

Large-scale Structure

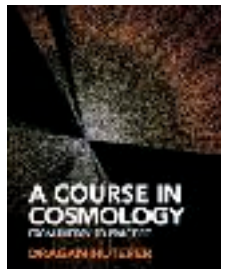
Lecture 3:
Neutrino mass.
Weak lensing and 3x2 cosmology.

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Overview of this lecture

- Aimed with the basics of $P(k)$, plus BAO and RSD probes, and having discussed how they are sensitive to dark matter and dark energy - what next?
- This lecture, we 1) review the physics in LSS of massive neutrinos, and 2) briefly review weak gravitational lensing (or “cosmic shear”)



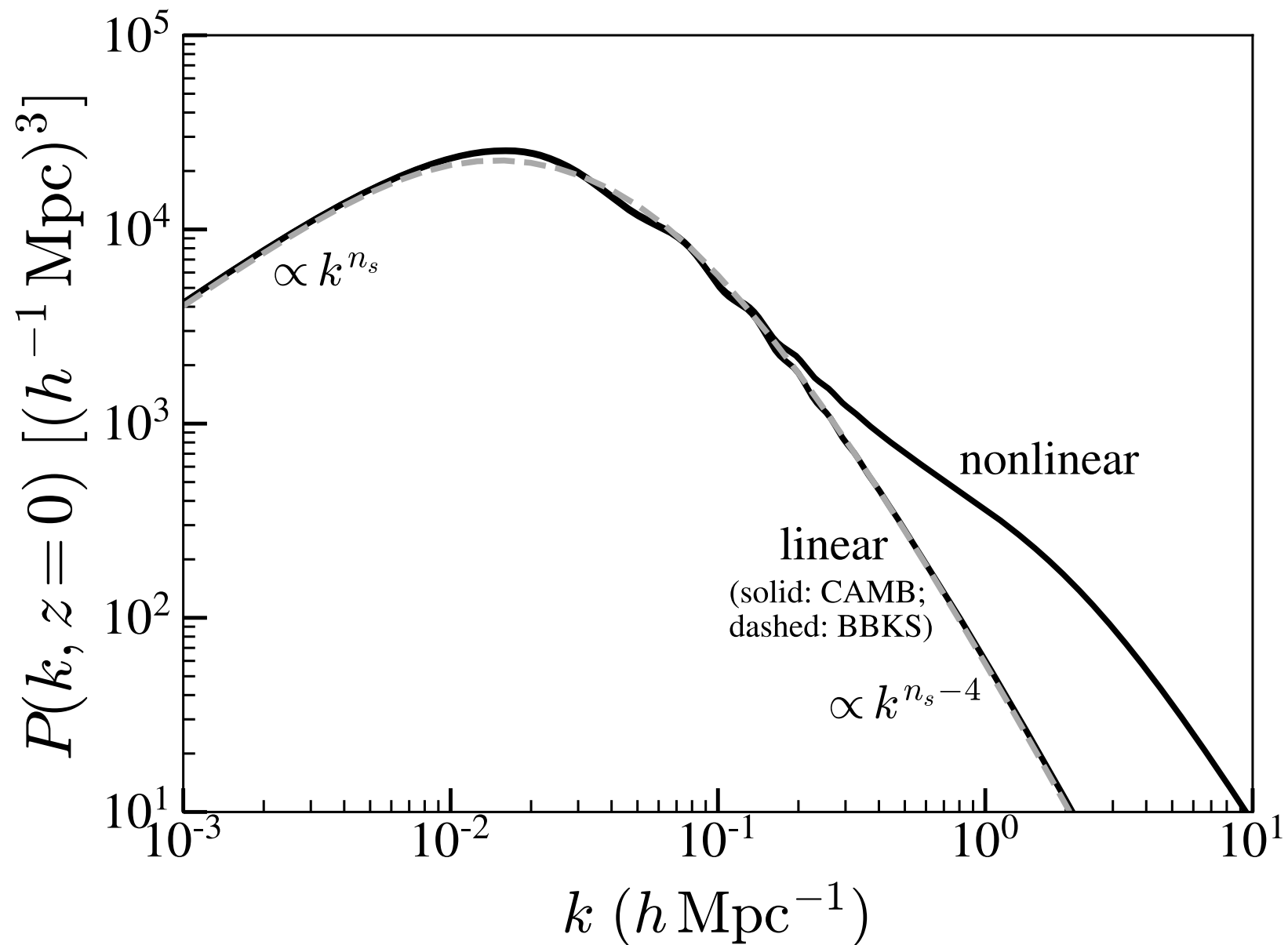
Linear galaxy power spectrum $\Delta_g^2(k)$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_g^2(k, a) &\equiv \frac{k^3 P_g(k)}{2\pi^2} \\ &= b^2(k, a) A_s \frac{4}{25} \frac{1}{\Omega_M^2} \left(\frac{k}{k_{\text{piv}}} \right)^{n_s-1} \left(\frac{k}{H_0} \right)^4 [ag(a)]^2 T^2(k)\end{aligned}$$

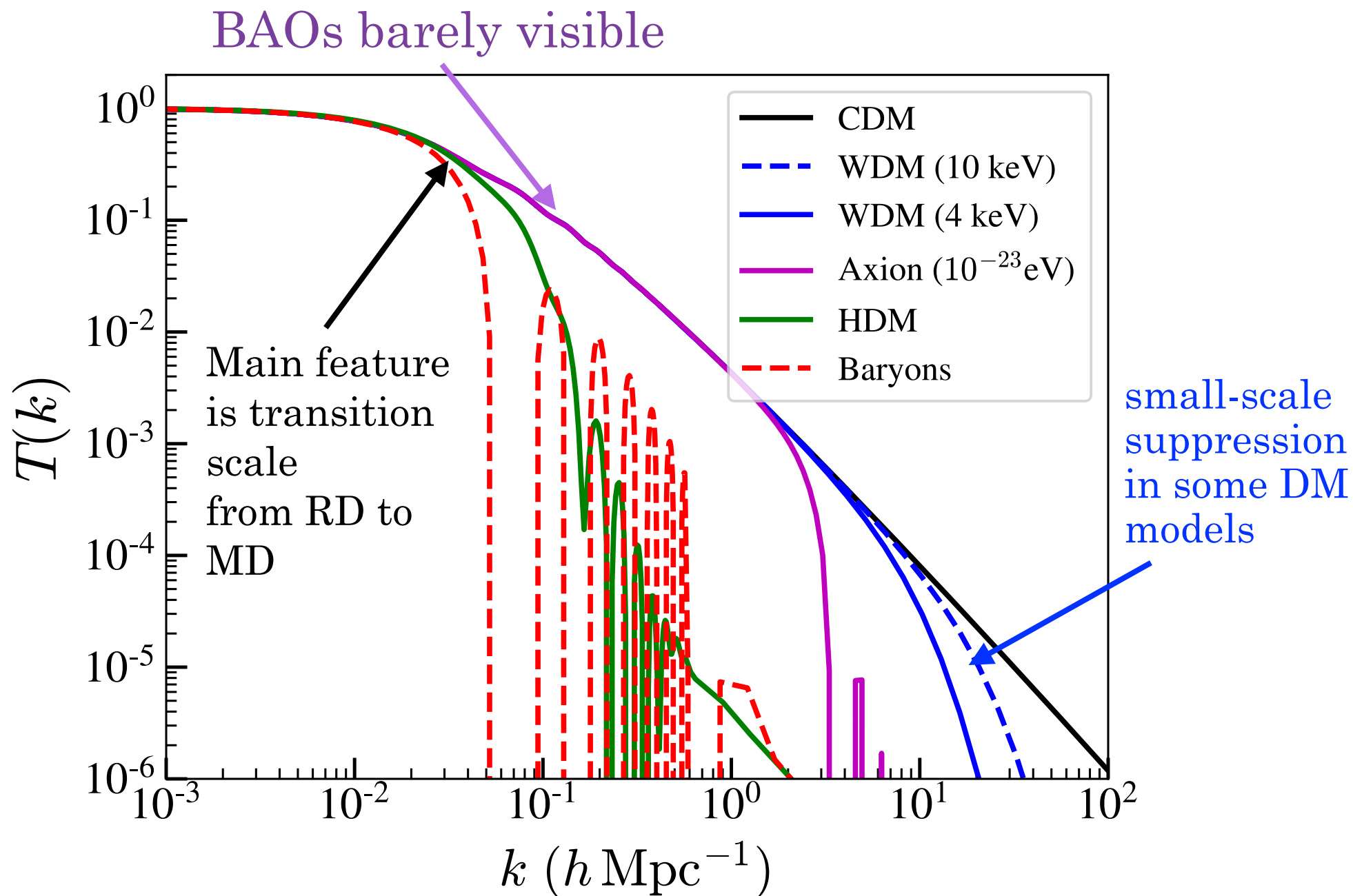
Principal sensitivity to cosmo parameters comes from:

- growth function $D(a) = ag(a)/g(1)$ (D is linear growth, g is growth suppression, i.e. value relative to EdS)
- transfer function $T(k)$
- (for non-Gaussianity only): galaxy bias b
- [Also anisotropic power spectrum, not shown above, with RSD]

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Transfer function



Neutrino Mass

Neutrino basics

- Three neutrino flavors (e, mu, tau)
- Definitely massive (neutrino oscillations detected)
- $\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{\sum_i m_{\nu,i}}{94\text{eV}},$
- Cosmology largely sensitive to $\sum m_{\nu,i}$
- Cosmological upper bound: $\sum m_{\nu,i} < 0.15 \text{ eV}$ (or so)

From the oscillation constraints,

we conclude:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (\Delta m^2)_{\text{sol}} &\simeq 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \\ (\Delta m^2)_{\text{atm}} &\simeq 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \sum m_i &= 0.06 \text{ eV}^* \quad (\text{normal}) \\ \text{vs.} \\ \sum m_i &= 0.11 \text{ eV}^* \quad (\text{inverted}) \end{aligned}$$

*(assuming $m_3=0$)

So the goal is to

1. distinguish $\sum m_i$ of 0.06 eV from 0.11 eV
2. distinguish $\sum m_i$ of 0.06 eV from zero eV

Are neutrinos relativistic??

Well, it depends: they are relativistic at redshift higher than

$$z_{\text{nr}} \simeq 1890 \left(\frac{m_\nu}{\text{eV}} \right) \simeq 100 \quad \text{for} \quad m_\nu \simeq 0.05 \text{ eV}$$

The neutrinos affect the expansion rate as

$$H^2(z) = H_0^2 \left[\Omega_{cb}(1+z)^3 + \Omega_r(1+z)^4 + \Omega_\nu \frac{\rho_\nu(z)}{\rho_{\nu,0}} + \Omega_{\text{de}} \frac{\rho_{\text{de}}(z)}{\rho_{\text{de},0}} \right]$$

where

$$\rho_\nu(z \gg z_{\text{nr}}) = N_{\text{eff}} \frac{7\pi^2}{120} T_{\nu,0}^4 (1+z)^4$$

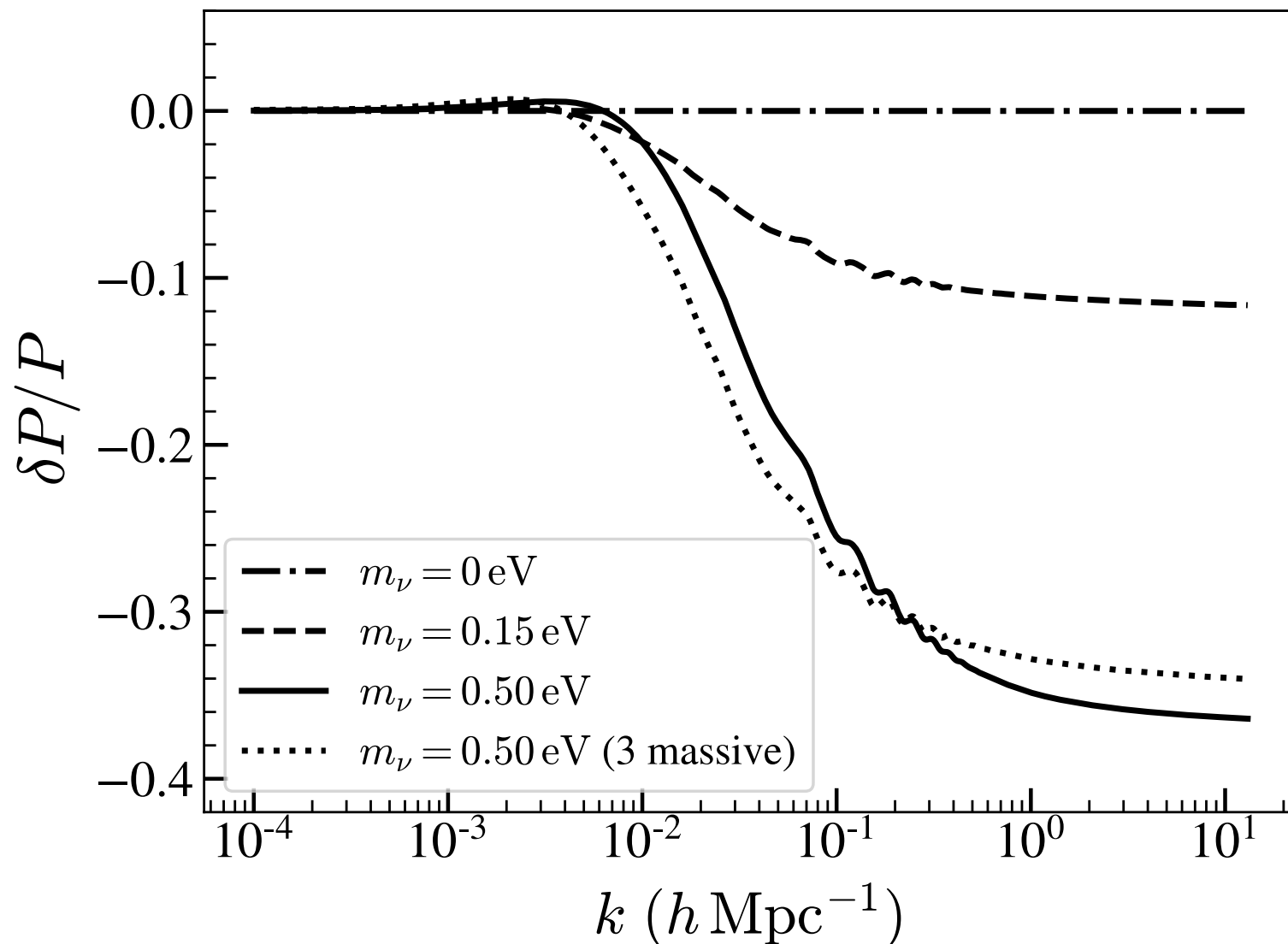
scales like radiation

$$\rho_\nu(z \ll z_{\text{nr}}) = \frac{\sum m_\nu}{93 \text{ eV}} \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G} (1+z)^3$$

scales like matter

Neutrino free-streaming leaves signatures in $P(k)$

$$\lambda_{\text{FS}} \simeq 300 \left(\frac{1\text{eV}}{m_\nu} \right) \text{Mpc}; \quad k_{\text{FS}} \equiv \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_{\text{FS}}} \simeq 0.02 \left(\frac{m_\nu}{1\text{eV}} \right) \text{Mpc}^{-1},$$



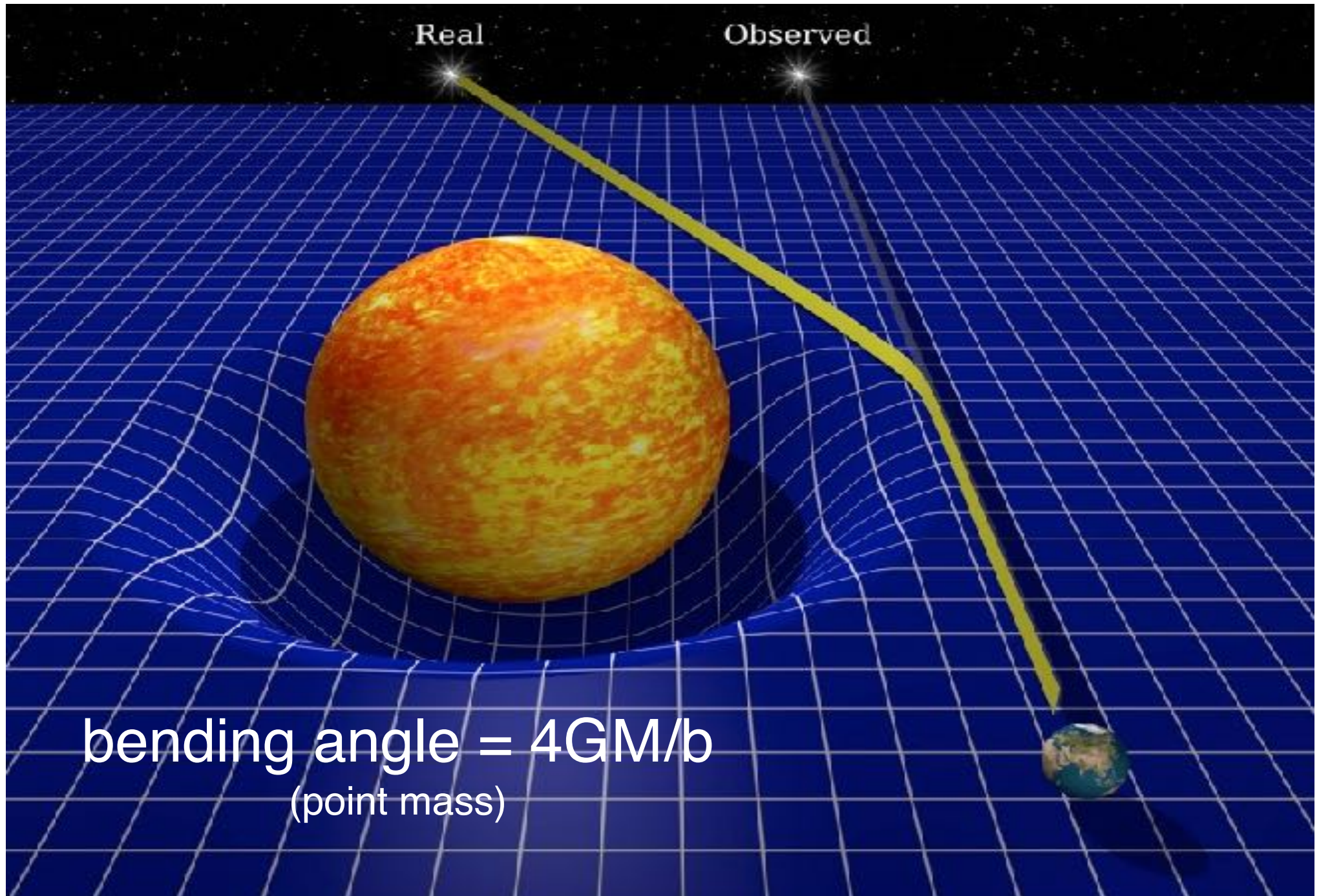
$$\frac{\delta P}{P} \simeq -8f_\nu$$

Neutrino masses: prospects

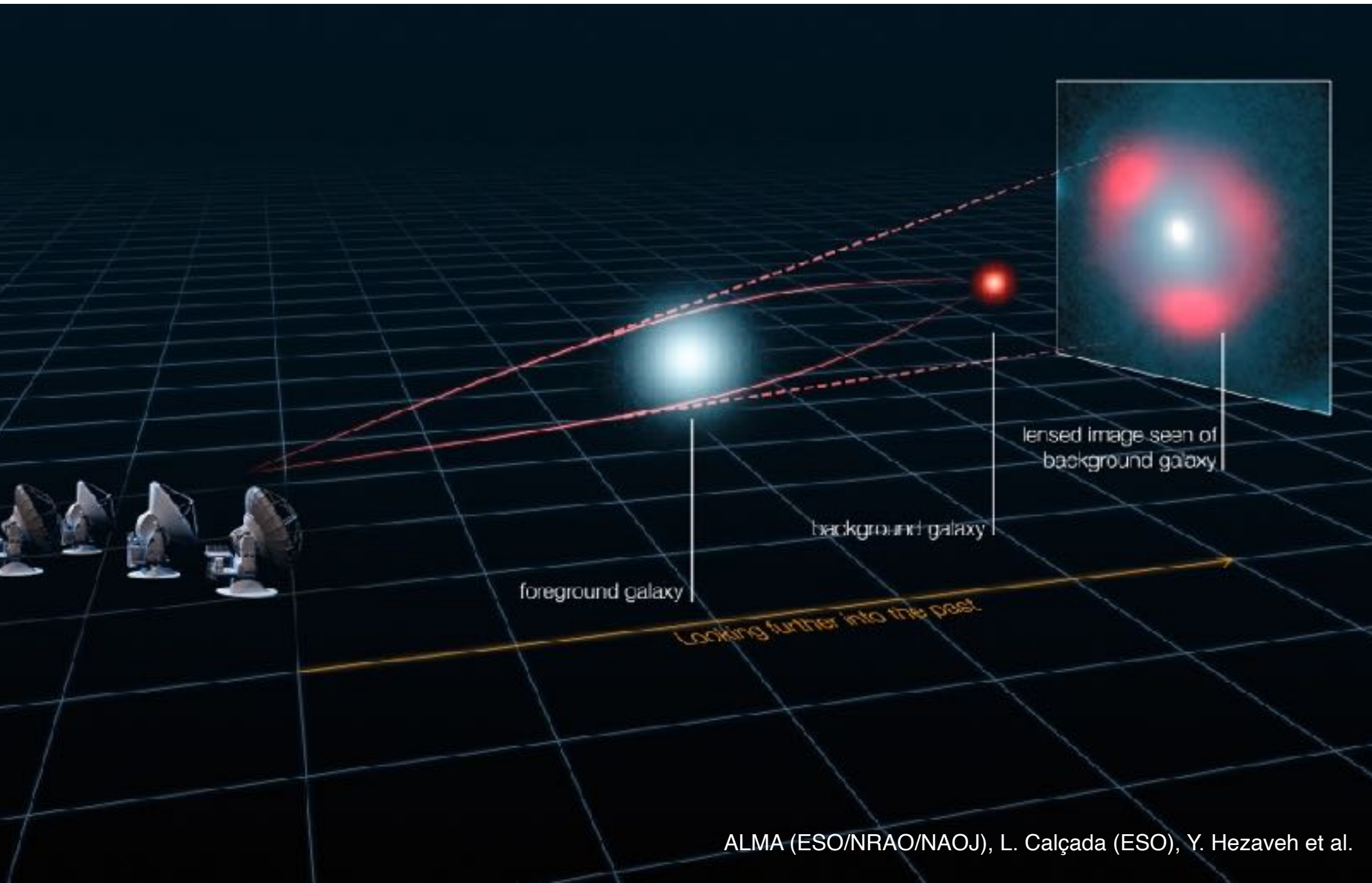
- Neutrino masses are in principle output of a standard $P(k)$ full-shape analysis (with or without the RSD)
- However, theoretically modeling the impact of neutrinos is famously challenging — need Nbody simulations, tricky to get sufficient precision
- Recent progress appears to have largely solved the above challenge
- Specific predictions of the effect of m_ν on observables make these tests highly physics-y. Cosmology tests of m_ν : a great (and correspondingly cheap) complement to particle-physics experiments

Weak gravitational lensing

Strong (not weak!) gravitational lensing



Strong lensing: multiple images are formed



Weak lensing: no multiple images

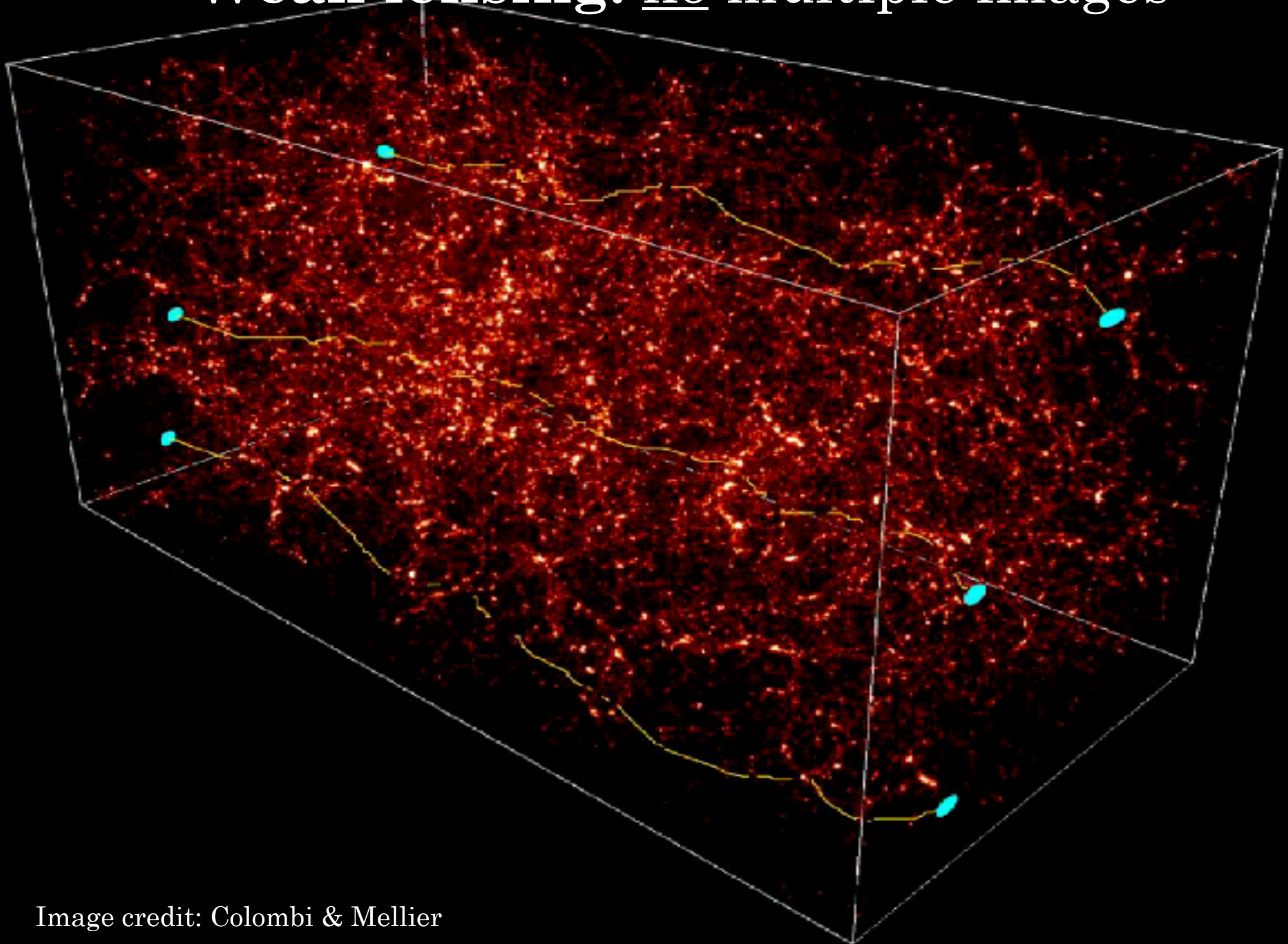


Image credit: Colombi & Mellier

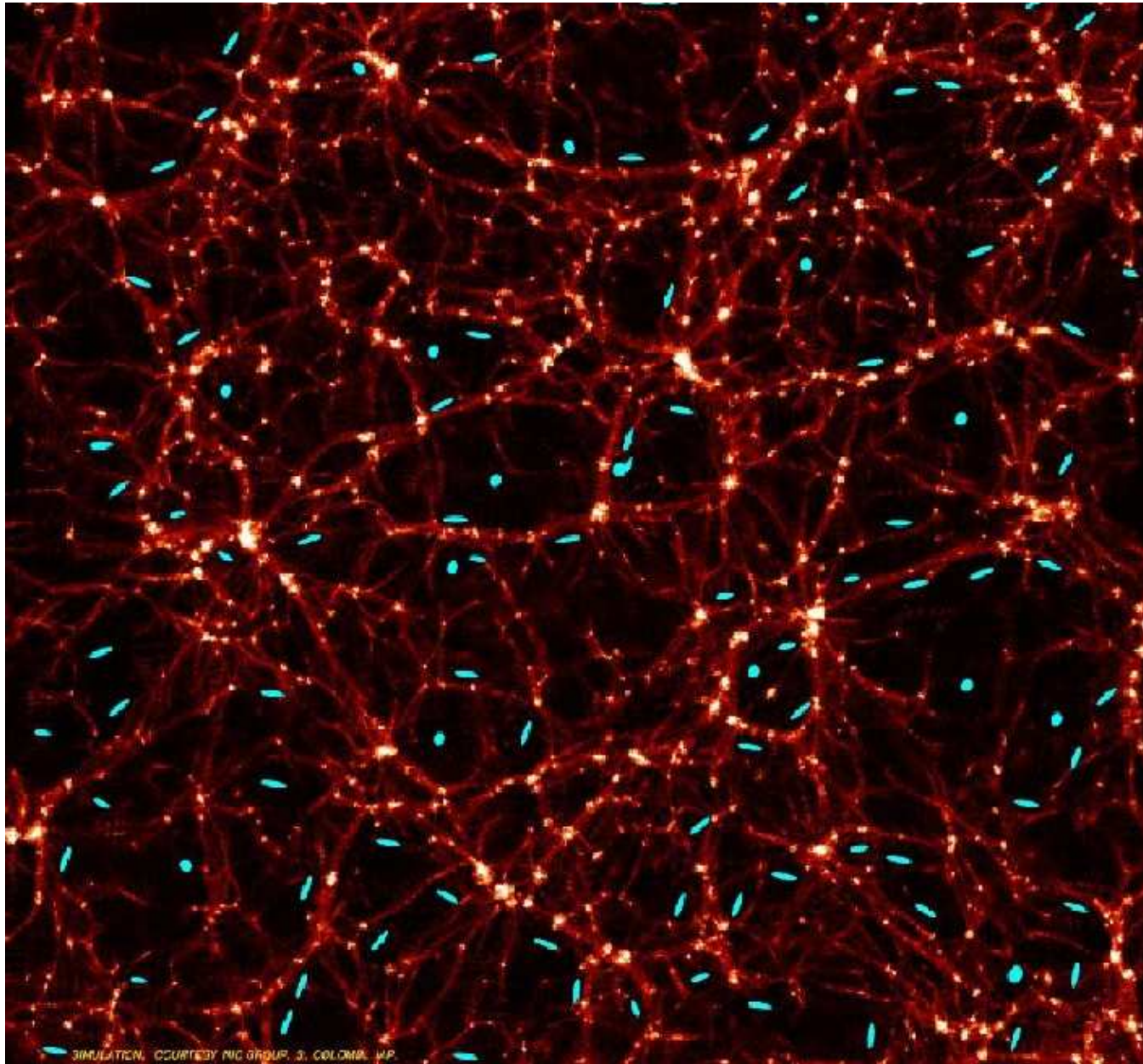
Weak Gravitational Lensing



Credit: NASA, ESA and
R. Massey (Caltech)

Key advantage: measures distribution of matter, not light

Weak Grav. Lensing (a.k.a. “cosmic shear”) **by large-scale structure**



Credit: Colombi & Mellier

Weak Lensing and Dark Matter/Energy

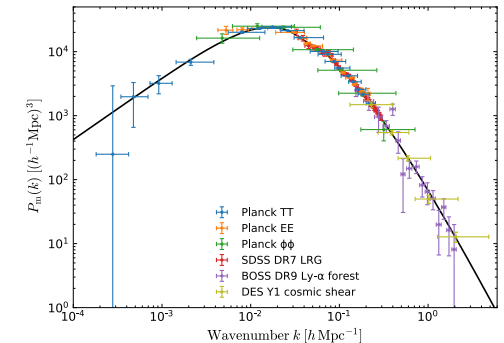
WL measures integral over the line of sight:

$$P_{\text{shear}} \simeq \int_0^\infty W(r) P_{\text{matter}}(r) dr$$

galaxy shear
clustering
(measure)

distance,
volume factors
(theory → DM, DE)

(dark) matter
clustering
(theory → DM, DE)



- Probes integrated matter density; also sensitive to **DM/DE** through distance, volume factors

More precisely: shear power spectrum

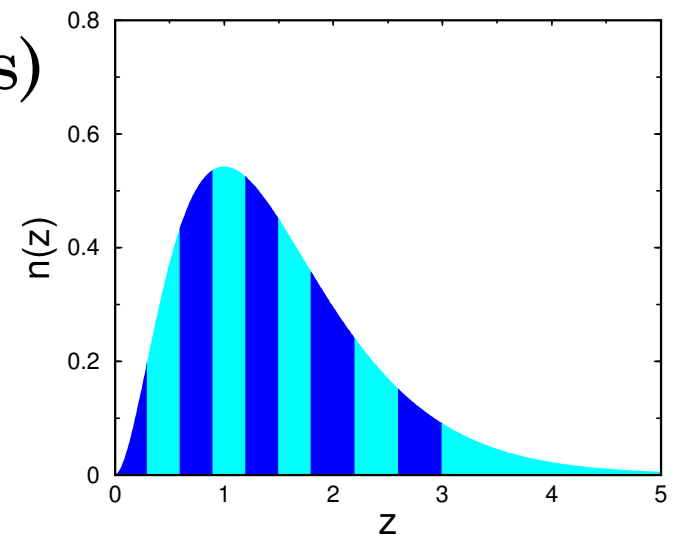
$$P^{\kappa}(\ell) = \int_0^{\infty} dz \frac{W^2(z)}{r(z)^2 H(z)} P\left(\frac{\ell}{r(z)}, z\right)$$

matter
power spectrum

where $k=l/r$ (Limber approximation).

With **tomography** (splitting into z bins)

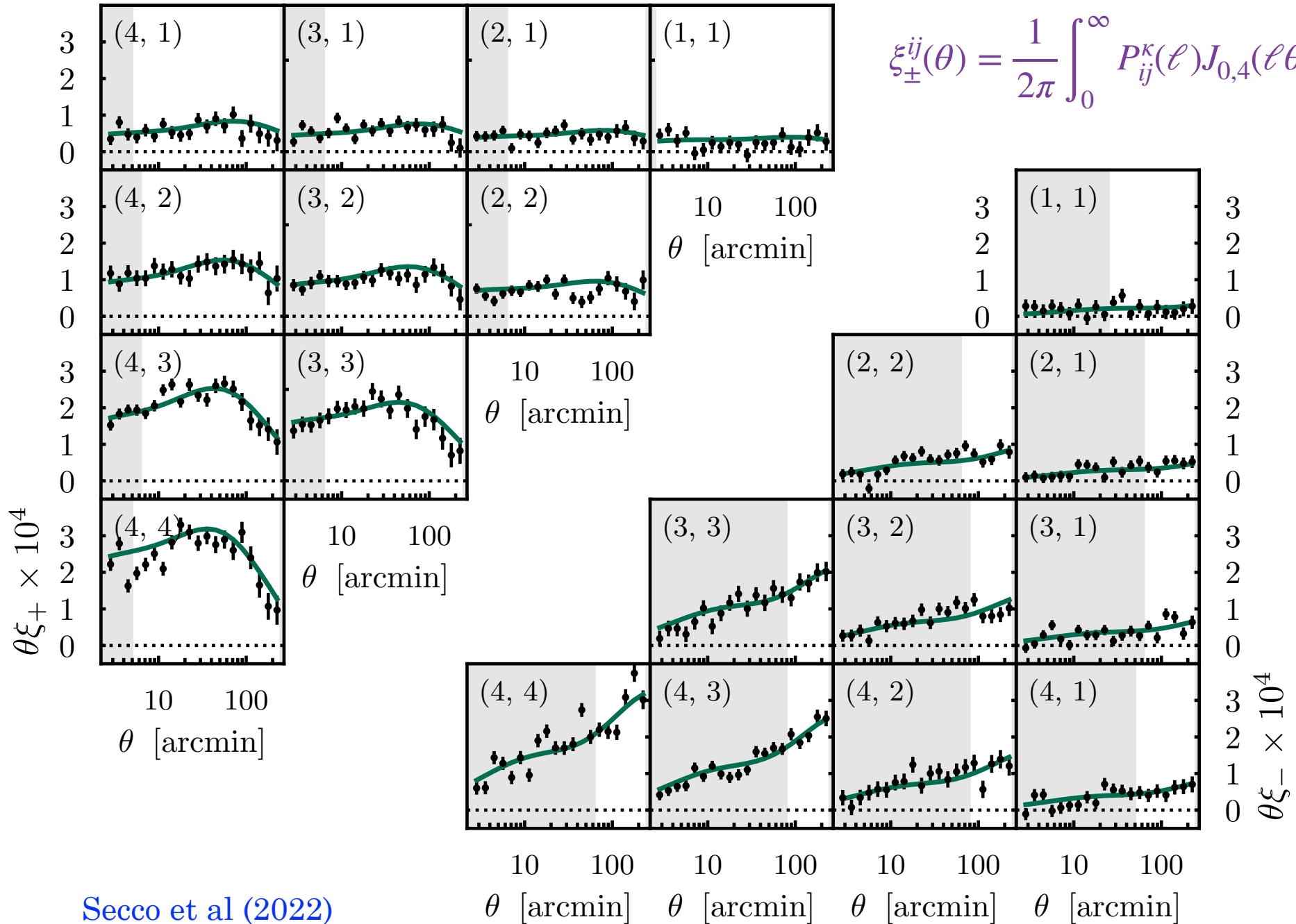
$$P_{ij}^{\kappa}(\ell) = \int_0^{\infty} dz \frac{W_i(z) W_j(z)}{r(z)^2 H(z)} P\left(\frac{\ell}{r(z)}, z\right)$$



Weak lensing from DES Y3 (4 tomographic bins)

In configuration space

$$\xi_{\pm}^{ij}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty P_{ij}^\kappa(\ell) J_{0,4}(\ell\theta) \ell d\ell$$



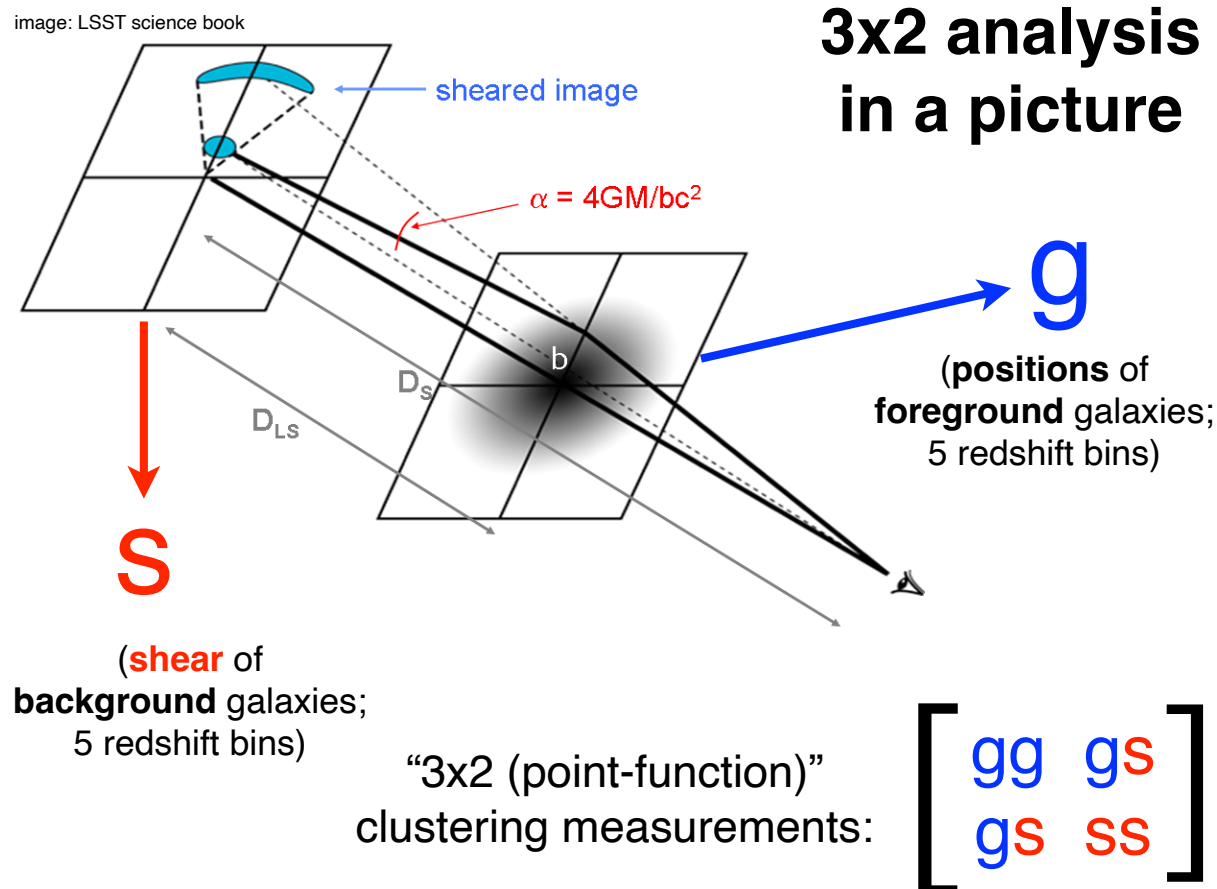
Weak lensing summary:

- History:
 - Proposed in 1960s
 - First detected in year 2000 (four teams!)
 - New era with DES, KiDS, HSC
 - Bright future with LSST, Euclid, Roman
- Pros:
 - Sensitive to **ALL** matter, including dark matter!
 - No bias! (recall $P_g = b^2 P_m$; measures P_m , not P_g)
 - Sensitive to both geometry (distances) and growth of structure
- Cons:
 - Lots of systematics! atmospheric distortions and “rounding” of shapes; intrinsic alignments, etc etc.

“3x2” cosmology

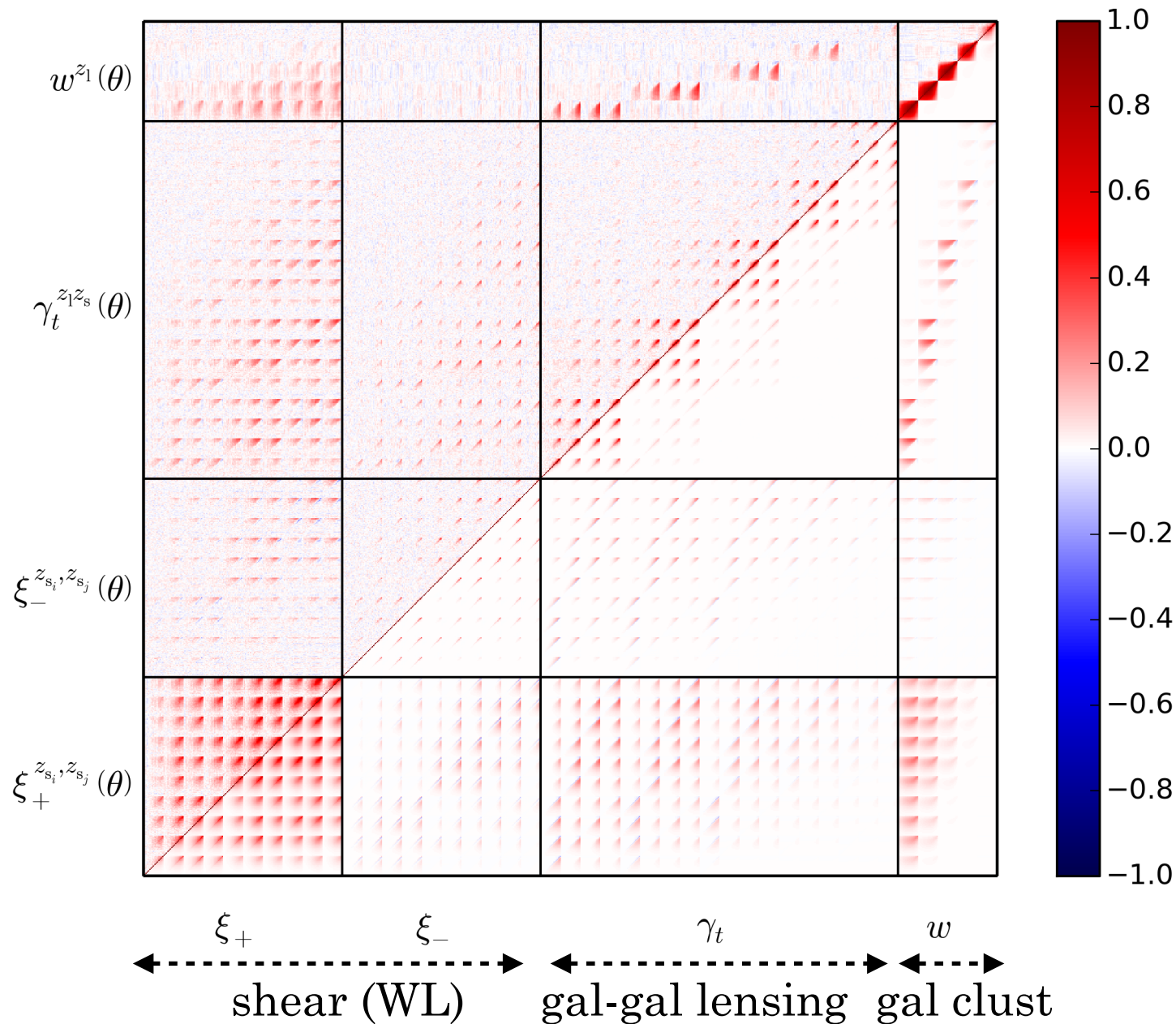
Can correlate:

1. **galaxy position** with **galaxy position** (galaxy clustering)
2. **galaxy shape** with galaxy shape (weak lensing)
3. **galaxy position** with **galaxy shape** (galaxy-galaxy lensing)



3x2 cosmology

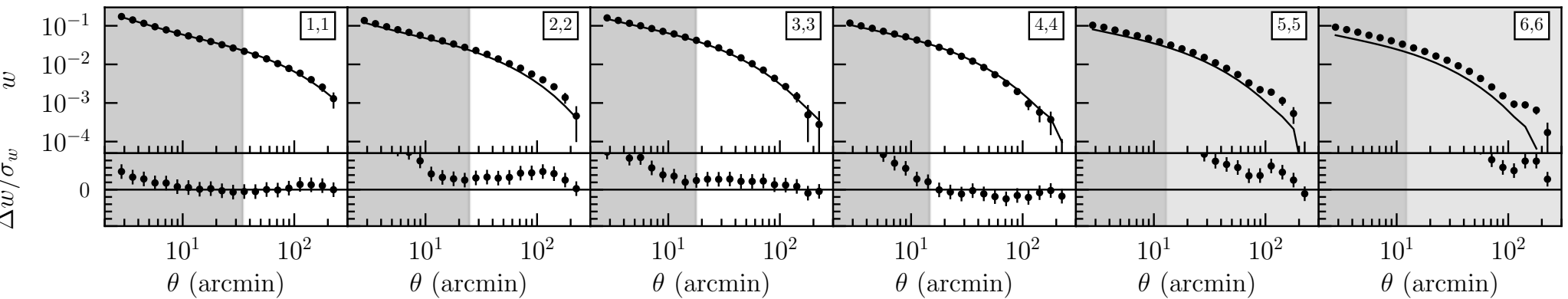
Covariance is non-trivial to calculate...



Krause, Eifler et al (2017)
[3x3 Cov for DES]

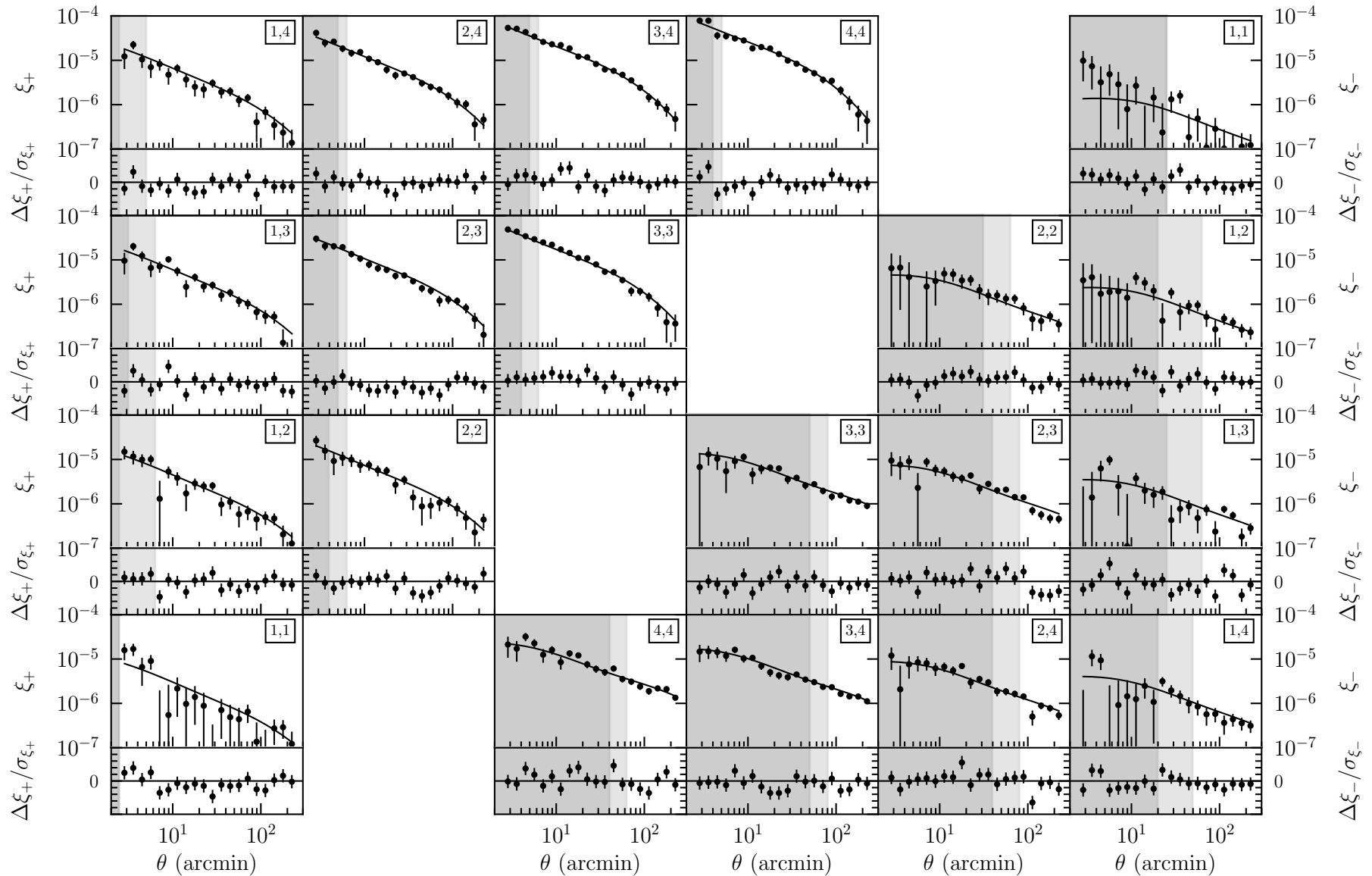
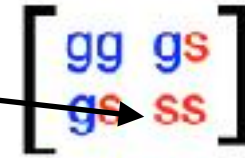
DES Y3 constraints from 3x2 cosmology:

Galaxy clustering $\longrightarrow$ $\begin{bmatrix} \text{gg} & \text{gs} \\ \text{gs} & \text{ss} \end{bmatrix}$



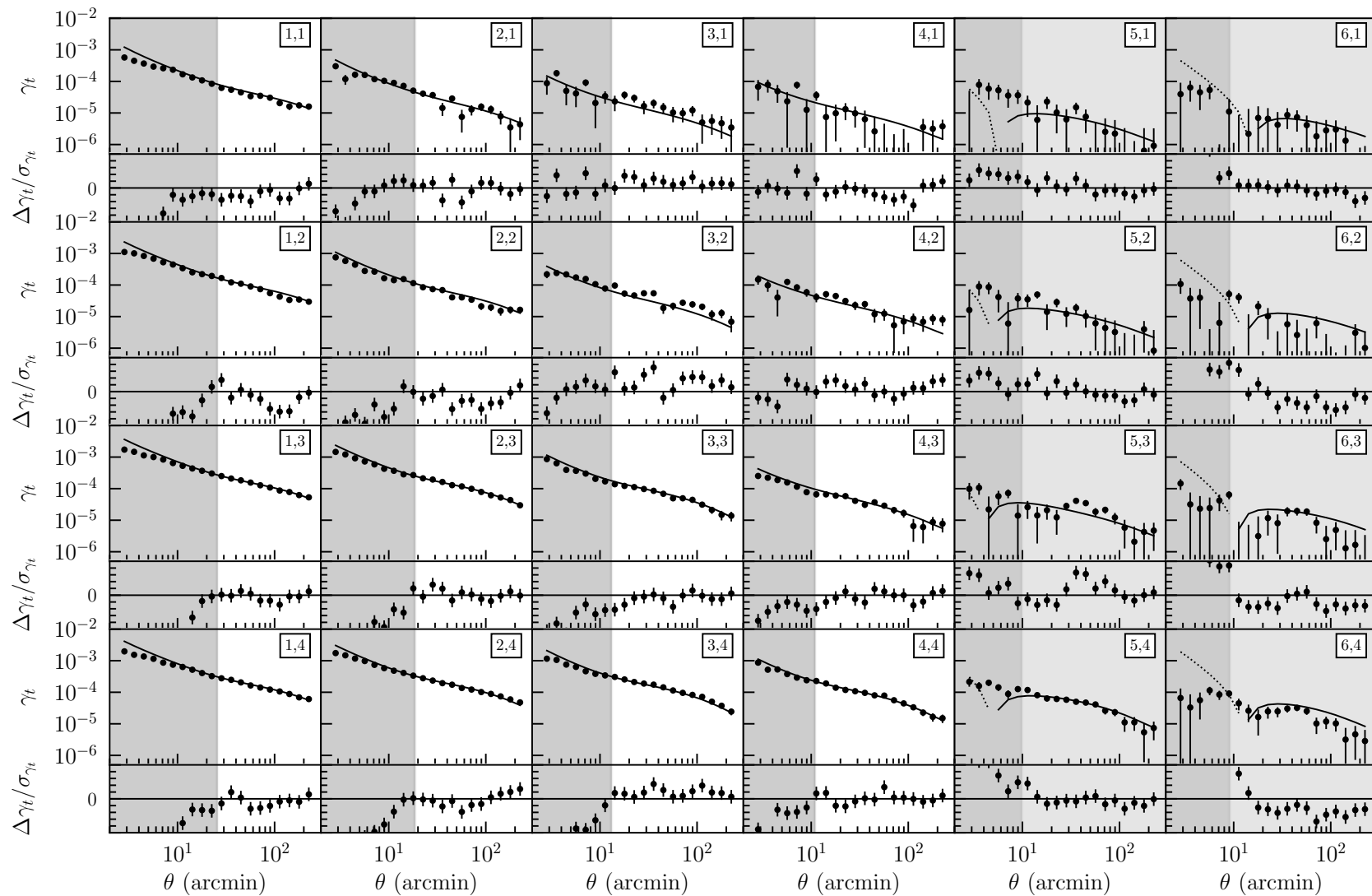
DES Y3 constraints from 3x2 cosmology:

Cosmic shear

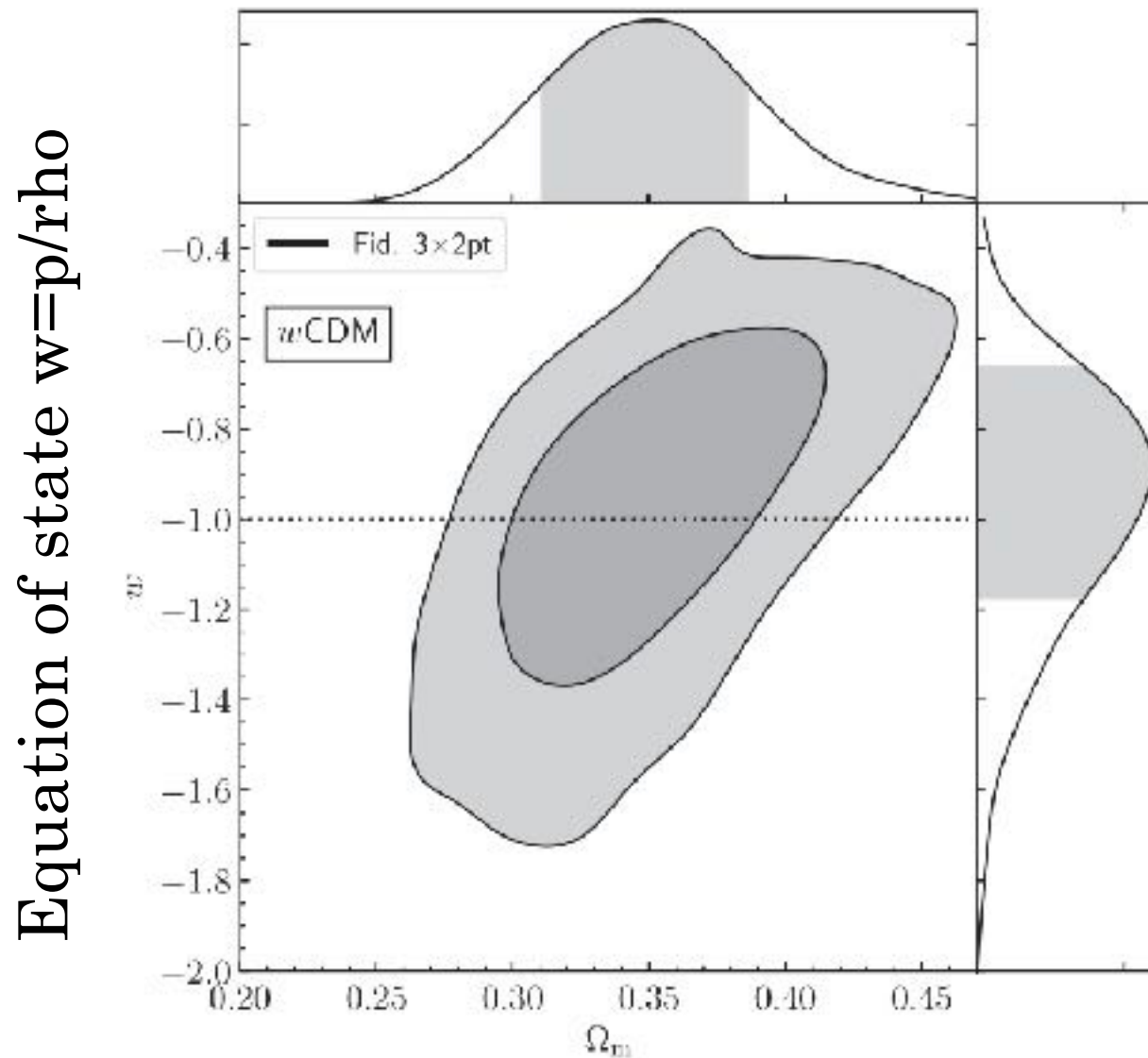


DES Y3 constraints from 3x2 cosmology:

Galaxy-shear cross-corr $\longrightarrow$ $\begin{bmatrix} \text{gg} & \text{gs} \\ \text{gs} & \text{ss} \end{bmatrix}$



DES Y3 constraints from 3x2 cosmology:

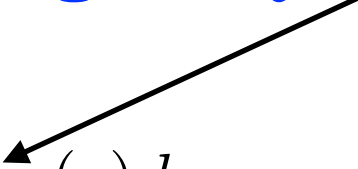


Matter density rel. to critical

Weak lensing (“cosmic shear”) summary

Yes, it’s a bit messy, and shapes of galaxies are hard to measure, but:

No dependence on galaxy bias:

$$P_{\text{shear}} \simeq \int_0^\infty W(r) P_{\text{matter}}(r) dr$$


makes it a powerful probe of DM and DE.

Principal upcoming surveys with weak lensing:
Euclid; LSST on Rubin Observatory; Nancy Roman
Space Telescope.