



Line-intensity mapping: challenges and opportunities

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- Improvement of observations, new models, **new probes/observables**, ...

Outline

- What is LIM?
- Potential and opportunities
- Optimizing information return
- Observational challenges
- Novel science cases

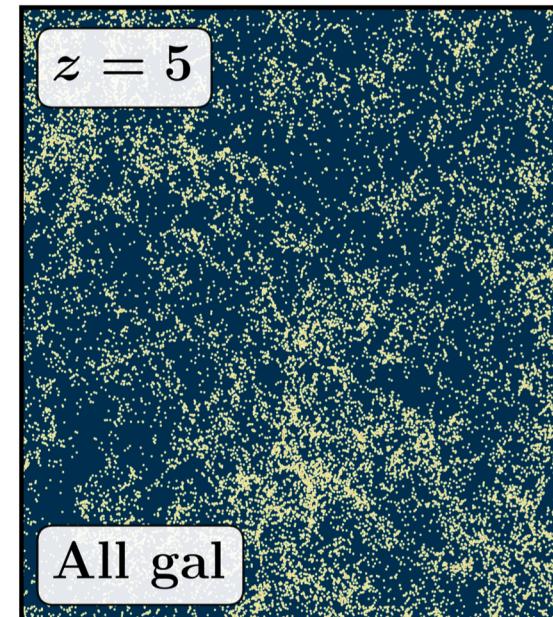
*If interested, check Bernal & Kovetz 2022, LIM Theory Review

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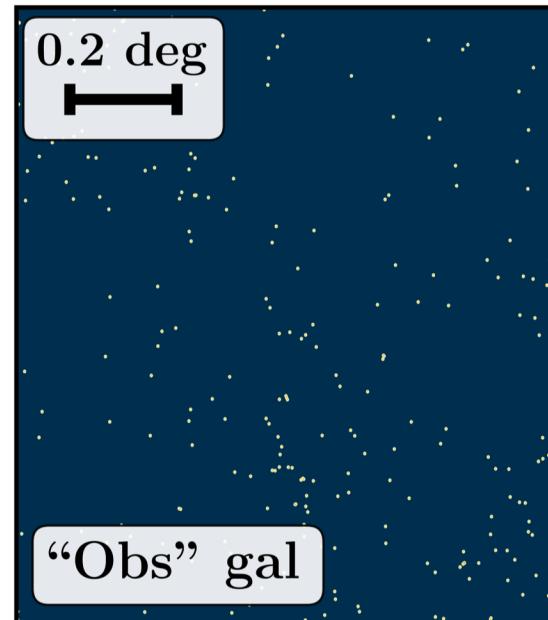
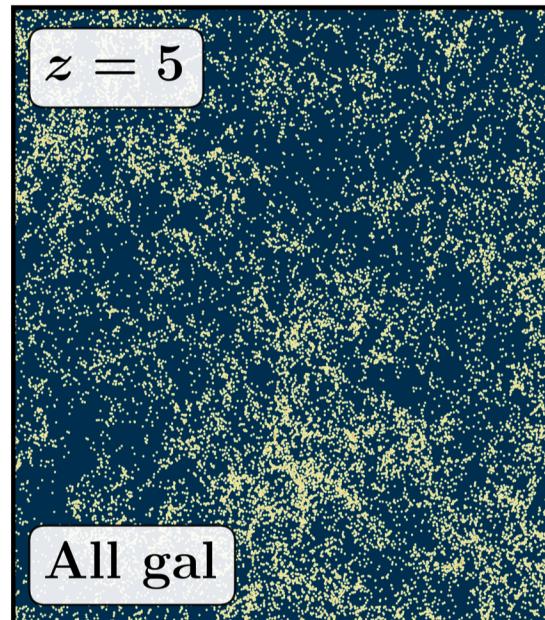
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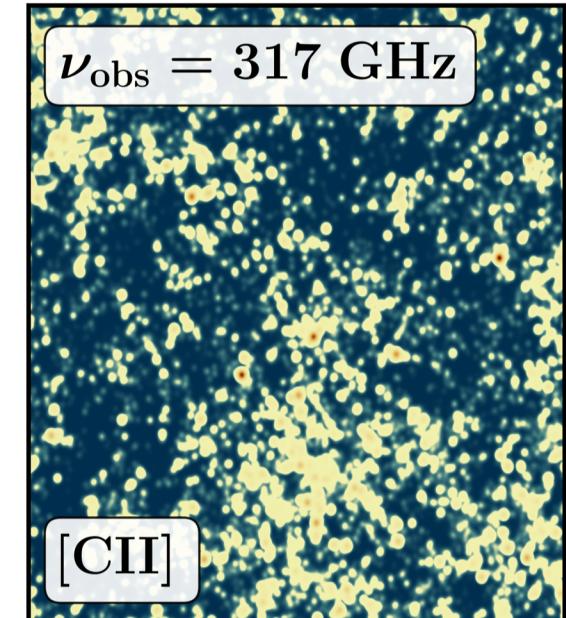
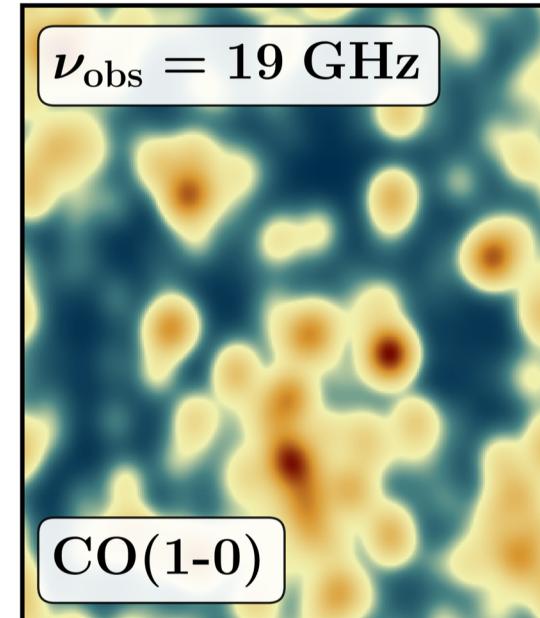
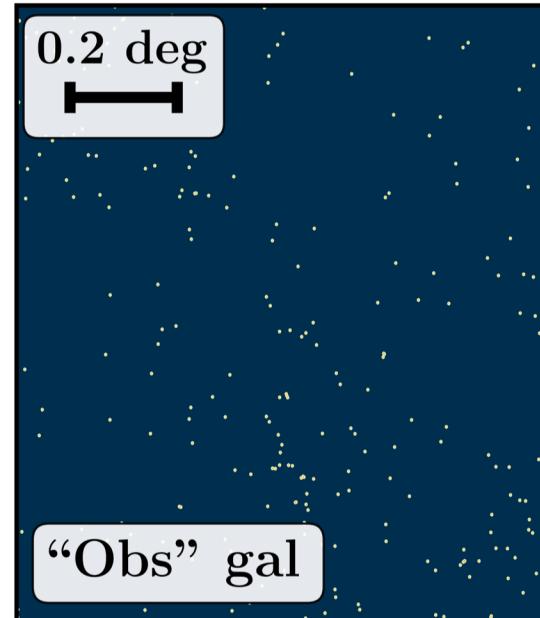
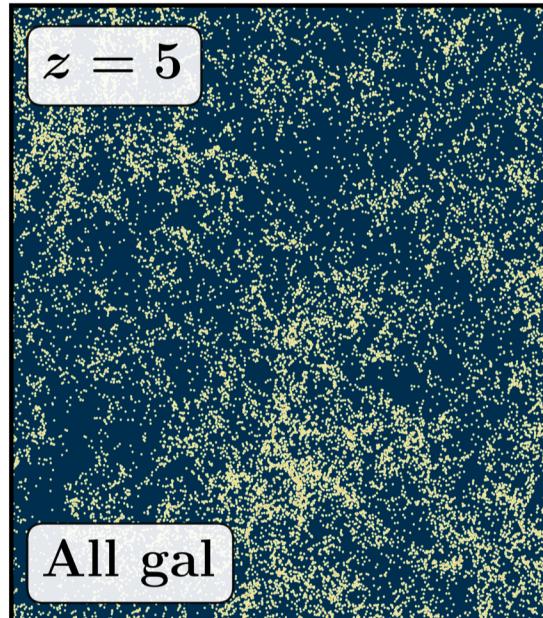
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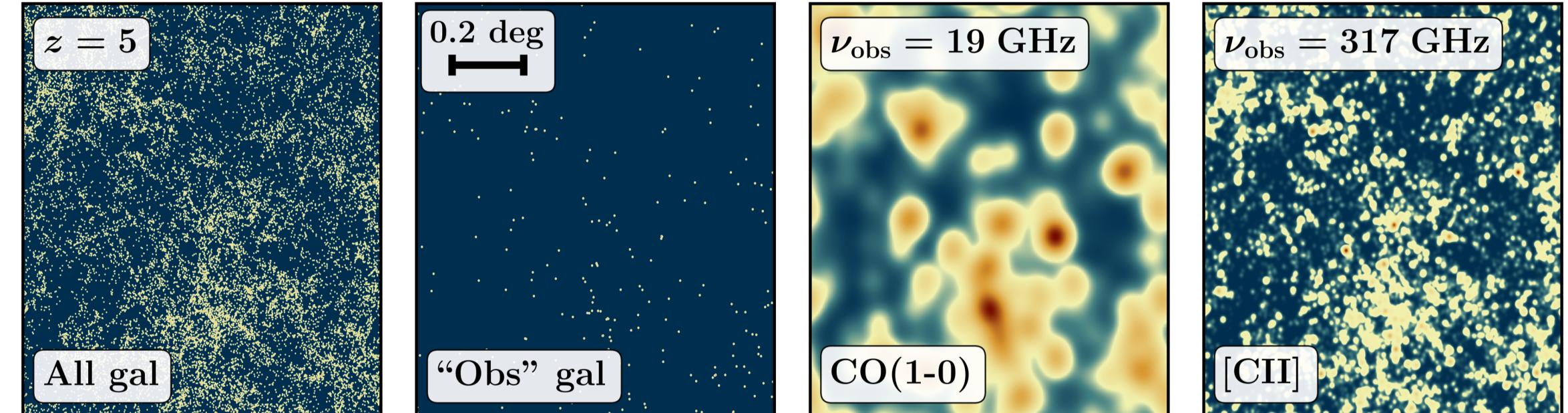
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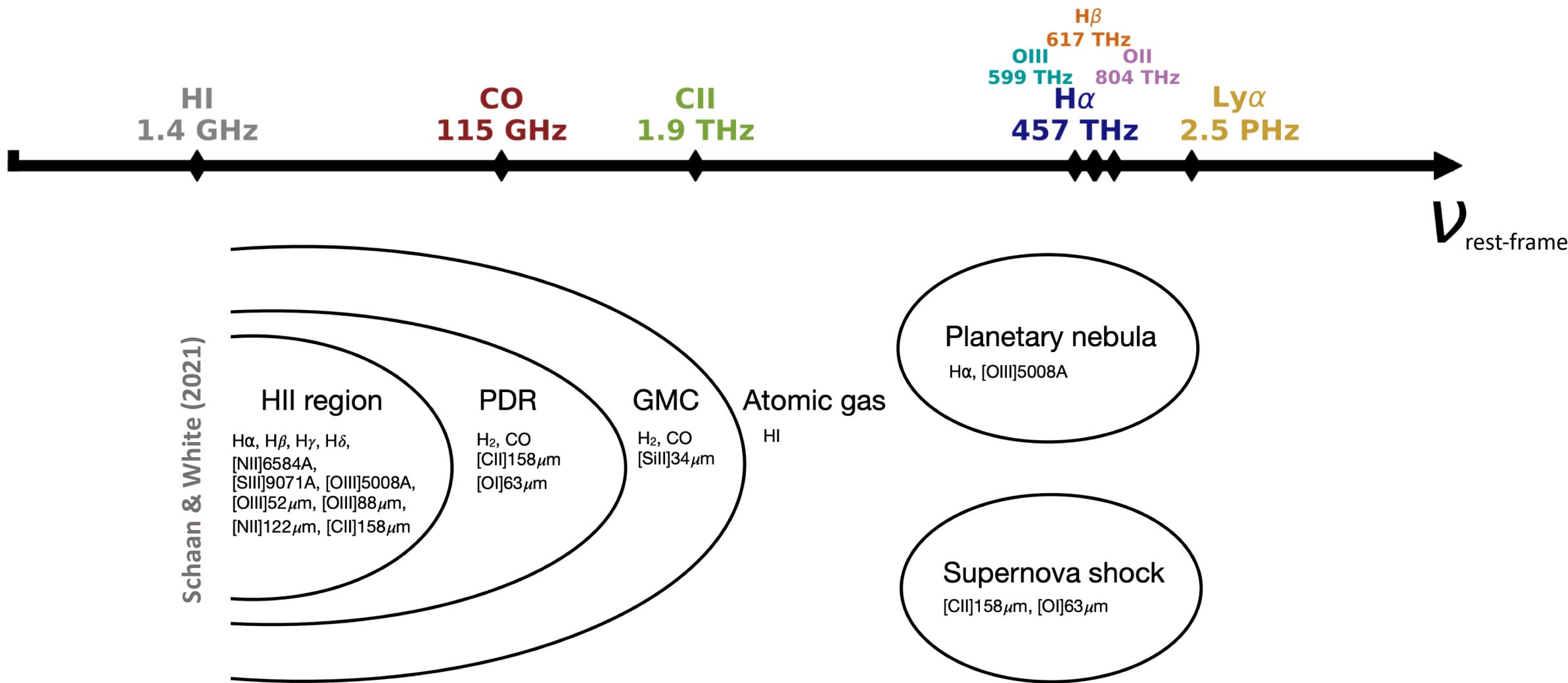
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Three main features that make LIM unique:

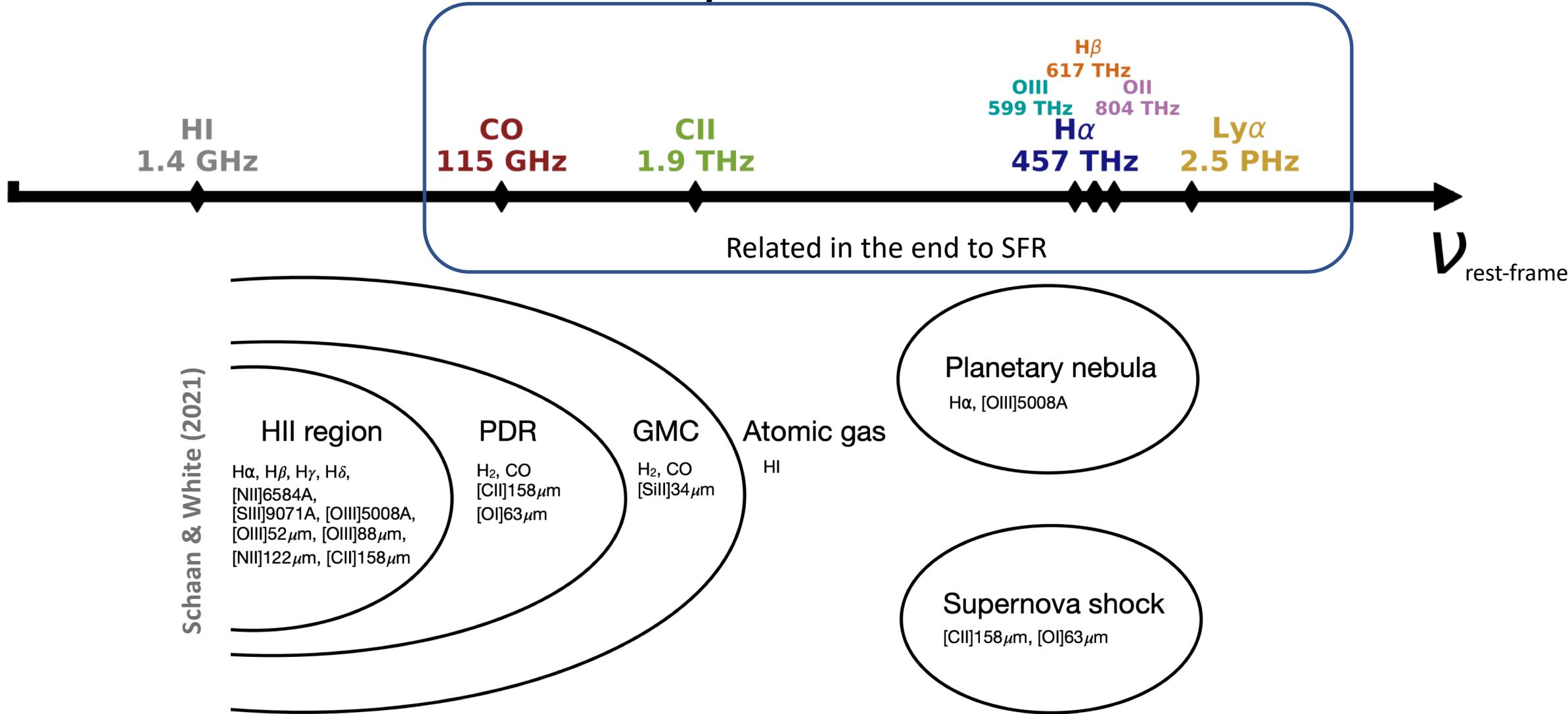
1. Capture faint and diffuse sources
2. Access beyond the reach of galaxy surveys
3. Quickly map large three-dimensional volumes

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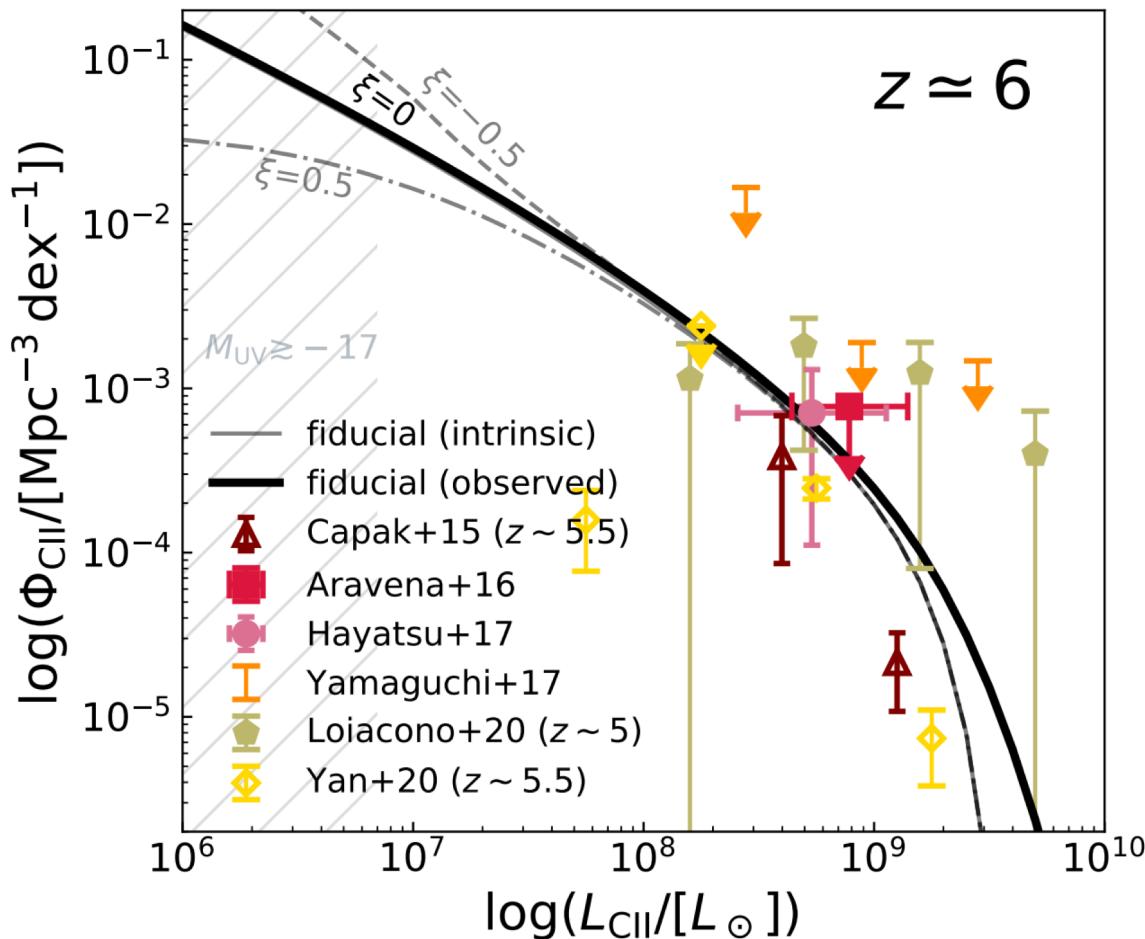
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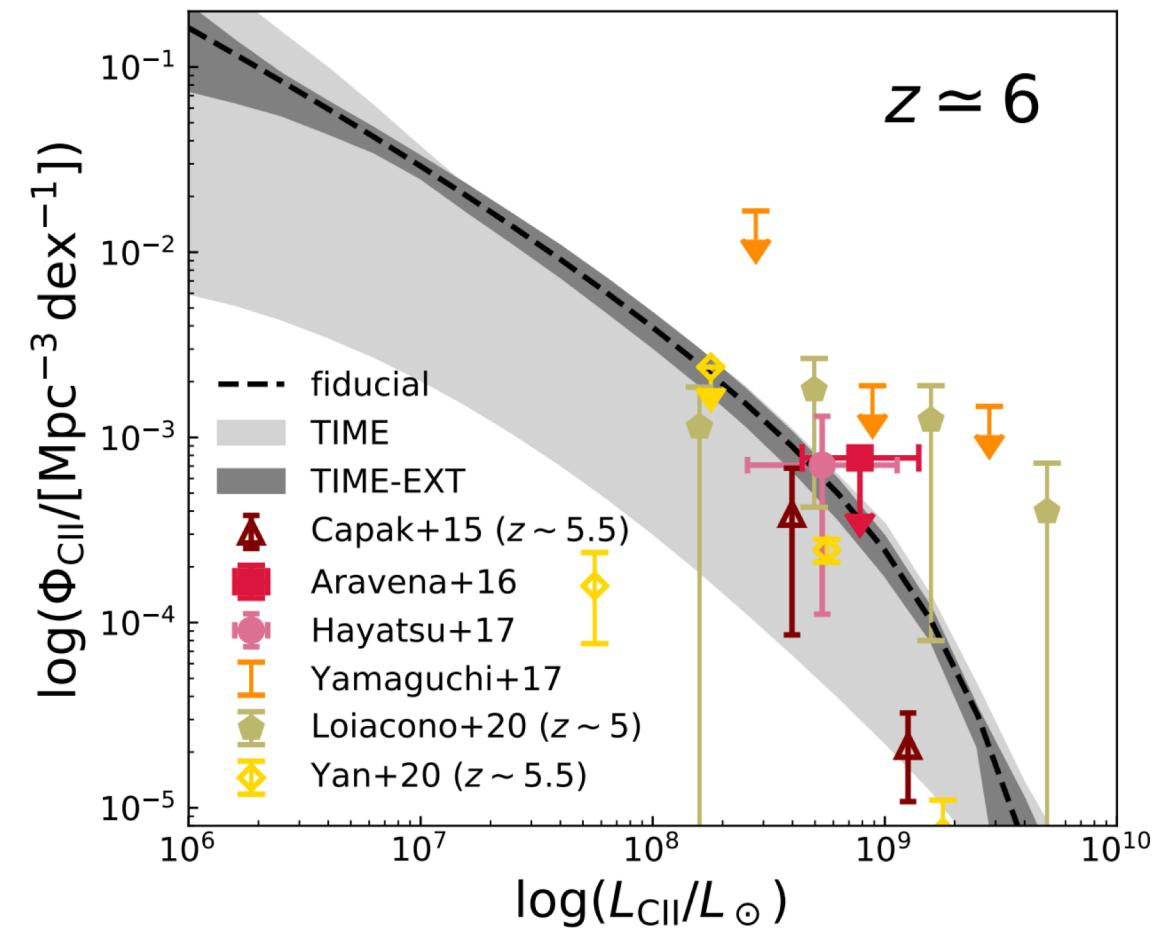
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Leaving no photon behind

Probes the faint end of the LF (equiv. light end of the HMF)

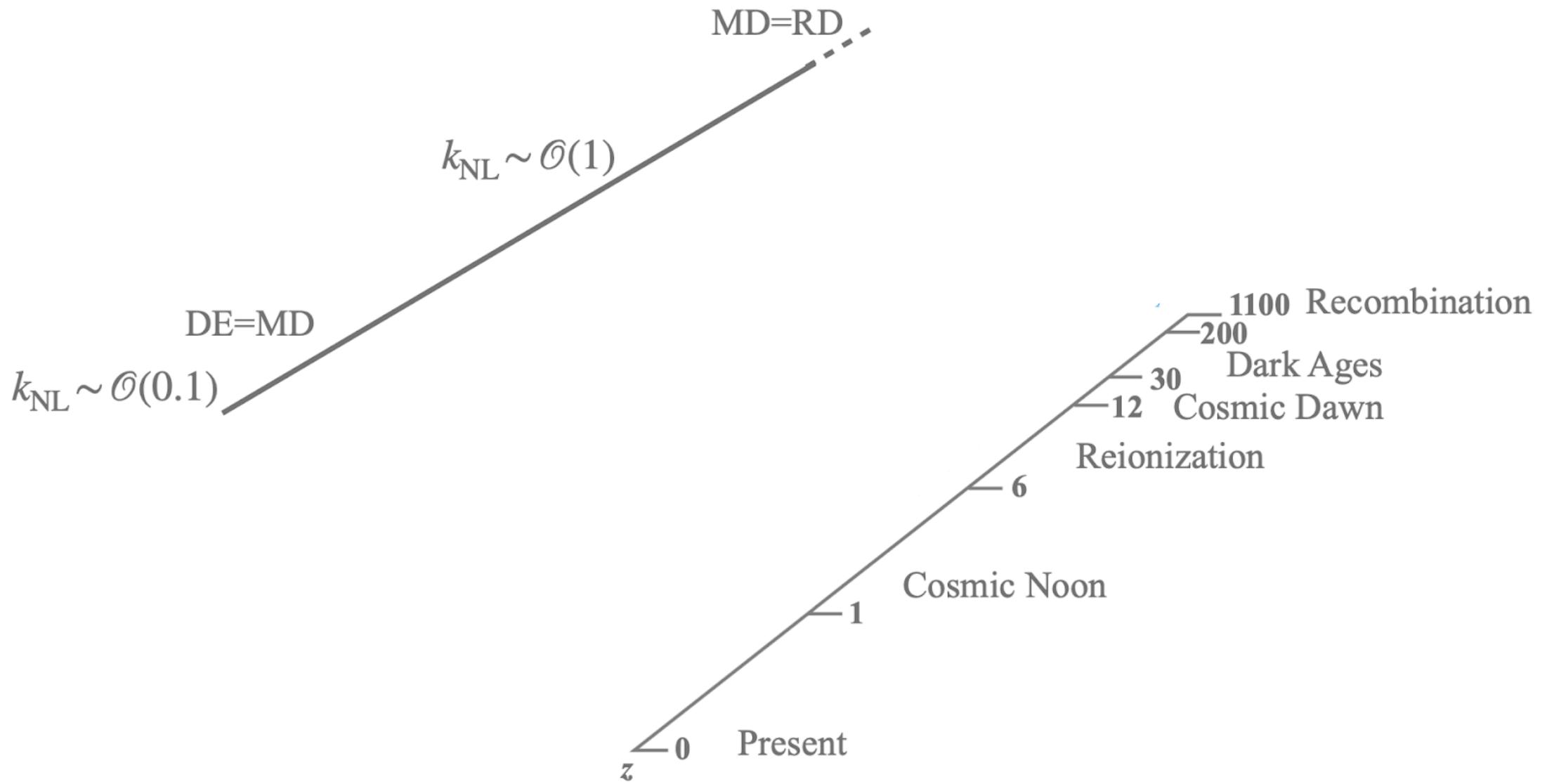


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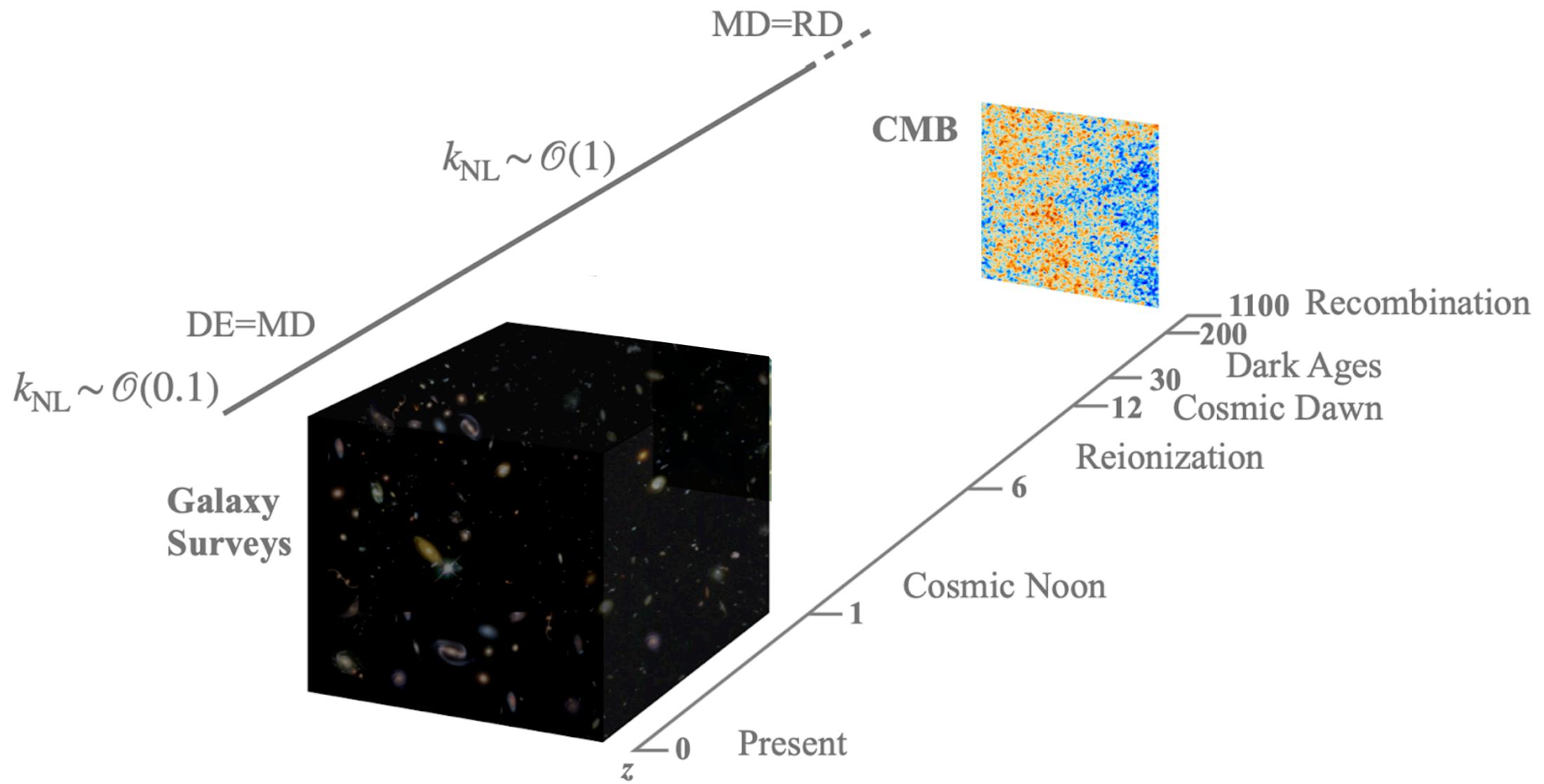


TIME-EXT: More time, less noise, (~ x12 total)

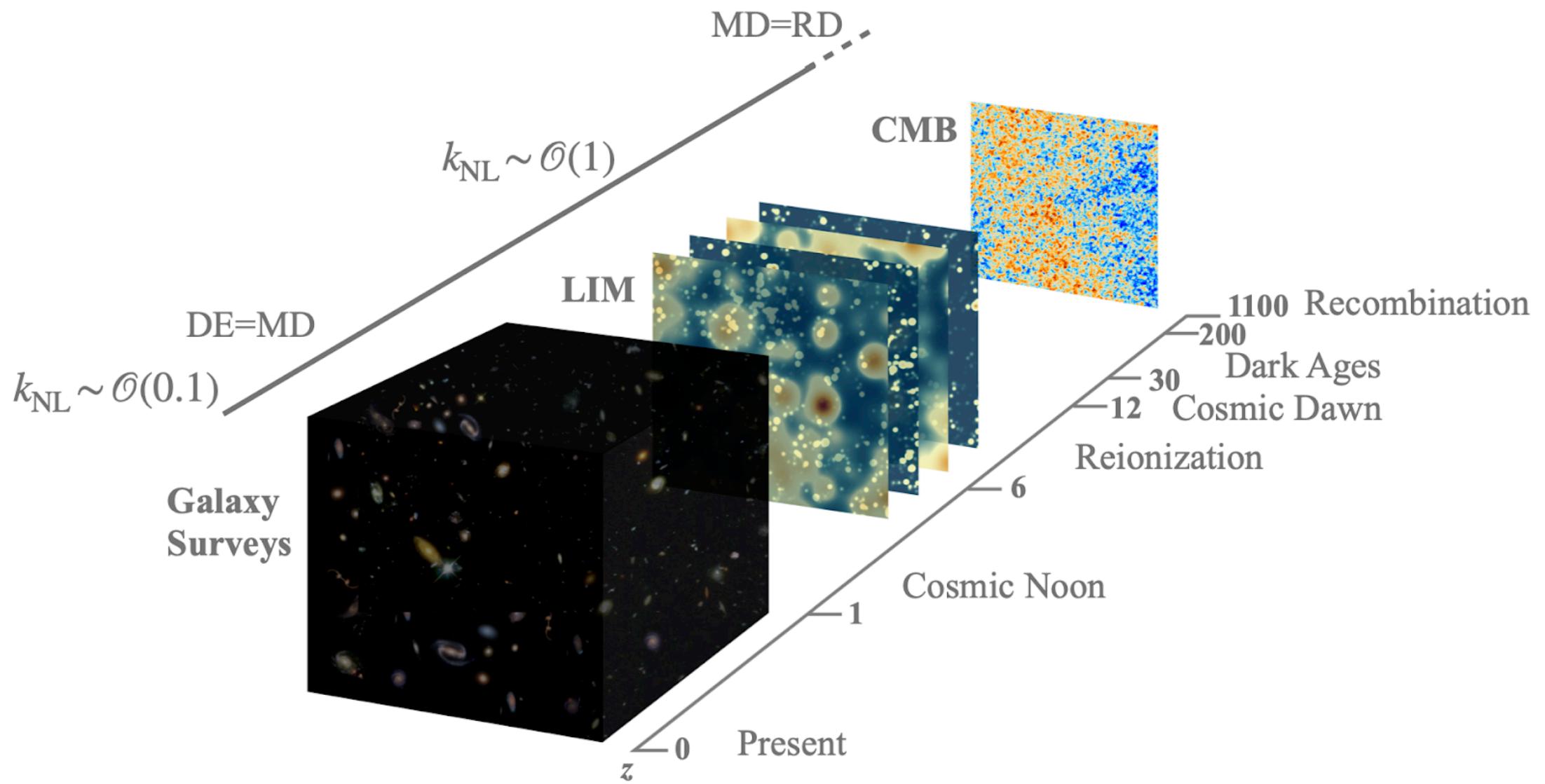
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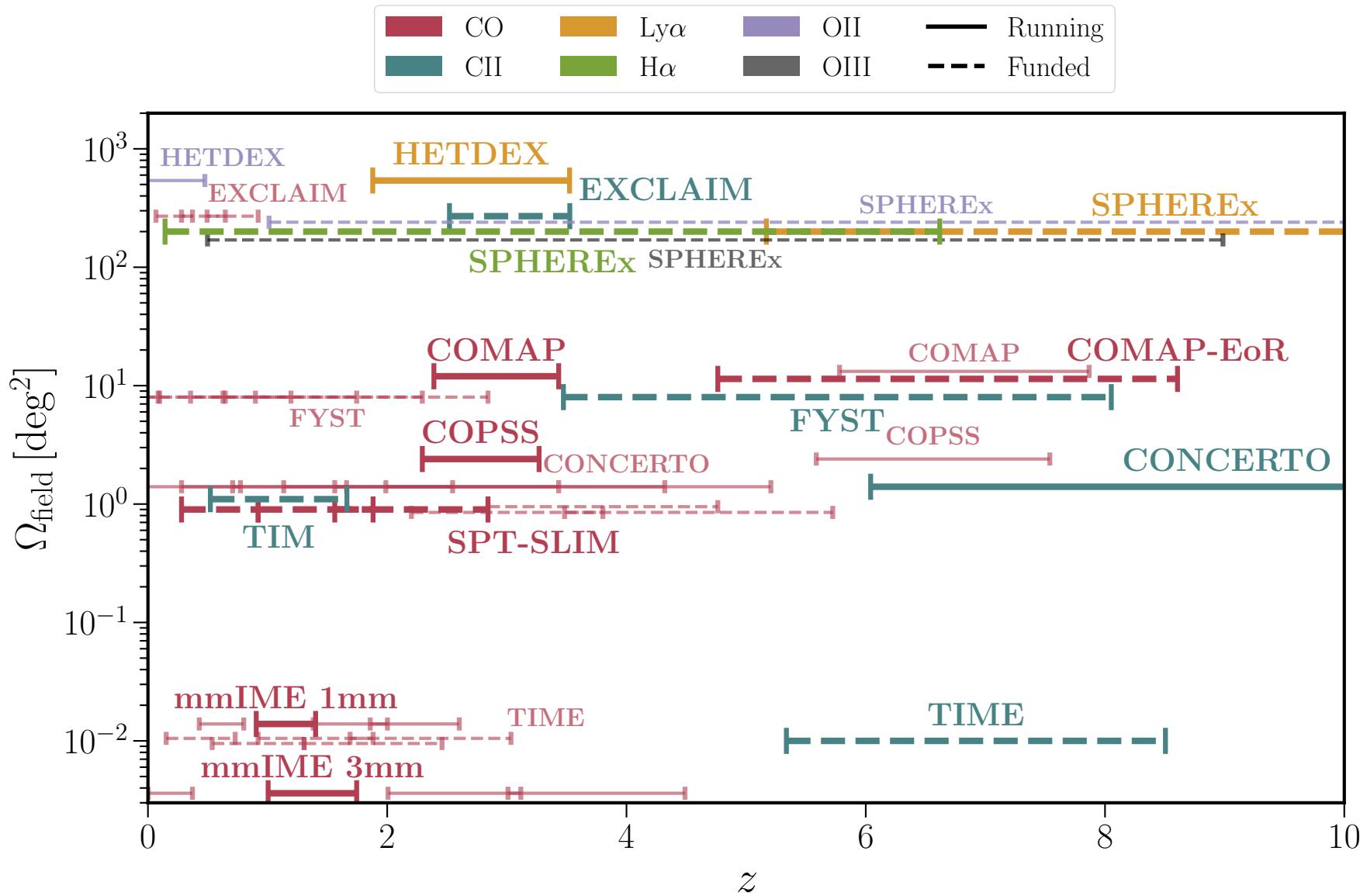
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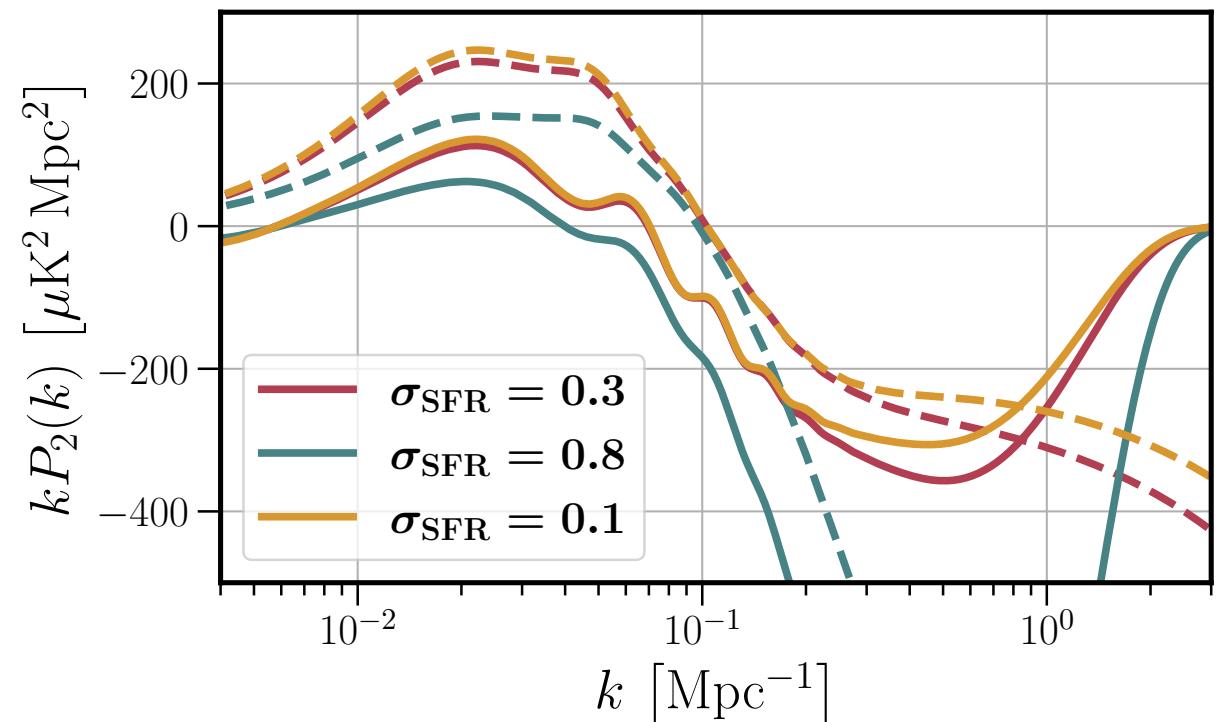
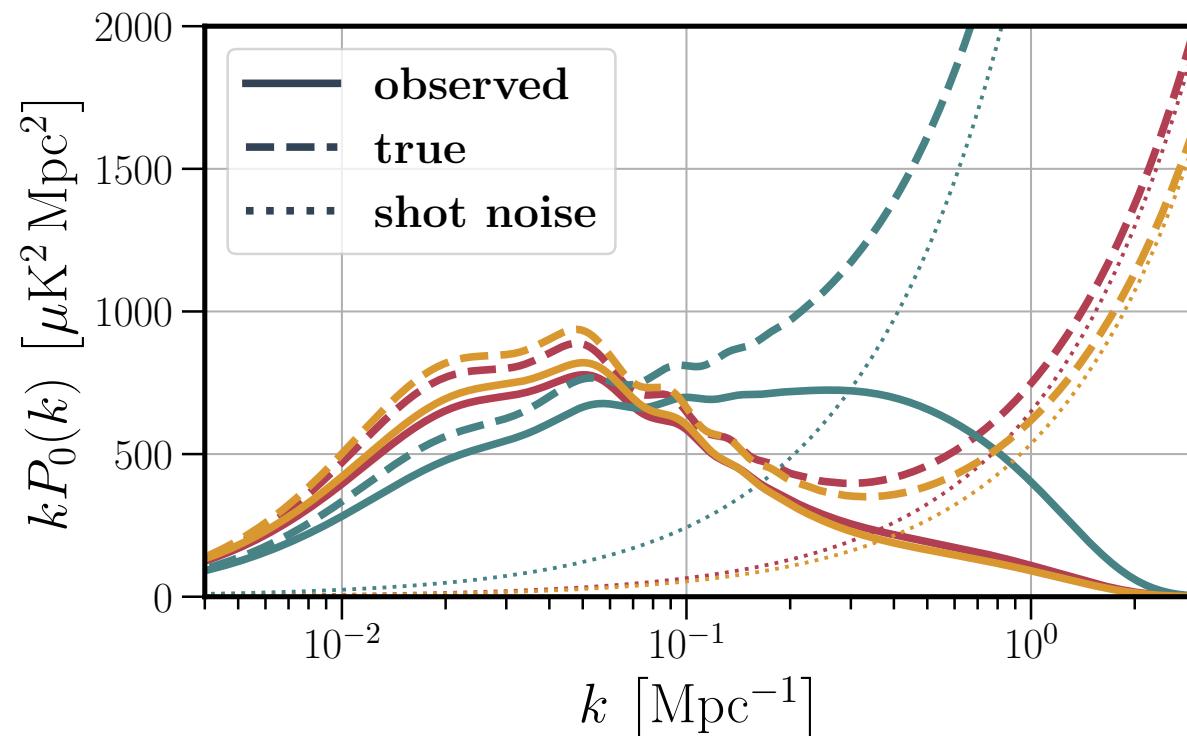
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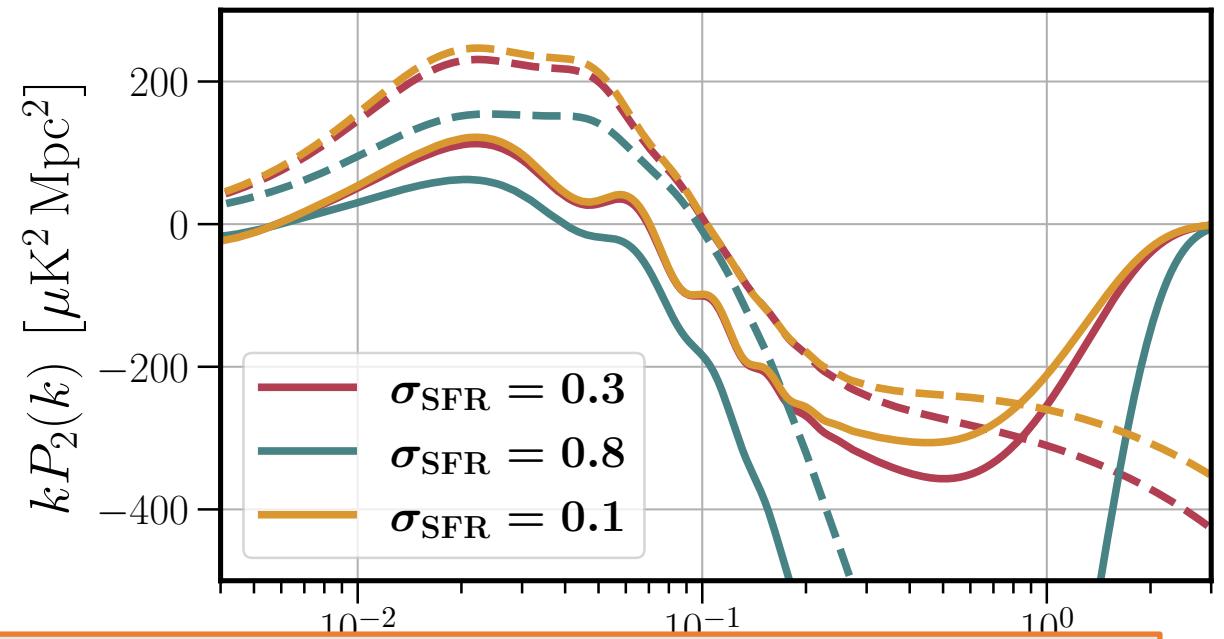
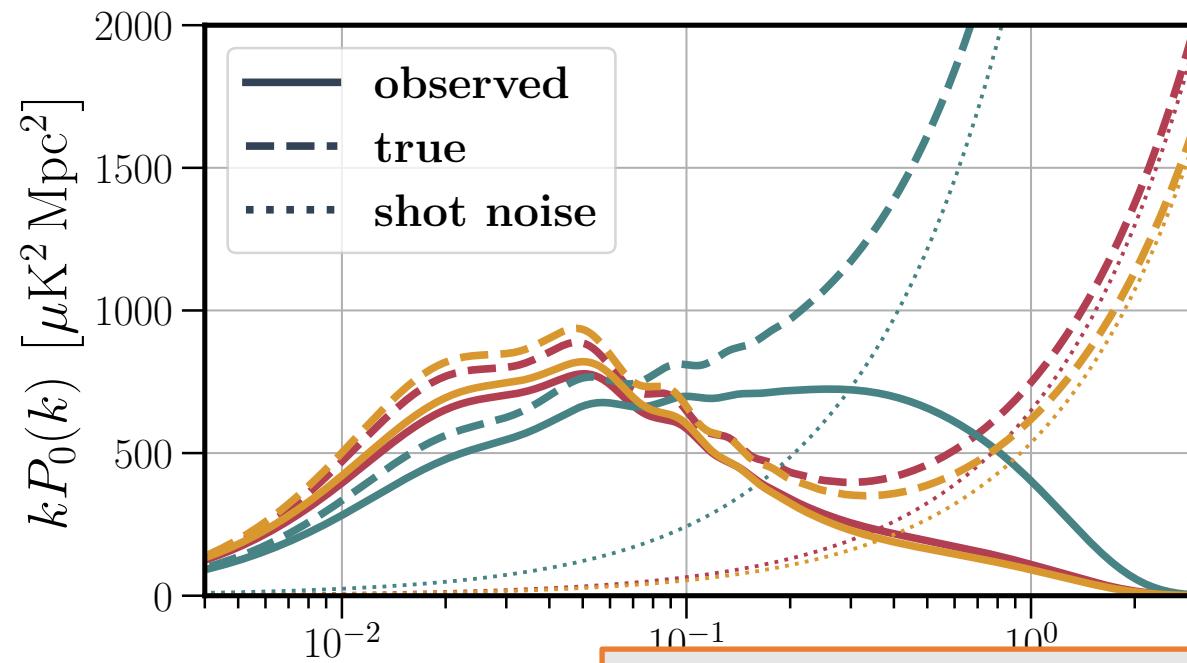
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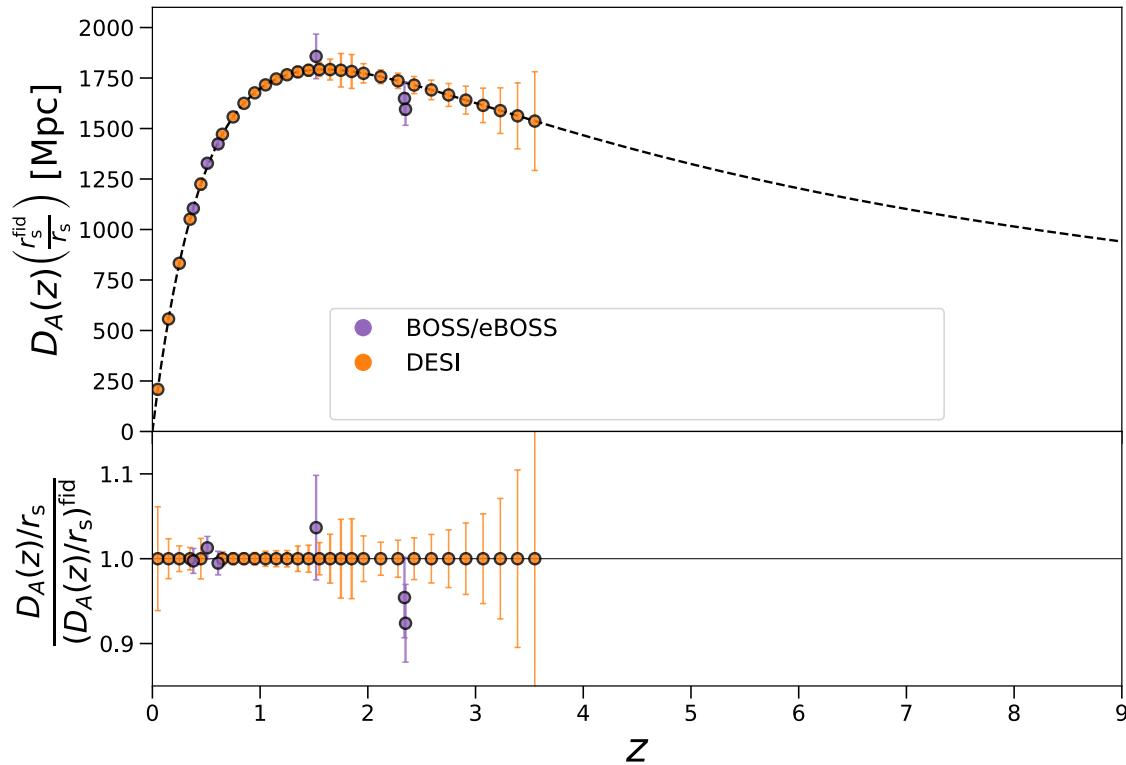
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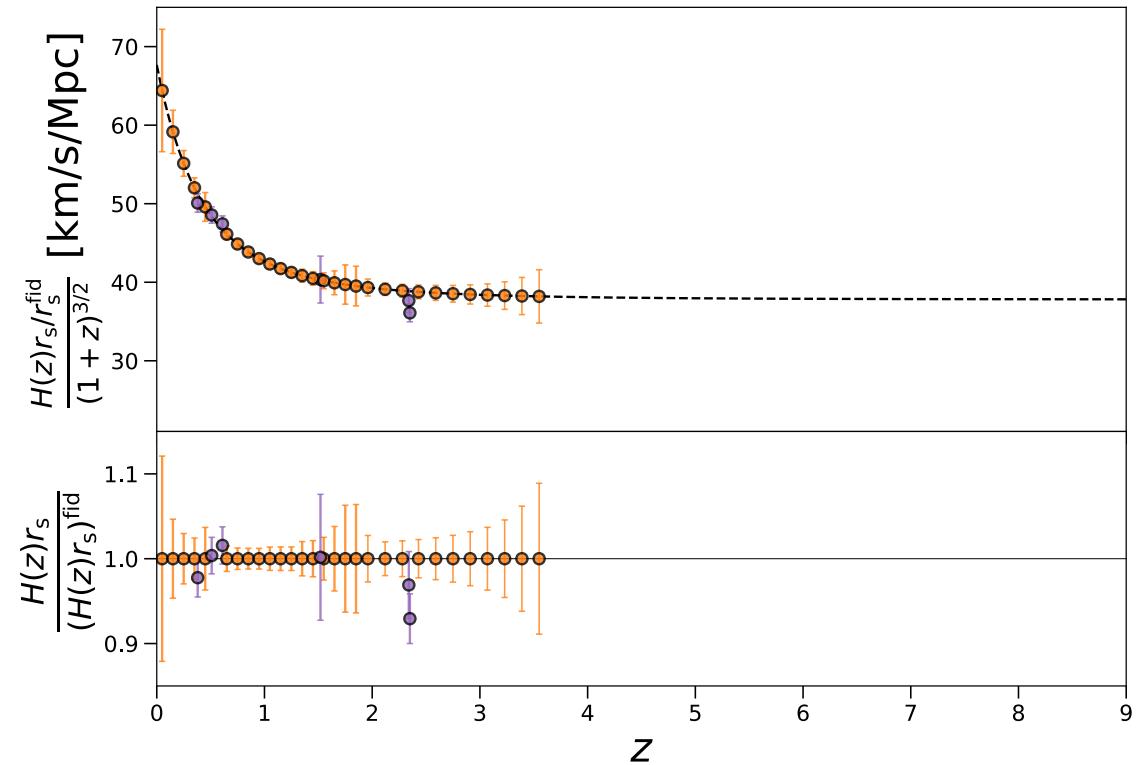
First obvious thing to do after detection is to measure BAO
(uncalibrated standard ruler $\propto r_d H_0$)

LIM BAO

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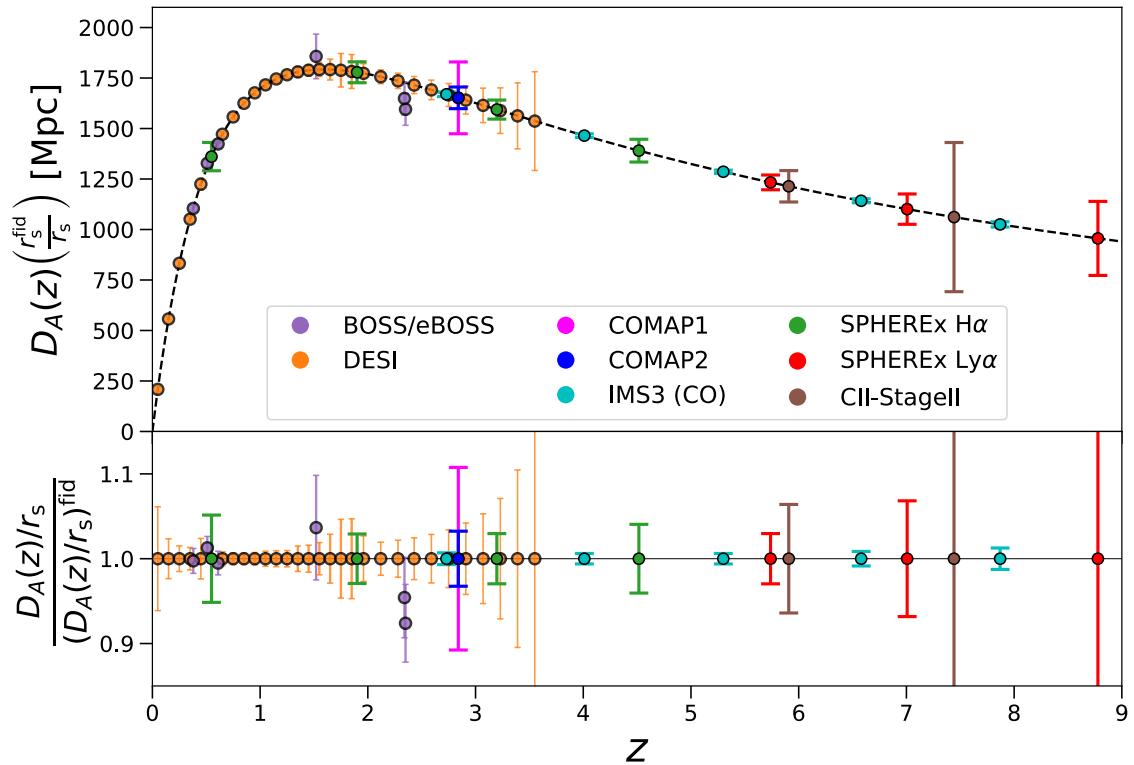
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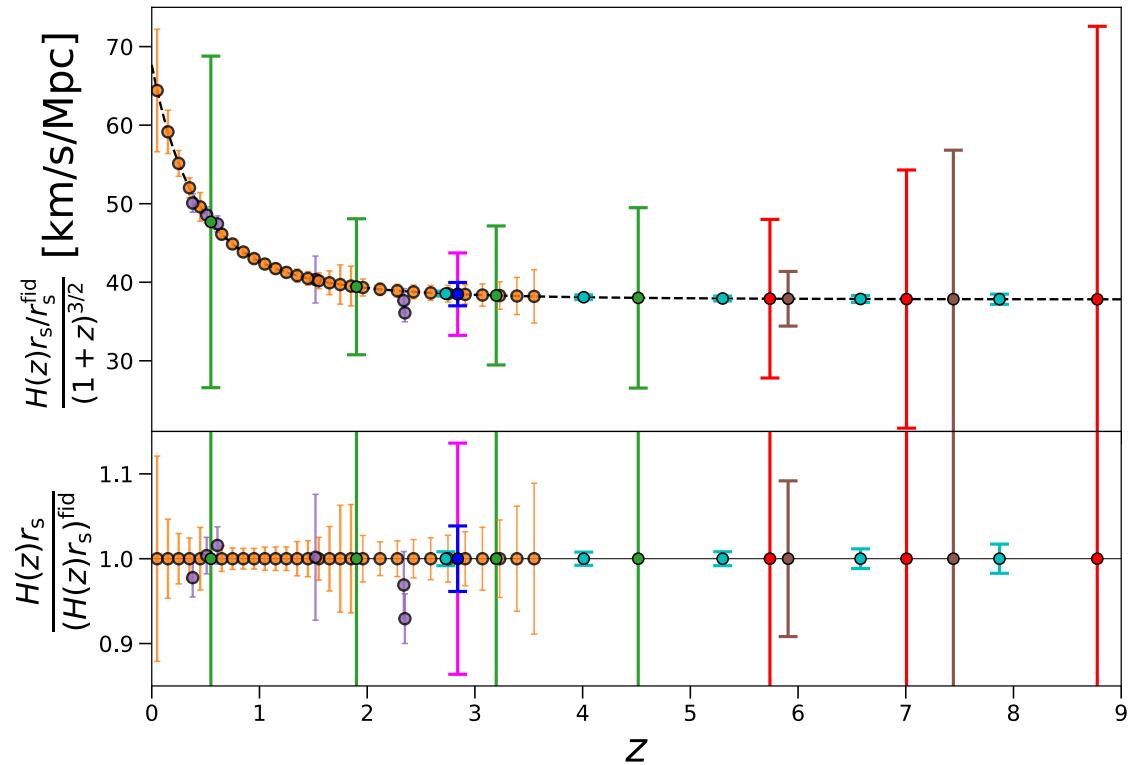
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+ Star-Formation-related LIM BAO

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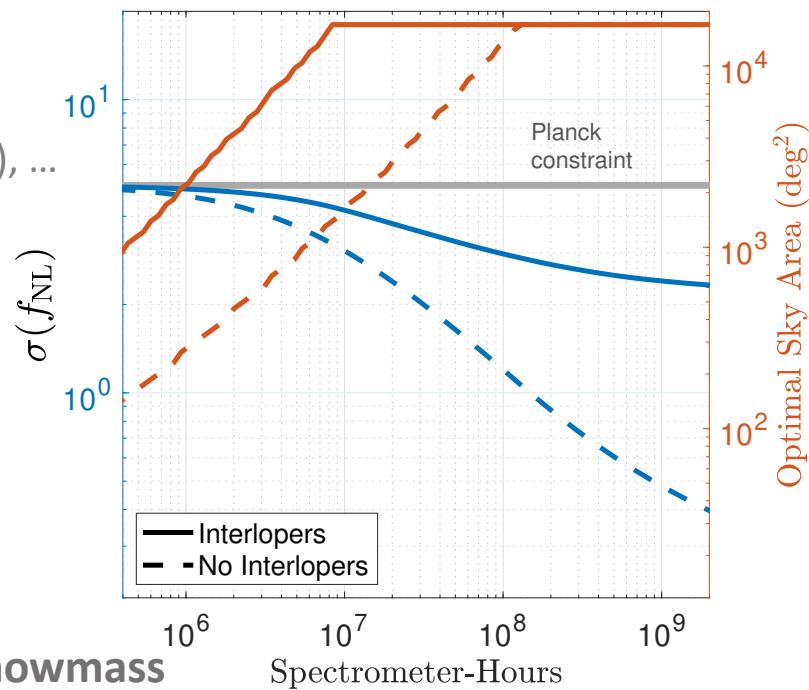
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- Measure f_{NL} , through k^{-2} dependence on the $P(k)$
Bernal+(2019), Moradinezhad Dizgah+(2018, 2019),
Liu & Breysse (2021), Chen & Pullen (2022), ...
- Very limited by systematics and foregrounds,
cross correlations help



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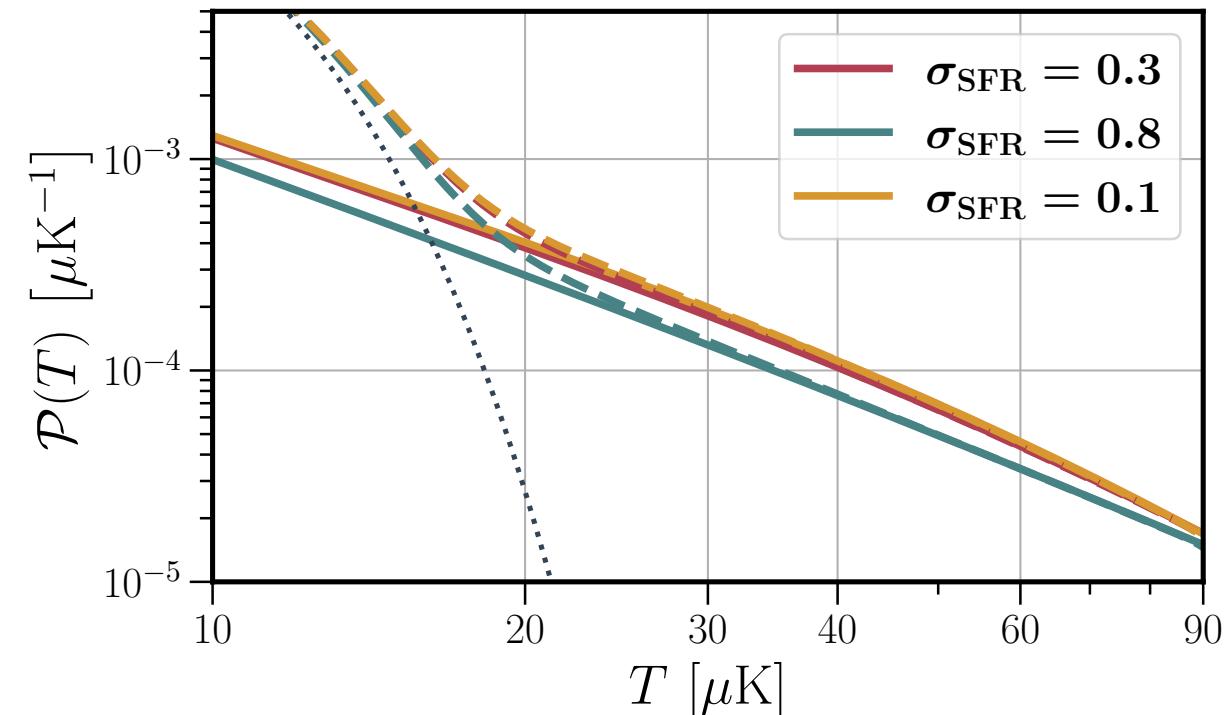
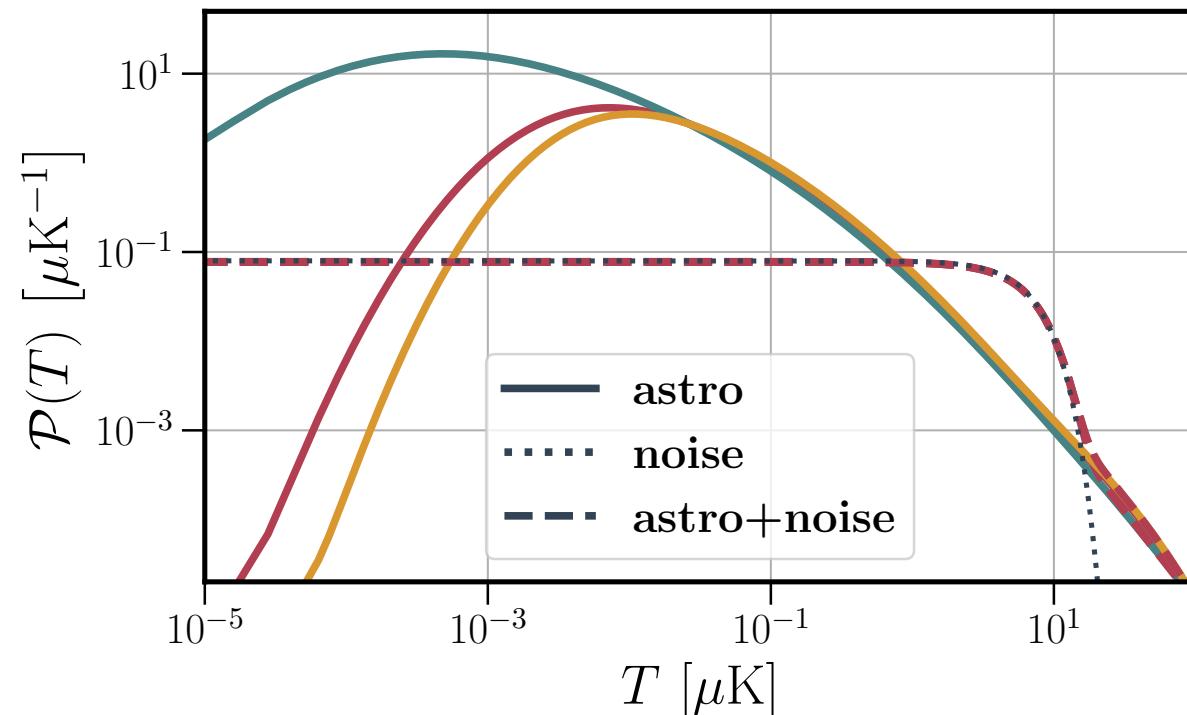
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COMAP-like but for 200 deg²

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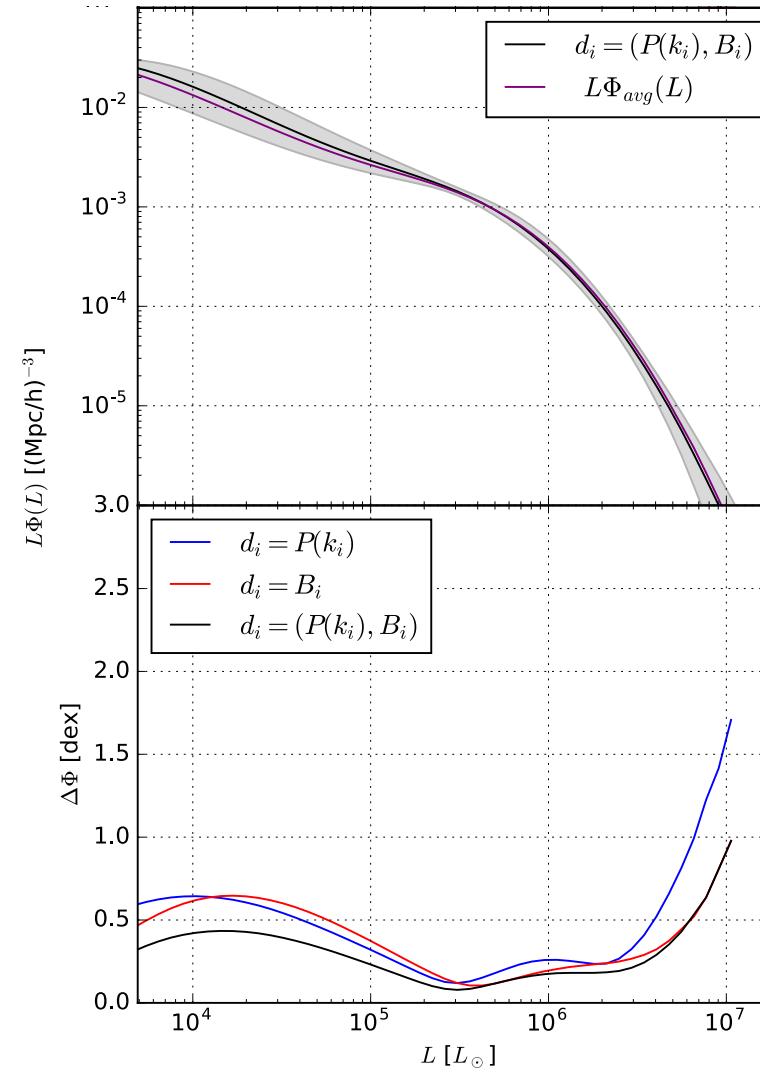
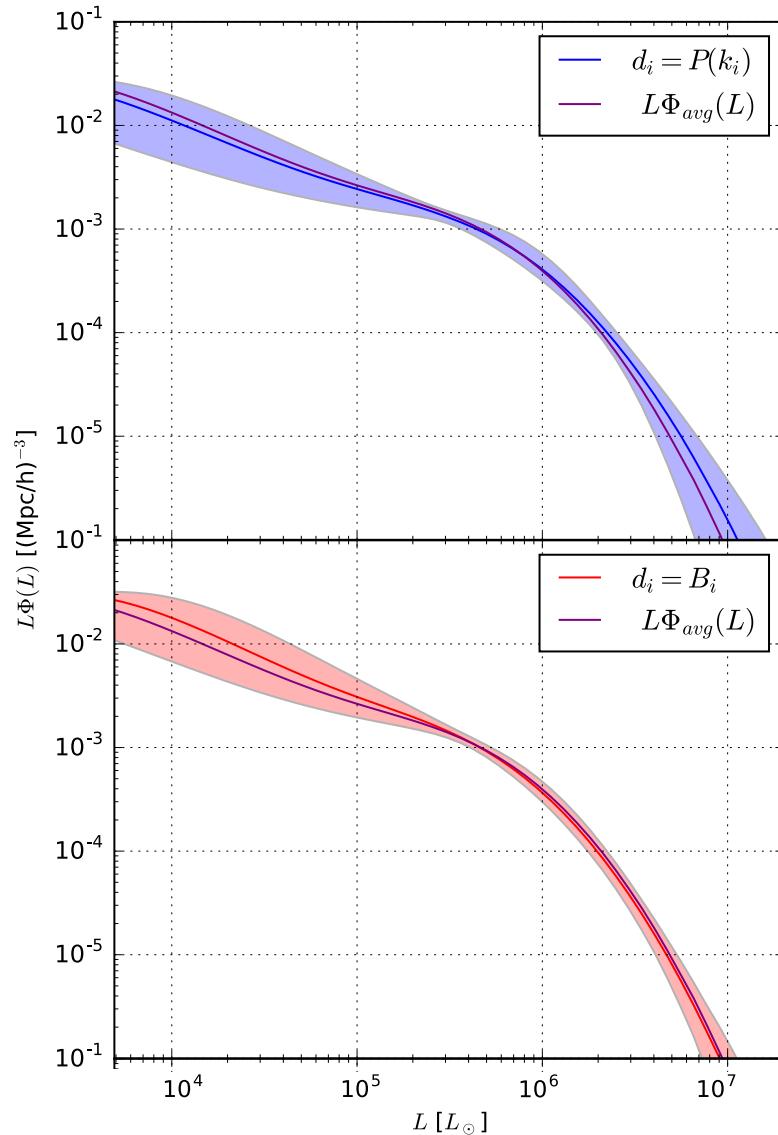
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$P(k)$: best for cosmo, integrals of luminosity functions

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Correlation coefficient

$$c_{ij} = \frac{\text{Cov}[\mathcal{B}_i, P(k_j)]}{\sigma_{\mathcal{B}_i} \sigma_{P(k_j)}}$$

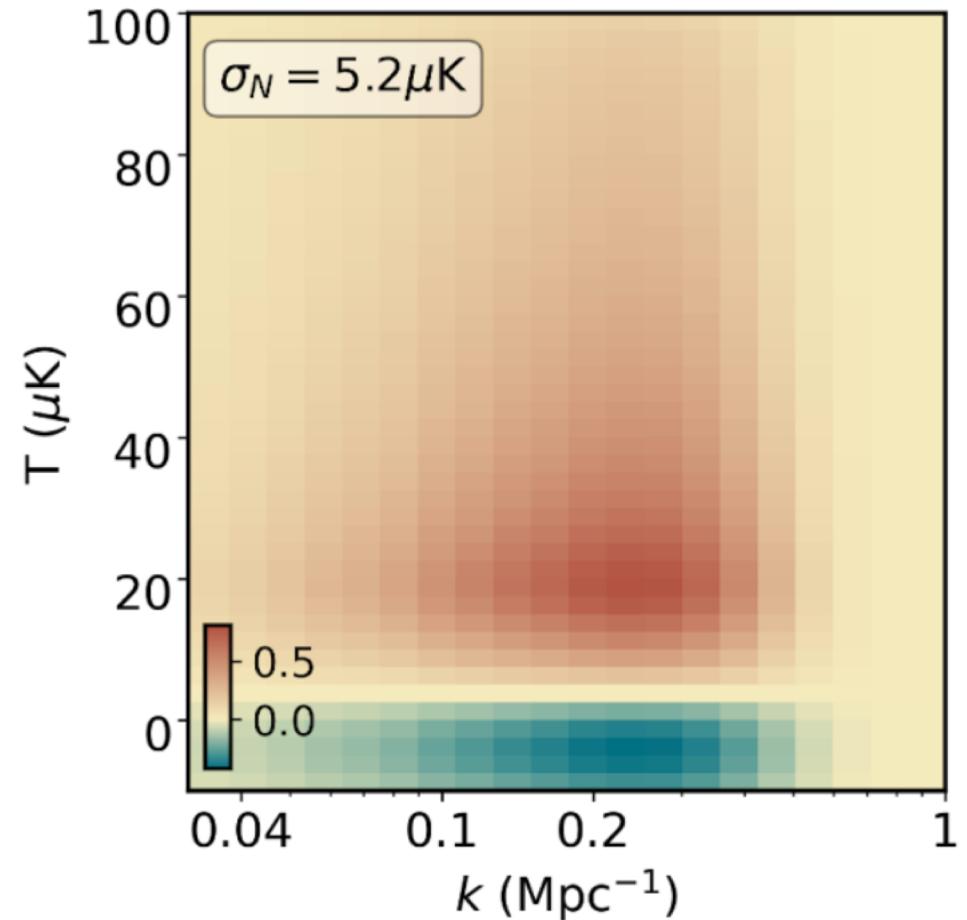
- Analytic covariance computed using:

$$\mathcal{P}(I) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(I, \delta(x))$$

- Proportional to collapsed bispectrum

- Example for COMAP Y5: CO(1-0), $z \sim 2.4\text{-}3.4$

- Definitely important to take into account
very soon



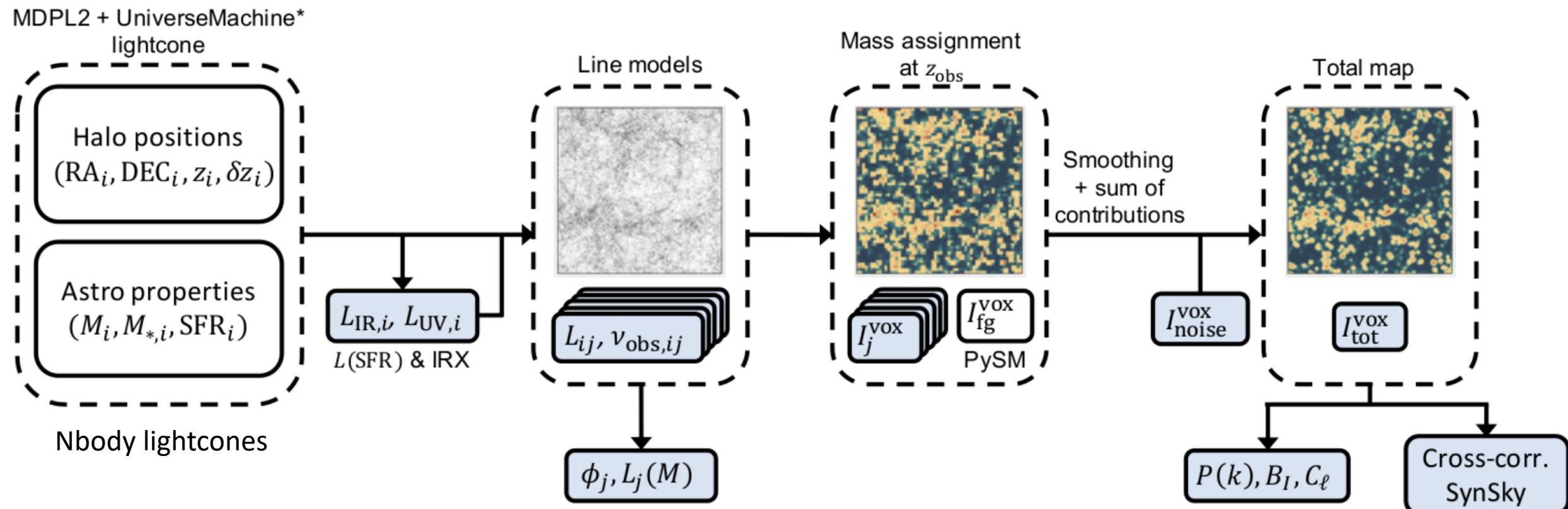
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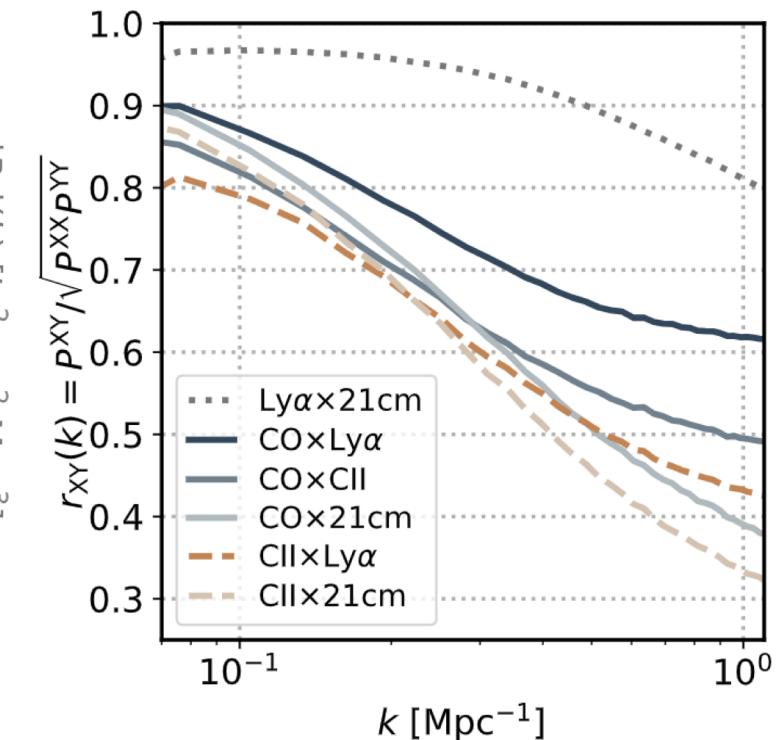
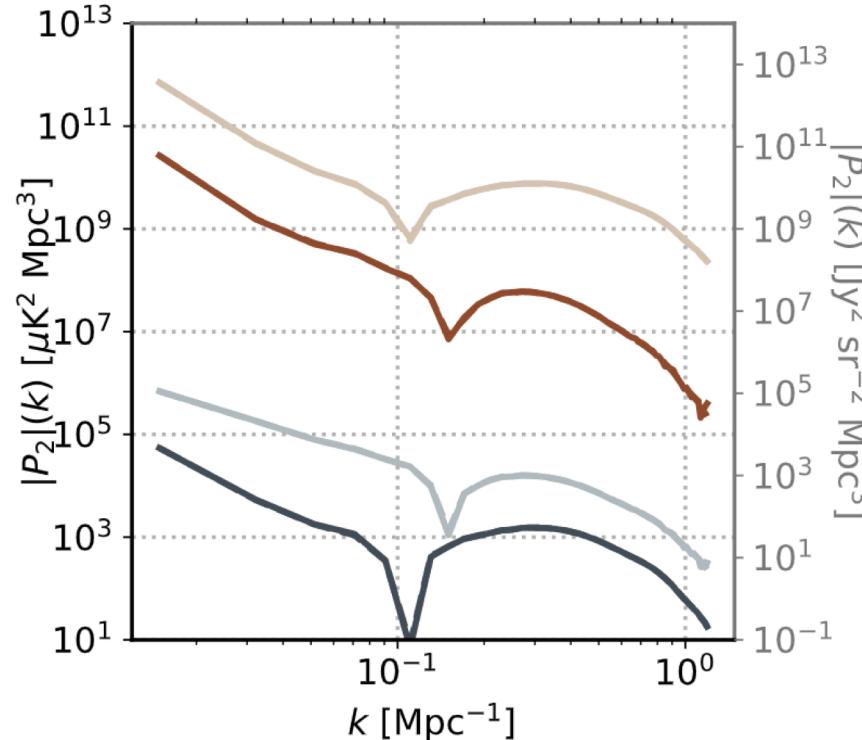
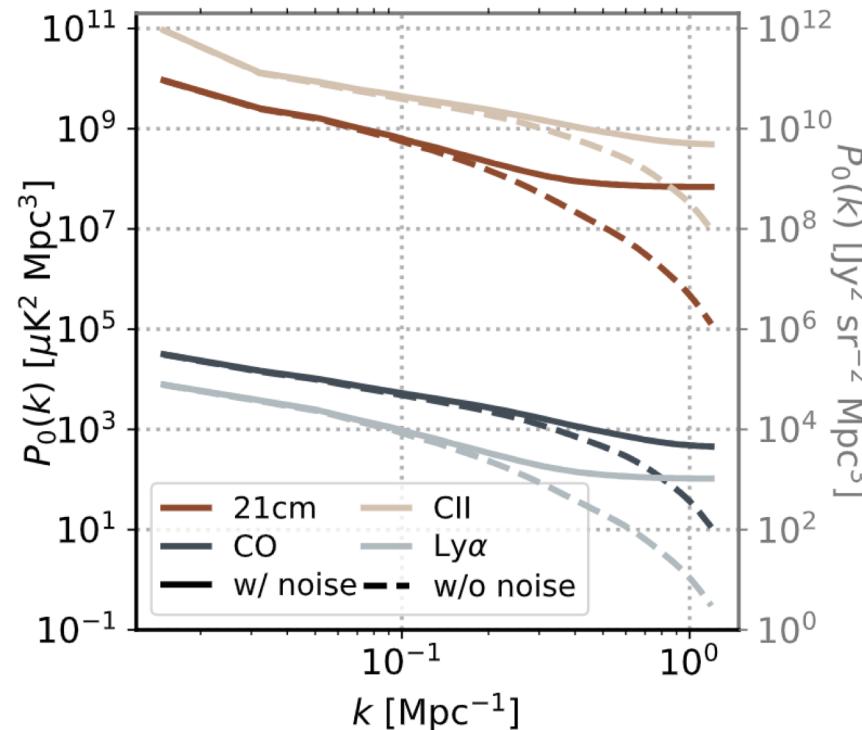
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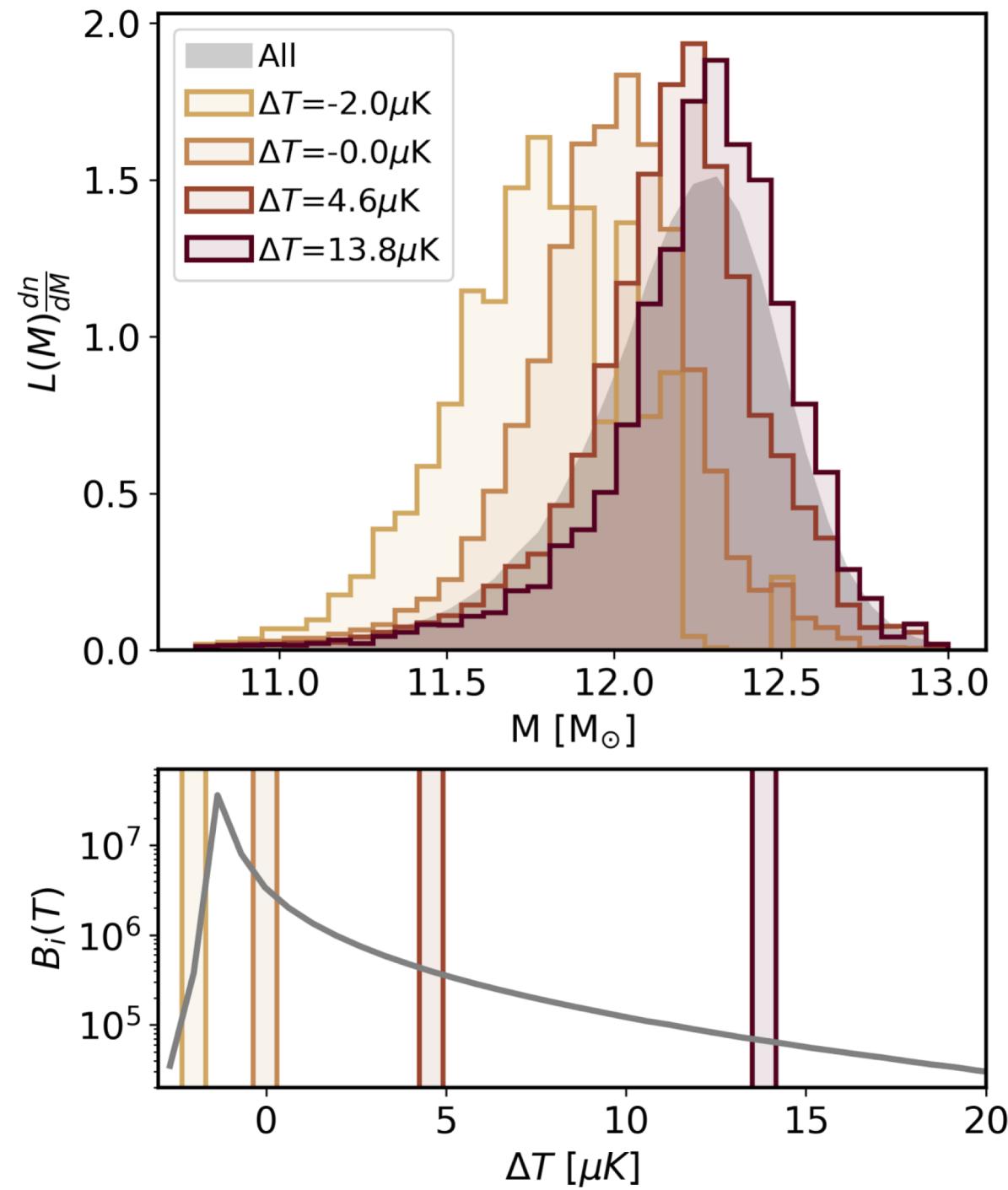
Power spectra and correlation coefficients



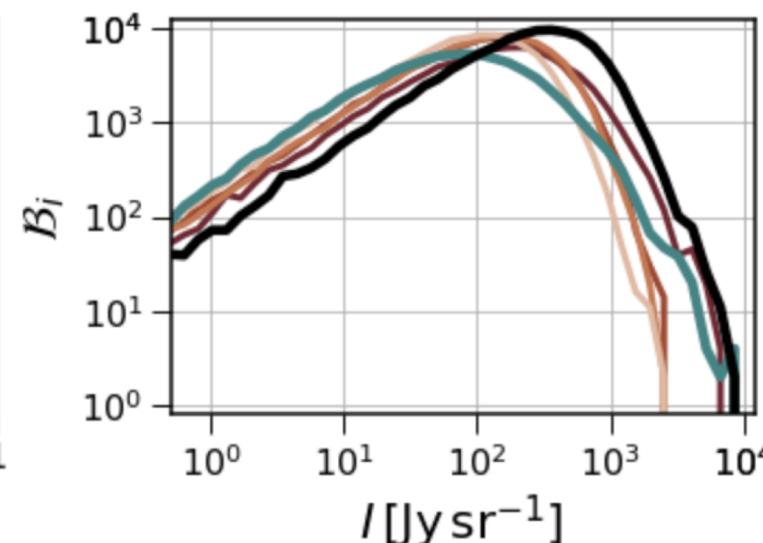
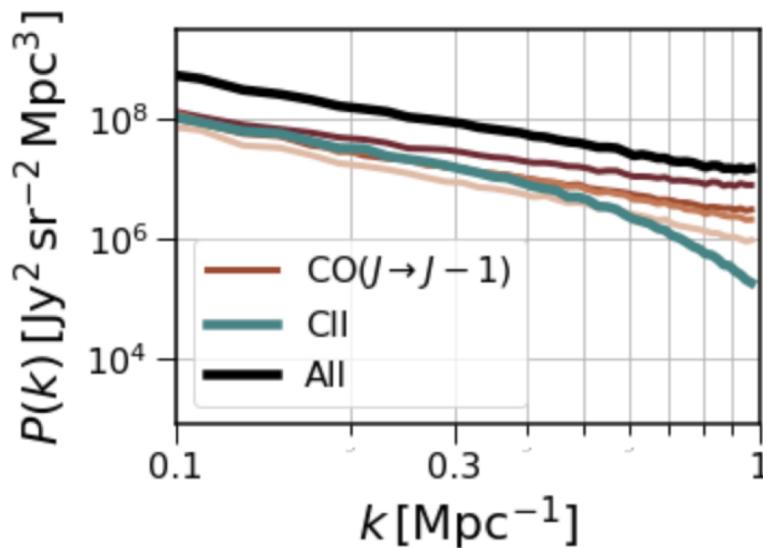
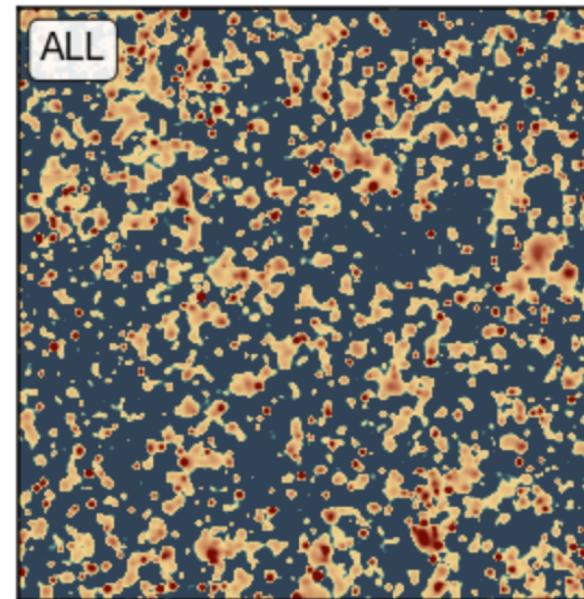
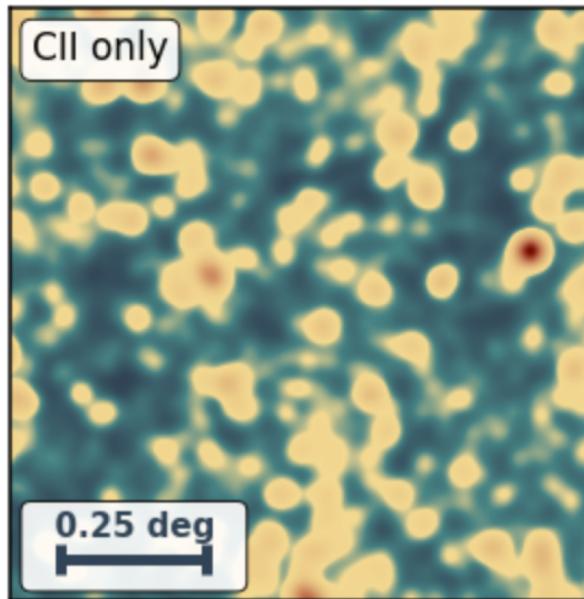
- No specific survey, trying to get uniform comparison ($\text{S/N} = 5$ at $k = 0.1$, 2' resolution, $R=700$, $z = 3$)
- Crosscorrelation coefficient < 1 because of shot noise and non linear biases
- Check loss of information due to non linearities

Which halos does LIM measure?

- Check if LIM actually is sensitive to the faint emitters
- CO(1-0), $z \sim 3$

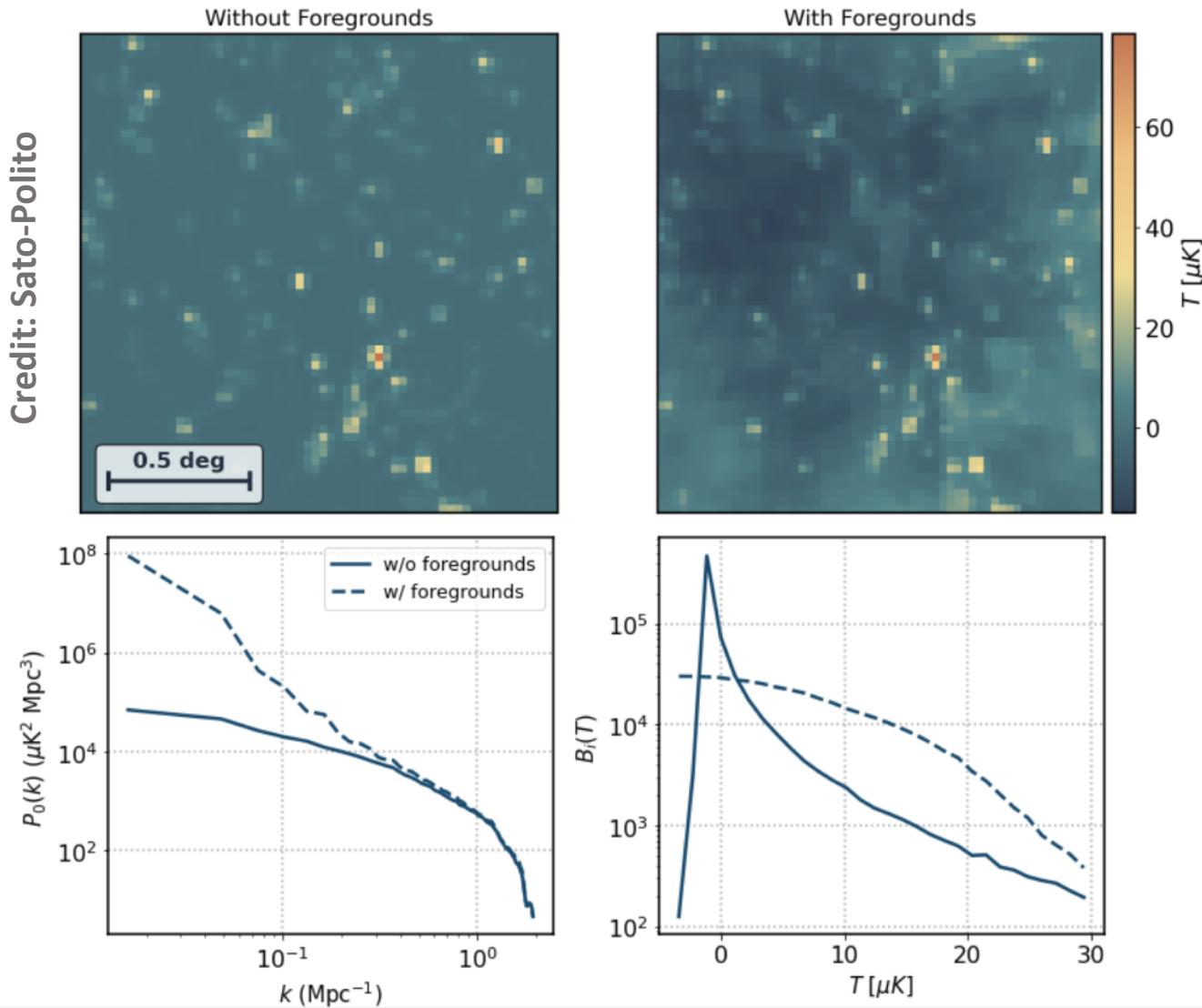


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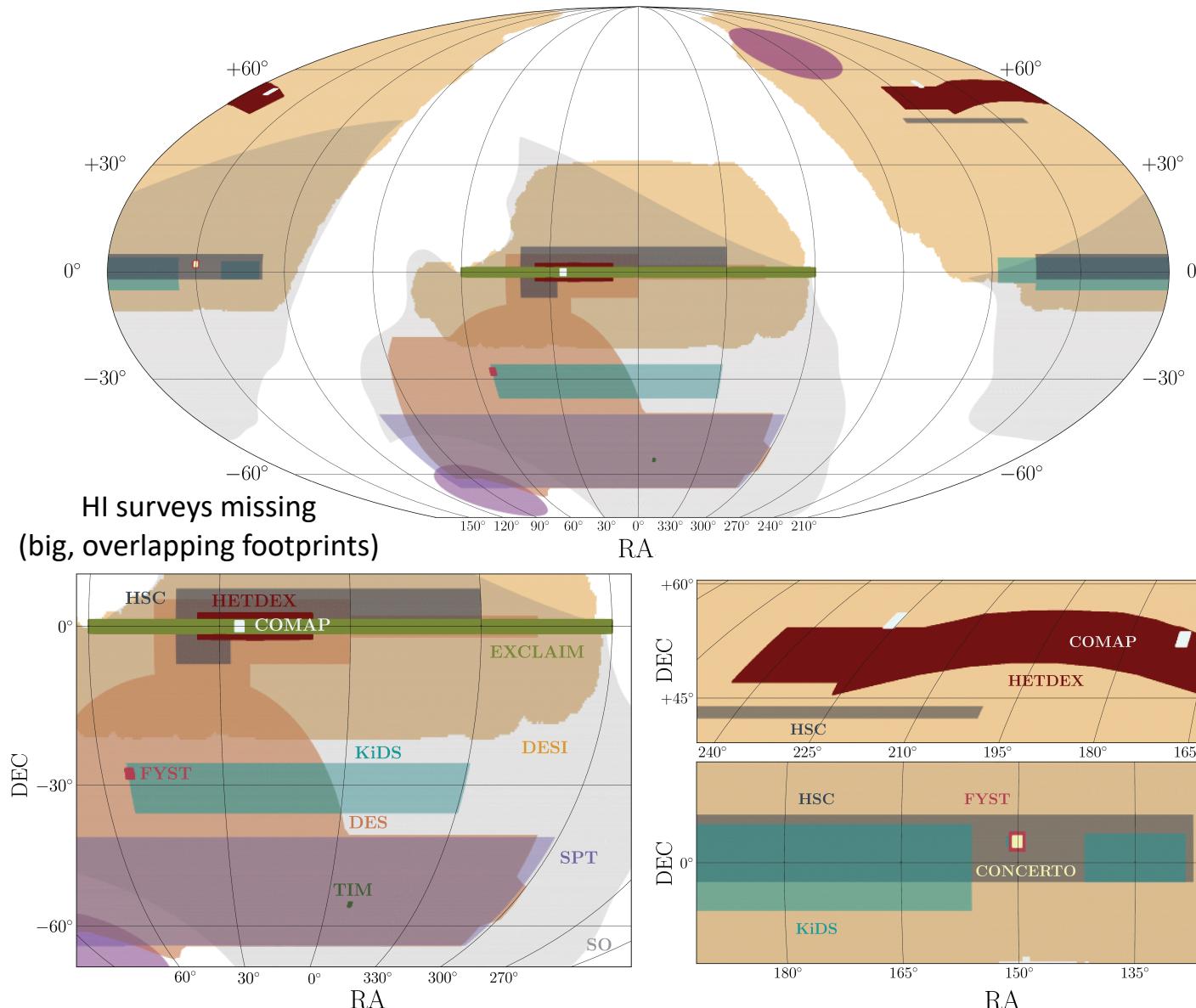


- Targeting CII at $z = 5$
- CO lines:
 - $J = 4$ at $z = 0.46$
 - $J = 5$ at $z = 0.82$
 - $J = 6$ at $z = 1.18$
 - $J = 7$ at $z = 1.55$
- Brighter red, higher J

Galactic foregrounds



Cross-correlating to clean and extract info

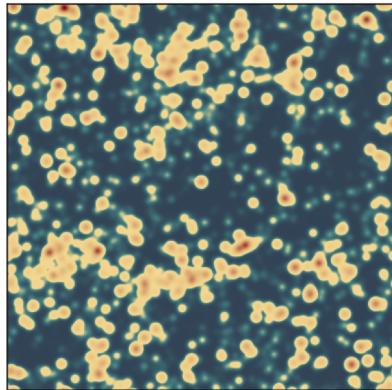


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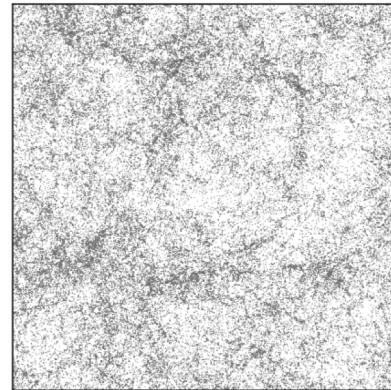
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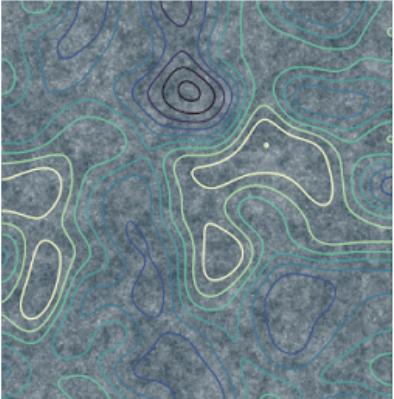
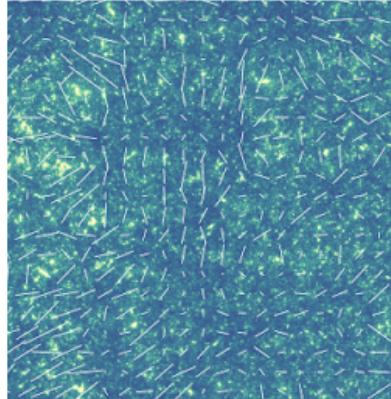
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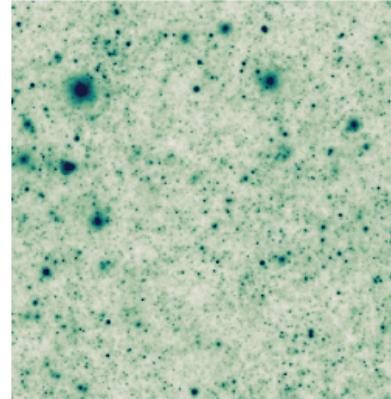
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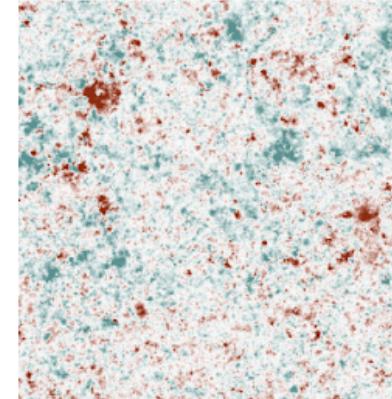
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 κ_{CMB}  $\kappa_{\text{gal}}/\gamma$ 

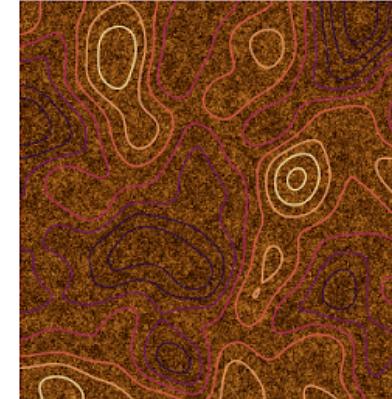
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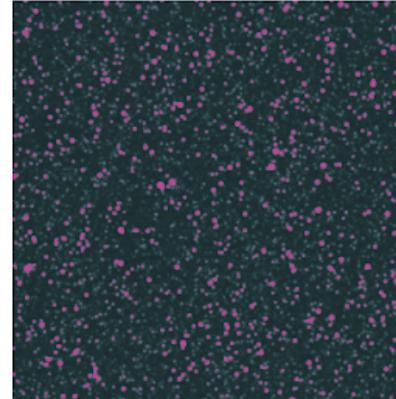
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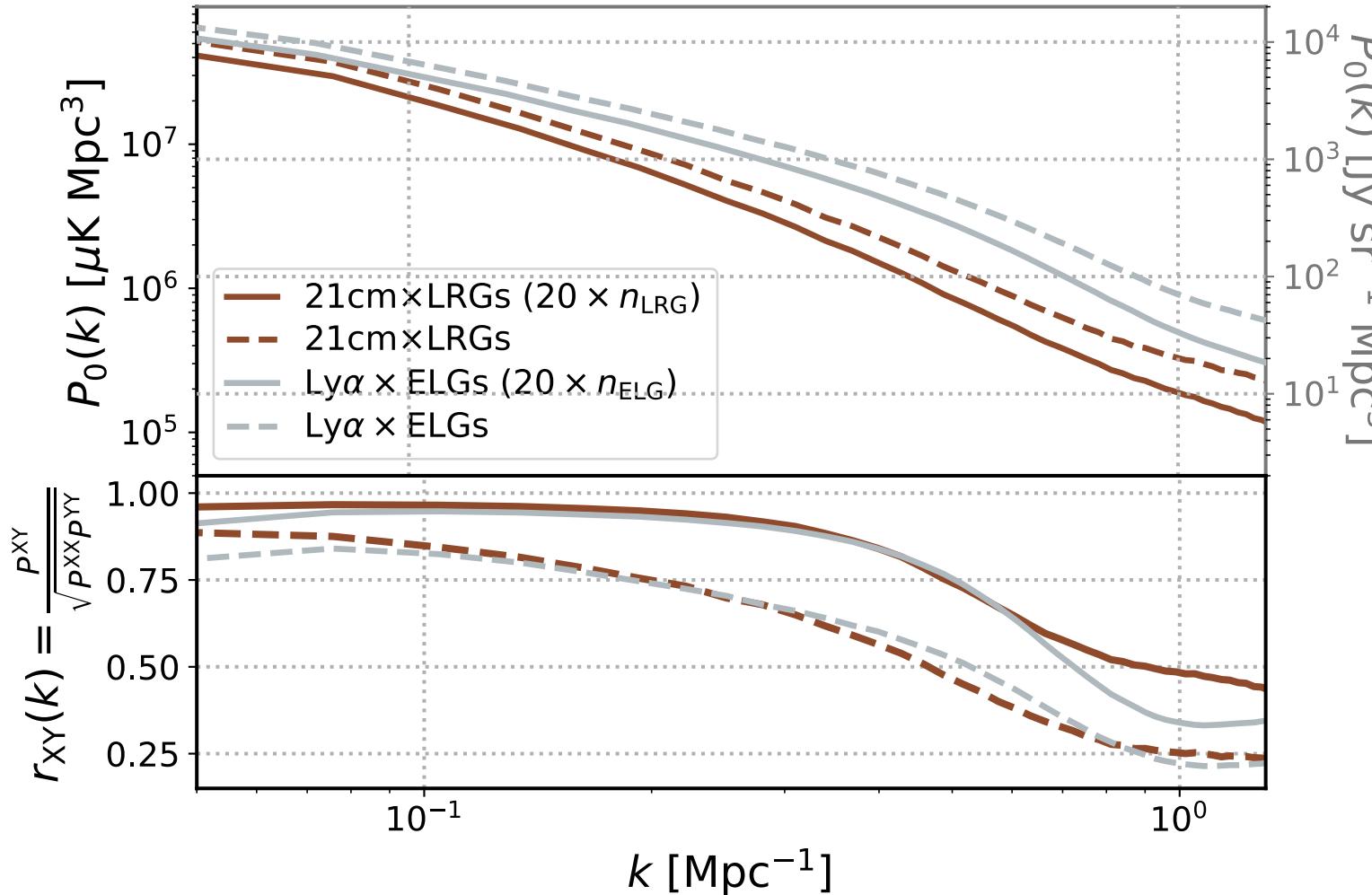
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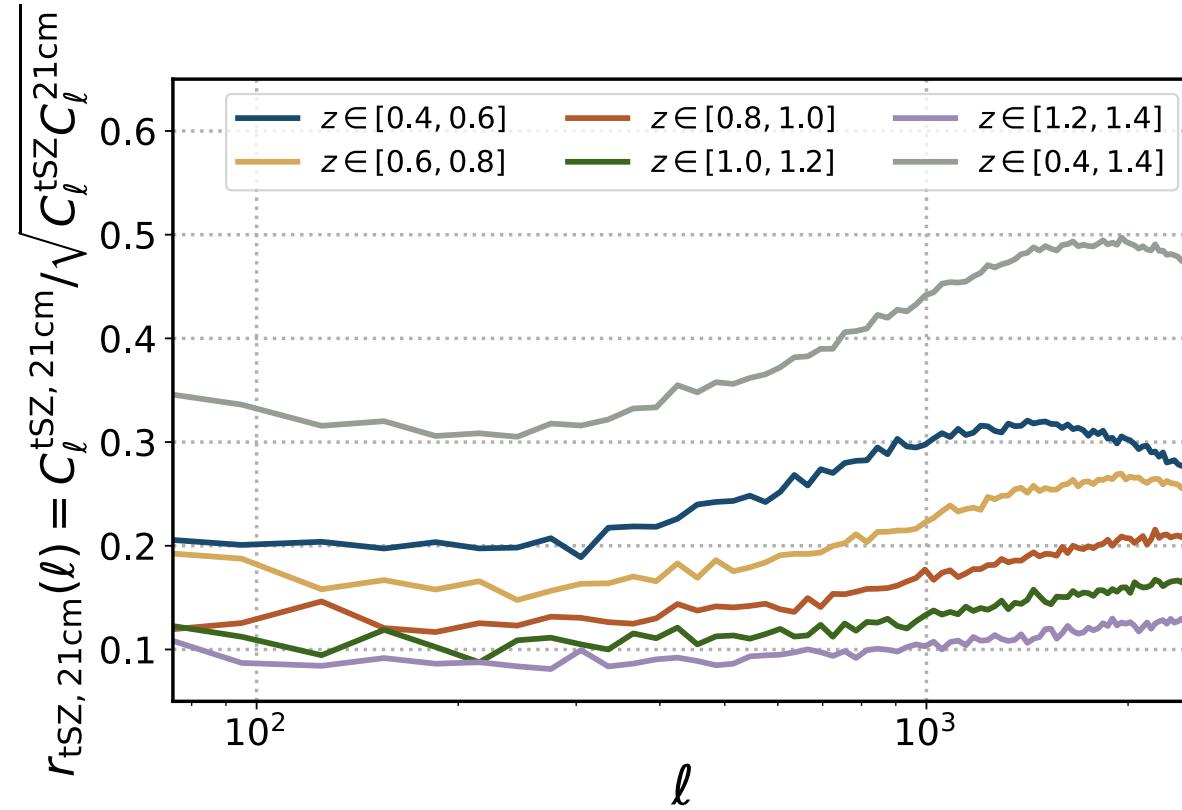
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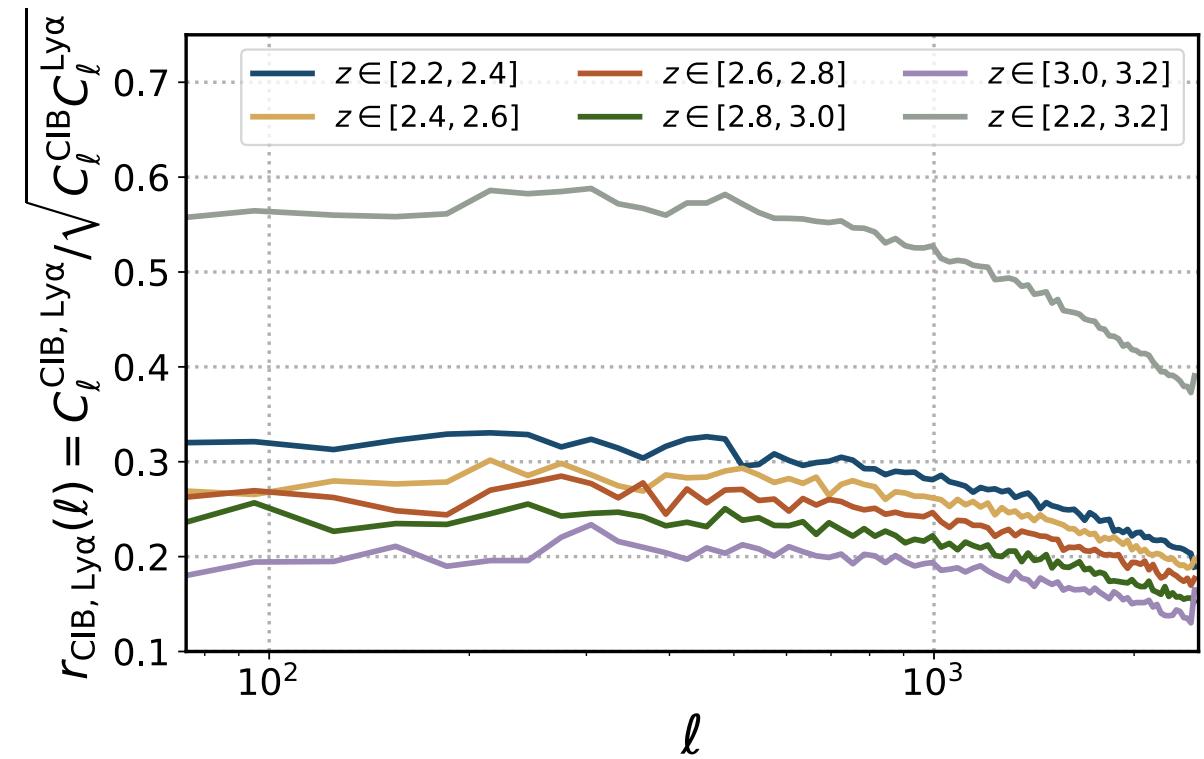
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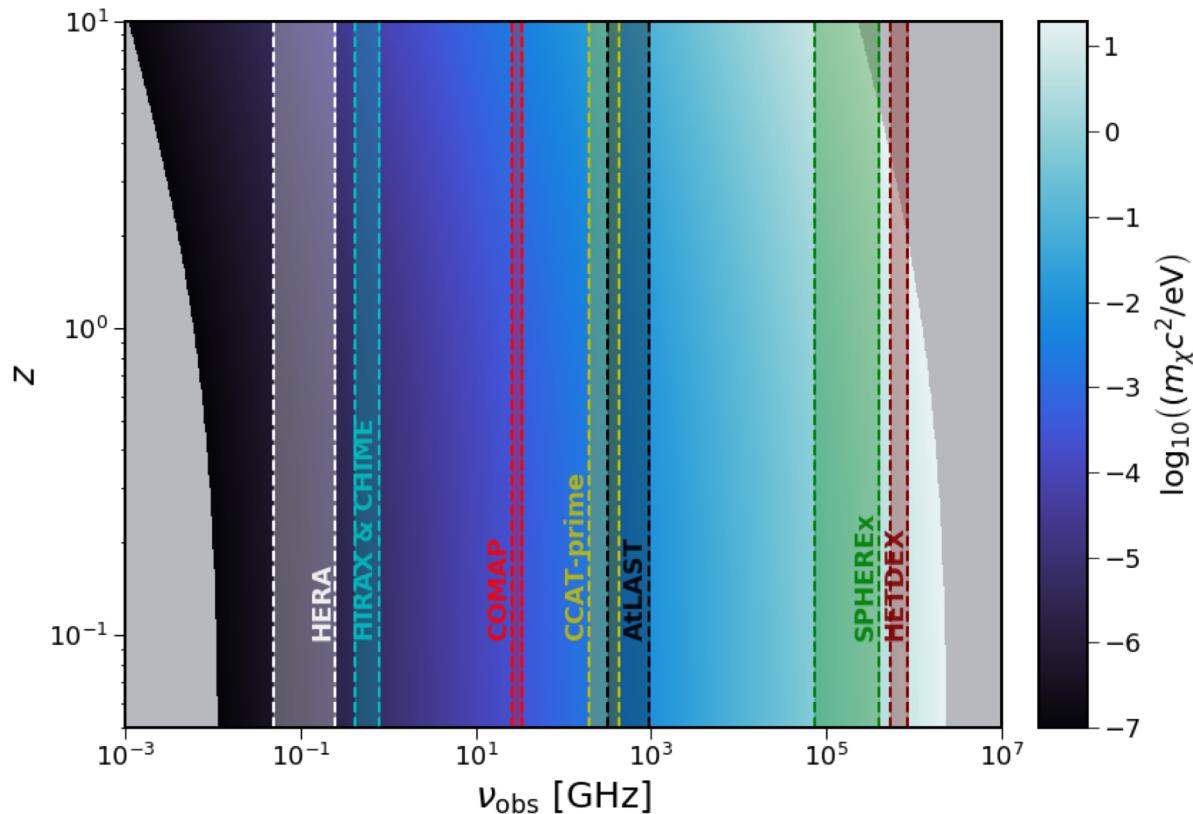
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Exotic radiative decays would be inadvertently detected as a line interloper!!

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 - Vast variety of candidates with rich phenomenology
 - Weak coupling with baryons: decaying dark matter (axion, sterile neutrinos, ...)
 - Decays trace directly the matter distribution

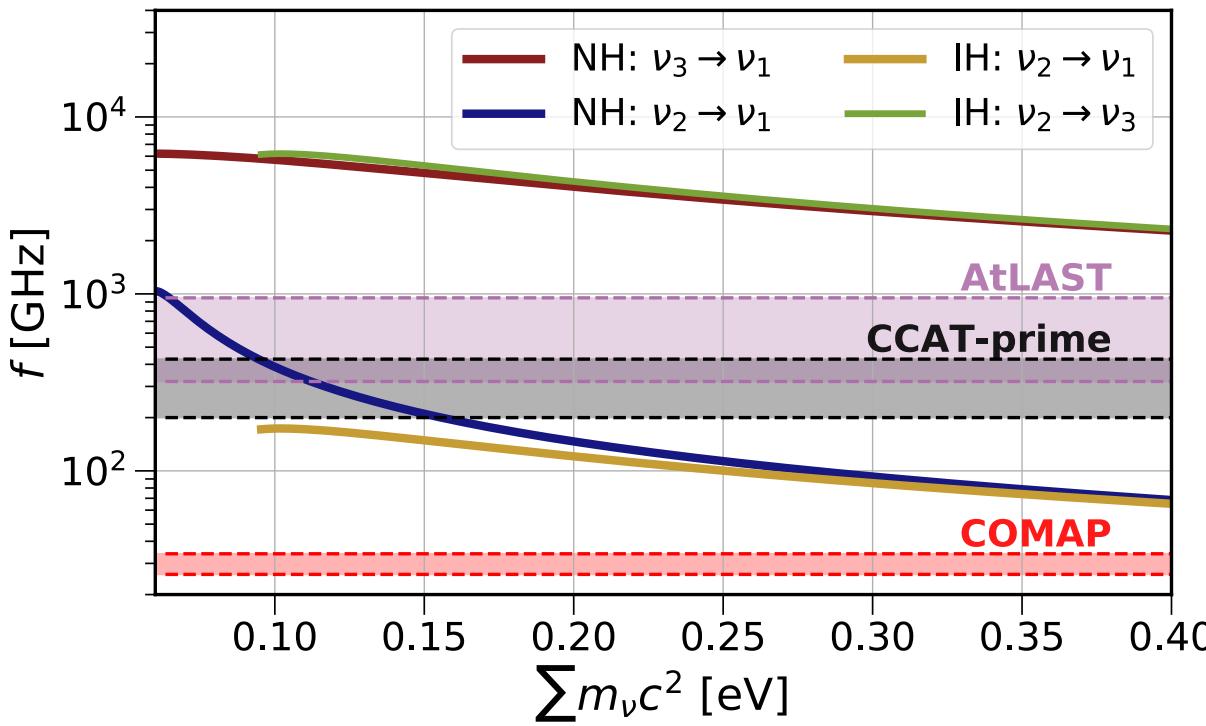


$$\chi \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

$$\nu_\gamma = m_\chi c^2 / 2h_P$$

DM & Neutrinos

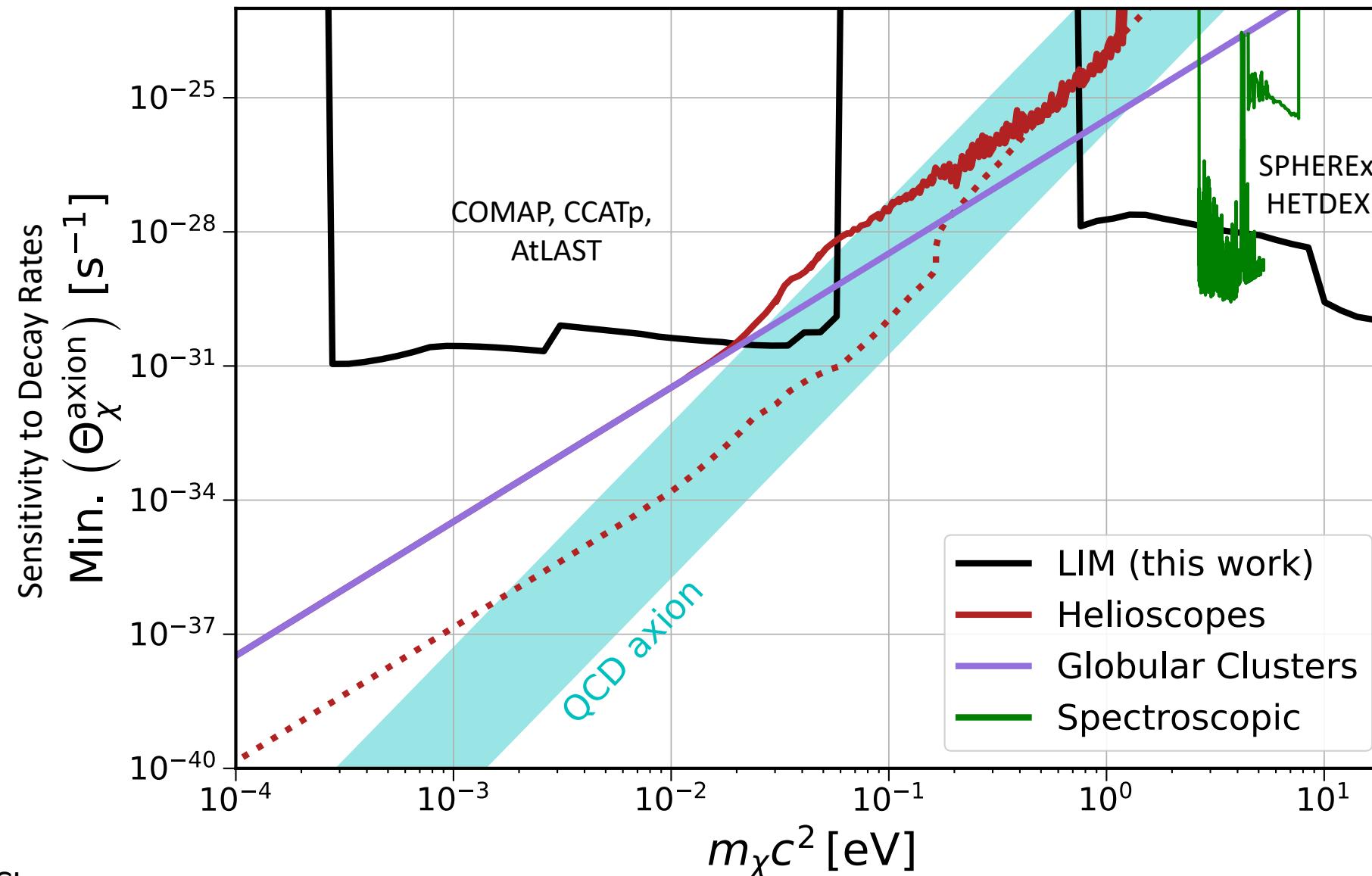
- Neutrinos:
 - Controlled by the electromagnetic transition moments
 - SM prediction of neutrino lifetime: $\tau_\nu \sim 10^{40-50}$ s ($\gg t_U$)
 - BSM physics may enhance transition moments: detection \rightarrow BSM physics!
 - Traces directly the cosmic neutrino density field



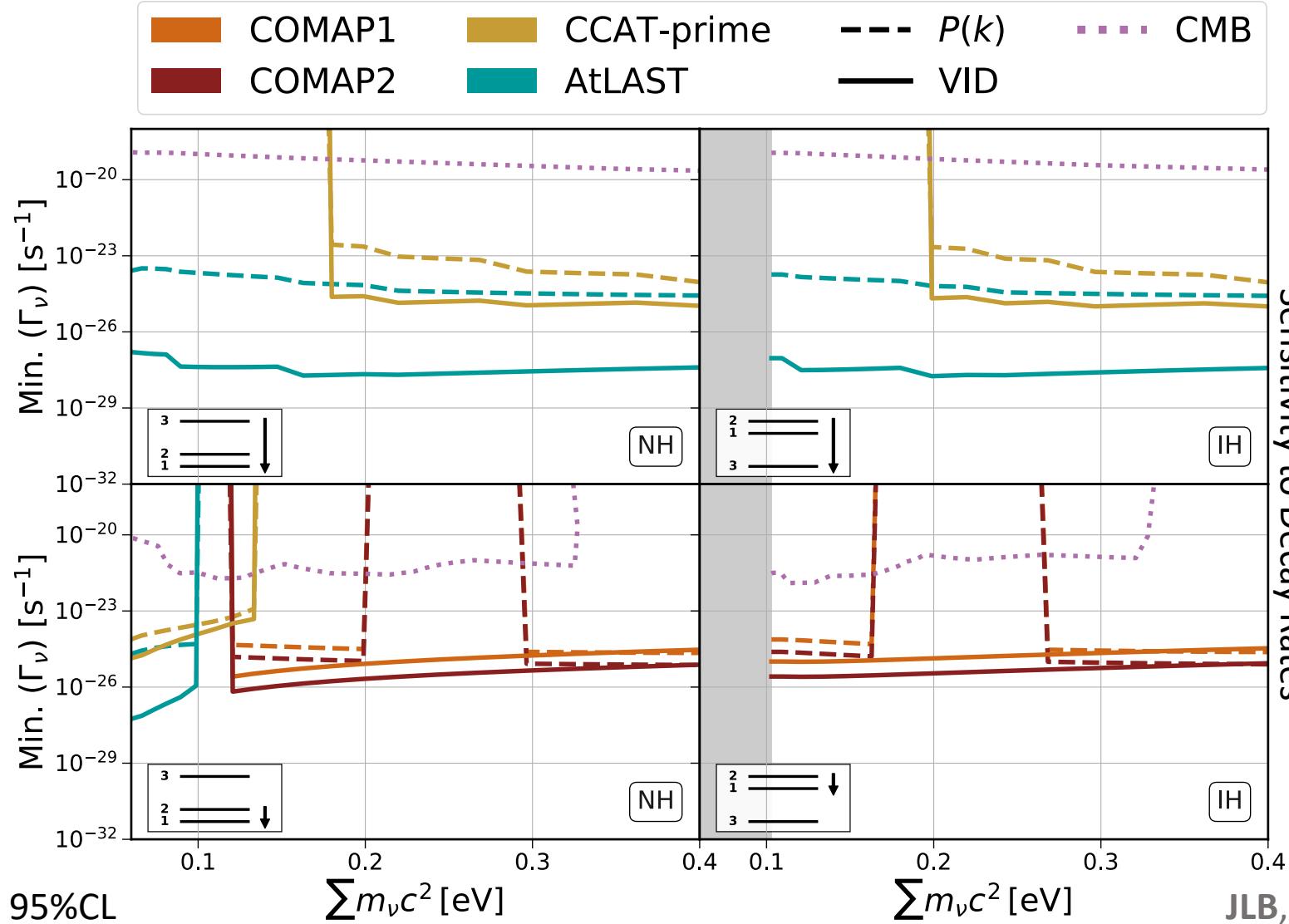
$$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j + \gamma$$

$$f_{ij} = (m_i^2 - m_j^2)c^2 / 2h_P m_i$$

Sensitivity in axion context



Sensitivities to neutrino decay



$$\Gamma_{ij} \sim 10^{-28} - 10^{-25} s^{-1}$$

↓ Effective transition moment

$$\mu_{ij}^{eff} \sim 10^{-12} - 10^{-8} \left(\frac{m_i c^2}{0.1 \text{ eV}} \right)^{1.5} \mu_B$$

- CMB forecast: $3 \times 10^{-11} - 10^{-8} \mu_B$
- Borexino: $< 2.8 \times 10^{-11} \mu_B$
- TRGB: $< 4.5 \times 10^{-12} \mu_B$

Challenges & improvements

- Challenges:
 - Astrophysical uncertainties: marginalization, break degeneracies
 - Other contaminants: loss of information, potential biases
 - Line broadening (currently testing BAO robustness against this)
- Reasons to be optimistic:
 - Many pathfinders and experiments in the pipeline (and theory efforts too!)
 - Other summary statistics
 - BAO: clean measurement
 - Exotic decays:
 - Extensible to other interloper-treatment, summary statistics, etc
 - Multiprobe with galaxy clustering and weak lensing
 - New info and checks through cross correlations

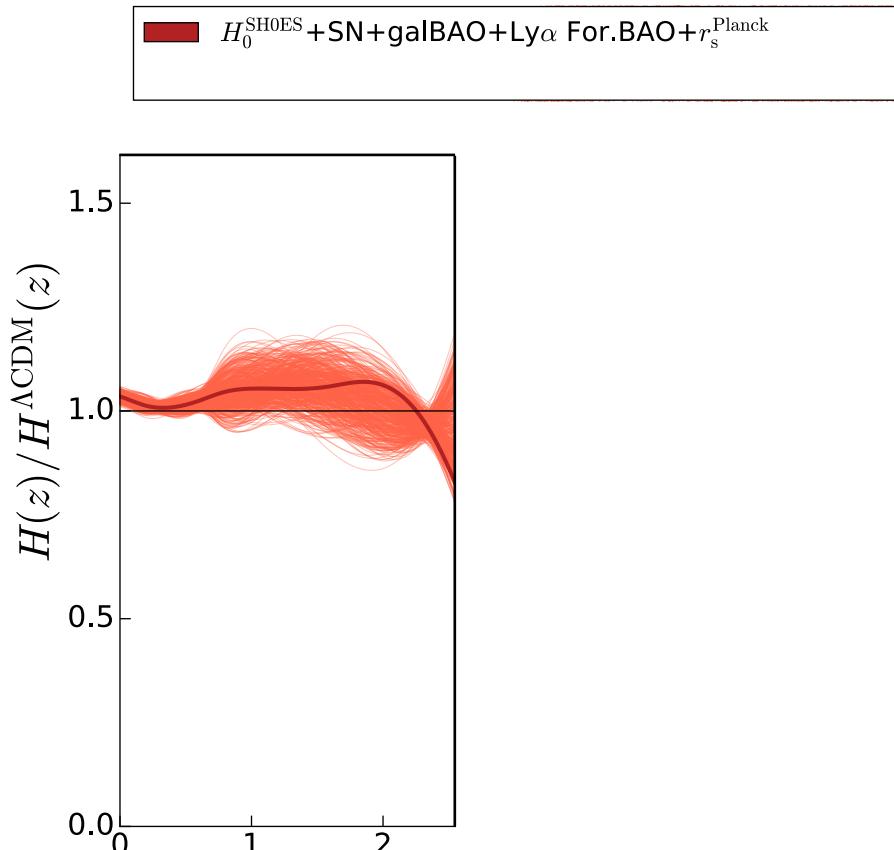
Conclusions

- LIM has the potential to become a key pillar for cosmology and astrophysics
 1. Capture faint and diffuse sources
 2. Access beyond the reach of galaxy surveys
 3. Quickly map large three-dimensional volumes
- Very non Gaussian maps: $P(k) + VID (+ \dots)$; use of simulations also required
 - SkyLine: playground to test methods and understand and maximize LIM's potential
- Intrinsic multi-tracer nature + lots of overlap and synergies with other observables
- Window to new regimes, new observational methods: new avenue for probing new physics
- Lots to do! come talk to me if you're curious about new science cases and beyond LCDM searches!

Back up slides

Constraining the expansion history

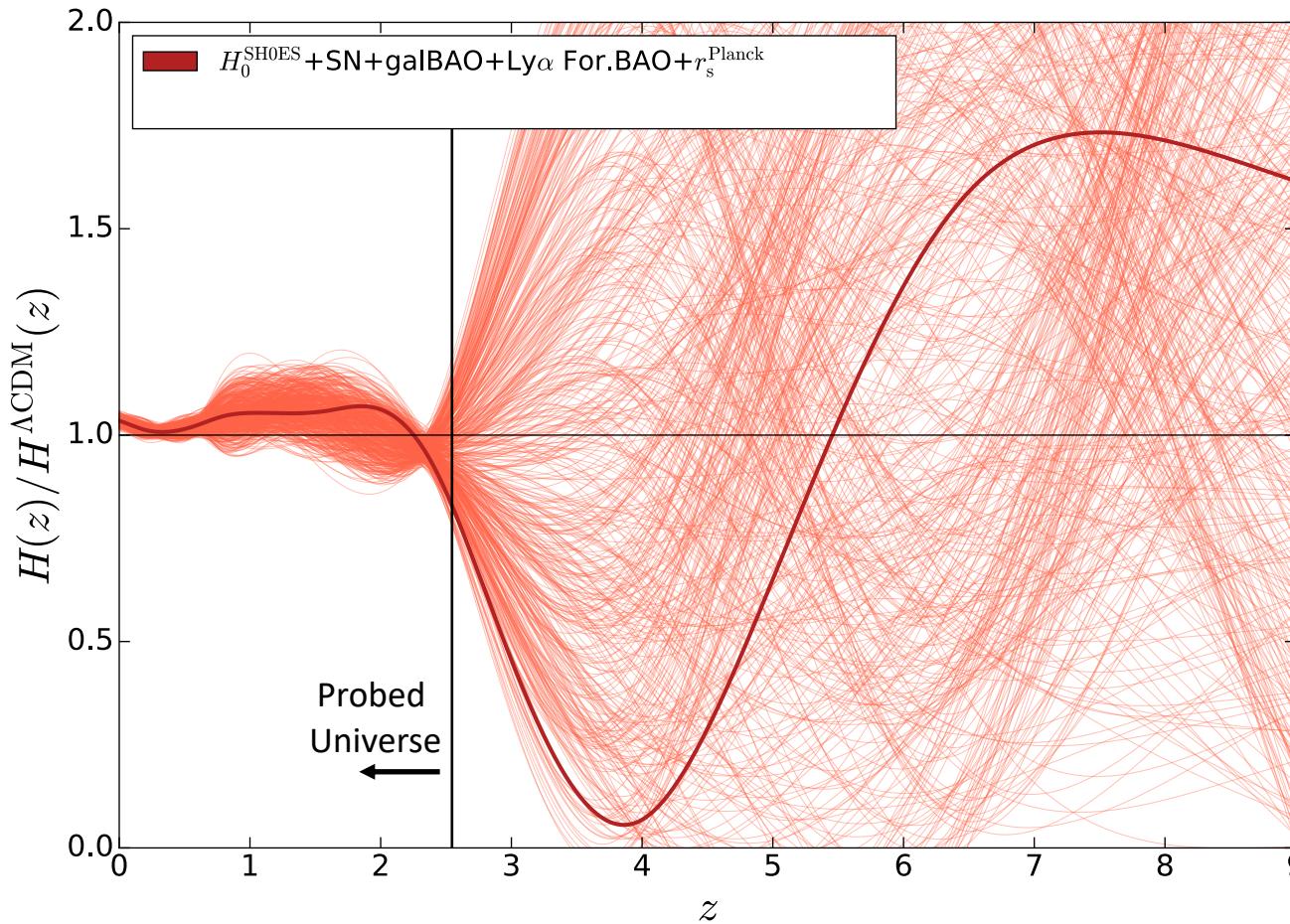
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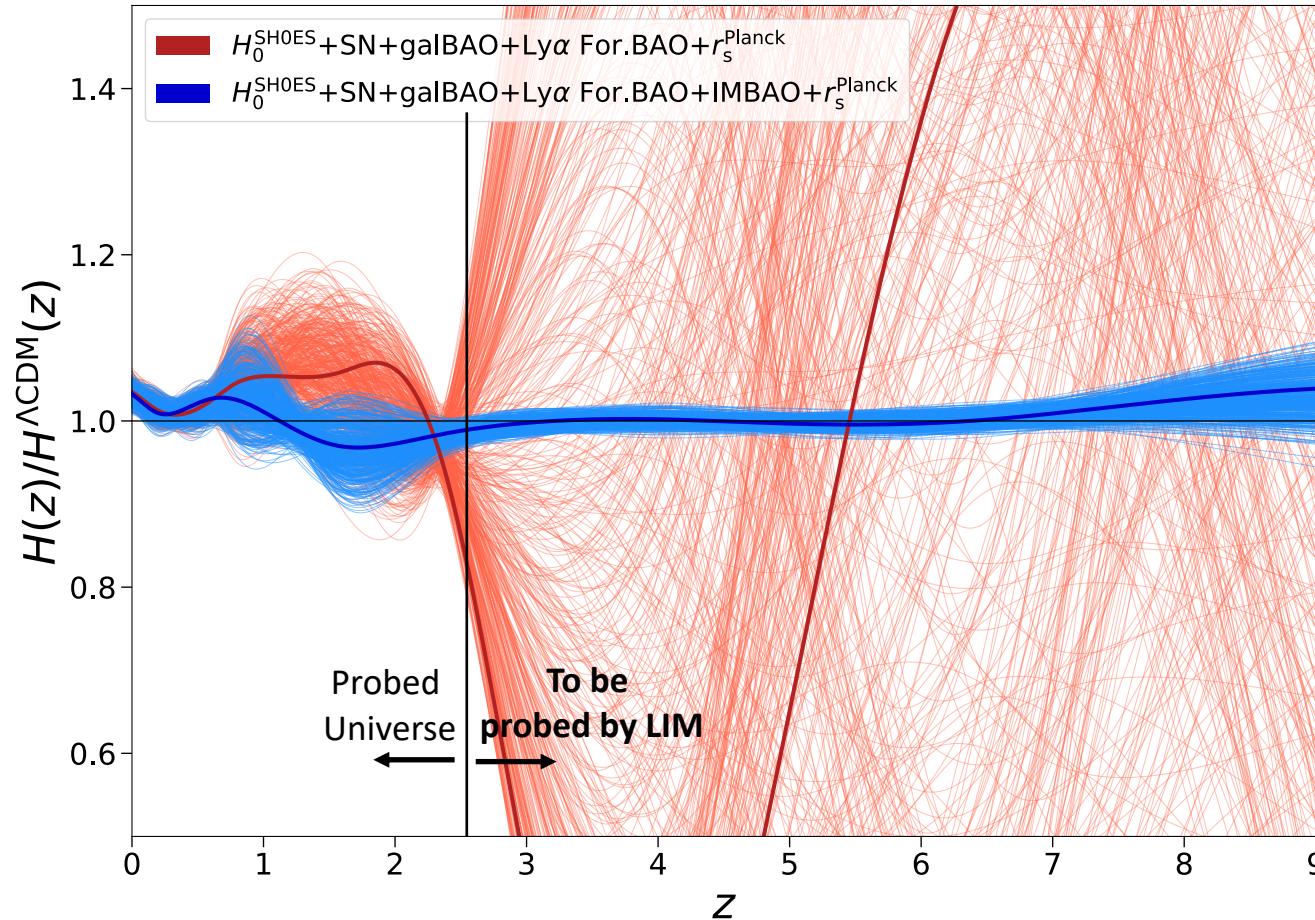
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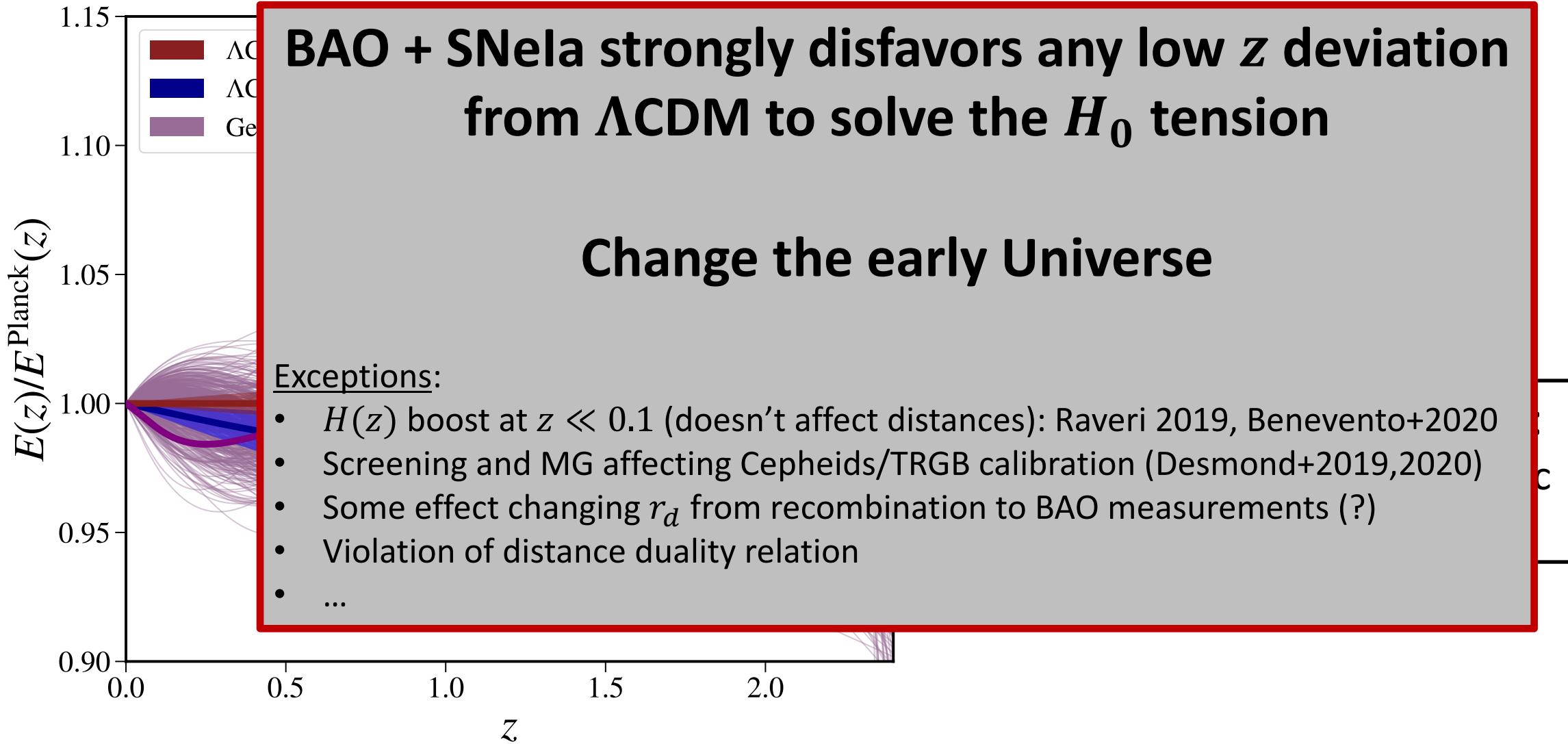


Bridge early and late Universe to probe post-recombination solutions

Current constraints using galaxy surveys
(and H_0 and r_s) and **ADDING LIM BAO**

High-z vs low-z

Done using MABEL



Using LIM for cosmology

- Focus on the anisotropic power spectrum:

$$P(k, \mu, z) = \langle T(z) \rangle^2 b^2(z) F_{RSD}^2(k, \mu, z) P_m(k, z) + P_{shot}(z)$$
$$\langle T(z) \rangle \propto \int L \frac{dn}{dL} dL$$
$$P_{shot} \propto \int L^2 \frac{dn}{dL} dL$$

- Amplitude determined by LF and bias
- Signal limited by resolution at small scales and by size of volume probed at large scales (modeled with window functions)
- Use Legendre multipoles to explore anisotropy!

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$$\alpha_{\parallel} = \frac{(H(z)r_s)^{fid}}{H(z)r_s}$$
$$\alpha_{\perp} = \frac{D_A(z)/r_s}{(D_A(z)/r_s)^{fid}}$$

BAO feature helps to measure the AP effect

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- Legendre multipoles: up to the hexadecapole! $\alpha_{\parallel}, \alpha_{\perp}, \langle T \rangle f \sigma_8$

BAO cosmology!

$$\tilde{P}_{\ell}(k^{meas}, z) = \frac{H(z)}{H^{fid}(z)} \left(\frac{D_A^{fid}(z)}{D_A(z)} \right)^2 \frac{2\ell + 1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu^{meas} \tilde{P}(k^{true}, \mu^{true}, z) \mathcal{L}_{\ell}(\mu^{meas})$$

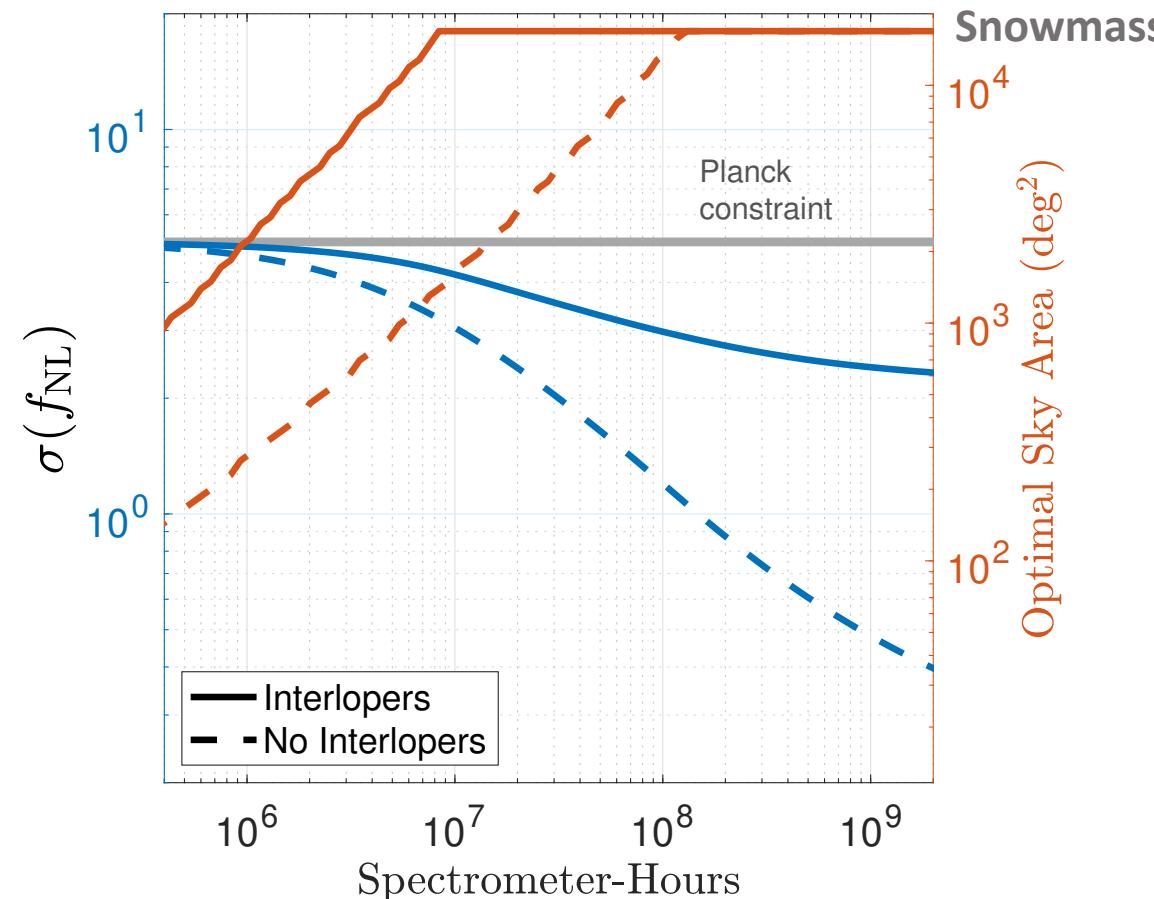
Using LIM for local PNG: P(k)

- Intensity traces density: cosmological information degenerate with astrophysics

$$\delta T \sim \langle T \rangle b \delta_m \Rightarrow P_{TT} \sim \langle T \rangle^2 b^2 P_m + \langle T^2 \rangle$$

Karkare+ (2022).

- Assumes:
 - Observations in 80-310 GHz
 - R = 300
 - Noise from interlopers
 - Excellent observing sites (only instrument noise)
 - Autopower spectrum: get to improve with x-corr.
 - Optimal sky coverage
- See also Bernal+(2019), Moradinezhad Dizgah+(2018, 2019), Liu & Breysse (2021), Chen & Pullen (2022), ...

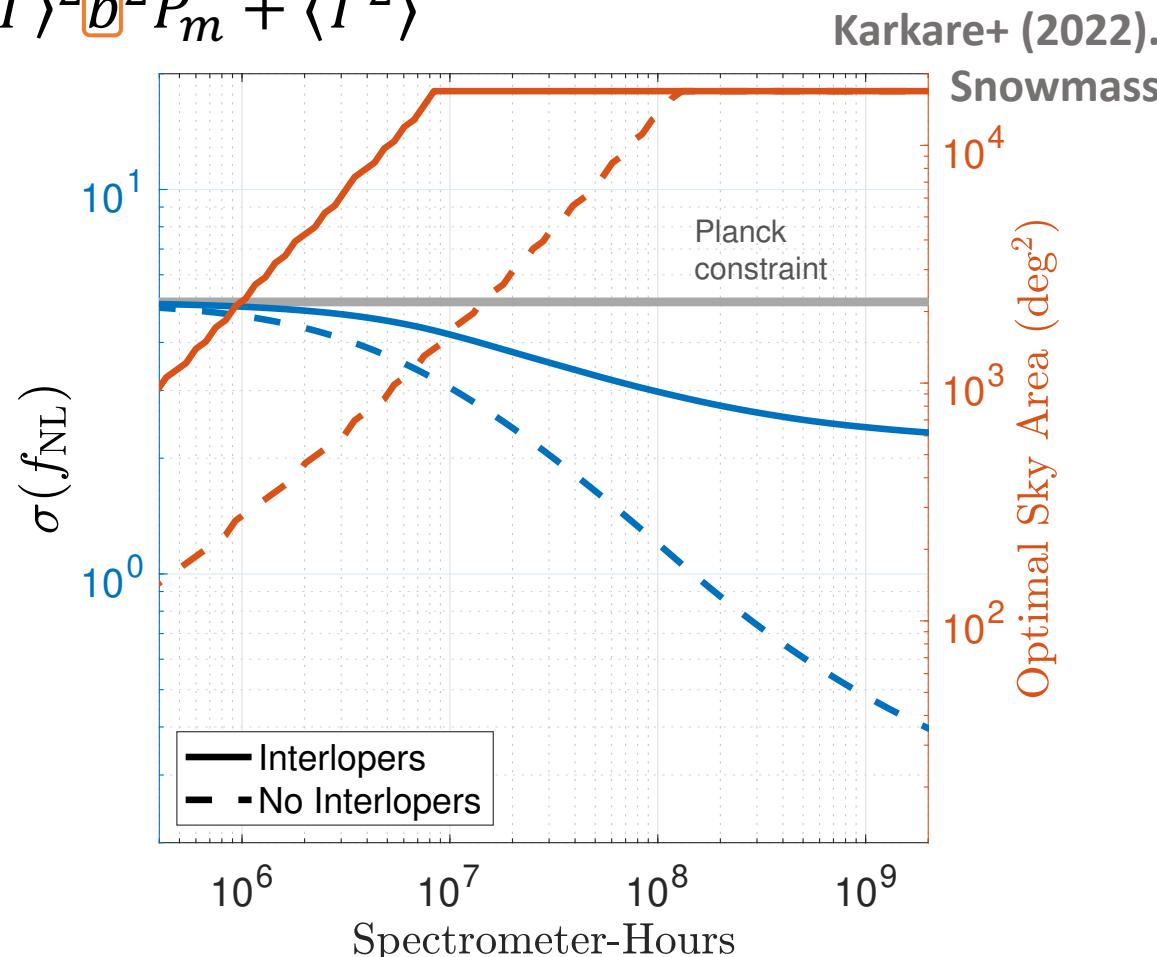


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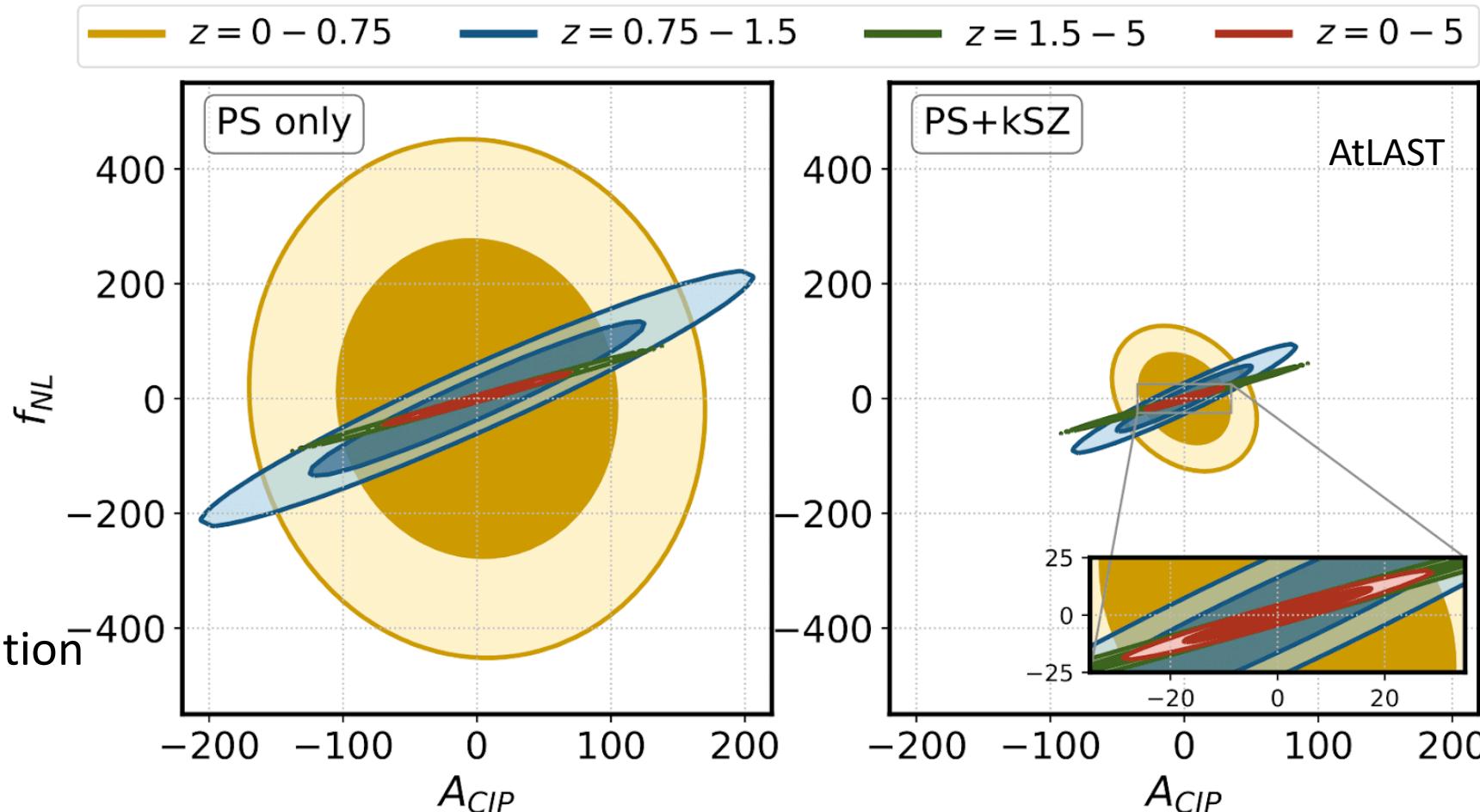
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- Limitations:
 - Intensity maps are highly non-Gaussian:
lots of information beyond $P(k)$
 - More challenges for PNG from $B(k)$
 - $P(k)$ only depends on 1st and 2nd moments
of the luminosity functions
 - $P(k)$ mostly relevant for cosmology,
but degenerate with some astro



Using LIM for local PNG: kSZ tomography

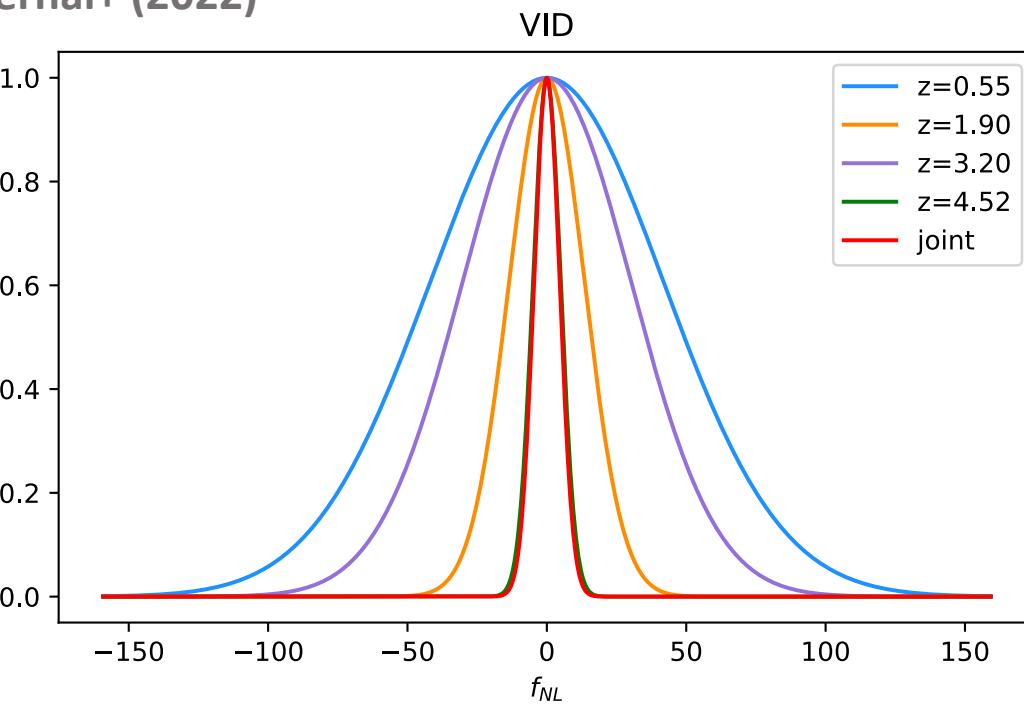
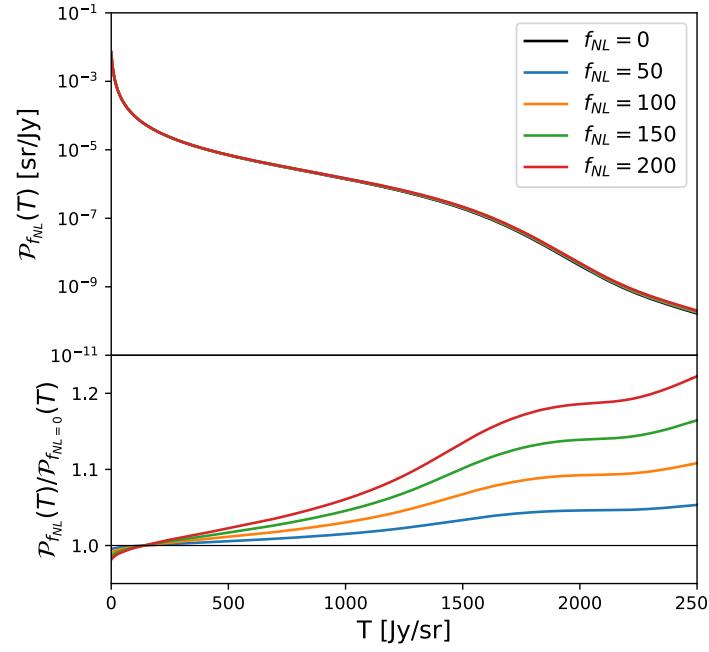
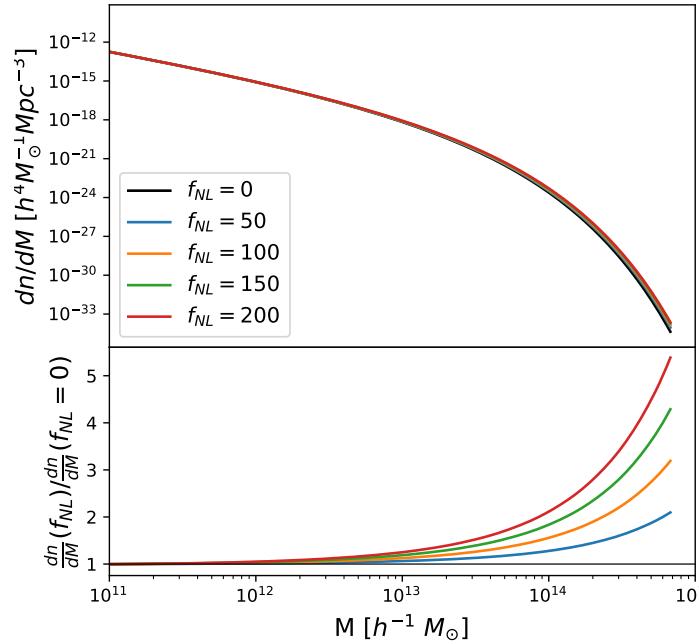
- $\langle T\delta\delta \rangle$: LIM as tracer of LSS
- v_r reconstruction
- multitracer LIM x velocity
- Higher z (bigger volume)
- Degeneracy with CIPs broken
due to different z -evolution



Sato-Polito, Bernal+ (2021)

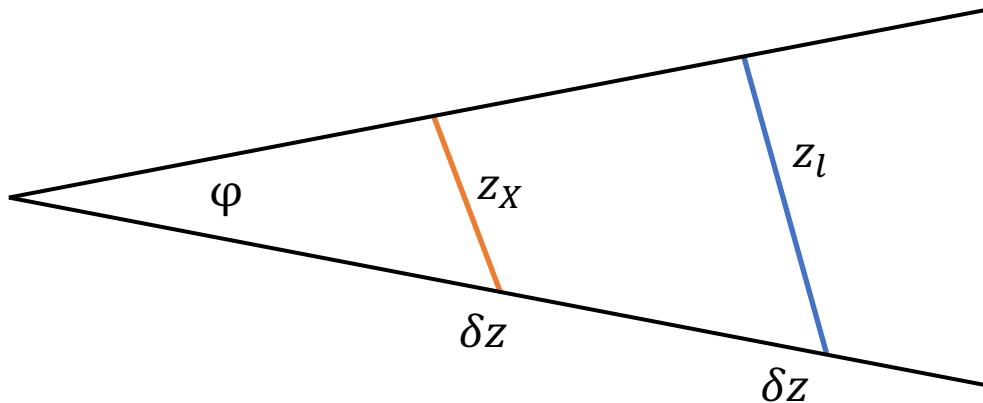
Using LIM for local PNG: VID

- Histogram: estimator for PDF \rightarrow given an astro model $L(M_h)$, sensitive to $\mathcal{P}(N) \rightarrow \text{HMF}$
- HMF sensitive to PNG: $\left(\frac{dn}{dM}\right)_{NG} = \left(\frac{dn}{dM}\right)_G (1 + \Delta_{HMF}(\kappa_3, \nu))$
- Analytic covariance to combine with $P(k)$ Sato-Polito & Bernal+ (2022)



Effect in power spectrum

- Confusion in redshift → projection effects → **extra anisotropy**



$$x_{\perp} = D_M(z)\theta$$

$$x_{\parallel} = \frac{c\delta z}{H(z)}$$

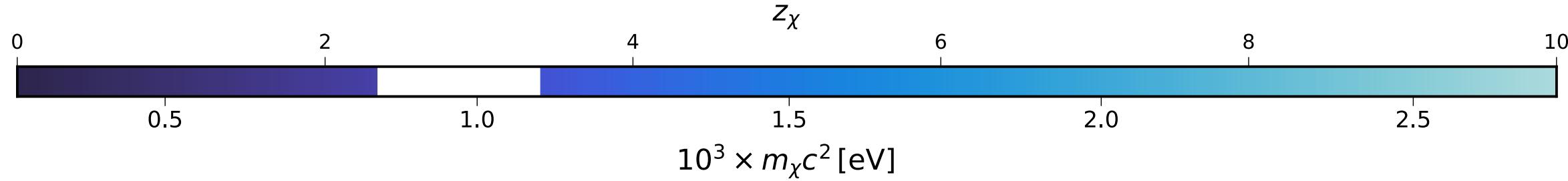
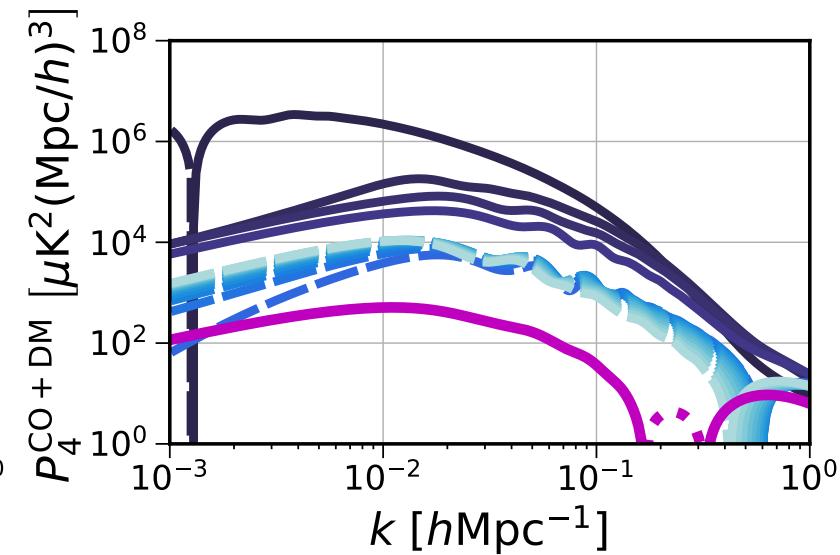
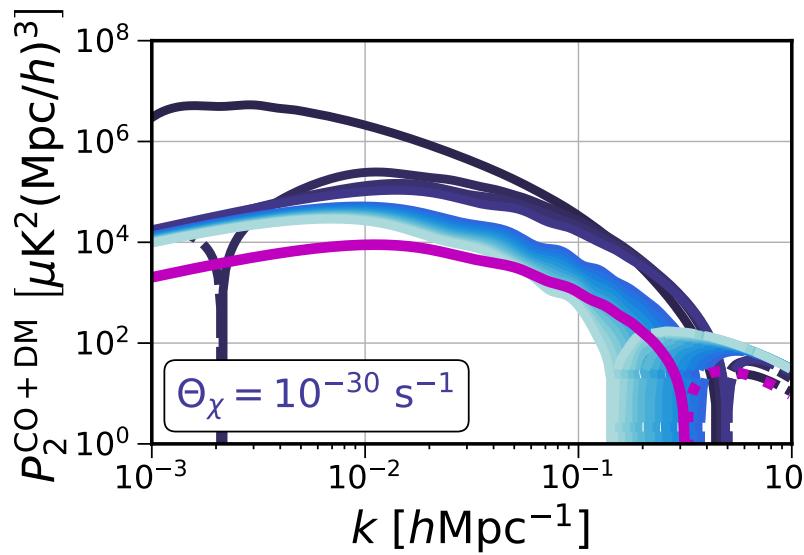
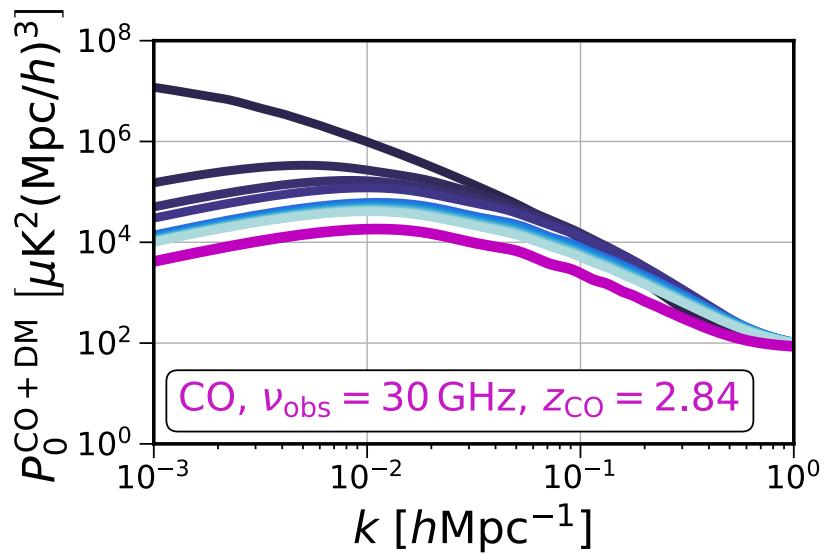
- Model it similar to AP effect: $k_i^{true} \equiv k_i^{infer}/q_i$

$$q_{\parallel} = \frac{(1+z_X)/H(z_X)}{(1+z_l)/H(z_l)}$$

$$q_{\perp} = \frac{D_M(z_X)}{D_M(z_l)}$$

Effect in power spectrum

- $P_{tot} = P_l + P_X$; $k_i^{true} \equiv k_i^{infer} / q_i$



Effect in VID

- Each voxel receives contributions from both emissions:

$$T_{tot} = T_l + T_{noise}$$

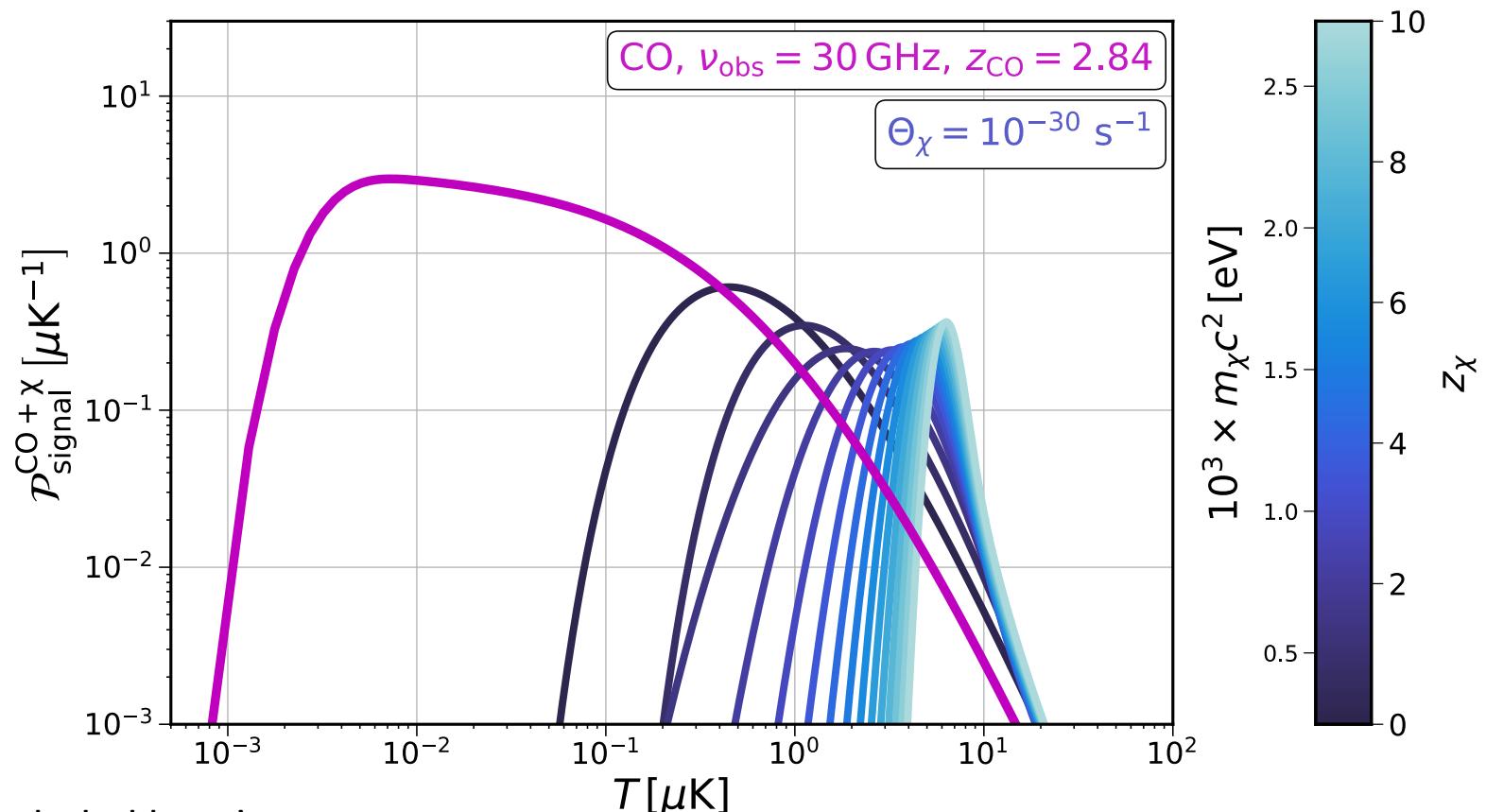
$$\mathcal{P}_{tot+X}(T) = ((\mathcal{P}_l * \mathcal{P}_X) * \mathcal{P}_{noise})(T); \quad \mathcal{P}_X = \mathcal{P}_{\tilde{\rho}} / \langle T_X \rangle$$

- $\mathcal{P}_{\tilde{\rho}}$: PDF of normalized densities. Obtained from simulations
- We provide the first analytic fit to $\mathcal{P}_{\tilde{\rho}_v}$, using Quijote simulations and symbolic regression

Effect in VID

- Each voxel receives contributions from both emissions:

$$\mathcal{P}_{tot+\chi}(T) = \left((\mathcal{P}_l * \mathcal{P}_\chi) * \mathcal{P}_{noise} \right)(T); \quad \mathcal{P}_\chi = \mathcal{P}_{\tilde{\rho}} / \langle T_\chi \rangle$$



No noise contribution included here!

Skyline code structure

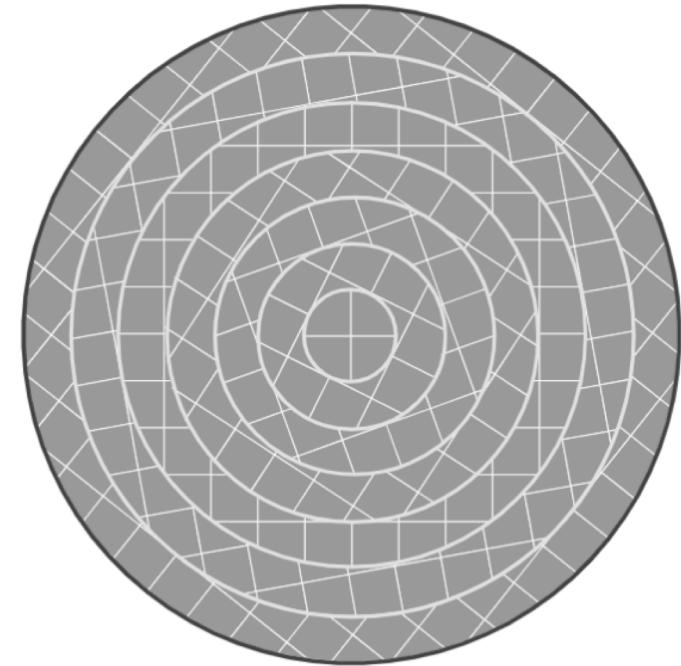
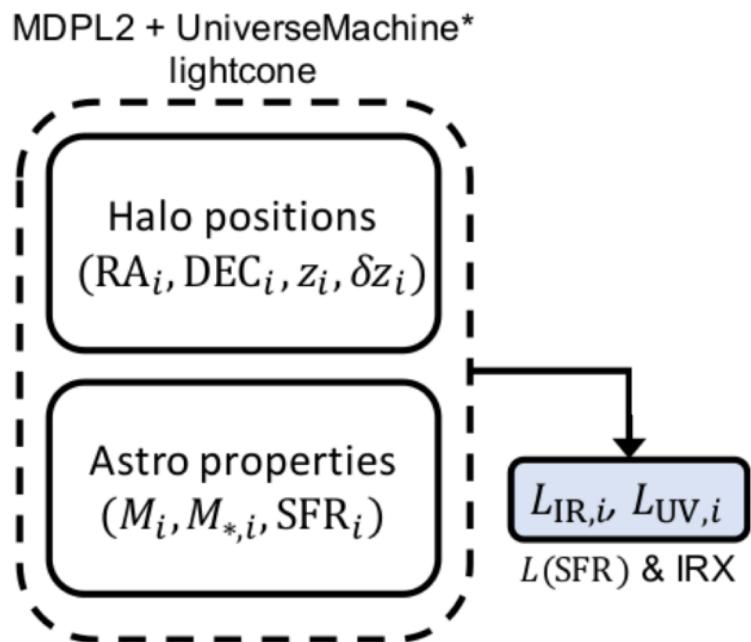


Figure 1. The scheme of box rotation used in generating lightcones from the MDPL2 simulation box. Each individual grid represents a $1 h^{-1} \text{Gpc}$ box.

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