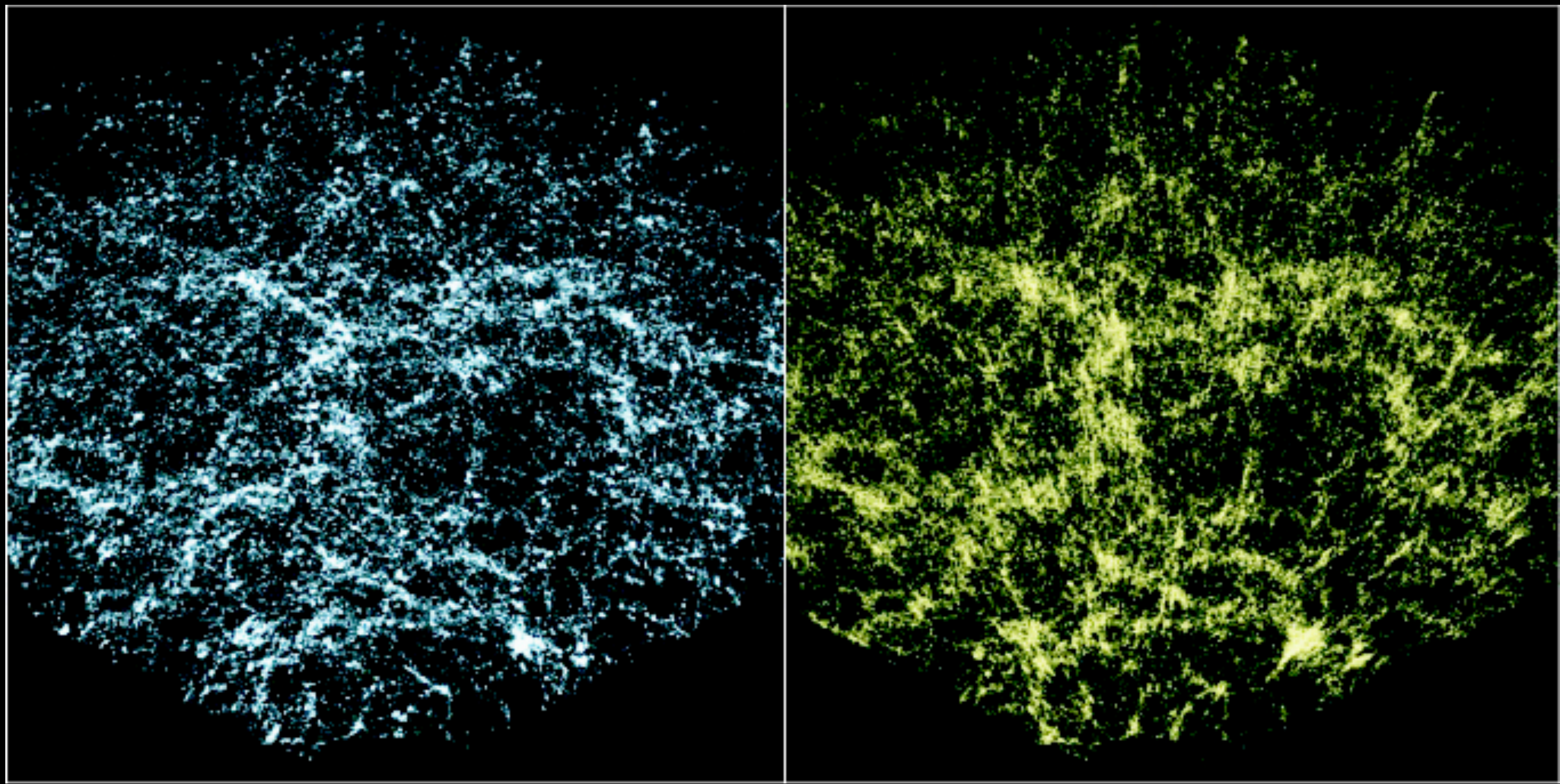
Testing the laws of gravity with redshift-space distortions (RSDs)



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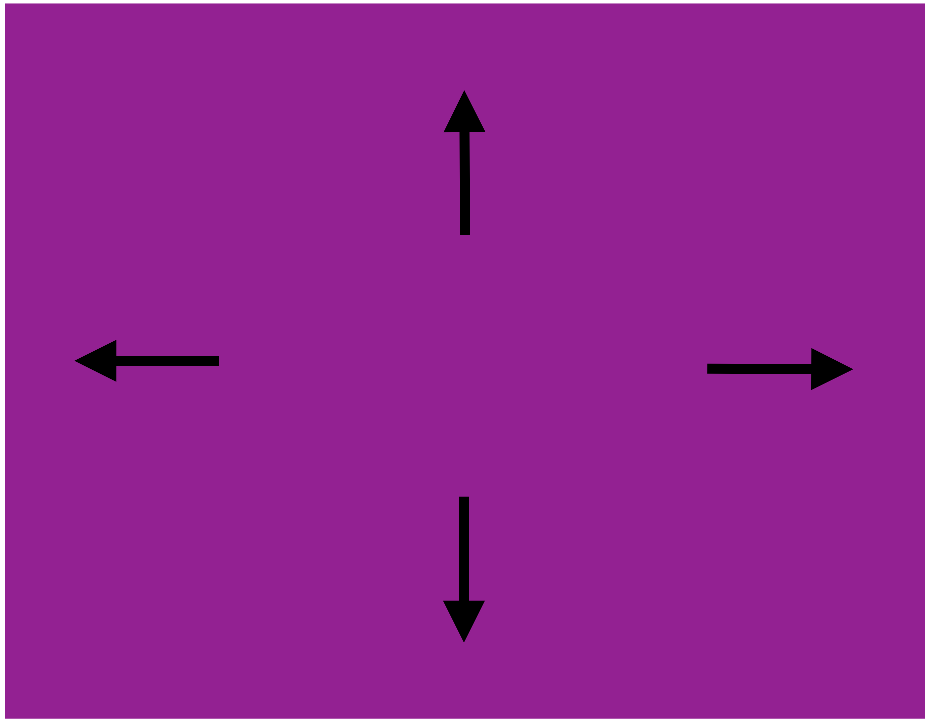
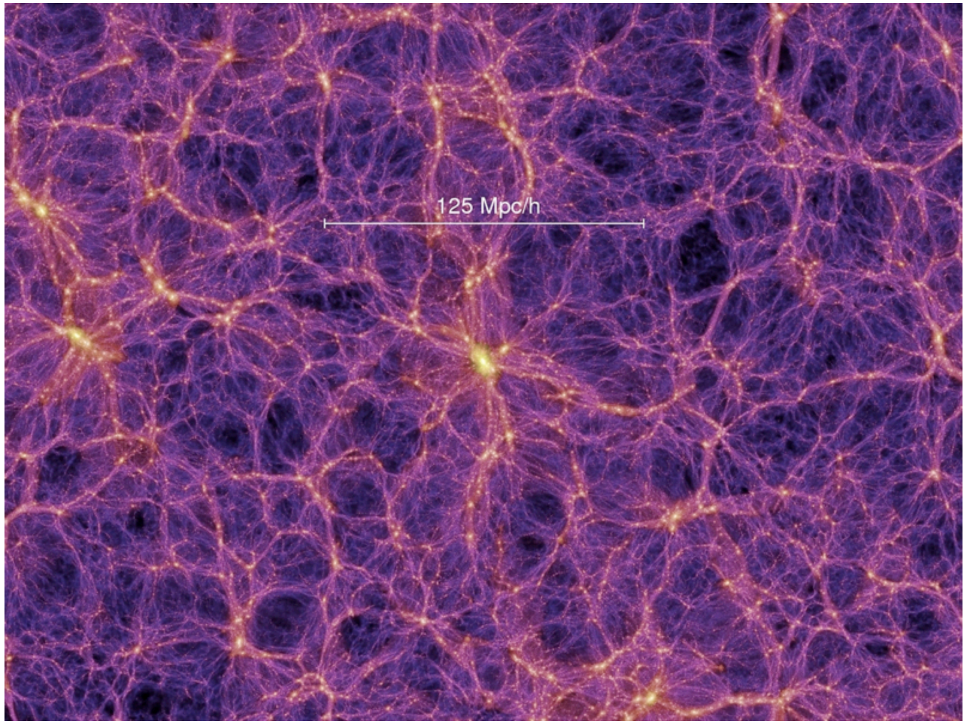
What observations can cosmologists make?

How fast is the Universe expanding with time?

How fast are structures growing within it?





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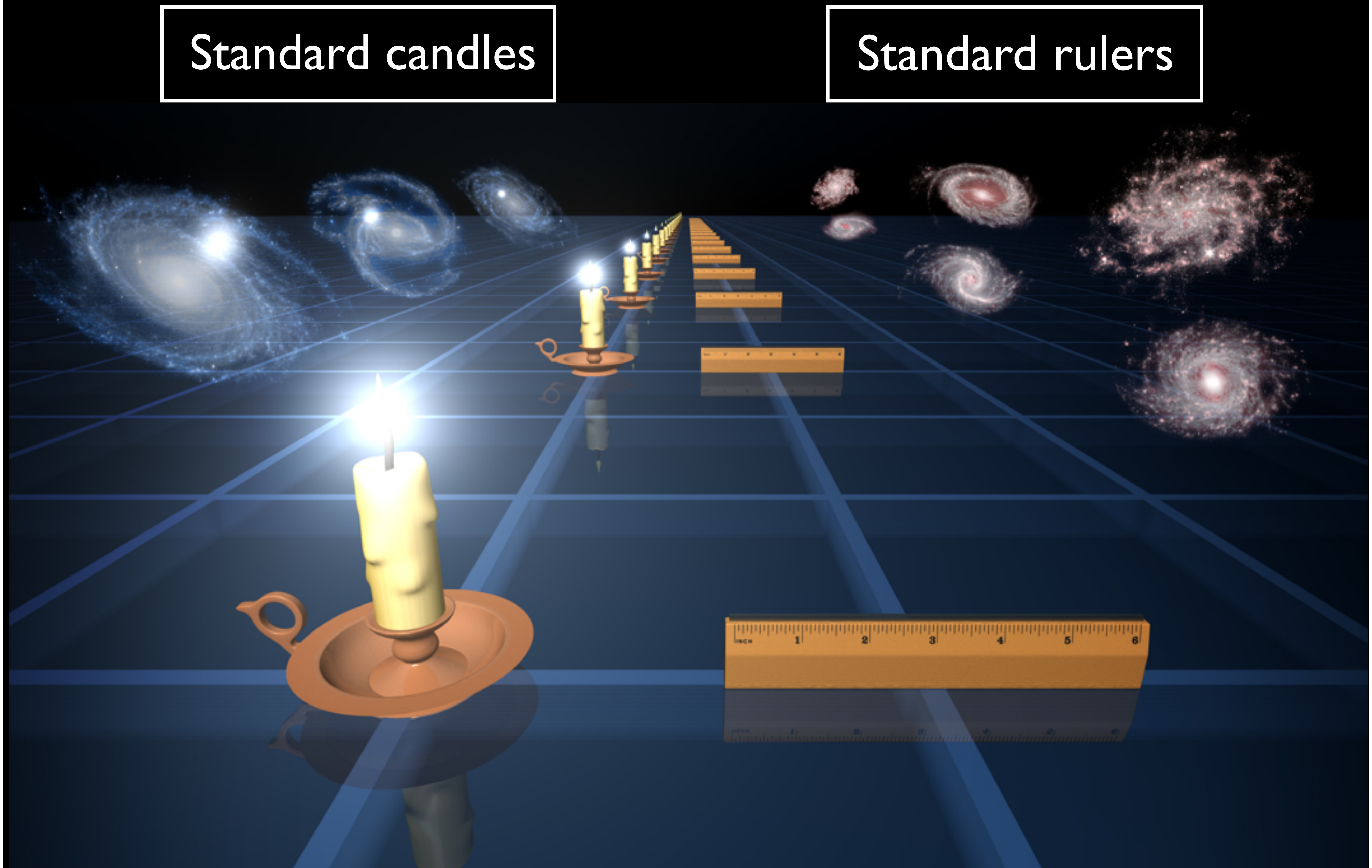

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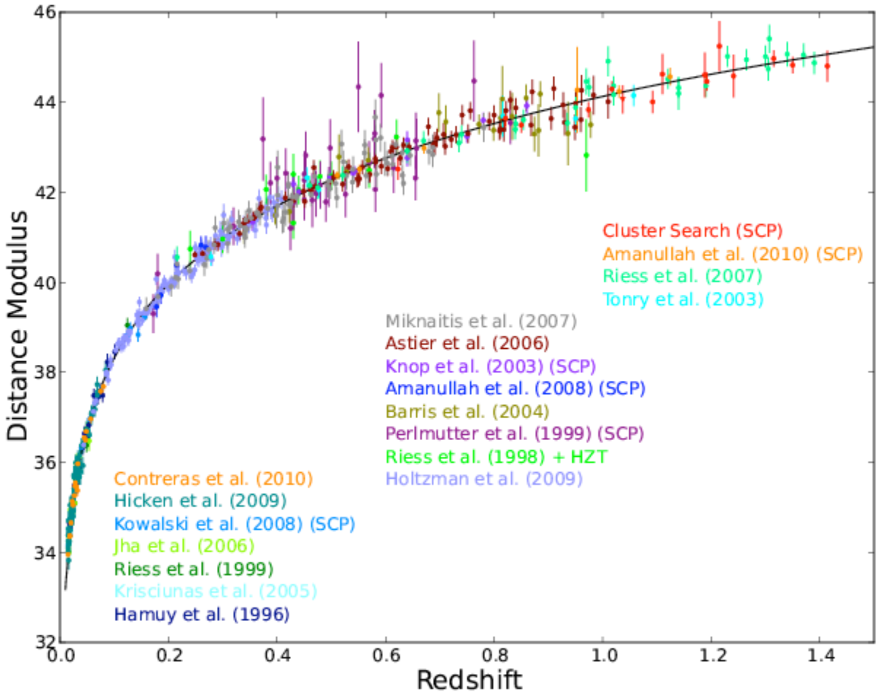
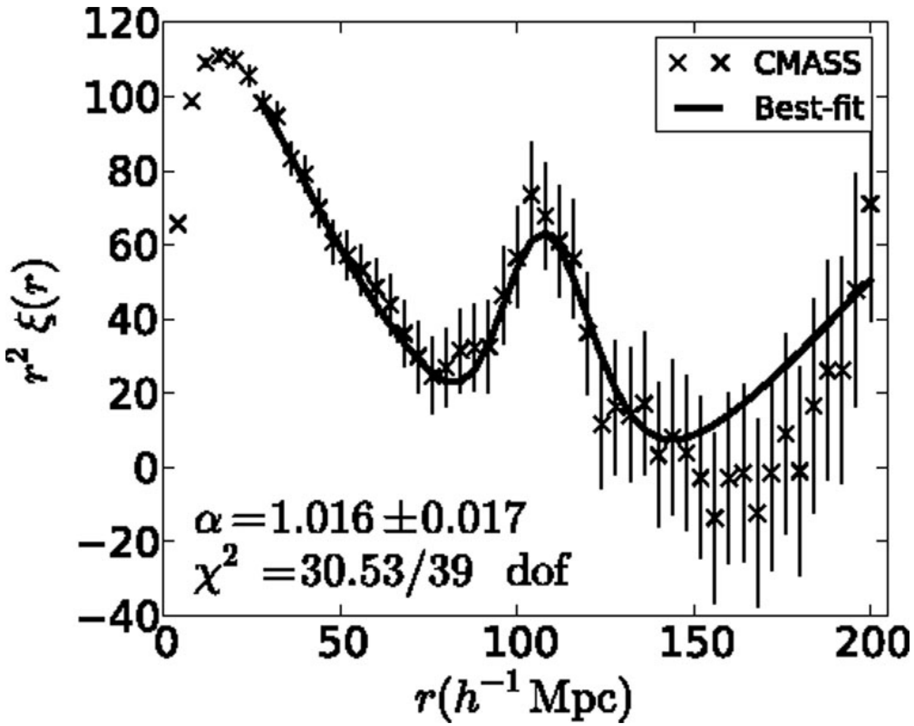
Standard candles

Credit : Amanullah et al. (2010)



Standard rulers

Credit : Anderson et al. (2013)



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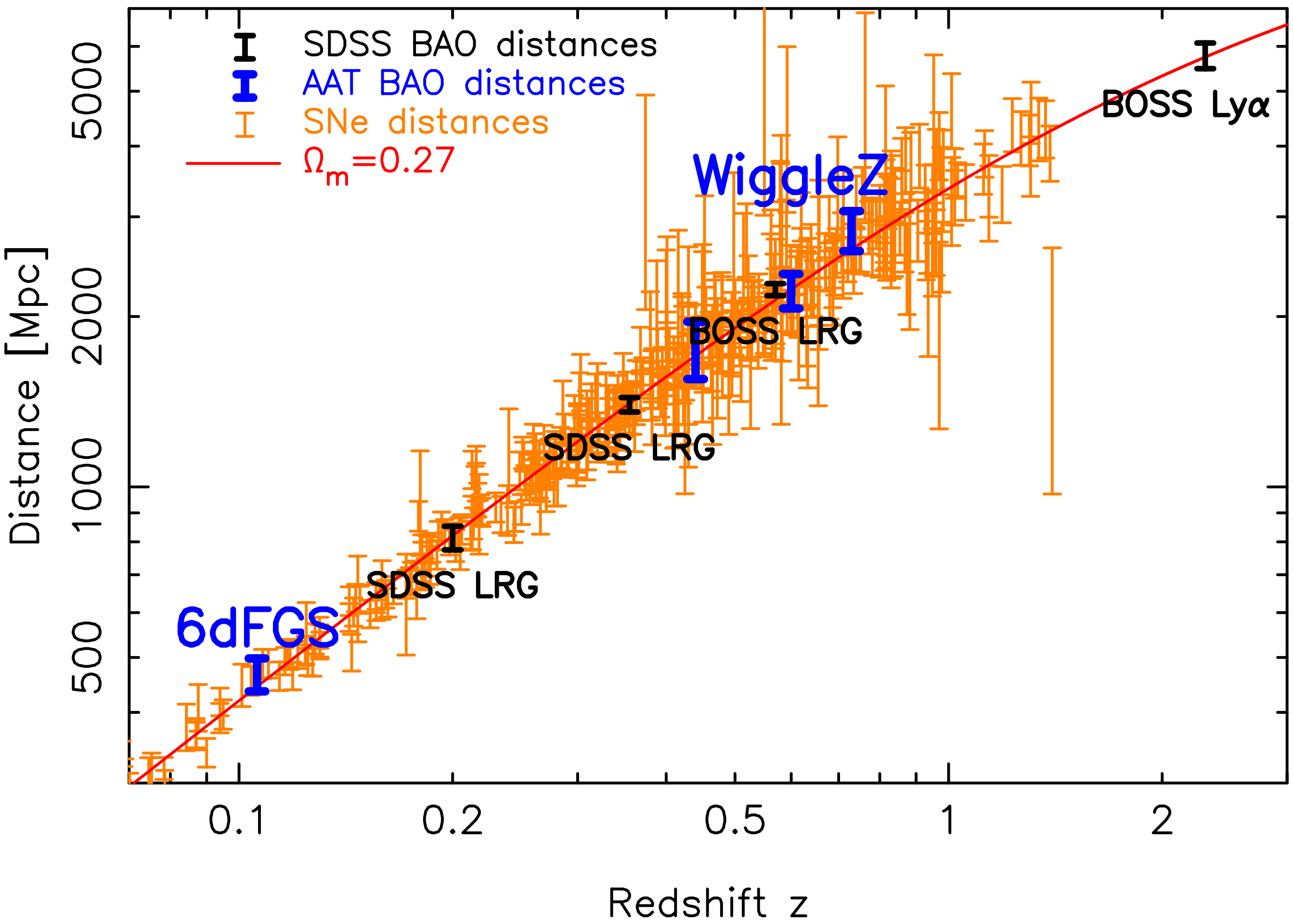

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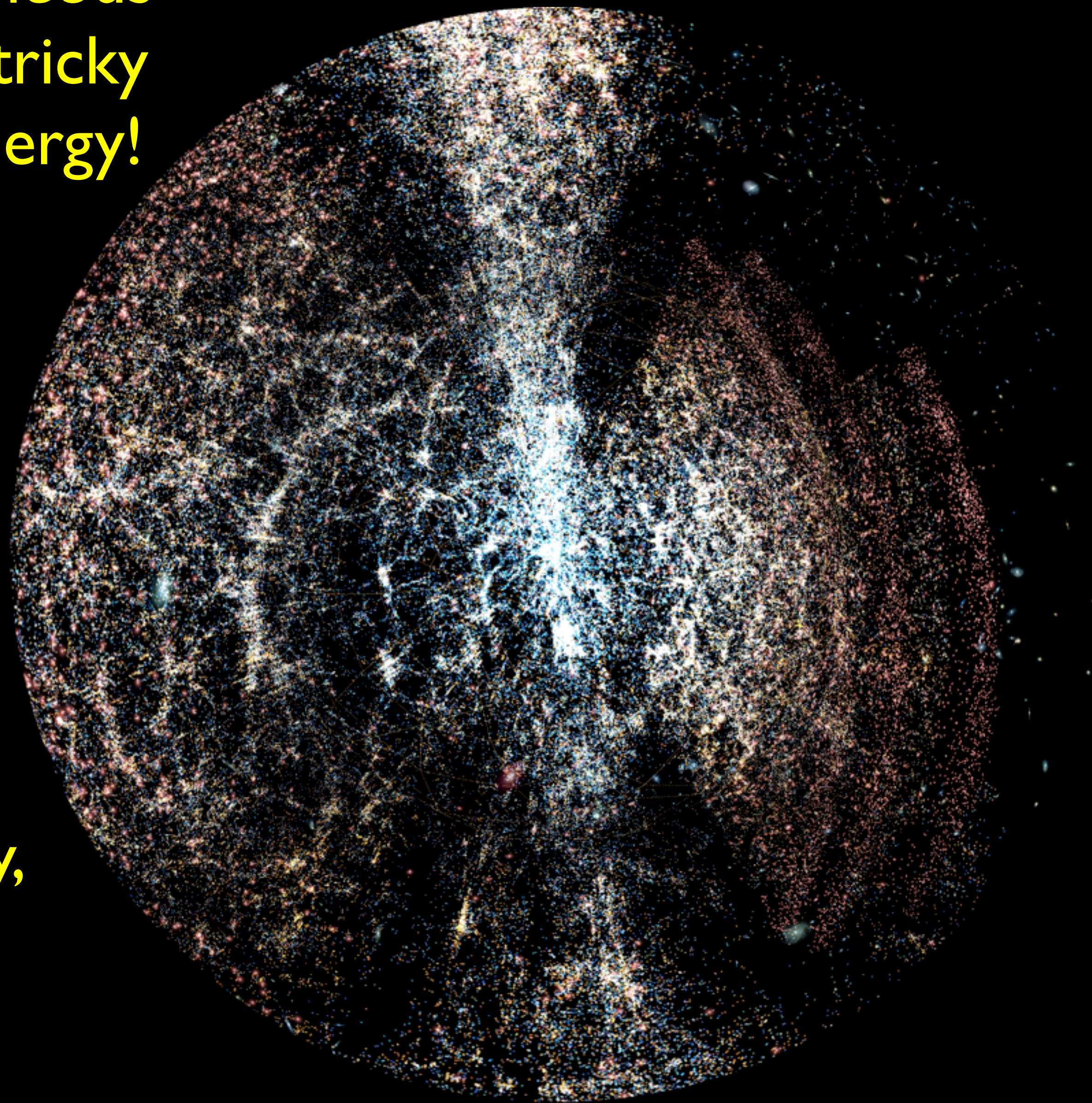
Growth of perturbations

In a perfectly homogeneous Universe, it would be tricky to understand dark energy!

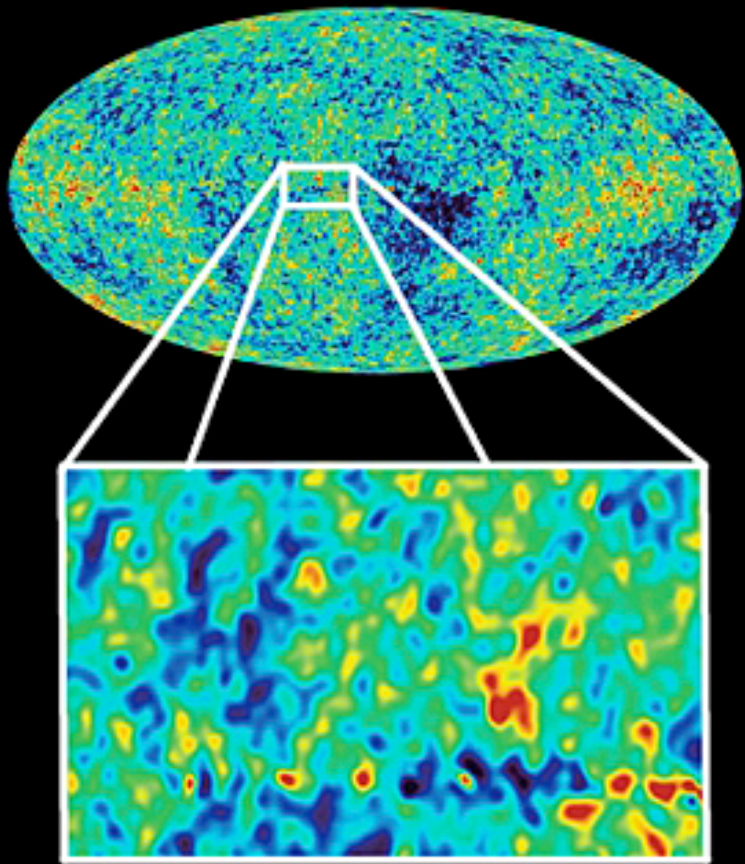
There are a rich variety of observable signatures in the clumpy Universe

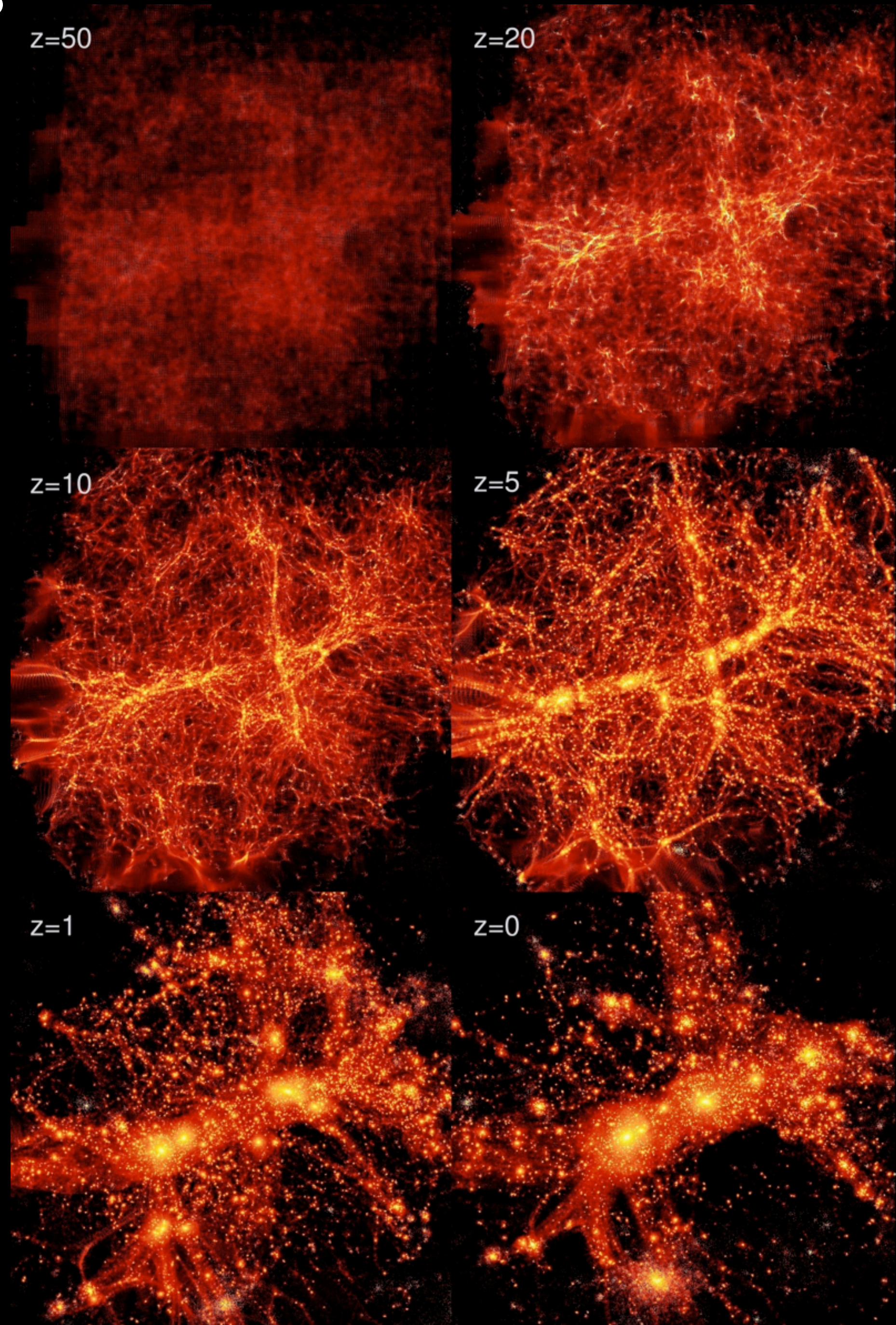
These have not been measured as accurately, and are crucial for distinguishing physics



Growth of perturbations

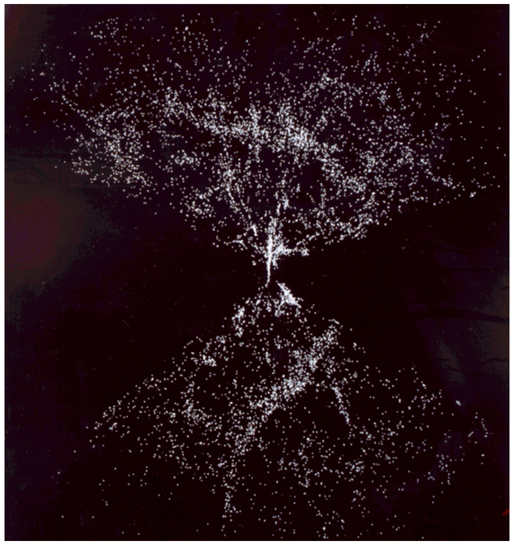
Measure these perturbations as a function of redshift (z) and scale (Fourier mode k)

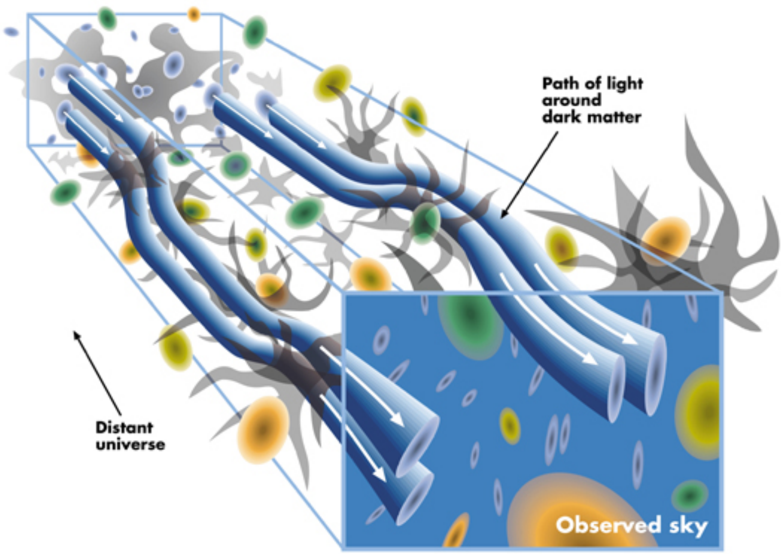


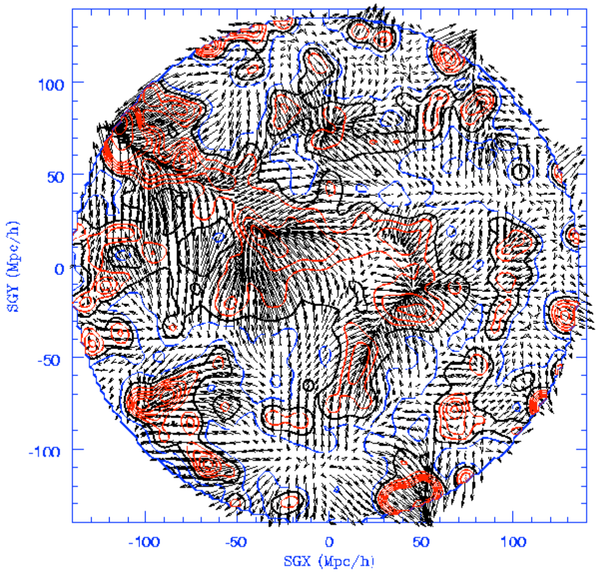


Growth of perturbations

- Clustering of galaxies [measured using a galaxy redshift survey]
- Velocities of objects [measured through the additional Doppler shift in the cosmological redshift]
- Gravitational lensing of light [measured through the correlated shapes of background galaxies as their light passes through structure]
- Abundance/properties of structures e.g. clusters/voids

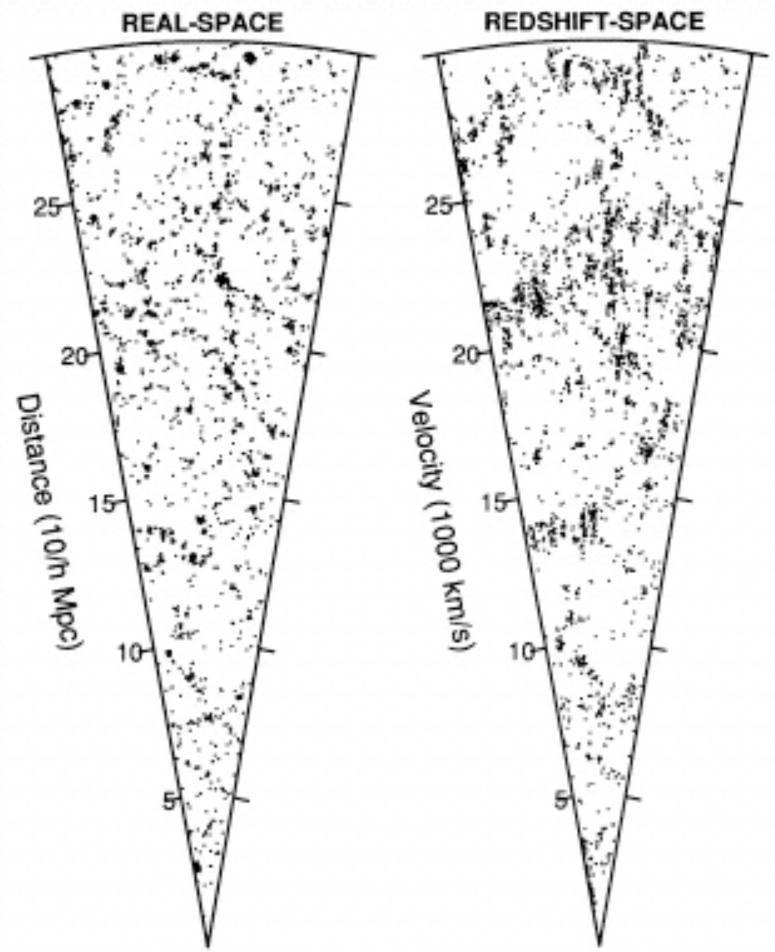






Overview

- What are redshift-space distortions (RSD)?
- How do we measure them?
- Linear theory
- Complicating issues!
- Current measurements
- Future directions



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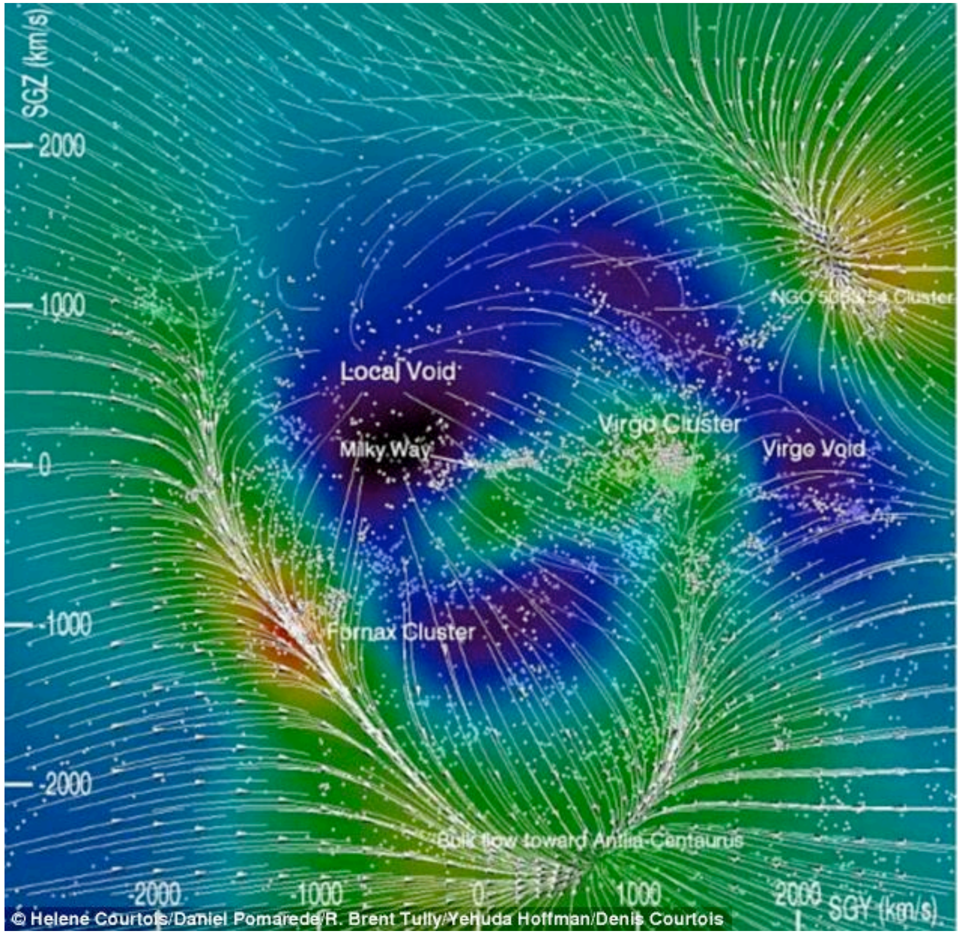

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- These velocities are driven by the matter distribution, according to gravitational physics
- For example in linear perturbation theory:

$$\theta = \vec{\nabla}.(\vec{v}/aH) = -f\,\delta_m$$

- in terms of the growth rate $f = d(\ln G)/d(\ln a)$
- where $\delta_m(a) = G(a)\,\delta_m(1)$
- The dependence of the growth rate on scale and time is a key discriminator between gravity models

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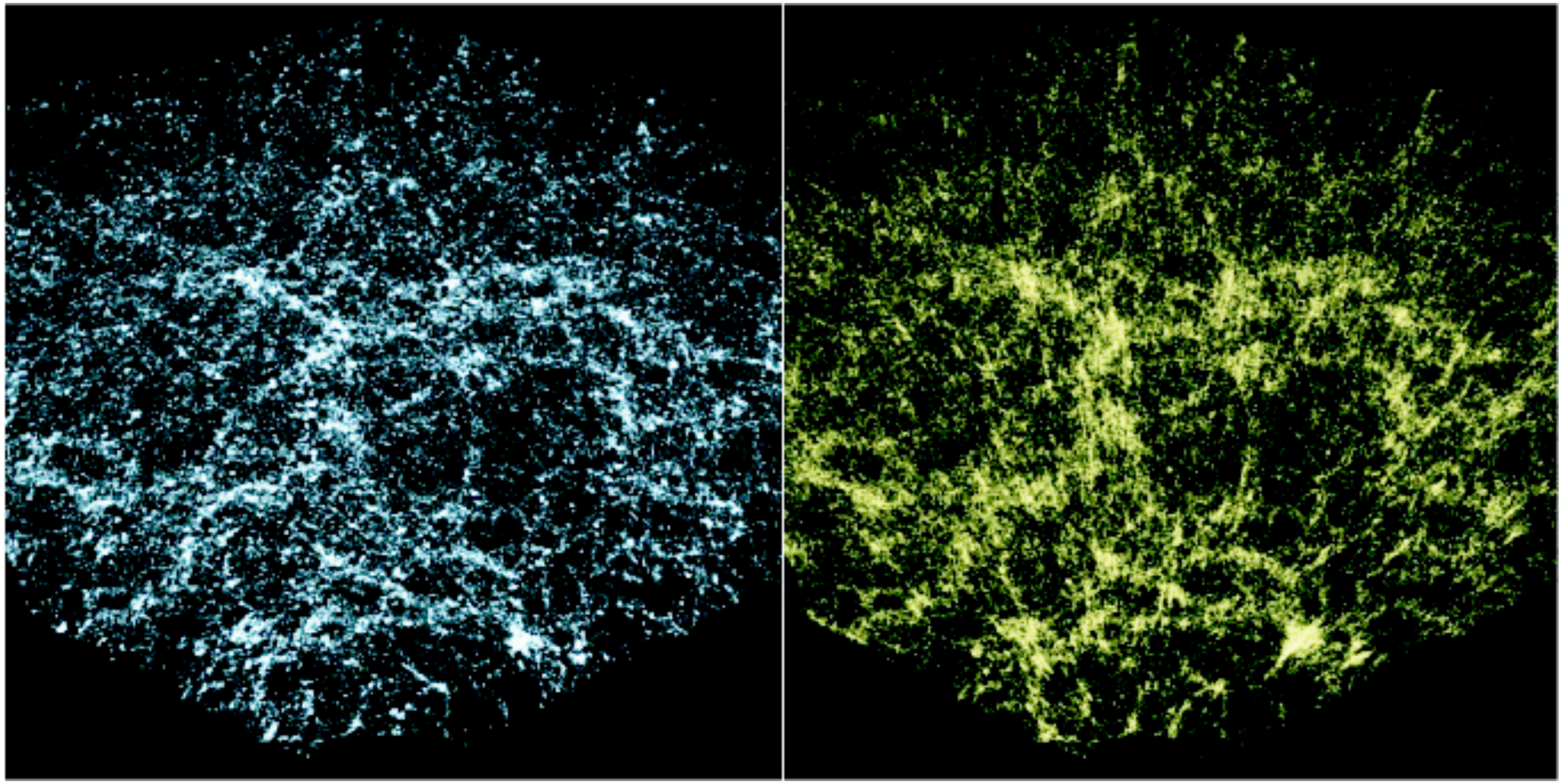

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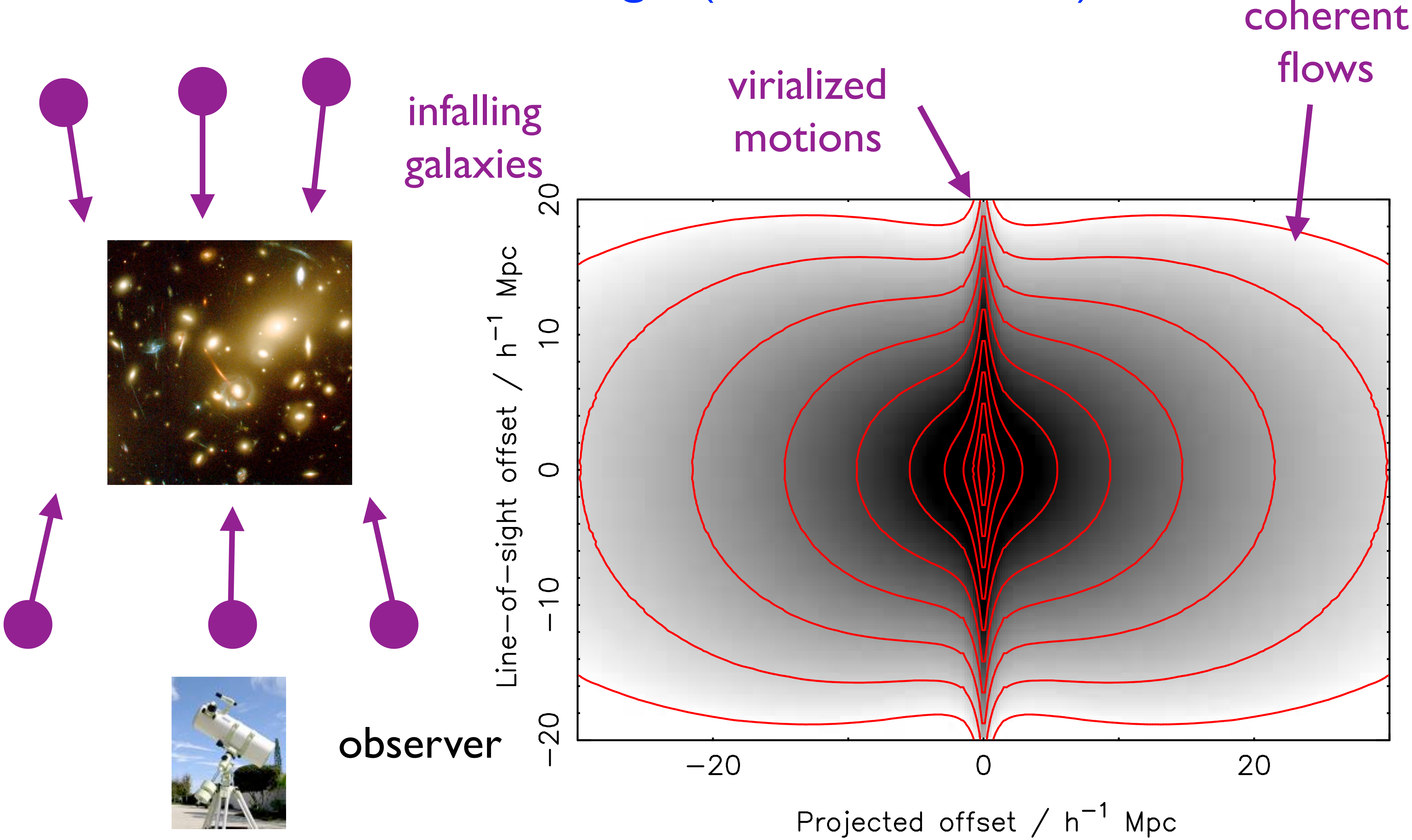
- Approach (1) : measure direct peculiar velocity v_r using standard-candle estimate of z_{cosmo}
- Approach (2) : measure redshift-space distortions in the clustering distribution of galaxies in "redshift space" (i.e. using positions based on z_{obs})
- The RSD approach has so far been the most accurate method of measuring cosmic growth

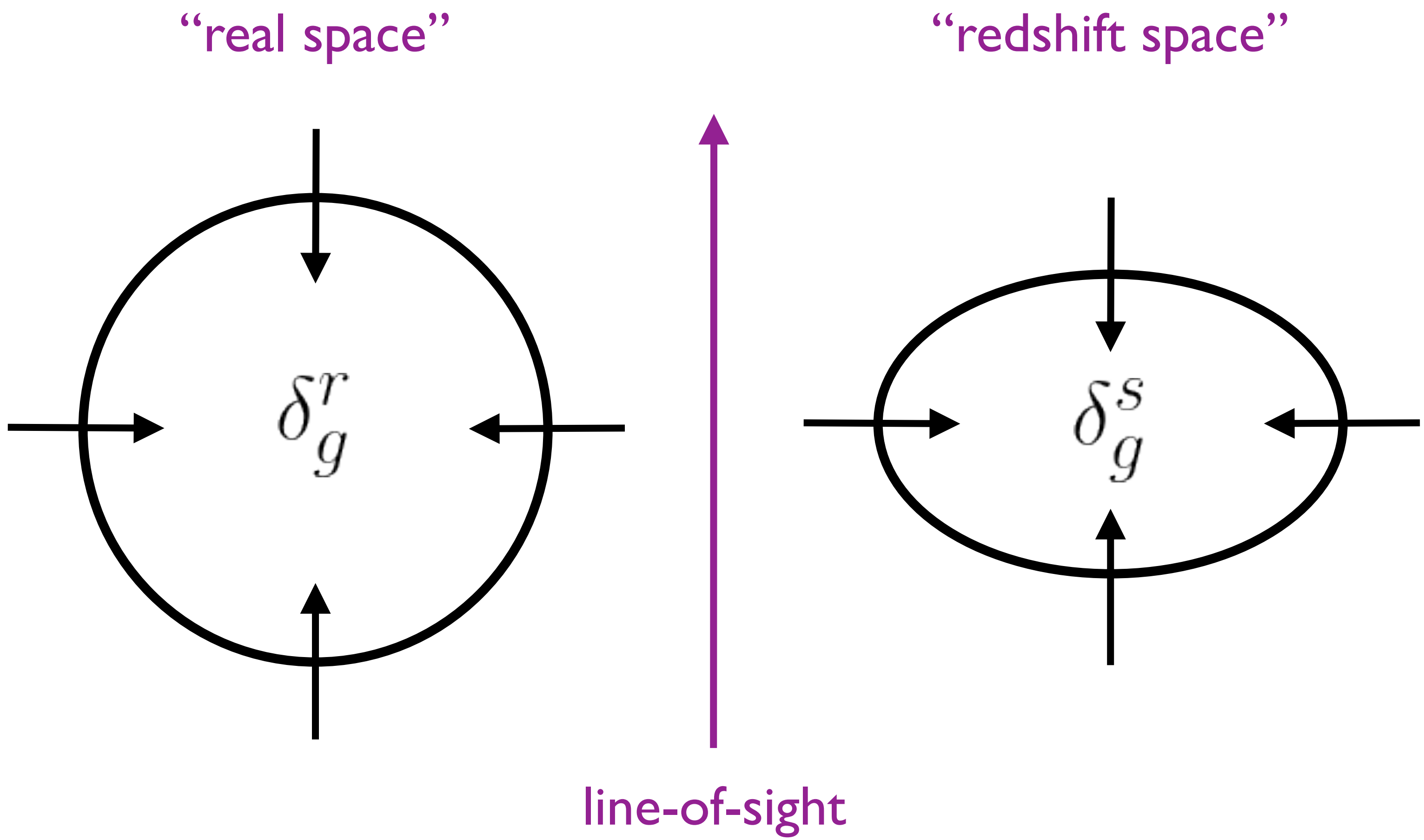
RSD basics

- What are we measuring? (cartoon version)



Linear RSD theory

- RSDs amplify galaxy overdensities and imprint a dependence on the angle to the line-of-sight



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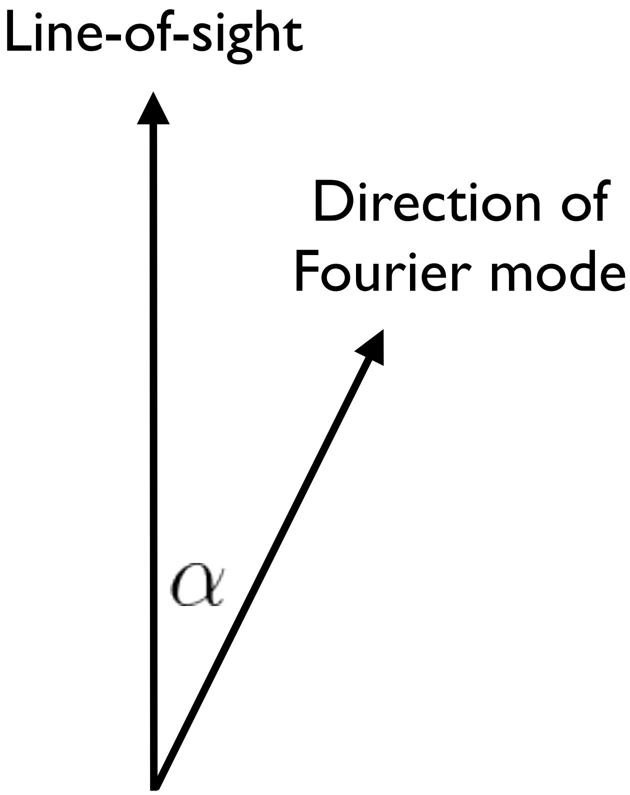

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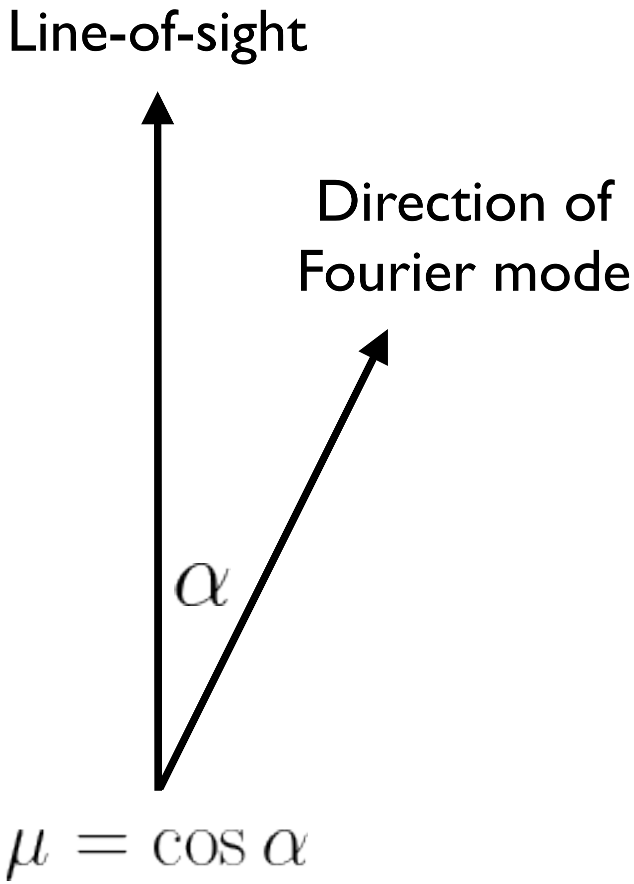

$$\boxed{\tilde{\delta}^s_g(k,\mu) = \tilde{\delta}^r_g(k) - \mu^2\,\tilde{\theta}(k)}$$

Small print:

- small overdensities
- velocity field irrotational
- continuity equation
- plane-parallel approximation

Linear RSD theory

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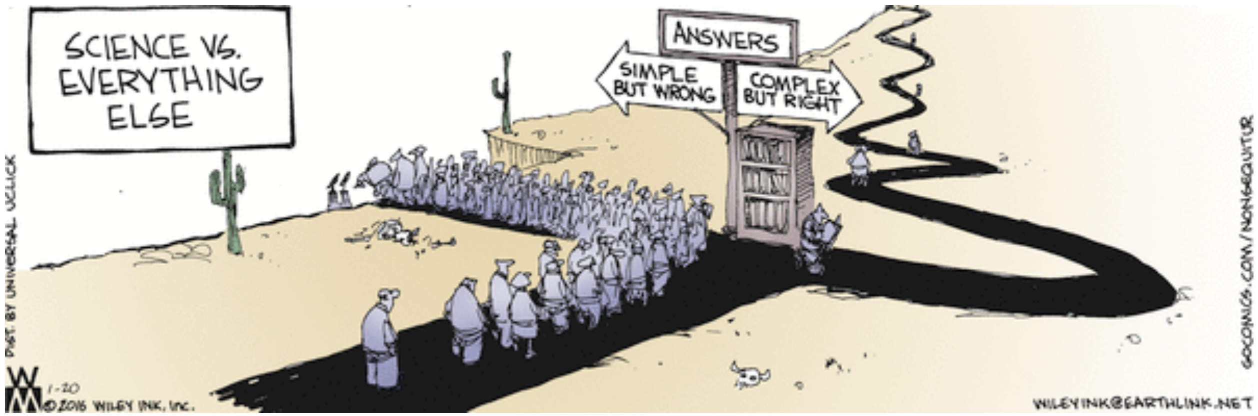
Issues!



- “Linear theory” never applies in practice!
- Perturbation theory breaks down
- Galaxy velocities have a random component
- Galaxy bias is not linear, local or deterministic
- The theoretical uncertainty in the model is greater than the observational errors!

RSD measurements

- Perform a large galaxy redshift survey
- Assume a fiducial cosmology to measure the galaxy clustering as a function of scale and line-of-sight angle
- Compress this information (e.g. into multipoles)
- Fit for the growth rate, marginalizing over nuisance parameters (e.g. velocity dispersion, galaxy bias)
- Use mock catalogues built from N-body simulations to test the model and covariance
- Compare the measurements to cosmological models

RSD measurements

- Current status: ~10% growth measurements in the range z < 1, "reasonable agreement" with CMB

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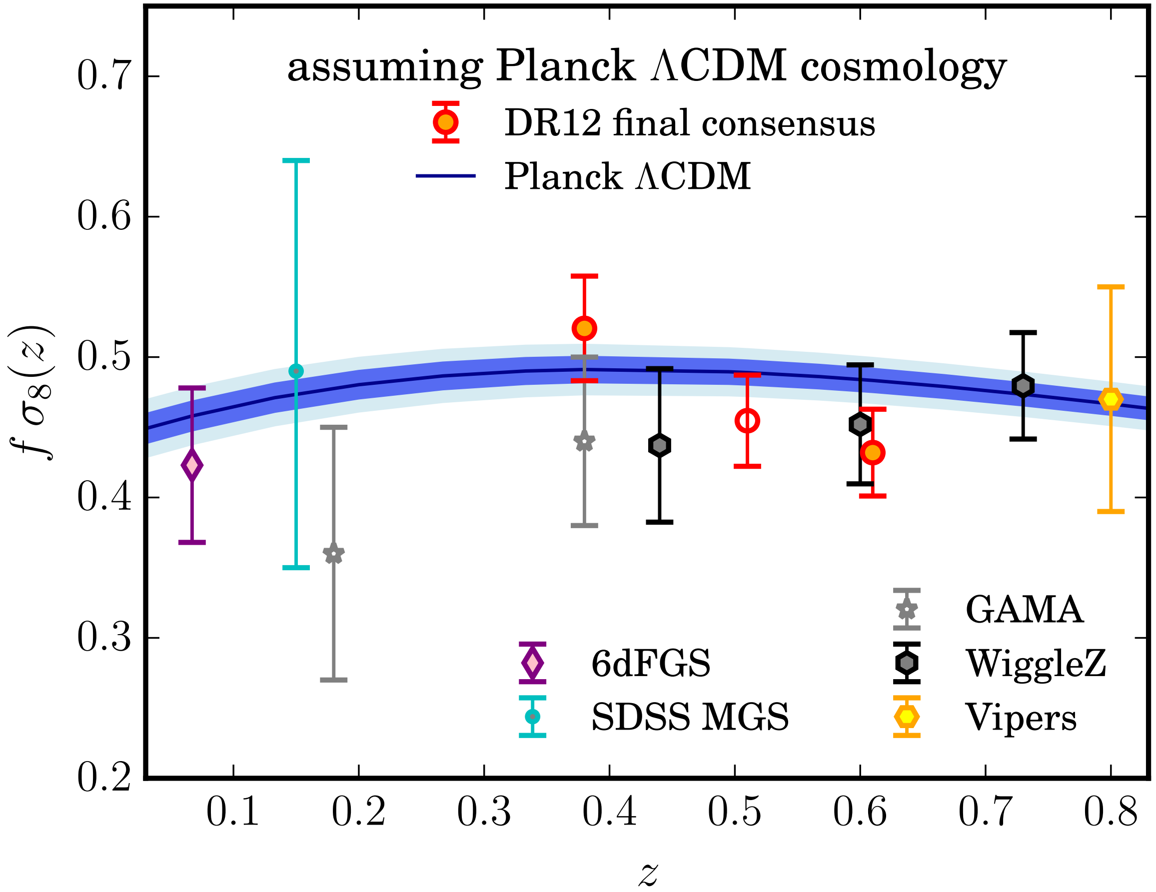

RSD measurements

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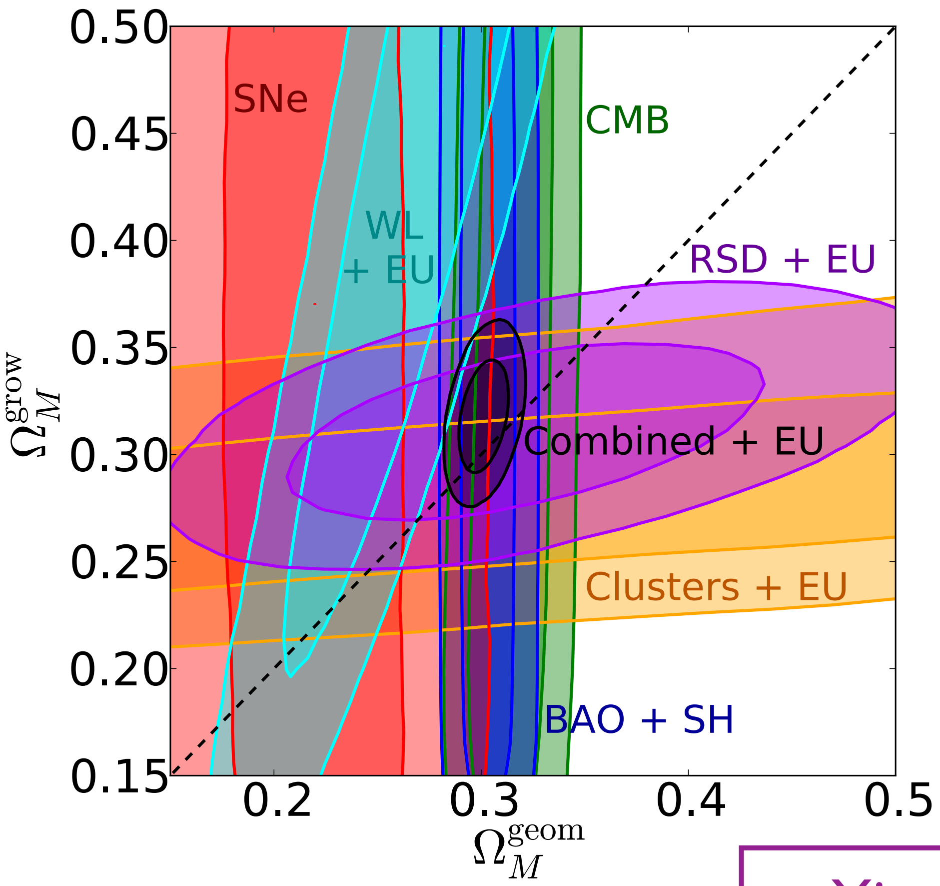

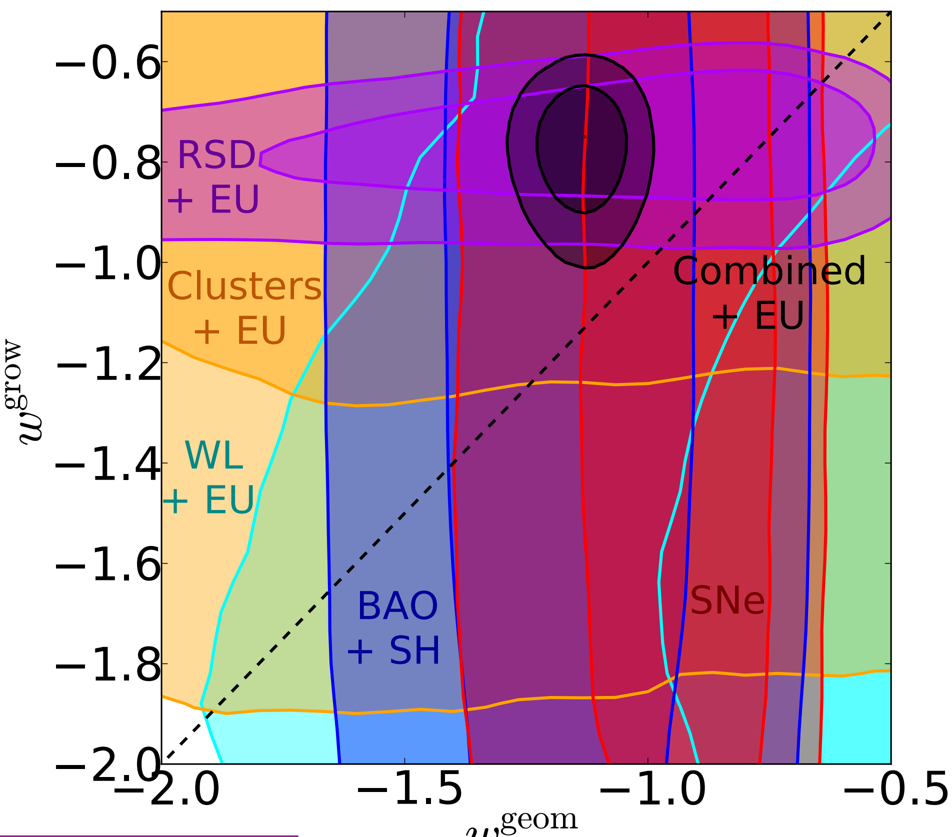

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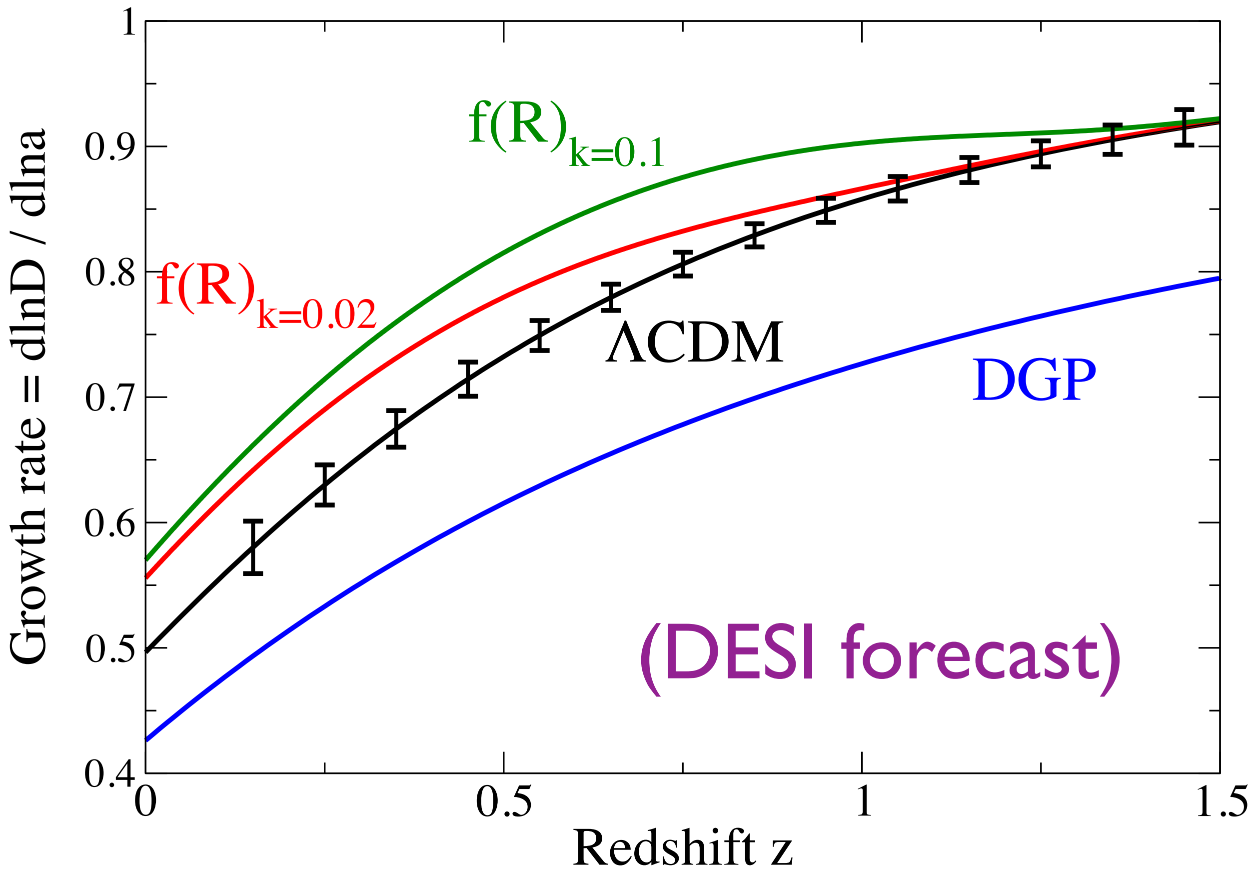
Future directions

- Future galaxy redshift surveys (e.g. DESI, Euclid, SKA) will allow per-cent level growth measurements



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Future directions

- Modelling of small-scale intra-halo velocities could allow incredibly precise tests of gravitational physics

A 2.5% measurement of the growth rate from small-scale redshift space clustering of SDSS-III CMASS galaxies

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ABSTRACT
We perform the first fit to the anisotropic clustering of SDSS-III CMASS DR10 galaxies on scales of $\sim 0.8-32\,h^{-1}$ Mpc. A standard halo occupation distribution model evaluated near the best fit Planck ΛCDM cosmology provides a good fit to the observed anisotropic clustering, and implies a normalization for the peculiar velocity field of $M \sim 2 \times 10^{13}\ h^{-1}\ M_{\odot}$ halos of $f\sigma_8(z = 0.57) = 0.450 \pm 0.011$. Since this constraint includes both quasi-linear and non-linear scales, it should severely constrain modified gravity models that enhance pairwise infall velocities on these scales. Though model dependent, our measurement represents a factor of 2.5 improvement in precision over the analysis of DR11 on large scales, $f\sigma_8(z = 0.57) = 0.447 \pm 0.028$, and is the tightest single constraint on the growth rate of cosmic structure to date. Our measurement is consistent with the Planck ΛCDM prediction of 0.480 ± 0.010 at the $\sim 1.9\sigma$ level. Assuming a halo mass function evaluated at the best fit Planck cosmology, we also find that 10% of CMASS galaxies are satellites in halos of mass $M \sim 6 \times 10^{13}$

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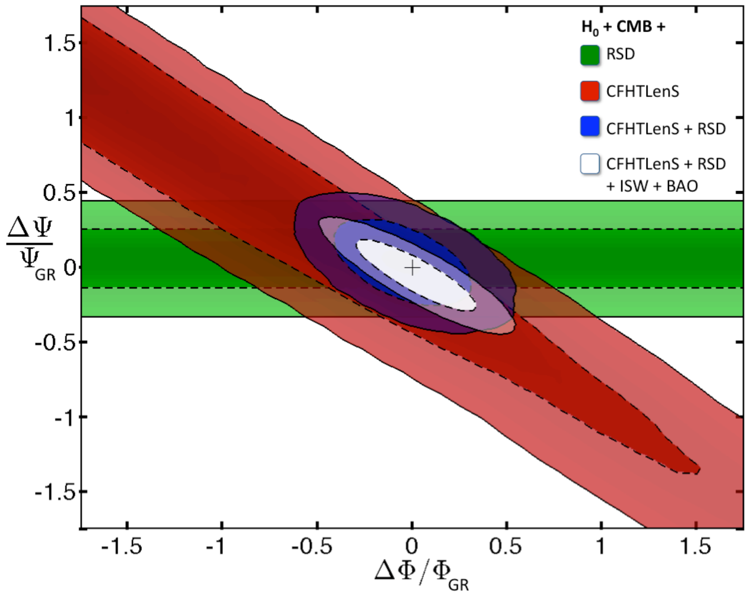
Future directions

- Cross-correlations with weak lensing allow tests of the gravitational metric potentials (and systematics)



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CFHTLenS: Testing the Laws of Gravity with Tomographic Weak Lensing and Redshift Space Distortions

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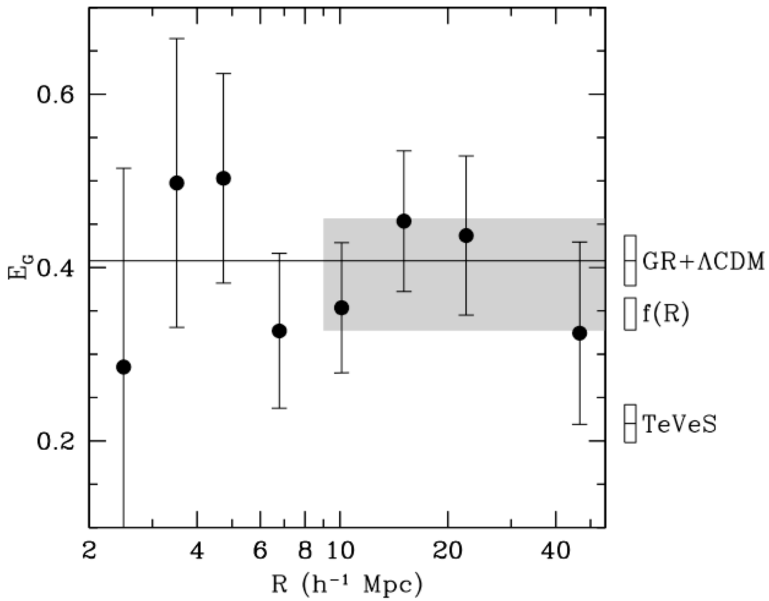

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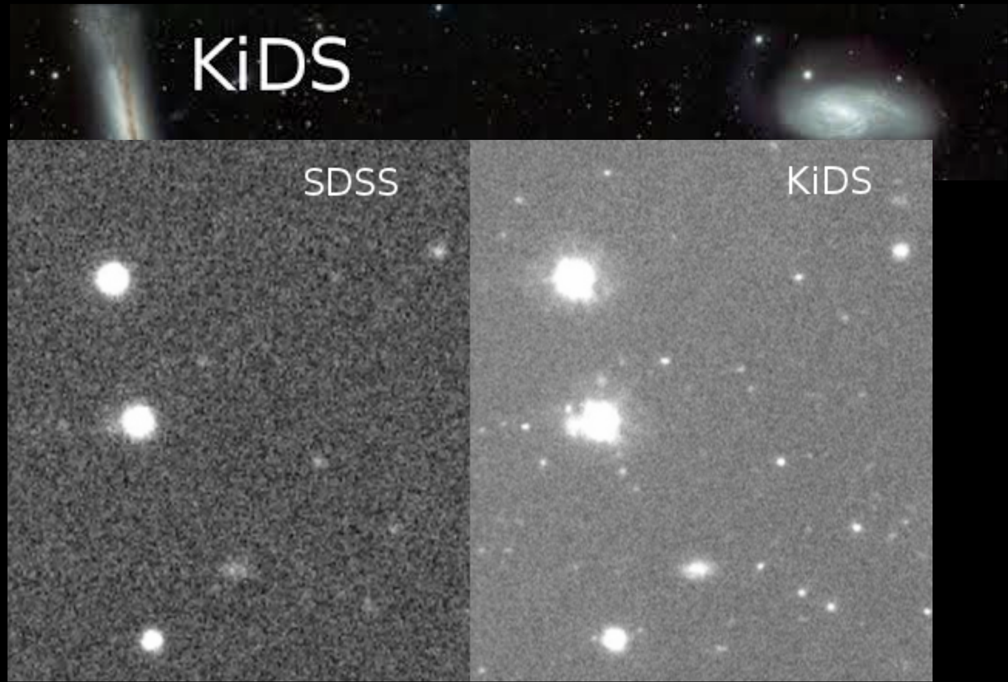

- 50 AAT nights used for spectroscopic follow-up of southern lensing surveys such as KiDS and DES
- Galaxy lens sample (~50,000) to test gravity by cross-correlating weak lensing and galaxy velocities
- Photo-z calibration samples (direct / cross-correlation)

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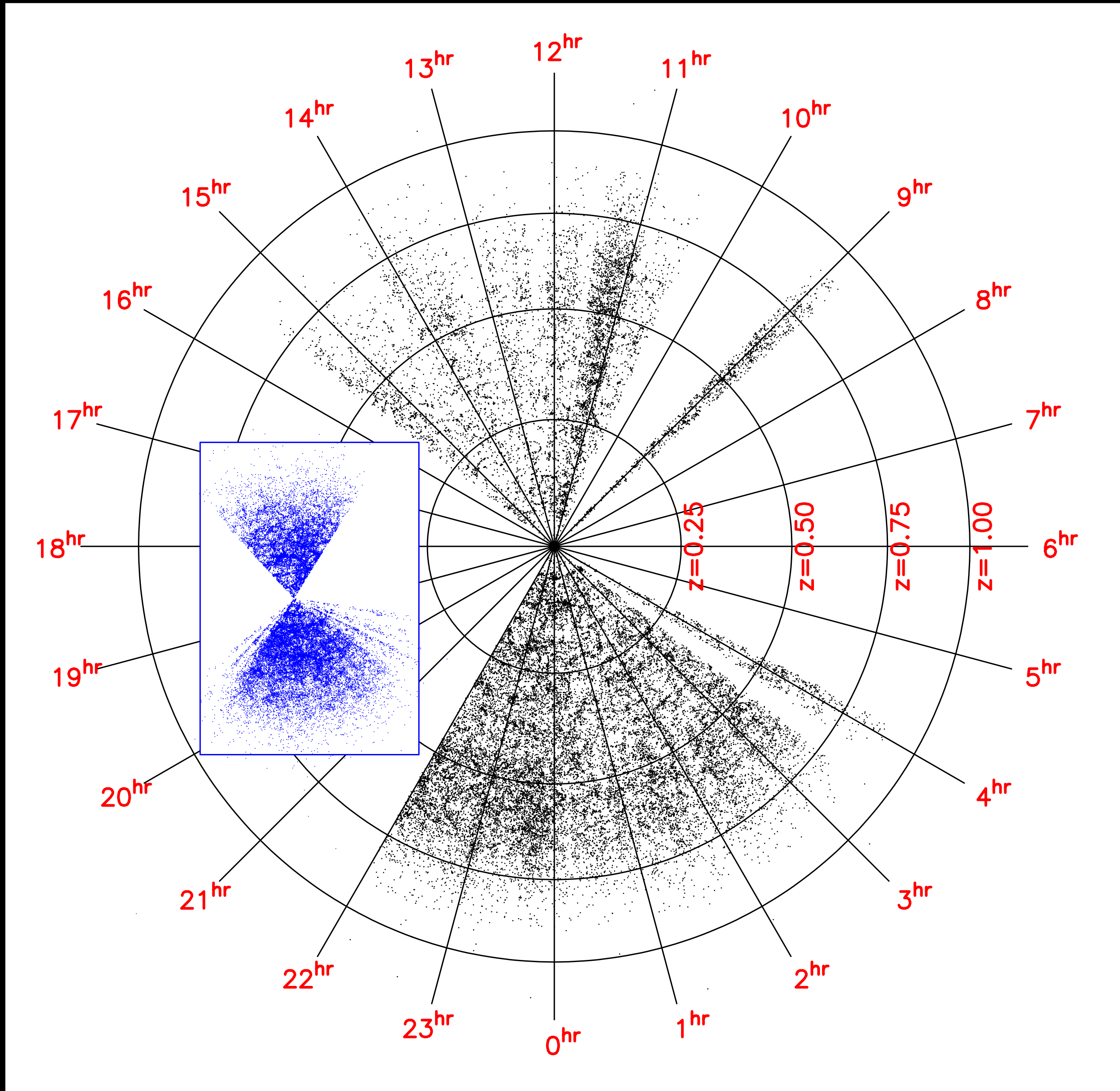
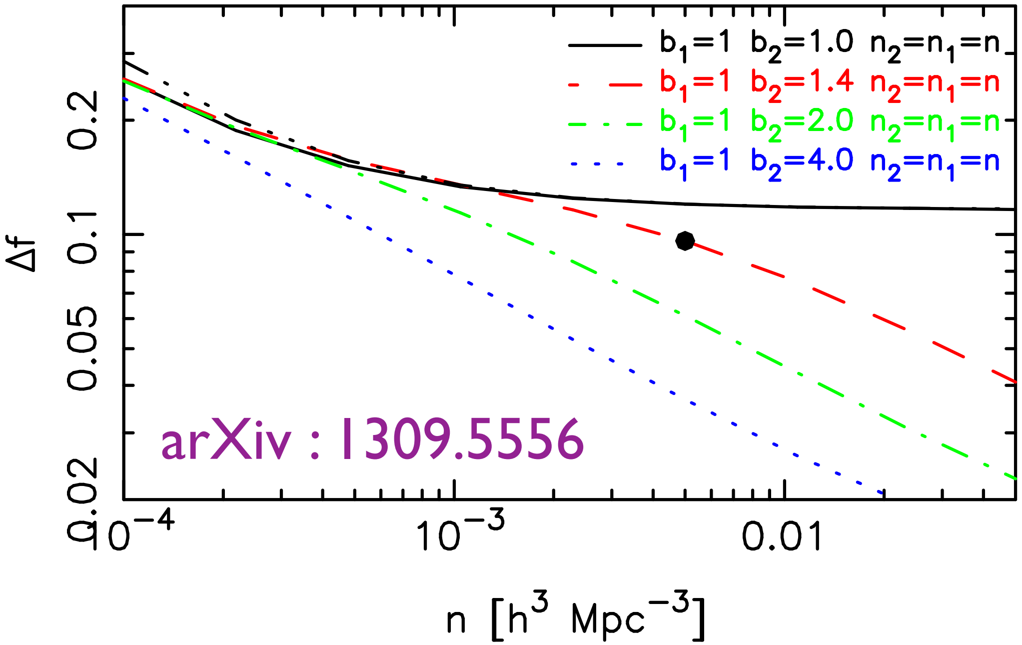


Future directions

- Surveying multiple galaxy populations across the same volume enables growth measurements below the usual "sample variance" floor



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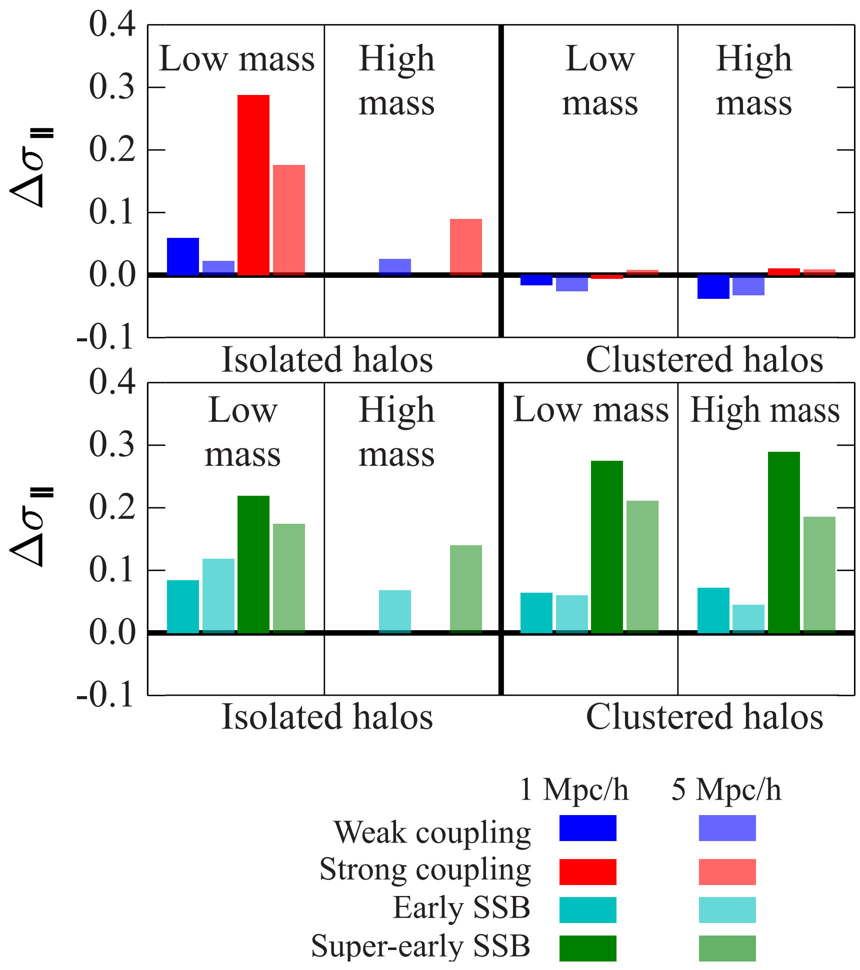
(also see Caitlin's talk!)

Future directions

- Environmental velocity statistics (e.g. around clusters, voids) can distinguish between screening mechanisms in modified gravity scenarios

(also see Ixandra's talk!)



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Summary

- Need to simultaneously measure expansion and growth to distinguish dark energy physics
- Redshift-space distortions in galaxy surveys offer the most precise existing growth test
- Data is now more precise than our ability to model it!
- N-body simulations will be critical for calibrating models and exploring modified gravity effects
- The next decade will see orders of magnitude increases in data : will we be able to utilize it?