

Constraining decaying dark matter with the effective field theory of large-scale structures

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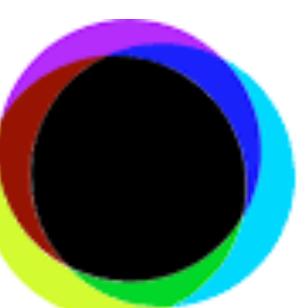
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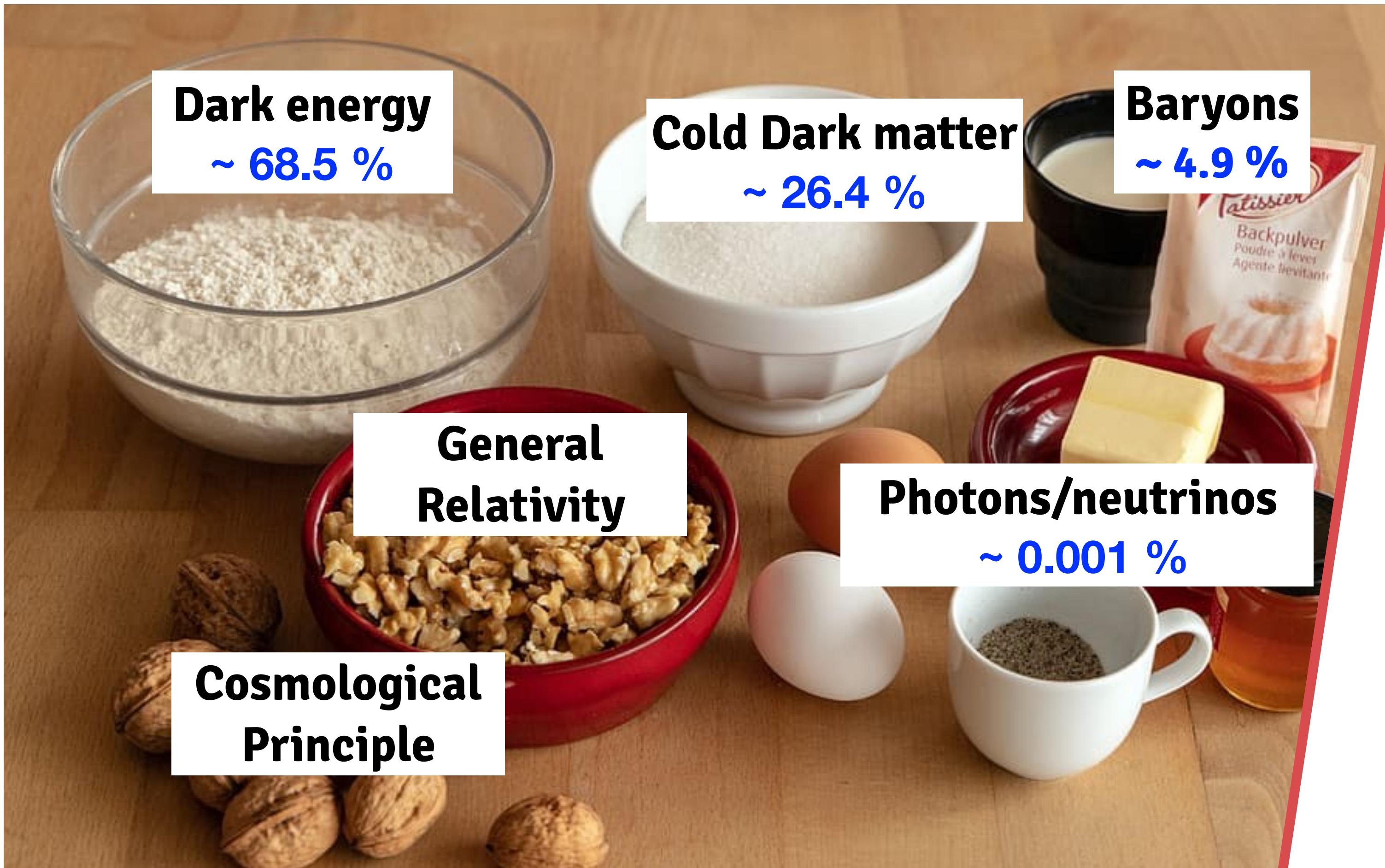


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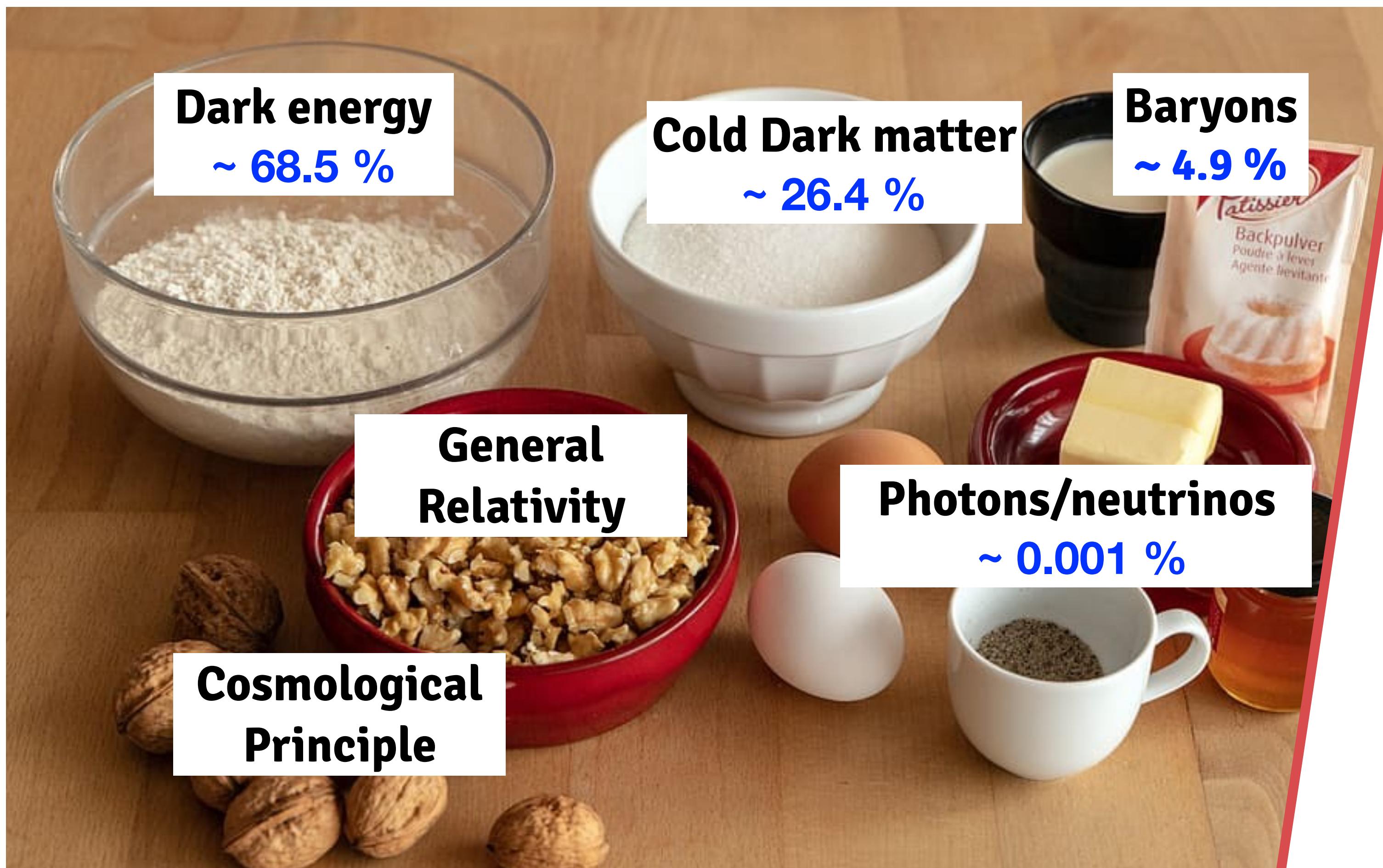
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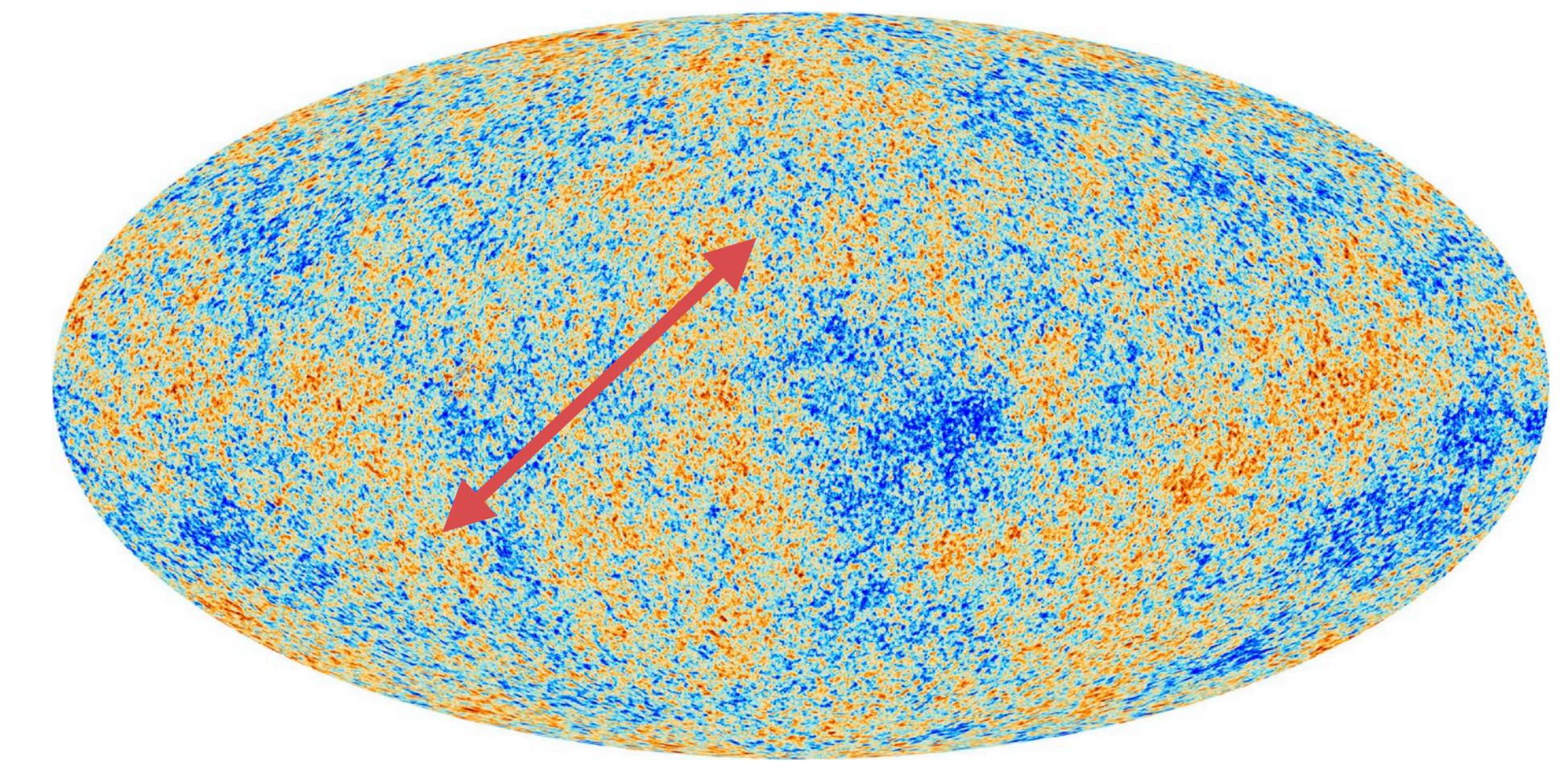
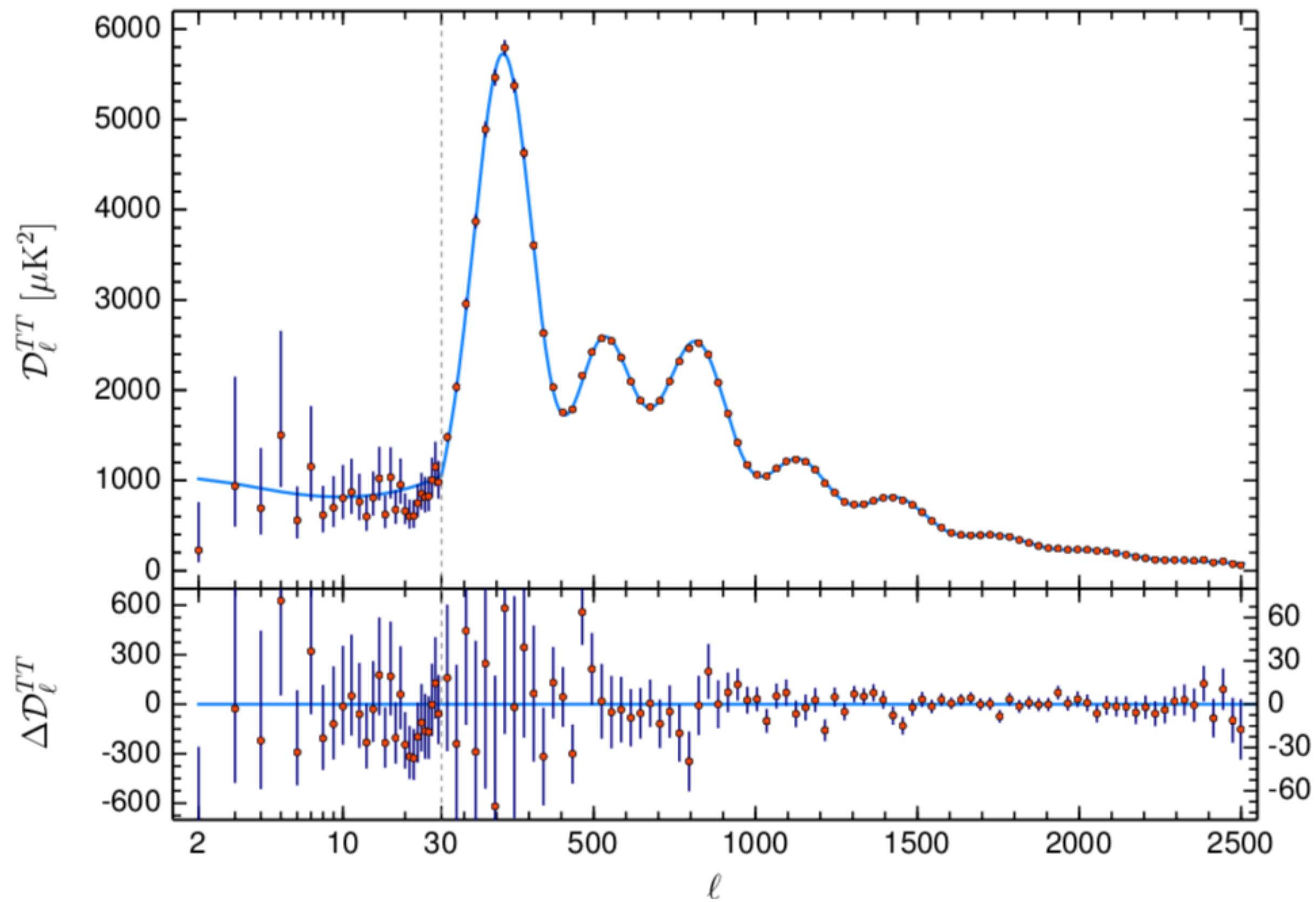
Only 6 free parameters:

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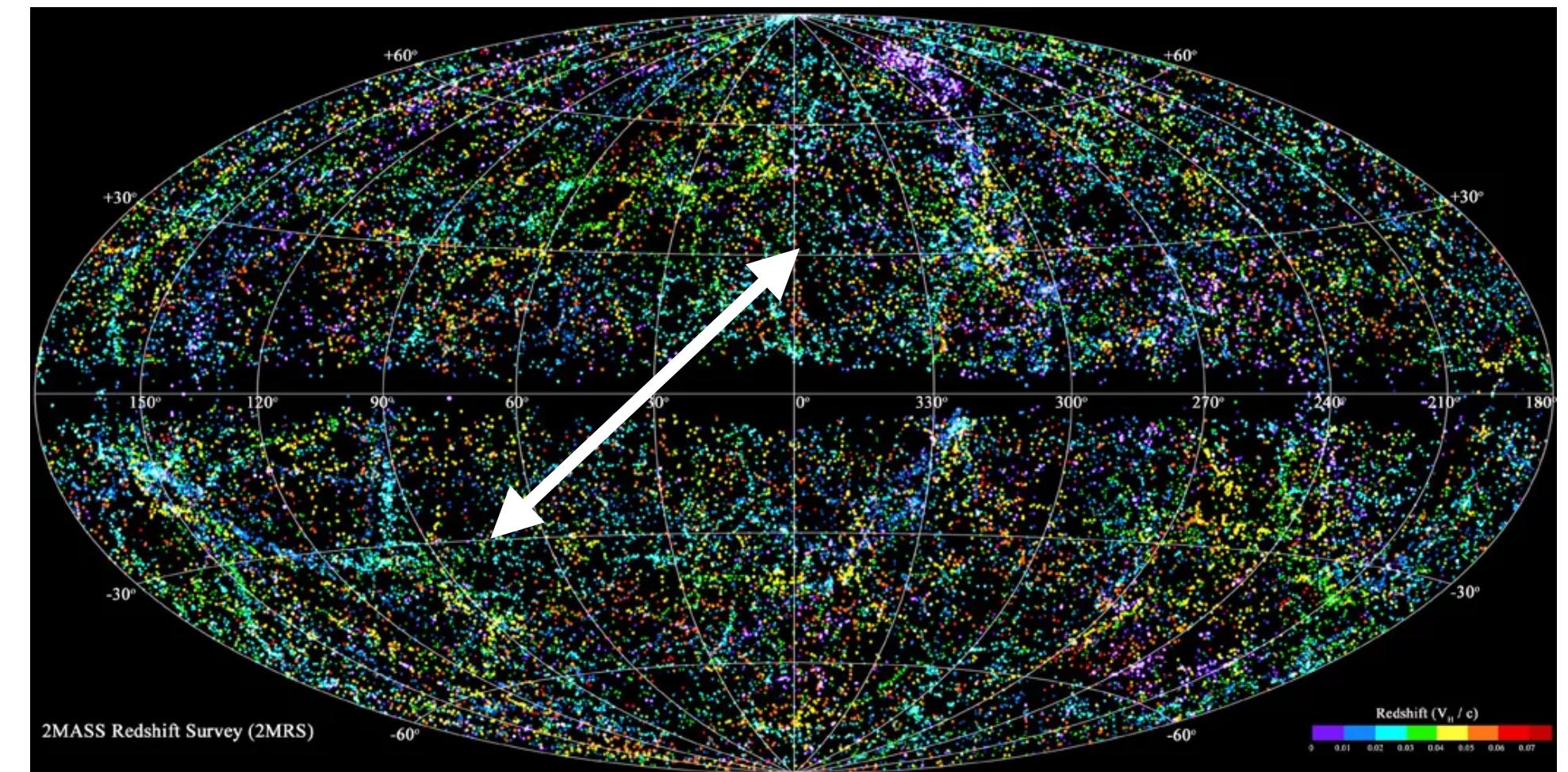
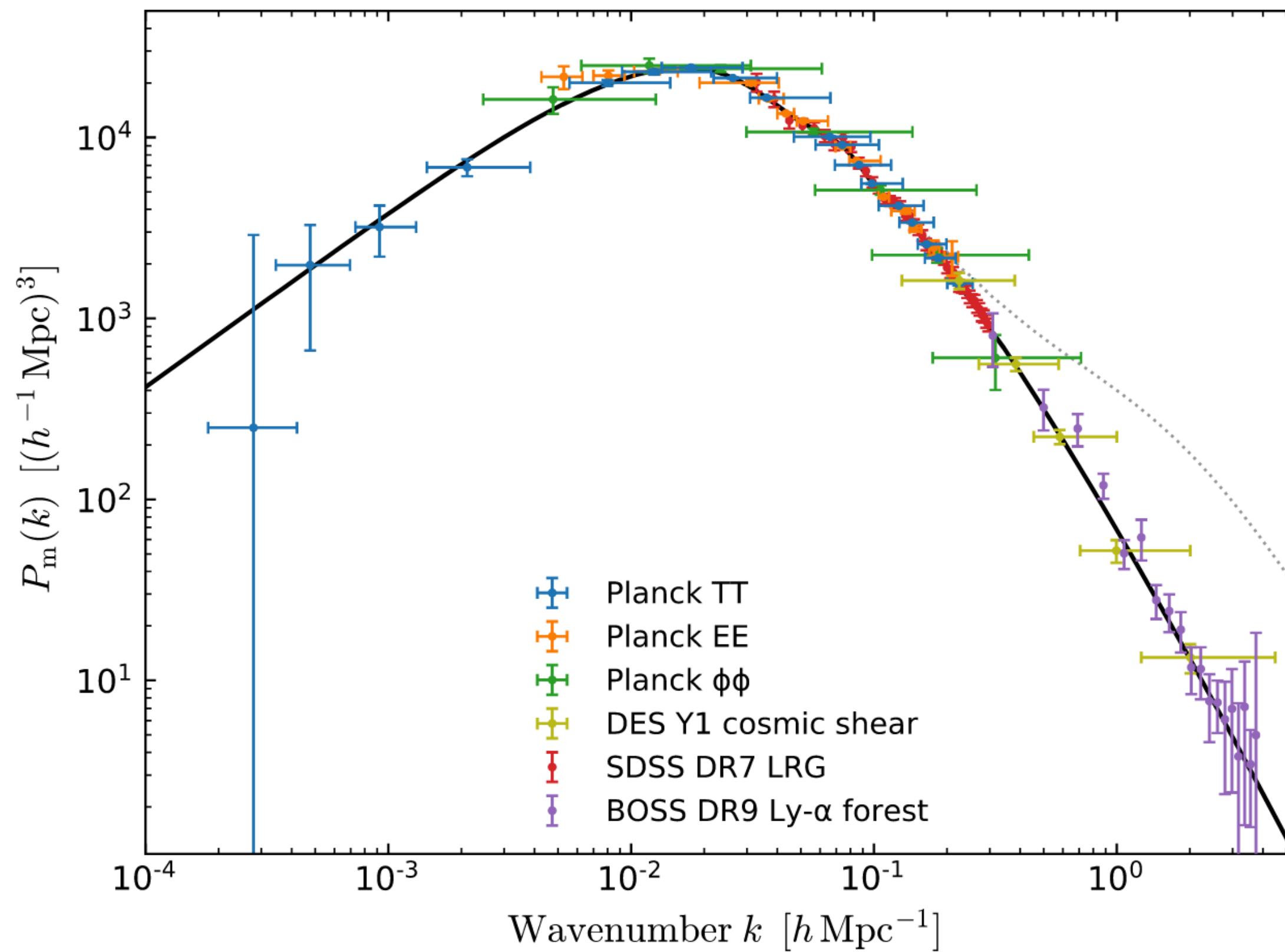


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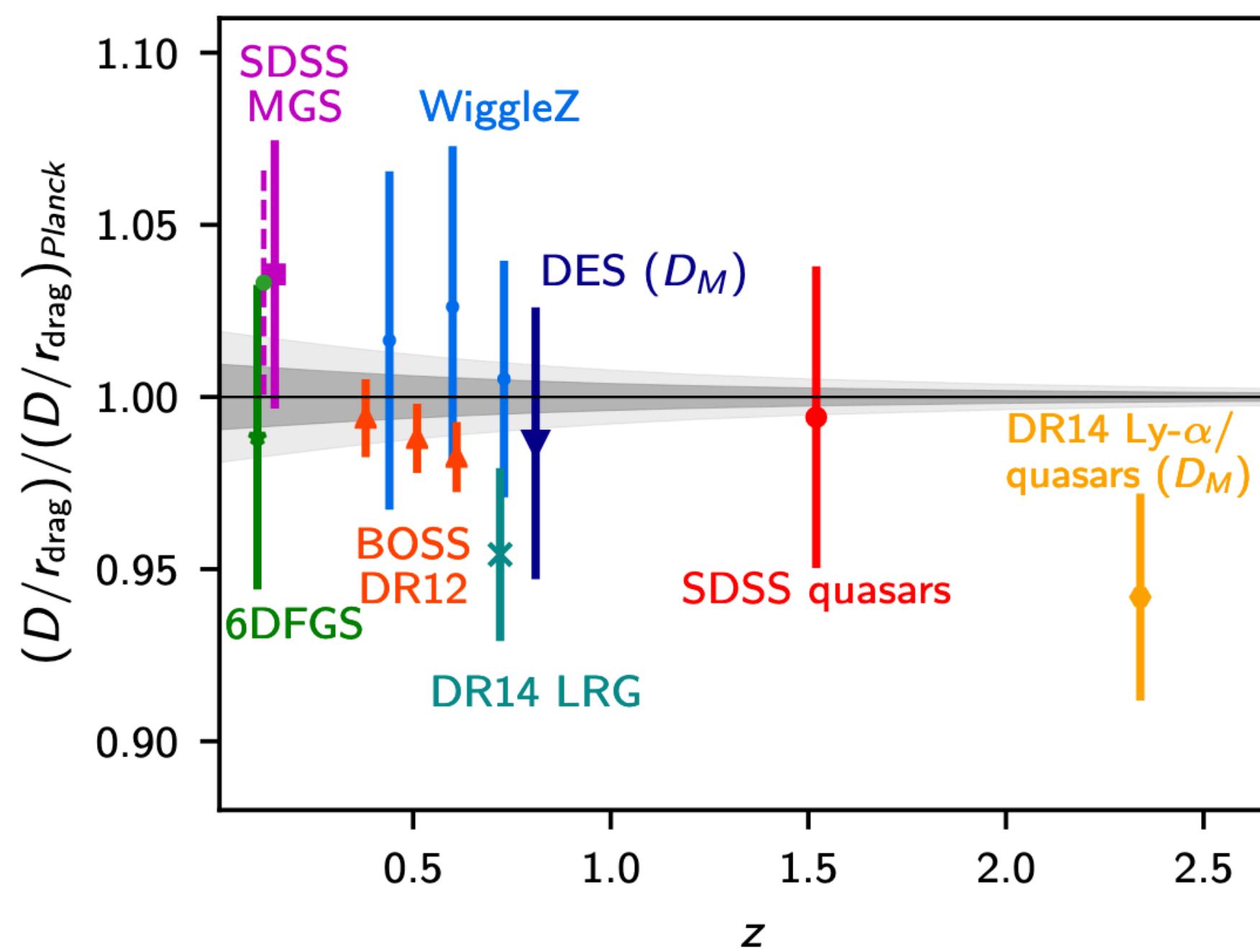
Matter power spectrum



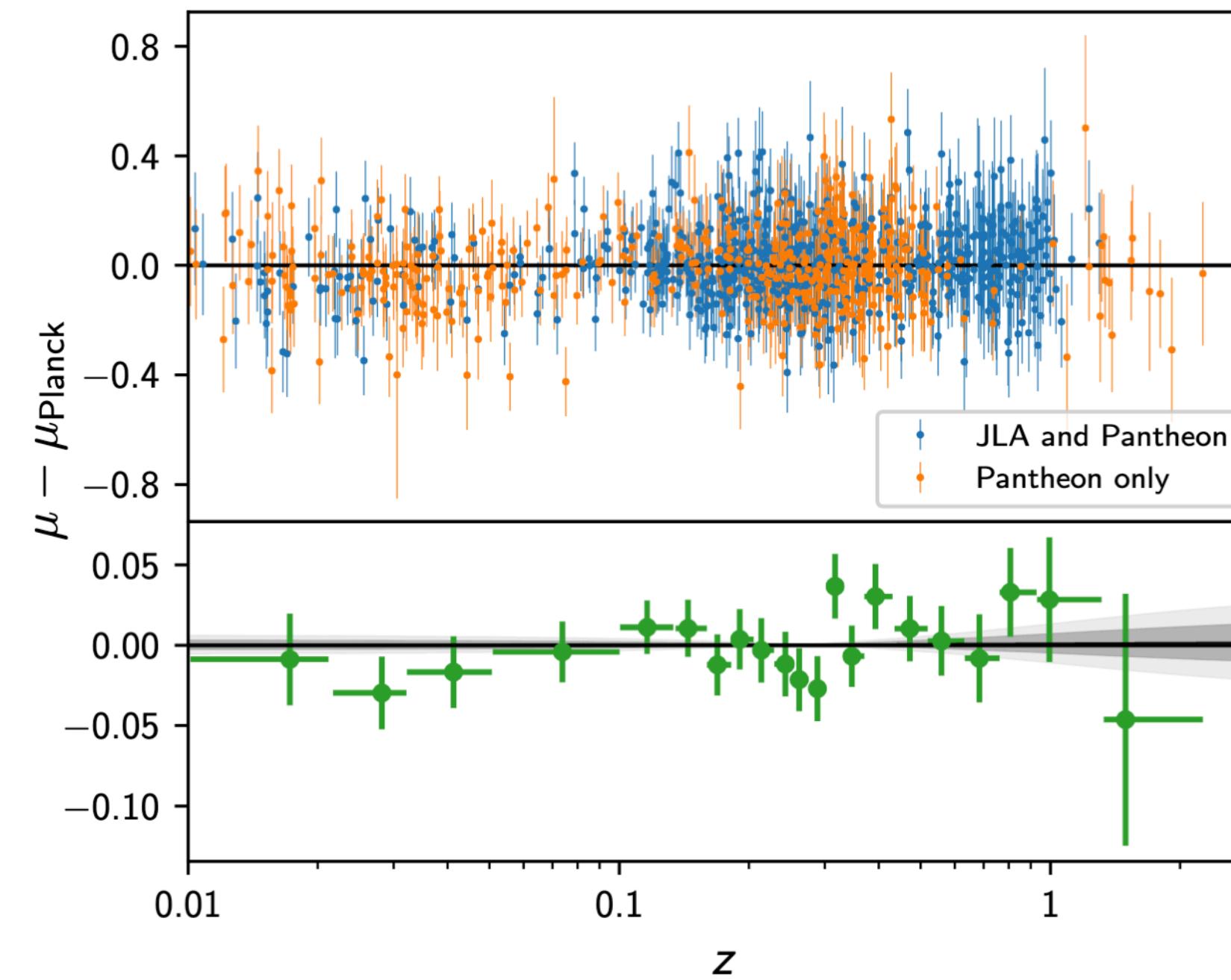
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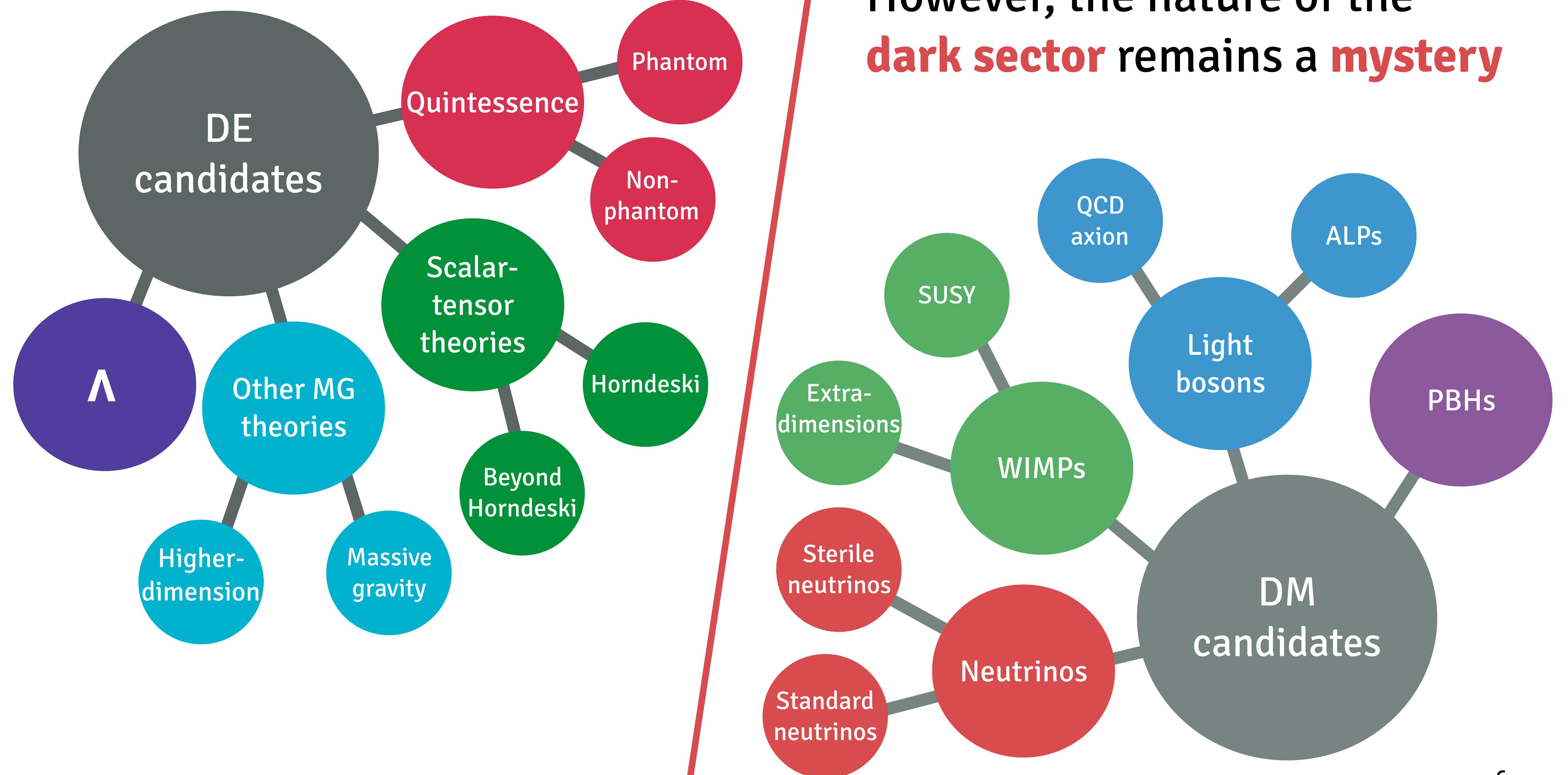


Supernovae Ia (SNIa)



$$D(z) \propto \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

However, the nature of the
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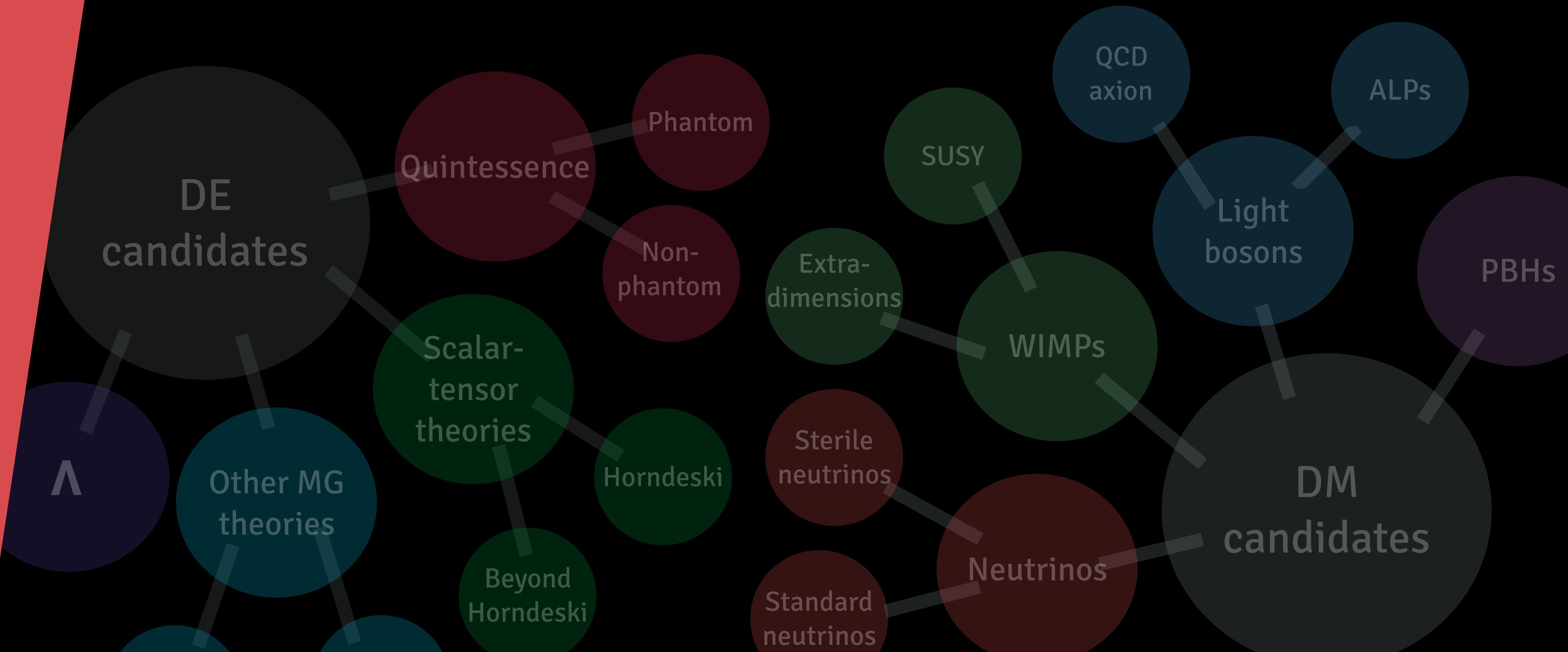
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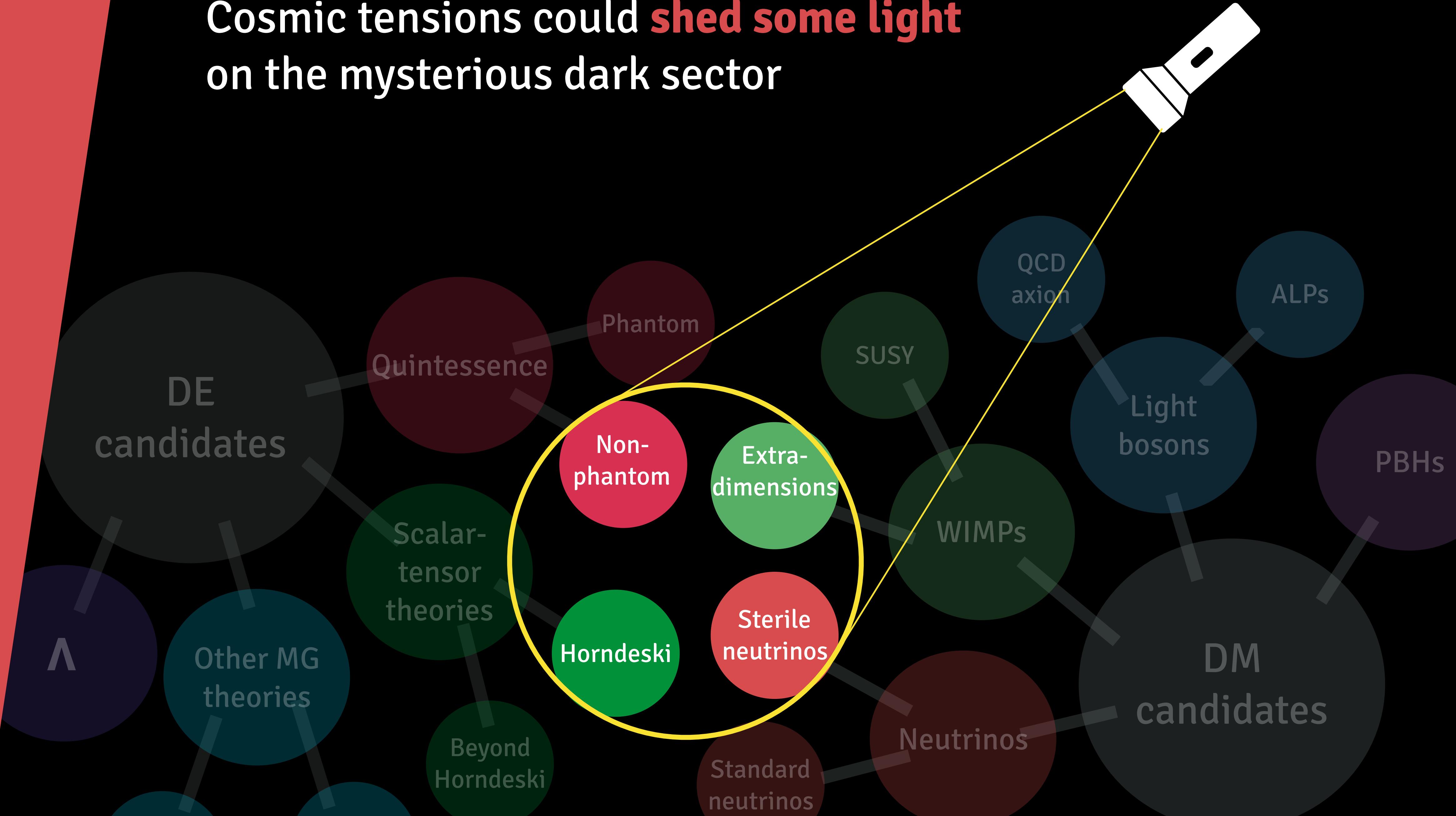
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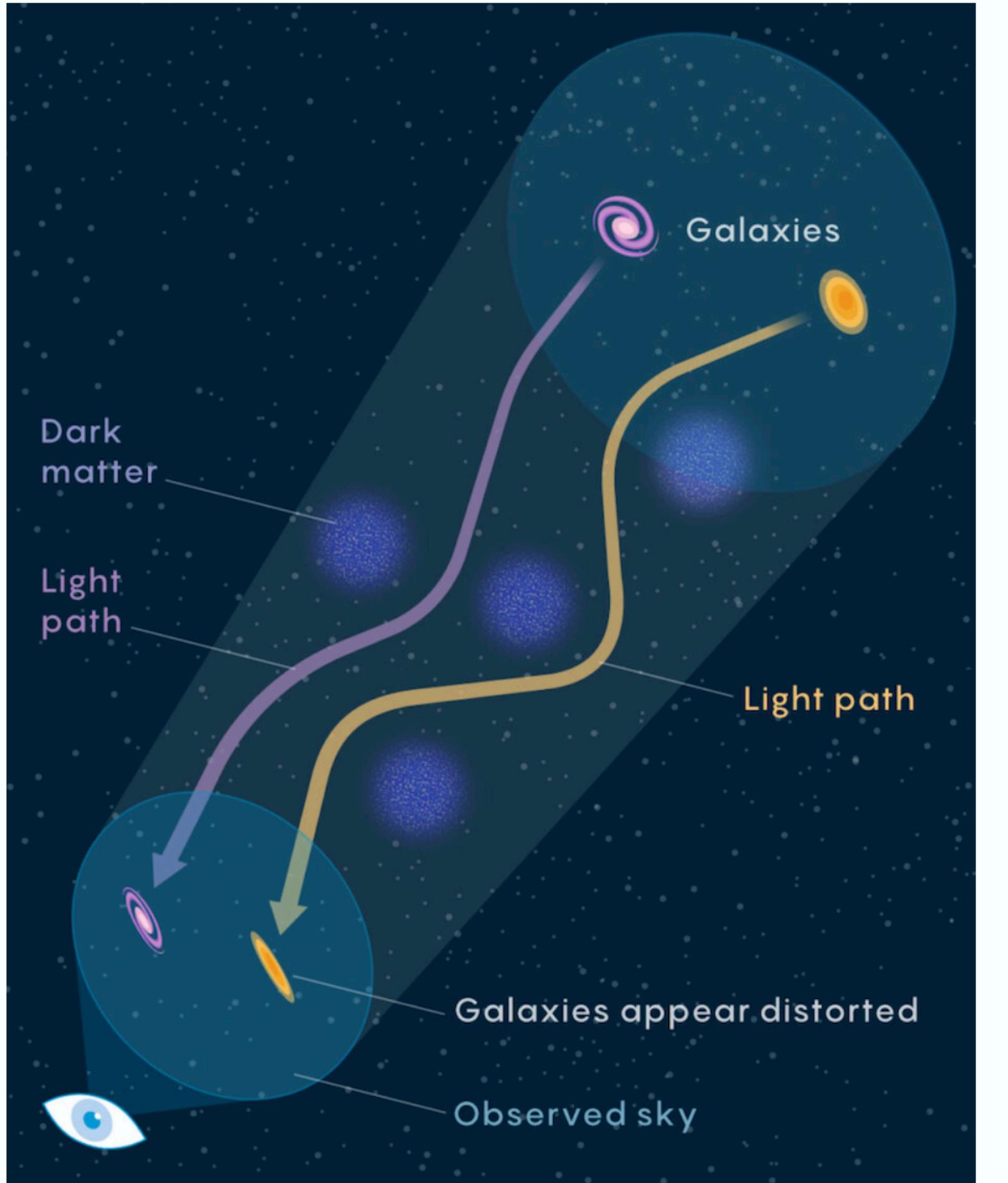
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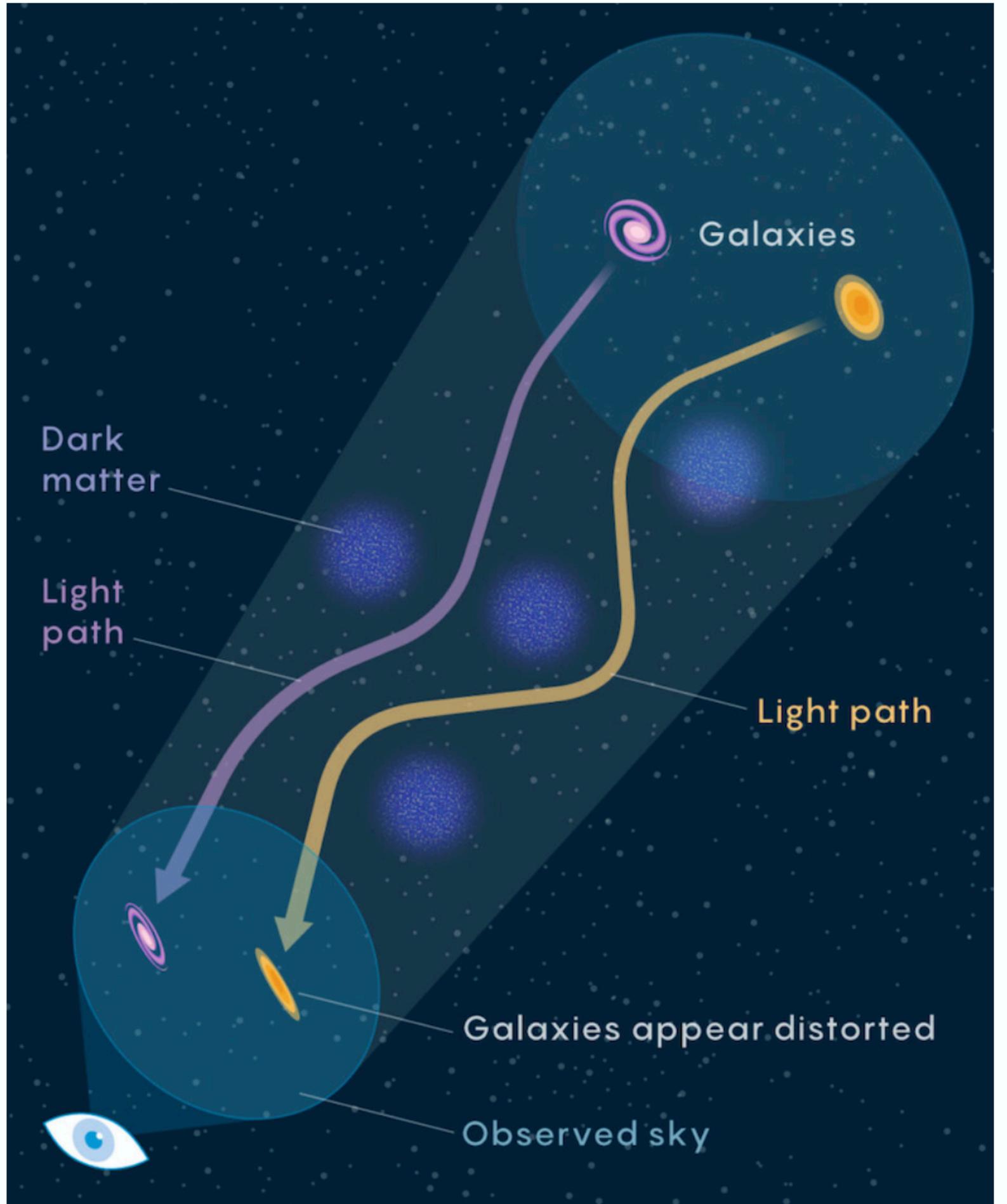
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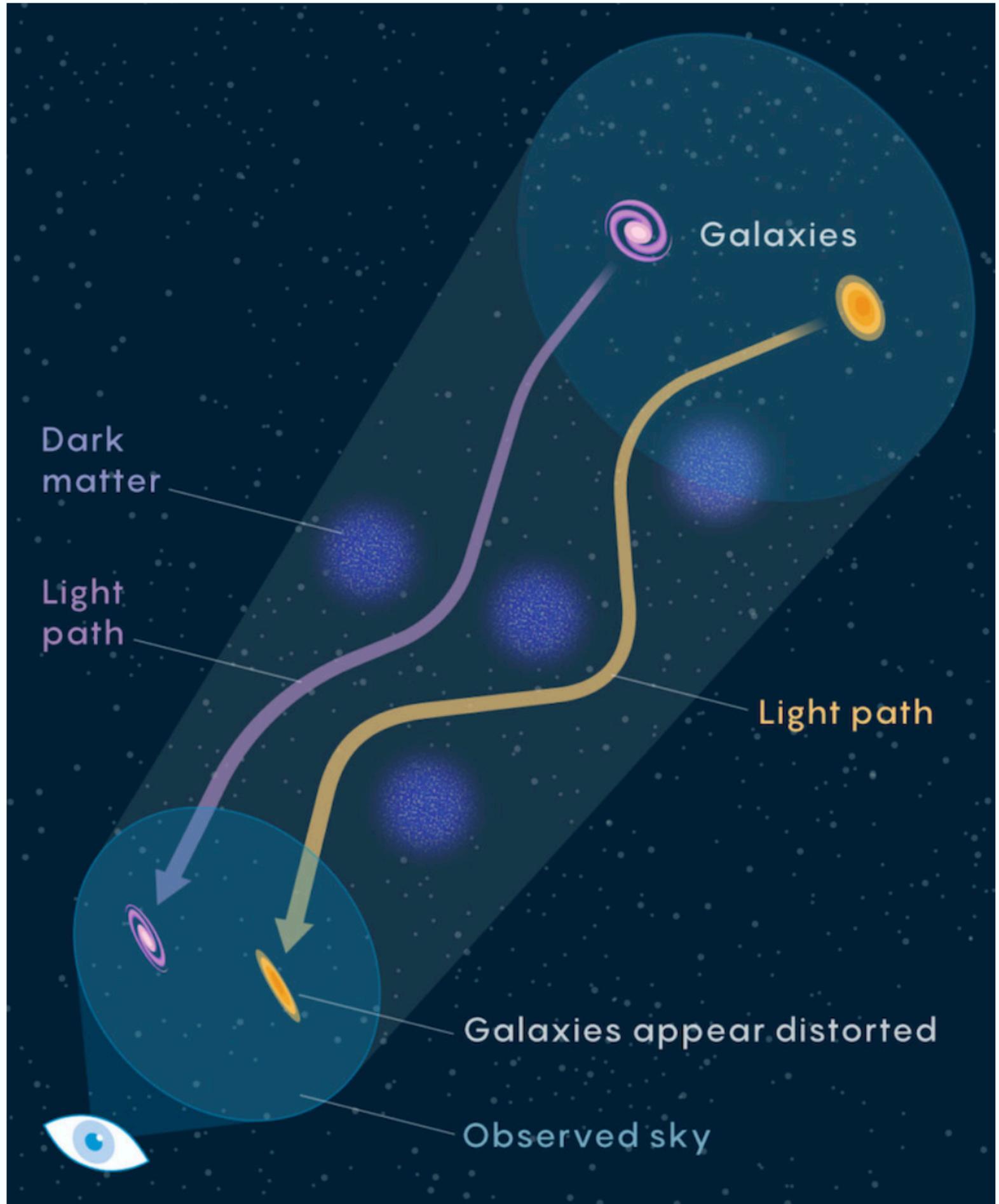
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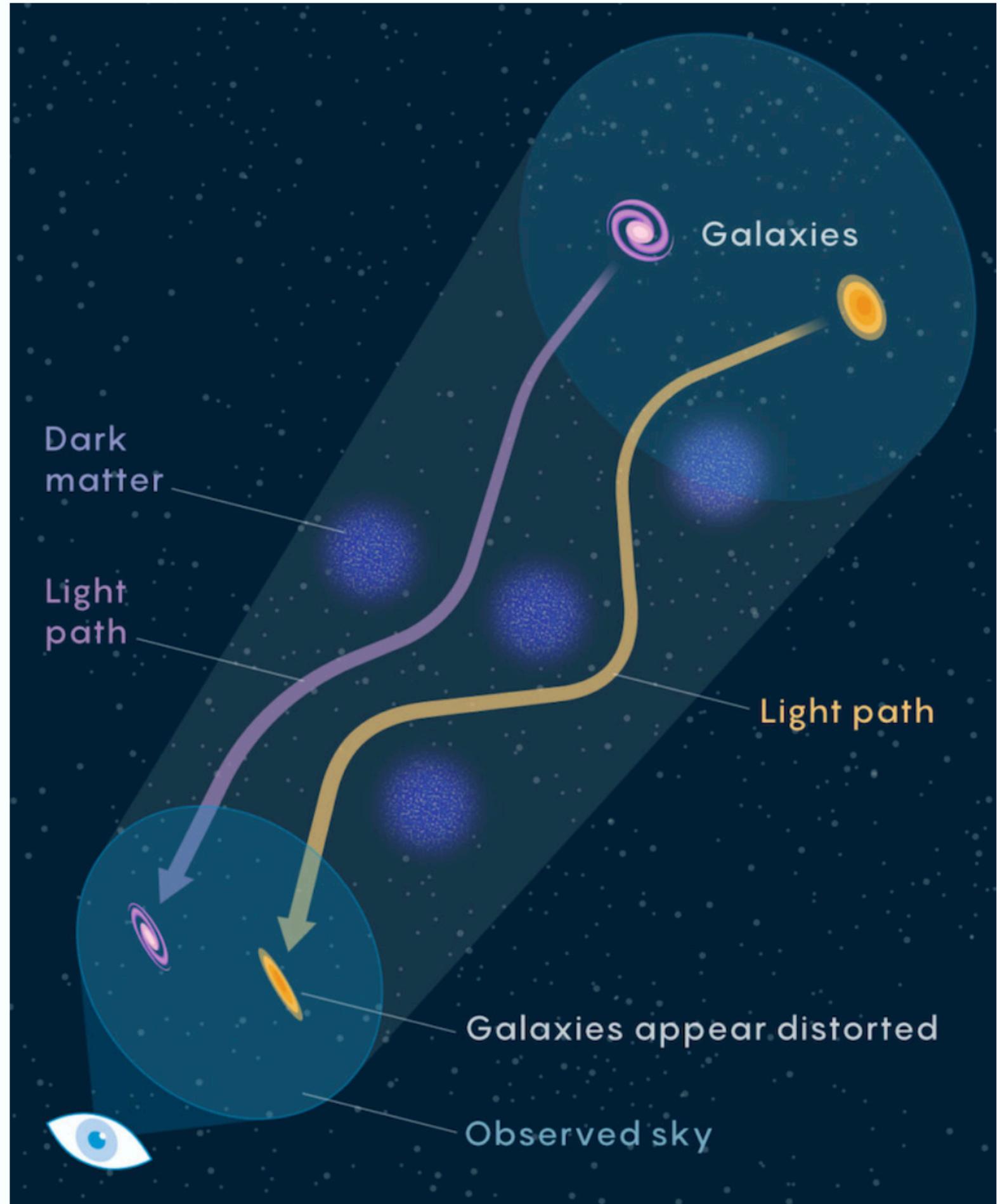


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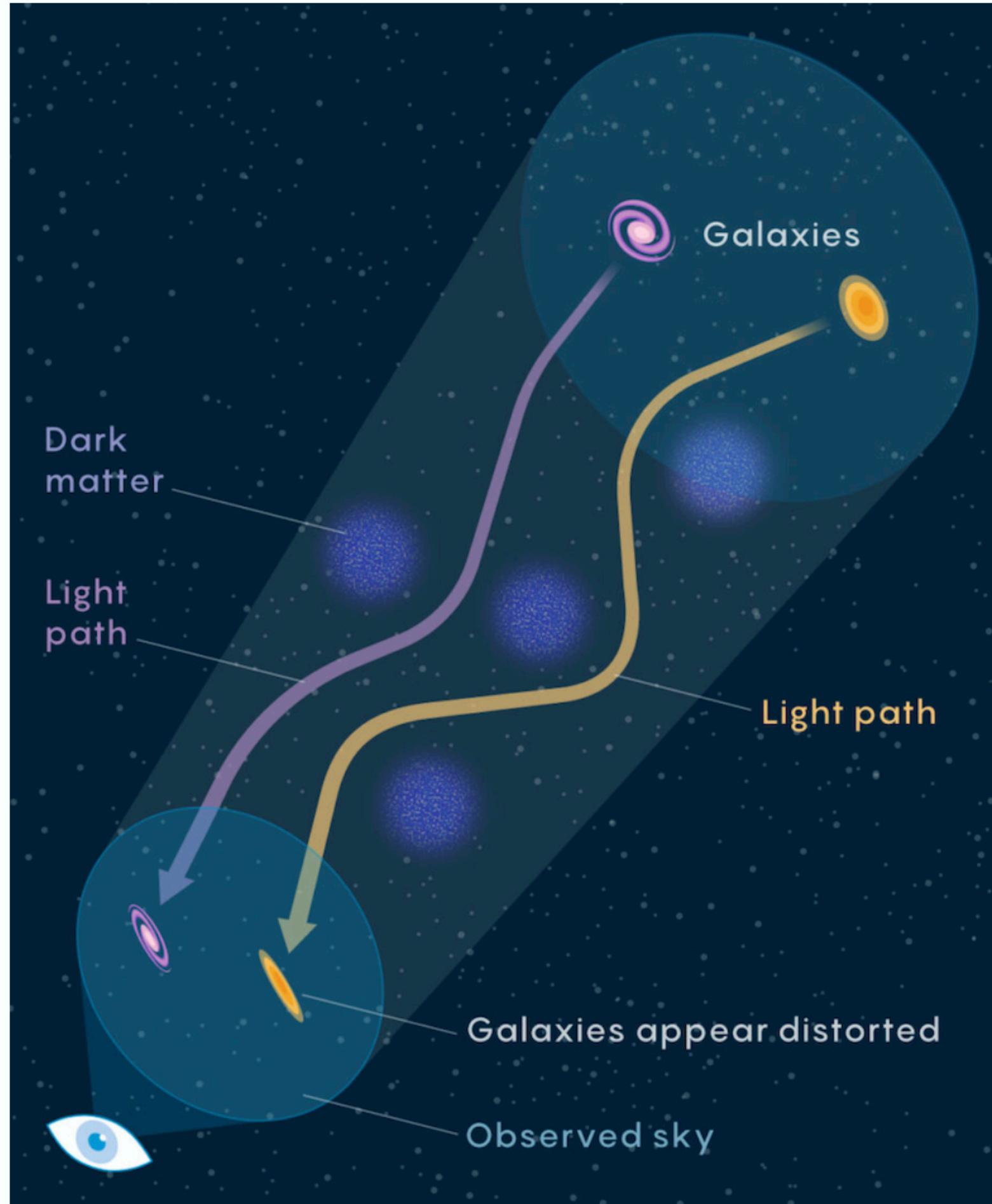
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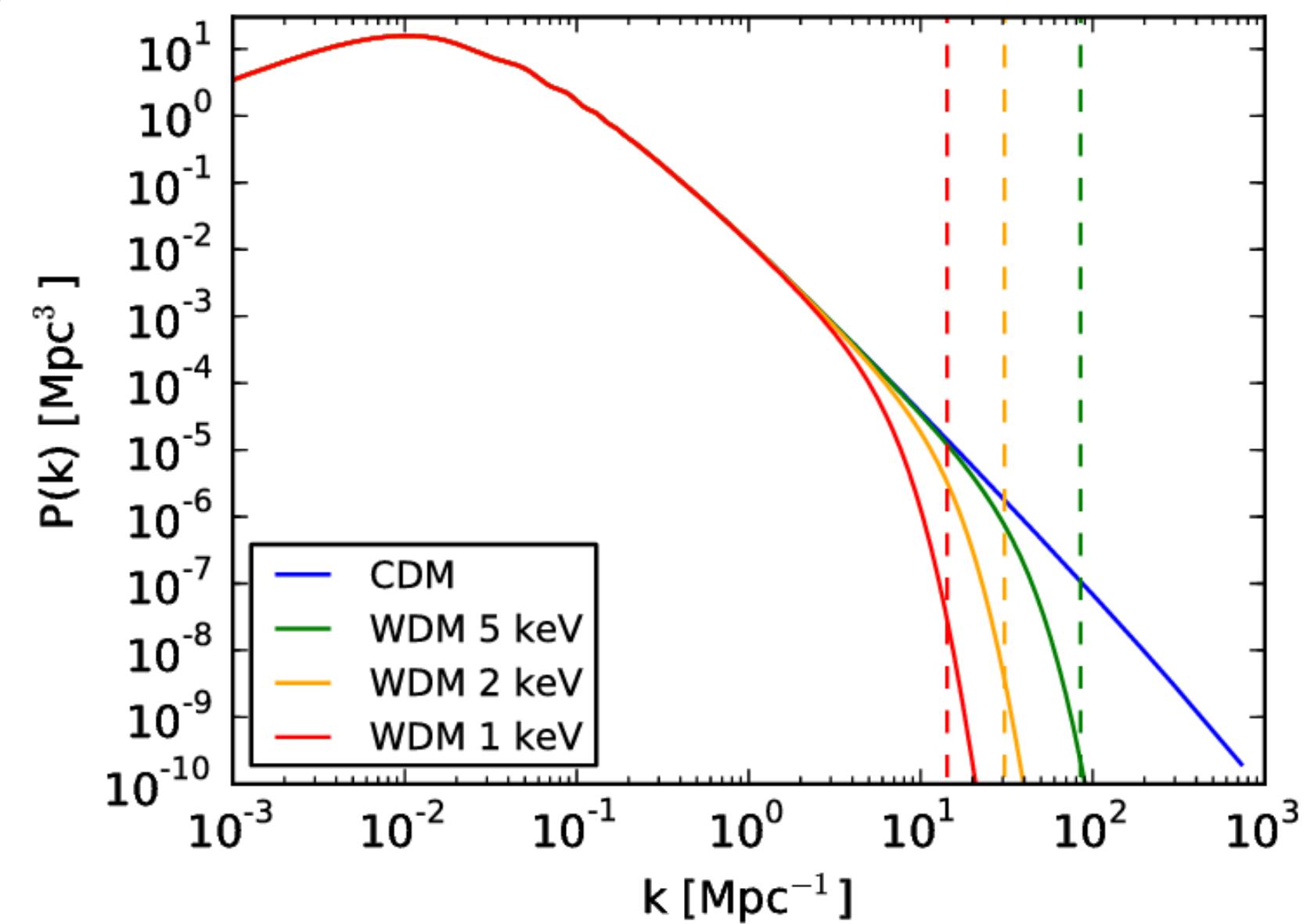
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Ex: Warm dark matter (WDM)



Very constrained by Ly-a !
[Iršič+ 17]

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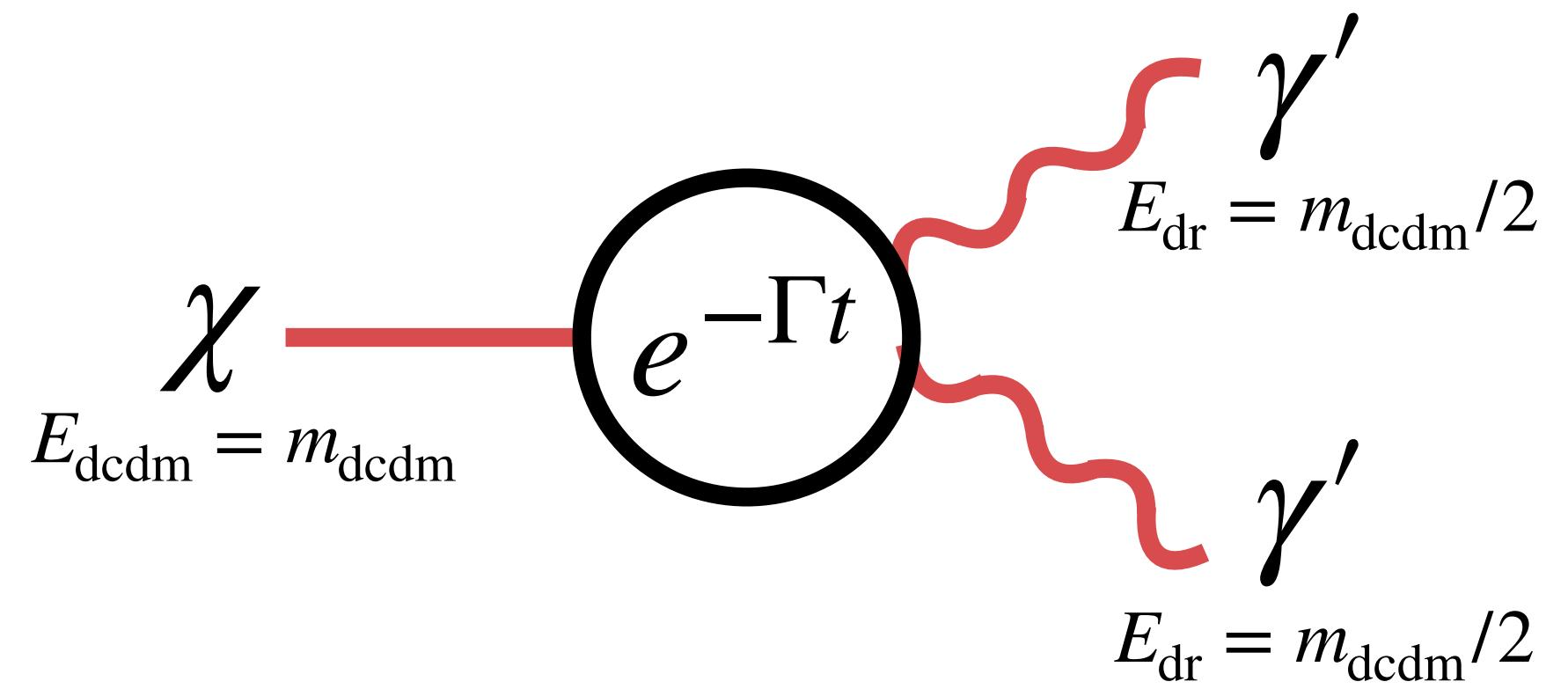
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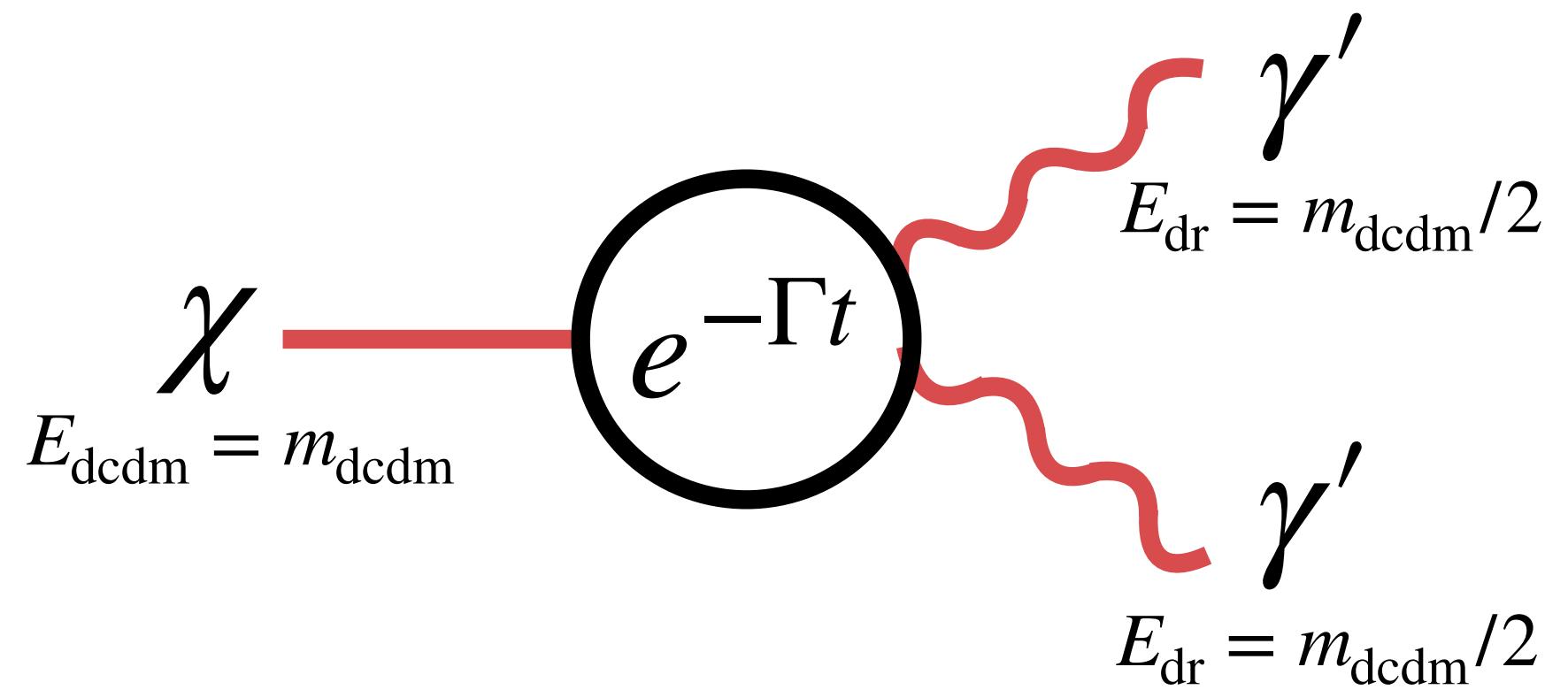
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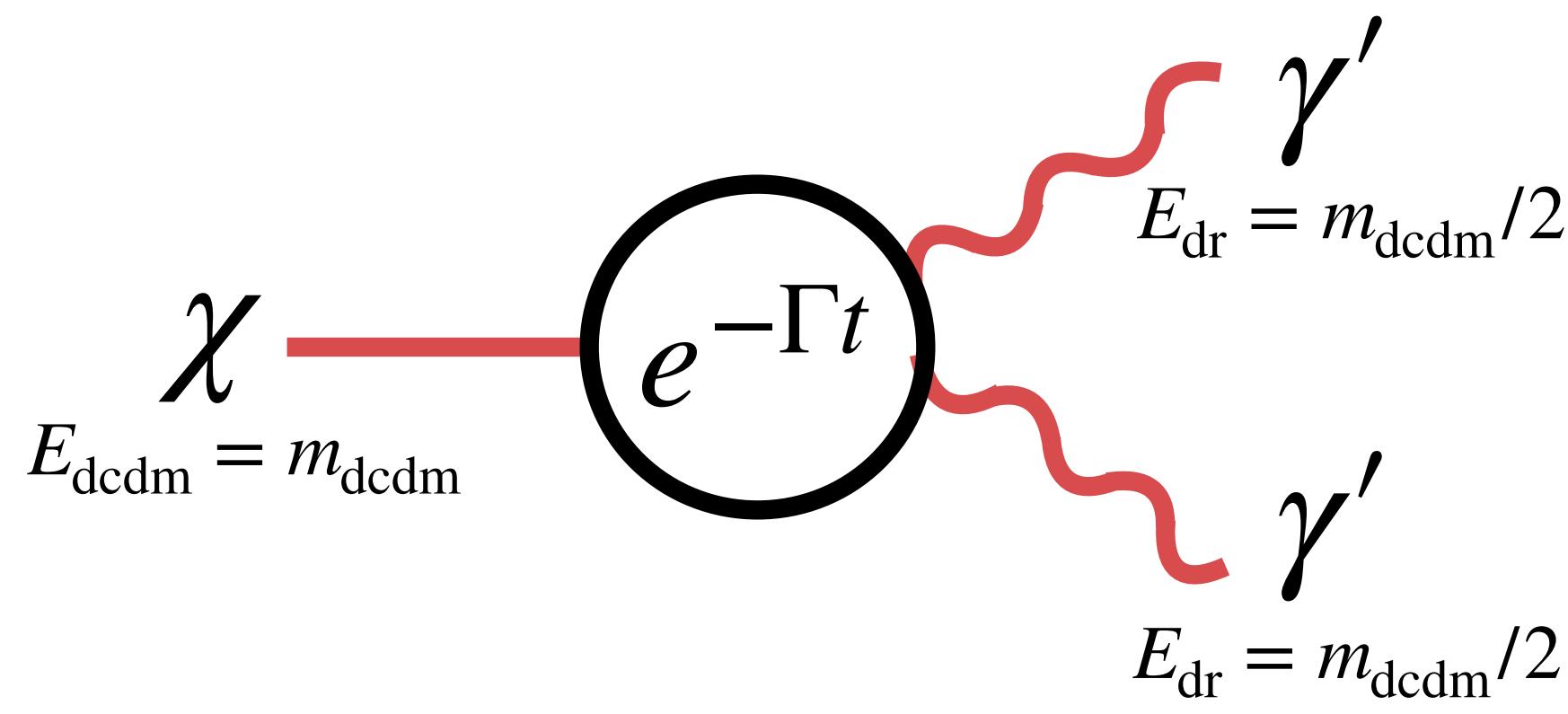


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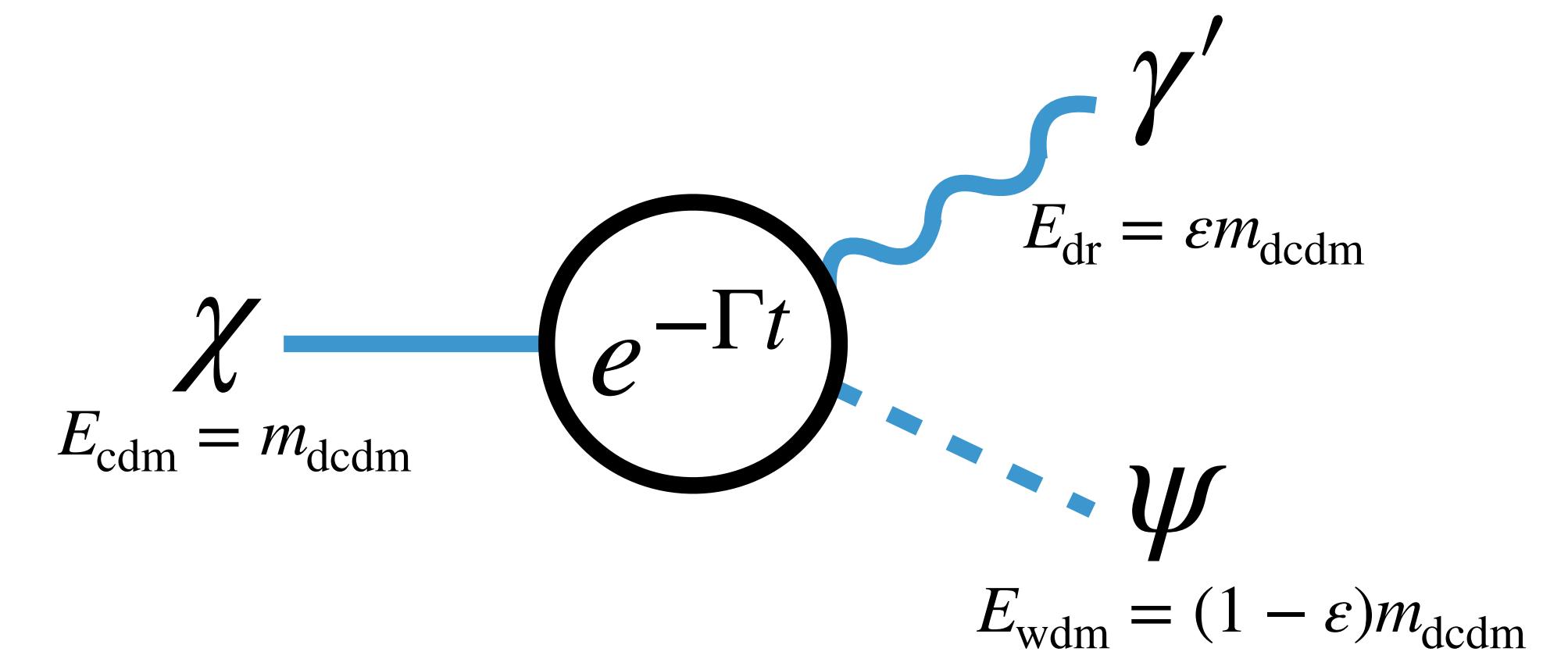


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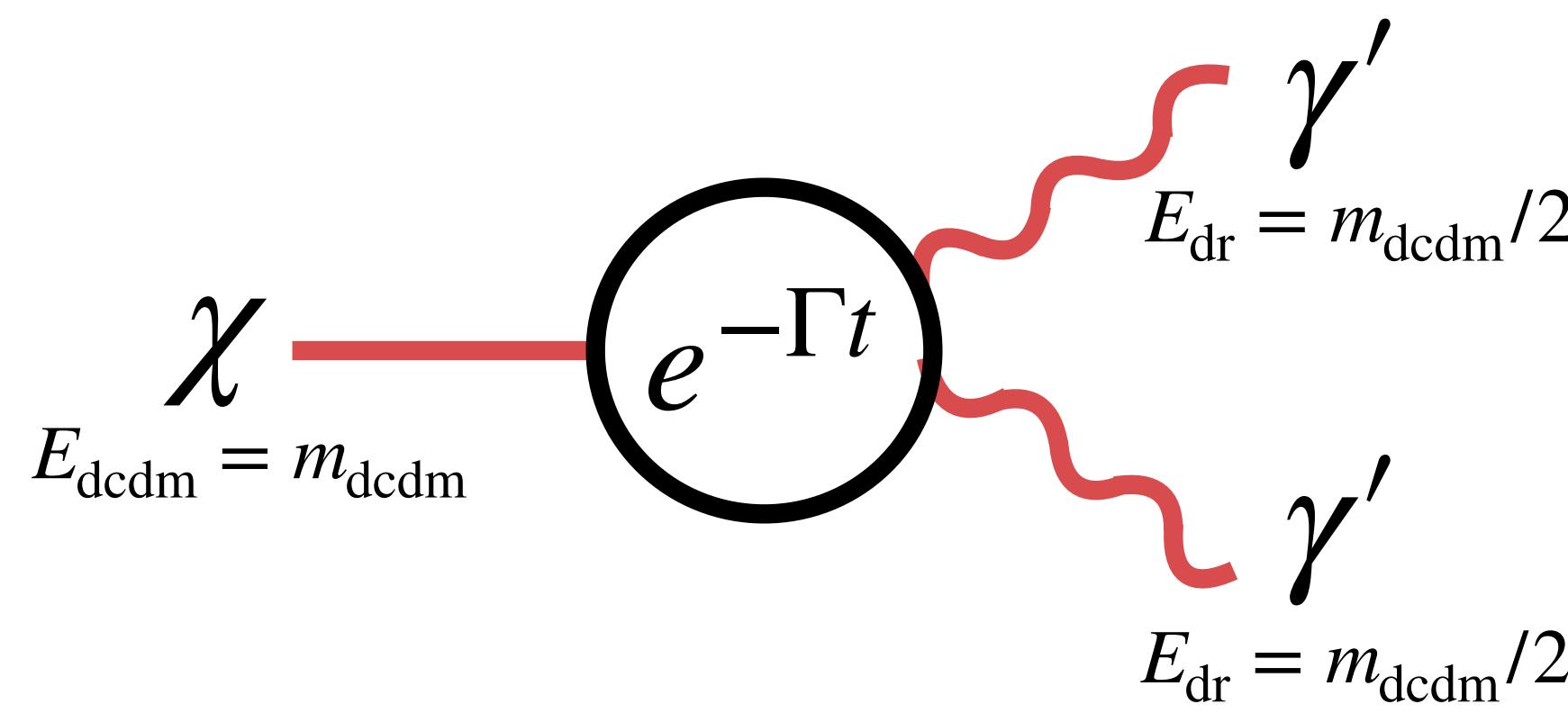
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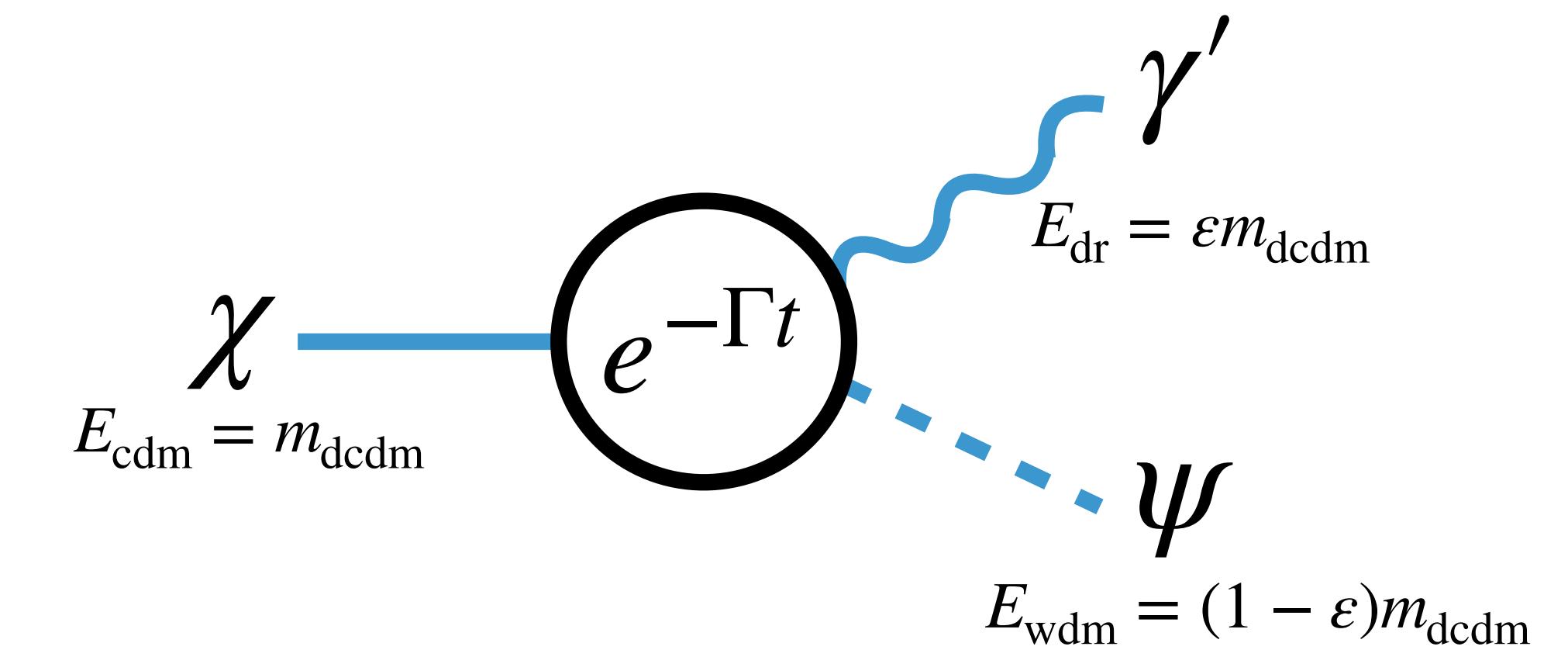


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WDM is time consuming.
New fluid approx. allowed to
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~ 1 day to ~ 1 minute [Abellán+ 21]

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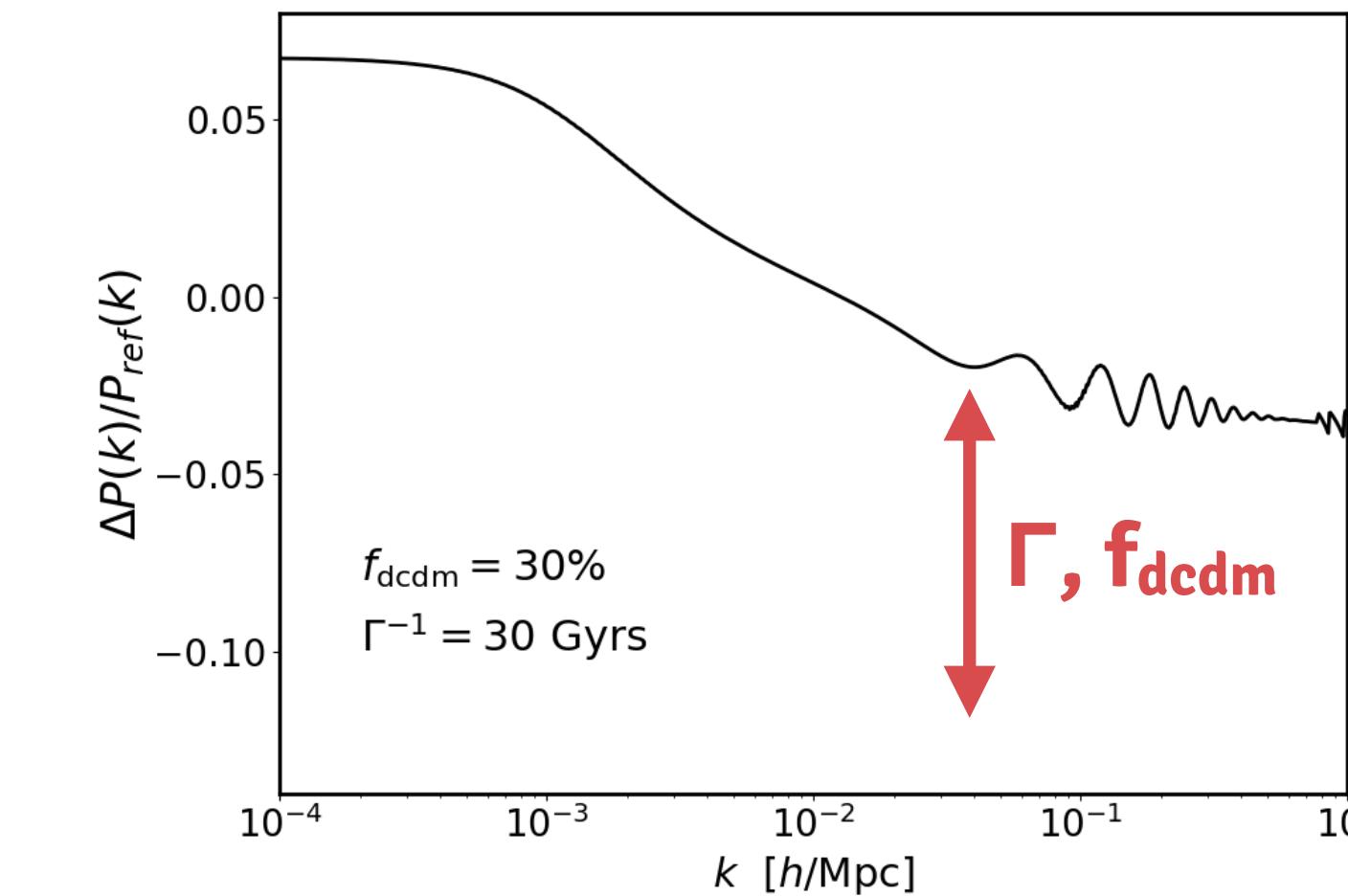
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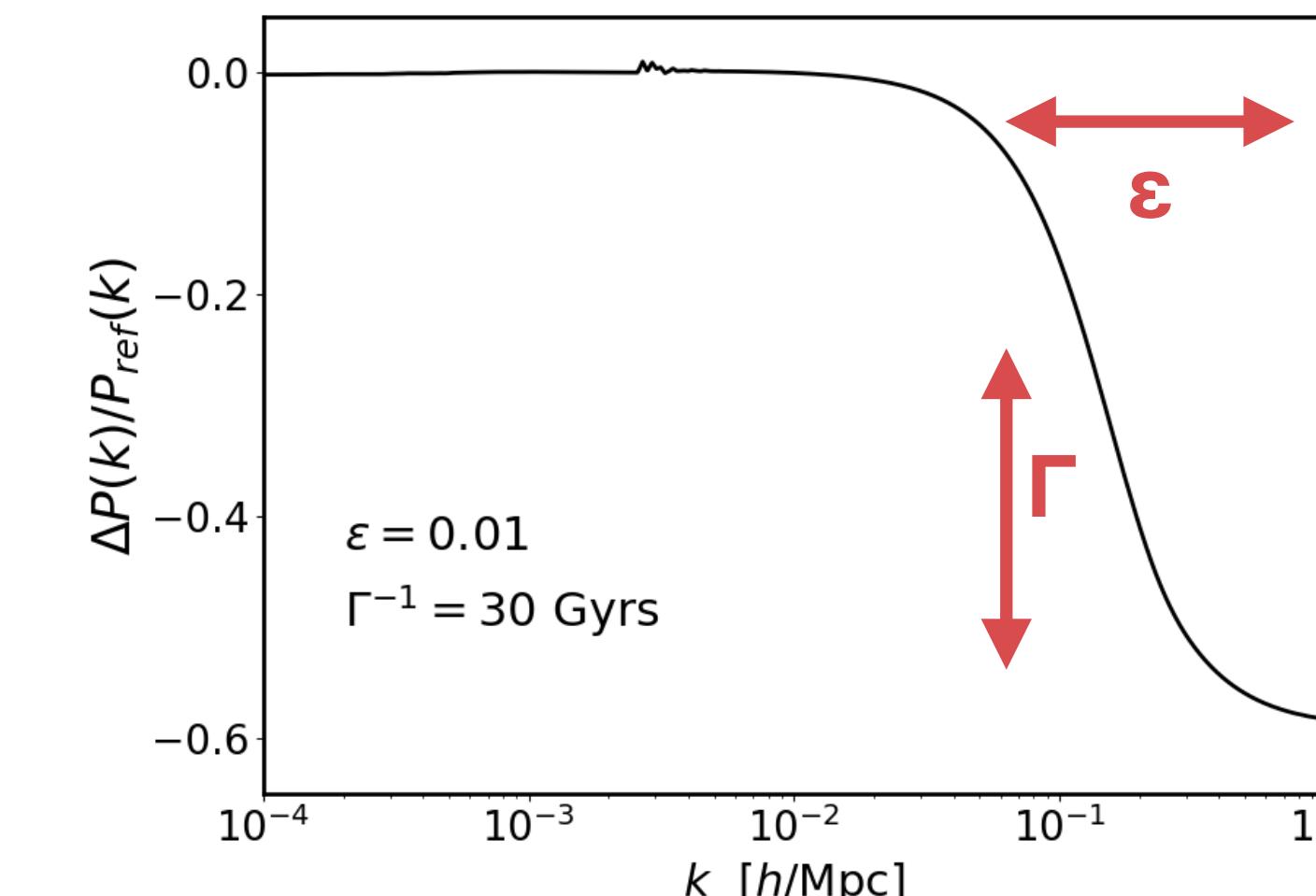
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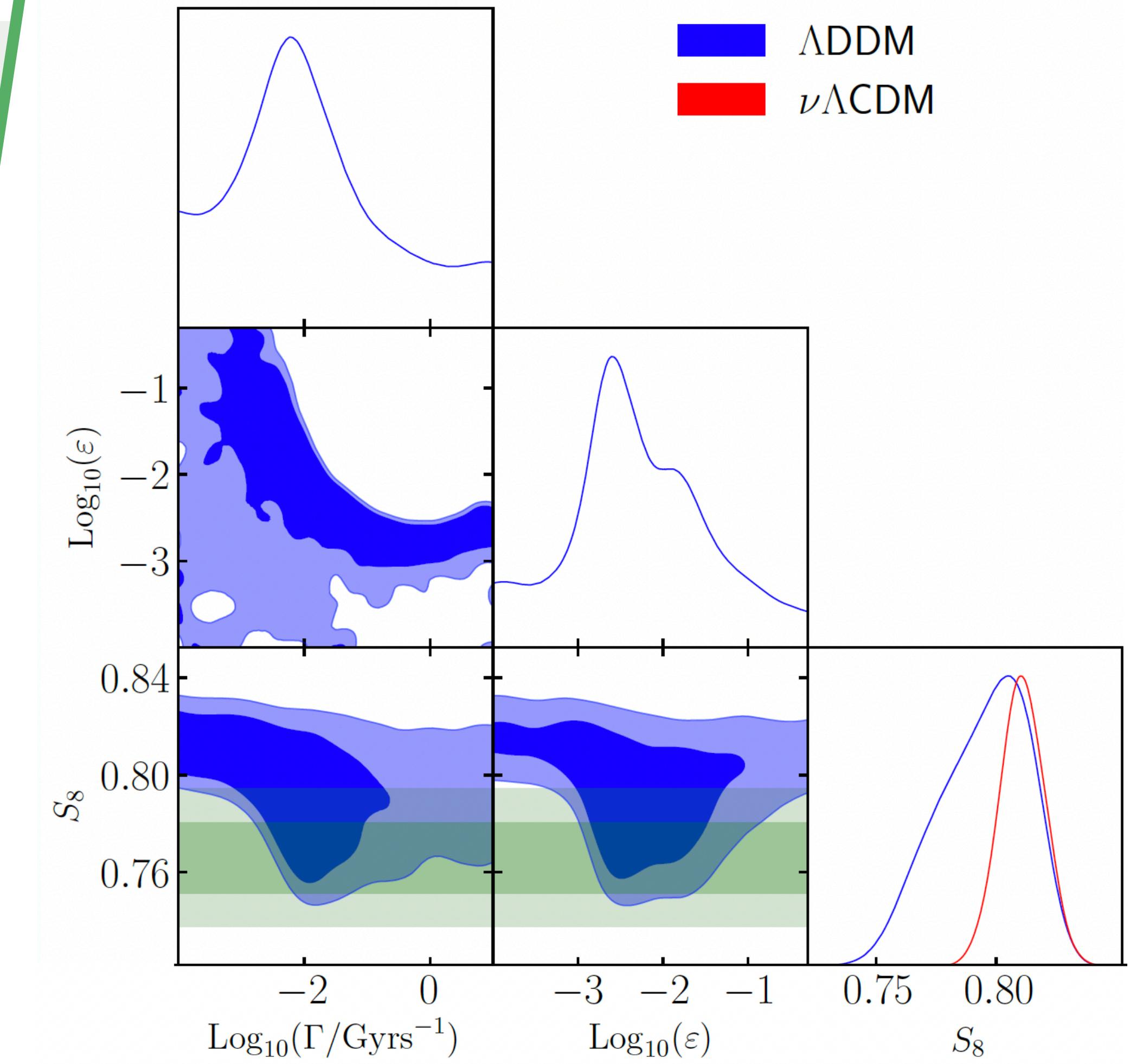
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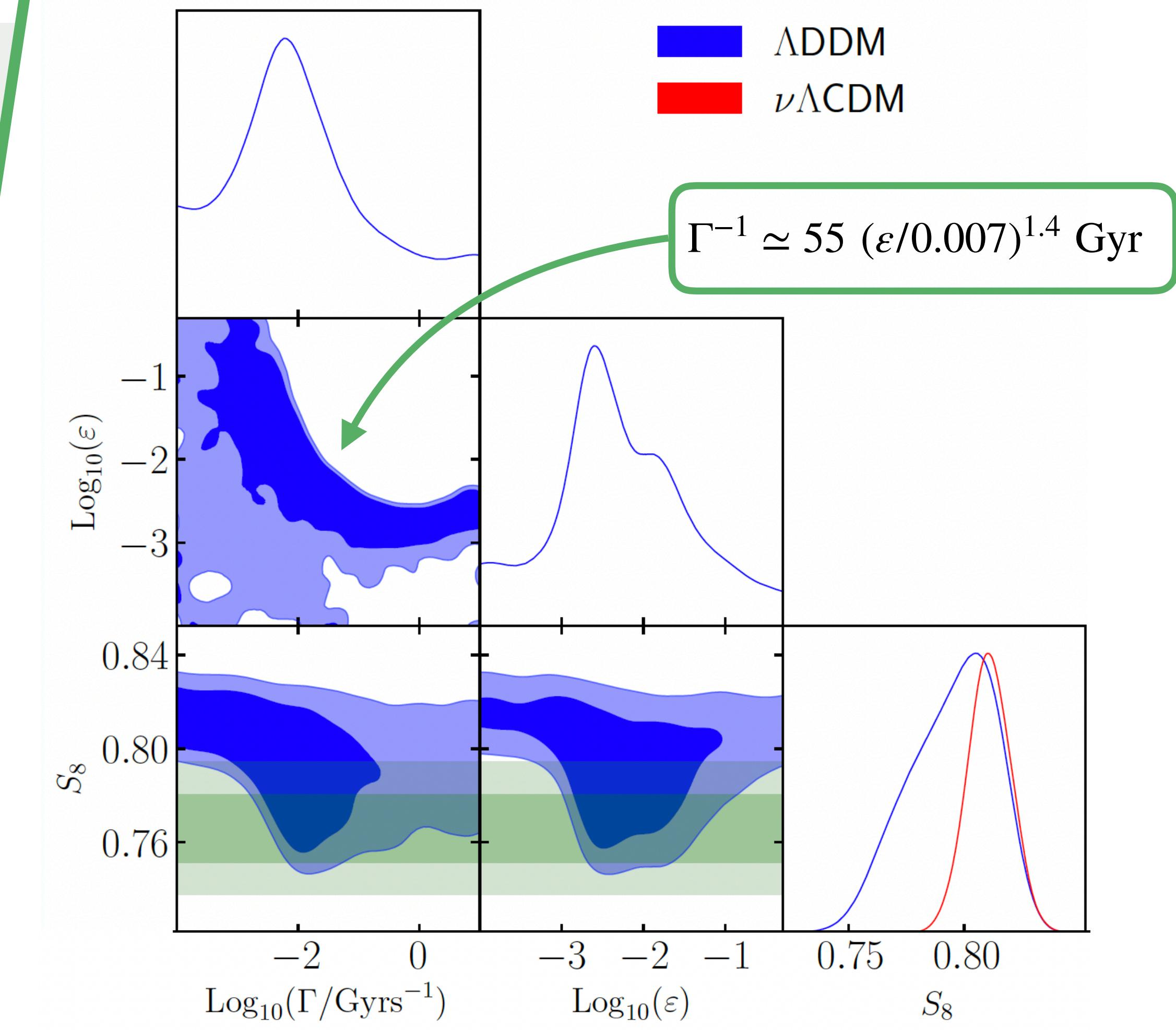


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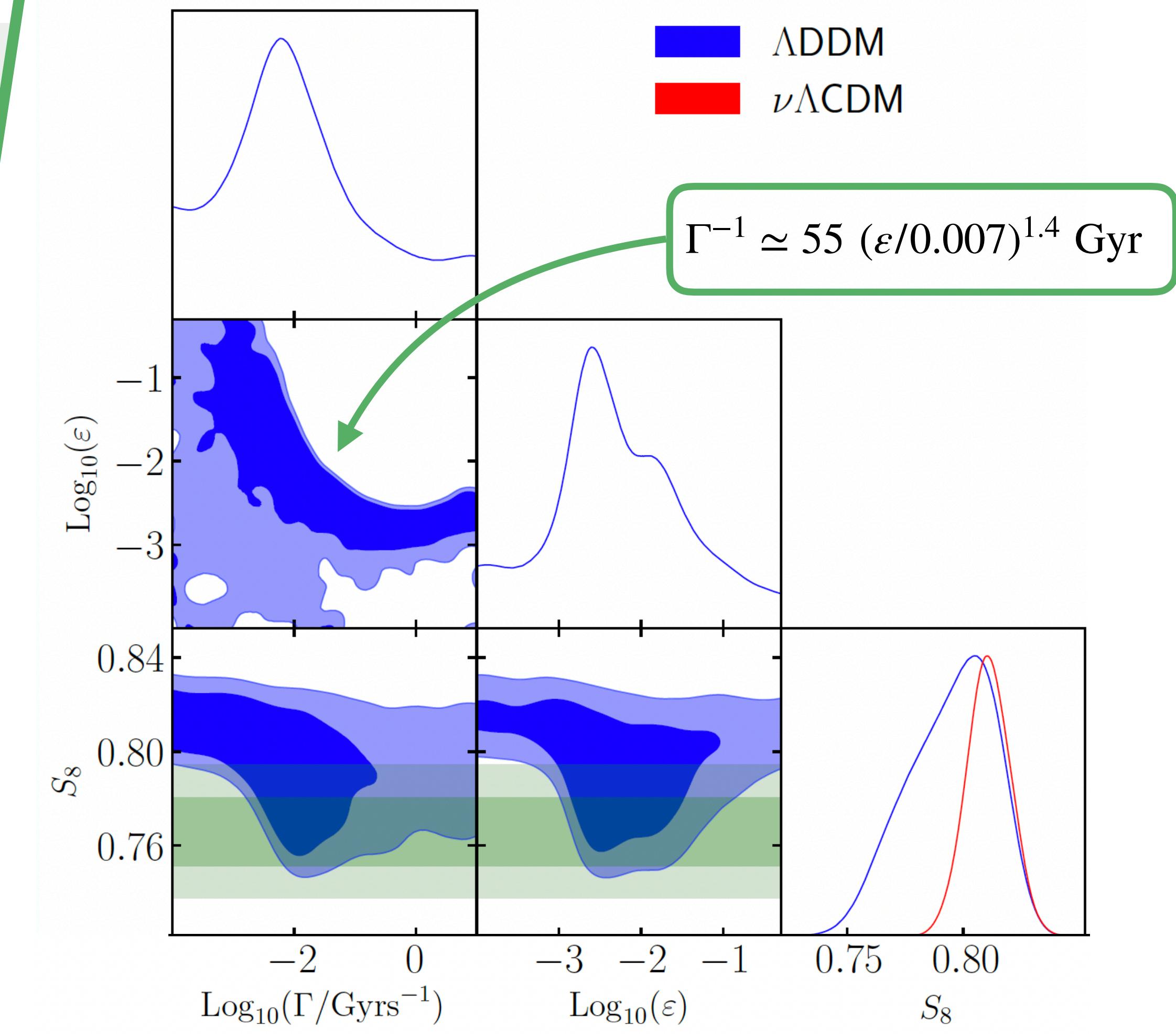
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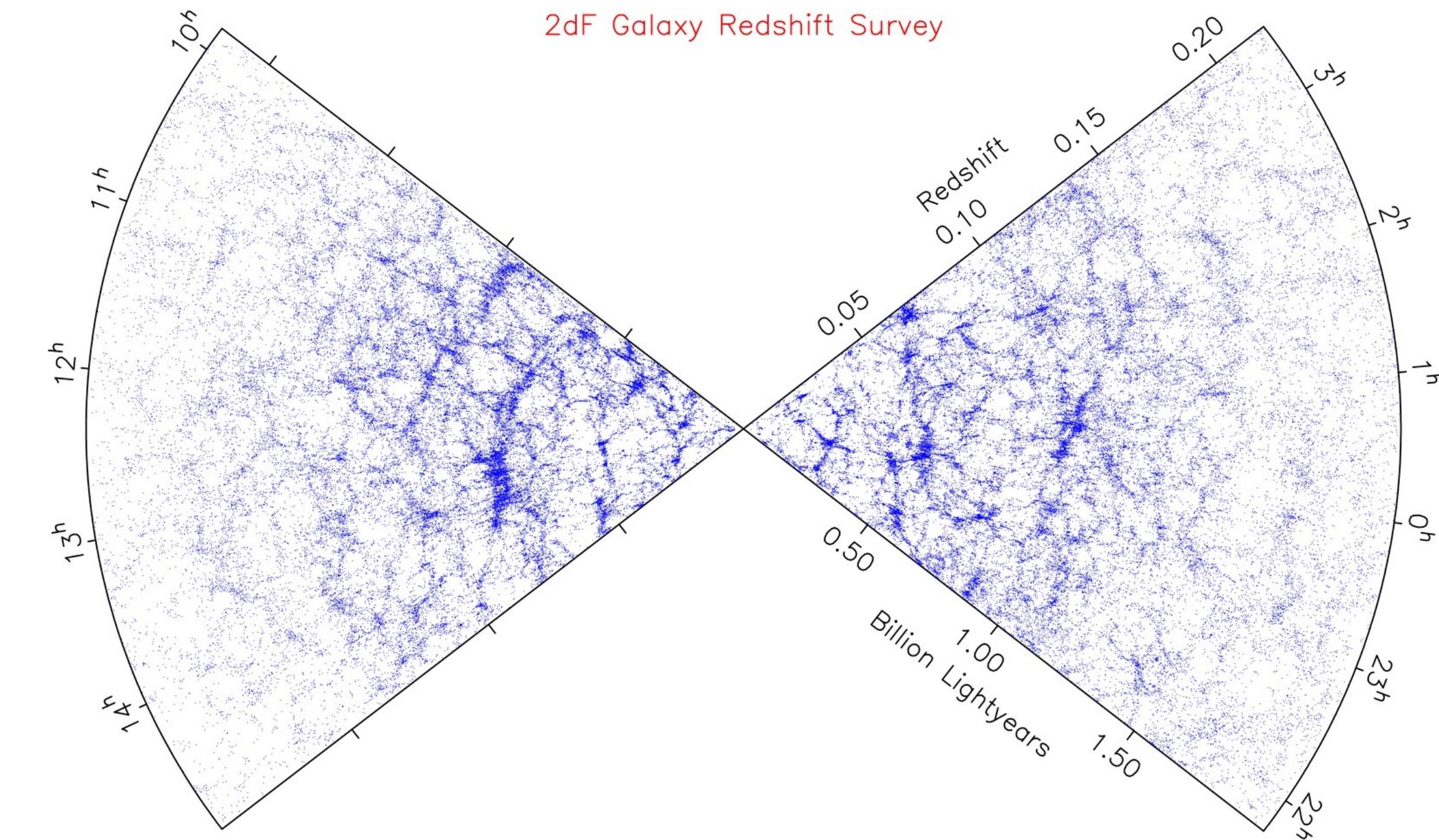
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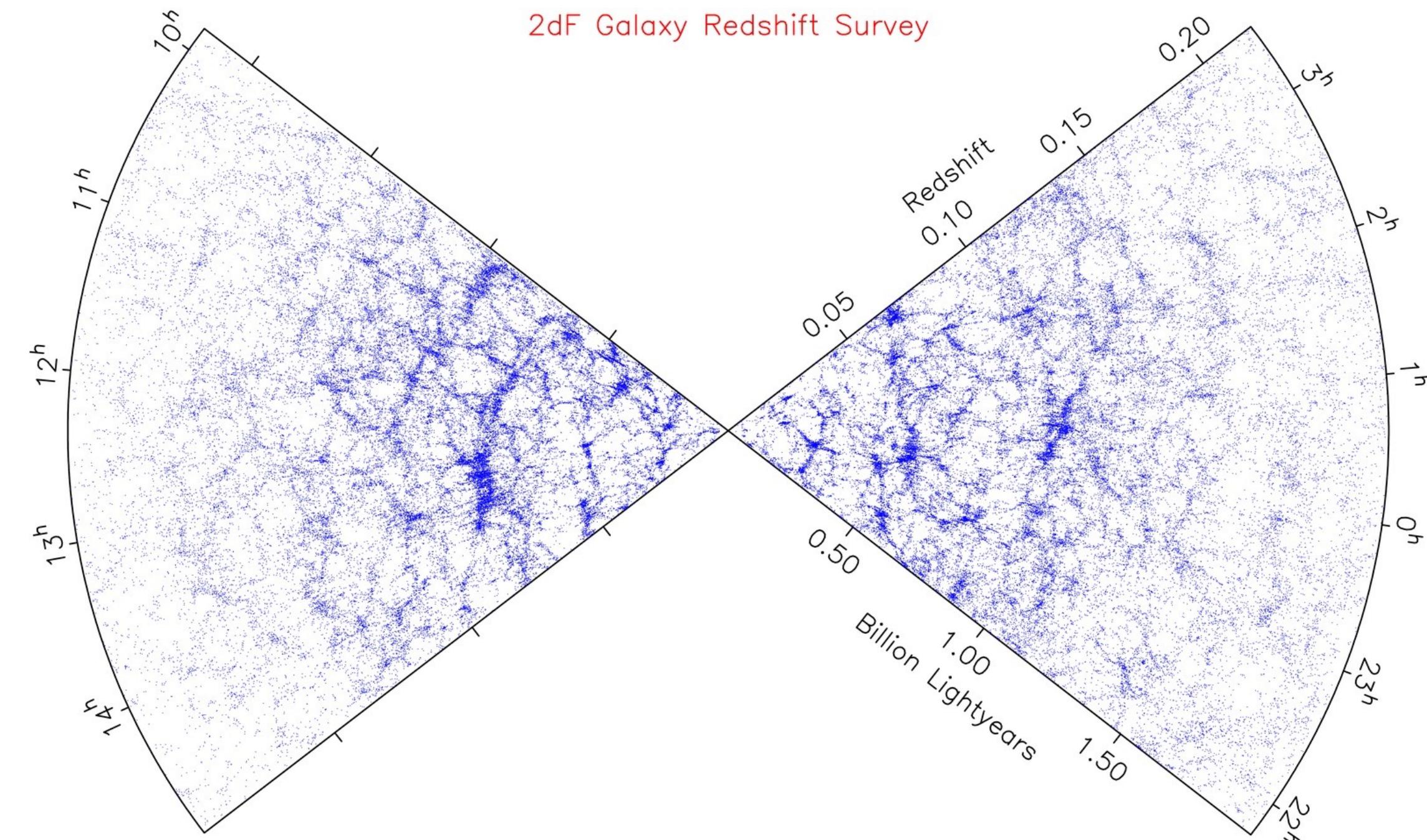
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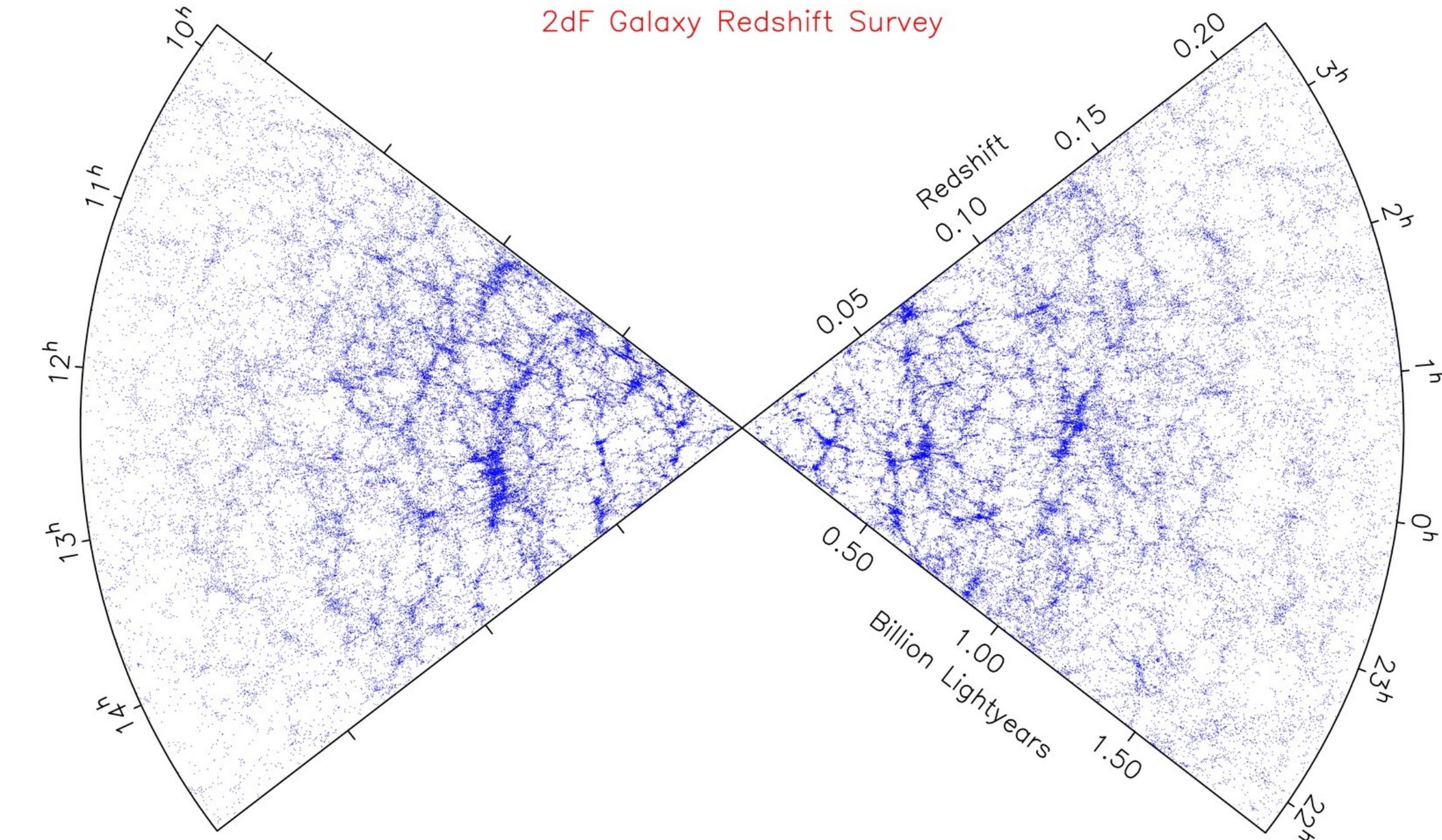
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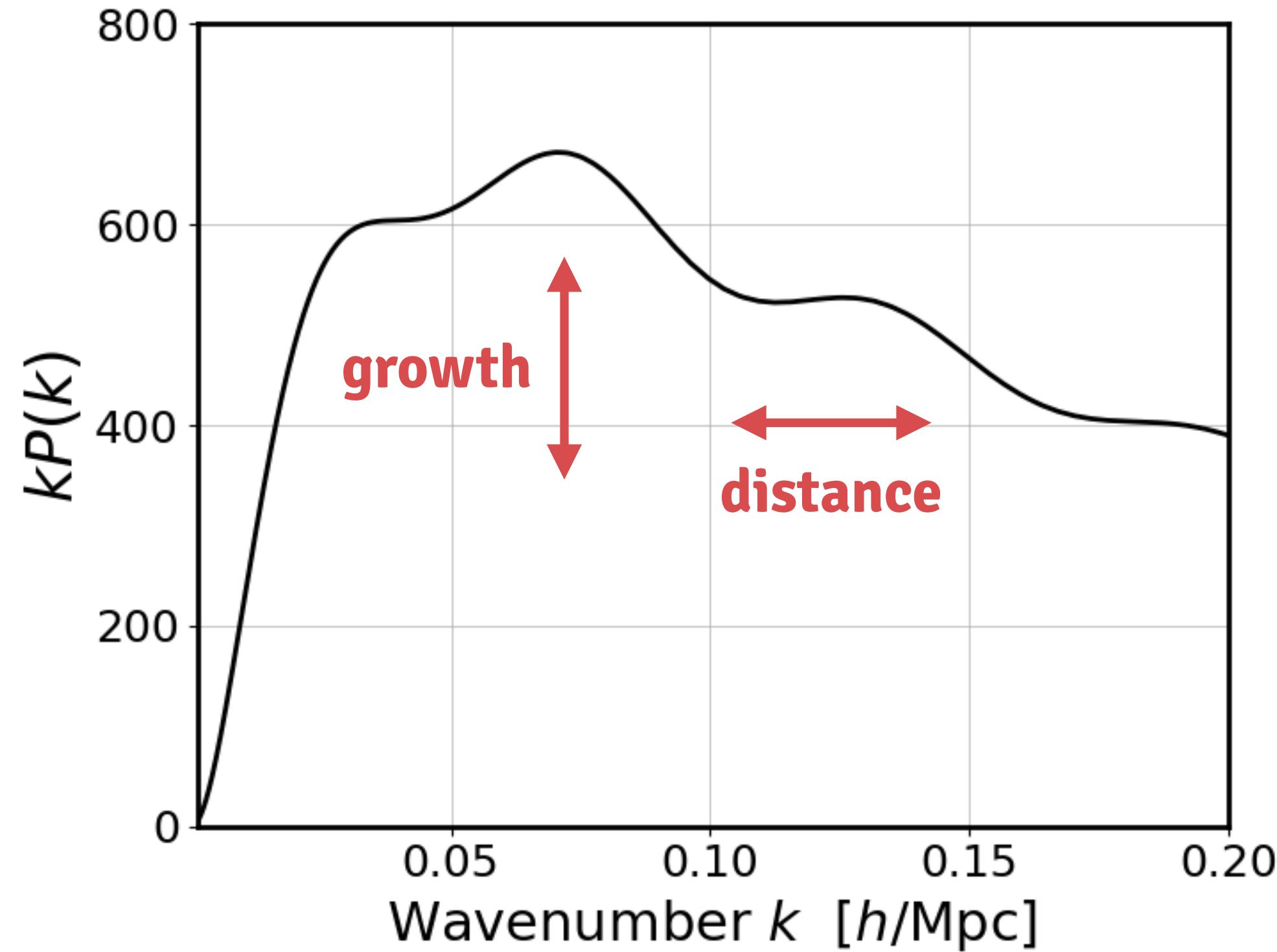
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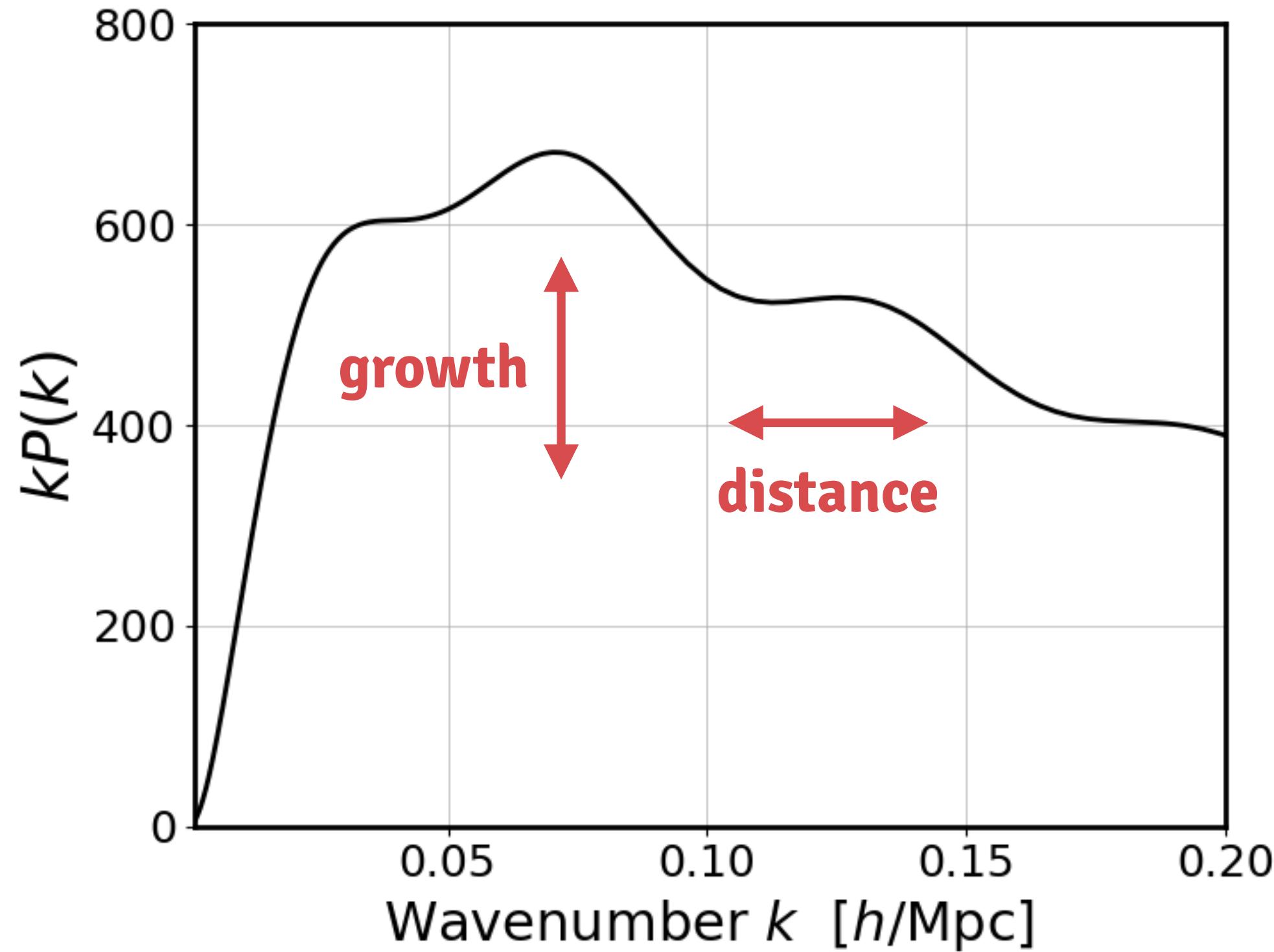
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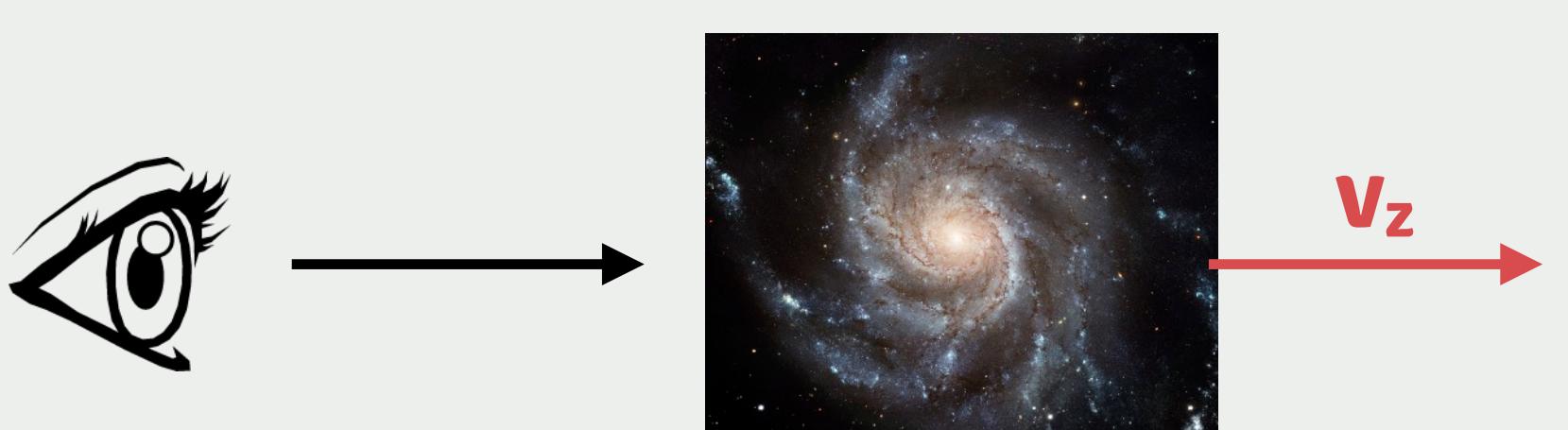
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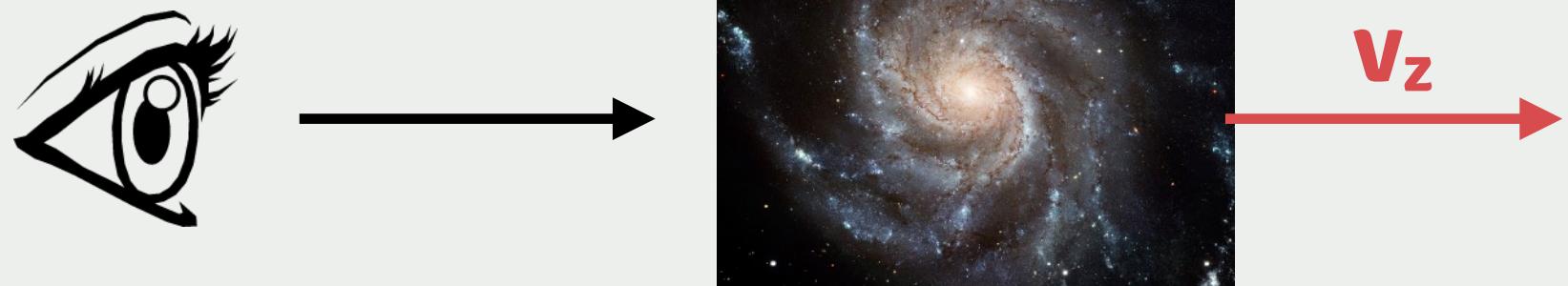
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$$P(\mu, k) \text{ with } \mu \equiv \hat{k} \cdot \hat{z}$$

Expand in Legendre multipoles

$$P_\ell(k) = \frac{2\ell+1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 L_\ell(\mu) P(\mu, k) d\mu$$

$\ell = 0$ (monopole), $\ell = 2$ (quadrupole), ...

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[Baumann, Nicolis, Senatore, Zaldarriaga 10]

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CLASS-PT

[Ivanov, Chudaykin, Philcox, Simonovic 20]

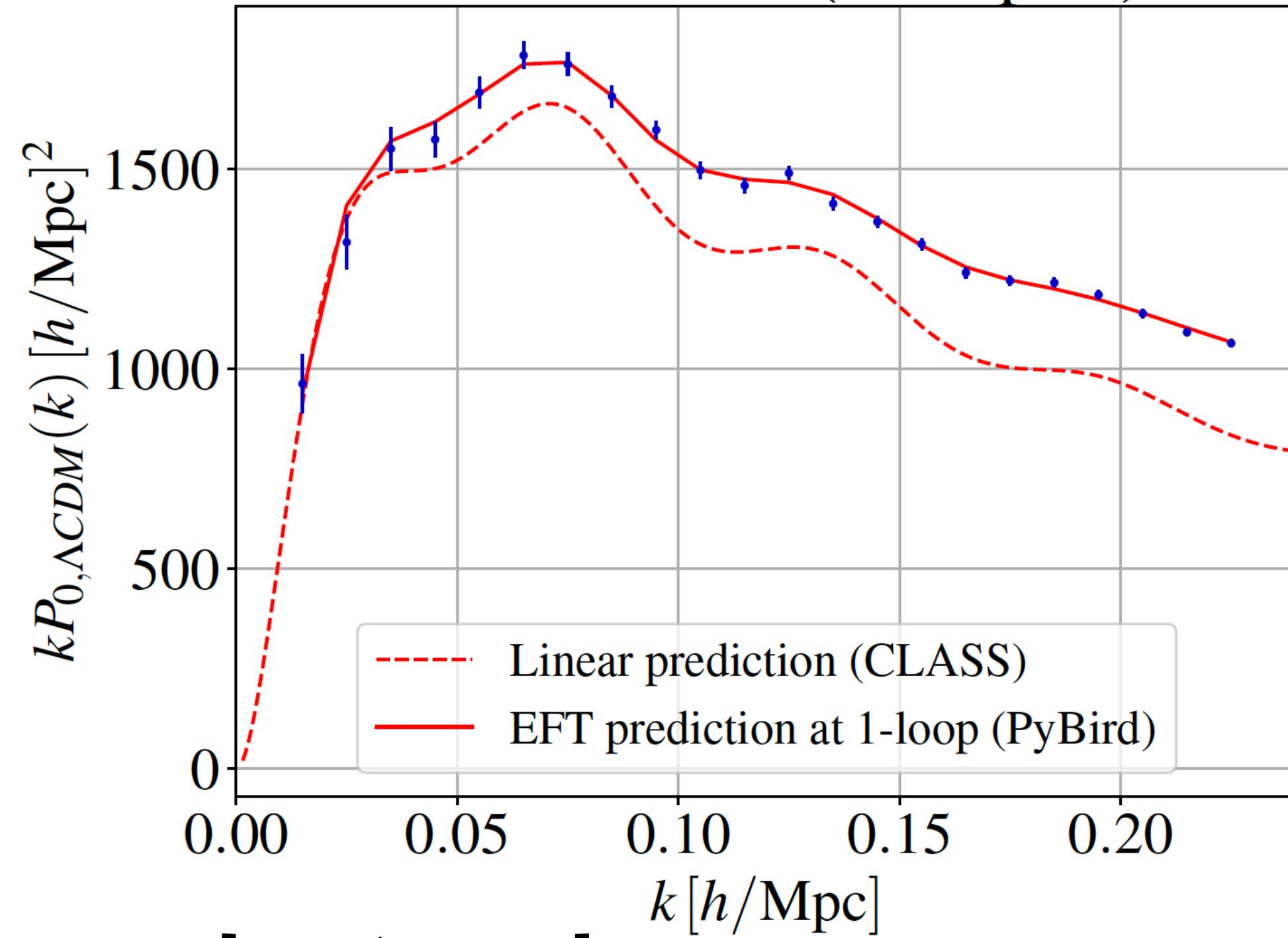


PyBird

[Zhang, D'Amico, Senatore 20]

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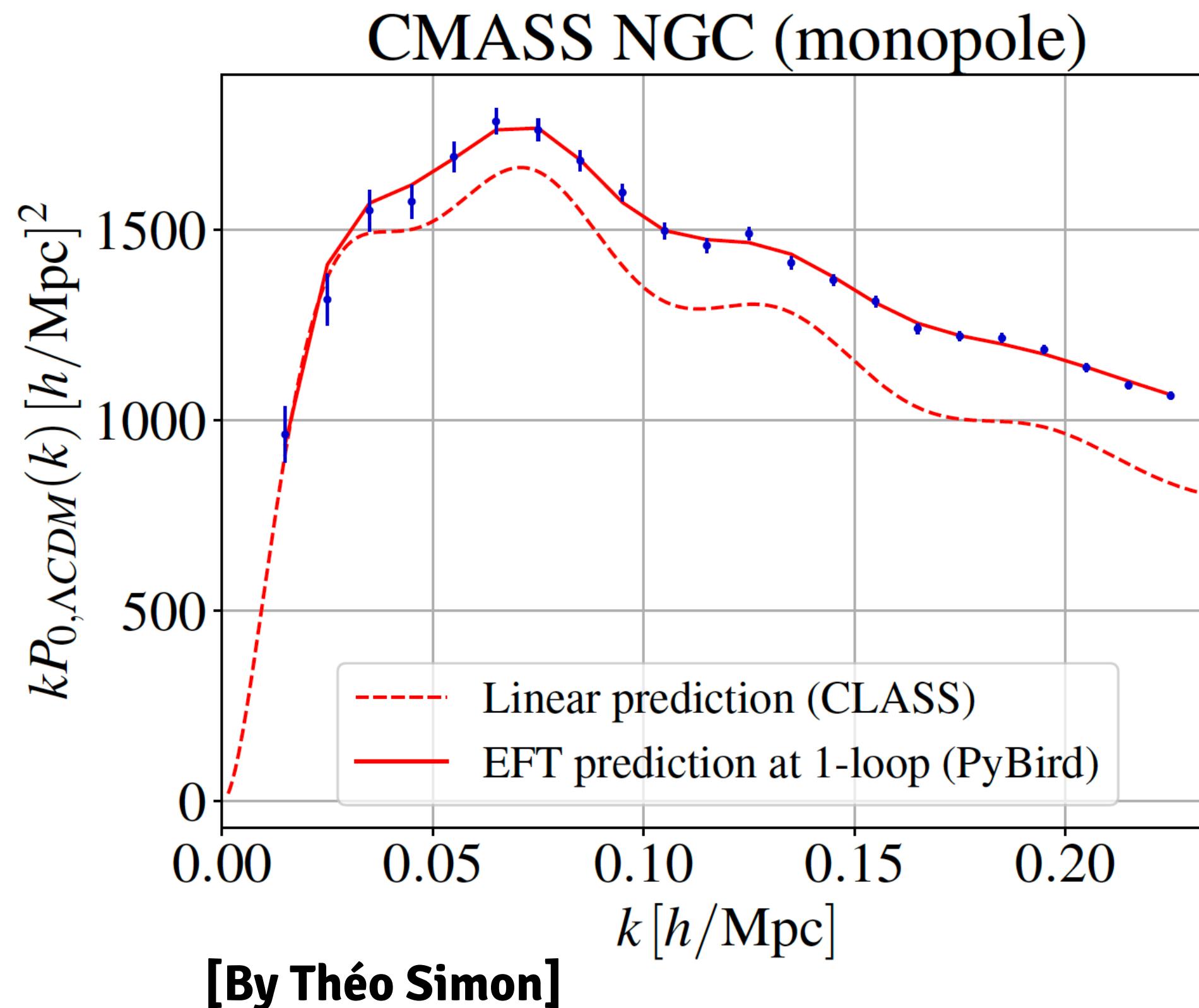
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[By Théo Simon]

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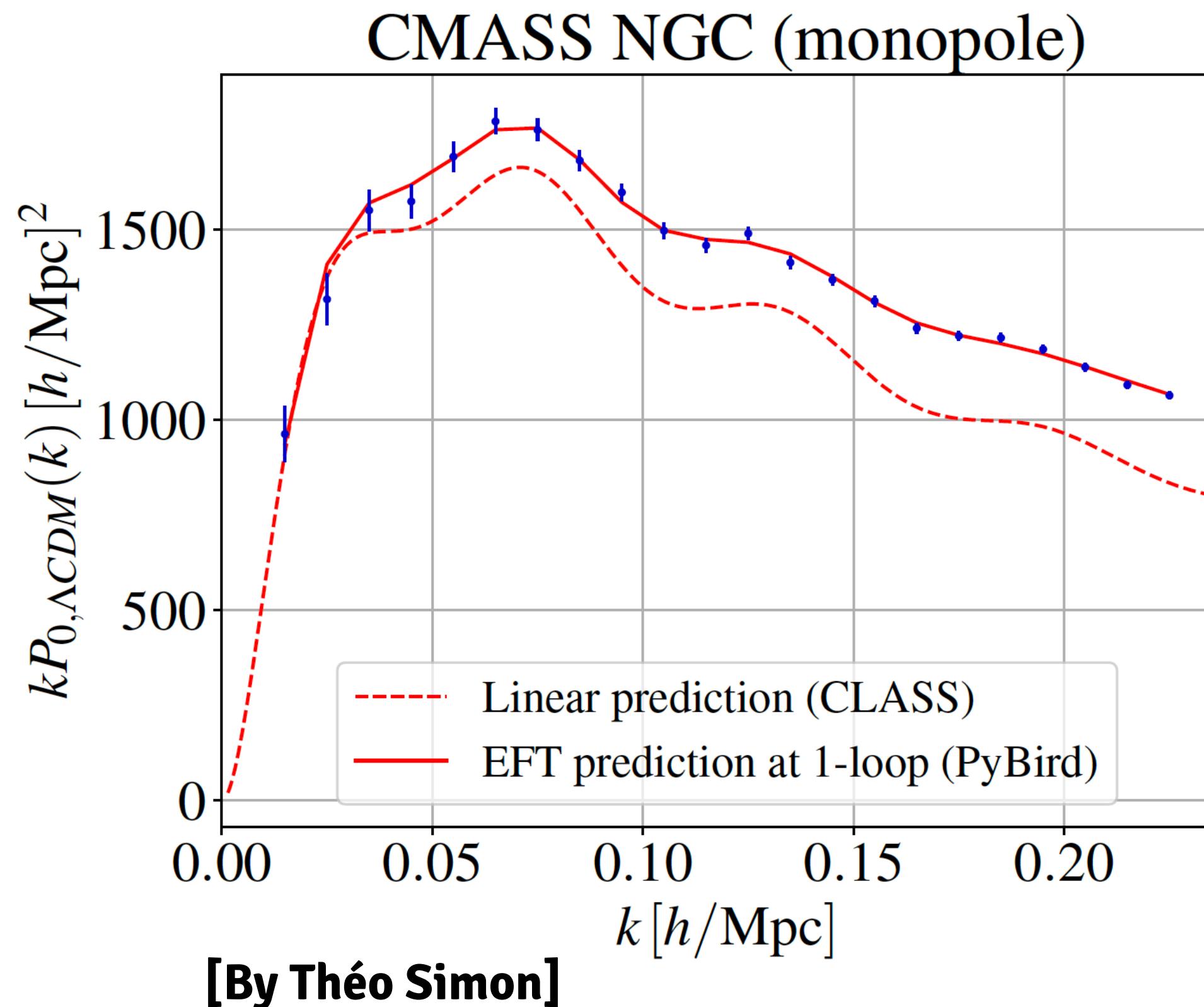


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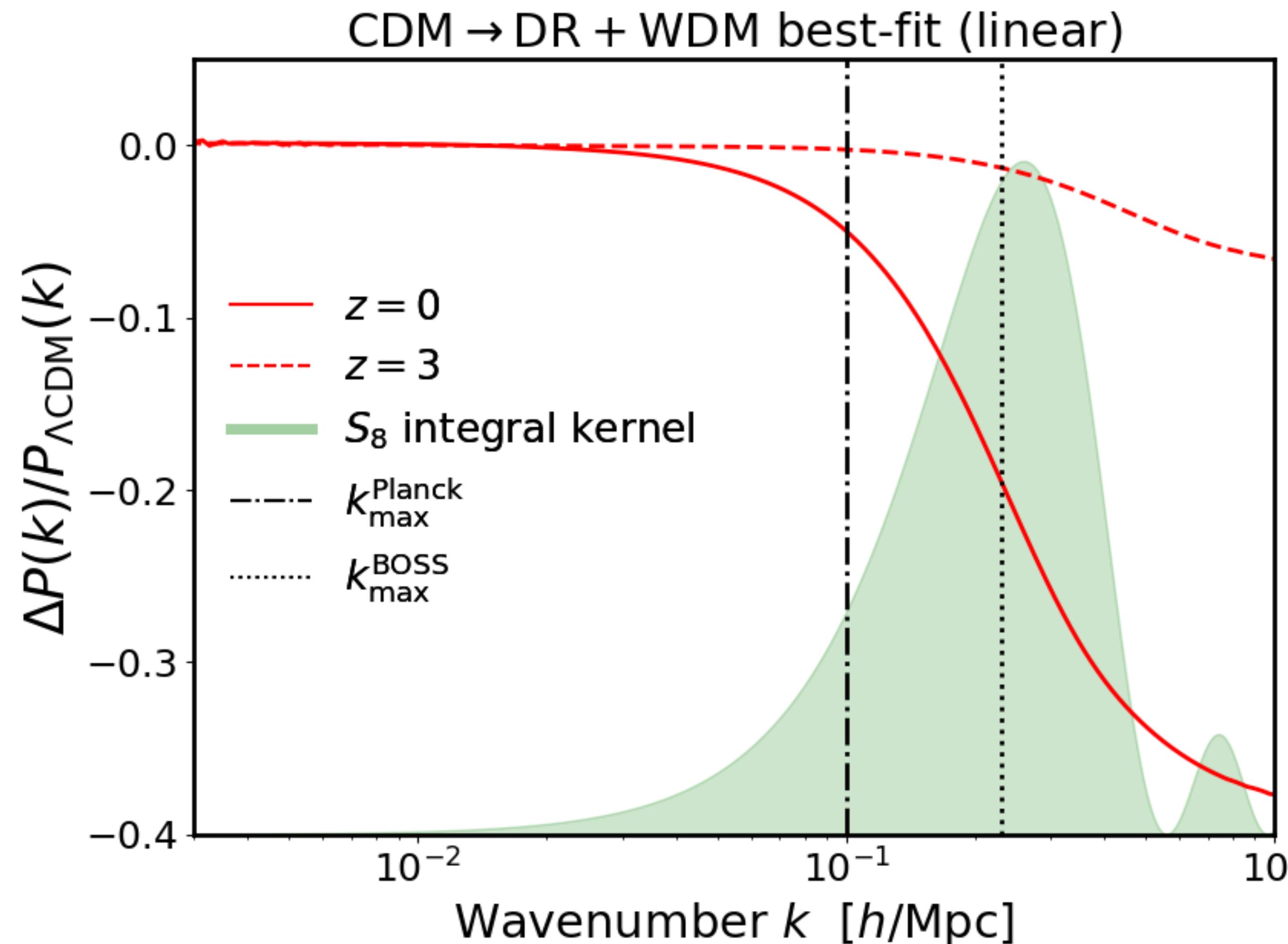
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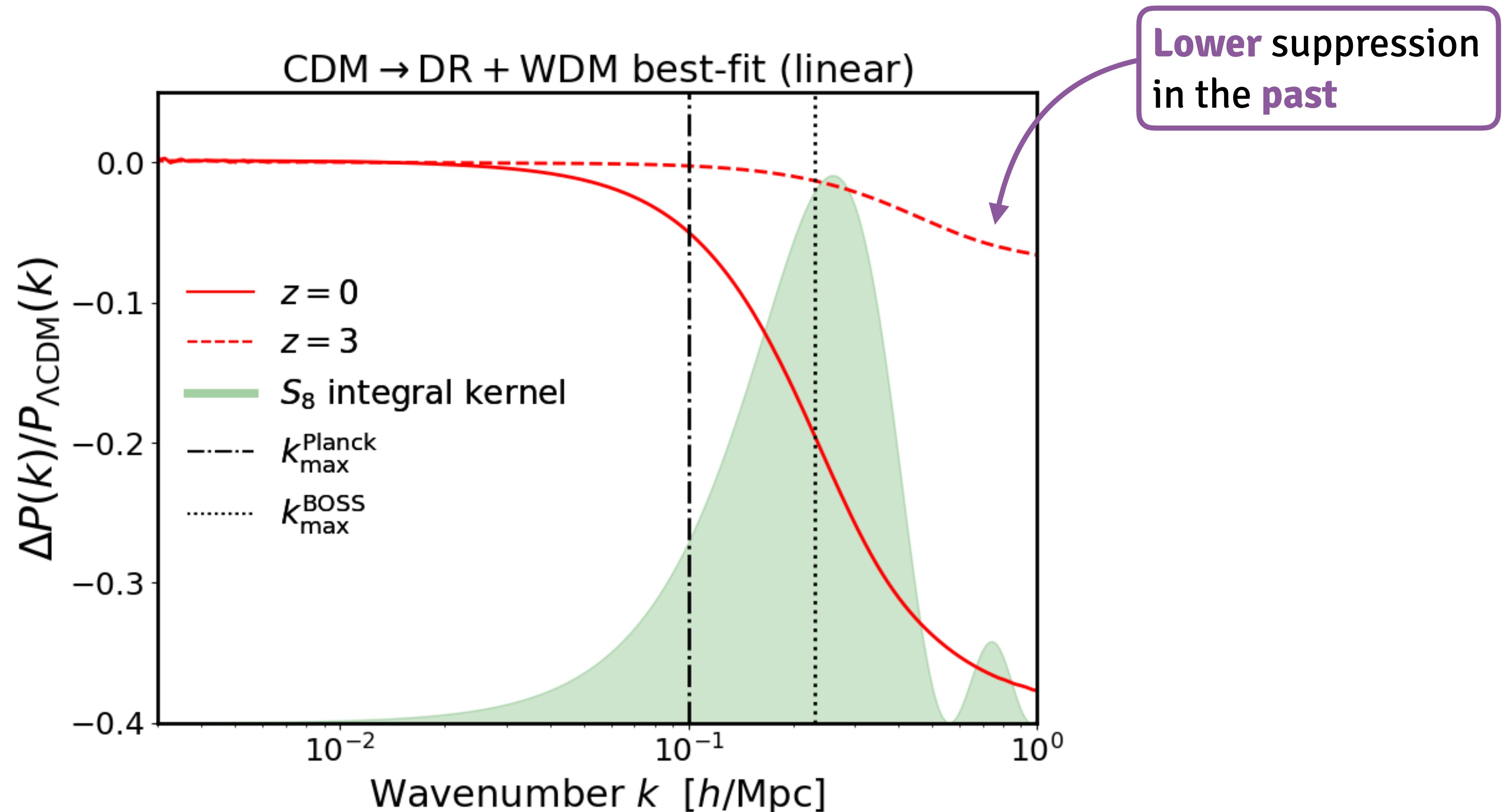
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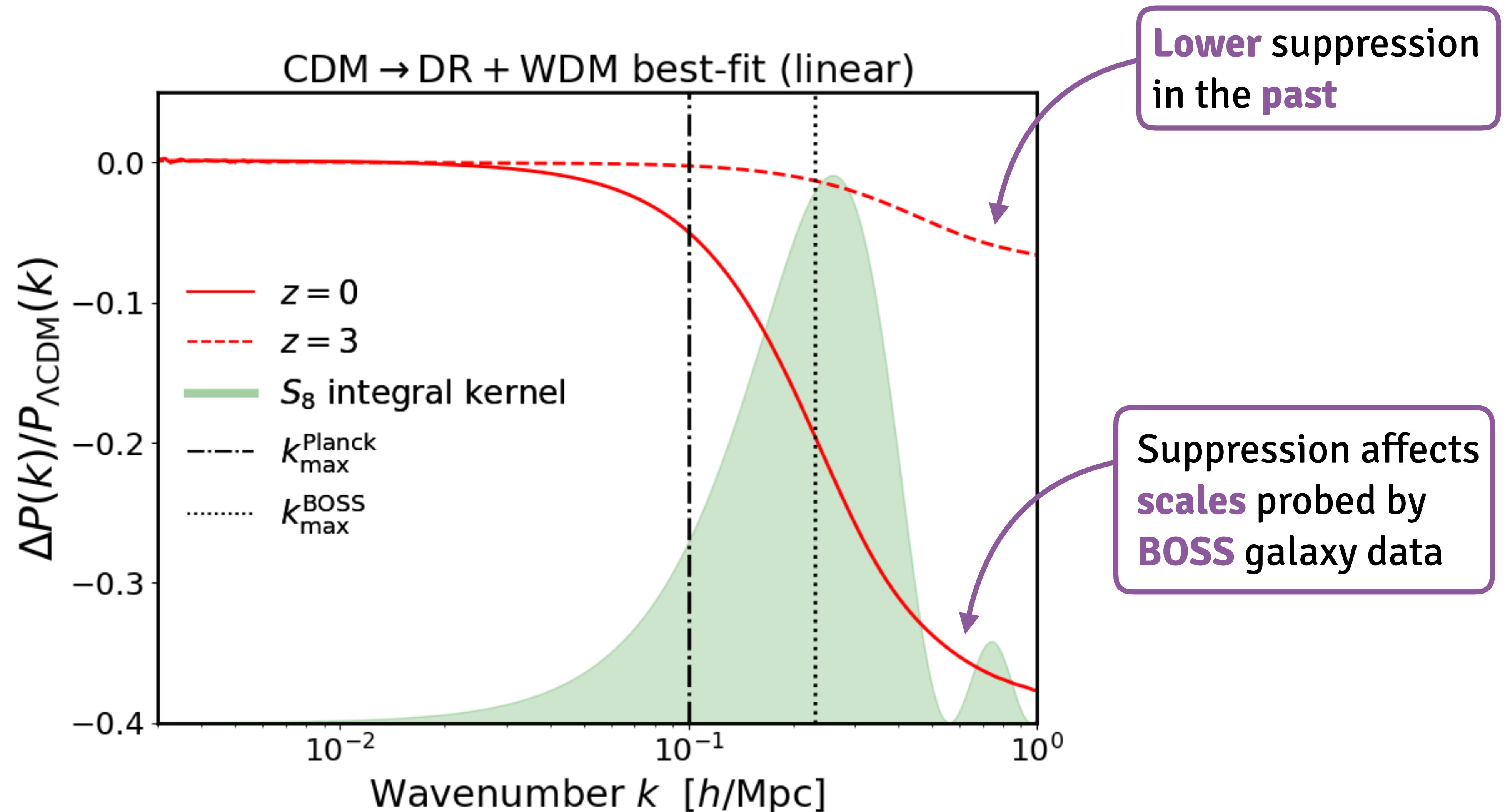
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Part III:

CONSTRAINTS ON DDM FROM EFTofLSS



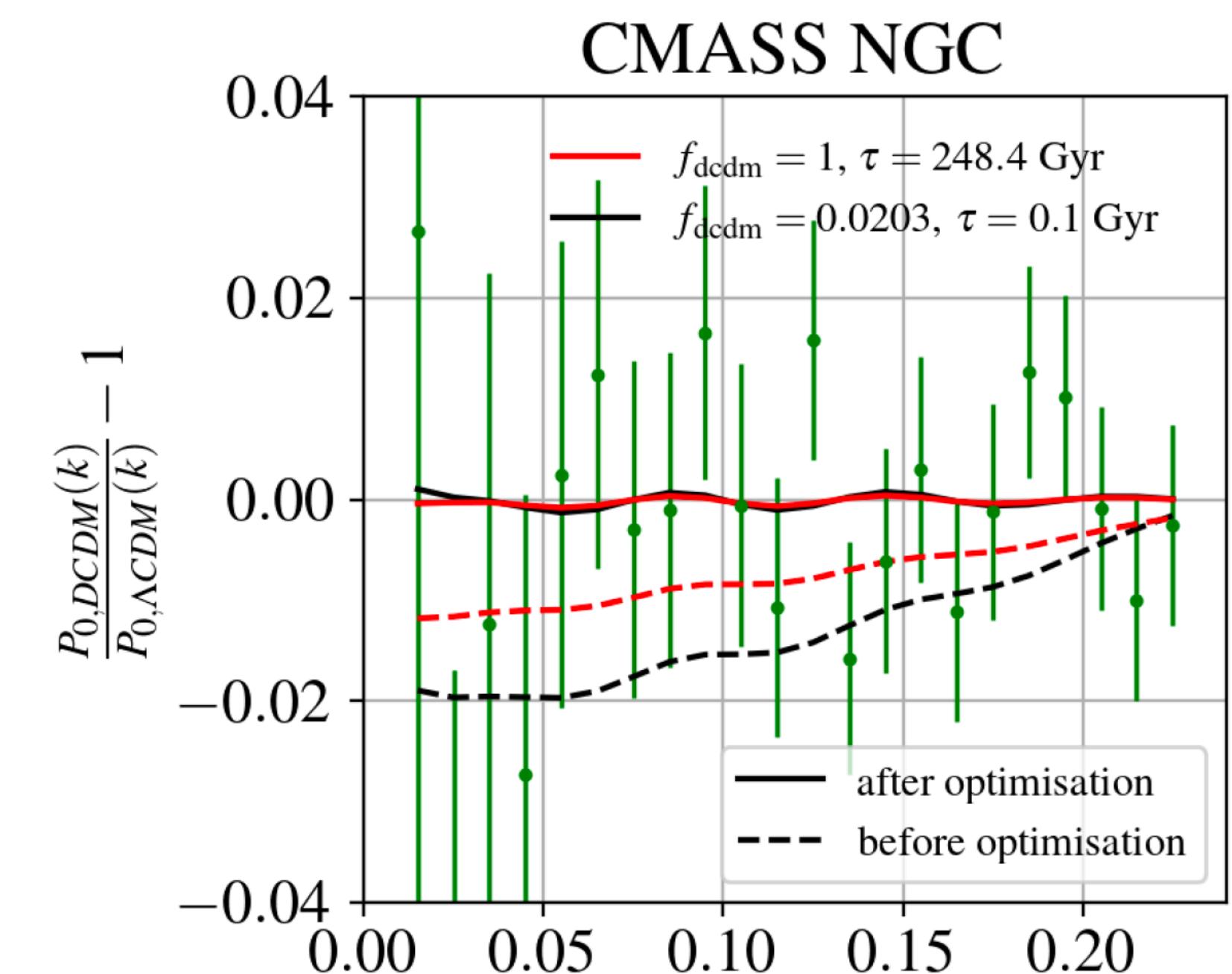




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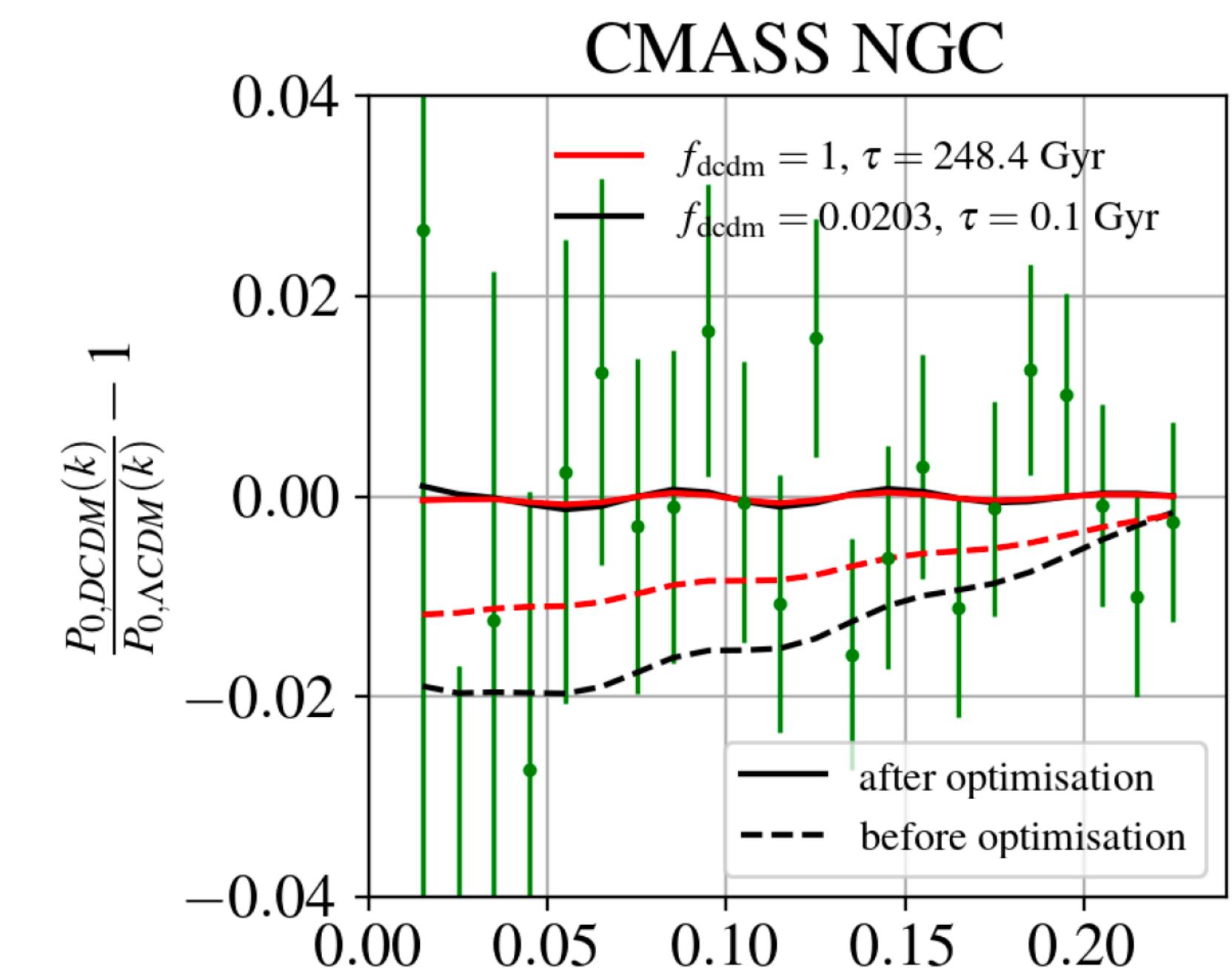


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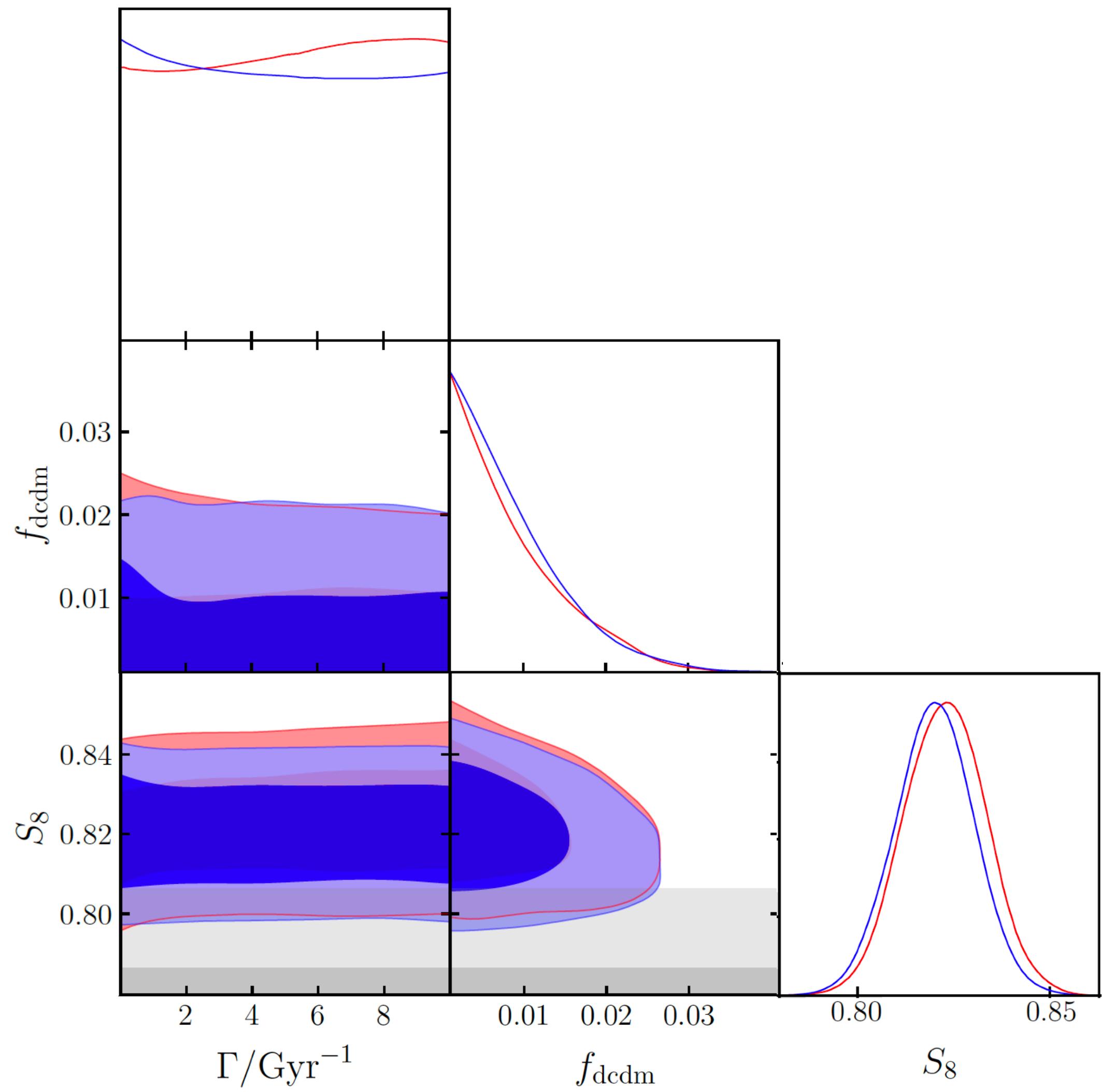
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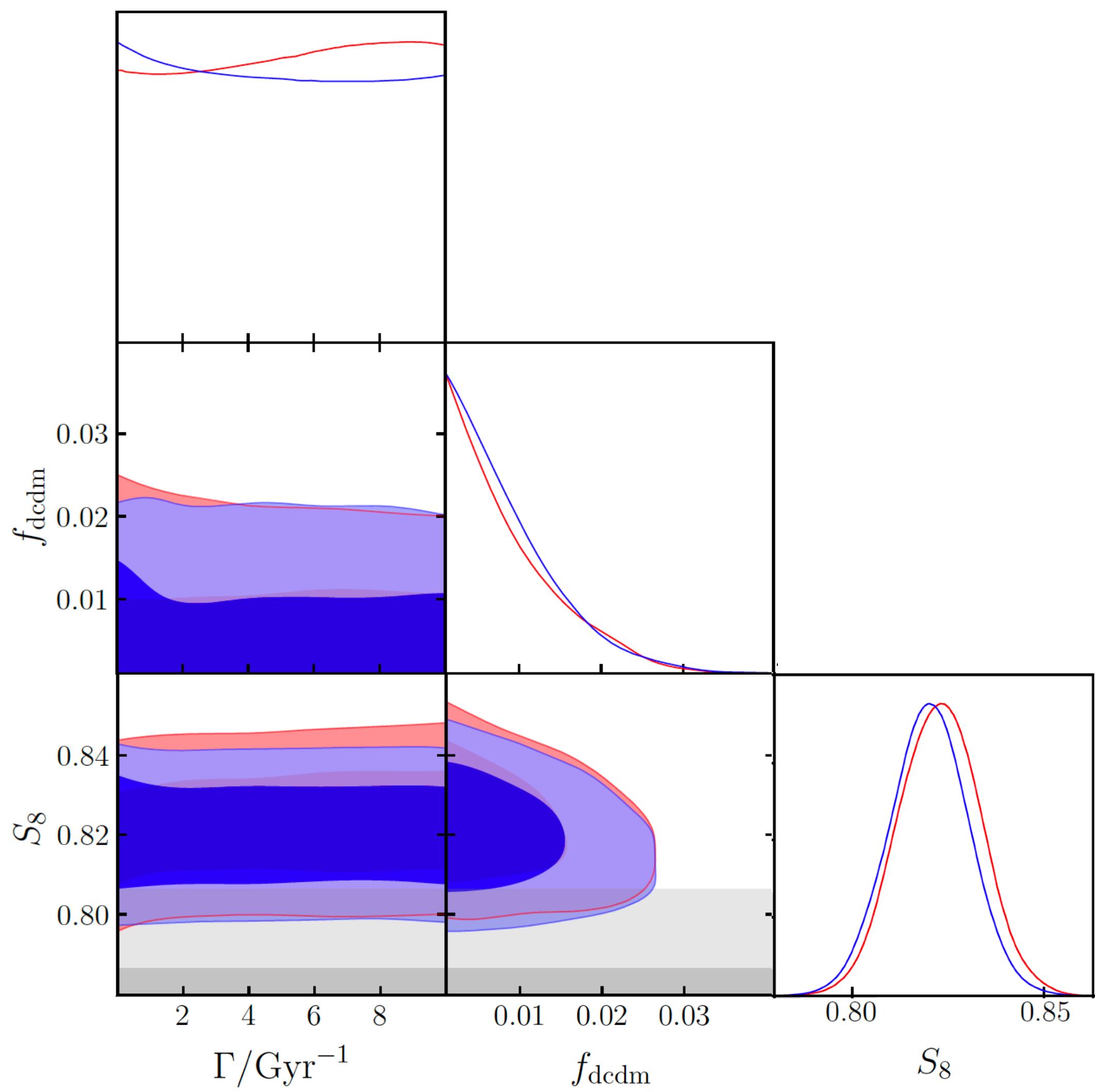
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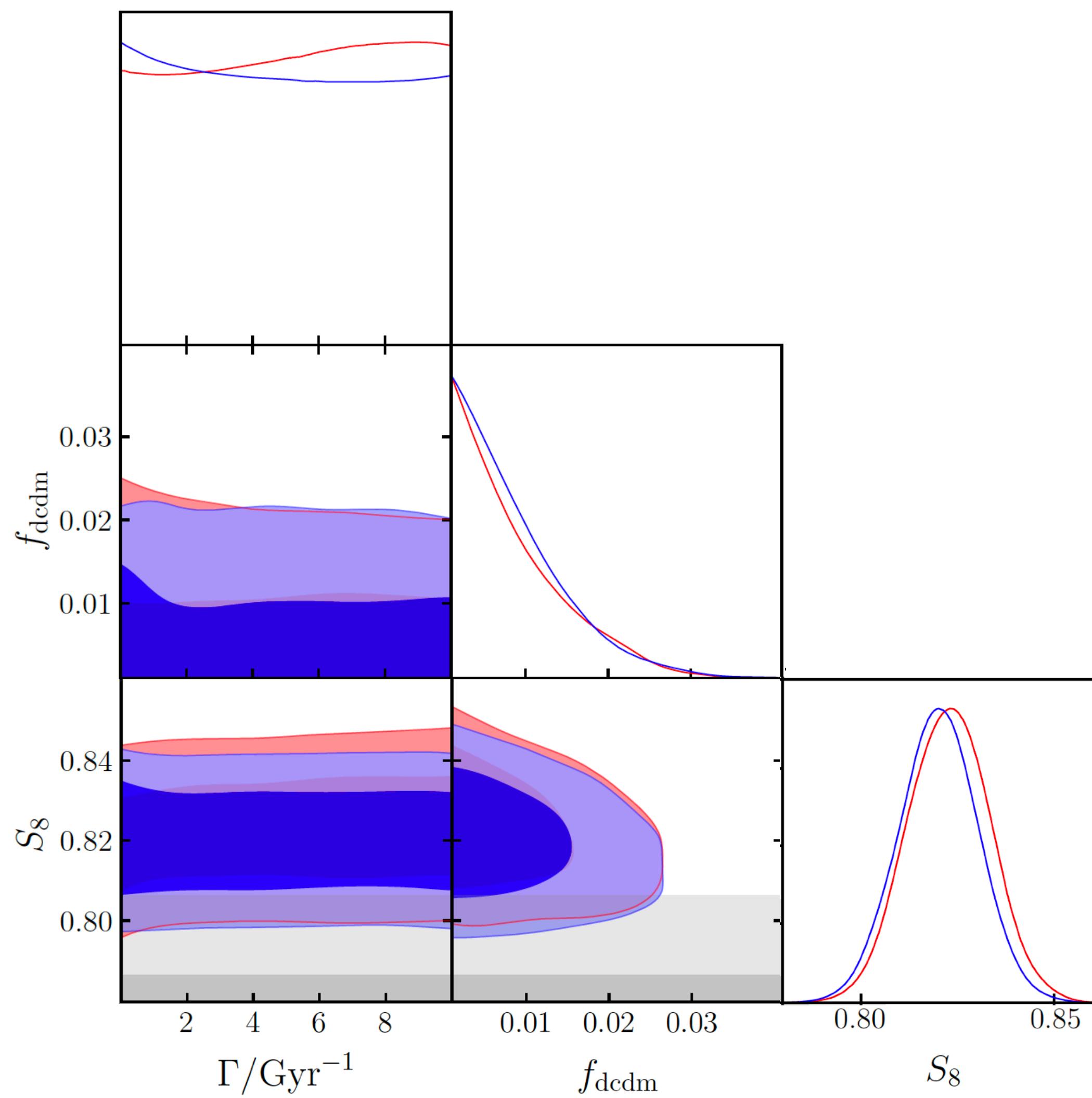
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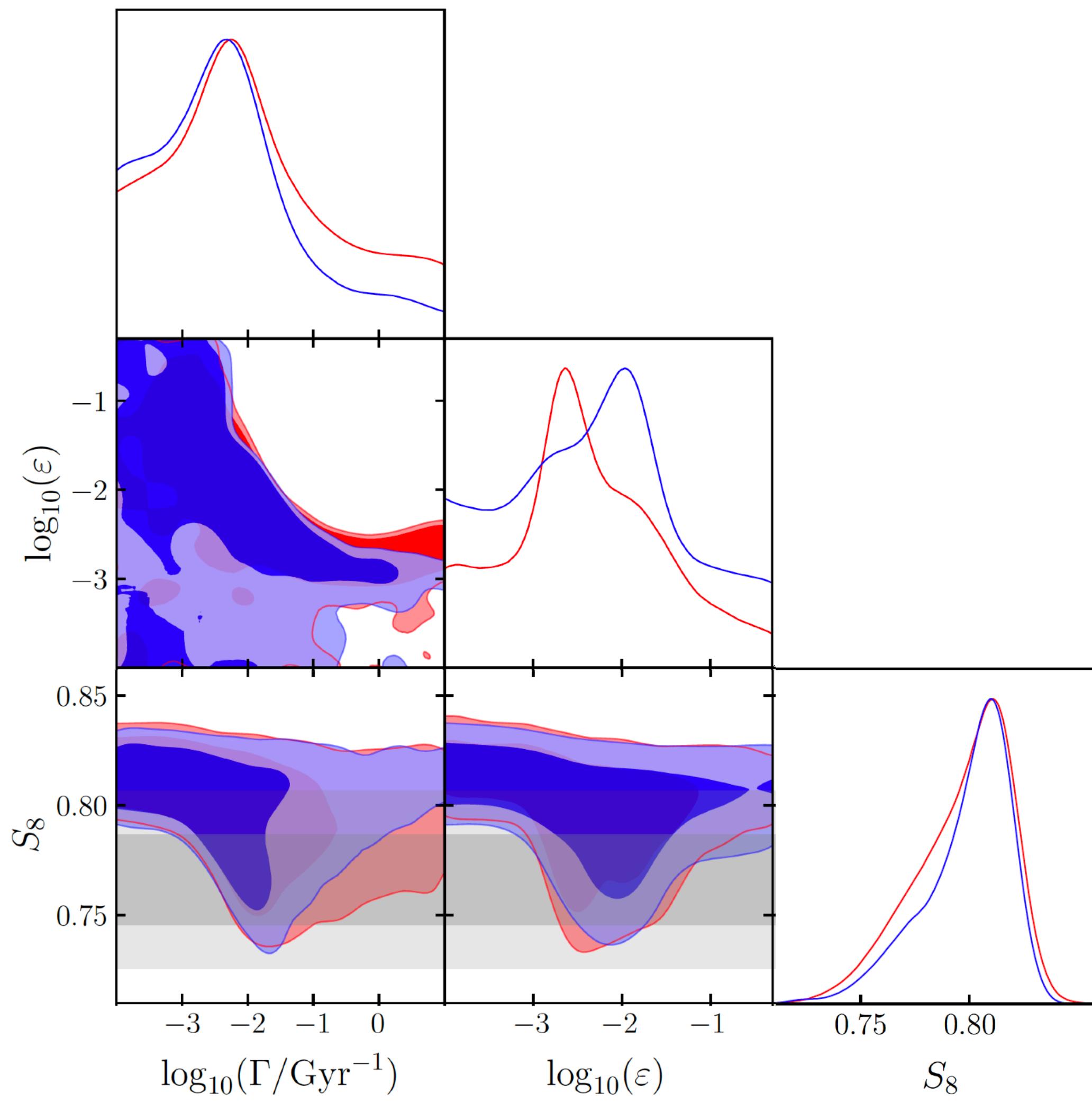
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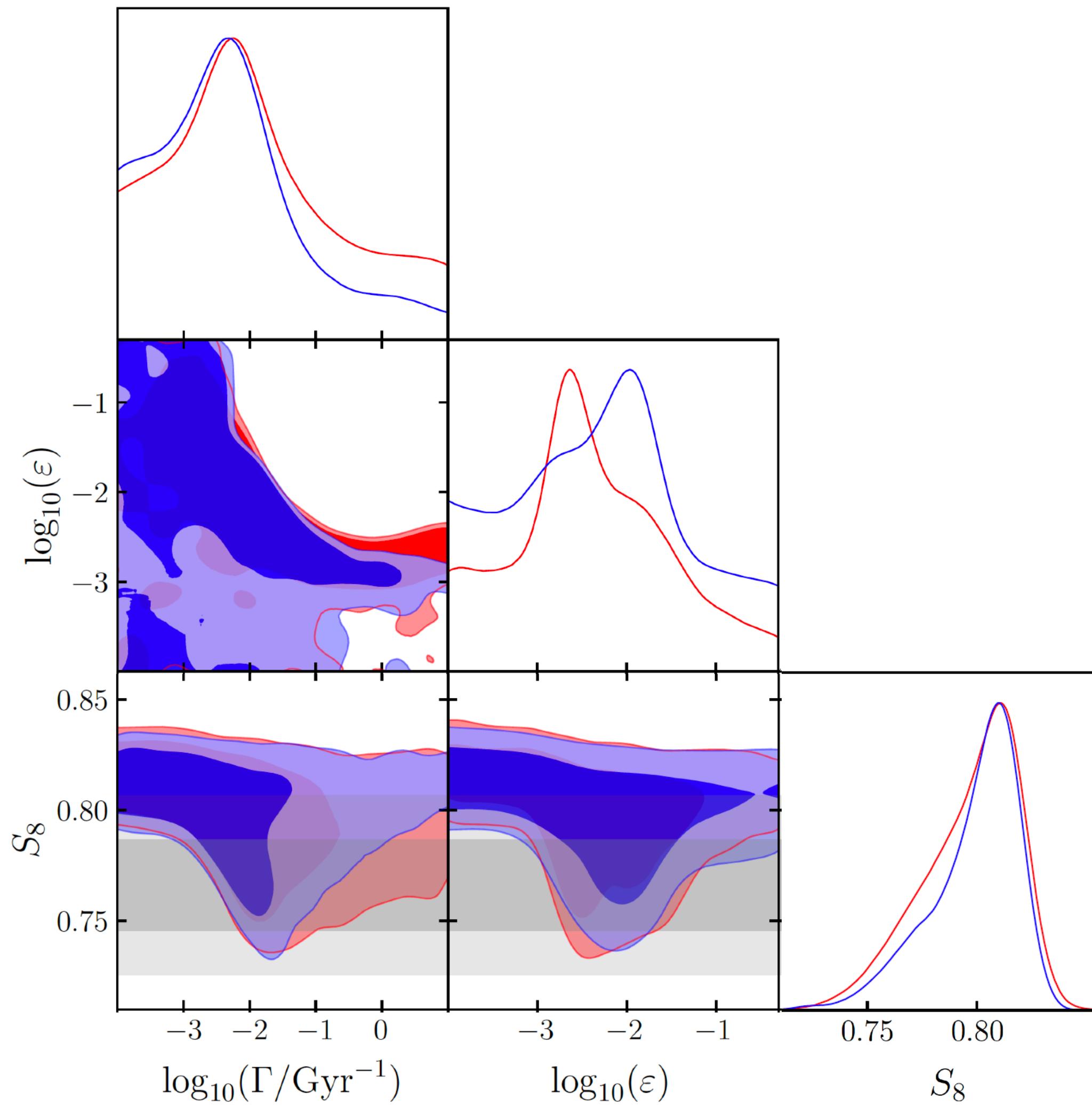
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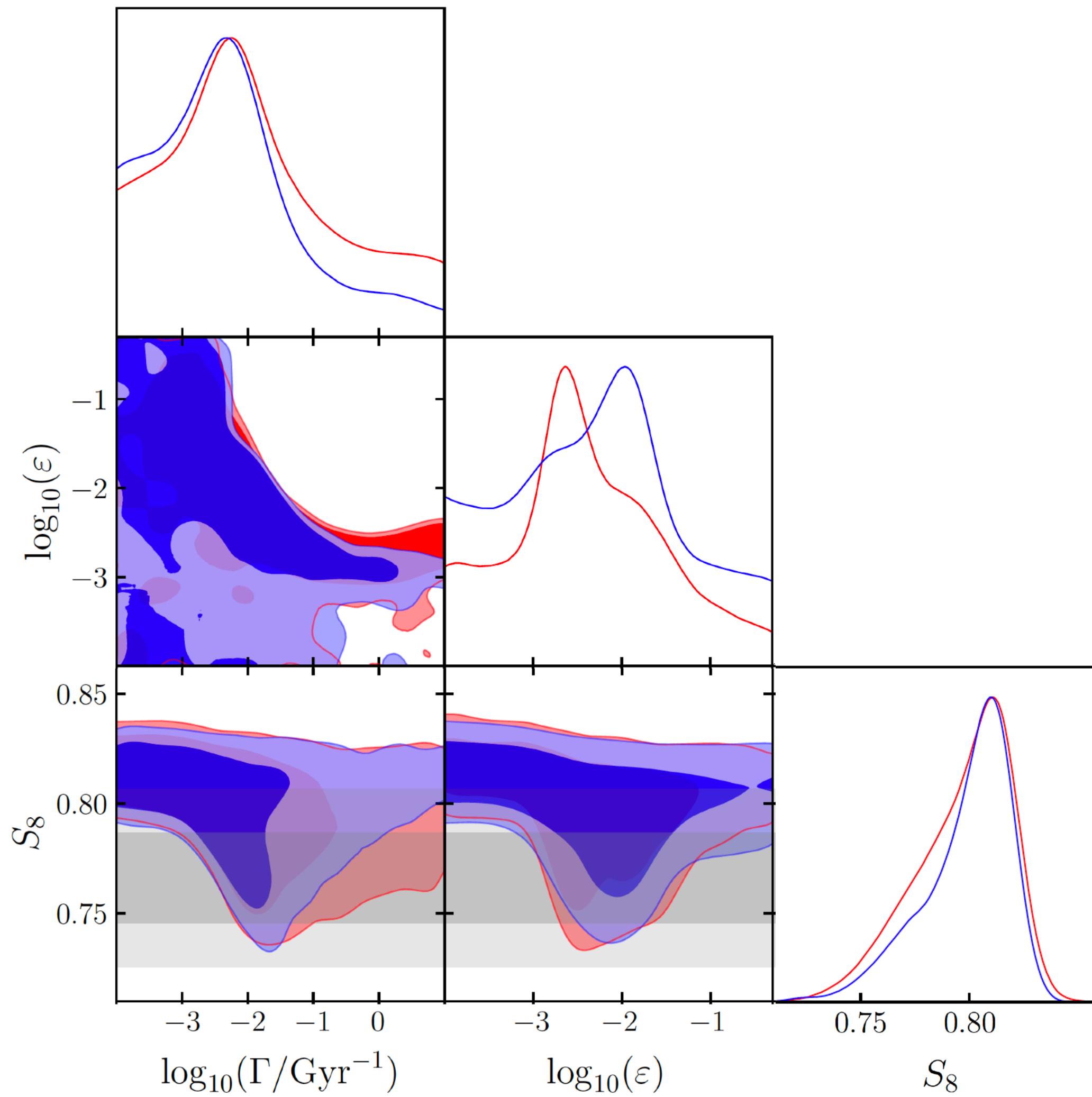
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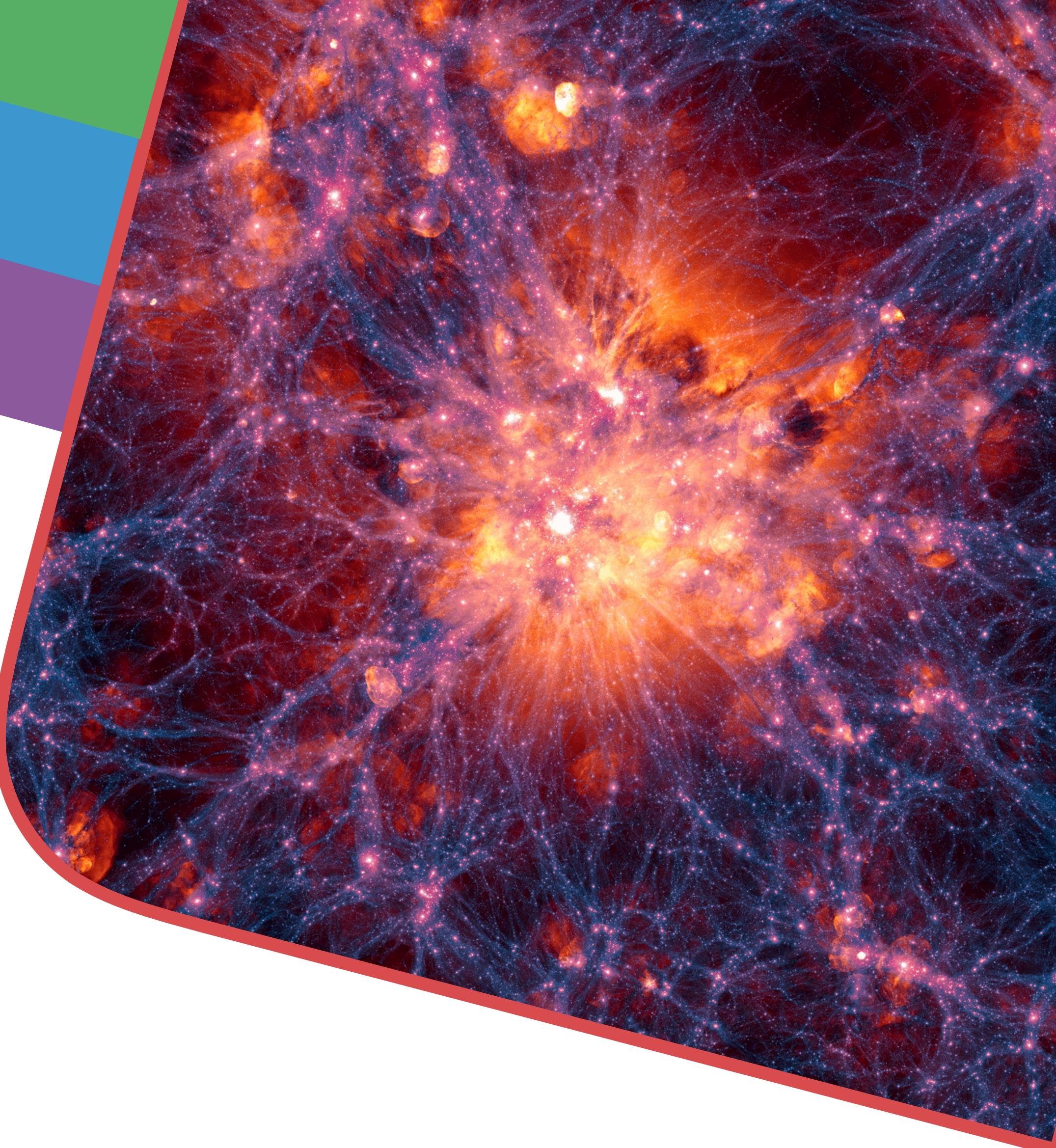
It changes the best-fit

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$$\varepsilon = 0.7 \% \rightarrow \varepsilon = 1.2 \%$$

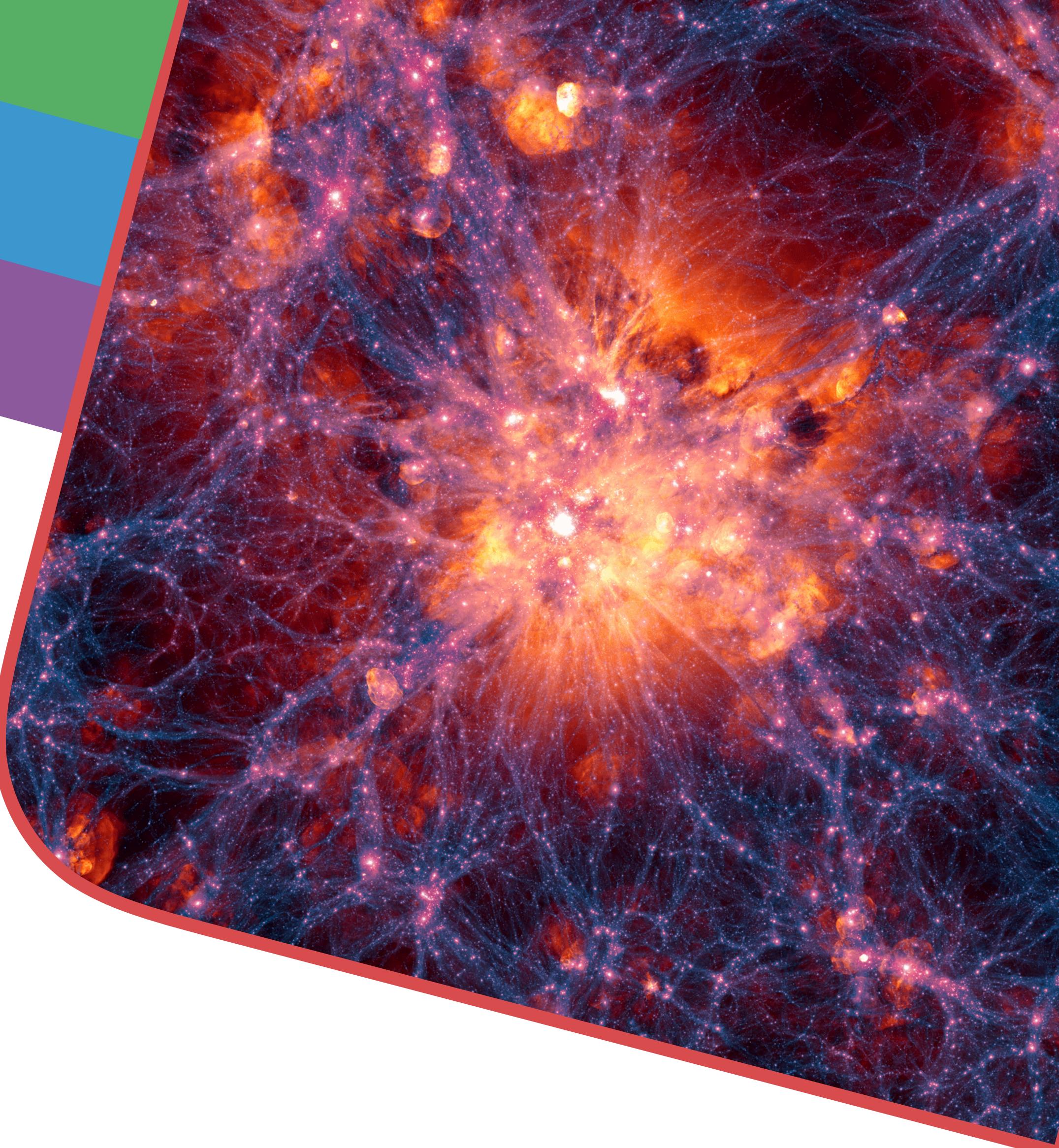
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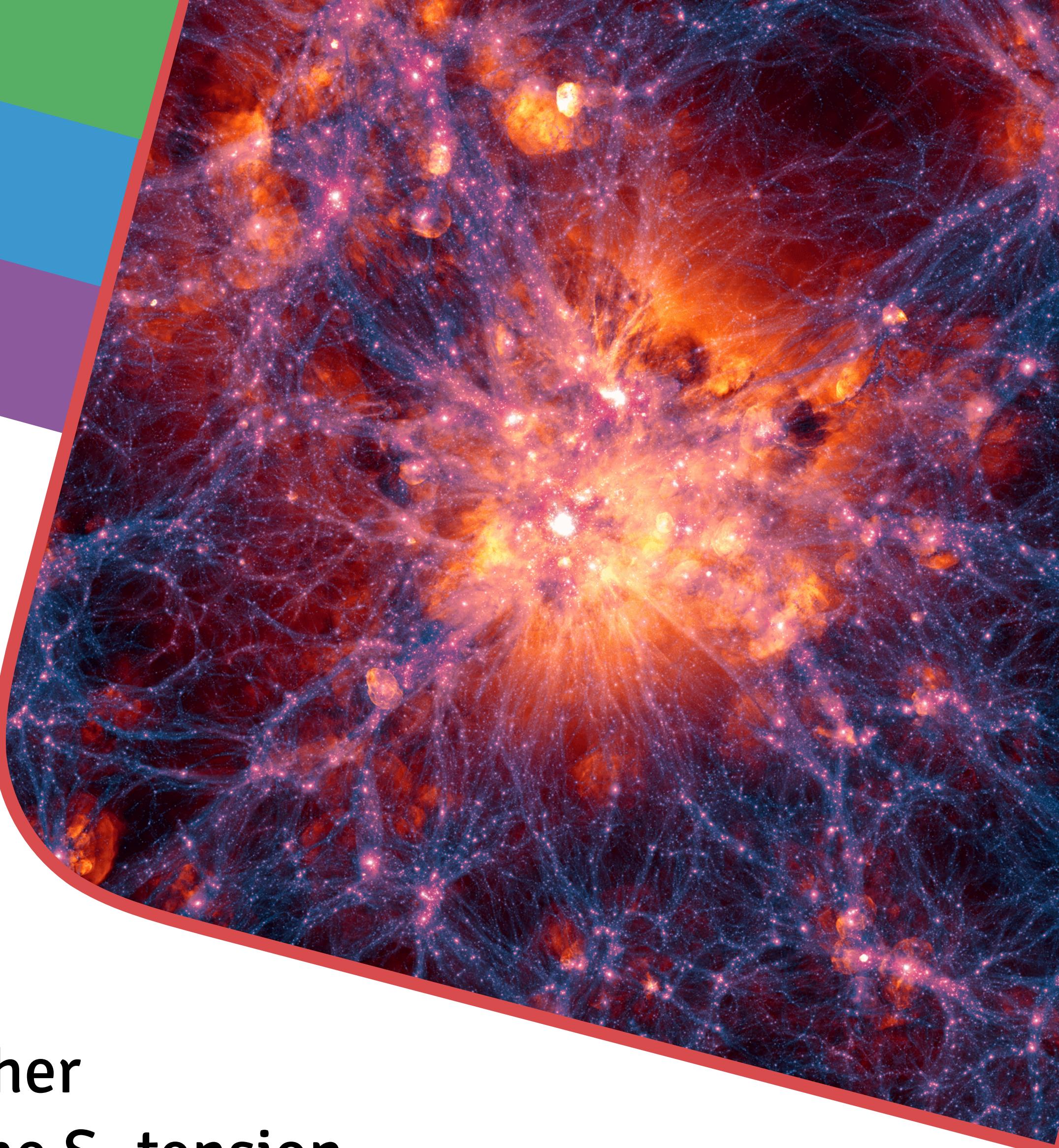
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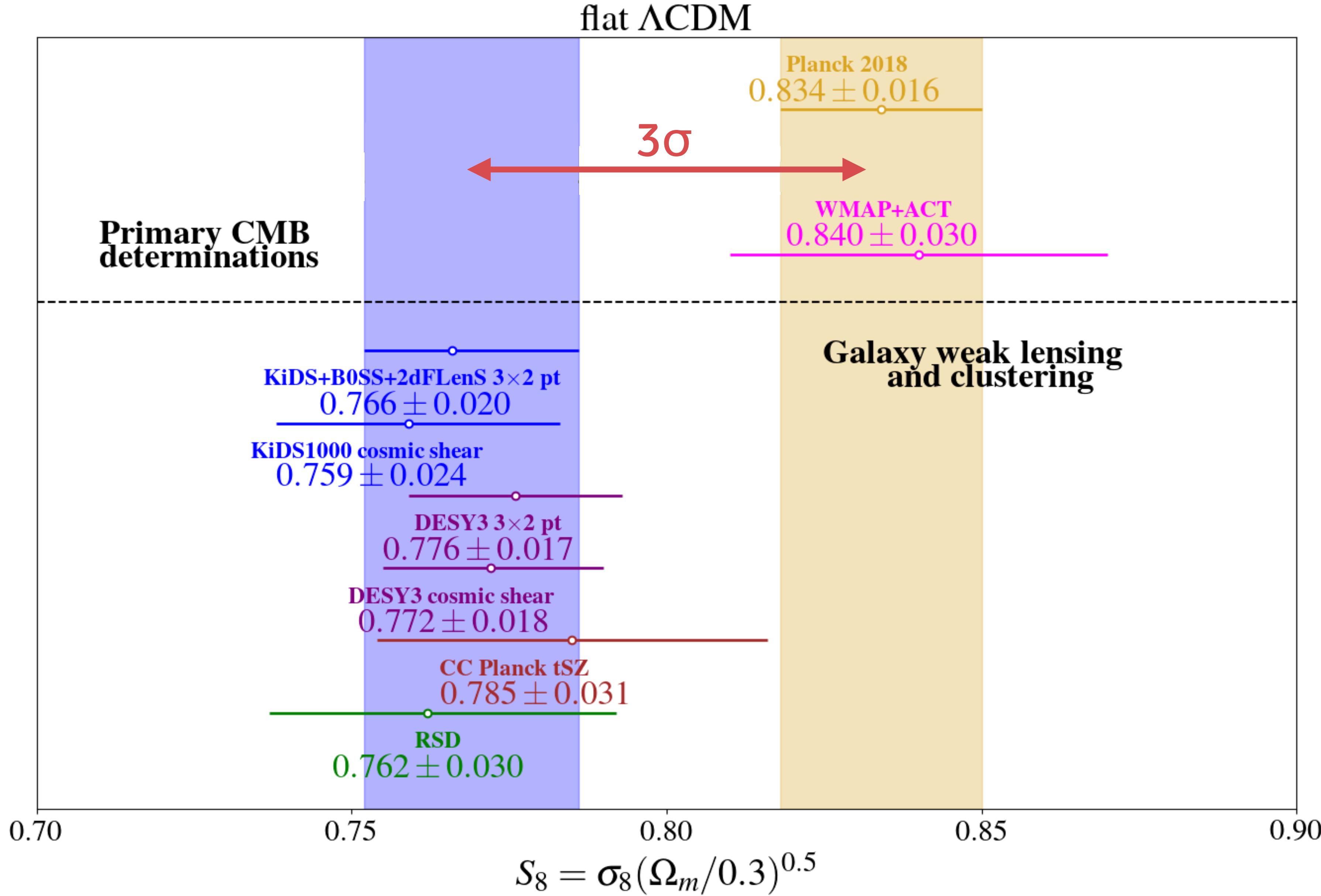
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BACK-UP

A closer look at the S_8 tension



Evolution of DDM perturbations

- Track δ_i, θ_i and σ_i for $i = \text{CDM}, \text{DR}, \text{WDM}$
- Boltzmann hierarchy of eqs., dictate evolution of
p.s.d. multipoles $\delta f_\ell(q, k, \tau)$
- For DM and DR, momentum d.o.f. are integrated out
- For WDM, need to follow full evolution in phase space
Computationally prohibitive, $\mathcal{O}(10^8)$ ODEs to solve!

New fluid equations for the WDM species

Based on previous approximation for massive neutrinos

[Lesgourges+ 11]

$$\delta'_{\text{wdm}} = -3aH(c_{\text{syn}}^2 - w)\delta_{\text{wdm}} - (1 + w)\left(\theta_{\text{wdm}} + \frac{h'}{2}\right) + a\Gamma(1 - \varepsilon)\frac{\bar{\rho}_{\text{dm}}}{\bar{\rho}_{\text{wdm}}}(\delta_{\text{dm}} - \delta_{\text{wdm}})$$

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CPU time reduced from
~ 1 day to ~ 1 minute !

Other LSS probes to test CDM → DR + WDM

- Reduction in the abundance of **subhalos**, can be constrained by observations of **MW satellites**

[DES 22]

- Model well compatible with **Lyman- α forest data**, given time-dependence of power suppression

[Fuss, Garny 22]

- Can also be probed by looking at **abundance of clusters** detected with the **Sunyaev Zel'dovich effect**

[Tanimura+ 23]

EFTofLSS parameters

$$\begin{aligned}
P(k, \mu) = & Z_1(\mu)^2 P_{11}(k) \\
& + 2 \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} Z_2(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}, \mu)^2 P_{11}(|\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}|) P_{11}(q) + 6Z_1(\mu) P_{11}(k) \int \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} Z_3(\mathbf{q}, -\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}, \mu) P_{11}(q) \\
& + 2Z_1(\mu) P_{11}(k) \left(c_{ct} \frac{k^2}{k_M^2} + c_{r,1} \mu^2 \frac{k^2}{k_M^2} + c_{r,2} \mu^4 \frac{k^2}{k_M^2} \right) + \frac{1}{\bar{n}_g} \left(c_{\epsilon,0} + c_{\epsilon,1} \frac{k^2}{k_M^2} + c_{\epsilon,2} f \mu^2 \frac{k^2}{k_M^2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

with

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$$Z_2(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mu) = K_2(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) + f \mu_{12}^2 G_2(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) + \frac{1}{2} f \mu q \left(\frac{\mu_2}{q_2} G_1(\mathbf{q}_2) Z_1(\mathbf{q}_1) + \text{perm.} \right)$$

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\end{aligned}$$

with

$$K_1 = b_1$$

$$K_2(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) = b_1 \frac{\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2}{q_1^2} + b_2 \left(F_2(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) - \frac{\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2}{q_1^2} \right) + b_4 + \text{perm.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
K_3(k, q) = & \frac{b_1}{504 k^3 q^3} \left(-38k^5 q + 48k^3 q^3 - 18kq^5 + 9(k^2 - q^2)^3 \log \left[\frac{k - q}{k + q} \right] \right) \\
& + \frac{b_3}{756 k^3 q^5} \left(2kq(k^2 + q^2)(3k^4 - 14k^2 q^2 + 3q^4) + 3(k^2 - q^2)^4 \log \left[\frac{k - q}{k + q} \right] \right)
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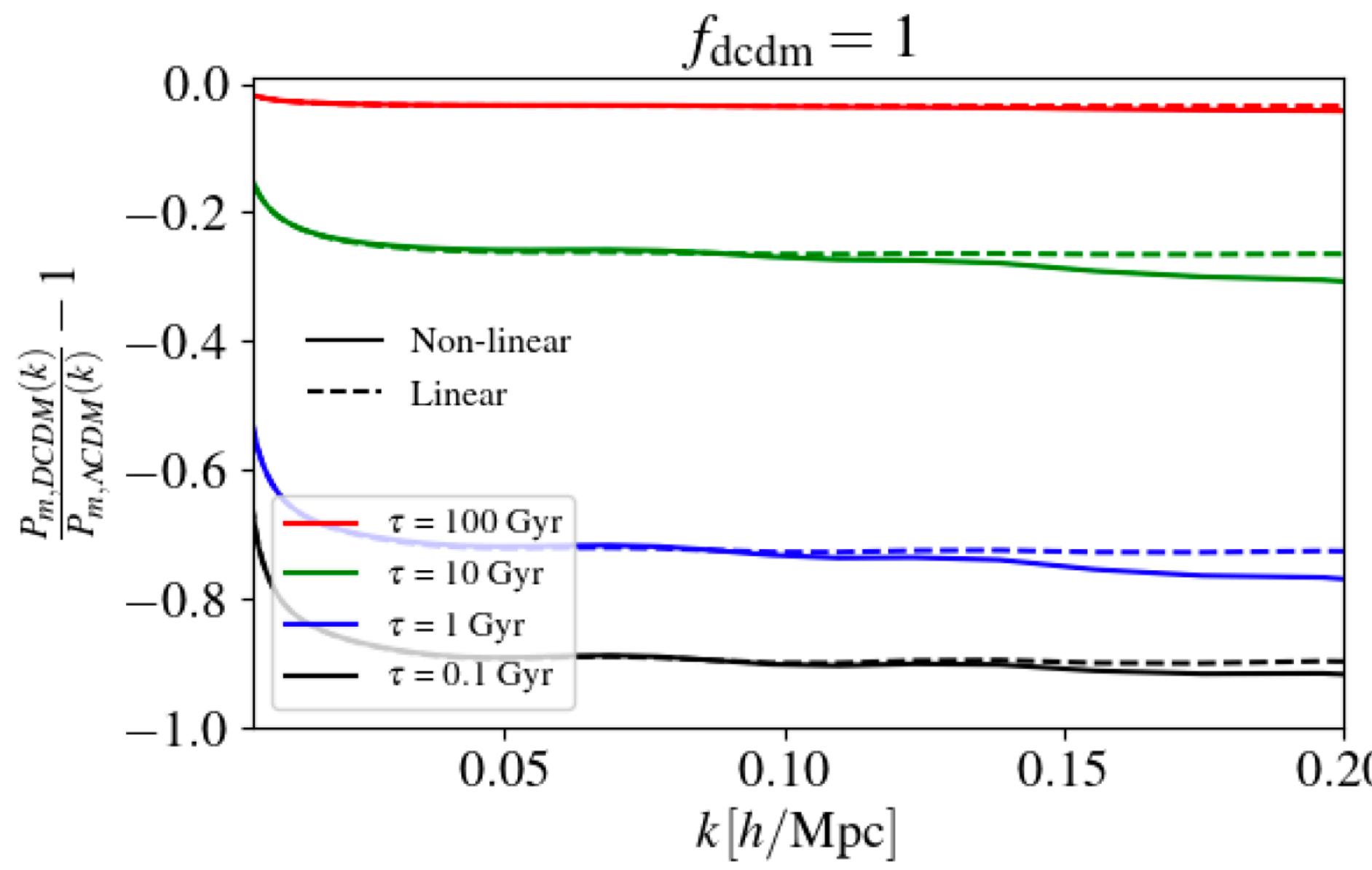
3 parameters to describe counterterms

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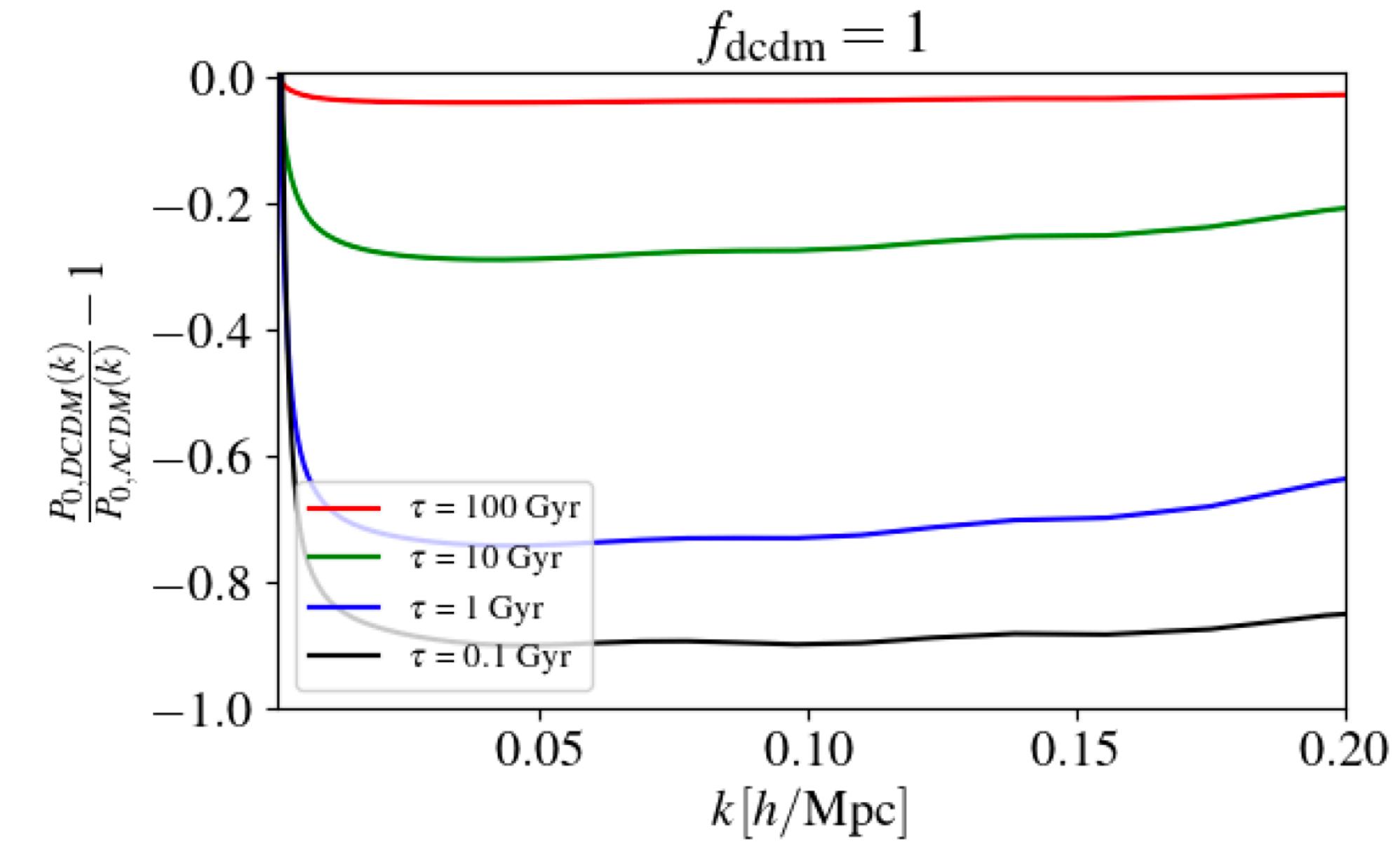
10 parameters in total, but 8 are analytically marginalized

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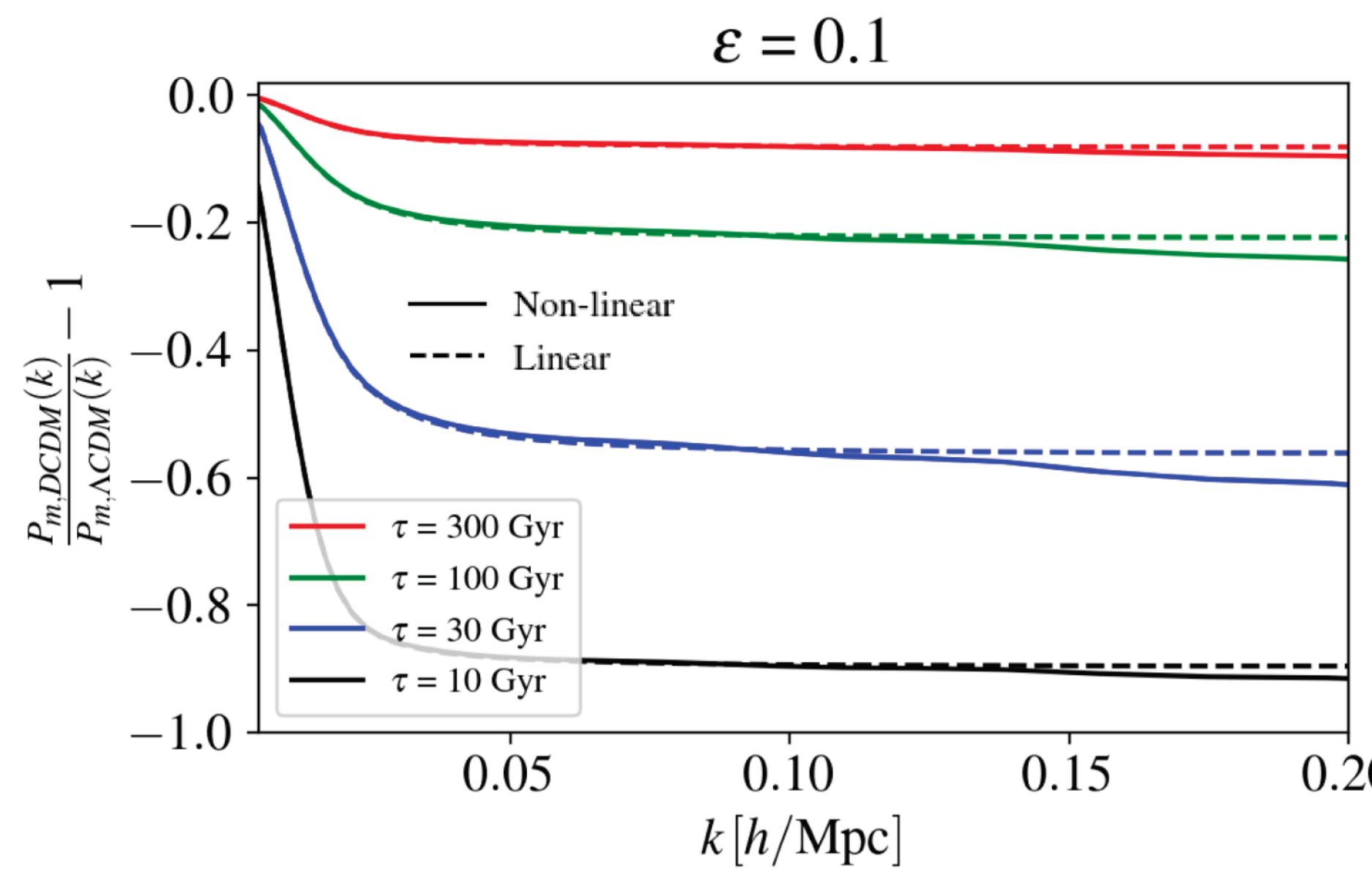
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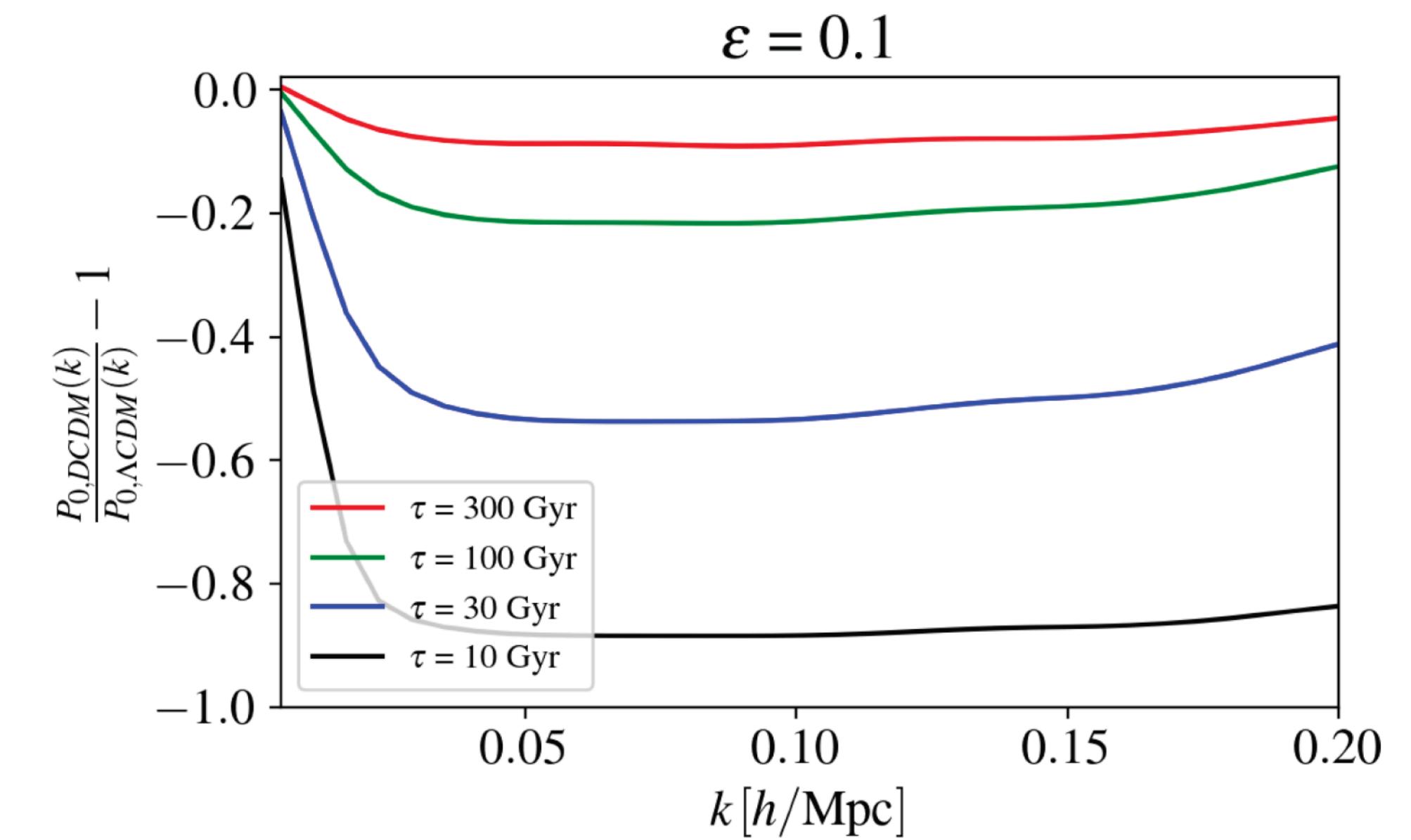
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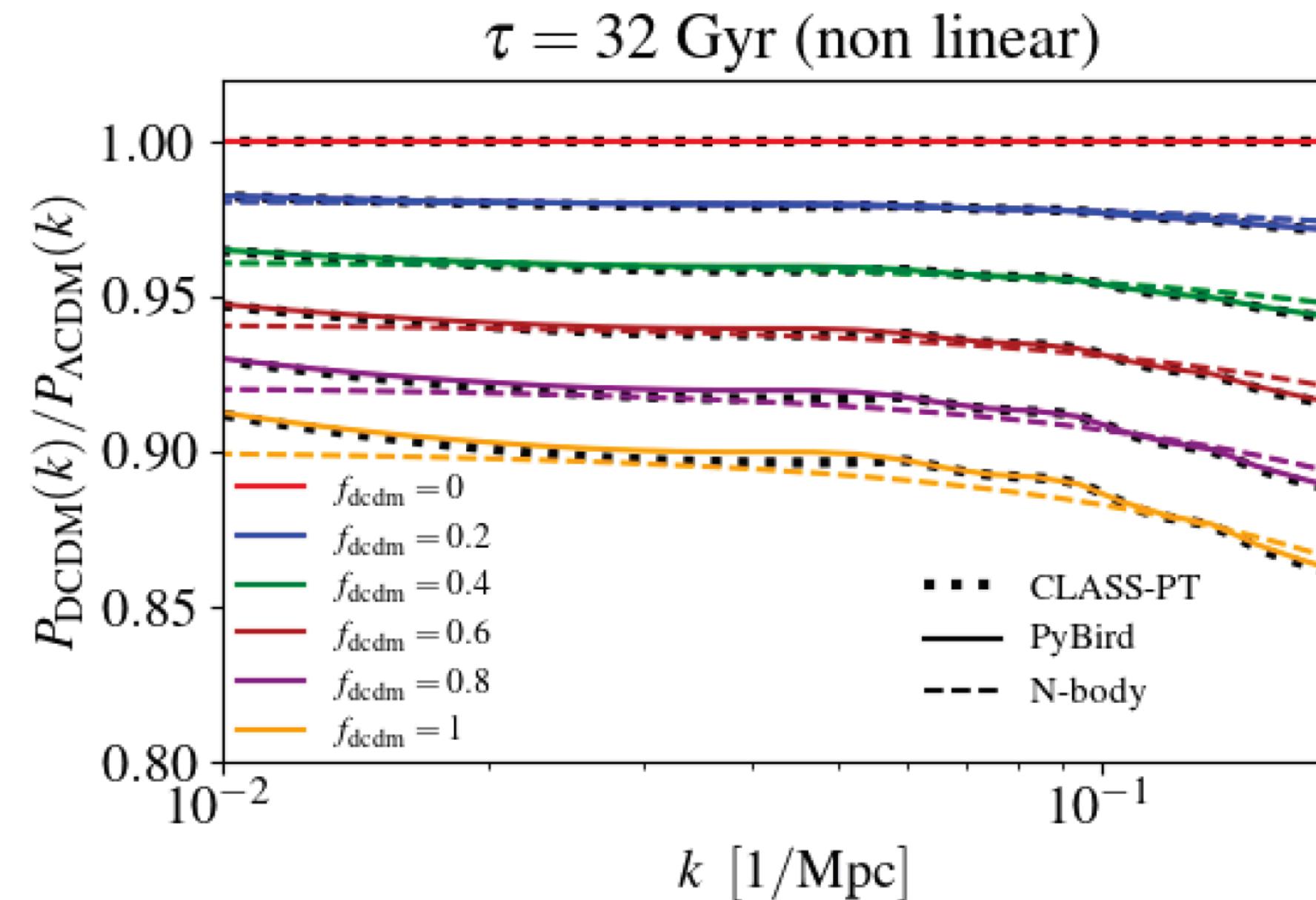
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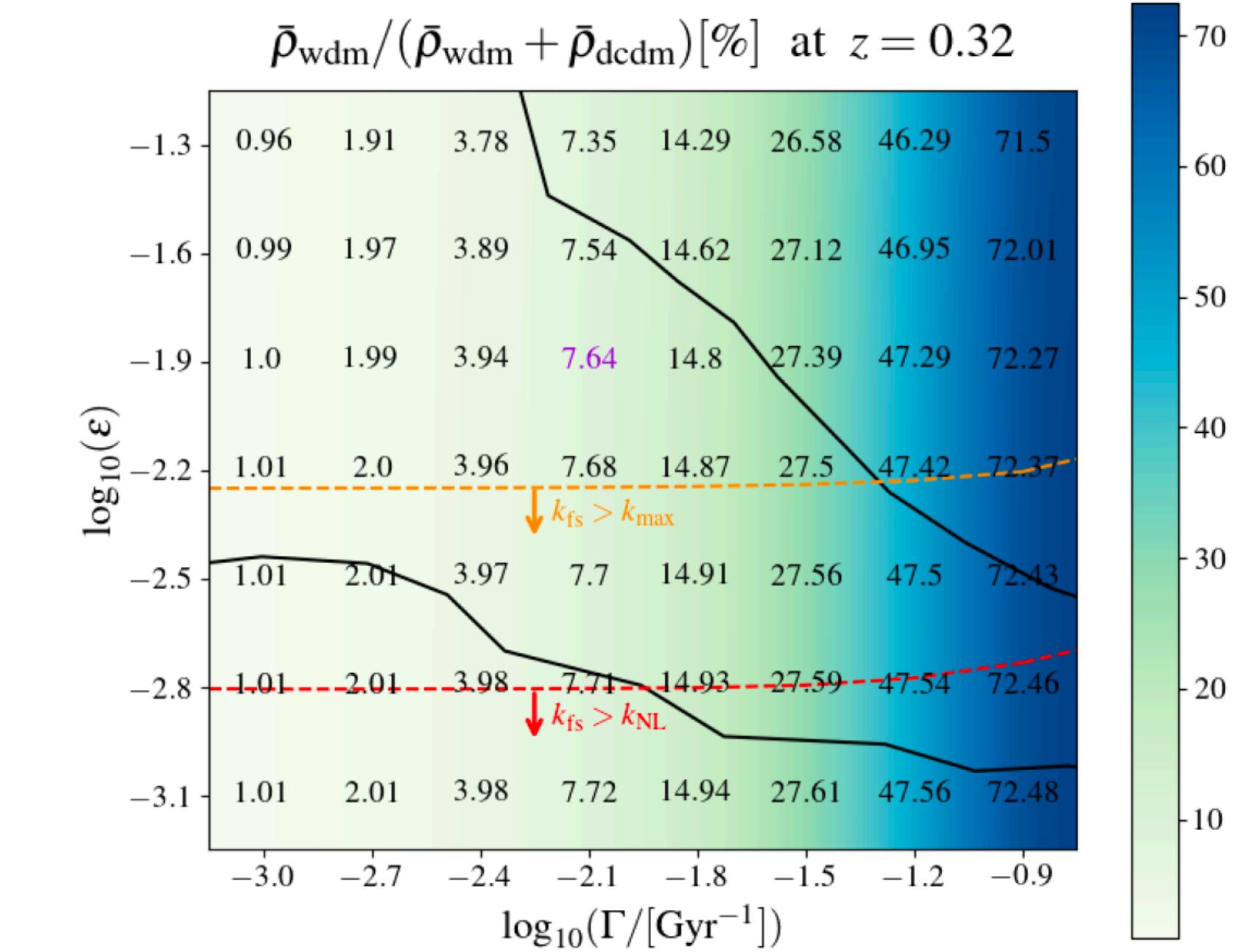
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Checking validity of EFTofLSS applied to DDM

CDM → DR



CDM → DR + WDM



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