

# High- $z$ tracers and intensity mapping



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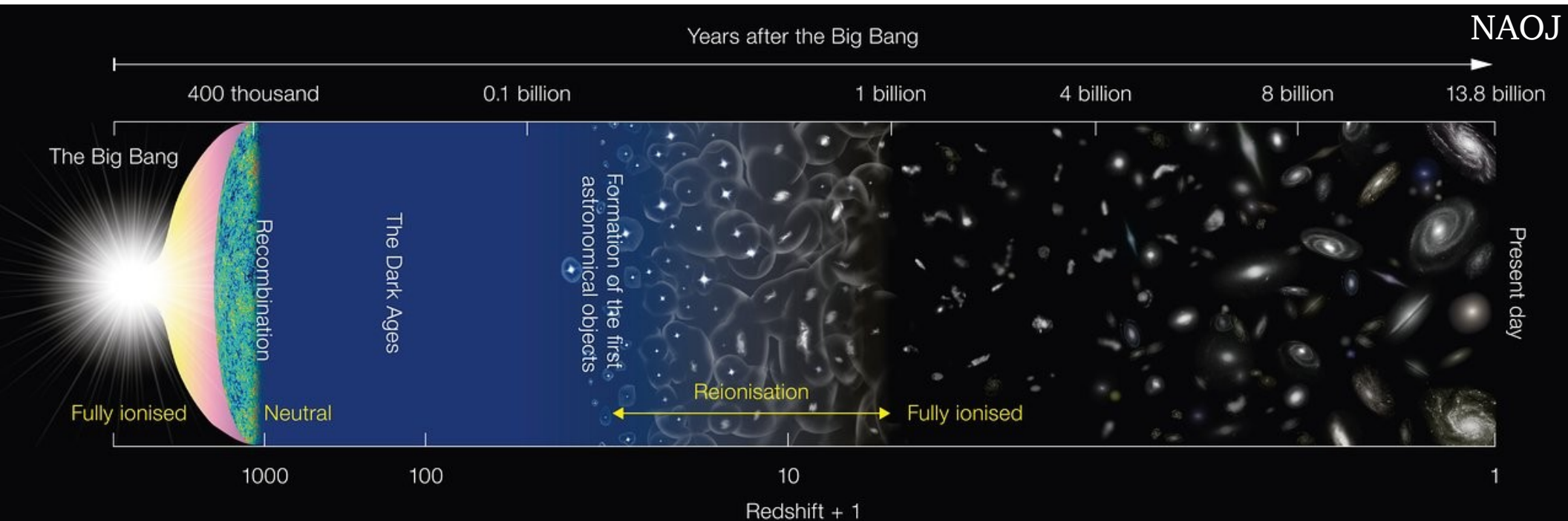


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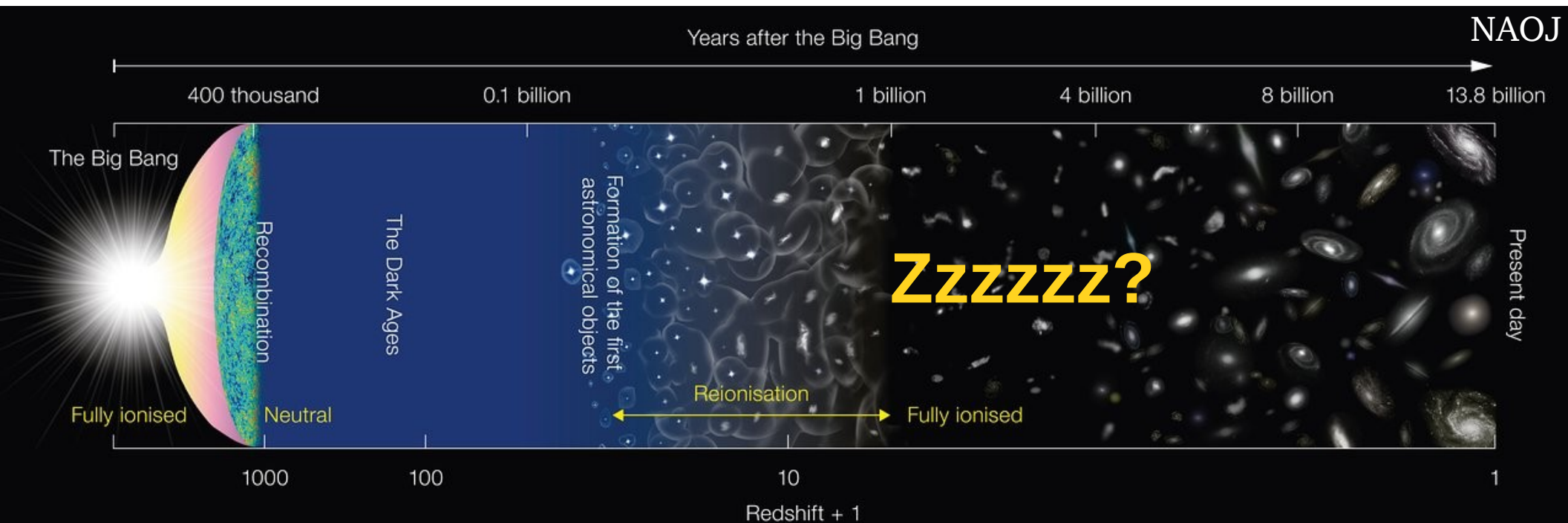


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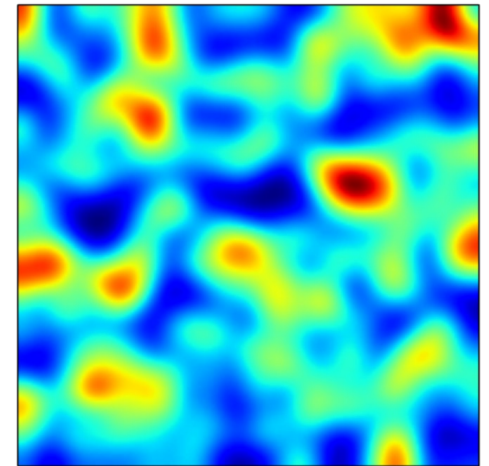
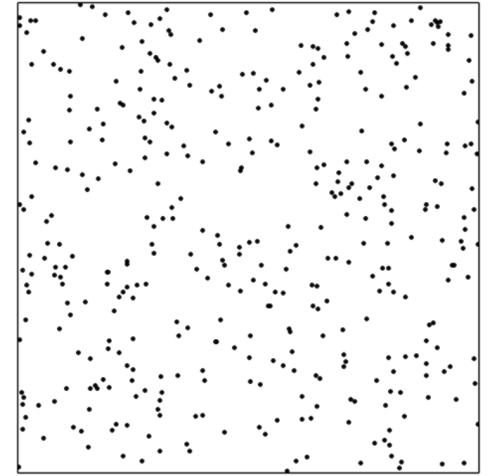
Actually, yes:

- Early-ish dark energy and tests of GR
- Spatial curvature and primordial non-Gaussianity
- Independent neutrino mass measurement
- Einstein-de Sitter is a useful reference point!

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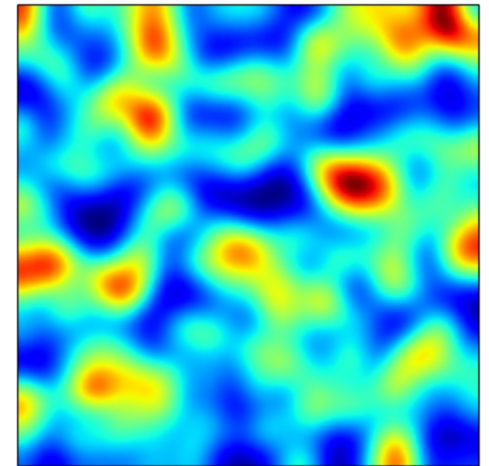
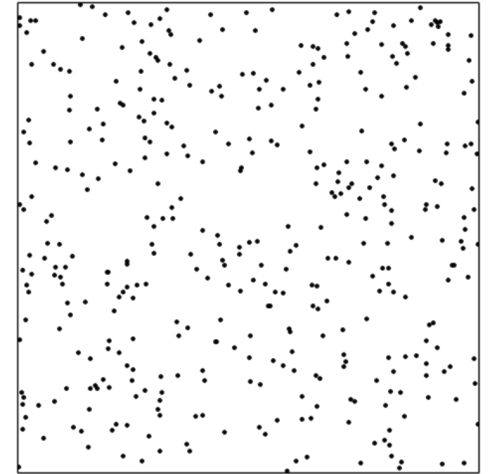
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## Advantages of 21cm IM:

- Access high redshifts (straightforward to build wideband receivers at  $< 1$  GHz)
- Access large volumes (sacrifice resolution for survey speed and sensitivity to large scales)
- HI is ubiquitous: relatively unbiased,  $\sim$ linear tracer out to  $z \sim 6$



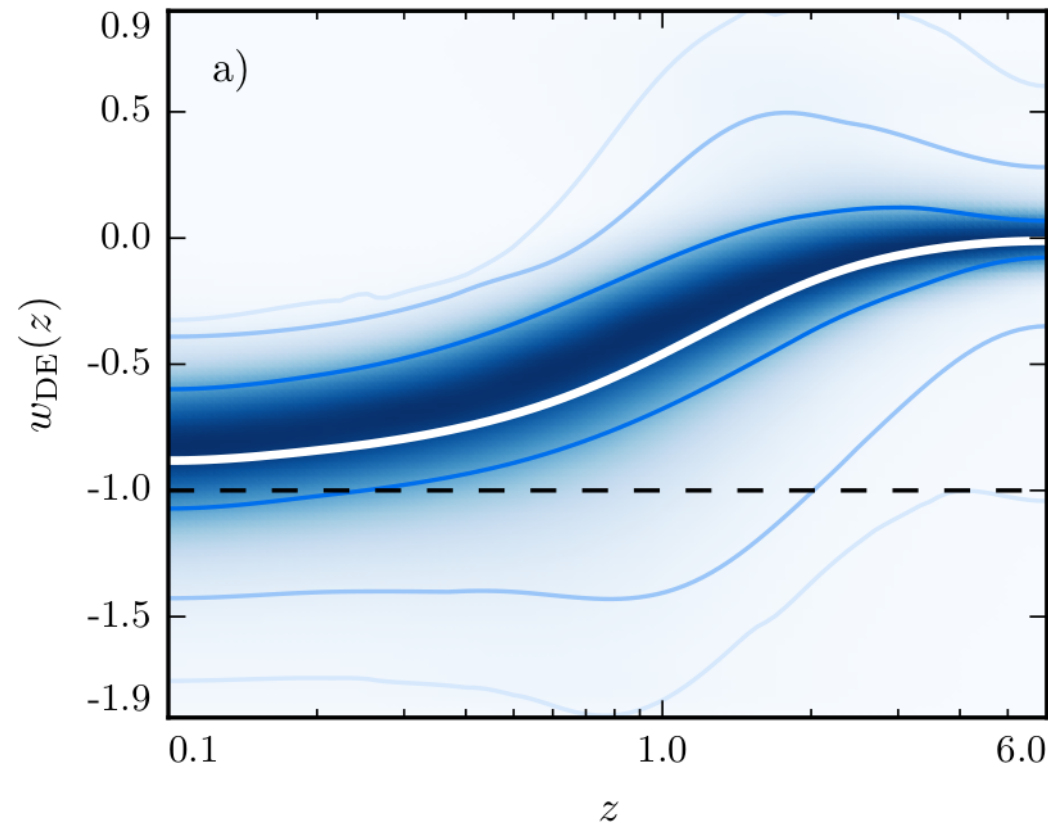
# Typical dark energy behaviours

DE/MG models often exhibit “tracking” behaviour, where  $w(z)$  becomes much less negative at high  $z$  (e.g.  $w \rightarrow 0$ )

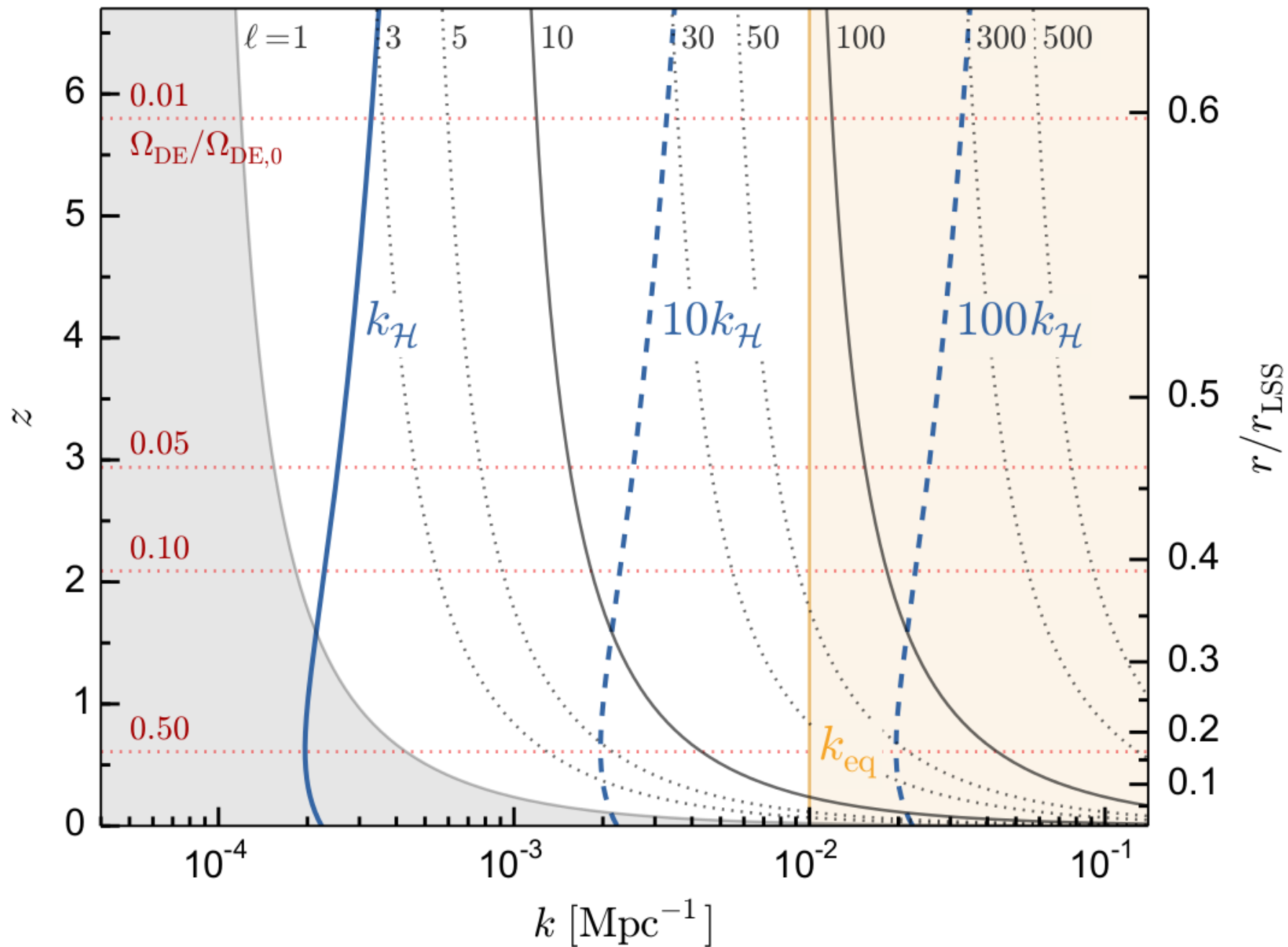
Monte Carlo exploration of entire Horndeski class:

Equation of state  
of dark energy

$$w(z) = P / \rho$$

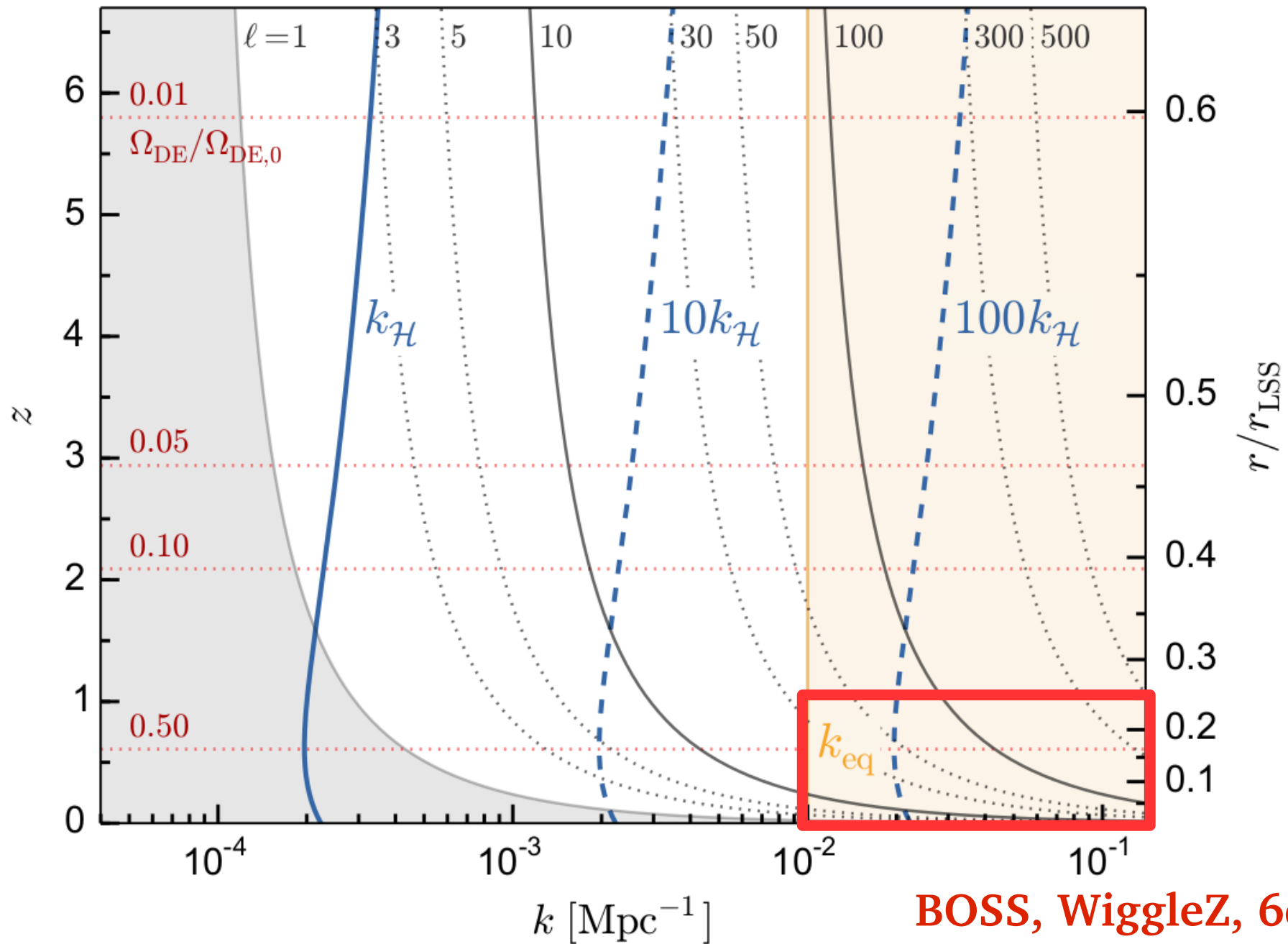


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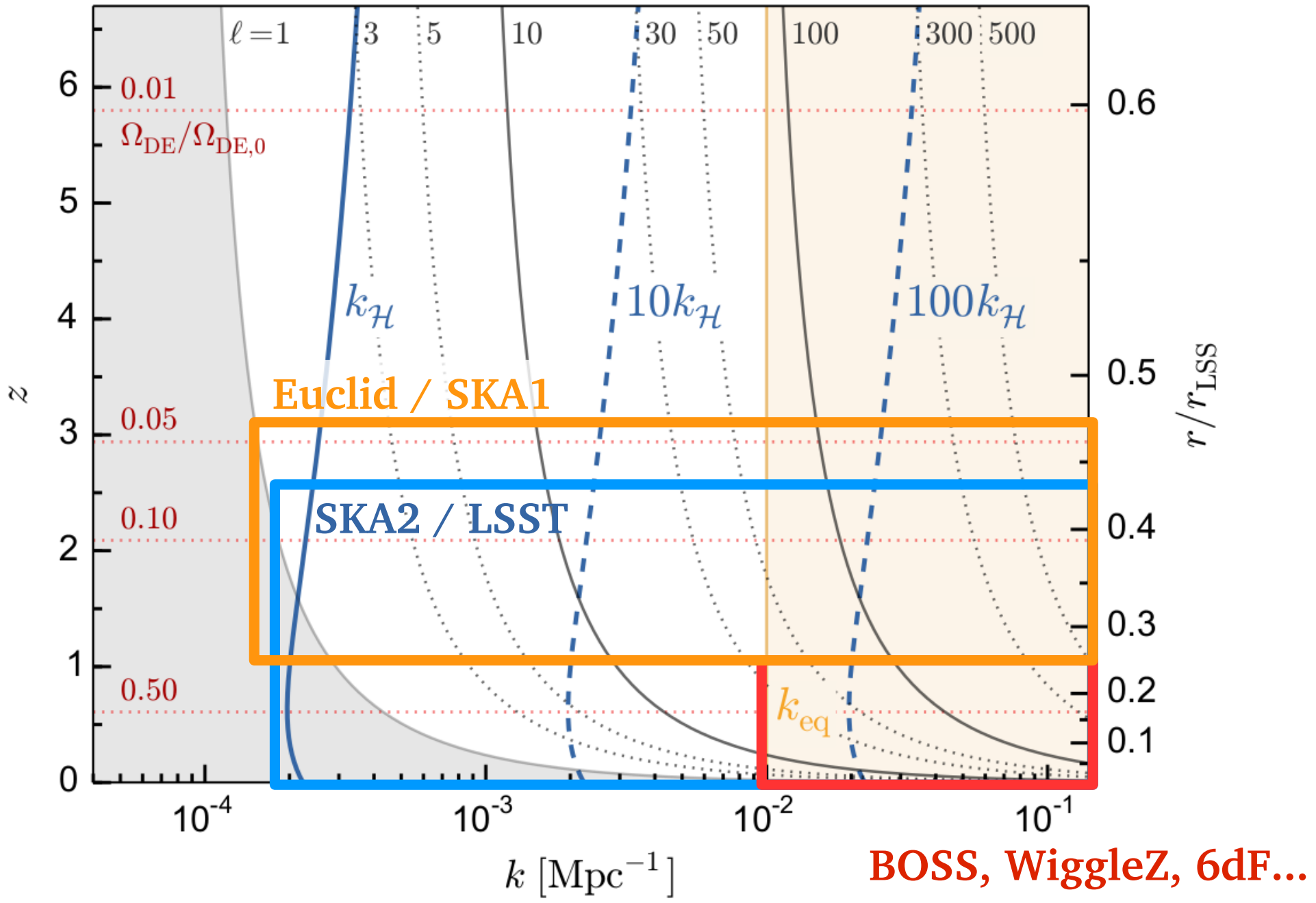




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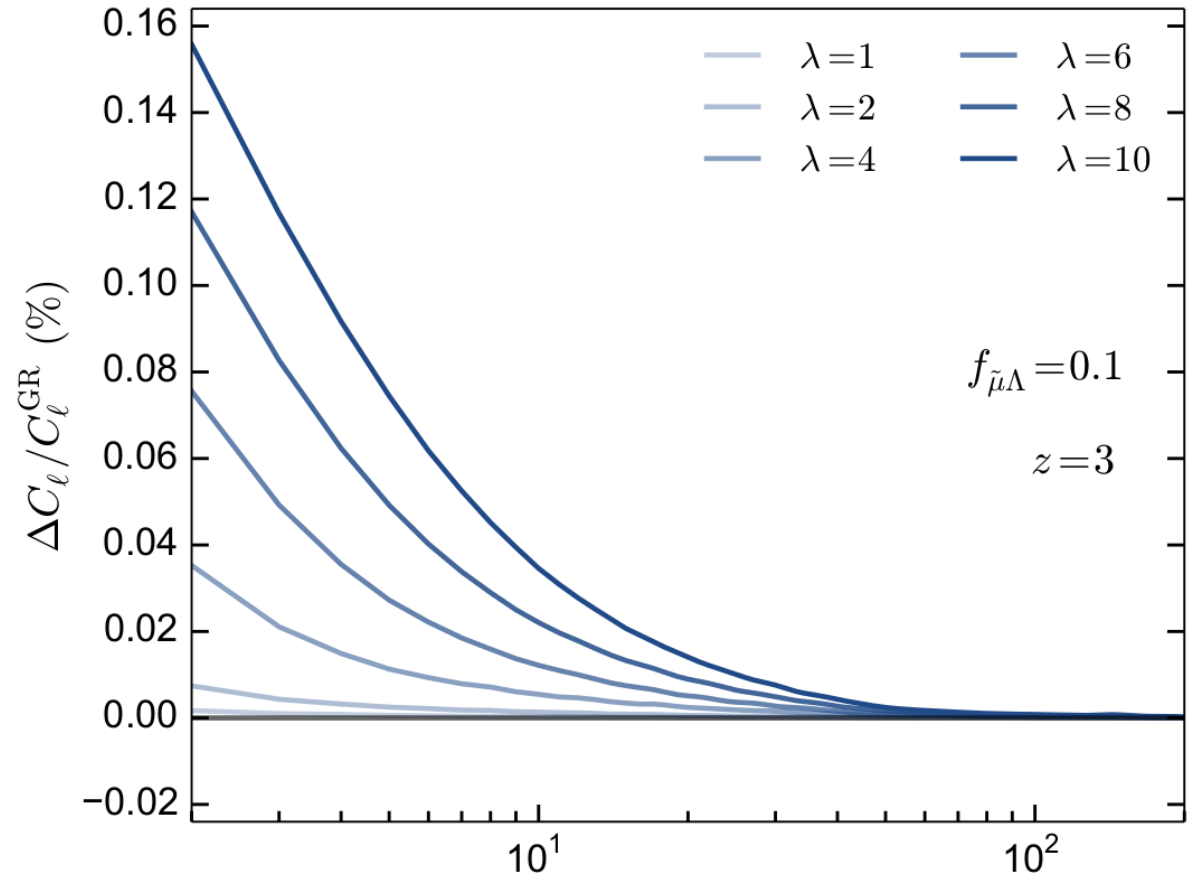


# Hubble-scale deviations from GR

What if MG **only** affects Hubble-scale physics?

*Fractional change in galaxy power spectrum for a 10% modification to GR only at  $k < \lambda H$*

Also severely hampered by cosmic variance...

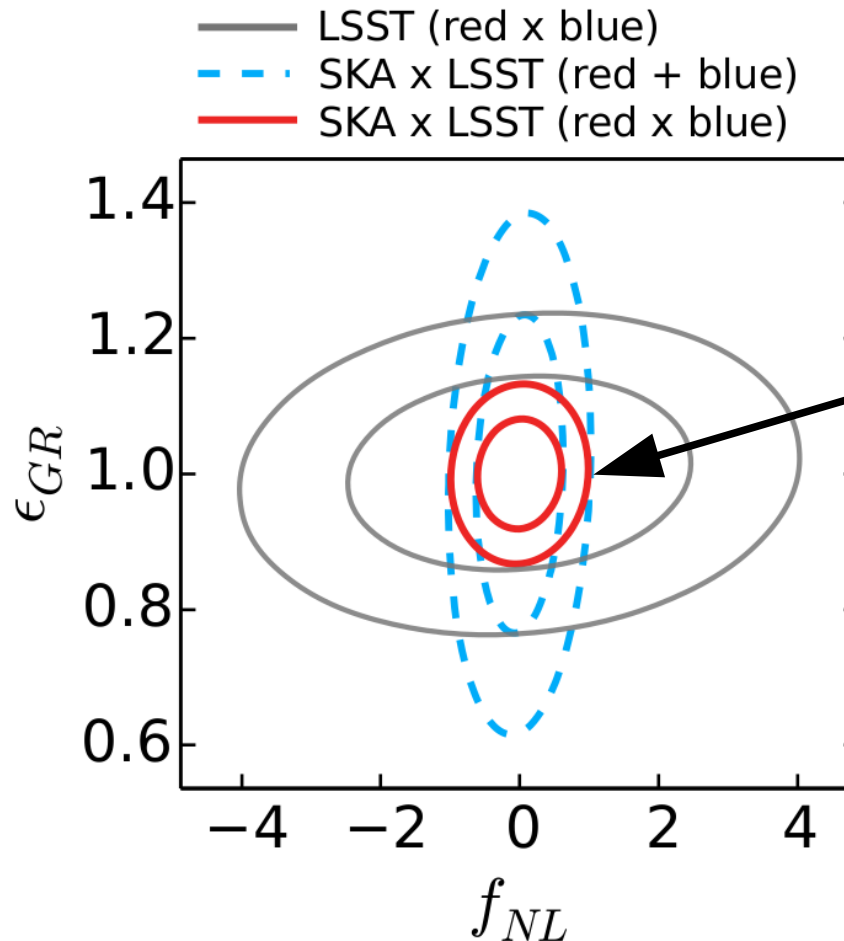


$\ell$  T. Baker & PB (2016)

# Multi-tracer cosmology

Well-matched pairs of galaxy samples can reduce errors significantly below single-tracer cosmic variance limit

Seljak (2009)



Large bias ratio  
between 21cm IM +  
optical galaxies →  
**tighter constraints**

Alonso & Ferreira (2016)  
[adapted]



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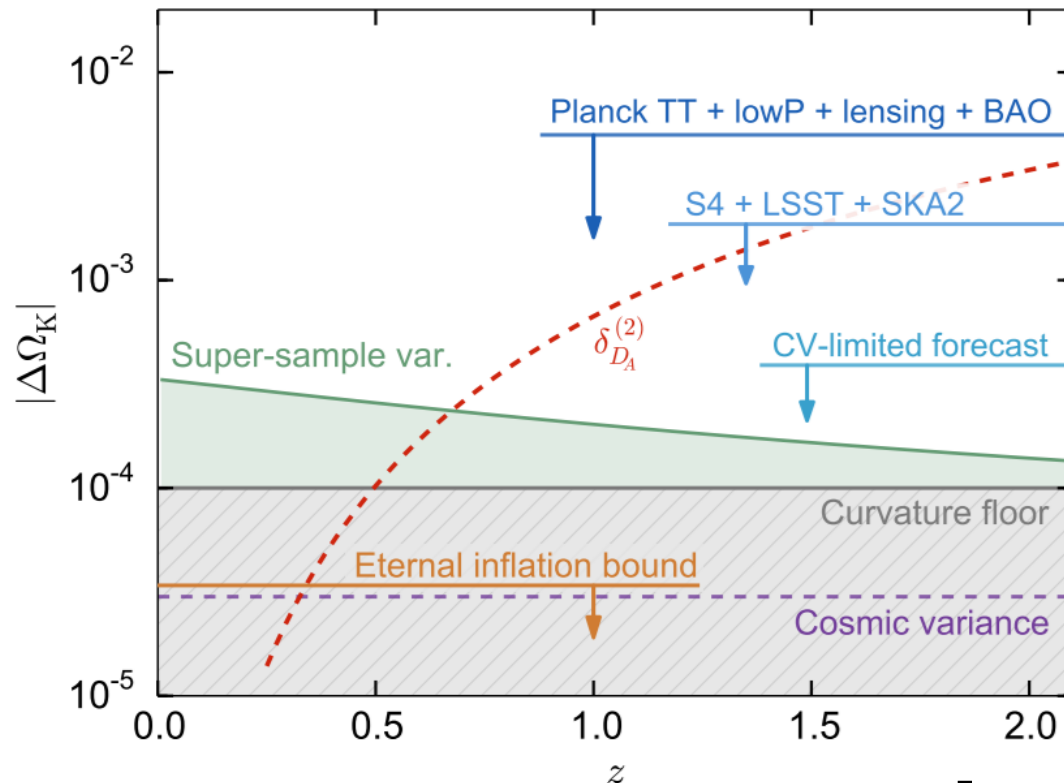
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**How far away are we from the cosmic variance limit?**



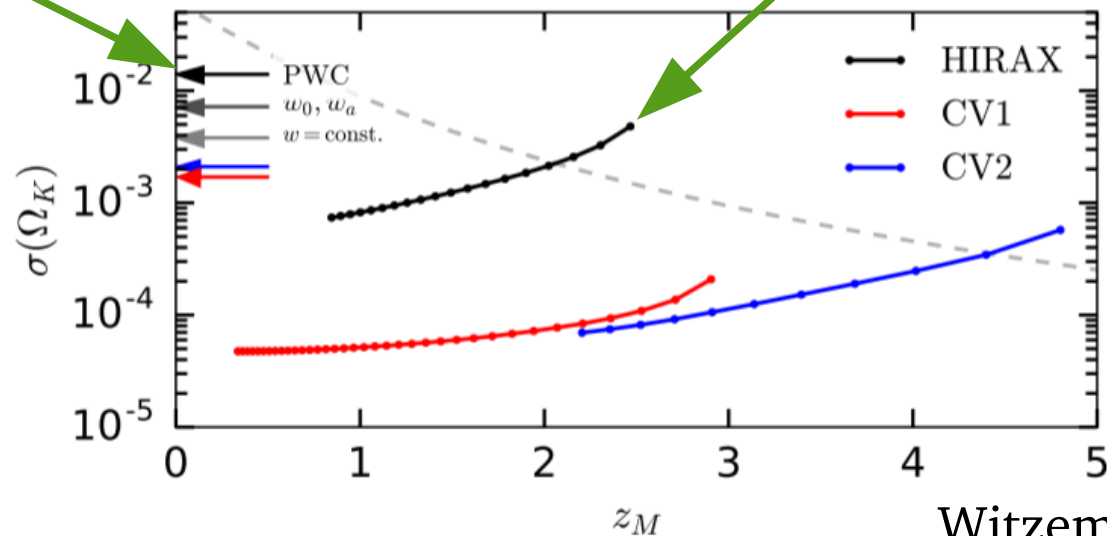
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Degeneracy with low- $z$  dark energy  $w(z)$  behaviour

Can we avoid this complexity and make a “pure” curvature measurement?

Marginalise over  
arbitrary DE models

“Avoid” DE by only  
using  $z > z_M$



Witzemann, PB + (2017)

Similar arguments with other parameters

→ “Cleaner” measurements in the EdS regime?

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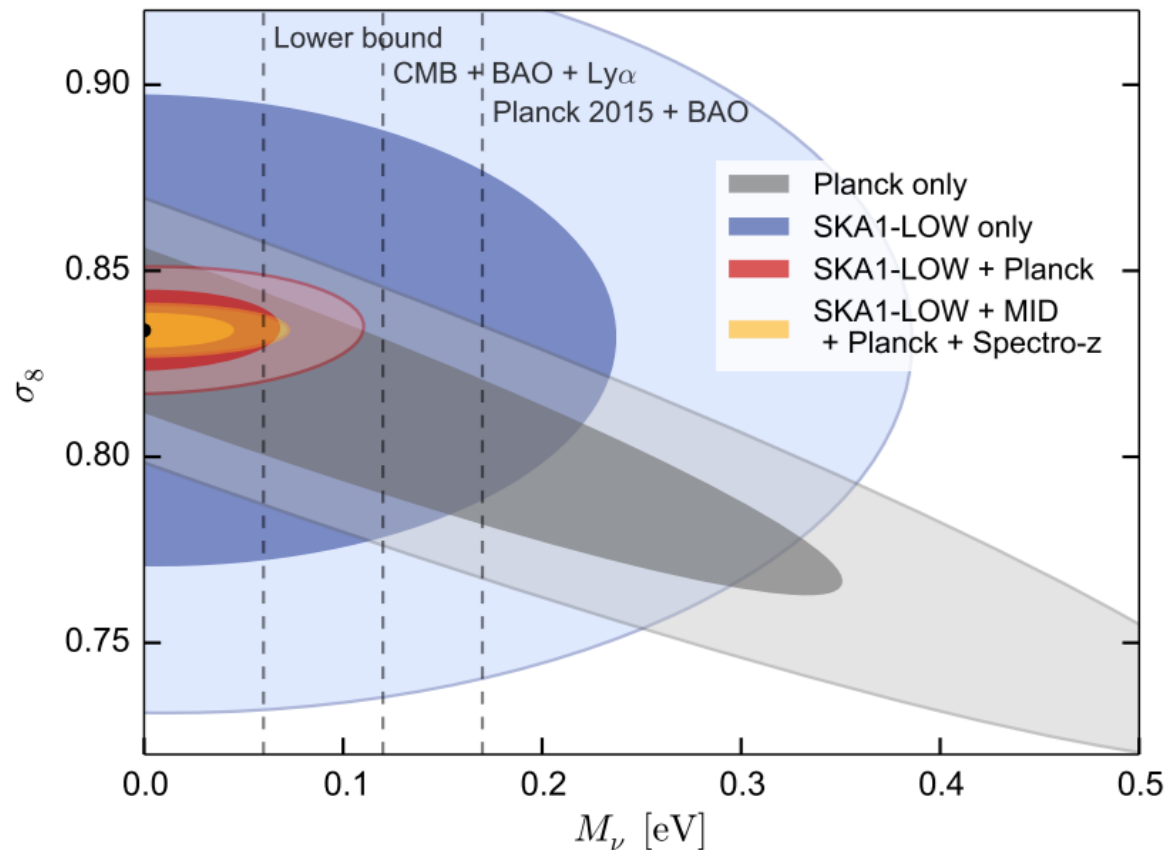
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**Useful bounds from high- $z$  IM ( $3 < z < 6$ ):**



# Summary

## **New handles on cosmology**

*Unique predictions at high  $z$  and large scales*

- Broad class of DE/MG models predict “tracking” at  $z > 1$
- New physics at  $\sim$ Hubble scale? (MG, primordial NG)
- **Need multi-tracer**; 21cm IM is excellent counterpart

## **Validation of lower- $z$ results**

*Is low- $z$  cosmology providing a consistent picture?*

- Compare low- $z$  vs. high- $z$  curvature, neutrino mass etc.
- IM has completely different systematics