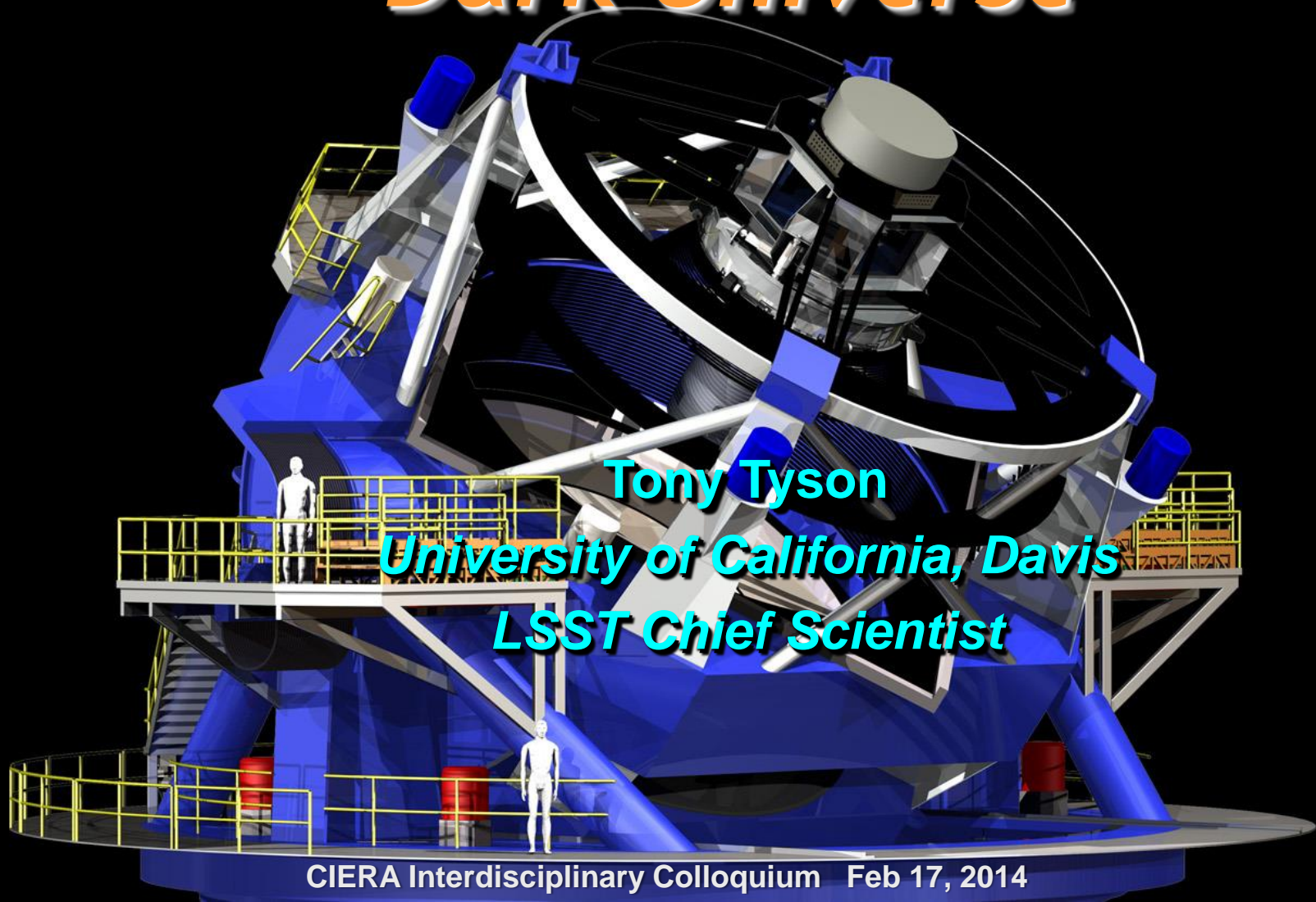


# *LSST and the Physics of the Dark Universe*



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**University of California, Davis**

**LSST Chief Scientist**

# Exploration

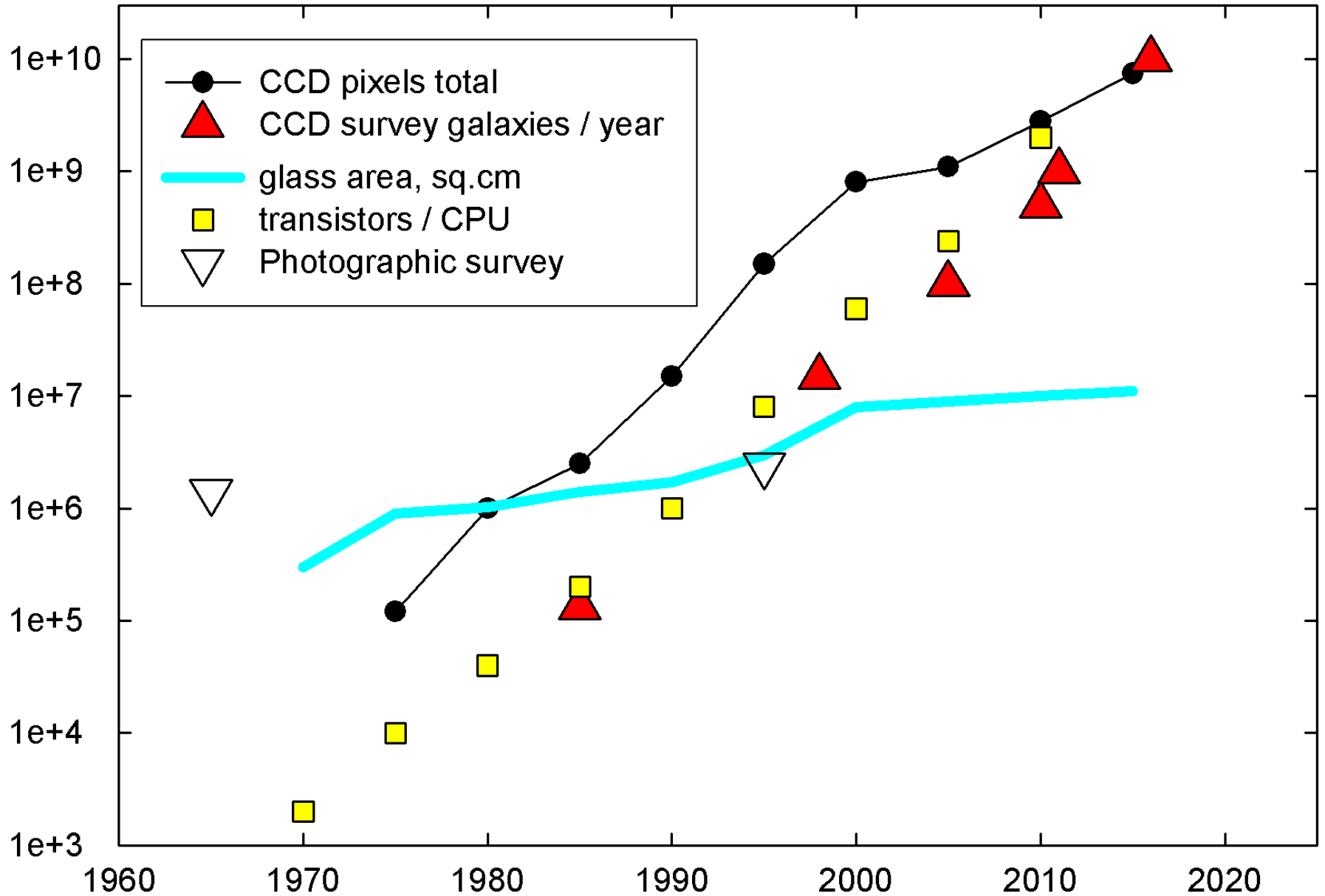
- Wavelength
- Angular resolution
- Sky area surveyed
- Depth
- Time resolution

**wide fast deep**

# Technology drives the New Sky

- **Microelectronics**
- **Software**
- **Large Optics Fabrication**

# Trends in Optical Astronomy Survey Data





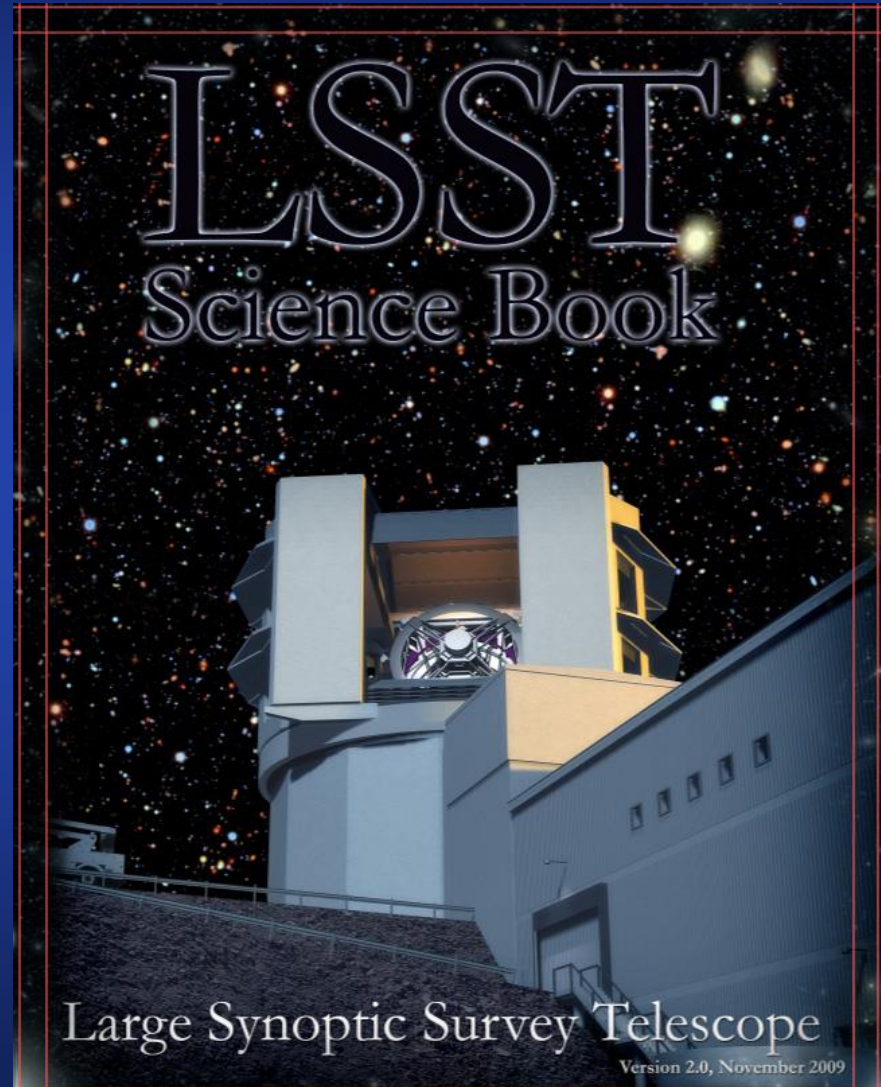
# LSST Science Book v2.0 written by LSST Collaboration

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- 245 authors
- 598 pages
- Living document  
(on [lsst.org](http://lsst.org))

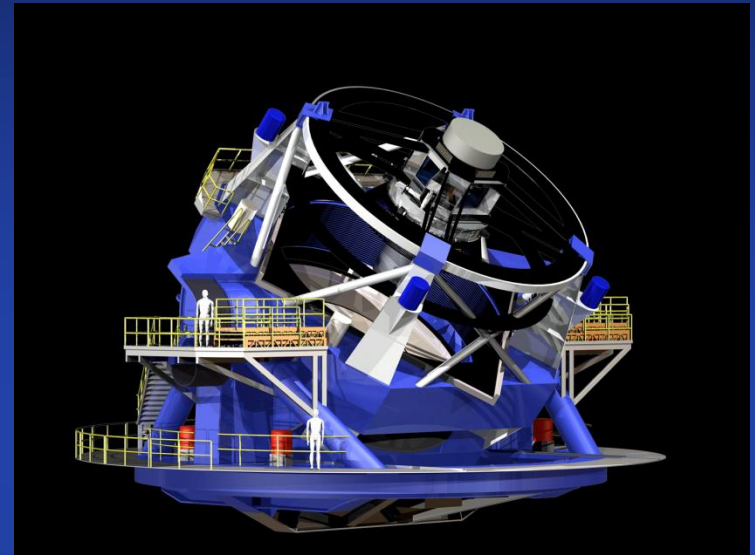
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**11 Science Collaborations.**  
*Science by community, not  
the LSST project.*

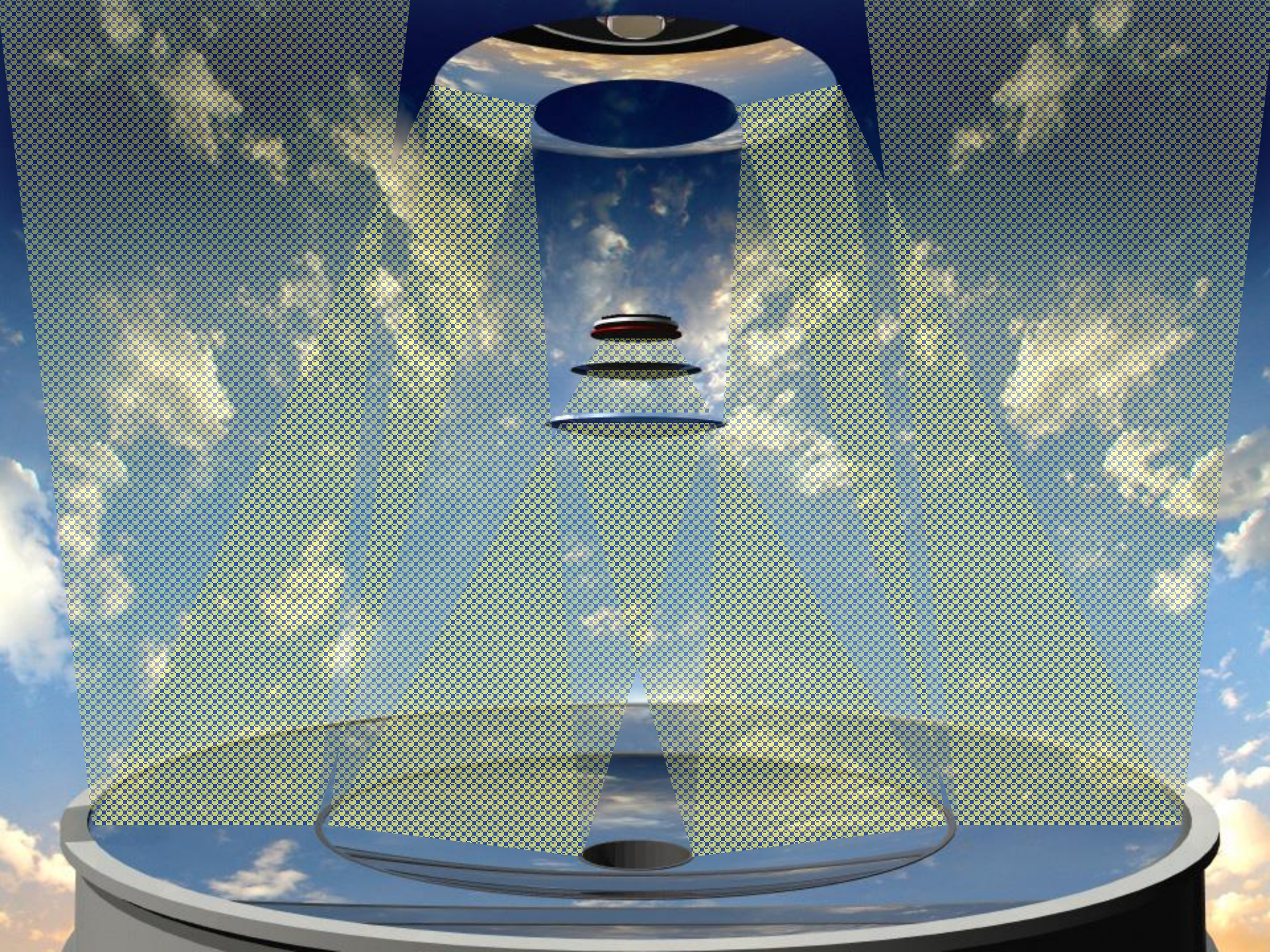


# The Science Enabled by LSST

- Time domain science
  - Novae, supernovae, GRBs
  - Source characterization
  - Instantaneous discovery
- Finding moving sources
  - Asteroids and comets
  - Proper motions of stars
- Mapping the Milky Way
  - Tidal streams
  - Galactic structure
- Dark energy and dark matter
  - Gravitational lensing
  - Slight distortion in shape
  - Trace the nature of dark energy



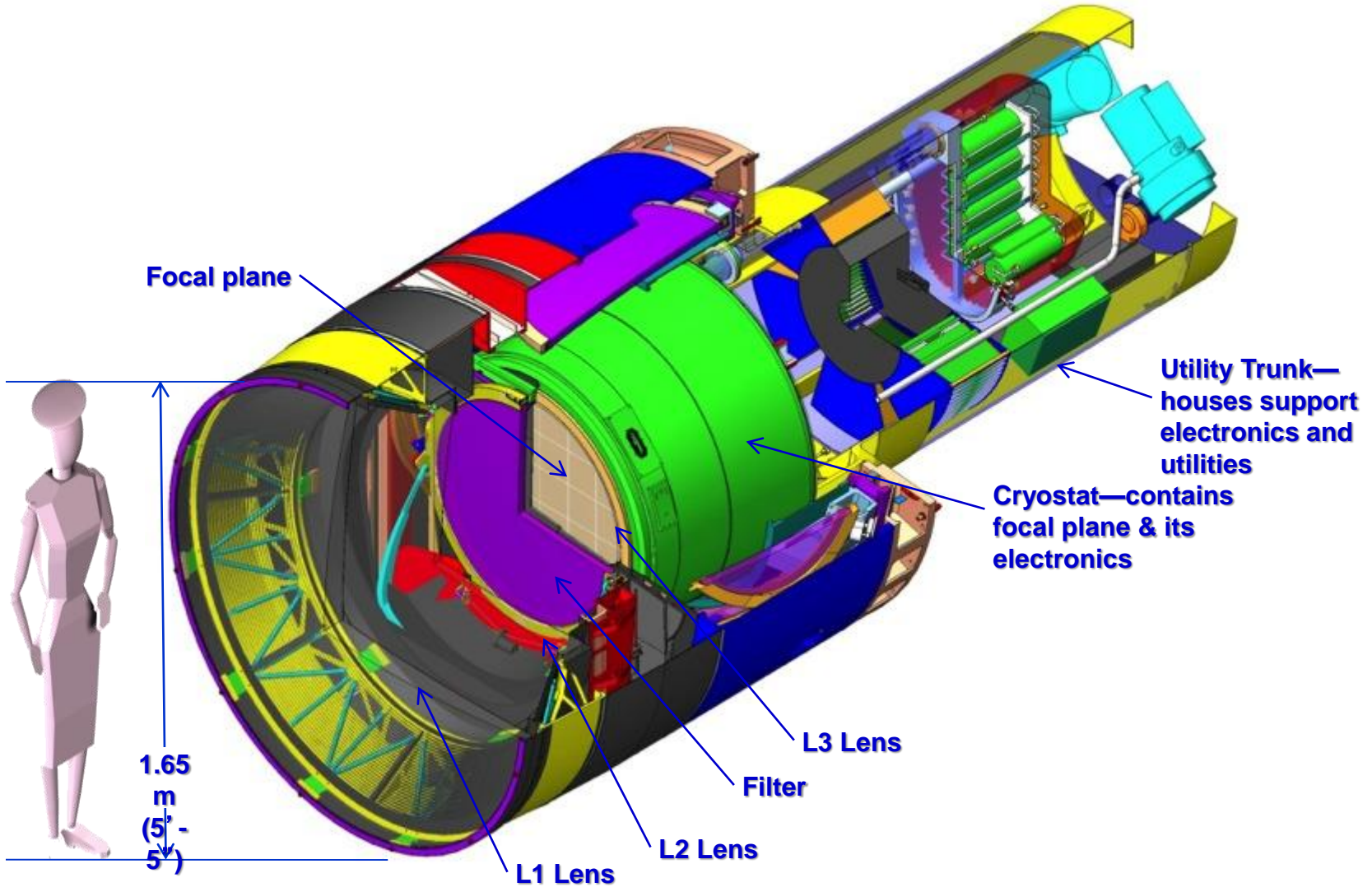
*How does one do research when faced with trillions of catalog entries, and potentially millions of measurements for each class of objects?*



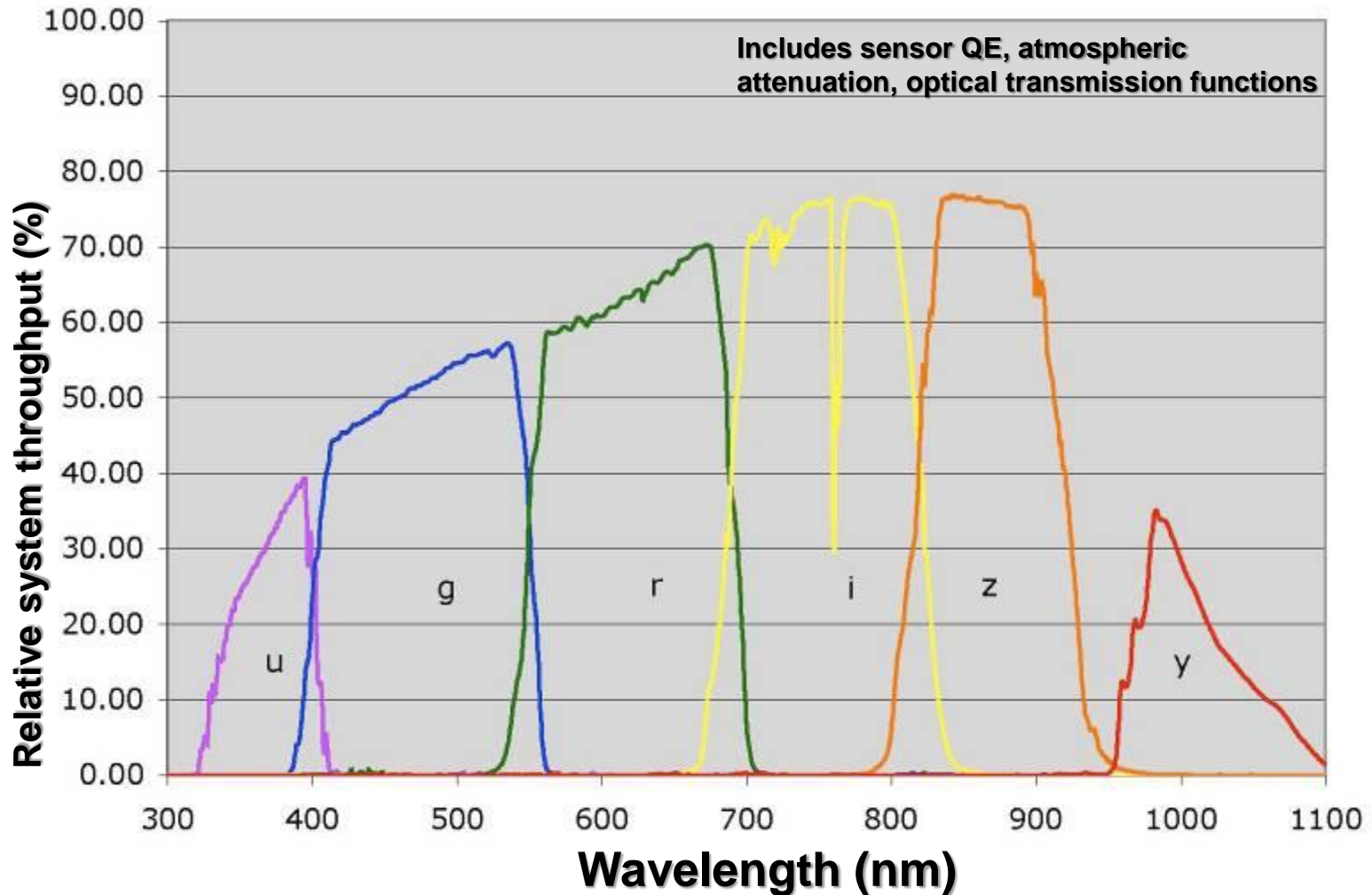




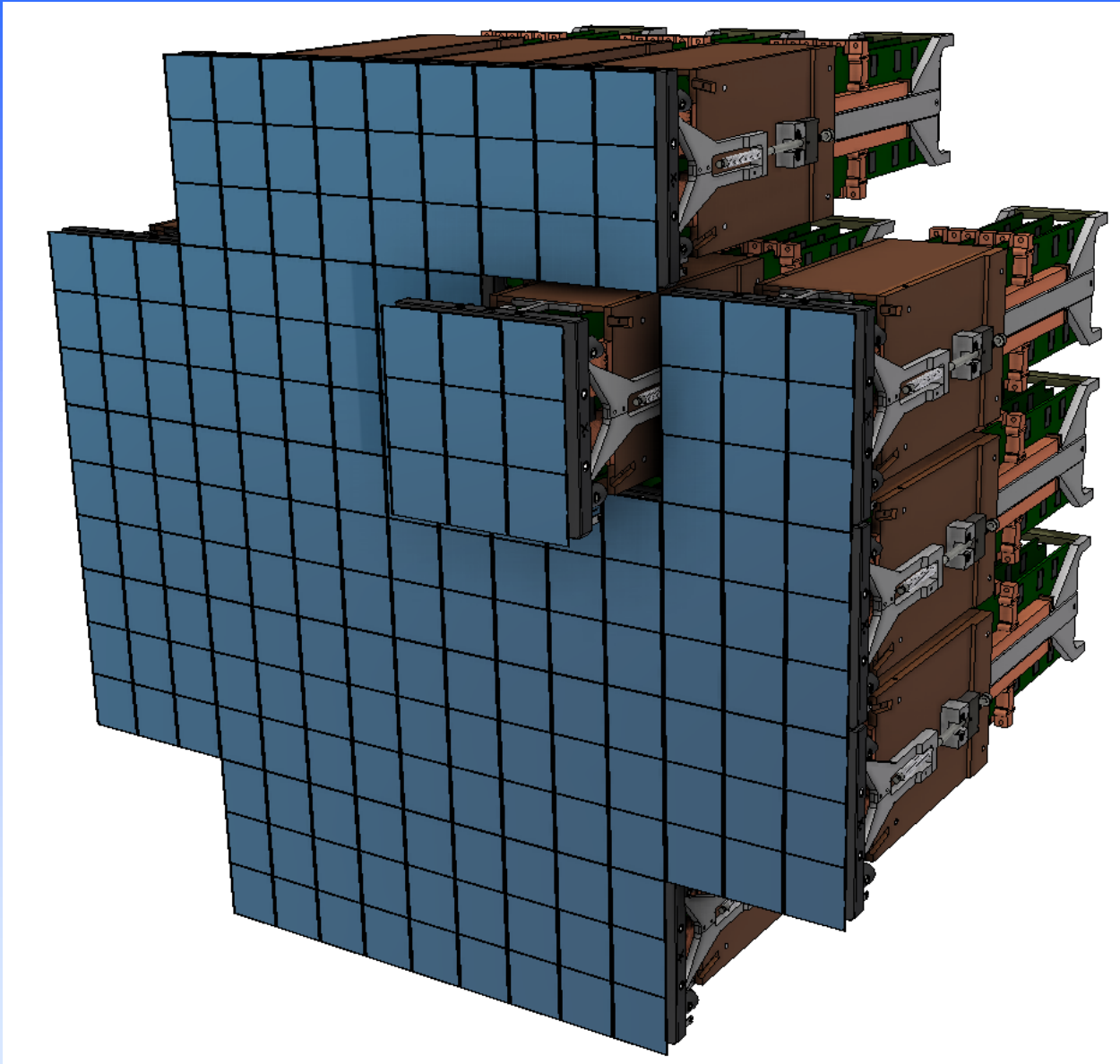
# 3.2 Billion Pixel Camera, 10 sq.deg Field



# LSST six color system



# 21 science rafts, 189 4K x 4K CCDs



**21 “rafts”**

**9 CCDs per raft**

# Data Management Sites and Centers



**HQ Site**  
HQ Facility  
Observatory Management  
Science Operations  
Education and Public Outreach



**Archive Site**  
Archive Center  
Alert Production  
Data Release Production  
Calibration Products Production  
EPO Infrastructure  
Long-term Storage (copy 2)  
**Data Access Center**

Data Access and User Services

**French Site**  
Processing Center  
Data Release Production



**Base Site**  
Base Facility  
Long-term storage (copy 1)  
**Data Access Center**  
Data Access and User Services



**Summit Site**  
Summit Facility  
Telescope and Camera  
Data Acquisition  
Crosstalk Correction



# LSST surveys entire sky south of $+15^\circ$ dec with rapid 10 sq.deg exposures

## TWO PLANNED SURVEYS:

### MAIN SURVEY

Deep Wide Survey: 18,000 square degrees to a uniform depth of  
 $u: 26.1$   $g: 27.4$   $r: 27.5$   $i: 26.8$   $z: 26.1$   $y: 24.9$

### DEEP DRILLING SURVEY

10% of time: ~30 selected fields. 300 square degrees  
Continuous 15 sec exposures. 1 hour/night

*Most of sky covered over 800 times with 30s visits. Alerts on  
transient objects released worldwide within 60s.*

# Celestial Cinematography

Visits/Field: u max=70



Visits/Field: g max=100



Visits/Field: r max=230



Visits/Field: i max=230



Visits/Field: z max=200



Visits/Field: y max=200



# Sloan Digital Sky Survey

One quarter the diameter of the moon





# LSST -- almost



# LSST Wide-Fast-Deep survey

**A survey of 37 billion objects  
in space and time**

***Each sky patch will be visited over 800 times:  
30 trillion measurements***

# DATA PRODUCTS

## Application Layer -

Generates open, accessible data products with fully documented quality

Processing  
Cadence

Image Category  
(files)

Catalog Category  
(database)

Alert Category  
(database)

Nightly

Raw science image  
Calibrated science image  
Subtracted science image  
Noise image  
Sky image  
Data quality analysis

Source catalog  
(from difference images)  
Object catalog  
(from difference images)  
Orbit catalog  
Data quality analysis

Transient alert  
Moving object alert  
Data quality analysis

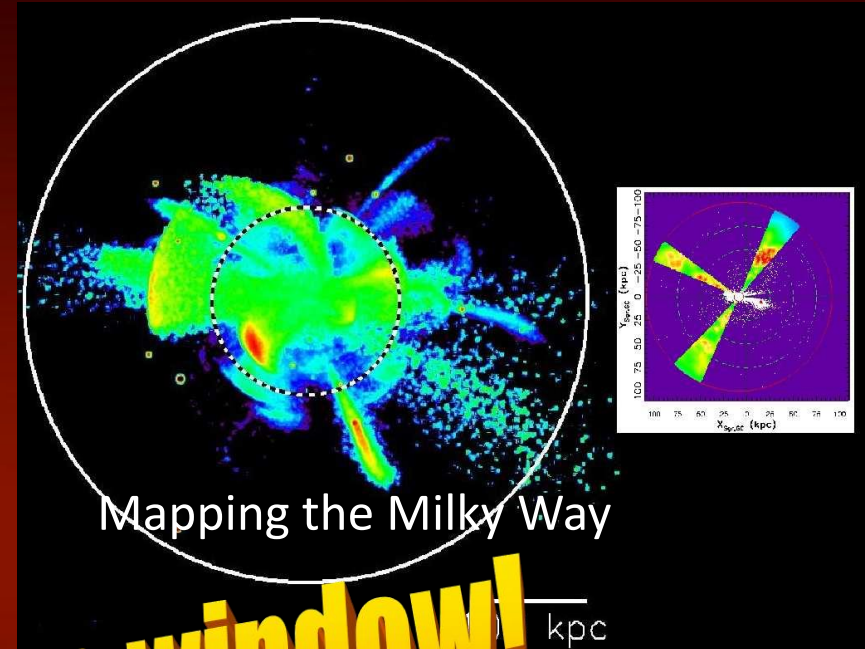
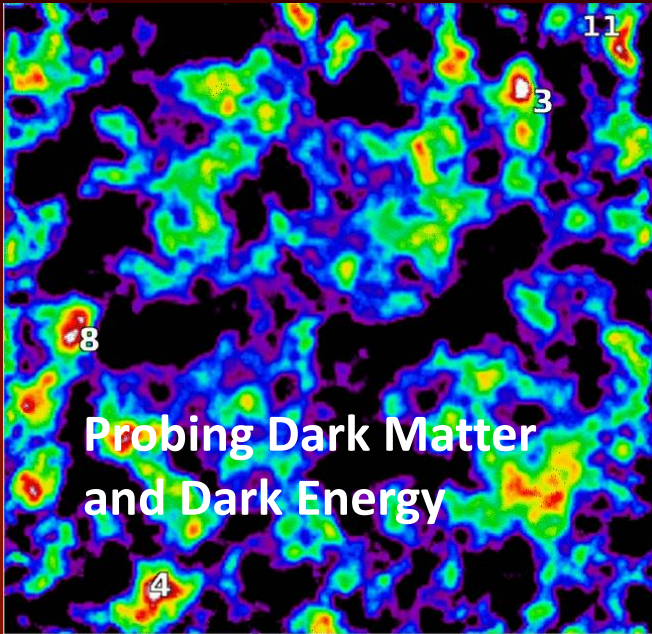
Data Release  
(Annual)

Stacked science image  
Template image  
Calibration image  
RGB JPEG Images  
Data quality analysis

Source catalog  
(from calibrated science images)  
Object catalog  
(optimally measured properties)  
Data quality analysis

Alert statistics &  
summaries  
Data quality analysis

# The new sky



**opens the time window!**



# LSST Outreach Data will be used in classrooms, science museums, and online

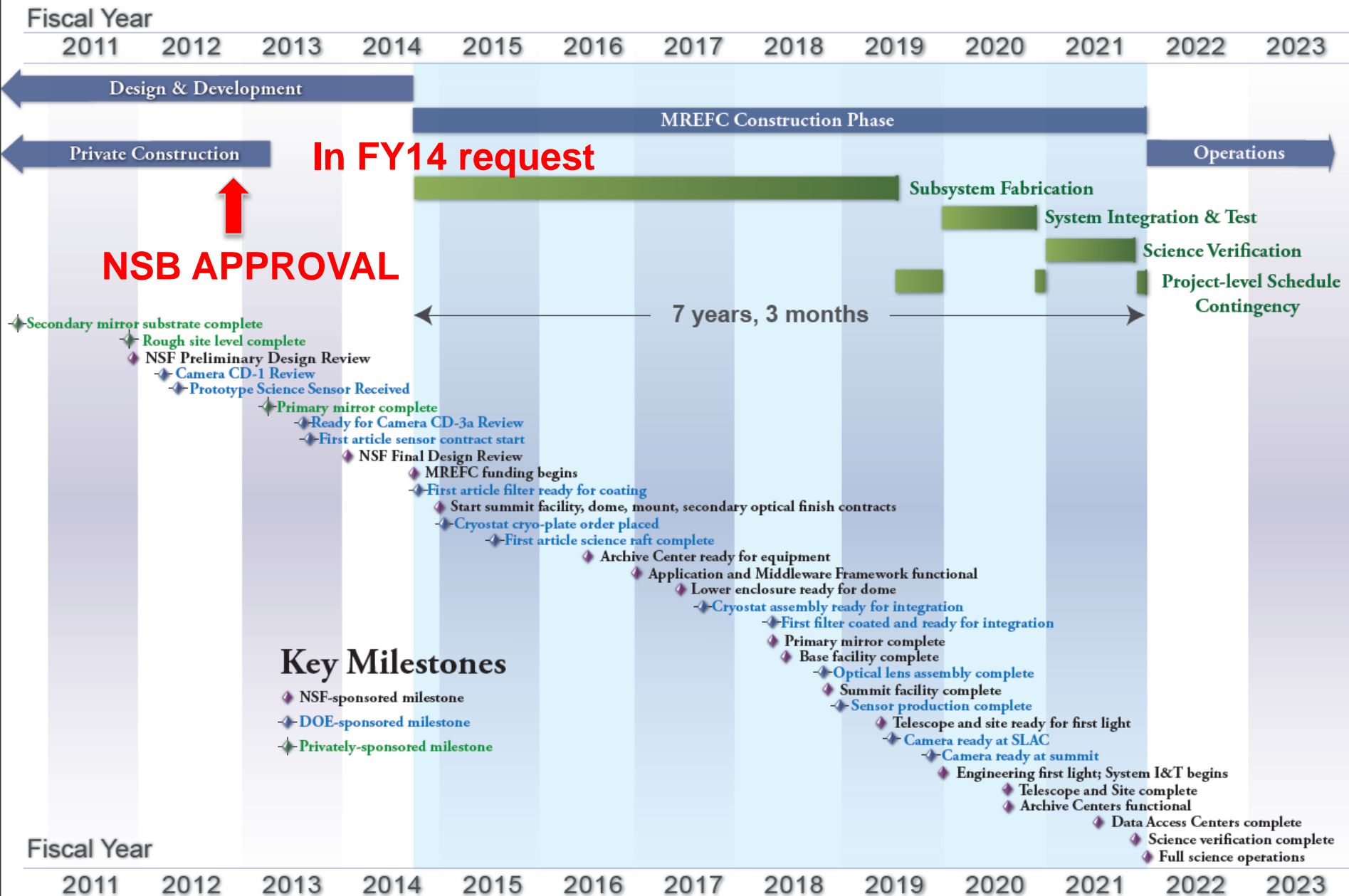


## Classroom Emphasis on:

- **Data-enabled research experiences**
- **Citizen Science**
- **College classes**
- **Collaboration through Social Networking**


**ZOONIVERSE**  
REAL SCIENCE ONLINE

# Integrated Project Schedule with Key Milestones



# Senate-House Omnibus Spending Bill

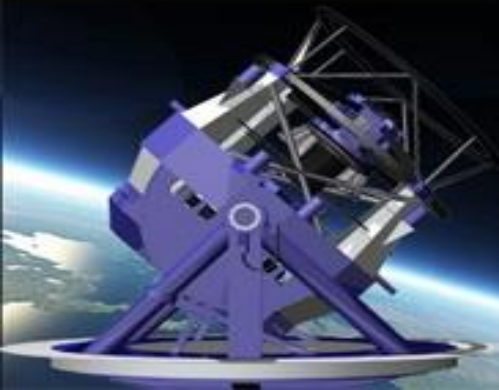
## January 13, 2014



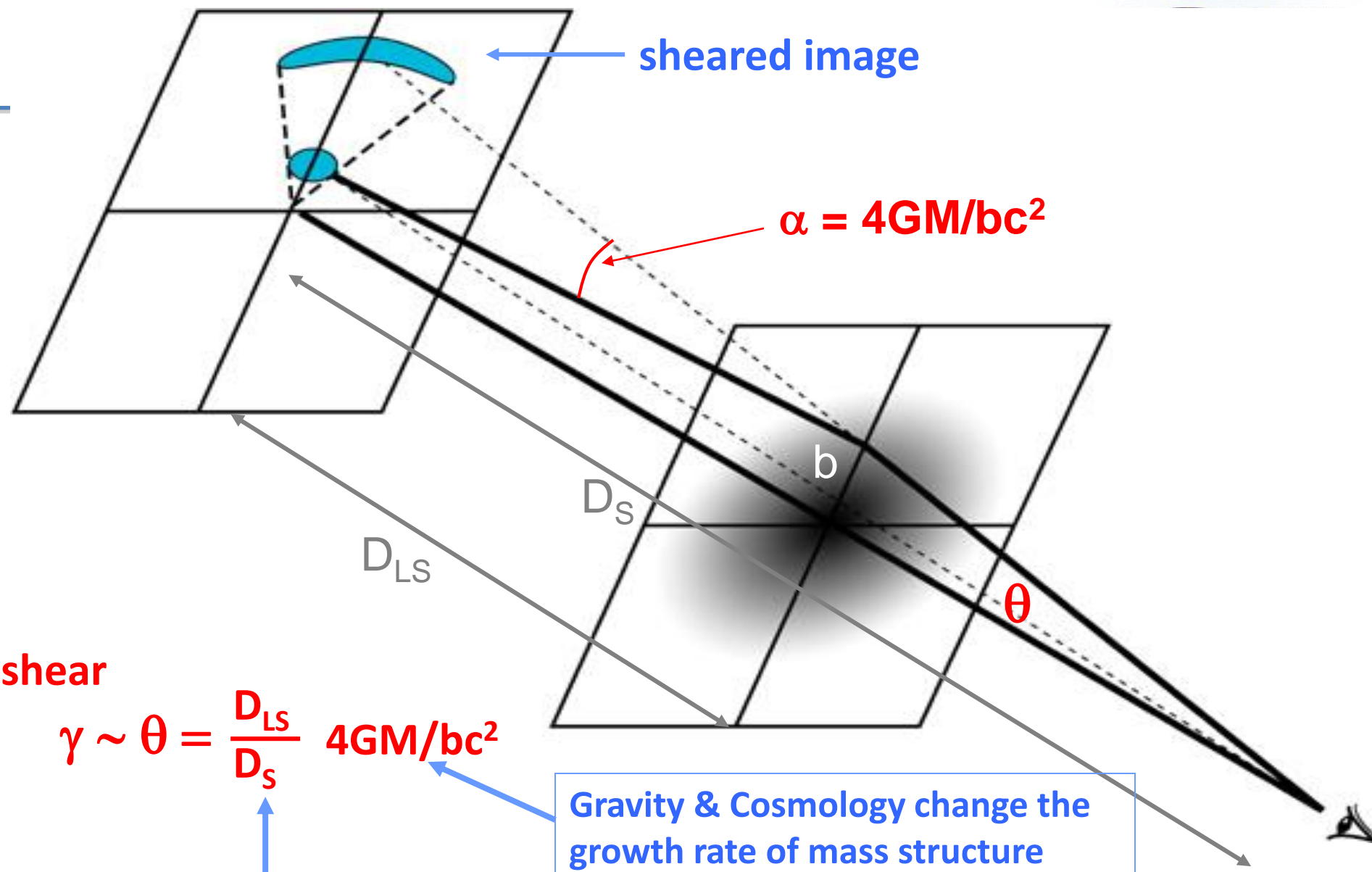
"This Act includes \$200,000,000 for Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction. Funds are provided at the request level for all projects for which construction has already begun, and remaining funds are for the initiation of the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) project. If NSF determines that LSST requires additional funding in fiscal year 2014, NSF may submit a transfer proposal to provide such funds."

COSMIC TIME

Measure position and  
shape of 4 billion galaxies







shear

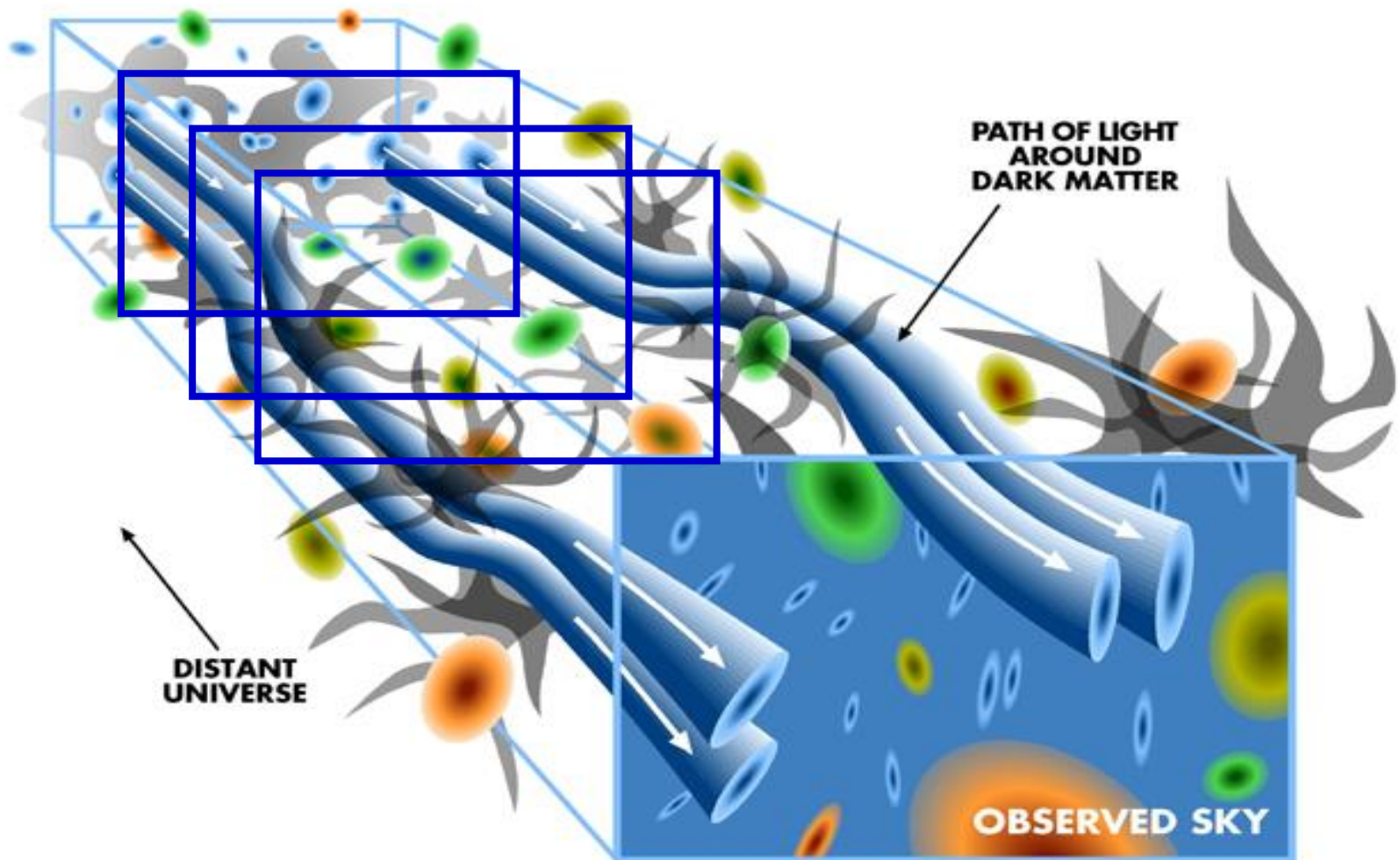
$$\gamma \sim \theta = \frac{D_{LS}}{D_s} 4GM/bc^2$$

Gravity & Cosmology change the growth rate of mass structure

Cosmology changes geometric distance factors

Joint analysis with BAO: breaks degeneracy

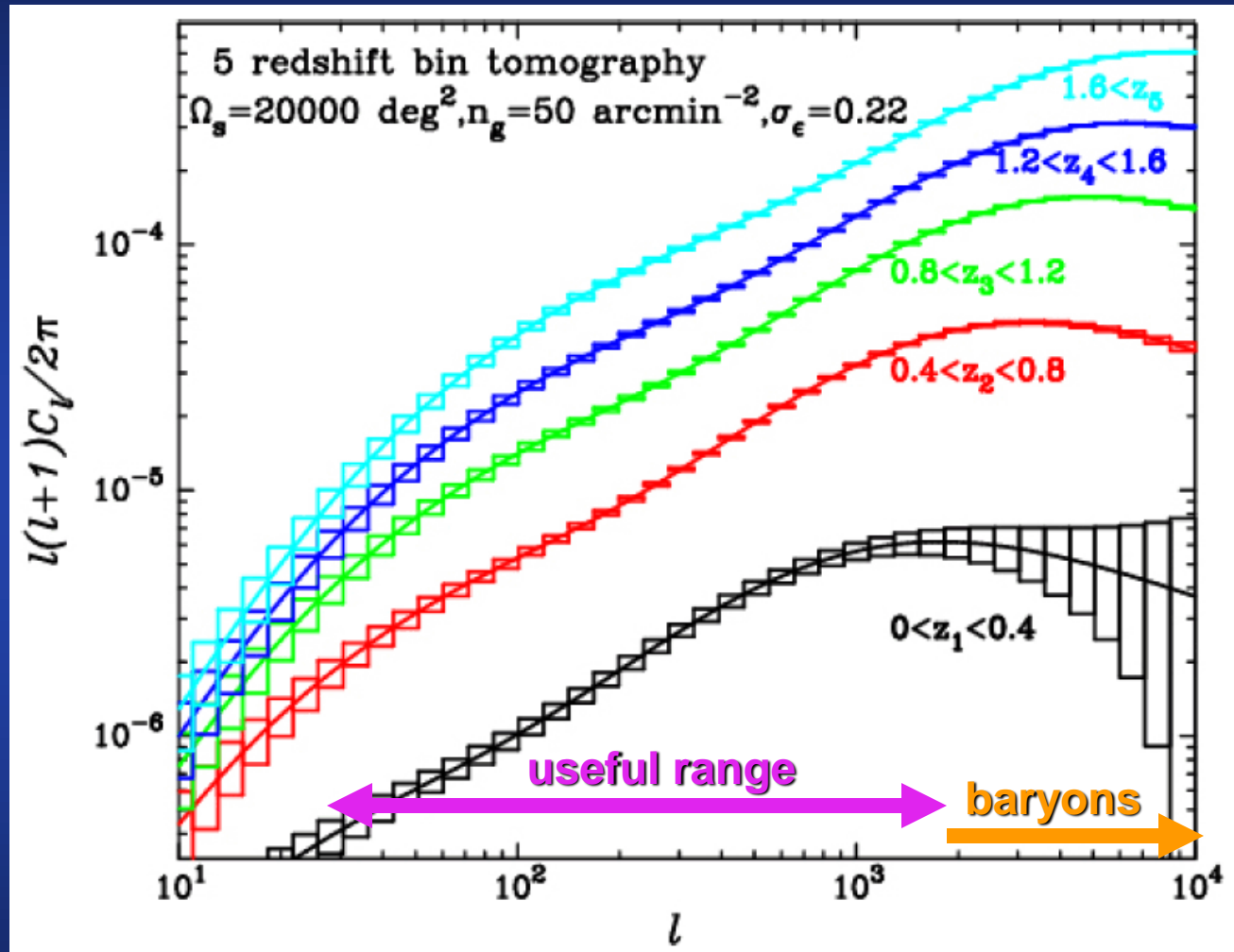
# Cosmic shear vs redshift



# LSST Cosmic Shear power spectra

*Ten redshift bins yield 55 auto and cross spectra*

*Sensitive to all dark matter components, including neutrinos*

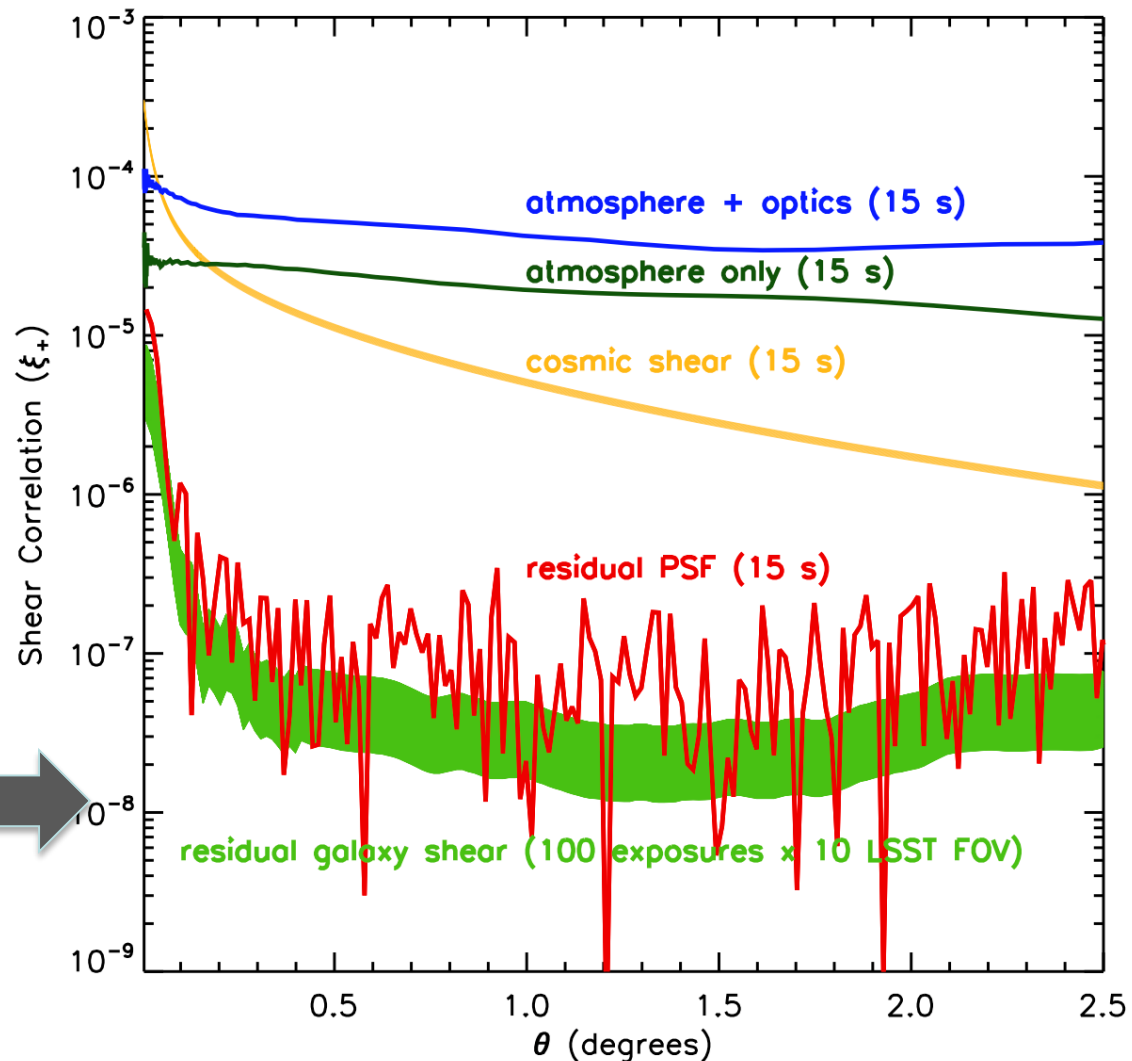


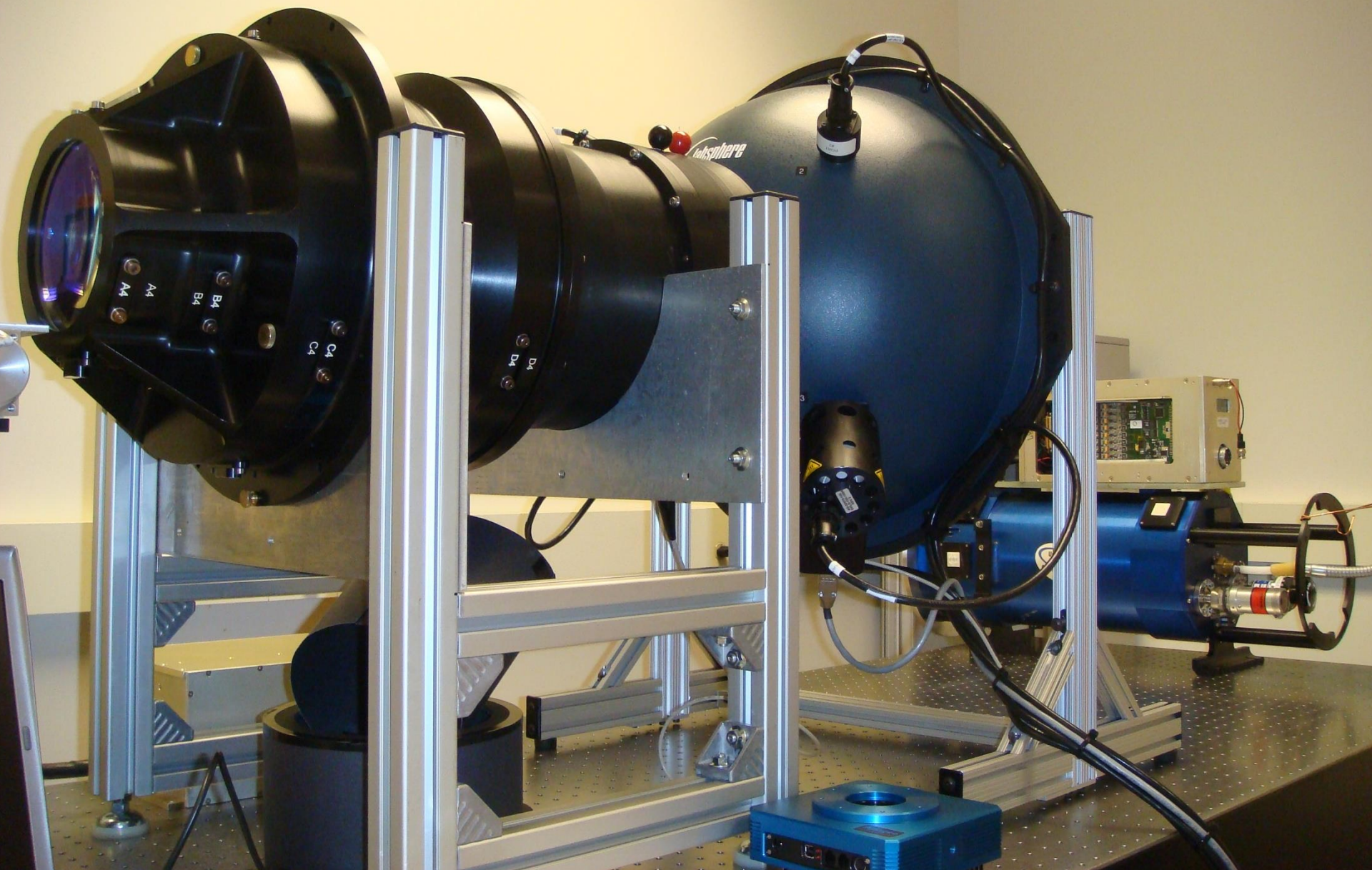
# Correcting PSF systematics



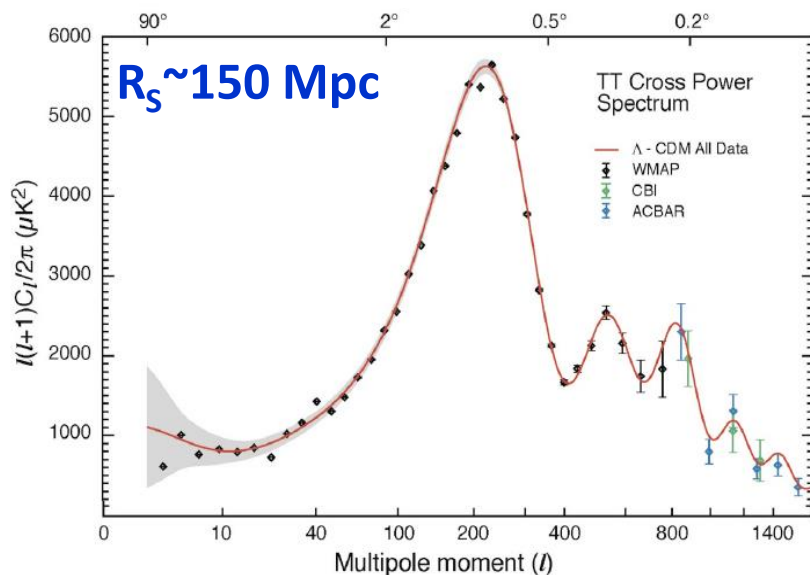
The shape of the PSF must be known (measurable and stable) to a part per ten thousand in each exposure at each position in the CCD. Software corrections to its effects on faint galaxies will be made: below are the shear-shear correlation residuals in a simulation of LSST observing.

CCD systematics  
must be controlled  
at this level

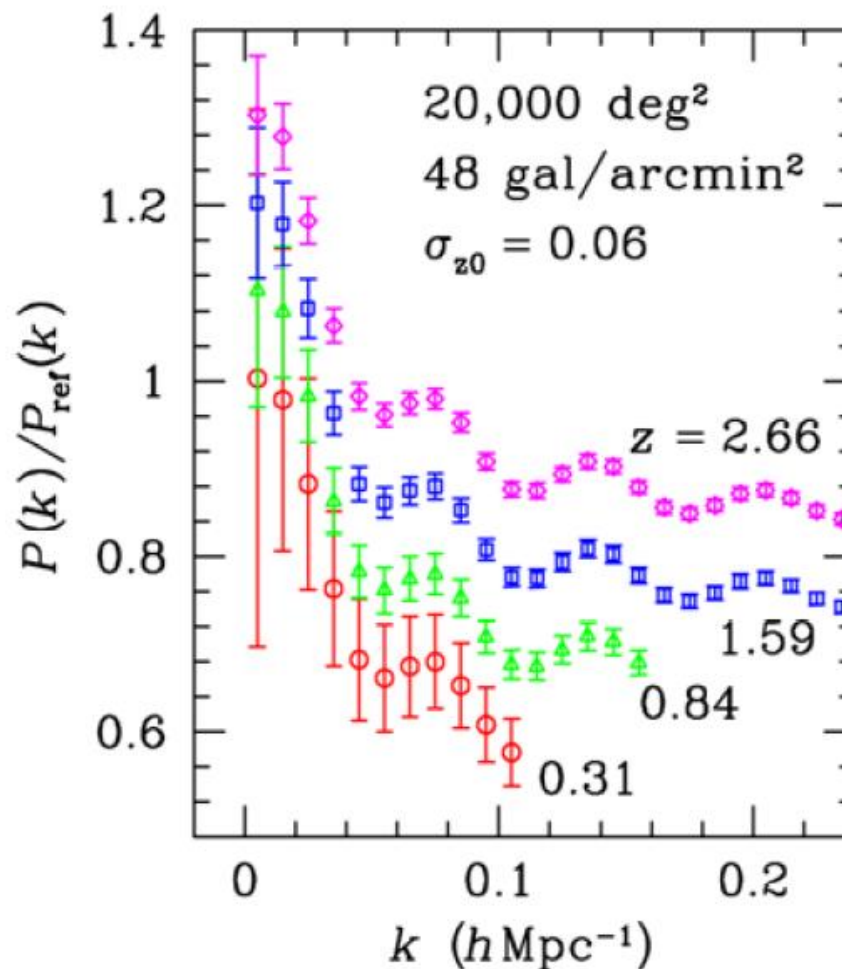




## CMB ( $z = 1100$ )



## LSST ( $z = 0.2 - 3$ )

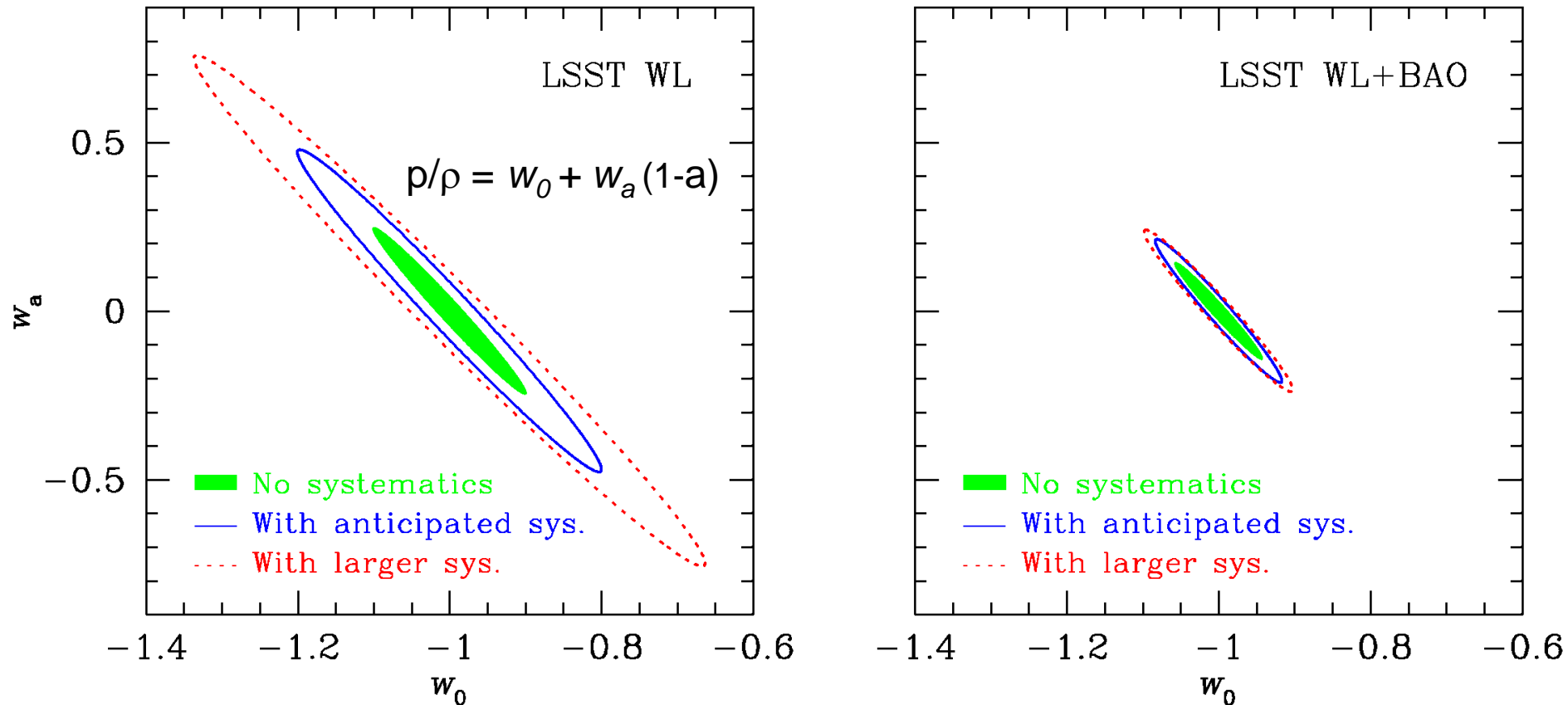


Measure angular scale vs Redshift

Two Dimensions on the Sky

Angular Diameter Distances

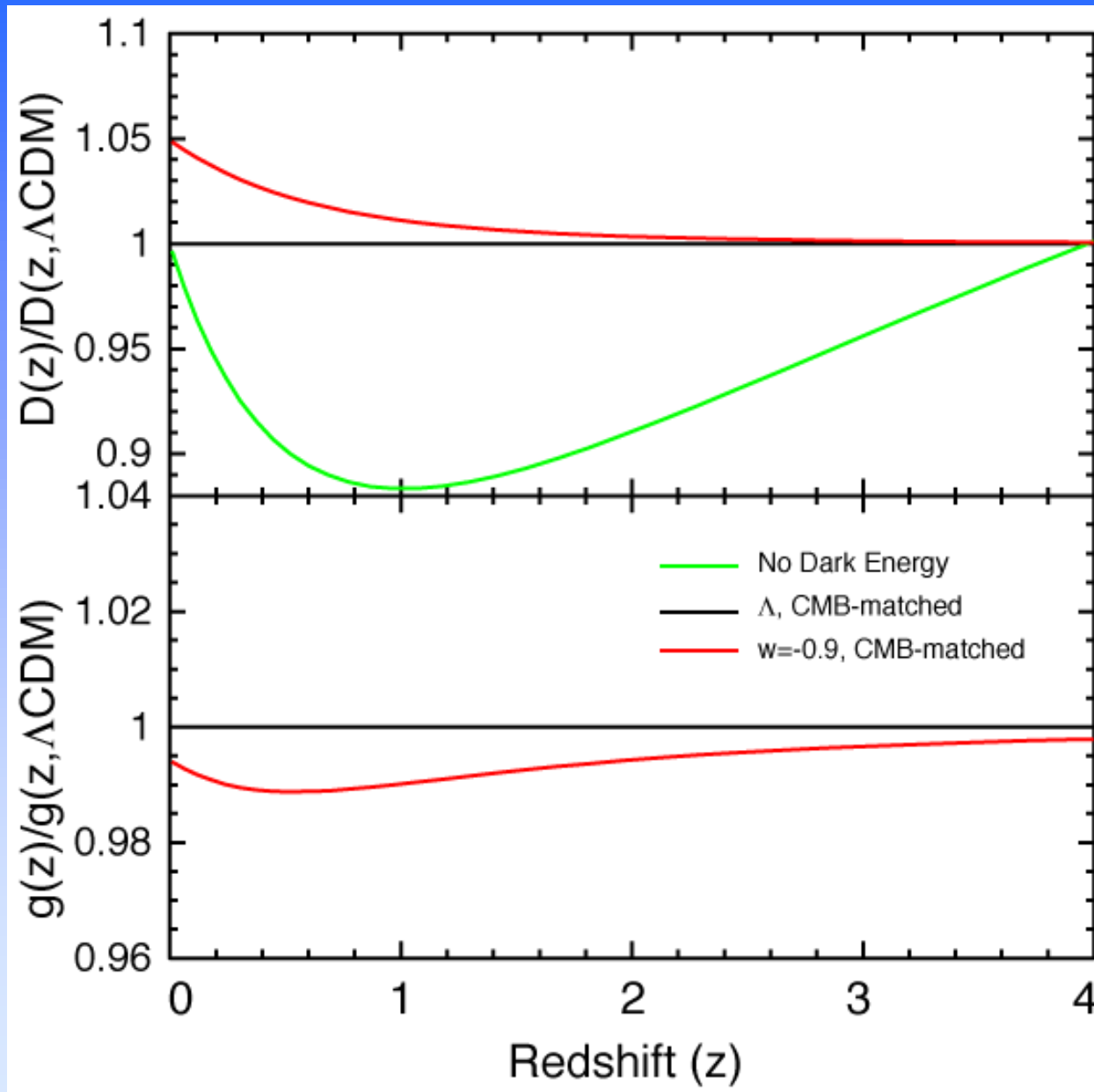
# Reduced sensitivity to systematic error



Combining WL and BAO breaks degeneracies.

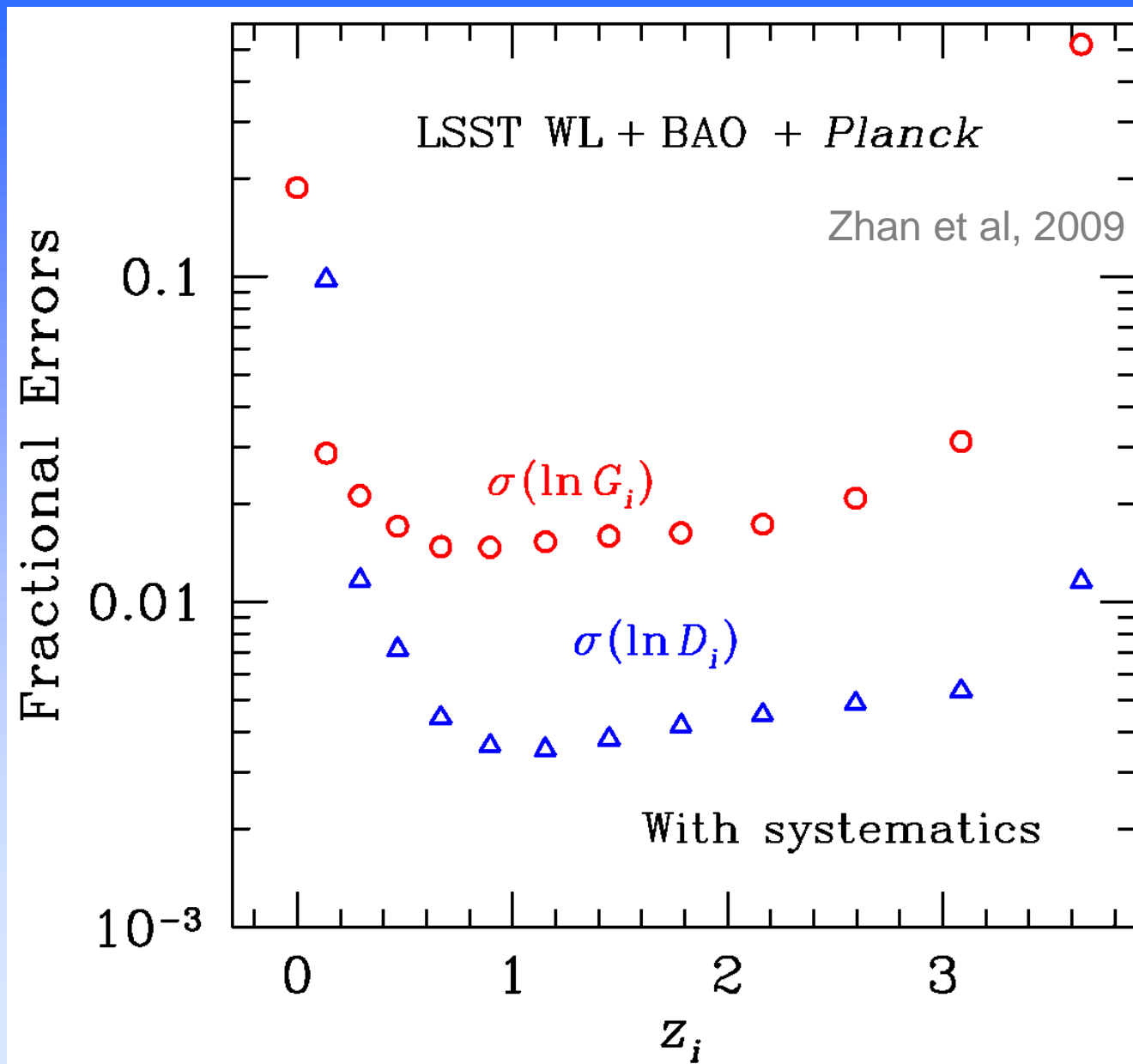
Joint analysis of WL & BAO is far less affected by systematics.

# Cosmic geometry and growth of dark matter structure

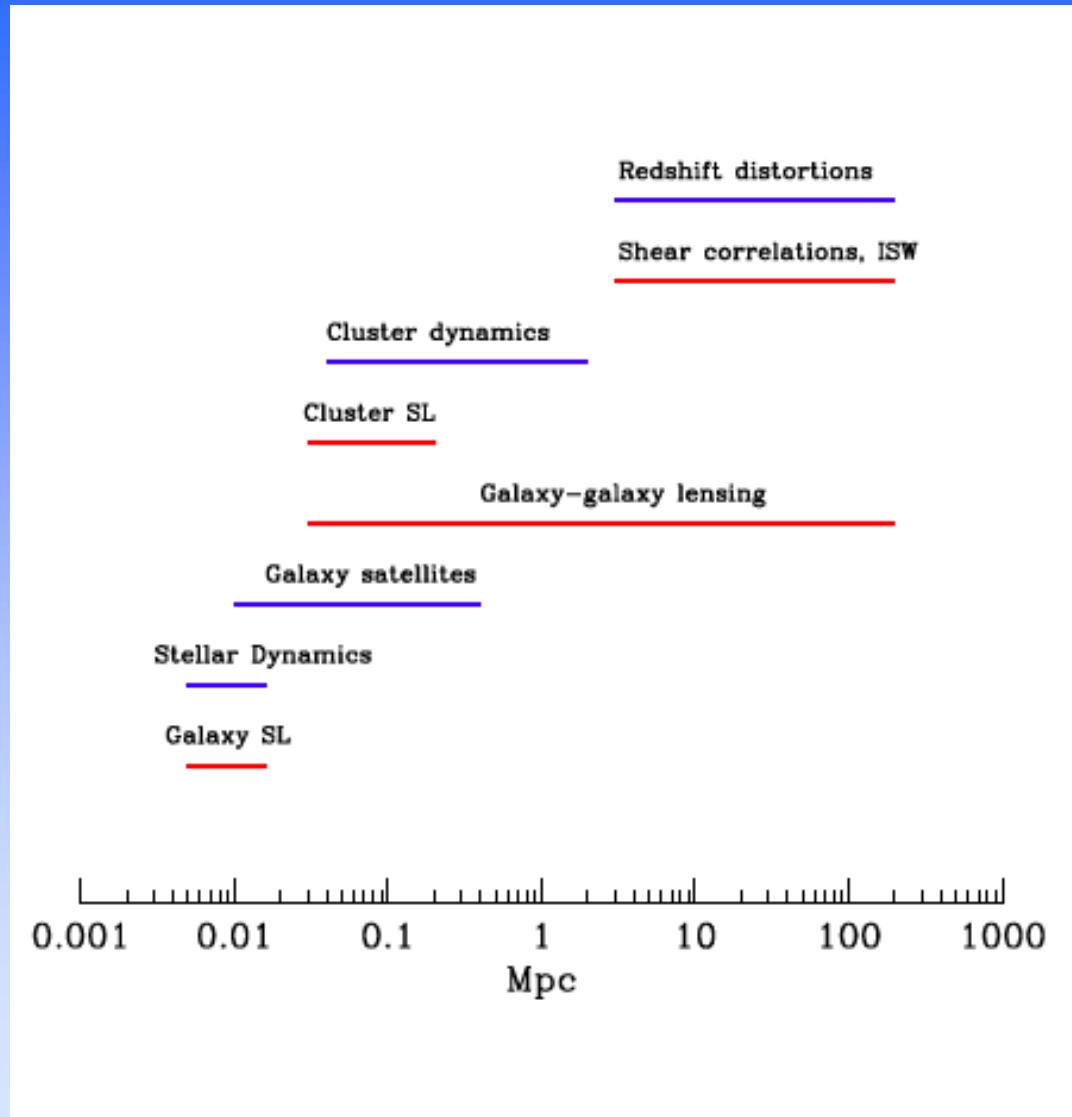




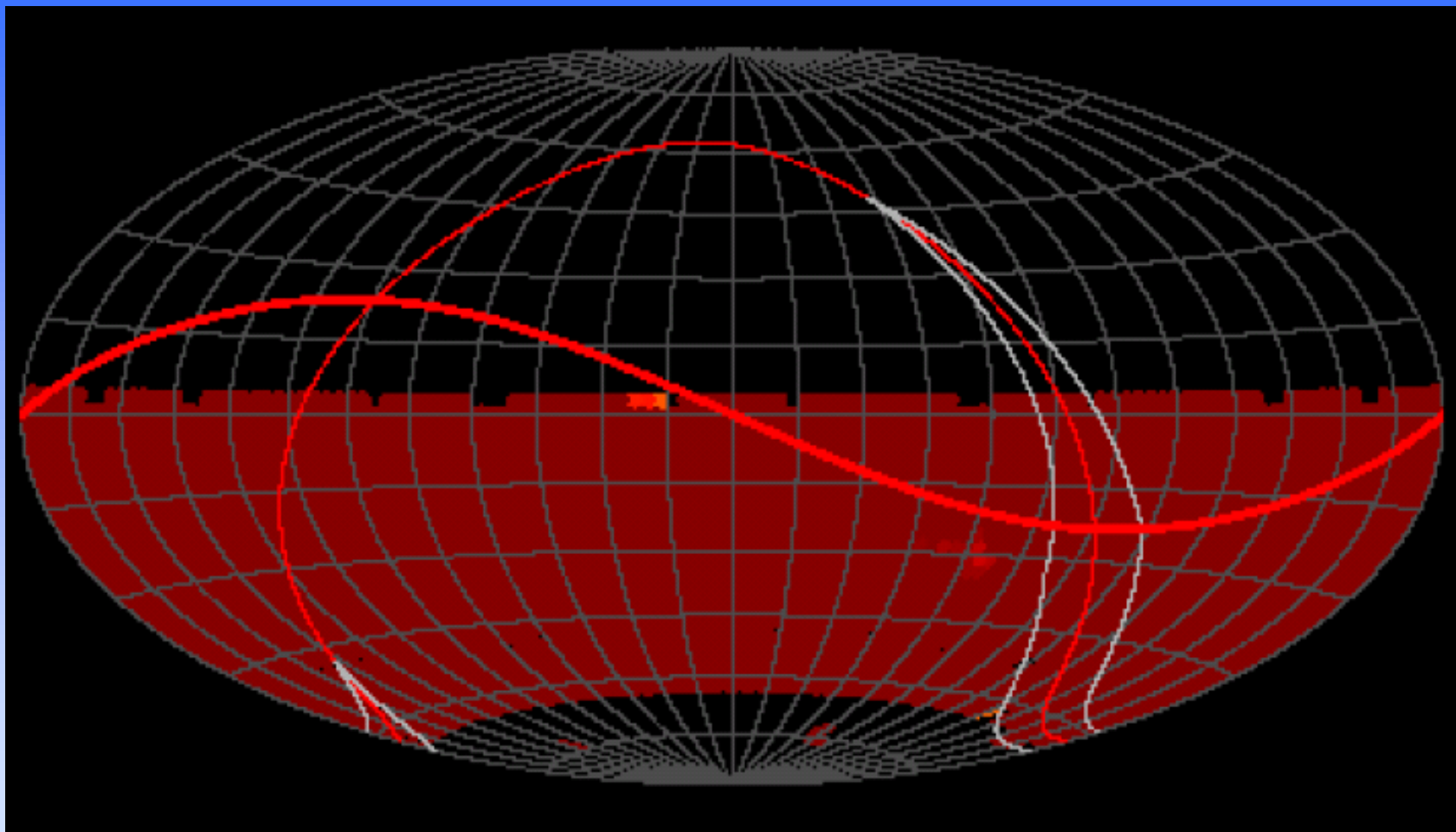
# Testing general models of dark energy



# Cosmological tests of gravity

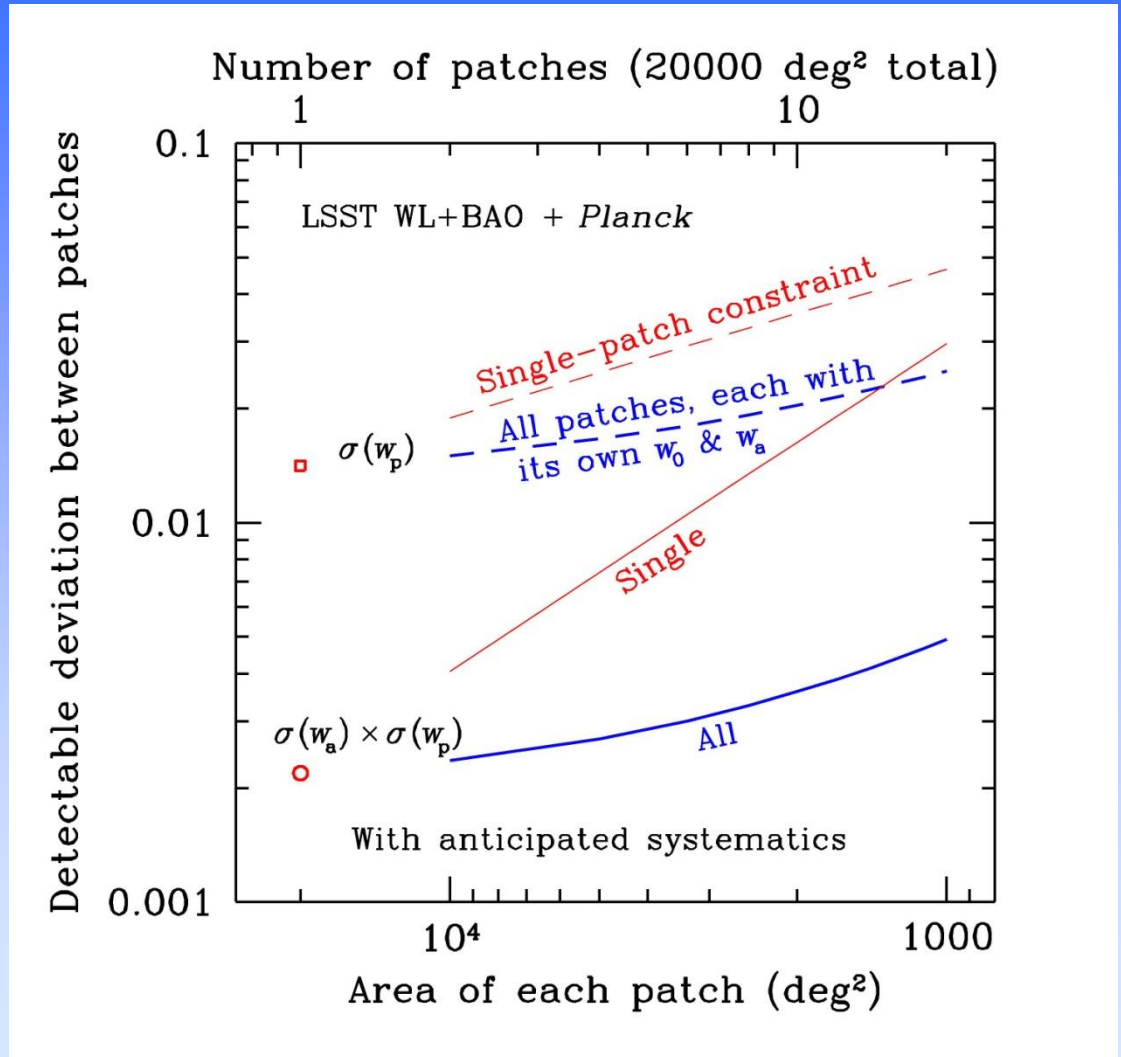


# Probe anisotropy

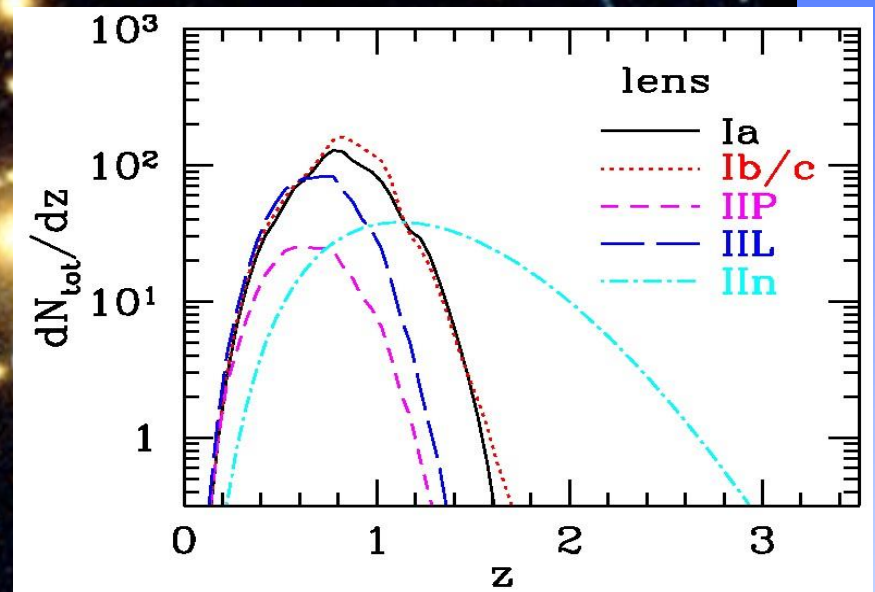
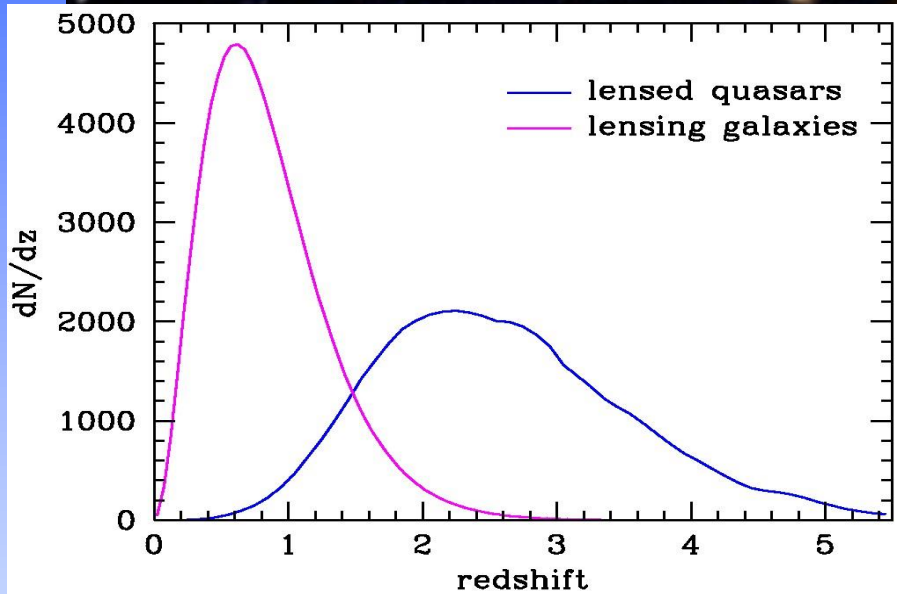


# Is dark energy isotropic?

- Incorporating all-sky fits for other cosmology parameters, an LSST search for anisotropy in the EoS is quite sensitive.
- Shown is the sensitivity to deviation of dark energy EoS and DETF error product over the sky in patches of area  $A$ .
- This can separately be done with SNe

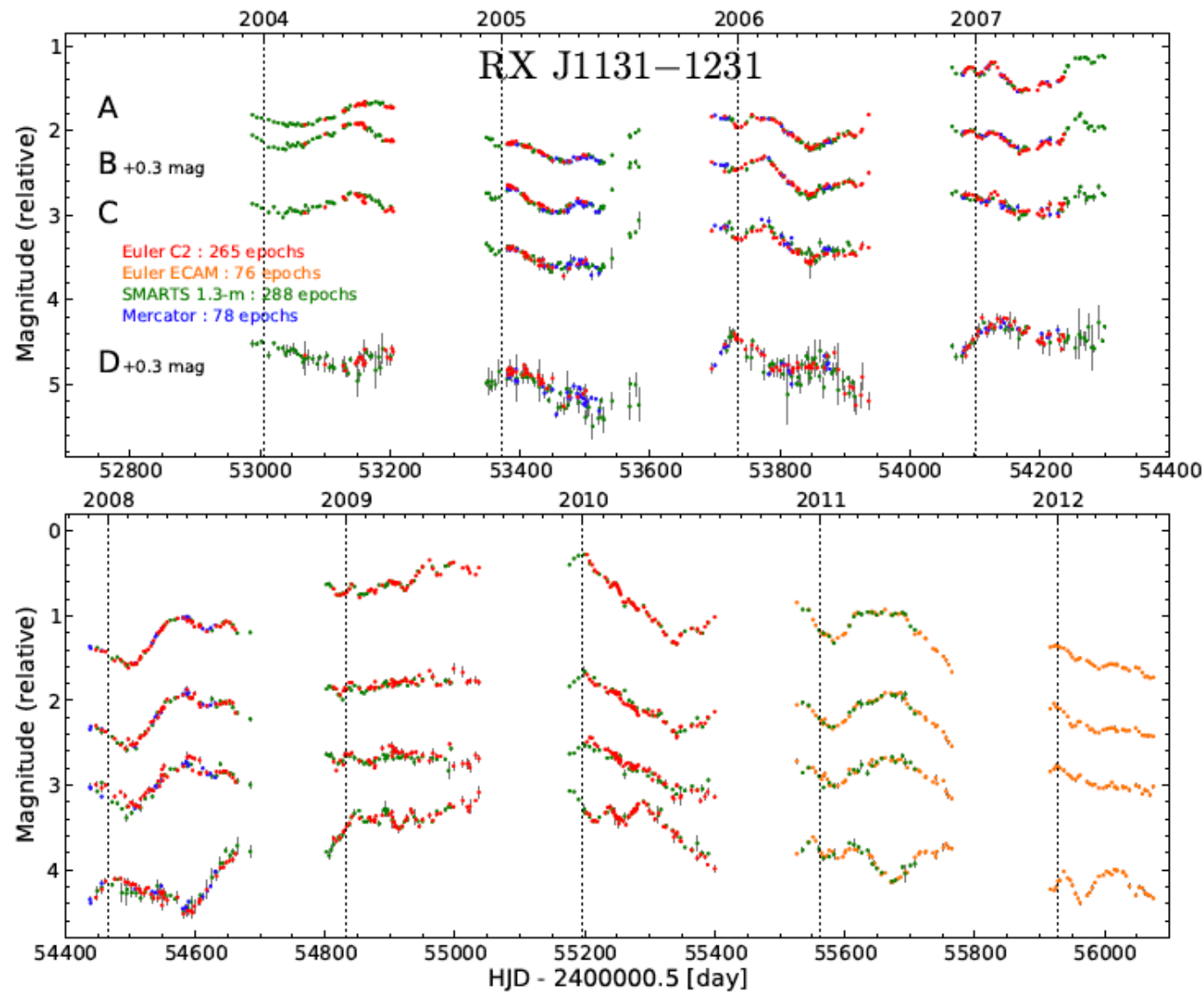


# Gravitational lens time delayed flares



*Above: predicted abundances of LSST lensed quasars (left) and supernovae (right, divided by type).*

# Strong lensing time delays



# Multiple LSST probes of dark energy

- Use the same LSST survey data products
- Analyzed for different signals
- Multiple cross checks
- Combination is far more powerful than root sum of squares

Primary LSST probes	
Weak Lens shear cross correlation tomography Weak Lens magnification tomography	✓
2-D Baryon Acoustic Oscillations	✓
Supernovae	✓
Shear peak statistics	✓
Galaxy cluster counts	✓
Secondary LSST probes	
Time domain tomography of QSOs and AGNs	✓
Anisotropy of WL+BAO and SN signals	✓
New Energy or New Gravity?	✓

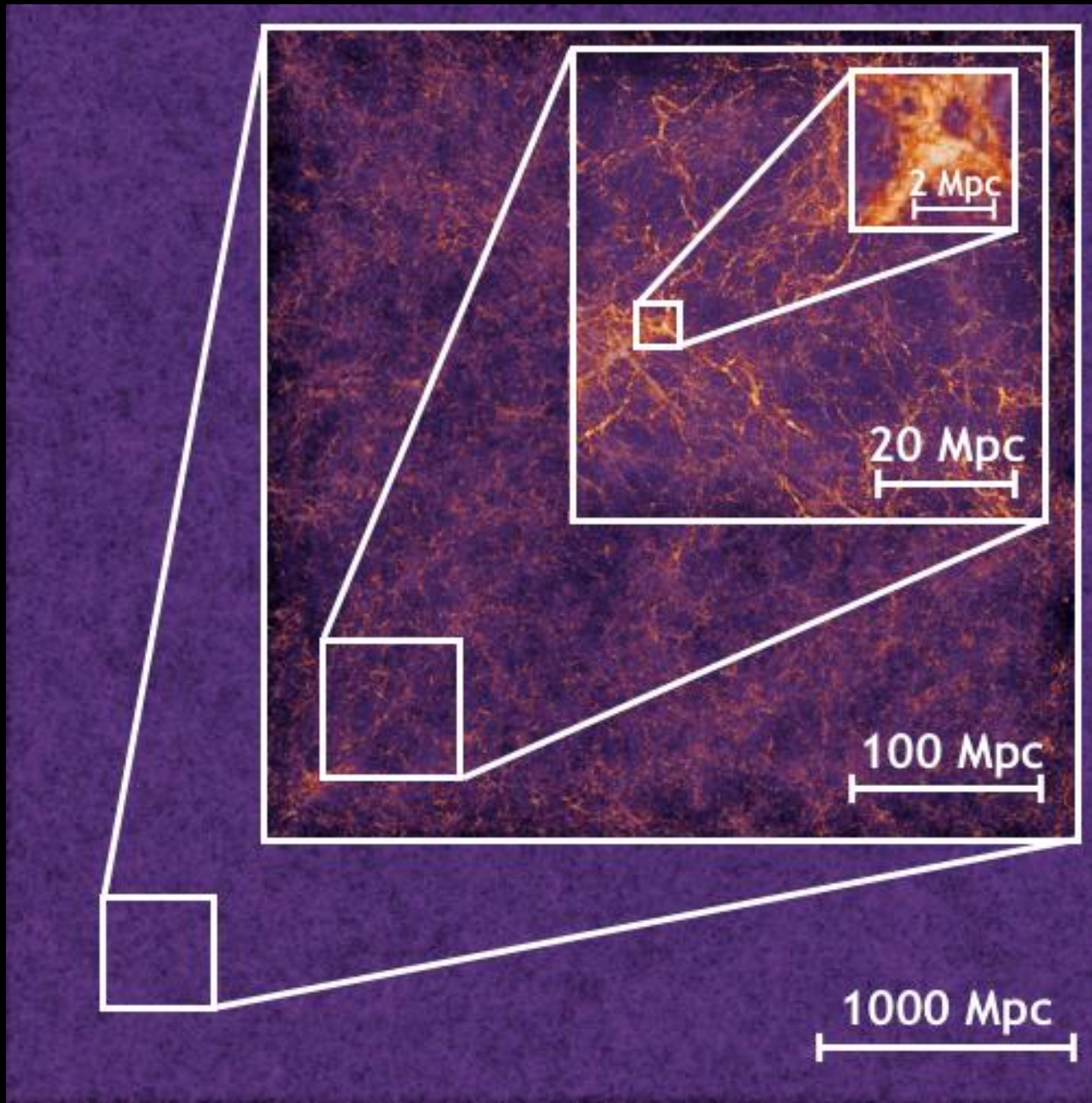
Maximally sensitive  
to new physics

A close-up photograph of a dark, reflective surface, possibly a lens or a piece of equipment, set against a background of a woven basket. The text "Dark Matter" is overlaid in red.

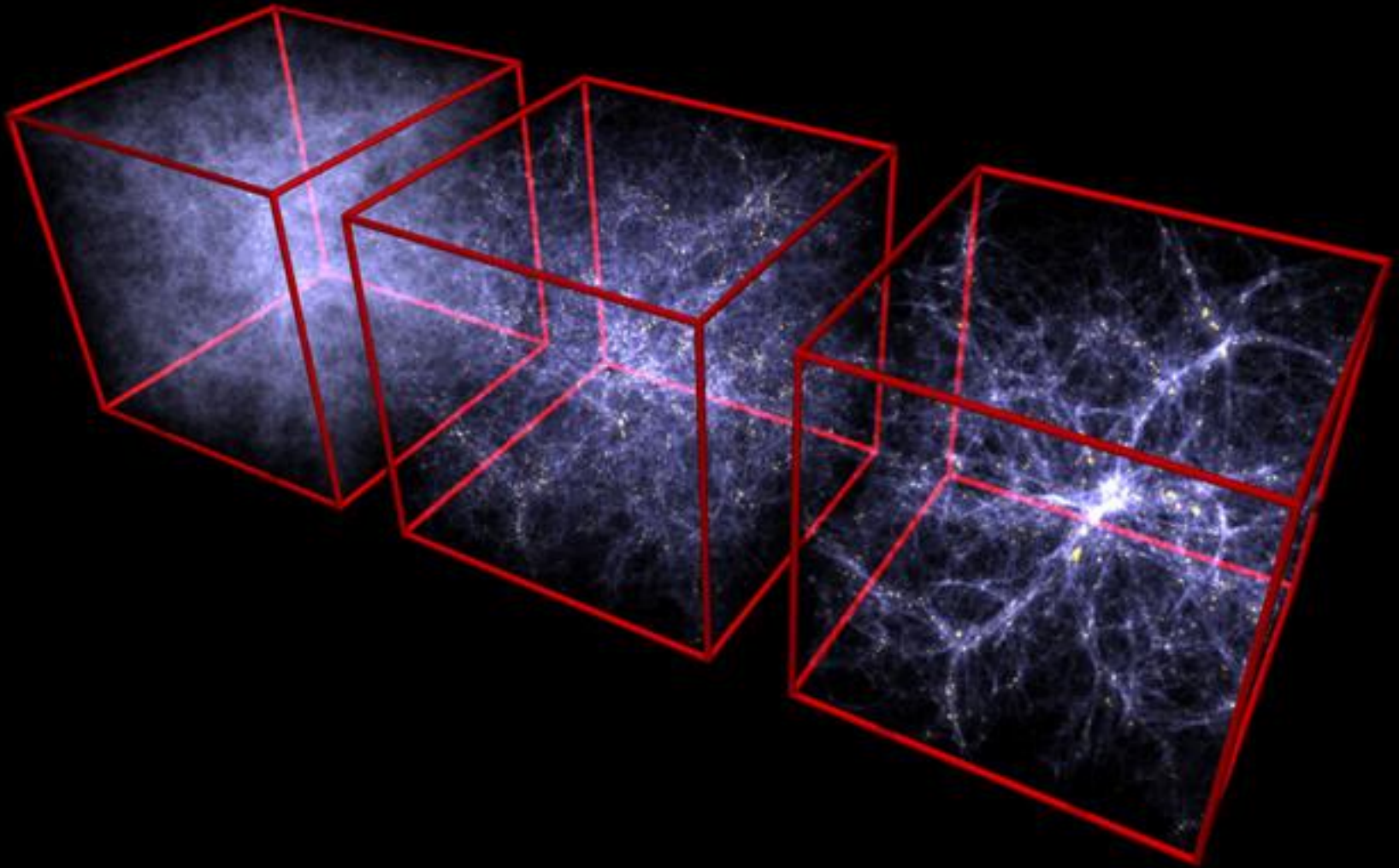
***Dark Matter***



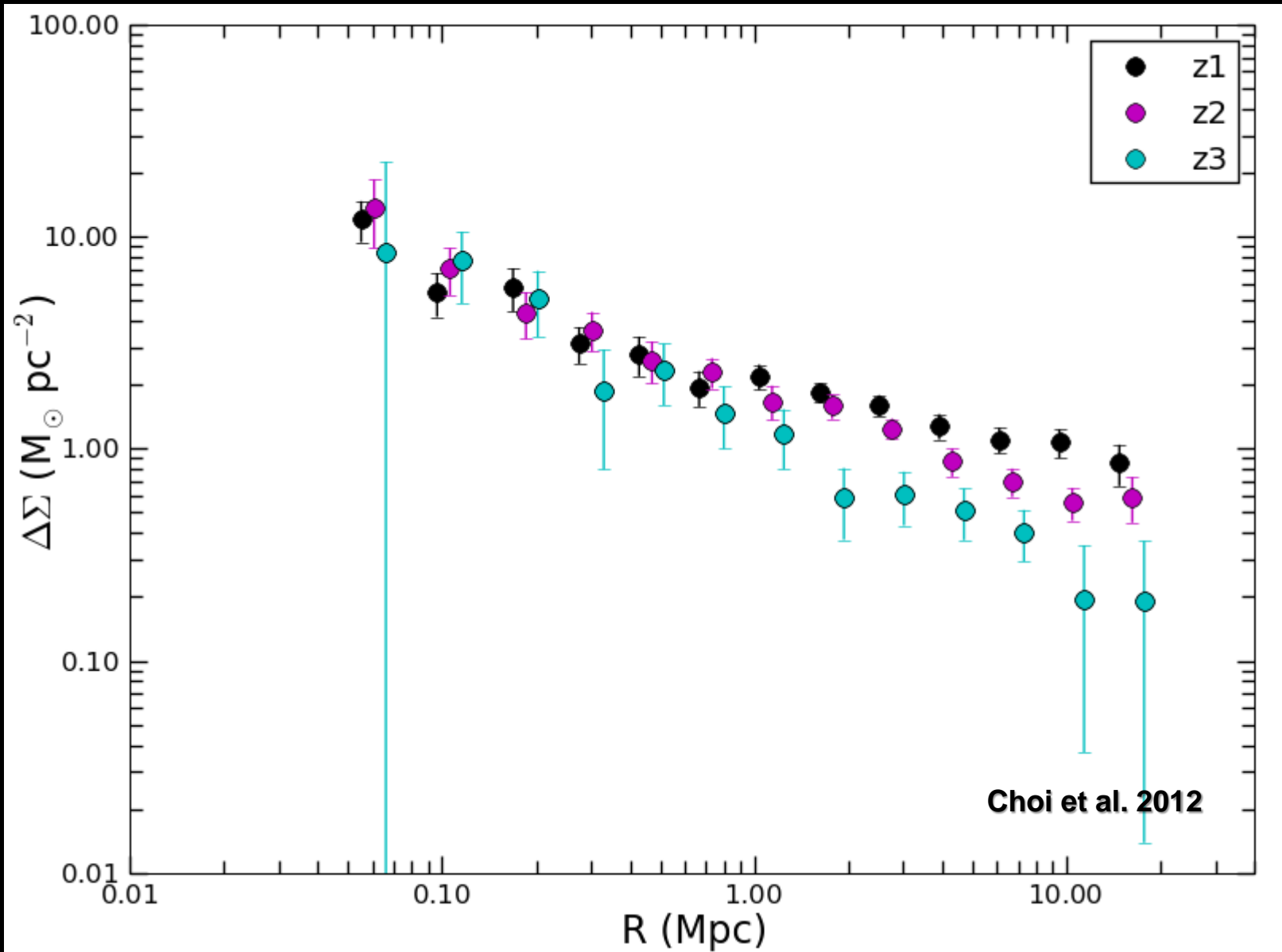
# Wide field tomography of dark matter LSS vs redshift



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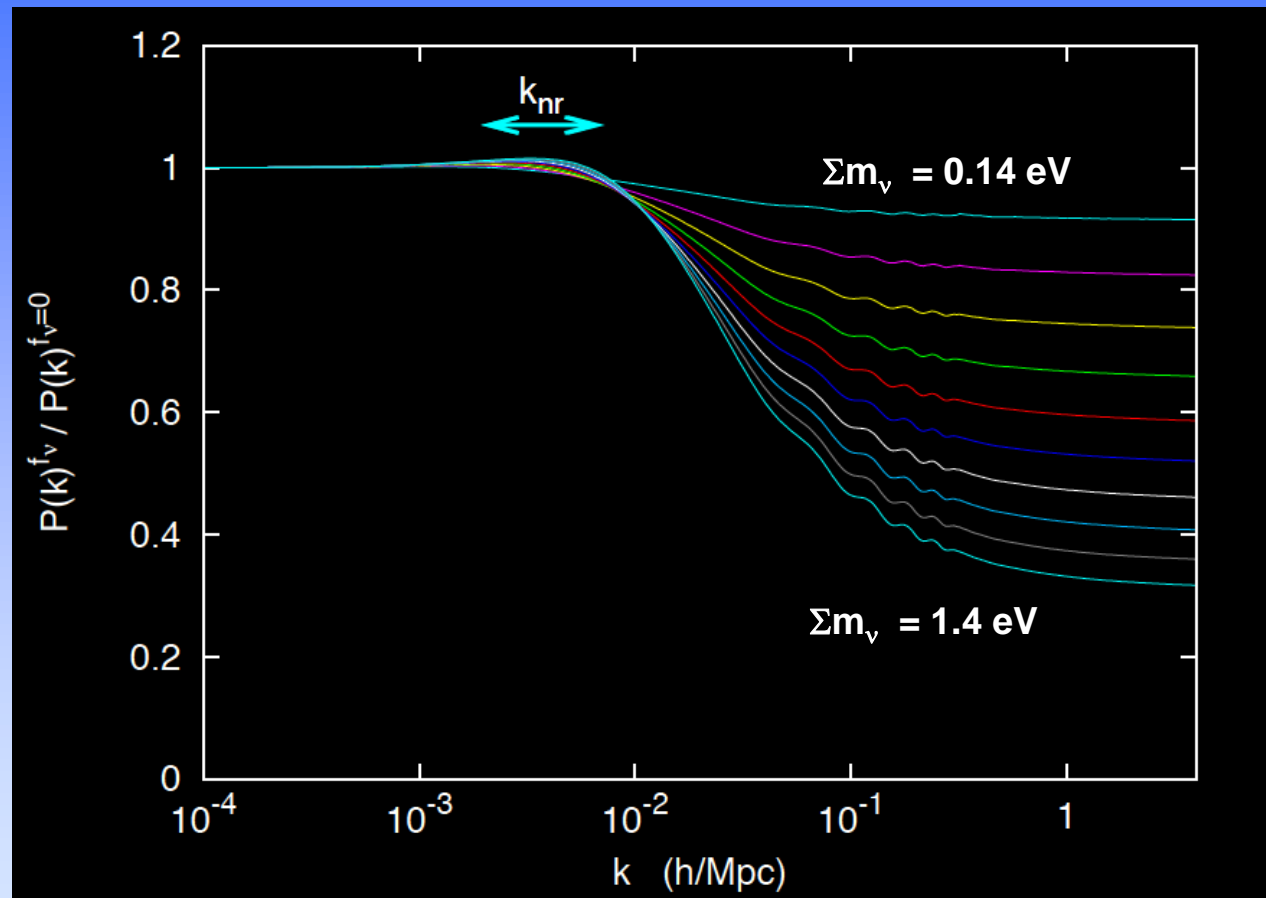


# Weak lens detection of evolution of large-scale mass structures: 1 million galaxies in Deep Lens Survey



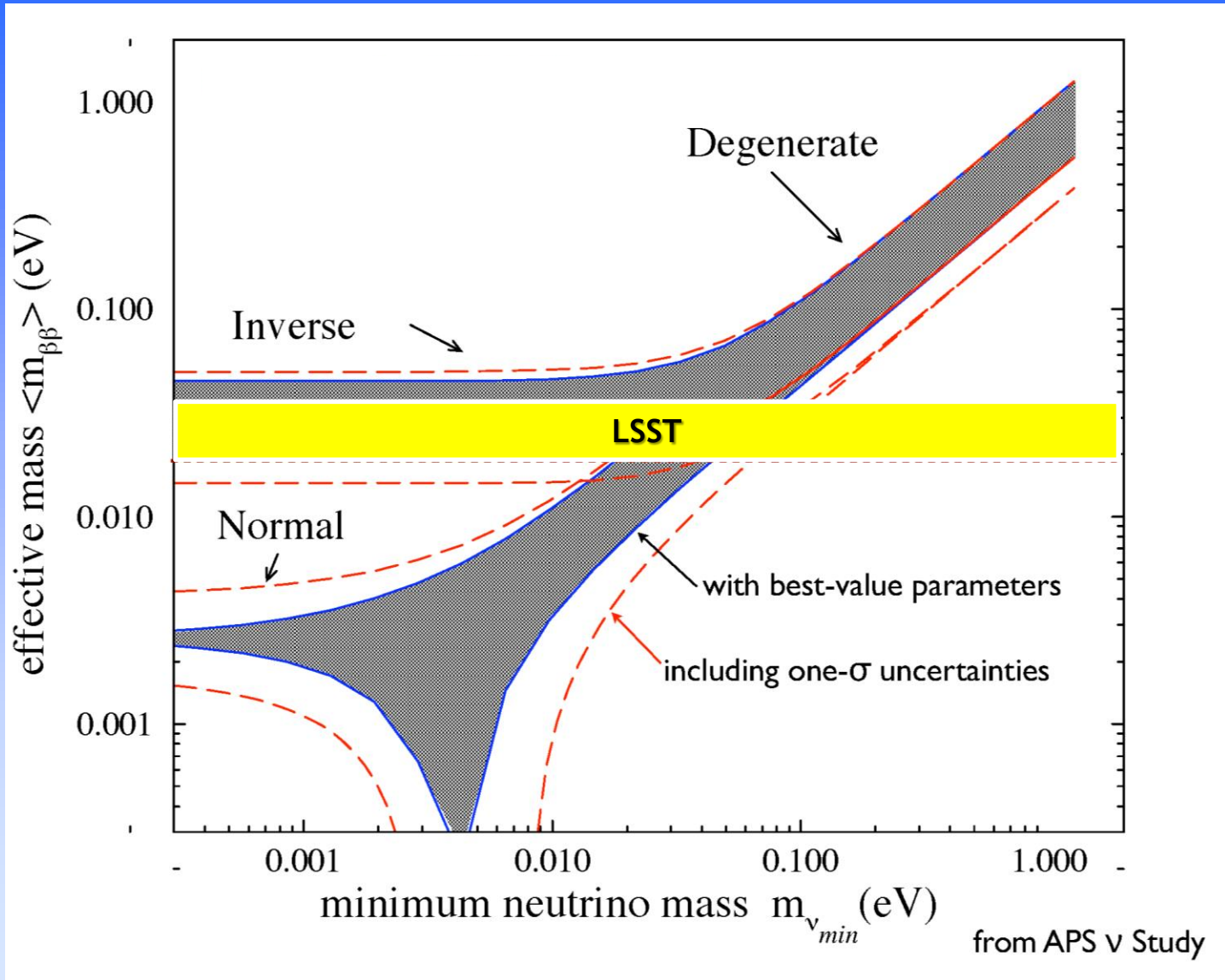
# Multi-component dark matter and the neutrino mass

- Known hot component of dark matter
- Suppress growth of dark matter structure
- smaller mass neutrinos  $\Rightarrow$  relativistic longer, travel further  $\Rightarrow$  suppress growth of structure on larger scales



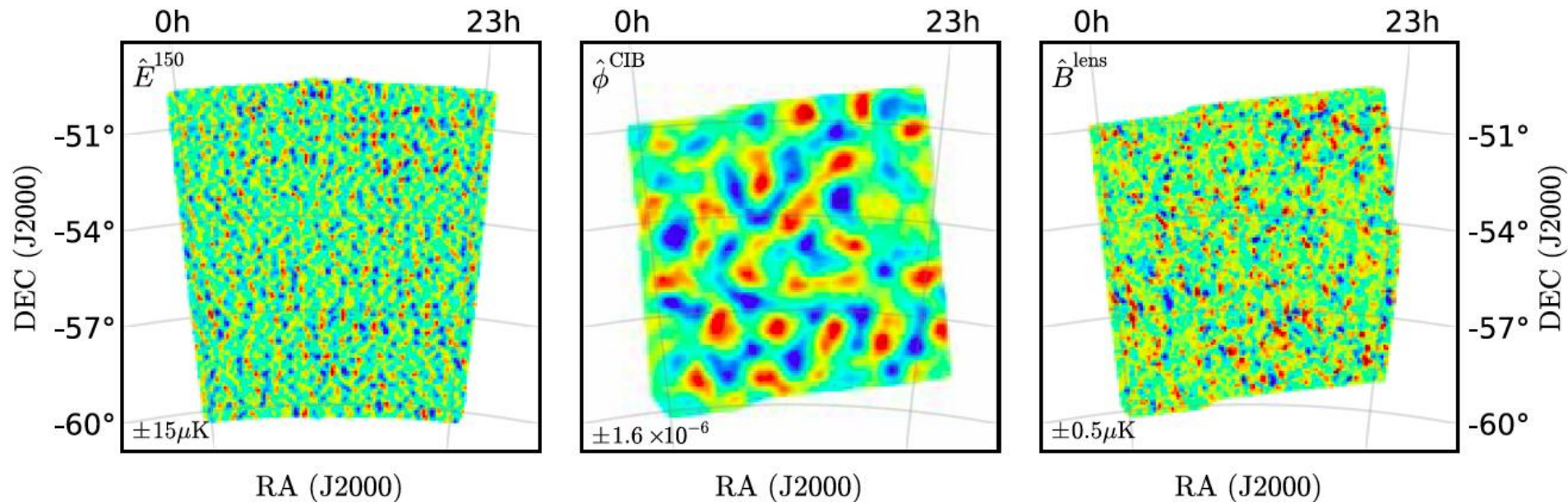
# LSST will measure total neutrino mass

- 0.03 eV sensitivity
- determine hierarchy

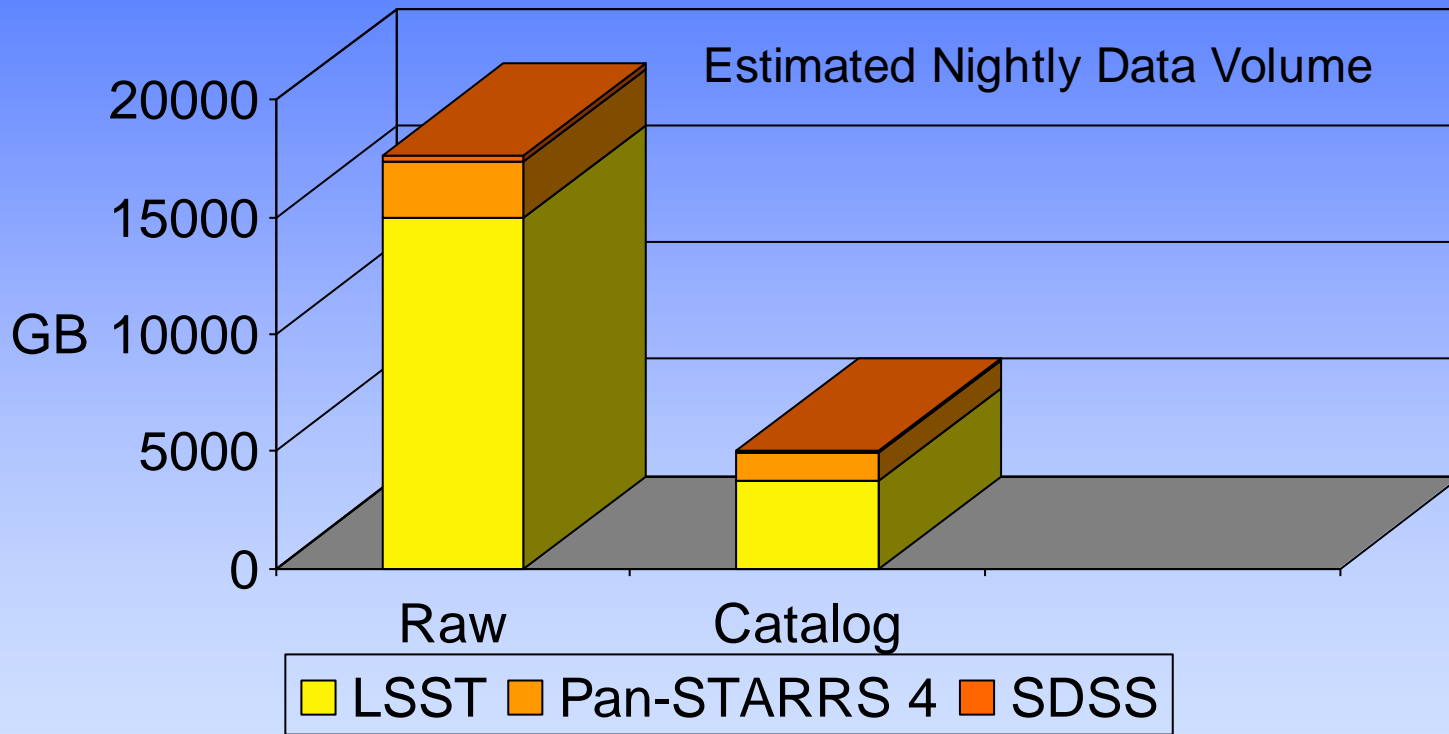


# Future tomography: combine with CMB B-mode polarization

Detection of  $B$ -mode Polarization in the Cosmic Microwave Background with Data from the South Pole Telescope



# Data volumes & rates are unprecedented in astronomy



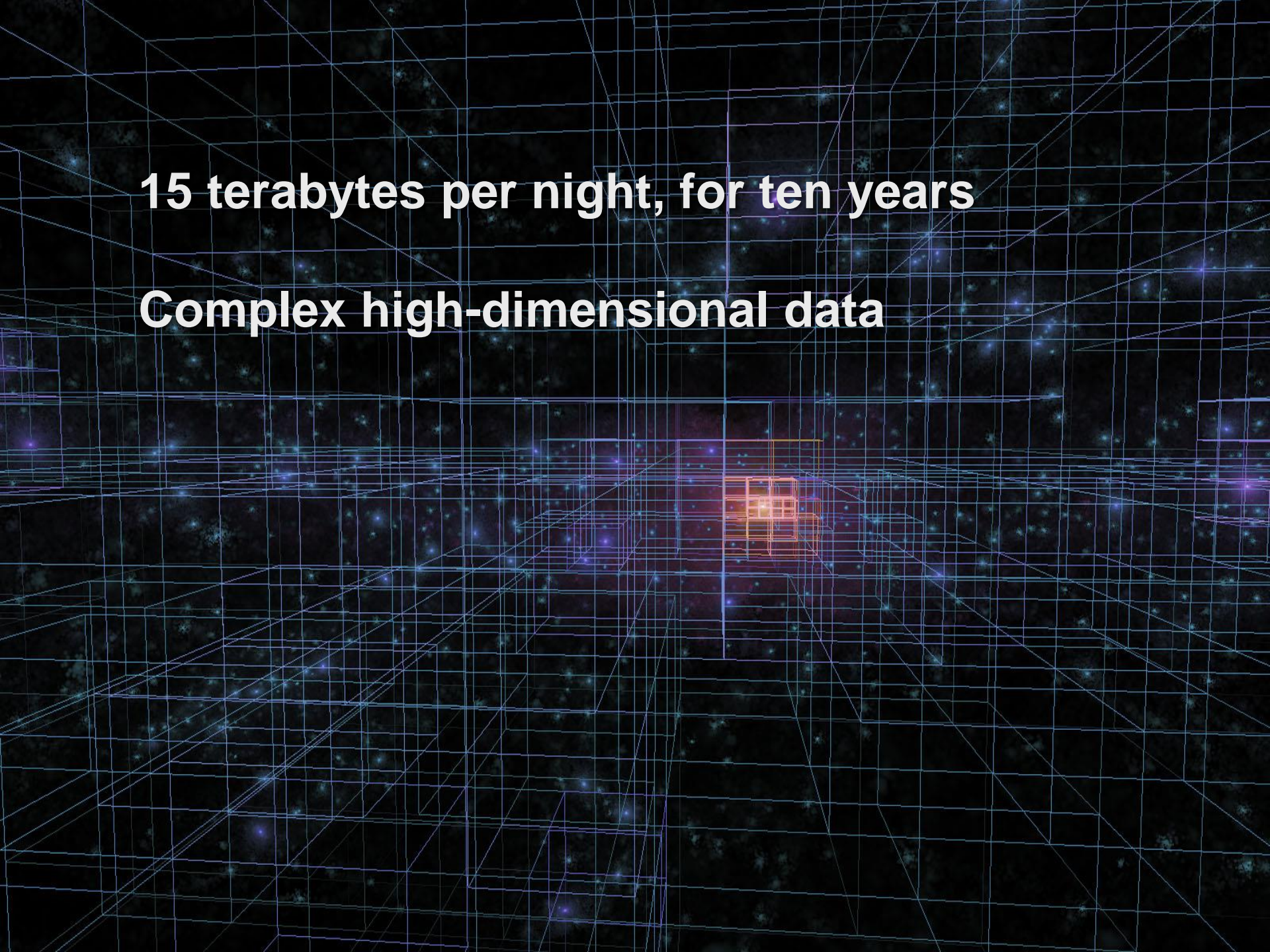
# “Genome project” approach to astronomy

- Avoid cost of building a new facility running a new experiment every time we ask a new science question
- One exhaustive survey of the optical universe
- A 3.2 Giga pixel image every 18 sec for 10 years
- Calibrated trusted data:
  - 500PB image collection + 15PB catalog
- Many simulated universes
- Multiple 100-1000PB databases
- *Exascale data enables many “experiments”*



**15 terabytes per night, for ten years**

**Complex high-dimensional data**



## Alert Rate

In ten minutes time the LSST transient pipeline is likely to issue ~80,000 alerts at  $5\sigma$ .

While most of these will be moving objects, perhaps several thousand will be flaring objects or bursts. Possibly new kinds of objects!

Clearly any followup requires high purity samples. **What is needed then is highly trusted event classification. FAST**

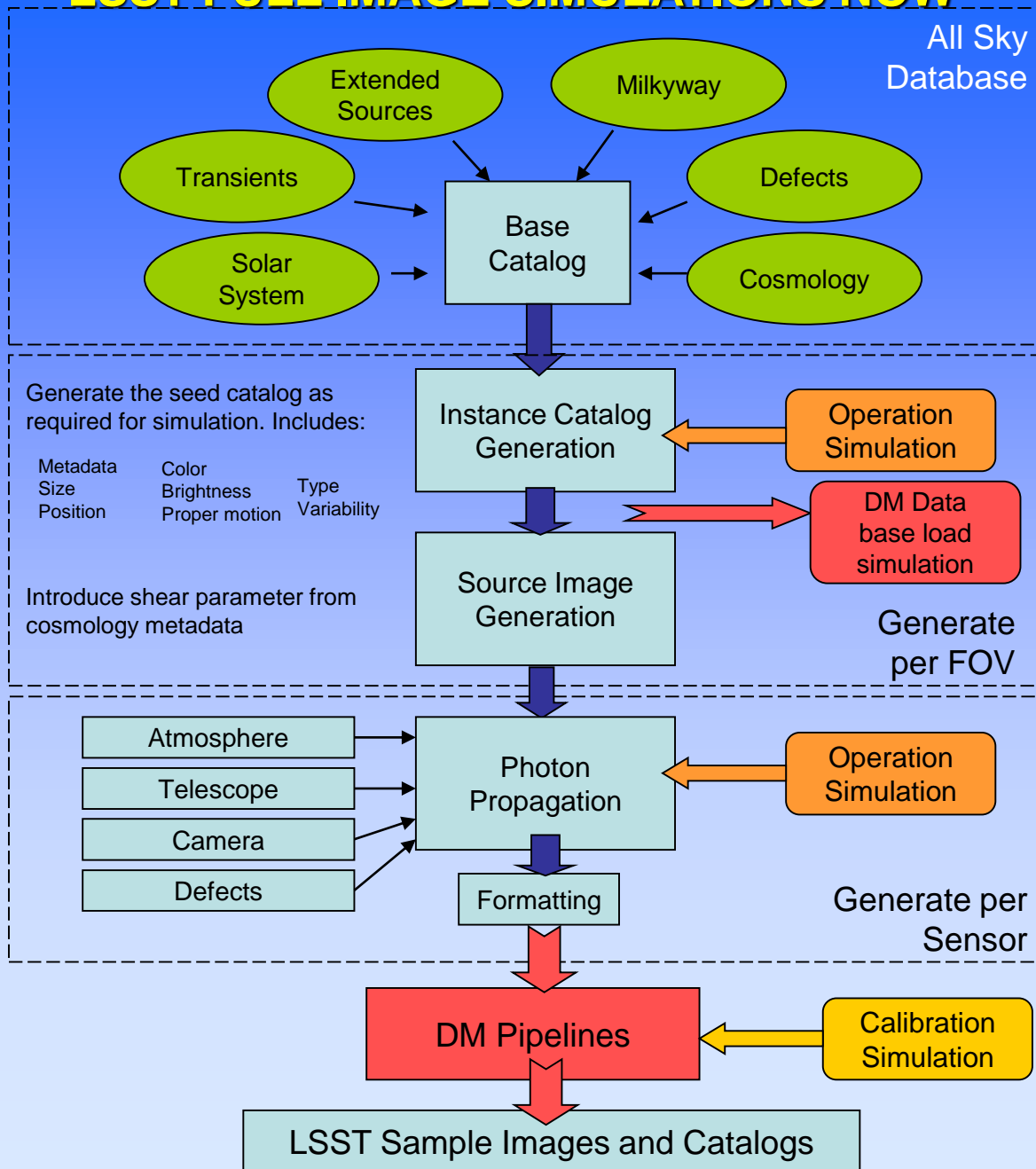
**Automated discovery**

**Data exploration**

**DISCOVERING  
THE UNEXPECTED**

**This is required also for  
automated Data Quality Assessment**

# LSST FULL IMAGE SIMULATIONS NOW





# The Science of Big Data

- Data growing exponentially, in all science
- Changes the nature of science
  - from hypothesis-driven to data-driven discovery*
- Cuts across all sciences
- Non-incremental!
- Industry and government face the same challenges
- Convergence of physical and life sciences through Big Data (statistics and computing)
- A new scientific revolution

# Data-to-Knowledge

# Old Paradigm

Astronomer+  
pencil+paper

*INSTRUMENT*

**TELESCOPE**



# New Paradigm

**DATA ENABLED  
DISCOVERY**

***INSTRUMENT***

**TELESCOPE**





# Harnessing Survey Data at Exascale

➤ Number of scientists does not scale with the data!

➤ *Database* is the new Lab, the new Experiment

➤ Sparse matrix of databases: observations, and simulations of observations



LSST will open new windows onto our universe



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