

The Accelerating Universe

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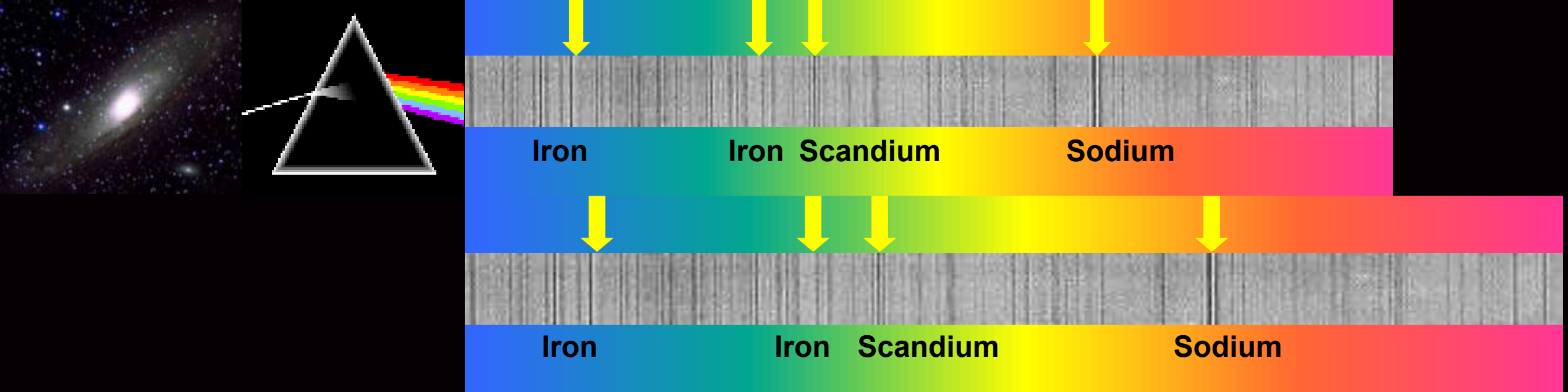
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Doppler Shift Gives Velocity of Galaxy

In 1916 Vesto Slipher measured velocities to nearby galaxies, and discovered they were all moving away from us.



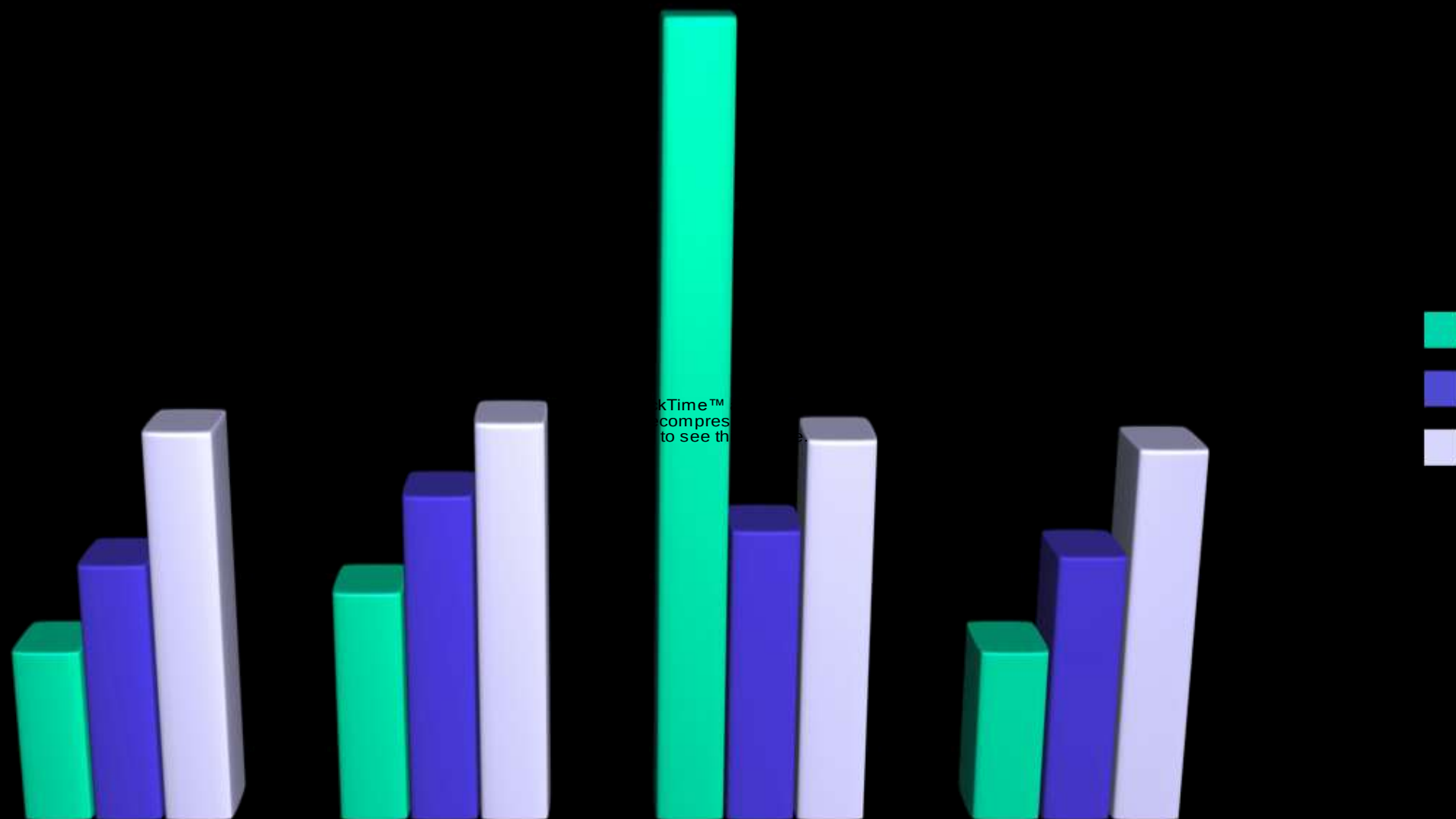
*1929, Hubble uses brightest stars
to measure the
distances to the
nearest galaxies.*



*He assumes the
brightest stars are
all the same
brightness.*

*The faster the galaxy was moving,
the fainter the stars!*

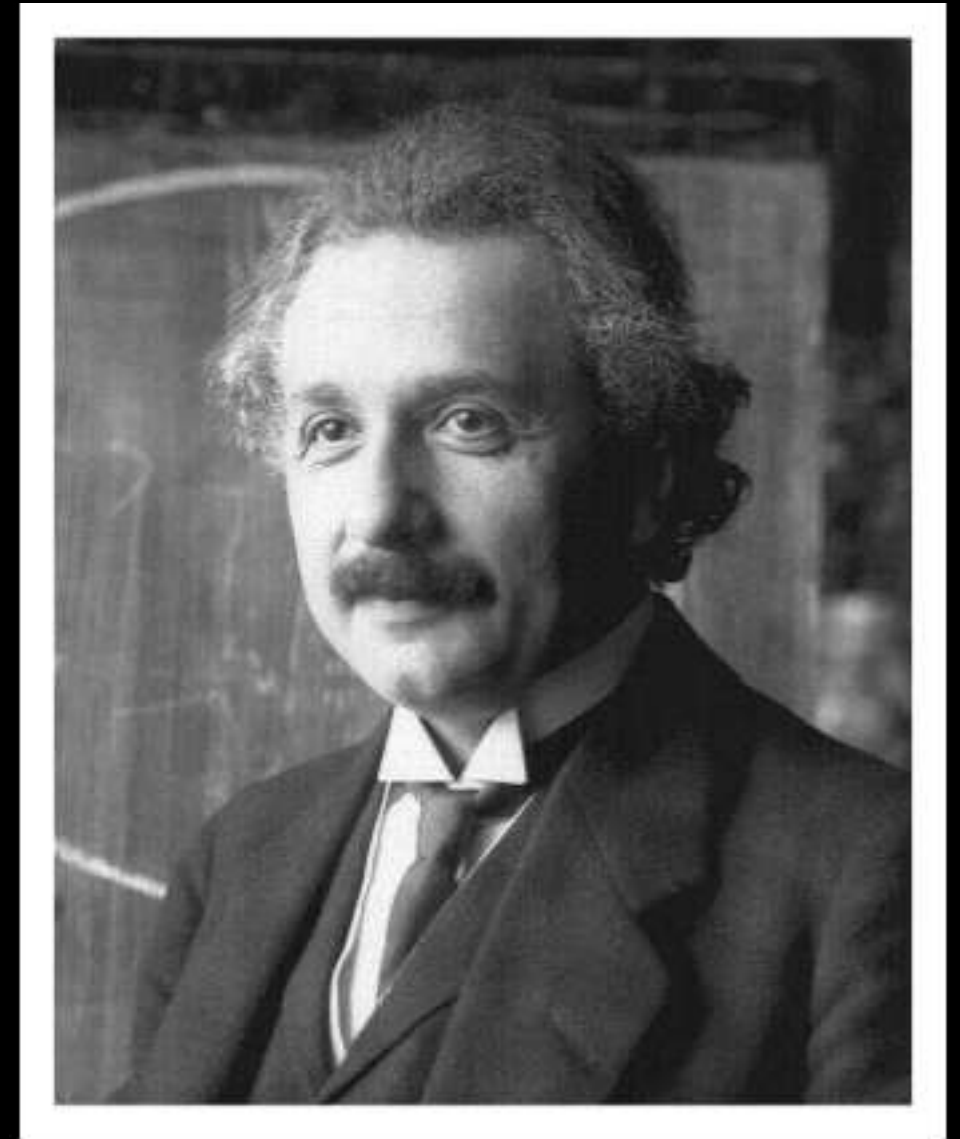
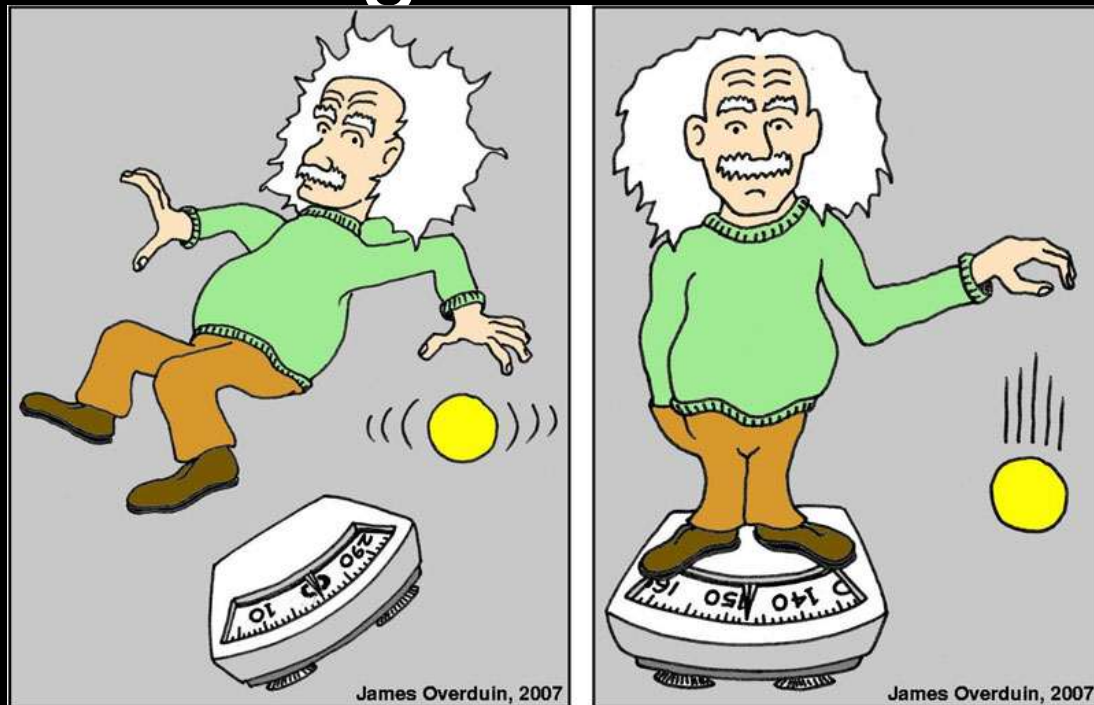
Hubble's Data



The
Universe is
Expanding

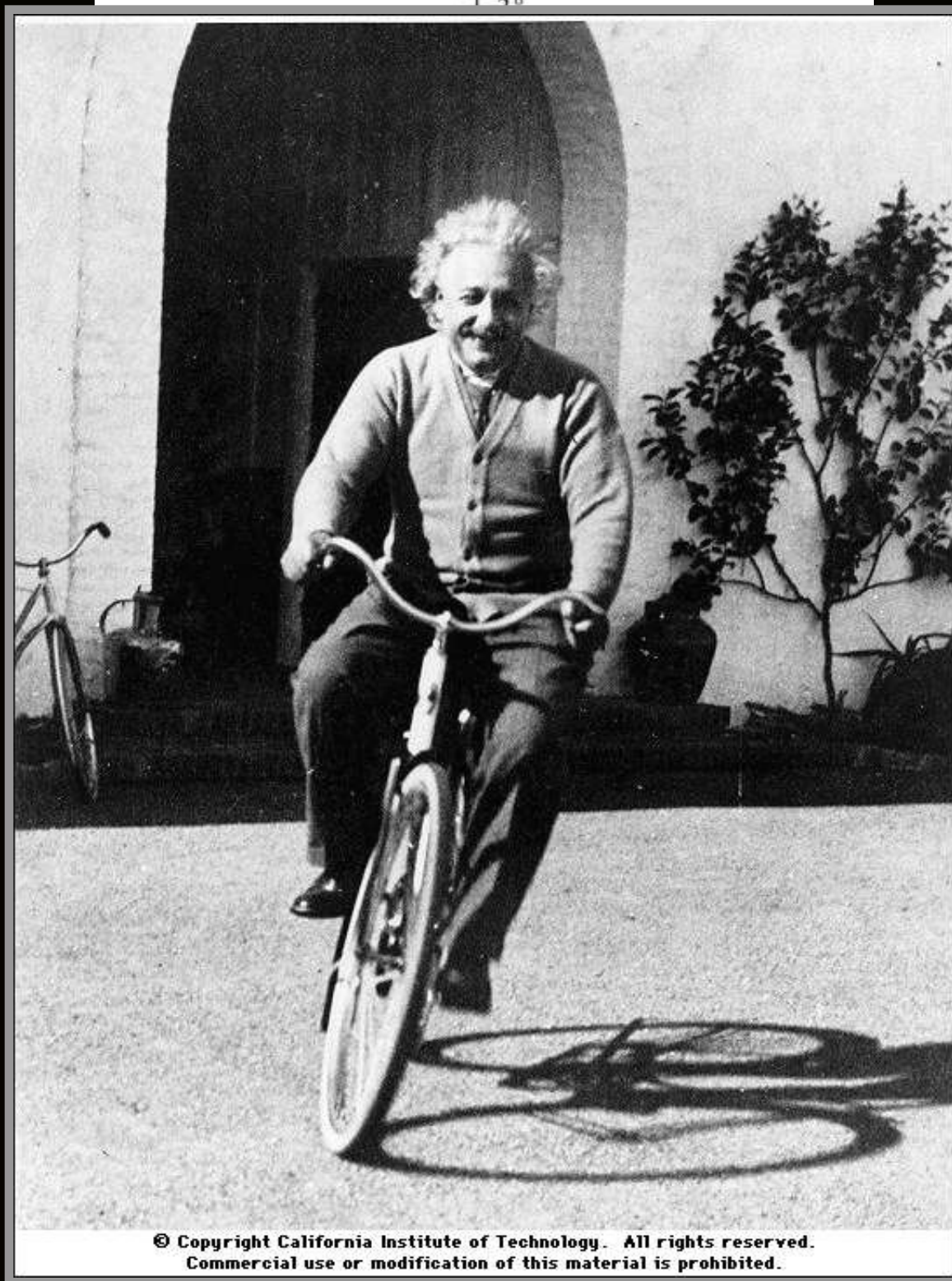
Einstein's Theory of Gravity

- In 1907 Einstein had a revelation that acceleration and gravity were indistinguishable.



1915...Equations of General Relativity

Predicted Curved Space



The Cosmological Constant

Originally proposed by Einstein to counteract the Universe's gravitational attraction - it makes Gravity Push rather than Pull.

Later "retracted" once the expansion was discovered

It represents the energy of the vacuum (What is there when there is nothing there!)

dynamic - Universe
should be in Motion

Our Paradigm for Understanding the Global Evolution of the Universe is based on:

Theory

- General Relativity

and an assumption...

- The Universe is homogenous and isotropic on large scales

The Standard Model

Robertson-Walker line element

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) \left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 \right]$$

Distance

Time

Dynamics

Curvature

Coordinates

a(t) is known as the scale factor-it tracks the size of a piece of the Universe

$$\frac{a}{a_0} = \frac{1}{(1+z)}$$

The Standard Model

Friedmann Equation

*(assumes homogenous and isotropic
Universe)*

G.R.

Isotropy & Homogeneity

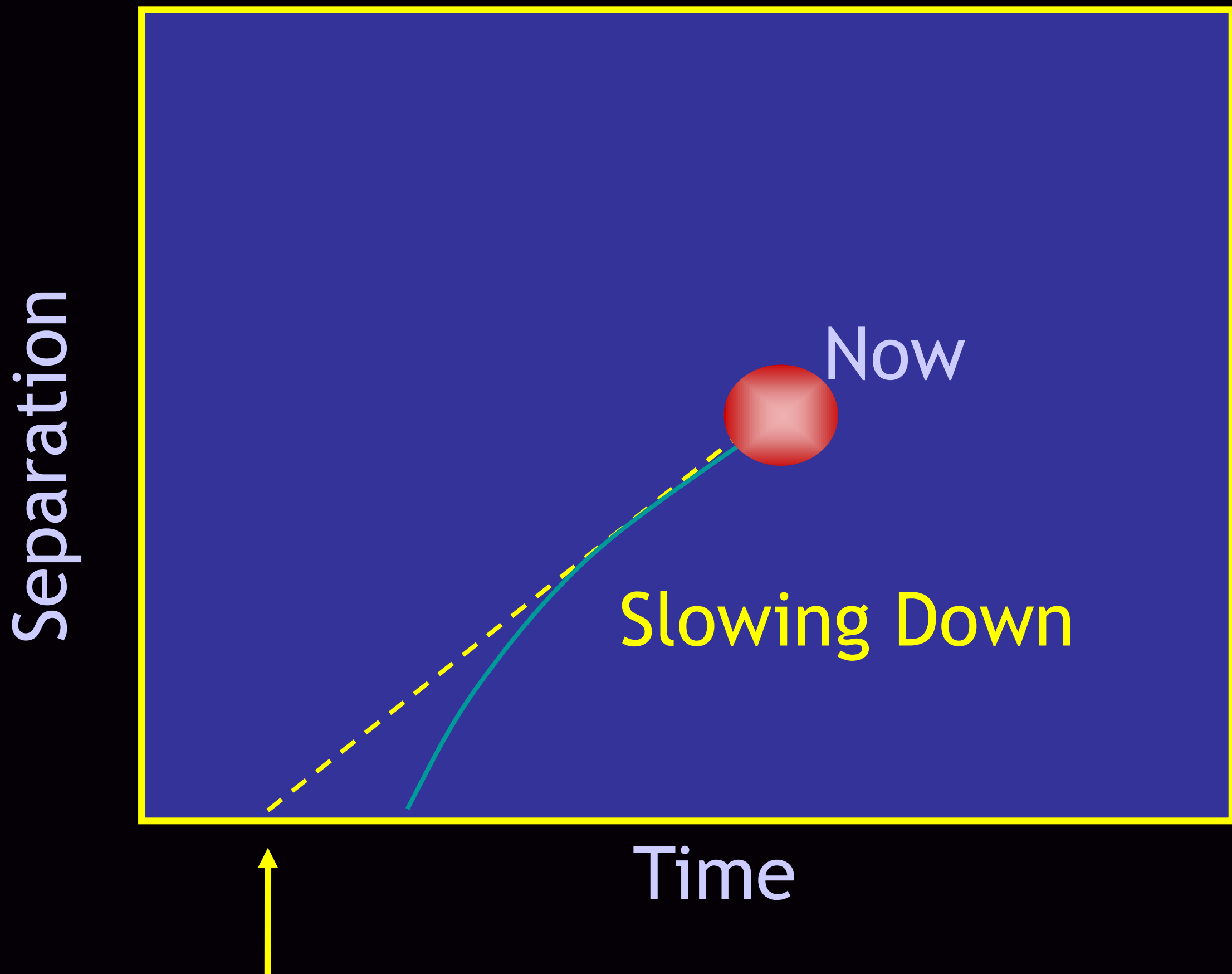
$$\frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{da}{dt} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3c^2} \rho a^2 - k$$

Friedmann equation for Flat Universe

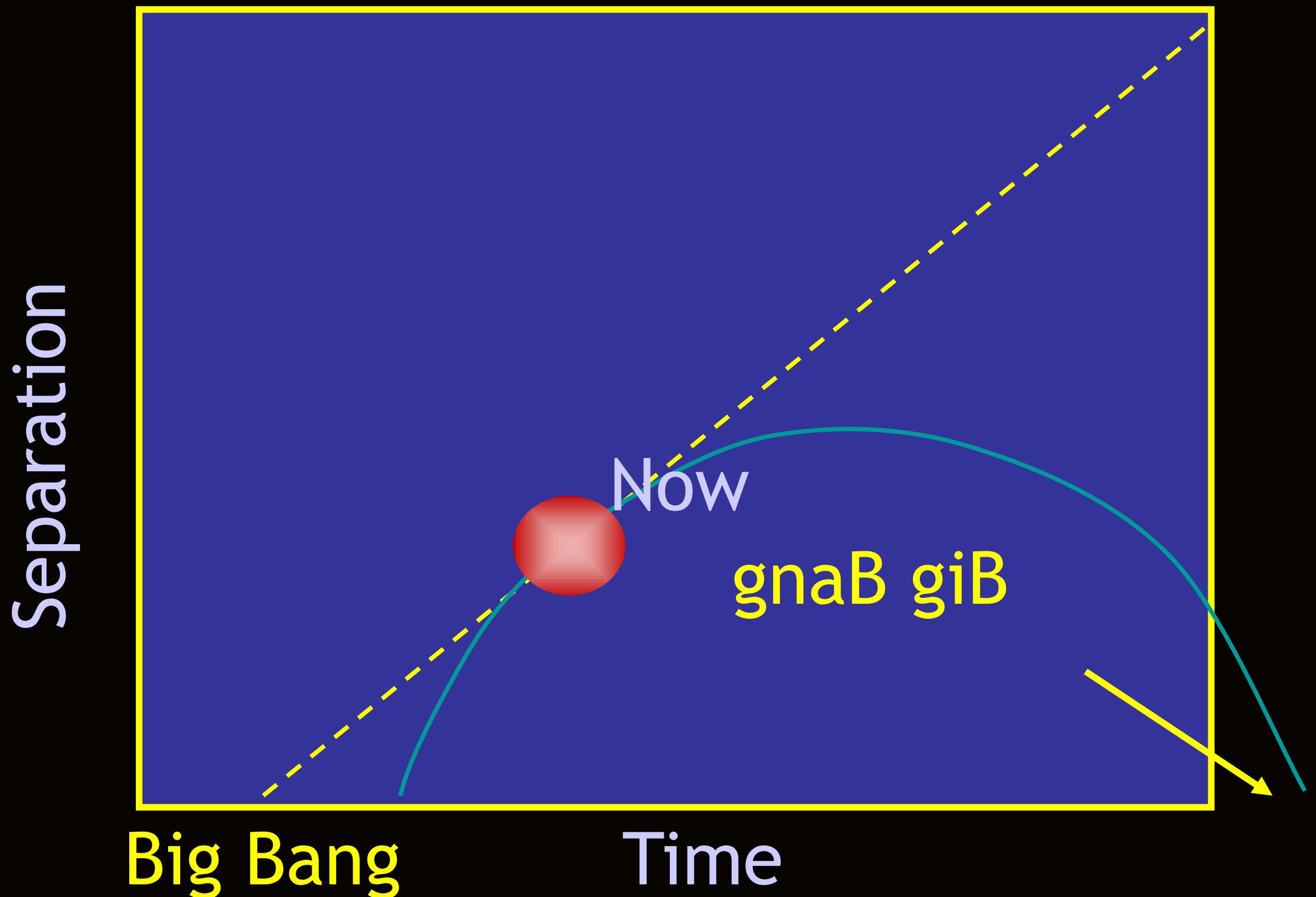
$$a(t = t_0) = a_0, \quad \rho(t = t_0) = \rho_0, \quad H(t = t_0) = H_0, \quad k = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{a_0} \frac{da}{dt} \right)^2 = H_0^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right) \left(\frac{a}{a_0} \right)^2$$

The Distance Between Two Galaxies



Looking towards the Future



The Density parameter and Geometry

$$\rho_{c,0} = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}$$

$$\rho_{c,0} = 9.2 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg/m}^3 \left(\frac{H_0}{70 \text{ km/s/Mpc}} \right)^2$$

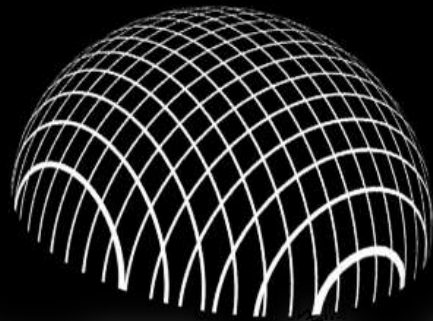
$$\Omega_0 = \sum \frac{\rho_{i,0}}{\rho_{crit,0}} = \sum \Omega_{i,0}$$

$$\Omega_0 = \Omega_{M,0} + \Omega_{\gamma,0} + \Omega_{\nu,0} + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} + \Omega_{?,0}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{FLAT} \\ \text{OPEN} \\ \text{CLOSED} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{lll} \Omega_0 = 1 & k = 0 & \Omega(t) = 1 \\ \Omega_0 < 1 & k = -1 & \Omega(t) < 1 \\ \Omega_0 > 1 & k = +1 & \Omega(t) > 1 \end{array} \right\} \text{for all time}$$

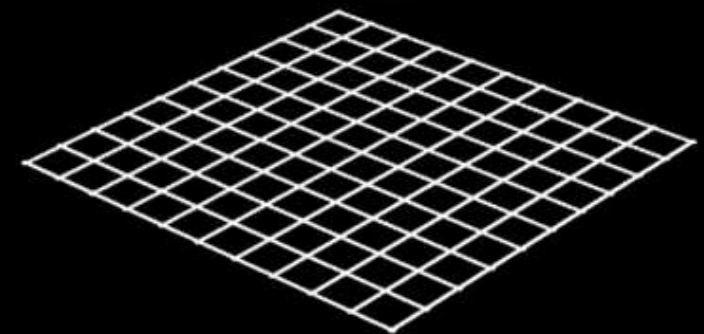
Cosmic Geometry-Curvature and Density

Heavy



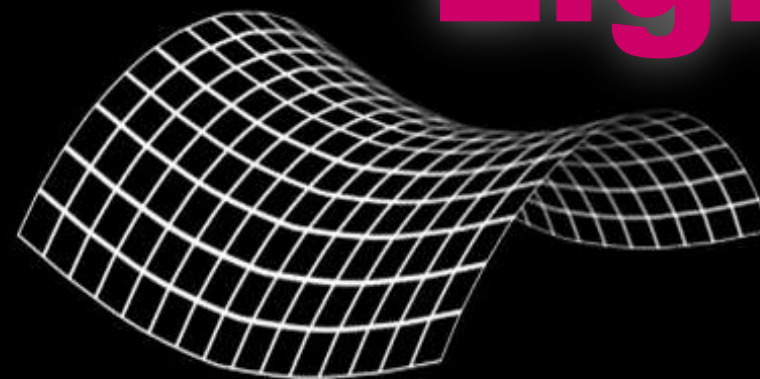
$k=+1$
CLOSED

Just Right $k=0$



FLAT

Light $k=-1$



OPEN

Model Content of Universe by the Equation of State of the different forms of Matter/Energy

$$w_i \equiv \frac{P_i}{\rho_i} \quad \rho_i \propto (\text{Volume})^{-(1+w_i)} \propto a^{-3(1+w_i)} \propto (1+z)^{3(1+w_i)}$$

e.g.,

$w=0$ for normal matter

$w=1/3$ for photons

$w=-1$ for Cosmological Constant

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \propto V^{-1} &\rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^3 \left(\frac{\rho_M}{\rho_0}\right) = 1 \\ \rho \propto V^{-\frac{4}{3}} &\rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\rho_\gamma}{\rho_0}\right) = 1 \\ \rho \propto V^0 &\rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^0 \left(\frac{\rho_\Lambda}{\rho_0}\right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{a_0} \frac{da}{dt}\right)^2 = H_0^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right) \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^2 \quad \text{Friedman Equation for a flat Universe}$$

$$y \equiv \frac{a}{a_0}, \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right) \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^3 = 1 \quad \text{for matter dominated universe}$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = H_0^2 \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^{-1} = H_0^2 y^{-1}$$

$$\sqrt{y} dy = H_0 dt$$

$$\frac{2}{3} y^{3/2} dy = H_0 t$$

$$y = \frac{a}{a_0} = \left(\frac{3H_0 t}{2}\right)^{2/3}$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = H_0^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right) \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right) \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^4 = 1 \text{ for radiation dominated universe}$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = H_0^2 \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^{-2} = \frac{H_0^2}{y^2}$$

$$y dy = H_0 dt$$

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = H_0 t$$

$$y = \frac{a}{a_0} = \left(2H_0 t\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = H_0^2 \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right) \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right) \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^0 = 1 \text{ for cosmological constant dominated universe}$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = H_0^2 \left(\frac{a}{a_0}\right)^2 = H_0^2 y^2$$

$$\frac{1}{y} dy = H_0 dt$$

$$\ln(y) = H_0 t$$

$$y = \frac{a}{a_0} e^{H_0 t}$$

Domination of the Universe

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$$\Omega_i = \left(\frac{\rho_i}{\rho_{crit}} \right) = \left(\frac{\rho_i}{\frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G}} \right)$$

$$\frac{\Omega_{rad}}{\Omega_M} = \left(\frac{a}{a_0} \right)^{-1} = (1+z)$$

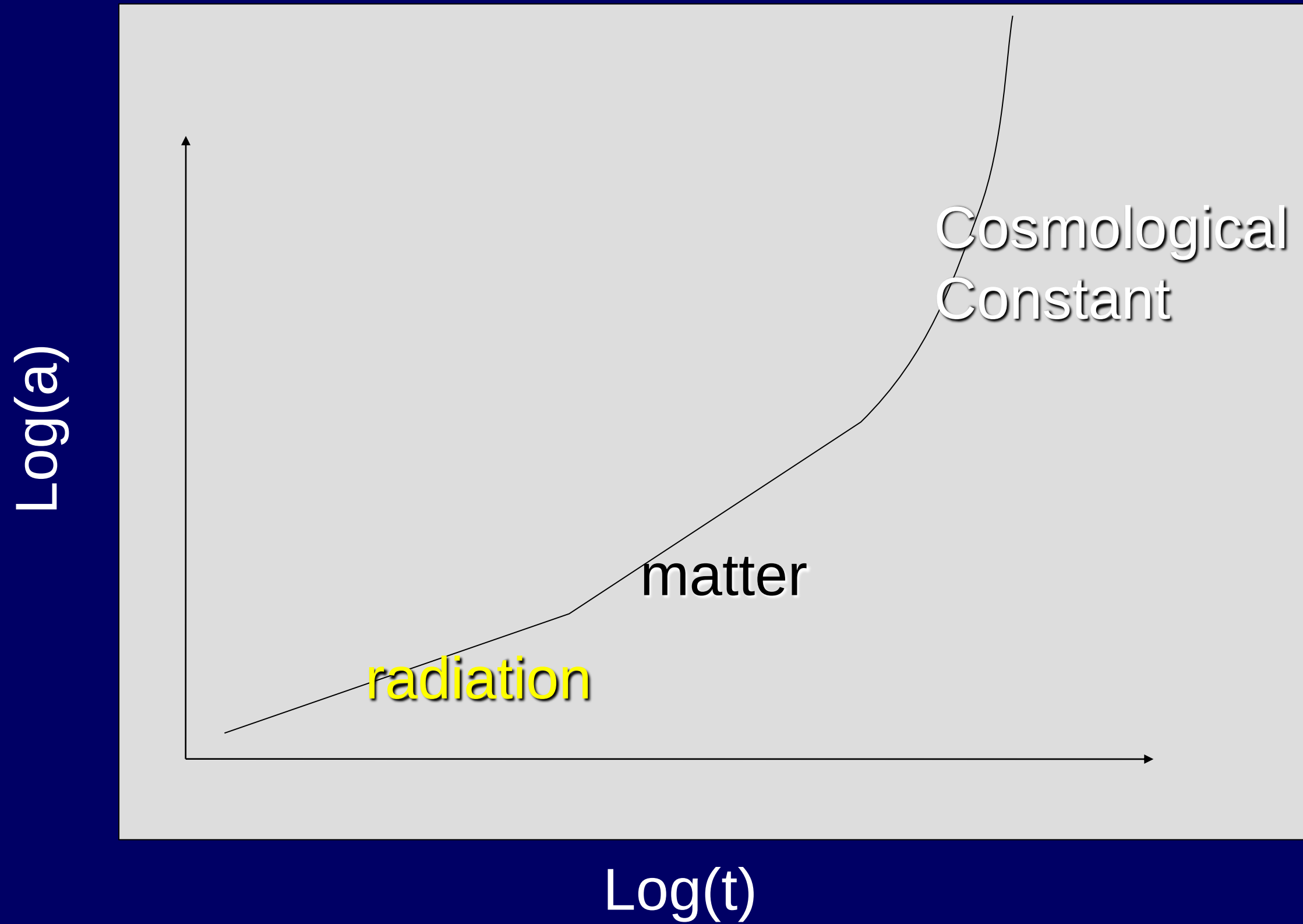
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$$\frac{\Omega_\Lambda}{\Omega_M} = \left(\frac{a}{a_0} \right)^3 = (1+z)^{-3}$$

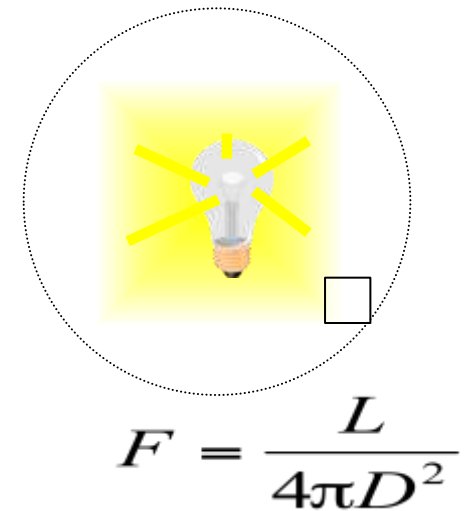
$$\frac{\Omega_w}{\Omega_M} = \left(\frac{a}{a_0} \right)^{-3w} = (1+z)^{3w}$$



Luminosity Distance

*for a monochromatic source
(defined as inverse-square law)*

$$D_L = \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi F}},$$

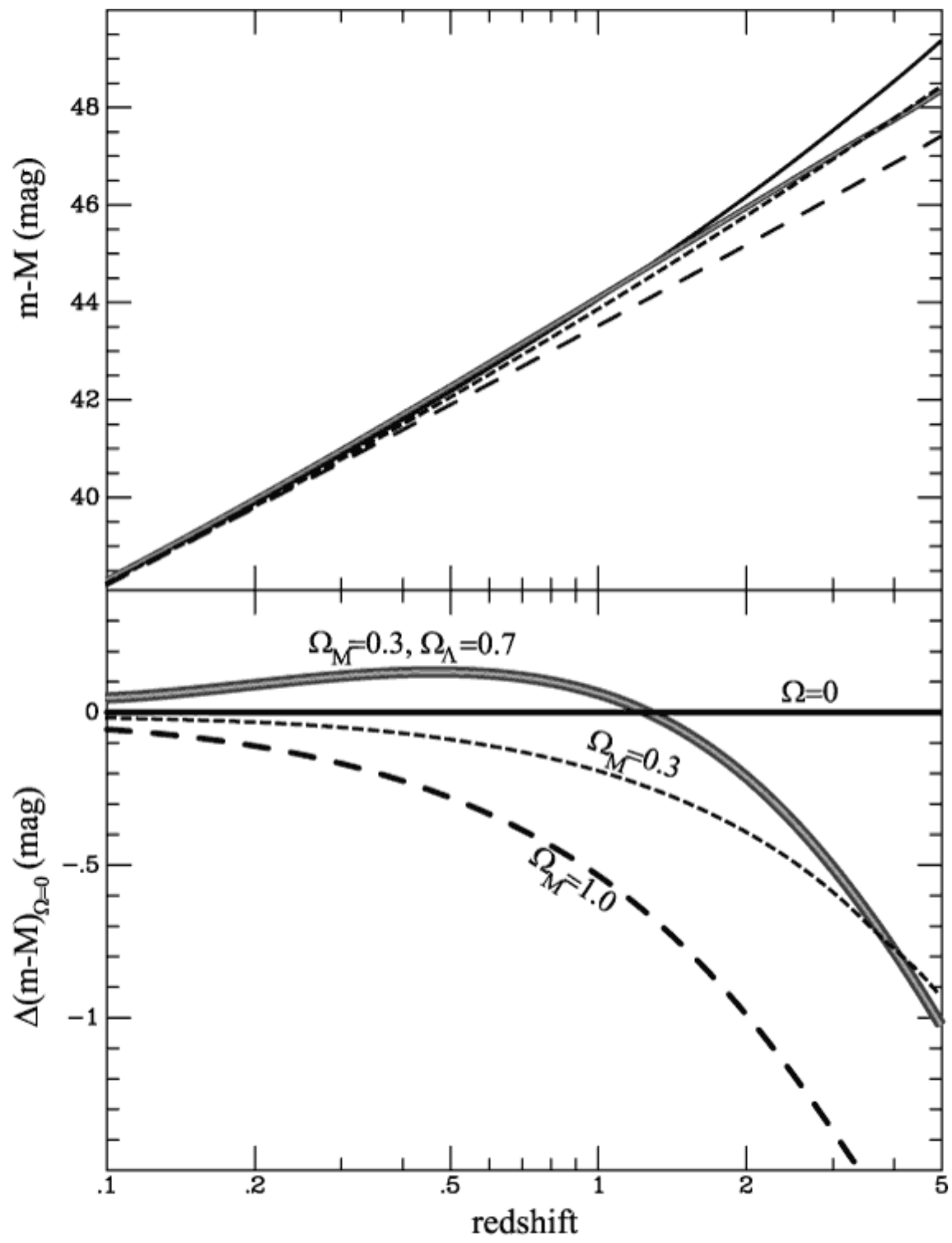


the flux an observer sees of an object at redshift z

$$D_L = \frac{c}{H_0} (1+z) \Omega_k^{-1/2} S \left\{ \Omega_k^{1/2} \int_0^z dz' \left[\sum_i \Omega_i (1+z')^{3+3w_i} - \Omega_k (1+z')^2 \right]^{-1/2} \right\}$$

$$\Omega_k = \left(\sum_i \Omega_i \right) - 1 \quad S(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(x) & k = 1 \\ x & k = 0 \\ \sinh(x) & k = -1 \end{cases}$$

Brightness of object depends exclusively on what is in the Universe - How much and its equation of state.



Different Ways of Looking at the Universe - 1994

It was widely presumed that Universe was made up of normal matter

(Theorists)

Inflation+CDM paradigm correct

$\Omega_M \sim 1$

$H_0 \leq 50 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

Observers are wrong on

H_0 and Ω_M

(Observers)

$\Omega_M \sim 0.2$

$H_0 = 50-80 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

Inflation/CDM is wrong



1970s & 80s

Inflation + Cold Dark Matter addition to Standard Model

Inflation

Explains Uniformity of CMB

Provides seeds of structure formation

CDM

Consistent with rotation curves of Galaxies

Gives Structure formation

**Predicts Flatness and how Structure Grows on
different scales.**

1990 - CDM Picture conflicts with what is seen

- Requires flatness, but $\Omega_M \sim 0.2$ from clusters
- Too much power on large scales in observations
- Efstathiou, Sutherland, and Maddox showed that compared to $\Omega_M = 1$,
a $\Omega_M \sim 0.2$, $\Omega_\phi \sim 0.8$ fixed both problems

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decompressor
are needed to see this picture.

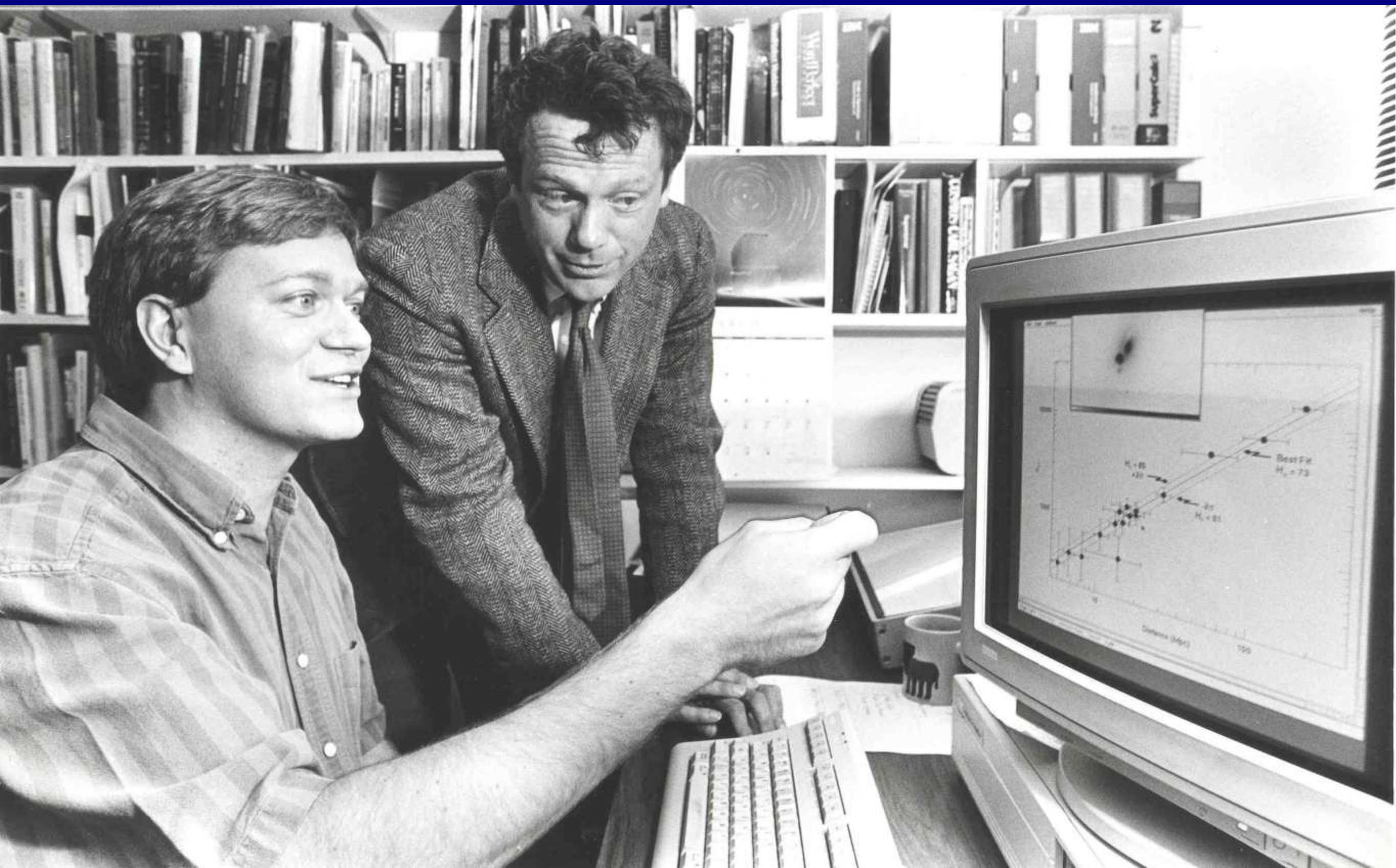
CDM theorists took this approach

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Title: The Case for a Hubble Constant of 30 km/s/Mpc

Authors: [J.G. Bartlett](#), [A. Blanchard](#), [J. Silk](#), [M.S. Turner](#)
(Submitted on 20 Jul 1994)

Abstract: Although cosmologists have been trying to determine the value of the Hubble constant for nearly 65 years, they have only succeeded in limiting the range of possibilities: most of the current observational determinations place the Hubble constant between 50 km/s/Mpc and 90 km/s/Mpc. The uncertainty is unfortunate because this fundamental parameter of cosmology determines both the distance scale and the time scale, and thereby affects almost all aspects of cosmology. Here we make the case for a Hubble constant that is even smaller than the lower bound of the accepted range, arguing on the basis of the great advantages, all theoretical in nature, of a Hubble constant of around 30 km/s/Mpc. Those advantages are: (1) a comfortable expansion age that avoids the current age crisis; (2) a cold dark matter power spectrum whose shape is in good agreement with the observational data and (3) which predicts an abundance of clusters in close agreement with that of x-ray selected galaxy clusters; (4) a nonbaryonic to baryonic mass ratio that is in better agreement with recent determinations based upon cluster x-ray studies. In short, such a value for the Hubble constant cures almost all the ills of the current theoretical orthodoxy, a flat Universe comprised predominantly of cold dark matter.



A Wager

John Tonry and Brian Schmidt bet Joe Silk that the Hubble constant is greater than or equal to 60 km/s/Mpc. This is the global expansion rate of the Universe in terms of the aforementioned units, free from any local anomalies in the expansion rate or questions of zero point of distance estimators.

This wager shall be conducted under the auspices of an arbitrator, Jim Peebles, and shall be settled by the third millenium, Jan 1, 2001, or sooner if, in the opinion of the arbiter or the contesting parties, the answer is no longer in doubt. If the arbiter decides that the answer cannot be resolved with reasonable certainty by the settlement date, the bet is null and void. The decision of the arbiter is final.

The loser of the wager shall present to the winner(s) one case of the Macallan, or equivalent quality, single malt Scotch whisky.

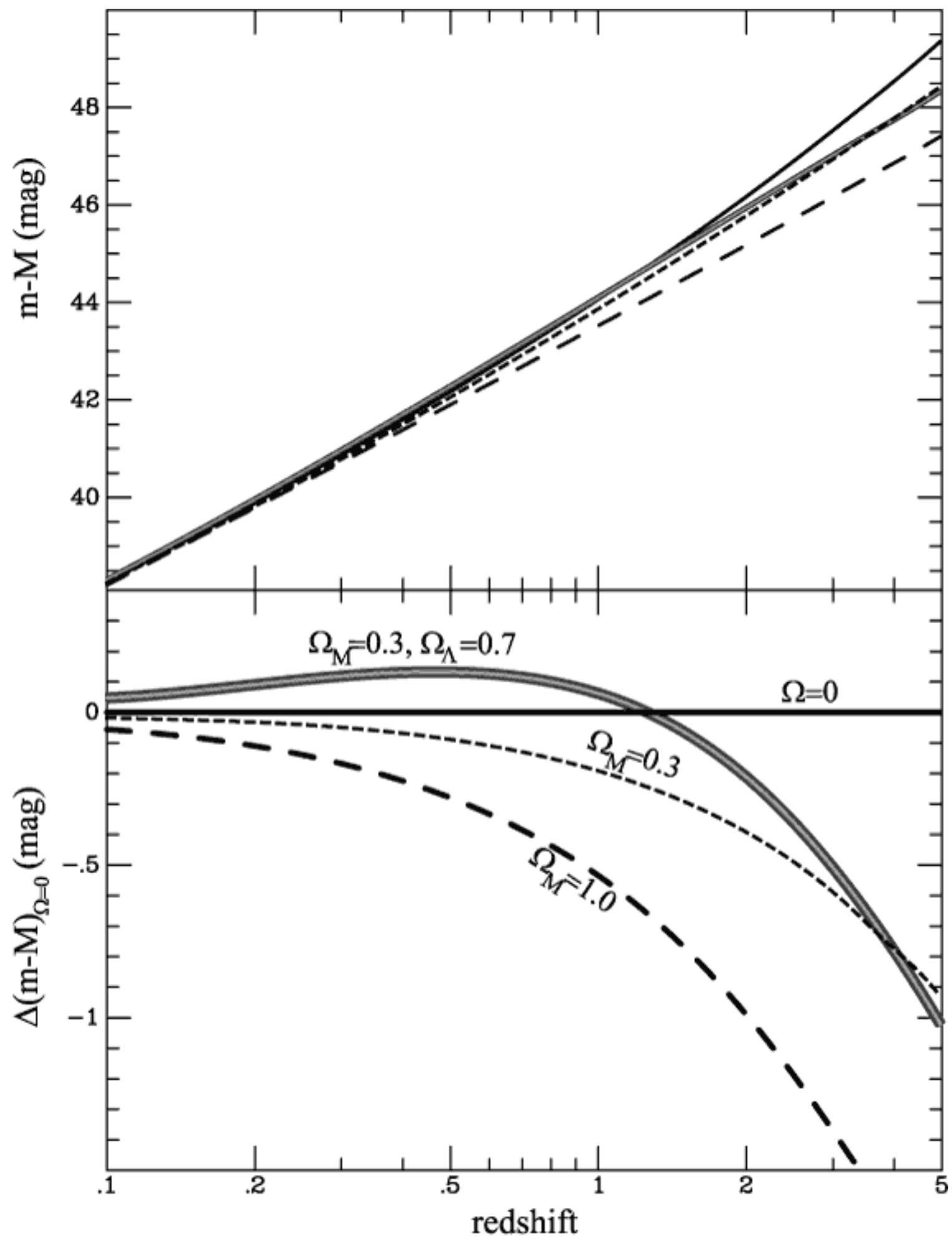

John Tonry


Brian Schmidt


Joe Silk

Witnessed this day 2 August 1995

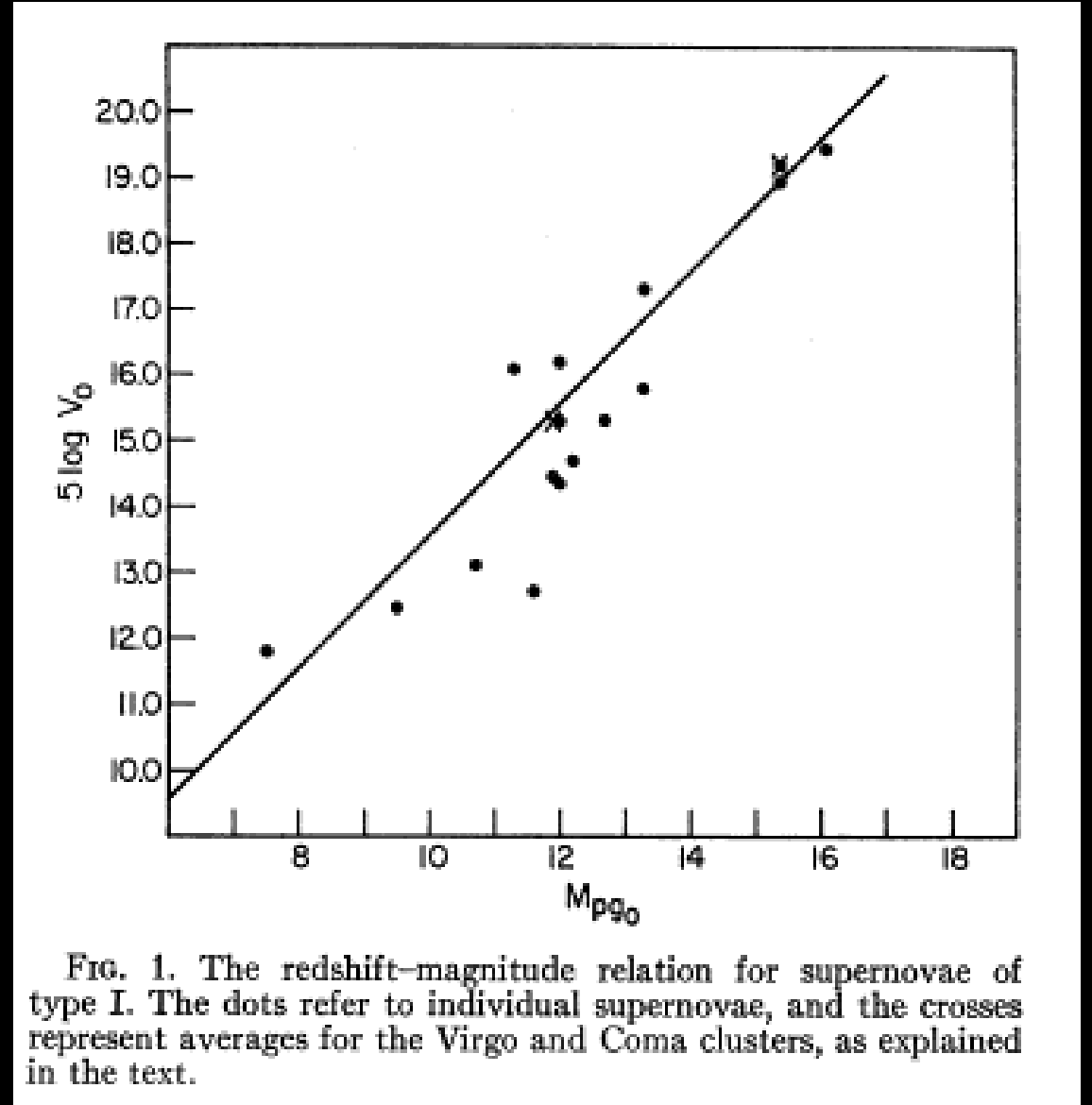
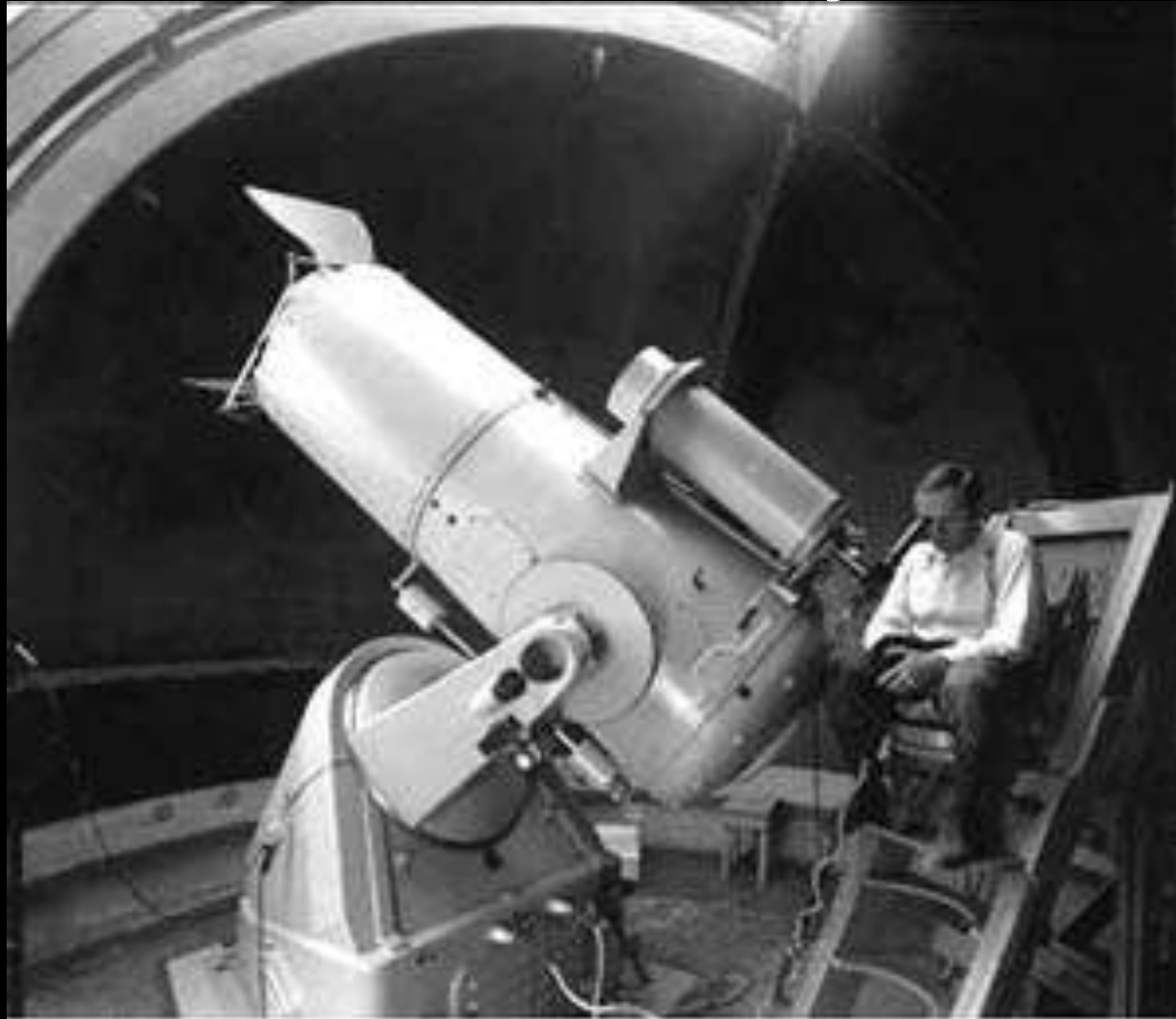

Kenneth Freeman



First use of Supernovae to Measure Distances

Fritz Zwicky

Charlie Kowal 1968



18in Schmidt Telescope
First Distant SN detected in 1988 by Danish
Team

Type Ia Supernovae





Hamuy



Suntzeff Schommer



Phillips



Antezana



Maza



Smith



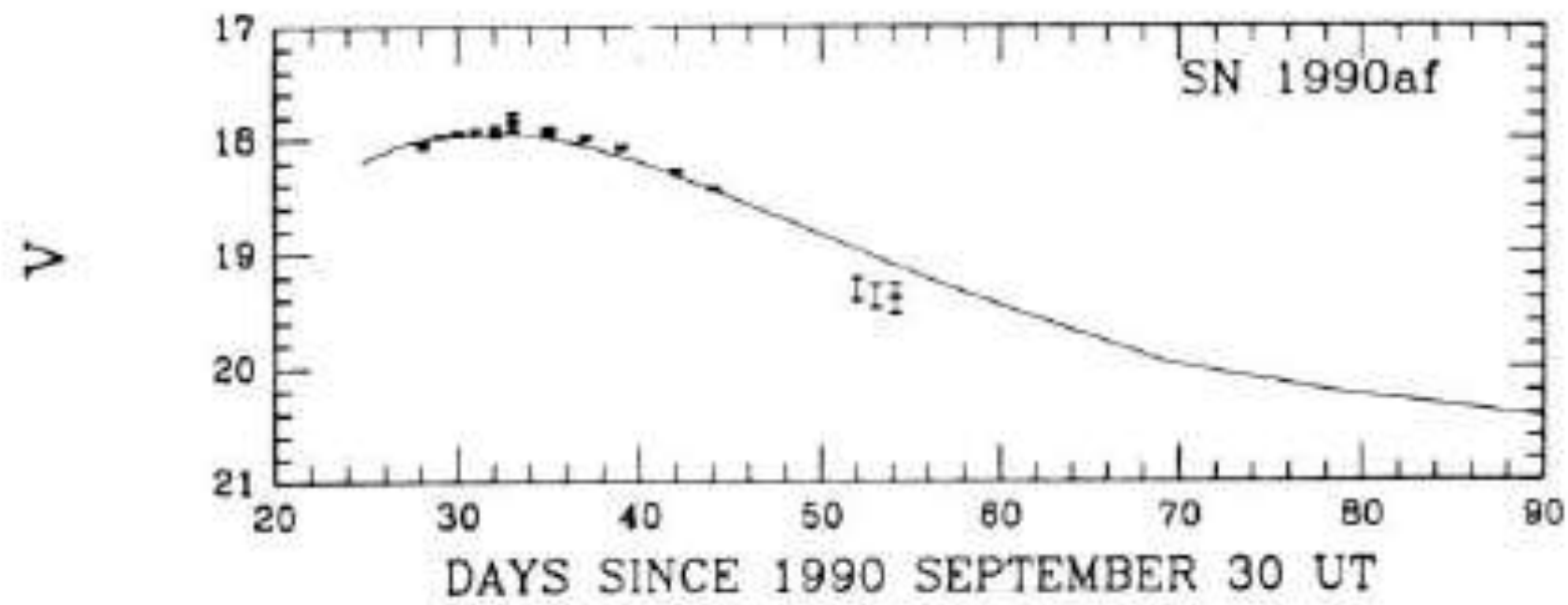
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**Calan-Tololo SN
Search**

SN1990af: faded
quickly
and was fainter
than
normal



Refining Type Ia Distances

Mark Phillips (1993)

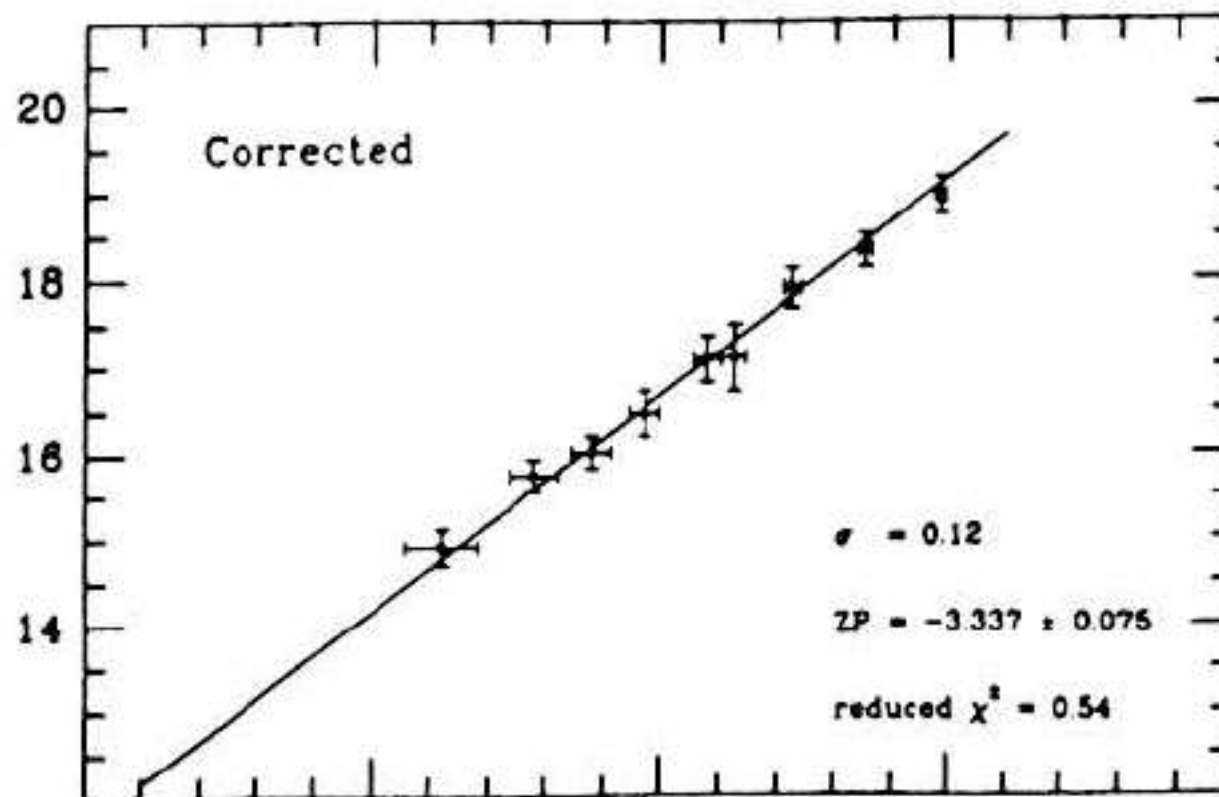
How fast a Supernova Fades is related to its intrinsic brightness.



1994 Visit to Harvard
Mario Hamuy showed
us this Diagram.

SN Ia are Precision
Distance Indicators!

Distance



Redshift

Figure 1: Hubble diagram of SNe Ia in the Calán/Tololo SN survey.

Eventually 29 Type Ia supernovae

Provided the fundamental basis of using SN
Ia as accurate distance indicators

Used by Both Teams to measure Acceleration

The Birth of the High-Z Team

- A month later, Saul Perlmutter asked us at Harvard to confirm a possible supernovae - we found it to be a distant SN Ia -

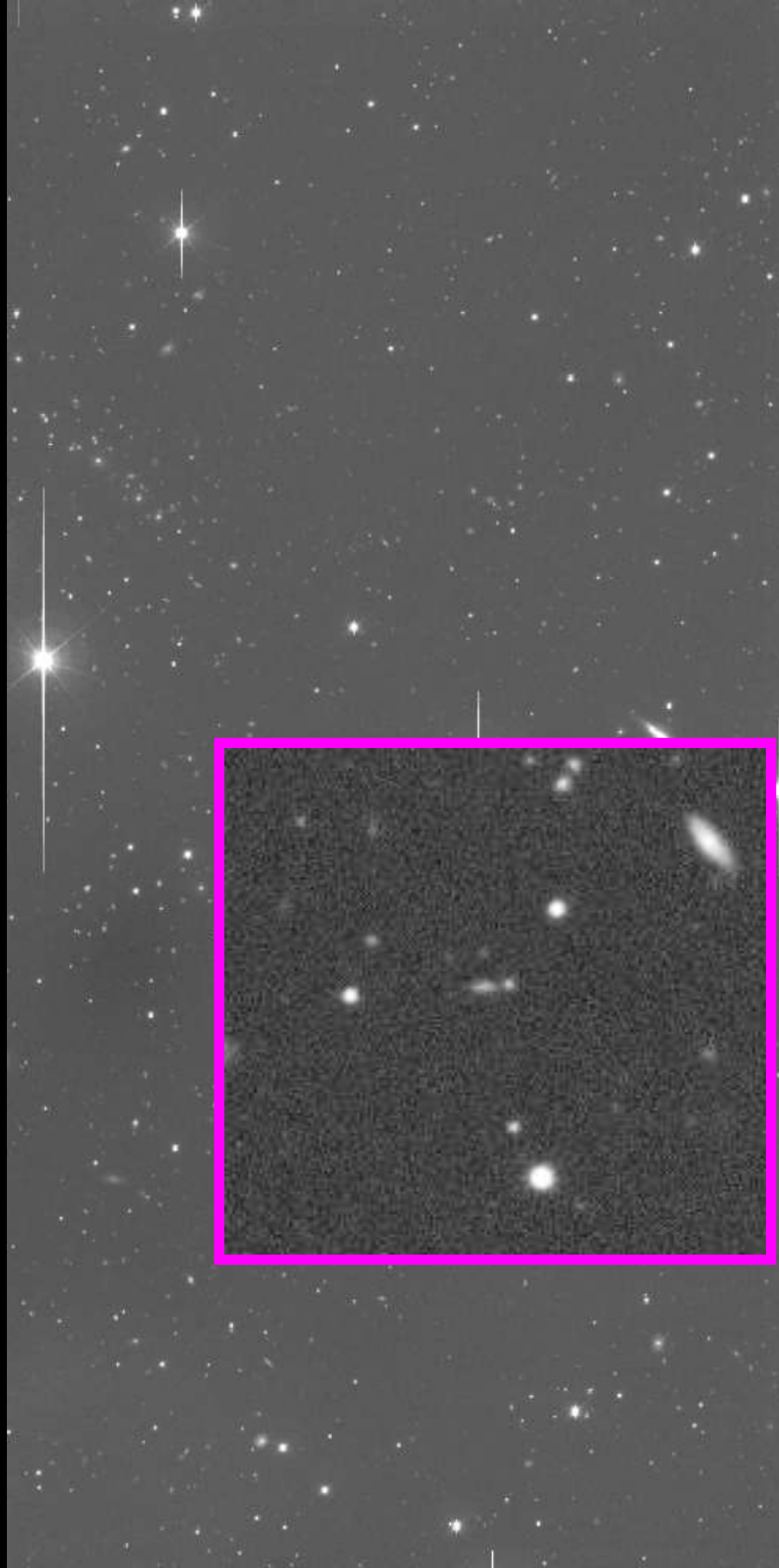
SUPERNOVAE 1994F, 1994G, 1994H

S. Perlmutter, C. Pennypacker, G. Goldhaber, A. Goobar, R. Pain, B. Grossan, A. Kim, M. Kim, and I. Small, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and the Center for Particle Astrophysics, Berkeley, report three discoveries from a search for pre-maximum-light, high-redshift supernovae by themselves and R. McMahon, Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge; P. Bunclark, D. Carter, and M. Irwin, Royal Greenwich Observatory; M. Postman and W. Oegerle, Space Telescope Science Institute; T. Lauer, National Optical Astronomy Observatory; and J. Hoessel, University of Wisconsin. Following are given the designation, date of first detection, discovery magnitude and telescope (INT = 2.5-m Isaac Newton Telescope; KPNO = 4-m Kitt Peak telescope), supernova position for equinox 1950.0, offsets from the host galaxy's center, and date of the previous image of the galaxy not showing the supernova (to limiting mag about 24): SN 1994F, Jan. 9, R = 22.0, INT, R.A. = 11h47m25s.15, Decl. = +10o59'38".8, 1".1 west, 0".2 north, 1993 Dec. 22; SN 1994G, Feb. 13, I = 21.8, KPNO, R.A. = 10h16m17s.38, Decl. = +51o07'23".5, 1".4 east, 0".1 north, 1994 Jan. 16; SN 1994H, Jan. 8, R = 21.9, INT, R.A. = 2h37m32s.22, Decl. = -1o46'57".5, 1".2 west, 0".1 south, 1993 Dec. 20. On Jan. 18, spectra of SN 1994F were obtained by J. B. Oke with the Keck Telescope Low Resolution Imaging Spectrograph; the host galaxy redshift is 0.354, and the spectrum of SN 1994F matched that of a type-Ia supernova a week past maximum light. On Mar. 9 and 10, spectra of SN 1994G were obtained by A. Riess, P. Challis, and R. Kirshner at the Multiple Mirror Telescope, in which emission lines of [O II] and [O III] from the host galaxy give a redshift of $z = 0.425$; the spectrum of the SN 1994G, though noisy, is consistent with a type-I supernova about a week past maximum light. SN 1994H was observed on numerous nights from Jan. 10 to Feb. 16 at the INT, at Kitt Peak by G. Jacoby and others, at the European Southern Observatory by M. Turrato, and at Siding Spring Observatory by M. Dopita; the resulting photometry is consistent with a type-Ia supernova at an implied redshift of about 0.32 (the host galaxy is on the periphery of a cluster with that redshift), with maximum light around Jan. 12.

The Birth of the High-Z Team

- I was down visiting Nick Suntzeff in July 1994, and we discussed the idea of doing our own High-Z SN Ia experiment





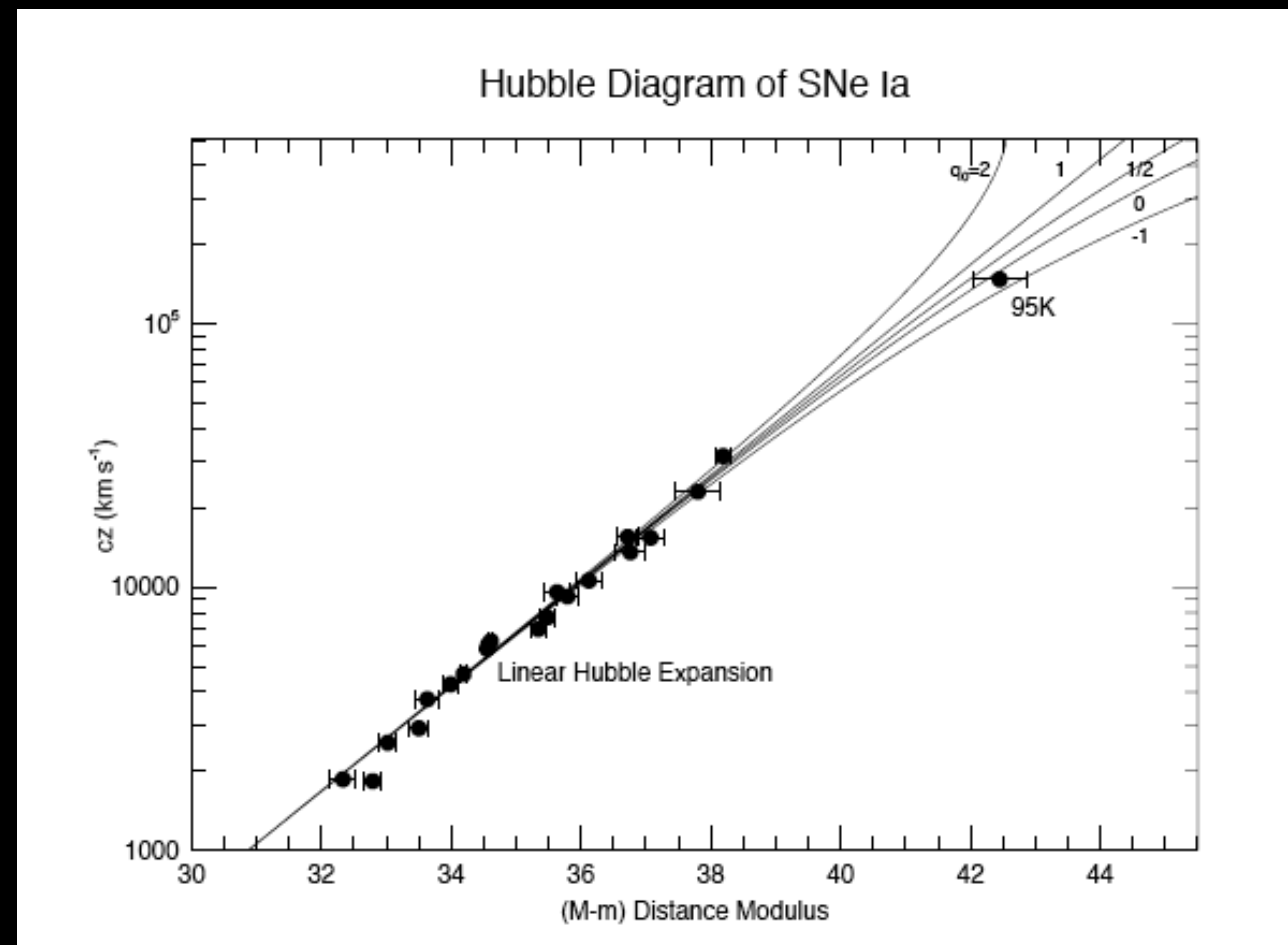
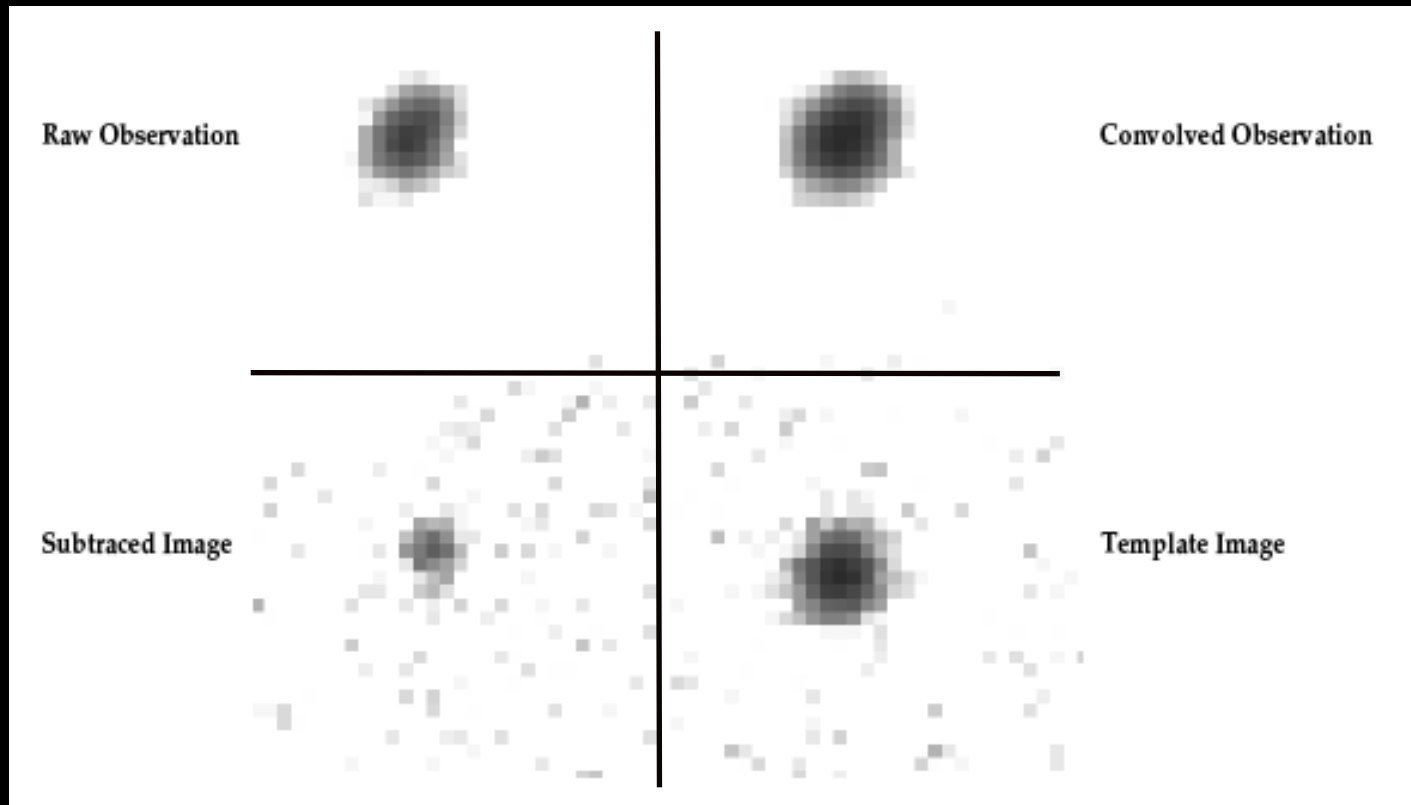
28 April

SN

4 April



Our First Supernova SN 1995K



Observing Proposal Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory

Date: September 30, 1995

Proposal number:

TITLE: A Search for Distant Type Ia Supernovae to Measure q_0

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Potential Pitfalls to High-Z SNe Ia Distances

- **Extinction**
 - Are the Dust Properties of High-Z and low-Z SNe the same?
- **Evolution**
 - Are the SNe Seen today the same as the SNe of yesterday?
- **Selection Effects?**
 - Are the corrections larger than the measurement?
- **K-corrections**
 - How accurately can we transform to the restframe?
- **Gravitational Lensing**
 - Does Weak Lensing significantly bias the measurement?

EUREKA?

Adam's Lab book, Key Page, Fall 1997:

Hubble Results

Using $CZ > 2500$

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

dys	size	Max	σ	num
0.0			.14	12
5.0			.17	27
10.0			.19	30
15.0			.23	35
20.0			.24	37
-3.0			.15	8

$H_0 = 63.9$

Only B & V $-10 \leftrightarrow 40$

Spirals $\sigma = .30$ num 91 $zp = -3.200$

ellipticals $\sigma = .11$ num 6 $zp = -3.219$

for $\Omega_A = 0$

$H_0 = 64.4, \Omega_m = -.36 \pm .18$

$-.9 + ?$

for $\Omega_A = 0, m \geq 31.5$ get around void

$H_0 = 63.6, \Omega_m = -.28 \pm .20$

$-.16$

Adam Riess was leading our efforts in the fall of 1997 to increase our sample of 4 objects to 15.



He found the total sum of Mass to be negative - which meant acceleration.

for $\Omega_A = 0$

$\Omega_m = -.36 \pm .18$

The Team is Excited, Worried (over 4 continents, email)...

A. Filippenko, Berkeley, CA, 1/10/1998 10:11am: "Adam showed me fantastic plots before he left for his wedding. Our data imply a non-zero cosmological constant! Who knows? This might be the right answer."

B. Leibundgut, Garching, Germany, 1/11/1998: 4:19am "Concerning a cosmological constant I'd like to ask Adam or anybody else in the group, if they feel prepared enough to defend the answer. There is no point in writing an article, if we are not very sure we are getting the right answer."

B. Schmidt, Australia, 1/11/1998: 7:13pm "I agree our data imply a cosmological constant, but how confident are we in this result? I find it very perplexing...."

R. Kirshner Santa Barbara, CA 1/12/1998 10:18am: "I am worried. In your heart you know [the cosmological constant] is wrong, though your head tells you that you don't care and you're just reporting the observations...It would be silly to say 'we MUST have a nonzero [cosmological constant]' only to retract it next year."

M. Phillips Chile, 1/12/1998, 04:56 am: "...As serious and responsible scientists (ha!), we all know that it is FAR TOO EARLY to be reaching firm conclusions about the value of the cosmological constant"

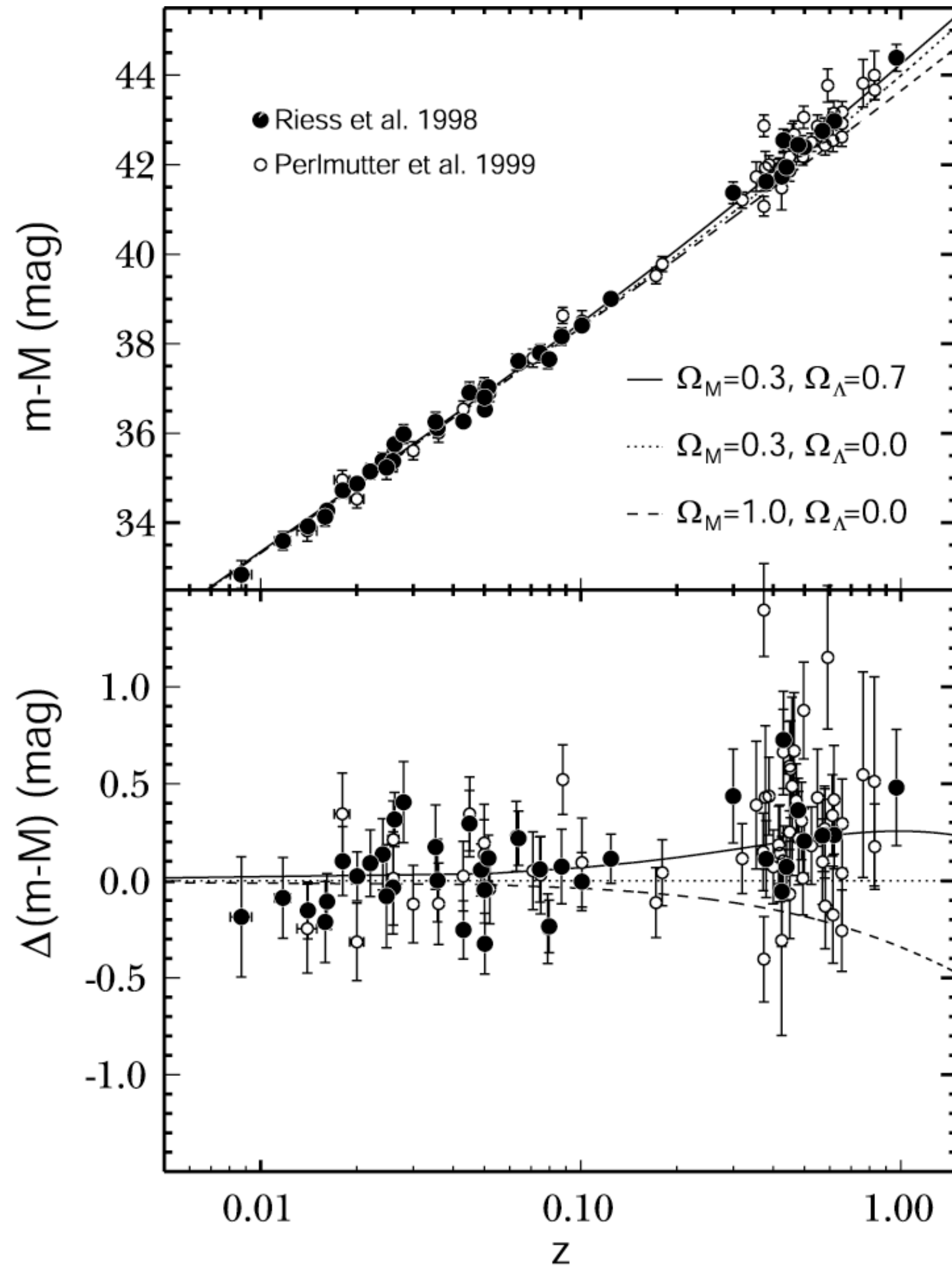
J. Tonry, Hawaii, 1/12/1998, 11:40 am: "...who remembers the detection of the magnetic monopole and other gaffs?...on the other hand, we should not be shy about getting our results out ..."

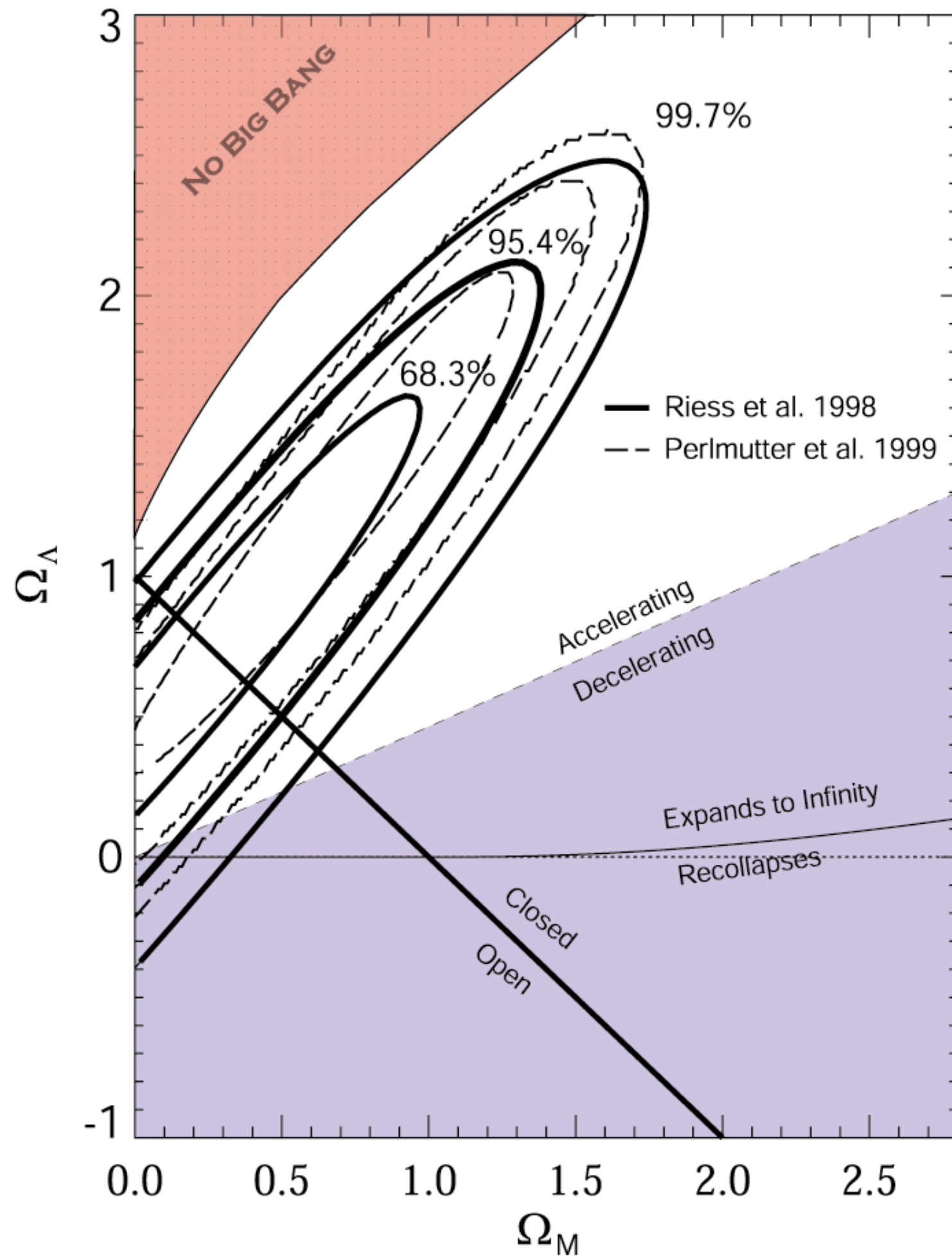
A. Filippenko 1/12/1998, 12:02 pm: "If we are wrong in the end, then so be it. At least we ran in the race."

A. Riess Berkeley, CA 1/12/1998 6:36pm: "The results are very surprising, shocking even. I have avoided telling anyone about them because I wanted to do some cross checks (I have) and I wanted to get further into writing the results up...The data require a nonzero cosmological constant! Approach these results not with your heart or head but with your eyes. We are observers after all!"

A. Clocchiatti, Chile 1/13/1998 07:30pm: "If Einstein made a mistake with the cosmological constant...Why couldn't we?"

N. Suntzeff Chile 1/13/1998 1:47pm: "I really encourage you [Adam] to work your butt off on this. We need to be careful...If you are really sure that the [cosmological constant] is not zero—my god, get it out! I mean this seriously—you probably never will have another scientific result that is more exciting come your way in your lifetime."

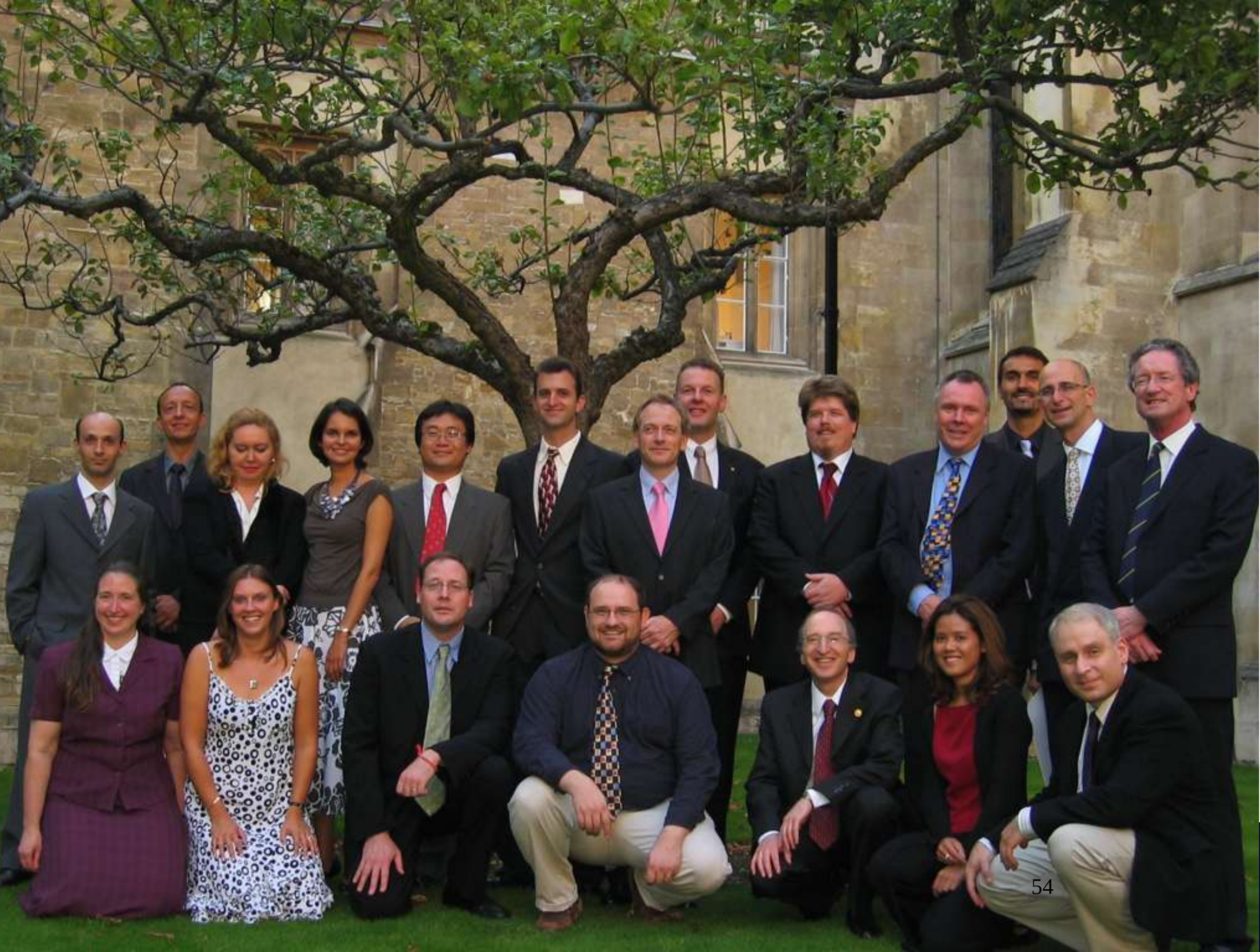




OBSERVATIONAL EVIDENCE FROM SUPERNOVAE FOR AN ACCELERATING UNIVERSE AND A COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT

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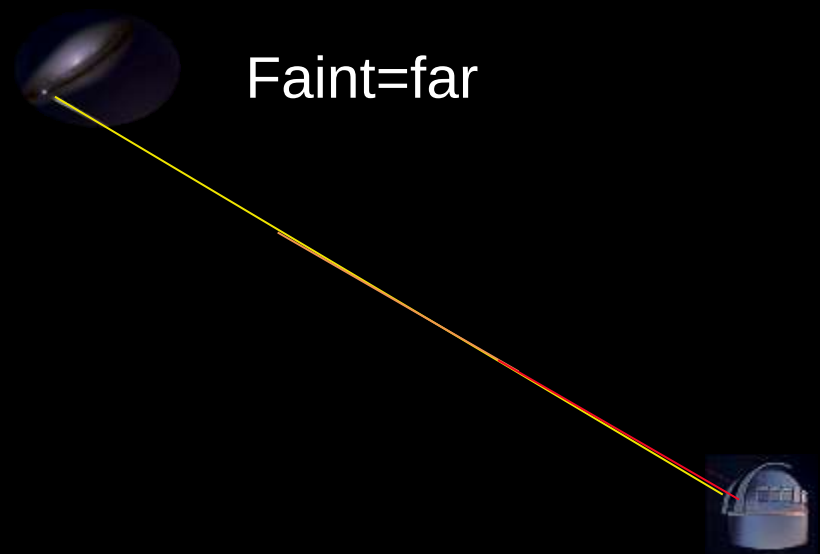
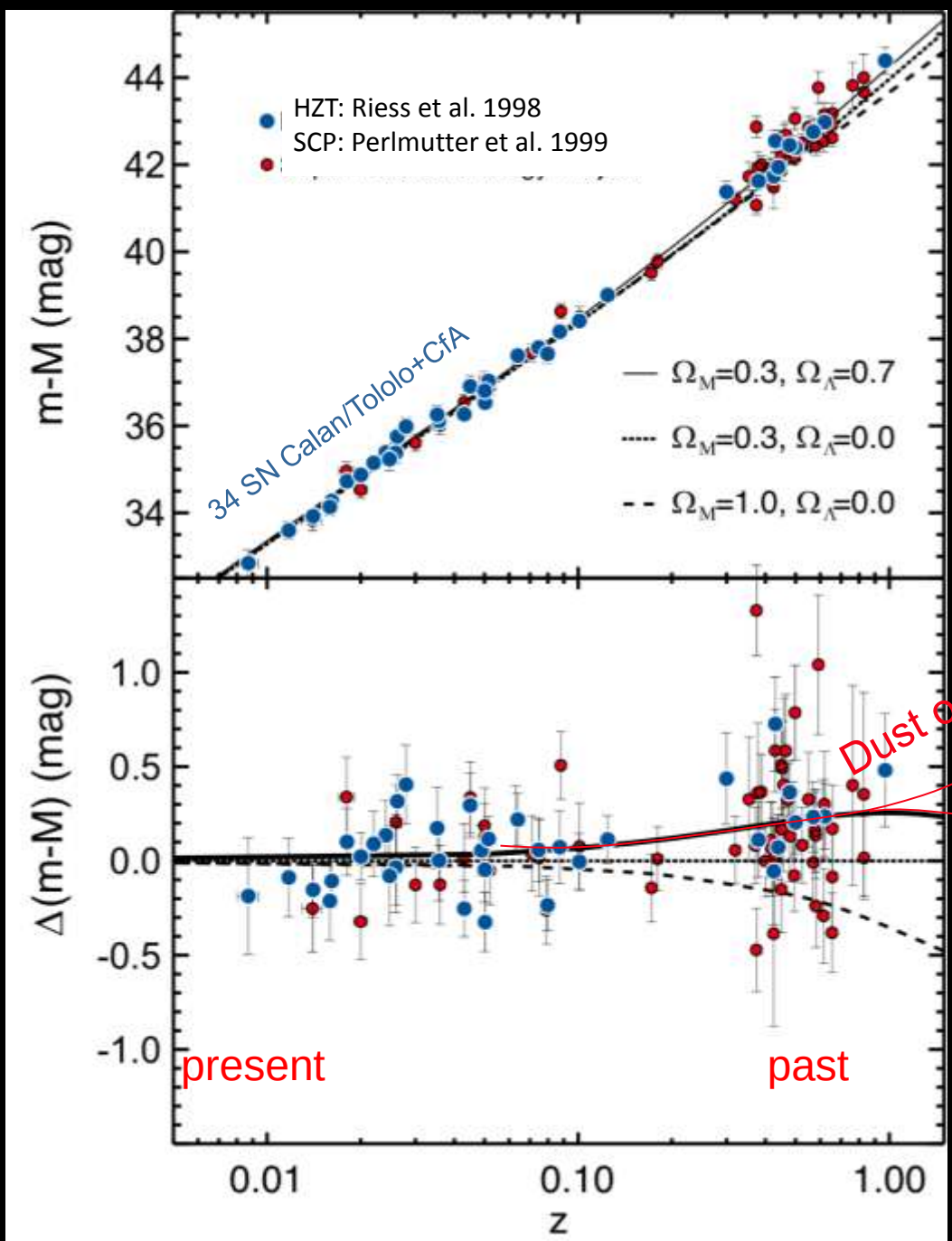




Alternative Explanations for faint=far supernovae

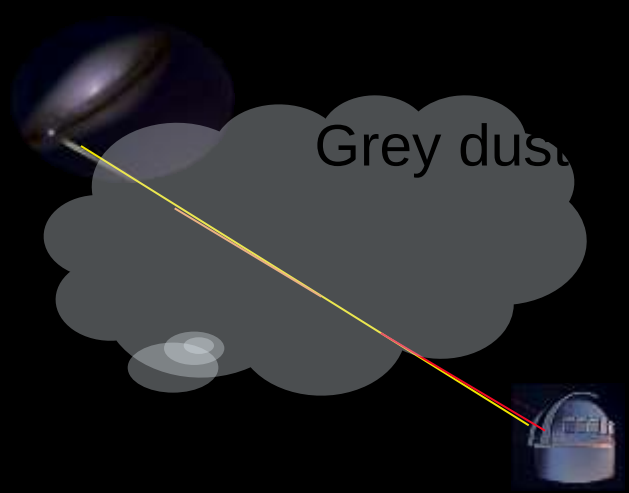
Steady dimming from grey dust or evolution instead?
Test: brighter at $z > 1$ (i.e., prior deceleration)?

Fainter
↑
↓
Brighter

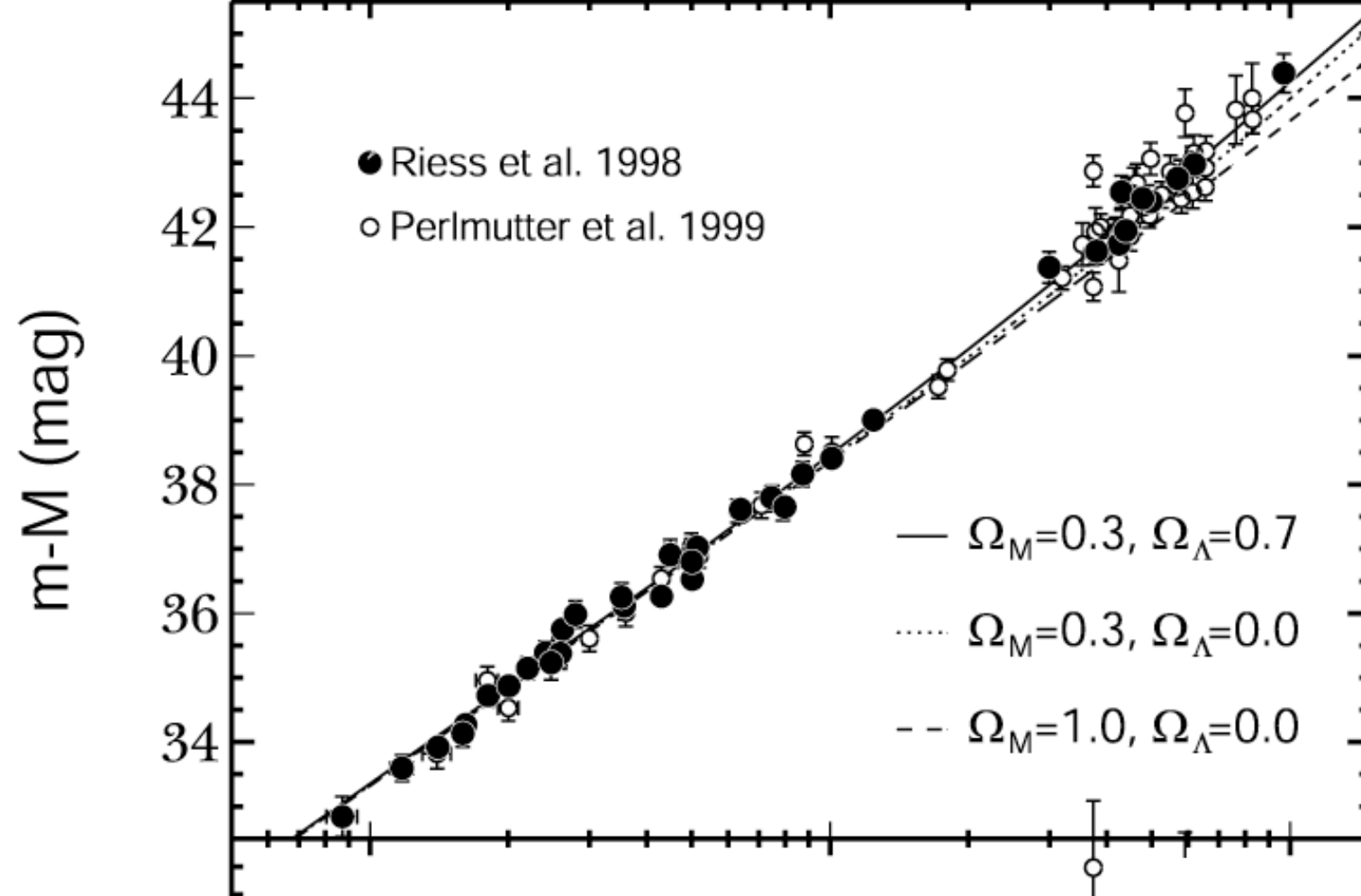


Universe accelerating

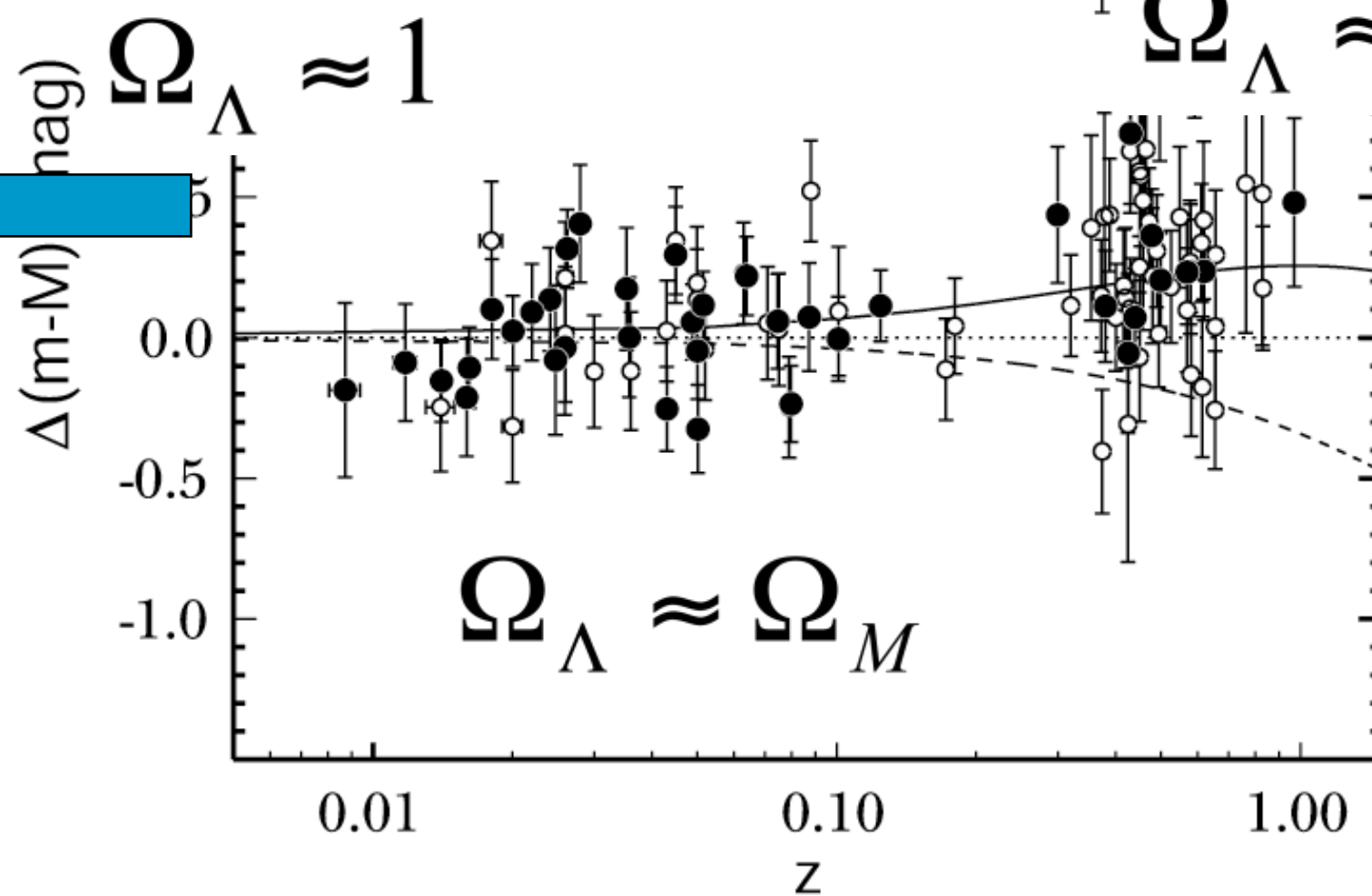
Faint=grey dust, not far



Not accelerating

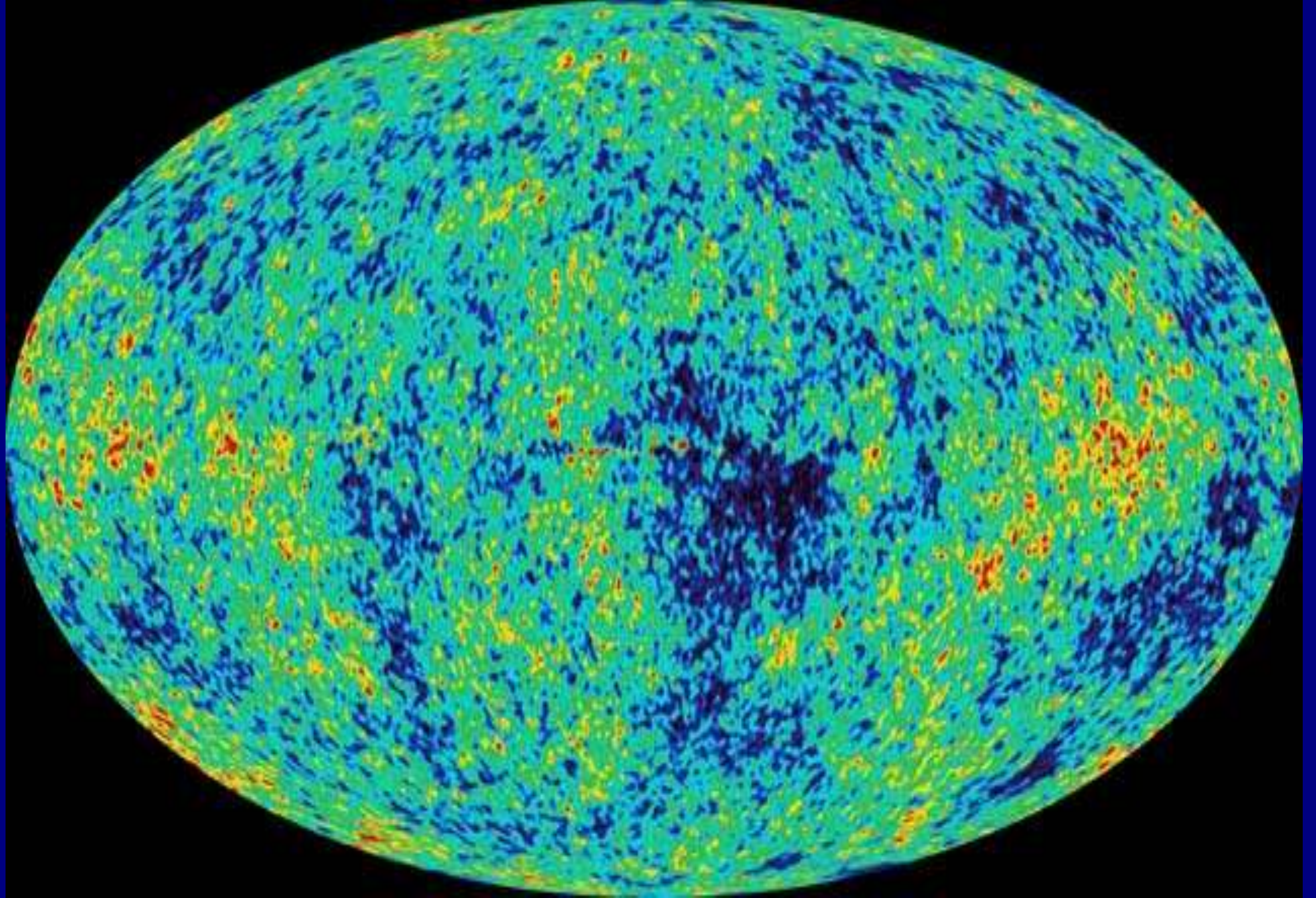


$$\frac{\Omega_M}{\Omega_\Lambda} \propto (1+z)^3$$

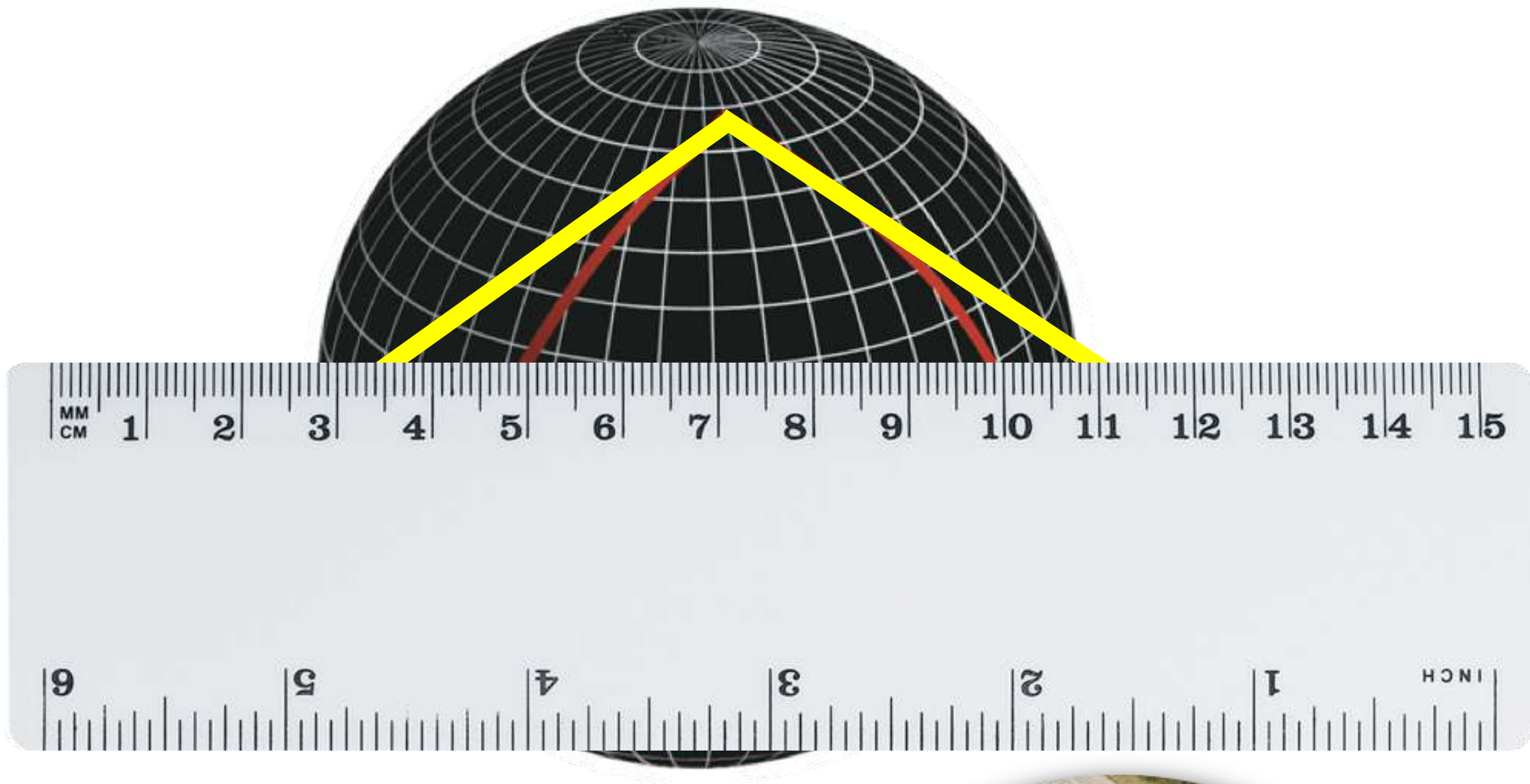


$\Omega_\Lambda \approx 0$ 

Why Now?



Sound Waves Propogating Since Big Bang
 $C_s = .577c$



**Objects Appear Larger in
Curved Finite Space**



CMB - mid 1998

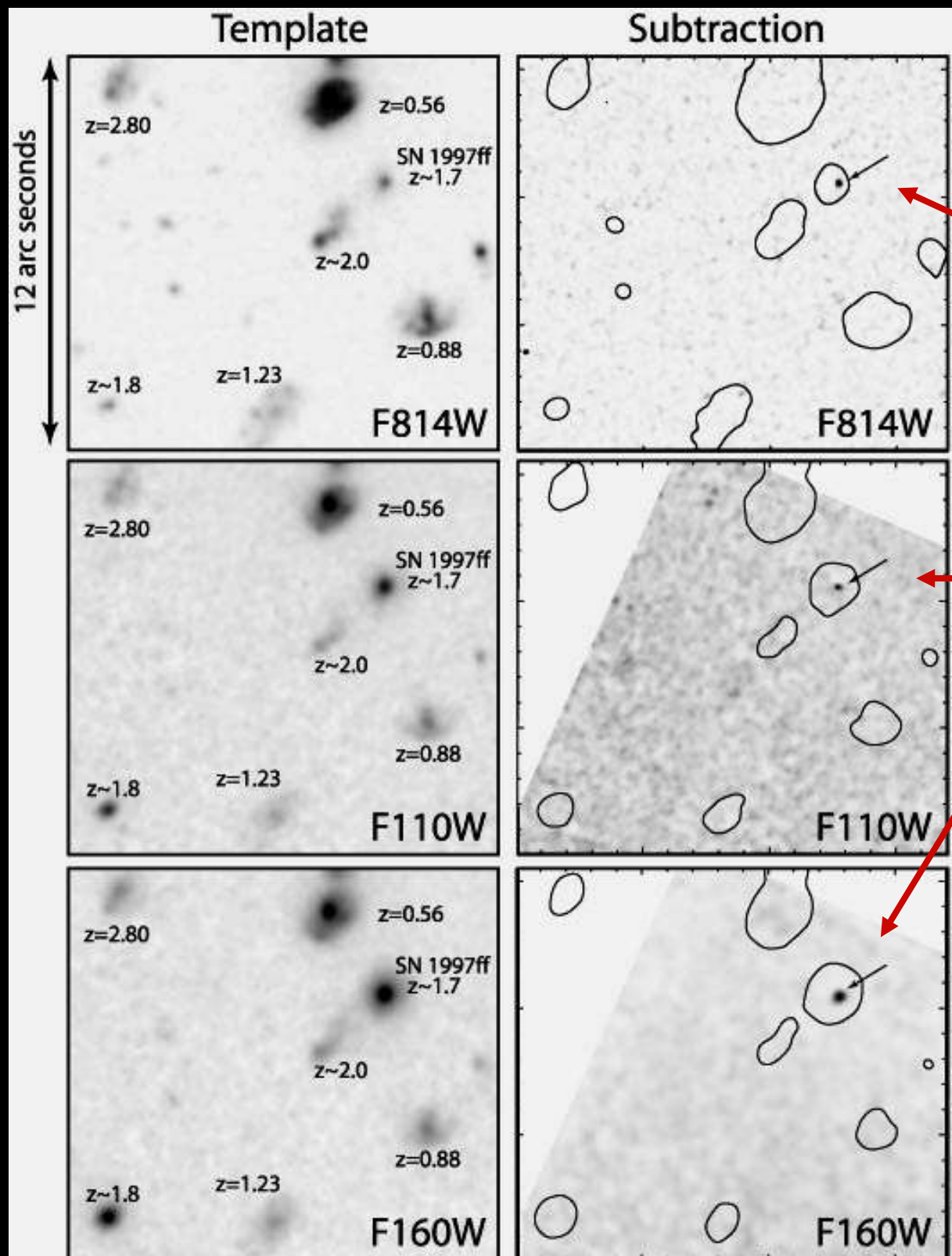
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2000 - Boomerang & MAXIMA Clearly see 1st Doppler Peak Showing Universe is Flat

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Once a Flat Universe was measured, the SN Ia measurements went from being 3-4 σ to $>7 \sigma$

A First Glimpse at Decelerating Universe...2001



SN Ia 1997ff, $z=1.7$

Discovery:
The Hubble Deep Field,
WFPC2, 1997 (Gilliland & Phillips).

Rediscovery:
Light Curve
Measured from
Serendipitous
Observations and
timing of the
NICMOS Near-Infrared
Deep Field; (Riess et al 2001)

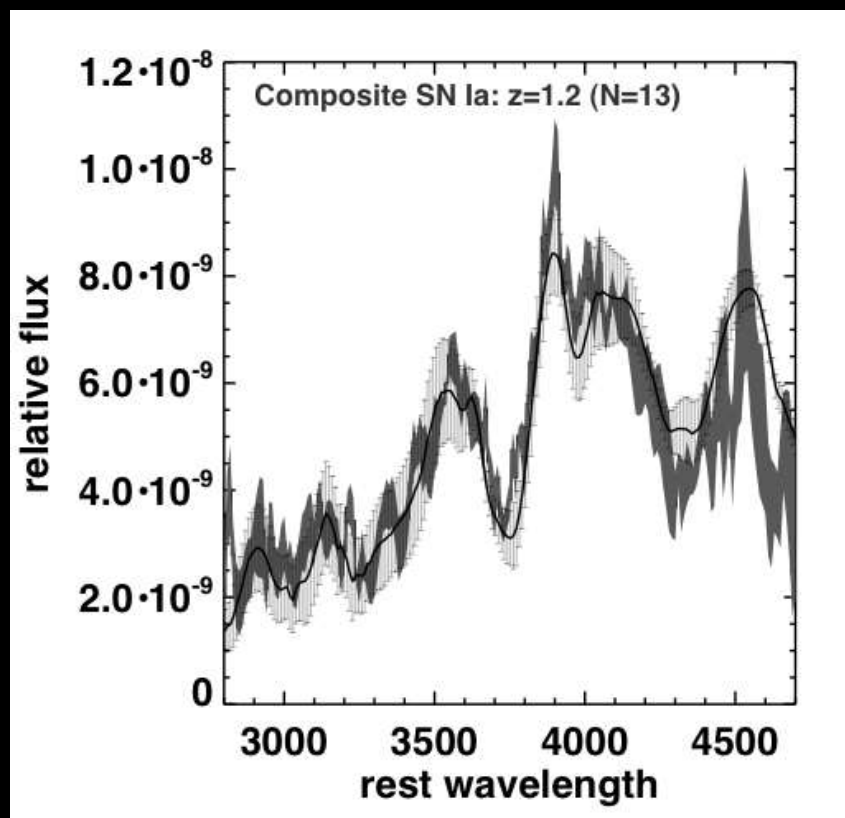
Results supported accelerating-interpretation of high- z SNe Ia, but with only one object conclusion not very robust

Hubble gets new camera, can measure SNe Ia at $z > 1$, 2002

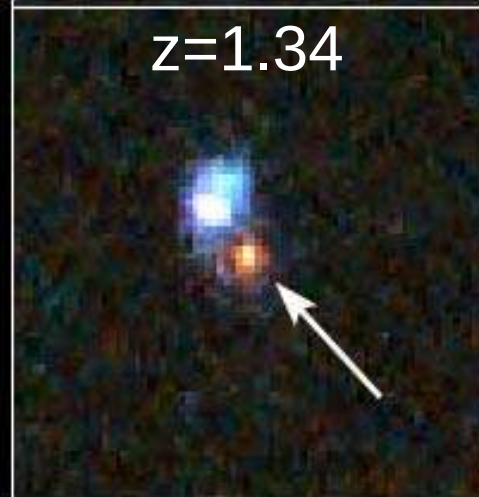
HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE



- In 2002 Astronauts install ACS
- From 2002-2007 the *Higher-z* Team measured 23 new SNe Ia at $z > 1$

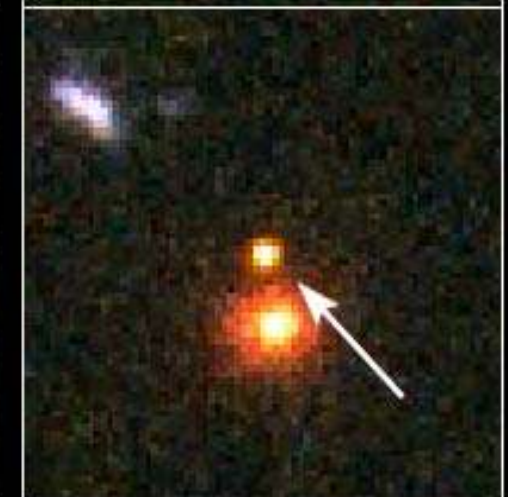
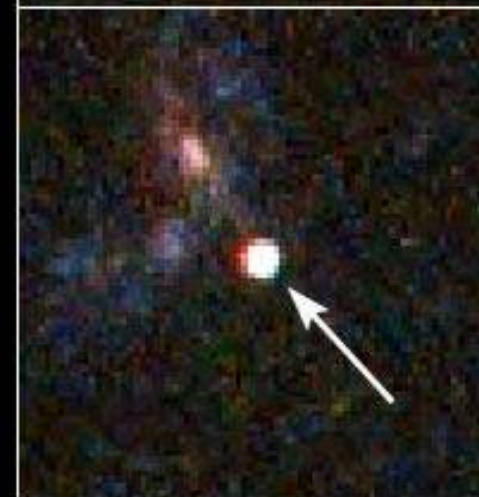


Distant Supernovae



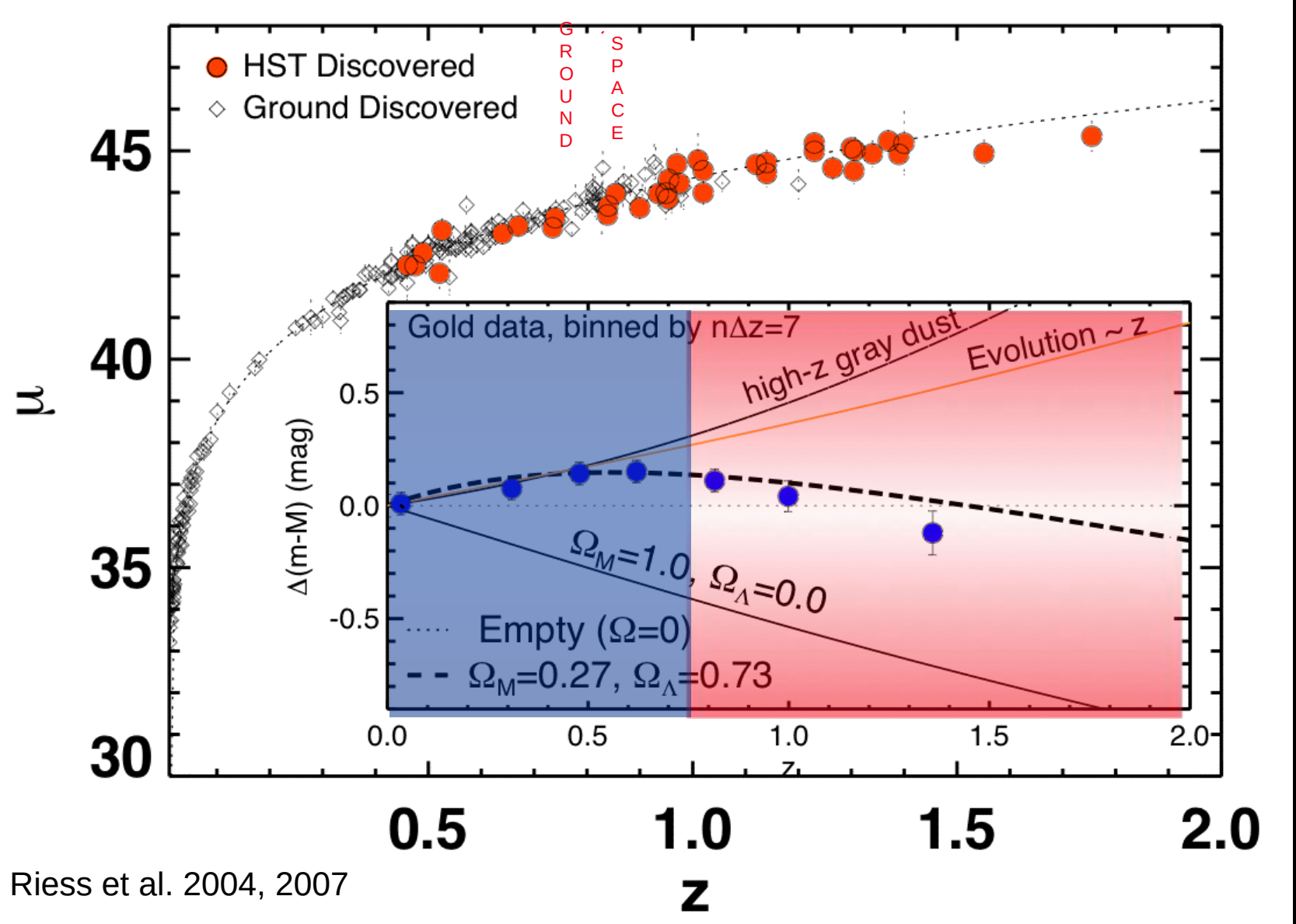
NASA and A. Riess (STScI)

Hubble Space Telescope - ACS



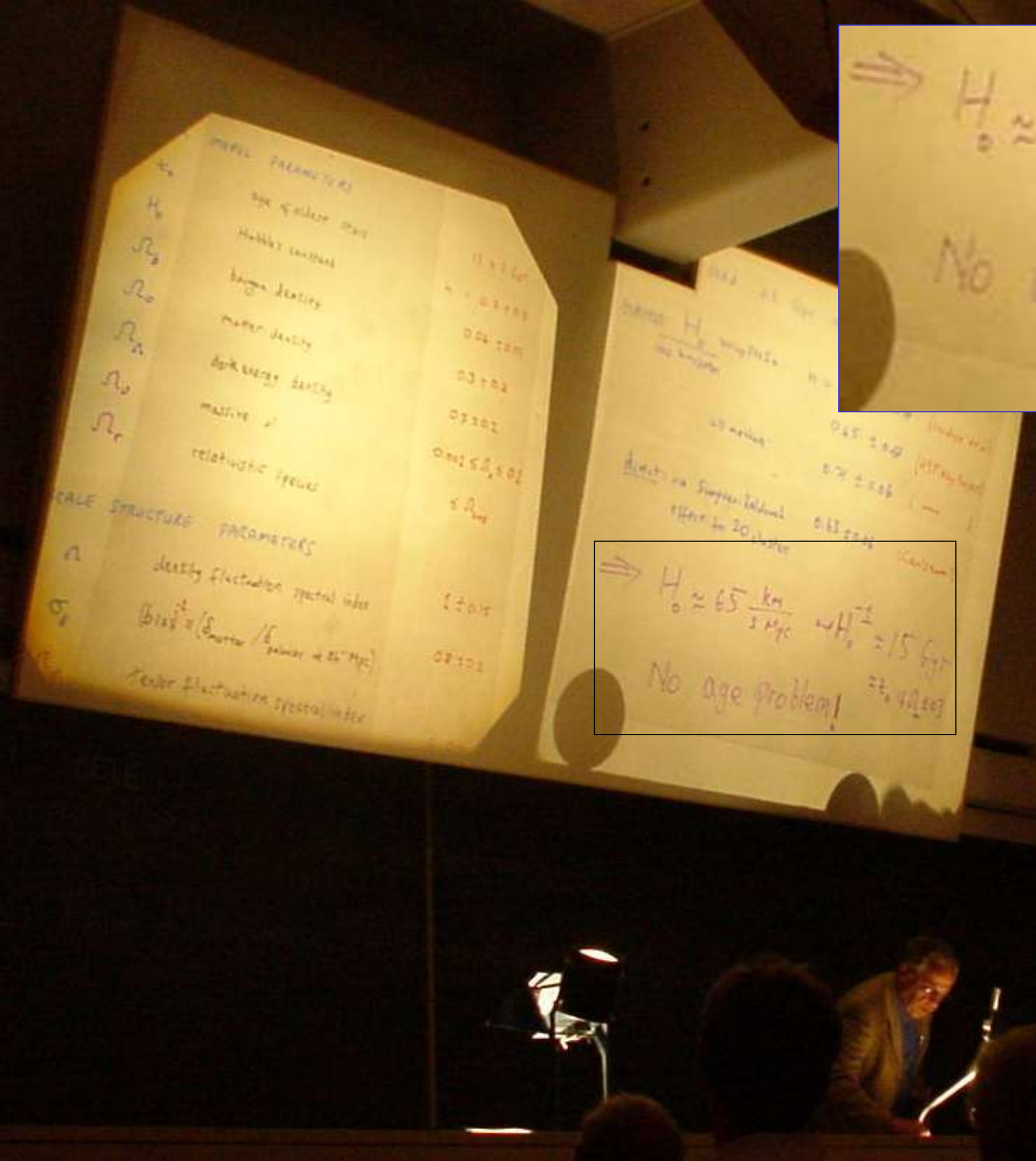
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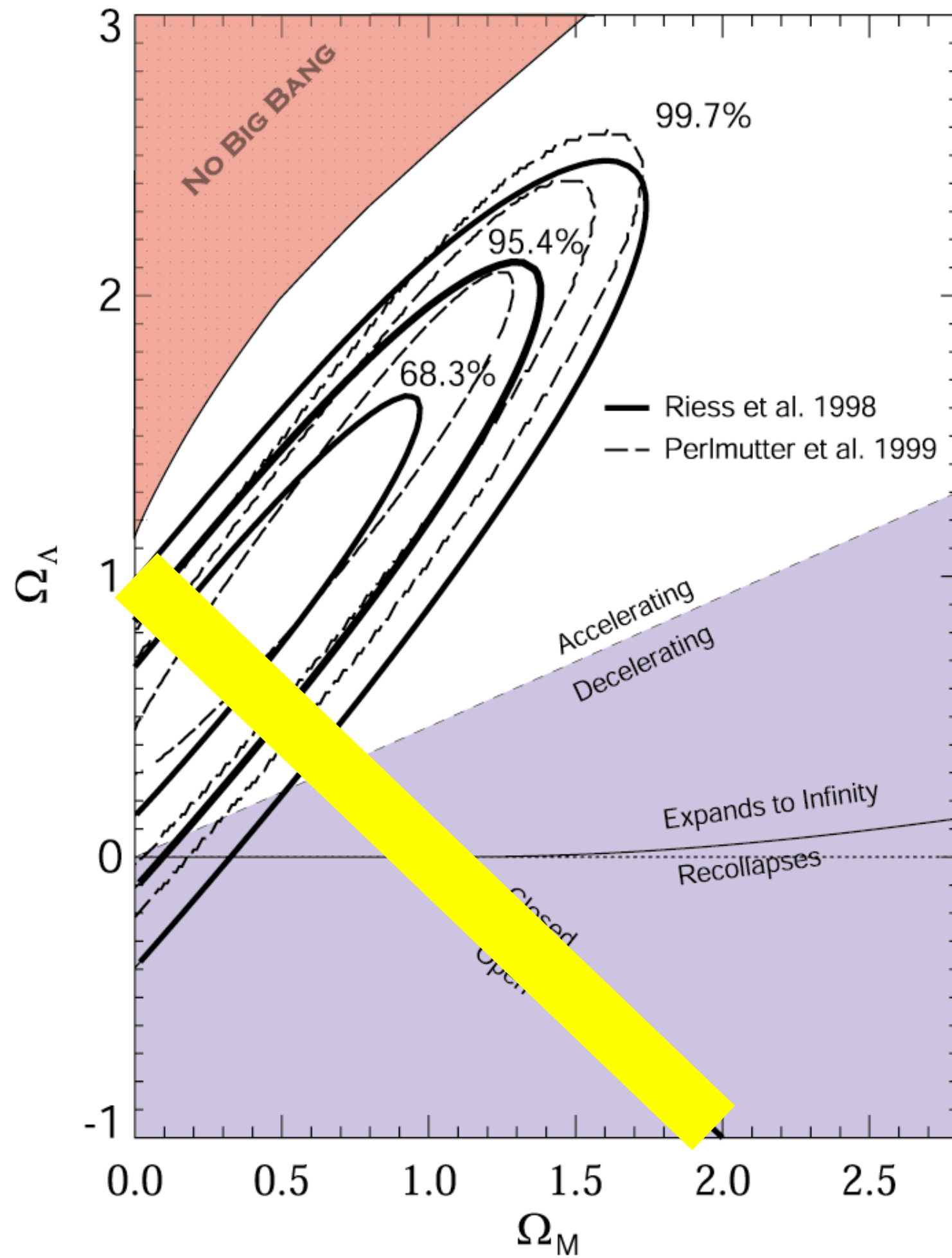
23 HST SN, see brightening/deceleration $z > 1$, acceleration passes test!



Not just supernovae require “dark energy”...







2001 - Large Scale Structure & CMB

Jaffe et al. 2001

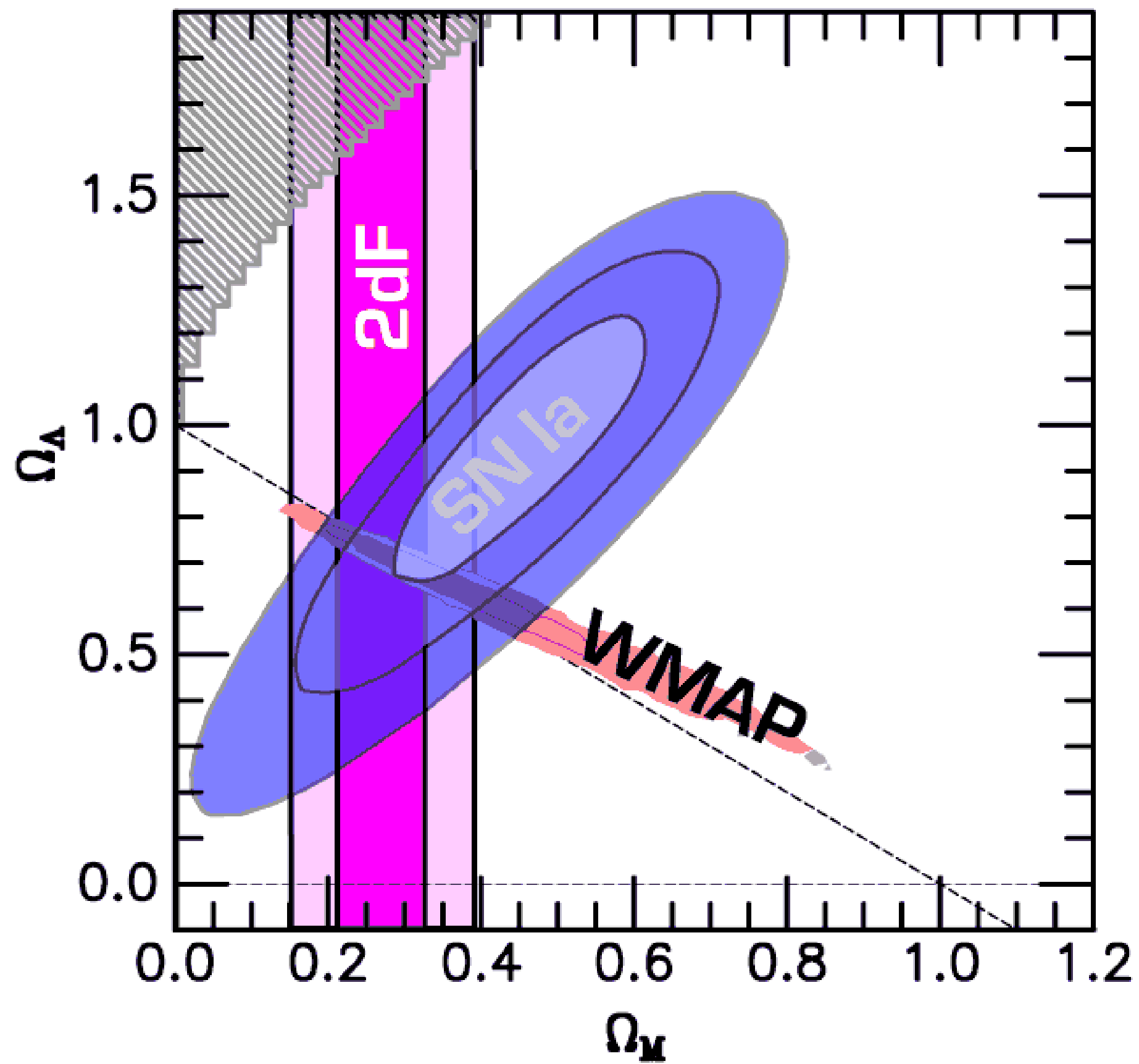
Peacock et al 2001

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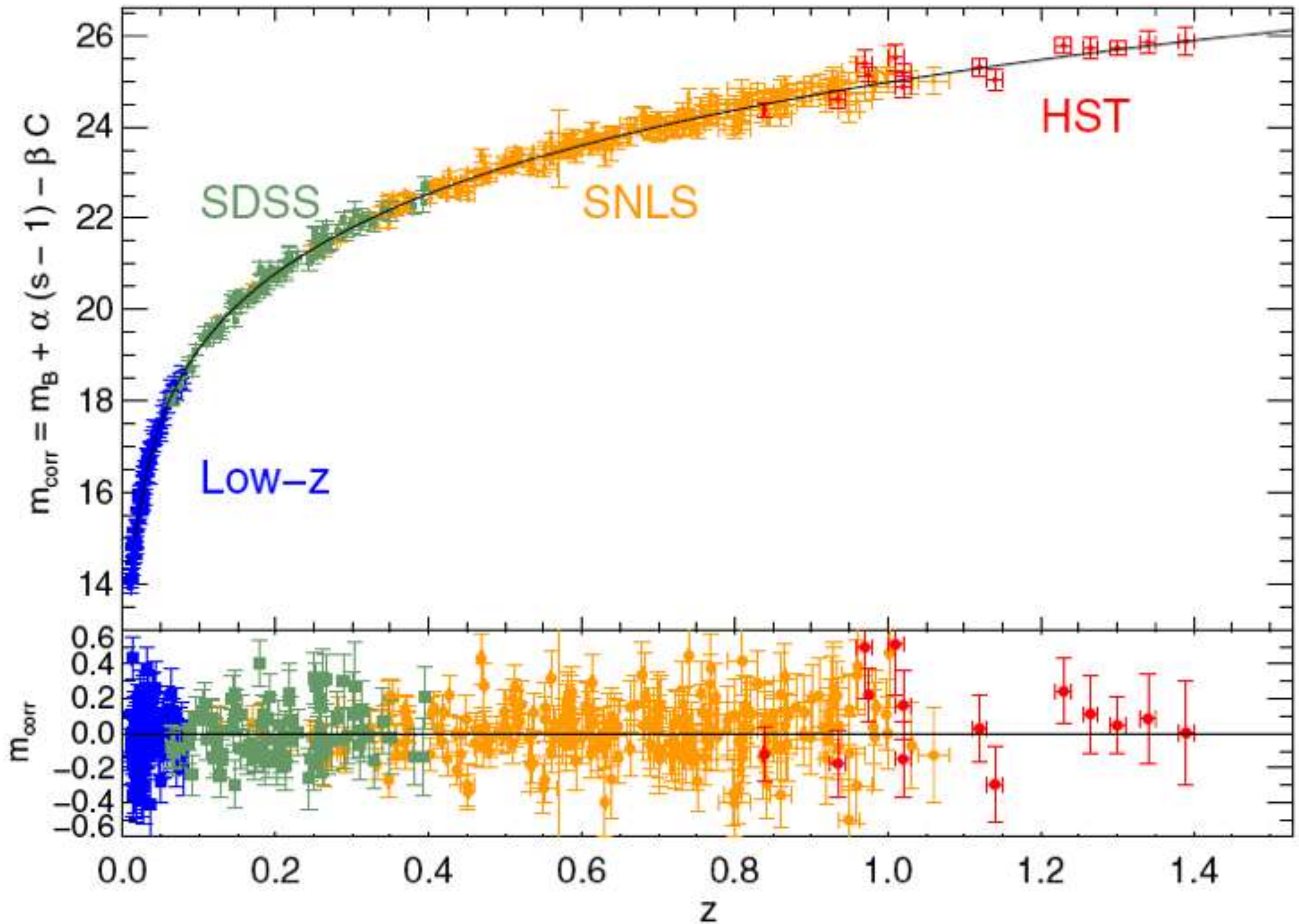
2dF redshift survey finds

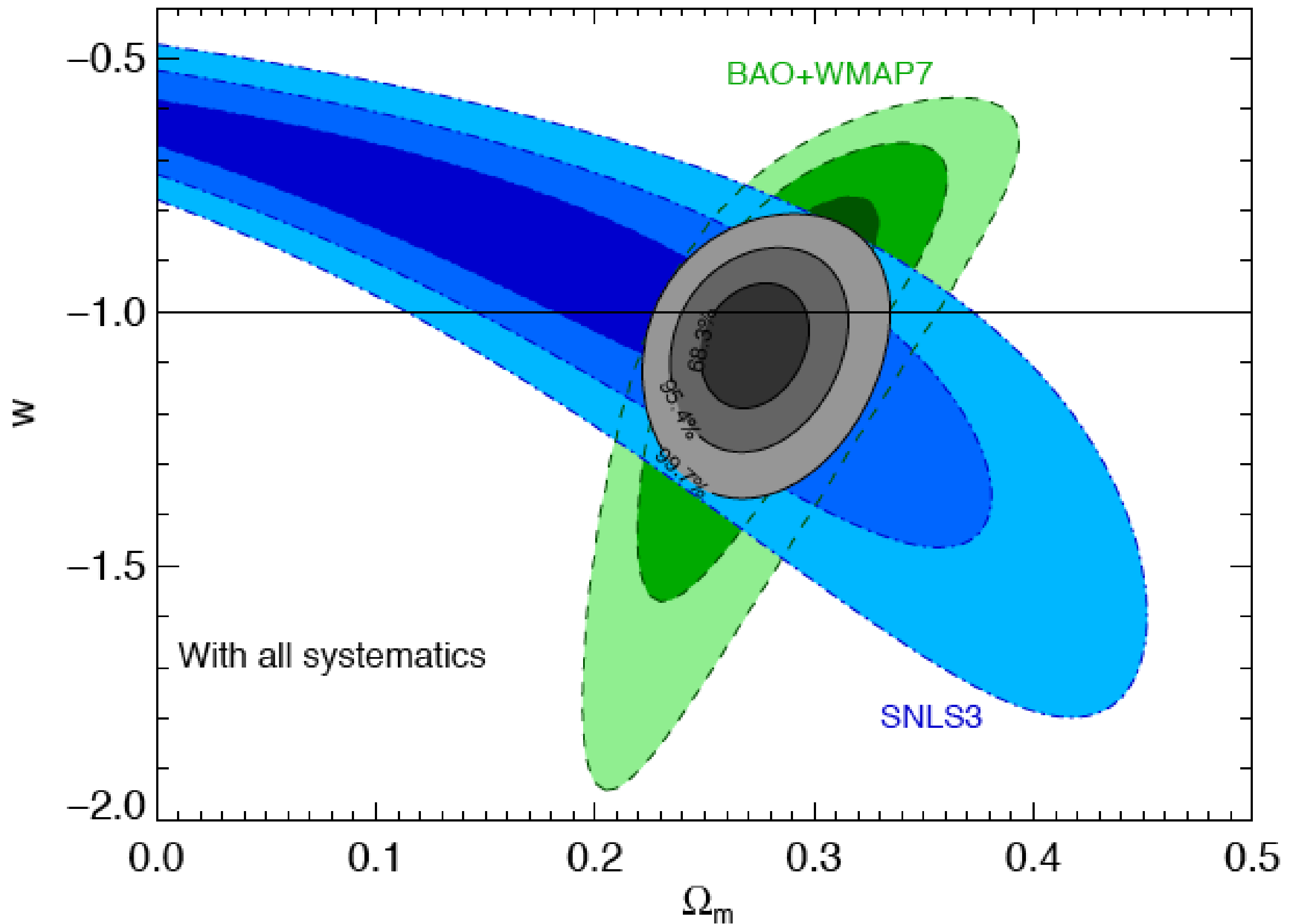
$\Omega_M \sim 0.3$ from power
spectrum and infall

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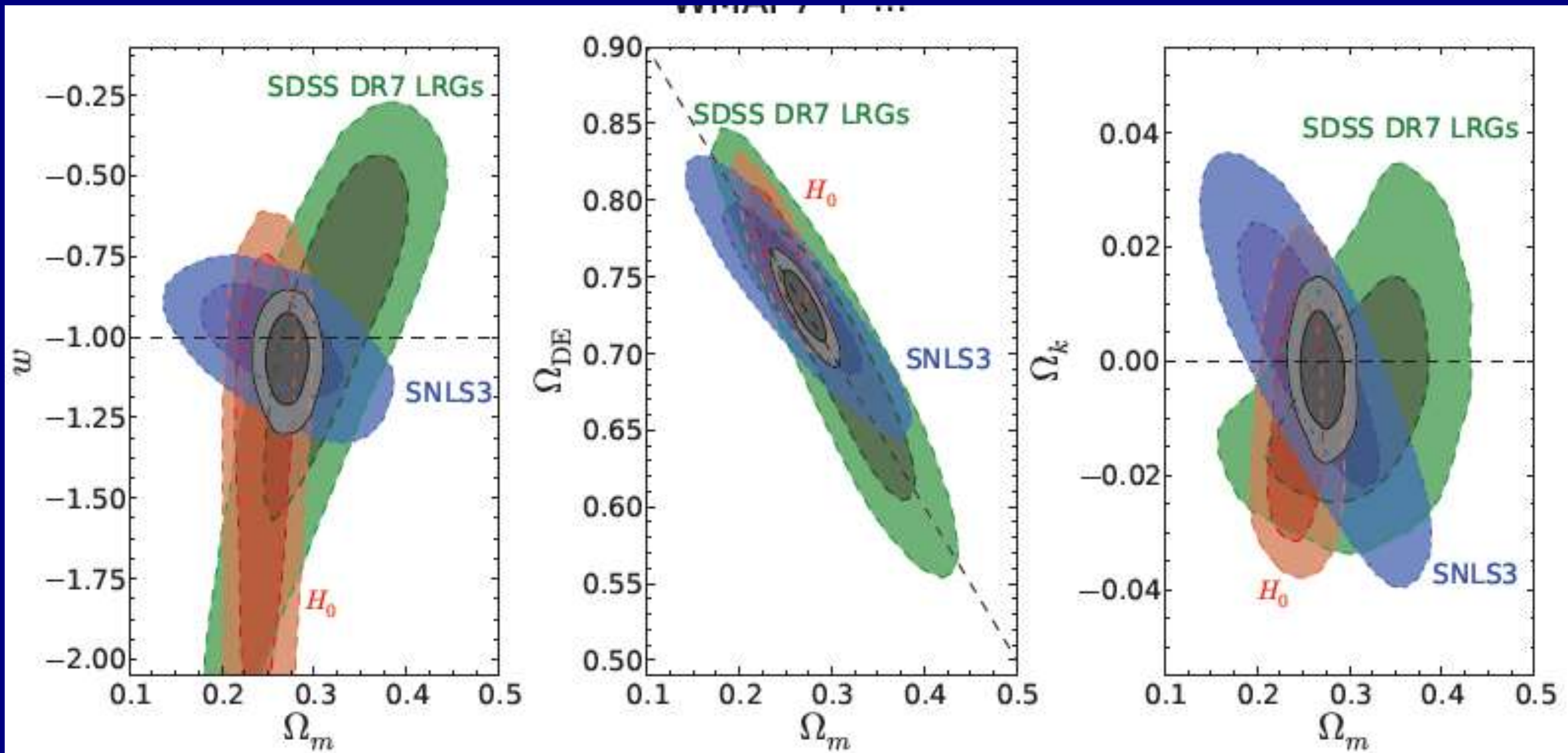


Where we Stand now - SN Ia





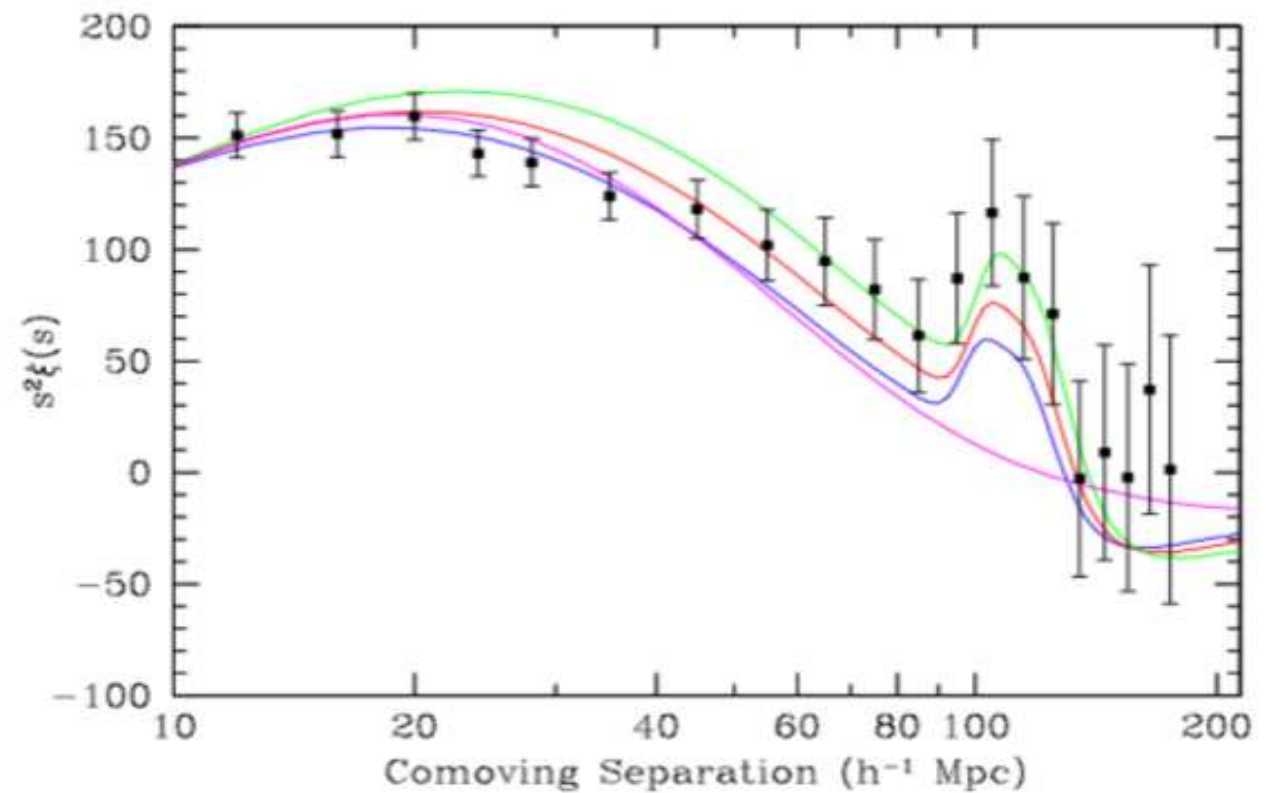
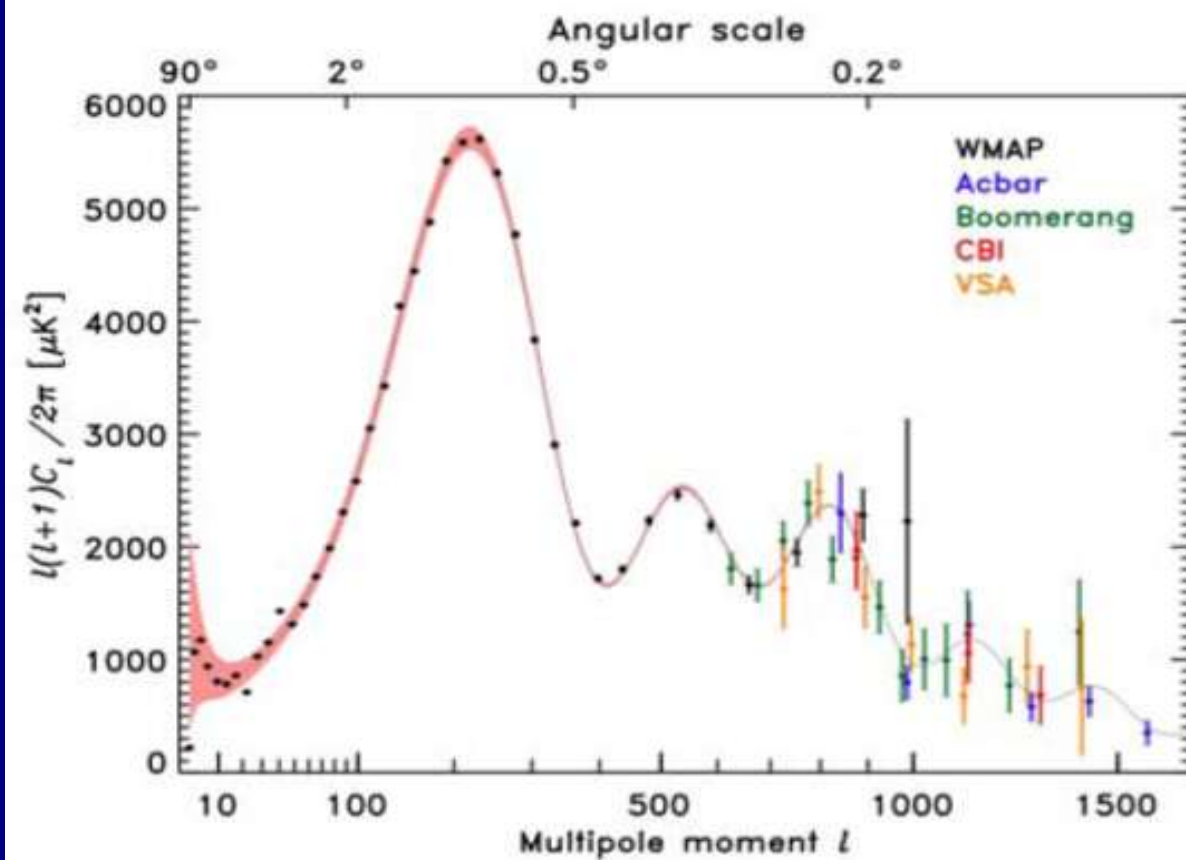
WMAP7 + ...



$w, \Lambda_w, \Lambda_c, \Lambda_\geq$

all constrained simultaneously

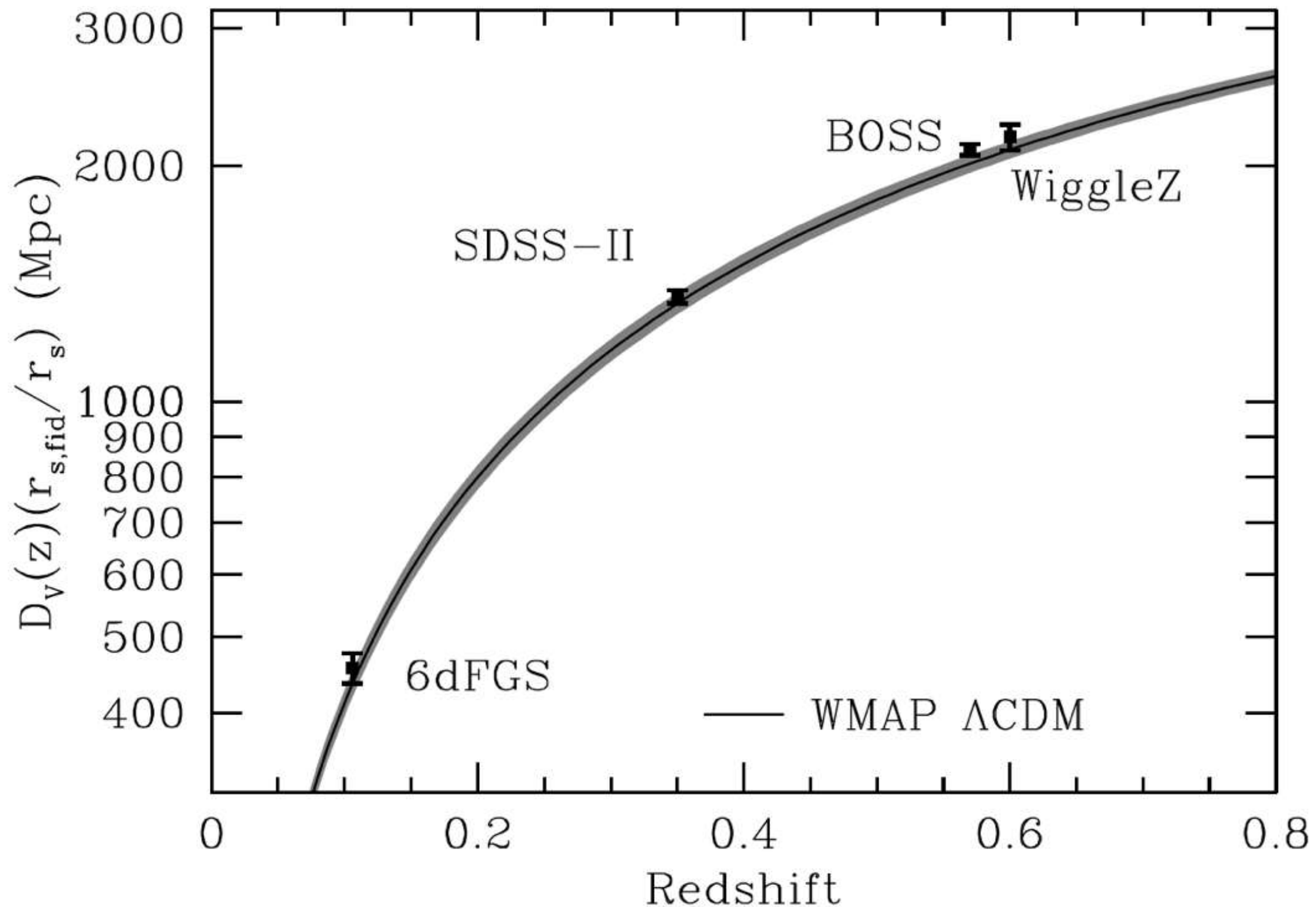
Sullivan et al 11



Eisenstein et al. 2005

- The physics of these *baryon acoustic oscillations* (BAO) is well understood, and their manifestation as wiggles in the CMB fluctuation spectrum is modeled to very high accuracy – the 1st peak has a size of ~ 150 Mpc (co-moving)
- They are then a standard Ruler we can look at through time.

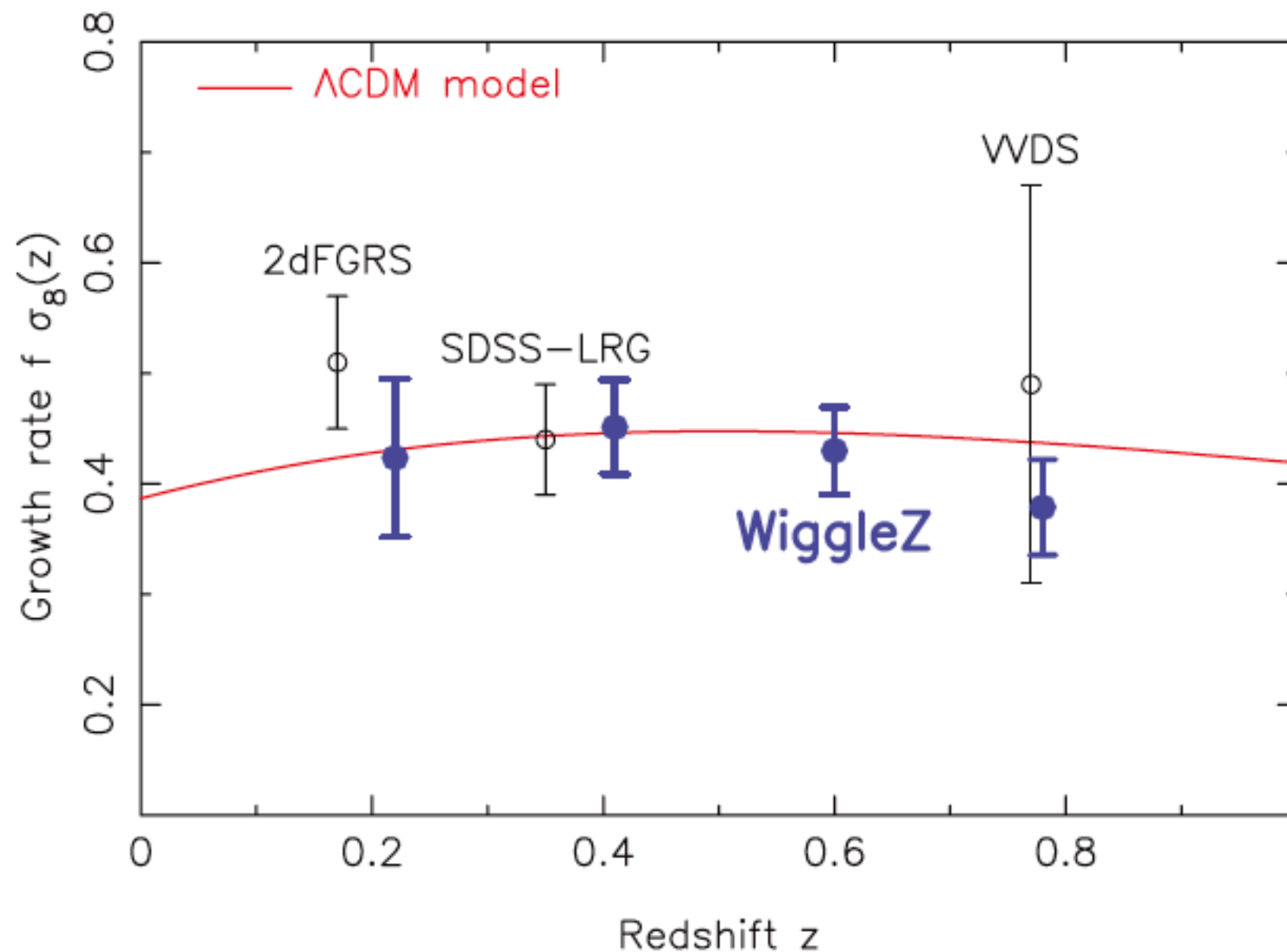
Where we Stand now - BAOs



Blake et al 2011 Anderson et al 2012

Growth of Structure is also Consistent!

C. Blake et al.



If the Universe is Homogenous and Isotropic the Universe is Accelerating!

- Expand the Robertson-Walker Metric and see how $D(1+z, q_0)...$

Supernova Data
are good enough
now to show the
acceleration
independent of
assuming
General Relativity.

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redshift

Daly et al. 2008

Acceleration ?



Only if the **Universe** is not **homogenous or isotropic** - Robertson Walker Metric invalid.

Occam's Razor does not favour us living in the center of a spherical under-density whose size and radial fall-off perfectly matched to the acceleration.



Theoretical Discussion on whether or not the growth of structure can perturb the metric in such a way to mimic the effects of Dark Energy. This is the only way out I can see - But controversial!

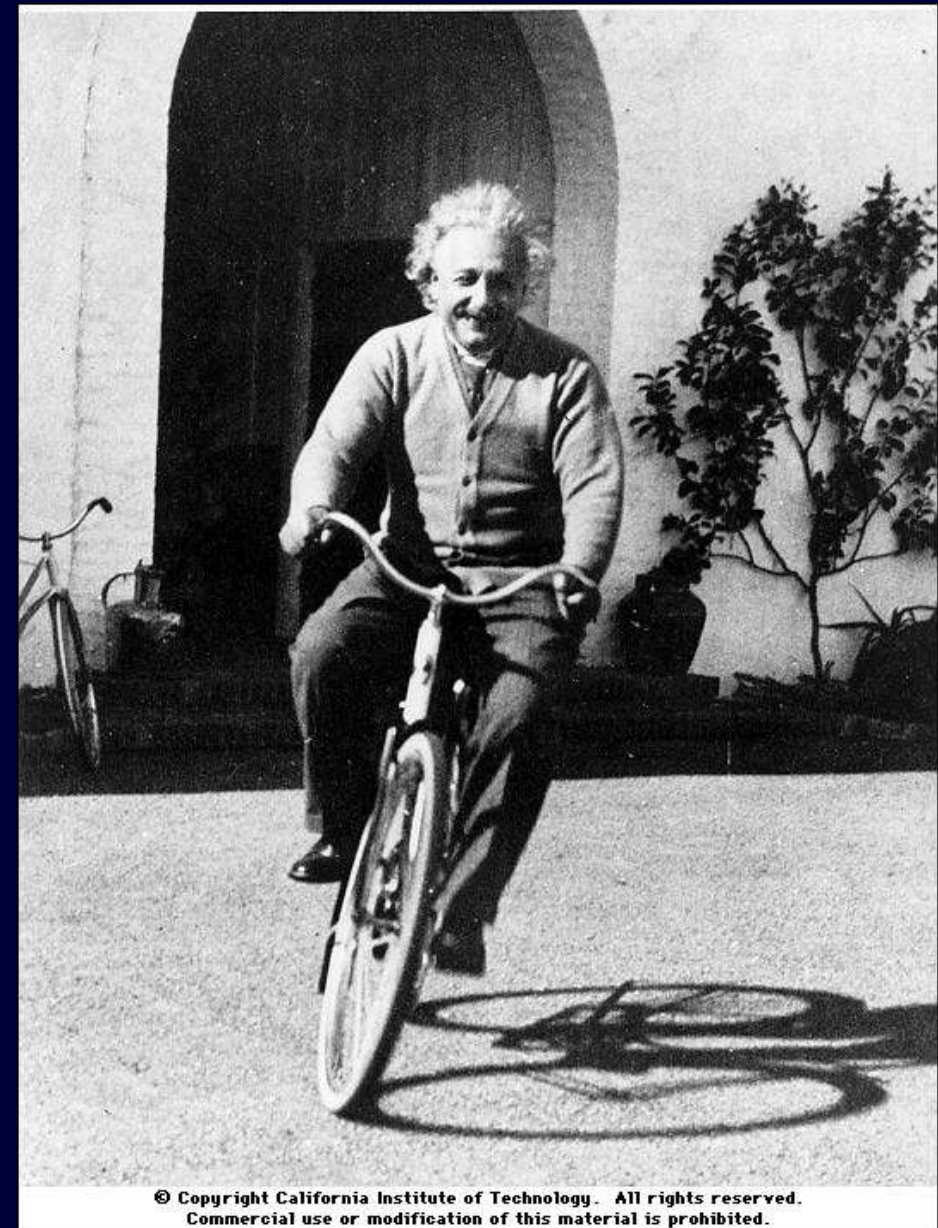
So What is the Dark Energy?

One possibility is that the Universe is permeated by an energy density, constant in time and uniform in space.

Such a “cosmological constant” (Lambda: Λ) was originally postulated by Einstein, but later rejected when the expansion of the Universe was first detected.

General arguments from the scale of particle interactions, however, suggest that if Λ is not zero, it should be very large, larger by a truly enormous factor than what is measured.

If dark energy is due to a cosmological constant, its ratio of pressure to energy density (its equation of state) is $w = P/\rho = -1$ at all times. This is testable!



So What is the Dark Energy?

Another possibility is that the dark energy is some kind of dynamical fluid, not previously known to physics, but similar to what is postulated to have caused inflation.

In this case the equation of state of the fluid would likely not be constant, but would vary with time.

Different theories of dynamical dark energy are distinguished through their differing predictions for the evolution of the equation of state.

Unfortunately these theories offer infinite flexibility, can reproduce any observation we make, and can spend much of their time looking like a Cosmological Constant to well beyond any foreseeable measurement precision.



So What is the Dark Energy?

An alternative explanation of the accelerating expansion of the Universe is that General Relativity or the standard cosmological model is incorrect.

General Relativity is well measured in the strong-field regime through pulsars, but also in various Solar system and Earth-based experiments. These leave a little wiggle-room for modifications of GR.



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from Karl Glazebrook

The Future of the Universe seems

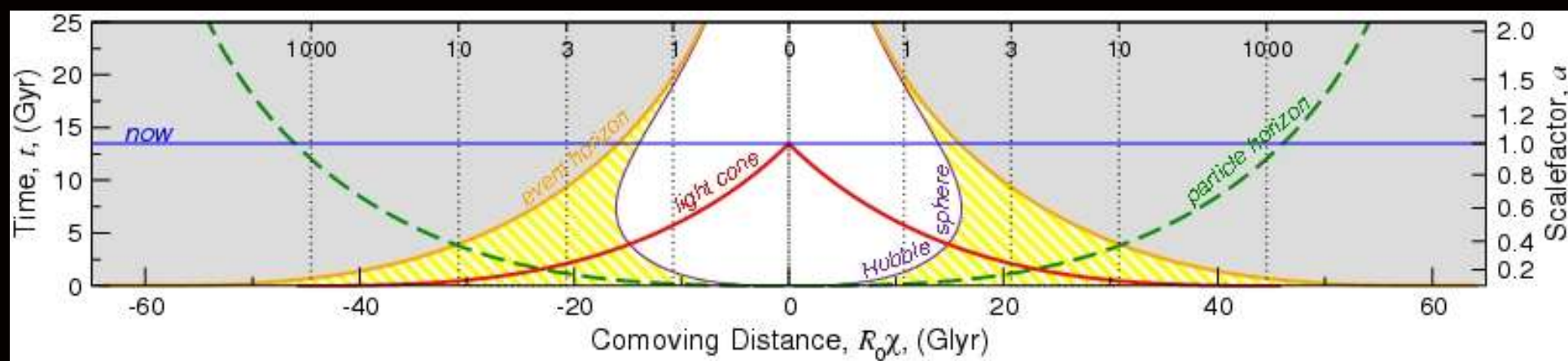
to be Dark Energy

- Does it created exactly with space ($w=-1$) or a bit faster or a bit slower...
- This is considered one of Physics Biggest Questions, with both Astronomy and Physics communities putting significant effort into understanding the answer.
- EUCLID, WFIRST, LSST, BIGBOSS, BOSS, DECCAM, WIGGLEZ...
- .

The Big Chill?

Dark Energy has won the battle of the Universe, and will continue to accelerate the Cosmos.

- The creation of space happens more quickly than light can travel through it.



- Eventually we will live in an empty universe except for our own “super galaxy”

Until we understand what is
accelerating the Cosmos...

anything is possible.

Dark Energy might change in the future and slow
the Universe up, or even accelerate the Cosmos
at an even faster rate...

Dark Energy Futures

The Unexpected

- Physics is full of Mysteries besides Dark Energy
- By continuing to explore the Universe around us from the solar system to 13.7 Gyr ago, we might well gain insight in Dark Energy from an Unexpected Place

**This is my Best Bet for Understanding
Dark Energy**

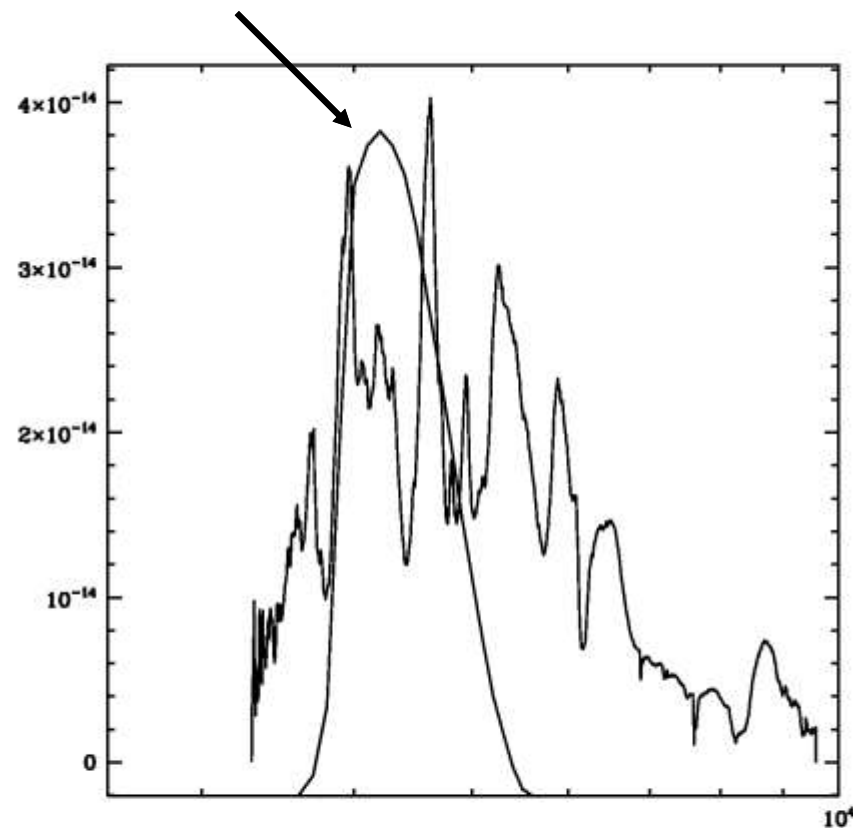
For now, if the acceleration continues, the Universe will, at an ever increasing rate, expand and fade away...

K-Corrections

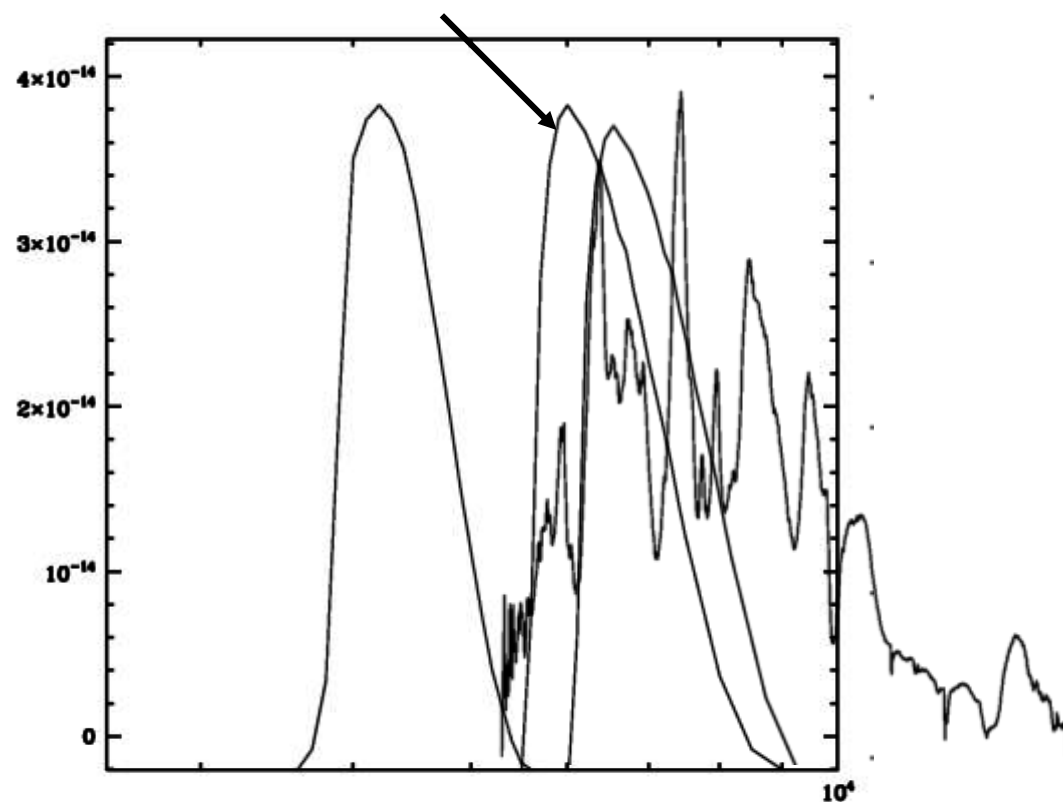
As the light of an object become redshifted,
we see it at different wavelengths

B band (440nm)

R band (650nm)



$z=0$



$z=0.5$

Photometry and K-corrections

1 $m_i = M_i + 5 \log(D_L / 10 \text{ pc})$ definition of absolute mag

2 $(m - M) \equiv 5 \log\left(\frac{D_L}{10 \text{ pc}}\right)$ definition of distance modulus

3 $F(\lambda, z) d\lambda = \frac{L\left(\frac{\lambda}{(1+z)}\right) \frac{d\lambda}{(1+z)}}{4\pi D_L^2}$ Flux of redshifted source

4 $m_i = Z_i - 2.5 \log \frac{\int S_i(\lambda) F(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_i(\lambda) d\lambda}$ definition of mag

5 $M_i = Z_i - 2.5 \log \frac{\int S_i(\lambda) L(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_i(\lambda) d\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{4\pi (10 \text{ pc})^2} \right)$

6 $m_i(z) = Z_i - 2.5 \log \frac{\int S_i(\lambda) \frac{L\left(\frac{\lambda}{(1+z)}\right) \frac{d\lambda}{(1+z)}}{4\pi D_L^2}}{\int S_i(\lambda) d\lambda}$

7 $(m_i(z) - M_i) = \left(Z_i - 2.5 \log \frac{\int S_i(\lambda) \frac{L\left(\frac{\lambda}{(1+z)}\right) \frac{d\lambda}{(1+z)}}{4\pi D_L^2}}{\int S_i(\lambda) d\lambda} \right) - \left(Z_i - 2.5 \log \frac{\int S_i(\lambda) L(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_i(\lambda) d\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{4\pi (10 \text{ pc})^2} \right) \right)$

8 $(m_i(z) - M_i) = 2.5 \log \left(\frac{\int S_i(\lambda) L(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_i(\lambda) L\left(\frac{\lambda}{(1+z)}\right) \frac{d\lambda}{(1+z)}} \right) + 5 \log\left(\frac{D_L}{10 \text{ pc}}\right)$

9 $(m - M) = (m_i(z) - M_i) - K_i$
where,

10 $K_i(z) = 2.5 \log \left[(1+z) \frac{\int S_i(\lambda) L(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_i(\lambda) L\left(\frac{\lambda}{(1+z)}\right) d\lambda} \right]$

11 analogous for two different filters is
 $(m - M) = (m_i(z) - M_j) - K_{ij}(z),$

12 where
 $K_{ij}(z) = 2.5 \log \left[(1+z) \frac{\int S_i(\lambda) L(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_j(\lambda) L(\lambda/(1+z)) d\lambda} \right] + Z_j - Z_i$

e.g SN Ia at $z=0.5$ has $R=22.2$ and K-Corr ($R \rightarrow B$) $= -0.75$ and $M_B = -19.5$
 its $(m-M) = 22.2 + 0.75 + 19.5 = 42.45$

K-Corrections

$$m_i = Z_i - 2.5 \log \frac{\int S_i(\lambda) F(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_i(\lambda) d\lambda}$$

$$K_i = 2.5 \log \left[(1+z) \frac{\int S_i(\lambda) F(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_i(\lambda) F(\lambda / (1+z)) d\lambda} \right]$$

$$K_{ij} = 2.5 \log \left[(1+z) \frac{\int S_i(\lambda) F(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int S_j(\lambda) F(\lambda / (1+z)) d\lambda} \right] + Z_j - Z_i$$

$$(m-M) = m_j - K_{ij} - M_i$$

