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Precision cosmology and beyond

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Precision cosmology

Λ CDM: The standard cosmological model

Just 6 numbers.....

describe the Universe composition and evolution

Homogenous background

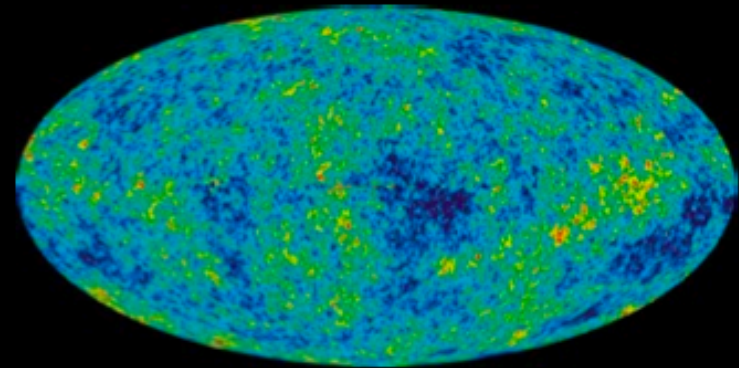


$\Omega_b, \Omega_c, \Omega_\Lambda, H_0, \tau$

- atoms 4%
- cold dark matter 23%
- dark energy 73%

$\Lambda?$ CDM?

Perturbations



A_s, n_s

- nearly scale-invariant
- adiabatic
- Gaussian

ORIGIN??

Cosmology is special

We can't make experiments, only observations

We have to use the entire Universe as a detector:
the detector is given, we can't tinker with it.

This has driven a massive
experimental effort

- Observe as much as possible of the Universe.

A mixed blessing

The curse of cosmology

We only have one observable universe

We can only make observations (and only of the observable Universe)
not experiments: we fit models (i.e. constrain numerical values of parameters) to
the observations: (Almost) any statement is model dependent

*“Gastrophysics”** and non-linearities get in the way

....And the Blessing

We can observe all there is to see

* *Not a typo, means complex astrophysics that is poorly understood/hard to model*

....And the Blessing

We can observe all there is to see



And almost do

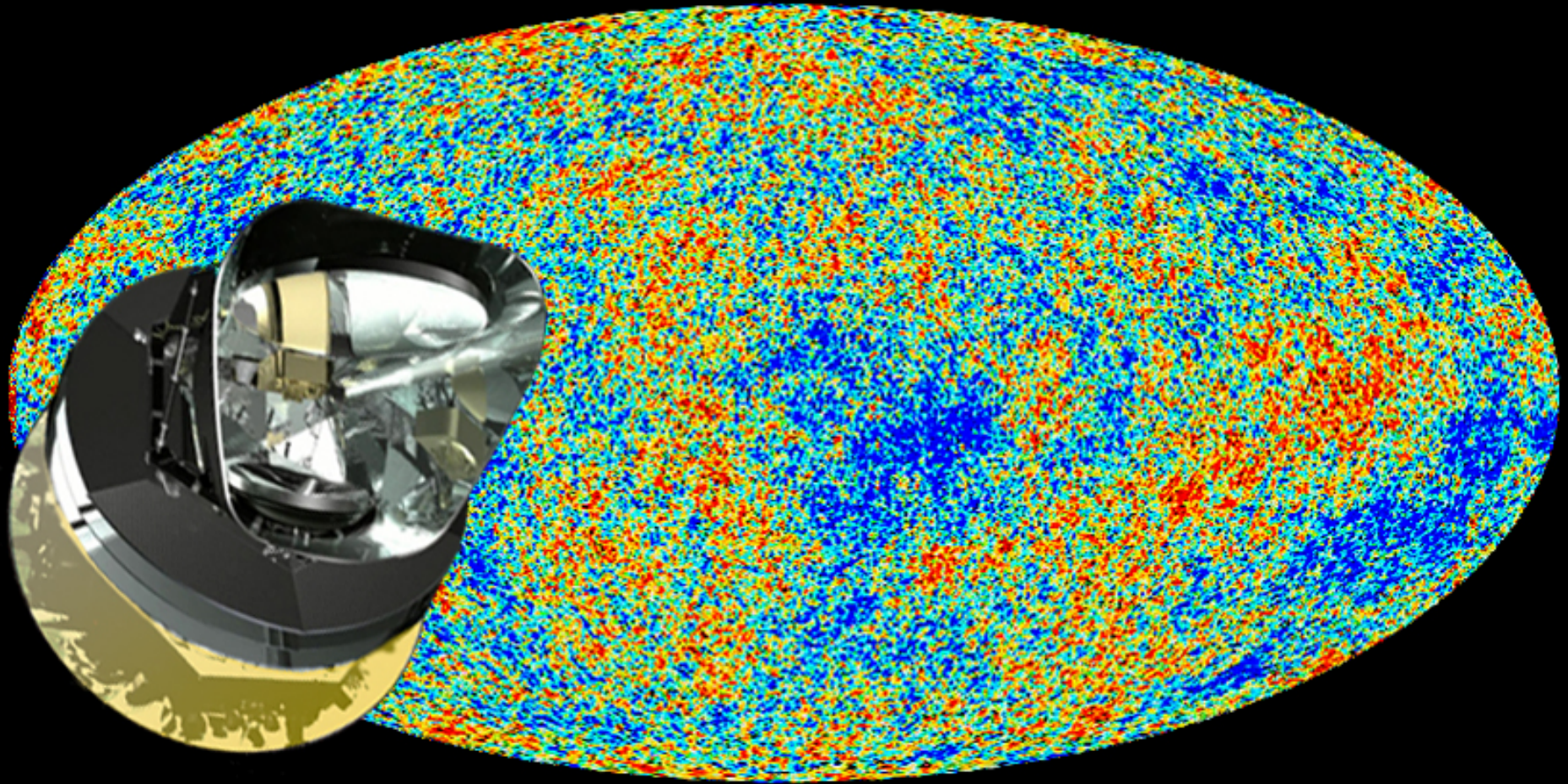
Ultimate survey

The background of the slide is a vast field of galaxies. In the upper left corner, there is a large, detailed spiral galaxy with a bright yellowish-white core and distinct blue and white spiral arms. Below and to the right of this galaxy is a dense, multi-colored field of numerous smaller galaxies, including spirals, ellipticals, and irregular shapes, scattered across a dark cosmic background. The colors of these galaxies range from bright yellow and white to deep blues and purples.

The future is bright!

Ultimate surveys!

The future is here!



Planck 2015

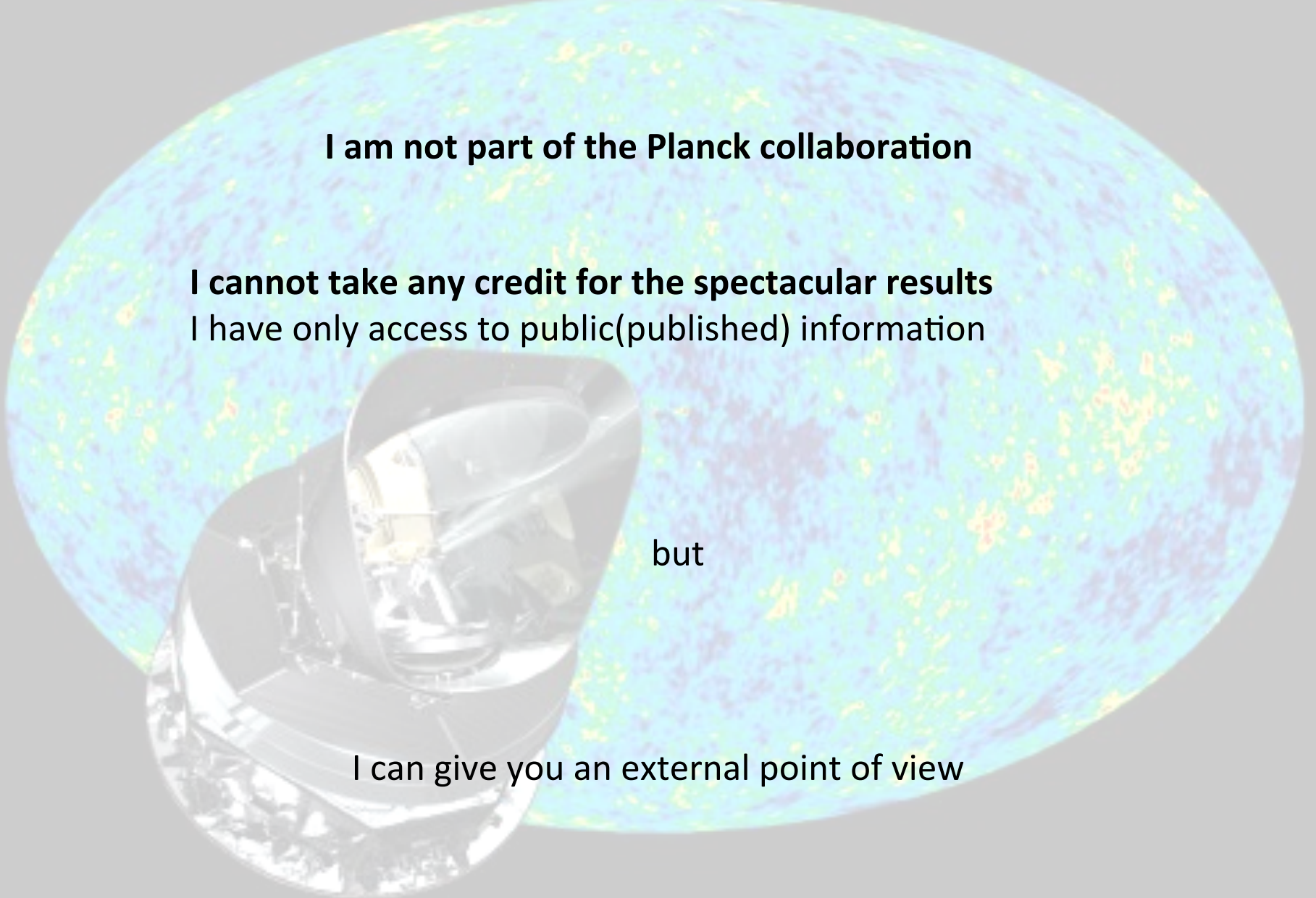
DISCLAIMER

I am not part of the Planck collaboration

I cannot take any credit for the spectacular results
I have only access to public(published) information

but

I can give you an external point of view



Planck

ESA-NASA mission to map temperature and polarization of the CMB on the full sky

First major release in 2013

Second major release in 2015 in total >> 100 papers

I will do a massive compression of information

CMB: “The primordial fireball”, “the last scattering surface”

Dependence on cosmological parameters

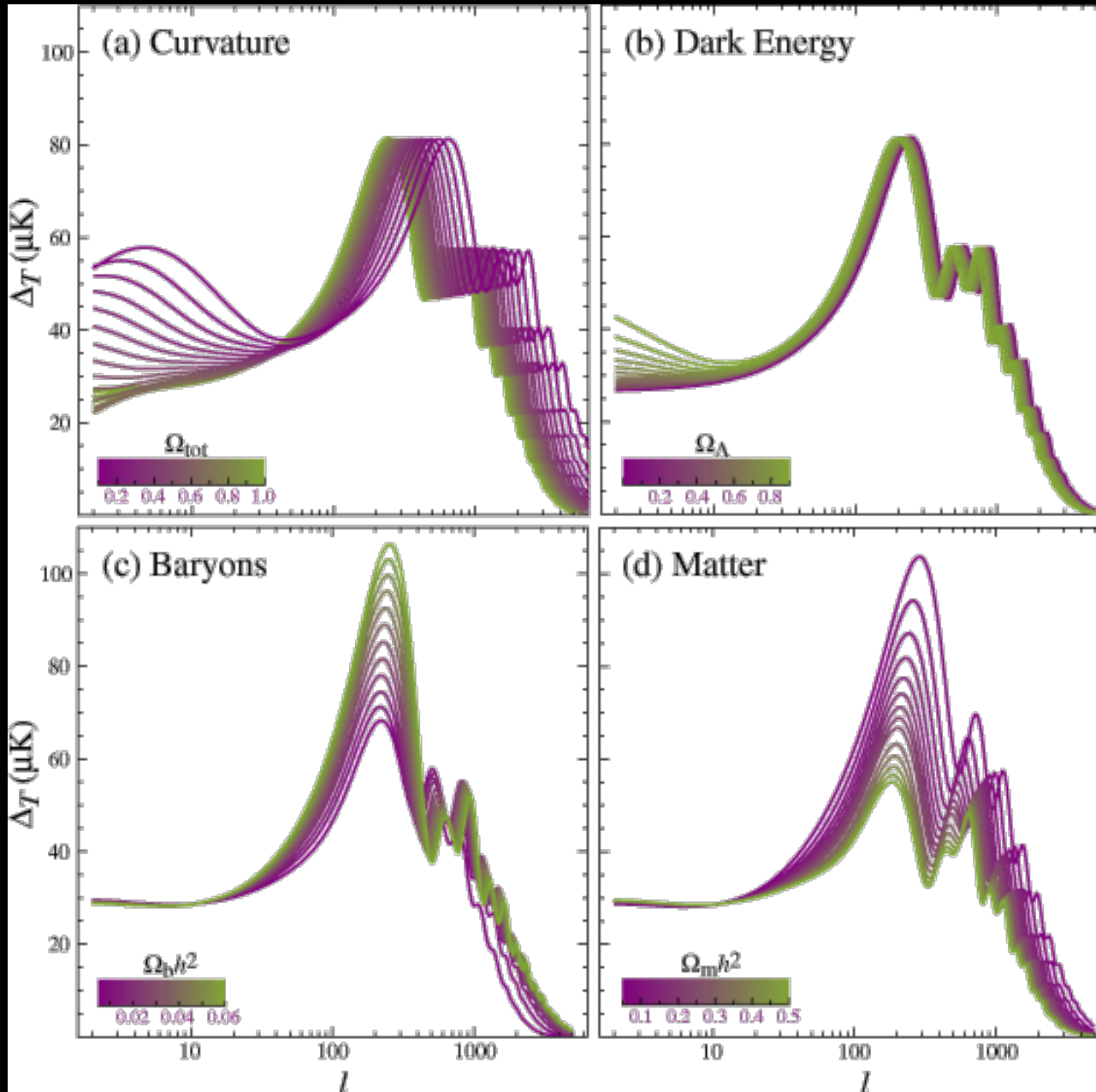


Fig. courtesy of W. Hu

History of CMB temperature measurements

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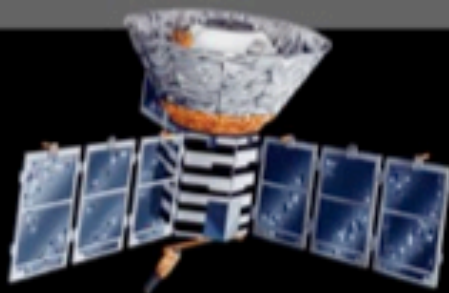


Penzias and
Wilson

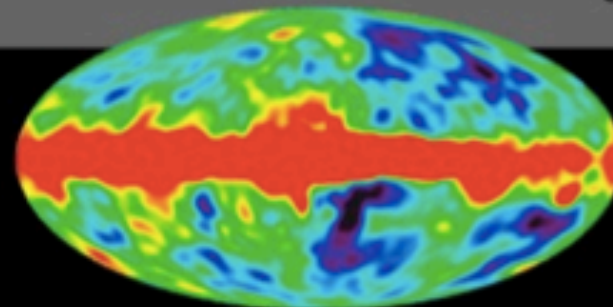
2.725 K



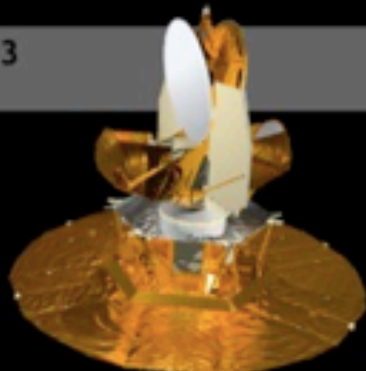
1992



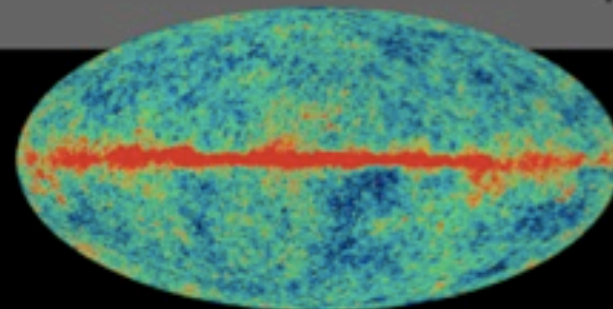
COBE



2003

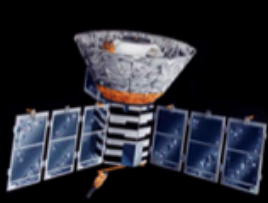


WMAP

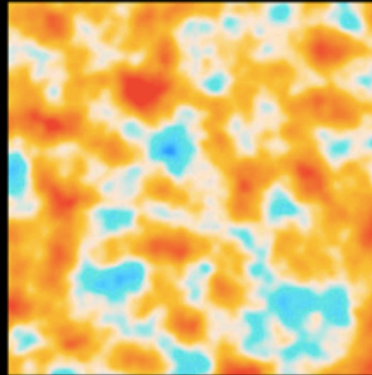
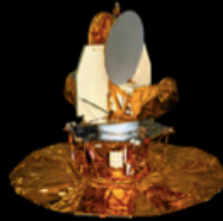


TOCO (1998) BOOMERANG (1998, 2003) MAXIMA (2000)
ARCHEOPS (2002) CBI (2002) ACBAR (2002) VSA (2002)

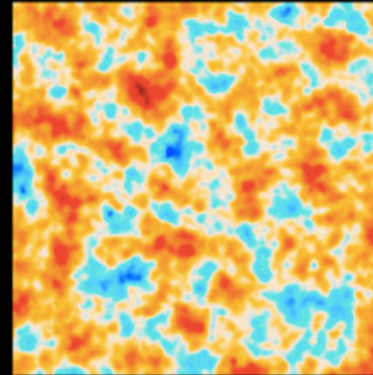
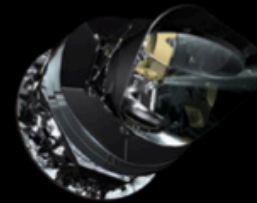
In context....



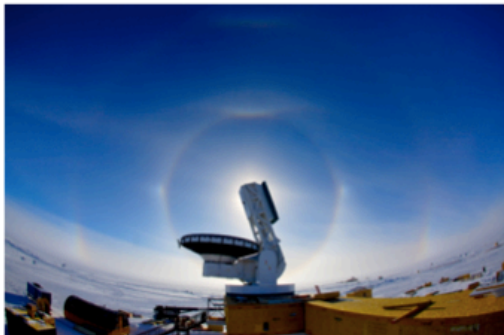
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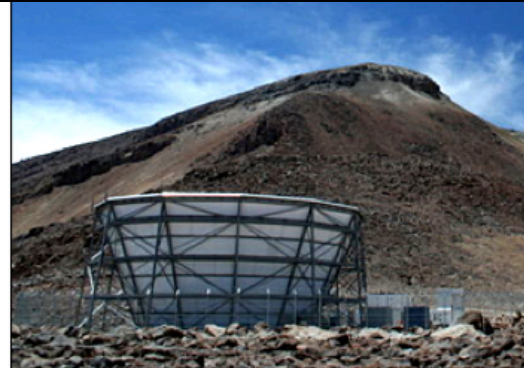
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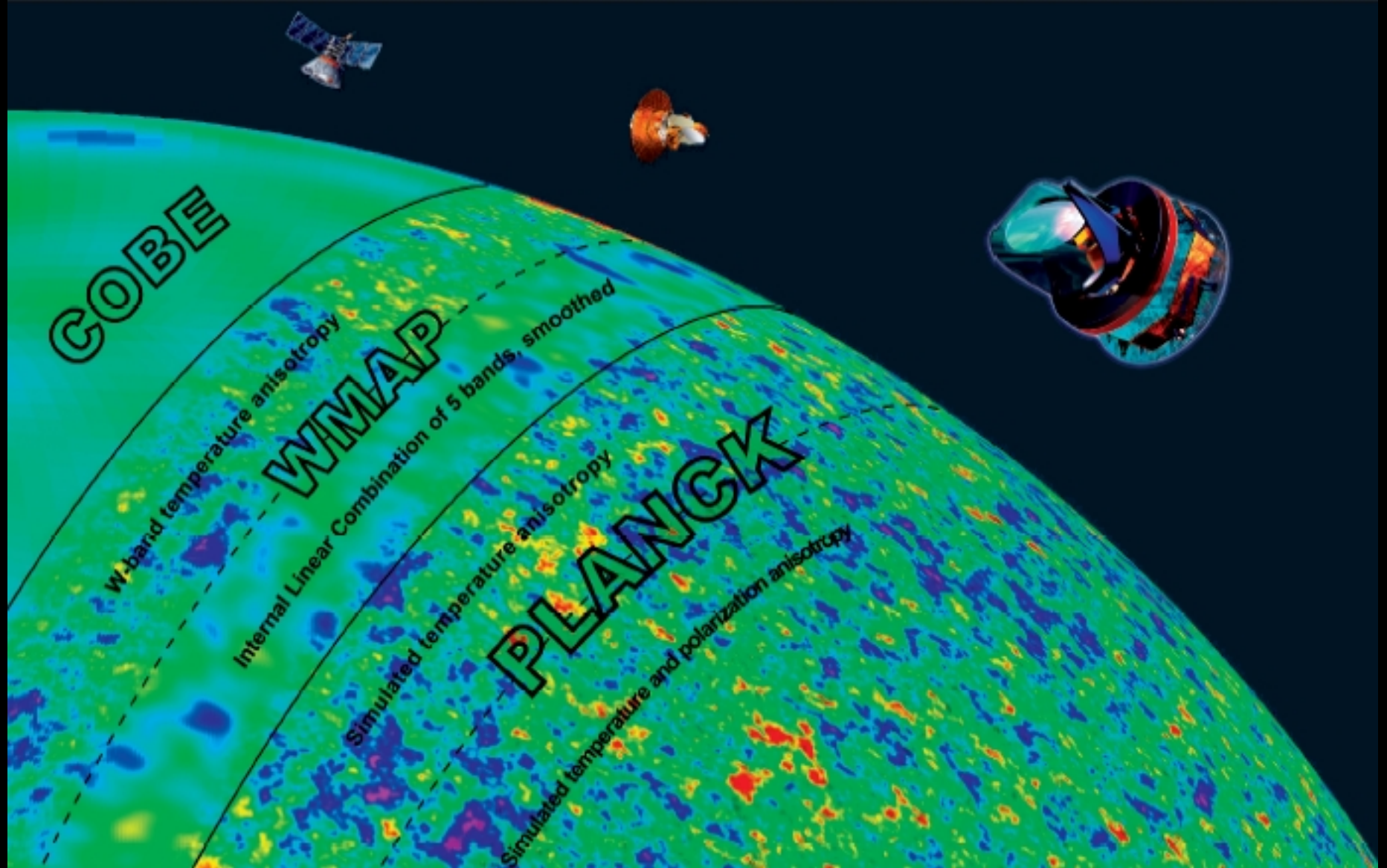
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South Pole Telescope (SPT)



Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT)



COBE

W-band temperature anisotropy

WMAP

Internal Linear Combination of 5 bands, smoothed

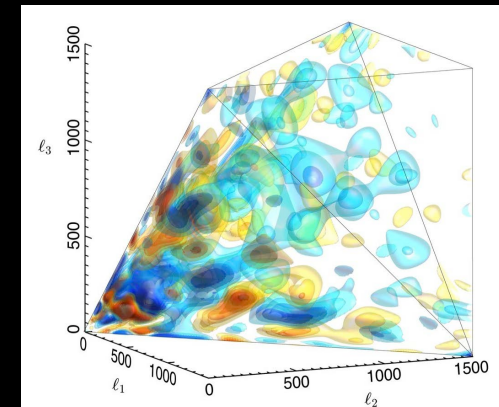
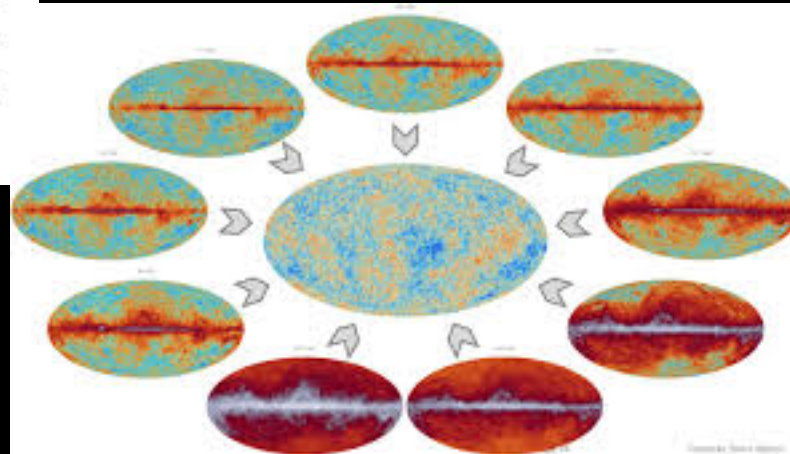
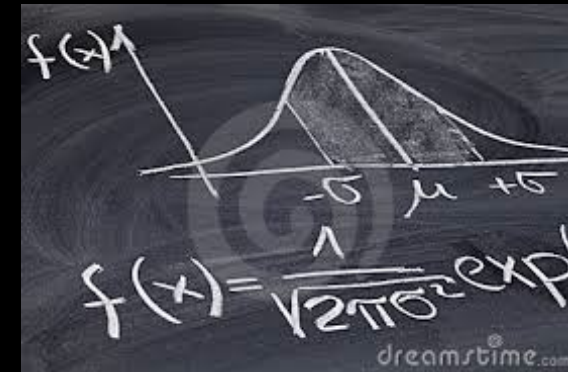
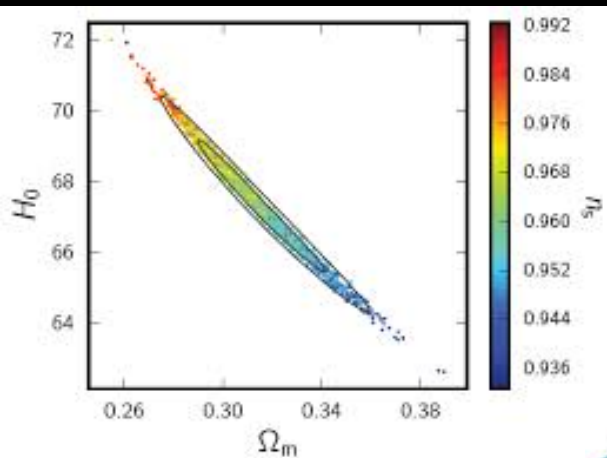
Simulated temperature anisotropy

PLANCK

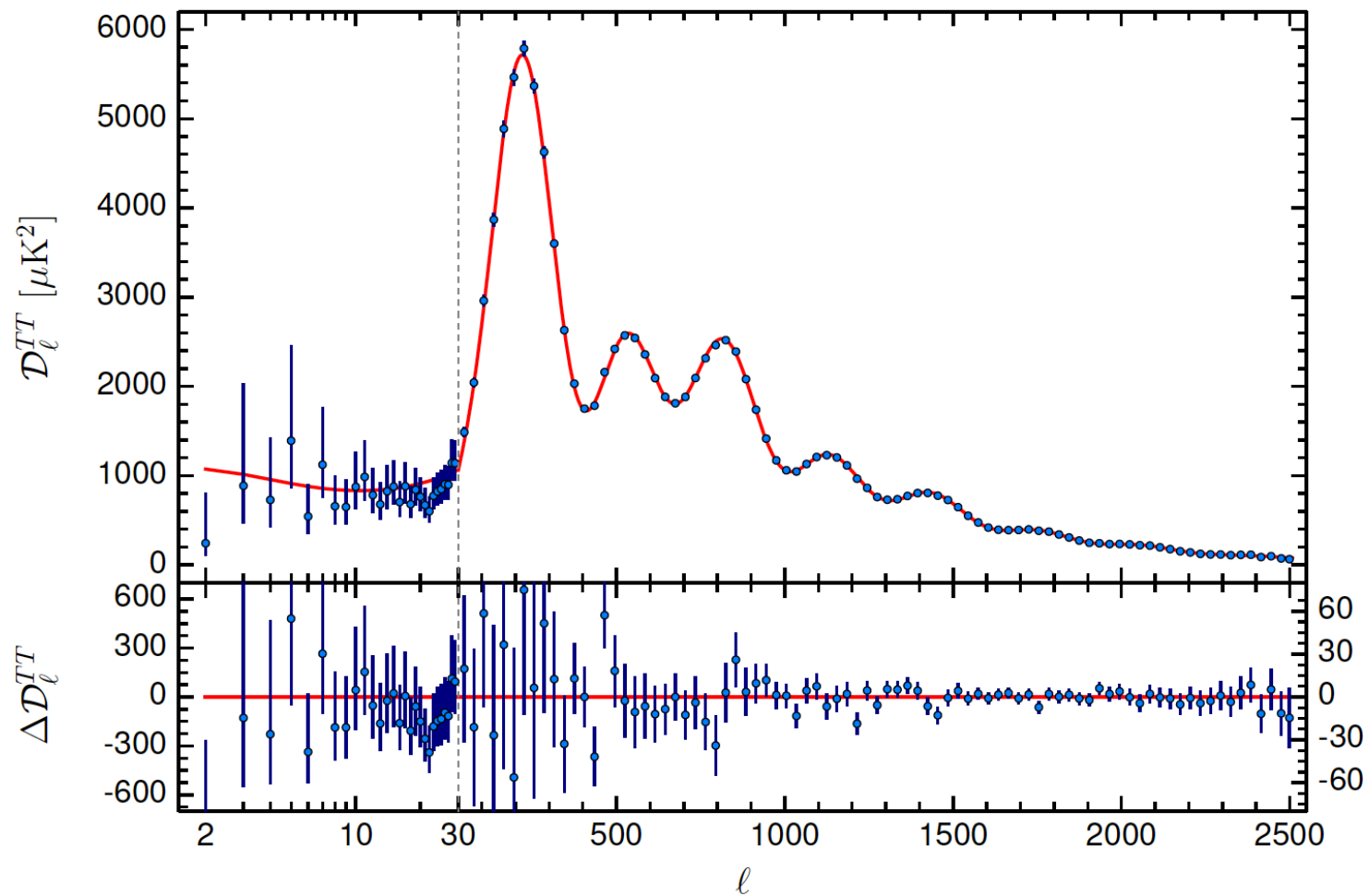
Simulated temperature and polarization anisotropy

Statistical techniques to make precision cosmology possible

Heroic effort to refine statistical and data analysis techniques to exquisite level

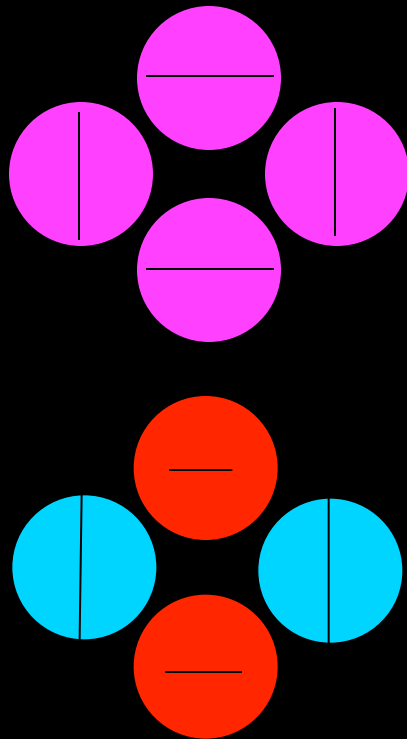


Temperature anisotropy power spectrum



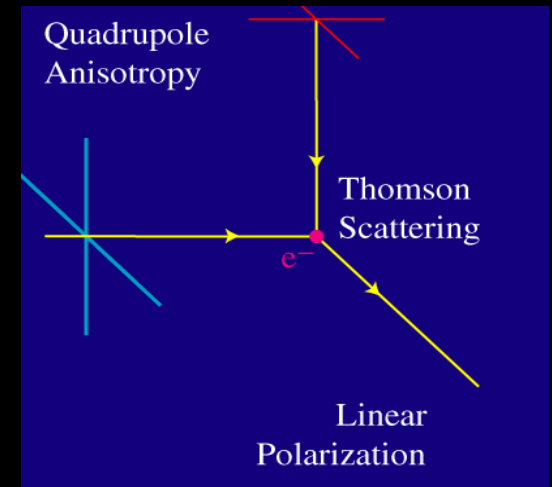
Generation of CMB polarization

- Temperature quadrupole at the surface of last scatter generates polarization.



Potential hill

Potential well

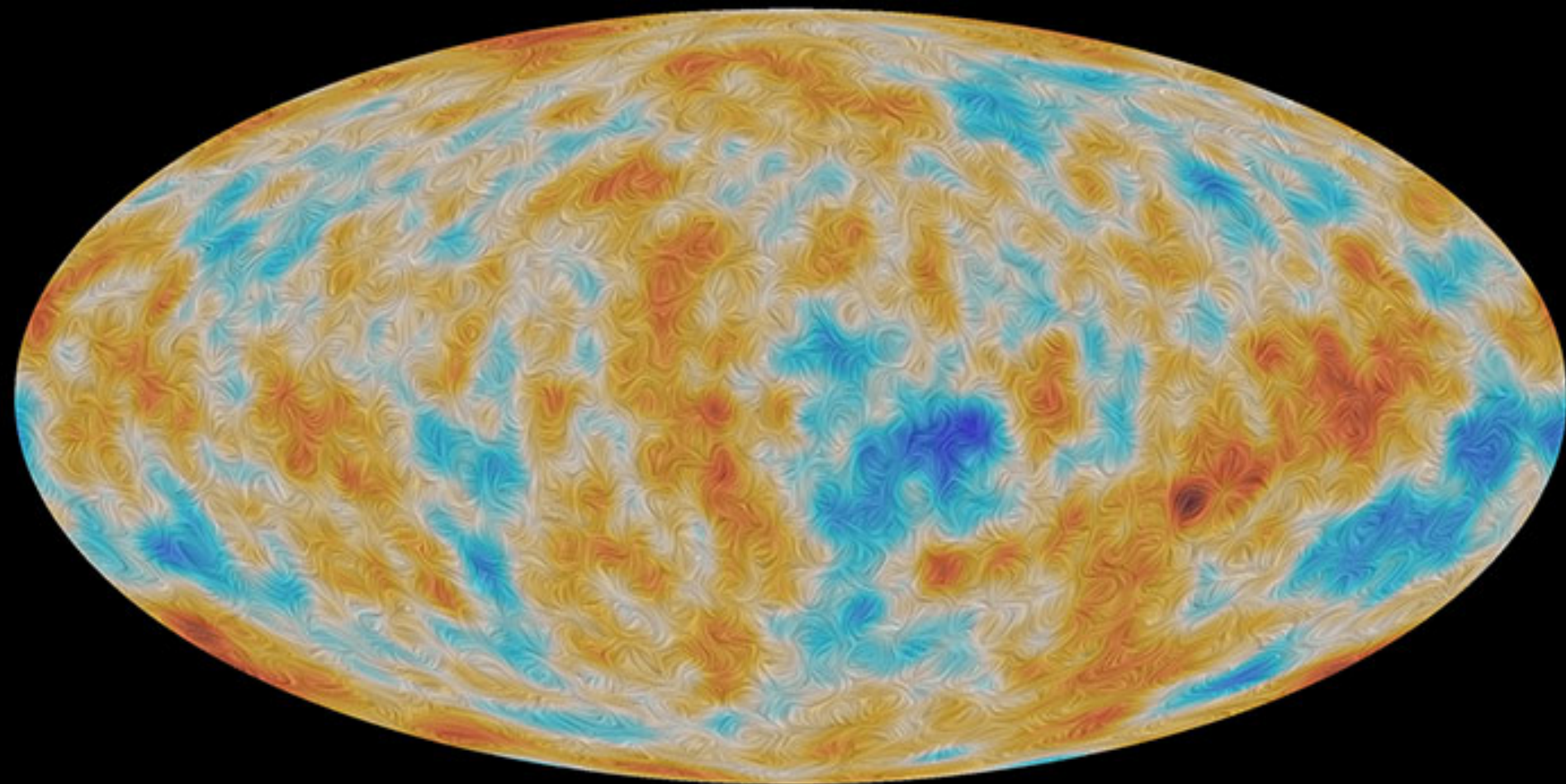


From Wayne Hu

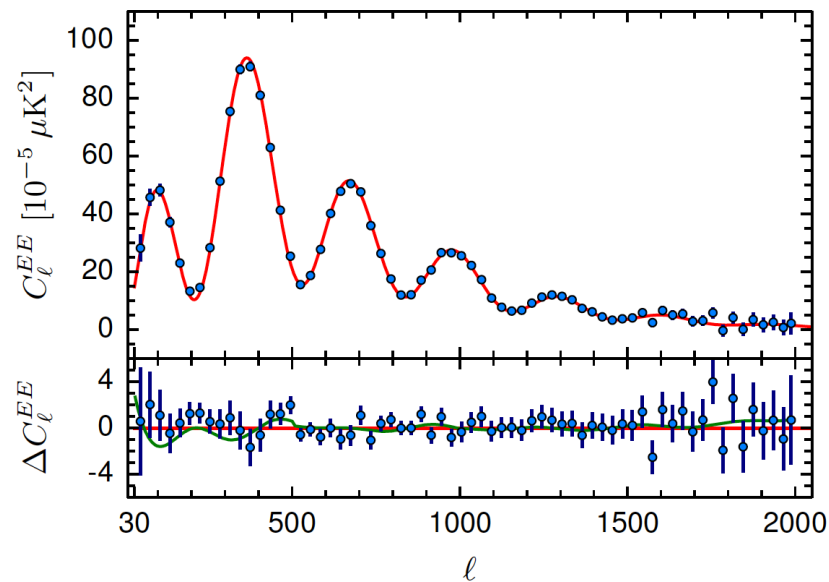
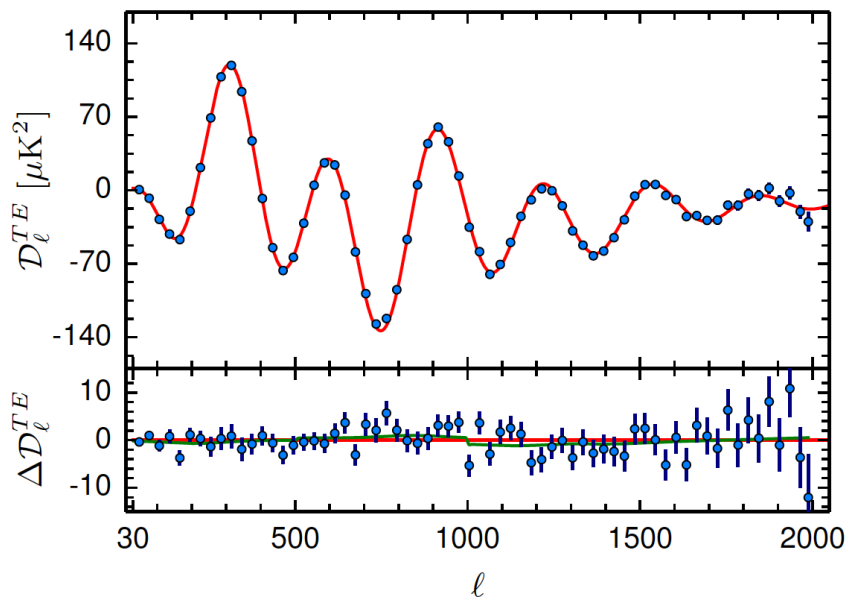
At the last scattering surface

At the end of the dark ages (reionization)

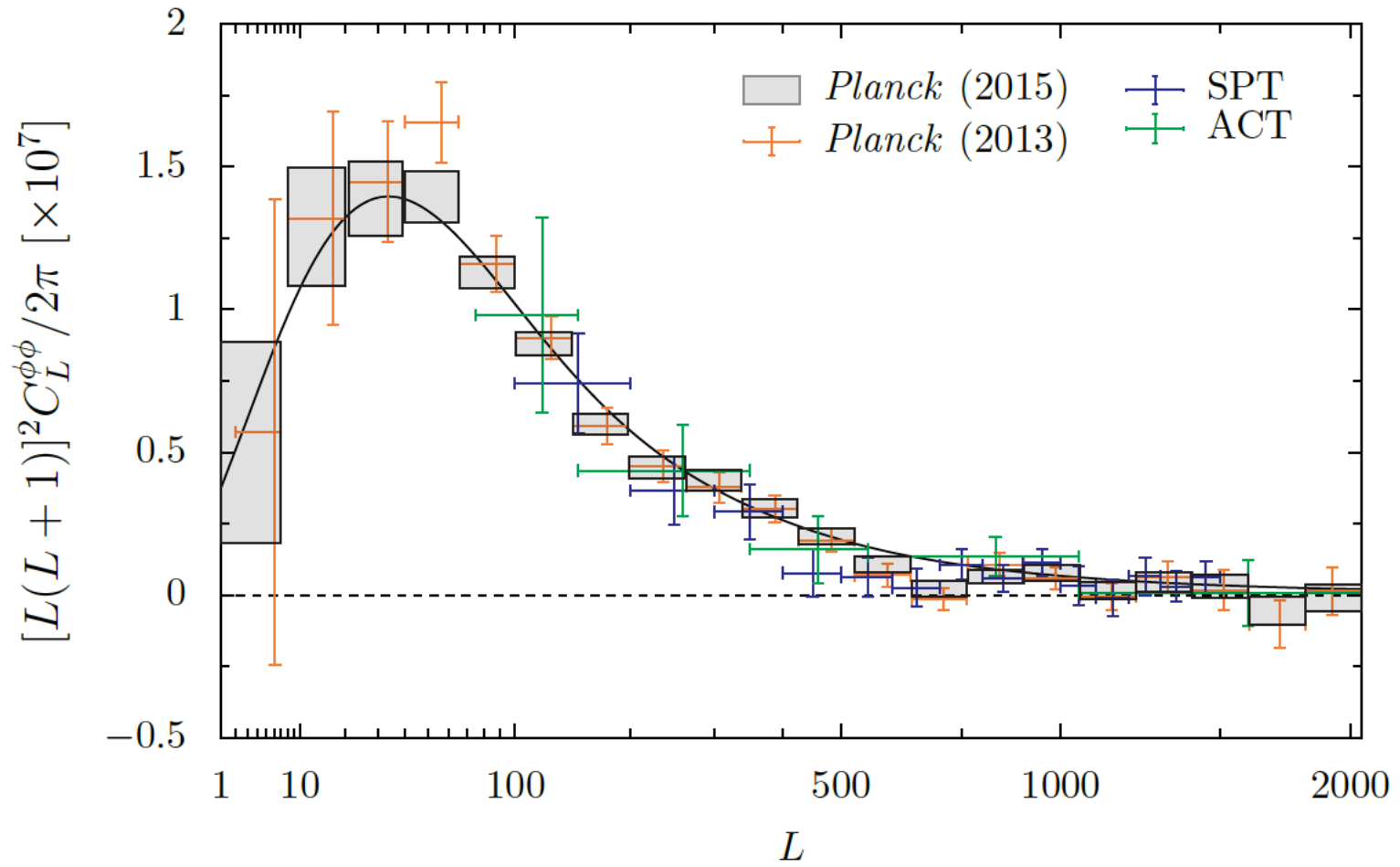
Polarization



Polarization power spectra

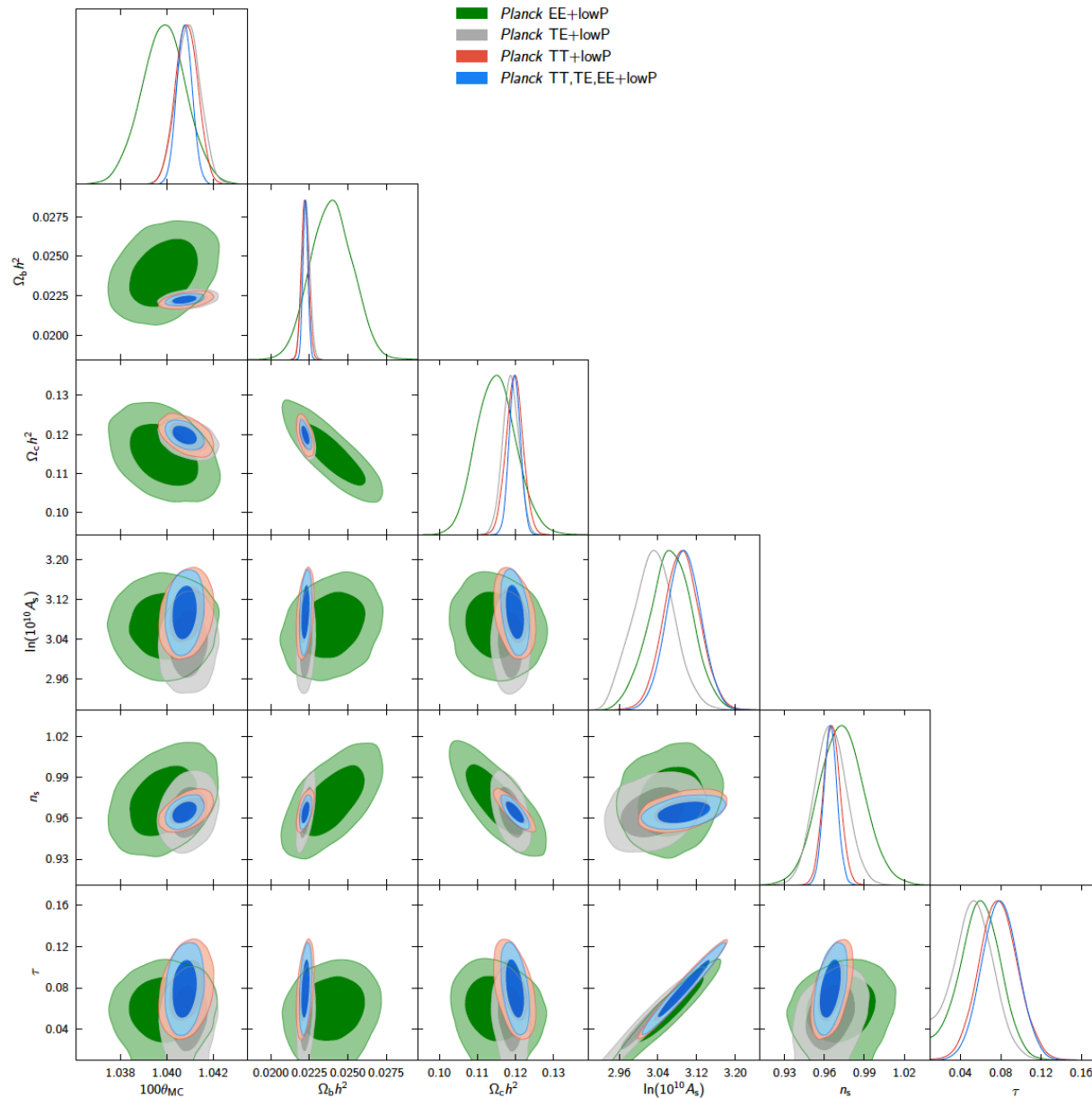


CMB lensing



40 σ detection of lensing ; amplitude constrained to 2.5%

The power of polarization



Wonderful agreement of new data with the Λ CDM model*

“the maximally boring Universe”

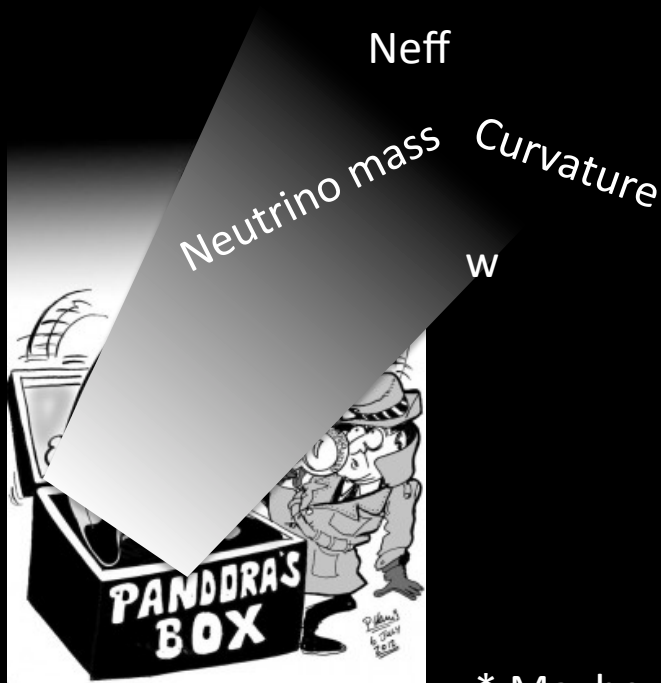
* With some notable exceptions which are still up for discussion.

STILL....

The model IS incomplete... Neutrinos have mass

The model is unsatisfactory

The cosmological constant problem*
Inflation is more than n_s



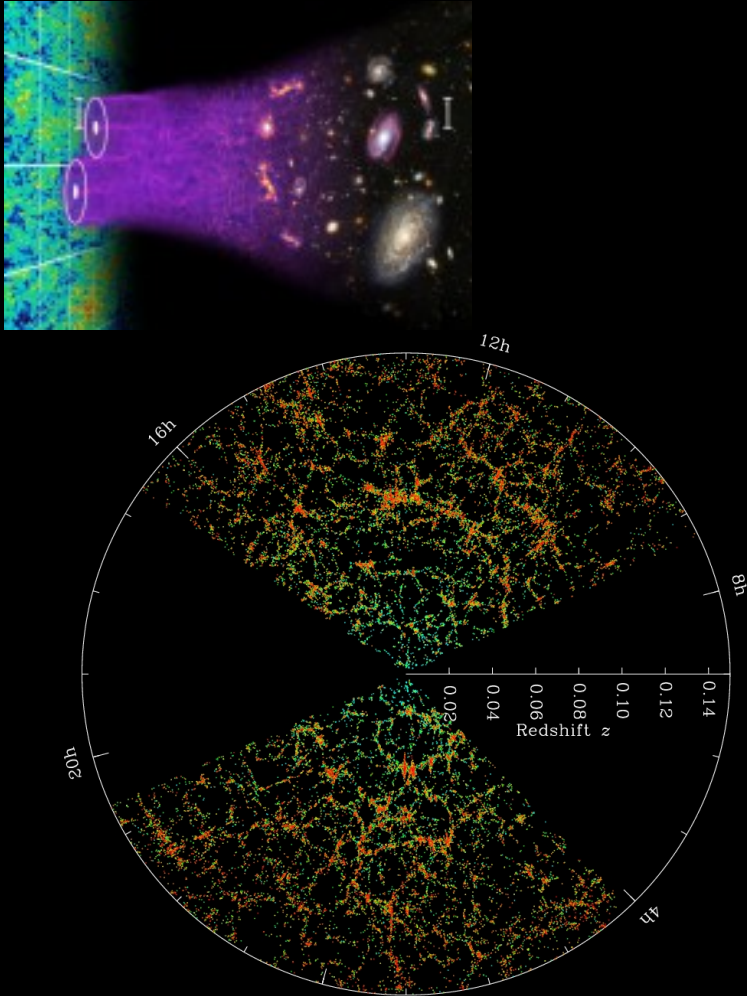
This drives a massive experimental effort

* Maybe we need to "think out of the box" ... talk to F. Simpson!

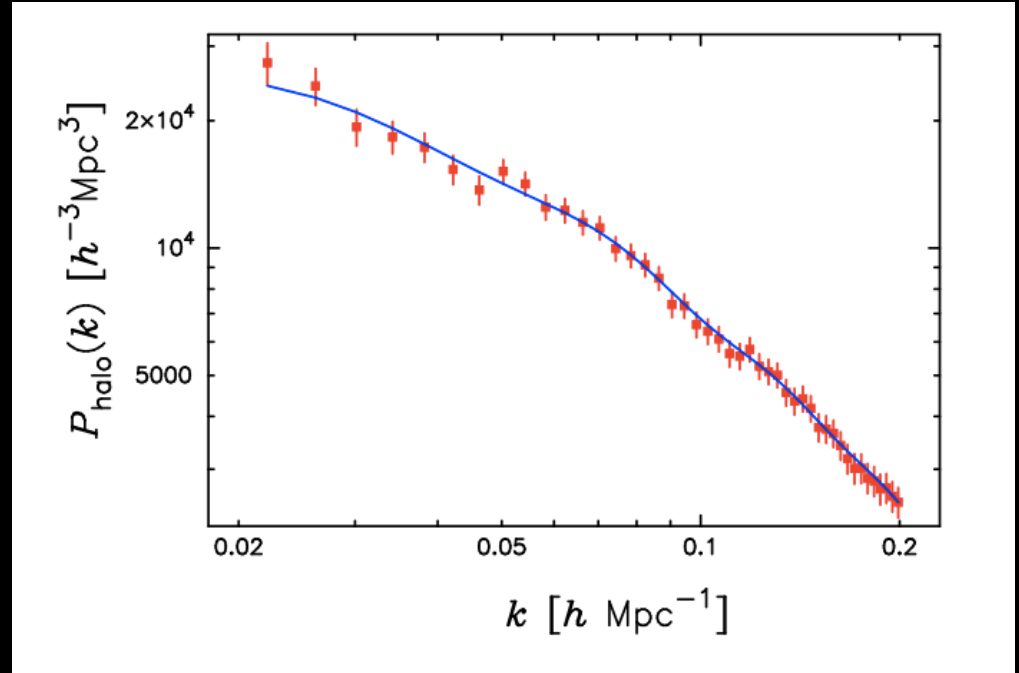
Can now do (precision) tests of
fundamental physics
with cosmological data

CMB temperature information content has been saturated

The near future is large-scale structure



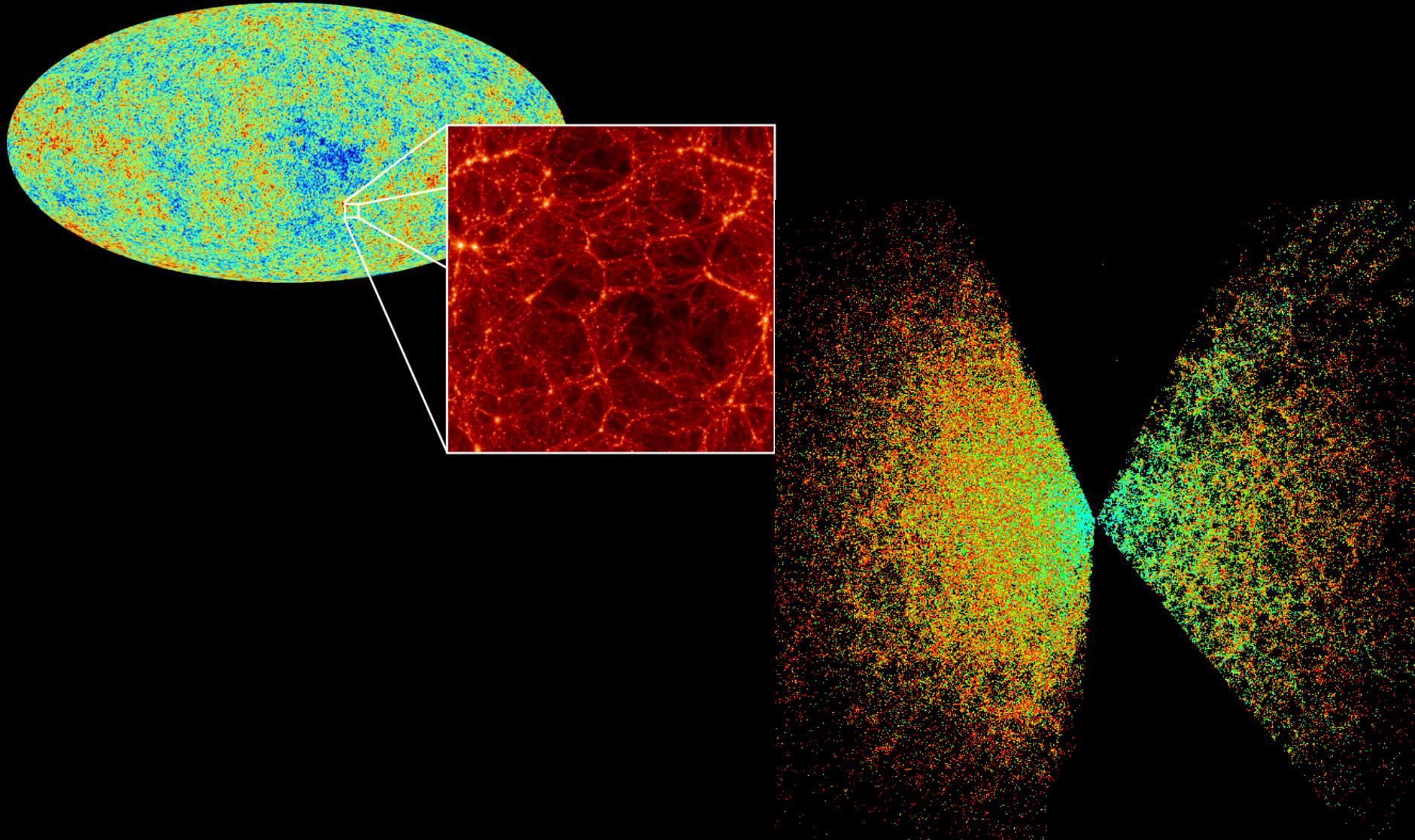
SDSS LRG galaxies power spectrum (Reid et al. 2010)



13 billion years of gravitational evolution

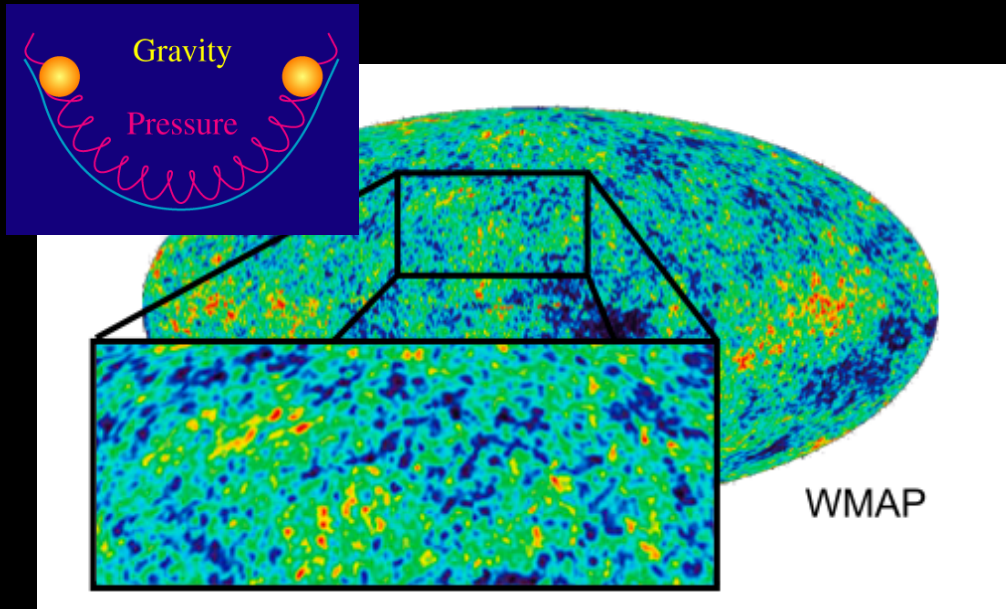
Longer-term timescale: CMB polarization

NEXT: Explore low(er)-redshift Universe



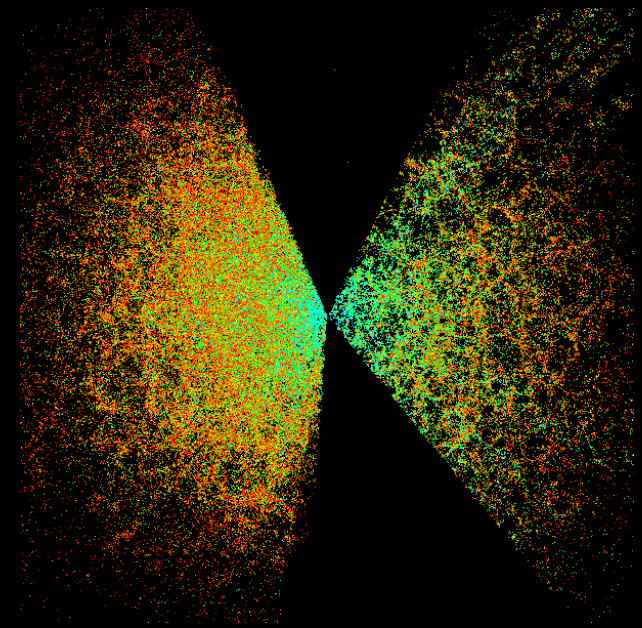
BAOs

Baryon acoustic oscillations



Observe photons

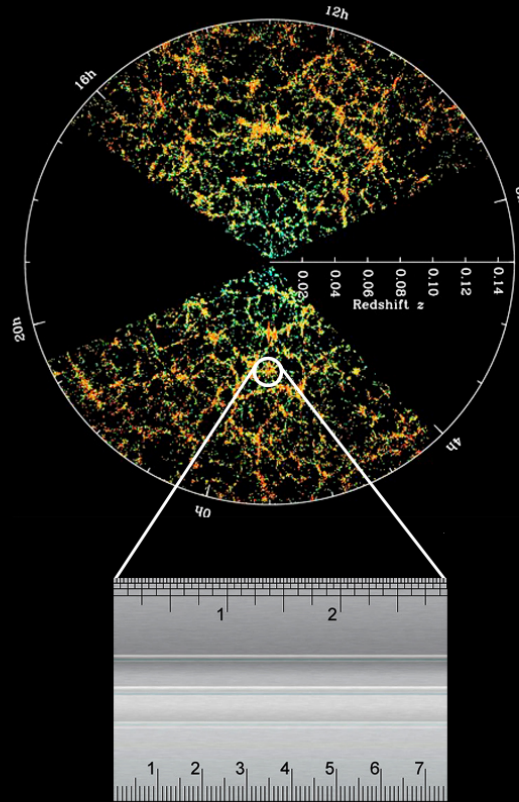
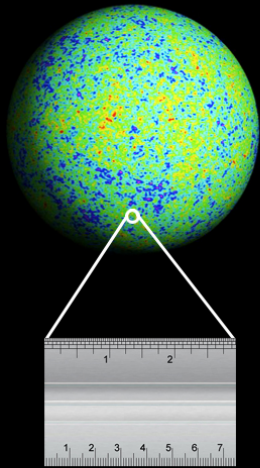
Photons coupled to baryons



“See” dark matter

AS baryons are $\sim 1/6$ of the dark matter these baryonic oscillations leave some imprint in the dark matter distribution (gravity is the coupling)

Explore low-redshift Universe: BAO



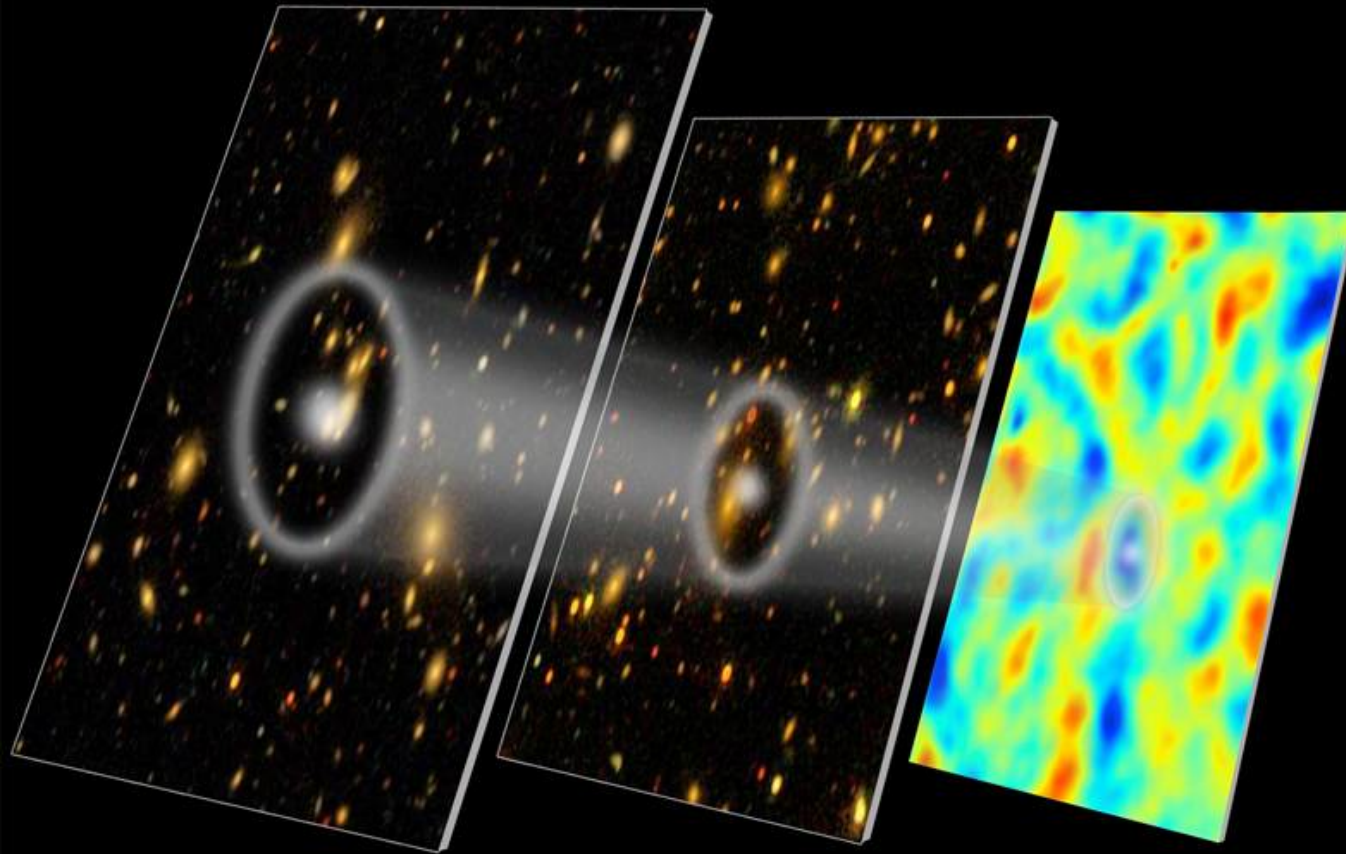
available:
Sloan Digital Sky Survey III
BOSS

Wigglez

Future :e.g., DES, EUCLID,
DESI etc.

BOSS: final results

Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO)

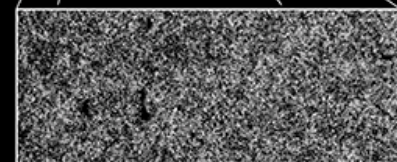
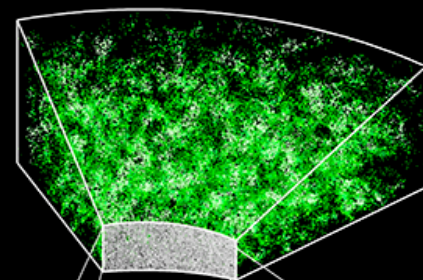
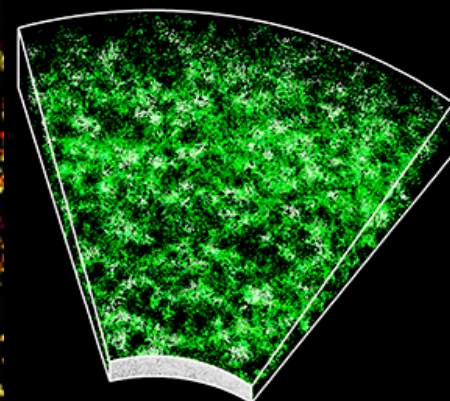
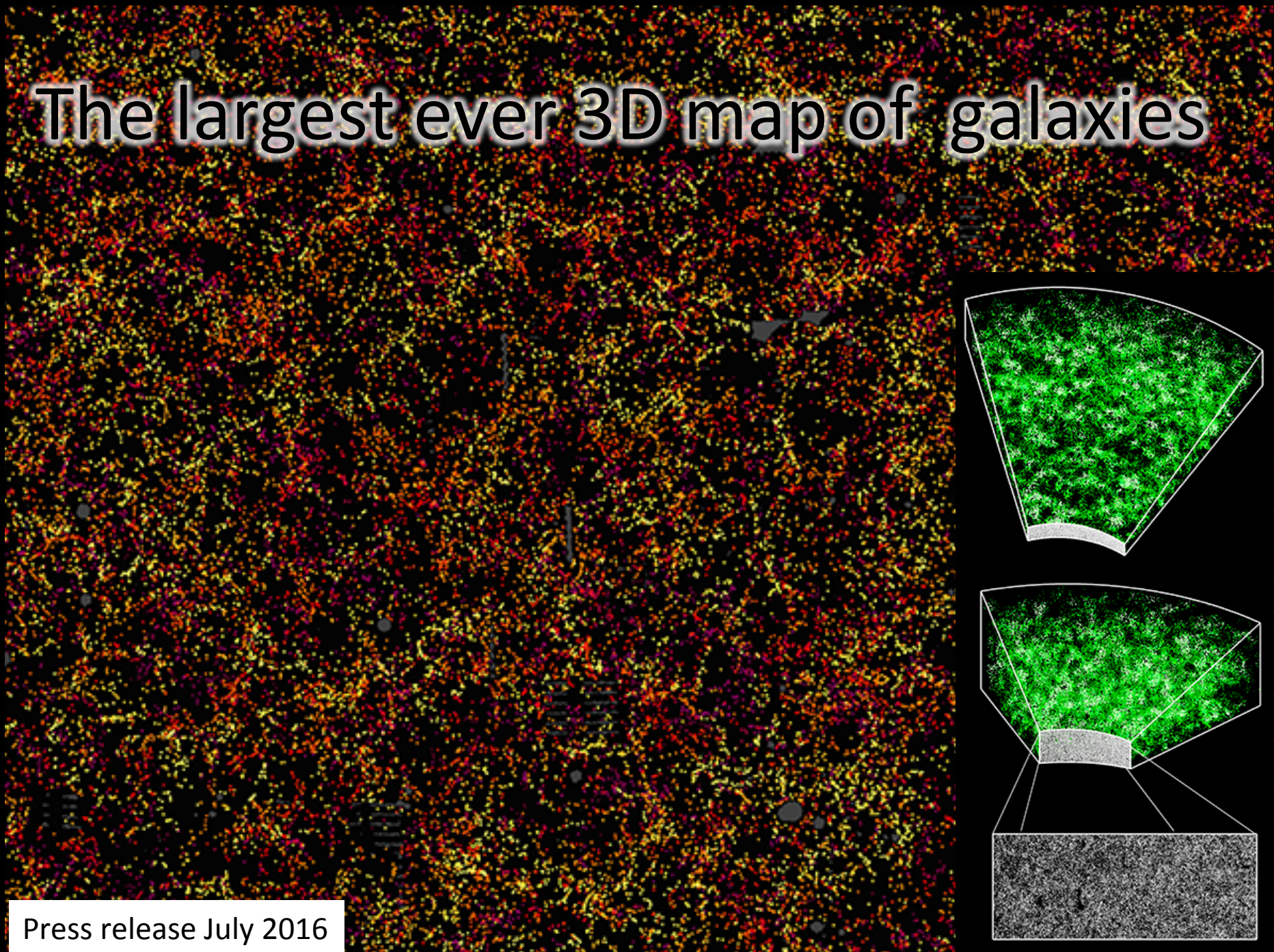


Galaxy map 3.8 billion years ago

Galaxy map 5.5 billion years ago

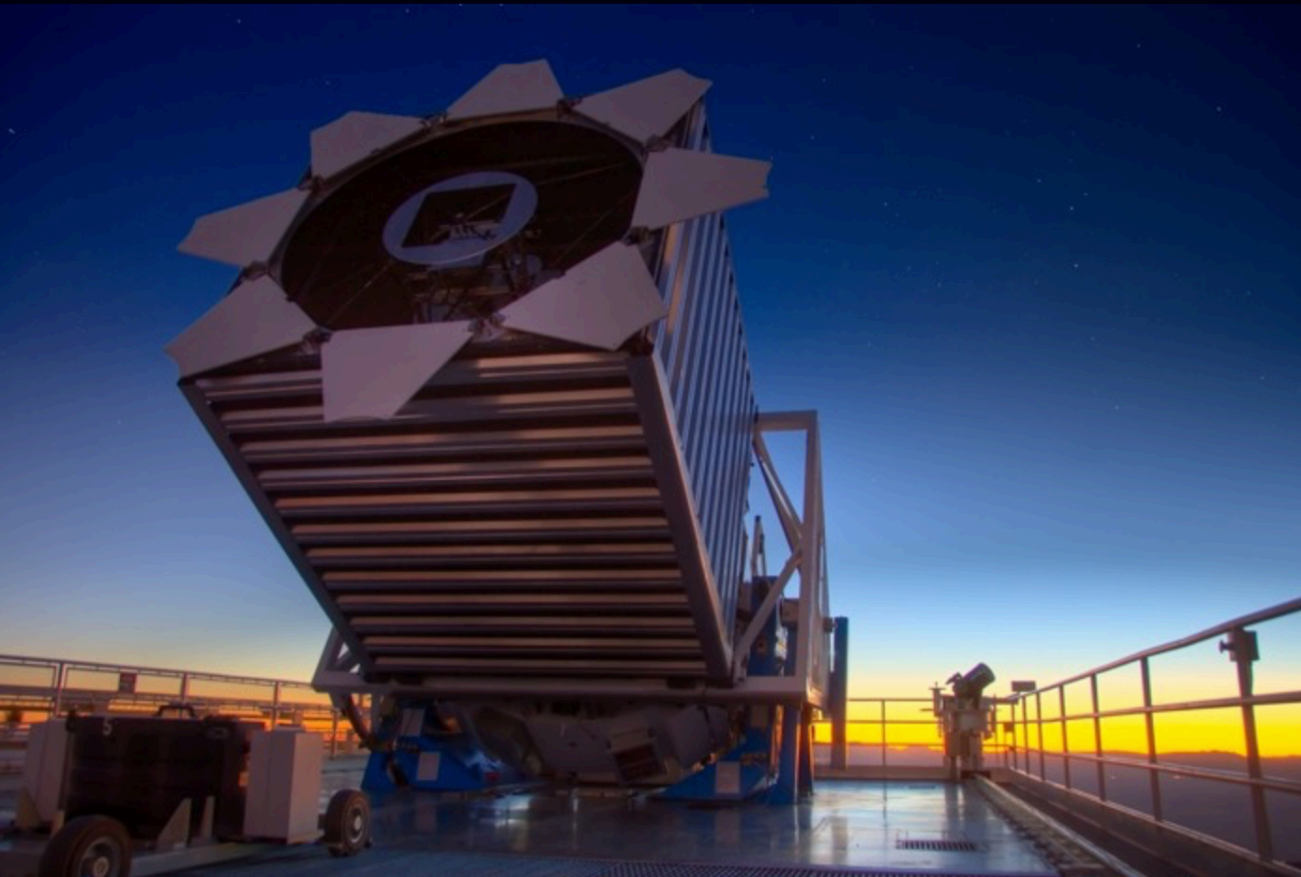
CMB 13.7 billion years ago

The largest ever 3D map of galaxies



Press release July 2016

SDSSIII BOSS survey (2009-2016)

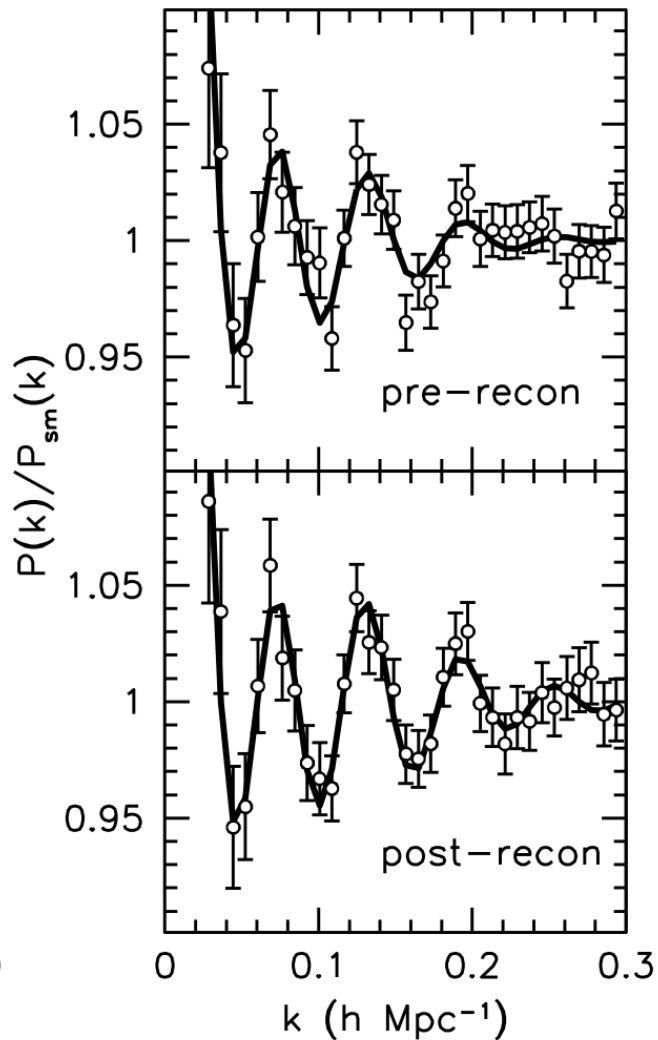
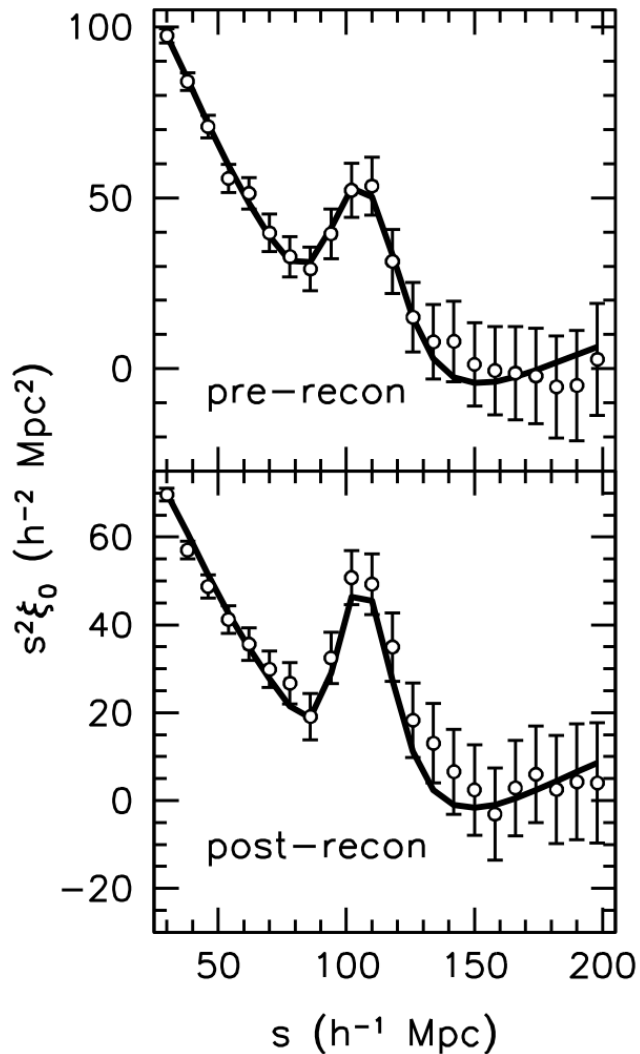


July 2008 - June 2014
51 participating
institutions
> 1,000 scientists

SDSS Telescope
2.5m dedicated
Apache Point, NM
(operating since 1998)

<https://www.sdss3.org/surveys/boss.php>

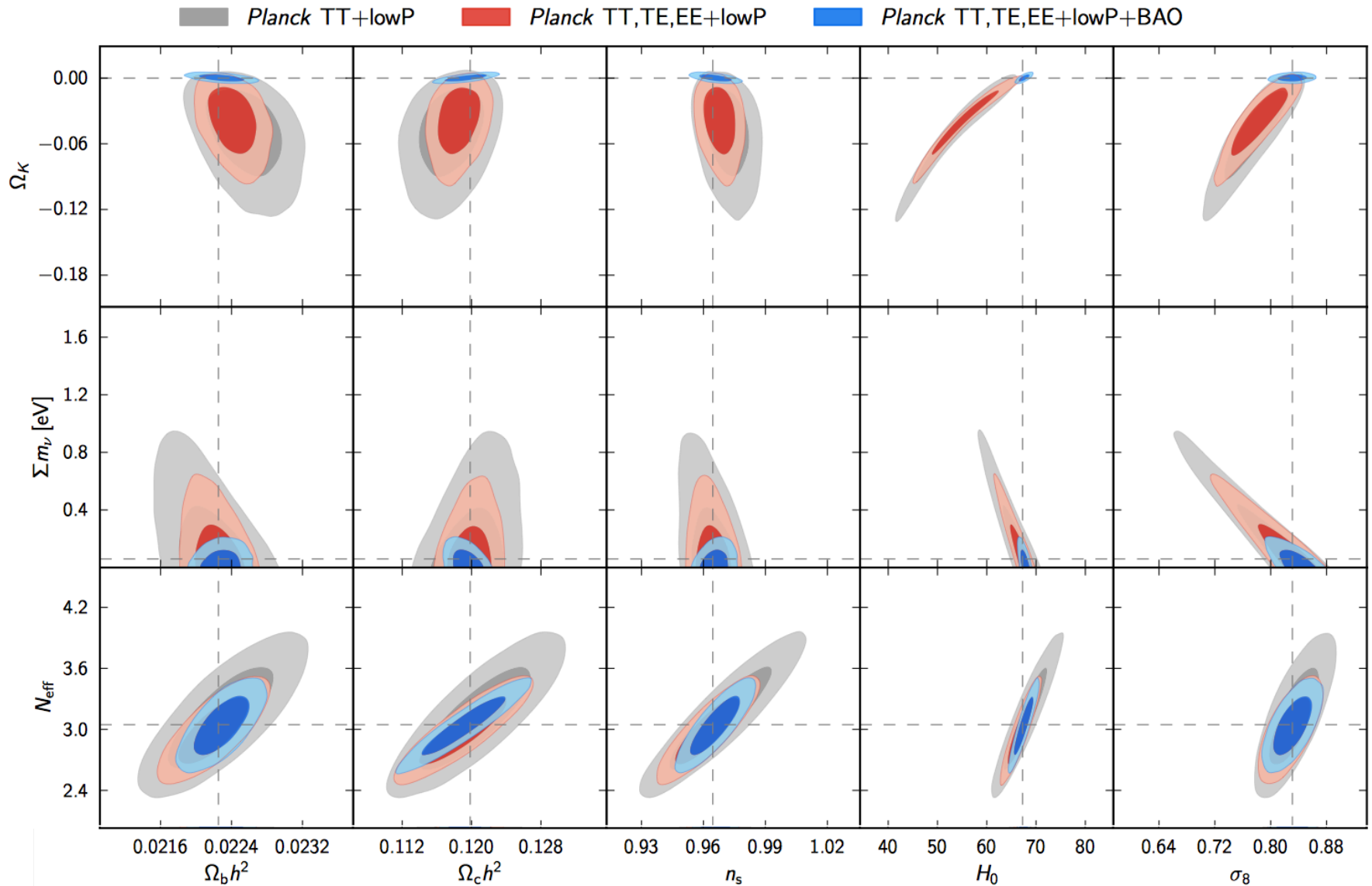
Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO) “today”



Here it is!

The power of BAO

Planck collaboration 2016



Physical information from large-scale structure

Clustering

What are the constituents of matter?
What is the physics of inflation?
e.g. Neutrino masses, Primordial $P(k)$,
Nature of dark matter,
growth of perturbations

Standard ruler
(geometry)

What is the expansion
history of the Universe?
e.g. Dark energy

Redshift space
distortions

How does structure form
within this background?
e.g. modified gravity, GR

Large-scales

Homogeneity, non-gaussianity

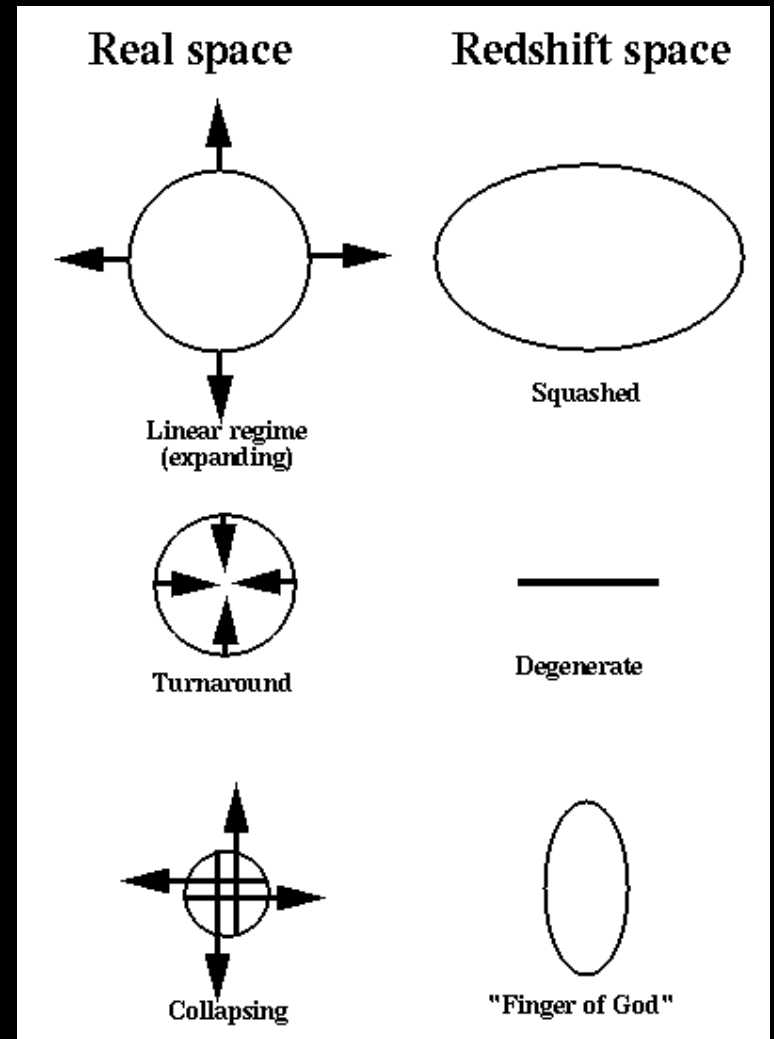
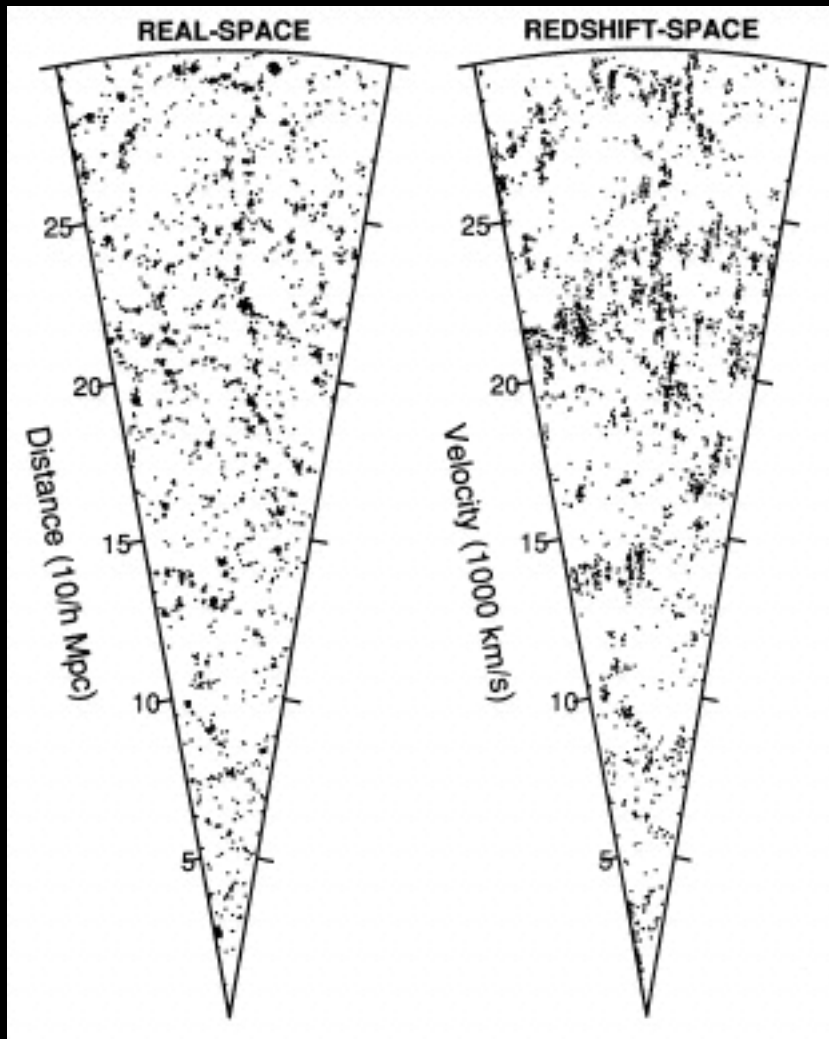
Spectral
analysis

other non-cosmological info
e.g. Galaxy formation

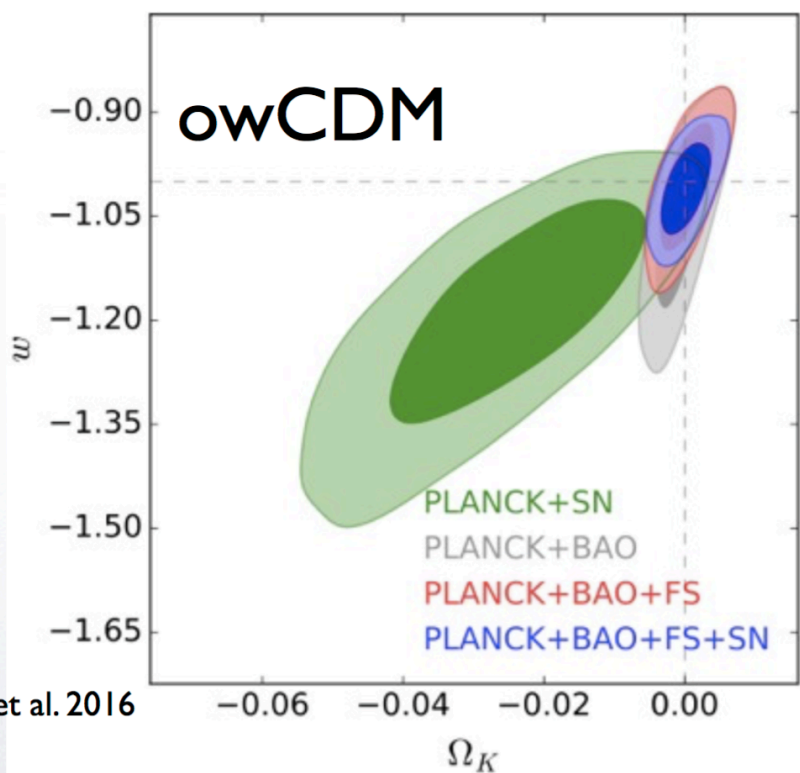
Understanding
cosmic
acceleration

Fig. adapted from W. Percival

Redshift space distortions

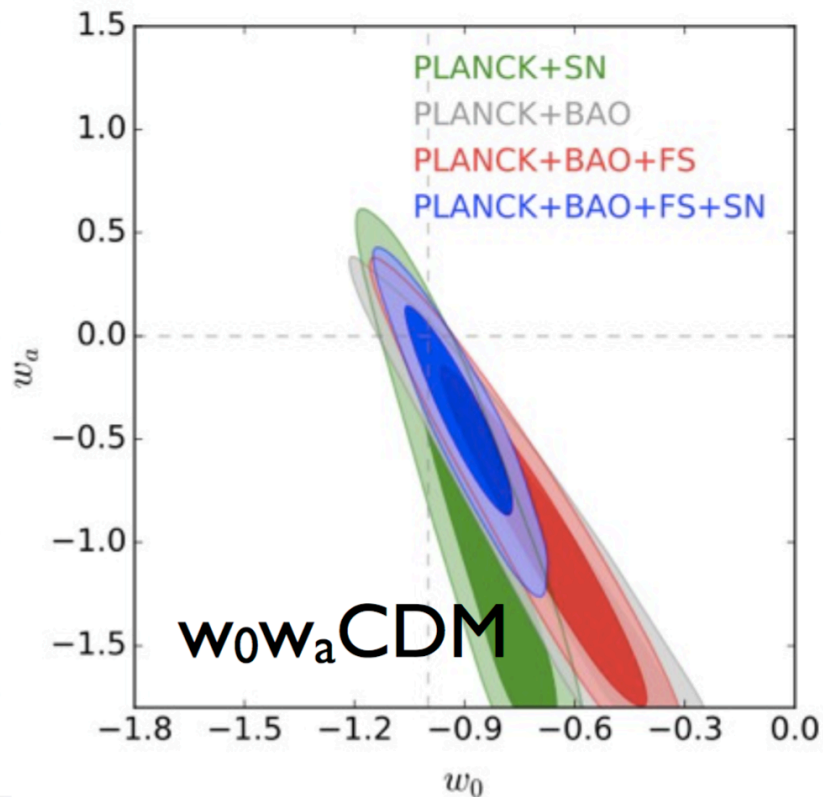


Curvature and Dark Energy



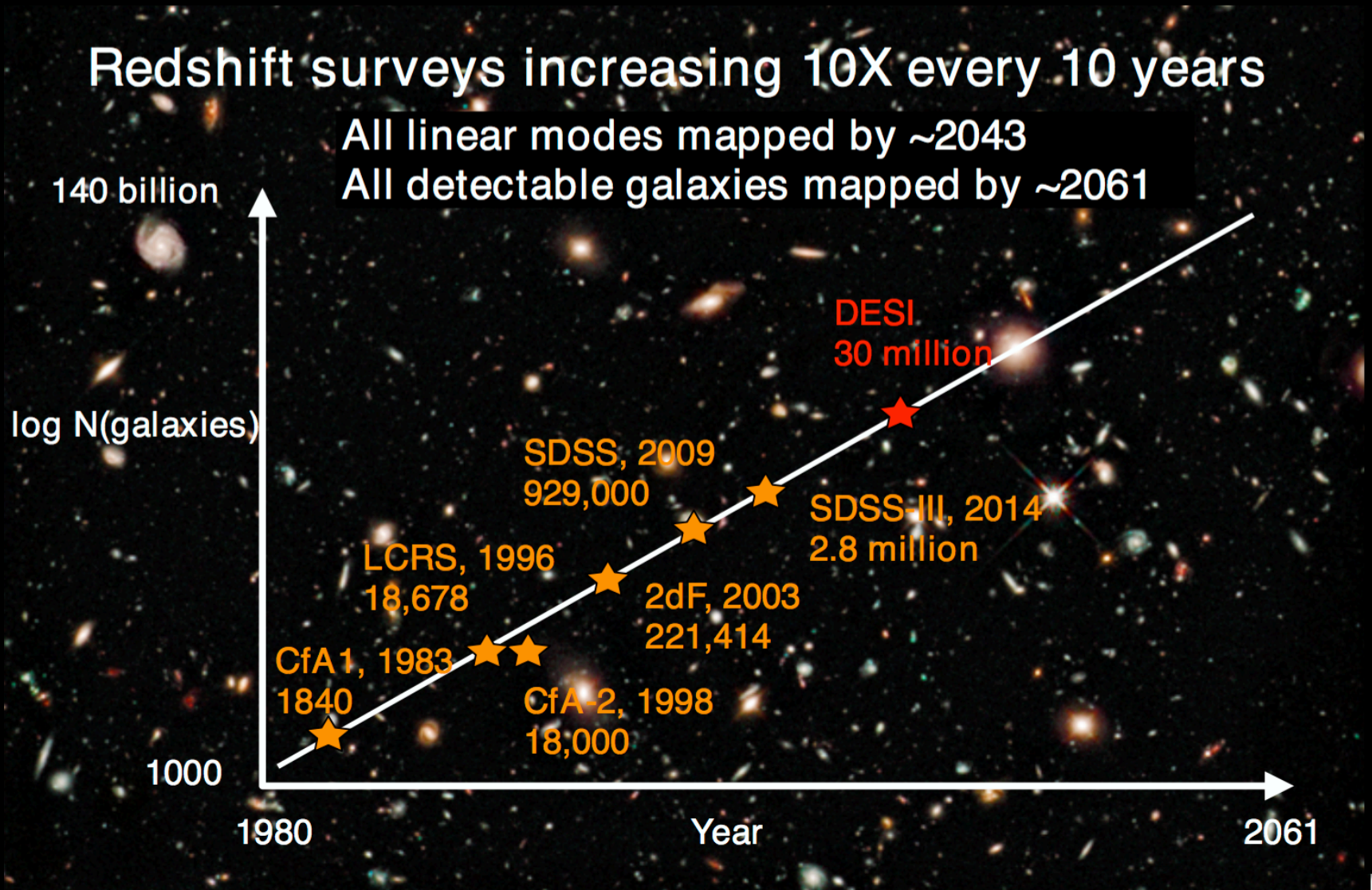
Alam et al. 2016

Ω_k is 0 with an error of **0.0026** (**0.0023** with SN)
 w is -1 with an error of **0.06** (**0.04** with SN)



w_0 is -1 with an error of **0.10** with SN
 w_a is 0 with an error of **0.34** with SN

Golden age or Gold rush?



Courtesy of D. Schlegel

Challenges and opportunities

The CMB was simple, well understood physics,
galaxies in the late-time universe are not simple nor well understood

Big data

Planck 5×10^7 pixels DESI 5×10^7 spectra! DES 3×10^8 galaxies to measure shapes

Astrophysics, non-linearities (non-gaussianity)

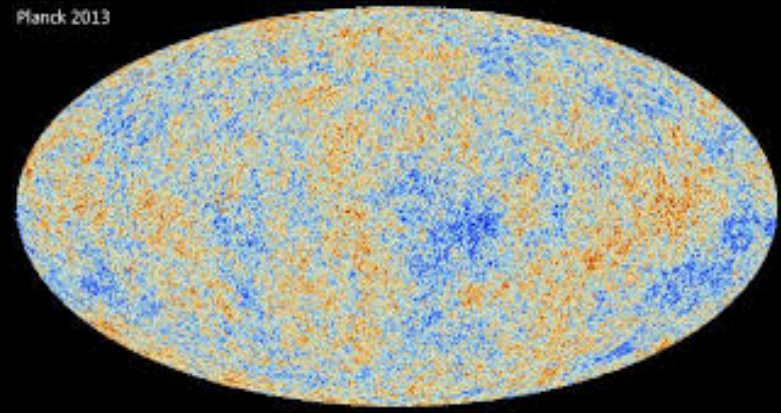
Precision vs accuracy

Systematic errors will be the limiting factor

Analysis techniques must evolve and adapt

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Planck 2013



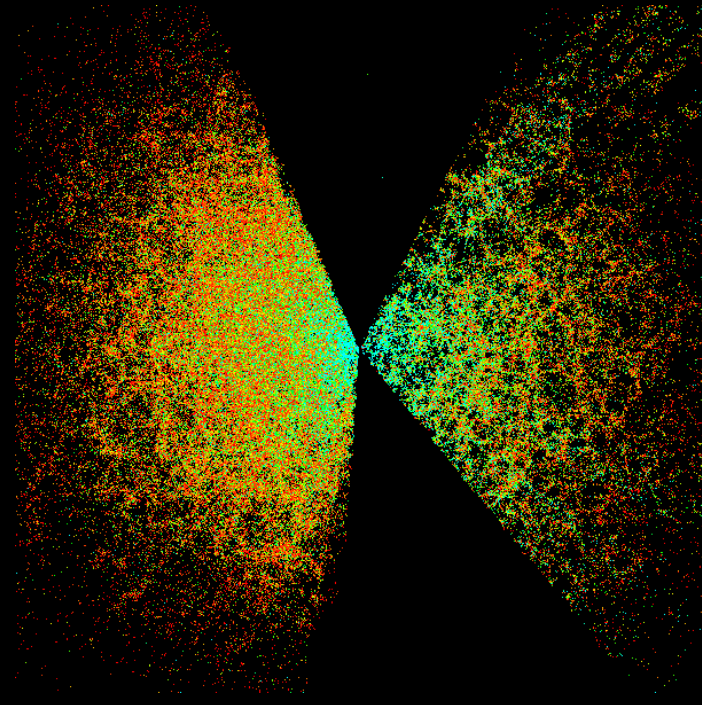
Forthcoming new avalanche of data enables
PRECISION tests beyond the standard model

Two examples

1) Neutrinos contribute at least to $\sim 0.5\%$ of the total matter density

Use the entire Universe as “detector”!

2) Model-independent tests



Planck++ Constraints on Neutrinos

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.72 \text{ eV} \quad \textit{Planck TT+lowP};$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.21 \text{ eV} \quad \textit{Planck TT+lowP+BAO};$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.49 \text{ eV} \quad \textit{Planck TT, TE, EE+lowP};$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.17 \text{ eV} \quad \textit{Planck TT, TE, EE+lowP+BAO}.$$

95% CL

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.13 \pm 0.32 \quad \textit{Planck TT+lowP};$$

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.15 \pm 0.23 \quad \textit{Planck TT+lowP+BAO};$$

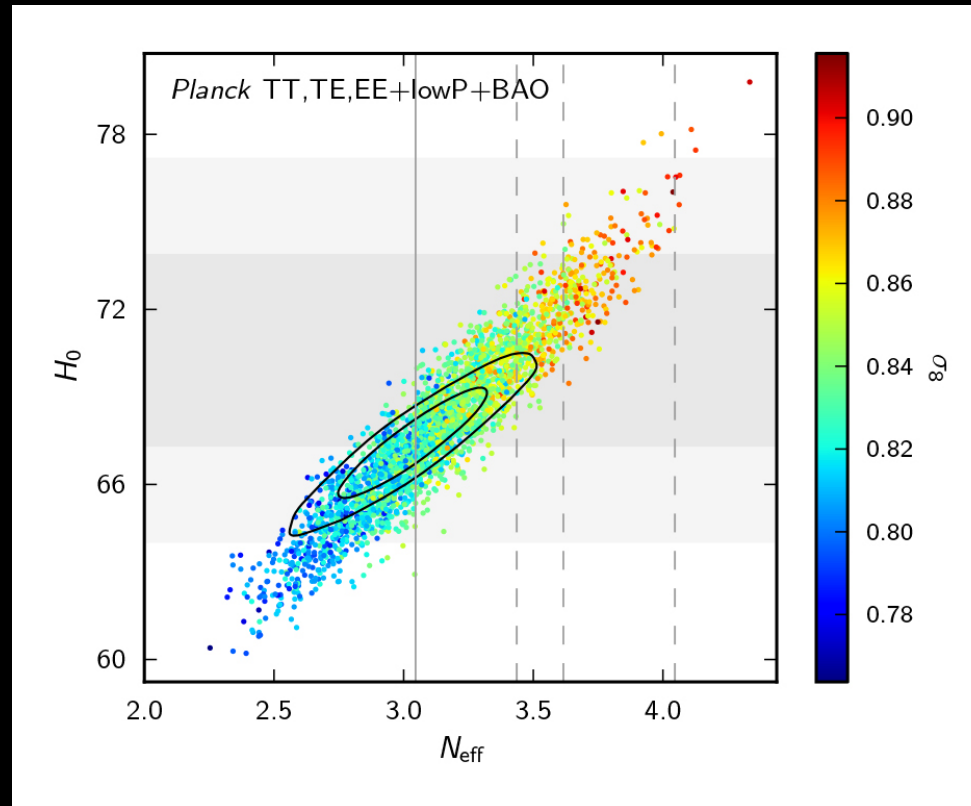
$$N_{\text{eff}} = 2.99 \pm 0.20 \quad \textit{Planck TT, TE, EE+lowP};$$

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.04 \pm 0.18 \quad \textit{Planck TT, TE, EE+lowP+BAO}.$$

68% CL

The CvB has been detected to
extremely high statistical
significance

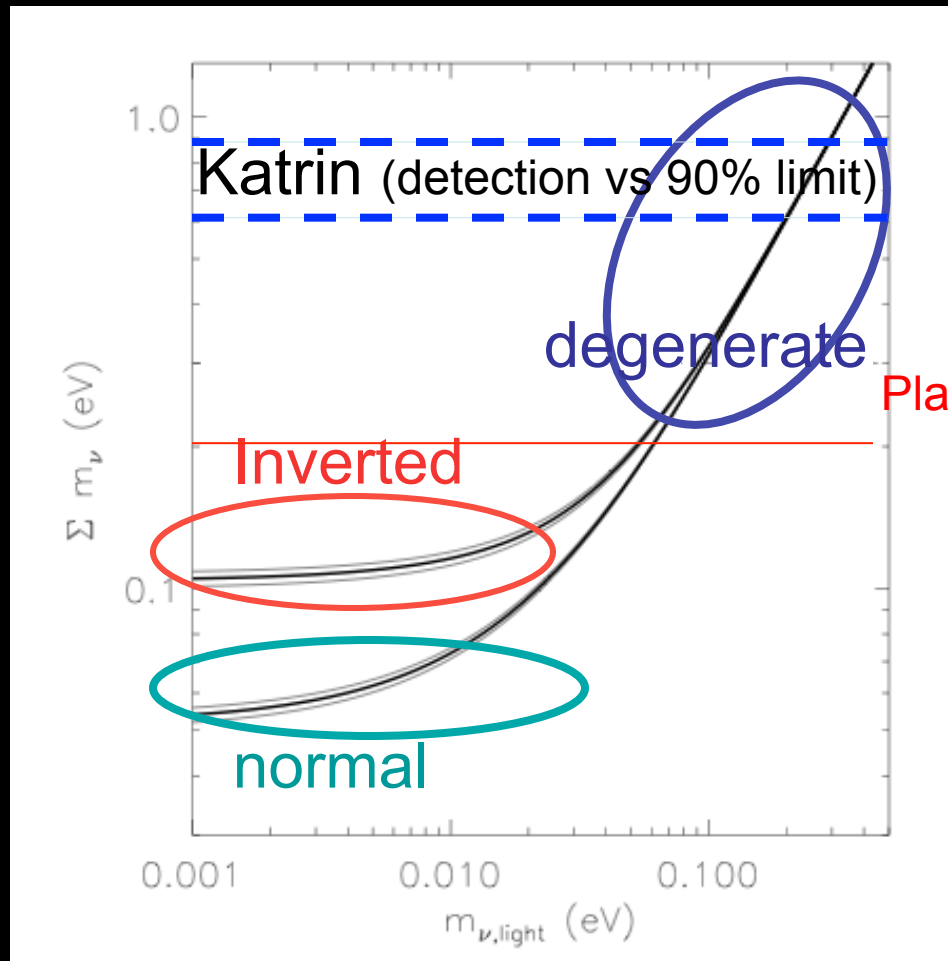
Results from Planck 2015



$N_{\text{eff}}=0$ excluded at “17sigma”

Also, the possibility of a 4th neutrino is fading away
(dashed lines)

Cosmology is key in determining the absolute mass scale



Planck + BAO (95% limit)

The problem is systematic errors



This means that neutrinos contribute at least to $\sim 0.5\%$ of the total matter density

Including large-scale structure clustering

Pros: see the “signature” scale-dependent clustering suppression

Cons: astrophysics, bias

Possible approach:

Useful exercise : use completely different tracers and see if there is agreement

Cuesta, Niro, LV, 2016

Neutrino mass limits:

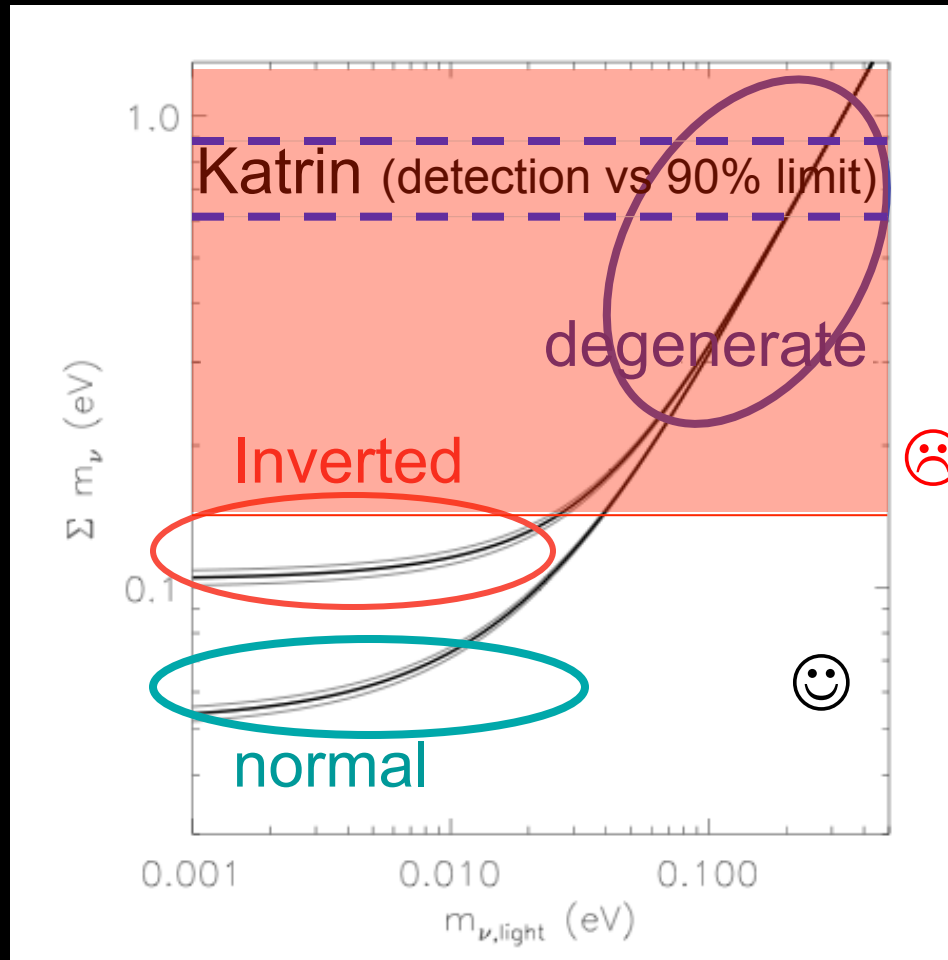
robust information from the power spectrum of galaxy surveys

(Wiggle Z, blue EL galaxies; SDSS LRG; and compare with IGM Ly α)

$M\nu < 0.13 \text{ eV} @ 95\%$

The pessimist: The inverted hierarchy is under pressure

The optimist: If IH then a measurement of $M\nu$ is just around the corner!



With $Lya < 0.12 \text{ eV}$

Note the bracket!

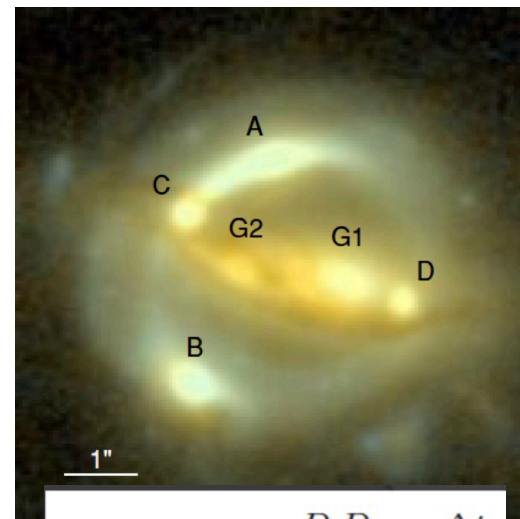
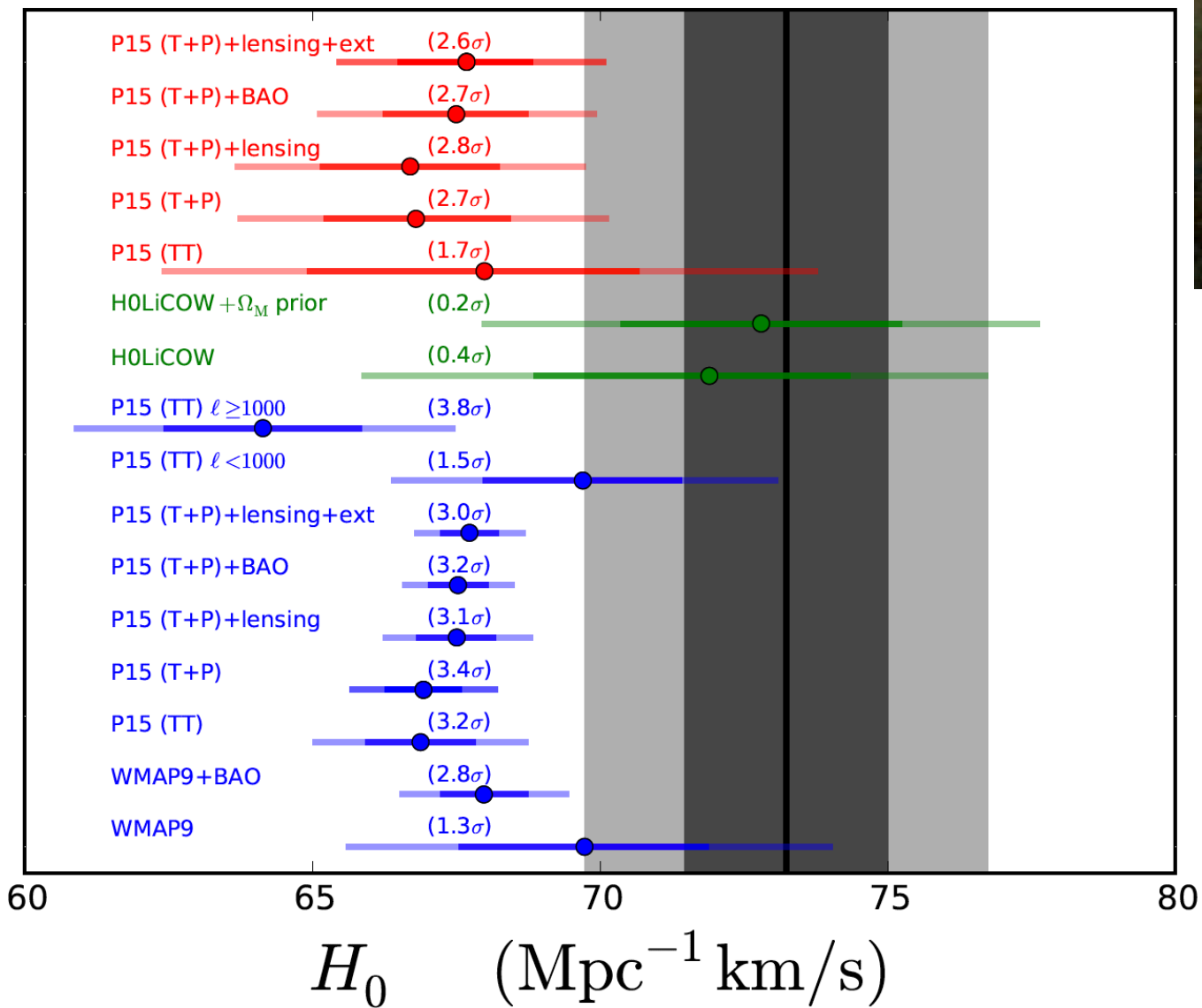
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The trouble with H_0

JL Bernal, LV,.A Riess, JACP 2016

- Direct measurement: 73.24 ± 1.74 km/s/Mpc (Riess et al 2016; verified with GAIA parallaxes)
- Planck (Λ CDM): 67.8 ± 0.9 (66.9 ± 0.6) km/s/Mpc
- Formally 3.4σ , maybe we should pay attention
- Possibly worst with Planck low l polarization re-analysis

The landscape

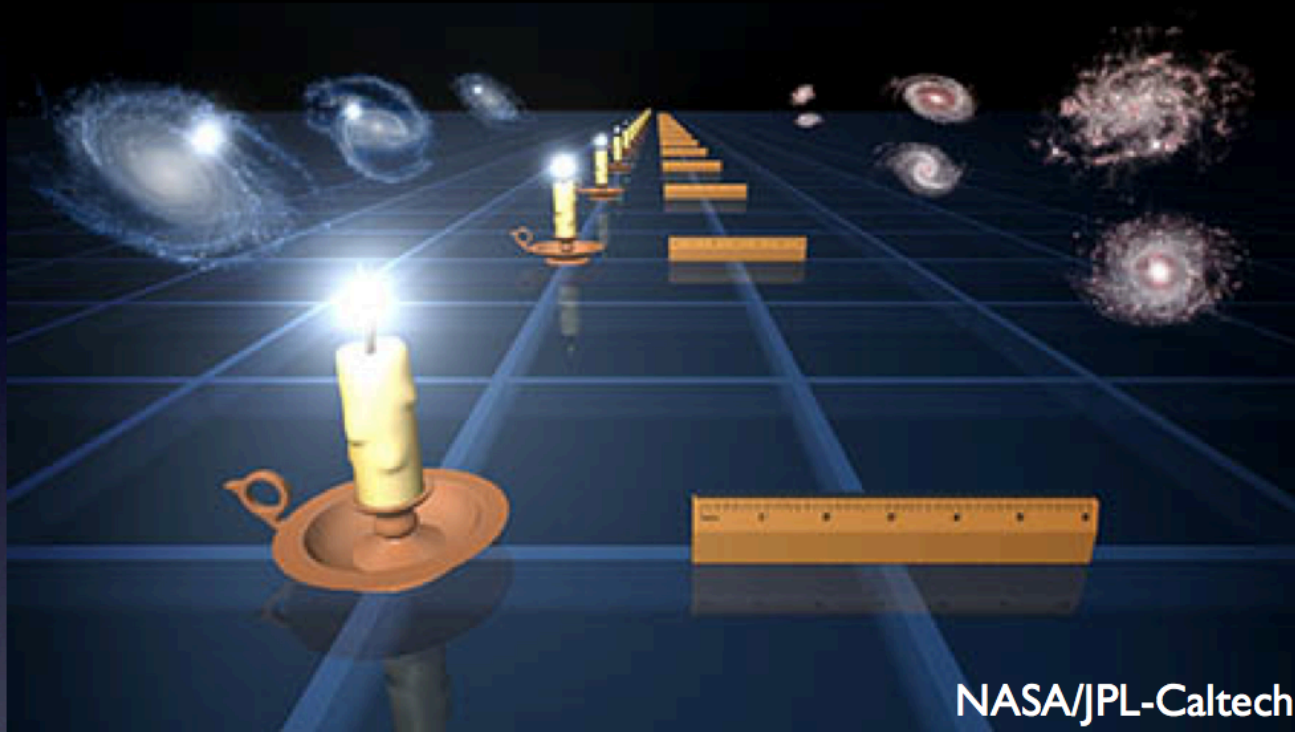


$$D_{\Delta t} \equiv (1 + z_l) \frac{D_l D_s}{D_{ls}} = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta \phi}$$

- CMB Λ CDM + N_{eff}
- H0LiCOW
- CMB Λ CDM
- R16

The trouble with H_0

Standard candles & Standard rulers

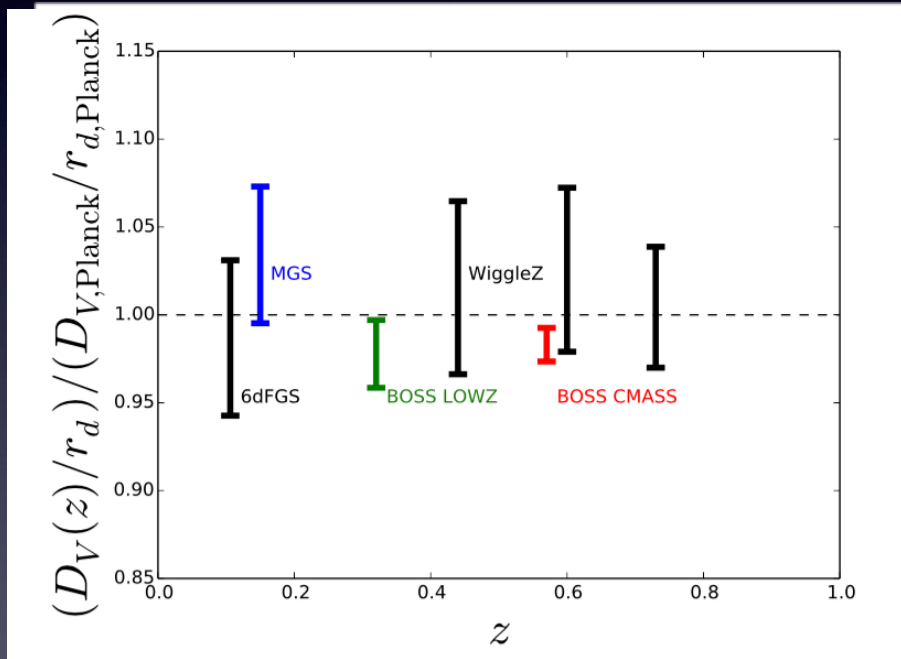


Type-Ia SNe measure **relative** distances, since there is large uncertainty on the absolute magnitude M of a fiducial SN

BAOs measure **absolute** distances, but depend on the value of sound horizon r_{drag}

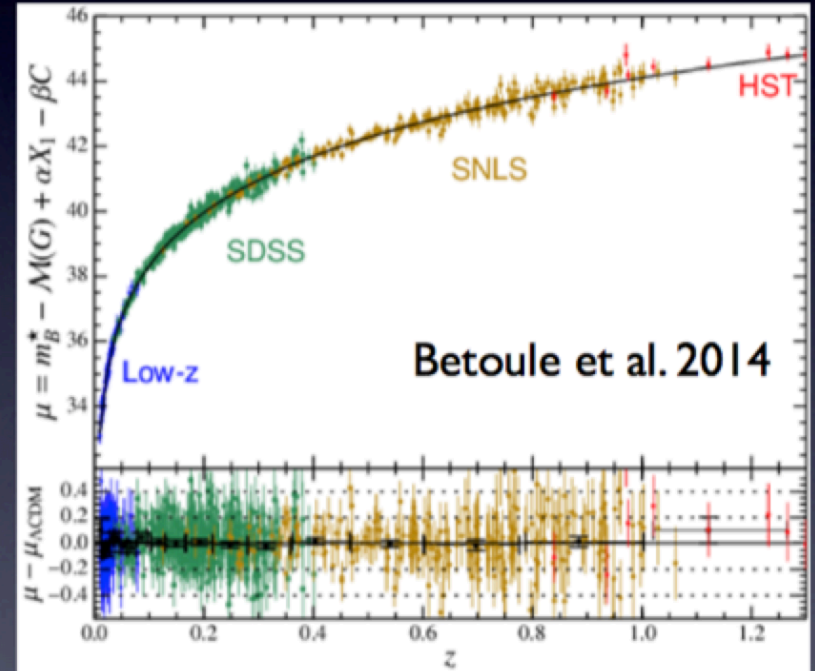
Visually

BAO + r_d



$$D_V(z) = \{D_A(z)^2 c z / H(z)\}^{1/3}$$

SN

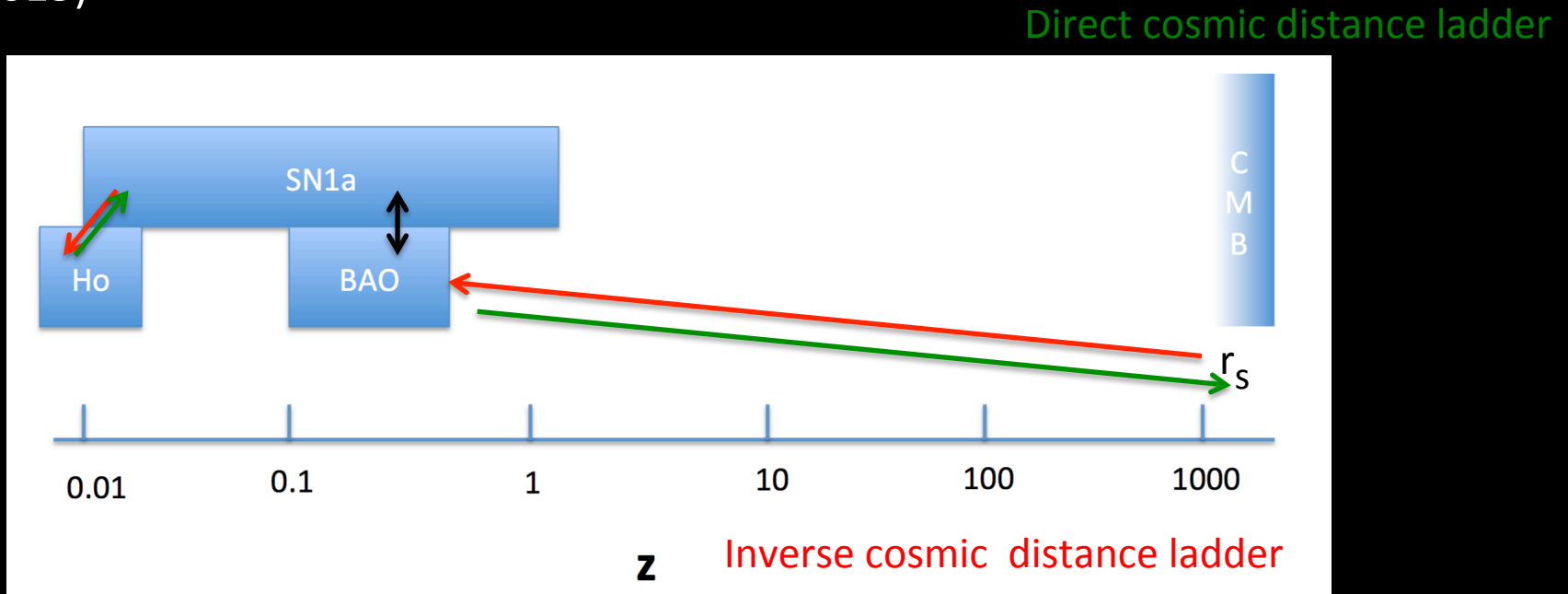


$$\mu(z) = 25 + 5 \log_{10} D_L(z)$$

Direct and inverse distance ladder

- Spline reconstruction of the expansion history $H(z)$ with 4 (5 with SNe) knots.

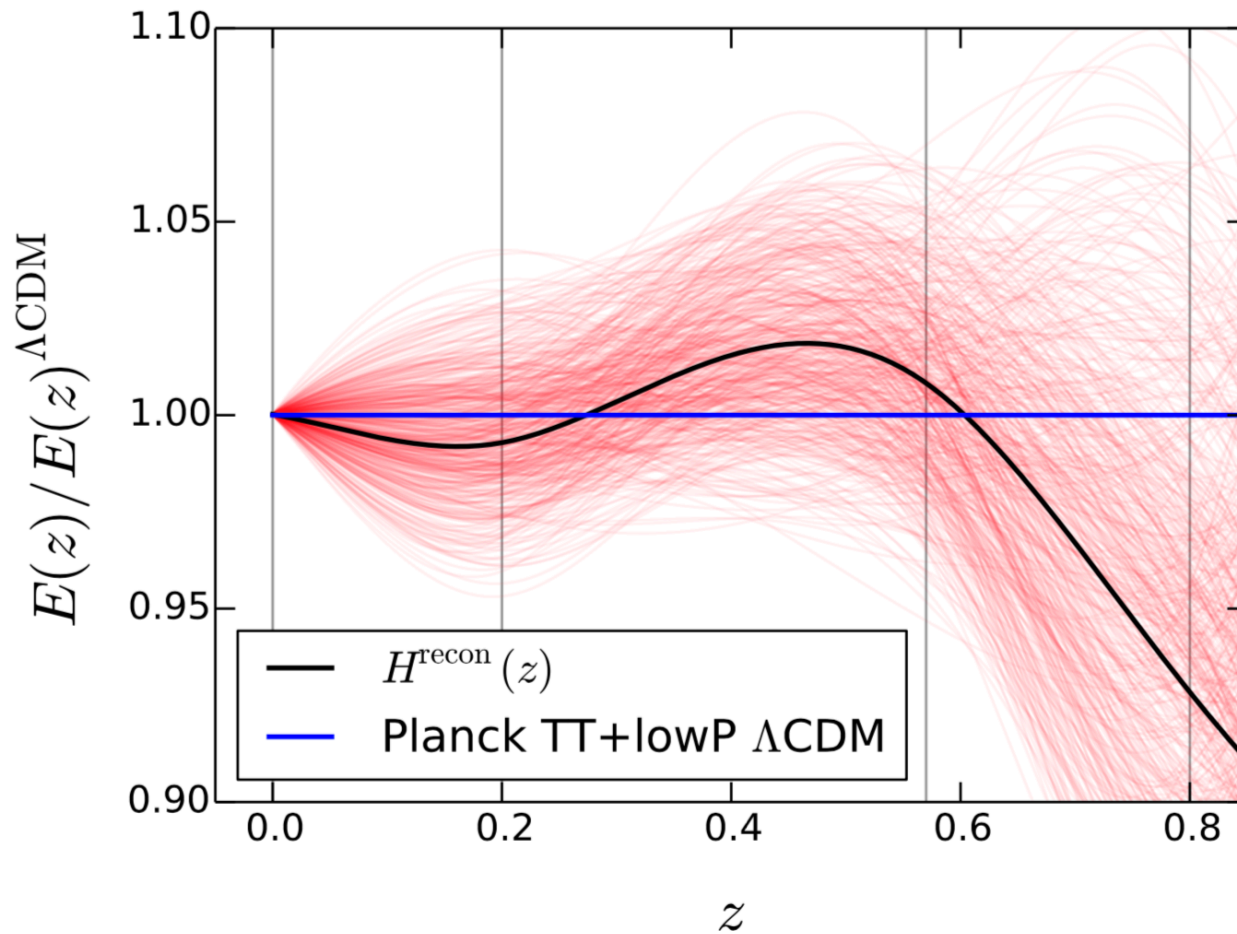
Direct and inverse cosmic distance ladder (Cuesta et al 2015)



Here is where in LCDM or its simple variations the two ladders do not match

The trouble with H_0

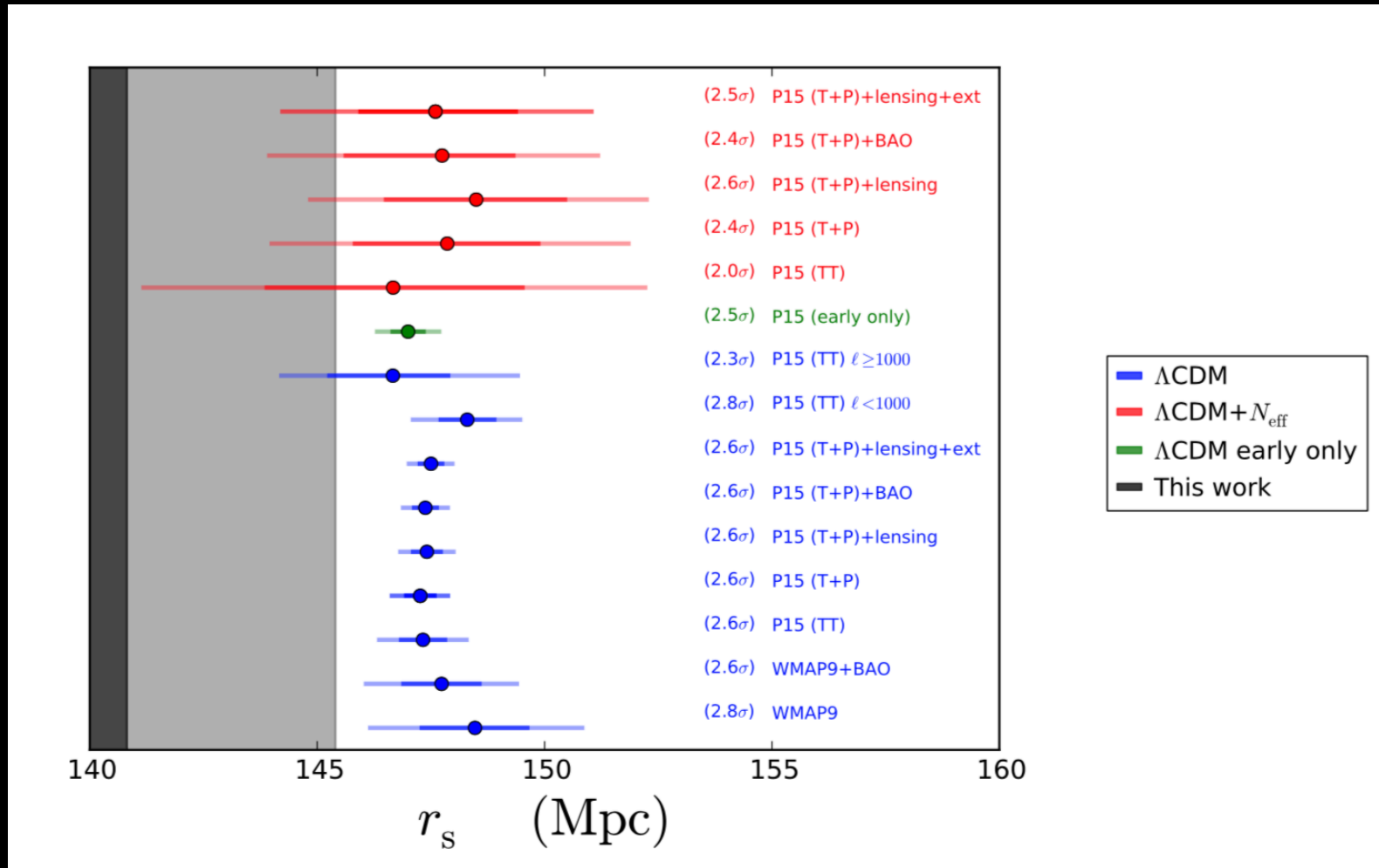
The SHAPE of expansion history is well constrained



The issue is with the normalization

The trouble with H_0

The H_0 problem as a r_s problem

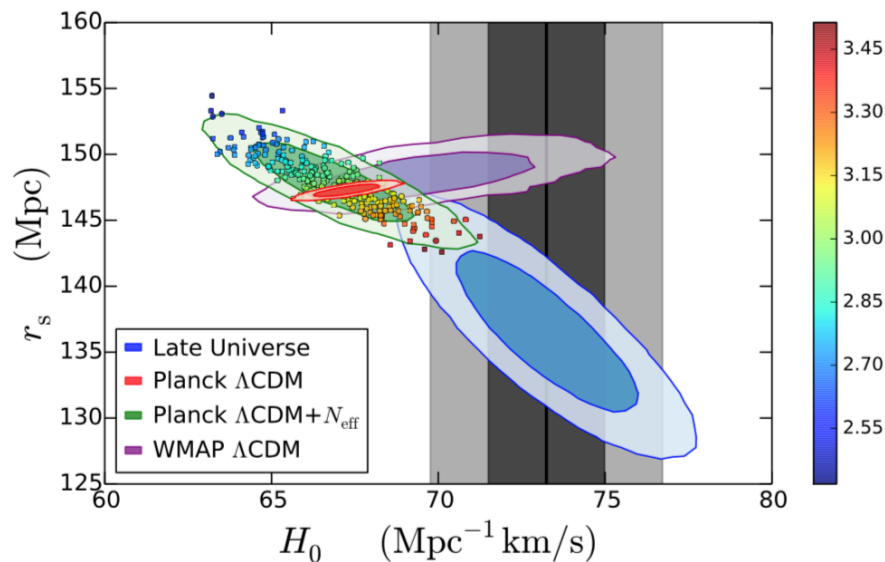


It is a problem of anchors (problem appears to be at $z=0$ or $z=1000$ not in between)

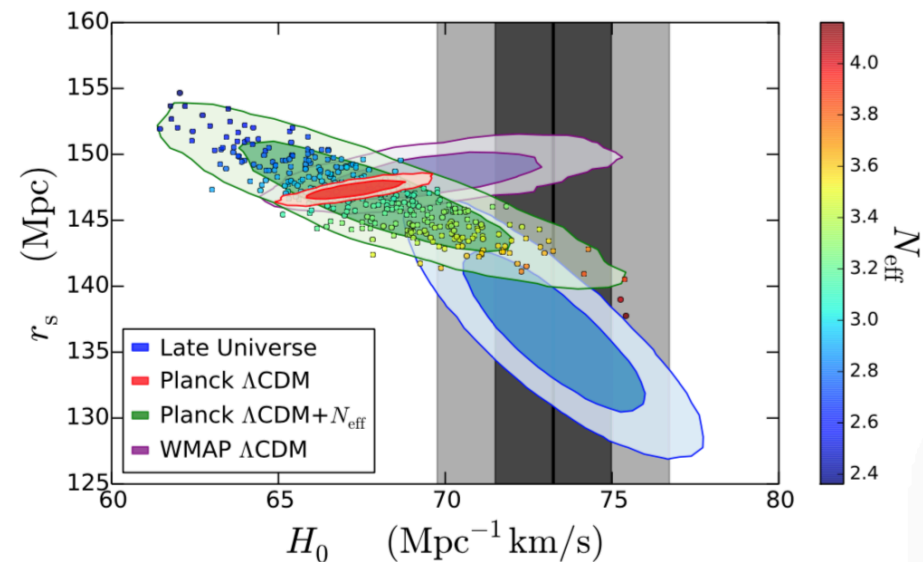
The trouble with H_0

Why so much interest in N_{eff} ...

With high I polarization



w/o high I polarization



$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.4$ fixes “everything” but is disfavored by high I Planck polarization

The trouble with H_0

Other issues

- Amplitude of perturbations (SZ Clusters)
- Amplitude of perturbations (gravitational lensing)
- Reionization (not of interest for this audience)

From precision cosmology to accurate cosmology

J. Peebles 2002

“We can’t live in a state of perpetual doubt, so we make up the best story possible and we live as if the story were true.”

Daniel Kahneman about theories

GR, big bang, choice of metric, nucleosynthesis, etc etc...

Cosmology tends to rely heavily on models (both for “signal” and “noise”)

Essentially, all models are wrong , but some are useful
(Box and Draper 1987)

With ~1% precision, systematics become the name of the game

Systematics in the data
Systematics in the model (analysis)

Beyond precision cosmology my view

It is possible to be less model dependent? At what price?

The error bars will grow, but that may be a GOOD THING!

Can we separate late-time from early-time physics in the CMB? *Verde, Bellini et al 2016*

Can we combine data suitably so that the systematics cancel out? *Norena et al 2012*

Can we reconstruct the primordial power spectrum non-parametrically? *Ravenni et al 2016,*
Bird et al in prep

Can we “marginalize” safely over baryonic effects? *Kitching et al 2016*

If we see neutrino mass, how can we be sure it is really that? *Jimenez, Garay, LV 2016*

Conclusions (glass half empty)

... the maximally boring universe...

The standard cosmological model has survived ever more stringent tests

Deviations from it are even more constrained

Eventually something will have to give, the model IS incomplete
(and the cosmological constant IS ugly..)

And we have extrapolated the law of gravity some 13 orders of magnitude!!)

The point is how much smaller would the observational error bars have to be

Conclusions (glass half full)

- Precision cosmology means that we can start (or prepare for) constraining interesting physical quantities, and make model-independent tests.
- Neutrino properties: absolute mass scale, number of families, possibly hierarchy The (indirect) detection of neutrino masses is within the reach of forthcoming experiments (even for the minimum mass allowed by oscillations)
- Large future surveys means that sub % effects become detectable, which brings in a whole new set of challenges and opportunities
- Systematic and real-world effects are the challenge, need for in-build consistency checks!
- **Beyond model fitting, towards model-independent tests; Model independent measurements**

END



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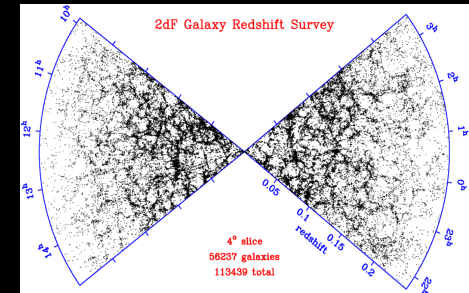
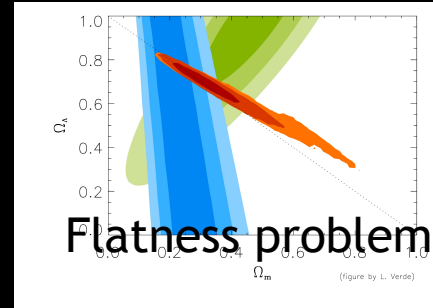
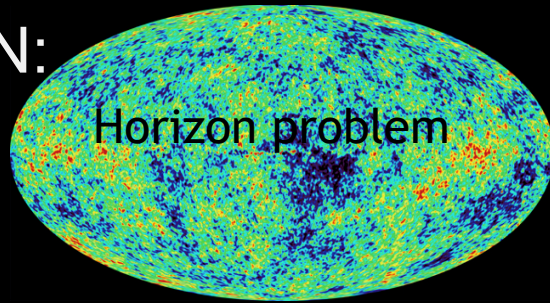


Precision cosmology and beyond

<http://icc.ub.edu/~liciaverde>

What mechanism generated the primordial perturbations?

INFLATION:



Structure Problem

Old standing problems and the inflationary solution

Accelerated expansion:

Quantum fluctuations get stretched to become classical and “super-horizon”

The shape of the primordial power spectrum encloses information on the shape of the inflaton potential

Where did this function come from?

Why did the field start here?

Why is the potential so flat?



“Inflation consists of taking a few numbers that we don’t understand and replacing it with a function that we don’t understand”

David Schramm 1945 -1997

Extra key information from polarization

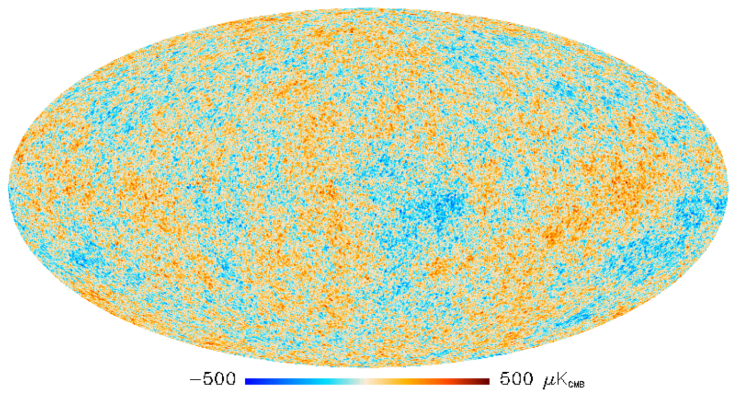
How do we convert the field energy completely into particles?

Inflationary predictions

Simplest Inflationary Models

- Spatially flat universe
- Nearly Gaussian initial perturbations
- Adiabatic initial conditions
- Power spectrum spectral index nearly scale invariant (small red tilt in many implementations)
- Super-horizon perturbations
- A stochastic background of gravity waves

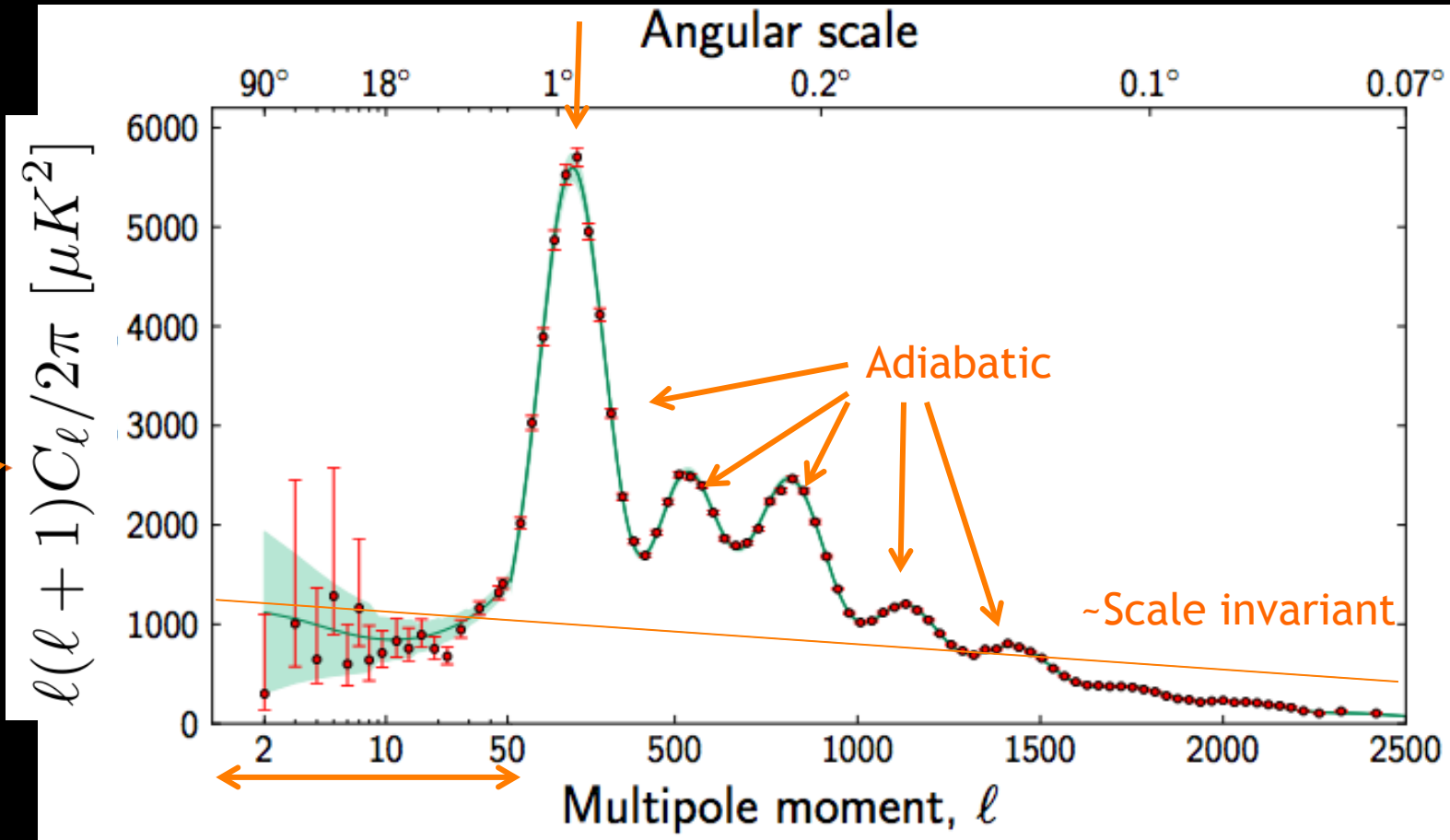
Spectacular success



-500  500 μK_{CMB}

Small,
homogeneous

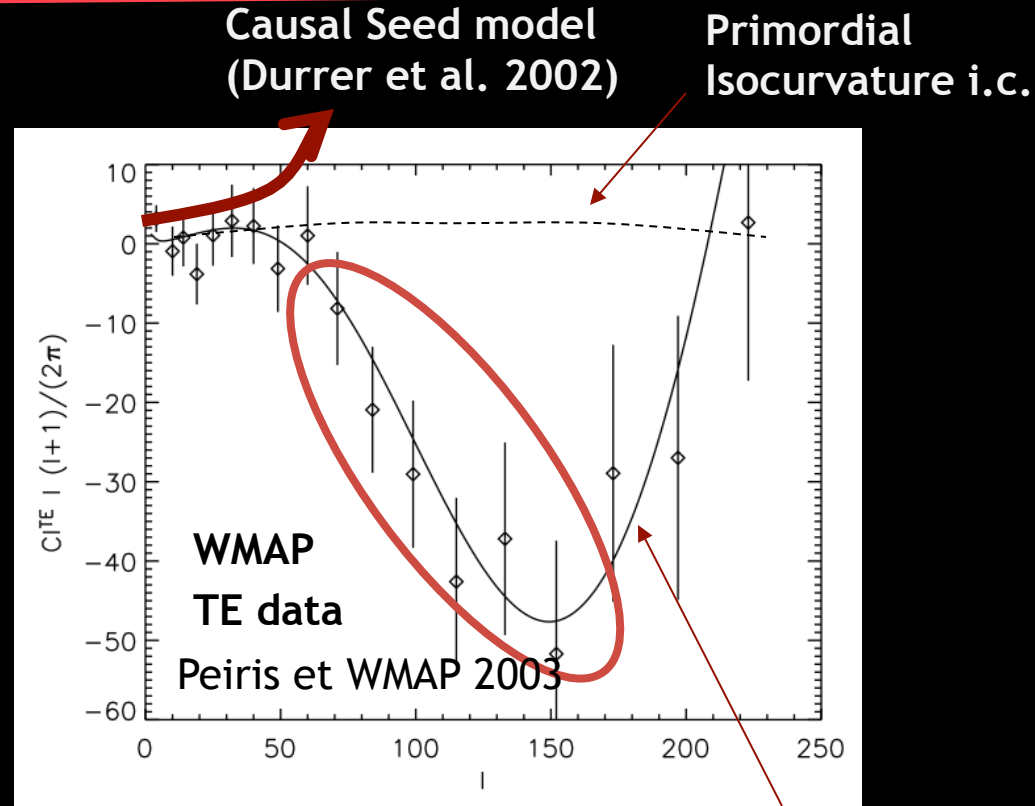
Gaussian



Super-horizon perturbations

On super-horizon scales the quadrupole anisotropy that generates polarization is given by velocities: off-phase to density

ANTI CORRELATION T-E



Primordial Adiabatic i.c.

Hu & Sujiyama 1995
Zaldarriaga & Harari 1995
Spergel & Zaldarriaga 1997

inflation:

(5 out of 6 predictions of inflation confirmed)

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- (Nearly) Gaussian initial perturbations ✓
- Adiabatic initial conditions ✓
- Power spectrum spectral index nearly scale invariant (small red tilt in many implementations) ✓
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