



Probing Dark Energy
from Ground and Space

“You can see a lot by looking.”

– Y. Berra

Rocky Kolb
La Thuile 2006

How We “Know” There Is Dark Energy

- Assume model cosmology:
 - Friedmann equation ($G_{00} = 8\pi G T_{00}$): $H^2 + k/a^2 = 8\pi G\rho / 3$
 - Energy (and pressure) content: $\rho = \rho_M + \rho_R + \rho_\Lambda + \dots$
 - Input or integrate over cosmological parameters: H_0 , etc.
- Calculate observables $d_L(z)$, $d_A(z)$, ...
- Compare to observations
- Model cosmology fits with ρ_Λ , but not without ρ_Λ
- All evidence for dark energy is indirect: observed $H(z)$ is not described by $H(z)$ calculated from the Einstein-de Sitter model (Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker model with $k = 0$; $\rho = \rho_M$)

Evolution of $H(z)$ Is a Key Quantity

Robertson–Walker metric

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

Many observables based on the comoving distance $r(z)$

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

- Physical distance
- Luminosity distance
Flux = Luminosity / $4\pi d_L^2$
- Angular diameter distance
Angular diameter = Physical size / d_A
- Number counts in a volume $dV(z)$
- Age of the universe

$$D(z) \propto r(z)$$

$$d_L(z) \propto r(z)(1+z)$$

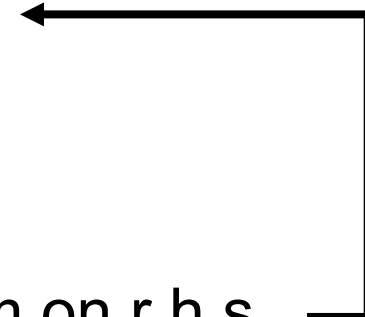
$$d_A(z) \propto r(z)/(1+z)$$

$$dV(z) \propto \left[r^2(z)/H(z) \right] dz d\Omega$$

$$t(z) \propto \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{(1+z')H(z')}$$

Growth of structure

Growth of structure in FLRW:

$$\ddot{\delta}_i + 2H\dot{\delta}_i = 4\pi G\rho_0 \sum_j \frac{\rho_j}{\rho_0} \delta_j + ?$$


- $H = H(\text{dark energy})$
- Modified gravity: additional term on r.h.s.

Phenomenology

- Model expansion rate of the Universe with ($\sum \Omega_i = 1$)
 - Matter: $\rho_M \propto a^{-3}$ Ω_M
 - Radiation: $\rho_R \propto a^{-4}$ Ω_R
 - Dark Energy: $\rho_{DE} \propto a^{-3[1+w(z)]}$ Ω_{DE} ($-1 \leq w \leq -1/3$)
 - Curvature: $\rho_k \propto a^{-2}$ $\Omega_k = 1 - \Omega_{DE} - \Omega_M - \Omega_R$

- In typical model cosmology there are something like 8 cosmological parameters.

Dark energy: $w(z) = w_0 + w_a(1-a) = w_0 + w_a z / (1+z)$ and Ω_{DE}

- All parameterizations of $w(z)$ are quirky
- Cosmological constant: $w_0 = -1$ and $w_a = 0$
- Theory predictions dense in w_0 and w_a
- No magic goal (say w_0 to 1% or w_a to 3%).

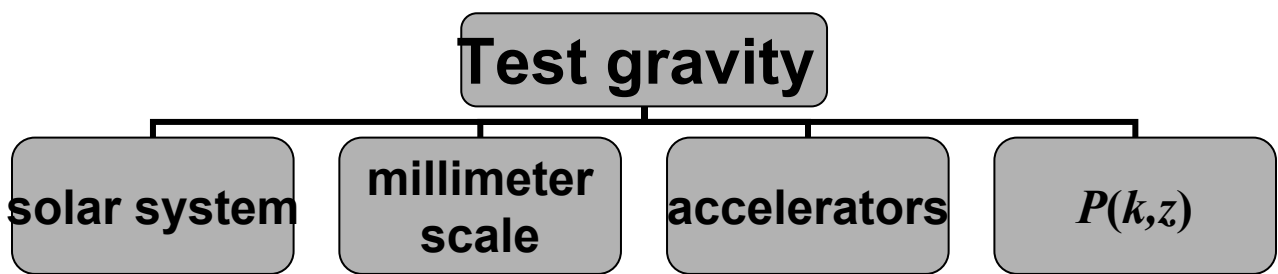
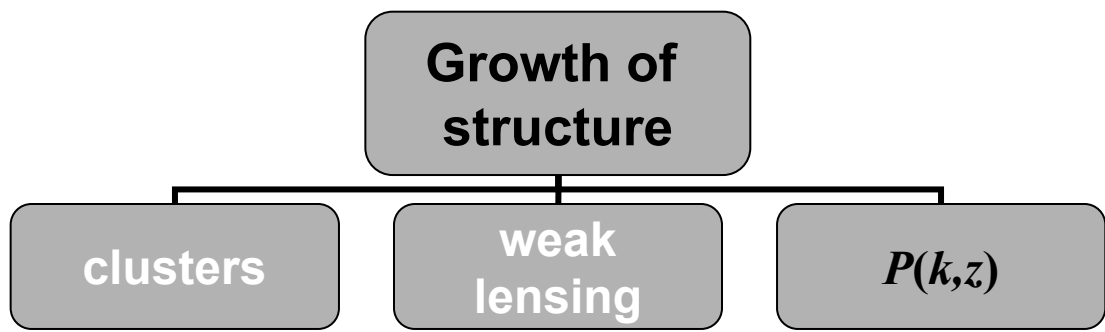
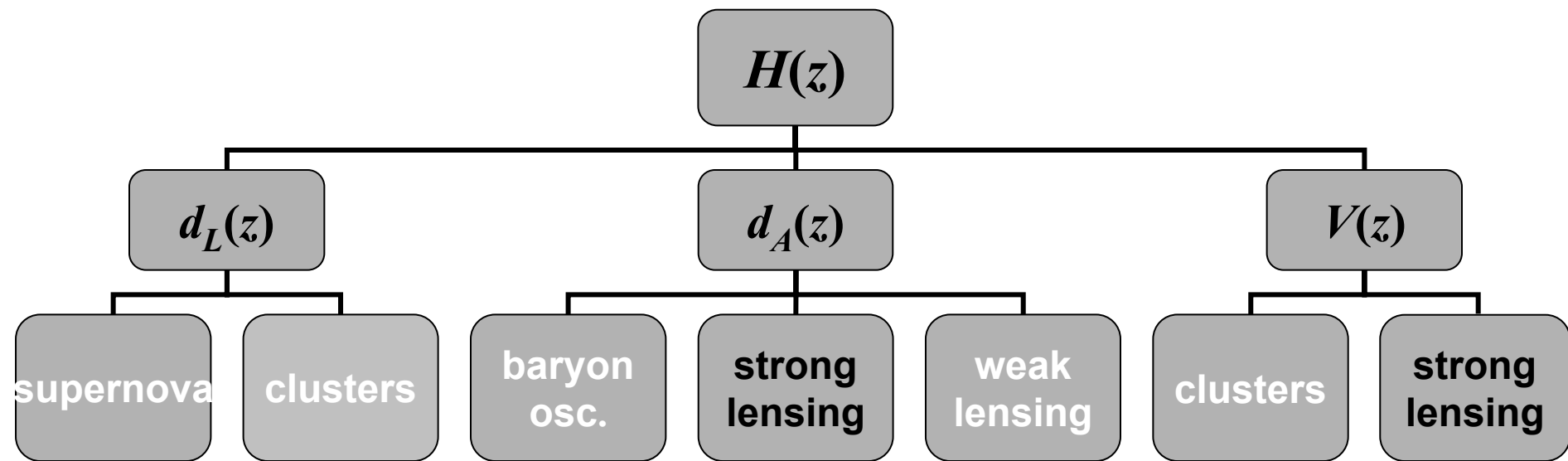
DETF Science Goals

The goal of dark-energy science is to determine the very nature of the dark energy that causes the Universe to accelerate and seems to comprise most of the mass-energy of the Universe.

1. Exclude Λ CDM ($w_0 = -1$ and $w_a = 0$), *i.e.*, a null hypothesis test
2. If it is not due to a constant, probe the underlying dynamics by measuring as well as possible the time evolution of dark energy, for example by measuring $w(a)$.
3. Search for a possible failure of GR through comparison of cosmic expansion with growth of structure.
4. Precise determination of Ω_Λ is not that crucial.*

* Present theoretical predictions for Ω_Λ are off by 120 orders-of-magnitude, so don't require much precision.

Observational program



Supernova Type IA

Inverse-square law: Flux = Luminosity / $4\pi d_L^2$ $d_L(z) \propto r(z)(1+z)$

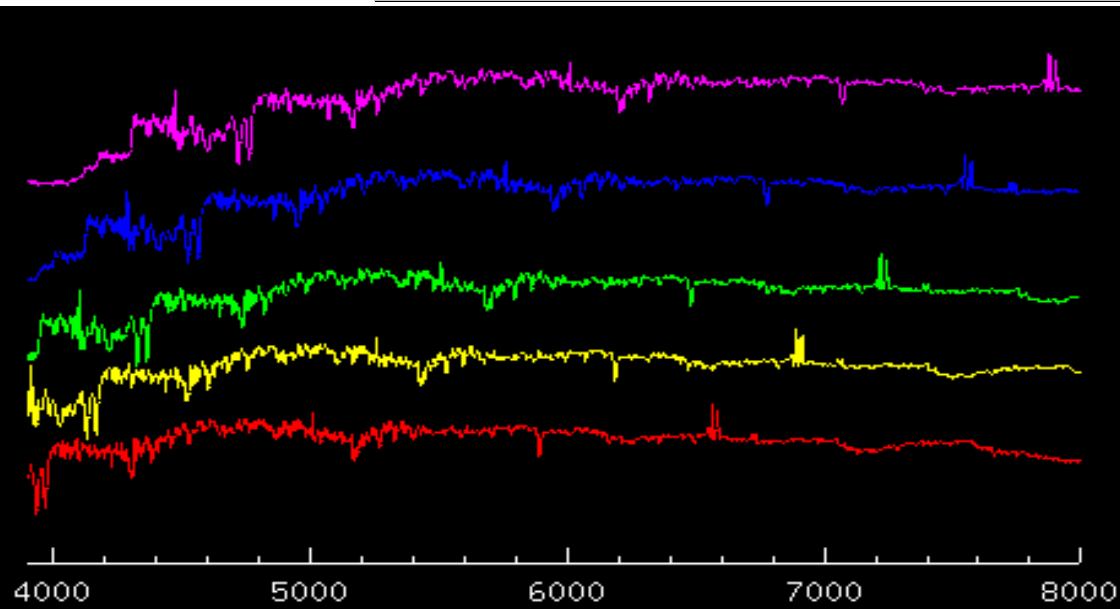
$$r(z) \text{ determined from } \int_0^{r(z)} \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{1-kr'^2}} = \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

$$H^2(z) = H_0^2(z) \left[\Omega_M (1+z)^3 + \Omega_k (1+z)^2 + \Omega_{DE} (1+z)^{3[1+w(z)]} \right]$$

$$\Omega_M + \Omega_k + \Omega_{DE} = 1$$

- Have to measure redshift and intensity as fn. of time (light curve)
- Systematics (dust, evolution, intrinsic luminosity dispersion, etc.)
- Present procedure:
 - Discover SNe by wide-area survey (the “easy” part)
 - Follow up with spectroscopy (the “hard” part)
(requires a lot of time on 8m-class telescopes)
 - Photometric redshifts?
- A lot of information per supernova
- Well developed and practiced

Photometric redshifts

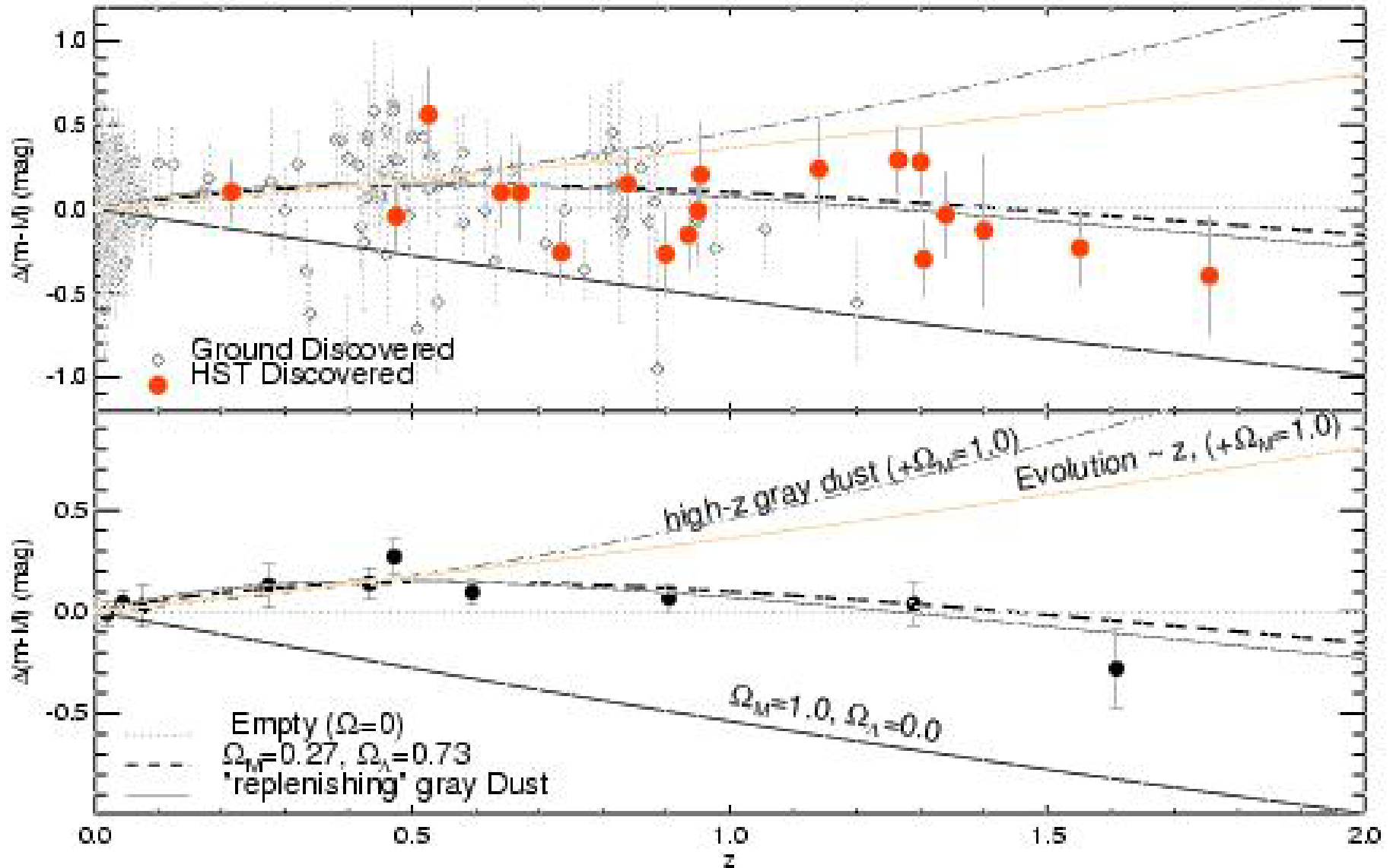


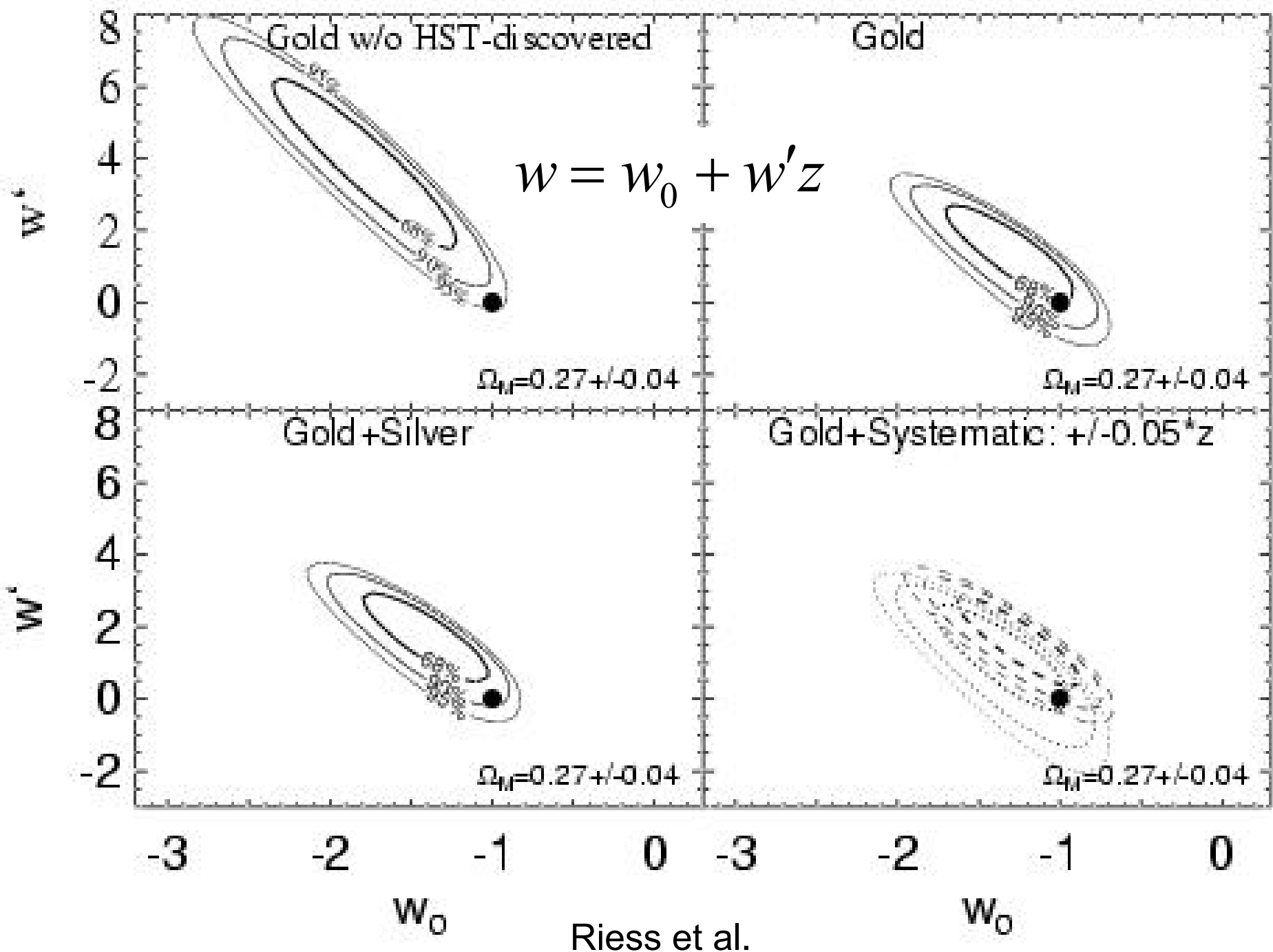
**Traditional redshift
from spectroscopy**

**Photometric redshift
from multicolor
photometry**



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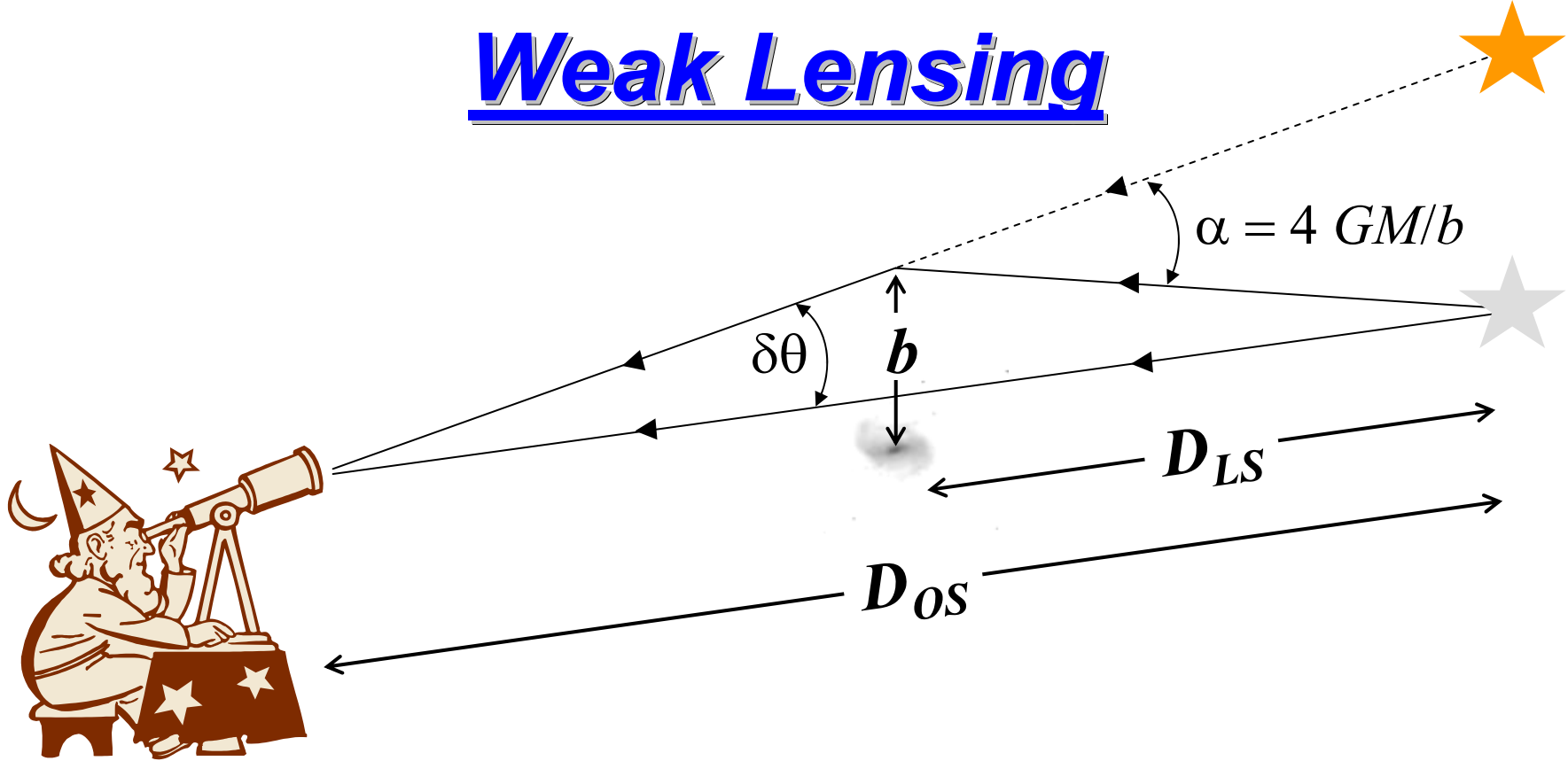


Caution in Interpretation

Always read the fine print:

- Astrophysical systematic errors
- What are the model assumptions?
 - $w = \text{constant}$? w', w_a
 - assume a value for Ω_Λ ?
- What are the priors?
 - $\Omega_M, \Omega_B, H_0, \dots, \Omega_{\text{TOTAL}} = 1$?

Weak Lensing



observe
deflection
angle

$$\delta\theta = \frac{4GM}{b} \frac{D_{LS}}{D_{OS}}$$

dark energy
affects geometric
distance factors

dark energy
affects growth
rate of M

Weak Lensing

The signal from any single galaxy is *very* small, but there are a *lot* of galaxies! Require photo- z 's?

Systematic errors:

- Dominant source is PSF of atmosphere and telescope
 - use stars to correct
- Errors in photometric redshifts
 - biases in the estimated z
 - catastrophic errors in z
- Lensing from space
 - Better resolution, helps PSF
 - NIR improved photo- z 's
 - deeper?
 - stable platform
- What area/aperture of space survey beats ground large-area large-aperture

The Landscape:

- Current projects
 - 100's of sq. degs. deep multicolor data
 - 1000's of sq. degs. shallow 2-color data
- DES (2009)
 - 1000's of sq. degs. deep multicolor data
- LSST (201?)
 - full hemisphere, very deep 6 colors
- JDEM (201?)

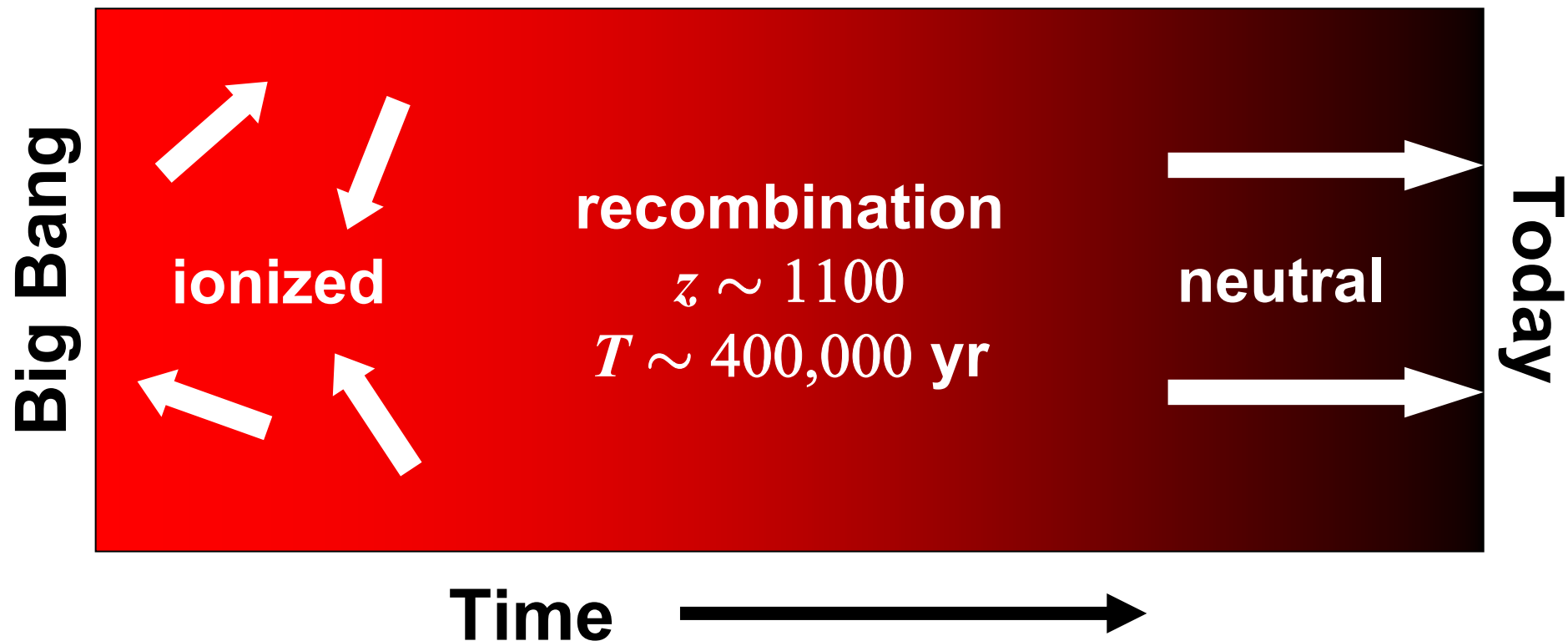
Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

Pre-recombination

- universe ionized
- photons provide enormous pressure and restoring force
- perturbations oscillate (acoustic waves)

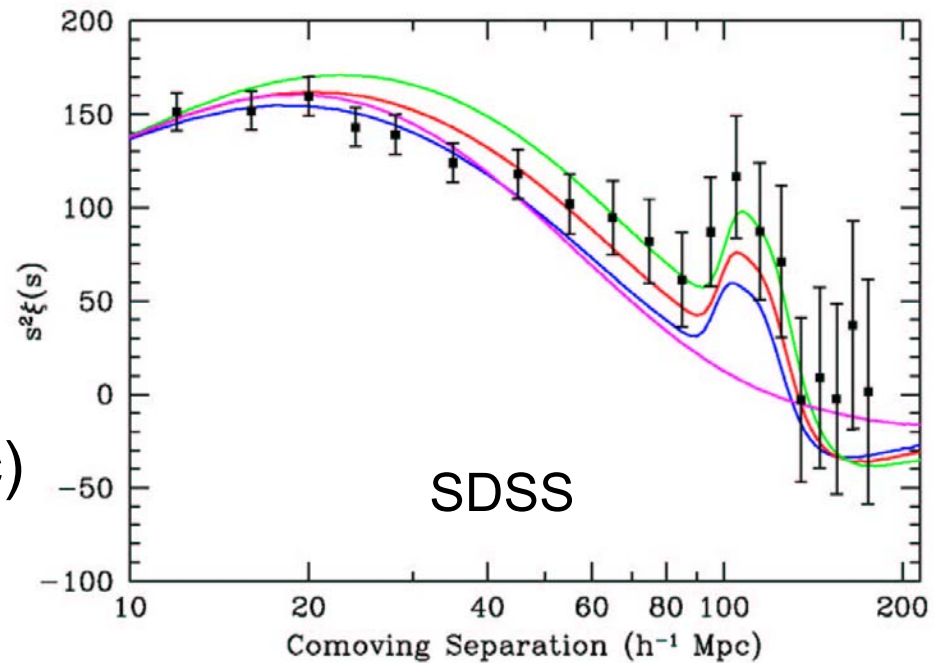
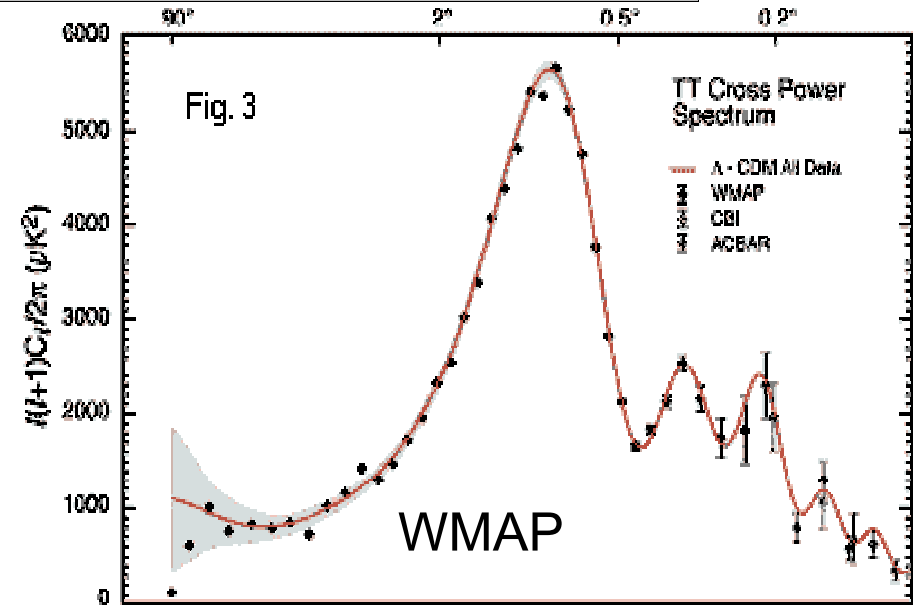
Post-recombination

- universe neutral
- photons travel freely (decouple from baryons)
- perturbations grow (structure formation)



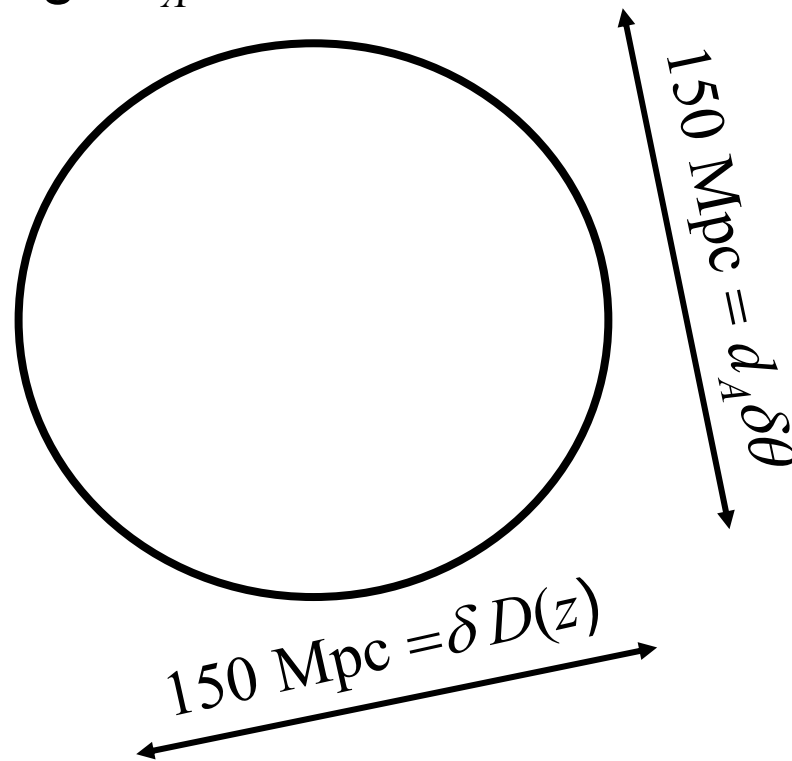
Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

- Each overdense region is an overpressure that launches a spherical sound wave
- Wave travels outward at $0.57c$
- Photons decouple, travel to us and observable as CMB acoustic peaks
- Sound speed plummets, wave stalls
- Total distance traveled (150 Mpc) imprinted on power spectrum



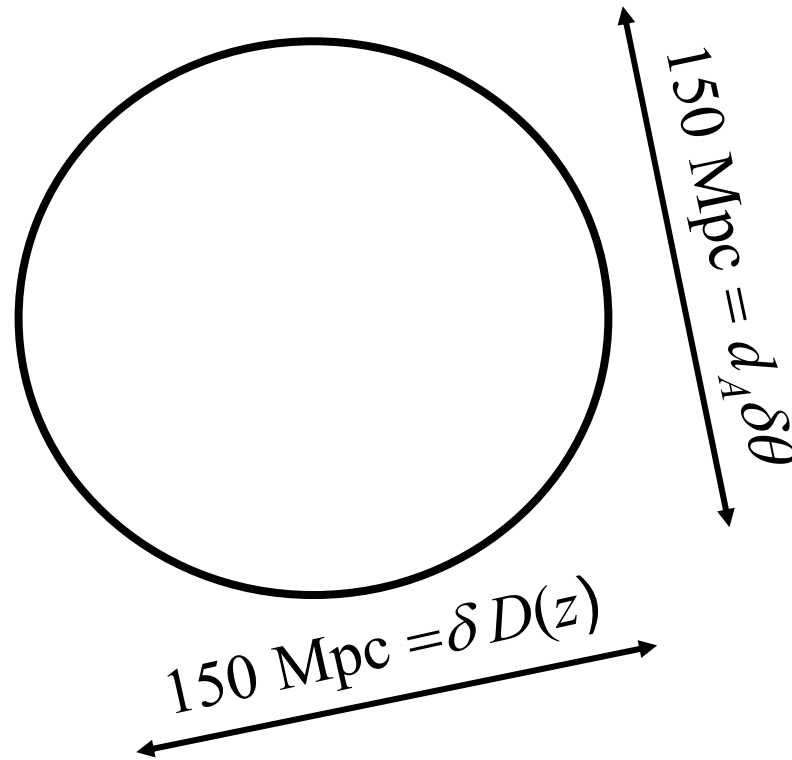
Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

- Acoustic oscillation scale depends on $\Omega_M h^2$ and $\Omega_B h^2$ (set by CMB acoustic oscillations)
- It is a small effect ($\Omega_B h^2 \ll \Omega_M h^2$)
- Dark energy enters through d_A and H



Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

- Virtues: pure geometry. Systematic effects should be small.
- Problems: Amplitude small, require large scales, huge volumes.
- Photometric redshifts?



Clusters

Cluster redshift surveys measure

- cluster redshift distribution
- cluster mass distribution as function of z
- spatial clustering of clusters

Sensitivity to dark energy

- volume-redshift relation
- angular-diameter distance–redshift relation
- growth rate of structure
- power spectrum shape (transfer fn.)

Cluster selection must be well understood

- “by eye” in optical samples
- ICM properties (x-ray, SZE effect)
- weak lensing shear
- best probably x-ray or SZE with optical confirmation
- need photo- z 's

Clusters

Things to learn

- photo- z 's
- proxy for cluster mass
- spatial clustering of clusters
- “self-calibration”
- numerical simulations of structure formation

Things to work on

- theory of structure formation/halo mass fn. and evolution
- cluster selection
- cluster mass proxy

What's Ahead

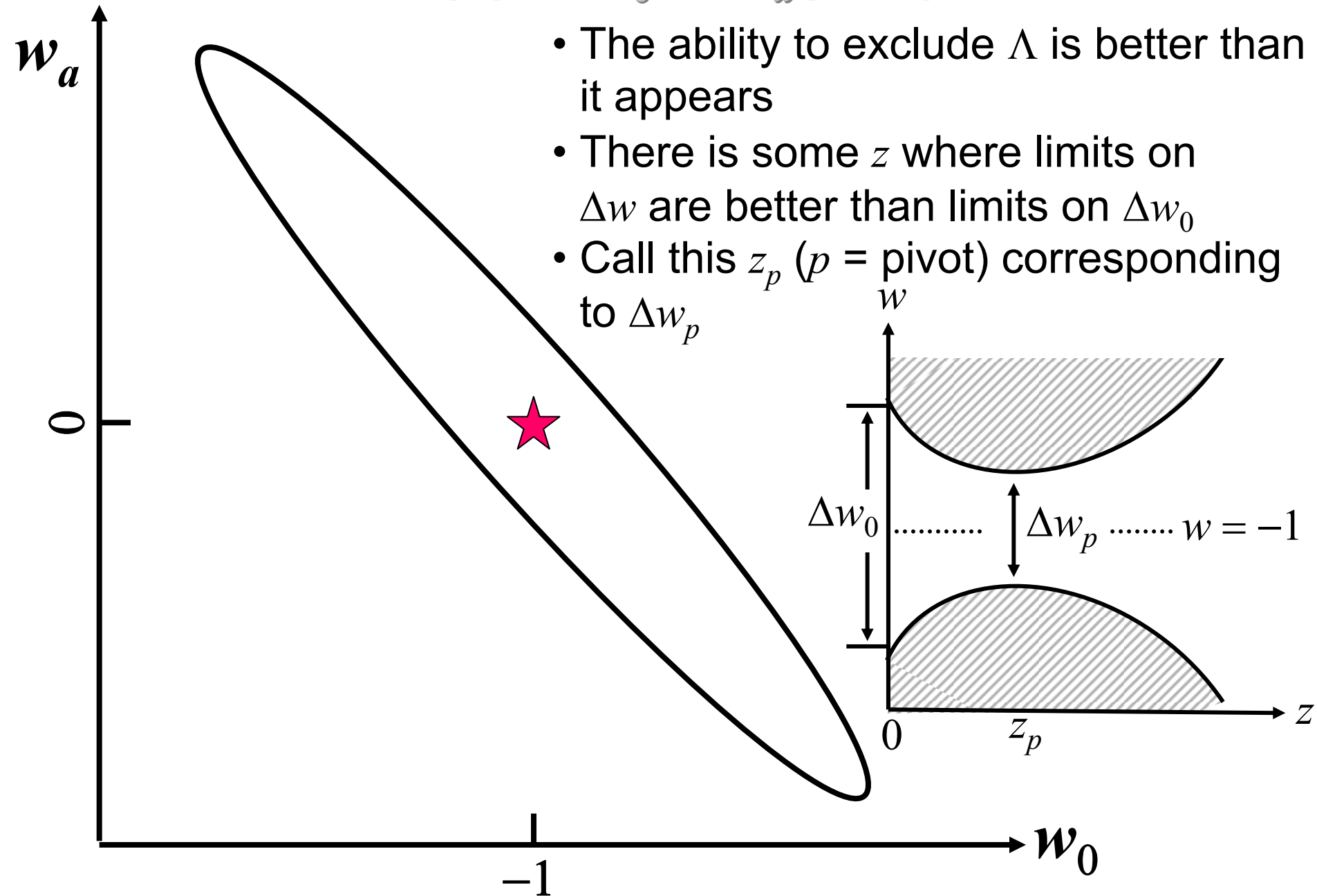
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Lensing	CFHTLS SUBARU	DES, VISTA	DUNE LSST SKA
	DLS SDSS ATLAS KIDS	Hyper supprime Pan-STARRS	JDEM
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	SDSS ATLAS	Hyper supprime Pan-STARRS	JDEM
SNe	CFHT CSP ESSENCE	DES	LSST
	SDSS CFHTLS	Pan-STARRS	JDEM
Clusters	AMI APEX SPT	DES	
	XCS SZA AMIBA ACT		
CMB	WMAP 2/3	WMAP 6 yr	
		Planck	Planck 4yr
	2005	2010	2015

Large Resources

DES	\$18M	Not all on same cost basis
Darkcam	\$18M	My estimate of costs
PanSTARRS	\$70M	
HETDEX	\$25M	
HyperSuprime	\$20M	
WF MOS	\$60M	
Total	<hr/> \$211M	
and later.....		
LSST	\$500M	
SKA	\$700m	
JDEM	\$600M–\$1B	
Total	<hr/> \$1.8B–\$2.2B	
Grand total	\$2B–\$2.4B	

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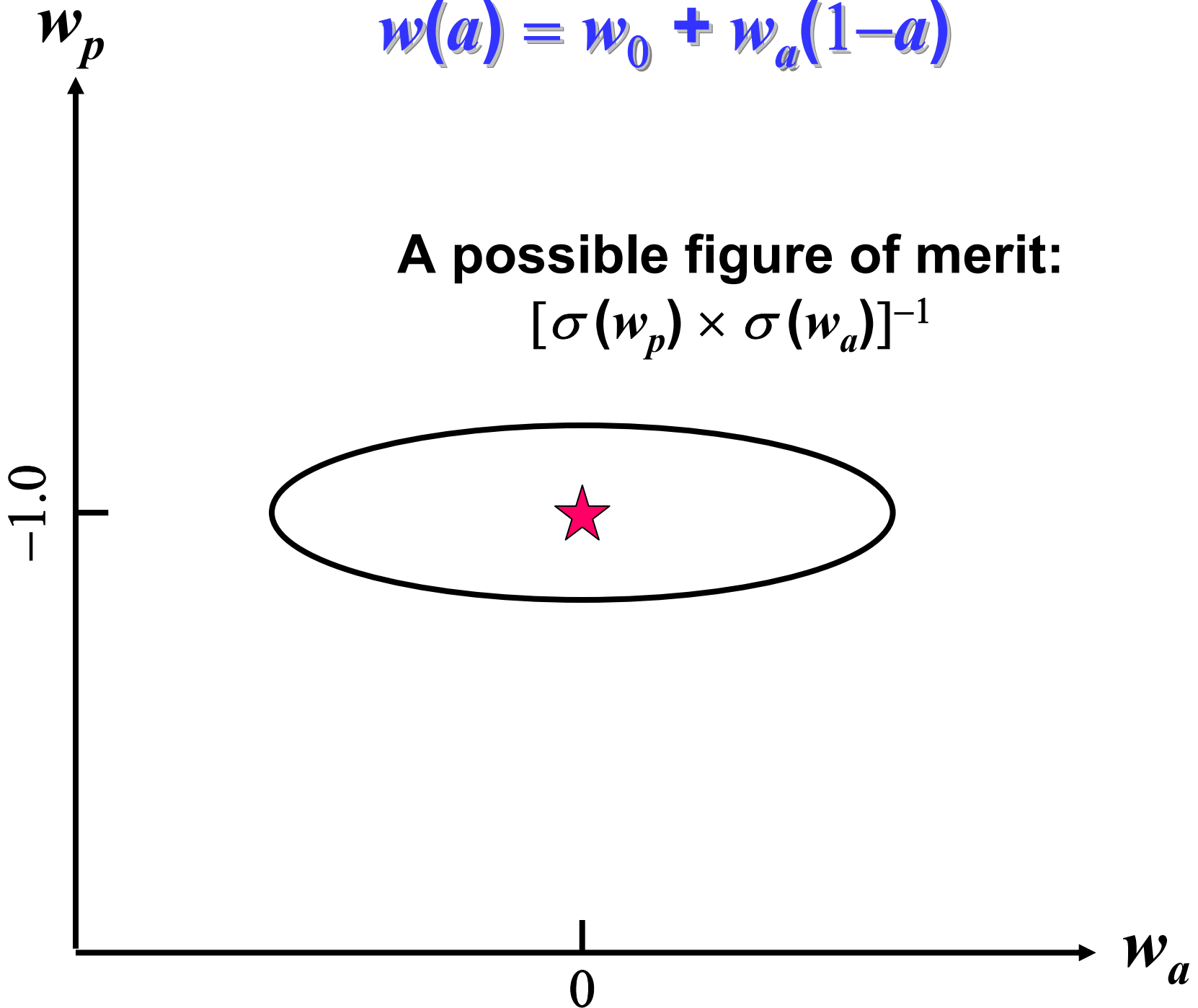
- The ability to exclude Λ is better than it appears
- There is some z where limits on Δw are better than limits on Δw_0
- Call this z_p (p = pivot) corresponding to Δw_p



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

A possible figure of merit:

$$[\sigma(w_p) \times \sigma(w_a)]^{-1}$$

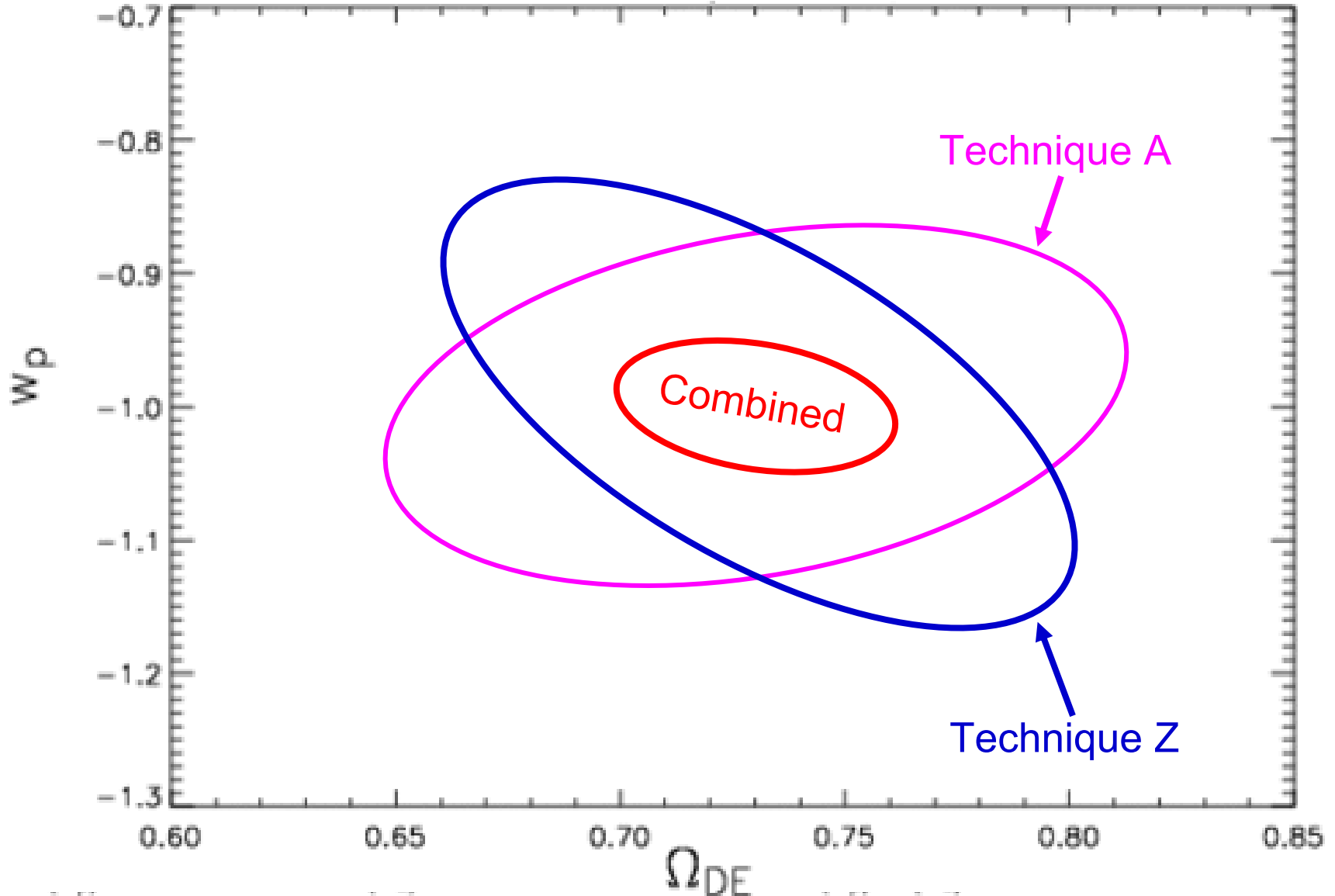


The Power of Two (or Three, or Four)

$$\sigma(w_p) \times \sigma(w_a) = 0.04$$

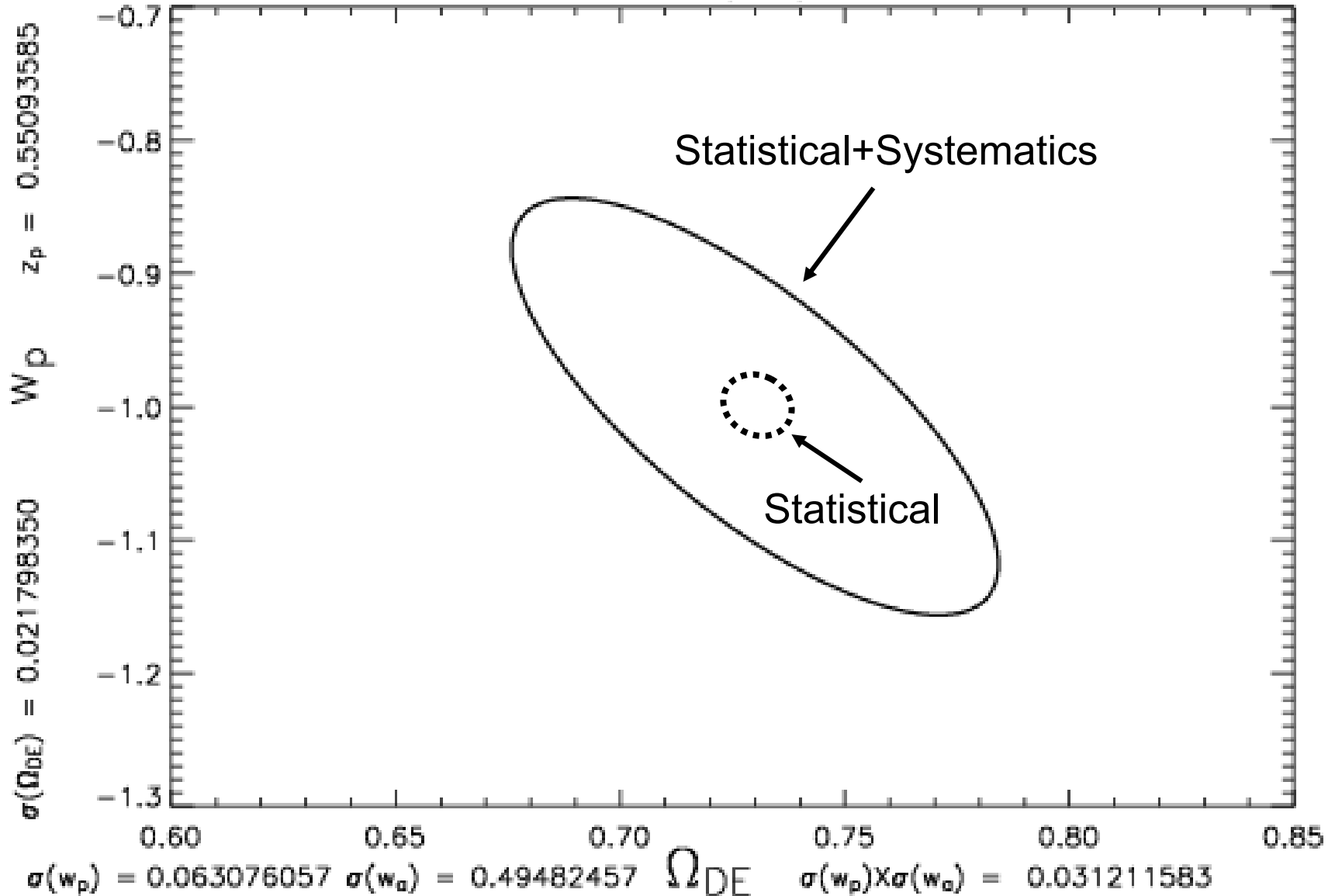
$$\sigma(w_p) \times \sigma(w_a) = 0.009$$

$$\sigma(w_p) \times \sigma(w_a) = 0.05$$



Systematics, Systematics, Systematics

A sample WL fiducial model



Ongoing

Next step (DES, WFMOS)

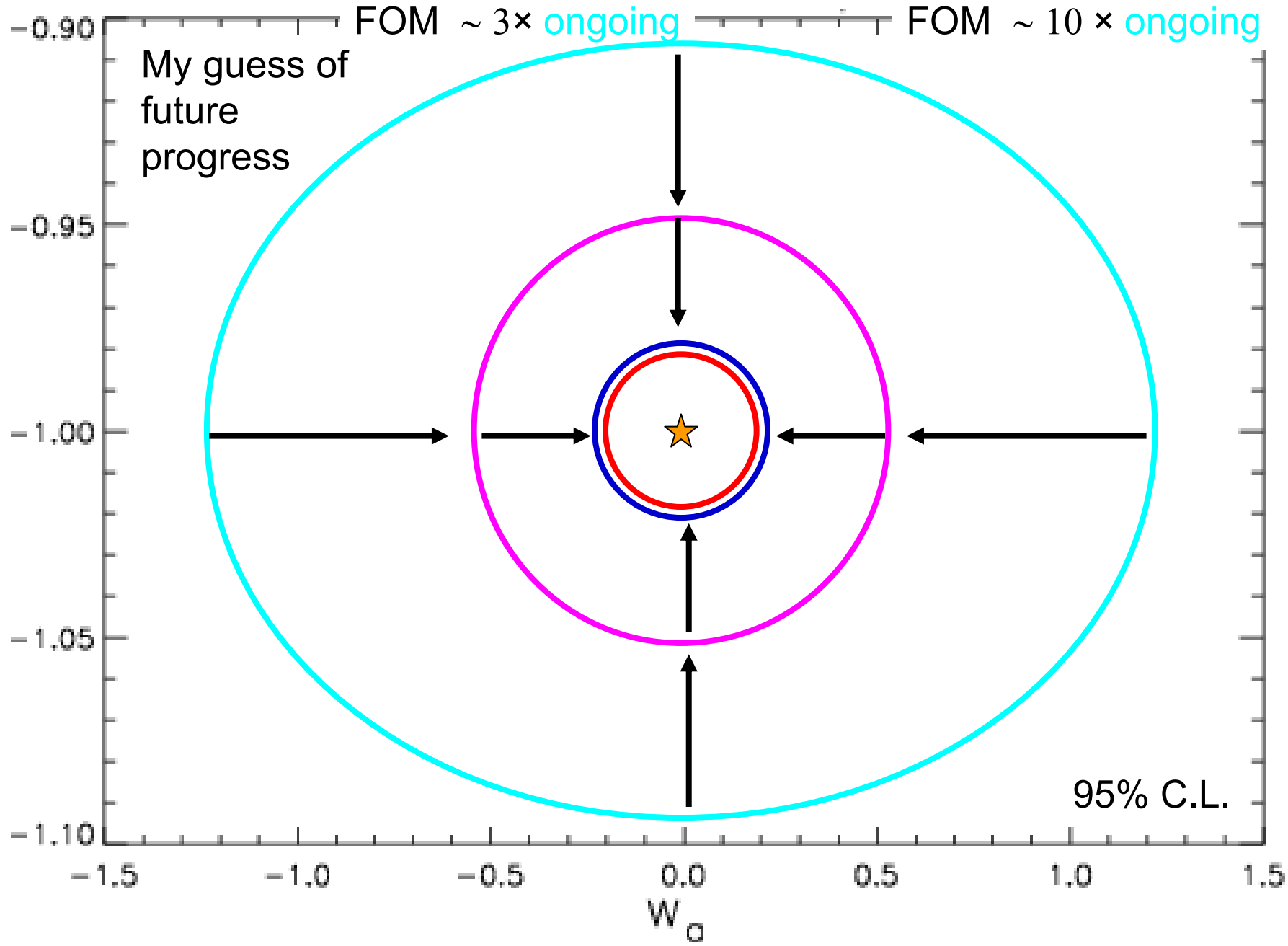
Ultimate (LSST, JDEM)

FOM $\sim 3 \times$ ongoing

FOM $\sim 10 \times$ ongoing

My guess of
future
progress

w_p



95% C.L.

w_α

Conclusions

The expansion history of the universe, $H(z)$, is not described by Einstein-de Sitter. Evidence:

1. Well established: Supernova Ia
2. Circumstantial: subtraction, age, structure formation, ...
3. Emergent techniques: baryon acoustic oscillations, clusters, weak lensing

Explanations:

1. Dark energy
 - “constant” vacuum energy “ Λ ”
 - time varying vacuum energy (low-mass scalar fields)
2. Modification of GR
 - growth rate of structure modified
3. Standard cosmological model (FLRW) not applicable
 - Should make predictions for cosmological observables: effective $H(z)$

Phenomenology:

1. $w(z)$: w_0, w_a
2. Figure of merit: $w_0 \times w_a$
3. Order of magnitude improvement in figure of merit feasible



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