

# The Cosmological Principle and the frame that never was

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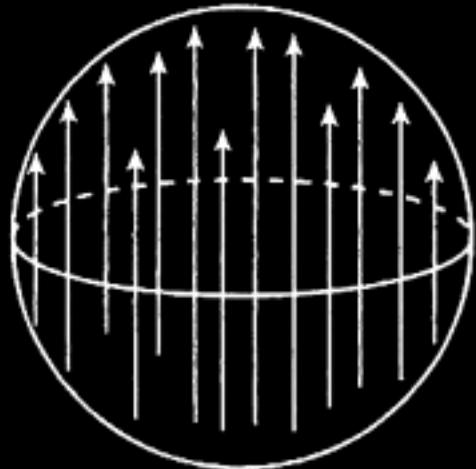
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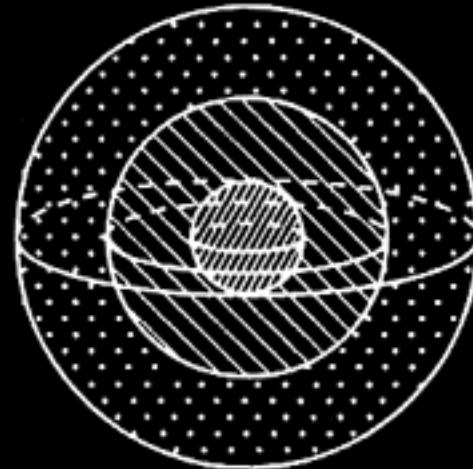
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# The cosmological principle

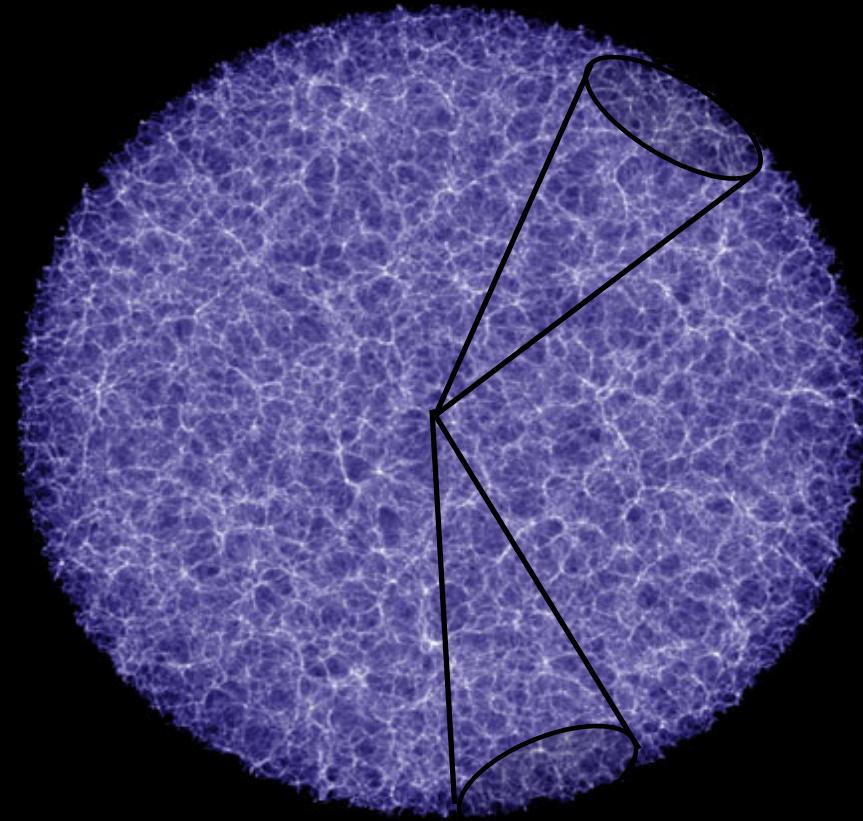
The Universe is (statistically) **isotropic** and homogenous (on large scales).



Homogeneous  
Not isotropic



Isotropic  
Not homogeneous



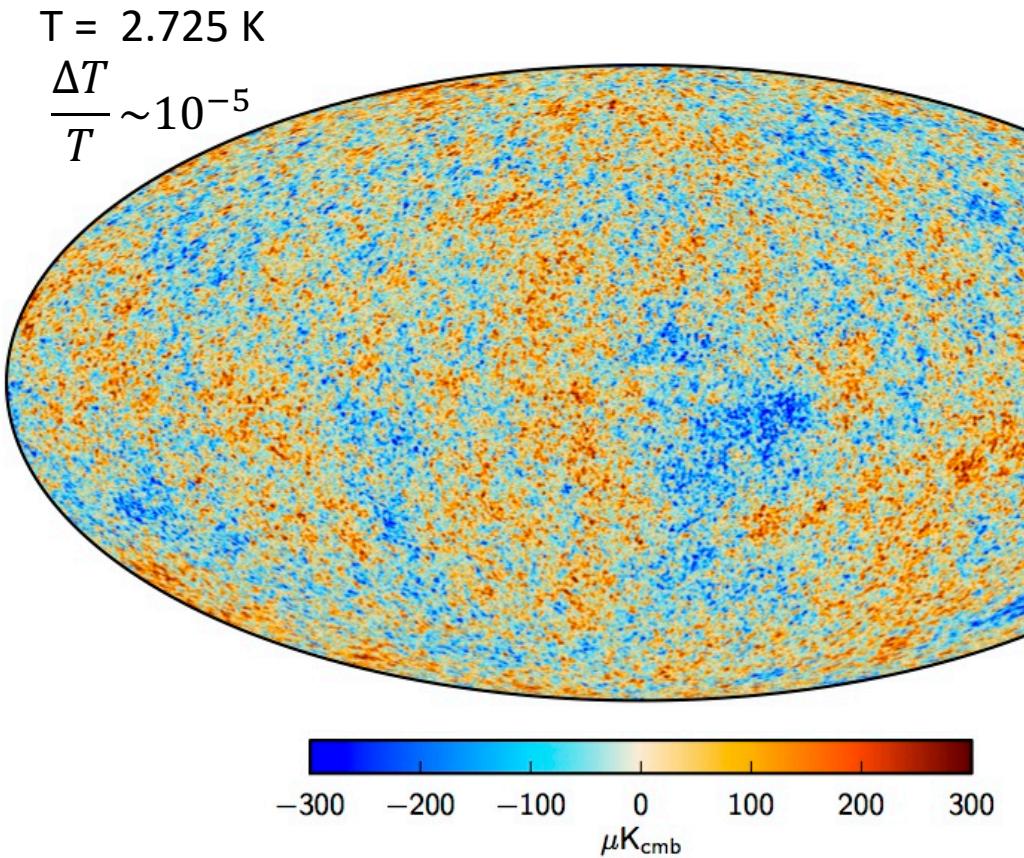
No special positions or directions in the Universe.

Also the Copernican principle :  
we are 'typical' observers.

$\exists$  a frame from which observers:

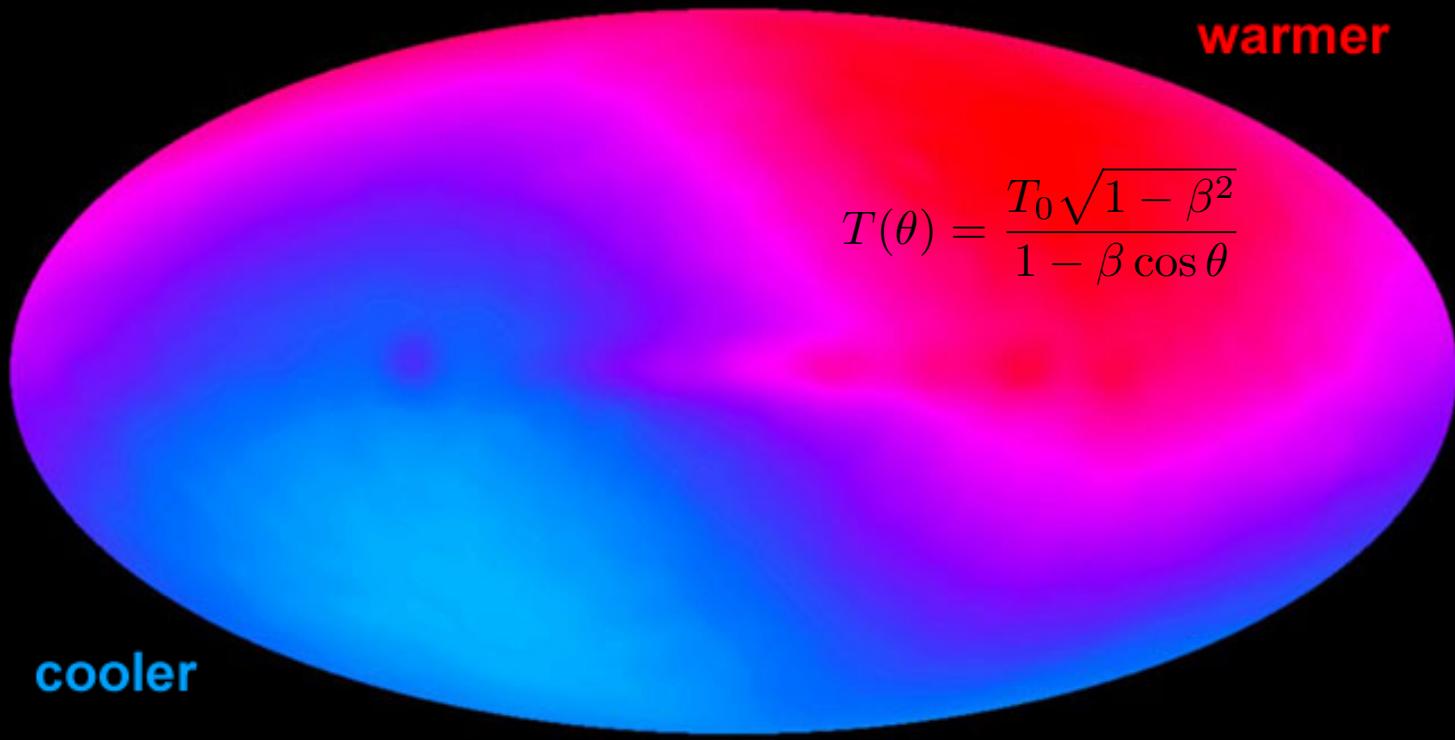
- See same number of sources per solid angle in all directions
- Large angles, deep enough survey

# *“Data from the Planck satellite show the universe to be highly isotropic”*



We observe a **statistically isotropic** Gaussian random field of small temperature fluctuations (fully quantified by the 2-point correlations → angular power spectrum)

# The CMB Dipole: Our motion through the cosmos?



$$T(\theta) = \frac{T_0 \sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}{1 - \beta \cos \theta}$$

COBE Experiment, 1996

Planck 2015

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T} \sim 10^{-3}$$

Net motion of the Solar System barycentre:  
369 +/- 2 km/s w.r.t 'CMB rest frame'  
towards

$$\text{R.A} = 168.0, \text{ DEC} = -7.0$$

- Motion of the Sun around the Galaxy  
~225 +/- 18 km/s
- The motion of the Local Group 627+/-22  
km/s *ApJ, 709, 483*

Is this 'Purely Kinematic'?

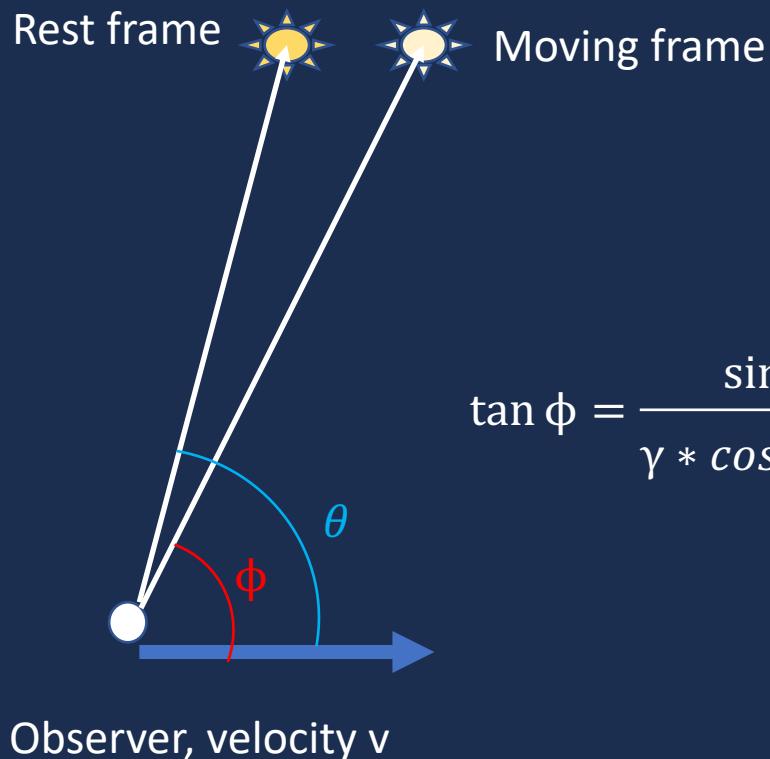
What is the origin of this motion?

# A moving observer - Kinematic Dipole

$$\sigma(\theta)_{obs} = \sigma_{rest}[1 + [2 + x(1 + \alpha)]\frac{v}{c}\cos(\theta)]$$

Ellis & Baldwin (1984)

## Aberration

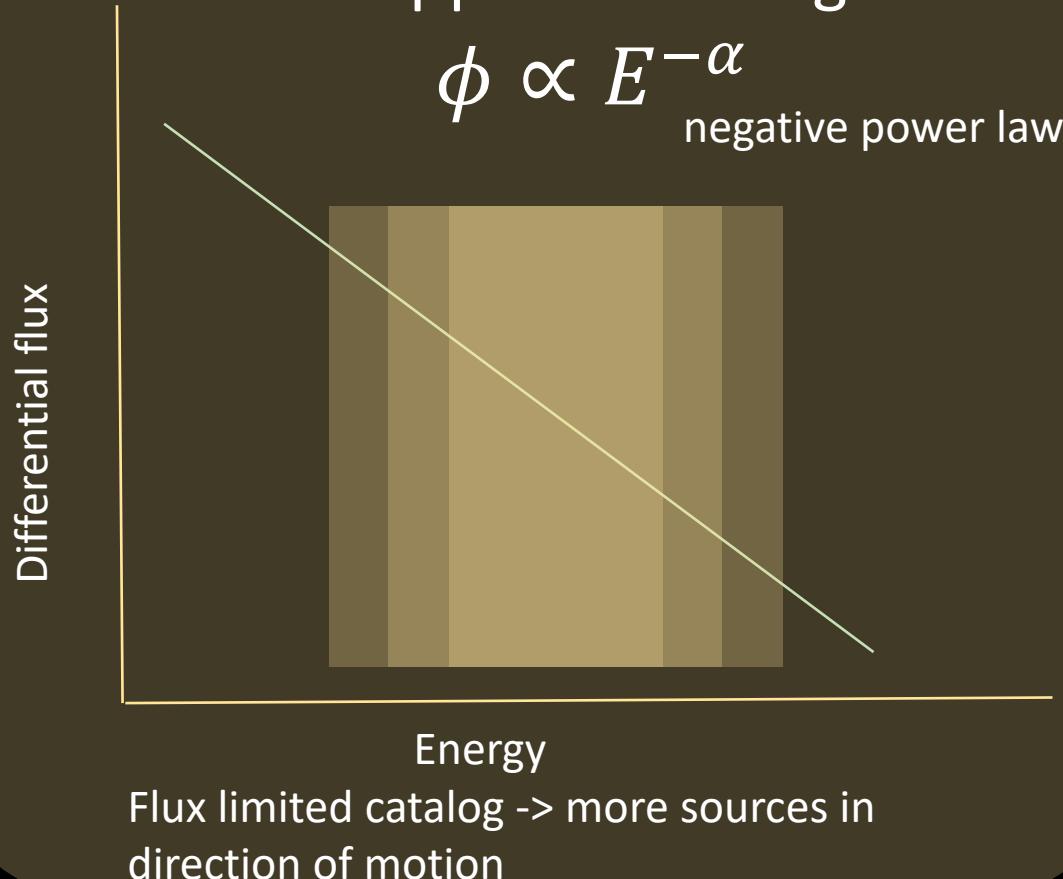


$$\tan \phi = \frac{\sin \theta}{\gamma * \cos \theta - \frac{v}{c}}$$

## Doppler boosting

$$\phi \propto E^{-\alpha}$$

negative power law



# On the expected anisotropy of radio source counts

G. F. R. Ellis<sup>\*</sup> and J. E. Baldwin<sup>†</sup> *Orthodox Academy of Crete,  
Kolymbari, Crete*

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**Summary.** If the standard interpretation of the dipole anisotropy in the microwave background radiation as being due to our peculiar velocity in a homogeneous isotropic universe is correct, then radio-source number counts must show a similar anisotropy. Conversely, determination of a dipole anisotropy in those counts determines our velocity relative to their rest frame; this velocity must agree with that determined from the microwave background radiation anisotropy. Present limits show reasonable agreement between these velocities.

## 4 Conclusion

Anisotropies in radio-source number counts can be used to determine a cosmological standard of rest. Current observations determine it to about  $\pm 500 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , but accurate counts of fainter sources will reduce the error to a level comparable to that set by observations of the microwave background radiation. If the standards of rest determined by the MBR and the number counts were to be in serious disagreement, one would have to abandon either

- (a) the idea that the radio sources are at cosmological distances, or
- (b) the interpretation of the cosmic microwave radiation as relic radiation from the big bang, or
- (c) the standard FRW Universe models.

Thus comparison of these standards of rest provides a powerful consistency test of our understanding of the Universe.

# This talk:

- Is the CMB dipole really ‘purely kinematic’? Dipoles in number counts of flux limited catalogues:
    - High redshift Radio Galaxies (NVSS + SUMSS)
    - Low redshift infrared galaxies (AllWISE)
    - High Redshift Quasars (CatWISE)
    - Gaia UnWISE
- MNRAS 471 (2017) no.1, 1045-1055**  
**MNRAS 477 (2018) no.2, 1772-1781**  
arXiv: 2009.14826  
in preparation

The situation that Ellis & Baldwin anticipated in 1984 has arrived

- The bulk flow of the local Universe. Where is the cosmic rest frame?
  - The tilted Friedmann Universe.
    - “Evidence for anisotropy of Cosmic Acceleration” :  
**An amusing debate:**
- A&A 631, L13 (2019)**  
arXiv:1912.04257

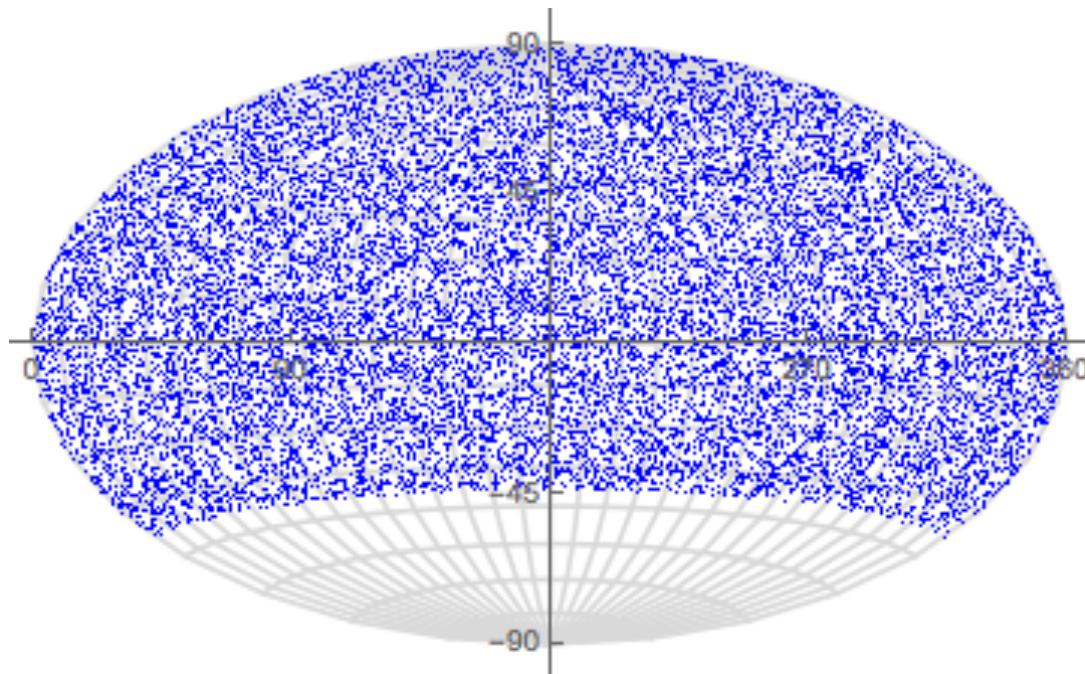
The issue of peculiar velocities and corrections.

- The Hubble tension makes no sense :
  - What exactly is going on in cosmology now?
  - Backup
- arXiv : 1911.06456

A historical review of Supernova cosmology and fitting.

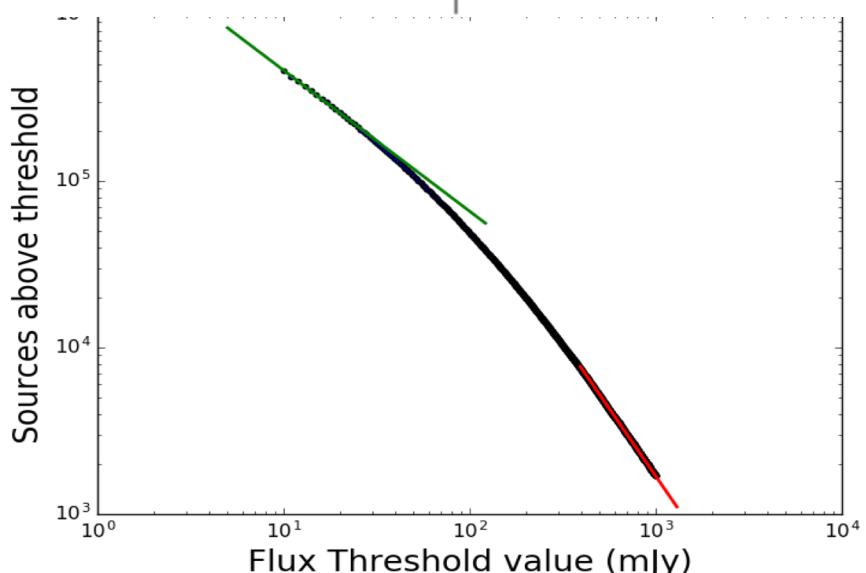
Absurd things in cosmology

# The NRAO VLA Sky Survey (NVSS)



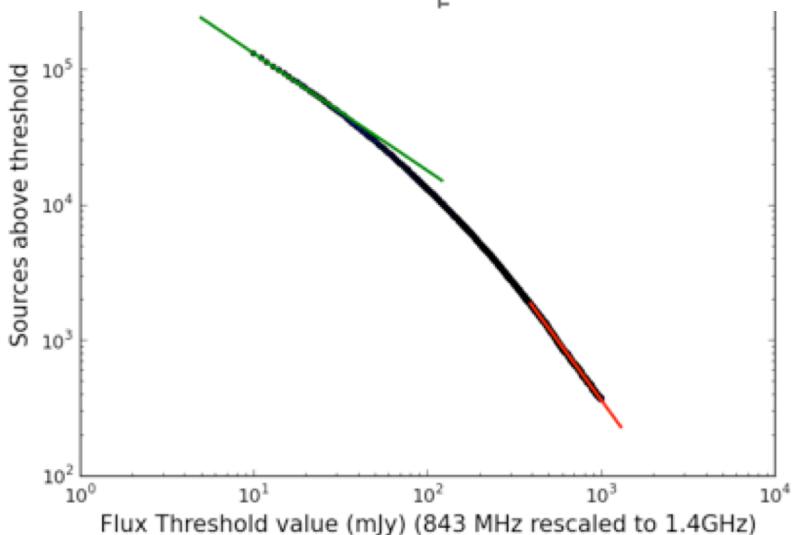
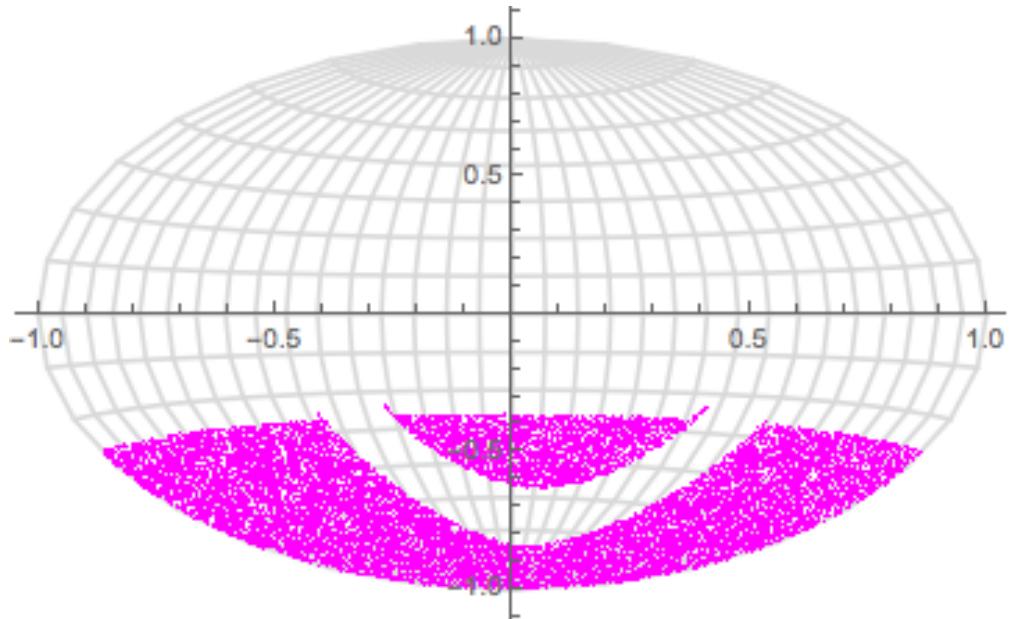
1.4 GHz survey of the Northern sky, by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. Down to dec =  $-40.4^{\circ}$

1,773,488 sources above 2.5 mJy. But ‘complete’ with uniform sky exposure only above 10 mJy



Phys. Rev. D, 78, 043519

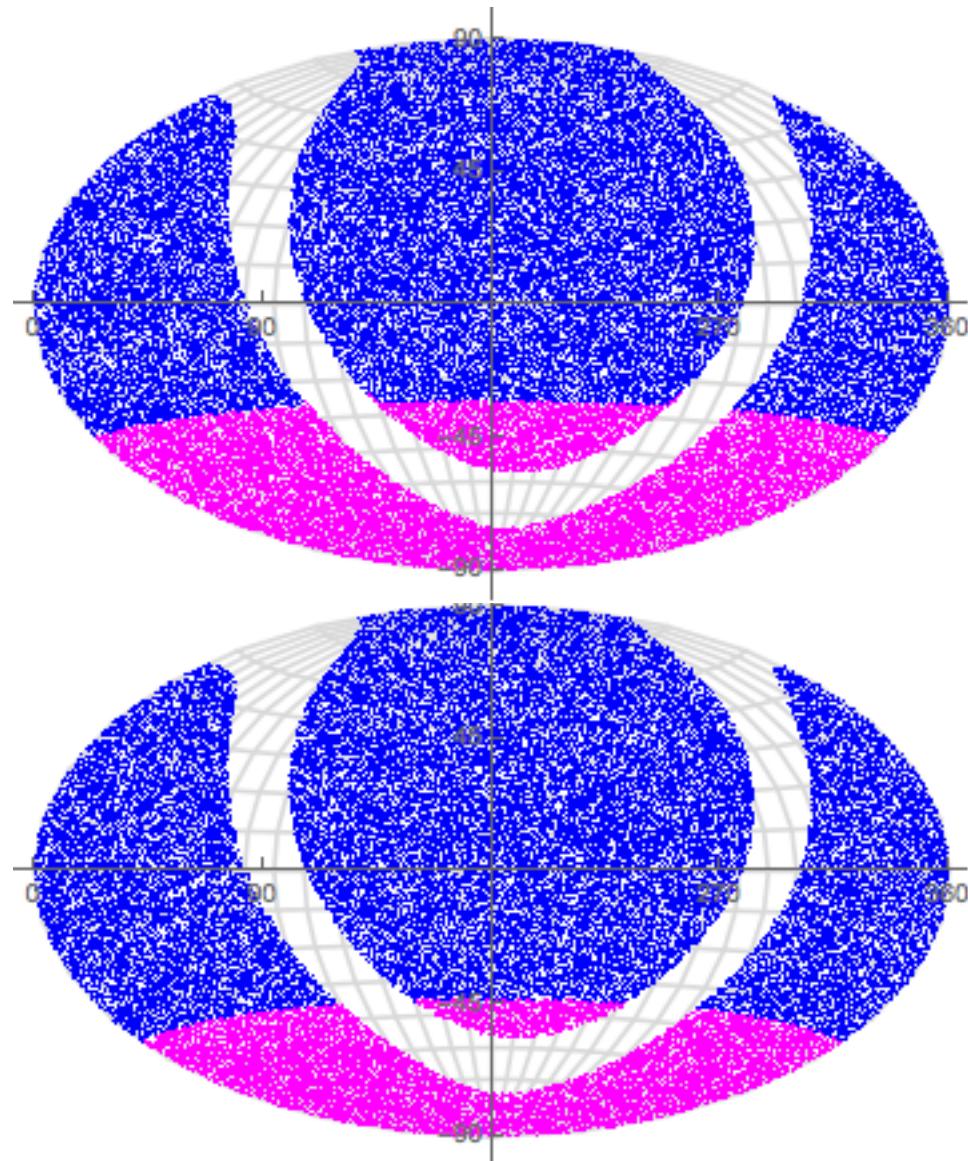
# Sydney University Molonglo Sky Survey (SUMSS)



843 MHz survey of the Southern sky, by the Molonglo Observatory Synthesis telescope. Dec < -30.0°

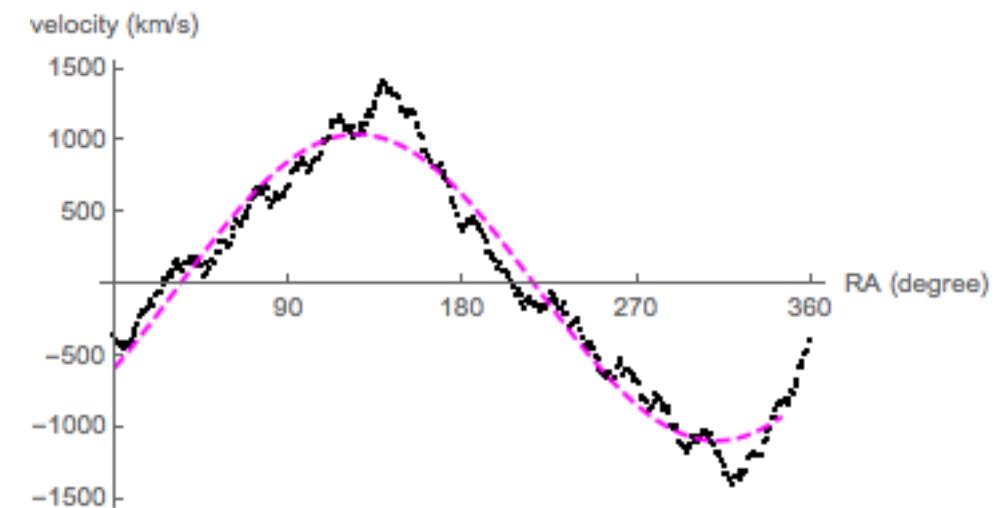
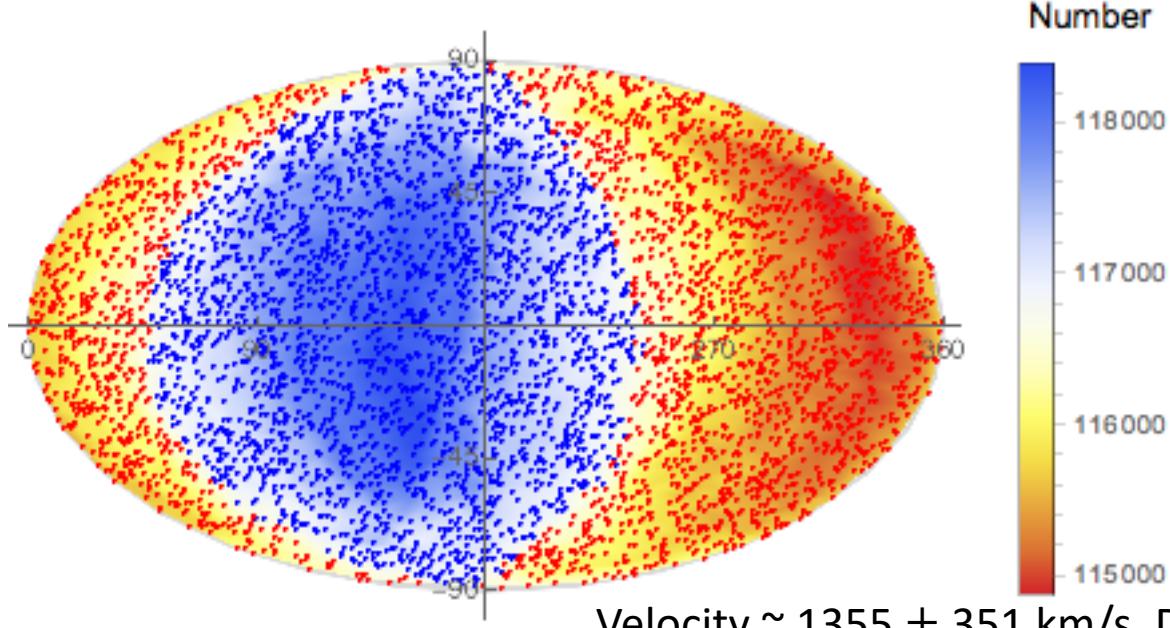
211050 radio sources. Similar sensitivity and resolution to NVSS

# The NVSUMSS-Combined All Sky catalog



- Rescale SUMSS fluxes by  $(843/1400)^{-0.75}$
- Remove Galactic Plane at +/-10 degree in NVSS
- Remove NVSS sources below and SUMSS sources above dec -30 (or -40)
- Apply common threshold flux cut on both samples
- $z \sim 1$ ,  $< 120$  sources at  $z < 0.3$  at 90% C.L.

# Results



Statistical significance,  $\sim 2.81$  Sigma, with the 3D linear estimator, constrained mainly by the catalogue size

**Bengaly et al 2018 JCAP 1804 (2018) no.04, 031 find a 5.1 sigma excess in TGSS !  
SKA phase 1 measurement  $\sim 10\%$   
Bengaly (et al) 2018 : 1810.04960v1**

Siewert et al 2020

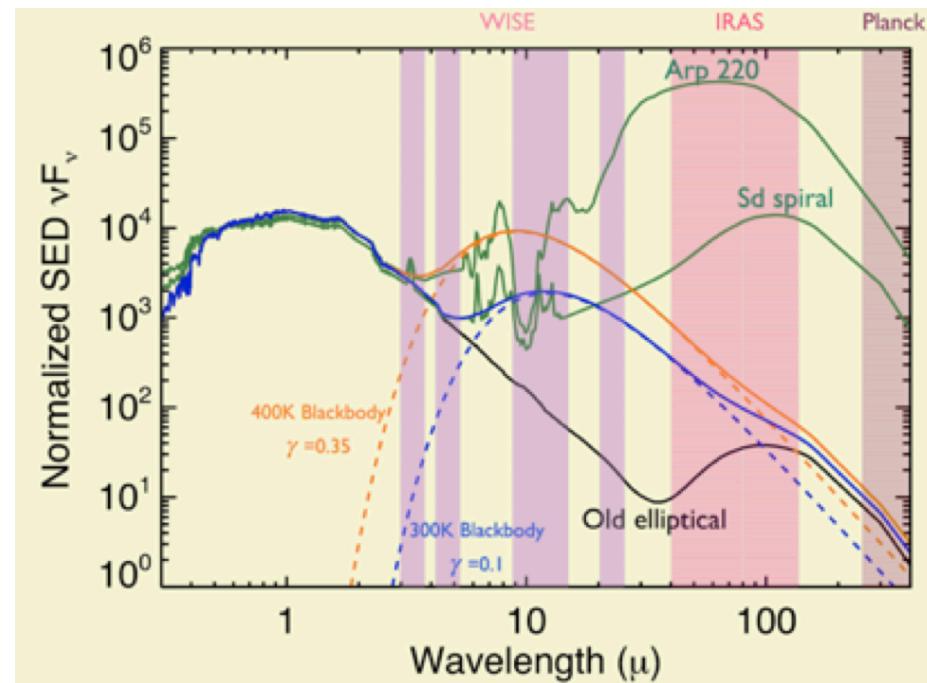
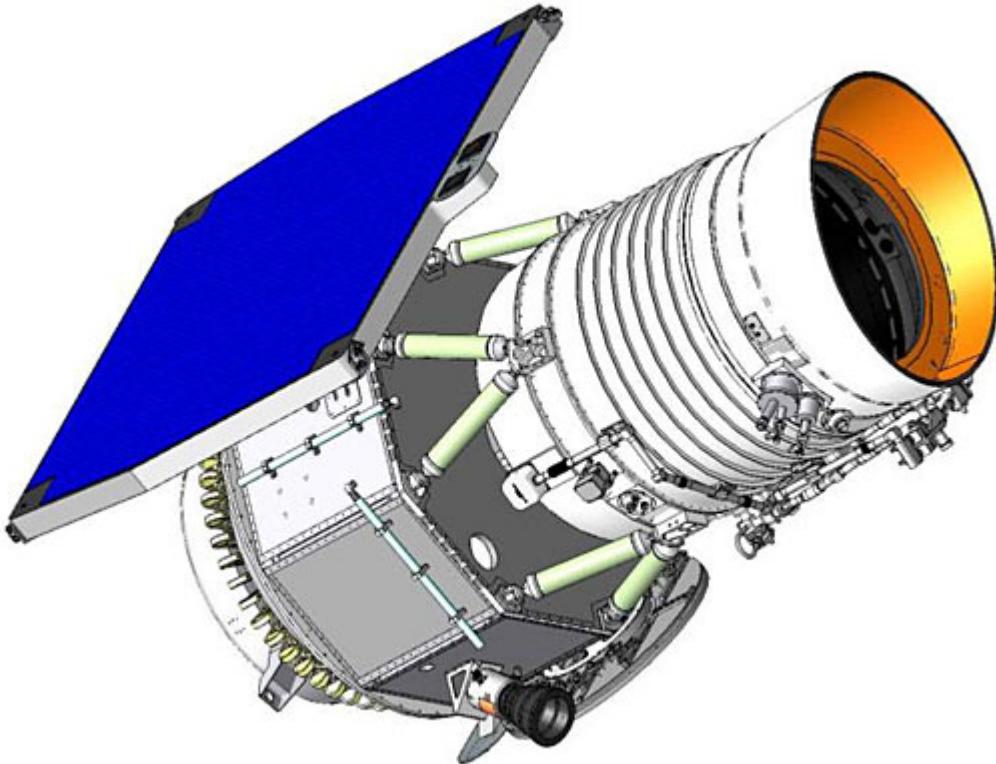
“We conclude that for all analysed surveys, the observed Cosmic Radio Dipole amplitudes exceed the expectation, derived from the CMB dipole.”

# The Widefield Infrared Survey Explorer

All sky infrared survey over 10 months, in the bands 3.4, 4.6, 12 and 22  $\mu\text{m}$  using a 40 cm diameter telescope

Generated a catalog of 746 million+ objects, most of which are stars.

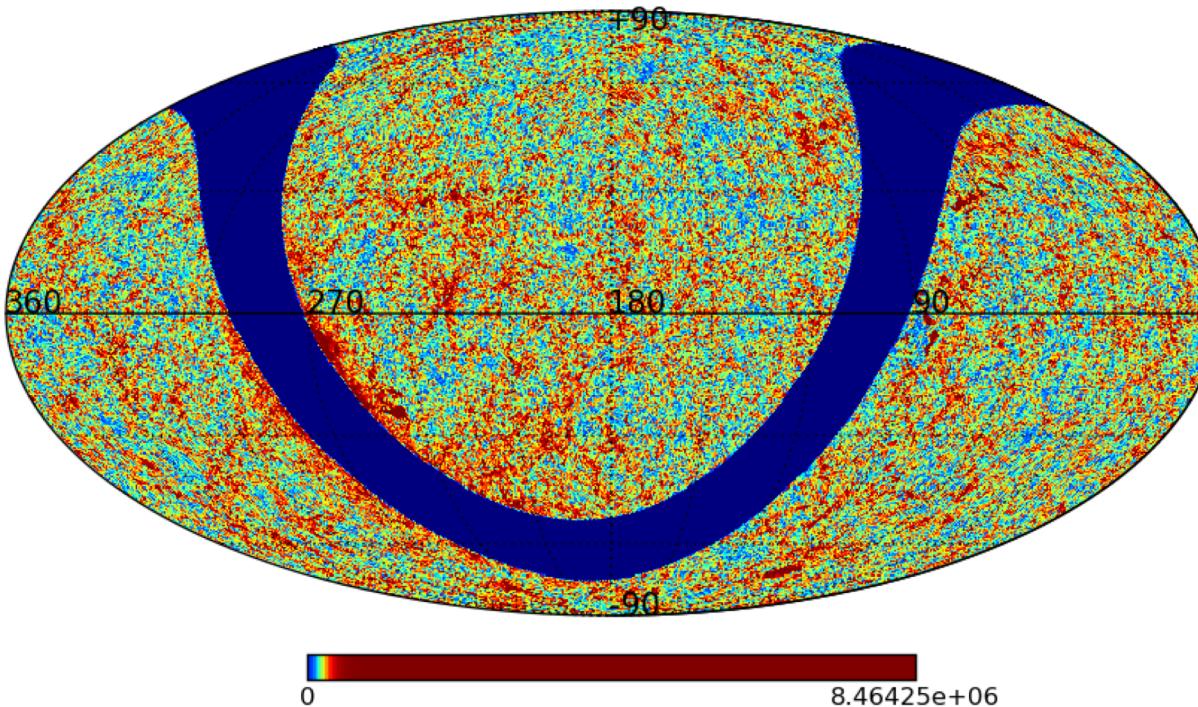
Directionally unbiased survey strategy, arc second angular resolution, multi band photometry.



# Getting rid of the stars

following from MNRAS448,1305–1313 (2015)

- Magnitude cuts in different bands, Galactic plane cut at +/-15 degrees
  - Sample of 2.46 million Galaxies, 76% complete, with 1.8% star contamination



Cross correlate with deep surveys over a very narrow sky (SDSS, GAMA) to determine how many are stars and how many are Galaxies

The maximum is in the direction (AllWISE)  
237.4° RA, -46.6 ° Dec  
331.9° l 16.02° b

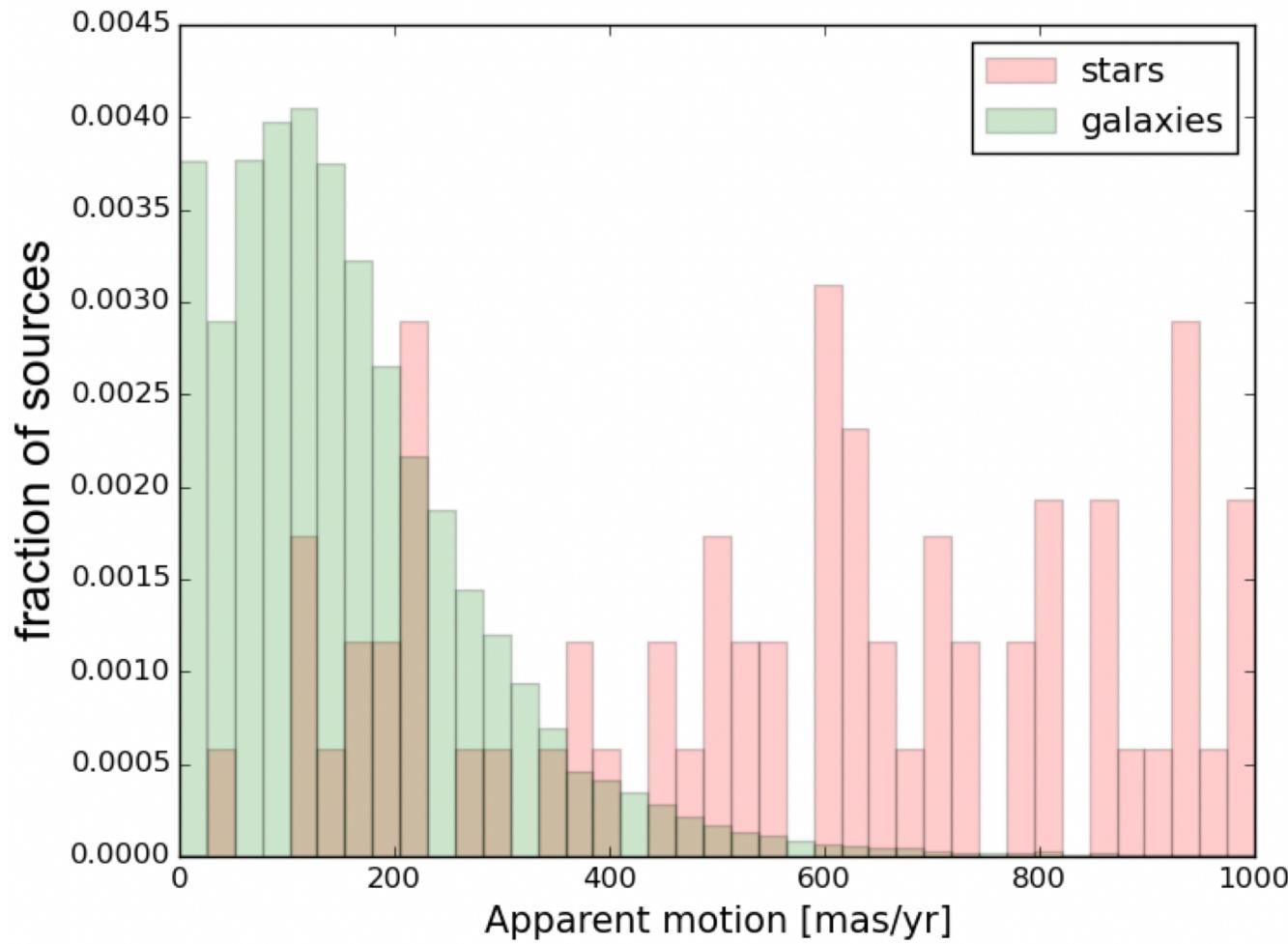
110 degrees from the CMB direction

Dipole magnitude ~0.049

Fully kinematic interpretation ~6000 km/s

in agreement with MNRAS 445 (2014) L60-L64

# Getting rid of the stars



Apparent motion = parallax + proper motion

Stars in the Galaxy have higher apparent motions 400 mas/yr up to many arc seconds/year

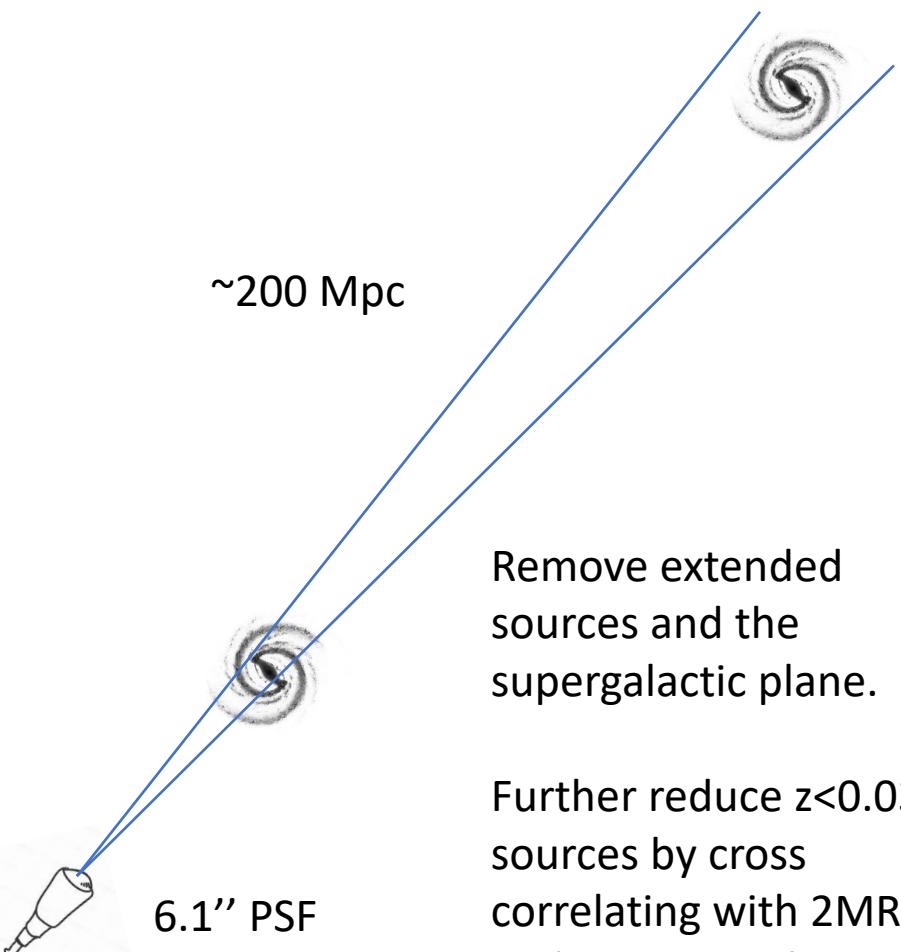
Cuts on apparent motion can bring star contamination down to 0.1%, while still keeping ~1.8 million galaxies.

182.9° RA, -55.6° DEC, 50.1° from the CMB

Dipole magnitude reduces to 0.014

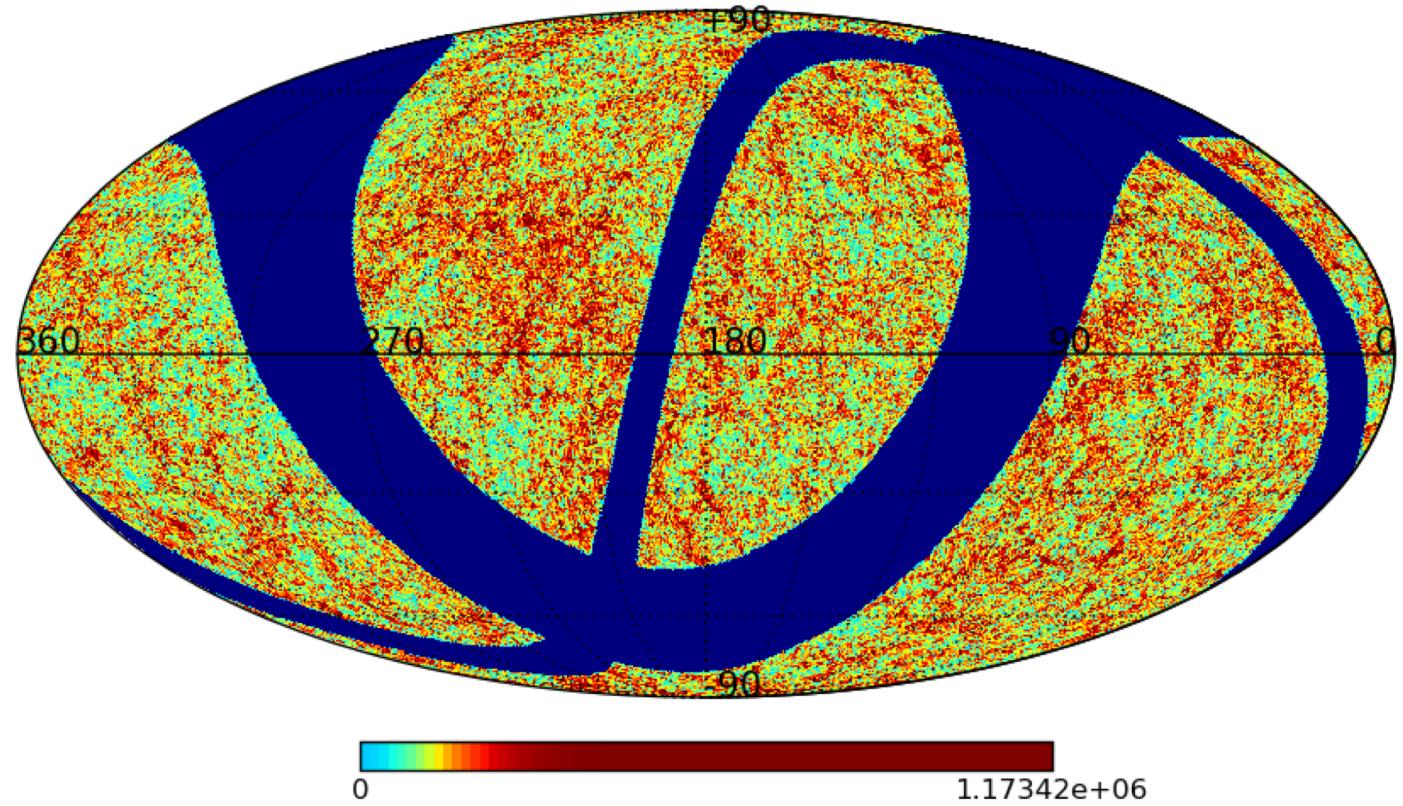
Star galaxy identification by cross correlating with SDSS

# Suppressing local anisotropies

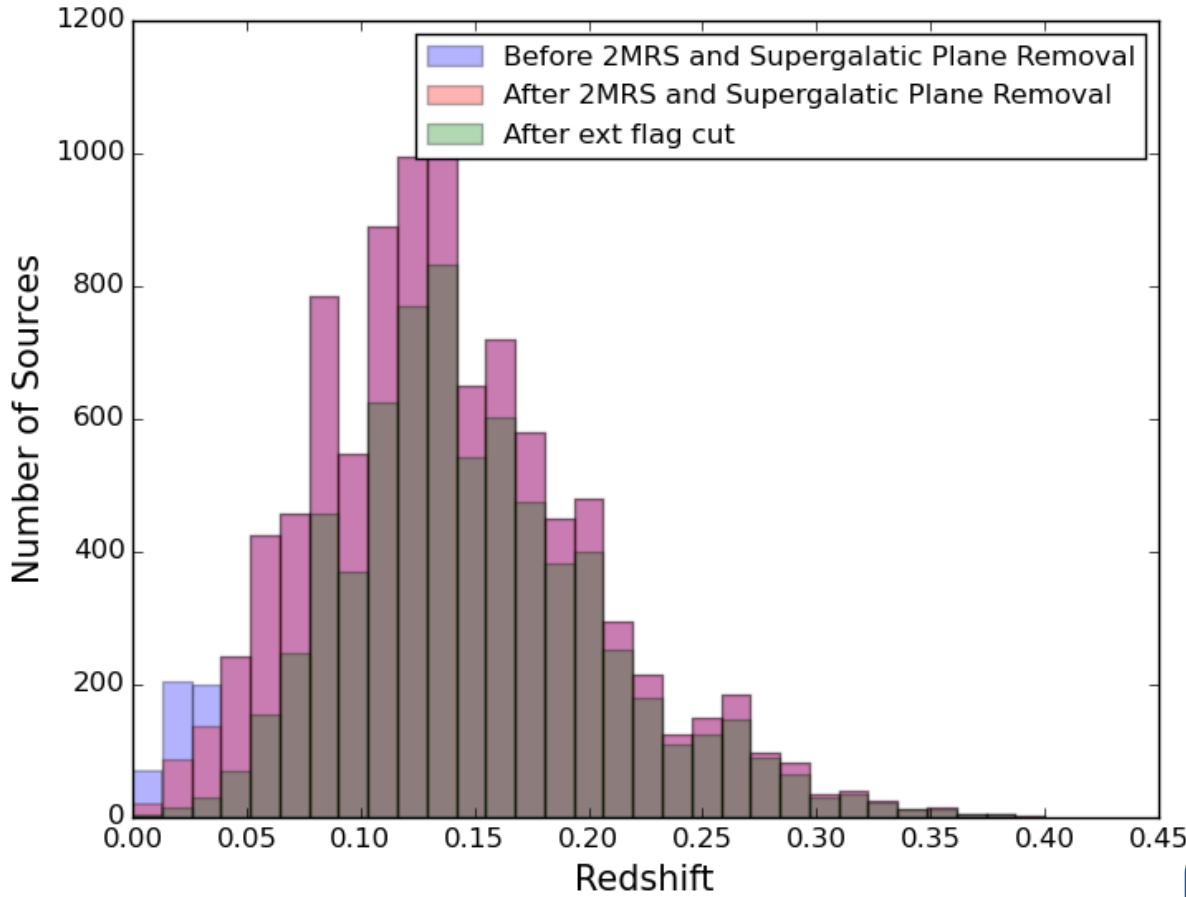


Remove extended  
sources and the  
supergalactic plane.

Further reduce  $z < 0.03$   
sources by cross  
correlating with 2MRS  
and removing the  
correlated sources.

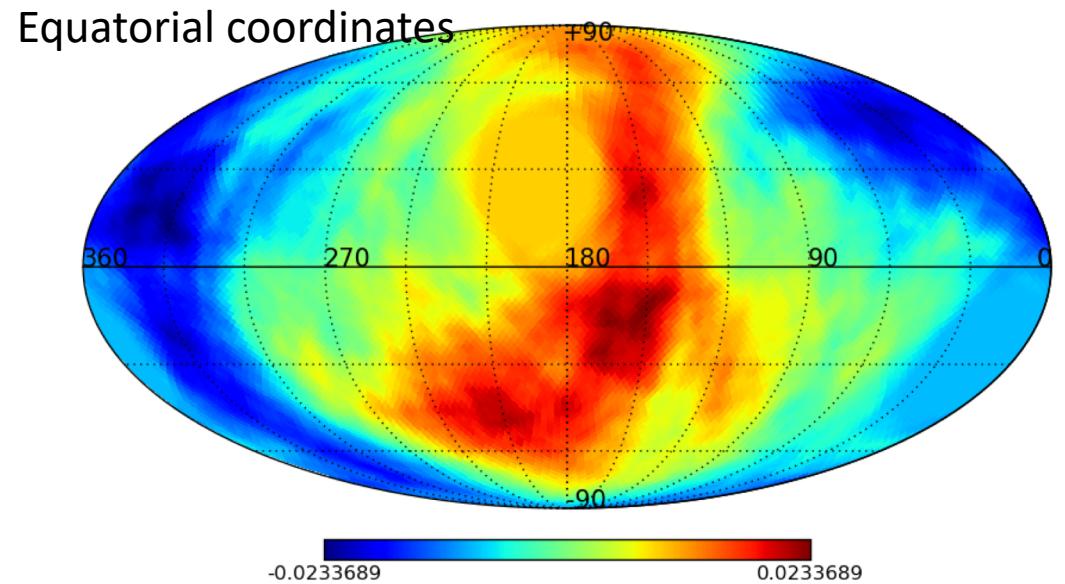


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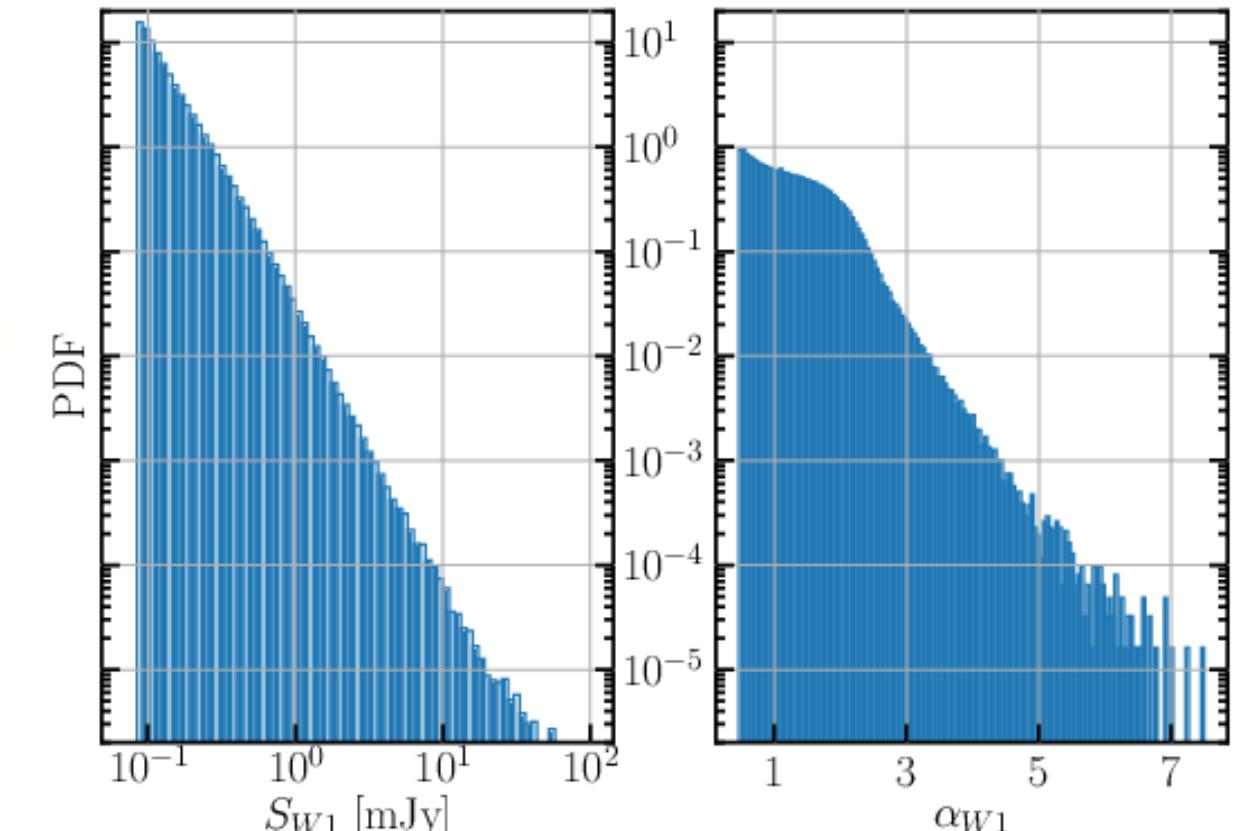
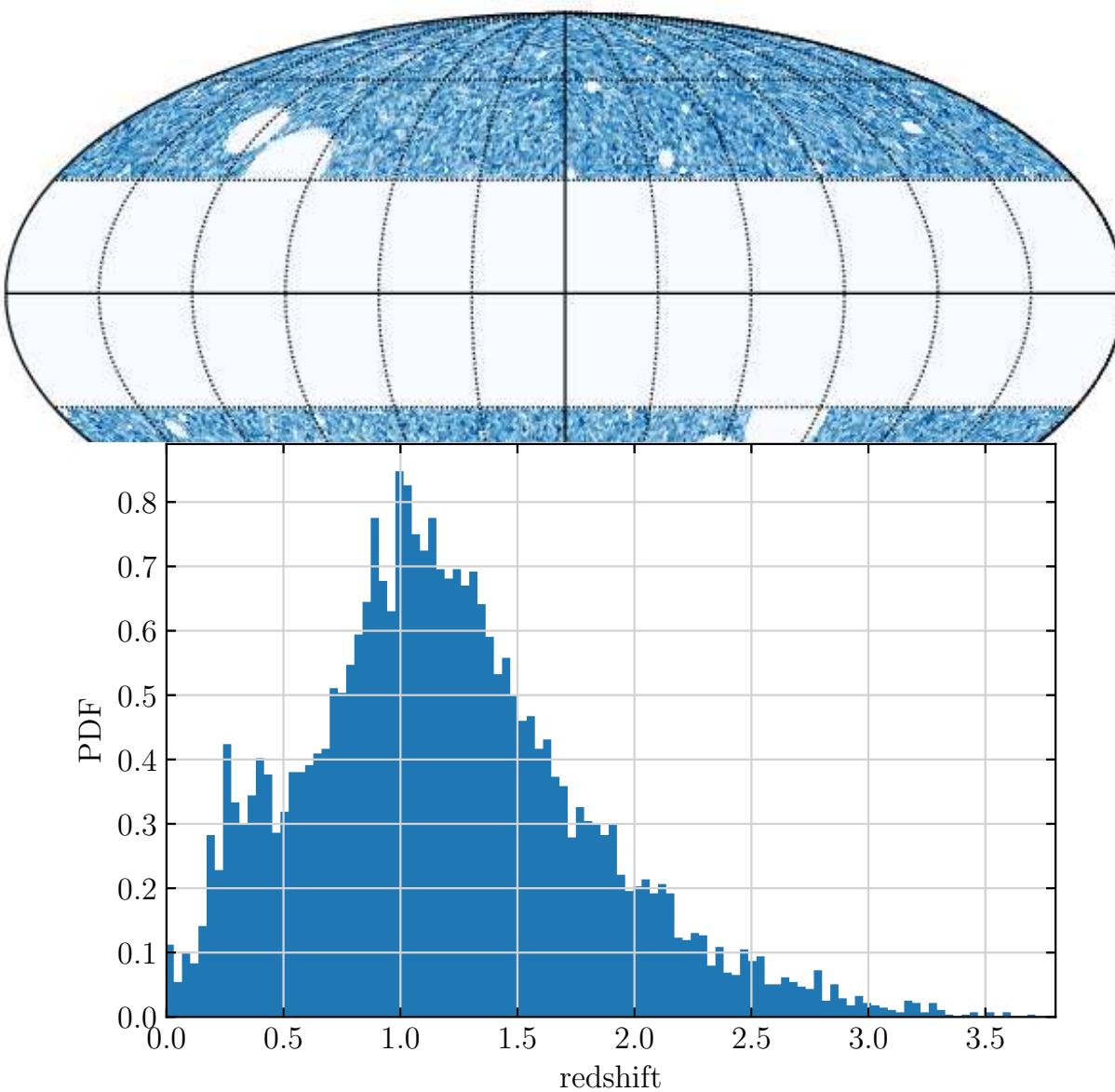
By cross correlating with Galaxy and Mass Assembly

$d = 0.0124 > 3600 \text{ km/s}$  if fully kinematic  
 $172.6^\circ \text{ RA}, -6.6^\circ \text{ Dec}$  ( $\sim 4.5^\circ$  from CMB dipole)  
Total dipole is at least  $4.6\sigma$  statistically significant.



$V = 1260 \pm 629 \text{ km/s}$  within 6 degrees of CMB dipole  
After removing the 'clustering dipole according to LCDM'

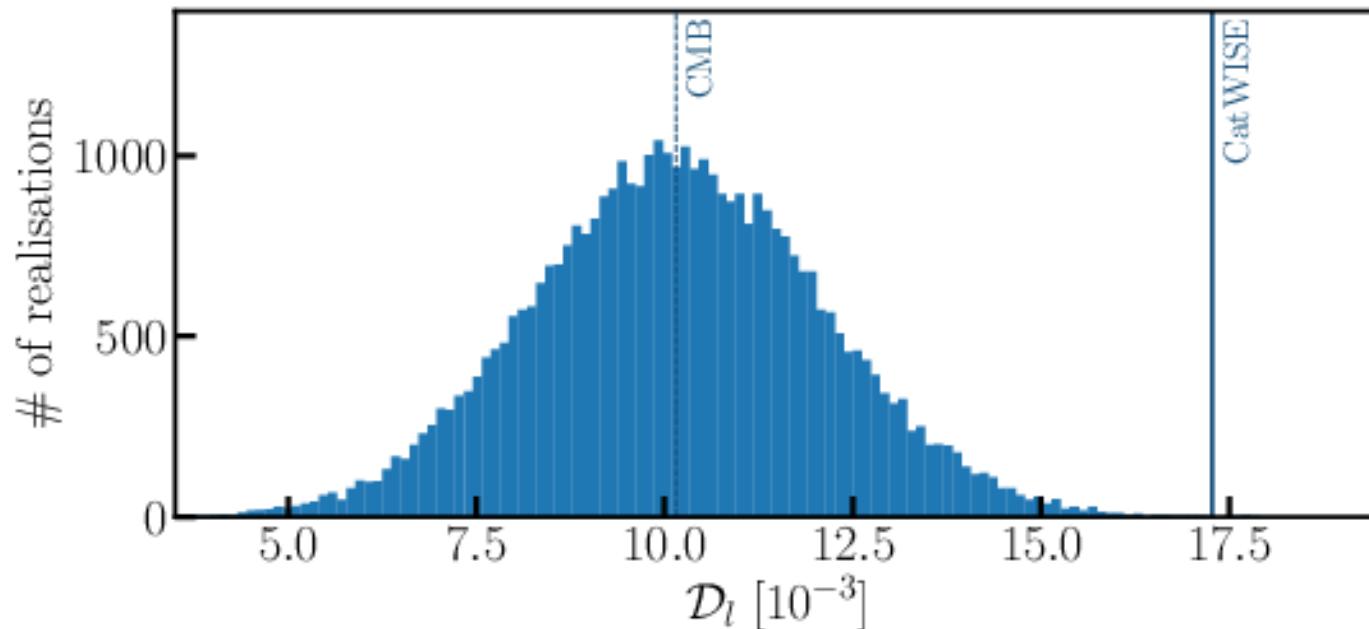
# CatWISE AGN 1314428 sources



Arxiv: 2009.14826

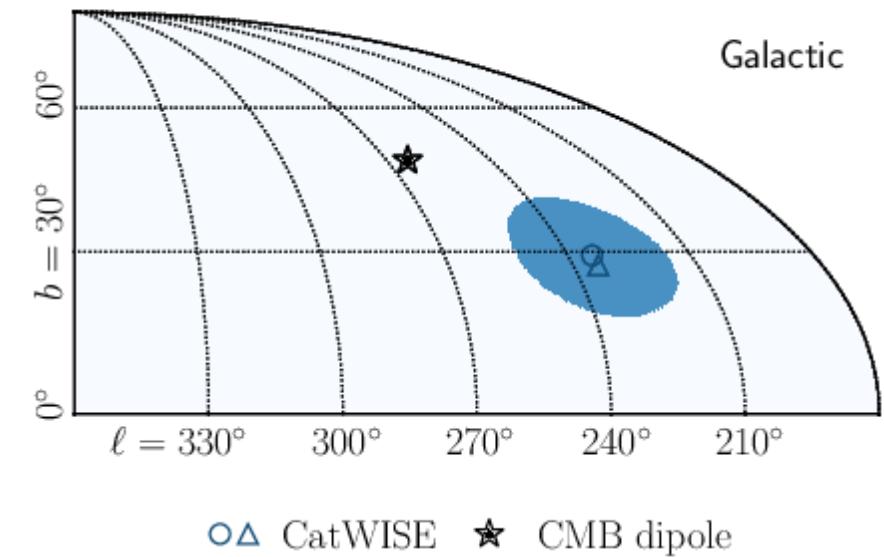
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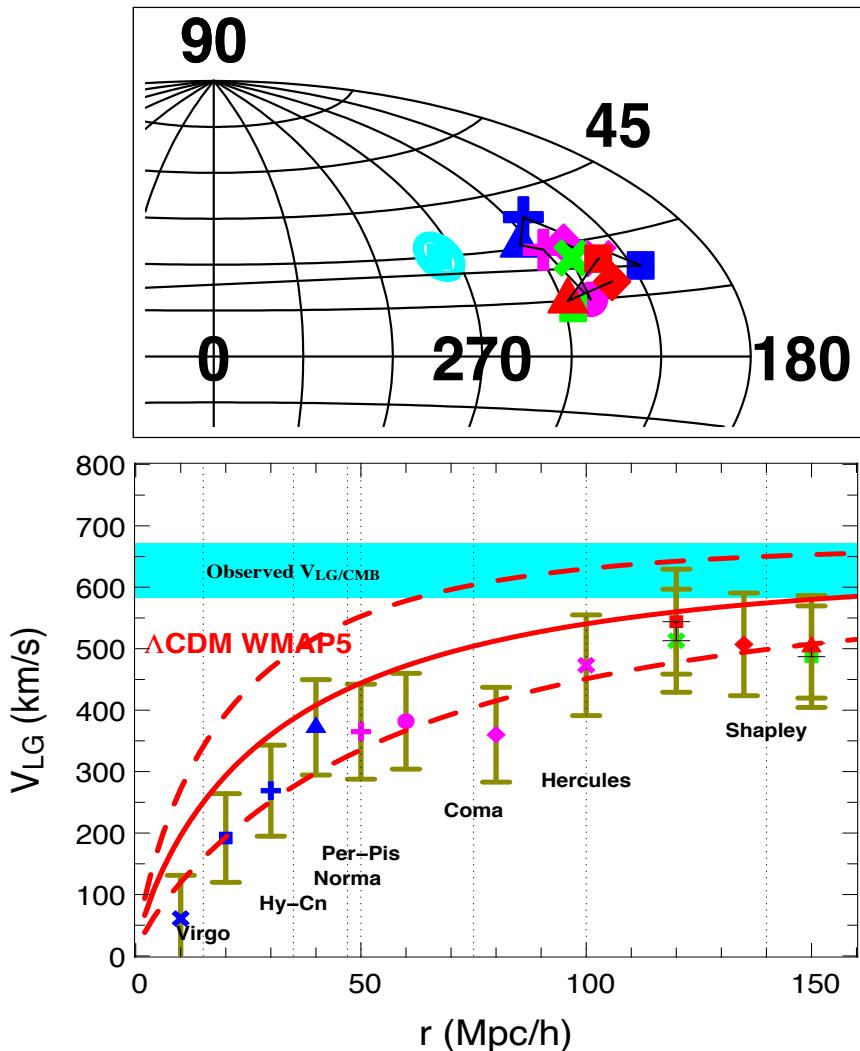


$$p = 10^{-4} \text{ (3.9 } \sigma\text{)}$$

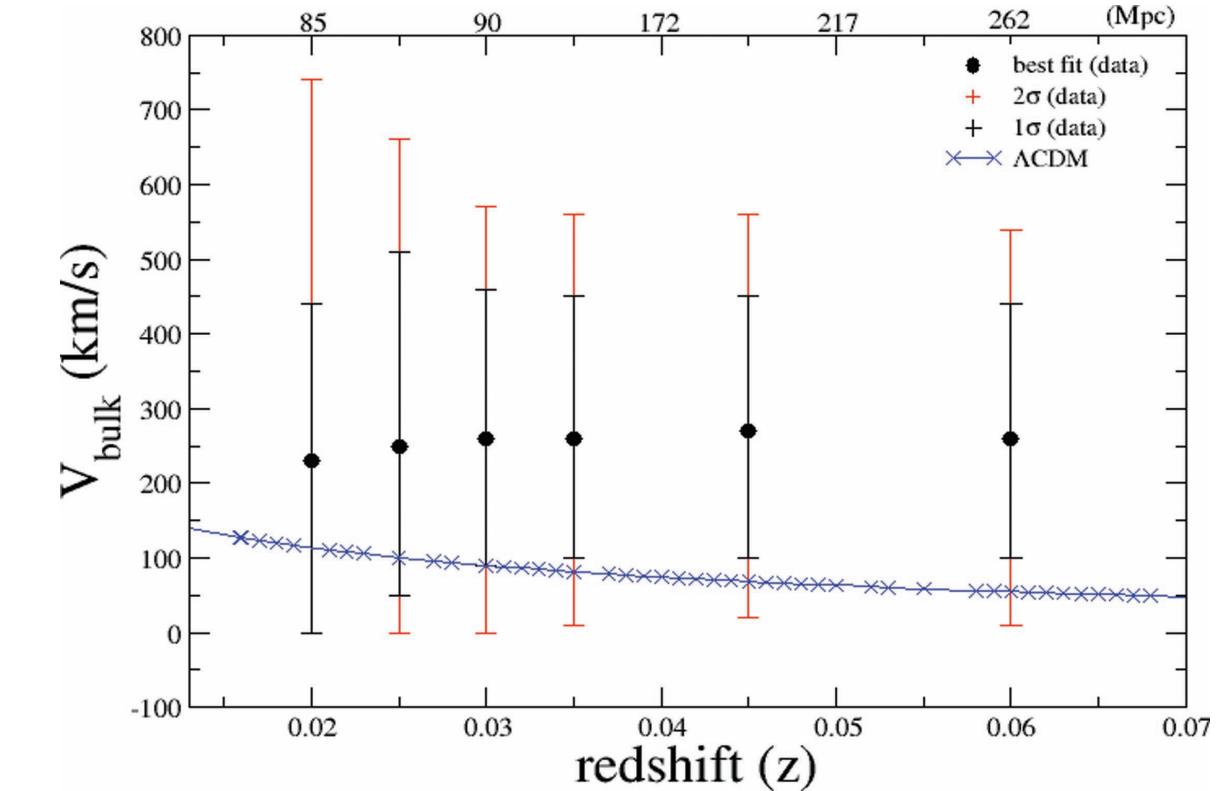
Obtained by scrambling the data itself,  
frequentist null hypothesis testing,



# Where is the cosmic ‘rest frame’?



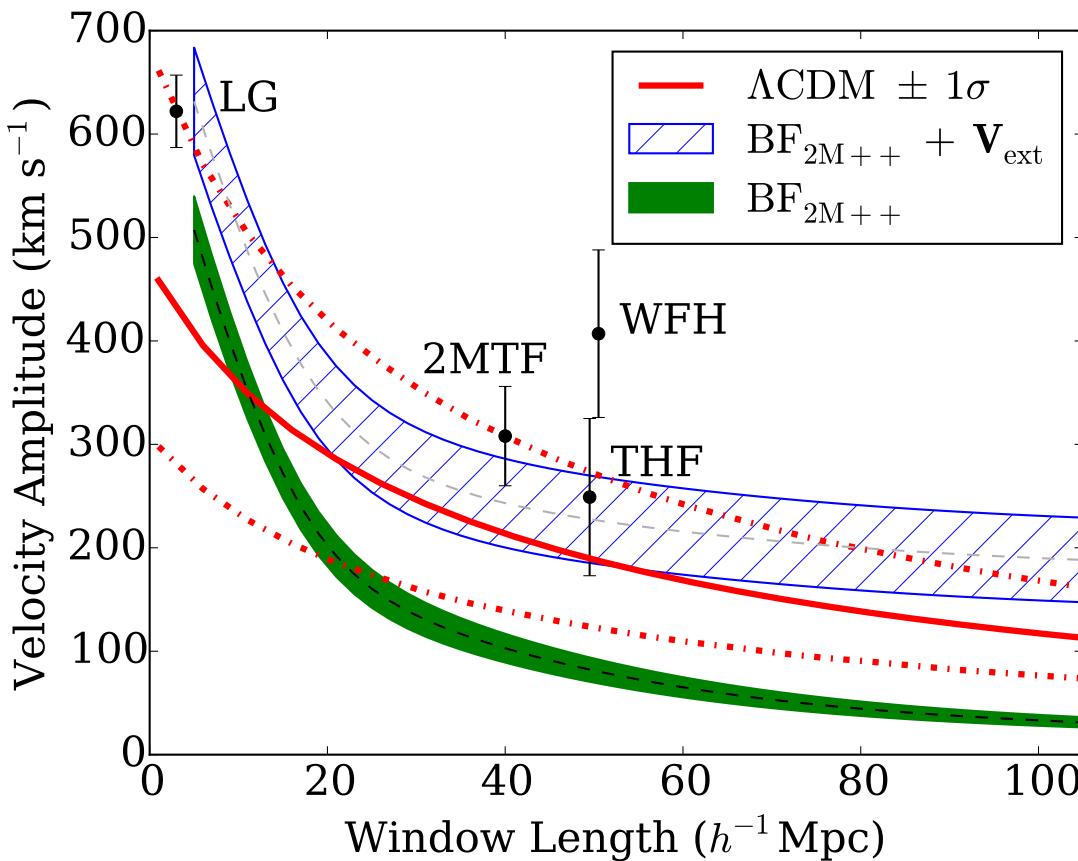
G. Lavaux, R.Brent Tully, R. Mohayaee, S. Colombi  
•*Astrophys.J.* 709 (2010) 483-498



Colin J., Mohayaee R., Sarkar S. & Shafieloo A.,  
2011, MNRAS, 414, 264

Confirmed by Feindt et al

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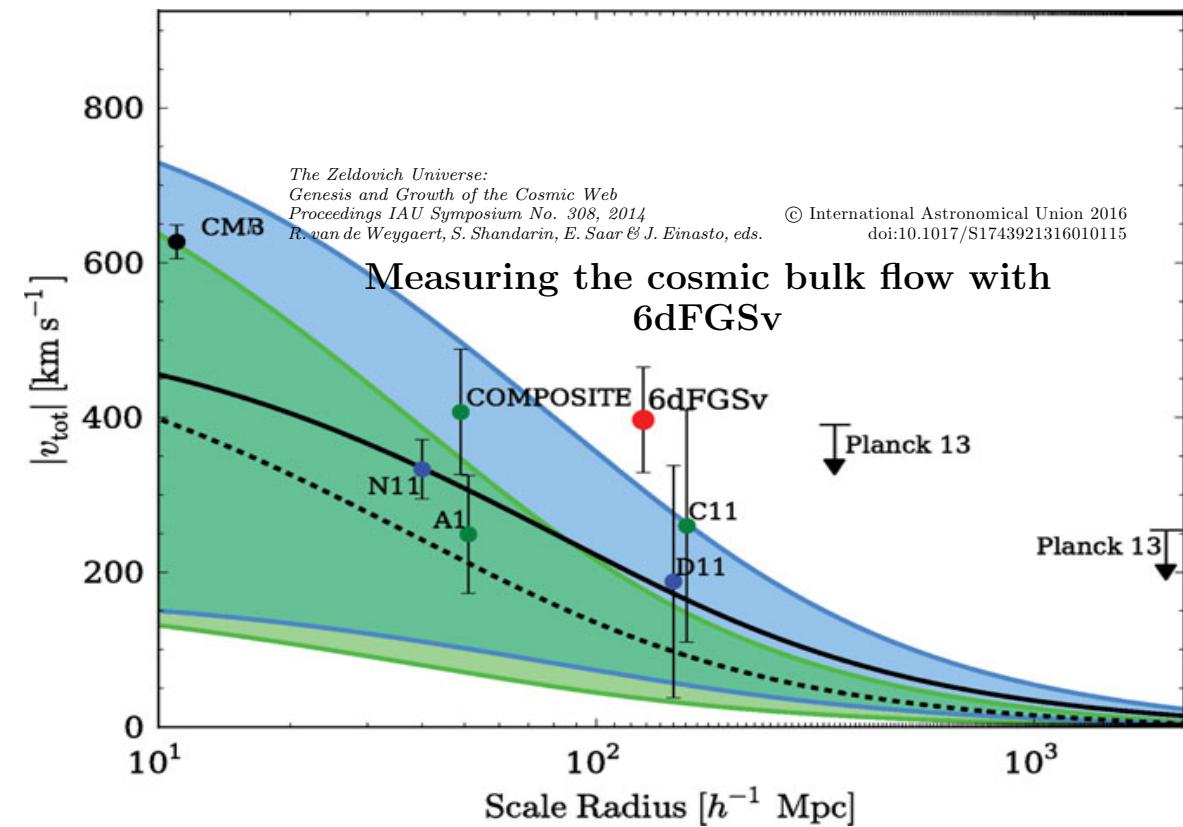


Carrick, Turnbull, Lavaux, Hudson *MNRAS*, 450, 1, 11 2015,

317–332

“We find that an external bulk flow is preferred at the 5.1 $\sigma$  level, and the best fit has a velocity of  $159 \pm 23 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  towards  $l = 304^\circ \pm 11^\circ$ ,  $b = 6^\circ \pm 13^\circ$ ” [beyond 300 Mpc radius]

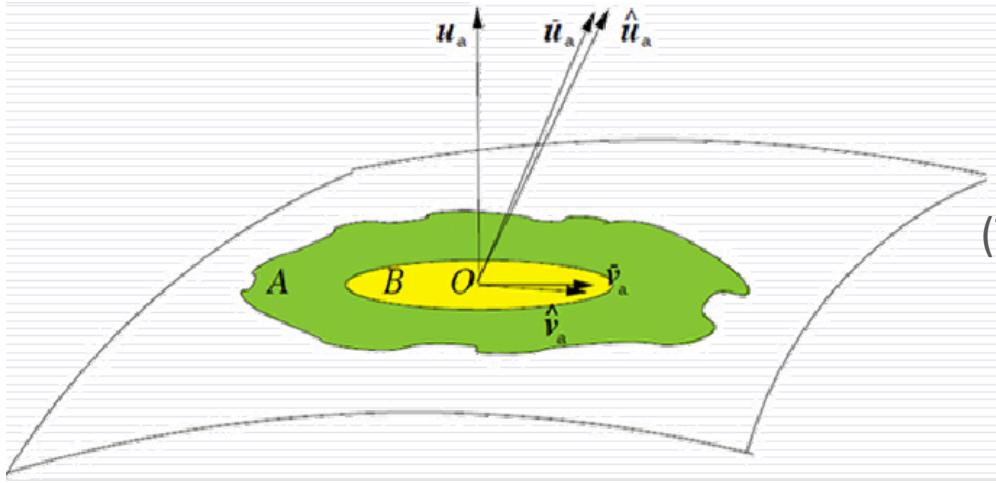
Measuring the cosmic bulk flow with 6dFGSv



Magoulas et al, 2014

Springbob et al 2014

# The tilted Friedmann Universe



If we are inside a large local ‘bulk flow’.

(Tsagas 2010, 2011, 2012; Tsagas & Kadiltzoglou 2015)

The patch A has mean peculiar velocity  $\tilde{v}_a$  with  $\vartheta = \tilde{D}^a v_a \gtrless 0$  and  $\dot{\vartheta} \gtrless 0$  (the sign depending on whether the bulk flow is accelerating or decelerating)

Inside region B, the r.h.s. of the expression

$$1 + \tilde{q} = (1 + q) \left(1 + \frac{\vartheta}{\Theta}\right)^{-2} - \frac{3\dot{\vartheta}}{\Theta^2} \left(1 + \frac{\vartheta}{\Theta}\right)^{-2}, \quad \tilde{\Theta} = \Theta + \vartheta,$$

drops below 1 and the observer ‘measures’ *negative* deceleration parameter in one direction of the sky – i.e. towards the CMB dipole

This implies that **observers** experiencing locally accelerated expansion, as a result of their own drift motion, may also find that the acceleration is maximised in one direction and minimised in the opposite. We argue that, typically, such a dipole anisotropy should be relatively small and the axis should probably **lie fairly close to the one seen in the spectrum of the Cosmic Microwave Background**.

# Test this with a sample of 740 Type 1a Supernovae

**Table 2.** Tilted local universe, with  $\sigma_z$  set to zero, fitted to data with the MLE.

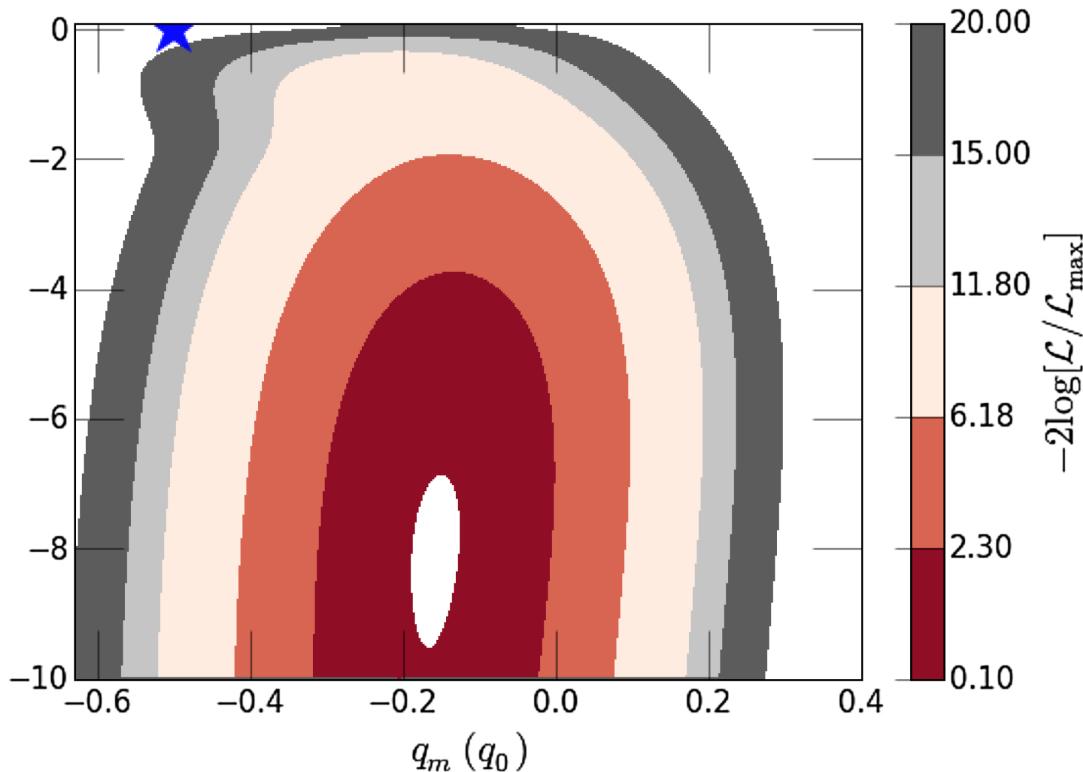
	$-2 \log \mathcal{L}_{\max}$	$q_m$	$q_d$	$S$	$j_0 - \Omega_k$	$\alpha$	$x_{1,0}$	$\sigma_{x_{1,0}}$	$\beta$	$c_0$
Tilted universe	-208.28	-0.157	-8.03	0.0262	-0.489	0.135	0.0394	0.931	3.00	-0.0158
No tilt ( $q_d = 0$ )	-189.52	-0.166	0	-	-0.460	0.133	0.0396	0.931	2.99	-0.0151
No accn. ( $q_m = 0$ )	-205.98	0	-6.84	0.0384	-0.836	0.134	0.0365	0.931	2.99	-0.0145

**Notes.** The BIC for the models above is  $-129.00$ ,  $-123.45$ , and  $-133.31$ , providing strong evidence for the tilted model.

**Table 3.** Tilted local universe, with  $\sigma_z$  left floating, fitted to data with the MLE.

	$-2 \log \mathcal{L}_{\max}$	$q_m$	$q_d$	$S$	$j_0 - \Omega_k$	$\alpha$	$x_{1,0}$	$\sigma_{x_{1,0}}$	$\beta$	$c_0$
Tilted universe	-216.90	-0.154	-6.33	0.0305	-0.497	0.134	0.0395	0.932	3.04	-0.0158
No tilt ( $q_d = 0$ )	-203.23	-0.187	0	-	-0.425	0.133	0.0398	0.932	3.05	-0.0151
No accn. ( $q_m = 0$ )	-214.74	0	-5.60	0.0350	-0.833	0.133	0.0368	0.932	3.04	-0.0145

**Notes.** The BIC for the models above is  $-131.01$ ,  $-130.55$ , and  $-135.46$ , providing positive evidence for the tilted model.



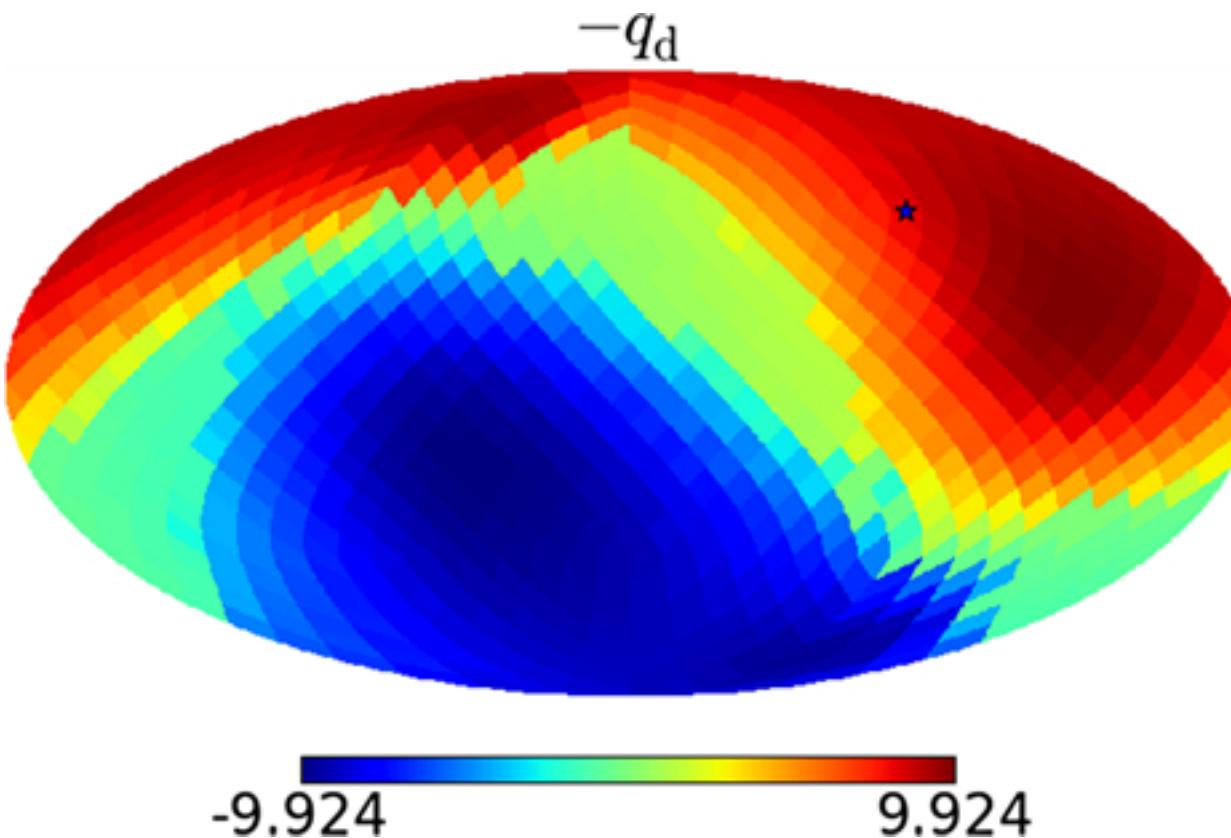
The dipolar component of  $q$  is larger than the monopole, and dominates out to  $z \sim 0.1$

$$q_d \gg q_m$$

The significance of  $q_o$  being negative is  $< 1.4\sigma$ !

Cosmic acceleration may simply be an artefact of our being located inside a ‘bulk flow’! : Non Copernican observers

## Vary the directions a posteriori



A posteriori test, varying directions : just 23 degrees away from the CMB dipole. Likelihood improves by just ~3

This result is:

Statistically significant at  $3.9 \sigma$  level  
In agreement with the predictions by Tsagas,  
The dipole is closely aligned to the CMB dipole

Sample and redshift dependent treatment of colour and stretch increases the statistical significance of the dipole to  $>4.6$  sigma

$$|q_{dip}| \gg q_m \text{ (all the way to } z \sim 0.1)$$

We are in a tilted homogeneous Cosmology  
A.R. King and G.F.R. Ellis 1973, Godel 1952

# Some worry about the scale of $\Lambda$

General Relativity

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

*“Space tells matter how to move  
Matter tells space how to curve”*: Wheeler  
*No special (inertial or accelerating) frames*

A problem in Riemannian geometry.

FLRW Exact Solution  
Exact isotropy and homogeneity **at all scales**:

$$-c^2 d\tau^2 = c^2 dt^2 + a(t)^2 d\Sigma^2$$

**Synchronized clocks, a constant time hypersurface**

$$H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2$$

$$H^2 = H_0^2 [ \Omega_M (1+z)^3 + \Omega_K (1+z)^2 + \Omega_\Lambda ]$$

$$\Omega_M + \Omega_K + \Omega_\Lambda = 1$$

The cosmic sum rule

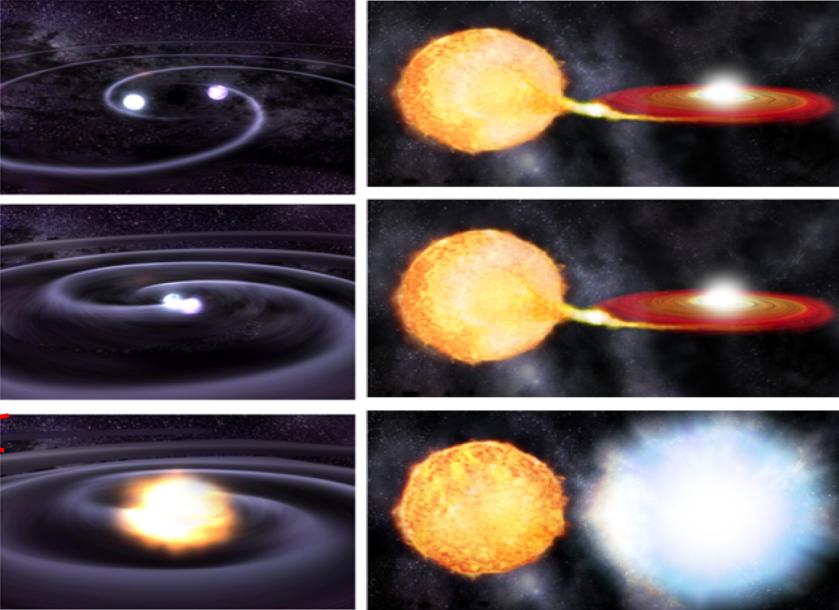
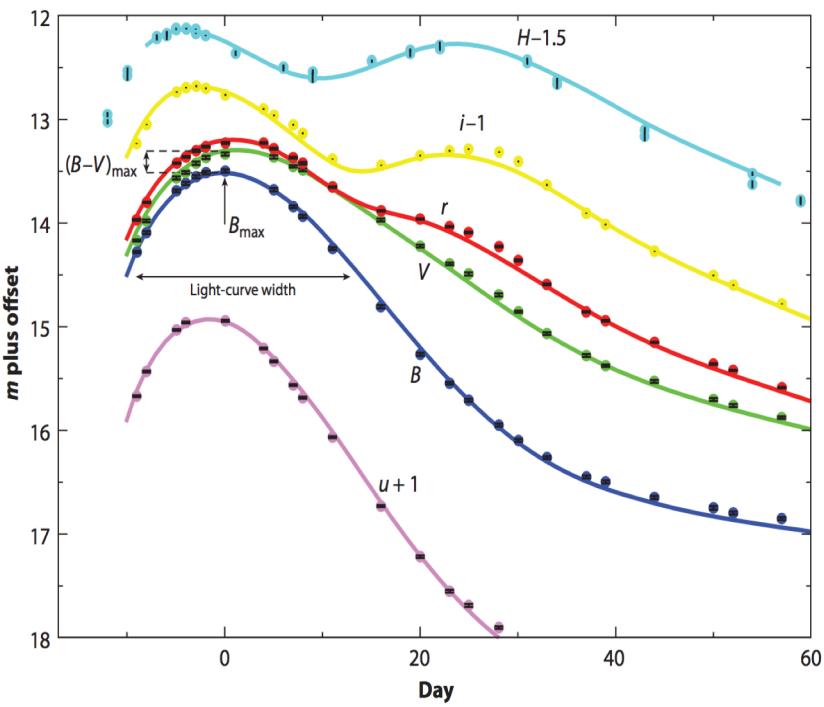
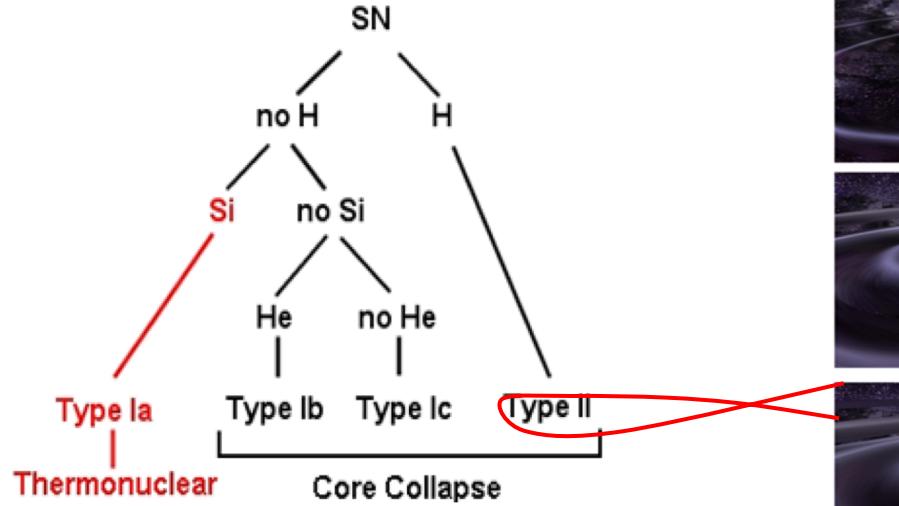
$\Lambda$ , if it's a vacuum energy appears to be about  $10^{120}$  below its ‘natural’ value from QFT

*“there is nonzero vacuum energy of just the right order of magnitude to be detectable today”*

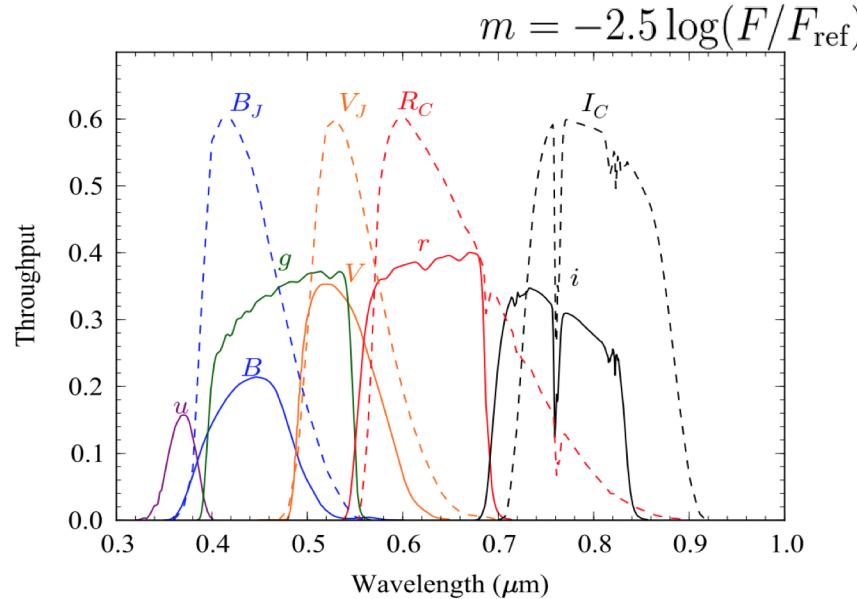
Is the evidence for dark energy secure?  
Sarkar, Gen.Rel.Grav.40:269-284,2008

# WHAT ARE TYPE IA SUPERNOVAE?

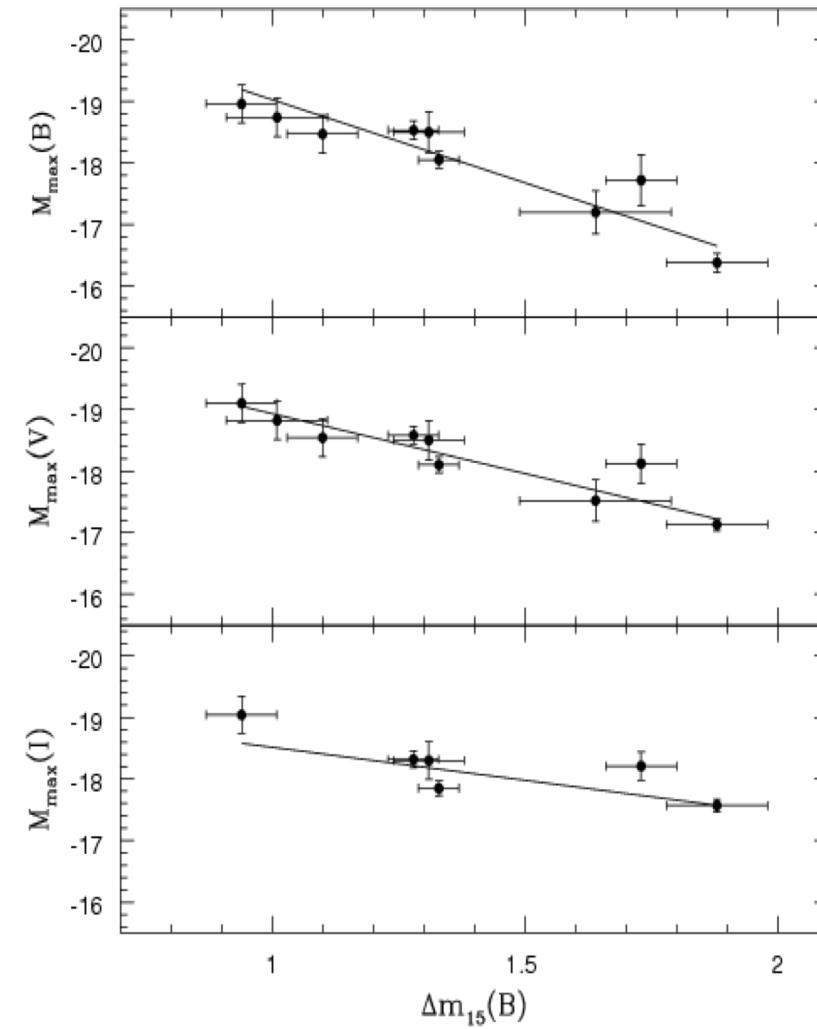
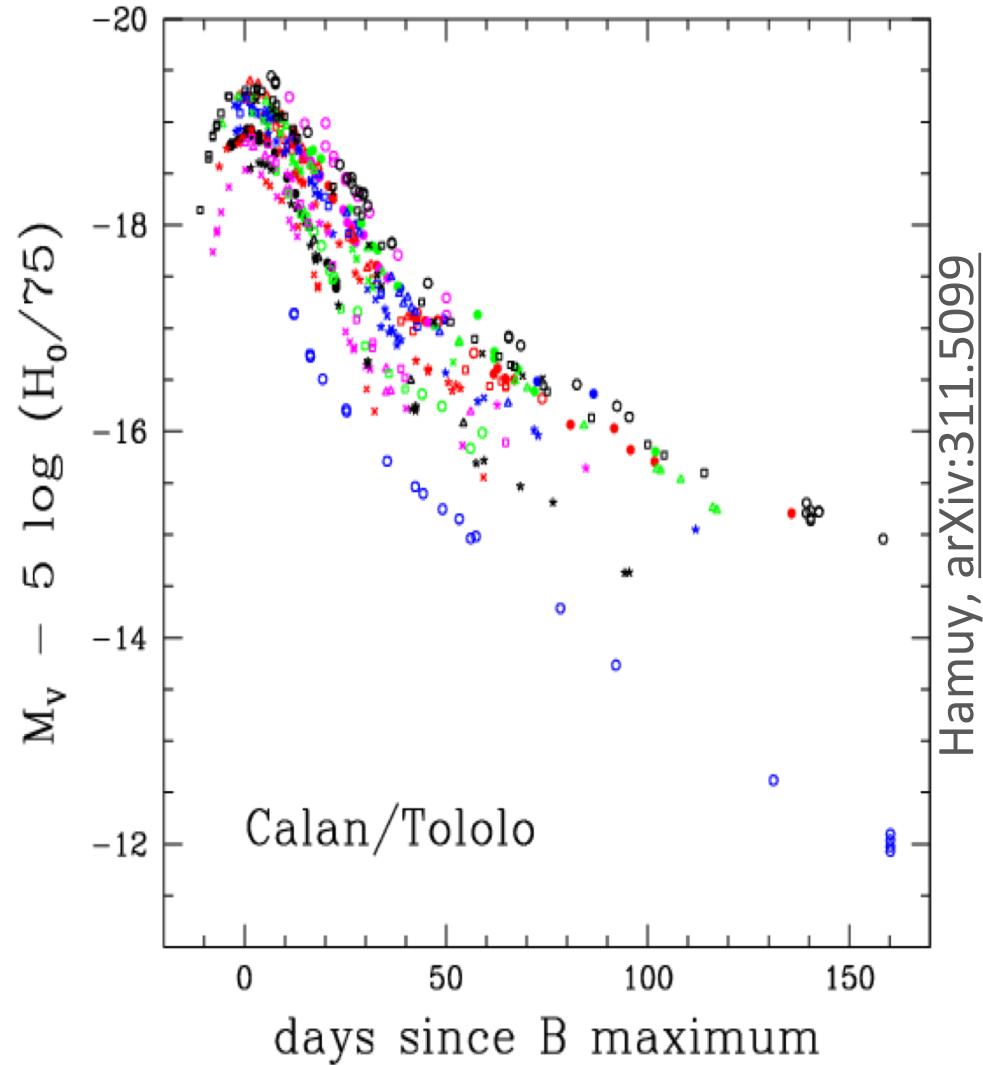
Goobar & Leibundgut, arXiv:1102.1431



A white dwarf accreting matter from a binary companion, reignites when crossing  $\sim 1.44$  Solar Masses



# THEY ARE CERTAINLY NOT ‘STANDARD CANDLES’

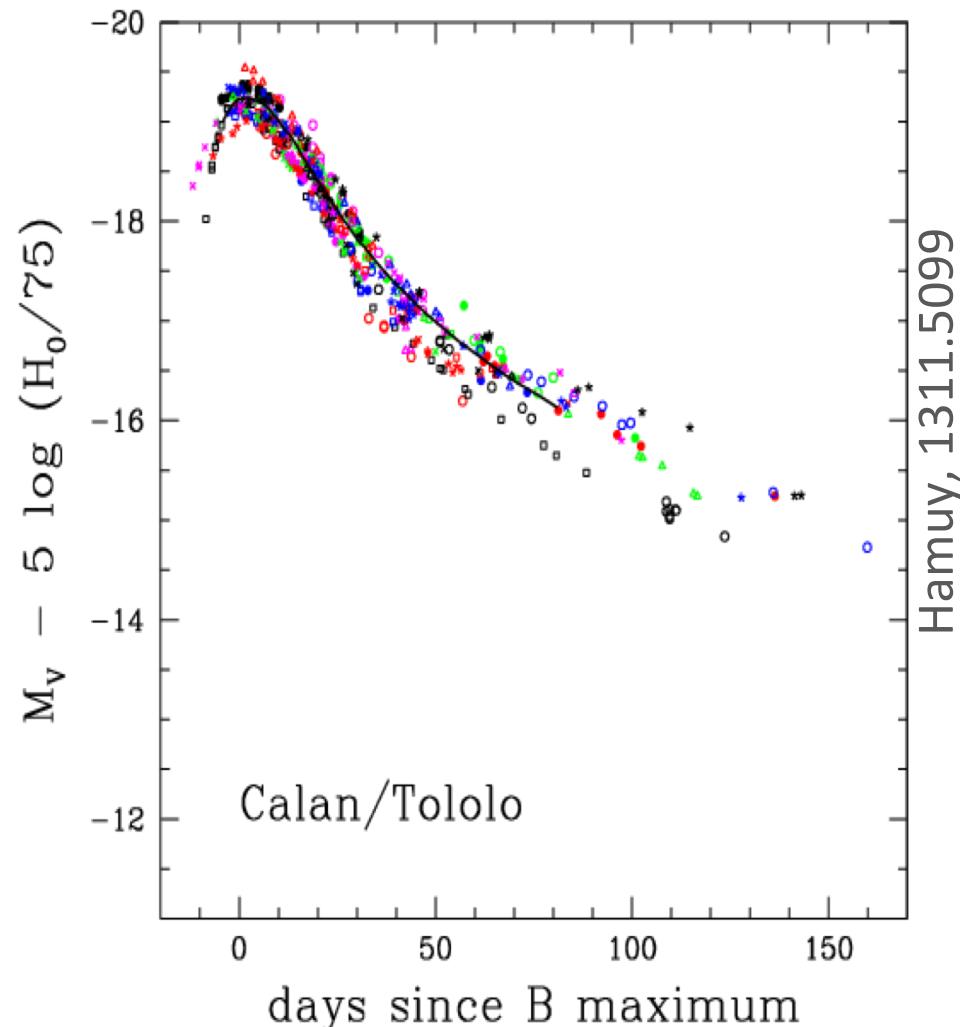
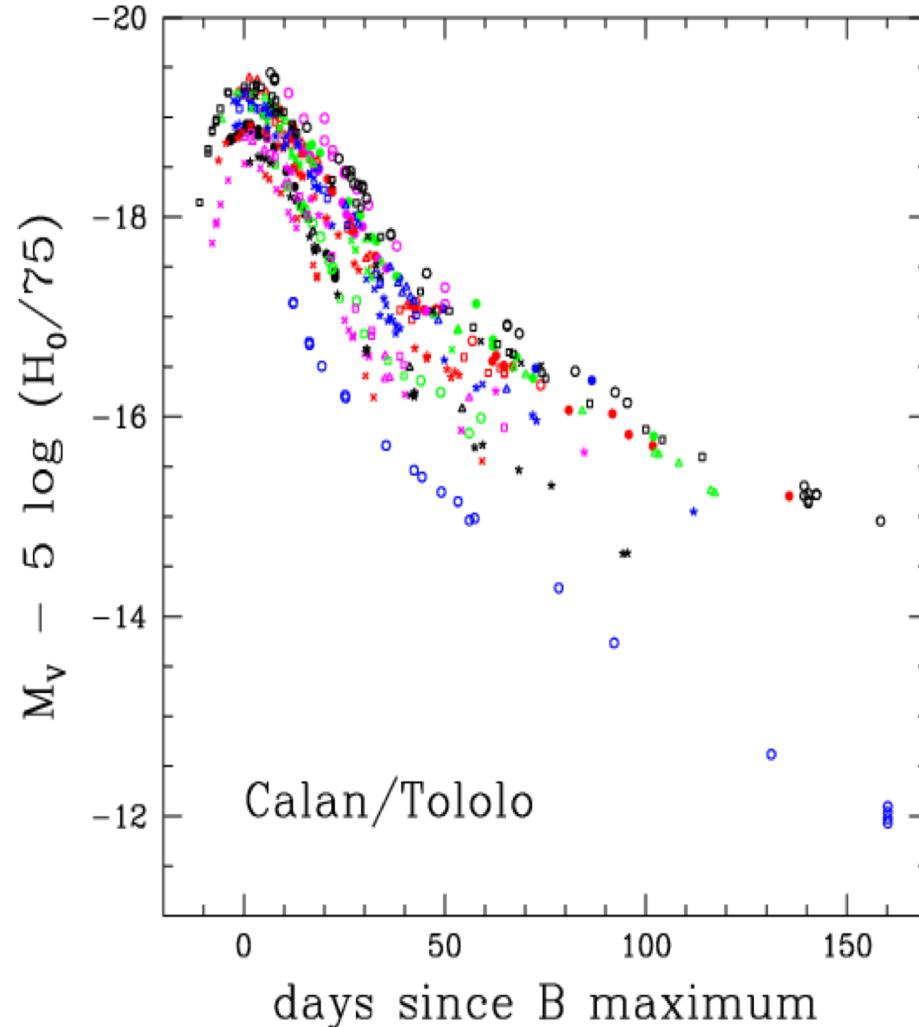


Phillips, ApJ 413:L105, 1993

But they can be ‘standardised’ using the observed correlation between their peak magnitude and light-curve width (NB: this is *not* understood theoretically)

# TYPE IA SUPERNOVAE AS ‘STANDARDISABLE CANDLES’

Corrected  
data



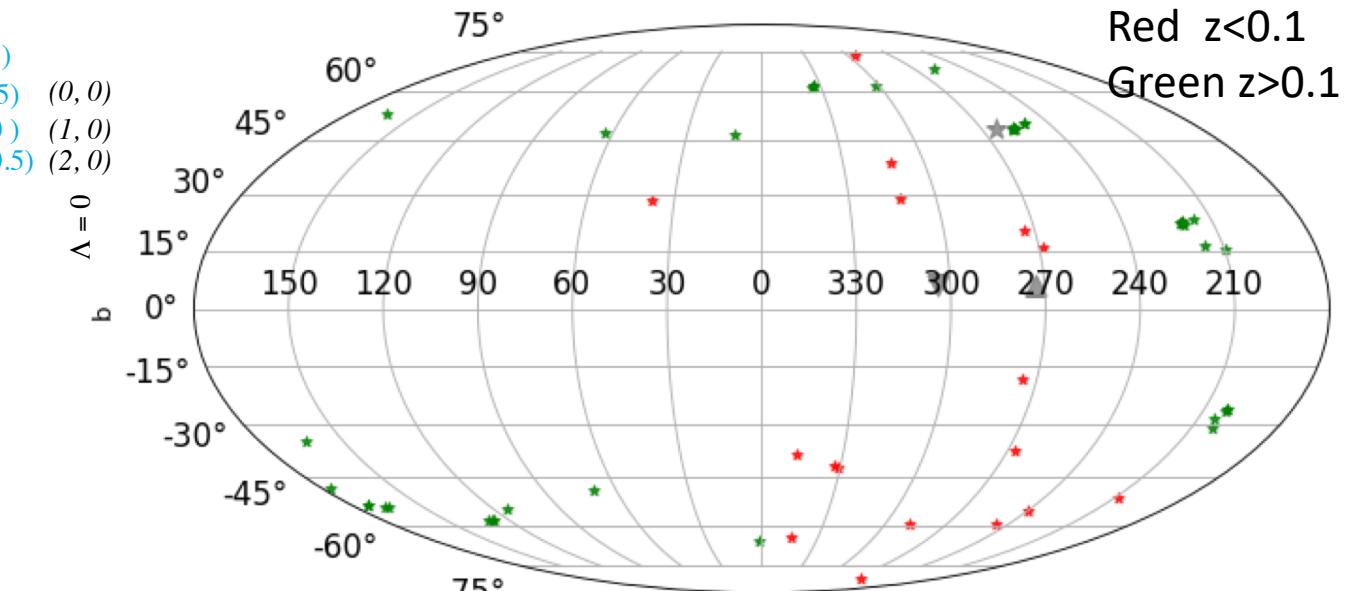
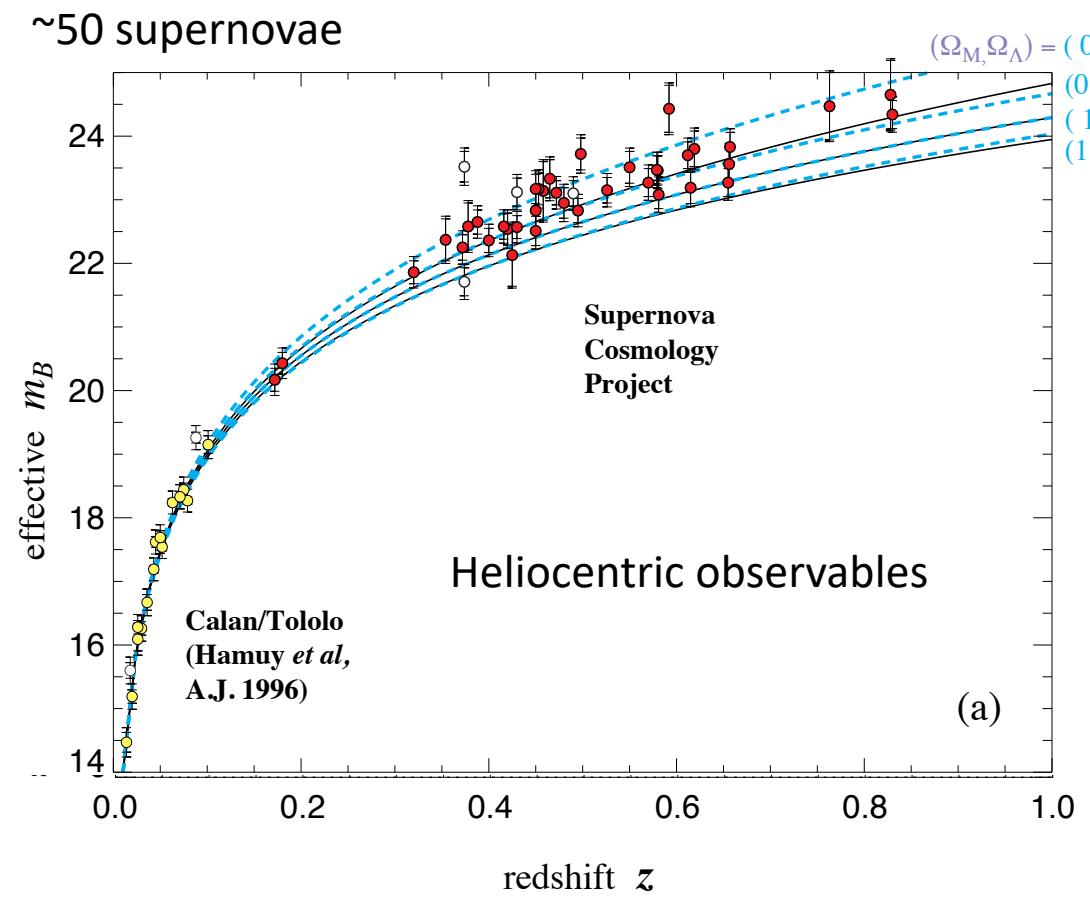
Distance modulus

$$\mu_B = m_B^* - M + \alpha X_1 - \beta C$$

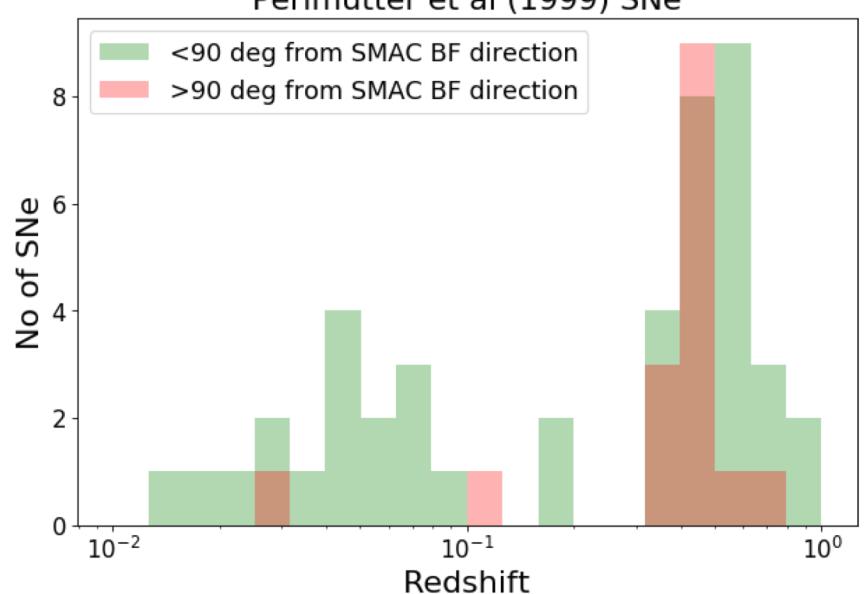
$$= 25 + 5 \log_{10} \frac{d_L}{Mpc}$$

Use a standard template (e.g. SALT 2) to make ‘stretch’ and ‘colour’ corrections ...

# Supernova data fitting, a history



‘high redshift supernovae were found to be dimmer (15% in flux) than the low redshift supernovae (compared to what would be expected in a  $\Lambda = 0$  universe)’



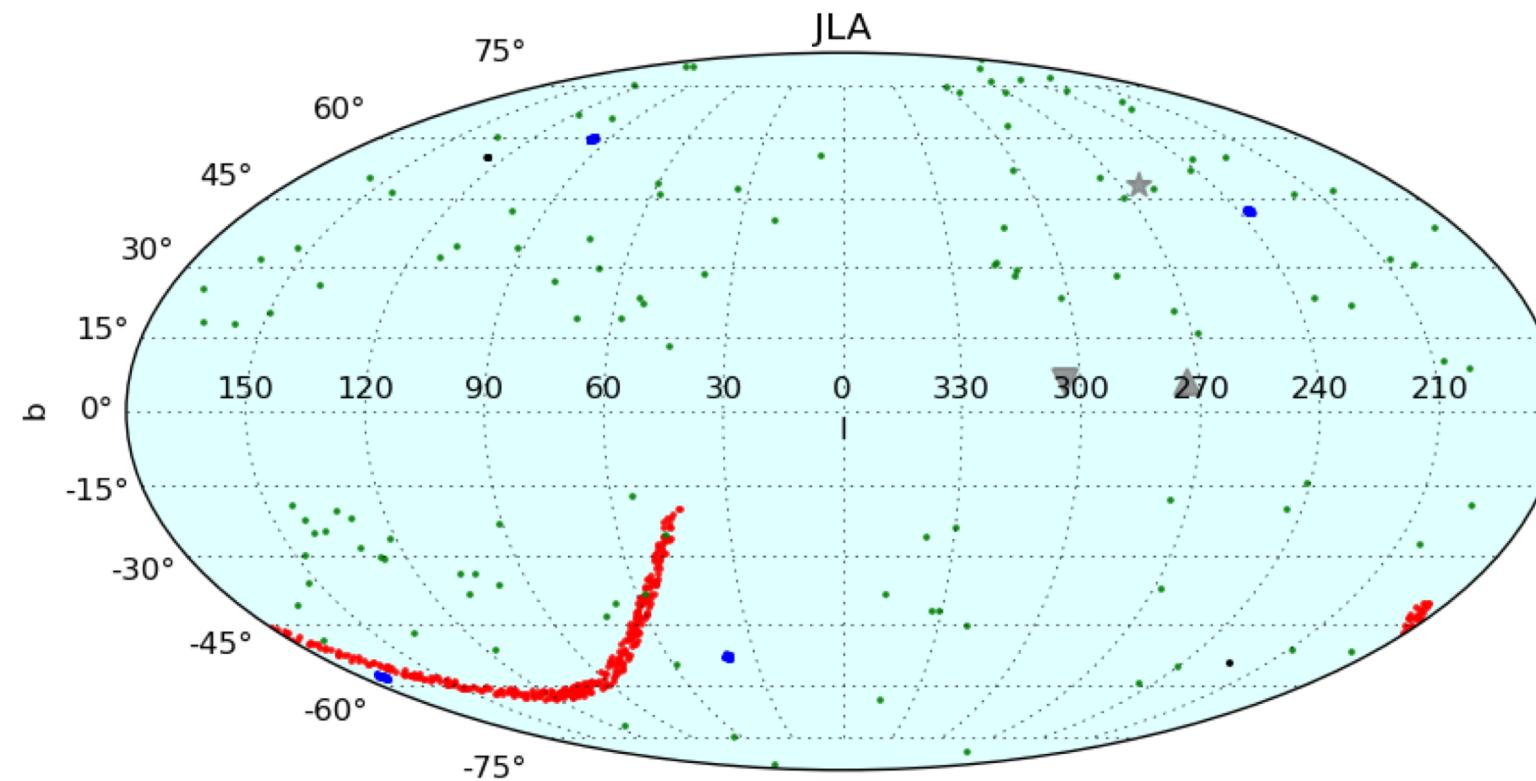
Perlmutter et al 1999 :

The data have intrinsic scatter:

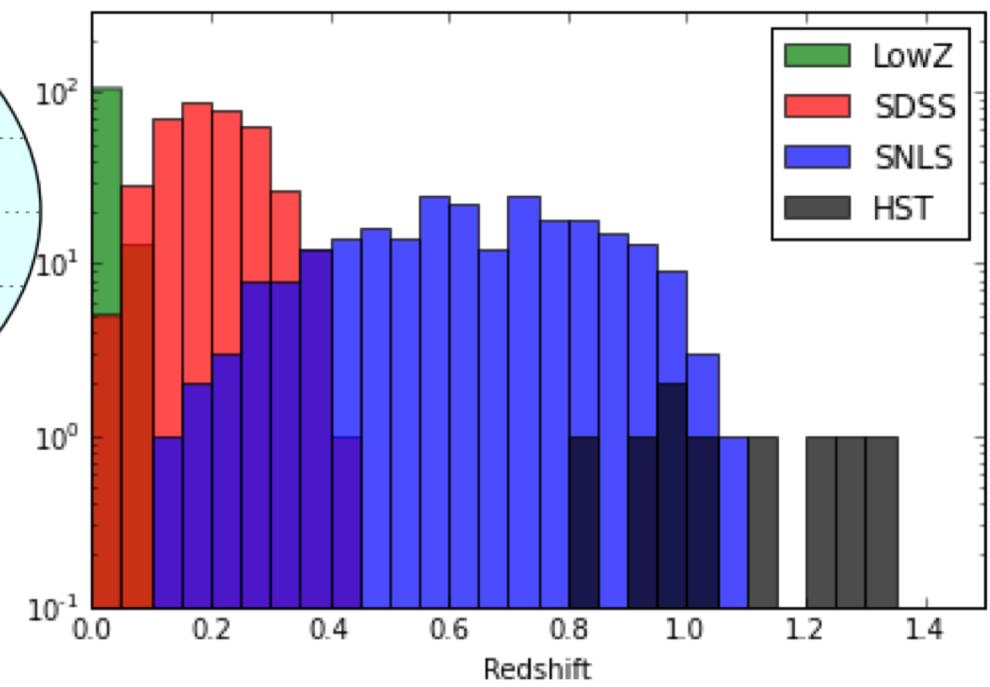
$$\chi_{\mu}^2 = \sum \frac{(\mu_i - \mu_{obs})^2}{(\sigma_{\mu,i}^{fit})^2 + (\sigma_{\mu,i}^z)^2 + (\sigma_{\mu}^{int})^2}$$

$\sigma_{\mu}^{int}$  is usually adjusted until a  $\chi_{\mu}^2/\text{dof} \sim 1$  is obtained

# 2014 : The Joint Lightcurve Analysis ( JLA ) Sample



Betoule et. al. Astron.Astrophys. 568 (2014) A22



The SDSSII/SNLSIII Joint Lightcurve Analysis (JLA) catalogue of SN1a  
740 SN1a , 551 of which are in the hemisphere opp to the CMB motion  
Redshifts corrected using SMAC, which has a bulk flow (gray triangle)  
631 are in the opp hemisphere to SMAC BF

SNe down to  $z = 0.01$  reintroduced  
CMB frame observables:

# SPECTRAL ADAPTIVE LIGHTCURVE TEMPLATE

(For making ‘stretch’ and ‘colour’ corrections to the observed lightcurves)

B-band →  $\mu_B = m_B^* - M + \alpha X_1 - \beta C$

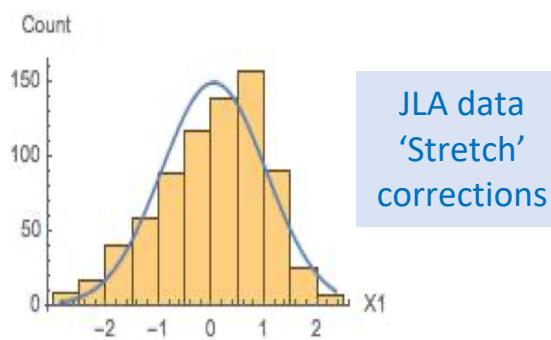
SALT 2 parameters		Betoule <i>et al.</i> , A&A 568:A22, 2014		
Name	$z_{\text{cmb}}$	$m_B^*$	$X_1$	$C$
03D1ar	0.002	$23.941 \pm 0.033$	$-0.945 \pm 0.209$	$0.266 \pm 0.035$
03D1au	0.503	$23.002 \pm 0.088$	$1.273 \pm 0.150$	$-0.012 \pm 0.030$
03D1aw	0.581	$23.574 \pm 0.090$	$0.974 \pm 0.274$	$-0.025 \pm 0.037$
03D1ax	0.495	$22.960 \pm 0.088$	$-0.729 \pm 0.102$	$-0.100 \pm 0.030$
03D1bp	0.346	$22.398 \pm 0.087$	$-1.155 \pm 0.113$	$-0.041 \pm 0.027$
03D1co	0.678	$24.078 \pm 0.098$	$0.619 \pm 0.404$	$-0.039 \pm 0.067$
03D1dt	0.611	$23.285 \pm 0.093$	$-1.162 \pm 1.641$	$-0.095 \pm 0.050$
03D1ew	0.866	$24.354 \pm 0.106$	$0.376 \pm 0.348$	$-0.063 \pm 0.068$
03D1fc	0.331	$21.861 \pm 0.086$	$0.650 \pm 0.119$	$-0.018 \pm 0.024$
03D1fq	0.799	$24.510 \pm 0.102$	$-1.057 \pm 0.407$	$-0.056 \pm 0.065$
03D3aw	0.450	$22.667 \pm 0.092$	$0.810 \pm 0.232$	$-0.086 \pm 0.038$
03D3ay	0.371	$22.273 \pm 0.091$	$0.570 \pm 0.198$	$-0.054 \pm 0.033$
03D3ba	0.292	$21.961 \pm 0.093$	$0.761 \pm 0.173$	$0.116 \pm 0.035$
03D3bl	0.356	$22.927 \pm 0.087$	$0.056 \pm 0.193$	$0.205 \pm 0.030$

There may well be other variables that the magnitude correlates with ...

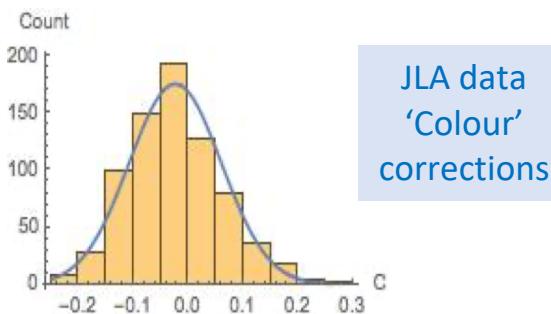
$\mathcal{L}$  = probability density(data|model)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= p[(\hat{m}_B^*, \hat{x}_1, \hat{c}) | \theta] \\ &= \int p[(\hat{m}_B^*, \hat{x}_1, \hat{c}) | (M, x_1, c), \theta_{\text{cosmo}}] \\ &\quad \times p[(M, x_1, c) | \theta_{\text{SN}}] dM dx_1 dc\end{aligned}$$

Well-approximated as Gaussian



JLA data  
'Stretch'  
corrections



JLA data  
'Colour'  
corrections

$$p[(M, x_1, c) | \theta] = p(M | \theta)p(x_1 | \theta)p(c | \theta),$$

$$p(M | \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_M^2}} \exp\left(-\left[\frac{M - M_0}{\sigma_{M0}}\right]^2 / 2\right)$$

$$p(x_1 | \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{x0}^2}} \exp\left(-\left[\frac{x_1 - x_{10}}{\sigma_{x0}}\right]^2 / 2\right)$$

$$p(c | \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_{c0}^2}} \exp\left(-\left[\frac{c - c_0}{\sigma_{c0}}\right]^2 / 2\right)$$

# Likelihood

$$p(Y|\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi\Sigma_l|}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2}(Y - Y_0)\Sigma_l^{-1}(Y - Y_0)^T \right]$$

Simultaneously  
fit for

$$p(\hat{X}|X, \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi\Sigma_d|}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\hat{X} - X)\Sigma_d^{-1}(\hat{X} - X)^T \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|2\pi(\Sigma_d + A^T \Sigma_l A)|}} \times \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\hat{Z} - Y_0 A) (\Sigma_d + A^T \Sigma_l A)^{-1} (\hat{Z} - Y_0 A)^T \right)$$

intrinsic  
distributions

$$\begin{aligned} & \Omega_M \\ & \Omega_\Lambda \\ & q_d \\ & S \\ & \alpha \\ & x_{1,0} \\ & \sigma_{x_{1,0}} \\ & \beta \\ & c_0 \\ & \sigma_{c_0} \\ & M_0 \\ & \sigma_{M_0} \end{aligned}$$

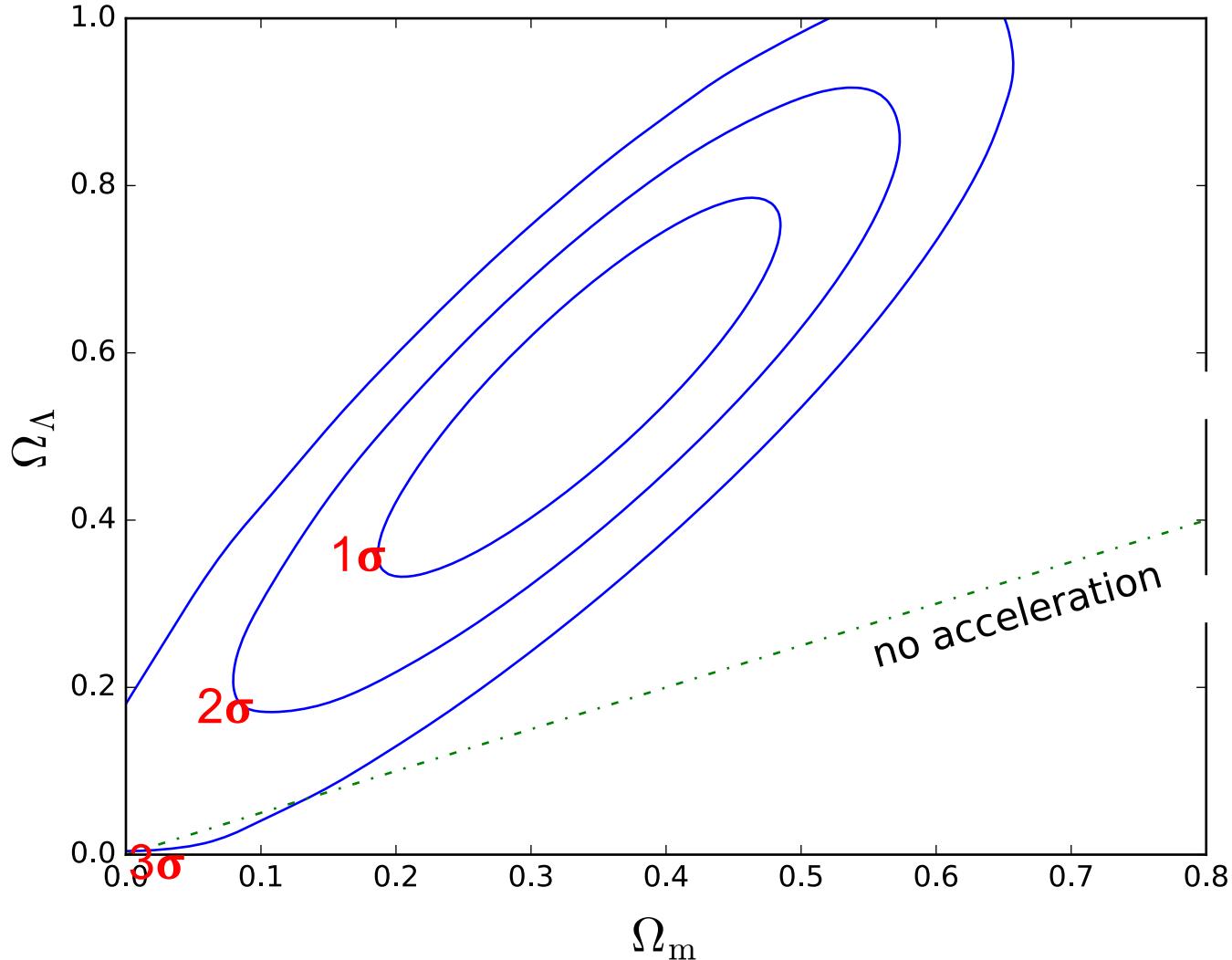
# Confidence regions

$$p_{\text{cov}} = \int_0^{-2 \log \mathcal{L} / \mathcal{L}_{\max}} \chi^2(x; \nu) dx$$

## 1,2,3-sigma

solve for Likelihood value

# Data consistent with uniform expansion @ $<3\sigma$ !



profile likelihood

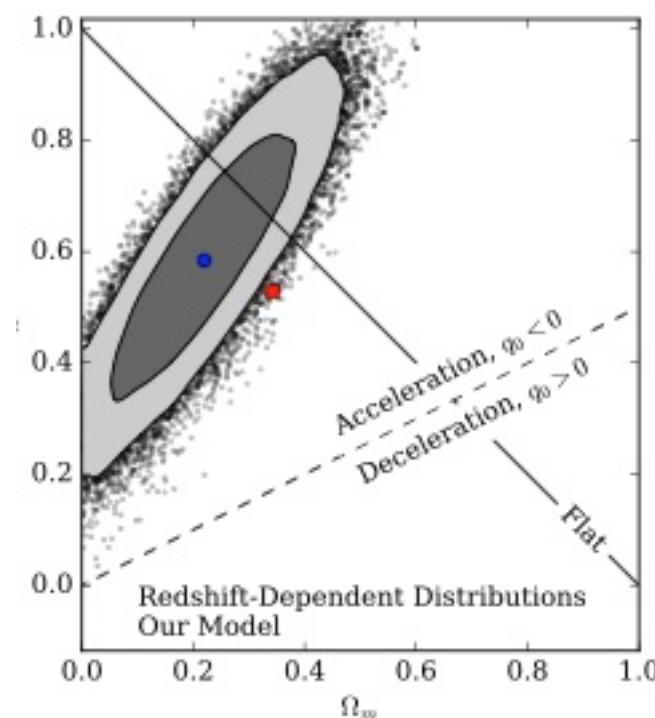
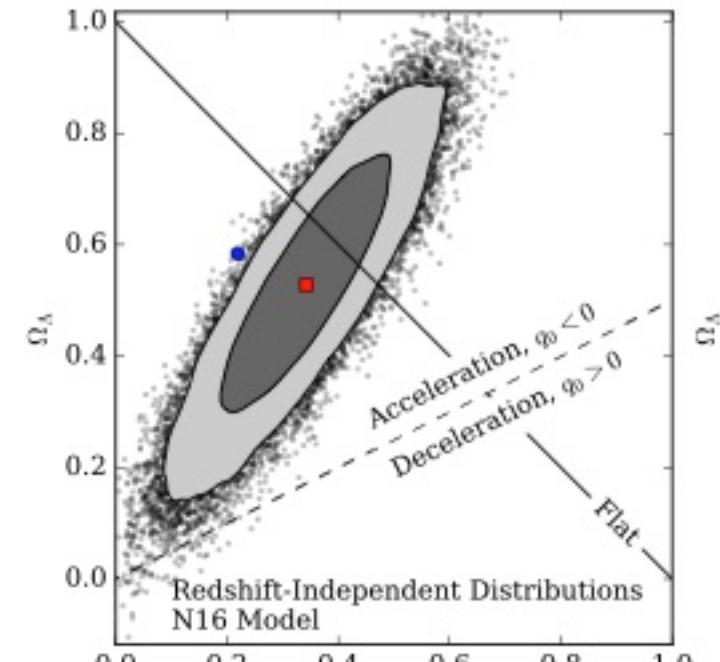
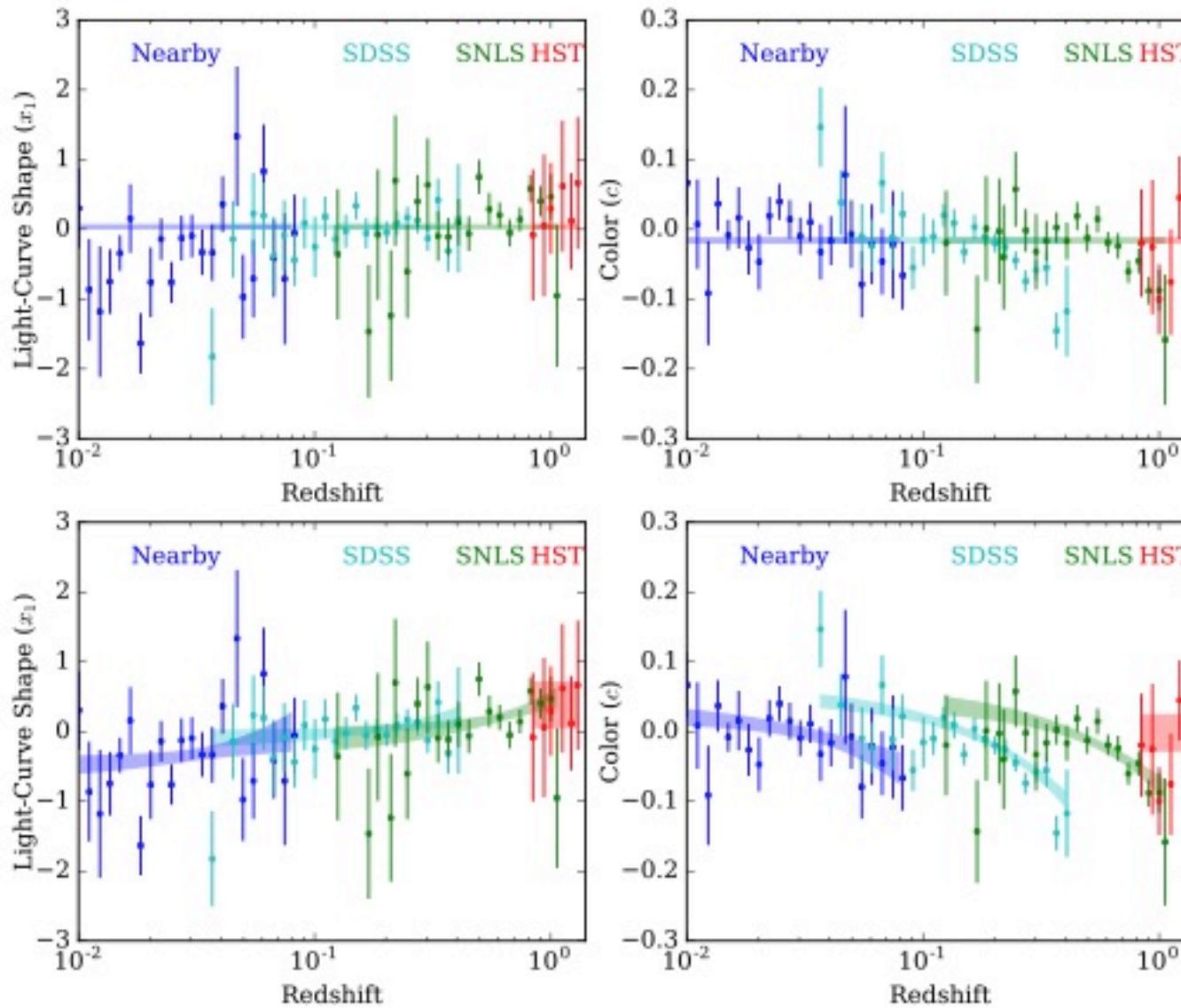
MLE, best fit

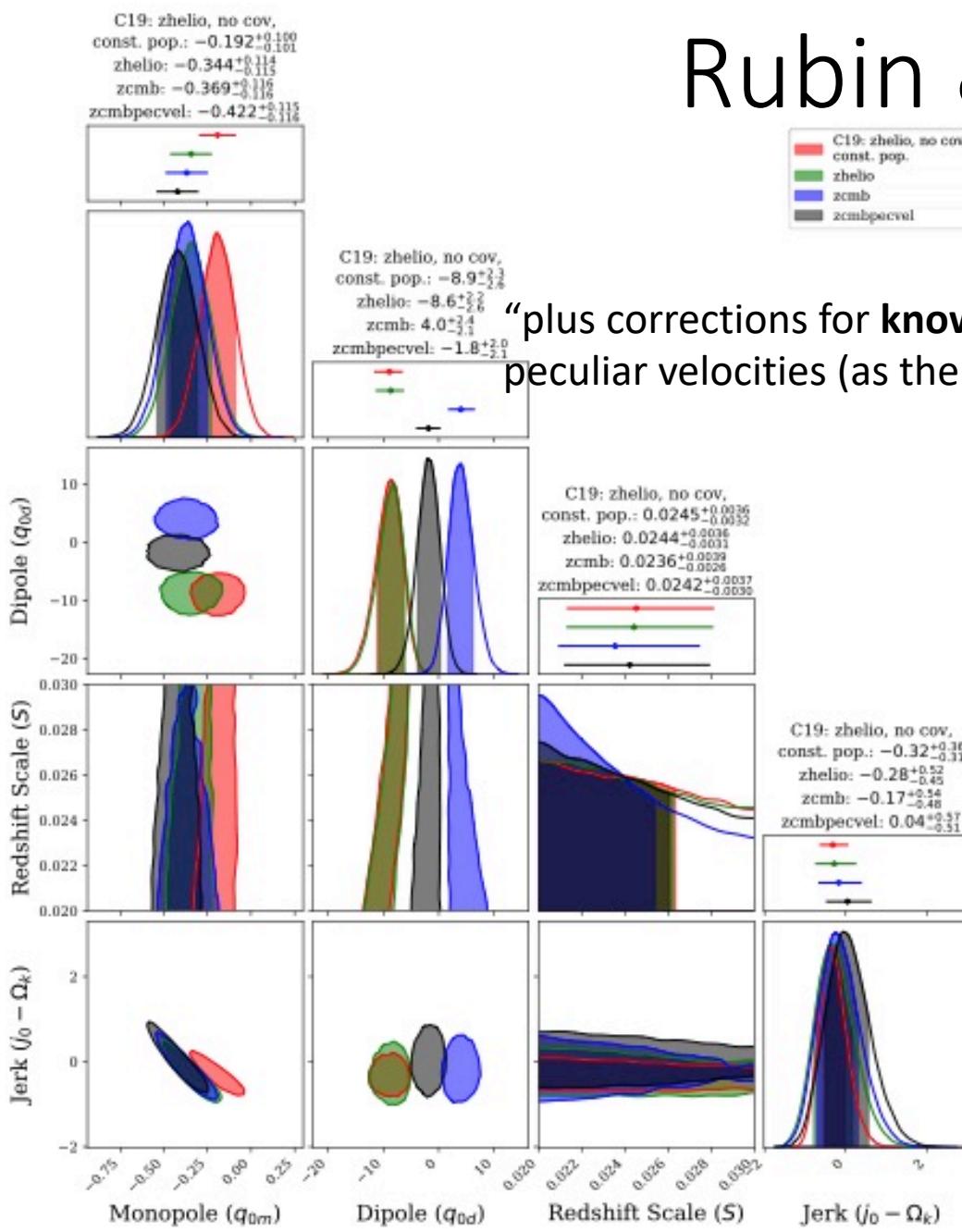
$\Omega_M$	0.341
$\Omega_\Lambda$	0.569
$\alpha$	0.134
$x_0$	0.038
$\sigma_{x0}^2$	0.931
$\beta$	3.058
$c_0$	-0.016
$\sigma_{c0}^2$	0.071
$M_0$	-19.05
$\sigma_{M0}^2$	0.108

Nielsen, Guffanti  
& Sarkar.,  
Sci.Rep.6:35596,2  
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Rubin & Hayden 2016  
Added 12 parameters to this  
10 parameter fit, to claim  
significance  $> 4\sigma$

# Rubin & Hayden 2016



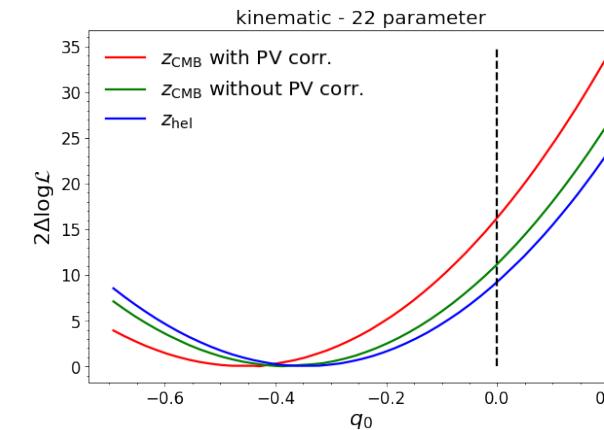
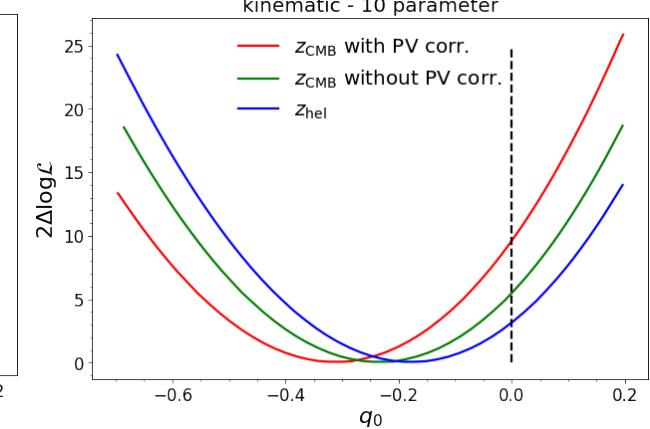
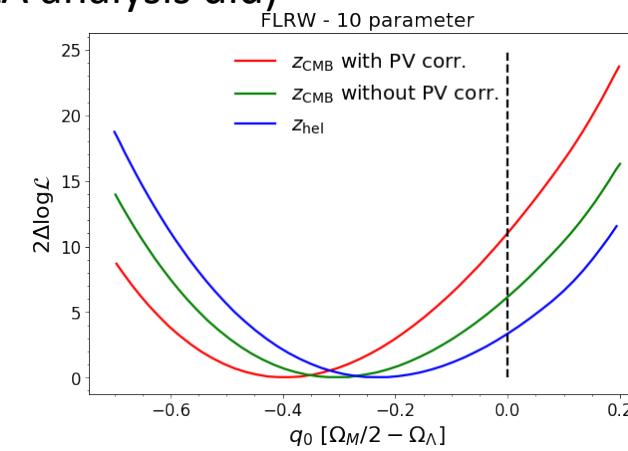


# Rubin & Heitlauf 2019

$$\Delta\mu_{pv} = \frac{5}{\log(10)} \frac{v}{zc}$$

“plus corrections for known peculiar velocities (as the JI

## Our Response



About ~half the evidence (relative dimming of high z SNe has to be put into the data) !!

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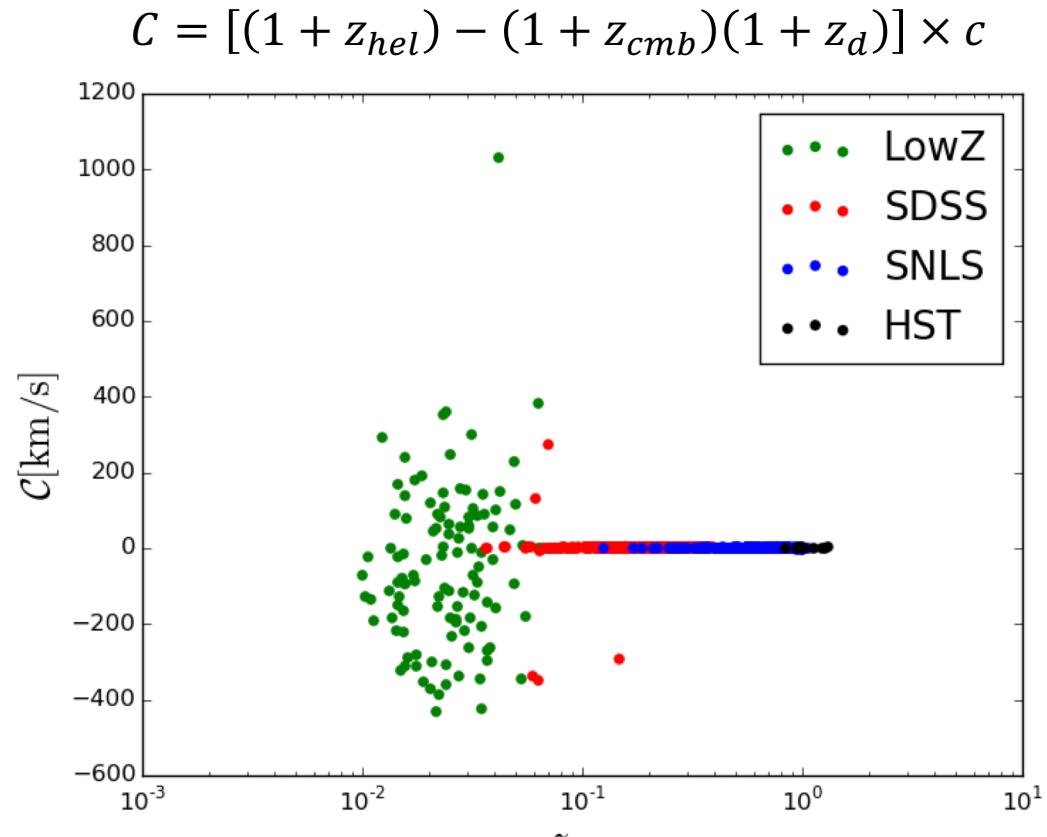
Davis et. al. *Astrophys.J.* 741 (2011) 67

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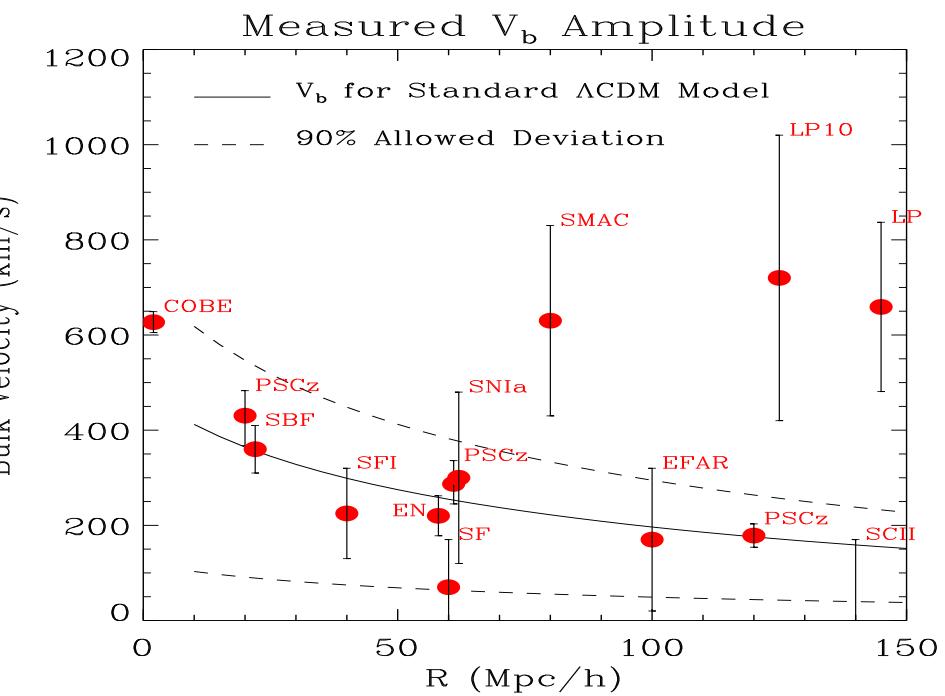
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$$C = [(1 + z_{hel}) - (1 + z_{cmb})(1 + z_d)] \times c$$



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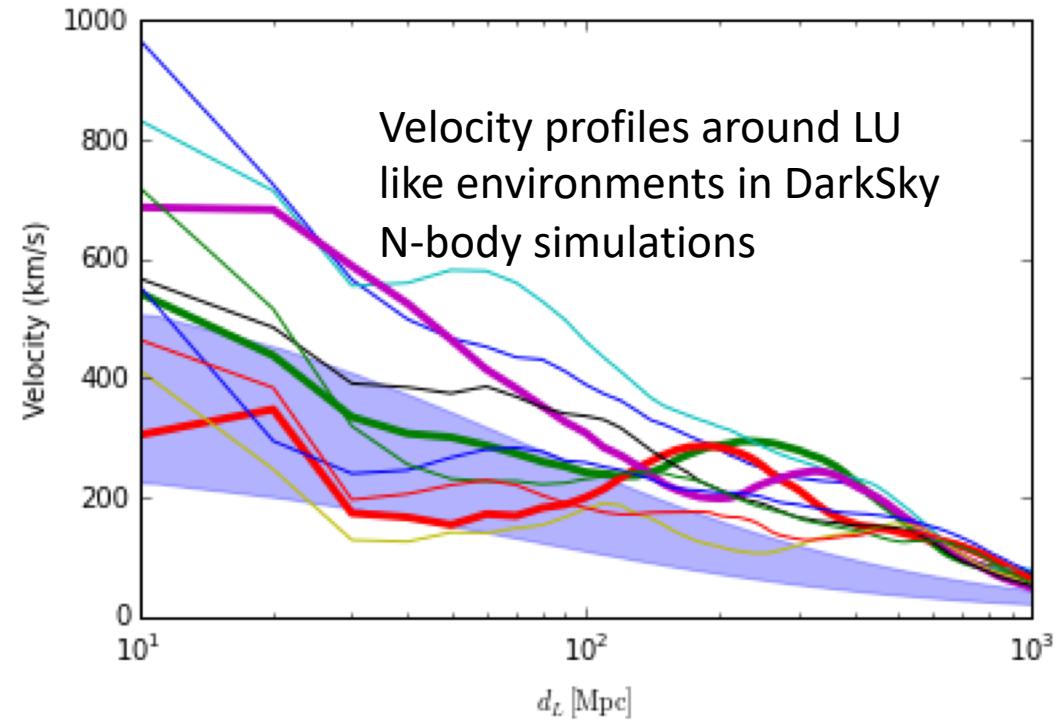
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# There is an arbitrary discontinuity within the data.

Also in the subsequent Pantheon compilation

 dscolnic commented on Nov 28, 2018 Owner ...

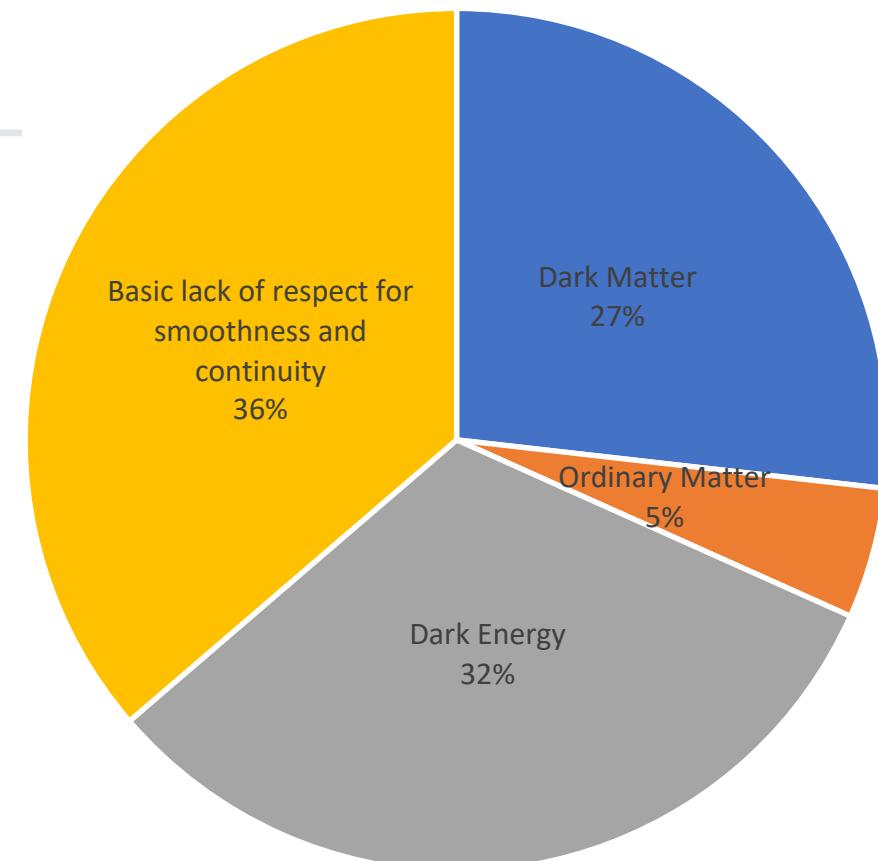
Hi - I have posted a new file that has no peculiar velocity corrections for  $z > 0.08$ .

  dscolnic closed this on Nov 28, 2018

<https://github.com/dscolnic/Pantheon/issues/2>

This is because in the absence of demonstrable convergence between the bulk flow of the local Universe and the ‘CMB rest frame’, there is no way to correct for it completely (one could fit it as a nuisance parameter).

Key Hubble tension papers rely on these corrections or directly on the Pantheon compilation (for eg Kenworthy et al 2019)



# Luminosity distance in the FLRW Universe

Exact

$$d_L = (1+z) \frac{d_H}{\sqrt{\Omega_k}} \sinh \left( \sqrt{\Omega_k} \int_0^z \frac{H_0 dz'}{H(z')} \right),$$

$$d_H = c/H_0, \quad H_0 \equiv 100h \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1},$$

$$H = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_k (1+z)^2 + \Omega_\Lambda},$$

Kinematic

- $H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$
- $q \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\frac{\ddot{a}a}{\dot{a}^2}$  (defined with a minus to be positive for a decelerating universe)

- $j = \frac{\ddot{a}}{aH^3}$

Matt Visser 2004

$$d_L(z) = \frac{cz}{H_0} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2} [1 - q_0] z - \frac{1}{6} \left[ 1 - q_0 - 3q_0^2 + j_0 + \frac{kc^2}{H_0^2 a_0^2} \right] z^2 + O(z^3) \right\}$$

What we mean by tilt :  $q_0 \rightarrow q_m + q_d \cos(\theta_{|cmb-SN|}) e^{-z/S}$

$$q = \frac{\Omega_M}{2} - \Omega_\Lambda \text{ (in } \Lambda CDM \text{)}$$

# Is standard cosmology consistent?

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

The FLRW universe

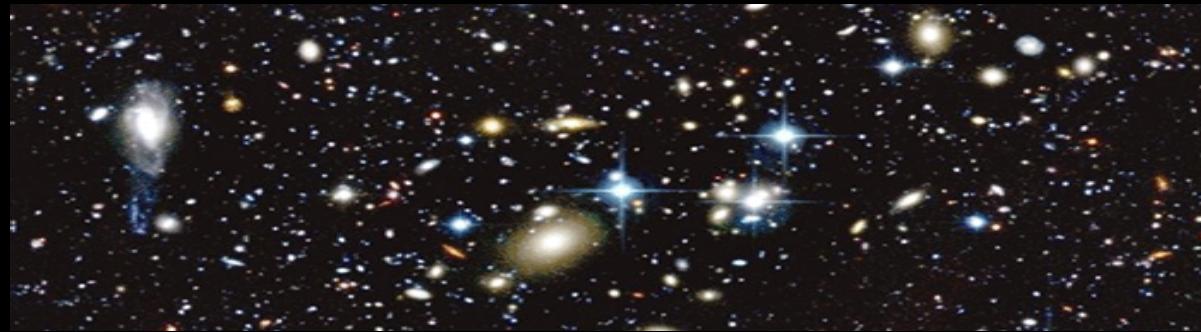


Can be described by one scale factor  $a(t)$  and Friedmann equations exactly.

Maximal symmetry forbids peculiar velocities

Some existing debates in literature (inhomogeneous cosmology/backreactions) suggest that problems such as Dark Matter and Dark Energy can also be tackled by critically examining the tools and framework with which we do cosmology.

The Real Universe



$$\dot{\Theta} = -\frac{\theta^2}{3} - 2\sigma^2 + 2\omega^2 - E[\vec{X}]_a^a + \dot{X}_a^a + \Lambda$$

Ellis, "On the Raychaudhury Equation"  
Pramana–J.Phys., Vol. 69, No. 1, July 2007

Everything has a peculiar velocity of  $\sim 10^{-3}$ , they should be viewed as differences in the expansion rate of the Universe

# What we mean by ‘non Copernican observers’

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

The Riemann tensor

Table 1: Comparison of curvature properties within the FLRW class of cosmological models and for generic averaged globally hyperbolic spacetime models.

Buchert and Heinesen 2020

	FLRW	Average within generic GR
Topology	$\text{sign}(\mathcal{R})$ determines the spatial topology for simply-connected domains	$\langle \mathcal{R} \rangle_{\mathcal{D}}$ does not in general allow conclusions on topological properties
Integral constraint	local ‘Newtonian’ energy conservation: $(\mathcal{R}a^2)^\cdot = 0$	general-relativistic coupling of $\langle \mathcal{R} \rangle_{\mathcal{D}}$ to structure: $\frac{1}{a_{\mathcal{D}}^6} (\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{D}} a_{\mathcal{D}}^6)^\cdot + \frac{1}{a_{\mathcal{D}}^2} (\langle \mathcal{R} \rangle_{\mathcal{D}} a_{\mathcal{D}}^2)^\cdot = 0$
Sign of curvature	$\text{sign}(\mathcal{R})$ is preserved throughout the evolution of the Universe and on all scales	$\text{sign}(\langle \mathcal{R} \rangle_{\mathcal{D}})$ can change in response to structure in the spacetime and may vary on different scales
Copernican principle	satisfied in its most strict interpretation. All fundamental observers are subject to the same local curvature	can be satisfied in a weaker sense than for FLRW. ‘Distributional equivalence’ between observers



Can be described by Friedmann equations

Maximal symmetry

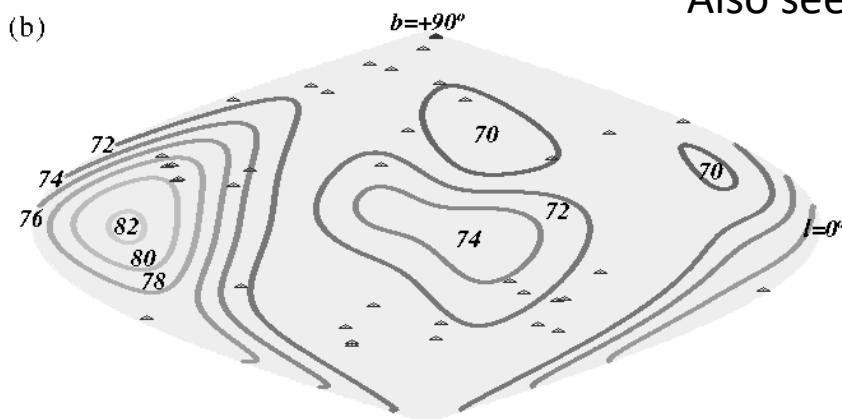
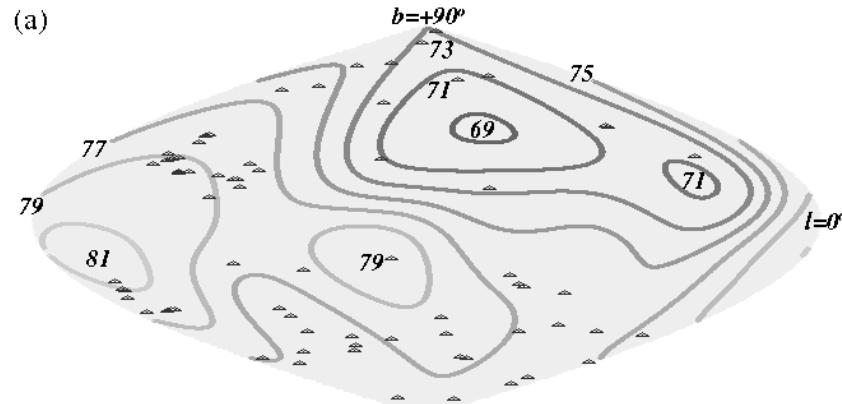
$a^\cdot/a + \Lambda$   
‘Equation’  
1, July 2007

should be  
universe

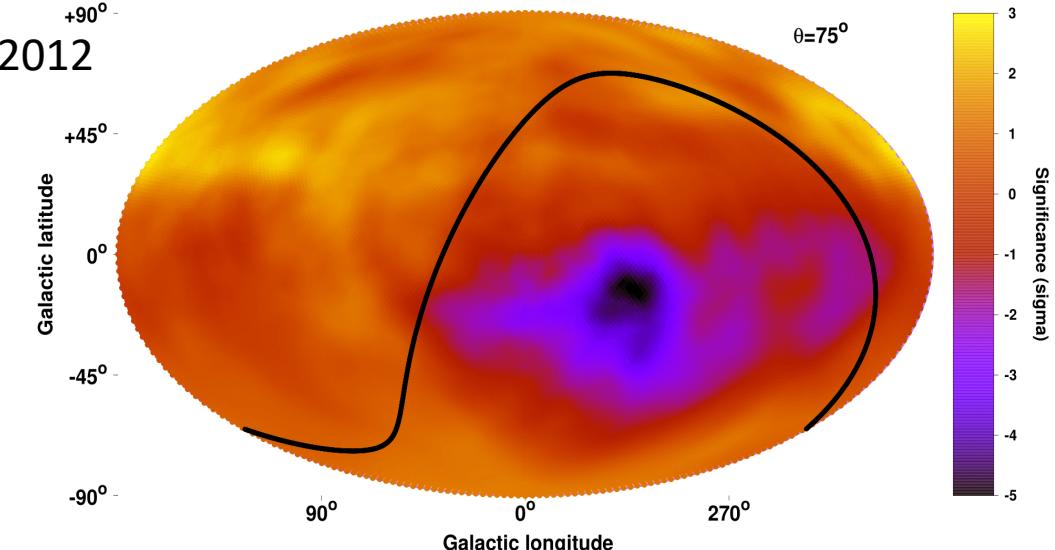
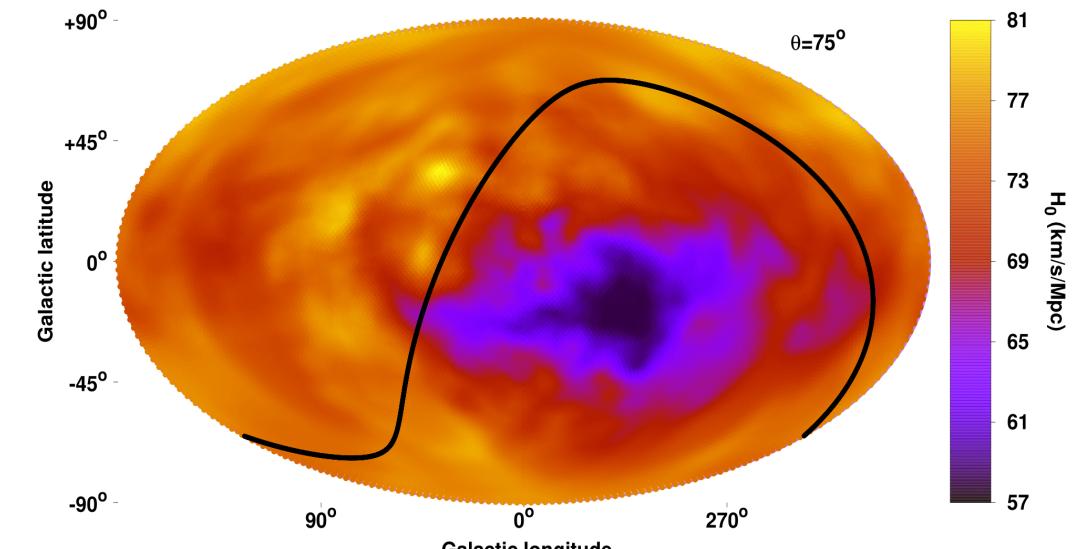
Such as Dark Matter and Dark Energy can also be tackled by critically examining the tools and framework with which we do cosmology.

# There is no Hubble constant, let alone a tension

McClure and Dyer 2007, motivated  
by the Raychoudhury Equation



Also see Wiltshire et al 2012



A statistically significant difference in expansion rate  
of  $9 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  is found to occur across the sky.

Migkas et al 2020

# Conclusions

- Number counts of flux limited catalogues in radio and infrared all indicate somewhat significant (up to  $\sim 3.9\sigma$ ) tensions with the ‘purely kinematic’ interpretation of the CMB dipole.
  - Hopeful that SKA and EUCLID can set this to rest by testing.
- Convergence to the CMB rest frame has not been demonstrated.
  - There is a case for precision testing the CMB dipole.
  - The local Universe has a bulk flow out to  $\sim 400$  Mpc.  
McClure and Dyer 2007  
The CMB rest frame does not exist
- SN1a data pre ship with ‘corrections’ and are being continuously adjusted. The Hubble tension is manufactured using these corrections.
- Evidence  $3.9\sigma$  for a tilt in the local Universe. Isotropic acceleration compatible with 0 at  $< 1.4$  sigma
- $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology is just an ansatz, and DE is an artefact of the idealization.

# The ‘fitting problem’ in cosmology

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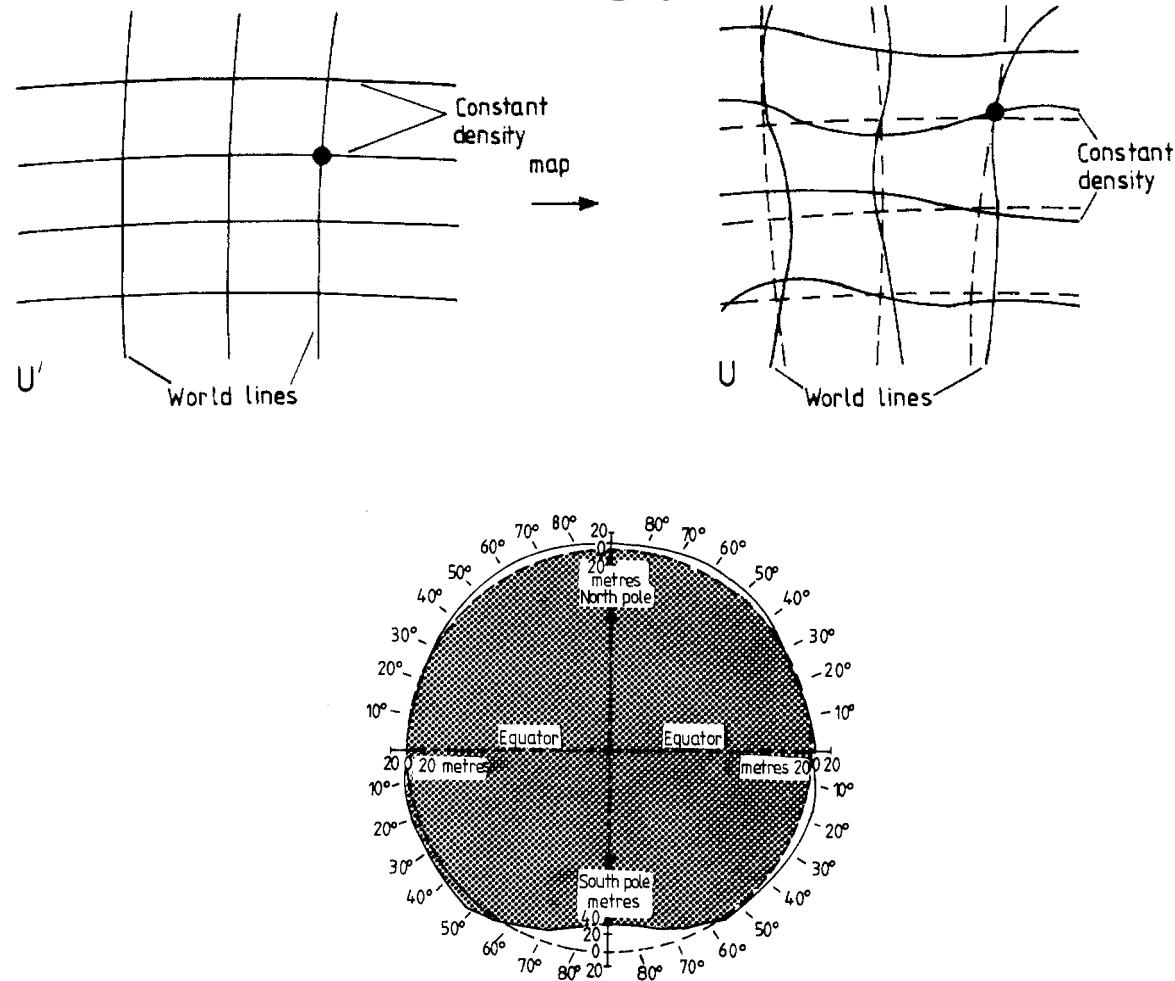
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**Abstract.** This paper considers the best way to fit an idealised exactly homogeneous and isotropic universe model to a realistic ('lumpy') universe; whether made explicit or not, some such approach of necessity underlies the use of the standard Robertson-Walker models as models of the real universe. Approaches based on averaging, normal coordinates and null data are presented, the latter offering the best opportunity to relate the fitting procedure to data obtainable by astronomical observations.

Section 4.3 and 4.4 give a detailed discussion of how to correct for peculiar velocities, isotropize data, fit it to an idealized model, judge goodness of fit and what it means for fundamental physics. Read this along with Conley et al 2011, Rubin & Heitlauf 2019 and Davis et al 2011



**Figure 1.** (a) An exactly uniform and spherically symmetrical FLRW universe  $U'$  mapped into the lumpy universe  $U$  so as to give the best fit possible. (b) An exactly spherical sphere fitted to the lumpy world to give the best fit possible.

# Results

**Table 2.** Tilted local universe, with  $\sigma_z$  set to zero, fitted to data with the MLE.

	$-2 \log \mathcal{L}_{\max}$	$q_m$	$q_d$	$S$	$j_0 - \Omega_k$	$\alpha$	$x_{1,0}$	$\sigma_{x_{1,0}}$	$\beta$	$c_0$	$\sigma_{c_0}$	$M_0$	$\sigma_{M_0}$
Tilted universe	-208.28	-0.157	-8.03	0.0262	-0.489	0.135	0.0394	0.931	3.00	-0.0155	0.071	-19.027	0.114
No tilt ( $q_d = 0$ )	-189.52	-0.166	0	-	-0.460	0.133	0.0396	0.931	2.99	-0.014	0.071	-19.028	0.117
No accn. ( $q_m = 0$ )	-205.98	0	-6.84	0.0384	-0.836	0.134	0.0365	0.931	2.99	-0.014	0.071	-19.002	0.115

**Notes.** The BIC for the models above is  $-129.00$ ,  $-123.45$ , and  $-133.31$ , providing strong evidence for the last model.

**Table 3.** Tilted local universe, with  $\sigma_z$  left floating, fitted to data with the MLE.

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Tilted universe	-216.90	-0.154	-6.33	0.0305	-0.497	0.134	0.0395	0.932	3.04	-0.0158	0.071	-19.022	0.106	241
No tilt ( $q_d = 0$ )	-203.23	-0.187	0	-	-0.425	0.133	0.0398	0.932	3.05	-0.0151	0.071	-19.032	0.106	274
No accn. ( $q_m = 0$ )	-214.74	0	-5.60	0.0350	-0.833	0.133	0.0368	0.932	3.04	-0.0145	0.071	-19.000	0.106	243

**Notes.** The BIC for the models above is  $-131.01$ ,  $-130.55$ , and  $-135.46$ , providing positive evidence for the last model.

The dipolar component of  $q$  is larger than the monopole, and dominates out to  $z > 0.1$

The significance of  $q_o$  being negative is  $< 1.4\sigma$ !

Cosmic acceleration may simply be an artefact of our being located inside a ‘bulk flow’!

# Results

$q_d \gg q_m$

**Table 2.** Tilted local universe, with  $\sigma_z$  set to zero, fitted to data with the MLE.

	$-2 \log \mathcal{L}_{\max}$	$q_m$	$q_d$	$S$	$j_0 - \Omega_k$	$\alpha$	$x_{1,0}$	$\sigma_{x_{1,0}}$	$\beta$	$c_0$
Tilted universe	-208.28	-0.157	-8.03	0.0262	-0.489	0.135	0.0394	0.931	3.00	-0.1
No tilt ( $q_d = 0$ )	-189.52	-0.166	0	-	-0.460	0.133	0.0396	0.931	2.99	-0.1
No accn. ( $q_m = 0$ )	-205.98	0	-6.84	0.0384	-0.836	0.134	0.0365	0.931	2.99	-0.1

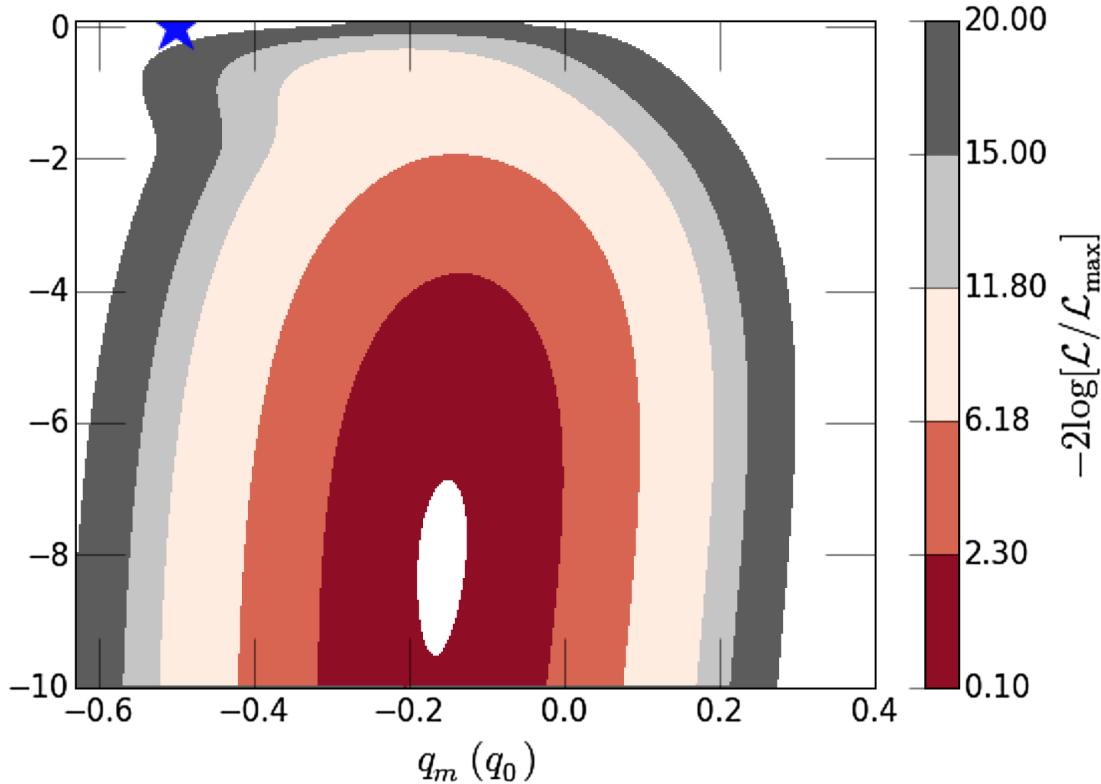
**Notes.** The BIC for the models above is  $-129.00$ ,  $-123.45$ , and  $-133.31$ , providing strong evidence for the tilted model.

**Table 3.** Tilted local universe, with  $\sigma_z$  left floating, fitted to data with the MLE.

	$-2 \log \mathcal{L}_{\max}$	$q_m$	$q_d$	$S$	$j_0 - \Omega_k$	$\alpha$	$x_{1,0}$	$\sigma_{x_{1,0}}$	$\beta$	$c_0$
Tilted universe	-216.90	-0.154	-6.33	0.0305	-0.497	0.134	0.0395	0.932	3.04	-0.0158
No tilt ( $q_d = 0$ )	-203.23	-0.187	0	-	-0.425	0.133	0.0398	0.932	3.05	-0.0151
No accn. ( $q_m = 0$ )	-214.74	0	-5.60	0.0350	-0.833	0.133	0.0368	0.932	3.04	-0.0145

**Notes.** The BIC for the models above is  $-131.01$ ,  $-130.55$ , and  $-135.46$ , providing positive evidence for the tilted model.

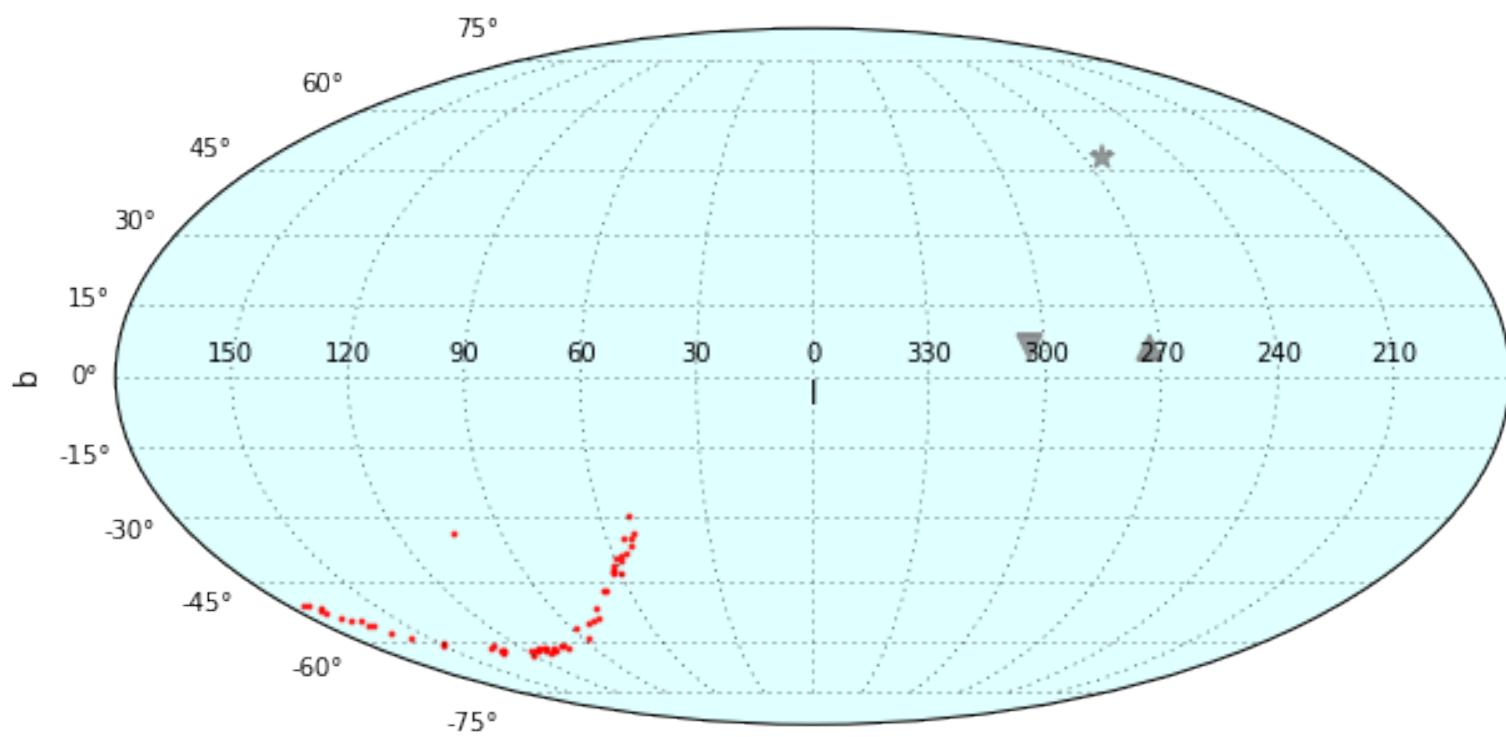
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# 1905.00221 : The only ‘dark energy’ I found in cosmology



JLA (740) -> Pantheon (1080)

The redshifts of ~150 SNe changed, 58 at > 5 sigma level, some at 137 sigma  
 $z_{diff} \sim 0.1$  for some

General covariance.

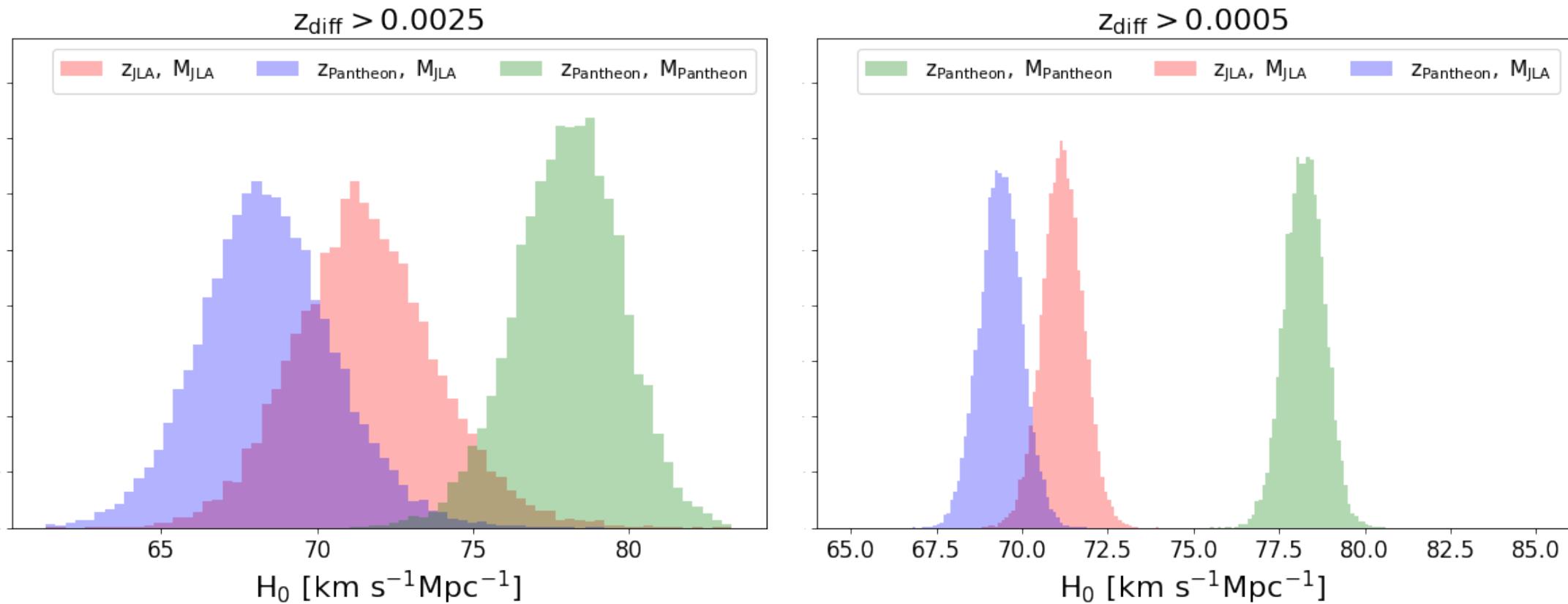
‘high redshift supernovae were found to be dimmer (15% in flux) than the low redshift supernovae (compared to what would be expected in a “universe”)’  
(Perlmutter et al 1999)

Peculiar velocity ‘corrections’:

1. Change the redshifts and magnitudes of low  $z$  SNe by up to 20%
2. Introduce arbitrary discontinuities within intrinsically scattered data
3. Peculiar velocity ‘corrections’ first stretched all the way to  $z \sim 0.3$  (where there is no peculiar velocity information)

Even observed quantities are changing

# A trivial solution to the Hubble tension? 1911.06456

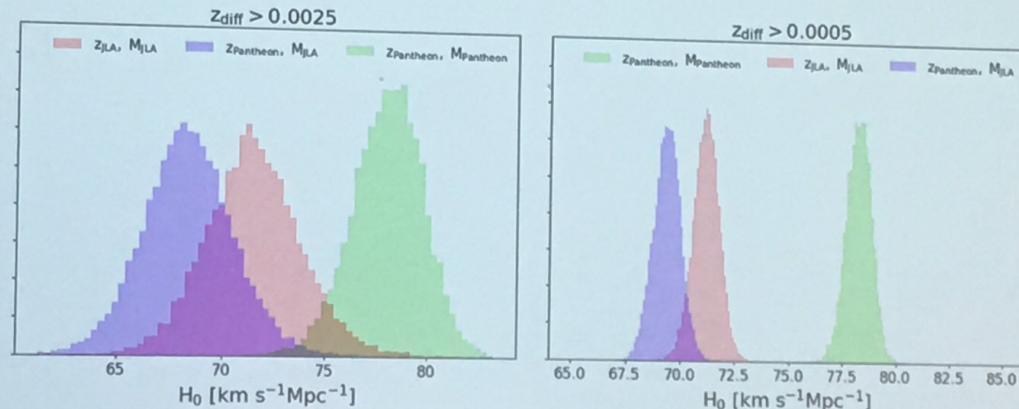


The shifts in redshift and magnitude appear to be sufficient to lower the Hubble ‘constant’ from  $\sim 72$  to 68, keeping many other parameters fixed to that of Riess et al 2016

# Is there really a `Hubble tension'?

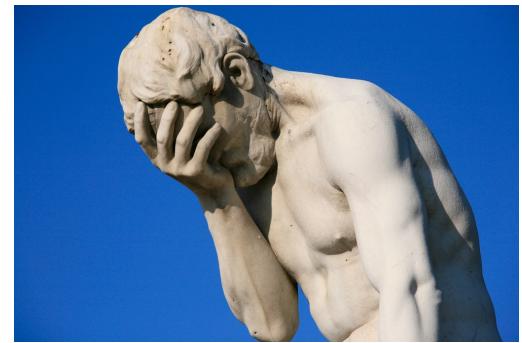
Mohamed Rameez, Subir Sarkar

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1911.06456>



**Figure 1.** Left: Posteriors on  $H_0$  from the SNe Ia in JLA which have  $z_{\text{JLA}} - z_{\text{Pantheon}} > 0.0025$ , using JLA redshifts (blue) and Pantheon redshifts (pink). Since the Pantheon magnitudes are also discrepant (Scolnic 2019), the posterior using both Pantheon redshifts and magnitudes are also shown (in green). Right: The same with  $z_{\text{JLA}} - z_{\text{Pantheon}} > 0.0005$ .

This was discussed in the TeVPA opening plenary today in Sydney, by Celine Boehm

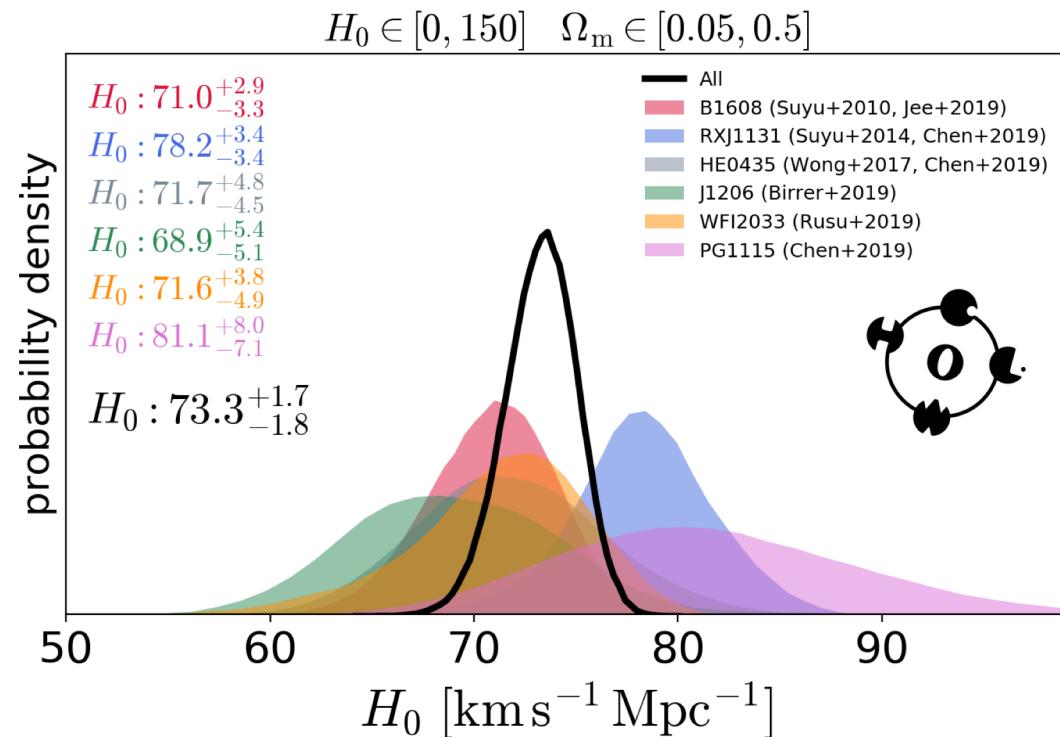


# What is $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology?

The naive fitting of data from the real Lumpy Universe, to a smooth toy model, treating all scatter as statistical, when it could be cosmological

Such as this H0licow measurement

Note : This is very honestly communicated



# Conclusions

- Number counts of flux limited catalogues in radio and infrared all indicate mild ( $1.5\sigma$ ) to slightly significant ( $\sim 3.4\sigma$ ) tensions with the kinematic interpretation of the CMB dipole
- The end of the bulk flow of the local Universe has not been found.
- SN1a data pre ship with ‘corrections’ and are being continuously adjusted.
- Evidence  $> 3.4\sigma$  for a tilt in the local Universe. Isotropic acceleration compatible with 0 at  $< 1.4$  sigma
- Quite outside the domain of  $\Lambda CDM$  cosmology, which is just crude approximation driven by sociology
- The tilt is the first lump in the lumpy Universe.
- Predictions with LSST

# But the real Universe has structure on all scales

The FLRW universe



Can be described by one scale factor  $a(t)$  and Friedmann equations exactly.

Maximal symmetry forbids peculiar velocities

The Real Universe



$$\dot{\Theta} = -\frac{\theta^2}{3} - 2\sigma^2 + 2\omega^2 - E[\vec{X}]_a^a + \dot{X}_{;a}^a + \Lambda$$

Ellis, "On the Raychaudhury Equation"  
Pramana–J.Phys., Vol. 69, No. 1, July 2007

Everything has a peculiar velocity of  $10^{-3}$

We can observe only one.

The Real Universe has structure on much smaller scales than our representations of it

## Standard Cosmology

N body simulations assume the existence of a background FLRW metric and use Newtonian gravity (which is the zero velocity weak field of GR).

Linearizations, perturbation theory, initial conditions from inflation

Peculiar velocities are things moving w.r.t. a FLRW background

Defended by authors of GR textbooks such as Robert Wald, using heuristic arguments.

## Inhomogeneous Cosmology

Real Universe can only be represented by an FLRW metric. Large scale dynamics obtained from the ‘coarse graining’ of small scale dynamics.

Is a complex system with nonlinear dynamics.

Peculiar velocities are differences in the expansion rate of the Universe

Has a true metric that is everywhere far from FLRW

Talks about almost flat, almost isotropic, almost FLRW cosmologies

Leading cosmologists, authors of textbooks such as Ellis and Kolb take this view.

There is an averaging problem, a fitting problem and backreactions. Clarkson et al 2011 Rept.Prog.Phys. 74 (2011) 112901

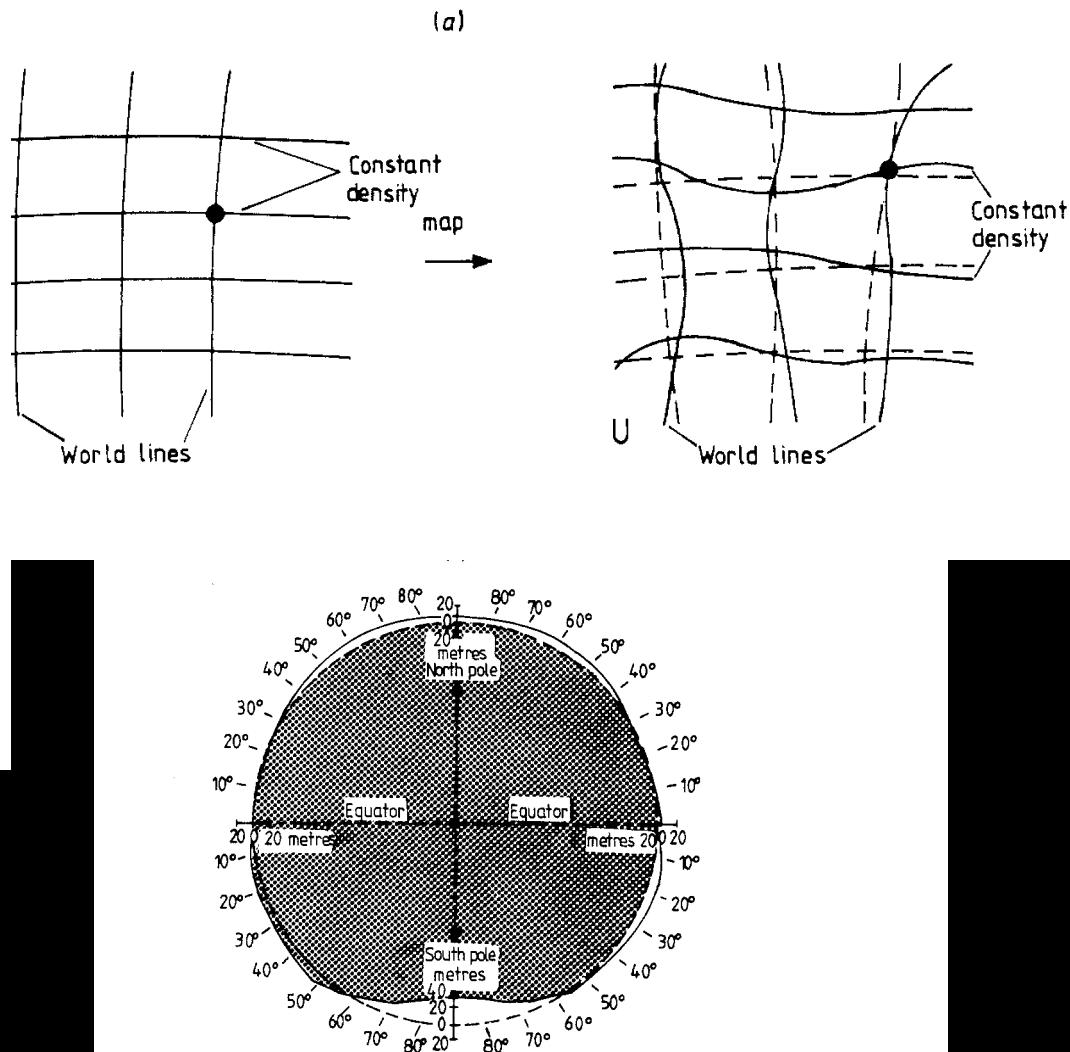
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**Abstract.** This paper considers the best way to fit an idealised exactly homogeneous and isotropic universe model to a realistic ('lumpy') universe; whether made explicit or not, some such approach of necessity underlies the use of the standard Robertson-Walker models as models of the real universe. Approaches based on averaging, normal coordinates and null data are presented, the latter offering the best opportunity to relate the fitting procedure to data obtainable by astronomical observations.



**Figure 1.** (a) An exactly uniform and spherically symmetrical FLRW universe  $U'$  mapped into the lumpy universe  $U$  so as to give the best fit possible. (b) An exactly spherical sphere fitted to the lumpy world to give the best fit possible.



Rubin & Hayden (ApJ 833:L30,2016) verify the results of Nielsen et al  
but then argue that the light-curve fit parameters may be redshift-dependent

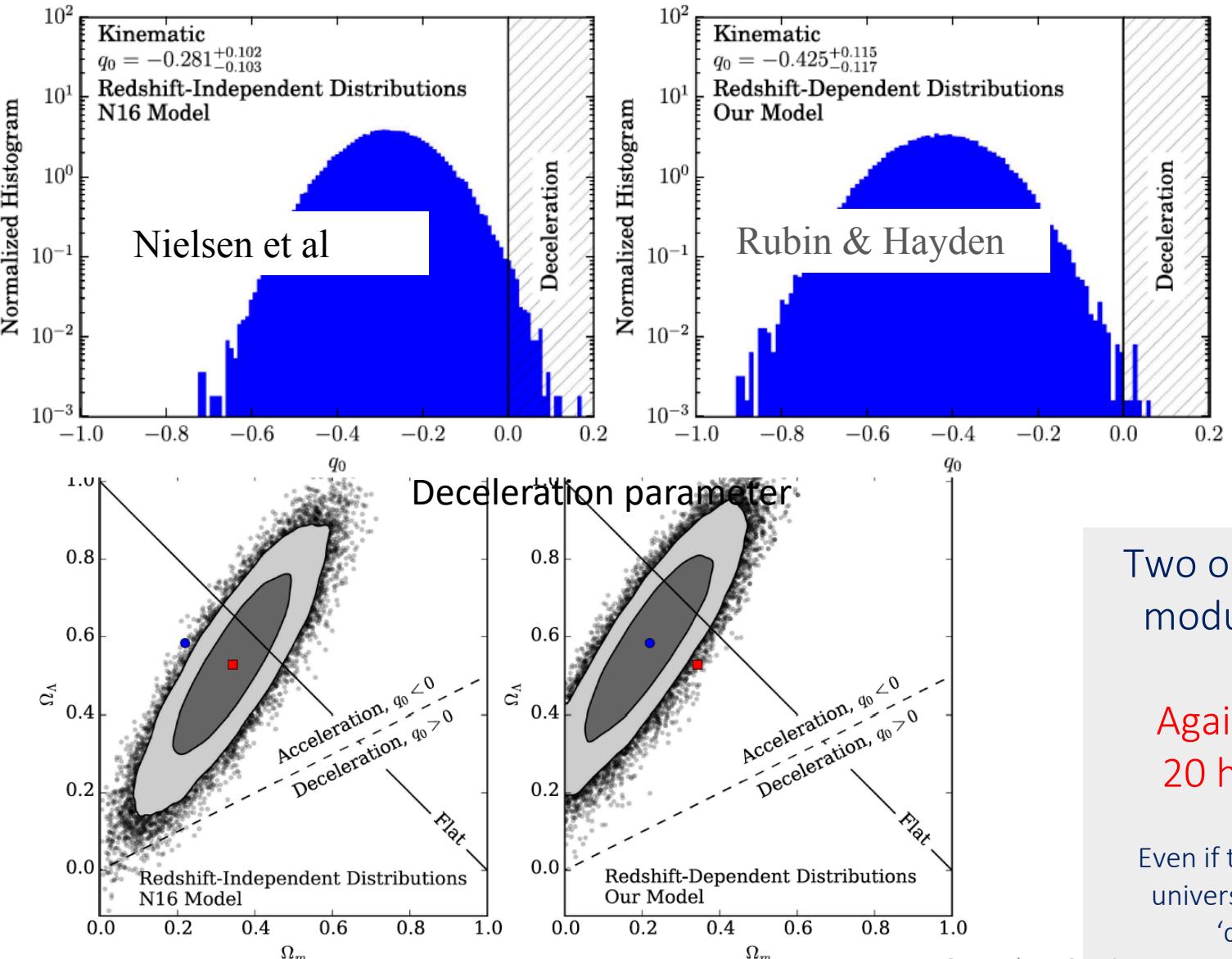


Figure 2.  $\Omega_m - \Omega_\Lambda$  constraints enclosing 68.3% and 95.4% of the samples from the posterior. Underneath, we plot all samples. The left panel shows the constraints obtained with  $x_1$  and  $c$  distributions that are constant in redshift, as in the N16 analysis; the right panel shows the constraints from our model. The red square and blue circle show the location of the median of the samples from the respective posteriors.

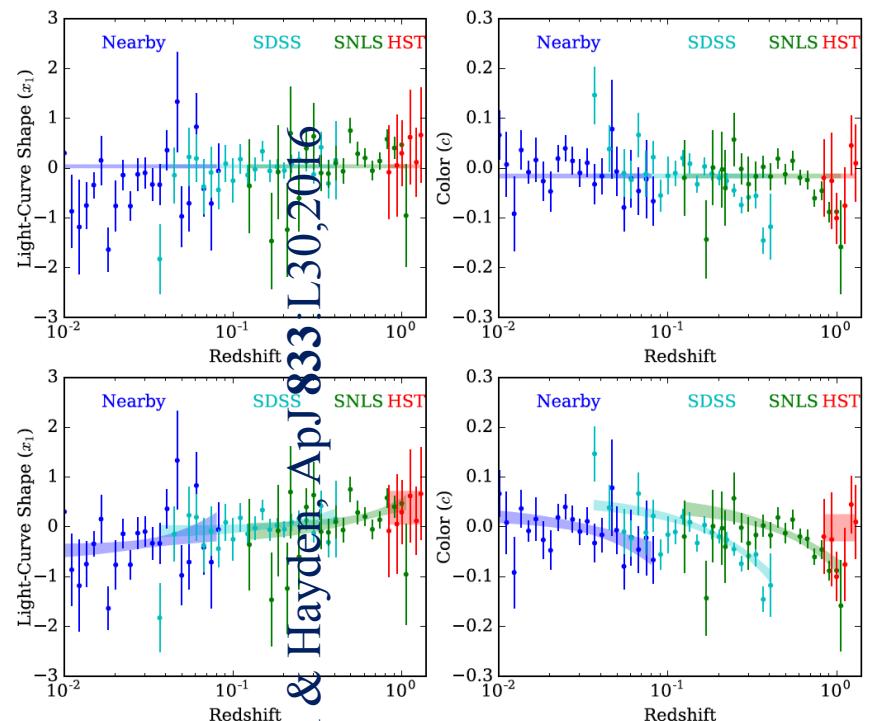
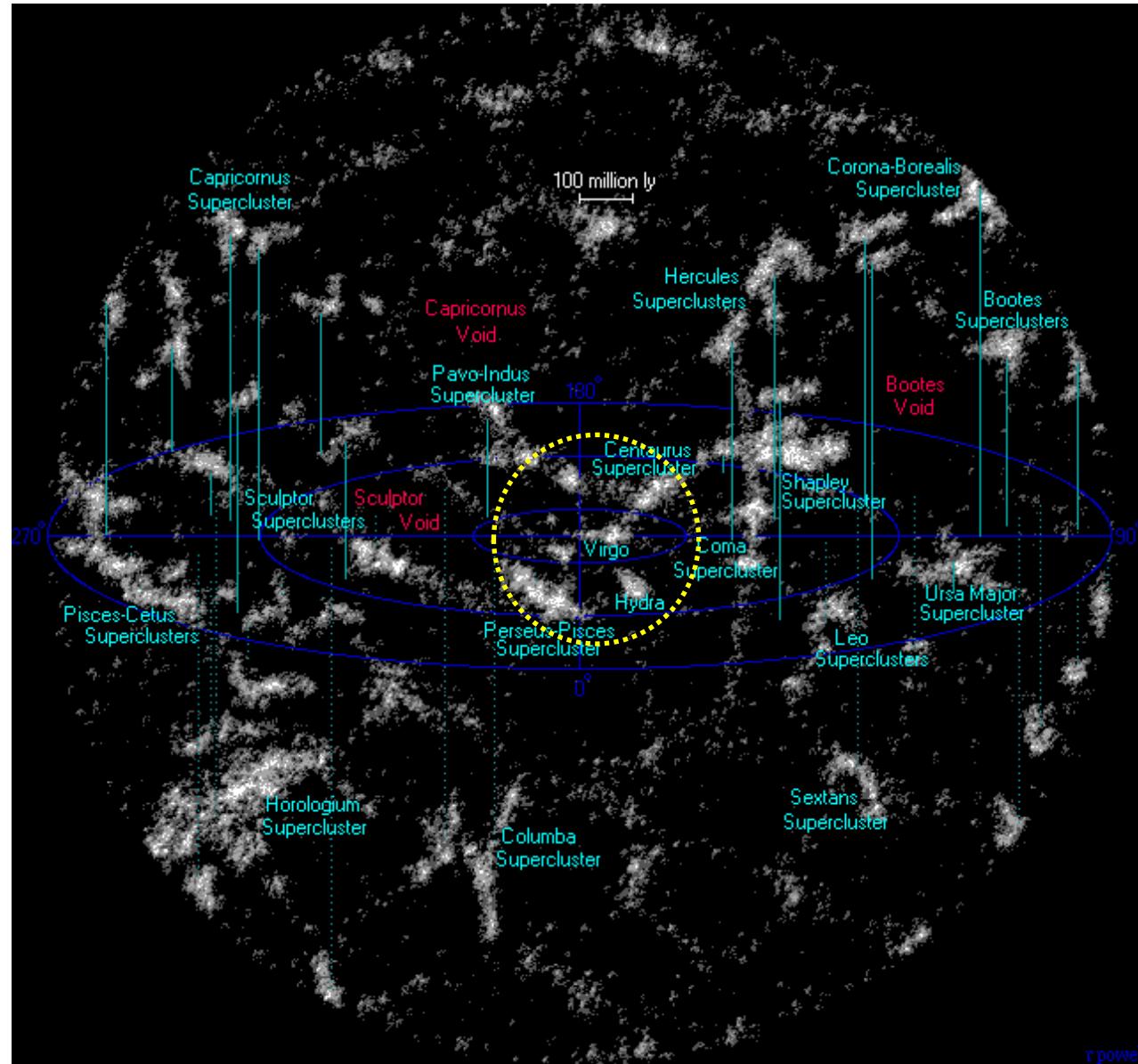


Figure 1. Binned  $x_1$  (left panels) and  $c$  (right panels) light-curve parameters as a function of redshift for the JLA sample. The trend of color with redshift within each ground-based sample is expected due to the combination of the color-luminosity relation combined with redshift-dependent luminosity detection limits. The top panels show the 68% credible constraints on a constant-in-redshift model, as was used in N16. The bottom panels show our proposed revision. Failing to model the drift in the mean observed distributions demonstrated by the bottom panels will tend to cause high-redshift SNe to appear brighter on average, therefore reducing the significance of accelerating expansion.

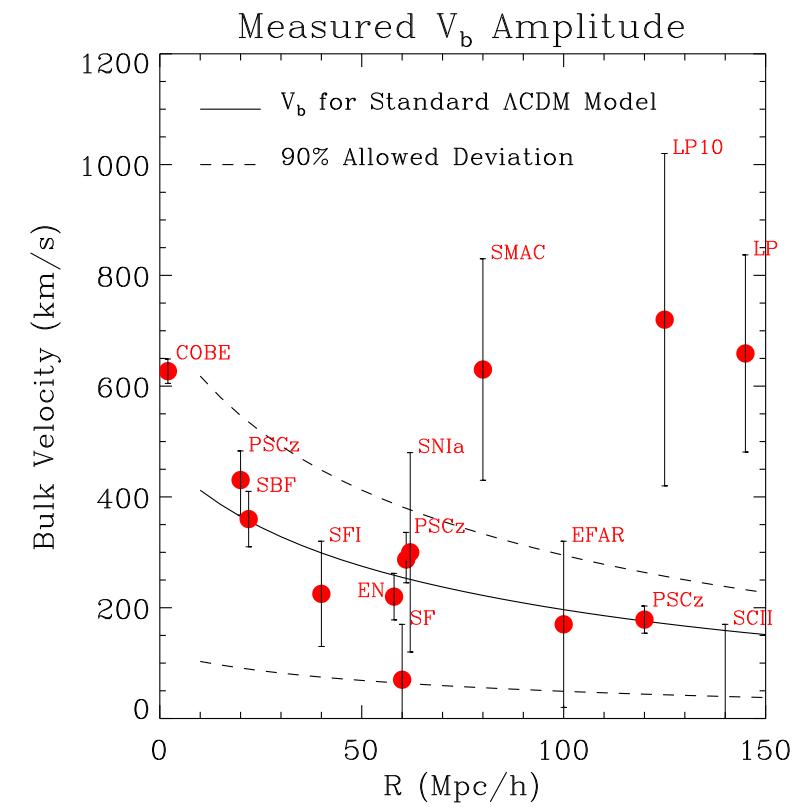
Two out of 3 parameters that go into the distance modulus have been examined by eye and made sample and redshift dependent.

Against the principles of blinded data analysis.  
20 hyperparameters to standardize 740 SN1e

Even if this is justified, the significance with which a non-accelerating universe is rejected rises only to  $\lesssim 4\sigma$  ... still inadequate to claim a 'discovery' (even though the dataset has increased from ~50 to 740 SNe Ia in 20 yrs)!

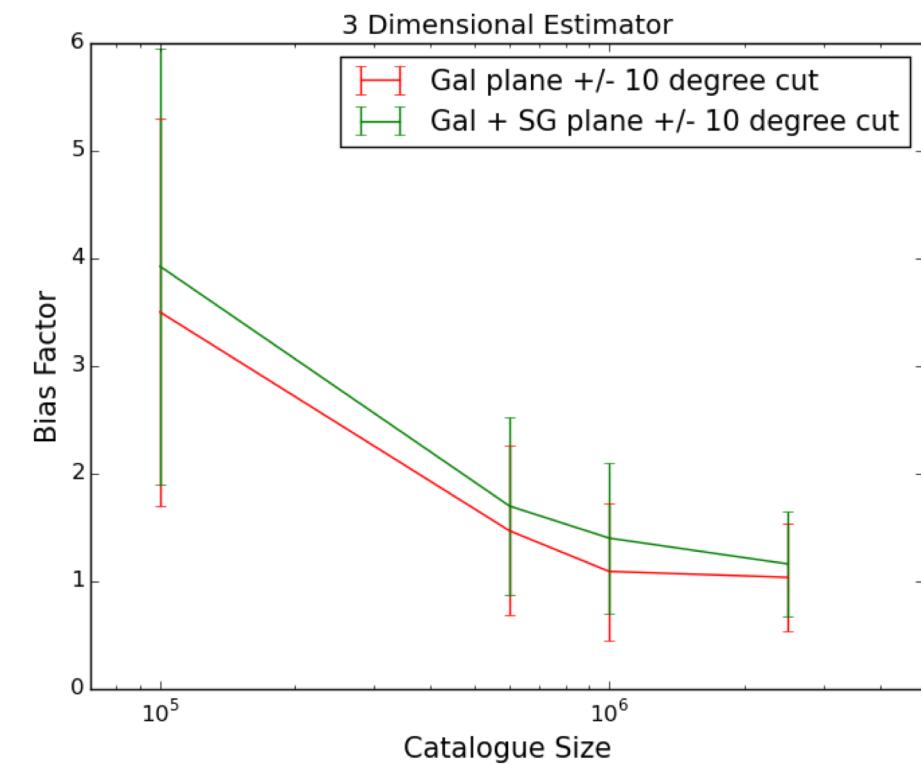
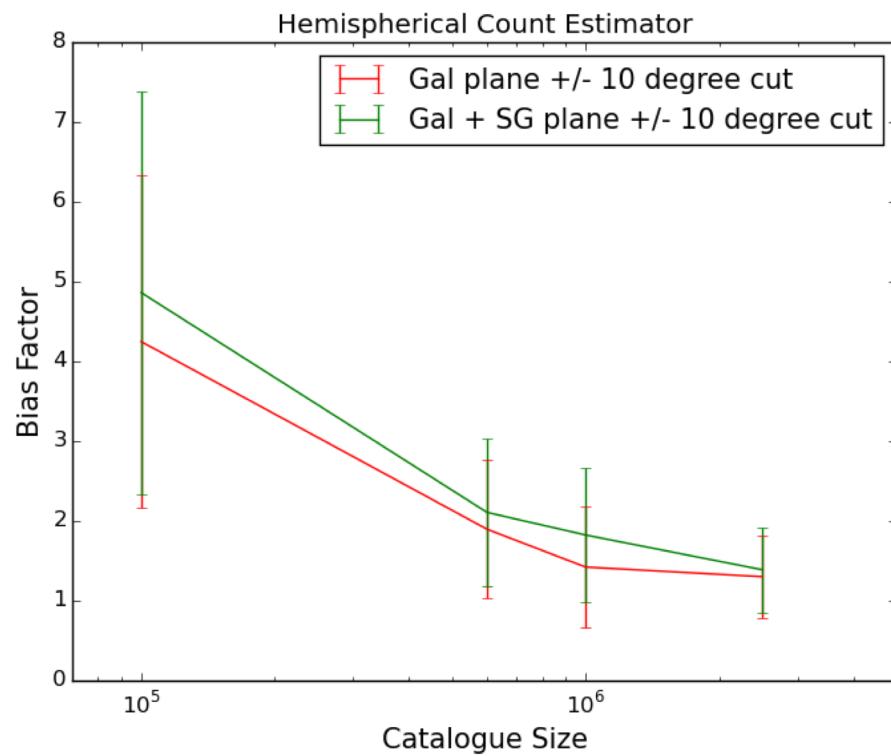


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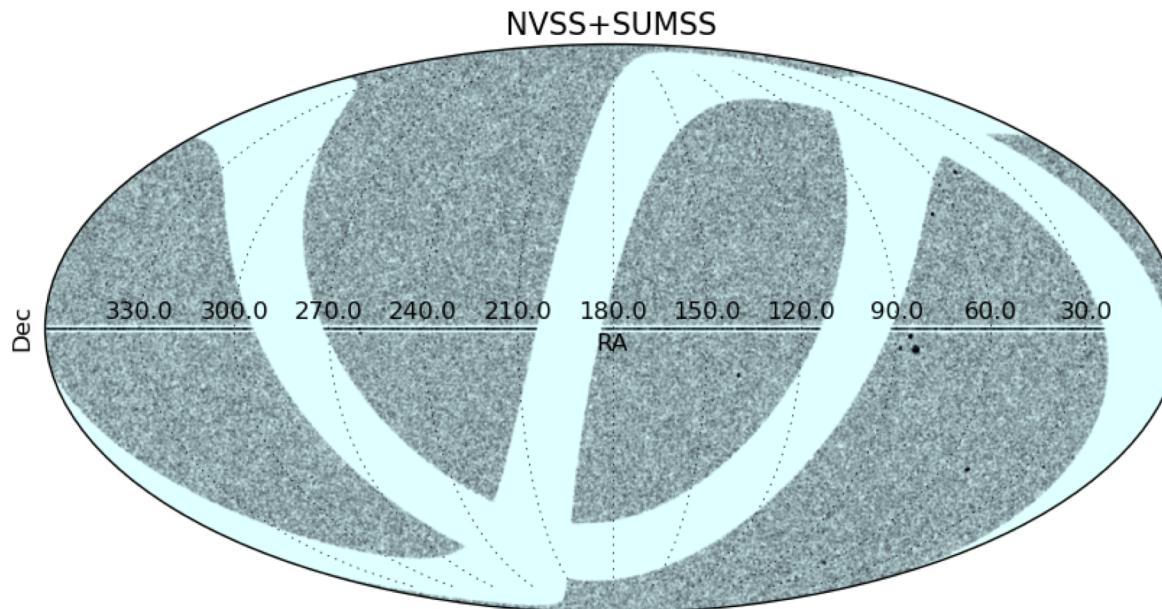


# Estimators for the Dipole

$$\vec{D}_H = \hat{z} * \frac{N_{UH} - N_{LH}}{N_{UH} + N_{LH}}$$



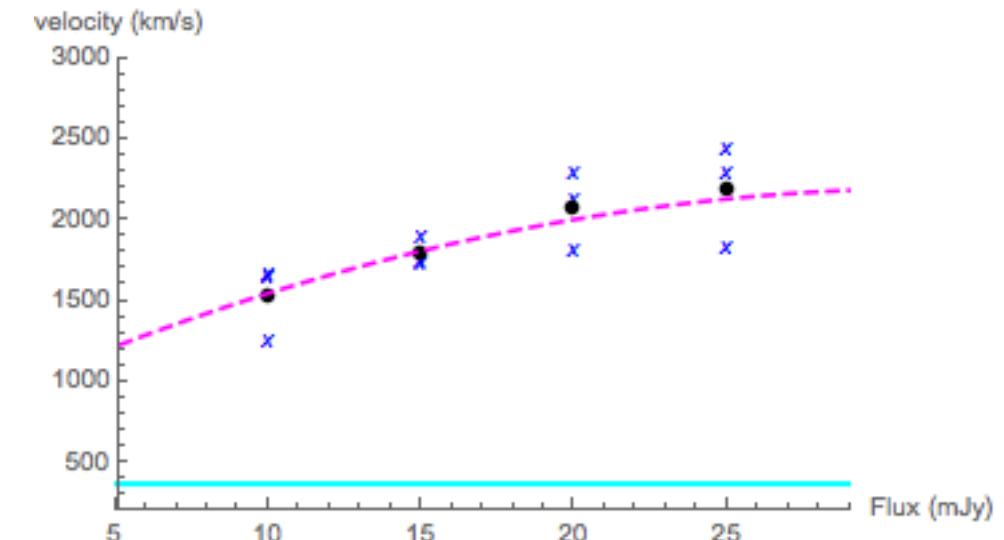
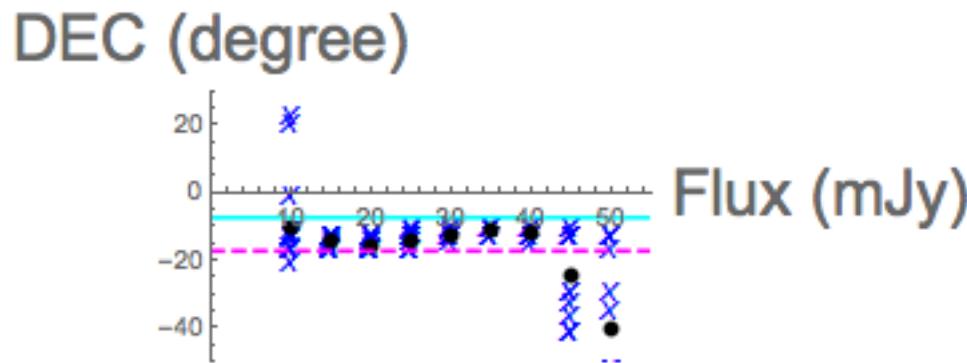
# Local Sources contamination?



Remove the Supergalactic plane. Disk like structure containing the majority of clusters at  $z < 0.03$

Remove sources within 1 arcsecond of 2MRS  $z < 0.03$  sources

No significant impact on the velocity/direction of the dipole



	$-2 \log \mathcal{L}_{\max}$	$q_m$	$q_d$	$S$	$j_0 - \Omega_k$	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$M_0$	$\sigma_{M_0}$
Rubin & Hayden (22 param.) with no dipole	-331.6	-0.4574	—	—	0.1458	0.1345	3.067	-19.07	0.1074
As above with no acceleration ( $q_m = 0$ )	-315.6	0	—	—	-1.351	0.1323	3.048	-19.01	0.1088
Rubin & Hayden (22 param.) with dipole $\propto e^{-z/S}$	-335.9	-0.3867	-0.2325	0.1825	-0.1779	0.1337	3.028	-19.06	0.1076
As above with no acceleration ( $q_m = 0$ )	-326.9	0	-2.186	0.05034	-1.333	0.1325	3.02	-19.01	0.1087
Rubin & Hayden (16 param.) with no dipole	-242.4	-0.3873	—	—	0.2937	0.1345	3.063	-19.05	0.1080
As above with no acceleration ( $q_m = 0$ )	-229.9	0	—	—	-0.8444	0.1325	3.051	-19.00	0.1094
Rubin & Hayden (16 param.) with dipole $\propto e^{-z/S}$	-250.2	-0.3329	-0.2091	0.2726	0.04258	0.1336	3.021	-19.04	0.1081
As above with no acceleration ( $q_m = 0$ )	-241.2	0	-0.3585	0.1794	-0.8645	0.132	3.009	-19.00	0.1093
Rubin & Hayden (16 + 3 param.) with no dipole	-253.4	-0.09894	—	—	-0.102	0.1346	3.023	-19.07, -19.00, -18.94, -18.78	0.1082
As above with no acceleration ( $q_m = 0$ )	-253	0	—	—	-0.2661	0.1344	3.016	-19.06, -18.99, -18.92, -18.77	0.1084

Even with the sample and redshift dependent treatment for  $x_{1,0}$  and  $c_0$  proposed by R&H,  $q_m=0$  is disfavoured only at 2.4 sigma and allows for a large  $q_d$  extending to  $z \sim 0.18$

If  $x_{1,0}$  and  $c_0$  can be sample or redshift dependent, why not  $M_0$ ? Undermines the use of SN1a as standard candles but justified by AIC.

# Planck 2015

Parameter	<i>Planck TT+lowP+lensing</i>
$\Omega_b h^2$ . . . . .	$0.02226 \pm 0.00023$
$\Omega_c h^2$ . . . . .	$0.1186 \pm 0.0020$
$100\theta_{\text{MC}}$ . . . . .	$1.04103 \pm 0.00046$
$\tau$ . . . . .	$0.066 \pm 0.016$
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$ . . . . .	$3.062 \pm 0.029$
$n_s$ . . . . .	$0.9677 \pm 0.0060$
$H_0$ . . . . .	$67.8 \pm 0.9$
$\Omega_m$ . . . . .	$0.308 \pm 0.012$
$\Omega_m h^2$ . . . . .	$0.1415 \pm 0.0019$
$\Omega_m h^3$ . . . . .	$0.09591 \pm 0.00045$
$\sigma_8$ . . . . .	$0.815 \pm 0.009$
$\sigma_8 \Omega_m^{0.5}$ . . . . .	$0.4521 \pm 0.0088$
Age/Gyr . . . . .	$13.799 \pm 0.038$
$r_{\text{drag}}$ . . . . .	$147.60 \pm 0.43$
$k_{\text{eq}}$ . . . . .	$0.01027 \pm 0.00014$

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1706.09309.pdf>

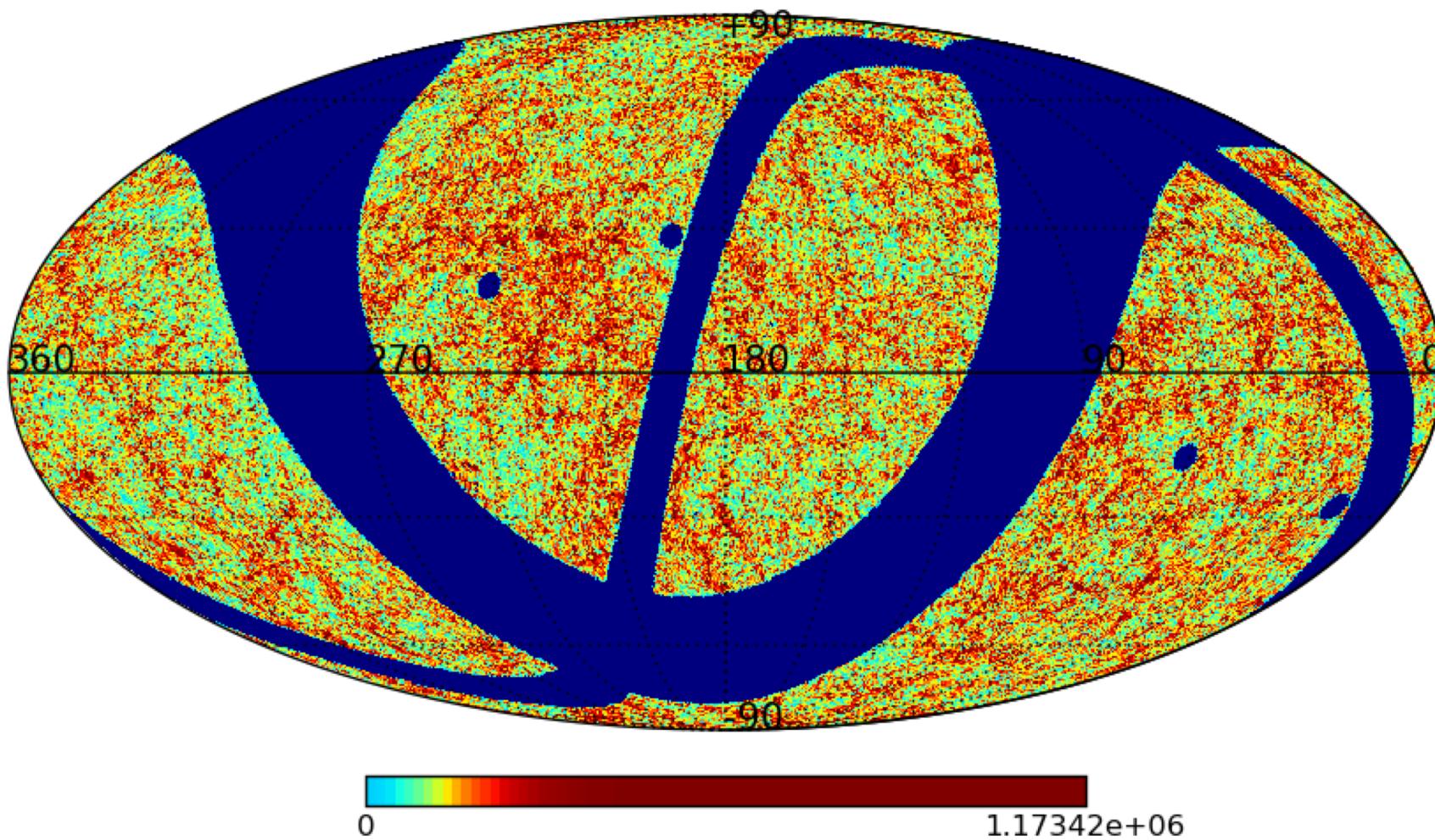
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# On the measurement of cosmological parameters

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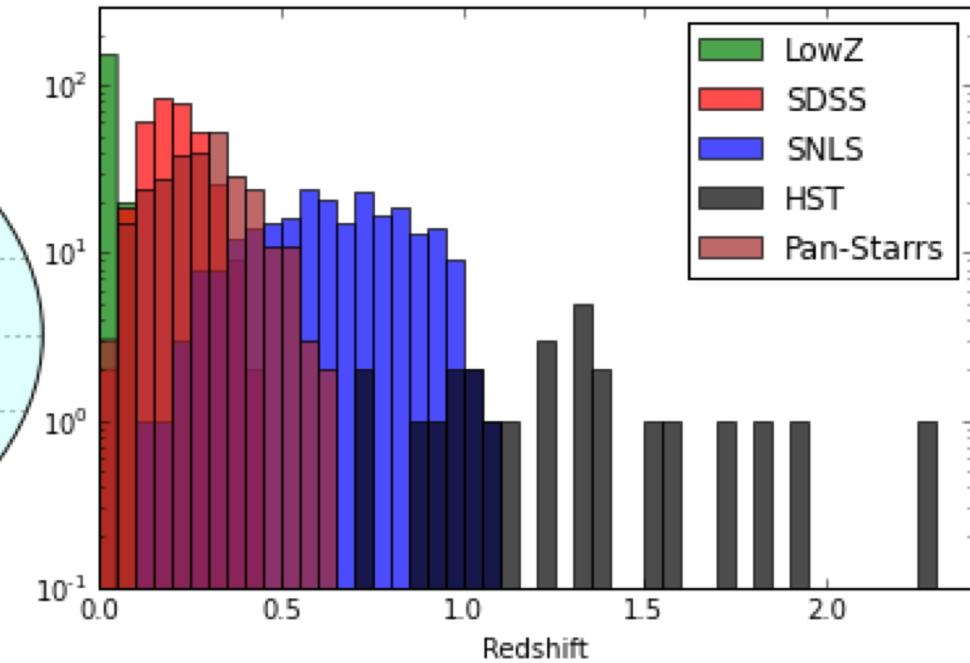
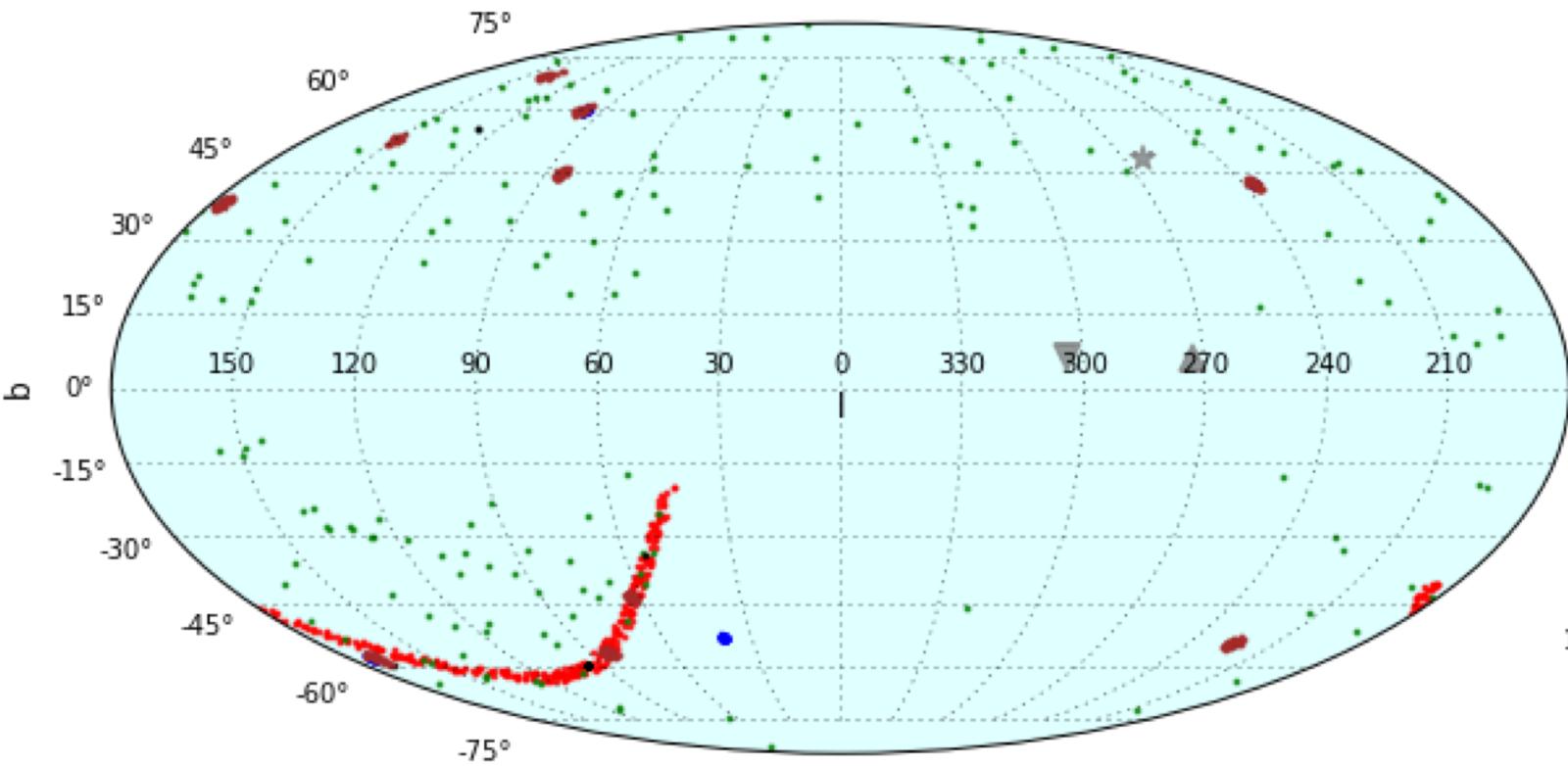
(Submitted on 14 Dec 2011 (v1), last revised 21 Jul 2015 (this version, v2))

We have catalogued and analysed cosmological parameter determinations and their error bars published between the years 1990 and 2010. Our study focuses on the number of measurements, their precision and their accuracy. The accuracy of past measurements is gauged by comparison with the WMAP7 results. The 637 measurements in our study are of 12 different parameters and we place the techniques used to carry them out into 12 different categories. We find that the number of published measurements per year in all 12 cases except for the dark energy equation of state parameter  $w_0$  peaked between 1995 and 2004. Of the individual techniques, only BAO measurements were still rising in popularity at the end of the studied time period. The fractional error associated with most measurements has been declining relatively slowly, with several parameters, such as the amplitude of mass fluctuations  $\sigma_8$  and the Hubble constant  $H_0$  remaining close to the 10% precision level for a 10–15 year period. The accuracy of recent parameter measurements is generally what would be expected given the quoted error bars, although before the year 2000, the accuracy was significantly worse, consistent with an average underestimate of the error bars by a factor of ~2. When used as complement to traditional forecasting techniques, our results suggest that future measurements of parameters such as  $f_{NL}$ , and  $w_a$  will have been informed by the gradual improvement in understanding and treatment of systematic errors and are likely to be accurate. However, care must be taken to avoid the effects of confirmation bias, which may be affecting recent measurements of dark energy parameters. For example, of the 28 measurements of  $\Omega_\Lambda$  in our sample published since 2003, only 2 are more than 1 sigma from the WMAP results. Wider use of blind analyses in cosmology could help to avoid this.



# The Pantheon compilation

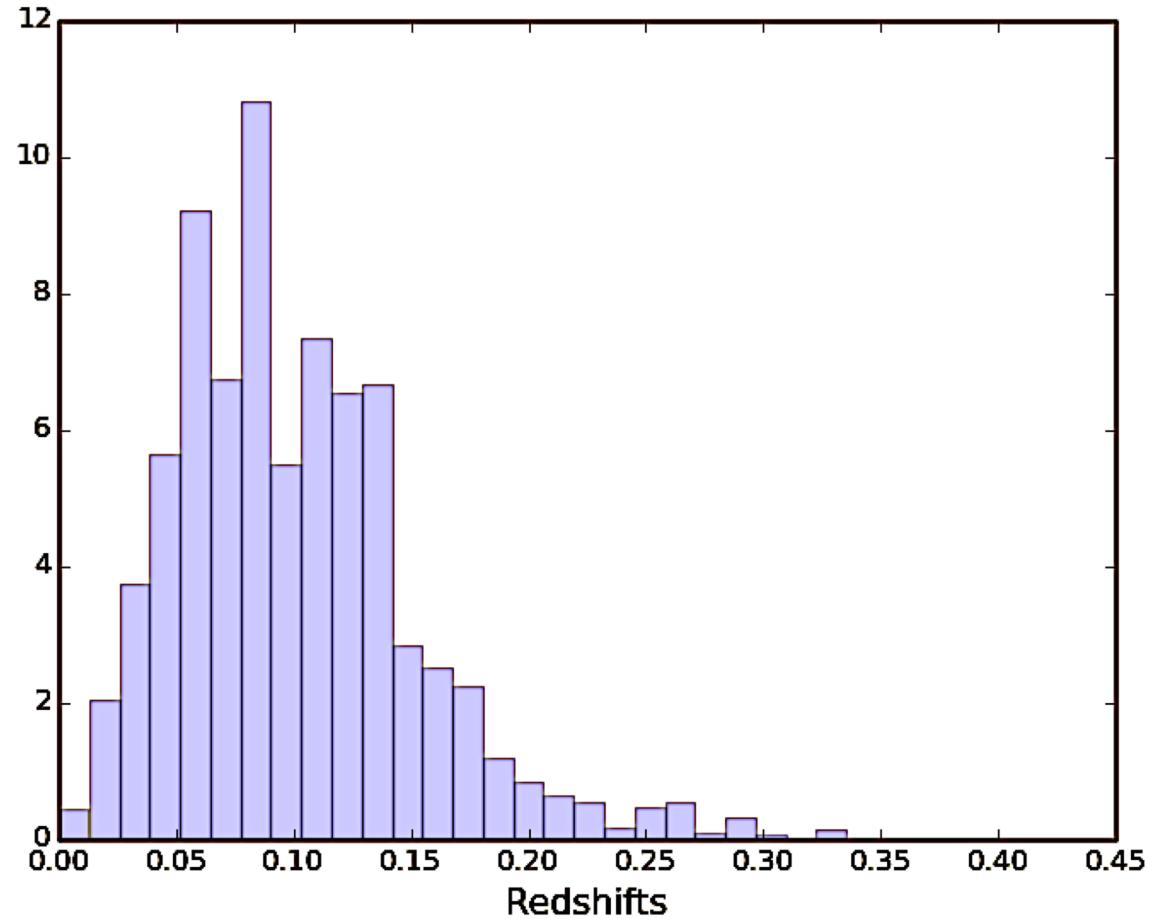
Scolnic et al. *Astrophys.J.* 859 (2018) no.2, 101



JLA + additional SN1a from Pan Starrs and HST  
1048 SN1a, redshifts corrected for peculiar velocities using the 2M++  
flow field  
890 are in the hemisphere opposite the 2M++ bulk flow

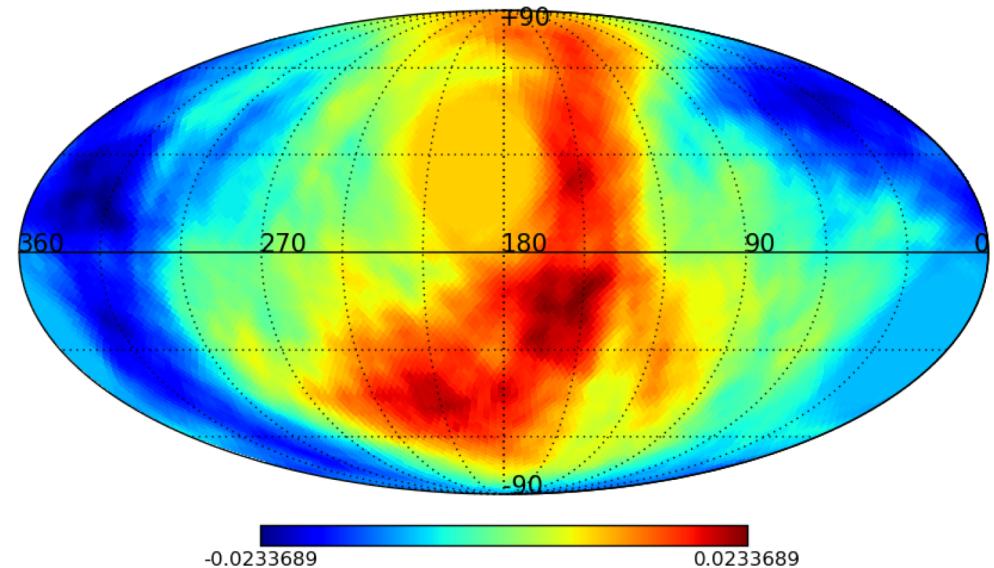
However, we use only JLA!

# Redshift distribution of the removed sources

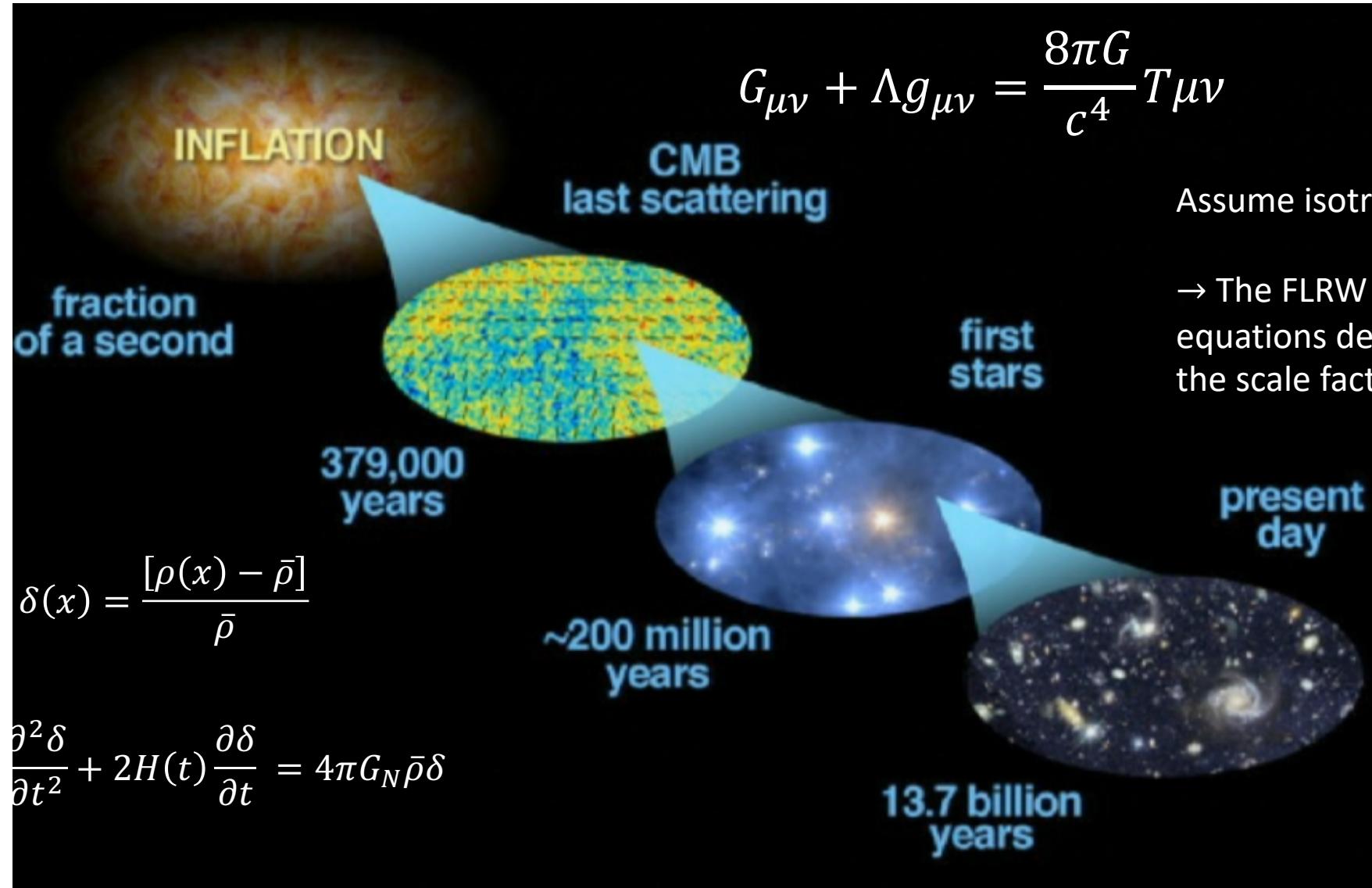


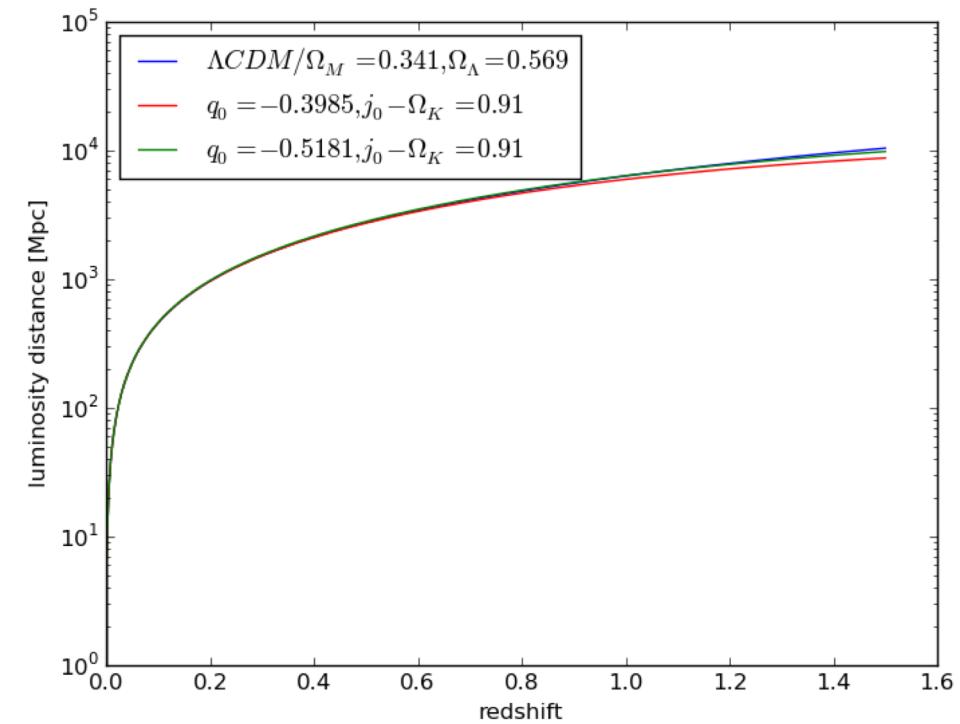
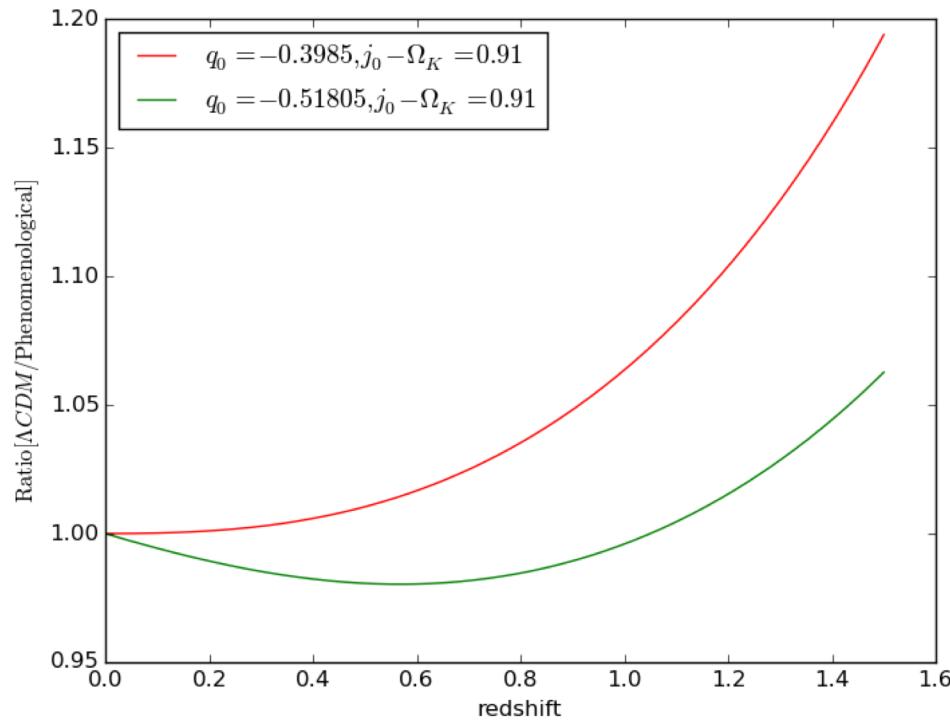
By cross correlating with Galaxy and Mass Assembly

$d = 0.0124 > 1200 \text{ km/s}$  if fully kinematic  
 $172.6^\circ \text{ RA}, -6.6^\circ \text{ Dec}$  ( $\sim 4.5^\circ$  from CMB)  
Total dipole is at least  $4.2\sigma$  statistically significant.



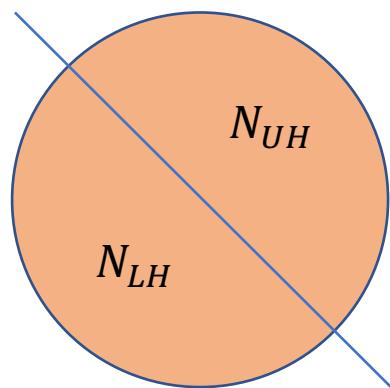
$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{\mu\nu}$$





# Estimators for the Dipole

$$\vec{D}_H = \hat{z} * \frac{N_{UH} - N_{LH}}{N_{UH} + N_{LH}}$$



Vary the direction of the hemispheres until maximum asymmetry is observed

Easy visualization

High Bias and statistical error  
 $2.6/\sqrt{N}$

$$\vec{D}_{3D} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{r}_i$$

Add up unit vectors corresponding to directions in the sky for every source

Relatively lower bias and statistical error  $1/\sqrt{N}$

Rubart and Schwarz 2013

$$\frac{[n_p - \bar{n}(1 + \vec{D}_q \cdot \hat{r}_p)]^2}{\bar{n}(1 + \vec{D}_q \cdot \hat{r}_p)}$$

Minimize the above term, even less bias than the linear estimator

$$\vec{D}_H = \frac{\hat{z}}{N} \int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi} \sigma(\theta) \frac{|\cos\theta|}{\cos\theta} \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$\vec{D}_C = \frac{\hat{z}}{N} \int_{\phi=0}^{\phi=2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi} \sigma(\theta) \cos\theta \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

# The FLRW Universe

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{\mu\nu}$$

# Cosmological Backreaction

At the very least, then, these considerations surely tell us that it is important to understand the averaging, fitting and backreaction problems to see what effects there may be on cosmology. There are some scales where backreaction may be important - probably not the largest scales relevant to the cosmic acceleration, but others where precision cosmology is significant. In investigating this, we must get a clearer distinction between dynamical and observational effects - the latter not covered here, but certainly relevant to null fitting, which is the core of observational cosmology.

# Residual clustering dipole

- For a Copernican observer:

$$\bullet \langle D_{cls} \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4\pi} C_1}$$

$$\bullet C_l = b^2 \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty f_l(k)^2 P(k) k^2 dk$$

$$\bullet f_l(k) = \int_0^\infty j_l(kr) f(r) dr$$

$$\bullet f(r) = \frac{H(z)}{H_0 r_0} \frac{dN}{dz}$$

Using Planck 2015 cosmological parameters and astropy, using the redshift distribution as  $dN/dz$

$$\langle D_{cls} \rangle < 0.0018$$

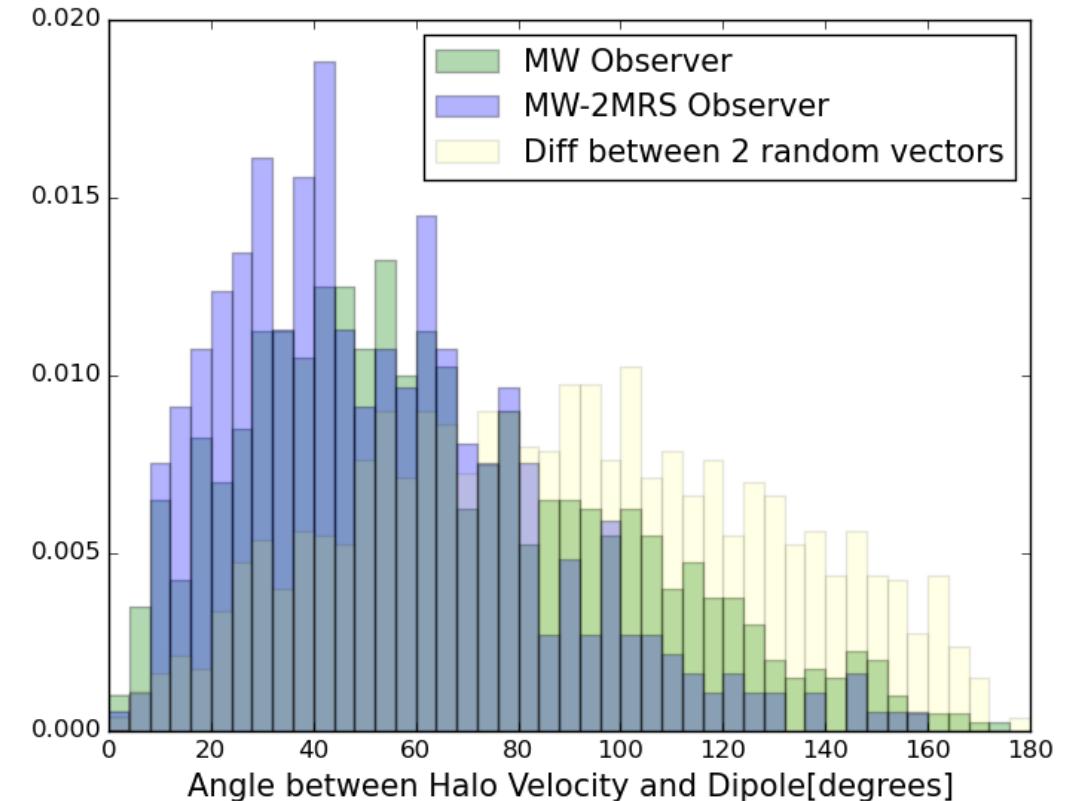
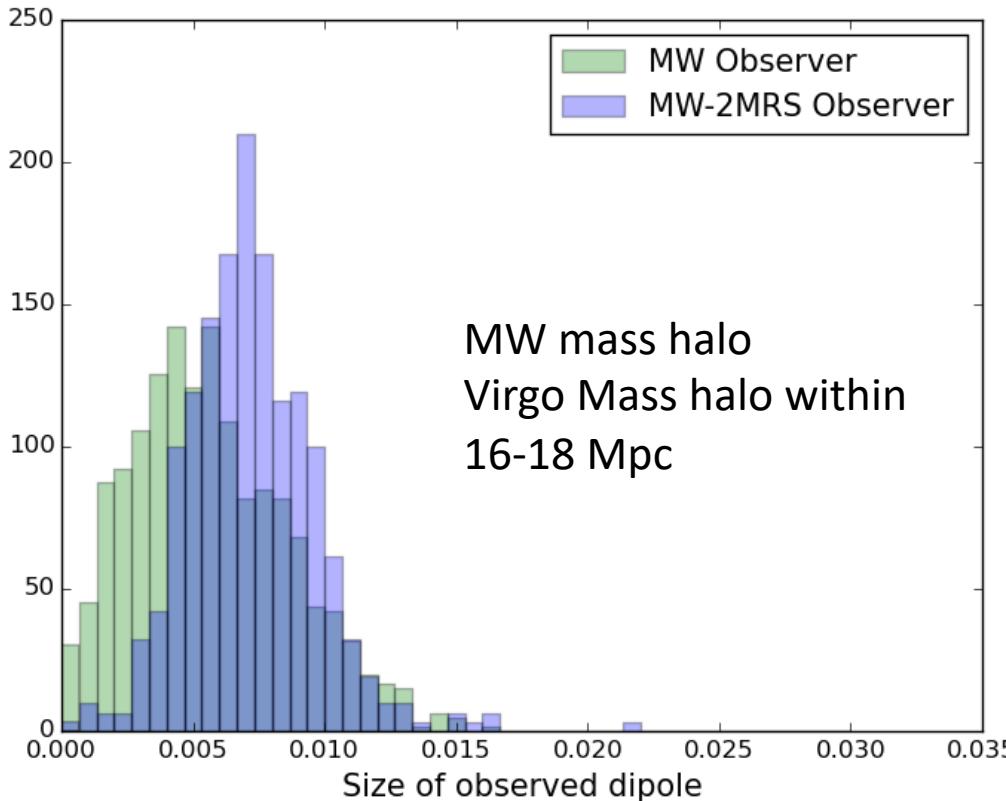
In the final sample

$$D_{kin} = 0.0106$$

Velocity of  $\sim 3000$  km/s

# Dark Sky N Body Simulations

First trillion particle simulation of the  $\Lambda CDM$  universe.



Only  $\sim <1\%$  of halos with MW-like mass and velocity are inside bulk flows  $> 240$  km/s on scales exceeding 260 Mpc

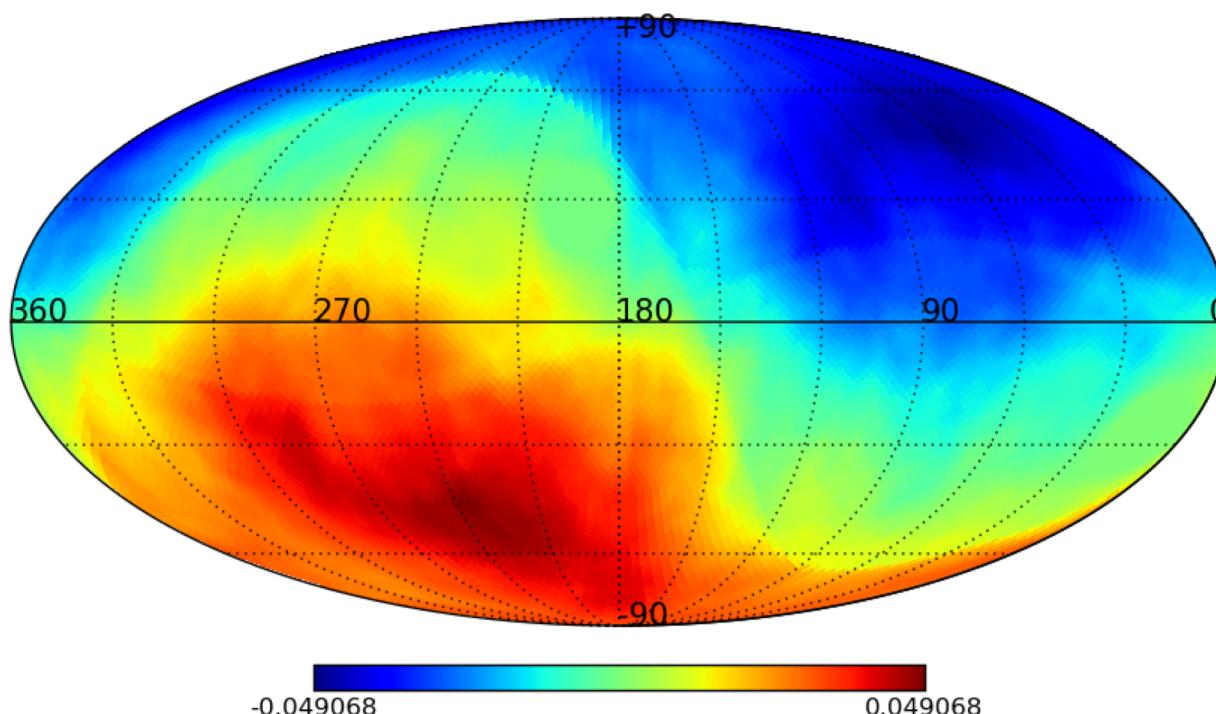
$$\langle D_{cls} \rangle = 0.0076 \pm 0.0022$$

$$\langle D_{kin} \rangle = 0.0048 \pm 0.0024$$

# Getting rid of the stars

following from MNRAS448,1305–1313 (2015)

- Magnitude cuts in different bands, Galactic plane cut at +/-15 degrees
  - Sample of 2.46 million Galaxies, 76% complete, with 1.8% star contamination



Cross correlate with deep surveys over a very narrow sky (SDSS, GAMA) to determine how many are stars and how many are Galaxies

The maximum is in the direction (AllWISE)  
237.4° RA, -46.6 ° Dec  
331.9° l 6.02° b

110 degrees from the CMB direction

Dipole magnitude ~0.049

Fully kinematic interpretation ~ 6000 km/s

in agreement with MNRAS 445 (2014) L60-L64

# Cosmological perturbation theory

“solutions of the linearized field equations can be viewed as linearizations of solutions of the full non linear equations.” Mukhanov, Feldman, Brandenberger 1991 , proof by P. D'Eath, Ann.Phys.98(1976)237.

Basically a taylor series expansion of EFE around FLRW

- R-W line element:

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \\ &= a(\tau)^2 [-d\tau^2 + \gamma_{ij}(x^k)dx^i dx^j] \end{aligned}$$

- Perturbed R-W line element:

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= a^2(\tau) \{ -(1 + 2\psi)d\tau^2 + 2w_i d\tau dx^i \\ &\quad + [(1 - 2\phi)\gamma_{ij} + 2h_{ij}]dx^i dx^j \} \end{aligned}$$

Allowed gauge conditions:

- $\nabla.w = 0, \nabla.h = 0$

Instead if you set  $w = h = 0$

Conformal Newtonian ‘gauge’

$\psi$  and  $\phi \rightarrow$  Newtonian gravitational potential

This is how N-body simulations work

- “These conditions can be applied only if the stress-energy tensor contains no vector or tensor parts and there are no free gravitational waves, so that only the scalar metric perturbations are present. While this condition may apply, in principle, in the linear regime ( $|\delta p/p| \ll 1$ ), nonlinear density fluctuations generally induce vector and tensor modes even if none were present initially. **In general, this is not a valid gauge condition— it is rather the elimination of physical phenomena**” Bertschinger 1995
- Bulk flows -> Vector modes
  - Brandenberger 2003, Durrer 2016

Our standard tools of cosmology: N-body simulations, CAMB etc are only (perhaps very) approximate descriptions of reality

# How approximate? Cosmological Backreaction

**Is there proof that backreaction of inhomogeneities  
is irrelevant in cosmology?**

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Exact but closer to reality than FLRW -> Swiss Cheese Universes.

Underdensities always expand a little faster than overdensities.

They come to dominate the volume

Thus any inhomogeneity should lead to faster expansion.

Marra, Kolb, Matarrese 2007 , Rasanen 2012, Rasanen 2015

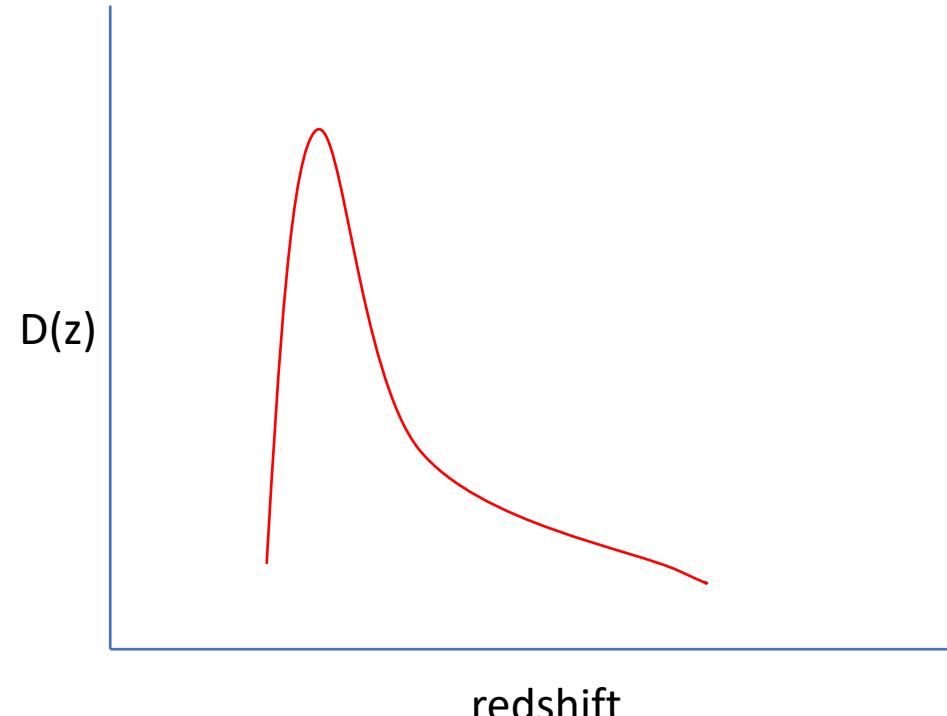
Can explain most of observed dark energy

Backreaction even within perturbative gravity : Adamek, Class. Quantum Grav. 36, 014001 (2019)

# Dipoles in a catalogue of galaxies

In an all-sky catalogue with sources of redshift  
distribution  $D(z)$  from directionally unbiased survey  
with  $N$  sources

$$\vec{\delta} = \vec{\mathcal{K}}(\vec{v}_{obs}, x, \alpha) + \vec{\mathcal{R}}(N) + \overrightarrow{D_{cls}}(D(z)) + \vec{\mathcal{F}}$$



$\vec{\mathcal{K}}$  → **The Kinematic dipole**, depends on source spectrum,  
source flux function, observer velocity

$\vec{\mathcal{R}}$  → **The shot noise dipole**,  $\propto 1/\sqrt{N}$ , isotropic

$\overrightarrow{D_{cls}}$  → **The clustering dipole**, local anisotropy due to structure

$\vec{\mathcal{F}}$  → **Foregrounds**, mainly stars and other Galactic  
contamination