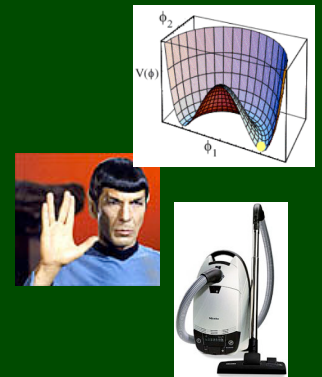


# Linking Dark Energy Observations and Theory

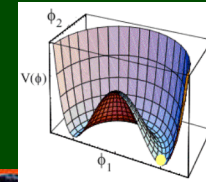
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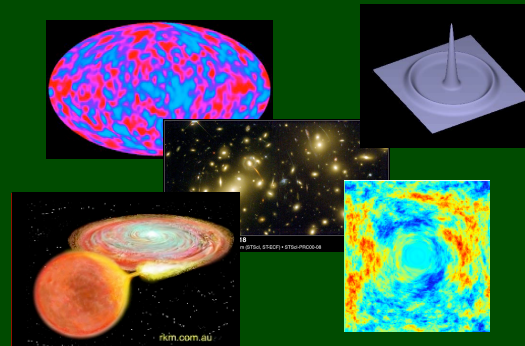


# Overview

➔ Brief overview of theoretical approaches to dark energy



- Links to observational tests for dark energy



# The key dark energy questions

- How do we modify Einstein's Field Equations?

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



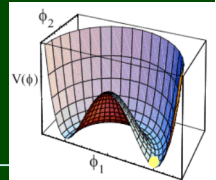
## Adjustment to gravity?

- Non-minimal couplings to gravity?
- Higher dimensional gravity?
- Effects of anisotropy and inhomogeneity



## Cosmological constant " $\Lambda$ "?

- "Vacuum energy" left over from early phase transitions?
- Holographic?
- Anthropic?



## Adjustment to matter?

- An 'exotic', dynamical matter component "Quintessence"?
- 'Unified Dark Matter'?

# Distinctions between dark energy alternatives

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Cosmological constant " $\Lambda$ "?



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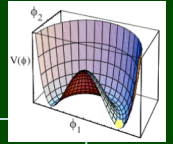


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# Distinctions between dark energy alternatives



## Adjustment to gravity?



- Modification of Einstein's equations beyond 4D FLRW
- Affects background and fluctuation growth

- $w(z)$ , effective measure from background evolution
- Distinct  $w(z)$  from structure growth
- Other evidence from GR tests (solar system, equivalence principle)?

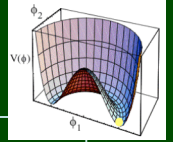


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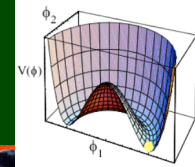


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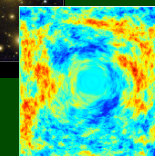
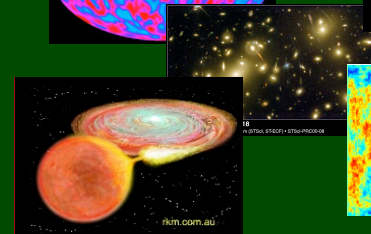
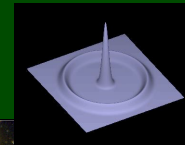
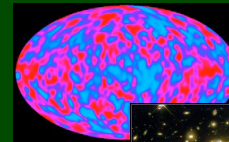
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# Linking theory and observations

- Late time probes of  $w(z)$

- Luminosity distance vs.  $z$
- Angular diameter distance vs.  $z$

SN 1a HST Legacy, Essence,  
DES, SNAP

Baryon Oscillations SDSS  
Alcock-Paczynski test

- Probes of  $w_{\text{eff}}$

- Angular diameter distance to last scattering
- Age of the universe

CMB WMAP

CMB/ Globular cluster

Tests probing  
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only

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  - Shear convergence
  - Late time ISW

Tests probing  
perturbations and  
background

Galaxy /cluster surveys, SZ and  
X-rays from ICM  
SDSS, ACT, APEX, DES, SPT

Weak lensing CFHTLS, SNAP, DES, LSST

CMB and cross correlation  
WMAP, PLANCK, with SNAP, LSST, SDSS

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 BBN/ CMB WMAP

Tests probing early  
behavior of dark  
energy

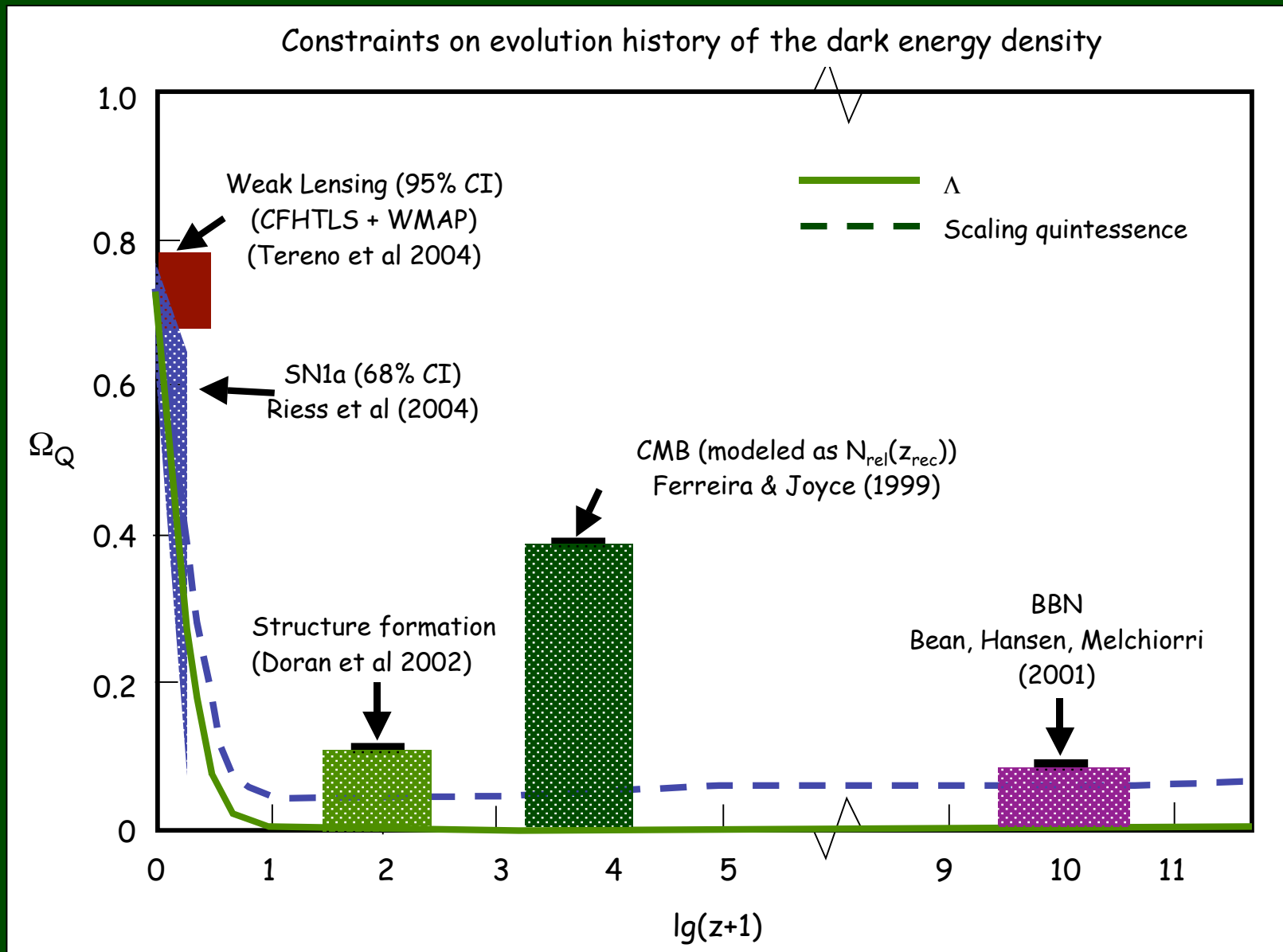
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- Alternate probes of non-minimal couplings between dark energy and R/ matter or deviations from Einstein gravity
  - Equivalence principle tests
  - Deviation of solar system orbits
  - Varying alpha tests

Tests probing  
general deviations in  
GR or 4D existence

# Sensitive to different epochs of evolution history





# Evolution of $H(z)$ is the primary observable

- In a flat universe, many measures based on the comoving distance

$$r(z) = \int_0^z dz' / H(z')$$

- Luminosity distance

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

- Angular diameter distance

$$d_A(z) = r(z) / (1+z)$$

- Comoving volume element

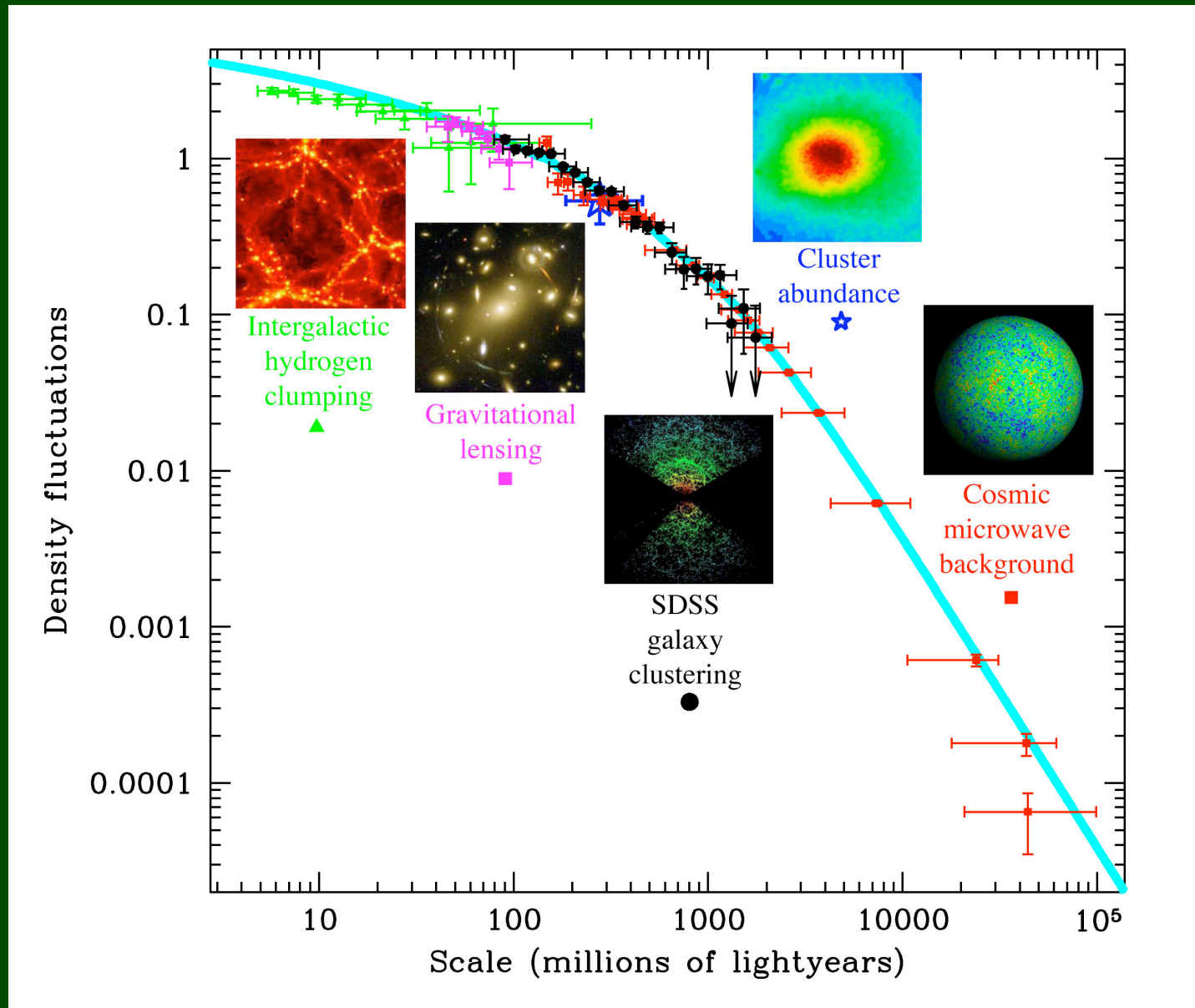
$$dV/dz d\Omega(z) = r^2(z) / H(z)$$

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- Age of universe

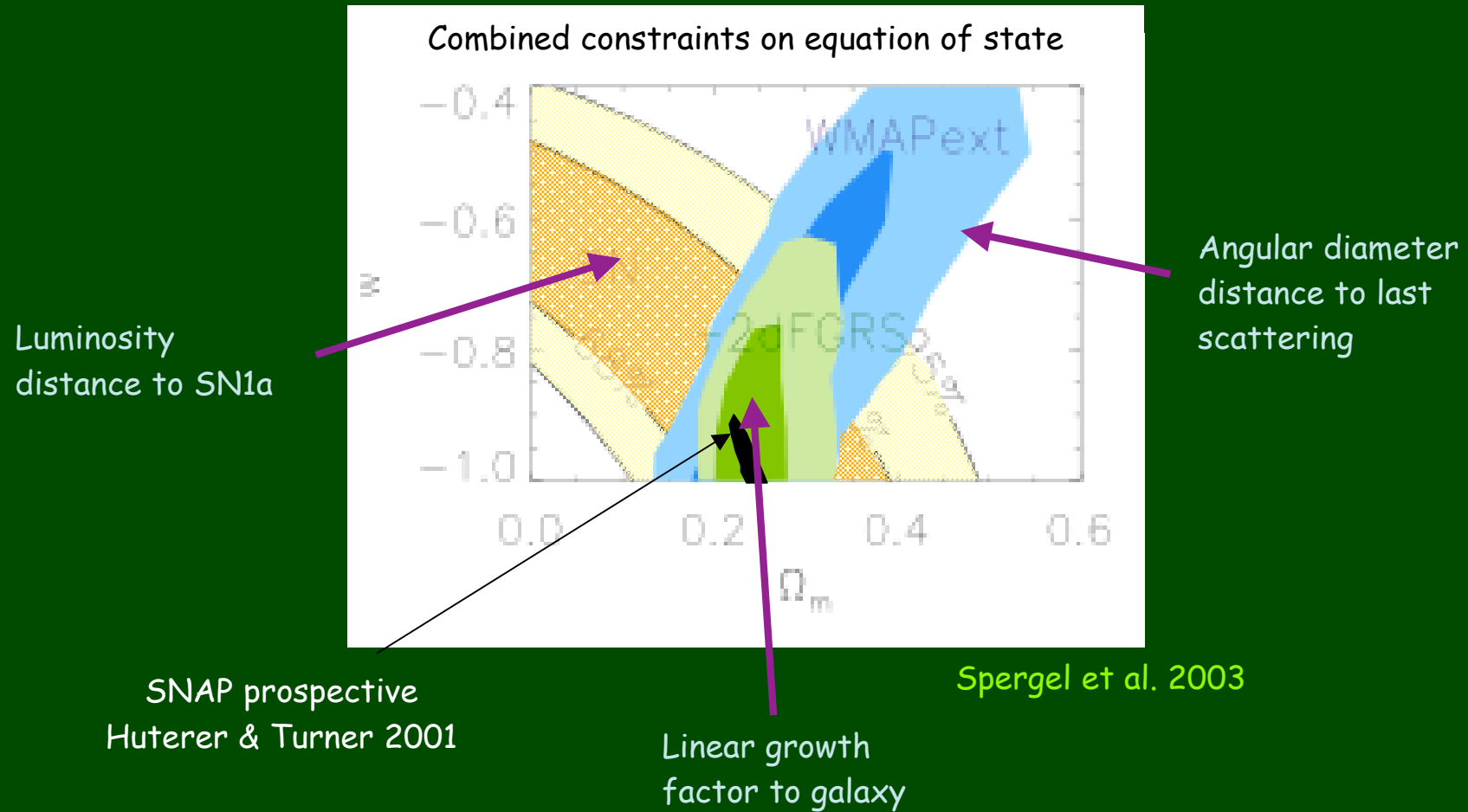
$$t(z) = \int_z^\infty dz / [(1+z)H(z)]$$

But fluctuations promise to be significant ....

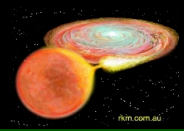
# ... leveraging evolution on different spatial scales



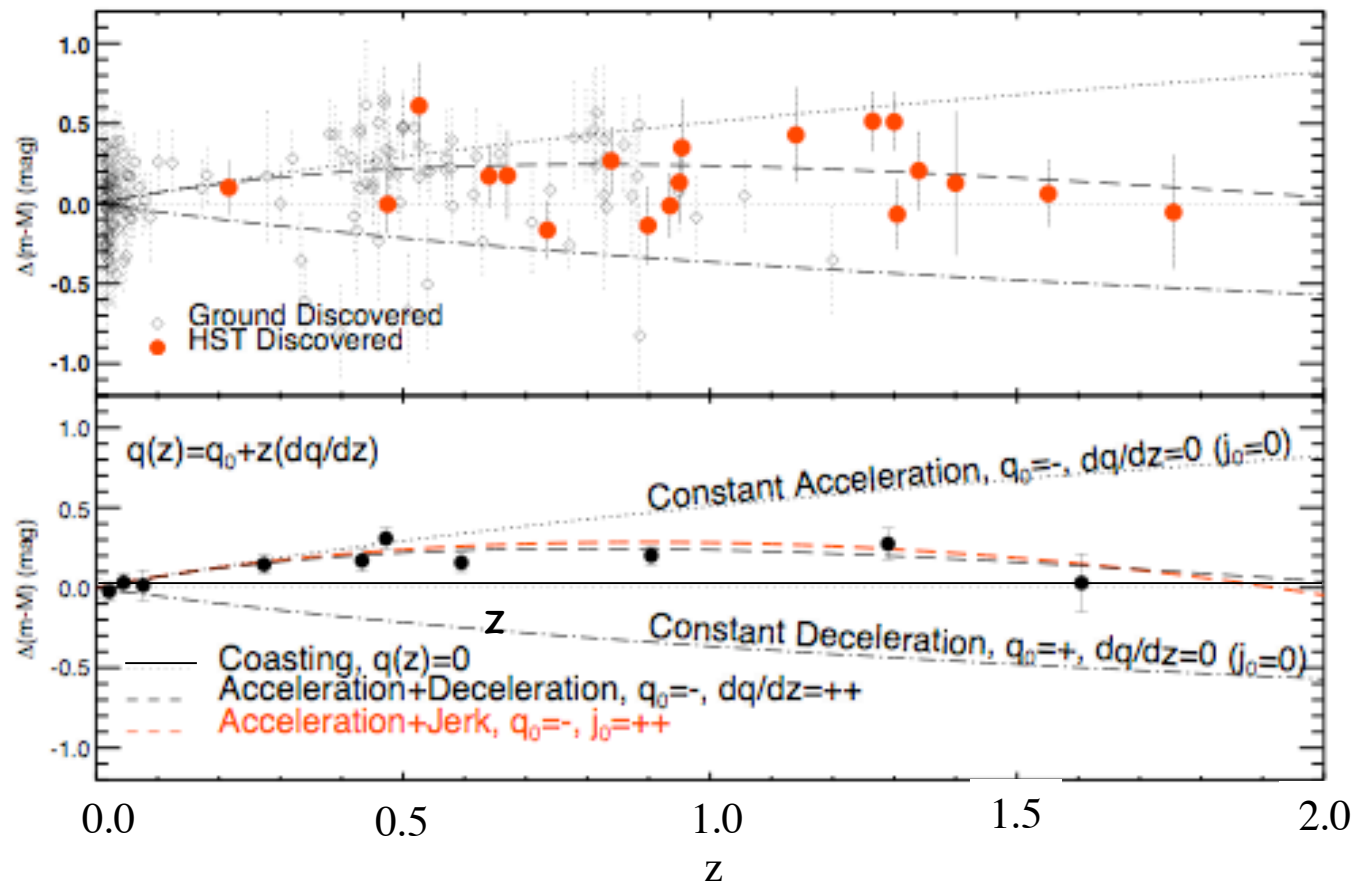
# Current observations provide consistent constraints



# & first evidence of earlier period of deceleration

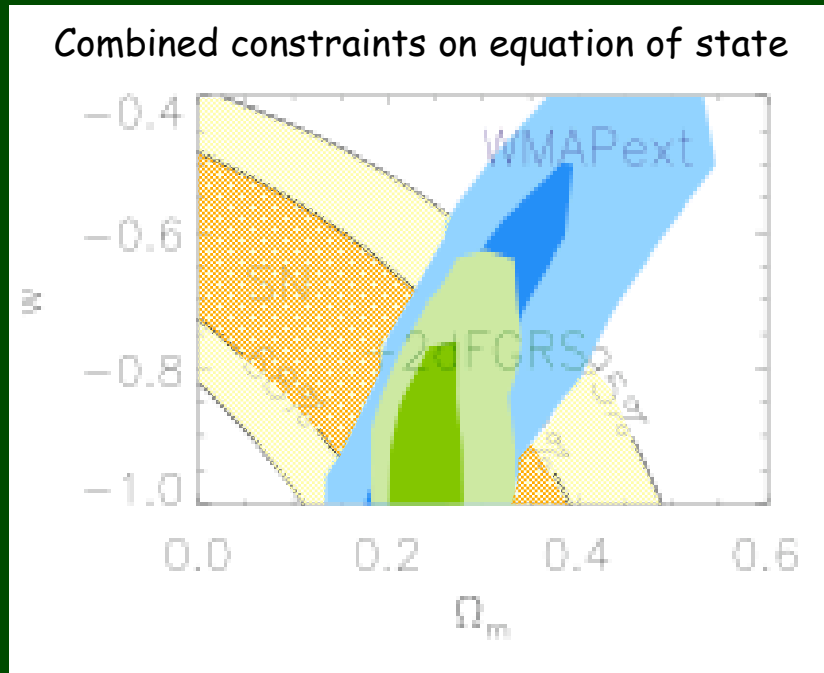


$z$  evolution of luminosity distance of Supernovae in HST/ GOODS survey



Riess et al 2004

# Inference based purely on background evolution



Spiegel et al. 2003

- Implicit priors in this ‘consistent’ picture:
  - a constant  $w$  in a FLRW metric
  - no dark energy clustering
  - Einstein gravity



- Do these implicit assumptions bias our interpretation?
- Can we test for different properties of dark energy rather than making implicit assumptions about them?

# Reconstructing dark energy : a cautionary note

- Ansatz for  $H(z)$ ,  $d_l(z)$  or  $w(z)$
- $w(z)$  applies well to scalar fields as well as many extensions to gravity Linder 2003

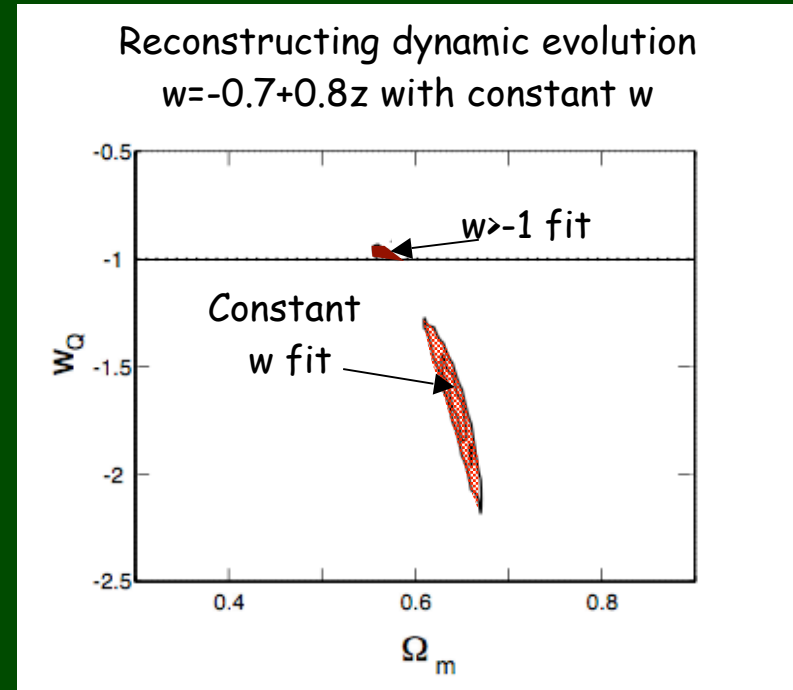
$$\Delta = H^2 - \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho_m$$
$$w(z) = -1 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{d \ln(\Delta/H_0^2)}{d \ln(1+z)}$$

–Taylor expansions robust for low- $z$

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

- Do parameterizations relate to microphysical properties ( $w=p/\rho$ , and  $c_s^2 = \delta p/\delta \rho$ ) or just an effective description?
  - Need to have multi pronged observational approach

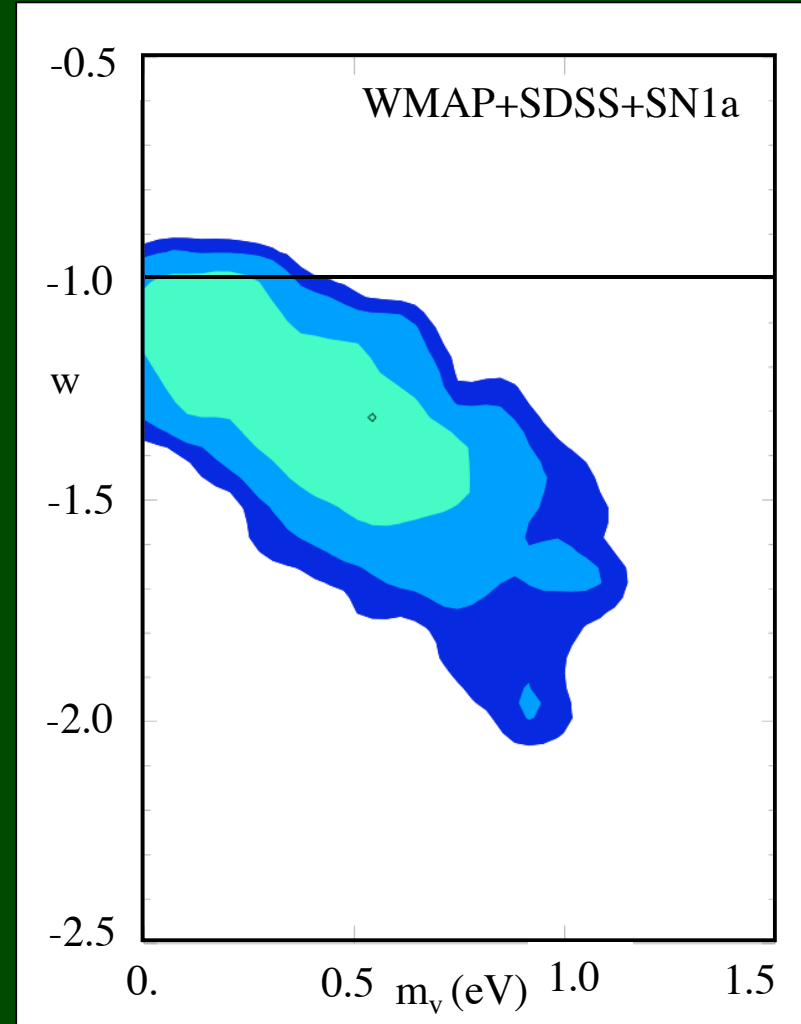
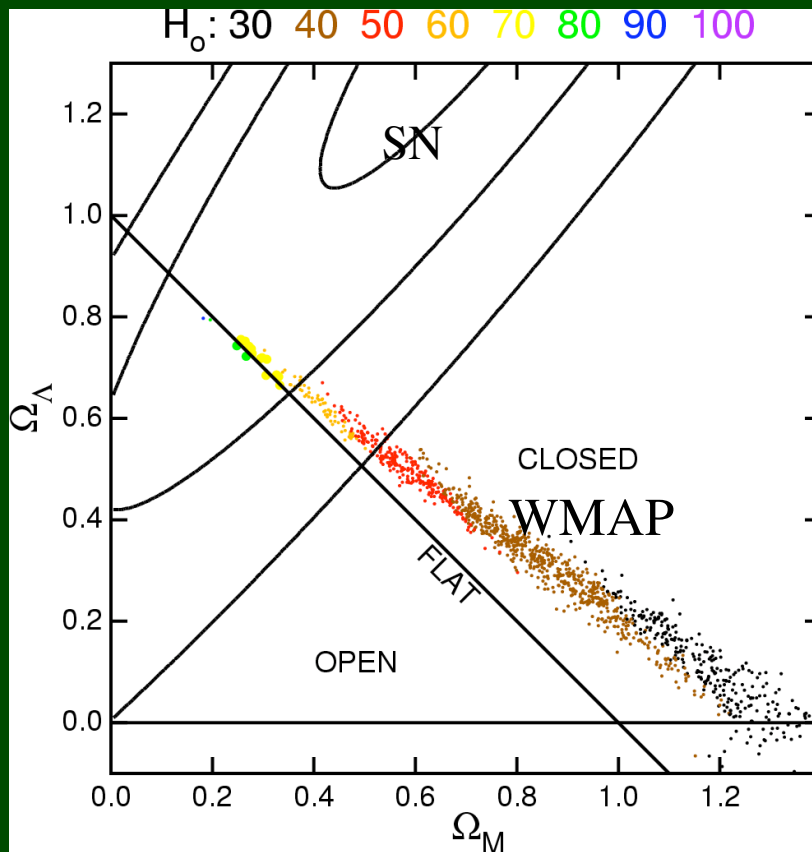
□ But, parameterizations can mislead



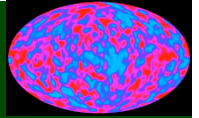
Maor et al 2002

# Uncertainties in other cosmological parameters

- $H_0$  probably not going to be measured to better than 1% accuracy
- Intrinsic curvature/ DE degeneracy
- Neutrino mass uncertainties expand w constraints



# ISW: Dark energy signature in CMB photons

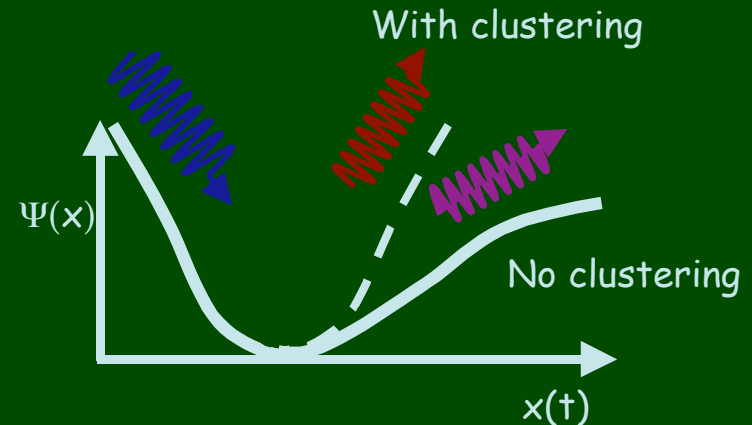


- Dark energy domination suppresses growth in gravitational potential wells,  $\Psi$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G a^2 \rho \delta$$

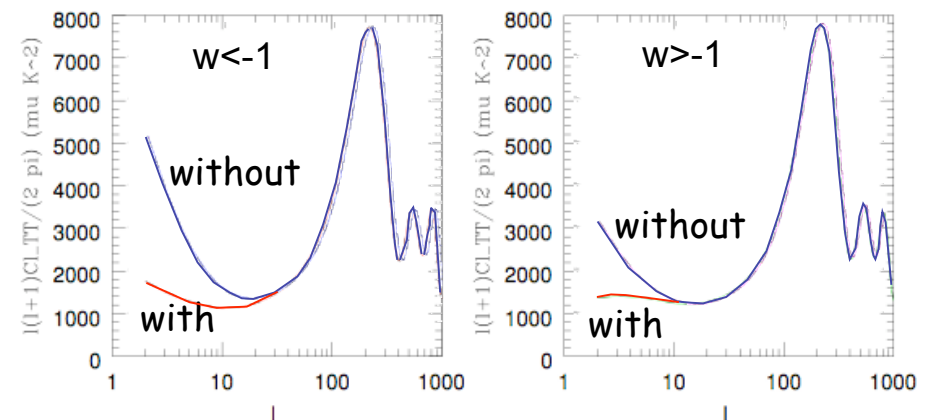
- Late time Integrated Sachs-Wolfe effect (ISW) in CMB photons results

- Net blue shifting of photons as they traverse gravitational potential well of baryonic and dark matter on way.



- ISW important at large scales
- Dark energy clustering counters suppression due to accelerative expansion
  - Decreases ISW signature

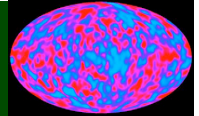
CMB spectra for DE models incl/excl perturbations



Hu 1998, Bean & Dore PRD 69 2003

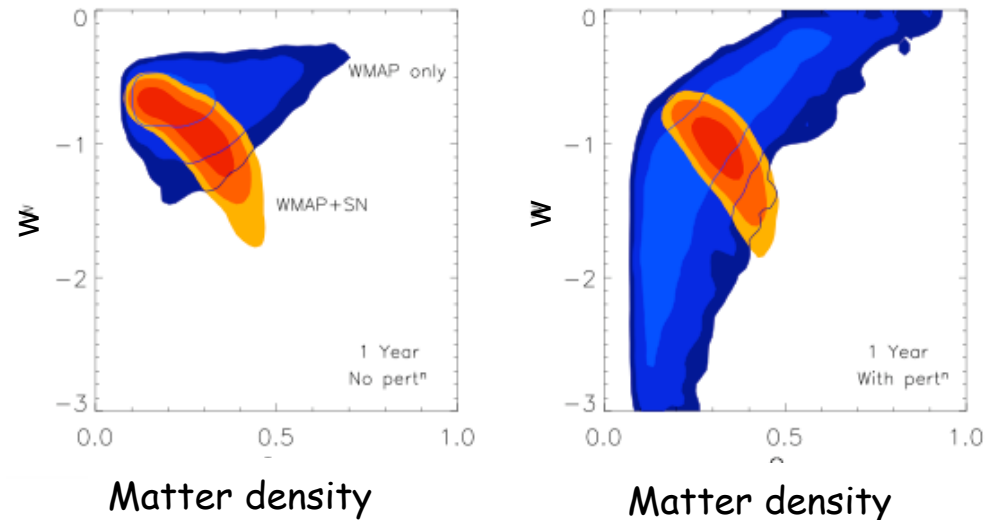


# ISW: Perturbations and CMB & LSS inferences

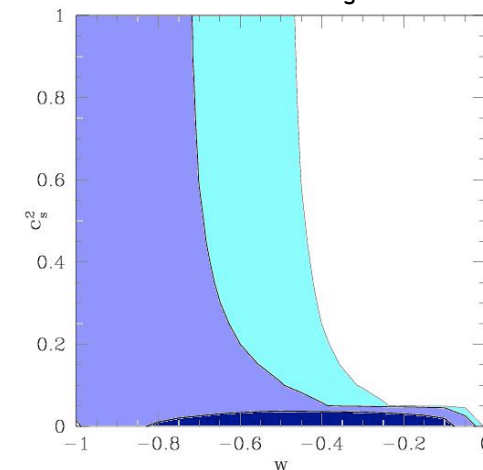


- Degeneracies & cosmic variance prevent constraints on clustering itself
  - Large scale anisotropies also altered by spectral tilt, running in the tilt and tensor modes
- Dark energy clustering will be factor in combining future high precision CMB with supernova data.
- Avoid degeneracies by cross correlating ISW with other observables
  - galaxy number counts
  - Radio source counts
  - Weak lensing of galaxies or CMB

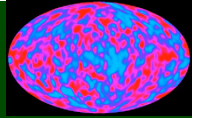
Constraints on  $w$  from CMB+ SN1a incl/excl perturbations



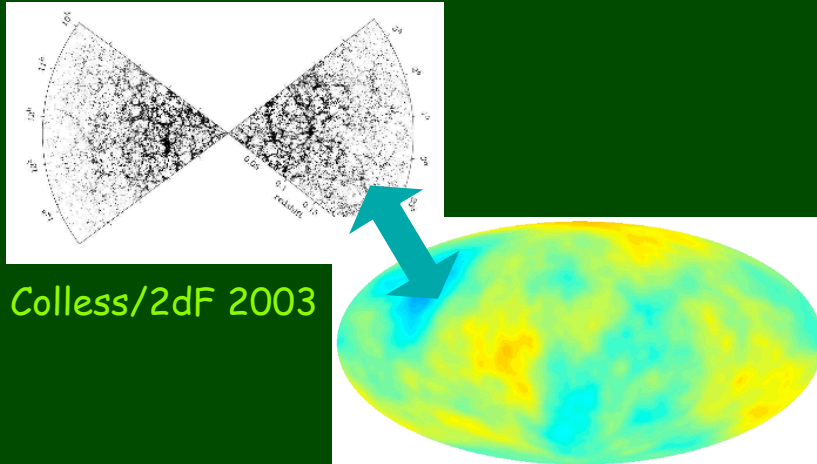
'Constraints' on  $w$  and  $c_s^2$  from WMAP



# ISW: CMB cross correlation with LSS



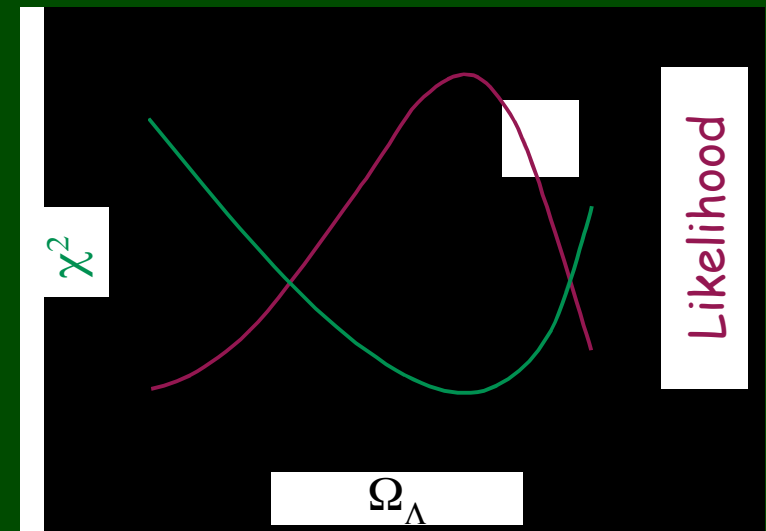
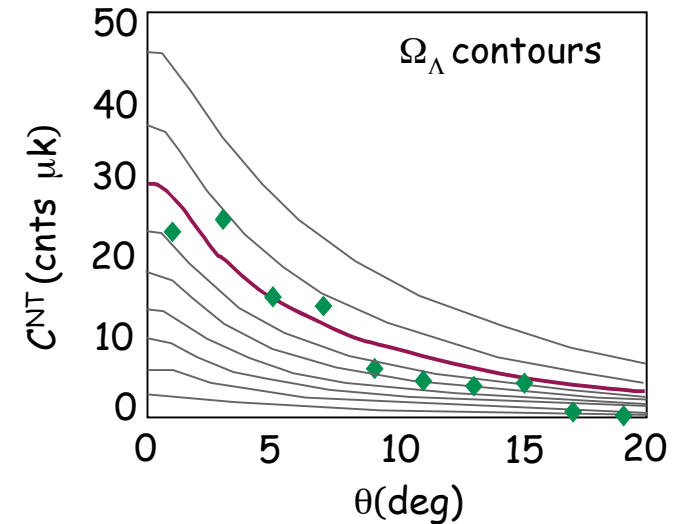
- ISW intimately related to matter distribution



Colless/2dF 2003

- Observed cross-correlation of CMB ISW with LSS.  
e.g. NVSS radio source survey (Boughn & Crittenden 2003, Nolte et al 2003, Scranton et al 2003)
- Current observations cannot distinguish dark energy features (Bean and Dore PRD 69 2003) ,
- But Future large scale surveys which are deep,  $\sim z=2$ , such as LSST might well be able to (if  $w \neq -1$ ) (Hu and Scranton 2004)

Cross correlation of radio source number counts and WMAP ISW

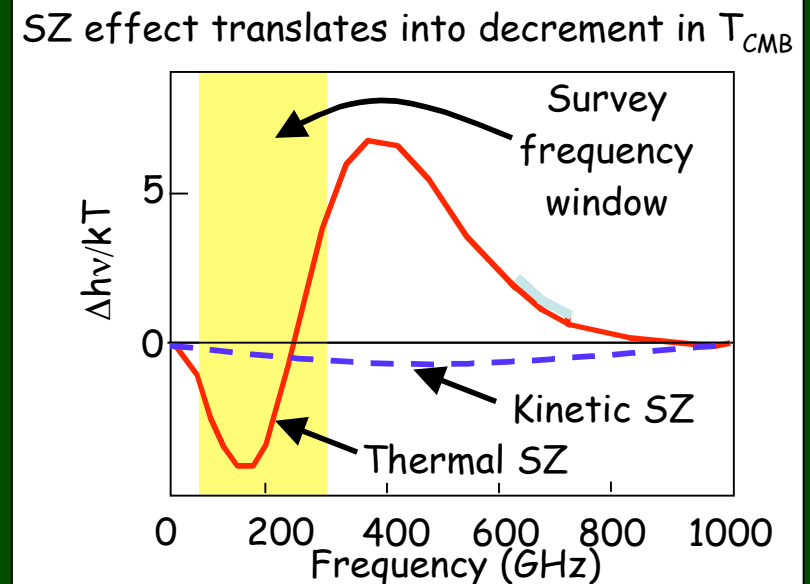
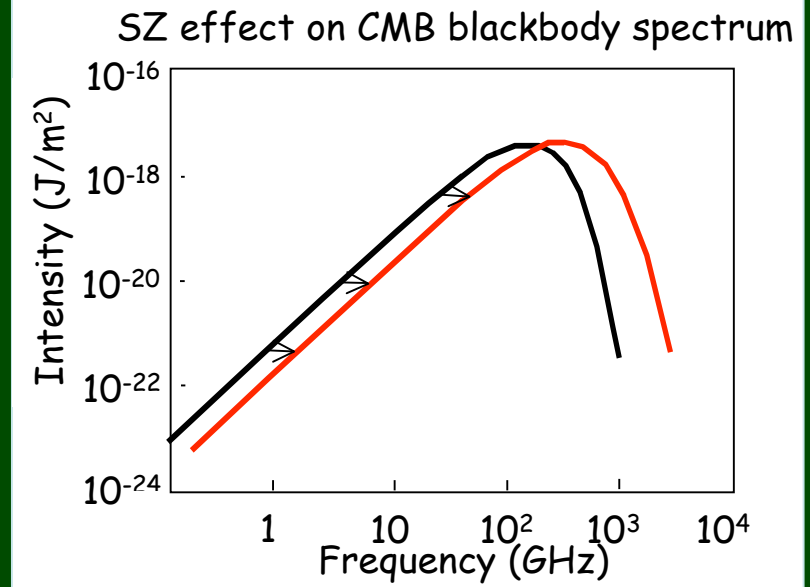
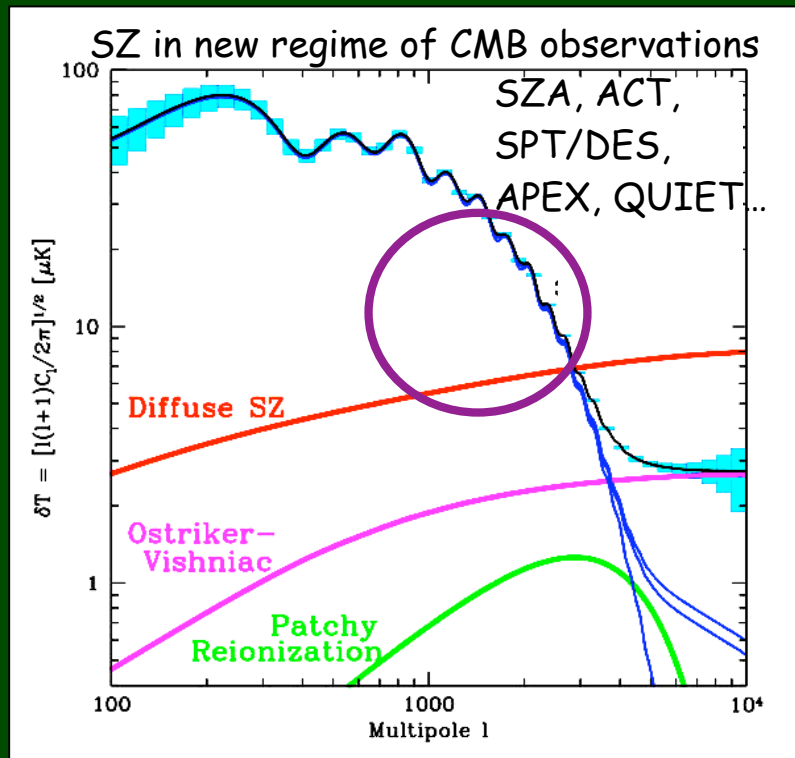


Nolta et al 2003

# Dark energy prospects : cluster counts from SZ



- The passage of the CMB through a hot  $e^-$  cloud distorts the spectrum of the  $\gamma_{\text{CMB}}$  due to Compton interactions
- Due to the high energy of the  $e^-$ 's, and the homogeneity and isotropy of the CMB, the  $\gamma$  gain energy.
- SZ signal not attenuated with  $z$



# Dark energy prospects : cluster counts from SZ



- Volume element has better sensitivity to  $w$  and  $w'$  than luminosity distance

$$dV/dz d\Omega(z) = r^2(z) / H(z)$$

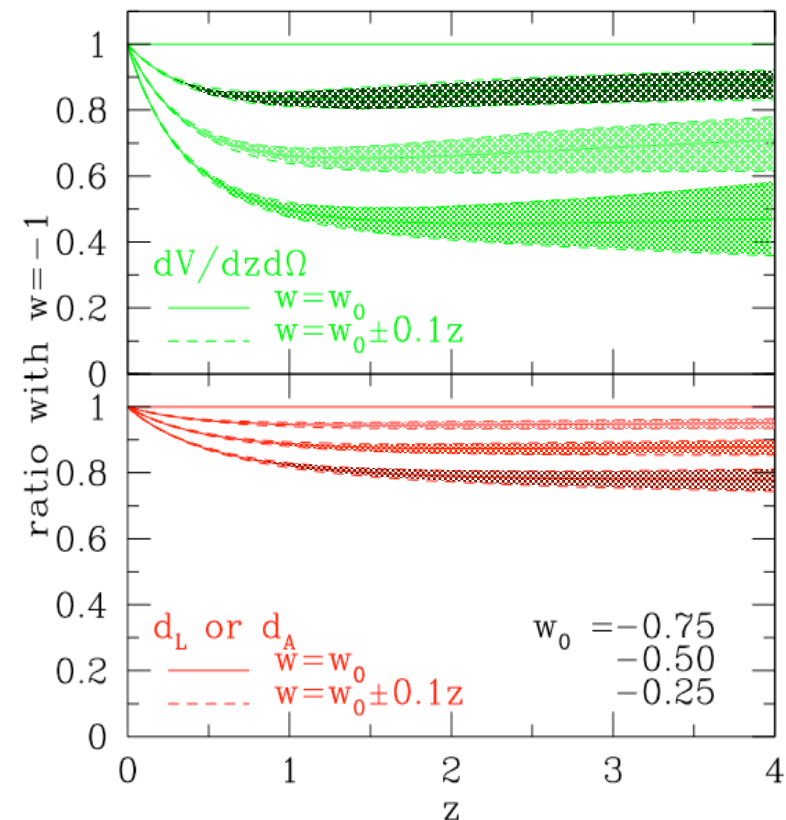
- Number counts related to underlying matter distribution and  $\delta_c(z)$  add complications
  - inherent modeling sensitivity

$$\frac{dN}{dz d\Omega} = \frac{dV}{dz d\Omega} \int_{m_{lim}(z)}^{\infty} dM \frac{dn(M, z)}{dM}$$

e.g. cluster mass function Jenkins et. al 2000

$$\frac{dn(M, z)}{dM} \propto \exp \left\{ -|0.61 - \log \left( \frac{\delta_c(z) \sigma_M}{\delta_c(0)} \right)|^{3.8} \right\}$$

Comparison against  $w=-1$  for same  $h, \Omega_c h^2$   
 $\Omega_b h^2$



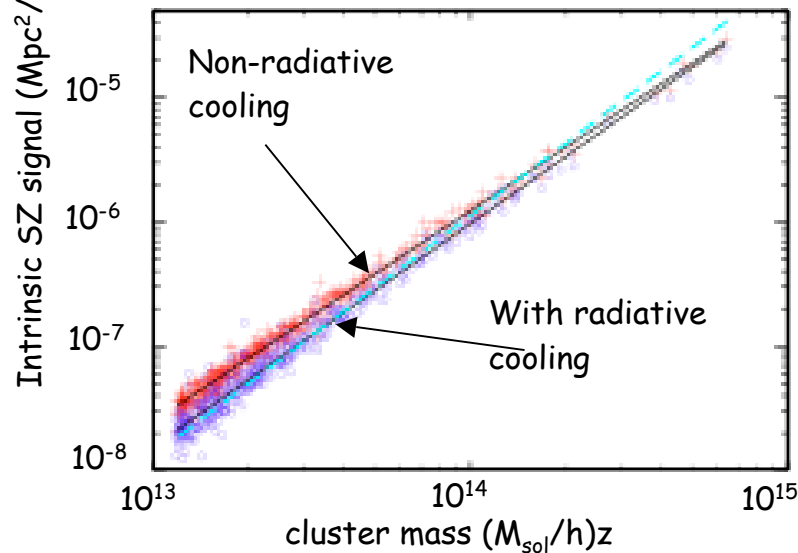
# Cluster masses from SZ : systematic concerns



- Uncertainty in of mass-scaling relations from theoretical cluster physics modeling
- Effects of radiative cooling and pre-heating on mass - SZ/ Xray luminosities scaling relations

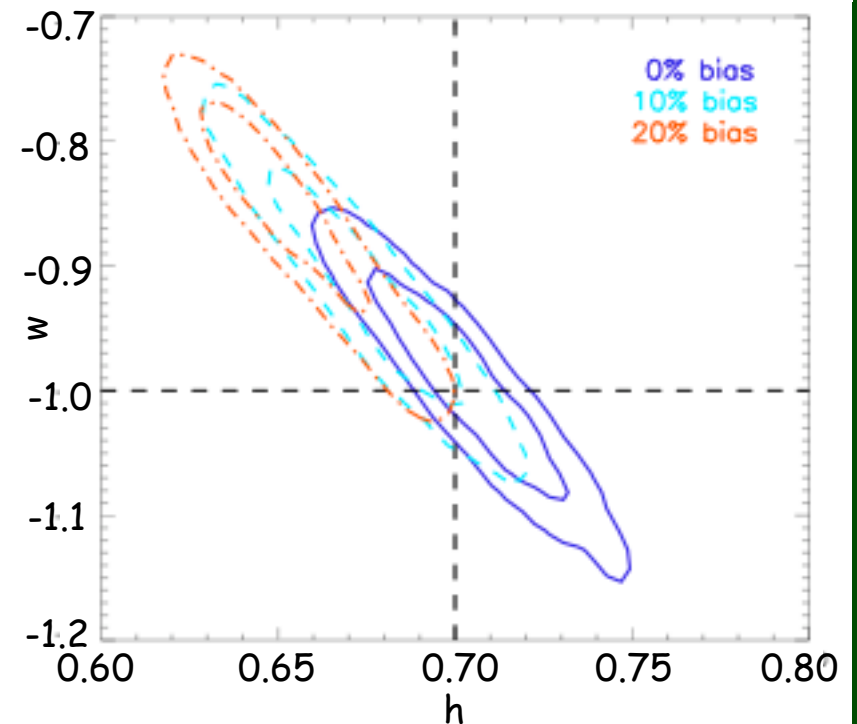
- Equates to a systematic error in cluster mass estimate, to which matter content and DE parameters are exponentially sensitive

Cluster mass- SZ scaling relation dependency on cluster model



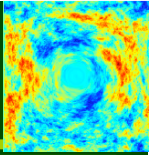
daSilva et al 2003

Effect of mass bias on cosmological parameter estimation from Planck-like +ACT-like surveys

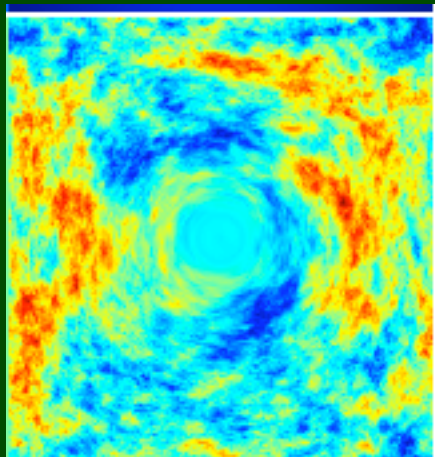


Francis, Bean, Kosowsky 2005

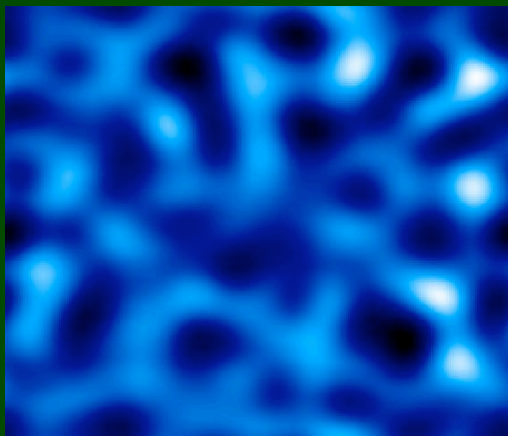
# Weak lensing: avoids baryon physics biases



- Weak lensing uses all the mass information not just luminous matter (baryons)
- Lensing of the images of galaxies and quasars and of the Cosmic Microwave Background more distant than the lensing halo

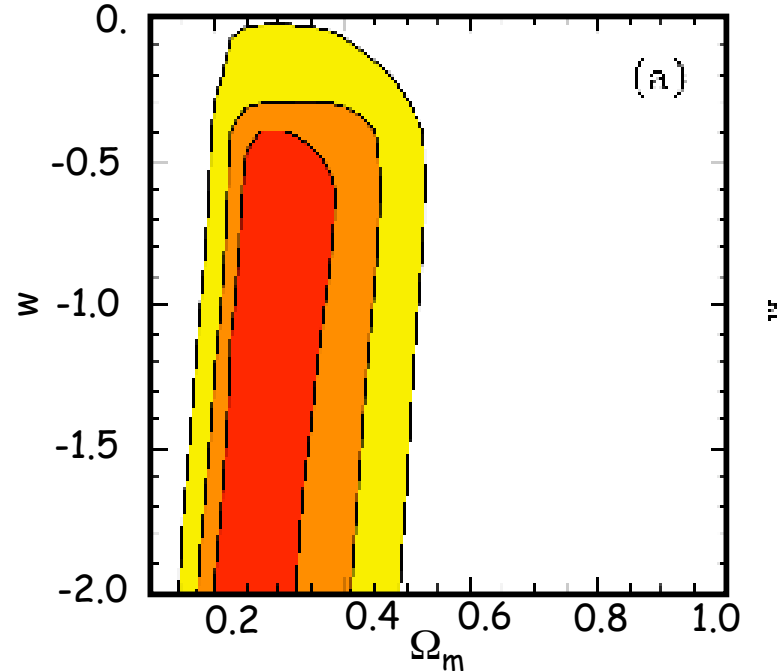


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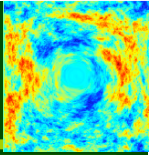
Constraints on CDM density and dark energy equation of state



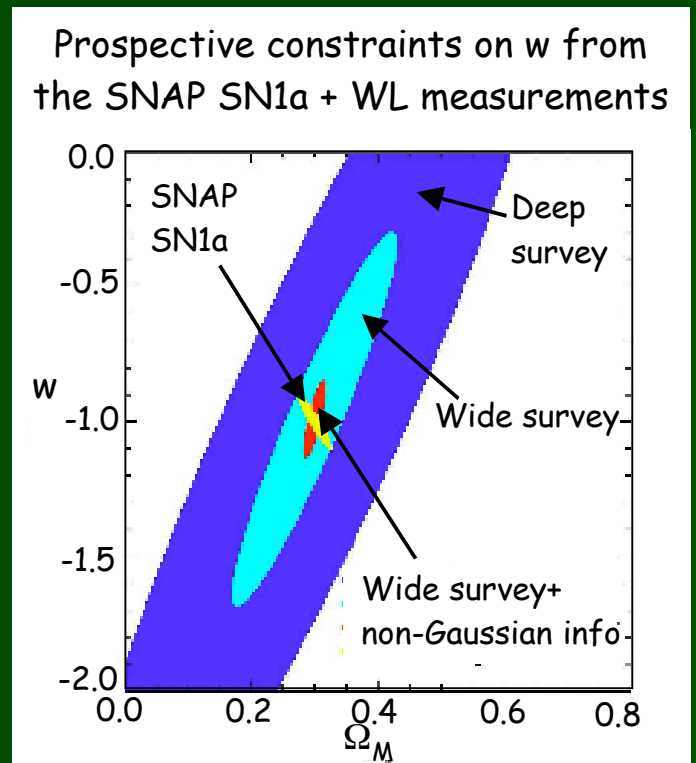
Constraints from CFHT Legacy Survey  
Wide Field Survey (22sq deg)

Hoekstra et al 2005, Semboloni et al 2005

# Weak lensing tomography :prospects



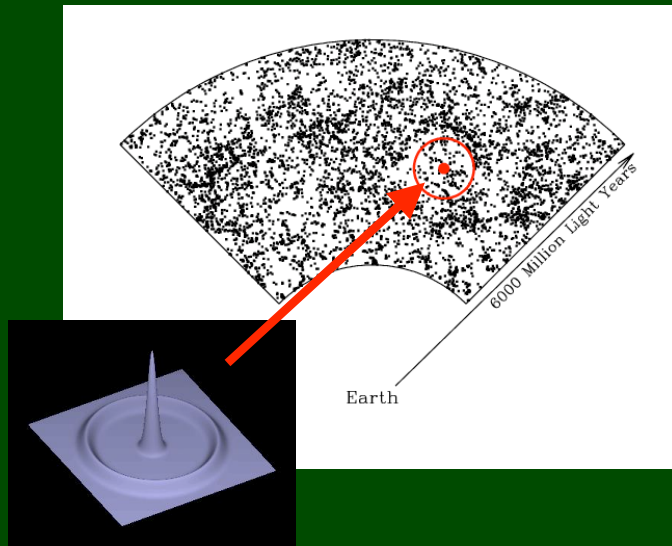
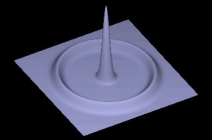
- SNAP and LSST offer amazing prospects for WL
  - SNAP measuring 100 million galaxies over 300 sqdeg
- Spectroscopic followup of galaxy surveys allow redshift slicing (tomography)
- Tomography => bias independent  $z$  evolution of DE
- Possibly apply technique to compare dark energy theories ?
- Understanding theoretical and observational systematics key
  - effect of non-linearities in power spectrum
  - Reconstructing anisotropic point spread function
  - $z$ -distribution of background sources and foreground halo
  - inherent ellipticities ...



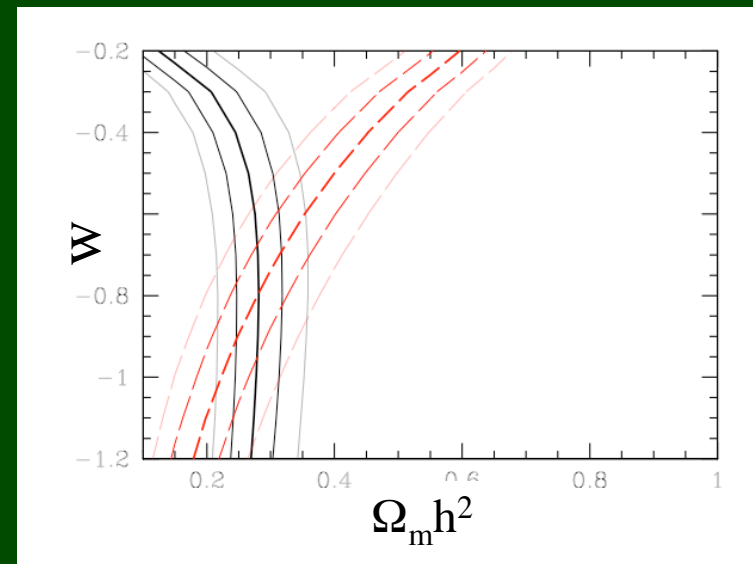
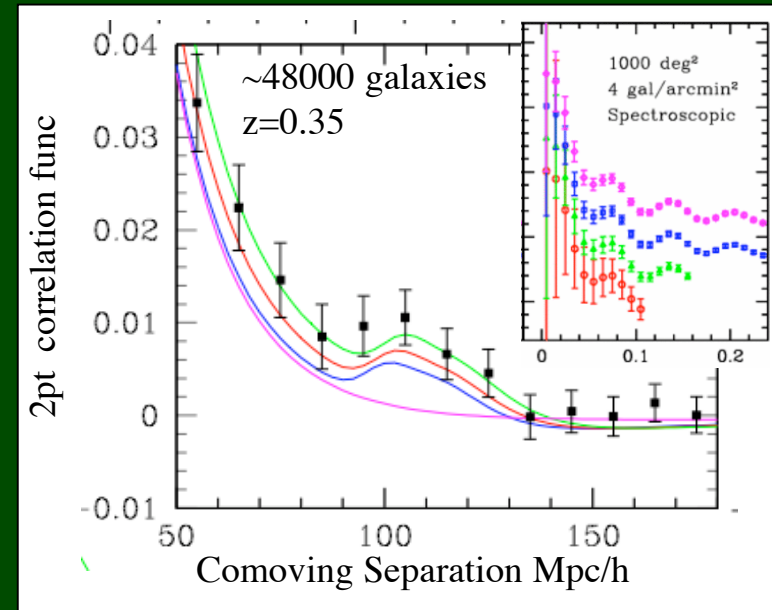
SNAP collaboration  
Aldering et al 2004



# Acoustic baryon oscillations



- Systematics do not create oscillatory features in correlation spectrum (Seo and Eisenstein 2003) but still need to be characterised.
  - Dust extinction,
  - galaxy bias,
  - redshift distortion
  - non-linear corrections

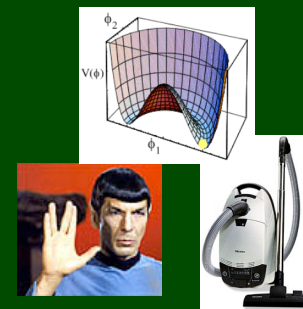
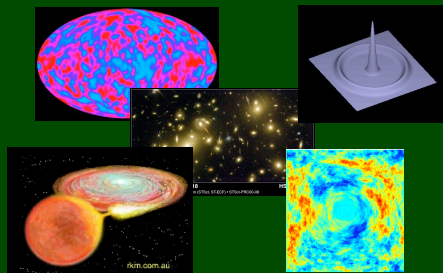


Eisenstein et al 2004

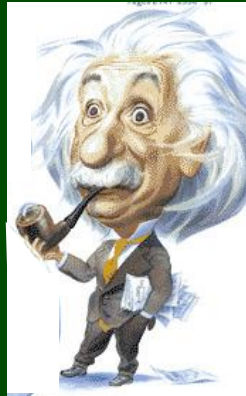


# Linking Dark Energy Observations and Theory

- Theories are making testable predictions
  - from horizon scales (dark energy perturbations) down to solar system scales (modified gravity)
- Still outstanding issues about other cosmological parameter uncertainties
  - Hubble's constant, neutrino mass and intrinsic spatial curvature
- Significant broadening of cosmological constraints in the next 5-10 years
  - Order of magnitude increase in number of high  $z$  SN1a and galaxies
  - with a lever arm tying down both large (ISW) and small scale (SZ, weak lensing, baryon acoustic oscillations) anisotropies

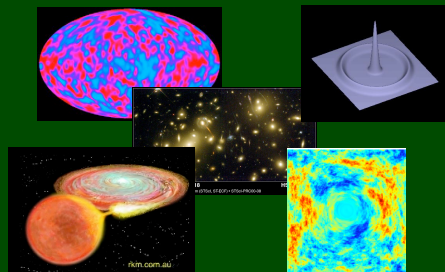


# Linking Dark Energy Observations and Theory



## Einstein on Observation:

"Joy in looking and comprehending  
is nature's most beautiful gift."



## Einstein on Theory:

"If an idea does not appear absurd at  
first then there is no hope for it"

