

Cosmology at radio frequencies with the SKA

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The SKA



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- The **Square Kilometre Array (SKA)** will be the largest radio-telescope on Earth and will be built in **two locations**



The SKA



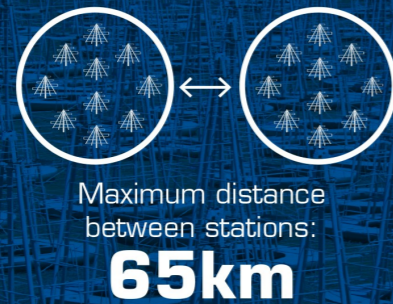
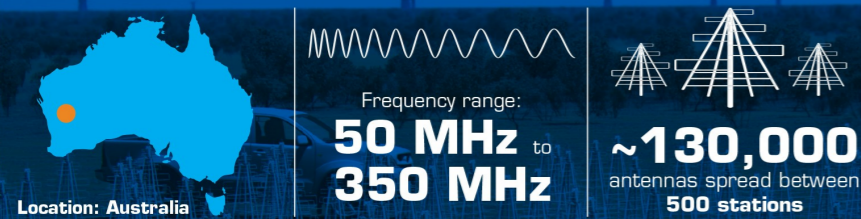
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50 MHz

14 GHz

SKA1 LOW - the SKA's low-frequency instrument

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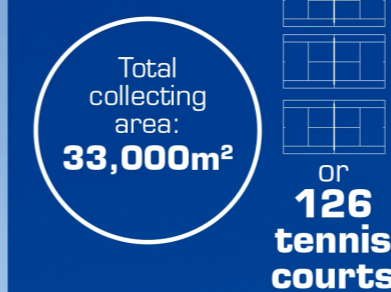
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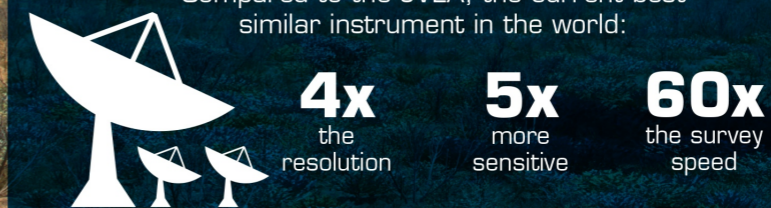
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SKA Key Science Drivers: The history of the Universe



Testing General Relativity
(Strong Regime, Gravitational Waves)

Cosmic Dawn
(First Stars and Galaxies)

Cradle of Life
(Planets, Molecules, SETI)

**Broadest range of
science of any facility,
worldwide**

Galaxy Evolution
(Normal Galaxies $z \sim 2-3$)

Cosmic Magnetism
(Origin, Evolution)

Cosmology
(Dark Energy, Large Scale Structure)

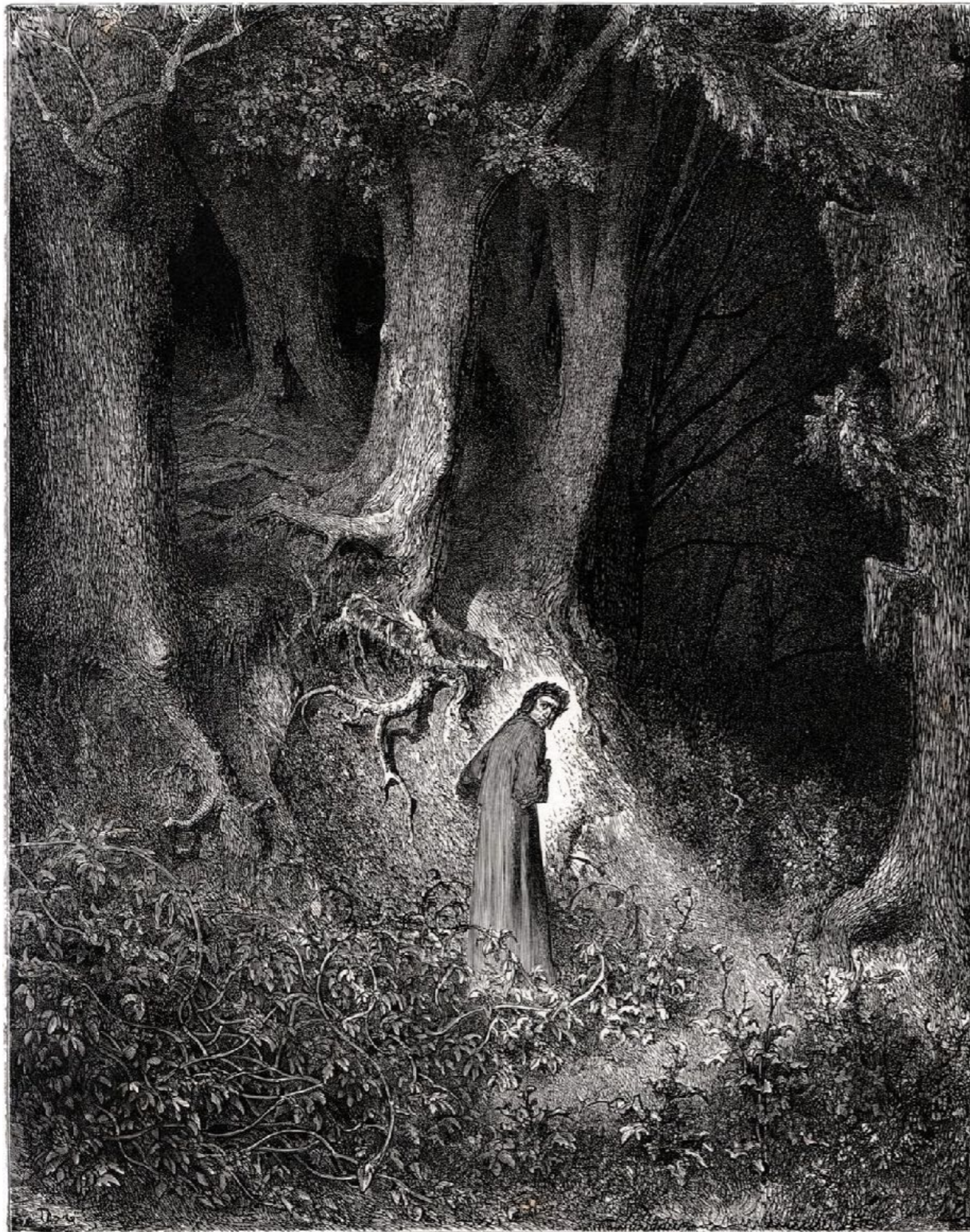
Exploration of the Unknown

[Courtesy of A. Bonaldi]

'Within a forest dark'



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Dark matter



Dark energy

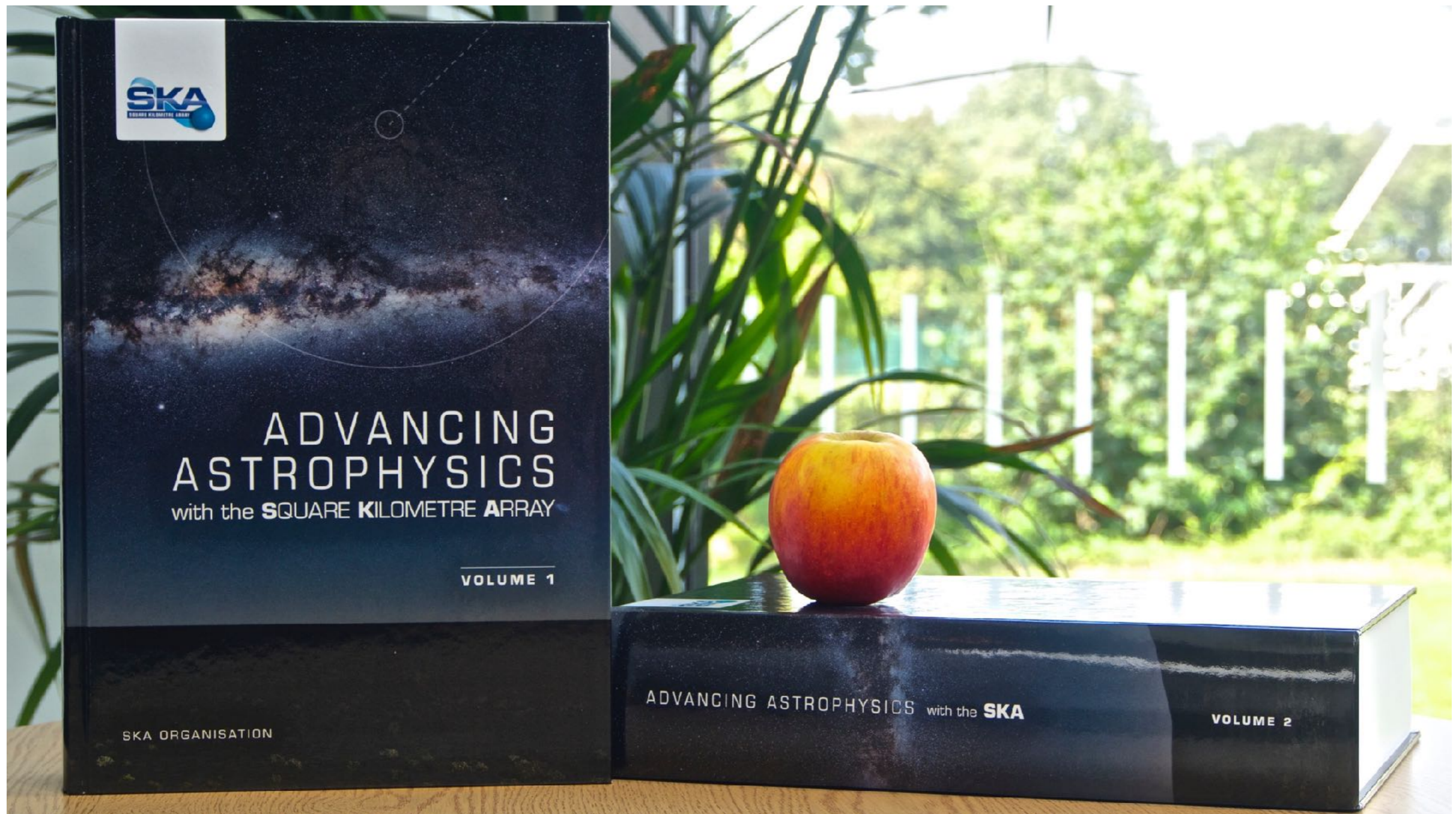


Inflation

SKA cosmology



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[Bacon, SC et al. 2019 (in press)]

Cosmology with Phase 1 of the Square Kilometre Array

Red Book 2018: Technical specifications and performance forecasts

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FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS WITH THE SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS NOW AVAILABLE [HERE](#)

1st-5th May 2017, [La Pirogue Resort](#), Flic en Flac, Mauritius

Multi-wavelength cosmology



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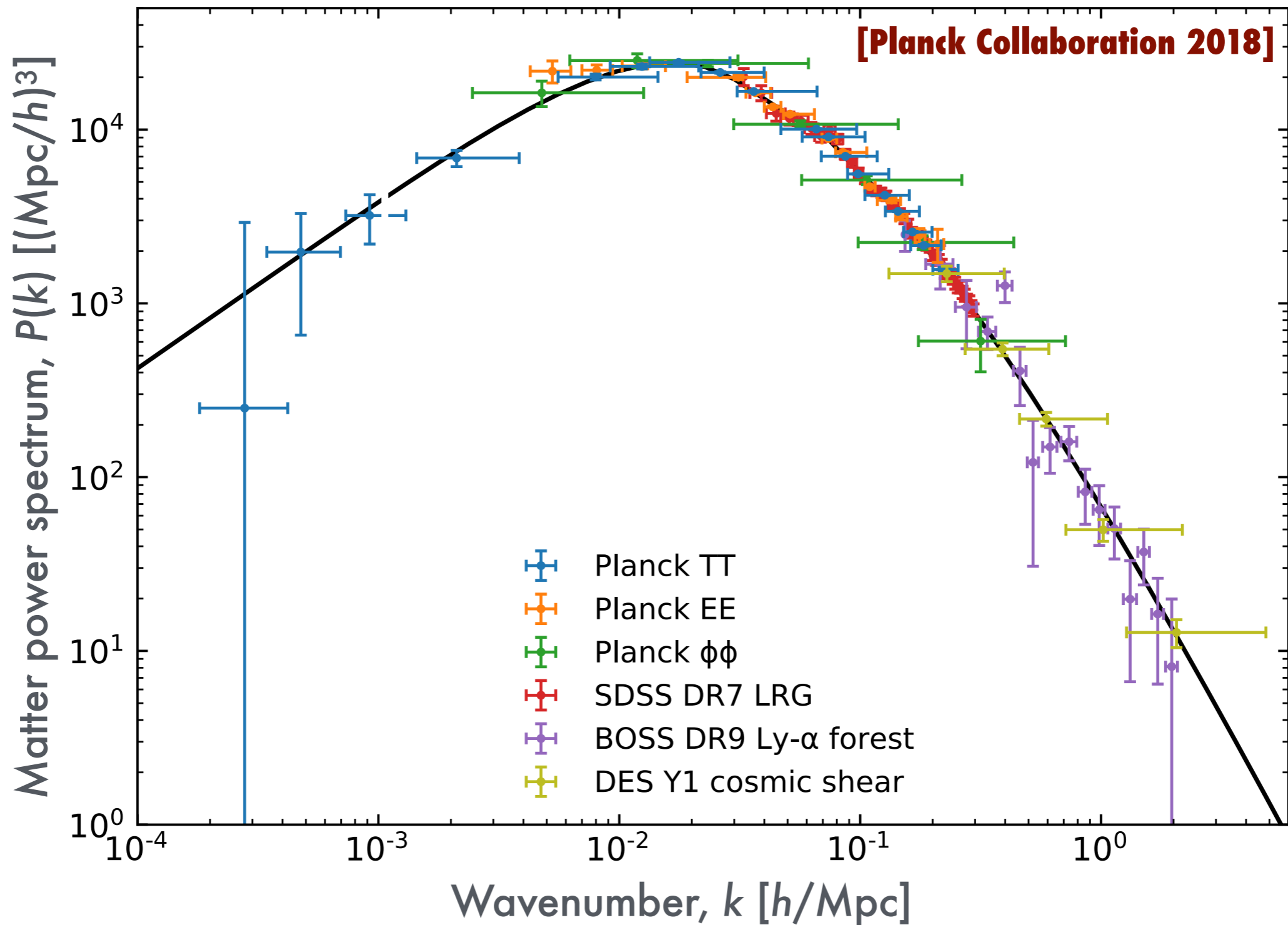


Correlations

- Cosmological perturbations $f(t, \mathbf{x})$
[temperature anisotropies, density fluctuations...]
- Correlation function $\xi^f(t, |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|) = \langle f(t, \mathbf{x}) f(t, \mathbf{y}) \rangle$
- Fourier-space power spectrum
 $\langle \hat{f}_{\mathbf{k}}(t) \hat{f}_{\mathbf{k}'}^*(t) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta_{\mathbf{D}}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') P^f(k, t)$
- *E.g. #1:* Matter 2-pt correlation function and power spectrum

$$f(t, \mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \delta(t, \mathbf{x}) \simeq \frac{\delta_{\mathbf{g}}(t, \mathbf{x})}{b_{\mathbf{g}}(t)}$$

Correlations



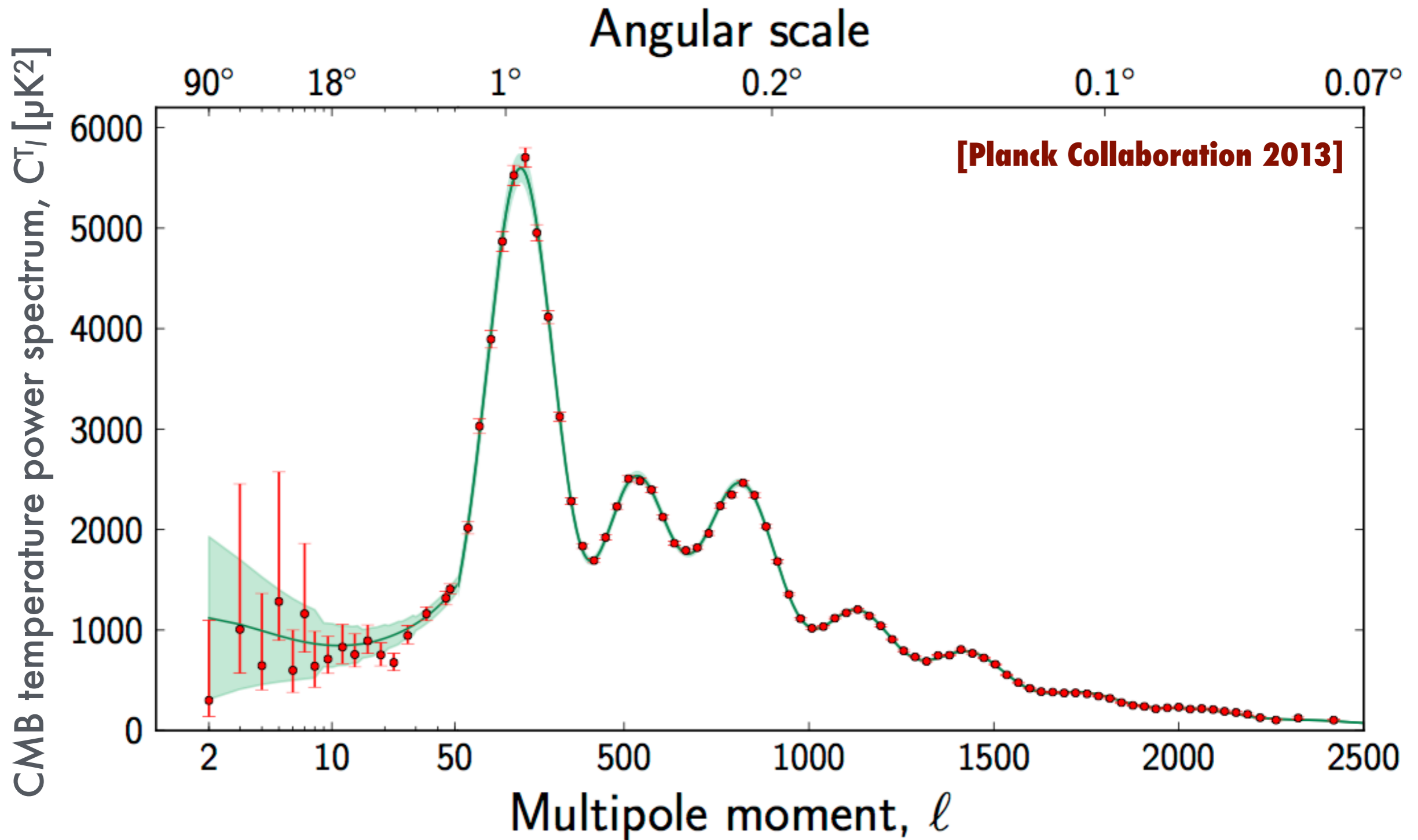
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- **E.g. #2: CMB temperature anisotropies** $f(t, \mathbf{x}) \rightarrow T(t_{\text{rec}}, \vec{\theta})$

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Cross-correlations

- Cosmological perturbations

$$g(t, \vec{x}) f(t, \mathbf{x})$$

[temperature anisotropies, density fluctuations...]

- Correlation function

$$\xi^f(t, |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|) = \langle f(t, \mathbf{x}) g(t, \mathbf{y}) \rangle$$

- Fourier-space power spectrum

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- Harmonic-space power spectrum

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Radio cosmology



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- Radio surveys and observables
 - Continuum galaxy surveys
 - HI-line galaxy surveys
 - HI intensity mapping
 - Radio weak lensing
- Multi-wavelength synergies

Radio continuum

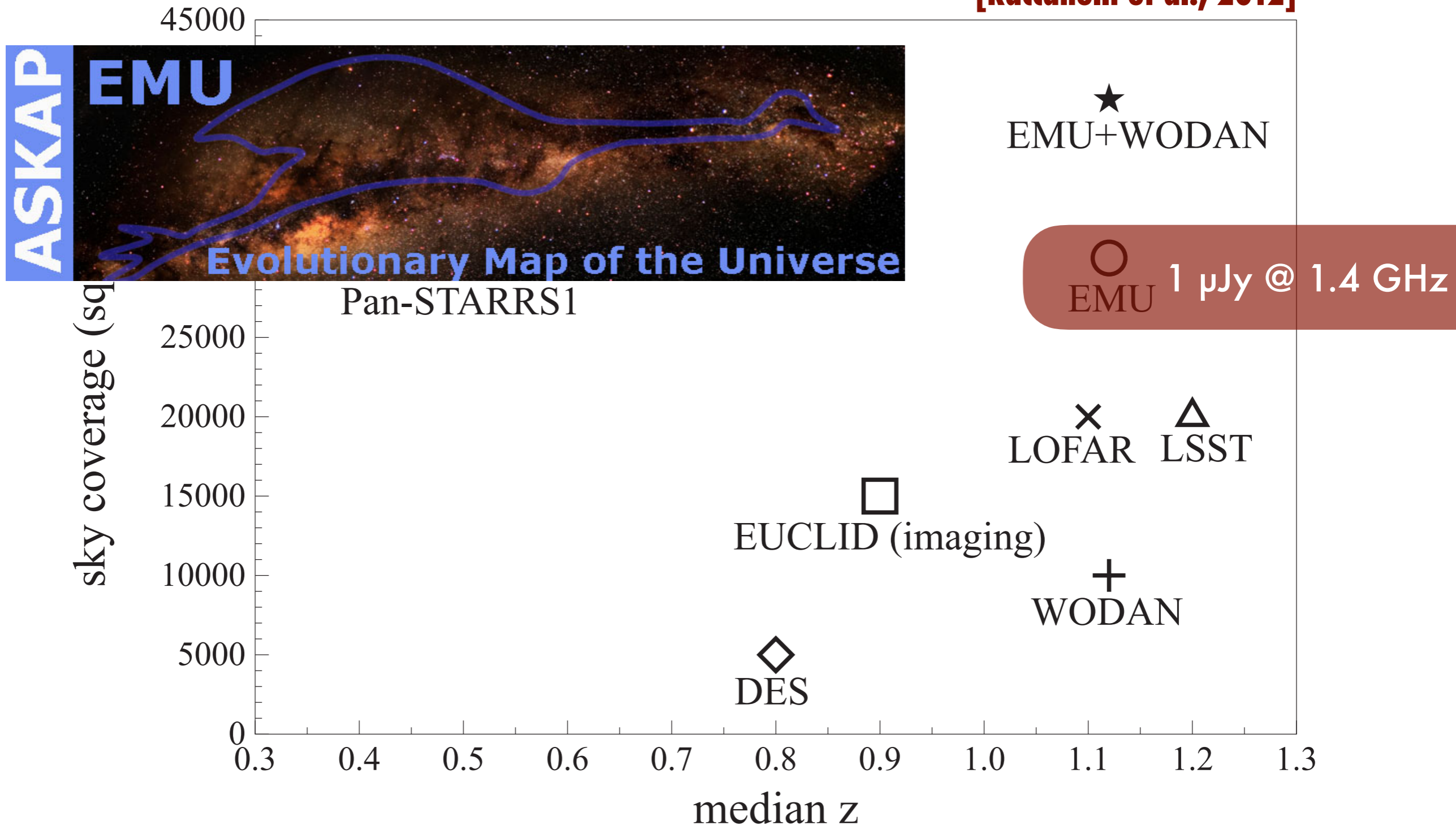


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- **Origin:** synchrotron emission of charged particles
- **Pros:** large number of galaxies (strong signal)
- **Cons:** no redshift information
- **Examples:**
 - **VLA FIRST** (10k sq. deg.; 900k galaxies)
 - **NVSS** (>34k sq. deg.; 2M galaxies; I, Q and U polarisation maps)

Radio continuum

[Raccanelli et al., 2012]



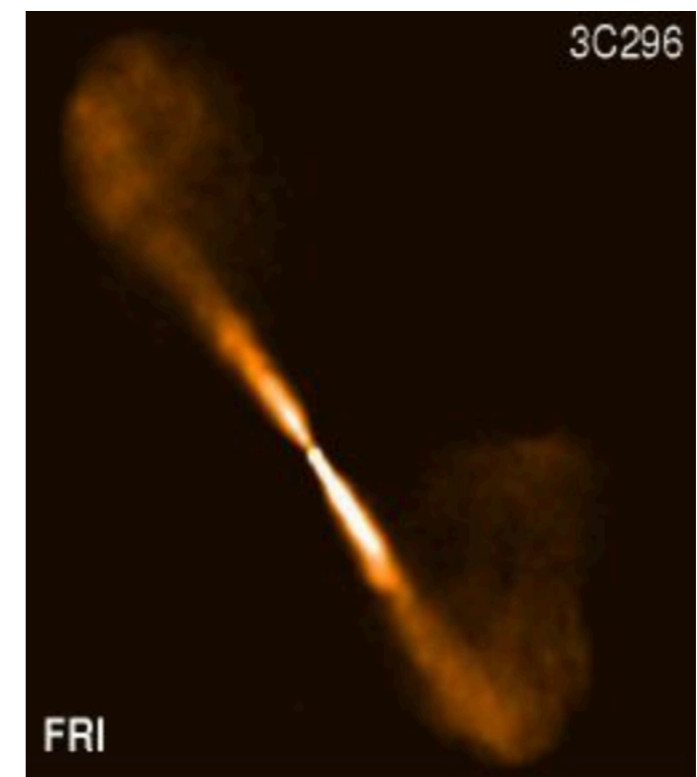
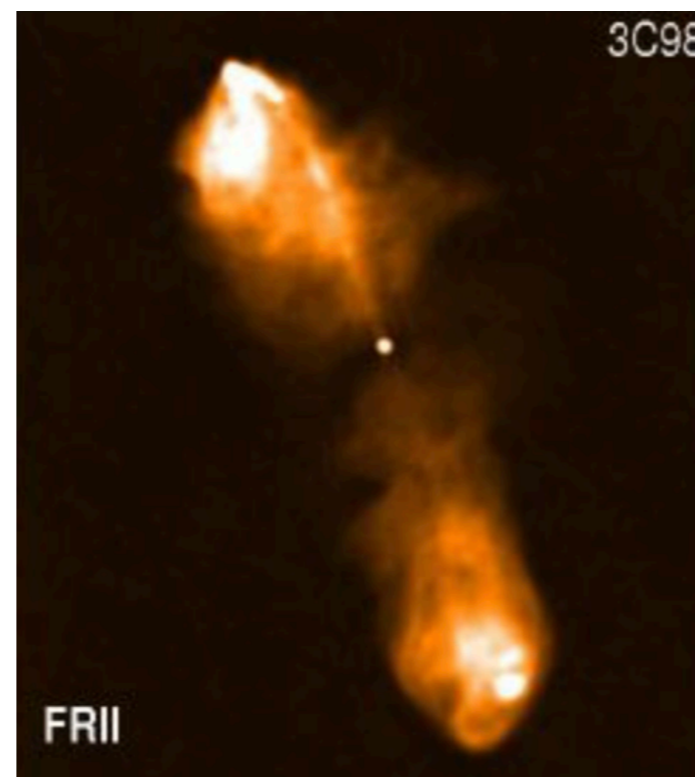
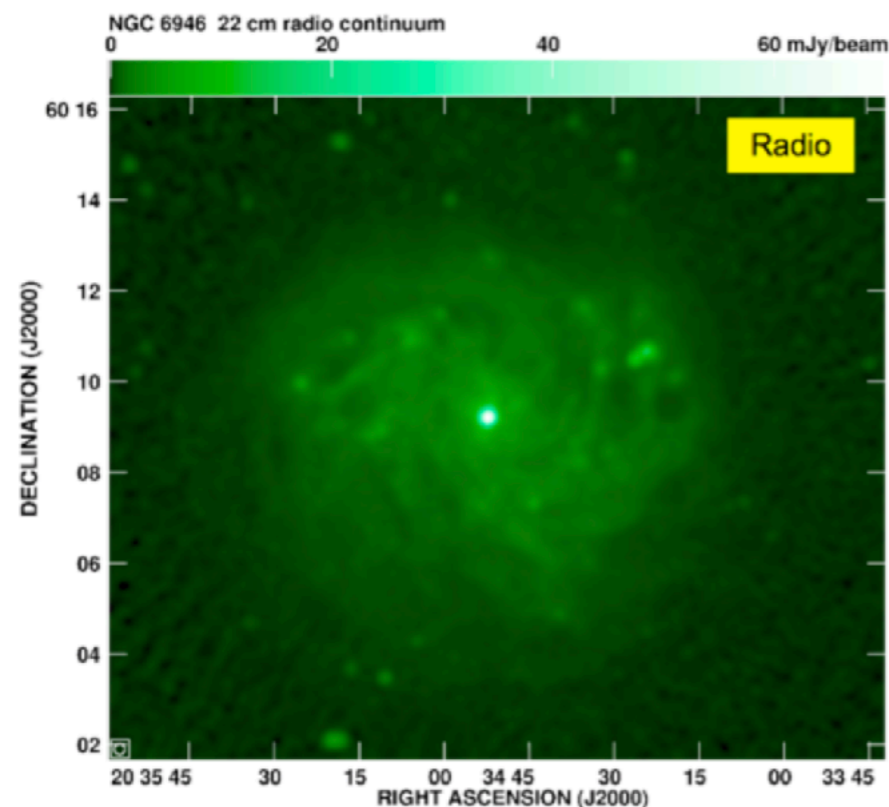
Radio continuum



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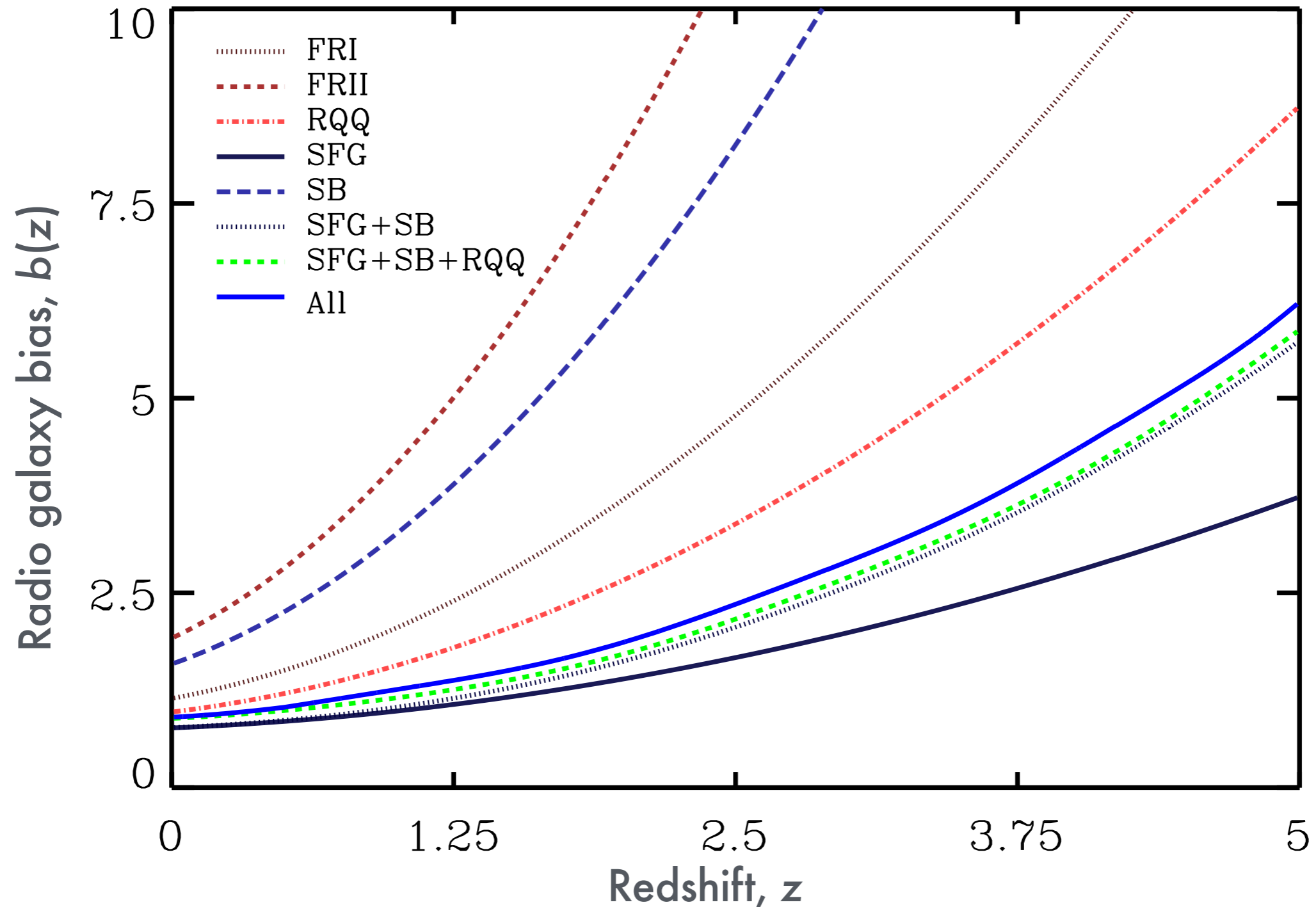
- Various populations of radio **galaxies** (e.g. **SFGs** and **AGNs**)
- Radio galaxy **populations** related to dark matter **halo mass**

[Wilman et al. 2008]



Radio continuum

[Ferramacho, SC et al. 2014]

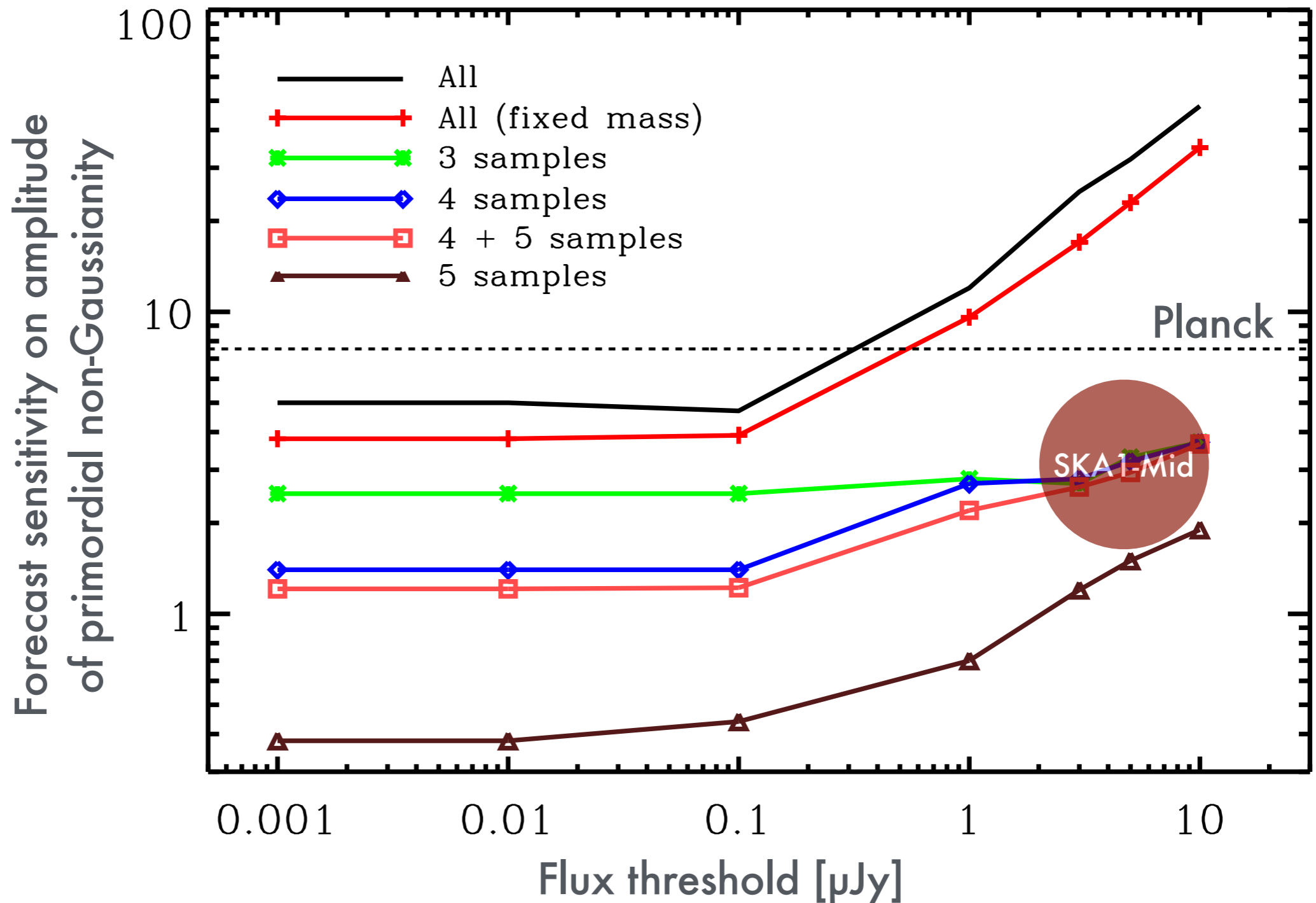


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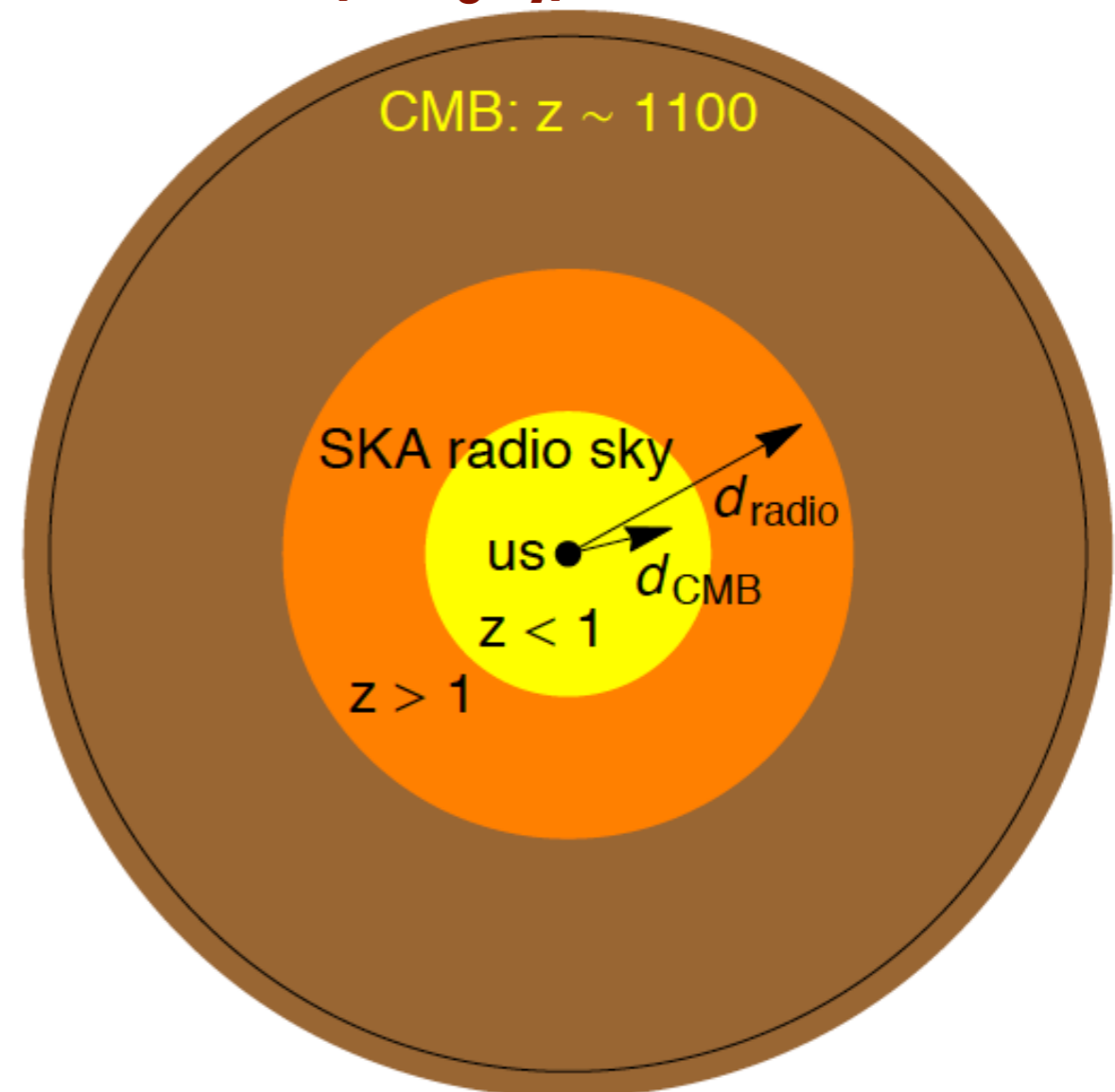
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Inflation

Radio continuum

- Testing the **cosmological** and the **Copernican** principles
[Schwarz et al. 2015, 2018; Bengaly et al. 2017;
Pant et al. 2019; Bengaly, Larena & Maartens 2019]
 - **SKA** galaxy survey angular correlation function will be able to detect dipole:
 - Within 5° (**SKA1**)
 - Within 1° (**SKA2**)



HI galaxies

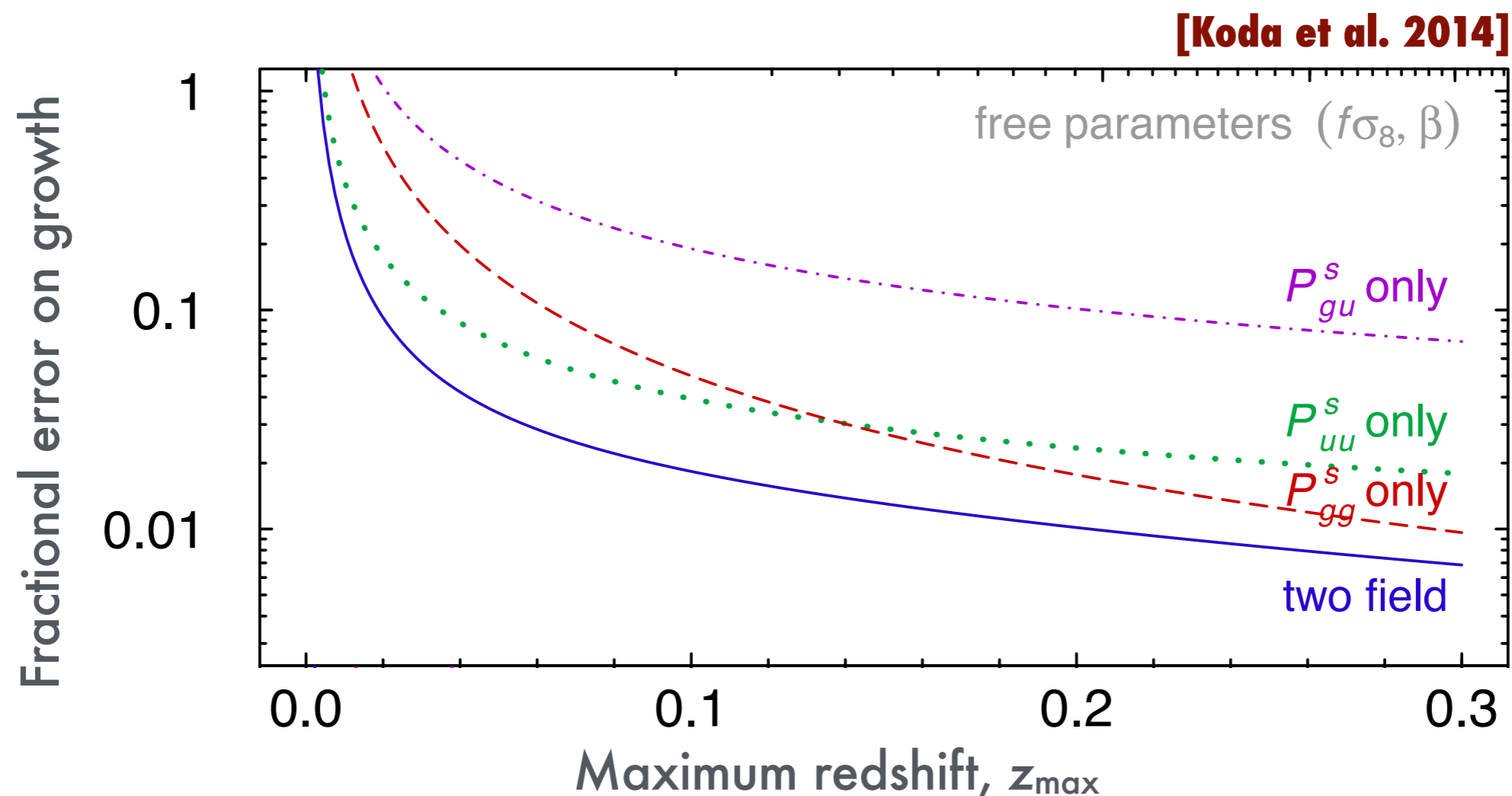


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- **Origin:** HI (neutral hydrogen) emission line in galaxies
- **Pros:** spectroscopic redshift accuracy, peculiar velocities
- **Cons:** fewer galaxies, threshold experiment
- **Examples:**
 - **HIPASS** (4.5k galaxies; 5σ detection limit 5.6 Jy km s^{-1} @ 200 km s^{-1})
 - **ALFALFA** (>20k galaxies; 5σ detection limit $0.72 \text{ Jy km s}^{-1}$ @ 200 km s^{-1})

HI galaxies

- HI galaxy surveys are 'Tully-Fisher' surveys
 - The intrinsic luminosity of a galaxy (from 21 cm line width) combined with its measured redshift, gives peculiar velocity of the galaxy.

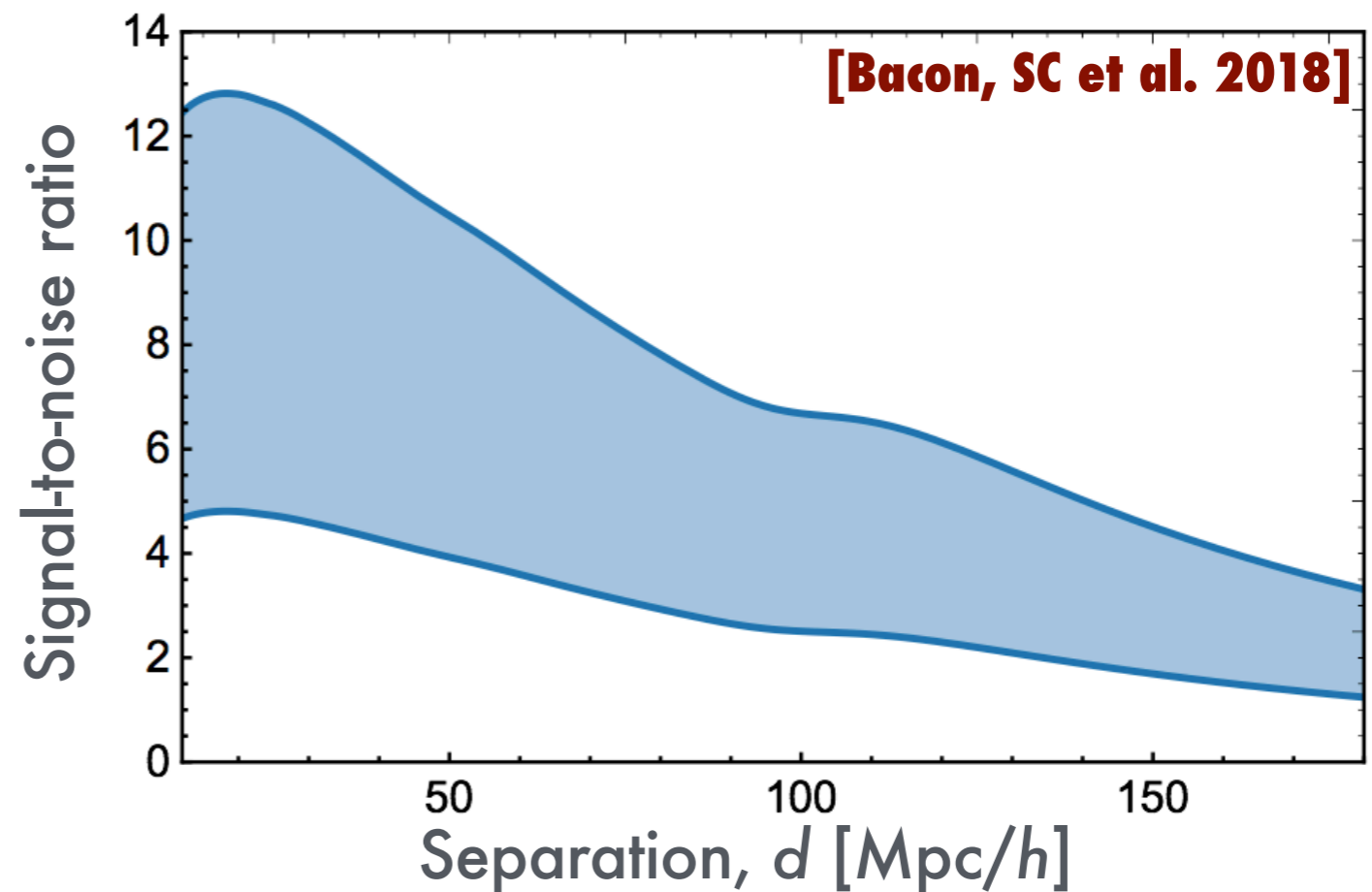
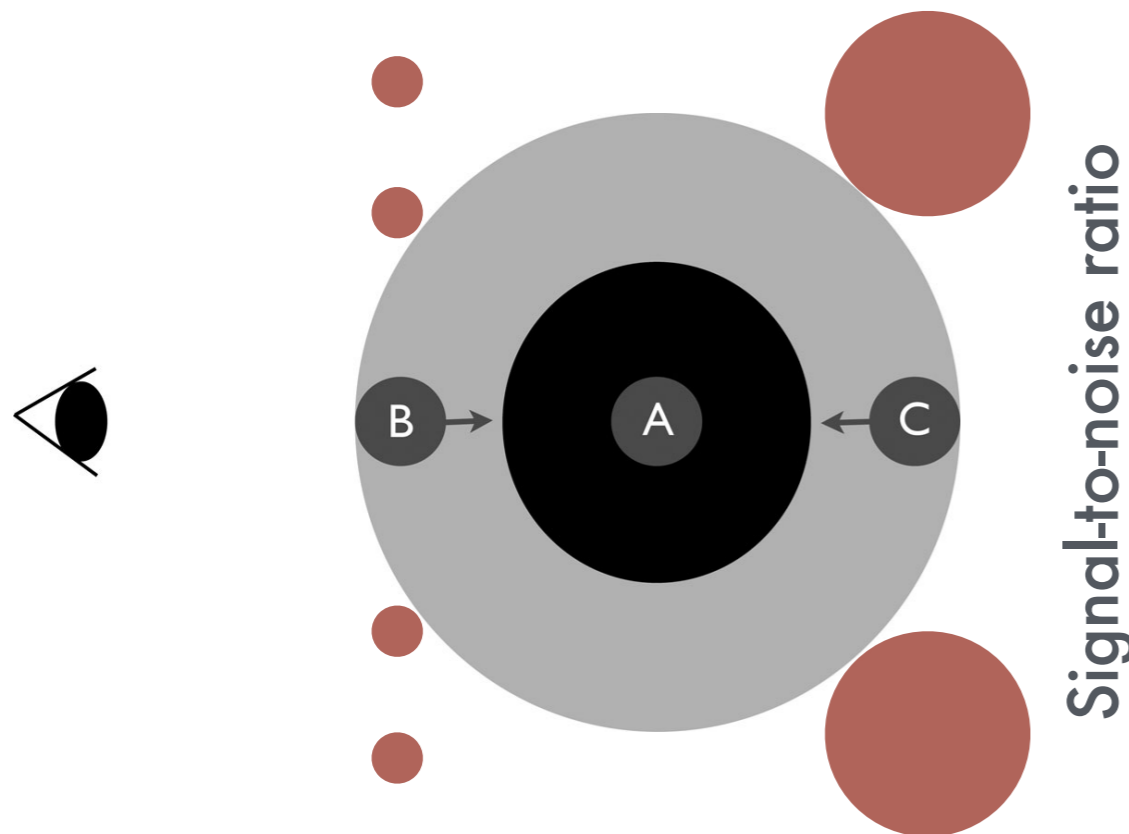


HI galaxies

- Doppler magnification

- A galaxy moving away from us will maintain fixed angular size while appearing to be further away than it really is (and thus 'bigger').

[Bacon et al. 2014; Bonvin et al. 2017]



HI intensity mapping

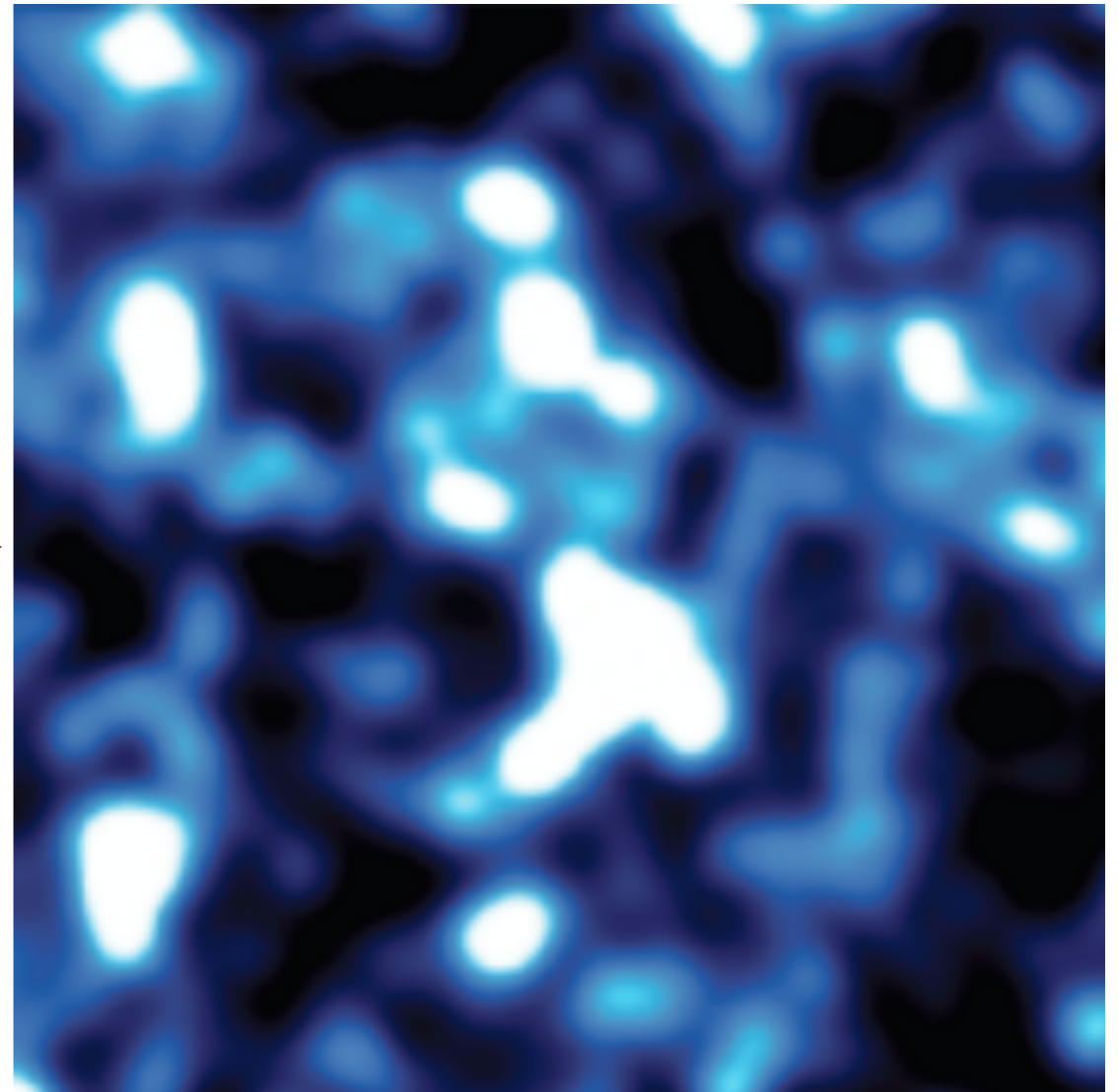


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- **Origin:** brightness temperature of 21 cm sky (after EoR ends)
- **Pros:** no photon lost, better-than-spectro-z accuracy
- **Cons:** poor angular resolution, (huge) foregrounds
- **Examples:**
 - **GBT** (~1 sq. deg. in X-corr. w/ WiggleZ @ $0.53 < z < 1.12$)
[Chang et al., Nature 2010; Masui et al. 2012; Switzer et al. 2013]
 - **Parkes** (1.3k sq. deg. in X-corr. w/ 2dFGRS @ $0.057 < z < 0.098$)
[Anderson et al. 2018]

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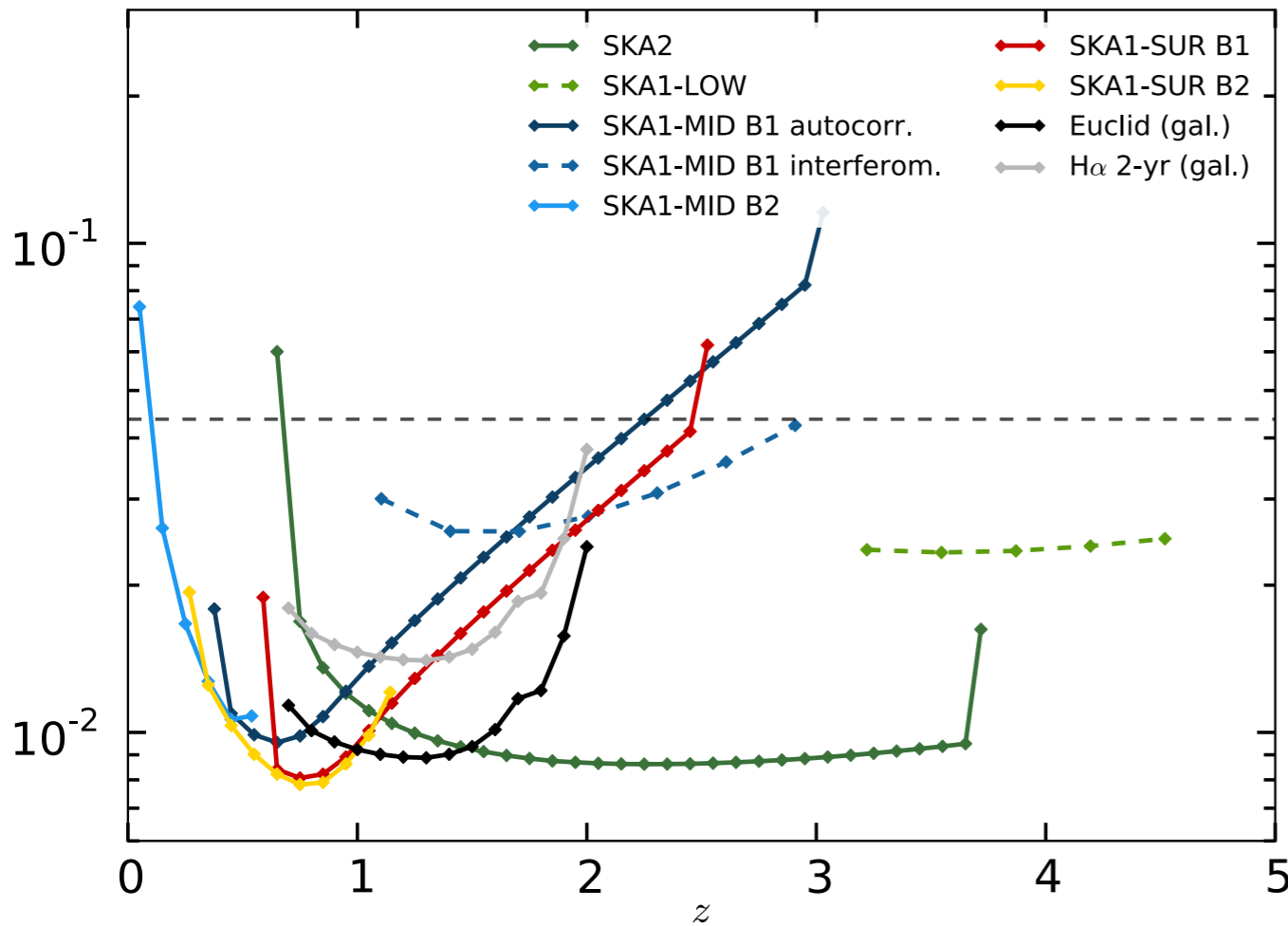
[Bharadwaj et al. 2001; Battye et al. 2004; Loeb & Whyte 2008]



- Redshift for free: $\nu_{\text{obs}} = 1420 \text{ MHz} / (1+z)$

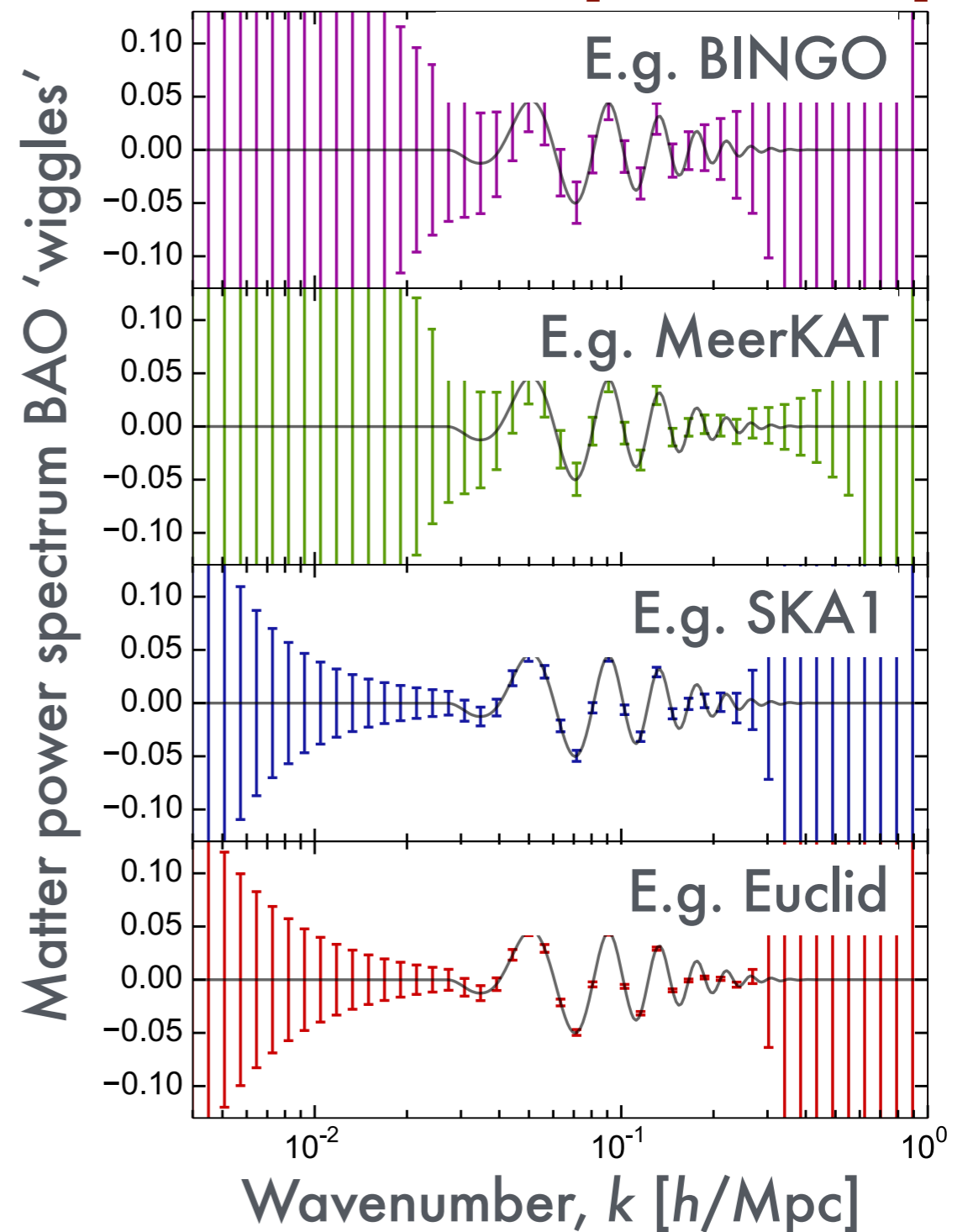
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[Santos, SC et al. 2015]



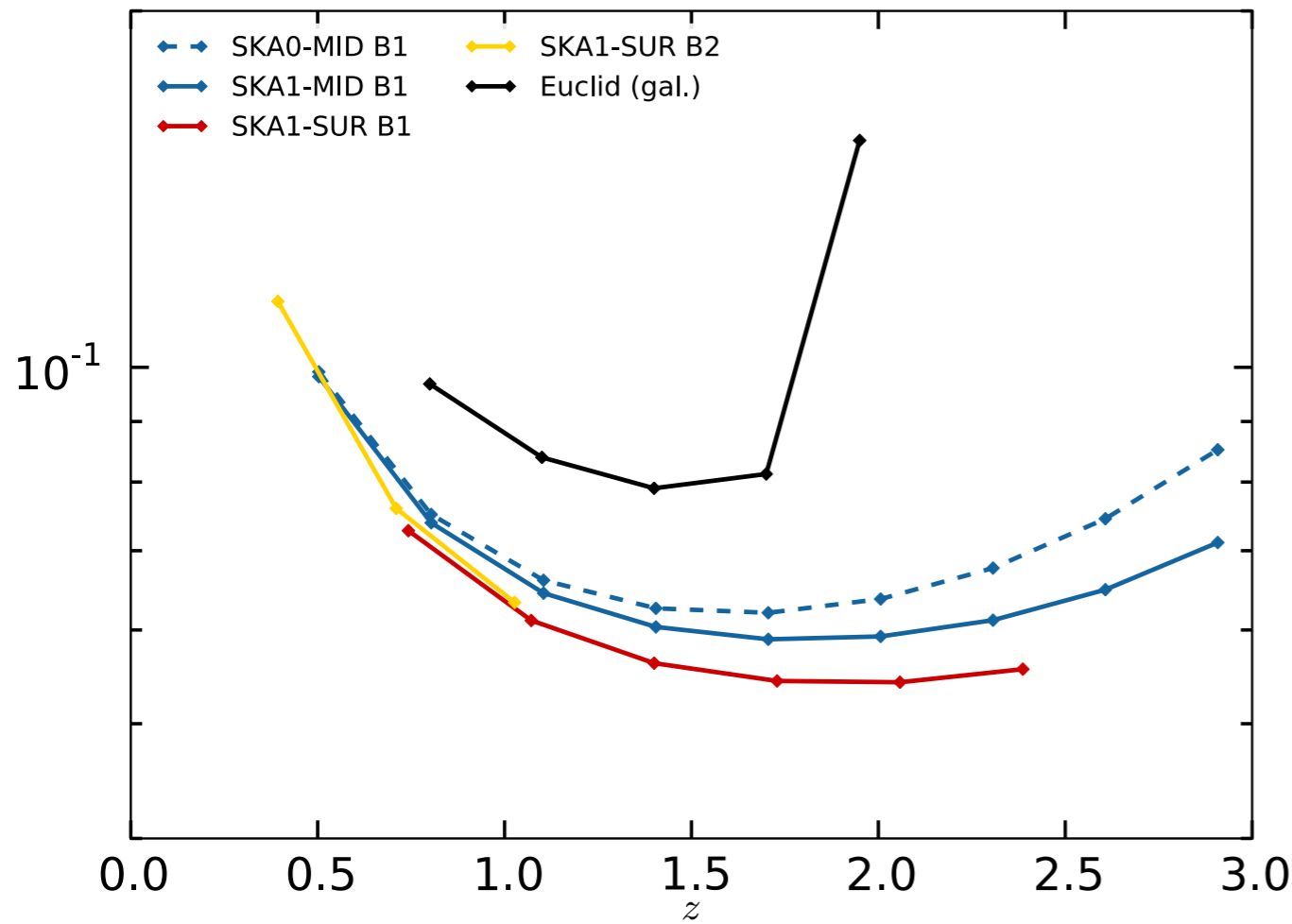
Noise-to-signal at BAO scales
 $k \approx 0.074 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

[Bull et al. 2015]



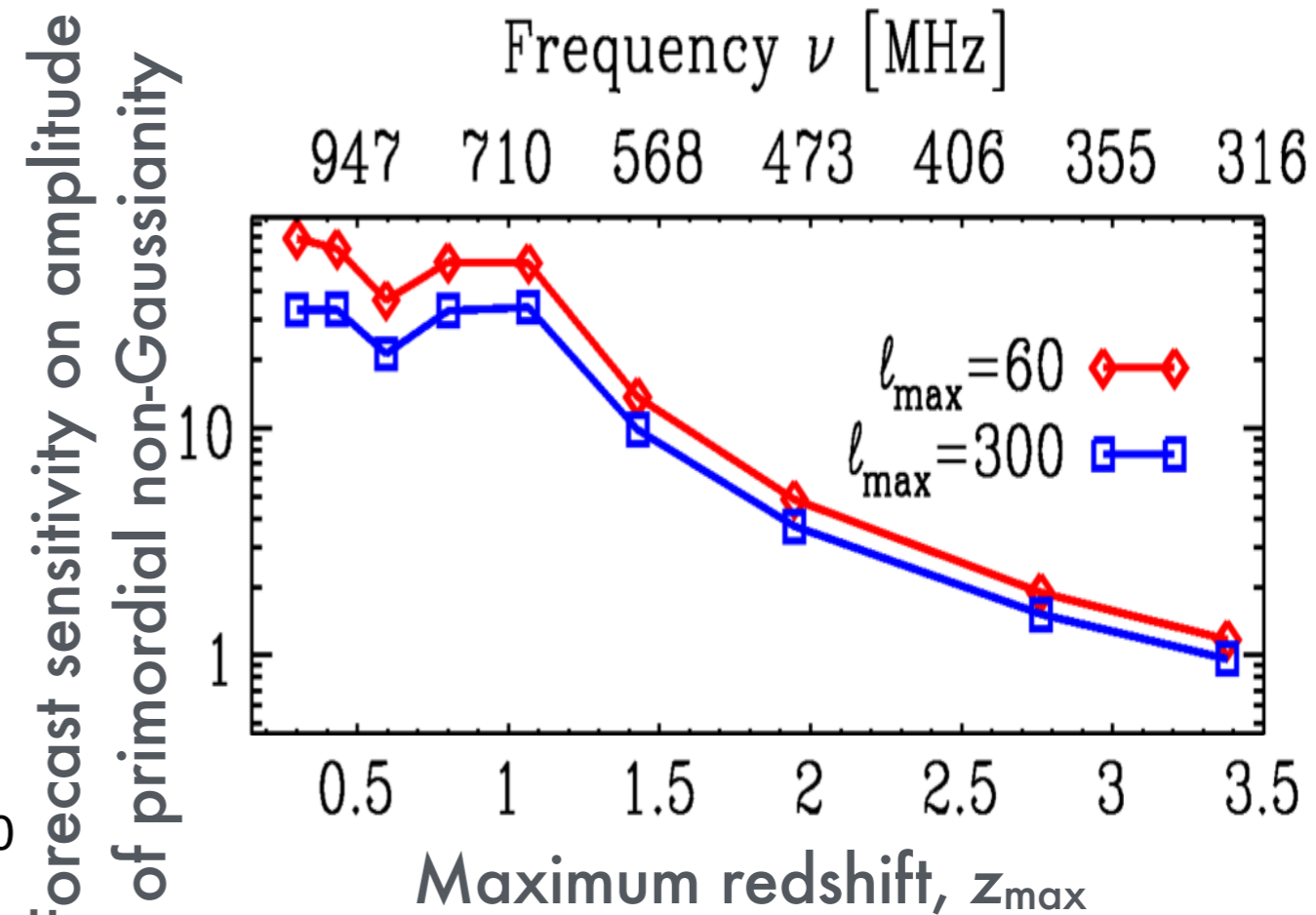
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Noise-to-signal at large scales
 $k \approx 0.01 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

[SC et al., PRL 2013]

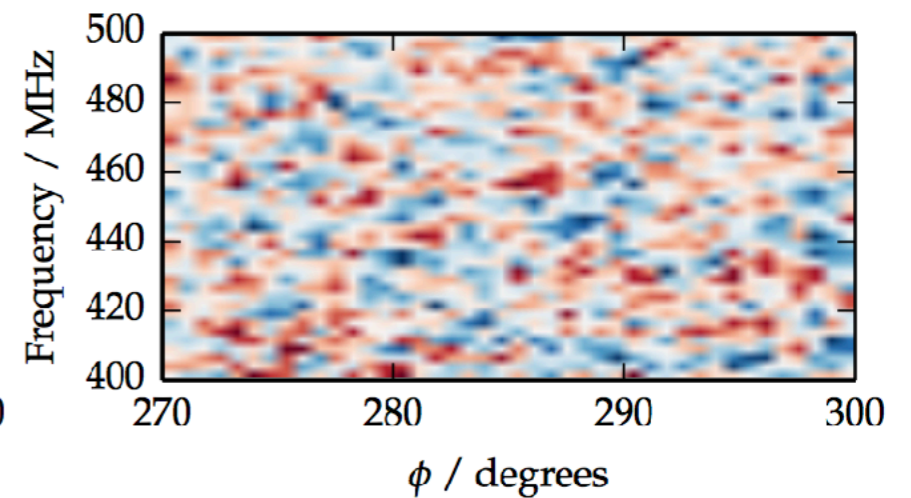
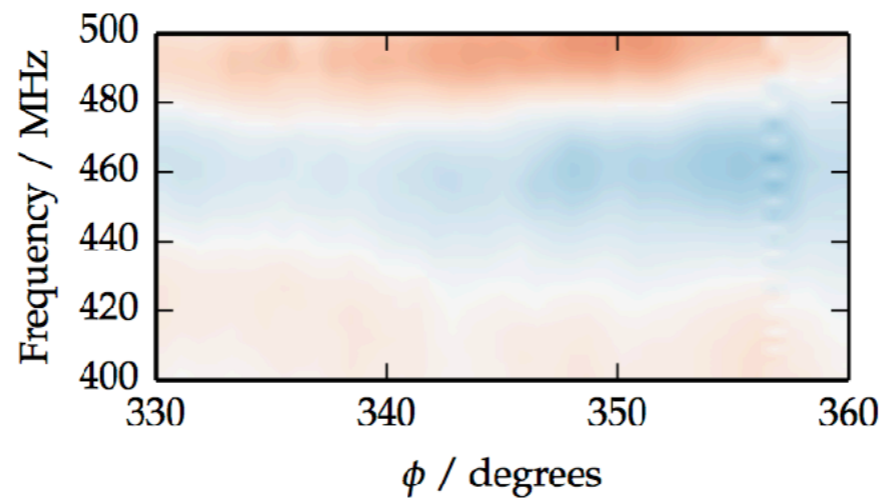
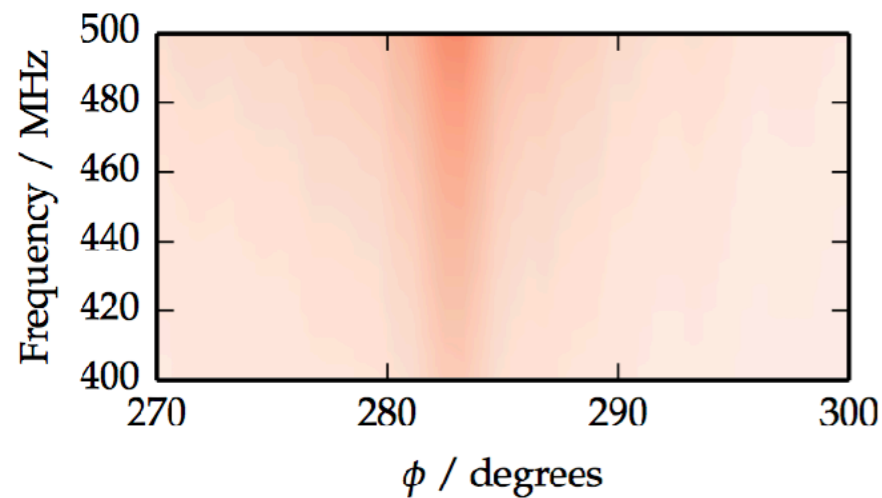
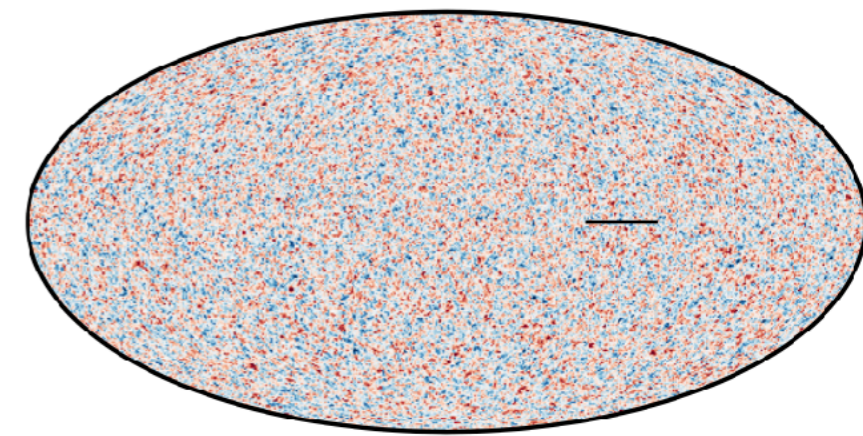
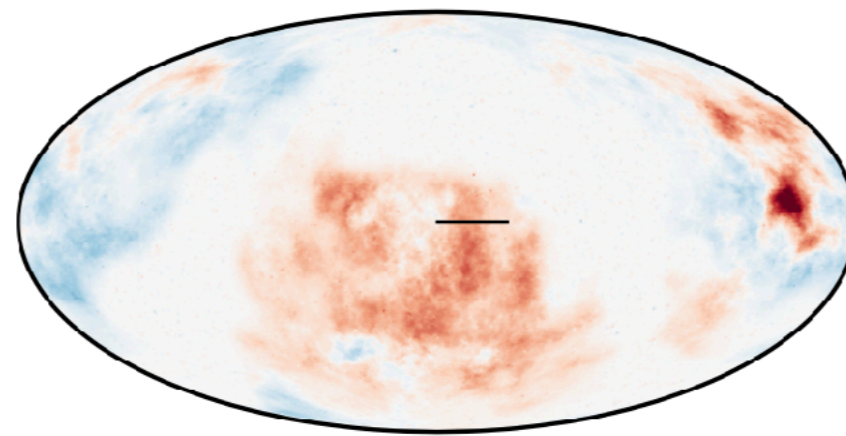
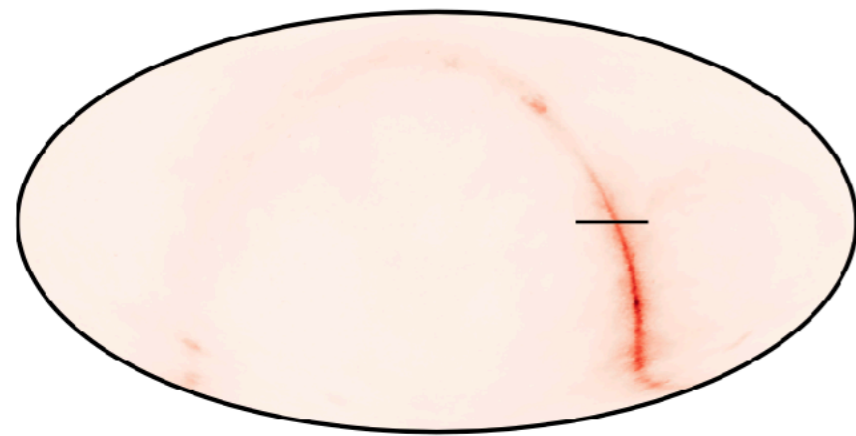


HI intensity mapping

[Credits: R. Shaw]
21cm Signal

Unpolarised Foreground

Polarised Foreground (Q)



0K 750K

-2K 2K

-140 μ K 140 μ K

[see also works by C. Dickinson; M. Santos; L. Wolz; F. Villaescusa-Navarro; D. Alonso]

Radio weak lensing



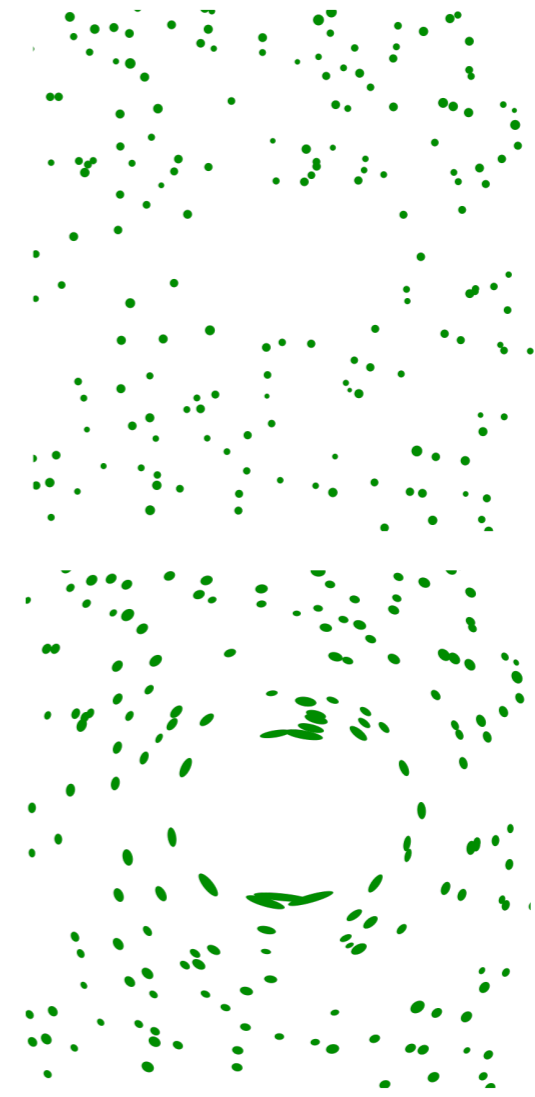
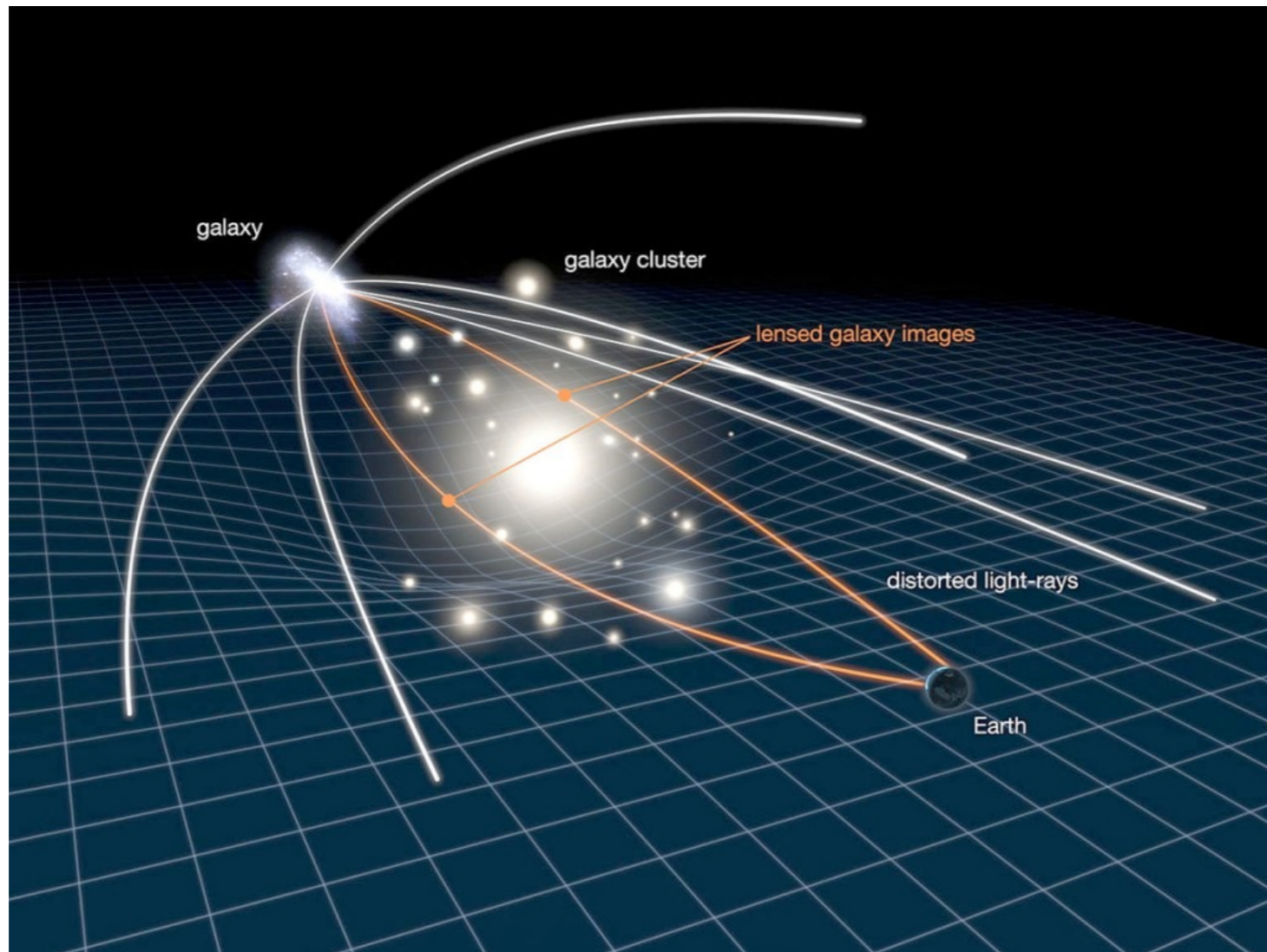
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- **Origin:** weak lensing shearing of galaxy images' ellipticities
- **Pros:** complementary to clustering, not biased
- **Cons:** difficult to measure, needs (?) imaging
- **Examples:**
 - **VLA FIRST** (~90 sources per sq. deg. vs to ~10 per sq. arcmin. in opt.)
[Chang et al., Nature 2004]
 - **VLA+MERLIN** (also in cross-correlation w/ optical shear estimates)
[Patel et al. 2010]

Cosmic shear



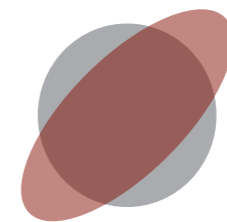
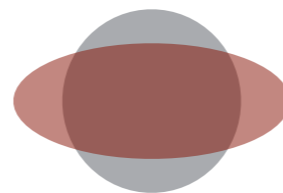
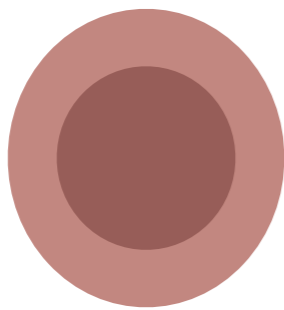
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convergence

shear +

shear ×

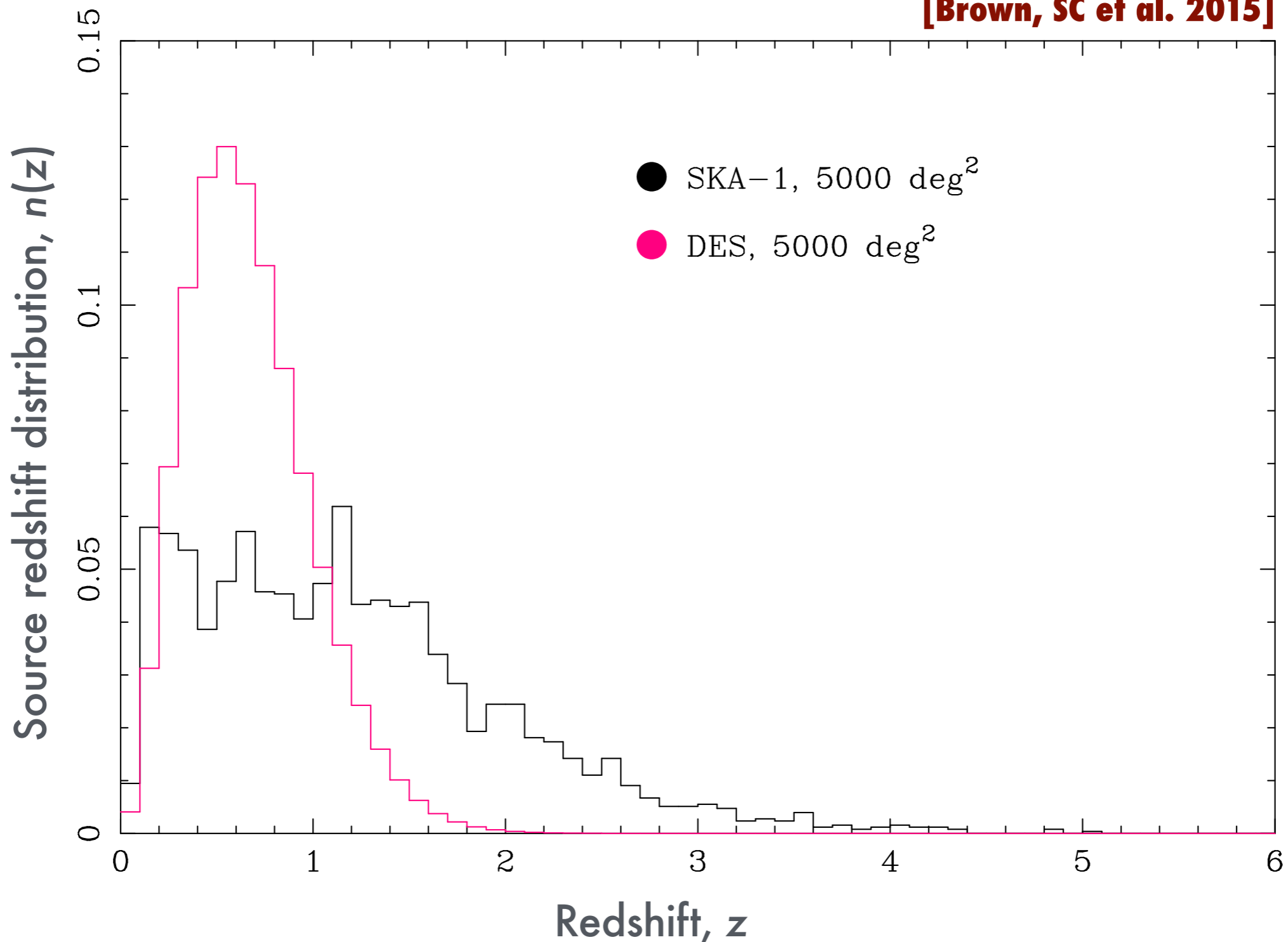


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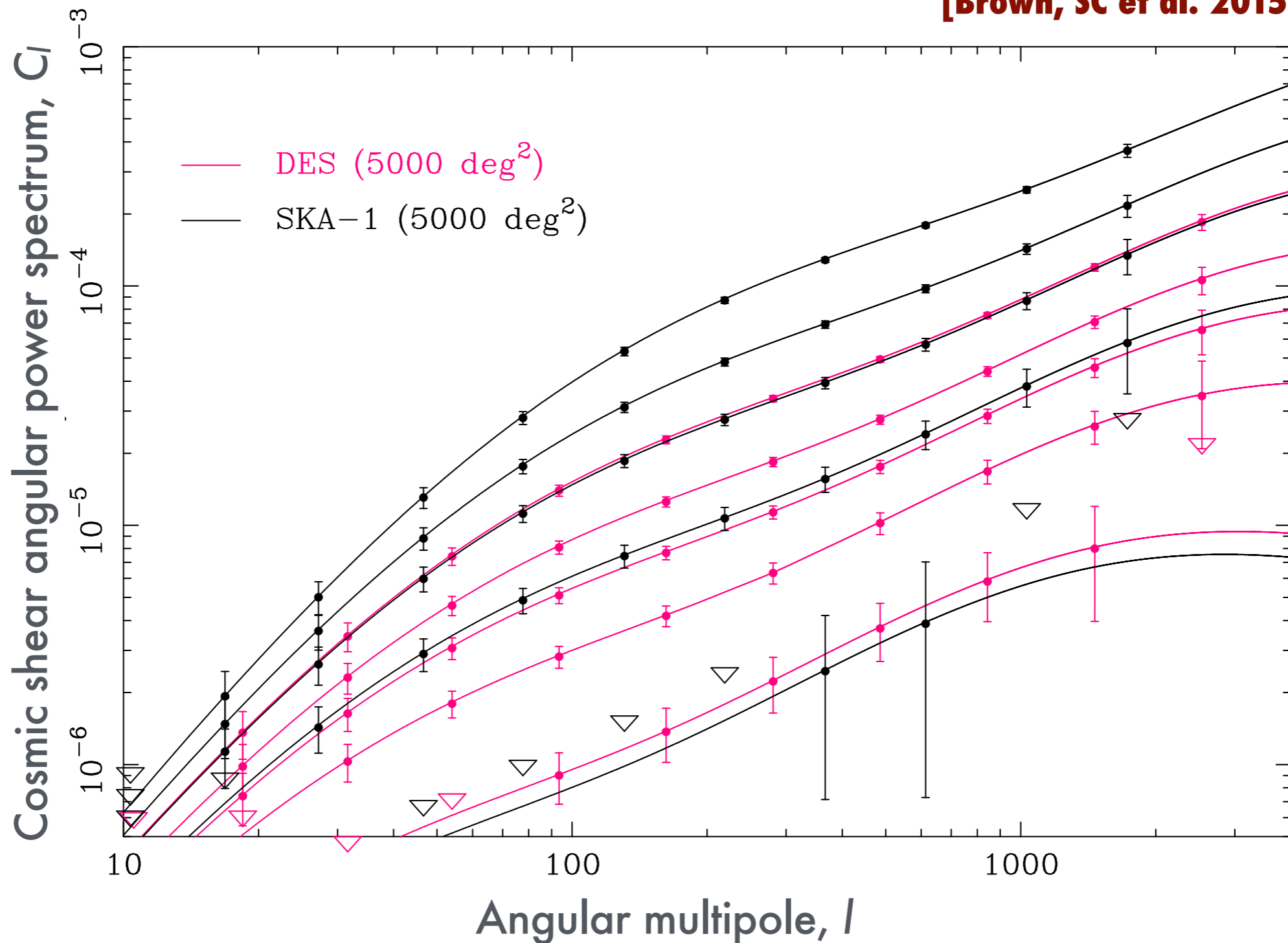


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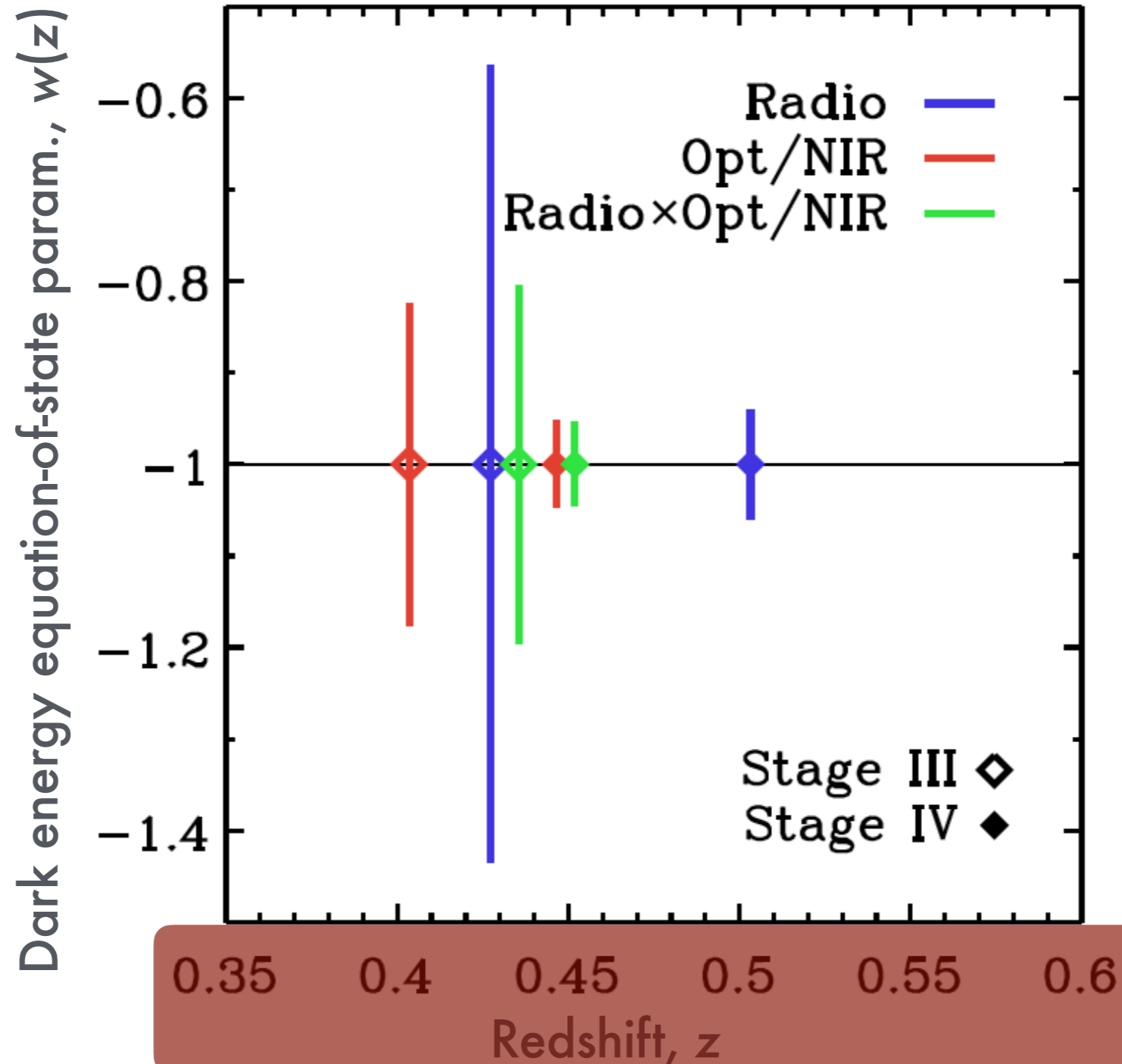


Radio weak lensing



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[SC et al. 2017]



Dark energy

Radio weak lensing

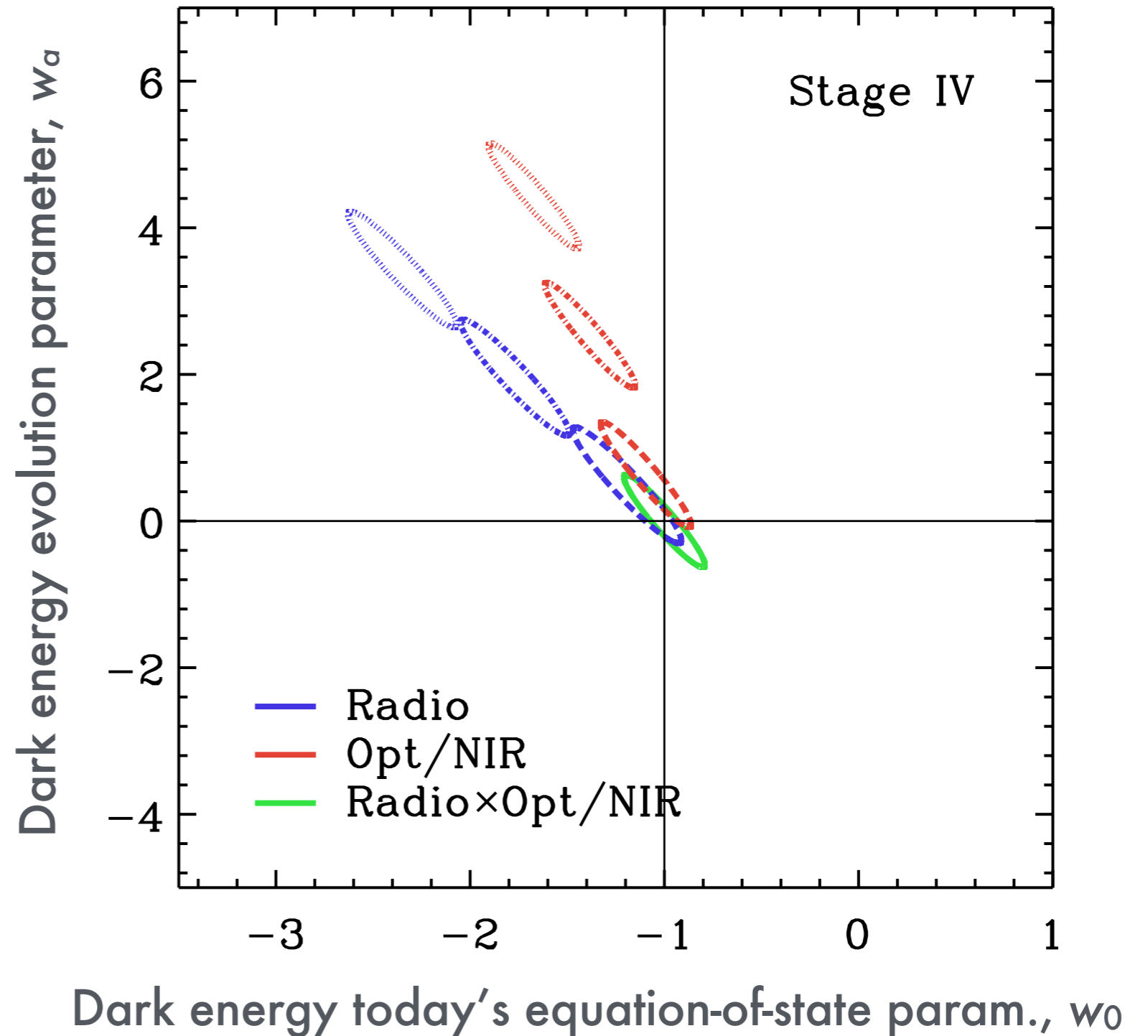


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euclid

[SC et al. 2017]

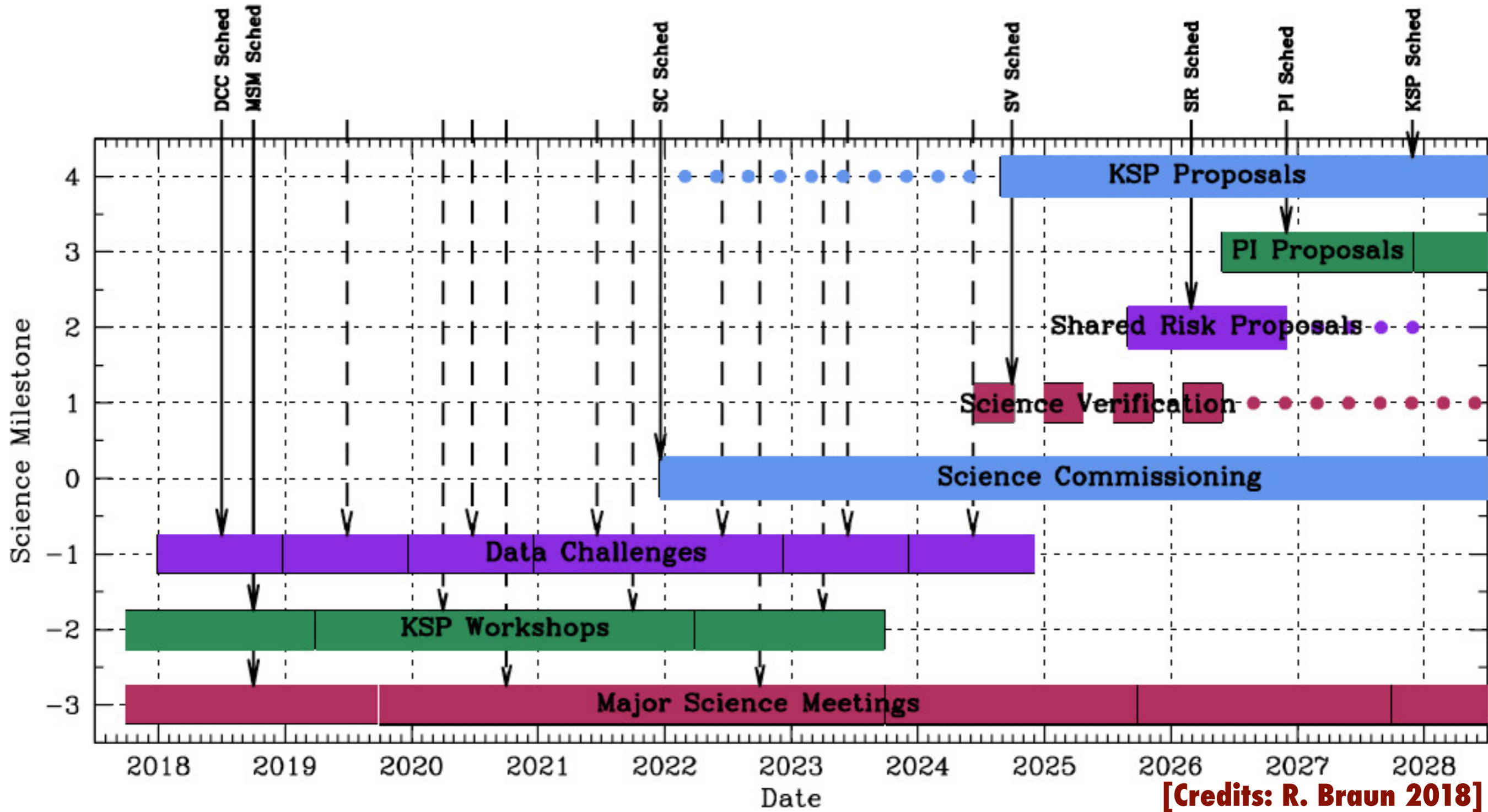


Dark energy

SKA timescale



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[Credits: R. Braun 2018]

SKA pathfinders



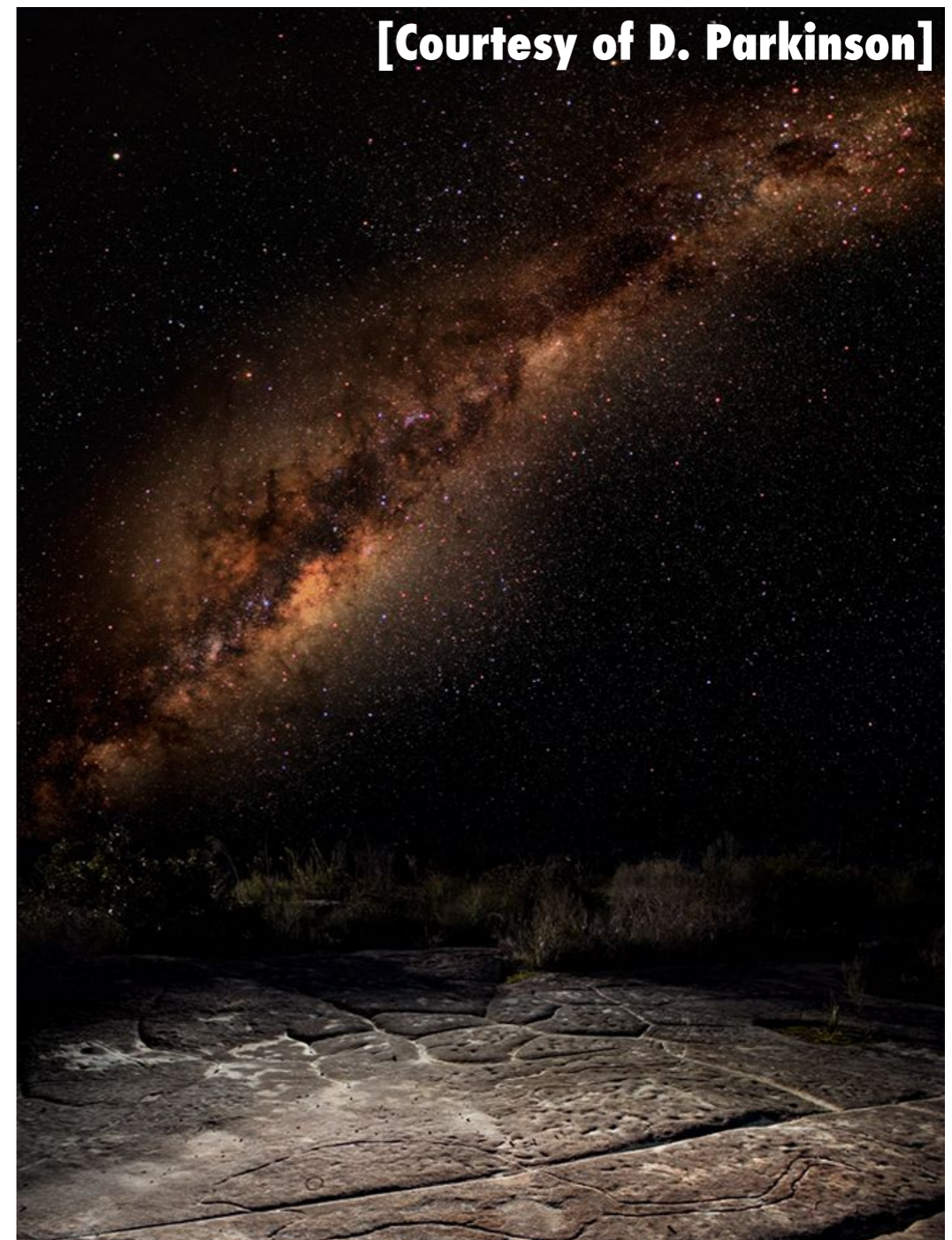
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- Continuum galaxy surveys
 - Evolutionary Map of the Universe (EMU)
- HI intensity mapping
 - MeerKAT Large Area Synoptic Survey (MeerKLASS)
- Radio weak lensing
 - Super CLuster Assisted Shear Survey (SuperCLASS)

EMU

- The **Evolutionary Map of the Universe (EMU)**

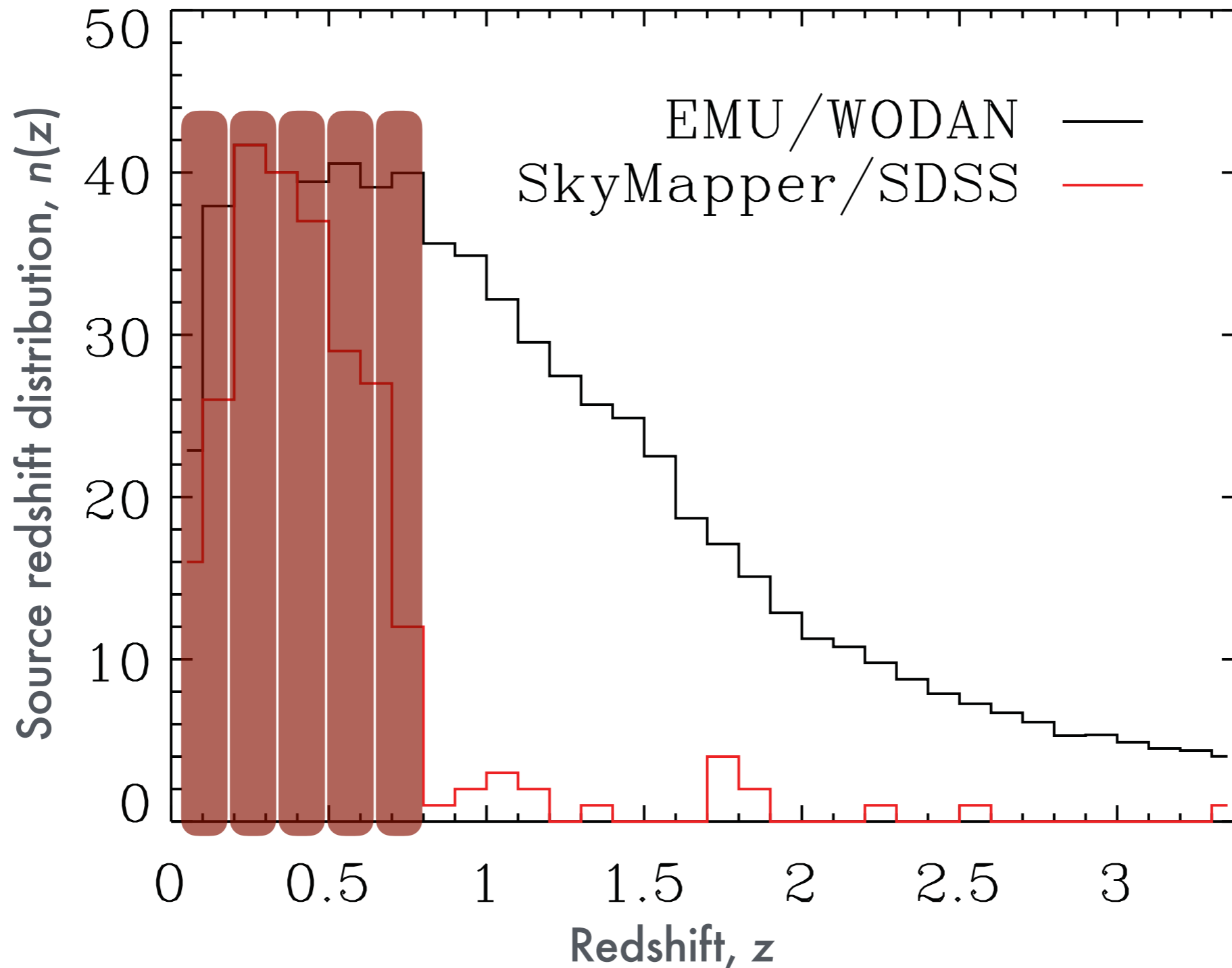
- **All-sky** radio survey w/ ASKAP
- 1100-1400 MHz in **radio continuum**
- 40x deeper than NVSS (**10 μ Jy** rms)
- 5x ang. resolution of NVSS (**10 arcsec**)
- **~70 million** galaxies
- Images, catalogues, cross-IDs: **public!**
- Survey starts **end-2019**
 - **Early science observations** taken with ASKAP-12 in **2018**
- Total integration time: **~1.5 years**



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[SC et al. 2012]



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- Constraining power on **dark energy (FoM)**:
[EMU+SNeIa+CMB]
 - EMU sources (no redshift): **<100**
 - EMU cross-ID sources (opt. redshift): **~300**
 - EMU cross-IDs + high-redshift tail: **>500**

[SC et al. 2012]

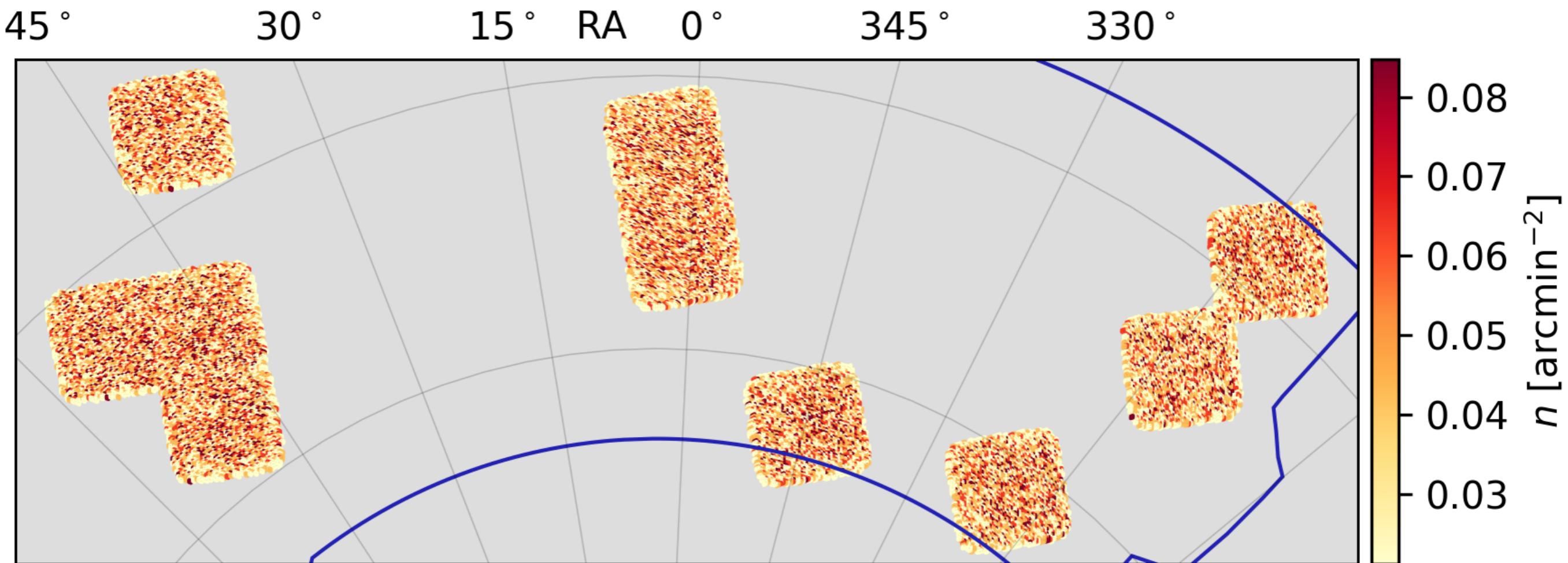


Dark energy

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[Sevilla-Noarbe et al., in prep.]

MeerKLASS



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- The **MeerKAT Large Area Synoptic Survey (MeerKLASS)**
 - Aiming at **HI intensity mapping** and continuum cosmology, but commensal with lots of other science cases
 - Focus on sky patches with **multi-wavelength** data for **cross-correlations**
 - L-band: 900-1670 MHz ($z < 0.58$)

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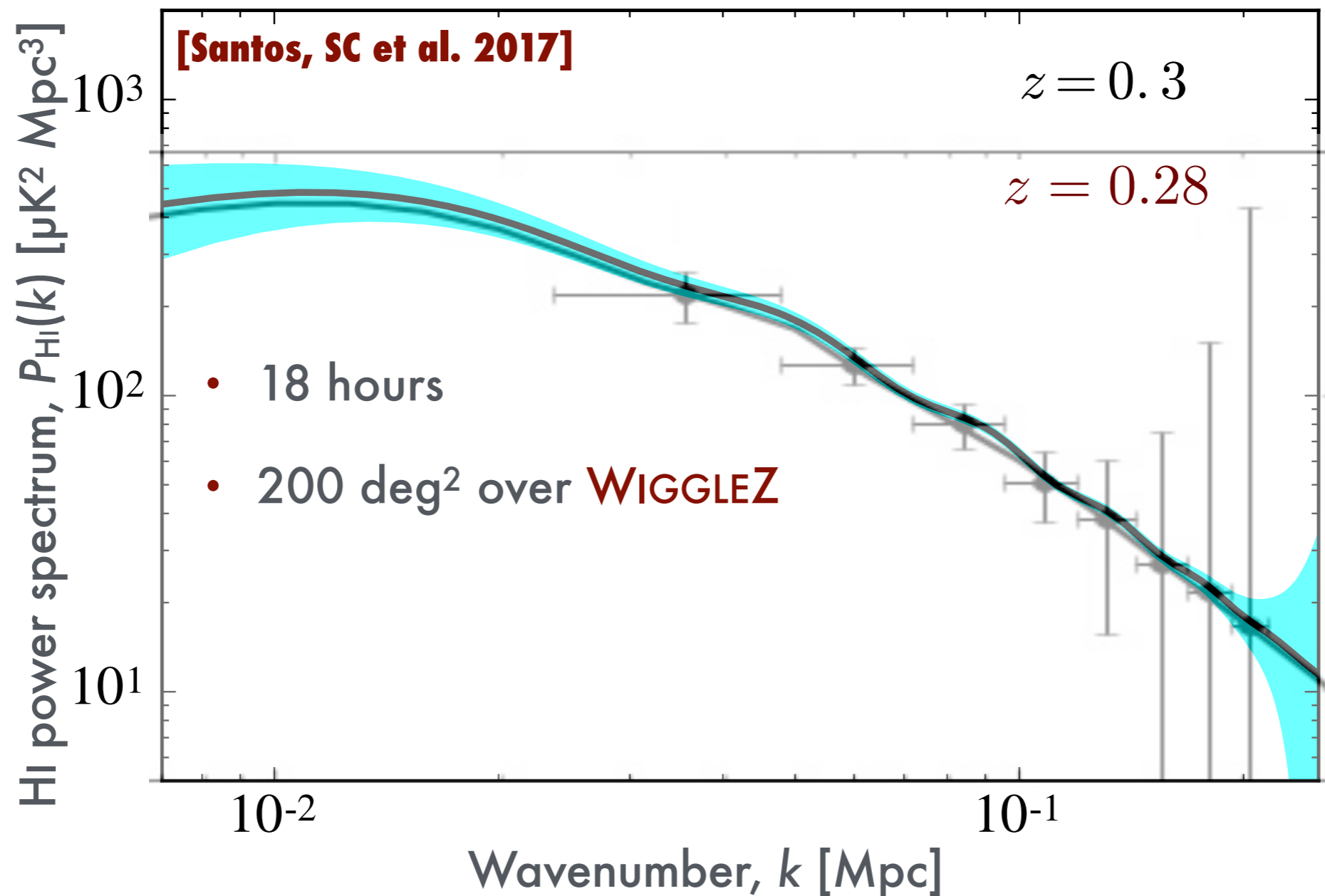
PROCEEDINGS
OF SCIENCE

A large sky survey with MeerKAT

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MeerKLASS

- Detection of **Baryon Acoustic Oscillations** using **HI**



SuperCLASS

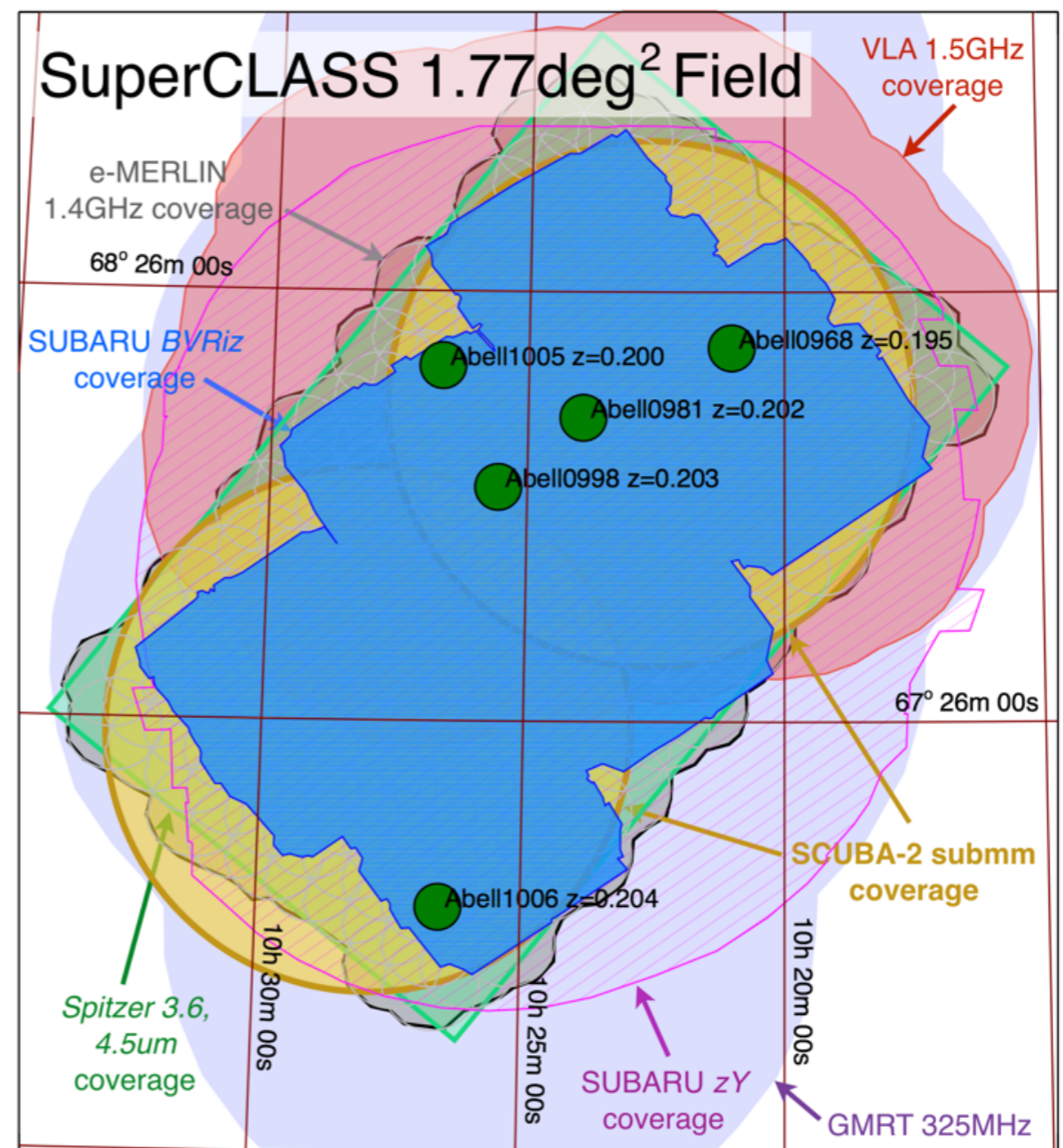


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- The Super Cluster Assisted Shear Survey (SuperCLASS)

[Credits: C. Casey]

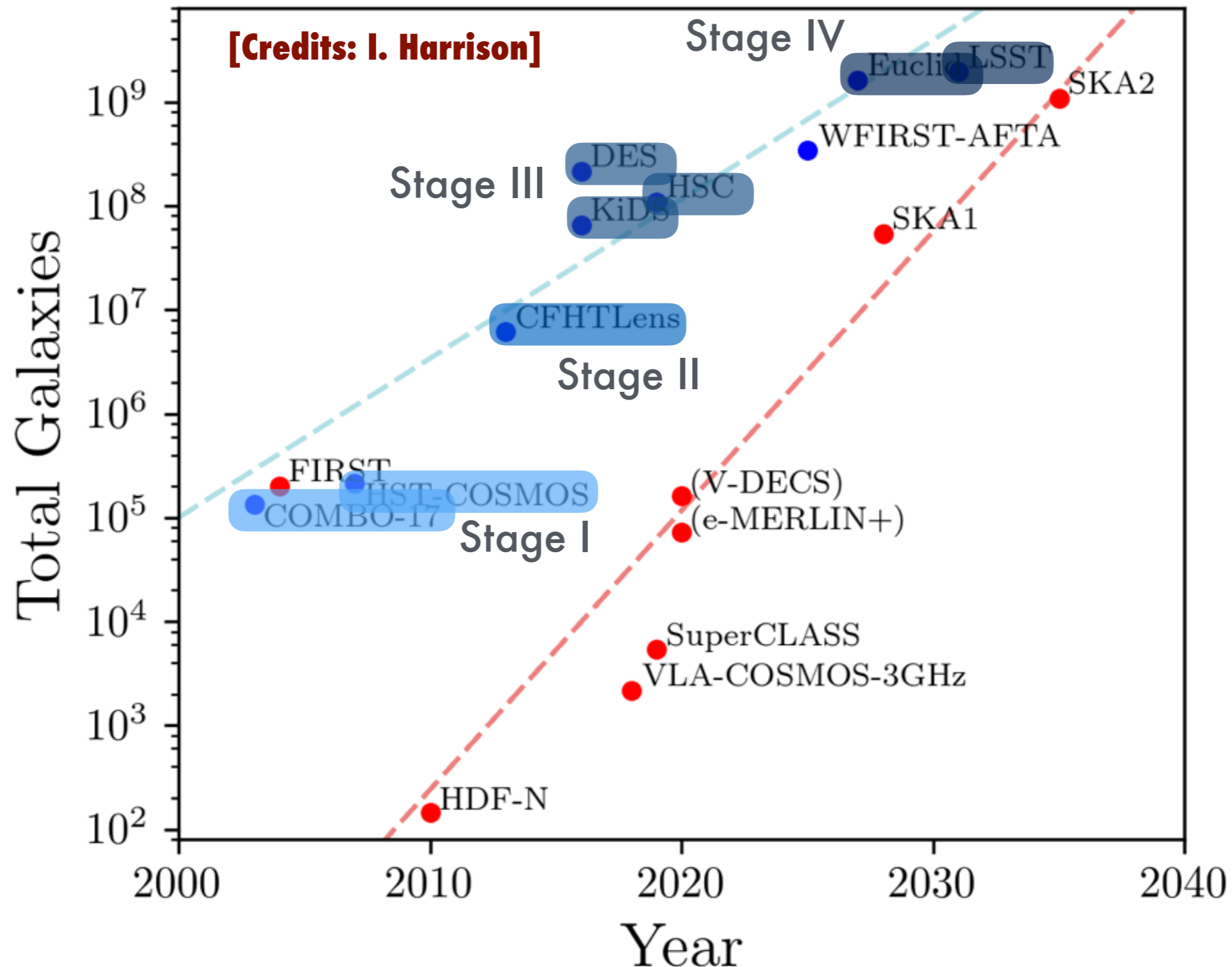
- Aiming for the first solid detection of **cosmic shear** in the **radio band**
- ~ 1 gal. arcmin⁻² (**detected, resolved, and at high redshift**)
- ~ 1.77 deg²
- Multi-wavelength



SuperCLASS



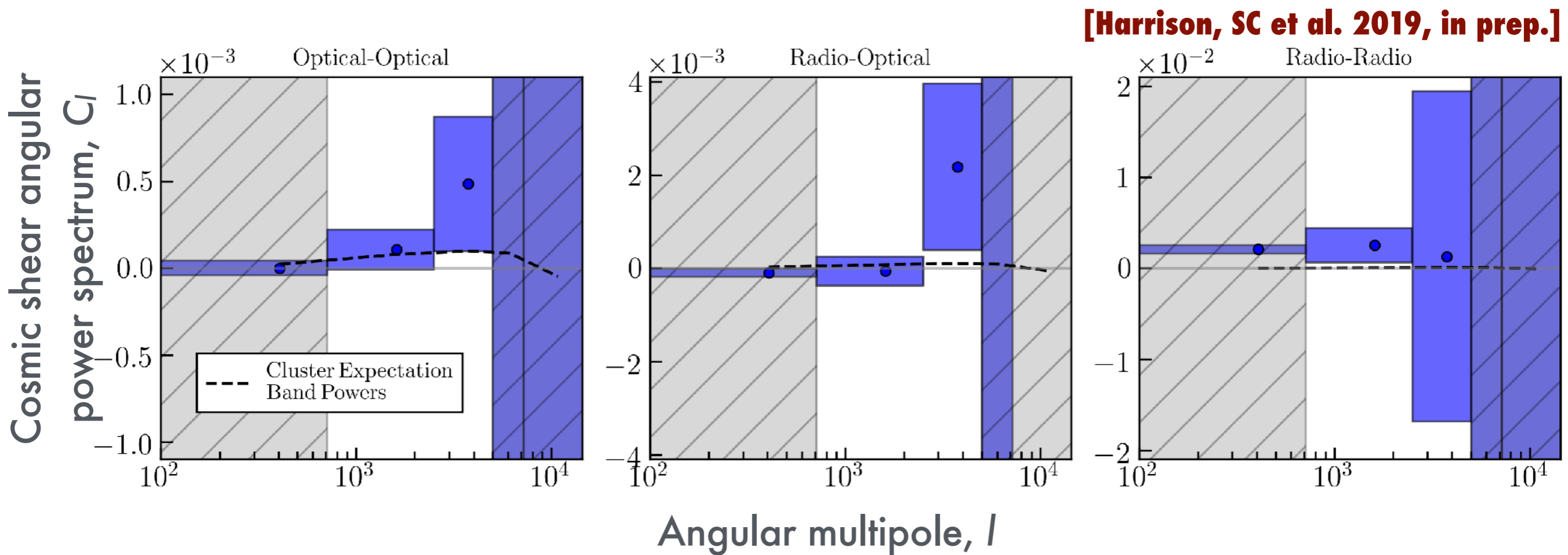
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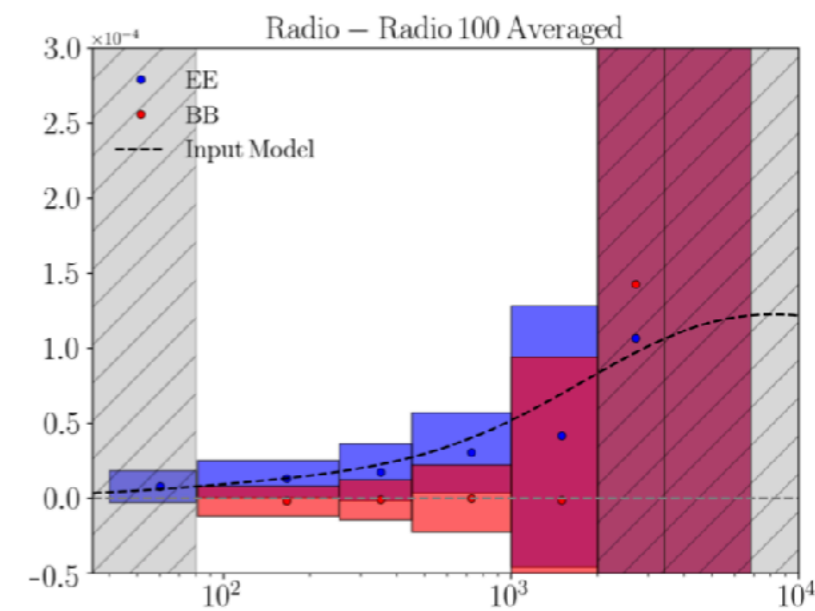
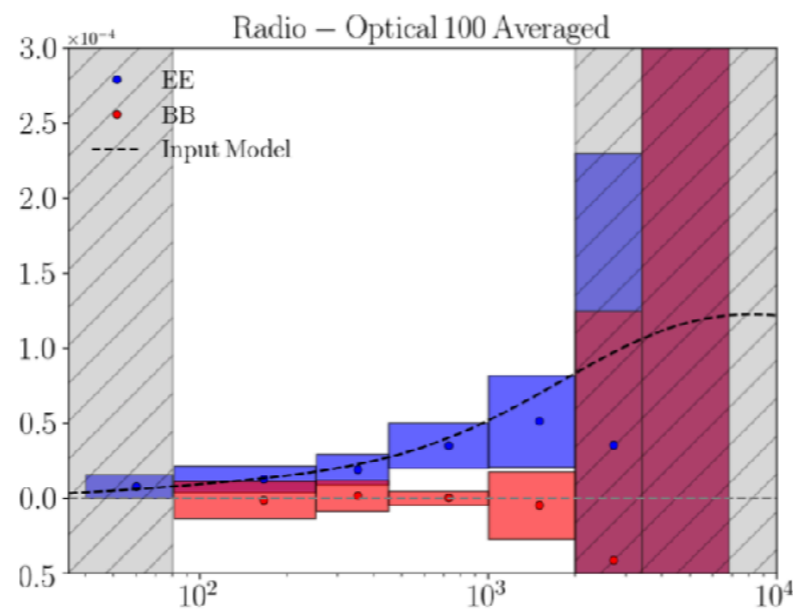
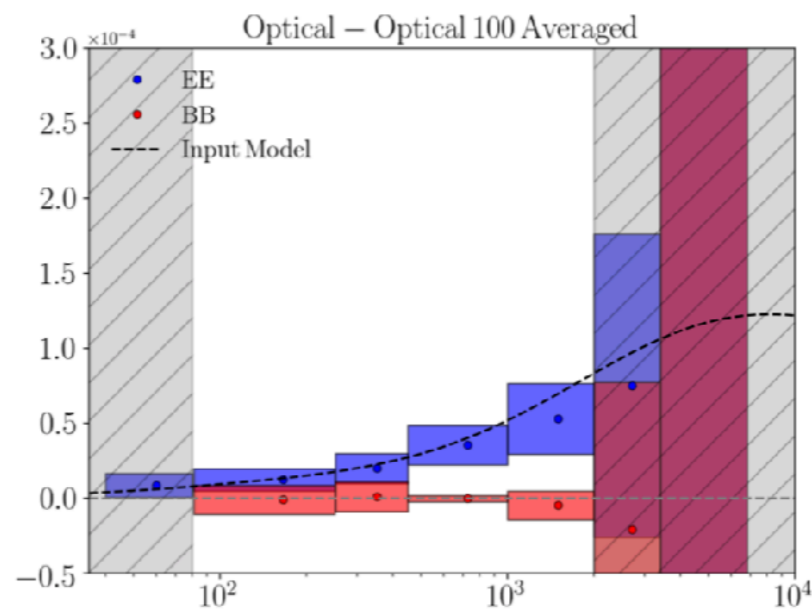
SuperCLASS

- The VLA Deep Extragalactic Cosmology Survey (V-DECS)

- ~ 3 gal. arcmin⁻²
(detected, resolved,
and at high redshift)

- ~ 10 deg²

Cosmic shear angular
power spectrum, C_l



Angular multipole, l

[Courtesy of I. Harrison]

Radio cosmology



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- Radio cosmology era is nigh!
 - Great time for cosmological synergies at various wavelengths
- Cross-correlations crucial for:
- Cross-checking validity of cosmological results
- Accessing signal buried in noise or cosmic variance
[e.g. particle dark matter, multi-tracing for non-Gaussianity]
- Removing/alleviating contamination from systematic effects
[e.g. radio-optical cosmic shear]