

Concept study for  
measuring the

**CO**smic

**D**ifferential

**EX**pansion

# The Sandage test

*”It should be possible to choose between various models of the expanding universe if the deceleration of a given galaxy could be measured. Precise predictions of the expected change in  $z=d\lambda/\lambda_0$  for reasonable observing times (say 100 years) is exceedingly small.*

*Nevertheless, the predictions are interesting, since they form part of the available theory for the evolution of the universe”*

**Sandage 1962 ApJ**

**136,31** Sandage predictions:

$z=0.4,$	$k=+1$	$dz/dt =$	$-0.73$	cm /sec/year
	$k= -1$		$-0.3$	
	$k= 0$		$-0.59$	
	Steady state		$+0.92$	

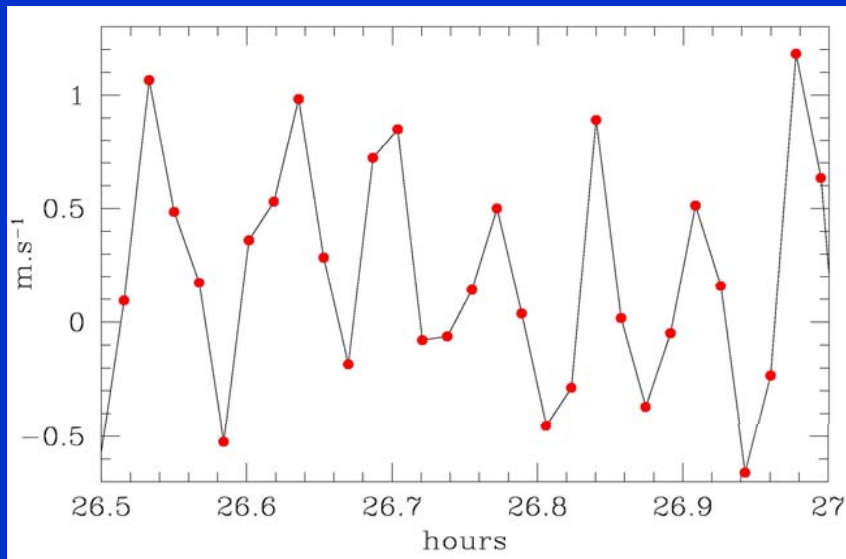
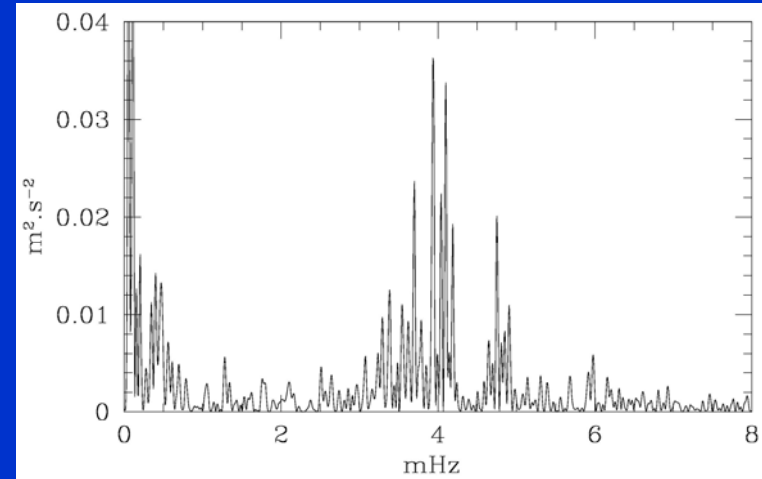
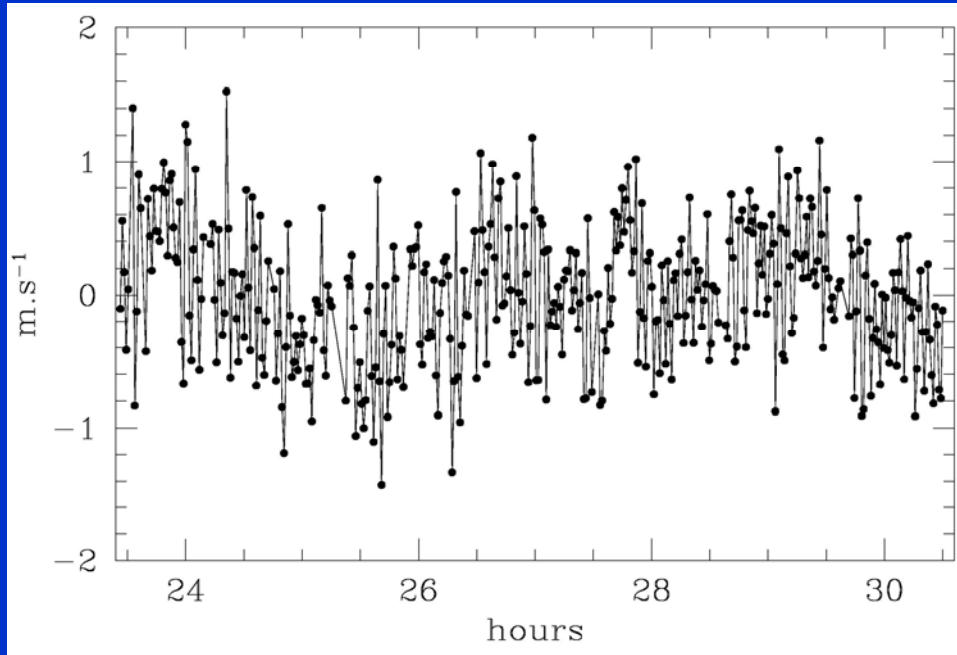
# BACKGROUND

**Sandage 1962**  
Harrison 1976,  
Davis & May 1978,  
Rudiger 1980,  
Lake 1981,  
Phillipps 1982,  
**Loeb 1998,**  
Barbachoux & Le Denmat 2002

# What's new

- **VLT-UVES & Keck HIRES** observed hundreds of bright QSOs at High Res. ( $R \sim 40000$ ),  $z$  between 2 and 5, Ly  $\alpha$  forest
- **Exoplanets (HARPS)** long term accuracy 1m/s, short term (hours) 0.2 m/s
- **ELT (50-100m)**

# $\alpha$ Cen B



**0.56 m/s rms**

**4 minute oscillation**

**0.26 m/s (0.17 photon noise)**

**Harps collaboration**

## **With CODEX we want**

- ❖ to revisit the possibility of a direct measurement of the cosmic acceleration  $2 < z < 5$ , by using Ly  $\alpha$  forest (or other absorptions) over a long time baseline (10 years or more)**
- ❖ to identify an experiment to carry out at OWL (instrument, strategy, analysis, costs ...)**

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# Cosmic Signal

$$1 + z(t_0, t_e) = \frac{a(t_0)}{a(t_e)}$$

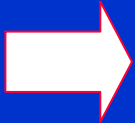
$t_e$ =emission epoch

$t_0$ =actual epoch

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial t_0} dt_0 + \frac{\partial z}{\partial t_e} dt_e$$

$$\dot{z} = \frac{dz}{dt_0} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial t_0} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial t_e} \frac{dt_e}{dt_0} = \frac{\dot{a}(t_0)}{a(t_e)} - \frac{\dot{a}(t_e) a(t_0)}{a(t_e) a(t_e) (1+z)}$$

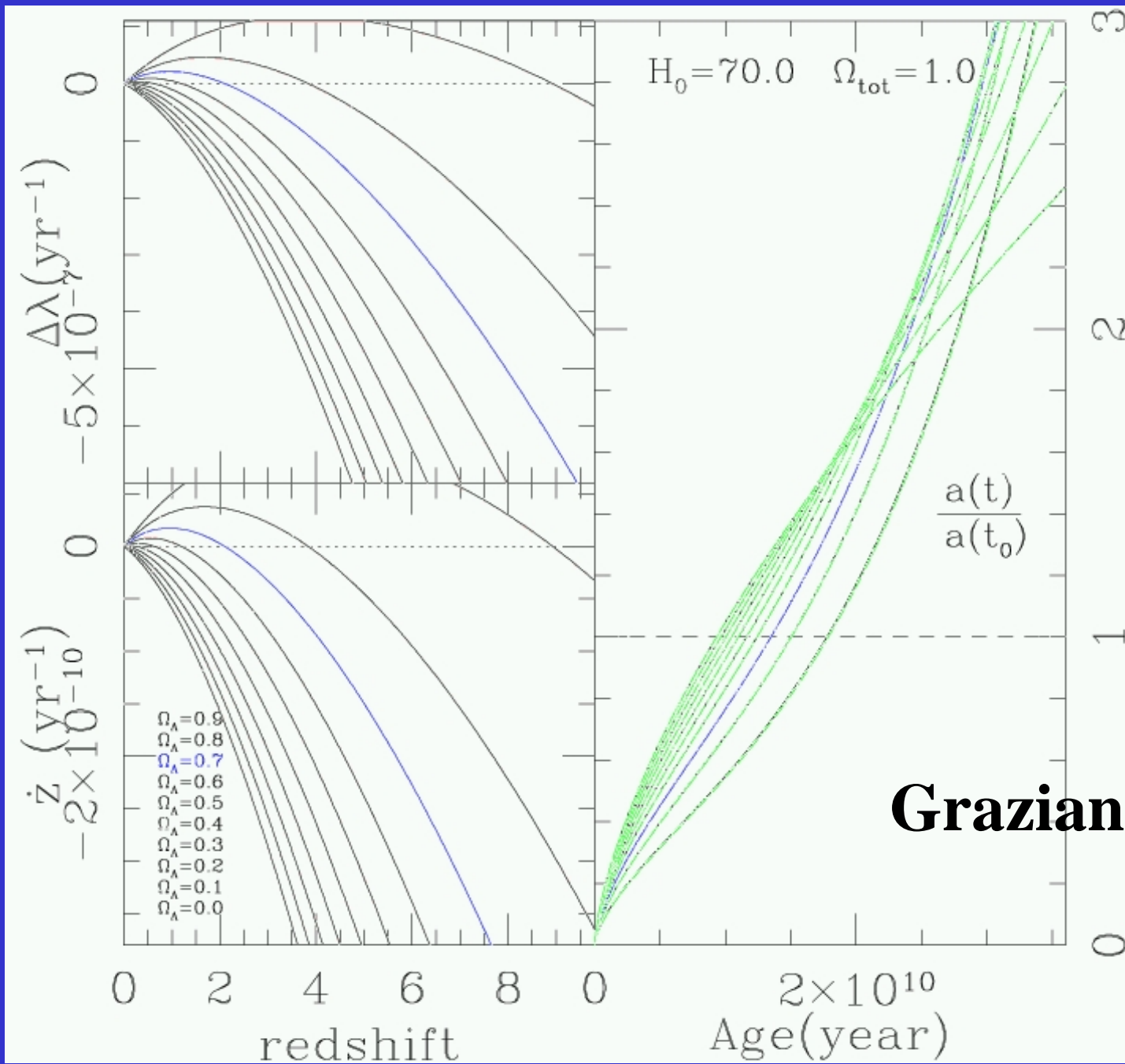
$$\dot{z} = (1+z)H_0 - H(t_e).$$



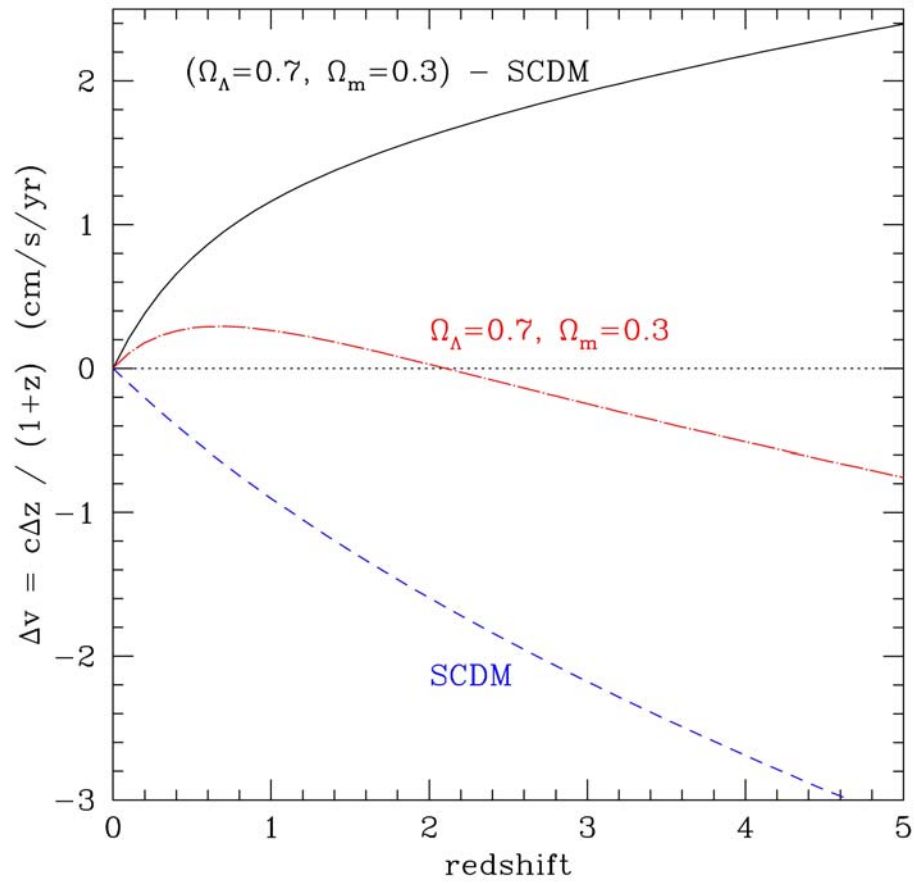
$$H = H_0 \left[ \Omega_M (1+z)^3 + \Omega_R (1+z)^4 + \Omega_\Lambda + (1 - \Omega_{tot}) (1+z)^2 \right]$$

$$\text{where } \Omega_{tot} = \Omega_M + \Omega_R + \Omega_\Lambda \approx 1$$

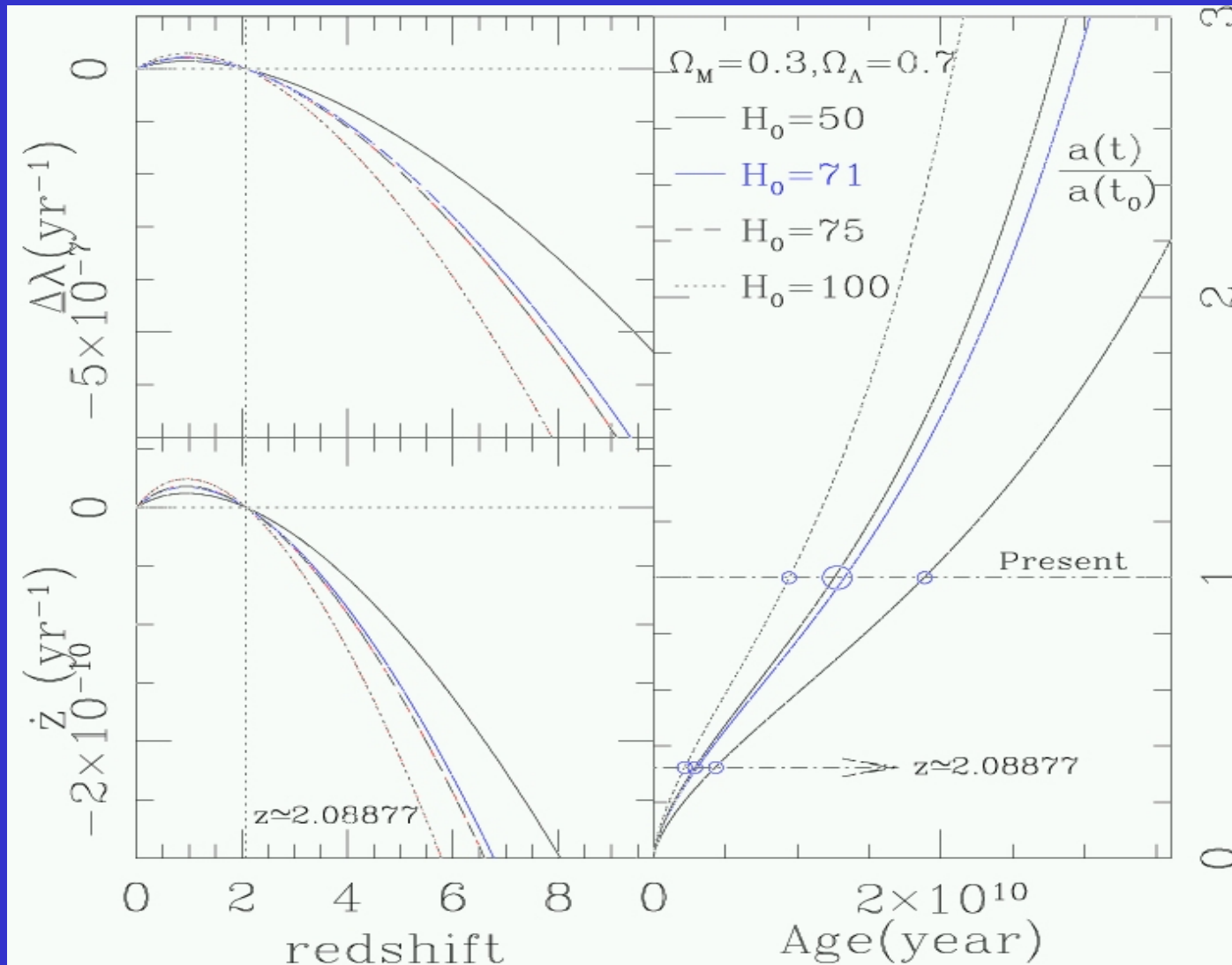




**Grazian et al 2004**

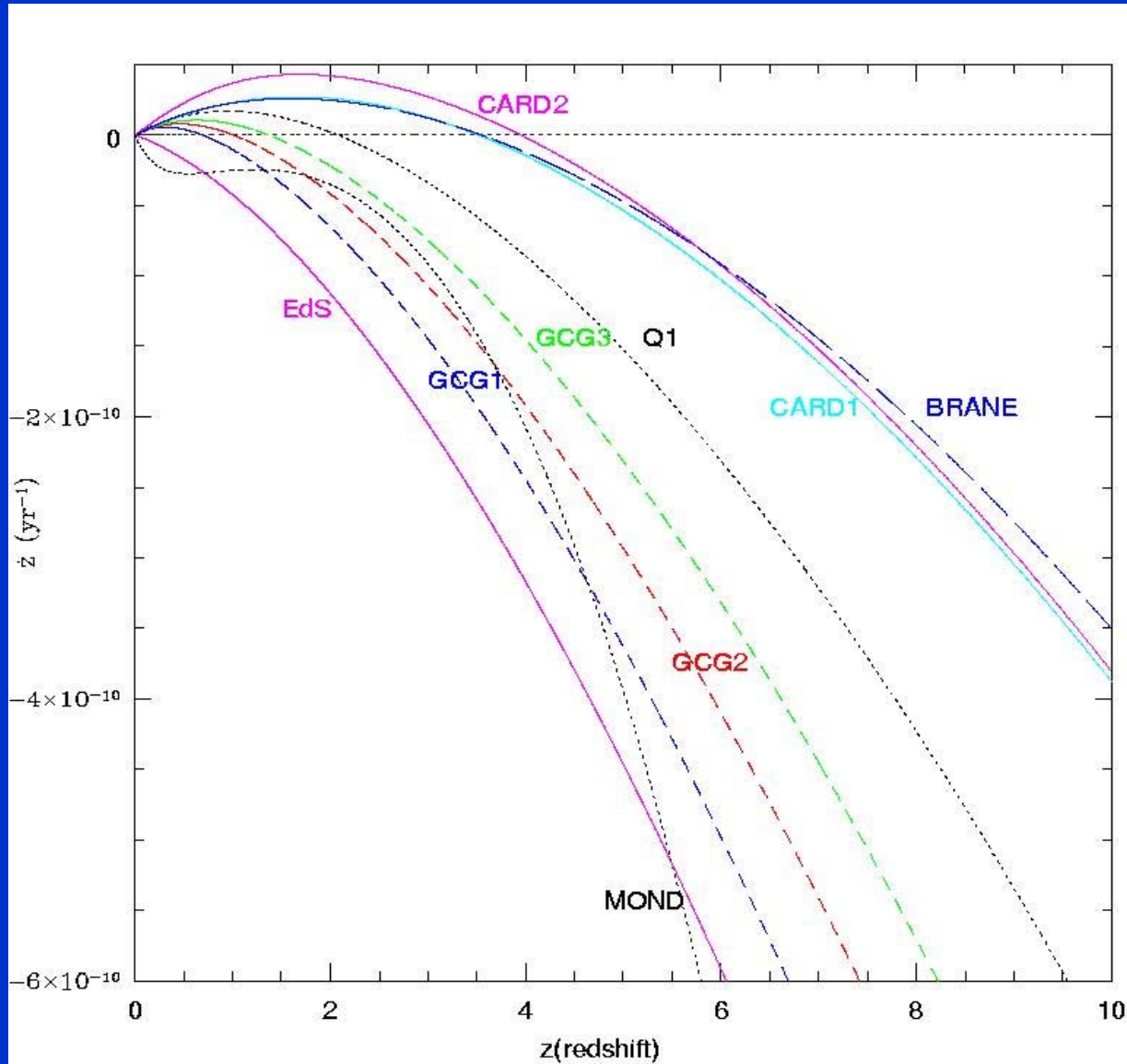


# Dependence from H



Grazian et al 2004

# ALTERNATIVE COSMOLOGICAL MODELS



# **Direct measurement**

- **Bias-free determination of cosmological parameters**
- **Different redshift (CMB )**
- **Not dependent from evolutionary effects of sources (SNIa)**

# Key Problems

Can we built such an instrument ?

- **stability on timescale of 1-10 years**

Can we control the systematics?

- **earth rotation , revolution around the Sun (limit the exposures, need for an ELT)**
- **sun motion around our Galaxy**
- **peculiar motions of sources**

Do we have enough photons to recover the signal?

- **Loeb (1998): 0.1 m/s with 2 times 100 QSOs with Keck/HIRES**
- **however, a significant fraction of OWL nights (50 n/year?)**

More precise  
answer.....

.....in about 1 year

# parallel science

outstanding projects with an HR spectrograph @OWL:

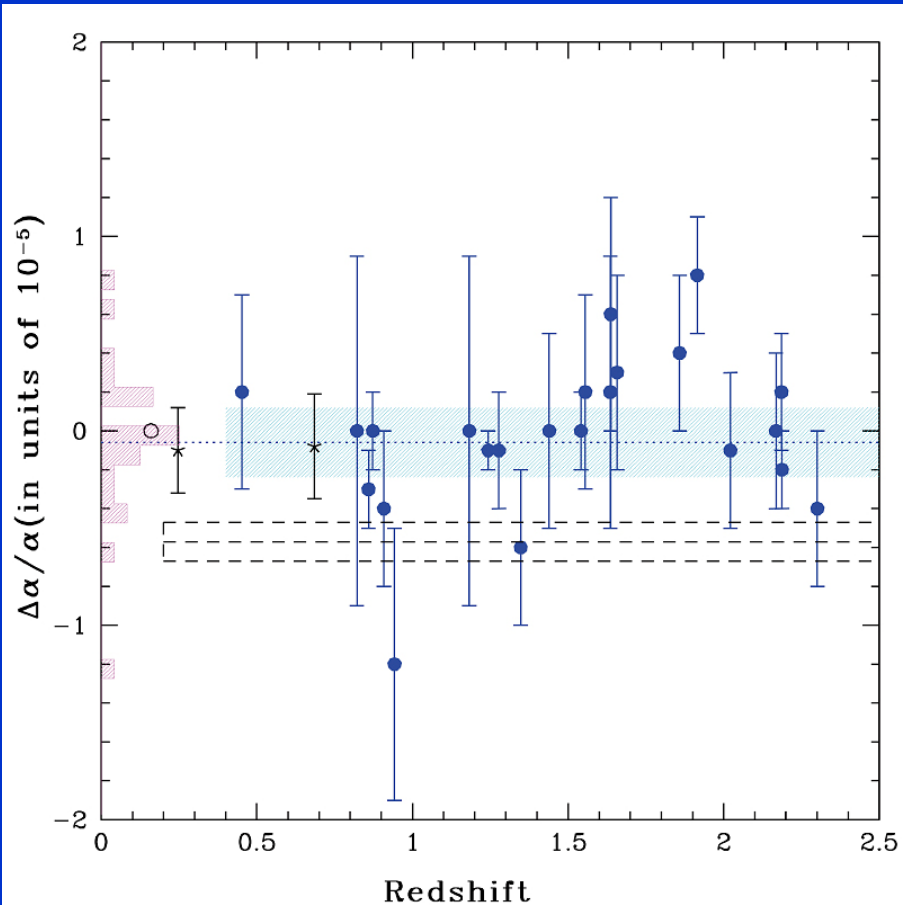
- cosmological variation of the Fine-Structure Constant

- terrestrial planets in extra-solar systems

- others ... (SBBN, TCMB ...)



# $\Delta\alpha/\alpha$



Relative Changes with Redshift of the Fine Structure Constant  
(VLT KUEYEN + UVES)

143 Keck/HIRES systems

$$\Delta\alpha/\alpha = (-5.7 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-6}$$

Murphy et al 2004

23 VLT/UVES systems

$$\Delta\alpha/\alpha = (+0.6 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-6}$$

Chand et al 2004

**UVES line positions accuracy :**

$$\sigma_{\lambda} \sim 3 \text{ m\AA} \quad \sigma_{\Delta\alpha/\alpha} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ (rms)}$$

**We need  $\sigma_{\lambda} \sim 0.03 \text{ m\AA}$   $\sigma_{\Delta\alpha/\alpha} \sim 10^{-7}$  (rms)**

**to reach:**

- the Oklo accuracy:  $\Delta\alpha/\alpha \geq 4.5 \times 10^{-8}$**
- or the ACES space experiment (2008) for local variation**

**QUANTUM UNIVERSE:  
The Revolution in 21st-Century Physics**

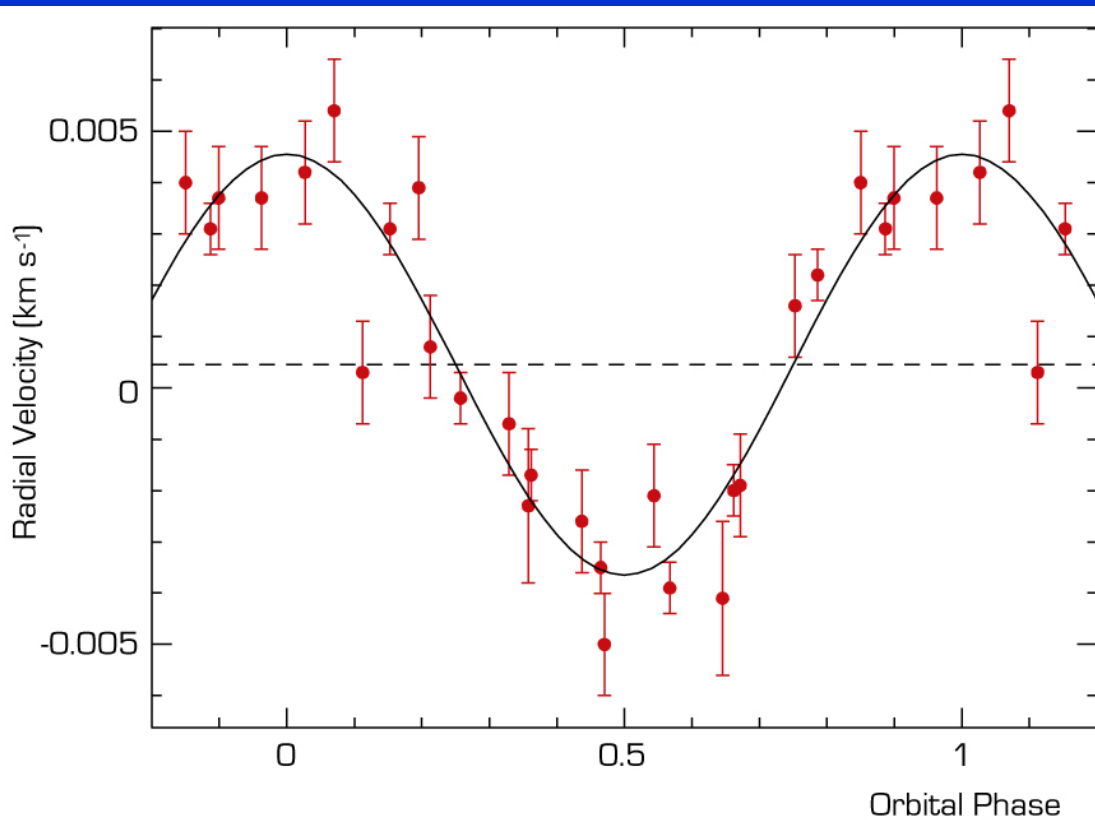
**Persis Drell, chair**

**U.S Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation  
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**Nine main questions**

1. Are there undiscovered principles of nature ?
2. **How can we solve the mystery of dark energy ?**
3. **Are there extra dimensions of space ?**
4. Do all forces become one ?
5. Why are there so many kinds of particles ?
6. **What is dark matter ?**
7. What are neutrinos telling us ?
8. How did the universe come to be ?
9. What happened to the antimatter ?

# Terrestrial planets

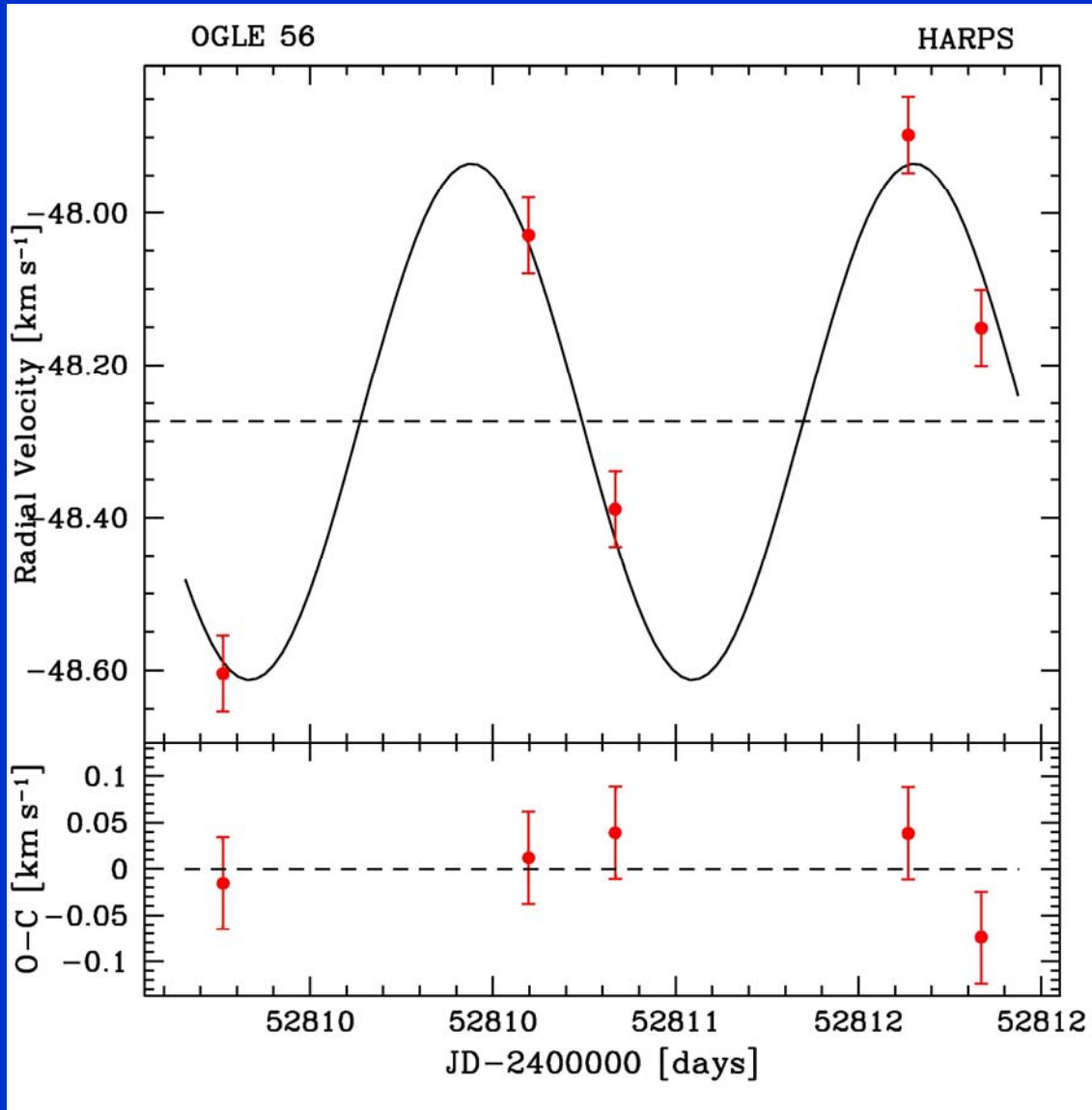


"Velocity Curve" of mu Arae

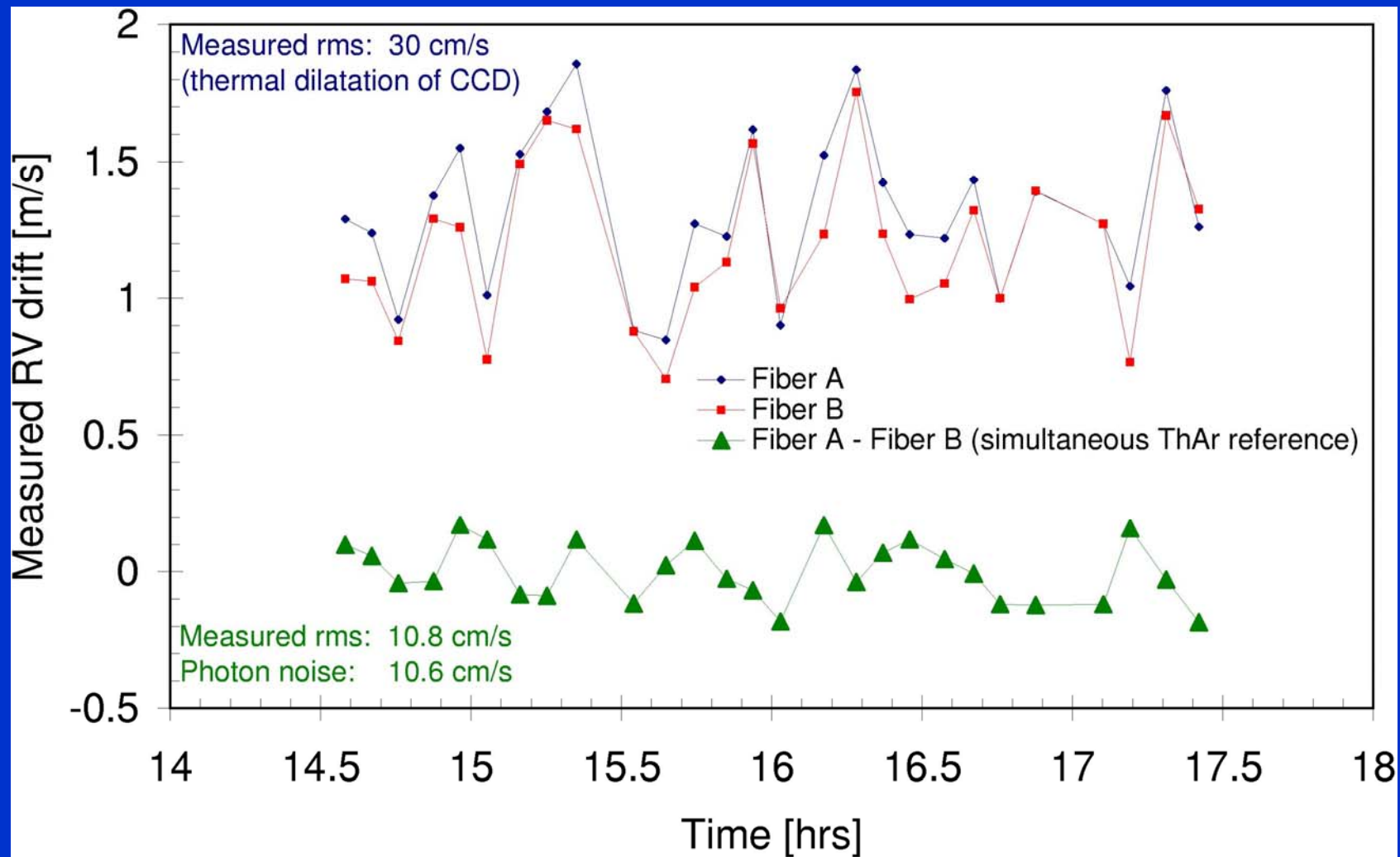
**14 terr. masses**

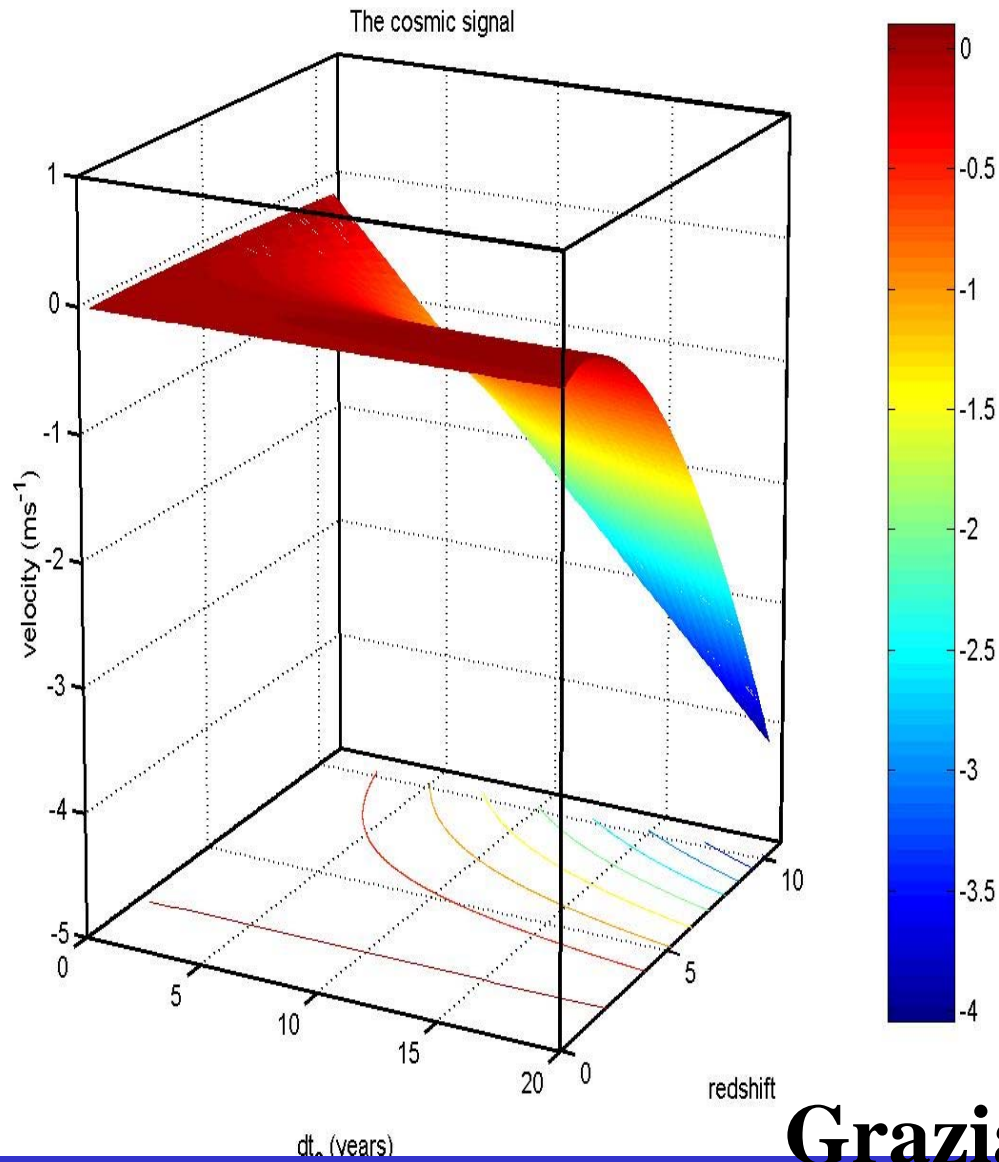
**9.5h period**

# OGLE-TR-56

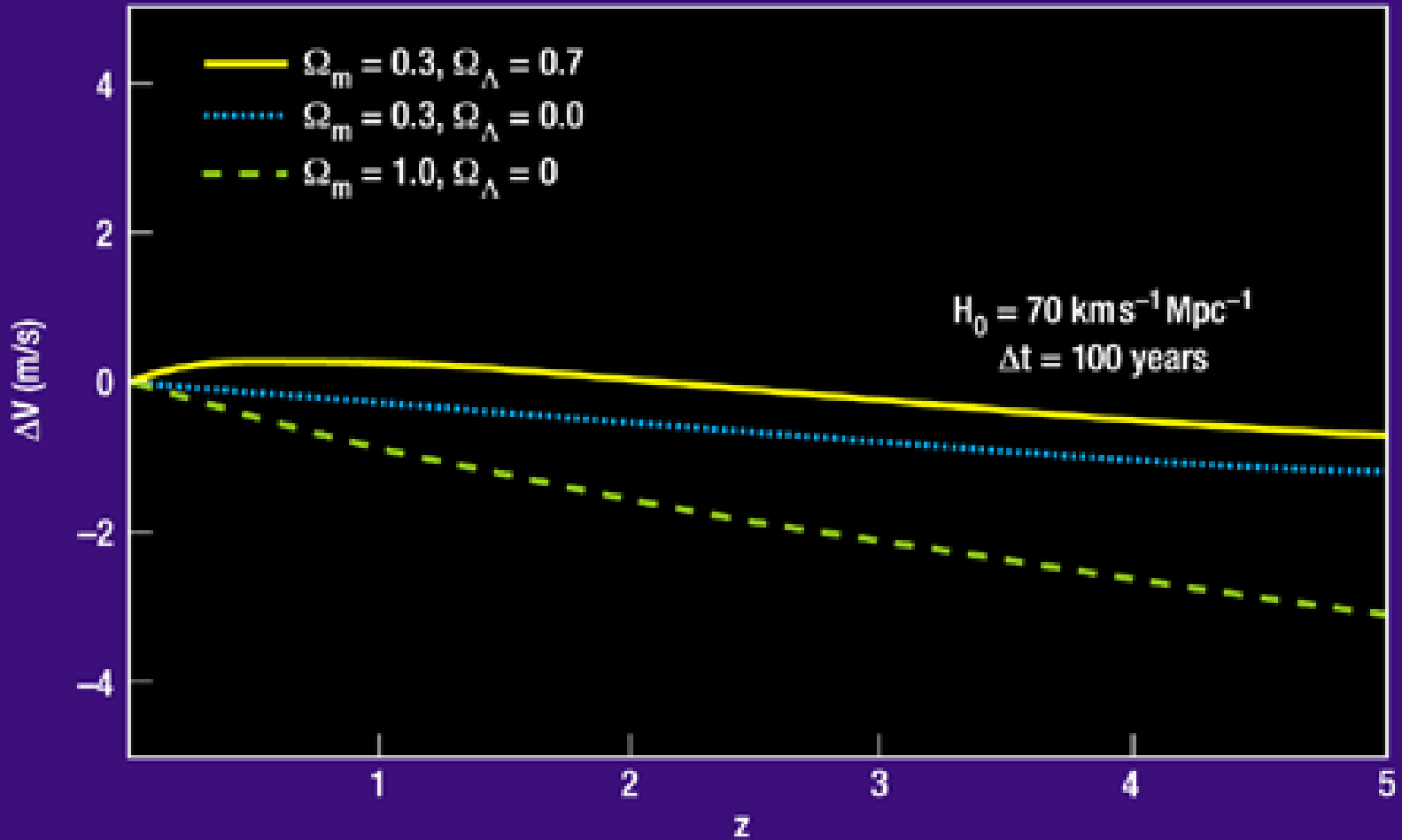


$V=16.6$





**Grazian et al 2004**



Fredman 2002 from Loeb 1998