

Cosmological anomalies shedding light on the dark sector

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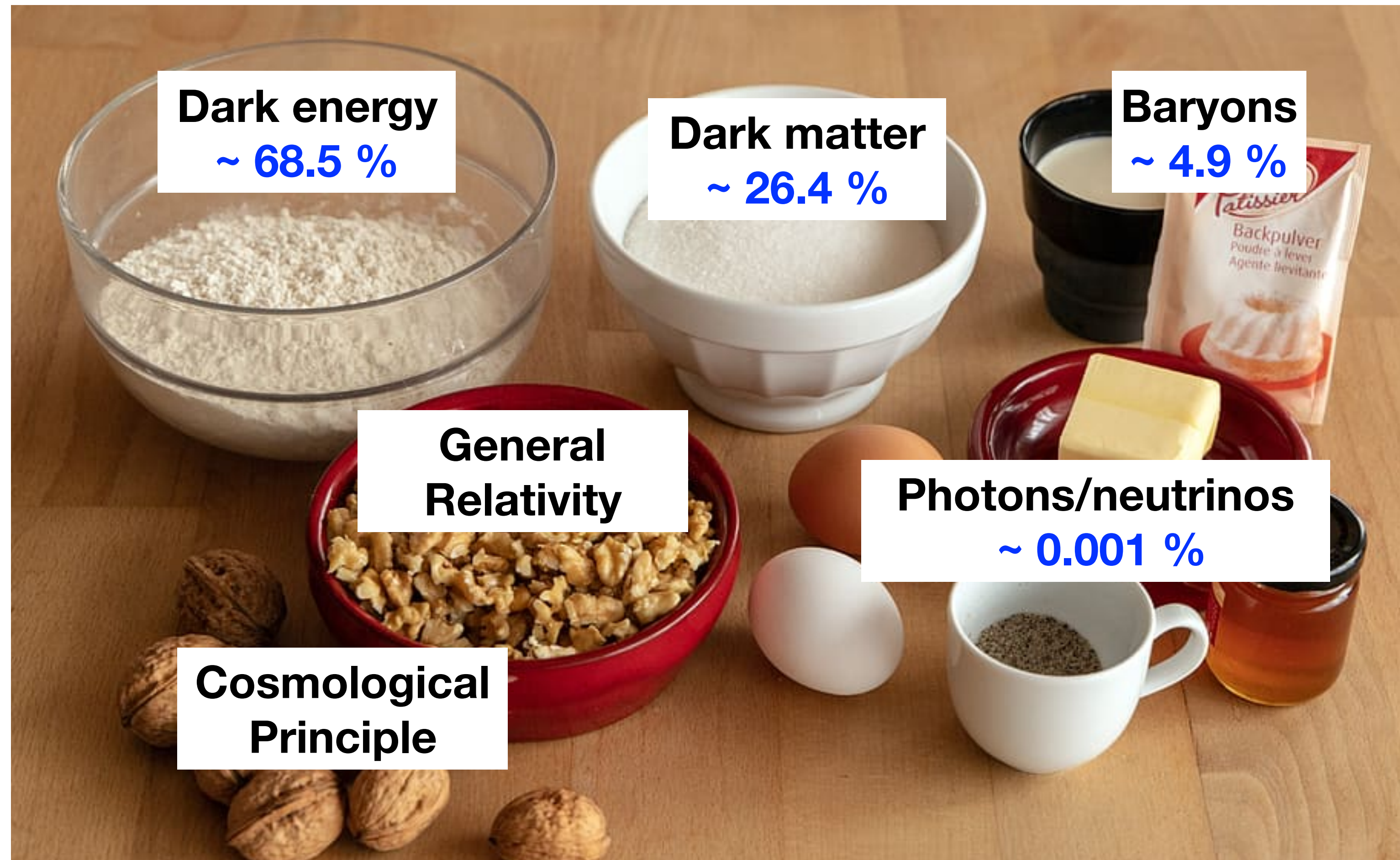
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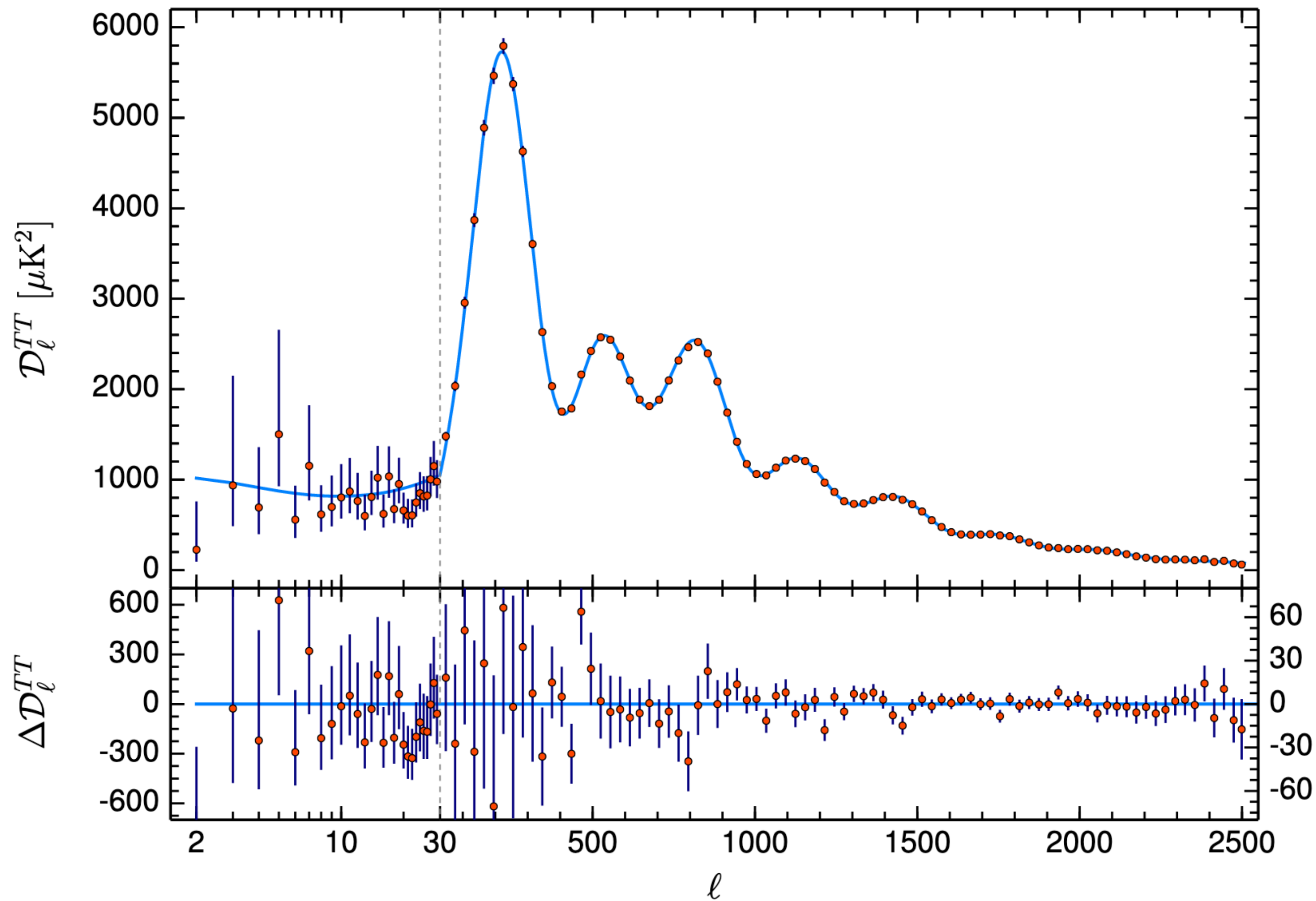
Cosmic recipe



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

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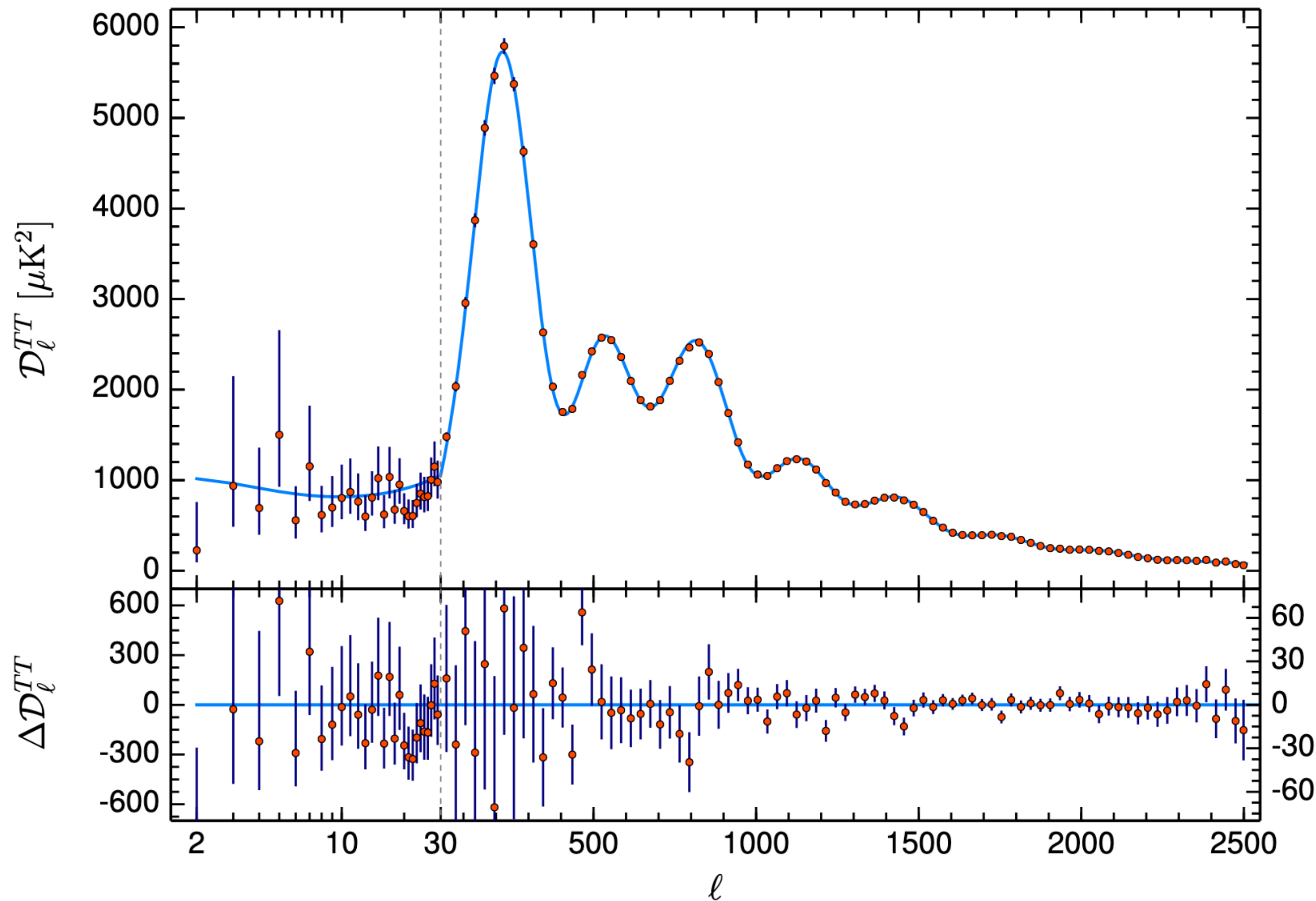
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Also explains:

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

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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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Unaccounted systematics?

- 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 $S_8 \equiv \sigma_8 \sqrt{\Omega_m/0.3}$

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

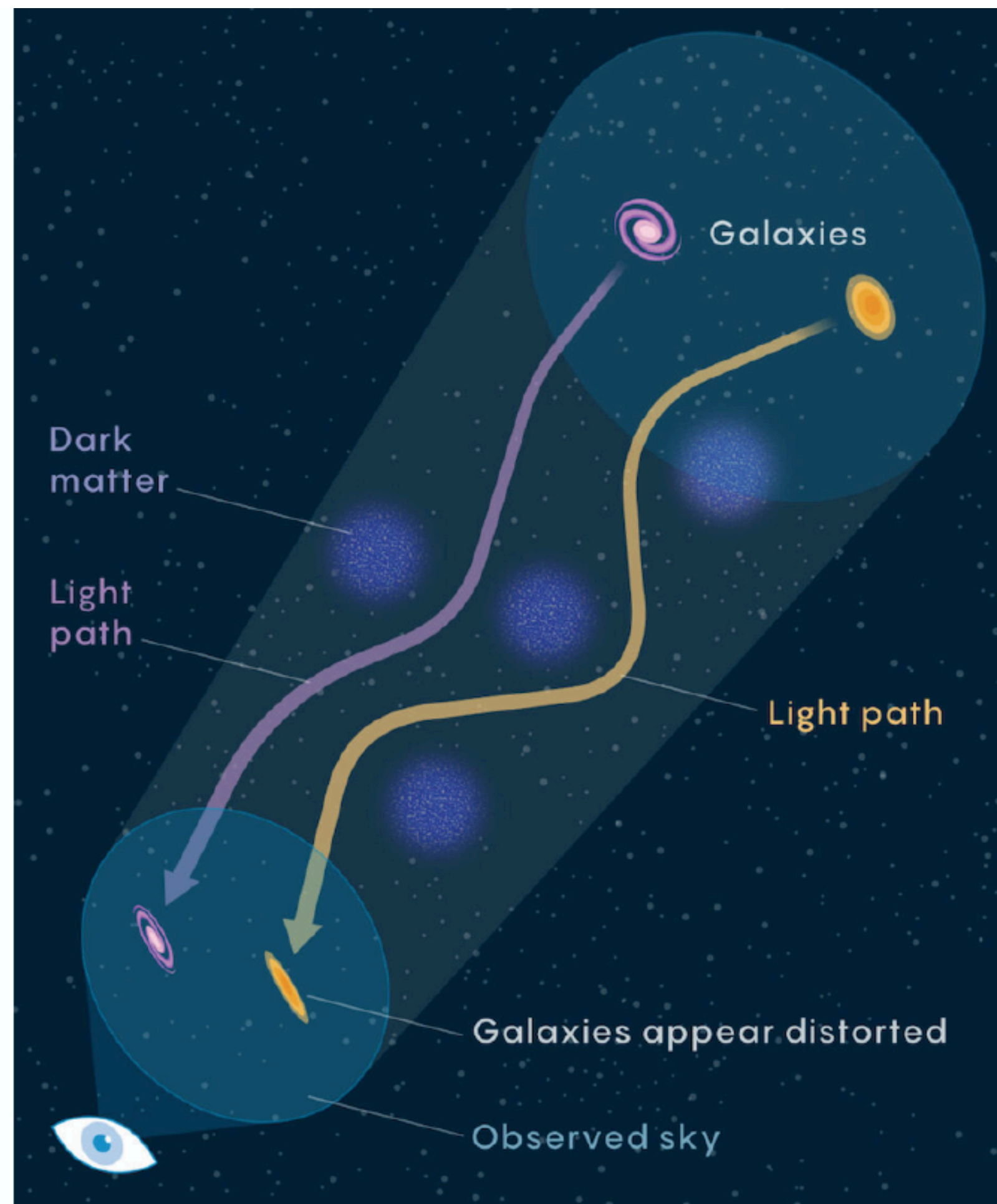
KiDS+BOSS+2dfLenS*:

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

Planck (*under* Λ CDM):

$$S_8 = 0.830 \pm 0.013$$

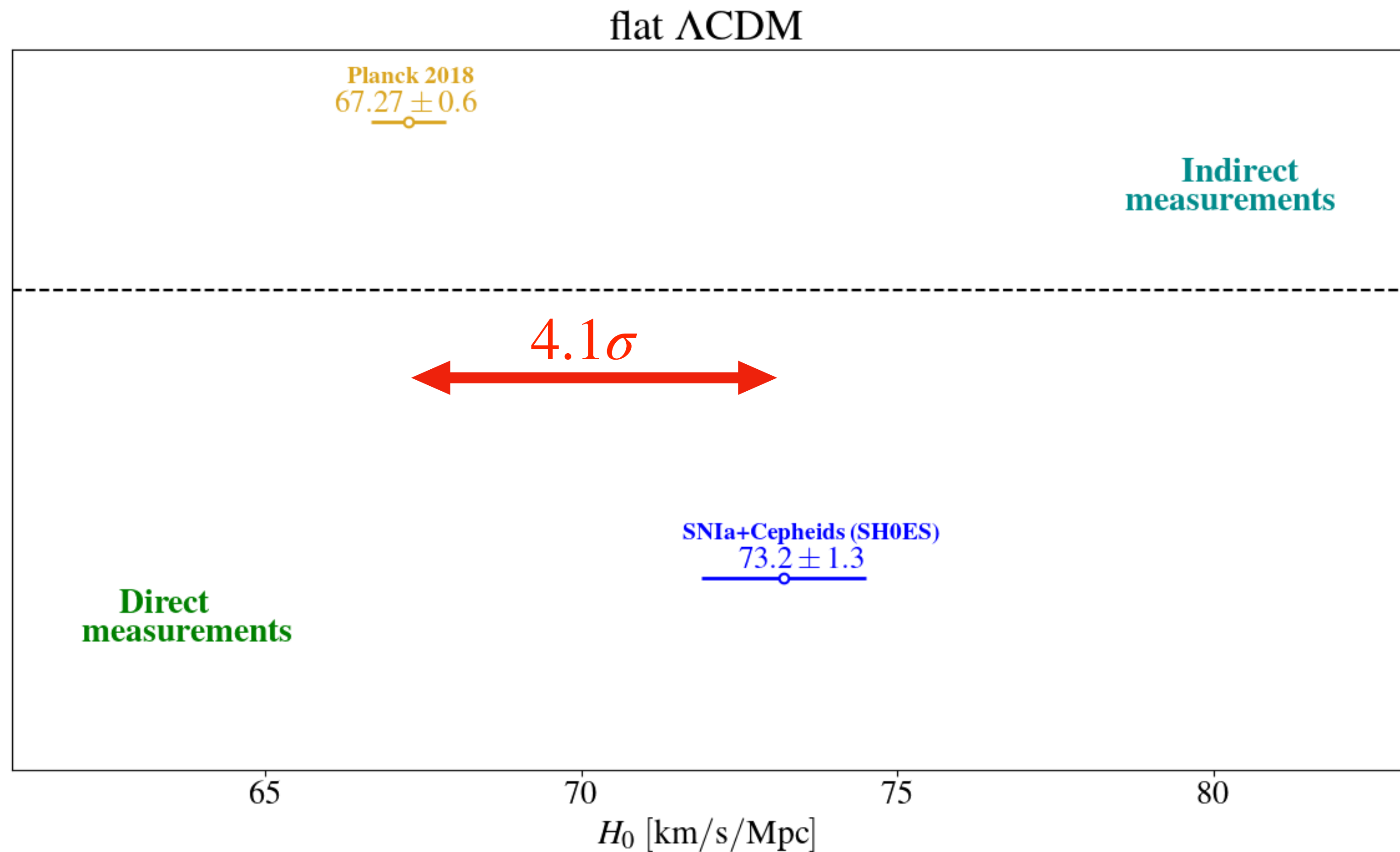
→ **$\sim 2 - 3\sigma$ tension**



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

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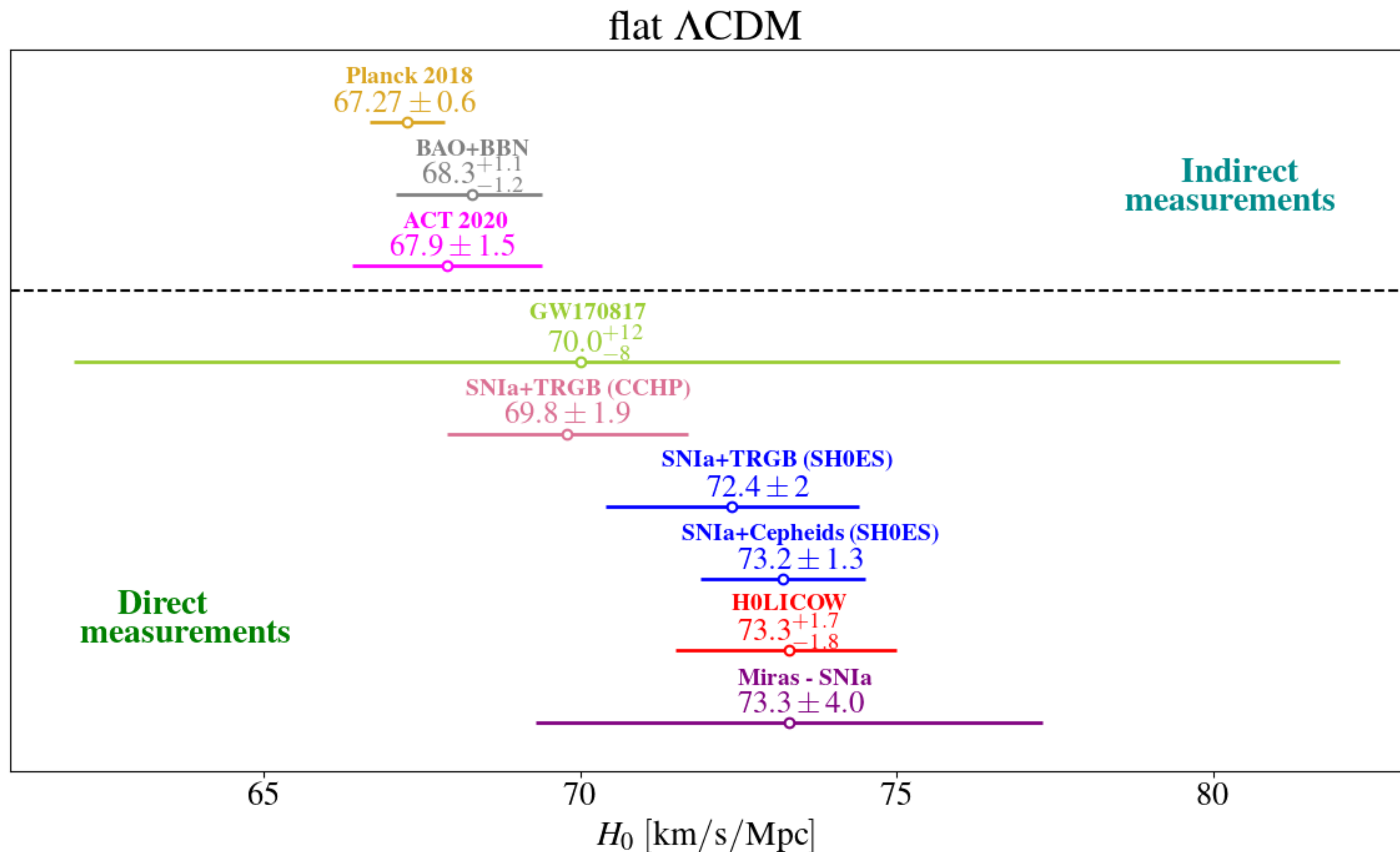
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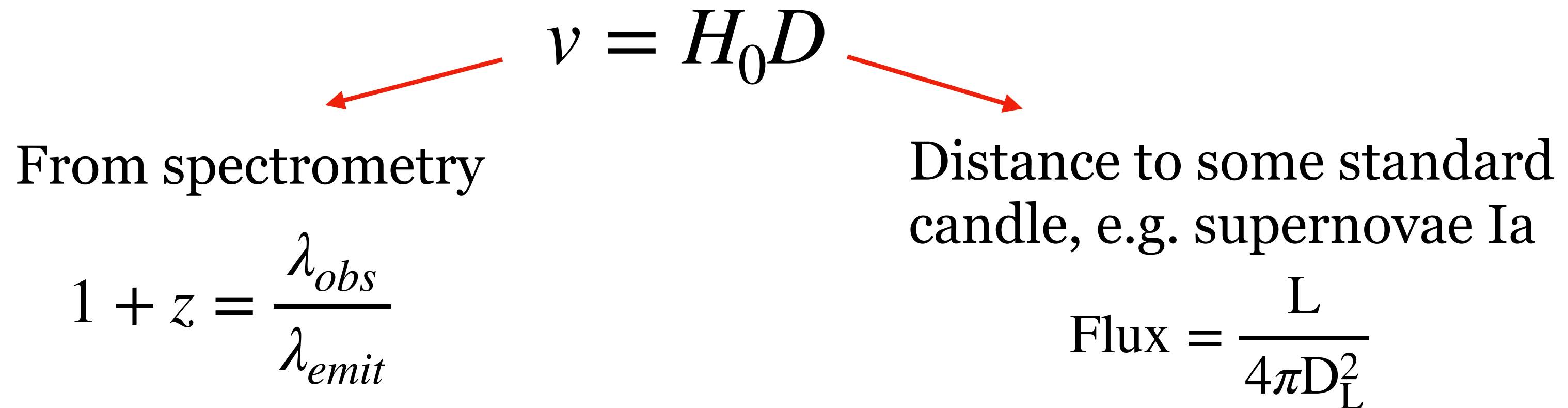
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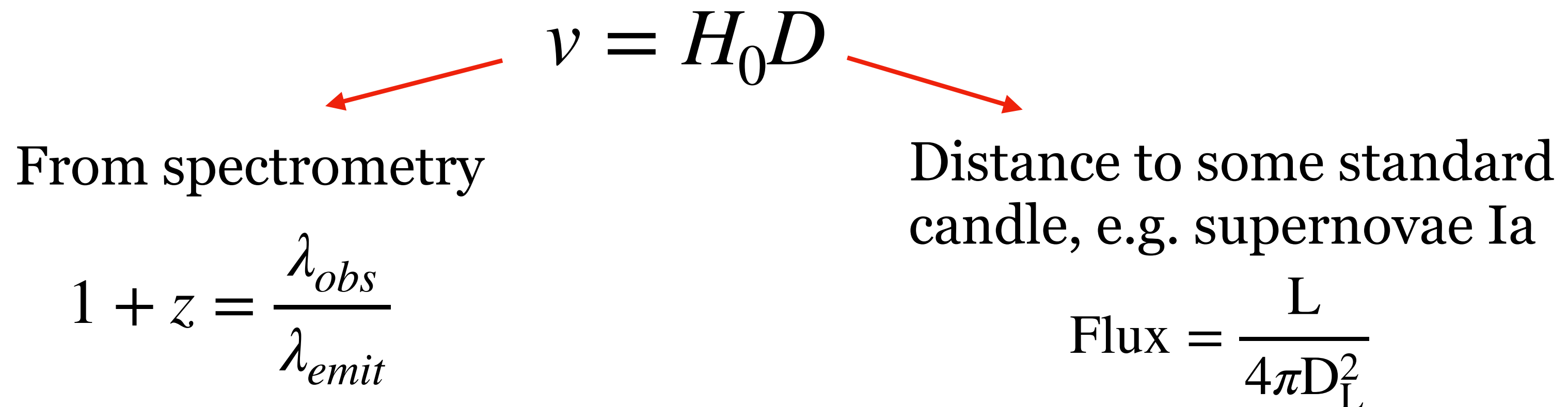
High- and low-redshift probes are typically discrepant



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

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

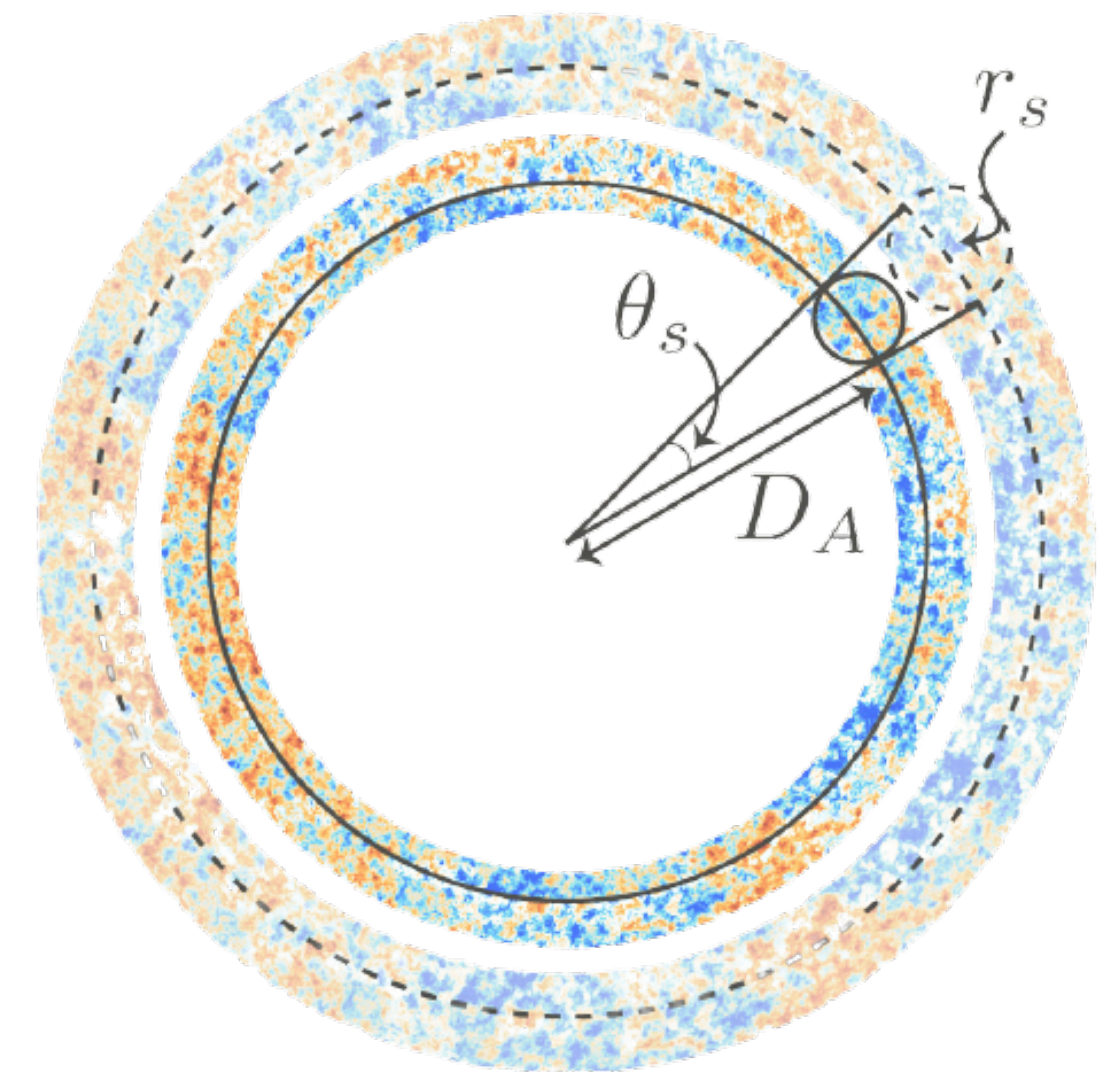
$$\text{where } H^2(z) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i(z)$$

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

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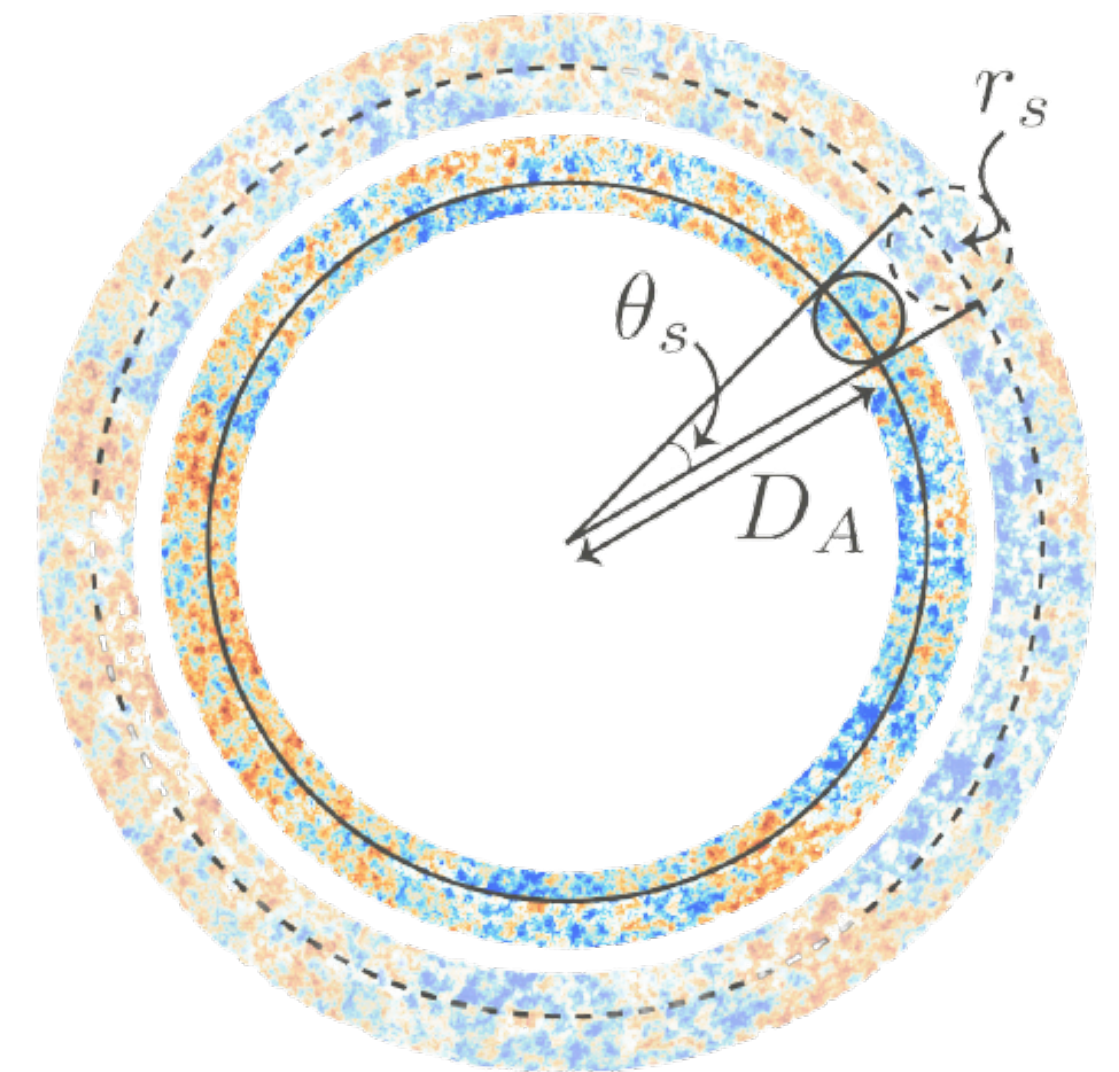
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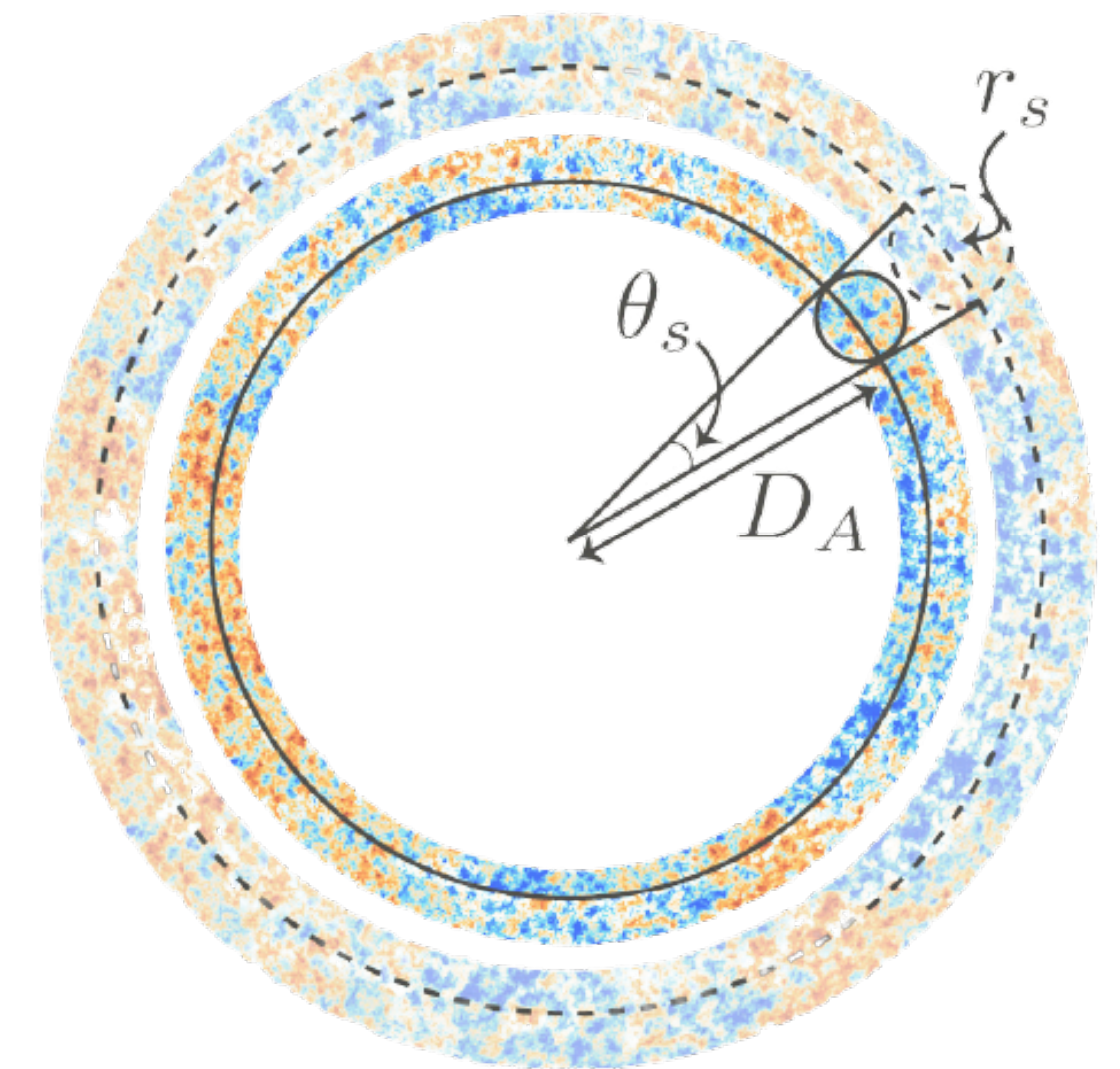
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Early-time solutions

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

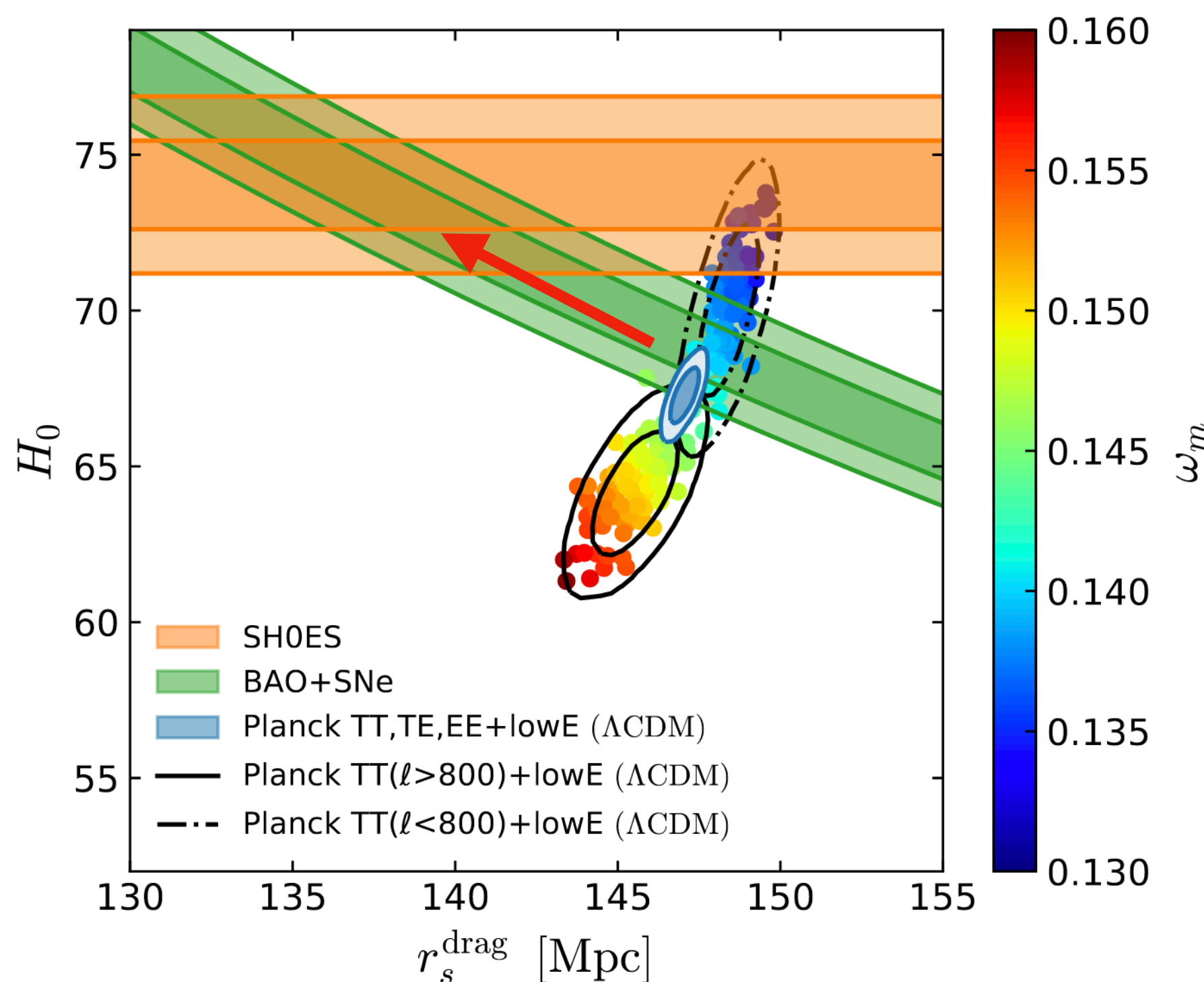
Ex : $w < -1$

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Knox & Millea 1908.03663

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

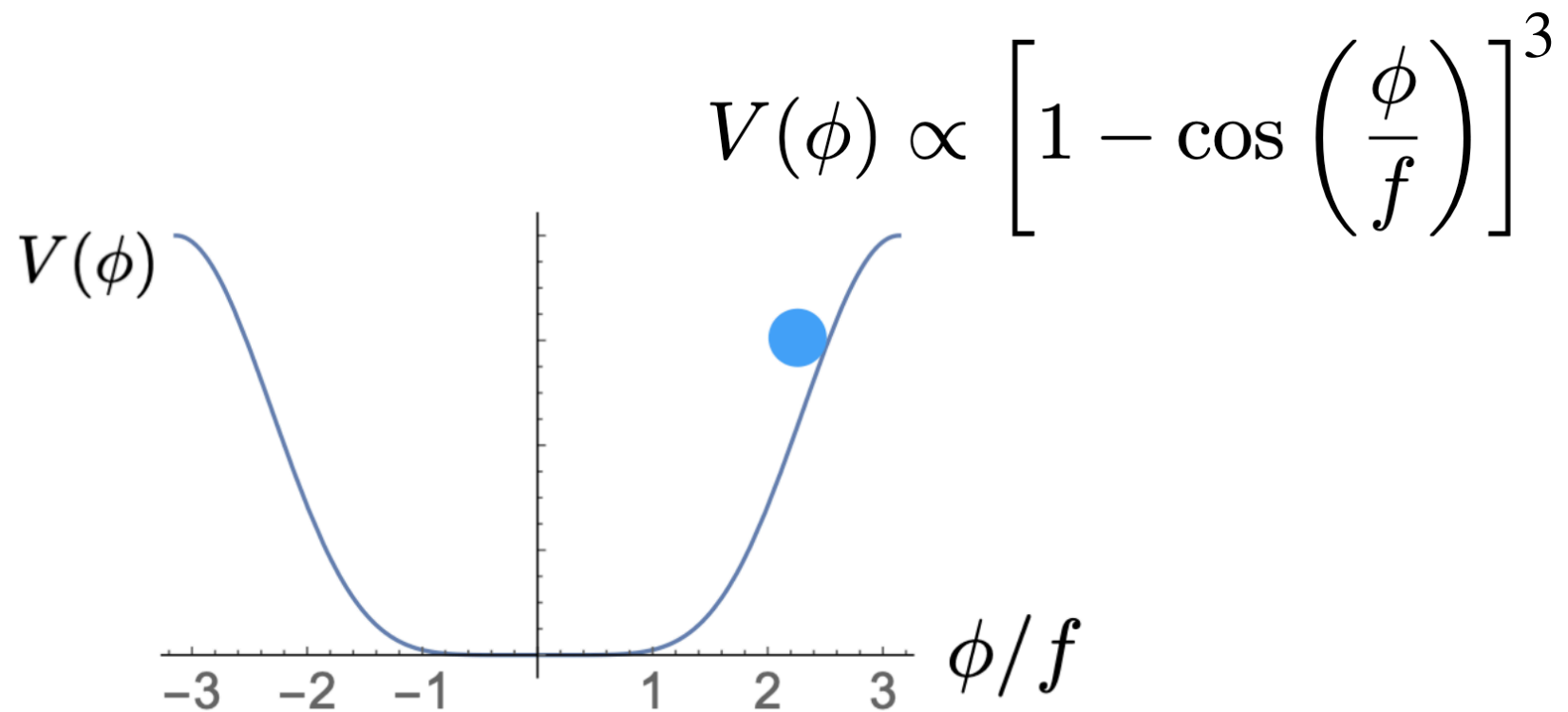
$$m(z) = 5\text{Log}_{10}D_L(z) + \text{const}$$

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[In collaboration with](#) Riccardo Murgia and Vivian Poulin

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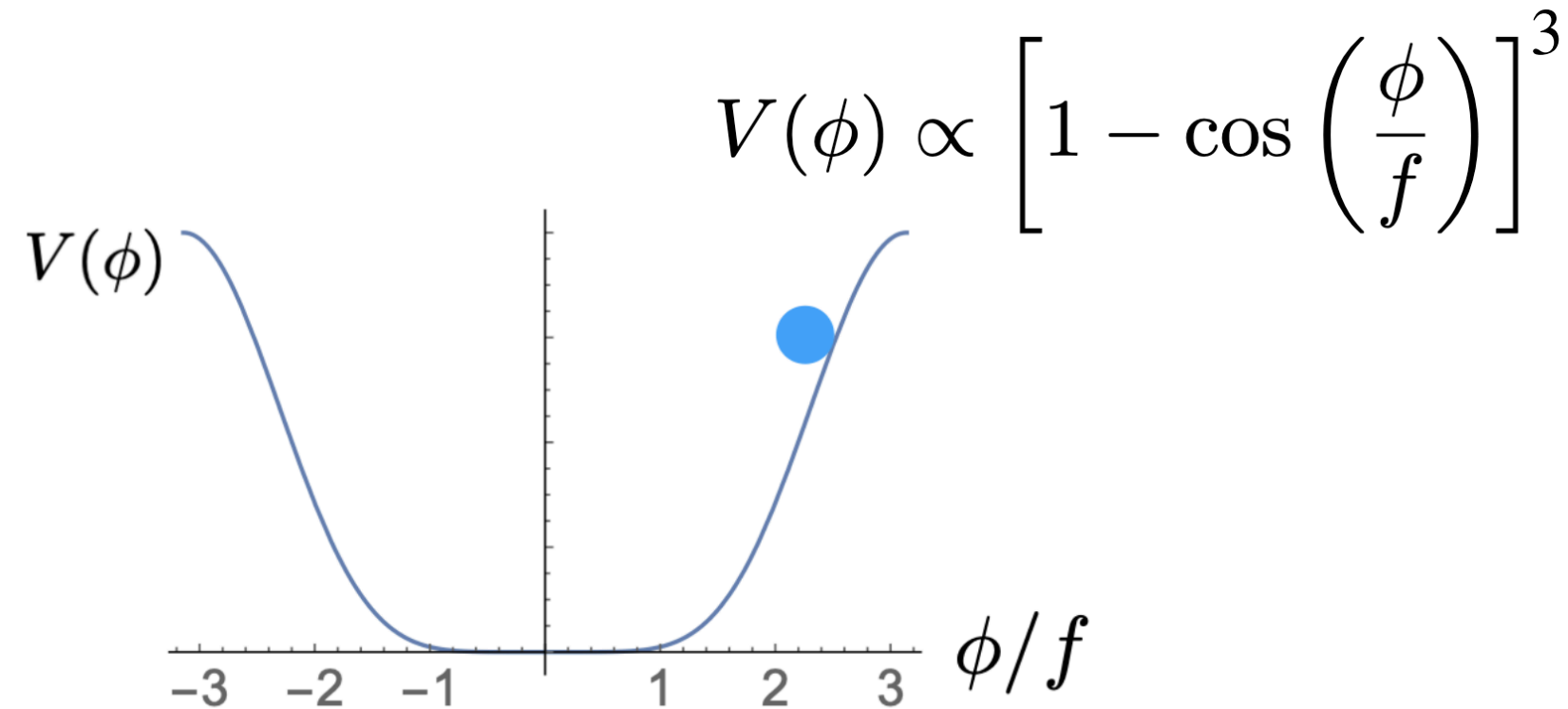
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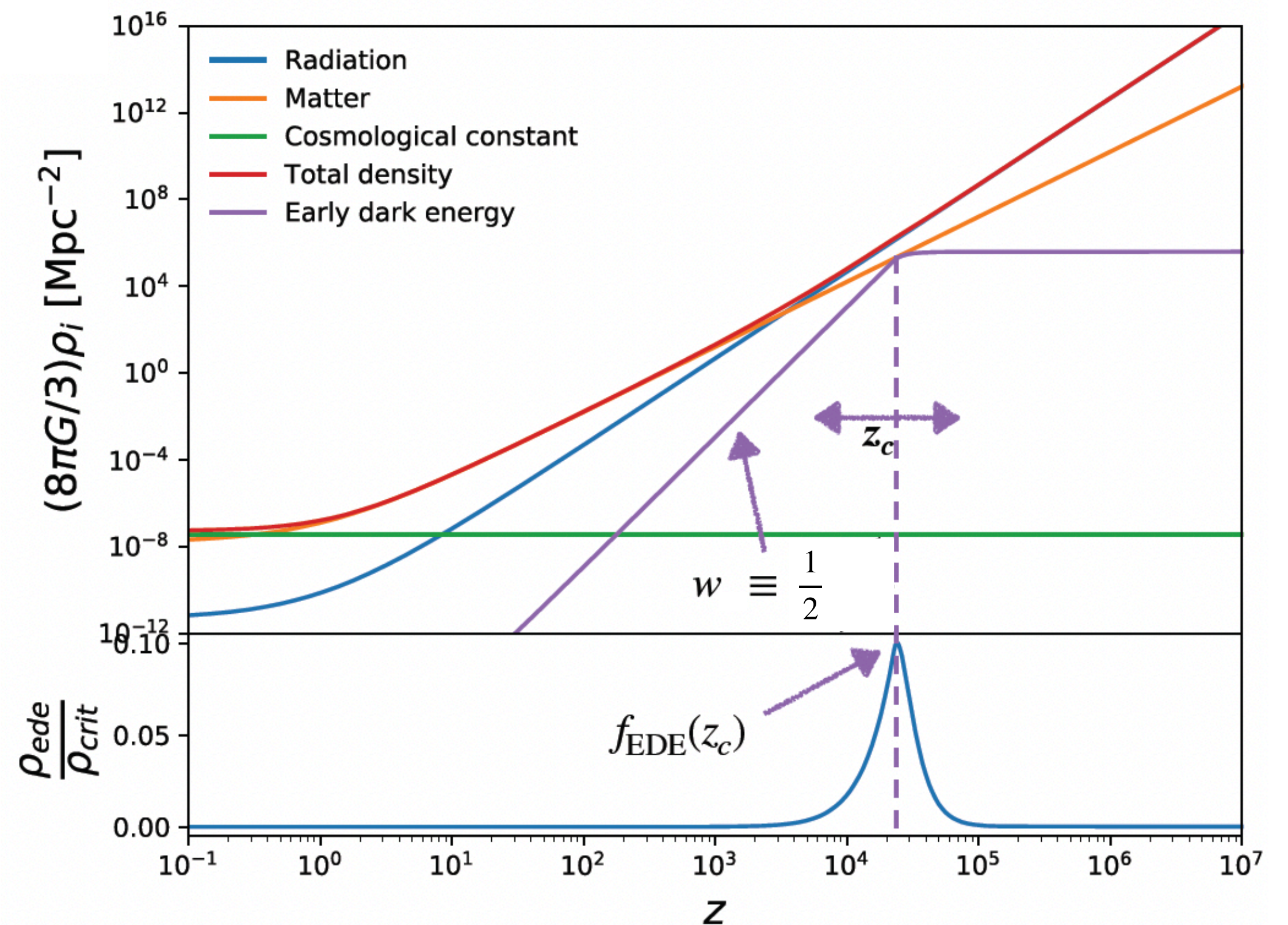
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3 parameter EDE model (3pEDE):

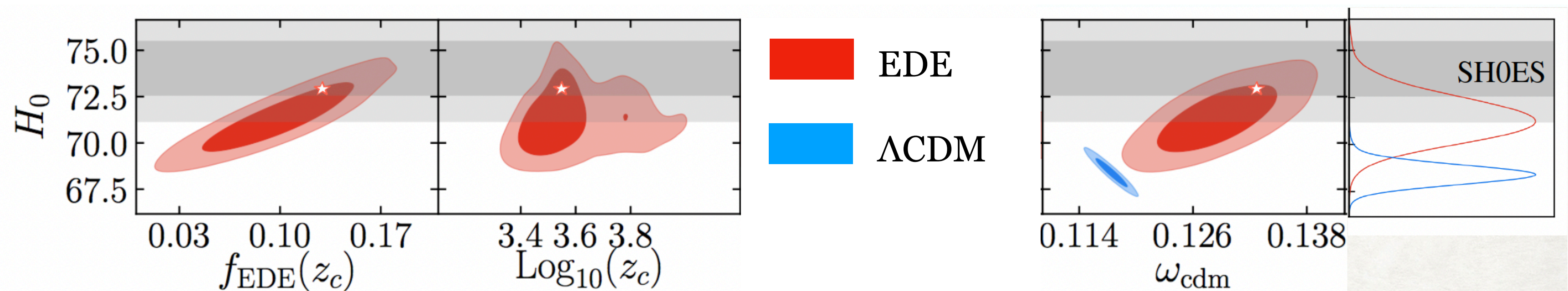
$$\{f_{\text{EDE}}(z_c), z_c, \phi_i\}$$



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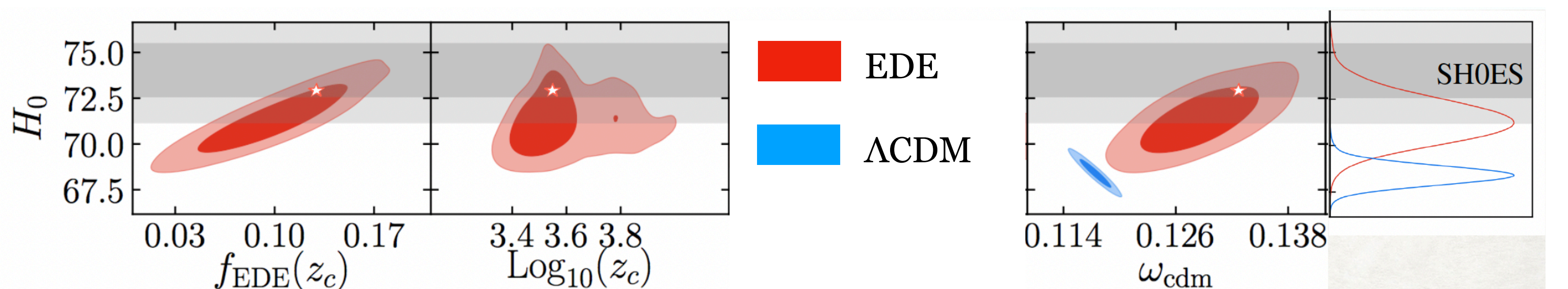
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Some caveats

1. *Very fine tuned?*

→ Proposed connexions of EDE with neutrino sector and present DE

Sakstein++ 1911.11760

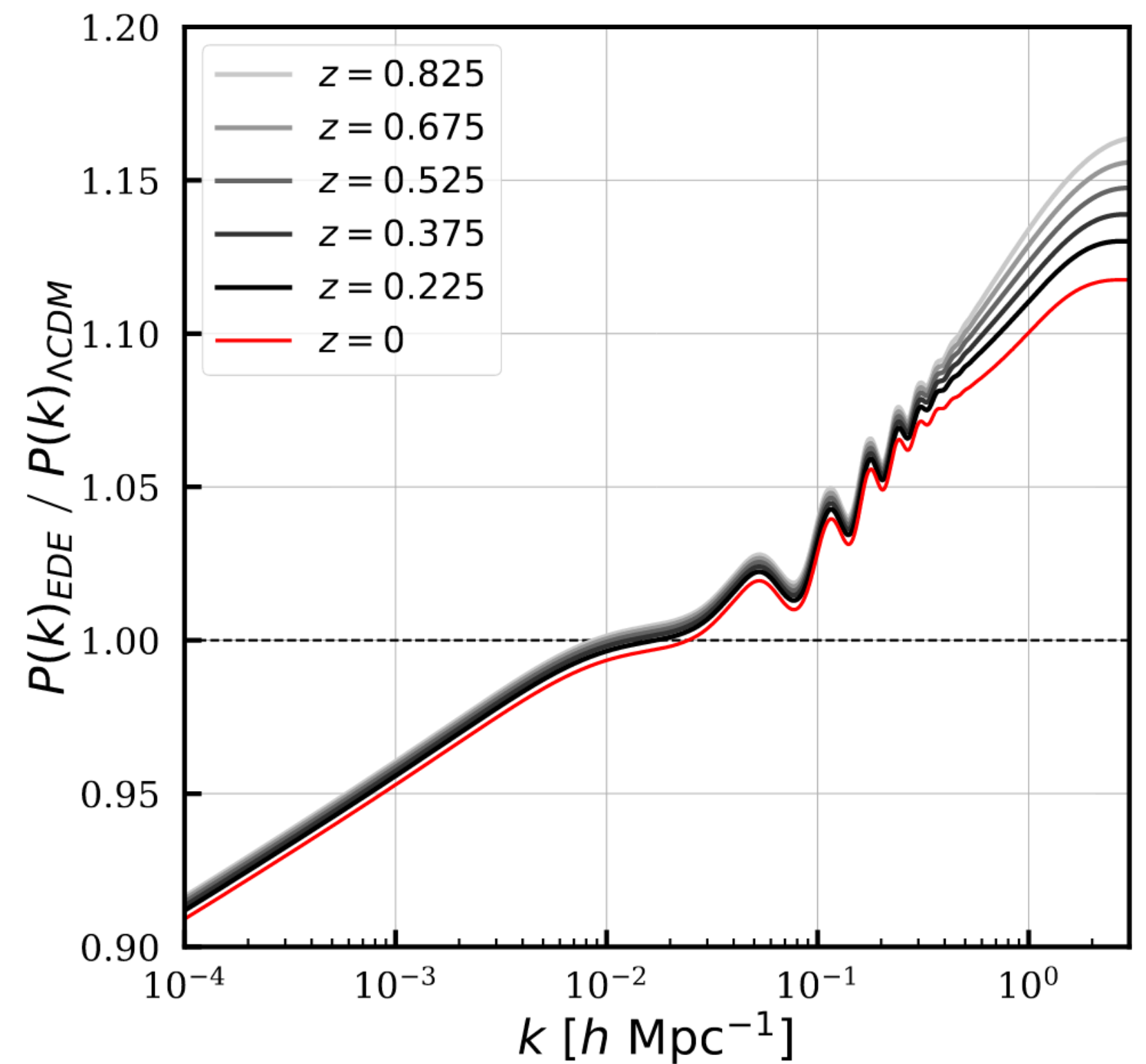
Freese++ 2102.13655

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

Jedamzik++ 2010.04158.

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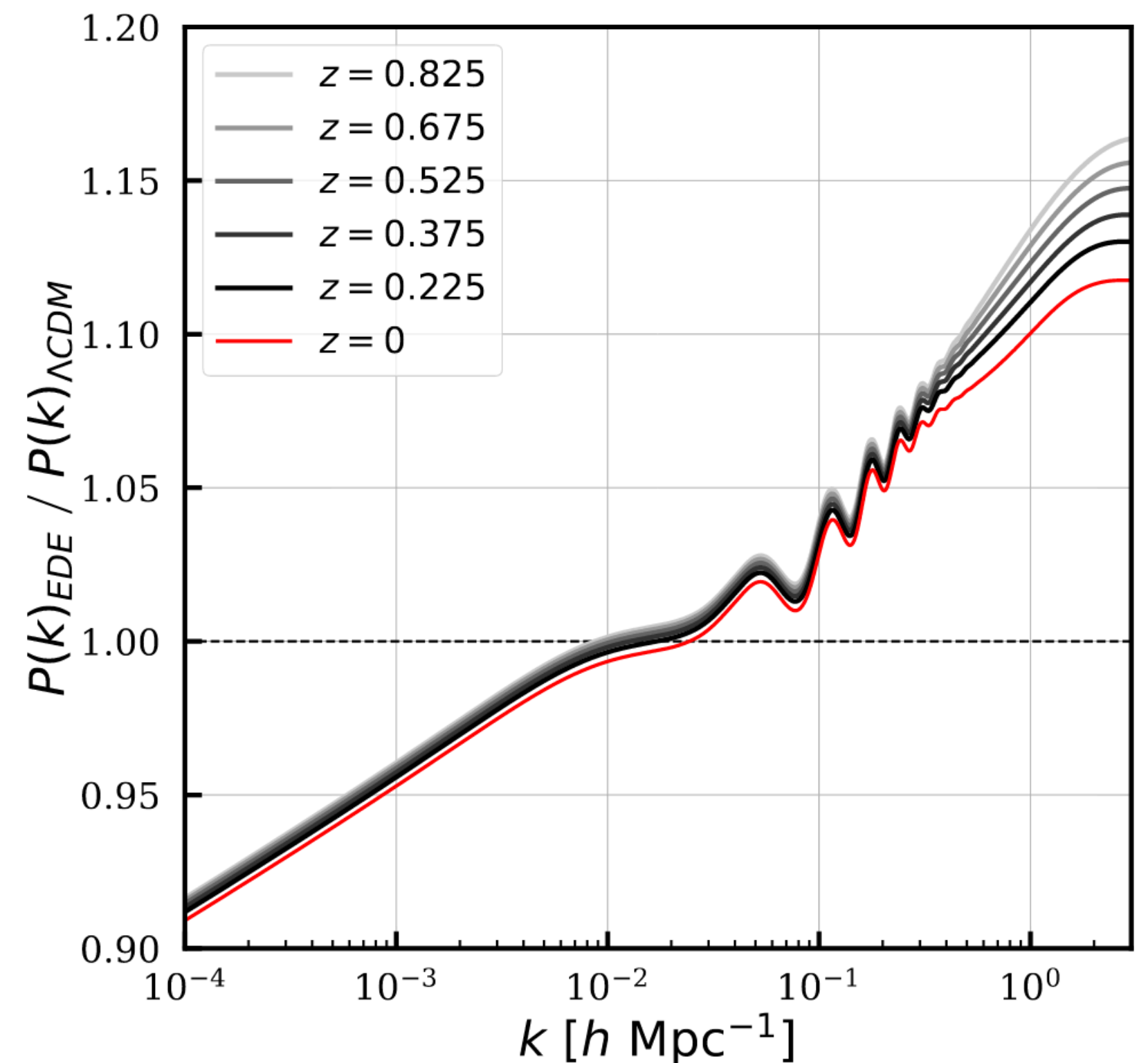
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When **LSS data** is added to analysis, EDE **detection is reduced** from 3σ to 2σ

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

D'amico++ 2006.12420
Ivanov++ 2006.11235



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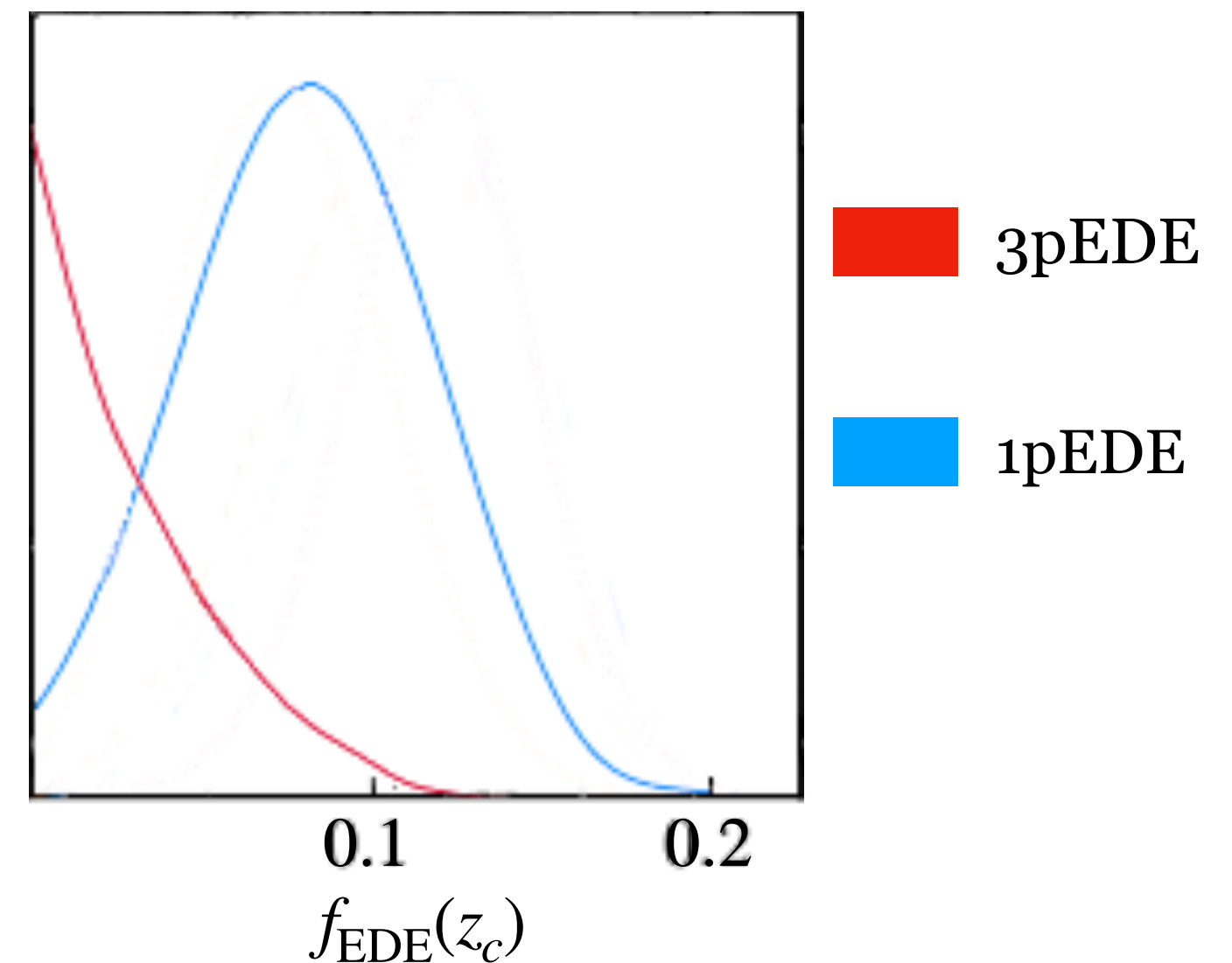
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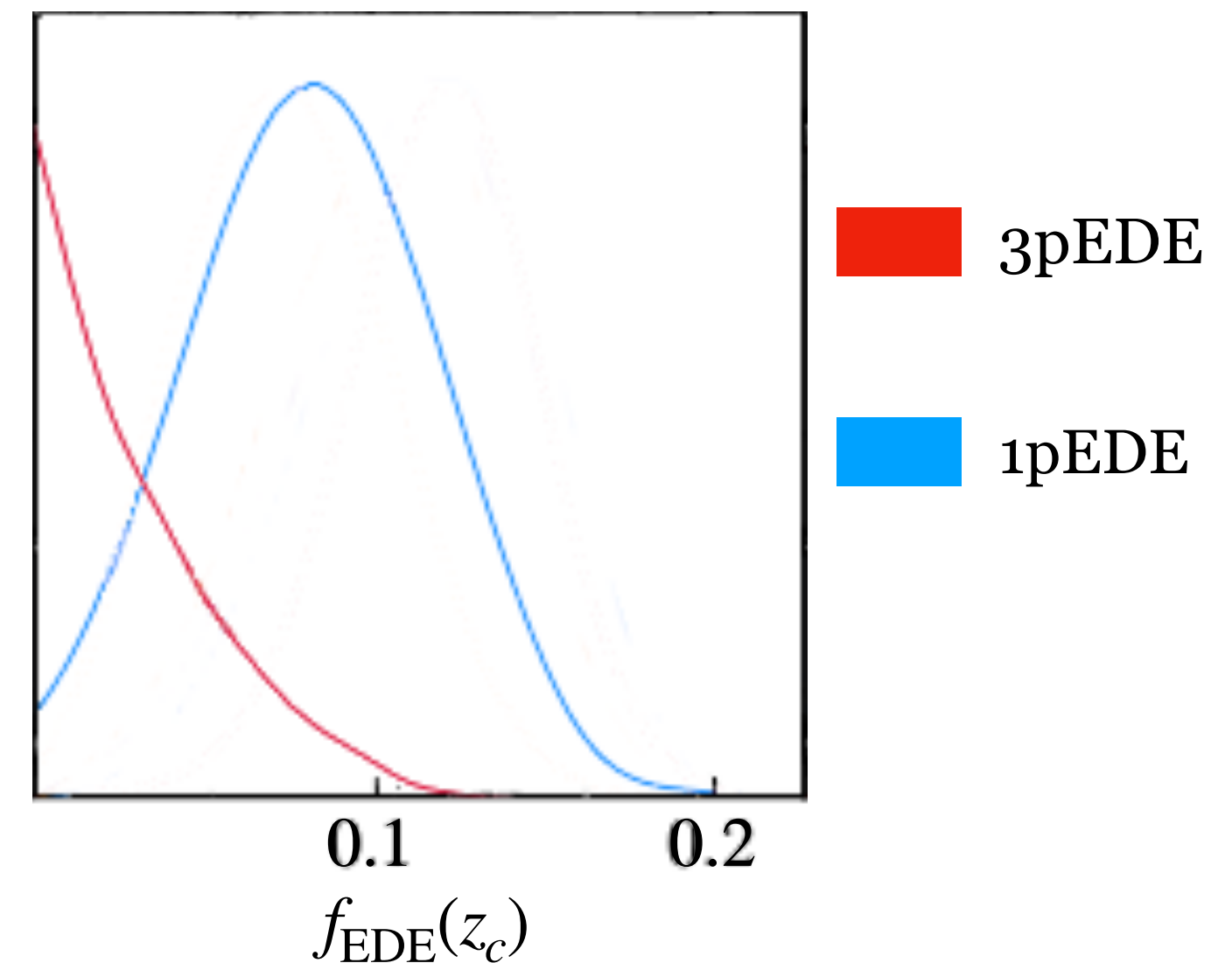
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To avoid this Bayesian volume effect, consider a **1 parameter EDE model (1pEDE)**:

Fix z_c and ϕ_i and let f_{EDE} free to vary

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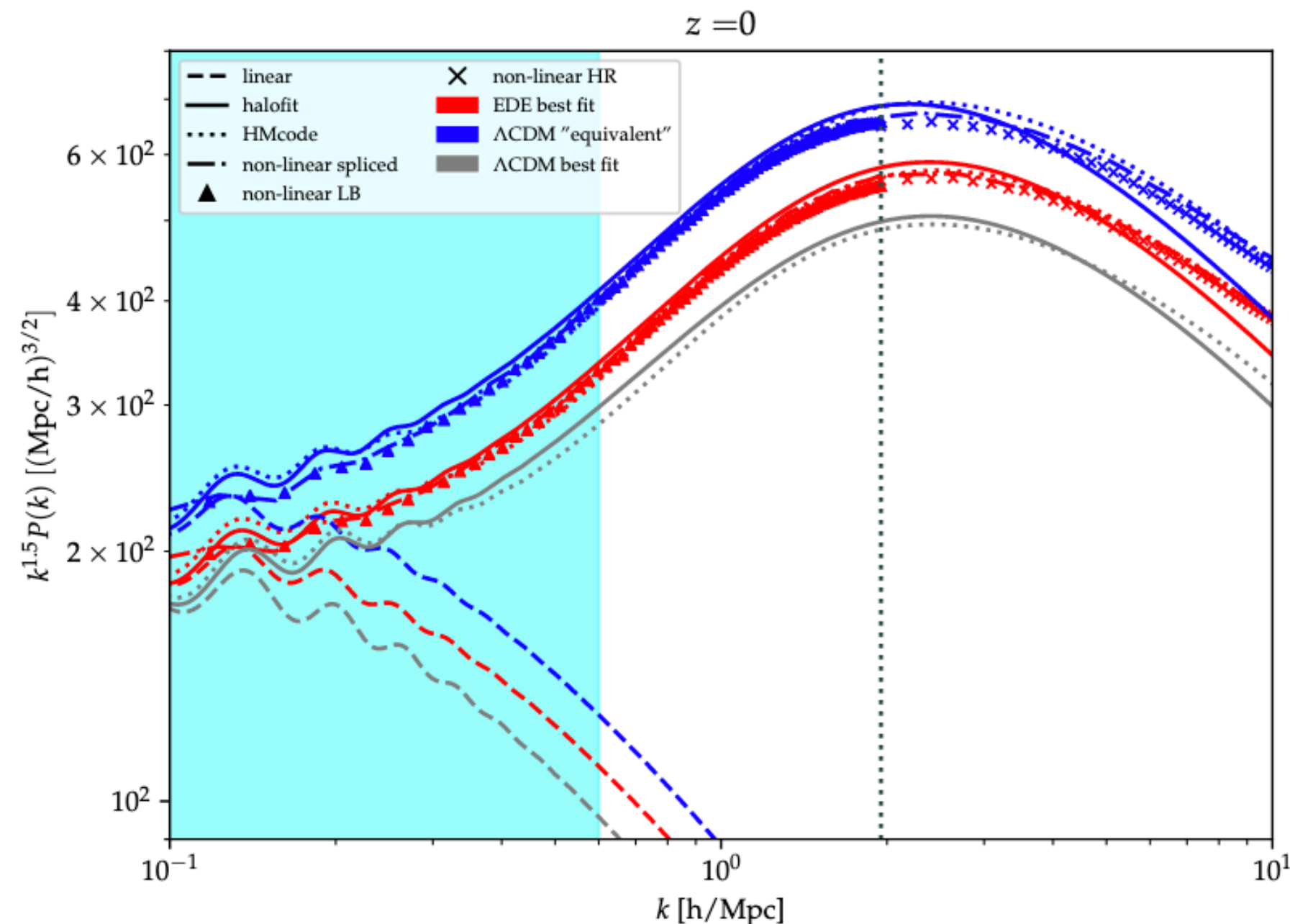


Within 1pEDE, we get a 2σ detection of EDE from *Planck data alone*

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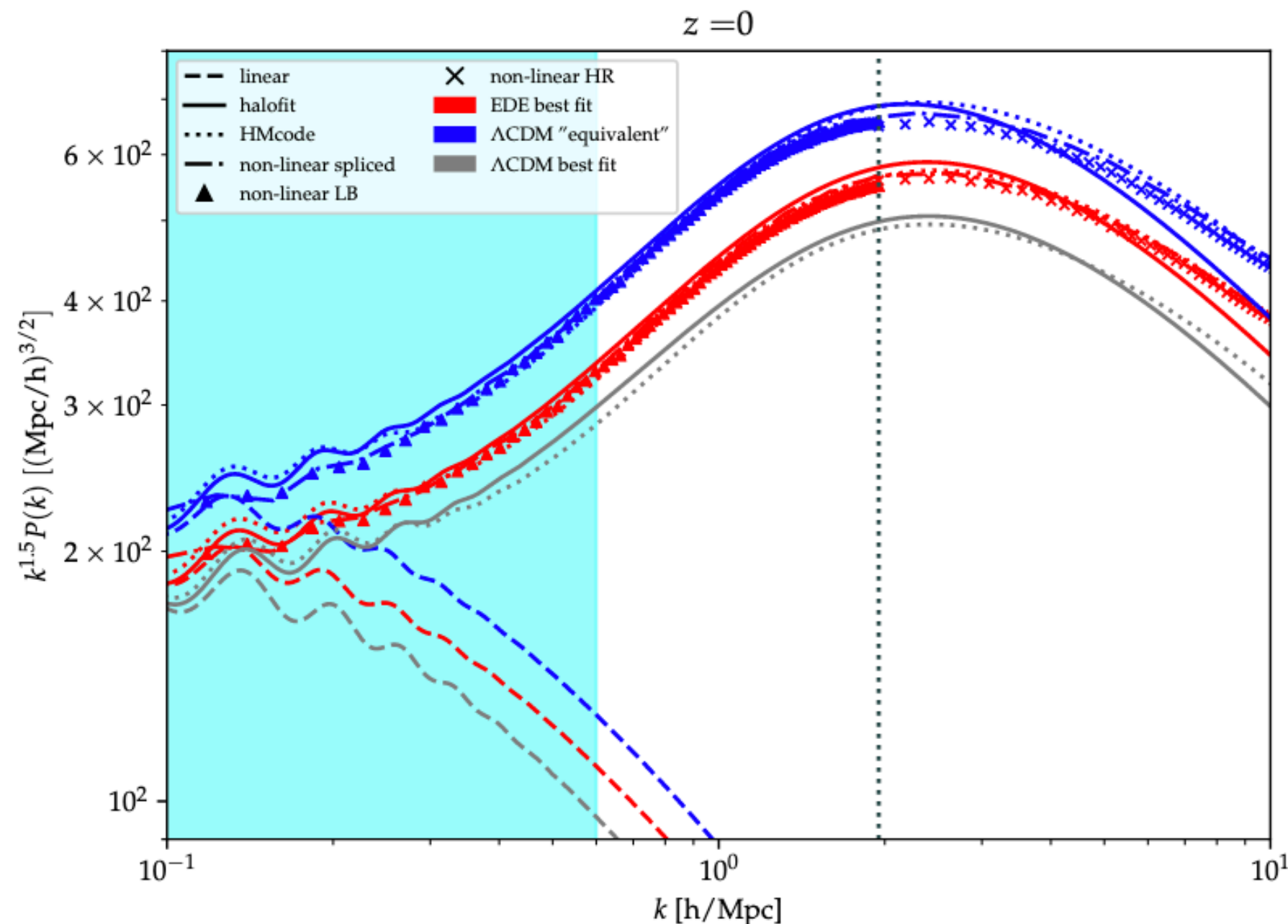
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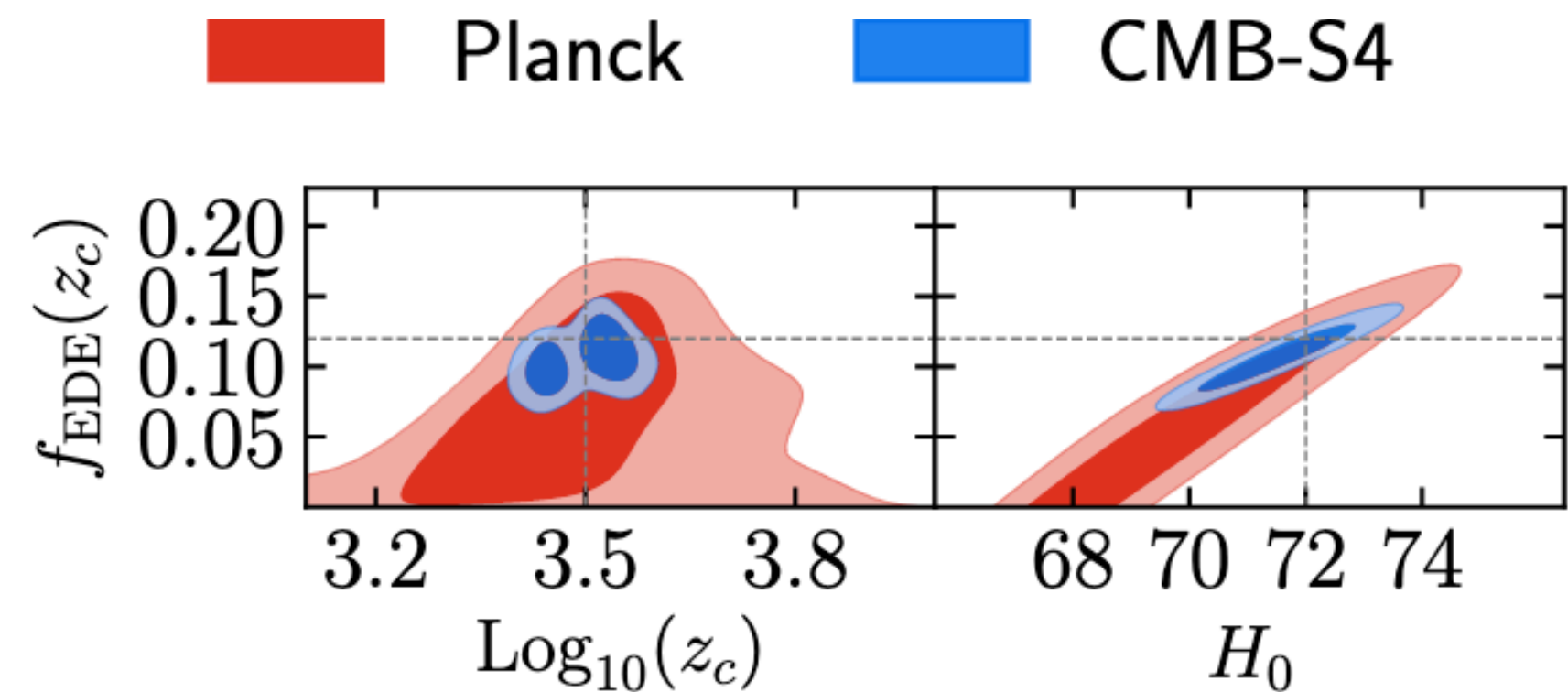
1pEDE tested against **Planck+BAO+SNIa+SHoEs** and WL data from **KiDS/Viking+DES**: S_8 tension persists, but **fit is not significantly degraded wrt Λ CDM**, and solution to the H_0 tension survives

Murgia, GFA, Poulin 2107.10291

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

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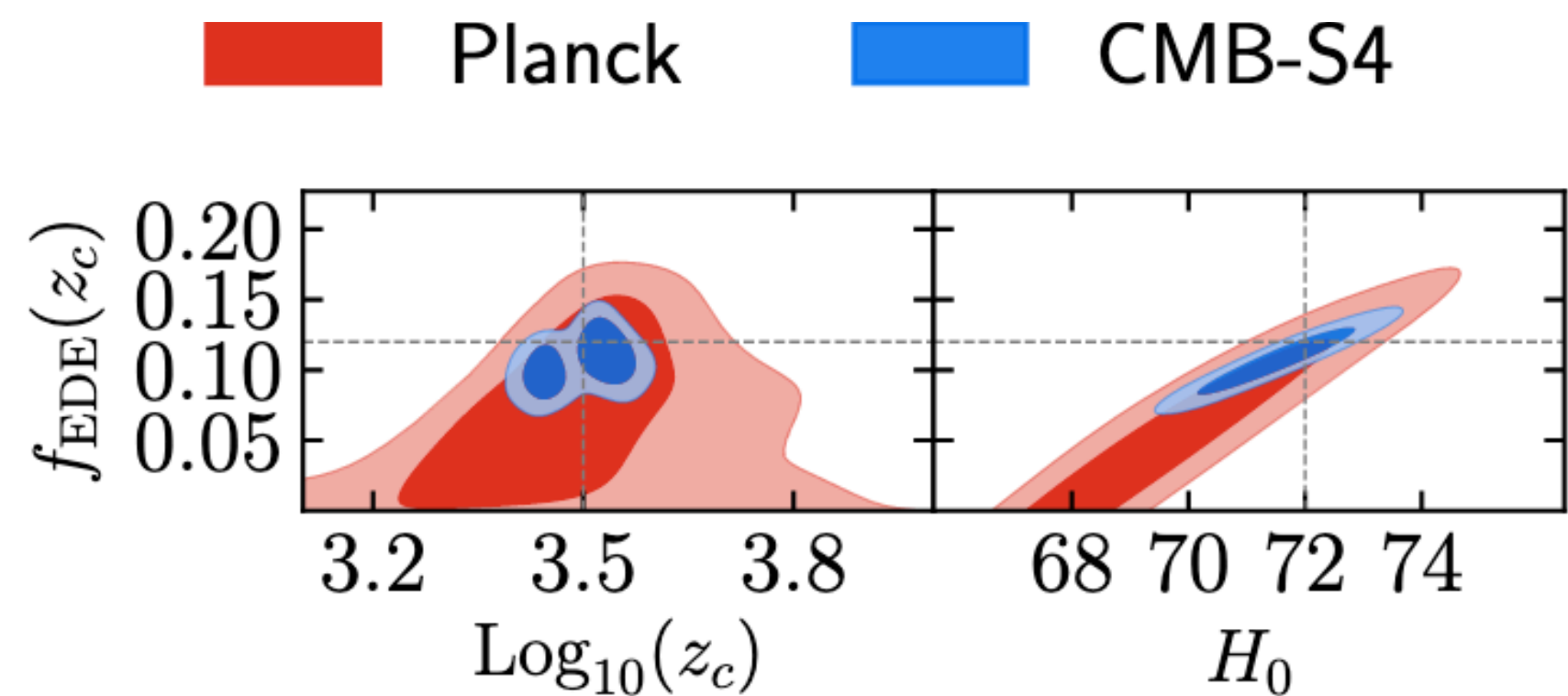
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Is there any model that could explain the S_8 anomaly?

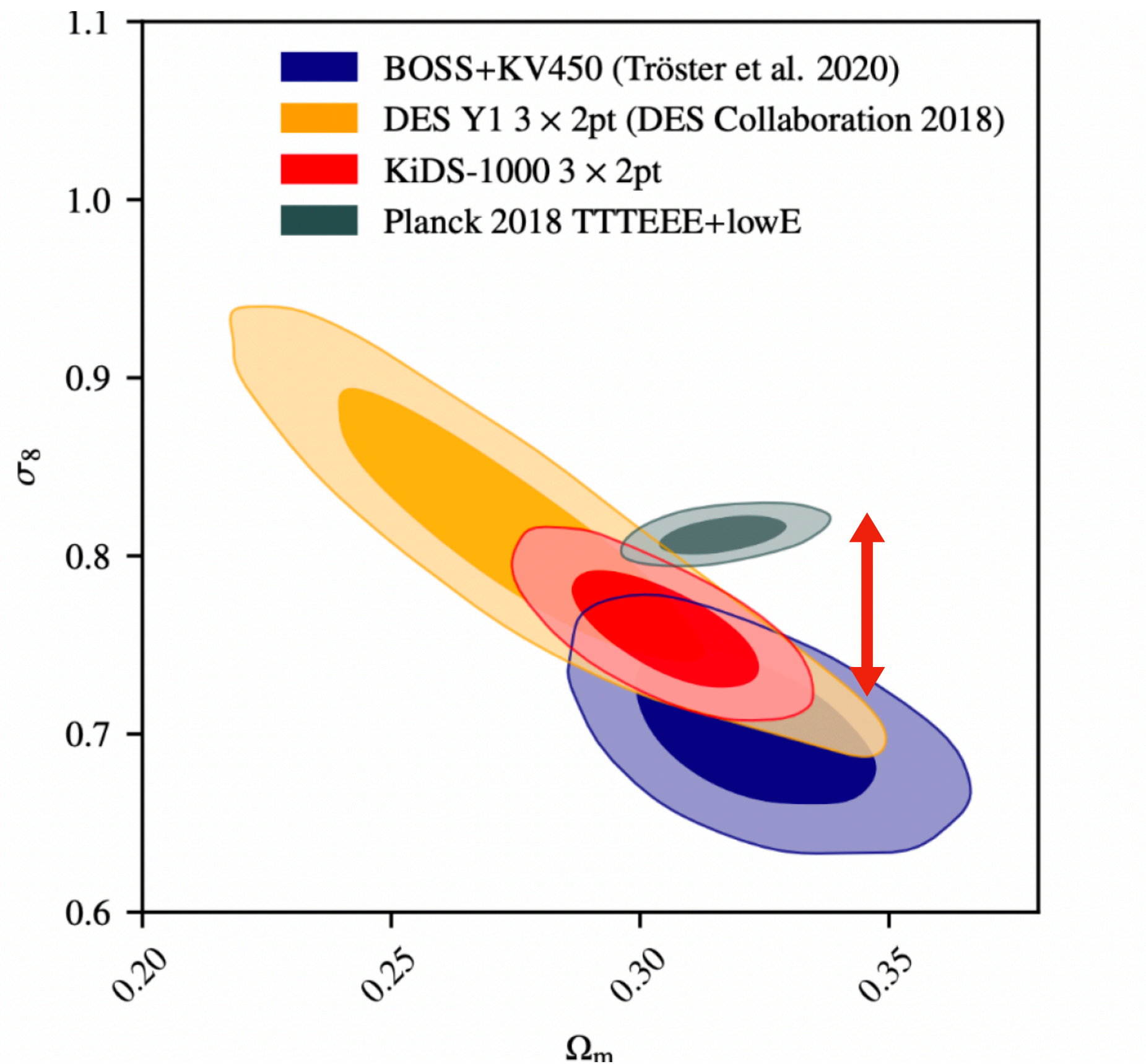
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Di Valentino++ 2008.11285

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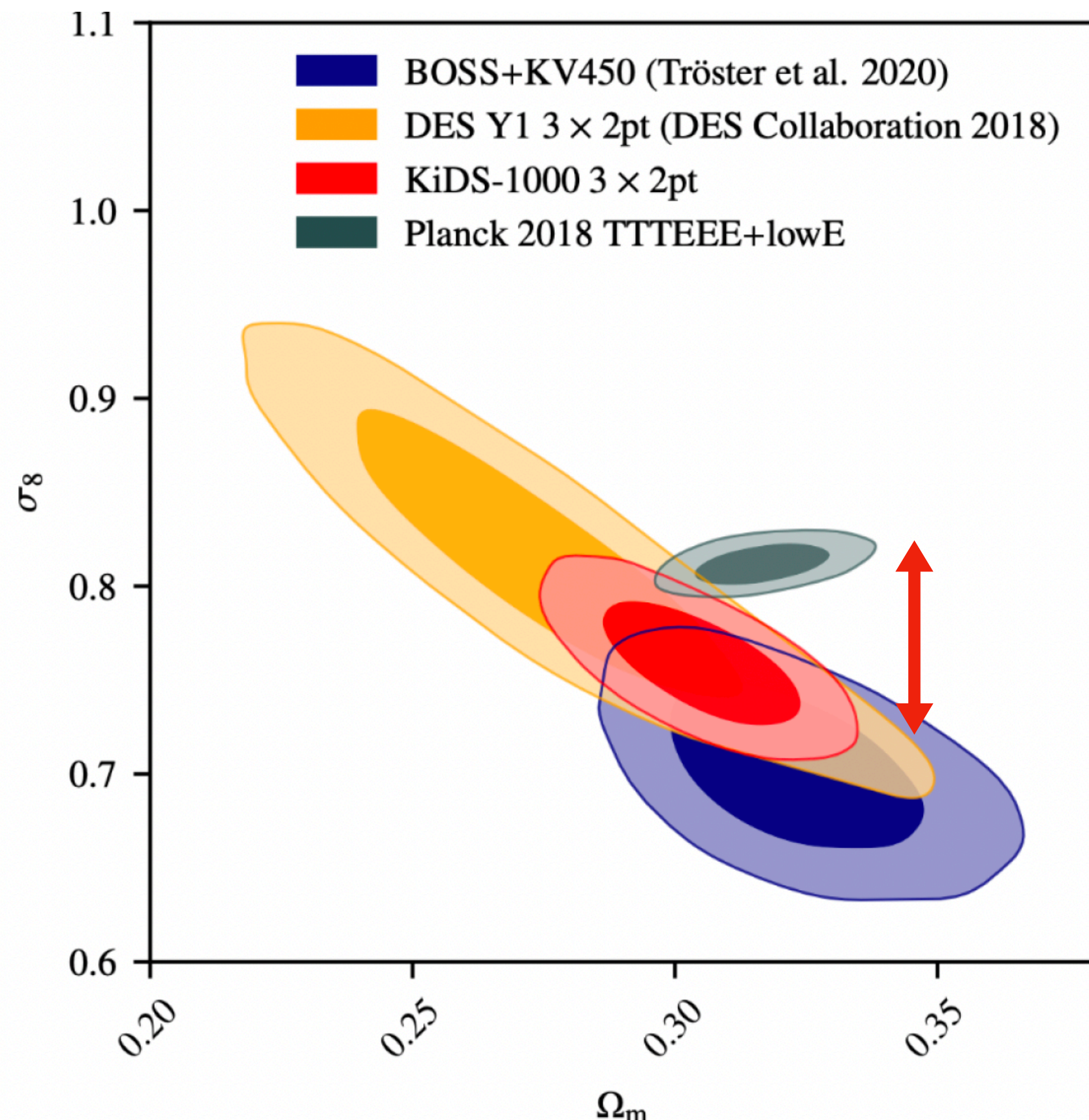
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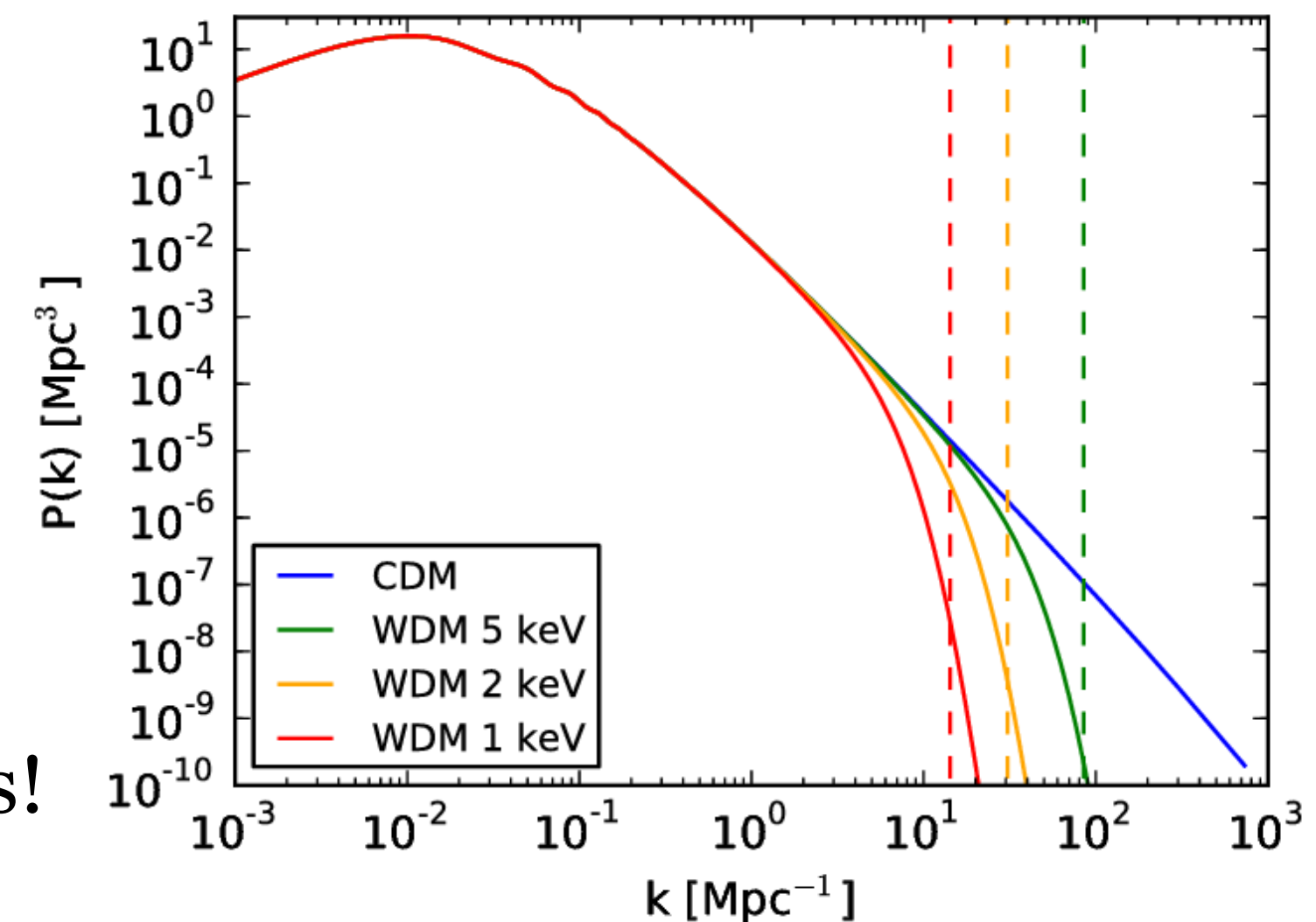
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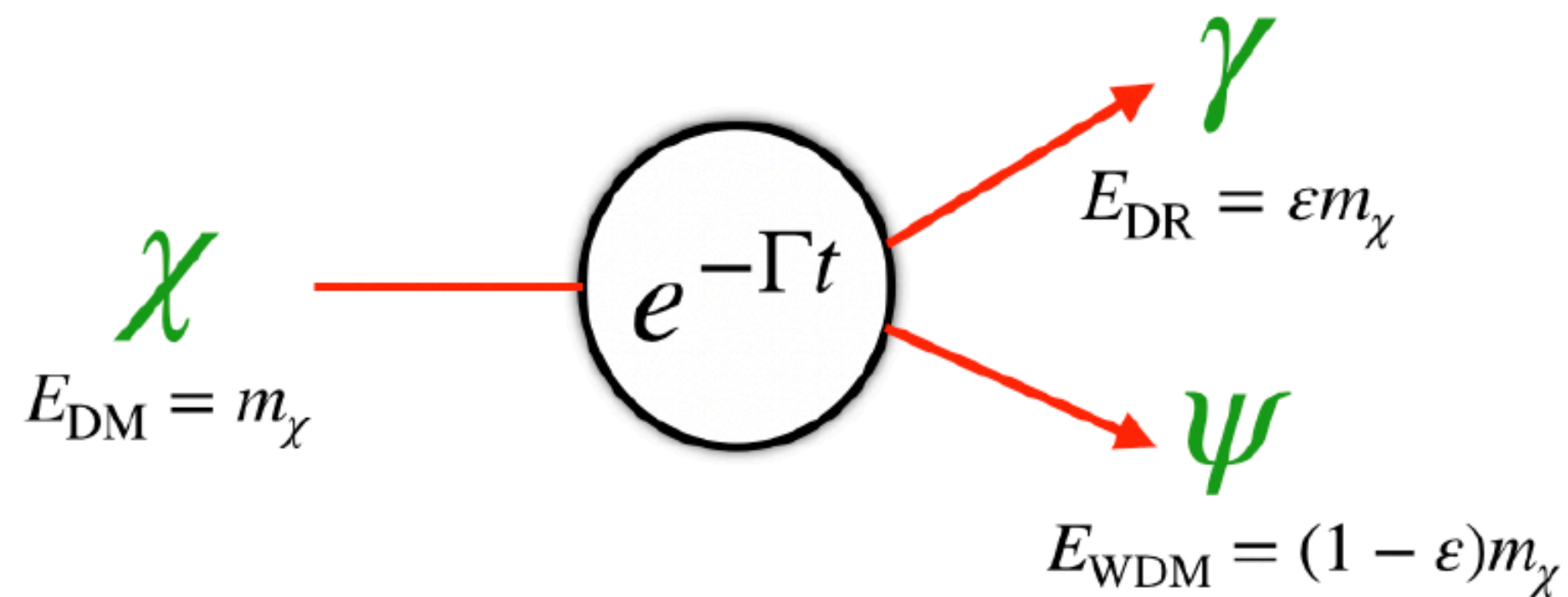
Need to **suppress power** at scales $k \sim 0.1 - 1 \ h/\text{Mpc}$

Ex: Warm Dark Matter
Very constrained by many probes!



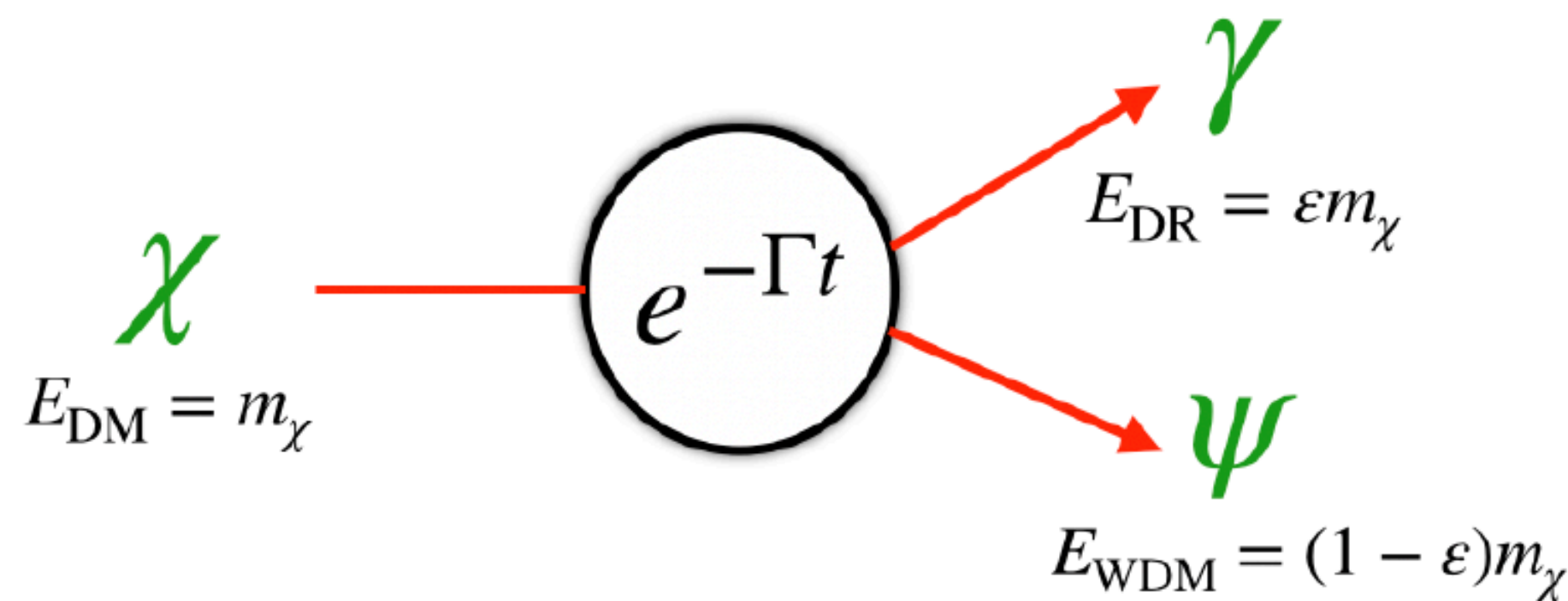
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The model is fully specified by:

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

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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_ℓ ? Track **linear perts.** for the particles species involved in the decay: δ_i , θ_i and σ_i for $i = \text{dm, dr, wdm}$
- 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!

Evolution of perturbations: fluid equations

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

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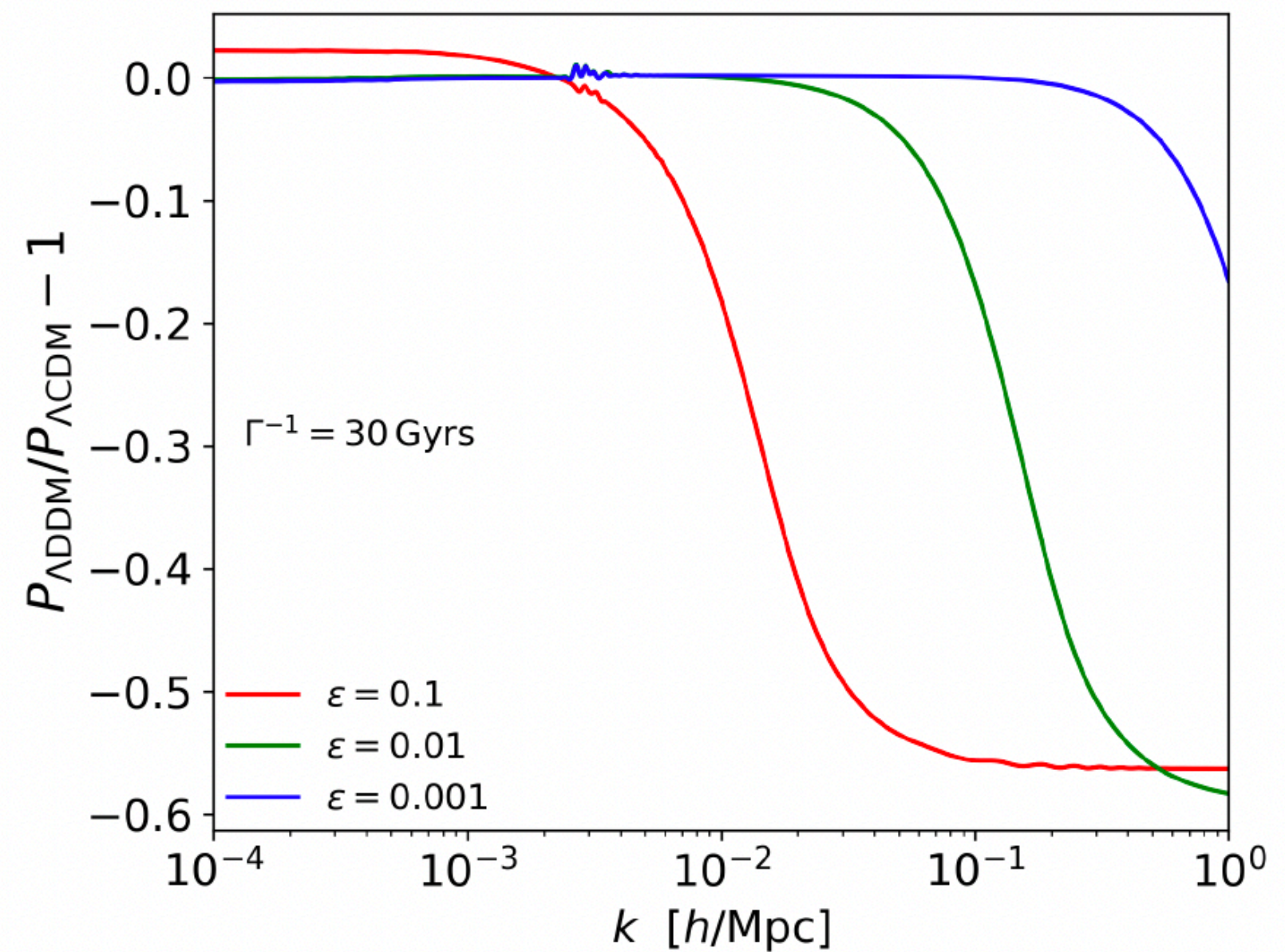
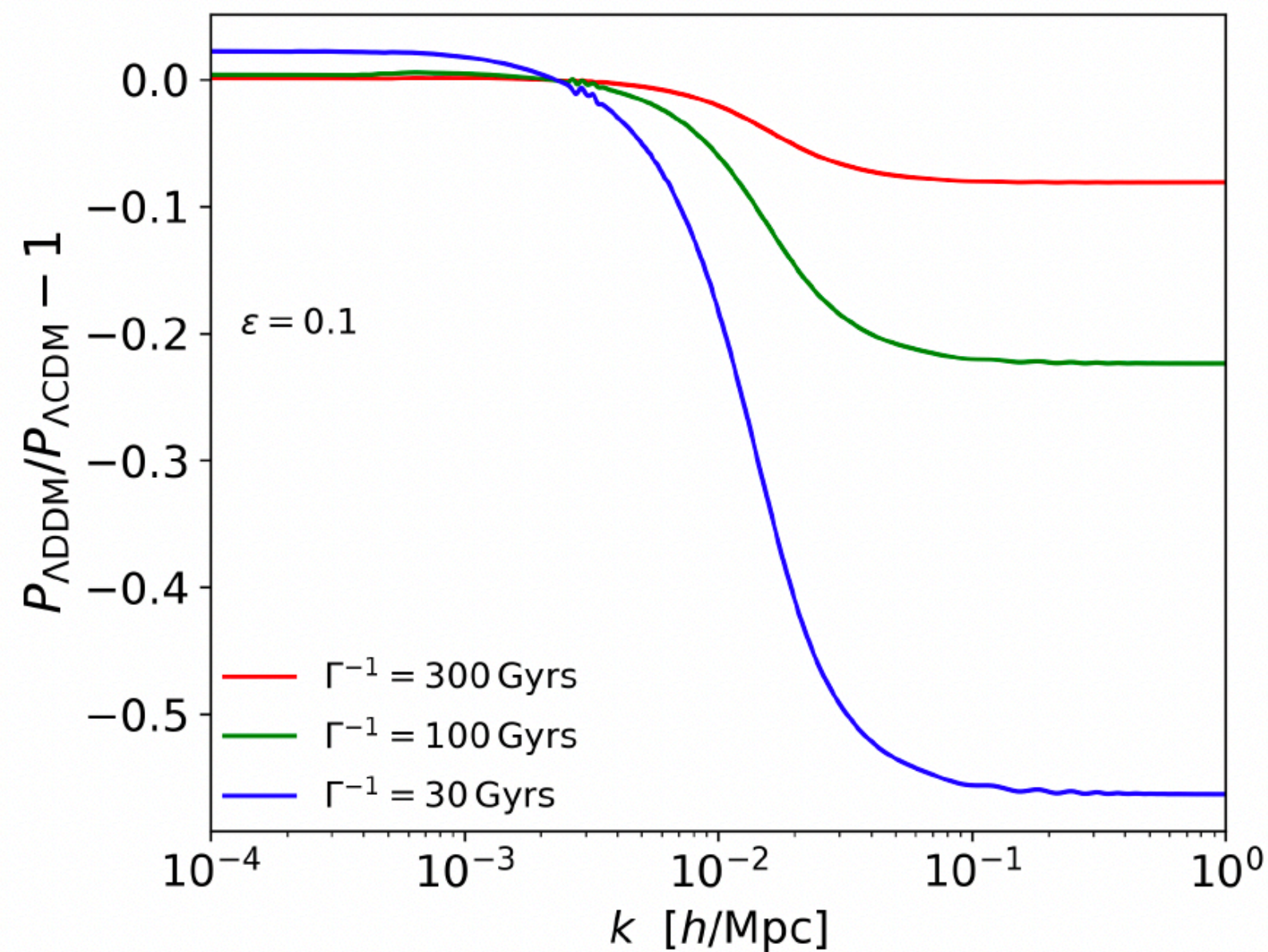
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CPU time reduced from ~ 1 day to ~ 1 minute!

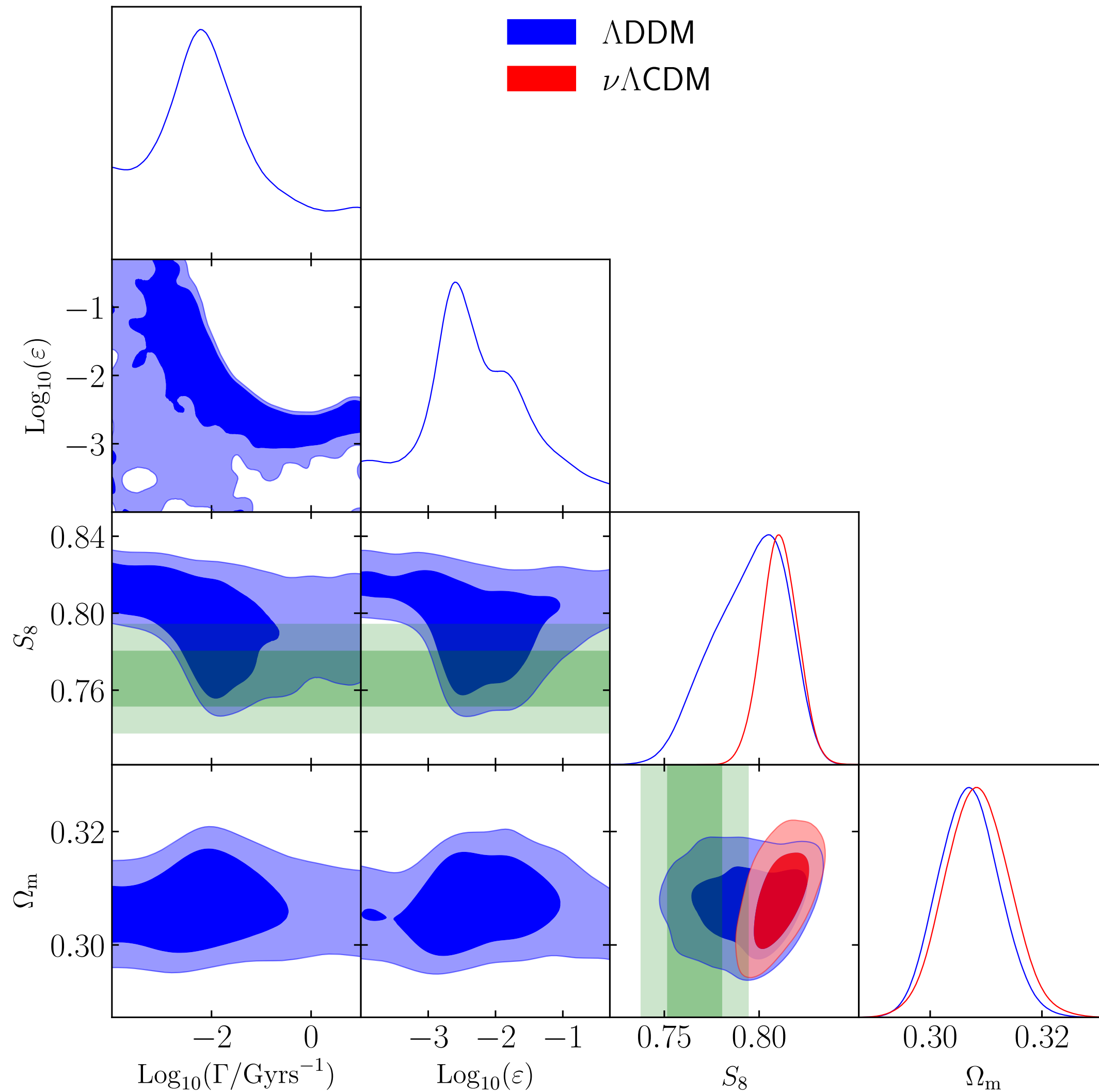
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Impact of decaying DM on the matter spectrum

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

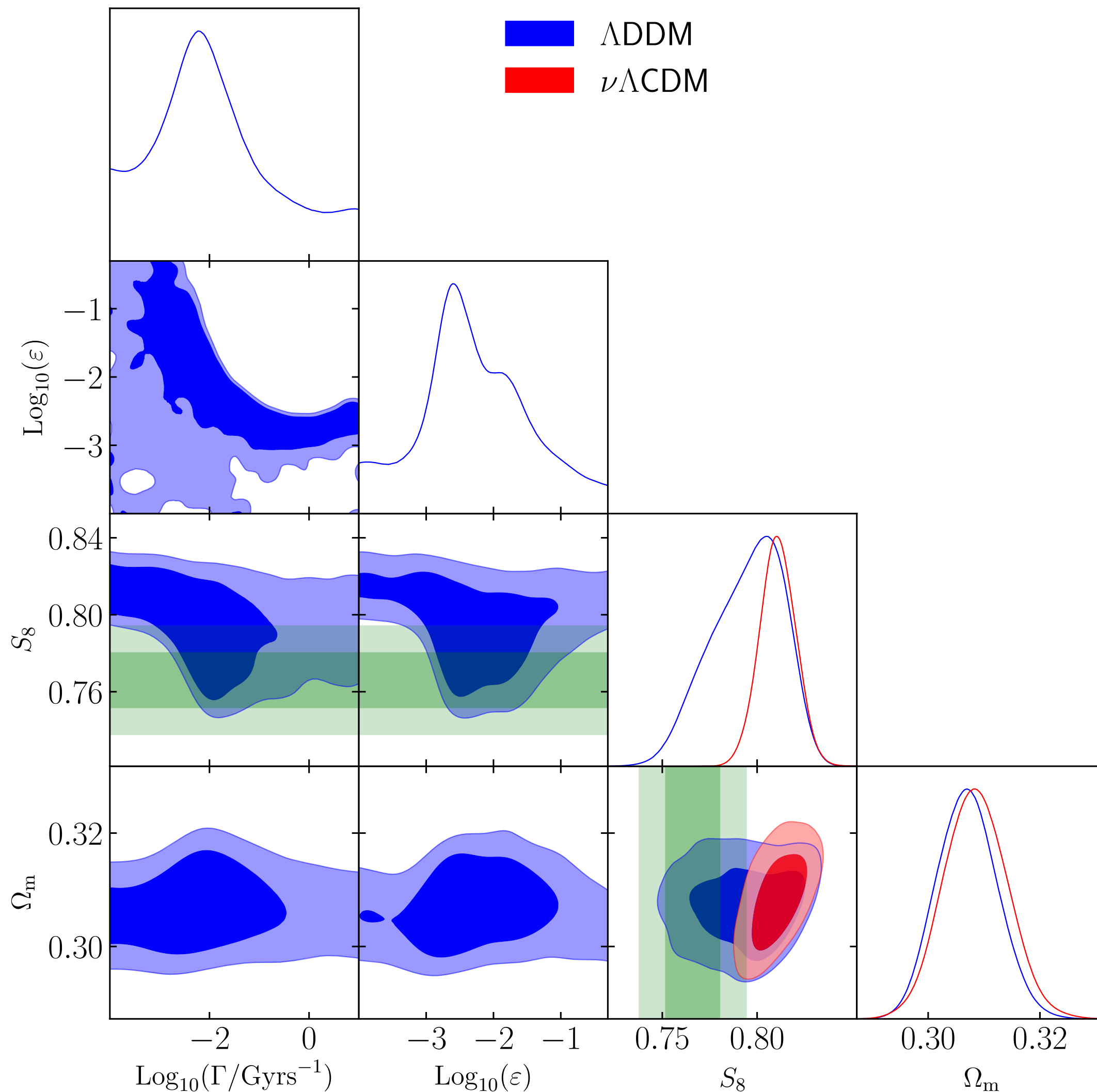


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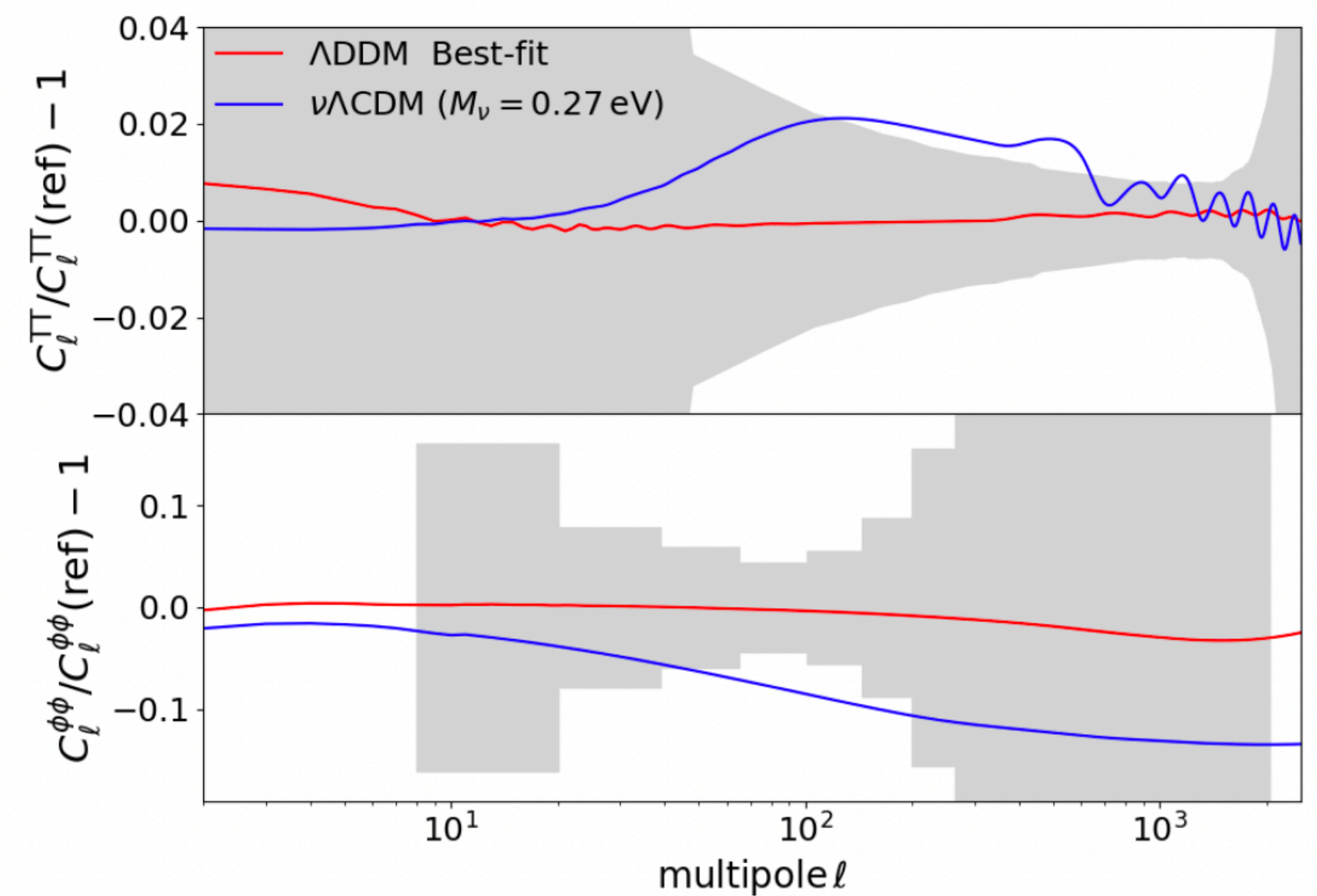
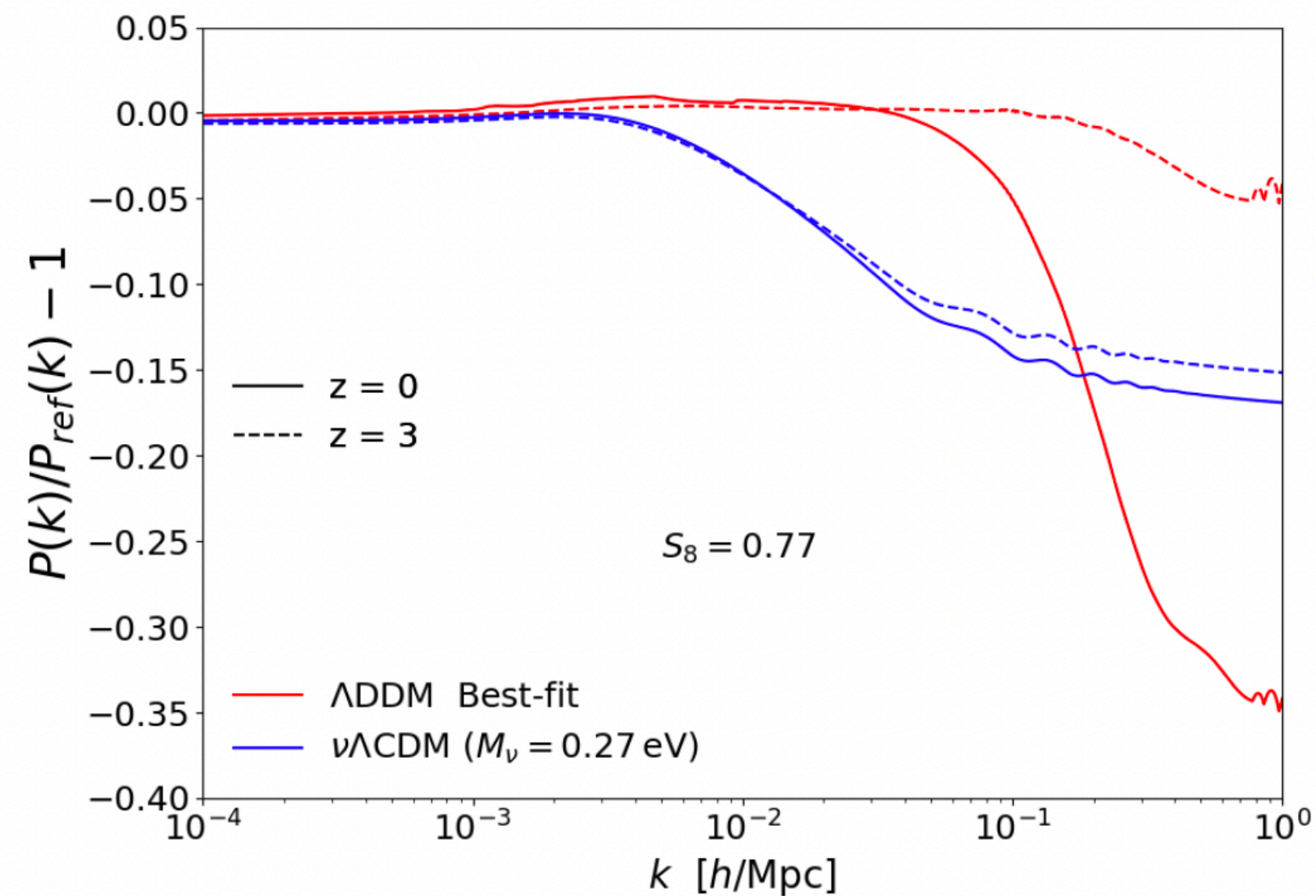
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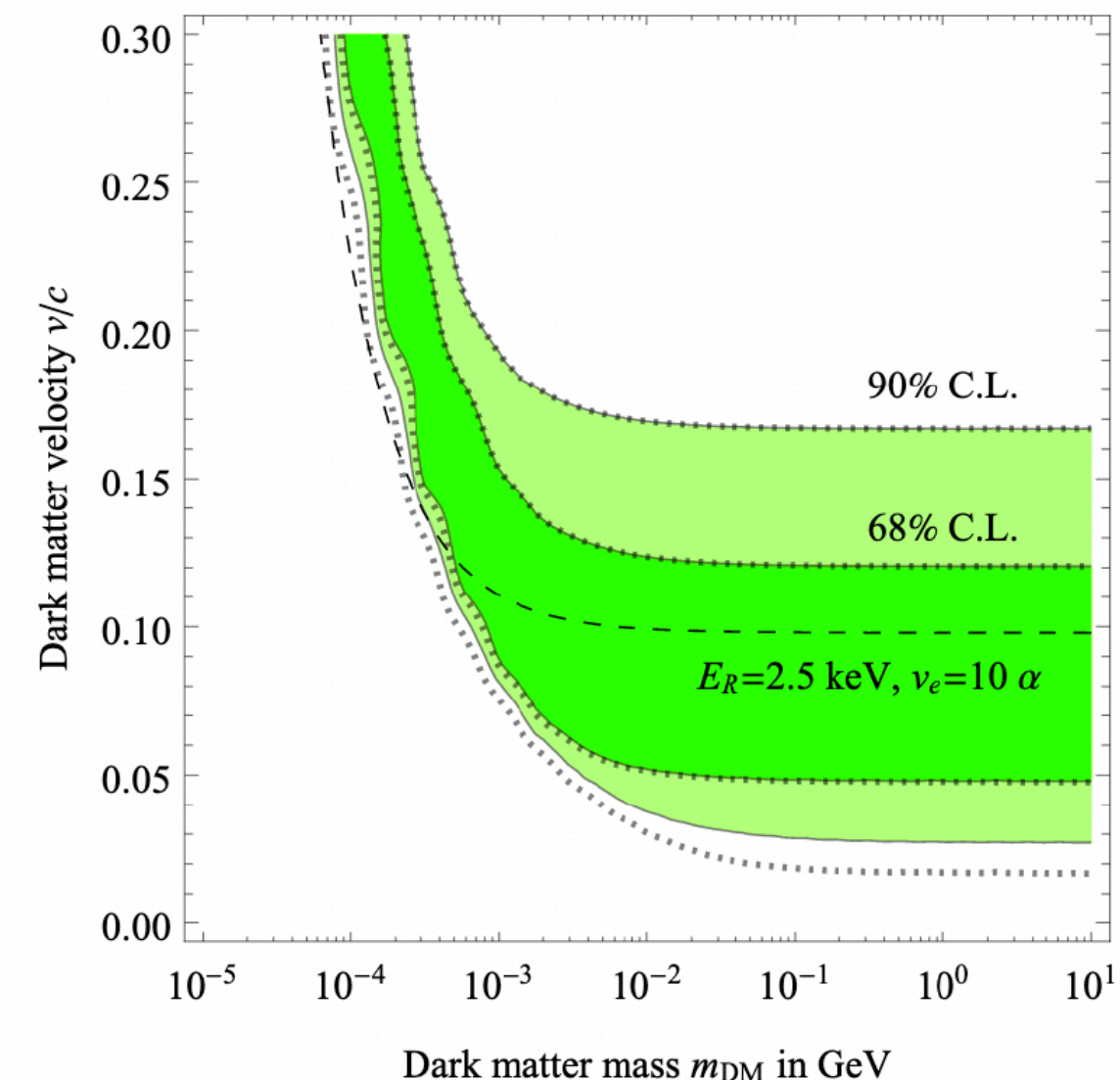
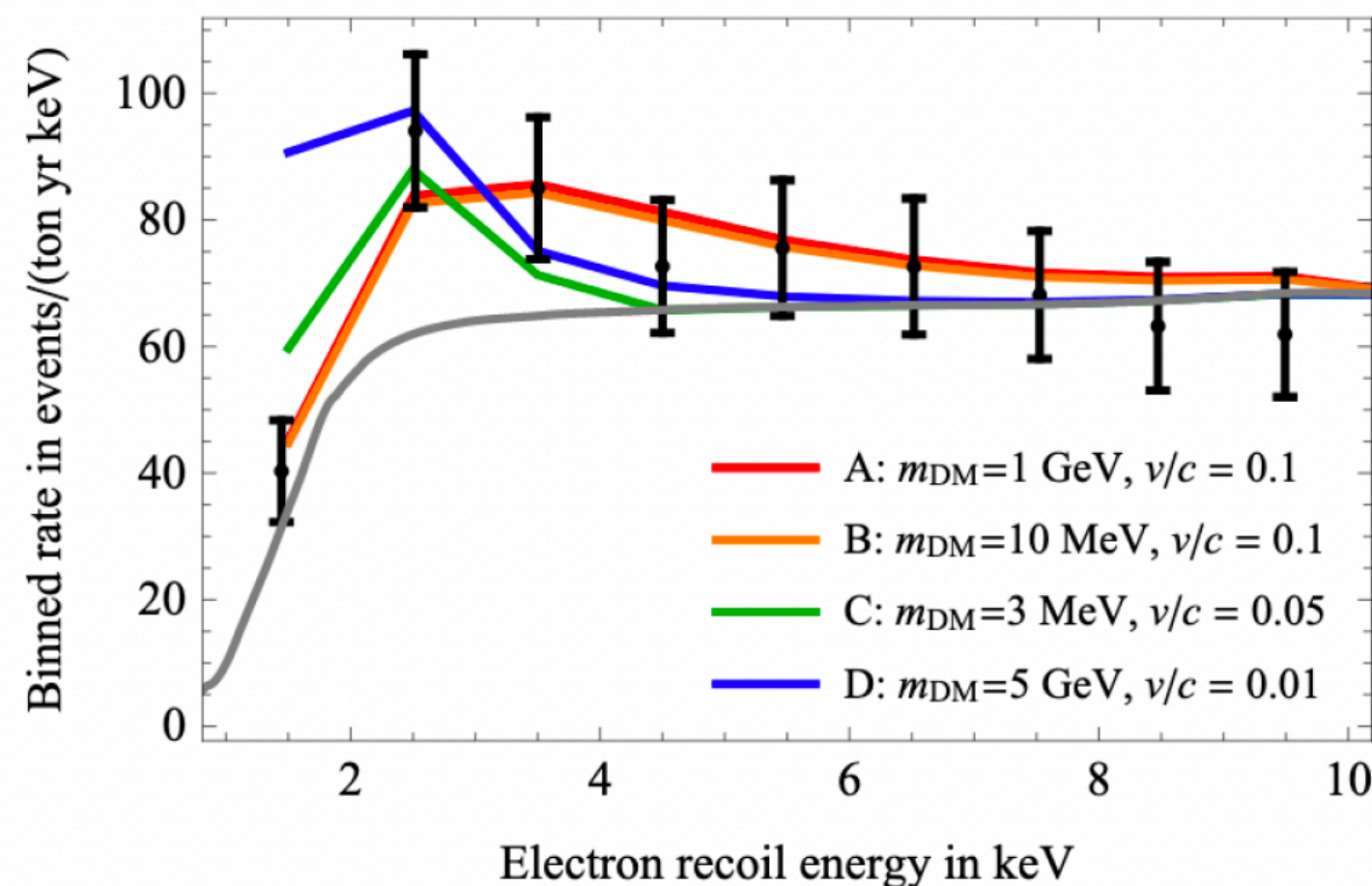
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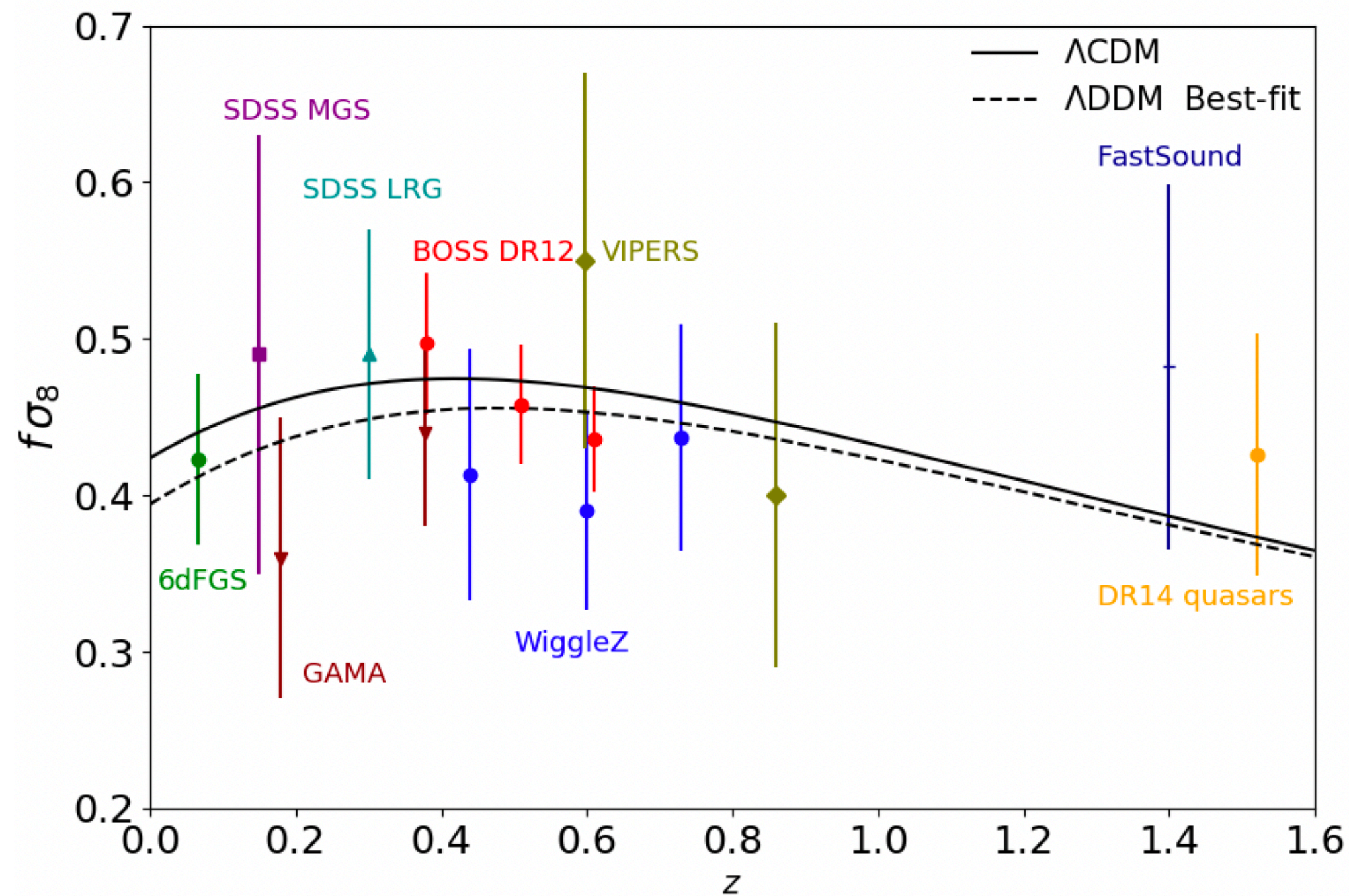
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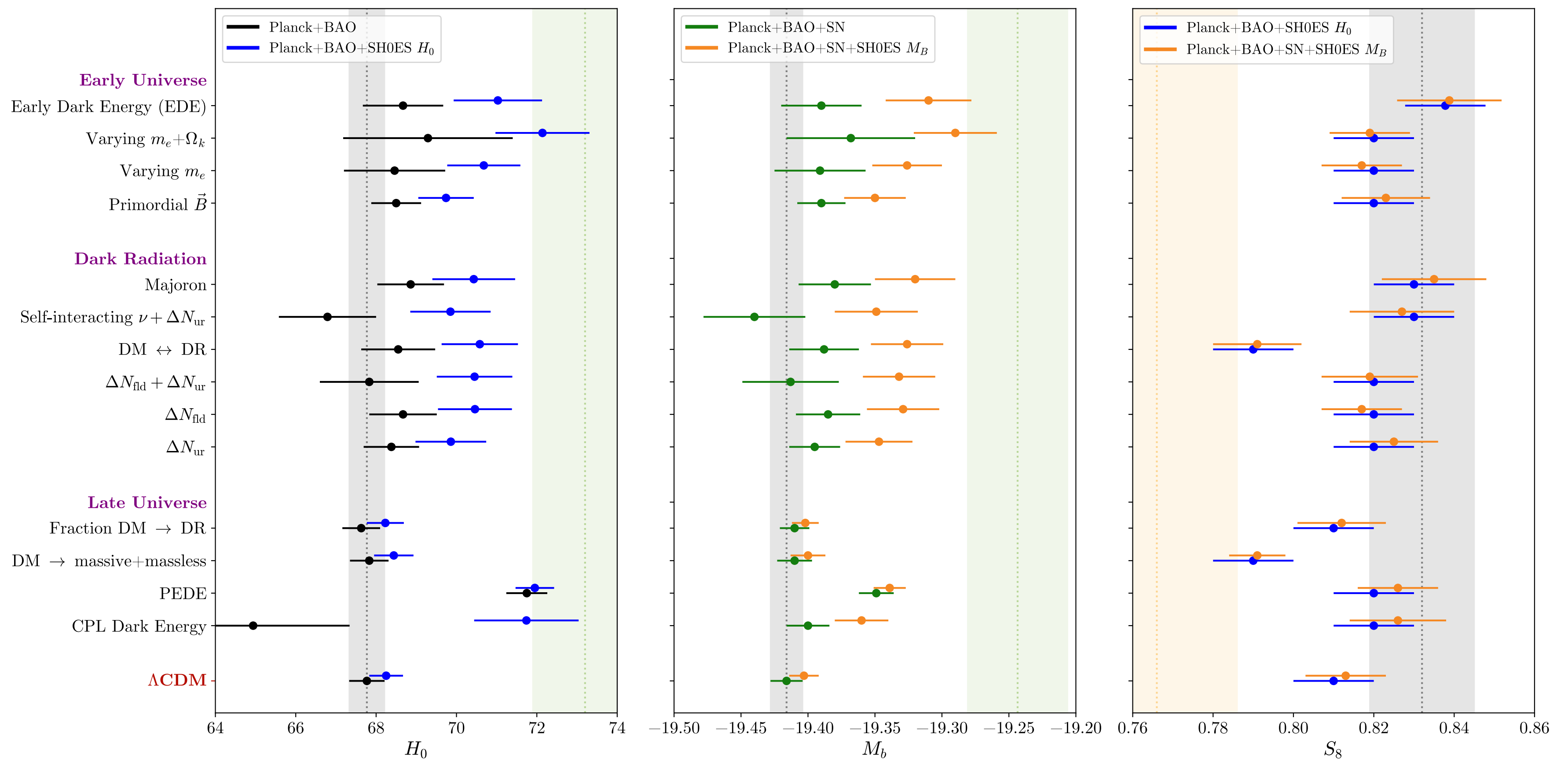


Accurate measurements of $f\sigma_8$ at $0 \lesssim z \lesssim 1$ will further test the 2-body decay

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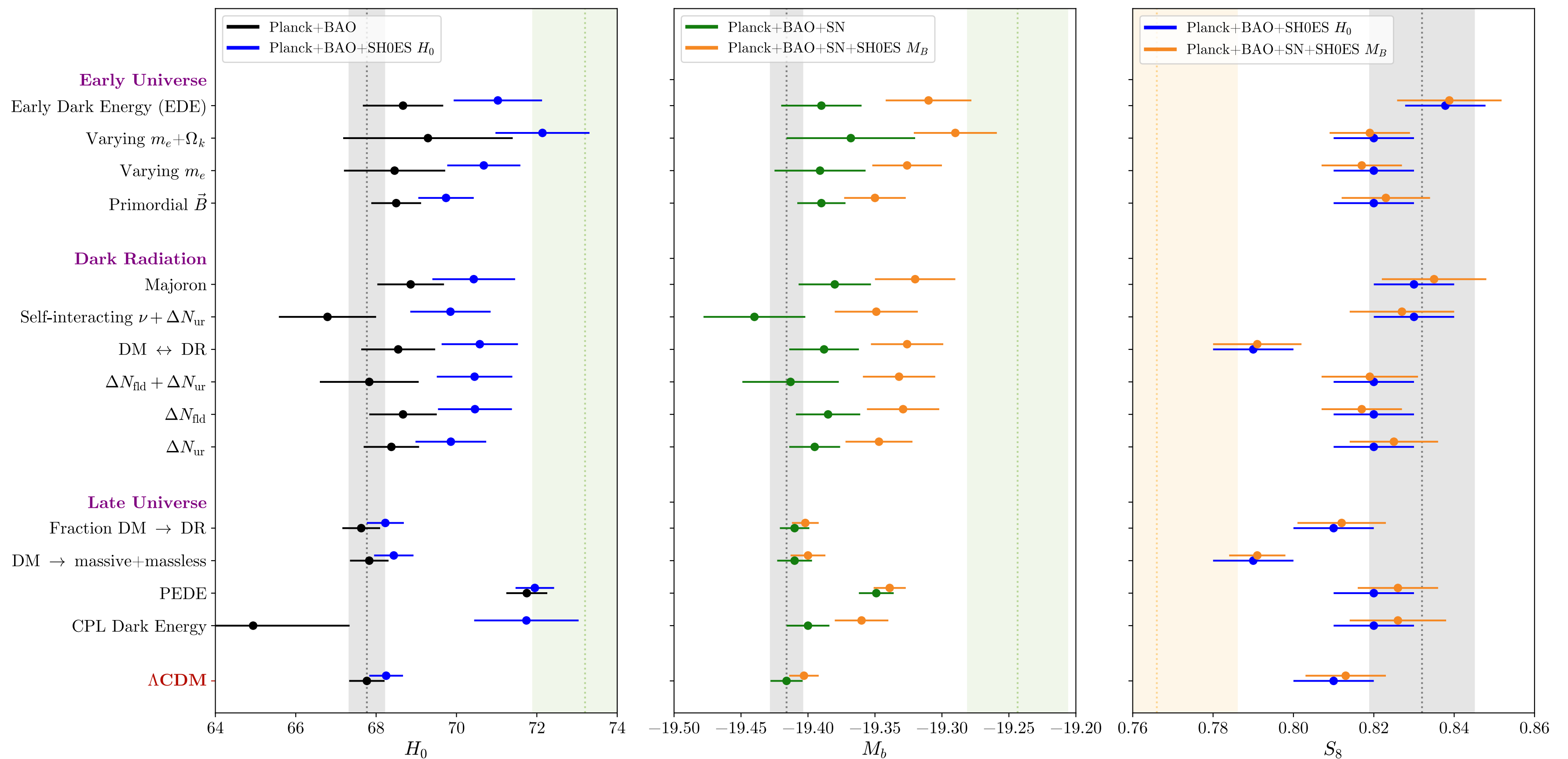
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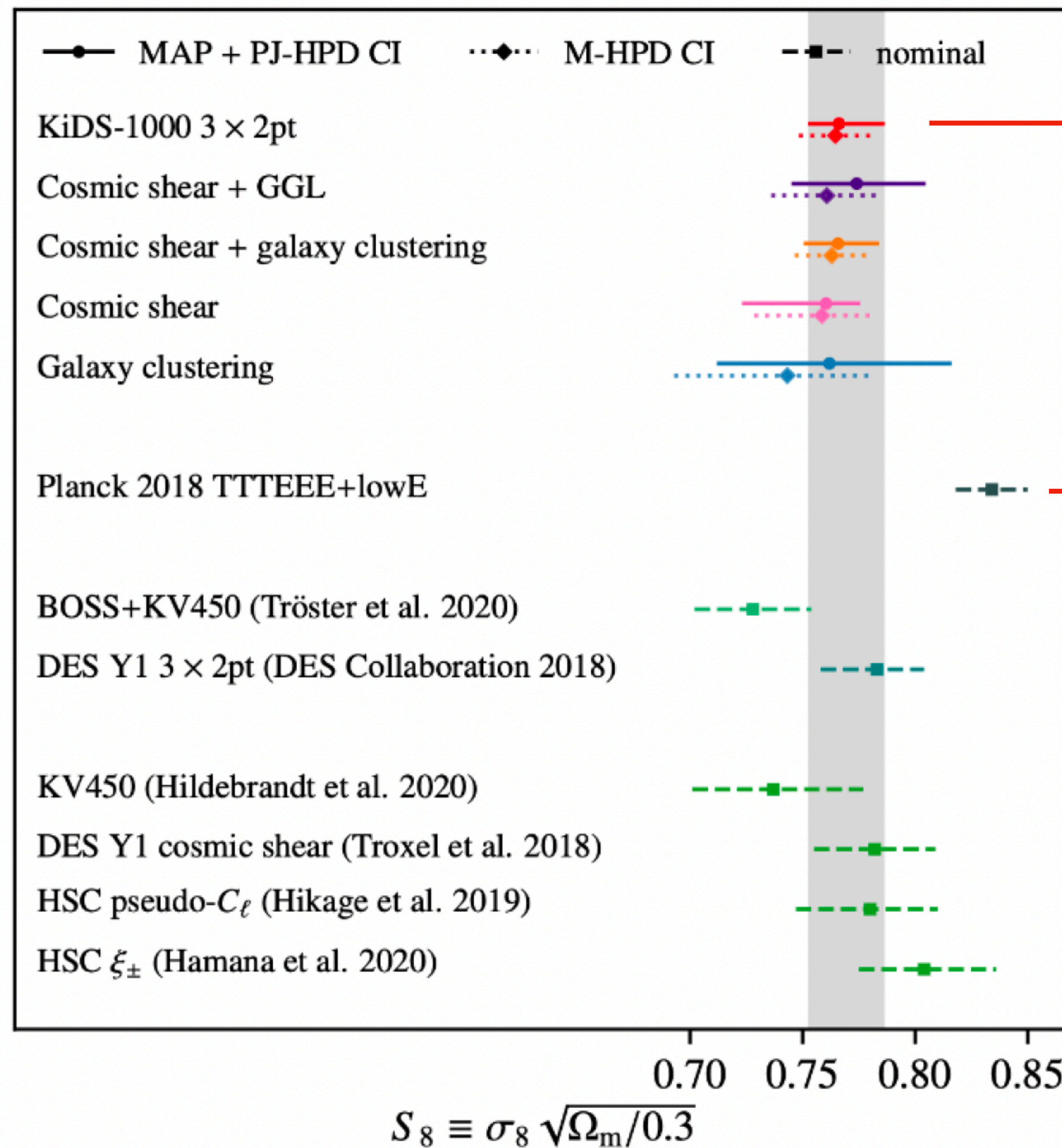
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We might be on the verge of the discovery of a rich dark sector!

BACK-UP SLIDES

The S_8 tension



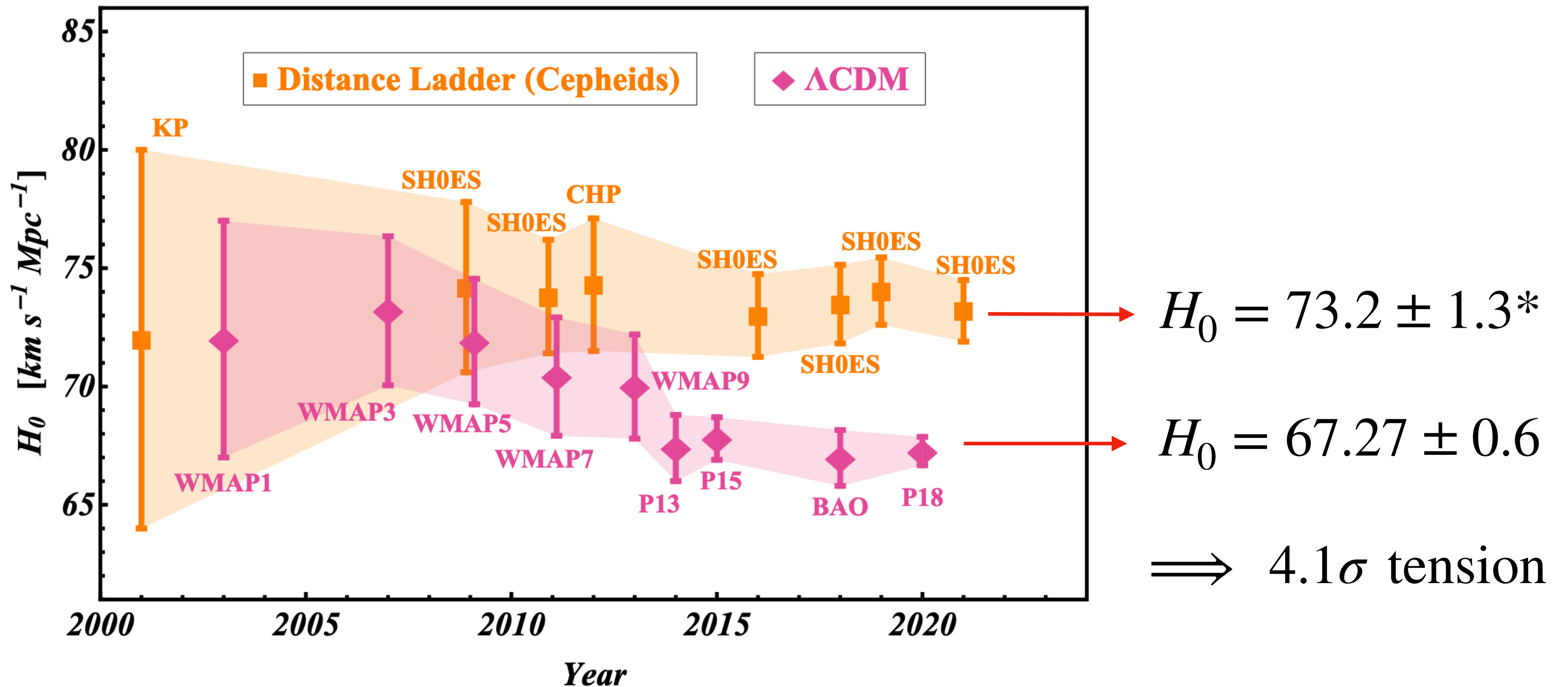
$$S_8 = 0.766^{+0.020}_{-0.014}$$

$$S_8 = 0.830 \pm 0.013$$

$\Rightarrow \sim 3\sigma$ tension

The H_0 tension

Predominantly driven by the Planck and SHoES collaborations



[Perivolaropoulos&Skara 2105.05208](#)

*Units of km/s/Mpc are always assumed

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](#)

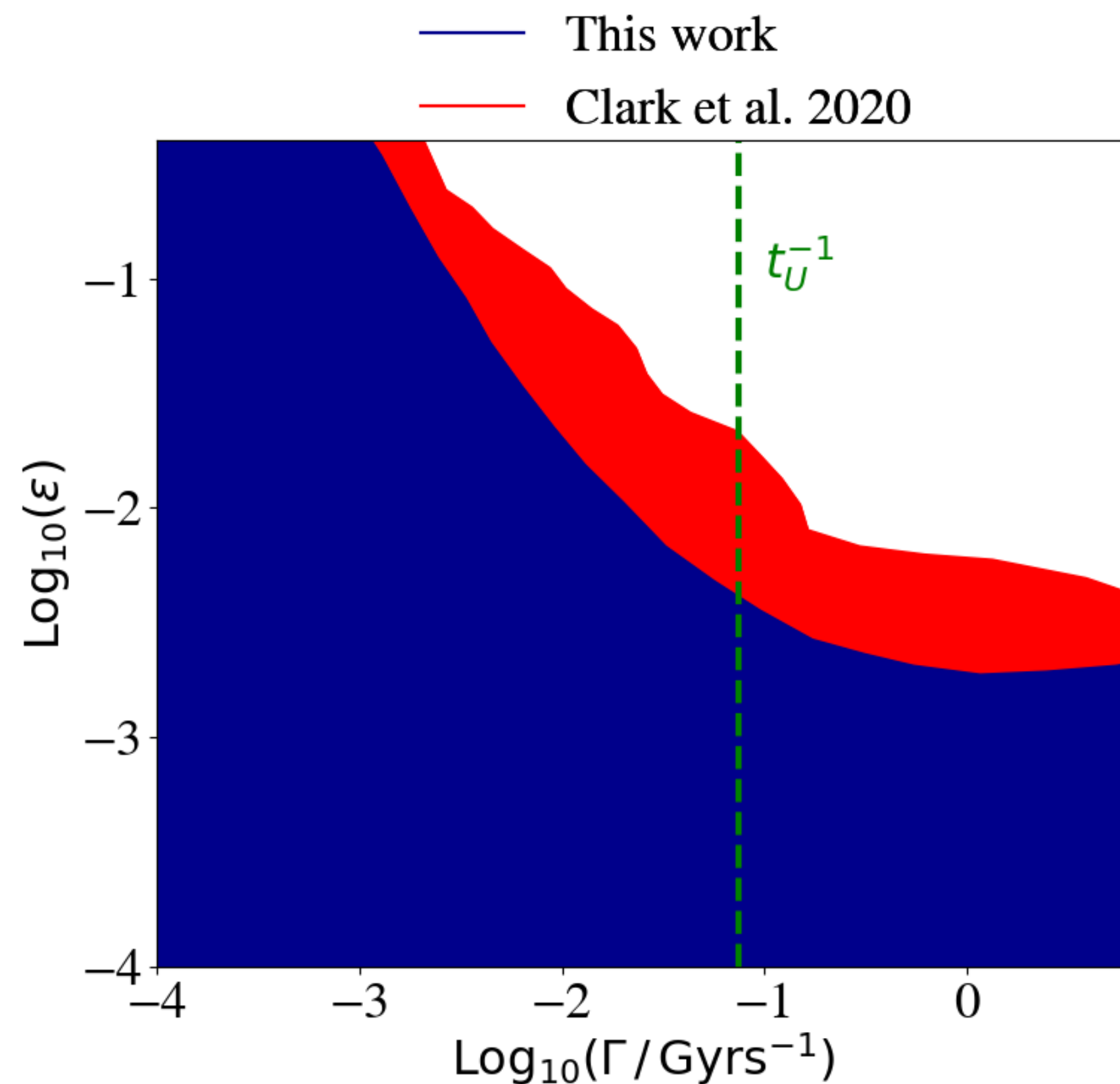
- DM decays to **massless** Dark Radiation \longrightarrow **less constrained,**
but more model-independent

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

General constraints on the 2-body DM decay

Planck+BAO+SNIa analysis

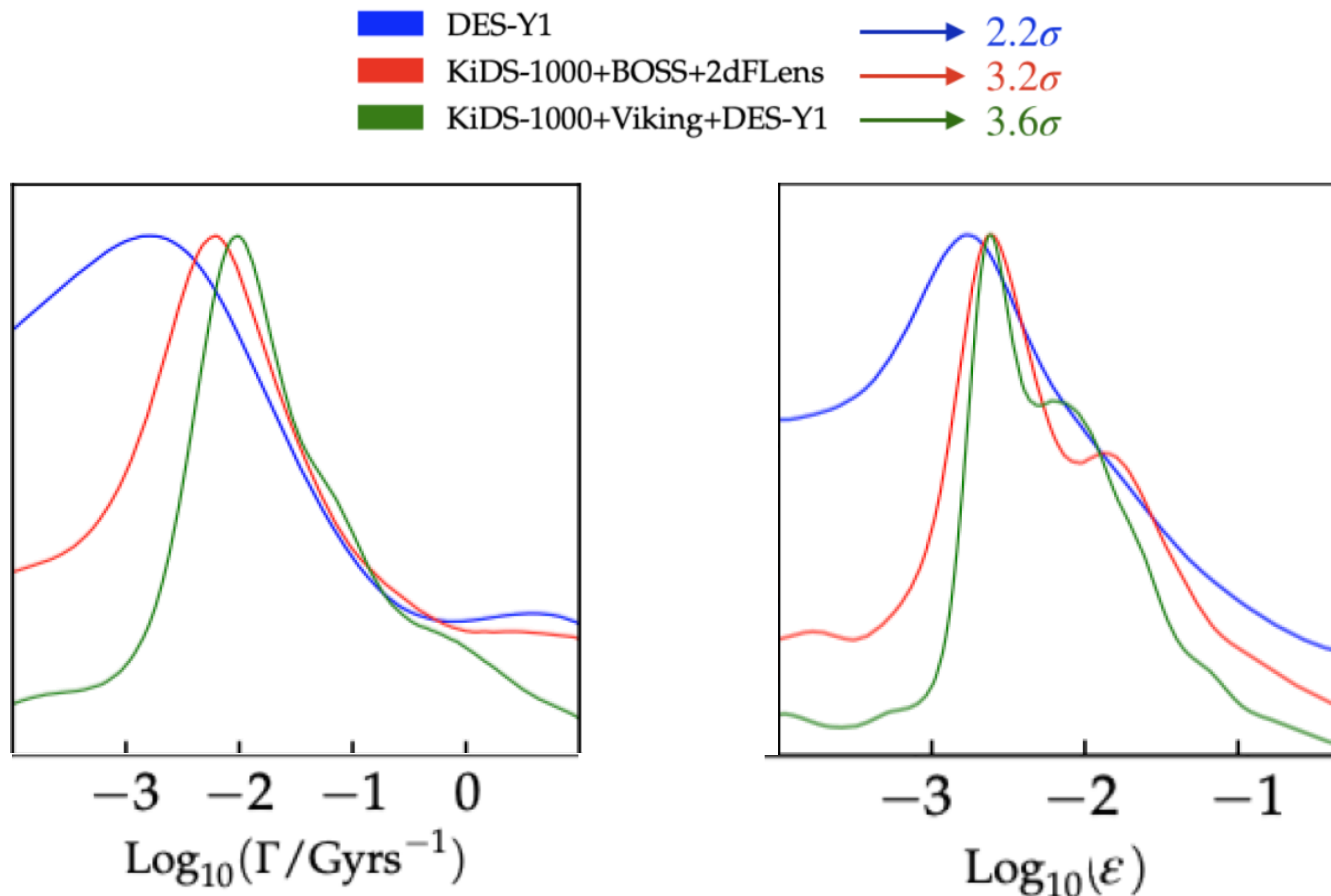


Strong **negative correlation** between ϵ and Γ

Constraints up to **1 order of magnitude stronger** than previous literature

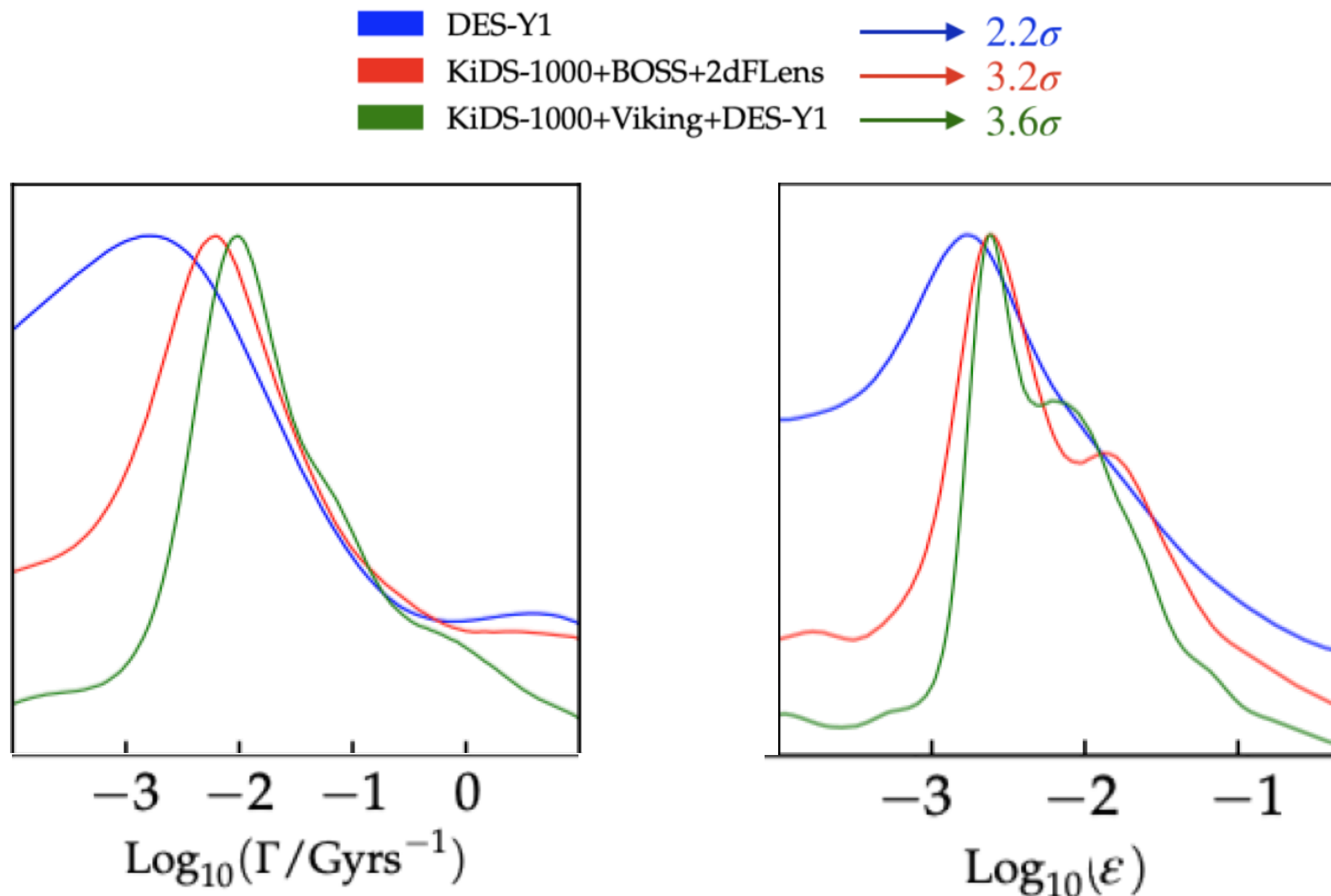
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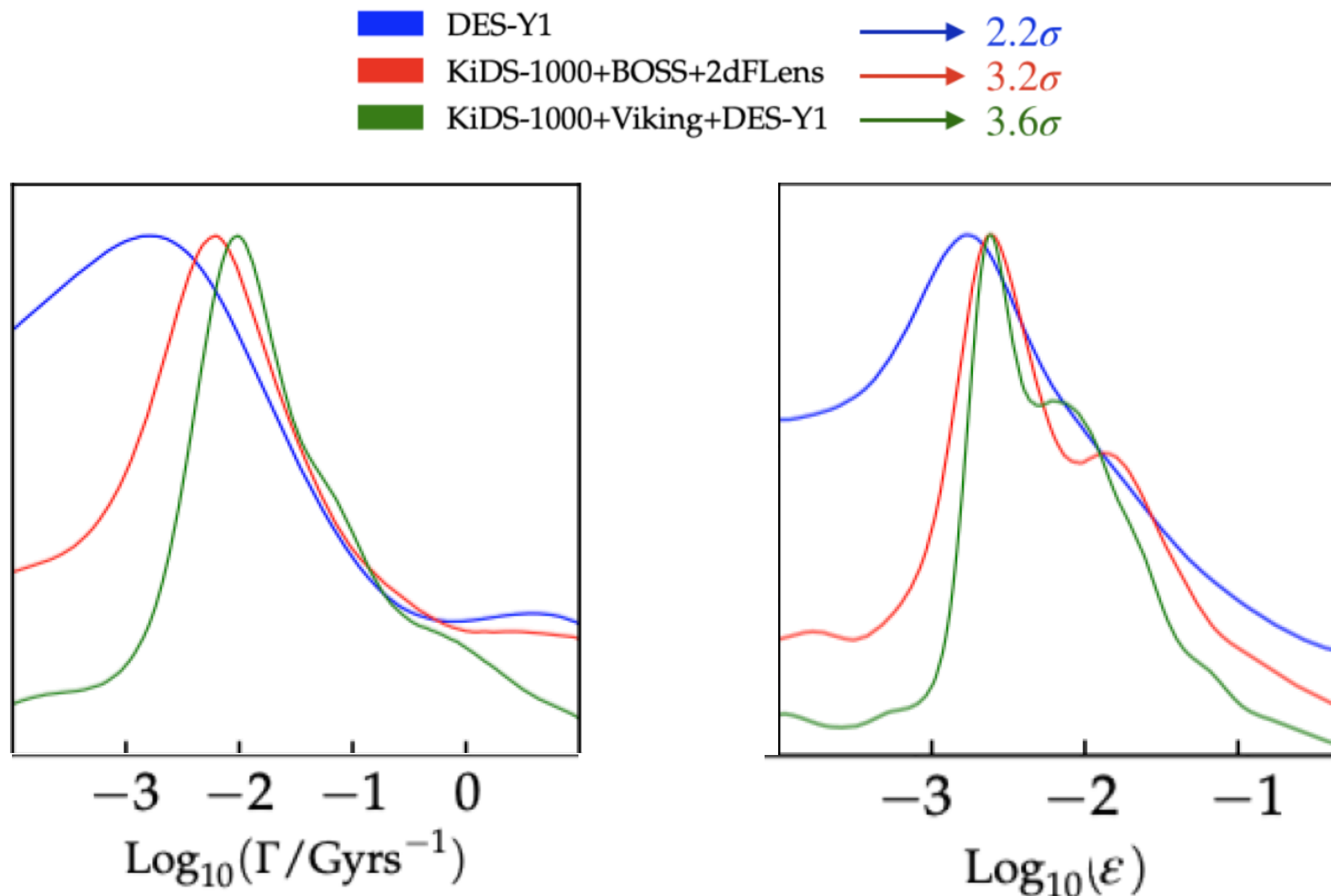
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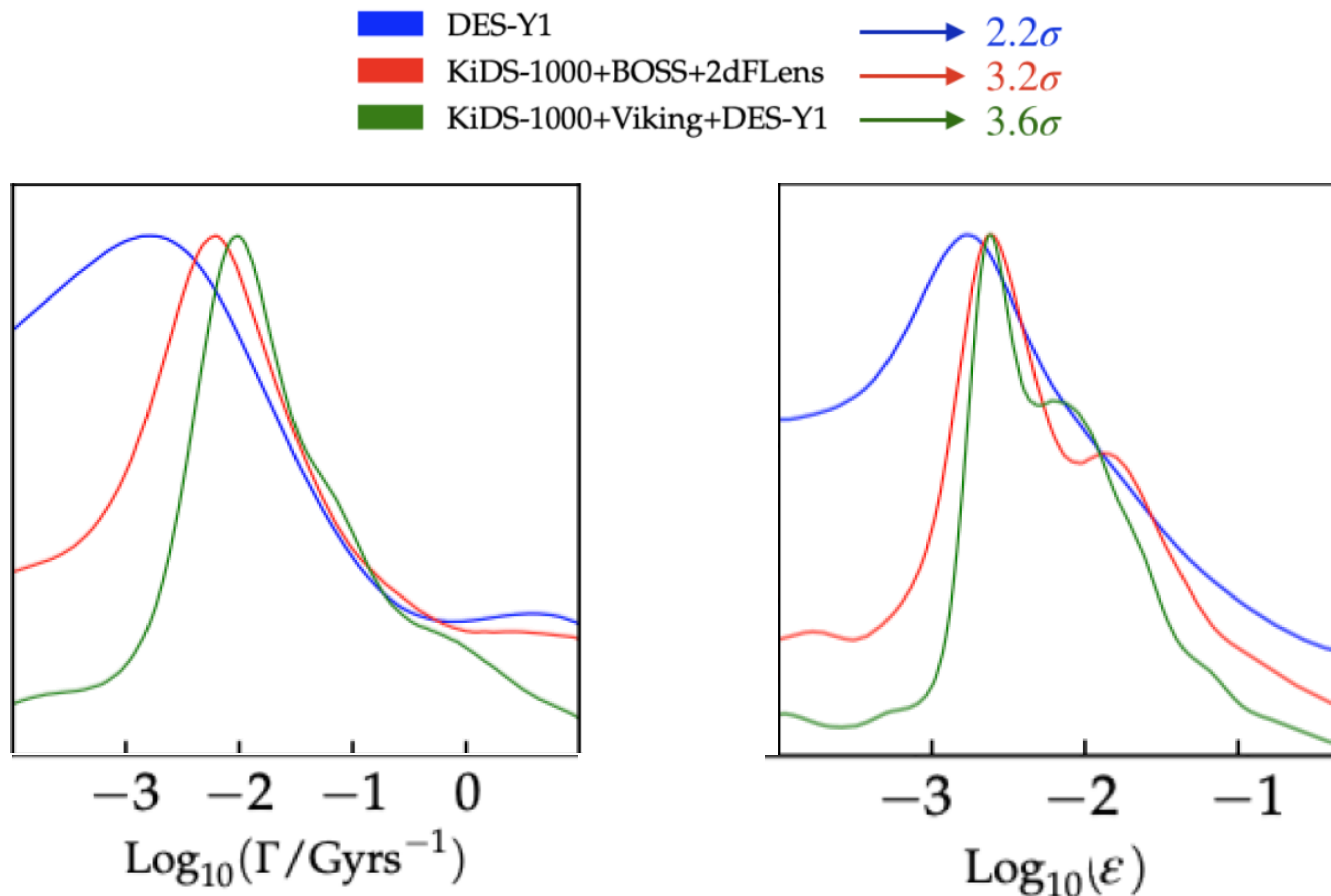
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