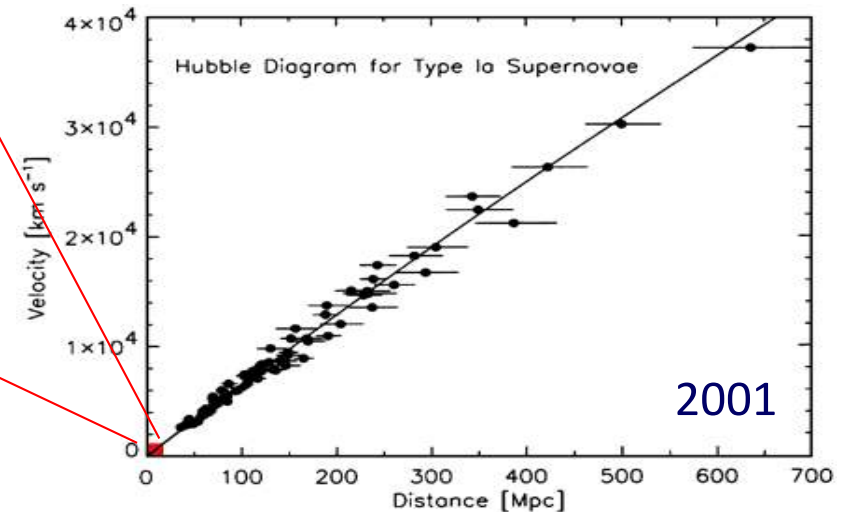
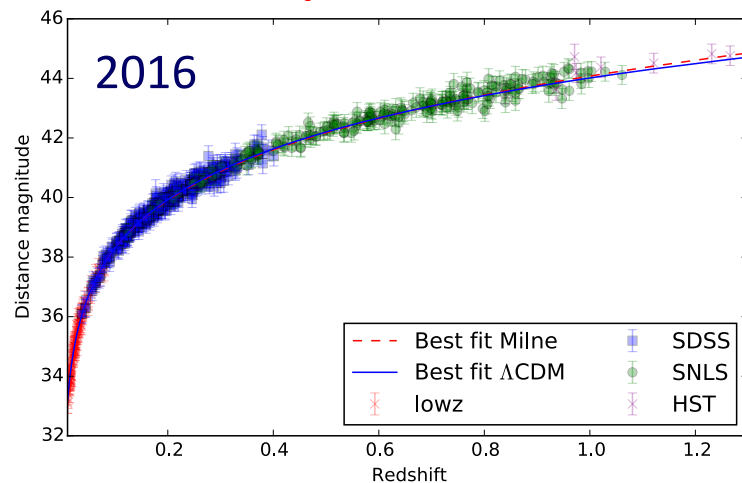
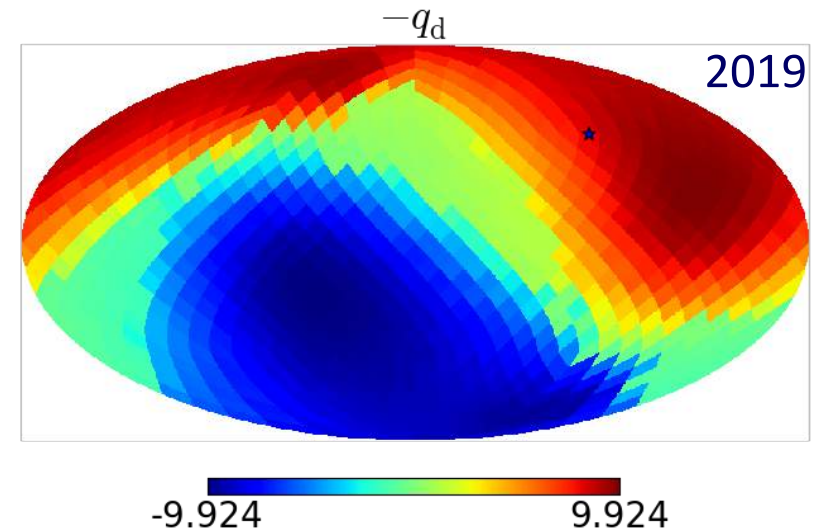
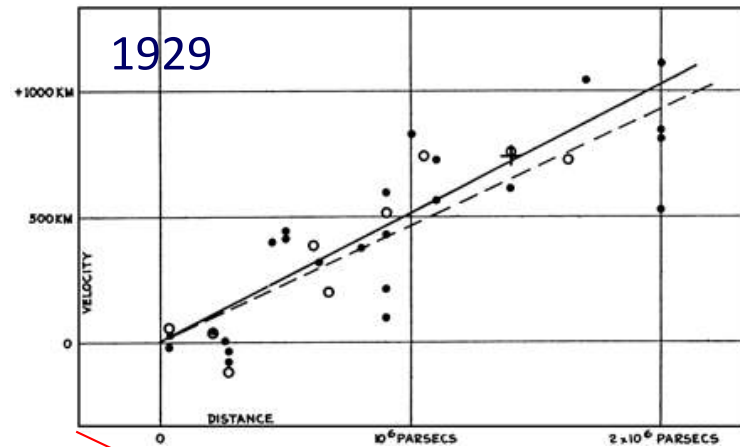


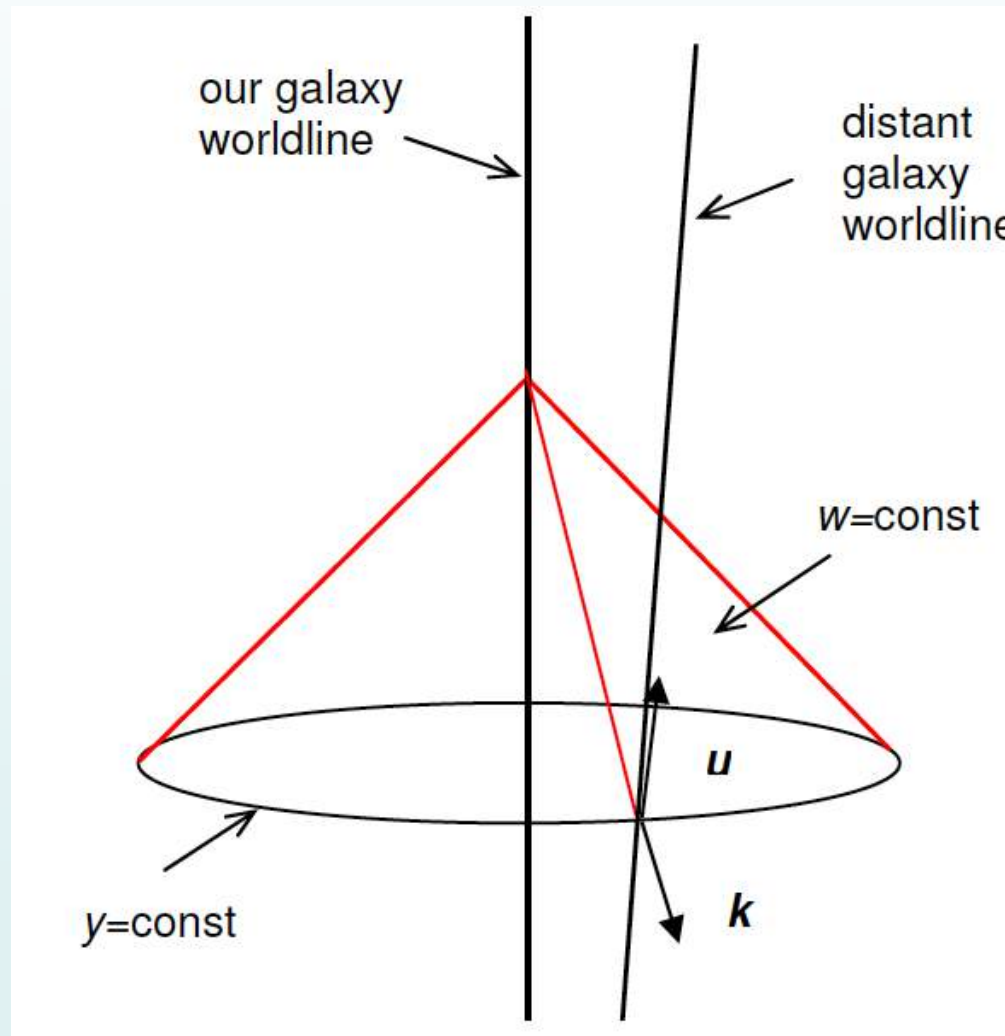
# TRACKING THE HUBBLE EXPANSION ON COSMOLOGICAL SCALES

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# ALL WE CAN *EVER* LEARN ABOUT THE UNIVERSE IS CONTAINED WITHIN OUR PAST LIGHT CONE



We *cannot* move over cosmological distances and check if the universe looks the same from 'over there' as it does from here ... so there are ***limits to what we can know (cosmic variance)***

# STANDARD COSMOLOGICAL MODEL

The universe is **isotropic** + **homogeneous** (when averaged on 'large' scales)

⇒ Maximally-symmetric space-time + **ideal fluid** energy-momentum tensor

$$ds^2 \equiv g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

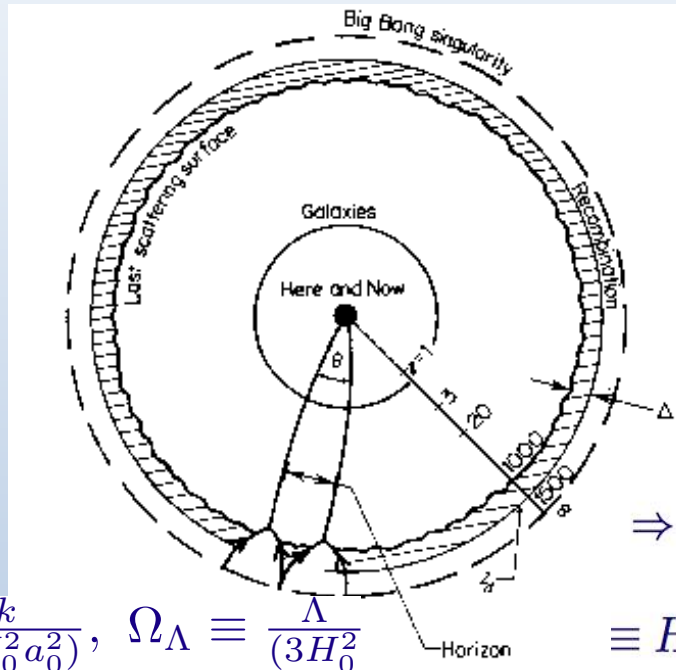
$$= a^2(\eta) [d\eta^2 - d\vec{x}^2]$$

$$a^2(\eta) d\eta^2 \equiv dt^2$$

**Robertson-Walker**

$$\ddot{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} (\rho + 3P) a$$

$$\Omega_m \equiv \frac{\rho_m}{(3H_0^2/8\pi G_N)}, \quad \Omega_k \equiv \frac{k}{(3H_0^2 a_0^2)}, \quad \Omega_\Lambda \equiv \frac{\Lambda}{(3H_0^2)}$$



$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\text{Einstein} = 8\pi G_N T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} = -\langle \rho \rangle_{\text{fields}} g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Lambda = \lambda + 8\pi G_N \langle \rho \rangle_{\text{fields}}$$

$$\Rightarrow H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G_N \rho_m}{3} - \frac{k}{a^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3}$$

$$\equiv H_0^2 [\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_k (1+z)^2 + \Omega_\Lambda]$$

So the **Friedmann-Lemaître** equation ⇒ 'cosmic sum rule':  $\Omega_m + \Omega_k + \Omega_\Lambda = 1$

We observe:  $0.8\Omega_m - 0.6\Omega_\Lambda \approx -0.2$  (Supernovae),  $\Omega_k \approx 0.0$  (CMB),  $\Omega_m \sim 0.3$  (Clusters)

→ infer universe is dominated by **dark energy**:  $\Omega_\Lambda = 1 - \Omega_m - \Omega_k \sim 0.7 \Rightarrow \Lambda \sim 2H_0^2$

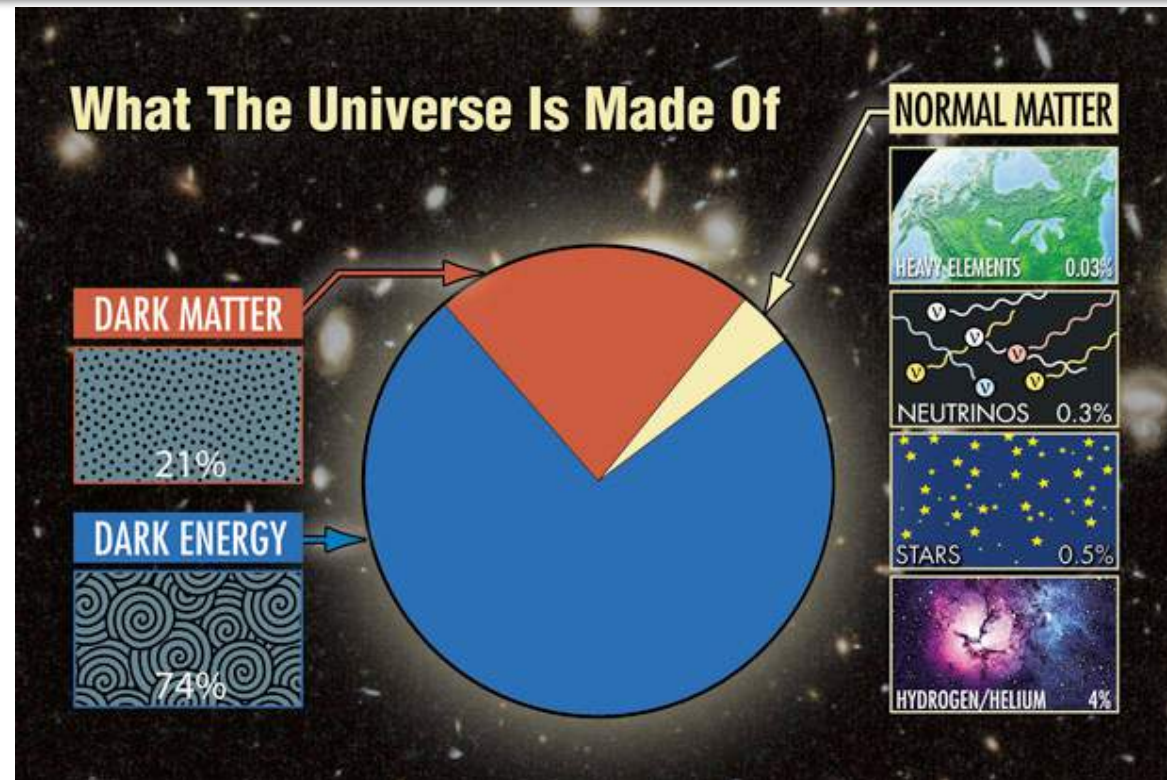
The scale is set by the *only* dimensionful parameter:  $H_0 \sim 10^{-42}$  GeV

To drive *accelerated* expansion requires the pressure to be **negative** ( $P < -\rho/3$ ) so this is interpreted as *vacuum* energy at the scale  $(\rho_\Lambda)^{1/4} = (H_0^2/8\pi G_N)^{1/4} \sim 10^{-12}$  GeV  $\ll G_F^{-1/2} \sim 10^2$  GeV

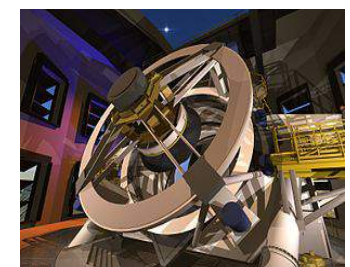
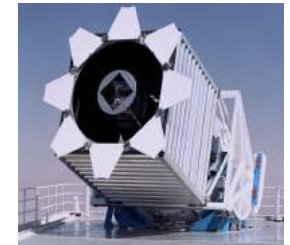
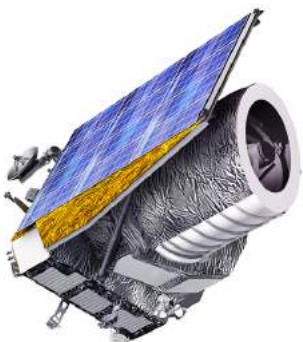
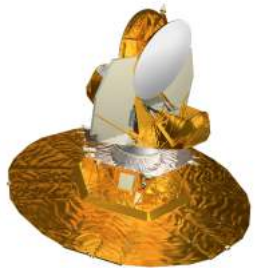
This makes *no* physical sense ... exacerbates the (old) Cosmological Constant problem!



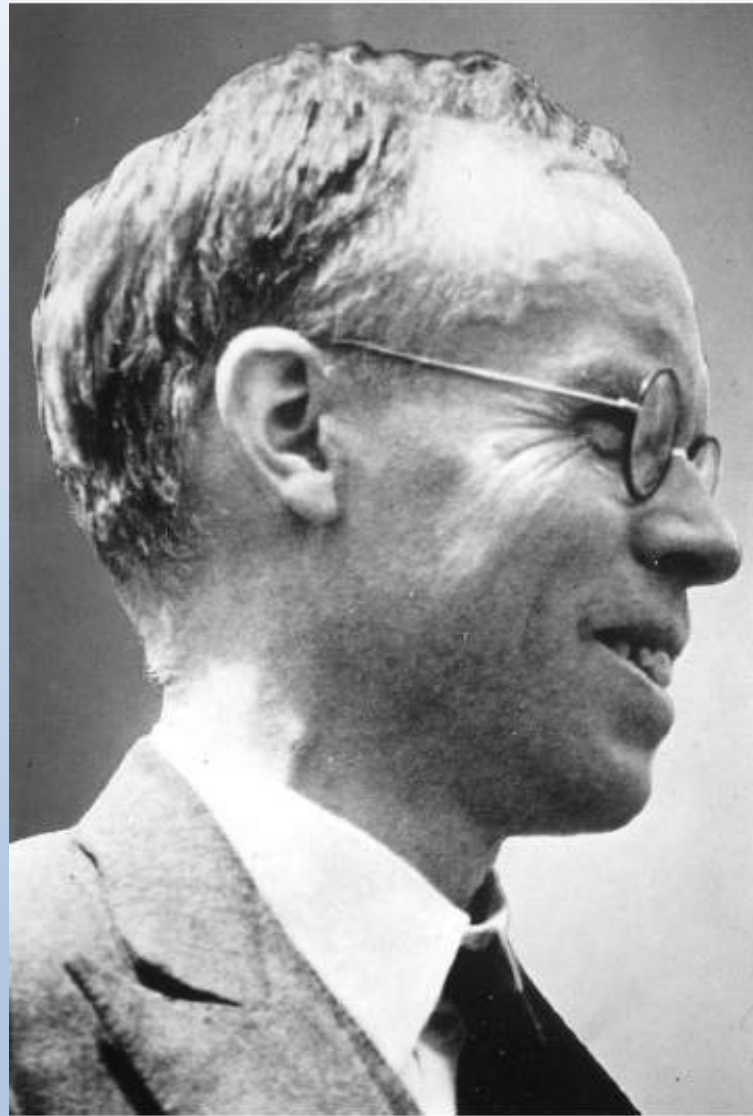
Since 1998 (Riess *et al.*<sup>1</sup>, Perlmutter *et al.*<sup>2</sup>), surveys of cosmologically distant Type Ia supernovae (SNe Ia) have indicated an acceleration of the expansion of the Universe, distant SNe Ia being dimmer than expected in a decelerating Universe. With the assumption that the Universe can be described on average as isotropic and homogeneous, this acceleration implies either the existence of a fluid with negative pressure usually called “Dark Energy”, a constant in the equations of general relativity or modifications of gravity on cosmological scales.



There has been substantial investment in major satellites and telescopes to *measure the parameters* of the ‘standard cosmological model’ with increasing ‘precision’... but surprisingly little work on *testing its foundational assumptions*



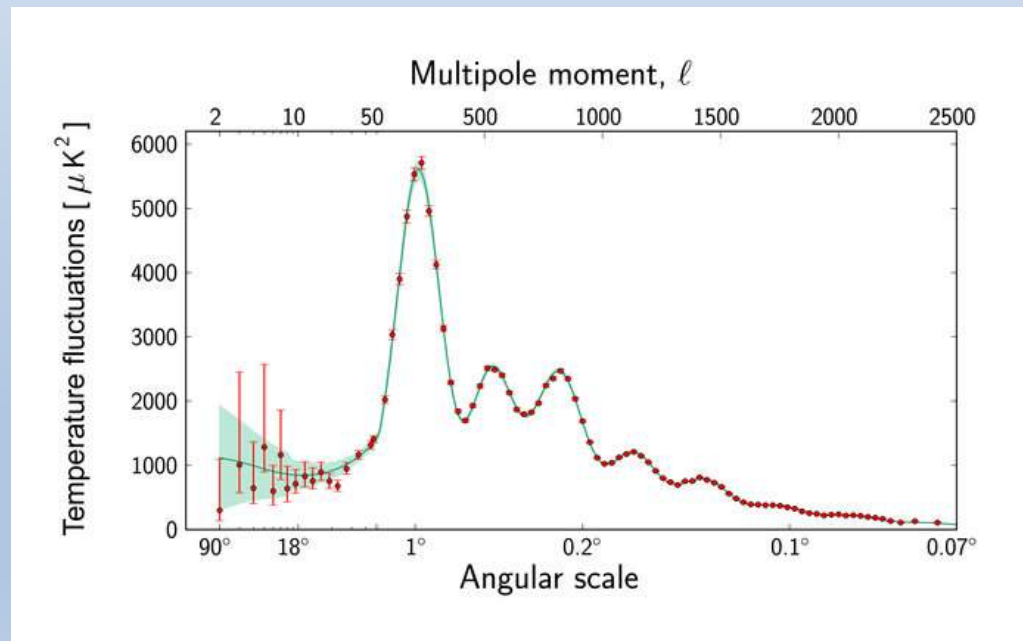
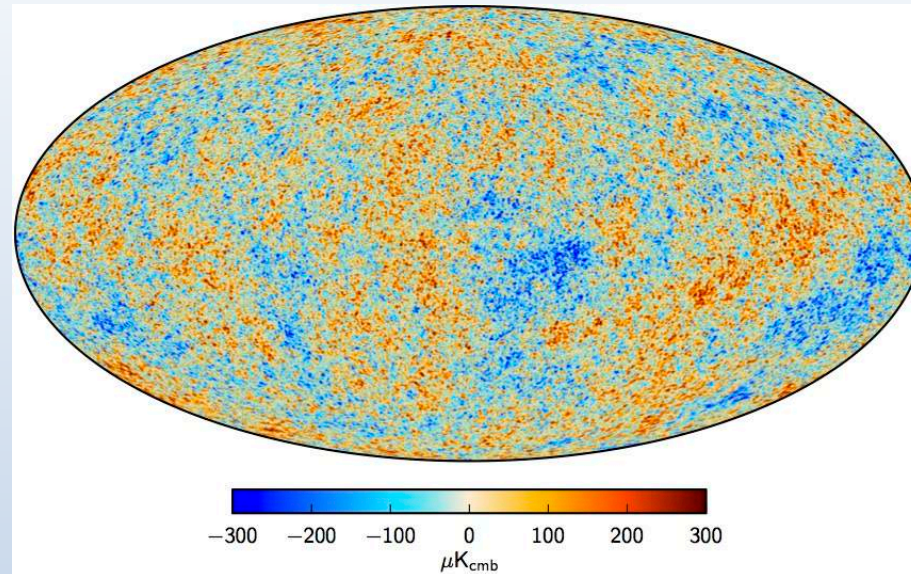
*The Universe must appear to be the same to all observers wherever they are  
This 'cosmological principle' ...*



**Edward Arthur Milne (1896-1950)**

Rouse Ball Professor of Mathematics & Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, 1928-

*“Data from the Planck satellite show the universe to be highly isotropic” (Wikipedia)*

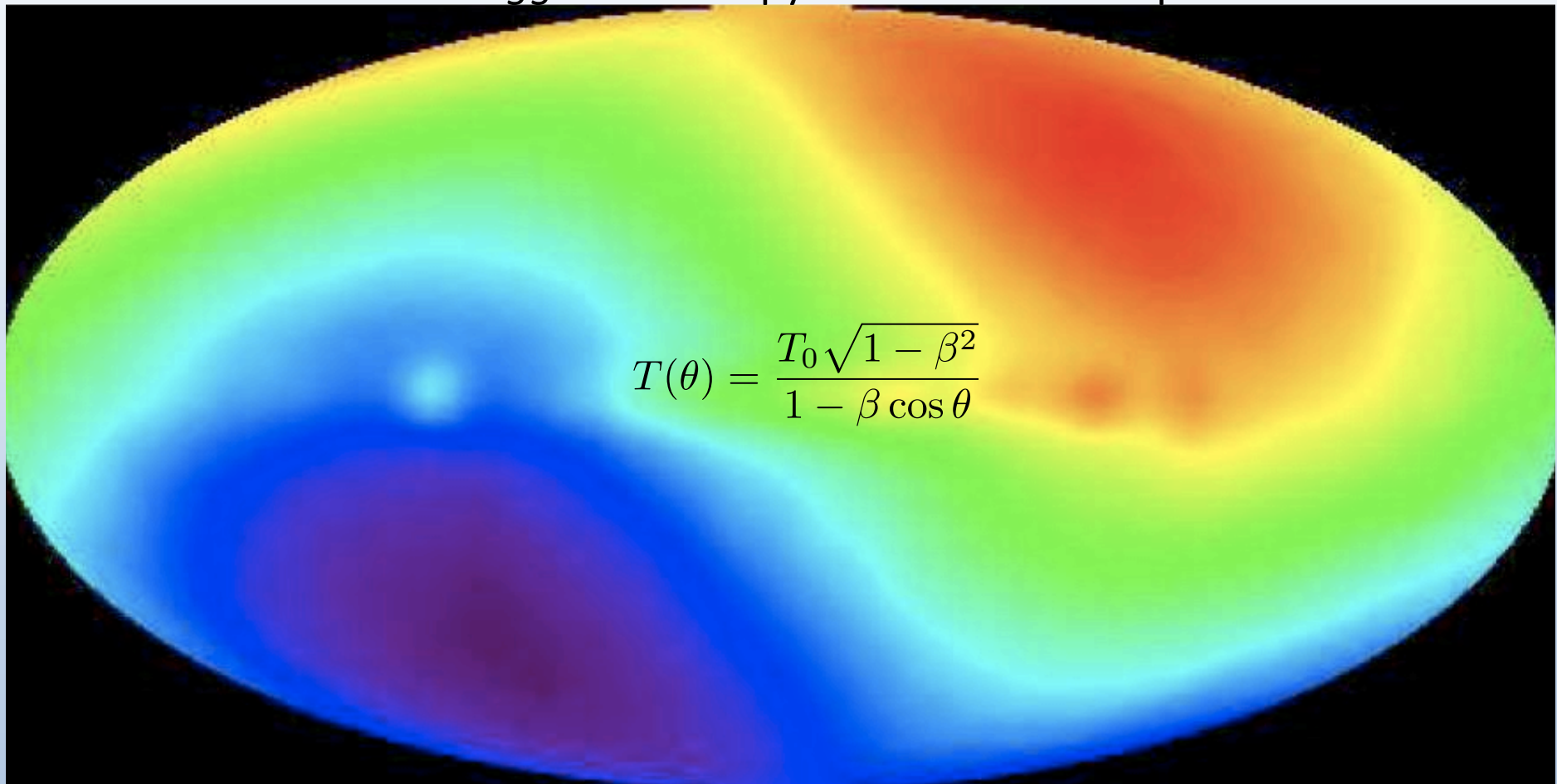


We observe a statistically isotropic Gaussian random field of small temperature fluctuations (fully quantified by the 2-point correlations → angular power spectrum)



## BUT THE CMB SKY IS IN FACT QUITE ANISOTROPIC

There is a  $\sim 100$  times *bigger* anisotropy in the form of a dipole with  $\Delta T/T \sim 10^{-3}$

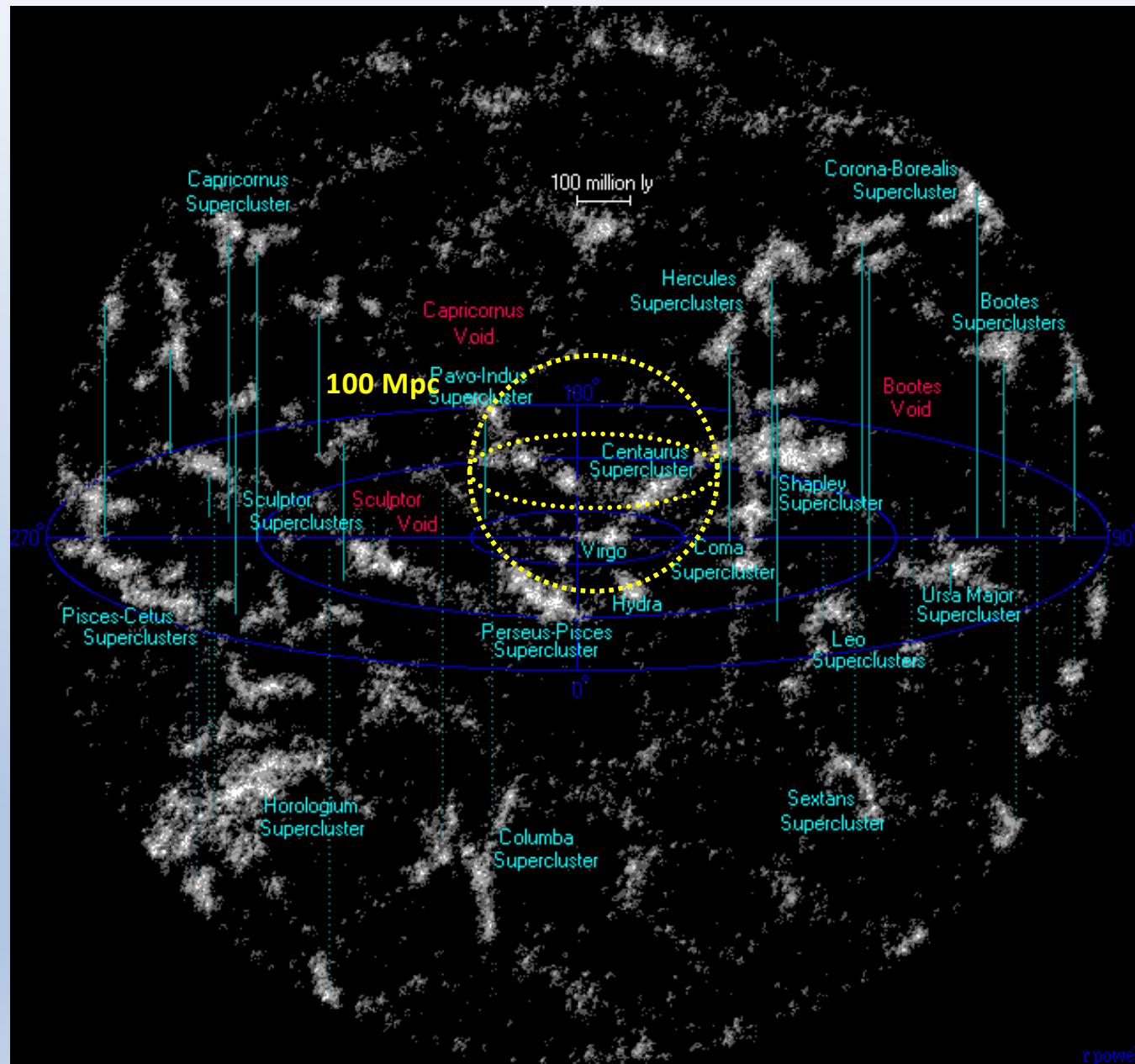


Stewart & Sciamma 1967, Peebles & Wilkinson 1968

This is *interpreted* as due to our motion at 370 km/s wrt the frame in which the CMB is truly isotropic  $\Rightarrow$  motion of the Local Group at 620 km/s towards  $l=271.9^\circ$ ,  $b=29.6^\circ$

**This motion is *presumed* to be due to local inhomogeneity in the matter distribution**  
Its scale – beyond which we converge to the CMB frame – is supposedly of  $O(100)$  Mpc  
(Counts of galaxies in the SDSS & WiggleZ surveys are said to scale as  $r^3$  on larger scales)

This is what our universe *actually* looks like locally (out to  $\sim 300$  Mpc)  
We are moving towards the Shapley supercluster supposedly due to a 'Great Attractor'



If so, our 'peculiar velocity' should fall off as  $\sim 1/r$  so we "converge to the CMB frame"



## THEORY OF PECULIAR VELOCITY FIELDS

In linear perturbation theory, the growth of the density contrast  $\delta(x) = [\rho(x) - \bar{\rho}]/\bar{\rho}$  as a function of comoving coordinates and time is governed by:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \delta}{\partial t^2} + 2H(t) \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial t} = 4\pi G_N \bar{\rho} \delta$$

We are interested in the ‘growing mode’ solution – the density contrast grows self-similarly and so does the perturbation potential and its gradient ... so the direction of the acceleration (and its integral – the peculiar velocity) remains *unchanged*.

The peculiar velocity field is related to the density contrast as:

$$v(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{2}{3H_0} \int d^3y \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^3} \delta(\mathbf{y}),$$

So the peculiar Hubble flow,  $\delta H(\mathbf{x}) = H_L(\mathbf{x}) - H_0$  ( $\Rightarrow$  trace of the shear tensor), is:

$$\delta H(\mathbf{x}) = - \int d^3y \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{y}) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2} W(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}),$$

where  $H_L(\mathbf{x})$  is the *local* value of the Hubble parameter and  $W(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$  is the ‘window function’ (e.g.  $\Theta(R - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|) (4\pi R^3/3)^{-1}$  for a volume-limited survey, out to distance  $R$ )

## THEORY OF PECULIAR VELOCITY FIELDS (CONT.)

Rewrite in terms of the Fourier transform  $\delta(\mathbf{k}) \equiv (2\pi)^{3/2} \int d^3x \delta(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}$  :

$$\frac{\delta H}{H_0} = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \delta(k) \mathcal{W}_H(kR) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}, \quad \mathcal{W}_H(x) = \frac{3}{x^3} \left( \sin x - \int_0^x dy \frac{\sin y}{y} \right)$$

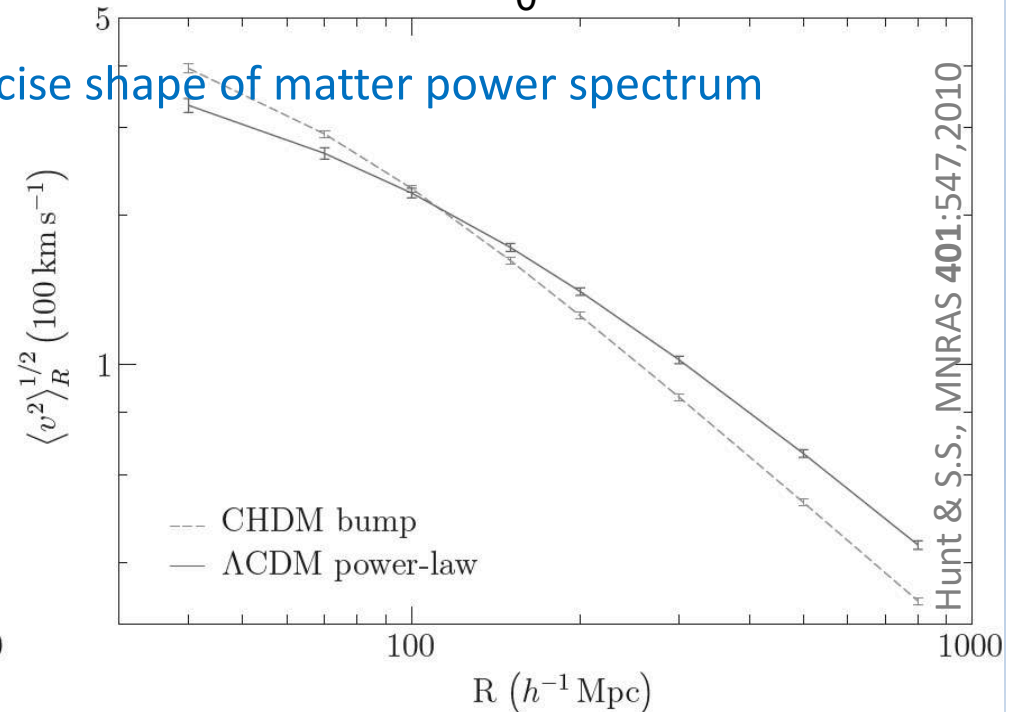
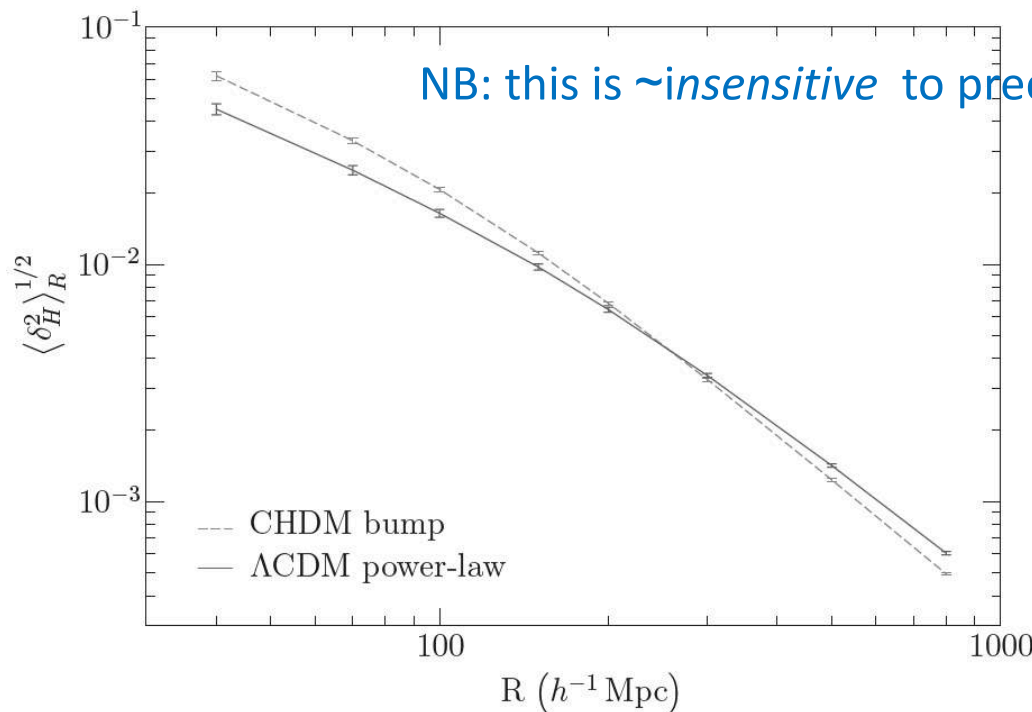
Window function

Then the RMS fluctuation in the local Hubble constant  $\delta_H \equiv \langle (\delta H/H_0)^2 \rangle^{1/2}$  is:

$$\delta_H^2 = \frac{f^2}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty k^2 dk P(k) \mathcal{W}^2(kR), \quad P(k) \equiv |\delta(k)|^2, \quad f \simeq \Omega_m^{4/7} + \frac{\Omega_\Lambda}{70} \left( 1 + \frac{\Omega_m}{2} \right)$$

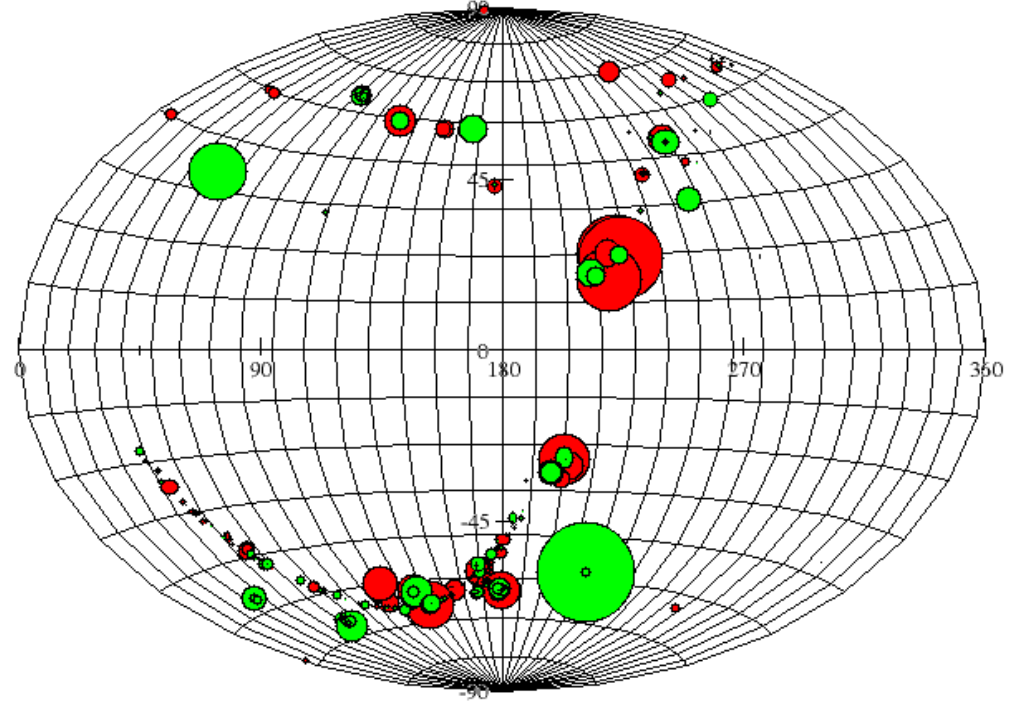
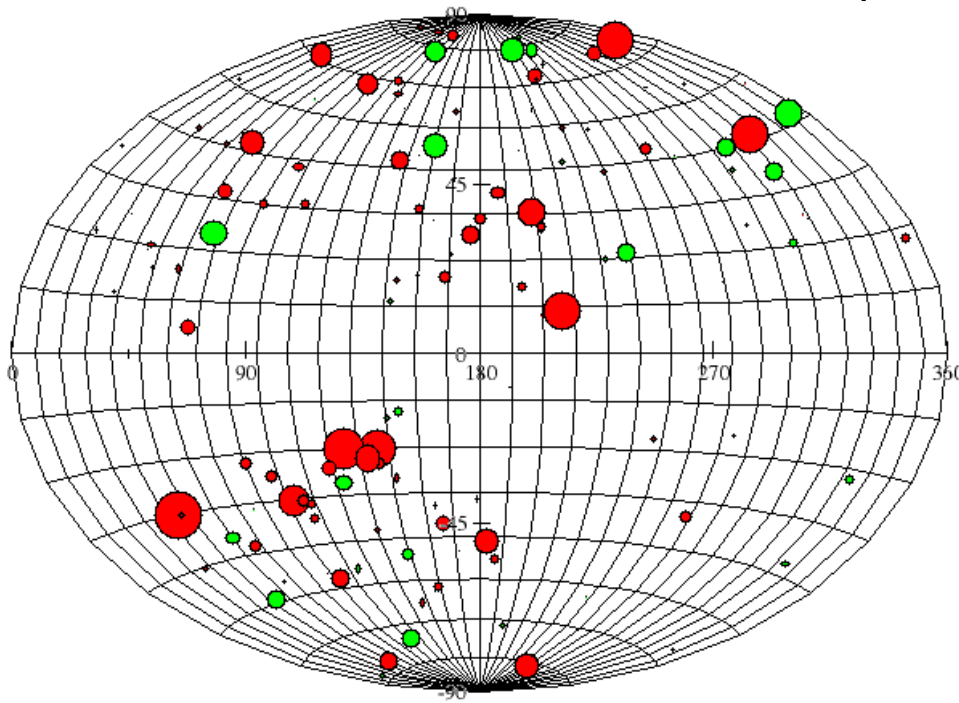
Power spectrum of matter fluctuations      Growth rate

Similarly the variance of the peculiar velocity is:  $\langle v^2 \rangle_R = \frac{f^2 H_0^2}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dk P(k) \mathcal{W}^2(kR)$



# UNION 2 COMPILATION OF 557 SNE IA

Aitoff-Hammer plot, Galactic coordinates



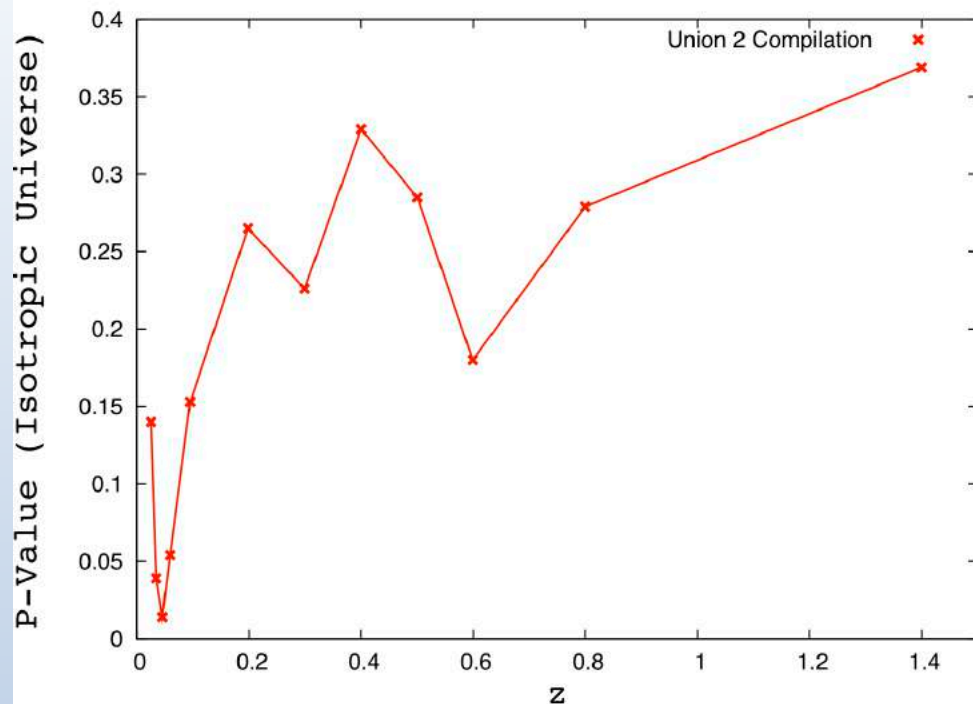
**Left panel:** The red spots represent the data points for  $z < 0.06$  with distance moduli  $\mu_{\text{data}}$  bigger than the values  $\mu_{\text{CDM}}$  predicted by  $\Lambda$ CDM, and the green spots are those with  $\mu_{\text{data}}$  less than  $\mu_{\text{CDM}}$ ; the spot size is a relative measure of the discrepancy. A dipole anisotropy is visible around the direction  $b = -30^\circ, l = 96^\circ$  (red points) and its opposite direction  $b = 30^\circ, l = 276^\circ$  (small green points), which is the direction of the CMB dipole.

**Right panel:** Same plot for  $z > 0.06$

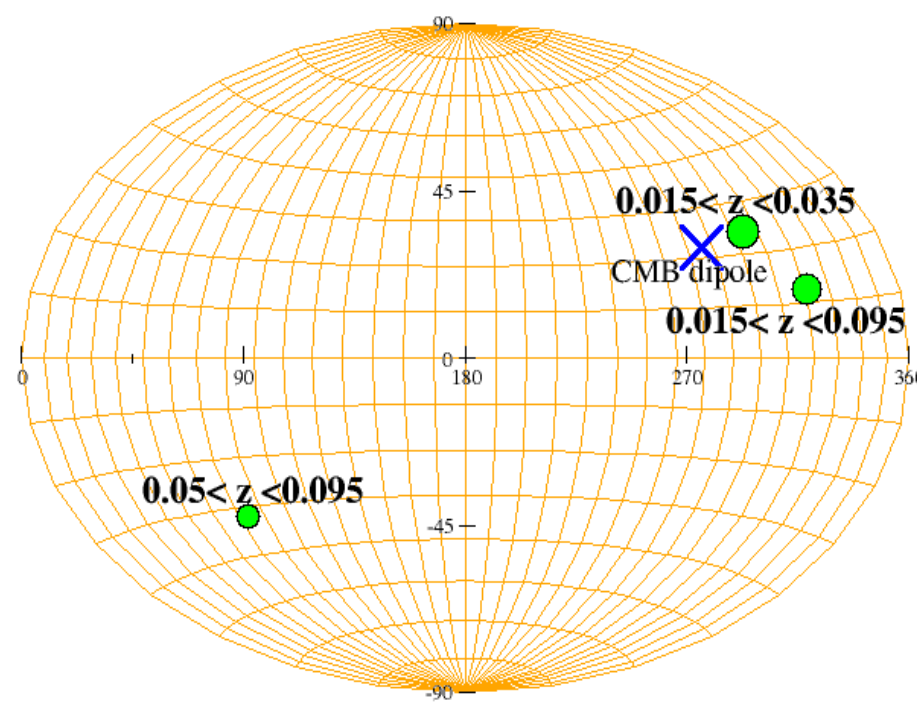
Colin, Mohayaee, S.S. & Shafieloo, MNRAS **414**:264,2011

We perform *tomography* of the Hubble flow by testing if the supernovae are at the expected Hubble distances: **Residuals  $\Rightarrow$  'peculiar velocity' flow in local universe**

# IS THE UNIVERSE ISOTROPIC?



Colin et al, MNRAS 414:264,2011



**Left panel:** P-value for the consistency of the isotropic universe with the data versus redshift. At  $z \approx 0.05$  ( $\sim 200$  Mpc) the P-value drops to 0.014 showing that isotropy is *excluded* at  $3\sigma$  ... i.e. we have *not* converged to the CMB rest frame.

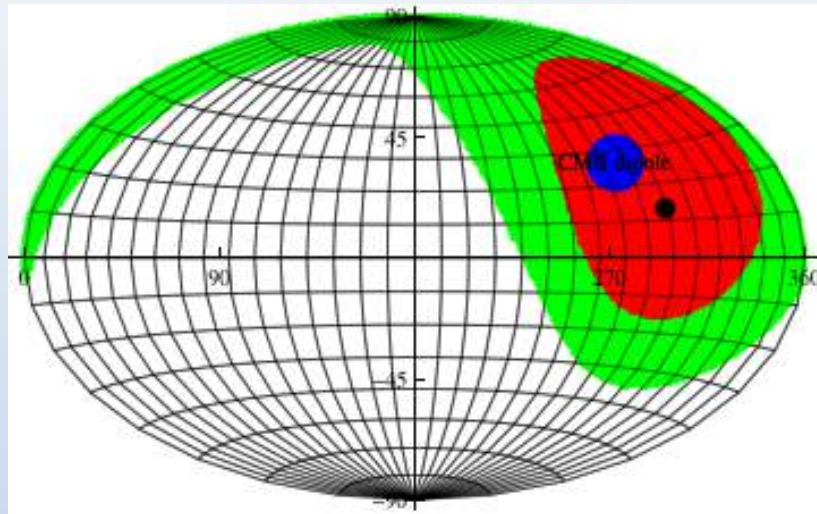
**Right panel:** Cumulative analysis shows that at low redshift,  $0.015 < z < 0.06$ , isotropy is excluded at  $2-3\sigma$  with  $P = 0.054$ ; but at higher redshift,  $0.15 < z < 1.4$  the data is consistent with isotropy within  $1\sigma$  ( $P = 0.594$ ).

Maximum likelihood analysis can now be used to estimate the bulk flow at low redshifts where the velocities are not yet dominated by the cosmic expansion

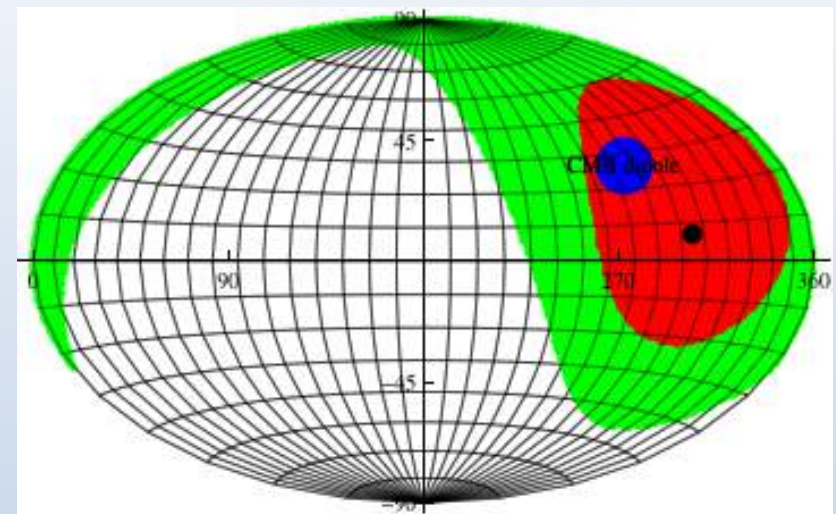


# DIPOLE IN THE SN IA VELOCITY FIELD *ALIGNED* WITH THE CMB DIPOLE

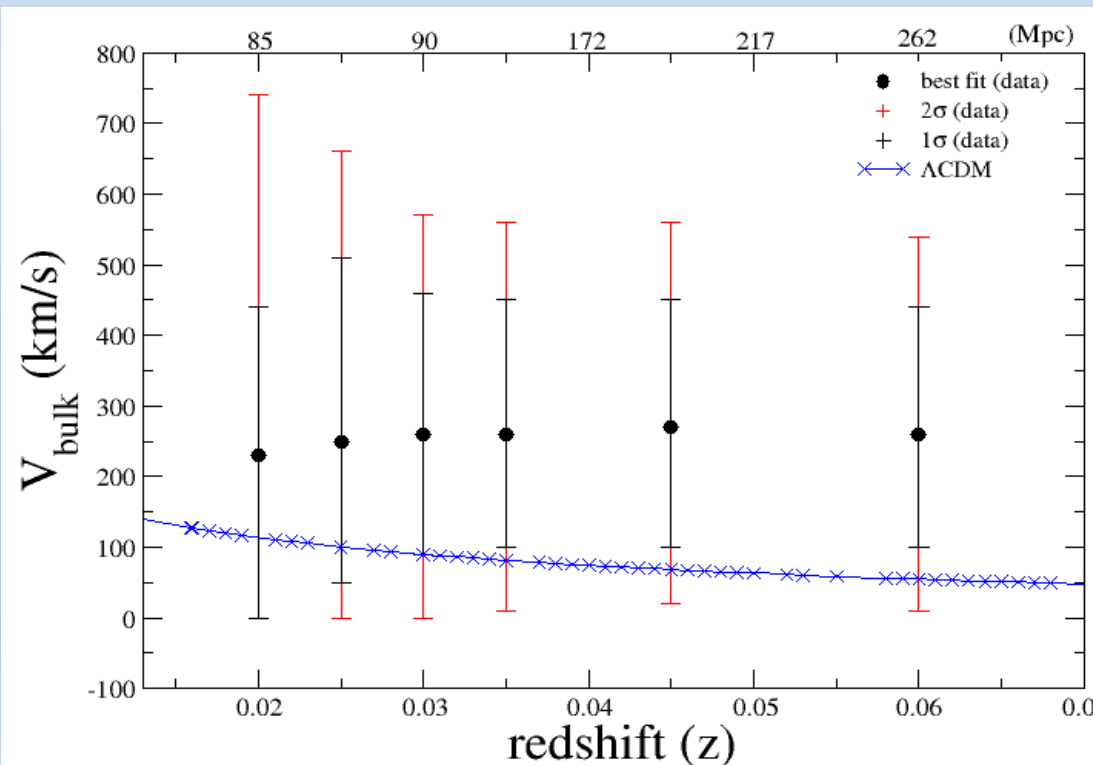
$0.015 < z < 0.045$ ,  $v = 270$  km/s,  $l = 291$ ,  $b = 15$



$0.015 < z < 0.06$ ,  $v = 260$  km/s,  $l = 298$ ,  $b = 8$



Colin et al, MNRAS 414:264,2011

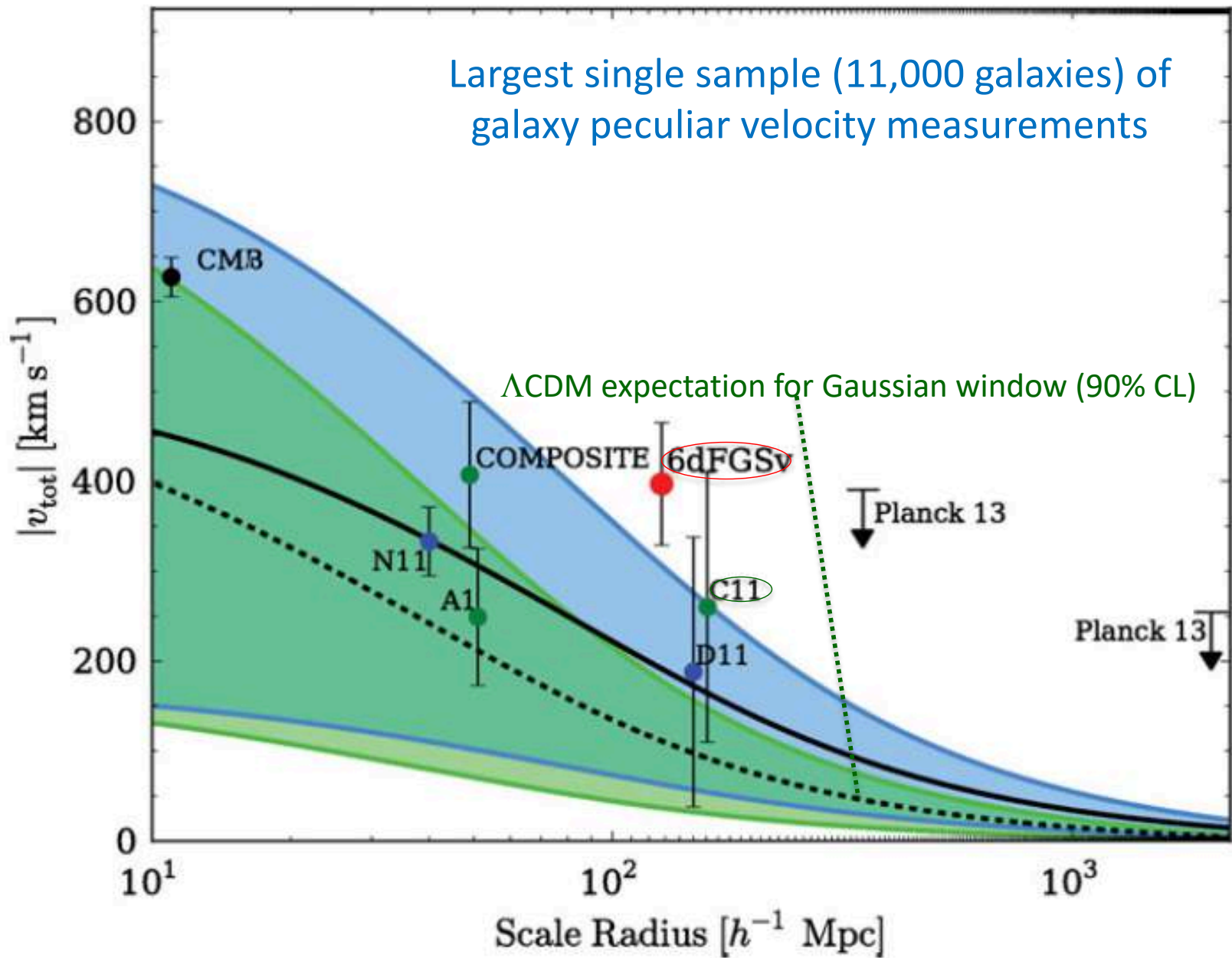


This is  $\gtrsim 1\sigma$  higher than expected for the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model ... and extends *beyond* Shapley (at 260 Mpc)

... consistent with Watkins *et al* (2009) who found a bulk flow of  $416 \pm 78$  km/s towards  $b = 60 \pm 6^\circ$ ,  $l = 282 \pm 11^\circ$  extending up to  $\sim 100 h^{-1}$  Mpc

**No convergence to CMB frame, even well beyond 'scale of homogeneity'**

OUR RESULT IS CONFIRMED BY THE 6-DEGREE FIELD GALAXY SURVEY (6DFGSV)



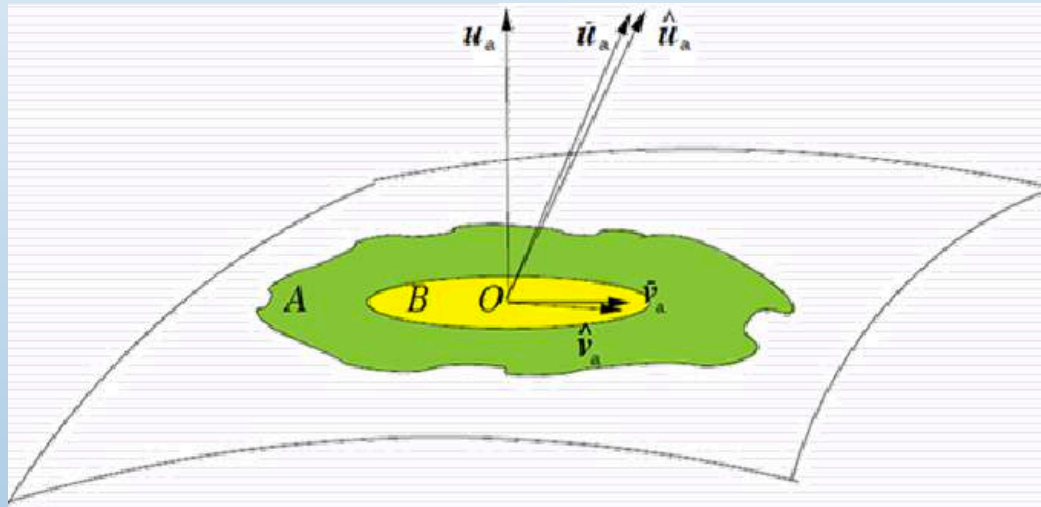
Magoulas, Springob, Colless, Mould, et al (2016)

According to the 'Dark Sky'  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  Hubble Volume simulations, *less than 1%* of Milky Way-like observers should experience a bulk flow as large as is observed, extending out as far as is seen

Do we infer acceleration even though the expansion is actually decelerating  
... because we are *inside* a local ‘bulk flow’?

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

... if so, there should be a dipole asymmetry in the inferred deceleration parameter in the *same* direction – i.e. aligned with the CMB dipole



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 faster or slower than the surroundings)

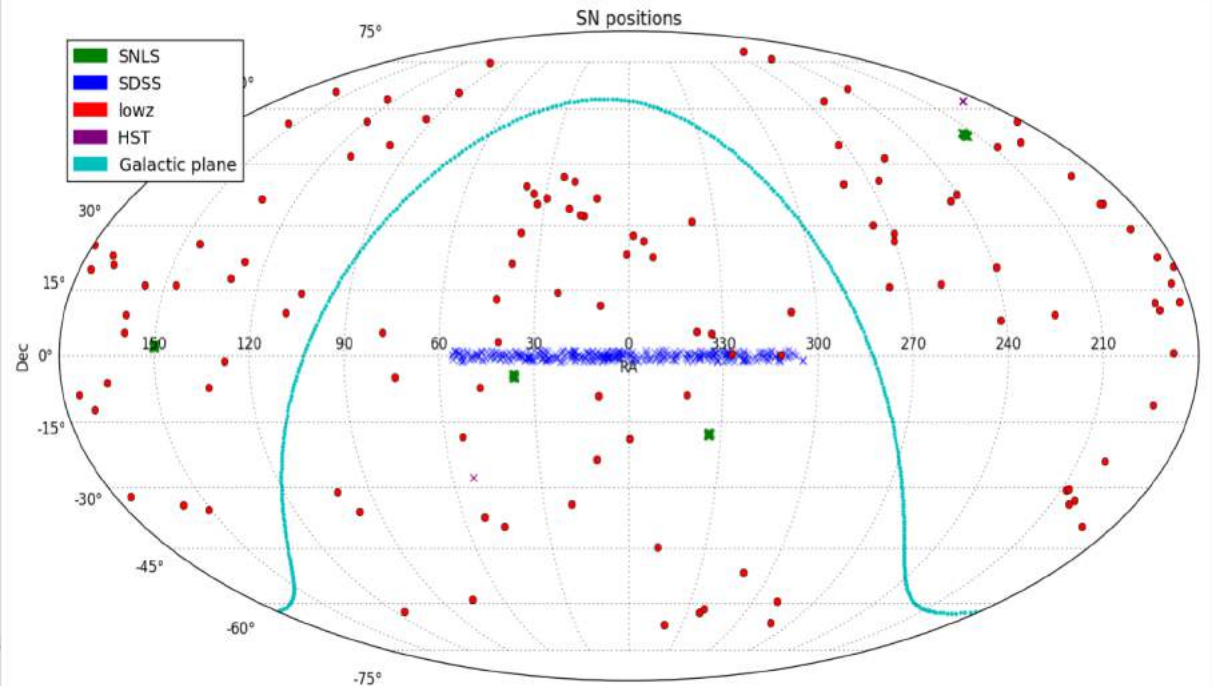
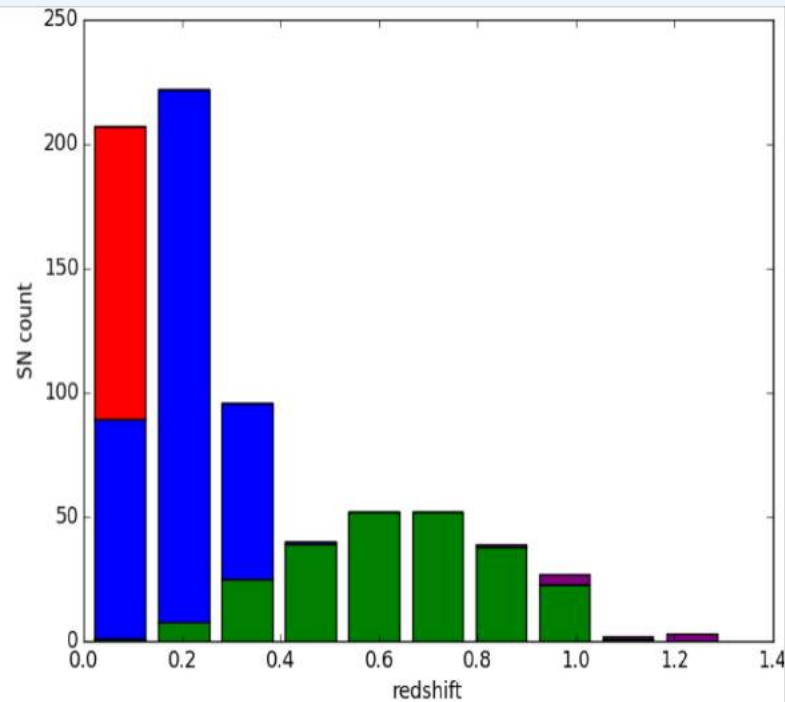
Inside region B, the r.h.s. of the expression

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

$$\tilde{\Theta} = \Theta + \vartheta,$$

drops below 1 and the comoving observer ‘measures’ *negative* deceleration parameter

# JOINT LIGHTCURVE ANALYSIS DATA (740 SNE IA)



SDSS-II/SNLS3 Joint Light-Curve Analysis (Betoule et al. 2014, submitted to A&A).

This page contains links to data associated with the SDSS-II/SNLS3 Joint Light-Curve Analysis (Betoule et al. 2014, submitted to A&A).

The release consists in:

1. The end products of the analysis and a C++ code to compute the likelihood of this data associated to a cosmological model. The code enables both evaluations of the *complete* likelihood, and *fast* evaluations of an *approximate* likelihood (see Betoule et al. 2014, Appendix E).
2. The version 2.4 of the SALT2 light-curve model used for the analysis plus 200 random realizations usable for the propagation of model uncertainties.
3. The exact set of Supernovae light-curves used in the analysis.

We also deliver presentation material.

Since March 2014, the JLA likelihood plugin is included in the official release of *cosmomc*. For older versions, the plugin is still available (see below: *Installation of the cosmomc plugin*).

To analyze the JLA sample with SNANA, see \$SNDATA\_ROOT/sample\_input\_files/JLA2014/AAA\_README.

### 1 Release history

**V1 (January 2014, paper submitted):** First arxiv version.

**V2 (March 2014):** Same as v1 with additional information (R.A., Dec. and bias correction) in the file of light-curve parameters.

**V3 (April 2014, paper accepted):** Same as v2 with the addition of a C++ likelihood code in an independent archive (jla\_likelihood\_v3.tgz).

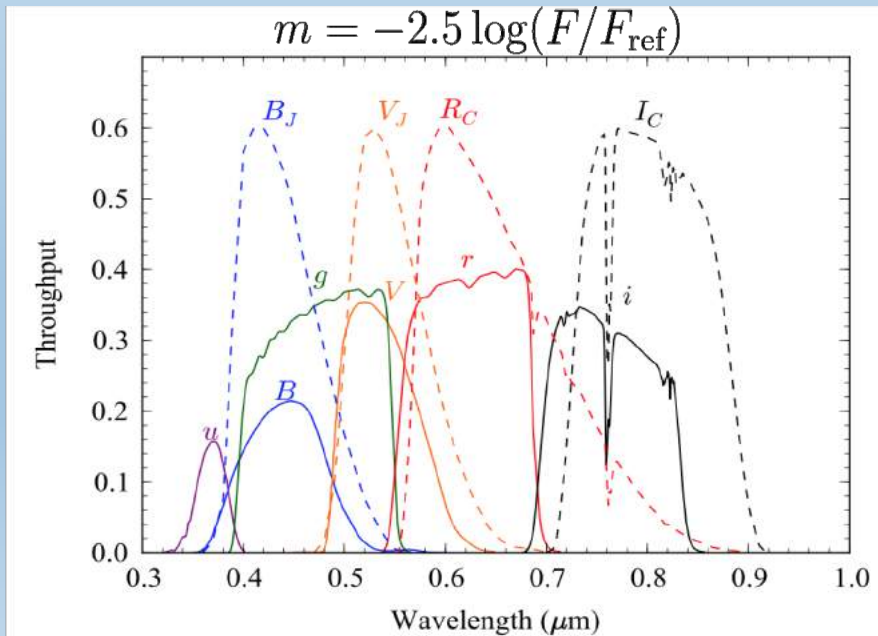
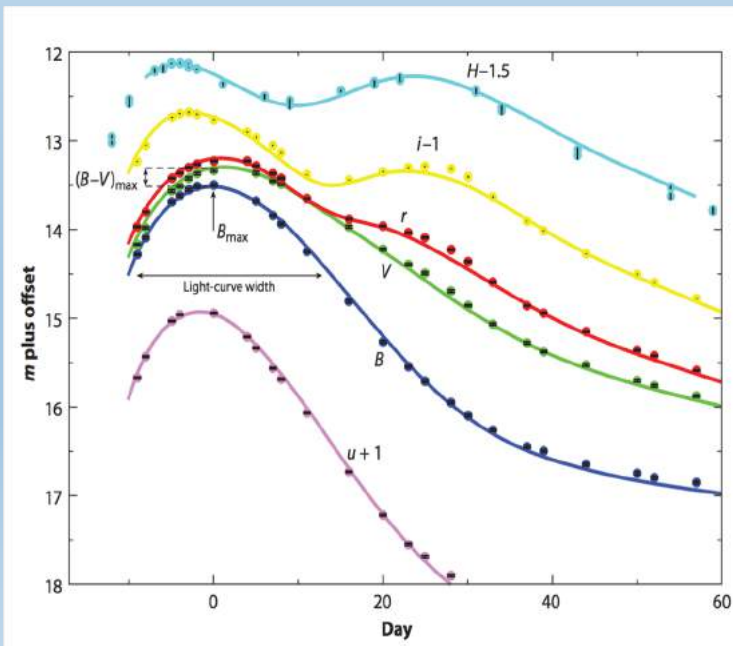
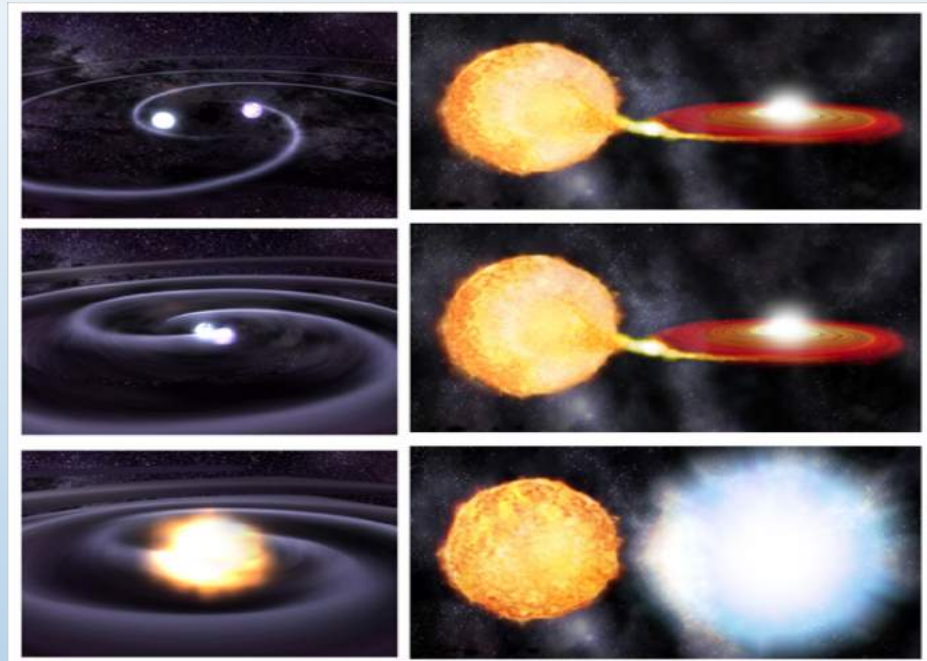
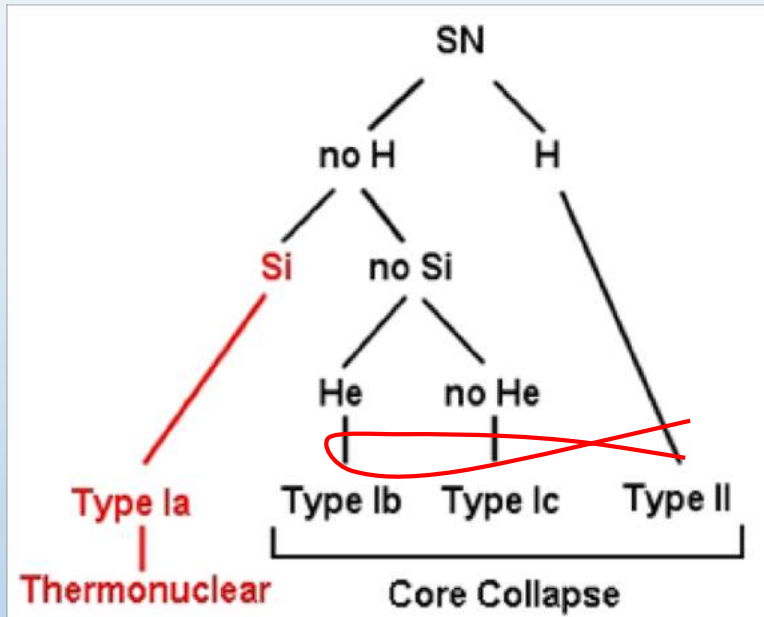
**V4 (June 2014):**

Betoule et al, A&A 568:A22,2014  
[http://supernovae.in2p3.fr/sdss\\_snls\\_jla/](http://supernovae.in2p3.fr/sdss_snls_jla/)

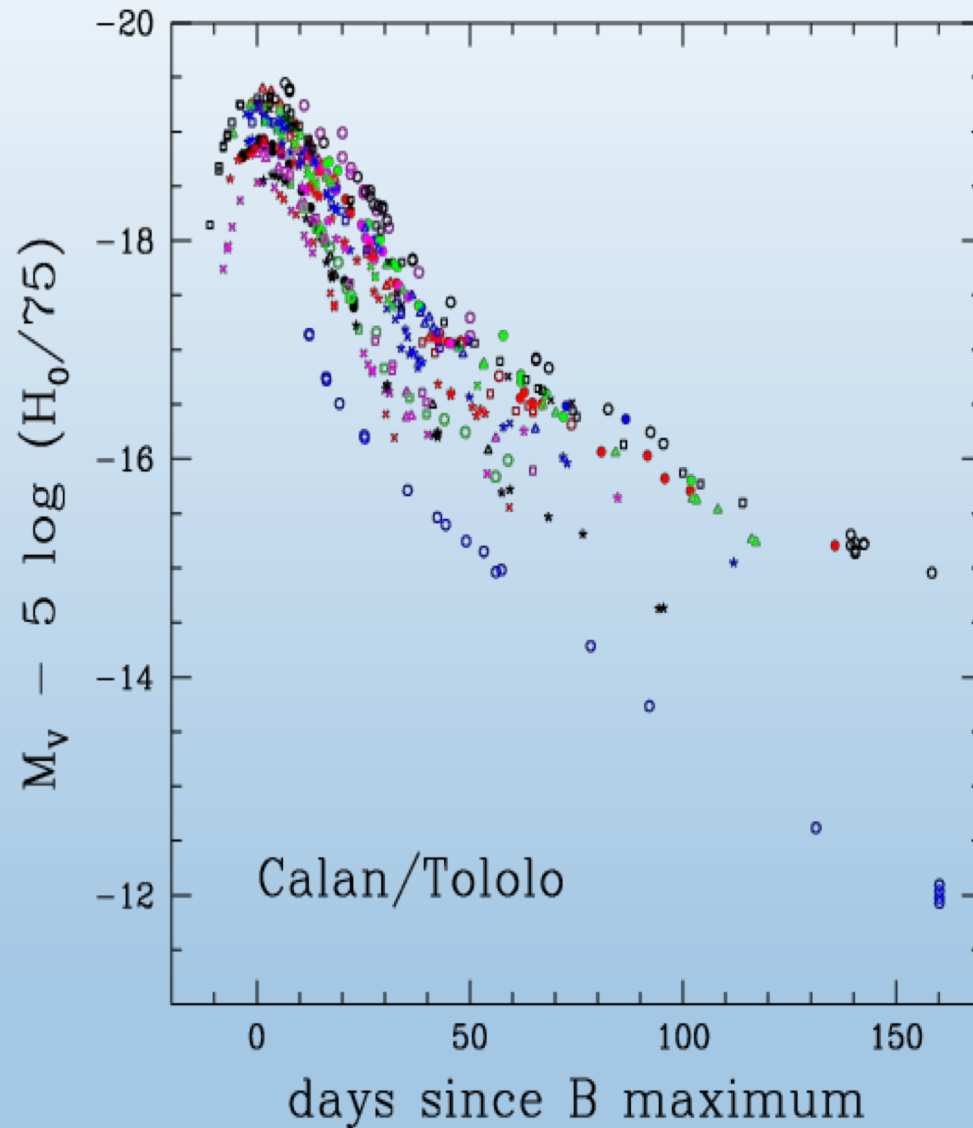
In contrast to previous analyses (which assumed  $\Lambda$ CDM and *adjusted* the errors to get a good fit) we apply a *principled* statistical analysis (Maximum Likelihood) ... and obtain rather different results  
Nielsen, Guffanti & S.S., Sci.Rep. 6:35596,2016



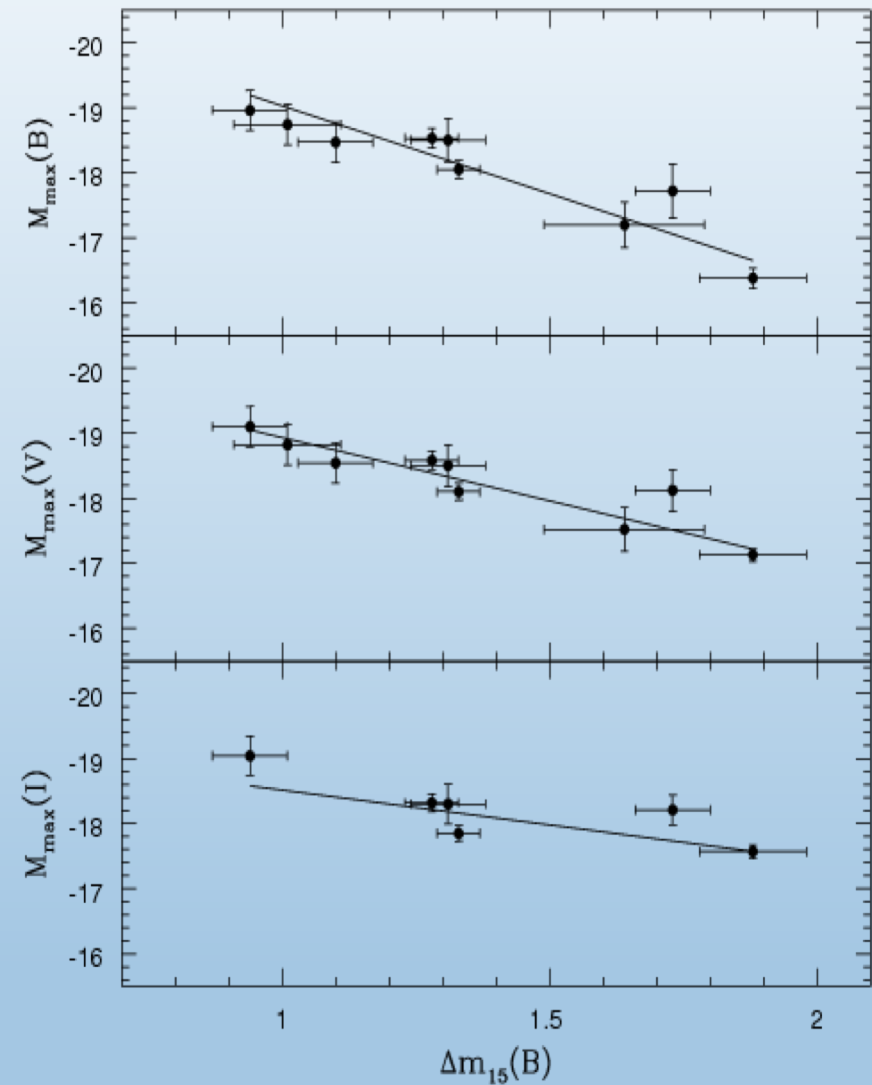
# WHAT ARE TYPE IA SUPERNOVAE?



# THEY ARE CERTAINLY *NOT* ‘STANDARD CANDLES’



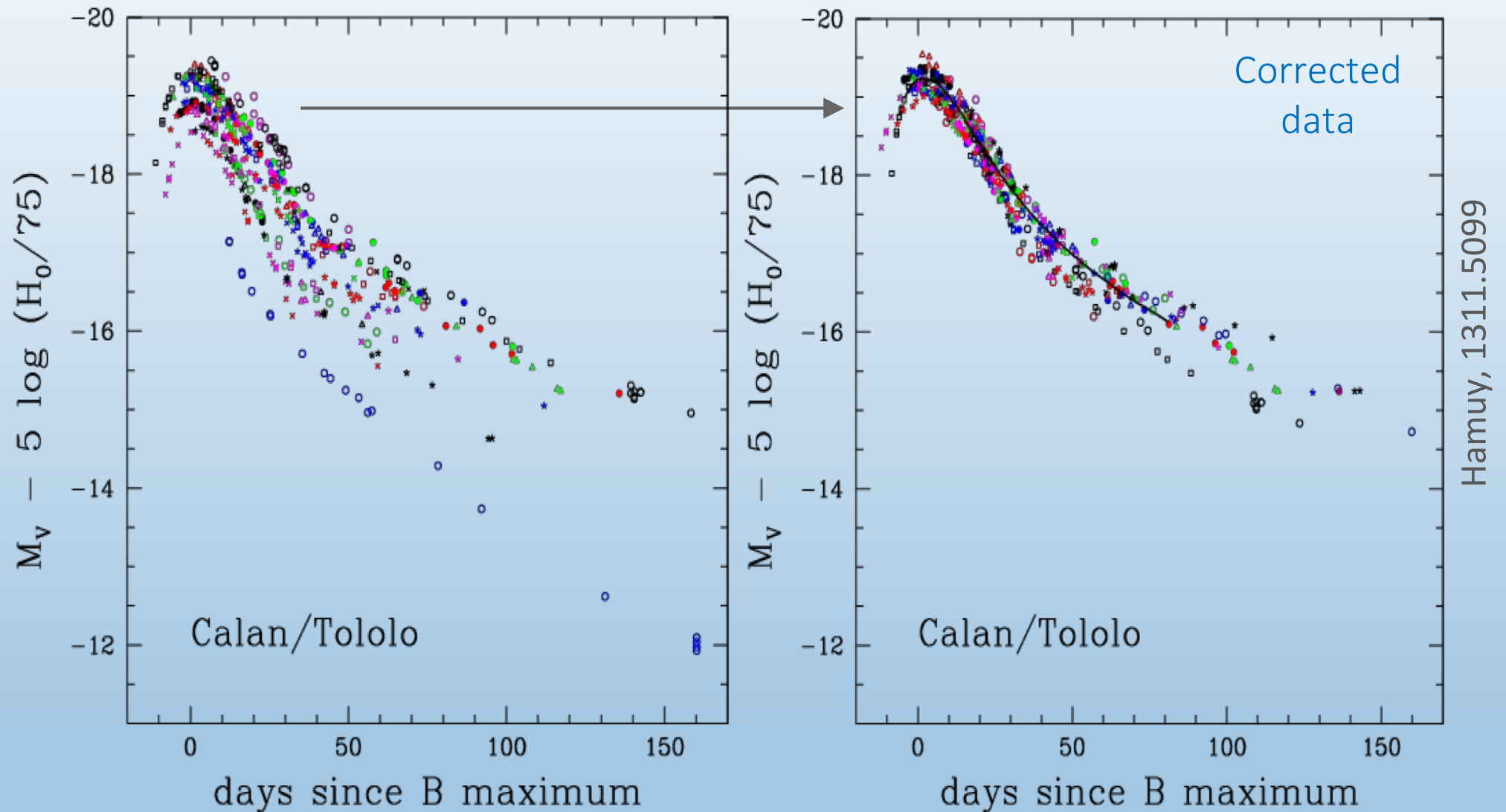
Hamuy, arXiv:311.5099



Phillips, ApJ 413:L105,1993

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

# TYPE IA SUPERNOVAE AS 'STANDARDISABLE CANDLES'



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

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

# SPECTRAL ADAPTIVE LIGHTCURVE TEMPLATE

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

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

B-band

SALT 2 parameters

Betoule *et al.*, A&A **568**:A22,2014

Name	$z_{\text{cmb}}$	$m_B^*$	$X_1$	$C$	$M_{\text{stellar}}$
03D1ar	0.002	$23.941 \pm 0.033$	$-0.945 \pm 0.209$	$0.266 \pm 0.035$	$10.1 \pm 0.5$
03D1au	0.503	$23.002 \pm 0.088$	$1.273 \pm 0.150$	$-0.012 \pm 0.030$	$9.5 \pm 0.1$
03D1aw	0.581	$23.574 \pm 0.090$	$0.974 \pm 0.274$	$-0.025 \pm 0.037$	$9.2 \pm 0.1$
03D1ax	0.495	$22.960 \pm 0.088$	$-0.729 \pm 0.102$	$-0.100 \pm 0.030$	$11.6 \pm 0.1$
03D1bp	0.346	$22.398 \pm 0.087$	$-1.155 \pm 0.113$	$-0.041 \pm 0.027$	$10.8 \pm 0.1$
03D1co	0.678	$24.078 \pm 0.098$	$0.619 \pm 0.404$	$-0.039 \pm 0.067$	$8.6 \pm 0.3$
03D1dt	0.611	$23.285 \pm 0.093$	$-1.162 \pm 1.641$	$-0.095 \pm 0.050$	$9.7 \pm 0.1$
03D1ew	0.866	$24.354 \pm 0.106$	$0.376 \pm 0.348$	$-0.063 \pm 0.068$	$8.5 \pm 0.8$
03D1fc	0.331	$21.861 \pm 0.086$	$0.650 \pm 0.119$	$-0.018 \pm 0.024$	$10.4 \pm 0.0$
03D1fq	0.799	$24.510 \pm 0.102$	$-1.057 \pm 0.407$	$-0.056 \pm 0.065$	$10.7 \pm 0.1$
03D3aw	0.450	$22.667 \pm 0.092$	$0.810 \pm 0.232$	$-0.086 \pm 0.038$	$10.7 \pm 0.0$
03D3ay	0.371	$22.273 \pm 0.091$	$0.570 \pm 0.198$	$-0.054 \pm 0.033$	$10.2 \pm 0.1$
03D3ba	0.292	$21.961 \pm 0.093$	$0.761 \pm 0.173$	$0.116 \pm 0.035$	$10.2 \pm 0.1$
03D3bl	0.356	$22.927 \pm 0.087$	$0.056 \pm 0.193$	$0.205 \pm 0.030$	$10.8 \pm 0.1$

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The host galaxy mass appears not to be relevant ... but there may well be other variables that the magnitude correlates with ...



# COSMOLOGY

$$\mu \equiv 25 + 5 \log_{10}(d_L/\text{Mpc}), \quad \text{where:}$$

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

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

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

$$\text{sinn} \rightarrow \sinh \text{ for } \Omega_k > 0 \text{ and } \text{sinn} \rightarrow \sin \text{ for } \Omega_k < 0$$

Distance  
modulus

$$\mu_C = m - M = -2.5 \log \frac{F/F_{\text{ref}}}{L/L_{\text{ref}}} = 5 \log \frac{d_L}{10 \text{ pc}}$$

Acceleration is a *kinematic* quantity so the data can be analysed without assuming any dynamical model, by expanding the time variation of the scale factor in a Taylor series

$$q_0 \equiv -(\ddot{a}a)/\dot{a}^2 \quad j_0 \equiv (\dddot{a}/a)(\dot{a}/a)^{-3} \quad (\text{e.g. Visser, CQG } \mathbf{21}:2603, 2004)$$

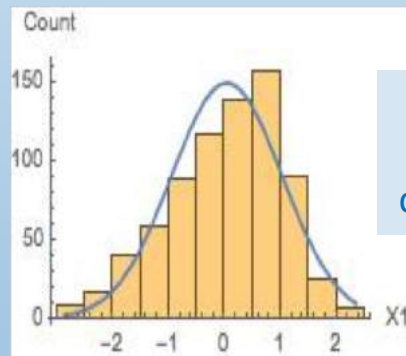
$$d_L(z) = \frac{cz}{H_0} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2} [1 - q_0] z - \frac{1}{6} \left[ 1 - q_0 - 3q_0^2 + j_0 + \frac{kc^2}{H_0^2 a_0^2} \right] z^2 + O(z^3) \right\}$$

# CONSTRUCT A MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATOR

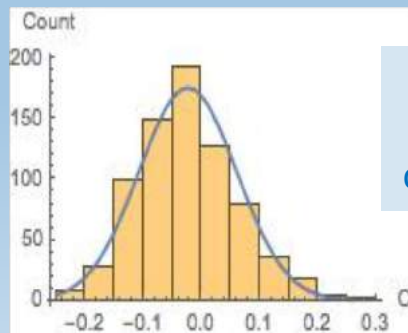
$\mathcal{L}$  = probability density(data|model)

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

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

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

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

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

intrinsic  
distributions

cosmology

SALT2

## CONFIDENCE REGIONS

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

1,2,3-sigma

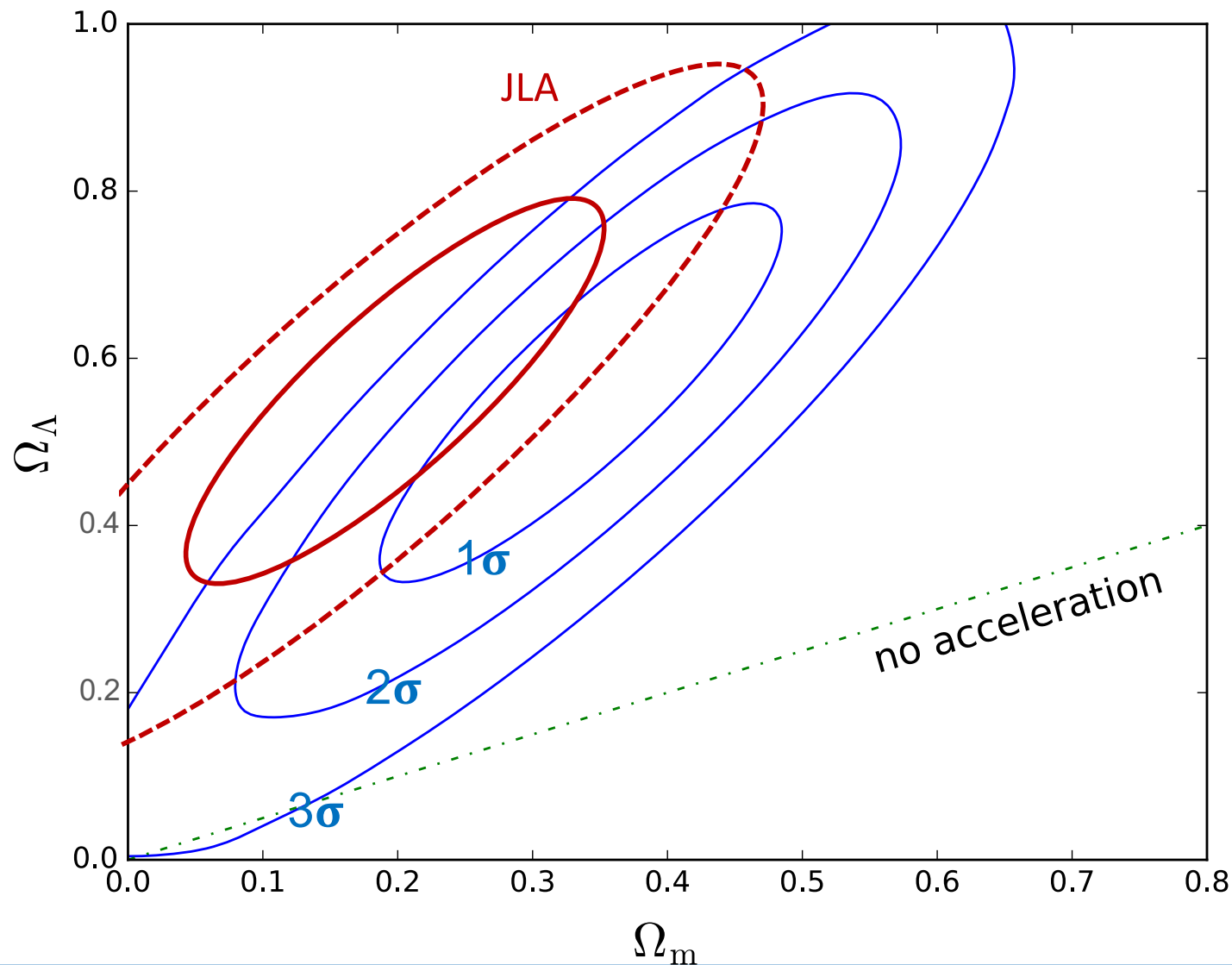
solve for Likelihood value

$$\mathcal{L}_p(\theta) = \max_{\phi} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{objects}} \frac{(\mu_B - 5 \log_{10}(d_L(\theta, z)/10pc))^2}{\sigma^2(\mu_B) + \sigma_{\text{int}}^2}$$

... it is clear that previous analyses overestimated the significance of acceleration because they adjusted  $\sigma_{\text{int}}$  to get  $\chi^2$  of 1/d.o.f. for the fit to the *assumed*  $\Lambda$ CDM model!

Data consistent with *uniform* rate of expansion @  $3\sigma$  ( $\Rightarrow \rho+3p = 0$ )



Nielsen, Guffanti & Sarkar, Sci.Rep.6:35596,2016

Profile Likelihood

MLE, best fit

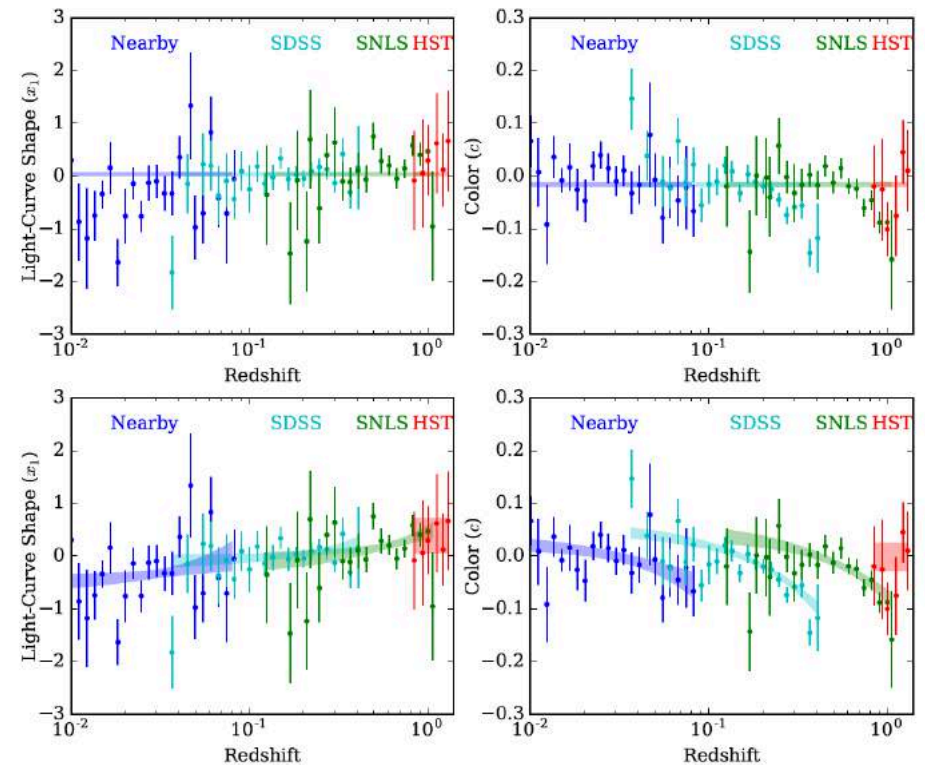
$\Omega_M$	0.341
$\Omega_\Lambda$	0.569
$\alpha$	0.134
$x_0$	0.038
$\sigma_{x_0}^2$	0.931
$\beta$	3.058
$c_0$	-0.016
$\sigma_{c_0}^2$	0.071
$M_0$	-19.05
$\sigma_{M_0}^2$	0.108

NB: We show the result in the  $\Omega_m$ - $\Omega_\Lambda$  plane for comparison with **previous results (JLA)** simply to emphasise that the statistical analysis has *not* been done correctly earlier (Other constraints e.g.  $\Omega_M \gtrsim 0.2$  or  $\Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda \simeq 1$  are relevant *only* to the  $\Lambda$ CDM model)

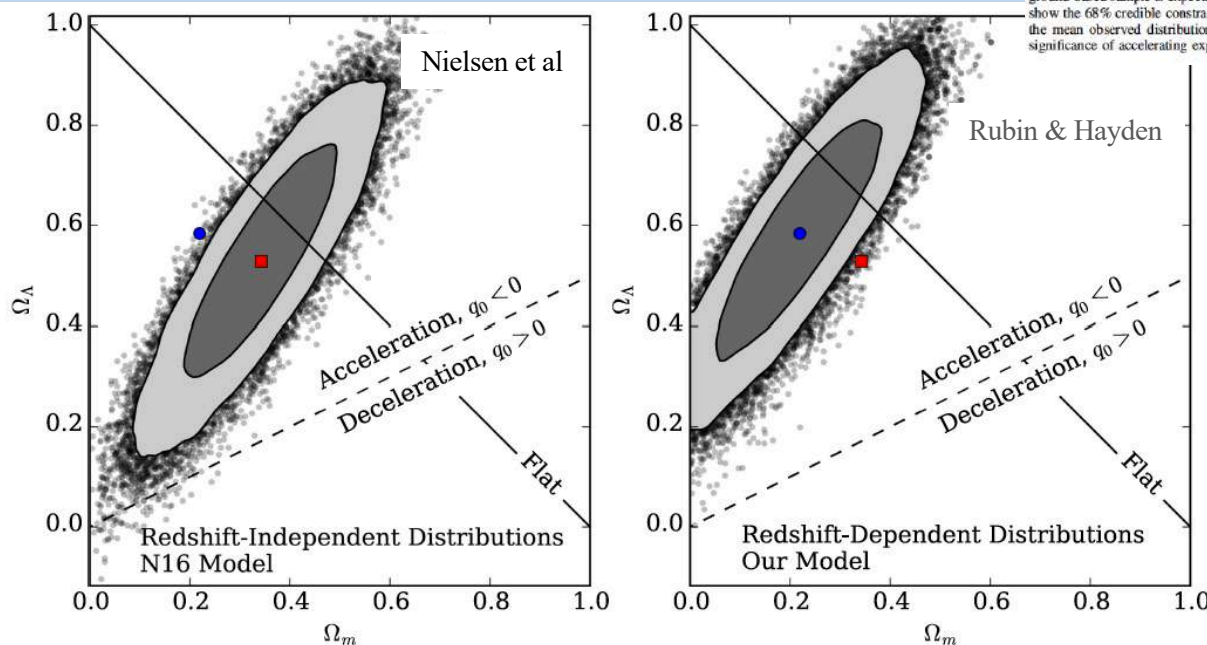


Rubin & Hayden (ApJ 833:L30,2016) say that our model for the distribution of the JLA light curve fit parameters should have included a dependence on sample and redshift (to allow for ‘Malmqvist bias’- which the JLA collab. had *corrected* for) ... they added 12 more parameters to our (10 parameter) model to describe this

This *a posteriori* modification is not justified by the Bayesian Information criterion



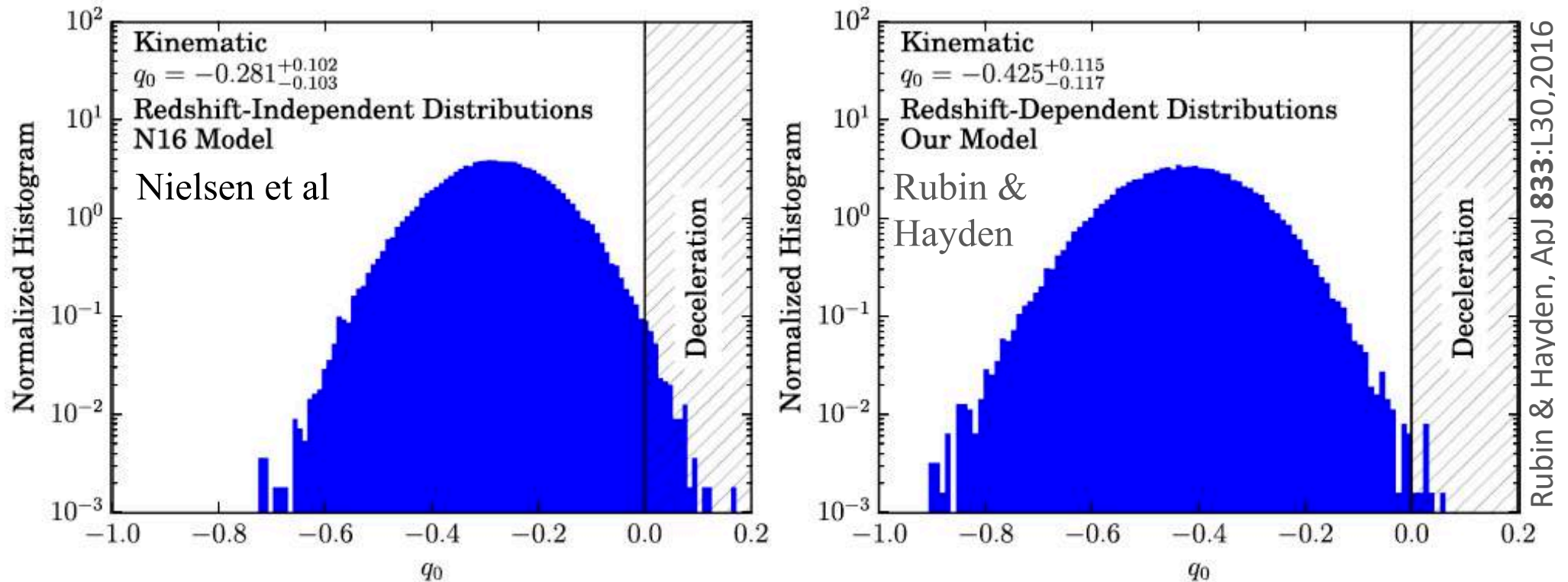
**Figure 1.** Binned  $x_1$  (left panels) and  $c$  (right panels) light curve parameters as a function of redshift for the JLA sample. The trend of color with redshift within each ground-based sample is expected due to the combination of the color-luminosity relation combined with redshift-dependent 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.



**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.

In any case this raises the significance with which a non-accelerating universe is rejected to only  $\lesssim 4\sigma$  ... still inadequate to claim a ‘discovery’ (even though the dataset has increased from  $\sim 100$  to 740 SNe Ia in 20 yrs)

The data can be analysed by expanding the time variation of the scale factor in a Taylor series, *without* reference to the  $\Lambda$ CDM model



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

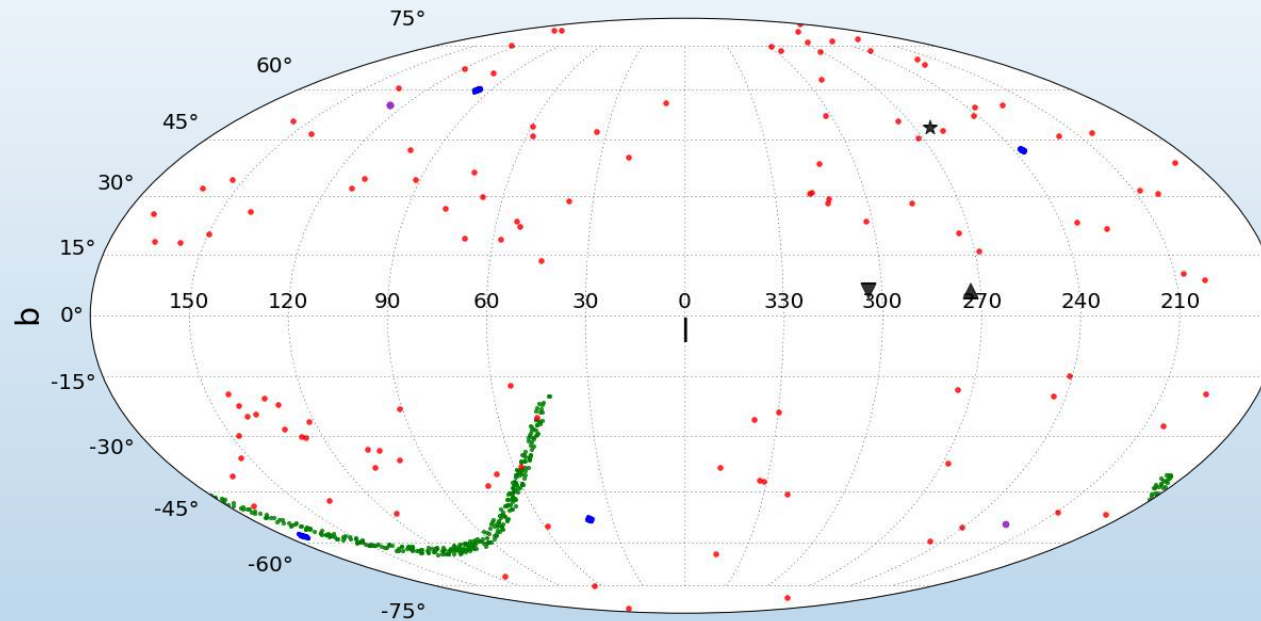
Deceleration parameter

$$q_0 \equiv -(\ddot{a}a)/\dot{a}^2$$

$$j_0 \equiv (\ddot{\ddot{a}}/a)(\dot{a}/a)^{-3}$$

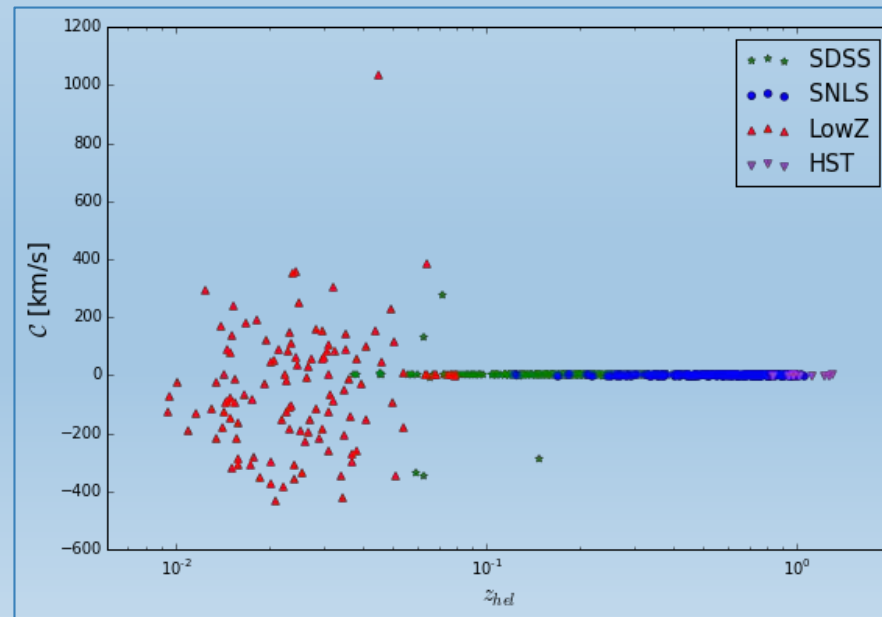
This yields  $2.8\sigma$  evidence for acceleration in our approach ... increasing to  $3.7\sigma$  when an *ad-hoc* redshift-dependence is allowed in the light-curve parameters

The sky distribution of the 4 sub-samples of the JLA catalogue in Galactic coordinates: SDSS (red dots), SNLS (blue dots), low redshift (green dots) and HST (black dots). Note that the 4 big blue dots are clusters of many individual SNe Ia. The directions of the CMB dipole (star), the SMAC bulk flow (triangle) and the 2M++ bulk flow (inverted triangle) are shown.



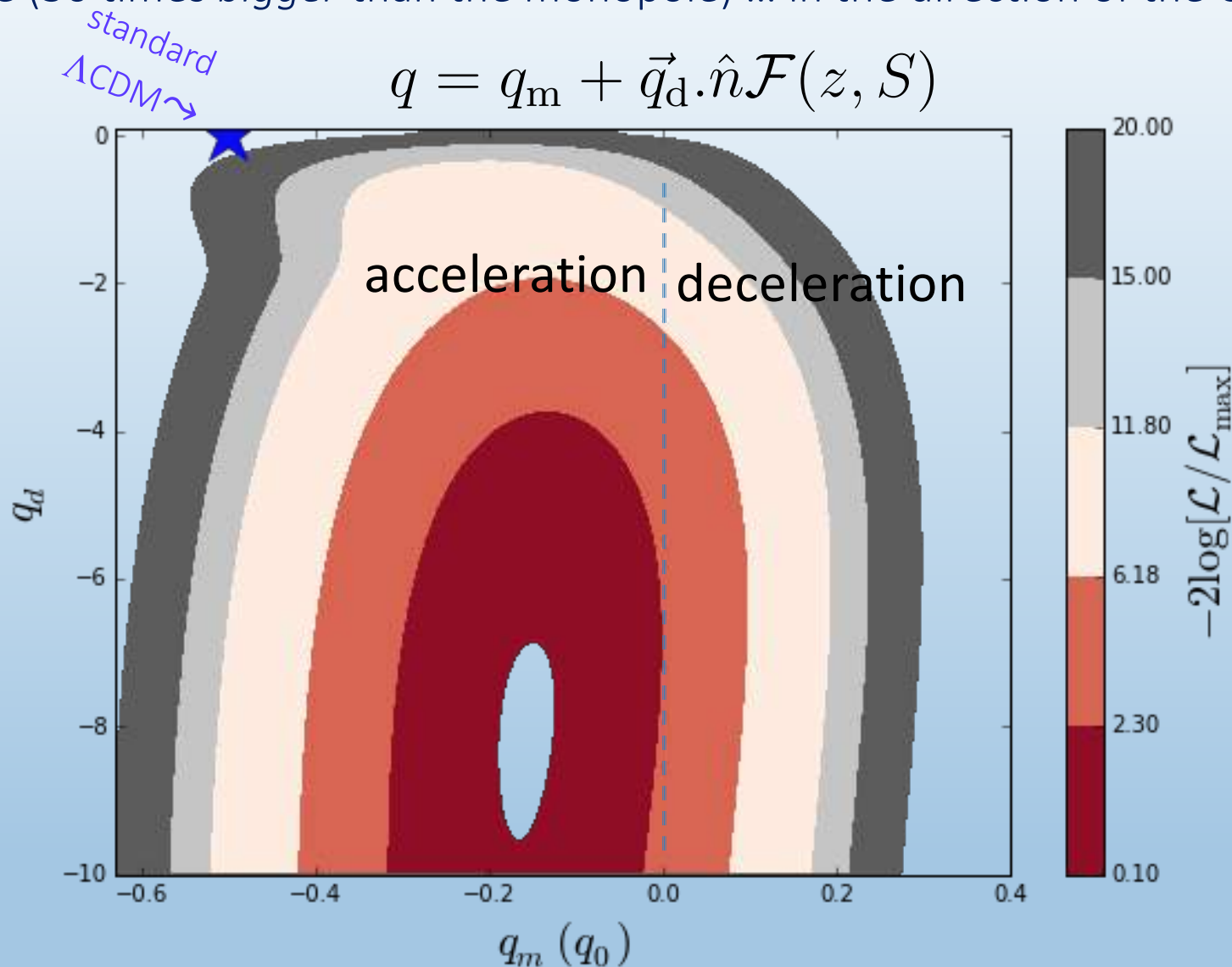
Subsequently we realised that the peculiar velocity 'corrections' applied to the JLA catalogue are suspect ... so *undid* them to recover the original data and test for isotropy

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



$$z_d = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \mathbf{v}_{\text{CMB}-\odot} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}/c}{1 + \mathbf{v}_{\text{CMB}-\odot} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}/c}} - 1$$

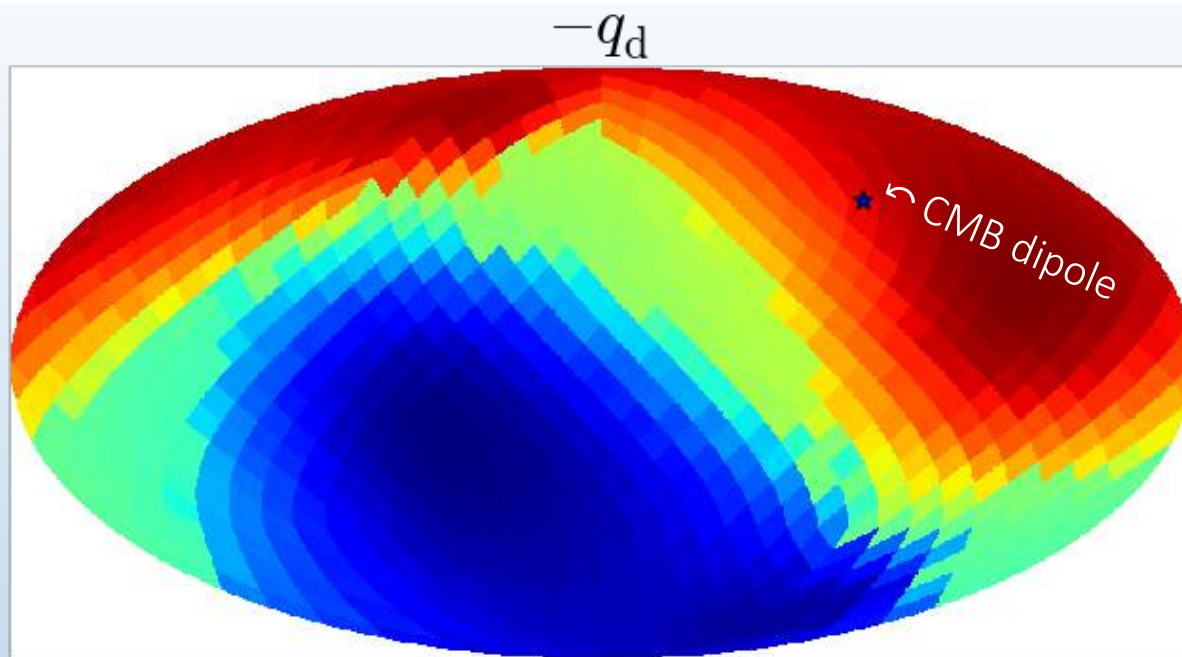
Moreover when the JLA catalogue is analysed allowing for a dipole, we find the MLE *prefers* one (50 times *bigger* than the monopole) ... in the direction of the CMB dipole



The significance of  $q_0$  being negative has now *decreased* to only  $1.4\sigma$

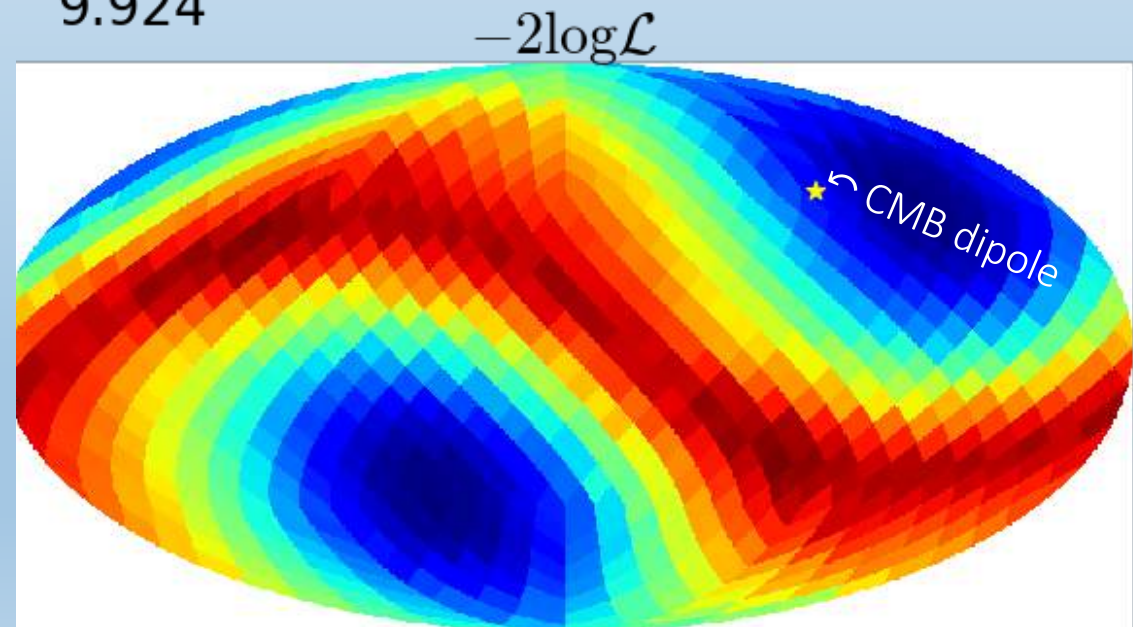
This strongly suggests that cosmic acceleration is simply an artefact of our being located inside a 'bulk flow' (which includes  $\sim 3/4$  of the observed SNe Ia)









The log-likelihood changes by just 3.2 between the two directions i.e. the direction of the acceleration







There is not enough data to do an *a priori* scan of the best-fit direction of  $q_d$  ... but if done *a posteriori* it is found to be within  $23^\circ$  of the CMB dipole











All results may be reproduced using the *public* JLA catalogue and our code available at:  
[https://github.com/rameez3333/Dipole\\_JLA](https://github.com/rameez3333/Dipole_JLA)


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 **rameez3333** Add files via upload Latest commit 7515fee on Oct 21

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Don't take anyone's word for it!

“For the Pantheon catalogue (Scolnic et al. 2018) the  $z_{\text{hel}}$  values and individual contributions to the covariance are not public, and moreover there are unresolved concerns about the accuracy of the data therein (Rameez 2019) so we cannot use it” - Colin *et al*, A&A **631**:L13,2019

## Scolnic et al. Supernova Catalog

You can download the Pantheon catalog of supernovae parameters, as well as simulated or input/statistics files, from the table below. Consult the PS1COSMO homepage for information on what types of files are located in each directory.

[Pantheon SN Parameters \(.txt\)](#) [Pantheon Systematic Error Matrix \(.txt\)](#) [binned\\_data/](#) [data\\_fitres/](#) [sim\\_fitres/](#) [spec\\_summary/](#)

The interactive table below contains the supernovae parameters from the Scolnic et al. catalog. Some of the columns are sortable, by clicking on the column headers. Below some headers are text boxes that allow for filtering as well. These support basic text and numerical expressions. For example, if you want to filter the table to only include supernovae with  $z_{\text{hel}}$  greater than 0.5, type "> 0.5" (without the quotes) under the "ZHEL" column. Note you can still sort the column with a filter applied.

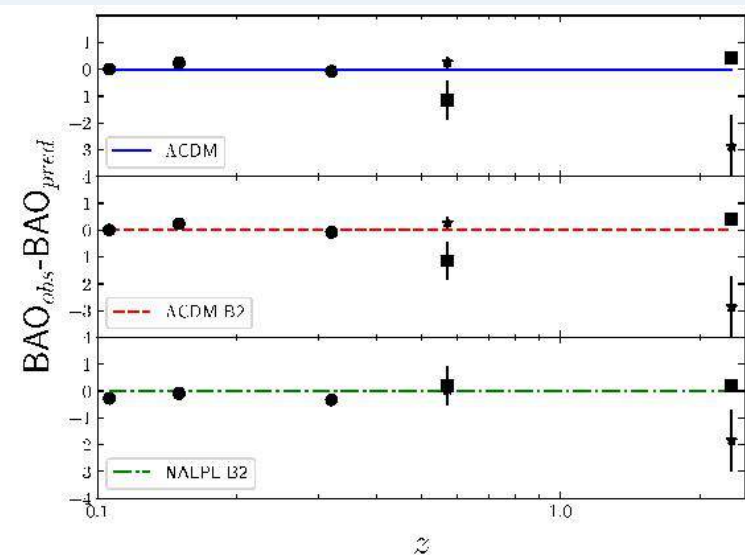
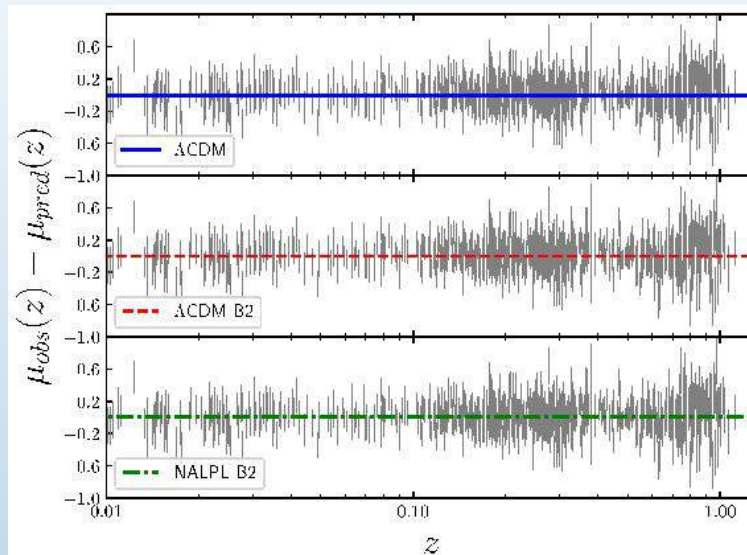
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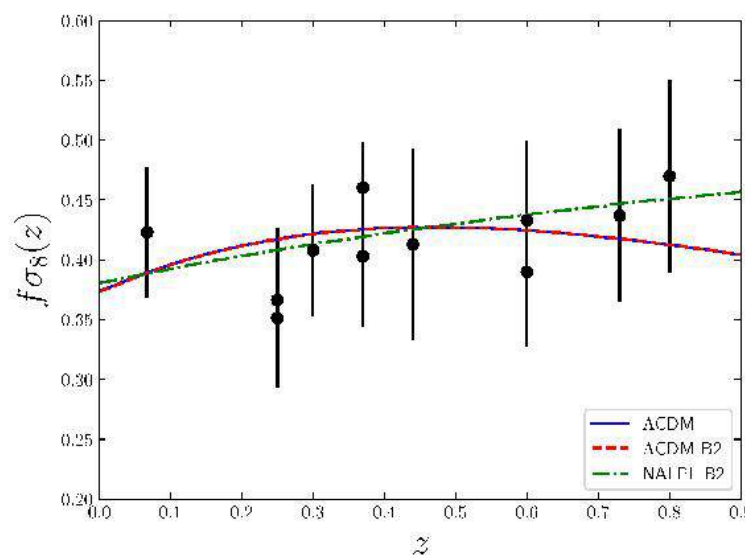
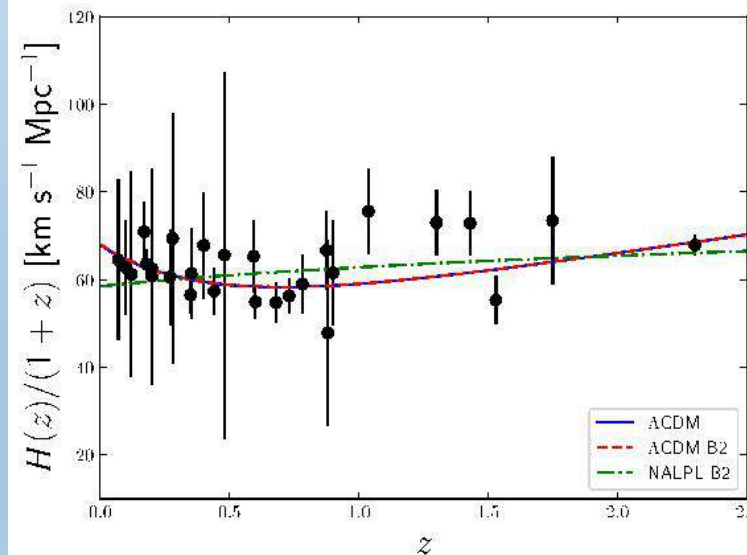
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# What about the evidence from BAO, $H(z)$ , growth of structure, ...?



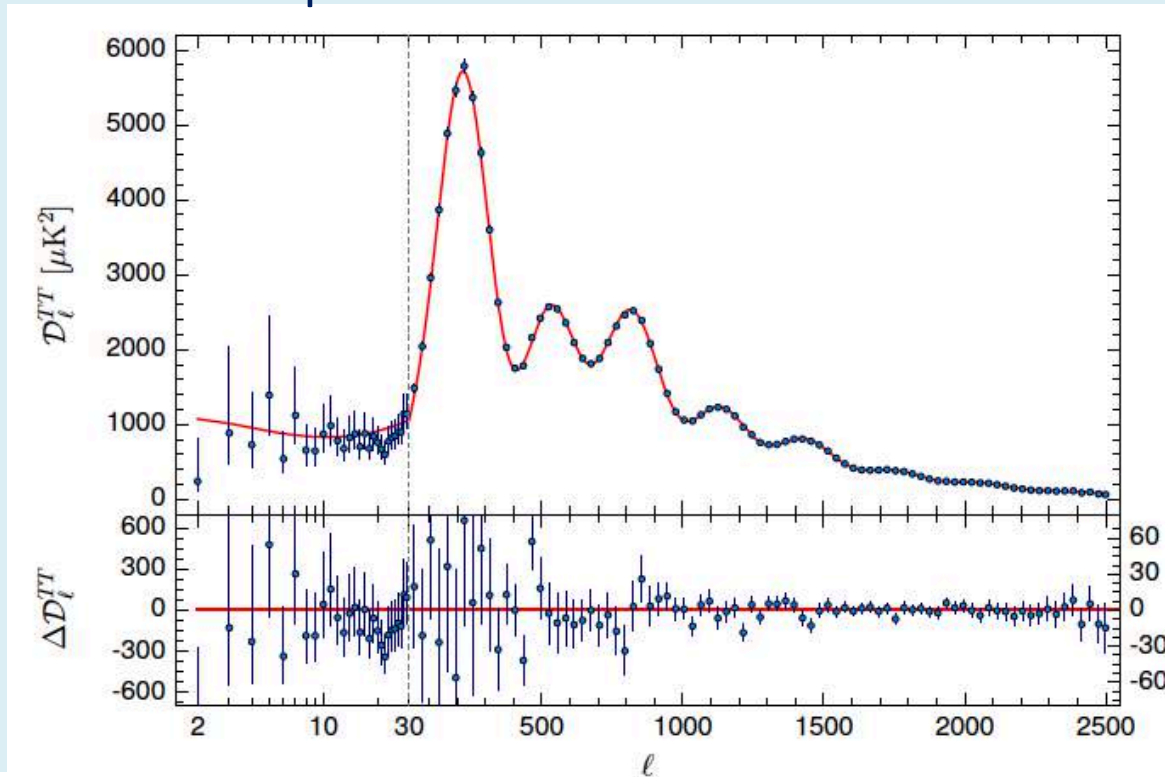
The 'independent' lines of evidence are obtained using  $\Lambda$ CDM templates!



In fact all data are *equally consistent with no acceleration* (best fit:  $a \sim t^{0.92}$ )  
 ... will need  $\sim 5 \times 10^6$  galaxy redshifts to see BAO peak *without* assuming a model



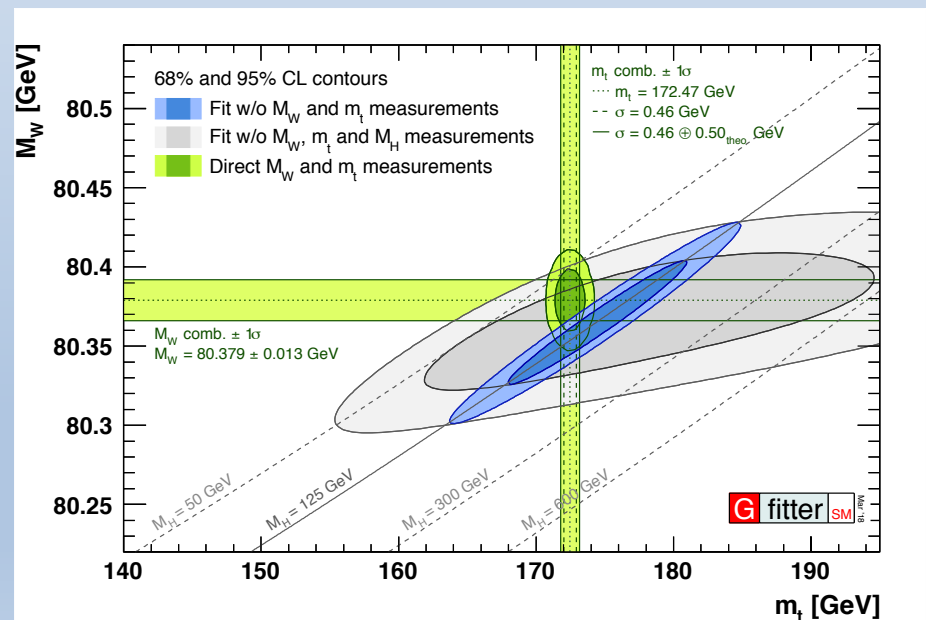
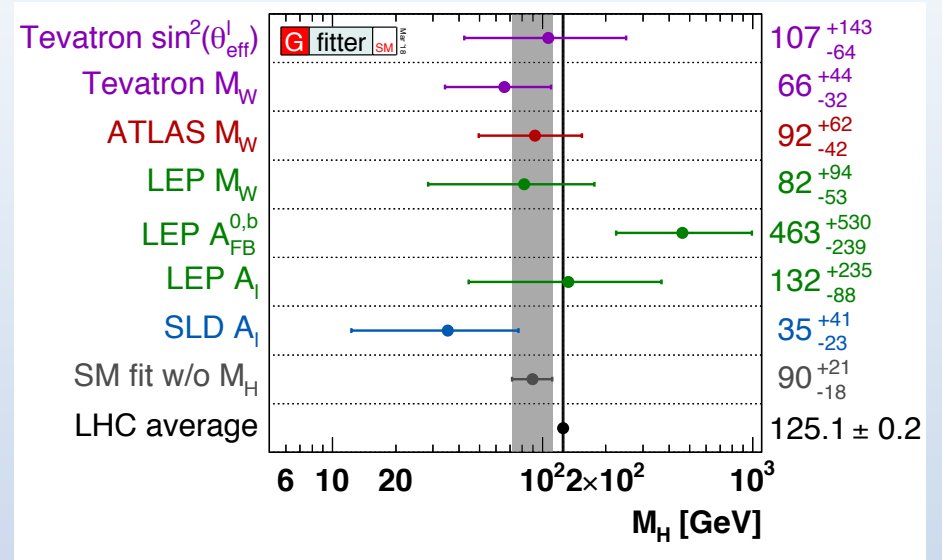
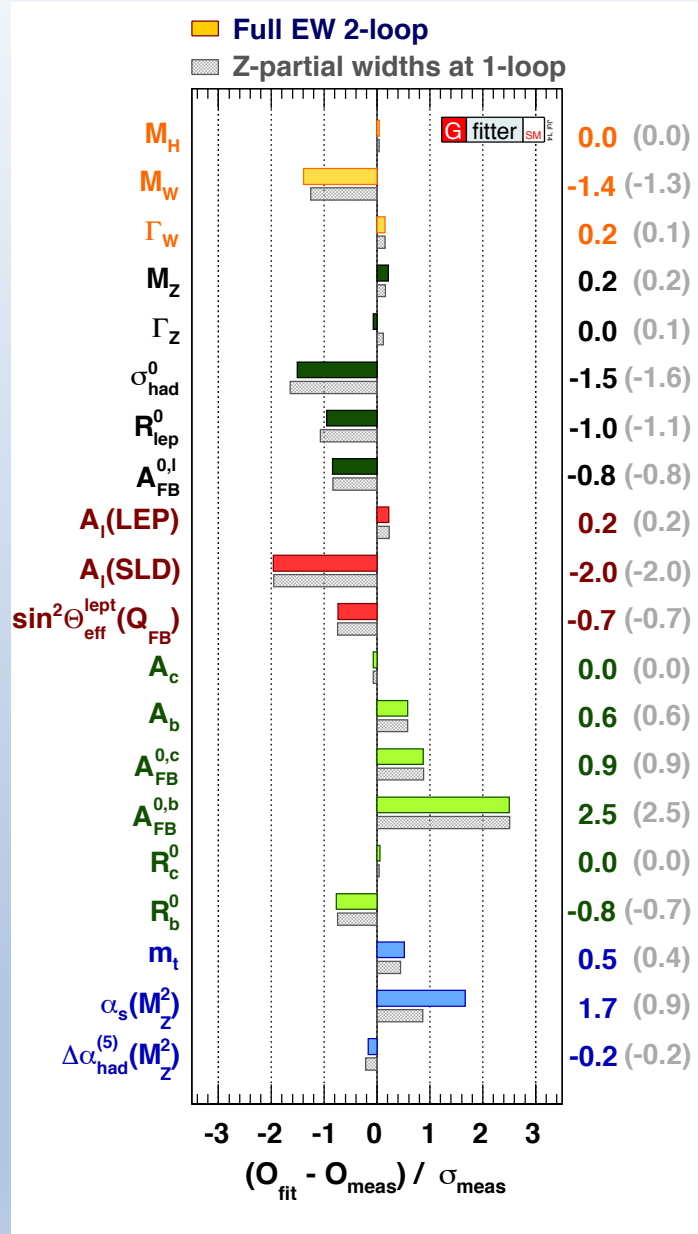
# What about the precision data on CMB anisotropies?



Parameter	[1] <i>Planck</i> TT+lowP	[2] <i>Planck</i> TE+lowP	[3] <i>Planck</i> EE+lowP	[4] <i>Planck</i> TT,TE,EE+lowP
$\Omega_b h^2$ . . . . .	$0.02222 \pm 0.00023$	$0.02228 \pm 0.00025$	$0.0240 \pm 0.0013$	$0.02225 \pm 0.00016$
$\Omega_c h^2$ . . . . .	$0.1197 \pm 0.0022$	$0.1187 \pm 0.0021$	$0.1150^{+0.0048}_{-0.0055}$	$0.1198 \pm 0.0015$
$100\theta_{MC}$ . . . . .	$1.04085 \pm 0.00047$	$1.04094 \pm 0.00051$	$1.03988 \pm 0.00094$	$1.04077 \pm 0.00032$
$\tau$ . . . . .	$0.078 \pm 0.019$	$0.053 \pm 0.019$	$0.059^{+0.022}_{-0.019}$	$0.079 \pm 0.017$
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$ . . . . .	$3.089 \pm 0.036$	$3.031 \pm 0.044$	$3.066^{+0.046}_{-0.041}$	$3.094 \pm 0.034$
$n_s$ . . . . .	$0.9655 \pm 0.0062$	$0.965 \pm 0.012$	$0.973 \pm 0.016$	$0.9645 \pm 0.0049$
$H_0$ . . . . .	$67.31 \pm 0.96$	$67.73 \pm 0.92$	$70.2 \pm 3.0$	$67.27 \pm 0.66$
$\Omega_m$ . . . . .	$0.315 \pm 0.013$	$0.300 \pm 0.012$	$0.286^{+0.027}_{-0.038}$	$0.3156 \pm 0.0091$
$\sigma_8$ . . . . .	$0.829 \pm 0.014$	$0.802 \pm 0.018$	$0.796 \pm 0.024$	$0.831 \pm 0.013$
$10^9 A_s e^{-2\tau}$ . . . . .	$1.880 \pm 0.014$	$1.865 \pm 0.019$	$1.907 \pm 0.027$	$1.882 \pm 0.012$

Where is the entry for  $\Lambda$ ?!?

There is no *direct* sensitivity of CMB anisotropy to dark energy ... it is all *inferred* (in the framework of  $\Lambda$ CDM)



Should we reject any possibility of deviations from the SM ... because it all fits so well?

## A 'TILTED' UNIVERSE?

- There is a dipole in the recession velocities of host galaxies of supernovae  
⇒ we are in a 'bulk flow' stretching out well *beyond* the scale at which the universe supposedly becomes statistically homogeneous.
- The inference that the Hubble expansion rate is accelerating is likely an artefact of the local bulk flow ... there is a strong dipole in  $q_0$  aligned with the bulk flow, and the monopole drops in significance to be consistent with zero

Could all this be an indication of new horizon-scale physics?

The 'standard' assumptions of isotropy and homogeneity are *questionable* – forthcoming surveys (Euclid, LSST, SKA ...) will enable definitive tests

**Meanwhile the inference that the universe is dominated by 'dark energy' is open to question**