

# Cosmological anomalies shedding light on the dark sector

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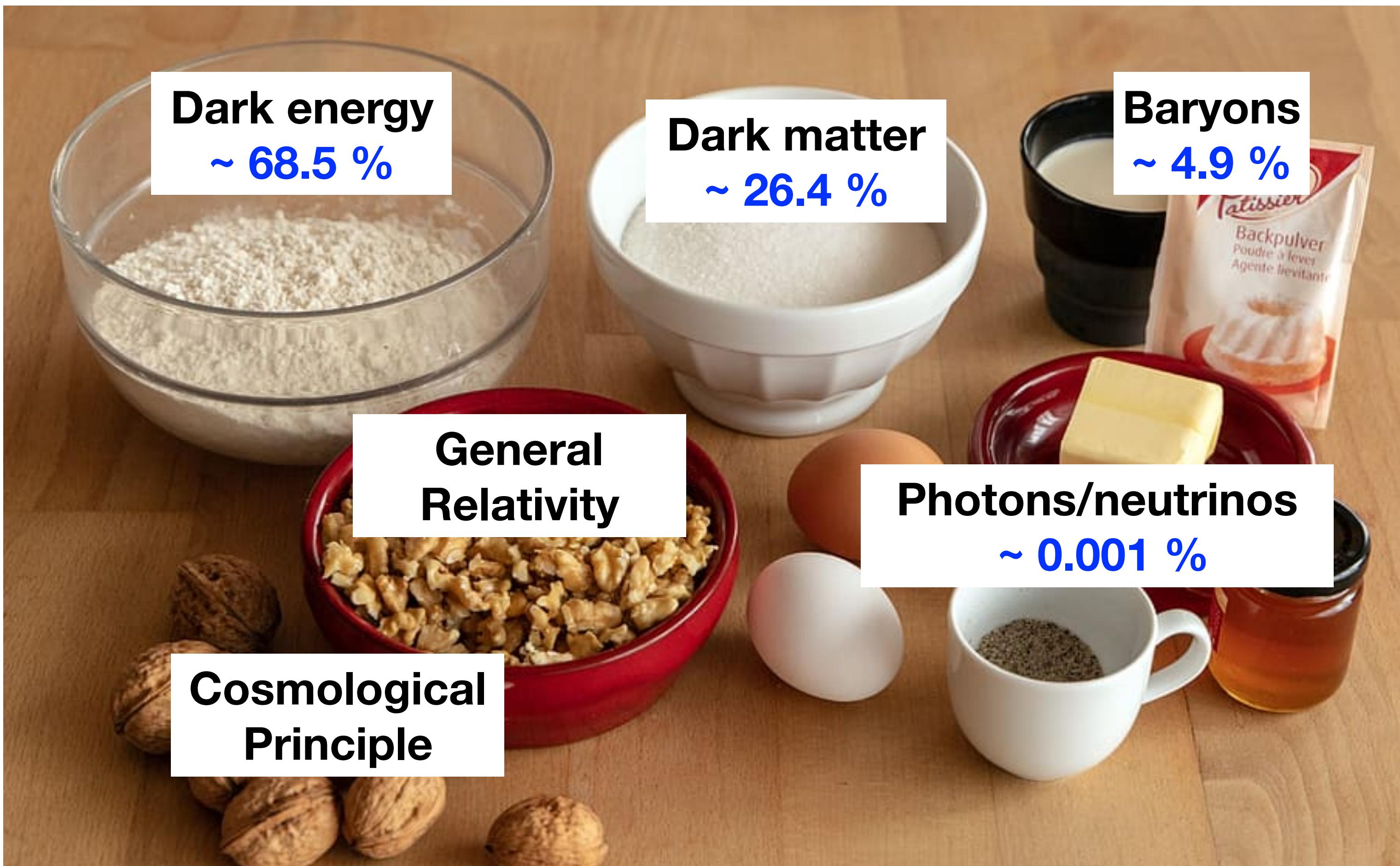


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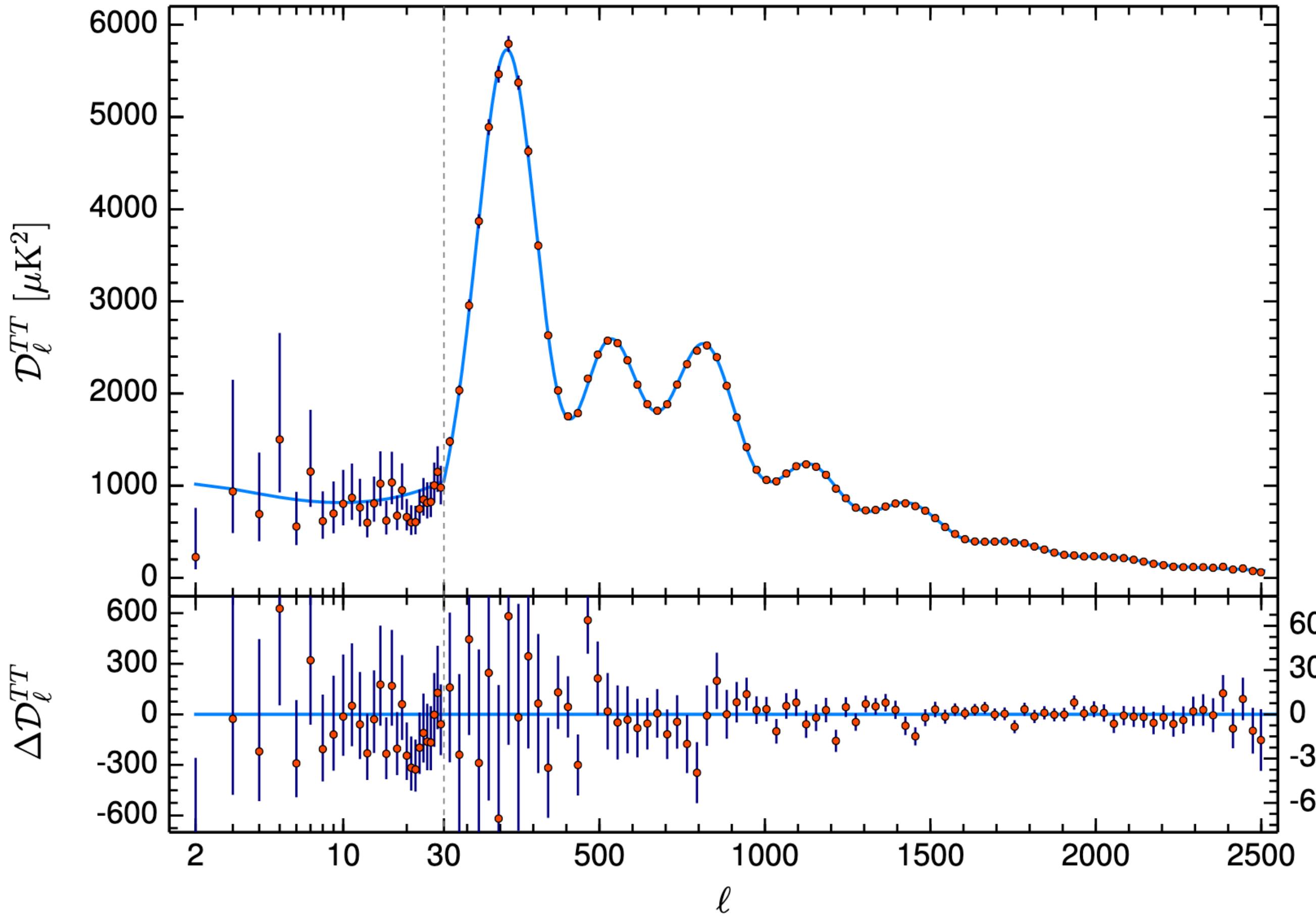
# Cosmic recipe



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

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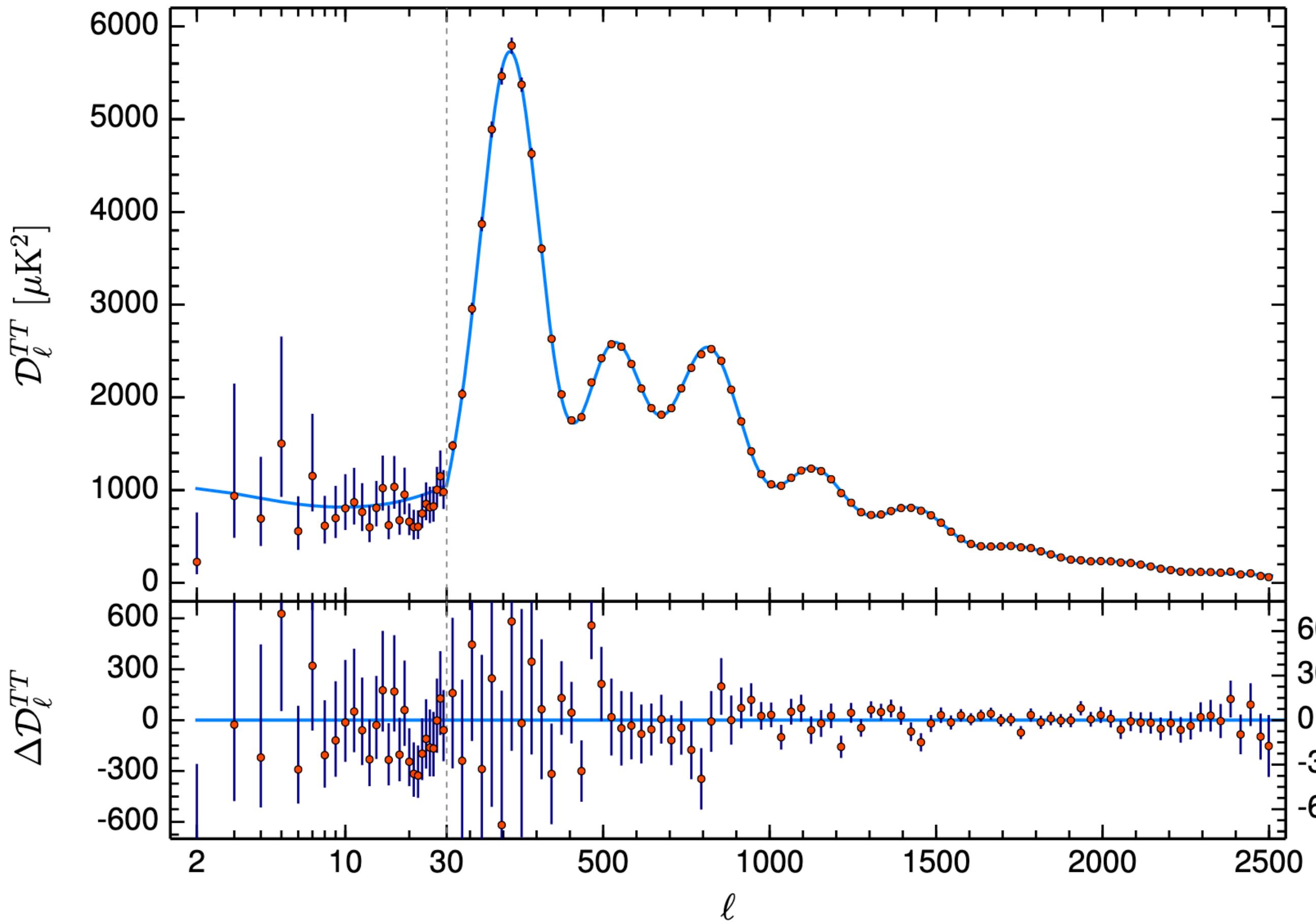
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Planck 2018, 1807.06209

# The era of precision cosmology

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Also explains:

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

# Challenges to the $\Lambda$ CDM paradigm

## 1. What is dark matter? And dark energy?

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- 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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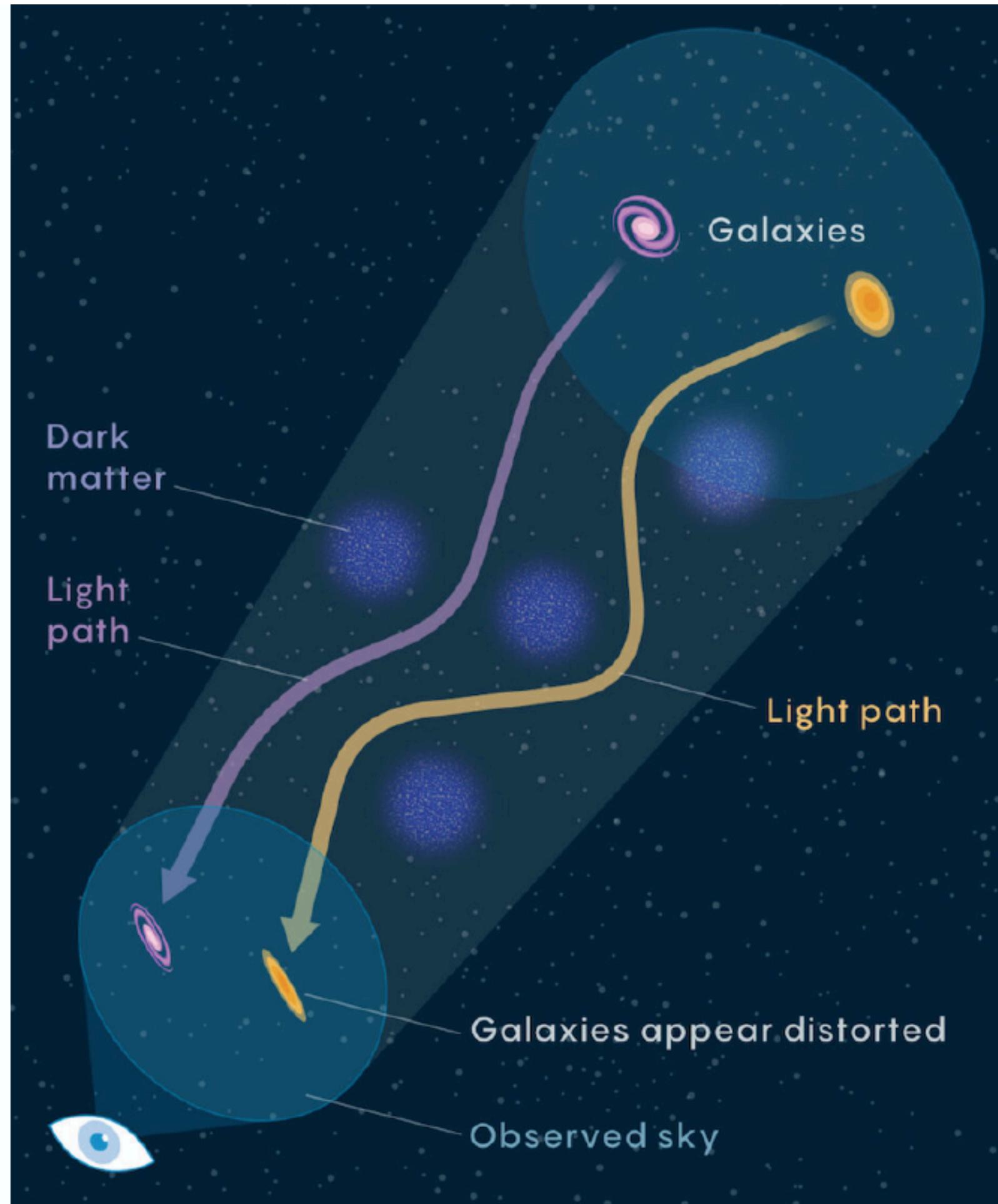
- Less exotic explanation
- Difficult to account for all discrepancies

### *Physics beyond $\Lambda$ CDM?*

- Reveal properties about the dark sector
- Very challenging

# The $S_8$ tension

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



$$\text{where } \sigma_8 = \int P_m(k, z=0) W_R^2(k) dk$$

KiDS+BOSS+2dfLenS\*:

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Planck (*under  $\Lambda$ CDM*):

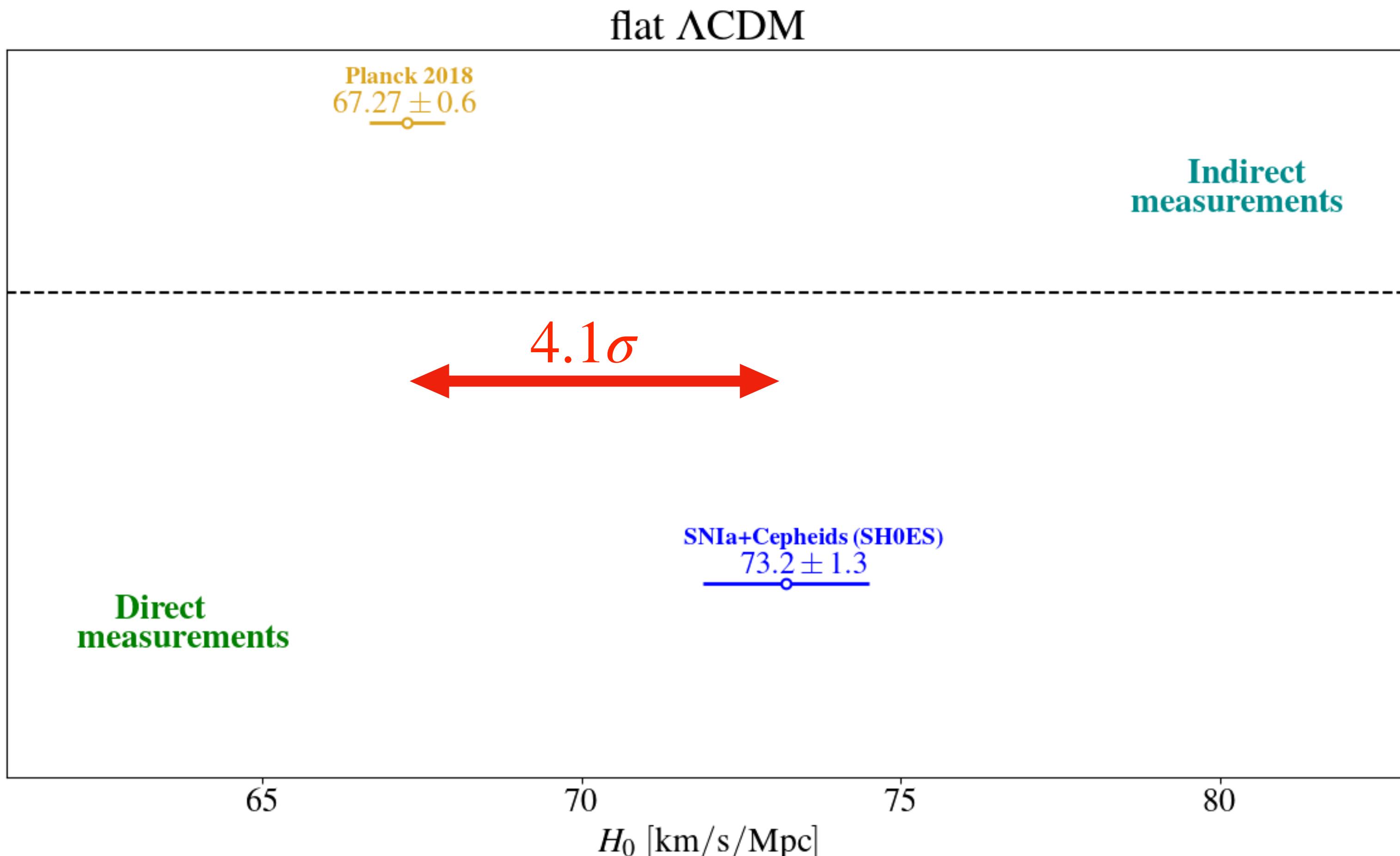
$$S_8 = 0.830 \pm 0.013$$

→  $\sim 2 - 3\sigma$  tension

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

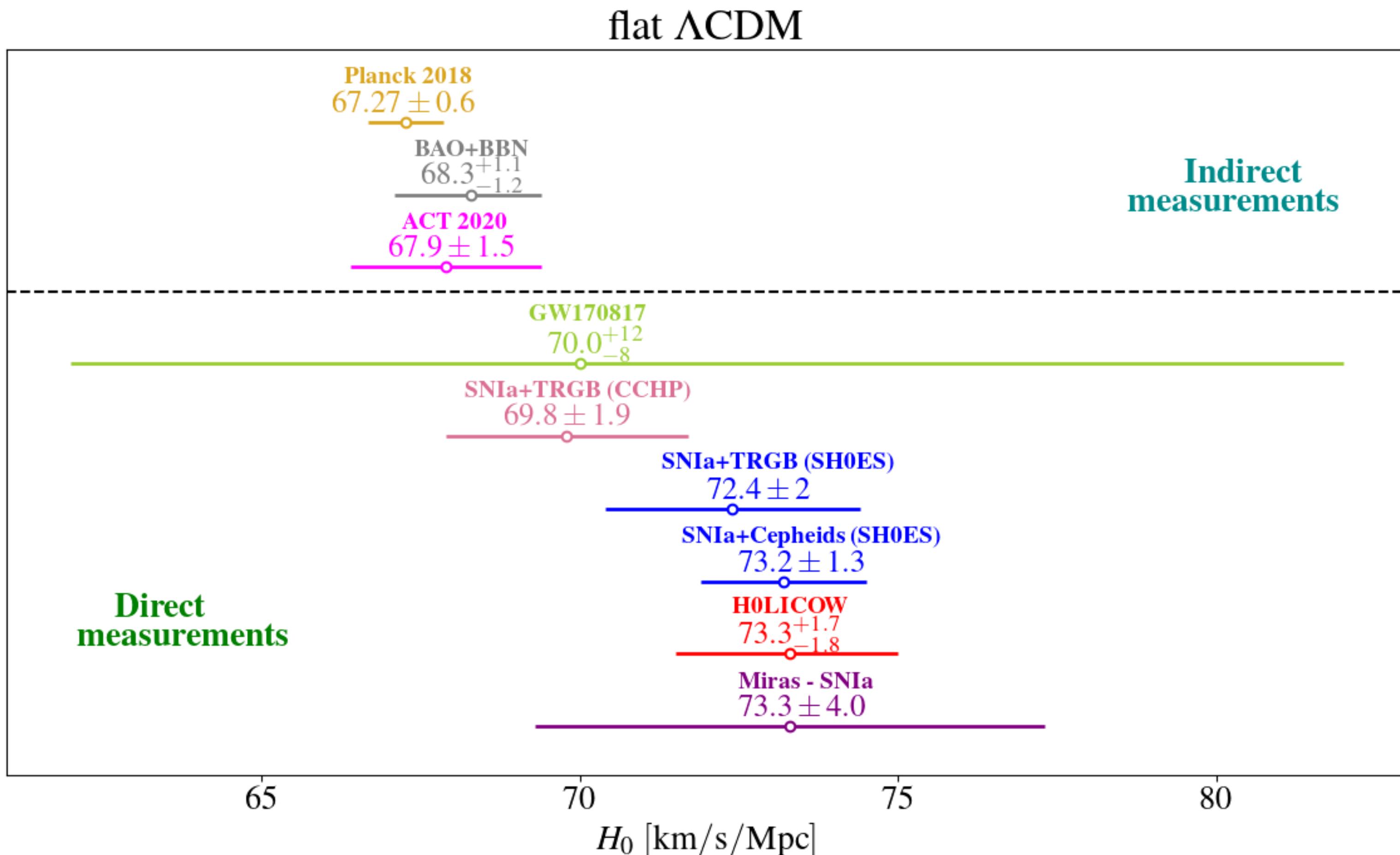
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Focus on small  $z^*$ , for which distances are approx. **model-independent**

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

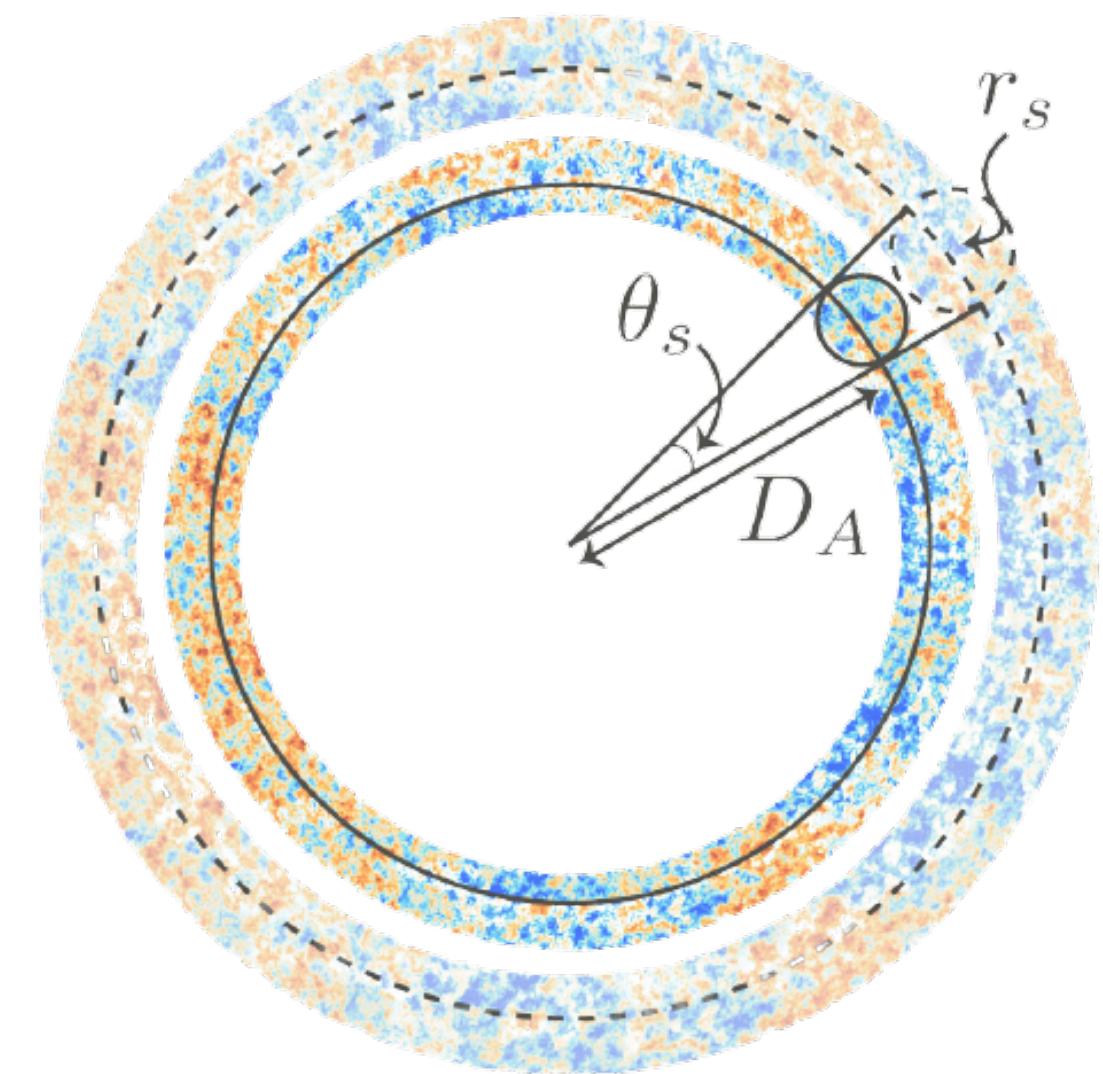
$$\text{where } H^2(z) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i(z)$$

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

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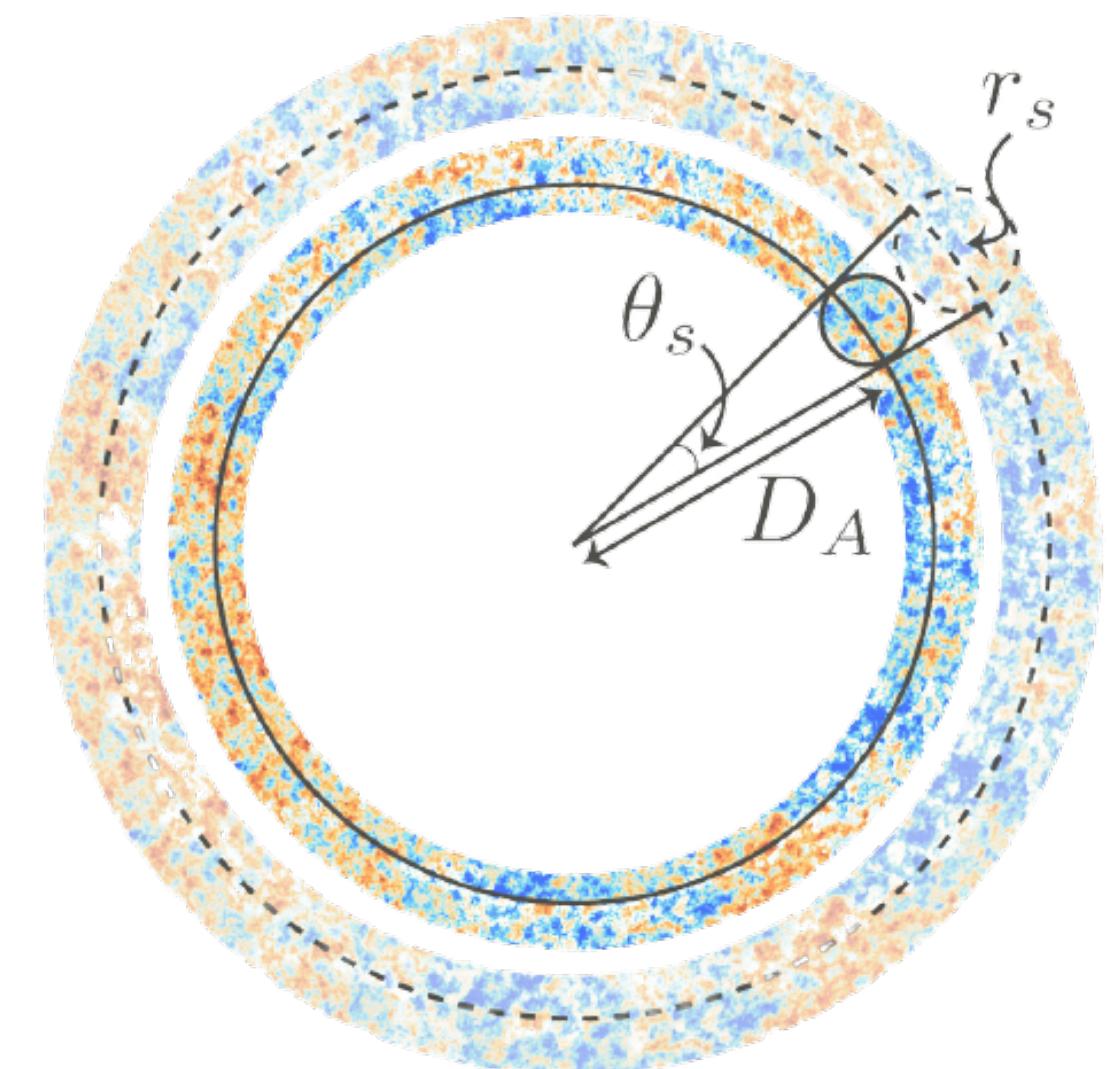
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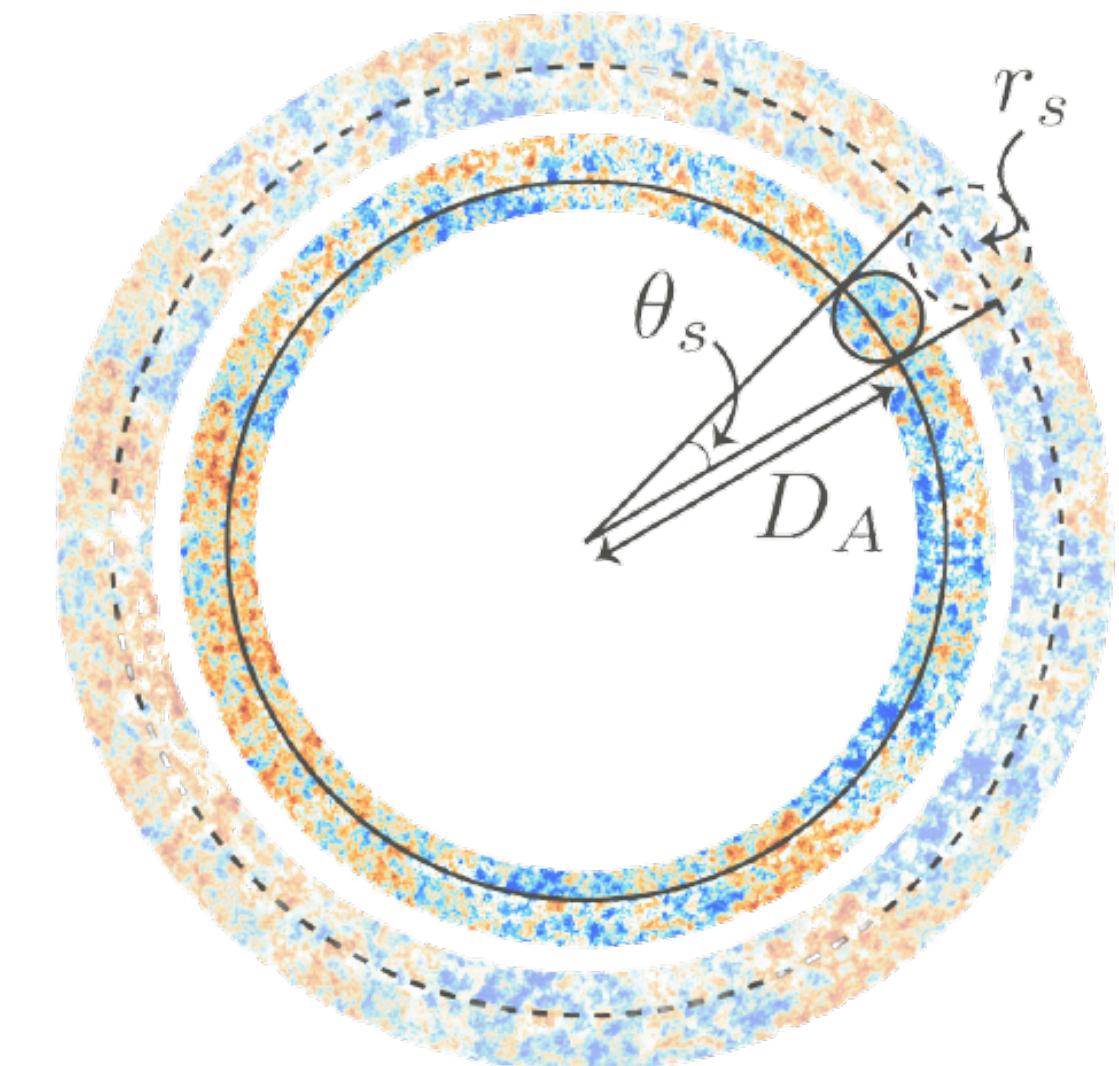
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## *Early-time solutions*

Decrease  $r_s(z_{\text{rec}})$  at fixed  $\theta_s$  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  $H_0$

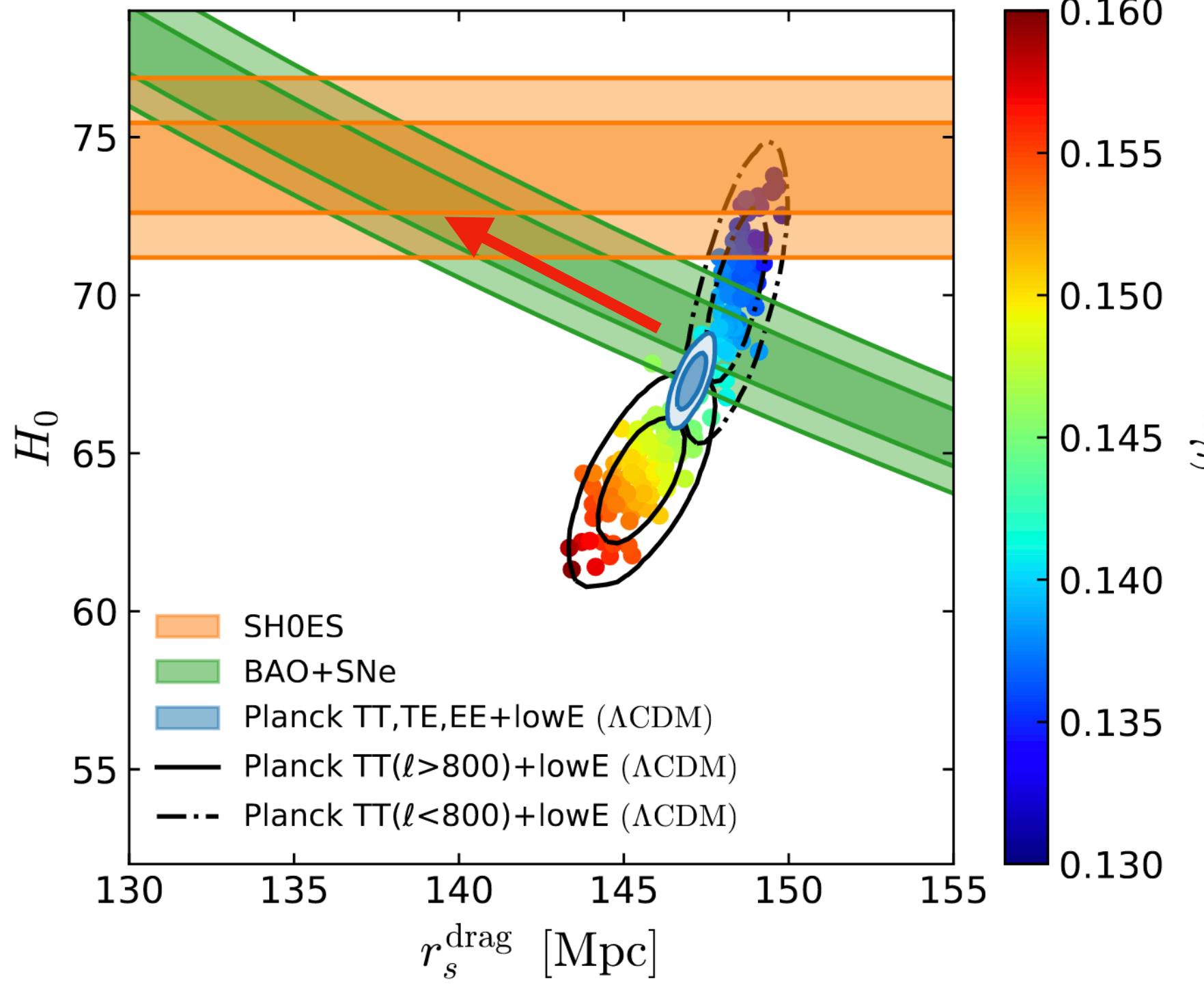
Ex :  $w < -1$

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Given  $r_s$ , obtain  $D_A$  using BAO data

$$\theta_d(z)^\perp = \frac{r_s(z_{\text{drag}})}{D_A(z)}, \quad \theta_d(z)^\parallel = r_s(z_{\text{drag}})H(z)$$

$D_L(z) = D_A(z)(1+z)^2$

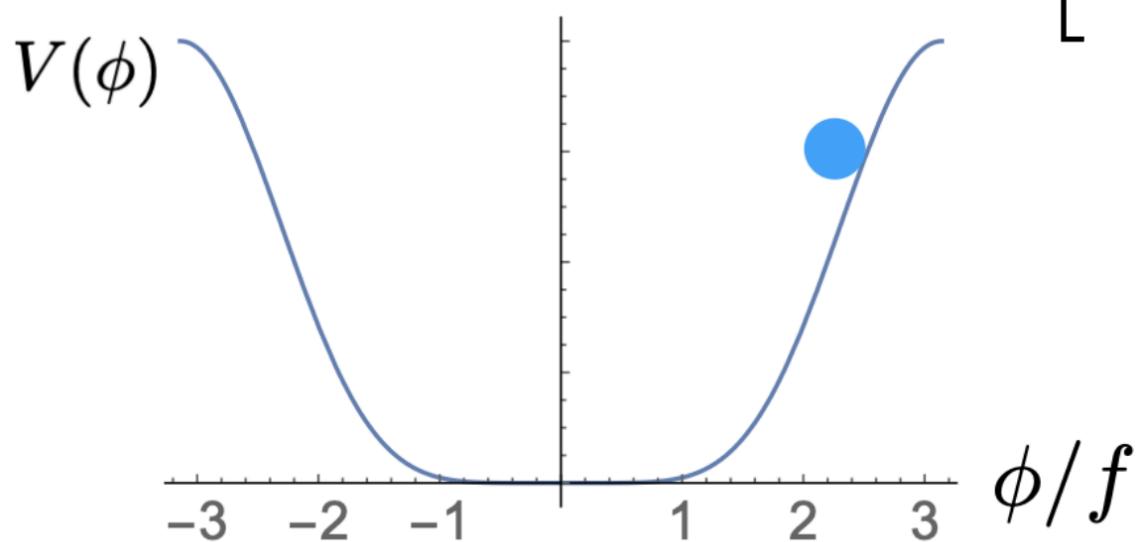
Obtain  $H_0$  from calibration of SNIa

$$m(z) = 5 \log_{10} D_L(z) + \text{const}$$

## **II. The $H_0$ tension vs. Early Dark Energy**

In collaboration with Riccardo Murgia and Vivian Poulin

# Early Dark Energy



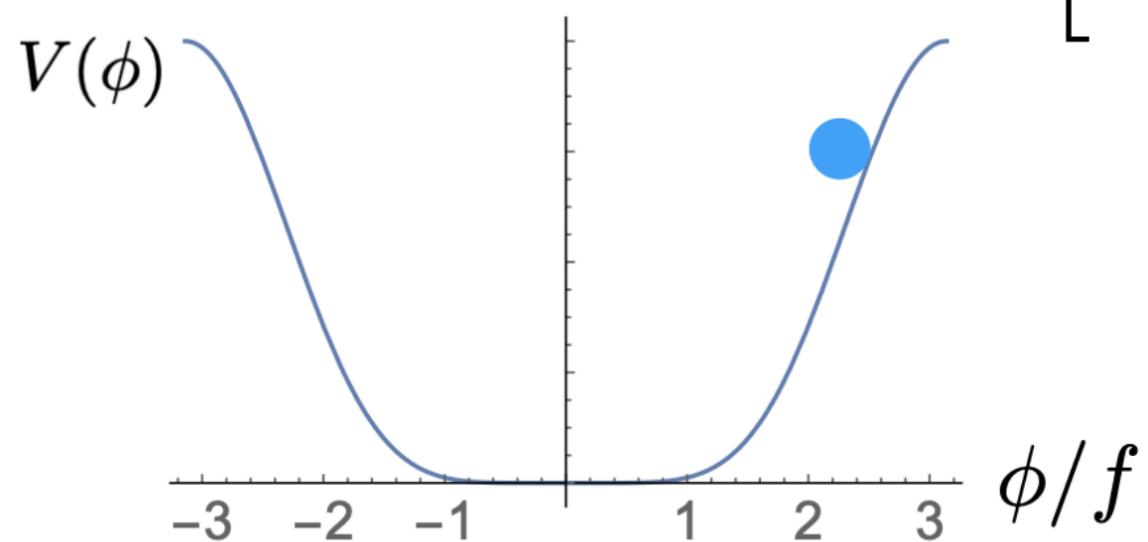
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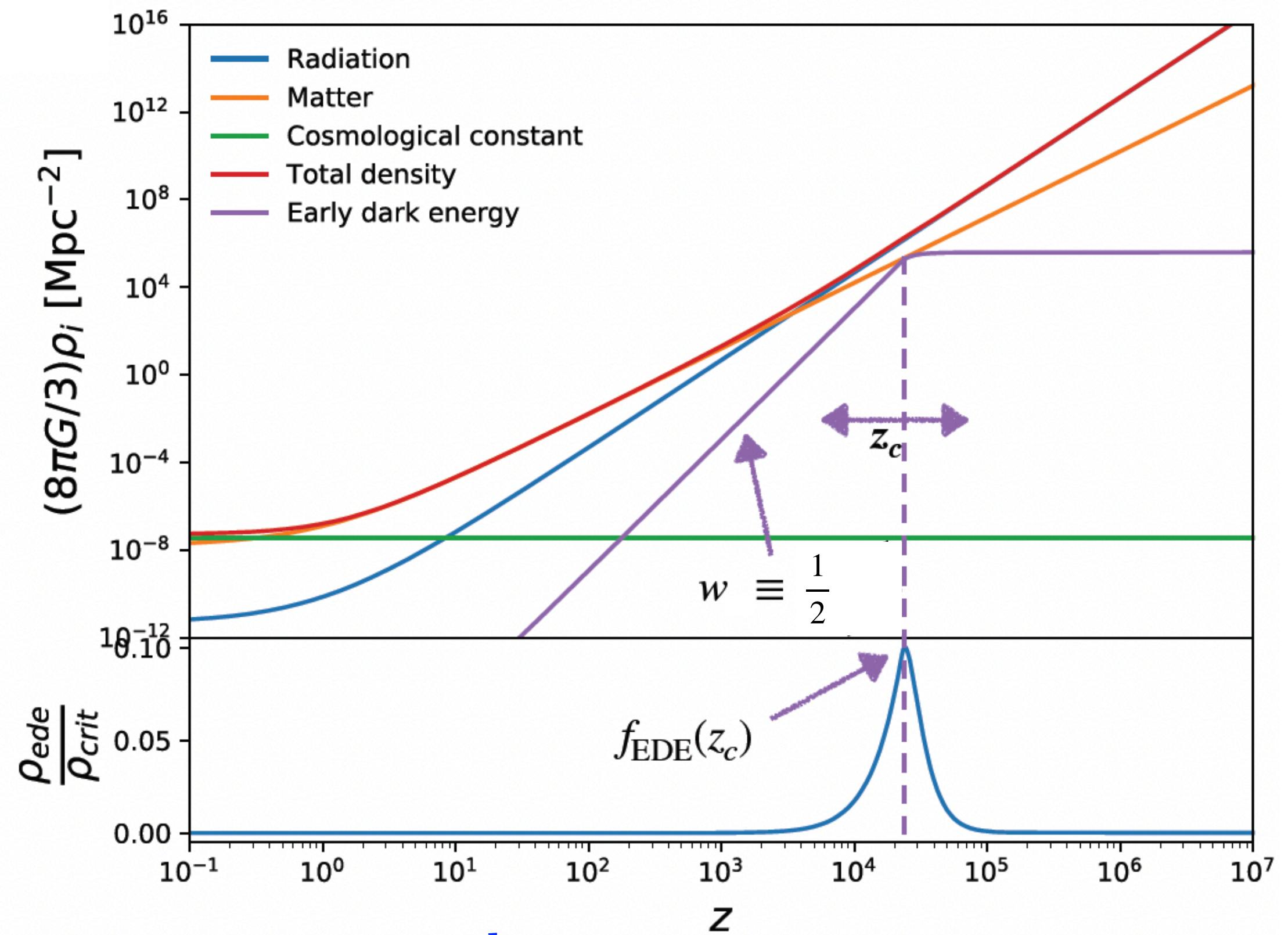
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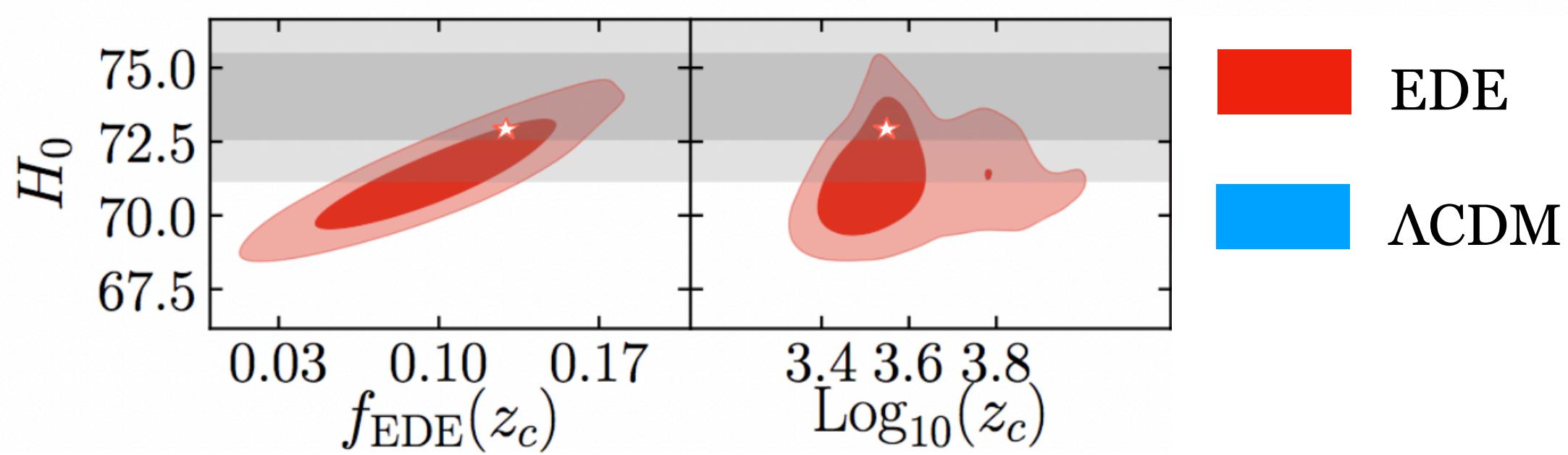
$$\{f_{\text{EDE}}(z_c), z_c, \phi_i\}$$



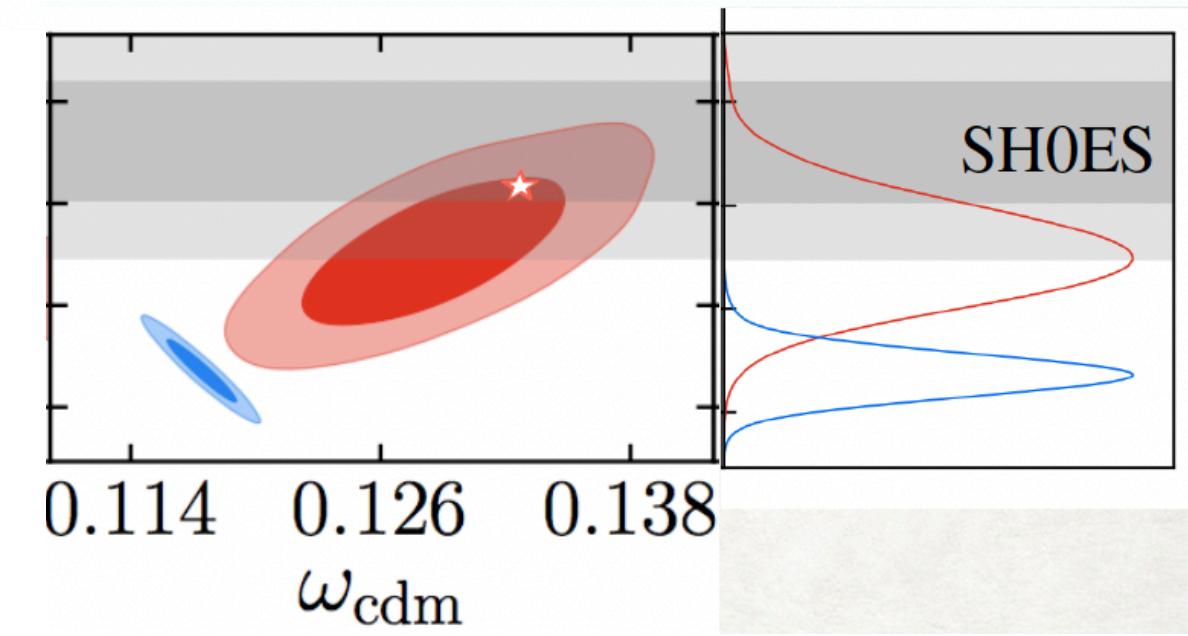
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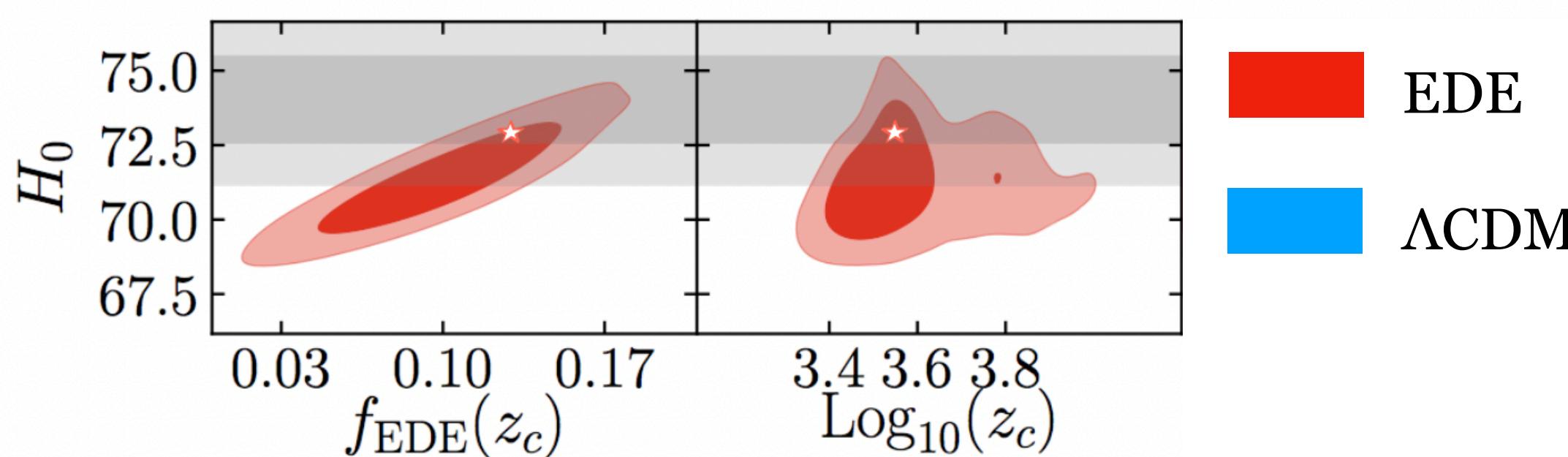


Smith++ 1908.06995

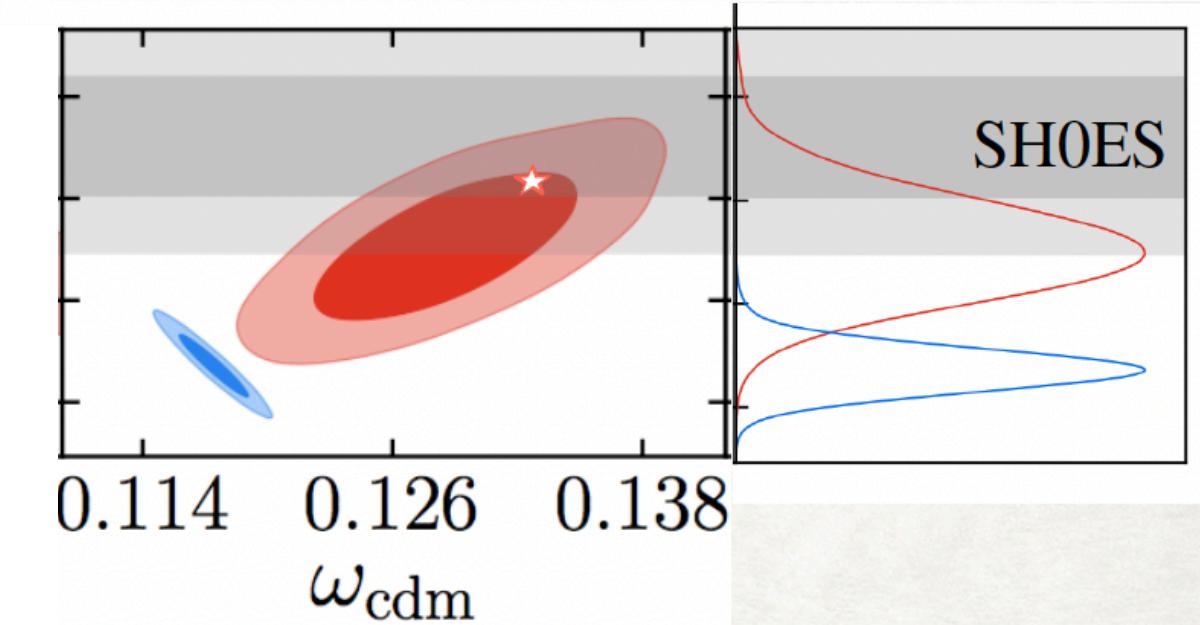
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Some caveats

1. *Very fine tuned?*

→ Proposed connexions of EDE with neutrino sector and present DE

Sakstein++ 1911.11760

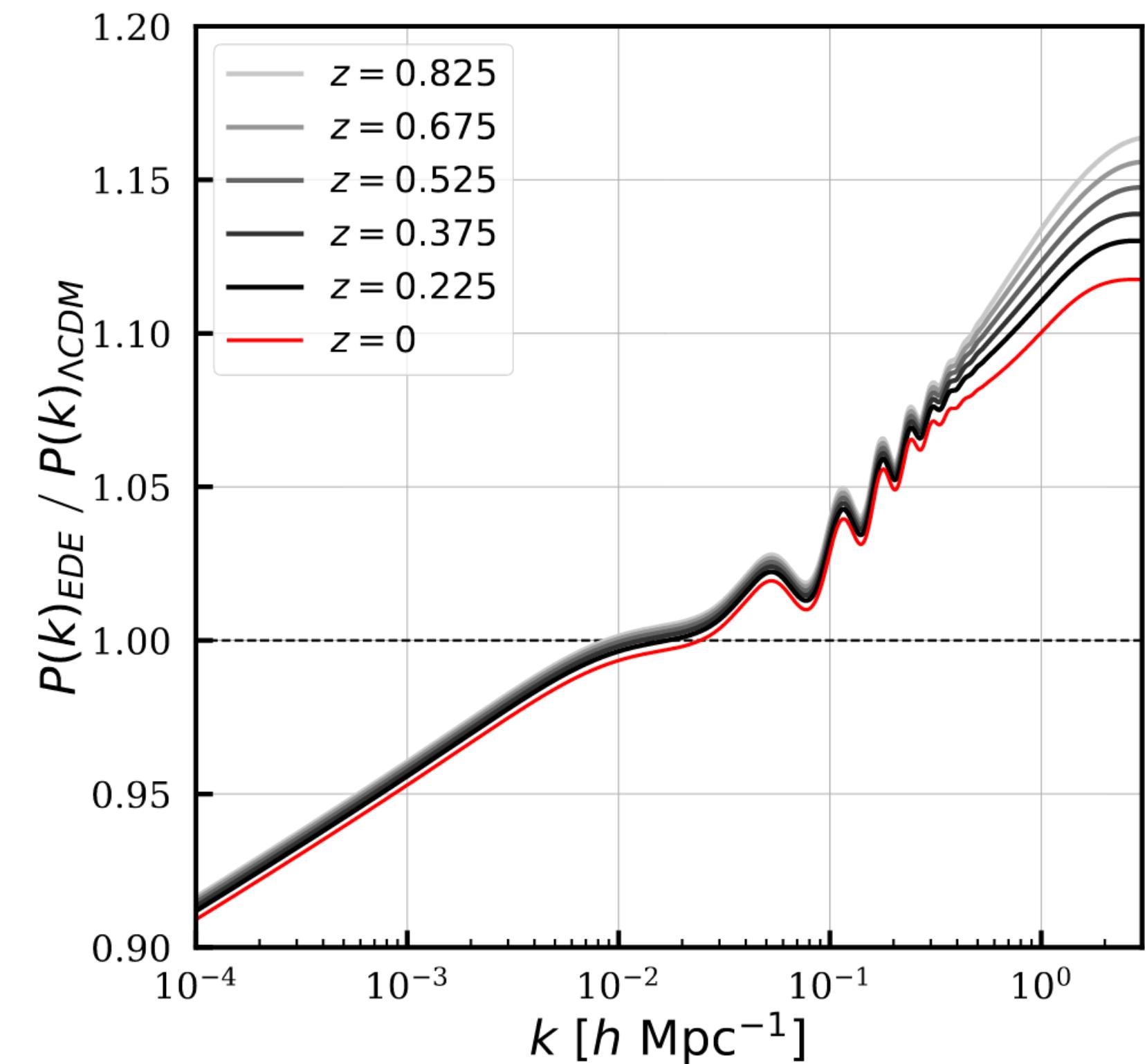
Freese++ 2102.13655

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

Jedamzik++ 2010.04158.

# Is EDE solution ruled out?

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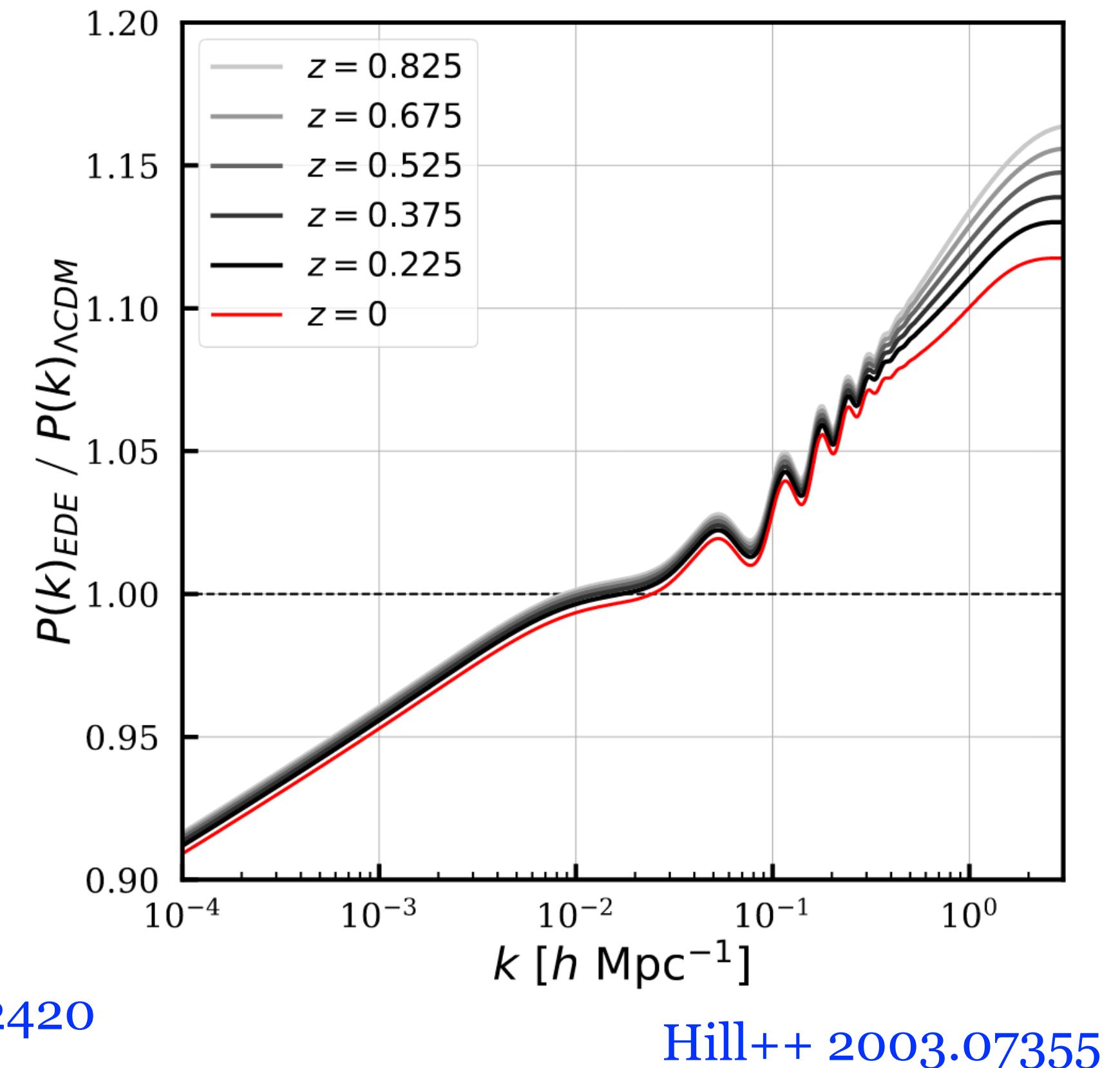
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When LSS data is added to analysis, EDE  
detection is **reduced** from  $3\sigma$  to  $2\sigma$

In addition, EDE is **not detected** from  
Planck data alone

D'amico++ 2006.12420  
Ivanov++ 2006.11235



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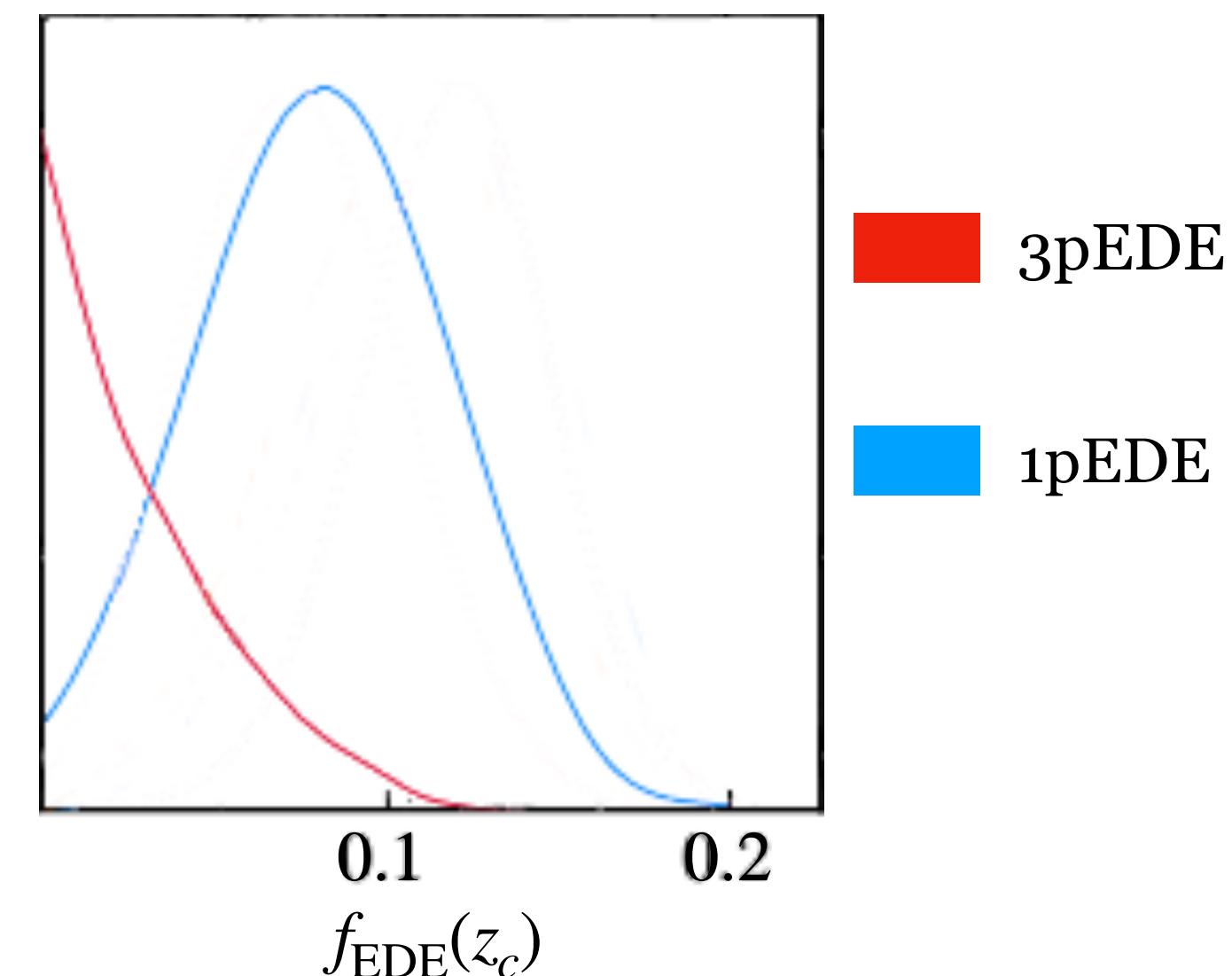
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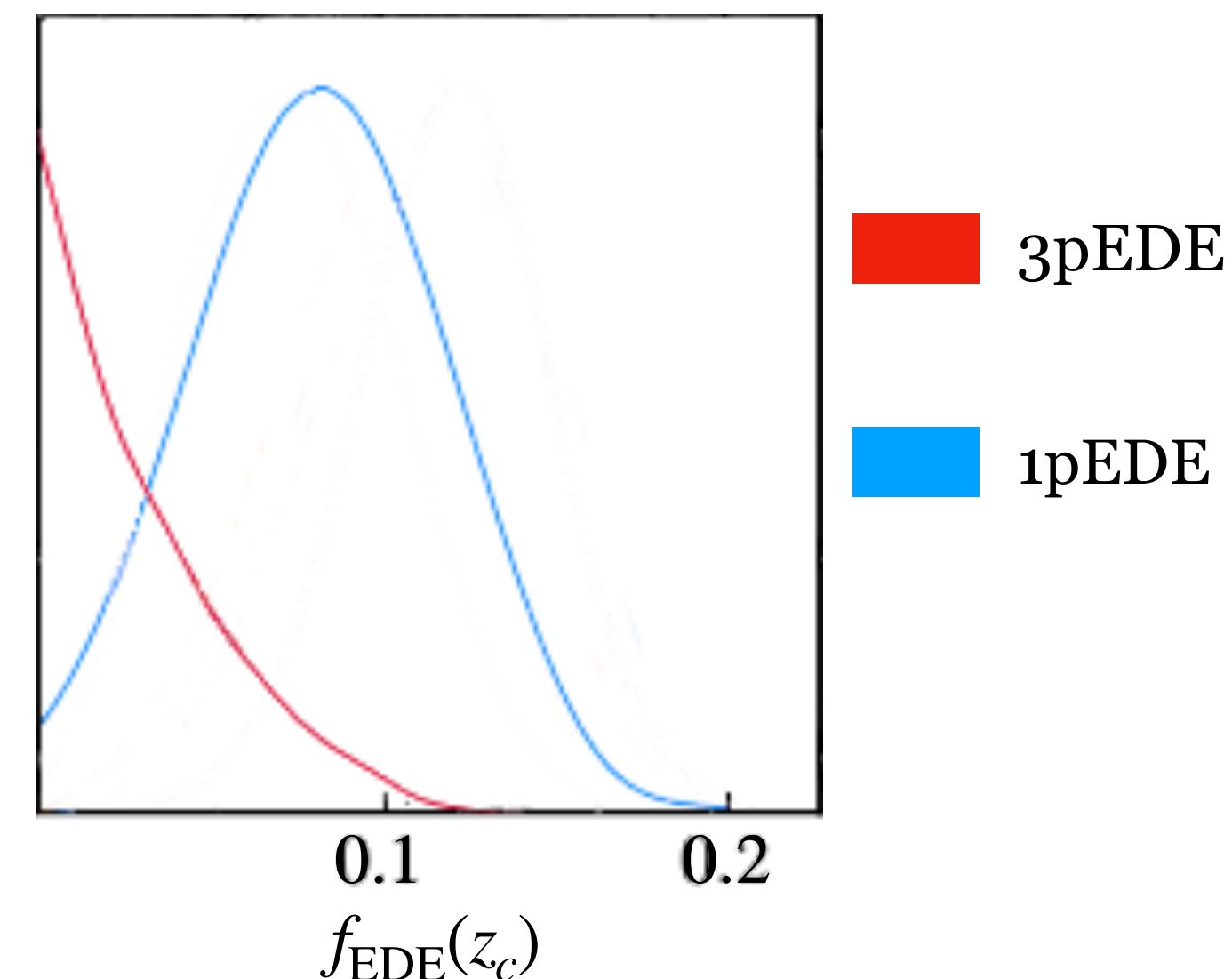
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To avoid this Bayesian volume effect, consider a **1 parameter EDE model (1pEDE)**:

Fix  $z_c$  and  $\phi_i$  and let  $f_{\text{EDE}}$  free to vary

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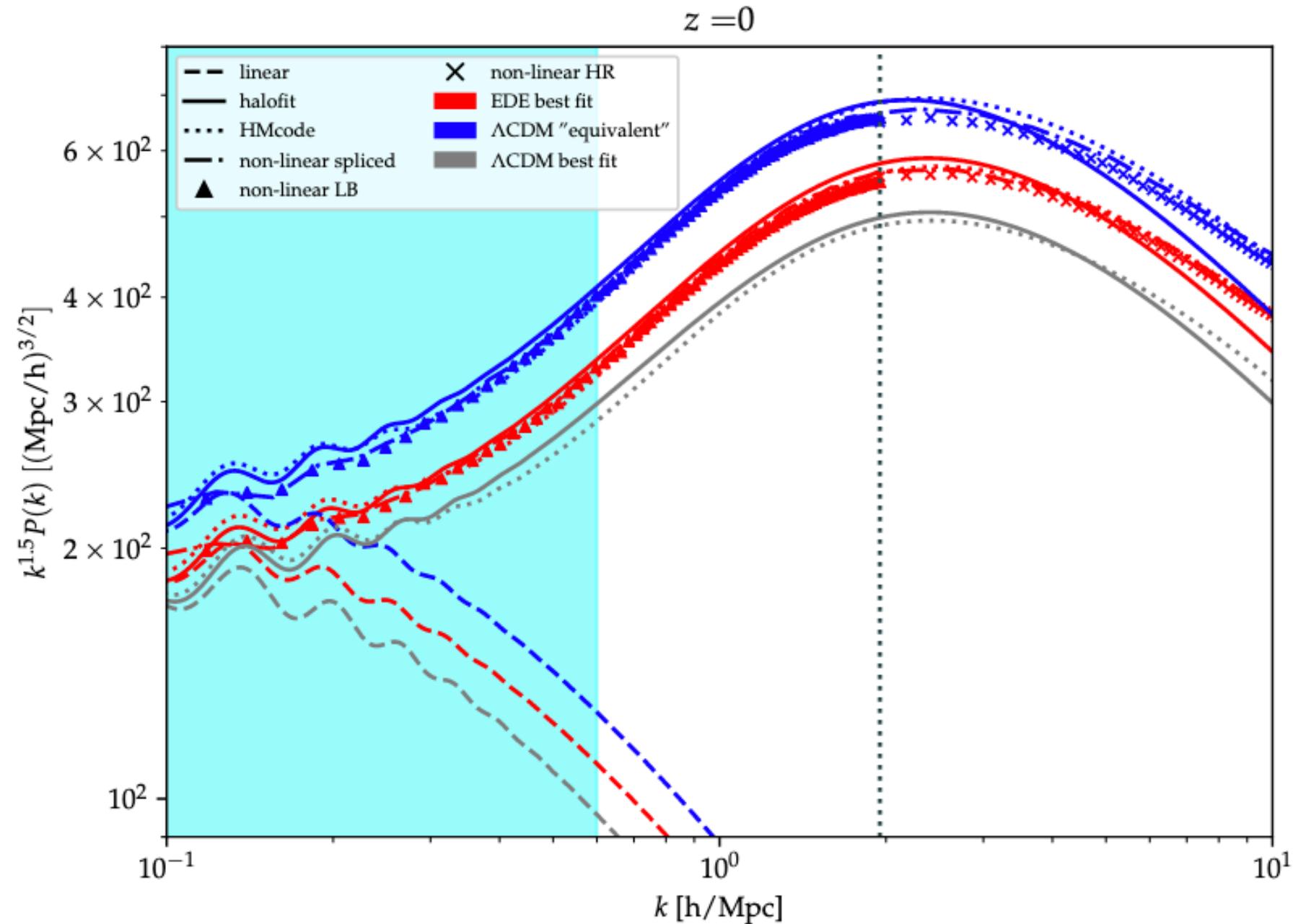
Within 1pEDE, we get a  $2\sigma$  detection of EDE from *Planck data alone*

$$f_{\text{EDE}} = 0.08 \pm 0.04$$

$$H_0 = 70 \pm 1.5 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

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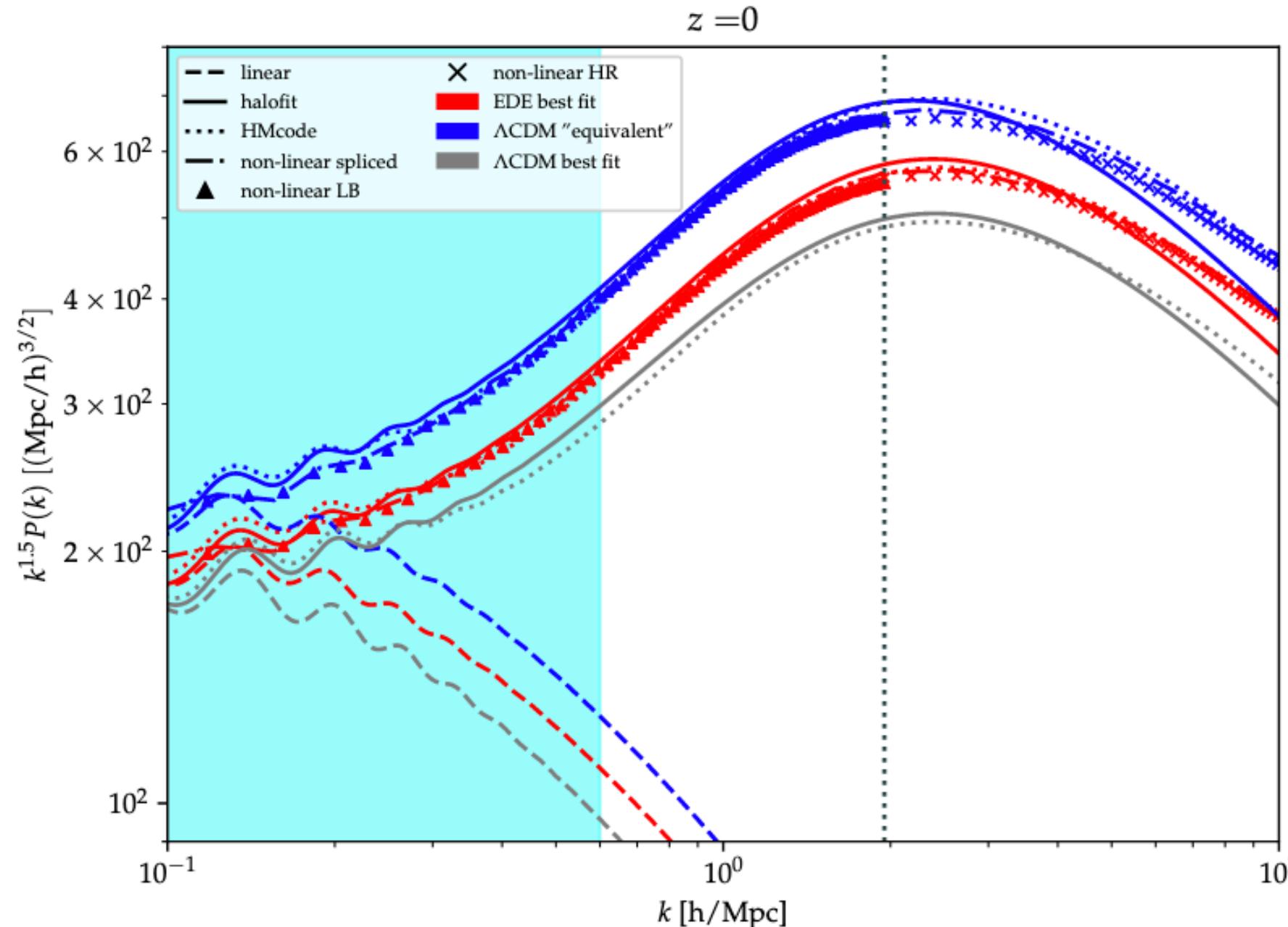
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1pEDE tested against Planck+BAO+SNIa+SHoEs and WL data from KiDS/Viking+DES:  
S<sub>8</sub> tension persists, but fit is not significantly degraded wrt  $\Lambda$ CDM, and solution to the H<sub>0</sub> tension survives

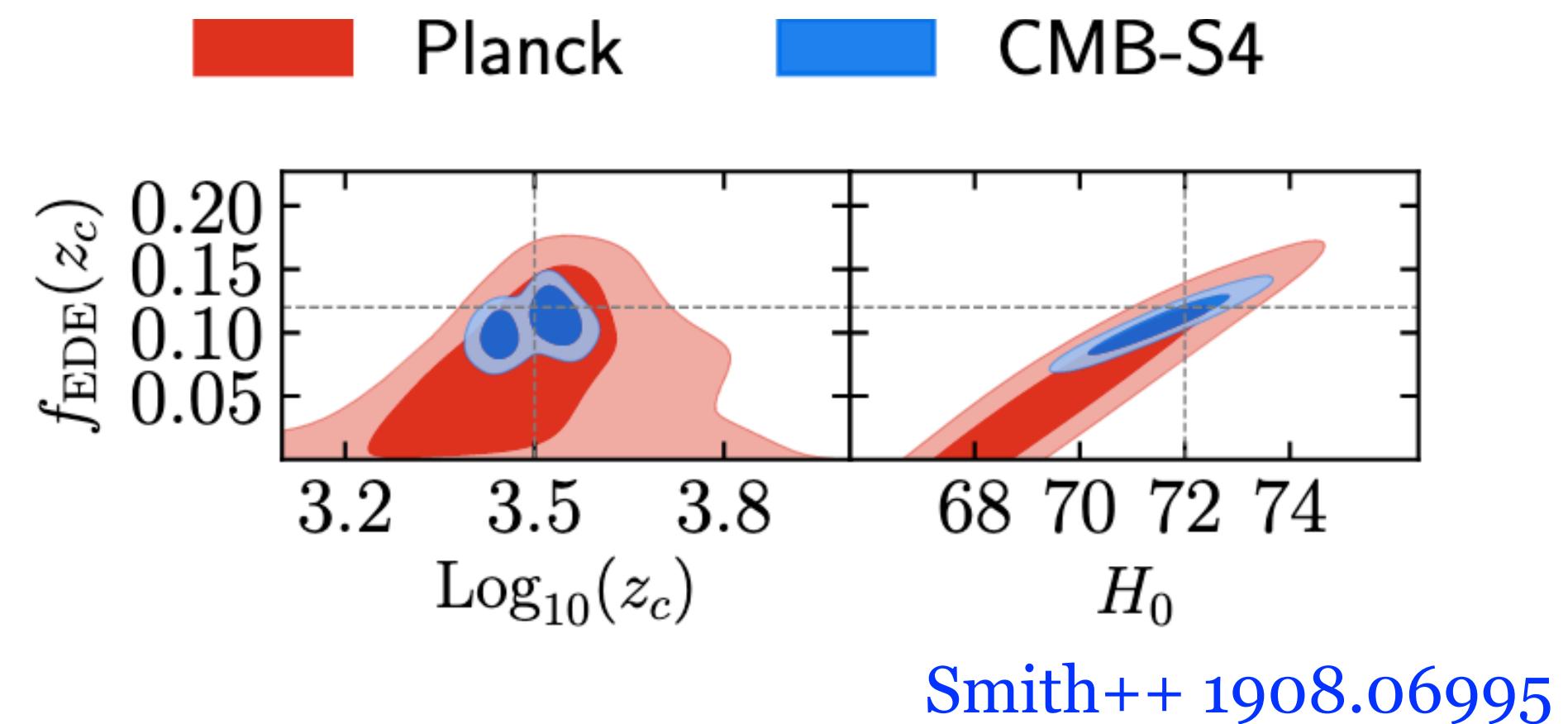
Murgia, GFA, Poulin 2107.10291

$$f_{\text{EDE}} = 0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.02} \quad H_0 = 71.3 \pm 0.9 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

\*Intrinsic effect of EDE is a power suppression, but the shift of the  $\Lambda$ CDM params. leads to an enhancement 19

# Prospects for Early Dark Energy

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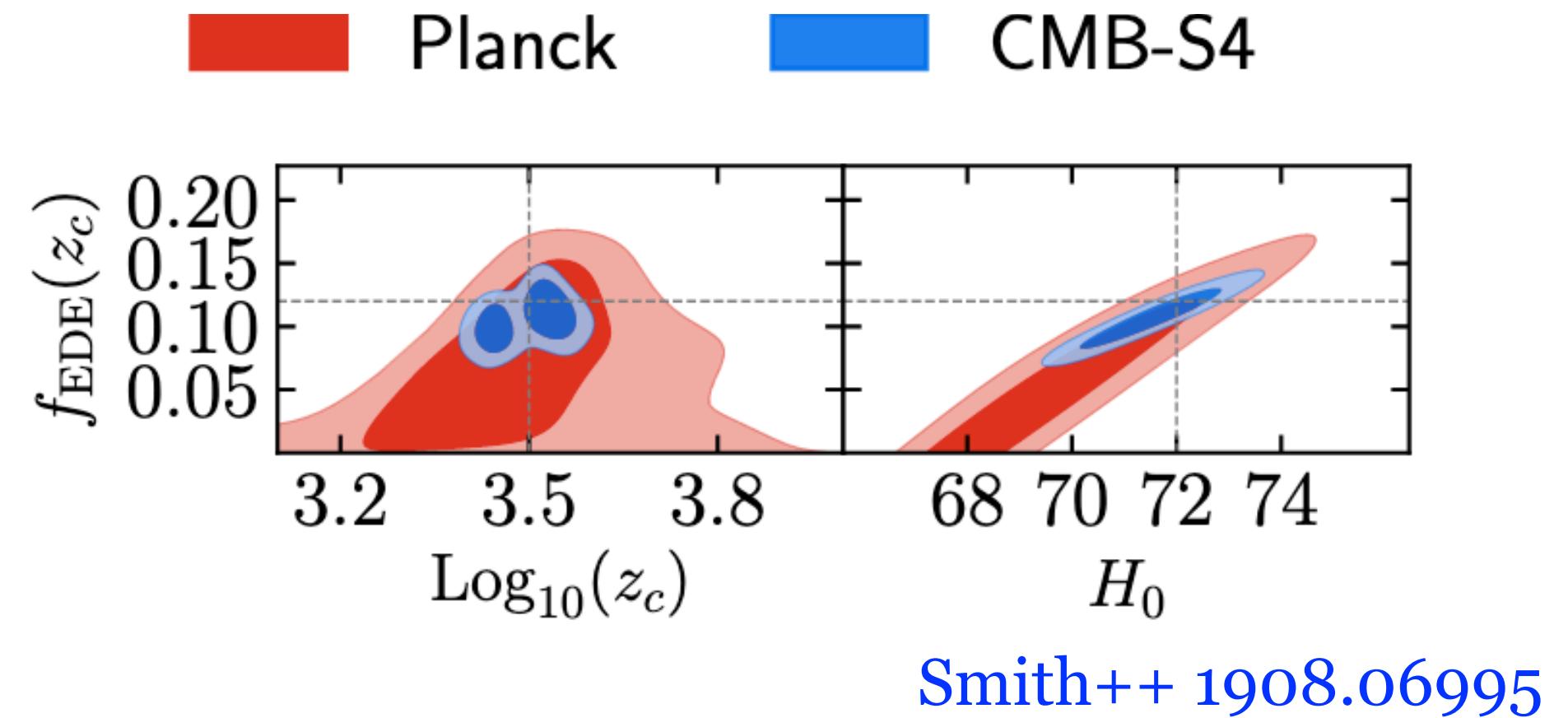
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**Is there any model that could explain the S<sub>8</sub> anomaly?**

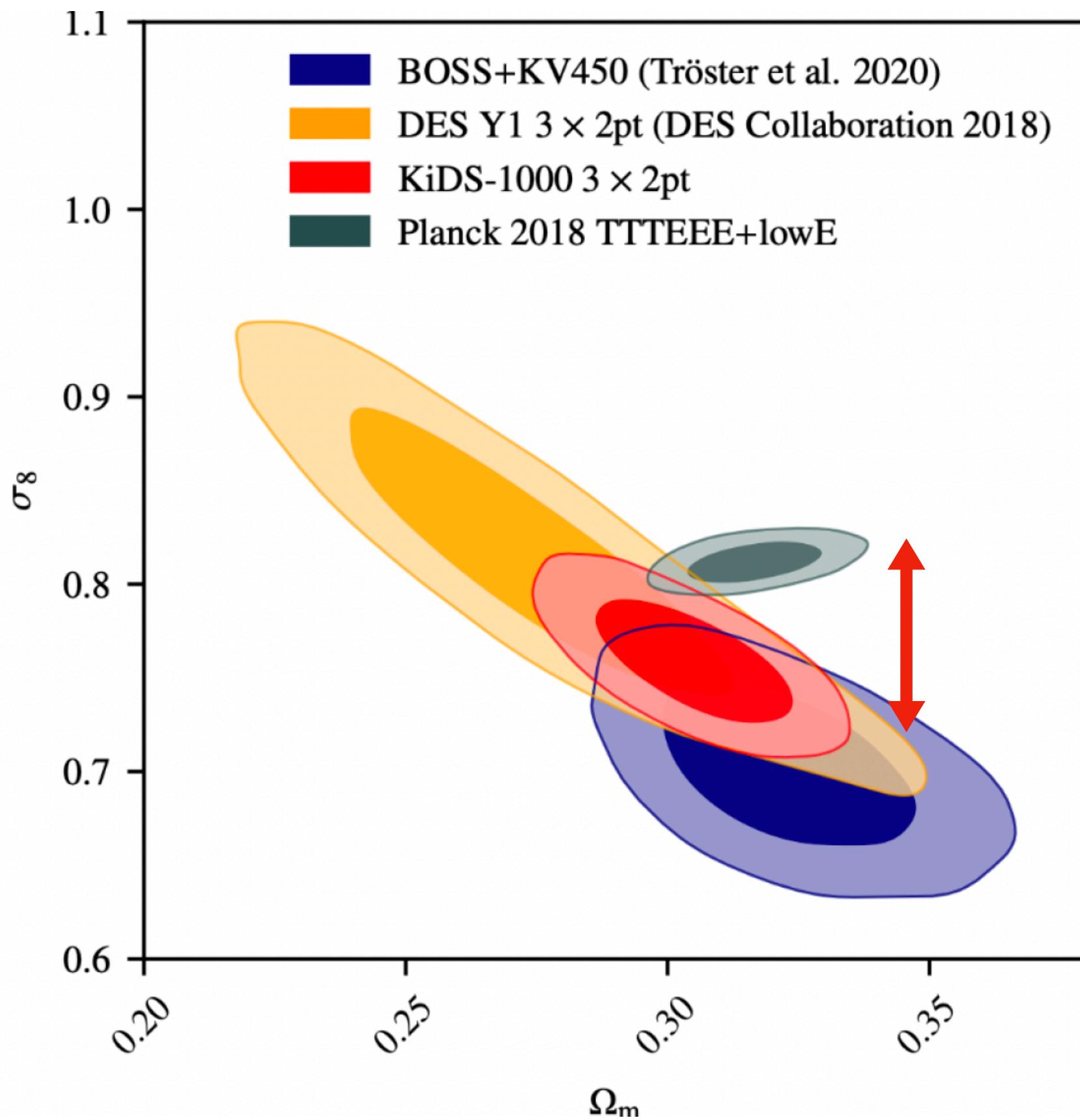
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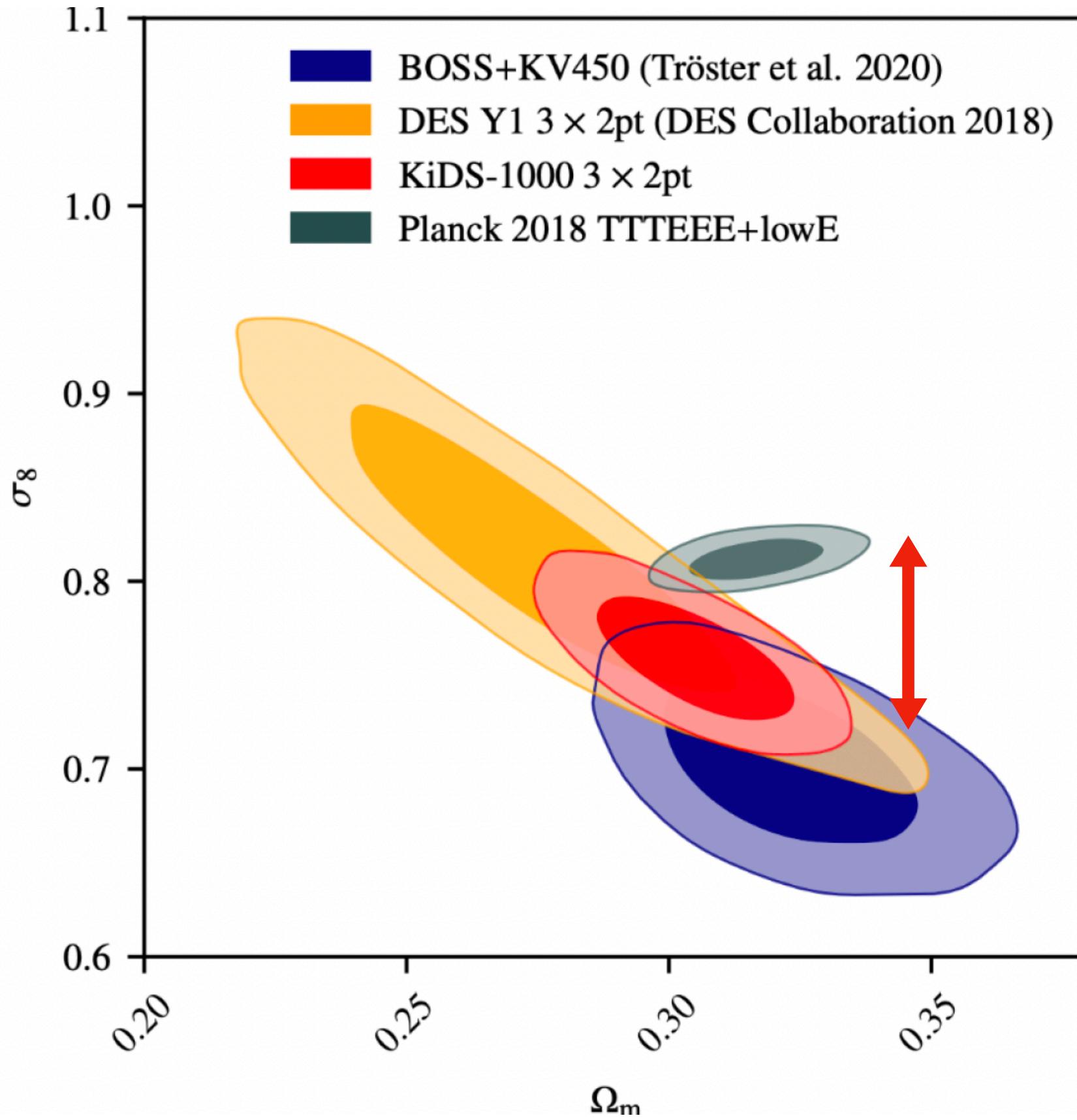
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Ex: Warm Dark Matter

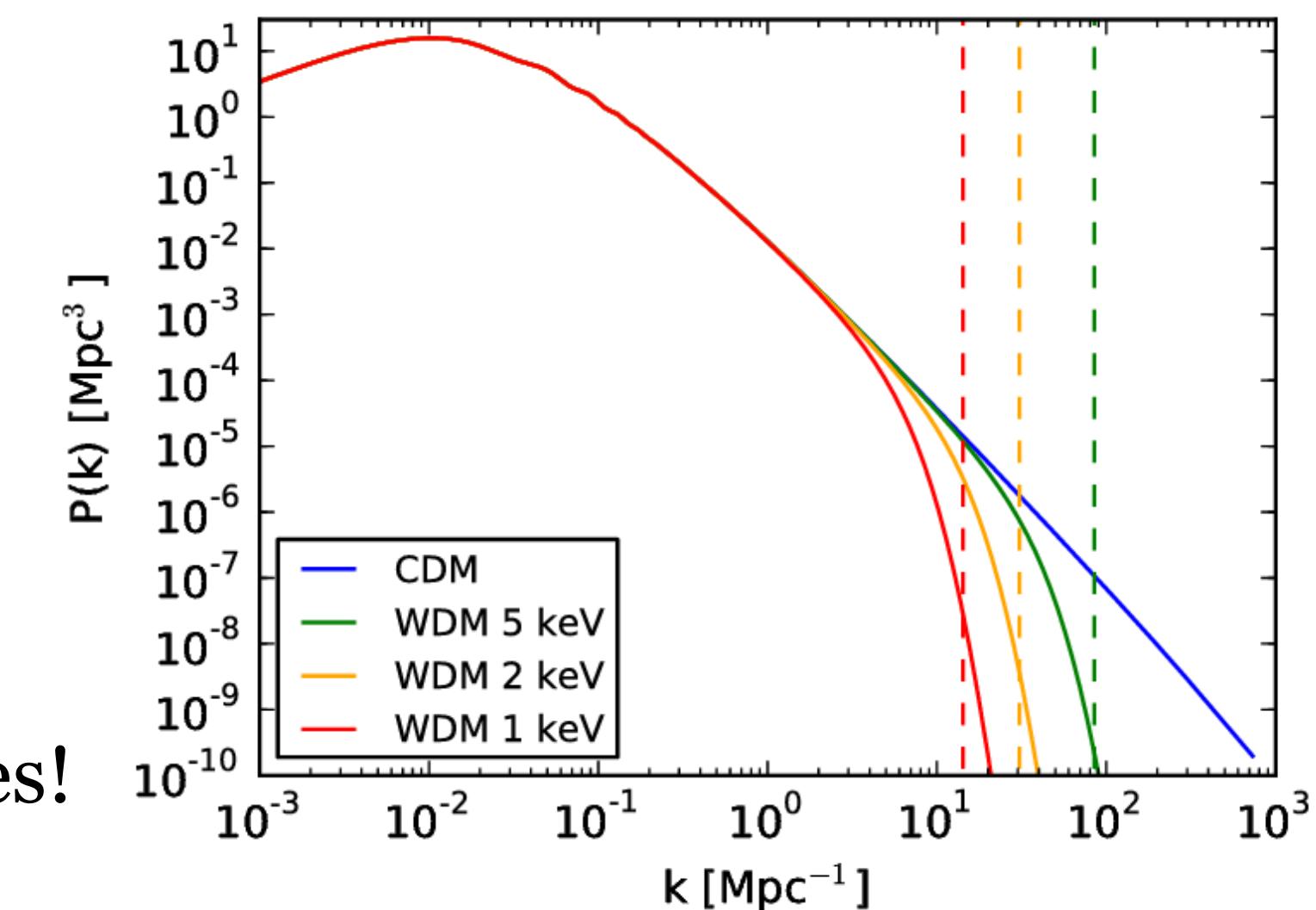
Very constrained by many probes!

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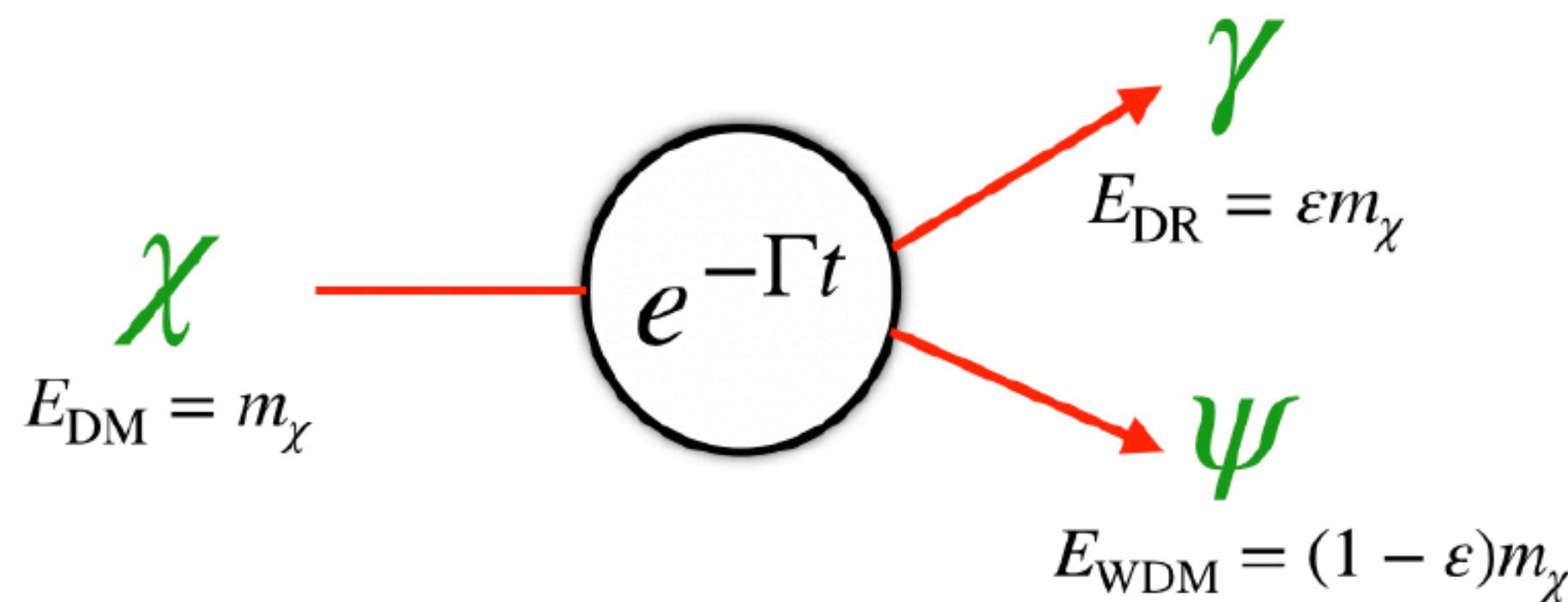


Need to **suppress power** at scales  $k \sim 0.1 - 1 h/\text{Mpc}$



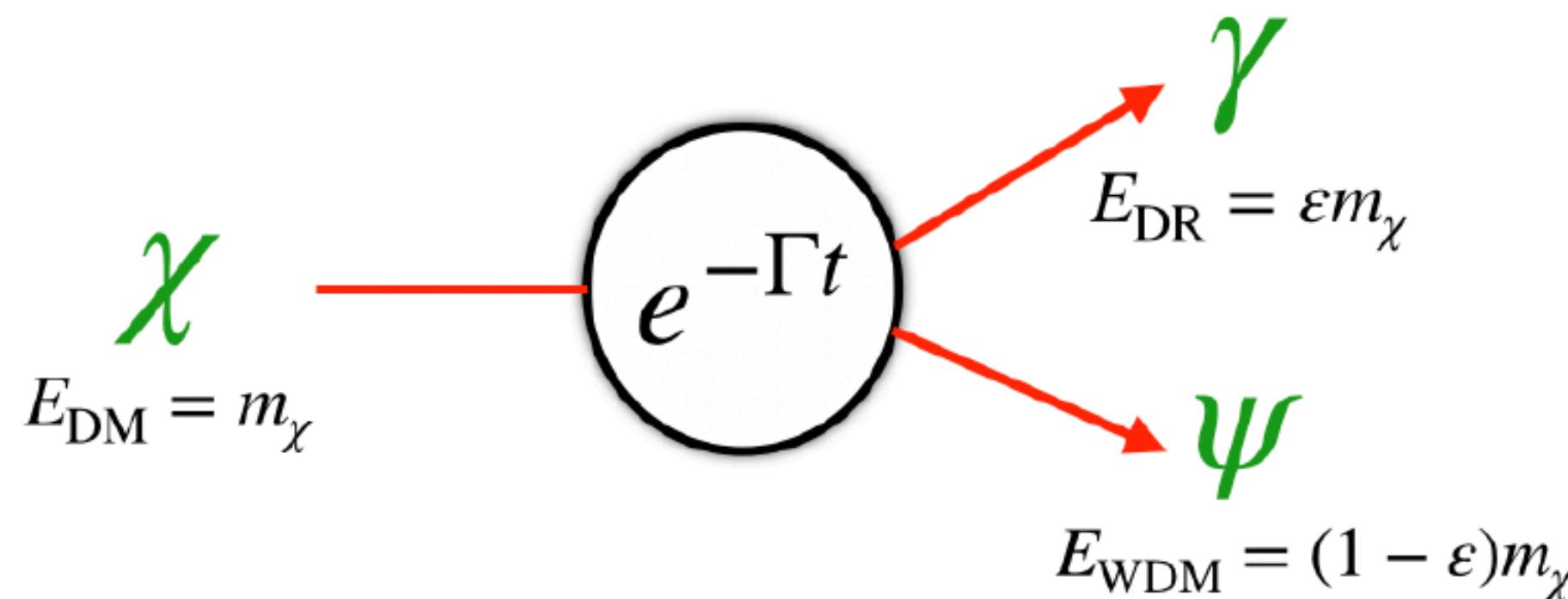
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The model is fully specified by:

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

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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

# Evolution of perturbations: full treatment

- Effects on  $P_m(k)$  and  $C_\ell$ ? Track **linear perts.** for the particles species involved in the decay:  $\delta_i$ ,  $\theta_i$  and  $\sigma_i$  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!

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Lesgourgues & Tram, 1104.2935

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

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where

$$c_a^2(\tau) = w\left(5 - \frac{p_{\text{wdm}}}{P_{\text{wdm}}} - \frac{\bar{\rho}_{\text{dm}}}{\bar{\rho}_{\text{wdm}}}\frac{\Gamma}{3wH}\frac{\varepsilon^2}{1-\varepsilon}\right)\left[3(1+w) - \frac{\bar{\rho}_{\text{dm}}}{\bar{\rho}_{\text{wdm}}}\frac{\Gamma}{H}(1-\varepsilon)\right]^{-1}$$

and

$$c_{\text{syn}}^2(k, \tau) = c_a^2(\tau)[1 + (1-2\varepsilon)T(k/k_{\text{fs}})]$$

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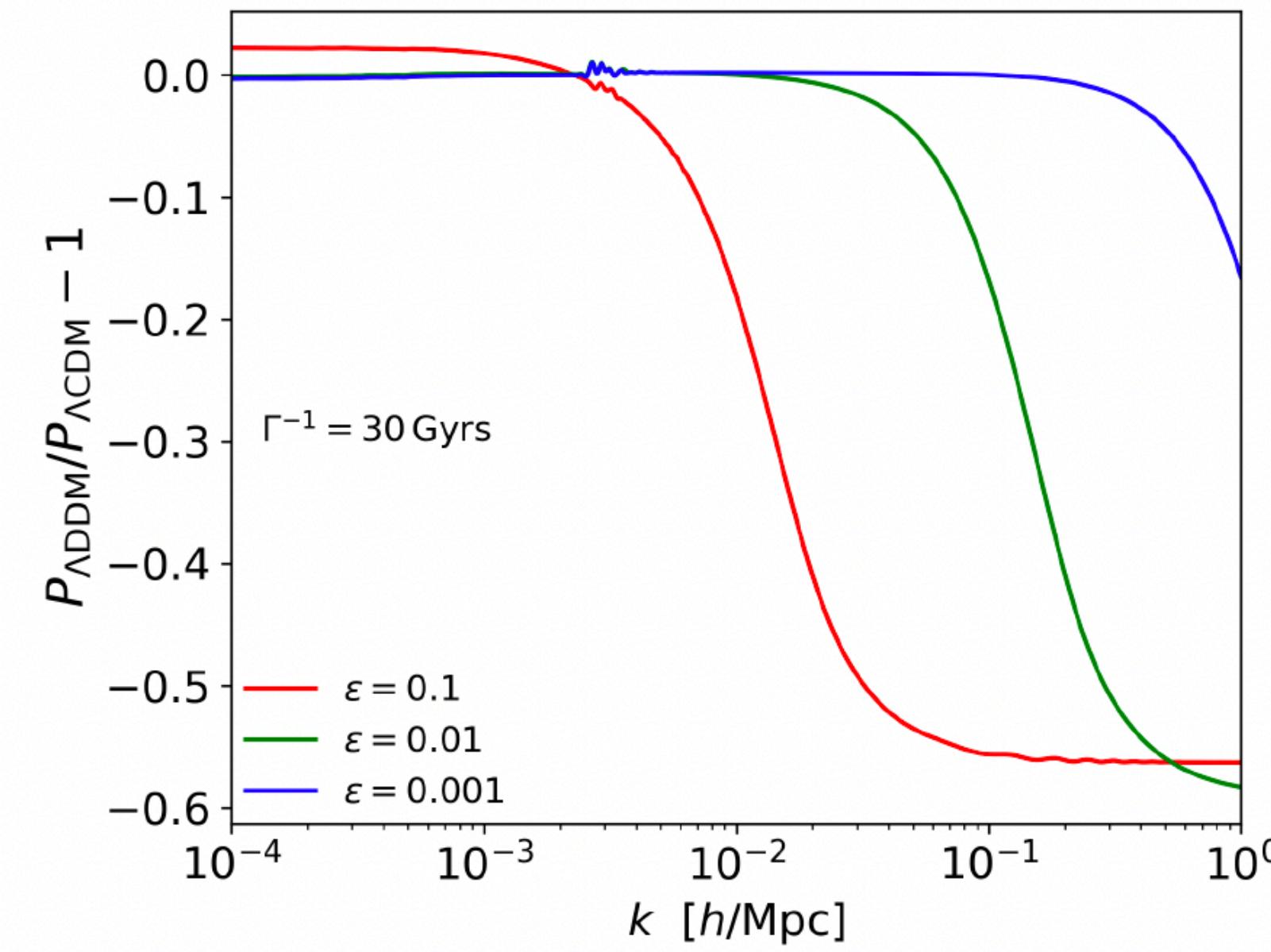
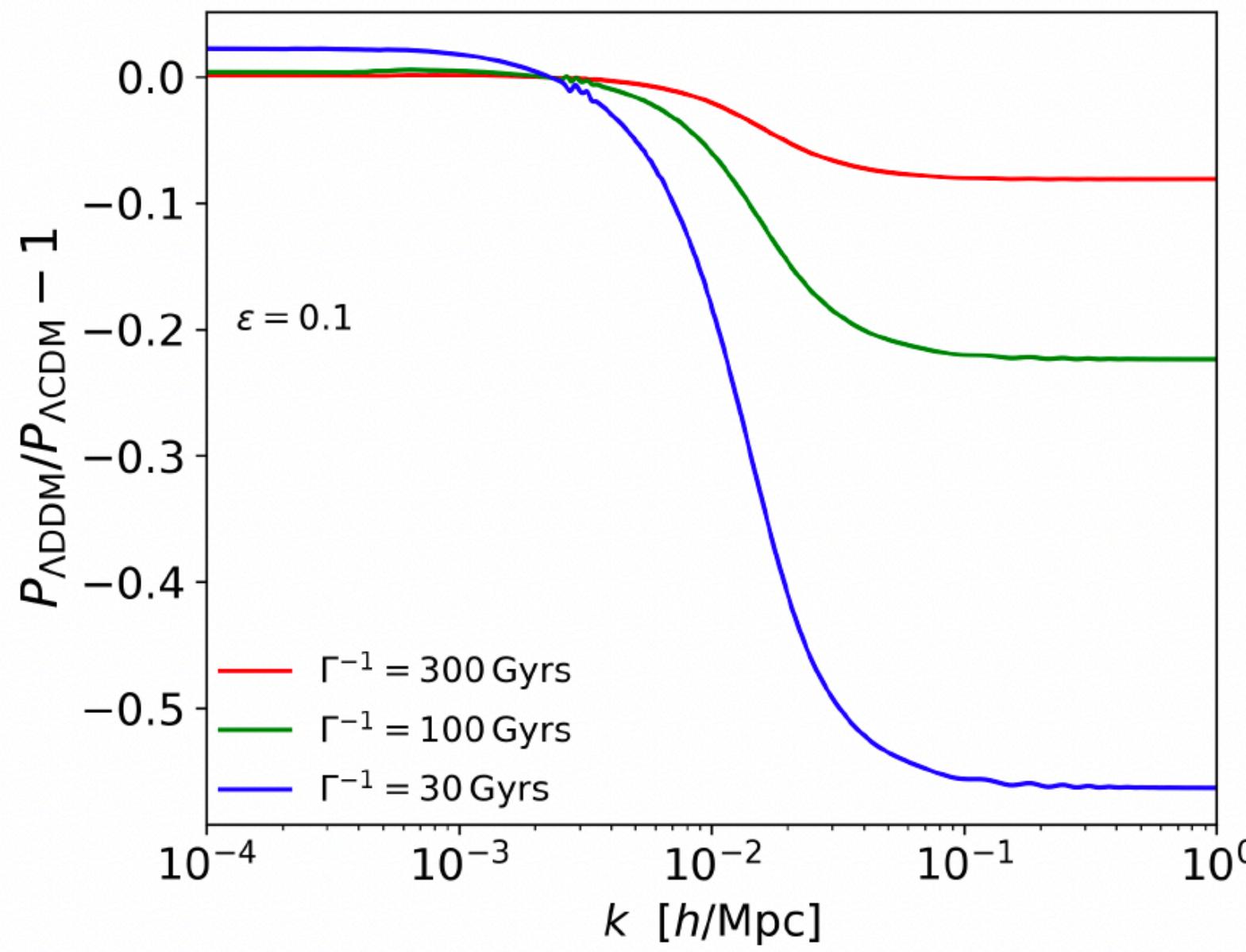
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**CPU time reduced from  $\sim 1$  day to  $\sim 1$  minute!**

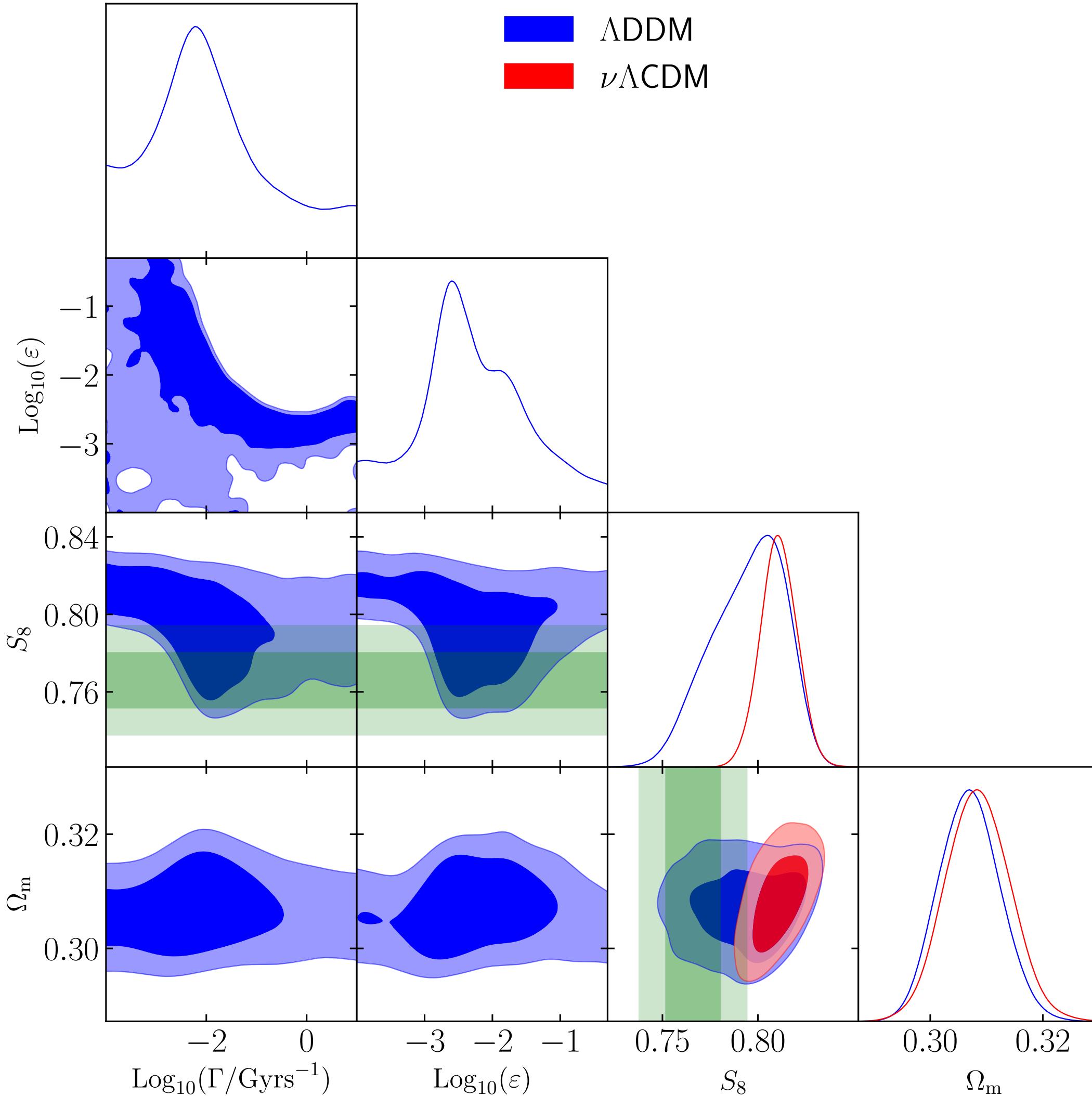
\*Implemented in modified version of public Boltzmann solver CLASS

# Impact of decaying DM on the matter spectrum

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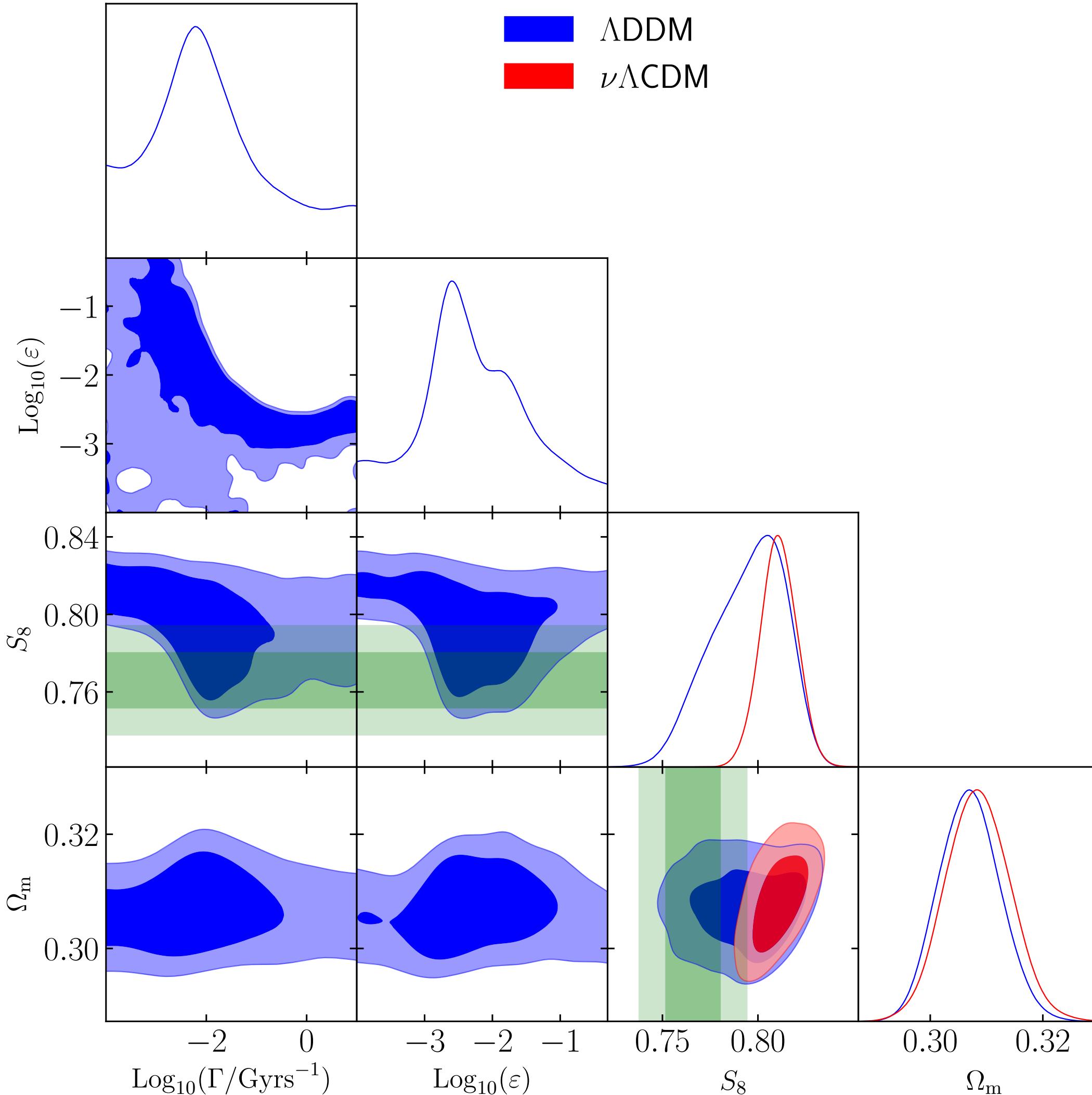


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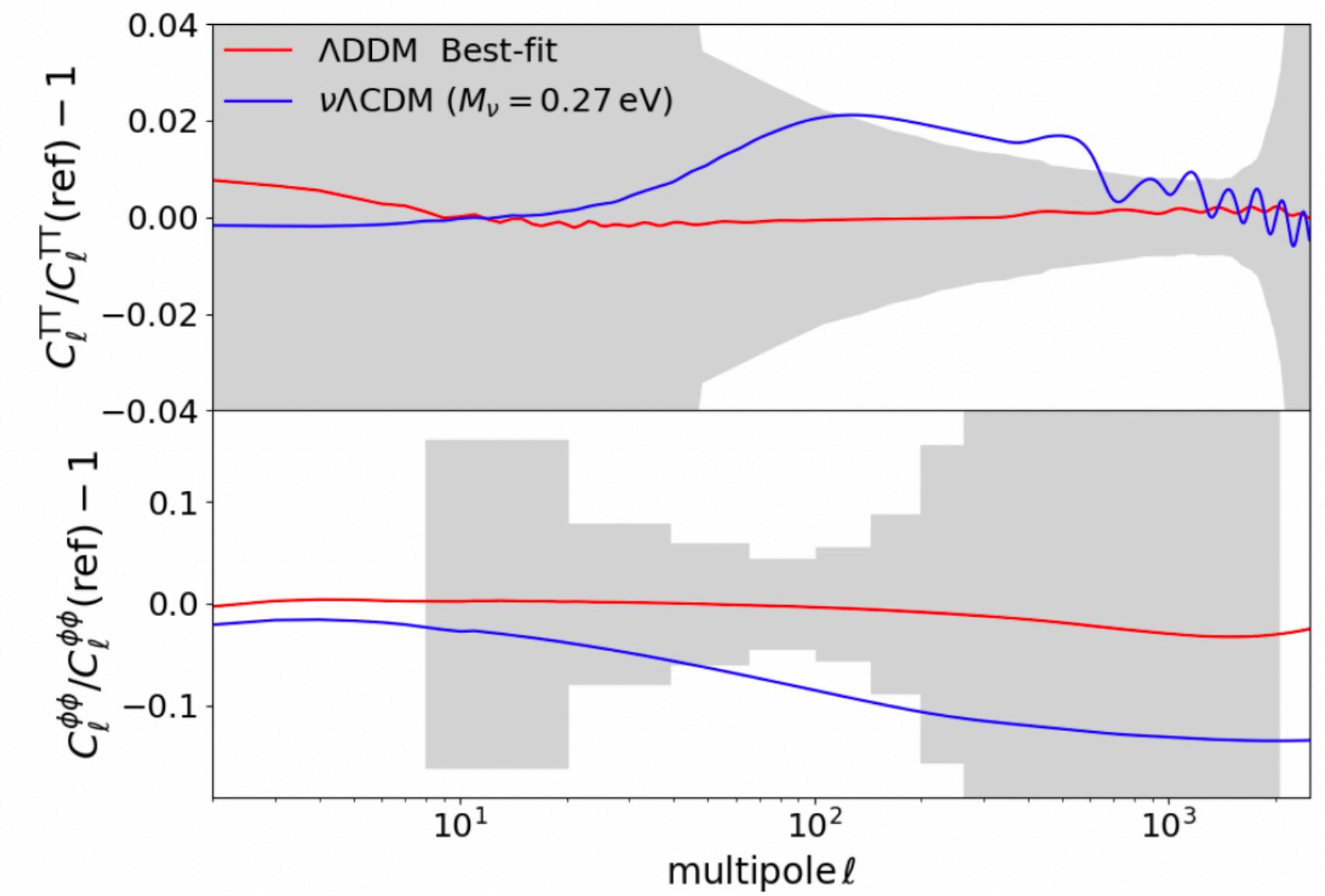
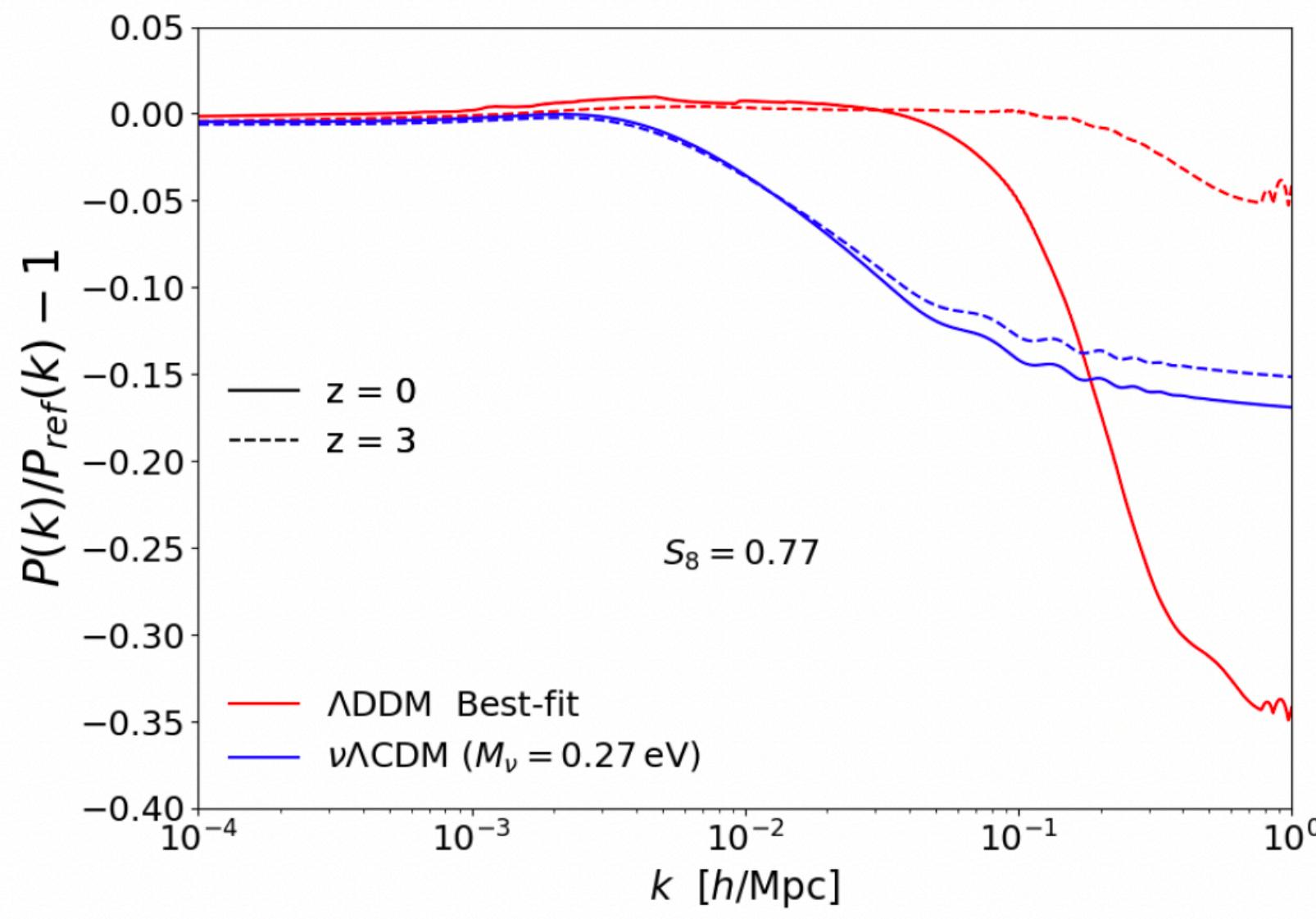
	$\nu\Lambda\text{CDM}$	$\Lambda\text{DDM}$
$\chi^2_{\text{CMB}}$	1015.9	1015.2
$\chi^2_{S_8}$	5.64	0.002

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

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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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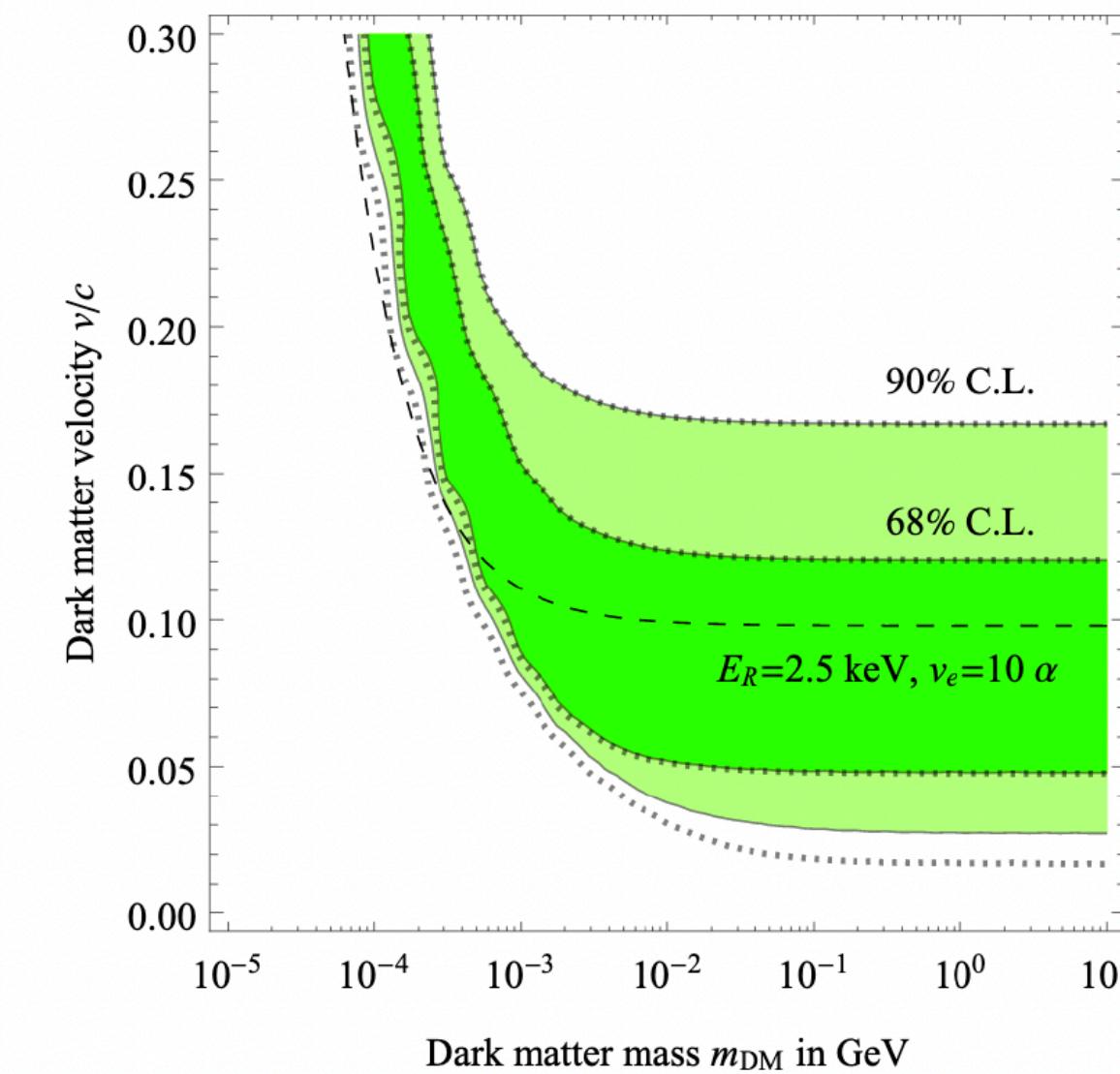
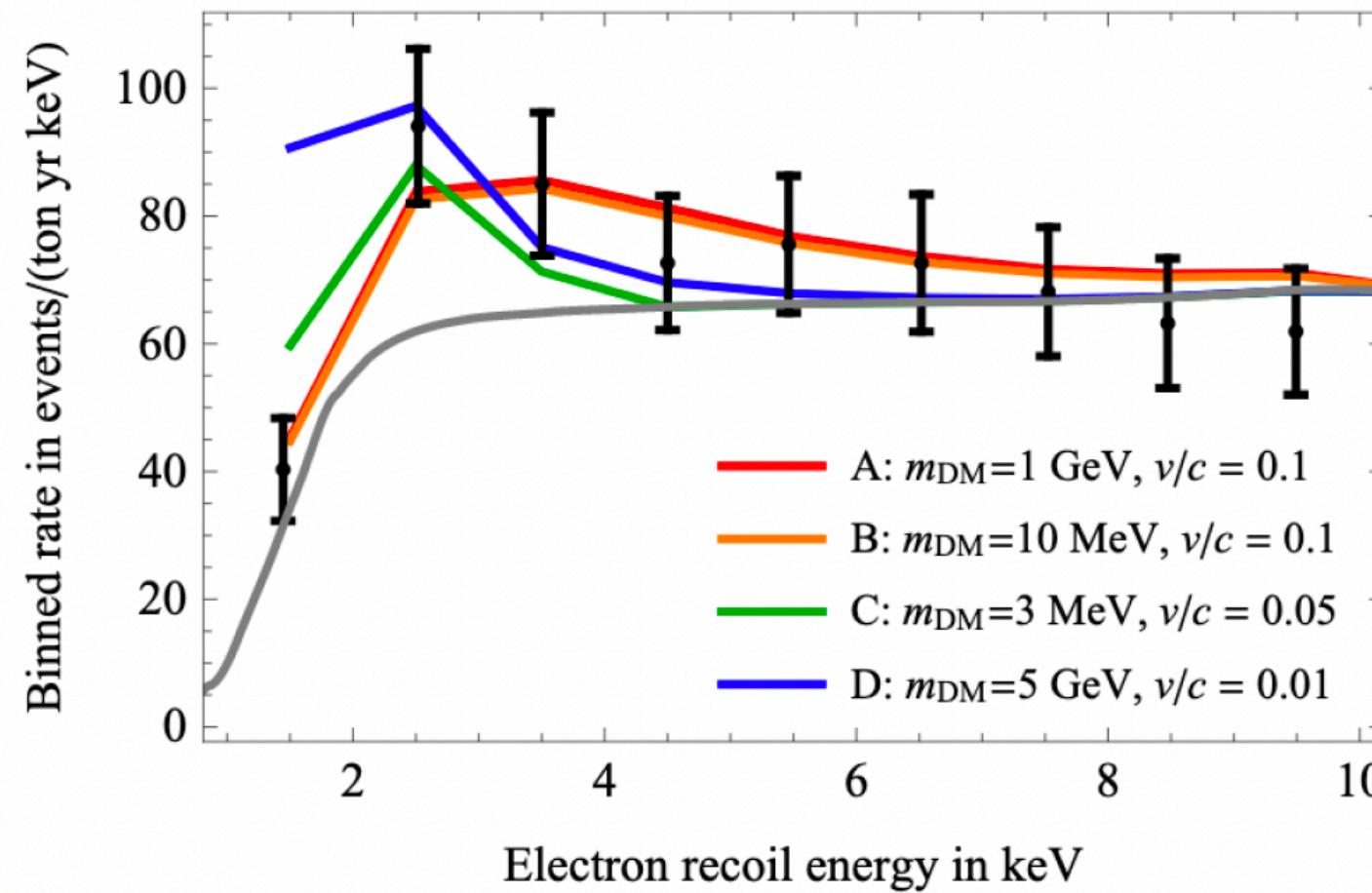
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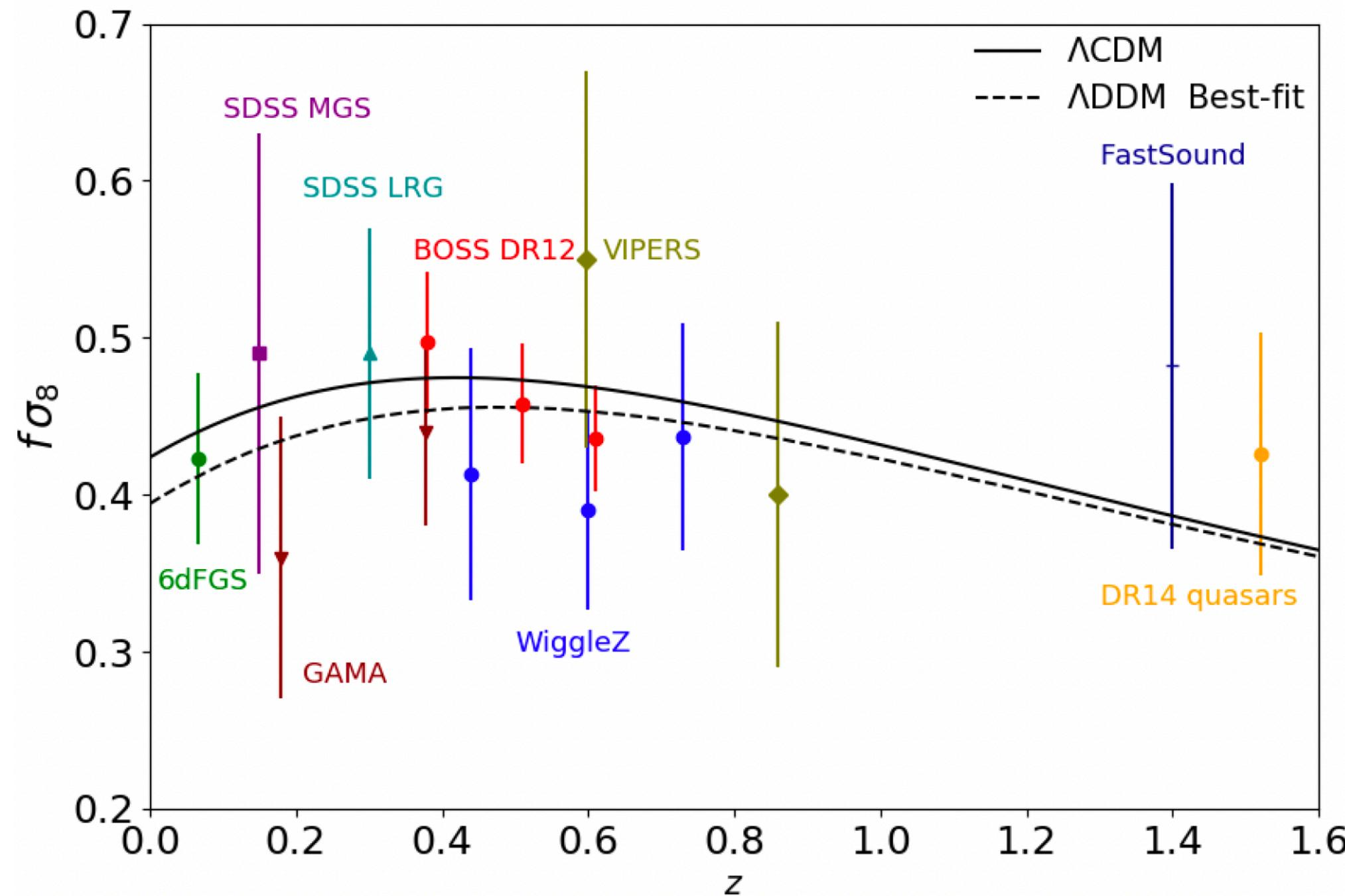
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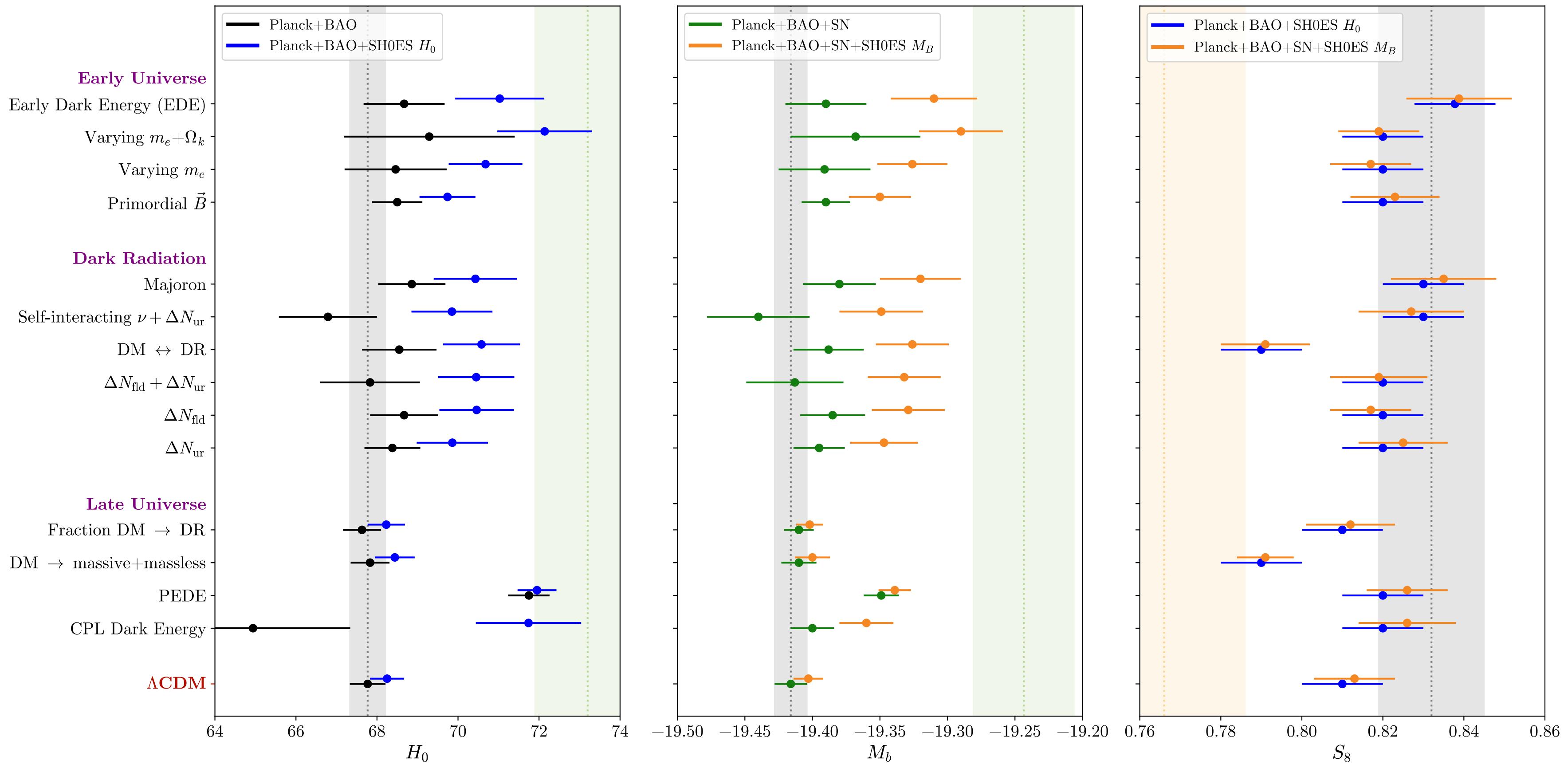


Accurate measurements of  $f\sigma_8$  at  $0 \lesssim z \lesssim 1$  will further test the 2-body decay

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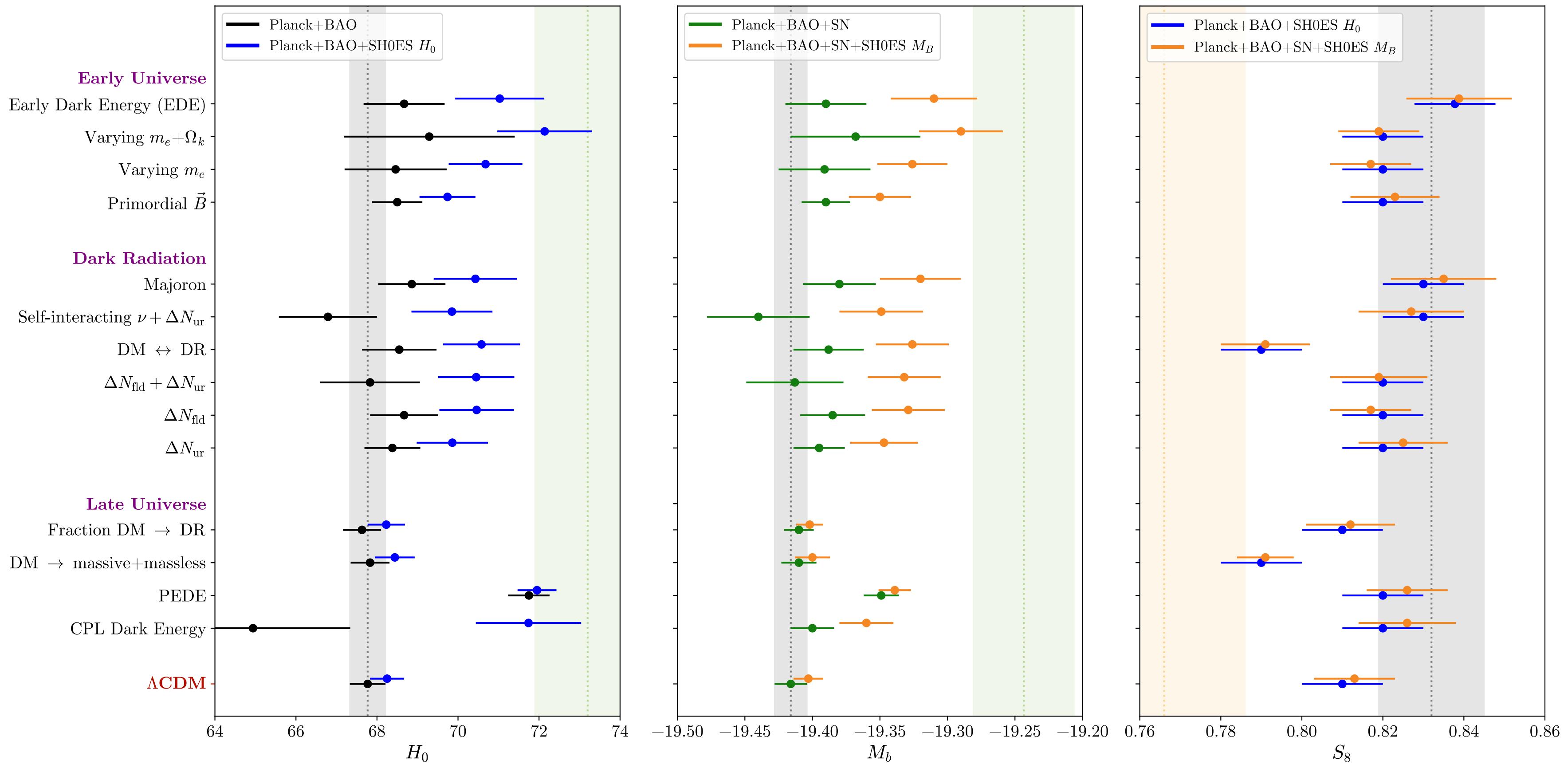
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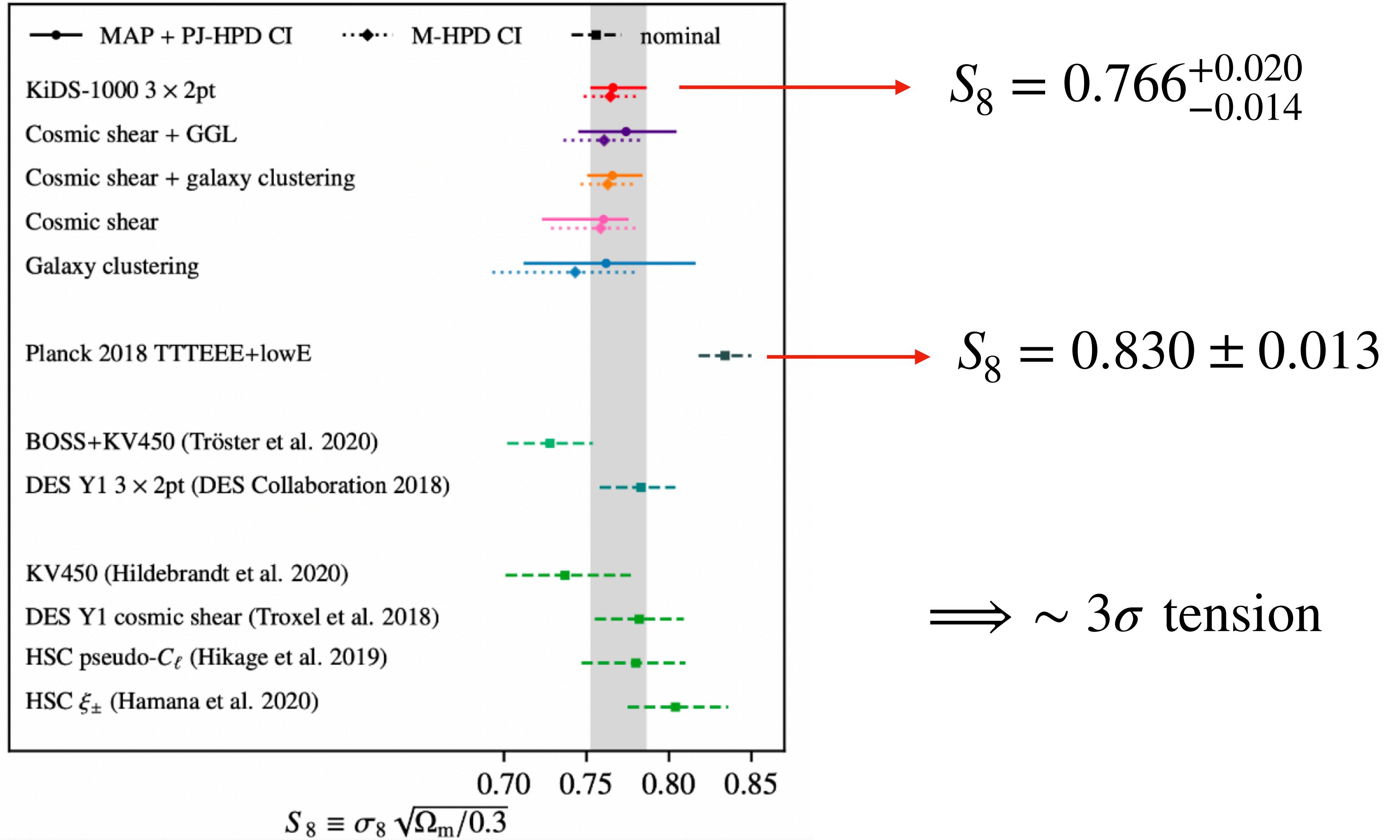
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We might be on the verge of the discovery of a rich dark sector!

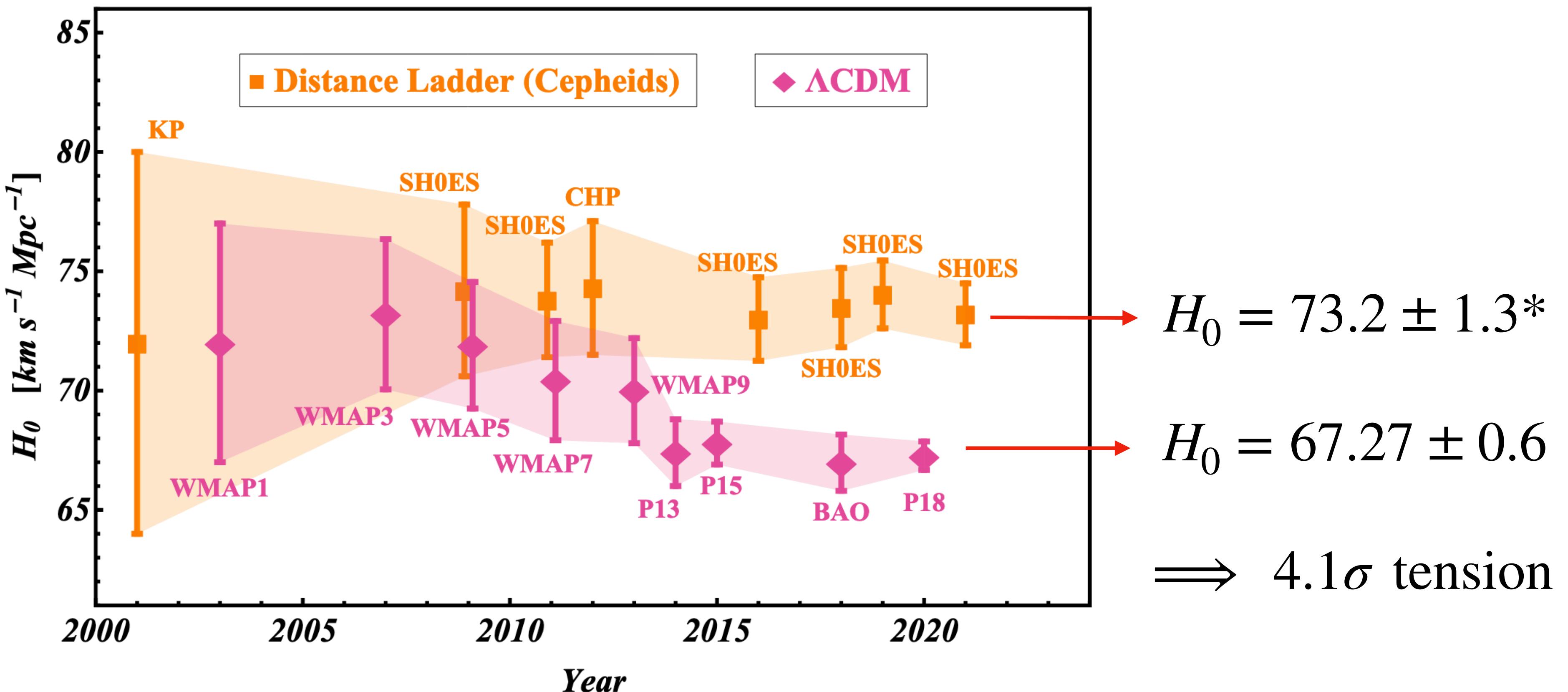
# **BACK-UP SLIDES**

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Predominantly driven by the Planck and SHoES collaborations



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# Decaying dark matter

- Dark matter (DM) is assumed to be perfectly **stable** in  $\Lambda$ CDM

*Can we test this hypothesis?*

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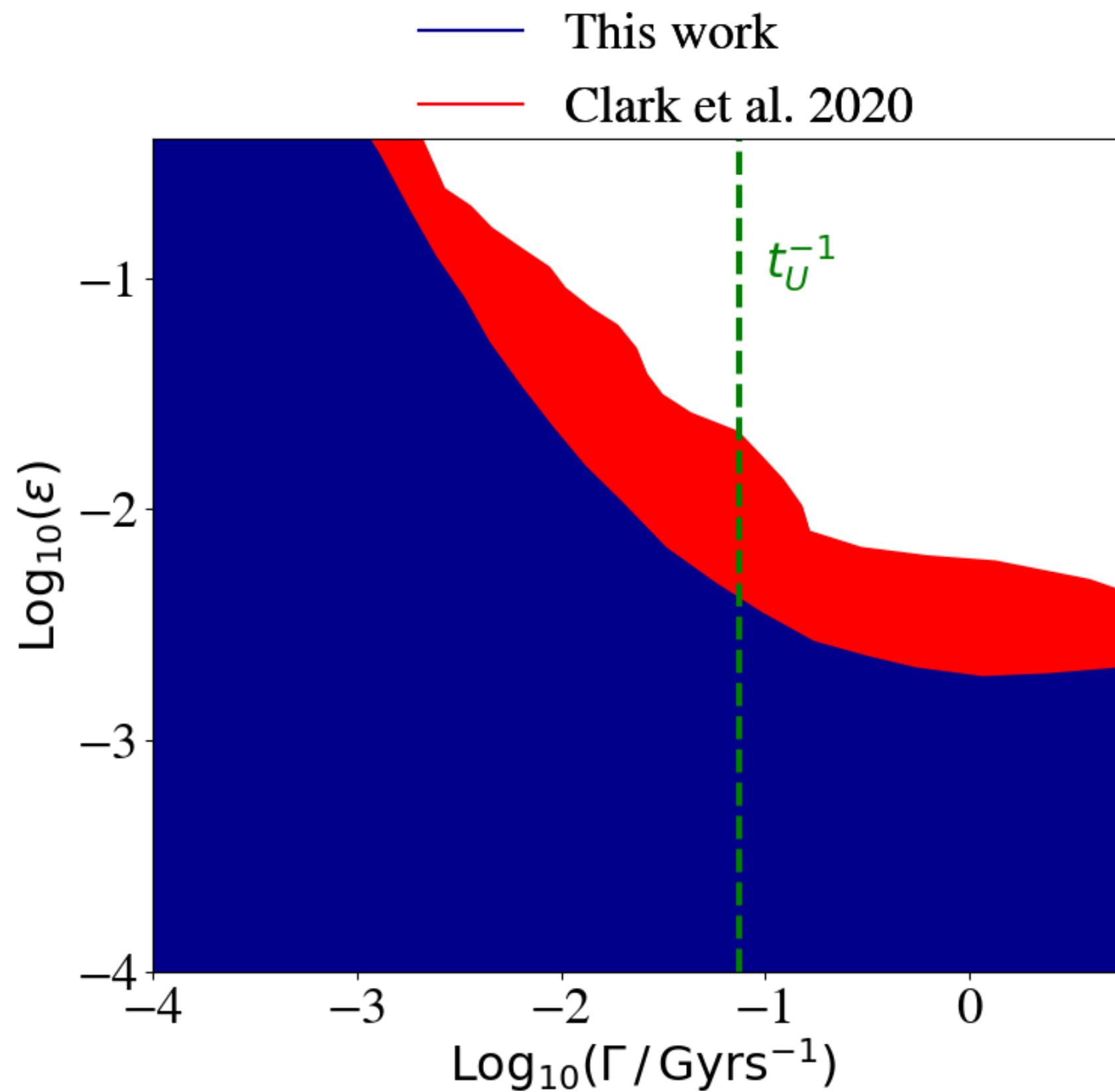
- DM decays to **massless** Dark Radiation  $\longrightarrow$  **less constrained**,  
but more **model-independent**

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

# General constraints on the 2-body DM decay

Planck+BAO+SNIa analysis

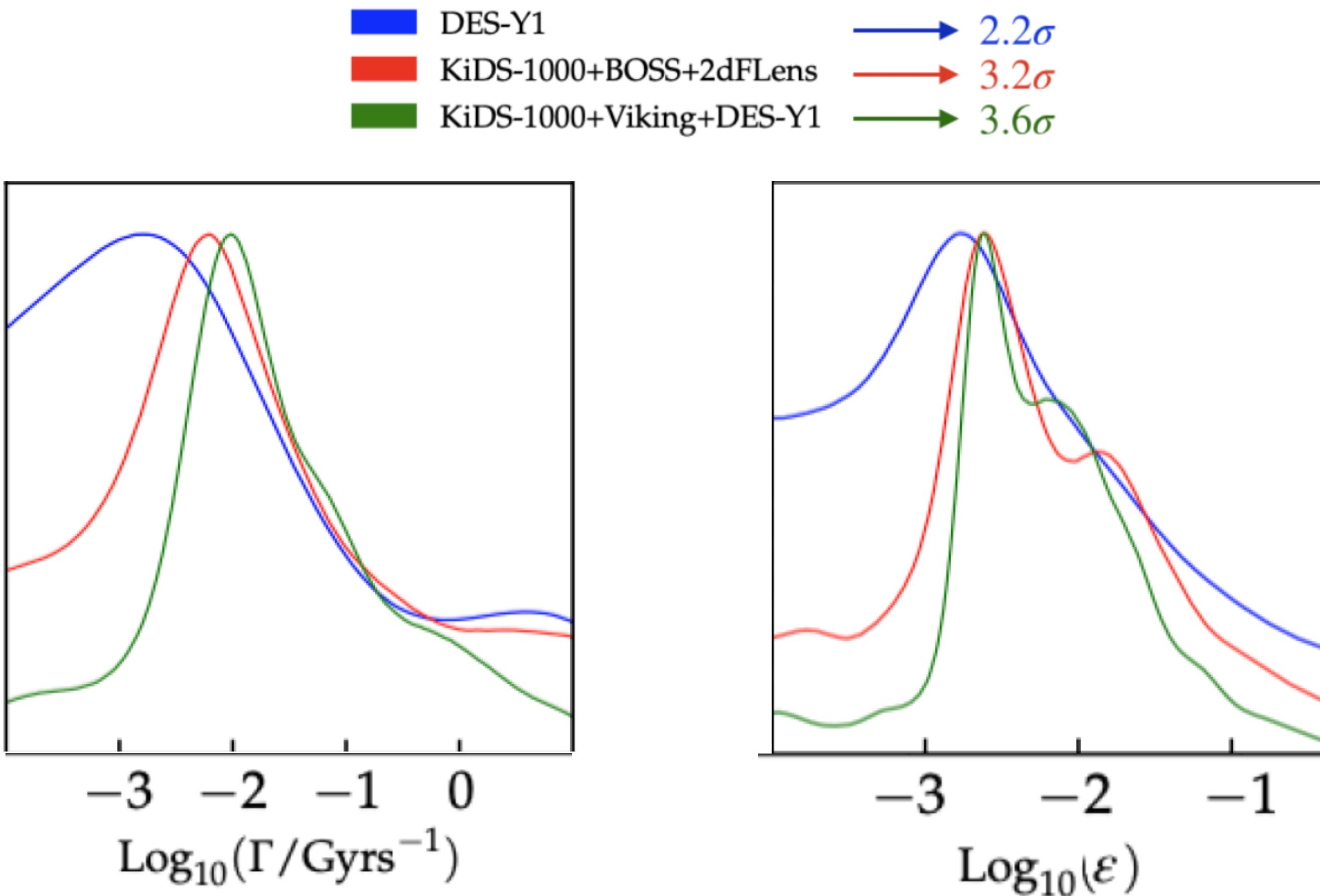


Strong negative correlation  
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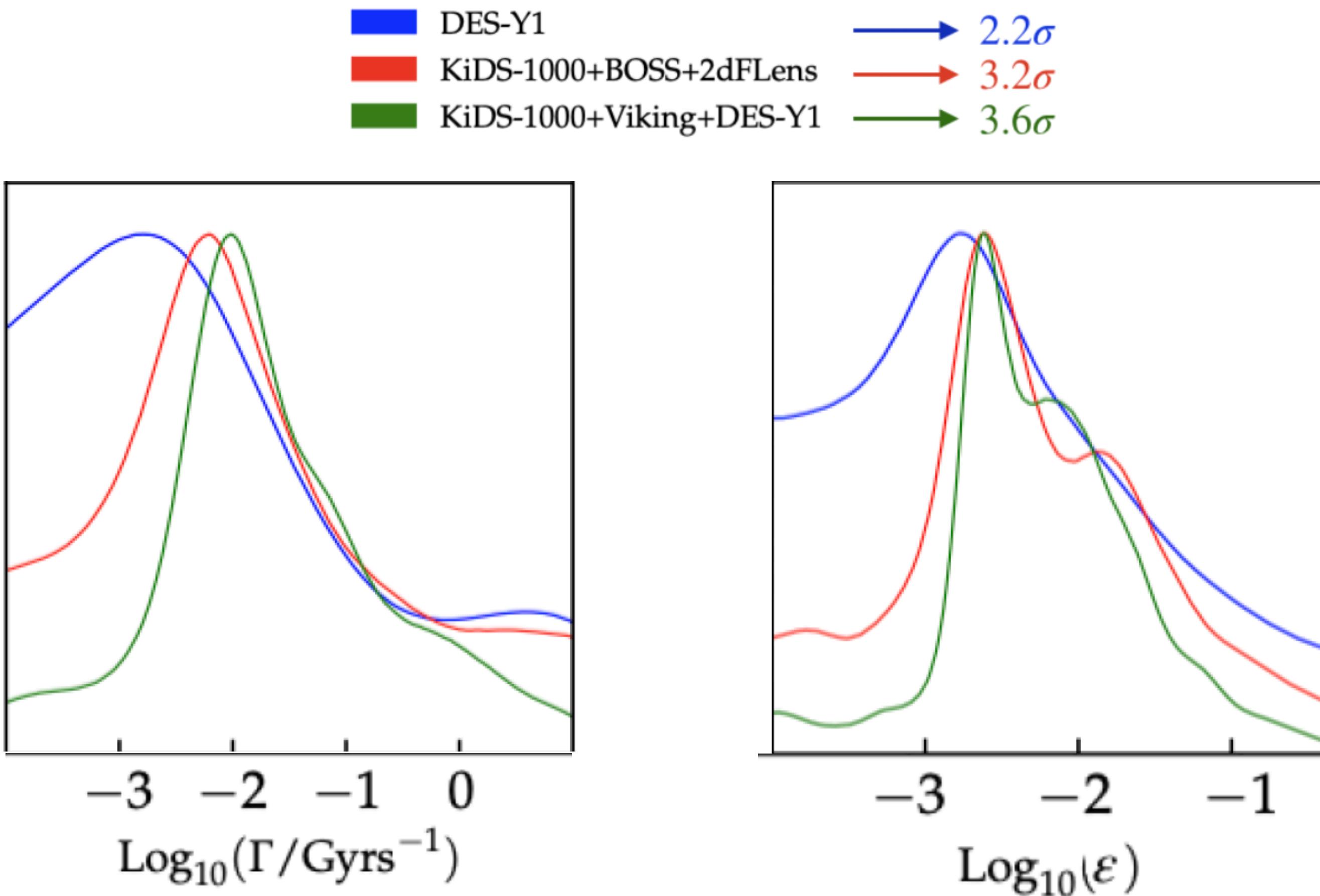
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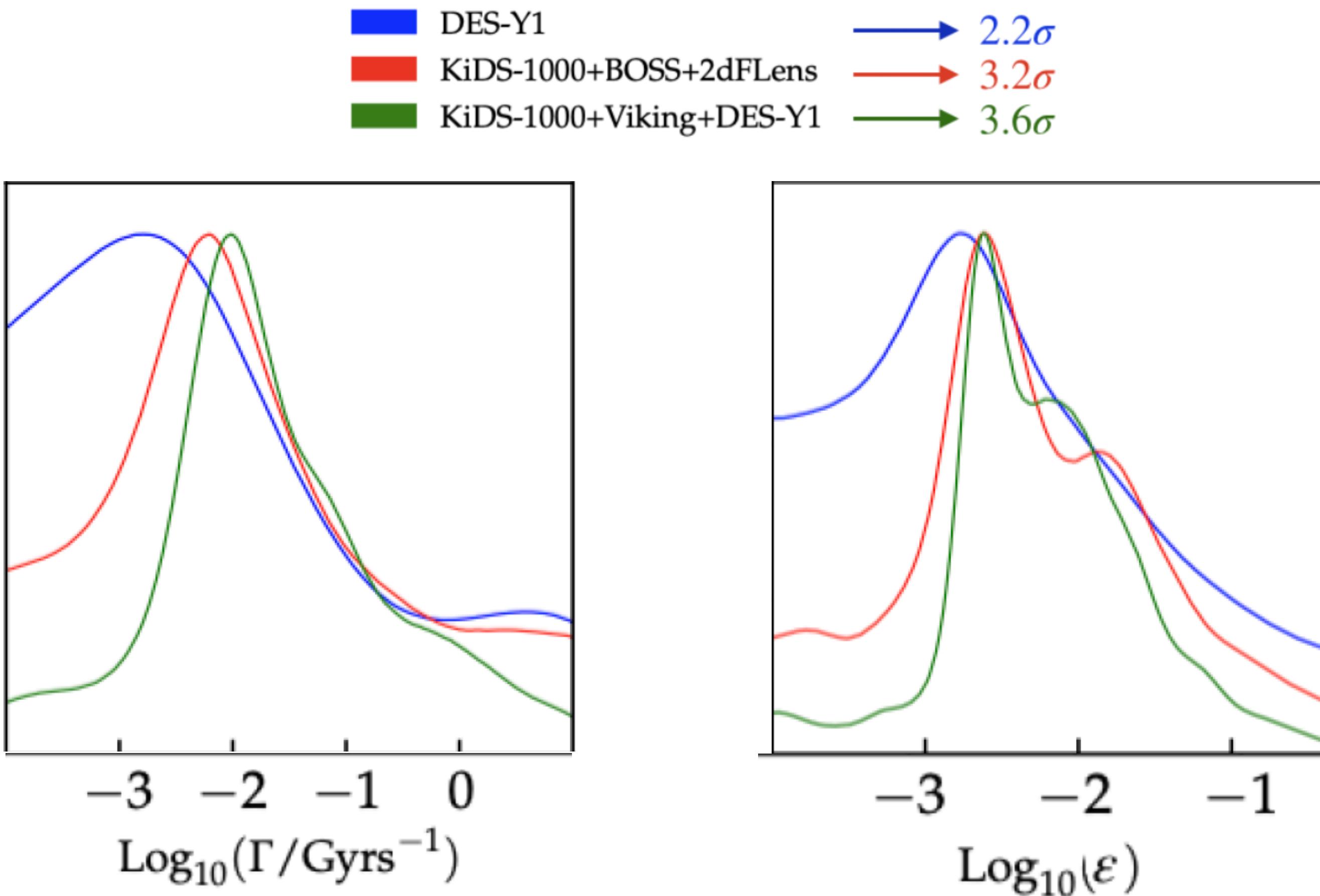
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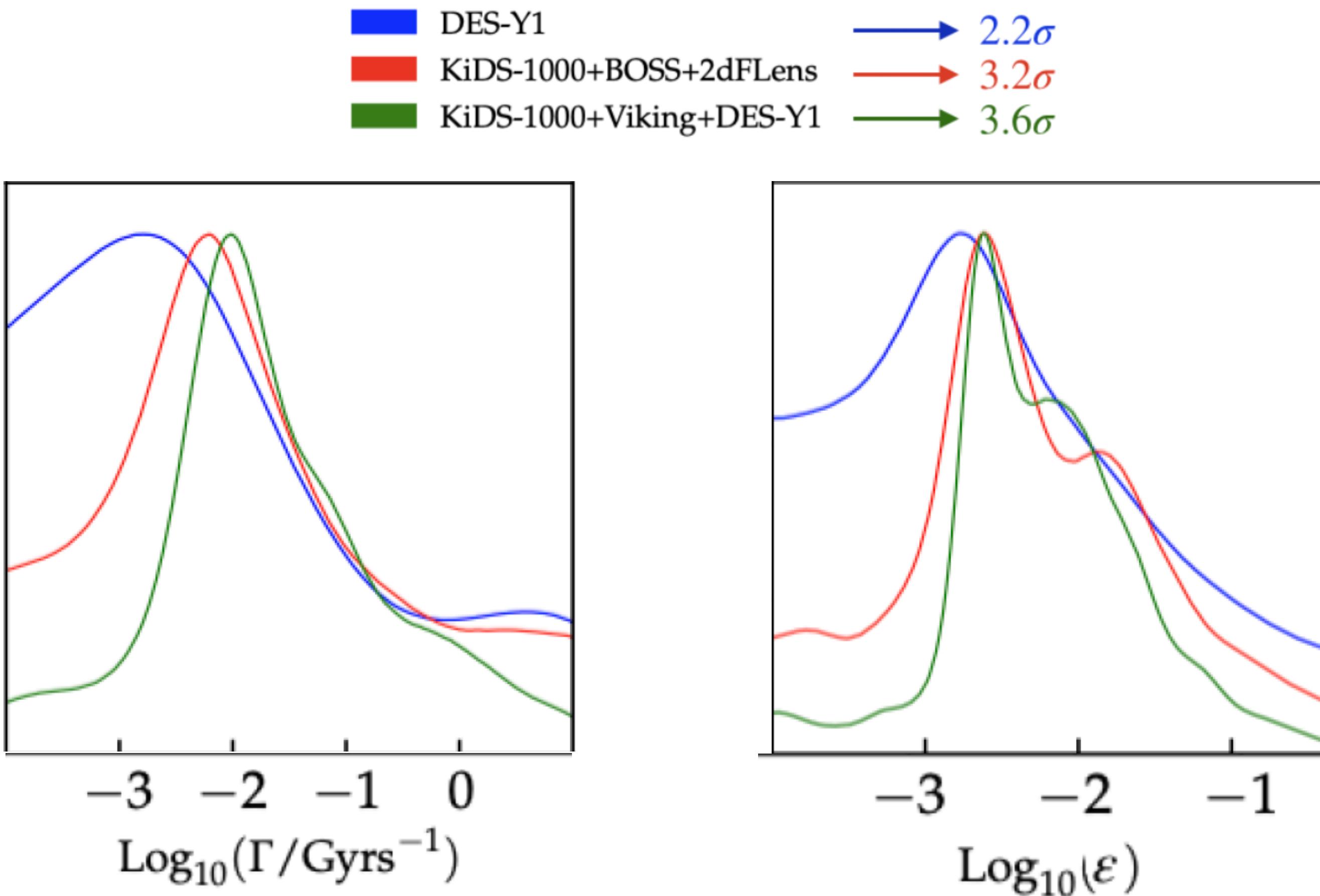
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