

# Dark energy from cosmic structure

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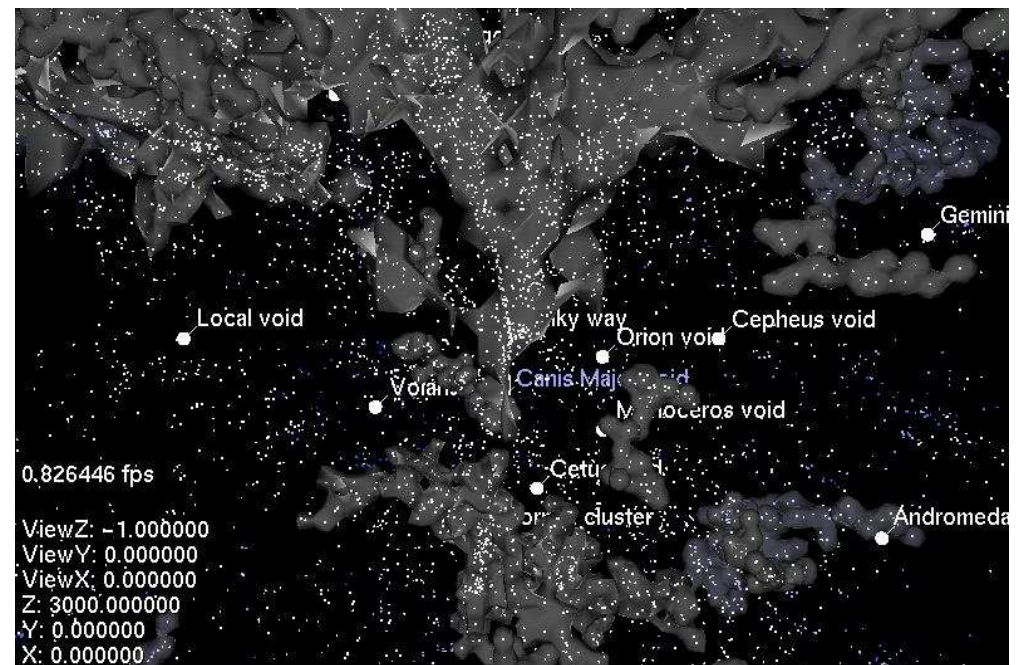
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# Outline of talk

- What is dark energy?:

*Dark energy is a misidentification of gradients in quasilocal kinetic energy of expansion of space*

(in presence of density and spatial curvature gradients on scales  $\lesssim 100 h^{-1} \text{Mpc}$  which also alter average cosmic expansion).

- Ideas and principles of *timescape scenario*
- Overview of current status of cosmological tests
  - Snela, BAO, CMB, ...
- Future tests
  - Timescape and  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  distinguishable with *Euclid*

# Averaging and backreaction

- *Fitting problem* (Ellis 1984):  
On what scale are Einstein's field equations valid?

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

- In general  $\langle G^{\mu}_{\nu}(g_{\alpha\beta}) \rangle \neq G^{\mu}_{\nu}(\langle g_{\alpha\beta} \rangle)$
- Inhomogeneity in expansion (on  $\lesssim 100 h^{-1}$  Mpc scales) may make average non-Friedmann as structure grows
- *Weak backreaction*: Perturb about a given background
- *Strong backreaction*: fully nonlinear
  - Spacetime averages (R. Zalaletdinov 1992, 1993);
  - Spatial averages on hypersurfaces based on a  $1 + 3$  foliation (T. Buchert 2000, 2001).

# What is a cosmological particle (dust)?

- In FLRW one takes observers “comoving with the dust”
- Traditionally galaxies were regarded as dust. However,
  - Neither galaxies nor galaxy clusters are homogeneously distributed today
  - Dust particles should have (on average) invariant masses over the timescale of the problem
- Must coarse-grain over expanding fluid elements larger than the largest typical structures [voids of diameter  $30 h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$  with  $\delta_\rho \sim -0.95$  are  $\gtrsim 40\%$  of  $z = 0$  universe]

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{stellar}} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{galaxy}} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{cluster}} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{wall}} \\ \vdots \\ g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{void}} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{universe}}$$

# Dilemma of gravitational energy...

- In GR spacetime carries *energy & angular momentum*

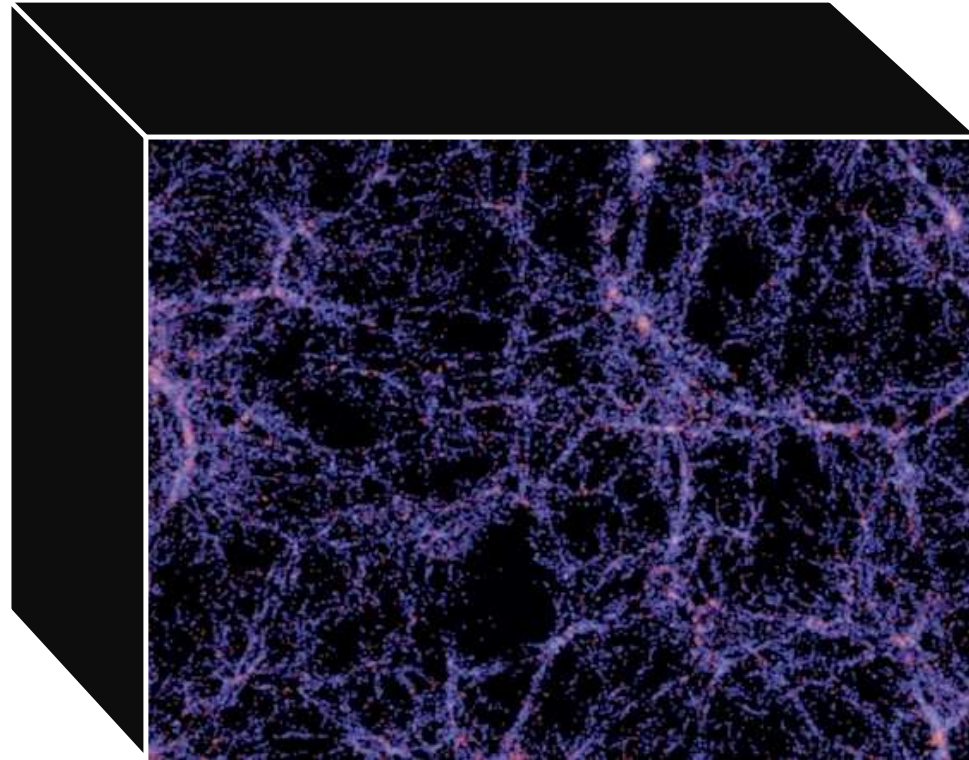
$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

- On account of the strong equivalence principle,  $T_{\mu\nu}$  contains localizable energy–momentum only
- Kinetic energy and energy associated with spatial curvature are in  $G_{\mu\nu}$ : variations are “quasilocal”!
- Newtonian version,  $T - U = -V$ , of Friedmann equation

$$\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{kc^2}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G\rho}{3}$$

where  $T = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{a}^2x^2$ ,  $U = -\frac{1}{2}kmc^2x^2$ ,  $V = -\frac{4}{3}\pi G\rho a^2x^2m$ ;  
 $\mathbf{r} = a(t)\mathbf{x}$ .

# Within a statistically average cell



- Need to consider relative position of observers over scales of tens of Mpc over which  $\delta\rho/\rho \sim -1$ .
- GR is a local theory: gradients in spatial curvature and gravitational energy can lead to calibration differences between our rulers & clocks and volume average ones

# The Copernican principle

- Retain Copernican Principle - we are at an average position *for observers in a galaxy*
- Observers in bound systems are not at a volume average position in freely expanding space
- By Copernican principle other average observers should see an isotropic CMB
- BUT *nothing in theory, principle nor observation demands that such observers measure the same mean CMB temperature nor the same angular scales in the CMB anisotropies*
- Average mass environment (galaxy) will differ significantly from volume-average environment (void)

# Cosmological Equivalence Principle

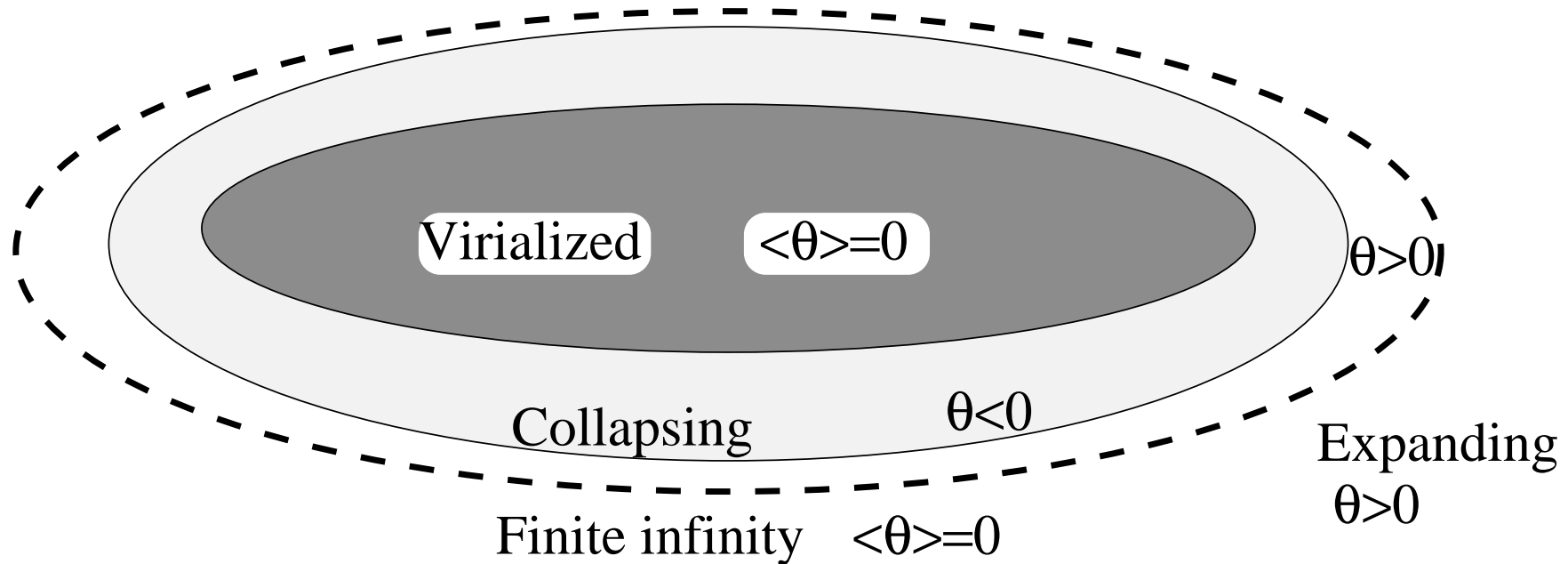
- *In cosmological averages it is always possible to choose a suitably defined spacetime region, the cosmological inertial region, on whose boundary average motions (timelike and null) can be described by geodesics in a geometry which is Minkowski up to some time-dependent conformal transformation,*

$$ds_{\text{CIR}}^2 = a^2(\eta) [-d\eta^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2],$$

- Defines Cosmological Inertial Region (CIR) in which *regionally isotropic* volume expansion is equivalent to a velocity in special relativity
- Such velocities integrated on a bounding 2-sphere define “*kinetic energy of expansion*”: globally it has gradients

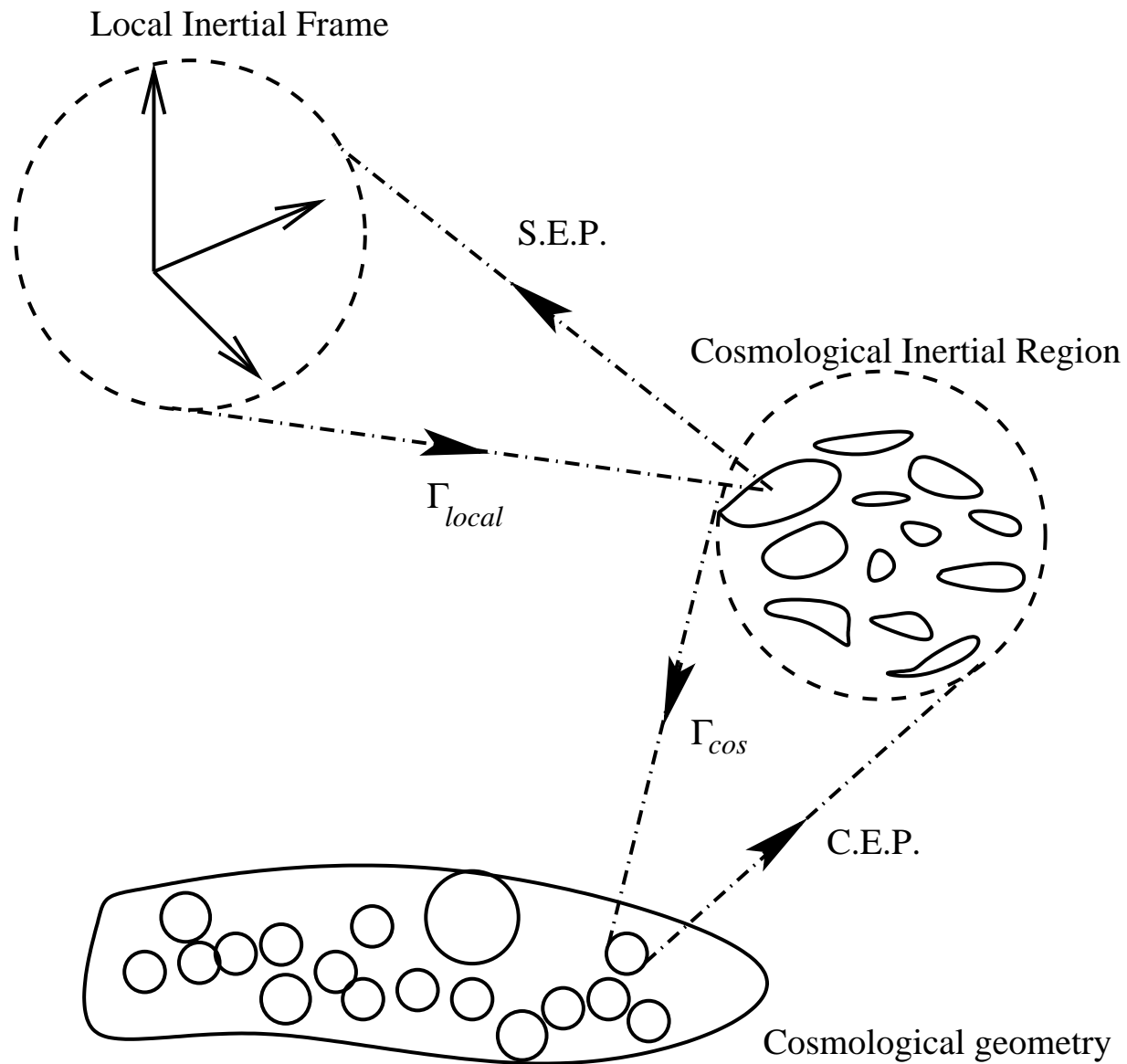


# Finite infinity



- Define *finite infinity*, “*fi*” as boundary to *connected* region within which *average expansion* vanishes  $\langle \vartheta \rangle = 0$  and expansion is positive outside.
- Shape of *fi* boundary irrelevant (minimal surface generally): could typically contain a galaxy cluster.

# Statistical geometry...



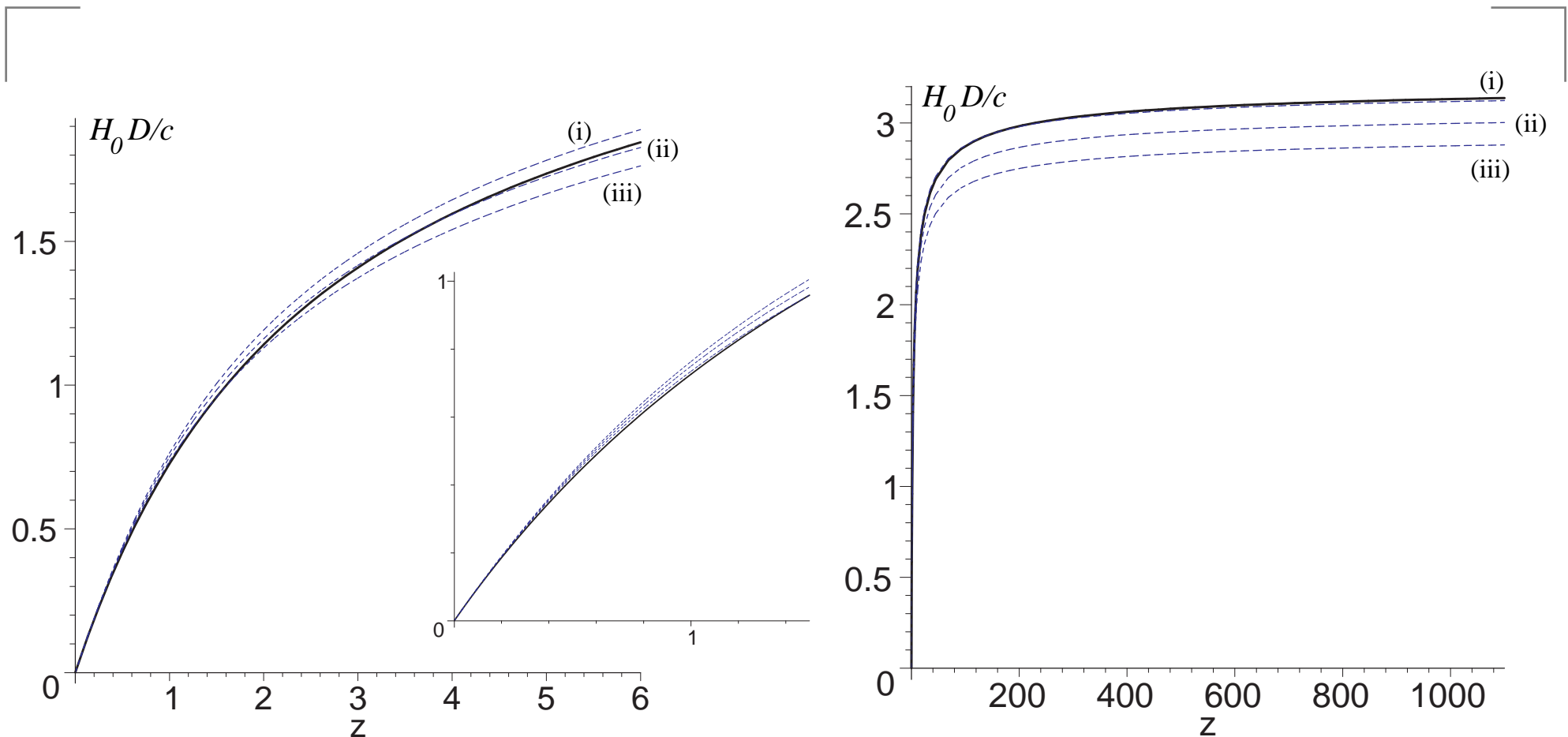
# Why is $\Lambda$ CDM so successful?

- The early Universe was extremely close to homogeneous and isotropic
- Finite infinity geometry ( $2 - 15 h^{-1}$  Mpc) is close to spatially flat (Einstein–de Sitter at late times) –  $N$ –body simulations successful *for bound structure*
- At late epochs there is a simplifying principle – Cosmological Equivalence Principle
- Hubble parameter (first derivative of statistical metric; i.e., connection) is to some extent a “gauge choice”
  - Affects local/global  $H_0$  issue
  - Has contributed to fights (e.g., Sandage vs de Vaucouleurs) depending on measurement scale
- *Even on small scales there is a notion of uniform Hubble flow at expense of calibration of rulers AND CLOCKS*

# Model detail

- Take *horizon volume average* of two populations:
  - *voids*: negatively curved, volume fraction,  $f_v$
  - “*walls*” =  $\cup\{\textit{sheets, filaments, knots}\}$  coarse grained as spatially flat, volume fraction,  $f_w = 1 - f_v$
- *Solve Buchert equations*:  
Buchert time parameter,  $t$ , is a collective coordinate of fluid cell coarse-grained at  $\sim 100 h^{-1} \text{Mpc}$ , giving *bare cosmological parameters*  $\bar{H}$ ,  $\bar{\Omega}_M$ ,  $\bar{\Omega}_R$ ,  $\bar{\Omega}_k$ ,  $\bar{\Omega}_Q$ , ...
- *Relate statistical solutions to local (“wall”) geometry*:  
Conformally match radial null geodesics to spatially flat finite infinity geometry on spherically averaged past light cone using uniform quasilocal Hubble flow condition, giving *dressed cosmological parameters*  $H$ ,  $\Omega_M$ , ...

# Dressed “comoving distance” $D(z)$



TS model, with  $f_{v0} = 0.695$ , **(black)** compared to 3 spatially flat  $\Lambda$ CDM models (blue): **(i)**  $\Omega_{M0} = 0.3175$  (best-fit  $\Lambda$ CDM model to Planck); **(ii)**  $\Omega_{M0} = 0.35$ ; **(iii)**  $\Omega_{M0} = 0.388$ .

# Apparent cosmic acceleration

- Volume average observer sees no apparent cosmic acceleration

$$\bar{q} = \frac{2(1 - f_v)^2}{(2 + f_v)^2}.$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $f_v \rightarrow 1$  and  $\bar{q} \rightarrow 0^+$ .

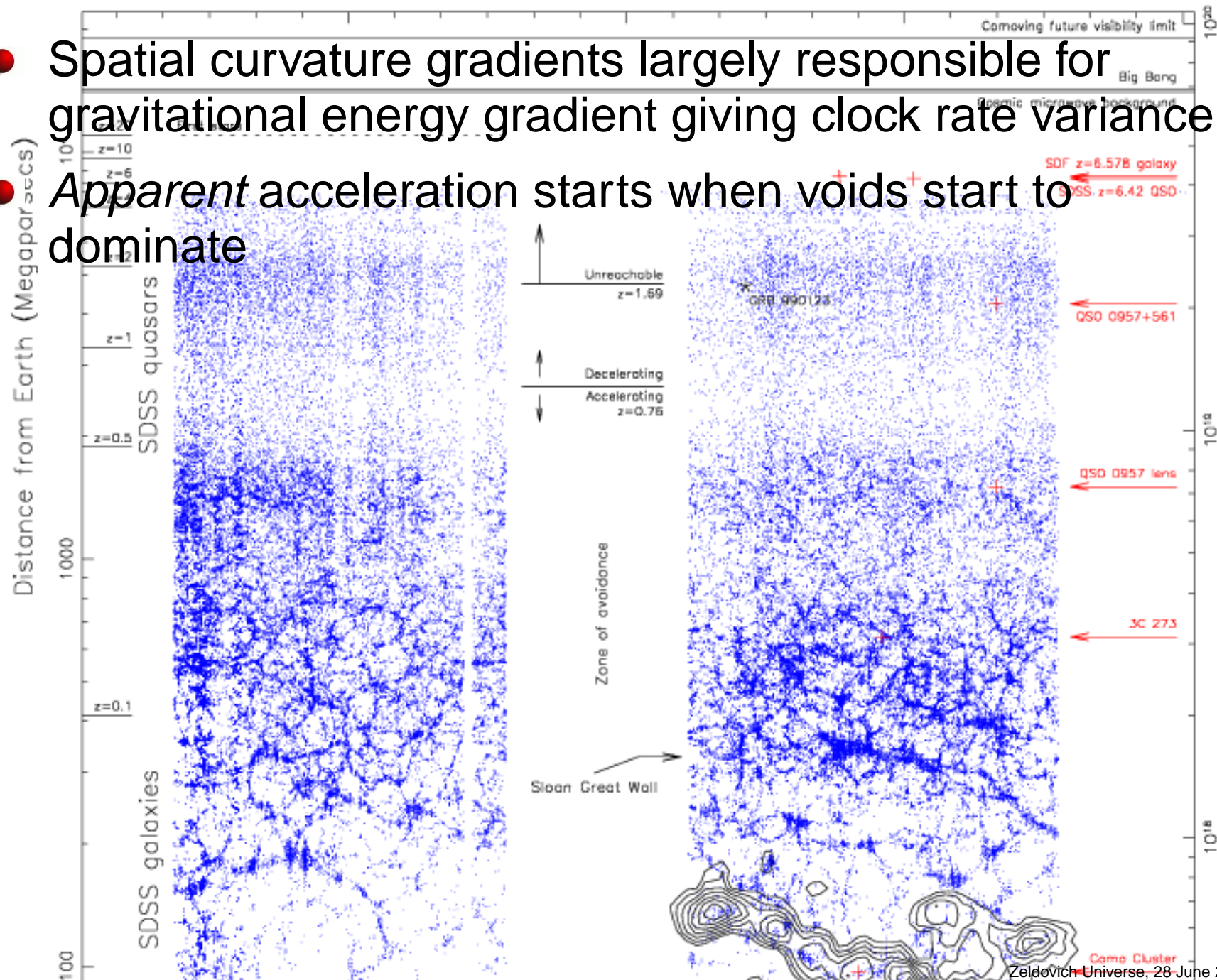
- A wall observer registers apparent cosmic acceleration

$$q = \frac{-(1 - f_v)(8f_v^3 + 39f_v^2 - 12f_v - 8)}{(4 + f_v + 4f_v^2)^2},$$

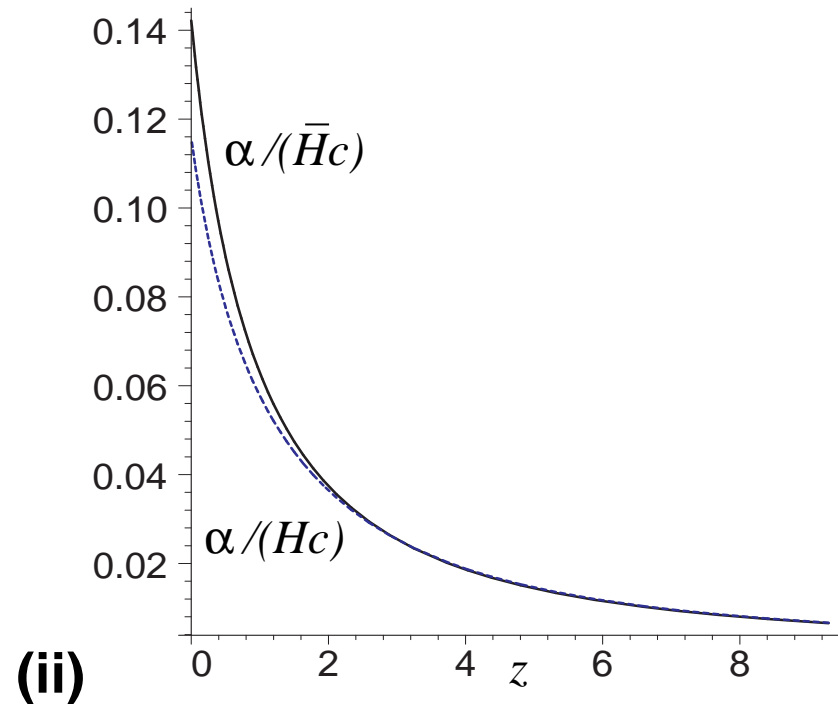
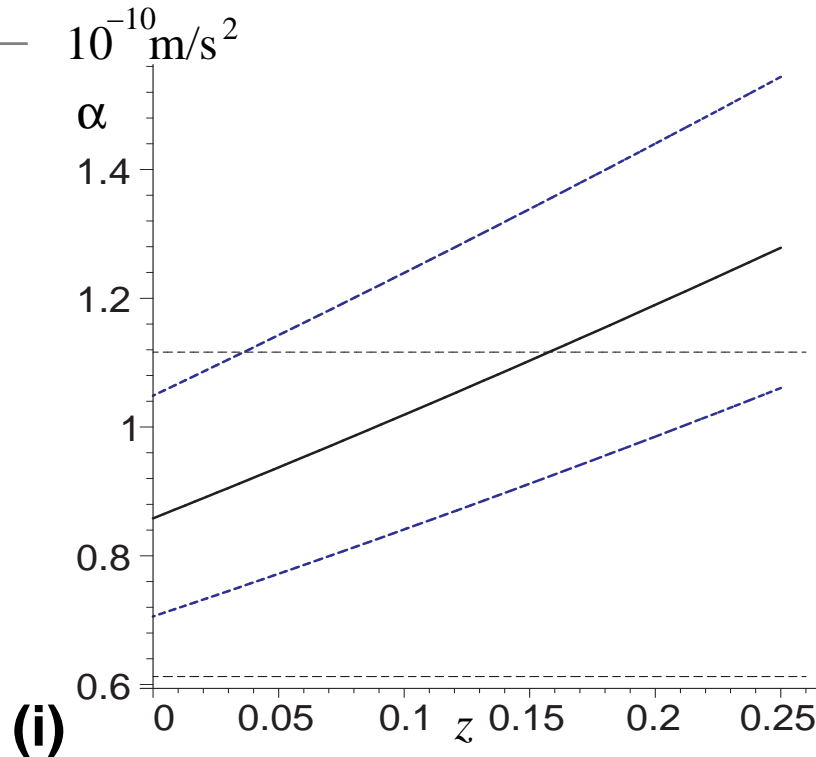
Effective deceleration parameter starts at  $q \sim \frac{1}{2}$ , for small  $f_v$ ; changes sign when  $f_v = 0.5867\dots$ , and approaches  $q \rightarrow 0^-$  at late times.

# Cosmic coincidence problem solved

- Spatial curvature gradients largely responsible for gravitational energy gradient giving clock rate variance.
- *Apparent* acceleration starts when voids start to dominate



# Relative deceleration scale



By cosmological equivalence principle the instantaneous relative deceleration of backgrounds gives an instantaneous 4-acceleration of magnitude  $\alpha = H_0 c \bar{\gamma} \dot{\bar{\gamma}} / (\sqrt{\bar{\gamma}^2 - 1})$  beyond which *weak field cosmological general relativity* will be changed from Newtonian expectations: (i) as absolute scale nearby; (ii) divided by Hubble parameter to large  $z$ .

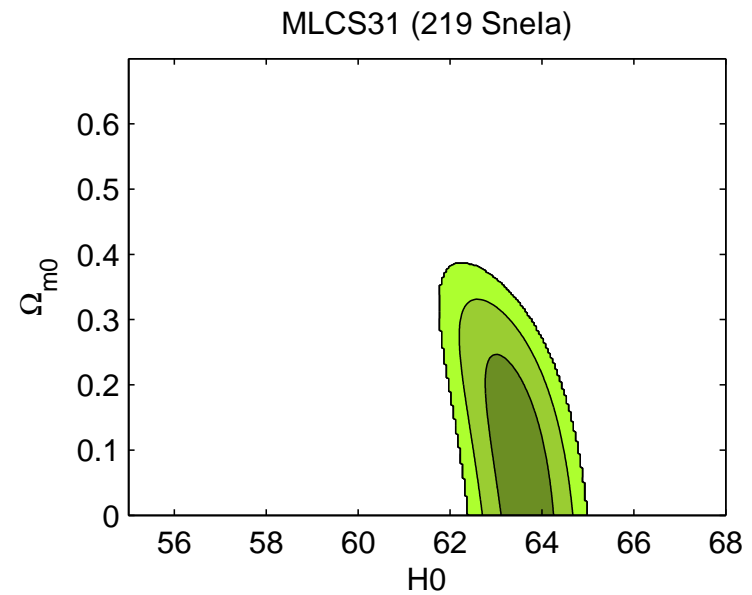
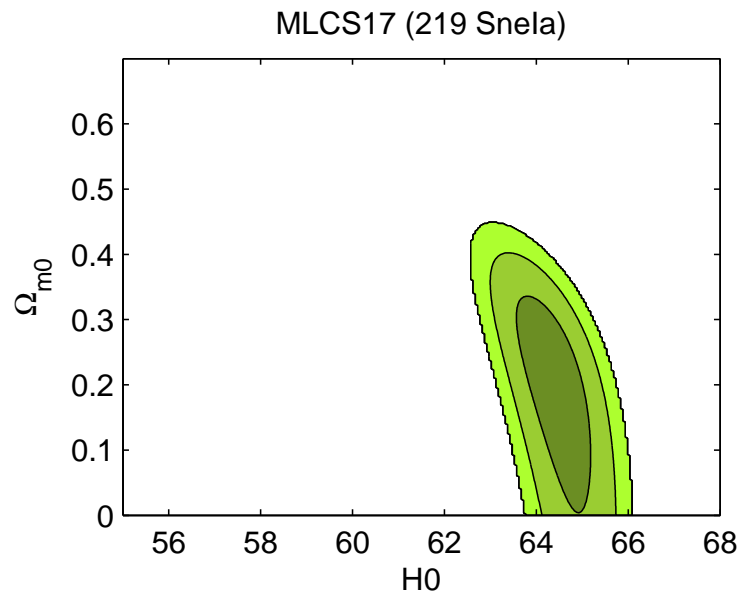
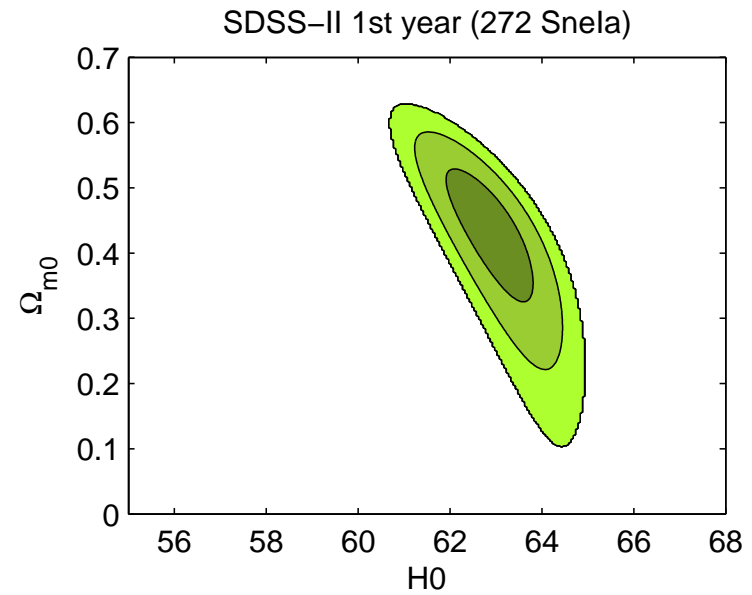
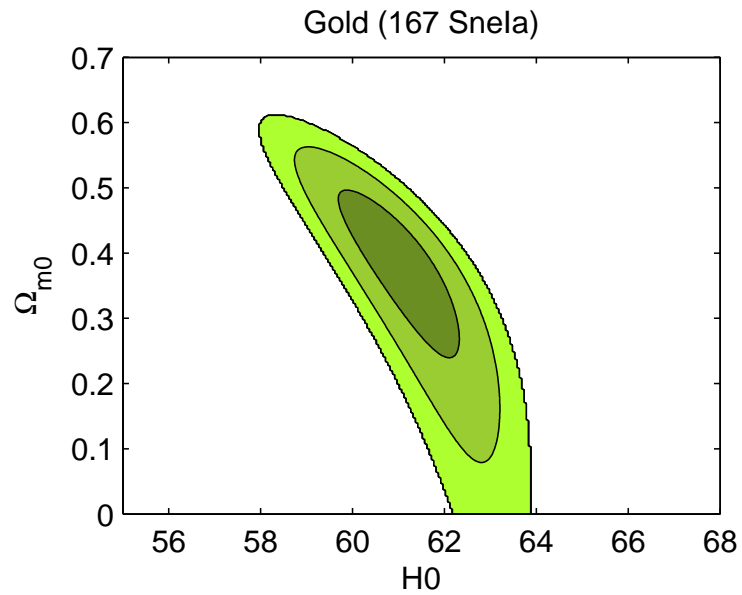
- Relative *volume* deceleration of expanding regions of different local density/curvature, leads cumulatively to canonical clocks differing by  $dt = \bar{\gamma}_w d\tau_w$  ( $\rightarrow \sim 35\%$ )



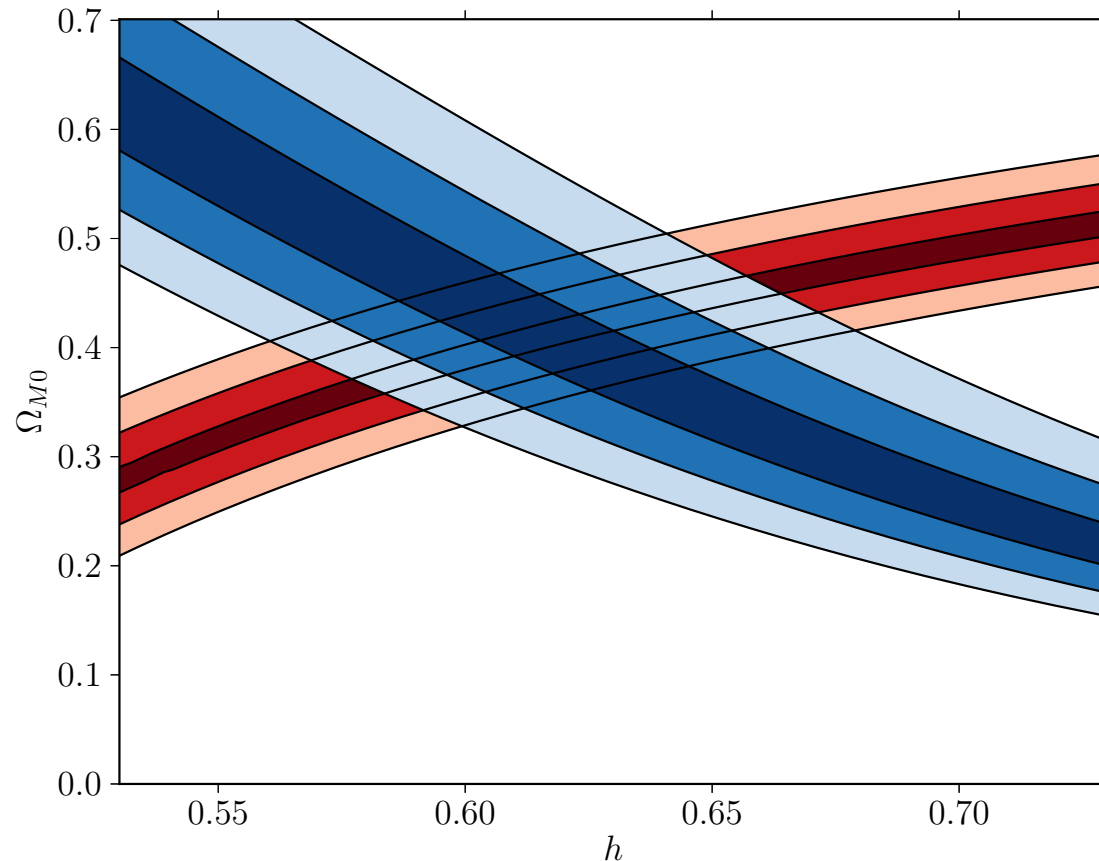
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- SALT/SALTII fits (Constitution, SALT2, Union2) favour  $\Lambda$ CDM over TS:  $\ln B_{\text{TS}:\Lambda\text{CDM}} = -1.06, -1.55, -3.46$
- MLCS2k2 (fits MLCS17, MLCS31, SDSS-II) favour TS over  $\Lambda$ CDM:  $\ln B_{\text{TS}:\Lambda\text{CDM}} = 1.37, 1.55, 0.53$
- Different MLCS fitters give different best-fit parameters; e.g. with cut at statistical homogeneity scale, for  
MLCS31 (Hicken et al 2009)  $\Omega_{M0} = 0.12^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$ ;  
MLCS17 (Hicken et al 2009)  $\Omega_{M0} = 0.19^{+0.14}_{-0.18}$ ;  
SDSS-II (Kessler et al 2009)  $\Omega_{M0} = 0.42^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$
- Supernovae systematics (reddening/extinction, intrinsic colour variations) must be understood to distinguish models
- Inclusion of Snela below  $100 h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$  an important issue

# Supernovae systematics



# CMB: sound horizon + baryon drag

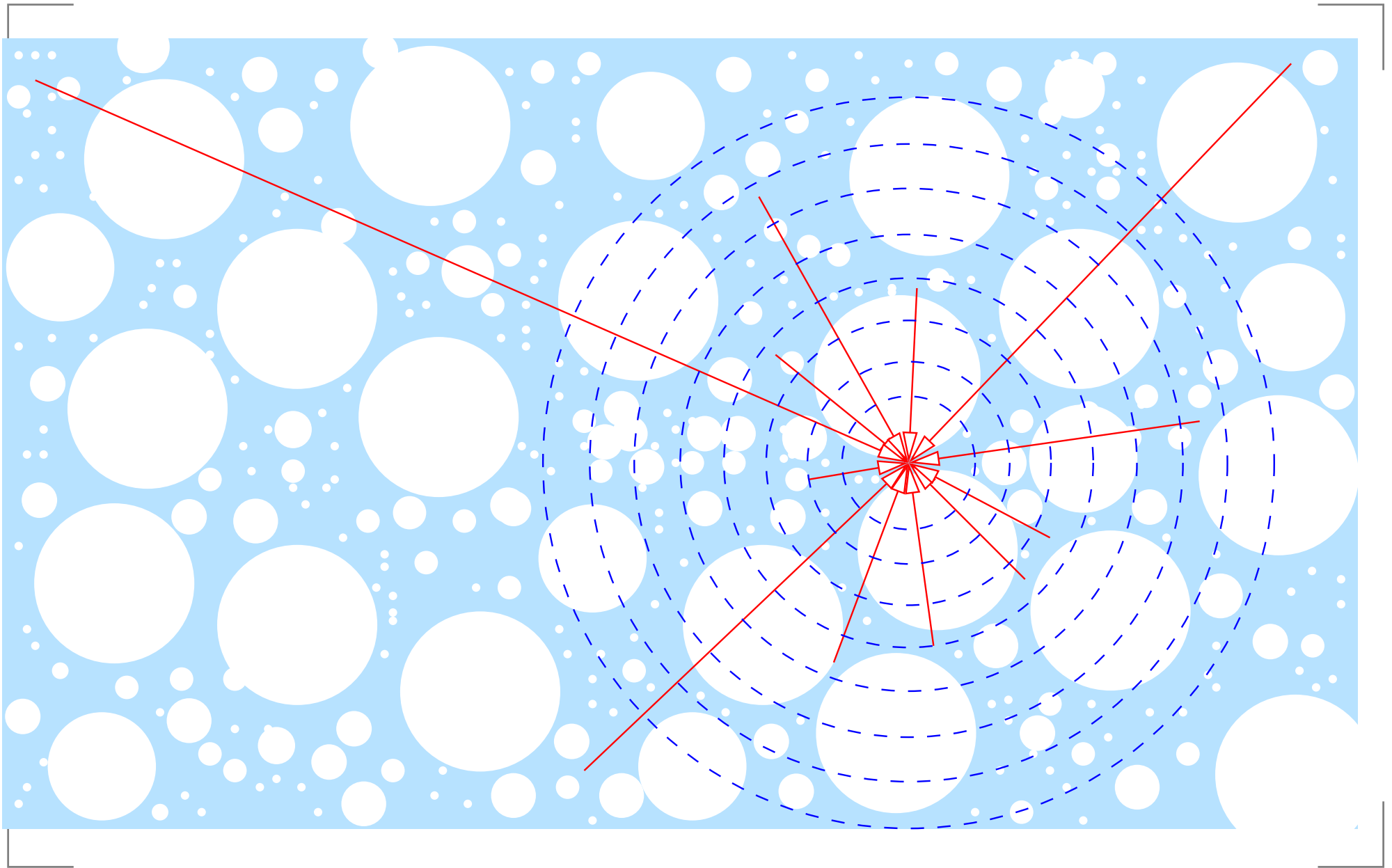


Parameters within the  $(\Omega_{M0}, H_0)$  plane which fit the angular scale of the sound horizon  $\theta_* = 0.0104139$  (blue), and its comoving scale at the baryon drag epoch as compared to Planck value  $98.88 h^{-1} \text{Mpc}$  (red) to within 2%, 4% and 6%, with photon-baryon ratio  $\eta_{B\gamma} = 4.6\text{--}5.6 \times 10^{-10}$  within  $2\sigma$  of all observed light element abundances (including lithium-7). J.A.G. Duley, M.A. Nazer + DLW, *Class. Qu. Grav.* **30** (2013) 175006

# Planck constraints $D_A + r_{drag}$

- Dressed Hubble constant  $H_0 = 61.7 \pm 3.0$  km/s/Mpc
- Bare Hubble constant  $H_{w0} = \bar{H}_0 = 50.1 \pm 1.7$  km/s/Mpc
- Local max Hubble constant  $H_{v0} = 75.2^{+2.0}_{-2.6}$  km/s/Mpc
- Present void fraction  $f_{v0} = 0.695^{+0.041}_{-0.051}$
- Bare matter density parameter  $\bar{\Omega}_{M0} = 0.167^{+0.036}_{-0.037}$
- Dressed matter density parameter  $\Omega_{M0} = 0.41^{+0.06}_{-0.05}$
- Dressed baryon density parameter  $\Omega_{B0} = 0.074^{+0.013}_{-0.011}$
- Nonbaryonic/baryonic matter ratio  $\Omega_{C0}/\Omega_{B0} = 4.6^{+2.5}_{-2.1}$
- Age of universe (galaxy/wall)  $\tau_{w0} = 14.2 \pm 0.5$  Gyr
- Age of universe (volume-average)  $t_0 = 17.5 \pm 0.6$  Gyr
- Apparent acceleration onset  $z_{acc} = 0.46^{+0.26}_{-0.25}$

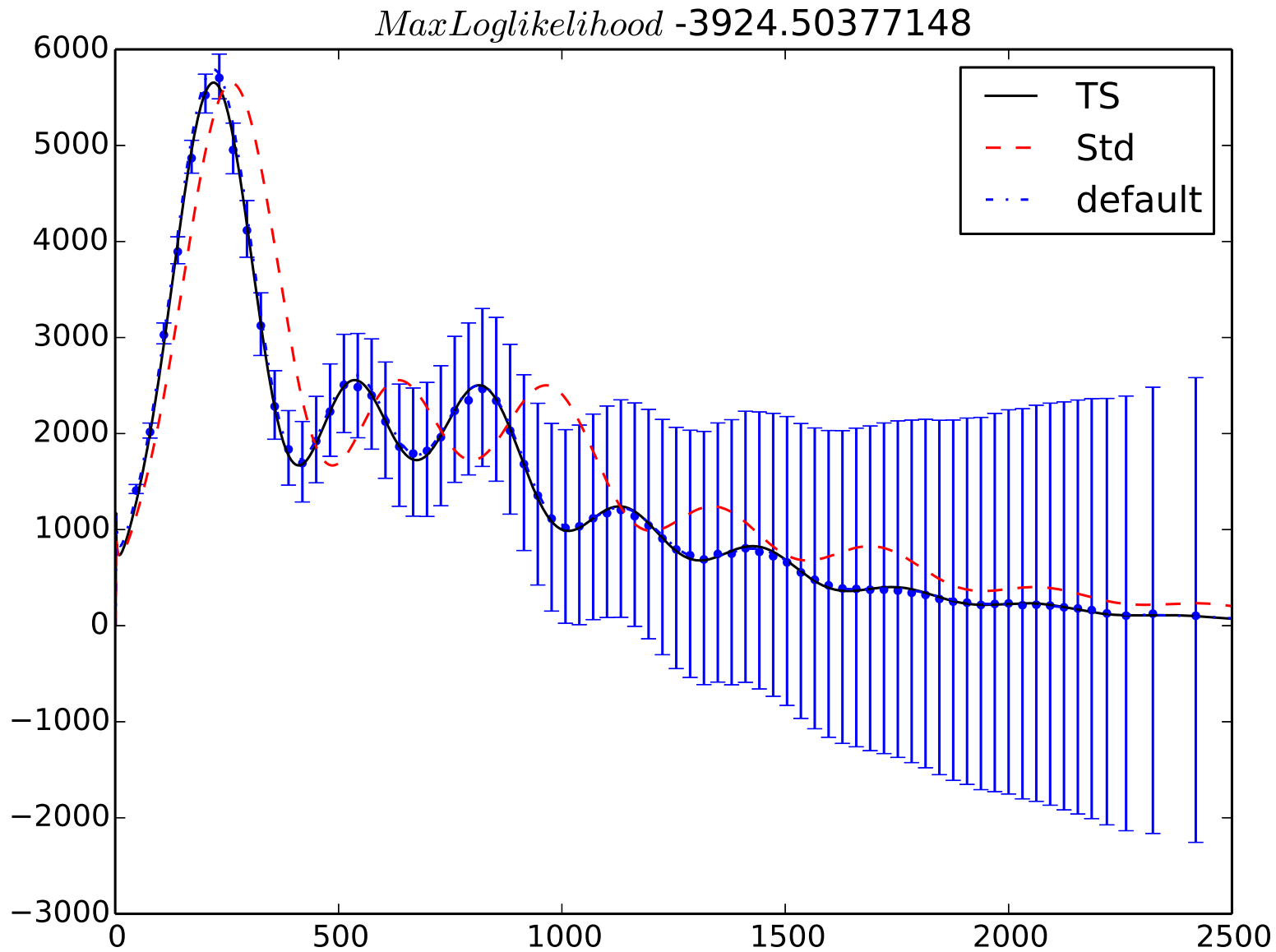
# Apparent Hubble expansion variance



# Baryon acoustic oscillations

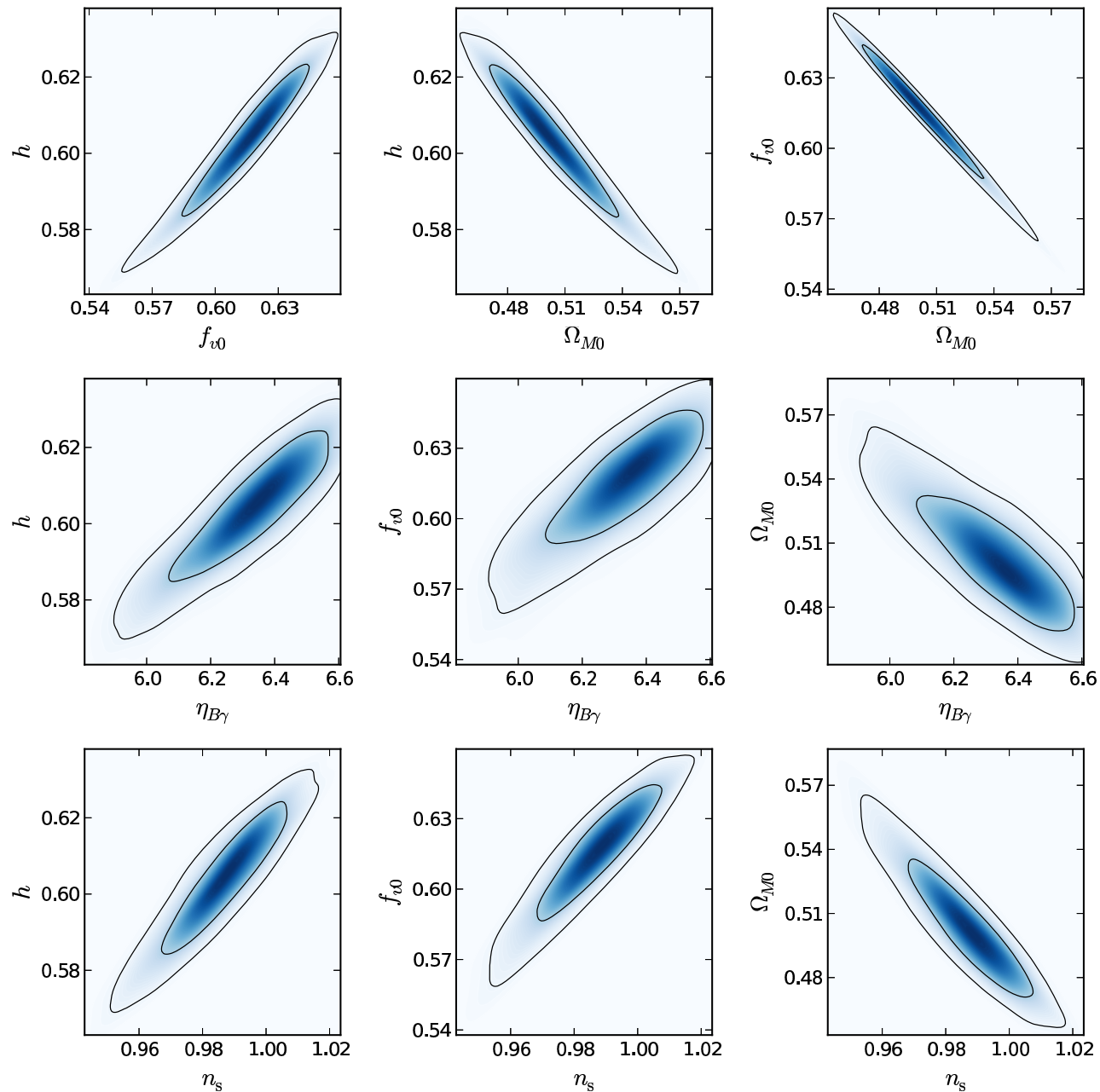
- Commonly used measure  $D_V = \left[ \frac{zD^2}{H(z)} \right]^{1/3}$  gives results which differ very little between  $\Lambda$ CDM and timescape (both within uncertainty)
- Alcock–Paczyński test which separates angular and radial scales is a better model discriminator
- BOSS arXiv:1404.1801 finds  $2.5\sigma$  tension for  $\Lambda$ CDM in Ly- $\alpha$  forest measurement at  $z = 2.34$ .
- PRELIMINARY: Timescape with  $f_{v0} = 0.695$ ,  $h = 0.617$ , agrees with BOSS angle, and  $H(2.24) = 223$  km/s/Mpc agrees with BOSS value  $222 \pm 7$  km/s/Mpc (BUT should be off by  $H_0$  ratio?)

# CMB acoustic peaks, full Planck fit



MCMC coding by M.A. Nazer, adapting *CLASS*

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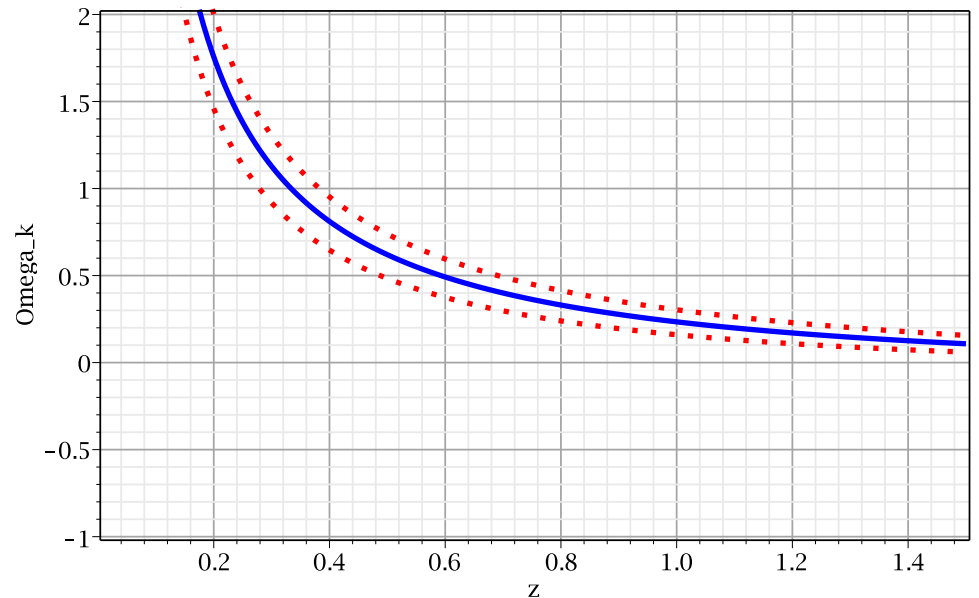
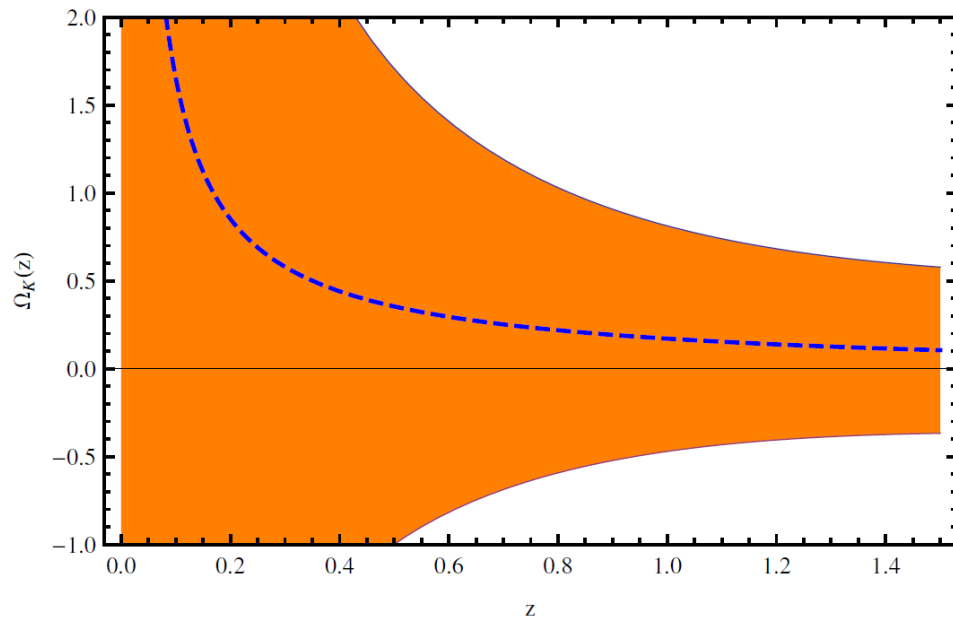
# CMB acoustic peaks: preliminary results

- Standard  $\Lambda$ CDM model assumed for evolution of perturbations and acoustic waves in plasma.  
[Vonlanthen et al (2010) procedure used to map timescape model  $d_A$  to FLRW reference  $d'_A$  ( $\ell > 50$ )]
- Previous  $D_A + r_{drag}$  constraints [arXiv:1306.3208] give concordance for baryon-to-photon ratio  
 $\eta_{B\gamma} = (5.1 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-10}$  with no primordial  ${}^7\text{Li}$  anomaly.
- Full fit – driven by 2nd/3rd peak height ratio – forces  
 $\eta_{B\gamma} = (6.32 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-10}$ , driven by ratio  $\Omega_{C0}/\Omega_{B0}$ .
- With bestfit,  $f_{v0} = 0.612$ ,  $h = 0.603$ , primordial  ${}^7\text{Li}$  anomalous and BOSS  $z = 2.34$  result in tension again
- BUT backreaction in plasma neglected; may affect perturbations differently to background

# Clarkson Bassett Lu test $\Omega_k(z)$

- For Friedmann equation a statistic constant for all  $z$

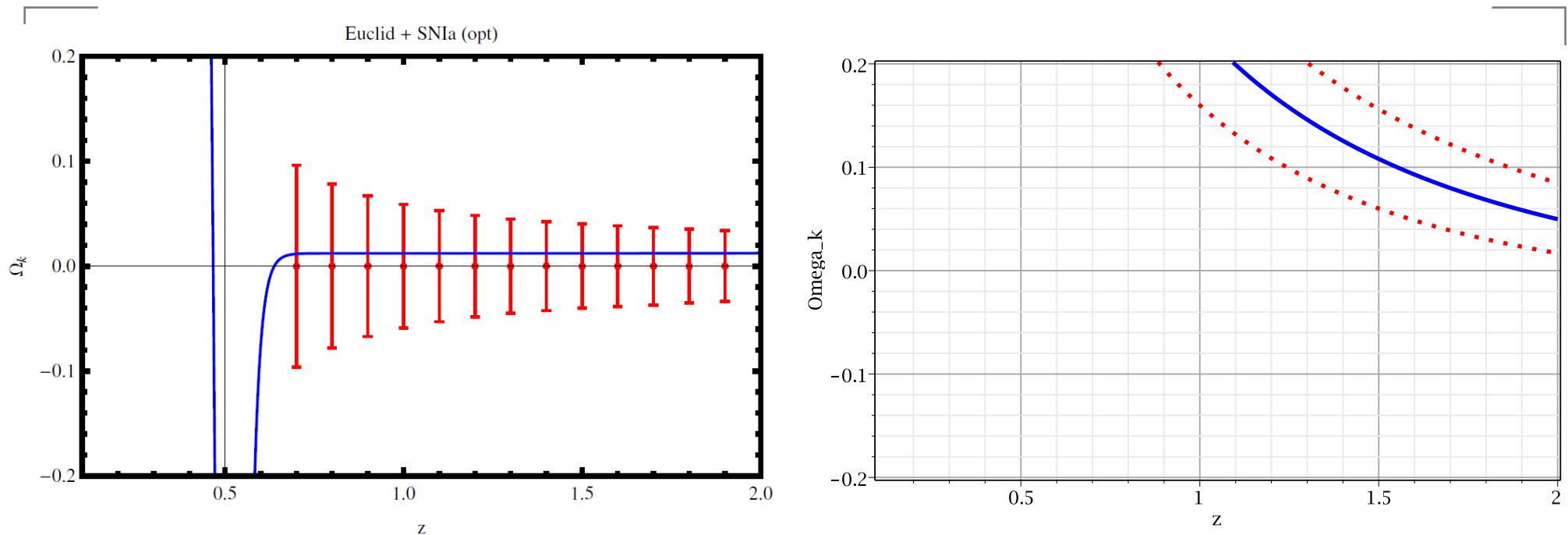
$$\Omega_{k0} = \Omega_k(z) = \frac{[c^{-1}H(z)D'(z)]^2 - 1}{[c^{-1}H_0D(z)]^2}$$



Left panel: CBL statistic from Sapone, Majerotto and Nesseris, arXiv:1402.2236v1 Fig 8, using existing data from SnIa (Union2) and passively evolving galaxies for  $H(z)$ .

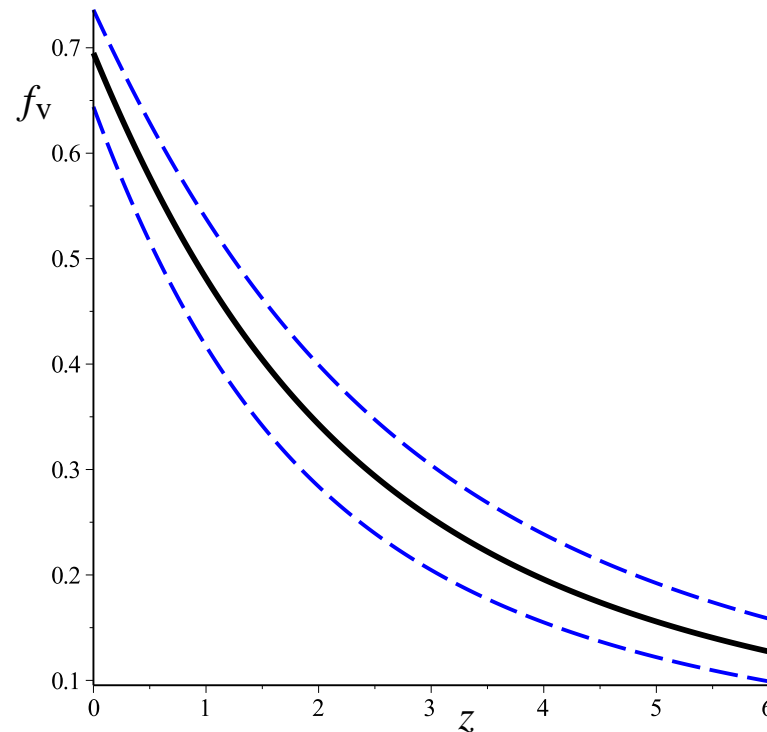
Right panel: TS prediction, with  $f_{v0} = 0.695^{+0.041}_{-0.051}$ .

# Clarkson Bassett Lu test with *Euclid*



- Left panel: Projected uncertainties for  $\Lambda$ CDM model with *Euclid* and 1000 Snela. (Blue line is a comparison non-Copernican Gpc void model. From Sapone, Majerotto and Nesseris arXiv:1402.2236v1 Fig 10)
- Right panel. Timescape prediction becomes greater than uncertainties for  $z \lesssim 1.5$ . (Falsifiable.)

# Void fraction: potential test?

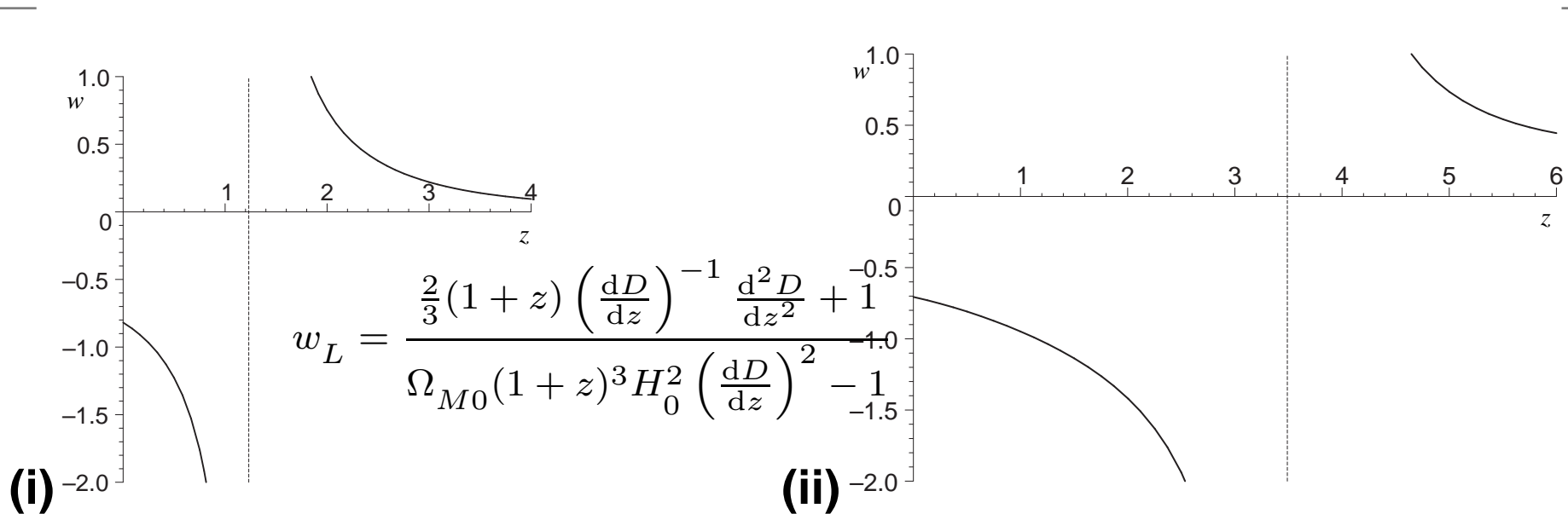


- Growth of structure difficult to parameterize as effective FLRW model, as not based on this geometry
- Bound system measures below finite infinity likely to be close to standard GR (Einstein-de Sitter) prediction
- Void volume fraction  $f_v(z)$  itself provides a measurable constraint. Ly- $\alpha$  tomography at high  $z$  may help.

# Conclusion: Modified Geometry

- Apparent cosmic acceleration can be understood by
  - treating geometry of universe more realistically
  - understanding fundamental aspects of general relativity which have not been fully explored – *quasi-local gravitational energy*, of *gradients* in kinetic energy of expansion etc.
- “Timescape” model gives good fit to major independent tests of  $\Lambda$ CDM with new perspectives on many puzzles – e.g., local/global differences in  $H_0$ ; primordial  ${}^7\text{Li}$  ?
- Many tests can be done to distinguish from  $\Lambda$ CDM. Must be careful not to assume Friedmann equation in any data reduction.
- “Modified Geometry” rather than “Modified Gravity”

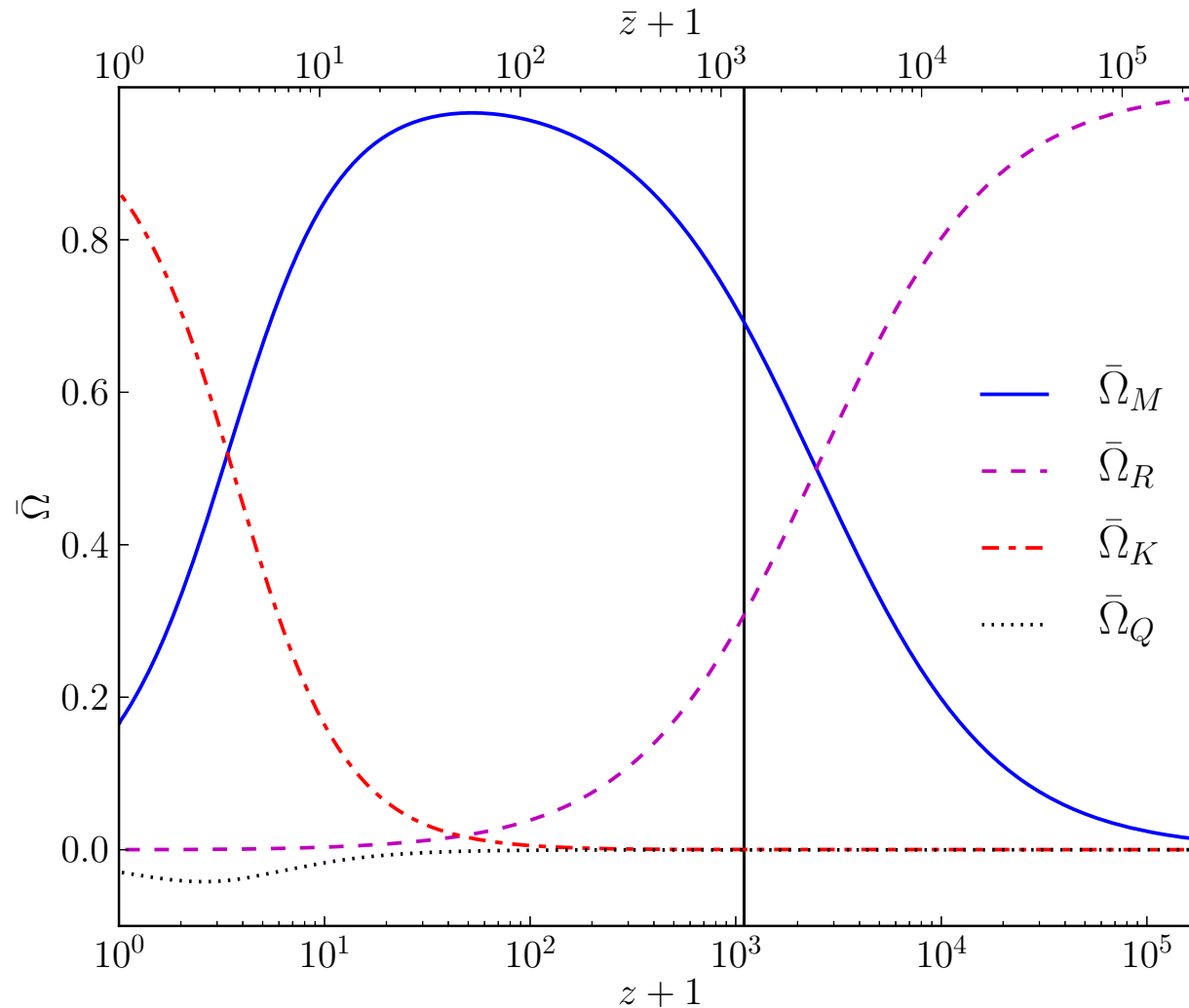
# Equivalent “equation of state”?



A formal “dark energy equation of state”  $w_L(z)$  for the TS model, with  $f_{V0} = 0.695$ , calculated directly from  $r_w(z)$ : **(i)**  $\Omega_{M0} = 0.695$ ; **(ii)**  $\Omega_{M0} = 0.3175$ .

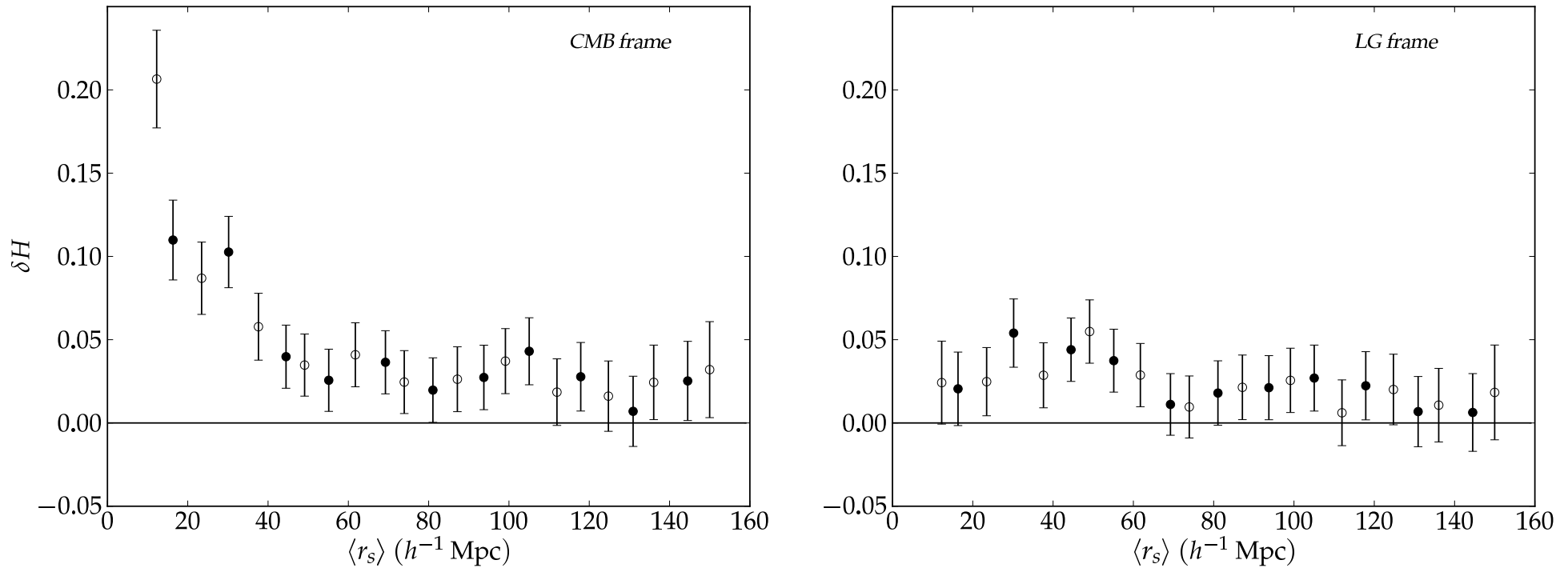
- Description by a “dark energy equation of state” makes no sense when there’s no physics behind it; but average value  $w_L \simeq -1$  for  $z < 0.7$  makes empirical sense.

# Bare cosmological parameters



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full numerical solution with matter, radiation

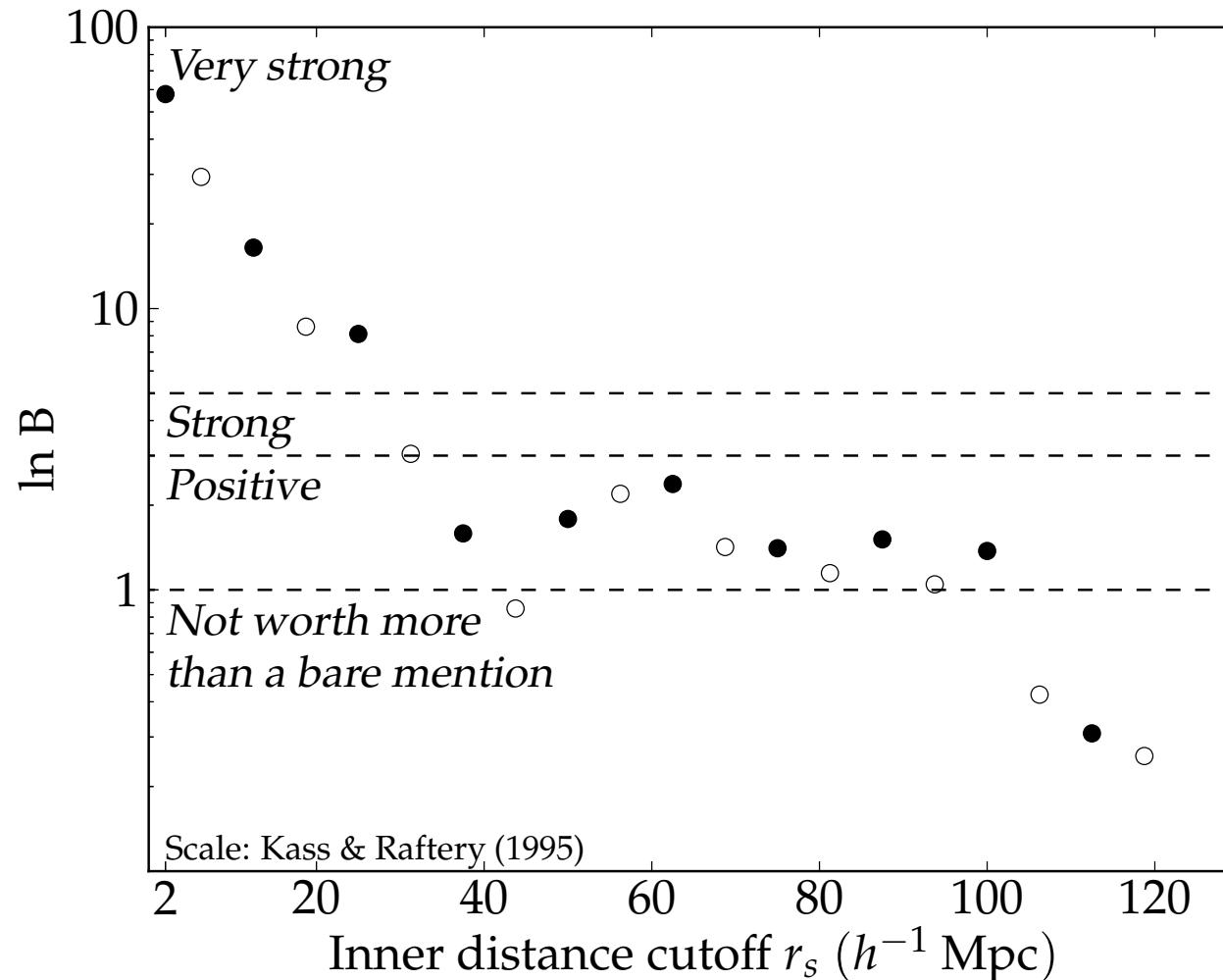
# Radial variance $\delta H_s = (H_s - H_0)/H_0$



- Two choices of shell boundaries (closed and open circles); for each choice data points uncorrelated
- Analyse linear Hubble relation in rest frame of CMB; Local Group (LG); Local Sheet (LS). LS result very close to LG result.



# Bayesian comparison of uniformity



- Hubble flow more uniform in LG frame than CMB frame with very strong evidence

# Value of $\beta$ in $\frac{cz}{r} = H_0 + \beta \cos \phi$

