

Cosmological anomalies shedding light on the dark sector

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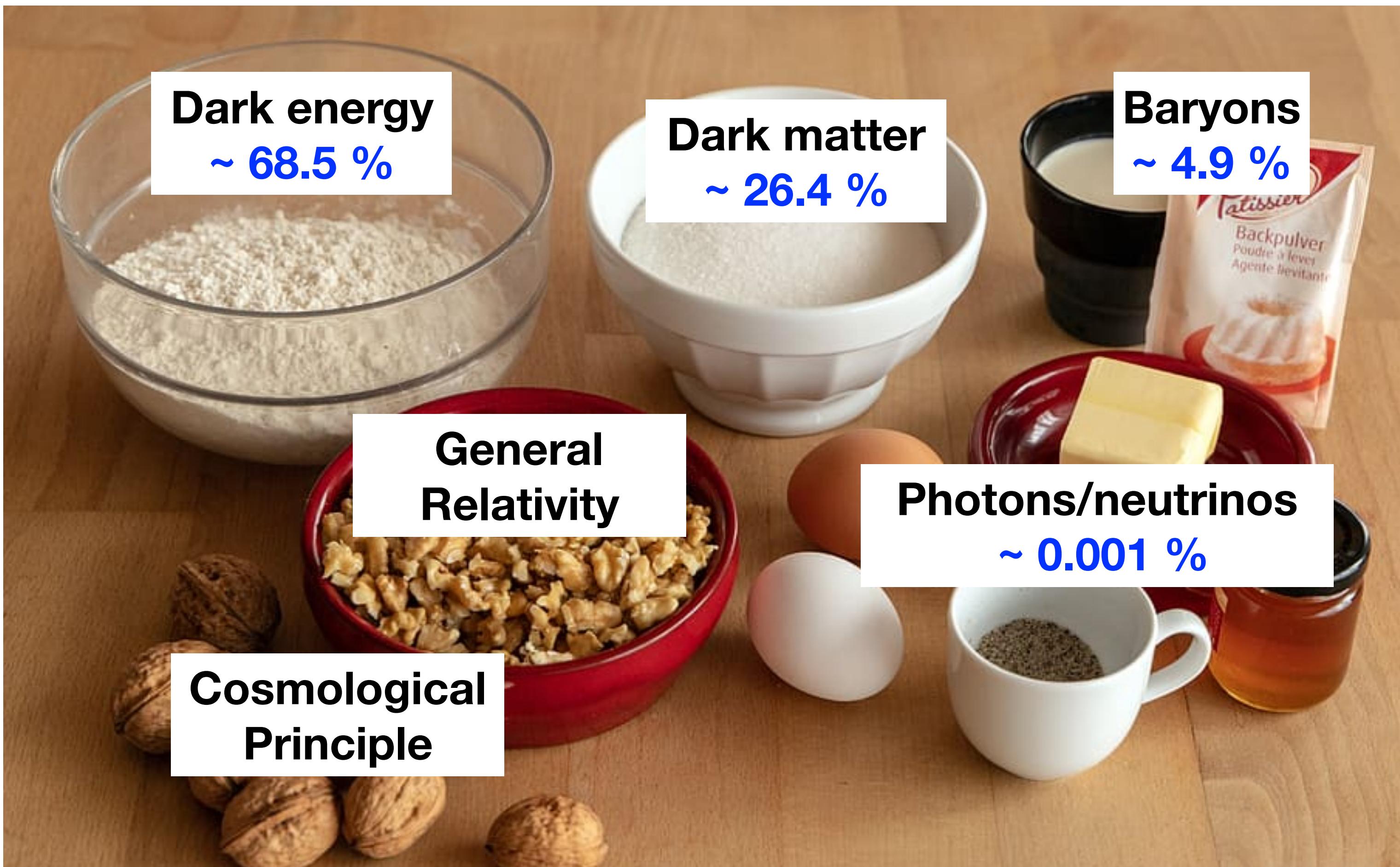


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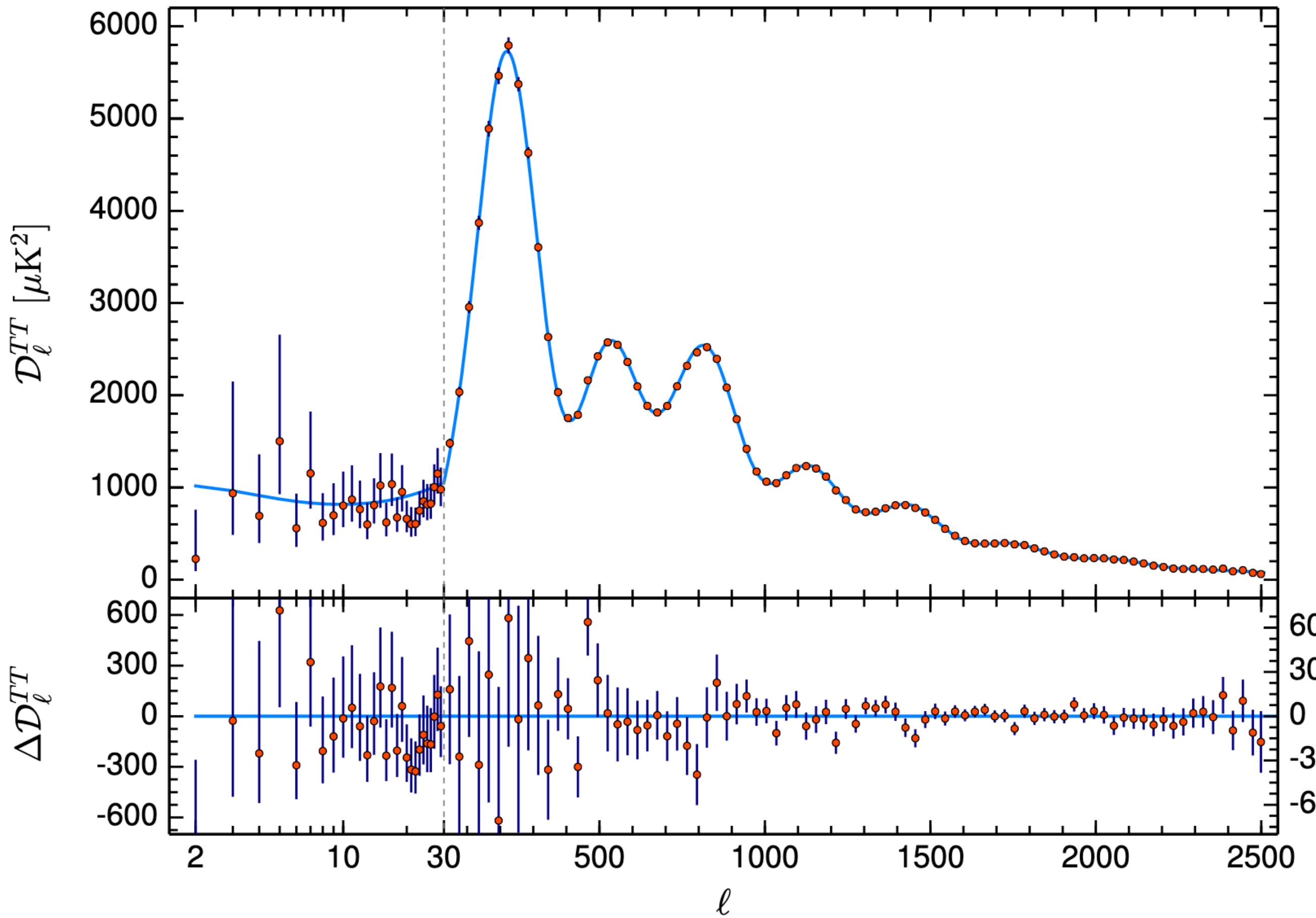
Cosmic recipe



Λ CDM model fully specified by $\{\Omega_c, \Omega_b, H_0, A_s, n_s, \tau_{reio}\}$

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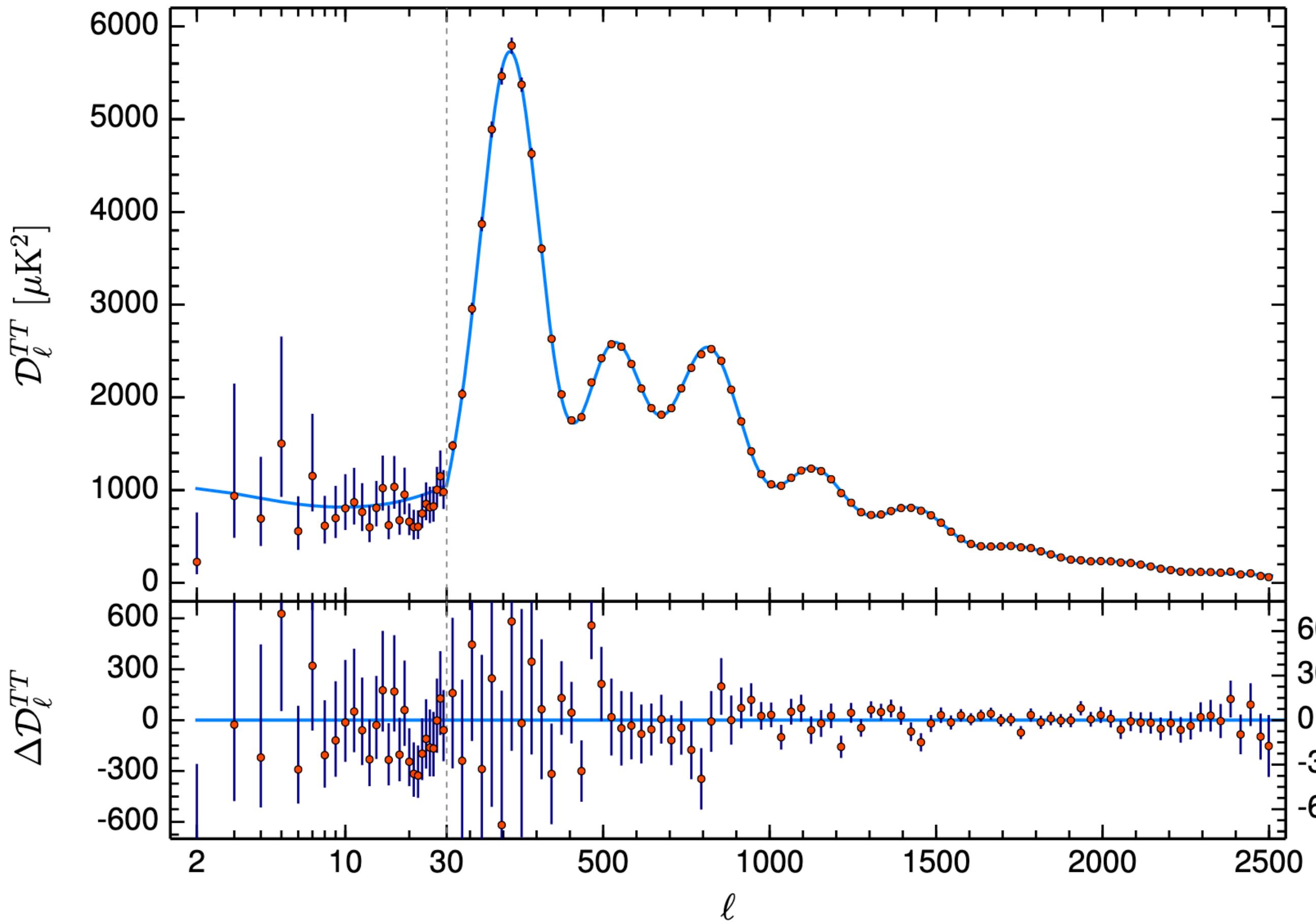
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Planck 2018, 1807.06209

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Also explains:

- Baryon acoustic oscillations,
- Supernovae Ia,
- Light element abundances,
- Large Scale Structure, etc

Challenges to the Λ CDM paradigm

1. What is dark matter? And dark energy?

- Are they made of **particles**?
- Are they made of **single species**?
- How are they **produced**?
- What is their **lifetime**?
- And their **mass**?

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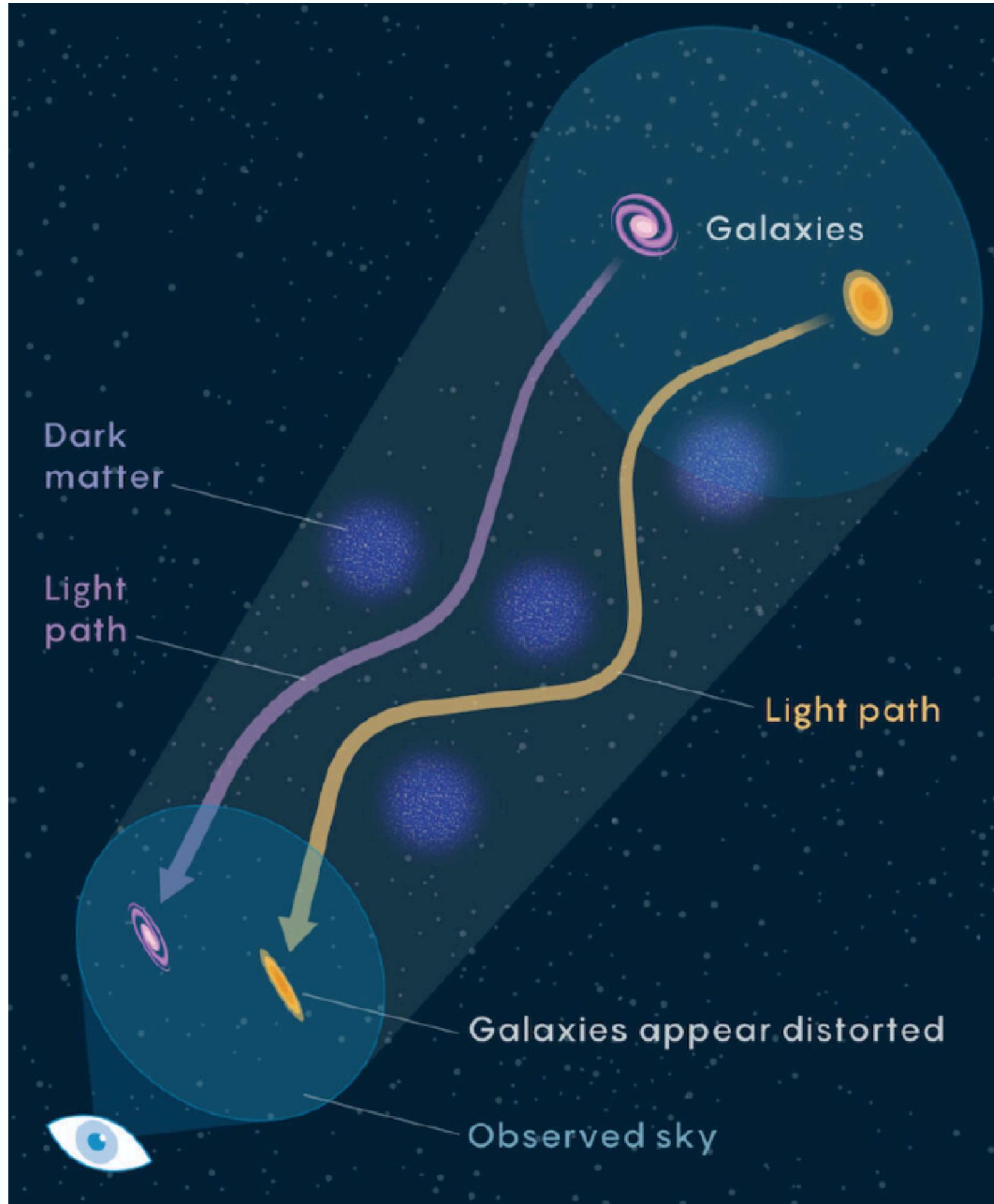
- Less exotic explanation
- Difficult to account for all discrepancies

Physics beyond Λ CDM?

- Reveal properties about the dark sector
- Very challenging

The S_8 tension

Weak-lensing surveys are mainly sensible to $S_8 \equiv \sigma_8 \sqrt{\Omega_m/0.3}$



KiDS+BOSS+2dfLenS*:

$$S_8 = 0.766^{+0.020}_{-0.014}$$

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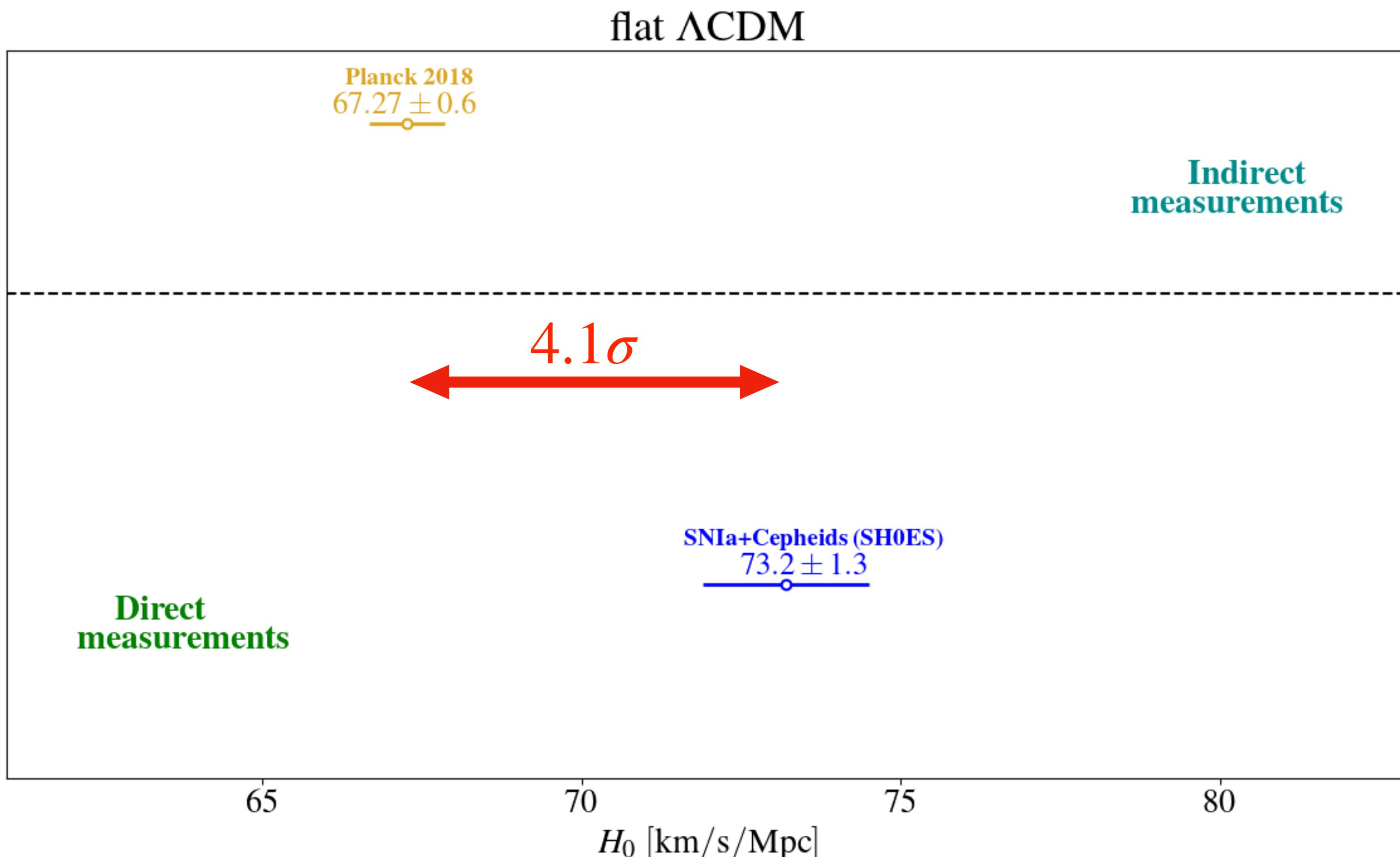
$$S_8 = 0.830 \pm 0.013$$

→ $\sim 3\sigma$ tension

*Other surveys such as DES, CFHTLens or HSC yield similar results

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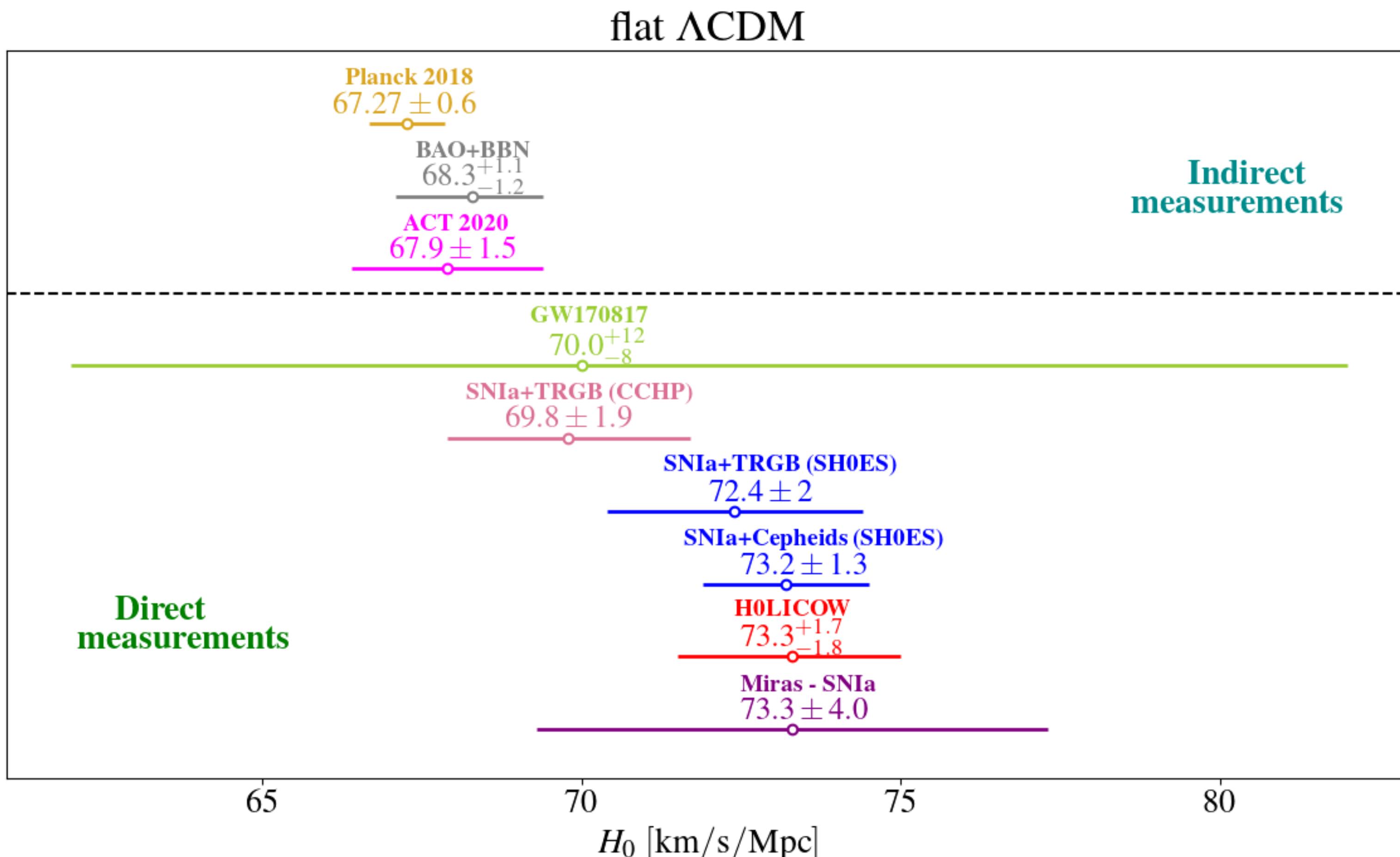
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Focus on small z^* , for which distances are approx. **model-independent**

$$D_L = (1 + z) \int_0^z \frac{cdz'}{H(z')} \xrightarrow{z \ll 1} czH_0^{-1} \simeq vH_0^{-1}$$

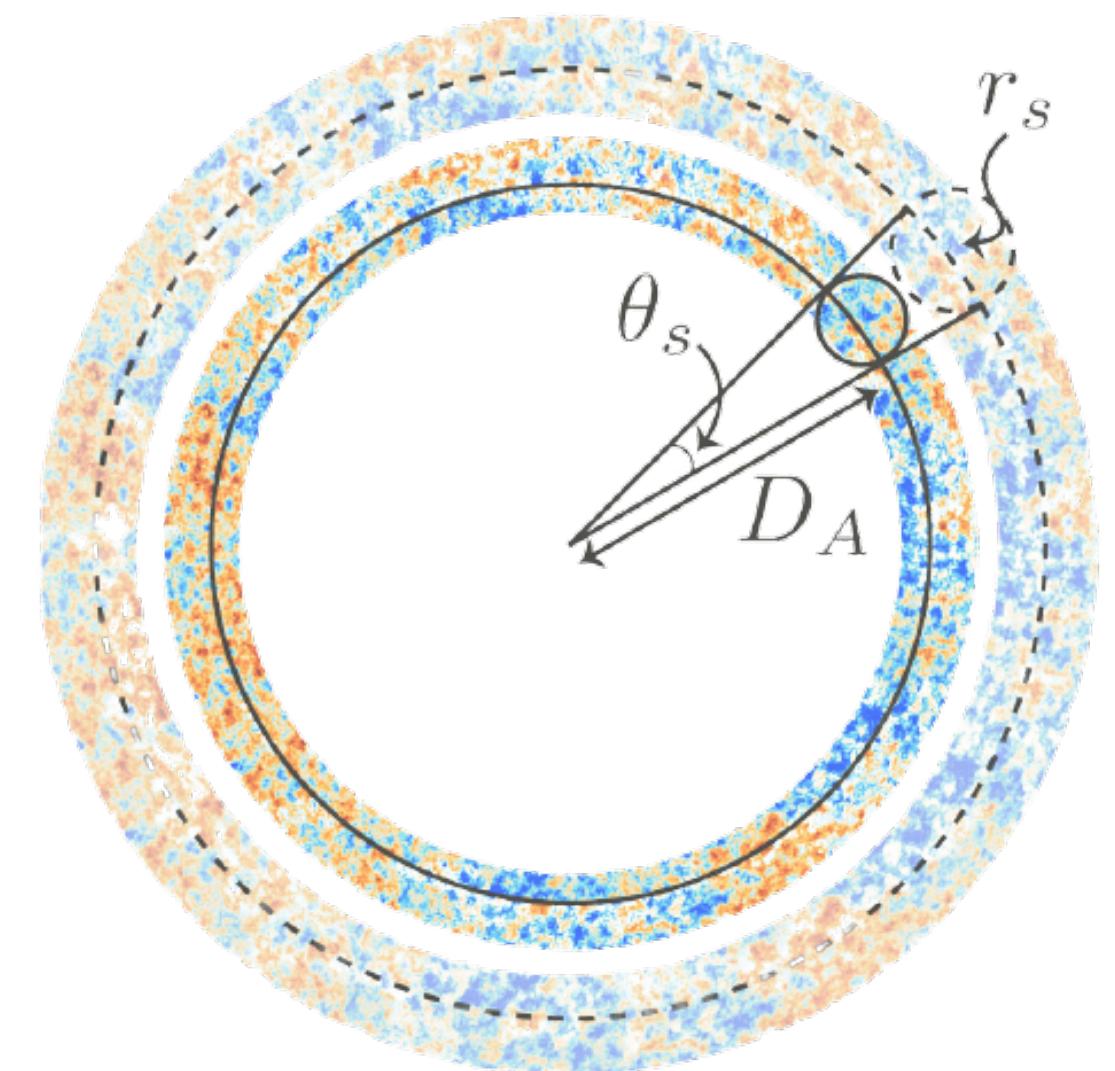
$$\text{where } H^2(z) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i(z)$$

*But not too small, to make sure peculiar velocities are negligible

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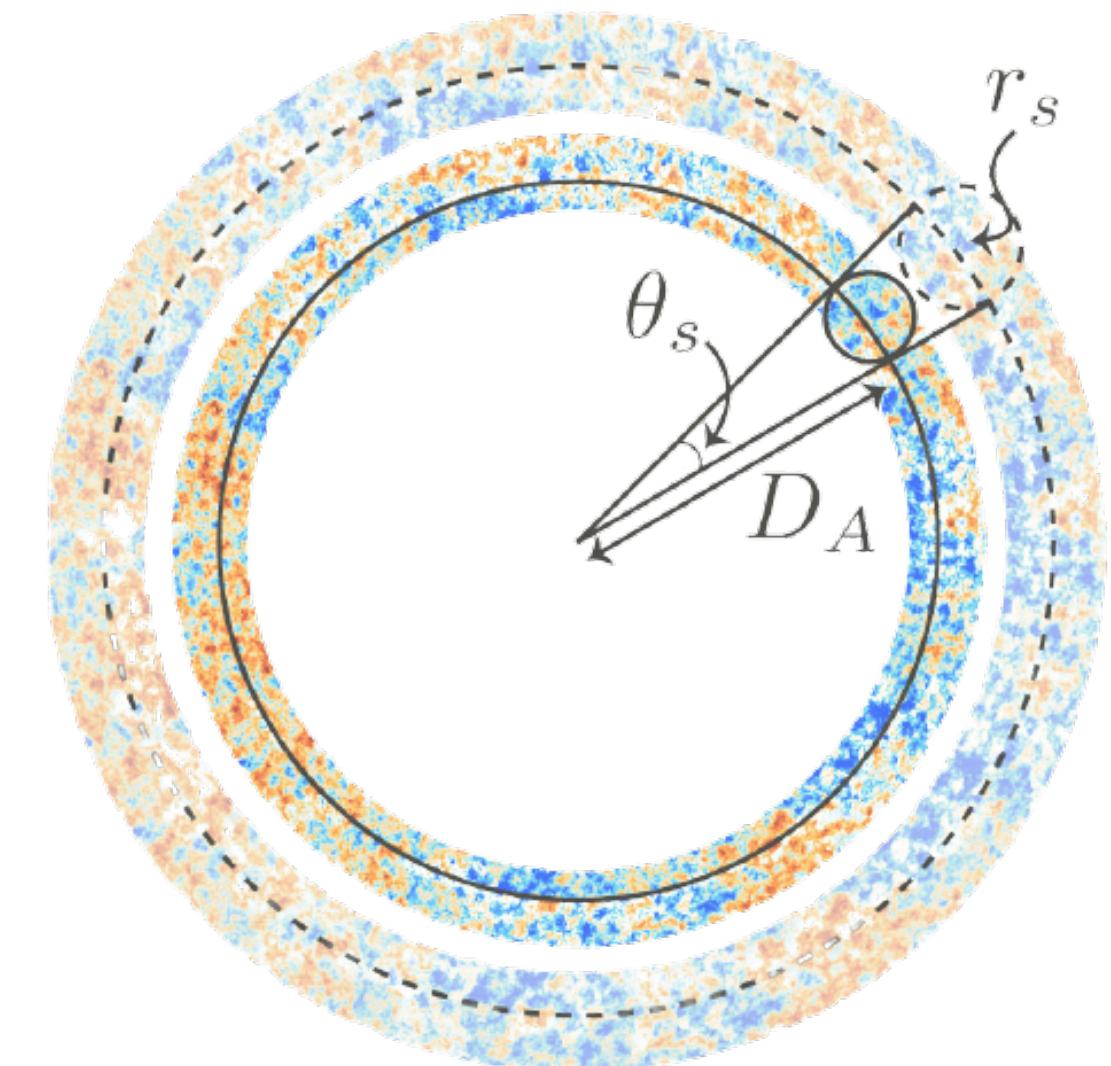
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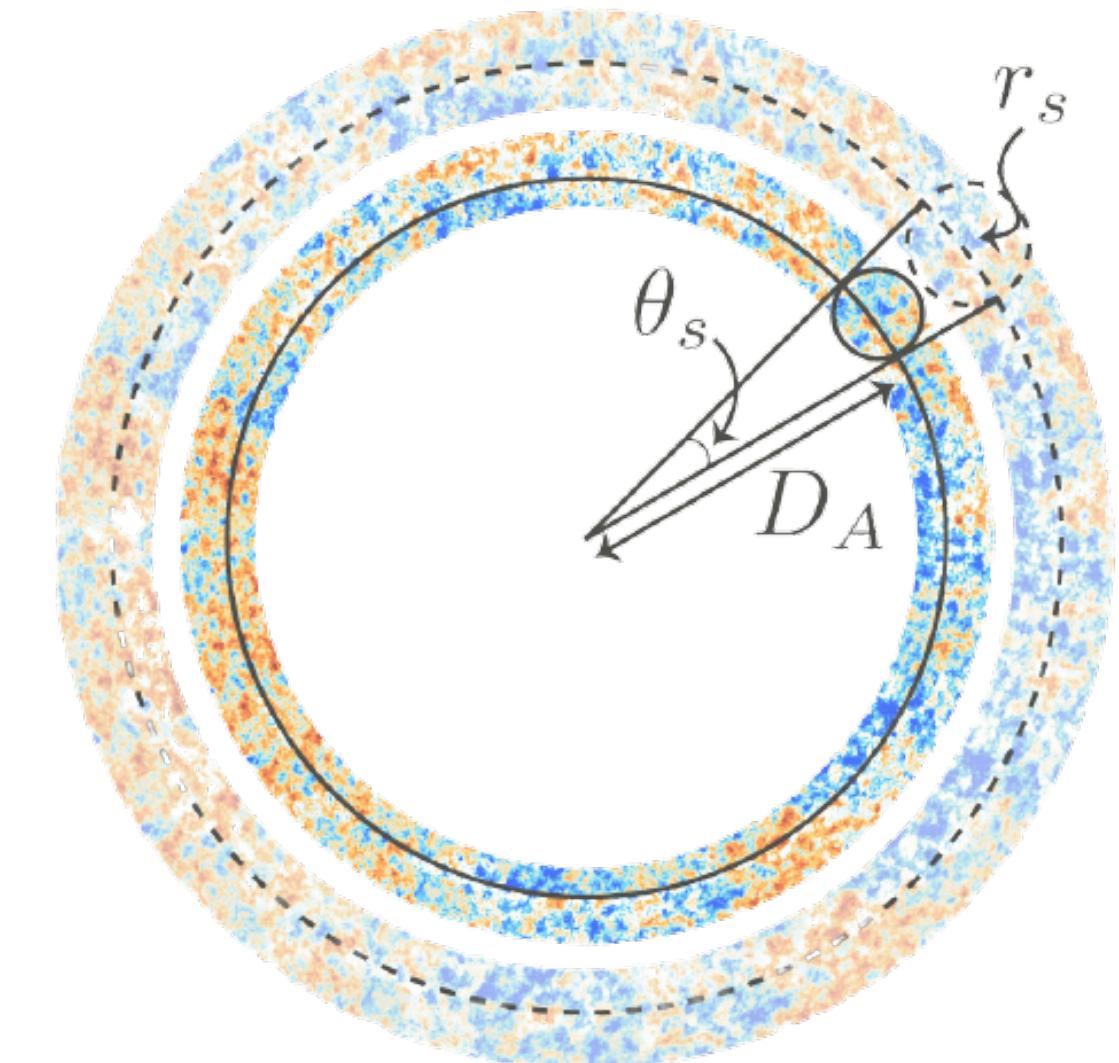
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Early-time solutions

Decrease $r_s(z_{\text{rec}})$ at fixed θ_s to decrease $D_A(z_{\text{rec}})$ and increase H_0

Ex : $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} > 0$

Late-time solutions

$r_s(z_{\text{rec}})$ and $D_A(z_{\text{rec}})$ are fixed, but $D_A(z < z_{\text{rec}})$ is changed to allow higher H_0

Ex : $w < -1$

II. The H_o Olympics: quantifying the success of a resolution

In collaboration with Nils Schöneberg, Andrea Pérez Sánchez,
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- [Di Valentino, Mena++ 2103.01183](#) → recent review of solutions, more than 1000 refs !

Early Dark Energy Can Resolve The Hubble Tension

Vivian Poulin¹, Tristan L. Smith², Tanvi Karwal¹, and Marc Kamionkowski¹

Relieving the Hubble tension with primordial magnetic fields

Karsten Jedamzik¹ and Levon Pogosian^{2,3}

The Neutrino Puzzle: Anomalies, Interactions, and Cosmological Tensions

Christina D. Kreisch,^{1,*} Francis-Yan Cyr-Racine,^{2,3,†} and Olivier Doré⁴

Rock ‘n’ Roll Solutions to the Hubble Tension

Prateek Agrawal¹, Francis-Yan Cyr-Racine^{1,2}, David Pinner^{1,3}, and Lisa Randall¹

The Hubble Tension as a Hint of Leptogenesis and Neutrino Mass Generation

Miguel Escudero^{1,*} and Samuel J. Witte^{2,†}

Can interacting dark energy solve the H_0 tension?

Cleonora Di Valentino,^{1,2,*} Alessandro Melchiorri,^{3,†} and Olga Mena^{4,‡}

Dark matter decaying in the late Universe can relieve the H_0 tension

Kyriakos Vattis, Savvas M. Koushiappas, and Abraham Loeb

A Simple Phenomenological Emergent Dark Energy Model can Resolve the Hubble Tension

XIAOLEI LI^{1,2} AND ARMAN SHAFIELOO^{1,3}

Early recombination as a solution to the H_0 tension

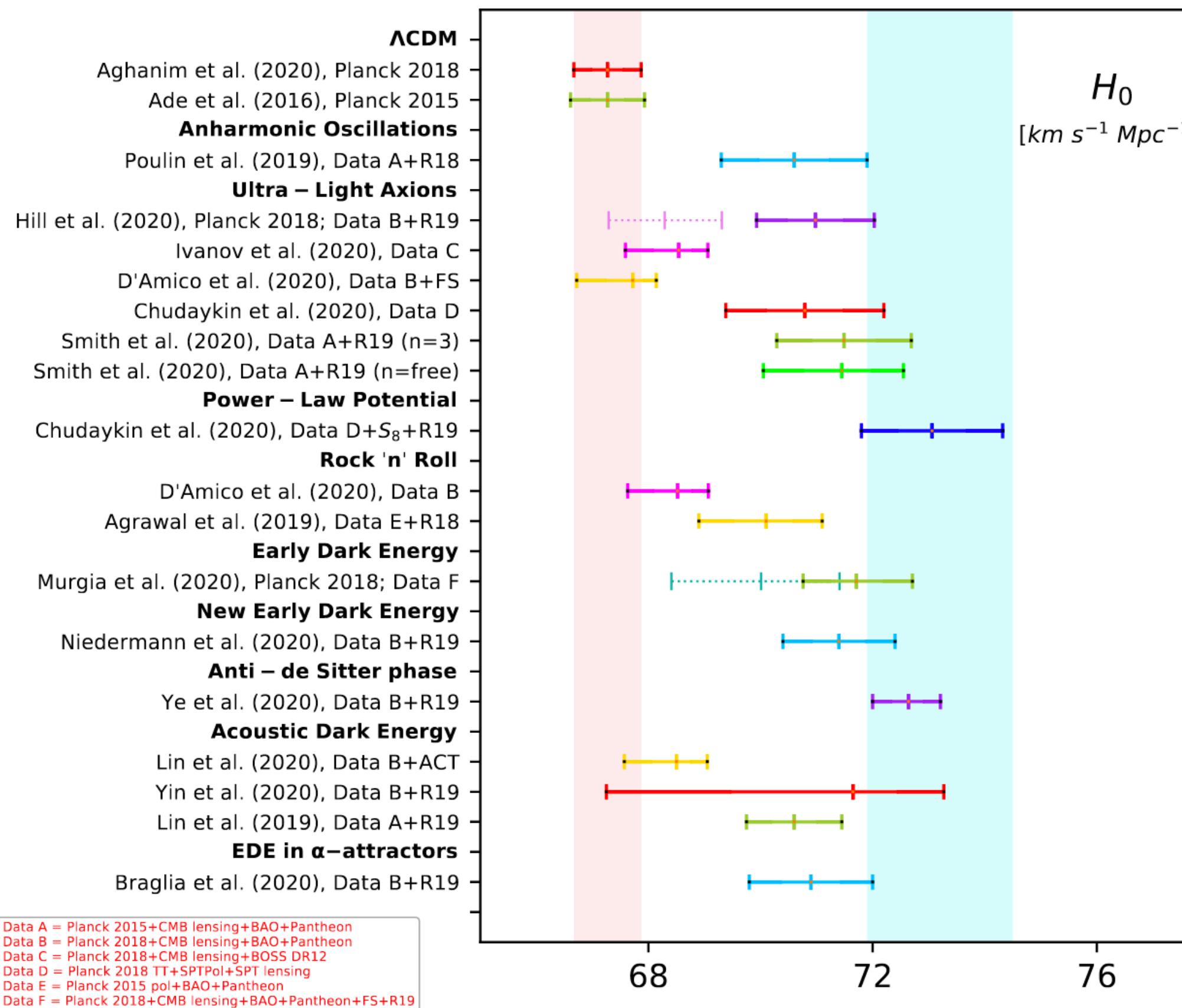
Toyokazu Sekiguchi^{1,*} and Tomo Takahashi^{2,†}

Early modified gravity in light of the H_0 tension and LSS data

Matteo Braglia,^{1,2,3,*} Mario Ballardini,^{1,2,3,†} Fabio Finelli,^{2,3,‡} and Kazuya Koyama^{4,§}

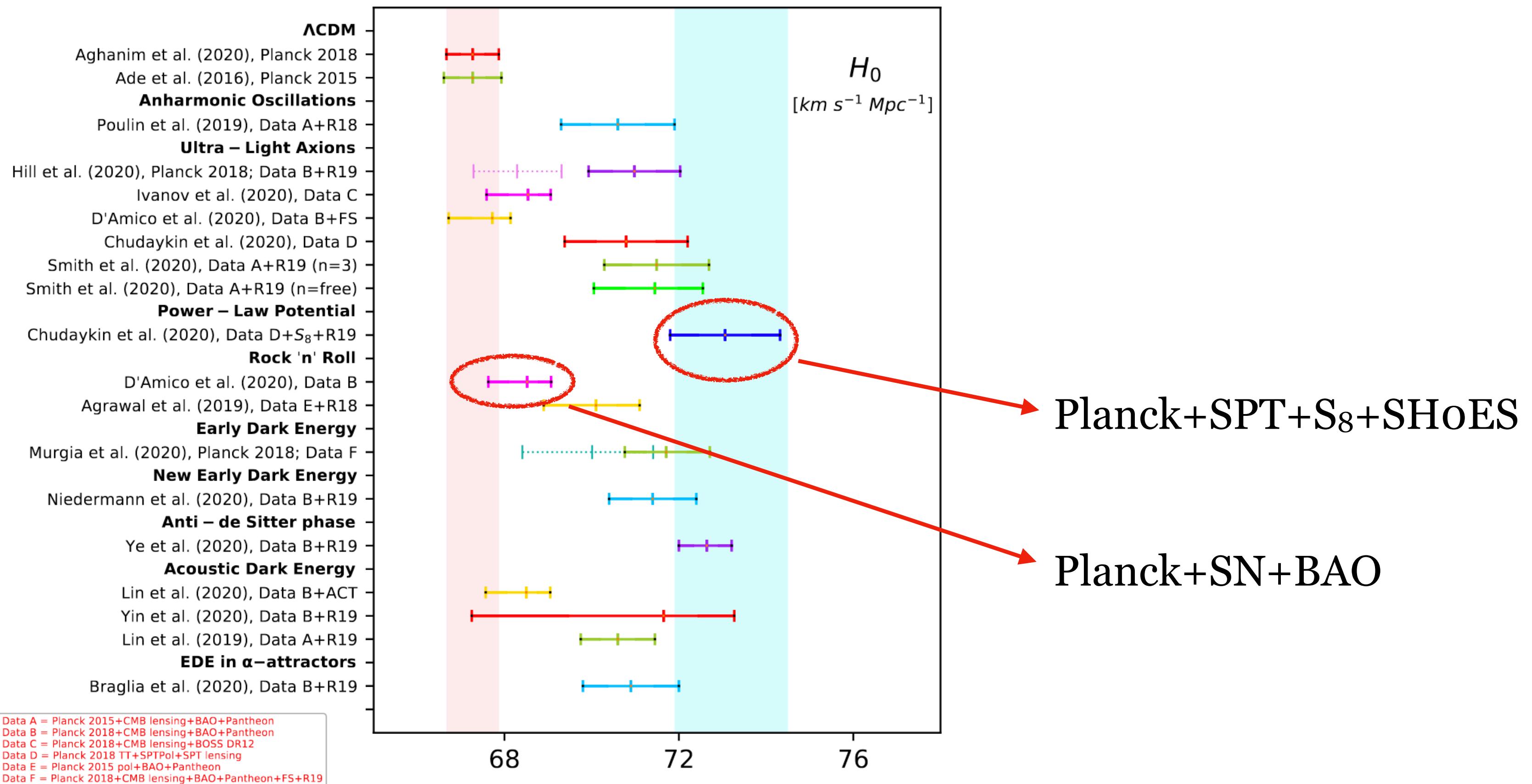
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Early universe

w Dark radiation

- ΔN_{eff}
- Self-interacting DR
- Mixed DR
- DM-DR interactions
- Self-interacting v_s +DR
- Majoron- v_s interactions

wo Dark radiation

- Primordial B
- Varying m_e
- Varying $m_e + \Omega_k$
- Early Dark Energy
- New Early Dark Energy

Late universe

- CPL dark energy
- PEDE
- MPEDE
- Fraction DM \rightarrow DR
- DM \rightarrow DR +WDM

Model-independent treatment of the SH0ES data

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I WANT YOU

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Gaussian tension GT

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Caveats:

- Only valid for gaussian posteriors \times
- Doesn't quantify quality of the fit \times

Example: Λ CDM with fixed $\Omega_{\text{cdm}}h^2 = 0.11$ yields $H_0 = 71.84 \pm 0.16 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$ but has $\Delta\chi^2 \simeq 106$

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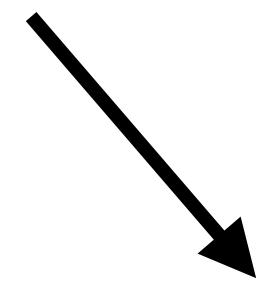
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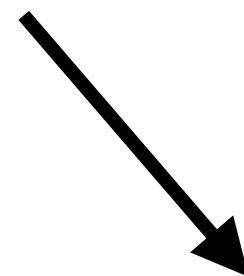
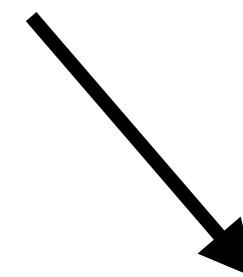
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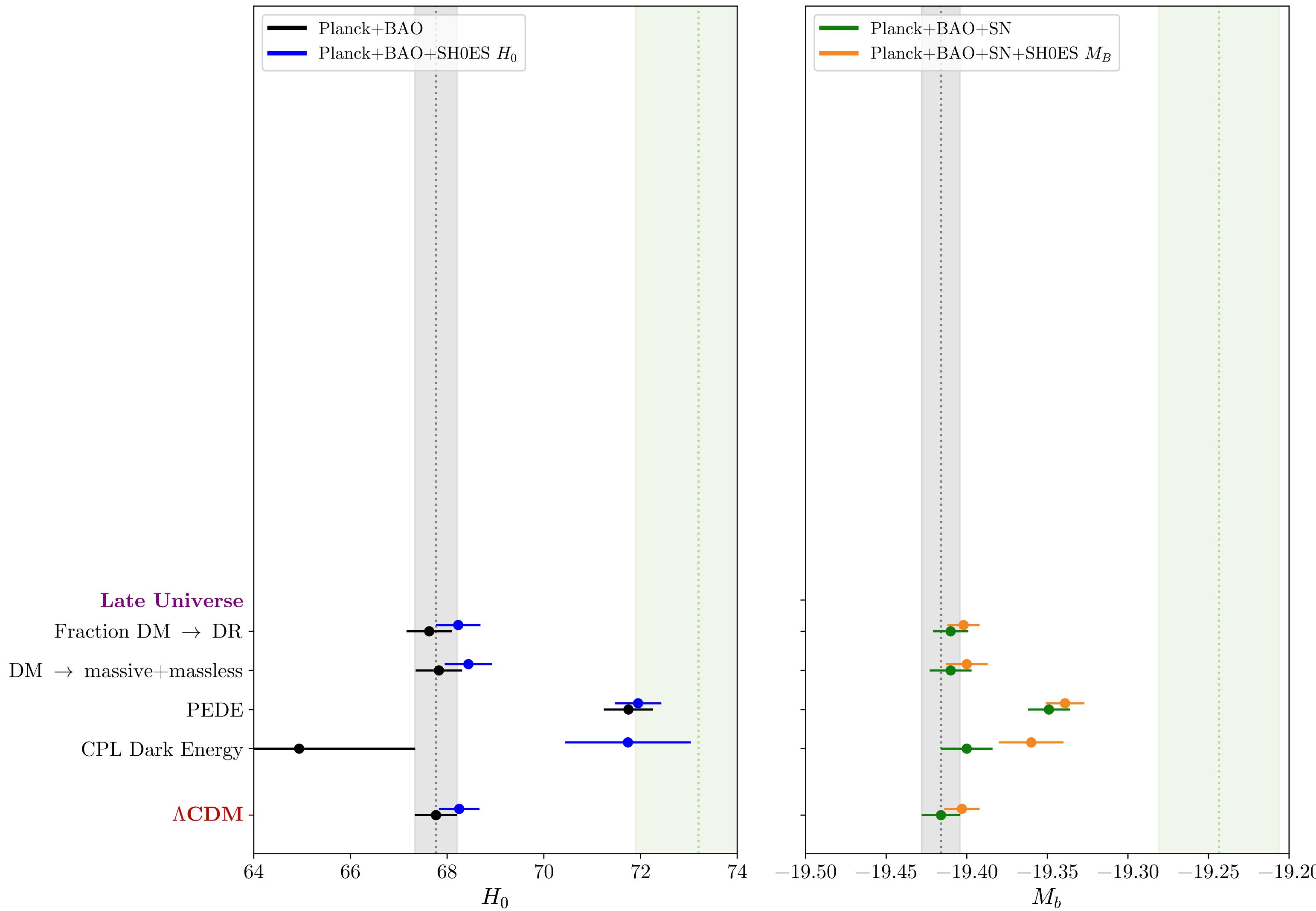
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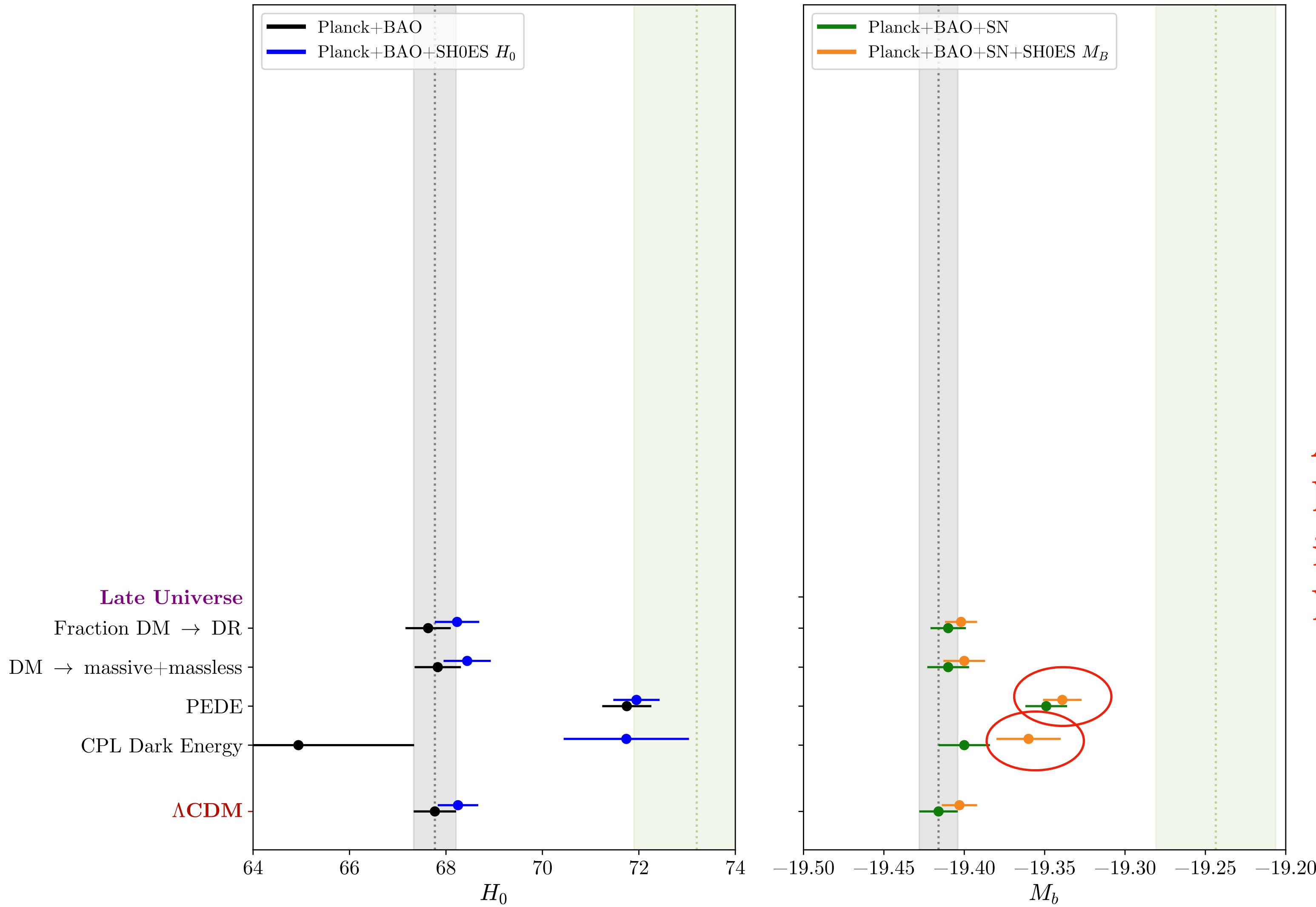
Finalists receive bronze, silver or
golden medals if they satisfy one,
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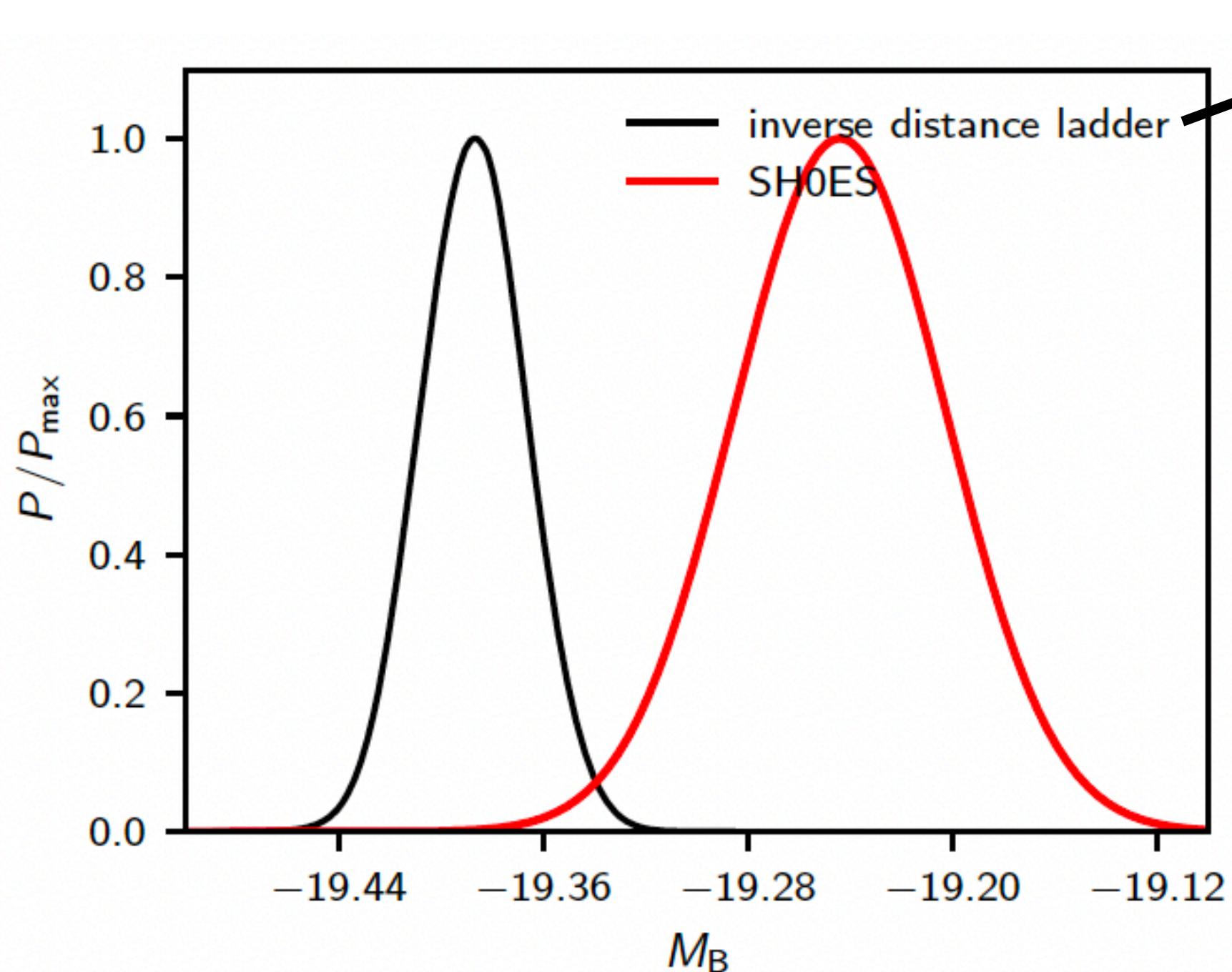
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Adding M_b prior
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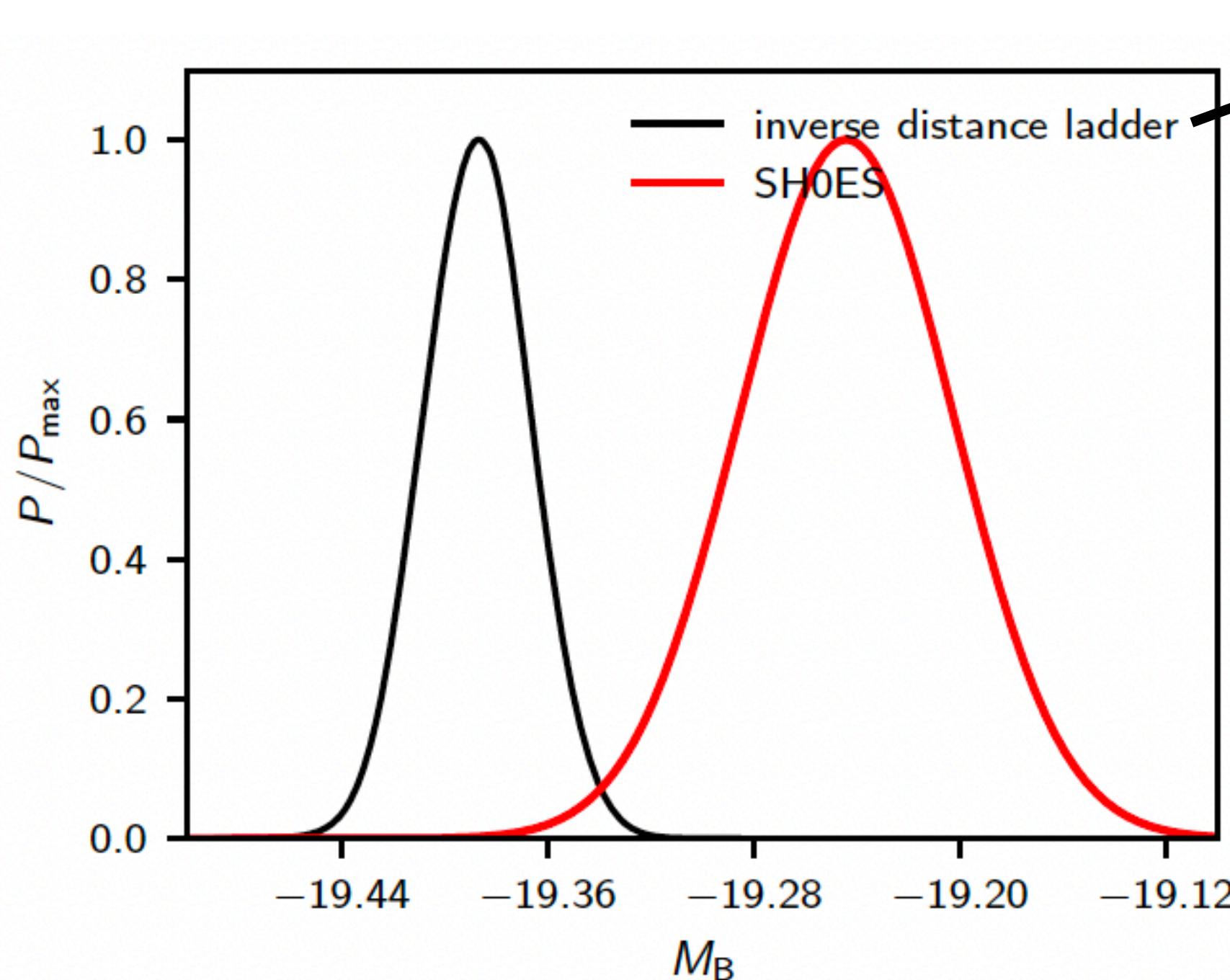
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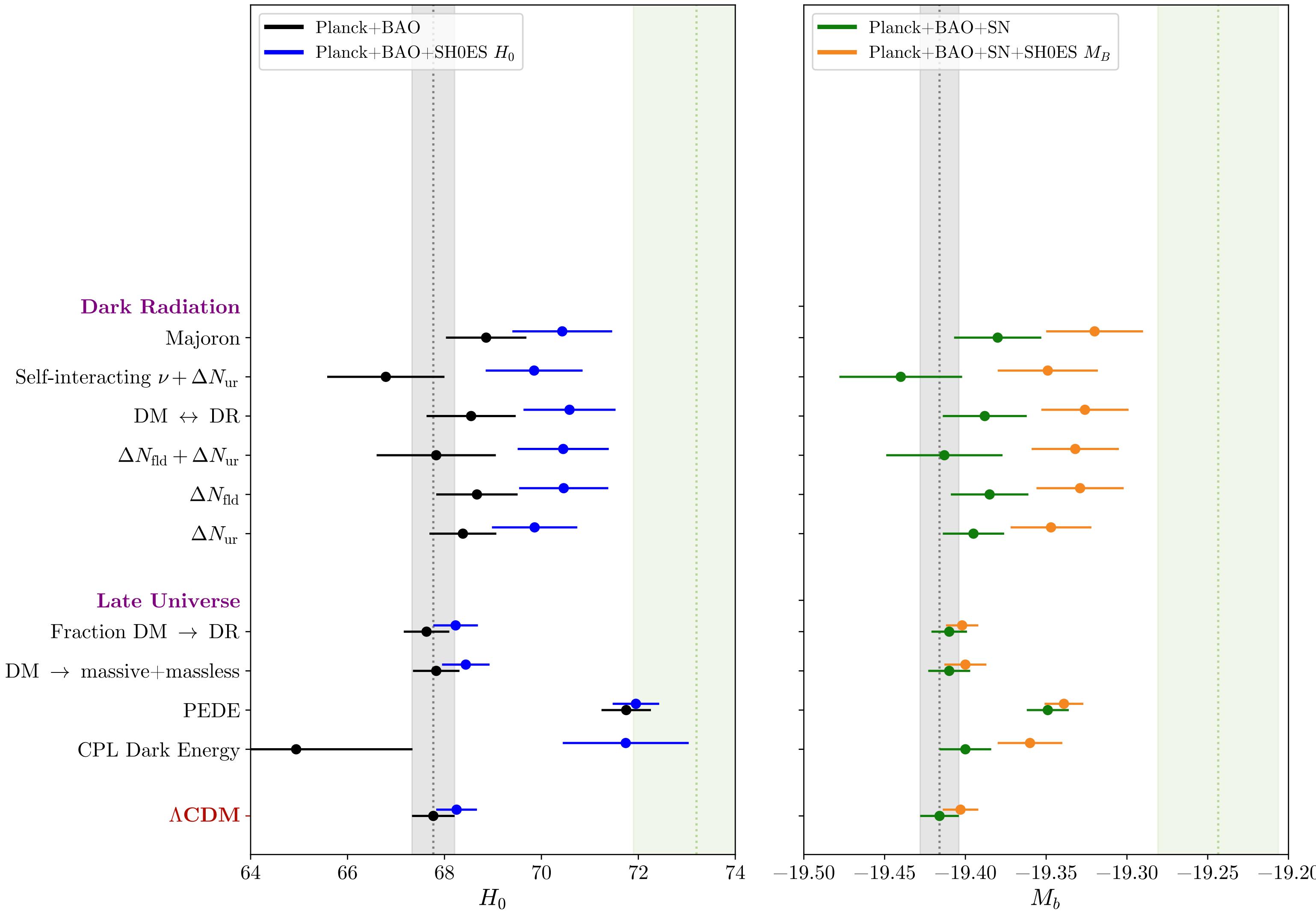
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For $r_s^{\Lambda\text{CDM}} = 147$ Mpc, inverse distance ladder disagrees with SH0ES

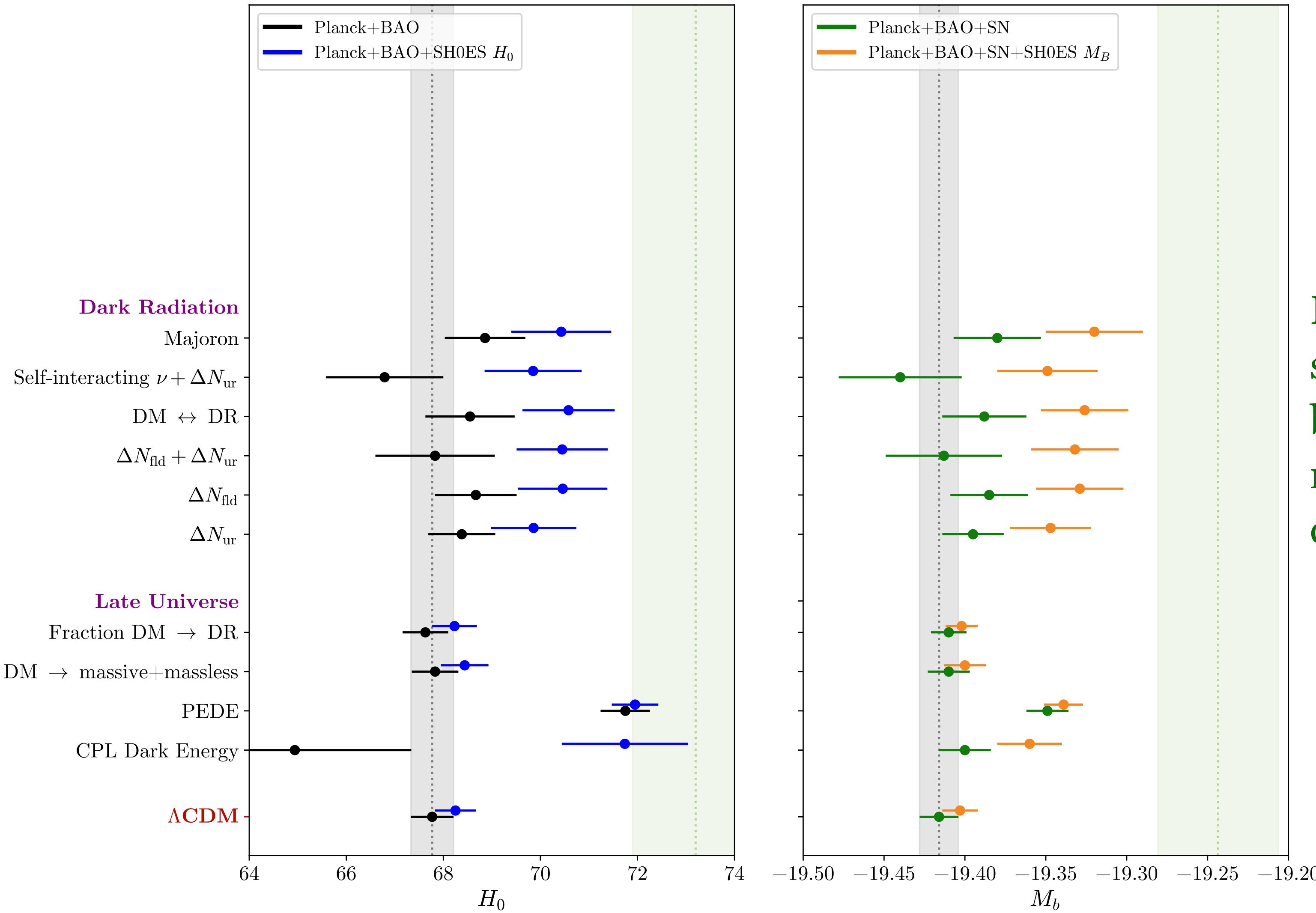
To make the two determinations agree, one is forced to reduce r_s

Ex: Early Dark Energy or exotic neutrino interactions

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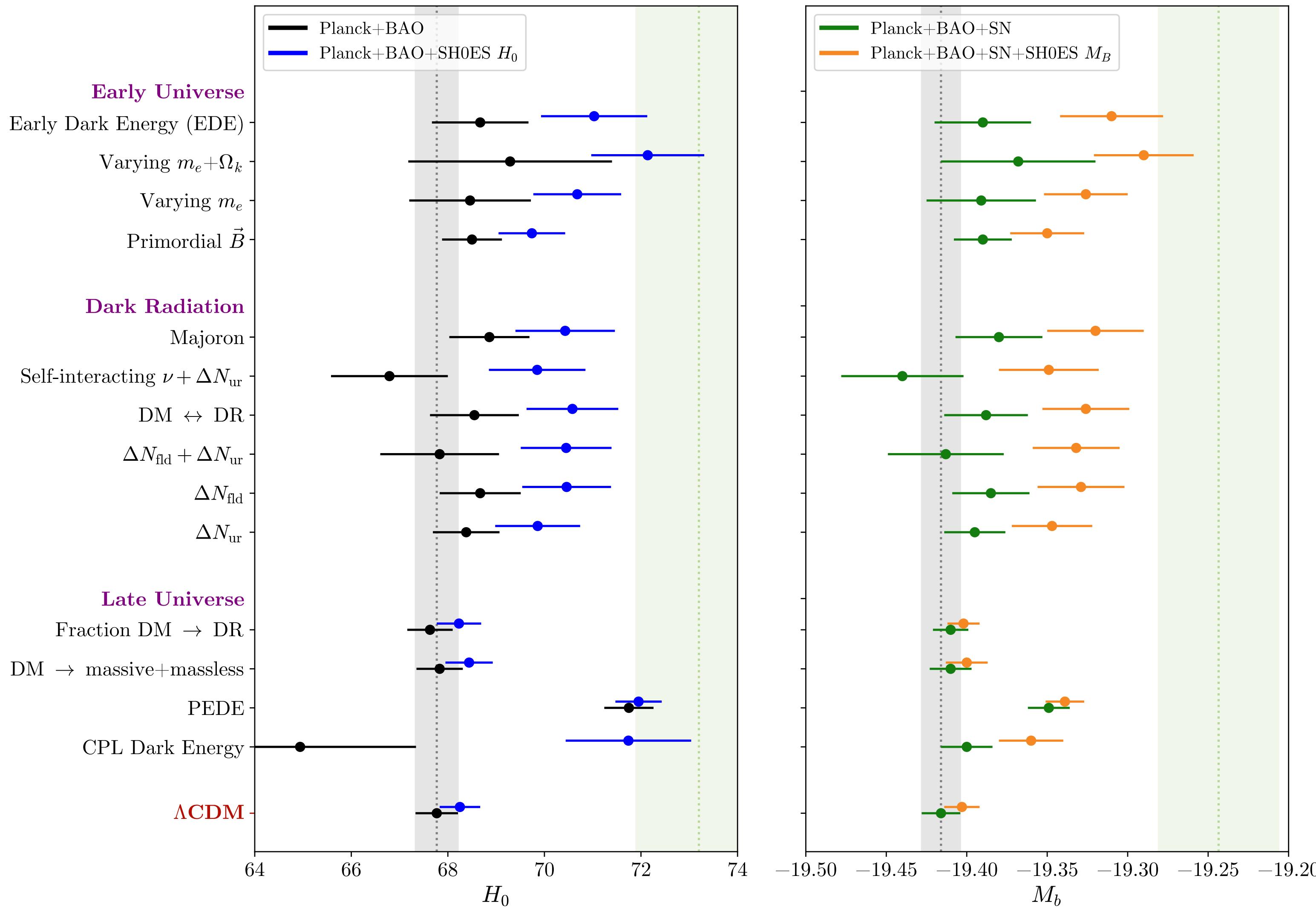


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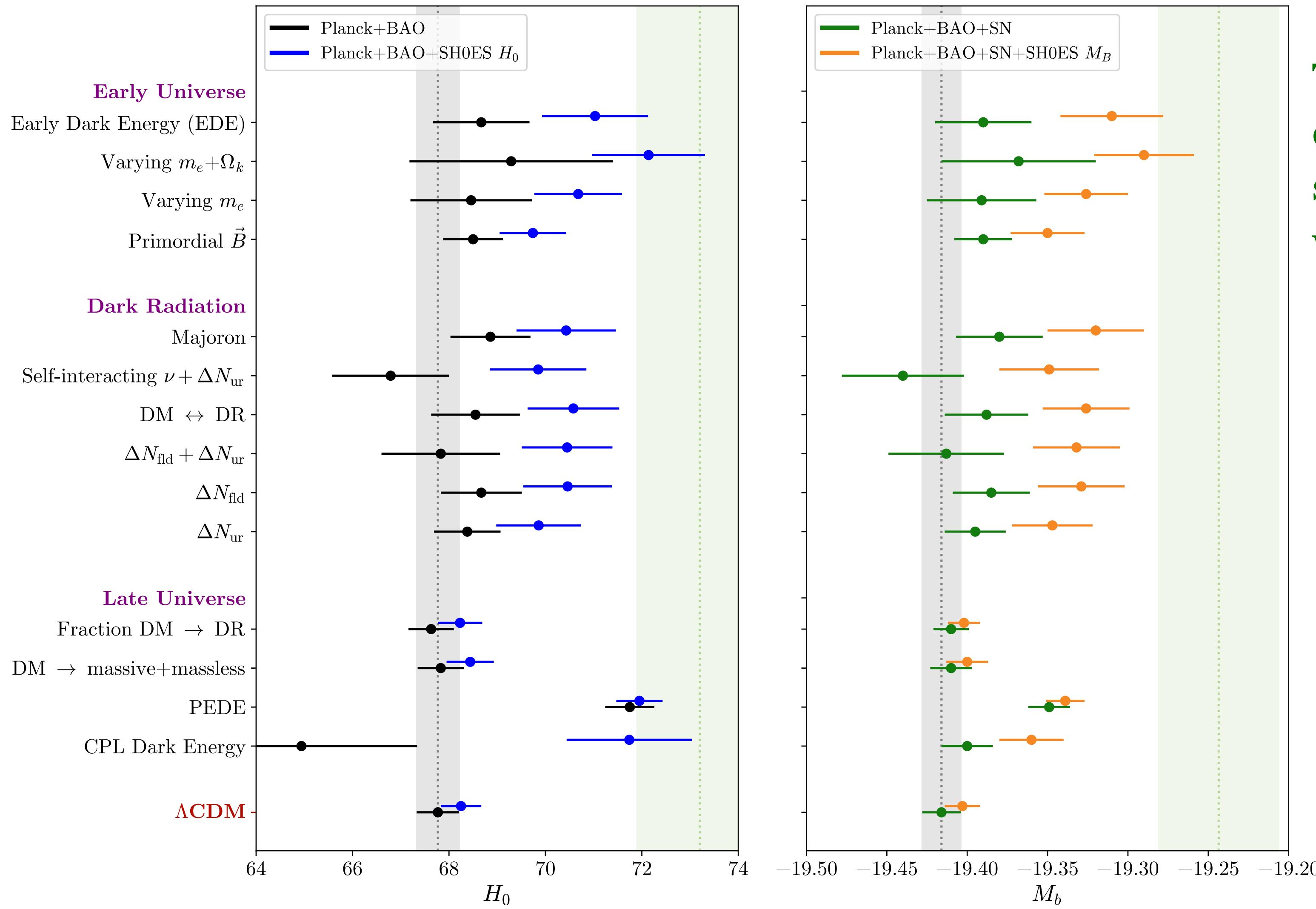


Dark radiation solutions work better, but remain very constrained

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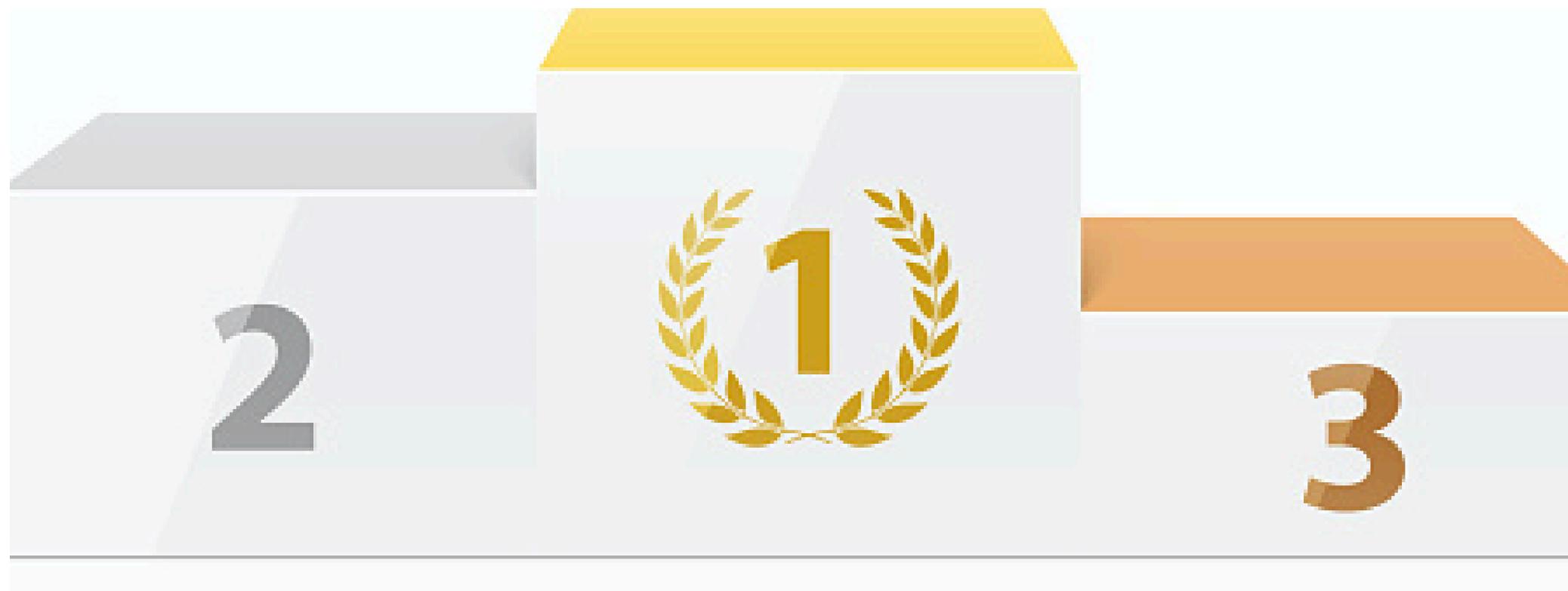


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This is the category of solutions that work the best

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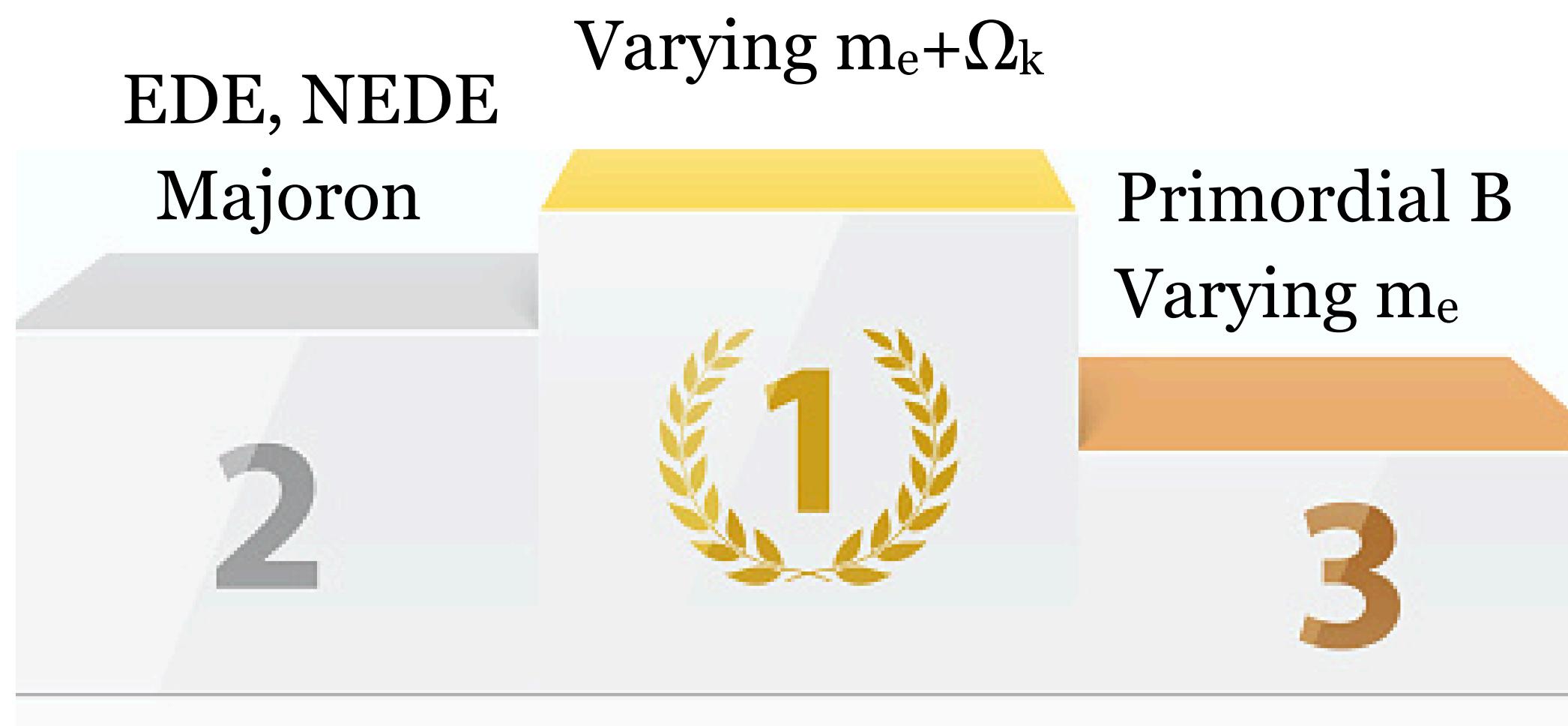
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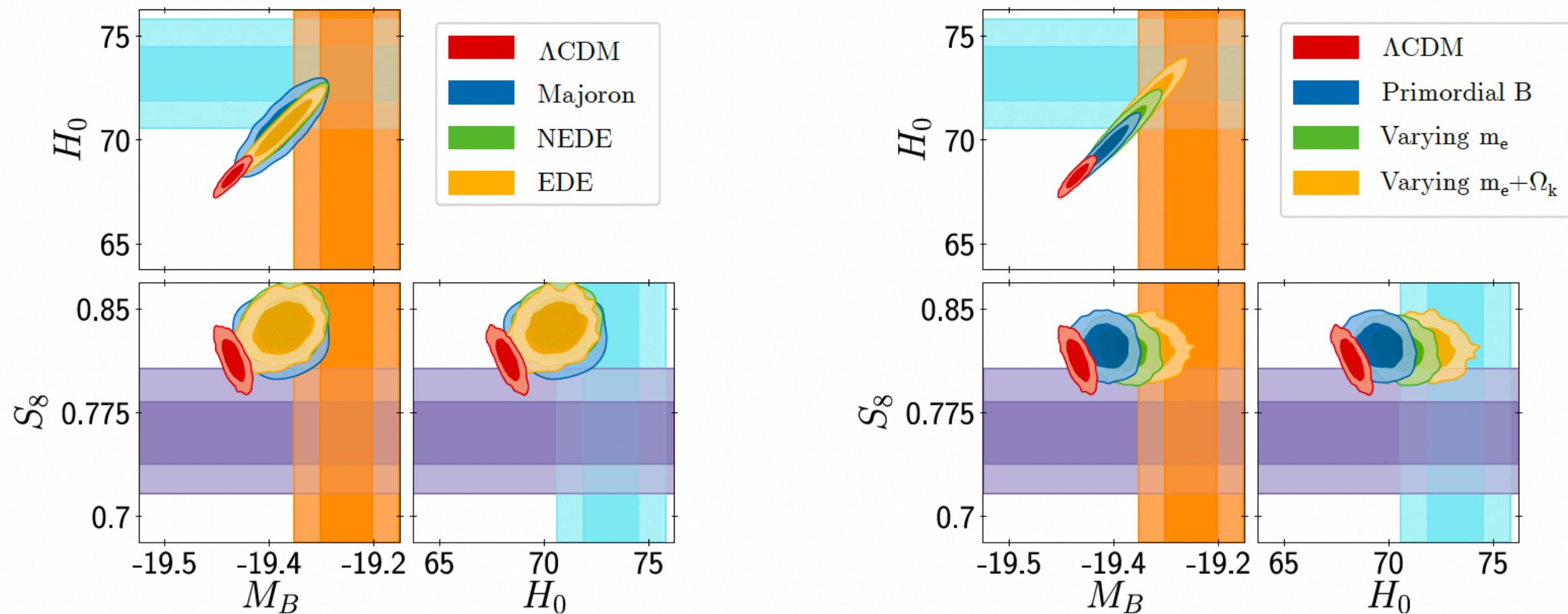


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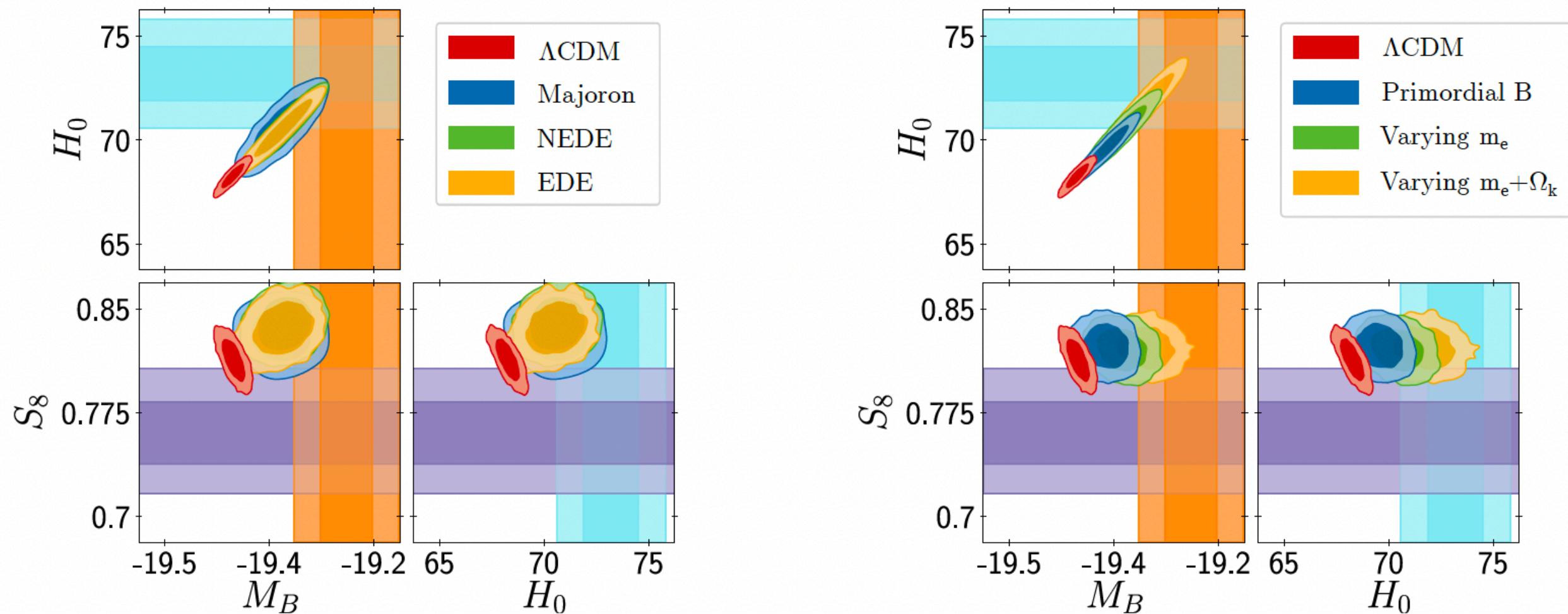


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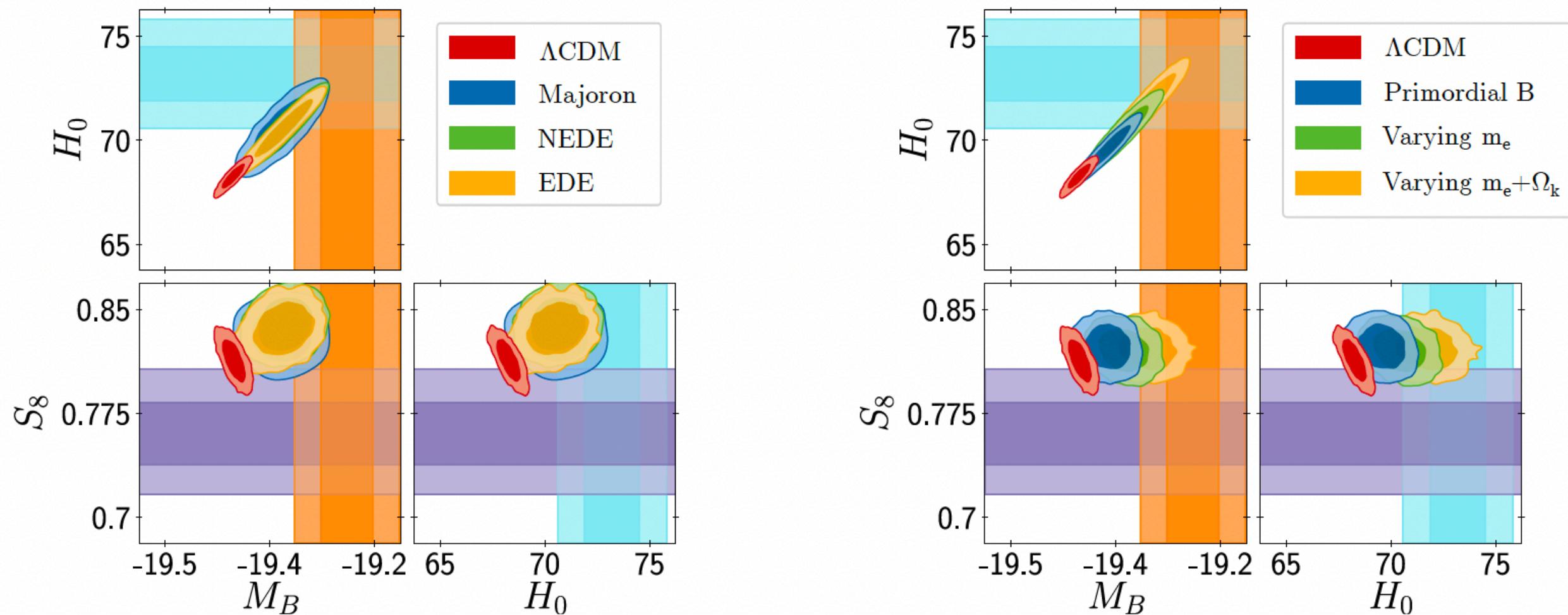
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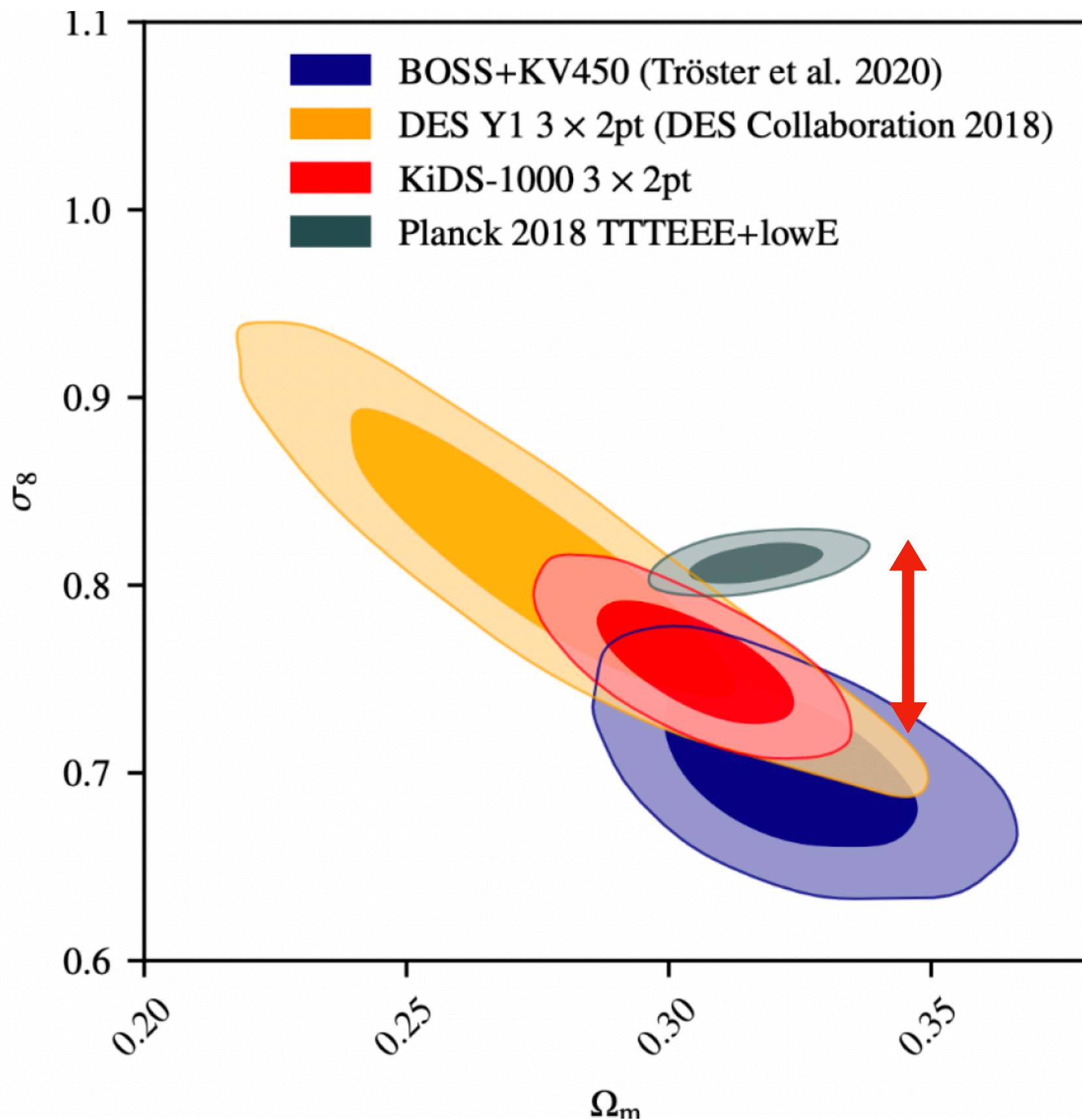
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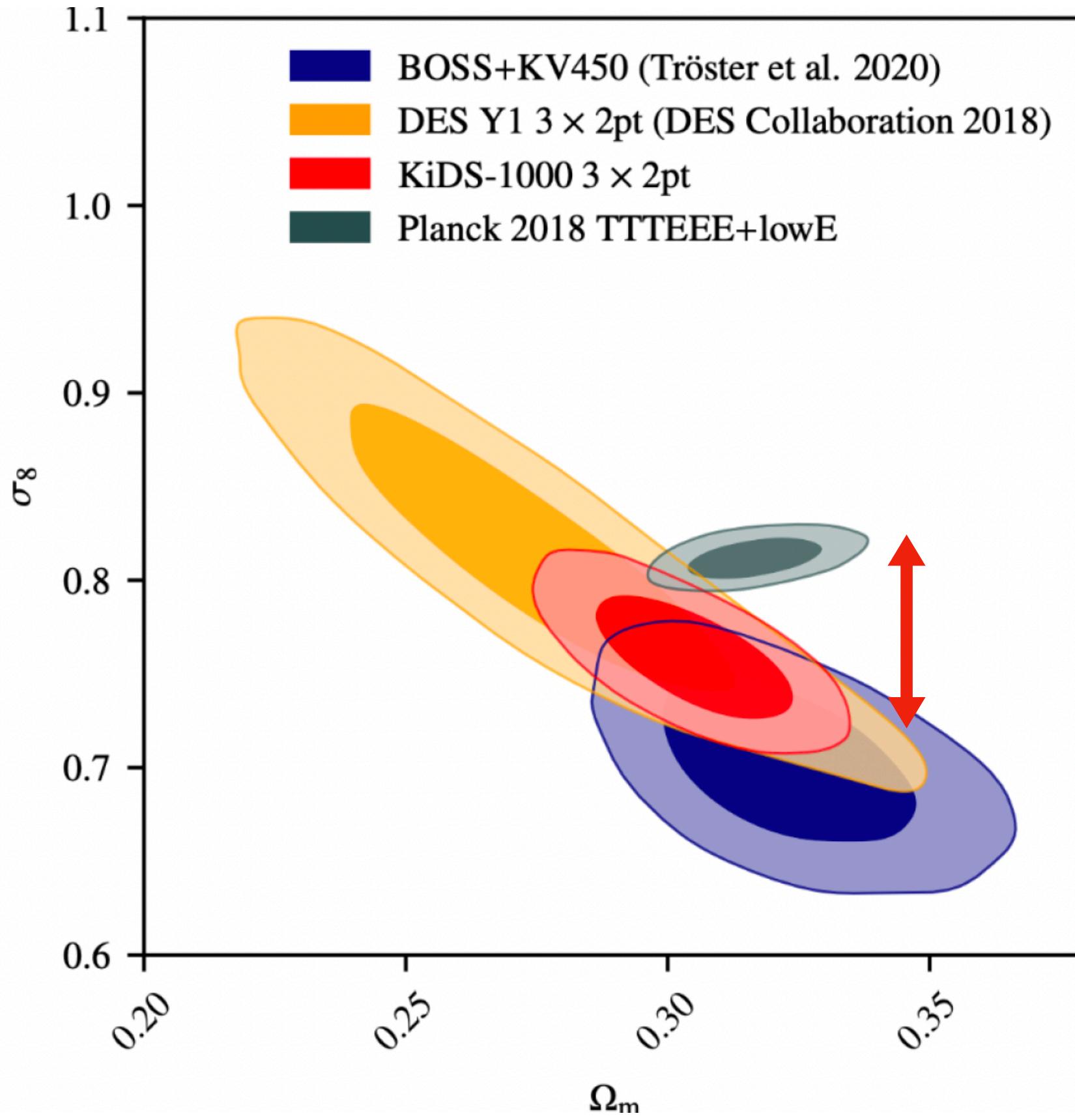
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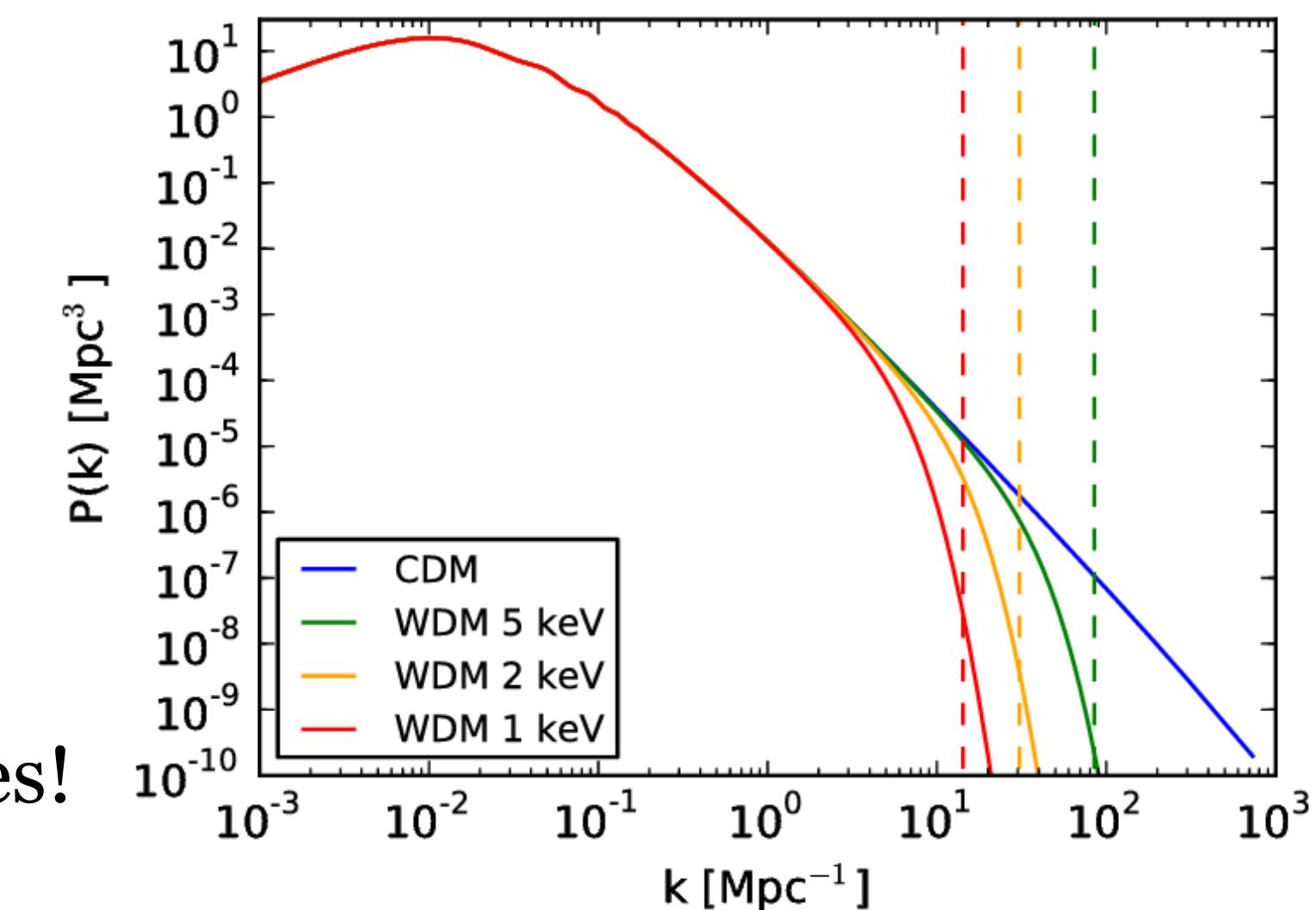
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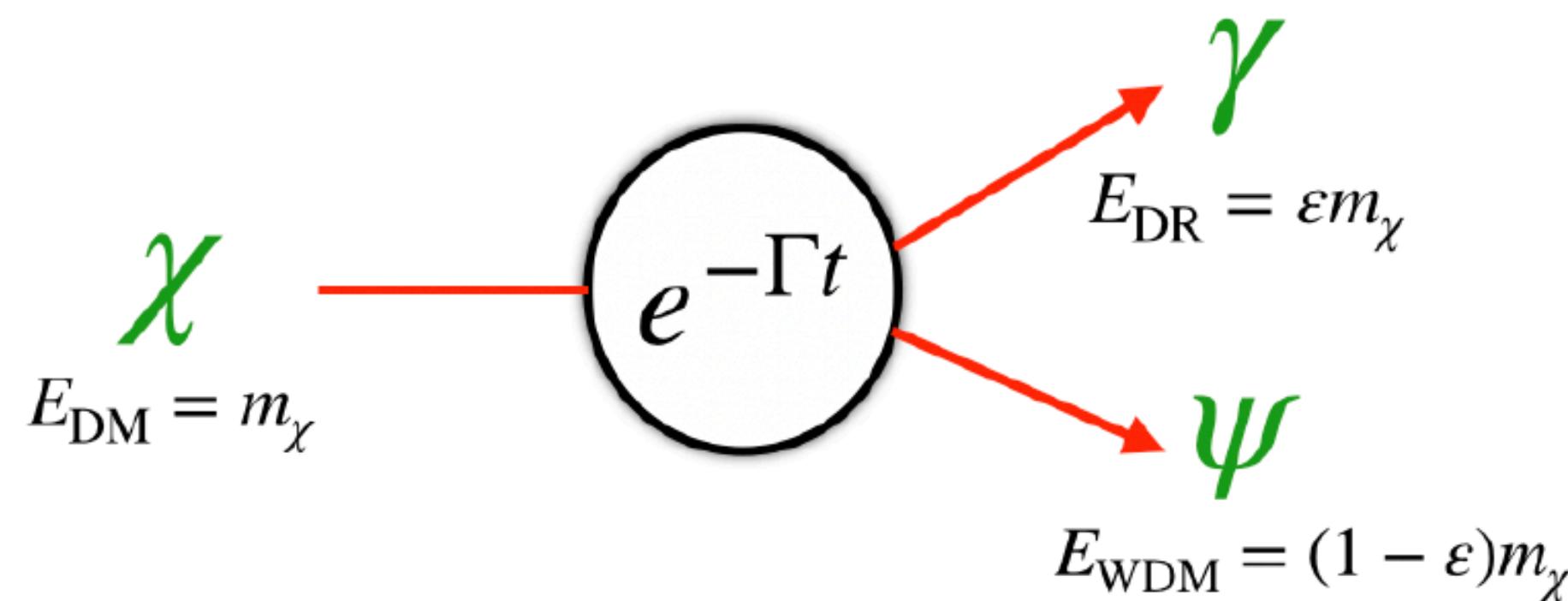


Need to **suppress power** at scales $k \sim 0.1 - 1 h/\text{Mpc}$



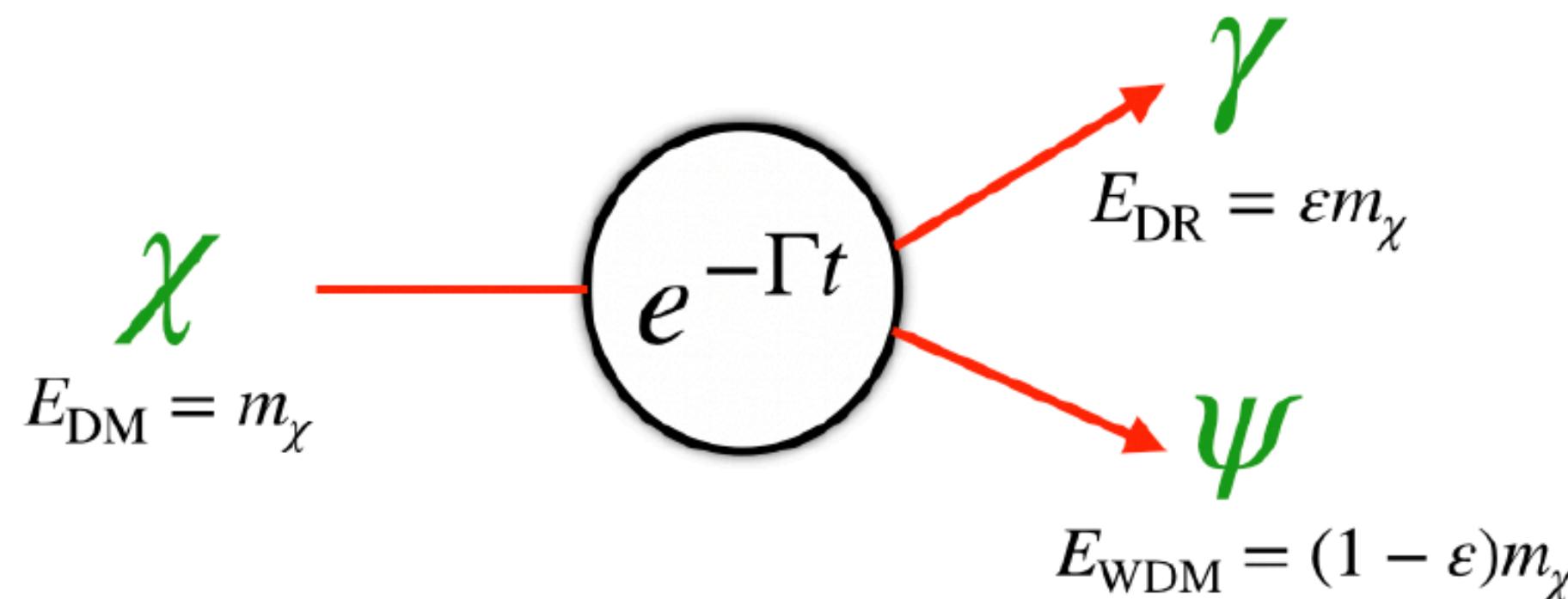
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The model is fully specified by:

$$\{\Gamma, \varepsilon\} \text{ where } \varepsilon = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{m_\psi^2}{m_\chi^2} \right) \begin{cases} = 0 \text{ for } \Lambda\text{CDM} \\ = 1/2 \text{ for } \text{DM} \rightarrow \text{DR} \end{cases}$$

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Our goal: Perform parameter scan by including full treatment of linear perts, in order to assess the impact on the S_8 tension

→ Track δ_i , θ_i and σ_i for $i = dm, dr, wdm$

Evolution of perturbations: fluid equations

New fluid eqs.*[†], based on previous approximation for massive neutrinos

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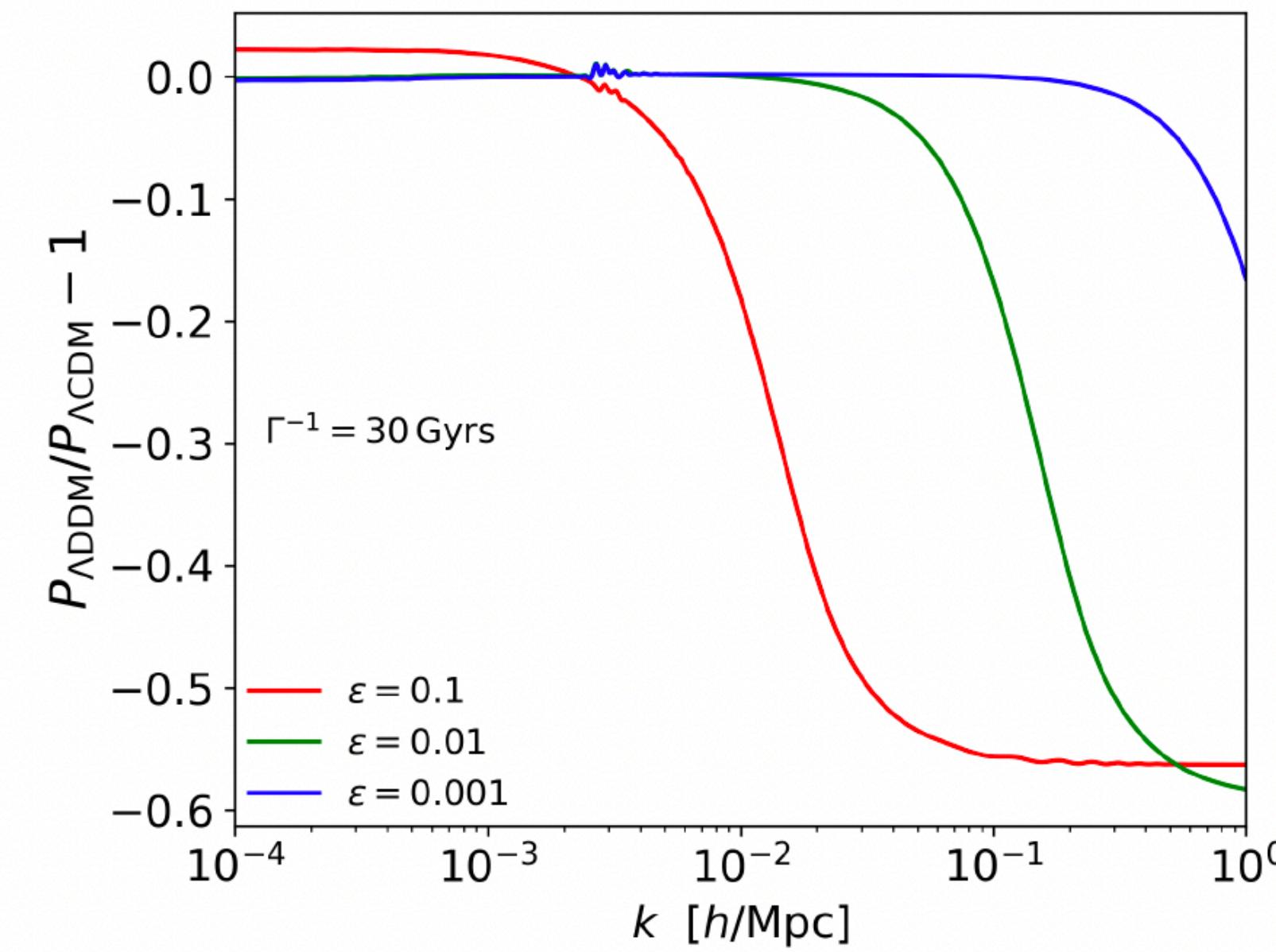
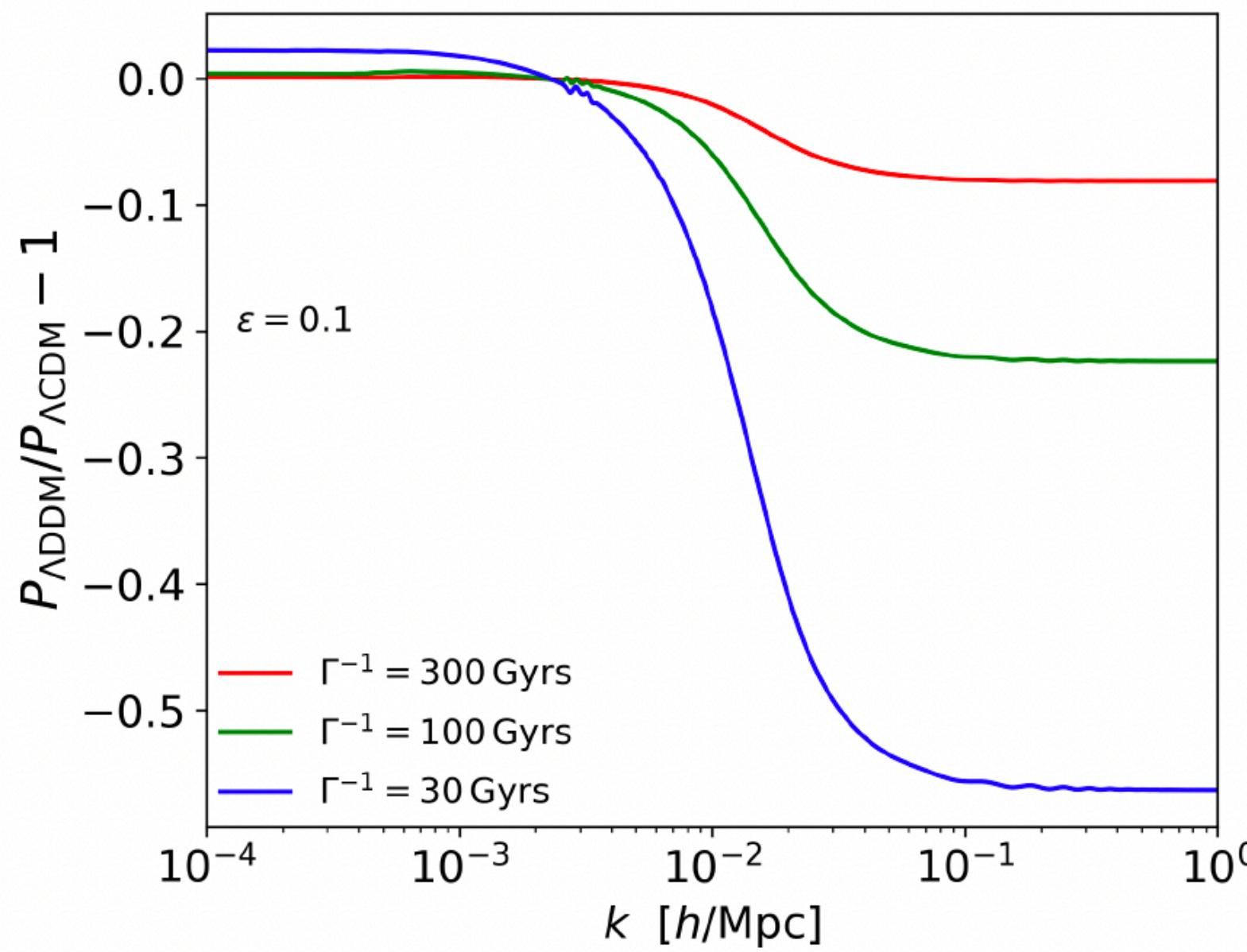
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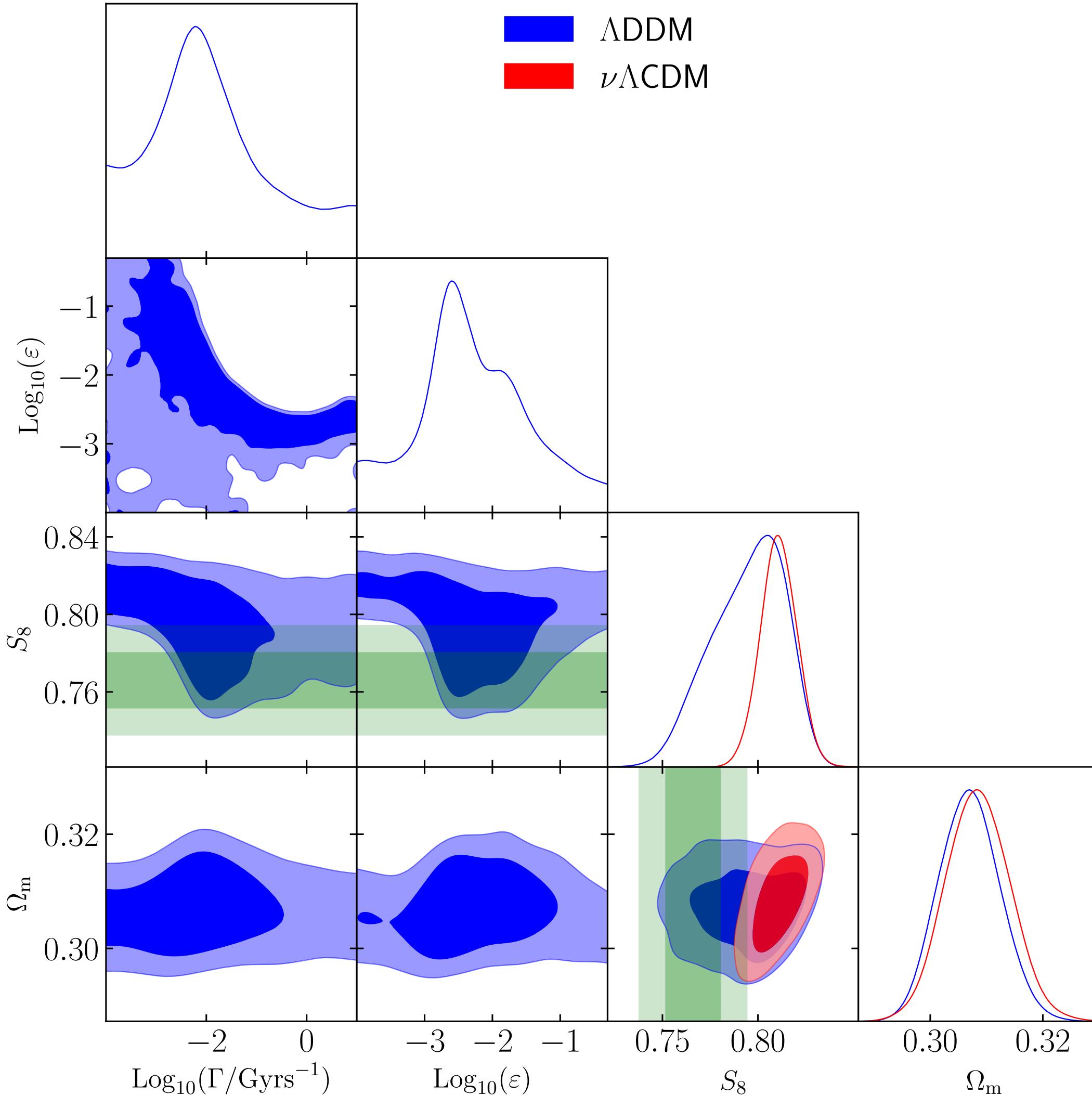
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Impact of decaying DM on the matter spectrum

The WDM daughter leads to a power suppression in $P_m(k)$ at small scales $k > k_{fs}$, where $k_{fs} \sim aH/c_a$

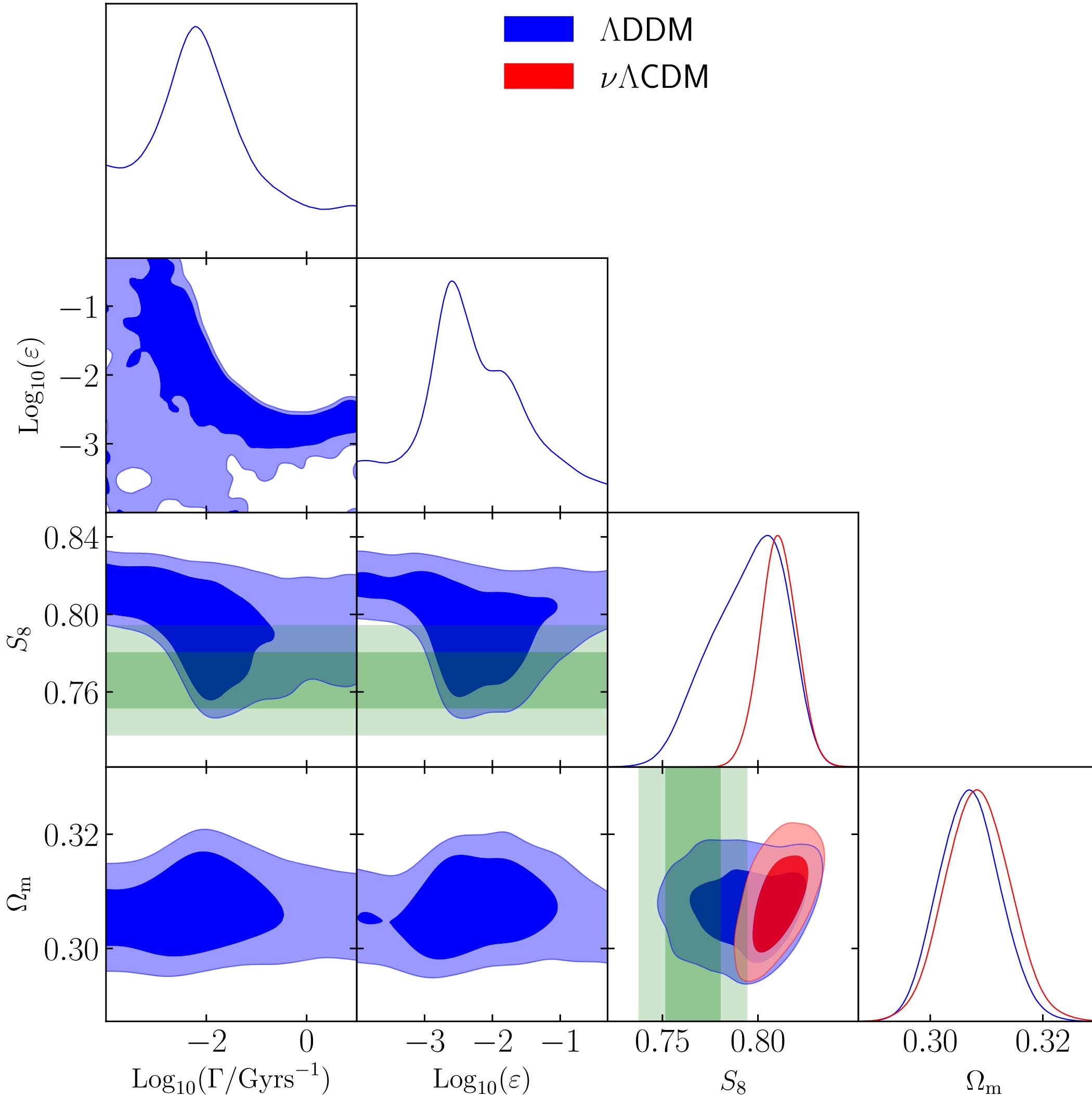


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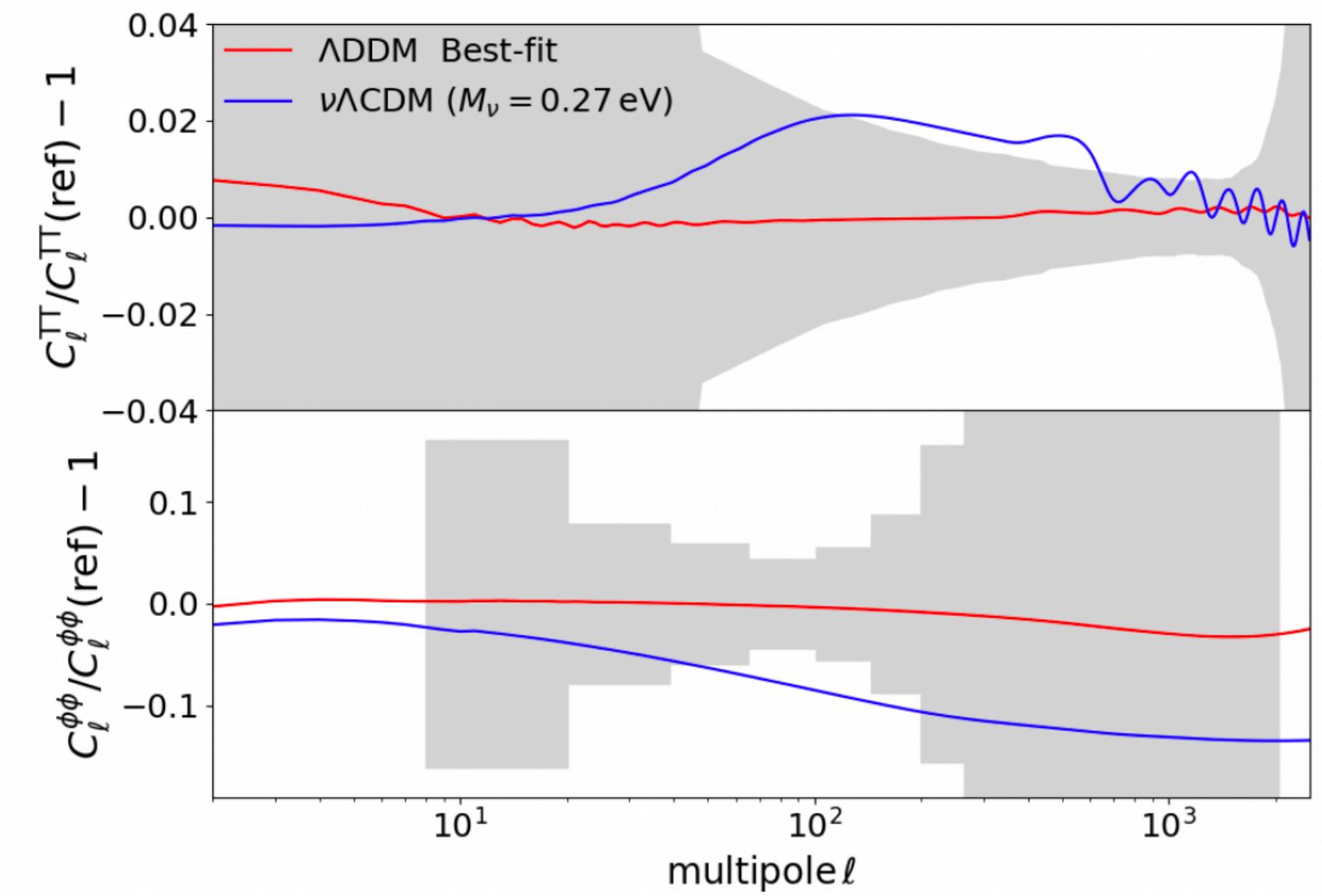
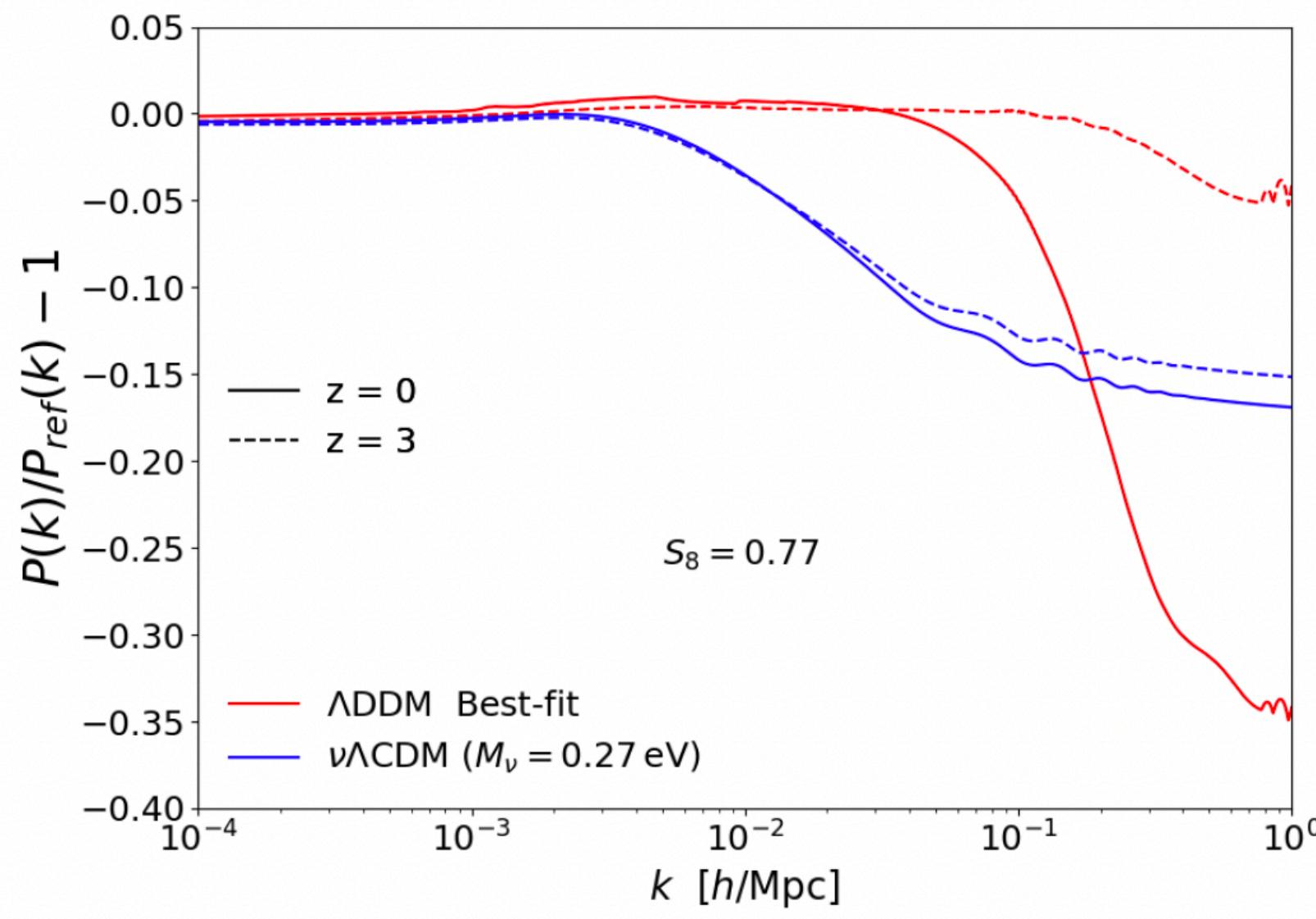
	$\nu\Lambda$ CDM	Λ ADD M
χ^2_{CMB}	1015.9	1015.2
$\chi^2_{S_8}$	5.64	0.002

$$\rightarrow \Delta\chi^2_{\min} \simeq -5.5$$

$$\Gamma^{-1} \simeq 55 (\varepsilon/0.007)^{1.4} \text{ Gyr}$$

Why does the 2-body DM decay work better than massive neutrinos?

The 2-body decay gives a better fit thanks to the **time-dependence of the power suppression** and the cut-off scale



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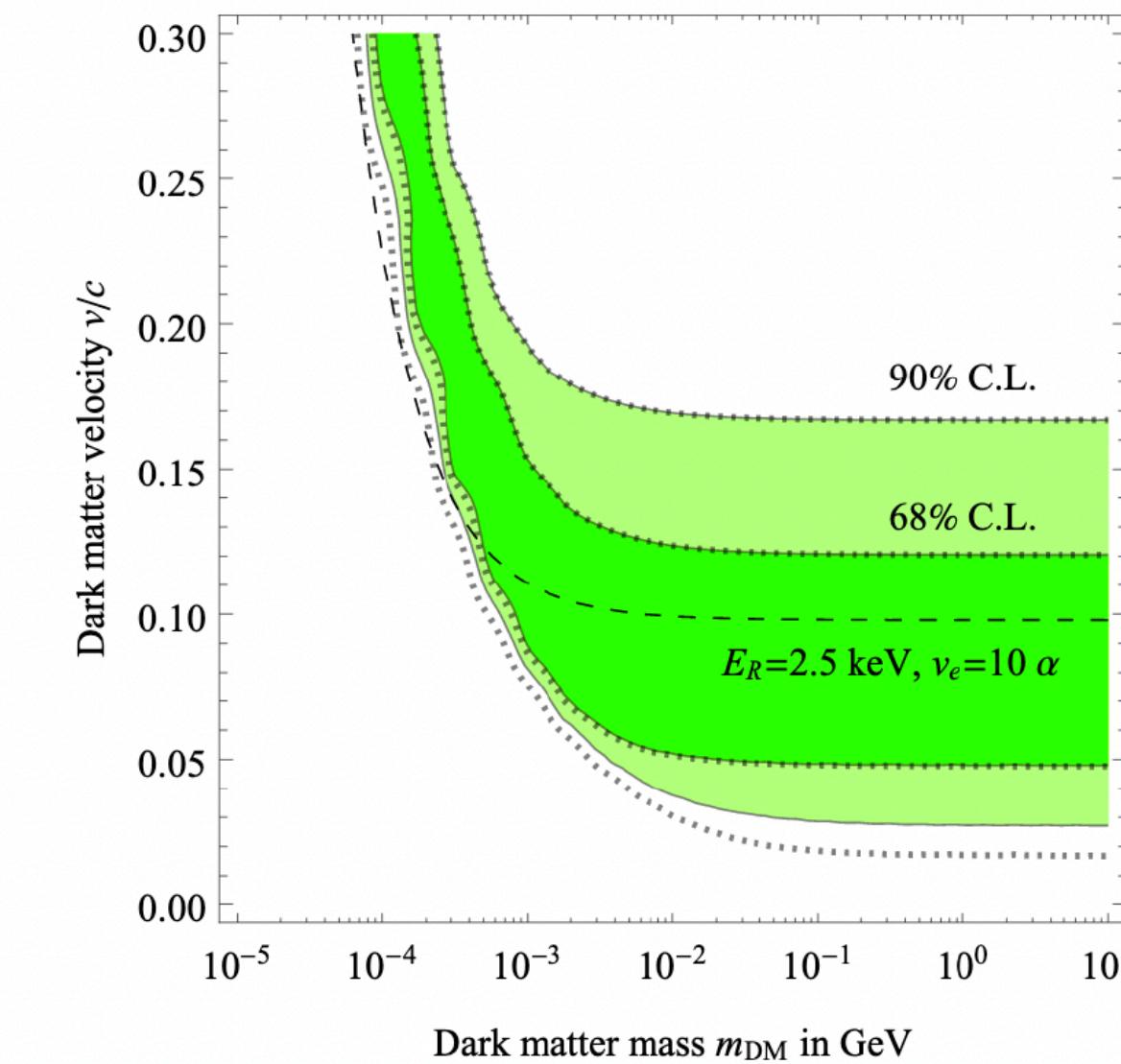
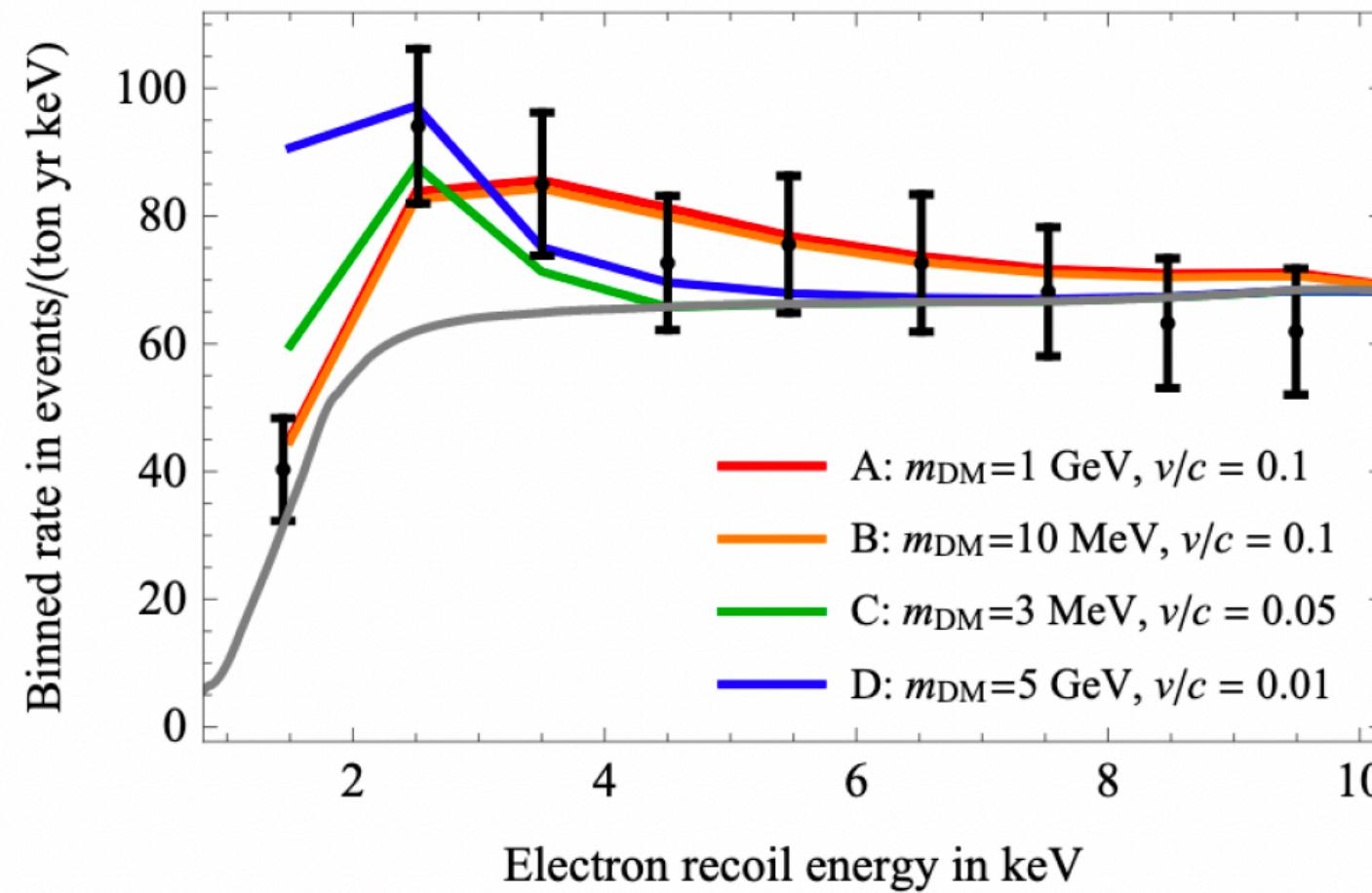
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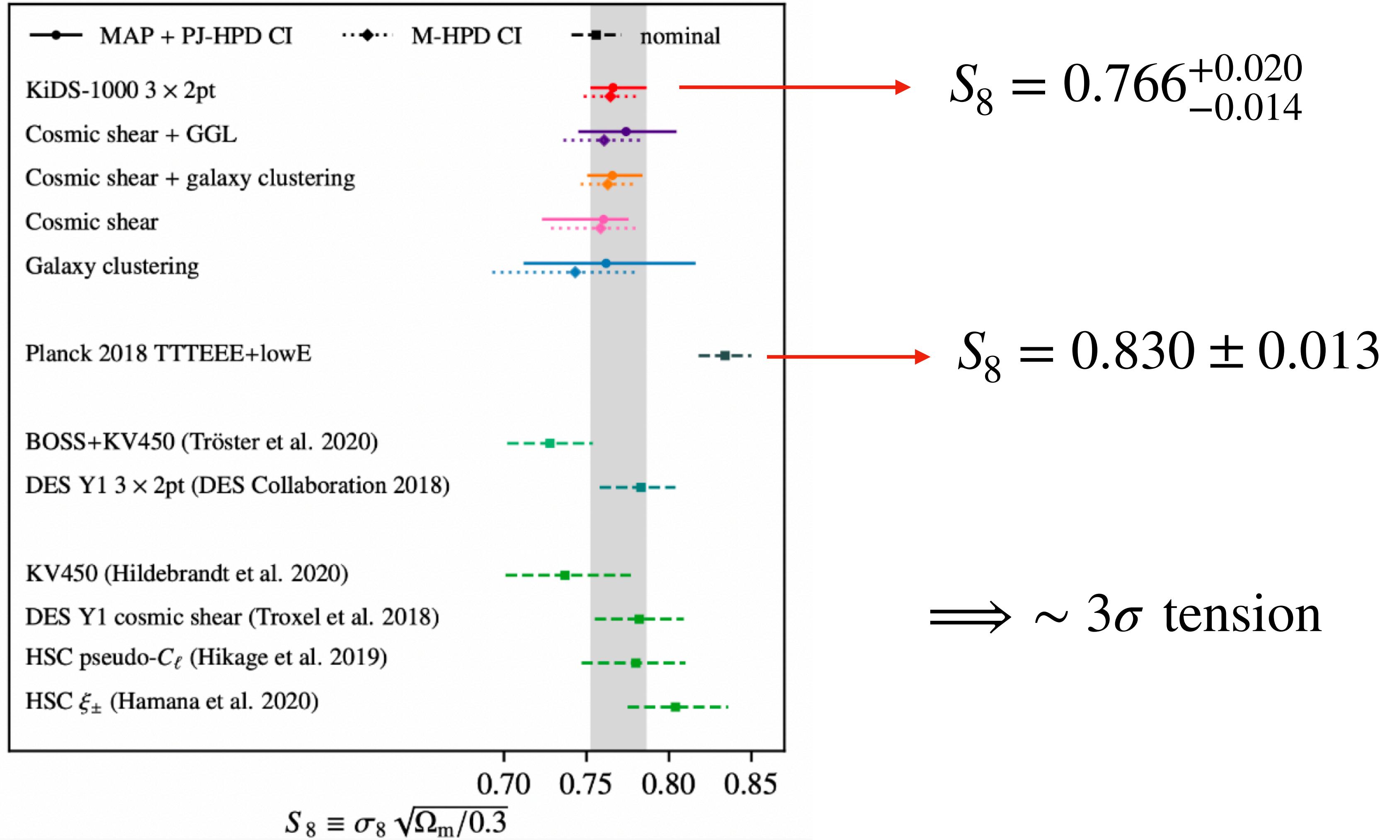
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We might be on the verge of the discovery of a rich dark sector!

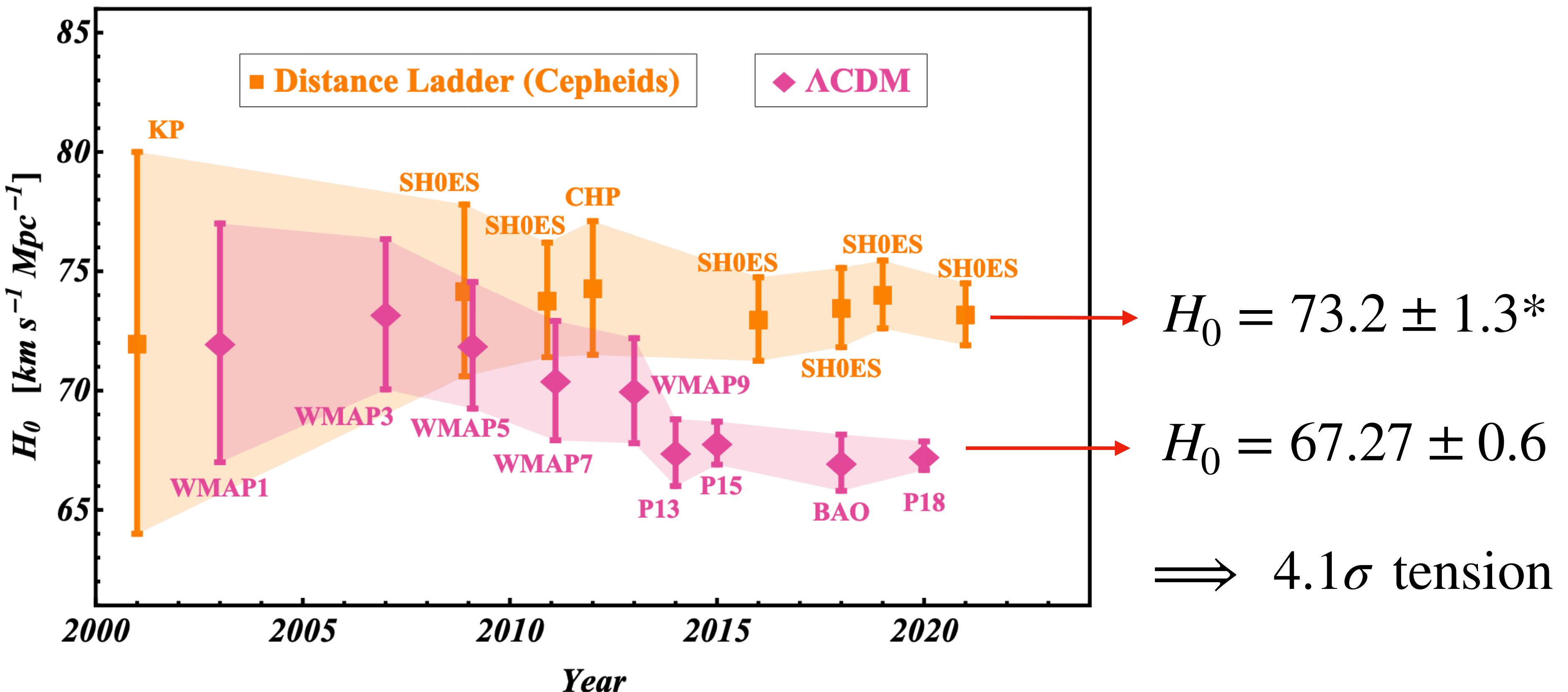
BACK-UP SLIDES

The S_8 tension



The H_0 tension

Predominantly driven by the Planck and SHoES collaborations



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H_0 Olympics: testing against other datasets

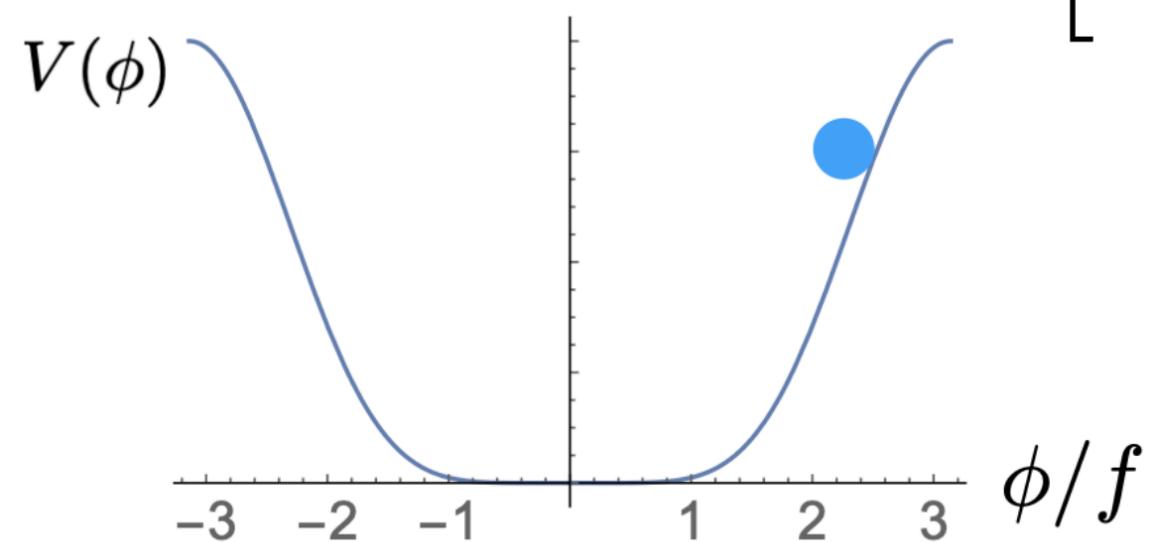
Role of Planck data: We replaced Planck by WMAP+ACT and BBN+BAO

→ No significant changes (*notable exceptions are EDE and NEDE*)

Adding extra datasets: We included data from Cosmic Chronometers, Redshift-Space-Distortions and BAO Ly- α .

→ No huge impact, but decreases performance of finalist models

Early Dark Energy



$$V(\phi) \propto \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right)\right]^n$$

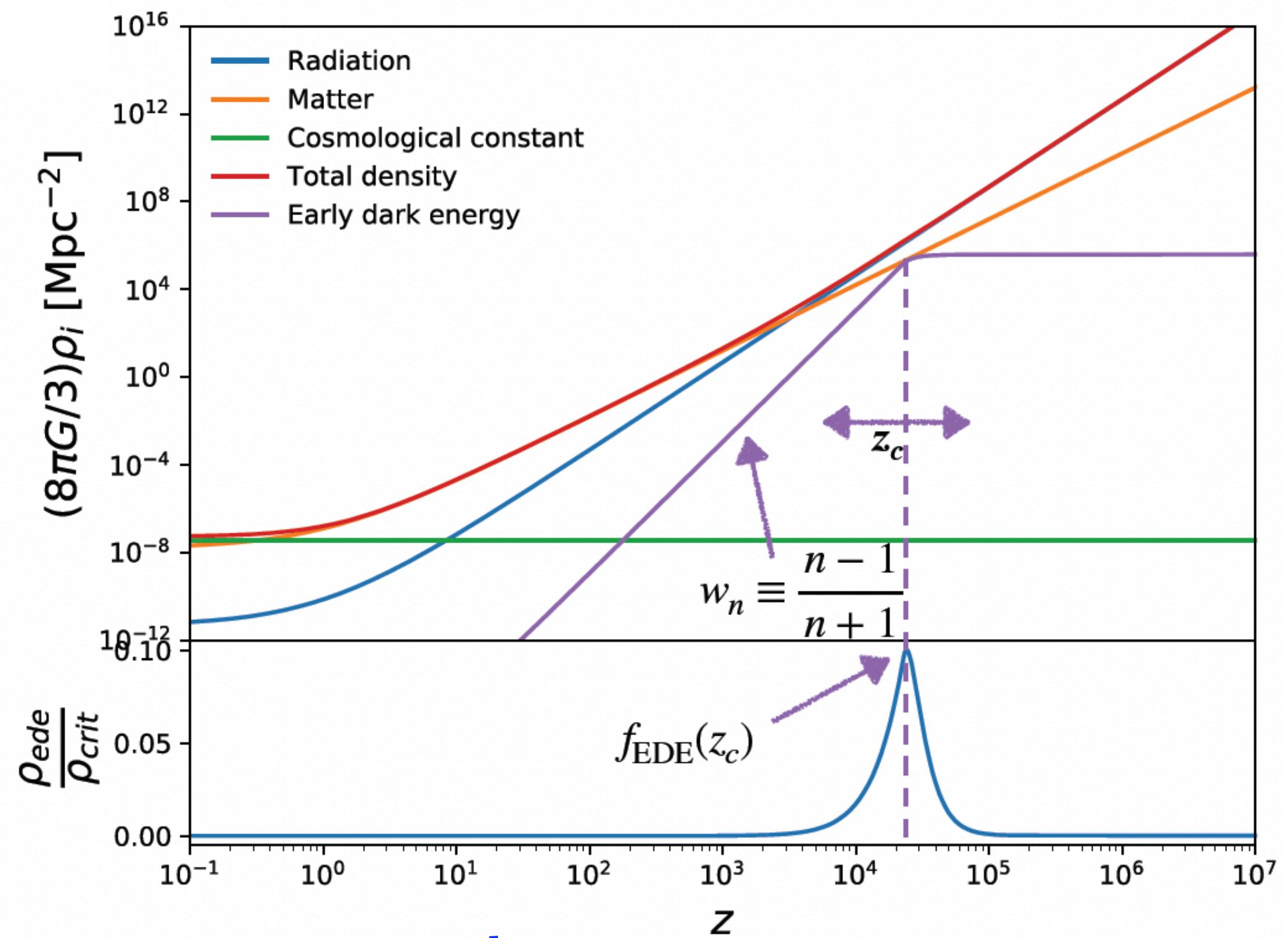
Scalar field initially frozen, then dilutes away equal or faster than radiation

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0$$

+ perturbed linear eqs.

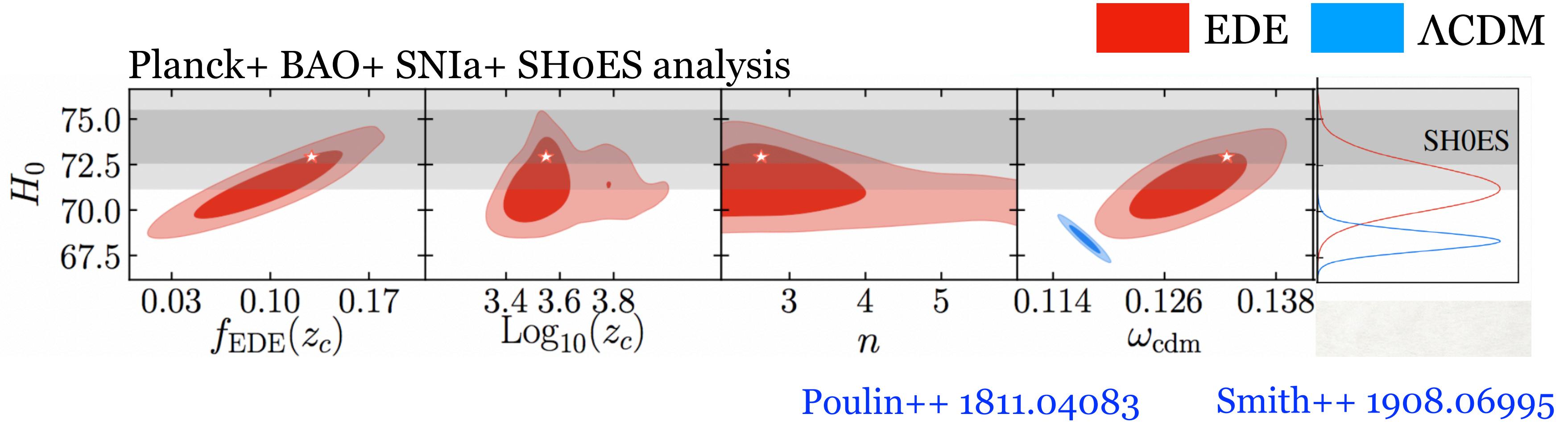
The model is fully specified by

$$\{f_{\text{EDE}}(z_c), z_c, n, \phi_i\}$$



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Early Dark Energy can resolve the H_0 tension if $f_{\text{EDE}}(z_c) \sim 10\%$ for $z_c \sim z_{\text{eq}}$



Some caveats

1. Very fine tuned?

→ Proposed connexions of EDE with neutrino sector and present DE
Sakstein++ 1911.11760 Freese++ 2102.13655

2. Increased value of $\omega_{\text{cdm}} = \Omega_{\text{cdm}} h^2$, exacerbates S_8 tension

Jedamzik++ 2010.04158.

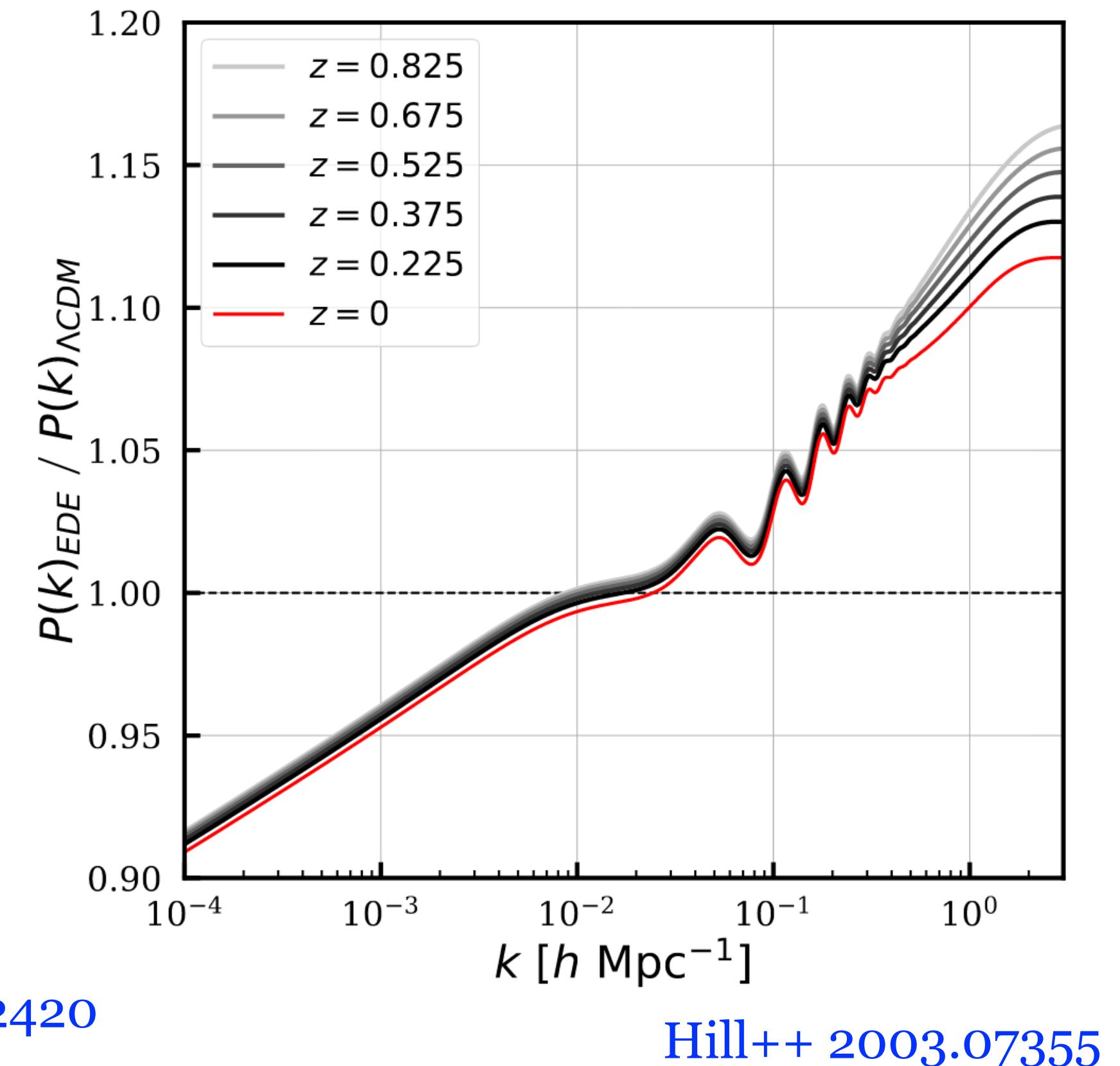
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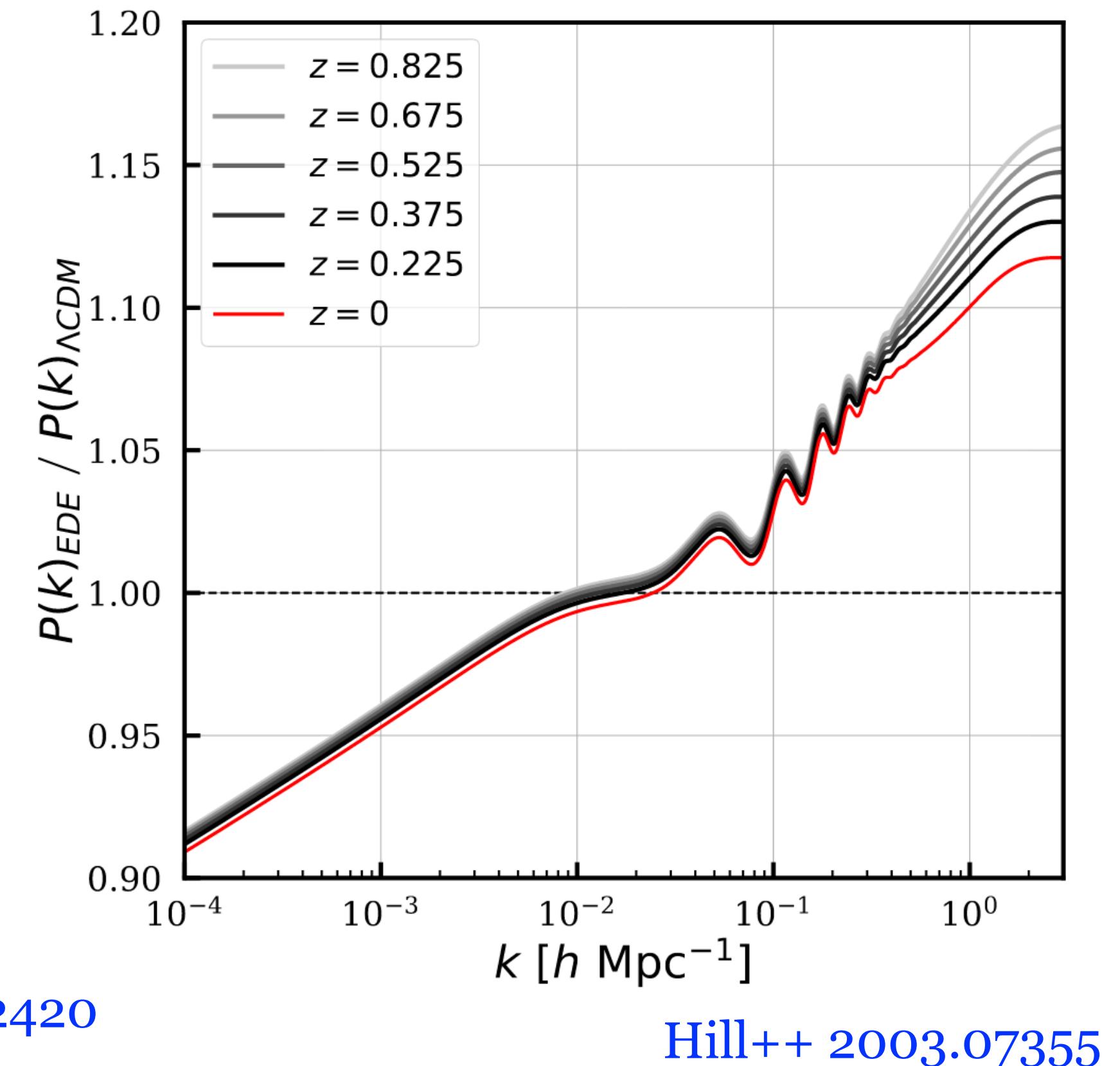
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1. Why EDE is not detected from Planck alone?

Strong χ^2 degeneracy in Planck between Λ CDM and EDE :

Once $f_{\text{EDE}} \rightarrow 0$, parameters z_c and ϕ_i become irrelevant, so posteriors are naturally weighted towards Λ CDM

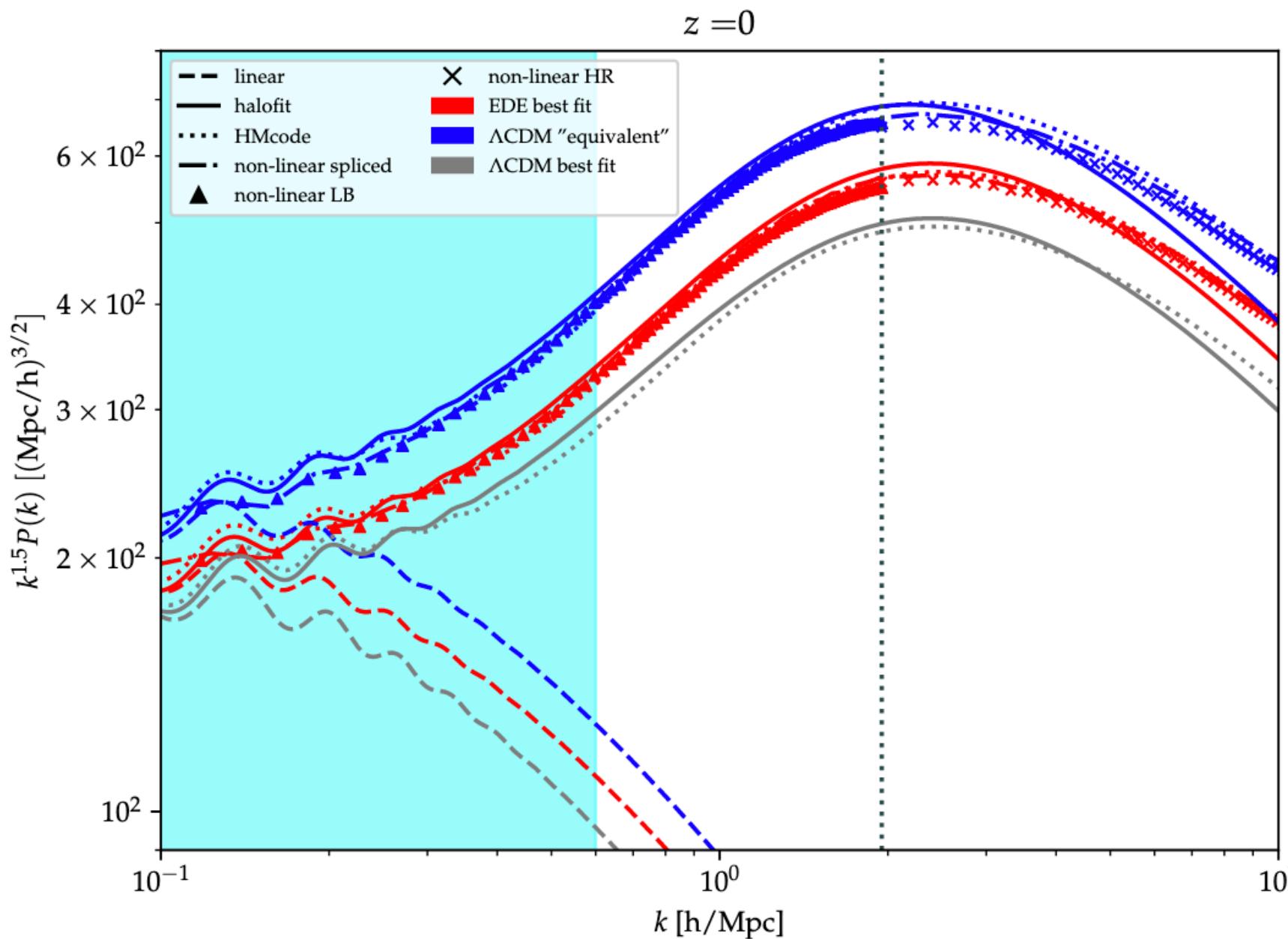
To avoid this Bayesian volume effect, consider a
1 parameter model (1pEDE) : Fix z_c and ϕ_i and let f_{EDE} free to vary

Within 1pEDE, we get a 2σ detection of EDE from *Planck data alone*

$$f_{\text{EDE}} = 0.08 \pm 0.04 \quad H_0 = 70 \pm 1.5 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

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2. Is LSS data constraining enough to rule out EDE?



Important cross-check:

EDE **non-linear $P(k)$** from standard semi-analytical algorithms agrees well with results from N-body simulations

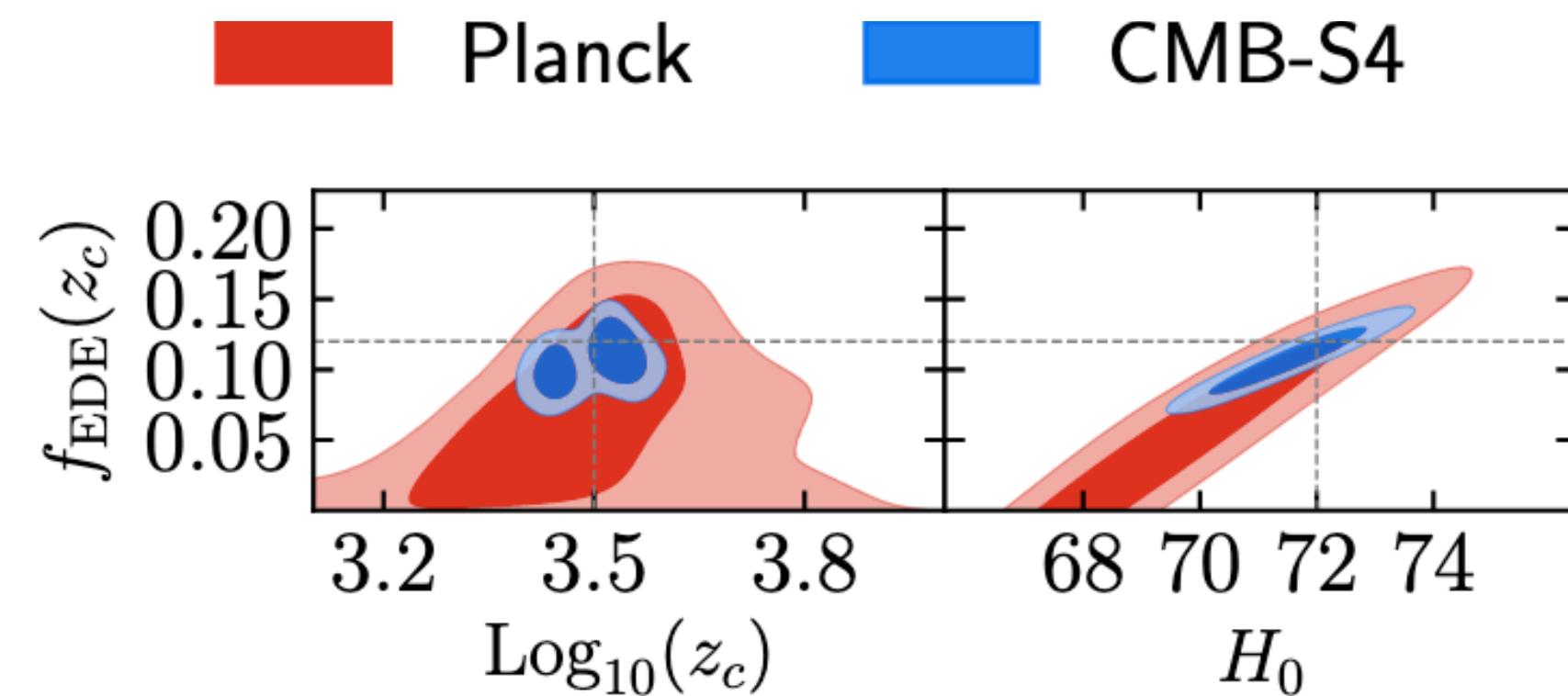
1pEDE tested against Planck+BAO+SNIa+SHoEs and WL data from KiDS/Viking+DES:
S₈ tension persists, but fit is not significantly degraded wrt Λ CDM, and solution to the H₀ tension survives

$$f_{\text{EDE}} = 0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$$

$$H_0 = 71.3 \pm 0.9 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

Prospects for Early Dark Energy

Future CMB experiments (i.e. CMB-S4) will be able to unambiguously detect EDE



[Smith++ 1908.06995](#)

Other current CMB experiments like ACT are already showing a 3σ detection of EDE!

[Hill++ 2109.04451](#)

[Poulin++ 2109.06229](#)

Decaying dark matter

- Dark matter (DM) is assumed to be perfectly **stable** in Λ CDM

Can we test this hypothesis?

- DM Decays to SM particles \longrightarrow **very constrained**

From **e.m. impact** on CMB : $\Gamma^{-1} \gtrsim 10^8$ Gyr [Poulin++ 1610.10051](#)

- DM decays to **massless** Dark Radiation \longrightarrow **less constrained**,
but more **model-independent**

From **grav. impact** on CMB : $\Gamma^{-1} \gtrsim 10^2$ Gyr [Audren++ 1407.2418](#)
[Poulin++ 1606.02073](#)

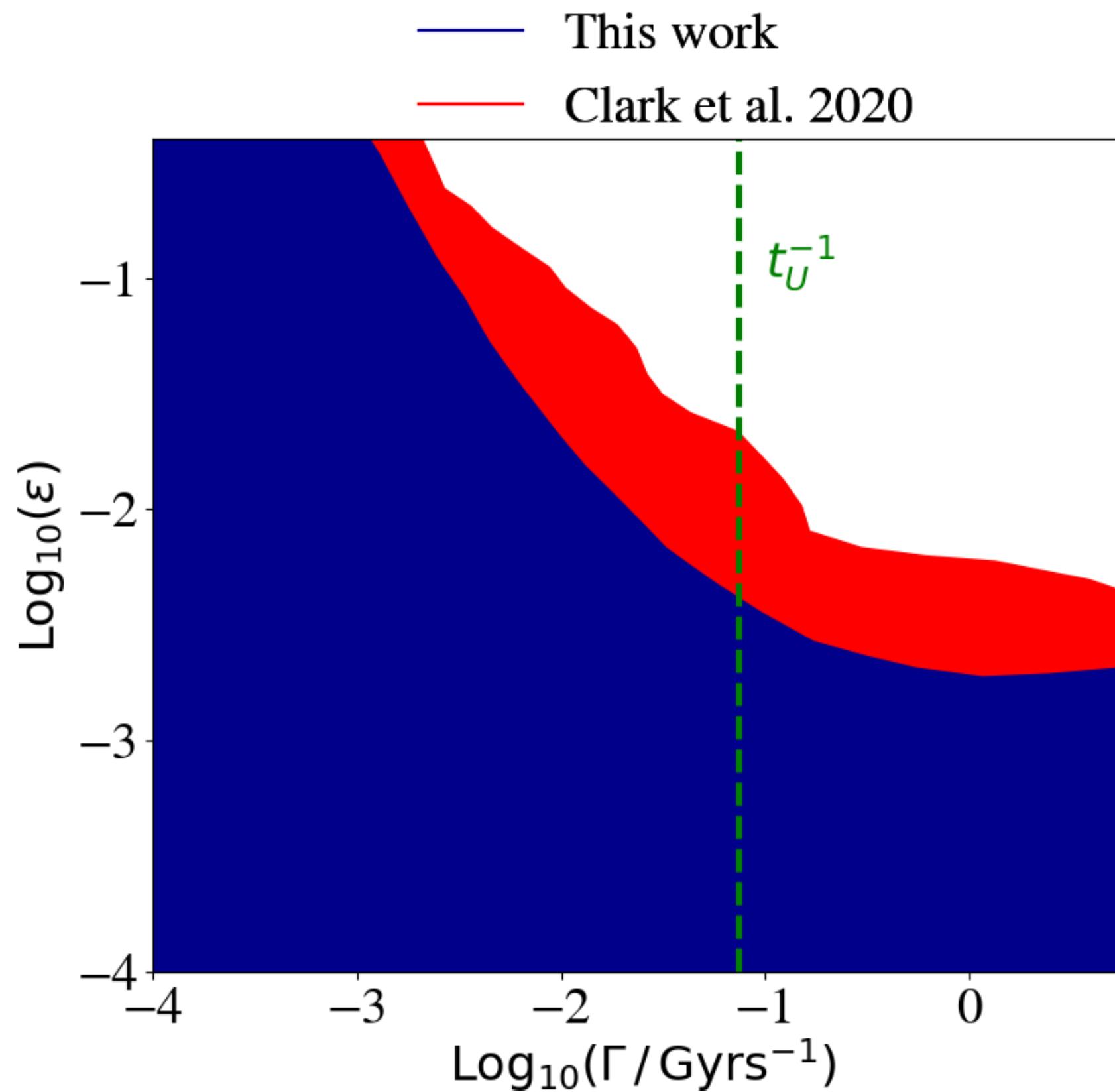
- What about massive products?

Evolution of perturbations: full treatment

- Effects on $P_m(k)$ and C_ℓ ? Track **linear perts.** for the particles species involved in the decay: δ_i , θ_i and σ_i for $i = dm, dr, wdm$
- Boltzmann hierarchy of eqs. Dictate the evolution of the **p.s.d. multipoles** $\Delta f_\ell(q, k, \tau)$
 - ◆ DM and DR treatments are **easy**, momentum d.o.f. are integrated out
 - ◆ For WDM, one needs to follow the evolution of the full p.s.d. Computationally expensive $\longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(10^8)$ ODEs to solve!

General constraints on the 2-body DM decay

Planck+BAO+SNIa analysis

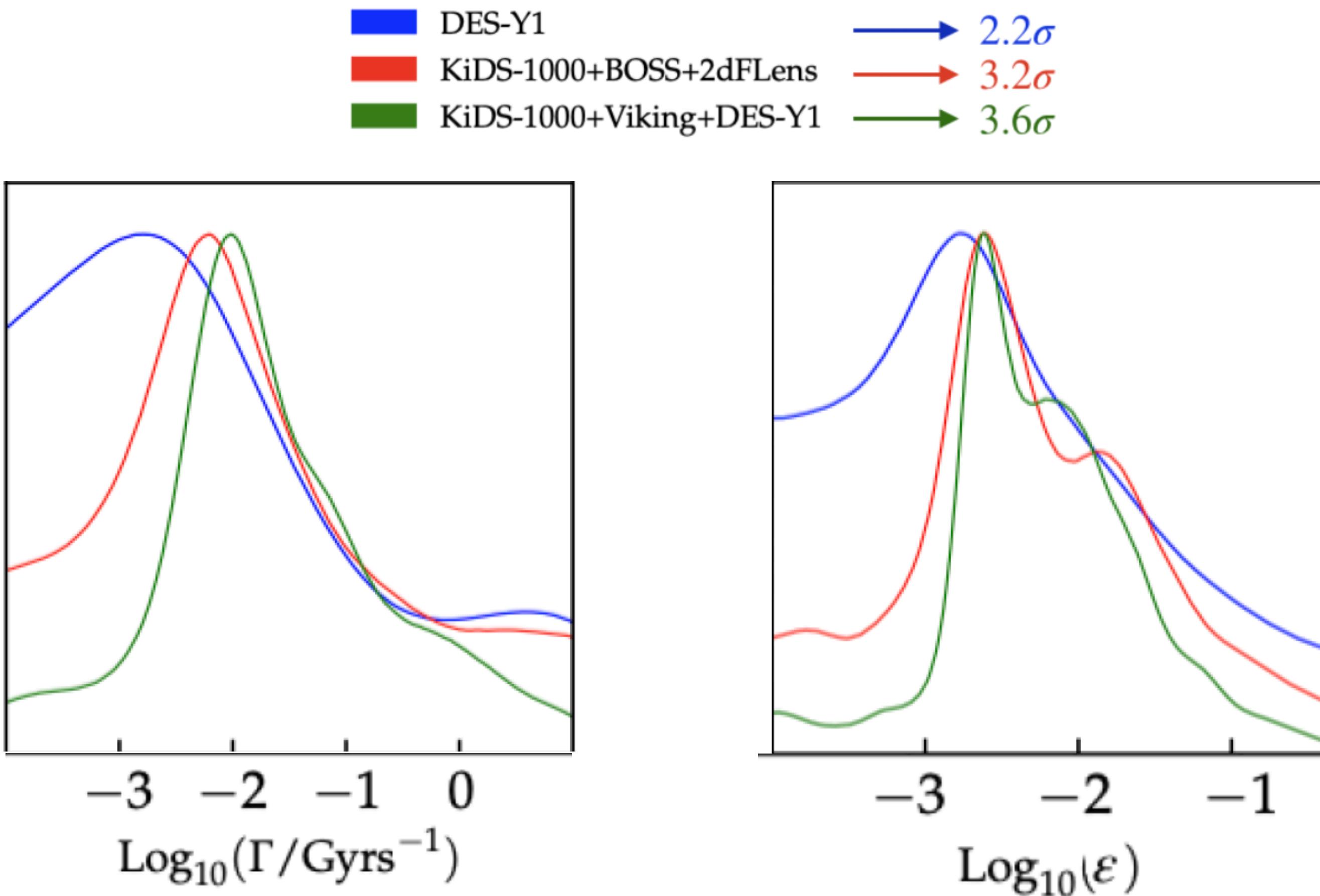


Strong negative correlation
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Constraints up to 1 order of
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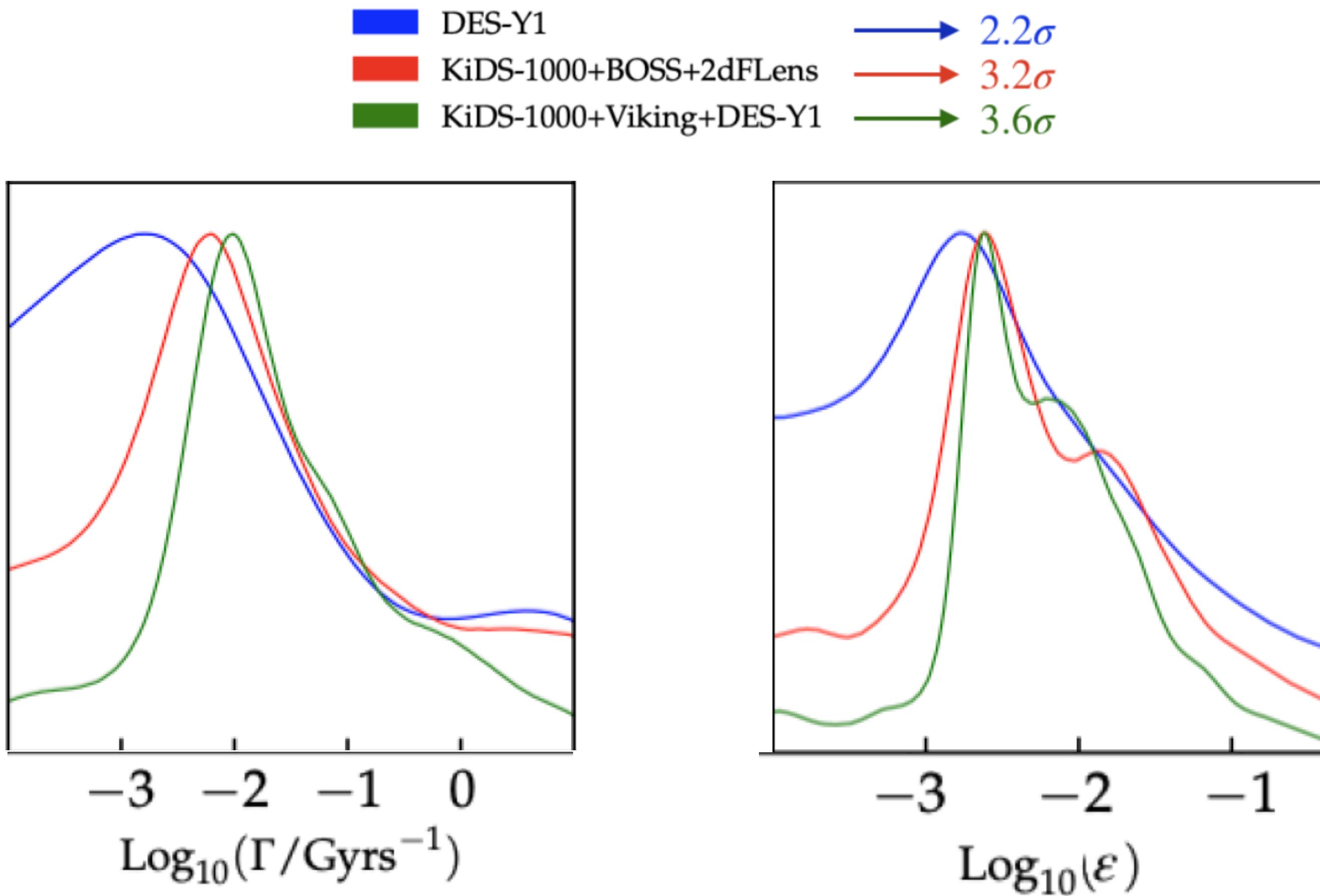
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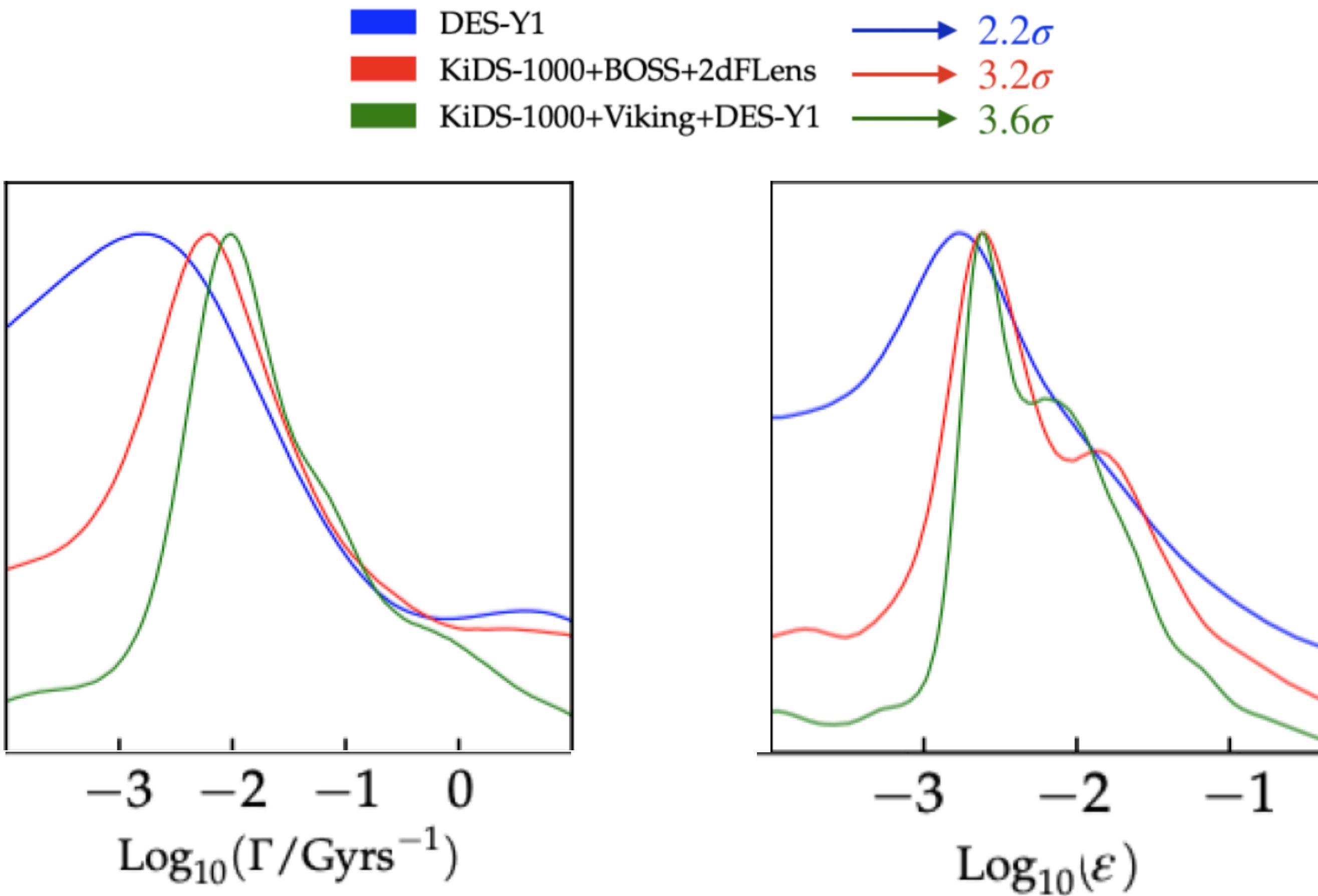
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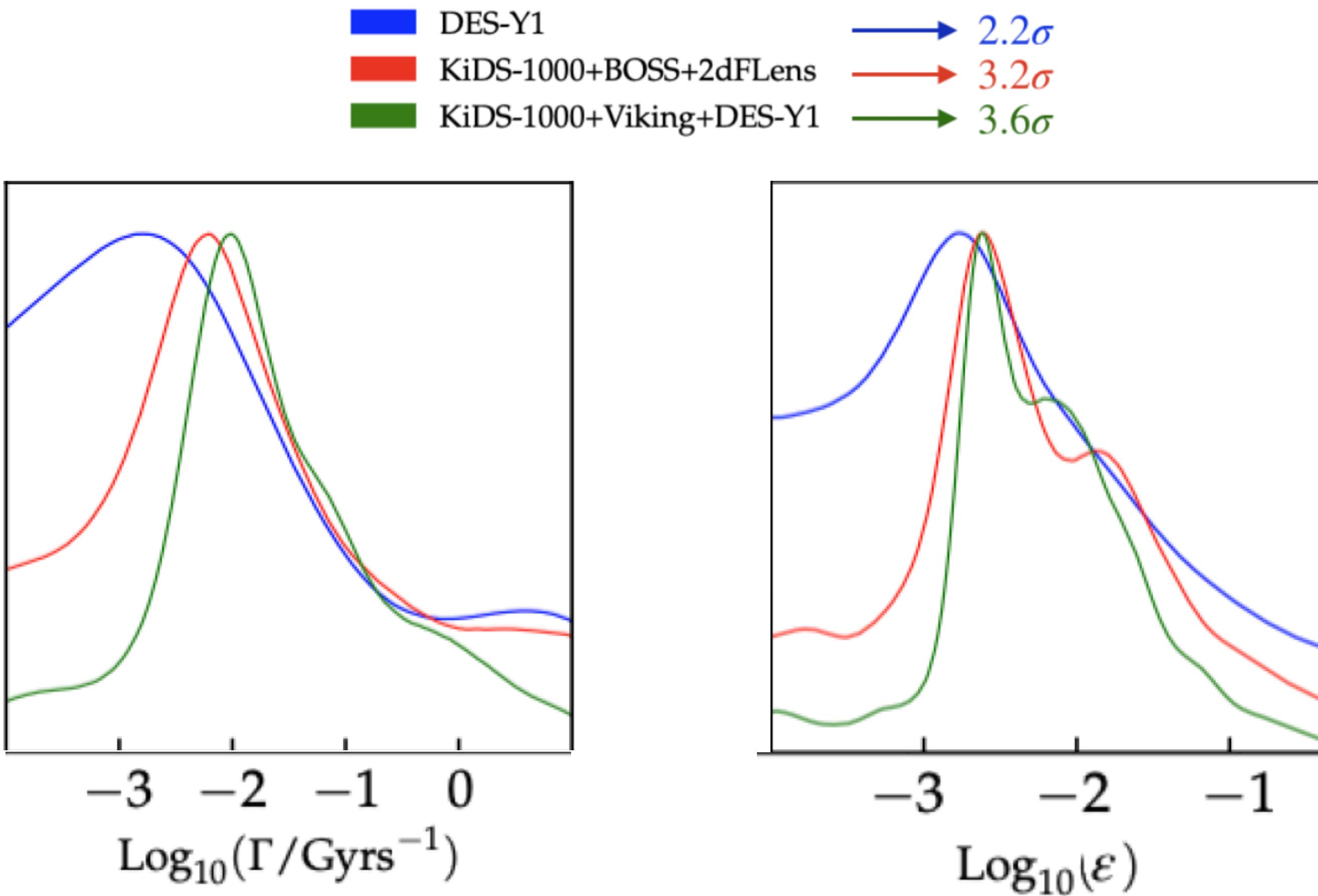
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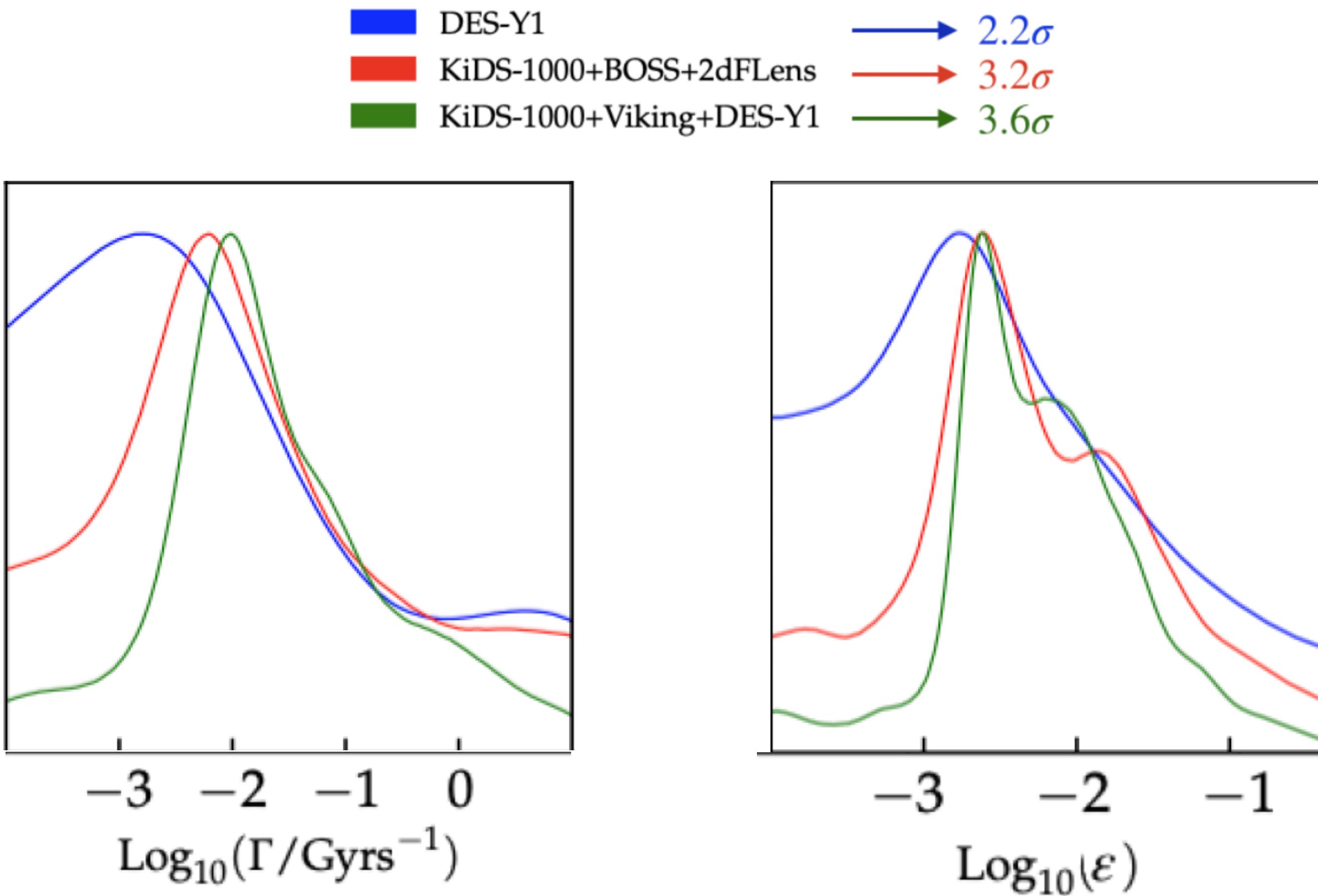
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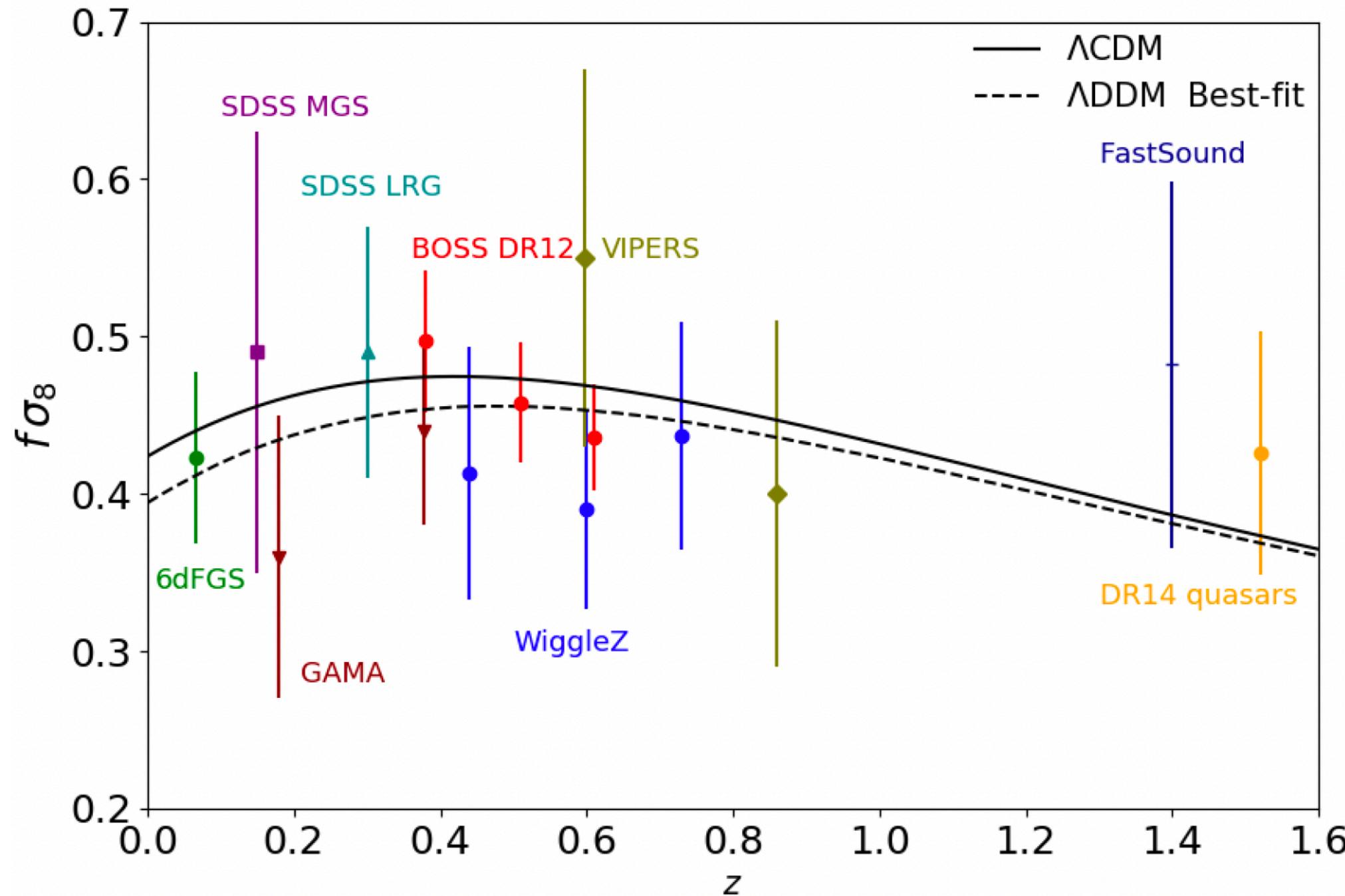


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Prospects for the 2-body DM decay



Accurate measurements of $f\sigma_8$ at $0 \lesssim z \lesssim 1$ will further test the 2-body decay

Next goal: Predict non-linear matter power spectrum
(using either N-body simulations or EFT of LSS)