

# *Constraining Dark Energy Models*

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Parker, Komp & Vanzella ApJ **588** 663

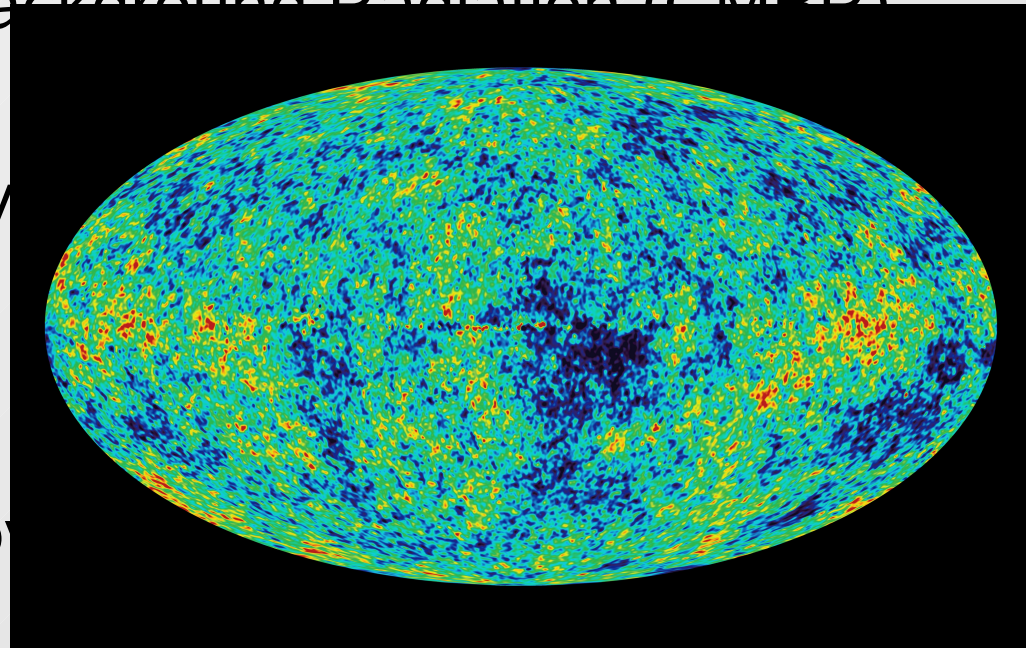
Komp & Parker in preparation

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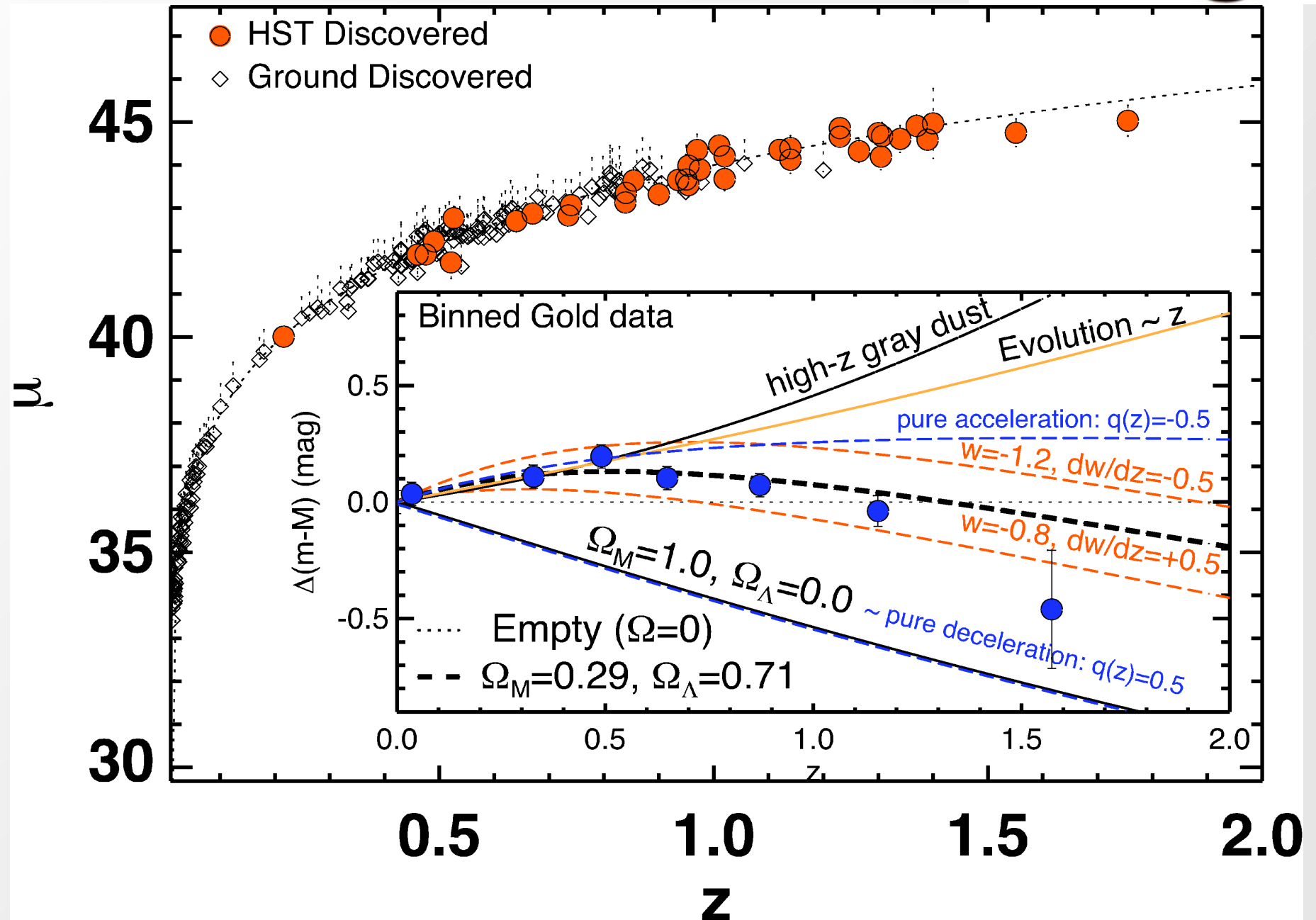
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# Introduction

- 1998 Type-Ia supernova
- GOODS spacebased (Riess, et al. 2007 astro-ph/0611128)
- Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation (CMBR)



Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP)  
 DASI, ACBAR, CBI  
[wmap.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://wmap.gsfc.nasa.gov)



- Models of Dark Energy:

- Cosmological Constant:

$$\Lambda \approx 10^{-66} eV^2 \quad w \equiv \frac{P_\Lambda}{\rho_\Lambda} = -1$$

Padmanabhan Phys. Rev. D.

- Dark Fluid Models:

Arbey PRD **74** 043516

- Parameterized Models

Gong Int. J. Mod. Phys. D **14** 599    Komp astro-ph/0511763

Linder PRL **90** 0913101

- Modified Gravity Models

Olmo PRD **72** 083505      Hu PRD **76** 064004

Odintsov PRL B **652** 343      Carroll et al. PRD

- Vacuum Metamorphosis Models

Super Acceleration Model ( $\lambda, \phi$ )

Onemli & Woodard PRD **70** 107301

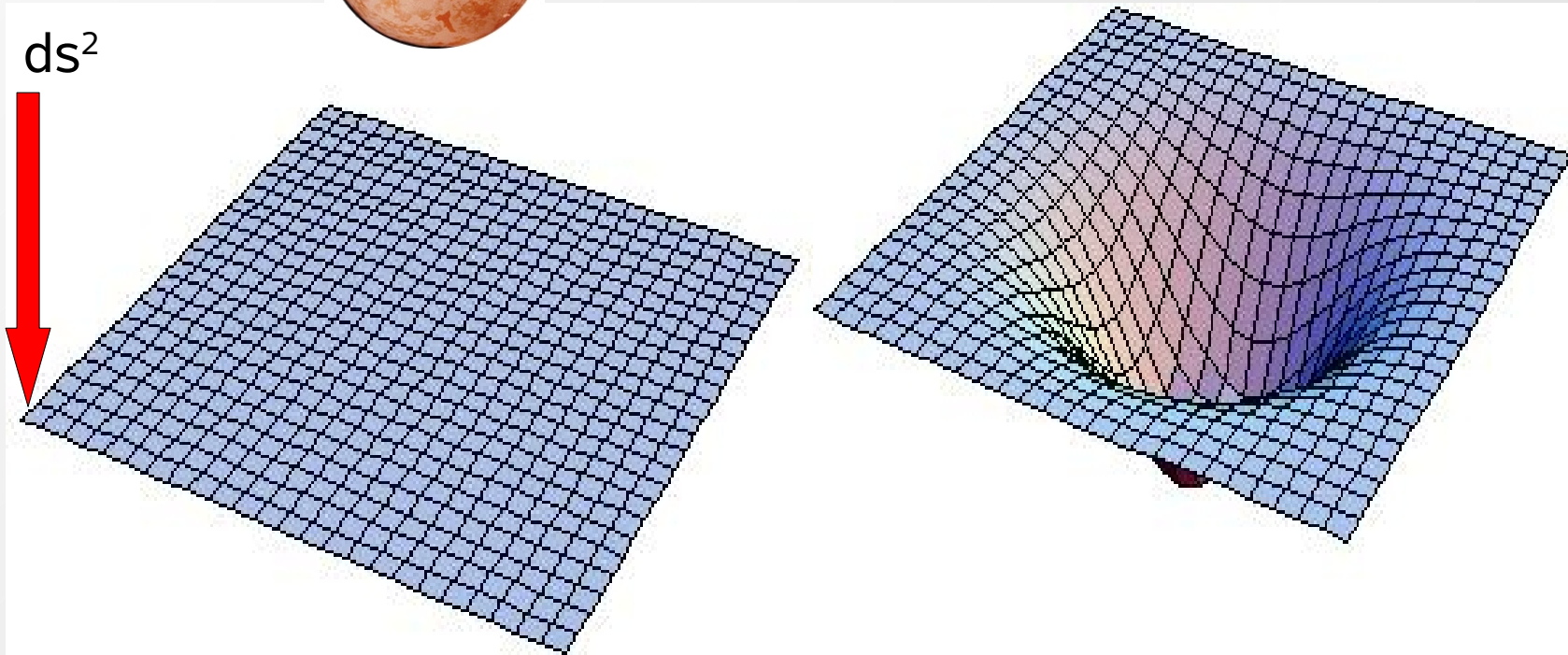
Vacuum Cold Dark Matter Model

Parker & Vanzella PRD **69** 104009

Parker & Raval PRL **86** 749

# Cosmology

- In  $GR$  Gravity is Geometry (Space and time)
- Continuous, smooth spacetime



sources of energy and pressure distort the grid

GR: Sources of energy and stresses  $\propto$  Geometry

$$ds^2 \equiv g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu \quad \longrightarrow \quad G_{\mu\nu}(g) = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}(\psi)$$

Comology:

Isotropic and Homogeneous

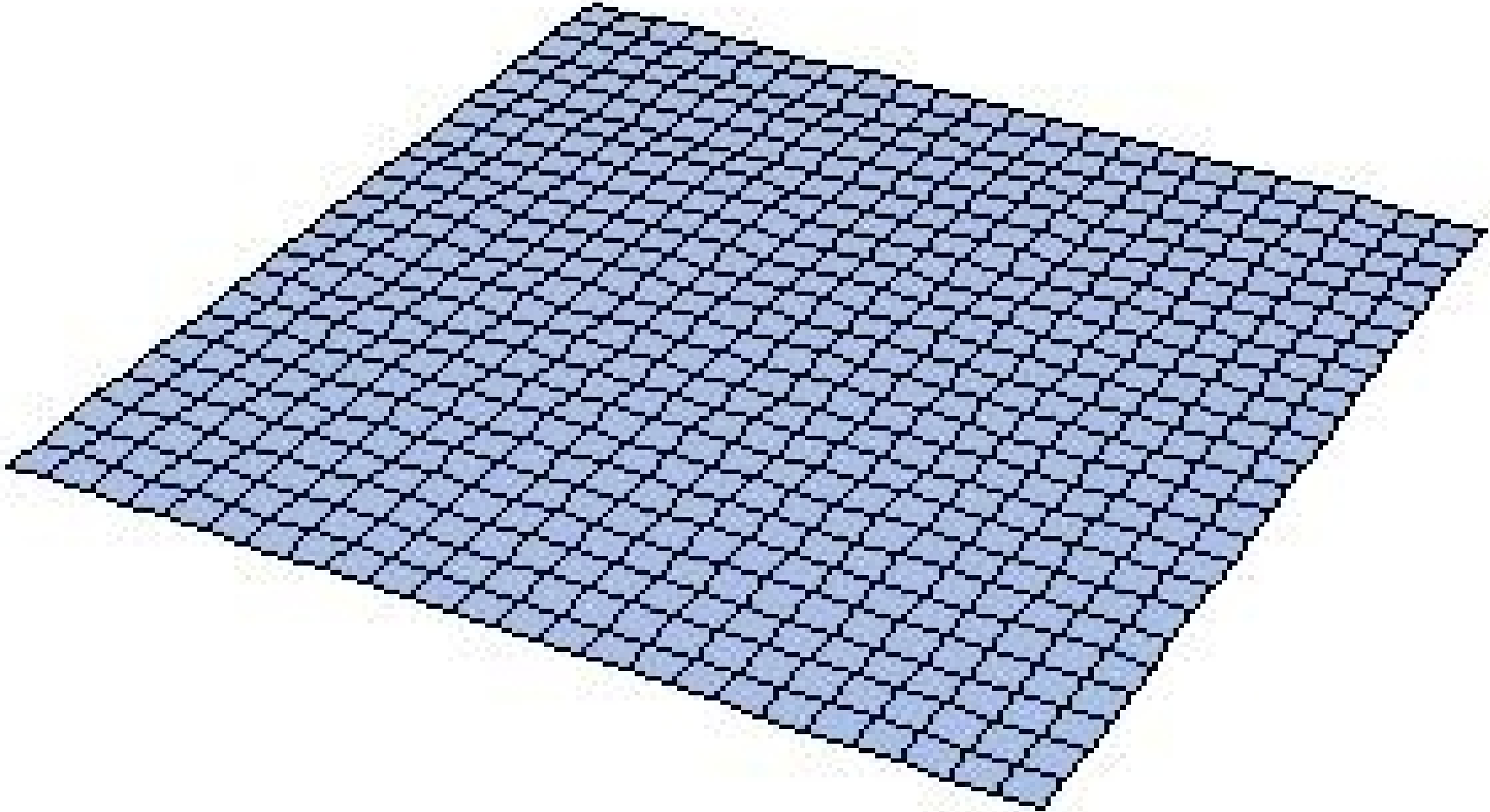
$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left( \frac{dr^2}{1 + \textcircled{k} r^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \phi d\phi^2 \right)$$

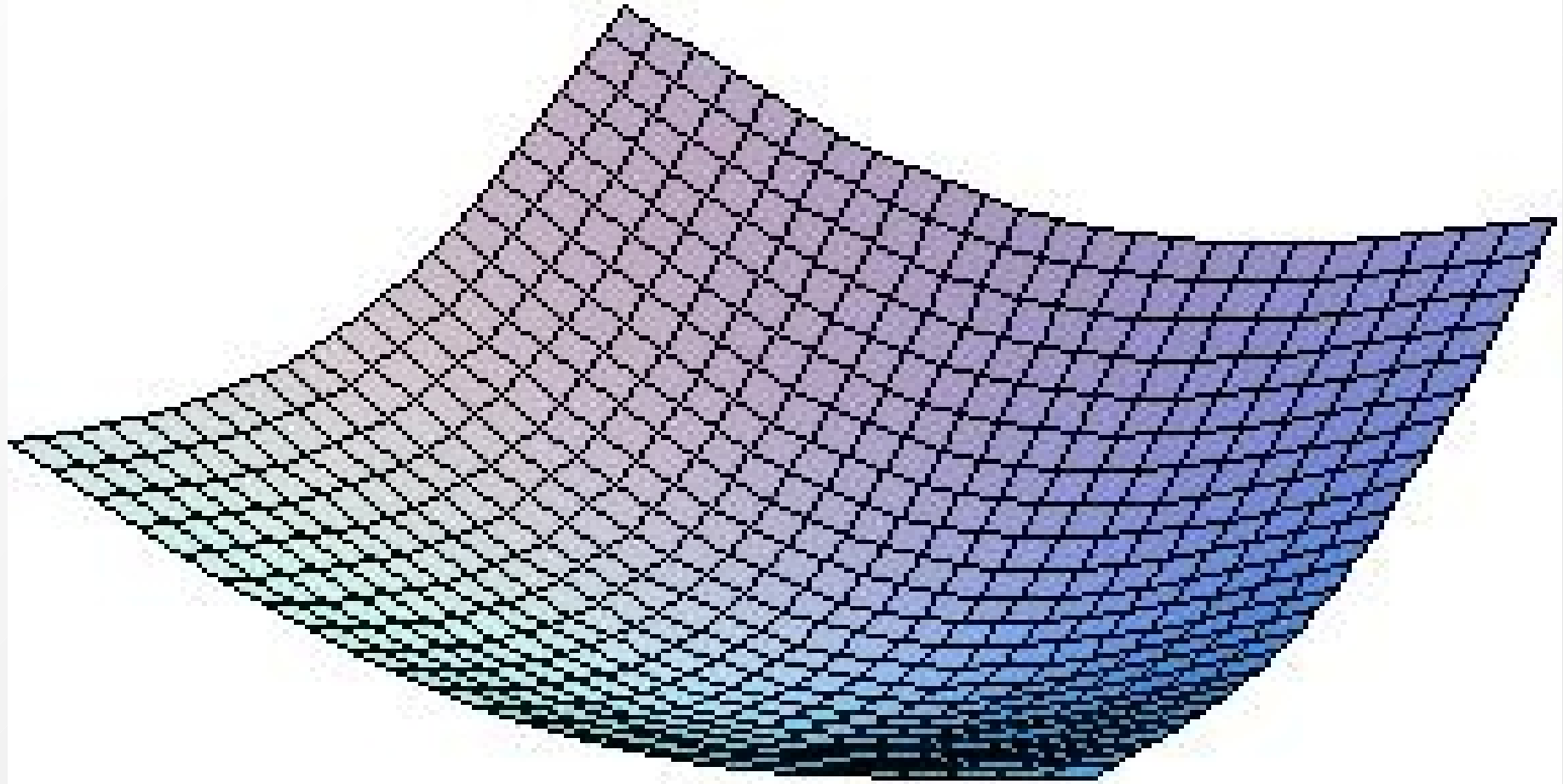
determines the geometry of the spatial hypersurfaces





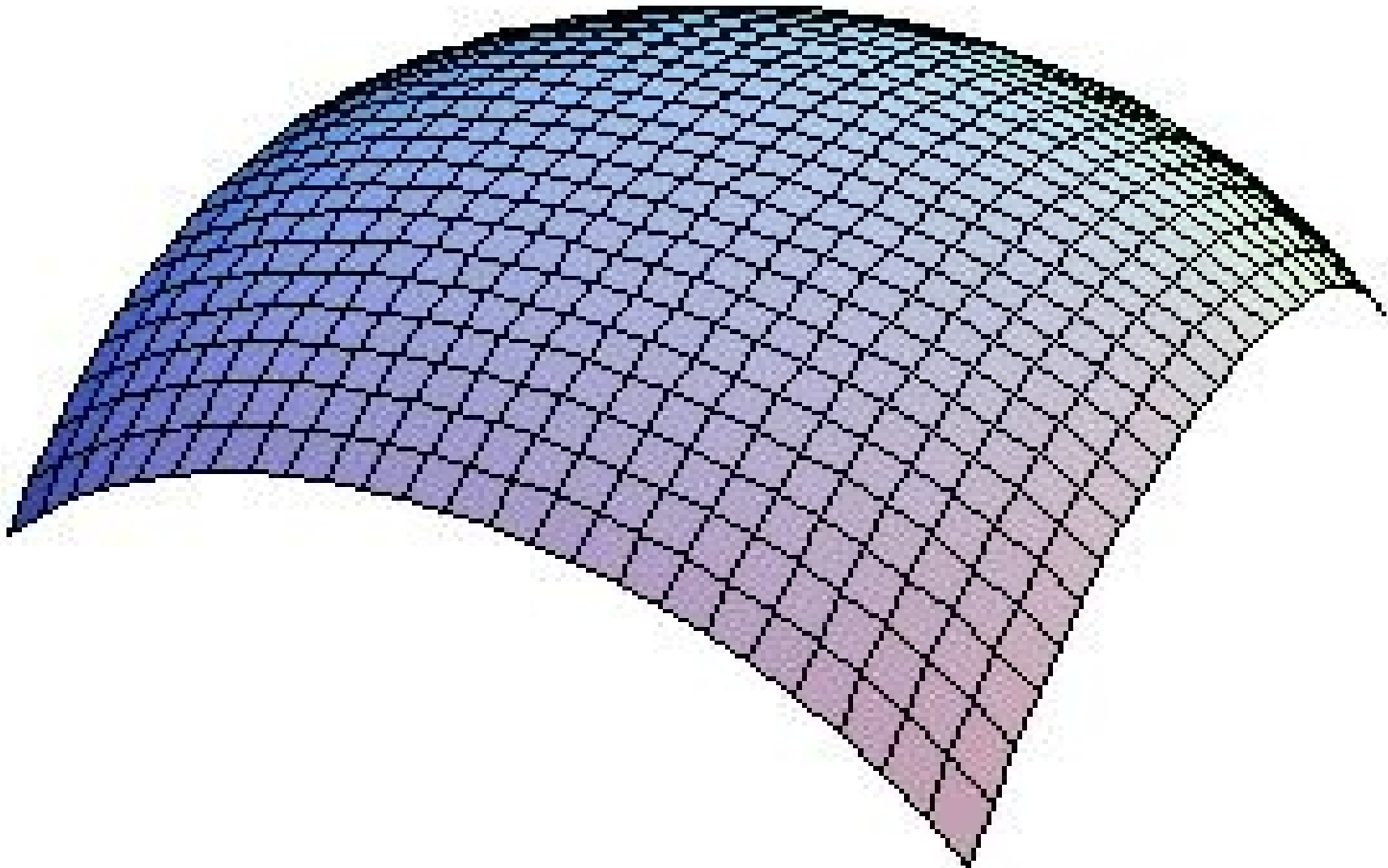
$k=0$  Flat Universe





$k=+1$  Closed Universe

# $k=-1$ Open Universe



## Friedman-Robertson-Walker Invariant Line Element

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t)(dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)$$

Stress-Energy:  $T_{\mu\nu} = (\rho, P, P, P)$

## Dynamical Equations

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)}\right)^2 = 8\pi G(\rho_m(t) + \rho_{DE}(t)) \qquad \frac{\partial(\rho_X a^3(t))}{\partial t} = P_X \frac{\partial a^3}{\partial t}$$

$$\rho_{DE} = \frac{\Lambda}{3H_0^2} \qquad \rho_{DE} \equiv \rho_{DE}(R) \qquad \rho_{DE} \equiv \rho_{DE}(\lambda, \phi)$$

- Parker-Raval Vacuum Metamorphosis Model

A low mass quantized scalar field

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R + W_{eff} [R, R_{\mu\nu}^2, R_{\mu\nu\sigma\tau}^2] + S_m [g_{\mu\nu}, \phi_m]$$

Einstein Equations:

$$G_{\mu\nu}(g) + F_{\mu\nu}(R(g), R_{\sigma\tau}(g), R_{\tau\rho\eta}^\sigma(g)) = 8\pi G T(\psi)$$

Usual Friedman Equations  $R = \bar{m}^2$  for  $z < z_j$

VCDM of Parker-Raval:

$$\rho_{DE} = \frac{\bar{m}^2}{32\pi G} \left( 1 - 4 \left( \frac{1+z}{1+z_j} \right)^3 + 3 \left( \frac{1+z}{1+z_j} \right)^4 \right)$$

VCDM model assumes  $\Lambda=0$

Can relax this condition: LVCDM model

First cut at a non-zero Vacuum Expectation Value

# New Results

## Monte Carlo Markov Chains

random step through parameter space guided by the likelihood function  $L$ .

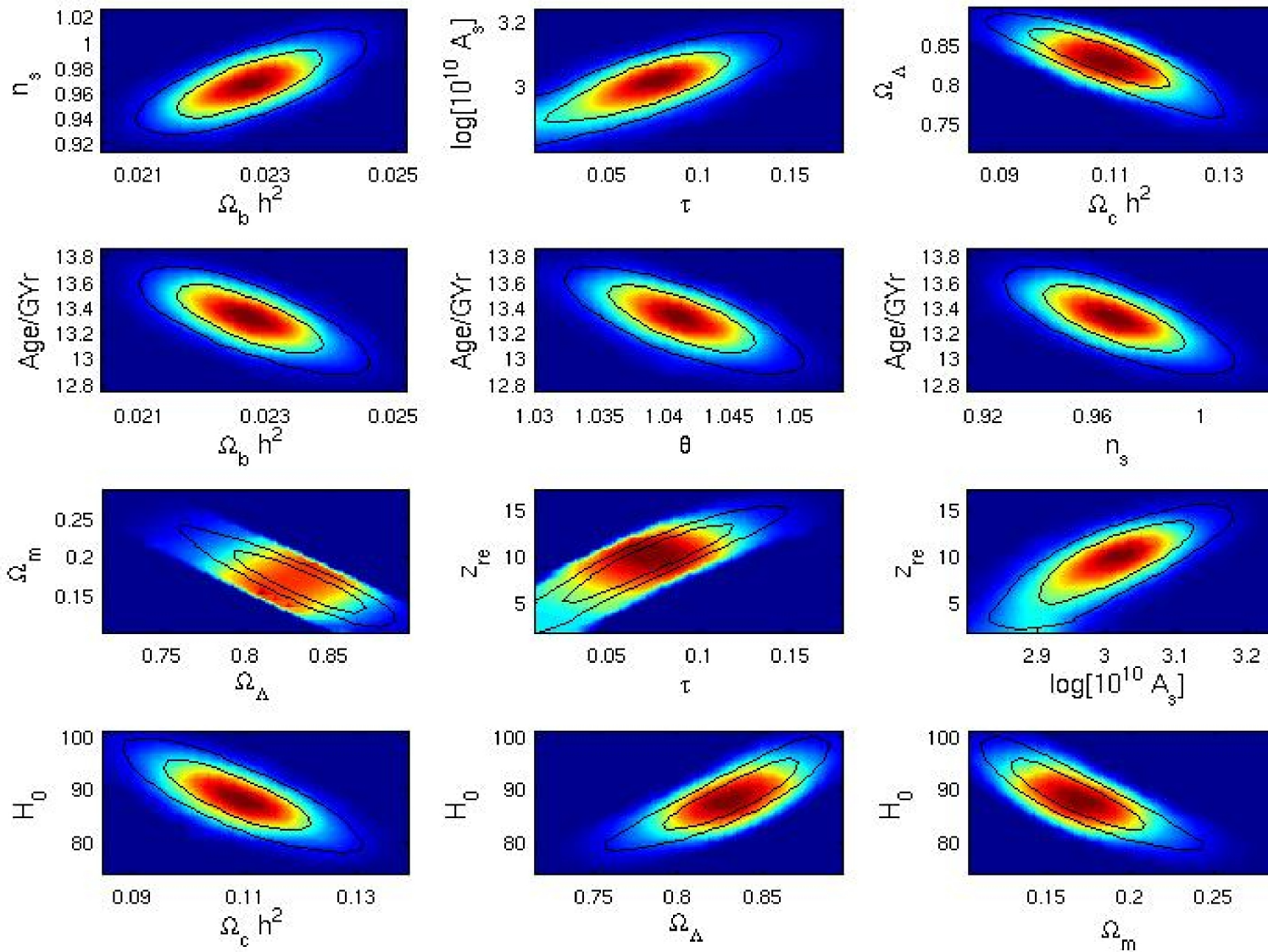
## COSMOMC routine

### VCDM Parameter Constraints (WMAP)

$$H_0 = 87 \pm 7 \text{ km Mpc s}^{-1}, \Omega_{m0} = 0.2 \pm 0.07, \Omega_V = 0.80 \pm 0.07$$

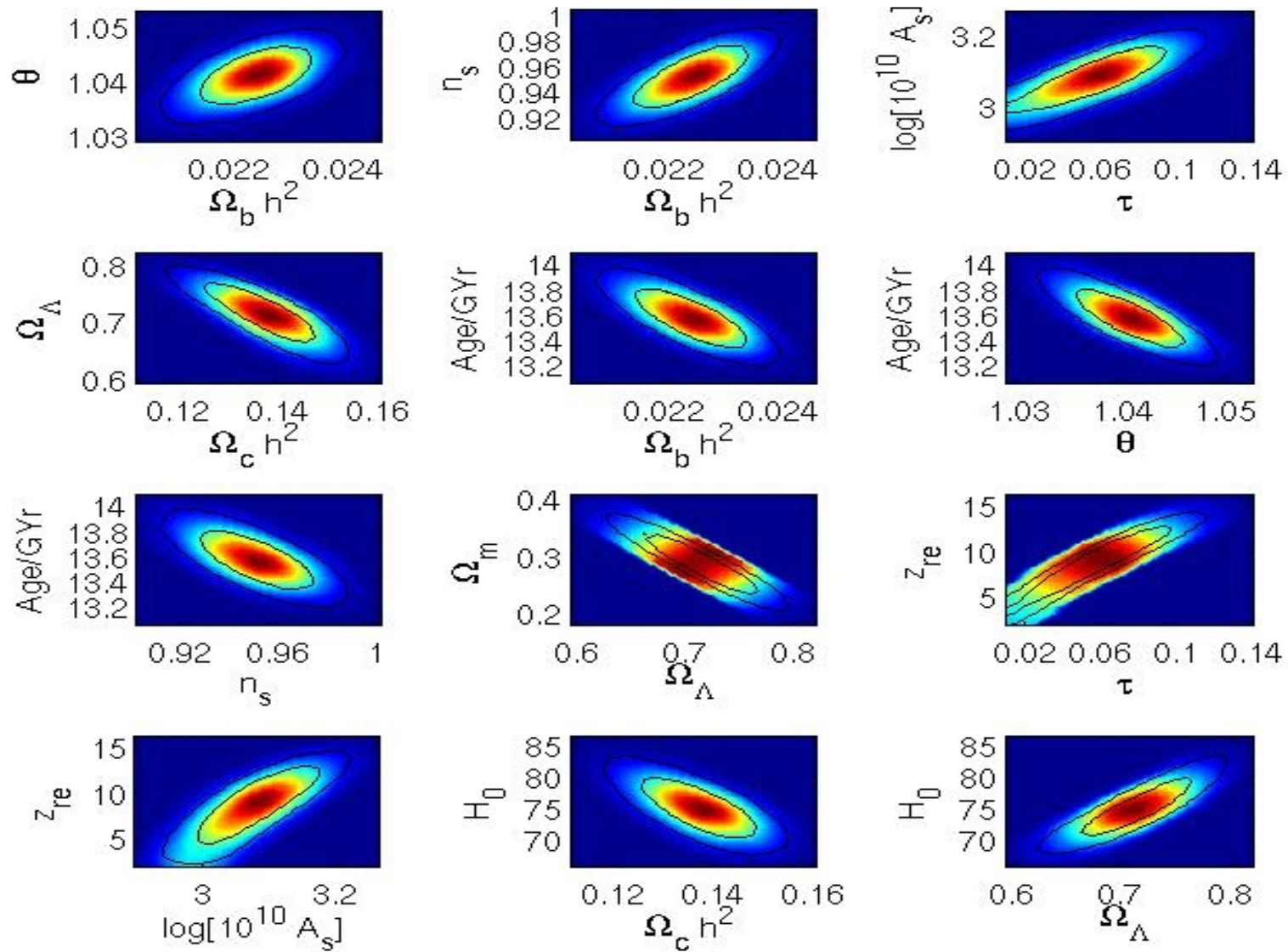
### VCDM Parameter Constraints non-zero $\Lambda$ (WMAP)

$$H_0 = 75 \pm 7 \text{ km Mpc s}^{-1}, \Omega_{m0} = 0.24 \pm 0.07, \Omega_V = 0.76 \pm 0.07$$

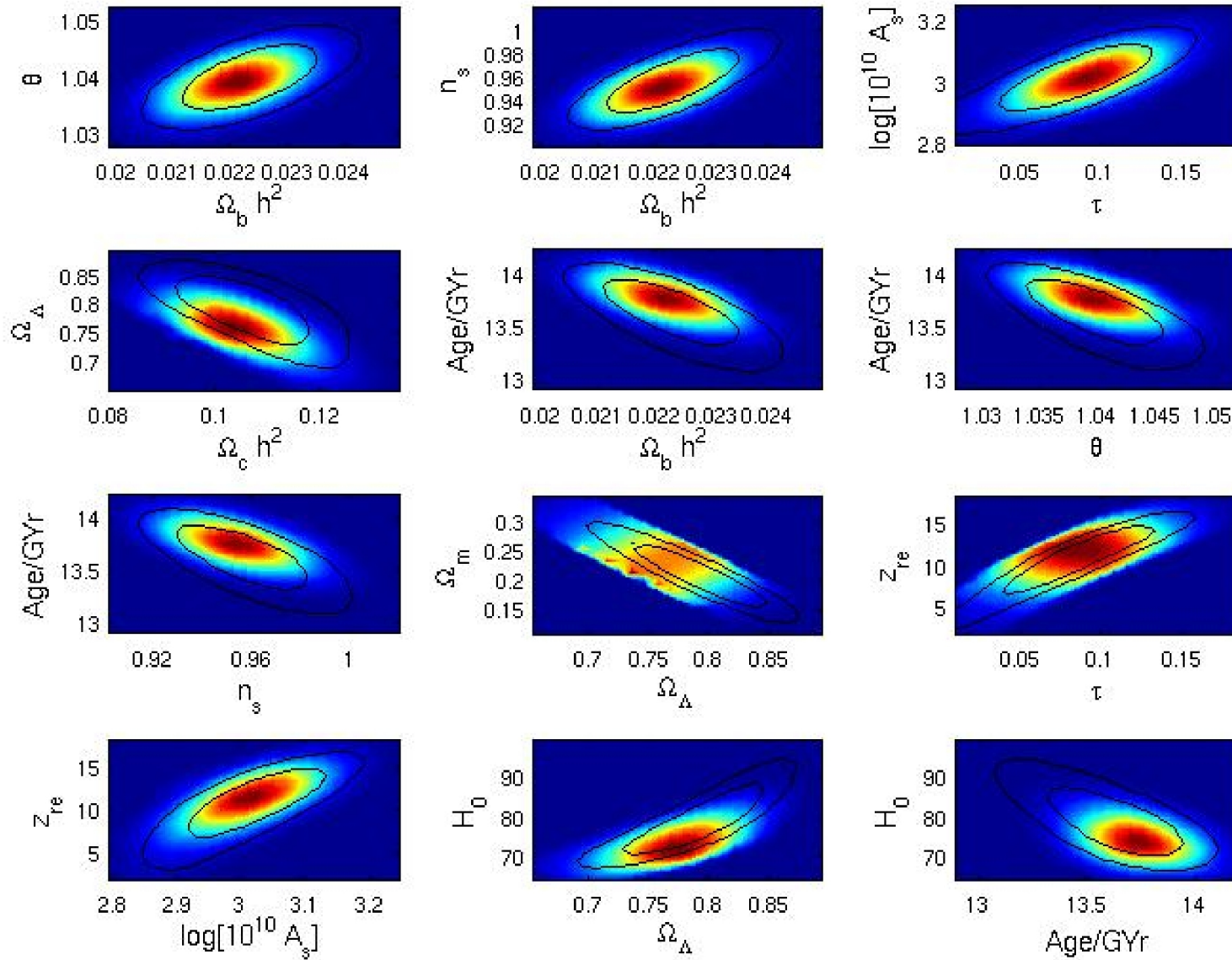


VCDM Model: WMAP

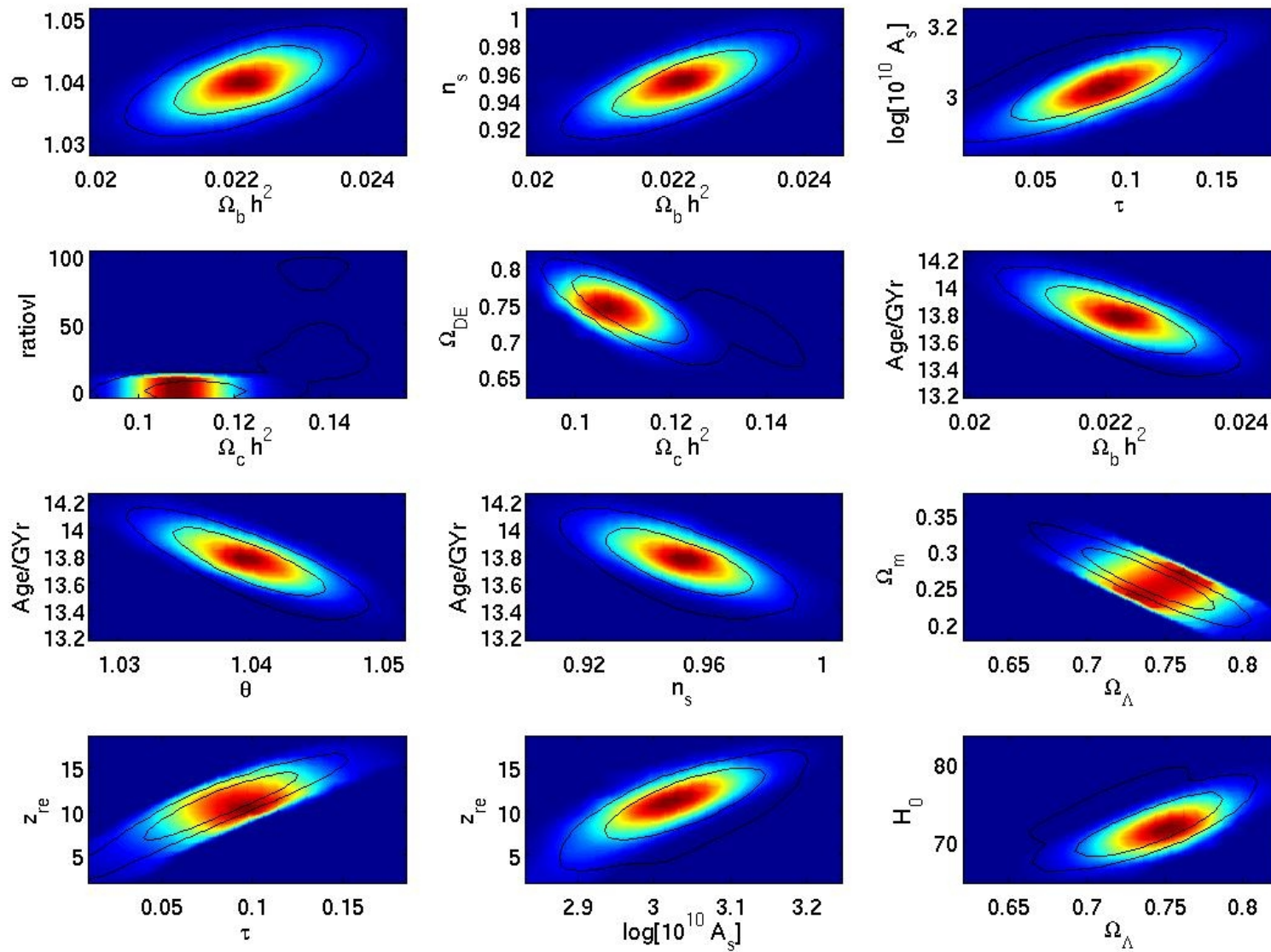




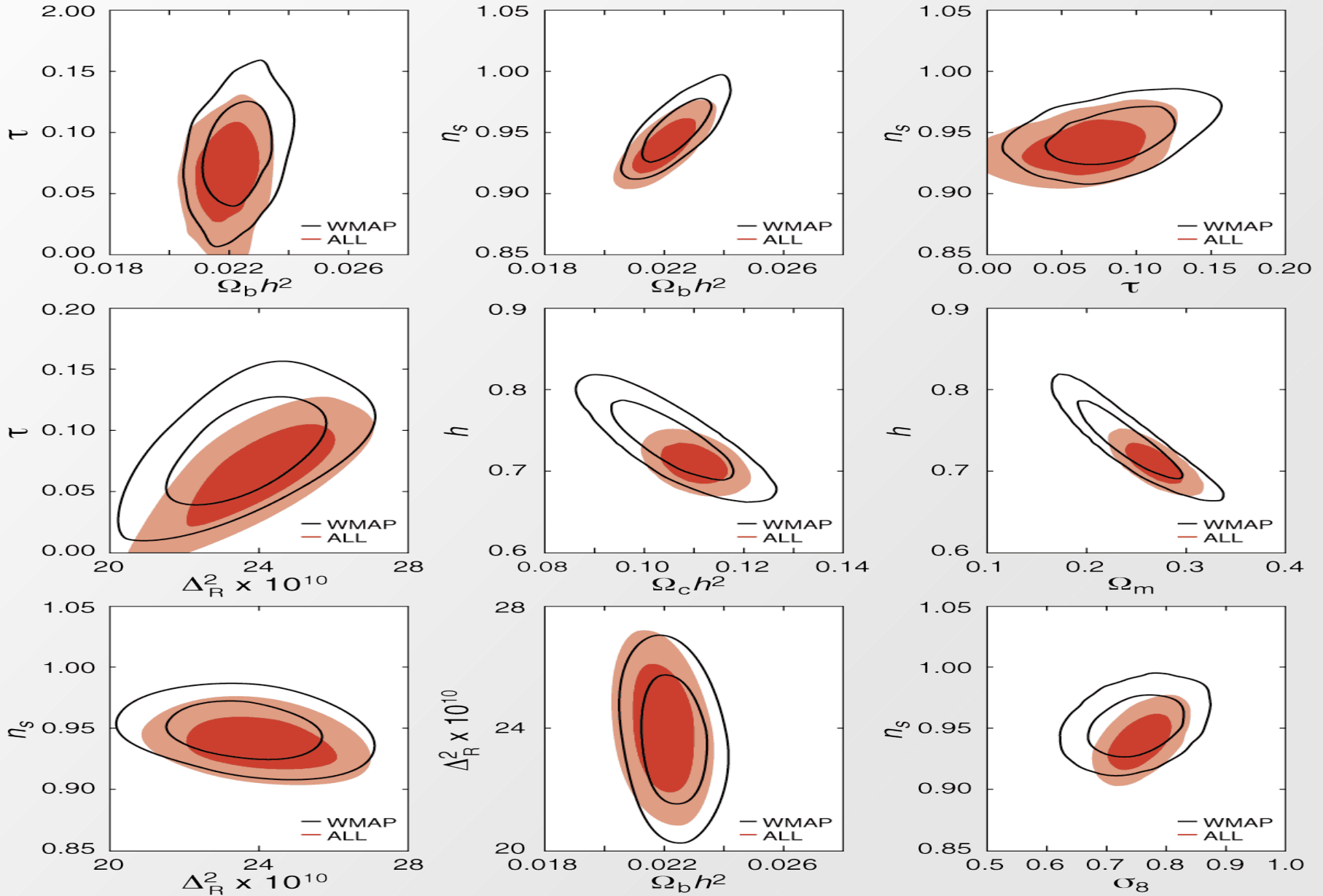
VCDM Model: WMAP+SN



## LVCDM Model: WMAP



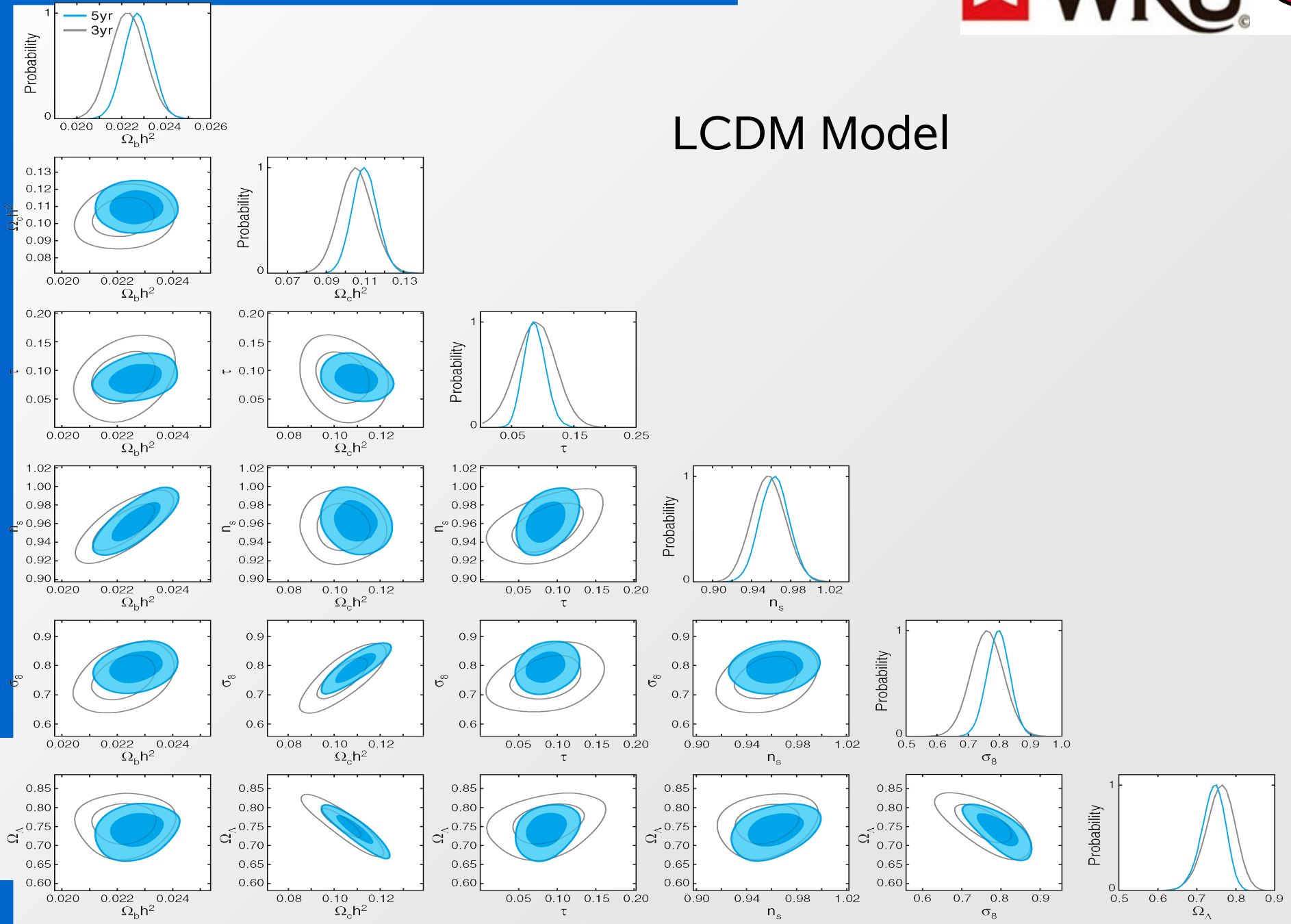
## LVCDM Model: WMAP+SN



LCDM Model

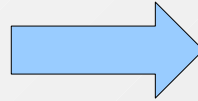
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# LCDM Model



# Direct Model Comparisons

Different Models



Different assumptions,  
dynamics and underlying  
physics

- VCDM model

quantized low mass scalar field arising from  
field creation in the early expanding universe

- LCDM model

potentially arising from string theory-Marco

- Goal of Observations

$$P(\textit{Dark Energy Model} | \textit{Data}, I)$$

- Propose

Bayesian Model Comparison Analysis

Bayes' Theorem:

$$P(M | D, I) = \frac{P(M | I) P(D | M, I)}{P(D | I)}$$

Compute

$$\frac{P(M_1 | D, I)}{P(M_2 | D, I)} = \frac{P(M_1 | I) P(D | M_1, I)}{P(M_2 | I) P(D | M_2, I)}$$

## Data Sets:

Type-Ia SN GOODS, SNLS, ESSENCE

CMB WMAP

Large Scale Structure SDSS

Gravitational Lensing

## Preliminary Analysis:

Assumed a cubic spline model of dark energy  
and Cosmological Constant Model



Simplifying assumptions about any fundamental physics priors for the models to be equally likely.

Occam Factor (OF): ratios of the prior probability function and parameter space volumes

$$R = \frac{P(M_1|SN, I)}{P(M_2|SN, I)} = OF \frac{P(SN|M_1, I)}{P(SN|M_2, I)}$$

Likelihood Function:  $P(SN|M_1, I) \propto \exp[-\chi^2/2]$

2004: R=1 (both models equally likely)

2006: R=1/4 (Spline model 4 times more likely!!!)

## Conclusions

- Dark Energy is present but precise nature is still unknown
- There is general agreement amongst many models
- Trends in the data can potentially distinguish between models
- Future Work:

Direct Model Comparisons using results from data fitting

An archival search for more distant supernovae  
(out to redshifts of 1.8 or so) (Strolger)

