

# MEASURING DARK ENERGY PARAMETERS TO SELECT THEORETICAL MODELS

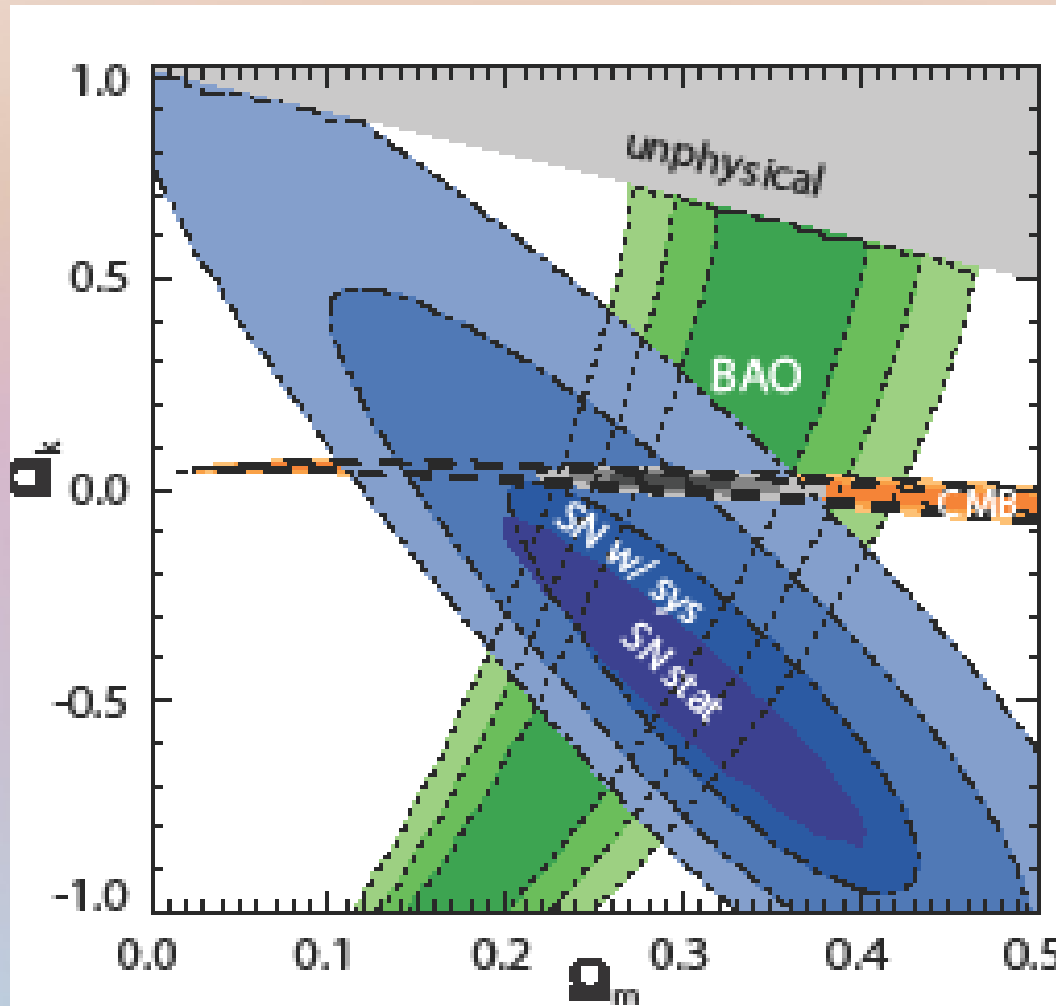
- I. Cosmology: Test Bed for Gravitational Theories
- II. Parametrization of Current SN, CBR, BAO Observations
- III. Beyond the Concordance Model
- IV. Critique of Dark Energy/Dark Gravity Theories
- V. Conclusions: Phenomenological and Epistemological

# I. HOMOGENEOUS/ISOTROPIC UNIVERSE: FRW

- **A. Anisotropic about us:** otherwise would distort Sunyaev-Zeldovich spectrum from distant sources
- **B. Inhomogeneity: is poorly tested at large scale:**
  - **Small-scale inhomogeneity:** would effect Friedman expansion eqn, effect light propagation in lumpy universe.
  - **Large-scale inhomogeneity (Lemaitre-Tolman-Bondi):** We may live near center of a large bubble extending to  $z \sim 0.08$  !!!
- **C. Cosmological Principle** assumes **homogeneity**->

Friedman-Robertson-Walker Cosmology .

# FLATNESS: BEST CONSTRAINT FROM CMB



# Kinematics=Cosmography=Description of Homogeneous Evolution in Space-Time)

1) Red-Shift cosmological, has nothing to do with motion of source or observer

$$dt=ad\eta=d\eta/1+z, \quad \lambda=(1+z)\lambda_{\text{proper}} \cdot$$

2) Positive/negative frequencies evolve differently into future/past-> particle production/annihilation in accelerating universe.

# KINEMATICS OF FRWCOSMOLOGY

Conformal (comoving) time:  $d\eta = dt/a(t)$

Hubble Expansion Rate:  $H := da/adt$

Comoving Hubble Expansion Rate:  $\mathbf{H} = da/dt = aH$

Deceleration

$$q(t) \equiv - a\ddot{a} / \dot{a}^2 \equiv - 1 - \dot{H} / H^2$$

# PROPER DISTANCE MEASUREMENTS DETERMINE EXPANSION RATE $H(t)$

Proper Distance  $ds^2 = -dt^2 = -a^2 d\eta^2$

1. Luminous Flux  $L = F/4\pi d_L^2(z), \quad d_L(z) = (1+z)\eta$

Apparent dimming of SN fluxes measures luminosity

distances back to “standard candles”.

2. Angular Size  $\theta_A = r_s(z) / d_A(z), \quad d_A(z) = \eta / (1+z)$

Acoustic oscillations in baryon-photon fluid (CMB) at  $z=1089$ ,

luminous red galaxies at  $z \sim 0.35$  measure angular sizes,

distances back to “standard rulers”.

# II. COSMOLOGICAL MEASUREMENTS

## ■ A. GEOMETRIC (KINEMATIC, GRAVITATIONAL)

- 1. SNIa magnitude-redshift relation  $\rightarrow d_L(z)$
- 2. CBR last scattering surface  $\eta(z=1100)$
- 3. BAO  $\rightarrow$  transverse size  $d_A(z)$ ,  $H(z)$

## B. PHYSICAL (DYNAMIC)

1. Dynamical age of Universe
2. Galaxy Clustering: power spectrum, growth factor
3. CMB Power Spectrum
- 4. Gravitational Lensing: strong, weak (cosmic shear)

# What is Dark Energy?

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3P) + \frac{\Lambda}{3}$$

We observe  $\ddot{a} > 0$  about  $z \sim 0.4$ , which can happen in 3 ways:

- $\Lambda$ CDM: Non-zero cosmological constant:  $\Lambda > 0$
- Dark Energy: Universe is dominated by some particle or field with:  $\rho + 3P < 0$   
 $w = (P/\rho) < -(1/3)$
- Above GR equation must be modified: **Dark Gravity**

# HOW DO WE OBSERVE ACCELERATION?

- 2 indirect observables:

- Distance-redshift relation for SN, BAO, CBR: comoving distance  $\eta(z) \equiv$

$$D(z) = \int_0^r \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{1 - kr'^2}} = \int_t^{t_0} \frac{dt'}{a(t')} = \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}.$$

- Luminosity Distance  $d_L(z) = (1+z)\eta$  : “standard candles”
- Angular Diameter Distance  $d_A(z) = \eta/(1+z)$ : “standard rulers”

- If GR is correct, both should agree  $d_L(z) d_A(z) = \eta(z)^2$

- Growth of structure:

- Gravitational collapse competes with expansion
- Parametrized as a function of redshift by a “growth factor”, the mass function of clusters, amplitude of PS, etc

# How do we measure DE?

## A. Supernovae:

- use SN as “standard candles”.

## B. Baryon Acoustic Oscillations:

- use the size of the sound horizon of pre-recombination acoustic waves in the CMB as a “standard ruler”.

## C. CLUSTERS

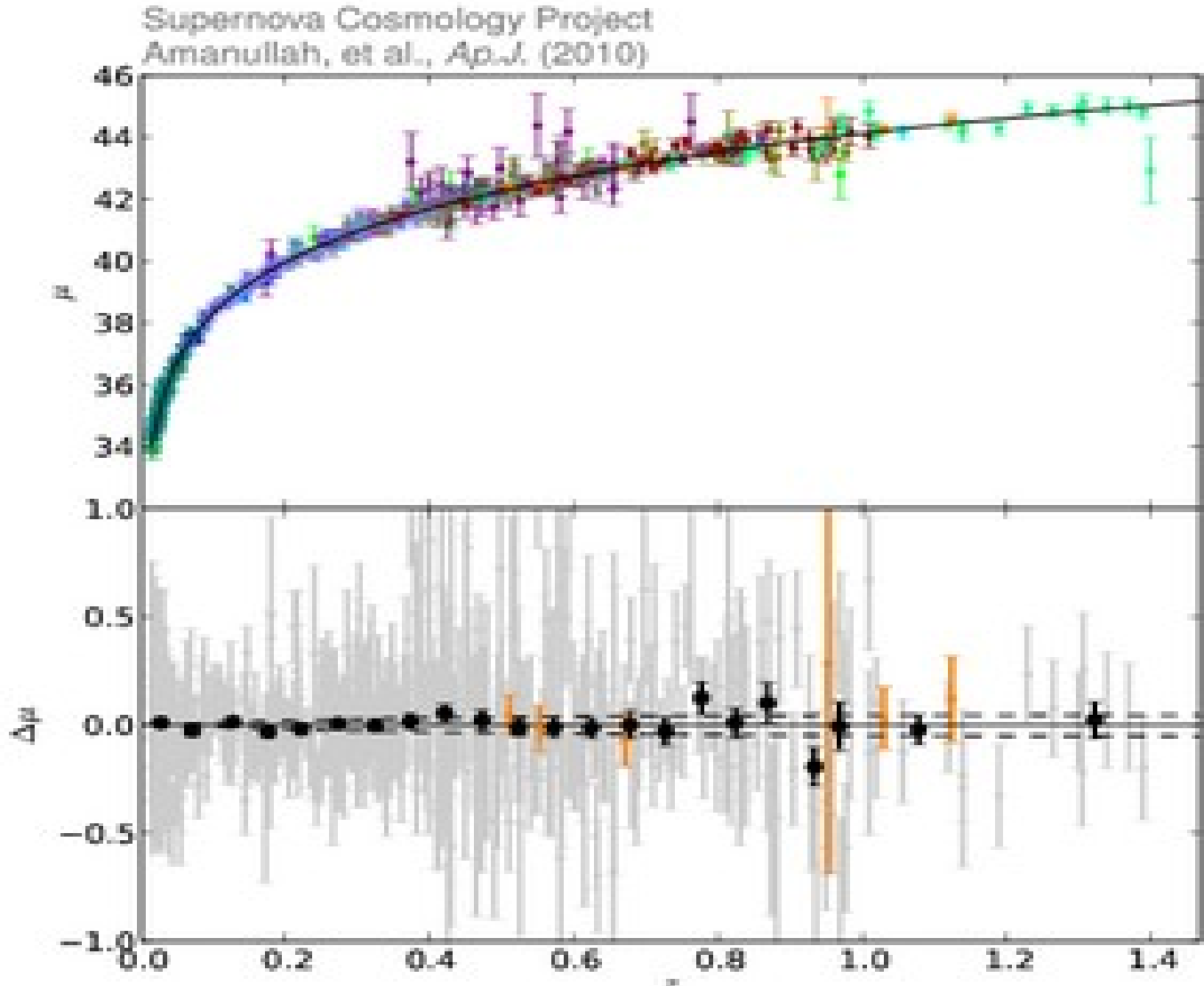
- Use the “cluster mass function” as a function of redshift to measure the growth of structure.

## D. WEAK LENSING

- Measure the “shear field” statistically-> both expansion history and growth history.

## FULL POWER SPECTRUM MODELLING

# A. SUPERNOVA HUBBLE DIAGRAM: MAGNITUDE DIMINISHING WITH REDSHIFT

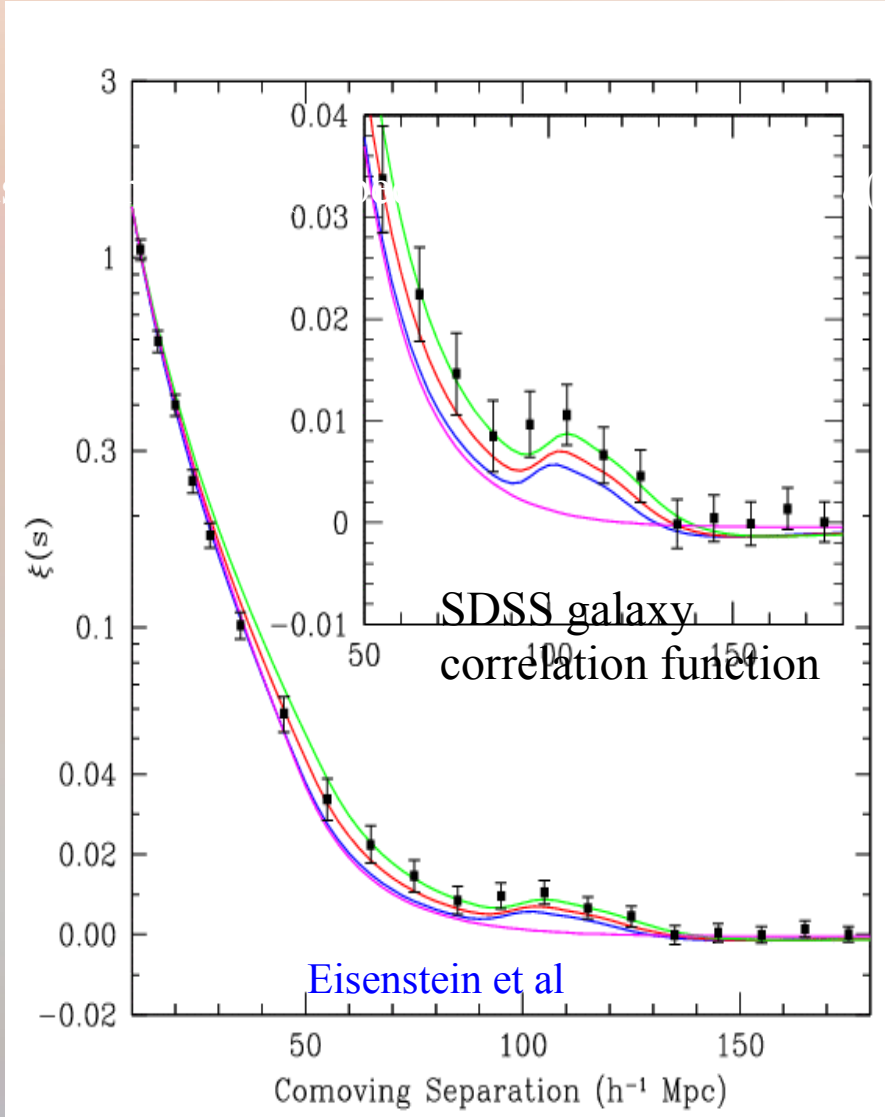
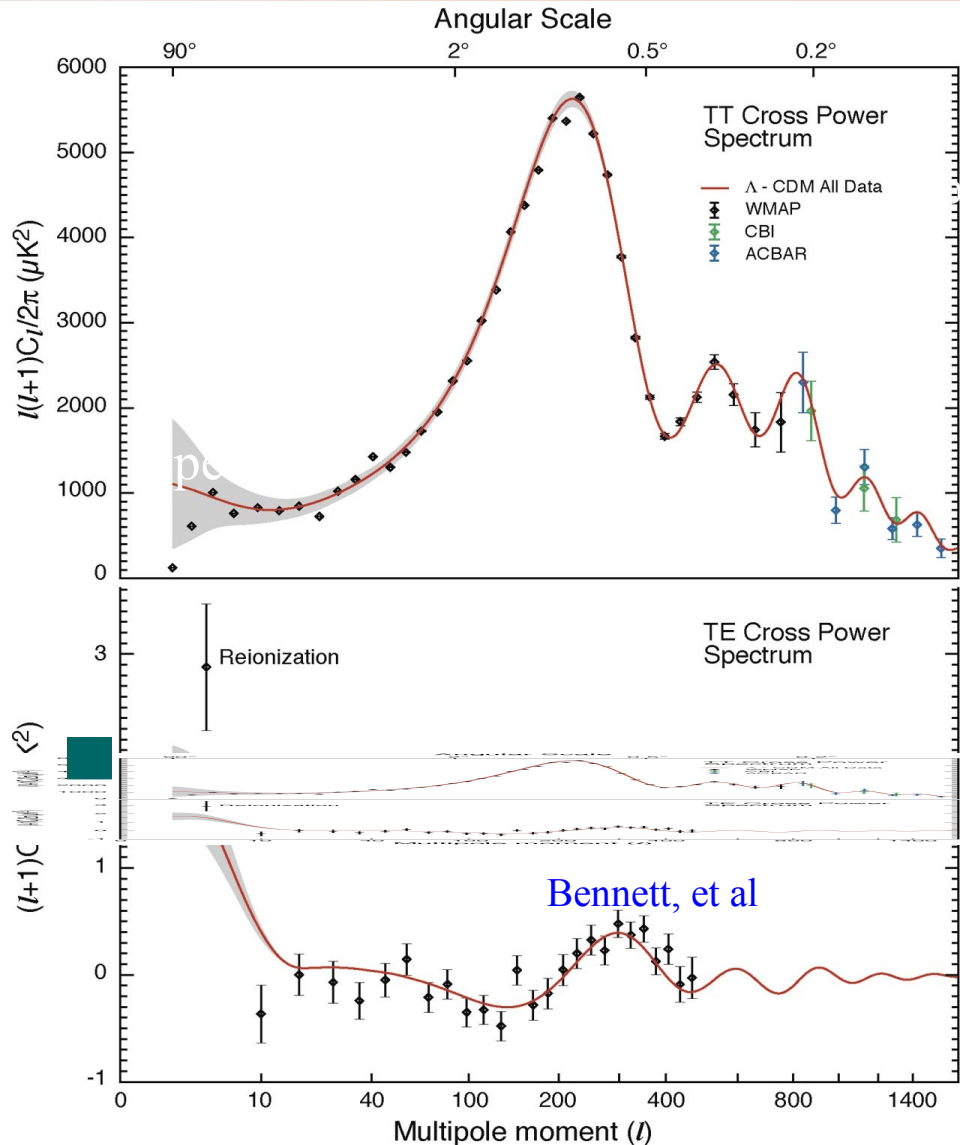


# B. BARYON ACOUSTIC OSCILLATIONS IN LUMINOUS RED GALAXIES

- Baryons decouple from photon expansion at  $z_{\text{decoup}} = 1089$
- Baryon acoustic waves stall, imprint themselves on CBR as density excess at **sound horizon**  $= 146.8 \pm 1.8$  Mpc = standard ruler
- $d_A(z)$ ,  $H(z)$  are observed at  $z=0.2, 0.35$  in LRG
- Amplitude bump reveals growth function of baryons+dark matter

# CBR CORRELATION FUNCTION SHOWS ACOUSTIC OSCILLATIONS IN PHOTON AND BARYON FLUIDS

comoving sound horizon  $r_s = 148$  Mpc at last scattering surface  $z_{ls} = 1089$

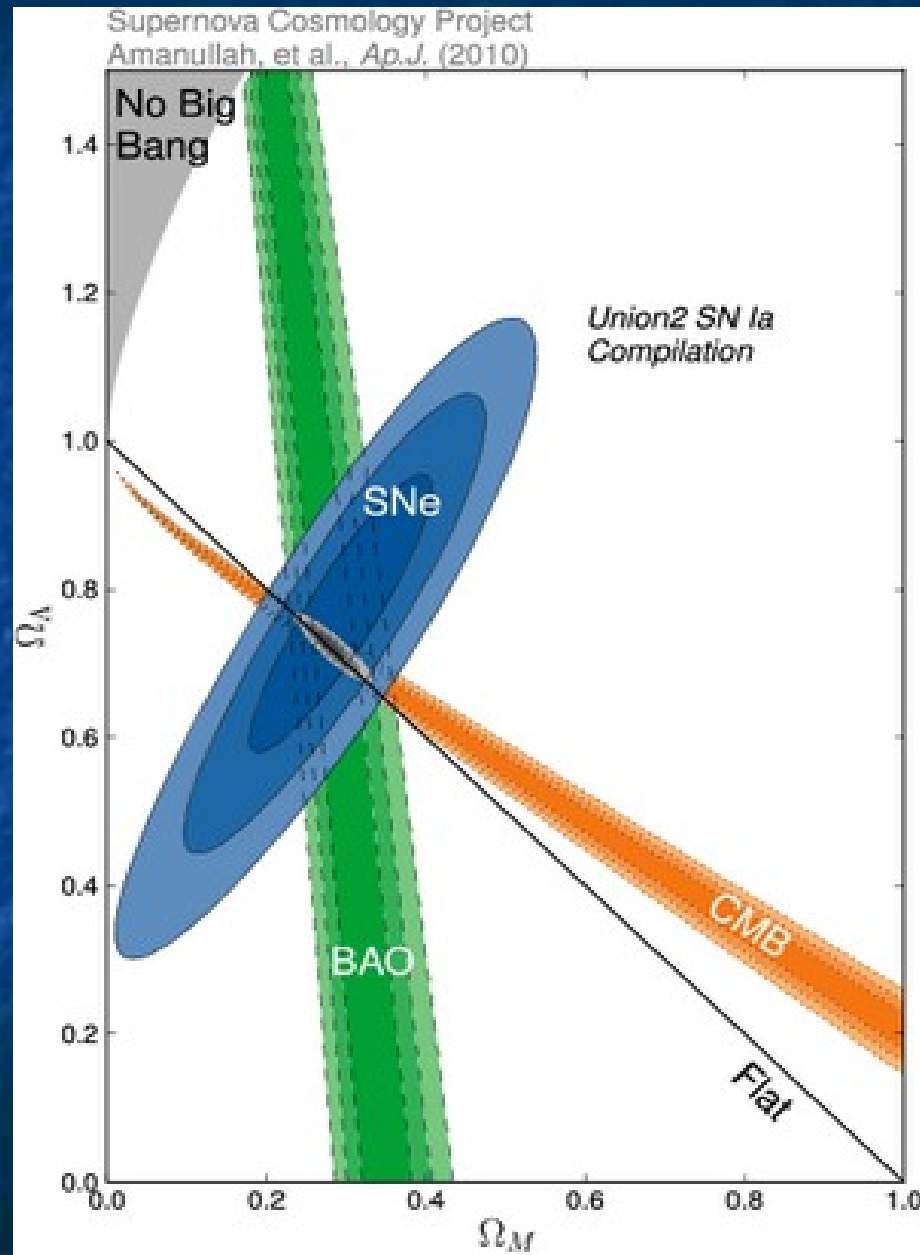


# PARAMETRIZING DE MODELS

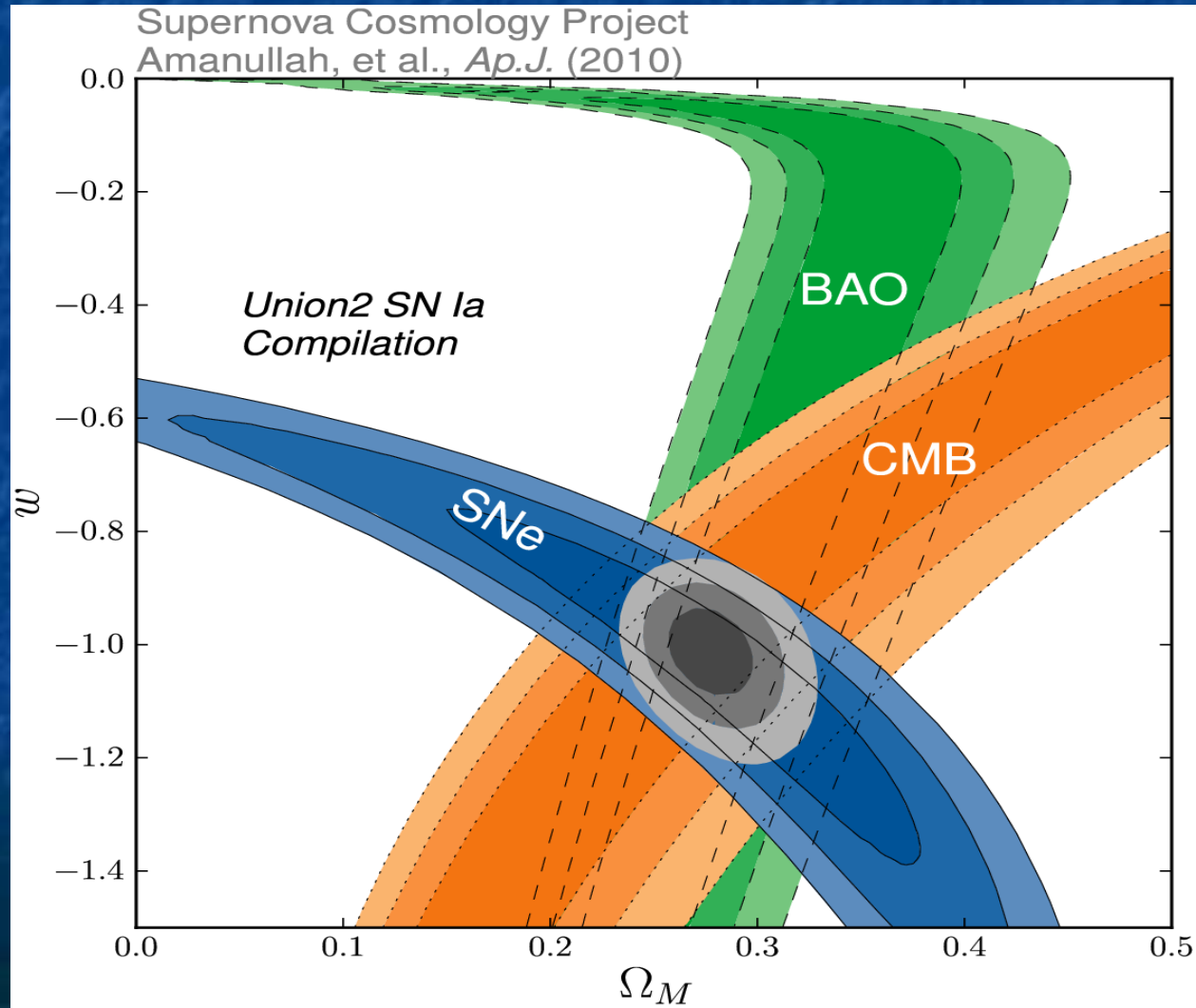
A. No Parameters Beyond Present  $\Omega_M$ : flat  $\Lambda$ CDM

- B. One Additional Parameter: constant  $w_{DE} \neq -1$ , DGP  $r_c$ :  
Present data insensitive to any development on Hubble time scale
- C. Two Additional Parameters
  - 1. Scalar Field Models: Quintessence, k-essence
  - 2. Two models (parametrized Ricci scalar, thawing): slightly better fit than  $\Lambda$ CDM, but no physical motivation
  - 3. Brane Cosmology: DGP  $\rightarrow$  bad fit to combined data
- D. More parameters cannot be fixed, even in projected observations.

# $\Lambda$ CDM: SN, CMB, BAO CONSTRAINTS ON $\Omega_M - \Omega_\Lambda$



# Sne, CMB, BAO CONSTRAINTS ON CONSTANT $w(z)$



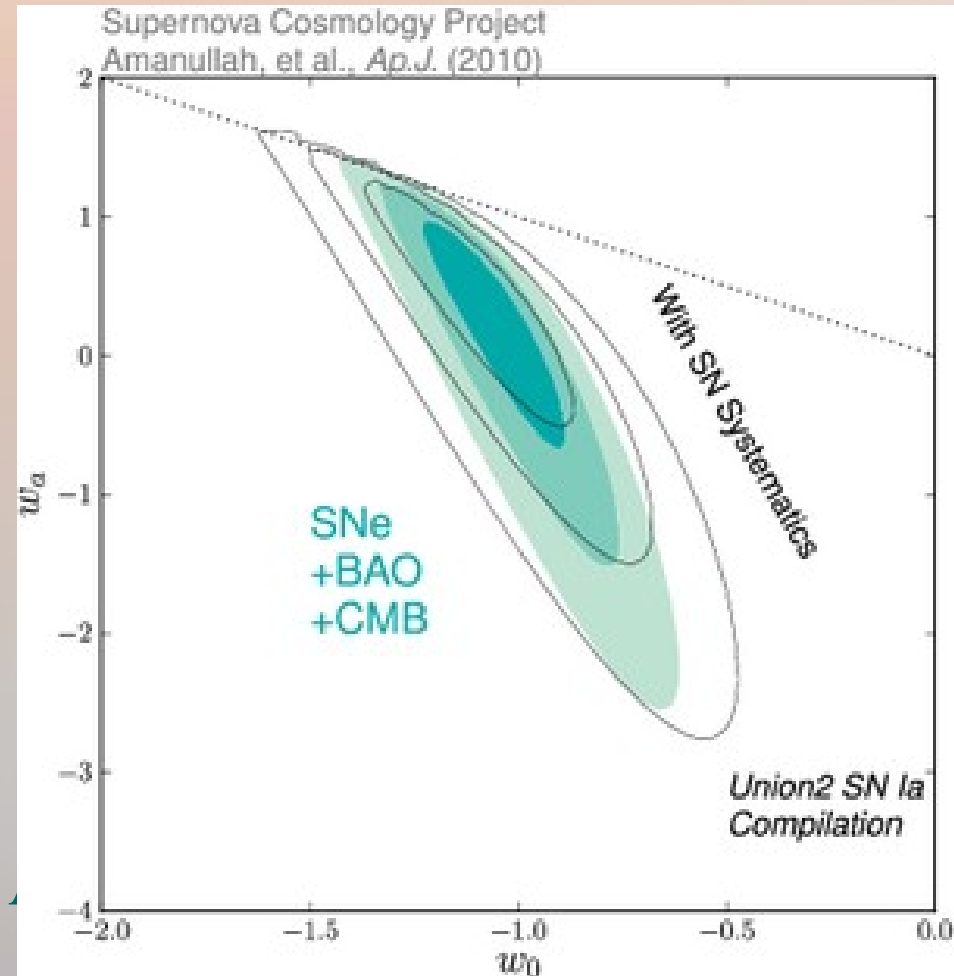
# Constraints on Time-varying Dark Energy $w(z)$

3-parameter model

$$w(a) = w_0 + w_a(1-a)$$

No significant change in  $w(z)$

Evidence for existence of DE is weak.



# COMBINED 7WMAP+BAO+H<sub>0</sub>+SN LIMITS ON FLATNESS, EOS, ITS EVOLUTION PARAMETERS

A. Flatness Limits, with some constant EOS  $w_{DE}$

$$\Omega_k = -0.006^{+0.008}_{-0.007}, \quad w_{DE} = -1.035^{+0.093}_{-0.097}$$

B. Limits on Any Constant EOS, assuming flatness

$$\Omega_k = 0, \quad w_{DE} = -0.997^{+0.077}_{-0.082}$$

C. Limits on Time-Varying EOS, assuming flatness

$$w(a) = -0.93 \pm 0.12 - 0.38^{+0.66}_{-0.65}$$

D. Agreement among different data sets shows absence of systematic errors

# CONCORDANCE MODEL $\Lambda$ CDM (EDDINGTON-LEMAITRE)

Cosmological Constant can be interpreted  
geometrically or materially

$$G_{\mu\nu} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \kappa^2 T_{\mu\nu}, \quad G_{\mu\nu} = \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} + \kappa^2 T_{\mu\nu}$$

as vacuum energy  $\kappa^2 \rho_{\text{vac}} \equiv \Lambda$

Einstein tensor  $G_{\mu\nu} \equiv R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu}$

# CLASSICAL GEOMETRIC INTERPRETATION AVOIDS QUANTUM COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT PROBLEM

Matter vacuum fluctuations are confirmed in laboratory, but apparently do not gravitate

Cosmological Constant Problem can be side-stepped: Lambda constant of nature, an intrinsic c-number curvature, without vacuum fluctuations

Cosmological Coincidence persists: Why do we live at a late time when material energy density has diluted down to  $\sim \Lambda / 2$

**Cosmological Constant Problem** avoided by  
assuming fact of nature  $\rho_{\text{vac}} \approx 0$ .

**Cosmological Coincidence** can only be solved by  
fine-tuning or Anthropic Reasoning

# COSMOLOGICAL COINCIDENCE

Why do observers live at late time when matter has diluted down to

$$\rho_m \approx \rho_{\text{vac}} / 2$$

Suggests role of observer in fixing small  $\Lambda$ .

Complementarity: Observation depends on both system and observer.

Multiverses are predicted in chaotic inflationary theory, but consider **unobservable** domains beyond particle horizon.

Landscapes **explain** anthropically why observed cosmological constant is so small, but can never be tested by observation. <sup>22</sup>

# ANTHROPIC EXPLANATION FOR COSMOLOGICAL COINCIDENCE

Our existence sets upper limit on  $\Lambda$ : Among all possible material universes, we live at late time, after galaxies, planets have evolved

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Landscapes **explain** anthropically why observed cosmological constant is so small, but can never be tested by observation.

In any case, task of physicists is to test the Concordance Model by observing DE or DG.

# MULTIVERSES EXPLAIN COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT BUT ARE NOT TESTABLE

- Proposes many universes with different  $\Lambda$ , outside our particle horizon
- Our observed universe only rare one of many
- **Much** larger  $\Lambda$  universe would expand faster, be far younger than observed
- Explains why our observed  $\Lambda$ , but not testable. An empirically-based metaphysical proposal
- Epistemology: Cosmology may be telling us to expand scope of science

### III. CURRENT CONCORDANCE MODEL TESTS

Only modest improvements in 10%  
uncertainty in distance measurements are  
possible

luminosity distances  $d_L = (1+z)\eta$  to SN

angular distances  $d_A = \eta/(1+z)$  in BAO

Only **fluctuations** can distinguish

-Dynamic from static vacuum energy

-Dark energy from dark gravity

# Most promising fluctuation studies:

A. Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

B. Galaxy clustering: power spectrum, spectral growth factor

C. Gravitational weak lensing

# 6<sup>th</sup> DECADAL SURVEY PROPOSAL PRIORITIZES

- Ground: Synoptic Survey Telescope (2-m): weak gravitational lensing; map and record **SN**; near-Earth asteroids
- Space: Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope (Lagrangian point L2): catalogue exoplanets; precision  $z \leq 1.8$  **SN**

# IV. QUINTESSENCE MODELS FOR DARK ENERGY LACK PREDICTIVE POWER

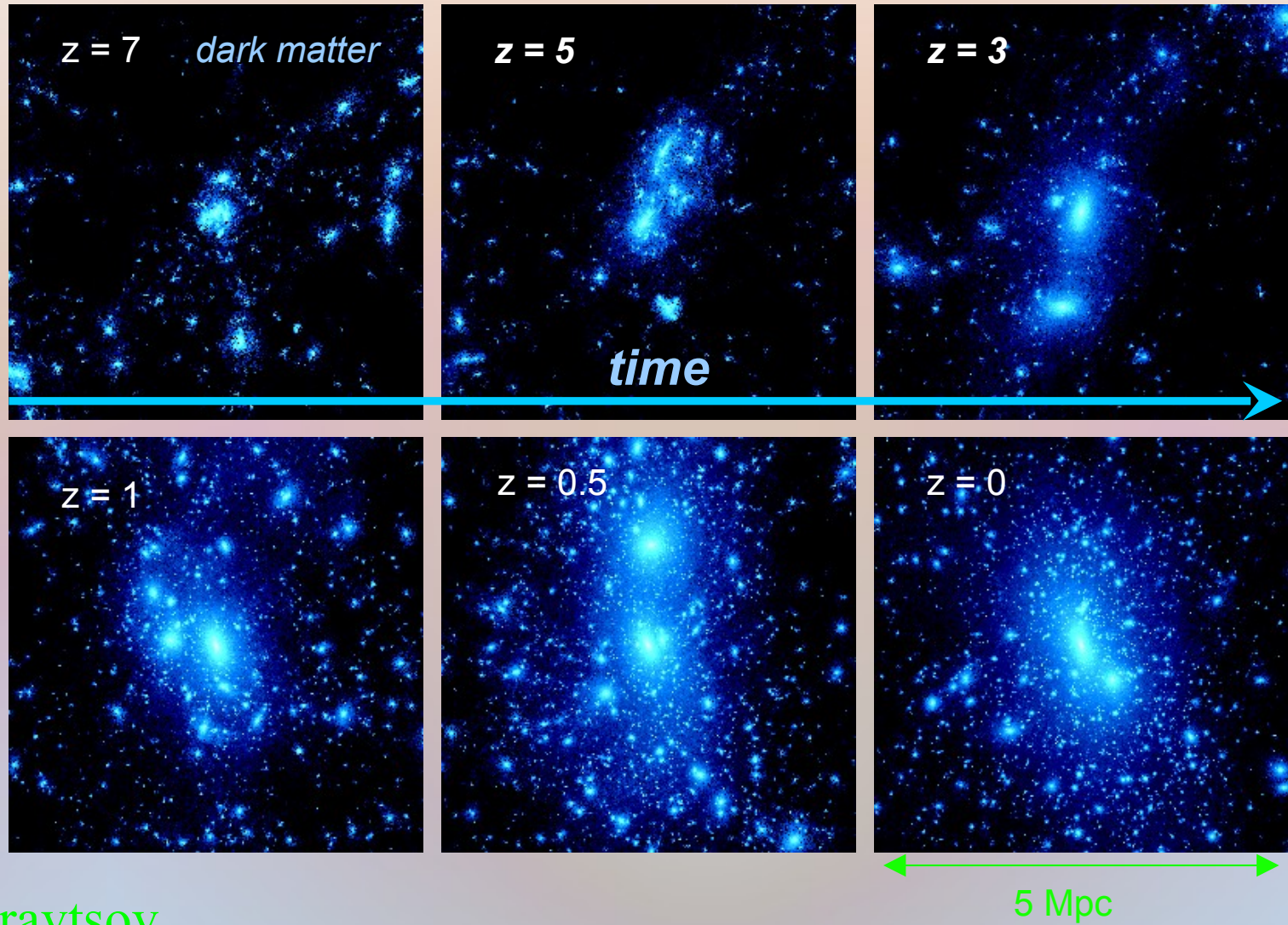
- Within GR, include exotic scalar fields  $\varphi(t)$ : quintessence, k-essence, tachyons

$$H^2(a) = \kappa^2 (\rho_m + \rho_\rho)$$

Fields are non-renormalizable, without natural justification: must be interpreted as **effective fields**.

- Every observed evolution  $a(t)$  or EOS  $w(a)$  can be modeled as some  $V(\varphi)$

# A.. HIERARCHICAL CLUSTER GROWTH DEPENDS ON COSMOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

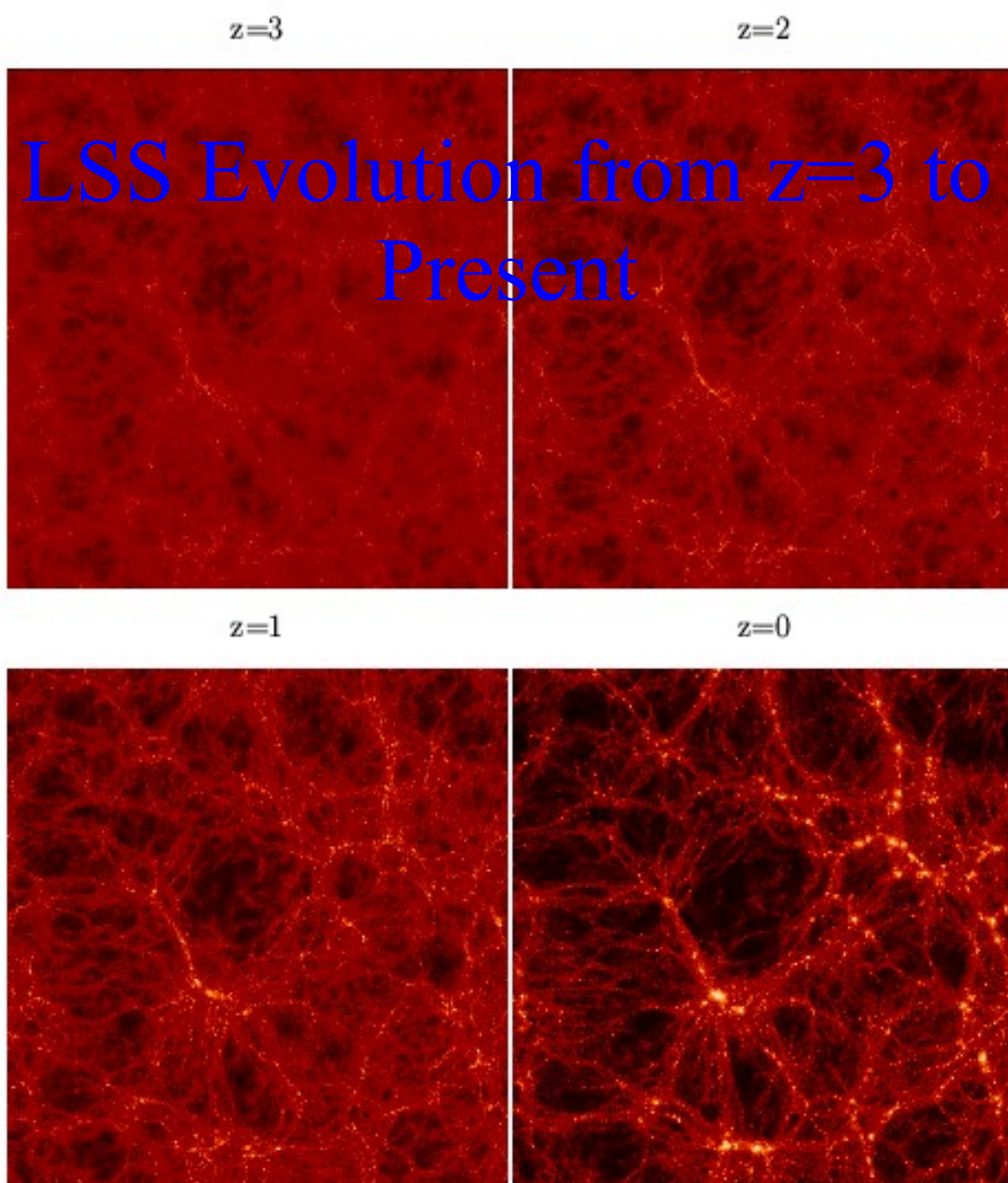


# LSS GROWTH RATE $g(z)$

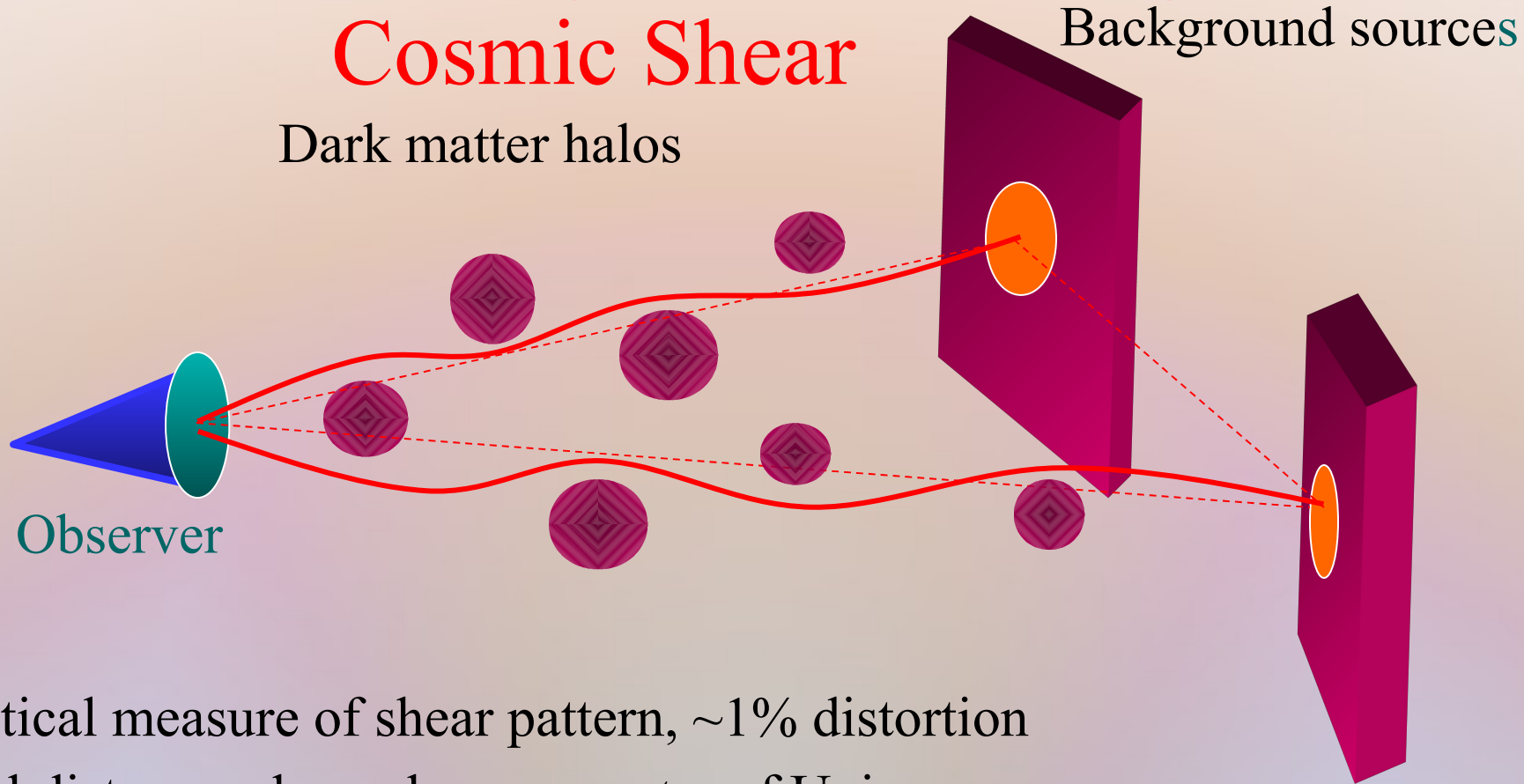
Robustness of  $\Lambda$ CDM paradigm recommends its use as a Dark Energy probe

Price: depends on additional cosmological and structure formation parameters

Bonus: additional structure formation Parameters



# B. Most Promising: Weak Lensing of Cosmic Shear



Statistical measure of shear pattern,  $\sim 1\%$  distortion

Radial distances depend on *geometry* of Universe

Foreground mass distribution depends on *growth* of structure

# Weak Gravitational Lensing Observed in Clusters: Cosmic Shear, Magnification



**Galaxy Cluster Abell 2218**

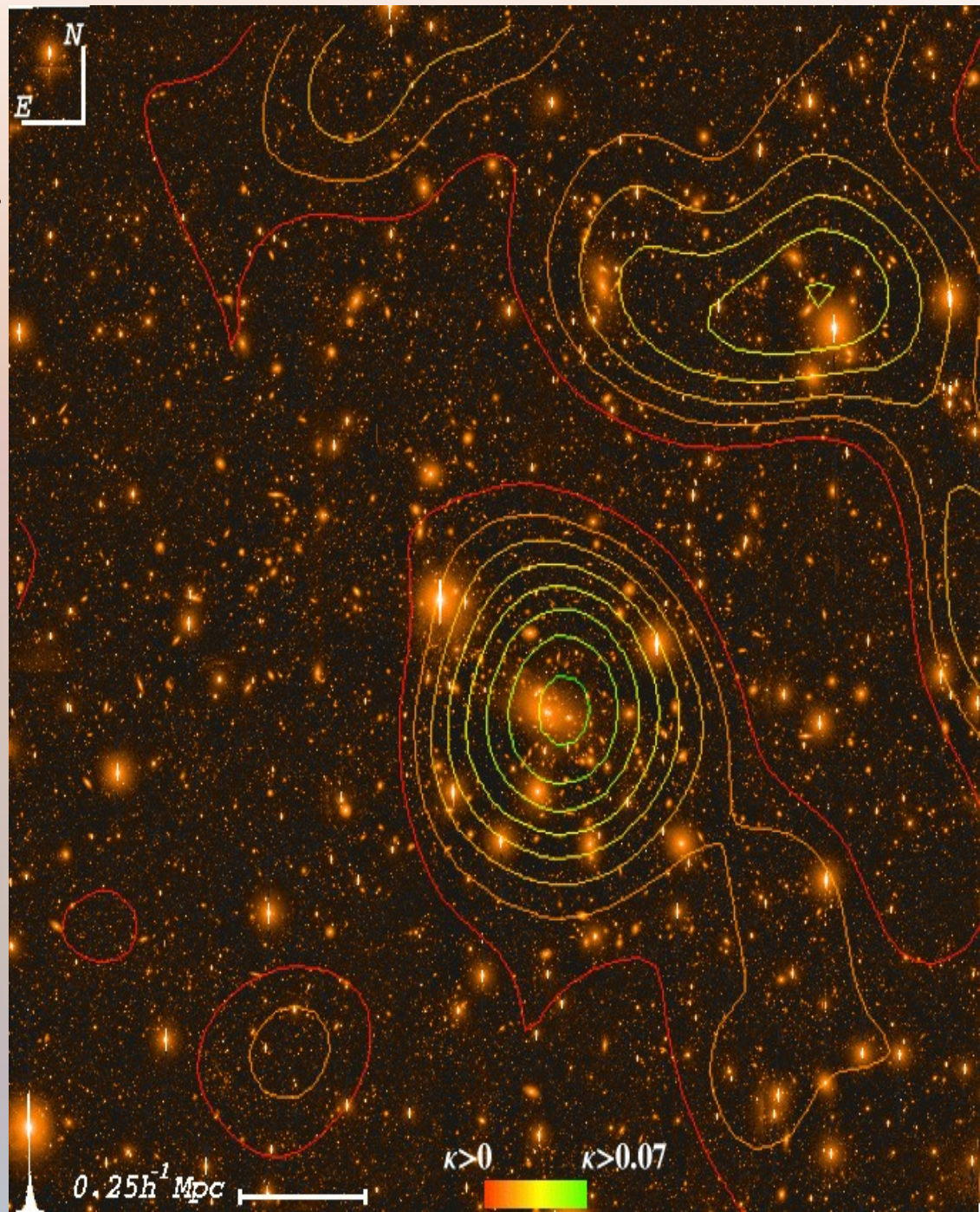
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# Mapping the Dark Matter in a Cluster of Galaxies via Weak Gravitational Lensing

Data from  
Blanco 4-meter  
at CTIO

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# IR MODIFIED GRAVITY (DARK GRAVITY) THEORIES

## A. Four-dimensional stable theories

- $f(R) \equiv$  scalar-tensor theory in Jordan frame, with Brans-Dicke  $\omega_{\text{BD}}=0$ , large scalar mass  $m_\phi$
- In Einstein frame, quintessence matter coupled to scalar gravity (scalaron). **DG/augmented DE describe same physics!!**
- **Scalaron  $\rightarrow$  singularity problems in strong gravitational field (neutron stars)**
- LSS growth constraints can be satisfied
- **Solar system, pulsar constraints require  $\omega_{\text{BD}}=500$ , small  $m_\phi$ : rules out simple  $f(R)$**

- Chamelon theories: scalaron mediated attractive fifth force  $\rightarrow$  small  $m_\phi$  at small scales, large  $m_\phi$  at large scales

- Roy Maartens and Ruth Durrer, in Dark Energy (ed. P. Ruiz-Lapuente, Cambridge, 2010); A. Silvestri and M. Trodden, arXiv:0904.0024v2 (2009)

# B. Extra-dimensional (braneworld) Theories: Gravity Crosses Over 4D->5D at Cosmological Scale $r_c$

- Small scales  $r < r_{\text{Vainstein}} \approx \text{cluster scale}$ : GR is recovered
- Intermediate scales  $r_{\text{Vainstein}} < r < r_c$ : Brans-Dicke
- Large scales  $r_c < r$ : gravity leaks from 4D brane->5D bulk, where it weakens<sup>36</sup>

# DGP ACCELERATING SOLUTION

- Late-time acceleration is produced by weakening of gravity in bulk, not by any DE
- Contradicted by WMAP observations of large-scale anisotropies (ISW), observations of growth factor
- Late-time asymptotic de Sitter solution->scalar ghosts

# ALL MODELS ARE FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED

- Can be fine-tuned to avoid instabilities and to satisfy solar system and supernova constraints.
- If tuned to observed quasi-static homogeneous evolution, then practically indistinguishable from Concordance Model.
- No theory is fundamentally consistent; all are **effective low-energy theories, requiring UV completion.**

## V. PHENOMENOLOGICAL CONCLUSIONS

- Simplest Model  $\Lambda$ CDM=static intrinsic curvature of classical empty space-time
- Present data does not constrain  $w(z>1)$
- Allows constant constant  $w_{DE} = -1 \pm 0.08$  and some two-parameter models.
- If dynamic, Dark Gravity/Dark Gravity Degeneracy will be resolved only by *Evolution of Inhomogeneities*
- Living in large, local bubble is possible, ultimately testable.

## Epistemological Questions: What is observable?

Cosmological Constant Problem  
requires new understanding of  
'vacuum': only modified gravity may  
explain quantum material vacuum

Metaphysics: multiverse explanation of  
Cosmological Coincidence would  
extend boundaries of science by  
*Anthropic Reasoning*