

# Data Analysis in Cosmology

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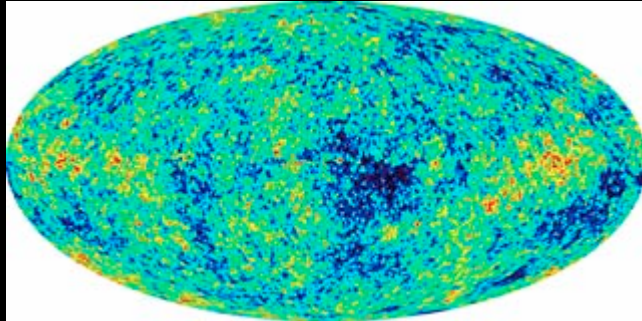
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# In doing cosmology:

- **Instrumentalists:** People who build the instruments (telescopes, detectors, mirrors, rockets, space crafts etc)
- **Observers:** People who run the experiments and observe the Universe and get the data
- **Theorists:**
  - 1) People who deal with the data in order to get meaningful information, those who do simulations
  - 2) People who build models to explain the data

# Era of Precision Cosmology



**Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)**



**Large-scale structure**

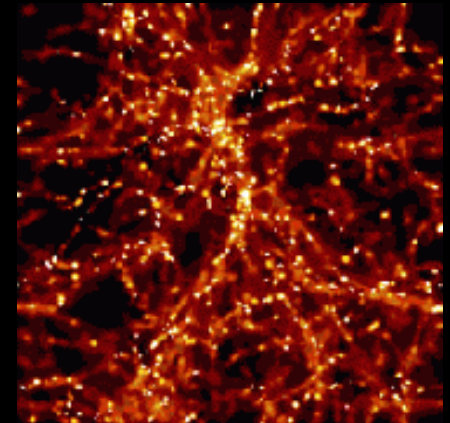
**Cosmological Observations**



**Gravitational Lensing**



**Type Ia Supernova**

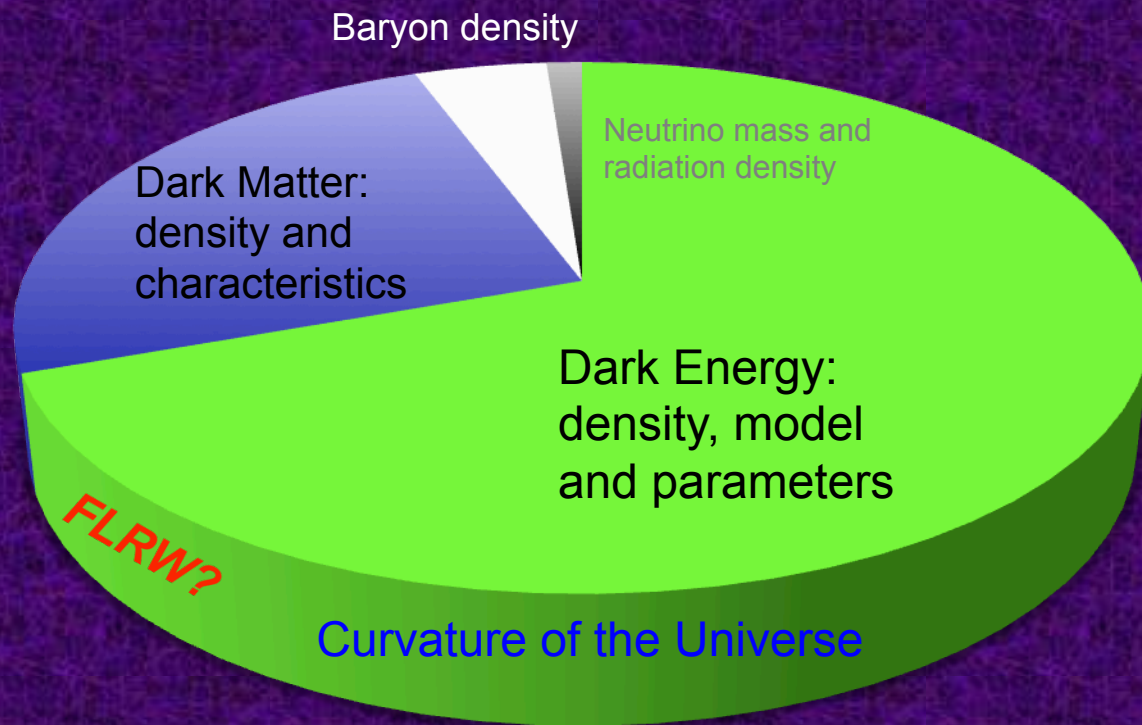


**Lyman Alpha Forest**



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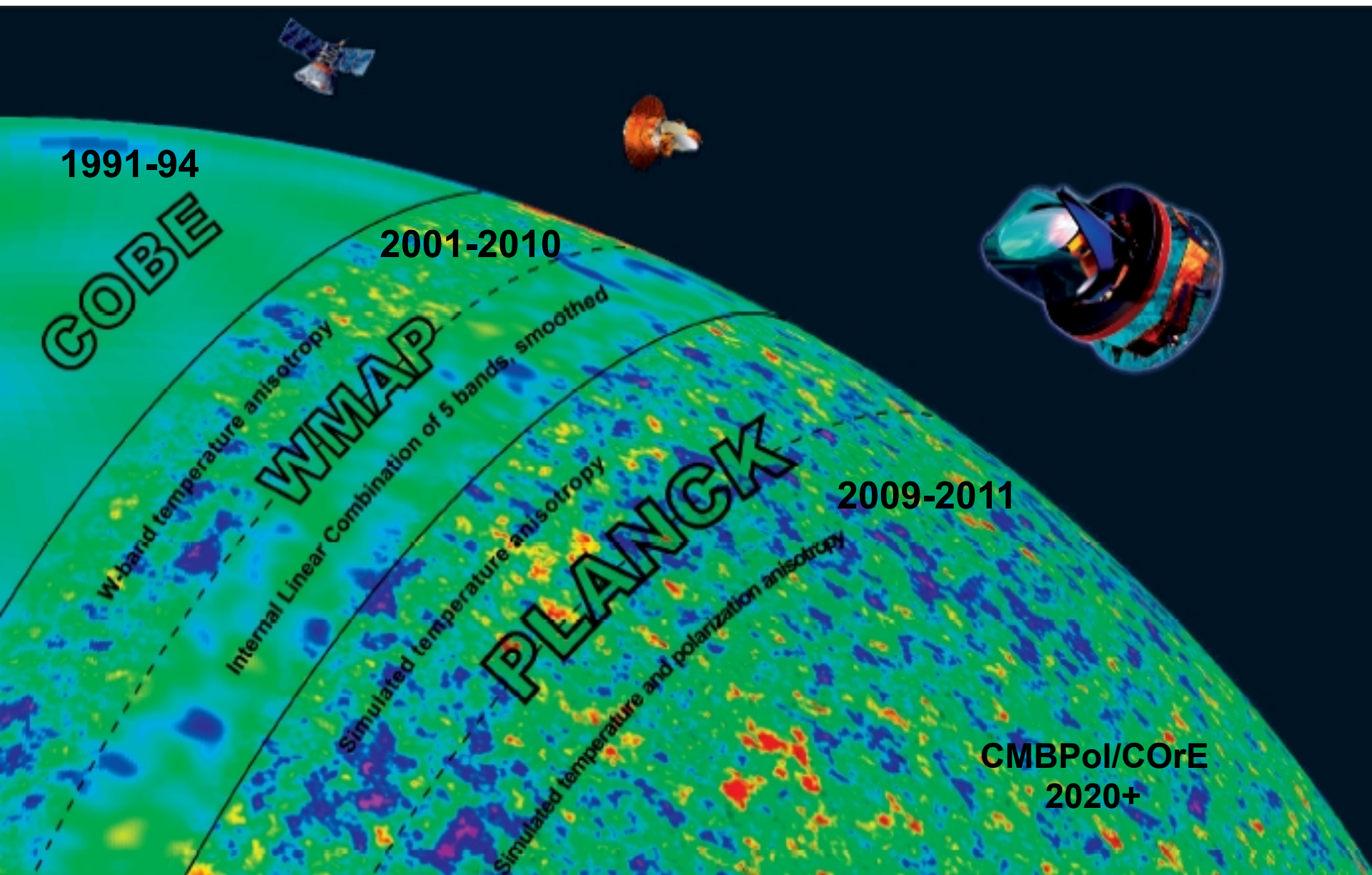
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# CMB space missions



1991-94

COBE

w-band temperature anisotropy

2001-2010

WMAP

Internal Linear Combination of 5 bands, smoothed

2009-2011

PLANCK

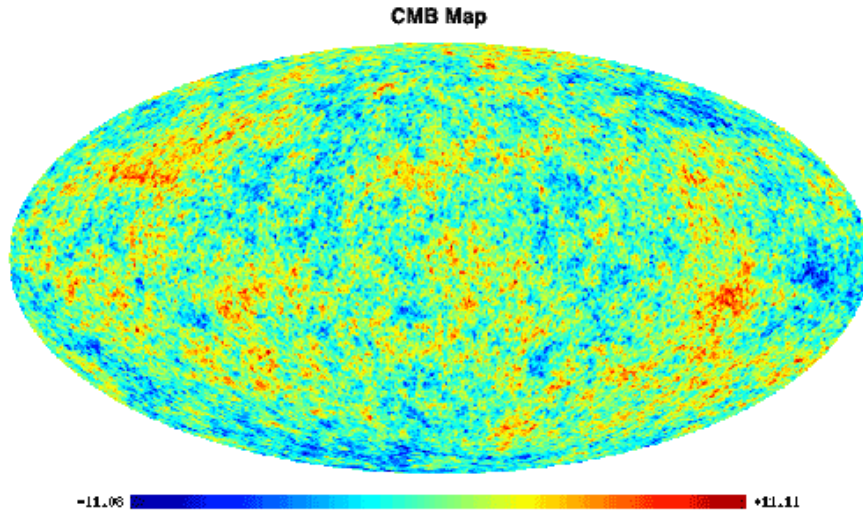
Simulated temperature anisotropy

Simulated temperature and polarization anisotropy

CMBPol/COre  
2020+

# Statistics of CMB

CMB Anisotropy Sky map  $\Rightarrow$  Spherical Harmonic decomposition

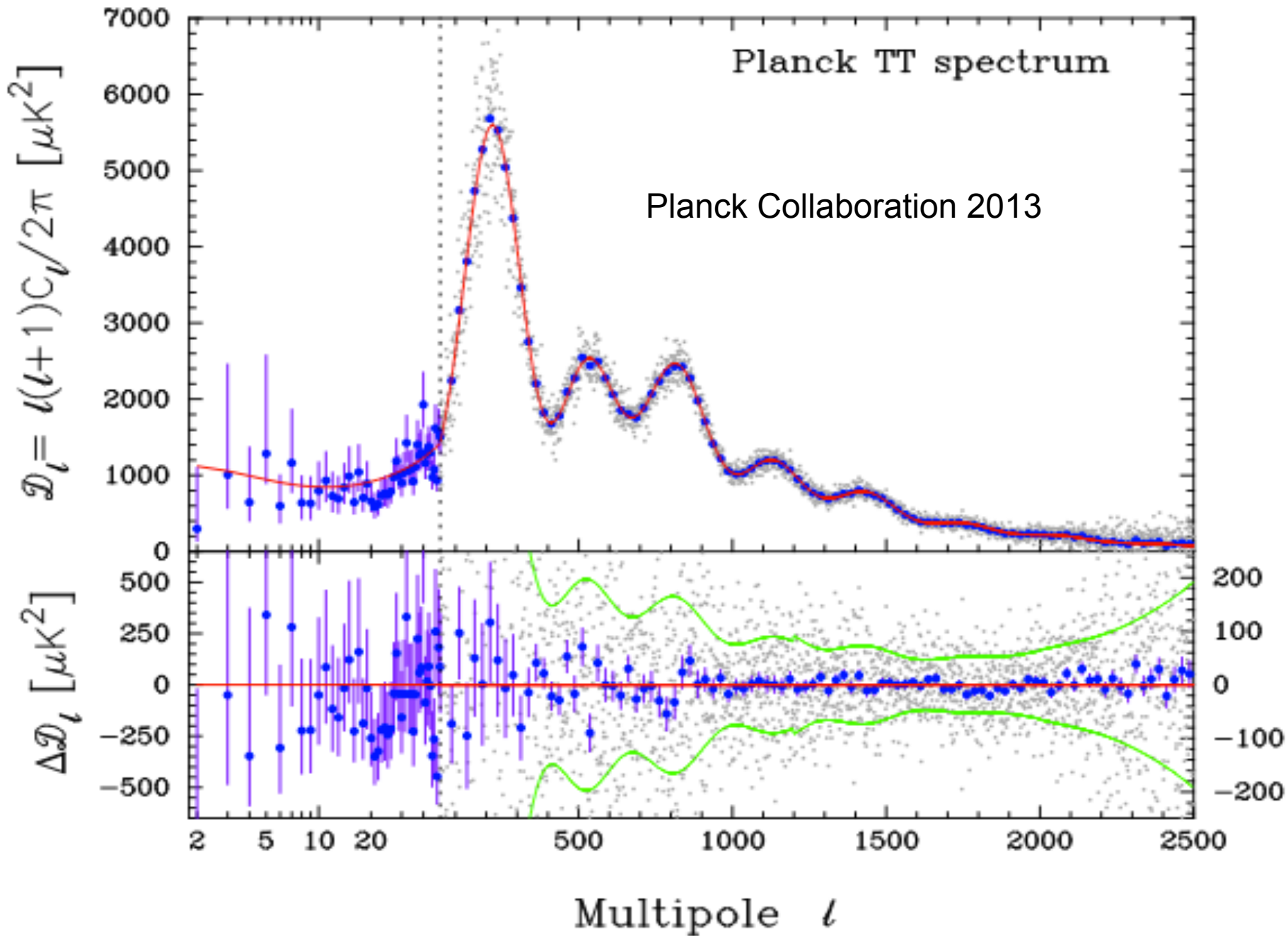


$$\Delta T(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

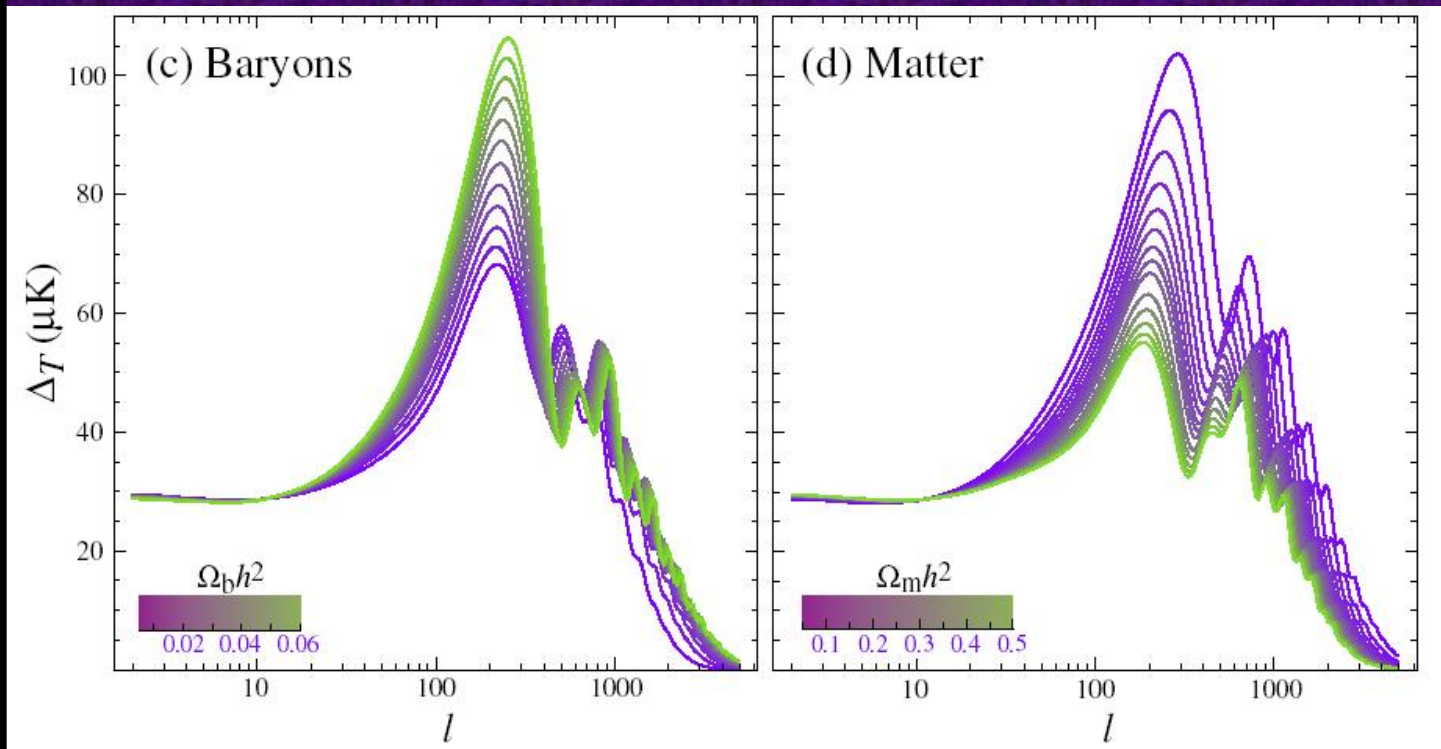
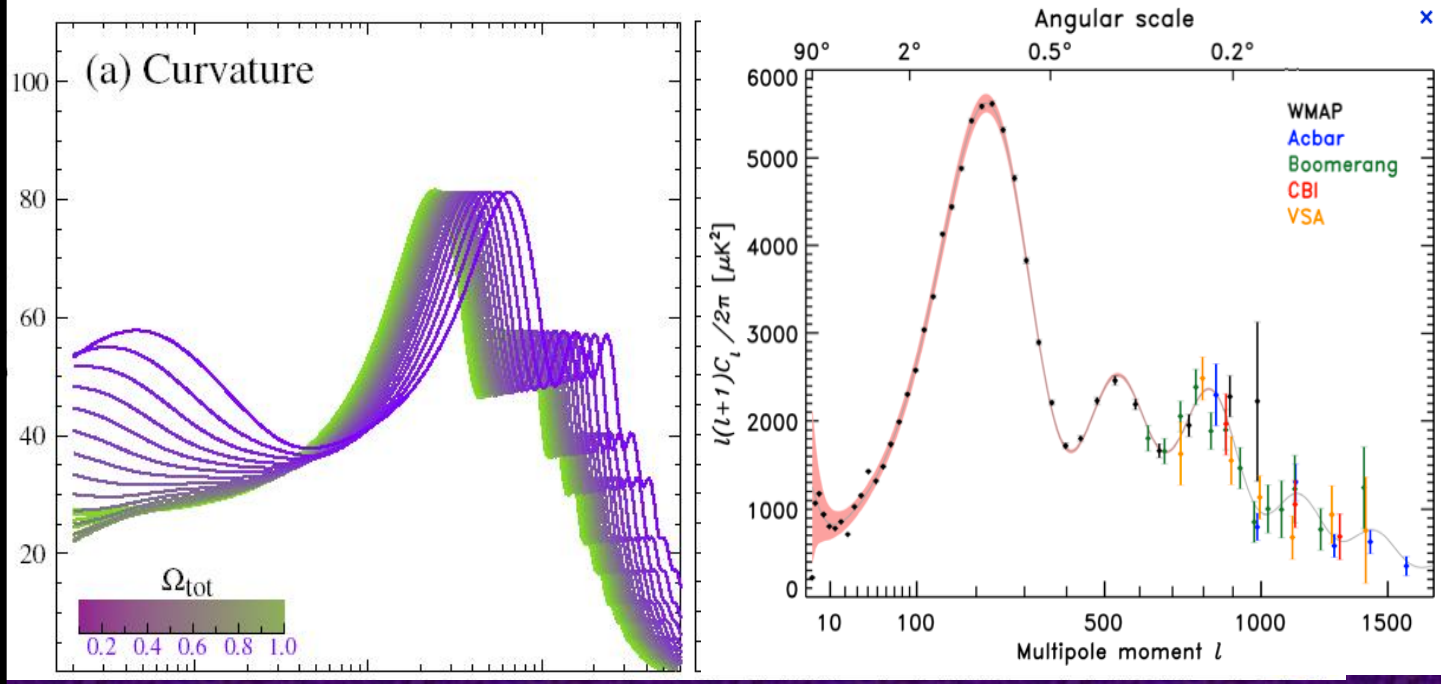
$$\langle a_{lm} a_{l'm'}^* \rangle = C_l \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

Gaussian Random field  $\Rightarrow$  Completely specified by  
*angular power spectrum*  $l(l+1)C_l$  :

Power in fluctuations on angular scales of  $\sim \pi/l$

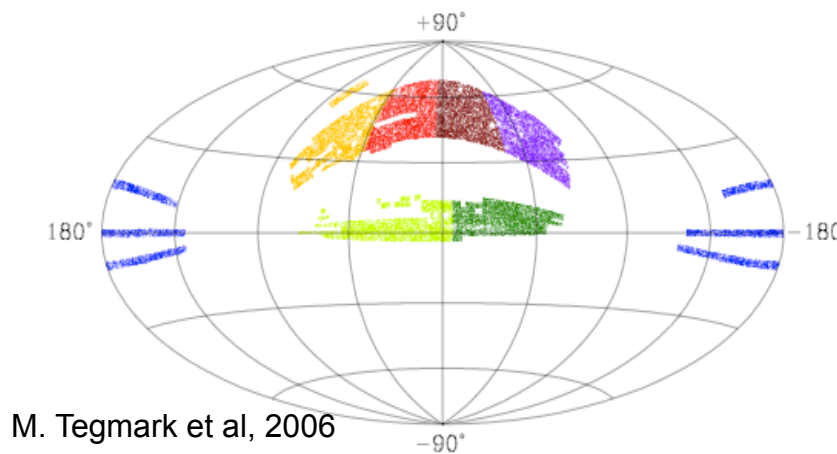
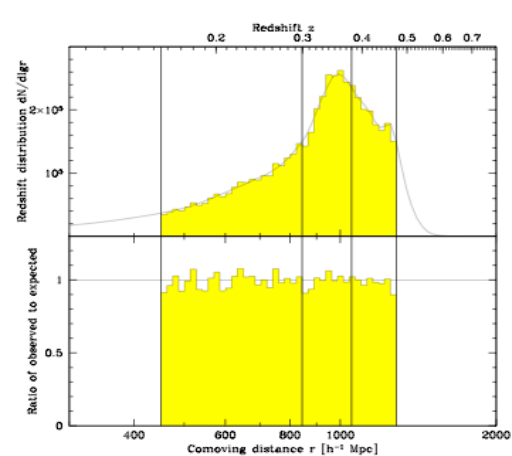




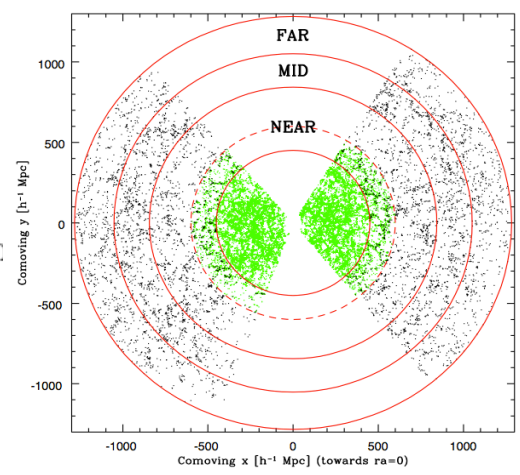


Sensitivity of the CMB acoustic temperature spectrum to four fundamental cosmological parameters.

- Total density
- Dark Energy
- Baryon density and
- Matter density.

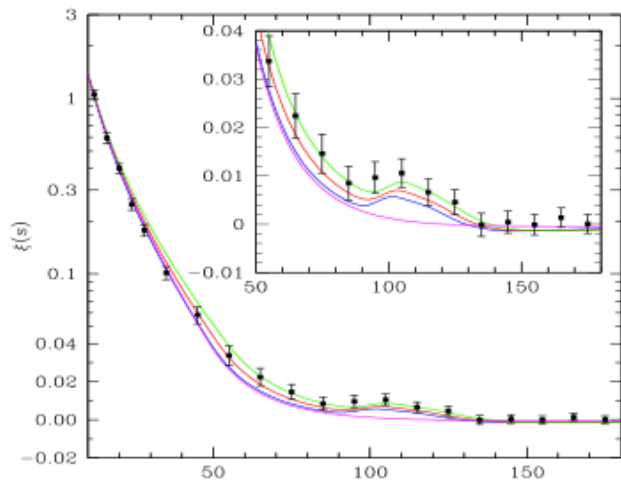


M. Tegmark et al, 2006



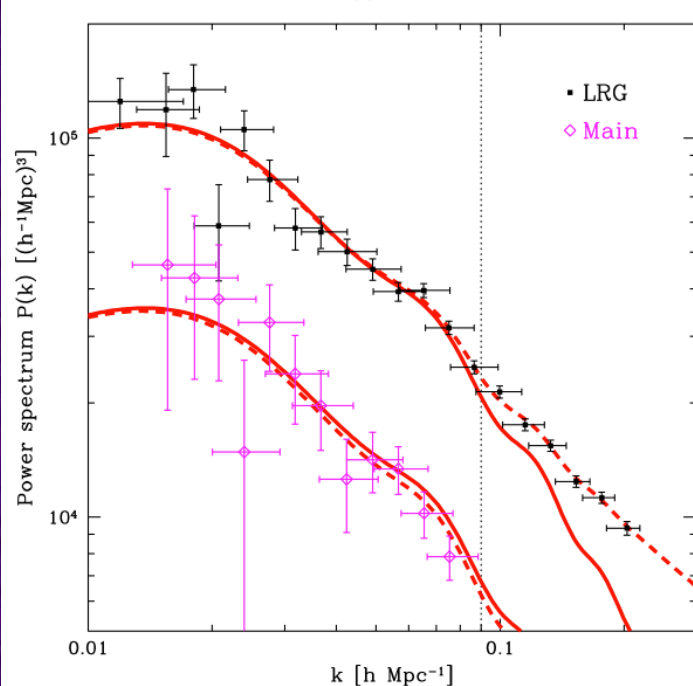
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Bassett & Hlozek, 2010

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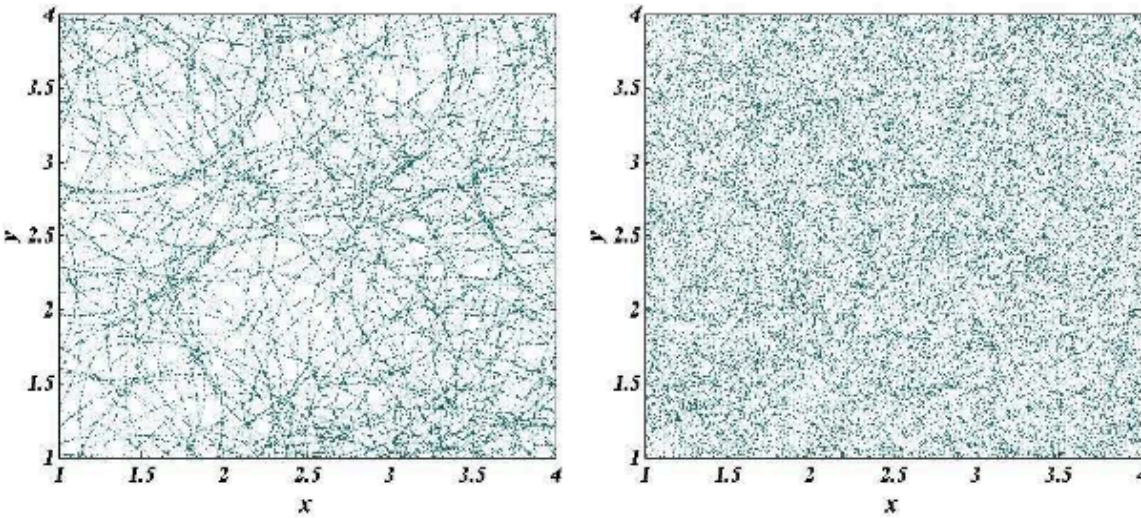
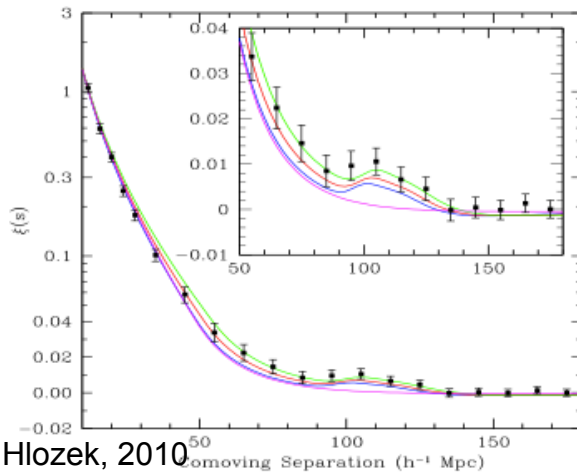
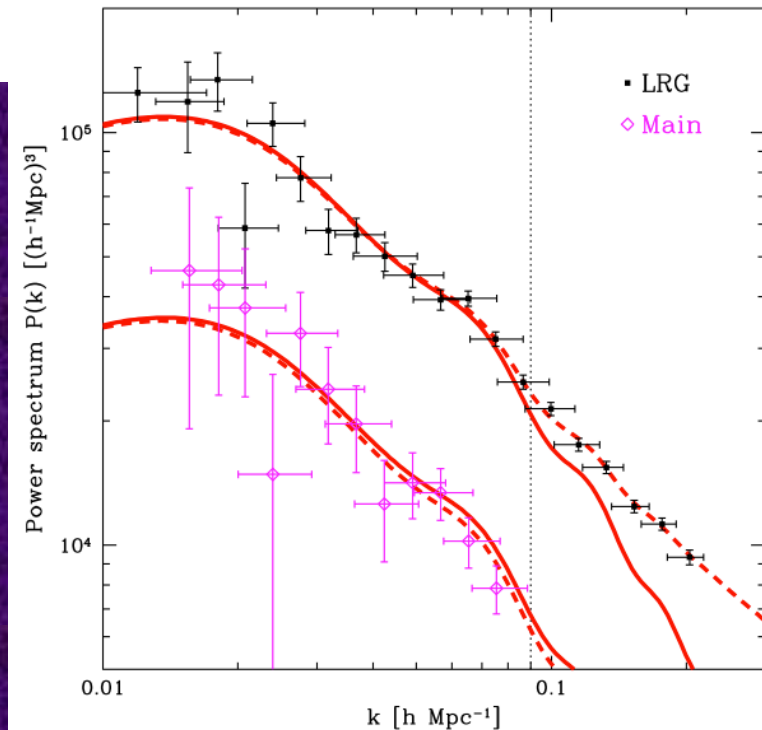


Fig. 1.5. Rings of power superposed. Schematic galaxy distribution formed by placing the galaxies on rings of the same characteristic radius  $L$ . The preferred radial scale is clearly visible in the left hand panel with many galaxies per ring. The right hand panel shows a more realistic scenario - with many rings and relatively few galaxies per ring, implying that the preferred scale can only be recovered statistically.



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# Measuring Distances in Astronomy

## Supernovae Ia Observations



We can see supernovae up to very very large distances

- By observing their brightness and red shift we can calculate the **distances** and understand how far they are.

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## Standard Candles

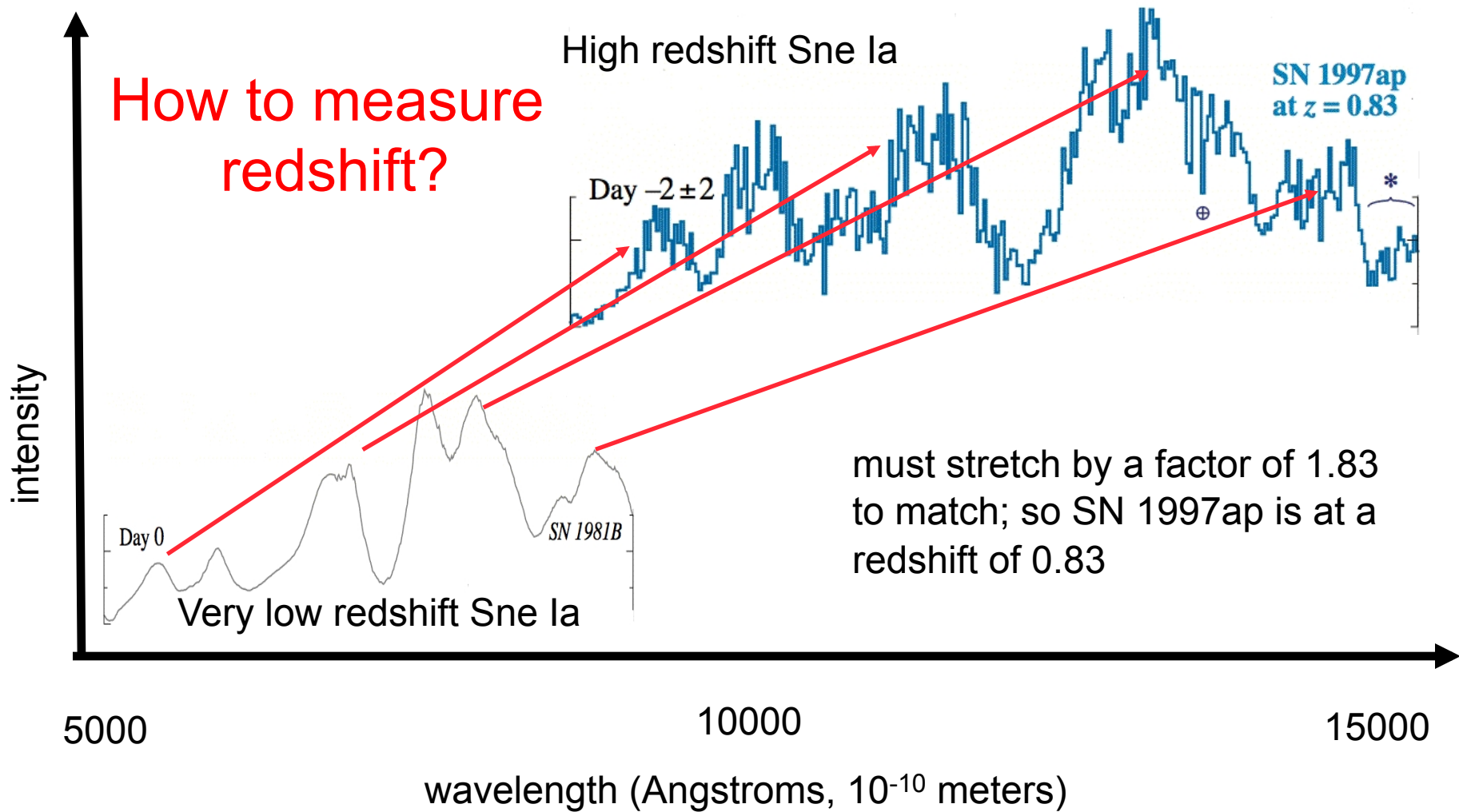
Supernovae type Ia are standard candles because we know how bright they are.

*Carbon-Oxygen white dwarfs that accrete mass from a binary companion and core reaches to ignition temperature for Carbon fusion.*

Brightness tells us distance away (lookback time)

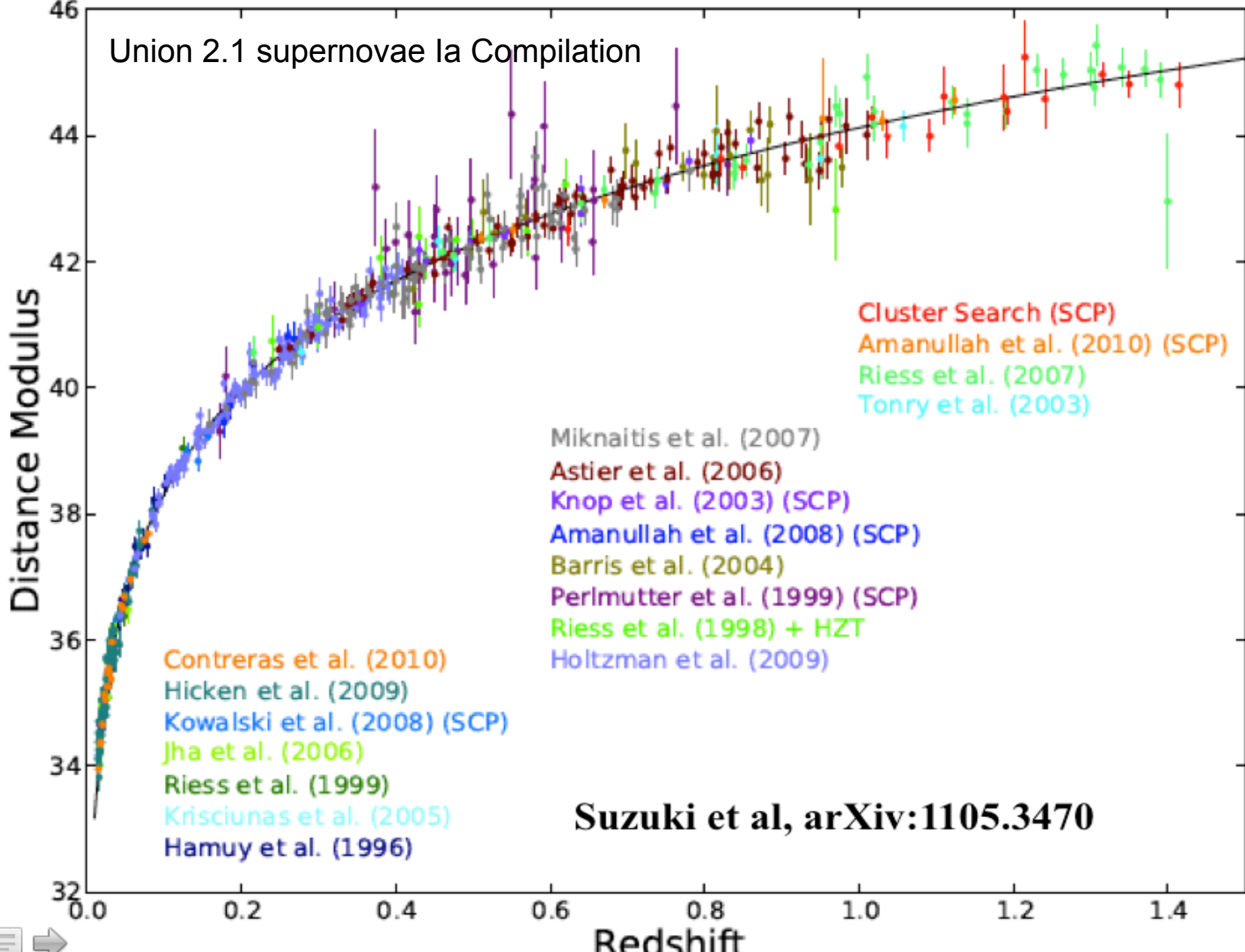
Redshift measured in spectrum tells us expansion factor (average distance between galaxies)

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# Union 2.1 supernovae Ia Compilation

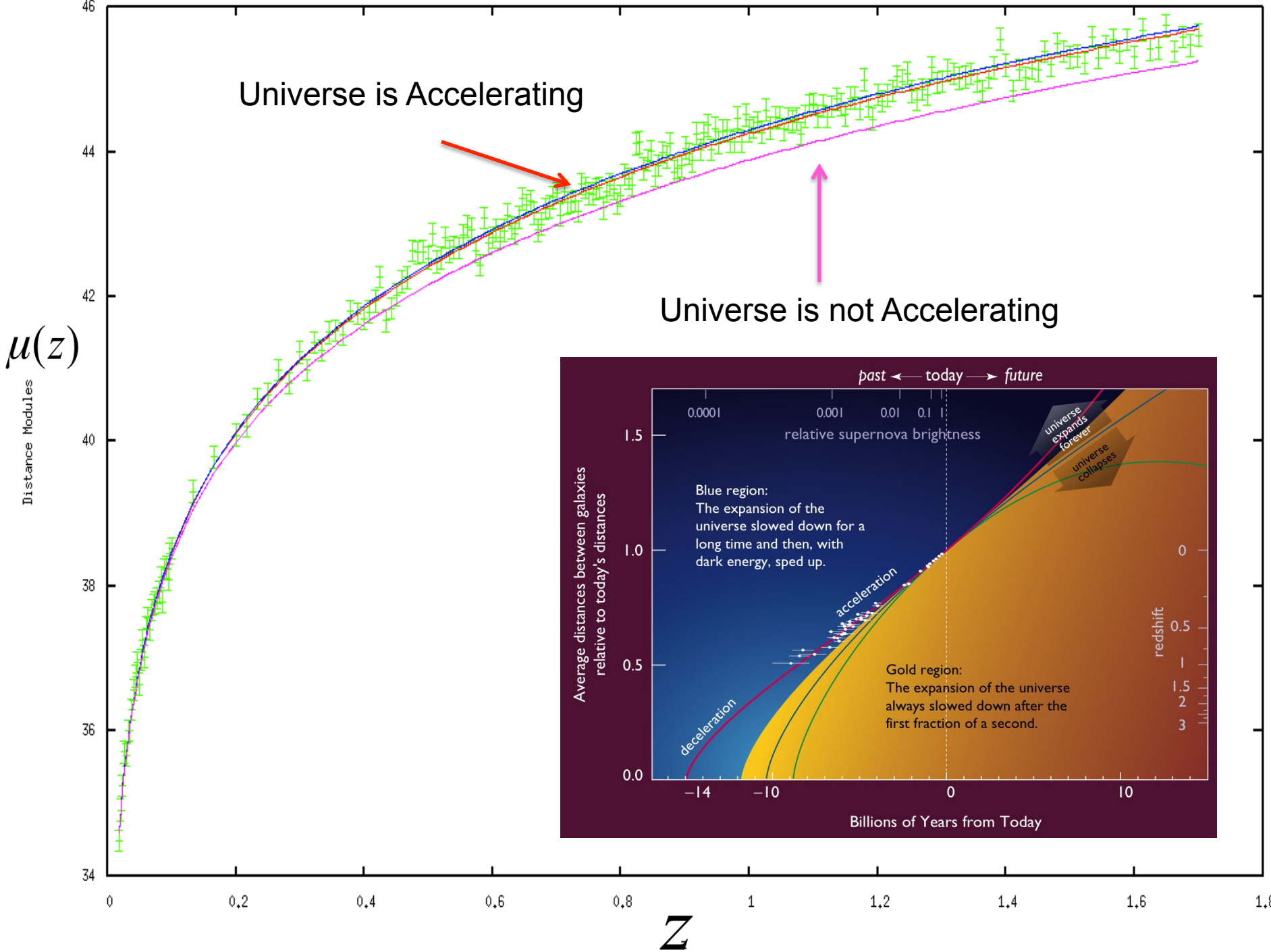


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Jha et al. (2006)  
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Hamuy et al. (1996)

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Perlmutter et al. (1999) (SCP)  
Riess et al. (1998) + HZT  
Holtzman et al. (2009)

Cluster Search (SCP)  
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Riess et al. (2007)  
Tonry et al. (2003)

**Suzuki et al, arXiv:1105.3470**



# Hubble Results

Using  $CZ \geq 2500$

Discard 900, only 4 obs within  $-10 - 40 d_z$

dys	size	M <sub>z</sub>	$\sigma$	num	
	0.0		.14	12	$H_0 = 63.9$
→	5.0		.17	27	
	10.0		.19	30	
	15.0		.23	35	
	20.0		.24	37	
	-3.0		.15	8	

Only B & V  $-10 \leftrightarrow 40$

Spirals  $\sigma = .30$  num 91  $z_p = 3.220$

ellipticals  $\sigma = .11$  num 6  $z_p = 3.219$

for  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$

$$H_0 = 64.4, \Omega_m = -0.36 \pm 0.18$$

$-0.9 \pm !$

for  $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$ ,  $m \geq 34.5$  get around void

$$H_0 = 63.6, \Omega_m = -0.28 \pm 0.20$$

$-0.16$

Photo from R. Kirshner's talk

Eureka! or  
 “What’s wrong with this?”  
 Adam Riess’s notebook  
 Fall 1997





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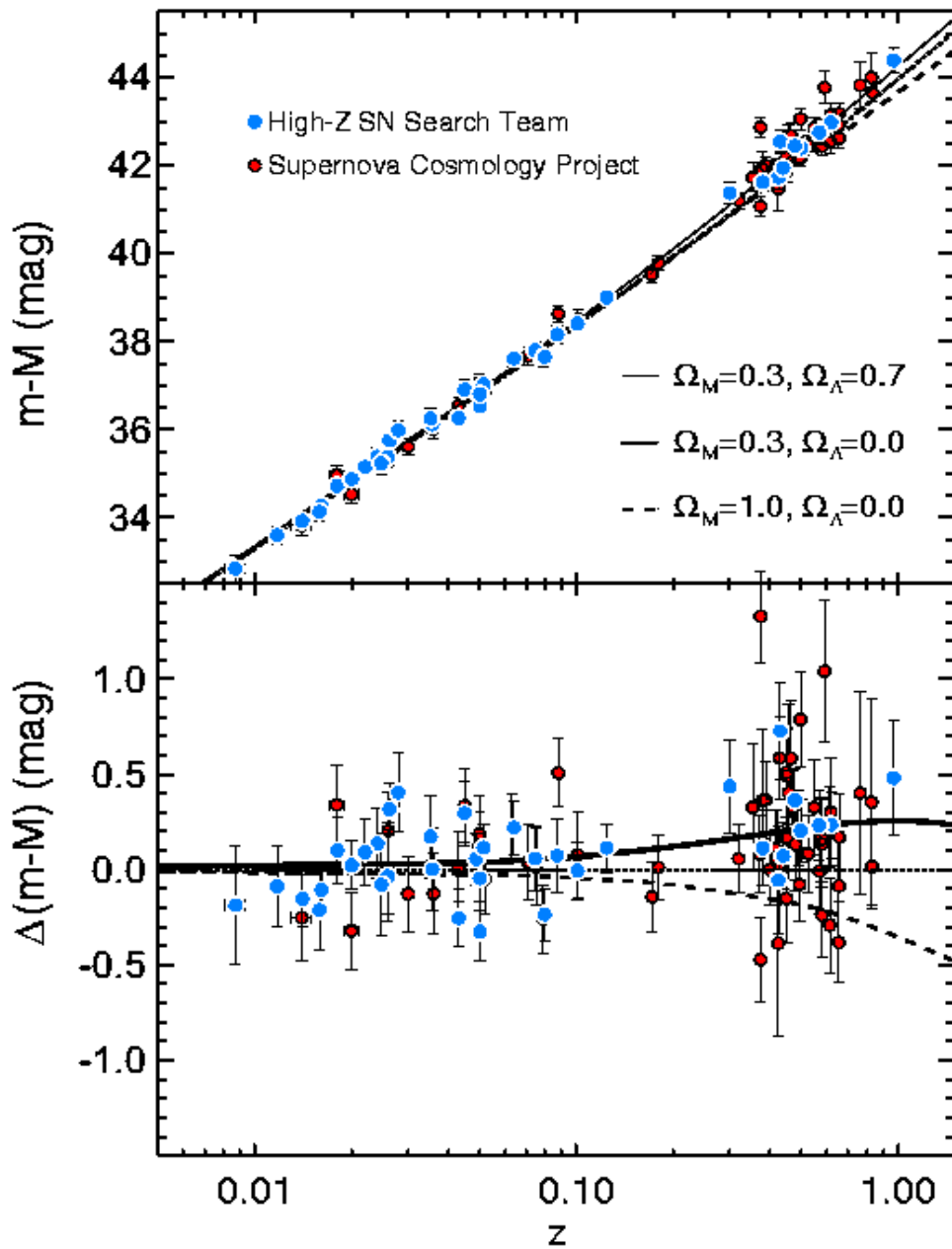


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$$H_0 = 63.6, \quad \Omega_m = -0.28 + 0.20 - 0.16$$

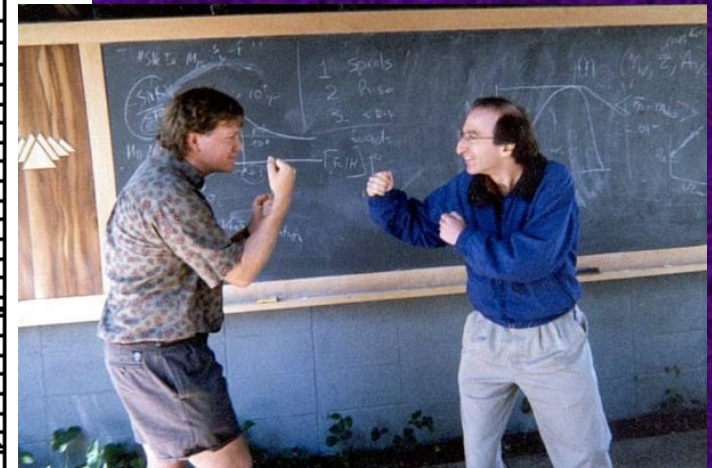
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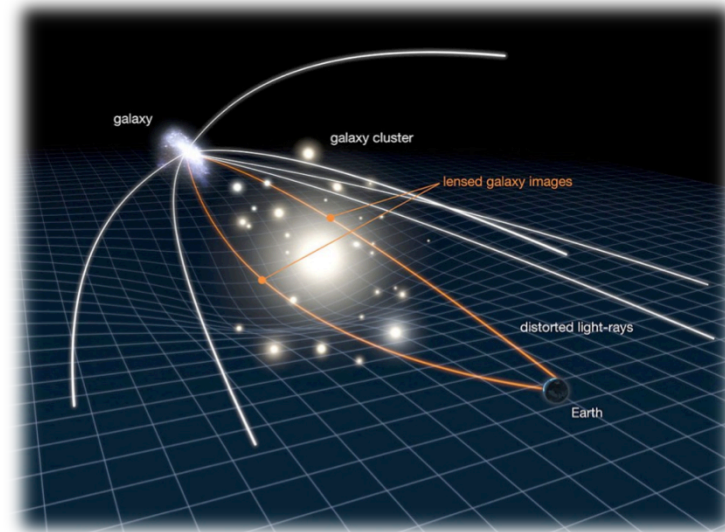
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# Strong lensing of objects

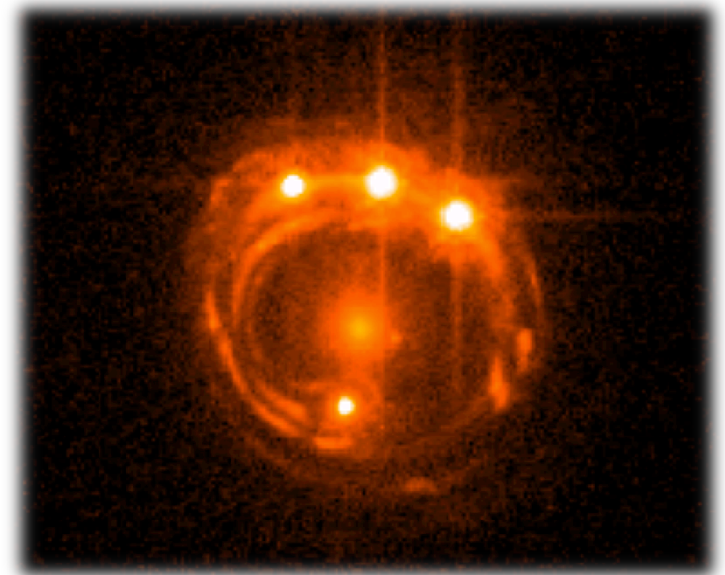
- Multiple images
- Magnification/Demagnification
- Time delays
  - Different geometrical path
  - Different gravitational potentials

Application for Cosmology ?

Slide from A. Hojjati



Credit: NASA, ESA, L. Calasada



quasar RXJ1131-123 by HST

# Cosmology with strongly lensed variable sources

Need to measure:

- Lens mass model
- Angular positions
- Mass along LOS
- **Time delays**

*Fermat potential*

$$t(\vec{\theta}, \vec{\beta}) = \frac{1}{c} \frac{D_d D_s}{D_{ds}} (1 + z_d) \phi(\vec{\theta}, \vec{\beta})$$

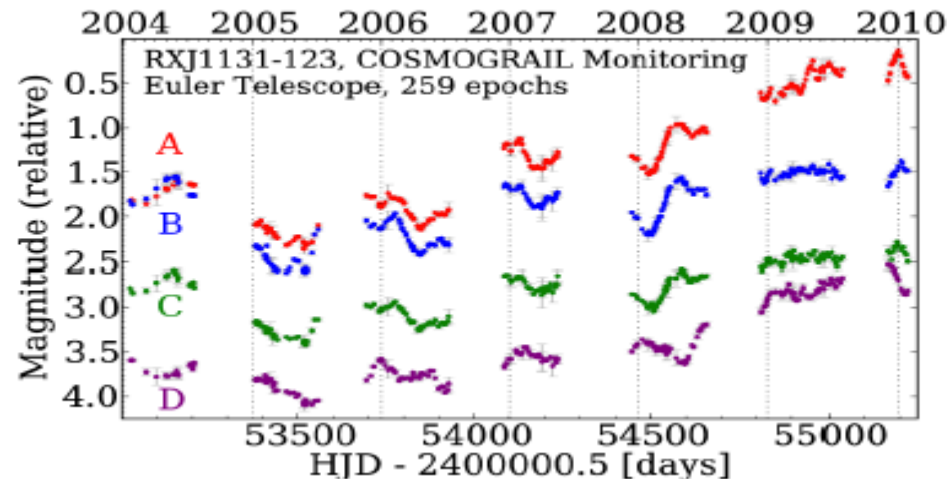
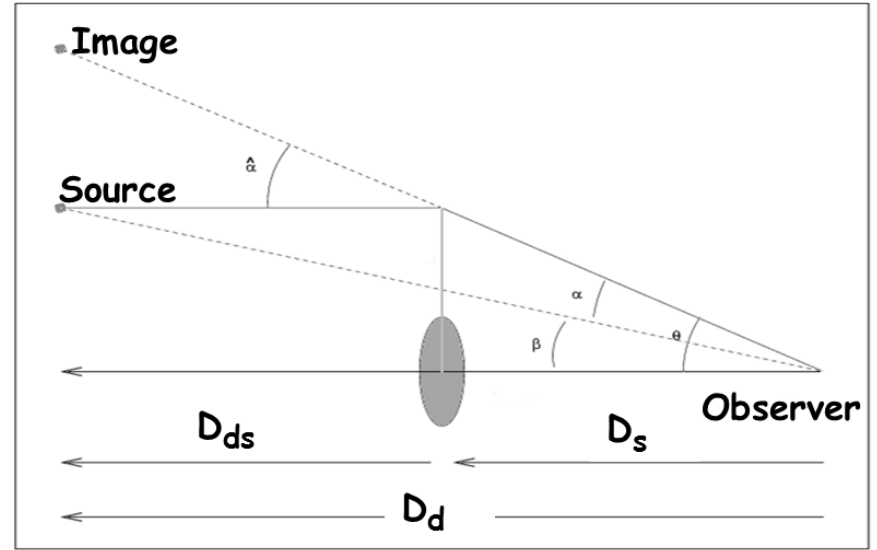
*Geometric delay*

*Lensing potential*

$$\phi(\vec{\theta}, \vec{\beta}) \equiv \left[ \frac{(\vec{\theta} - \vec{\beta})^2}{2} - \psi(\vec{\theta}) \right]$$

Variable sources :

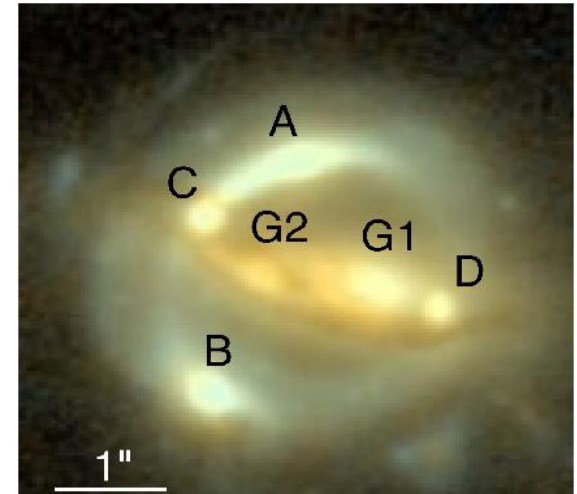
***Time delays can be estimated !***



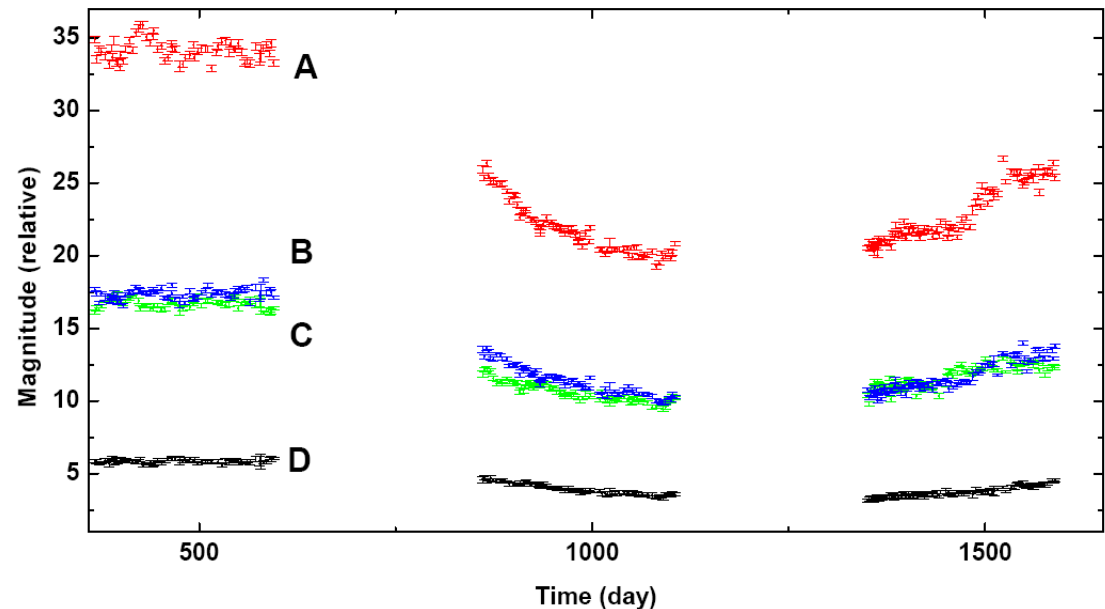


# Time delay estimation

- Goal : Reconstructing the shift between multiple streams of data
- Challenges:
  - Measurement noise
  - Seasonal gap
  - Microlensing
  - Flux systematics
  - ...

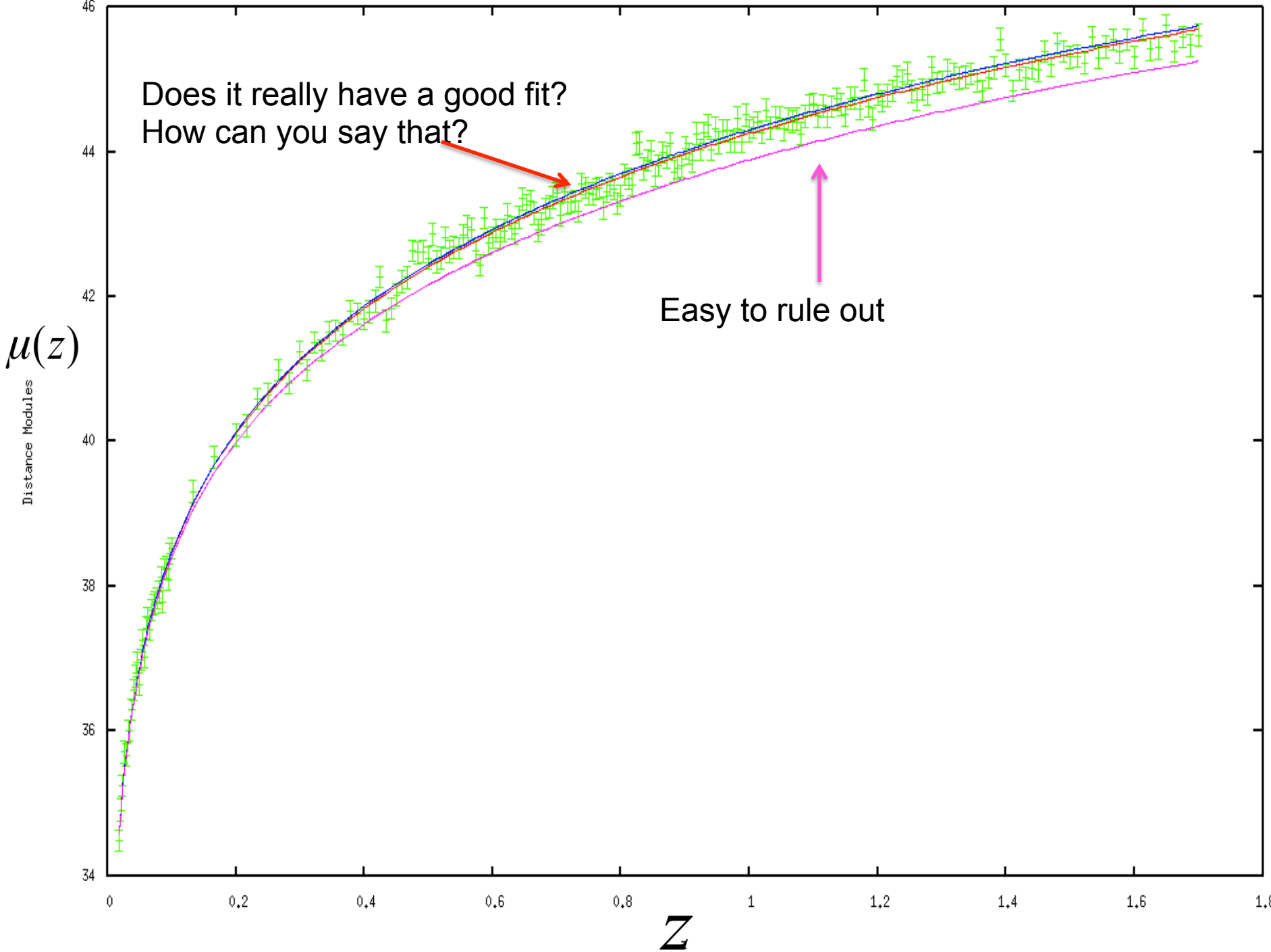


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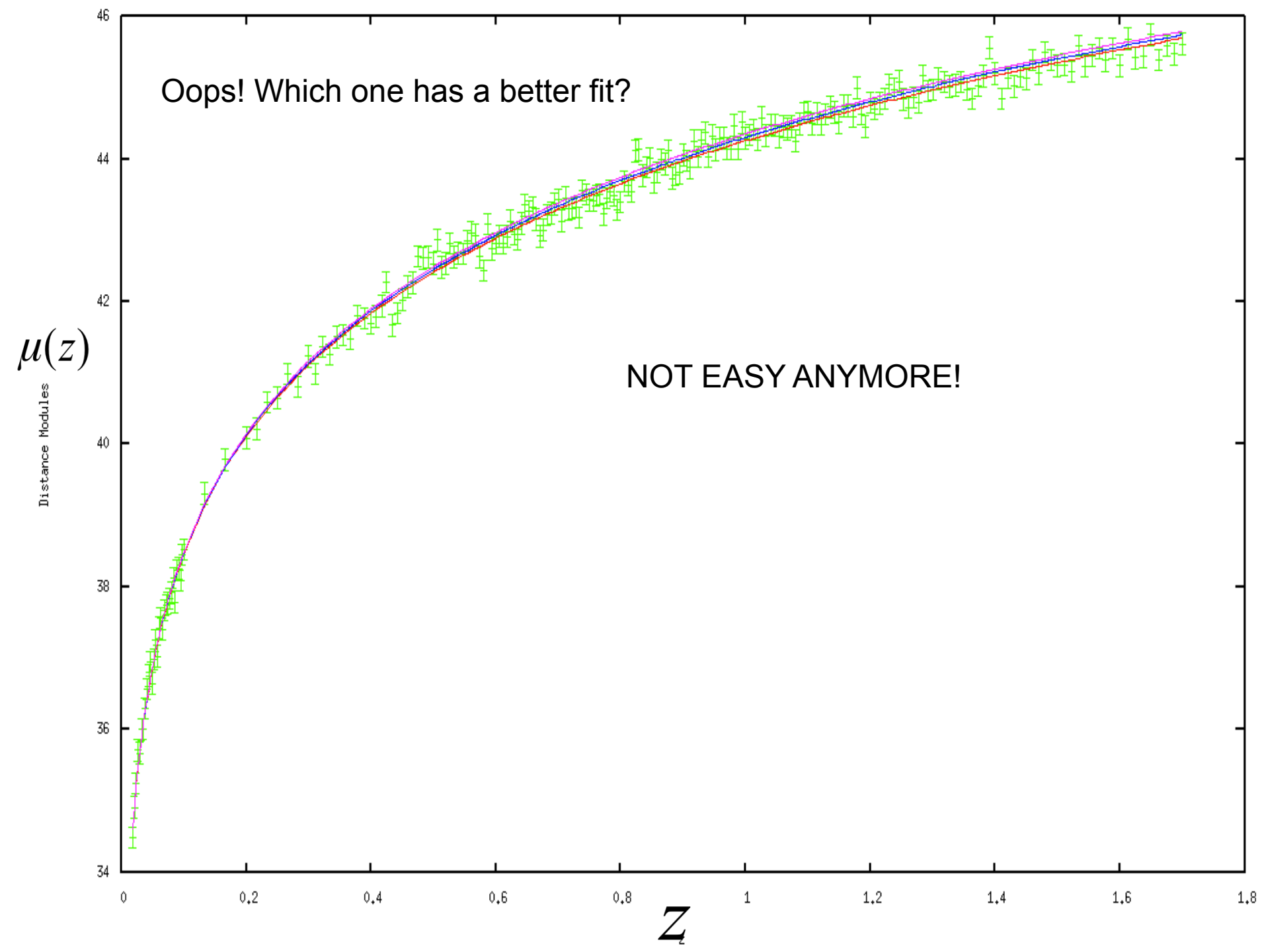


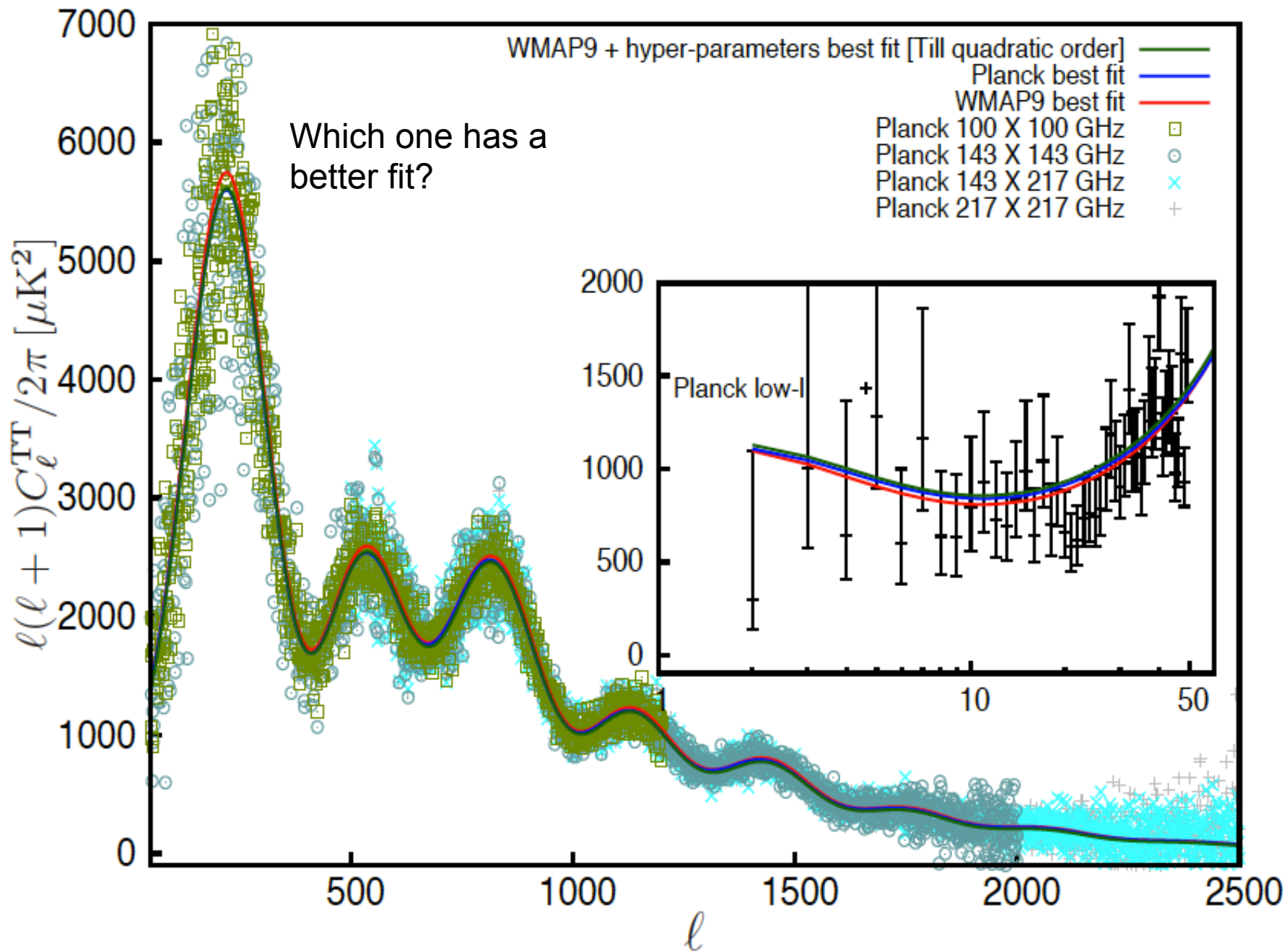
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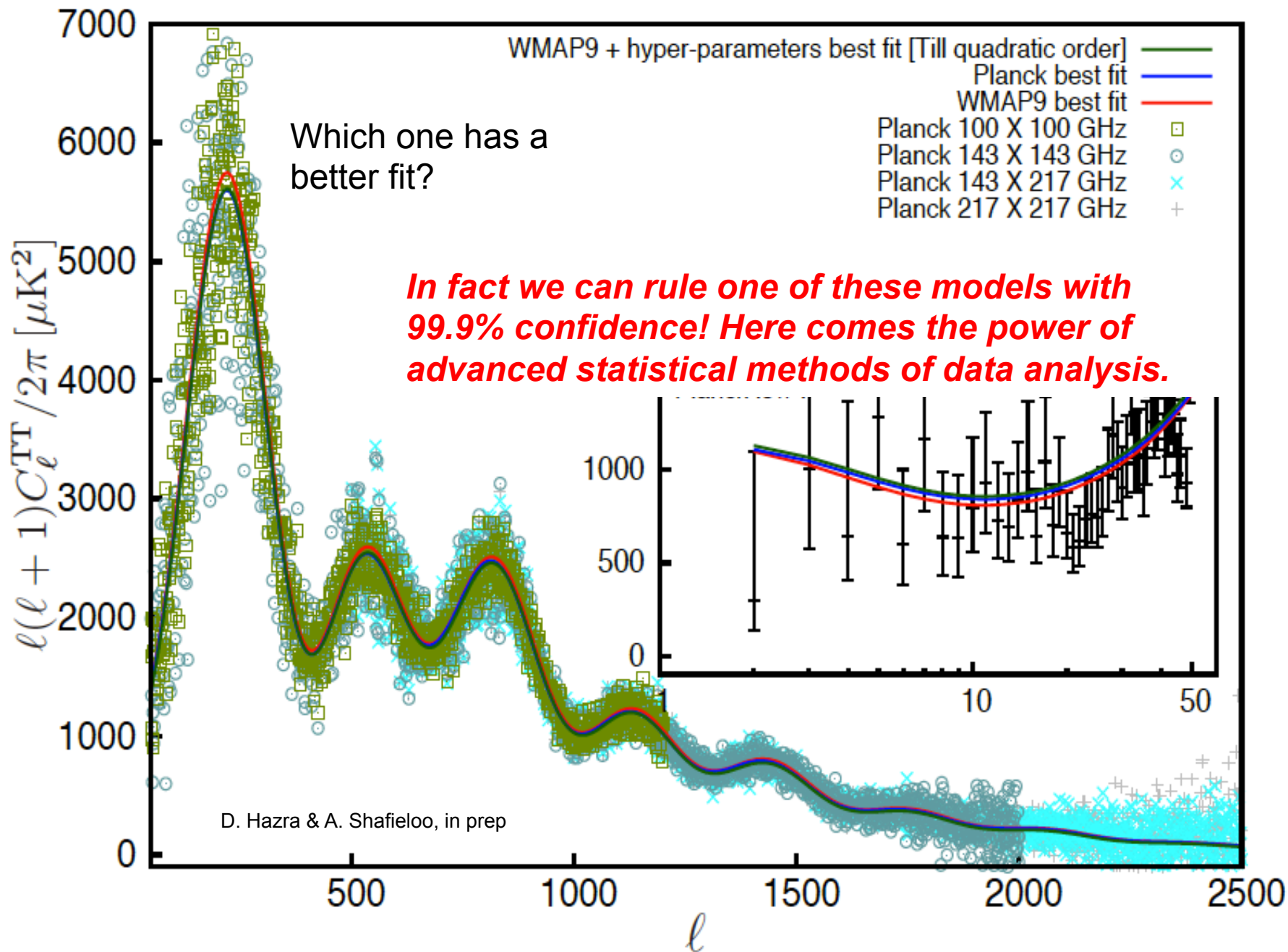
- Reconstruction and numerical modeling
- Simulation
- Model Selection & Falsification
- Parameter Estimation



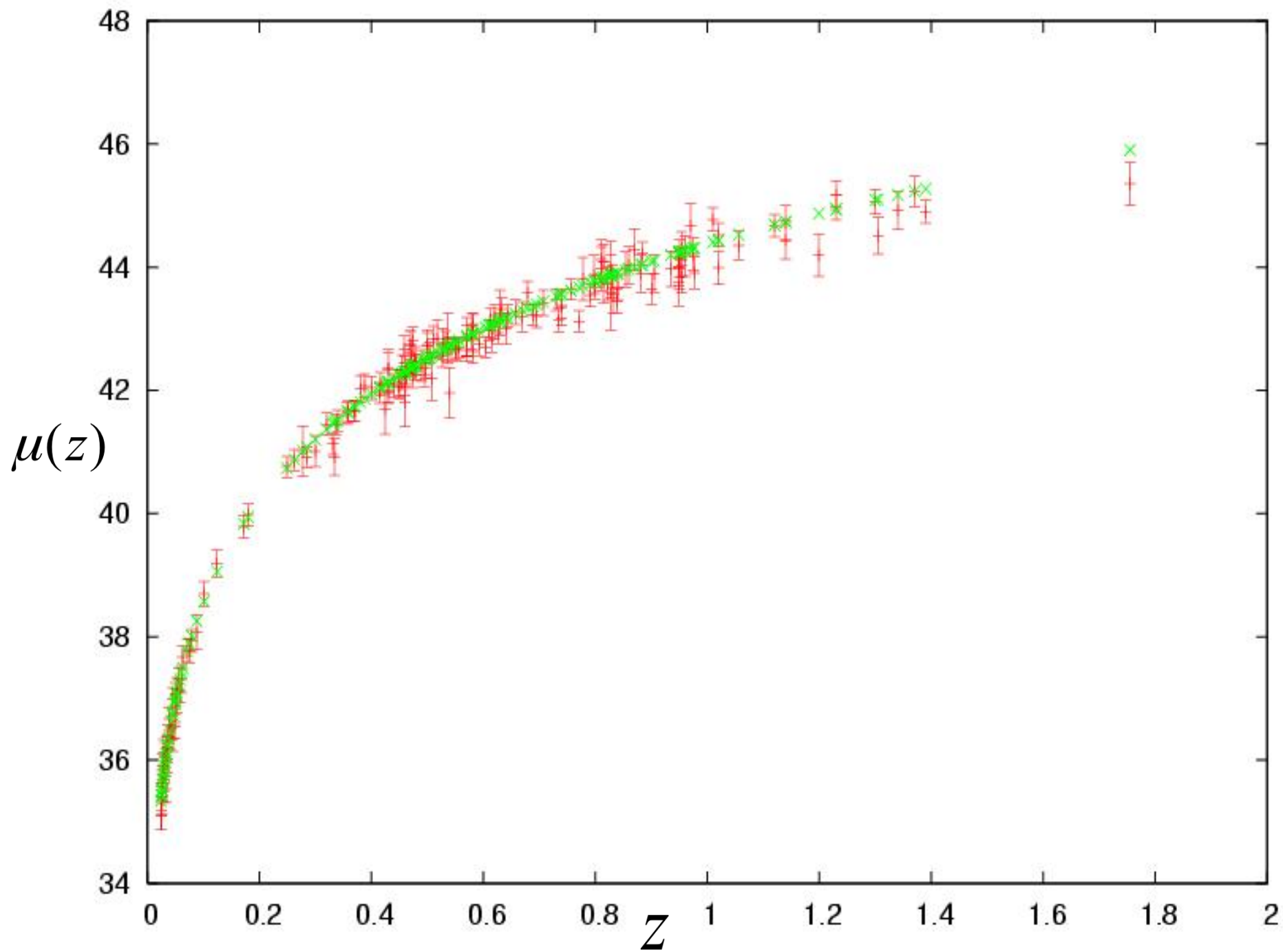






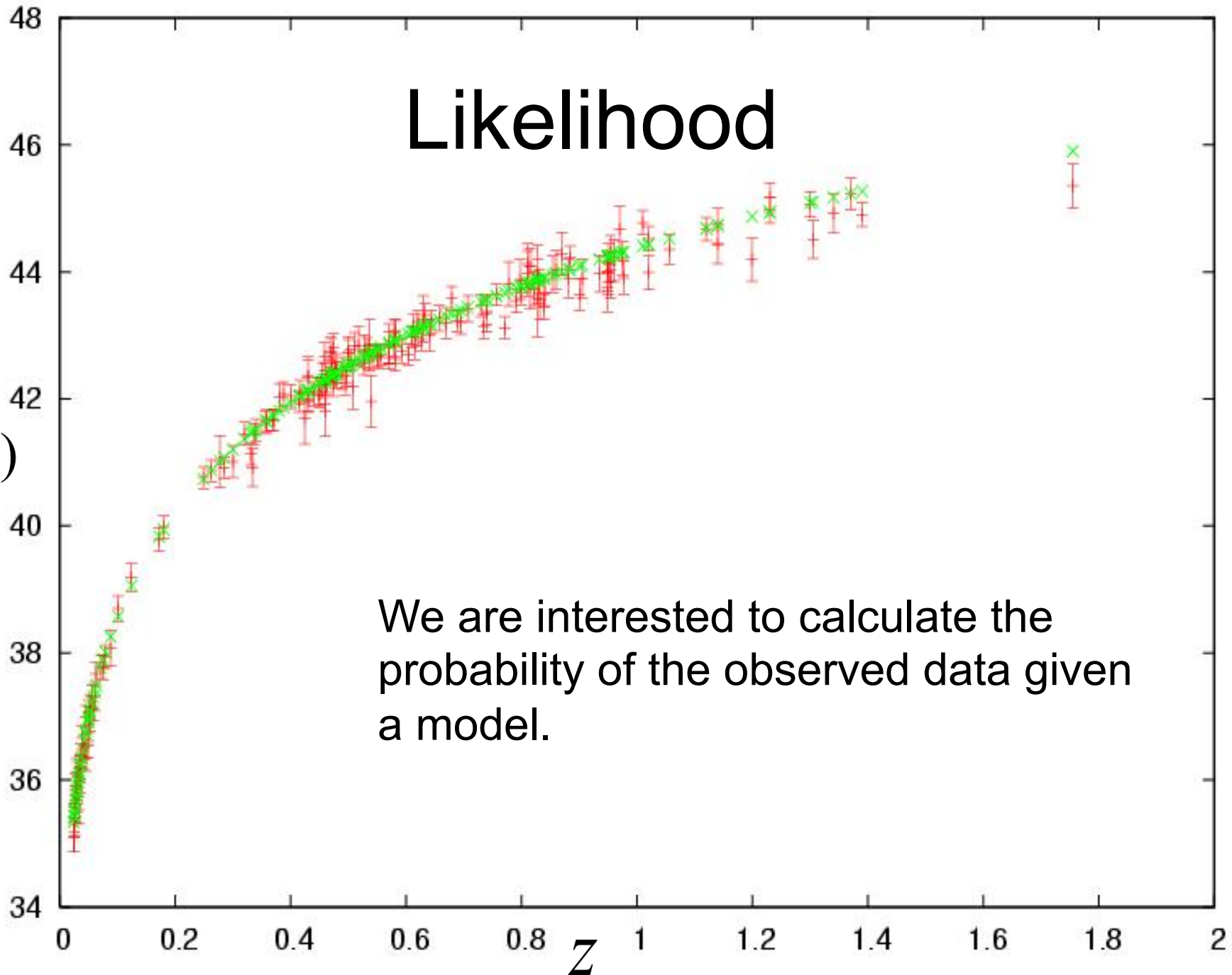






# Likelihood

$\mu(z)$



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Minimization of reduced Chi square or effective Chi square is the most common approach in cosmology (and many other fields of science) to do parameter estimation and also model selection.

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i^N \frac{(\mu_i^t - \mu_i^e)^2}{\sigma_i^2},$$

# Likelihood

We are interested to calculate the probability of the observed data given the model.

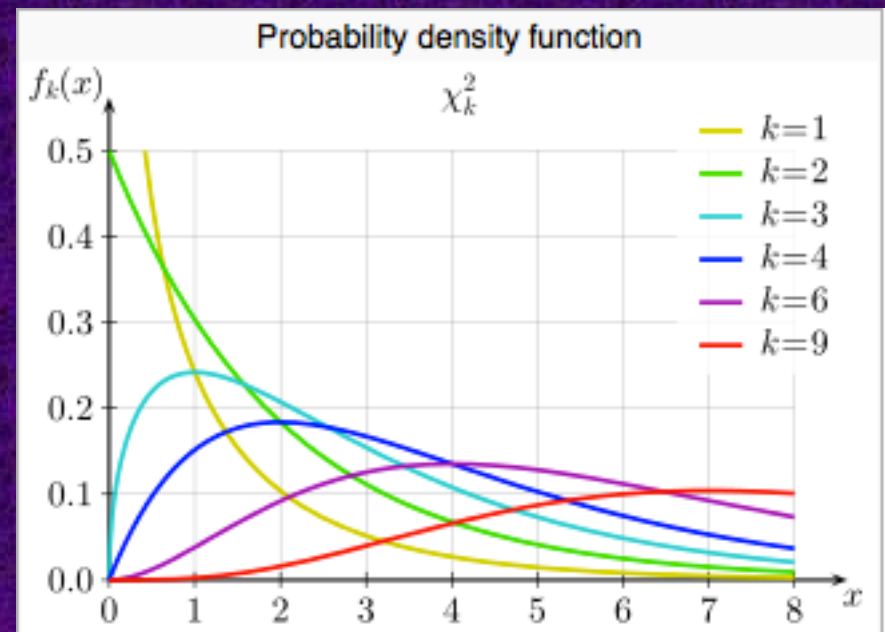
$$\chi^2 = \sum_i^N (\mu_i^t - \mu_i^e)^T \text{Cov}^{-1} (\mu_i^t - \mu_i^e)$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i^N \frac{(\mu_i^t - \mu_i^e)^2}{\sigma_i^2},$$

When data is uncorrelated

$$P(\chi^2; N) = \frac{2^{-N/2}}{\Gamma(N/2)} \chi^{N-2} e^{-\chi^2/2}$$

$$\text{Prob}(\chi^2; N) = \int_{\chi^2}^{\infty} P(\chi'^2; N) d\chi'^2.$$





# Likelihood and Model Fitting

When number of data points is more than  $\sim 30$  one can use relative chi square for likelihood analysis and  $N$ , number of free parameters of the fitting function, will become the degrees of freedom.

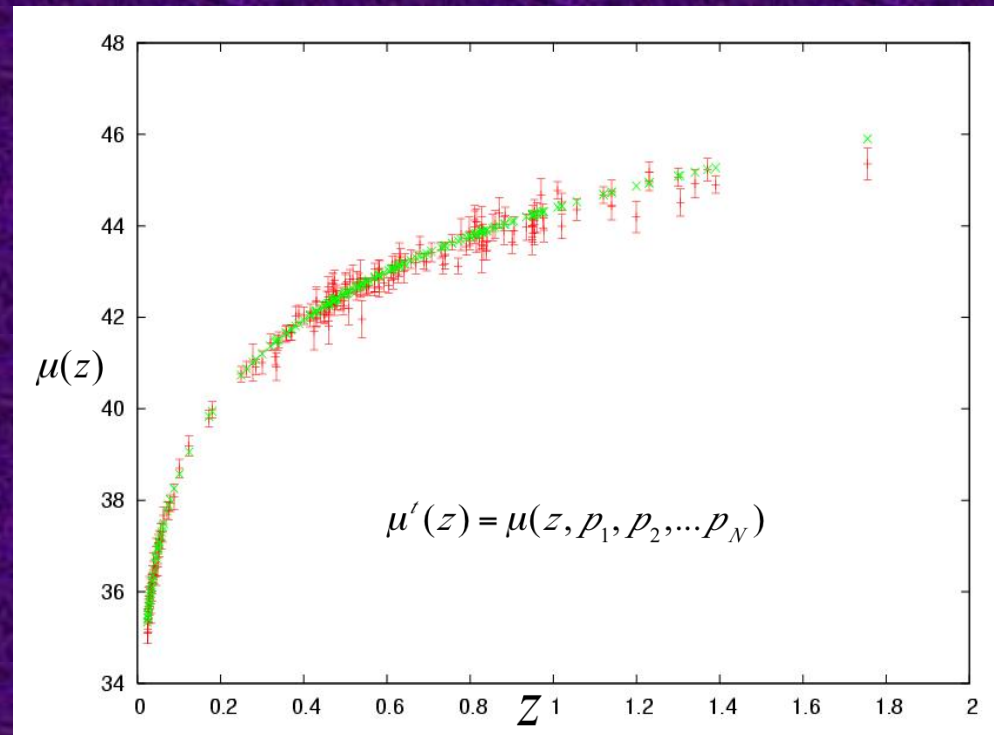
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In likelihood estimation:

$$\chi^2 \longrightarrow \Delta\chi^2$$
$$\Delta\chi^2 = \chi^2 - \chi_{best}^2$$

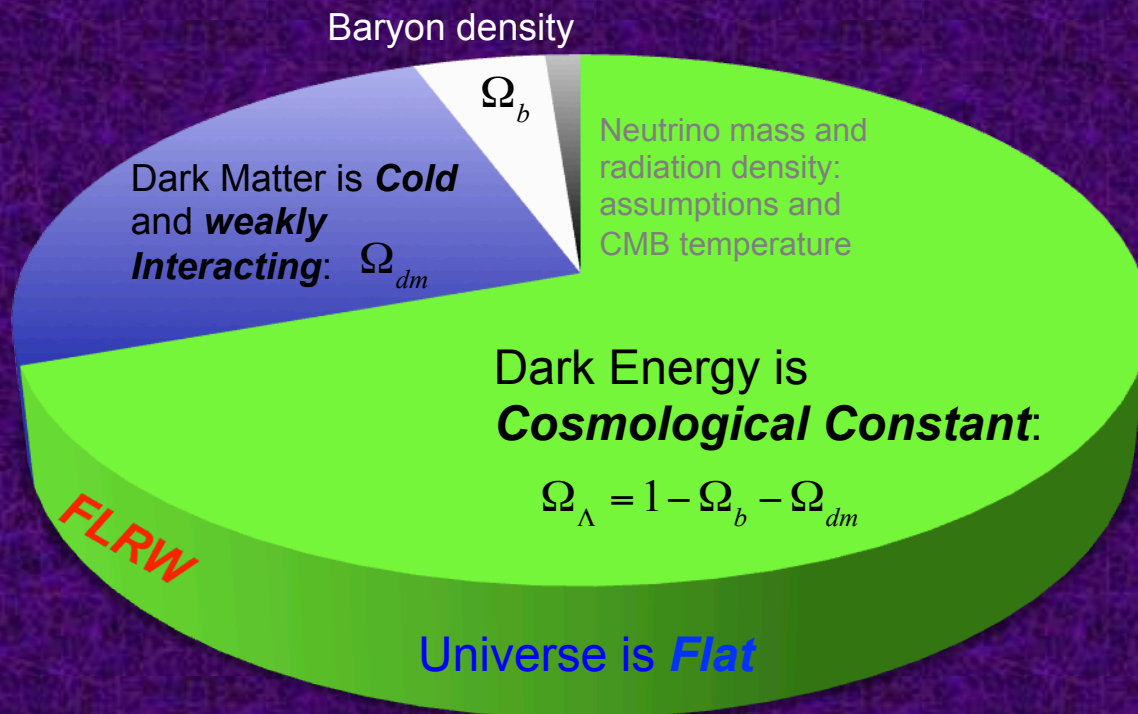
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# Standard Model of Cosmology

Using measurements and statistical techniques to place sharp constraints on parameters of the standard cosmological model.



Initial Conditions:  
Form of the Primordial Spectrum is **Power-law**

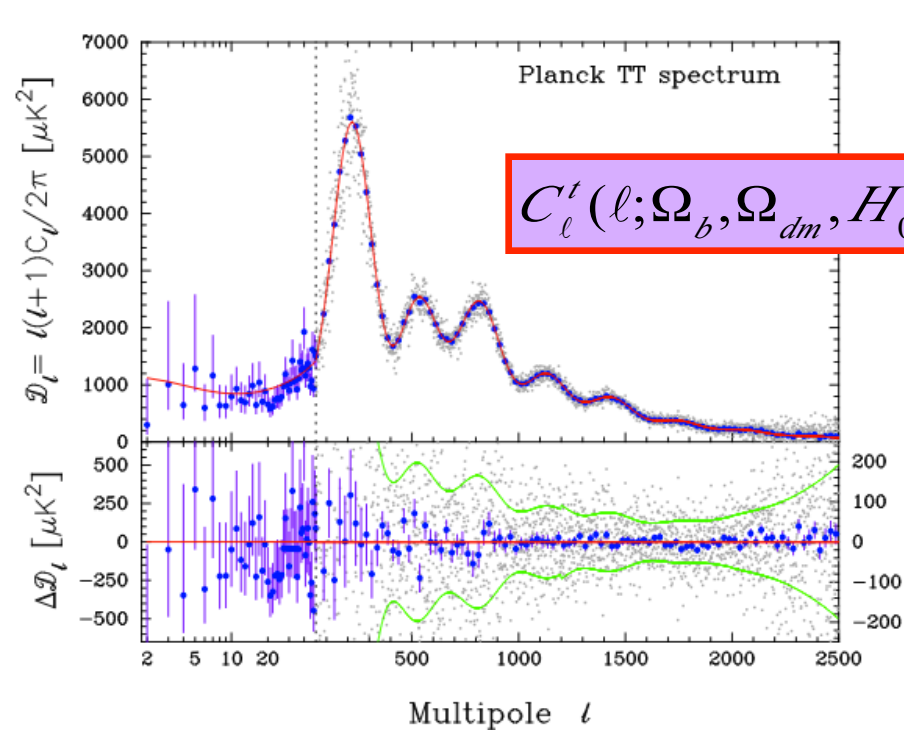
$$n_s, A_s$$

Epoch of reionization

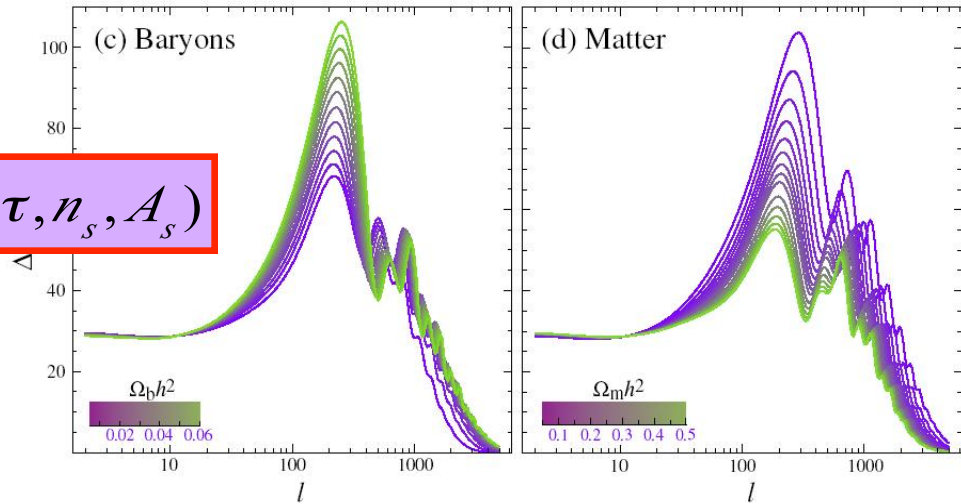
$$\tau$$

Hubble Parameter and the Rate of Expansion

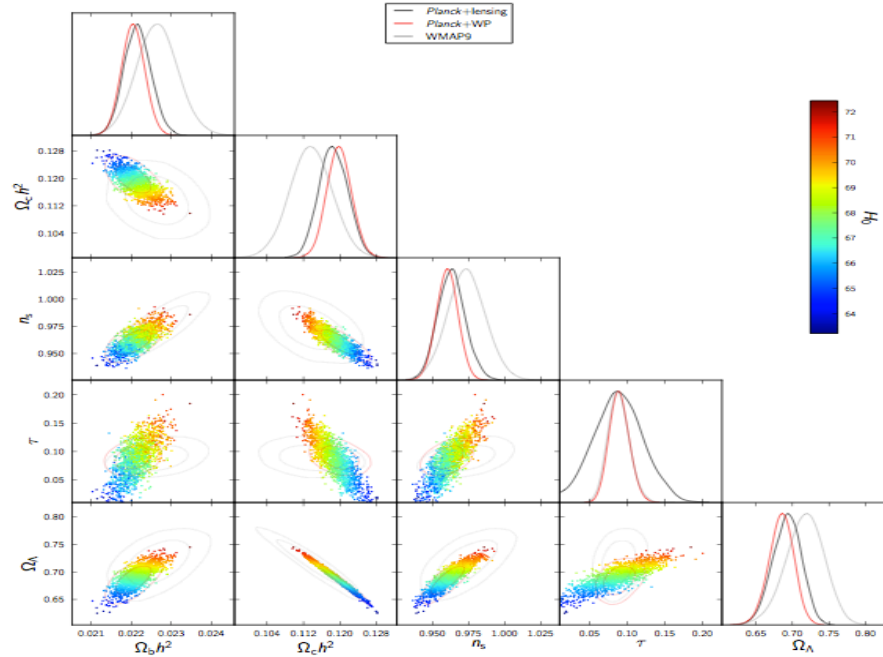
$$H_0$$



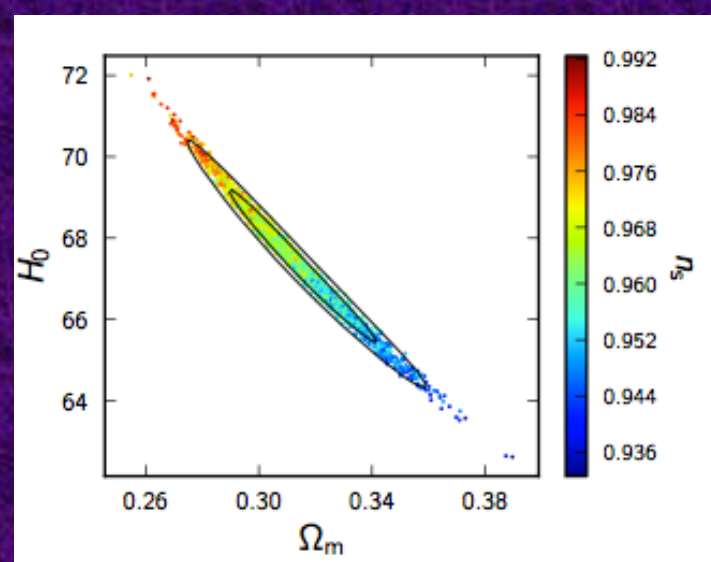
$$C_l^t(l; \Omega_b, \Omega_{dm}, H_0, \tau, n_s, A_s)$$



Planck Collaboration: Cosmological parameters



$$\chi^2 = \sum_{l=2}^N (C_l^t - C_l^e)^T \text{Cov}^{-1} (C_l^t - C_l^e)$$



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Baryon density

## Combination of Assumptions

Dark Energy is  
**Cosmological Constant:**

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

Universe is *Flat*

FLRW

Epoch of reionization

$\tau$

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$H_0$



# Consistency of a model and the data:

## Frequentist Approach:

Assuming a proposed model, the probability of the observed data must not be insignificant.

## Bayesian Approach:

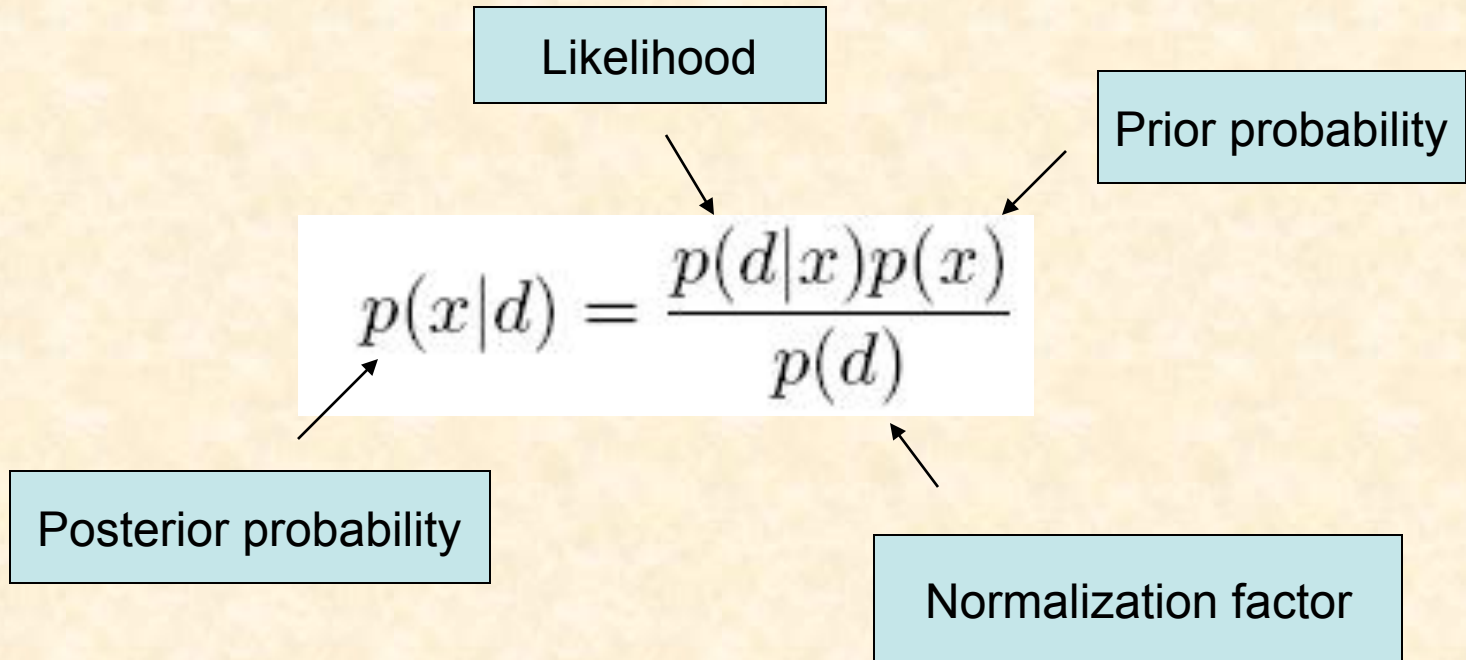
Priors and simplicity of the proposed model also matters (in model comparison)

Chi square analysis plays a crucial role in calculation of the likelihood in both approaches

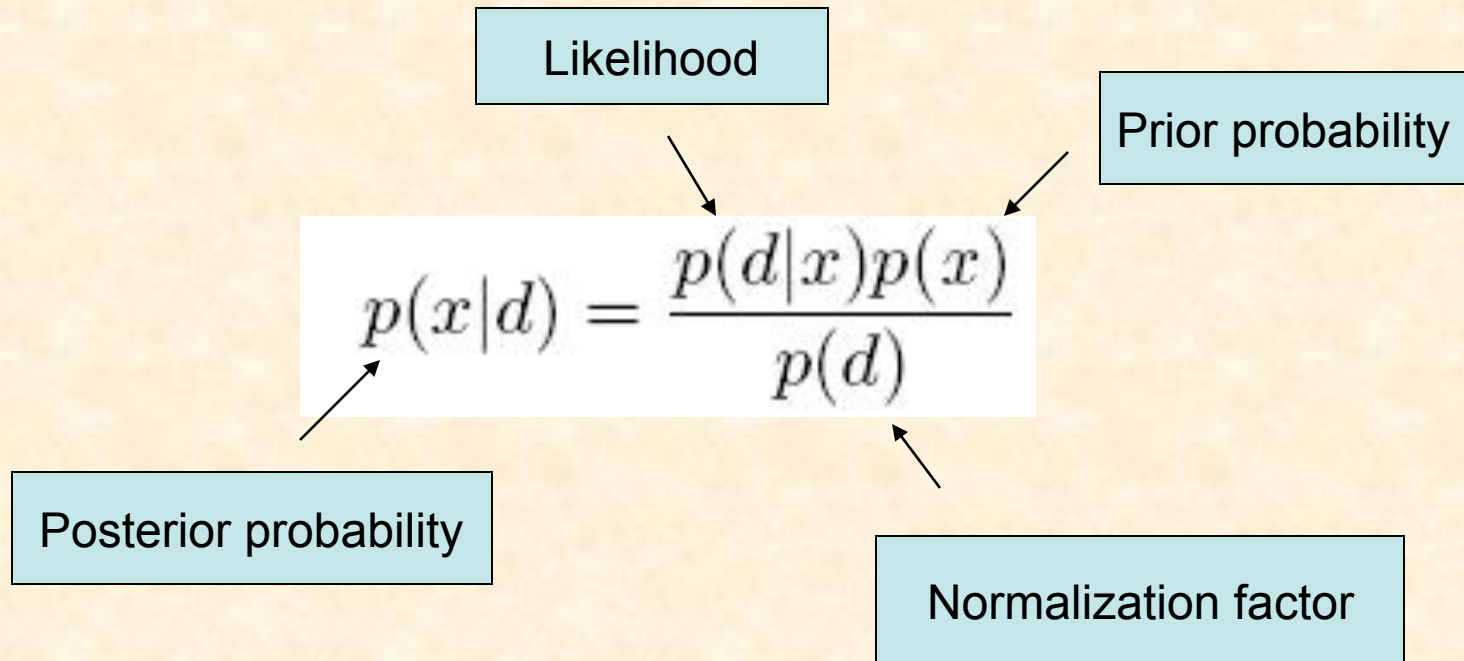
# Bayesian Analysis

- Bayesian approach provides the means to incorporate *prior* knowledge in data analysis.
- Bayes' s law states that the *posterior probability* is proportional to the product of the *likelihood* and the *prior probability*.

# Posterior probability and the priors:



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***Model fitting has Bayesian essence since we assume that we are considering a correct model. **What if we are wrong?*****



# *Reconstruction*

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

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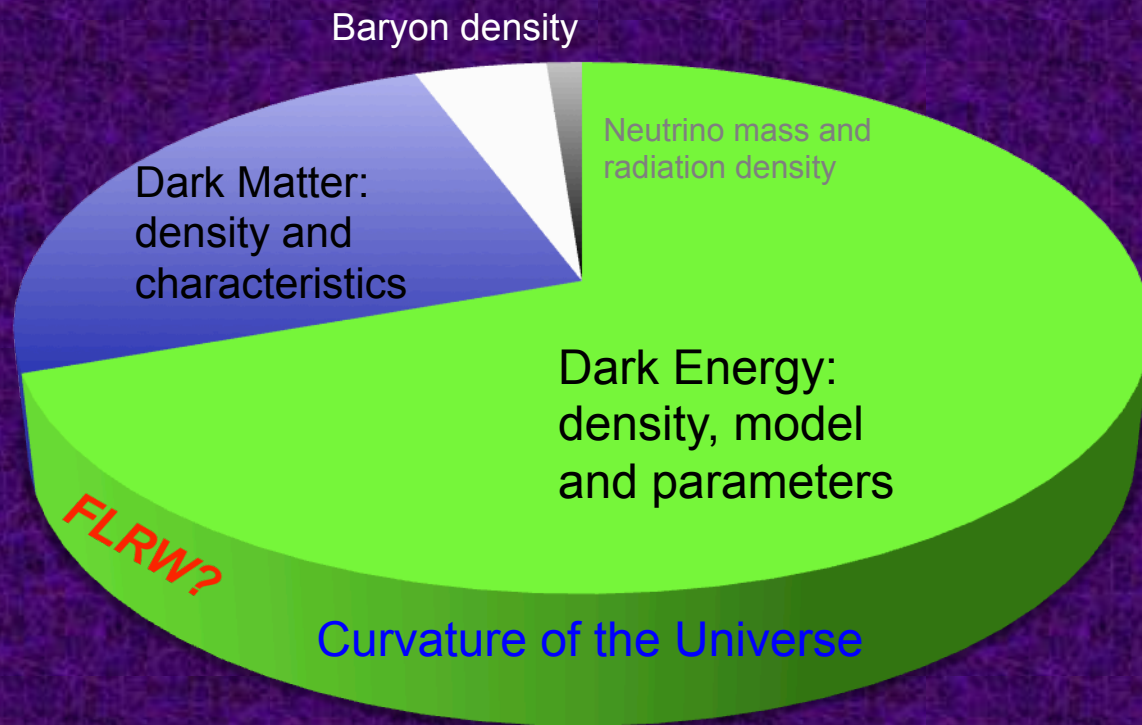
Easy to confront with cosmological observations to put constraints on the parameters, but the results are highly biased by the assumed models and parametric forms.

## 2. Non Parametric methods

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

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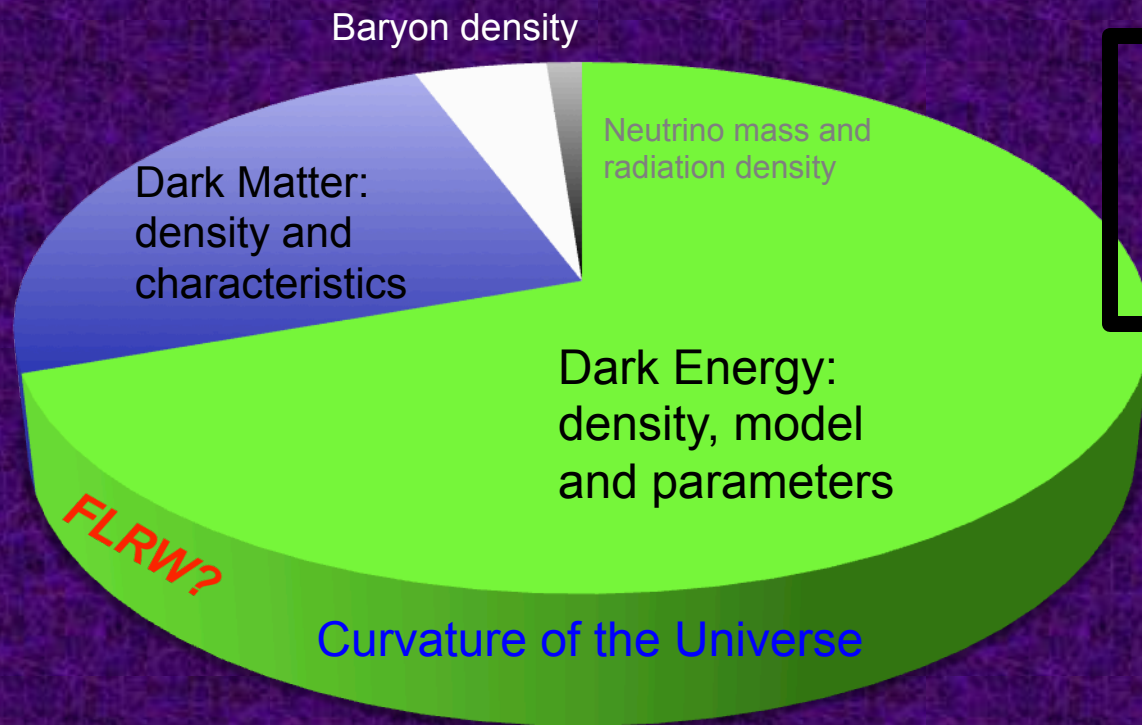
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# Parameter estimation within a cosmological framework

## Harisson-Zel'dovich (HZ)

WMAP Cosmological Parameters	
Model: lcdm+ns=1	
Data: wmap	
$10^2 \Omega_b h^2$	$2.405^{+0.046}_{-0.047}$
$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2(k = 0.002/\text{Mpc})$	$(23.1 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-10}$
$h$	$0.778 \pm 0.032$
$H_0$	$77.8 \pm 3.2 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$
$\Omega_b h^2$	$0.02405^{+0.00046}_{-0.00047}$
$\Omega_\Lambda$	$0.788 \pm 0.031$
$\Omega_m$	$0.212 \pm 0.031$
$\Omega_m h^2$	$0.1271^{+0.0086}_{-0.0087}$
$\sigma_8$	$0.796^{+0.053}_{-0.054}$
$A_{SZ}$	$0.92^{+0.63}_{-0.61}$
$t_0$	$13.353 \pm 0.096 \text{ Gyr}$
$\tau$	$0.141 \pm 0.029$
$\theta_A$	$0.5986 \pm 0.0017^\circ$
$z_r$	$14.6 \pm 2.0$

## Power-Law (PL)

WMAP Cosmological Parameters	
Model: lcdm	
Data: wmap	
$10^2 \Omega_b h^2$	$2.229 \pm 0.073$
$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2(k = 0.002/\text{Mpc})$	$(23.5 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-10}$
$h$	$0.732^{+0.031}_{-0.032}$
$H_0$	$73.2^{+3.1}_{-3.2} \text{ km/s/Mpc}$
$\log(10^{10} A_s)$	$3.156 \pm 0.056$
$n_s(0.002)$	$0.958 \pm 0.016$
$\Omega_b h^2$	$0.02229 \pm 0.00073$
$\Omega_c h^2$	$0.1054^{+0.0078}_{-0.0077}$
$\Omega_\Lambda$	$0.759 \pm 0.034$
$\Omega_m$	$0.241 \pm 0.034$
$\Omega_m h^2$	$0.1277^{+0.0080}_{-0.0079}$
$\sigma_8$	$0.761^{+0.049}_{-0.048}$
$\tau$	$0.089 \pm 0.030$
$\theta_A$	$0.5952 \pm 0.0021^\circ$
$z_r$	$11.0^{+2.6}_{-2.5}$

## PL with Running (RN)

WMAP Cosmological Parameters	
Model: lcdm+run	
Data: wmap	
$10^2 \Omega_b h^2$	$2.10 \pm 0.10$
$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2(k = 0.002/\text{Mpc})$	$(23.9 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-10}$
$dn_s/d \ln k$	$-0.055^{+0.030}_{-0.031}$
$h$	$0.681^{+0.042}_{-0.041}$
$H_0$	$68.1^{+4.2}_{-4.1} \text{ km/s/Mpc}$
$n_s(0.002)$	$1.050^{+0.059}_{-0.058}$
$\Omega_b h^2$	$0.0210 \pm 0.0010$
$\Omega_\Lambda$	$0.703^{+0.056}_{-0.055}$
$\Omega_m$	$0.297^{+0.055}_{-0.056}$
$\Omega_m h^2$	$0.1350^{+0.0099}_{-0.0097}$
$\sigma_8$	$0.771^{+0.051}_{-0.050}$
$A_{SZ}$	$1.06^{+0.62}_{-0.65}$
$t_0$	$13.97 \pm 0.20 \text{ Gyr}$
$\tau$	$0.101 \pm 0.031$
$\theta_A$	$0.5940 \pm 0.0021^\circ$
$z_r$	$12.8 \pm 2.8$

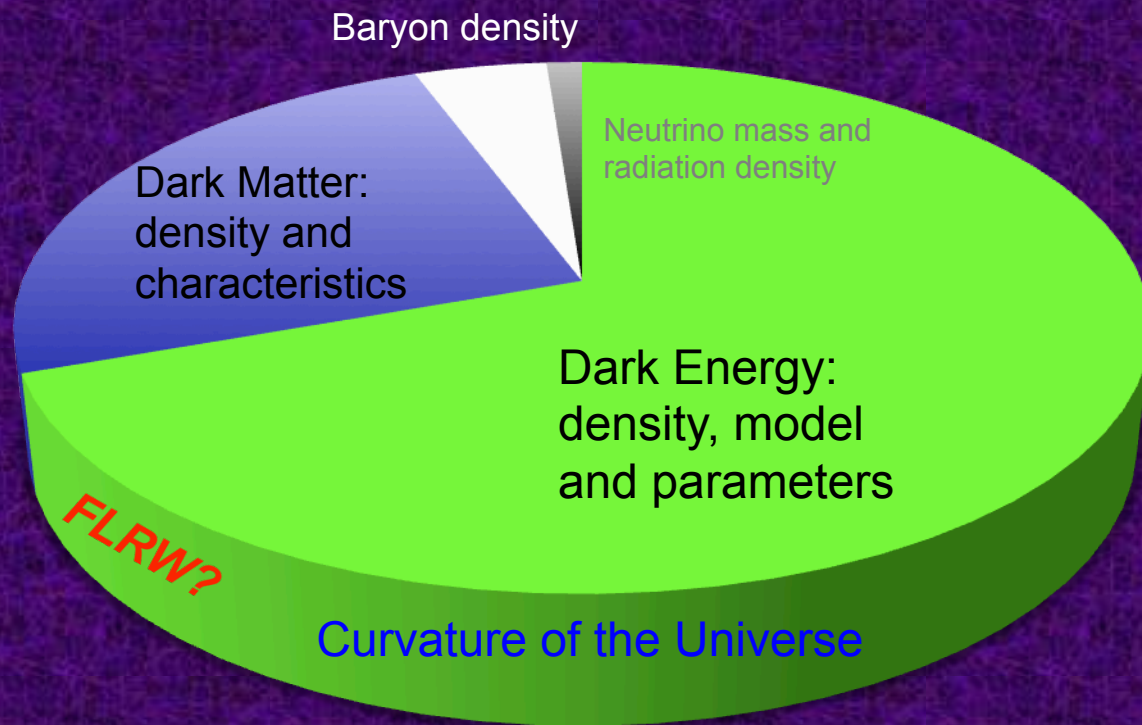
Tables from NASA - LAMBDA website

**Functional parameterizations affect estimation of cosmological parameters**



# Era of Precision Cosmology

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



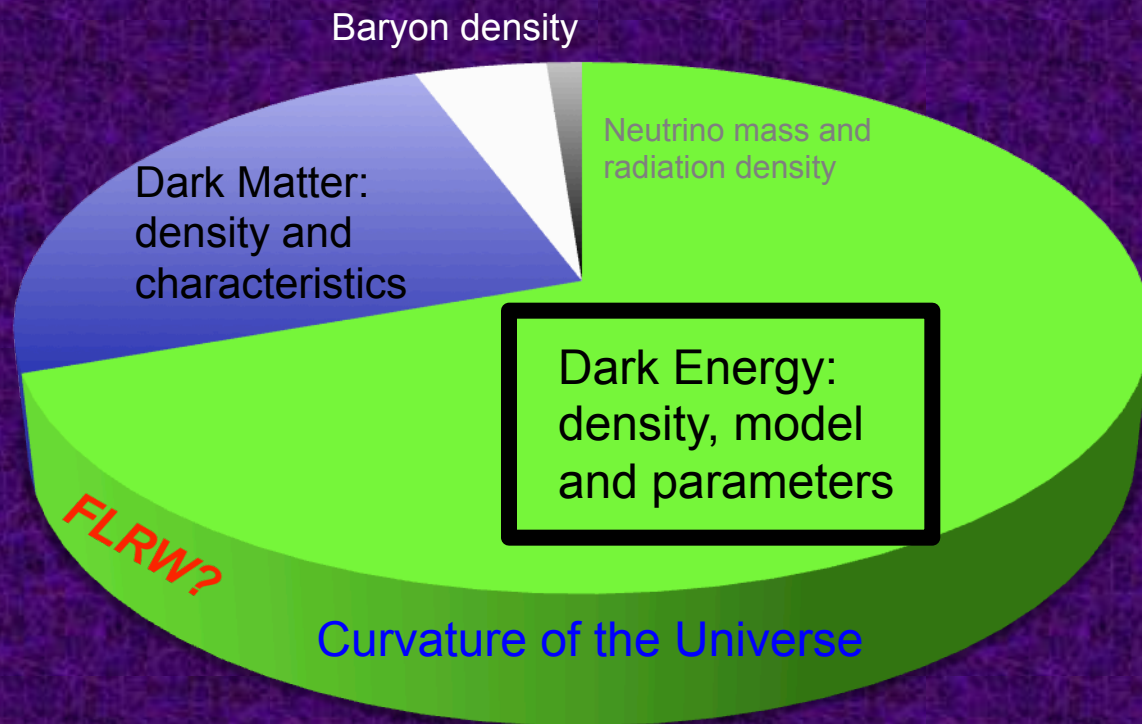
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# Probes of Dark Energy

- **Standard candles:**  
measure luminosity distance.

$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi d_L^2}$$

Supernovae Ia as  
Standardized Candles

- **Standard rulers:**  
measure angular diameter distance.

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{\Delta\chi}{d_A(z)}$$

BAO as standard ruler

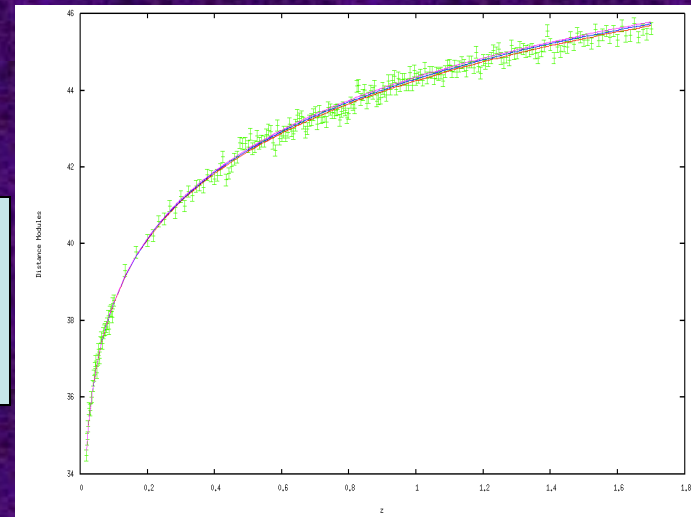
- **Growth of fluctuations:**  
testing modified gravity or to distinguish between  
physical and geometrical models of Dark Energy.

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2H\dot{\delta} - 4\pi G_{\text{eff}}\rho\delta = 0,$$

# Dark Energy Models

- Cosmological Constant
- Quintessence and k-essence (scalar fields)
- Exotic matter (Chaplygin gas, phantom, etc.)
- Braneworlds (higher-dimensional theories)
- Modified Gravity
- .....

**But which one is really responsible for the acceleration of the expanding universe?!**





# Dark Energy Parameterizations

$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi d_L^2}$$

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BAO as standard ruler

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

$$d_A(z) = (1+z)^{-1} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

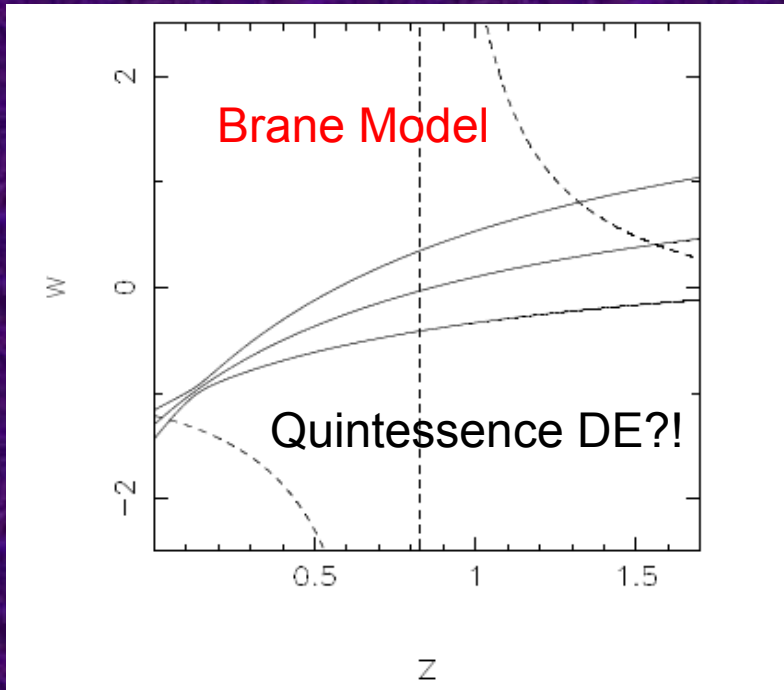
$$\frac{H^2(z)}{H_0^2} = \left[ \Omega_{0M} (1+z)^3 + (1 - \Omega_{0M}) X(z) \right]$$

1. Fitting functions for  $d_L(z)$
2. Fitting functions for DE density
3. Fitting functions for EOS

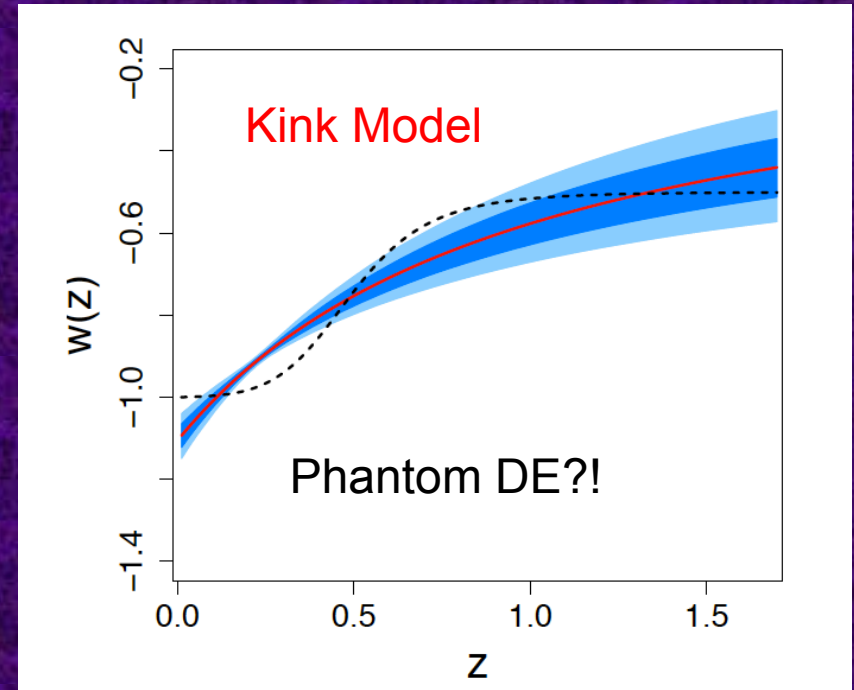
**Most general form**

$$\frac{H^2(z)}{H_0^2} = \left[ \Omega_{0M} (1+z)^3 + (1 - \Omega_{0M}) \exp\left[ \int 3(1+w(z)) \frac{dz}{1+z} \right] \right]$$

# Problems of Dark Energy Parameterizations (model fitting)



Shafieloo, Alam, Sahni &  
Starobinsky, MNRAS 2006



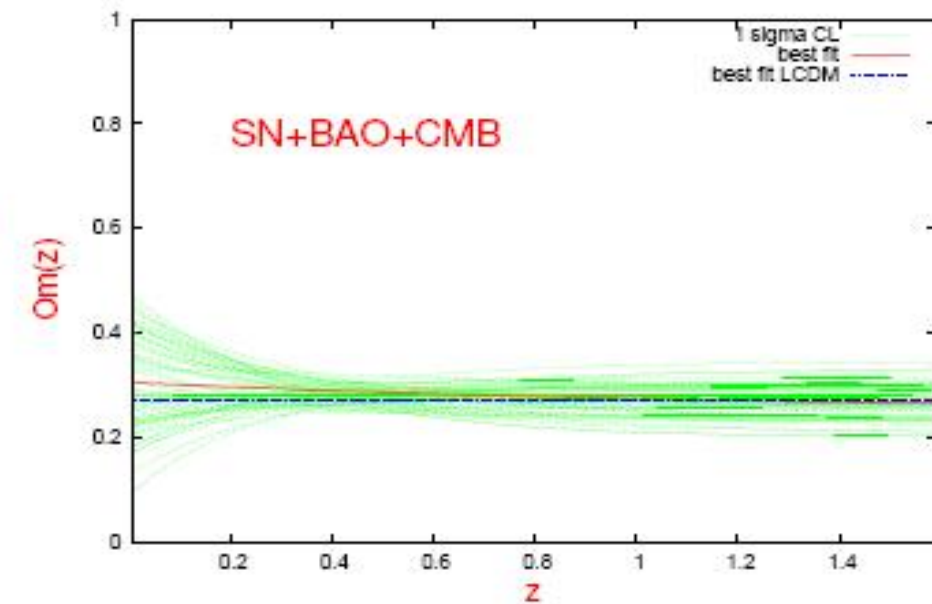
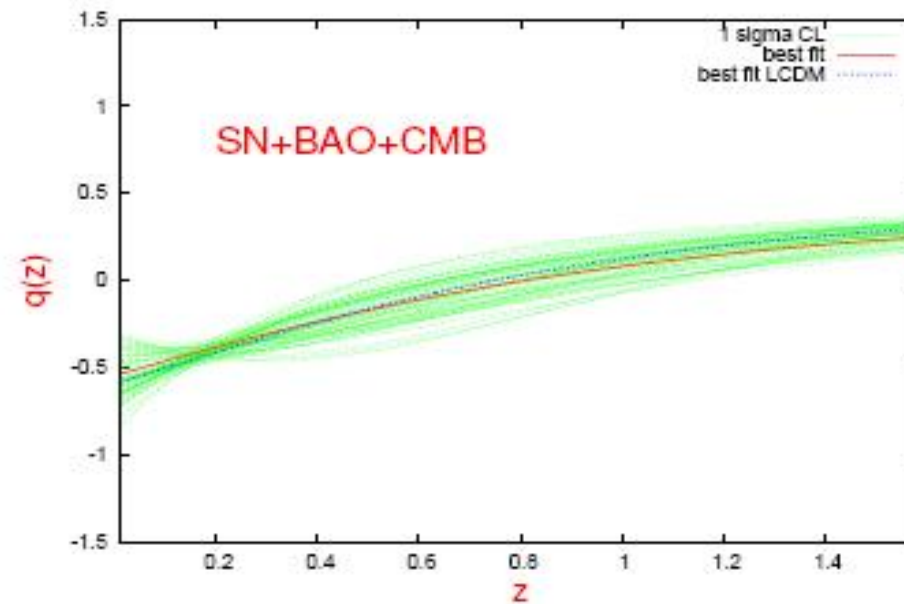
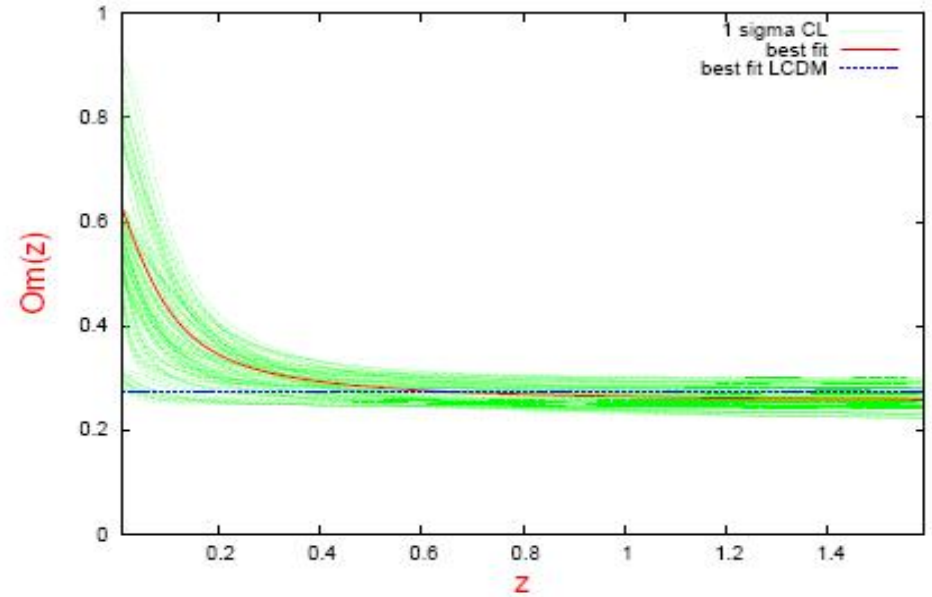
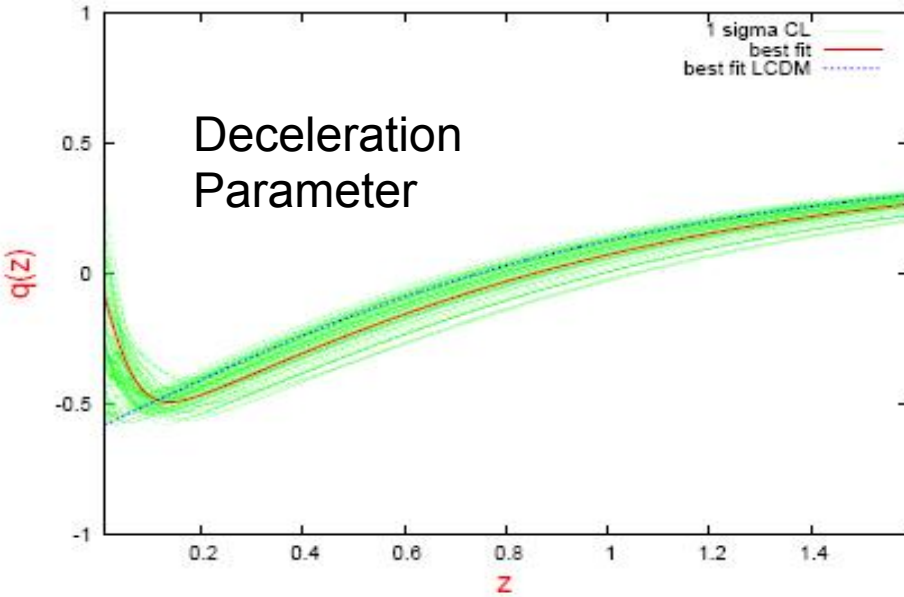
Holsclaw et al, PRD 2011

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

Chevallier-Polarski-Linder ansatz (CPL).

Same data being used. Which one is correct?

*Problems of model fitting*



# Non Parametric methods of Reconstruction

*Usually involves binning and smoothing*

$$F = \frac{L}{4\pi d_L^2}$$

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

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

$$\frac{H^2(z)}{H_0^2} = \left[ \Omega_{0M} (1+z)^3 + (1 - \Omega_{0M}) \exp \left[ \int 3(1+w(z)) \frac{dz}{1+z} \right] \right]$$

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



# The Method of Smoothing

error-sensitive

$$\ln d_L(z, \Delta) = \ln d_L(z)^g + N(z) \sum_i [\ln d_L(z_i) - \ln d_L(z_i)^g] \exp \left[ -\frac{\ln^2 \left( \frac{1+z_i}{1+z} \right)}{2\Delta^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_{\ln d_L(z_i)}} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$N(z)^{-1} = \sum_i \exp \left[ -\frac{\ln^2 \left( \frac{1+z_i}{1+z} \right)}{2\Delta^2} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma_{\ln d_L(z_i)}} \right)^2 \right]$$

Smoothing function  
(error-sensitive)

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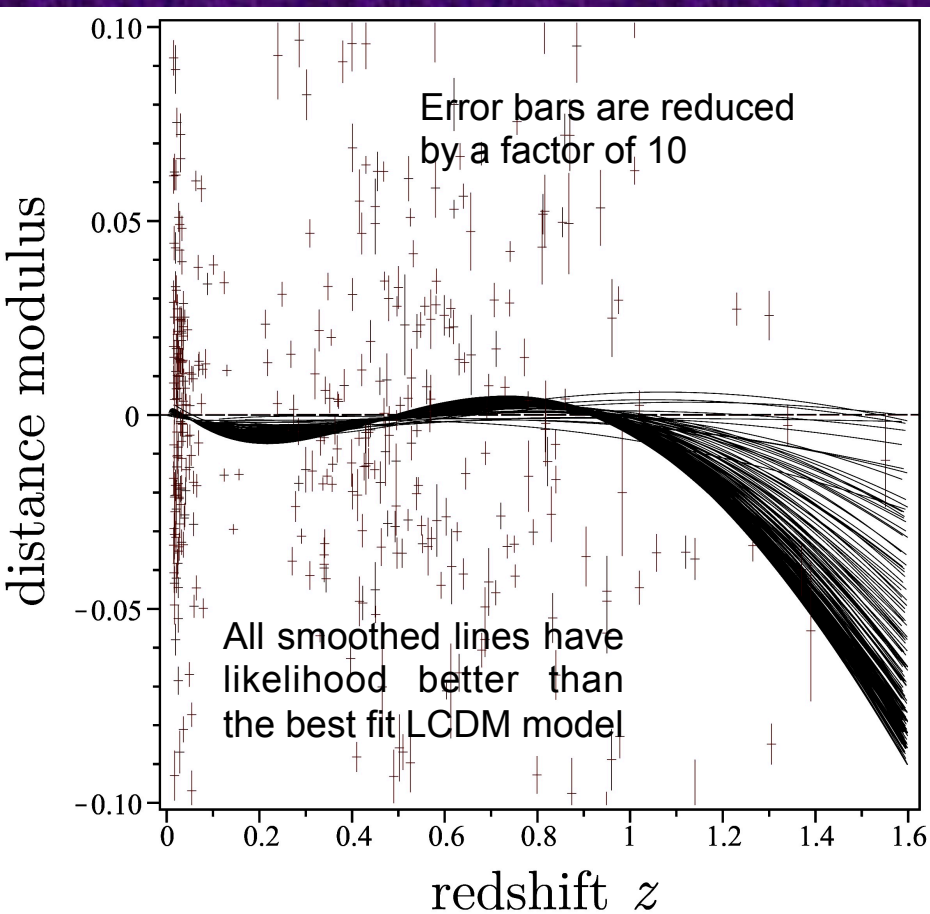
# Smoothing Method

A. Shafieloo, U. Alam, V. Sahni, A. Starobinsky, MNRAS (2006)

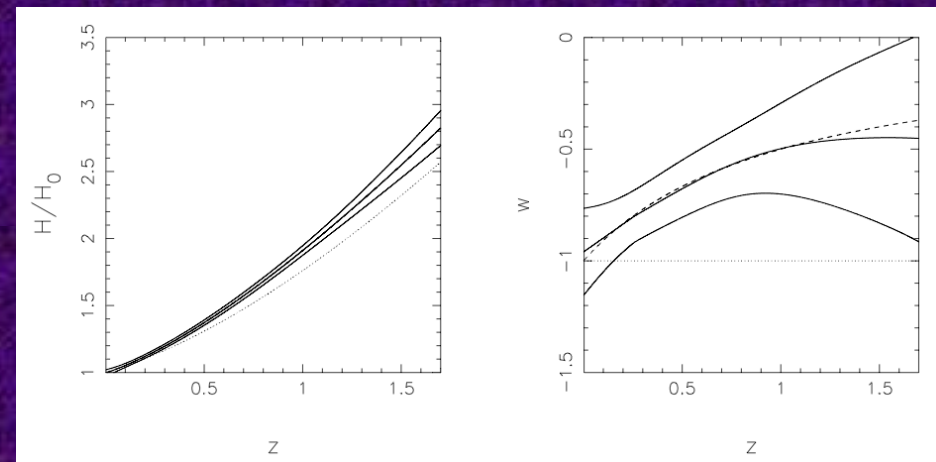
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A. Shafieloo & C. Clarkson PRD (2010)

A. Shafieloo JCAP (2012)



- Iterative approach with lognormal smoothing kernel
- Error sensitive
- Independent of the initial guess



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# Gaussian Process

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

A. Shafieloo, A. Kim & E. Linder,  
PRD 2012, PRD 2013

Data

Mean Function

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y} \\ \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{f}' \\ \mathbf{f}'' \end{bmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{Z}) \\ \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{Z}_1) \\ \mathbf{m}'(\mathbf{Z}_1) \\ \mathbf{m}''(\mathbf{Z}_1) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}) & \Sigma_{00}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{01}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{02}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}_1) \\ \Sigma_{00}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}) & \Sigma_{00}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{01}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{02}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) \\ \Sigma_{10}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}) & \Sigma_{10}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{11}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{12}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) \\ \Sigma_{20}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}) & \Sigma_{20}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{21}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{22}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) \end{bmatrix} \right),$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{f}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}' \\ \bar{\mathbf{f}}'' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{Z}_1) \\ \mathbf{m}'(\mathbf{Z}_1) \\ \mathbf{m}''(\mathbf{Z}_1) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}) \\ \Sigma_{10}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}) \\ \Sigma_{20}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}) \end{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}) \mathbf{y}$$

Kernel

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

GP Hyper-parameters

$$\text{Cov} \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{f}' \\ \mathbf{f}'' \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{01}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{02}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) \\ \Sigma_{10}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{11}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{12}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) \\ \Sigma_{20}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{21}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) & \Sigma_{22}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_1) \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}) \\ \Sigma_{10}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}) \\ \Sigma_{20}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}) \end{bmatrix} \Sigma_{00}^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}) [\Sigma_{00}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}_1), \Sigma_{01}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}_1), \Sigma_{02}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}_1)].$$

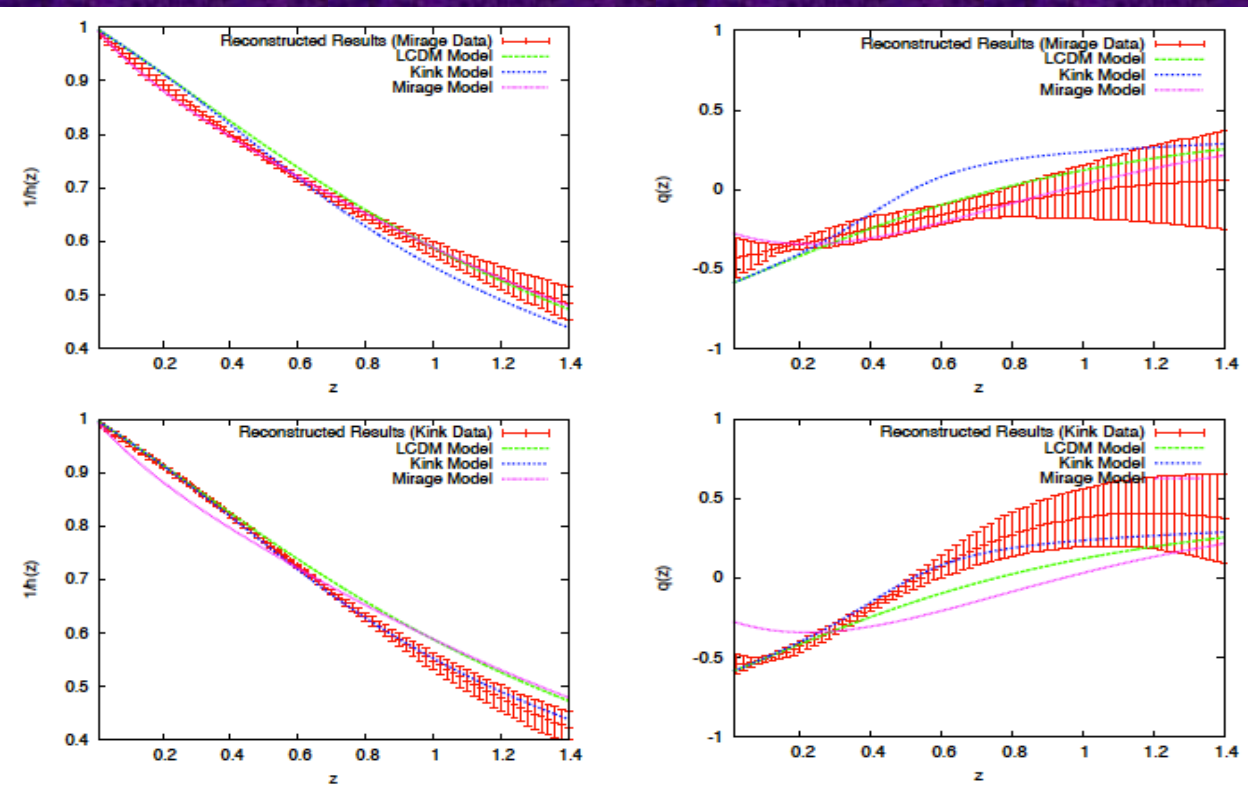
$$2 \ln p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) = -\mathbf{y}^T \Sigma_{00}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z})^{-1} \mathbf{y} - \ln \det \Sigma_{00}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}) - n \ln(2\pi),$$

GP Likelihood



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- Derivatives of Gaussian Processes are Gaussian Processes (we can derive  $H(z)$  directly and  $q(z)$  indirectly)
- Provides us with all covariance matrices



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

$$q(z) = (1+z) \frac{H'(z)}{H(z)} - 1$$

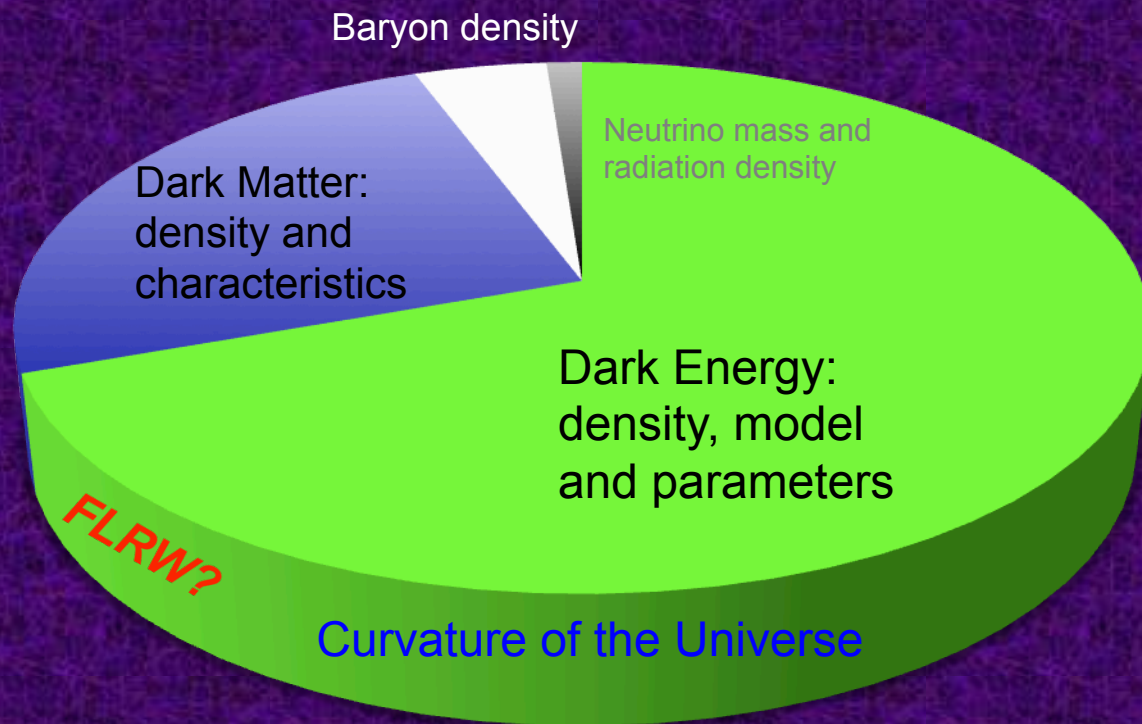
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PRD 2012



# Reconstruction & Falsification

Reconstruction: Understanding the behavior

Falsification: Testing the Consistency



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## ***Falsification, signal detection and systematics:***

Testing deviations from an assumed model  
(without comparing different models)

### **Null tests:**

Falsifying a hypothesis using special statistical characteristics.

Using modeling of Stochastic variables:

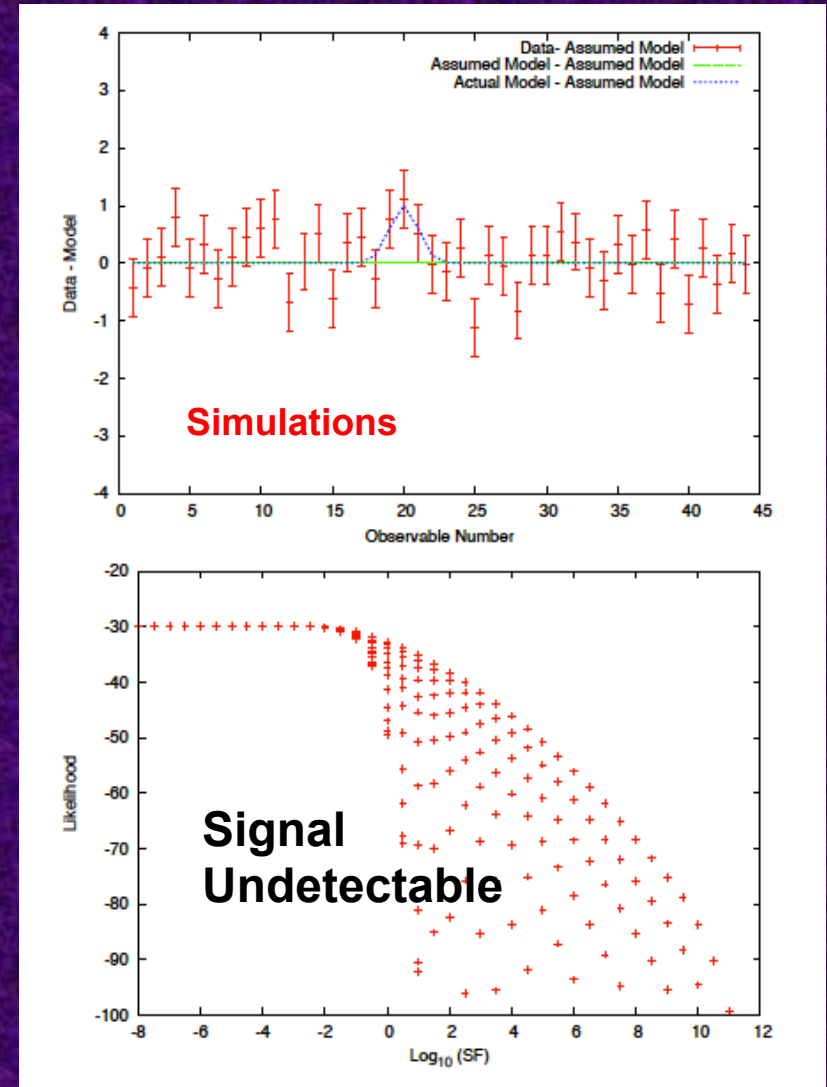
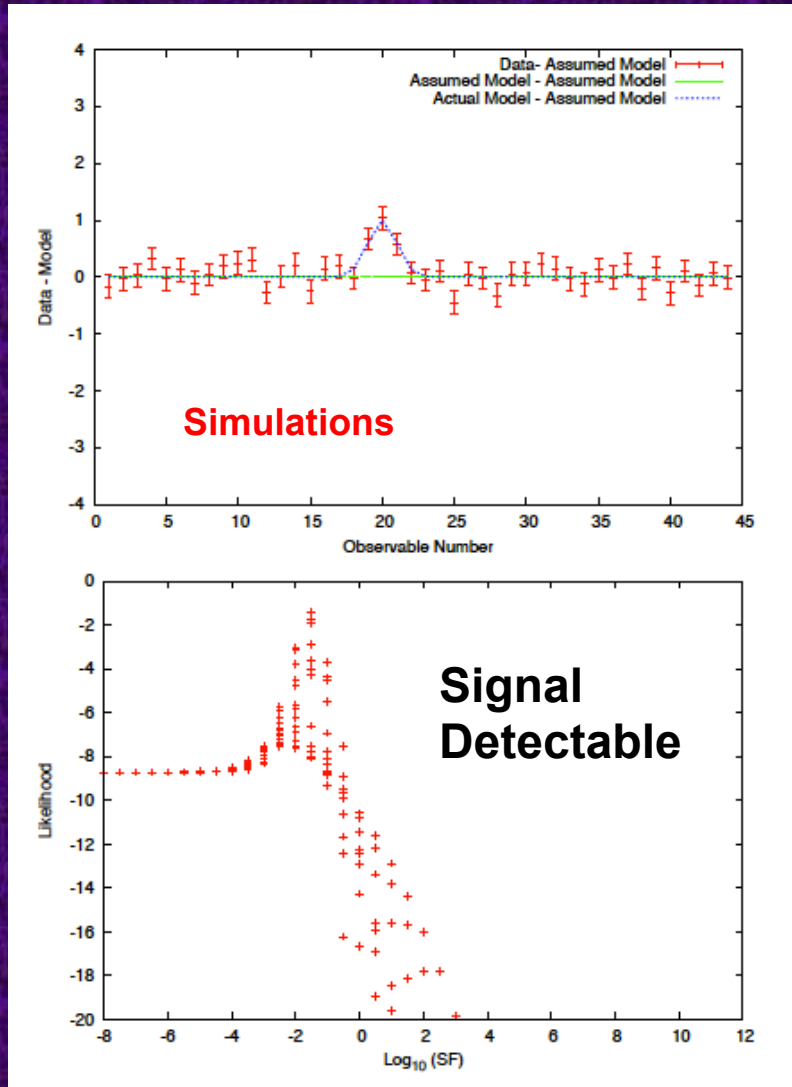
### **Gaussian Processes:**

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.

# Signal Detection: detection of the features in the residuals

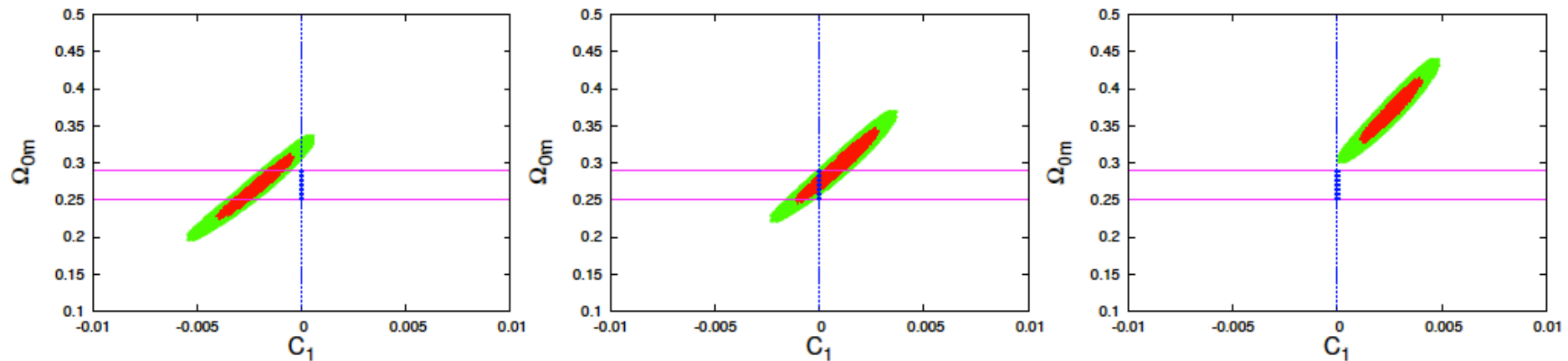


# Signal Detection: Crossing Statistic (Bayesian Interpretation)

Theoretical model

Crossing function

$$\mu_M^{T_N}(z) = \mu_M(p_i, z) \times T_N(C_1, \dots, C_N, z)$$



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

Chebyshev Polynomials  
as Crossing Functions

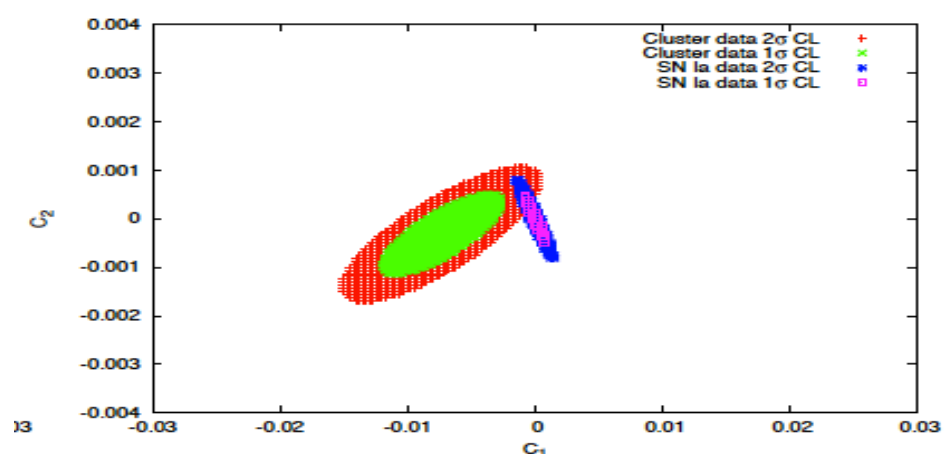
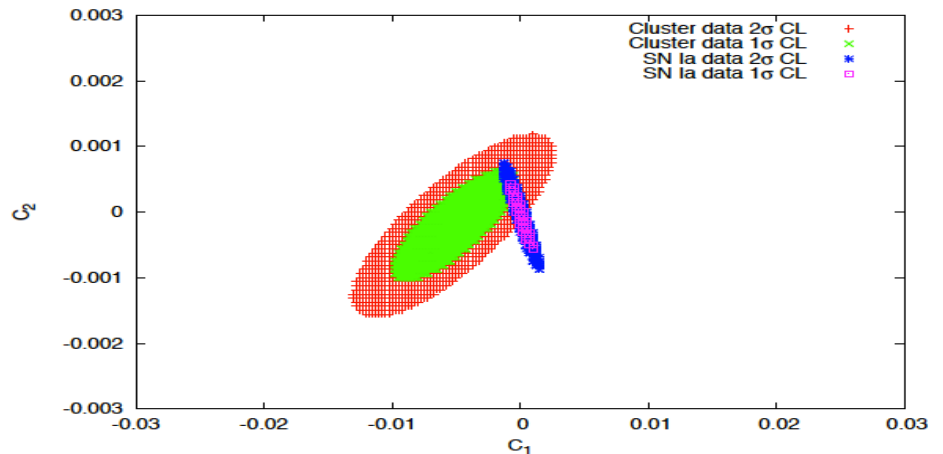
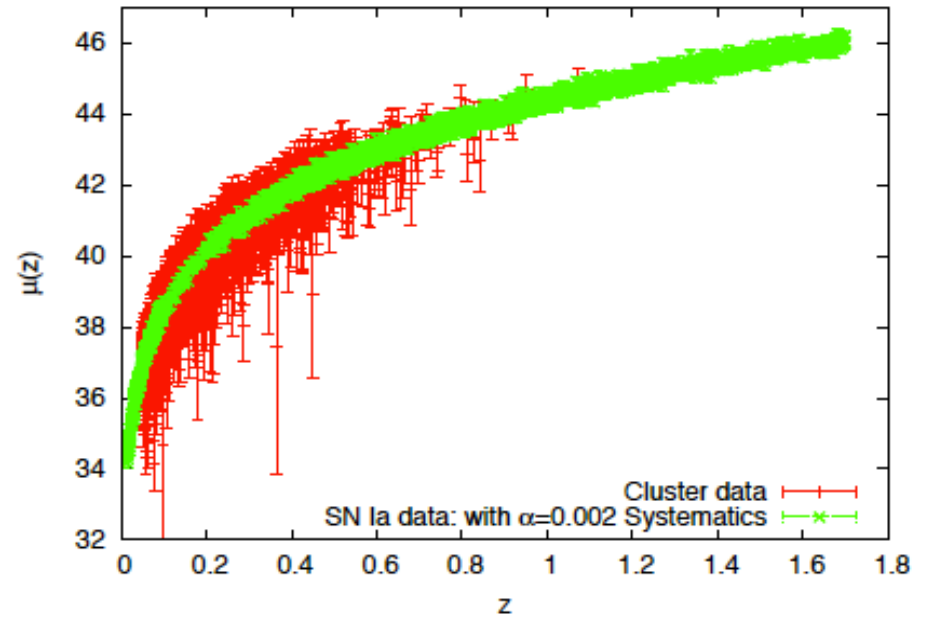
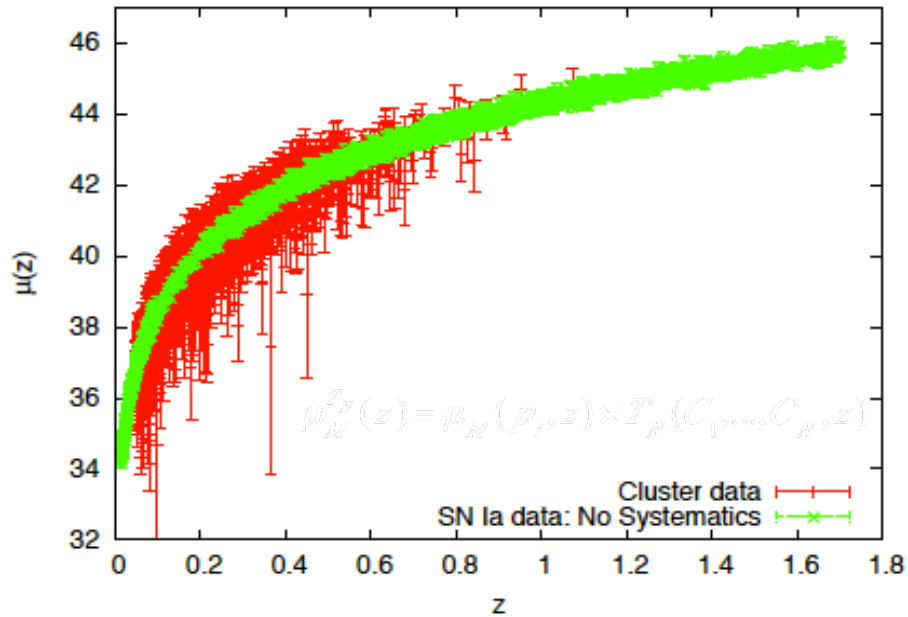
$$T_{II}(C_1, C_2, z) = 1 + C_1 \left( \frac{z}{z_{max}} \right) + C_2 \left[ 2 \left( \frac{z}{z_{max}} \right)^2 - 1 \right],$$

A. Shafieloo. JCAP 2012 (b)



# Looking for systematics

Modeling different data independent of theoretical assumptions looking for systematics



# Summary

- **Cosmological Data** is very very **expensive** so it is important to extract the most possible amount of information from it.
- Dealing with the data is not easy. One should be very careful **not to misinterpret the data**. There have been many discoveries which have been wrong and ends to embarrassment.
- **About 96% of the universe is still missing**. We do not know what is Dark matter and what is dark energy. Actual model of the early universe is not known. We should be careful when we model any of these.
- Parametric and Non-Parametric, at the same time, frequentist and bayesian approaches are all useful and each has some advantages. Best is to **combine and use them in an *appropriate way***.

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