

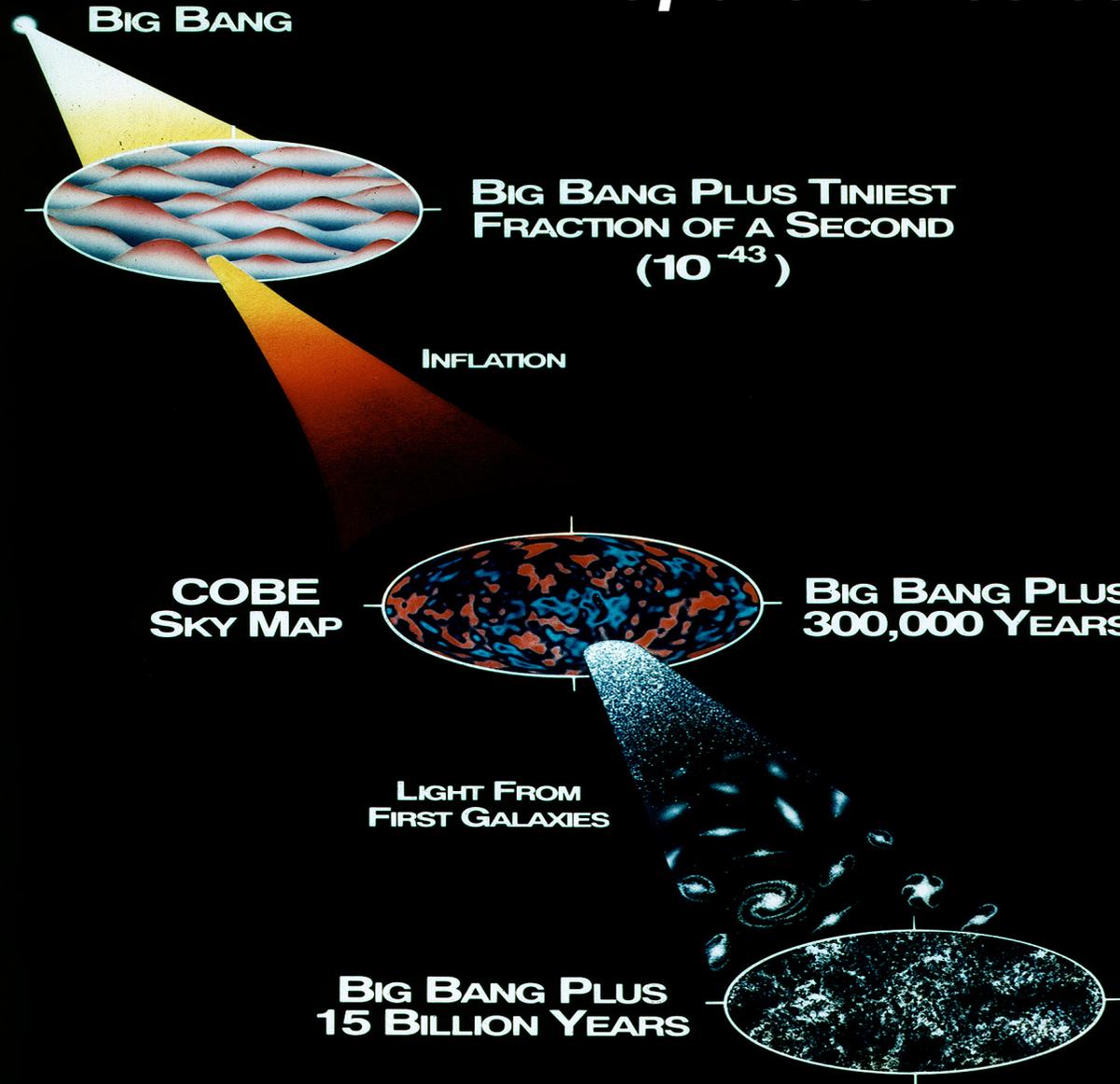
# Testing the Dark Energy Paradigm with DES

- Brief History of Dark Energy and Modified Gravity
- Galaxy Surveys
- The Dark Energy Survey
- Neutrino Mass



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# Early Development of the Universe



# Probes of Darkness

## Observational data

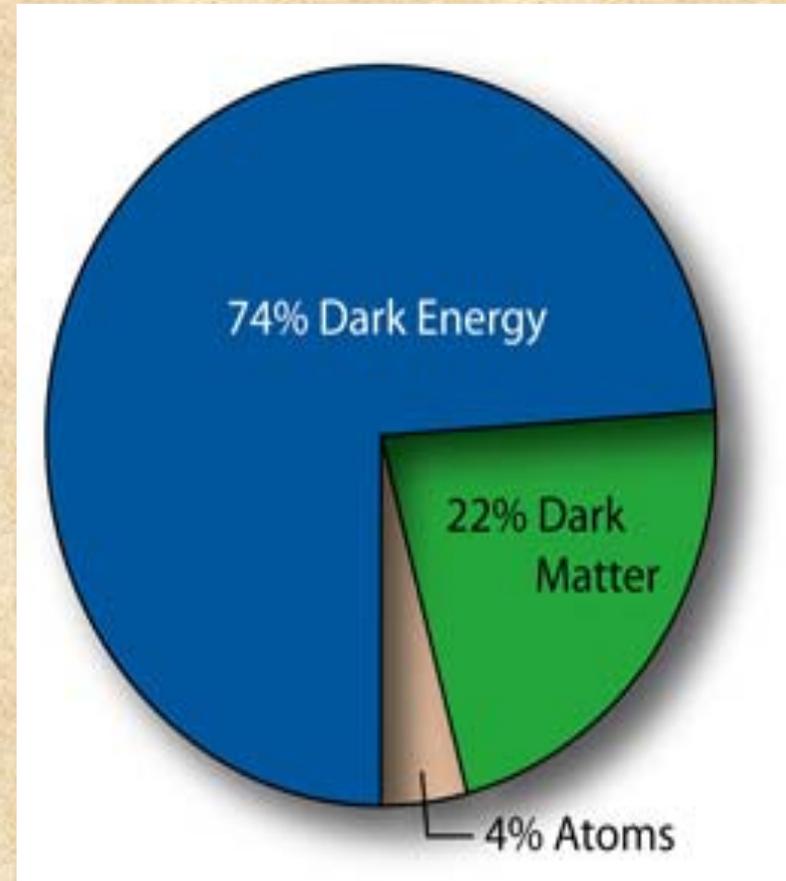
- Type Ia Supernovae
- Galaxy Clusters
- Cosmic Microwave Background
- Large Scale Structure
- Gravitational Lensing
- Integrated Sachs-Wolfe

## Physical effects:

- Geometry
- Growth of Structure

Both depend on the Hubble expansion rate:

$$H^2(z) = H^2_0 \left[ \Omega_M (1+z)^3 + \Omega_{DE} (1+z)^{3(1+w)} \right] \quad (\text{flat})$$



# Can we rule out $w = \text{pressure/density} = -1$ ?

## WMAP 7-year Cosmological Interpretation

TABLE 4

SUMMARY OF THE 68% LIMITS ON DARK ENERGY PROPERTIES FROM WMAP COMBINED WITH OTHER DATA SETS

Section	Curvature	Parameter	+BAO+ $H_0$	+BAO+ $H_0$ + $D_{\Delta t}$ <sup>a</sup>	+BAO+SN <sup>b</sup>
Section 5.1	$\Omega_k = 0$	Constant $w$	$-1.10 \pm 0.14$	$-1.08 \pm 0.13$	$-0.980 \pm 0.053$
Section 5.2	$\Omega_k \neq 0$	Constant $w$	$-1.44 \pm 0.27$	$-1.39 \pm 0.25$	$-0.999^{+0.057}_{-0.056}$
		$\Omega_k$	$-0.0125^{+0.0064}_{-0.0067}$	$-0.0111^{+0.0060}_{-0.0063}$	$-0.0057^{+0.0067}_{-0.0068}$
			+ $H_0$ +SN	+BAO+ $H_0$ +SN	+BAO+ $H_0$ + $D_{\Delta t}$ +SN
Section 5.3	$\Omega_k = 0$	$w_0$	$-0.83 \pm 0.16$	$-0.93 \pm 0.13$	$-0.93 \pm 0.12$
		$w_a$	$-0.80^{+0.84}_{-0.83}$	$-0.41^{+0.72}_{-0.71}$	$-0.38^{+0.66}_{-0.65}$

# Scientific Paradigm

In his book *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* Thomas Kuhn argued:

- Science undergoes periodic "paradigm shifts", instead of progressing in a linear and continuous way
- These paradigm shifts open up new approaches to understanding that scientists would never have considered valid before
- Scientists can never divorce their subjective perspective from their work; thus, our comprehension of science can never rely on full "objectivity" - we must account for subjective perspectives as well

# The Chequered History of the Cosmological Constant $\Lambda$

**A Chequered History**  
 Since Einstein conceived the cosmological term almost 100 years ago, it has been repudiated, refashioned and resurrected. Here are some highlights.

**FEB. 1917:** Einstein introduces the cosmological term to his original theory of general relativity, allowing him to build a theoretical model of a static, finite universe.

**MARCH 1917:** Dutch cosmologist Willem de Sitter produces an alternative model with a cosmological term. This model for "stationary" is one accelerating expansion.

**1922:** Russian physicist Alexander Friedmann constructs models of expanding and contracting universes without a cosmological term.

**1929:** American astronomer Edwin Hubble discovers that the universe is expanding. Two years later Einstein abandoned the cosmological term, calling it "dynamically unnecessary anyway."

**1967:** Russian physicist Yakov Zel'dovich and his colleagues estimate the energy density of the quantum vacuum and find that it would make a massive cosmological term.

**1998:** Two teams of supernova hunters led by Saul Perlmutter (left) and Brian Schmidt (right) report that the cosmic expansion is in fact accelerating, a refashioned cosmological term may produce this effect. Since 1998's the evidence for cosmic acceleration has strengthened.

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}R g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

\* The old CC problem:

Theory exceeds observational limits on  $\Lambda$  by  $10^{120}$  !

\* The new CC problem:

Why are the amounts of Dark Matter and Dark Energy so similar? What is  $w$  (the ratio of pressure to density)?

# Pre-Supernovae paradigm shift

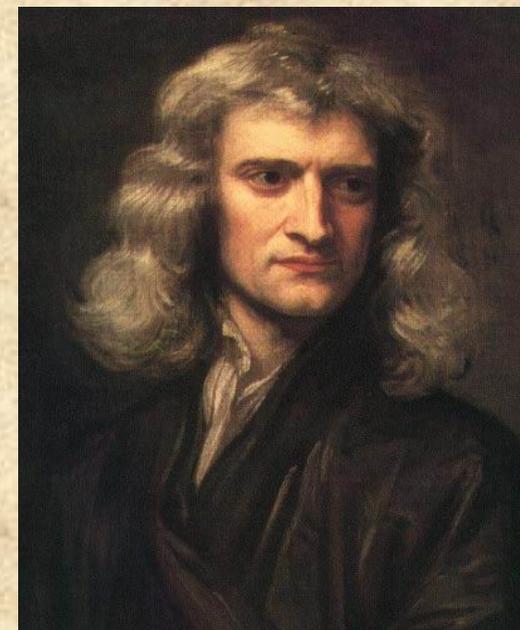
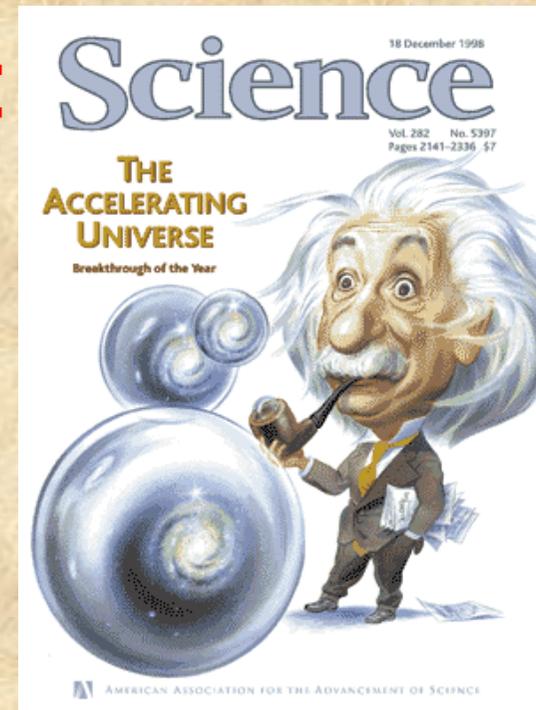
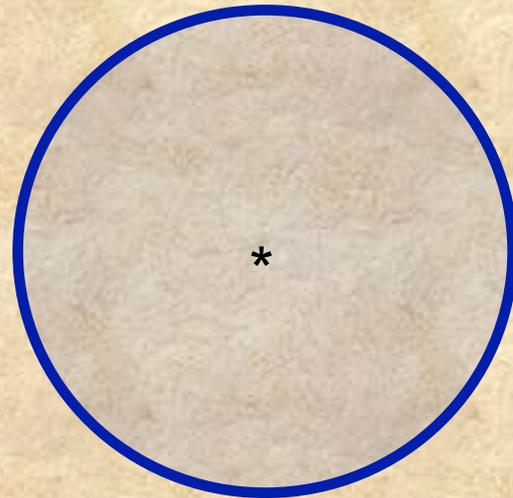
- Peebles (1984) advocated Lambda
- APM result for low matter density (Efstathiou et al. 1990)
- Baryonic fraction in clusters (White et al. 1993)
- The case for adding Lambda (Ostriker & Steinhardt 1995)
- Cf. linear Lambda-like force (Newton 1687 !)

# The Dark Energy problem: 10, 90 or 320 years old?

The weak field limit of GR:

$$F = -GM/r^2 + \Lambda/3 r$$

X



“I have now explained the TWO principle cases of attraction...  
which is very remarkable”

Isaac Newton, Principia (1687)

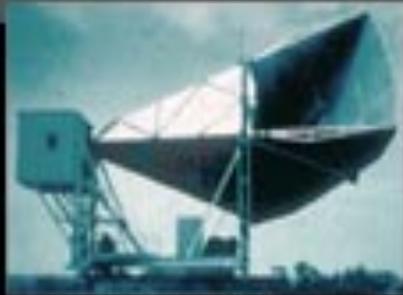
Lucy Calder & OL  
A&G Feb 08 issue

<http://www.star.ucl.ac.uk/~lahav/CLrev.pdf> (revised)

# The Cosmic Microwave Background

1965

1965



Penzias and  
Wilson



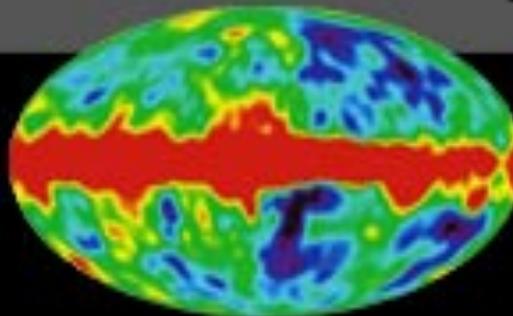
Discovery

1992

1992



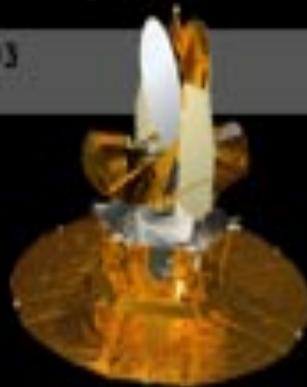
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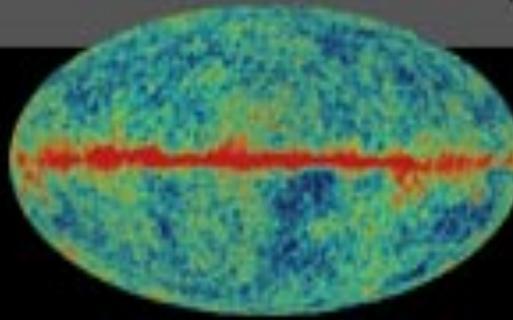
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2003

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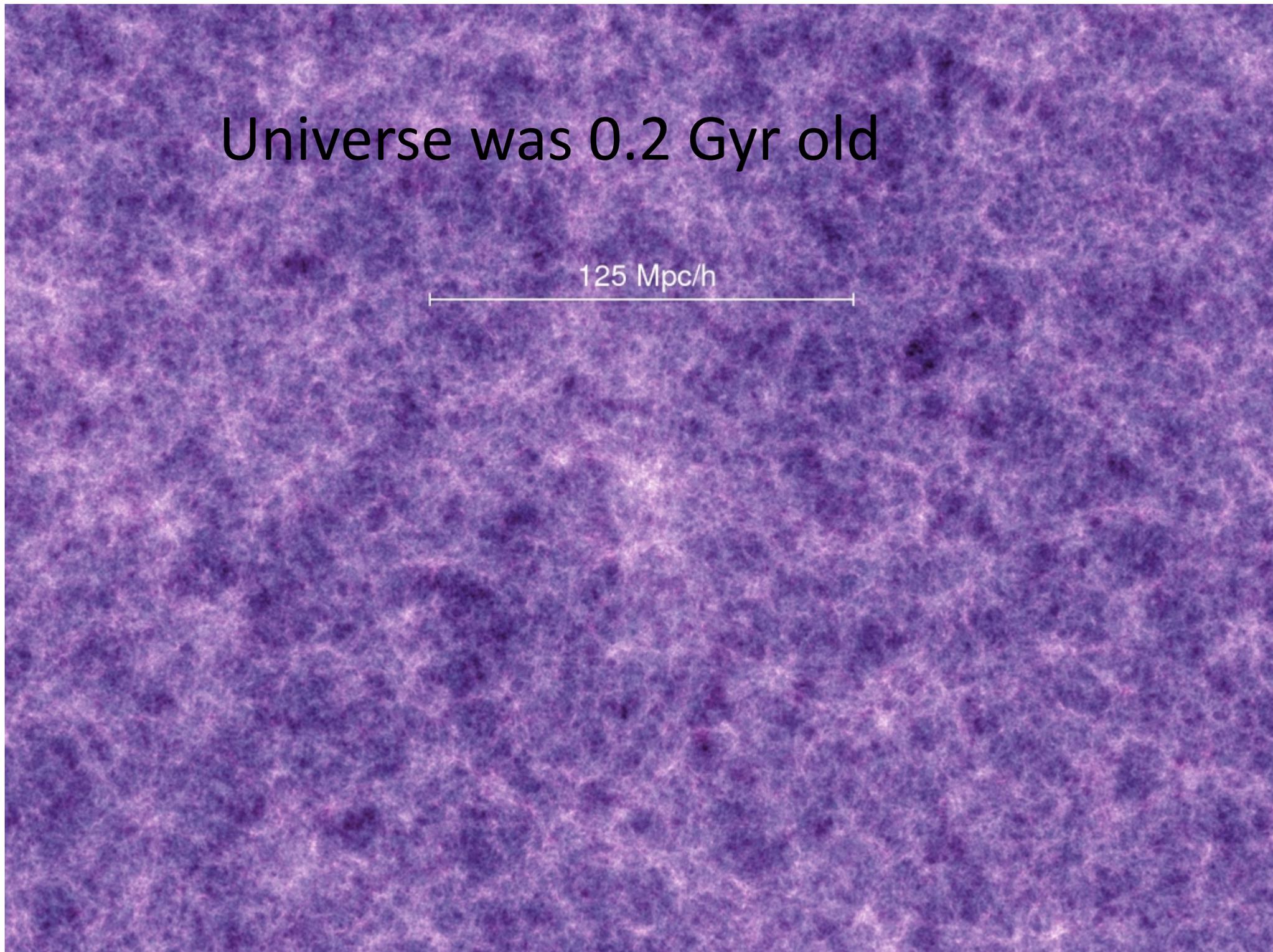
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WMAP

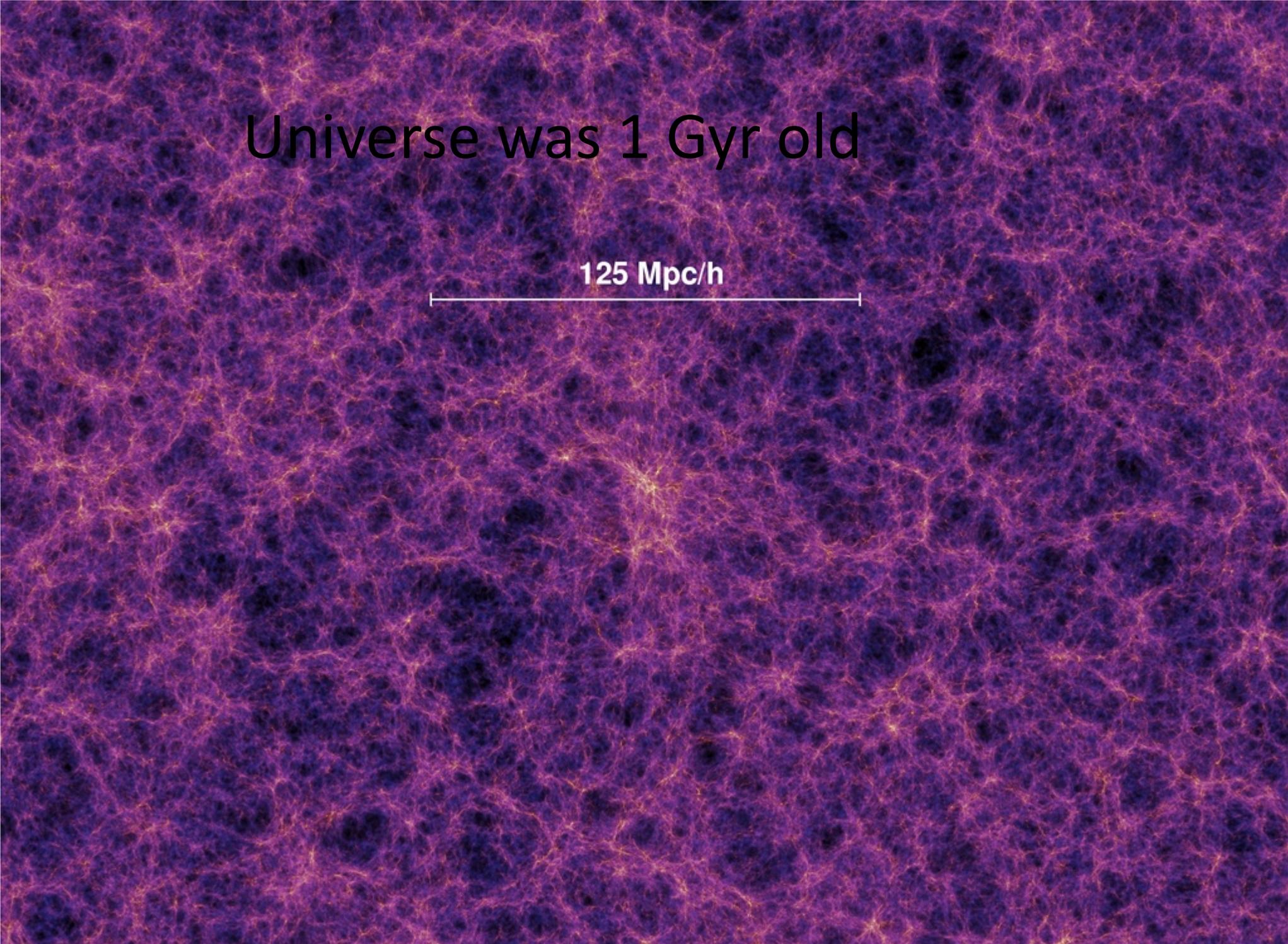
Universe was 0.2 Gyr old

125 Mpc/h



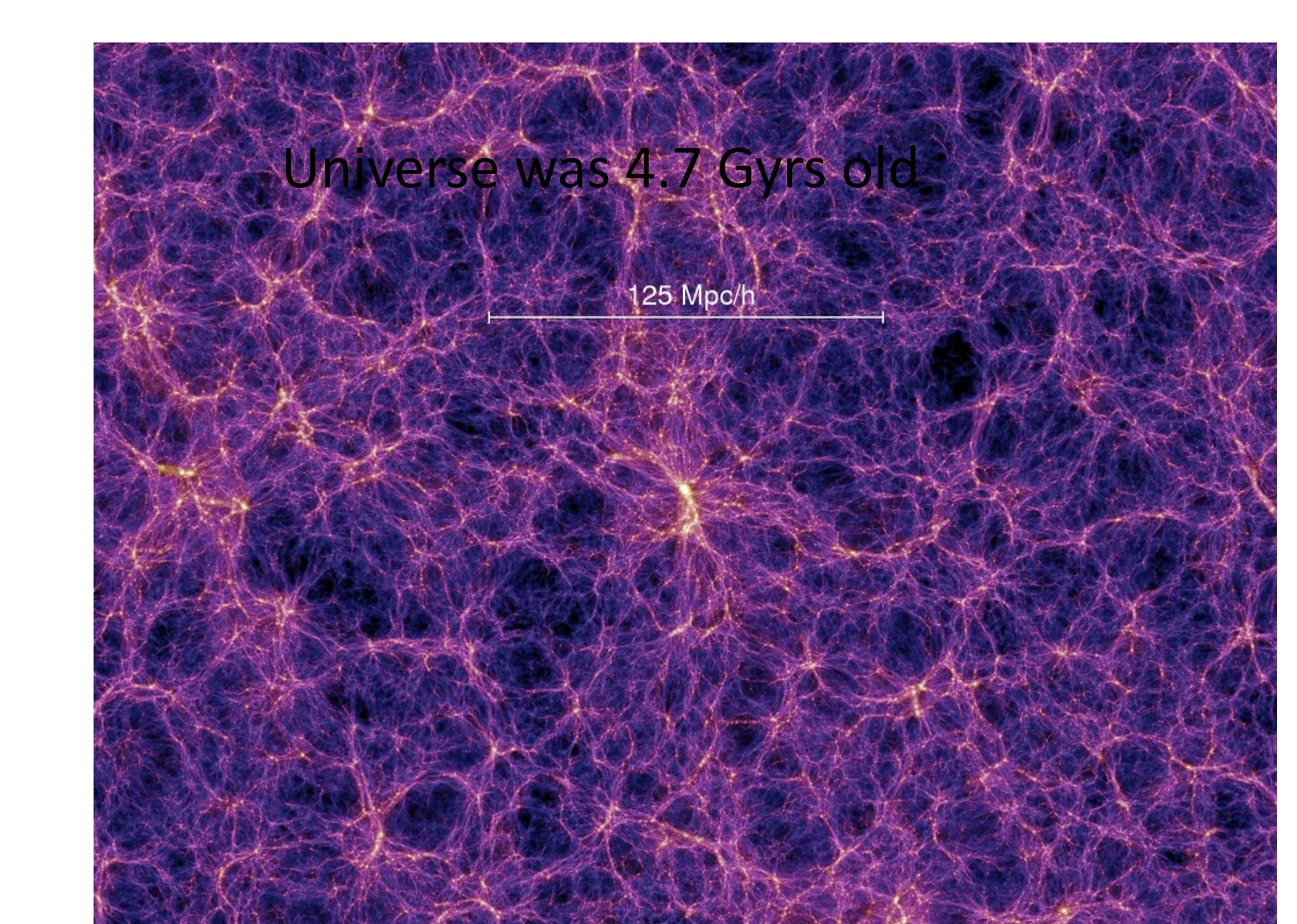
Universe was 1 Gyr old

125 Mpc/h

A visualization of the cosmic web at 1 billion years (1 Gyr) after the Big Bang. The image shows a dense network of filaments and nodes, with colors ranging from dark purple to bright yellow. A horizontal scale bar is positioned in the center, labeled "125 Mpc/h".

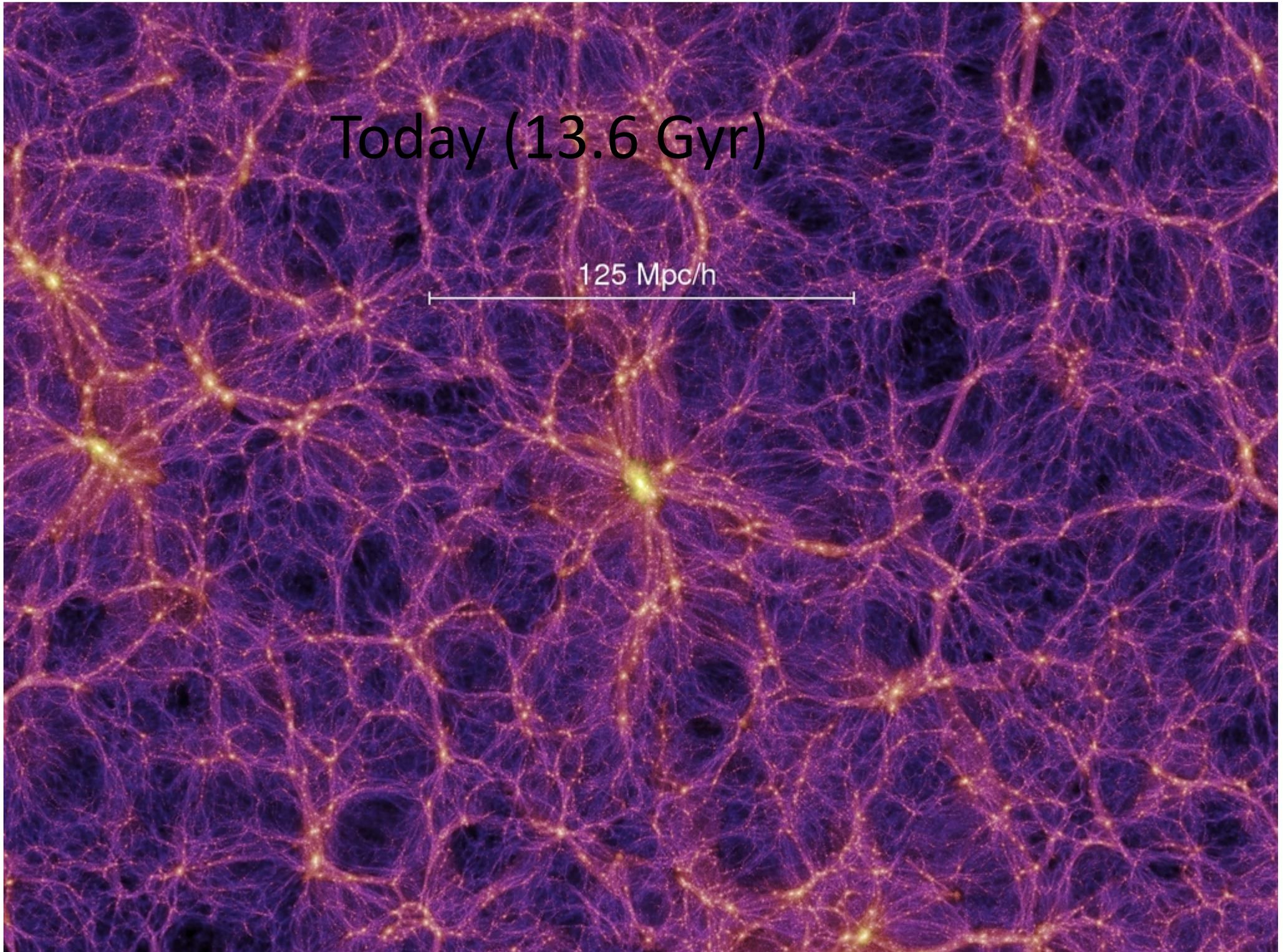
Universe was 4.7 Gyrs old

125 Mpc/h

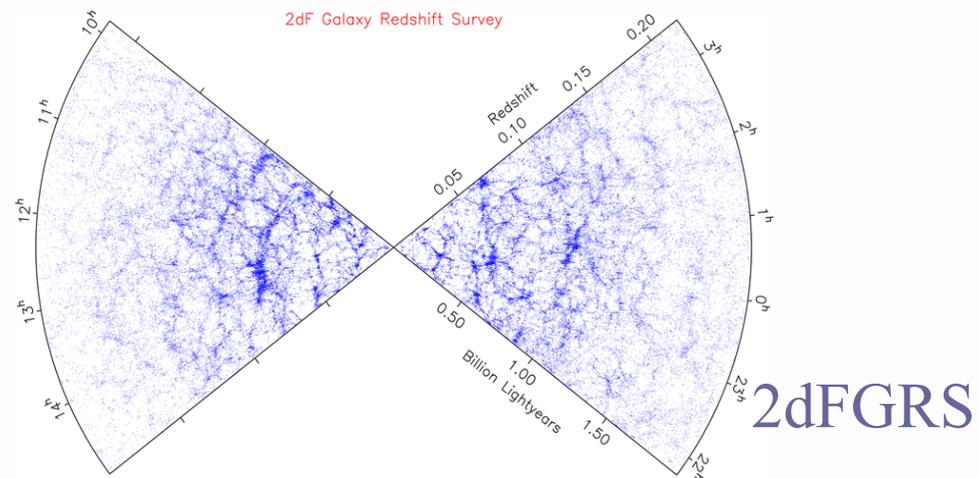
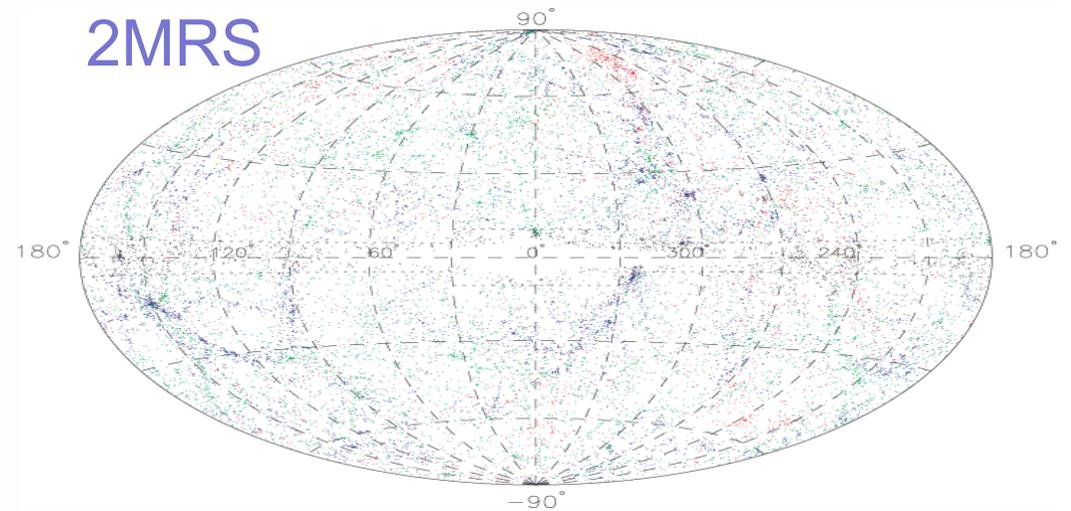
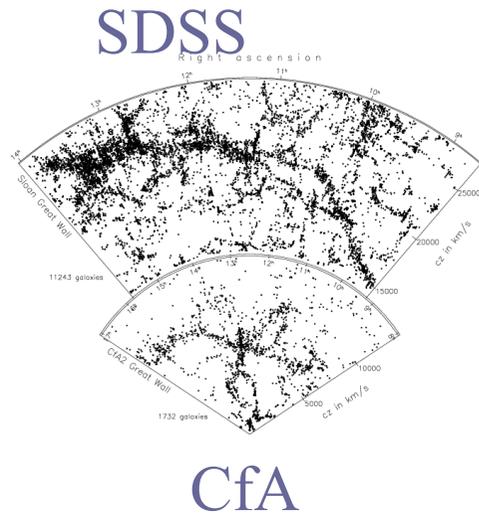
A visualization of the cosmic web at 4.7 Gyrs old. The image shows a dense network of purple and blue filaments forming a complex web structure. Bright yellow and orange spots are scattered throughout, representing galaxy clusters and individual galaxies. A white horizontal scale bar is positioned in the center, with the text "125 Mpc/h" above it. The overall appearance is that of a highly interconnected, filamentary structure.

Today (13.6 Gyr)

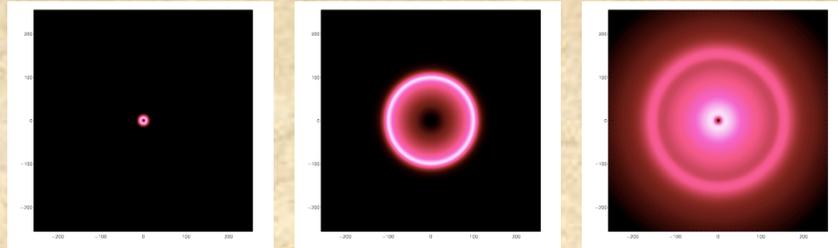
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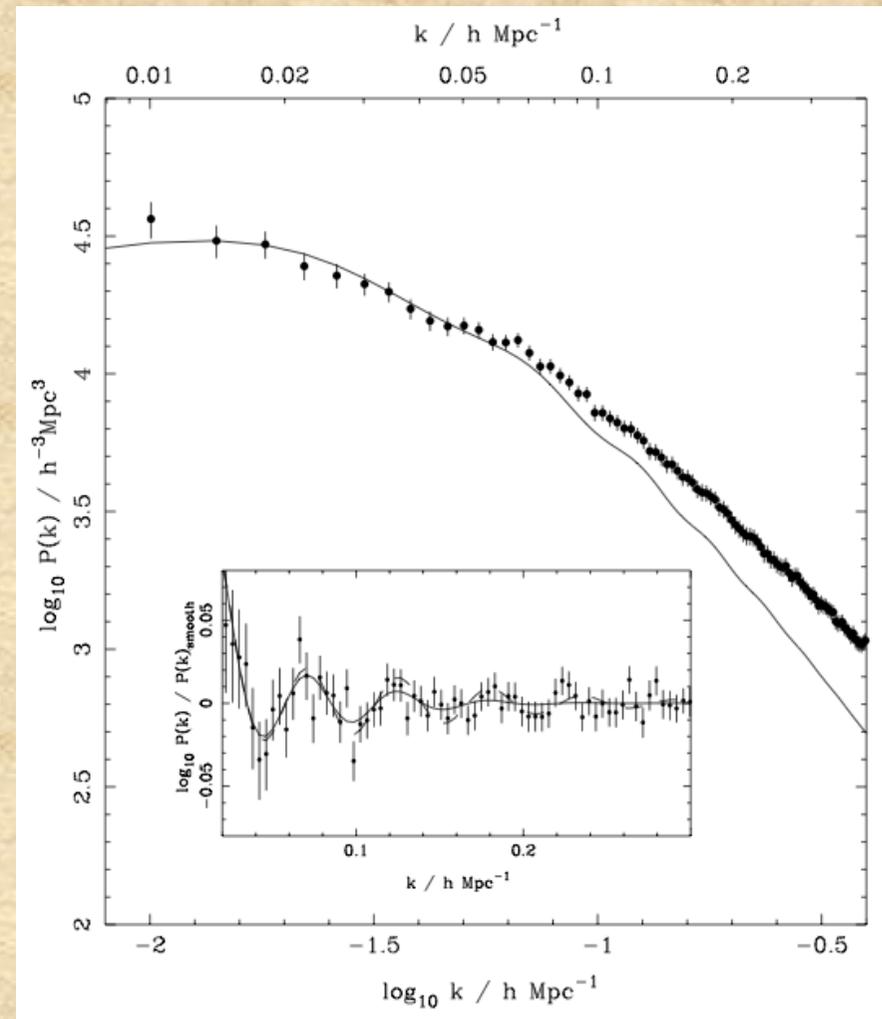
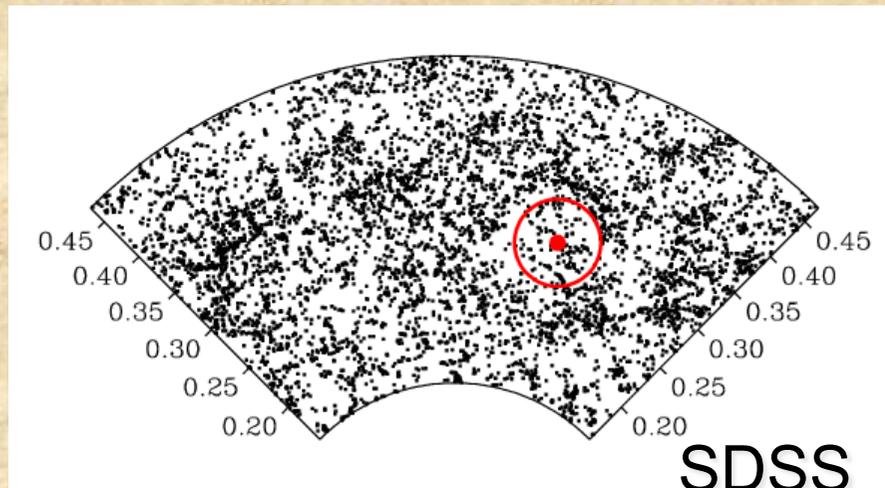
# Spectroscopic Surveys



# Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)

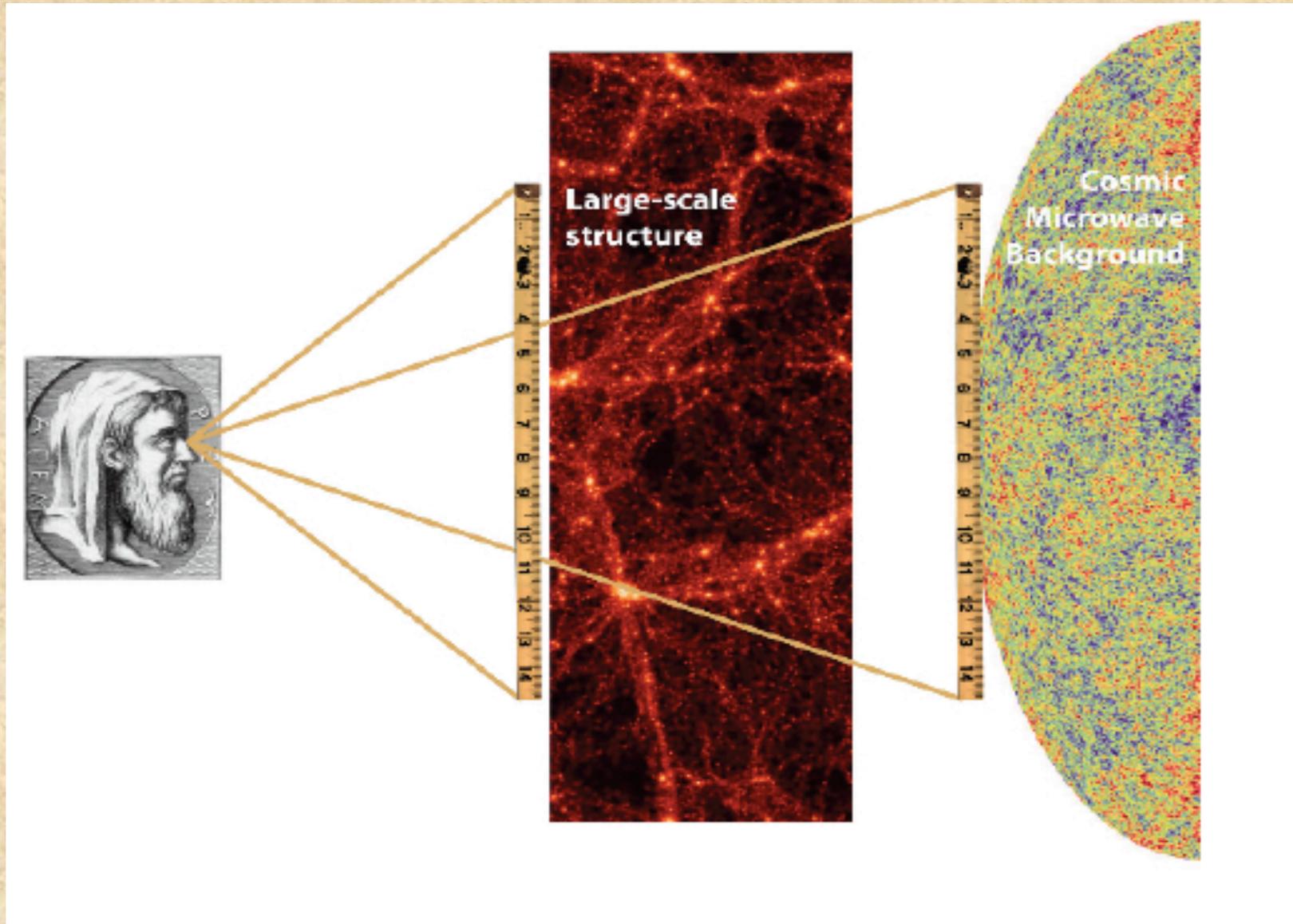


(images from Martin White)

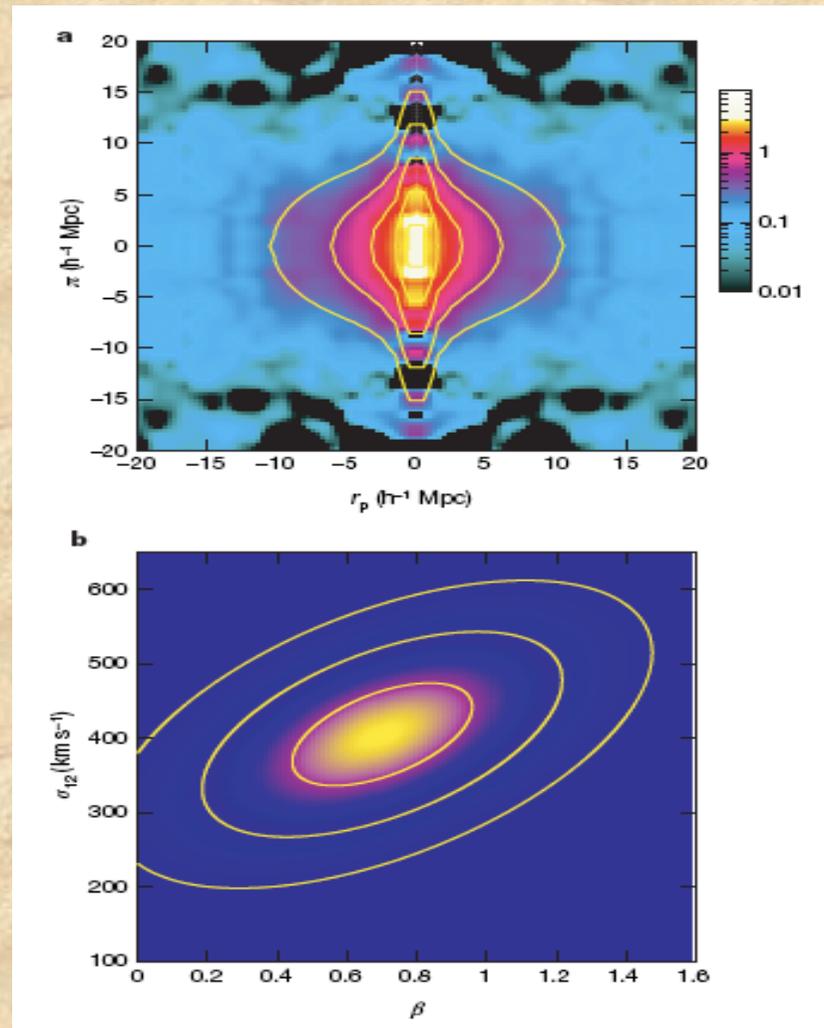


Percival et al. (2007)

# Standard rulers

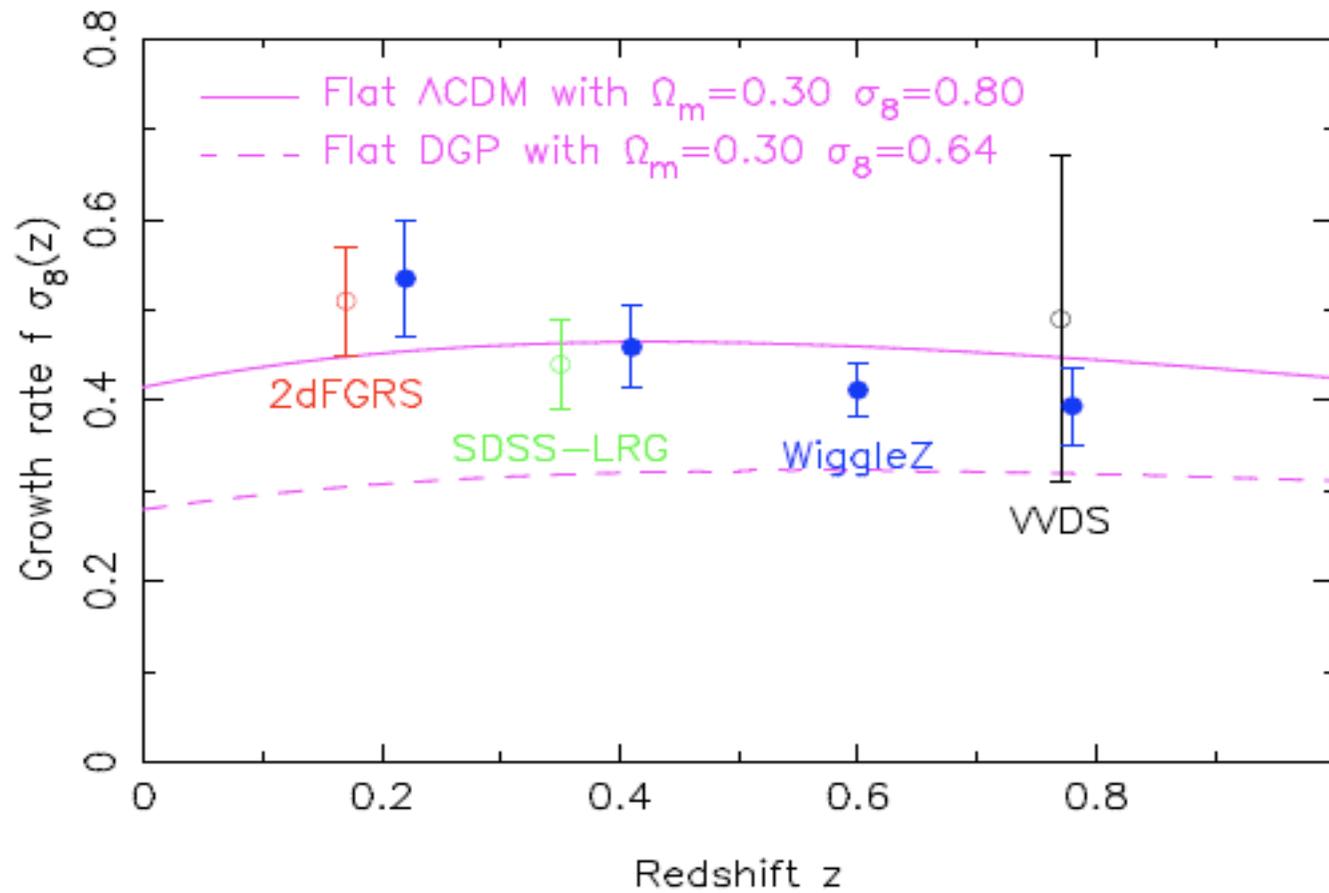


# Redshift Distortion as a test of Modified Gravity

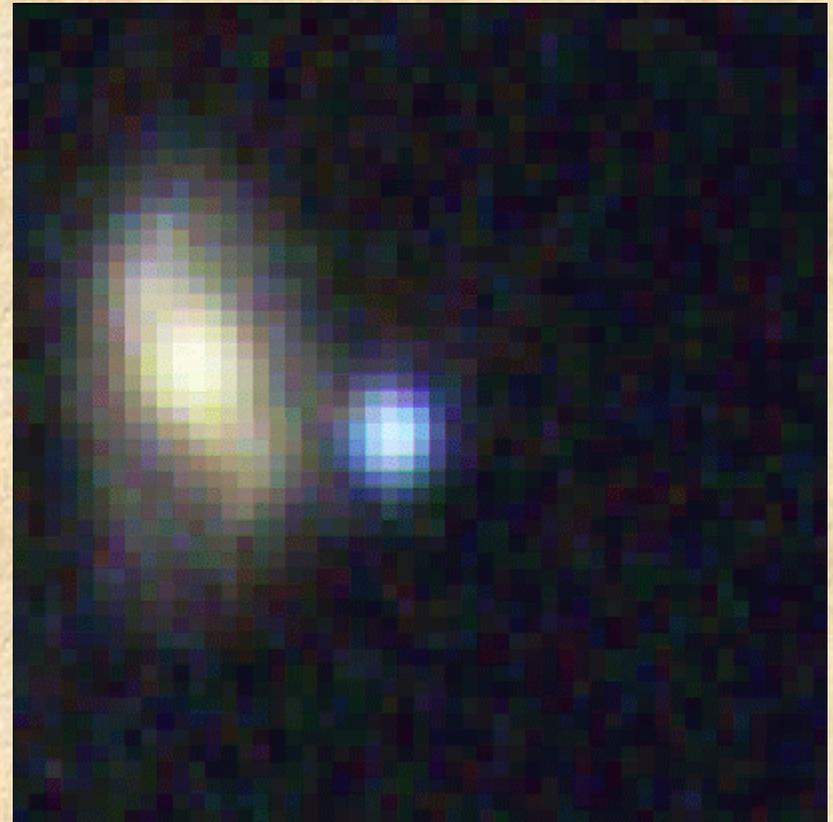
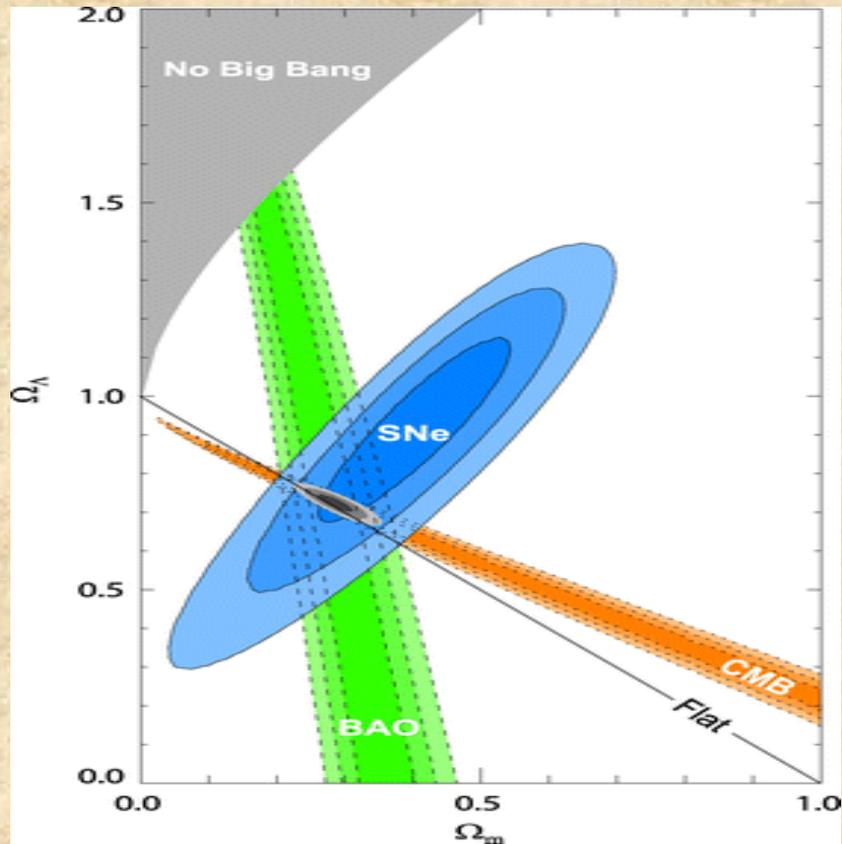


Guzzo et al. 2008

# Growth of structure results



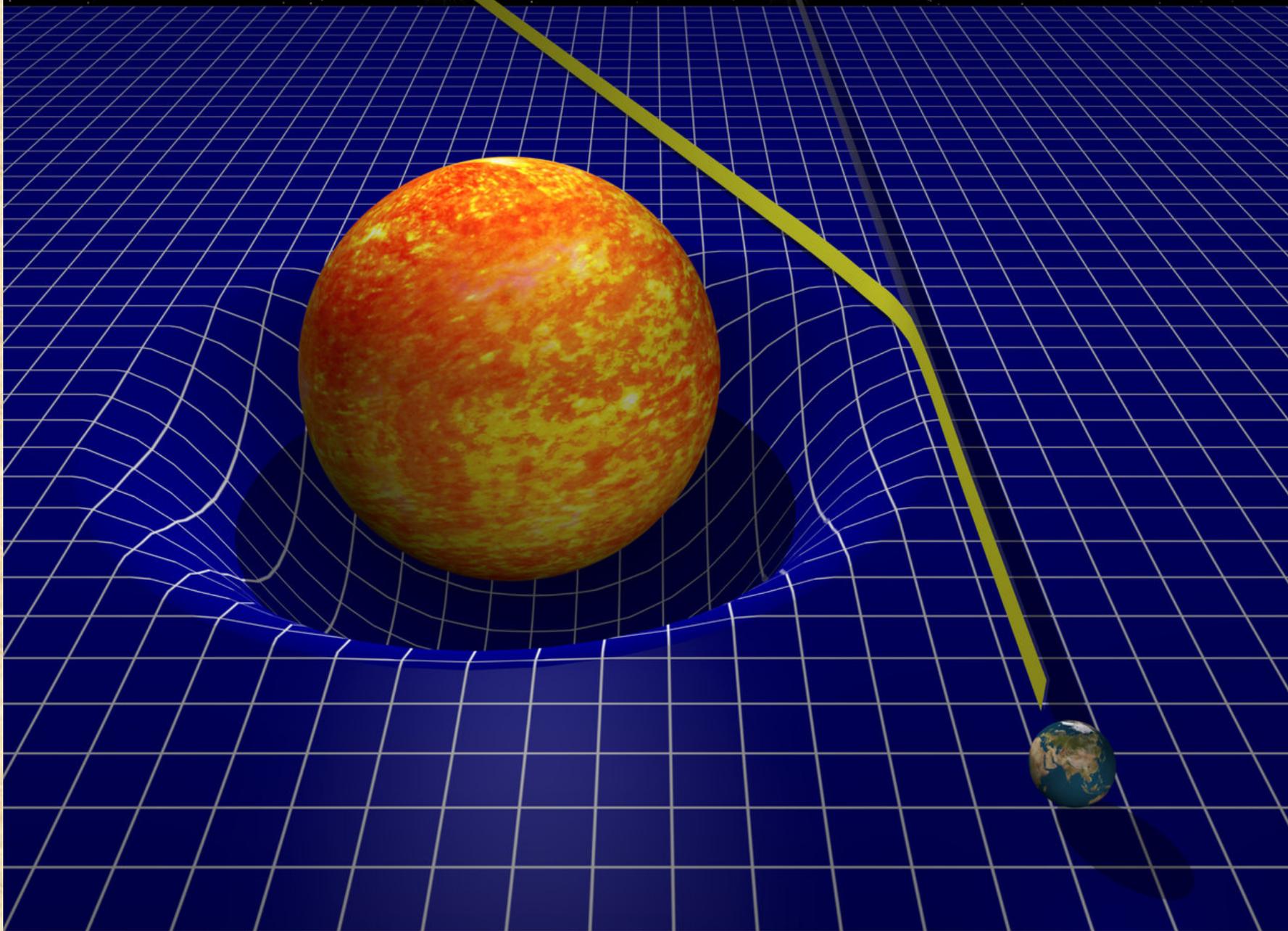
# Probing the Geometry of the Universe with Supernovae Ia



'Union' SN Ia sample (Kowalski et al. 2008)

Real

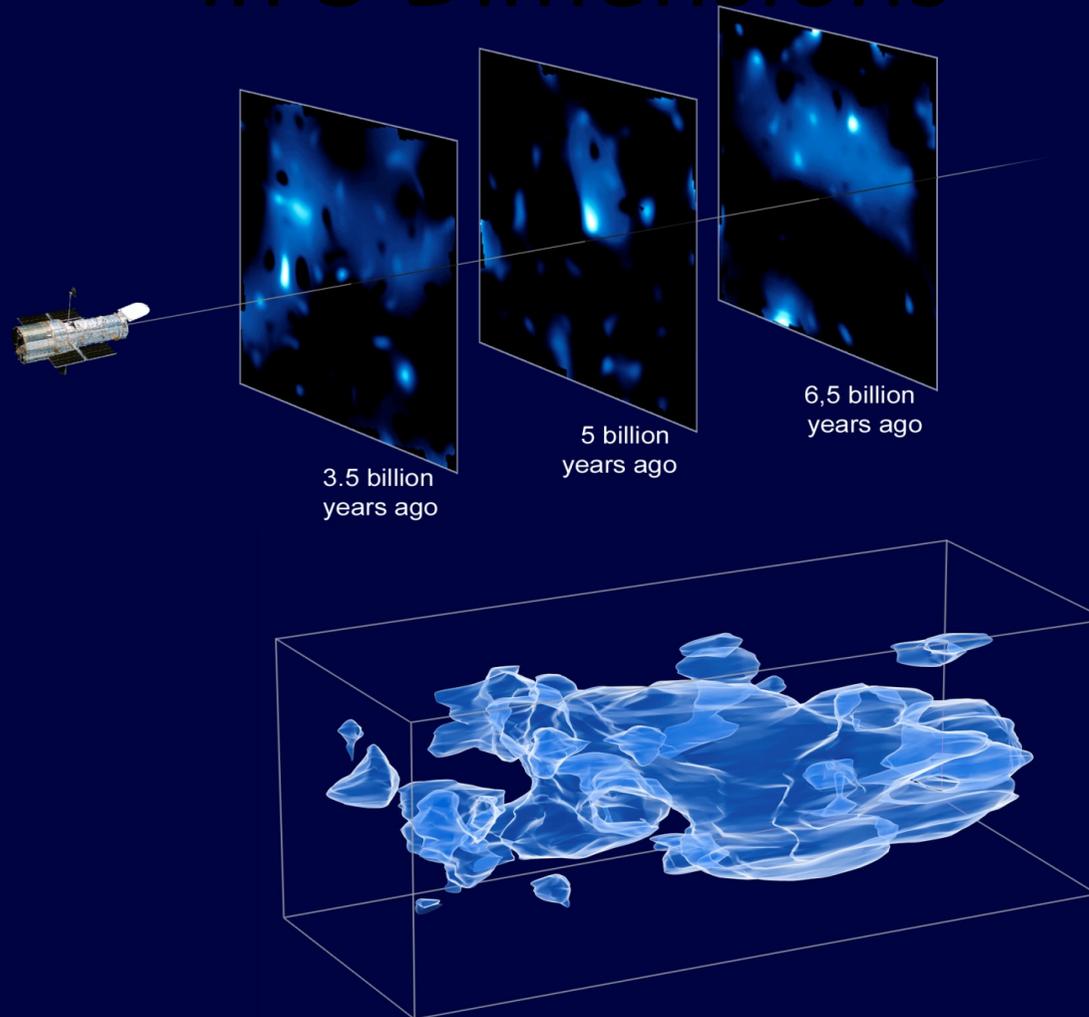
Observed





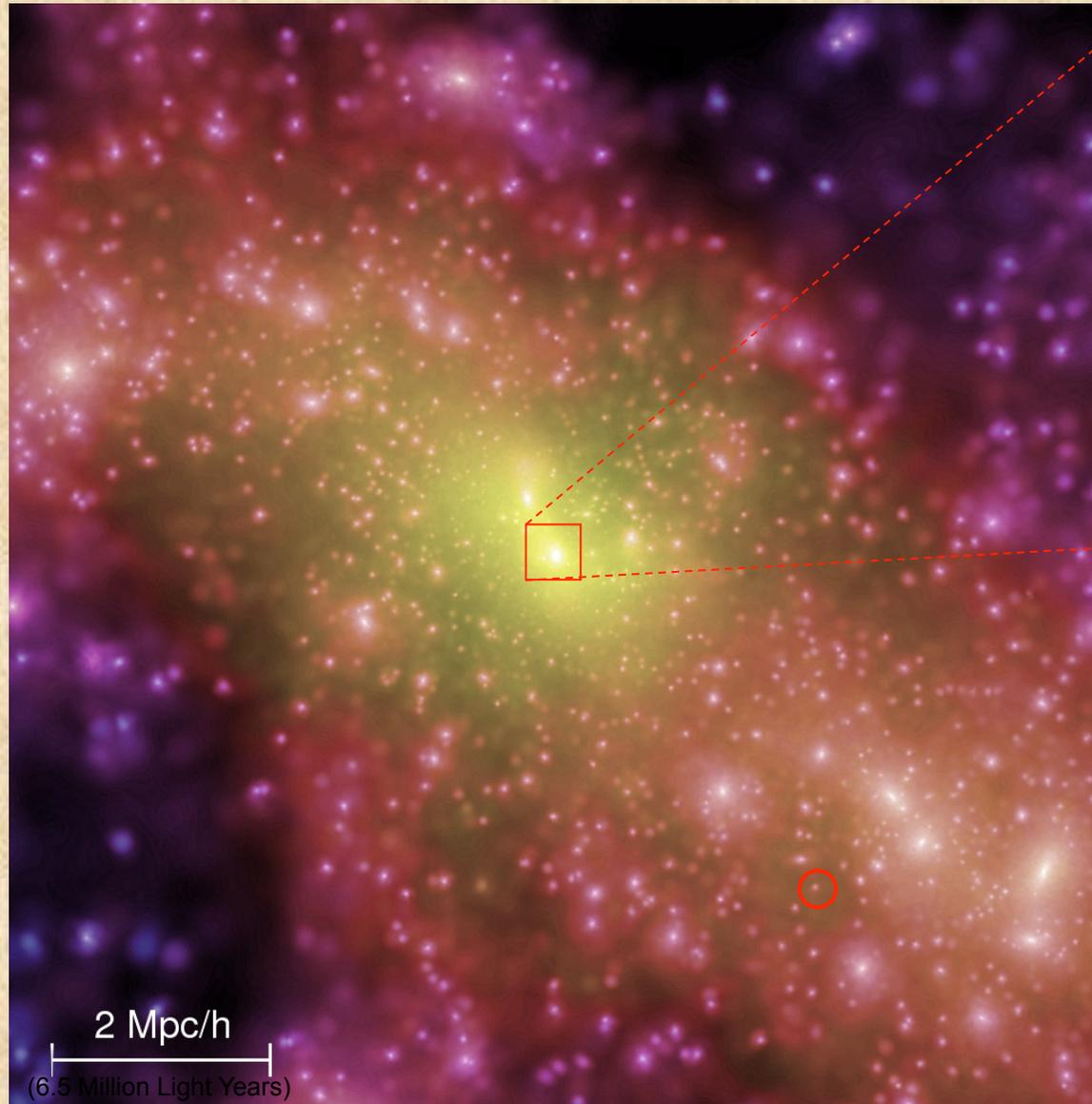
**Galaxy Cluster Abell 2218**  
Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2

# In 3 Dimensions



Massey et al. 2007

# CLASH: An HST Multi-Cycle Treasury Program



Deep HST image of massive cluster

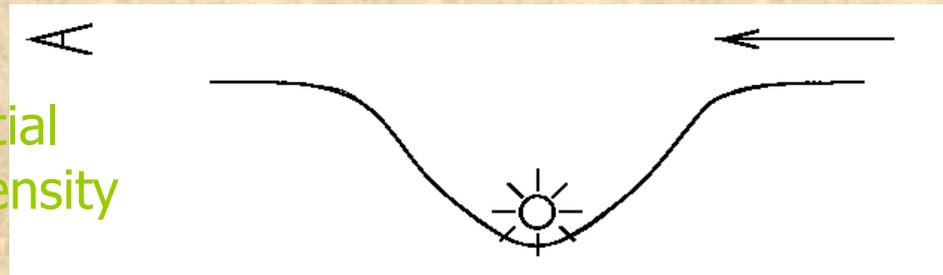
**25 clusters**

PI: Postman  
from UCL: Lahav,  
Host, Jouvel

Simulation of dark matter around a forming cluster (Springel et al. 2005)

# The Integrated Sachs-Wolfe Effect

gravitational potential  
traced by galaxy density



potential depth  
changes as cmb  
photons pass  
through

$$\frac{\delta T}{T} = -2 \int \dot{\Phi}(\tau) d\tau$$

In EdS the potential is constant with time, hence no ISW effect.

An effect is expected in a universe with DE, and it can be detected by cross-correlating the CMB with galaxy maps (Crittenden et al).

# Deviations from standard GR?

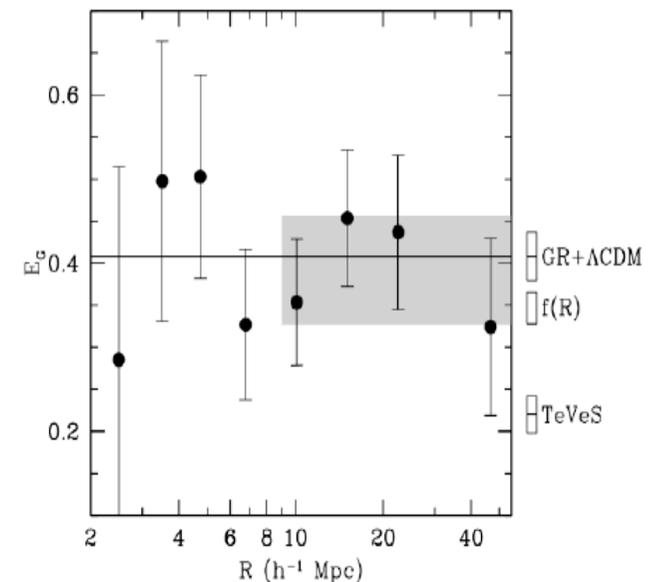
$$ds^2 = -a^2(\tau)\{d\tau^2[1 + 2\psi(\mathbf{x}, \tau)] + d\mathbf{x}^2[1 - 2\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)]\}$$

Lensing is sensitive to the sum of potentials,  
while velocities respond to the temporal potential

$$\gamma(k, a) \equiv \frac{\ln(\dot{\delta}_c/\mathcal{H}\delta_c)}{\ln \Omega_m(a)}, \quad \eta(k, a) \equiv \frac{\phi(k, a)}{\psi(k, a)},$$

Reyes et al. (Nature, 2010)  
'confirm' GR from  
weak lensing and galaxy velocities

Also B. Jain et al. (2009)



# LCDM - 'problems on the small scales'

- The MW satellites – too many in simulations?
- Cluster mass profiles – concentration too low in simulations?
- Hierarchical clustering – the wrong order?
- Galaxies in voids- too many in simulations?
- Superclusters – too few in simulations?
- Are we near a centre of a void?

# Sources of uncertainties in measuring Dark Energy

- Theoretical (e.g. the cosmological model)
- Astrophysical (e.g. galaxy and cluster properties)
- Instrumental (e.g. image quality)

# Galaxy Surveys 2010-2020

**Photometric surveys:** DES, Pan-STARRS, HSC, Skymapper, PAU, LSST, ...

**Spectroscopic surveys:** WiggleZ, BOSS, BigBOSS, DESpec, hetdex, WFMOS/Sumire, SKA, ...

Space Missions: Euclid vs. WFIRST



# The Dark Energy

<http://www.darkenergysurvey.org>



# The DES Collaboration



Fermilab

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign/NCSA

University of Chicago

Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

NOAO/CTIO

DES Spain Consortium

DES United Kingdom Consortium

University of Michigan

Ohio State University

University of Pennsylvania

DES Brazil Consortium

Argonne National Laboratory

SLAC-Stanford-Santa Cruz Consortium

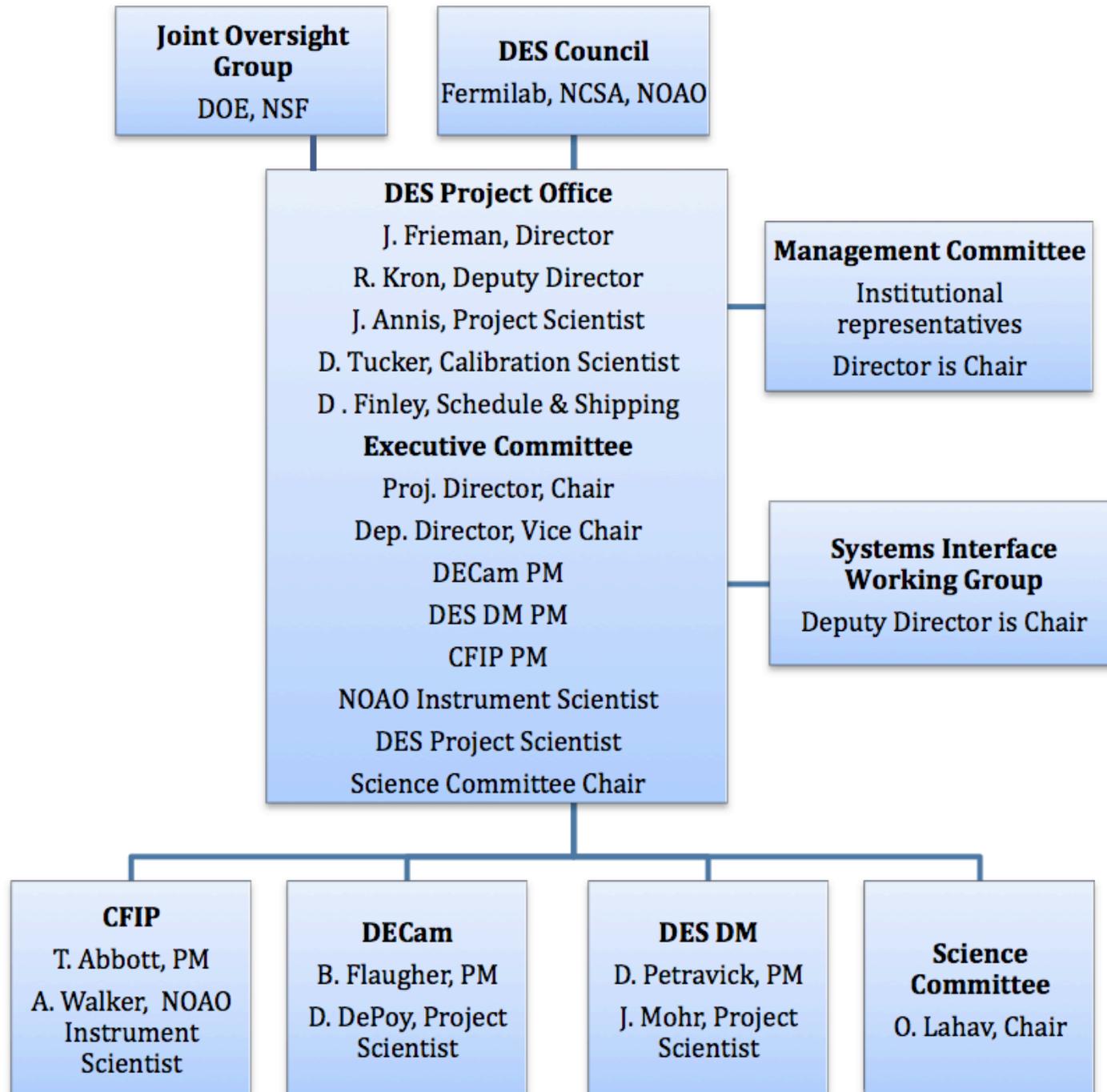
Universitats-Sternwarte Munchen

Texas A&M University

plus Associate members at: Brookhaven National Lab,

U. North Dakota, Paris, Taiwan

Over 120 members  
plus students &  
postdocs



# DES Science Committee

- SC Chair: O. Lahav
- Large Scale Structure: E. Gaztanaga & W. Percival
- Weak Lensing: S. Bridle & B. Jain
- Clusters: T. McKay & J. Mohr
- SN Ia: J. Marriner & B. Nichol
- Photo-z: F. Castander & H. Lin
- Simulations: G. Evrard & A. Kravtsov
- Galaxy Evolution: D. Thomas & R. Wechsler
- QSO: P. Martini & R. McMahon
- Strong Lensing: L. Buckley-Geer & M. Makler
- Milky Way: B. Santiago & B. Yanny
- Theory & Combined Probes: W. Hu & J. Weller

# Dark Energy Science Program

## Four Probes of Dark Energy

- **Galaxy Clusters**

- clusters to  $z > 1$
- SZ measurements from SPT
- Sensitive to growth of structure and geometry

- **Weak Lensing**

- Shape measurements of 300 million galaxies
- Sensitive to growth of structure and geometry

- **Large-scale Structure**

- 300 million galaxies to  $z = 1$  and beyond
- Sensitive to geometry

- **Supernovae**

- 15 sq deg time-domain survey
- ~3000 well-sampled SNe Ia to  $z \sim 1$
- Sensitive to geometry

Plus QSOs, Strong Lensing, Milky Way, Galaxy Evolution

# The Dark Energy Survey (DES)

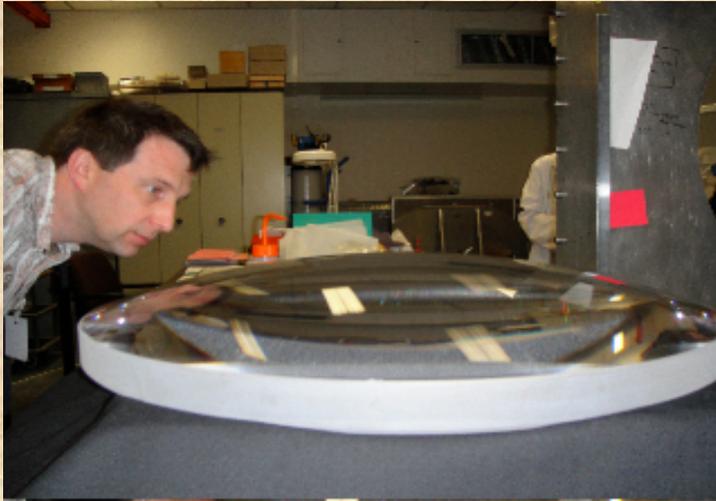
- **Proposal:**
  - Perform a 5000 sq. deg. survey of the southern galactic cap
  - Measure dark energy with 4 complementary techniques
- **New Instrument:**
  - Replace the PF cage with a new 2.2 FOV, 520 Mega pixel optical CCD camera + corrector
- **Time scale:**
  - Instrument Construction 2008-2011
- **Survey:**
  - 525 nights during Oct.–Feb. 2011-2016
  - Area overlap with SPT SZ survey and **VISTA VHS**



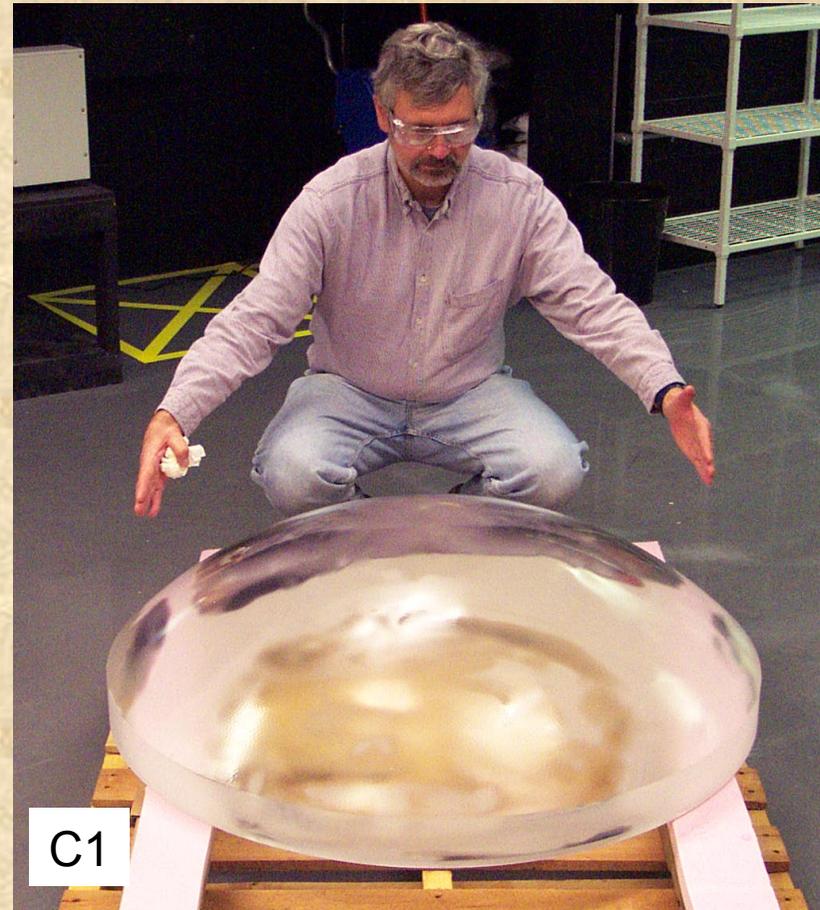
Use the Blanco 4m Telescope at the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CTIO)

# The 5 lenses are nearly ready

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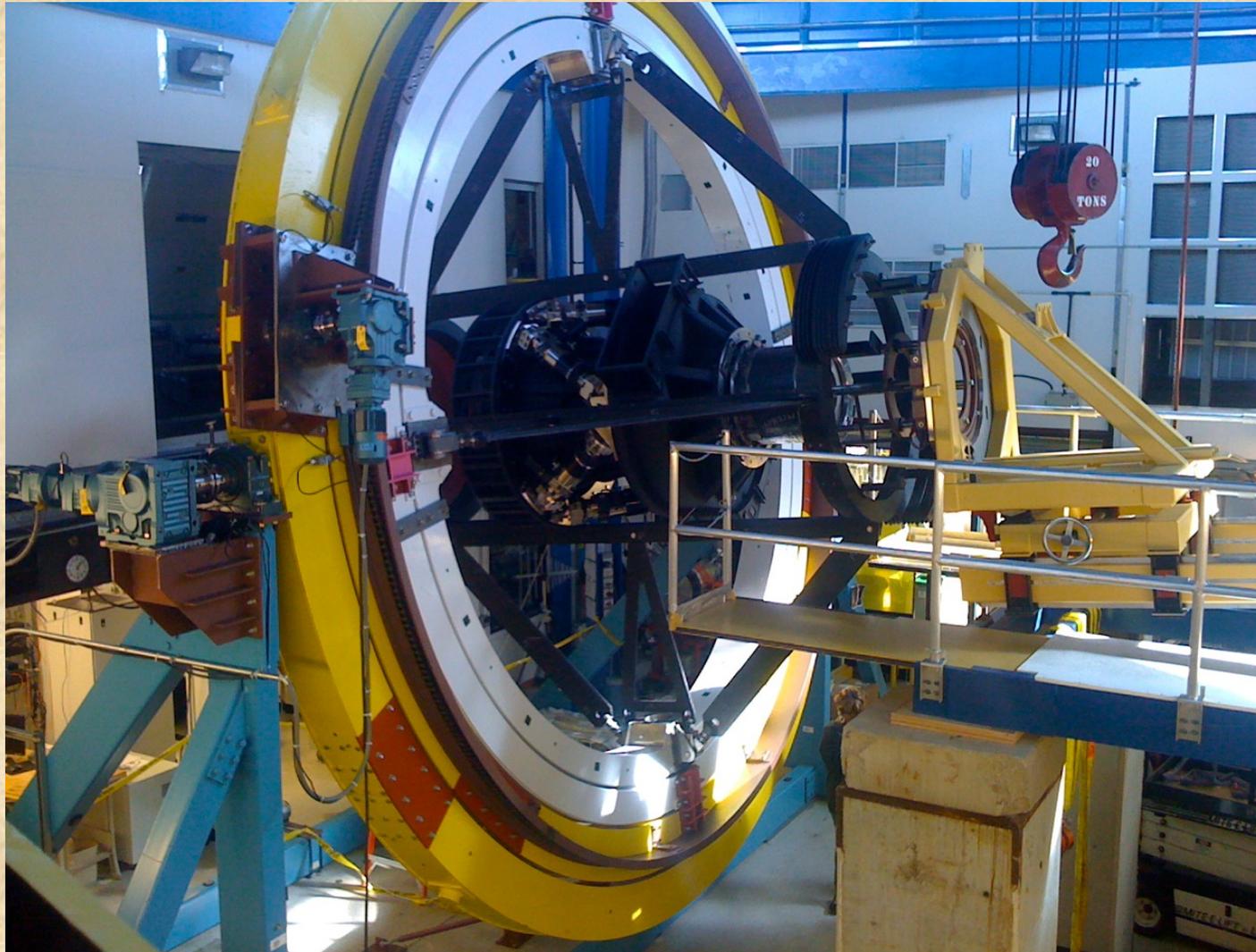


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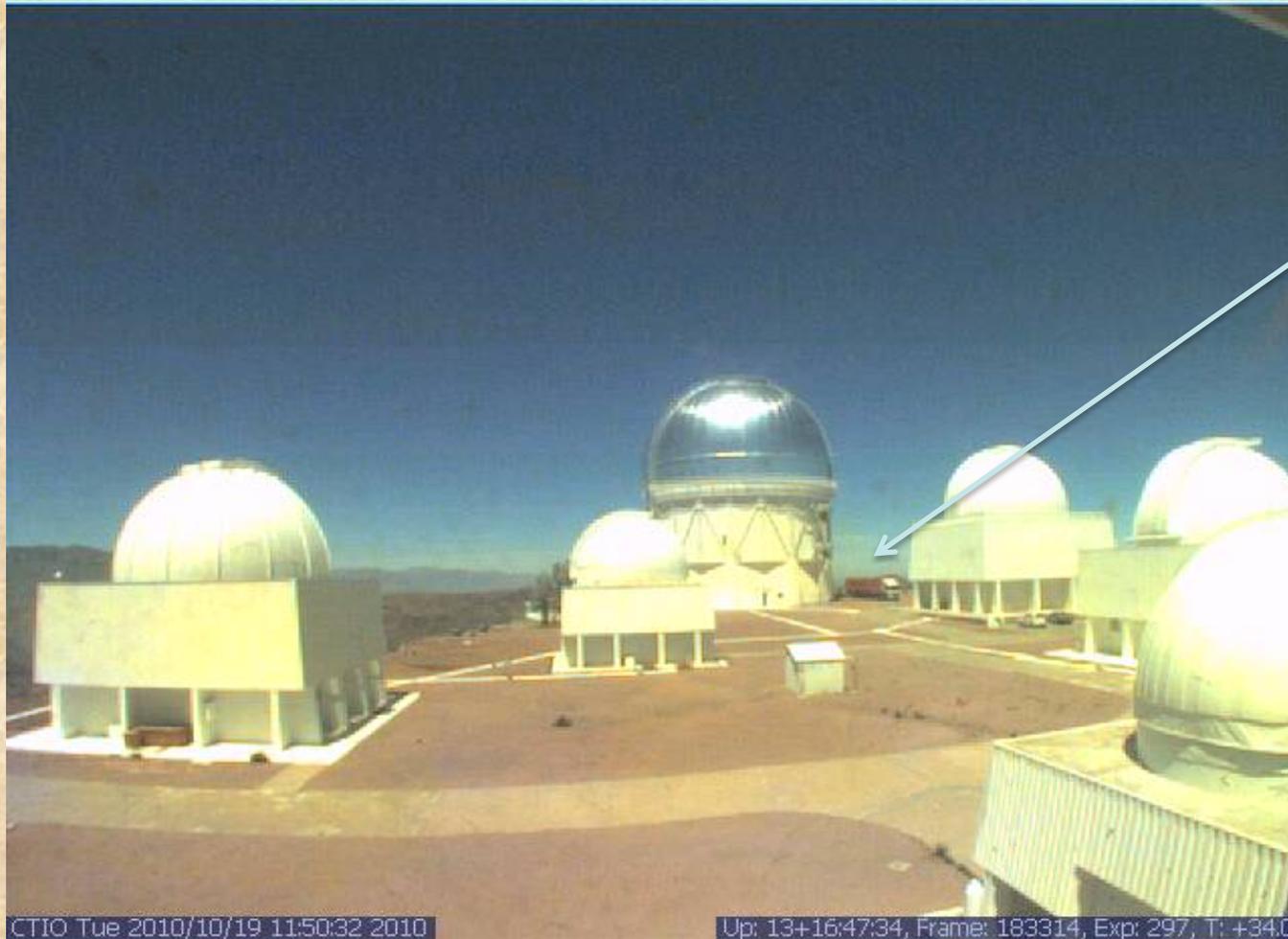


Polishing & coating coordinated  
by UCL (with 1.7M STFC funding)

# Telescope Simulator

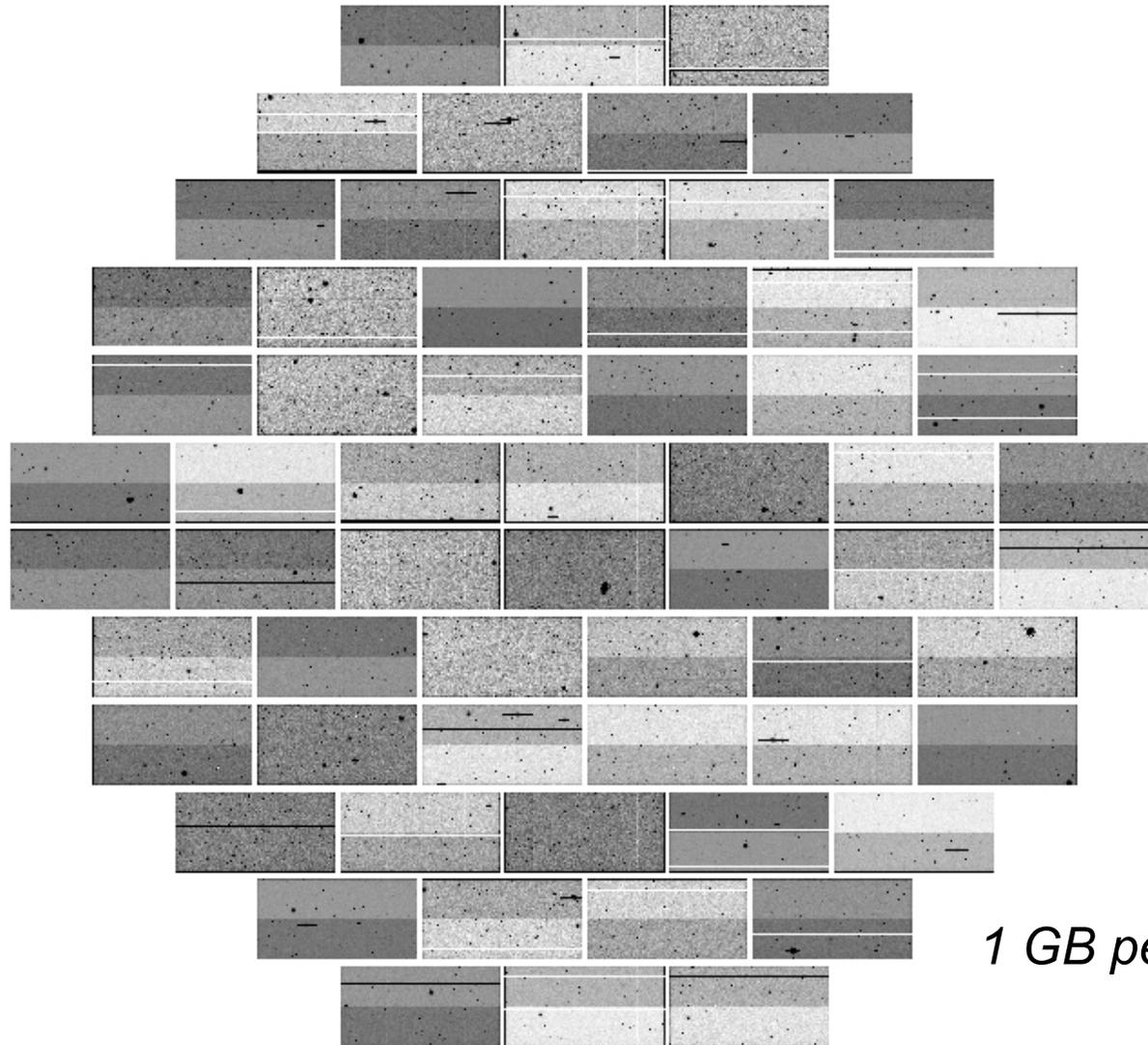


# CTIO



F/8  
handling  
system  
just arrived  
at CTIO

# Image Level Simulations – Data Challenges, Brazil Portal



DECAM Focal Plane

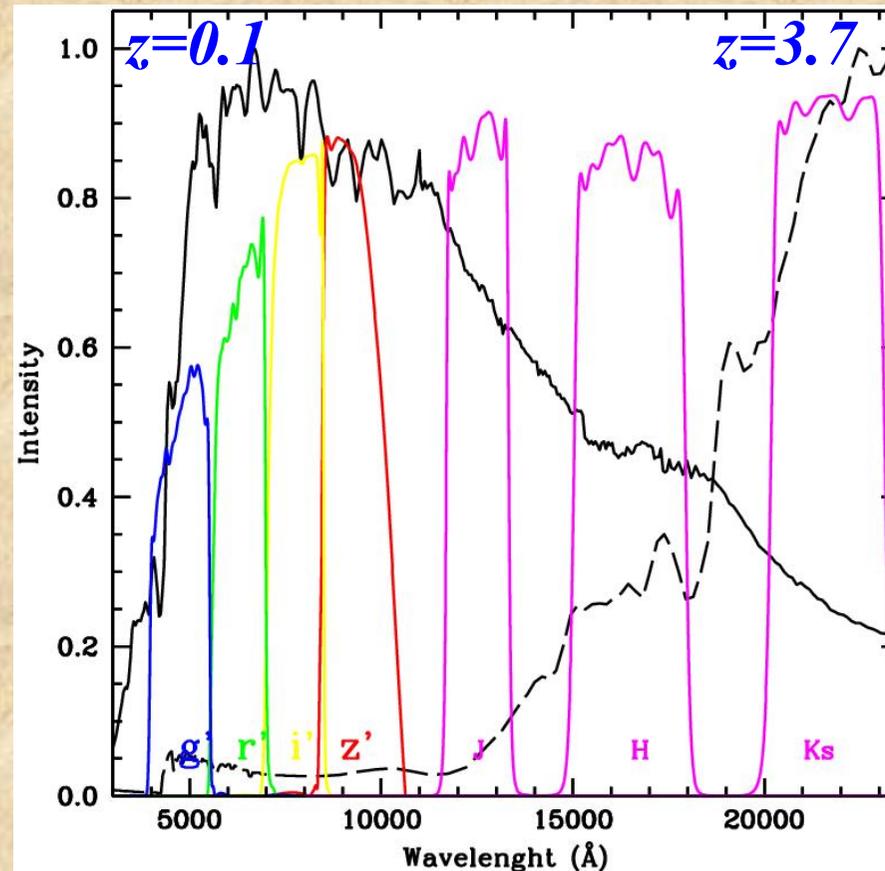
62 2kx4k Science  
CCDs  
(520 Mpix)

**A single simulated  
DECAM pointing  
(= tile = hex)**

*1 GB per single 3 deg<sup>2</sup> pointing*

# Photometric redshifts

- Probe strong spectral features (e.g. 4000 break)
- Template vs. Training methods



# Photo-z –Dark Energy cross talk

- Approximately, for a photo-z slice:

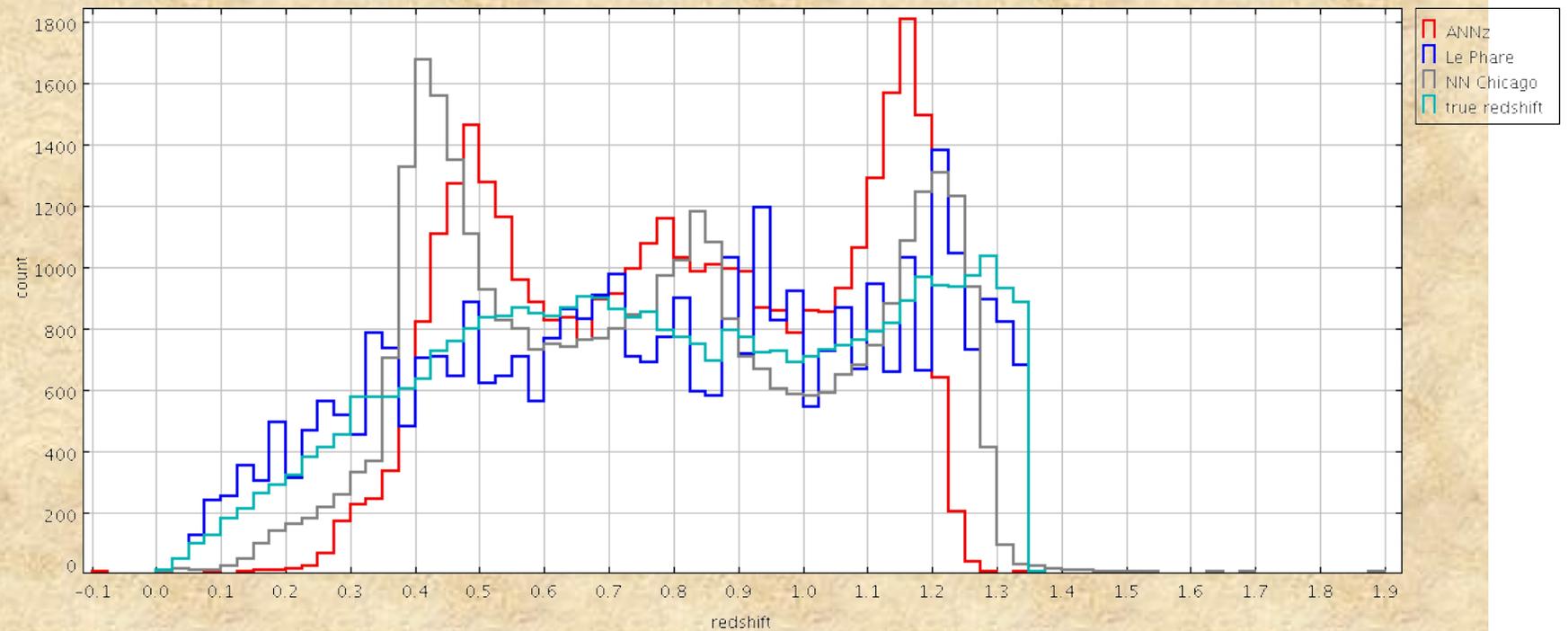
$$(\delta w/ w) = 5 (\delta z/ z) = 5 (\sigma_z/z) N_s^{-1/2}$$

=> the target accuracy in  $w$

and photo-z scatter  $\sigma_z$  dictate the number of required spectroscopic redshifts

$$N_s = 10^5 - 10^6$$

# Comparison of photo-z codes on DC5B

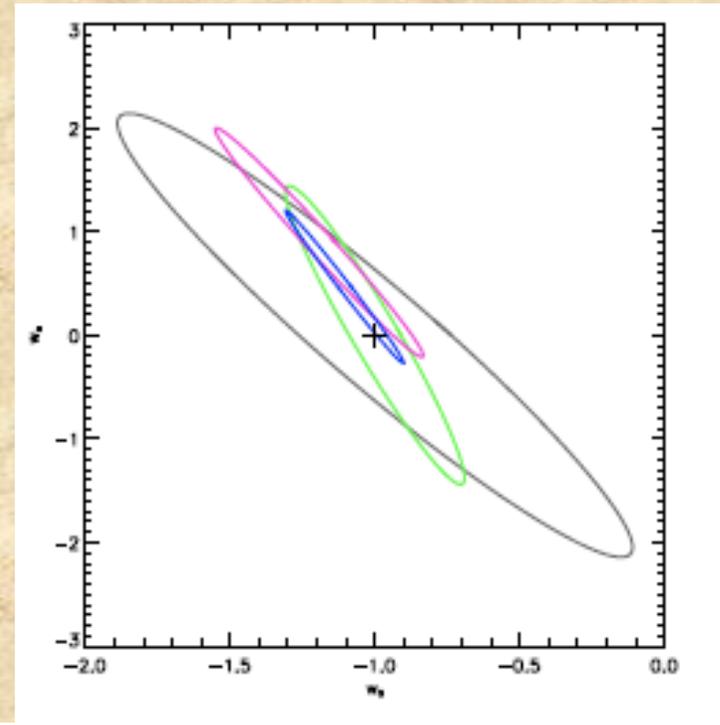
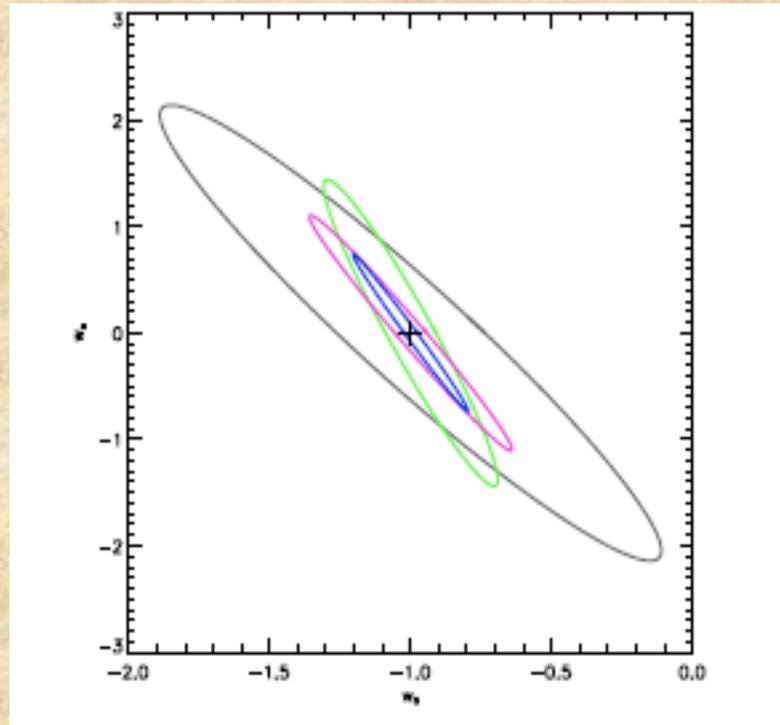


# DES Timeline

- Camera construction currently ~80% complete
- Final construction, testing, integration now on-going
- Ship components to Chile: Sept. 2010-July 2011
- Installation: Jan.-Oct./Nov. 2011 (imager Aug./Sept.-Oct./Nov.)
- First light on telescope: Oct./Nov. 2011
- Commissioning: Nov. 2011-Jan. 2012 (FY12)
- Survey begins: 2012

# Dark energy vs Modified Gravity

DES-like (WL, clusters, SN, BAO)



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

Assumed DE

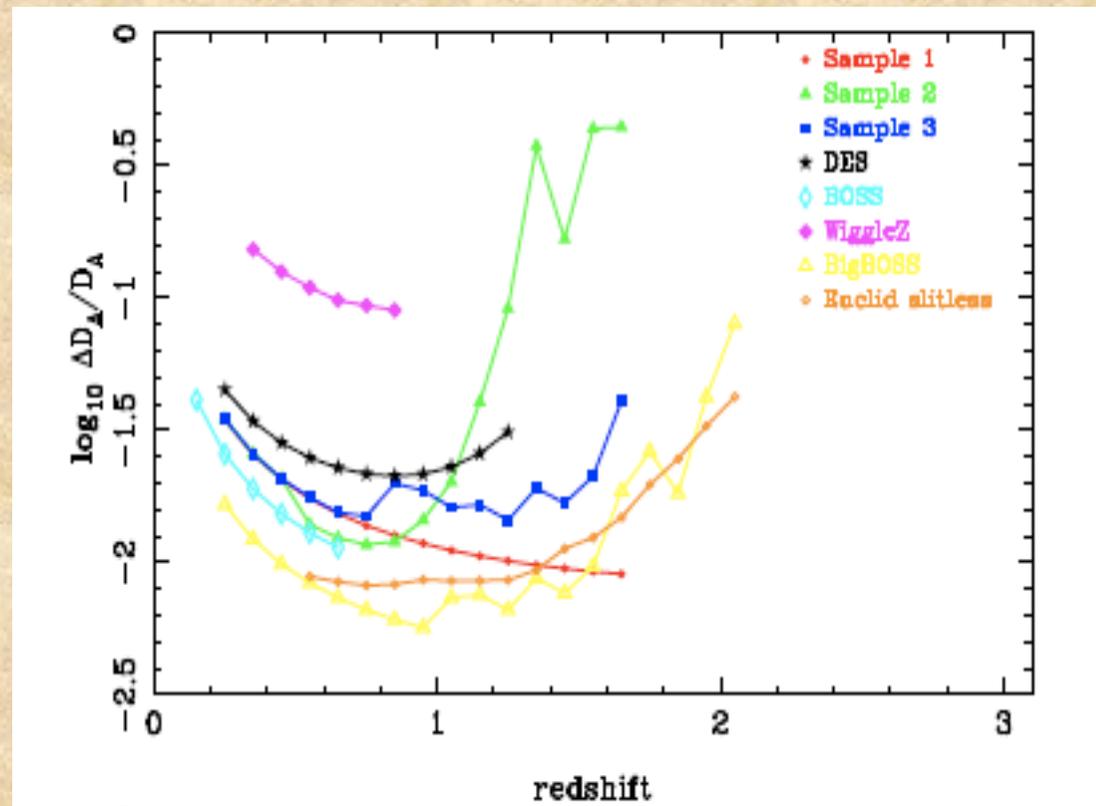
Assumed Mod Grav

Shapiro et al. (2010)

# Spectroscopy follow up: DESpec

Assume for  $10^7$  spectra over  $0.2 < z < 1.7$   
(sample 1)

FoM (DESpec+DES4+II + Planck) / FoM(DES4+II+Planck) = 3 - 6



Percival & Samushia

# DES Synergy with VISTA

(8 filters together)

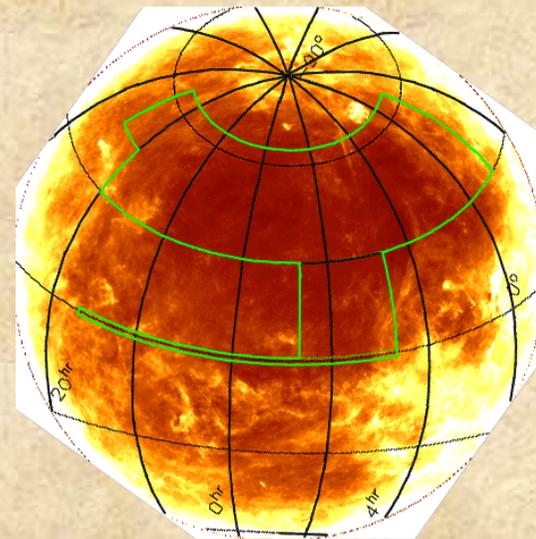


500 sq deg of the DES footprint (Stripe 82  
and SPT region) already observed  
in J, H, K (median depth 21.0, 20.8, 20.4)  
850 sq deg by March 2011

M. Banerji and R. McMahon

# DES Area and Depth: Synergy with South Pole Telescope

- South Pole Telescope (10m, bolometer array, 150, 250, 270 GHz):
  - 2500 sq. deg. Survey (to end of 2011)
  - to detect  $\sim 1,000$  clusters through Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect
- Dark Energy Survey: measure *photometric* redshifts for these clusters to  $z \sim 1-1.3$

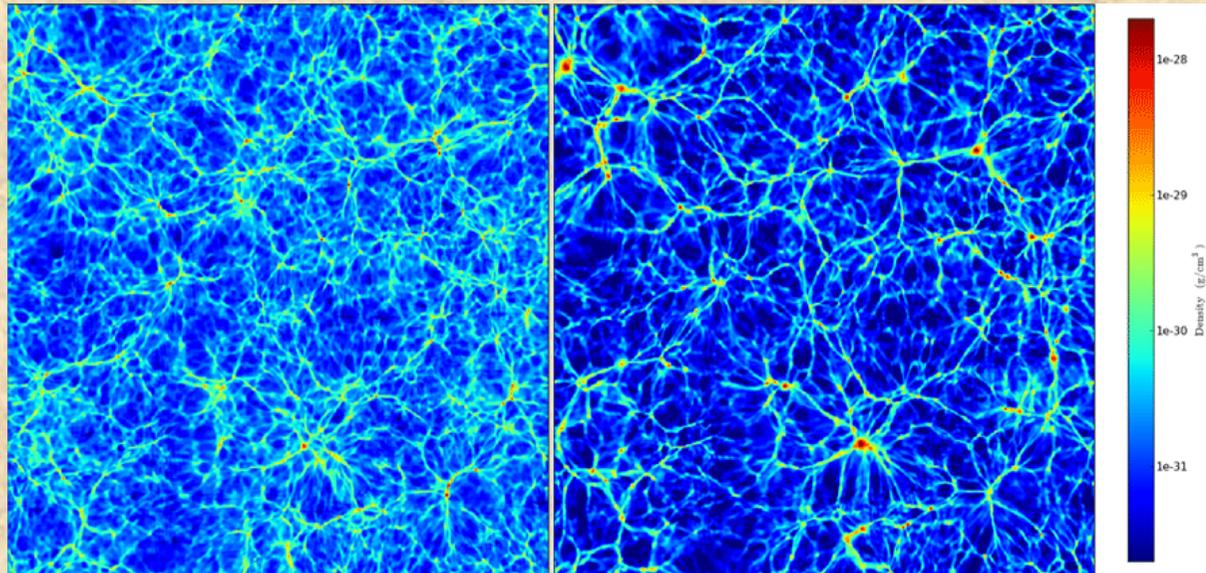


Galactic Dust Map

Neutrinos decoupled when they were still relativistic, hence they wiped out structure on small scales

$$k > k_{\text{nr}} = 0.026 (m_{\nu}/1 \text{ eV})^{1/2} \Omega_{\text{m}}^{1/2} h/\text{Mpc}$$

$$\Omega_{\nu} h^2 = M_{\nu}/(94 \text{ eV})$$

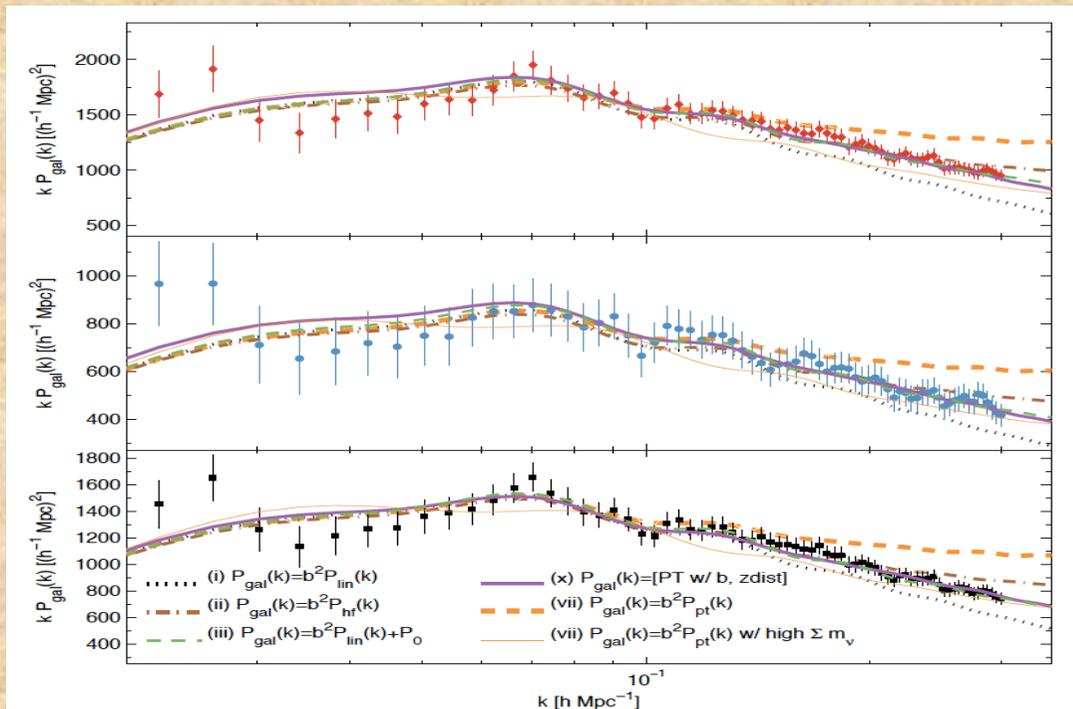


CDM+  
1.9 eV neutrinos

CDM

Agarwal & Feldman 2010

# Neutrino mass from red vs blue SDSS galaxies



red

blue

all

upper limit in the range 0.5-1.1 eV

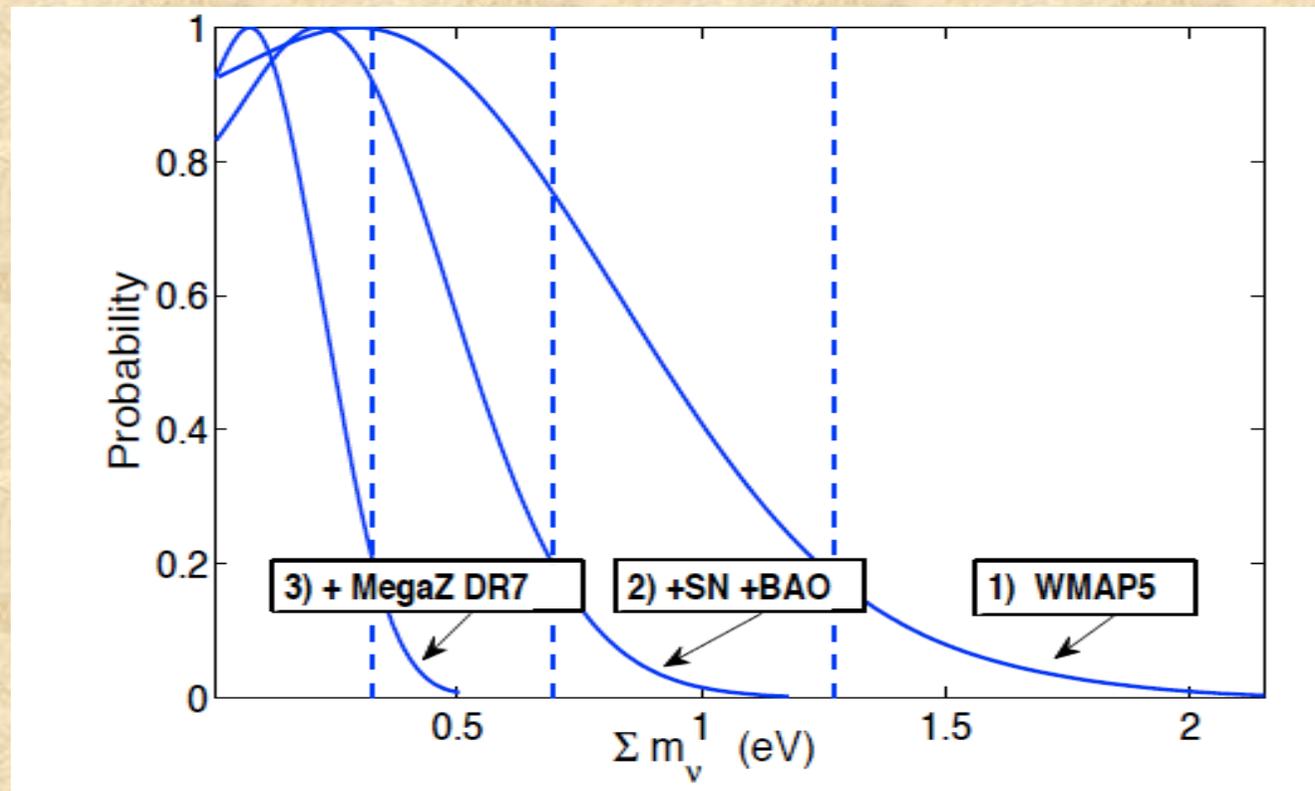
red and blue within 1-sigma

Swanson,  
Percival & OL  
2010

# Neutrino mass from MegaZ-LRG

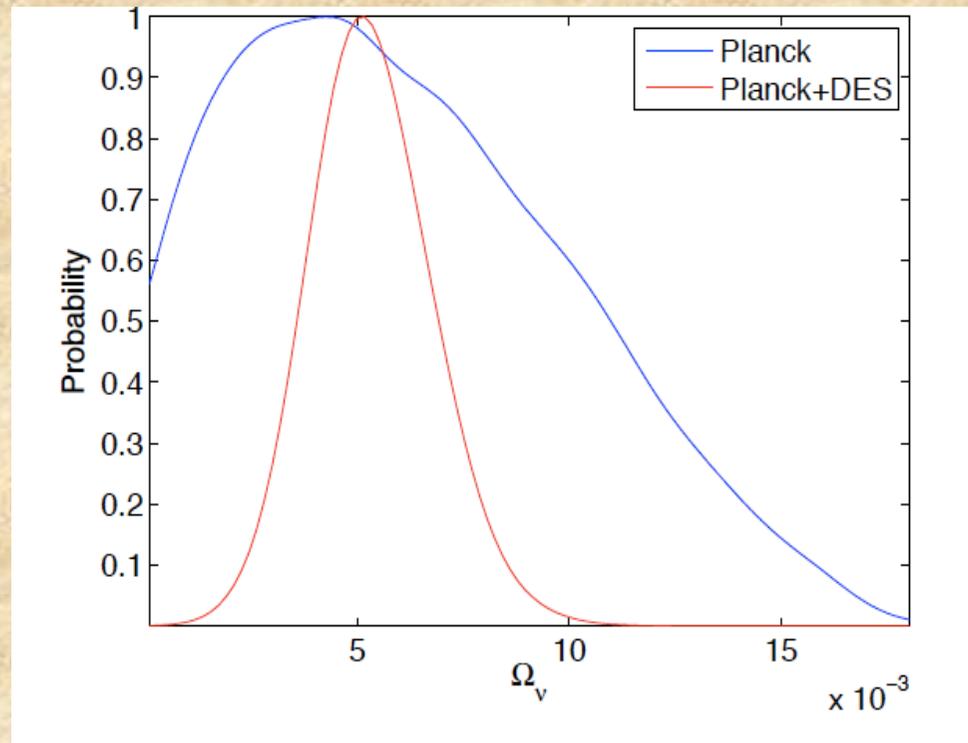
700,000 galaxies within  $3.3 \text{ (Gpc/h)}^3$

Total mass  $< 0.28 \text{ eV}$  (95% CL)



Thomas, Abdalla & Lahav, PRL (2010) 0911.5291

# Neutrino mass from DES:LSS & Planck



Input:

$$M_\nu = 0.24 \text{ eV}$$

Output:

$$M_\nu = 0.24 \pm 0.12 \text{ eV (95\% CL)}$$

Lahav, Kiakotou, Abdalla & Blake 2010  
(0910.4714)

# Total Neutrino Mass

DES+Planck vs. KATRIN

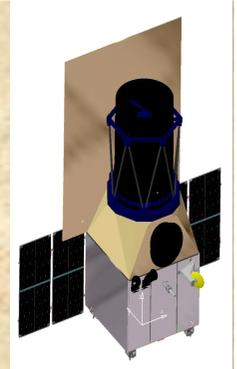
$$M_\nu < 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

$$M_\nu < 0.6 \text{ eV}$$



Lahav, Kiakotou, Abdalla and Blake (2010) 0910.4714

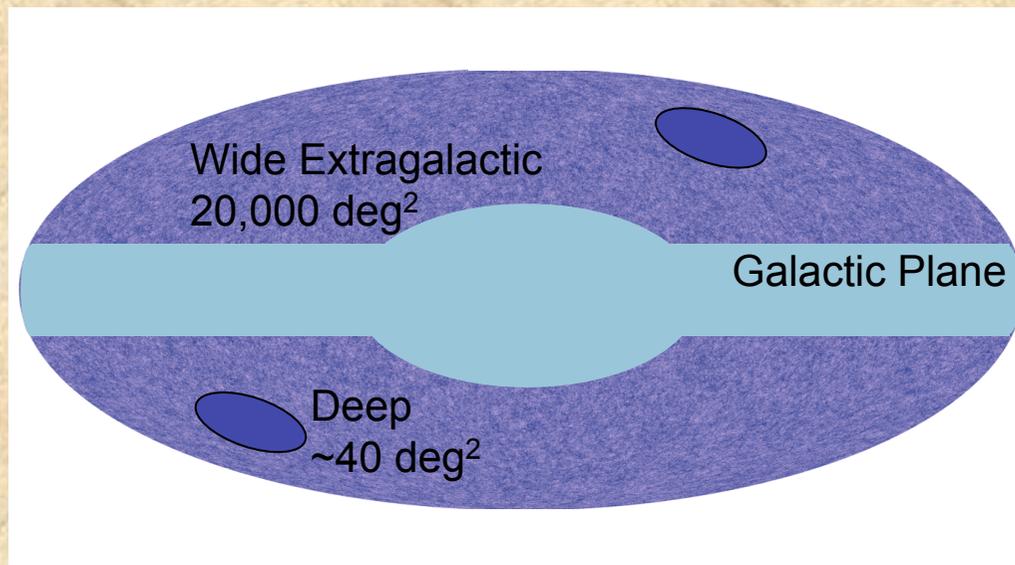
# Euclid



**Wide Survey:** Extragalactic sky ( $20,000 \text{ deg}^2 = 2\pi \text{ sr}$ )

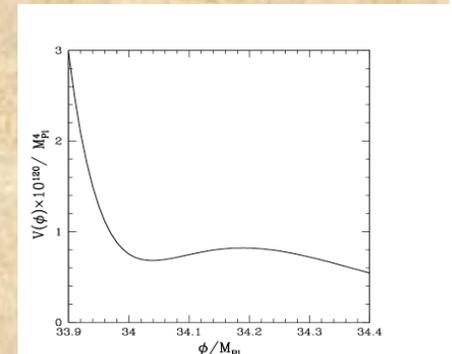
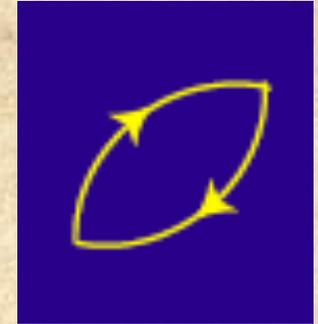
- Visible: Galaxy shape measurements to  $RIZ_{AB} \leq 24.5$  (AB,  $10\sigma$ ) at  $0.16''$  FWHM, yielding 30-40 resolved galaxies/ $\text{amin}^2$ , with a median redshift  $z \sim 0.9$
- NIR photometry: Y, J, H  $\leq 24$  (AB,  $5\sigma$  PS), yielding photo-z's errors of 0.03-0.05(1+z) with ground based complement (PanStarrs-2, DES. etc)
- Concurrent with spectroscopic survey for 50 million galaxies ( $0.5 < z < 2.0$ )

**Deep Survey:**  $40 \text{ deg}^2$  at ecliptic poles



# What will be the next paradigm shift?

- Vacuum energy (cosmological constant)?
- Dynamical scalar field?
  - $w=p/\rho$
  - for cosmological constant:  $w = -1$
- Manifestation of modified gravity?
- Inhomogeneous Universe?
  
- What if cosmological constant after all?
- Multiverse - Landscape?
- The Anthropic Principle?



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