



#### **Cosmic Conundrums - motivation**

- What are the fundamental rules that govern our universe?
  - Is general relativity the correct theory of gravity?
  - If so, what form does the dark energy take?
  - If dark energy is  $\Lambda$ , measure the other cosmological parameters of the universe.
- What initiated the expansion?
  - Test predictions of inflation
- How did galaxies form and how do they evolve?
  - Test structure formation and galaxy evolution



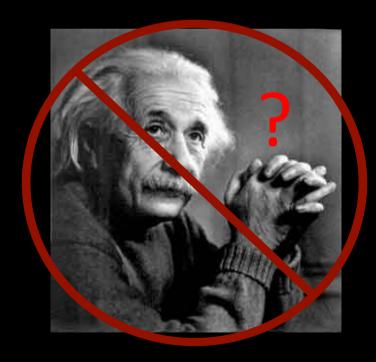




## Was Einstein wrong?

— Is general relativity the correct theory of gravity?

"Its easy to identify crackpots, just listen for: 'Einstein was wrong'!"











#### WiggleZ Aims

- Map 1 Gpc<sup>3</sup> at much higher redshift than existing surveys
- Extend baryon acoustic oscillation distance data to z=1, to test the properties of dark energy
- Measure the rate of structure growth from z=1 to z=0 to test beyond-standard theories of gravity
- Lots of other science connected with star-forming galaxies at high redshift









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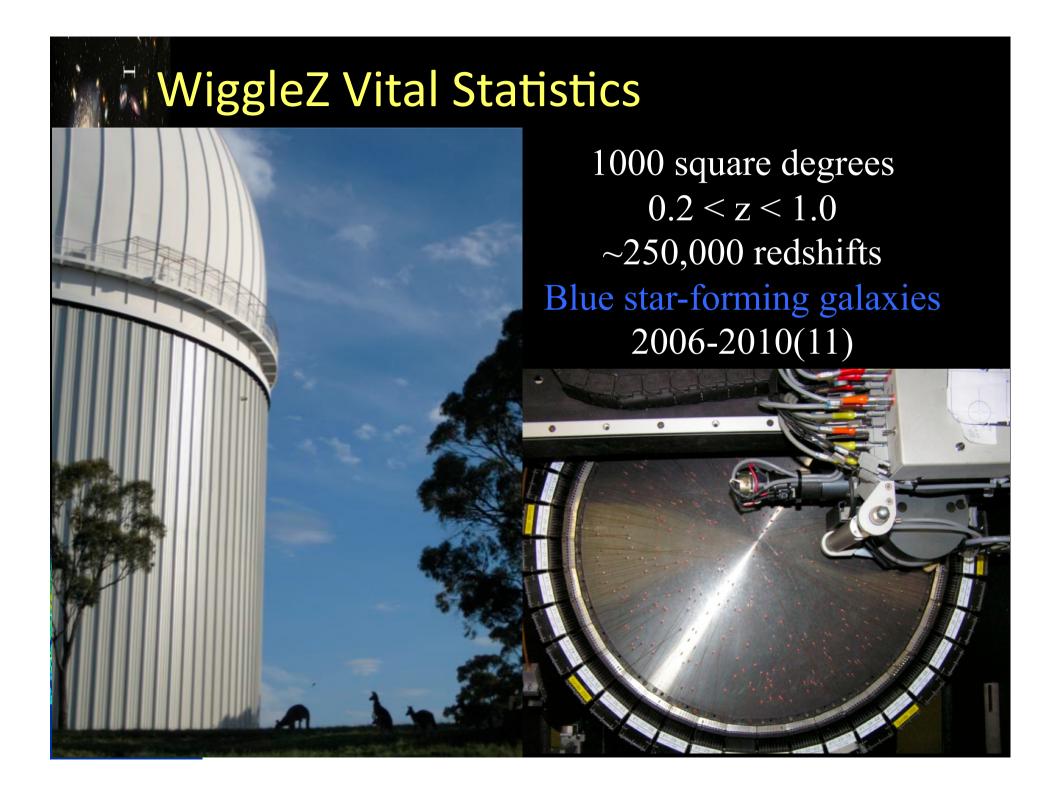
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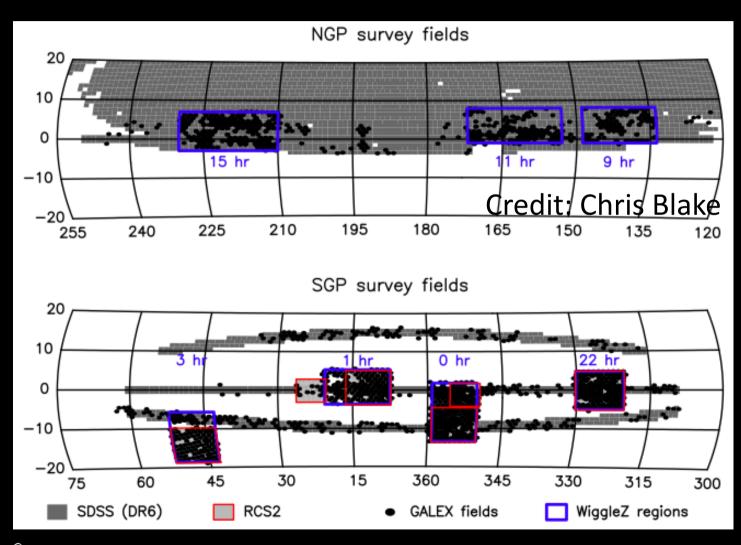
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# WiggleZ survey fields

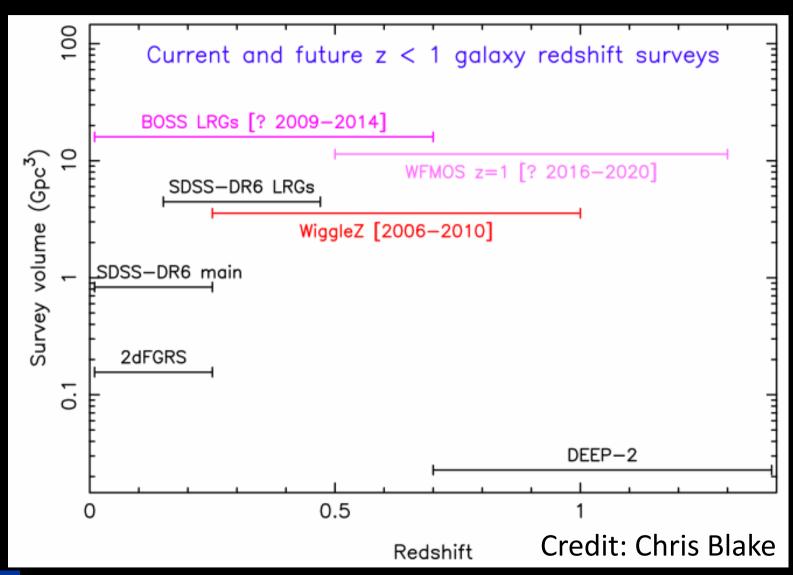
7 equatorial fields, each 100-200 deg<sup>2</sup> >9° on side, ~3 x BAO scale at z > 0.5 Physical size ~ 1300 x 500 x 500 Mpc/h







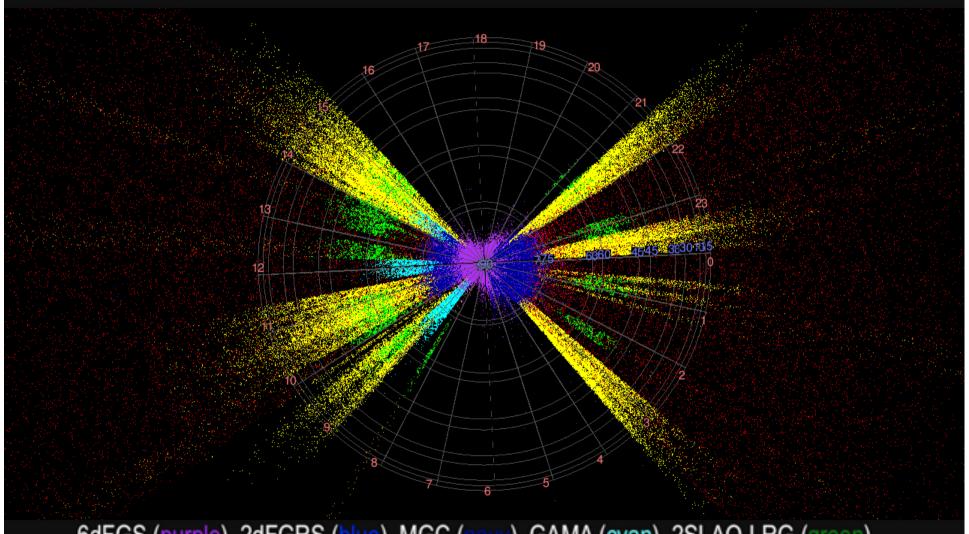
### Comparison to other surveys





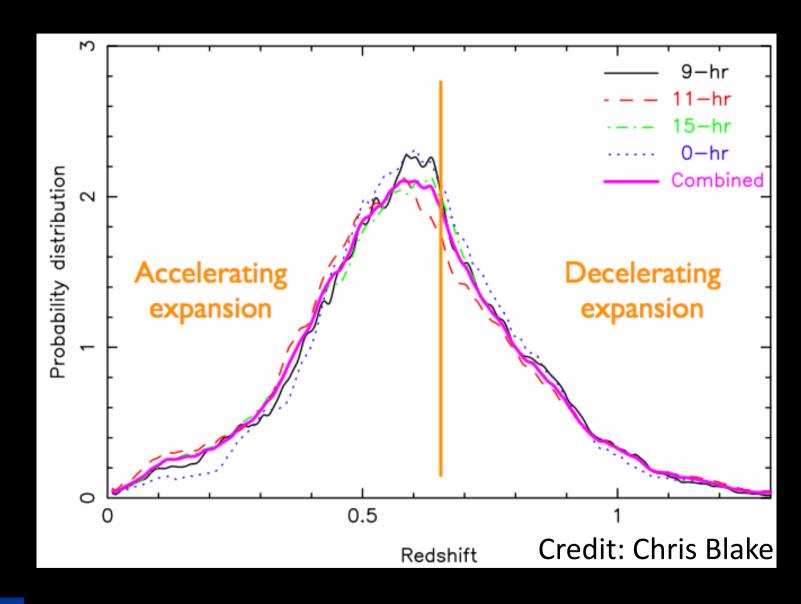


#### AAT and UKST redshift surveys



6dFGS (purple), 2dFGRS (blue), MGC (navy), GAMA (cyan), 2SLAQ-LRG (green), WiggleZ (yellow), 2SLAQ-QSO (orange), 2QZ (red); the celestial sphere is at z=1.

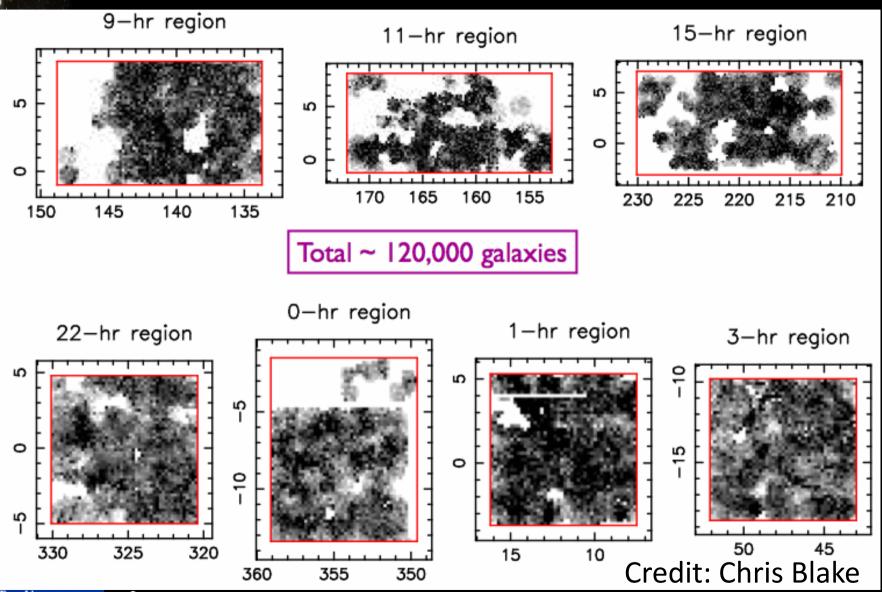
## Redshift distribution







## Current analysed sample







Chris Blake (Swinburne) has been leading the cosmology analysis and many of the plots I'm showing are from his work

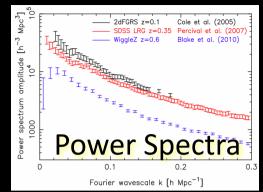


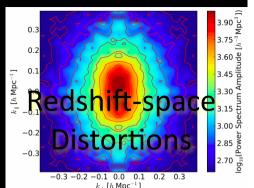




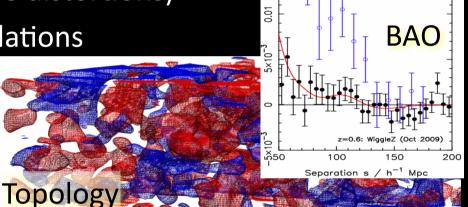
#### This talk

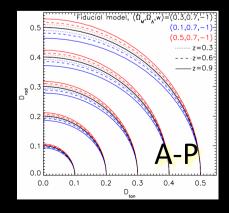
- Preliminary results
  - Power spectra
  - Growth (redshift-space distortions)
  - Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
  - Topology
  - Bispectrum
- Plans
  - Alcock-Paczynski effect
  - Neutrino Mass
- Database

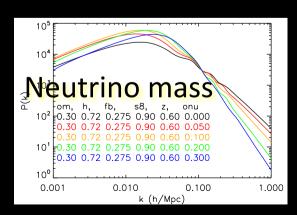




z=0.35: Eisenstein et al. (2005)



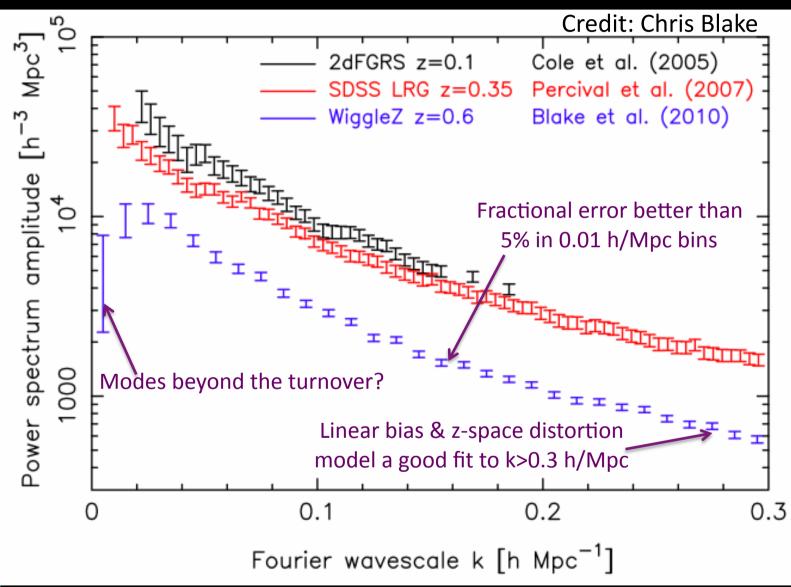








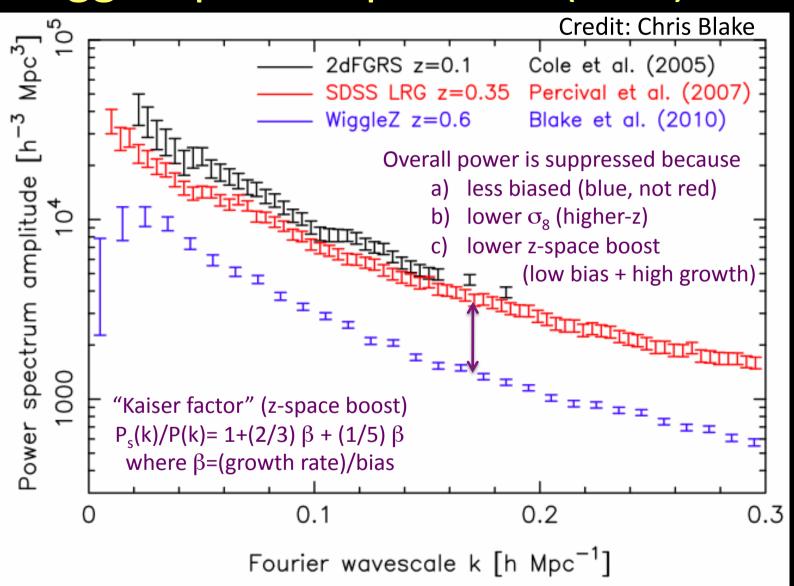
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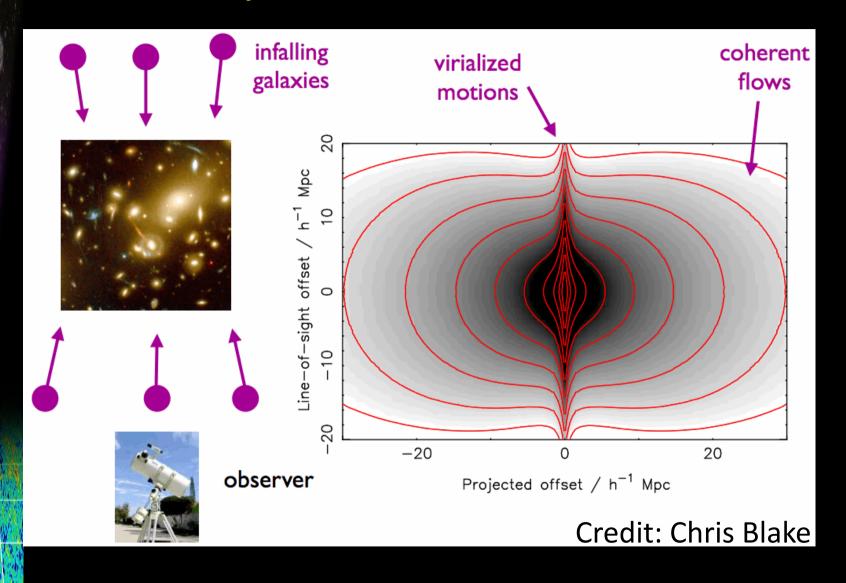
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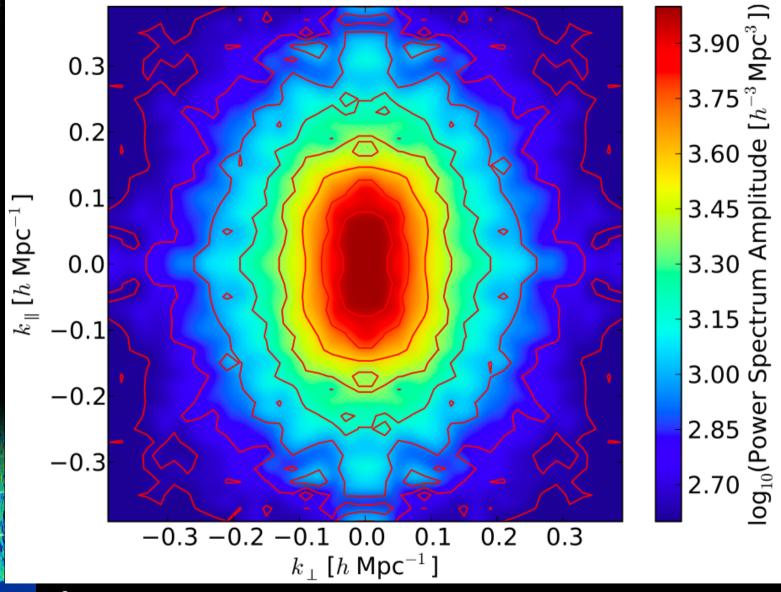
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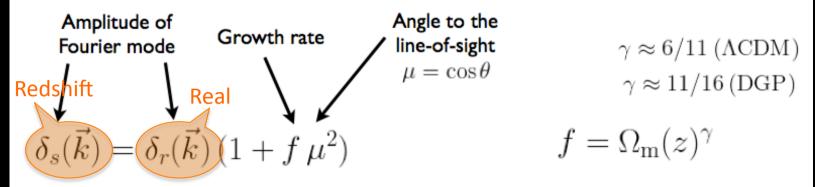






## Redshift space distortion model

Image credit: Chris Blake



Galaxy power spectrum Anisotropy depends on f/b spectrum  $P_{\rm g}(k,\mu) = b^2 P_{\rm m}(k) \left(1 + \frac{f}{b} u^2\right)^2$  3 fitted parameters b also appears in normalisation

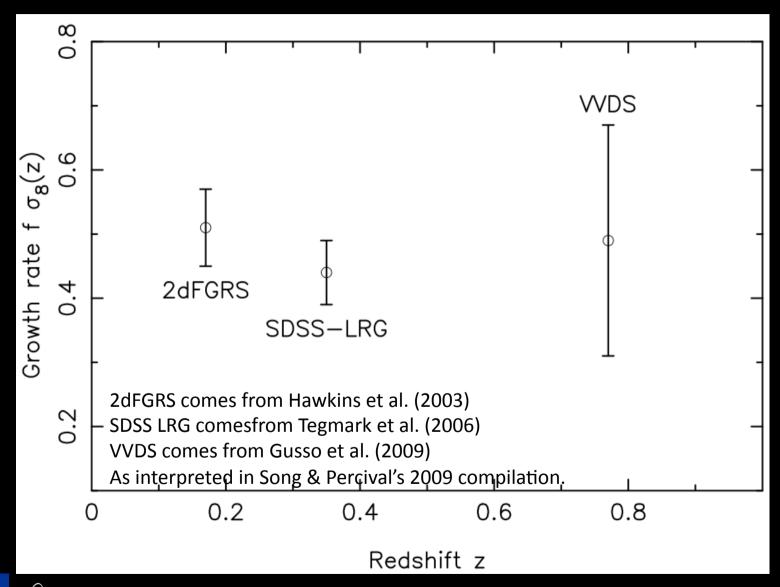
Pairwise velocity dispersion

$$P(v) \propto e^{-|v|/\sigma_v}$$

$$P_{\rm g}(k,\mu) = b^2 P_{\rm m}(k) \frac{[1 + (f/b)\mu^2]^2}{1 + (\sigma_v H_0 k \mu)^2}$$



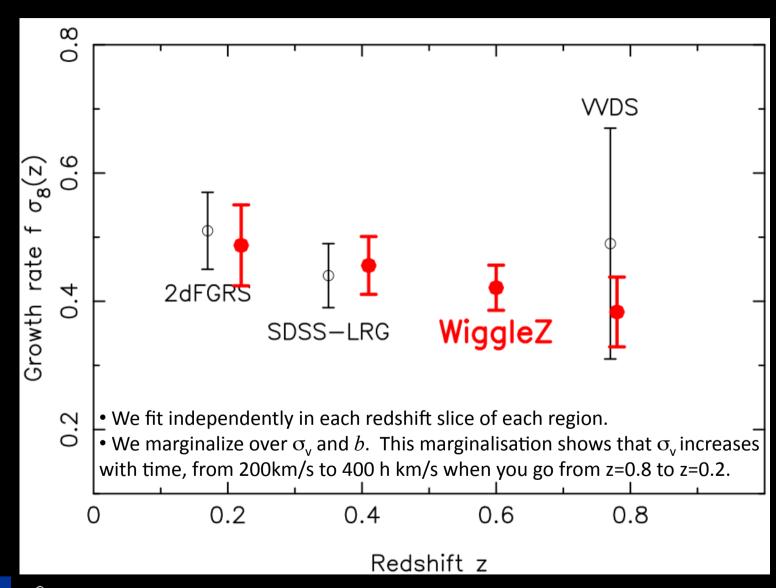
# Growth rate – existing measurements







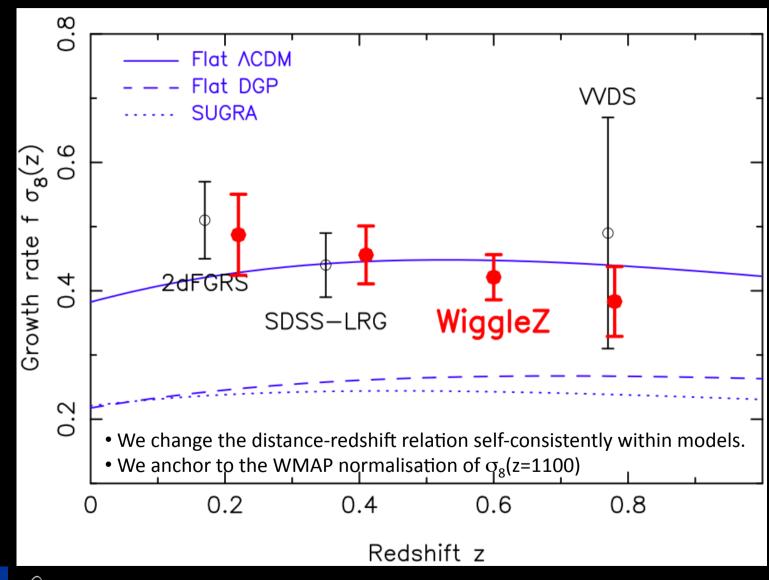
#### Growth rate – adding WiggleZ







# Distinguishing dark energy models







# Distinguishing Dark Energy models

#### Is $\Lambda$ CDM self-consistent?

#### **Fiducial Parameters**

$$\Omega_{M}(0) = 0.27$$

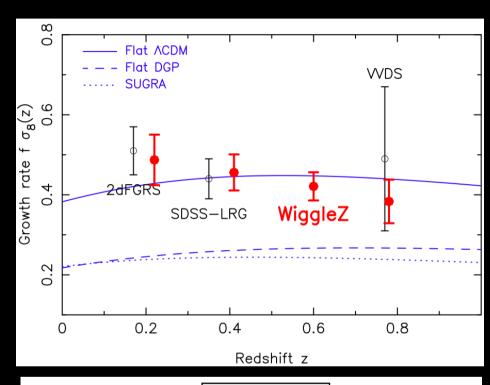
$$f_b = 0.166$$

$$H_0 = 72 km s^{-1} Mpc^{-1}$$

$$n_s = 0.96$$

$$\Omega_{\scriptscriptstyle K}=0$$

| Model         | $\chi^2$ /dof |                |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| $\Lambda CDM$ | 1.2           | good fit       |
| SUGRA         | 8.6           | e rejected ~5σ |
| DGP           | 11            | rejected ~6σ   |

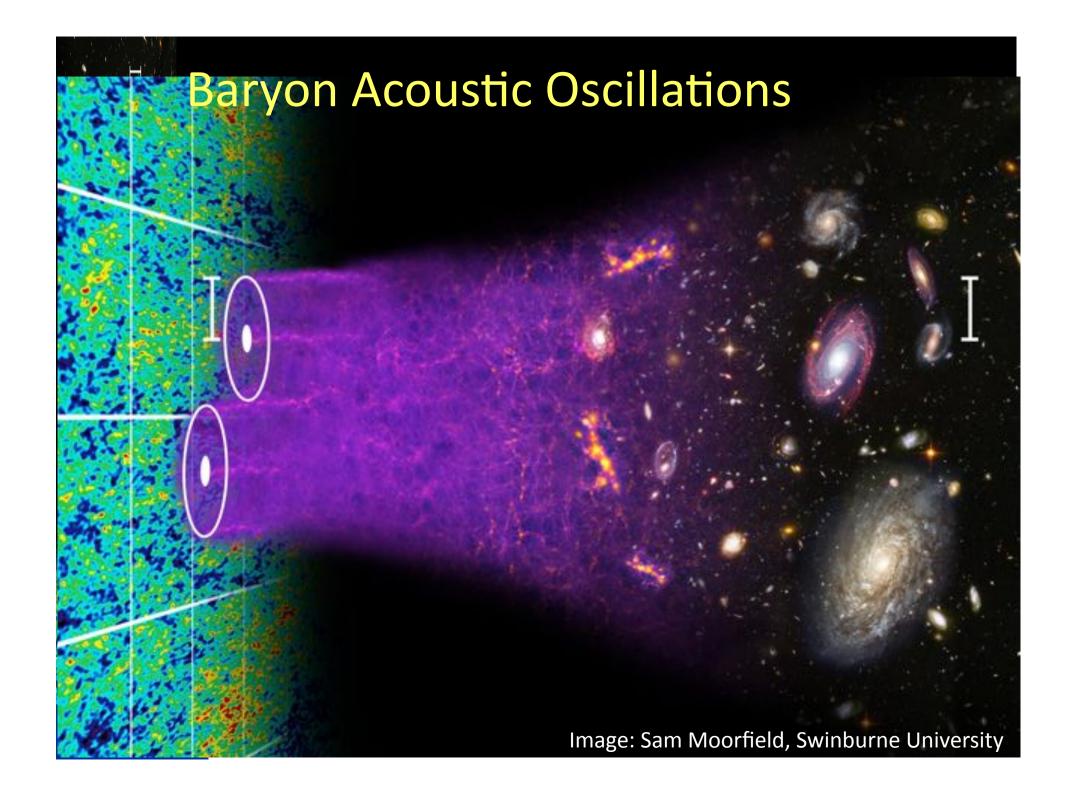


$$f = \Omega_{\rm m}(z)^{\gamma}$$

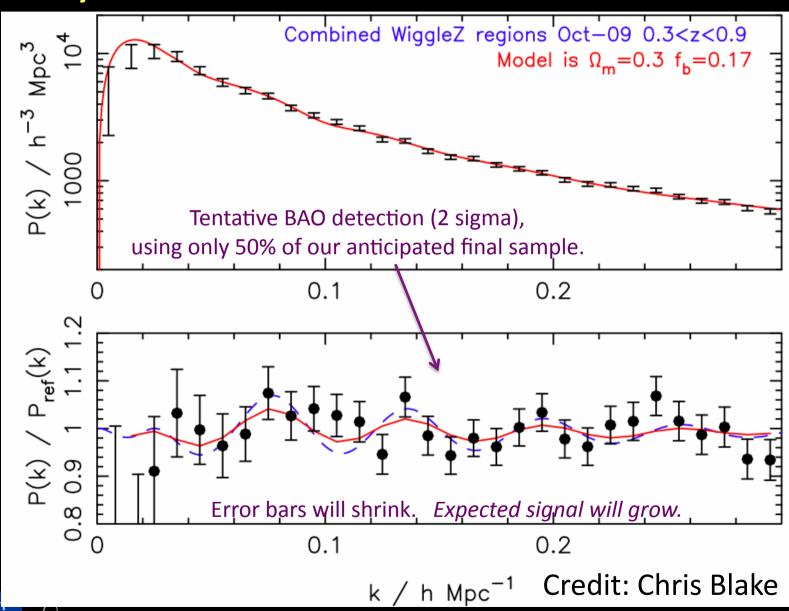
- ullet For a  $\Lambda$ CDM model :  $\gamma = 0.60 \pm 0.10$  [prediction 0.55]
- For a DGP model :  $\gamma = 0.30 \pm 0.08$  [prediction 0.69]



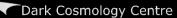




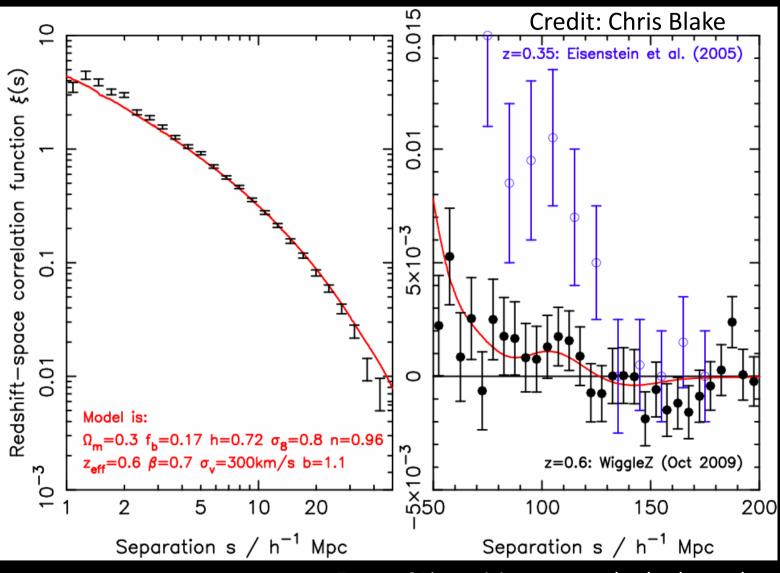
## **Baryon Acoustic Oscillations**







#### **BAO** Correlation Function







#### The brave souls...

"It is not the critic who counts, or how the strong man stumbled, or whether the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, and who spends himself in a worthy cause, and if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that he'll never be with those cold and timid souls

who never know either victory or defeat."

Teddy Roosevelt





## Bispectrum theory

- Higher-order clustering statistic measure of skewness
- Zero for Gaussian fields



$$B(\vec{k_1}, \vec{k_2}, \vec{k_3}) = <\delta_{\vec{k_1}} \delta_{\vec{k_2}} \delta_{\vec{k_3}} >$$

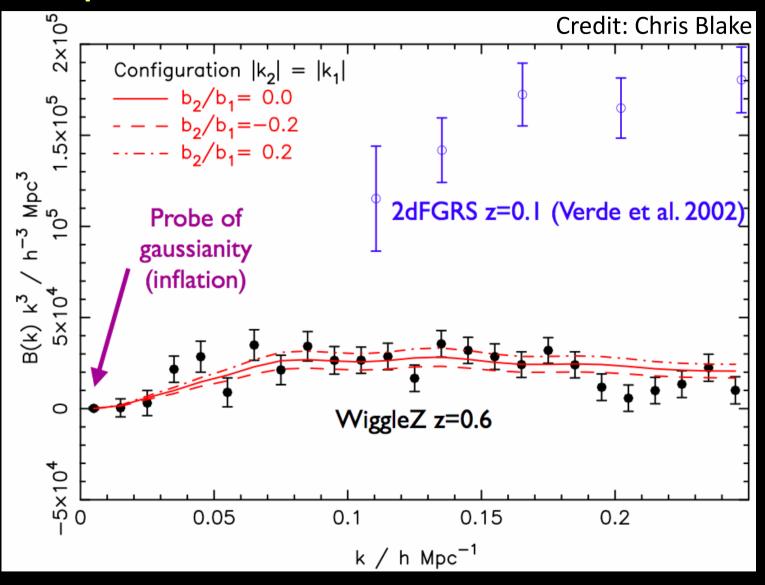
$$\vec{k_1} + \vec{k_2} + \vec{k_3} = 0$$

$$\delta_g = b_1 \delta_m + \frac{1}{2} b_2 \delta_m^2$$



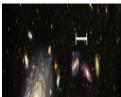


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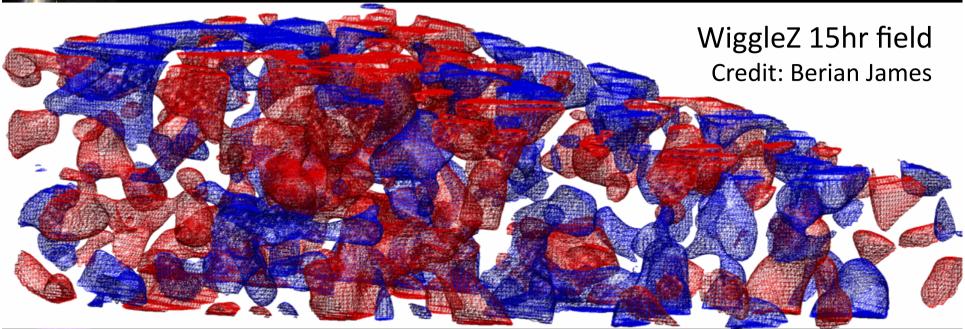


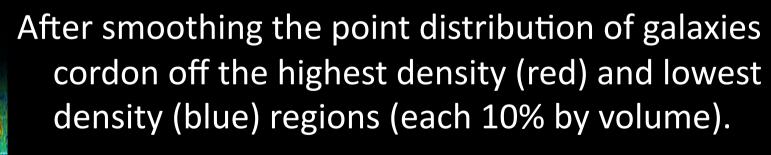






## Topology, genus, and gaussianity



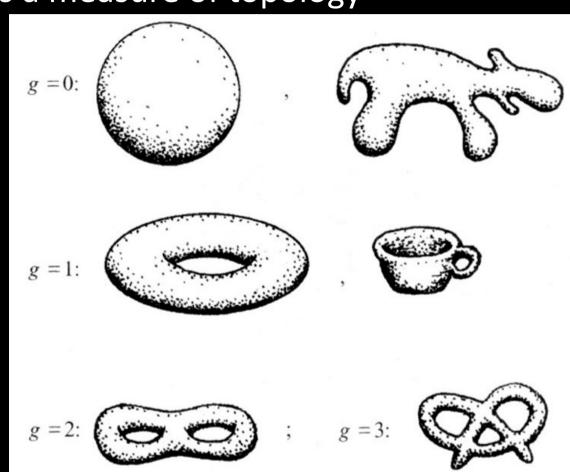






# What is genus?

Genus is a measure of topology







## The genus statistic

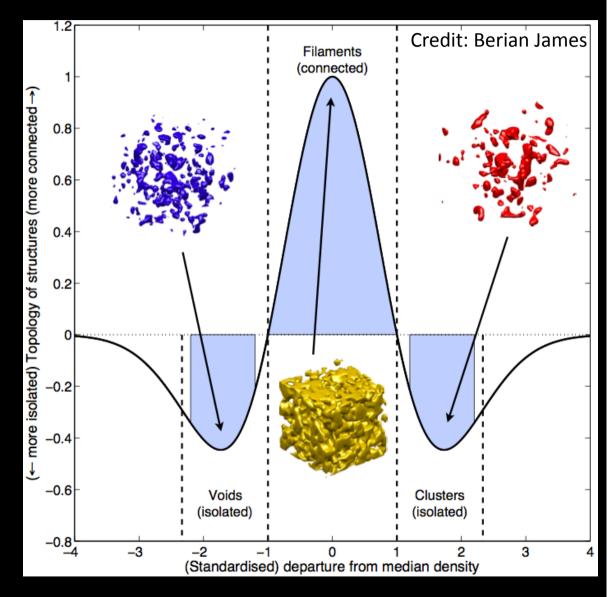
The genus statistic measures the topology of structure

Gaussian random fields have a specific topology

By measuring the genus we can detect nongaussianity

Large scales – primordial non-gaussianity

Small scales – nonlinear structure

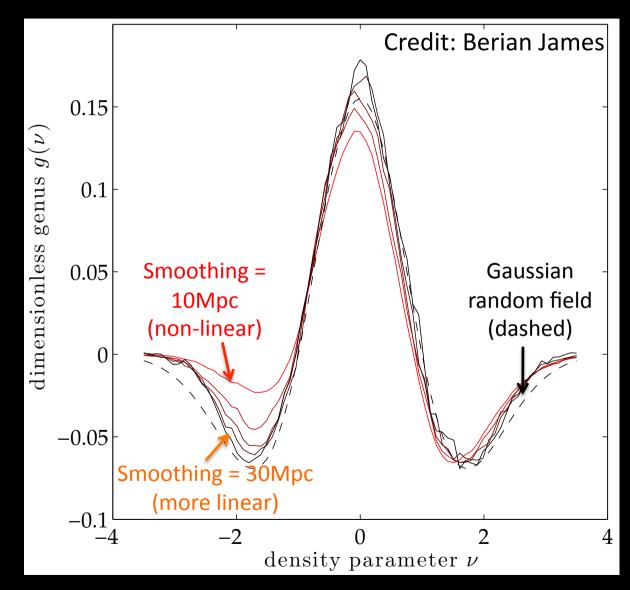






## Genus vs smoothing scale

Non-linear structure formation causes deviations from gaussianity







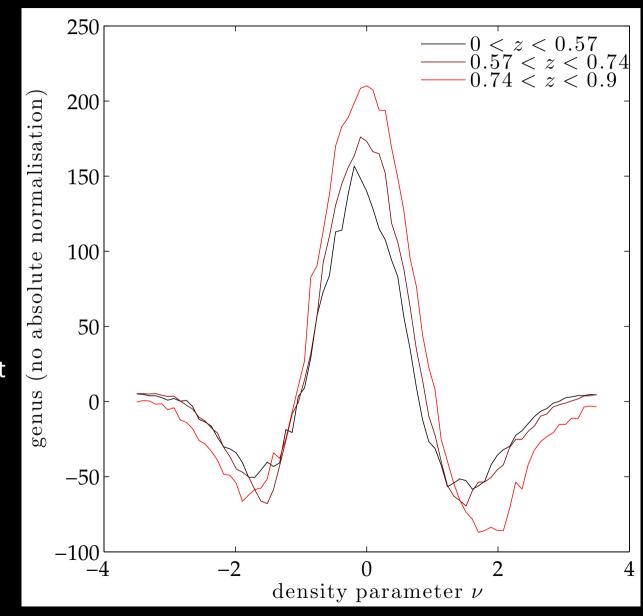
#### Genus vs redshift

Credit: Berian James

Genus curve is not expected to evolve (in linear theory)

Changes
 attributed to
 non-linear
 evolution
(Scale dependent
 bias??)

Modelling underway....

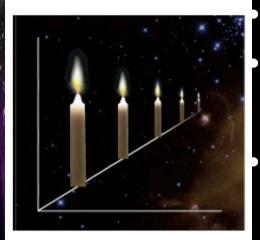






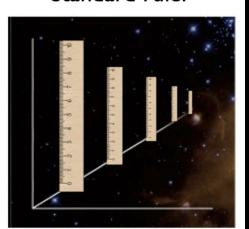
#### BAO – a standard ruler in 3D

#### Standard candle



Supernova

#### Standard ruler



SNe = radial info (line of sight)

CMB = tangential info (surface of sphere)

BAO can be applied radially to give H(z)

AND tangentially to give D<sub>A</sub>(z)

$$D_A(z)=rac{s}{\Delta heta}$$

 $\Delta\theta$  = apparent angular size

 $\sim$  2.6 deg at z=1

 $\Delta z$  = apparent redshift extent

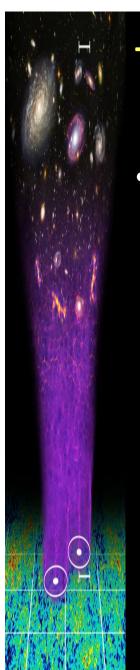
 $\sim 0.06$  at z=1

$$H(z) = rac{c \; \Delta z}{s}$$

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Cosmic sound wave

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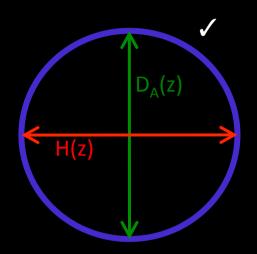


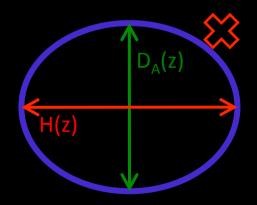
## The sphericity of spheres

- Alcock-Paczynski test
  - Ratio of observed angular size to radial size varies with cosmology
  - Measure distortions of a sphere and you can measure cosmological parameters.



WiggleZ will (hopefully) measure  $D_A(z)$  to ~4% H(z) to ~7%



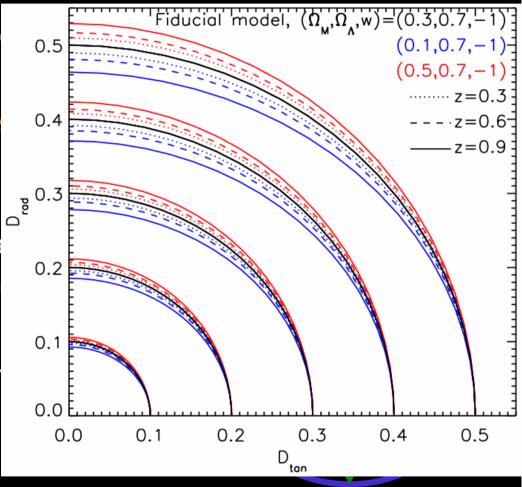






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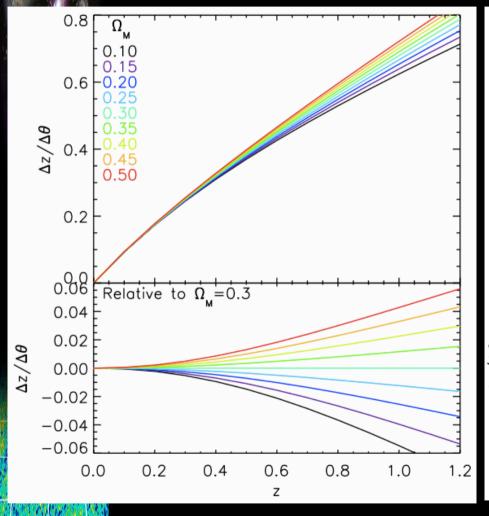
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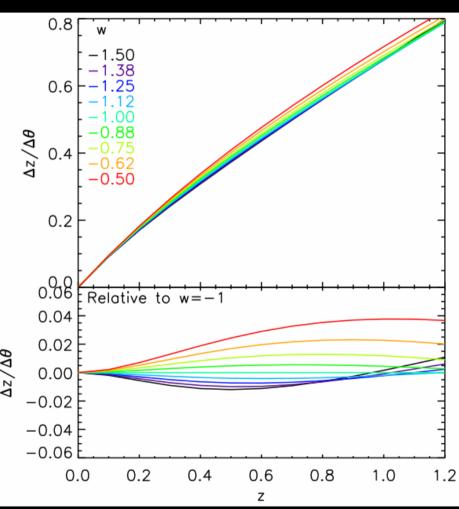






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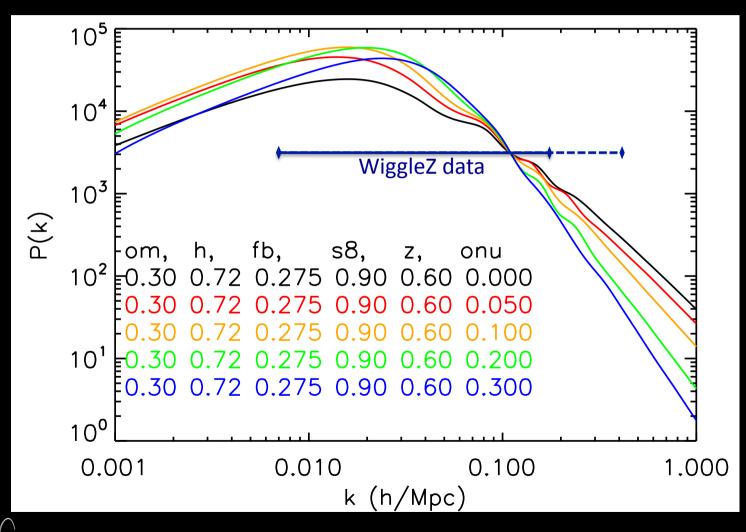




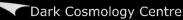


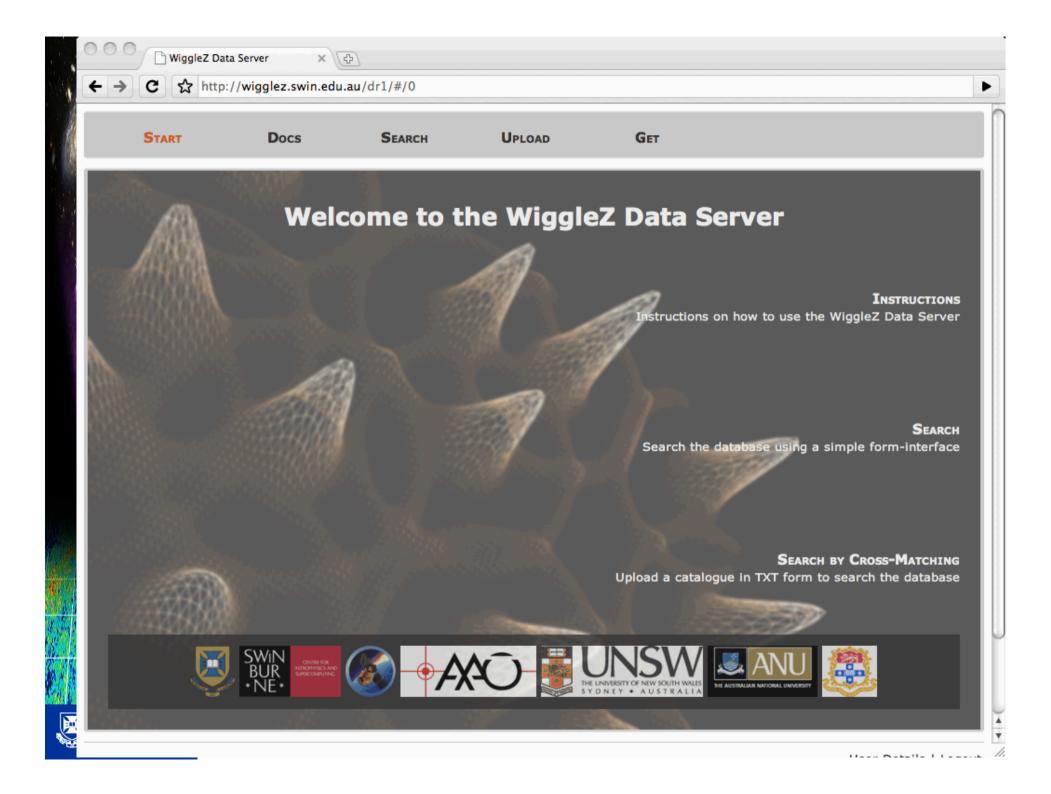
#### Neutrino mass constraints

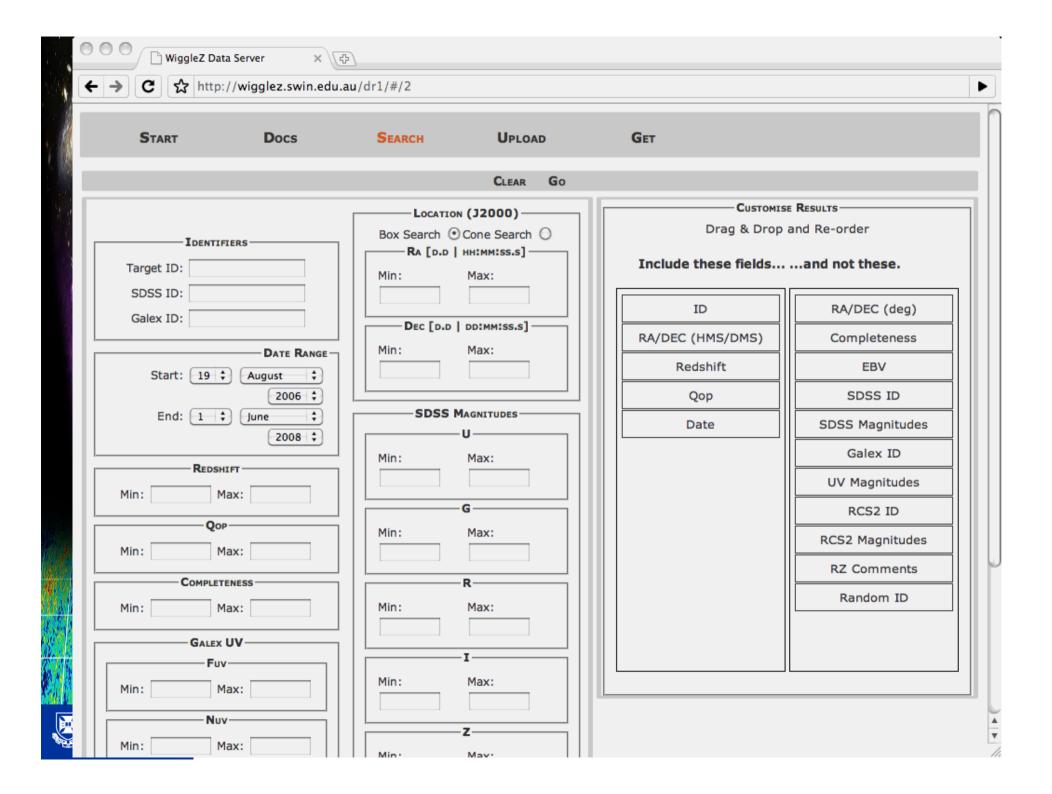
• WiggleZ P(k) is linear to higher k than previous surveys











#### Summary

We now have > 200,000 galaxies and have just two semesters of WiggleZ observing remaining

Results using just the first 120,000 are very promising

There are a huge number of ways to use this data

I haven't even mentioned galaxy evolution and formation studies, nor the study of star-forming galaxies at high redshift, etc...

