



The 5-Year Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (*WMAP*) Observations: Cosmological Interpretation

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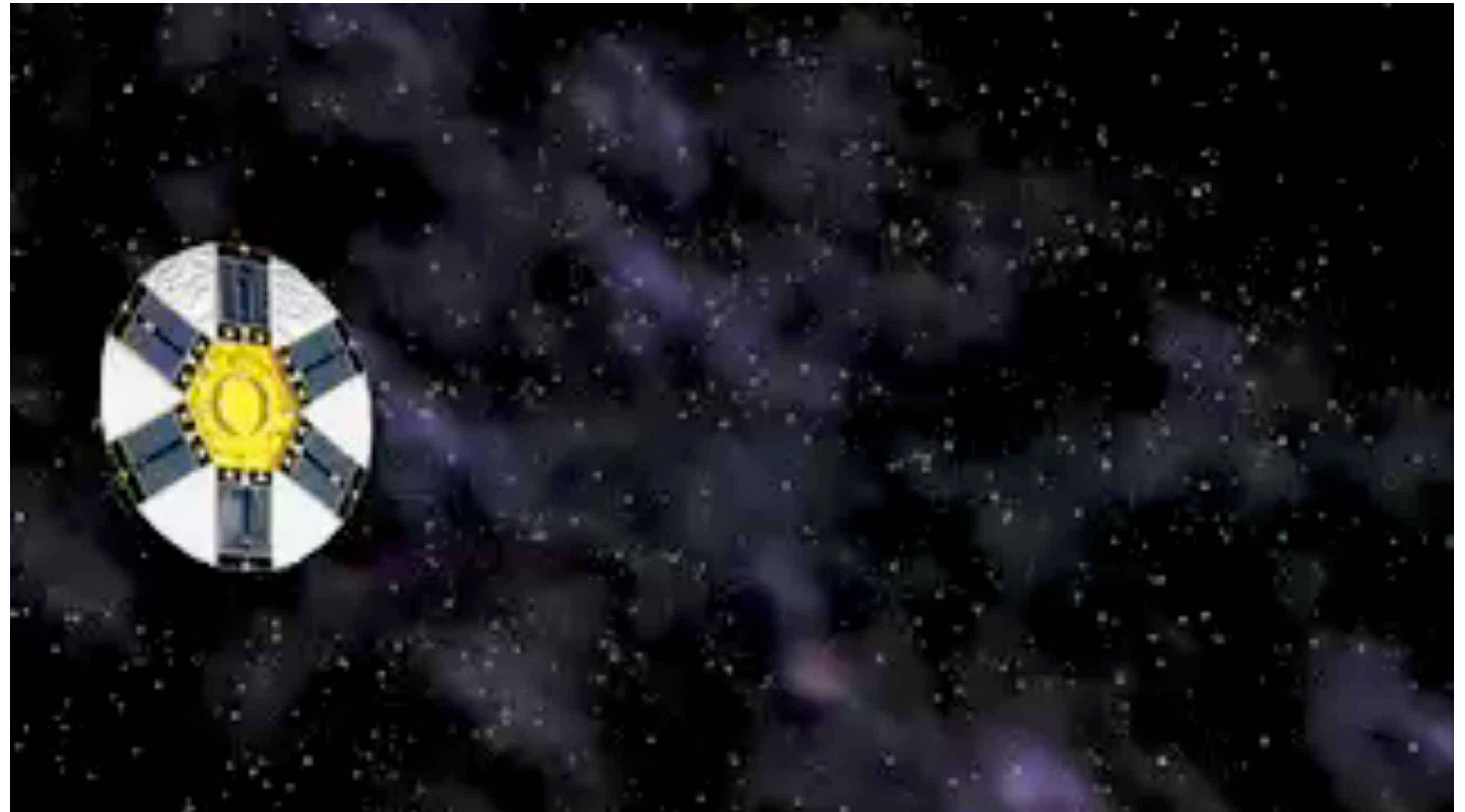
WMAP at Lagrange 2 (L2) Point

June 2001:
WMAP launched!

February 2003:
The first-year data
release

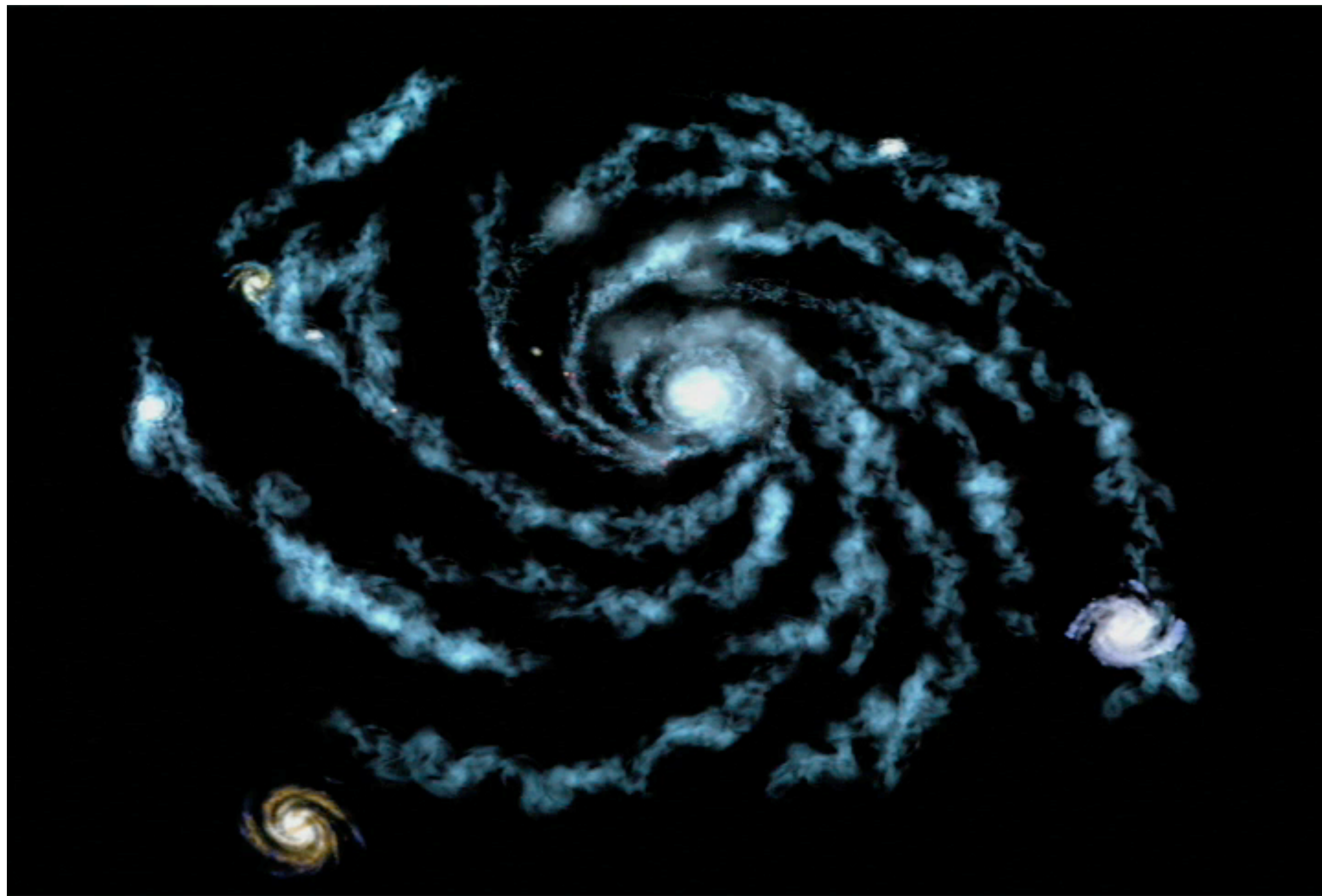
March 2006:
The three-year data
release

**March 2008:
The five-year
data release**



- L2 is a million miles from Earth
- WMAP leaves Earth, Moon, and Sun behind it to avoid radiation from them

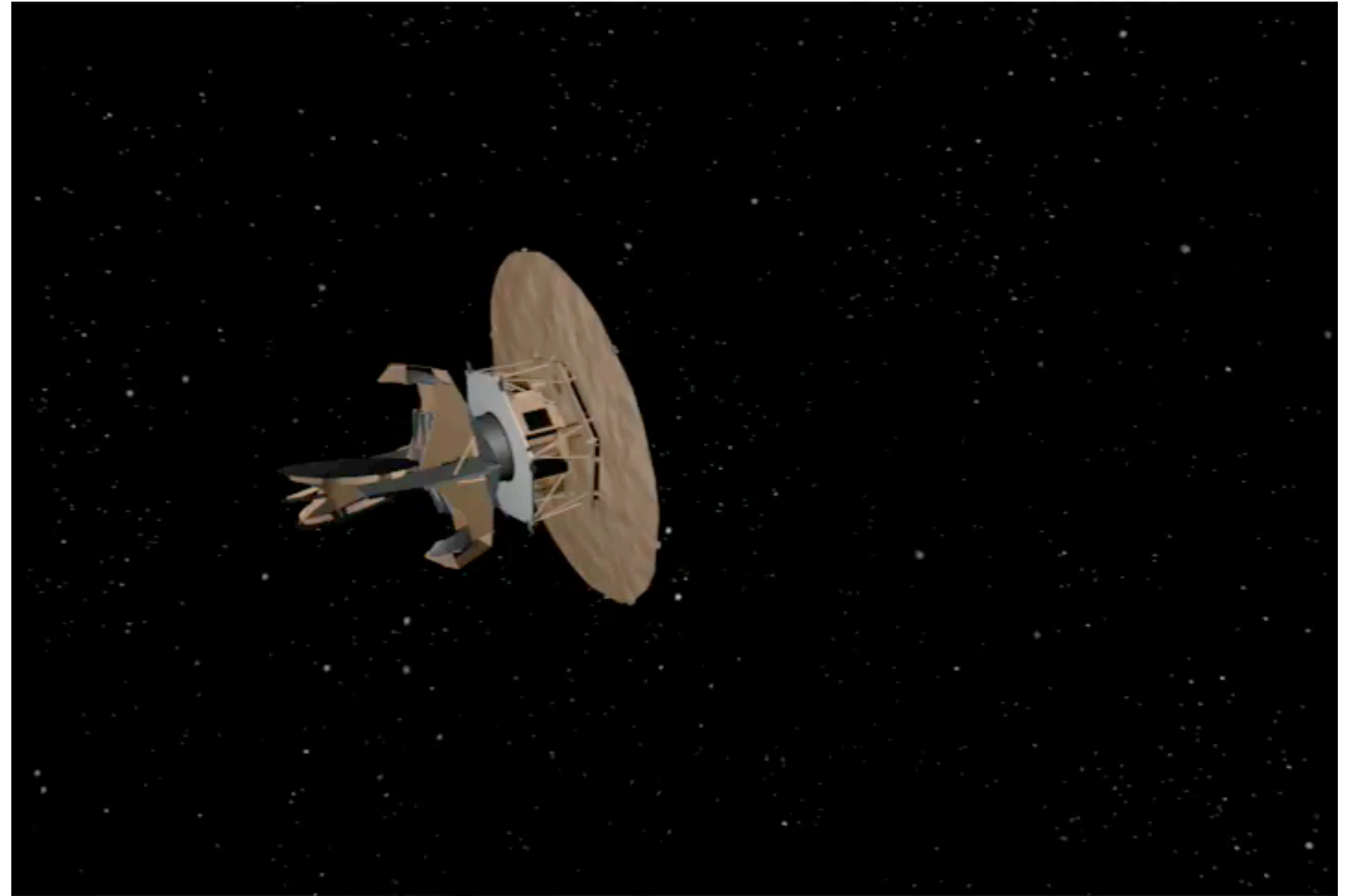
WMAP Measures Microwaves From the Universe



- The mean temperature of photons in the Universe today is 2.725 K
- WMAP is capable of measuring the temperature *contrast* down to better than **one part in millionth**³

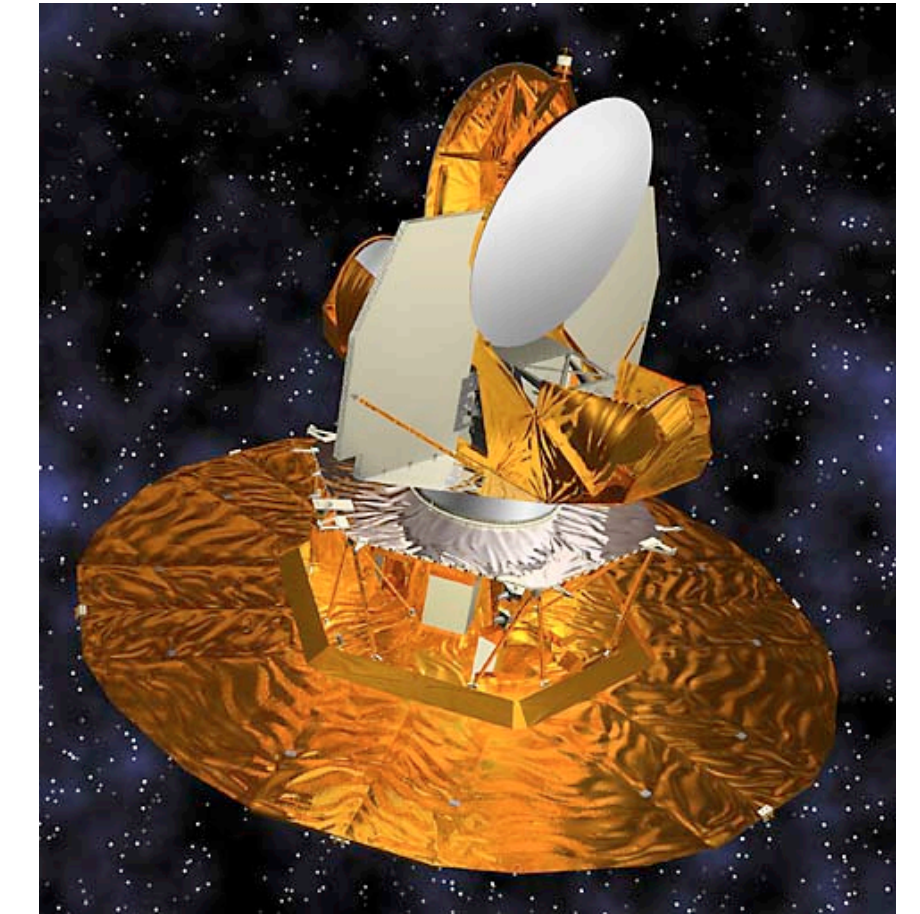
Journey Backwards in Time

- The Cosmic Microwave Background (**CMB**) is *the fossil light from the Big Bang*
- This is the oldest light that one can ever hope to measure
- CMB is a direct image of the Universe when the Universe was only 380,000 years old



- CMB photons, after released from the cosmic plasma “soup,” traveled for **13.7 billion years** to reach us.
- CMB collects information about the Universe as it travels through it.

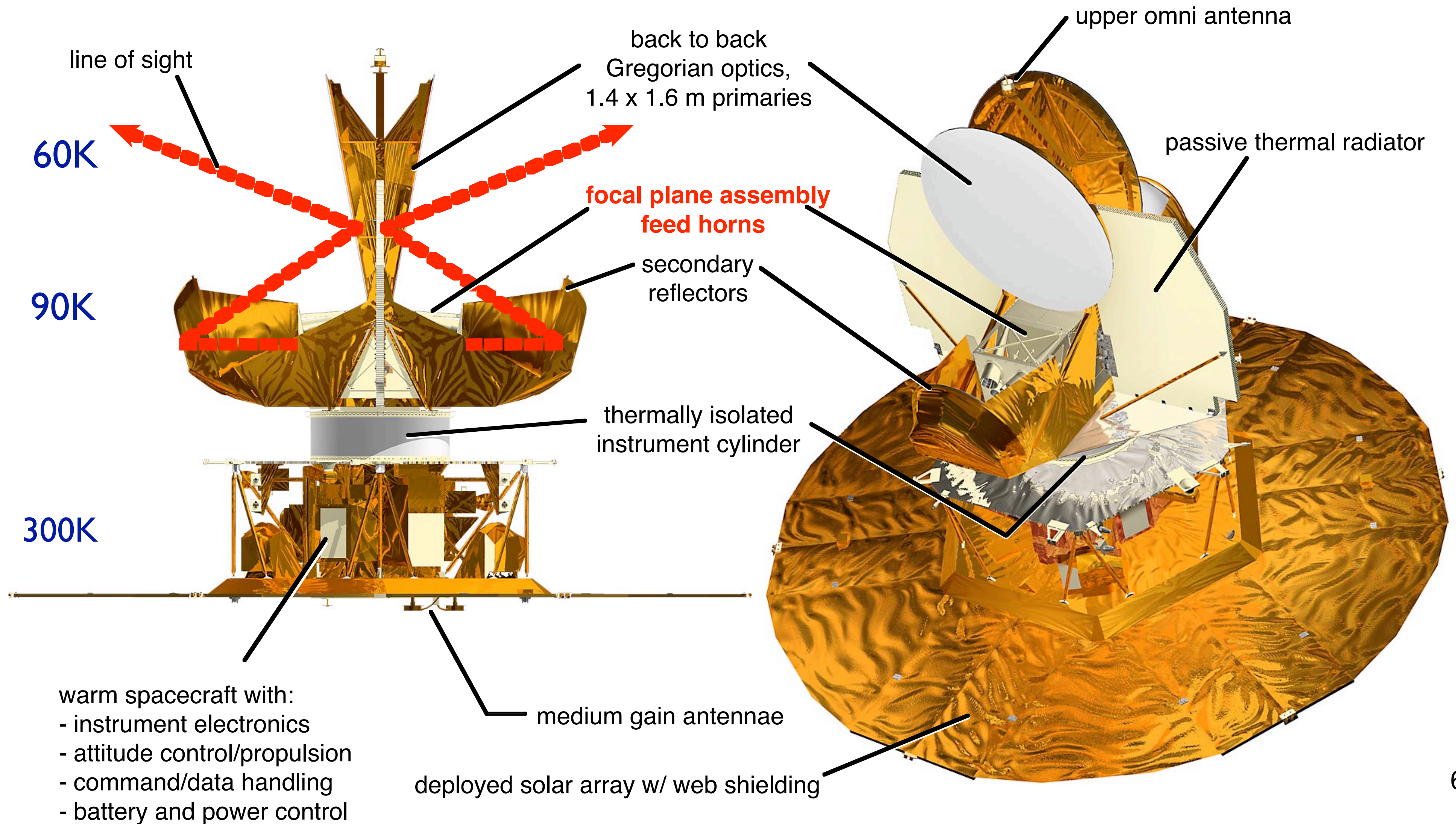
The Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (*WMAP*)

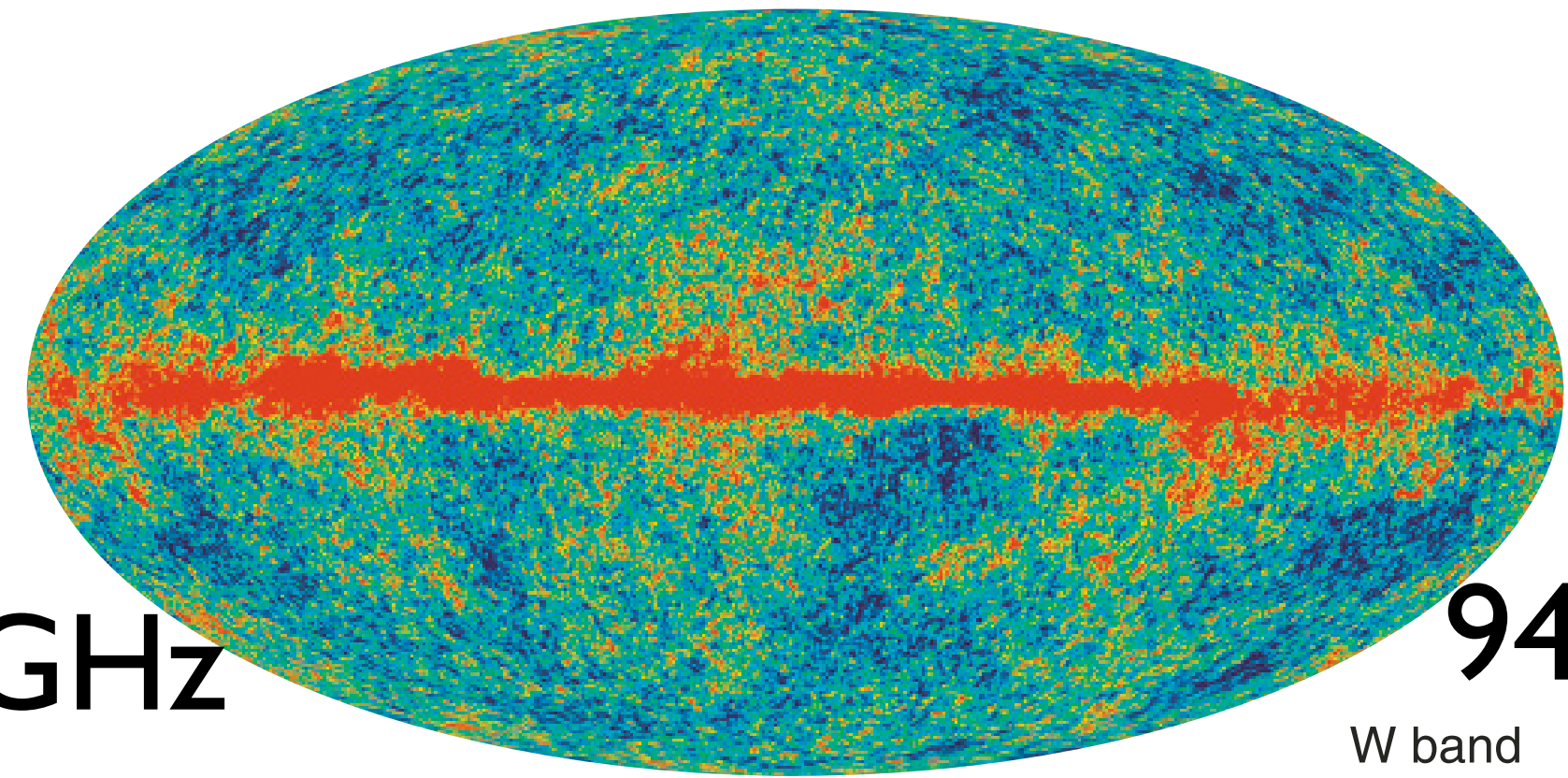
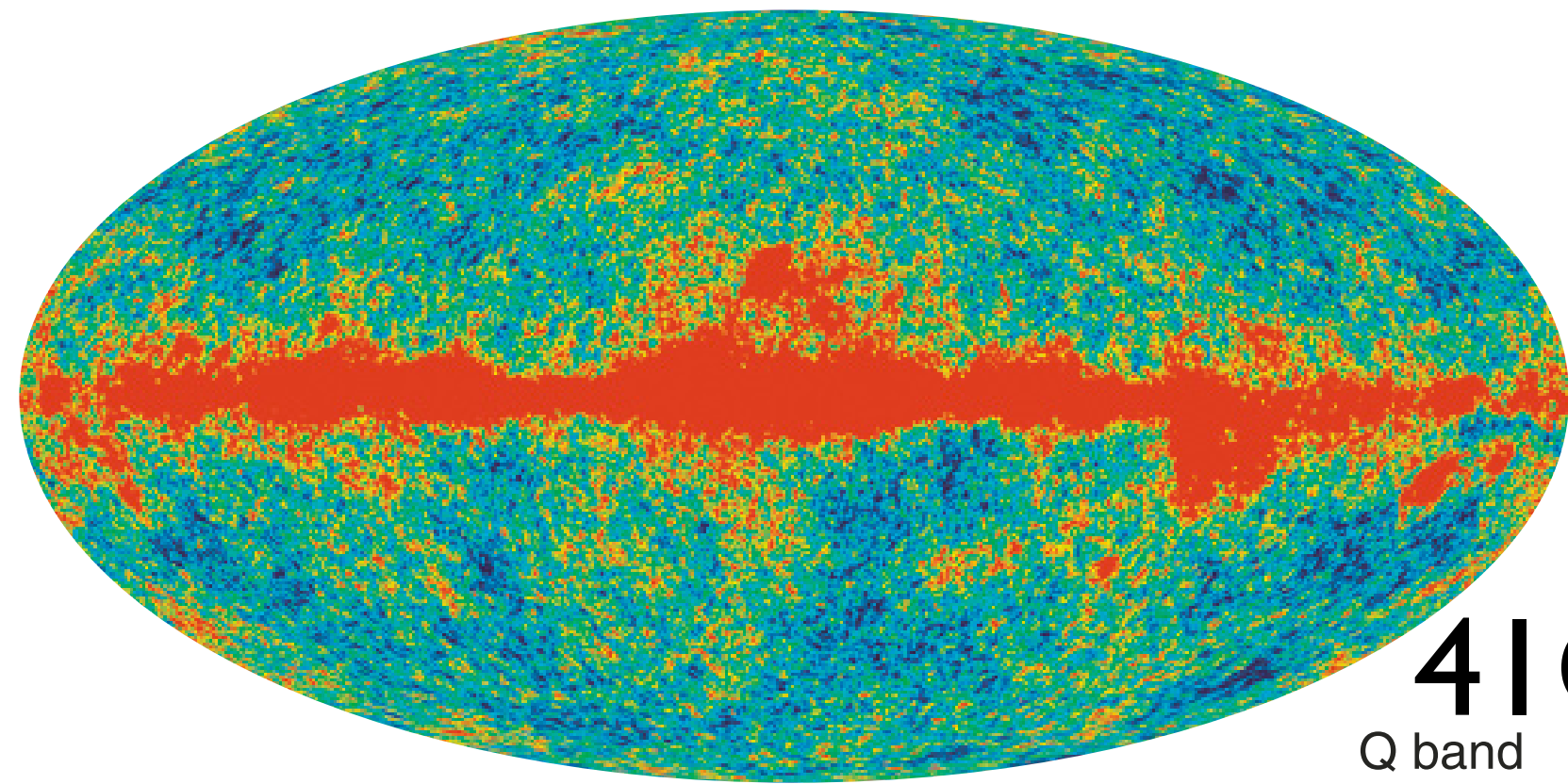
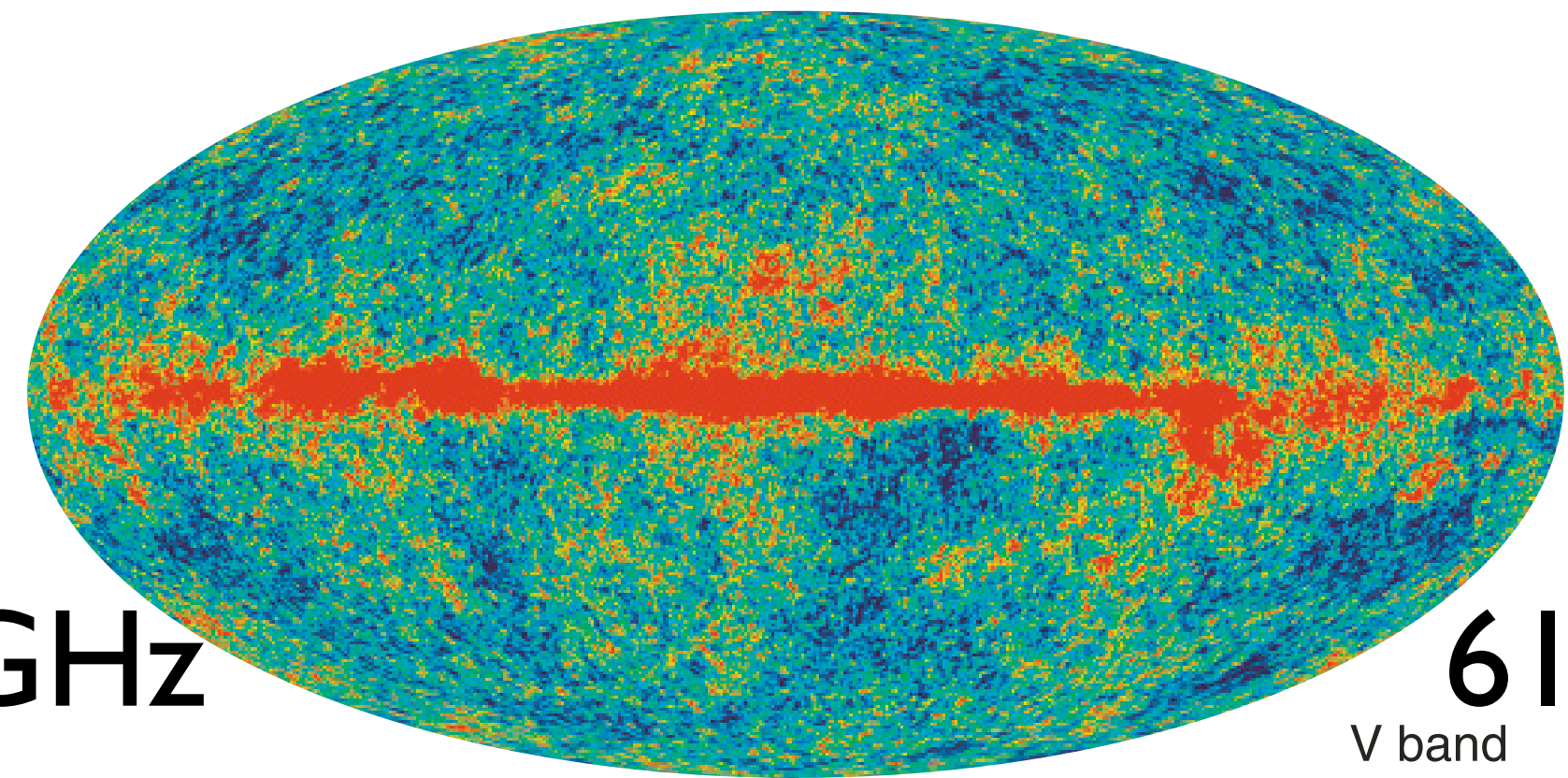
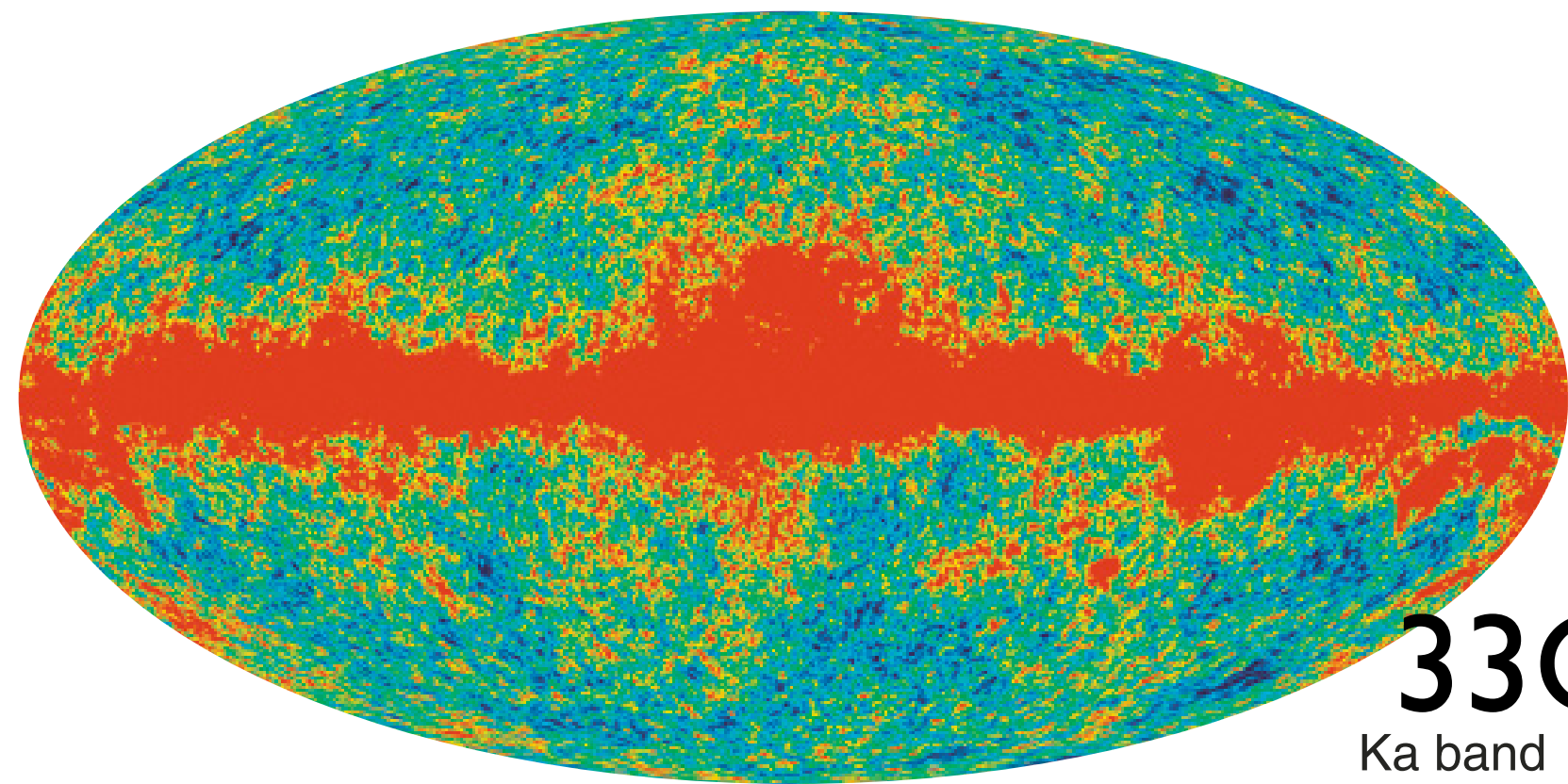
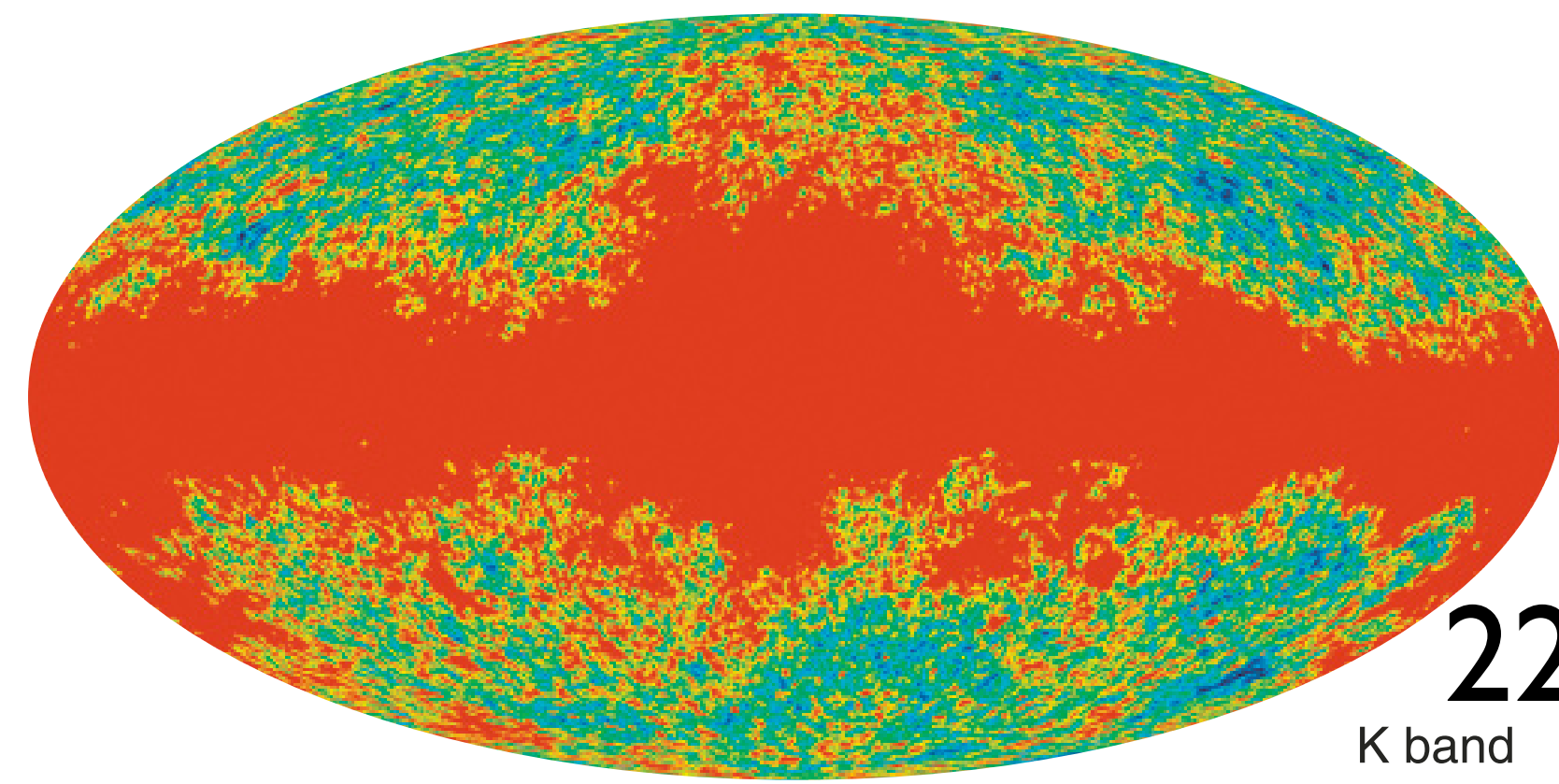


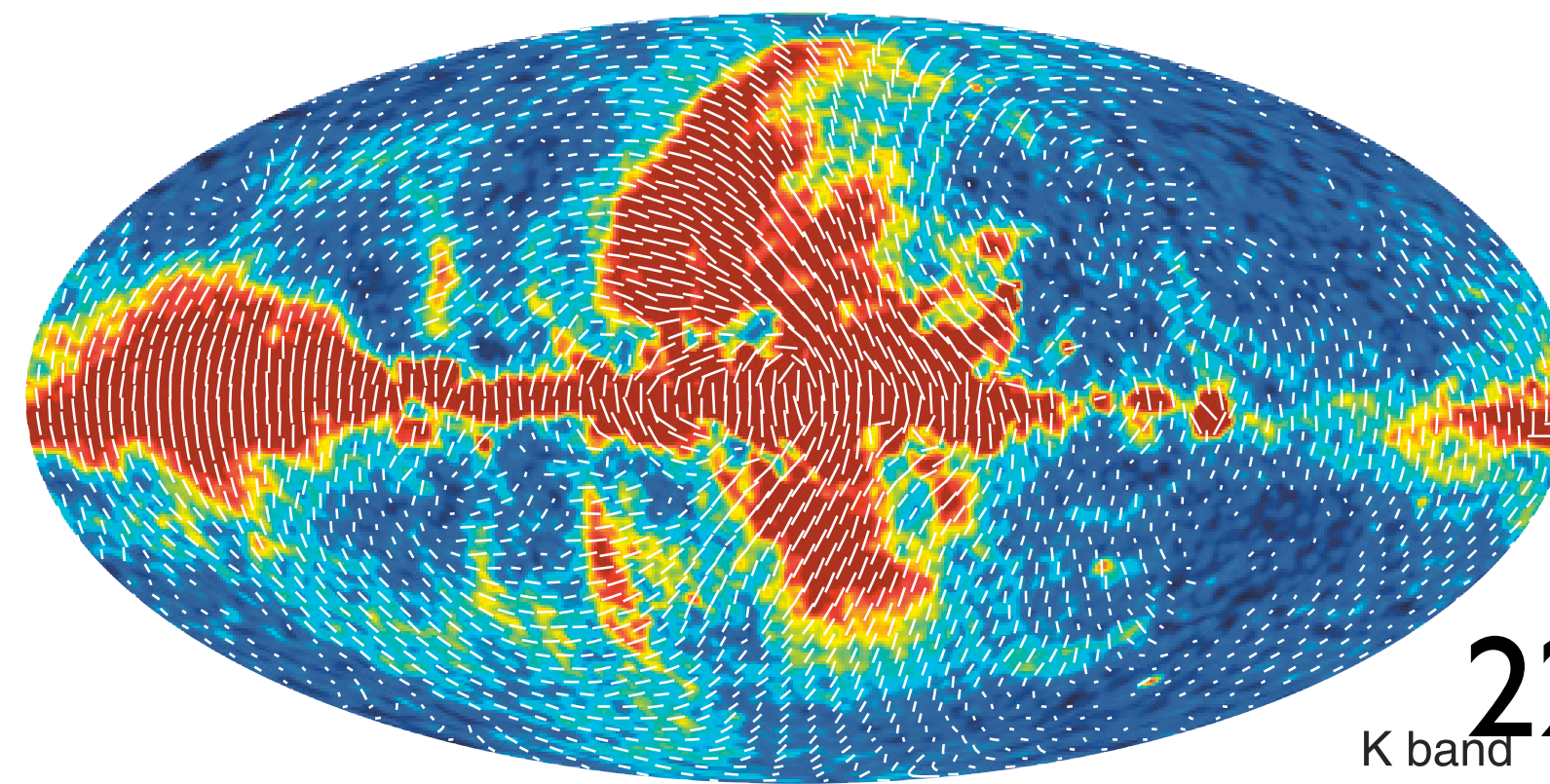
- A microwave satellite working at L2
 - Five frequency bands
 - K (22GHz), Ka (33GHz), Q (41GHz), V (61GHz), W (94GHz)
 - Multi-frequency is crucial for cleaning the Galactic emission
 - **The Key Feature: Differential Measurement**
 - The technique inherited from COBE
 - 10 “Differencing Assemblies” (DAs)
 - K1, Ka1, Q1, Q2, V1, V2, W1, W2, W3, & W4, each consisting of two radiometers that are sensitive to orthogonal linear polarization modes.
 - Temperature anisotropy is measured by **single difference**.
 - Polarization anisotropy is measured by **double difference**.
- WMAP can measure polarization as well!**

WMAP Spacecraft

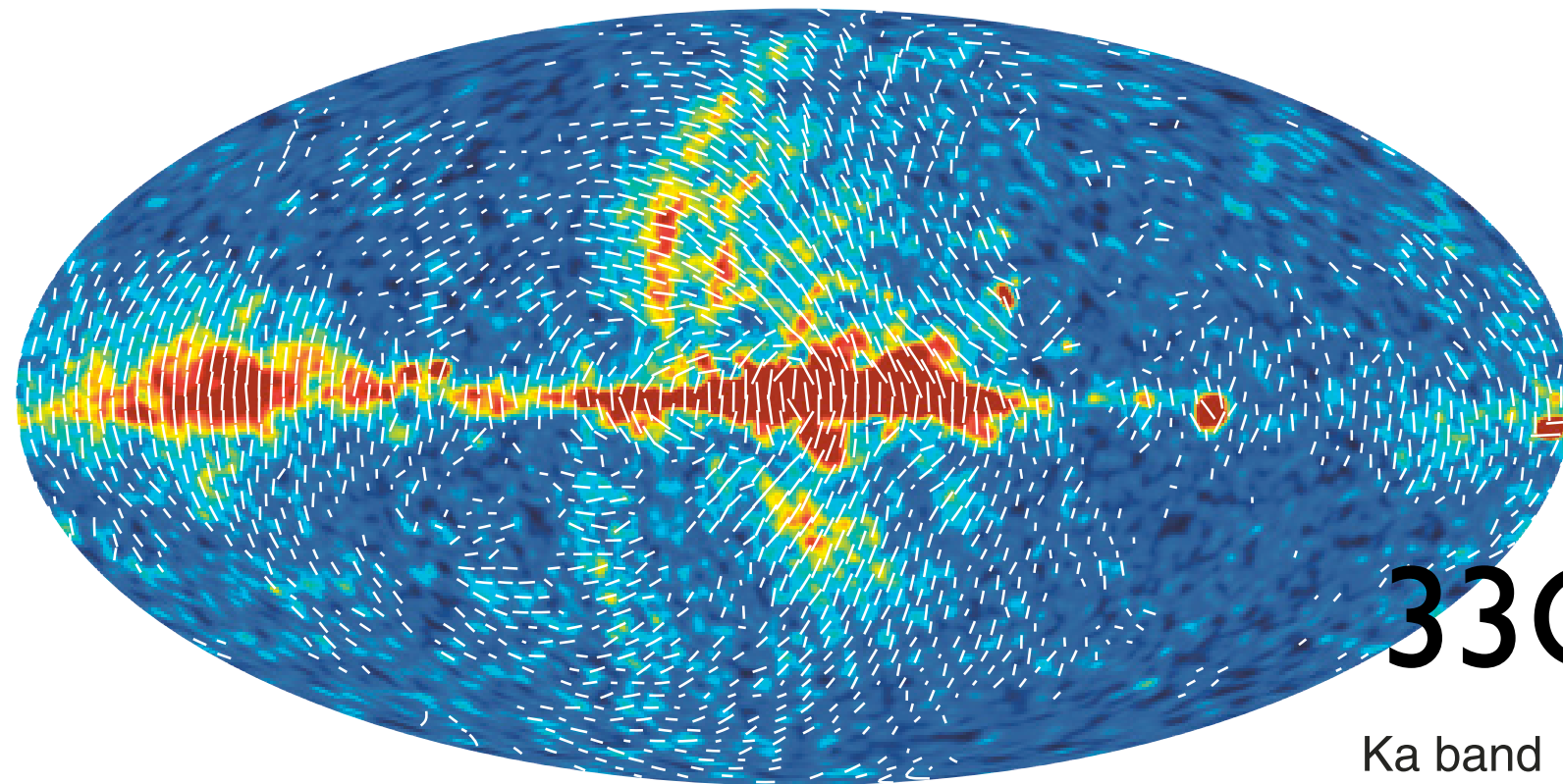
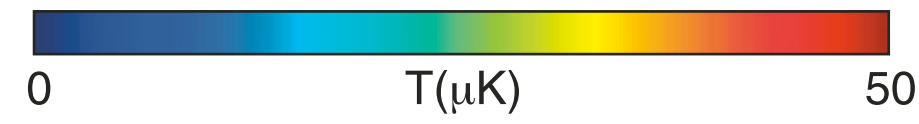
Radiative Cooling: No Cryogenic System



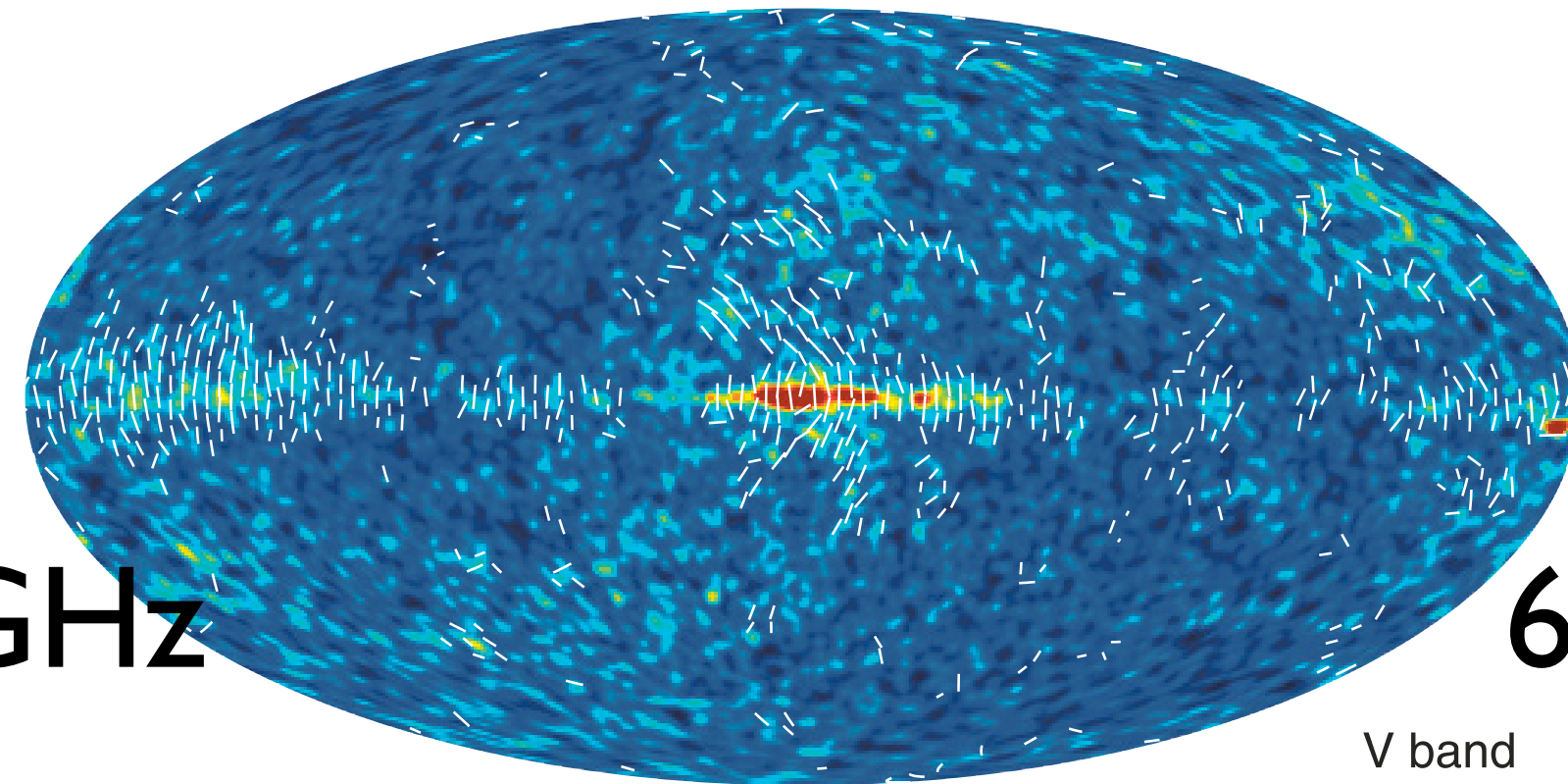




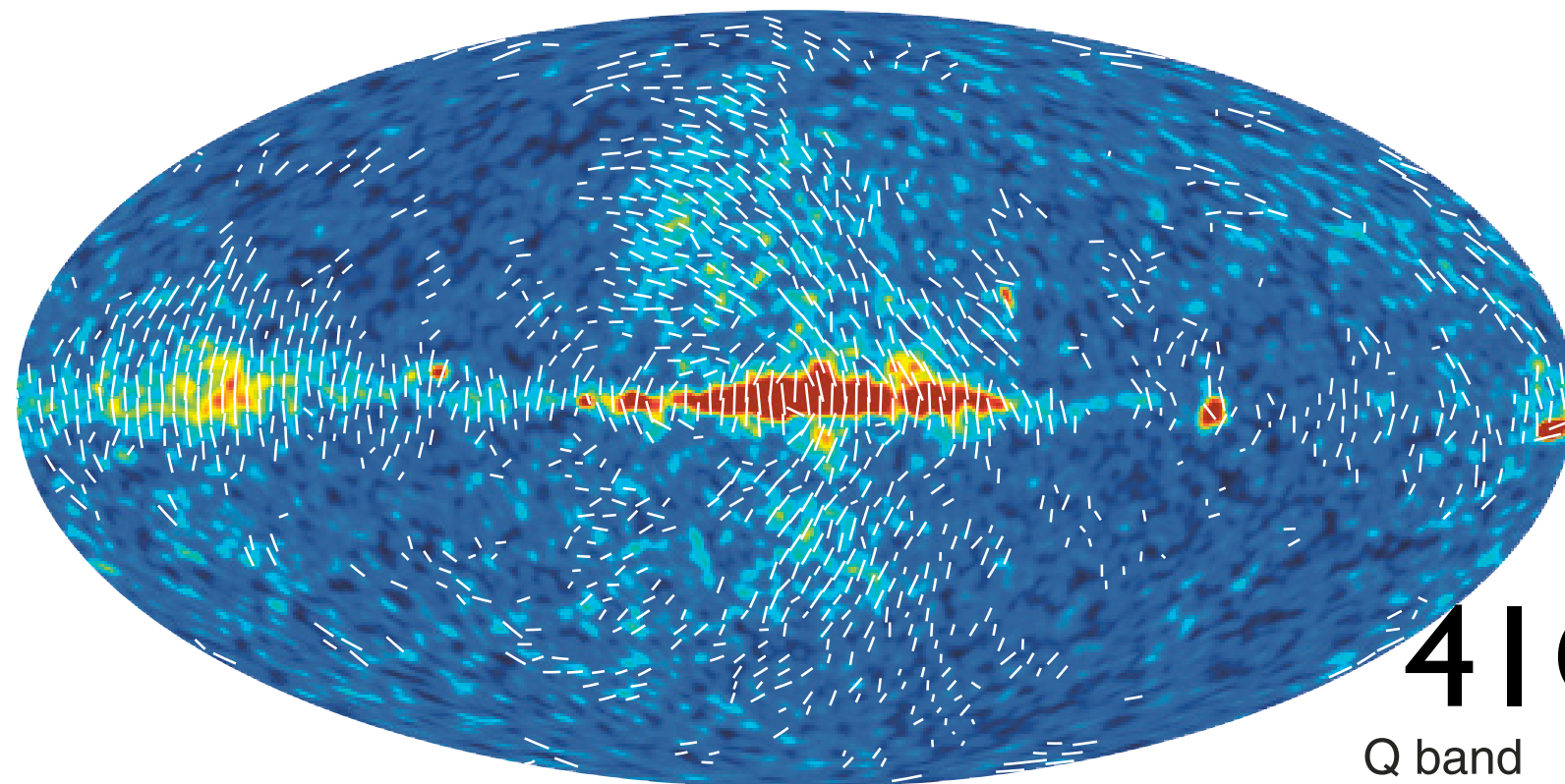
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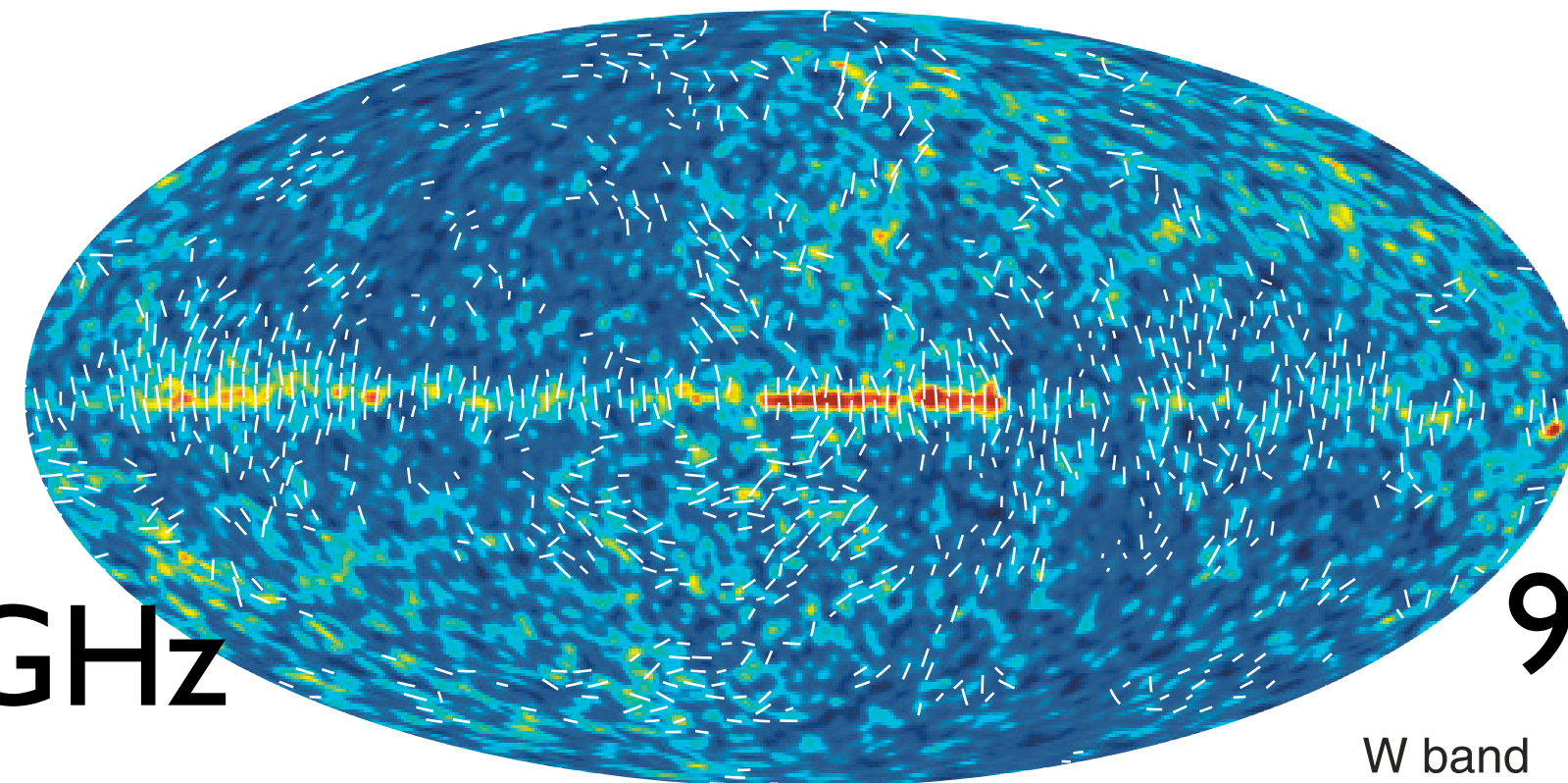
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Ka band



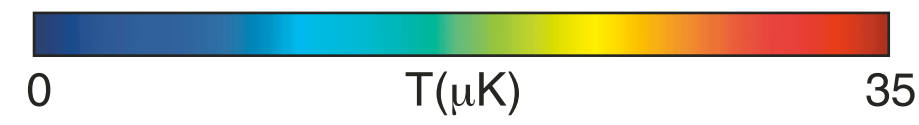
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V band



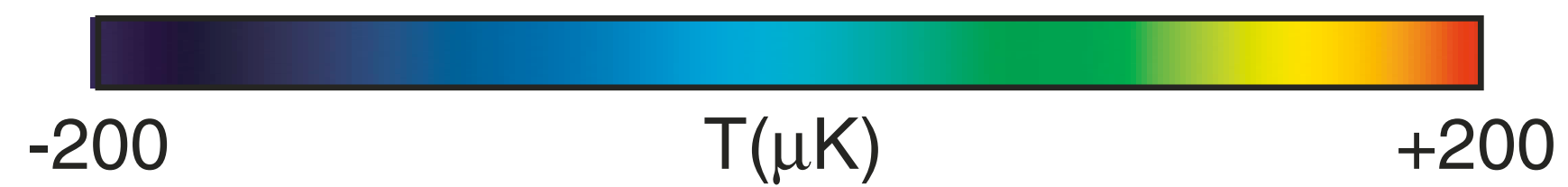
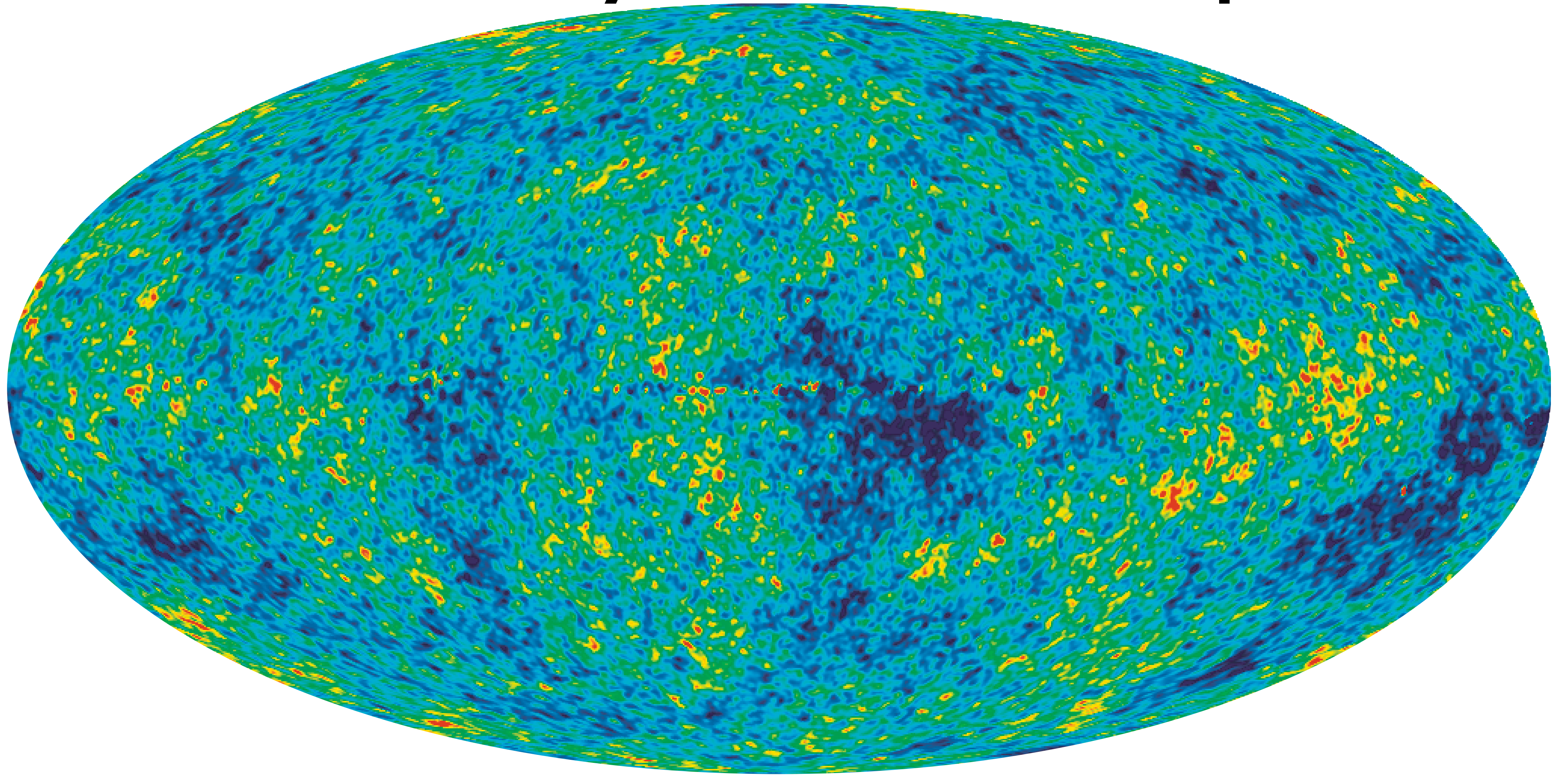
41GHz
Q band



94GHz
W band

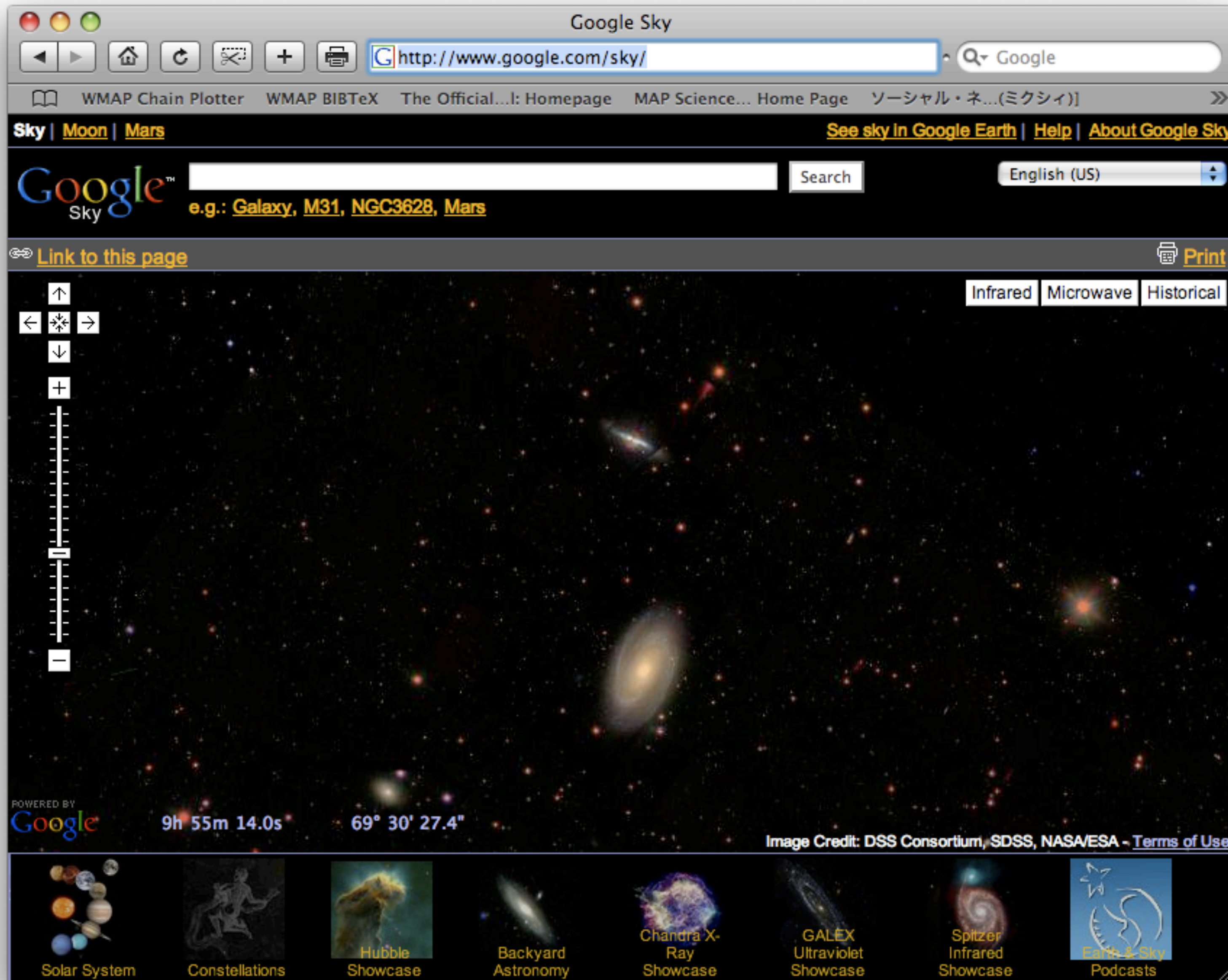


Galaxy-cleaned Map



WMAP 5-year

WMAP on google.com/sky



WMAP 5-Year Papers

- **Hinshaw et al.**, “*Data Processing, Sky Maps, and Basic Results*” [0803.0732](#)
- **Hill et al.**, “*Beam Maps and Window Functions*” [0803.0570](#)
- **Gold et al.**, “*Galactic Foreground Emission*” [0803.0715](#)
- **Wright et al.**, “*Source Catalogue*” [0803.0577](#)
- **Nolta et al.**, “*Angular Power Spectra*” [0803.0593](#)
- **Dunkley et al.**, “*Likelihoods and Parameters from the WMAP data*” [0803.0586](#)
- **Komatsu et al.**, “*Cosmological Interpretation*” [0803.0547](#)

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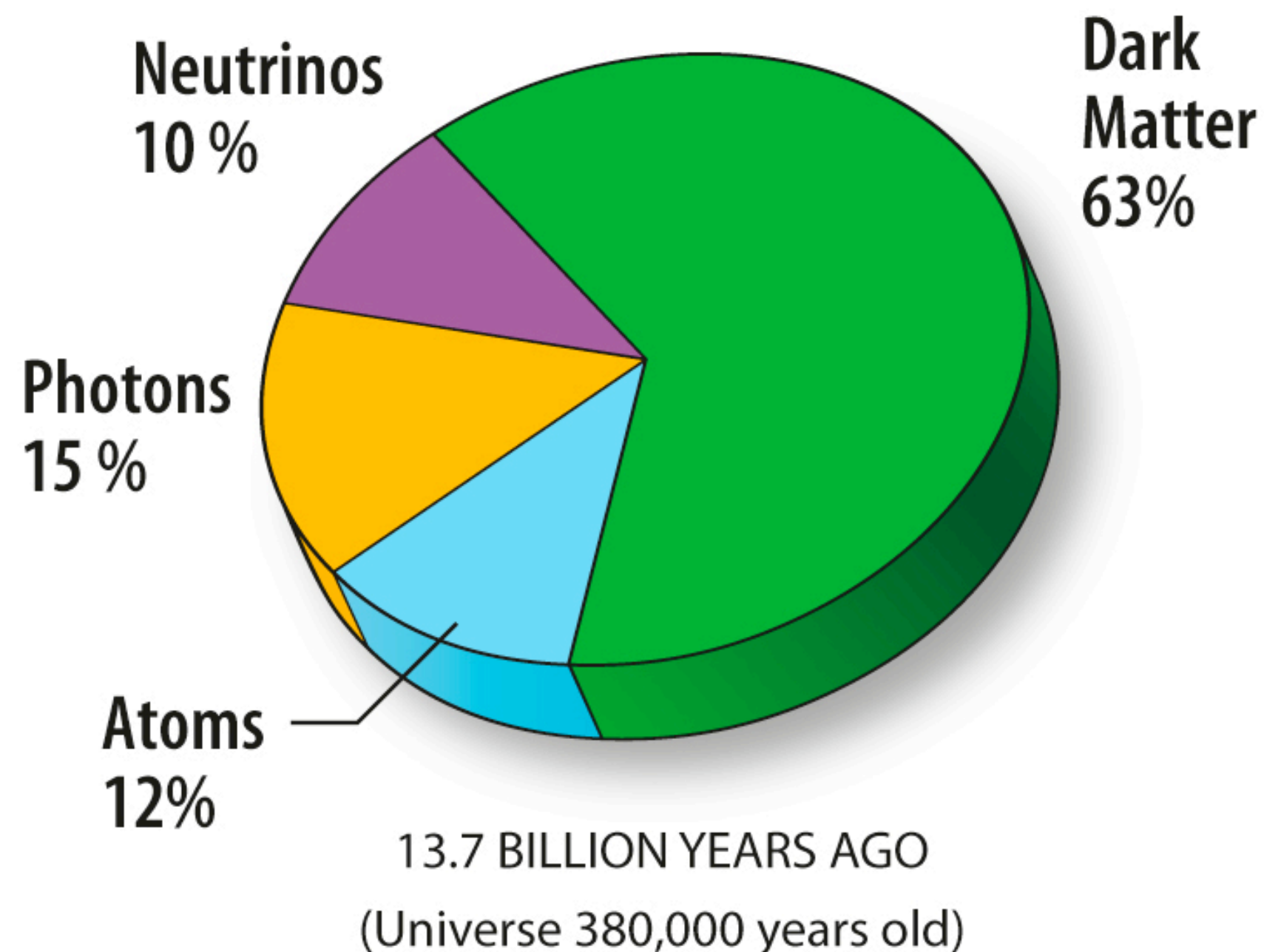
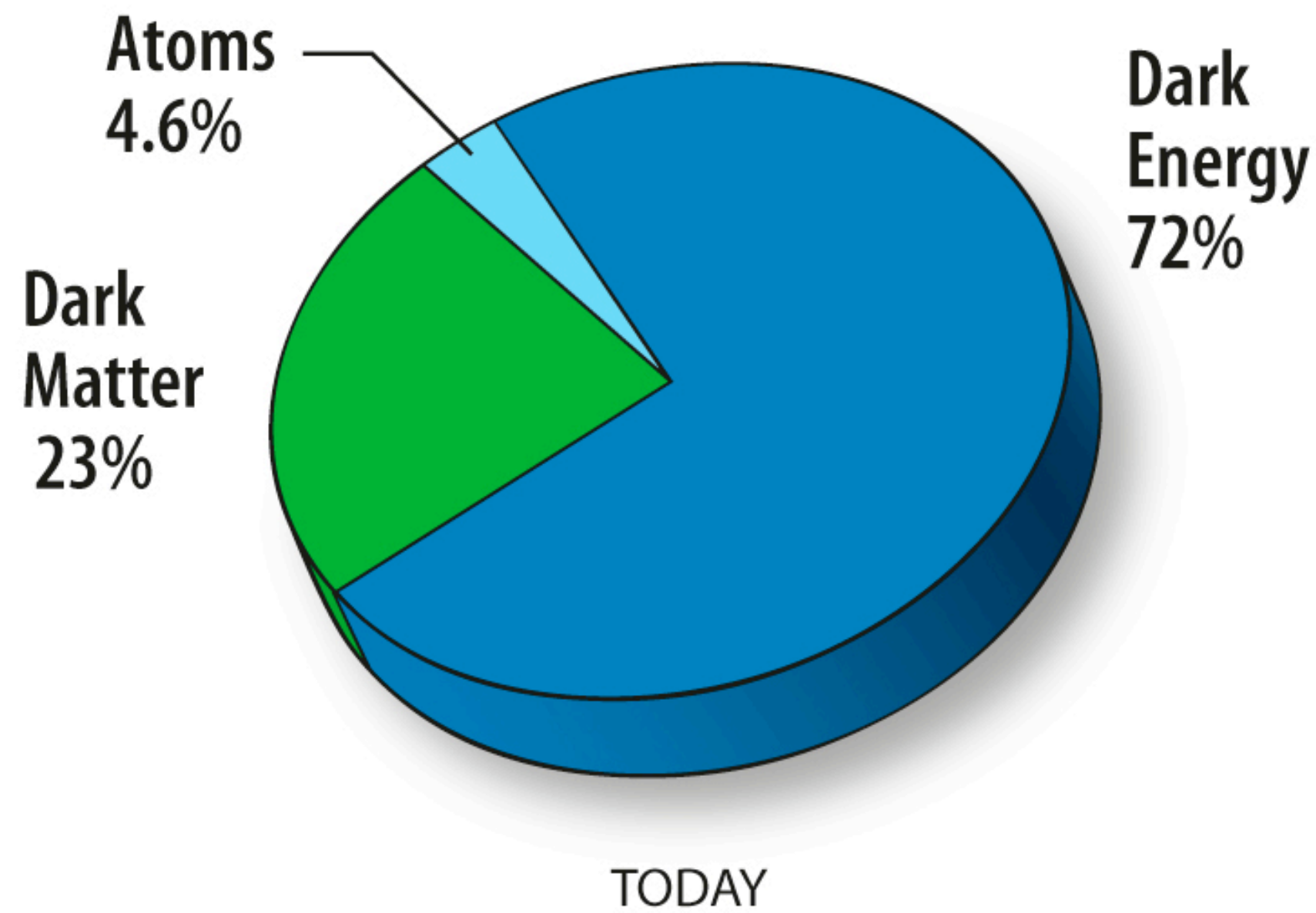
WMAP: Selected Results From the Previous Releases

- **2003: The first-year results**
- Age of the Universe: **13.7 (+/- 0.2)** billion years
- “Cosmic Pie Chart”
 - Atoms (baryons): **4.4 (+/- 0.4) %**
 - Dark Matter: **23 (+/- 4) %**
 - Dark Energy: **73 (+/- 4) %**
 - Erased lingering doubts about the existence of DE
- “Breakthrough of the Year #1” by Science Magazine

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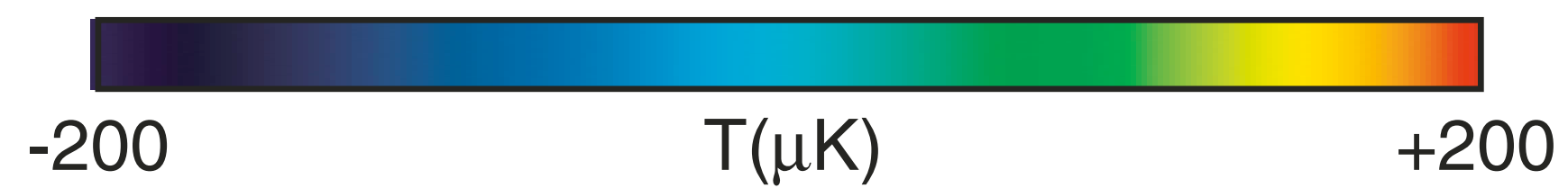
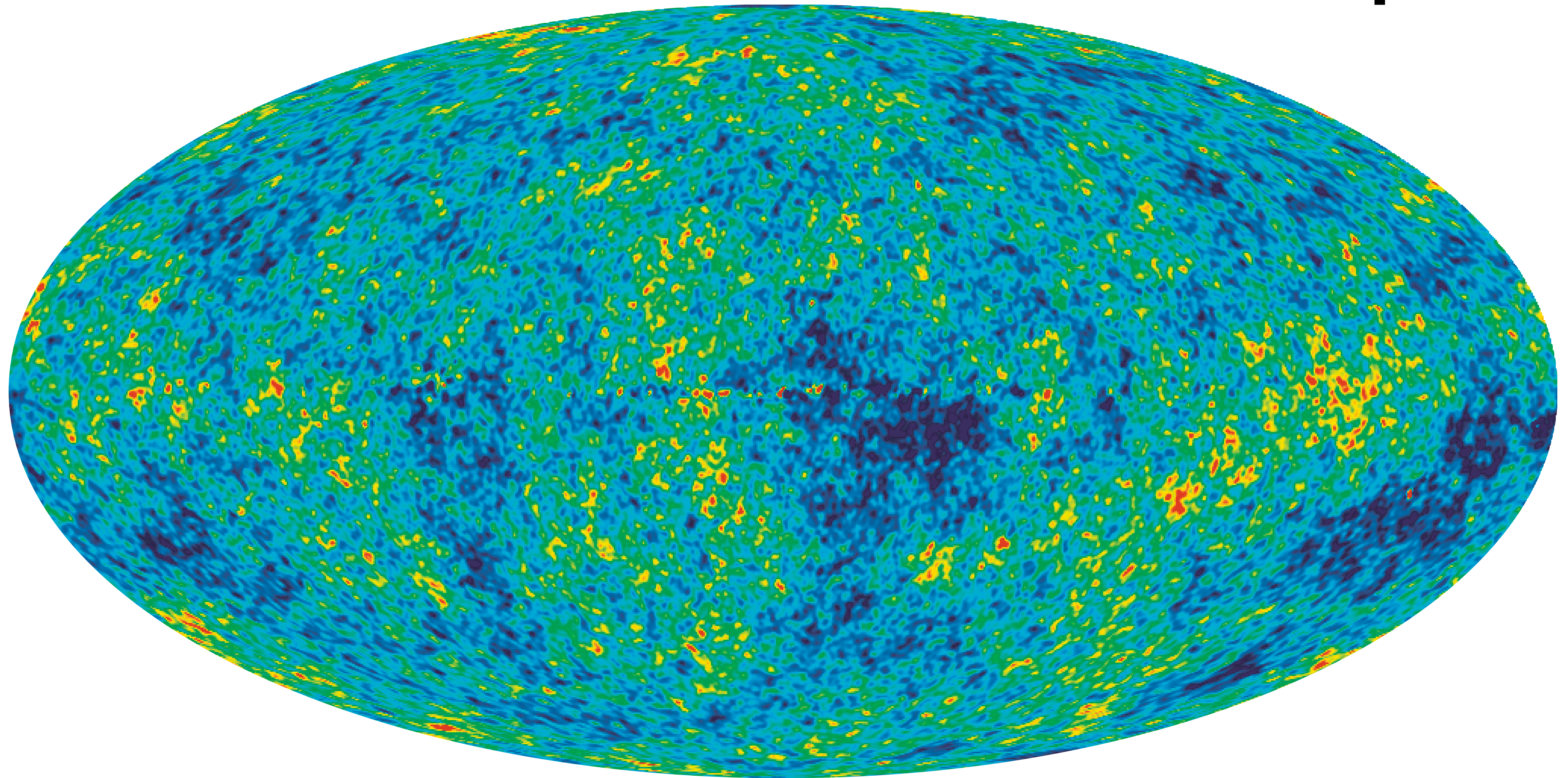
- **2006: The three-year results**
- ***Polarization*** of the cosmic microwave background measured with the unprecedented accuracy
 - The epoch of the formation of first stars (onset of the “cosmic reionization”)
 - ~400 million years after the Big Bang
- Evidence for a scale dependence of the amplitude of primordial fluctuations (the so-called “***tilt***”)
 - Peering into the cosmic inflation (ultra early universe!)

~WMAP 5-Year~ Pie Chart Update!



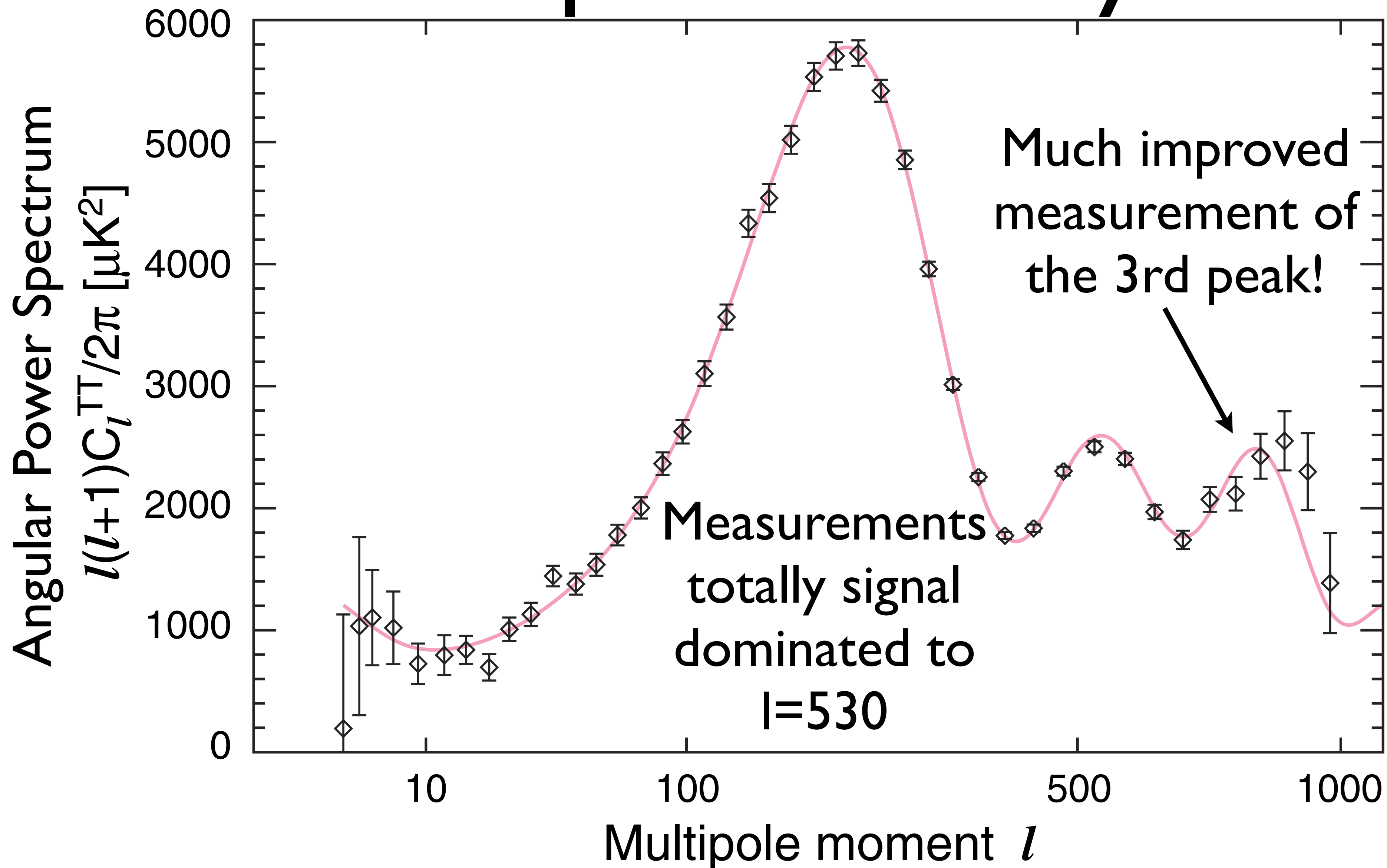
- Universe today
 - Age: **13.72 +/- 0.12 Gyr**
 - Atoms: **4.56 +/- 0.15 %**
 - Dark Matter: **22.8 +/- 1.3%**
 - Vacuum Energy: **72.6 +/- 1.5%**
- When CMB was released 13.7 B yrs ago
 - A significant contribution from the *cosmic neutrino background*

How Did We Use This Map?



WMAP 5-year

The Spectral Analysis



Improved Data/Analysis

- **Improved Beam Model**

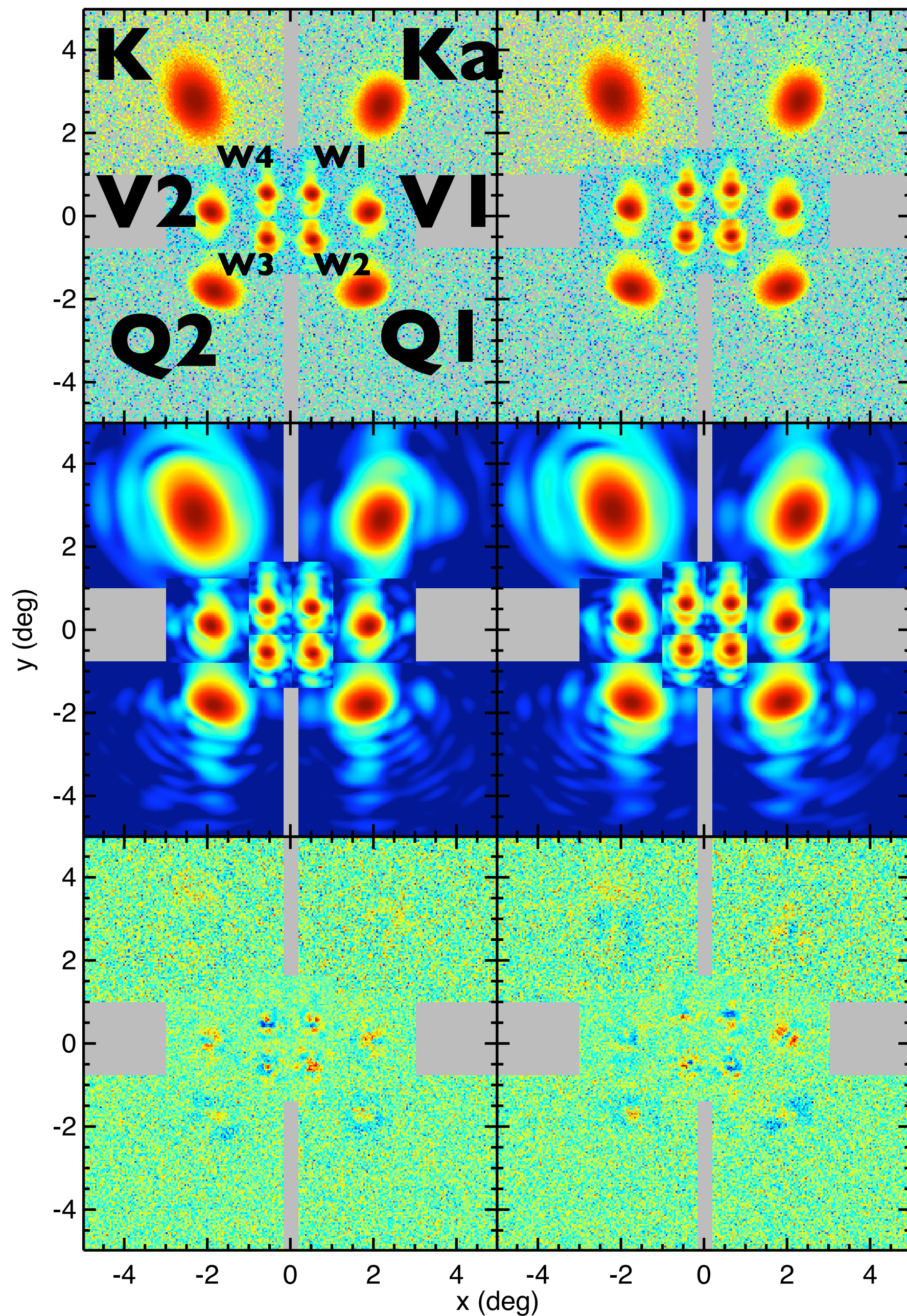
- 5 years of the Jupiter data, combined with the extensive physical optics modeling, reduced the beam uncertainty by a factor of 2 to 4.

- **Improved Calibration**

- Improved algorithm for the gain calibration from the CMB dipole reduced the calibration error from 0.5% to 0.2%

- **More Polarization Data Usable for Cosmology**

- We use the polarization data in Ka band. (We only used Q and V bands for the 3-year analysis.)



Physical Optics Modeling

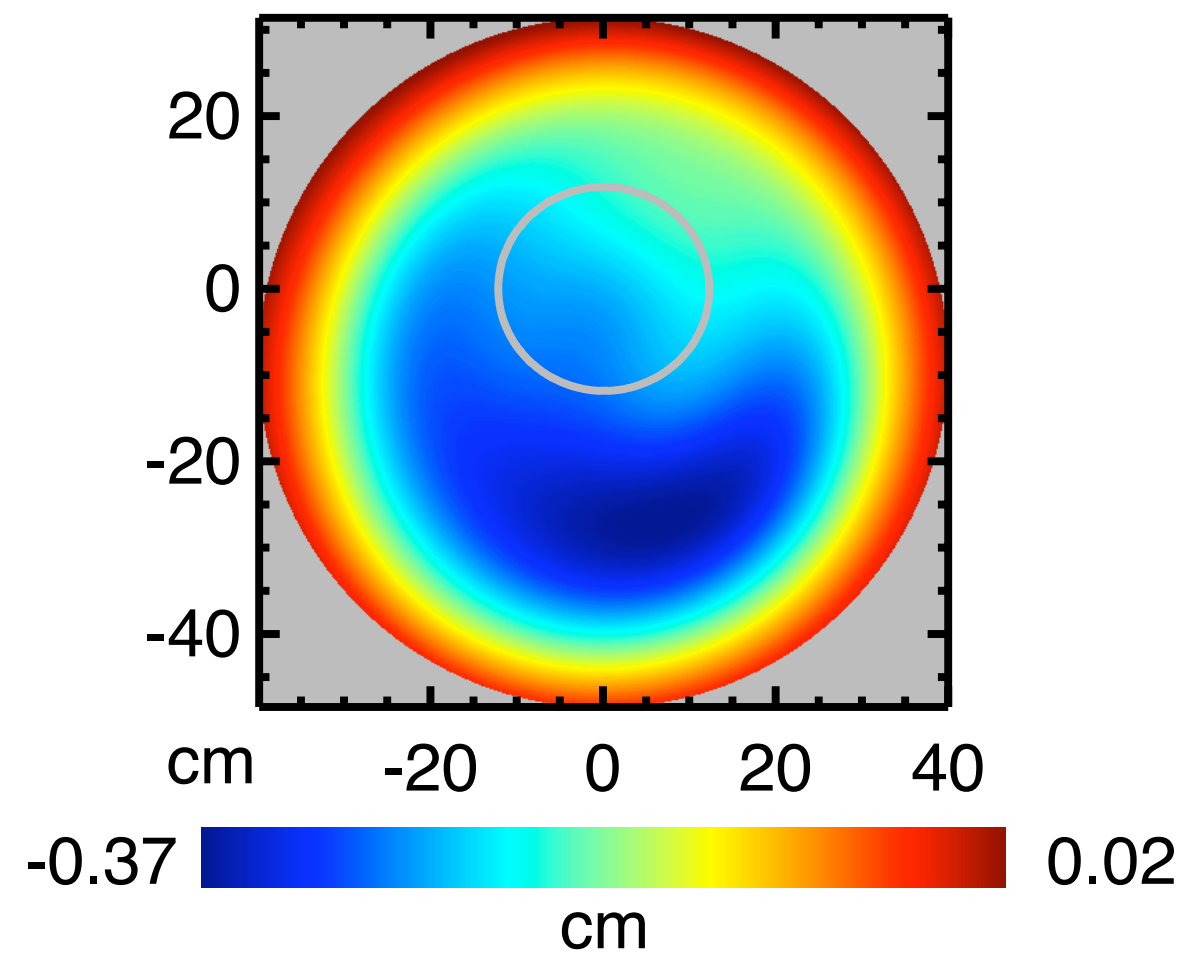
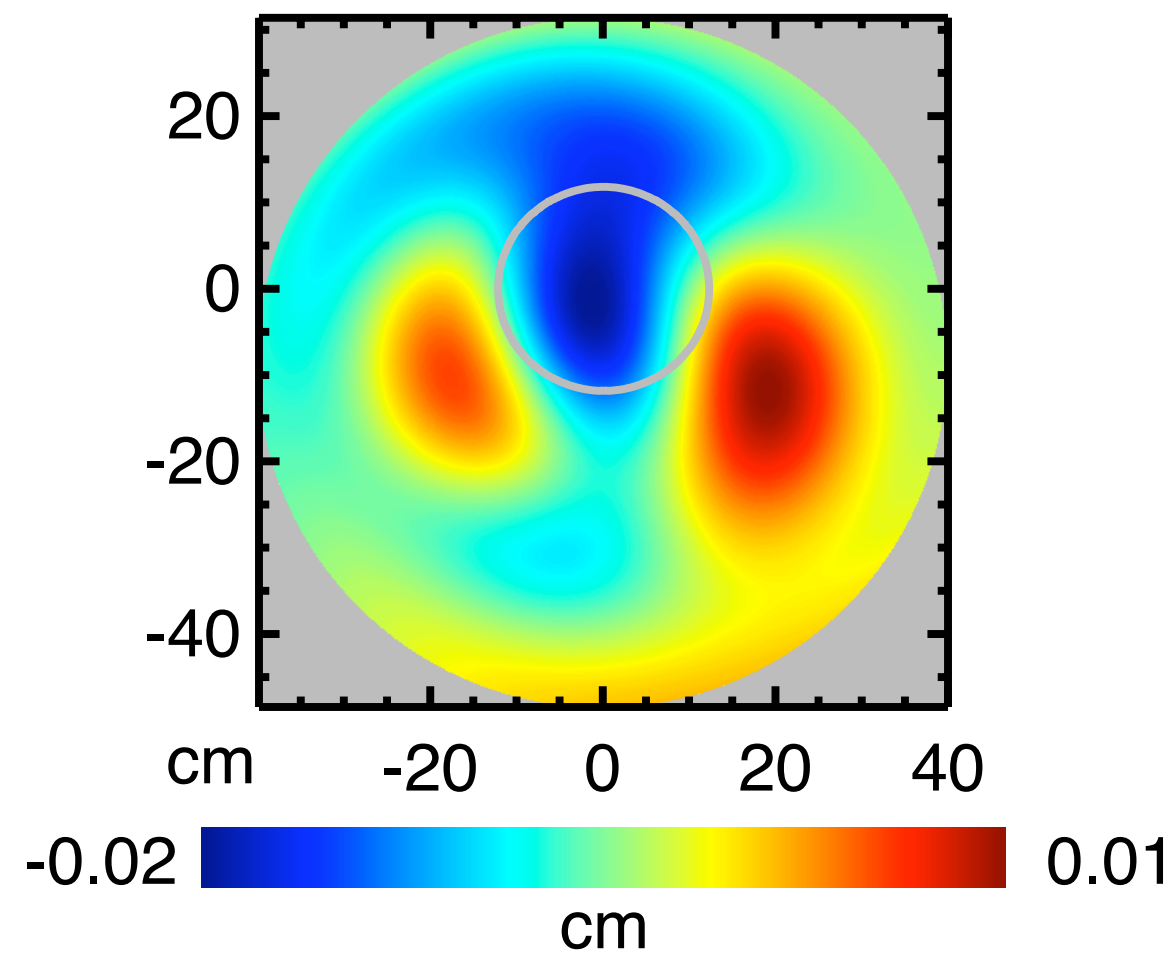
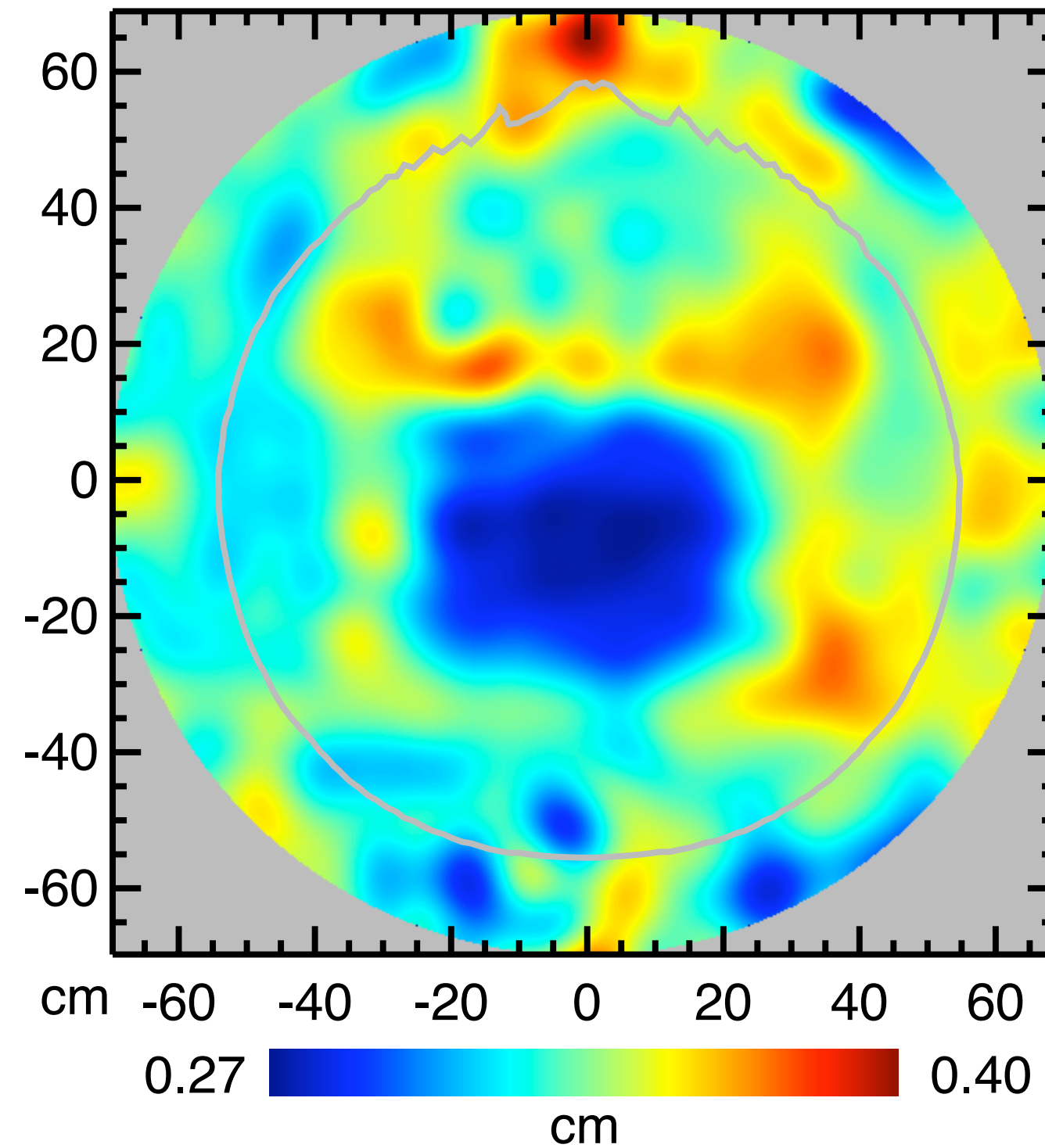
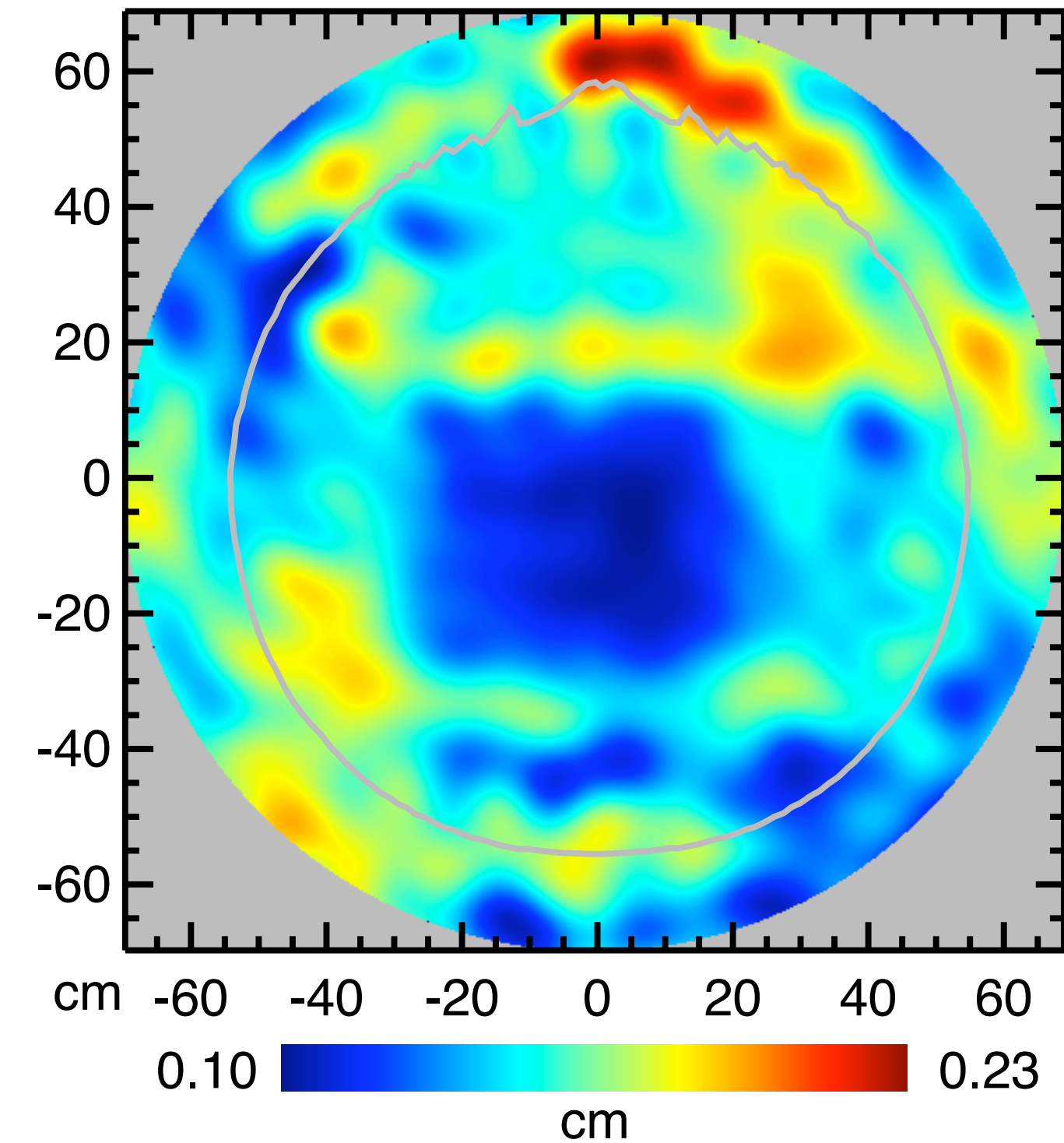
- Beam patterns of the planet Jupiter, taken by each radiometer.
- Top: Observed
- Middle: Model
- Bottom: Difference

A-side

B-side

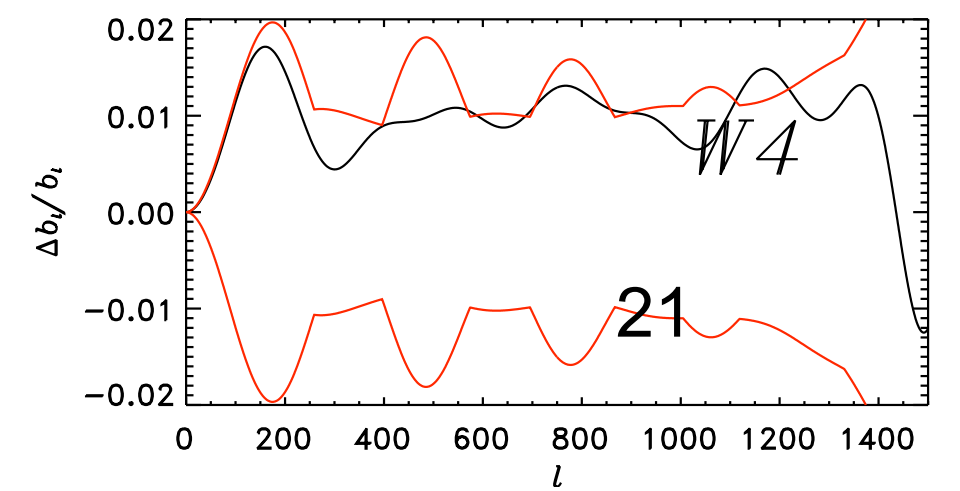
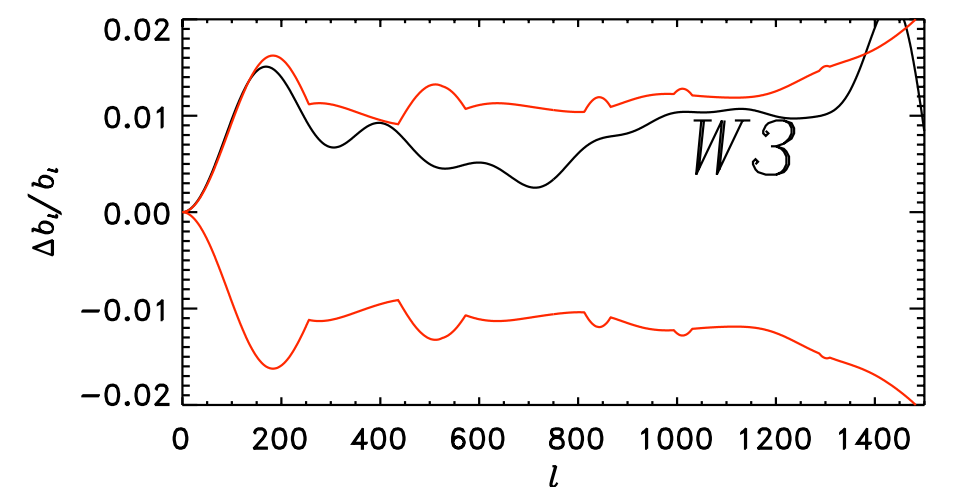
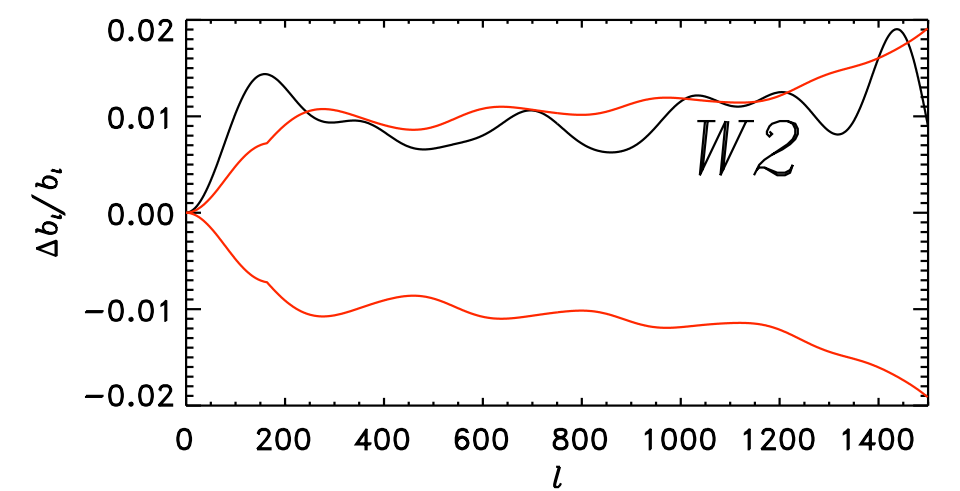
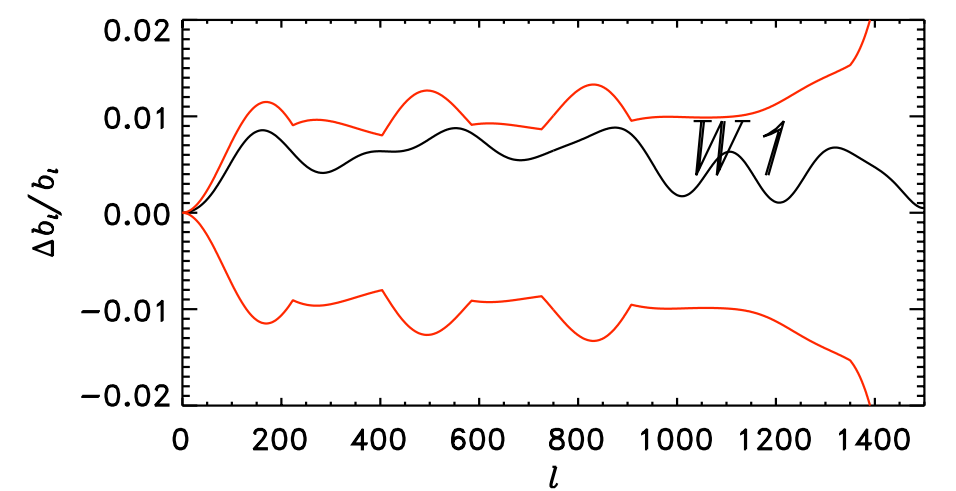
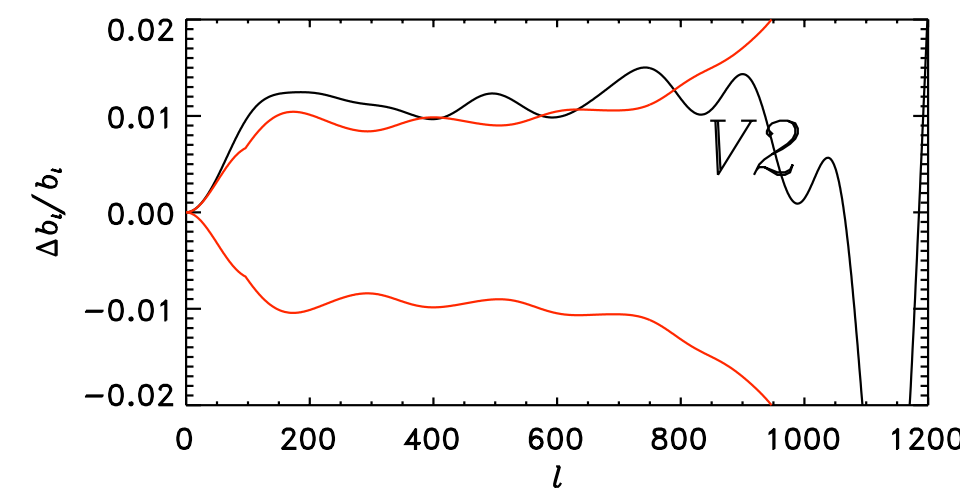
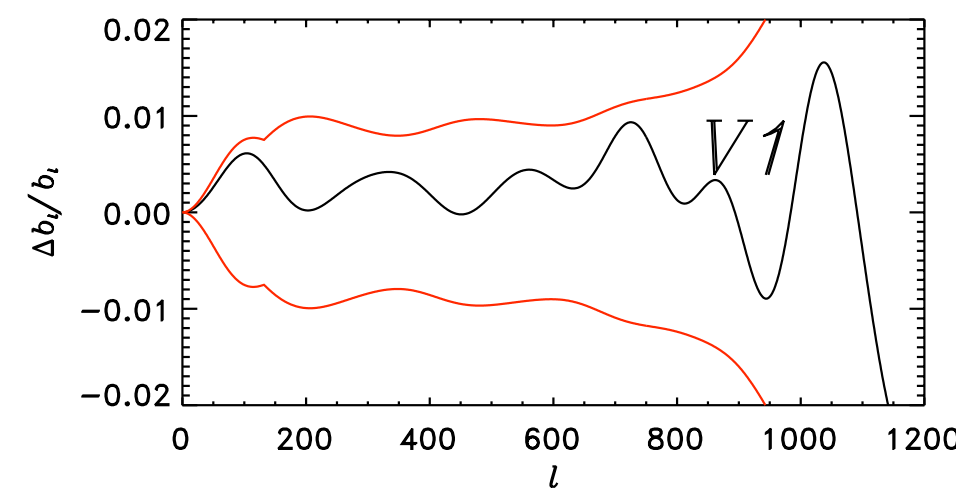
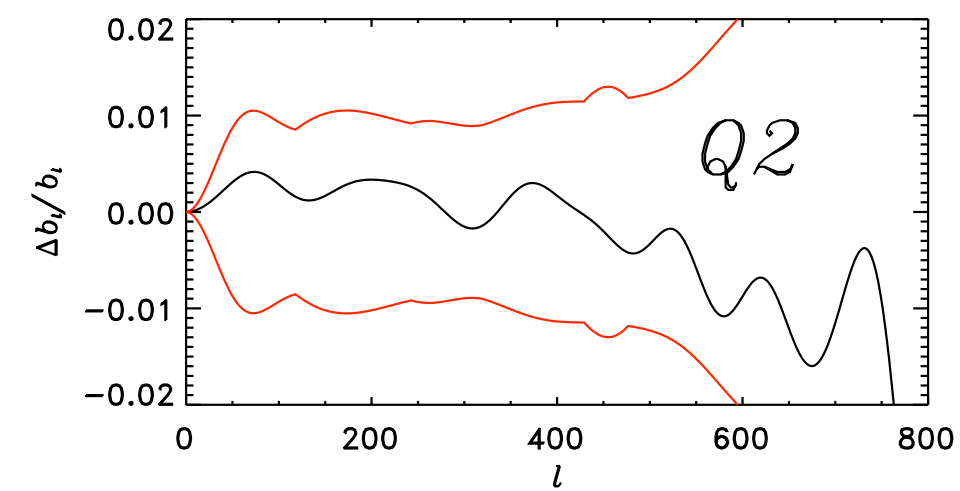
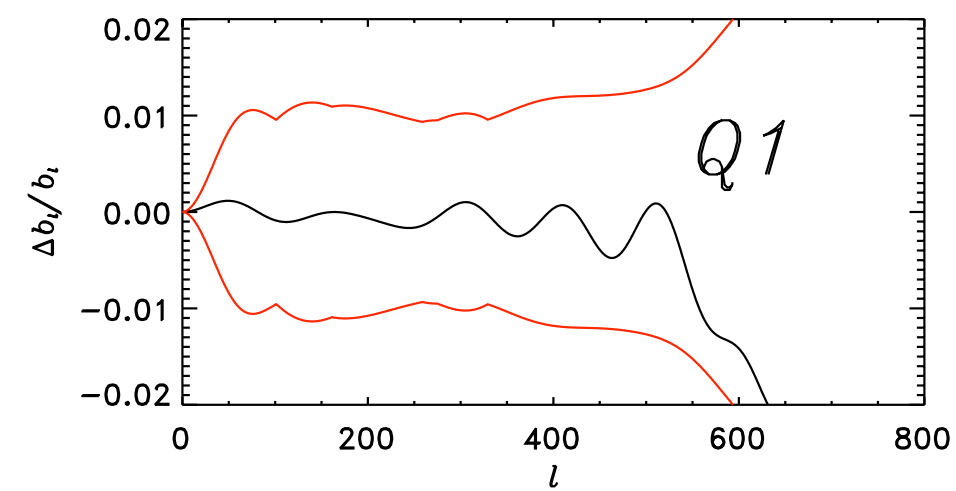
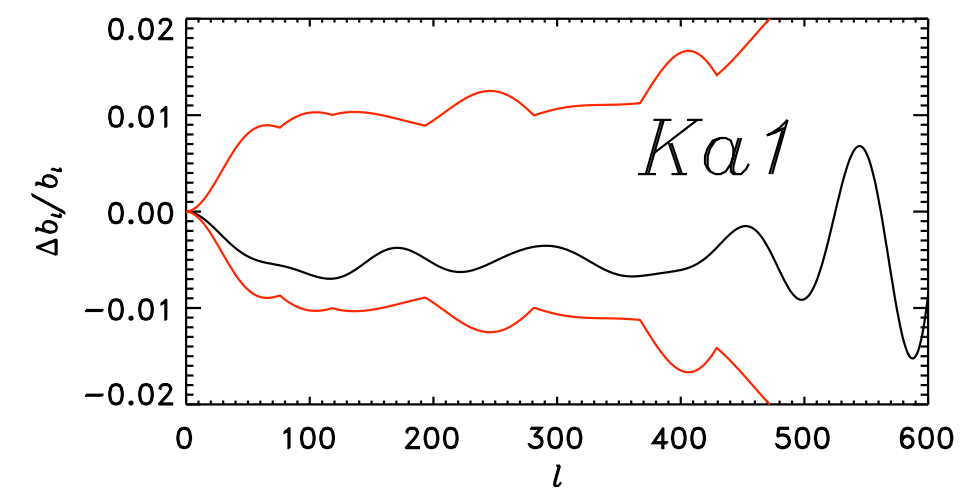
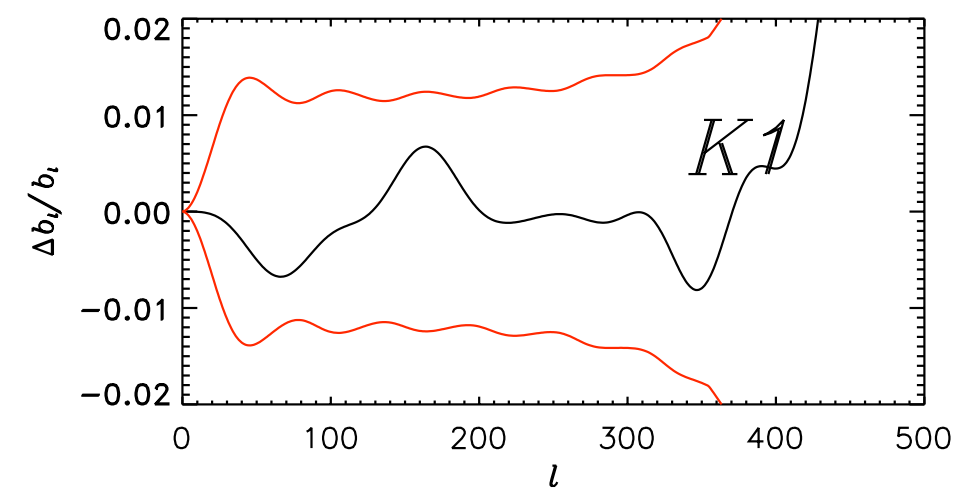
Modeling Mirrors

- Top: Deformation of the primary mirror
- Bottom: Deformation of the secondary mirror

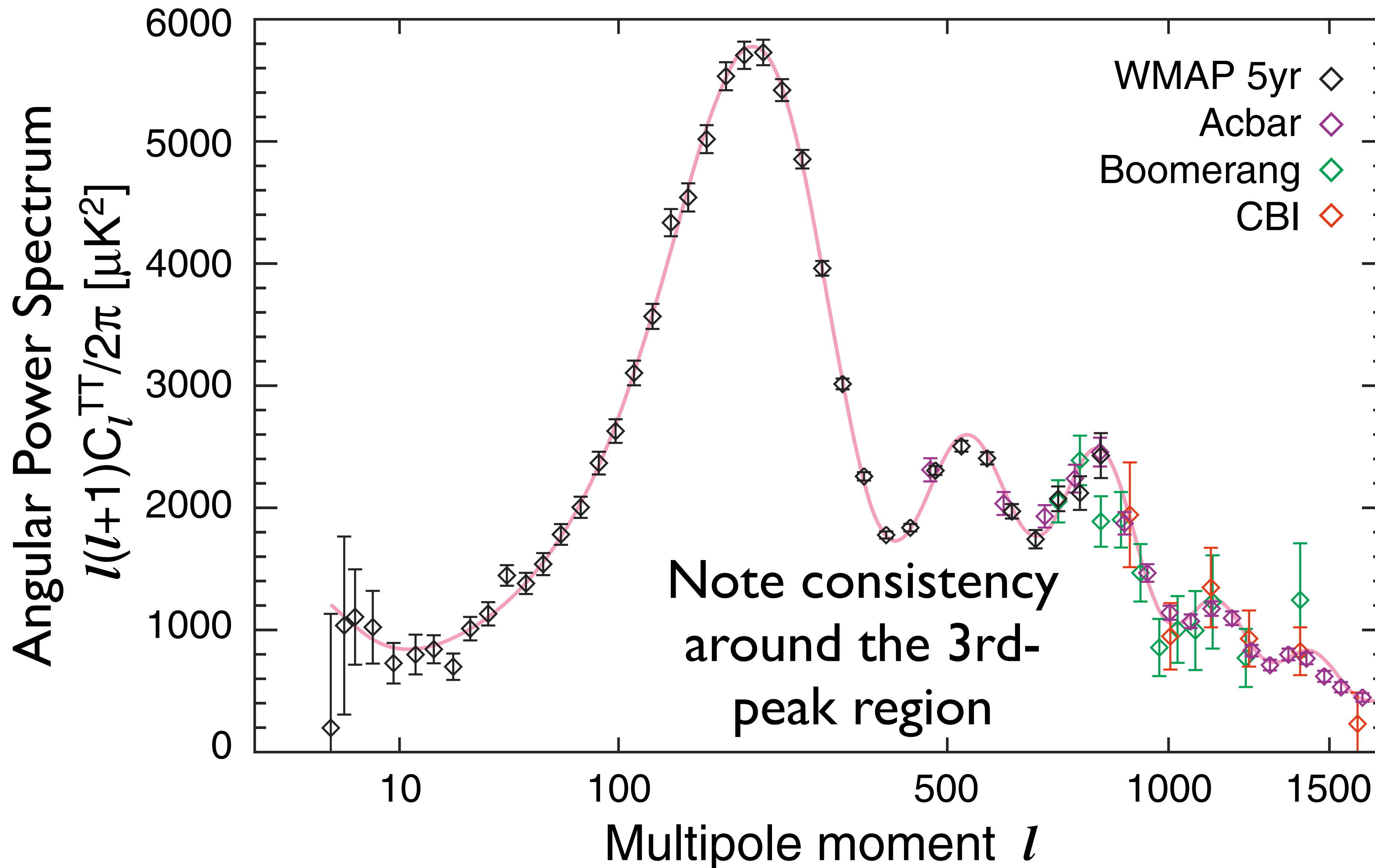


New Beam

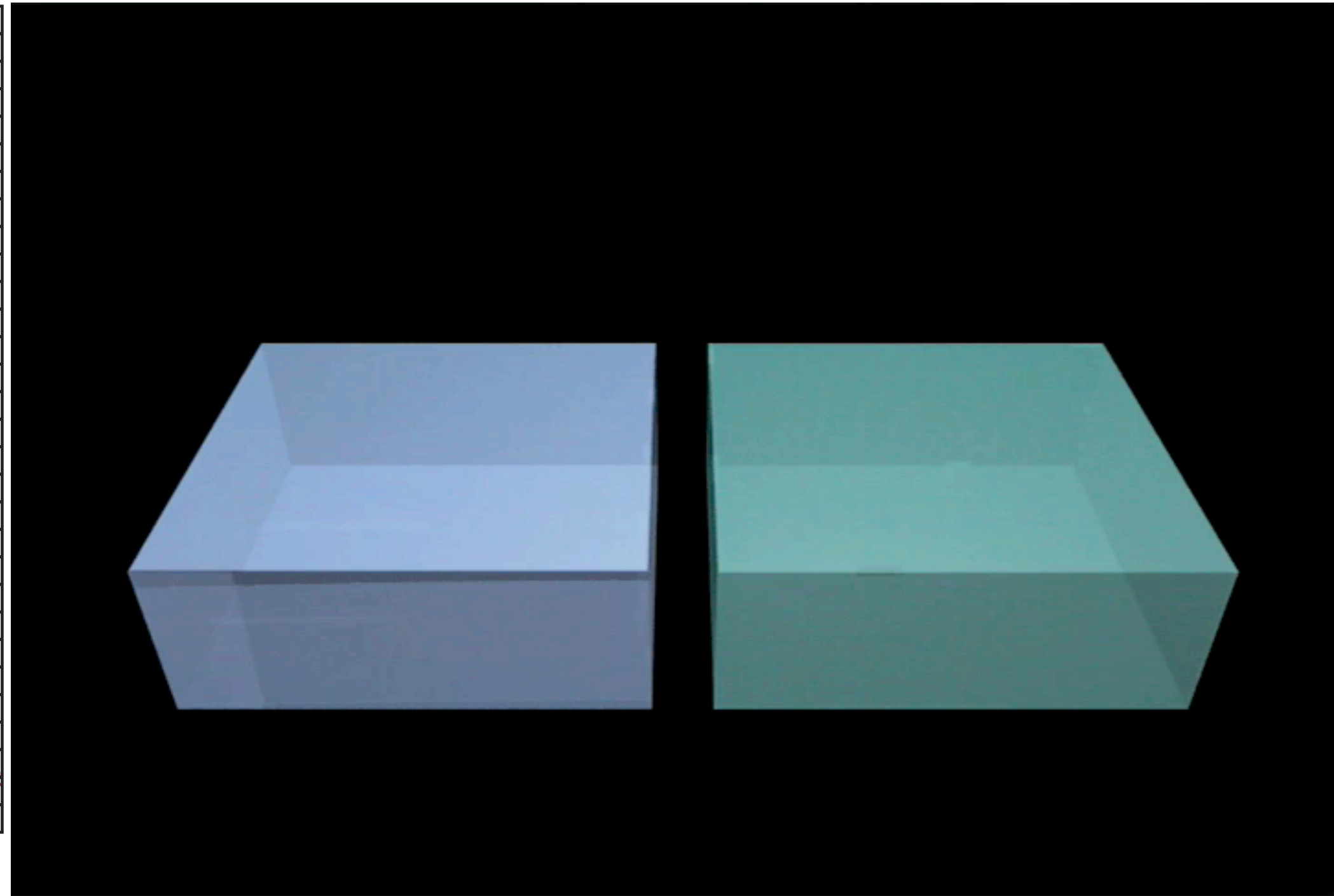
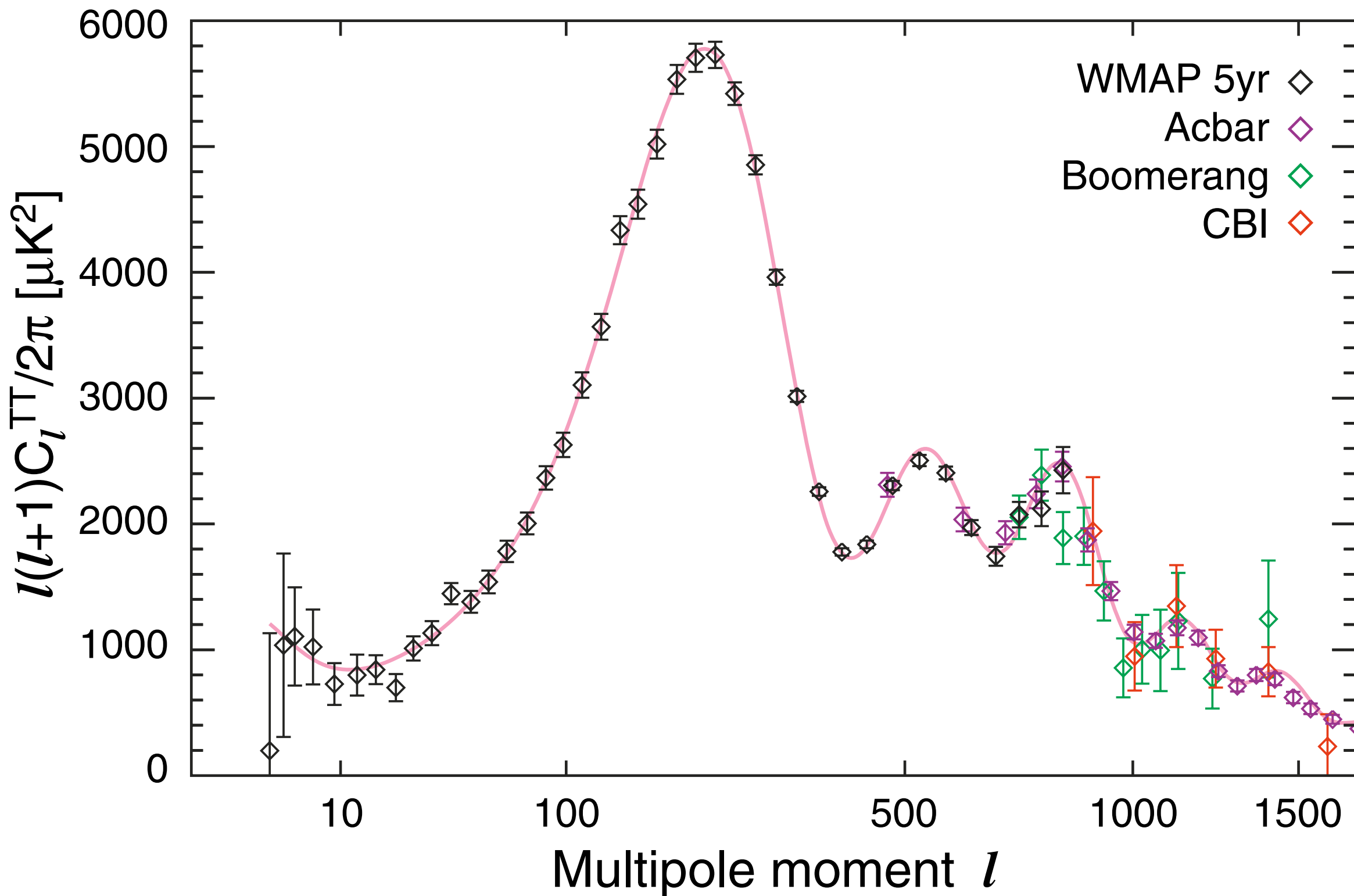
- The difference between the 5-year beam and the 3-year beam (shown in black: **3yr minus 5yr beam**) is within ~ 1 sigma of **the 3-year beam errors (shown in red)**
- We use V and W bands for the temperature power spectrum, C_l
 - Power spectrum depends on the beam²
 - **The 5-year C_l is $\sim 2.5\%$ larger than the 3-year C_l at $l > 200$**



The Cosmic Sound Wave



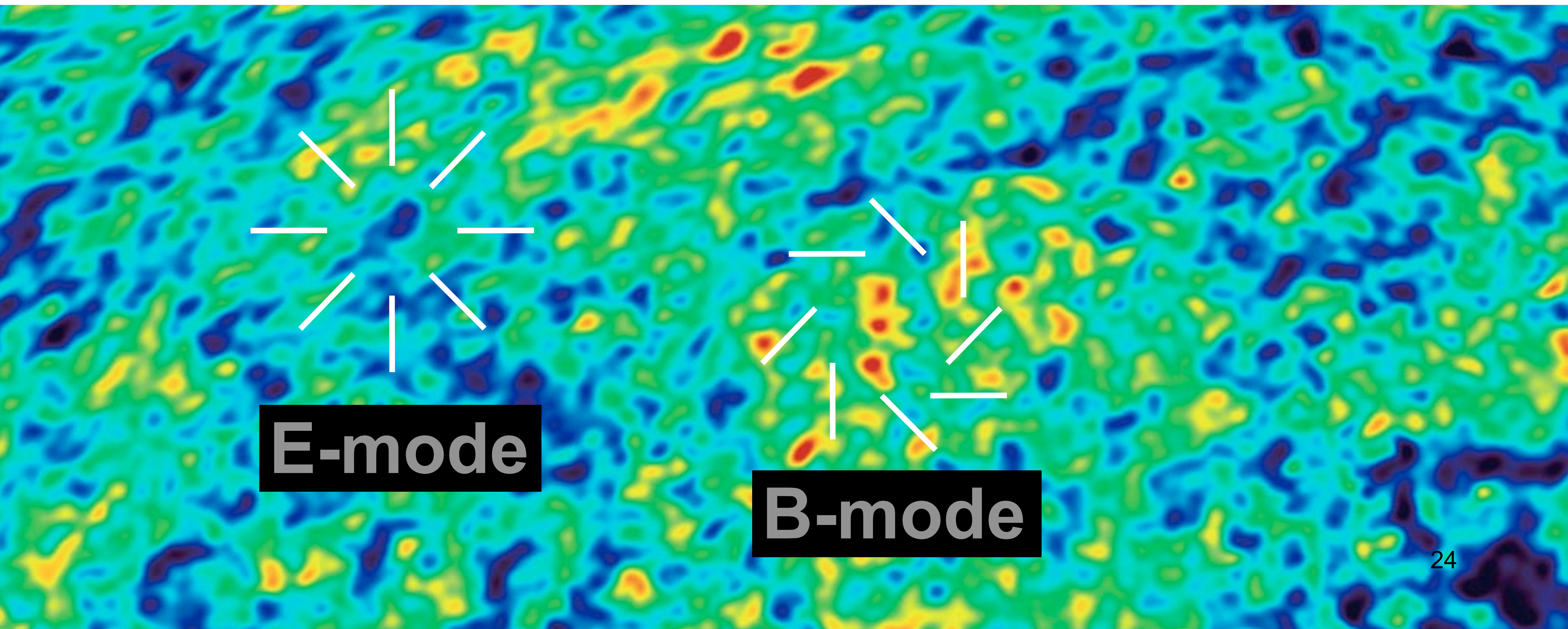
The Cosmic Sound Wave



- We measure the composition of the Universe by analyzing the wave form of the cosmic sound waves.

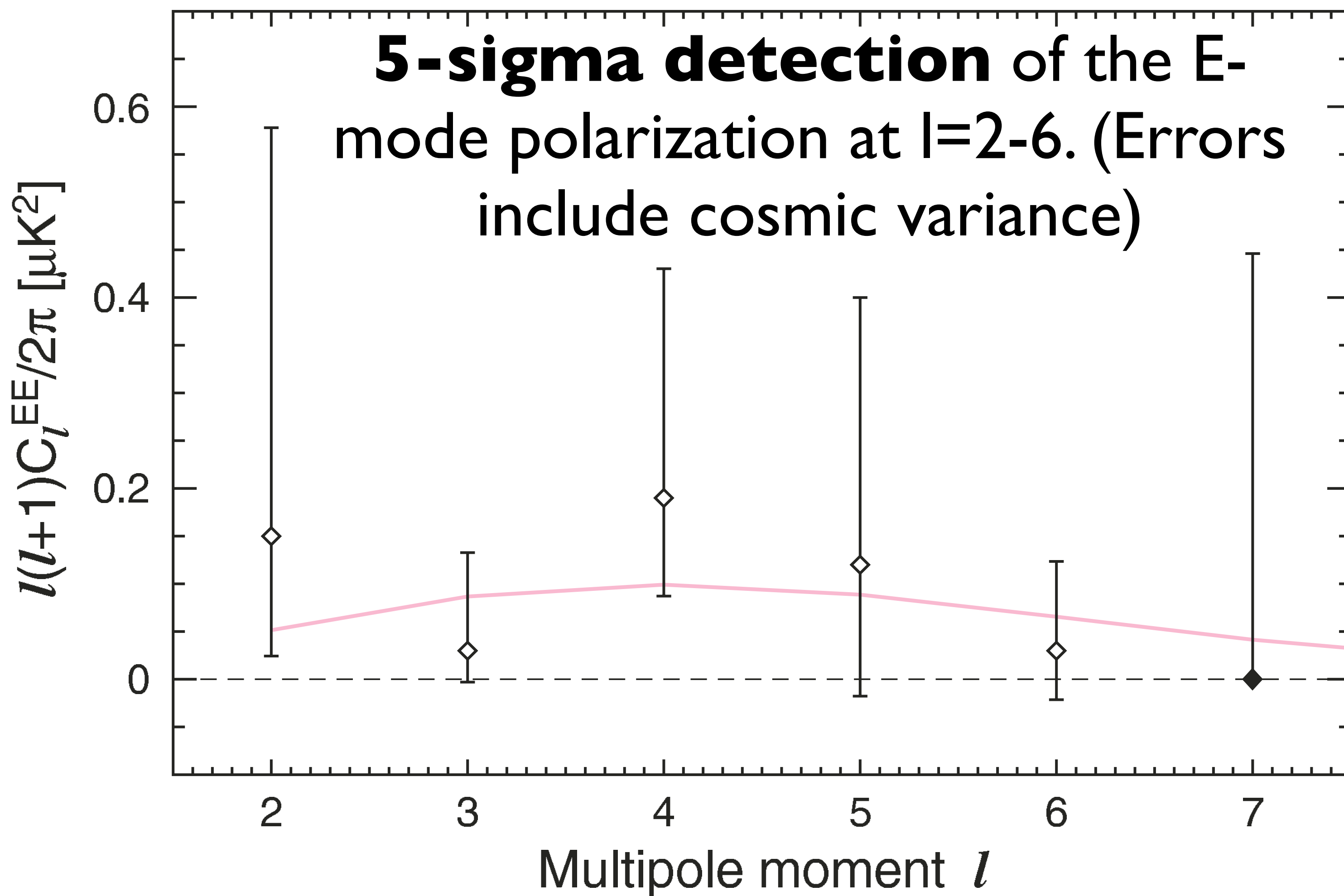
How About Polarization?

- Polarization is a rank-2 tensor field.
- One can decompose it into a divergence-like “E-mode” and a vorticity-like “B-mode”.



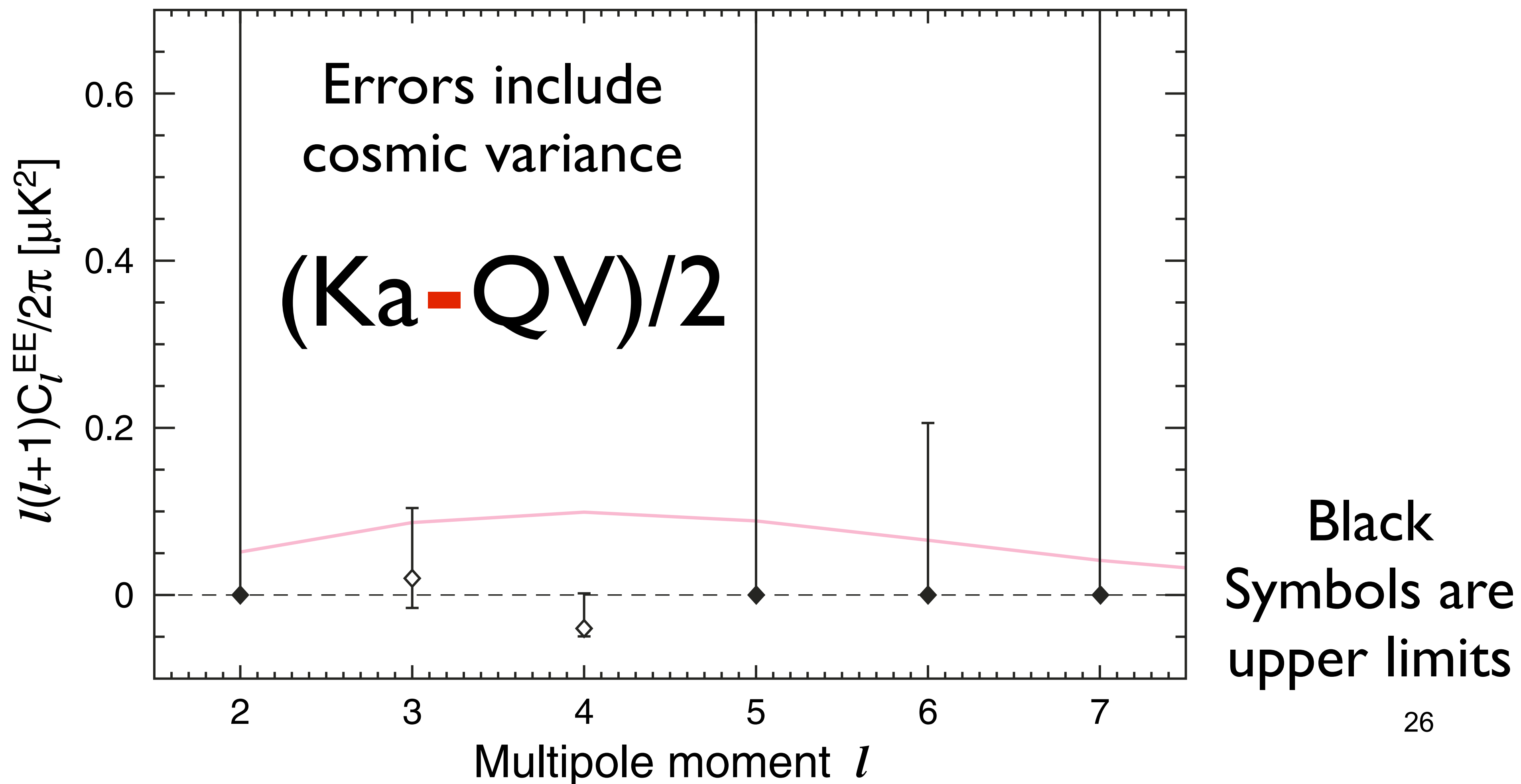
5-Year E-Mode Polarization Power Spectrum at Low l

E-Mode Angular Power Spectrum



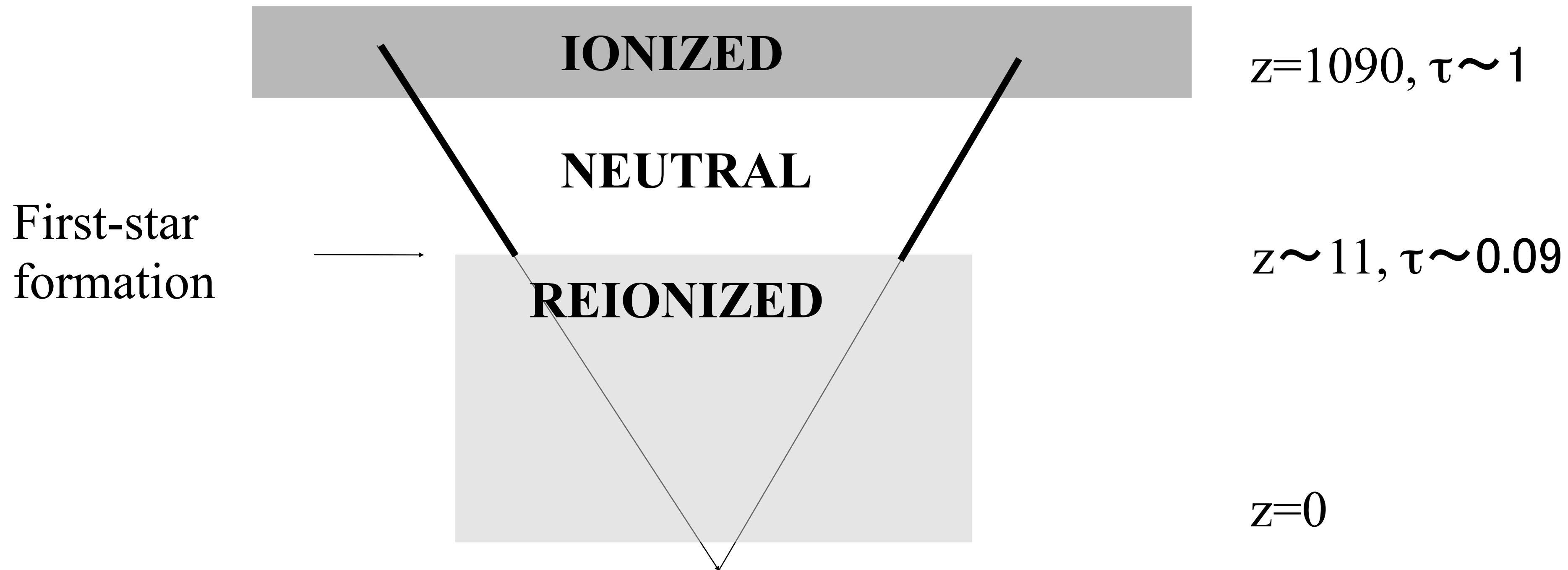
Black Symbols are upper limits

Adding Polarization in Ka: Passed the Null Test



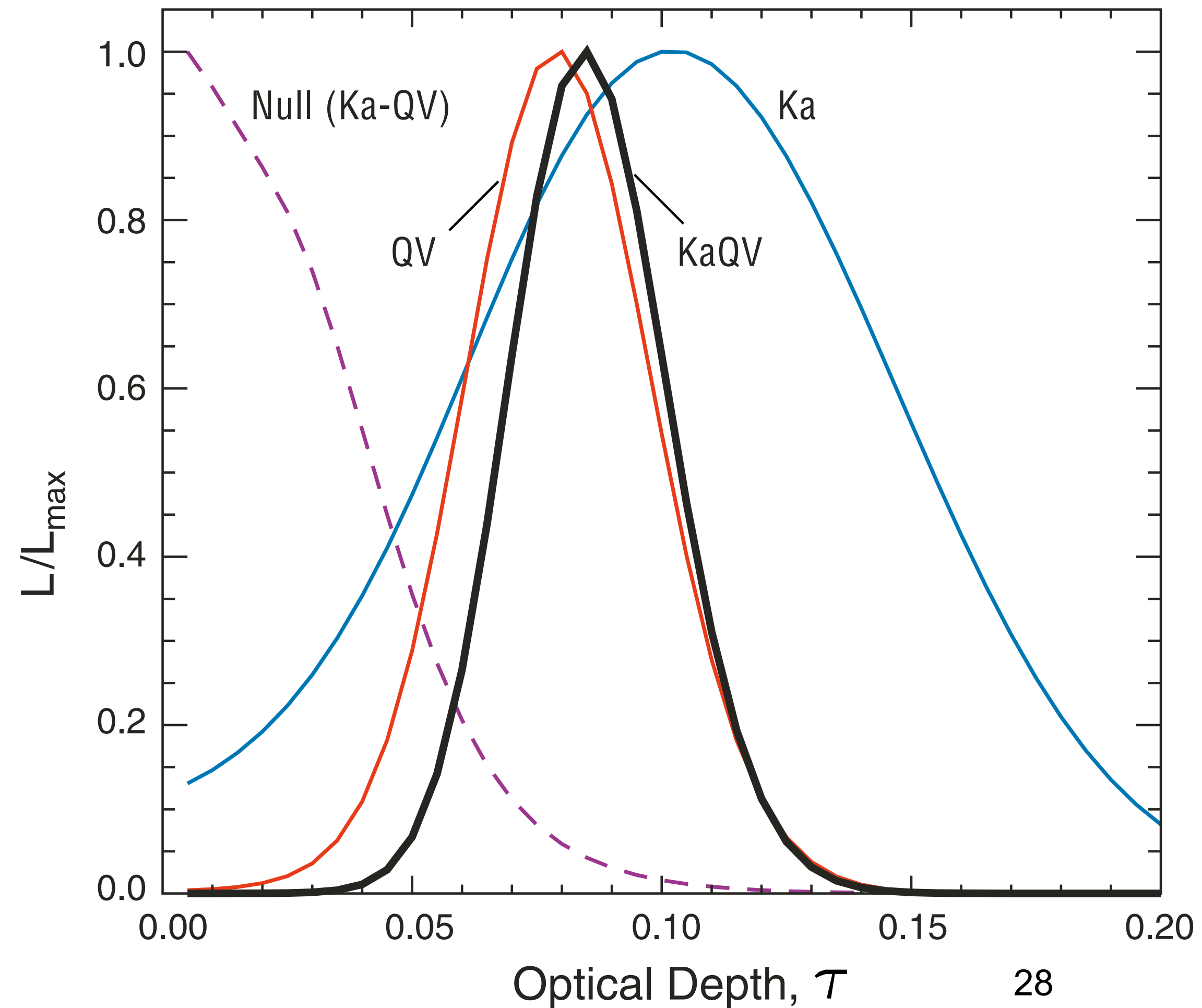
Polarization From Reionization

- CMB was emitted at $z=1090$.
- Some fraction ($\sim 9\%$) of CMB was re-scattered in a reionized universe: *erased temperature anisotropy, but created polarization.*
- The reionization redshift of ~ 11 would correspond to 400 million years after the Big-Bang.



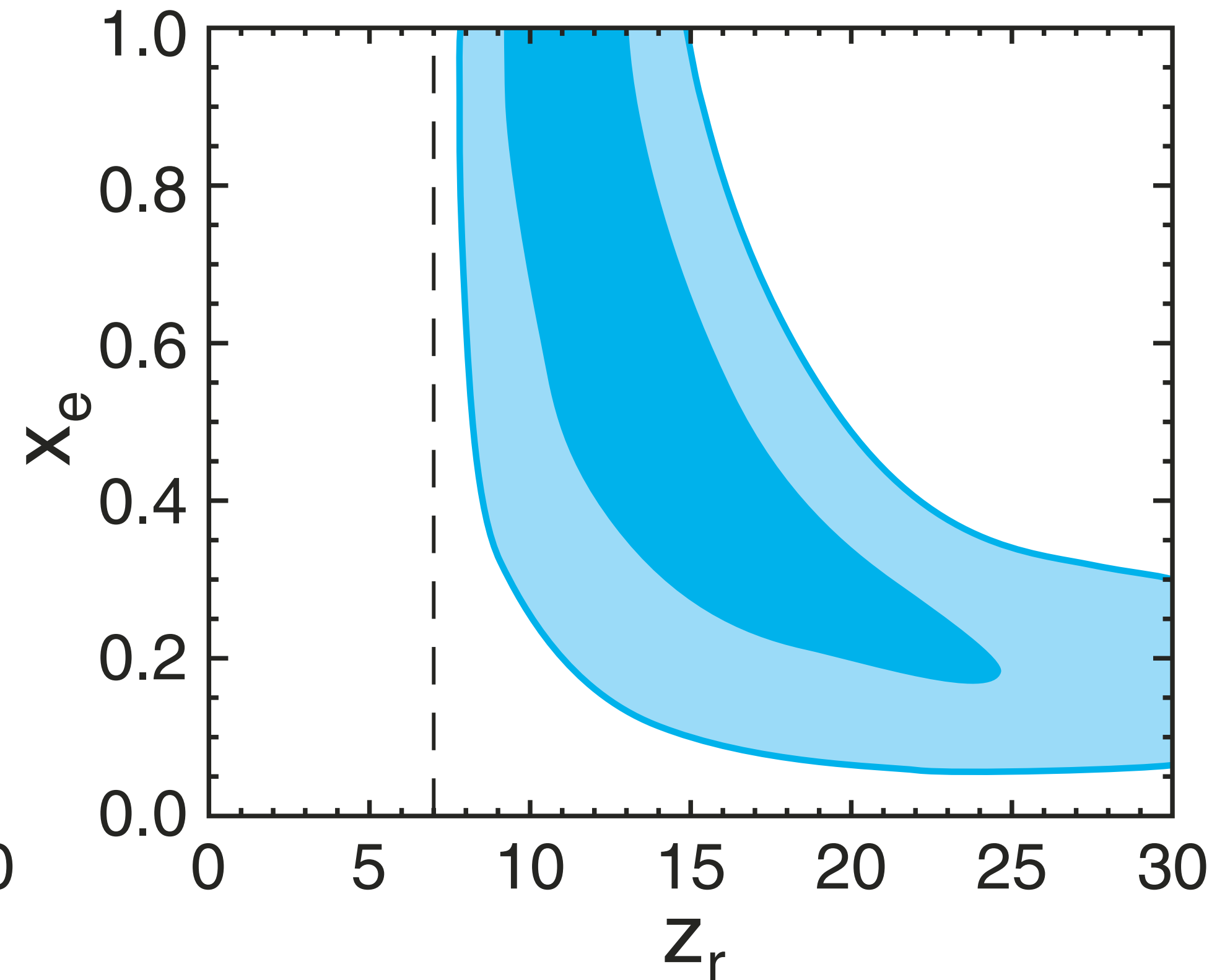
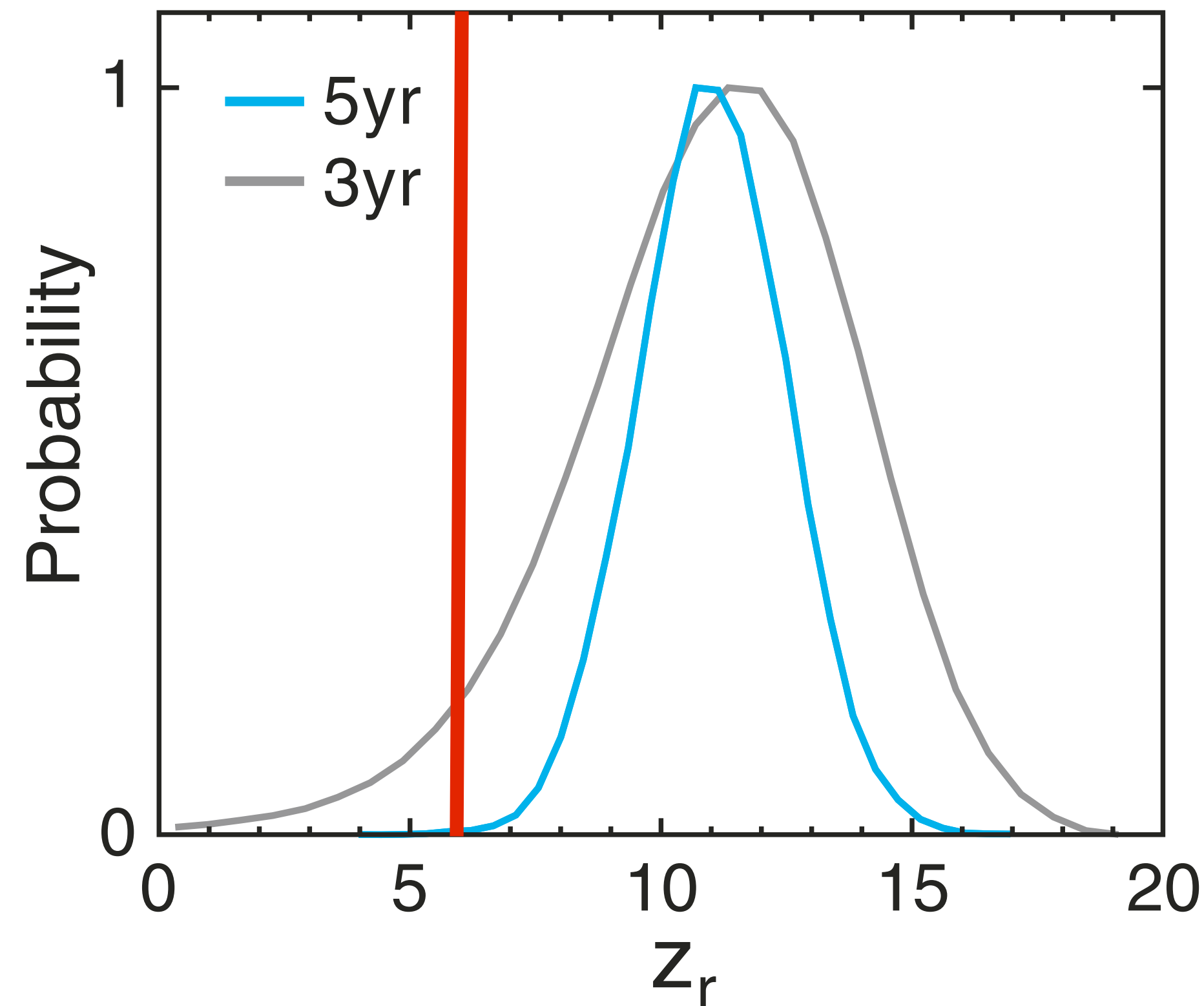
Measuring The Optical Depth of the Universe

- Optical Depth measured from the E-mode power spectrum:
- $\tau(5\text{yr}) = 0.087 \pm 0.017$
- $\tau(3\text{yr}) = 0.089 \pm 0.030$ (Page et al.; QV only)
- 3-sigma improved to 5-sigma!
- Tau from the null map (Ka-QV) is consistent with zero



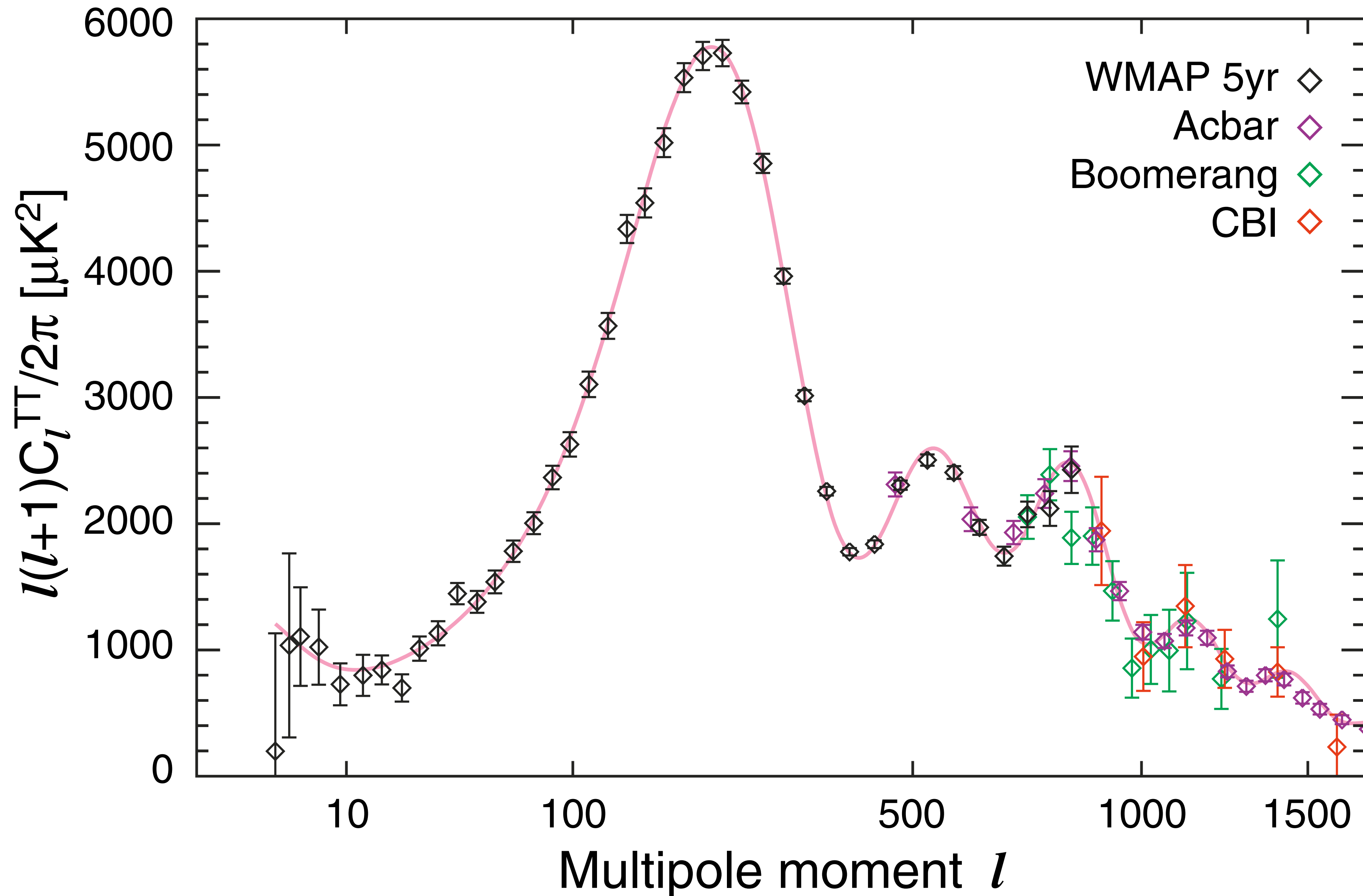
$z_{\text{reion}}=6$ Is Excluded

Dunkley et al.

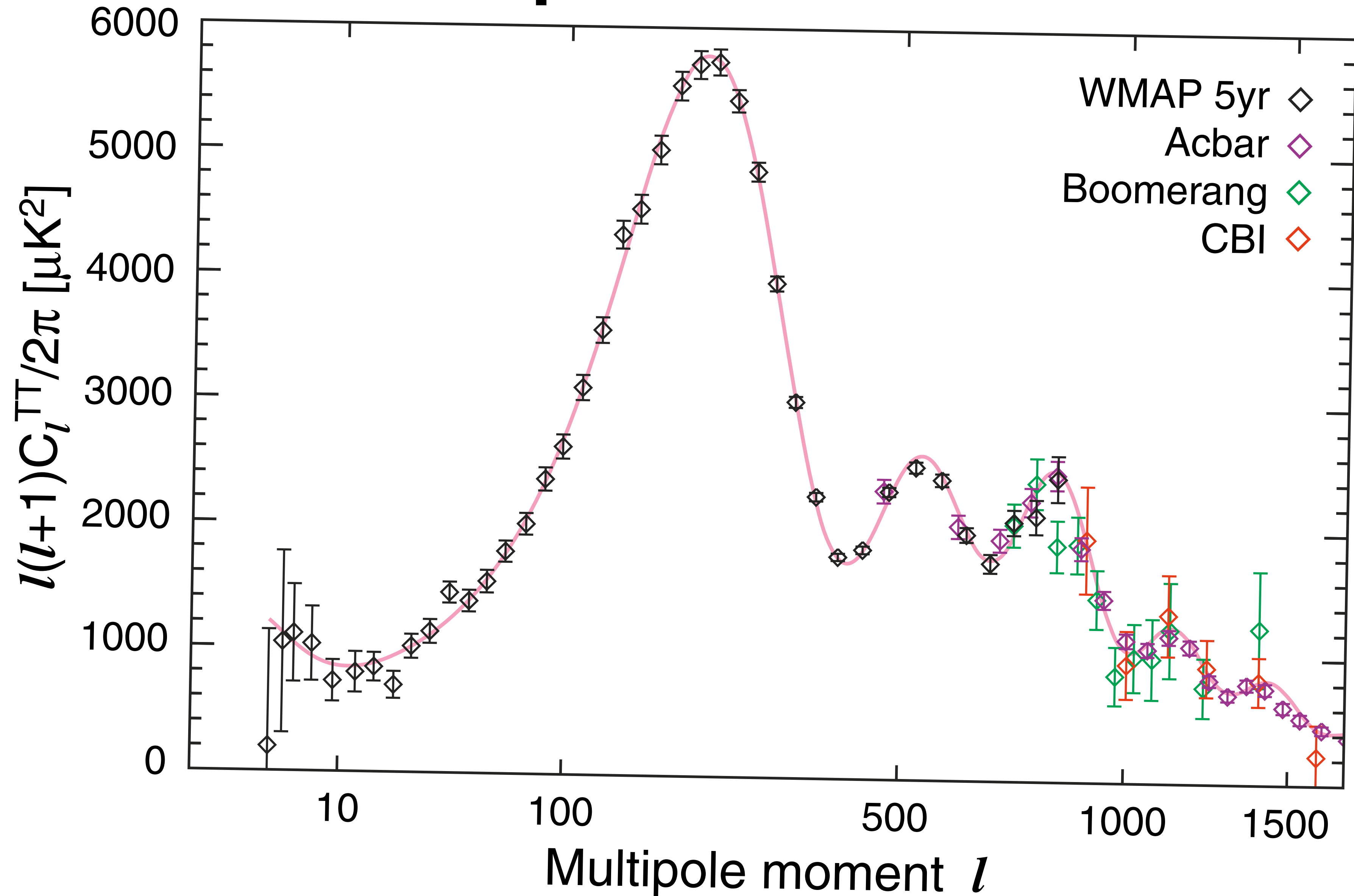


- Assuming an instantaneous reionization from $x_e=0$ to $x_e=1$ at z_{reion} , we find $z_{\text{reion}}=11.0 \pm 1.4$ (68 % CL).
- The reionization was not an instantaneous process at $z \sim 6$. (The 3-sigma lower bound is $z_{\text{reion}} > 6.7$.)

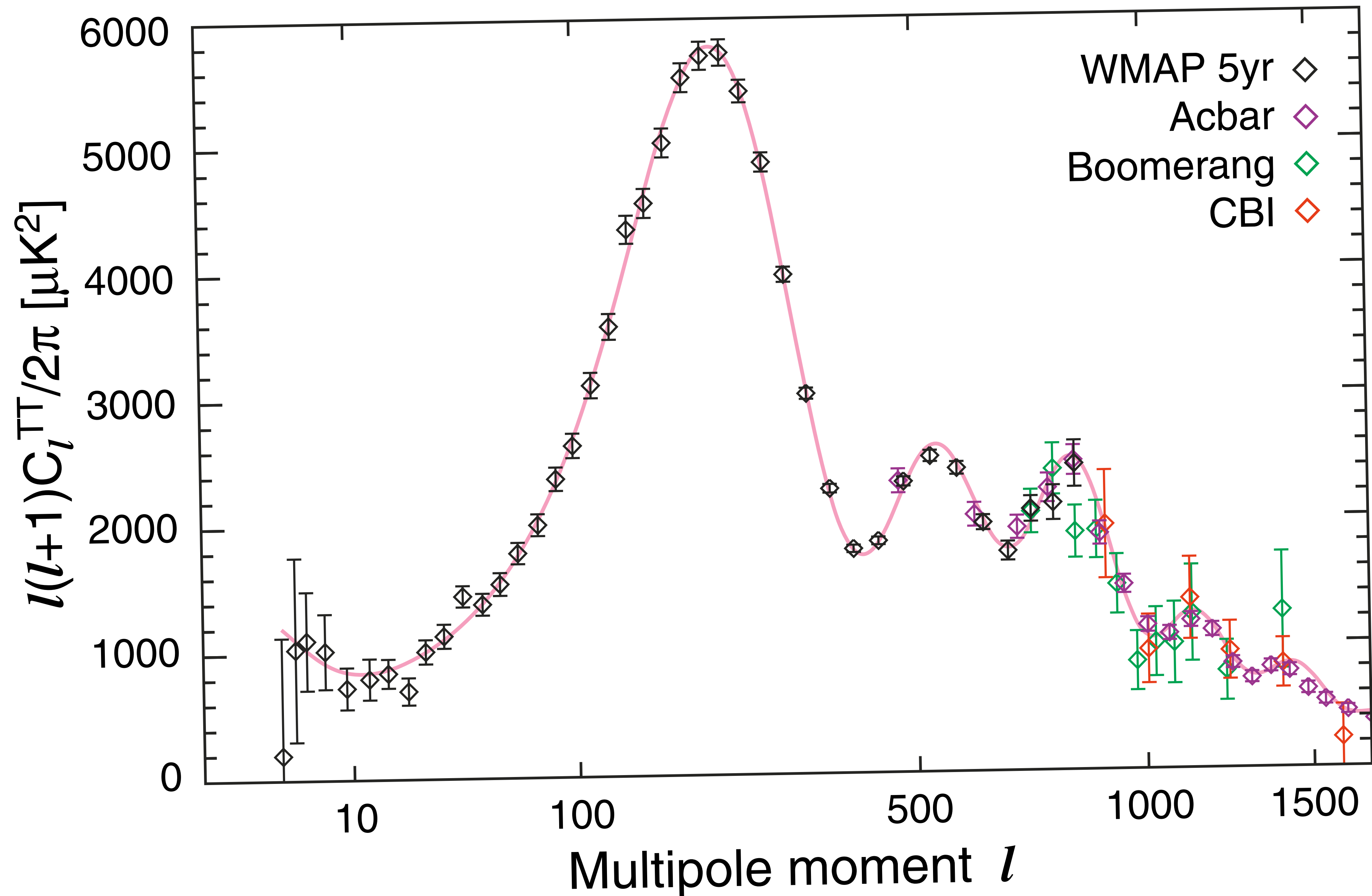
Tilting=Primordial Shape->Inflation



“Red” Spectrum: $n_s < 1$

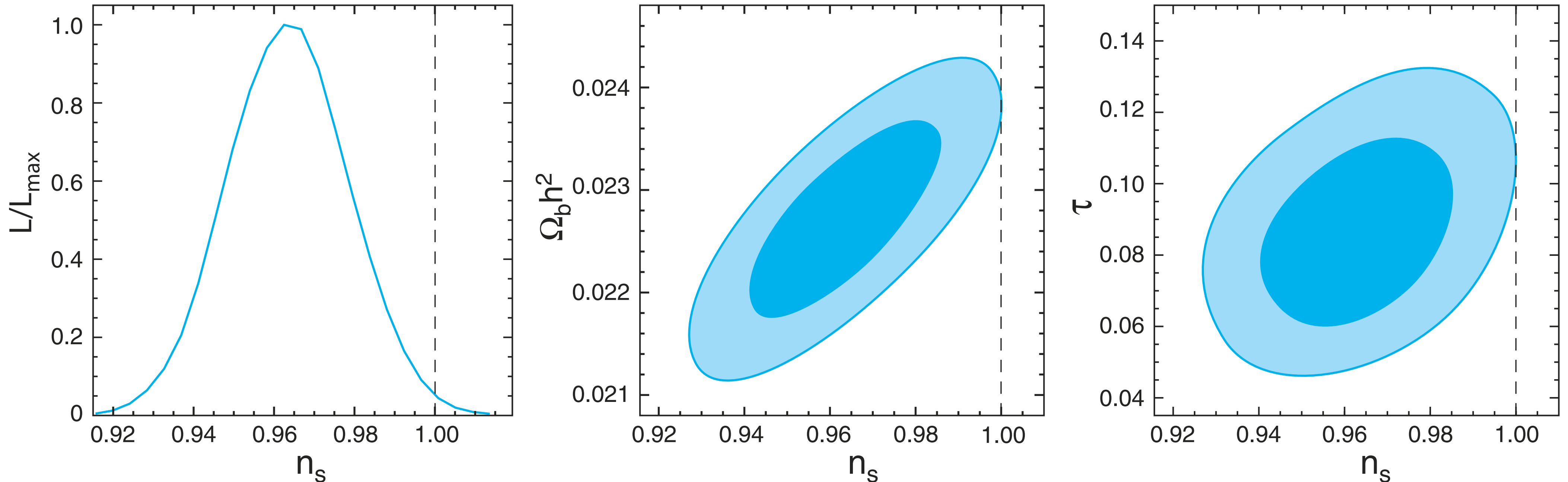


“Blue” Spectrum: $n_s > 1$



Is n_s different from ONE?

Komatsu et al.



- WMAP-alone: $n_s = \mathbf{0.963}$ (+0.014) (-0.015) (Dunkley et al.)
 - 2.5-sigma away from $n_s = 1$, “scale invariant spectrum”
- n_s is degenerate with $\Omega_b h^2$; thus, we can't really improve upon n_s further unless we improve upon $\Omega_b h^2$

This One Just In!

Pettini et al. 0805.0594

- The accuracy of $\Omega_b h^2$ inferred from the [D/H] measurement of the most-metal poor Damped Lyman-alpha system (towards QSO Q0913+072) is comparable to WMAP!

- $\Omega_b h^2(\text{DLA}) = 0.0213 \pm 0.0010$ from $\log(\text{D}/\text{H}) = -4.55 \pm 0.03$

- $\Omega_b h^2(\text{WMAP}) = 0.0227 \pm 0.0006$

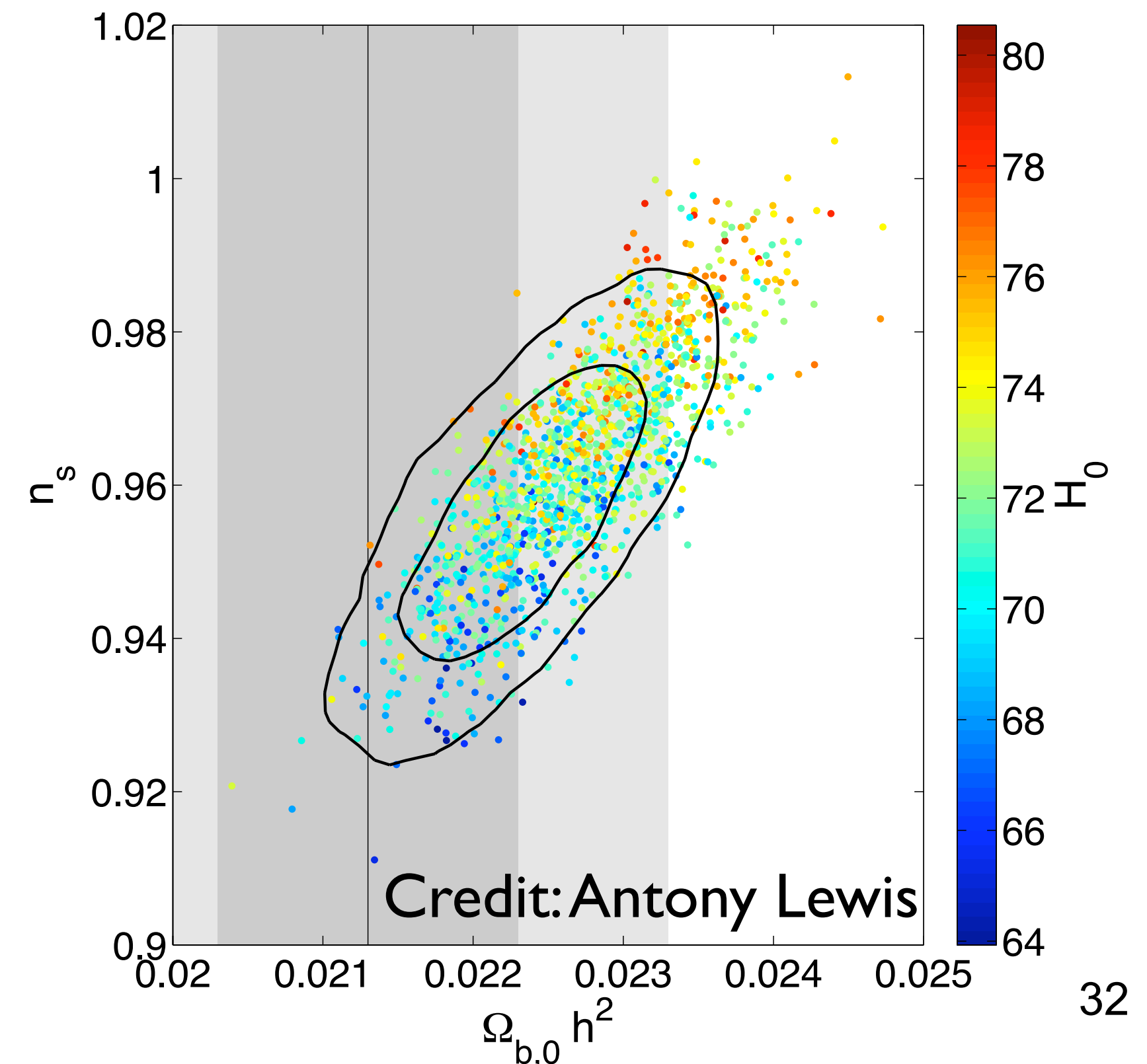
- $\Omega_b h^2(\text{DLA})$ is totally independent of n_s

- *Degeneracy reduced!*

- $n_s(\text{DLA} + \text{WMAP}) = 0.956 \pm 0.013$

- **3.4-sigma away from 1**

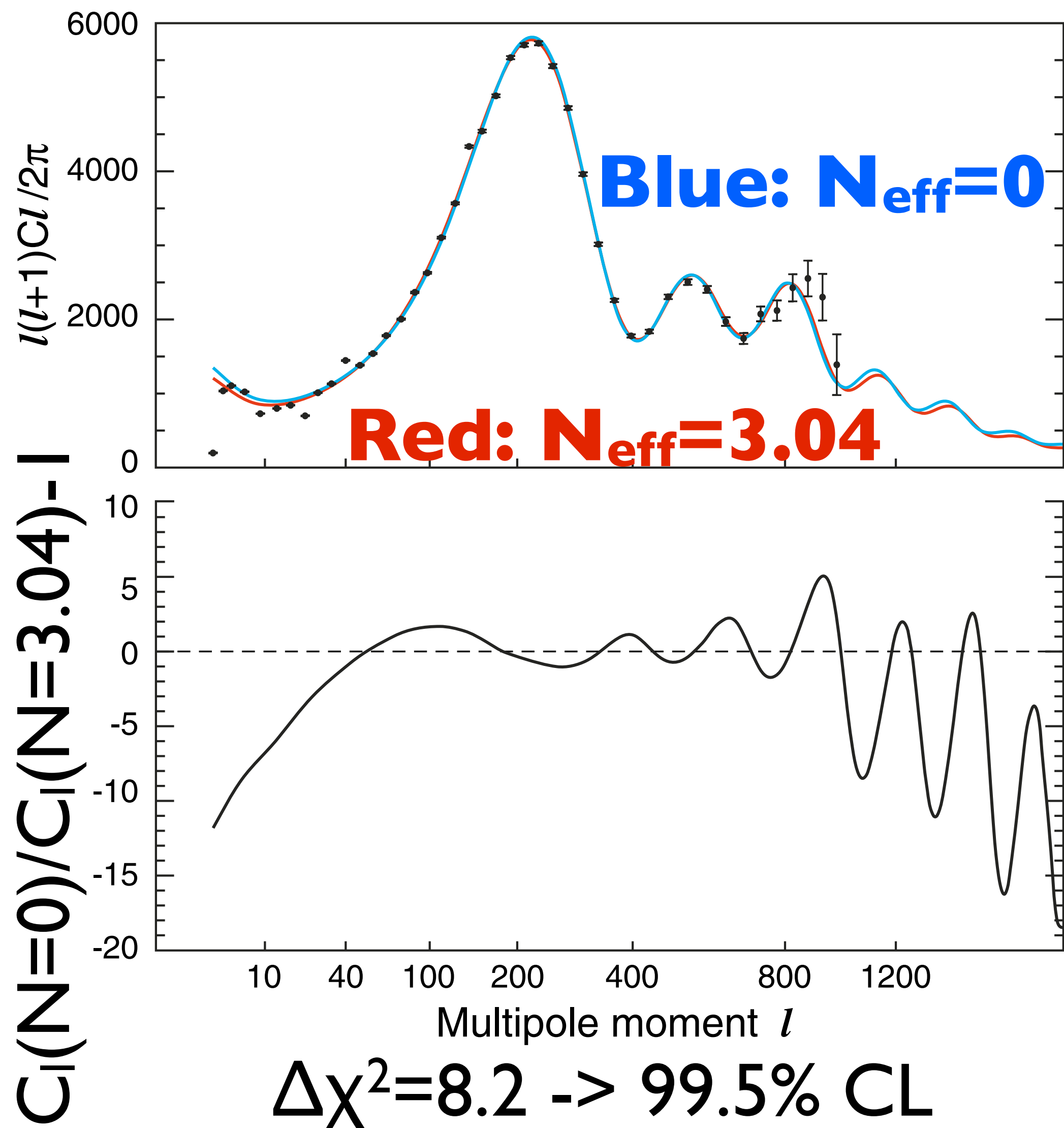
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Cosmic Neutrino Background

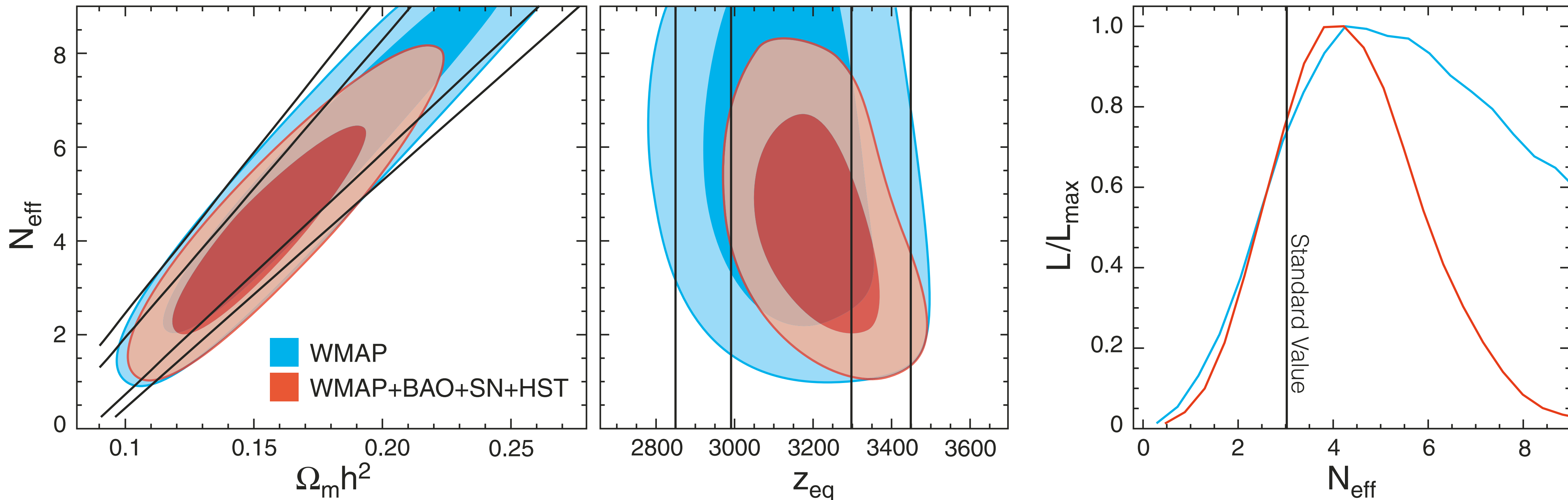
- How do neutrinos affect the CMB?
 - *Neutrinos add to the radiation energy density*, which delays the epoch at which the Universe became matter-dominated. The larger the number of neutrino species is, the later the matter-radiation equality, z_{equality} , becomes.
 - This effect can be mimicked by lower matter density.
 - *Neutrino perturbations* affect metric perturbations as well as the photon-baryon plasma, through which CMB anisotropy is affected.

CNB As Seen By WMAP



- Multiplicative phase shift is due to the change in z_{equality}
 - *Degenerate with $\Omega_m h^2$*
- Suppression is due to neutrino perturbations
 - *Degenerate with n_s*
- Additive phase shift is due to neutrino perturbations
 - **No degeneracy**
(Bashinsky & Seljak 2004)

It's not Z_{equality} !

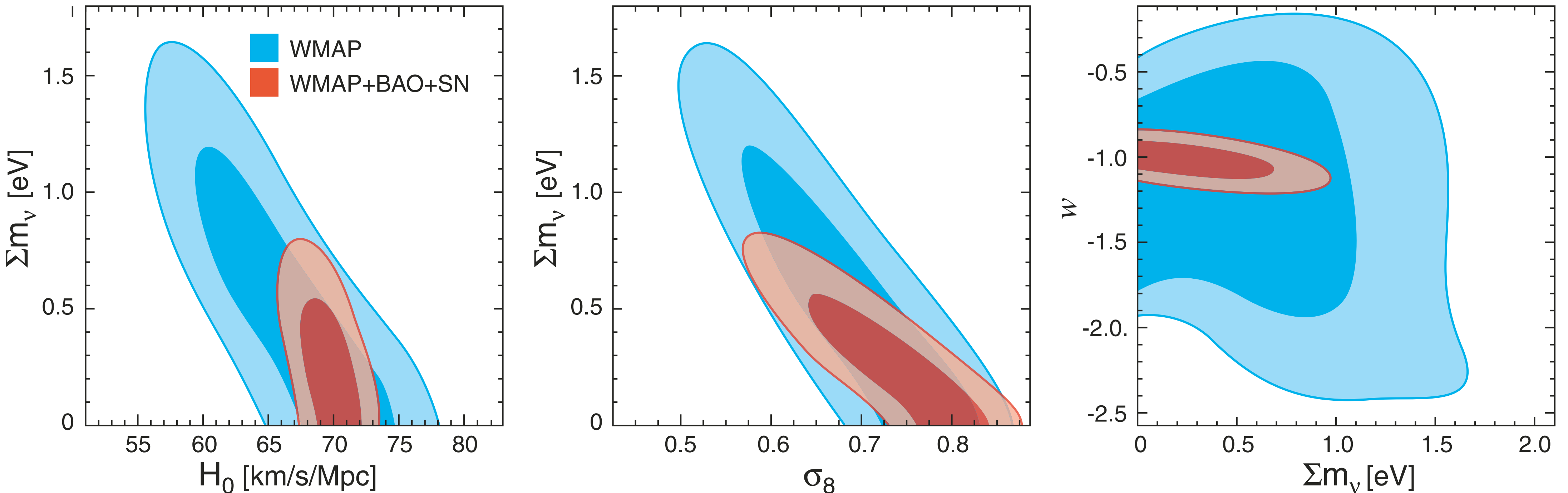


- The number of neutrino species is massively degenerate with $\Omega_m h^2$, which simply traces $Z_{\text{equality}} = \text{constant}$.
- But, the contours close near $N_{\text{eff}} \sim 1$, in contradiction to the prediction from $Z_{\text{equality}} = \text{constant}$.

Cosmic/Laboratory Consistency

- From WMAP+BAO+SN (I will explain what BAO and SN are shortly)
 - $N_{\text{eff}} = 4.4 \pm 1.5$
- From the Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
 - $N_{\text{eff}} = 2.5 \pm 0.4$
- From the decay width of Z bosons measured in LEP
 - $N_{\text{neutrino}} = 2.984 \pm 0.008$

Neutrino Mass



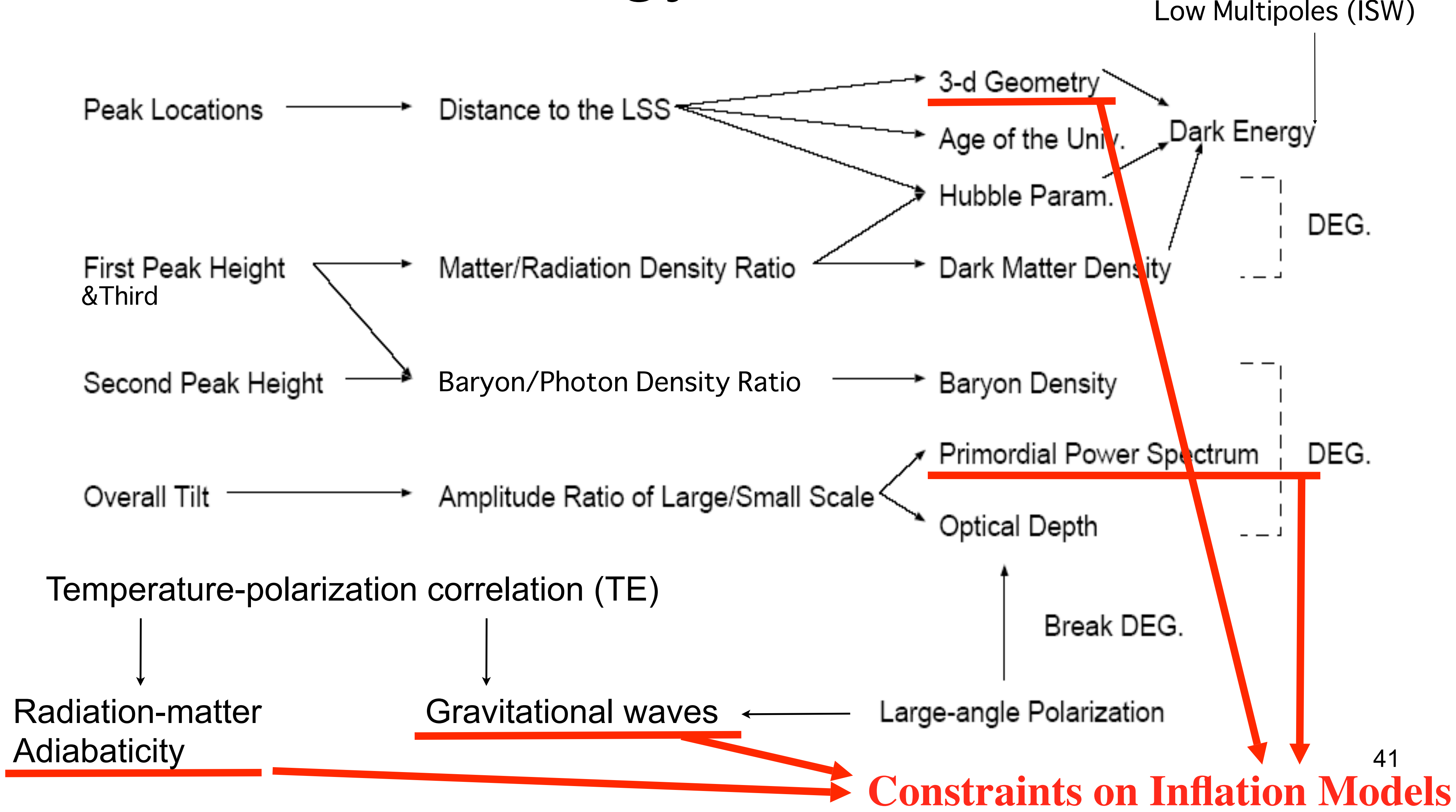
- The local distance measurements (BAO) help determine the neutrino mass by giving H_0 .
- **$\text{Sum}(m_\nu) < 0.67 \text{ eV}$** (95% CL) -- independent of the normalization of the large scale structure.

Testing Cosmic Inflation

~5 Tests~

- Is the observable universe flat?
- Are the primordial fluctuations adiabatic?
- Are the primordial fluctuations nearly Gaussian?
- Is the power spectrum nearly scale invariant?
- Is the amplitude of gravitational waves reasonable?

CMB to Cosmology to Inflation

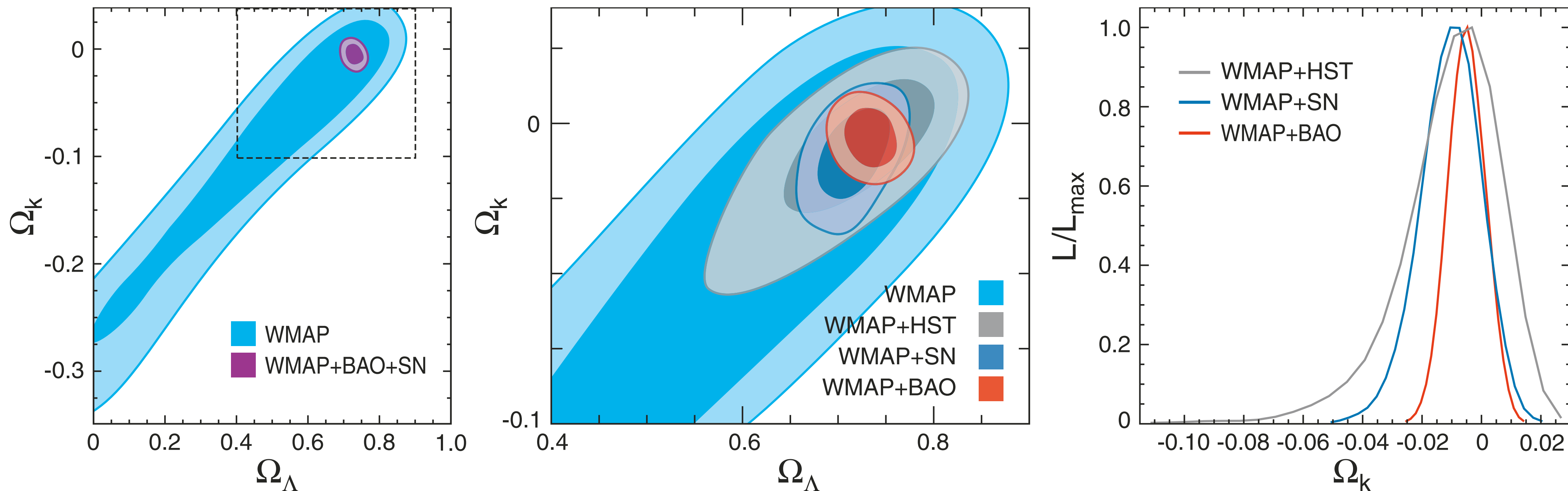


How Do We Test Inflation?

- The WMAP data alone can put tight limits on most of the items in the check list. (For the WMAP-only limits, see Dunkley et al.)
- However, we can improve the limits on many of these items by adding the extra information from the **cosmological distance measurements**:
 - *Luminosity Distances* from Type Ia Supernovae (SN)
 - *Angular Diameter Distances* from the Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO) in the distribution of galaxies

Example: Flatness

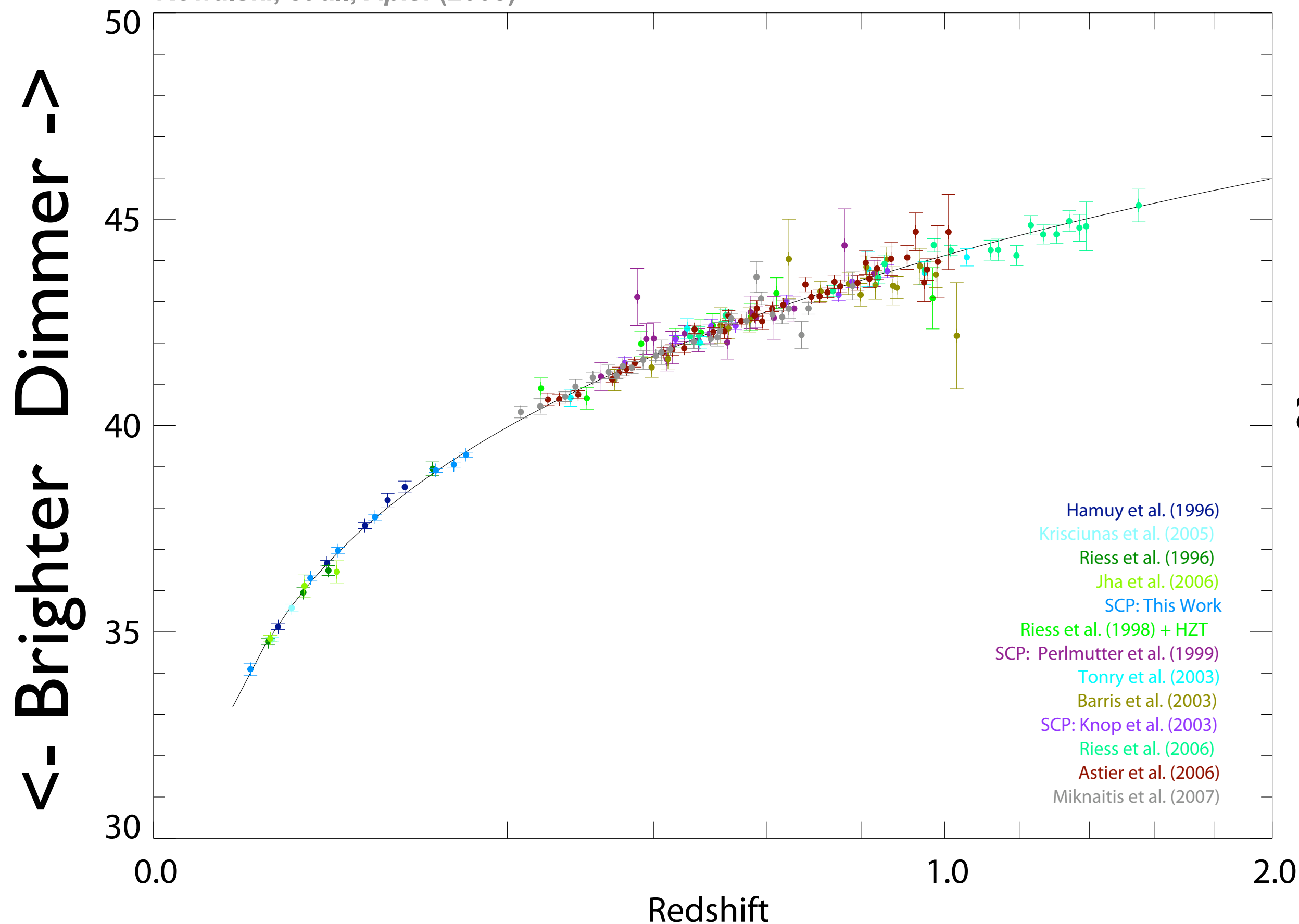
Komatsu et al.



- WMAP measures the angular diameter distance to the decoupling epoch at $z=1090$.
- The distance depends on curvature AND other things, like the energy content; thus, we need more than one distance indicators, in order to constrain, e.g., Ω_m and H_0

Type Ia Supernova (SN) Data

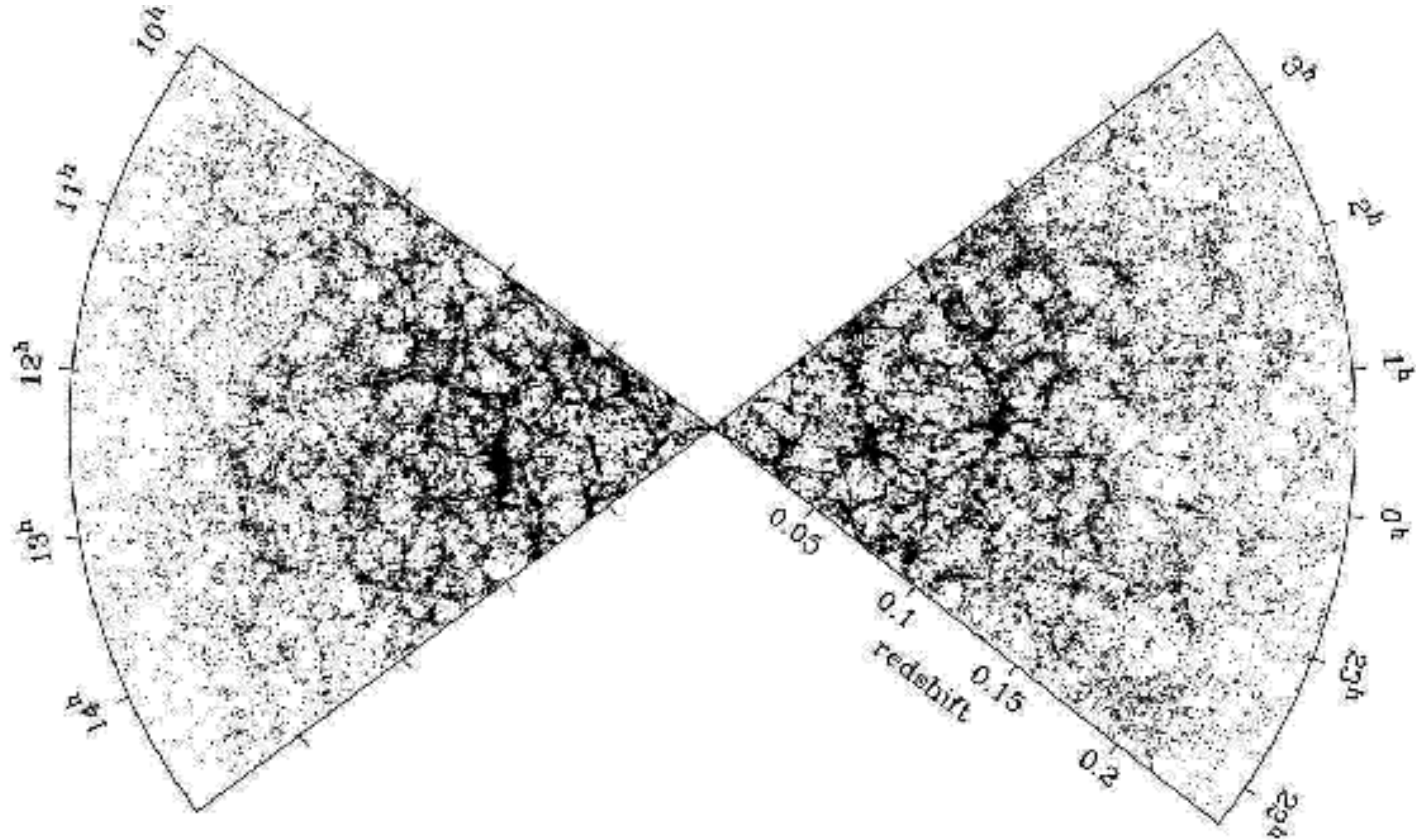
Supernova Cosmology Project
Kowalski, et al., *Ap.J.* (2008)



From these measurements, we get the **relative** luminosity distances between Type Ia SNe. Since we marginalize over the absolute magnitude, the current SN data are **not** sensitive to the absolute distances.

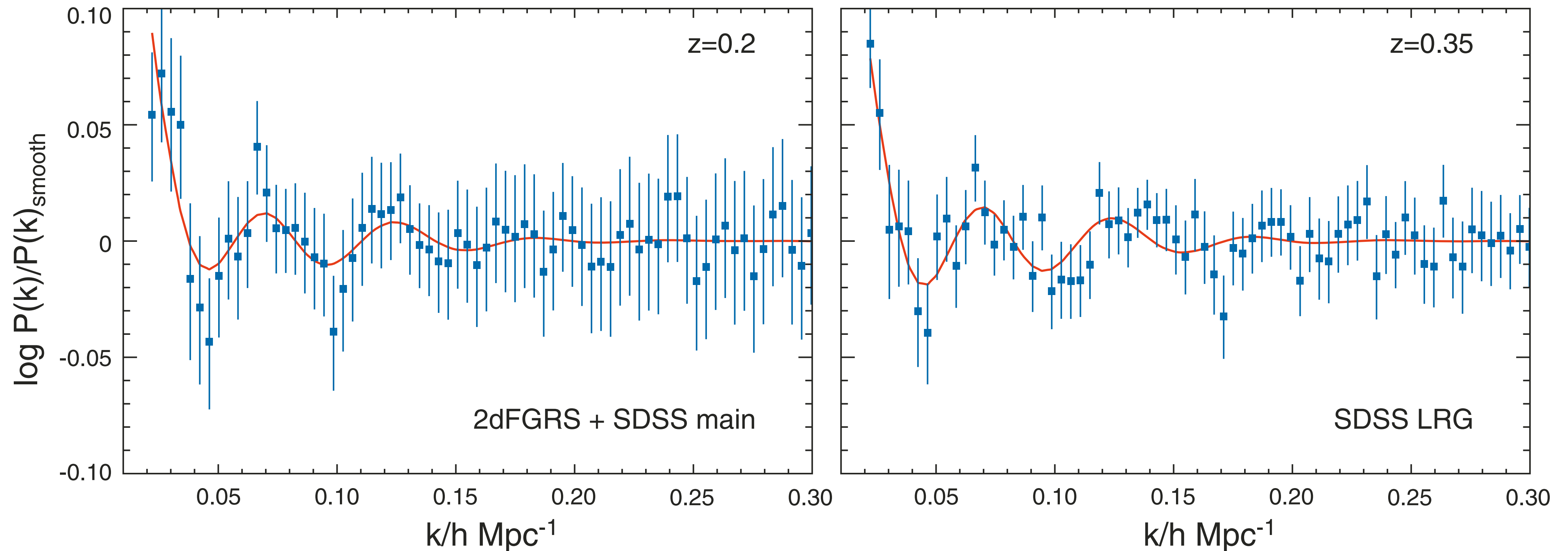
- Latest “Union” supernova compilation (Kowalski et al.)

BAO in Galaxy Distribution *Tegmark et al.*



- The same acoustic oscillations should be hidden in this galaxy distribution...

BAO in Galaxy Distribution *Dunkley et al.*





- BAO measured from SDSS (main samples and LRGs) and 2dFGRS (Percival et al. 2007)
- Just like the acoustic oscillations in CMB, the galaxy BAOs can be used to measure the **absolute** distances ⁴⁶

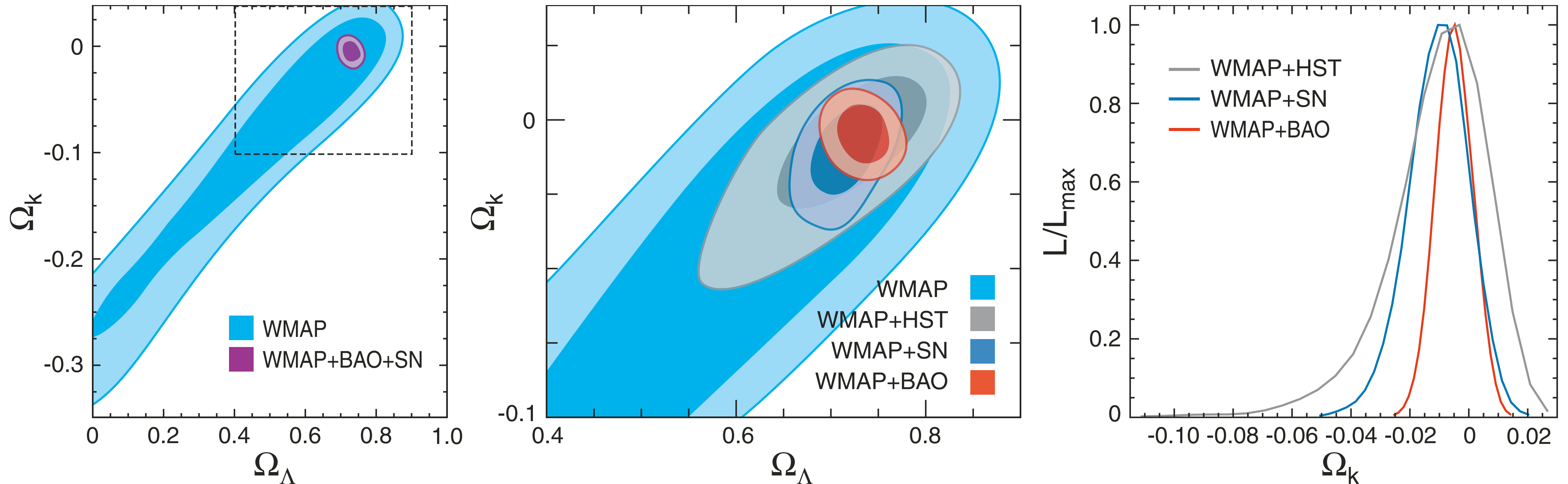


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<p>10 Jan 2008 New Instrument, Telescope Upgrades Enable Pioneering Dark Energy Experiment</p> <p>27 Apr 2006 McDonald Observatory Receives \$5M Challenge Grant to Study Elusive Dark Energy</p>	<p>What is Dark Energy?</p> <p>Dark energy is a term used to describe our lack of understanding of how the universe works on the largest scales. It may be a "repulsive" force that is causing the universe to expand faster as it ages, a discrepancy in the laws of gravity, or some other phenomenon.</p> <p>More ></p>				
<p><i>“Dark energy is not only terribly important for astronomy, it’s the central problem for physics. It’s been the bone in our throat for a long time.”</i></p>	<p>THEORY: Vacuum Energy, or Einstein’s Blunder</p> <p>THEORY: New Physics, or Particles and Fields</p> <p>THEORY: Flawed Gravity, or Relaxing the Grip</p>				
<p>Steven Weinberg Nobel Laureate University of Texas at Austin</p>	<p>Video</p>  <p>Gary Hill, HETDEX Project Scientist, explains how astronomers will look for dark energy when they’re not sure what it looks like. Play video</p>	<p>Glossary</p> <p>Vacuum energy</p> <p>A possible explanation for dark energy. First proposed by Albert Einstein to bring his equations into balance with the then-observed universe, it proposes that space itself produces a form of energy, known as the cosmological constant, that causes the universe to accelerate faster as it ages. Current models show that the observed dark energy is far too weak to be accounted for by theories of the cosmological constant.</p>	<p>Media Gallery</p>  <p>VIRUS</p> <p>Find more images, video, podcasts in the gallery.</p>		

As a result..



- **$-0.0181 < \Omega_k < 0.0071$** (95% CL) for $w=-1$ (i.e., dark energy being a cosmological constant)
- The constraint driven mostly by WMAP+BAO

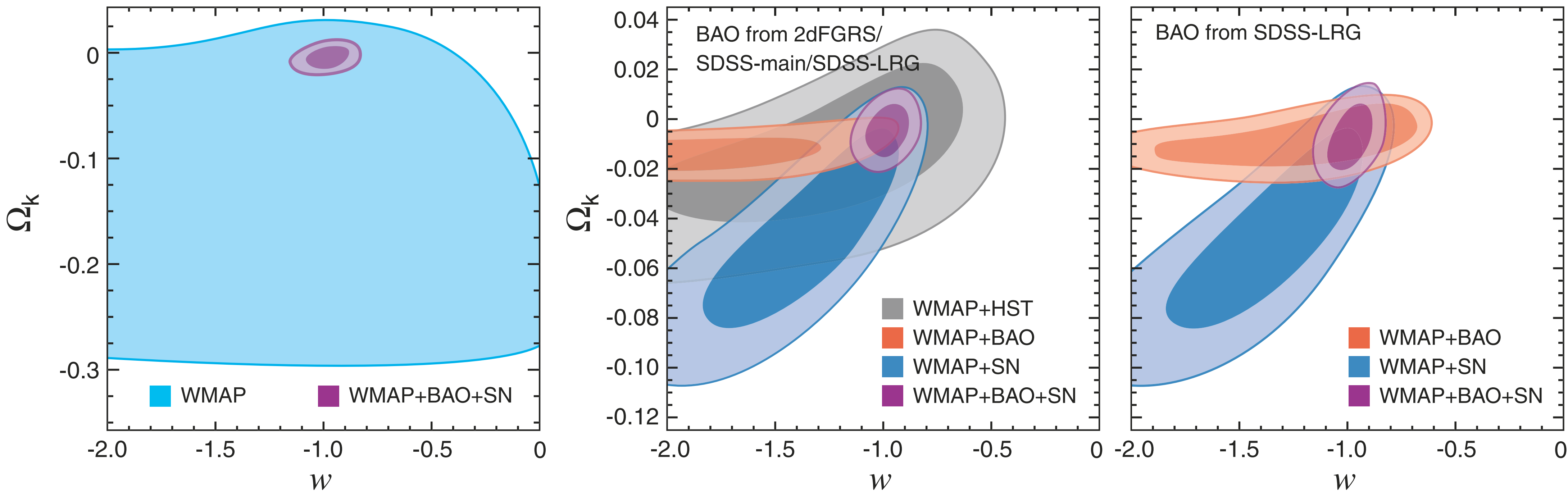
How Big Is Our Universe?

- By definition, the curvature radius of the universe is given by
 - $R_{\text{curv}} = 3h^{-1}\text{Gpc} / \text{sqrt}(\Omega_k)$
 - For negatively curved space ($\Omega_k > 0$): $R > 33h^{-1}\text{Gpc}$
 - For positively curved space ($\Omega_k < 0$): $R > 22h^{-1}\text{Gpc}$
- The particle horizon today is $9.7h^{-1}\text{Gpc}$
 - The curvature radius of the universe is at least 3 times as large as the observable universe.

How Long Did Inflation Last?

- The universe had expanded by $e^{N_{\text{tot}}}$ during inflation.
 - Q. How long should inflation have lasted to explain the observed flatness of the universe?
 - A. $N_{\text{total}} > 36 + \ln(T_{\text{reheating}}/1 \text{ TeV})$
 - A factor of 10 improvement in Ω_k will raise this lower limit by 1.2.
 - Lower if the reheating temperature was $< 1 \text{ TeV}$
- This is the check list #1

What If Dark Energy Was Not Vacuum Energy ($w \neq -1$)...



● WMAP+BAO \rightarrow Curvature; WMAP+SN \rightarrow w

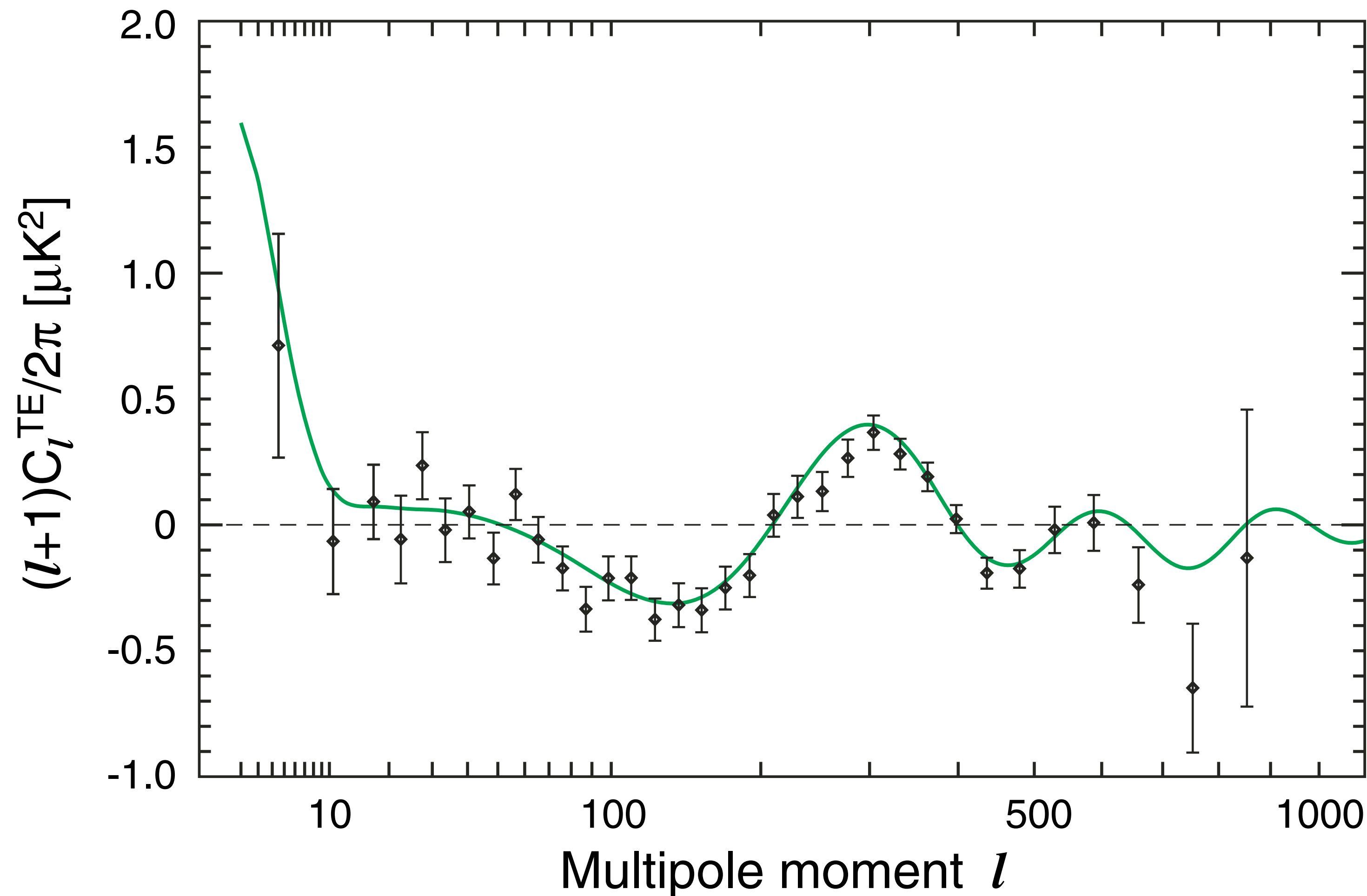
● WMAP+BAO+SN \rightarrow Simultaneous limit

● $-0.0179 < \Omega_k < 0.0081$; $-0.14 < 1+w < 0.12$ (95% CL)

Check List #2: Adiabaticity

- The **adiabatic relation** between radiation and matter:
 - $3\delta\rho_{\text{radiation}}/(4\rho_{\text{radiation}}) = \delta\rho_{\text{matter}}/\rho_{\text{matter}}$
- *Deviation from adiabaticity*: A simple-minded quantification
 - Fractional deviation of A from B = $(A-B) / [(A+B)/2]$
 - $\delta_{\text{adi}} = [3\delta\rho_{\text{radiation}}/(4\rho_{\text{radiation}}) - \delta\rho_{\text{matter}}/\rho_{\text{matter}}] / \{ [3\delta\rho_{\text{radiation}}/(4\rho_{\text{radiation}}) + \delta\rho_{\text{matter}}/\rho_{\text{matter}}] / 2 \}$
 - Call this the “**adiabaticity deviation parameter**”
 - “Radiation and matter obey the adiabatic relation to $(100\delta_{\text{adi}})\%$ level.”

WMAP 5-Year TE Power Spectrum

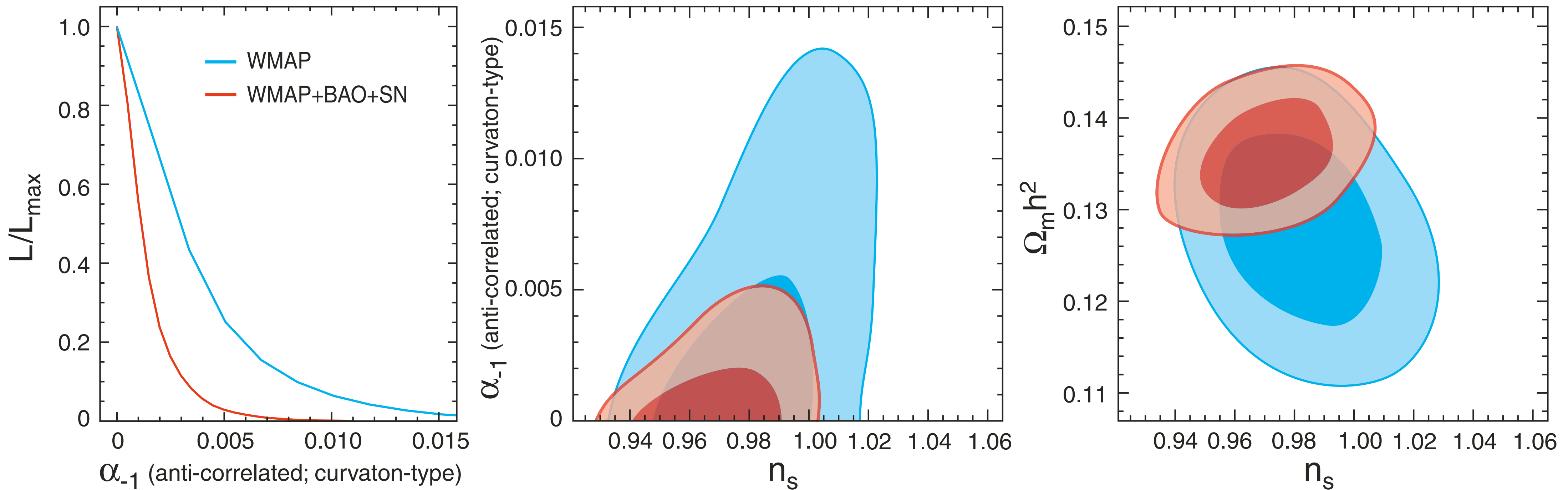


- The negative TE at $l \sim 100$ is the distinctive signature of super-horizon adiabatic perturbations (Spergel & Zaldarriaga 1997)
- Non-adiabatic perturbations would fill in the trough, and shift the zeros.

Two Scenarios

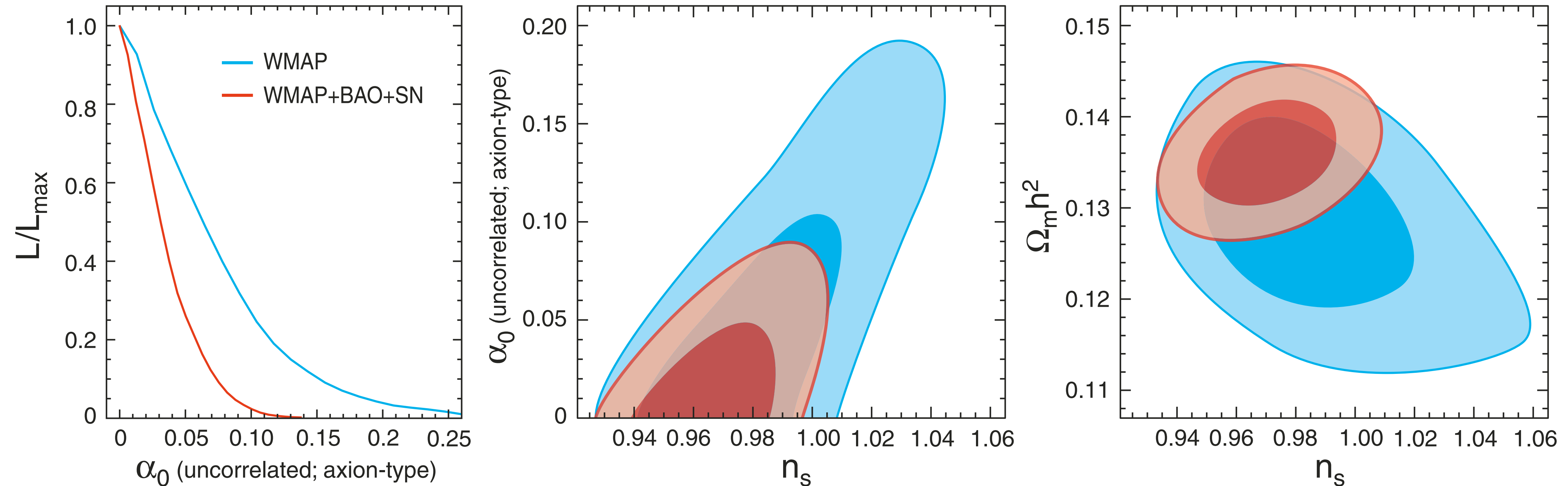
- To make the argument concrete, we take two concrete examples for entropy perturbations.
- (i) “***Axion Type***” Entropy perturbations and curvature perturbations are **uncorrelated**.
- (ii) “***Curvaton Type***” Entropy perturbations and curvature perturbations are **anti-correlated**. (or correlated, depending on the sign convention)
- In both scenarios, the entropy perturbation raises the temperature power spectrum at $l < 100$
 - Therefore, *both contributions are degenerate with n_s* .
How do we break the degeneracy? BAO&SN.

Curvaton Type



- $\alpha_{\text{curvaton}} < 0.011$ [WMAP-only; 95% CL]
- $\alpha_{\text{curvaton}} < 0.0041$ [WMAP+BAO+SN; 95% CL]
- CMB and axion-type dark matter are adiabatic to **2.1%**

Axion Type



- $\alpha_{\text{axion}} < 0.16$ [WMAP-only; 95% CL]
- $\alpha_{\text{axion}} < 0.072$ [WMAP+BAO+SN; 95% CL]
- CMB and axion-type dark matter are adiabatic to **8.9%**

Axion Dark Matter?

- CMB and axion-type dark matter are adiabatic to **8.6%**
- **This puts a severe limit on axions being the dominant dark matter candidate.**

$$\frac{\Omega_a}{\Omega_c} < \frac{3.0 \times 10^{-39}}{\theta_a^5 \gamma^6} \left(\frac{0.01}{r} \right)^{7/2}$$

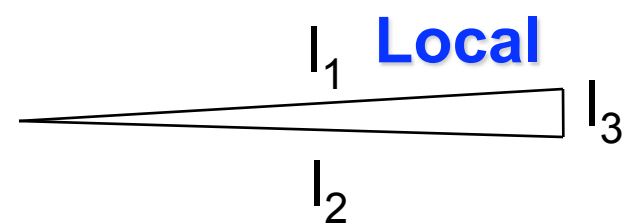
The non-adiabatic perturbations, combined with the expression for Ω_a , constrain $\Omega_a^{1/7}$.

Check list #3: Gaussianity

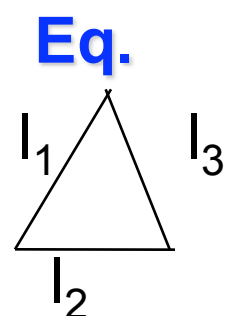
- In the simplest model of inflation, the distribution of primordial fluctuations is close to a Gaussian with random phases.
- The level of non-Gaussianity predicted by the simplest model is well below the current detection limit.
- A convincing detection of primordial non-Gaussianity will rule out most of inflation models in the literature.
 - **Detection of non-Gaussianity would be a breakthrough in cosmology**

Triangles on the Sky: Angular Bispectrum

- Non-zero bispectrum means the detection of non-Gaussianity. **It's always easy to look for deviations from zero!**
- There are many triangles to look for, but...
 - Will focus on two classes



- "Squeezed" parameterized by f_{NL}^{local}



- "Equilateral" parameterized by f_{NL}^{equil}

No Detection at $\geq 95\% \text{CL}$

- $-9 < f_{\text{NL}}(\text{local}) < 111$ (95% CL)
- $-151 < f_{\text{NL}}(\text{equilateral}) < 253$ (95% CL)
- These numbers mean that the primordial curvature perturbations are Gaussian to **0.1% level**.
 - This result provides the strongest evidence for quantum origin of primordial fluctuations during inflation.

Check List #4: Scale Invariance

- For a power-law power spectrum (no $dn_s/d\ln k$):
 - WMAP-only: $n_s=0.963 (+0.014) (-0.015)$
 - WMAP+BAO+SN: $n_s=0.960 \pm 0.013$
 - **3.1 sigma away from $n_s=1$**
 - No dramatic improvement from the WMAP-only result because neither BAO nor SN is sensitive to $\Omega_b h^2$
 - BBN can help! (Pettini et al. 0805.0594)

Running Index?

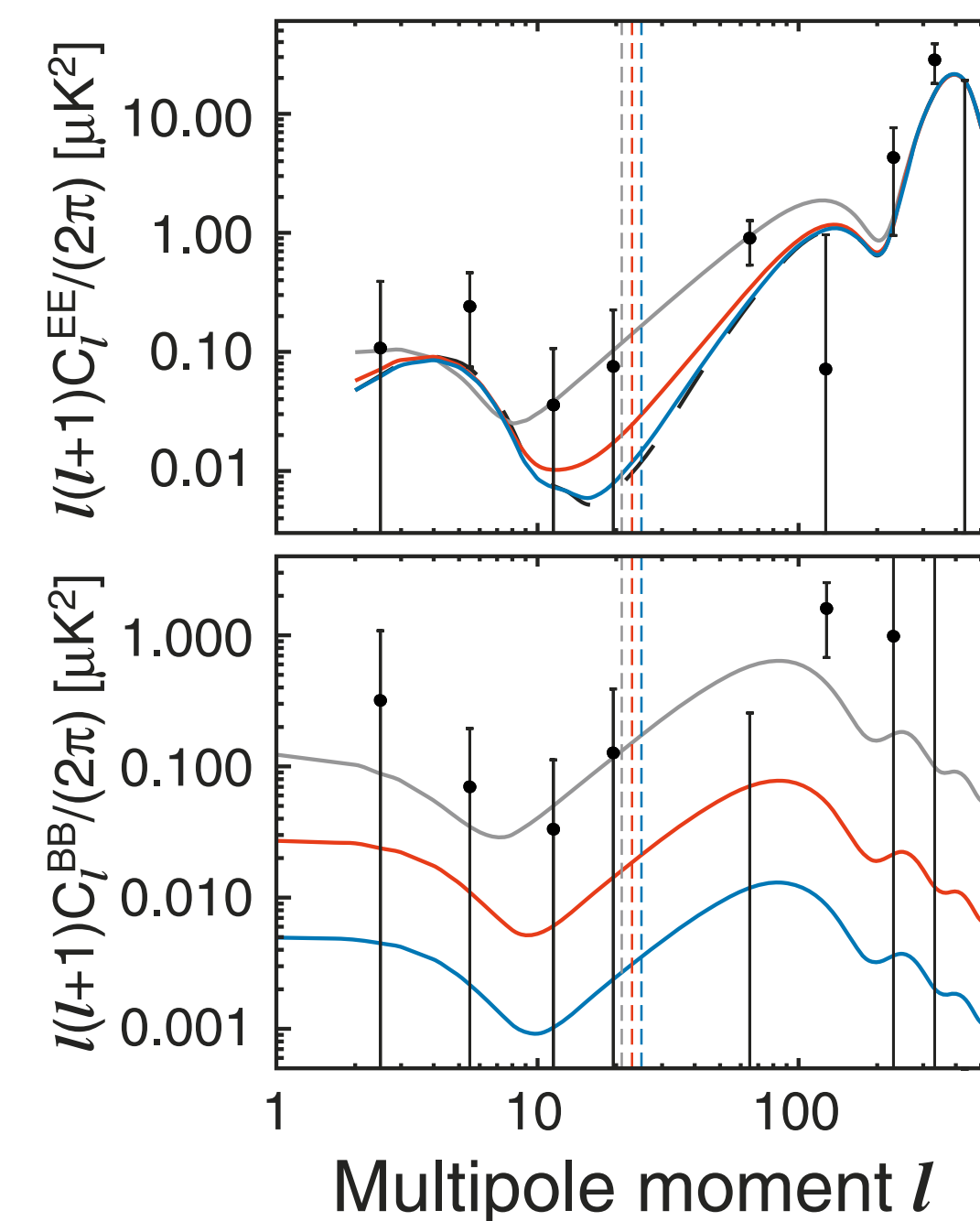
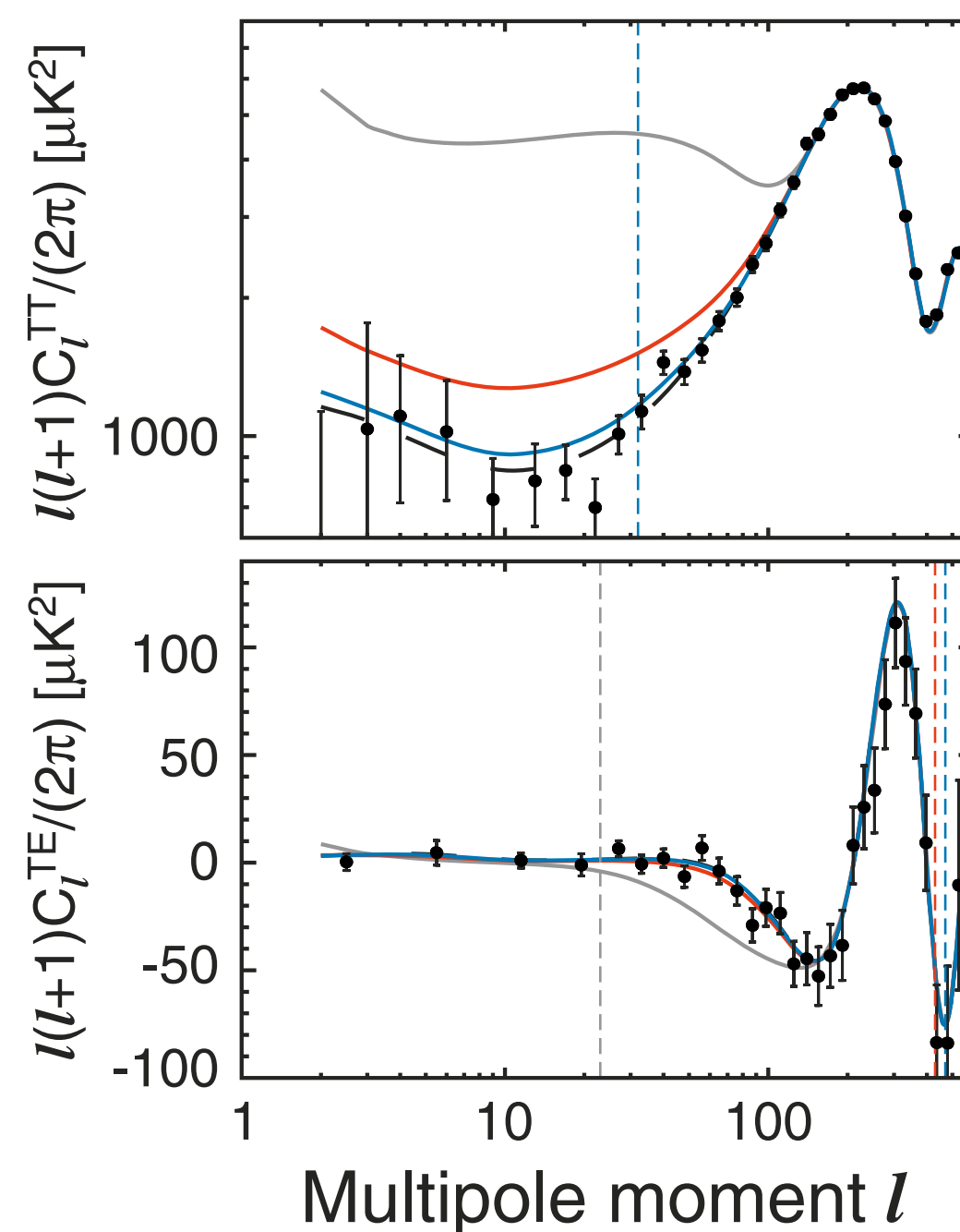
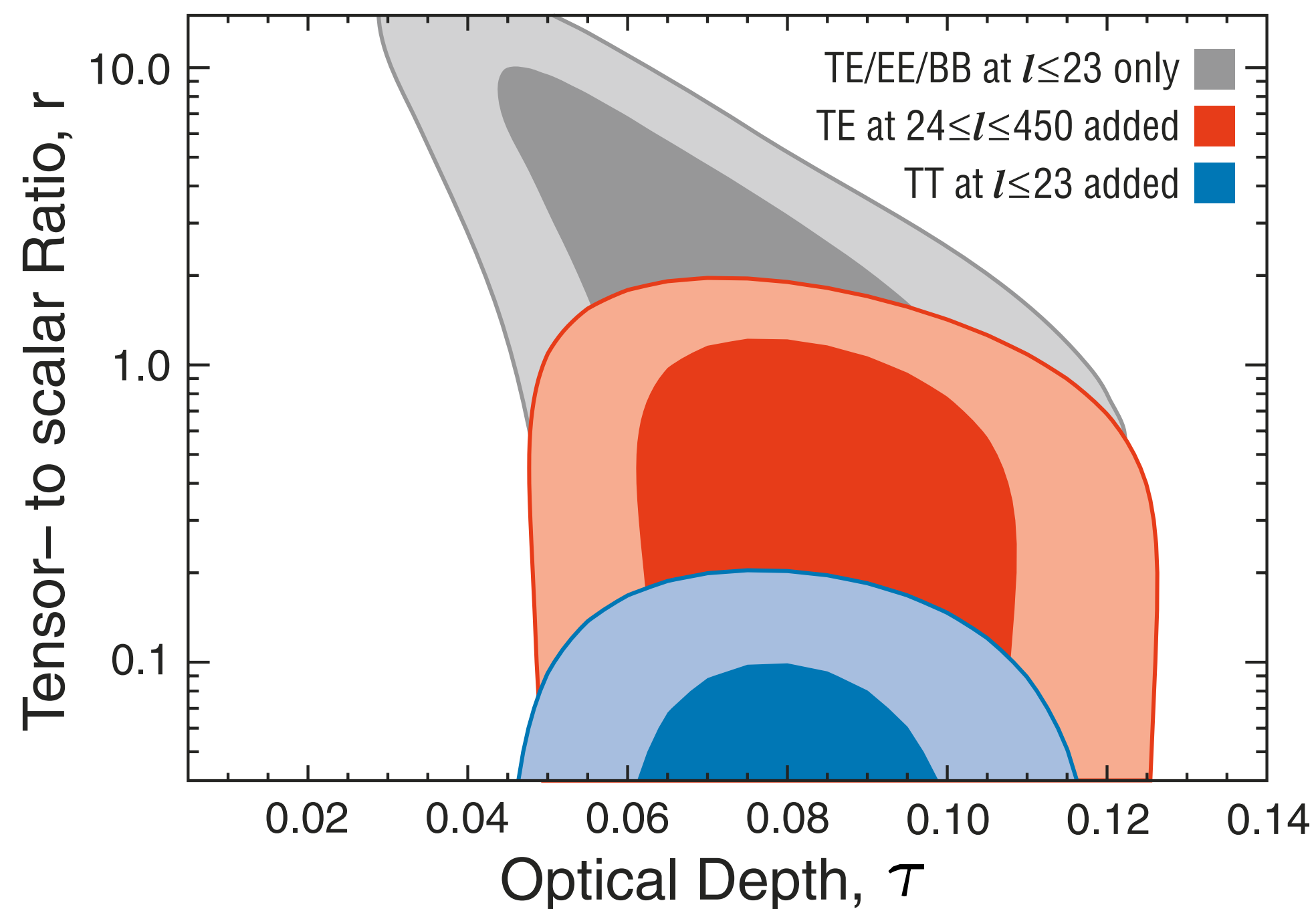
- No significant running index is observed.
 - WMAP-only: $dn_s/d\ln k = -0.037 \pm 0.028$
 - WMAP+BAO+SN: $dn_s/d\ln k = -0.028 \pm 0.020$
- **A power-law spectrum is a good fit.**
- Note that $dn_s/d\ln k \sim O(0.001)$ is expected from simple inflation models (like $m^2\varphi^2$), but we are not there yet.

Check List #5: Gravitational Waves

- How do WMAP data constrain the amplitude of primordial gravitational waves?
- We use “ r ” to parameterize the amplitude of GWs relative to the density fluctuations (or the scalar curvature (metric) perturbations)
 - When $r=1$, we have equal amount of scalar and tensor metric perturbations.

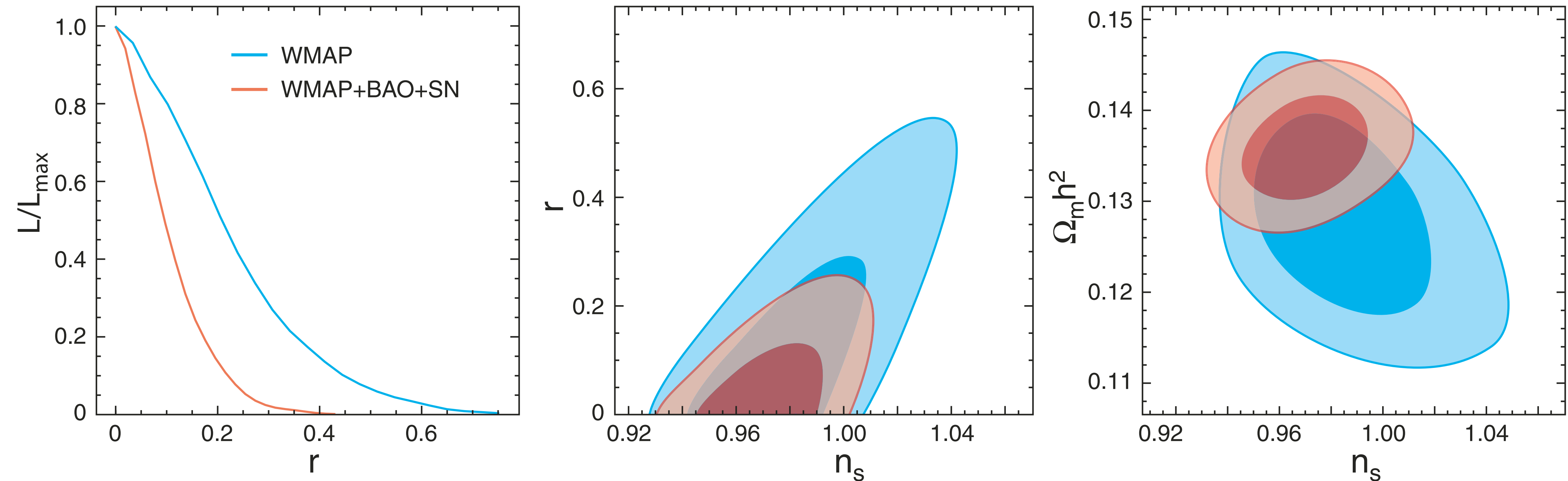
Pedagogical Explanation

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- If all the other parameters (n_s in particular) are fixed...
 - Low- l polarization gives $r < 20$ (95% CL)
 - + high- l polarization gives $r < 2$ (95% CL)
 - + low- l temperature gives $r < 0.2$ (95% CL)

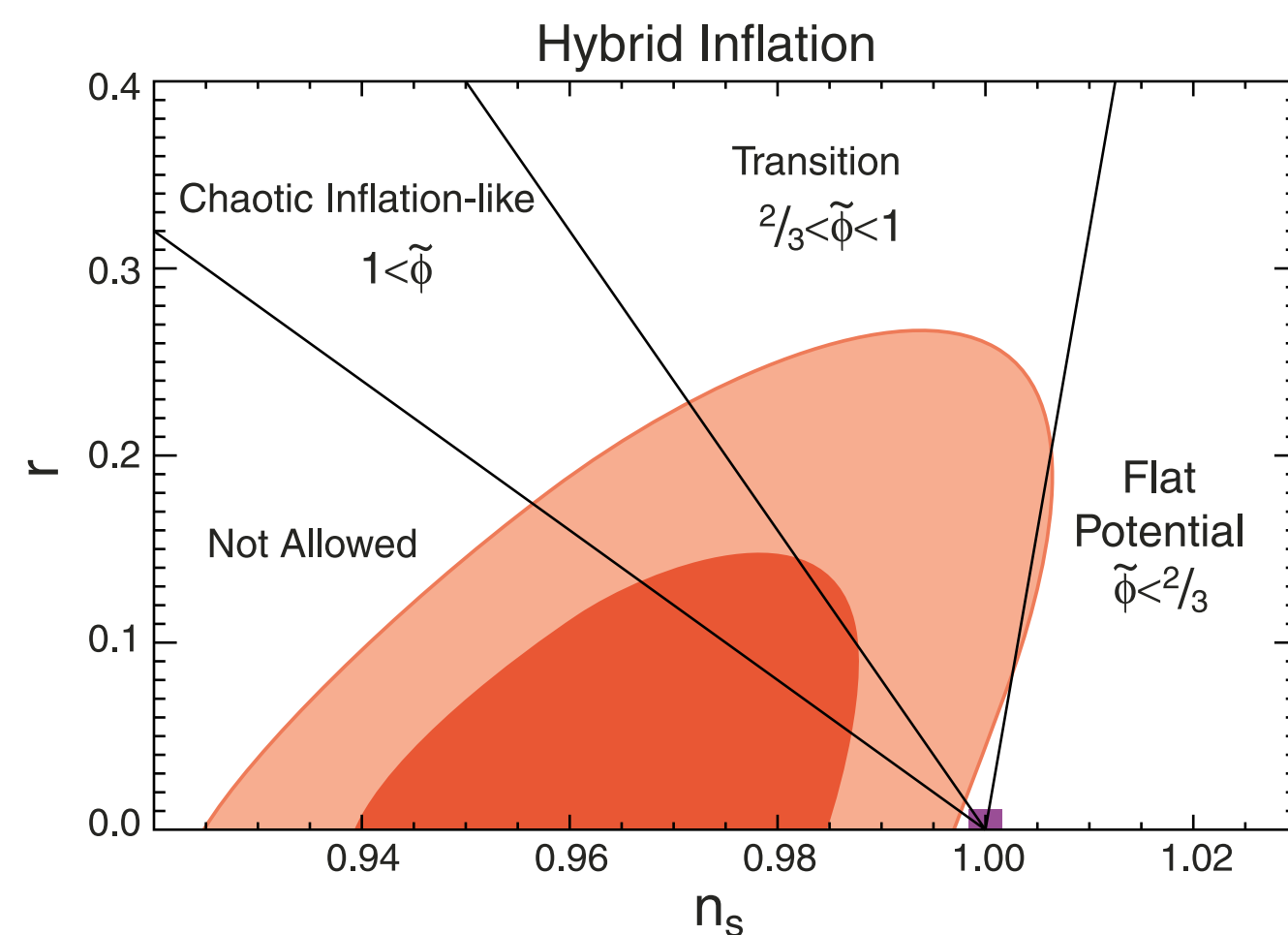
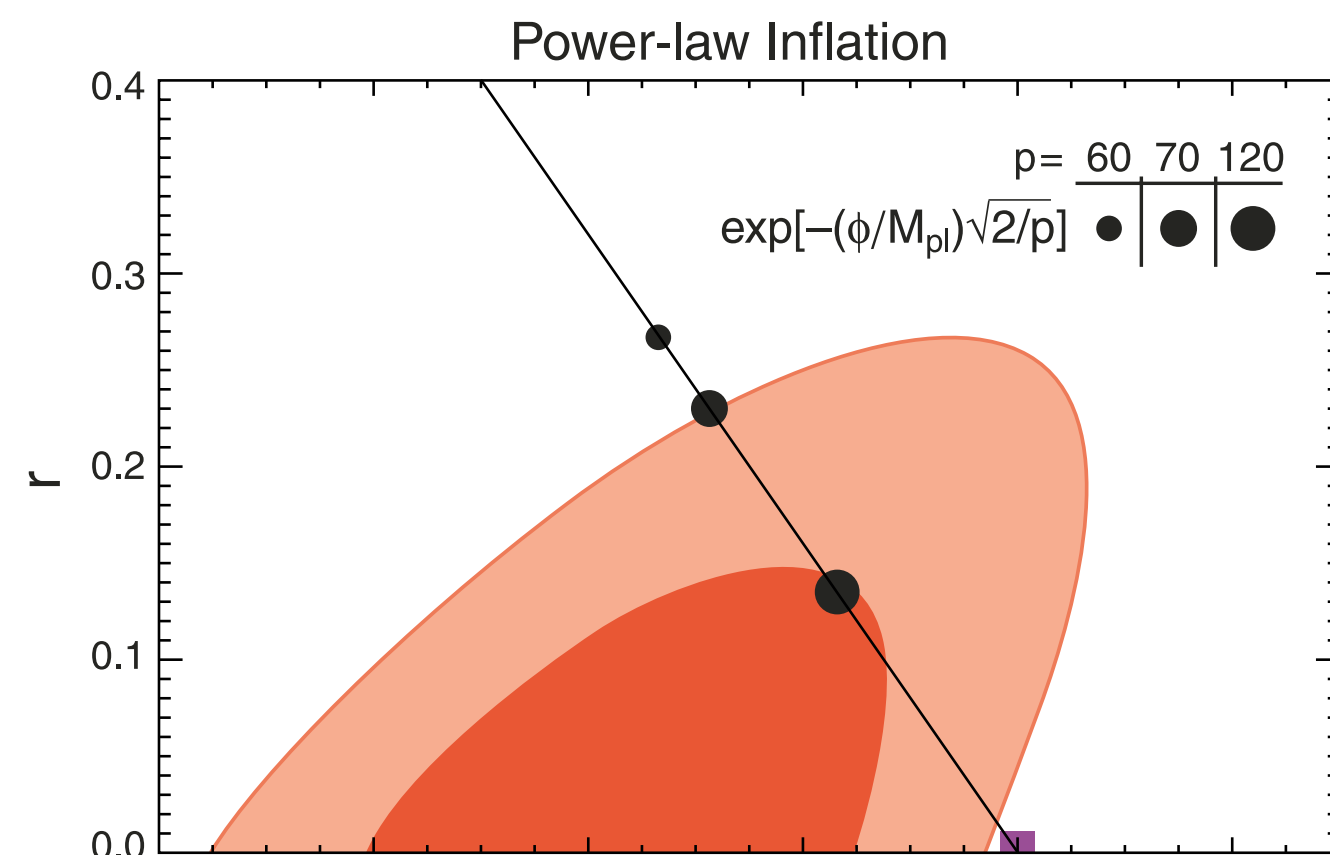
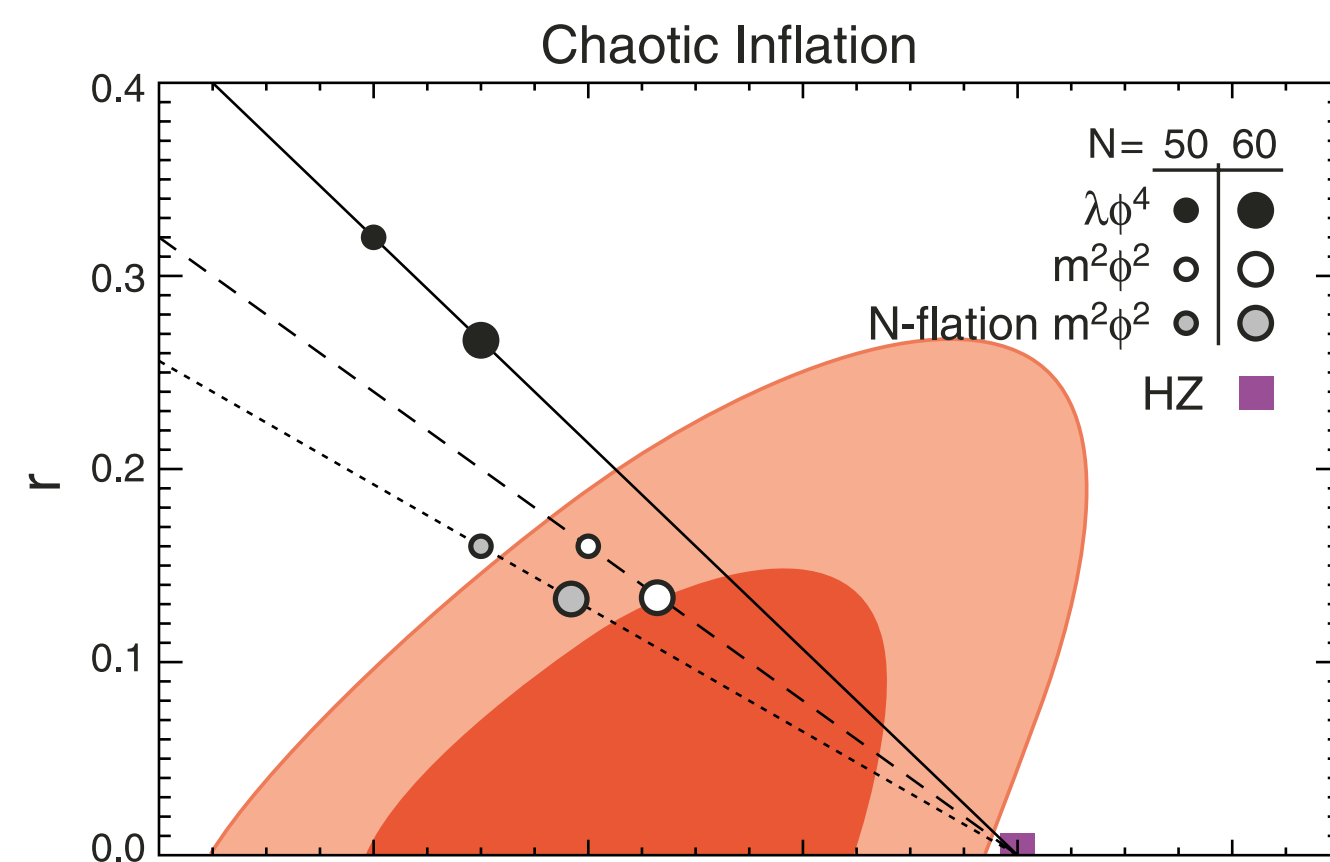
Real Life: Killer Degeneracy



- Since the limit on r relies on the low- l temperature, it is strongly degenerate with n_s .
- The degeneracy can be broken partially by BAO&SN
- $r < 0.43$ (WMAP-only) \rightarrow **$r < 0.22$** (WMAP+BAO+SN)

Lowering a “Limbo Bar”

- $\lambda\varphi^4$ is totally out. (unless you invoke, e.g., non-minimal coupling, to suppress r ..)
- $m^2\varphi^2$ is within 95% CL.
 - Future WMAP data would be able to push it to outside of 95% CL, if $m^2\varphi^2$ is not the right model.
- N-flation $m^2\varphi^2$ (Easter&McAllister) is being pushed out
- PL inflation [$a(t)\sim t^p$] with $p<60$ is out.
- A blue index ($n_s>1$) region of hybrid inflation is disfavored

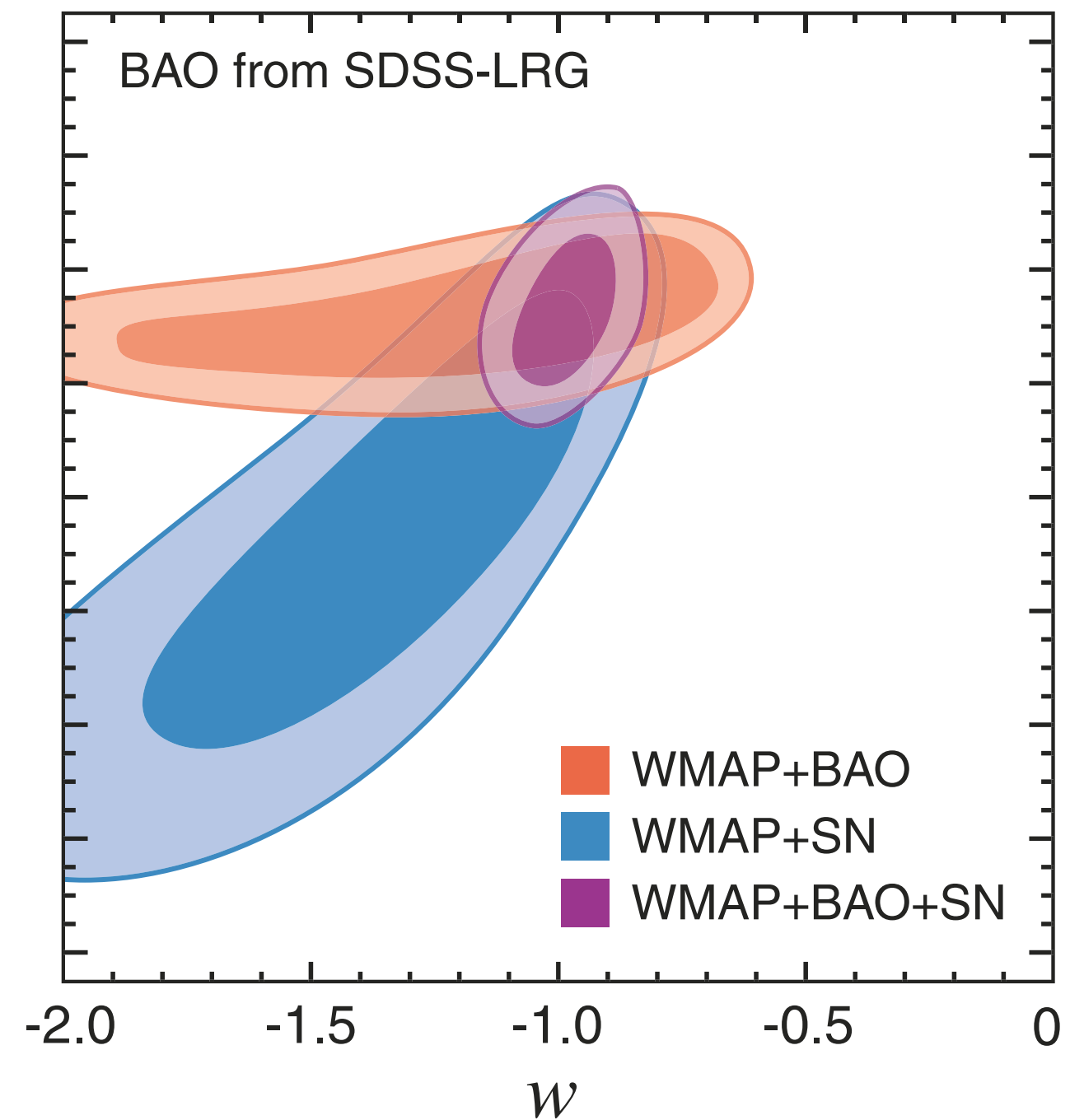
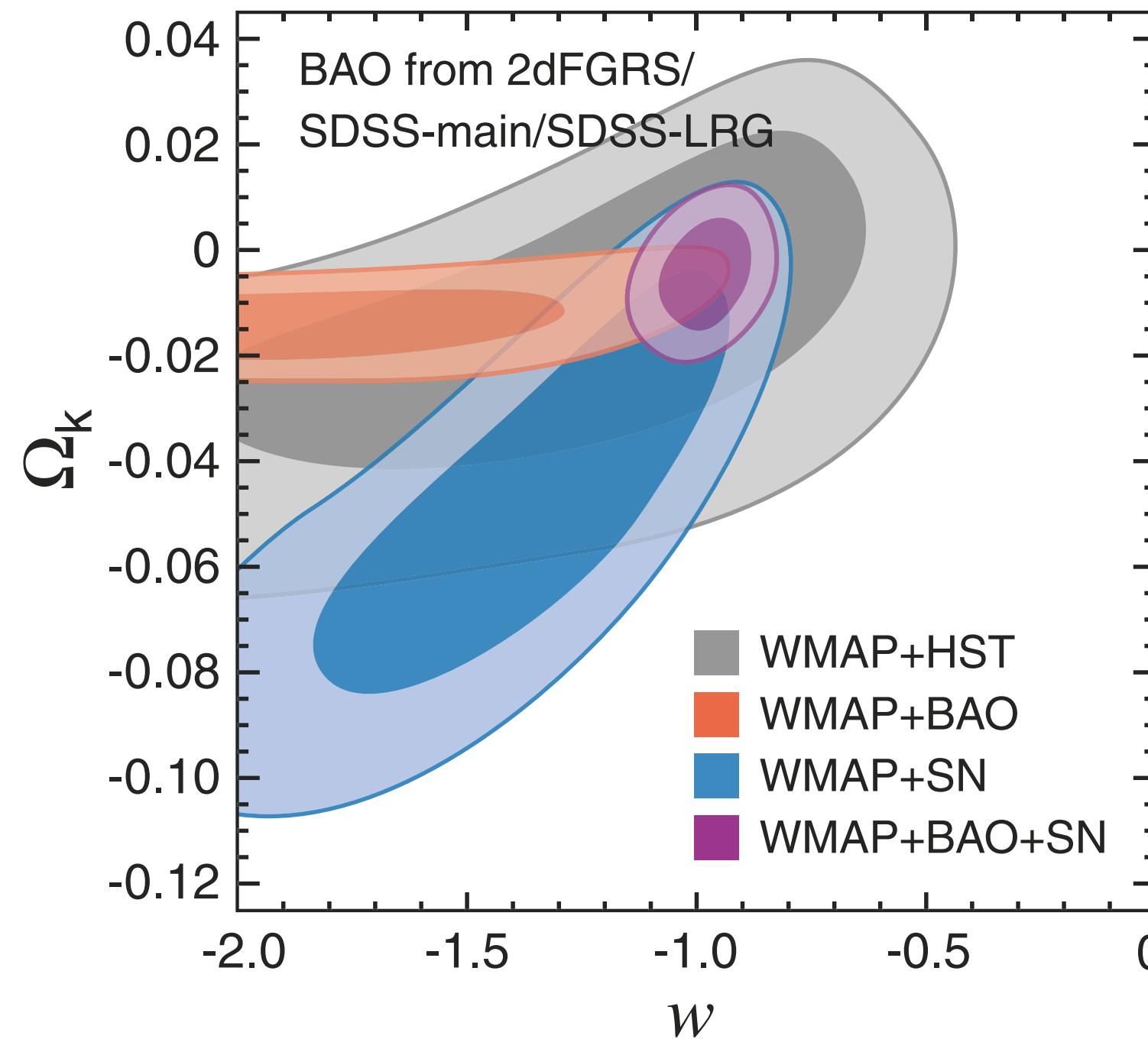
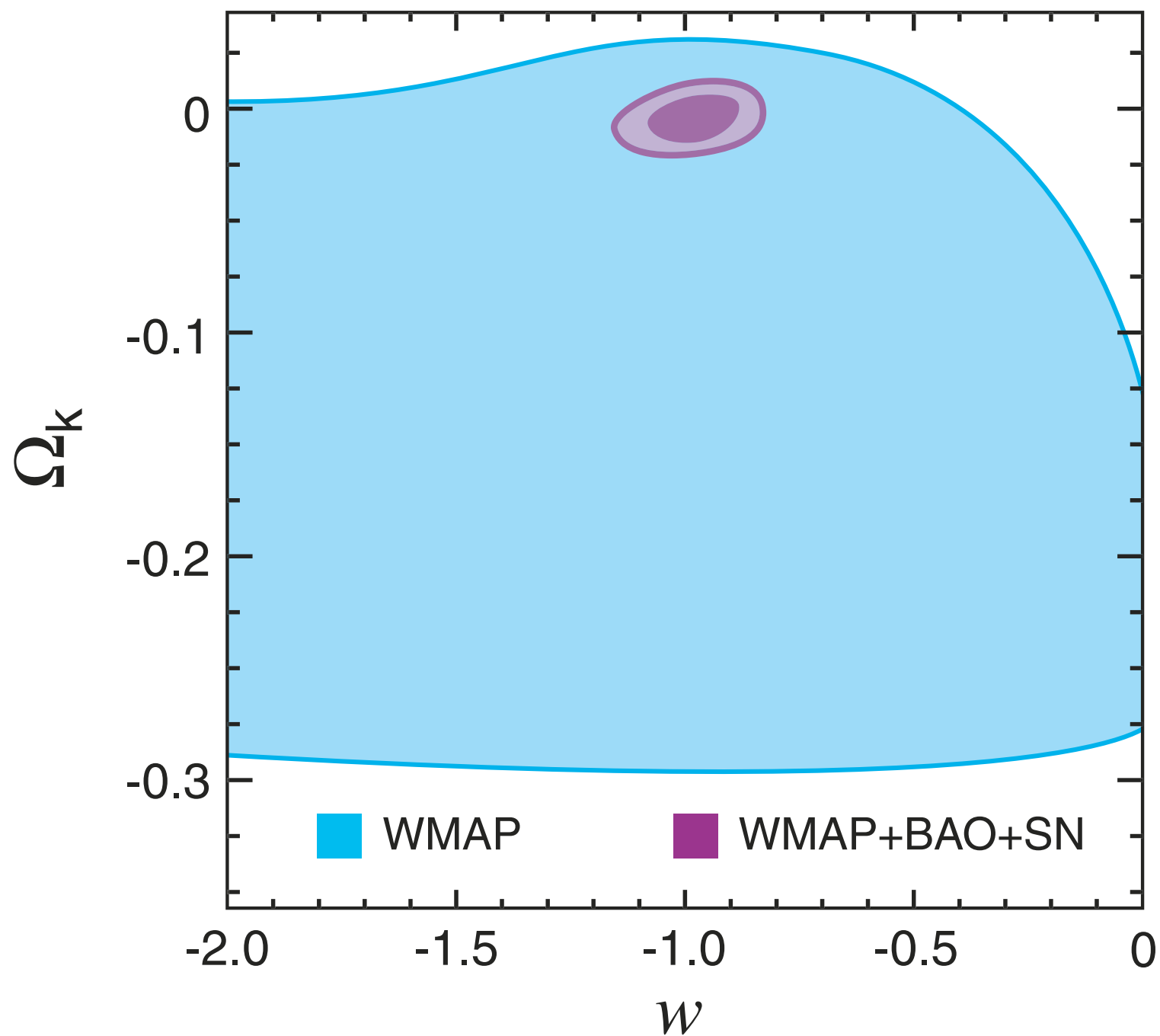


Grading Inflation

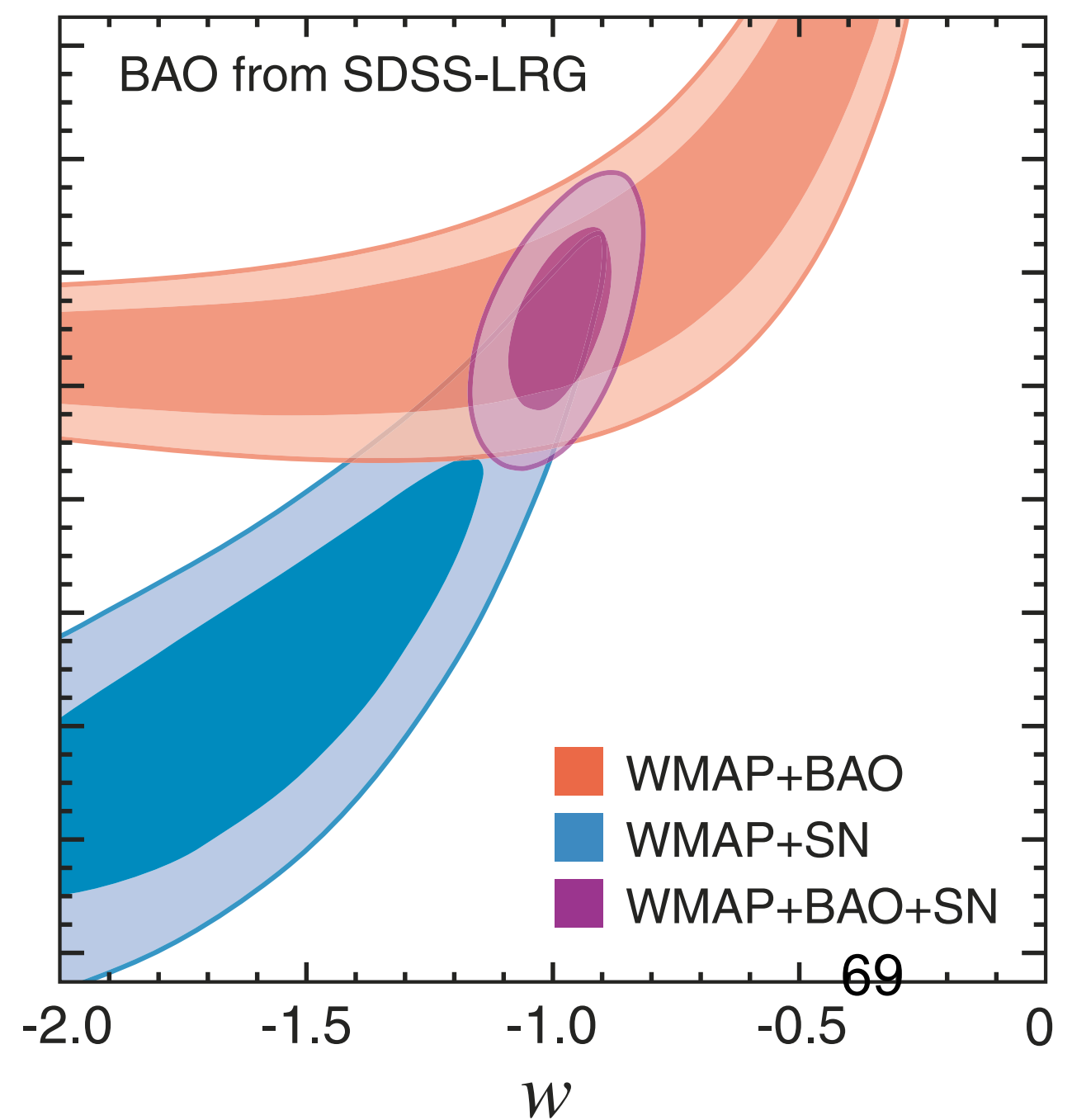
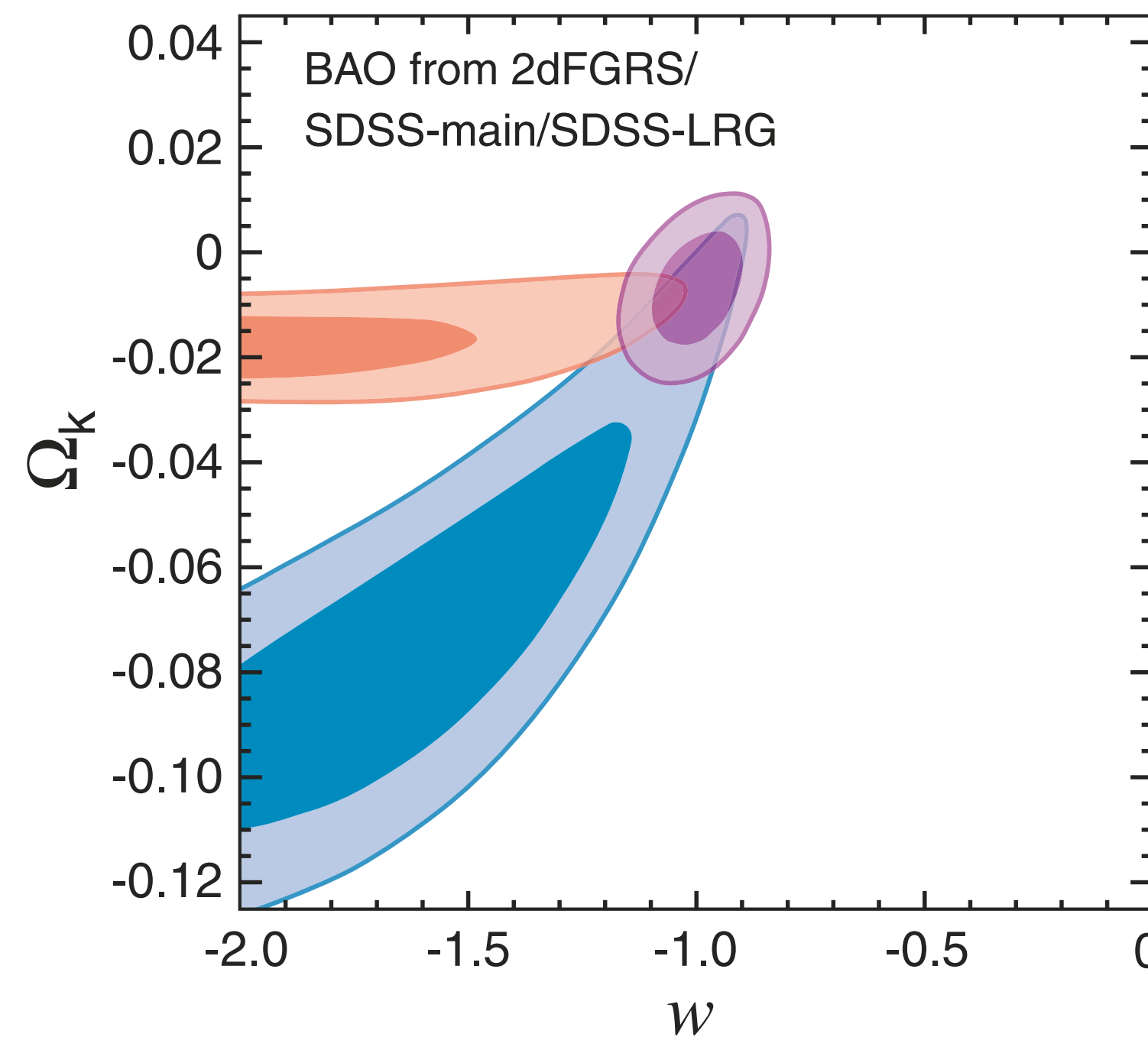
- **Flatness:** $-0.0179 < \Omega_k < 0.0081$ (not assuming $w=-1$!)
- **Non-adiabaticity:** $<8.9\%$ (axion DM); $<2.1\%$ (curvaton DM)
- **Non-Gaussianity:** $-9 < \text{Local} < 111$; $-151 < \text{Equilateral} < 253$
- **Tilt** (for $r=0$): $n_s=0.960 \pm 0.013$ [68% CL]
- **Gravitational waves:** $r < 0.22$
 - $n_s=0.970 \pm 0.015$ [68% CL]
 - $n_s > 1$ disfavored at 95% CL regardless of r

Dark Energy From Distance Information Alone

- We provide a set of “WMAP distance priors” for testing various dark energy models.
 - Redshift of decoupling, $z^*=1090.04$ (Err=0.93)
 - Acoustic scale, $l_A=\pi d_A(z^*)/r_s(z^*)=302.10$ (Err=0.86)
 - Shift parameter, $R=\sqrt{\Omega_m H_0^2} d_A(z^*)=1.710$ (Err=0.019)
- Correlations between these three quantities are also provided.

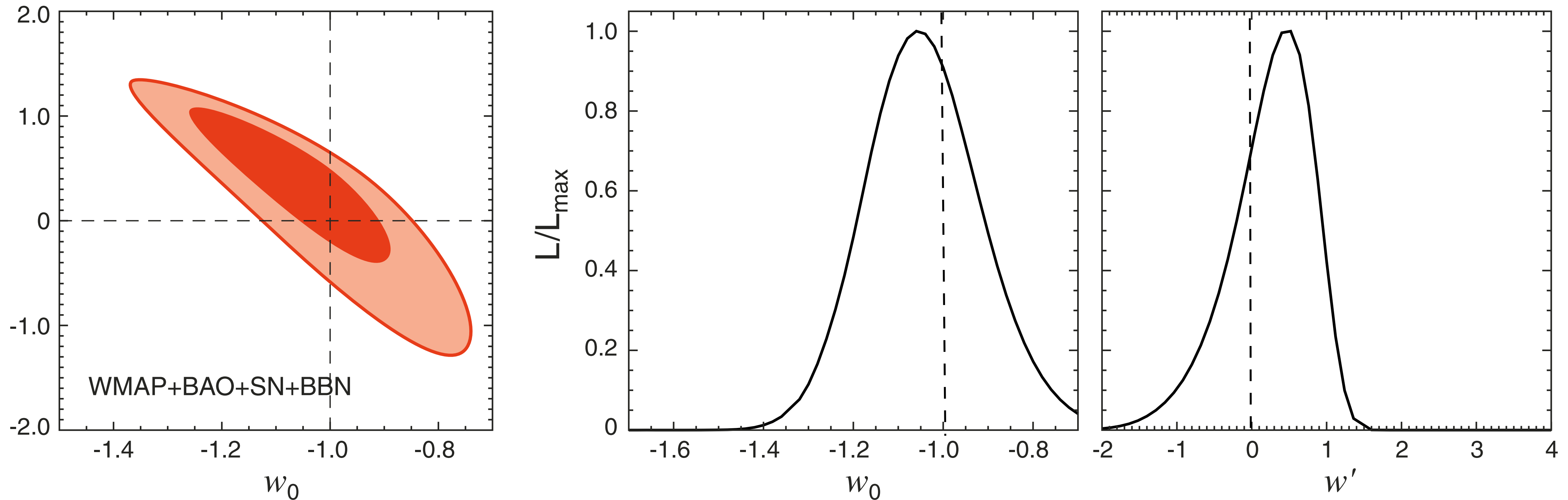


- Top
- Full WMAP Data
- Bottom
- WMAP Distance Priors



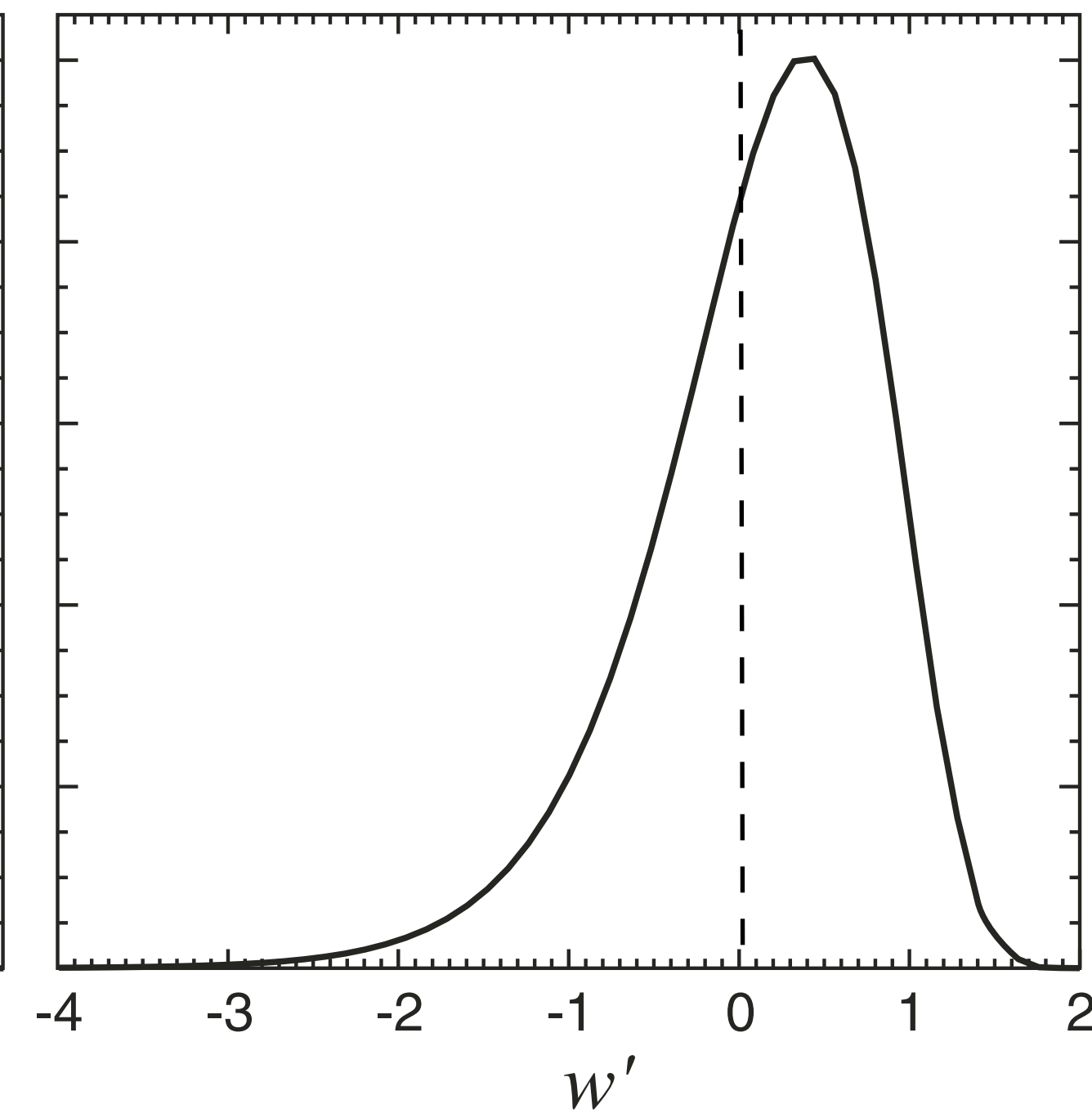
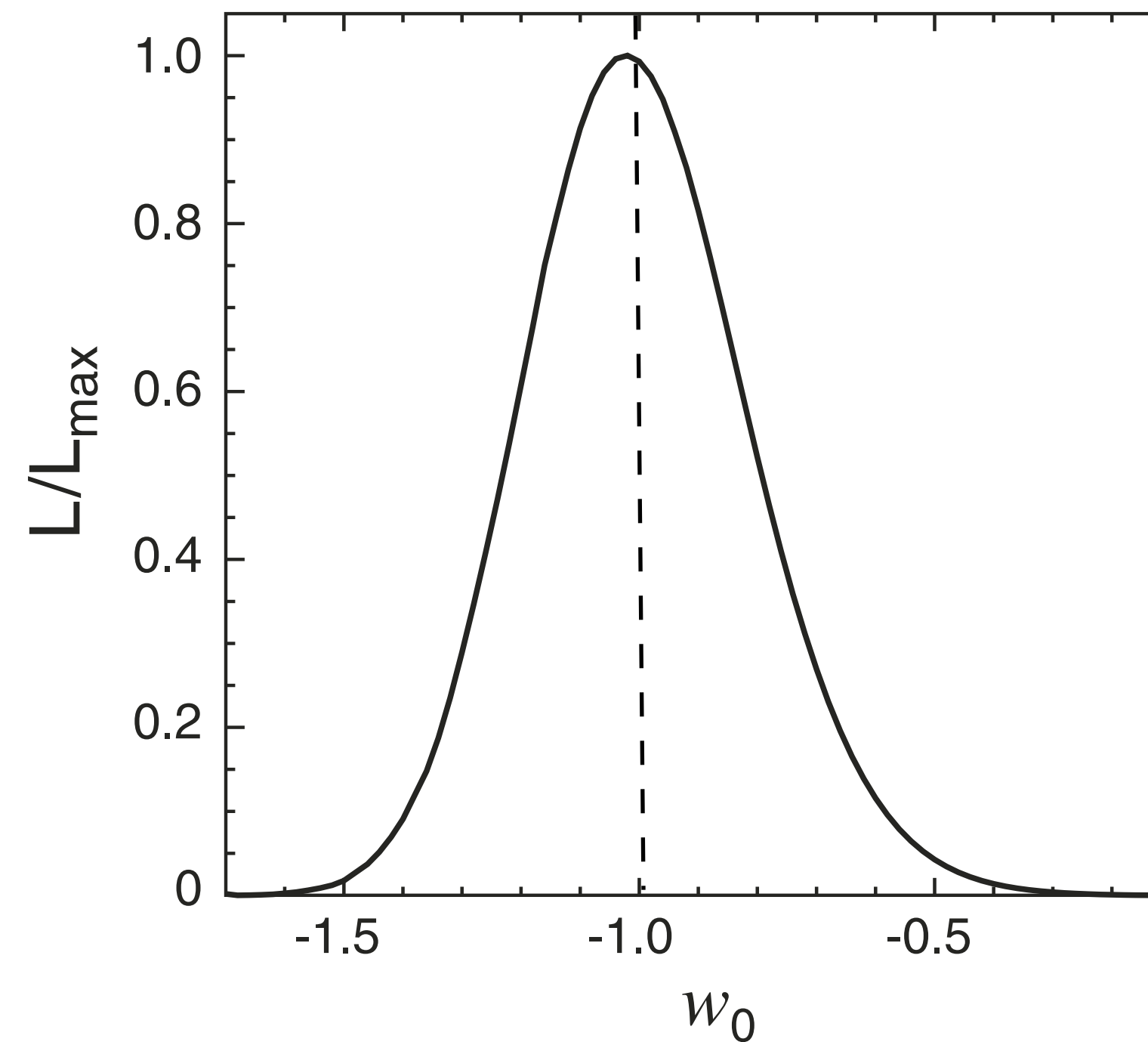
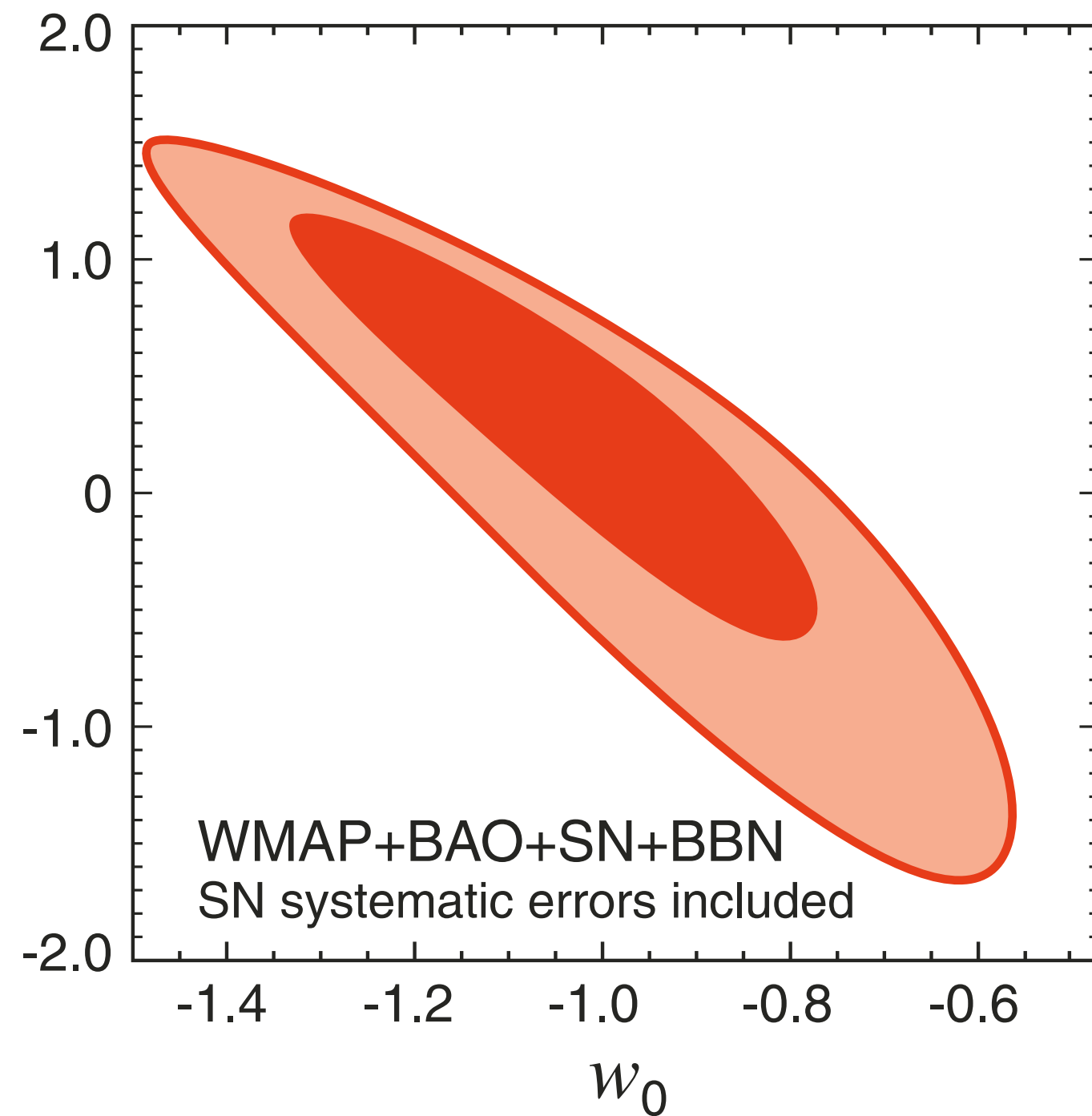
Dark Energy EOS:

$$w(z) = w_0 + w'z / (1+z)$$



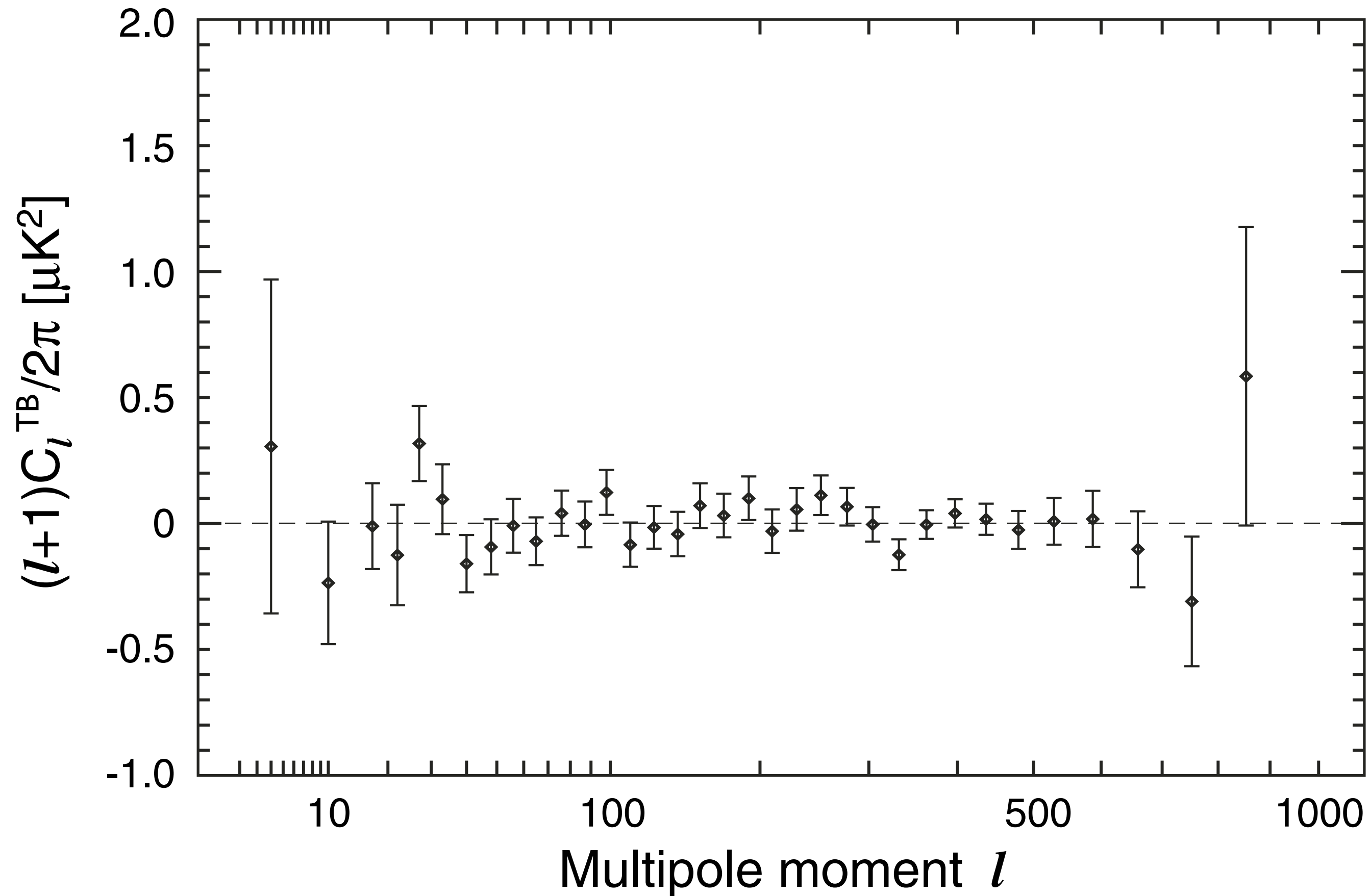
- Dark energy is pretty consistent with cosmological constant: $w_0 = -1.04 \pm 0.13$ & $w' = 0.24 \pm 0.55$ (68%CL)

Dark Energy EOS: Including Sys. Err. in SN Ia



- Dark energy is pretty consistent with cosmological constant: $w_0 = -1.00 \pm 0.19$ & $w' = 0.11 \pm 0.70$ (68%CL)

Probing Parity Violation *Nolta et al.*



- Parity violating interactions that rotate the polarization angle of CMB can produce TB and EB correlations.

E \rightarrow B

$$C_l^{TE,obs} = C_l^{TE} \cos(2\Delta\alpha),$$

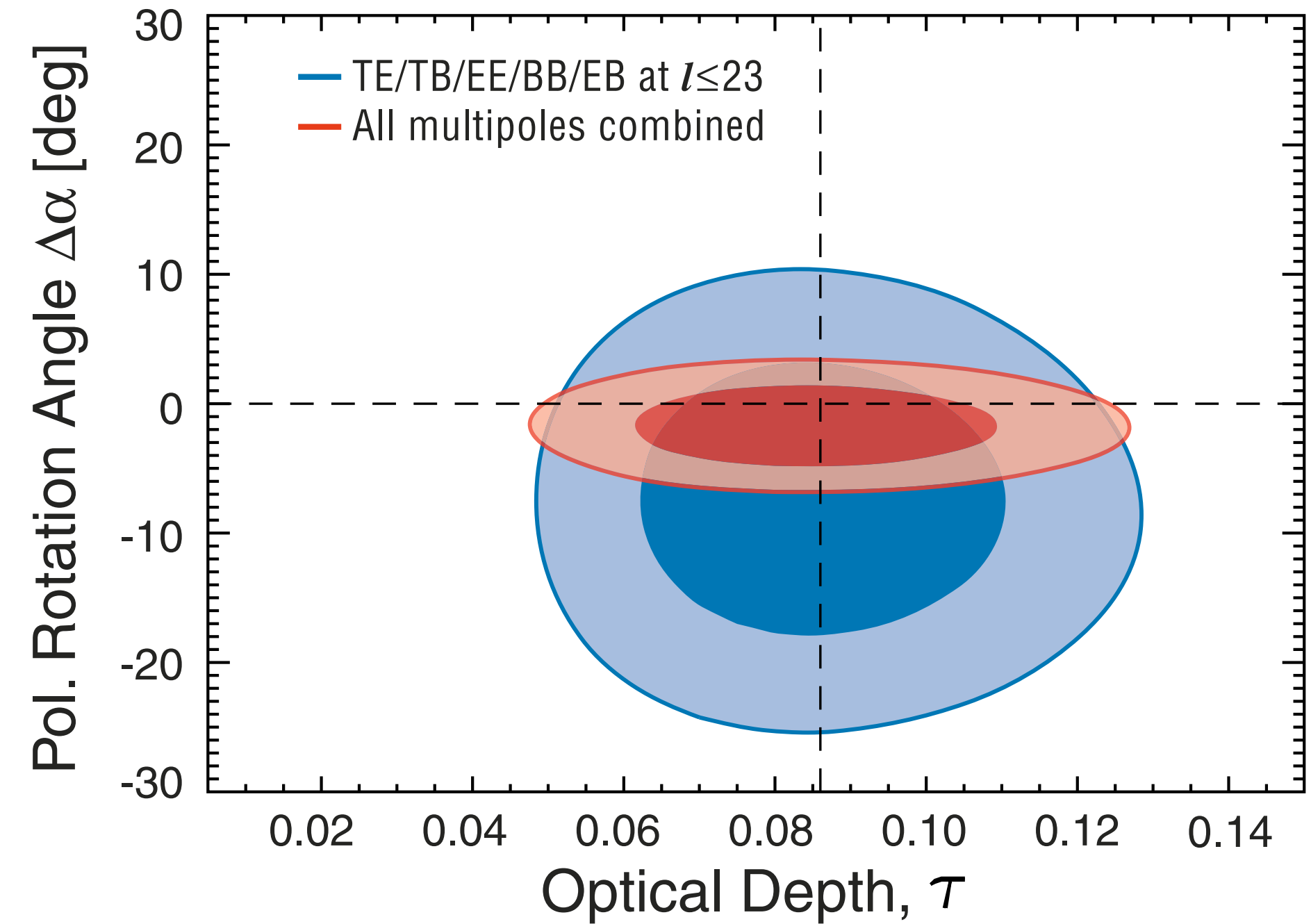
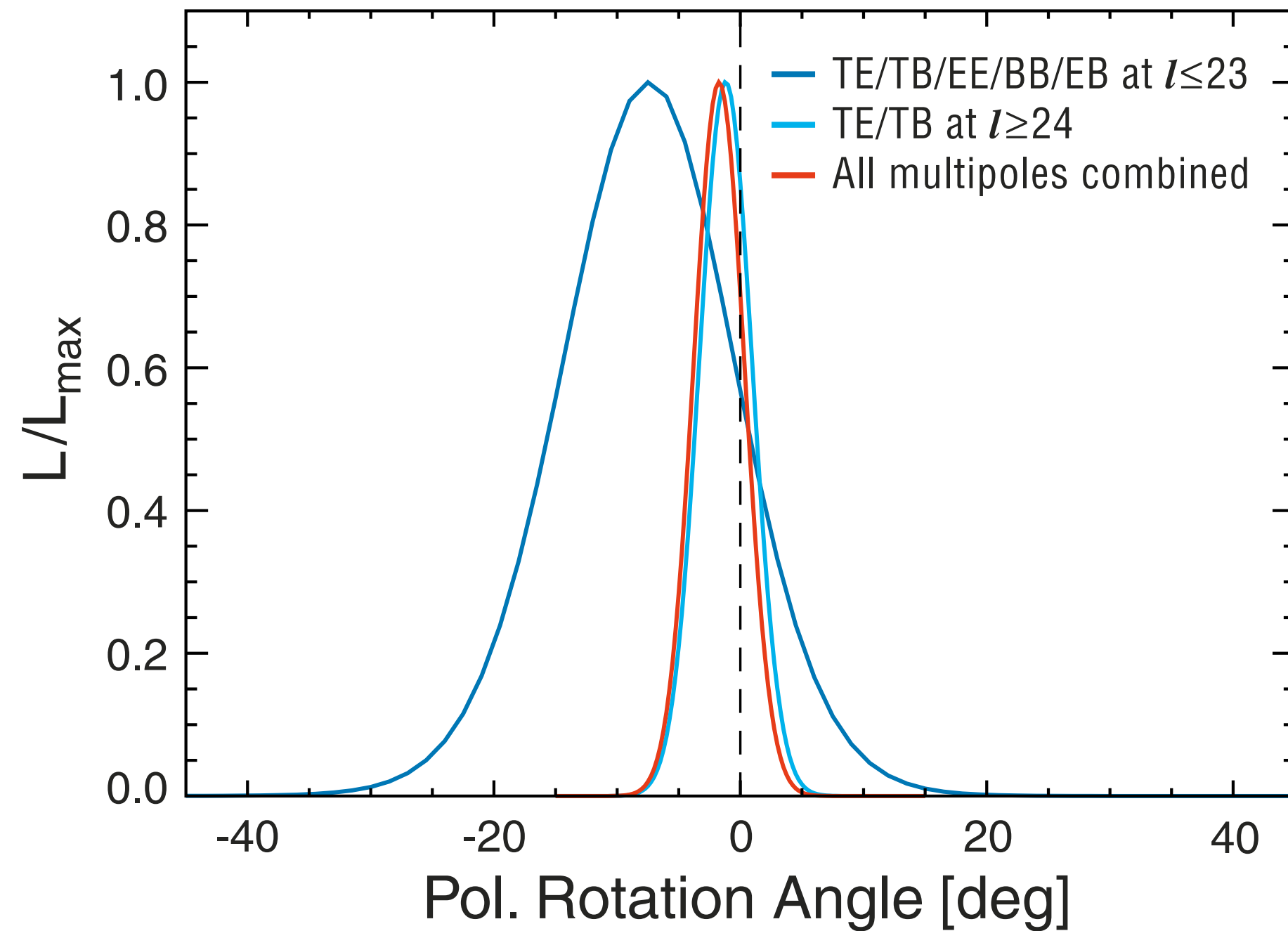
$$C_l^{TB,obs} = C_l^{TE} \sin(2\Delta\alpha),$$

$$C_l^{EE,obs} = C_l^{EE} \cos^2(2\Delta\alpha),$$

$$C_l^{BB,obs} = C_l^{EE} \sin^2(2\Delta\alpha),$$

$$C_l^{EB,obs} = \frac{1}{2} C_l^{EE} \sin(4\Delta\alpha).$$

- These are simpler relations when there was no primordial B-mode polarization.
- How much rotation would WMAP allow?



- **$\Delta\alpha = (-1.7 \pm 2.1)$ degrees (68% CL)**

- Comparable to the astrophysical constraint from quasars and radio galaxies

- $\Delta\alpha = (-0.6 \pm 1.5)$ degrees (68% CL) (Carroll 1998)

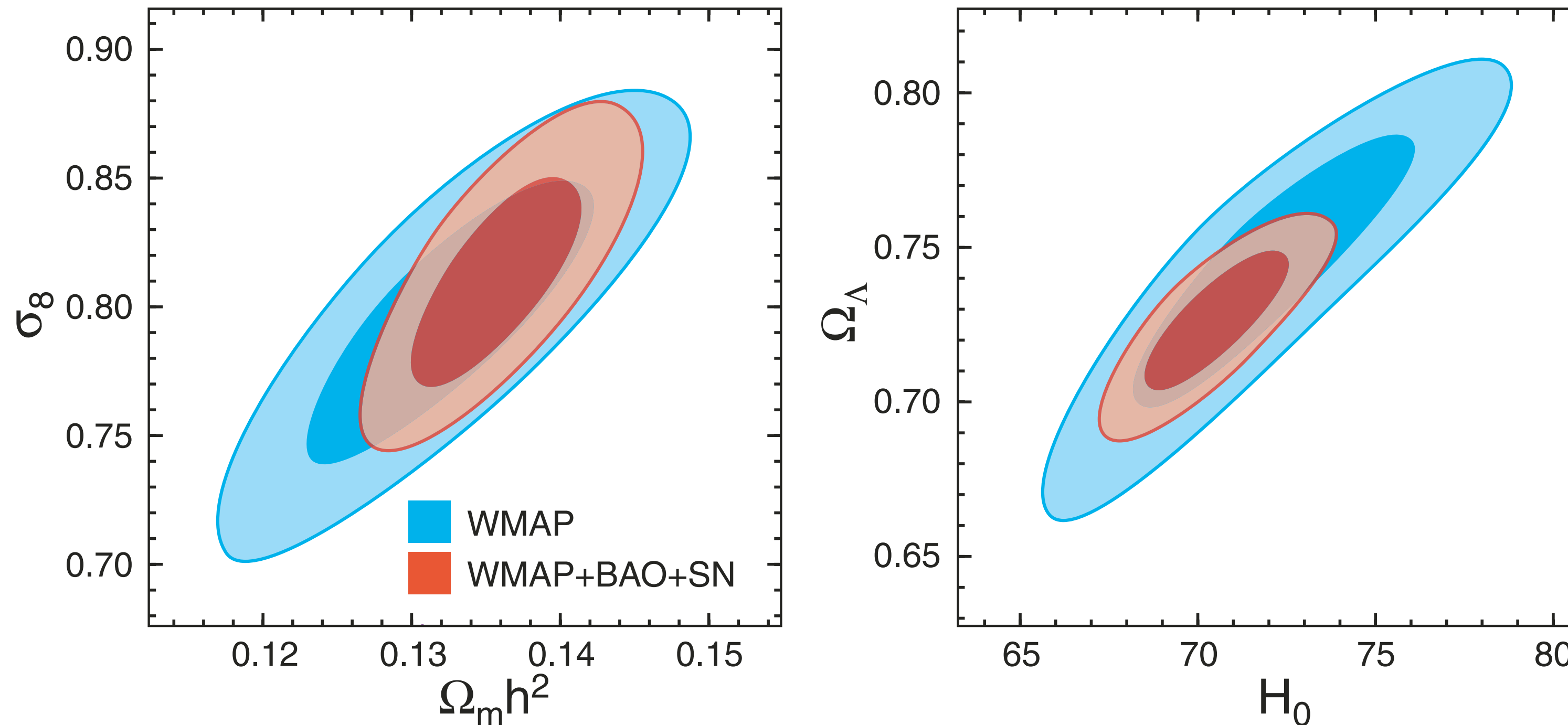
- But, note the difference in path length!

After the quest in the dark forest...

Section	Name	Type	WMAP 5-year	WMAP+BAO+SN
§ 3.2	Gravitational Wave ^a	No Running Ind.	$r < 0.43^b$	$r < 0.22$
§ 3.1.3	Running Index	No Grav. Wave	$-0.090 < dn_s/d \ln k < 0.019^c$	$-0.068 < dn_s/d \ln k < 0.012$
§ 3.4	Curvature ^d		$-0.063 < \Omega_k < 0.017^e$	$-0.0179 < \Omega_k < 0.0081^f$
	Curvature Radius ^g	Positive Curv.	$R_{\text{curv}} > 12 h^{-1} \text{Gpc}$	$R_{\text{curv}} > 23 h^{-1} \text{Gpc}$
		Negative Curv.	$R_{\text{curv}} > 22 h^{-1} \text{Gpc}$	$R_{\text{curv}} > 33 h^{-1} \text{Gpc}$
§ 3.5	Gaussianity	Local	$-9 < f_{NL}^{\text{local}} < 111^h$	N/A
		Equilateral	$-151 < f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} < 253^i$	N/A
§ 3.6	Adiabaticity	Axion	$\alpha_0 < 0.16^j$	$\alpha_0 < 0.072^k$
		Curvaton	$\alpha_{-1} < 0.011^l$	$\alpha_{-1} < 0.0041^m$
§ 4	Parity Violation	Chern-Simons ⁿ	$-5.9^\circ < \Delta\alpha < 2.4^\circ$	N/A
§ 5	Dark Energy	Constant w^o	$-1.37 < 1 + w < 0.32^p$	$-0.14 < 1 + w < 0.12$
		Evolving $w(z)^q$	N/A	$-0.33 < 1 + w_0 < 0.21^r$
§ 6.1	Neutrino Mass ^s		$\sum m_\nu < 1.3 \text{ eV}^t$	$\sum m_\nu < 0.67 \text{ eV}^u$
§ 6.2	Neutrino Species		$N_{\text{eff}} > 2.3^v$	$N_{\text{eff}} = 4.4 \pm 1.5^w$ (68%)

- ...here is a report, captain...

What About Λ CDM?



- BAO+SN are very powerful in reducing the uncertainty in several Λ CDM parameters.
- Any parameters related to $\Omega_m h^2$ & H_0 have improved significantly.

And, we ended up here again...

Class	Parameter	WMAP 5-year ML ^a	WMAP+BAO+SN ML	WMAP 5-year Mean ^b	WMAP+BAO+SN Mean
Primary	$100\Omega_b h^2$	2.268 2.27	2.262	2.273 ± 0.062	$2.267^{+0.058}_{-0.059}$
	$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1081	0.1138	0.1099 ± 0.0062	0.1131 ± 0.0034
	Ω_Λ	0.751	0.723	0.742 ± 0.030	0.726 ± 0.015
	n_s	0.961	0.962	$0.963^{+0.014}_{-0.015}$	0.960 ± 0.013
	τ	0.089	0.088	0.087 ± 0.017	0.084 ± 0.016
	$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2 (k_0^e)$	2.41×10^{-9}	2.46×10^{-9}	$(2.41 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-9}$	$(2.445 \pm 0.096) \times 10^{-9}$
Derived	σ_8	0.787	0.817	0.796 ± 0.036	0.812 ± 0.026
	H_0	72.4 km/s/Mpc	70.2 km/s/Mpc	$71.9^{+2.6}_{-2.7}$ km/s/Mpc	70.5 ± 1.3 km/s/Mpc
	Ω_b	0.0432	0.0459	0.0441 ± 0.0030	0.0456 ± 0.0015
	Ω_c	0.206	0.231	0.214 ± 0.027	0.228 ± 0.013
	$\Omega_m h^2$	0.1308	0.1364	0.1326 ± 0.0063	$0.1358^{+0.0037}_{-0.0036}$
	z_{reion}^f	11.2	11.3	11.0 ± 1.4	10.9 ± 1.4
	t_0^g	13.69 Gyr	13.72 Gyr	13.69 ± 0.13 Gyr	13.72 ± 0.12 Gyr

Λ CDM: Cosmologist's Nightmare

Summary

- A simple, yet *annoying* Λ CDM still fits the WMAP data, as well as the other astrophysical data sets.
- **We did everything we could do to find deviations from Λ CDM, but failed.**
 - Bad news... we still don't know what DE or DM is.
- Significant improvements in limits on the deviations
 - Most notably, $r < 0.22$ (95% CL), and $n_s > 1$ is now disfavored regardless of r .
 - Good News: Many popular inflation models have been either ruled out, or being in danger!
- Significant improvements in Λ CDM parameters.

Looking Ahead...

- With more WMAP observations, exciting discoveries may be waiting for us. Two examples for which we might be seeing some hints from the 5-year data:
 - Non-Gaussianity: If $f_{\text{NL}} \sim 50$, we will see it at the 3 sigma level with 9 years of data.
 - Gravitational waves (r) and tilt (n_s) : $m^2\phi^2$ can be pushed out of the favorable parameter region
 - $n_s > 1$ would be convincingly ruled out regardless of r .