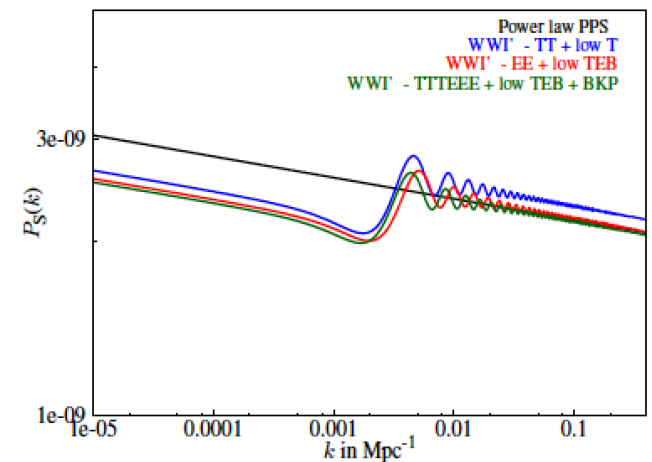
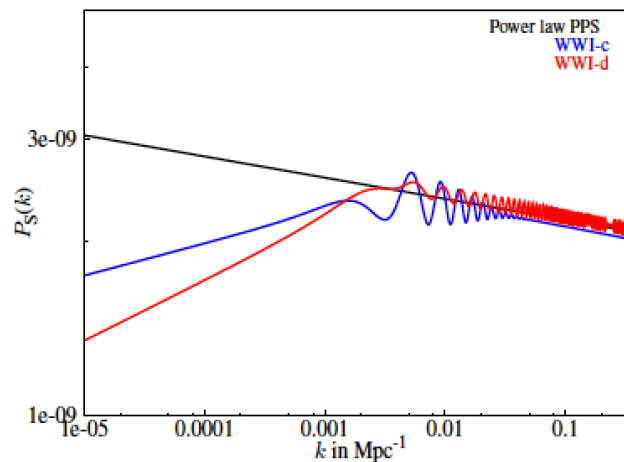
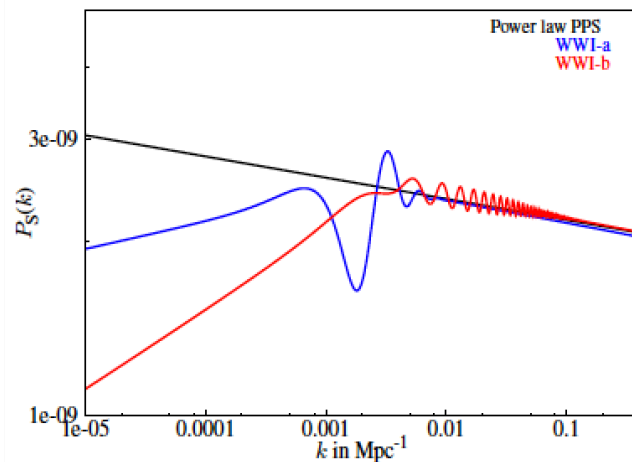
Hazra, Shafieloo & Souradeep,
PRD 2013

Discussed in Snowmass 2013

Individual likelihoods comparison						
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EE	751.2	748.8	747.2	748.6	750.2	746.8
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Total	11248.8	11241.8 (-7)	11246.2 (-2.6)	11244.5 (-4.3)	11249.3 (0.5)	11242.3 (-6.5)
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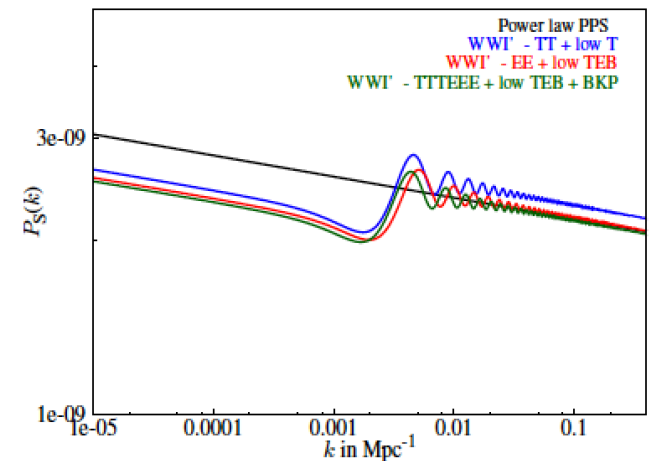
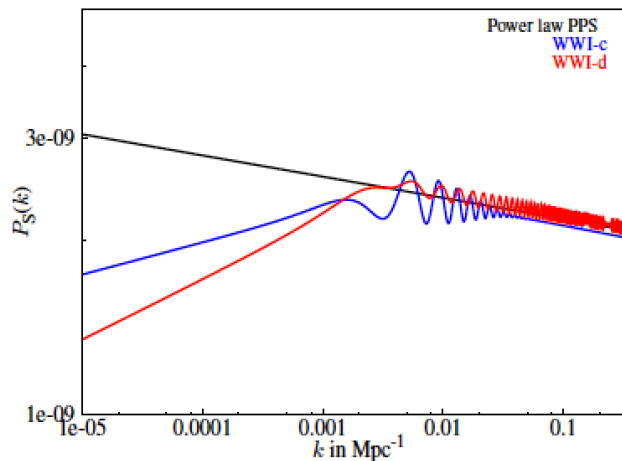
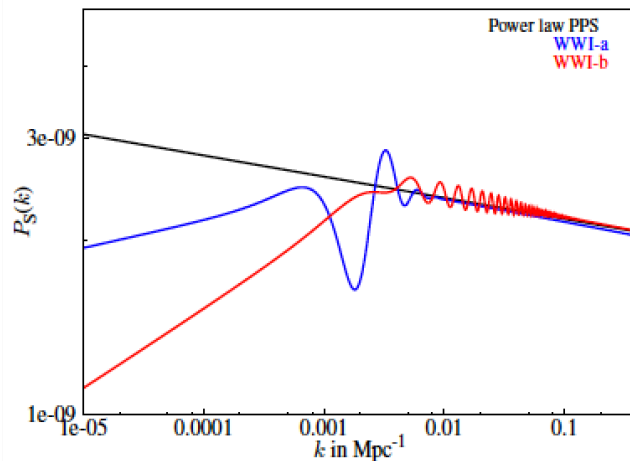
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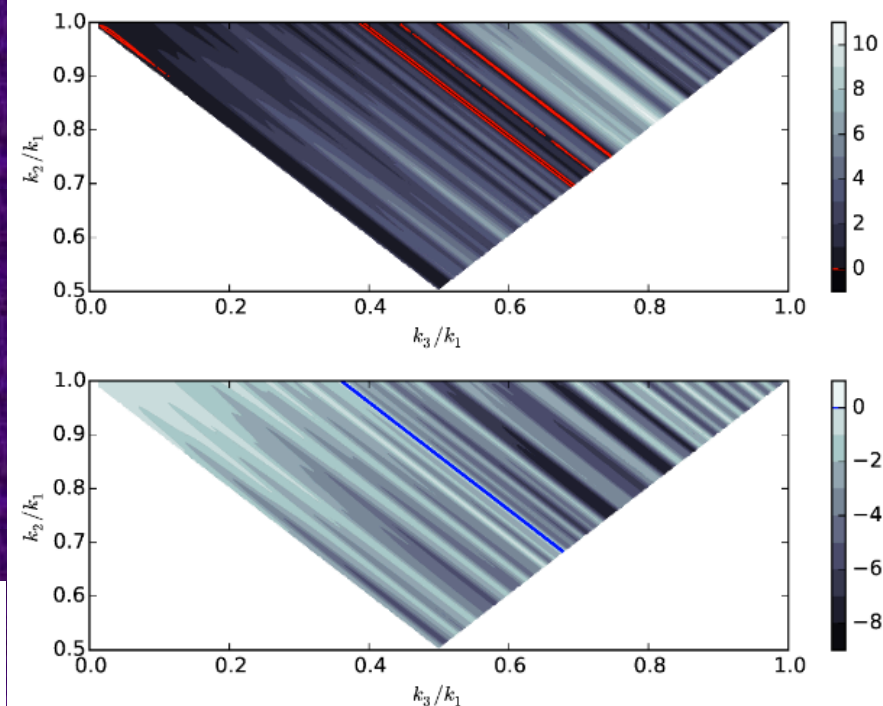
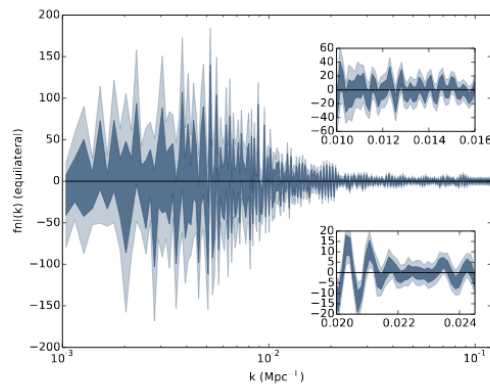
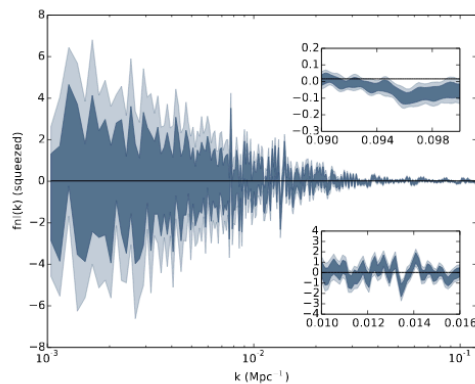
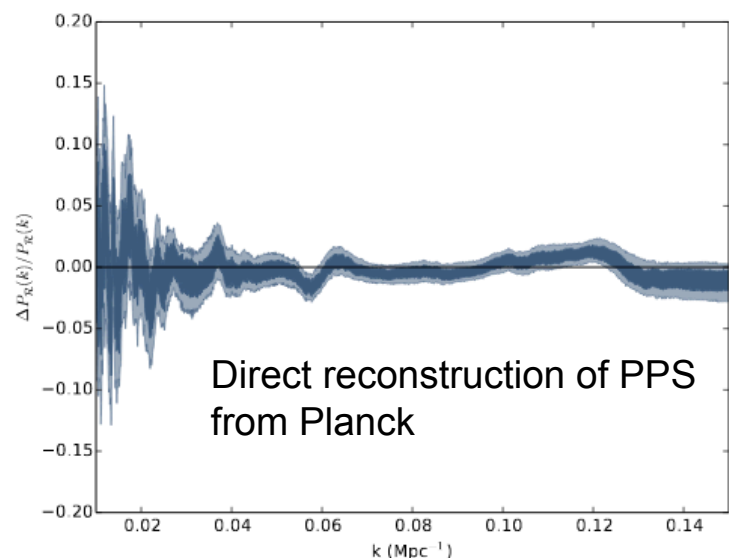


Understanding the Early Universe:

- Form of the primordial spectrum (*degenerate with other cosmological quantities*).
- Tensor-to-scalar ratio of perturbation amplitudes (*near future potential probe*)
- Primordial non-Gaussianities (*near future potential probe*)

Plausible approach for the future:

Joint constraint on inflationary features using the two and three-point correlations of temperature and polarization anisotropies



Bispectrum in terms of the reconstructed power spectrum and its first two derivatives

Appleby, Gong, Hazra, Shafieloo, Sypsas, PLB 2016

From 2D to 3D

Using LSS data to test early universe scenarios

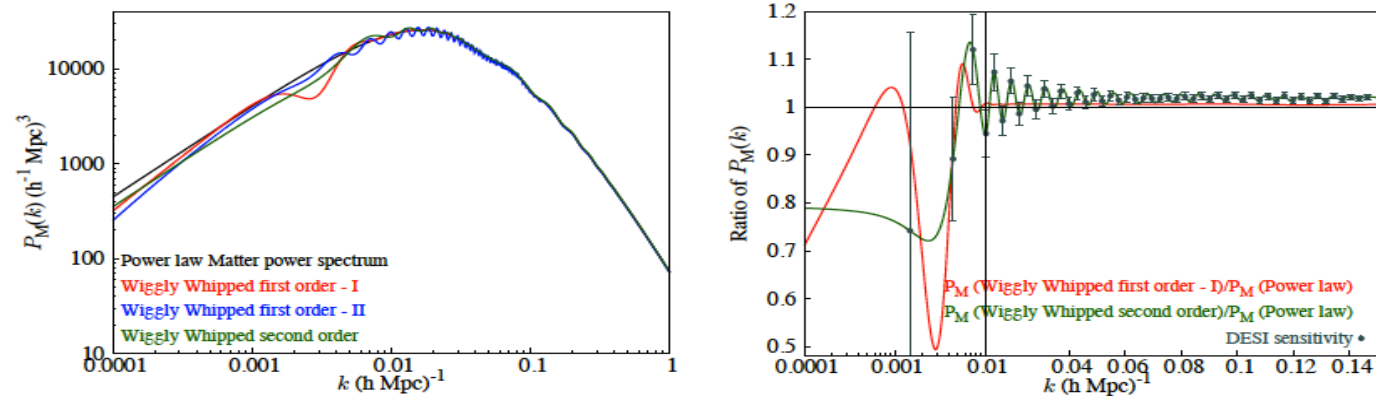


Figure 5. Wiggly Whipped Inflation : Matter power spectra (left) obtained from the best fit potential and background parameters (in Table 1) and the ratio (right) *w.r.t.* the matter power spectra obtained from power law best fit model. The DESI forecasted fractional errors are overlaid in the right panel as well. Note that from the future matter power spectrum data we shall be able to identify specific features in the primordial power spectrum.

From 2D to 3D (first step)

- Generating many N-body simulations (similar to stage IV dark energy measurements such as DESI) based on various inflationary scenarios with features in PPS (but still degenerate to be distinguished by CMB data).
- Try to distinguish them by implementing/designing appropriate statistics.
(power spectrum, bi-spectrum etc may not work)



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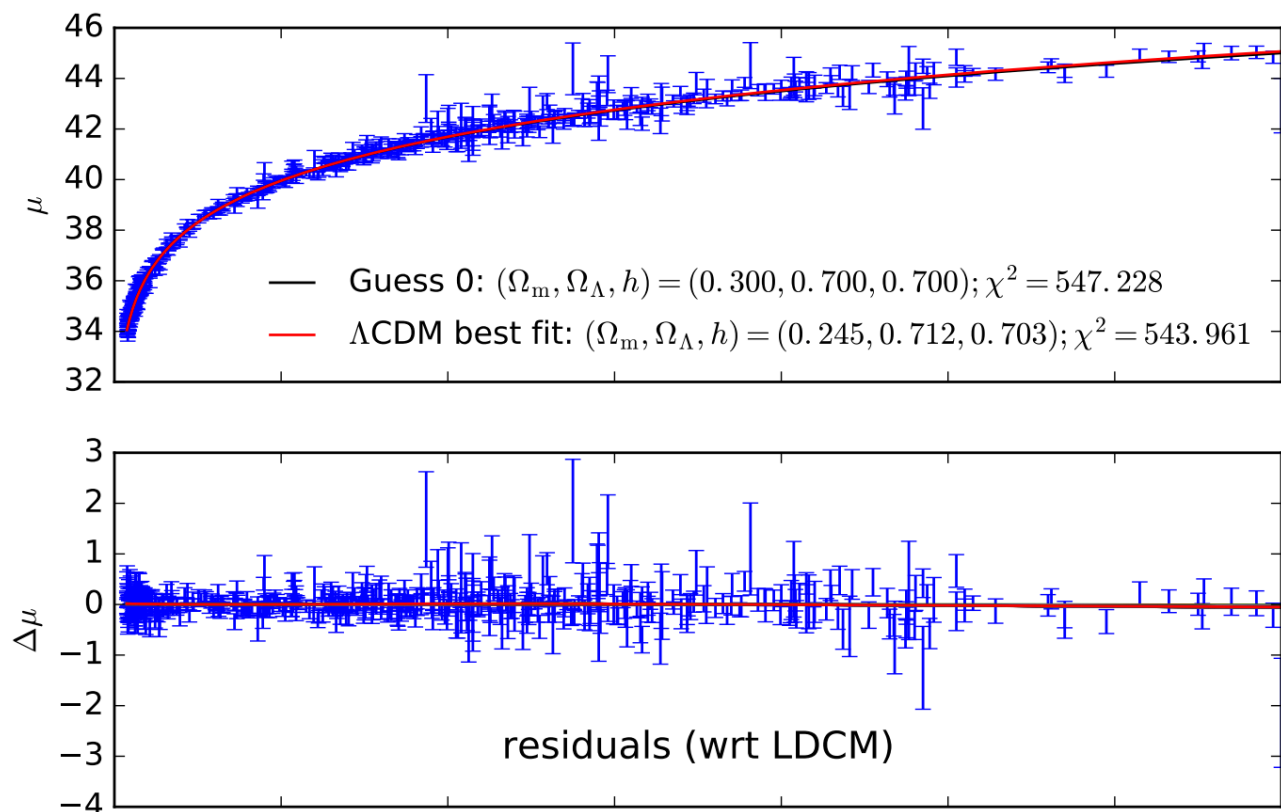
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18 years after discovery of the acceleration of the universe:

From 60 Supernovae Ia at cosmic distances, we now have ~800 published distances, with better precision, better accuracy, out to $z=1.5$. **Accelerating universe in proper concordance to the data.**

JLA
Compilation

L'Huillier & Shafieloo 2016

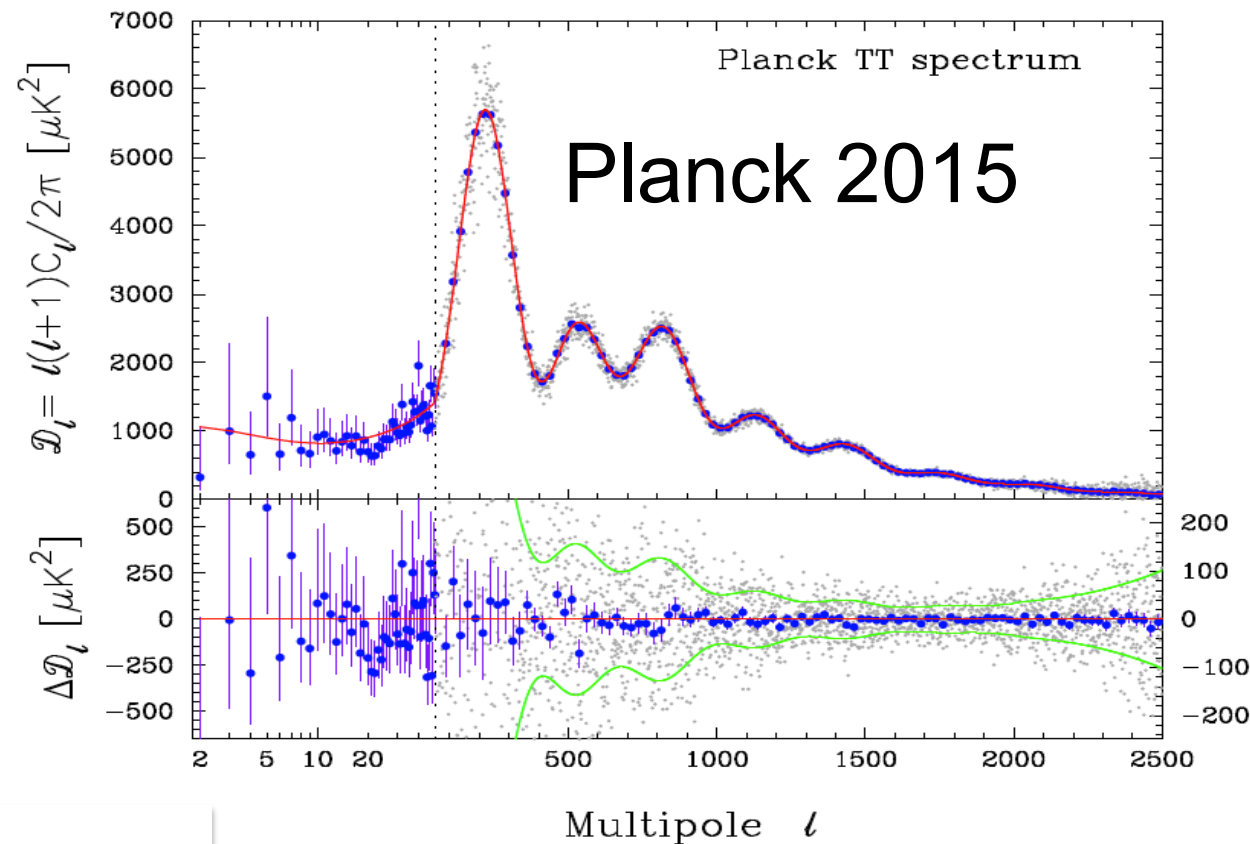


Dark Energy in 2016

CMB

18 years after discovery of the acceleration of the universe:

CMB directly points to acceleration. Didn't even have acoustic peak in 1998!

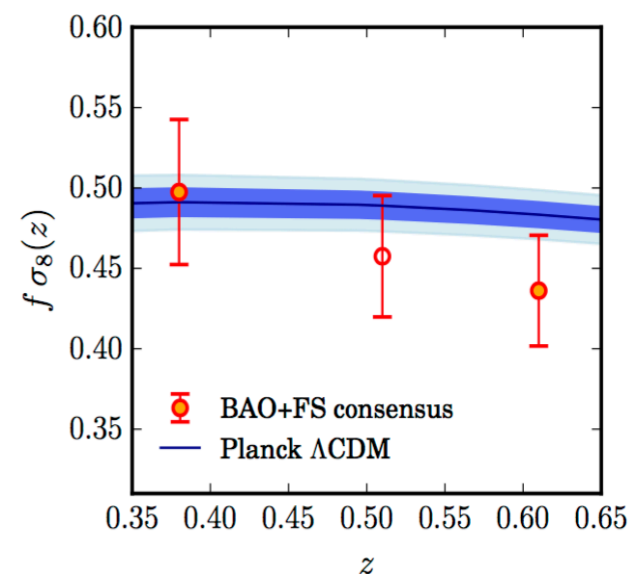
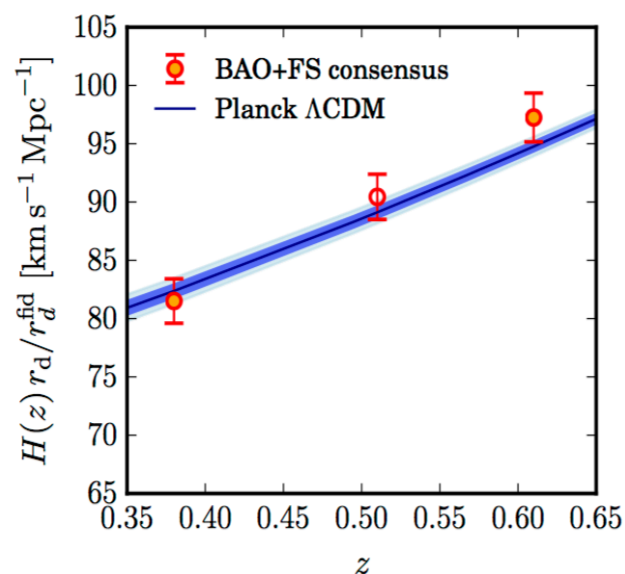
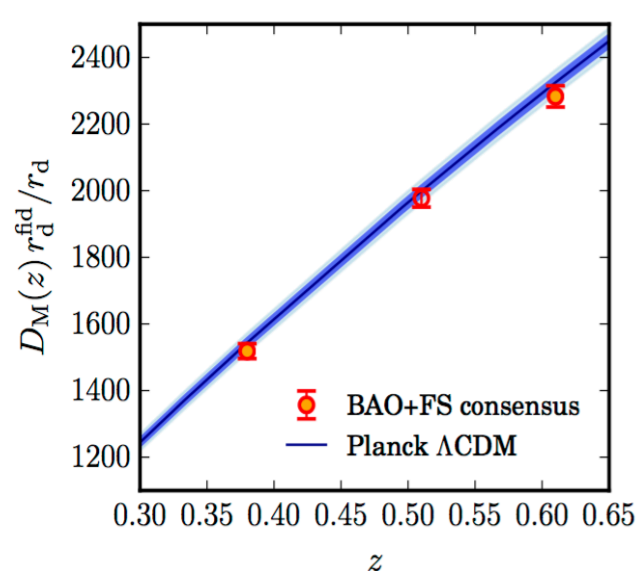
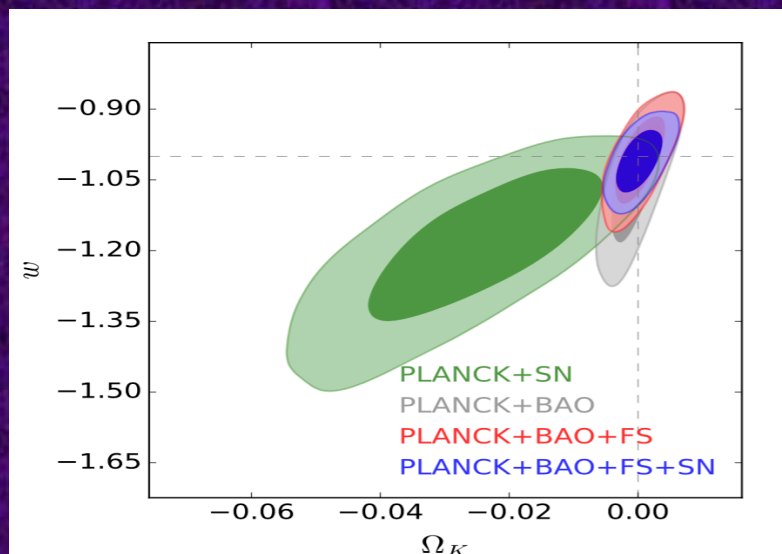


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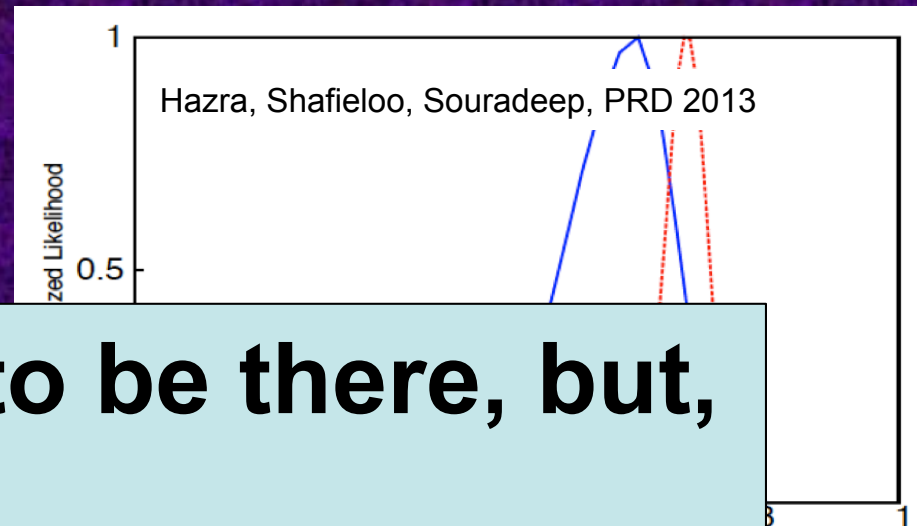
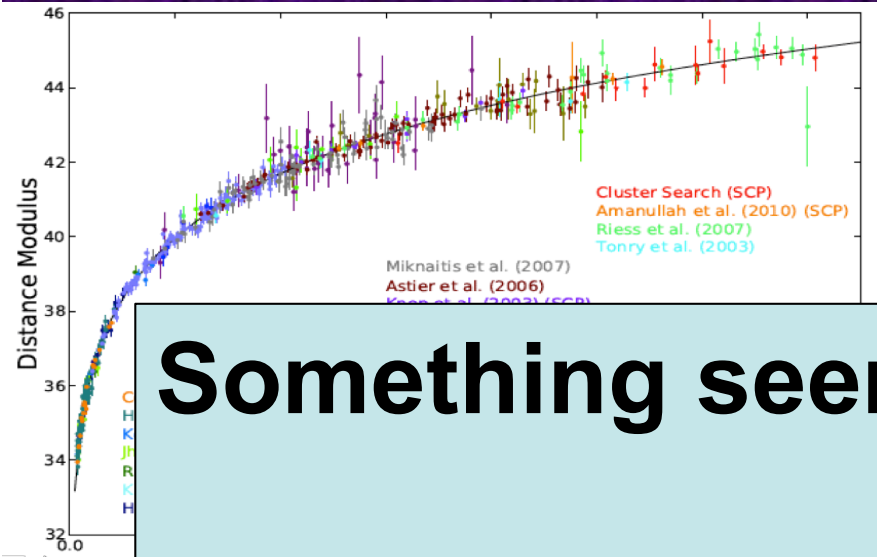
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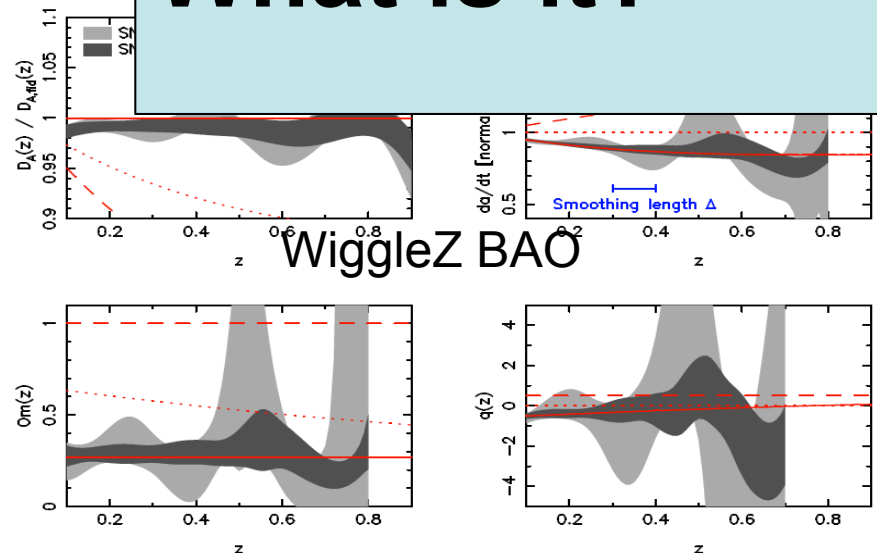
BOSS collaboration (2016),
arXiv:Alam et al, 1607.03155



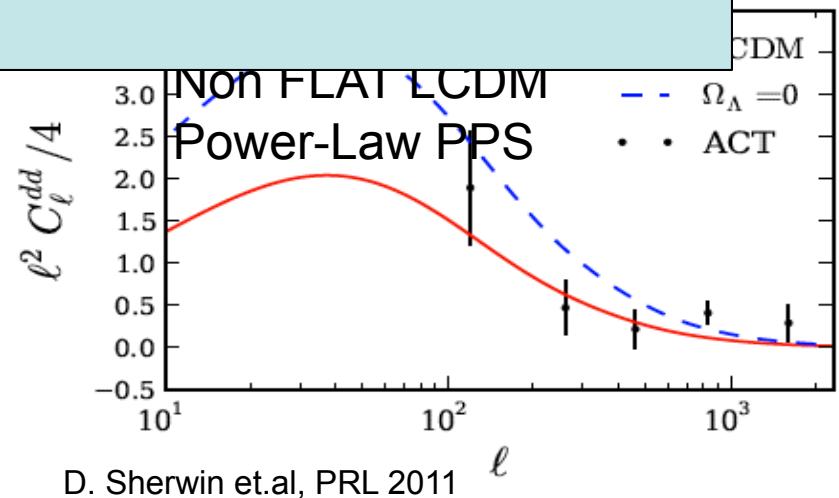
Accelerating Universe, Now



**Something seems to be there, but,
What is it?**



WiggleZ BAO



D. Sherwin et.al, PRL 2011

Dark Energy Models

- Cosmological Constant
- Quintessence and k-essence (scalar fields)
- Exotic matter (Chaplygin gas, phantom, etc.)
- Braneworlds (higher-dimensional theories)
- Modified Gravity
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But which one is really responsible for the acceleration of the expanding universe?!

Reconstructing Dark Energy

To find cosmological quantities and parameters there are two general approaches:

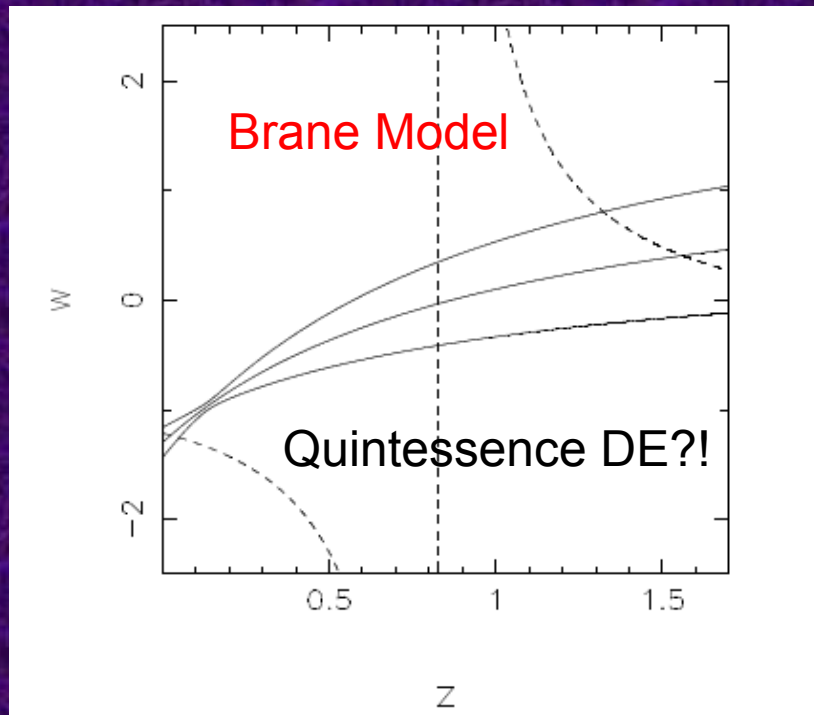
1. Parametric methods

Easy to confront with cosmological observations to put constraints on the parameters, but the results are highly biased by the assumed models and parametric forms.

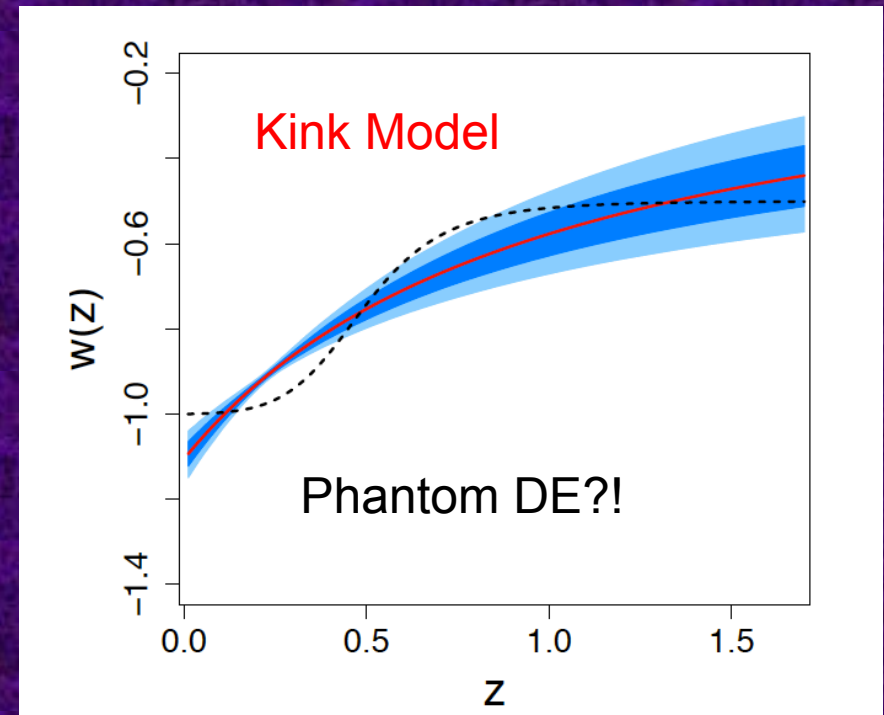
2. Non Parametric methods

Difficult to apply ***properly*** on the raw data, but the results will be less biased and more reliable and independent of theoretical models or parametric forms.

Problems of Dark Energy Parameterizations (model fitting)



Shafieloo, Alam, Sahni &
Starobinsky, MNRAS 2006



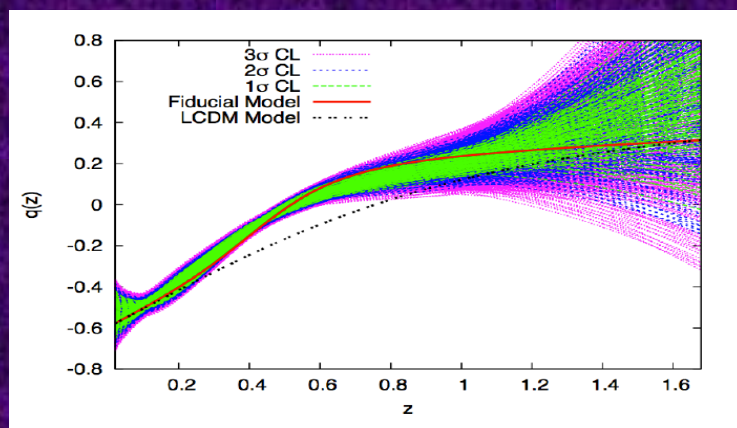
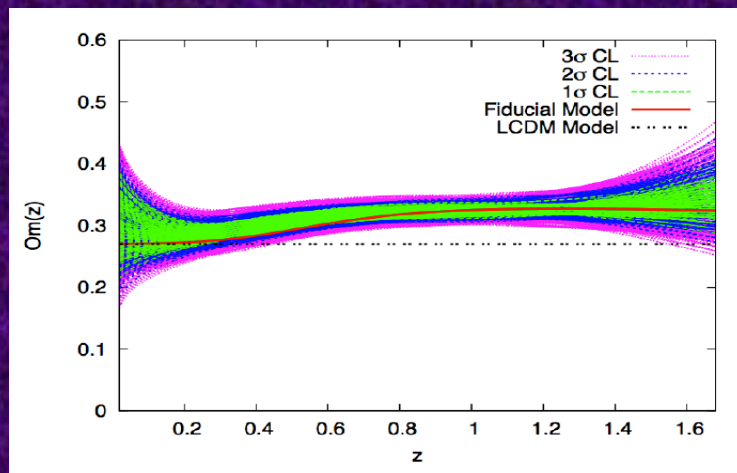
Holsclaw et al, PRD 2011

$$w(z) = w_0 + w_a \frac{z}{1+z}.$$

Chevallier-Polarski-Linder ansatz (CPL).

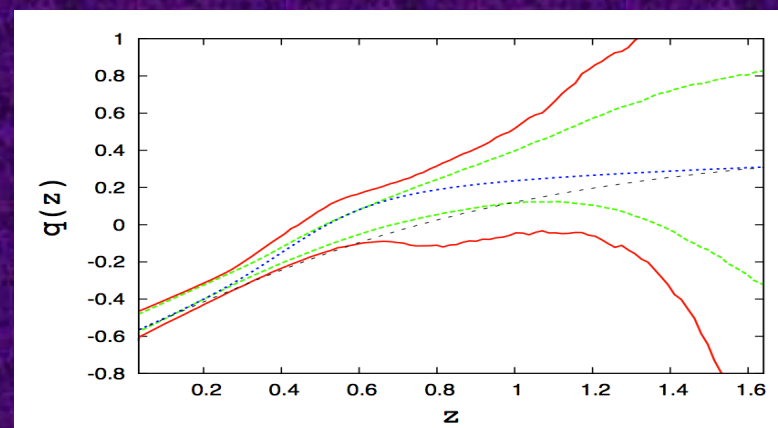
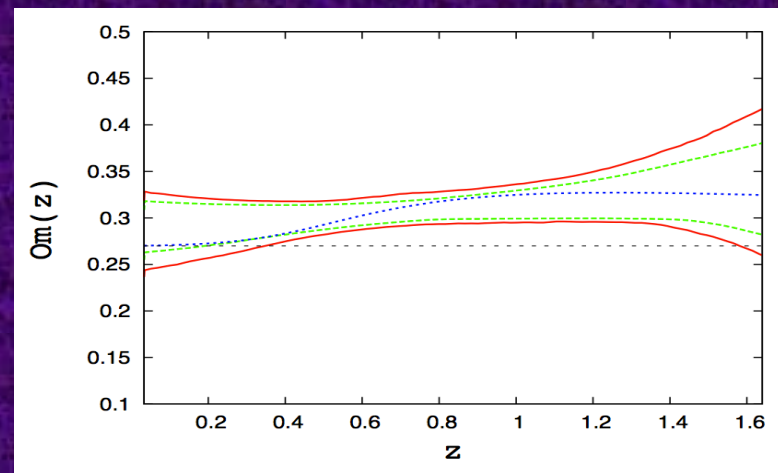
Model independent reconstruction of the expansion history

Crossing Statistic + Smoothing



Shafieloo, JCAP (b) 2012

Gaussian Processes



Shafieloo, Kim & Linder, PRD 2012

Dealing with observational uncertainties in matter density (and curvature)

- Small uncertainties in the value of matter density affects the reconstruction exercise quite dramatically.
- Uncertainties in matter density is in particular bound to affect the reconstructed $w(z)$.

$$H(z) = \left[\frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{d_L(z)}{1+z} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$\omega_{DE} = \frac{\left(\frac{2(1+z)}{3} \frac{H'}{H} \right) - 1}{1 - \left(\frac{H_0}{H} \right)^2 \Omega_{0M} (1+z)^3}$$

Full theoretical picture:

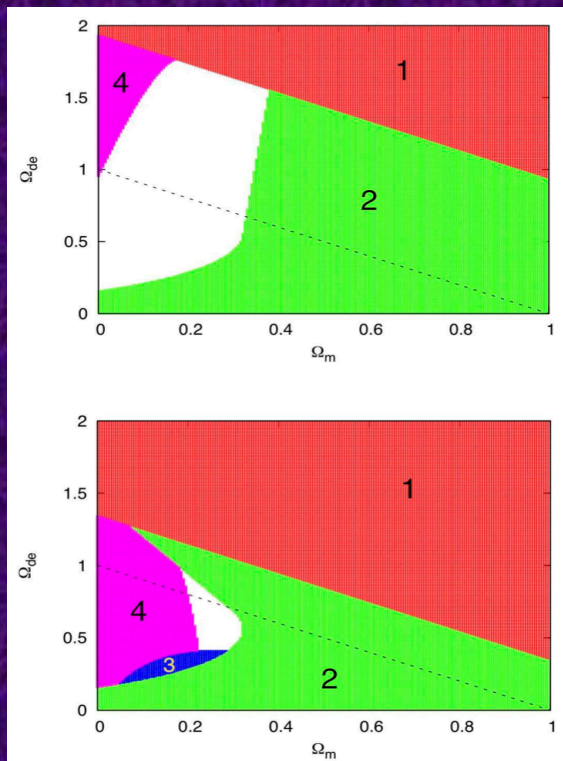
Cosmographic Degeneracy

$$d_l(z) = \frac{1+z}{\sqrt{1-\Omega_m-\Omega_{de}}} \sinh \left(\sqrt{1-\Omega_m-\Omega_{de}} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{h(z')} \right)$$

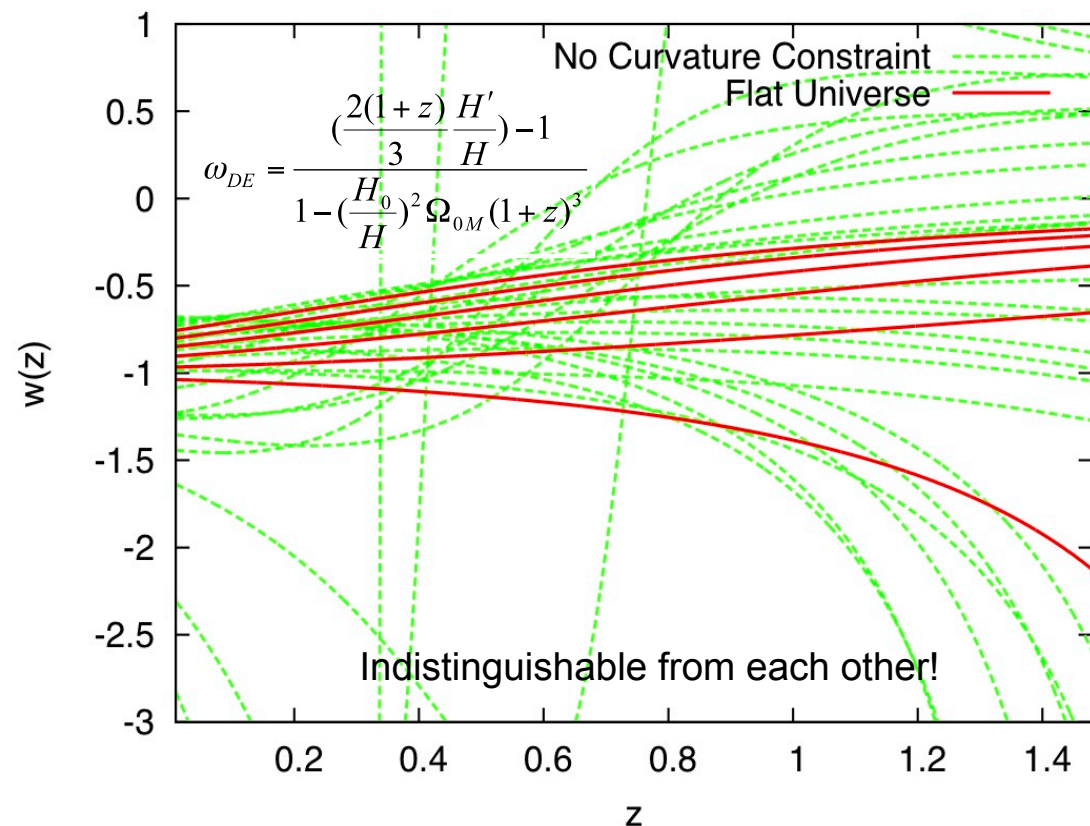
$$\begin{aligned} h(z)^2 &\equiv [H(z)/H_0]^2 \equiv (\dot{a}/a)^2 \\ &= \Omega_m(1+z)^3 + (1-\Omega_m-\Omega_{de})(1+z)^2 \\ &\quad + \Omega_{de} \exp \left[3 \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{1+z'} [1+w(z')] \right], \end{aligned}$$

Cosmographic Degeneracy

- **Cosmographic Degeneracies** would make it so hard to pin down the actual model of dark energy even in the near future.



Shafieloo & Linder, PRD 2011



Reconstruction & *Falsification*

Considering (low) quality of the data and cosmographic degeneracies we should consider a new strategy sideways to reconstruction: **Falsification.**

Yes-No to a hypothesis is easier than characterizing a phenomena.

But, How?

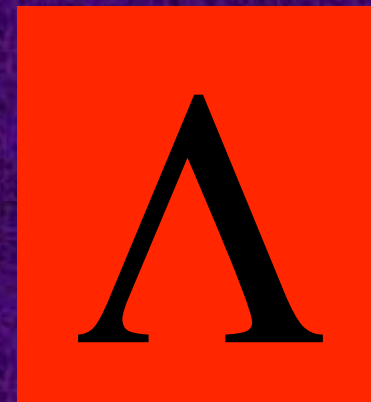
We should look for special characteristics of the standard model and relate them to observables.

Falsification of Cosmological Constant

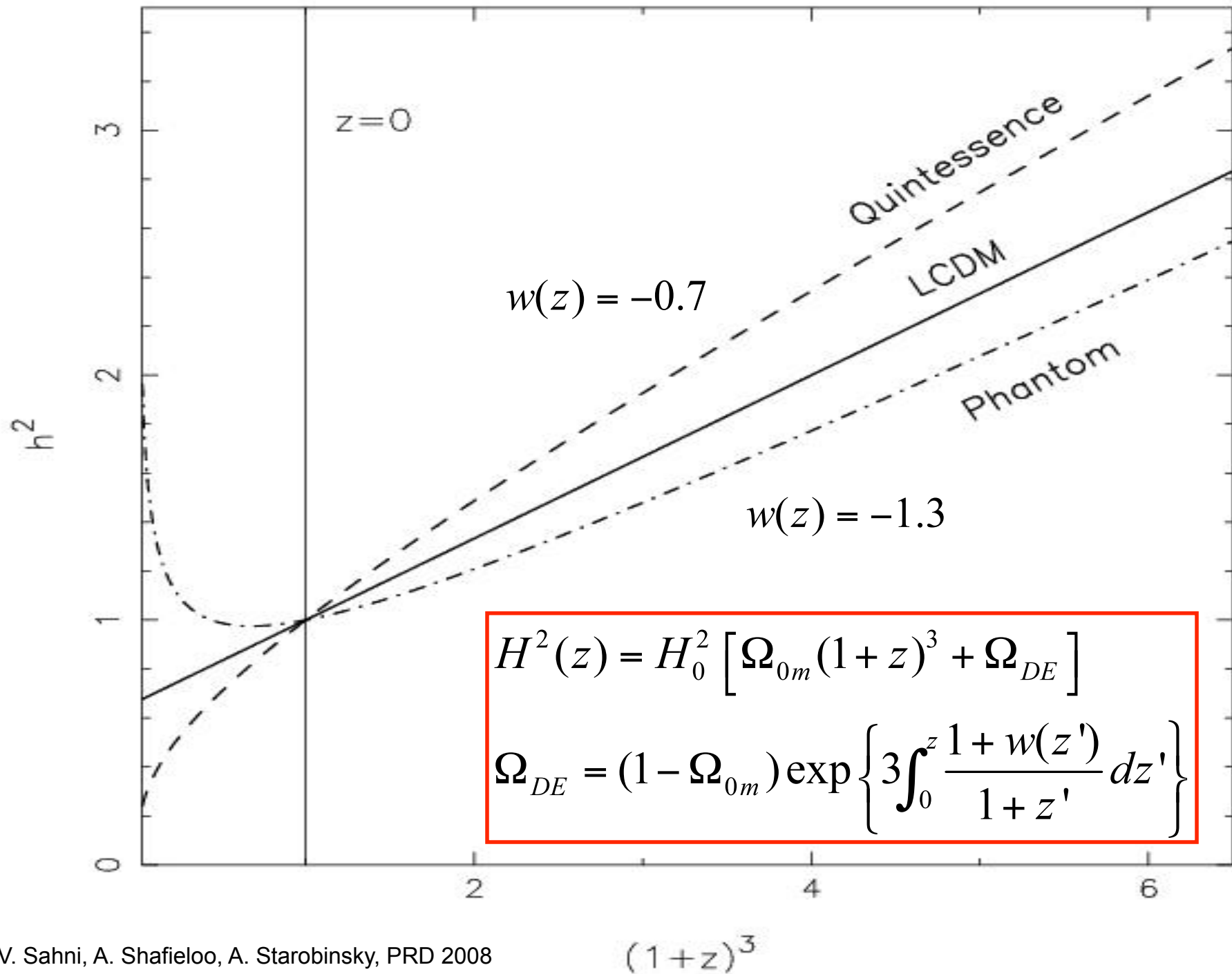
- Instead of looking for $w(z)$ and exact properties of dark energy at the current status of data, we can concentrate on a more reasonable problem:



OR NOT



Yes-No to a hypothesis is easier than characterizing a phenomena



Falsification: Null Test of Lambda

Om diagnostic

$$Om(z) = \frac{h^2(z) - 1}{(1+z)^3 - 1}$$

We Only Need $h(z)$

$$h(z) = H(z)/H_0$$

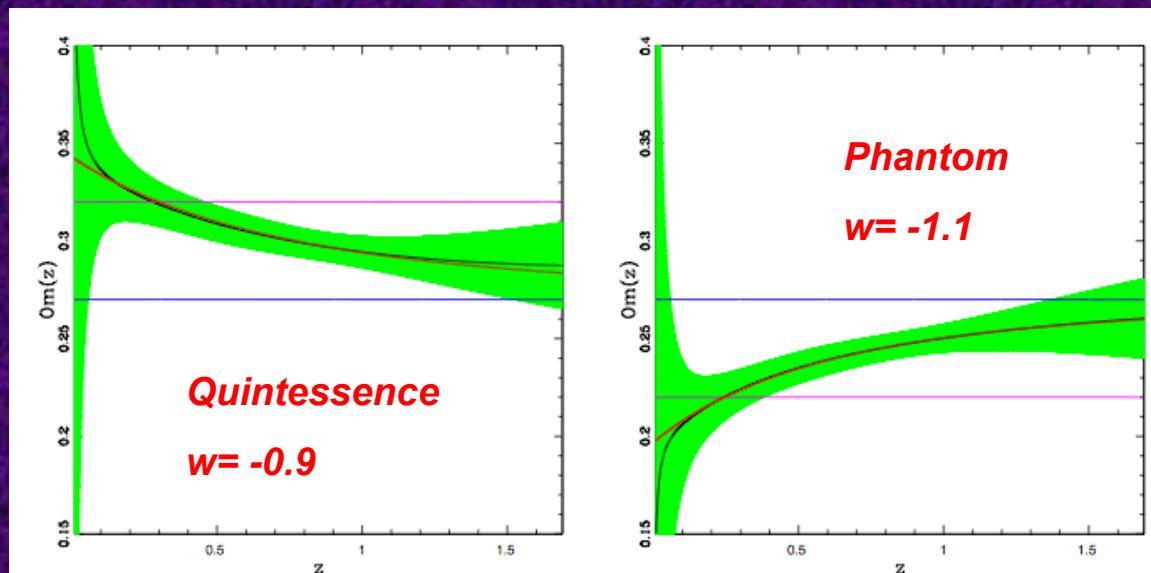
Om(z) is constant only
for FLAT LCDM model

V. Sahni, A. Shafieloo, A. Starobinsky,
PRD 2008

$$w = -1 \rightarrow Om(z) = \Omega_{0m}$$

$$w < -1 \rightarrow Om(z) < \Omega_{0m}$$

$$w > -1 \rightarrow Om(z) > \Omega_{0m}$$



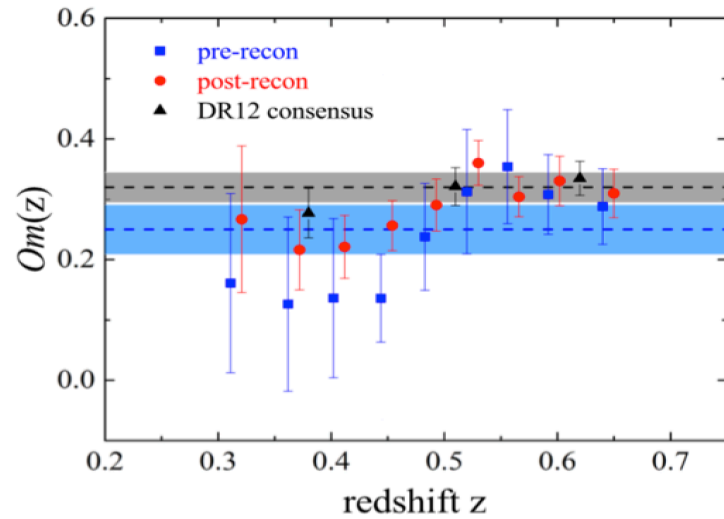


Figure 17. The $Om(z)$ values converted by our measurements on Hubble parameter in 9 redshift bins.

SDSS III / BOSS collaboration
L. Samushia et al, MNRAS 2013

Deviations from Λ CDM and GR 13

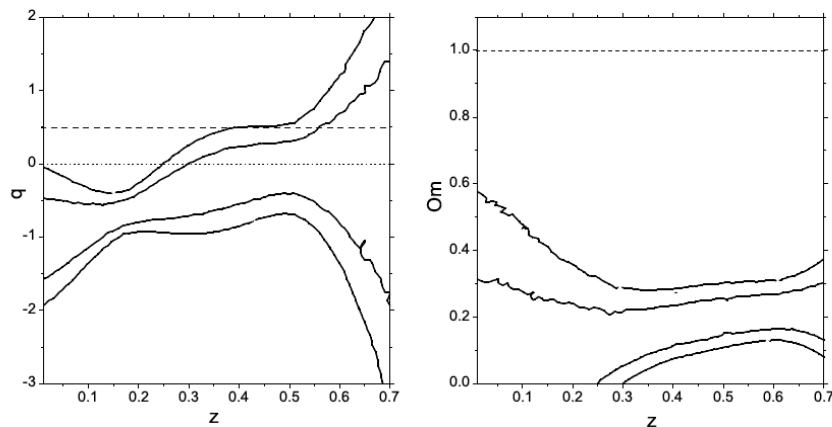


Figure 12. Confidence levels (1σ and 2σ) for the deceleration parameter as a function of redshift and $Om(z)$ reconstructed from the compilation of geometric measurements in tables 2 and 3. H_0 is marginalised over with an HST prior. The dotted line in the left panel demarcates accelerating expansion (below the line) from decelerated expansion (above the line). The dashed line in both panels shows the expectation for an EdS model.

SDSS III DR-12 / BOSS collaboration
Y. Wang et al, arXiv:1607.03154

Om diagnostic is very
well established

WiggleZ collaboration
C. Blake et al, MNRAS 2011

10 Blake et al.

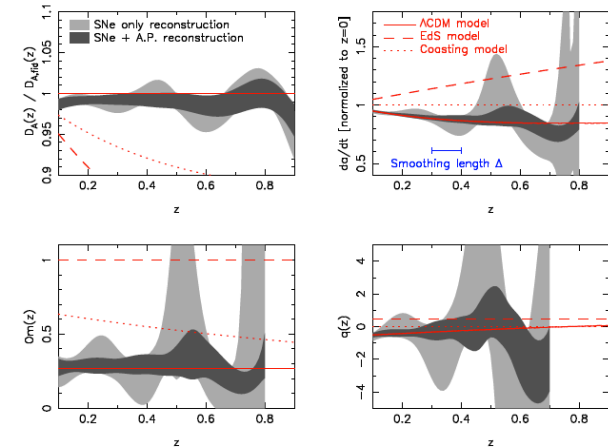


Figure 6. This figure shows our non-parametric reconstruction of the cosmic expansion history using Alcock-Paczynski and supernovae data. The four panels of this figure display our reconstructions of the distance-redshift relation $D_A(z)$, the expansion rate a/H_0 , the $Om(z)$ statistic and the deceleration parameter $q(z)$ using our adaptation of the iterative method of Shafieloo et al. (2006) and Shafieloo & Clarkson (2010). The distance-redshift relation in the upper left-hand panel is divided by a fiducial model for clarity, where the model corresponds to a flat Λ CDM cosmology with $\Omega_m = 0.27$. This fiducial model is shown as the solid line in all panels; Einstein de-Sitter and coasting models are also shown defined as in Figure 5. The shaded regions illustrate the 68% confidence range of the reconstructions of each quantity obtained using bootstrap resamples of the data. The dark-grey regions utilize a combination of the Alcock-Paczynski and supernovae data and the light-grey regions are based on the supernovae data alone. The redshift smoothing scale $\Delta = 0.1$ is also illustrated. The reconstructions in each case are terminated when the SNe-only results become very noisy; this maximum redshift reduces with each subsequent derivative of the distance-redshift relation [i.e. is lowest for $q(z)$].

Om h^2

A very recent result.

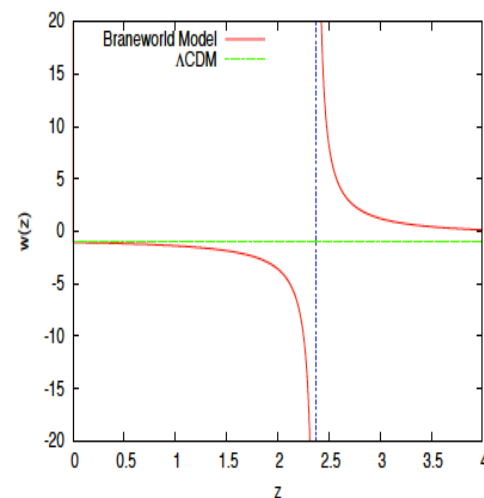
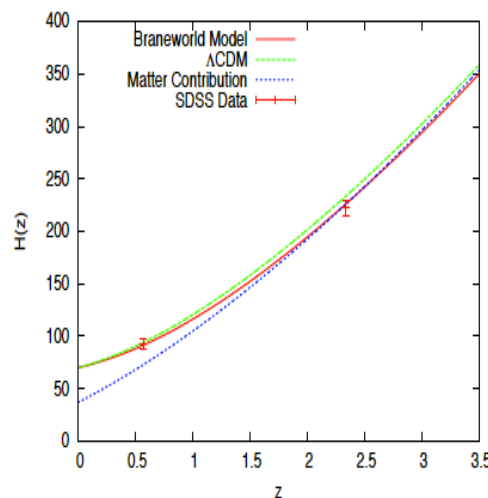
Important discovery if no systematic in the SDSS Quasar BAO data

Model Independent Evidence for Dark Energy Evolution from Baryon Acoustic Oscillation

$$Om h^2(z_1, z_2) = \frac{H^2(z_2) - H^2(z_1)}{(1+z_2)^3 - (1+z_1)^3} = \Omega_{0m} H_0^2$$

Sahni, Shafieloo, Starobinsky, ApJ Lett 2014

Only for LCDM



$$Om h^2 = 0.1426 \pm 0.0025$$

LCDM
+Planck+WP

$$Om h^2(z_1; z_2) = 0.124 \pm 0.045$$

$$Om h^2(z_1; z_3) = 0.122 \pm 0.010$$

$$Om h^2(z_2; z_3) = 0.122 \pm 0.012$$

BAO+H0

$$H(z = 0.00) = 70.6 \pm 3.3 \text{ km/sec/Mpc}$$

$$H(z = 0.57) = 92.4 \pm 4.5 \text{ km/sec/Mpc}$$

$$H(z = 2.34) = 222.0 \pm 7.0 \text{ km/sec/Mpc}$$

Om3

A null diagnostic customized for reconstructing the properties of dark energy directly from BAO data

$$Om3(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \frac{Om(z_2, z_1)}{Om(z_3, z_1)} = \frac{\frac{h^2(z_2) - h^2(z_1)}{(1+z_2)^3 - (1+z_1)^3}}{\frac{h^2(z_3) - h^2(z_1)}{(1+z_3)^3 - (1+z_1)^3}} = \frac{\frac{\frac{h^2(z_2)}{h^2(z_1)} - 1}{(1+z_2)^3 - (1+z_1)^3}}{\frac{\frac{h^2(z_3)}{h^2(z_1)} - 1}{(1+z_3)^3 - (1+z_1)^3}} = \frac{\frac{\frac{H^2(z_2)}{H_0^2} - 1}{(1+z_2)^3 - (1+z_1)^3}}{\frac{\frac{H^2(z_3)}{H_0^2} - 1}{(1+z_3)^3 - (1+z_1)^3}} = \frac{\frac{\frac{H^2(z_2)}{H^2(z_1)} - 1}{(1+z_2)^3 - (1+z_1)^3}}{\frac{\frac{H^2(z_3)}{H^2(z_1)} - 1}{(1+z_3)^3 - (1+z_1)^3}}$$

$$d(z) = \frac{r_s(z_{\text{CMB}})}{D_V(z)}$$

Observables

Shafieloo, Sahni, Starobinsky, PRD 2013

$$H(z_i; z_j) := \frac{H(z_i)}{H(z_j)} = \frac{z_i}{z_j} \left[\frac{D(z_i)}{D(z_j)} \right]^2 \left[\frac{D_V(z_j)}{D_V(z_i)} \right]^3 = \frac{z_i}{z_j} \left[\frac{D(z_i)}{D(z_j)} \right]^2 \left[\frac{d(z_i)}{d(z_j)} \right]^3,$$

Characteristics of Om3

Om is constant only for Flat LCDM model

Om3 is equal to one for Flat LCDM model

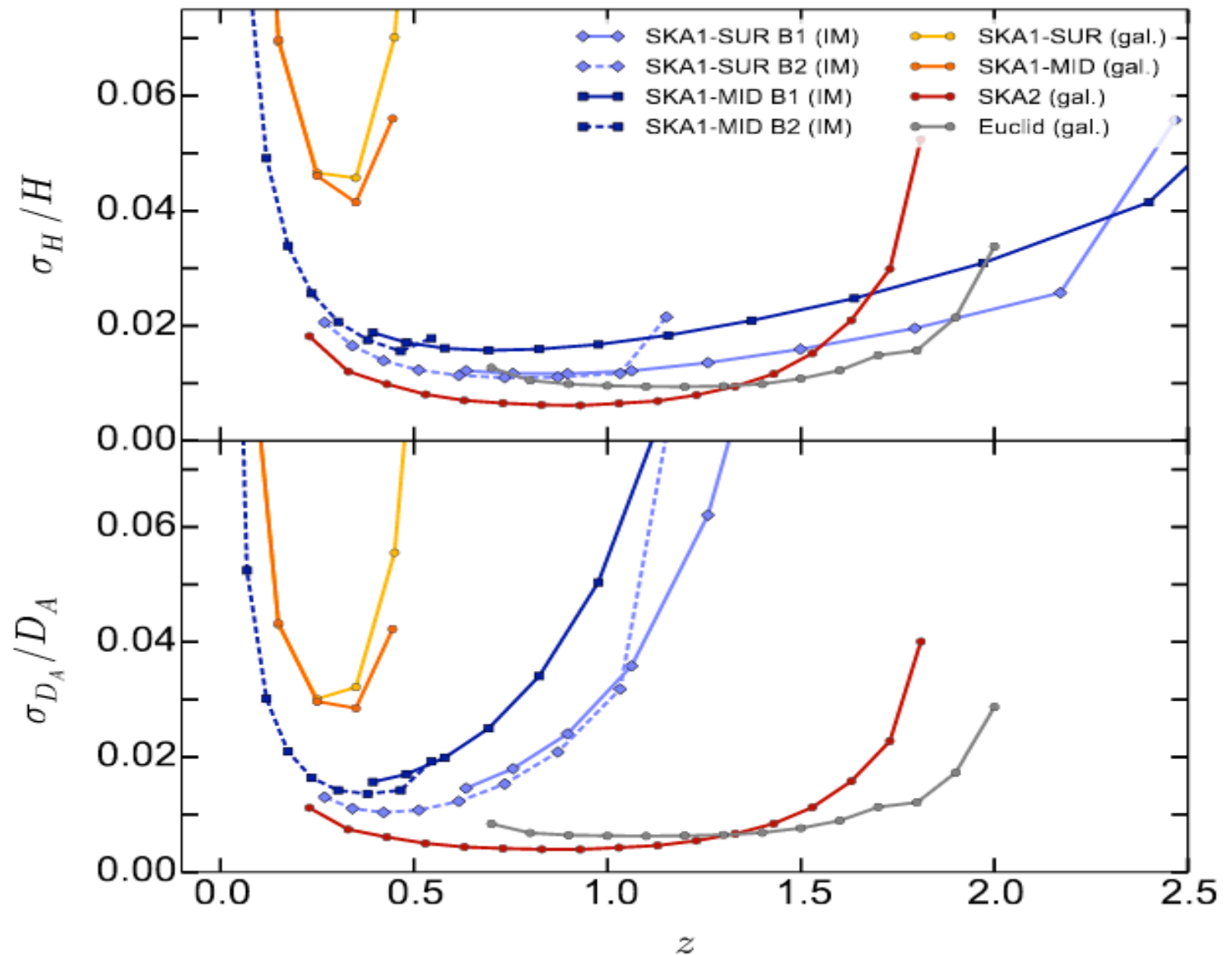
$$Om3(z_1; z_2; z_3) = \frac{H(z_2; z_1)^2 - 1}{x_2^3 - x_1^3} \bigg/ \frac{H(z_3; z_1)^2 - 1}{x_3^3 - x_1^3}, \quad \text{where } x = 1 + z,$$

$$H(z_i; z_j) = \left(\frac{z_j}{z_i} \right)^2 \left[\frac{D(z_i)}{D(z_j)} \right]^2 \left[\frac{A(z_j)}{A(z_i)} \right]^3 = \frac{z_i}{z_j} \left[\frac{D(z_i)}{D(z_j)} \right]^2 \left[\frac{d(z_i)}{d(z_j)} \right]^3,$$

Om3 is independent of H0 and the early universe models and can be derived directly using BAO observables.

Future perspective

P. Bull et al,
1501.04088



- Om3 will show its power as it can be measured very precisely and used as a powerful litmus test of Lambda.

$$\sigma_{Om3} \approx 1.0 \times 10^0 [WiggleZ]$$

$$\sigma_{Om3} \approx 2.0 \times 10^{-1} [DESI]$$

$$\sigma_{Om3} \approx 5.7 \times 10^{-1} [SKA1 - SUR(Gal)]$$

$$\sigma_{Om3} \approx 5.6 \times 10^{-1} [SKA1 - MID(Gal)]$$

$$\sigma_{Om3} \approx 4.0 \times 10^{-2} [SKA1 - MID(IM)]$$

$$\sigma_{Om3} \approx 2.5 \times 10^{-2} [SKA1 - SUR(IM)]$$

$$\sigma_{Om3} \approx 1.4 \times 10^{-2} [Euclid]$$

$$\sigma_{Om3} \approx 9.3 \times 10^{-3} [SKA2(Gal)]$$

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Standard Model of Cosmology

Universe is Flat

Universe is Isotropic

Universe is Homogeneous (large scales)

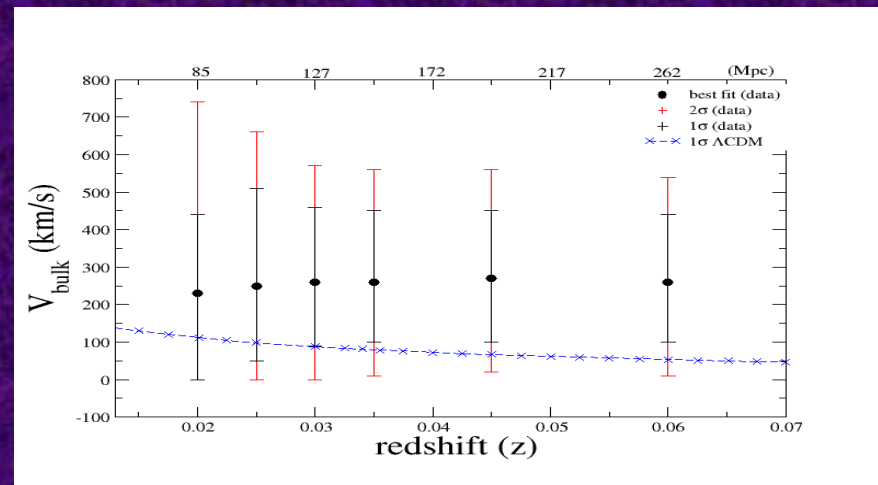
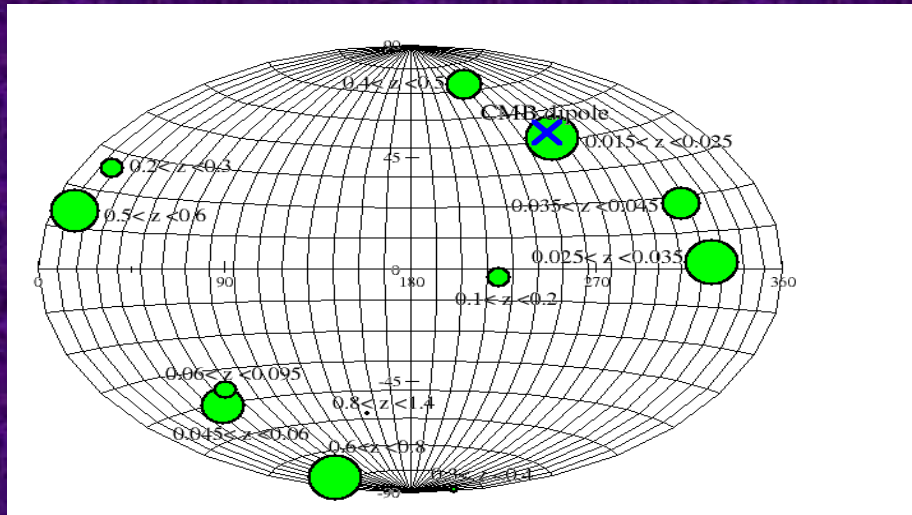
Dark Energy is Lambda ($w=-1$)

Power-Law primordial spectrum ($n_s=\text{const}$)

Dark Matter is cold

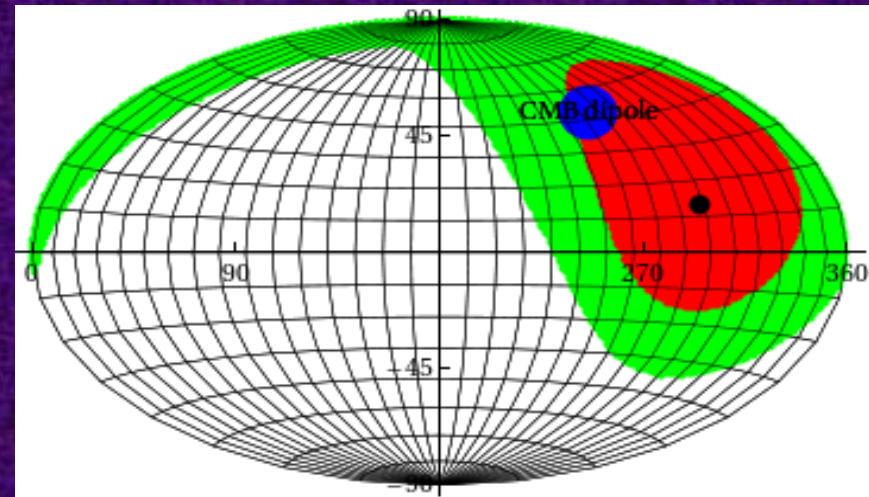
All within framework of FLRW

Falsification: Is Universe Isotropic?



Method of Smoothed Residuals

- Residual Analysis,
- Tomographic Analysis,
- 2D Gaussian Smoothing,
- Frequentist Approach
- Insensitive to non-uniform distribution of the data



Measuring cosmic bulk flows with Type Ia Supernovae from the Nearby Supernova Factory

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ABSTRACT

Context. Our Local Group of galaxies appears to be moving relative to the cosmic microwave background with the source of the peculiar motion still uncertain. While in the past this has been studied mostly using galaxies as distance indicators, the weight of type Ia supernovae (SNe Ia) has increased recently with the continuously improving statistics of available low-redshift supernovae.

Aims. We measured the bulk flow in the nearby universe ($0.015 < z < 0.1$) using 117 SNe Ia observed by the Nearby Supernova Factory, as well as the Union2 compilation of SN Ia data already in the literature.

Methods. The bulk flow velocity was determined from SN data binned in redshift shells by including a coherent motion (dipole) in a cosmological fit. Additionally, a method of spatially smoothing the Hubble residuals was used to verify the results of the dipole fit. To constrain the location and mass of a potential mass concentration (e.g., the Shapley supercluster) responsible for the peculiar motion, we fit a Hubble law modified by adding an additional mass concentration.

Results. The analysis shows a bulk flow that is consistent with the direction of the CMB dipole up to $z \sim 0.06$, thereby doubling the volume over which conventional distance measures are sensitive to a bulk flow. We see no significant turnover behind the center of the Shapley supercluster. A simple attractor model in the proximity of the Shapley supercluster is only marginally consistent with our

Method of Smoothed Residuals is well received and was used recently by Supernovae Factory collaboration

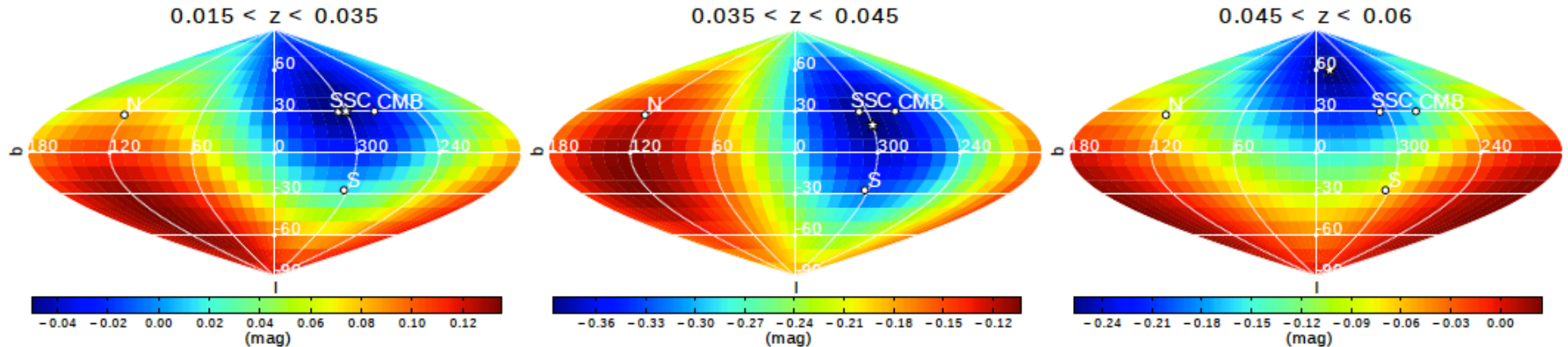


Fig. 3. Magnitude residuals of SNe Ia from the combined Union2 and SN_{FACTORY} dataset as a function of galactic coordinates (l, b) after smoothing with a Gaussian window function of width $\delta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ in the redshift range $0.015 < z < 0.035$ (left), $0.035 < z < 0.045$ (middle) and $0.045 < z < 0.06$ (right). The bulk flow direction is marked by a star.

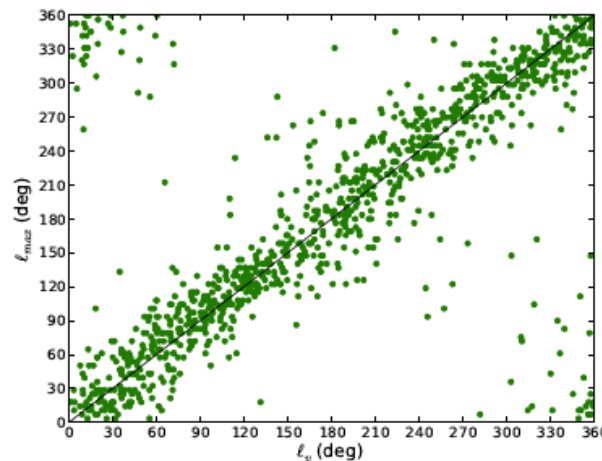
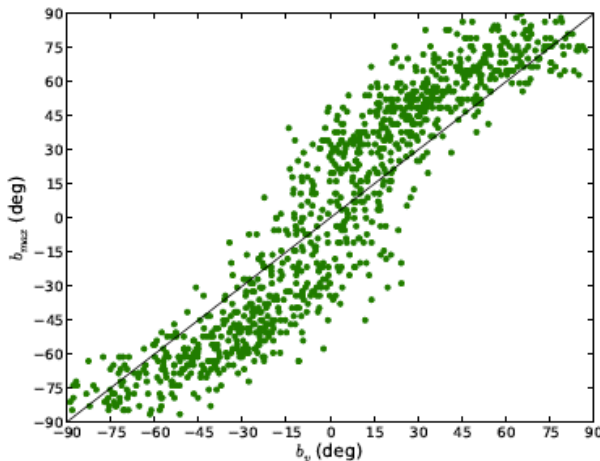
Catalog	$0.015 \leq z < 0.025$	$0.025 \leq z < 0.035$	$0.035 \leq z < 0.045$	$0.045 \leq z < 0.06$	$0.06 \leq z < 0.1$
Union 2.1	61	51	15	17	19
Constitution	53	40	11	12	8
LOSS	76	64	23	17	19
Combined	98	67	22	27	12

Δz	Catalog	b_{\max}	ℓ_{\max}	p	Δz	Catalog	b_{\max}	ℓ_{\max}	p
$0.015 \leq z < 0.025$	Union 2.1	49°	259°	0.084	$0.015 < z \leq 0.025$	Union 2.1	49°	259°	0.084
	Const (SALT II)	20°	284°	0.624		Const (SALT II)	20°	284°	0.624
	Const (MLCS 17)	67°	241°	0.692		Const (MLCS 17)	67°	241°	0.692
	LOSS	4°	247°	0.412		LOSS	4°	247°	0.412
	Combined	27°	241°	0.179		Combined	27°	241°	0.179
$0.025 \leq z < 0.035$	Union 2.1	-29°	289°	0.665	$0.015 < z \leq 0.035$	Union 2.1	29°	274°	0.166
	Const (SALT II)	36°	320°	0.271		Const (SALT II)	27°	322°	0.201
	Const (MLCS 17)	40°	313°	0.202		Const (MLCS 17)	52°	288°	0.201
	LOSS	38°	320°	0.156		LOSS	39°	283°	0.177
	Combined	56°	328°	0.339		Combined	41°	266°	0.119
$0.035 \leq z < 0.045$	Union 2.1	27°	320°	0.172	$0.015 < z \leq 0.045$	Union 2.1	31°	284°	0.063
	Const (SALT II)	25°	306°	0.672		Const (SALT II)	27°	301°	0.123
	Const (MLCS 17)	36°	316°	0.192		Const (MLCS 17)	49°	299°	0.083
	LOSS	-27°	292°	0.534		LOSS	20°	284°	0.149
	Combined	11°	313°	0.381		Combined	38°	276°	0.070
$0.045 \leq z < 0.06$	Union 2.1	-49°	58°	0.412	$0.015 < z \leq 0.06$	Union 2.1	25°	295°	0.198
	Const (SALT II)	-54°	55°	0.572		Const (SALT II)	22°	310°	0.216
	Const (MLCS 17)	-59°	68°	0.074		Const (MLCS 17)	38°	315°	0.372
	LOSS	54°	3°	0.457		LOSS	22°	288°	0.159
	Combined	-12°	94°	0.495		Combined	39°	281°	0.176
$0.06 \leq z < 0.1$	Union 2.1	-5°	43°	0.426	$0.015 < z \leq 0.1$	Union 2.1	25°	306°	0.295
	Const (SALT II)	54°	32°	0.574		Const (SALT II)	27°	317°	0.197
	Const (MLCS 17)	-4°	65°	0.352		Const (MLCS 17)	41°	342°	0.431
	LOSS	52°	349°	0.532		LOSS	27°	295°	0.114
	Combined	-54°	65°	0.788		Combined	36°	280°	0.270

Method of Smoothed Residuals

New Results and Bias Control

Δz	p_A	p_B
$0.015 \leq z < 0.025$	0.179	0.371
$0.015 \leq z < 0.035$	0.119	0.355
$0.015 \leq z < 0.045$	0.070	0.290
$0.015 \leq z < 0.060$	0.176	0.412
$0.015 \leq z < 0.100$	0.270	0.531



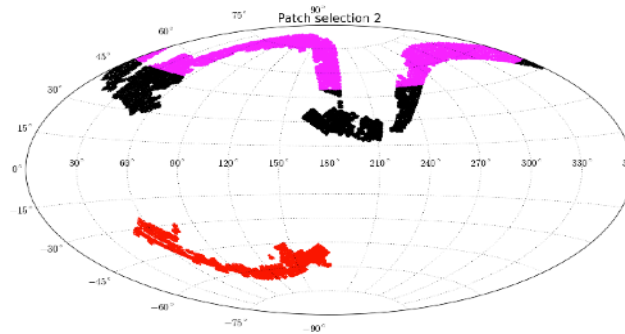
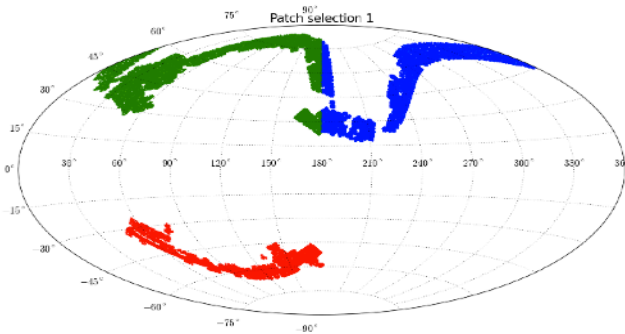
Bias in the Sky

$V_{\text{bulk}}(\text{kms}^{-1})$	North ($b_v > 20^\circ$)		South ($b_v < -20^\circ$)	
	$(\Delta b, \Delta \ell)$	$(\delta b, \delta \ell)$	$(\Delta b, \Delta \ell)$	$(\delta b, \delta \ell)$
400	(13°, -3°)	(14°, 28°)	(-12°, 2°)	(14°, 29°)
800	(15°, -4°)	(9°, 22°)	(-13°, 2°)	(9°, 21°)

Appleby, Shafieloo, JCAP 2014

Appleby, Shafieloo, Johnson, ApJ 2015

Falsification: **Testing Isotropy of the Universe in Matter Dominated Era through** **Lyman Alpha forest**



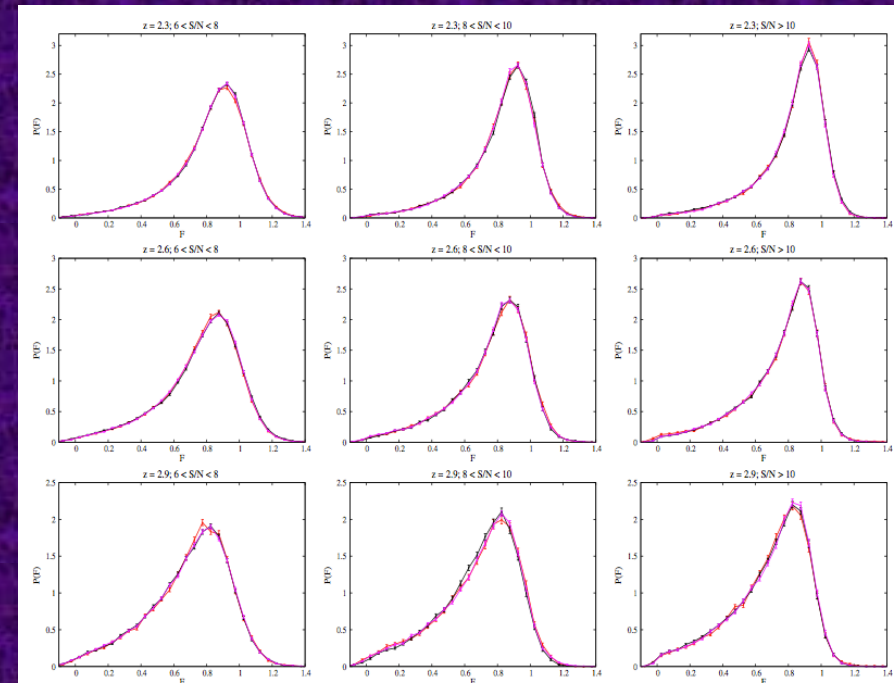
Redshift range(z)	SNR	$\bar{F} \pm \Delta F$
2.15 – 2.45 ($\bar{z} = 2.3$)	6 – 8	$0.826^{+0.154}_{-0.375}$
	8 – 10	$0.822^{+0.138}_{-0.405}$
	> 10	$0.819^{+0.129}_{-0.487}$
2.45 – 2.75 ($\bar{z} = 2.6$)	6 – 8	$0.762^{+0.172}_{-0.39}$
	8 – 10	$0.758^{+0.159}_{-0.427}$
	> 10	$0.756^{+0.152}_{-0.454}$
2.75 – 3.05 ($\bar{z} = 2.9$)	6 – 8	$0.69^{+0.191}_{-0.377}$
	8 – 10	$0.687^{+0.181}_{-0.396}$
	> 10	$0.686^{+0.176}_{-0.413}$

→ Comparing statistical properties of the PDF of the Lyman-alpha transmitted flux in different patches

→ Different redshift bins and different signal to noise

→ Results for BOSS DR9 quasar sample
Results consistent to Isotropy

Hazra and Shafieloo, JCAP 2015



Falsification: Test of Statistical Isotropy in CMB

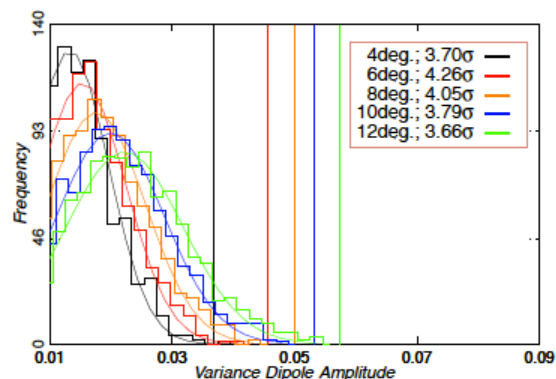


FIG. 3.— Histograms of the local-variance dipole amplitudes from the 1000 FFP6 simulations for disk radii 4° , 6° , 8° , 10° and 12° , together with the best-fit Gaussian distributions in all cases. Vertical lines indicate the corresponding amplitudes measured from the Planck data. The legend shows the rough estimates of detection significances derived from the Gaussian fits.

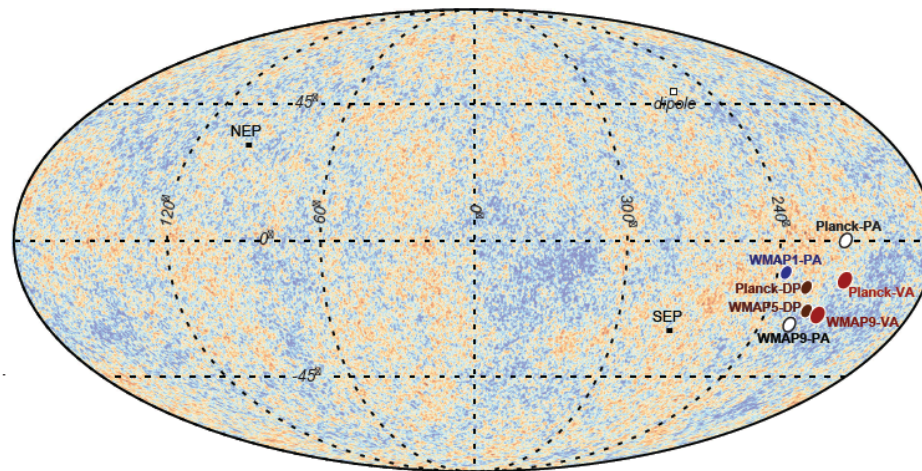


FIG. 6.— Asymmetry directions found in this work by analyzing the local variance of the WMAP 9-year and Planck 2013 data [denoted by *WMAP9-VA* and *Planck-VA*], as well as the directions found previously from the latest likelihood analyses of the dipole modulation model [denoted by *WMAP5-DP* (Hoftuft *et al.* 2009) and *Planck-DP* (Ade *et al.* 2013a)] and the local-power spectrum analyses [denoted by *WMAP1-PA* (Eriksen *et al.* 2004), *WMAP9-PA* (Axelsson *et al.* 2013) and *Planck-PA* (Ade *et al.* 2013a)] for the WMAP and Planck data.

Using Local Variance to Test Statistical Isotropy in CMB maps

→Based on Crossing Statistic

→Residual Analysis,

→Real Space Analysis

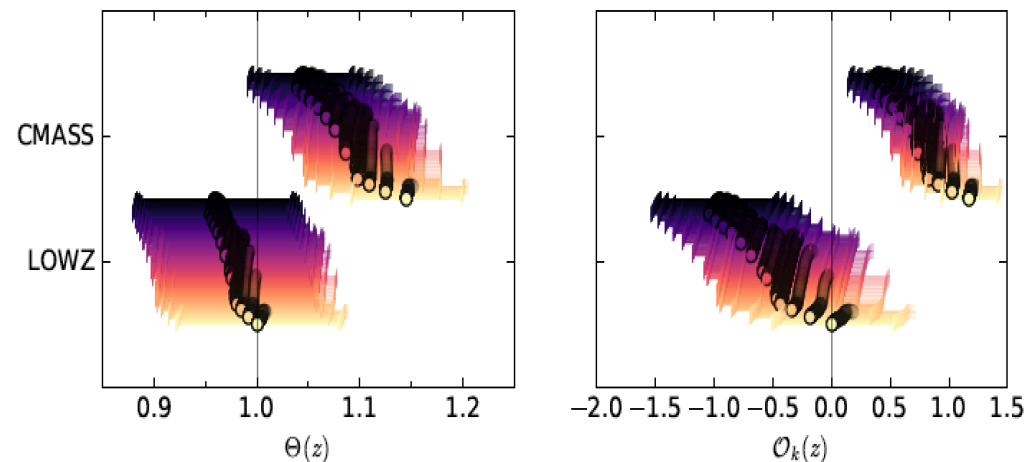
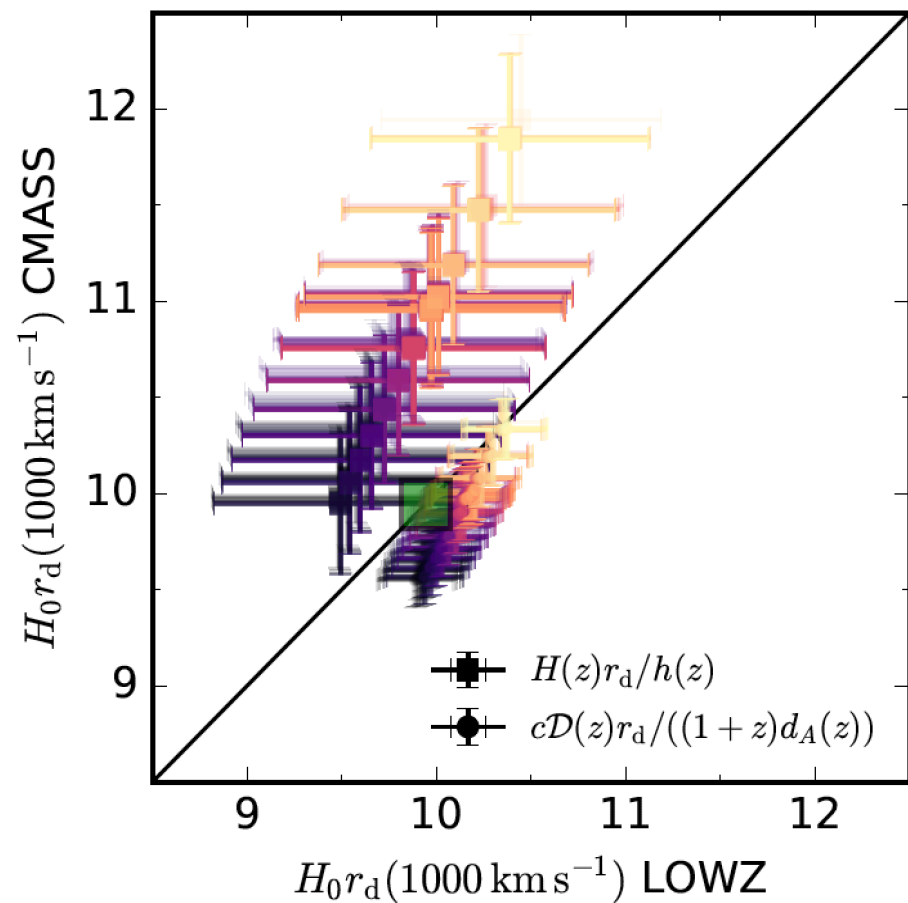
→ Low Sensitivity to Systematics

→2D Adaptive Gaussian Smoothing

→Frequentist Approach

TABLE 1
ASYMMETRY DIRECTIONS

Map	(l, b) [$^\circ$]	Significance or p -value	Reference
Planck-VA	(212, -13)	0/1000	present work
WMAP9-VA	(219, -24)	10/1000	present work
Planck-DP	(227, -15)	3.5σ	Ade <i>et al.</i> (2013a)
WMAP5-DP	(224, -22)	3.3σ	Hoftuft <i>et al.</i> (2009)
Planck-PA	(224, 0)	0/500	Ade <i>et al.</i> (2013a)
WMAP9-PA	(227, -27)	7/10000	Axelsson <i>et al.</i> (2013)



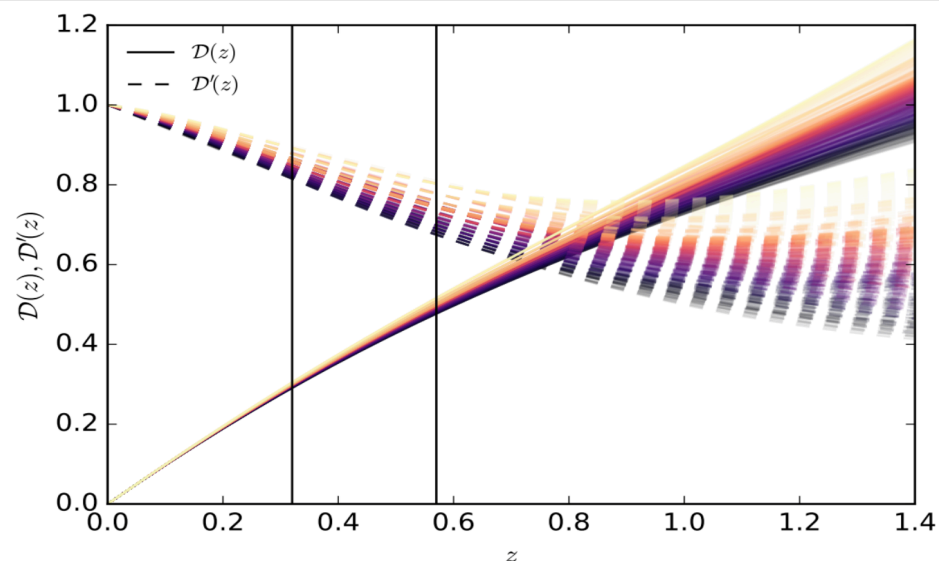
Curvature and Metric Test by combining observables of SN and BAO data

L'Huillier and Shafieloo, arXiv:1606.06832

Shafieloo & Clarkson, PRD 2010

Wiltshire, PRD 2009

Clarkson, Bassett, Lu, PRL 2008



$$\Theta(z) = \frac{1+z}{c} \left(H(z) r_d \frac{d_A(z)}{r_d} \right) \left(\frac{\mathcal{D}'(z)}{\mathcal{D}(z)} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_k(z) = \frac{\Theta^2(z) - 1}{\mathcal{D}^2(z)},$$

$$\Theta(z) \equiv h(z) \mathcal{D}'(z) = \frac{H(z)}{H_0} \mathcal{D}'(z) = 1.$$

Modeling the deviation

Testing deviations from an assumed model

Gaussian Processes:

Modeling of the data around a mean function searching for likely features by looking at the the likelihood space of the hyperparameters.

Bayesian Interpretation of Crossing Statistic:

Comparing a model with its own possible variations.

REACT:

Risk Estimation and Adaptation after Coordinate Transformation

Gaussian Process

- Efficient in statistical modeling of stochastic variables
- Derivatives of Gaussian Processes are Gaussian Processes
- Provides us with all covariance matrices

Holsclaw et al, PRD 2011
Shafieloo, Kim & Linder, PRD 2012
Shafieloo, Kim & Linder, PRD 2013

Data

Mean Function

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ f \\ f' \\ f'' \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{bmatrix} m(Z) \\ m(Z_1) \\ m'(Z_1) \\ m''(Z_1) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}(Z, Z) & \Sigma_{00}(Z, Z_1) & \Sigma_{01}(Z, Z_1) & \Sigma_{02}(Z, Z_1) \\ \Sigma_{00}(Z_1, Z) & \Sigma_{00}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{01}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{02}(Z_1, Z_1) \\ \Sigma_{10}(Z_1, Z) & \Sigma_{10}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{11}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{12}(Z_1, Z_1) \\ \Sigma_{20}(Z_1, Z) & \Sigma_{20}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{21}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{22}(Z_1, Z_1) \end{bmatrix} \right),$$

$$\Sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{d^{(\alpha+\beta)} K}{dz_i^\alpha dz_j^\beta},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{f} \\ \bar{f}' \\ \bar{f}'' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m(Z_1) \\ m'(Z_1) \\ m''(Z_1) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}(Z_1, Z) \\ \Sigma_{10}(Z_1, Z) \\ \Sigma_{20}(Z_1, Z) \end{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}^{-1}(Z, Z) y$$

Kernel

$$k(z, z') = \sigma_f^2 \exp \left(-\frac{|z - z'|^2}{2l^2} \right),$$

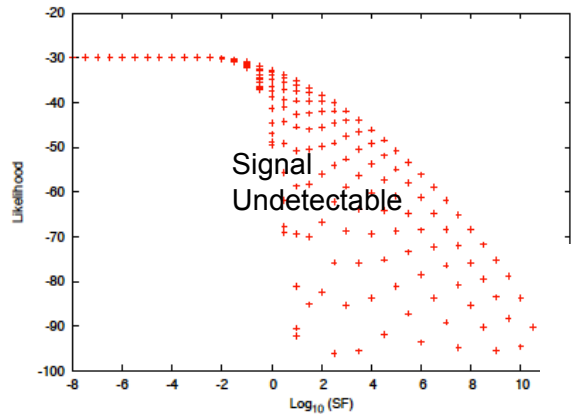
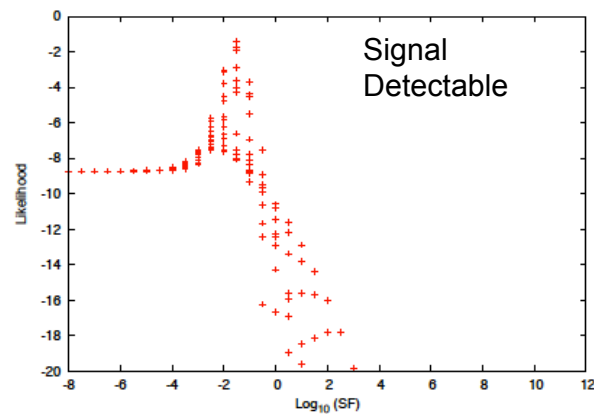
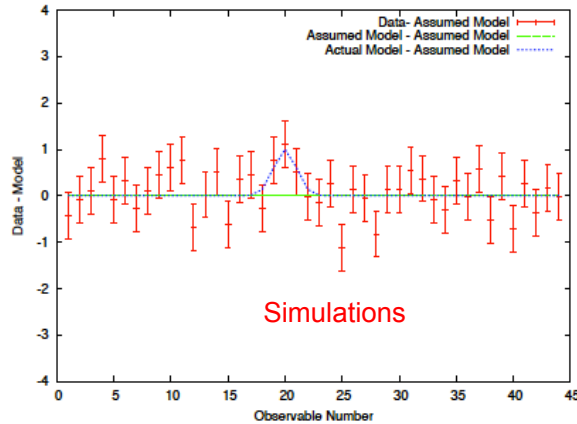
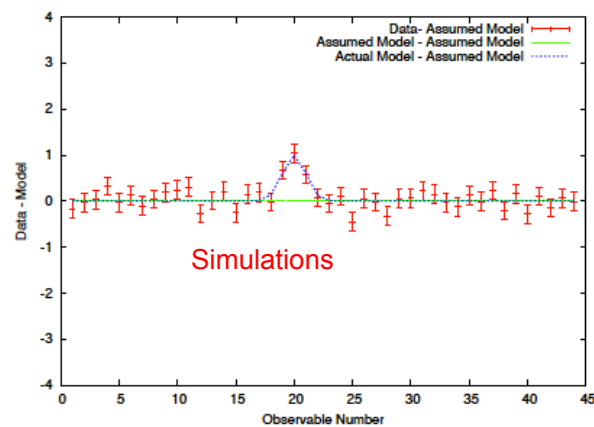
GP Hyper-parameters

$$\text{Cov} \left(\begin{bmatrix} f \\ f' \\ f'' \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{01}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{02}(Z_1, Z_1) \\ \Sigma_{10}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{11}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{12}(Z_1, Z_1) \\ \Sigma_{20}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{21}(Z_1, Z_1) & \Sigma_{22}(Z_1, Z_1) \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}(Z_1, Z) \\ \Sigma_{10}(Z_1, Z) \\ \Sigma_{20}(Z_1, Z) \end{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}^{-1}(Z, Z) [\Sigma_{00}(Z, Z_1), \Sigma_{01}(Z, Z_1), \Sigma_{02}(Z, Z_1)].$$

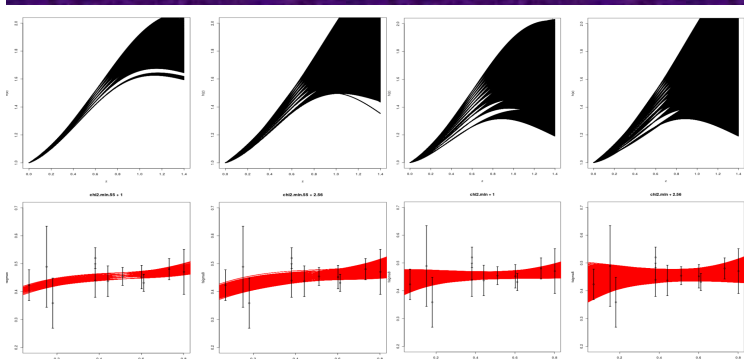
$$2 \ln p(y|f) = -y^T \Sigma_{00}(Z, Z)^{-1} y - \ln \det \Sigma_{00}(Z, Z) - n \ln(2\pi),$$

GP Likelihood

Detection of the features in the residuals

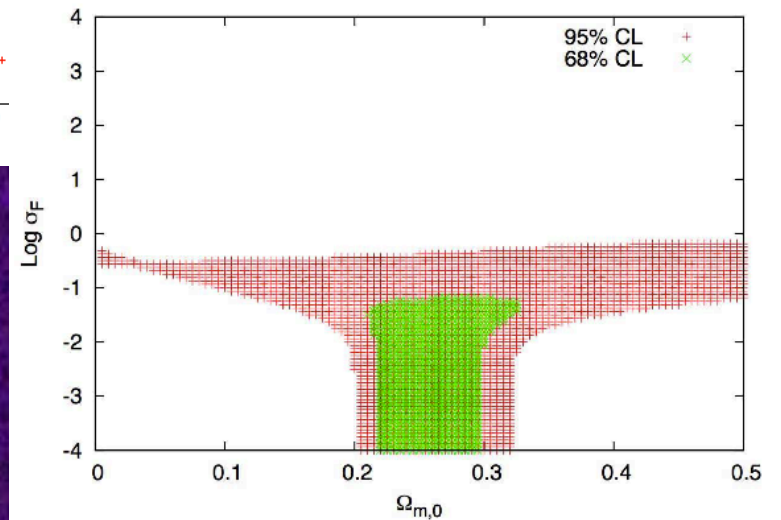


GP to test GR
Shafieloo, Kim, Linder, PRD 2013



*Cosmic Growth
vs Expansion*

Aghamousa,
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Crossing Statistic (Bayesian Interpretation)

Theoretical model

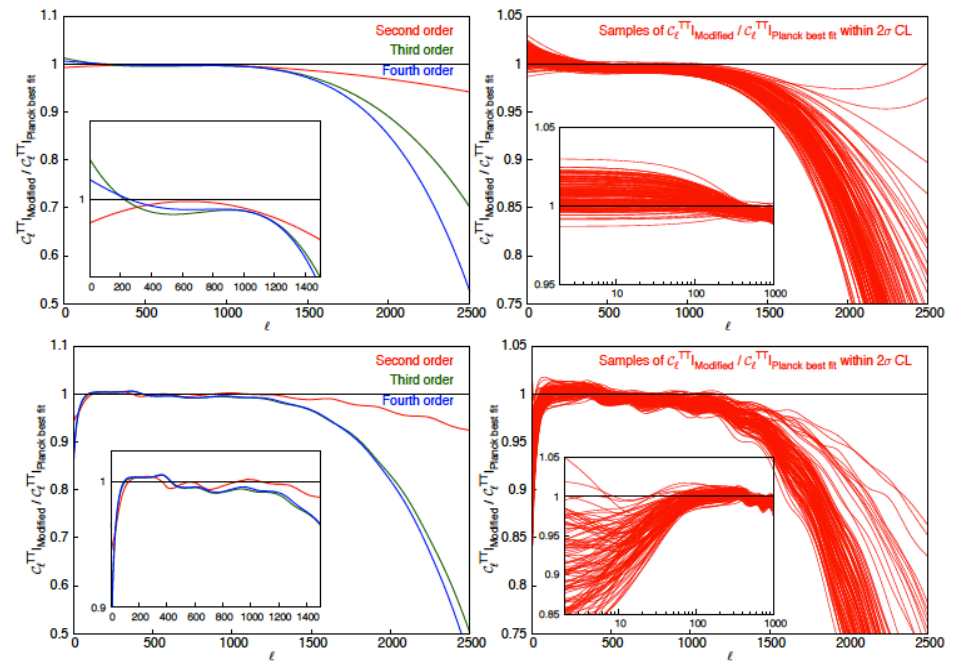
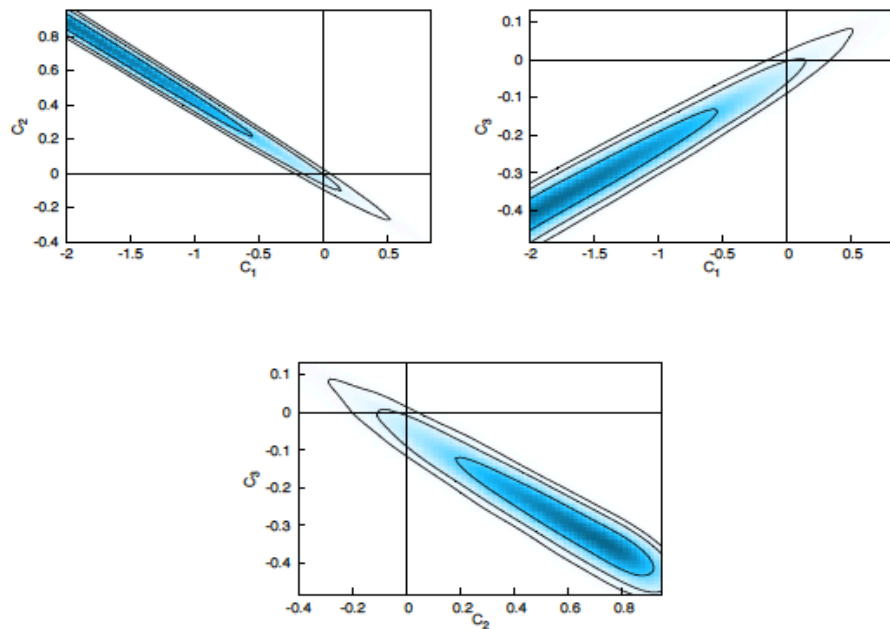
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Confronting the concordance model of cosmology with Planck 2013 data

Hazra and Shafieloo, JCAP 2014

Consistent only at 2~3 sigma CL



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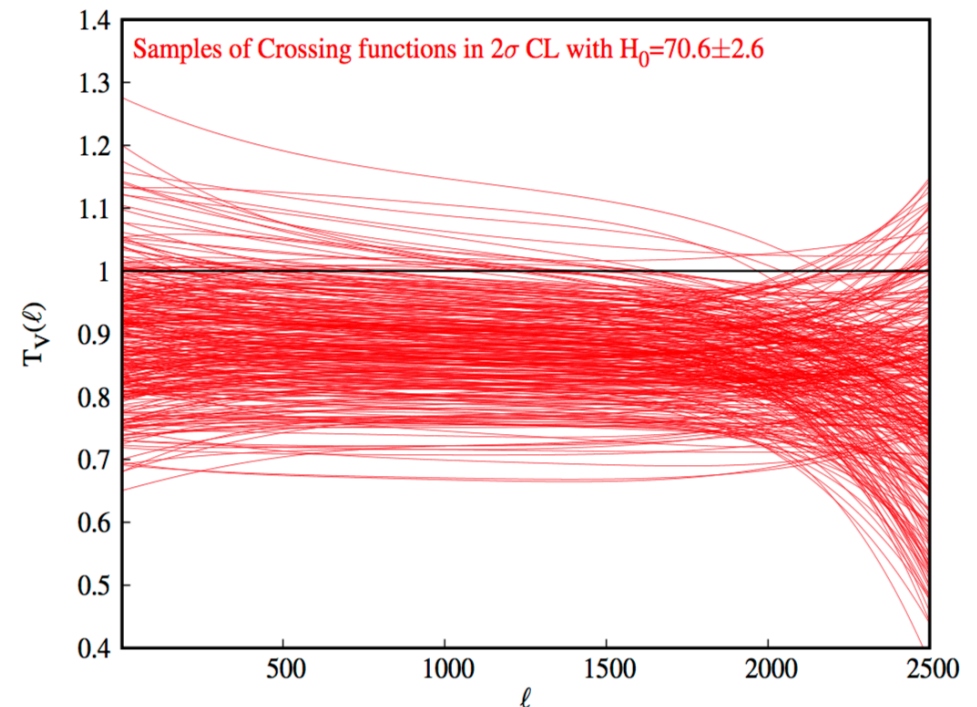
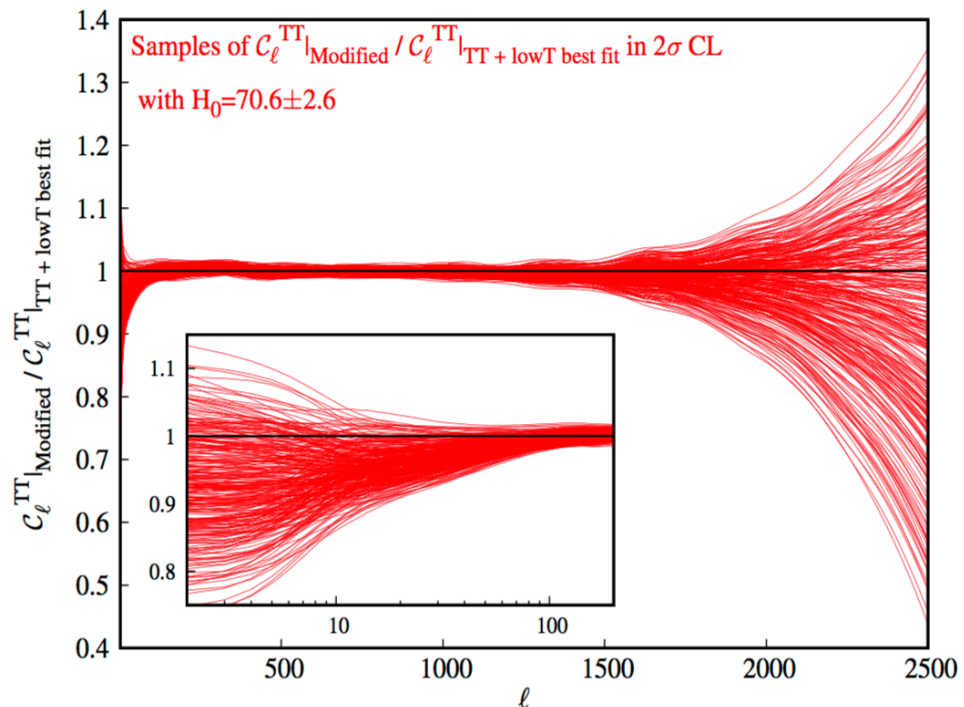
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Hazra and Shafieloo, arXiv:1610.07402

Completely Consistent



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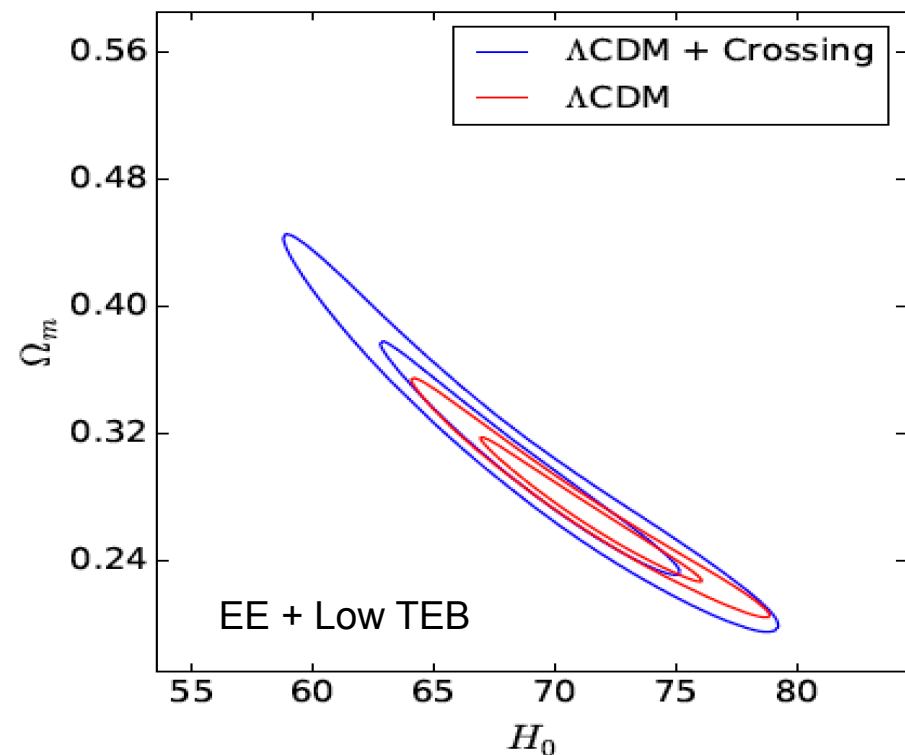
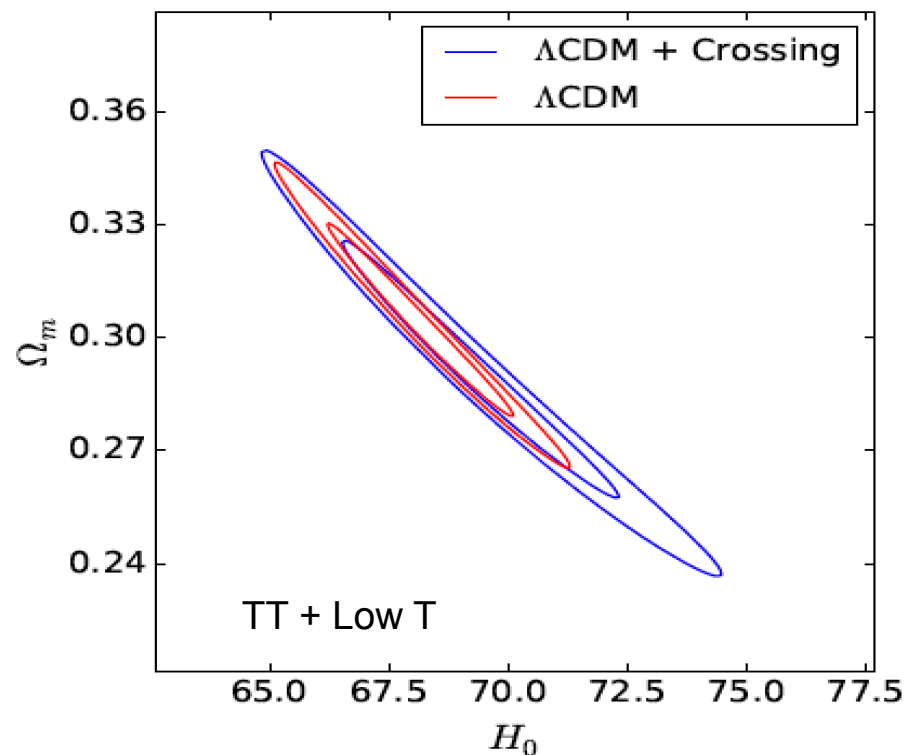
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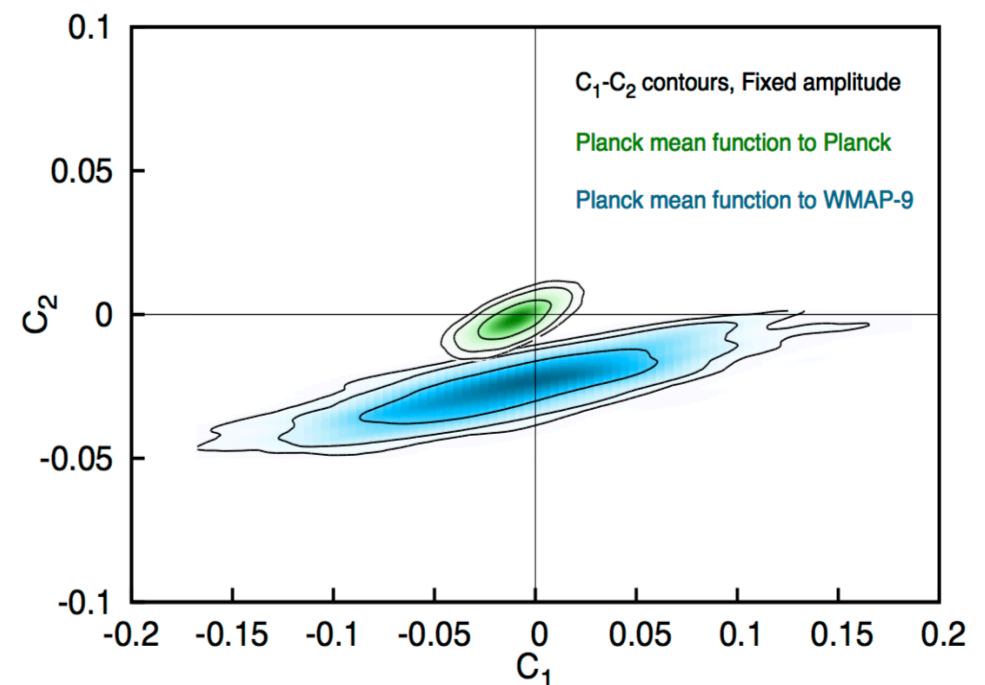
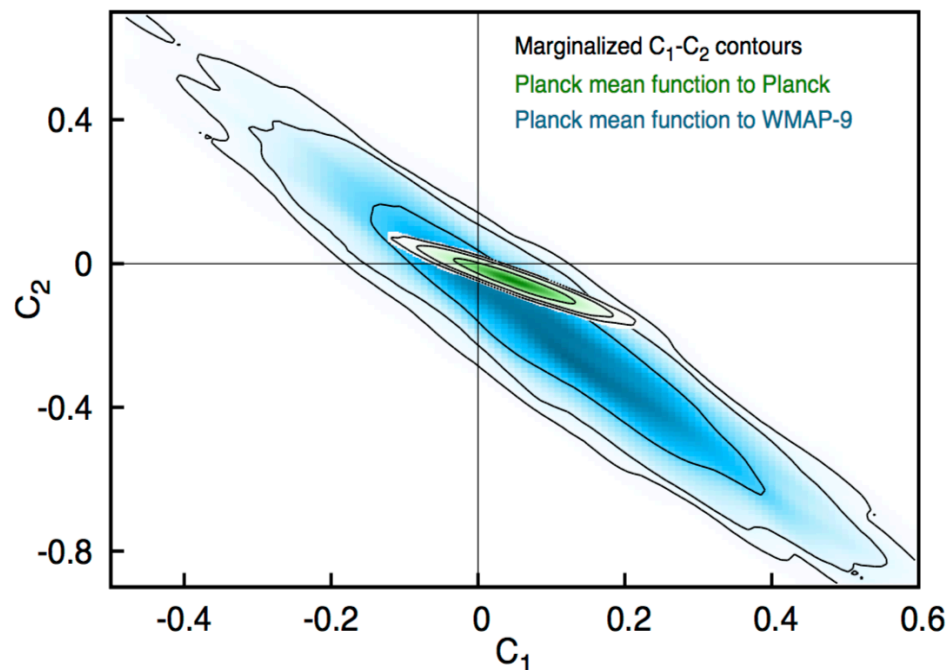
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Test of consistency between Planck and WMAP

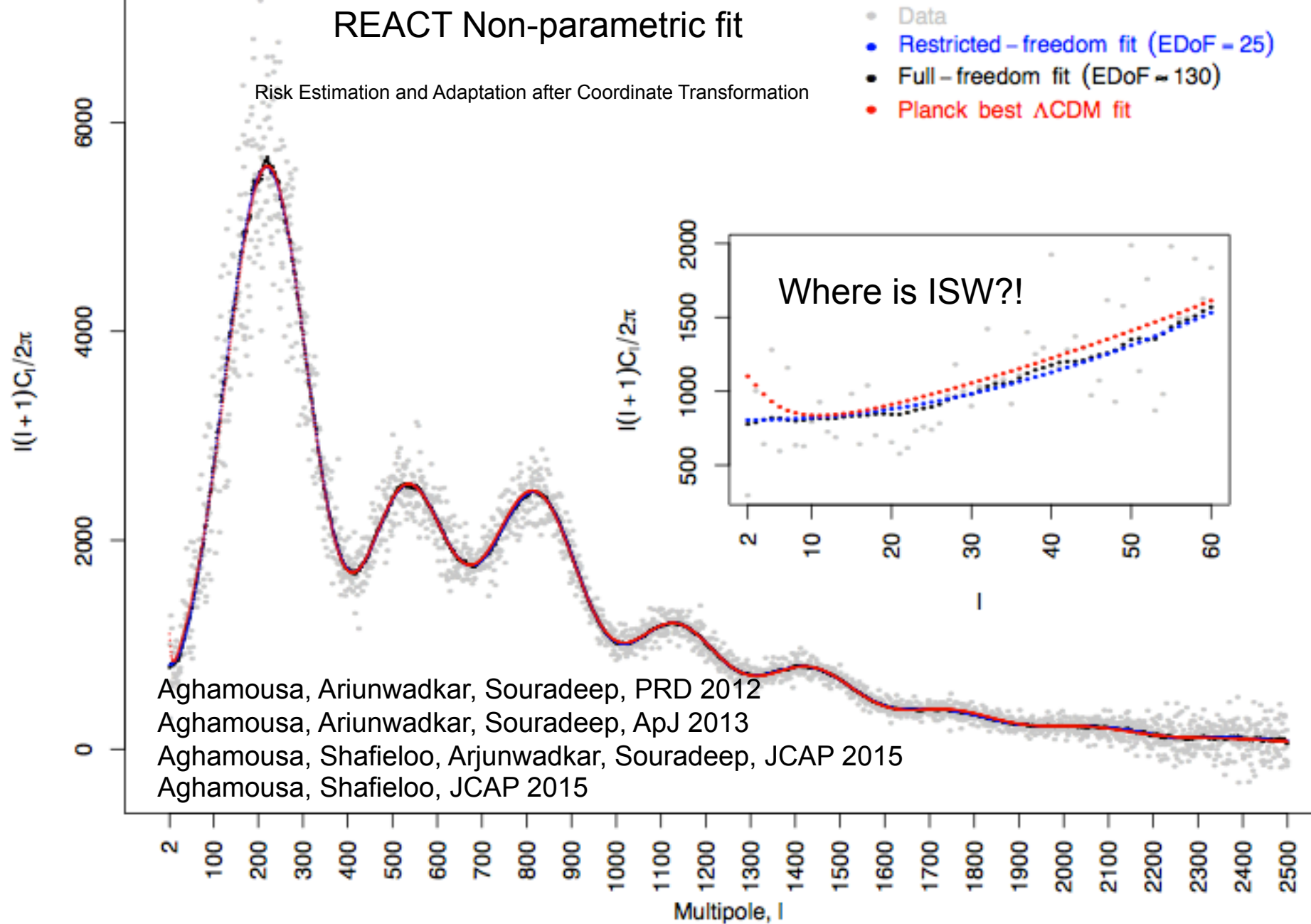
Hazra and Shafieloo, PRD 2014

Amplitude discrepancy!
(issue was later on resolved)



REACT Non-parametric fit

Risk Estimation and Adaptation after Coordinate Transformation



Conclusion

- The current standard model of cosmology seems to work fine but this does not mean all the other models are wrong. Data is not yet good enough to distinguish between various models.
- Using parametric methods and model fitting is tricky and we may miss features in the data. Non-parametric methods of reconstruction can guide theorist to model special features.
- First target can be testing different aspects of the standard 'Vanilla' model. If it is not '*Lambda*' dark energy or power-law primordial spectrum then we can look further. It is possible to focus the power of the data for the purpose of the falsification. Next generation of astronomical/cosmological observations, (DESI, Euclid, SKA, LSST, WFIRST etc) will make it clear about the status of the concordance model.

Conclusion (Large Scales)

- Still something like 96% of the universe is missing. Something might be fundamentally wrong.
- We can (will) describe the constituents and pattern of the universe (soon). But still we do not understand it. Next challenge is to move from inventory to understanding, by the help of new generation of experiments.



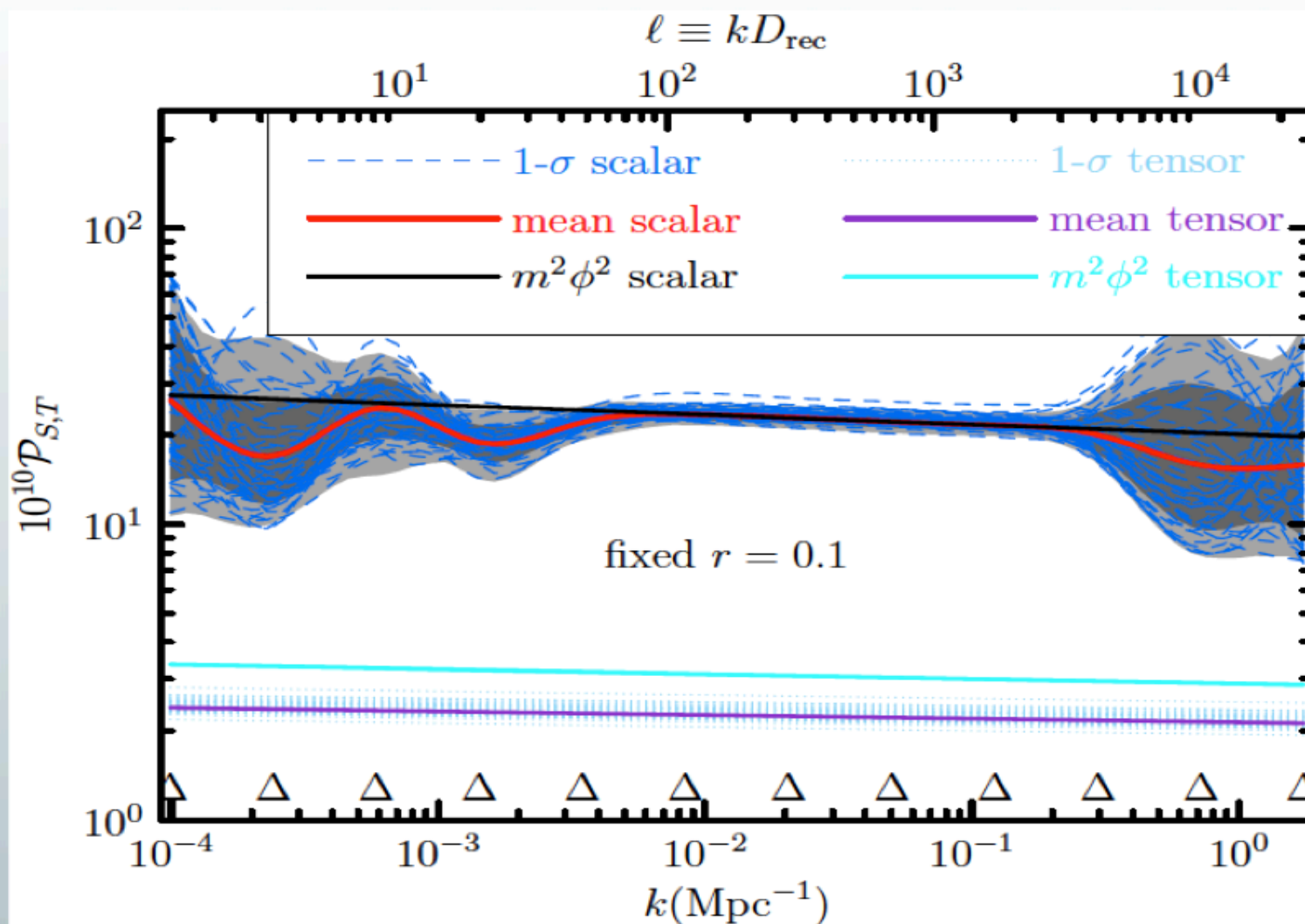
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Power spectra reconstruction



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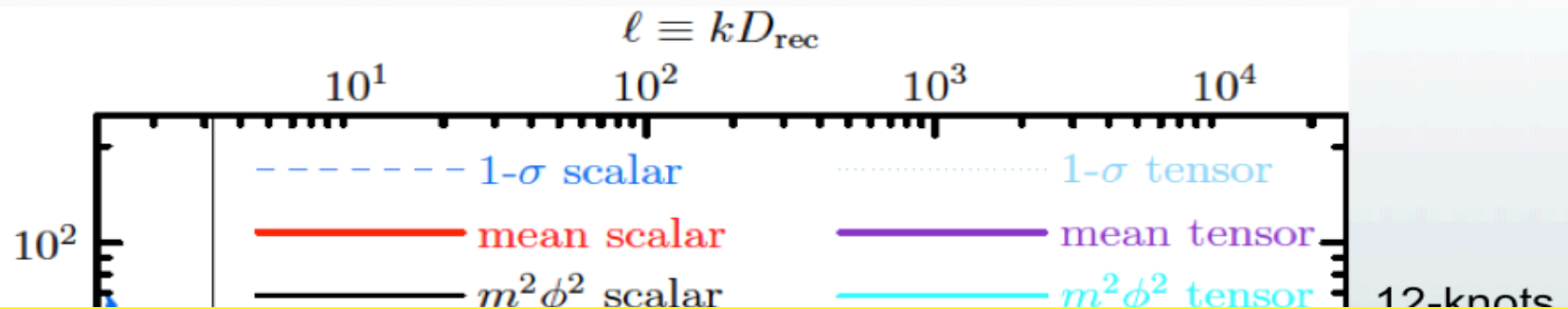
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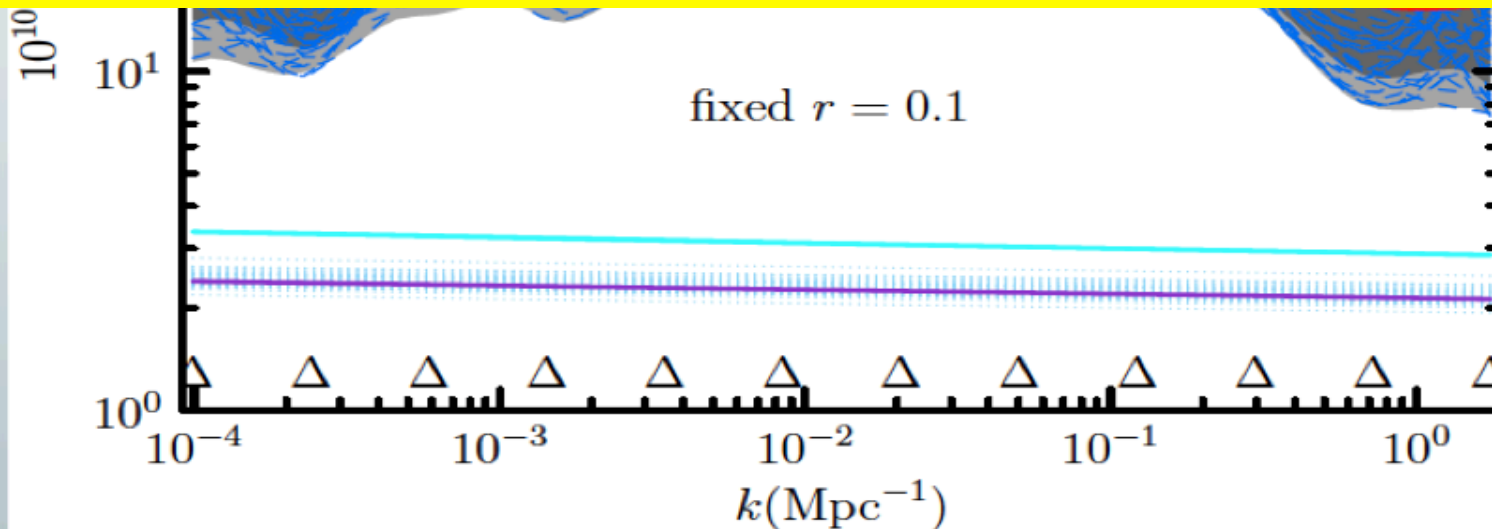


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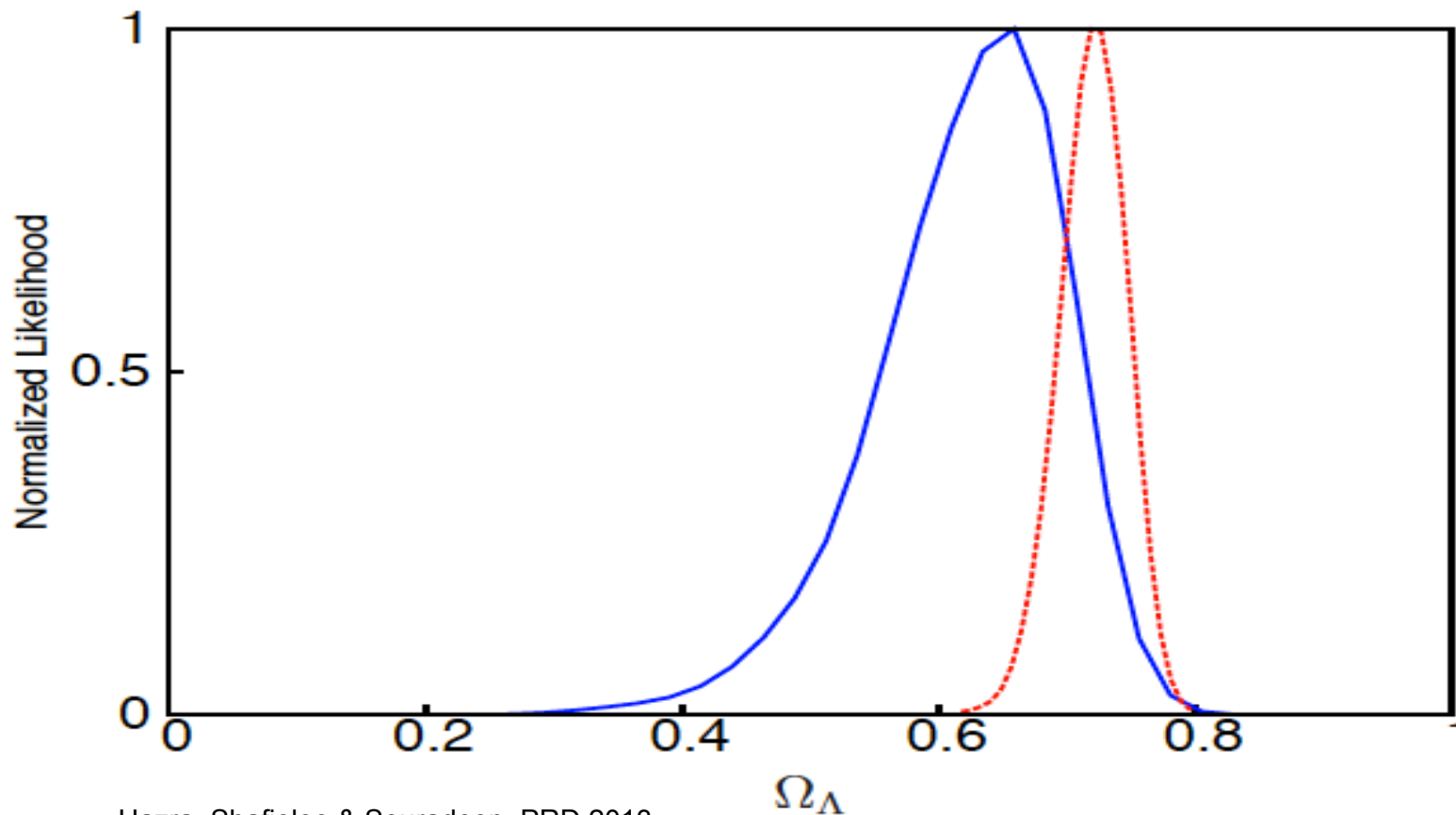
Planck likelihood codes are released but not the data in a usable form in practice. Struggle is going on.....

TT+lowP
+BAO+JLA
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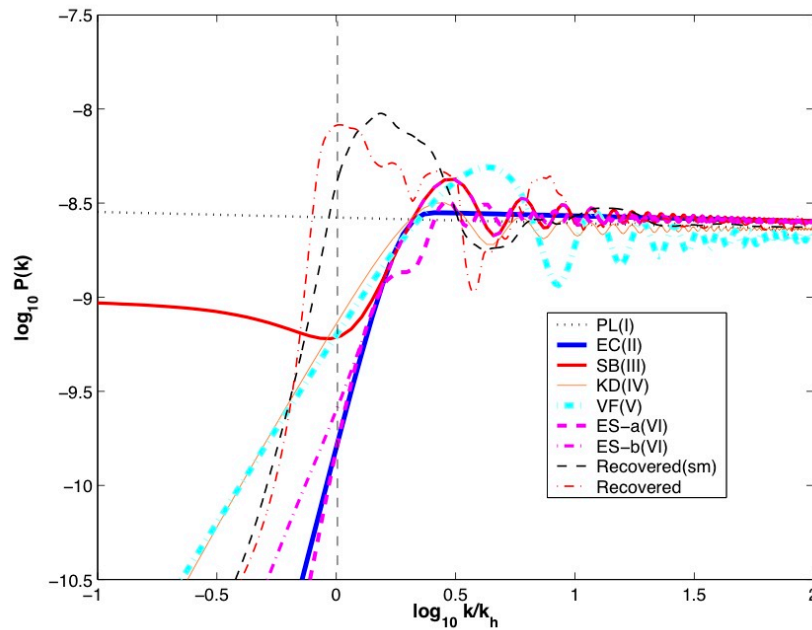
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First strong Indication towards Dark Energy using CMB data alone with no prior on Hubble parameter or form of the primordial spectrum.



Hazra, Shafieloo & Souradeep, PRD 2013

The one dimensional marginalized likelihood of dark energy density Ω_Λ obtained using free form of primordial spectrum (in solid blue line) and using power law (in dashed red line). $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$ is clearly not favored by the data even if we allow a power spectra free of forms. Quantitatively, in 4σ the data rules out $\Omega_\Lambda < 0.25$. This is probably the first indication towards presence of dark energy with a very high confidence using CMB data alone.



Starobinsky (1992)

Kink in the potential

Vilenkin and Ford (1982)

Pre-inflationary radiation dominated era

Contaldi et al, (2003)

Pre-inflationary kinetic dominated era

Cline et al, (2003)

Exponential cut off

Shafieloo & Souradeep (PRD 2004)

Direct Reconstruction

*Theoretical Implication:
Importance of the
Features in the
primordial spectrum*

TABLE II: Best fit values of parameters specifying the initial power spectrum (k_* , α , R_* , n_s) and other relevant cosmological parameters for a class of model power spectra with a infrared cutoff (dataset used: WMAP TT data).

Parameter	Expo-cutoff EC(II)	Starobinsky SB(III)	Kin. Dom. KD(IV)	VF VF(V)	Expo-staro(a) [†] ES-a(VI)	Expo-staro(b) [‡] ES-b(VI)	Power Law PL(I)
$k_*(\times 10^{-4})\text{Mpc}^{-1}$	$3.0^{+4.8}_{-2.9}$	$3.1^{+5.8}_{-2.8}$	$3.5^{+3.0}_{-3.3}$	$0.4^{+0.7}_{-0.3}$	$3.0^{+0.5}_{-2.0}$	$3.1^{+5.8}_{-2.1}$	—
α	$9.6^{+0.3}_{-8.6}$	—	—	—	$0.58^{+4.6}_{-0.43}$	$0.72^{+9.1}_{-0.55}$	—
R_*	—	$0.73^{+0.25}_{-0.14}$	—	—	$0.17^{+0.80}_{-0.15}$	$0.35^{+0.63}_{-0.20}$	—
n_s	$0.95^{+0.16}_{-0.03}$	$0.98^{+0.14}_{-0.07}$	$1.4^{+0.09}_{-0.90}$	$1.0^{+0.04}_{-0.15}$	$0.96^{+0.15}_{-0.08}$	$0.99^{+0.08}_{-0.12}$	$0.96^{+0.30}_{-0.05}$
τ	$0.014^{+0.37}_{-0.004}$	$0.15^{+0.25}_{-0.14}$	$0.17^{+0.09}_{-0.15}$	$0.01^{+0.35}_{-0.001}$	$0.26^{+0.15}_{-0.08}$	$0.28^{+0.12}_{-0.27}$	$0.014^{+0.500}_{-0.004}$
z_{re}^a	$3.2^{+21.7}_{-0.7}$	$16.3^{+11.5}_{-13.9}$	$17.8^{+4.9}_{-15.2}$	$2.7^{+23.5}_{-0.22}$	$23.8^{+5.9}_{-5.0}$	$23.5^{+3.9}_{-21.0}$	$3.2^{+26.6}_{-0.83}$
Ω_Λ	$0.70^{+0.16}_{-0.18}$	$0.71^{+0.17}_{+0.24}$	$0.70^{+0.13}_{-0.21}$	$0.71^{+0.12}_{-0.20}$	$0.74^{+0.13}_{-0.10}$	$0.75^{+0.12}_{-0.23}$	$0.65^{+0.24}_{-0.23}$
$\Omega_b h^2$	$0.022^{+0.006}_{-0.001}$	$0.023^{+0.005}_{-0.004}$	$0.024^{+0.001}_{-0.002}$	$0.023^{+0.005}_{-0.002}$	$0.023^{+0.004}_{-0.003}$	$0.025^{+0.002}_{-0.005}$	$0.023^{+0.009}_{-0.002}$
$-\ln \mathcal{L}$	484.89	484.89	485.18	486.46	483.44	484.45	486.28
$\chi^2_{\text{eff}} \equiv -2 \ln \mathcal{L}$	969.78	969.78	970.36	972.92	966.88	968.90	972.56
d.o.f.	891	891	892	892	890	890	893

Inflationary scenarios

Is the recovered spectrum unusual for inflationary scenarios?

- Starobinsky (1992): sharp changes in the slope in the inflation potential.
- Vilenkin and Ford (1982): pre-inflationary radiation dominated epoch.

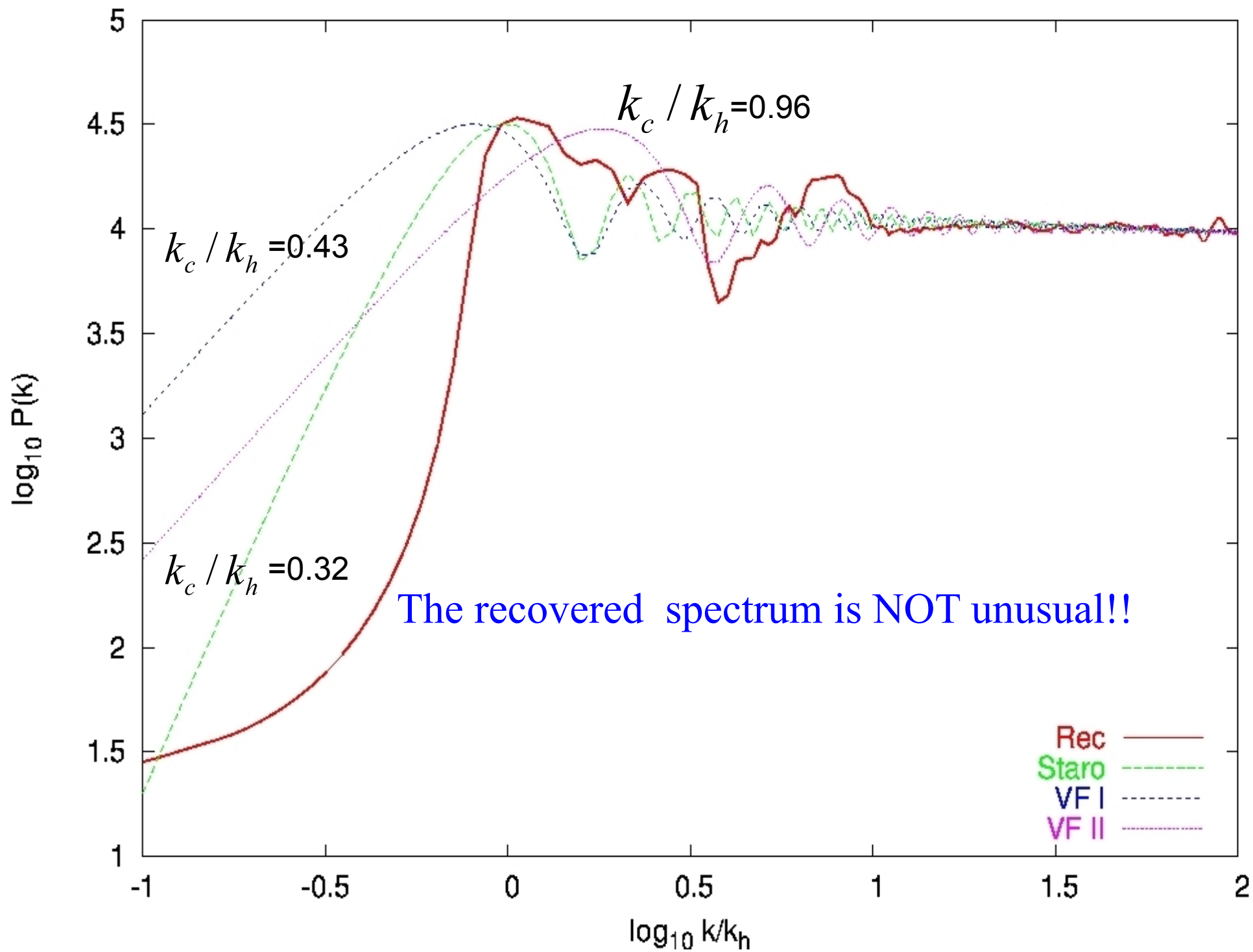
$$P(k) = P_0(k)D(k, k_c, r) = A_s k^{1-n_s} \left[1 - 3(r-1) \frac{1}{y} \left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{y^2} \right) \sin 2y + \frac{2}{y} \cos 2y + \frac{9}{2} (r-1)^2 \frac{1}{y^2} \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{y^2} \right) \cos 2y - \frac{2}{y} \sin 2y \right) \right] \right]$$

Starobinsky

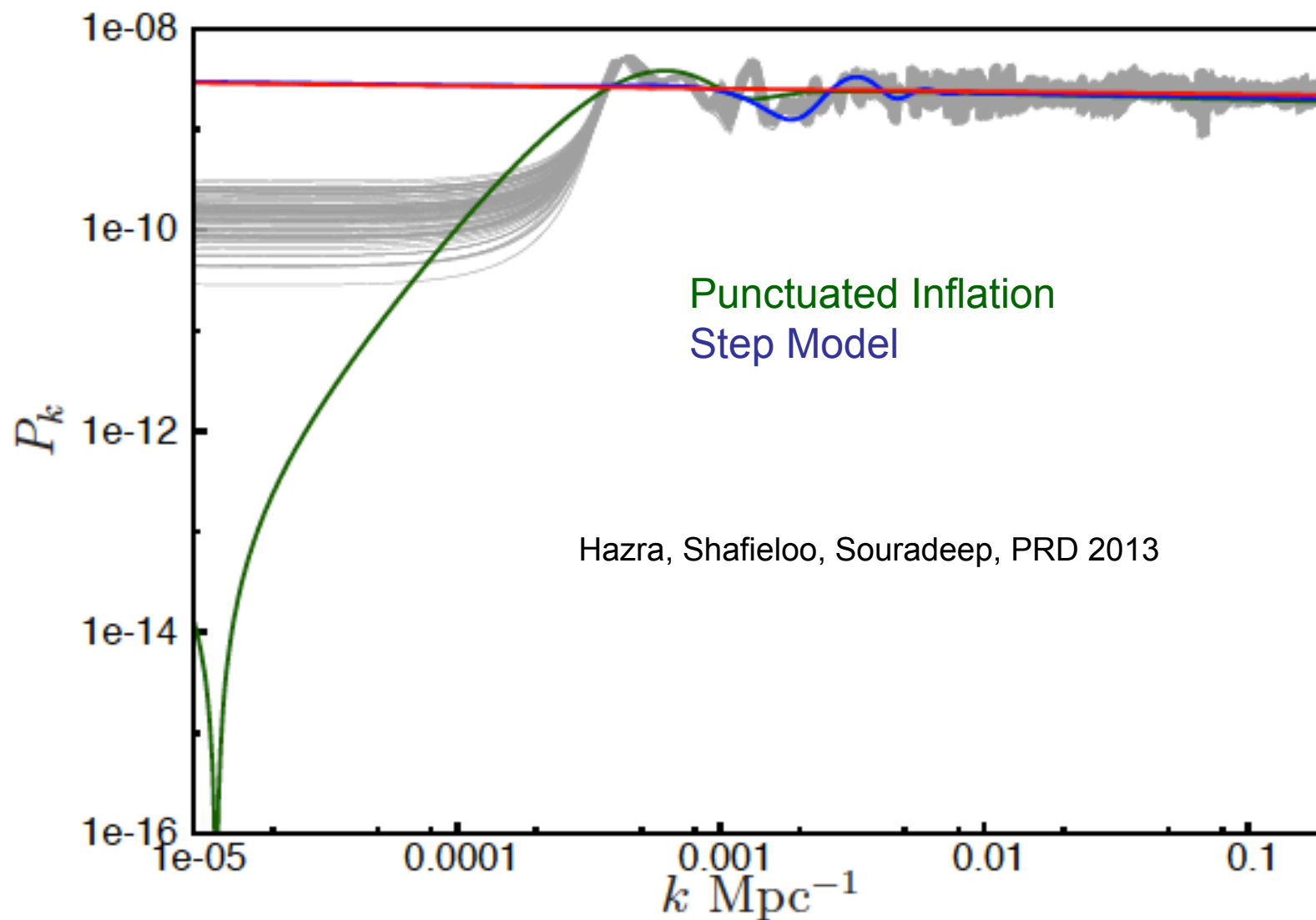
$$y = k / k_c$$

$$P(k) = A_s k^{1-n_s} \frac{1}{4y^4} | e^{-2iy} (1 + 2iy) - 1 - 2y^2 |^2$$

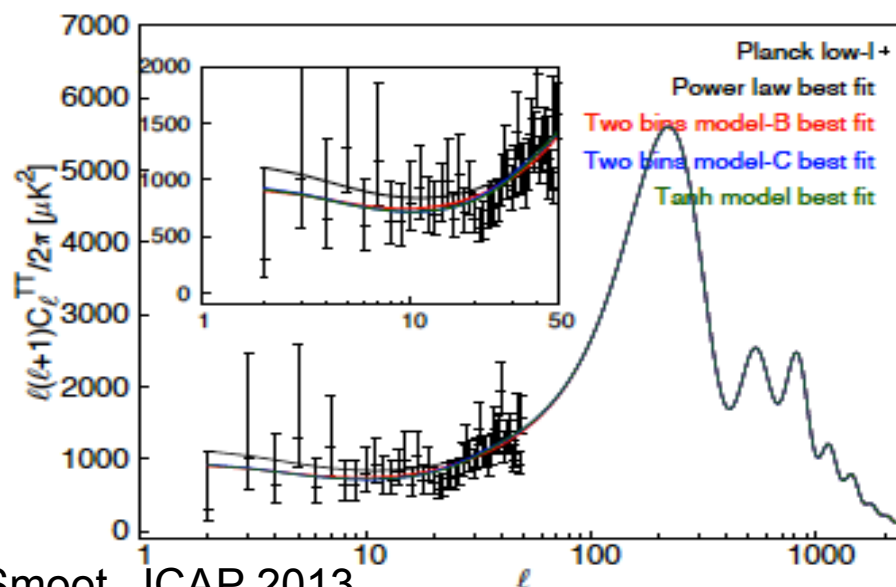
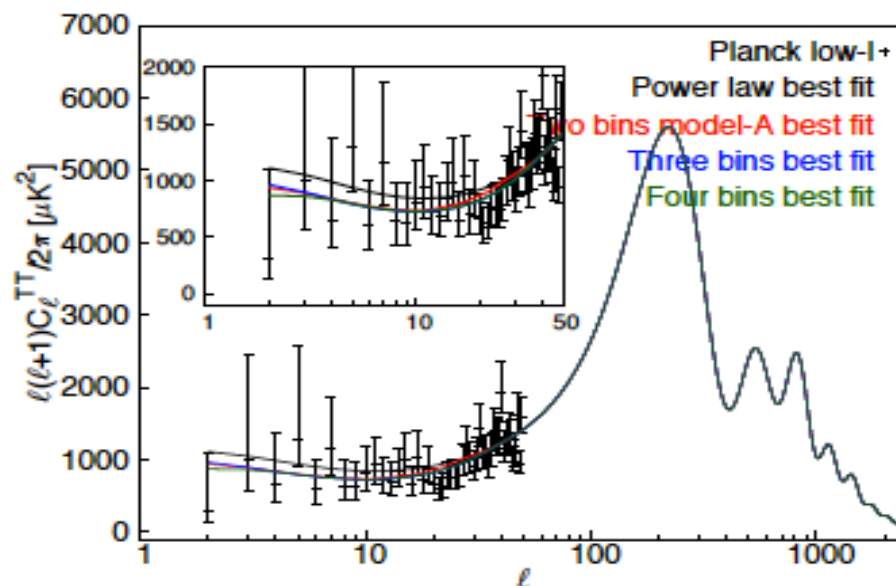
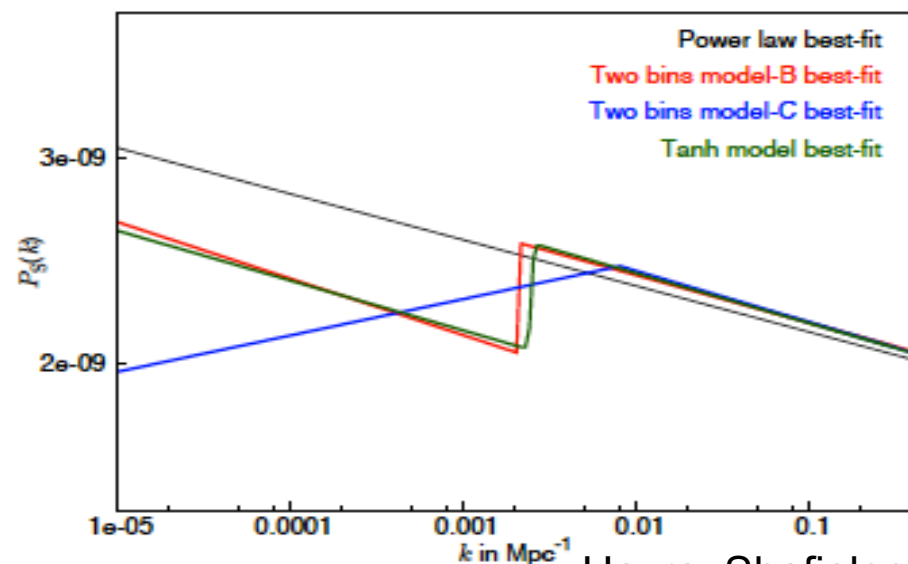
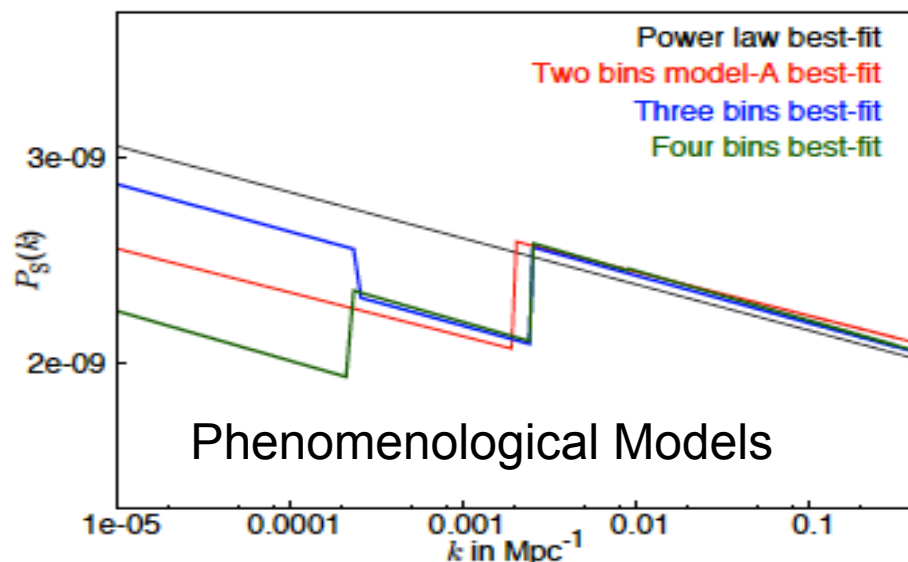
Vilenkin and Ford



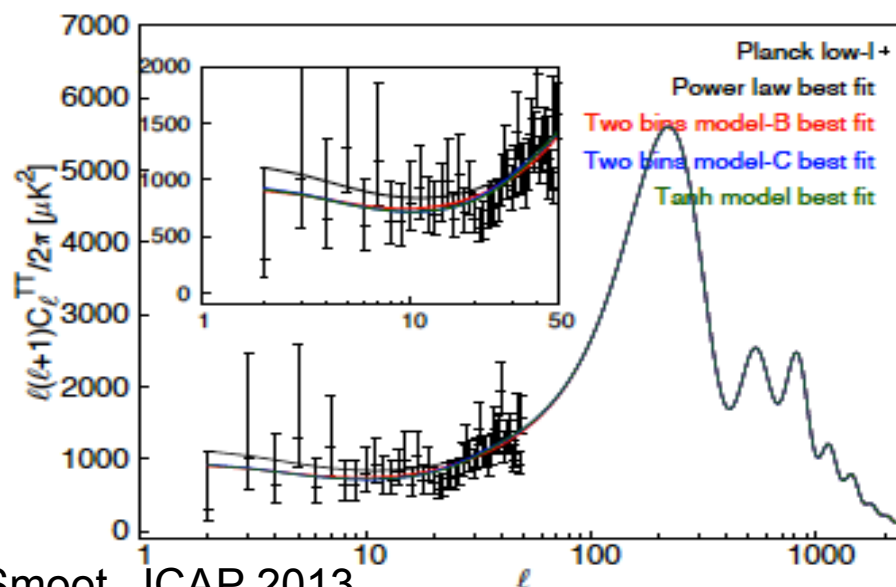
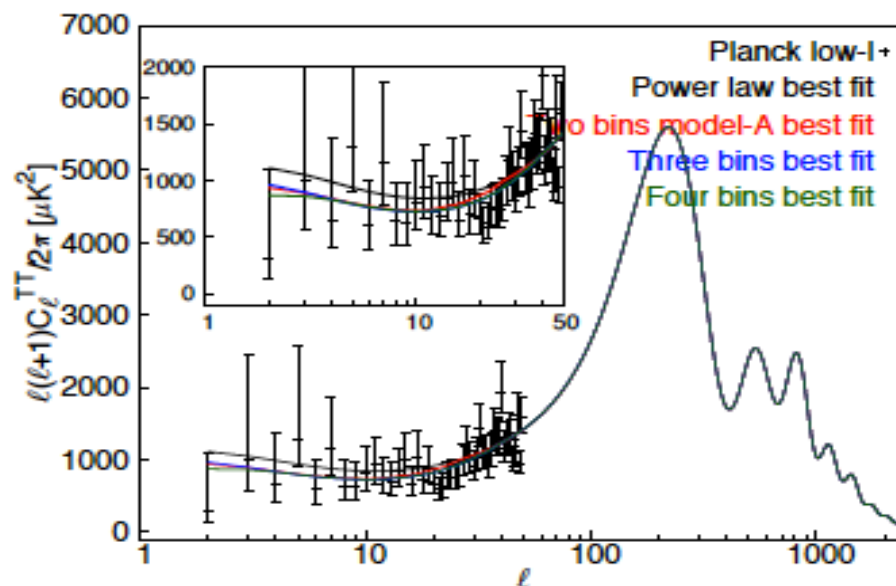
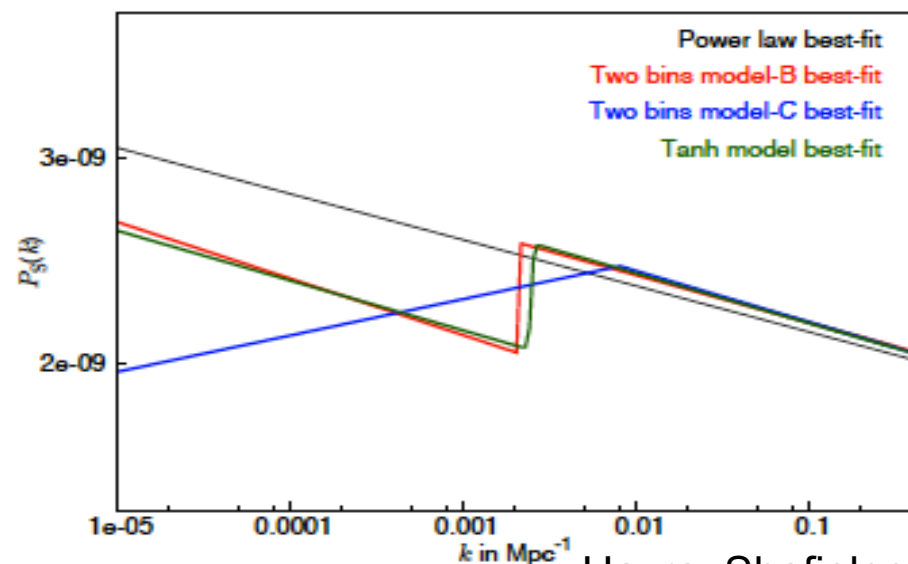
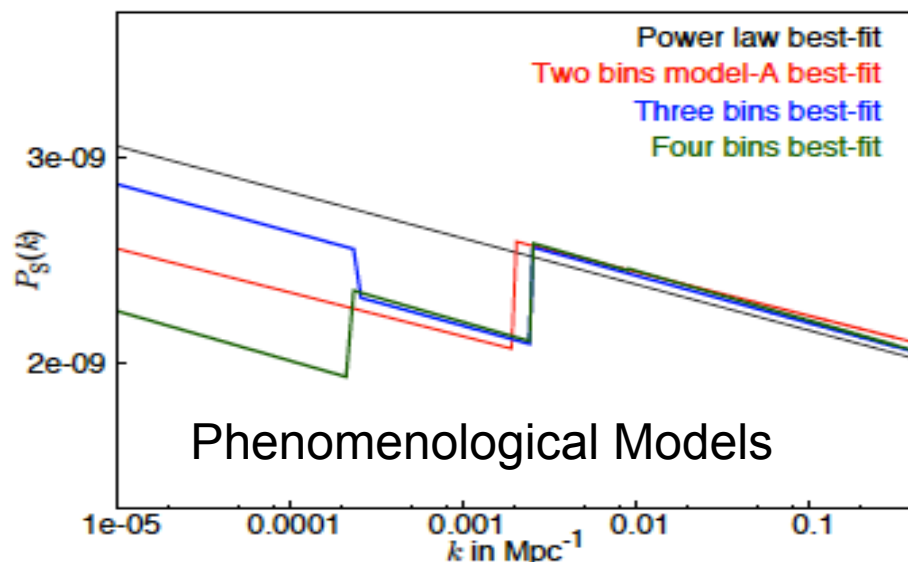
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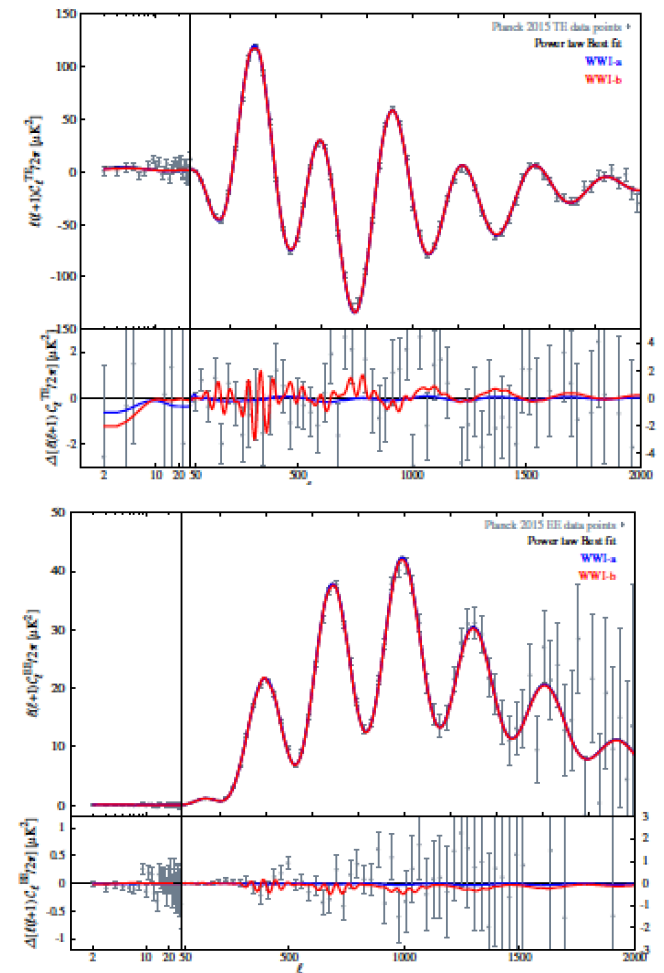
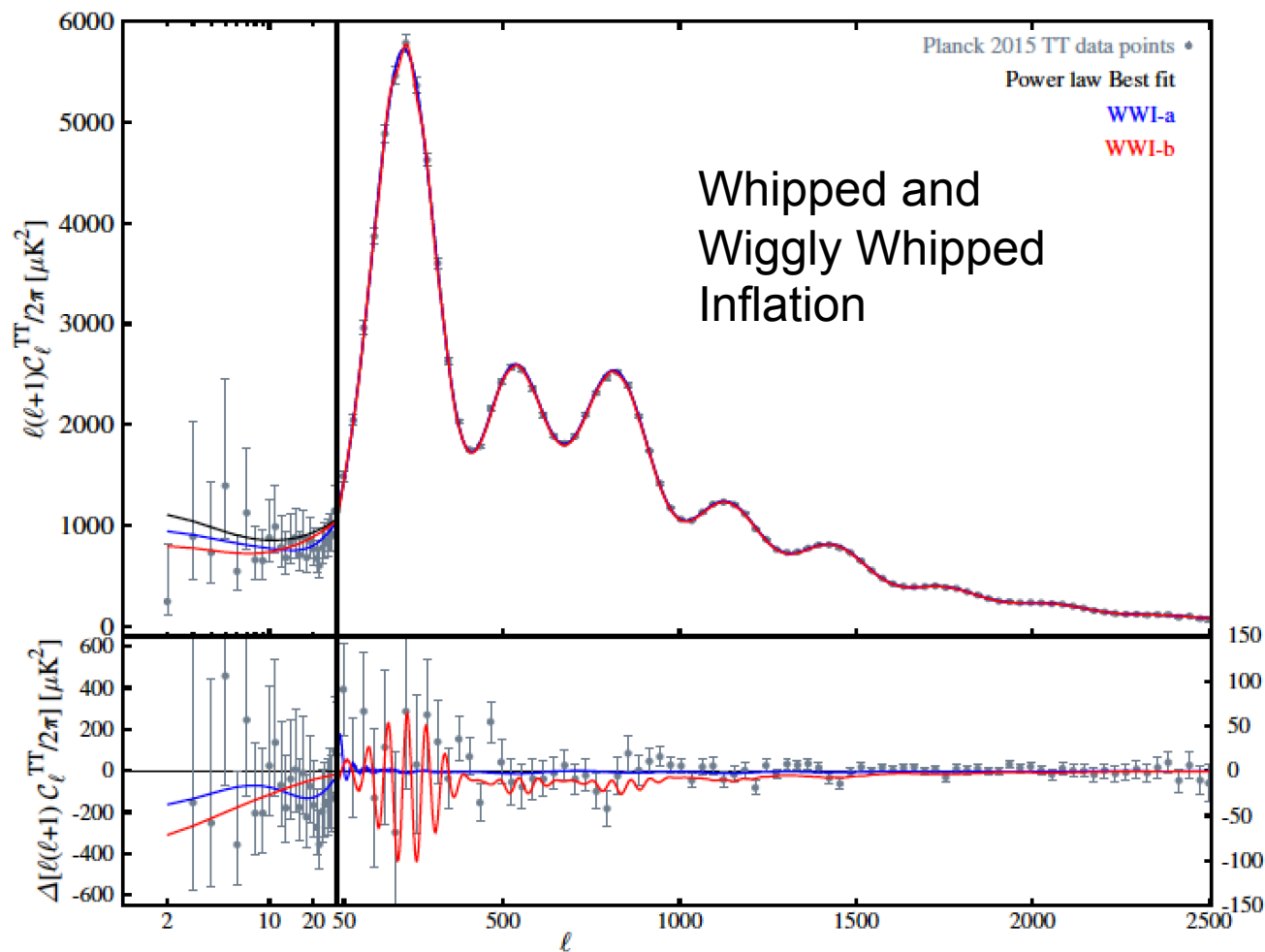


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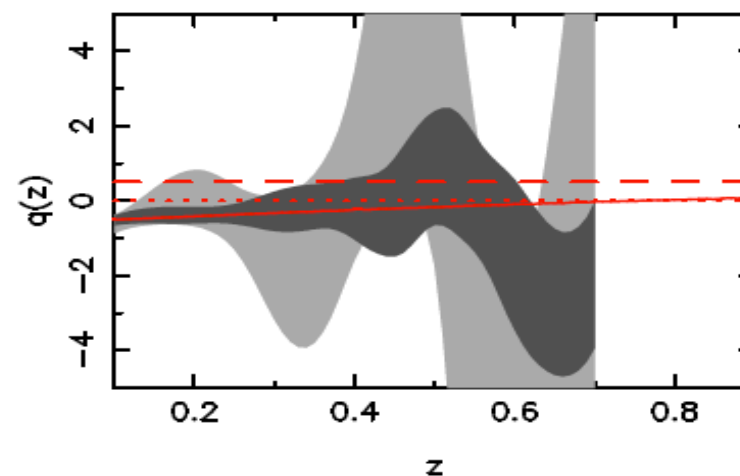
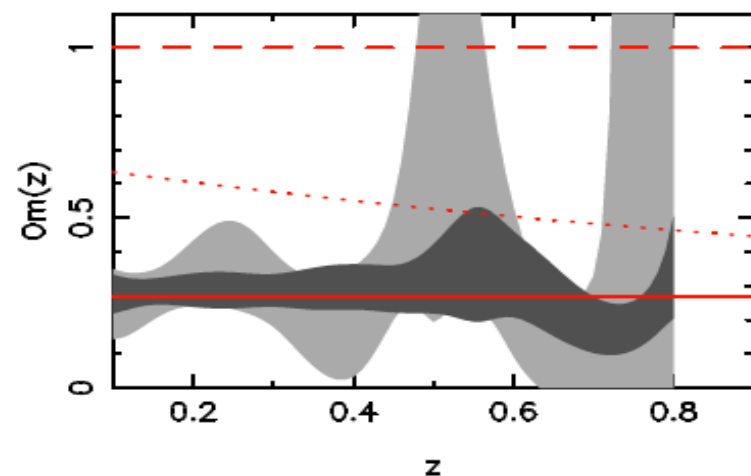
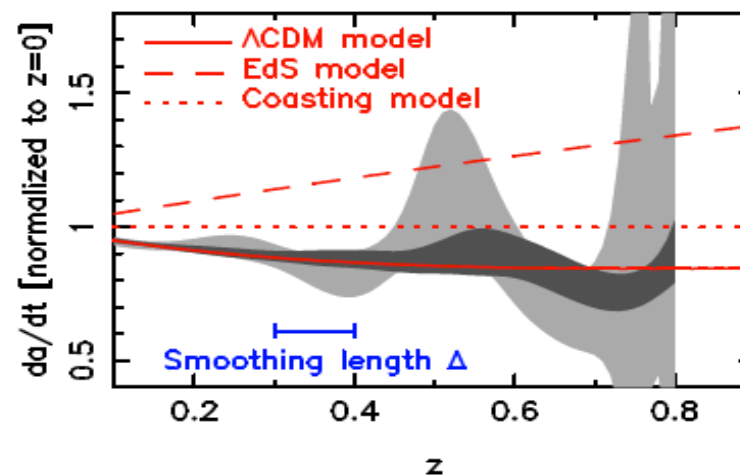
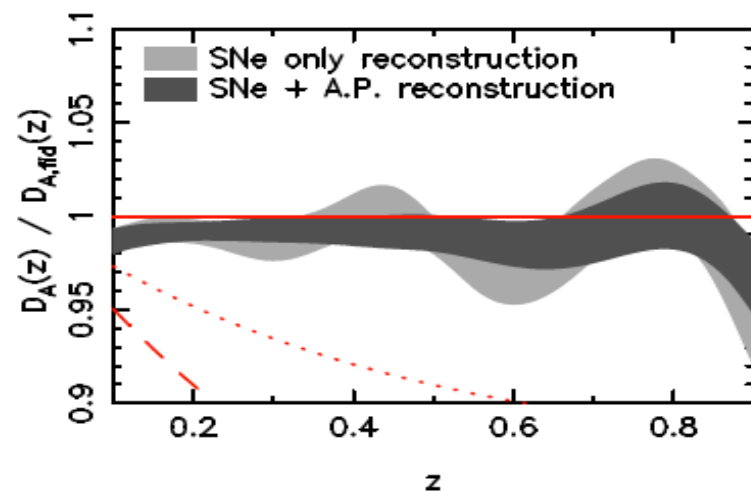
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Dark Energy in 2016

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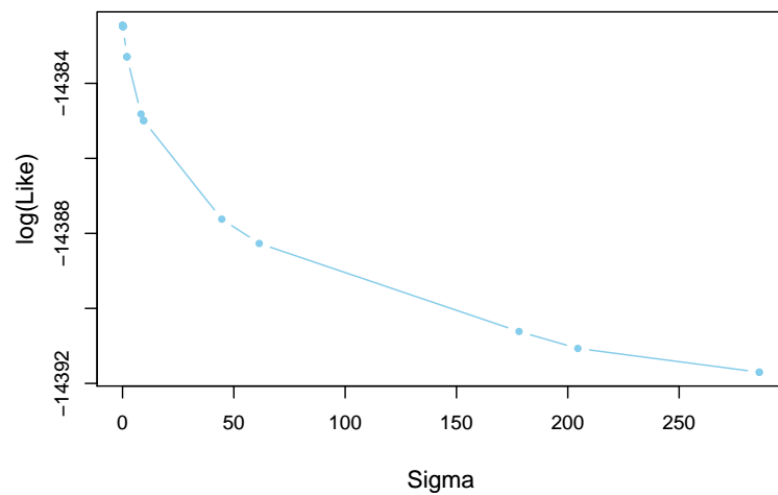
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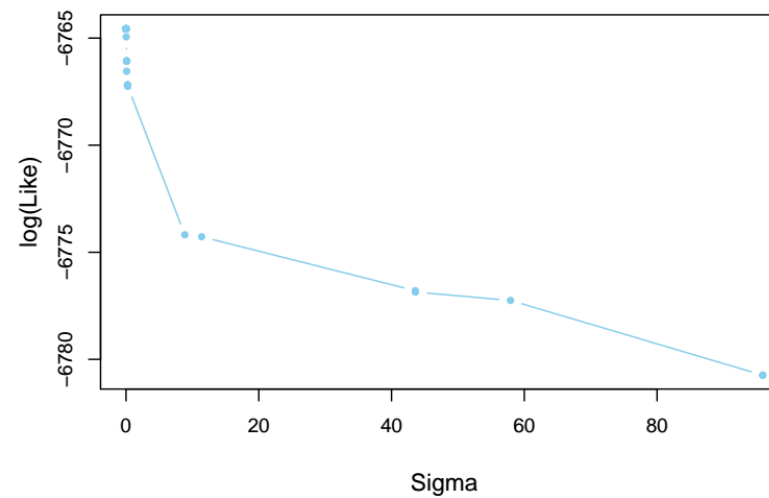


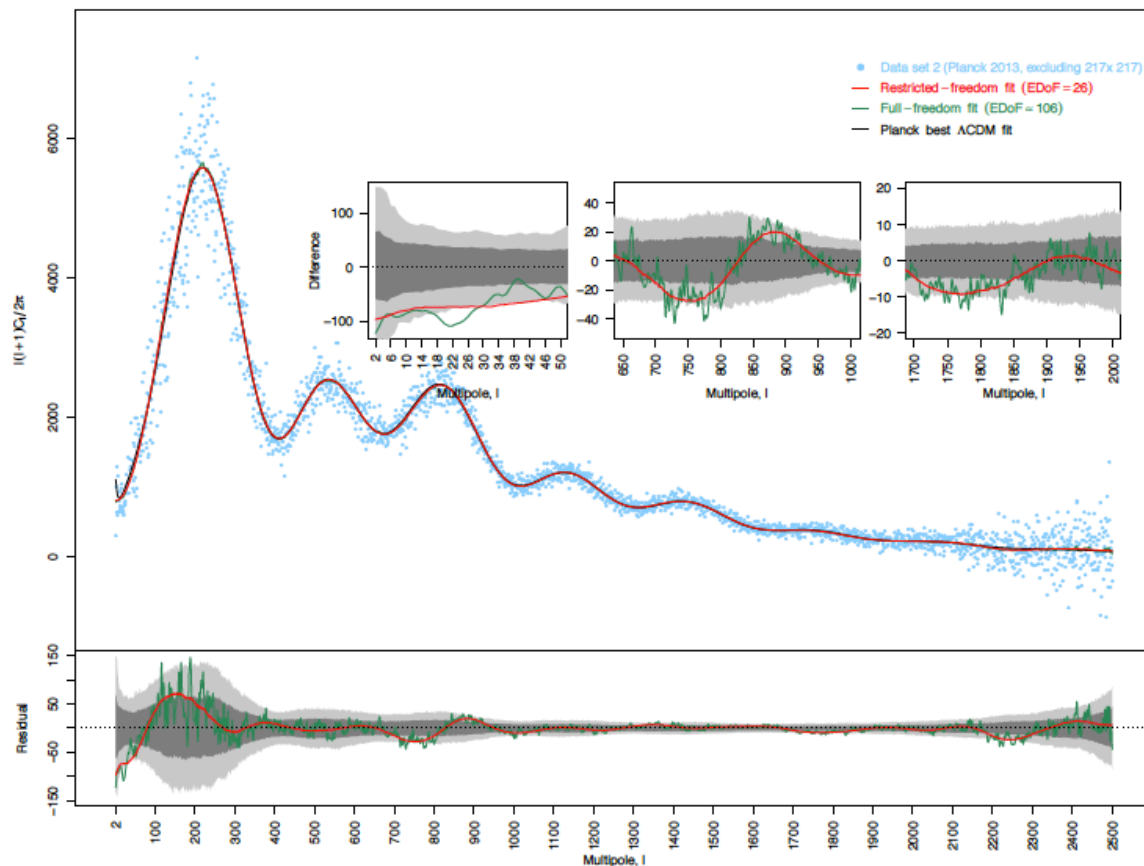
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Planck EE 2015



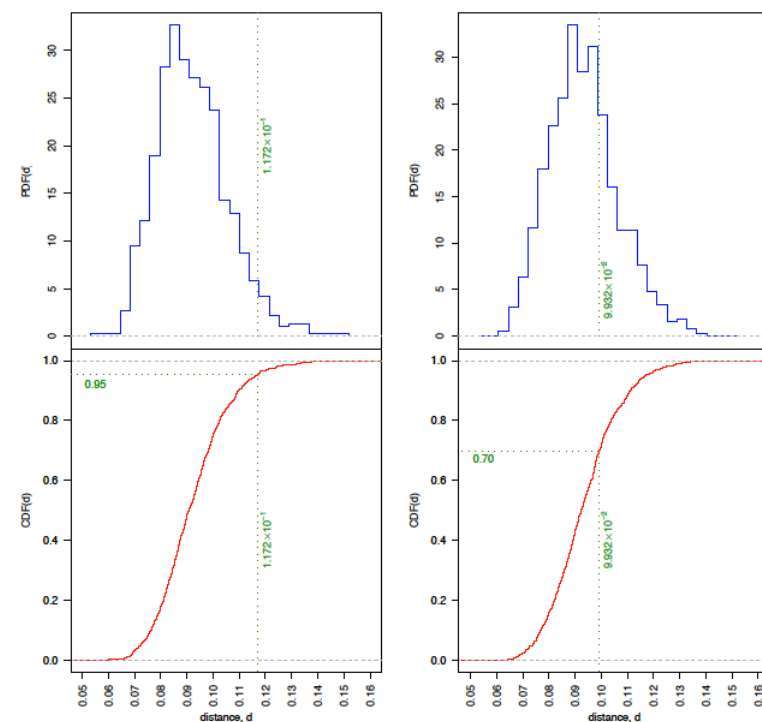


Aghamousa and Shafieloo, JCAP 2015

Consistent only at 2~3 sigma CL

Excluding 217 Ghz, consistent at 1~2 sigma CL

Calibrated REACT



- **Target:** Finding deviation from Lambda
- **Tools:** Litmus tests such as Ω_m , Ω_m^3 and $\Omega_m h^2$ applicable on the observables, non-parametric reconstruction of the cosmic expansion and growth.
- **Aim:** To be well prepared for the actual DESI data. All to be applied on SDSS4 prior to DESI.

From 2D to 3D

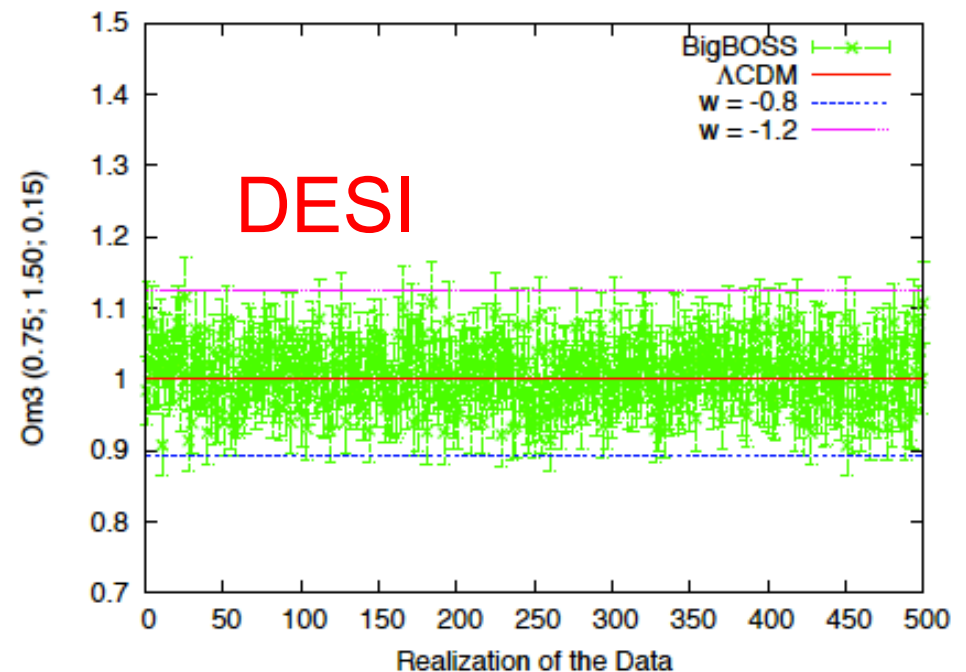
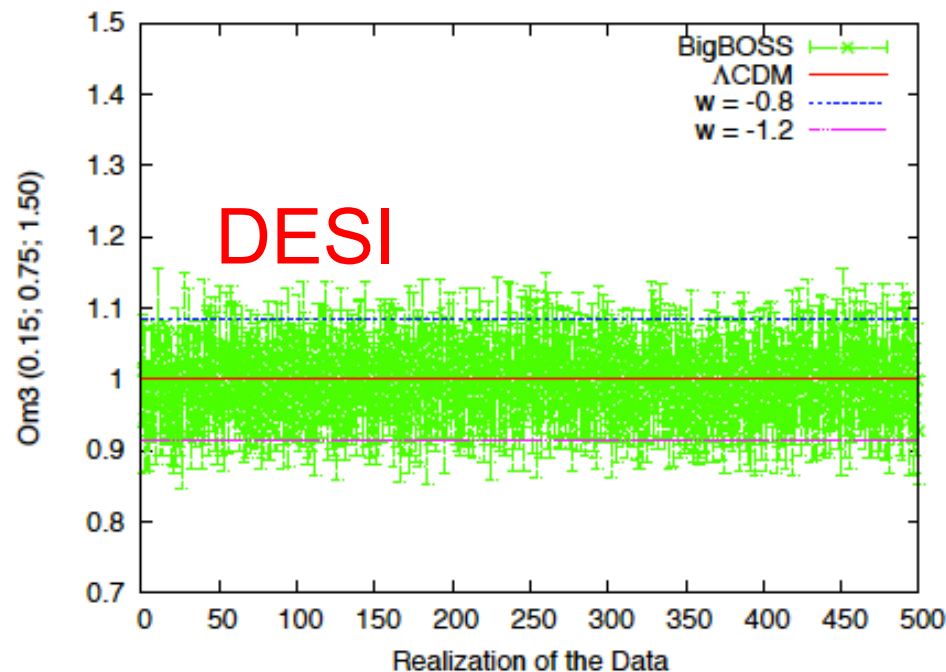
Using LSS data to test early universe scenarios

- **Targets:** Features in PPS, primordial non-Gaussianity, spherical asymmetry
- **Tools:** Simulations, developing statistics, cross correlation with other data.
- **Aim:** To be well prepared for the future data (DESI).

Characteristics of Om3

Om is constant only for Flat LCDM model

Om3 is equal to one for Flat LCDM model



$$Om3(z_1; z_2; z_3) = \frac{H(z_2; z_1)^2 - 1}{x_2^3 - x_1^3} \bigg/ \frac{H(z_3; z_1)^2 - 1}{x_3^3 - x_1^3}, \quad \text{where } x = 1 + z,$$

A. Shafieloo, V. Sahni & A. A. Starobinsky, PRD 2012

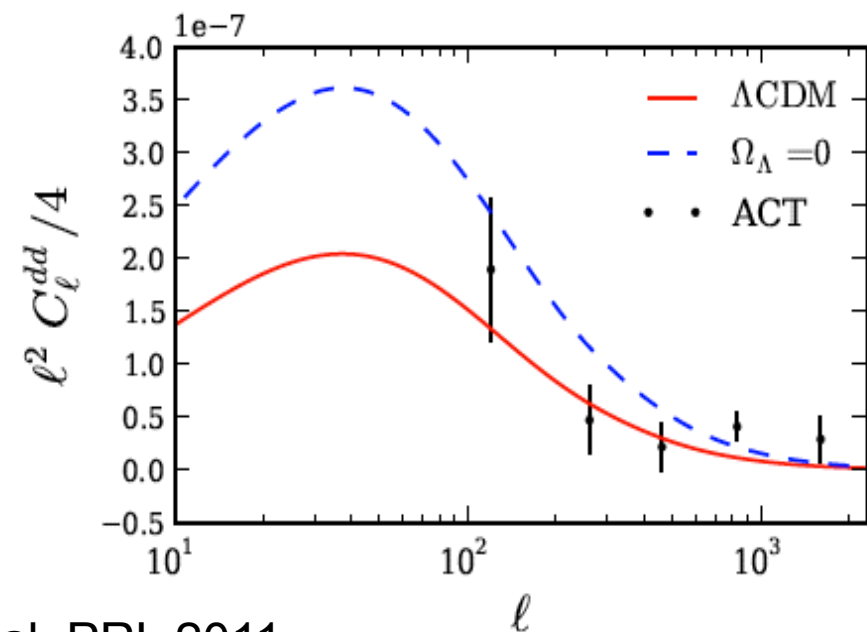
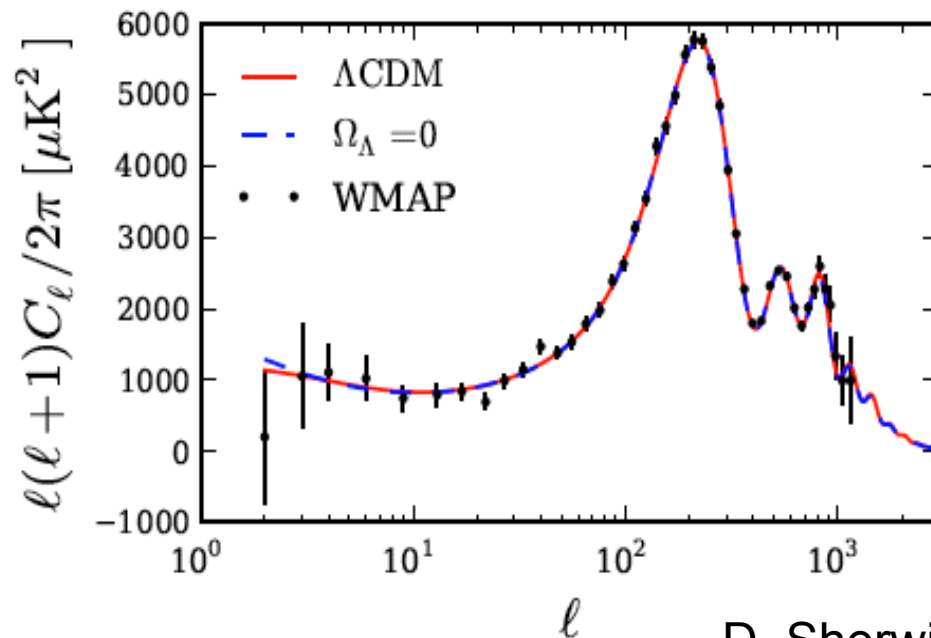
Dark Energy in 2016

CMB

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CMB directly points to acceleration. Didn't even have acoustic peak in 1998!

ACT CMB Survey



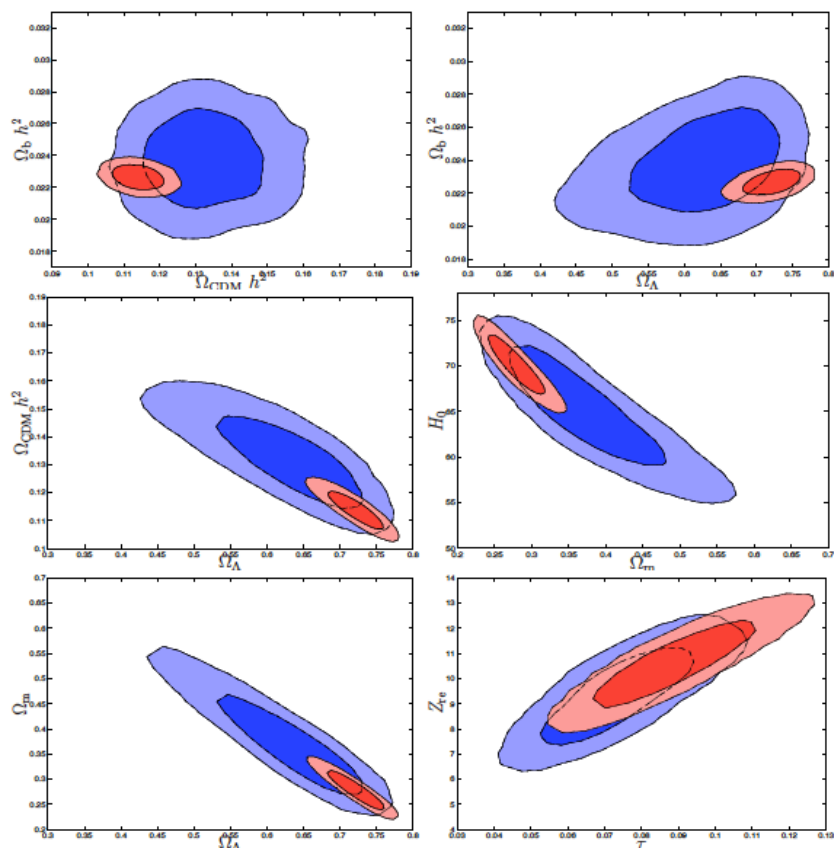
D. Sherwin et.al, PRL 2011

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**Cosmological Parameter Estimation
with Free form Primordial Spectrum**

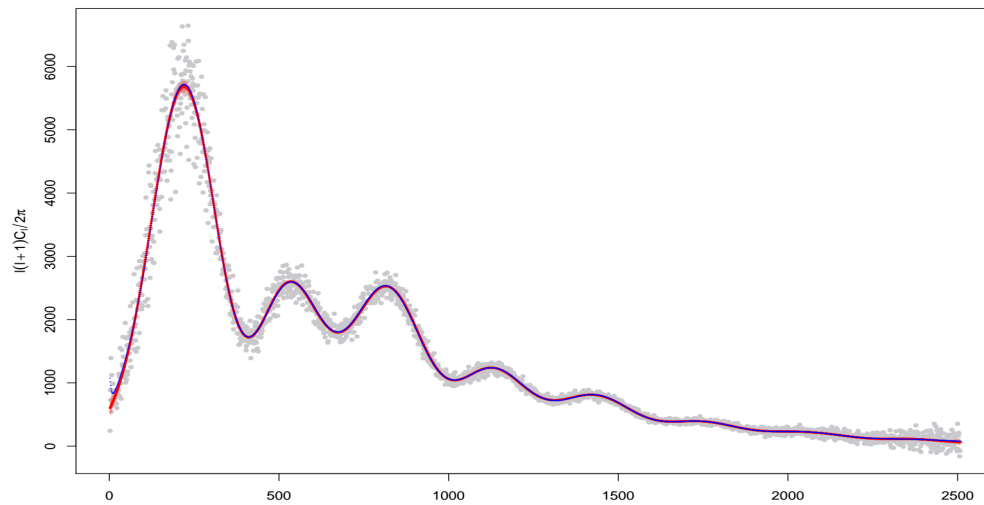
**Red Contours:
Power Law PPS**

**Blue Contours:
Free Form PPS**

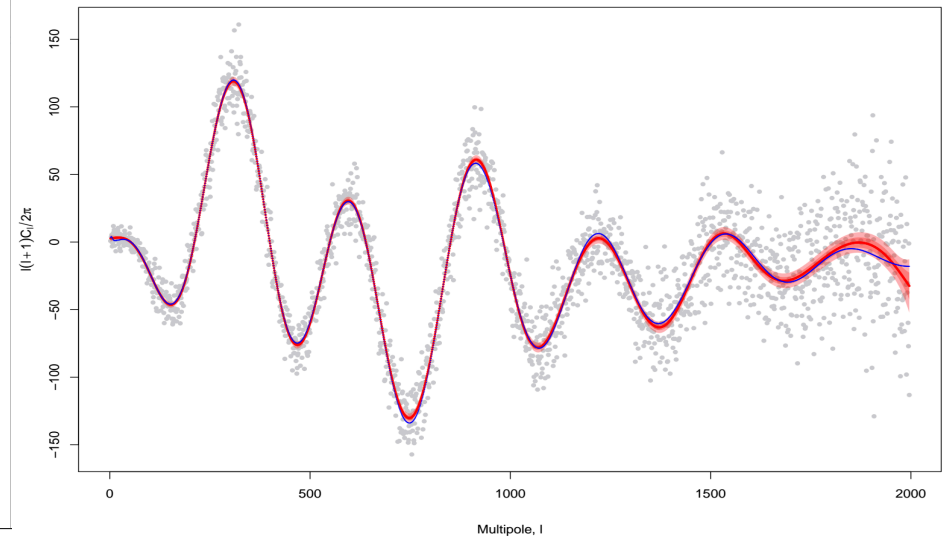
Hazra, Shafieloo & Souradeep PRD 2013

Direct Reconstruction of angular power spectrum from Planck 2015 using Gaussian Processes

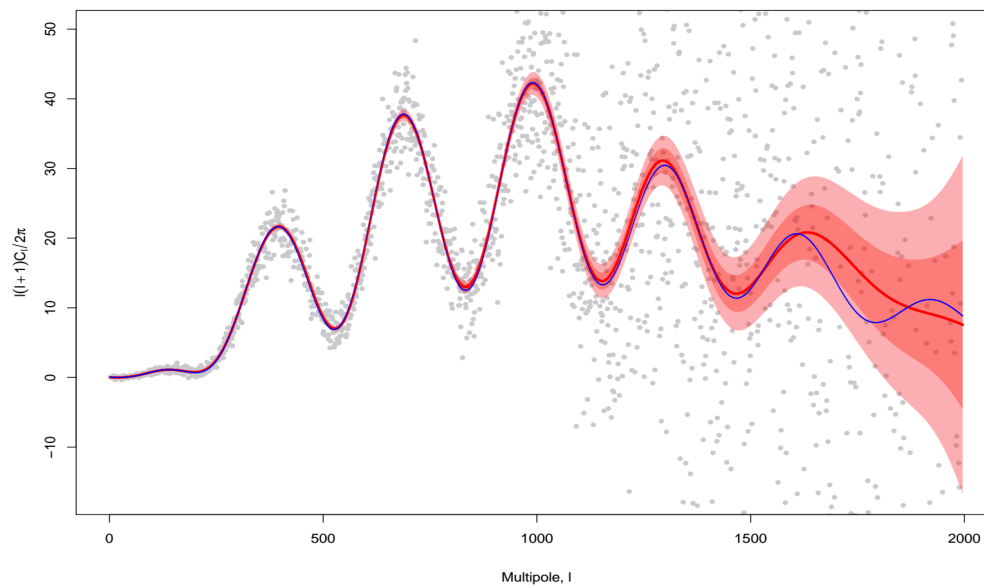
Planck TT 2015 (red: GP, blue: LCDM)



Planck TE 2015 (red: GP, blue: LCDM)



Planck EE 2015 (red: GP, blue: LCDM)



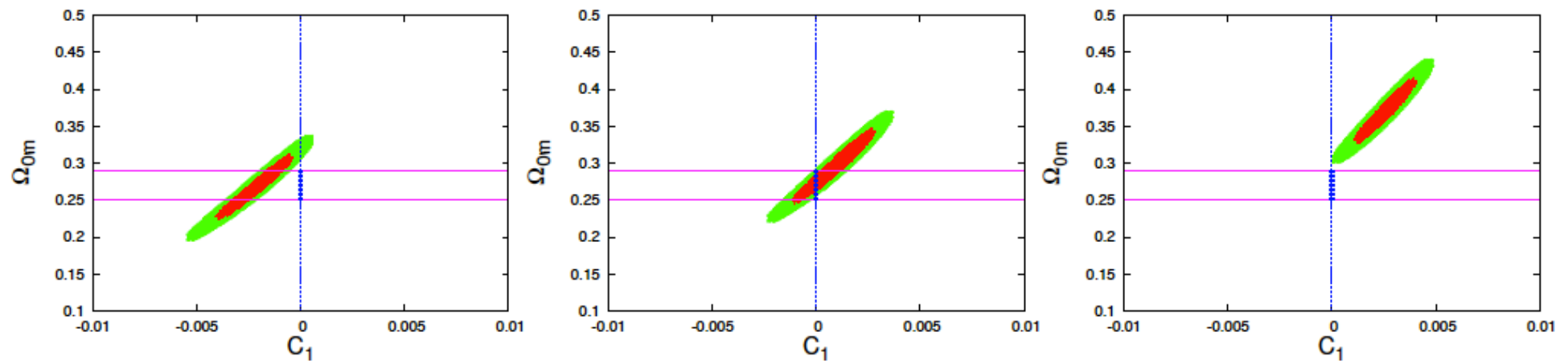
Aghamousa, Shafieloo, Hamann
2016 (in prep)

Crossing Statistic (Bayesian Interpretation)

Theoretical model

Crossing function

Comparing a model
with its own variations



$$T_I(C_1, z) = 1 + C_1 \left(\frac{z}{z_{max}} \right)$$

Chebyshev Polynomials
as Crossing Functions

$$T_{II}(C_1, C_2, z) = 1 + C_1 \left(\frac{z}{z_{max}} \right) + C_2 \left[2 \left(\frac{z}{z_{max}} \right)^2 - 1 \right],$$

Shafieloo. JCAP 2012 (a)

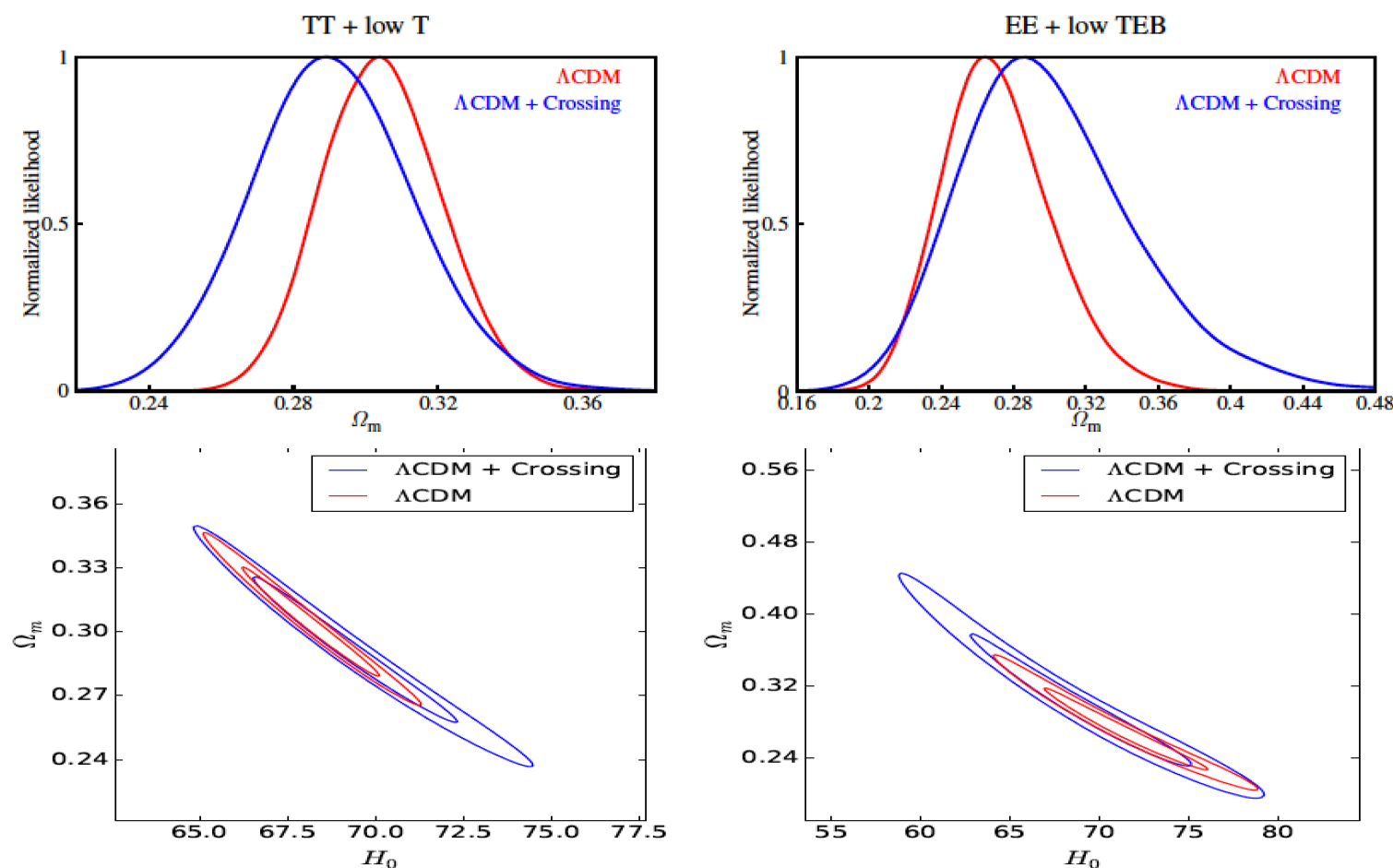
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Hazra & Shafieloo
arXiv:1610.07402

Ruling out the zero-Lambda density LCDM model considering extra flexibility for the form of the angular power spectrum