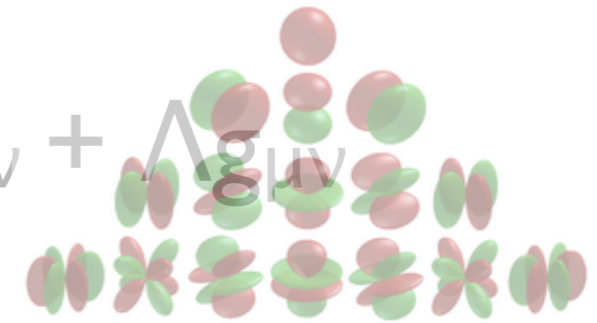


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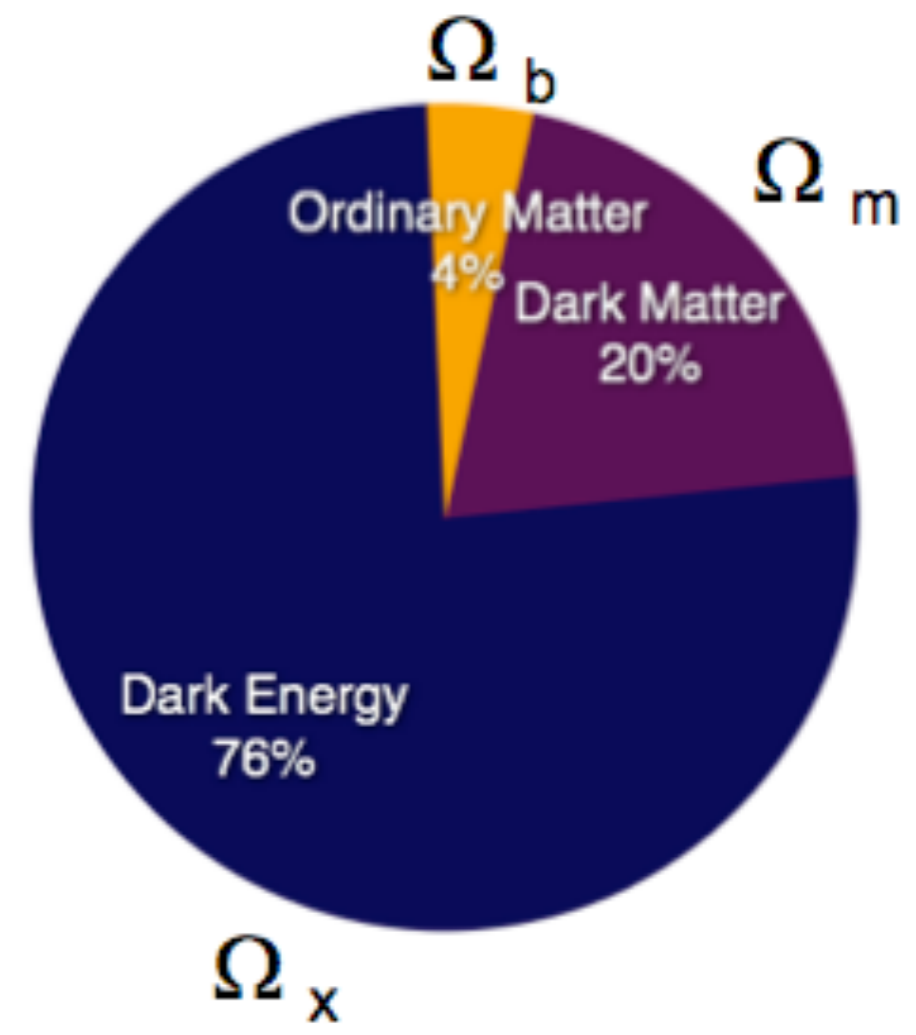
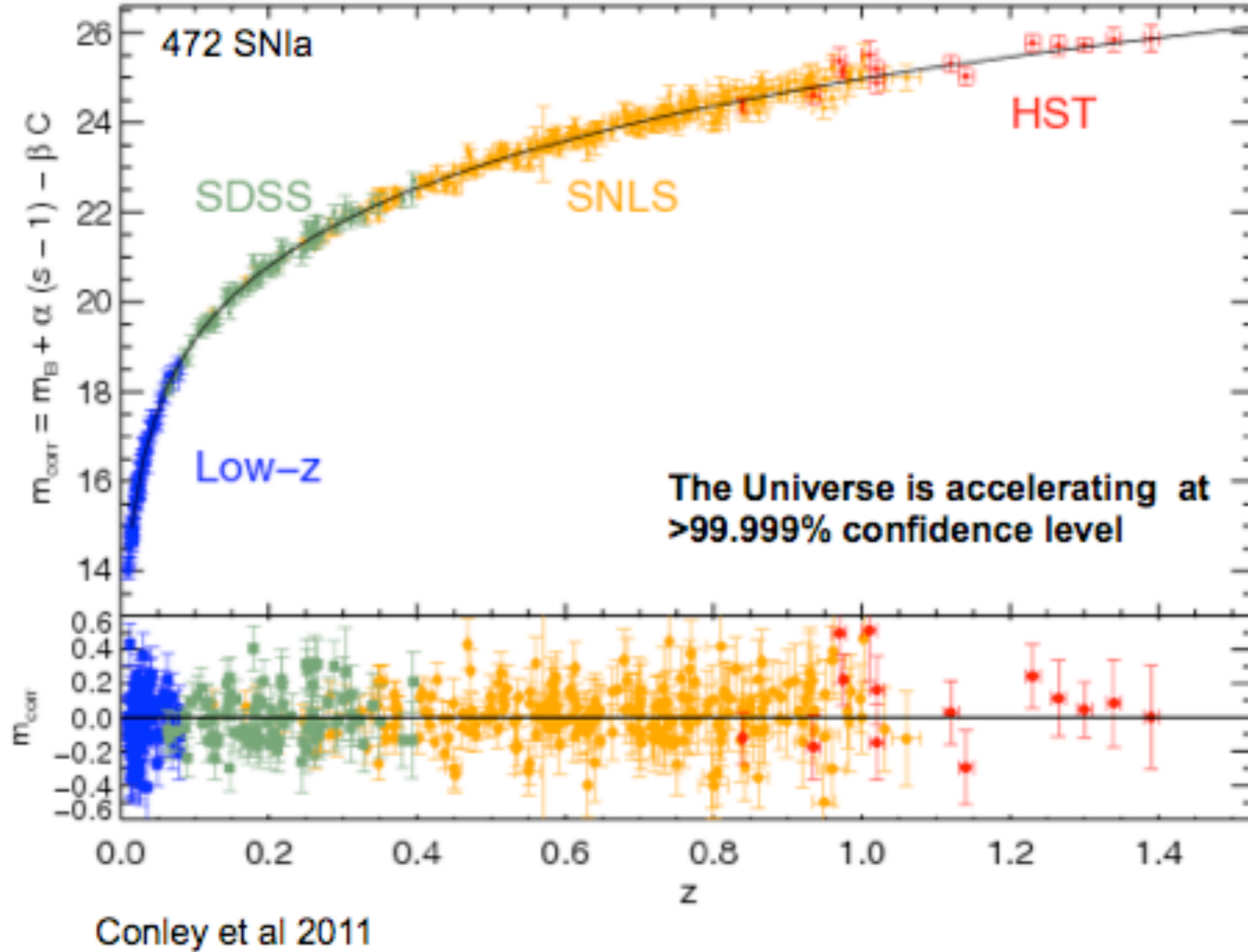


Weak Gravitational Lensing

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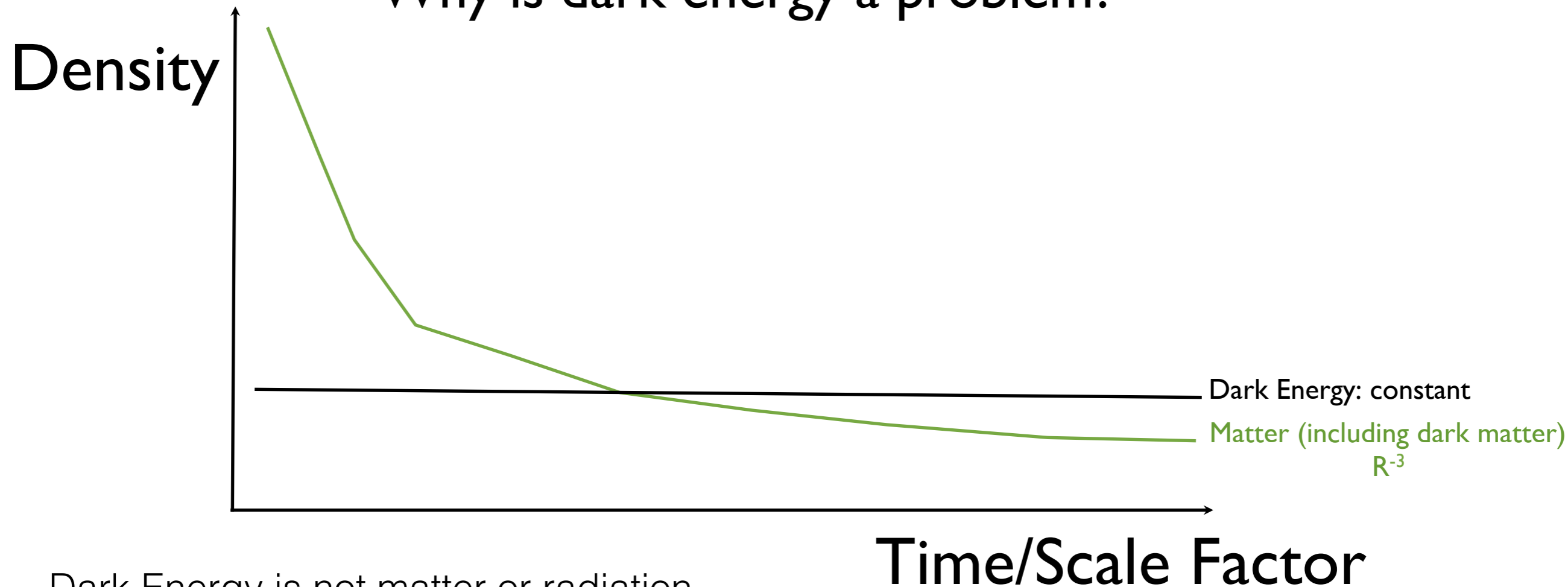
- Motivation
 - Cosmological Perspective and Dark Energy
 - Current and Future data
- My specific domain of application
 - Weak Gravitational Lensing
 - State-of-art
- Application to current data



An accelerated expansion

What is the Universe made of?

Why is dark energy a problem?



- Dark Energy is not matter or radiation
 - Like energy of the vacuum. Vacuum is sea of virtual particles but...
 - Prediction of energy density is 10^{120} orders of magnitude larger than what is observed
 - Is dark energy a symptom of new field or QFT being incorrect?
- Dark Energy is causing an accelerated expansion
 - Like anti-gravity - pushing the Universe apart
 - Is dark energy a symptom of general relativity being incorrect?

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

- “Simplist” explanation is “cosmological constant”
- Like Newtons constant, G , simply a constant of nature

- But.... even in this case still have two problems
 - 1) Implies that somehow the vacuum energy is cancelled out exactly
 - $E_{\text{vacuum}} = 10^{120}$ (QFT) - 10^{120} (new effect) = 0
 - 2) Why does it have the value it does...?
 - Fine Tuning Problem

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$$

- “Vacuum energy”

- But.... even in this case still have two problems
 - 1) Implies that somehow the vacuum energy is almost but not exactly cancelled out
 - $E_{\text{vacuum}} = 10^{120}$ (QFT) - 10^{119} (new effect) ~ 1
 - 2) Why?
 - Fine Tuning Problem
 - Selection from landscape of vacua...

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -4\pi G \left(\frac{\rho}{3} + \frac{p}{c^2} \right)$$

Acceleration equation

Can define an equation of state $wc^2=p/\rho$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -4\pi G \rho(1/3+w)$$

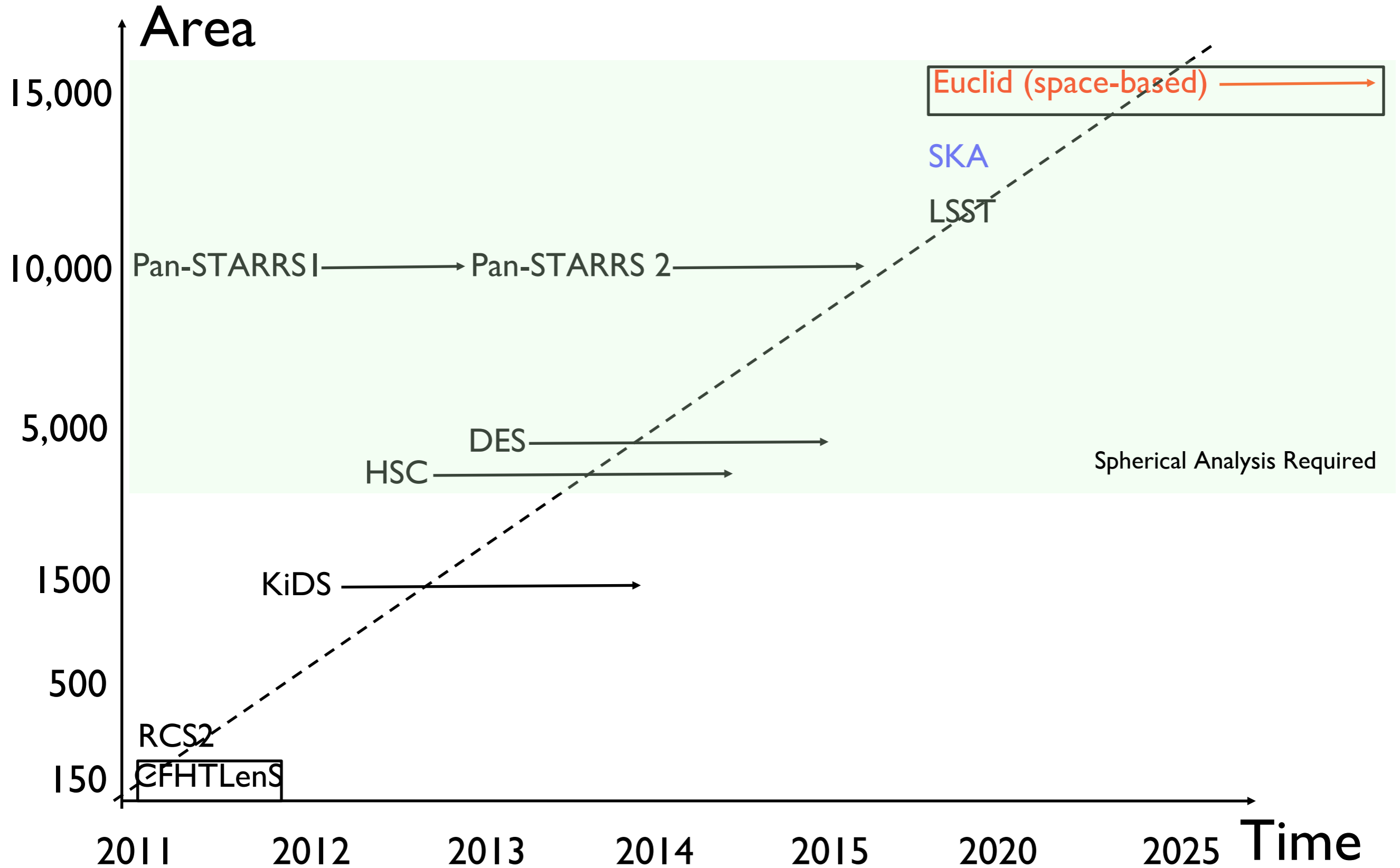
So.. if $w < -1/3$ then $\ddot{a} > 0$ and we have acceleration

Cosmological constant/vacuum energy would give $w = -1$

Change gravity can (not always) generically give $w \neq -1$

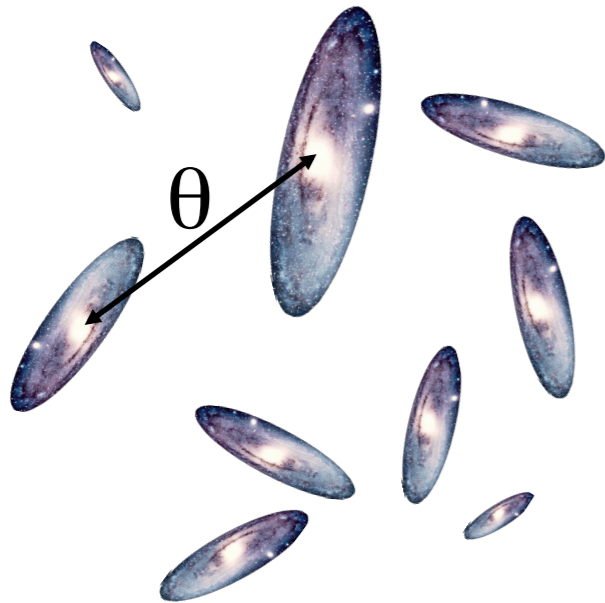
Scalar (“higgs-like”) field can (not always) give time-varying $w(t ; z)$

- There is a massive amount of investment in experiments to determine Dark Energy properties
- All of these use (will use) a technique called **weak gravitational lensing**

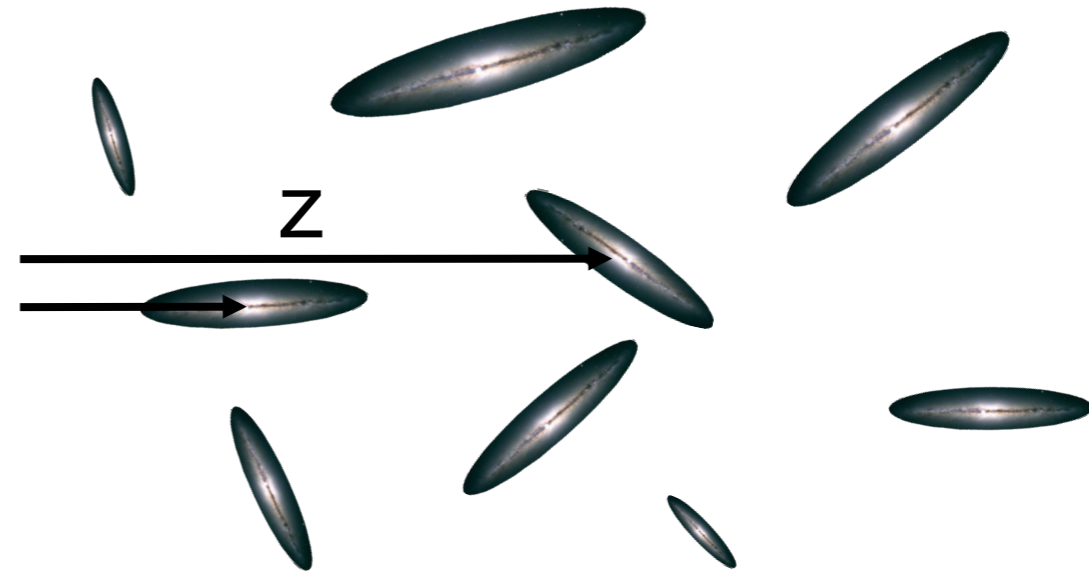


What can we observe?

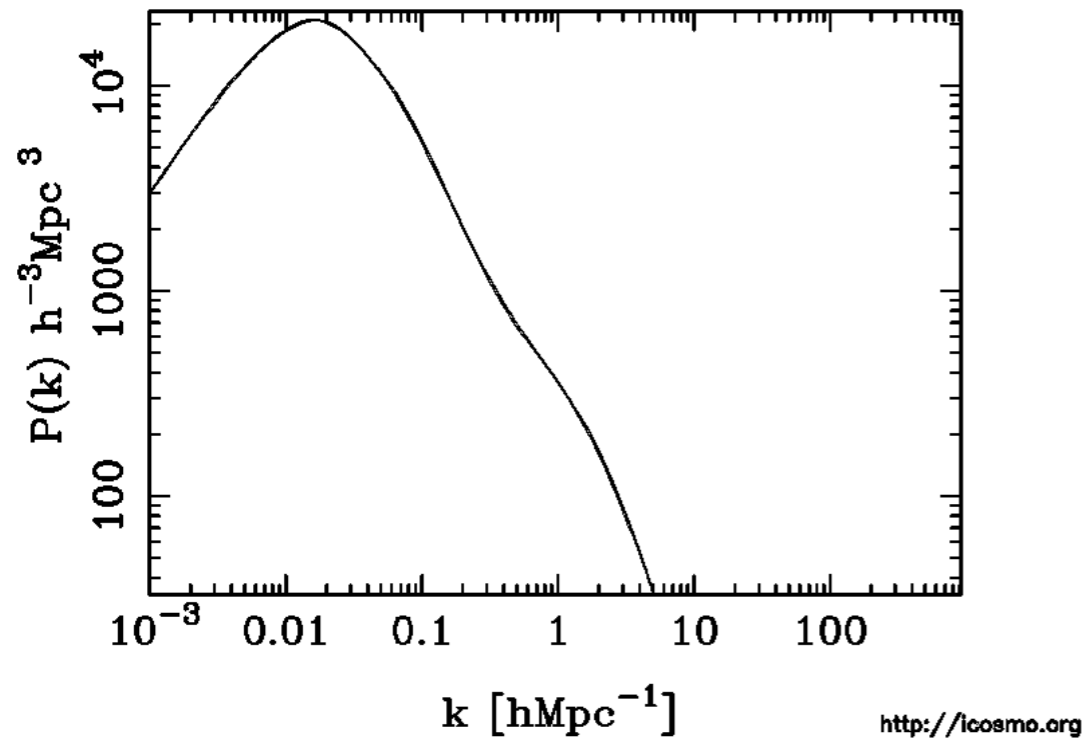
Angles



Wavelengths



Matter Power Spectrum

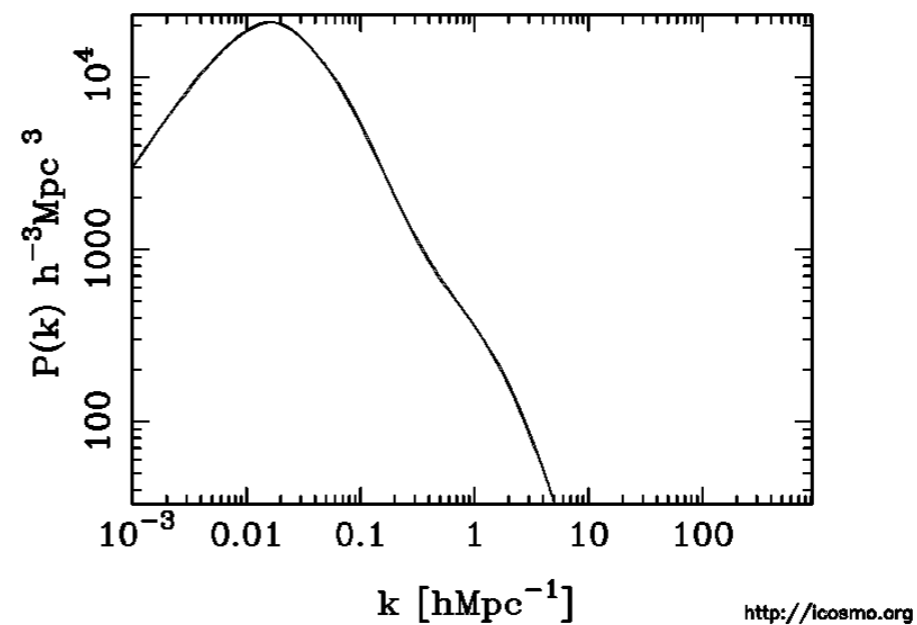


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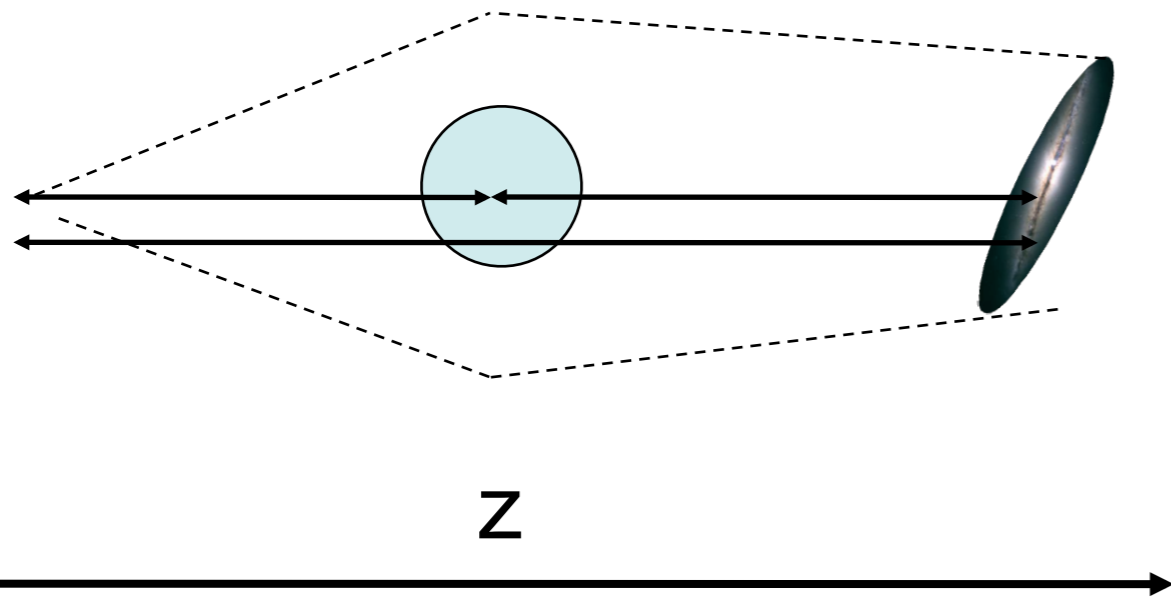
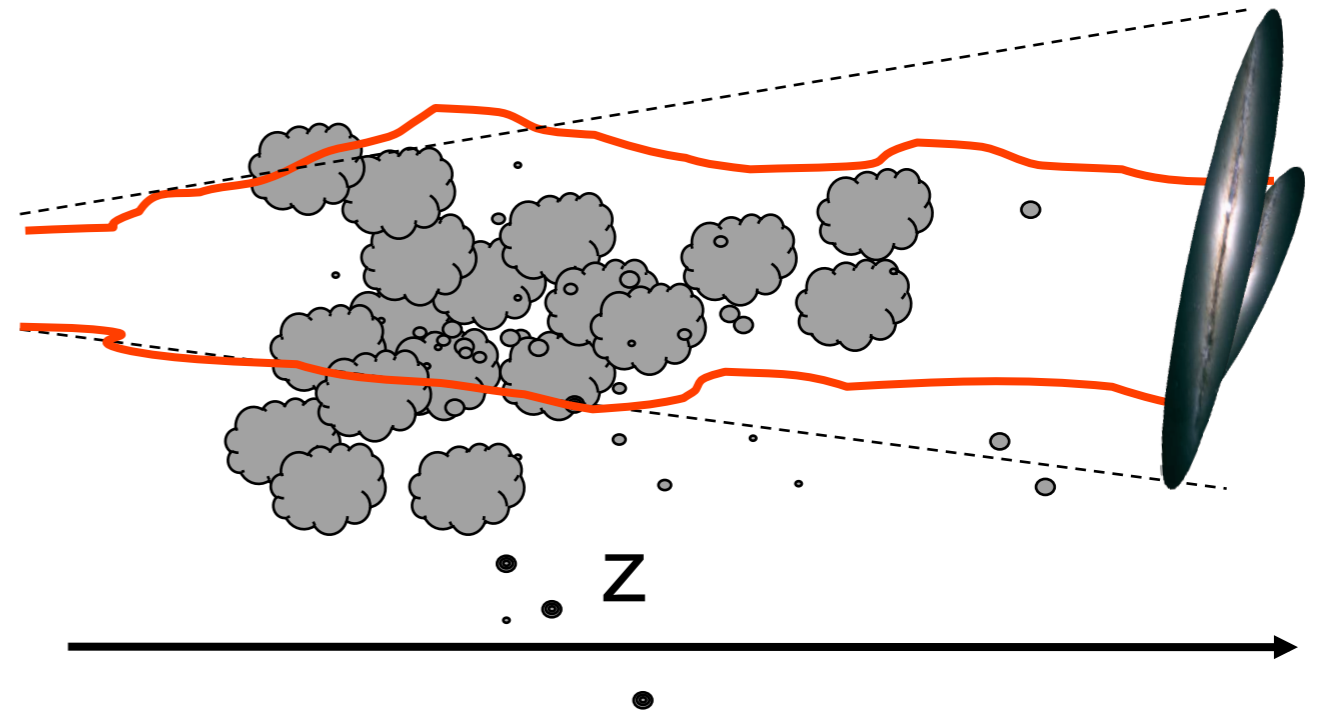
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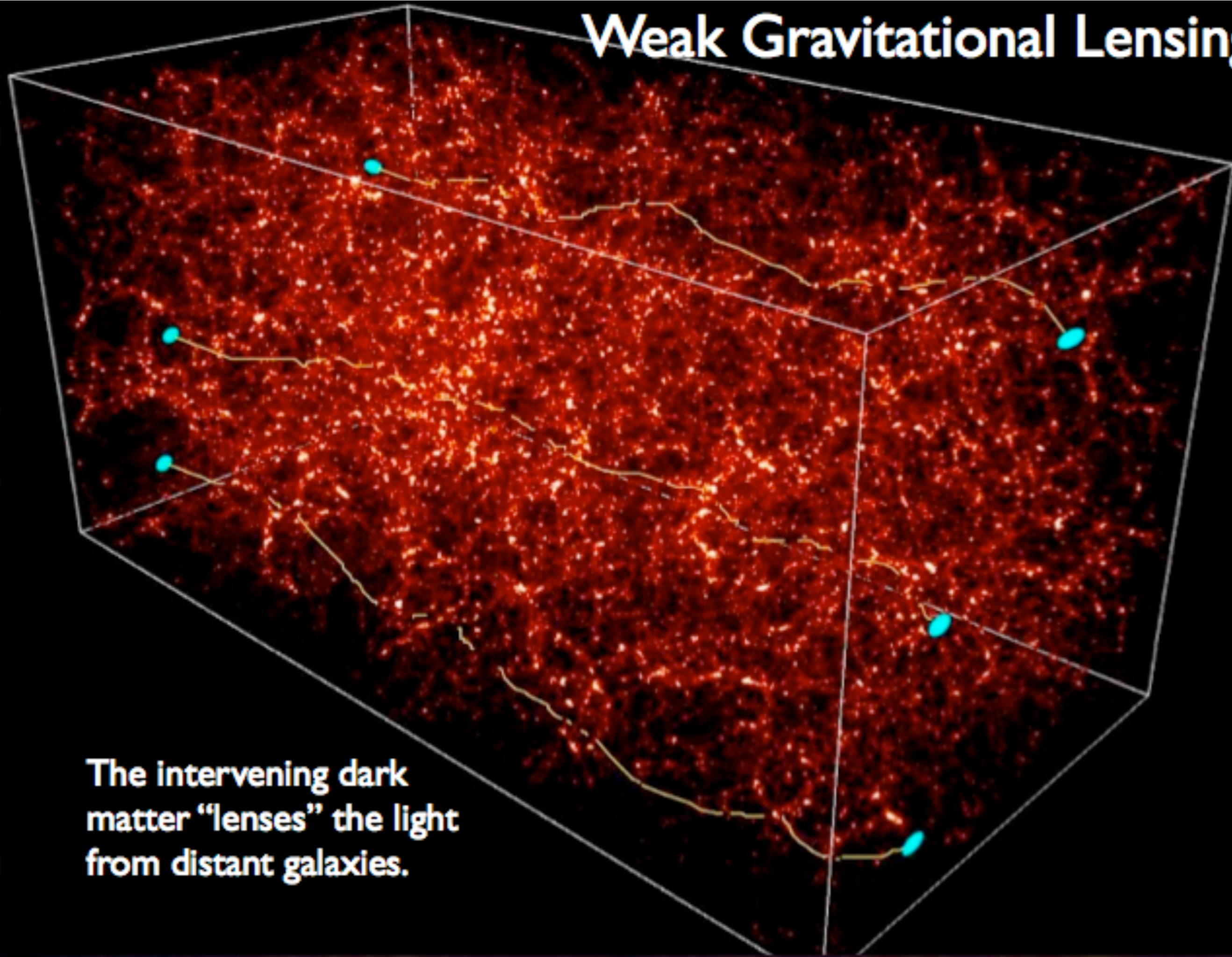
What can we observe?

Shapes!



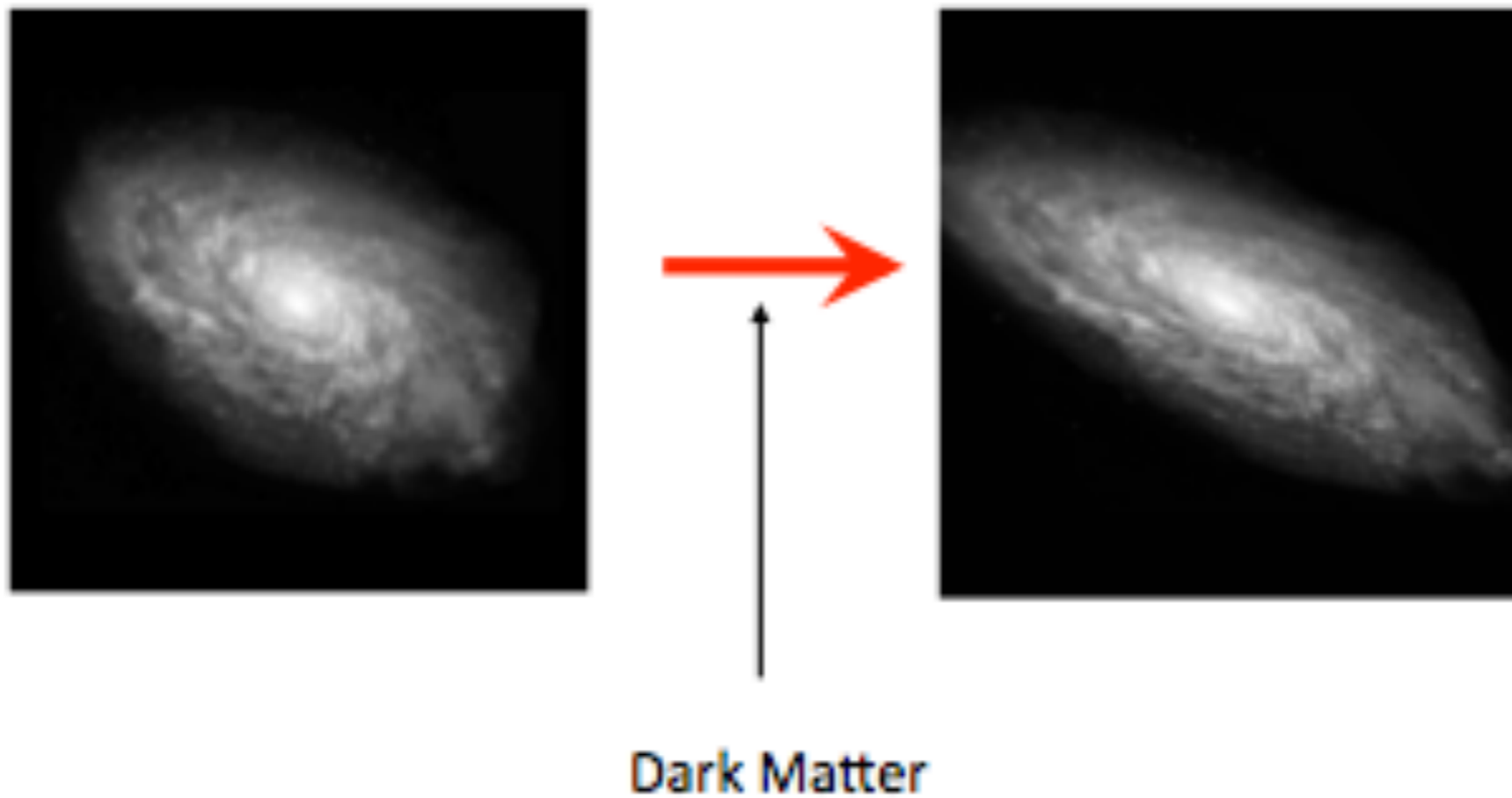
- Information on
 - Matter power spectrum
 - Angular Diameter Distance

Weak Gravitational Lensing



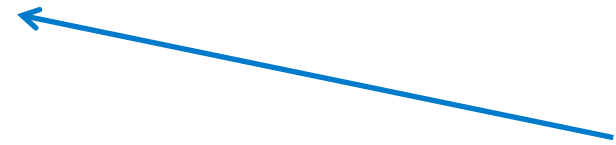
The intervening dark matter "lenses" the light from distant galaxies.

- The weak distortion is simply a (very small) change in ellipticity of a galaxy



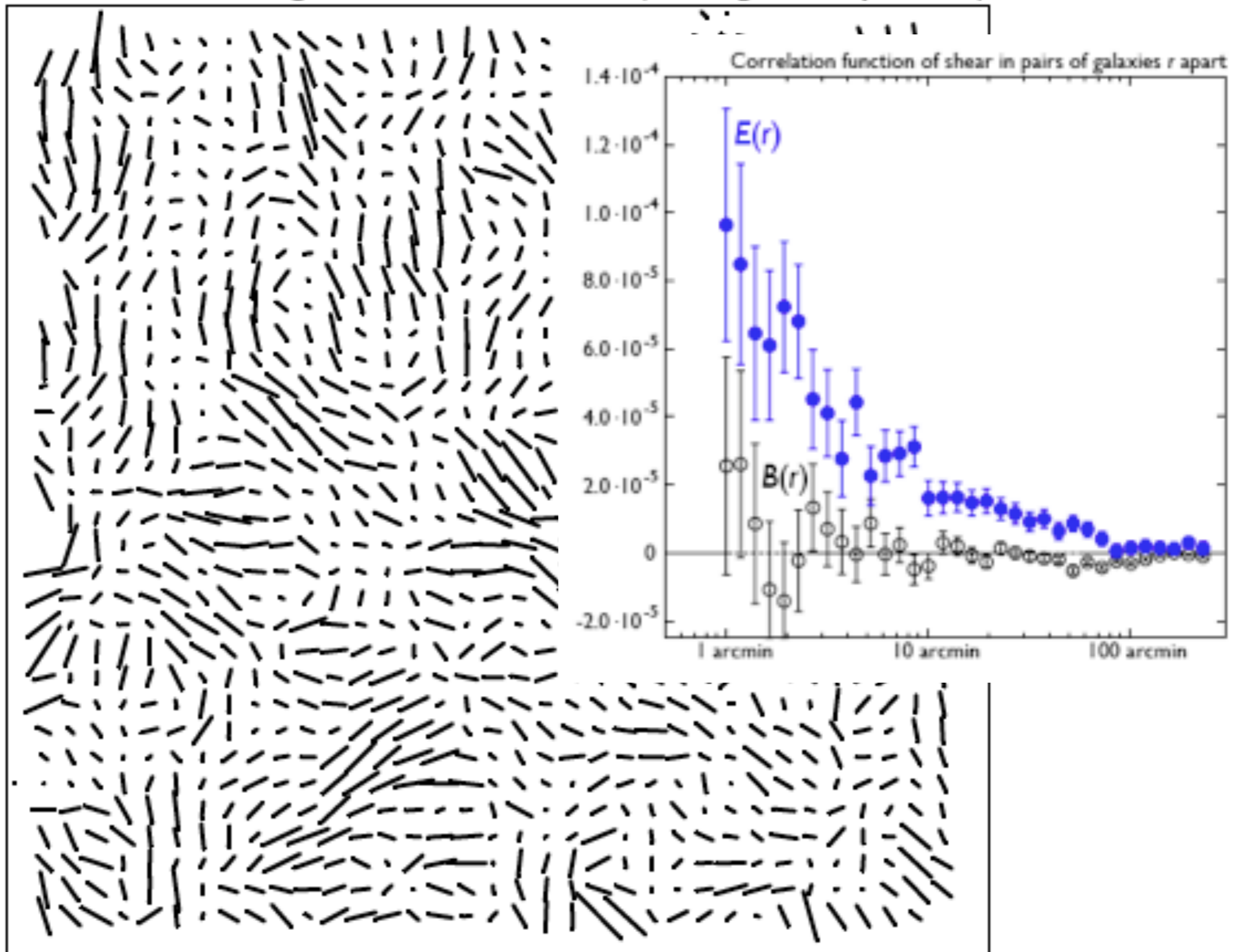
Additional ellipticity is called shear

Complex Notation

$$\gamma = \gamma_1 + i\gamma_2 = |\gamma|e^{2i\theta}$$


- Can write shear (or ellipticity) in complex form
- Shear is a spin 2 field
 - Symmetric under rotations of 180 deg.
 - *Polarisation also an example of spin-2*
 - *Convergence is a spin-wight 0 field (symmetric under any rotation)*
 - *Spin 0 = scalar*
 - *Spin 1 = vector*

Direction and magnitude of mean shear (~ 100 galaxies per tick)



Mean shear is zero, but the variance contains information on cosmology

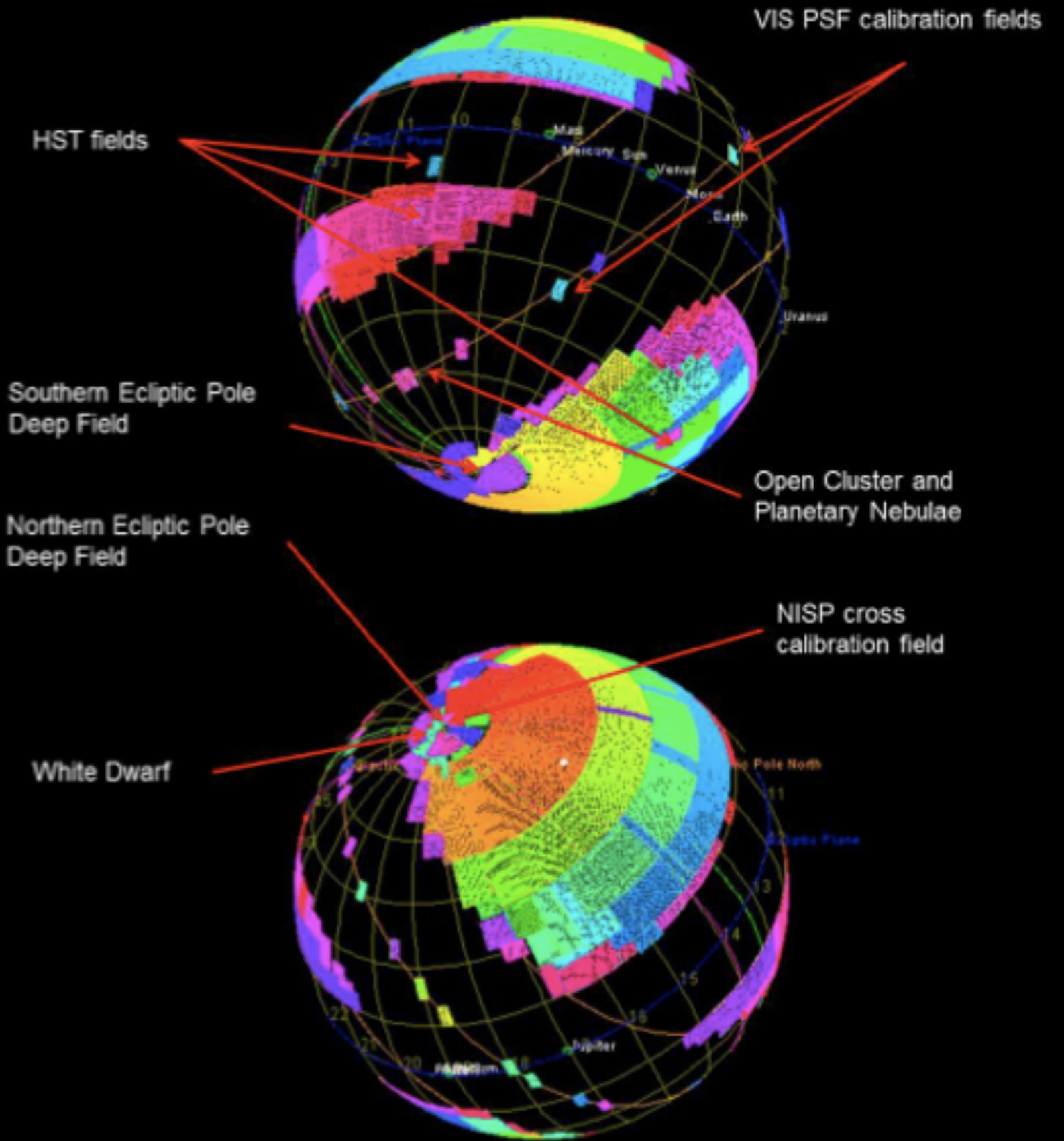
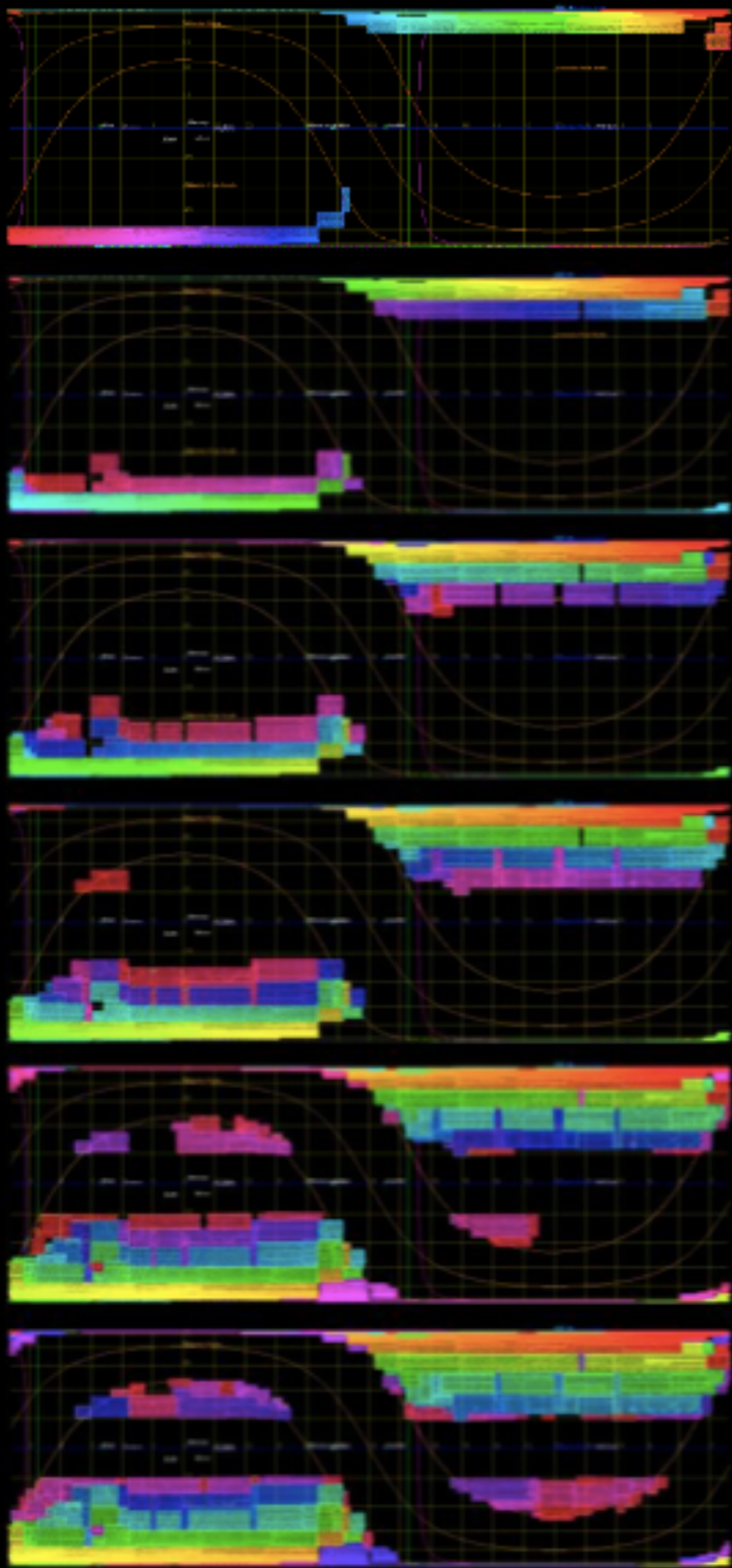
Current Weak Lensing Methods:

- ALL assume flat-sky
- ALL (except one) make shell-assumptions
 - ALL are slow to run on data
 - ~ 10 parameters estimated

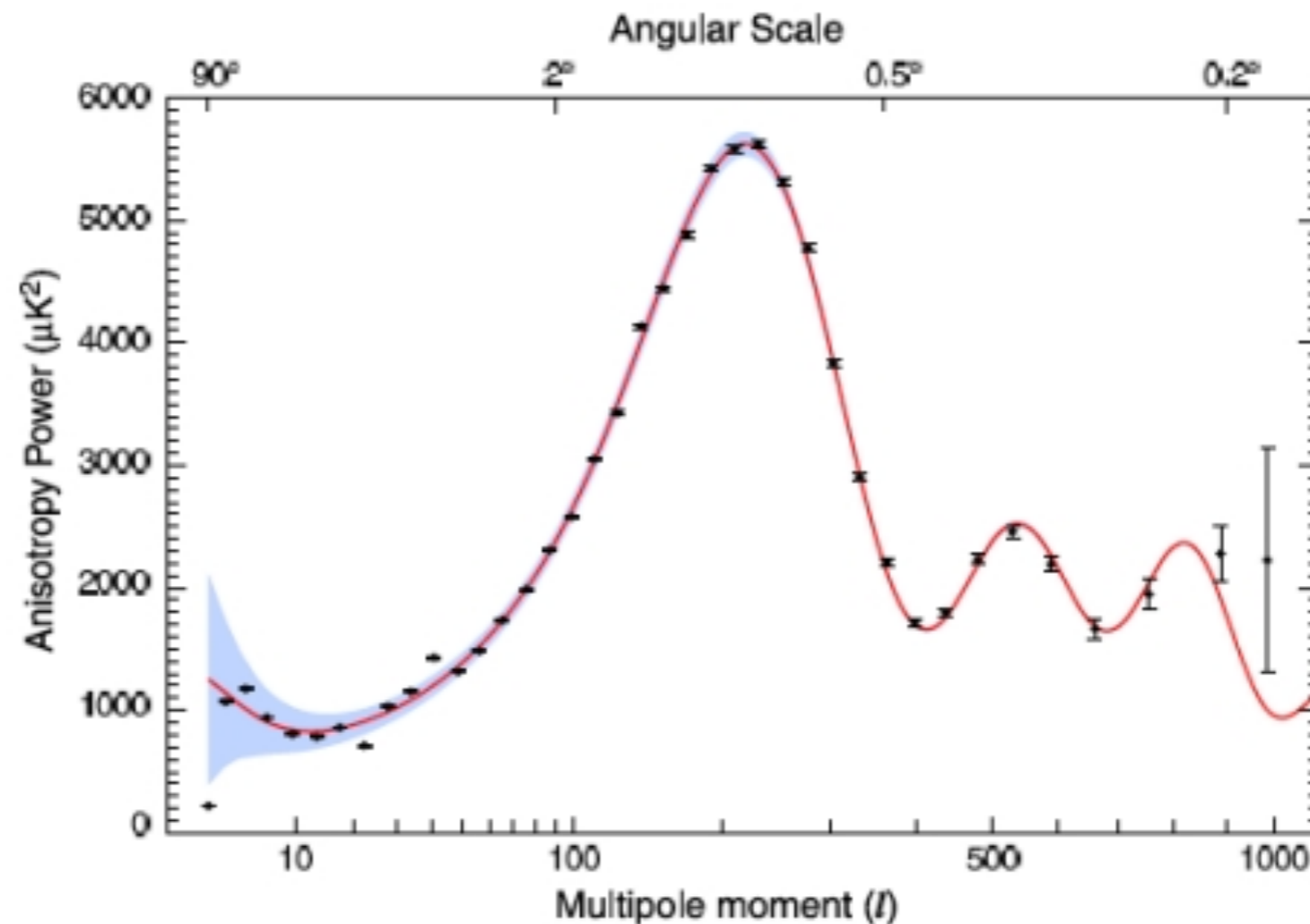
Euclid/SKA/LSST (only few years away) will need:

- Full spherical/ball analysis
 - Fast
 - ~ 100 parameters

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- What we want equivalent of the CMB power spectrum



Plot credit: WMAP7

But:

- CMB is a 2D field :
- Shear is a 3D field :
 - Every galaxy has a distance and a shear

- Correlation function measures the tendency for galaxies at a chosen separation to have preferred shape alignment

$$\xi(\Delta\theta) = \int C(\ell) e^{i\ell \cdot \Delta\theta} d^2\ell$$

$$C(\ell) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int \xi(\Delta\theta) e^{-i\ell \cdot \Delta\theta} d^2\Delta\theta$$

Spherical Harmonics

- Normal Fourier Transform

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx, \text{ for every real number } \xi.$$

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \xi} d\xi, \text{ for every real number } x.$$

- What we really want is the 3D power spectrum for cosmic shear
 - So need to generalise to *spherical harmonics* for spin-2 field

Spherical Harmonics

$${}_s f_{\ell m}(k) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int d^3 \mathbf{r}_s f(\mathbf{r}) k j_{\ell}(kr) {}_s Y_{\ell}^{m*}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$$

Describes general transforms on a sphere
for any spin-weight quantity s

k = radial wavenumber

l and m = angular wavenumbers

Spherical Harmonics

- For flat sky approximation
 - Y's → exponentials
 - Isotropy

$$f(k, \ell) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int d^3 \mathbf{r} f(\mathbf{r}) k j_\ell(kr) \exp(-i\ell \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- Covariances of the flat sky coefficients related to the power spectrum (what we want)

THE CHALLENGE

$$C_\ell^{3D}(k_1, k_2) = \mathcal{A}^2 \int dr_g r_g^2 n(r_g) j_\ell(k_1 r_g) \int dr_h r_h^2 n(r_h) j_\ell(k_2 r_h) \int d\tilde{r}' \int d\tilde{r}'' \frac{F_K(r', \tilde{r}')}{a(\tilde{r}')'} \frac{F_K(r'', \tilde{r}'')}{a(\tilde{r}'')} \int \frac{dk'}{k'^2} j_\ell(k' \tilde{r}') j_\ell(k' \tilde{r}'') P^{1/2}(k'; \tilde{r}') P^{1/2}(k'; \tilde{r}'')$$

Theory

Geometry

Large Scale Structure

$$\hat{\gamma}(k, \ell) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sum_g \gamma(\mathbf{r}) k j_\ell(k r_g^0) \exp(-i\ell \cdot \theta_g)$$

Data

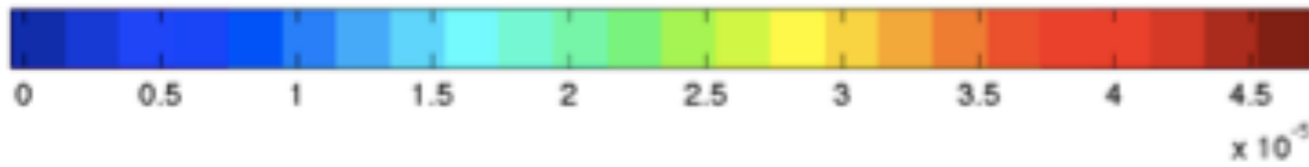
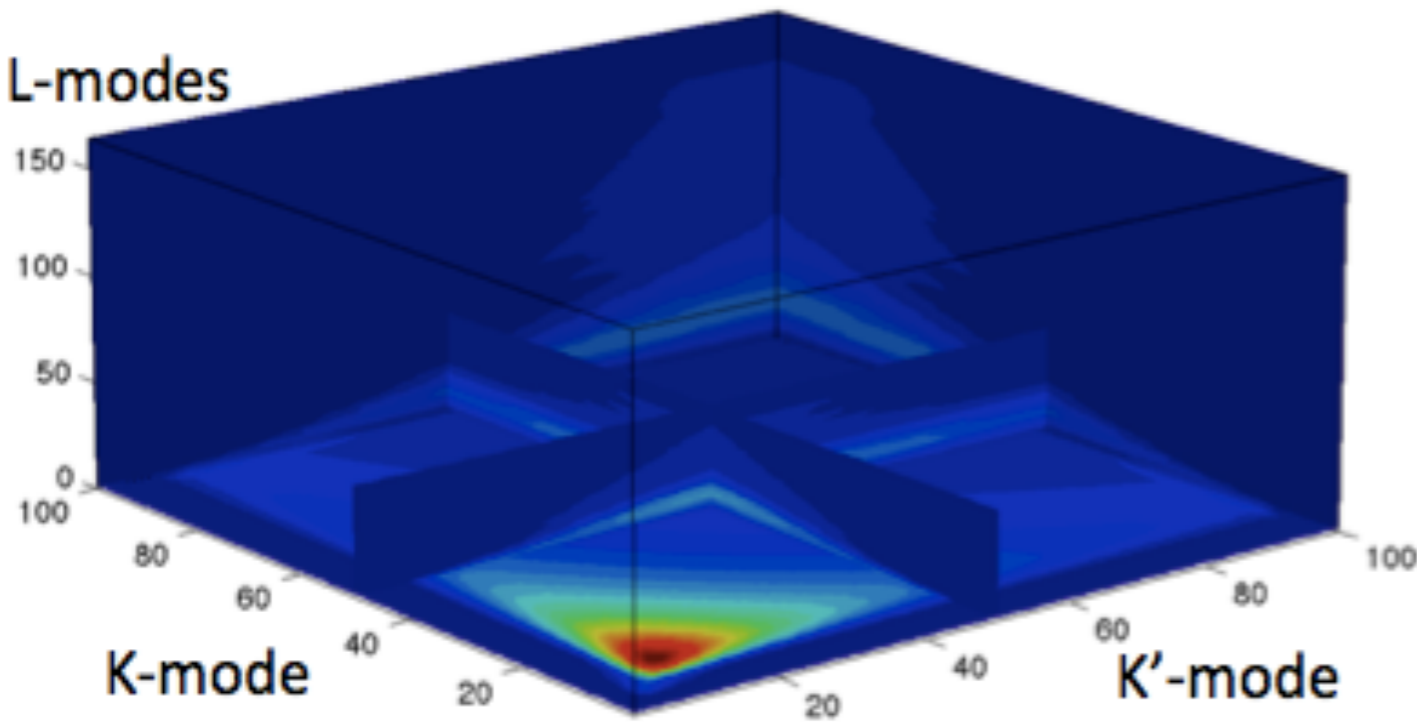
Note: can make a clean cut in scales

New code: 3Dfast to do this; send me an email

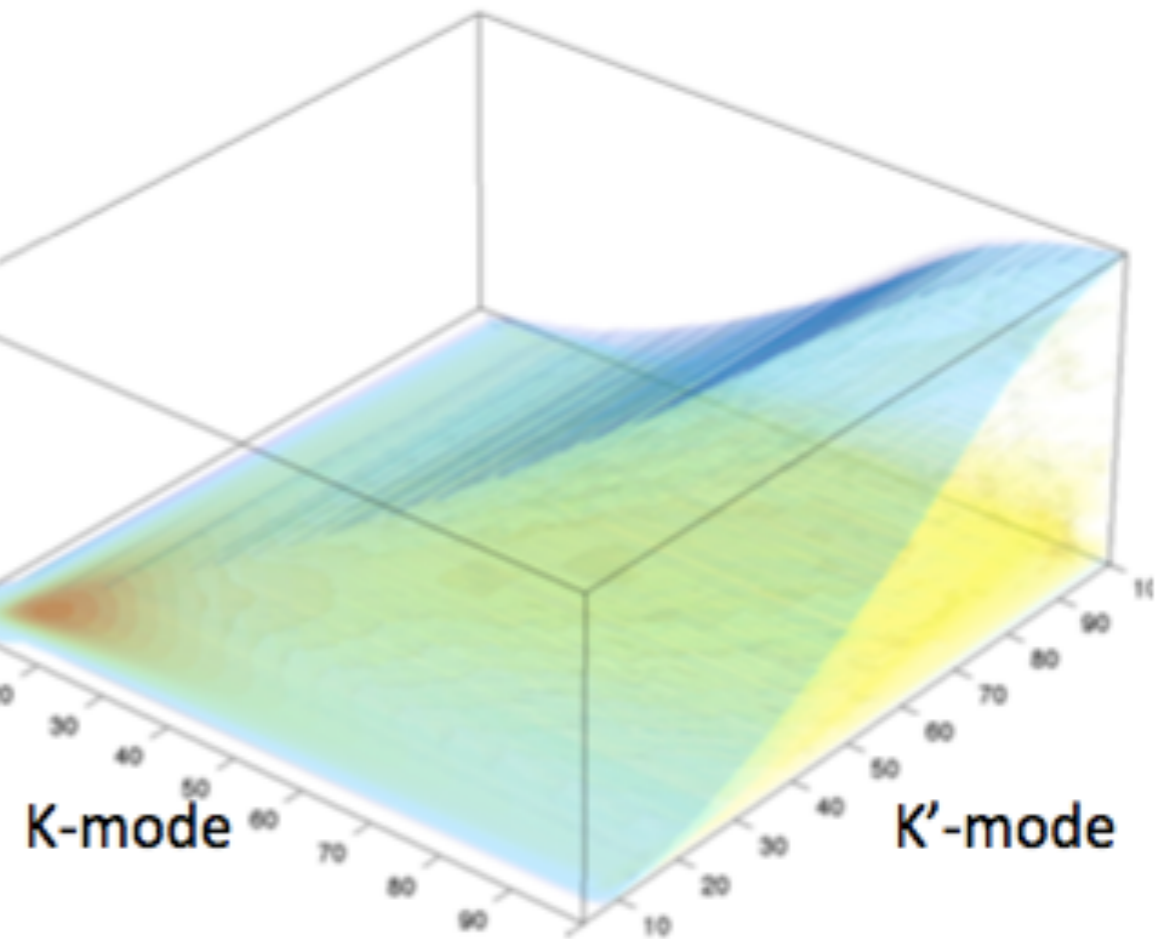
Heavens (2003)
 Kitching, Heavens, Miller (2012)

- 3Dfast

L-modes

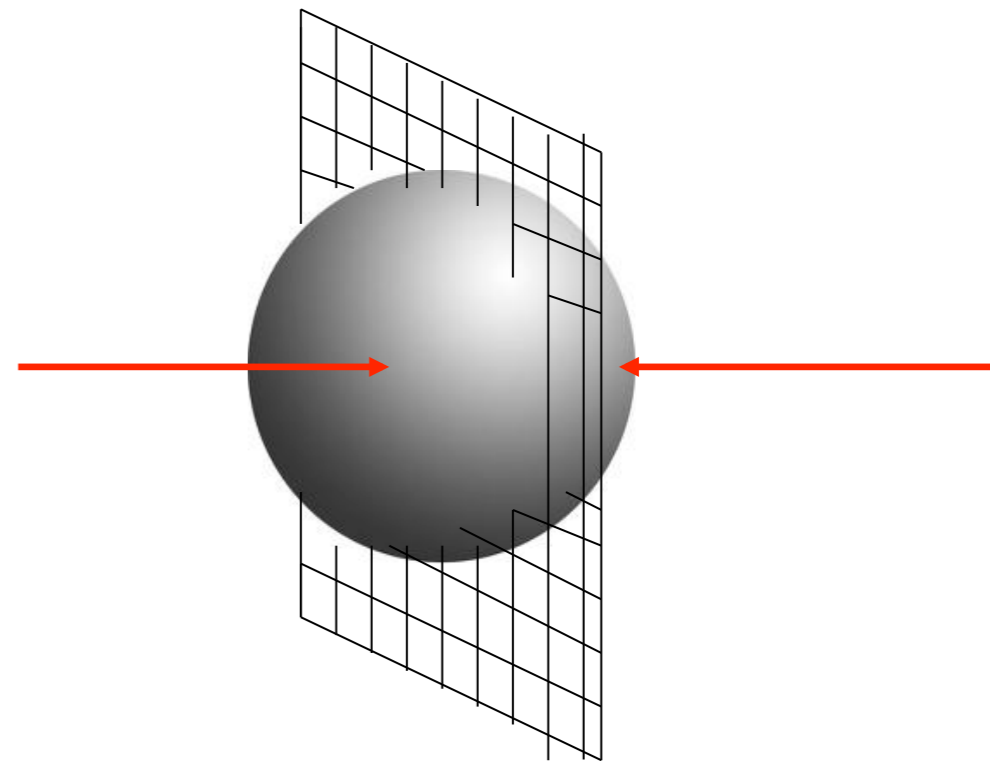


L-modes



“Tomography”/Shell Approximation

- Vast majority of community uses
 - “Tomography” in real space
 - Split into “bins” in distance/redshift
- How does it relate to the full 3D shear field?
- The “Limber Approximation”
 - (k_x, k_y, k_z) projected to (k_x, k_y)



“Tomography”

- Limber may be ok at very small scales
- Very useful Limber Approximation formula (LoVerde & Afshordi, 2010)

$$\lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} j_{\ell}(kr) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2(\ell + \frac{1}{2})}} \delta^D \left(kr - \left[\ell + \frac{1}{2} \right] \right)$$

$$C_{\ell}^{3D}(k_1, k_2) = \mathcal{A}^2 \int dr_g r_g^2 n(r_g) j_{\ell}(k_1 r_g) \int dr_h r_h^2 n(r_h) j_{\ell}(k_2 r_h) \\ \int d\tilde{r}' \int d\tilde{r}'' \frac{F_K(r', \tilde{r}')}{a(\tilde{r}')'} \frac{F_K(r'', \tilde{r}'')}{a(\tilde{r}'')} \int \frac{dk'}{k'^2} j_{\ell}(k' \tilde{r}') j_{\ell}(k' \tilde{r}'') P^{1/2}(k'; \tilde{r}') P^{1/2}(k'; \tilde{r}'')$$

$$C_{\ell}^{3D, \text{Limber}}(k_1, k_2) = \frac{9\Omega_m^2 H^4}{4c^2} \int dr \frac{P(\ell/r; r)}{a^2(r)} \frac{\mathcal{W}(r_1, r) \mathcal{W}(r_2, r)}{r^2}$$

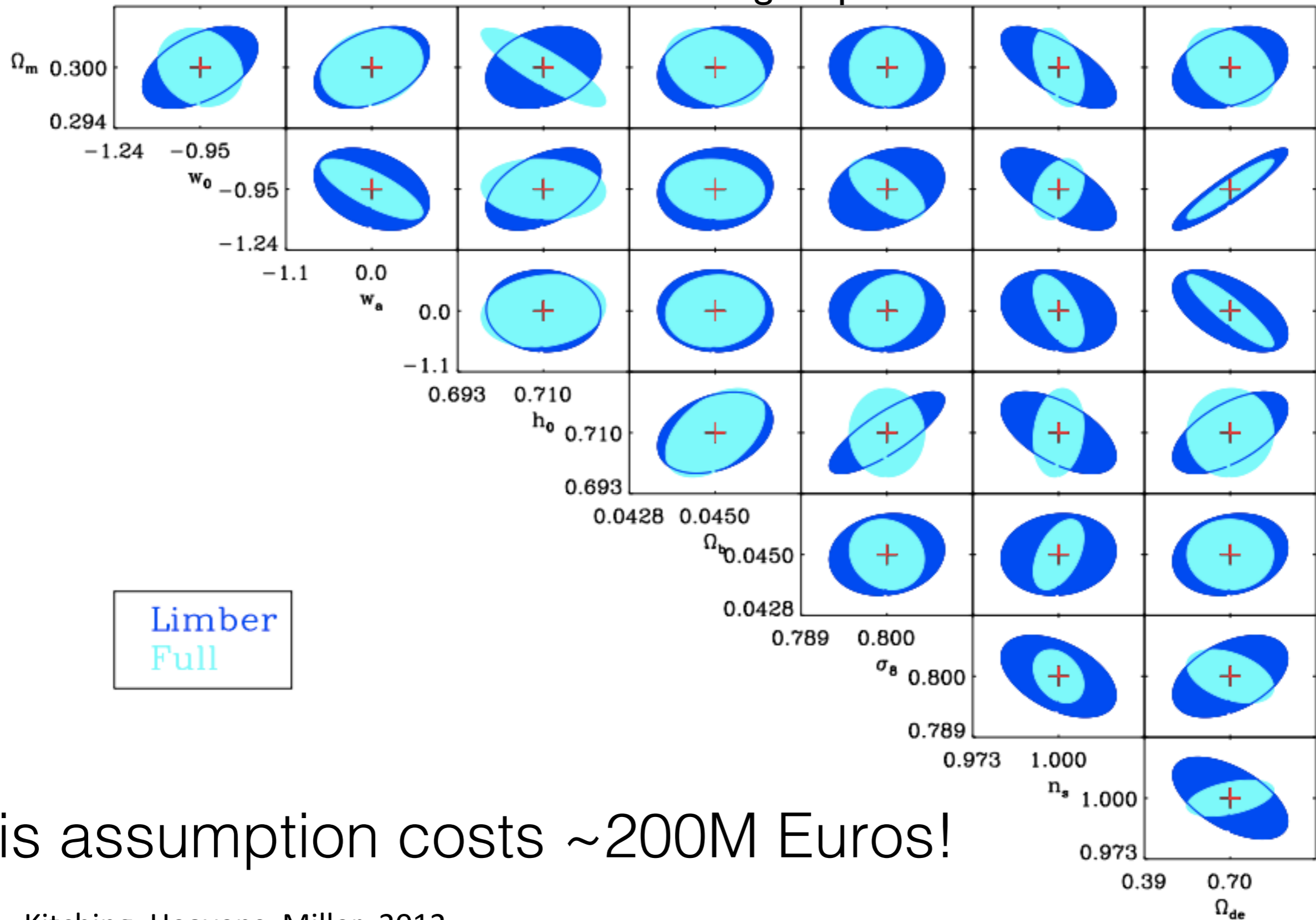
Note that k-mode is now linked to l-mode
 $k=l/r$

The “Tomographic” Approximation

$$C_l(z_1, z_2) = \frac{9\Omega_m^2 H^4}{4c^2} \int dr \frac{P(\ell/r; r)}{a^2(r)} \frac{\mathcal{W}(r_1, r)\mathcal{W}(r_2, r)}{r^2}$$

- An approximation to the 3D power
- Do we even want to do “tomography”?! Why?
- Approximations
 - Limber Approximation (lossy)
 - replaces Bessels with Dirac delta functions
 - Transform to Real space (benign)
 - Discretisation in redshift space (lossy)

Predicted Fisher Matrix Errors on some cosmological parameters



This assumption costs ~200M Euros!

Kitching, Heavens, Miller, 2012

- The aggregated effect of marginal gains

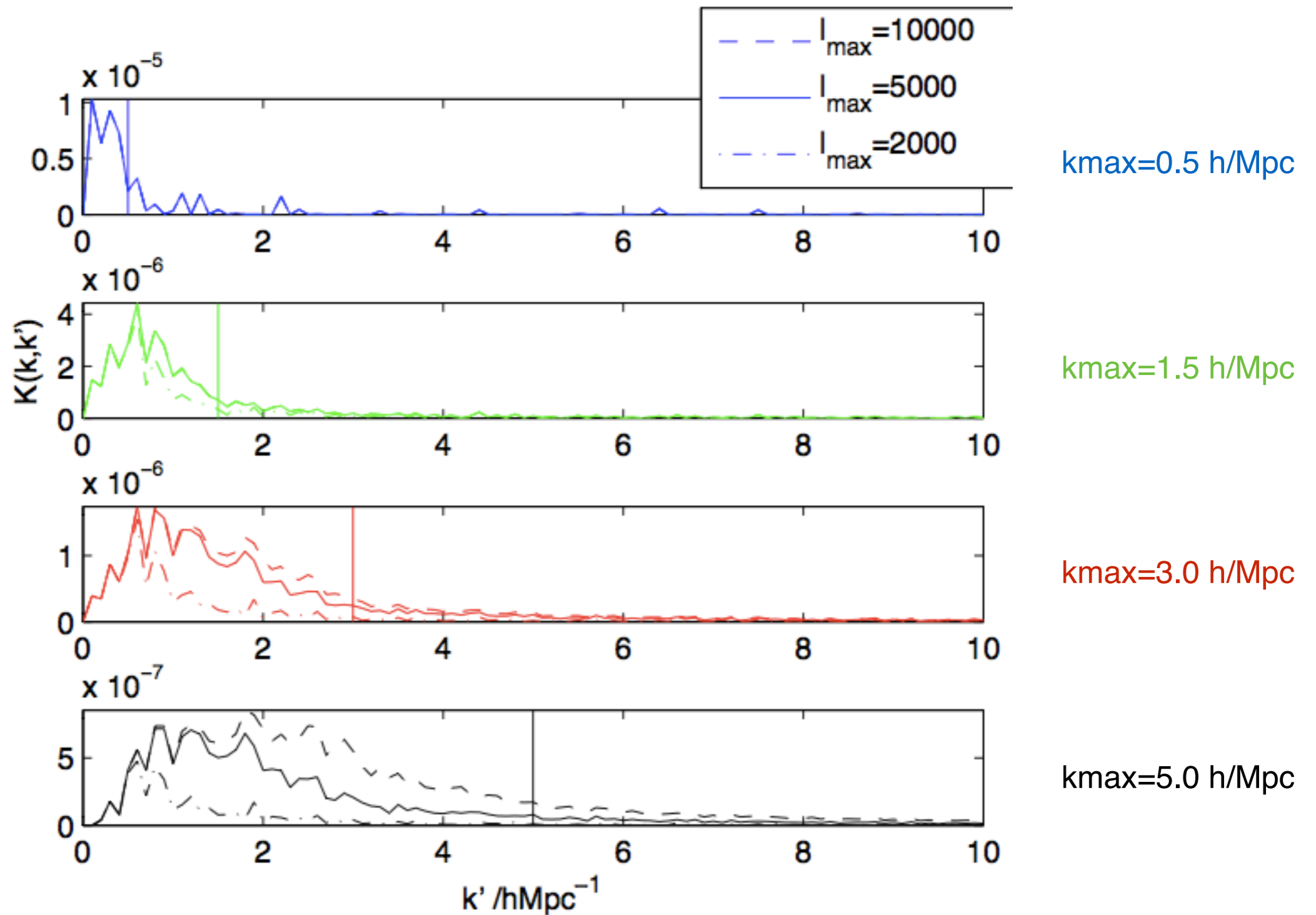
What is the Kernel?

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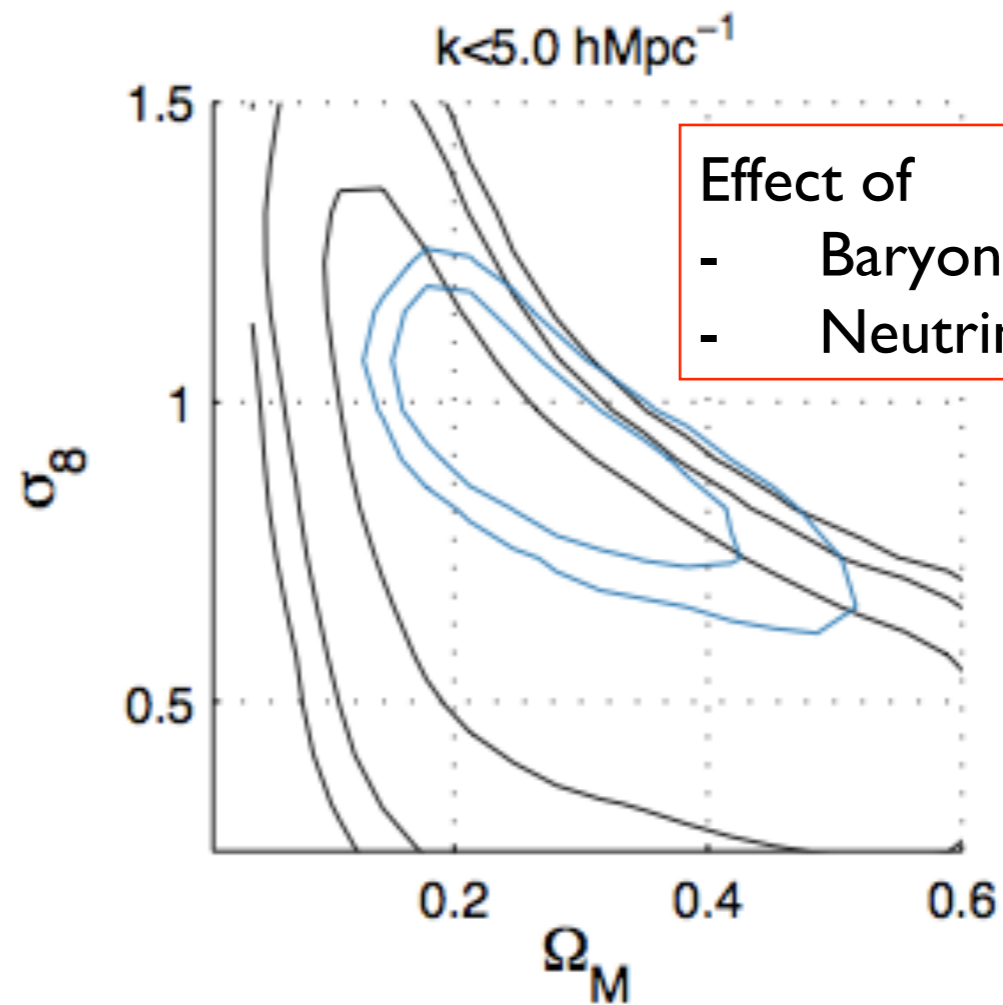
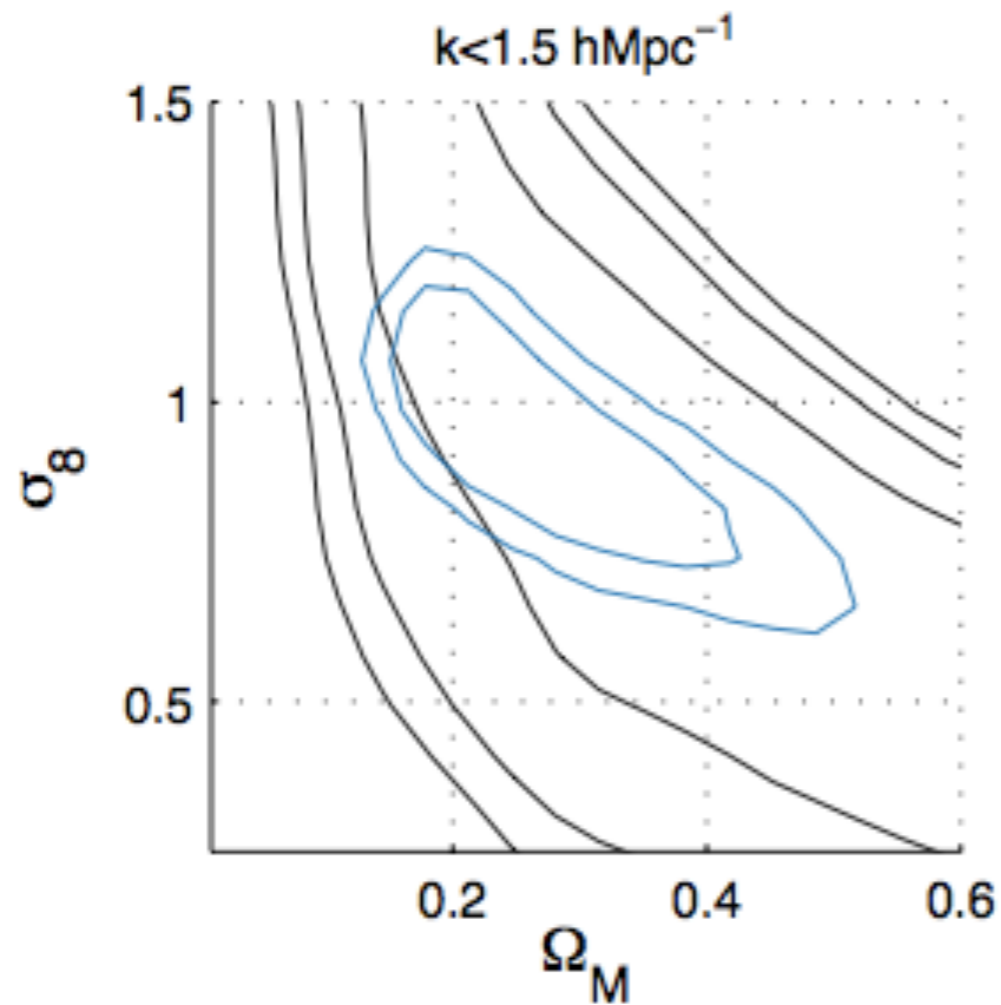
$$C_{\ell}^S(k, k) = \int P(k'; z) K(k', k) dk'$$

Kernel

$$C_{\ell}^S(k, k) = \int P(k'; z) K(k', k) dk'$$

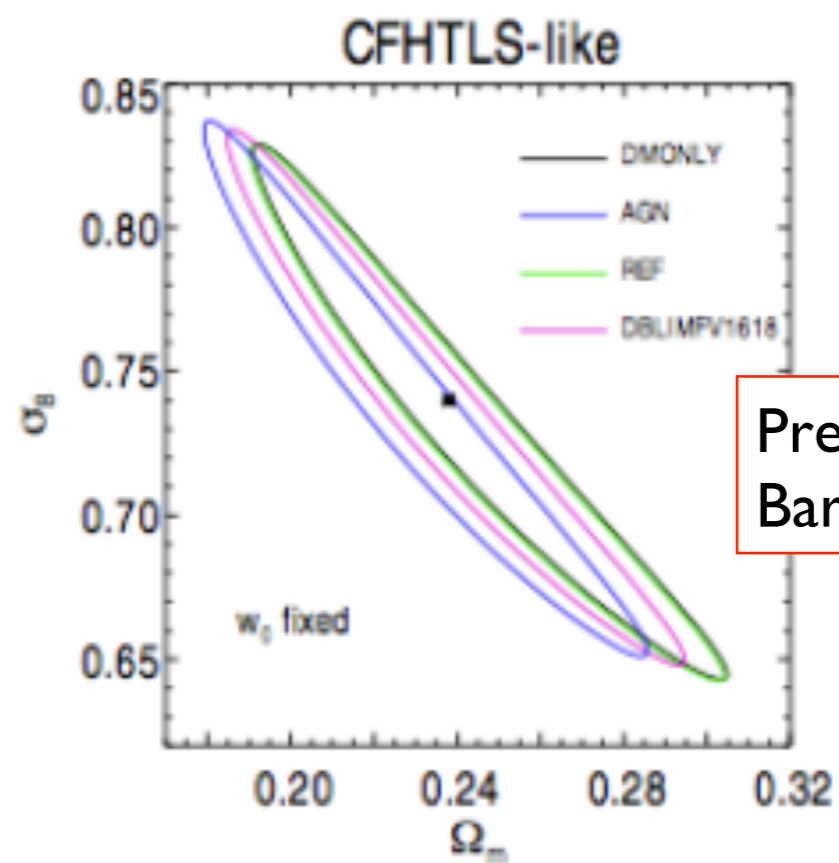
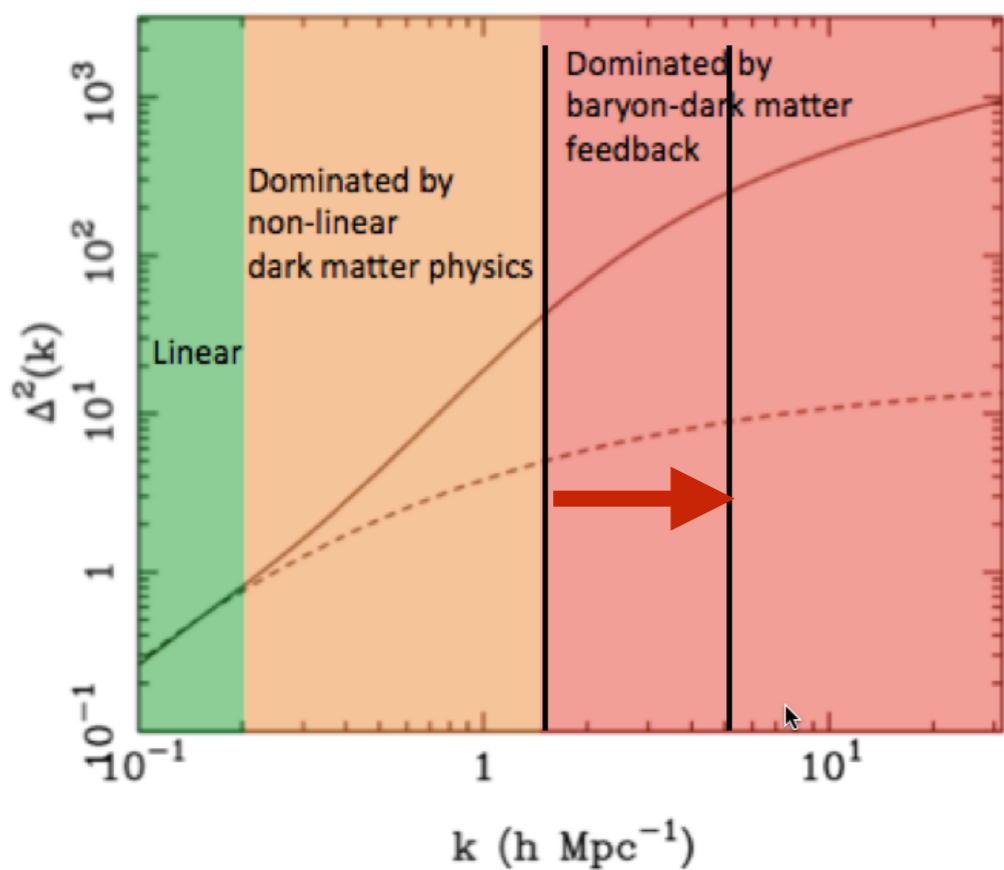


Compared to: $\xi_{\pm}(\vartheta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} d\ell \ell [P_E(\ell) \pm P_B(\ell)] J_{0,4}(\ell\vartheta)$



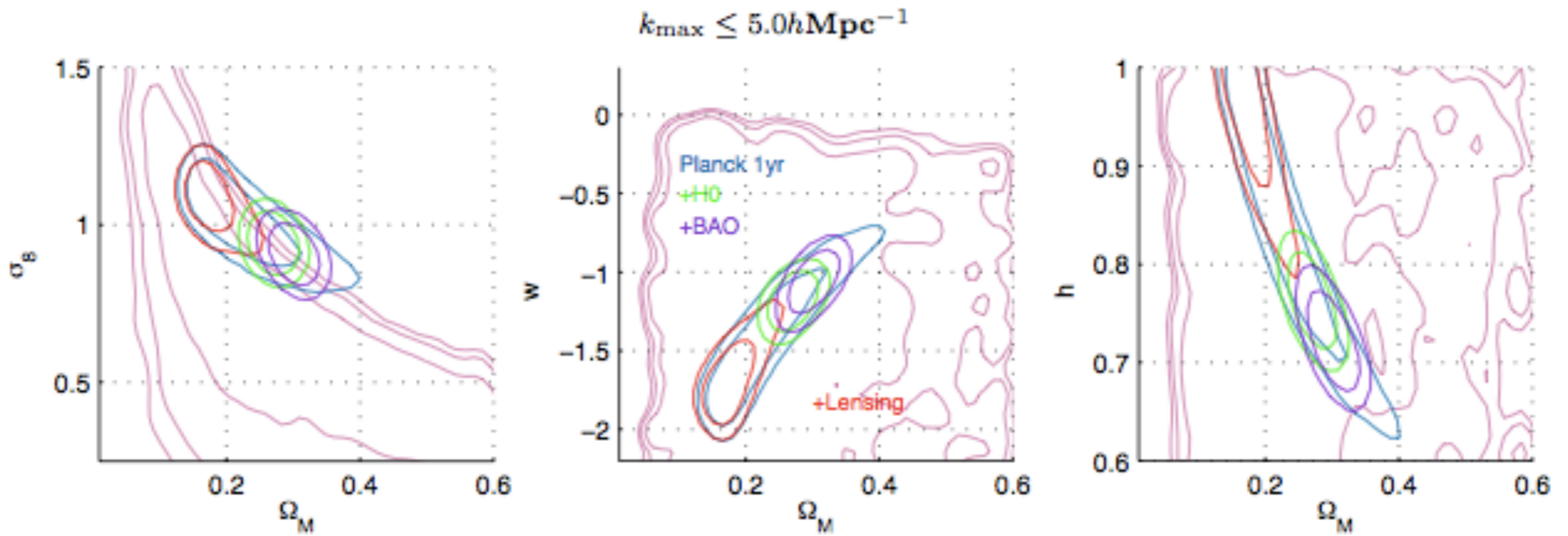
Effect of

- Baryonic Feedback
- Neutrinos



Prediction for
Baryonic feedback

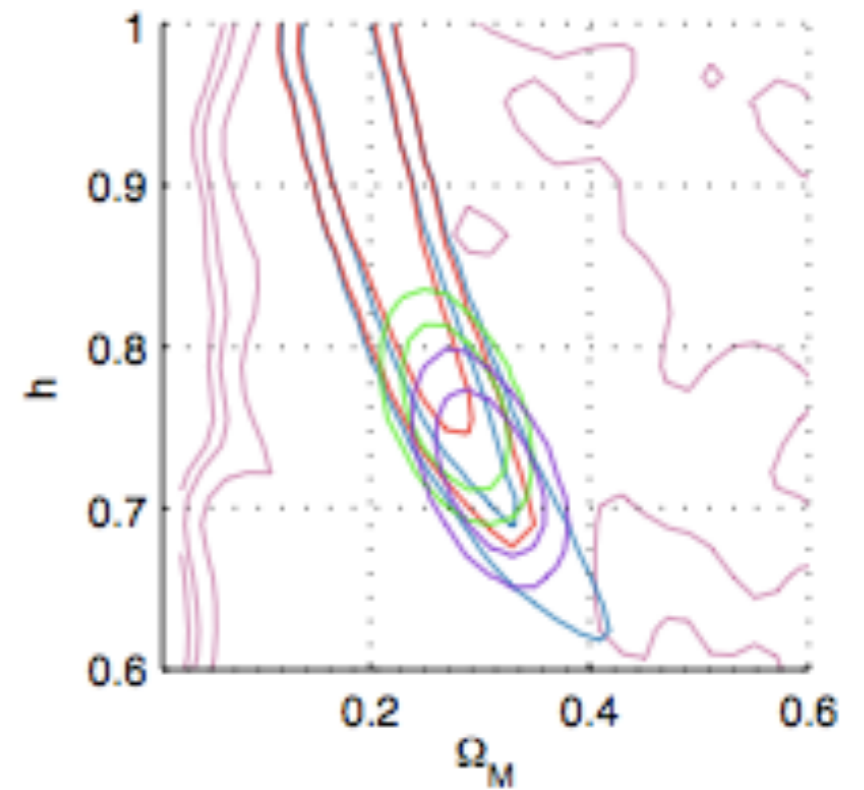
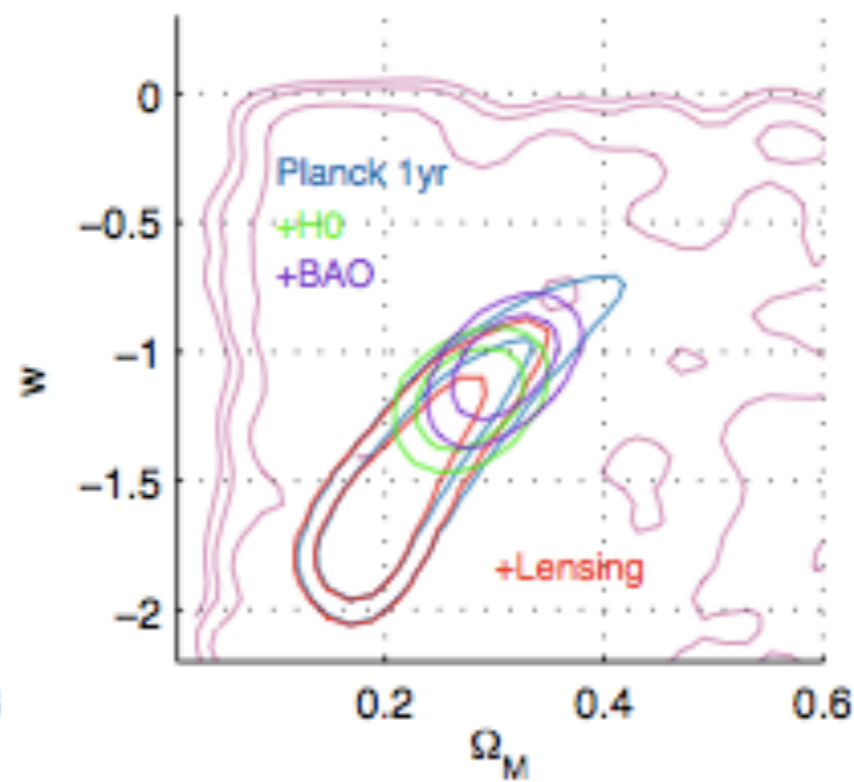
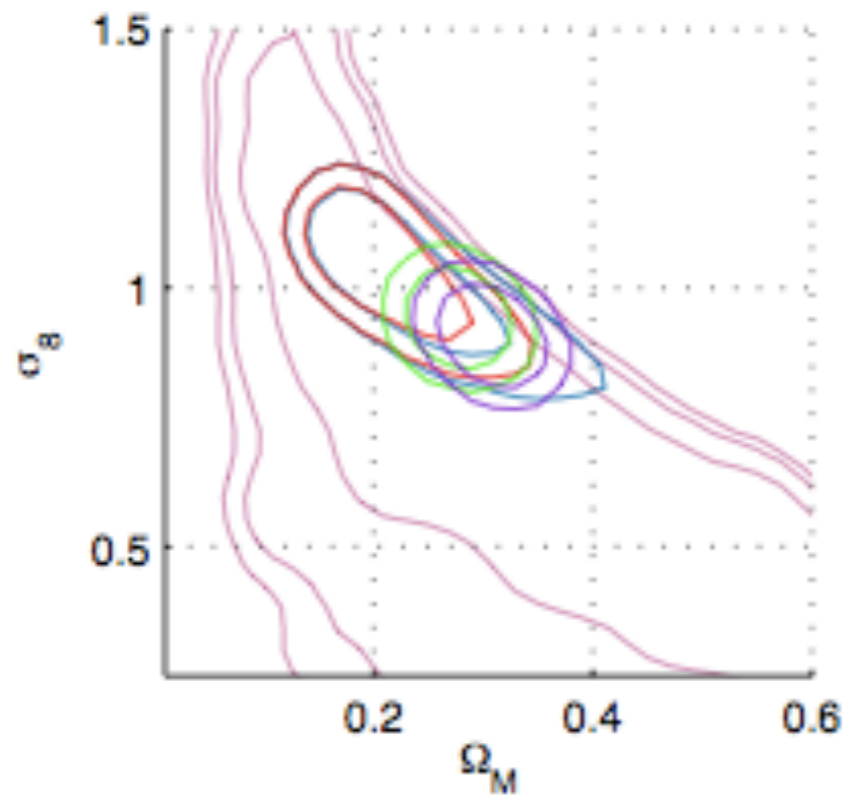
Tension with Planck?



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No.

Including a functional ansatz to account for AGN feedback from Semboloni et al. (2013) :



- 3D Spherical Bessel analysis of weak lensing data
 - Computationally expensive
 - Includes information without need for binning
 - Can exclude particular scales that may be dominated by poorly understood systematic effects
- Relaxing assumptions
 - Flat Sky – to Spherical !
 - Spherical Bessel expansion
 - What is the optimal weight function/basis
- Generalizations
 - Beyond 2-point statistics
 - How to incorporate compressed sensing & wavelets
 - What is the optimal sampling in l and k ?