

# Cosmic Revelation: Quest for Dark Energy



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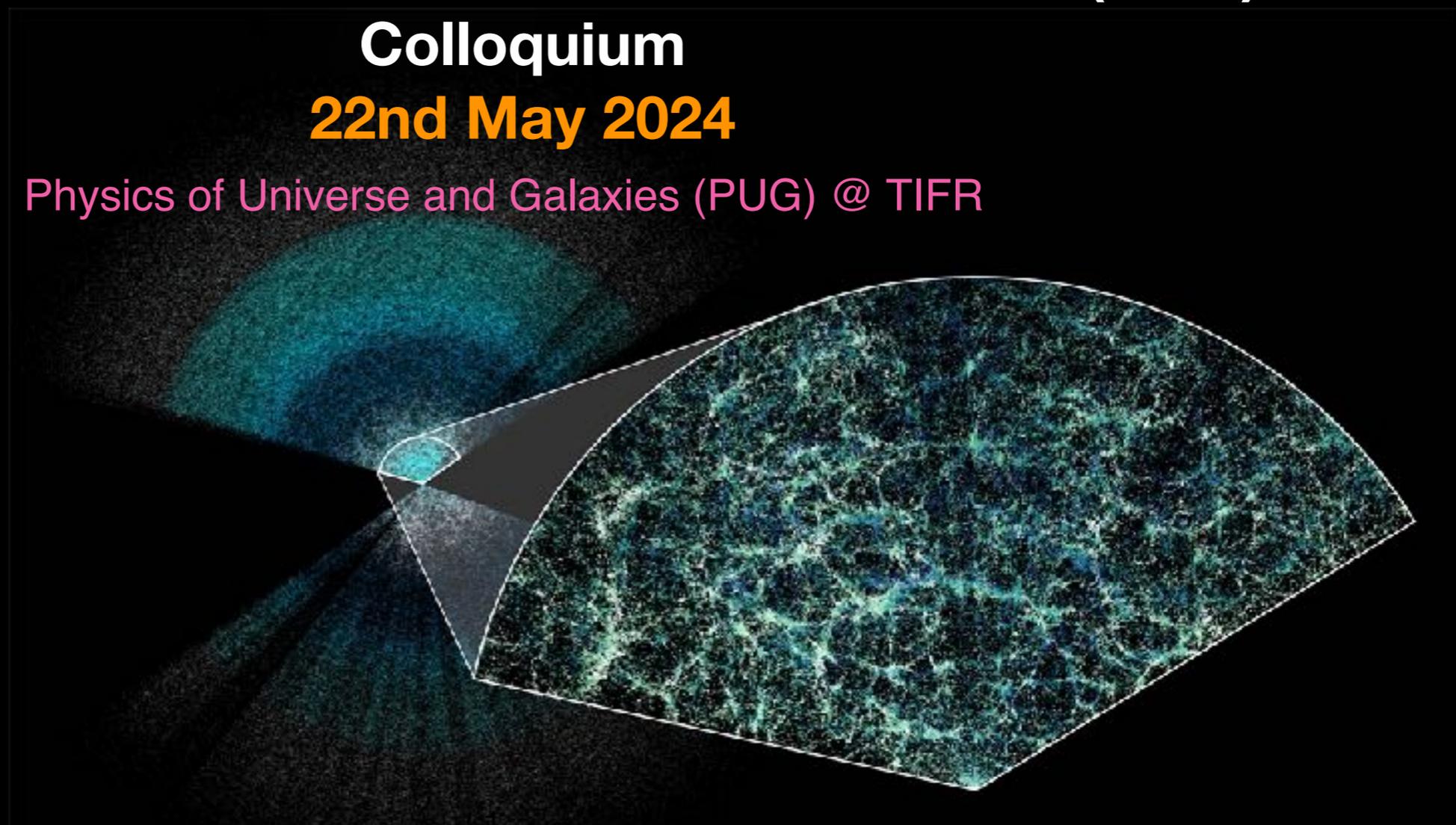
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# Homogeneous? and Isotropic? Universe

## Einstein Field Equation

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \kappa T_{\mu\nu}$$

## FLRW metric

$$ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + a^2(t) dX^2$$

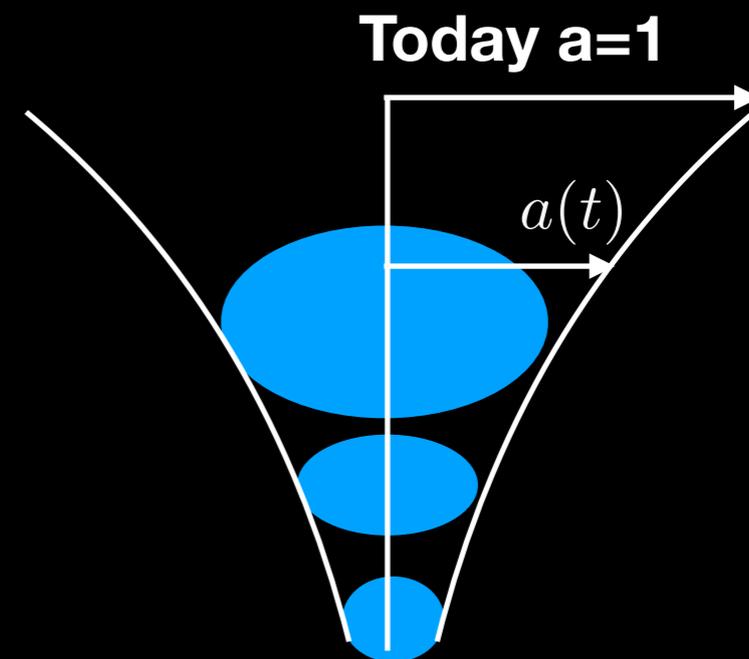
## Hubble's rate

$$H(t) = \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)}$$

## Friedmann equations

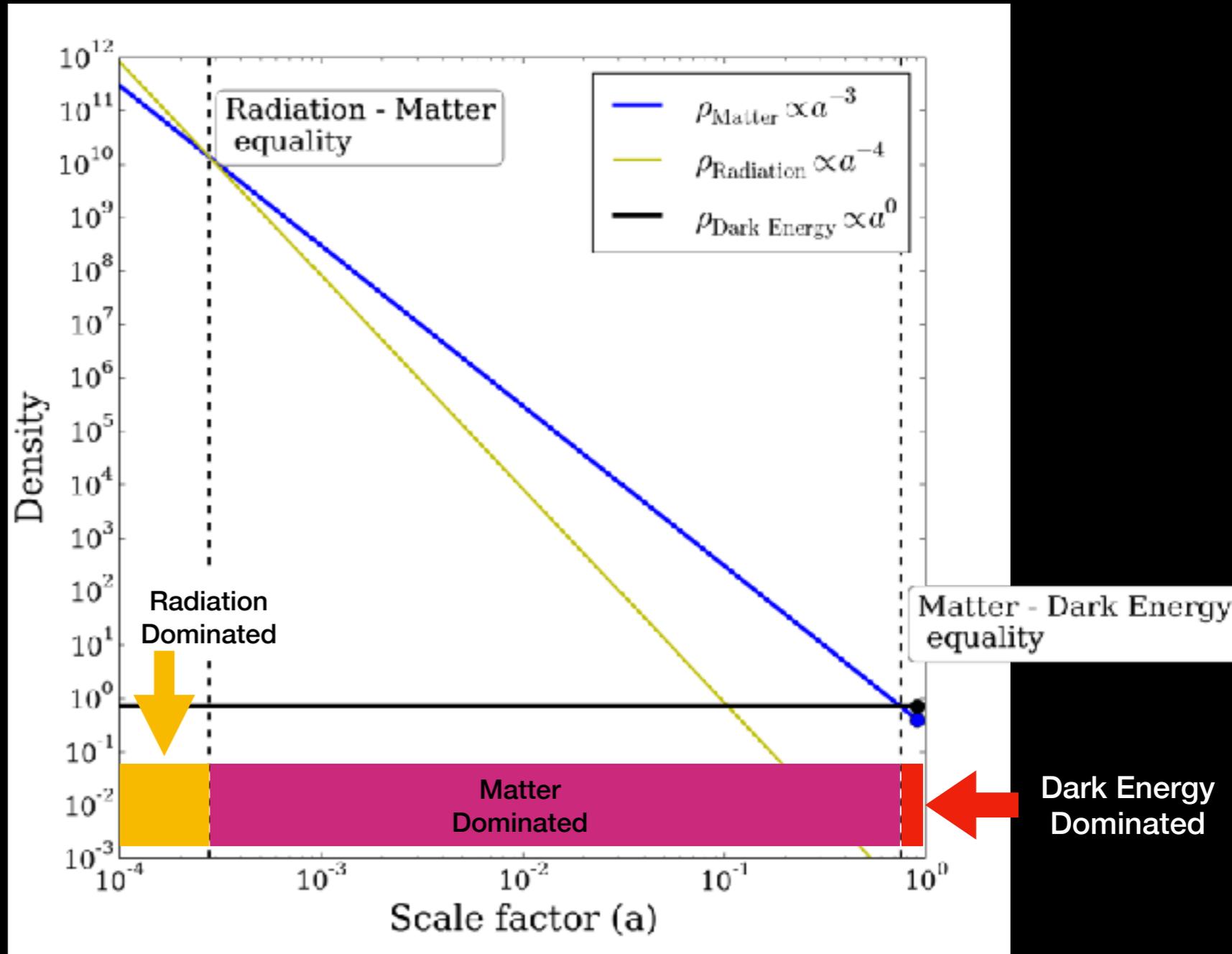
$$3\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} = 8\pi G\rho + \Lambda c^2$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \left( \rho + \frac{3p}{c^2} \right) + \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3}$$



# Different phases of the universe

Initial conditions?



## Density evolution

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$$\rho \propto a^{-3(w+1)}$$

$$w = 0(\text{matter}), w = 1/3(\text{radiation}), w = -1(\text{dark energy})$$

# Dark Energy

## Remarkable properties:

- \* Pressure must be negative to drive cosmic acceleration
- \* Consist of 70% of current energy content of the Universe

Equation of state  $w_{\text{DE}}$  of dark energy is the key:

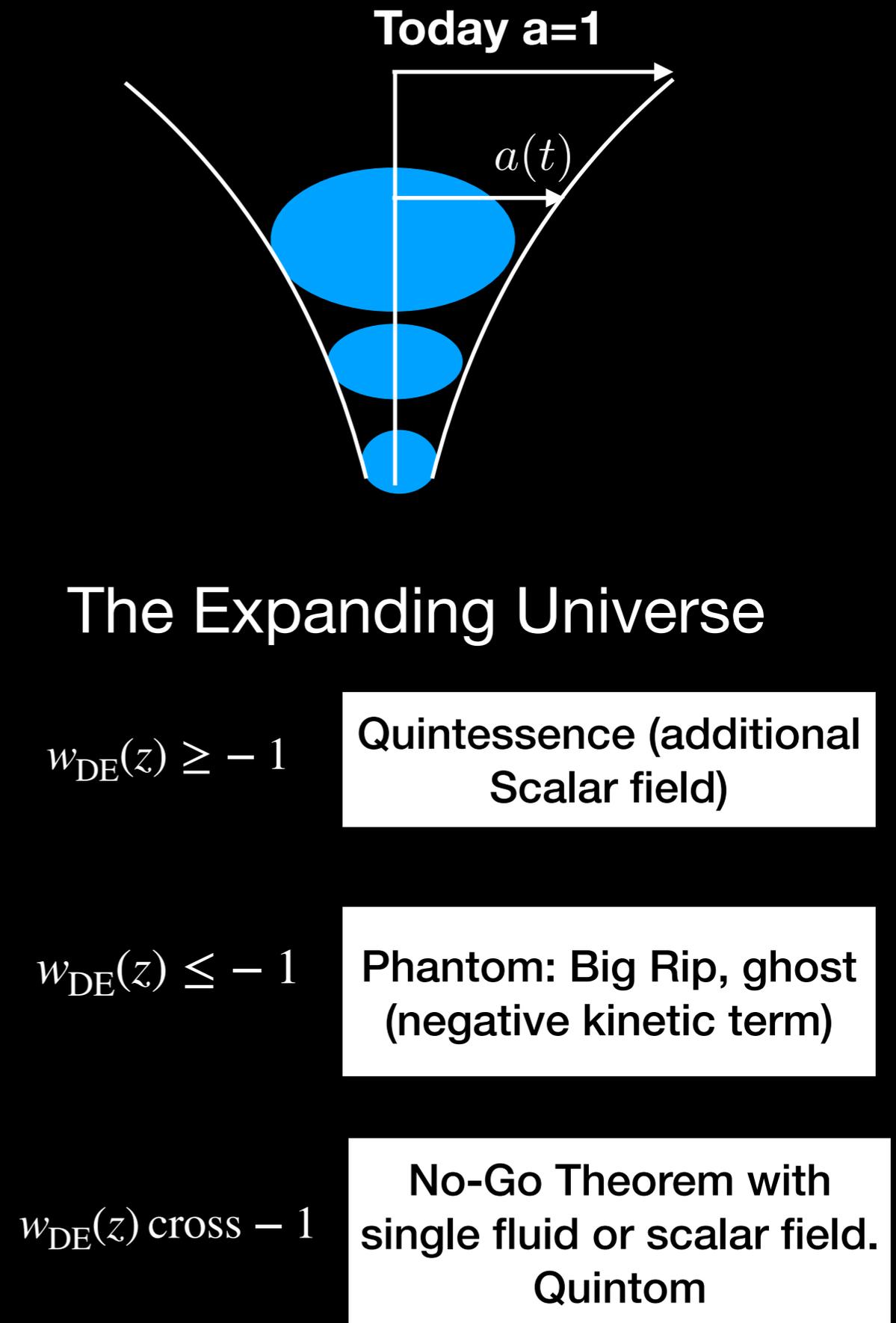
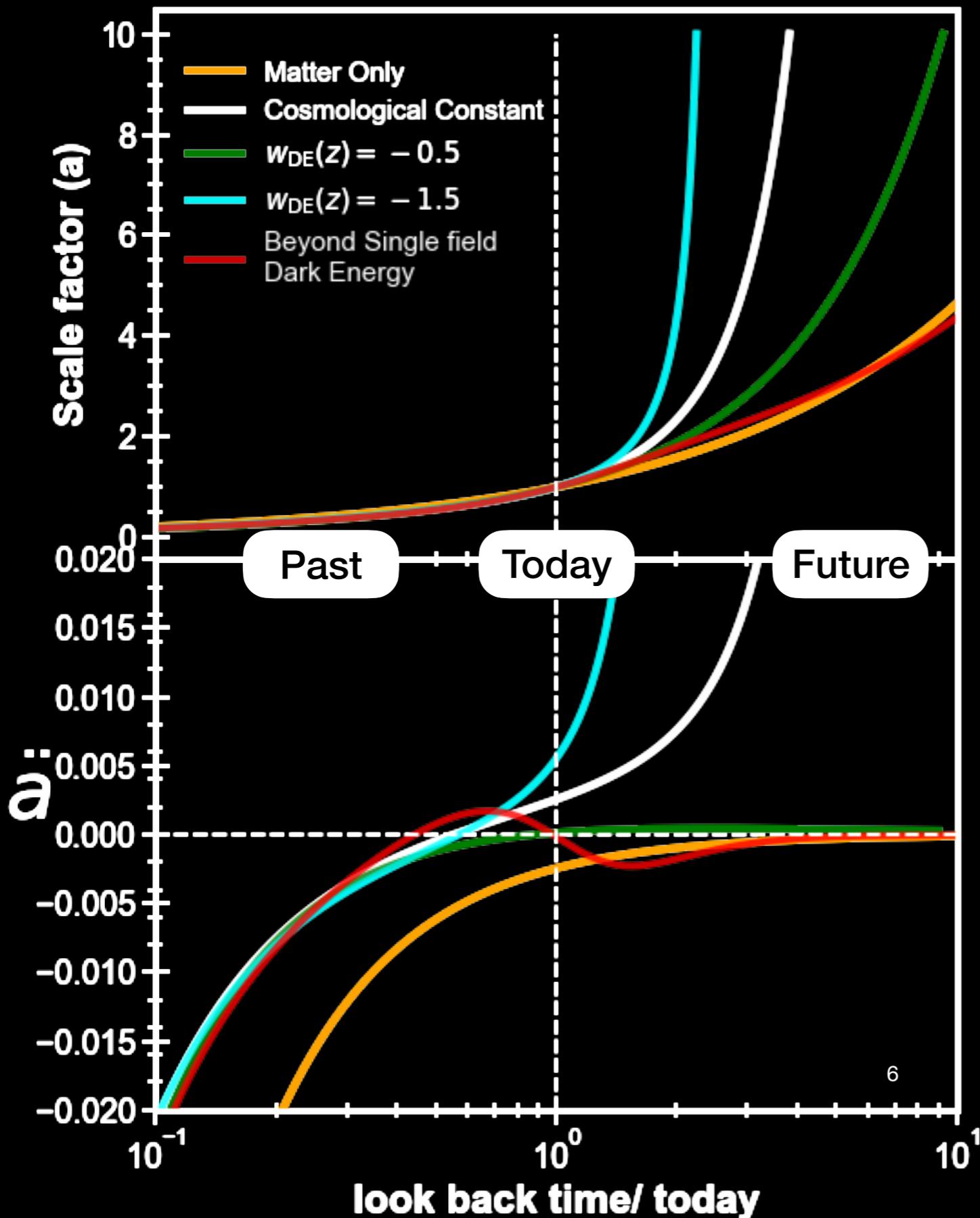
$$w_{\text{DE}}(z) = \frac{p_{\text{DE}}(z)}{\rho_{\text{DE}}(z)}$$

Cosmological  
constant?

Modification to  
General Relativity

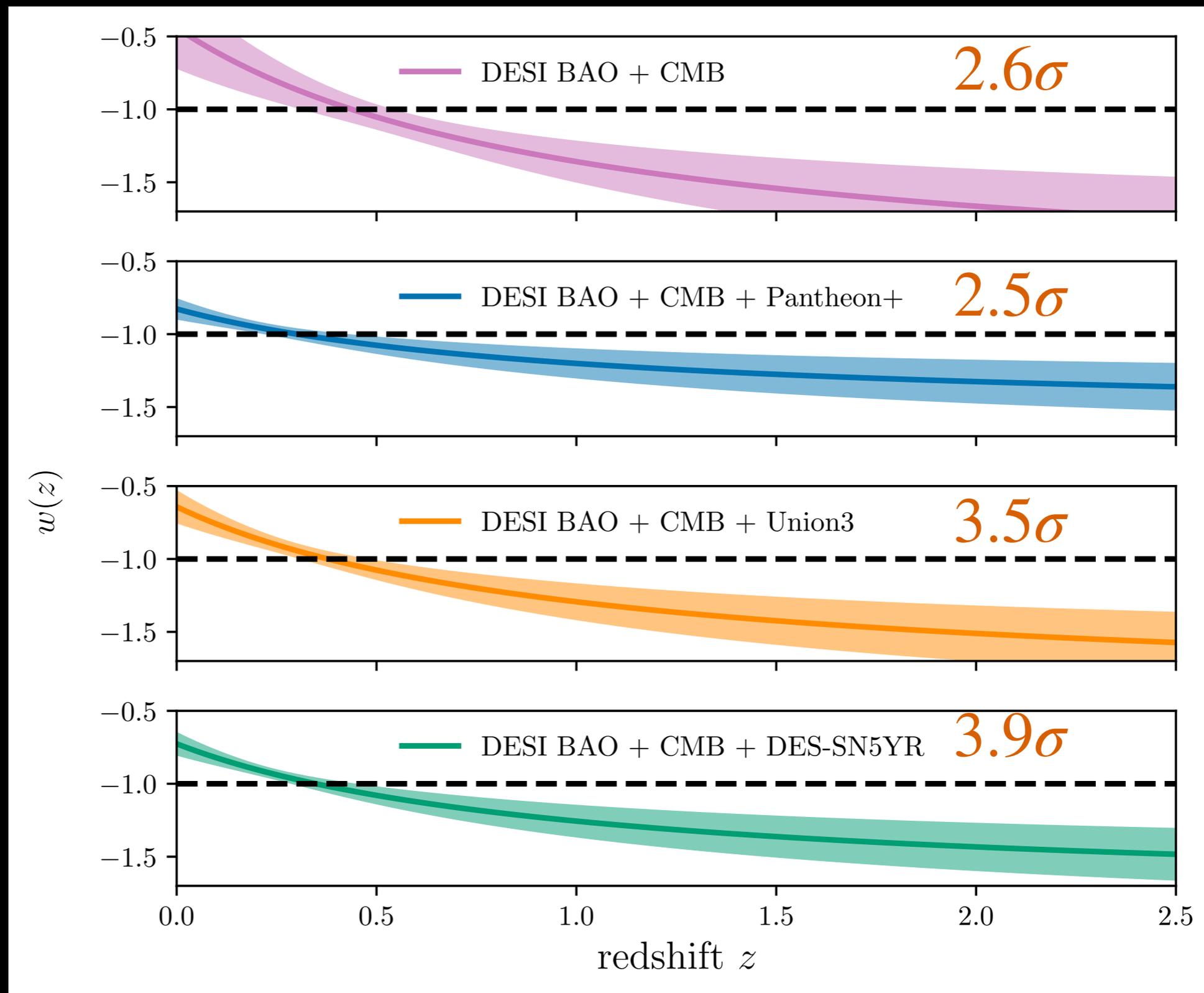
Extra dimension  
String Theory

Multiple scalar  
fields



# DESI Y1 sample: $w_{\text{DE}}(z)$

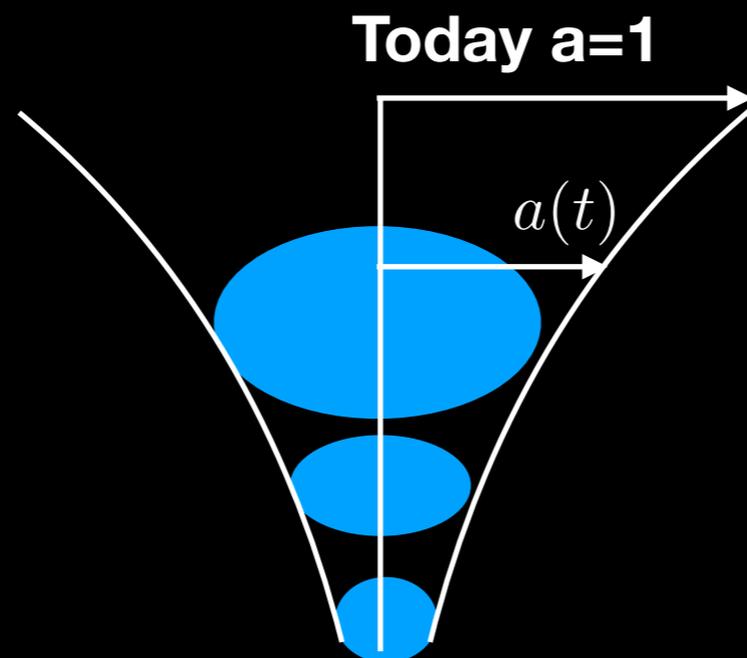
If  $w_{\text{DE}}$  crossing -1 is confirmed then it will rule out cosmological constant, quintessence, k-essence and will require two coincidence (that is two additional freedom)



$$w_{\text{DE}}(z) = w_0 + (1 - a)w_a$$

# How would you measure dark energy equation of state?

If we can measure  $a(t)$  precisely then that should encode information about content of universe including dark energy equation of state. (And curvature, neutrino mass, etc.)



# Spectroscopy can help

$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda_e} = z \leftarrow \text{(redshift)}$$

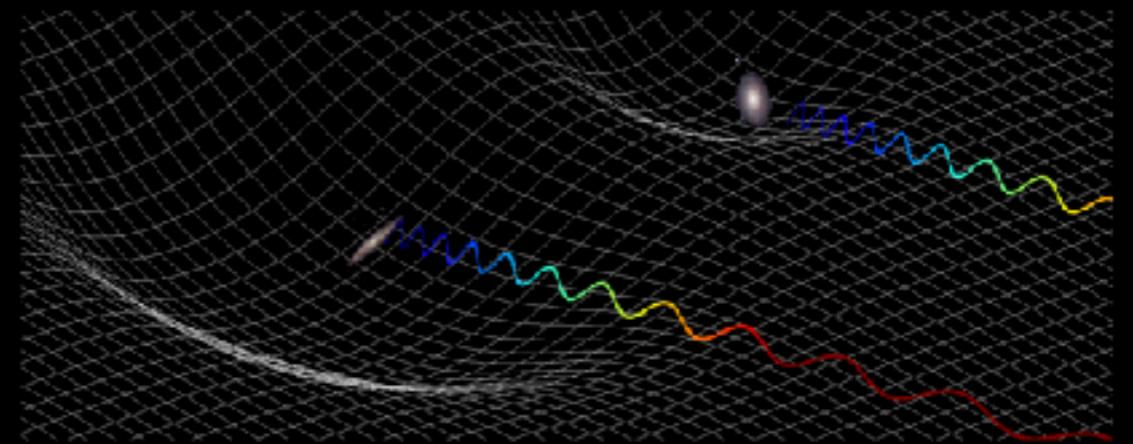
$$a(t_e) = \frac{1}{1+z}$$

If we can also measure the time of emission then that will give us a measurement of  $a(t_e)$

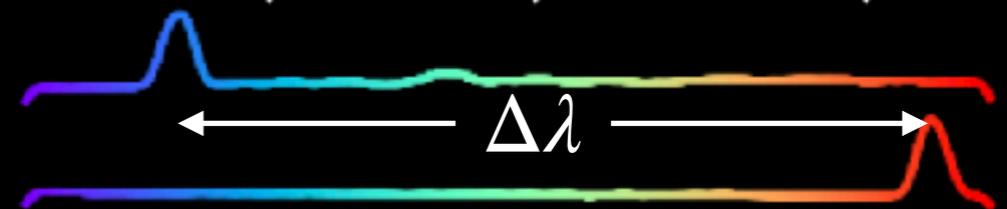
Light waves oscillate at different rates based on their wavelength/colour.



As light traverses the expanding universe, its wavelength gets stretched, shifting colours towards the red end.



Galaxies emit light over a range of wavelengths, creating a unique spectral fingerprint with peaks and dips.



By measuring how much these spectral peaks have redshifted, we can determine how much the light's wavelength stretched.

How about if we can measure proper distance of objects as the function of emission time.

$$d_p(t_0) = c \int_{t_e}^{t_0} \frac{dt}{a(t)}$$

Standard Candle

$$\text{flux} = \frac{L}{4\pi d_L^2}$$

↓ Luminosity distance

$$d_L = d_p(t_0)(1 + z)$$

Supernovae cosmology

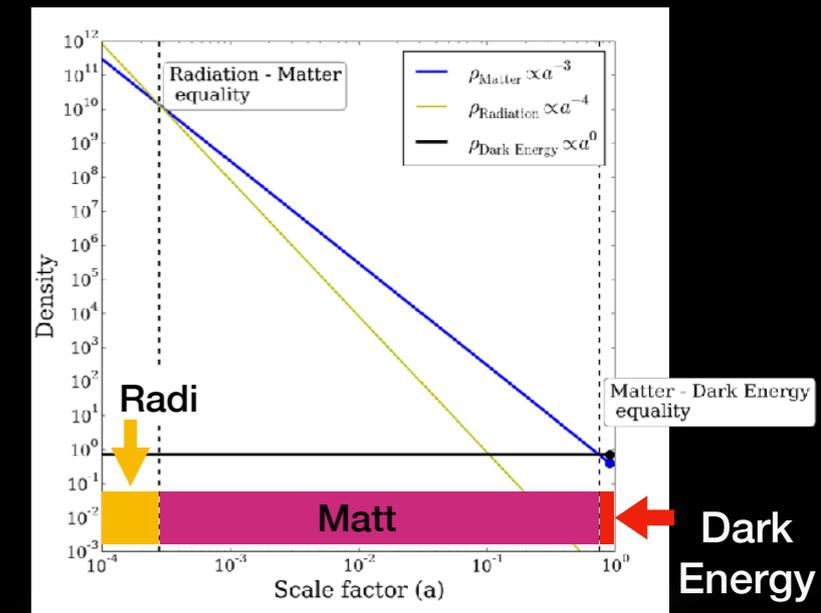
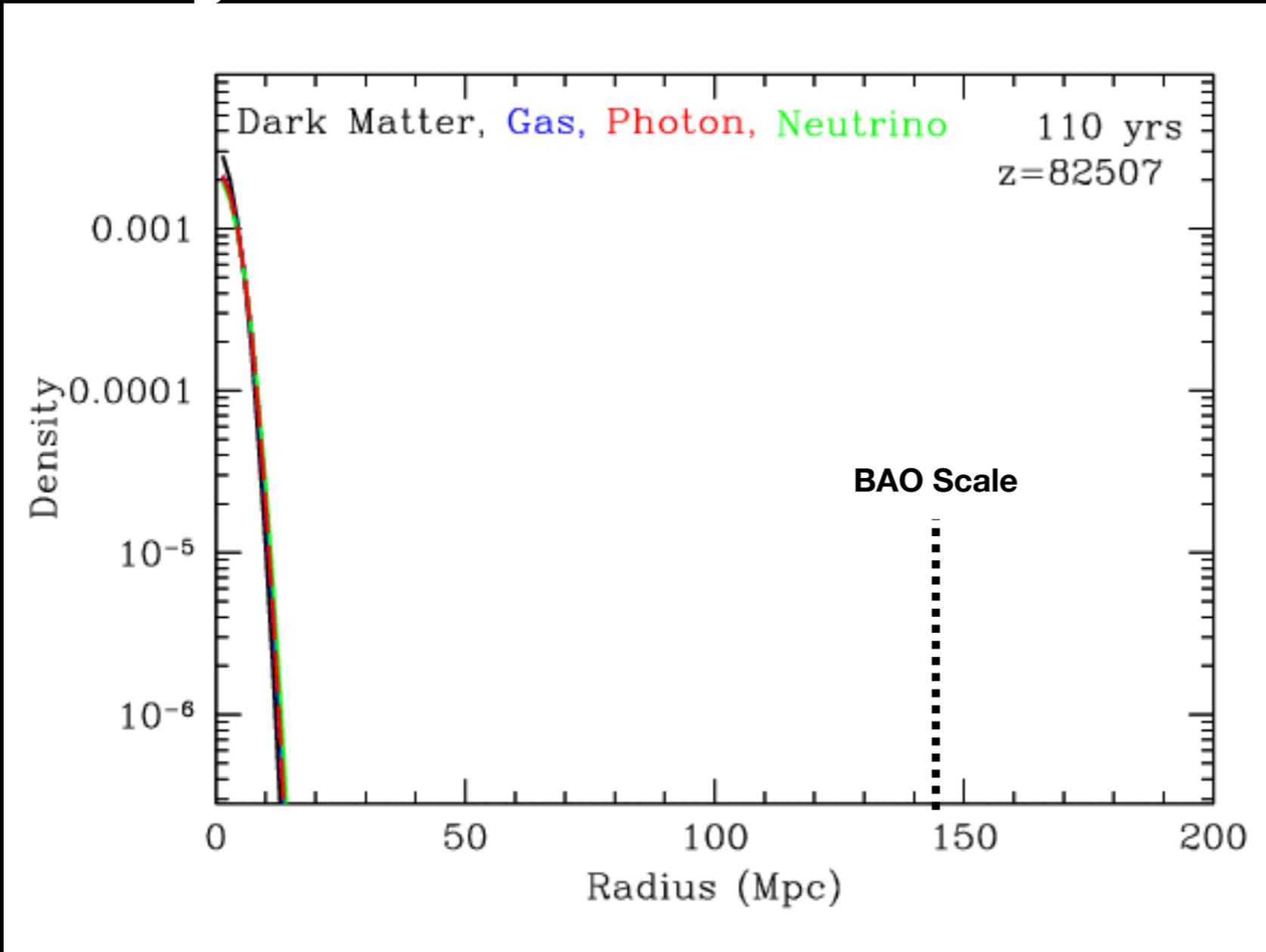


Standardizeable candle

A white silhouette of a lit candle with a flame, centered within three concentric white circles. The circles represent the expansion of light from the candle. Below the candle, the text 'Luminosity (L)' is written in white.

Luminosity (L)

# Baryon Acoustic Oscillation



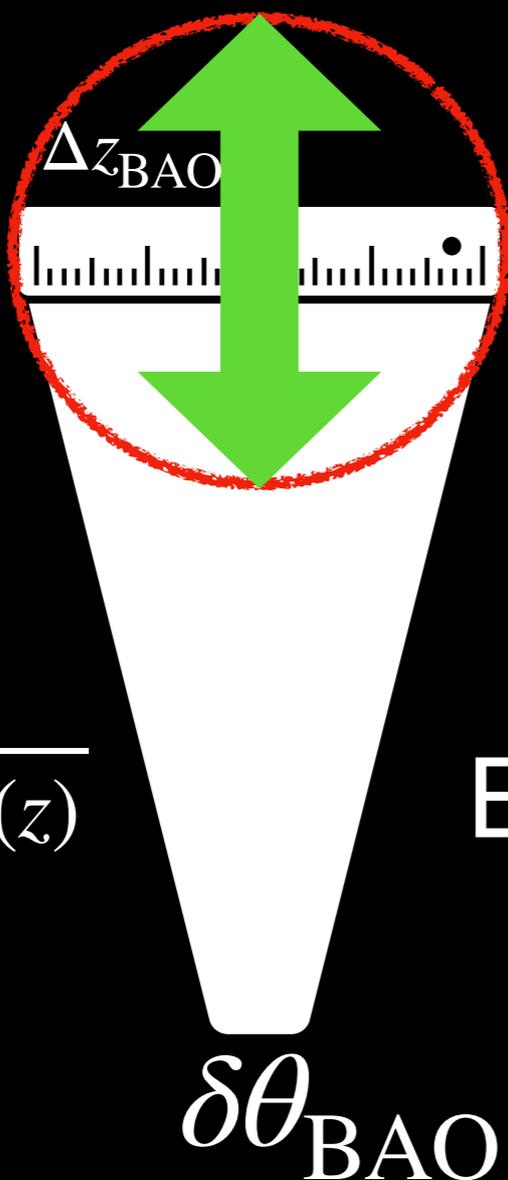
$$r_d = \int_{z_{\text{eq}}}^{\infty} \frac{c_s}{H(z)} dz$$

Animation Credit: Daniel Eisenstein

How about if we can measure proper distance of objects as the function of emission time.

$$d_p(t_0) = c \int_{t_e}^{t_0} \frac{dt}{a(t)}$$

Standard Ruler



$$d_A = \frac{\ell}{\delta\theta_{\text{BAO}}}$$

$$(1 + z)d_A = d_p(t_0) \rightarrow D_M(z)$$

↑ Angular diameter distance

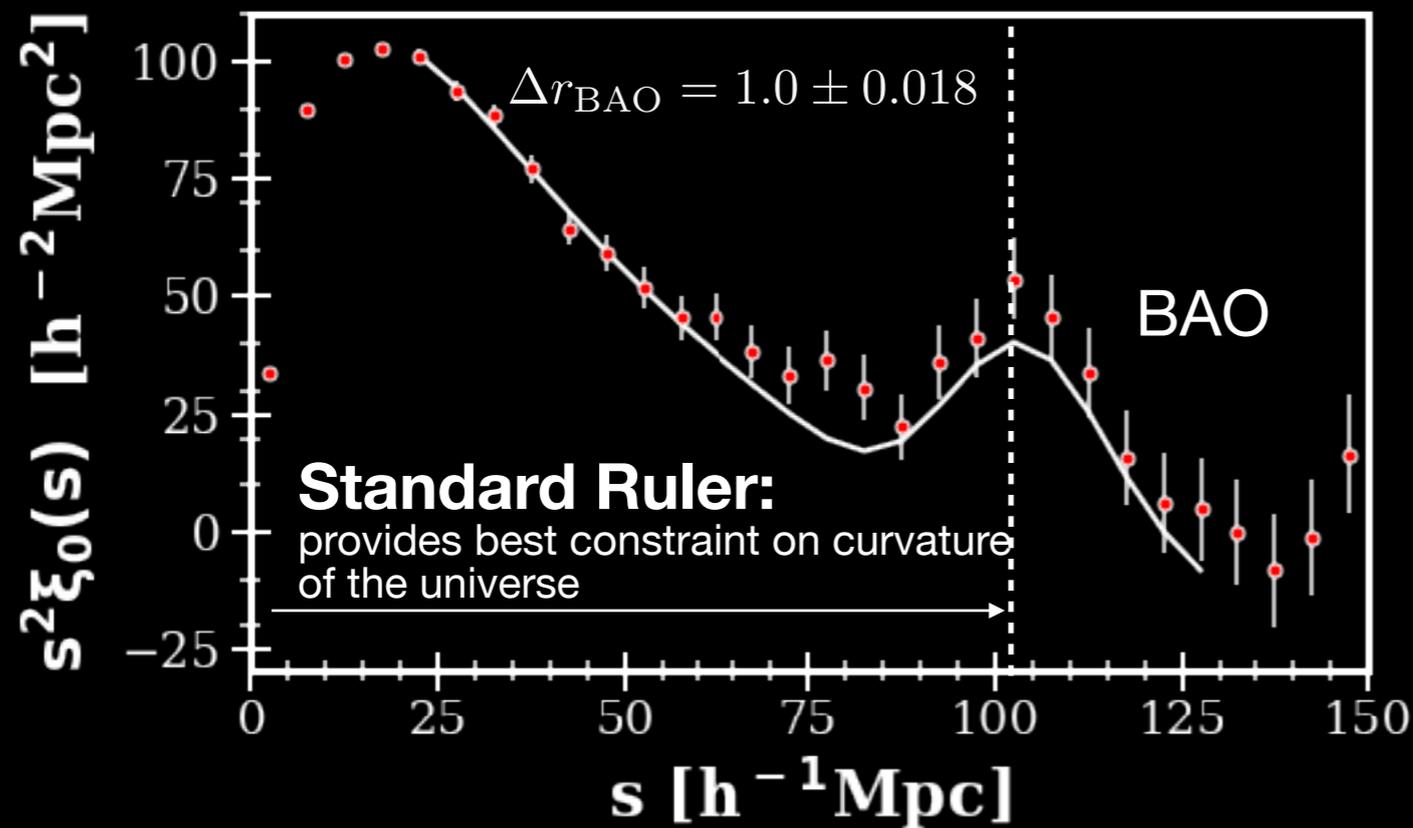
$$\Delta z_{\text{BAO}} = \frac{1}{D_H(z)}$$

Baryon Acoustic Oscillation (BAO)

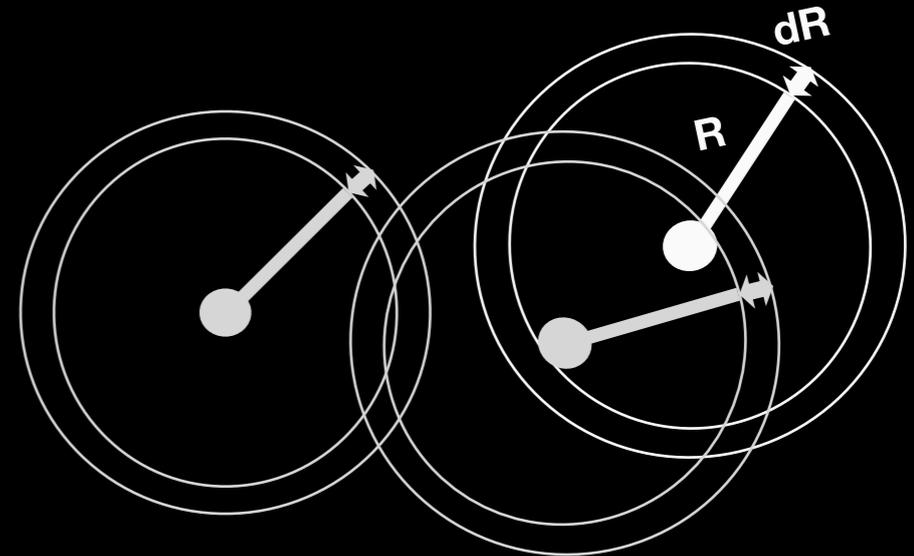
$$\frac{D_M(z)}{r_d}, \frac{r_d}{D_H(z)}$$

$$D_V(z) = \frac{[zD_M^2(z)D_H(z)]^{1/3}}{r_d}$$

# Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)



Measure Correlation  
Function

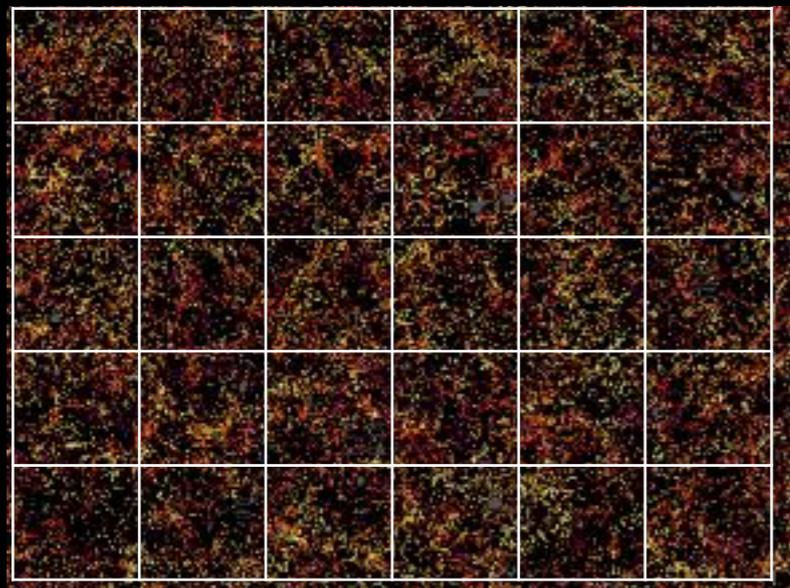


$$\xi(R) = \frac{n_{\text{pair}}^{\text{galaxy}}(R)}{n_{\text{pair}}^{\text{randoms}}(R)} - 1 \equiv \langle \delta(\vec{x}) \delta(\vec{x} + \vec{R}) \rangle$$

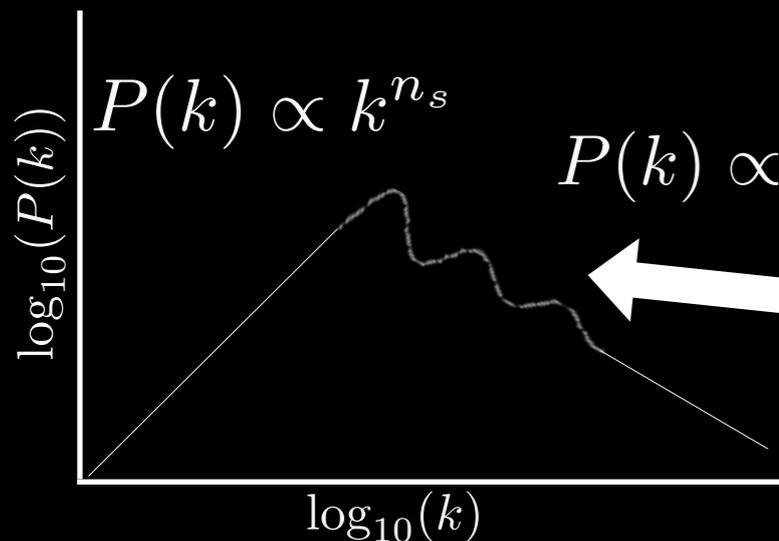
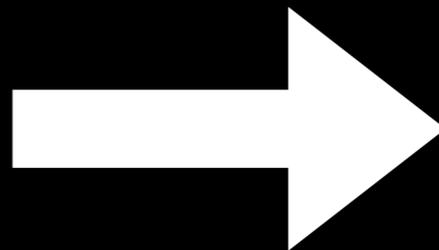
For a sample of galaxy measure their position in the sky (RA,DEC) and spectra to get redshift (z) needed to measure BAO.

# BAO in Fourier Space

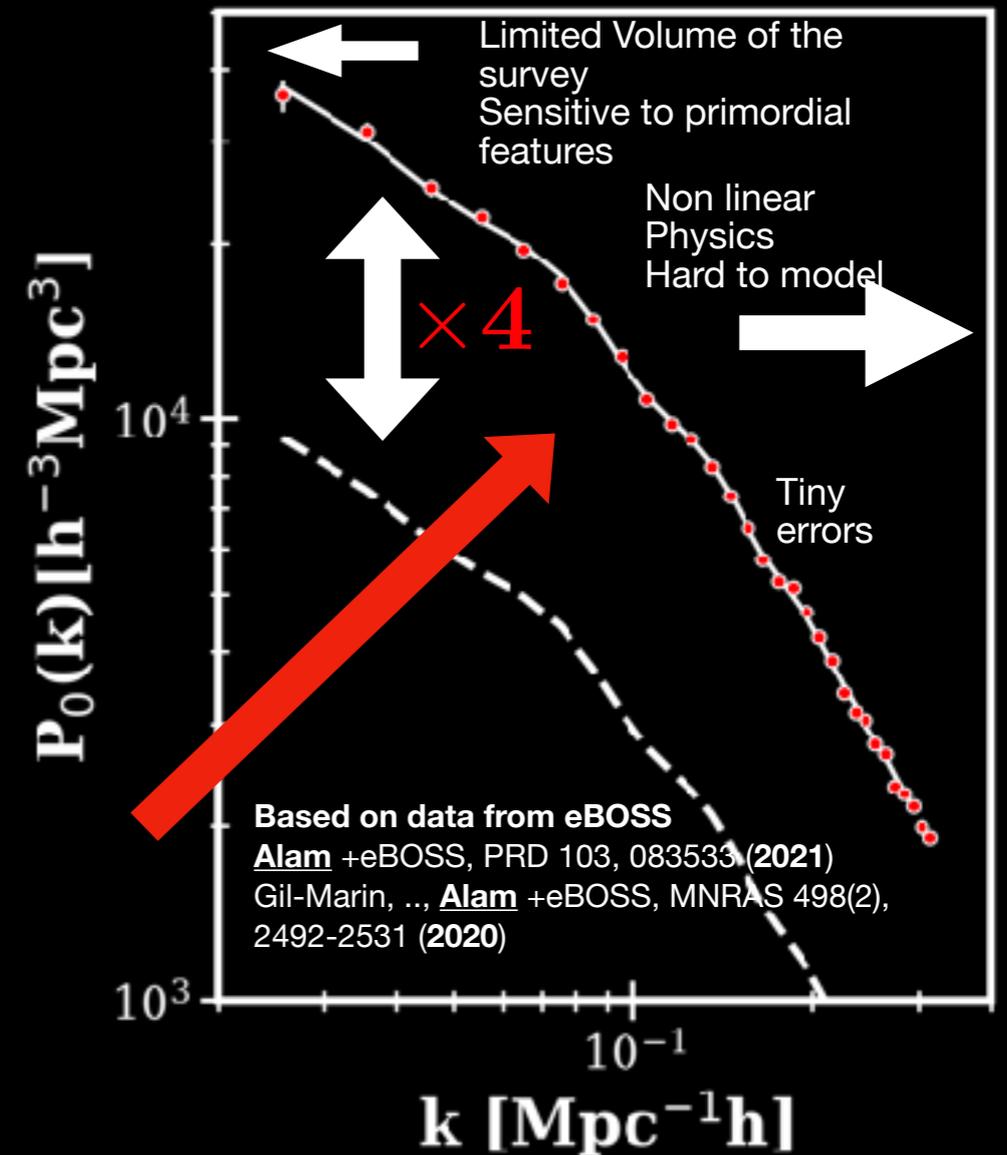
## Standard model of Cosmological Structure Formation



$$P(k) = \langle \delta(\vec{k}) \delta^*(\vec{k}) \rangle$$



Baryon Acoustic Oscillation (BAO)





Cosmological constant?

Modification to General Relativity

Extra dimension String Theory

Multiple scalar fields

$w_{DE}(z)$  has great implication on the physics of Universe as well as its eventual fate

$a(t)$  is the physical quantity which we can target

$d_p(z)$  proper distance can be measured\*. The redshift require spectroscopic measurements.

How to improve the **PRECISION** of the measurements?

Supernovae

$$d_L(z) = (1 + z)d_p(z)$$

BAO  $\frac{D_M(z)}{r_d}, \frac{r_d}{D_H(z)}$

# Precision of BAO

It seems natural to measure lots of galaxies spatial location (RA,DEC,z) precisely to make more precise measurement of BAO and hence  $w_{DE}(z)$

DESI Legacy Imaging Survey

6+ years of taking imaging of night sky

Detected **1.5 Billion** galaxies and **1.3 Billion** stars (PSF)

But for BAO we need spectra of galaxies.

DESI can take 5000 spectra at a time.

4000 spectra X 8 hrs x 2 (per hour) = 64,000 spectra per night

64,000 x 365 days x 5 years x 0.5 efficiency ~ 58 Million galaxies

58 million / 1.5 Billion ~ **0.04** Fraction of source possible to observe

How to select the **4%** for best cosmological constraint?

# Precision of BAO

$$\text{SNR} \approx \frac{P_i \leftarrow 10^3 - 10^4 (k \approx 0.1)}{\sqrt{C_{ii}}}$$

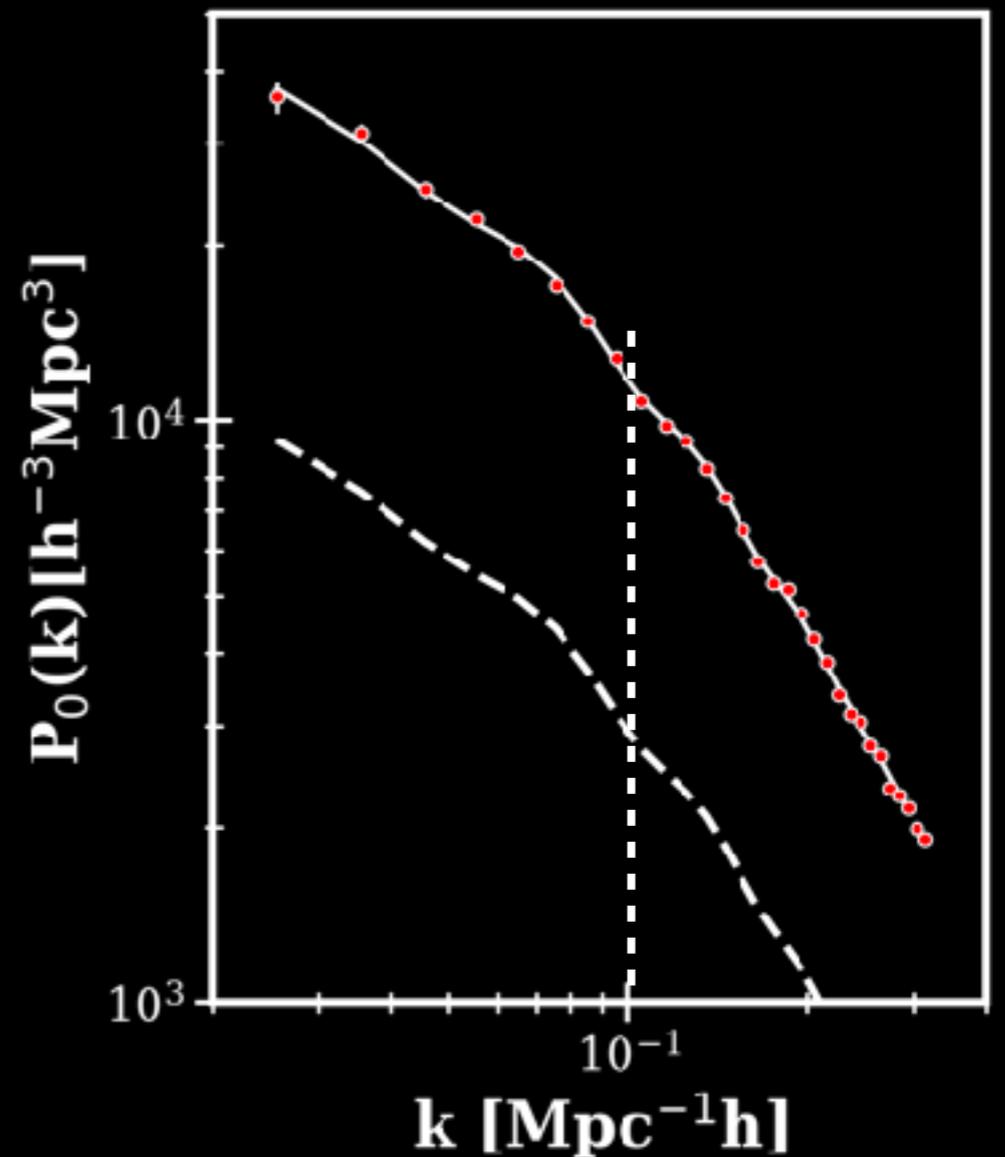
For Gaussian Random Field

$$C_{ij} = \frac{(2\pi)^3 \left(P_i + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2}{V 2\pi k_i^2 \delta k} \delta_{ij}$$

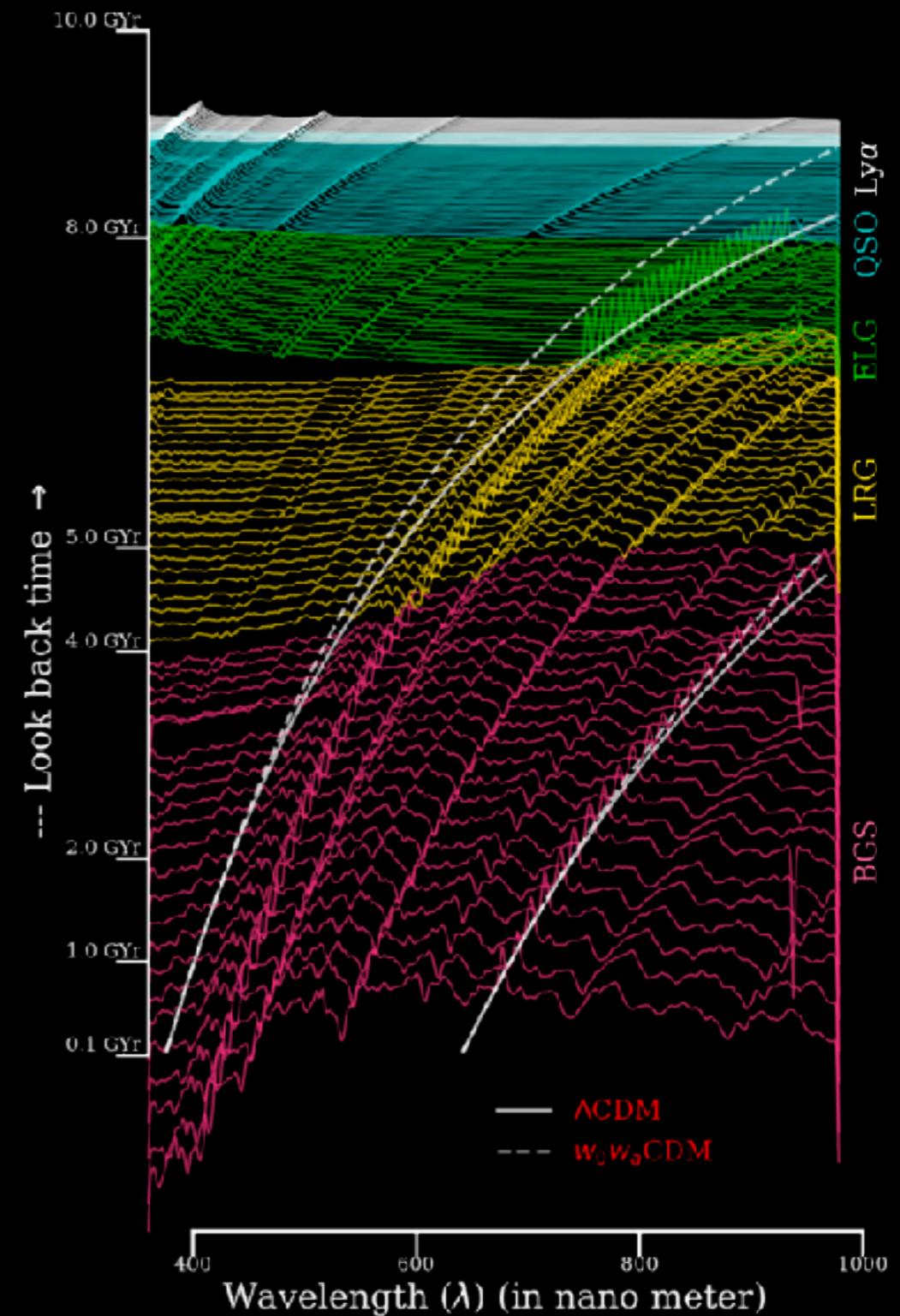
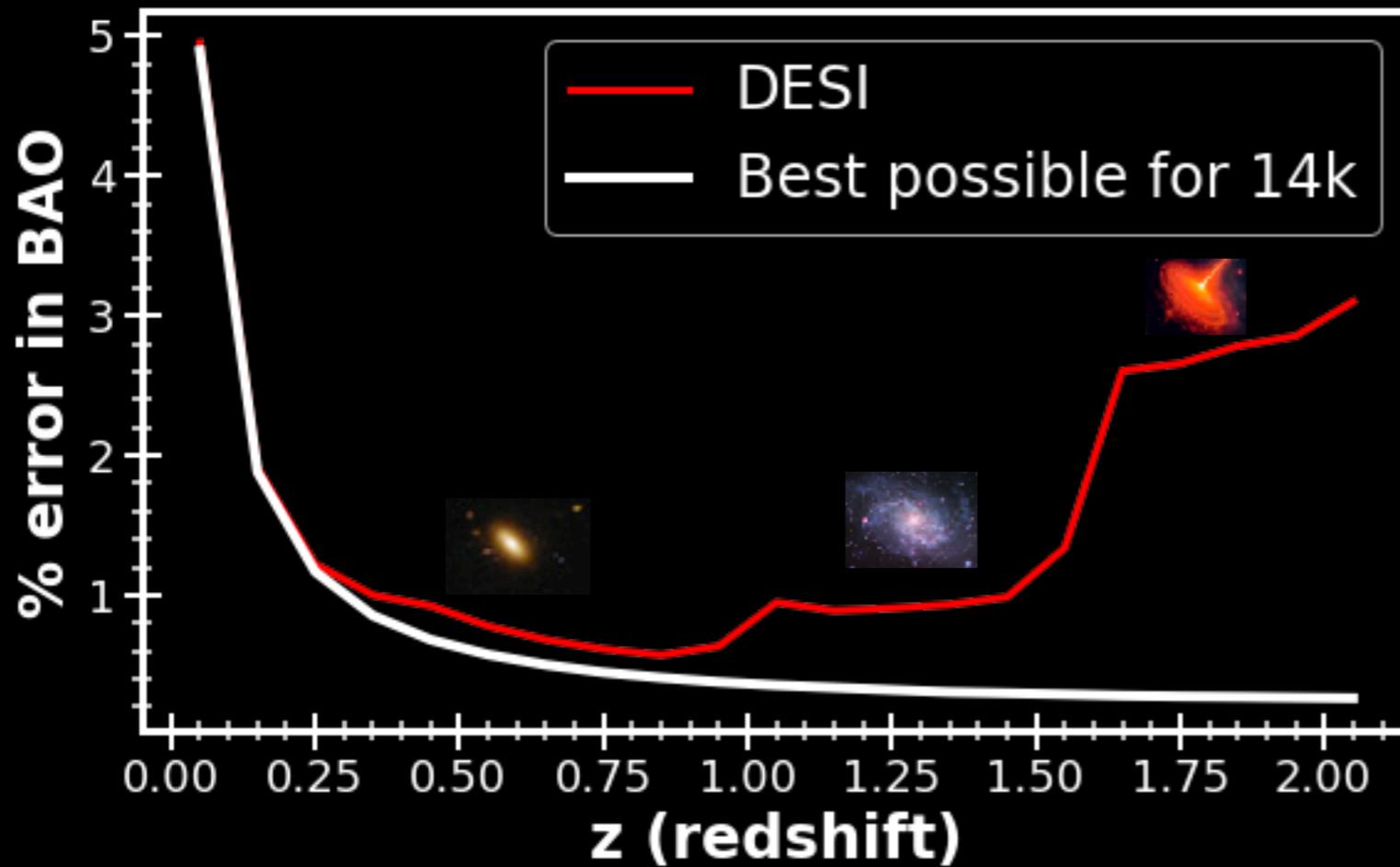
$\uparrow \approx \sigma_k^2$  want to minimize

**To keep sampling (shot) noise sub-dominant**

$$\frac{1}{n} < P_i \implies n > \frac{1}{P_i} > 10^{-3} - 10^{-4} [\text{Mpc}/h]^{-3}$$



# Precision of BAO



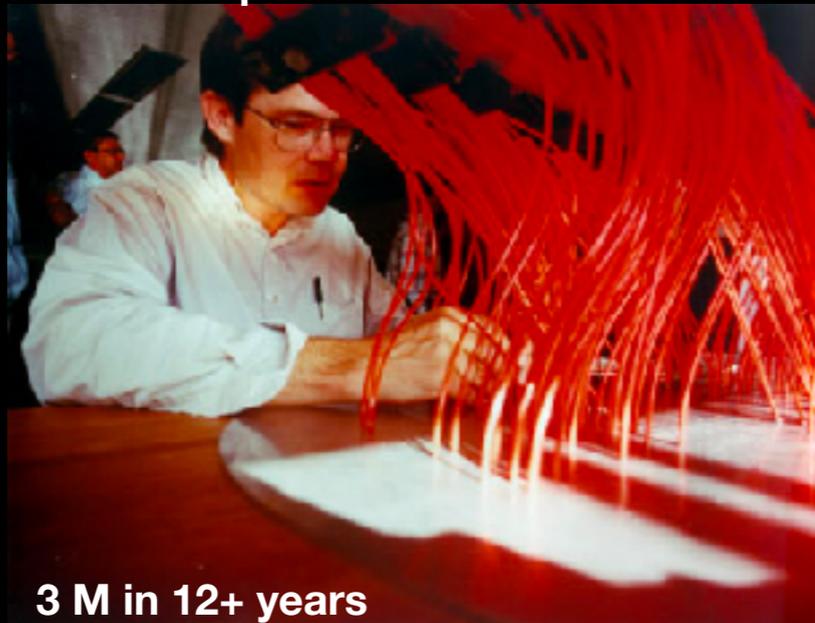
**To keep sampling (shot) noise sub-dominant**

$$\frac{1}{n} \langle P_i \rangle \implies n \langle \frac{1}{P_i} \rangle > 10^{-3} - 10^{-4}$$

# Dark Energy Spectroscopy Instrument (DESI)

Ongoing from 2021-2026 (5 year program), overall cost~150 M \$ (~1300 crore INR)

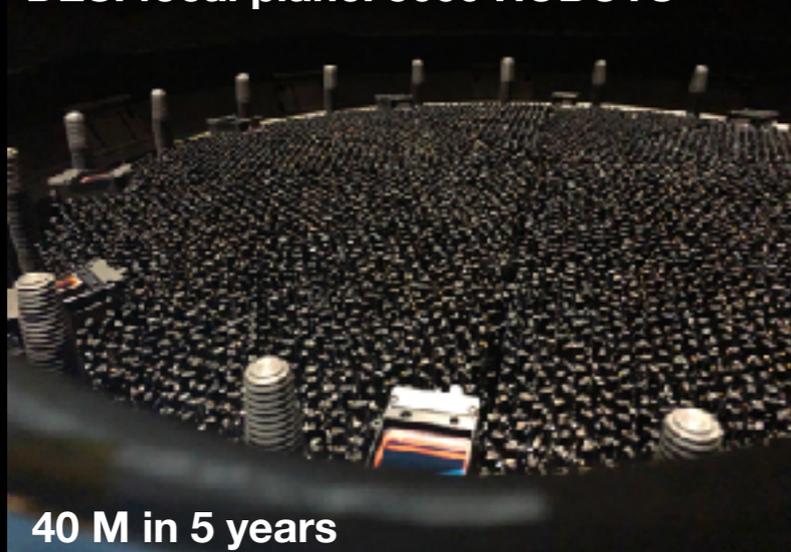
SDSS focal plane: HUMAN



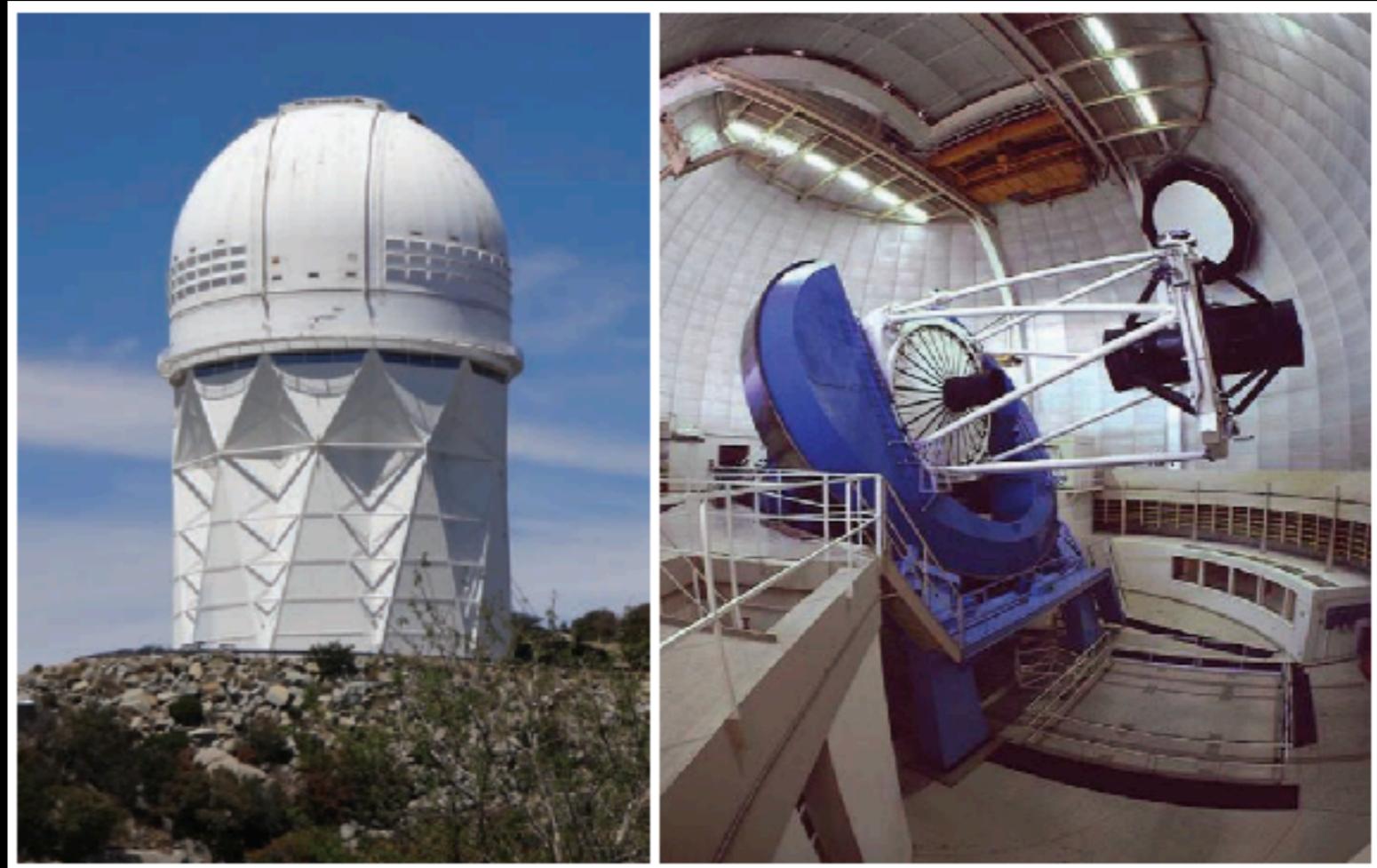
3 M in 12+ years



DESI focal plane: 5000 ROBOTS

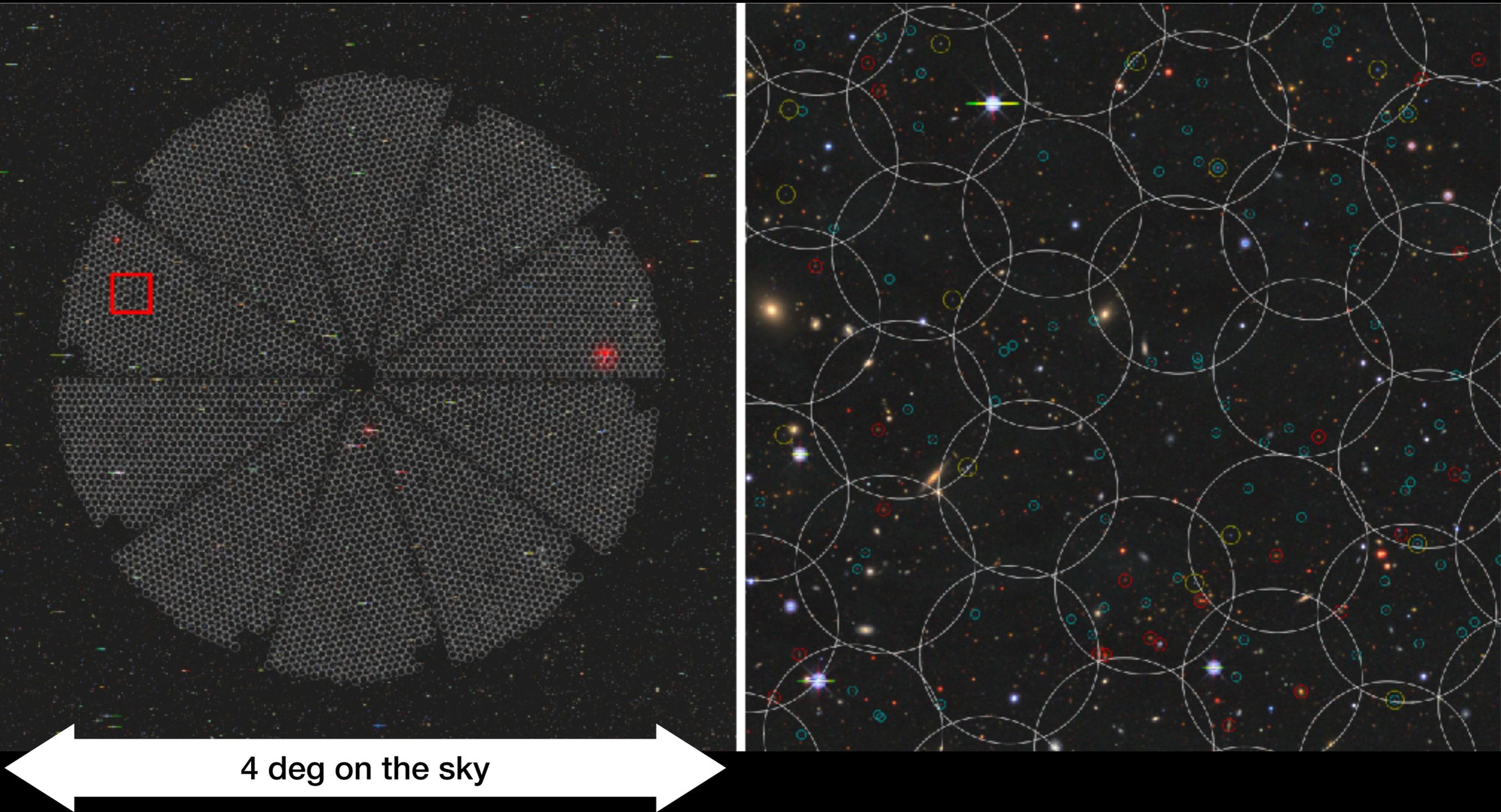


40 M in 5 years



- 2021-2026 (5 years, Ongoing since May 2021)
- Instrument performs excellently (3 years of data collected on-April 2024)
- **40 million** Galaxy Spectra by the end of 5 years

# DESI Focal plane (ideal for unclustered universe)



## DESI Legacy Imaging Survey

**6+** years of imaging using **3 telescope** covering **18000 deg<sup>2</sup>**  
with **1.5 Billion** galaxy

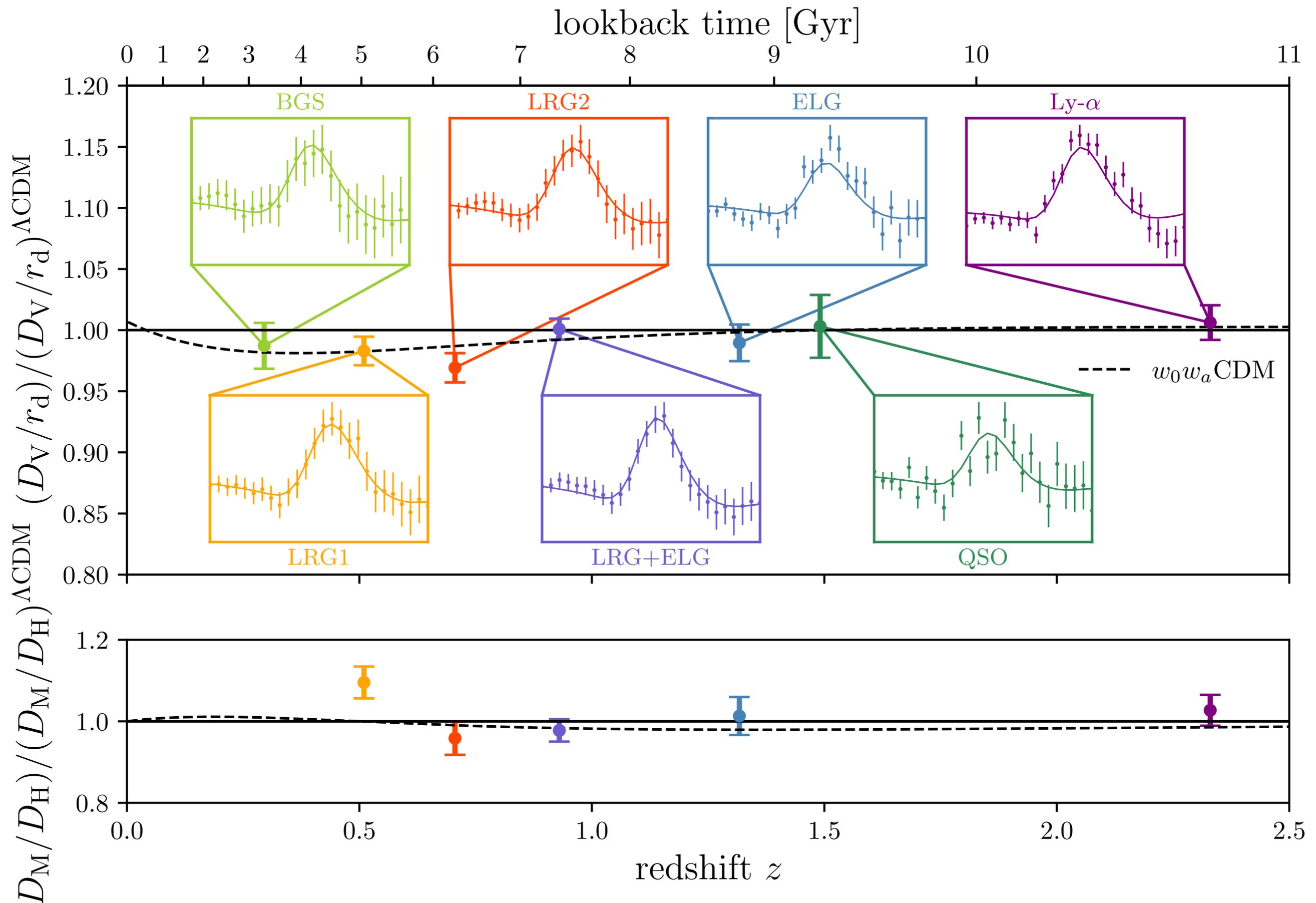
Build DESI Instrument with 5000 optical fibres

**10+ years** of designing, **600 crore** INR , **700 +** team members

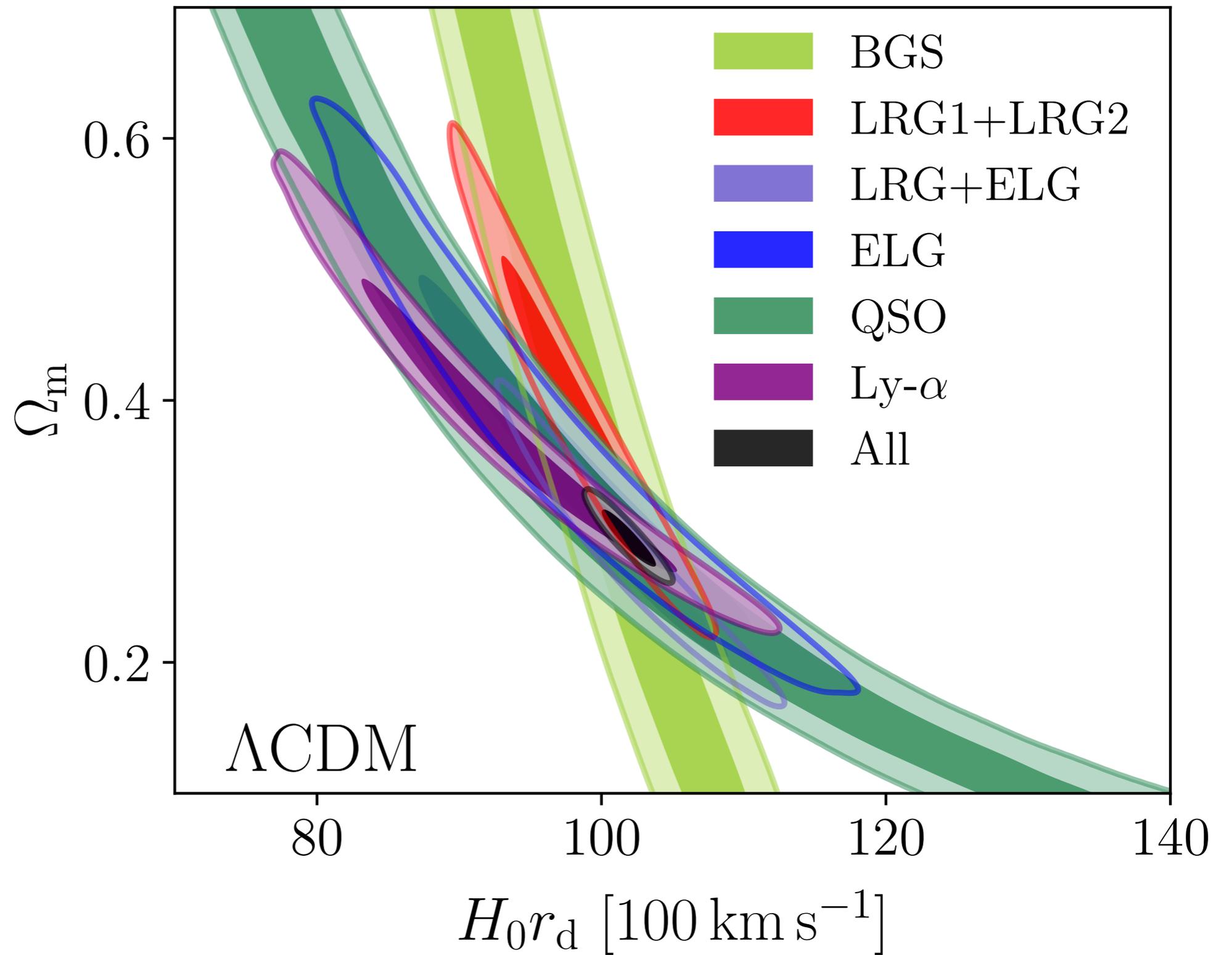
Select objects to obtain best cosmology

Based on  **$n \cdot P \sim 1$**  and **30 minutes** of observing time on DESI  
select objects for spectroscopy

Observed **~6 million** extra galactic objects in Y1,  
spend 100 times more computing on **estimating errors** and 1000 times more computing on **tracking non-idealities** of Instrument.



# LCDM



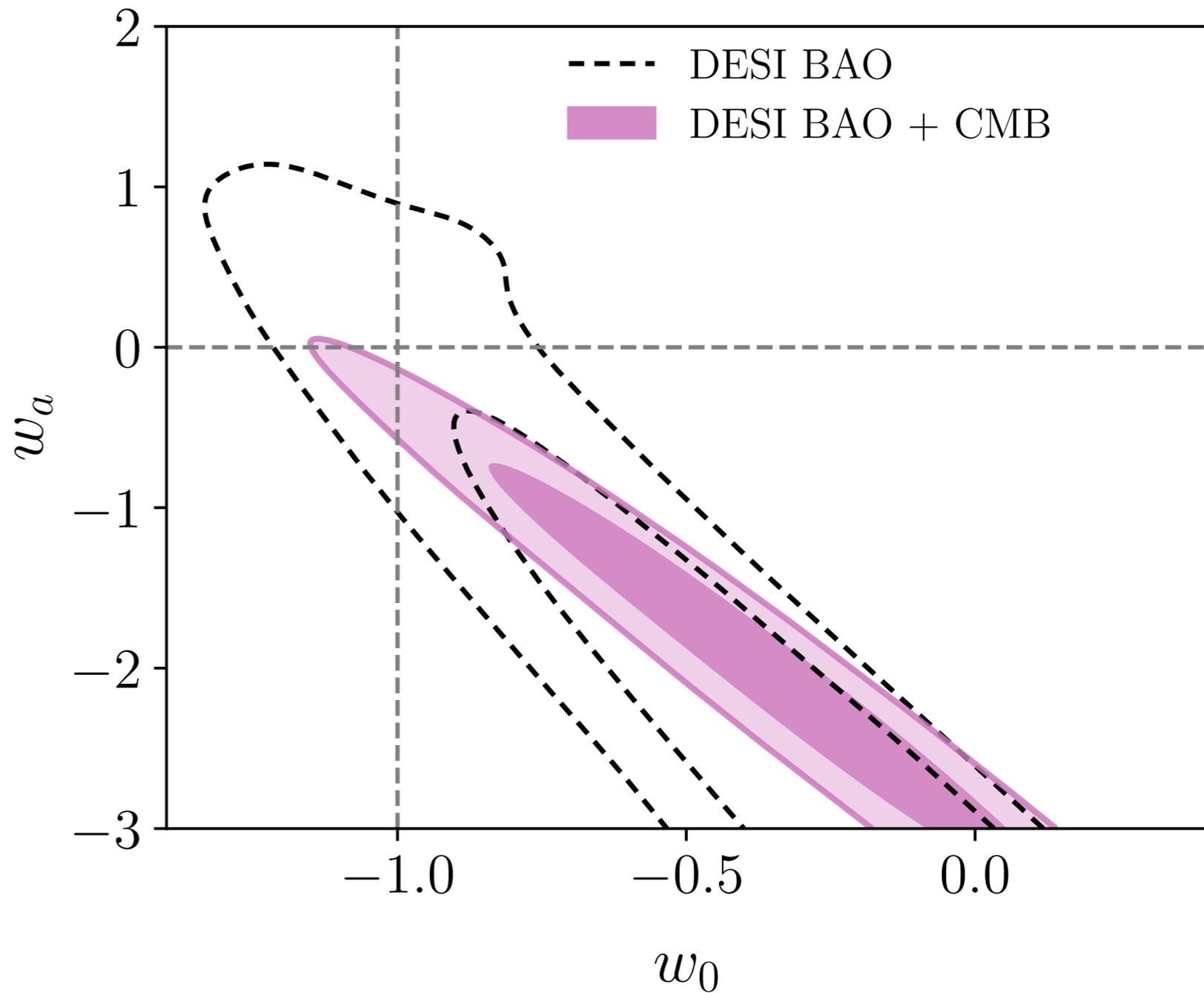
$$\Omega_m = 0.295 \pm 0.015 \text{ (5.1\%)}$$

$$H_0 r_d = 101.8 \pm 1.3 [100 \text{ km s}^{-1}]$$

# Dark Energy

$$w_0 = -0.45^{+0.34}_{-0.21}, w_a = -1.79^{+0.48}_{-1.00}$$

2.6 $\sigma$



$$w_{\text{DE}}(z) = w_0 + (1 - a)w_a$$

# Dark Energy

$$w_0 = -0.827 \pm 0.063, w_a = -0.75^{+0.29}_{-0.25}$$

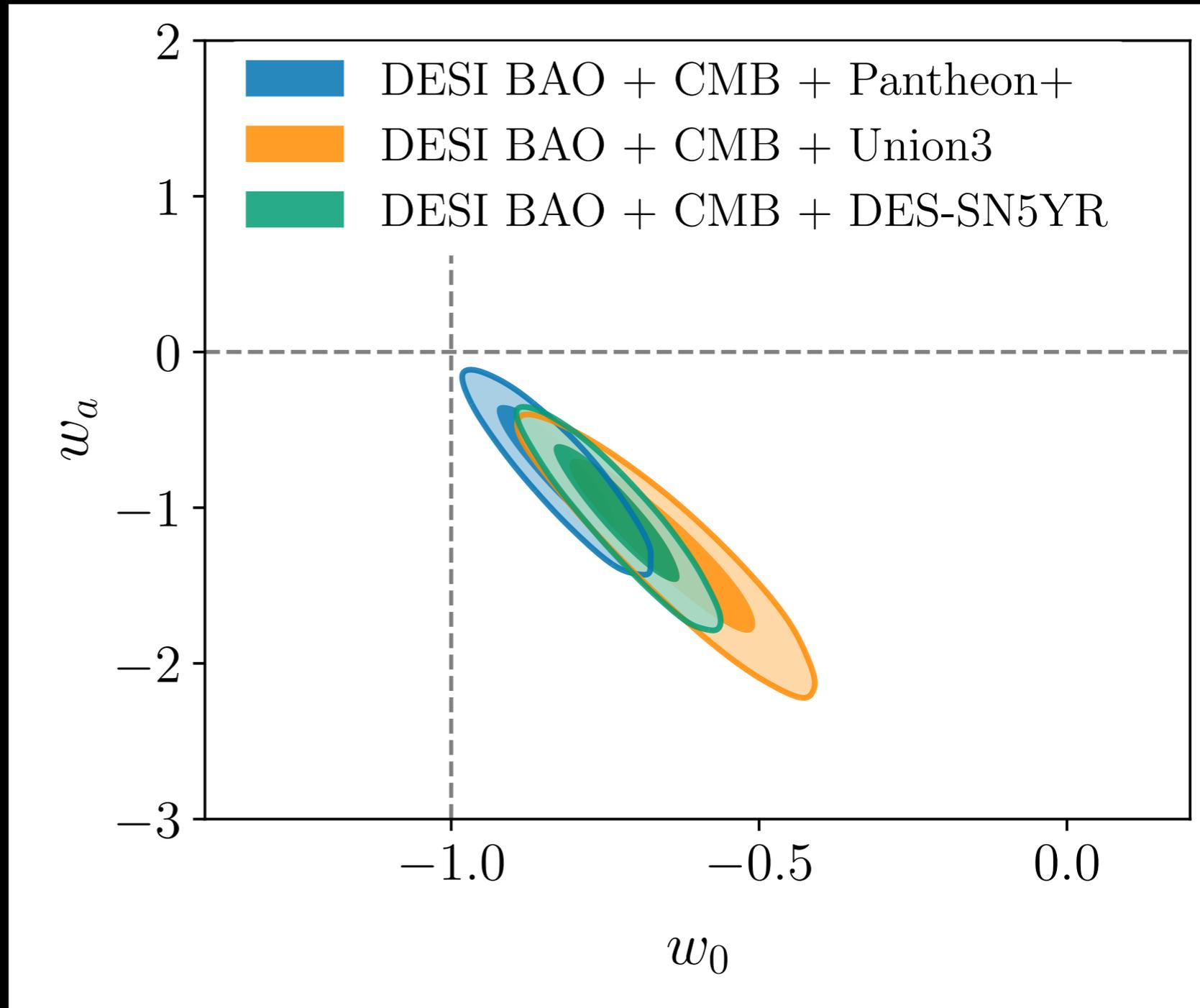
2.5 $\sigma$

$$w_0 = -0.827 \pm 0.063, w_a = -0.75^{+0.29}_{-0.25}$$

3.5 $\sigma$

$$w_0 = -0.727 \pm 0.067, w_a = -1.05^{+0.31}_{-0.27}$$

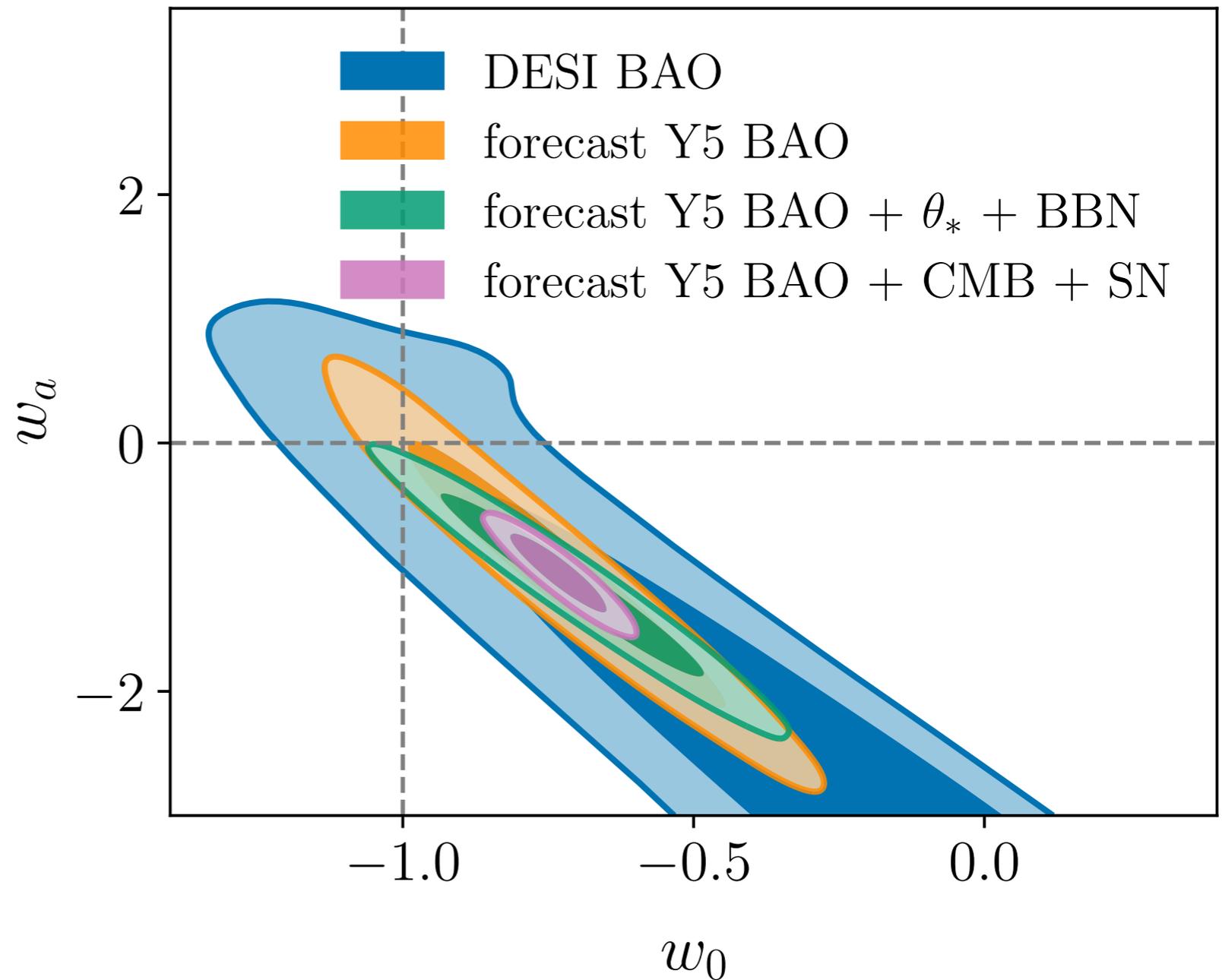
3.9 $\sigma$



$$w_{\text{DE}}(z) = w_0 + (1 - a)w_a$$

# Dark Energy

Data by 2026 and  
analysis soon after



$$w_{\text{DE}}(z) = w_0 + (1 - a)w_a$$

# Beyond Dark Energy

# LSS can provide precise measurements of the sum of neutrino masses

## Neutrino Oscillation experiments

Gonzalez-Garcia JHEP 1411:052, 2014

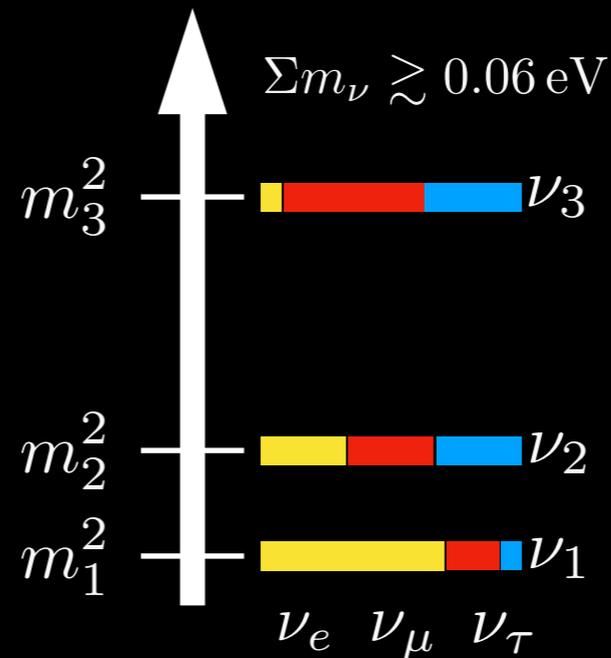
$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (0.0086 \pm 0.0011 \text{eV})^2$$

$$\Delta m_{3\ell}^2 = (0.05 \pm 0.0005 \text{eV})^2$$

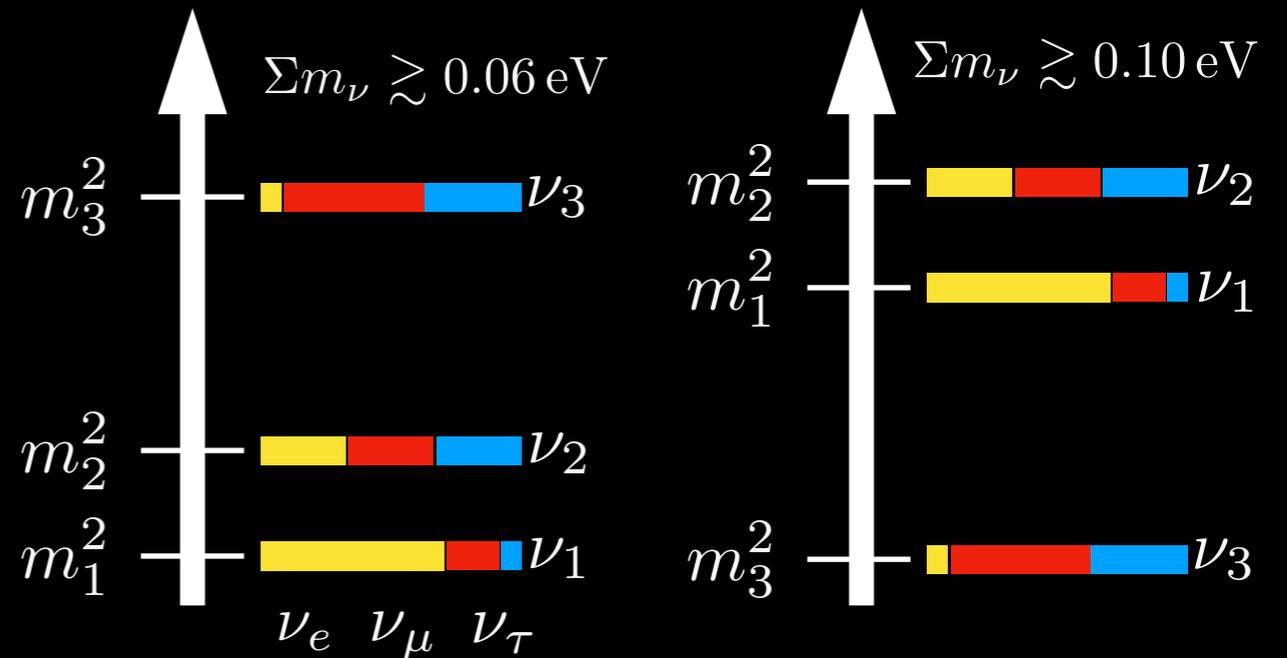
Solar

Atmospheric

### Normal Hierarchy



### Inverted Hierarchy



# Neutrinos and Cosmology : Geometry

- Radiation matter equality with neutrino

$$\rho_b(a_{\text{eq}}) + \rho_c(a_{\text{eq}}) = \rho_\gamma(a_{\text{eq}}) + \rho_\nu(a_{\text{eq}})$$

- Changing sound horizon

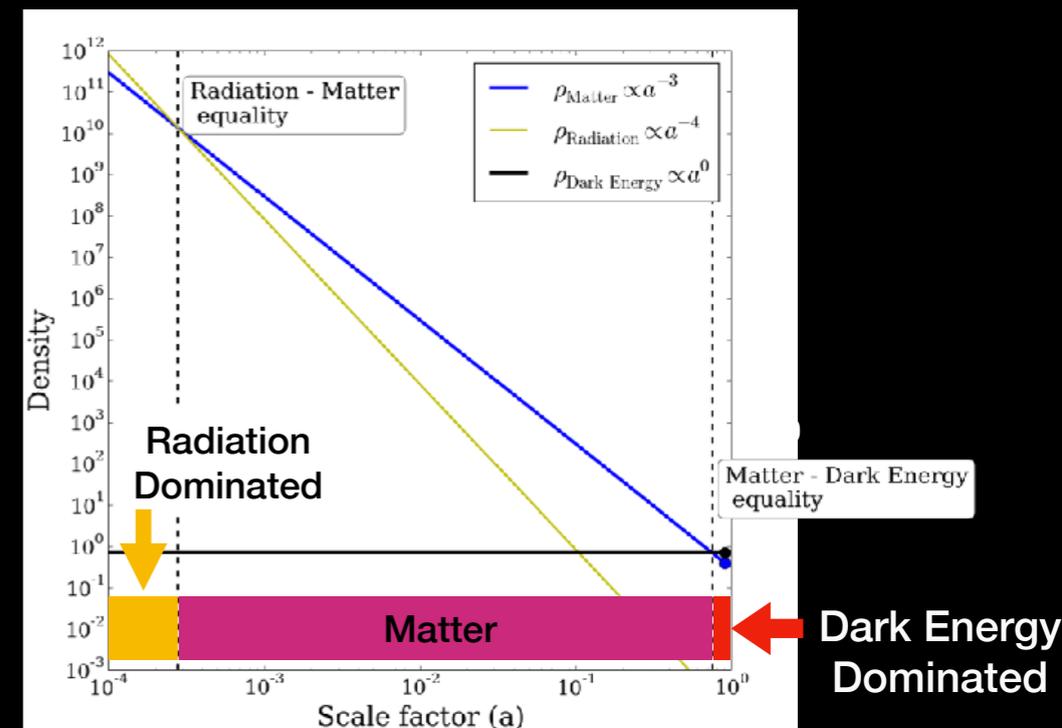
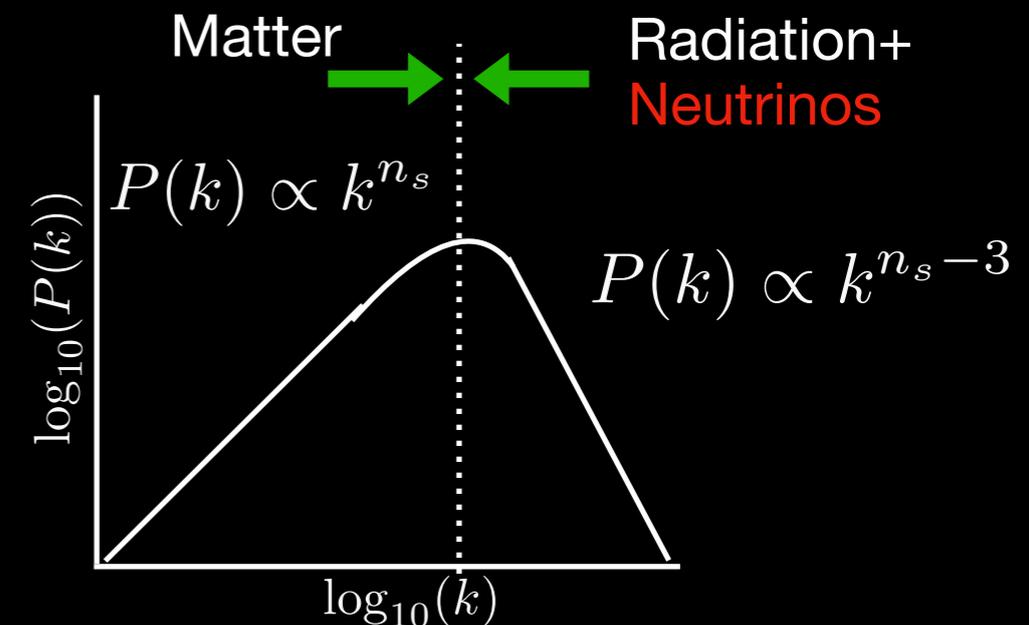
$$r_d = \int_{z_{\text{eq}}}^{\infty} \frac{c_s}{H(z)} dz$$

$$\left(\frac{H}{H_0}\right)^2 = \Omega_m a^{-3} + (\Omega_\gamma + \Omega_\nu) a^{-4} + \Omega_\Lambda$$

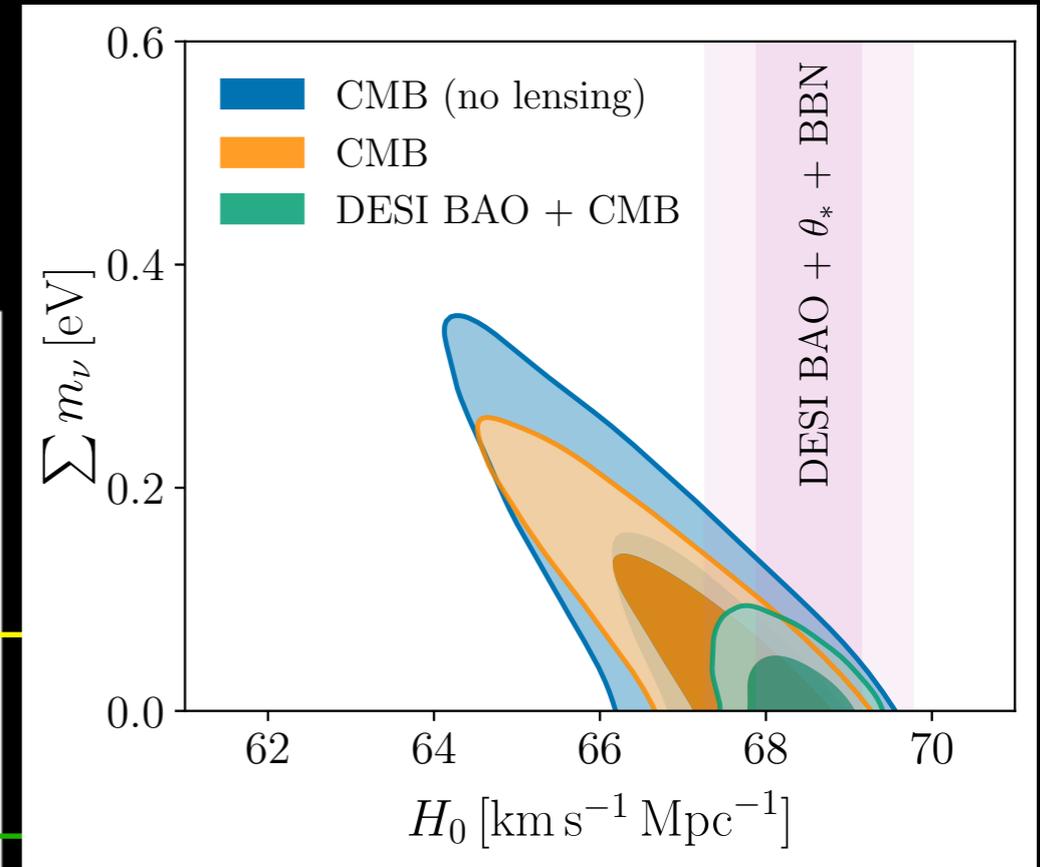
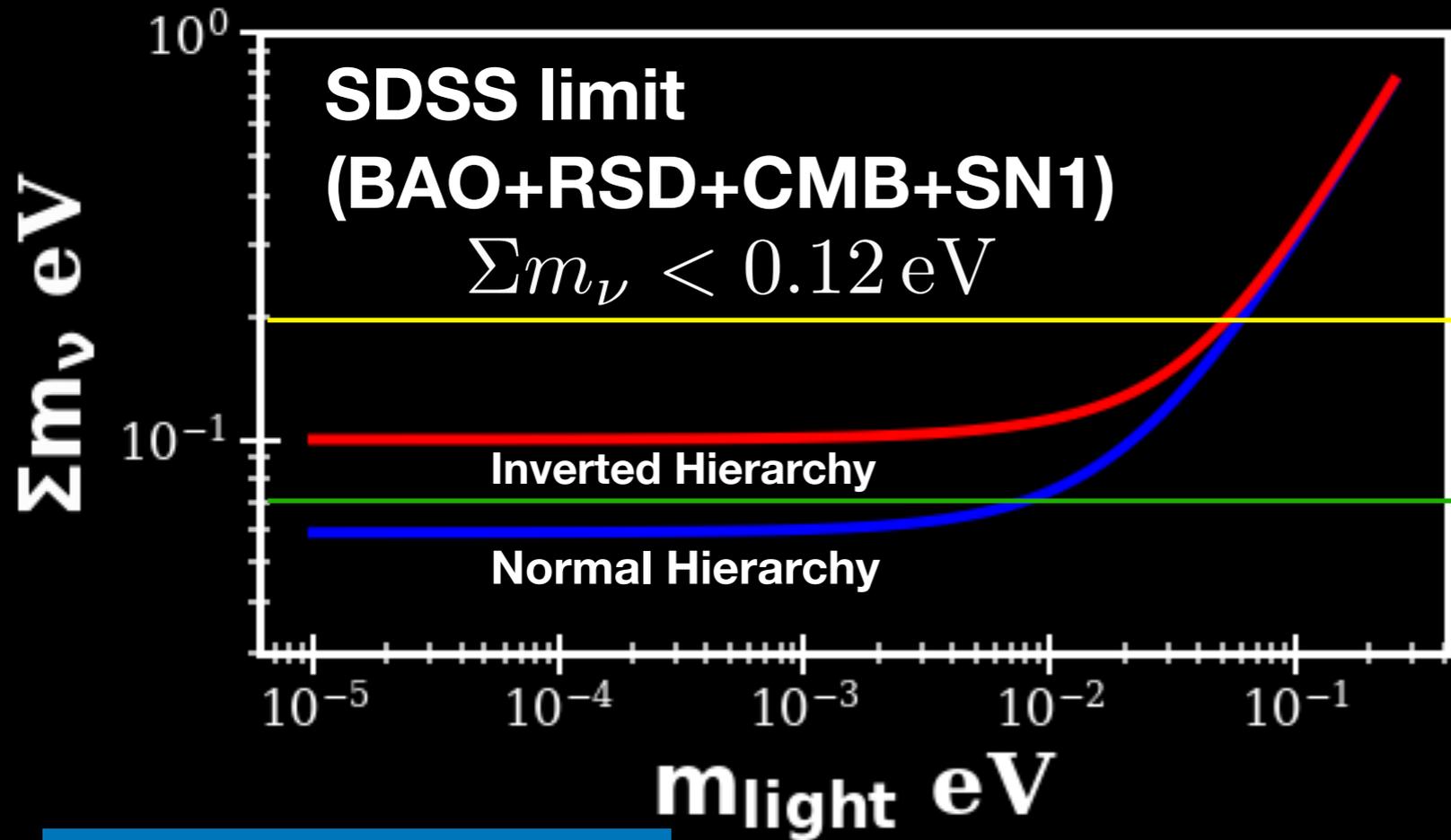
- This will affect BAO measurements

$$D_M/r_d \quad D_H/r_d$$

\*Neutrinos also affect He abundance (BBN) in the universe. But I will not discuss it in this talk for brevity.



# Constraints on Neutrino mass



DESI BAO + CMB

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.072$$

Prior dependent

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.113 \text{ for } > 0.059 \text{ eV}$$

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.145 \text{ for } > 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

Model dependent

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.195 \text{ for } w_0 w_a \text{CDM}$$

DESI 5 year data (2026)

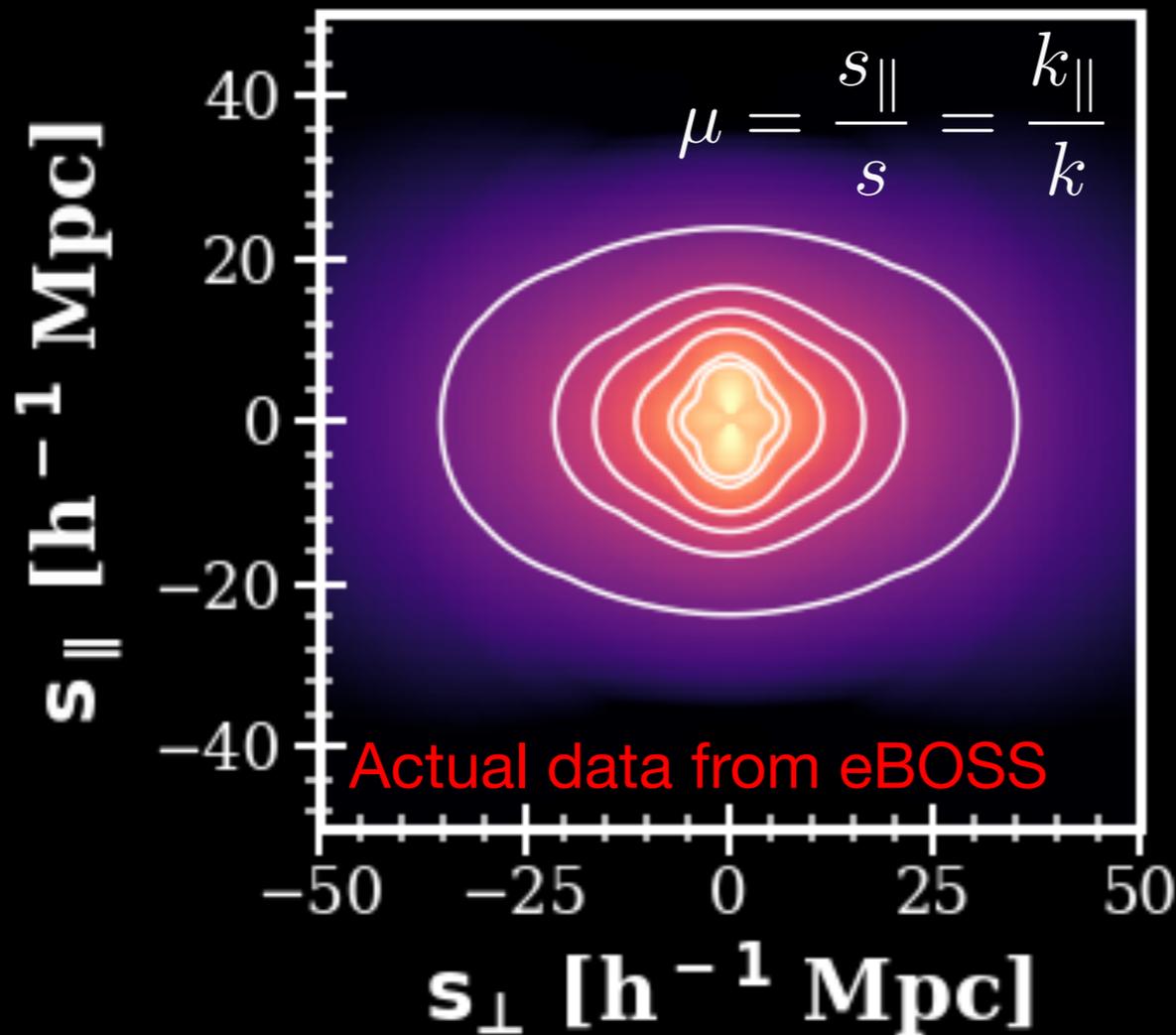
$$\sigma_{\Sigma m_\nu} = 0.02 \text{ eV}$$

\*  $\Lambda$ CDM

# Beyond BAO science

# Redshift Space Distortions (RSD)

Redshift Space Distortions (RSD)



$\sigma_8$   
↓

$$P_s^g(k, \mu) = P_m(k) (b + f\mu^2)^2$$

$$f_{\text{gravity}}(a, k) = \frac{\partial \ln(\delta(a, k))}{\partial \ln(a)} \quad \text{Test of gravity}$$

$$f_{\text{GR}}(a) \approx \Omega_m(a)^{0.55} \quad \Lambda\text{CDM}$$

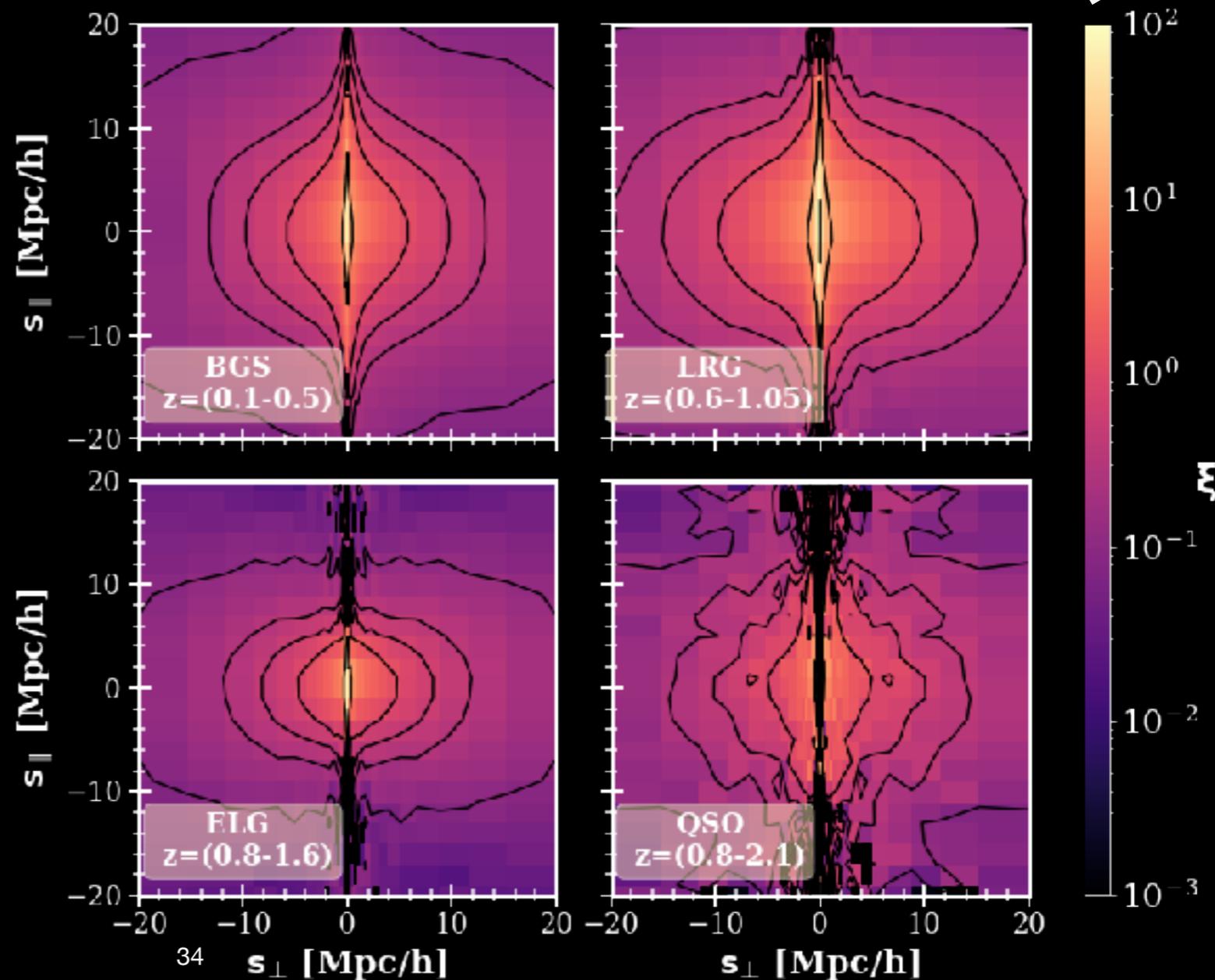
\*Full equations are much more involved and cannot be written in such simple closed form

# One month of DESI data Cosmological Onions



Previous surveys took years to produce such quality measurements

Analysis of DESI Y1 sample for RSD is expected to be released soon. Still Blinded!

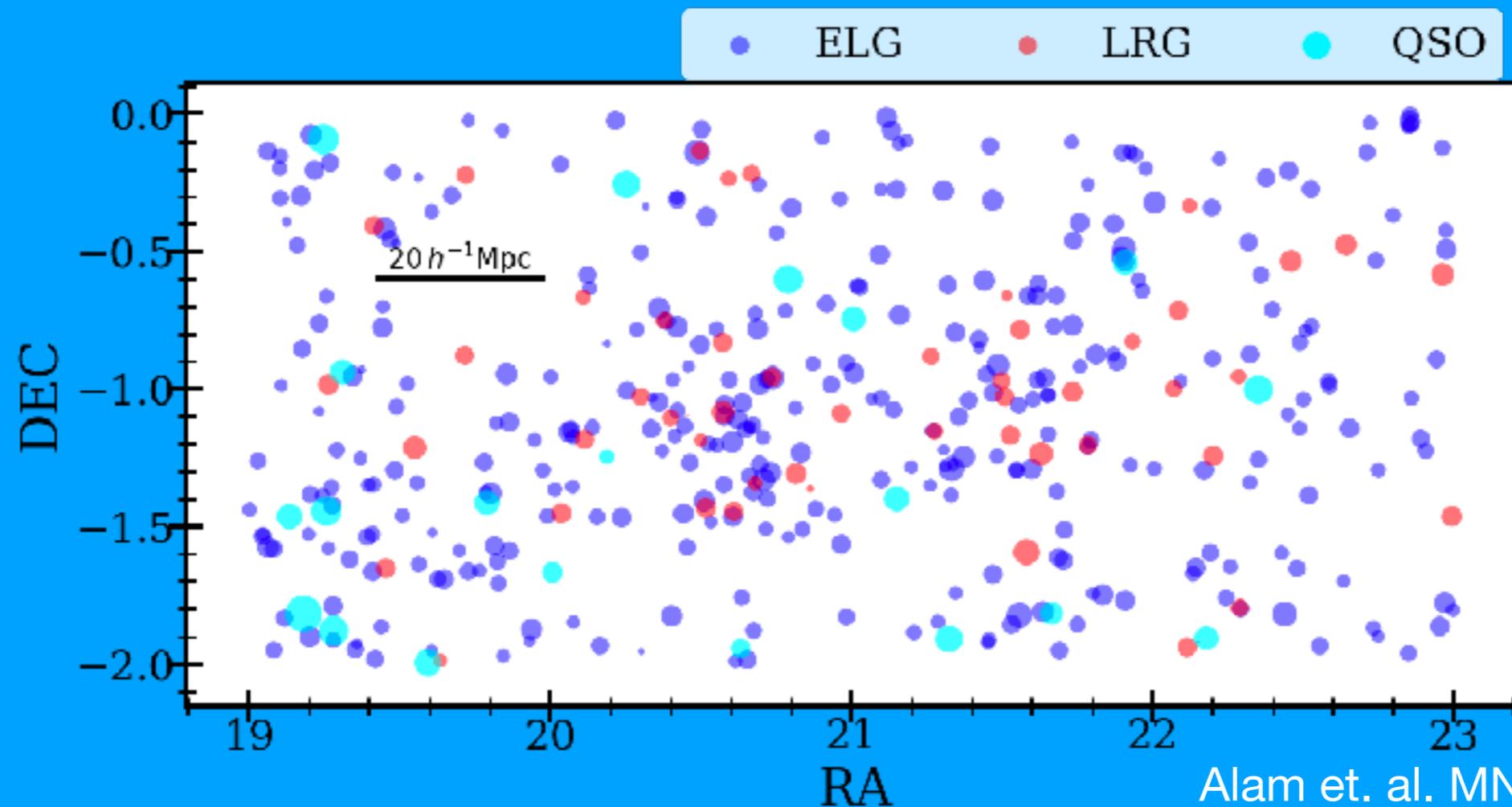


Luminous Red Galaxy  
(LRG)

Quasi Stellar Objects  
(QSOs)

Emission Line Galaxy  
(ELG)

# Supermassive Black hole growth

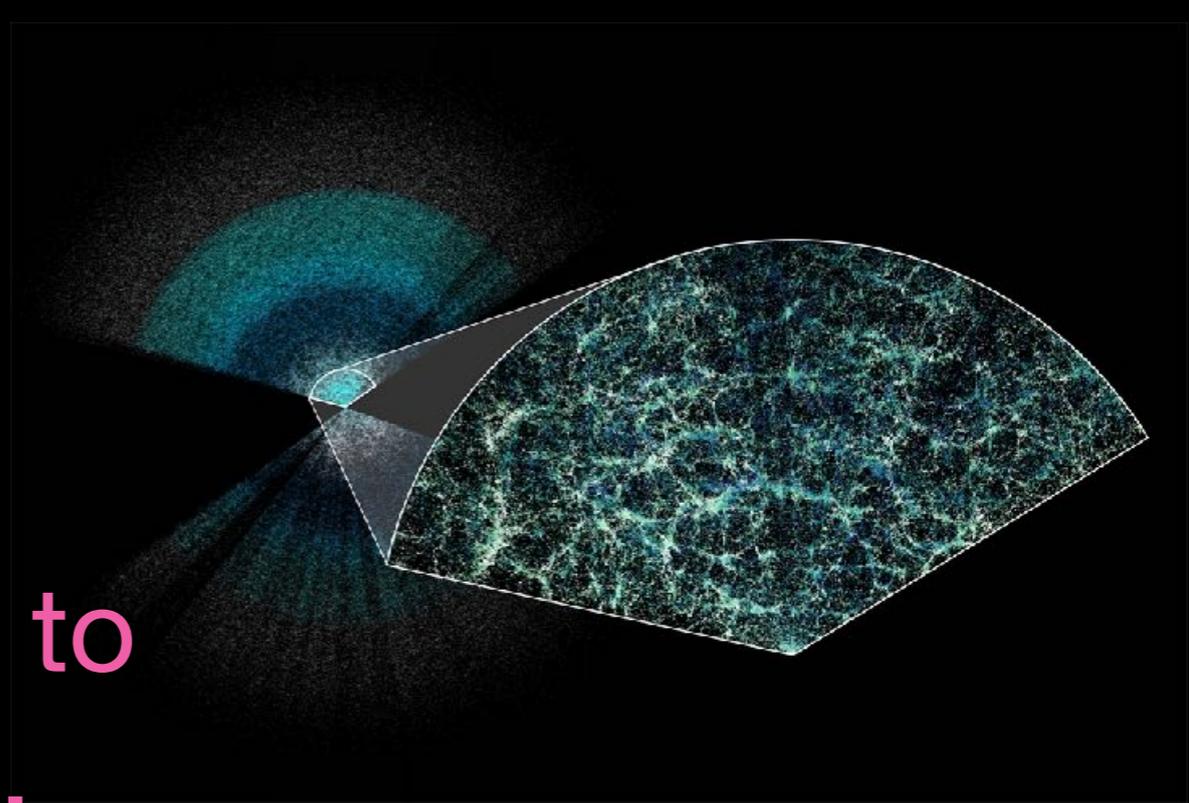


# Unprecedented data / space for discovery

- Relativistic effects (such as gravitational redshift, relativistic beaming)
- Boundaries of dark matter haloes
- Constrain models of dark matter interactions
- Life cycle of galaxies
- Beyond gaussian terms in the initial conditions of the Universe

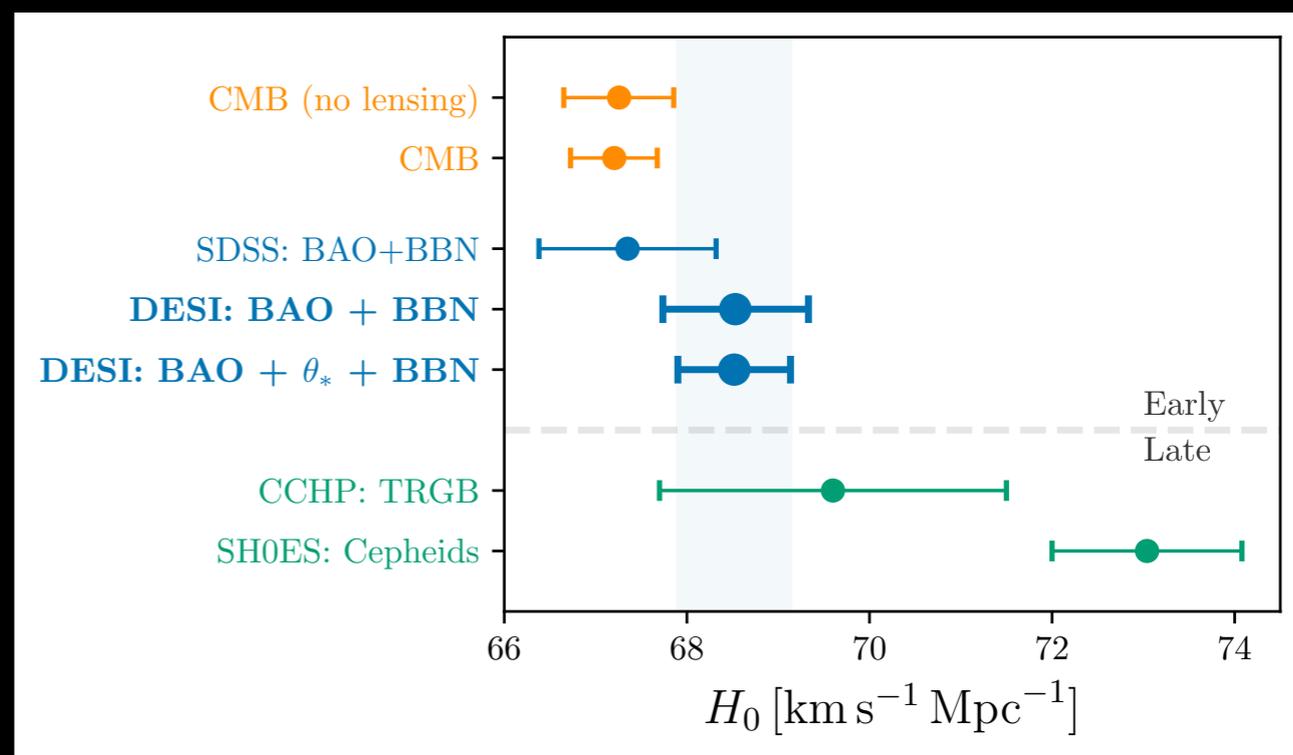
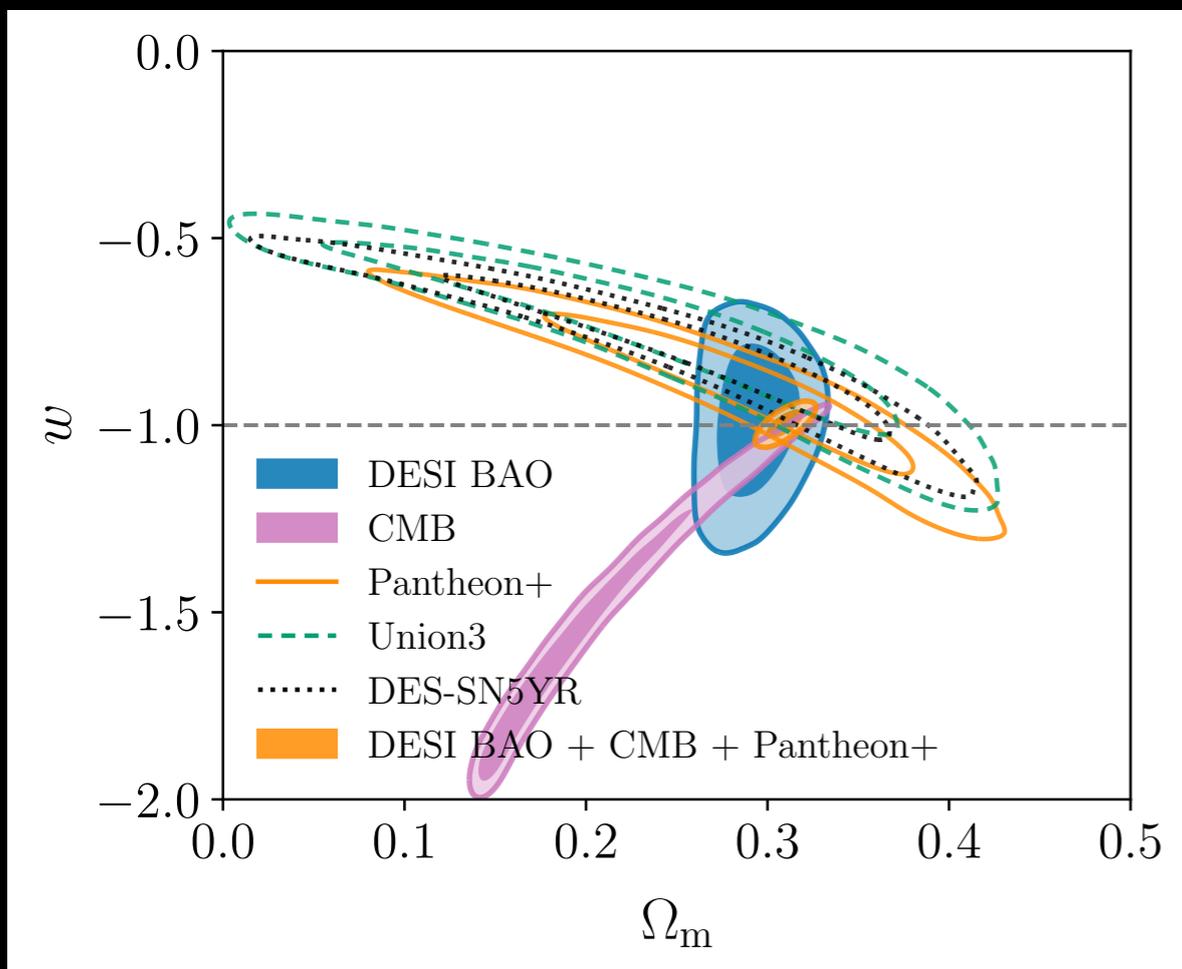
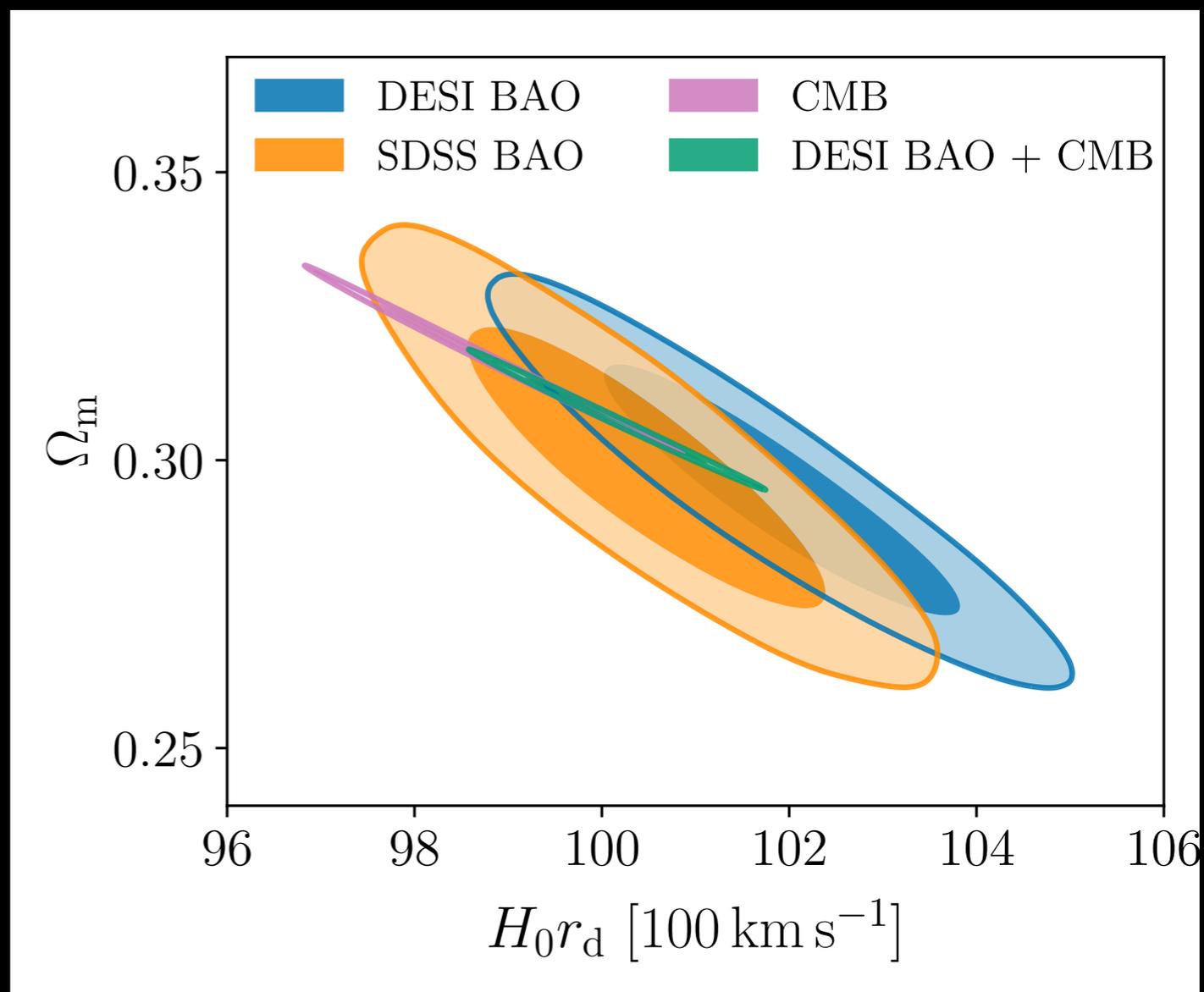
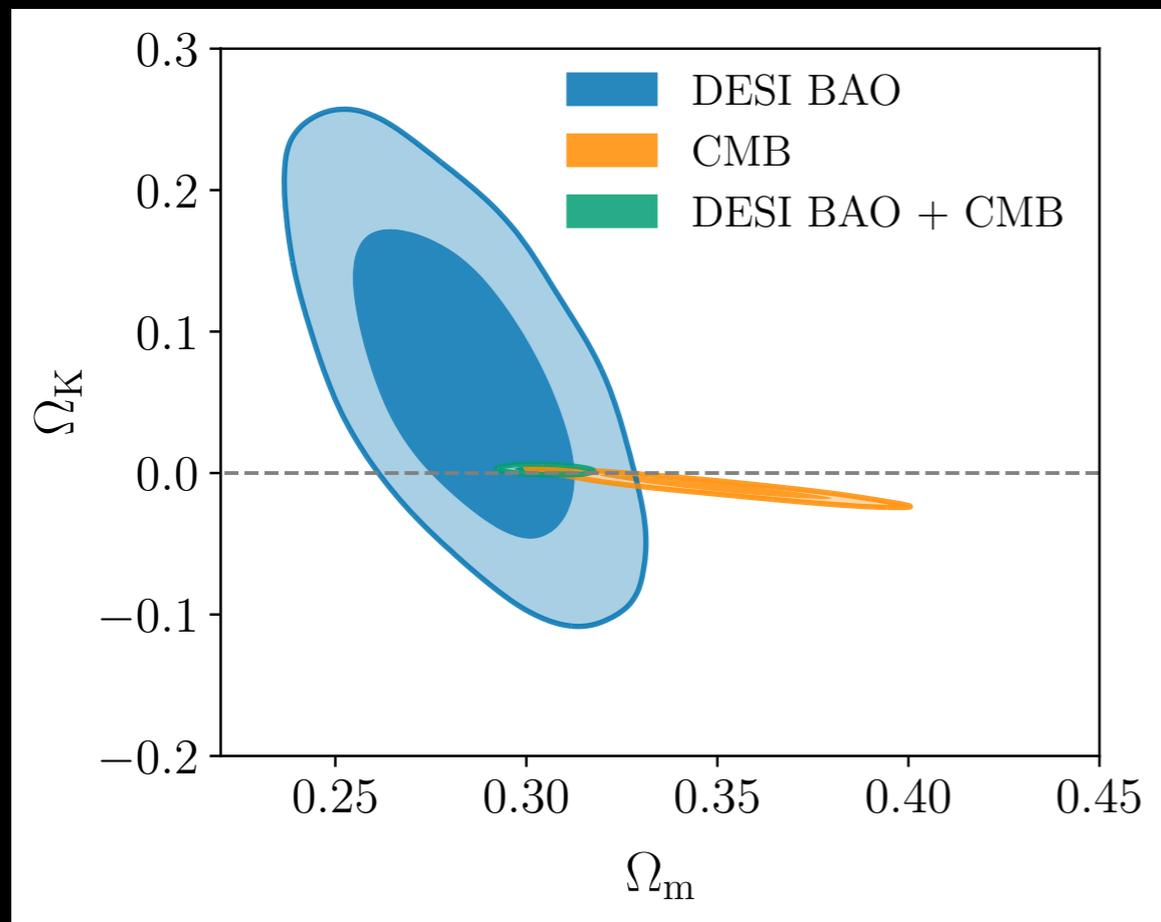
# Conclusions

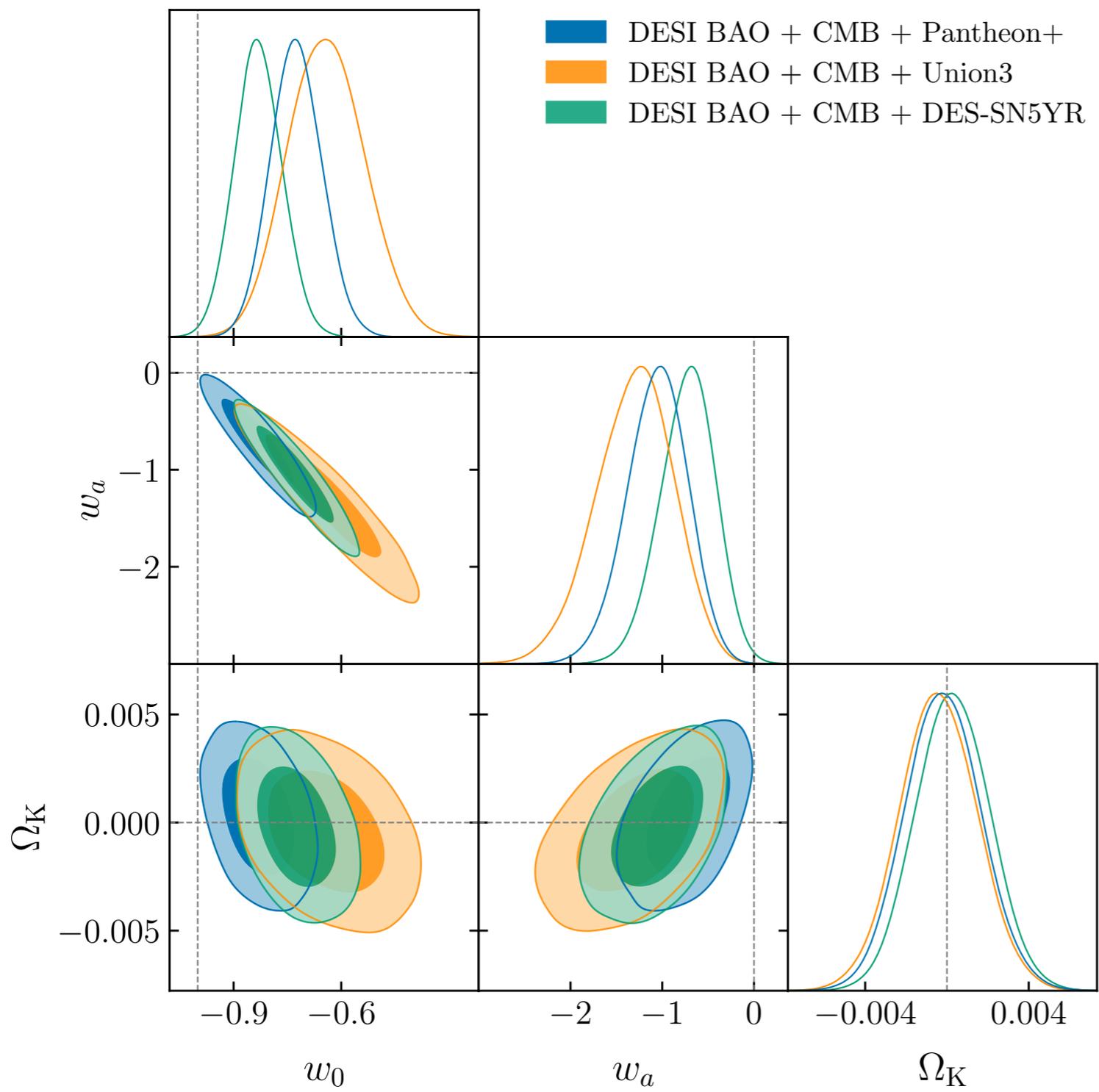
Take away: This map is amazing and hold the key to huge number of treasures.  
Go explore!



- Results from ~ 6 Million spectra is out and data will be released within a year
- Dark Energy may not be cosmological constant. May even need a second coincidence.
- Upper limit on Neutrino mass improved, but need to wait for more interesting results with 5 years of DESI data.
- Most of the details in the map created by DESI is not yet studied and hence this will serve as a treasure for interesting investigations about the cosmos.







# Sample (numbers and volume)

tracer	redshift	$N_{\text{tracer}}$	$z_{\text{eff}}$	$D_{\text{M}}/r_{\text{d}}$	$D_{\text{H}}/r_{\text{d}}$	$r$ or $D_{\text{V}}/r_{\text{d}}$	$V_{\text{eff}}$ (Gpc <sup>3</sup> )
BGS	0.1 – 0.4	300,017	0.295	—	—	$7.93 \pm 0.15$	1.7
LRG1	0.4 – 0.6	506,905	0.510	$13.62 \pm 0.25$	$20.98 \pm 0.61$	-0.445	2.6
LRG2	0.6 – 0.8	771,875	0.706	$16.85 \pm 0.32$	$20.08 \pm 0.60$	-0.420	4.0
LRG3+ELG1	0.8 – 1.1	1,876,164	0.930	$21.71 \pm 0.28$	$17.88 \pm 0.35$	-0.389	6.5
ELG2	1.1 – 1.6	1,415,687	1.317	$27.79 \pm 0.69$	$13.82 \pm 0.42$	-0.444	2.7
QSO	0.8 – 2.1	856,652	1.491	—	—	$26.07 \pm 0.67$	1.5
Ly $\alpha$ QSO	1.77 – 4.16	709,565	2.330	$39.71 \pm 0.94$	$8.52 \pm 0.17$	-0.477	—

**Table 1.** Statistics for the DESI samples used for the DESI DR1 BAO measurements used in this paper. For each tracer and redshift range we quote the number of objects ( $N_{\text{tracer}}$ ), the effective redshift ( $z_{\text{eff}}$ ) and effective volume ( $V_{\text{eff}}$ ). Note that for each sample we measure either both  $D_{\text{M}}/r_{\text{d}}$  and  $D_{\text{H}}/r_{\text{d}}$ , which are correlated with a coefficient  $r$ , or  $D_{\text{V}}/r_{\text{d}}$ . Redshift bins are non-overlapping, except for the shot-noise-dominated measurements that use QSO (both as tracers and for Ly $\alpha$  forest).

# Posterior

model/dataset	$\Omega_m$	$H_0$ [ $\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ ]	$10^3 \Omega_K$	$w$ or $w_0$	$w_a$
<b>Flat <math>\Lambda</math>CDM</b>					
DESI	$0.295 \pm 0.015$	—	—	—	—
DESI+BBN	$0.295 \pm 0.015$	$68.53 \pm 0.80$	—	—	—
DESI+BBN+ $\theta_s$	$0.2948 \pm 0.0074$	$68.52 \pm 0.62$	—	—	—
DESI+CMB	$0.3069 \pm 0.0050$	$67.97 \pm 0.38$	—	—	—
<b><math>\Lambda</math>CDM+<math>\Omega_K</math></b>					
DESI	$0.284 \pm 0.020$	—	$65_{-78}^{+68}$	—	—
DESI+BBN+ $\theta_s$	$0.296 \pm 0.014$	$68.52 \pm 0.69$	$0.3_{-5.4}^{+4.8}$	—	—
DESI+CMB	$0.3049 \pm 0.0051$	$68.51 \pm 0.52$	$2.4 \pm 1.6$	—	—
<b><math>w</math>CDM</b>					
DESI	$0.293 \pm 0.015$	—	—	$-0.99_{-0.13}^{+0.15}$	—
DESI+BBN+ $\theta_s$	$0.295 \pm 0.014$	$68.6_{-2.1}^{+1.8}$	—	$-1.002_{-0.080}^{+0.091}$	—
DESI+CMB	$0.281 \pm 0.013$	$71.3_{-1.8}^{+1.5}$	—	$-1.122_{-0.054}^{+0.062}$	—
DESI+CMB+Panth.	$0.3095 \pm 0.0069$	$67.74 \pm 0.71$	—	$-0.997 \pm 0.025$	—
DESI+CMB+Union3	$0.3095 \pm 0.0083$	$67.76 \pm 0.90$	—	$-0.997 \pm 0.032$	—
DESI+CMB+DESY5	$0.3169 \pm 0.0065$	$66.92 \pm 0.64$	—	$-0.967 \pm 0.024$	—
<b><math>w_0 w_a</math>CDM</b>					
DESI	$0.344_{-0.326}^{+0.347}$	—	—	$-0.55_{-0.21}^{+0.39}$	$< -1.32$
DESI+BBN+ $\theta_s$	$0.338_{-0.329}^{+0.339}$	$65.0_{-3.6}^{+2.3}$	—	$-0.53_{-0.22}^{+0.42}$	$< -1.08$
DESI+CMB	$0.344_{-0.327}^{+0.332}$	$64.7_{-3.3}^{+2.2}$	—	$-0.45_{-0.21}^{+0.34}$	$-1.79_{-1.0}^{+0.48}$
DESI+CMB+Panth.	$0.3085 \pm 0.0068$	$68.03 \pm 0.72$	—	$-0.827 \pm 0.053$	$-0.75_{-0.25}^{+0.29}$
DESI+CMB+Union3	$0.3230 \pm 0.0095$	$66.53 \pm 0.94$	—	$-0.65 \pm 0.10$	$-1.27_{-0.34}^{+0.40}$
DESI+CMB+DESY5	$0.3160 \pm 0.0065$	$67.24 \pm 0.66$	—	$-0.727 \pm 0.057$	$-1.05_{-0.27}^{+0.31}$
<b><math>w_0 w_a</math>CDM+<math>\Omega_K</math></b>					
DESI	$0.313 \pm 0.049$	—	$87_{-85}^{+100}$	$-0.70_{-0.25}^{+0.49}$	$< -1.21$
DESI+BBN+ $\theta_s$	$0.346_{-0.324}^{+0.342}$	$65.8_{-3.5}^{+2.6}$	$5.9_{-6.9}^{+9.1}$	$-0.52_{-0.19}^{+0.38}$	$< -1.44$
DESI+CMB	$0.347_{-0.325}^{+0.331}$	$64.3_{-3.2}^{+2.0}$	$-0.9 \pm 2$	$-0.41_{-0.18}^{+0.33}$	$< -1.61$
DESI+CMB+Panth.	$0.3084 \pm 0.0067$	$68.06 \pm 0.74$	$0.3 \pm 1.8$	$-0.831 \pm 0.056$	$-0.73_{-0.28}^{+0.32}$
DESI+CMB+Union3	$0.3233_{-0.010}^{+0.0089}$	$66.45 \pm 0.98$	$-0.4 \pm 1.9$	$-0.64 \pm 0.11$	$-1.30_{-0.39}^{+0.45}$
DESI+CMB+DESY5	$0.3163 \pm 0.0065$	$67.19 \pm 0.69$	$-0.2 \pm 1.9$	$-0.725 \pm 0.071$	$-1.06_{-0.31}^{+0.35}$

# Posterior with Neutrino

model / dataset	$\Omega_m$	$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Sigma m_\nu$ [eV]	$N_{\text{eff}}$
<b><math>\Lambda</math>CDM + <math>\Sigma m_\nu</math></b>				
DESI+CMB	$0.3037 \pm 0.0053$	$68.27 \pm 0.42$	$< 0.072$	—
<b><math>\Lambda</math>CDM + <math>N_{\text{eff}}</math></b>				
DESI+CMB	$0.3058 \pm 0.0060$	$68.3 \pm 1.1$	—	$3.10 \pm 0.17$
<b><math>w</math>CDM + <math>\Sigma m_\nu</math></b>				
DESI+CMB	$0.282 \pm 0.013$	$71.1^{+1.5}_{-1.8}$	$< 0.123$	—
DESI+CMB+Panth.	$0.3081 \pm 0.0067$	$67.81 \pm 0.69$	$< 0.079$	—
DESI+CMB+Union3	$0.3090 \pm 0.0082$	$67.72 \pm 0.88$	$< 0.078$	—
DESI+CMB+DESY5	$0.3152 \pm 0.0065$	$67.01 \pm 0.64$	$< 0.073$	—
<b><math>w</math>CDM + <math>N_{\text{eff}}</math></b>				
DESI+CMB	$0.281 \pm 0.013$	$71.0^{+1.6}_{-1.8}$	—	$2.97 \pm 0.18$
DESI+CMB+Panth.	$0.3090 \pm 0.0068$	$67.9 \pm 1.1$	—	$3.07 \pm 0.18$
DESI+CMB+Union3	$0.3097 \pm 0.0084$	$67.8 \pm 1.2$	—	$3.06 \pm 0.18$
DESI+CMB+DESY5	$0.3163 \pm 0.0067$	$67.2 \pm 1.1$	—	$3.09 \pm 0.18$
<b><math>w_0 w_a</math>CDM + <math>\Sigma m_\nu</math></b>				
DESI+CMB	$0.344^{+0.032}_{-0.026}$	$64.7^{+2.1}_{-3.2}$	$< 0.195$	—
DESI+CMB+Panth.	$0.3081 \pm 0.0069$	$68.07 \pm 0.72$	$< 0.155$	—
DESI+CMB+Union3	$0.3240 \pm 0.0098$	$66.48 \pm 0.94$	$< 0.185$	—
DESI+CMB+DESY5	$0.3165 \pm 0.0069$	$67.22 \pm 0.66$	$< 0.177$	—
<b><math>w_0 w_a</math>CDM + <math>N_{\text{eff}}</math></b>				
DESI+CMB	$0.346^{+0.032}_{-0.026}$	$63.9^{+2.2}_{-3.3}$	—	$2.89 \pm 0.17$
DESI+CMB+Panth.	$0.3093 \pm 0.0069$	$67.5 \pm 1.1$	—	$2.93 \pm 0.18$
DESI+CMB+Union3	$0.3245 \pm 0.0098$	$65.9 \pm 1.3$	—	$2.91 \pm 0.18$
DESI+CMB+DESY5	$0.3172 \pm 0.0067$	$66.6 \pm 1.1$	—	$2.92 \pm 0.18$