

Cosmological anomalies shedding light on the dark sector

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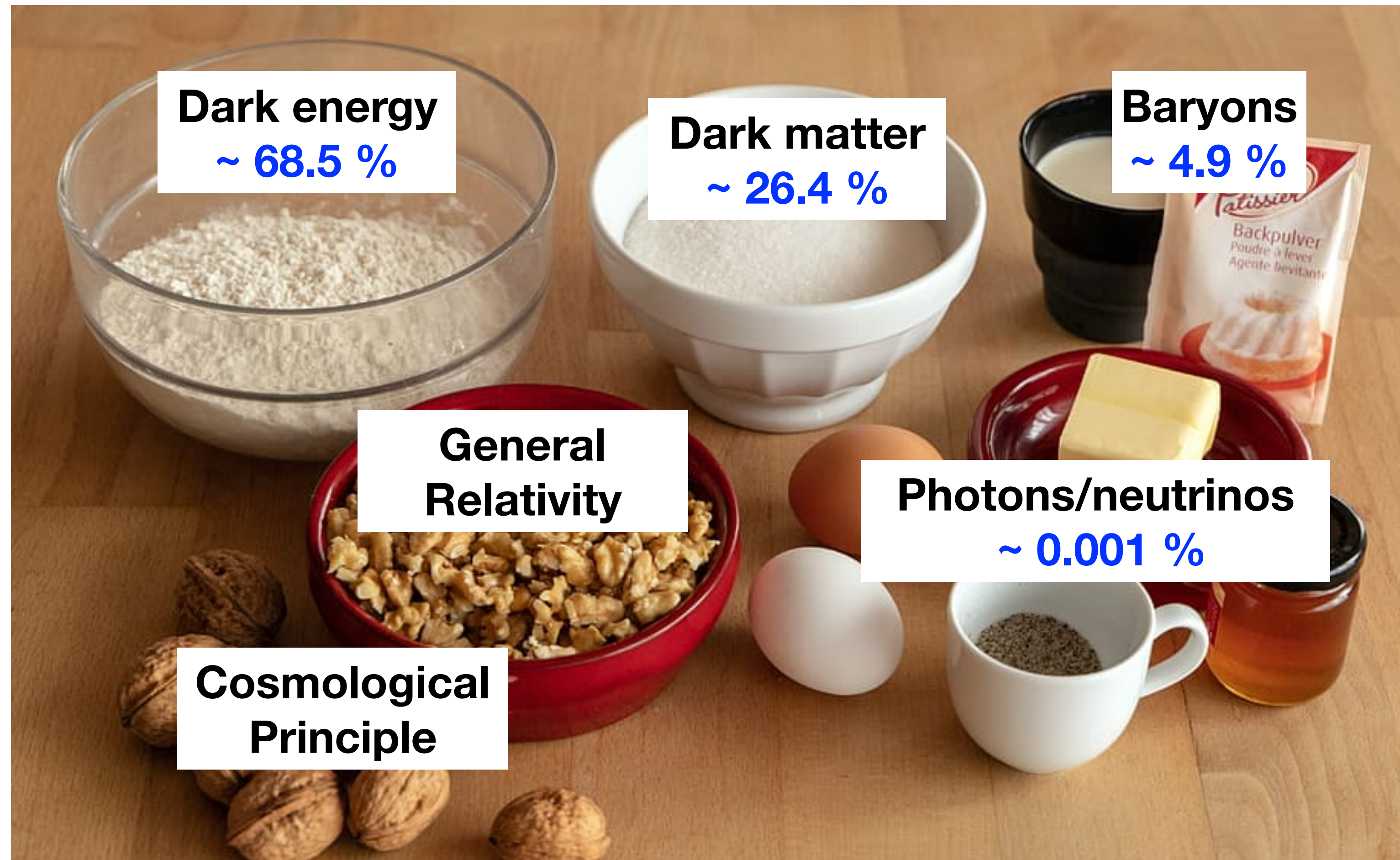


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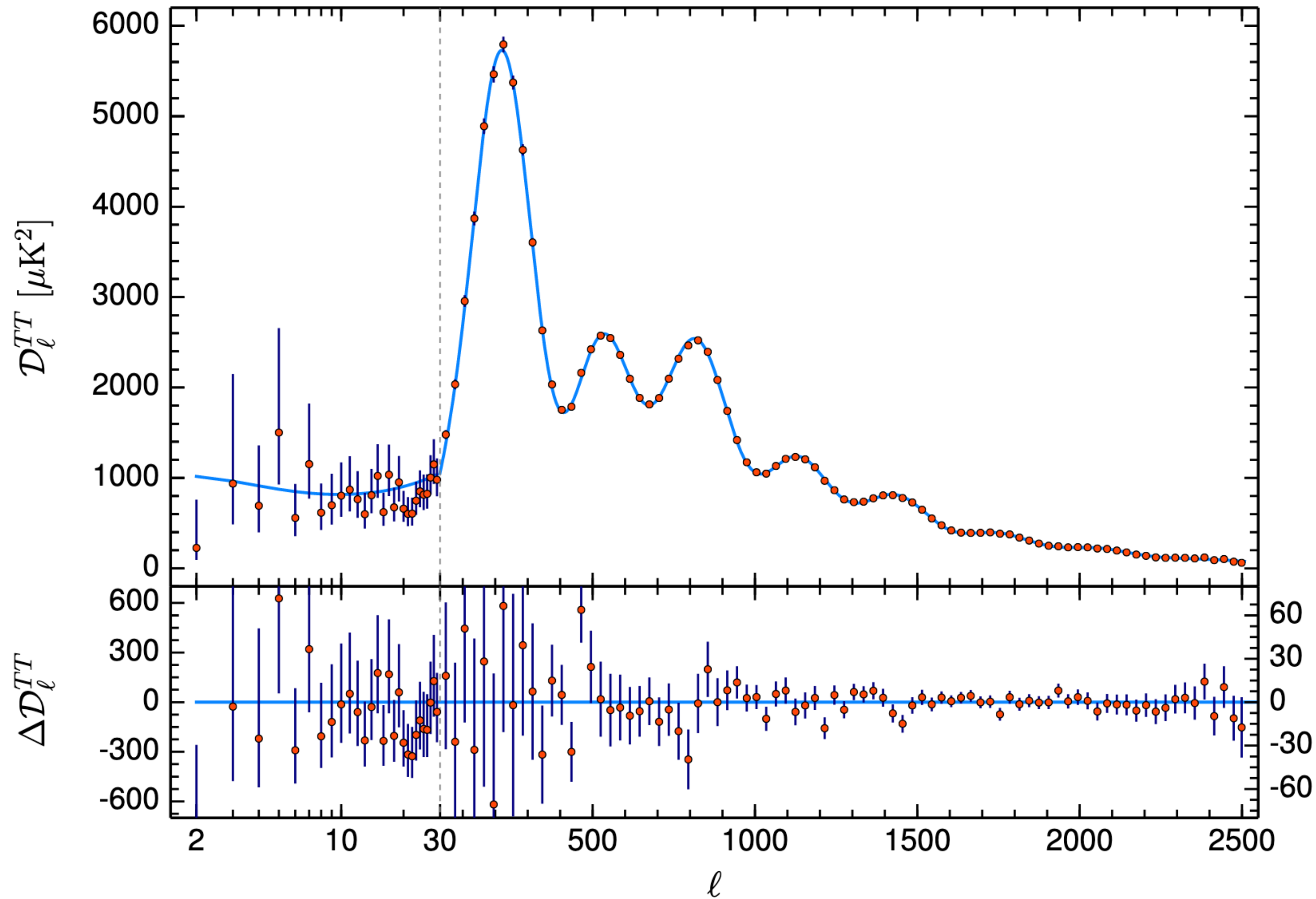
Cosmic recipe



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

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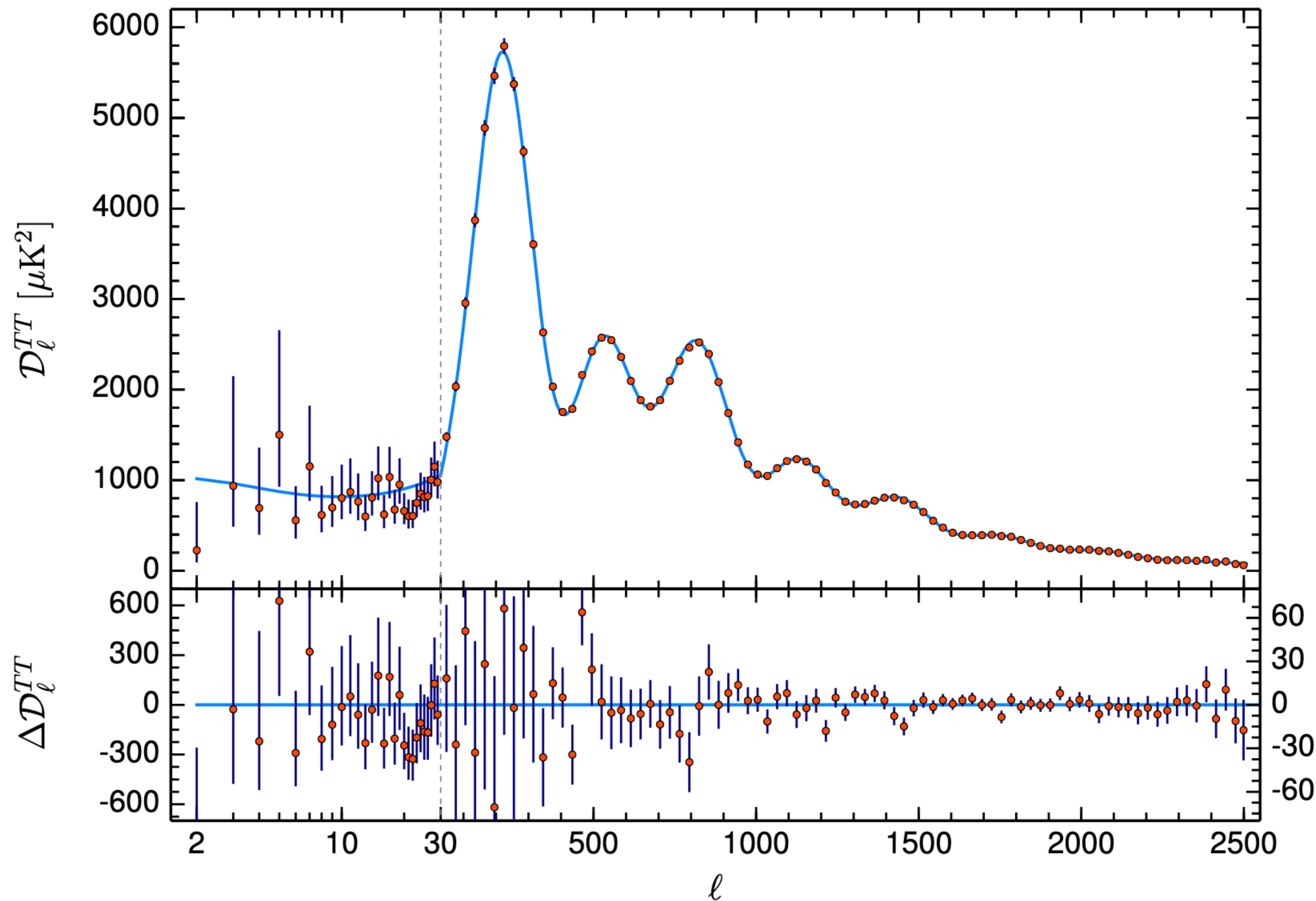
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Also explains:

- 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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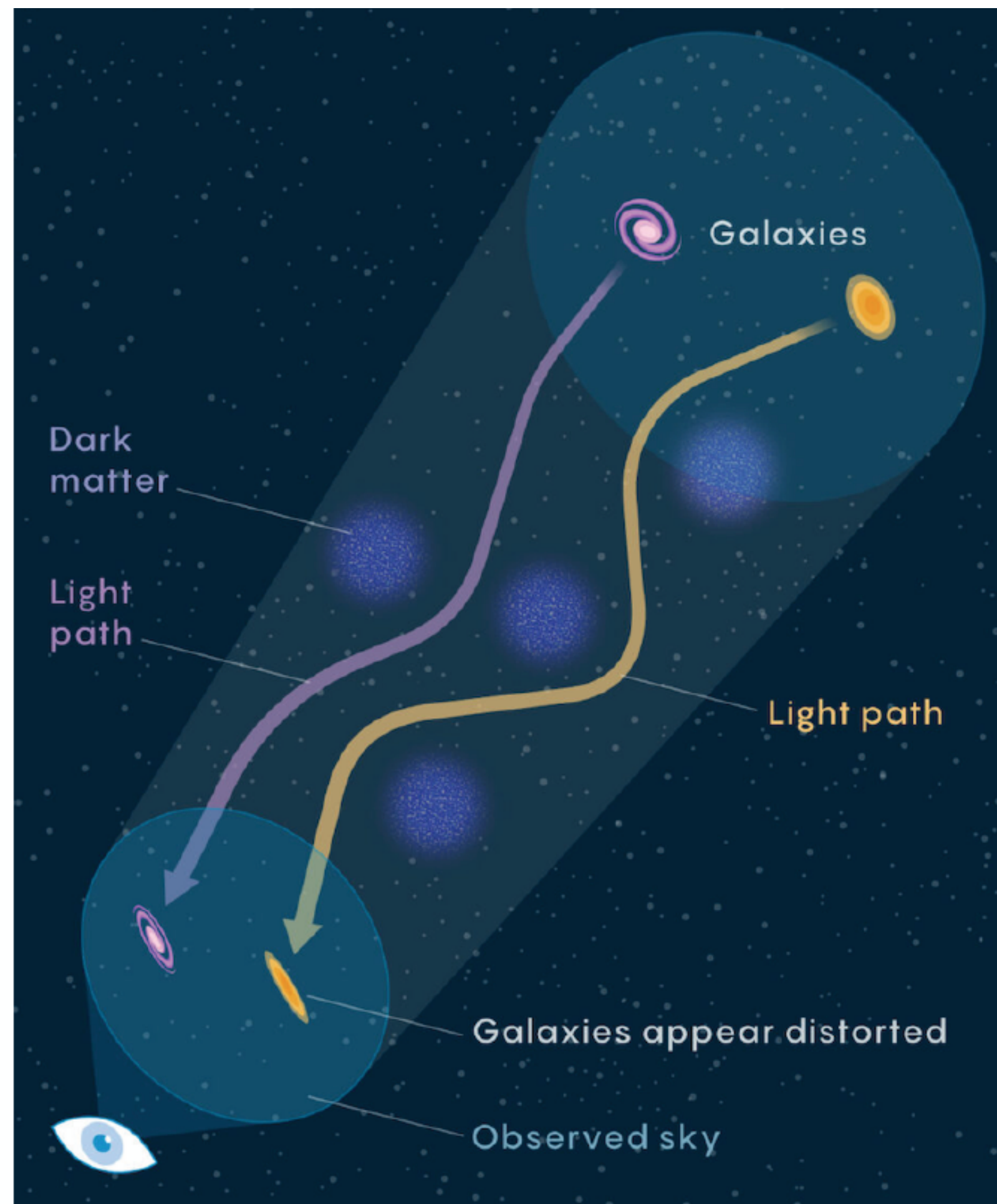
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- Difficult to account for all discrepancies ✗

Physics beyond Λ CDM?

- Reveal properties about the dark sector ✓
- Very challenging ✗

The S_8 tension

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



KiDS+BOSS+2dfLenS*:

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

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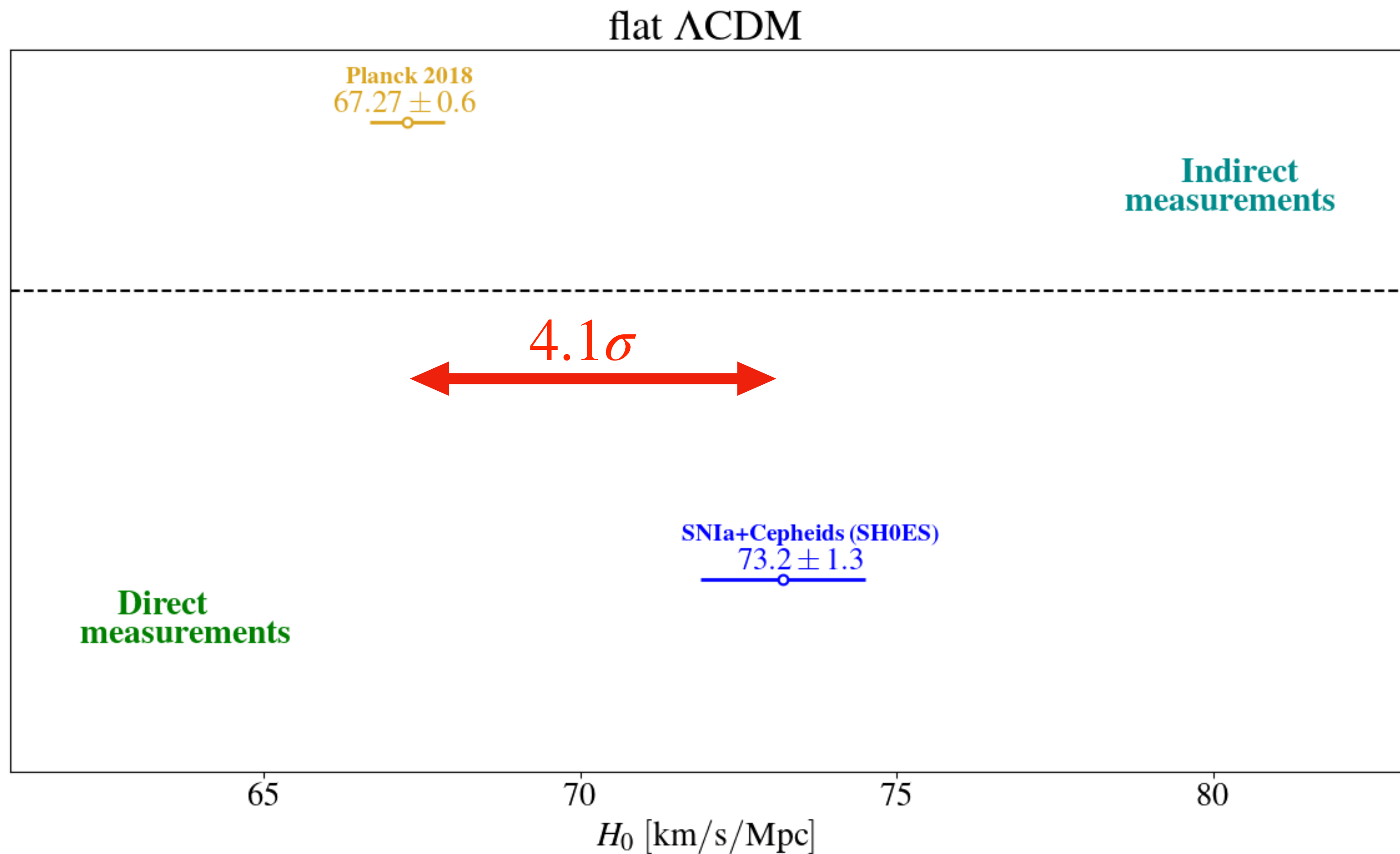
$$S_8 = 0.830 \pm 0.013$$

→ **$\sim 3\sigma$ tension**

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

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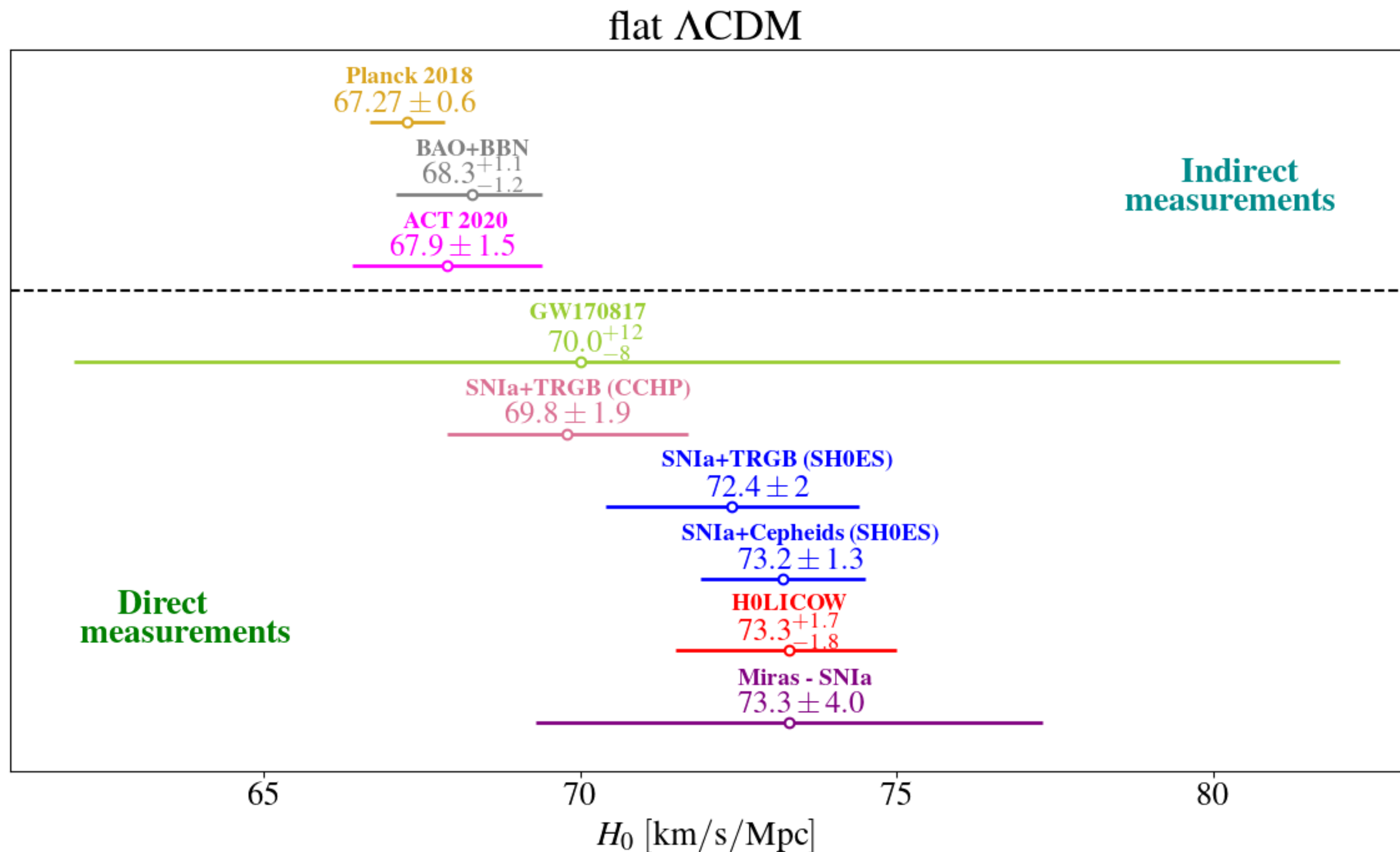
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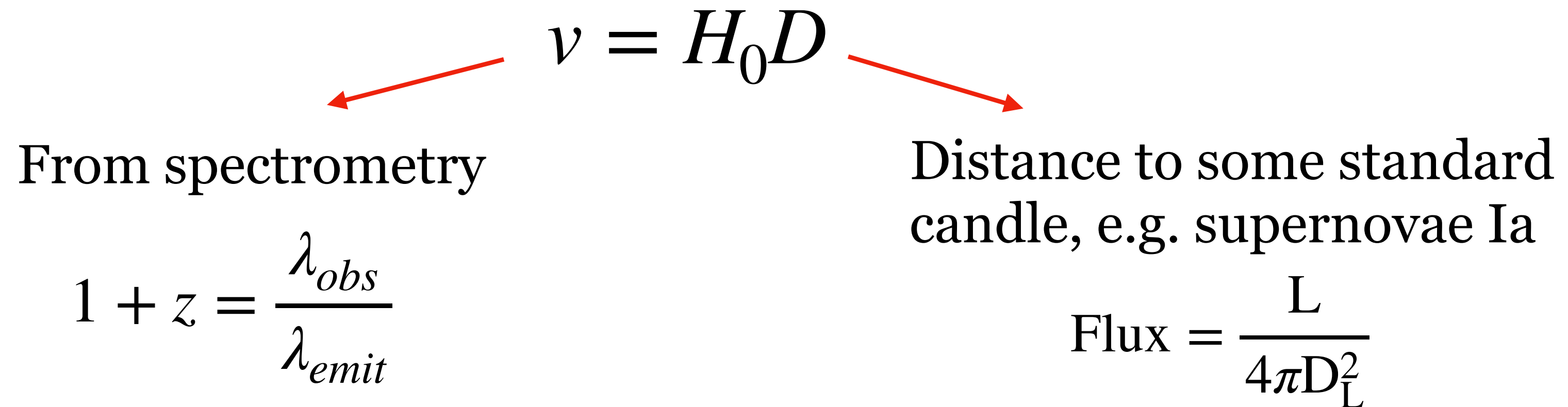
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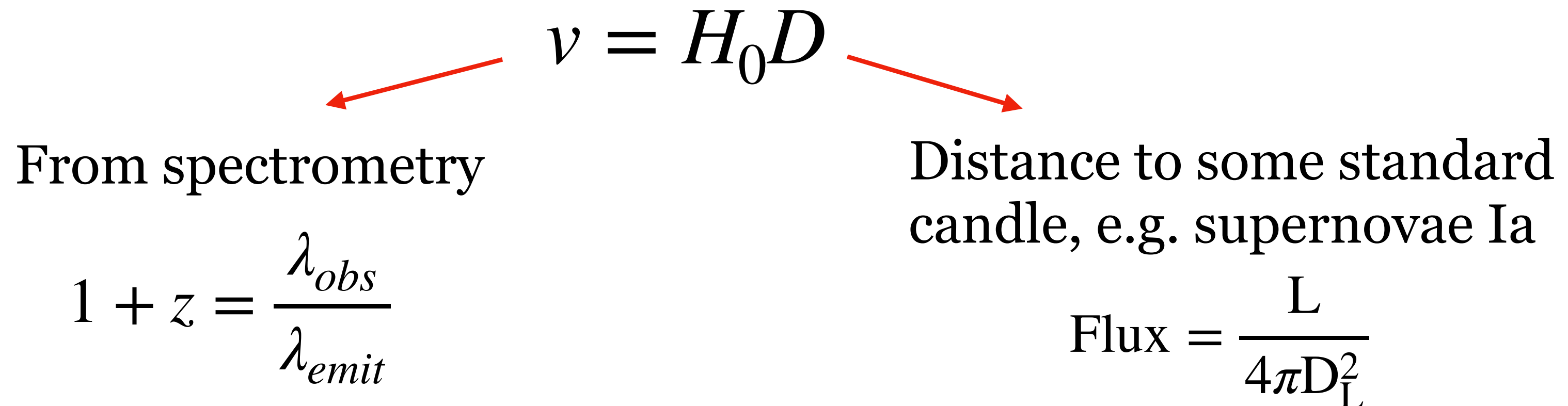
High- and low-redshift probes are typically discrepant



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

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

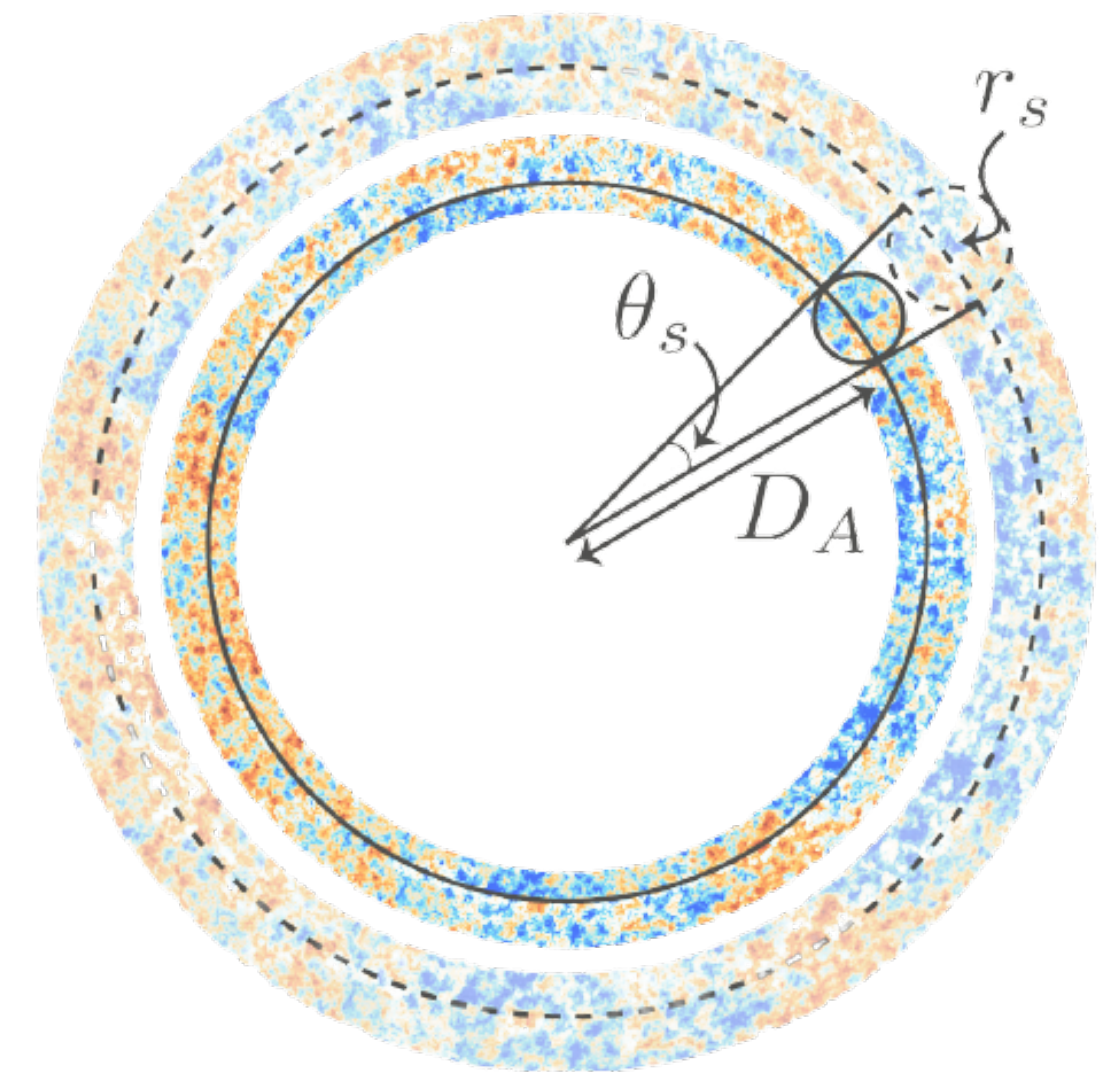
$$\text{where } H^2(z) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i(z)$$

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

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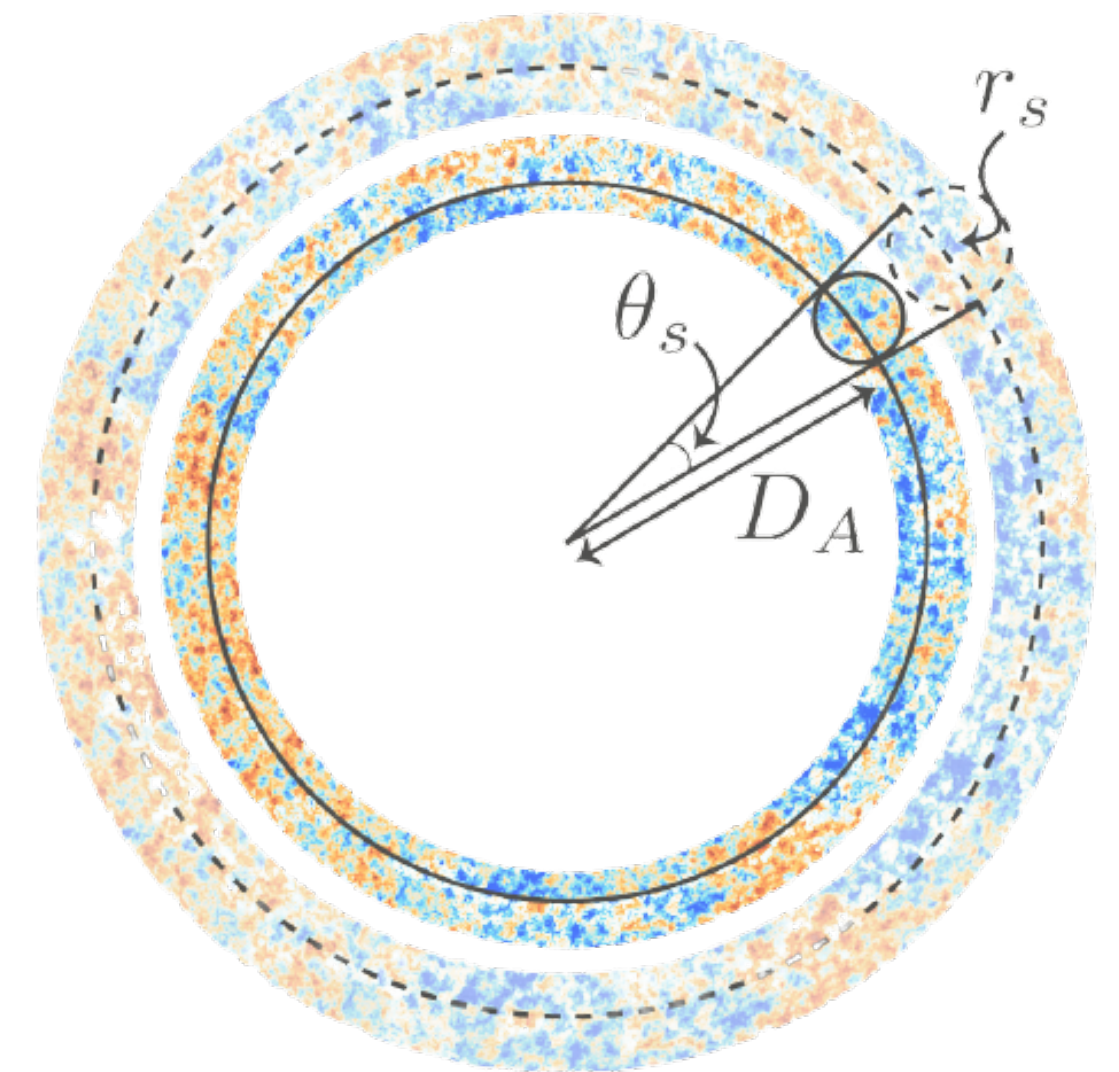
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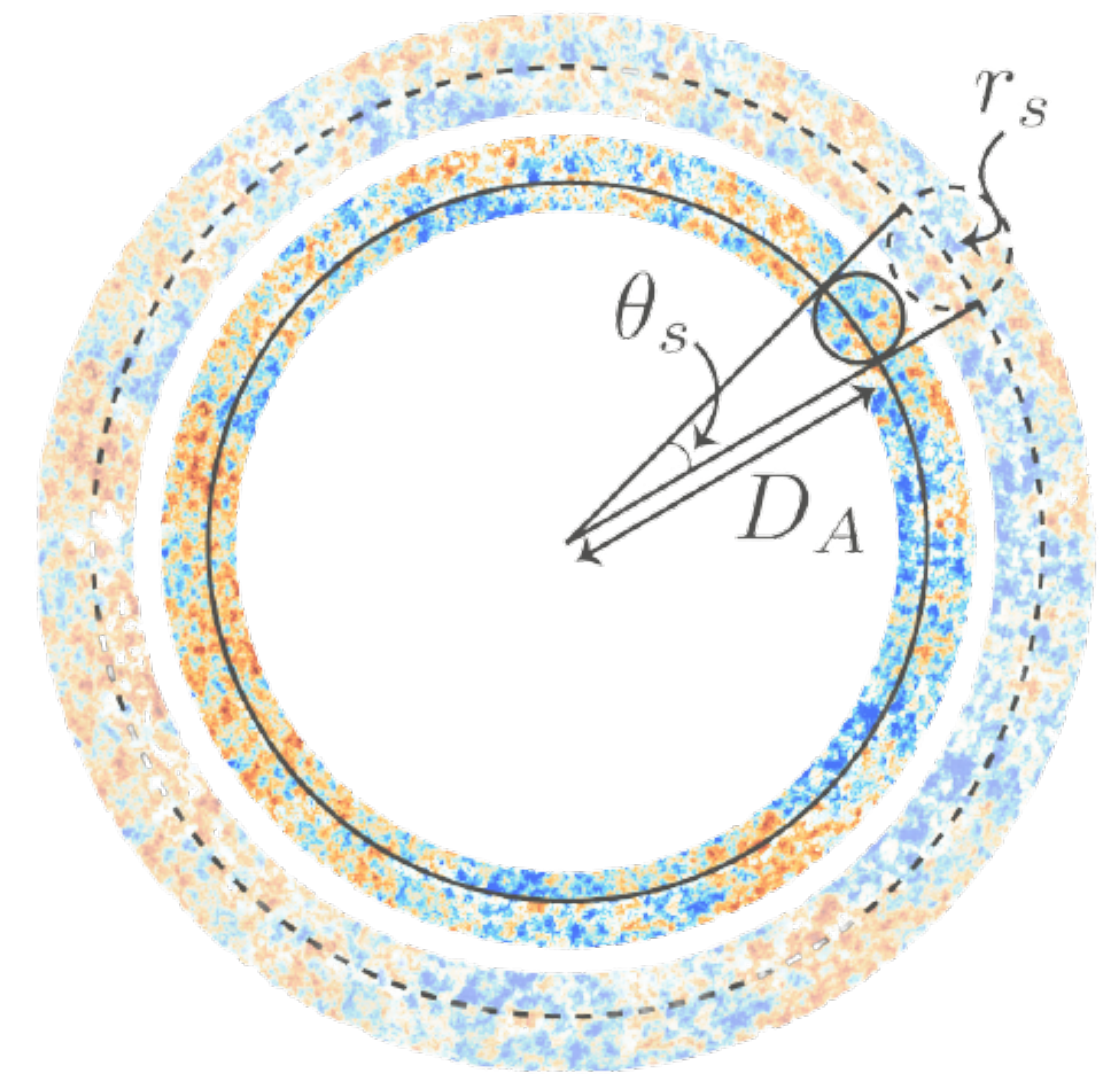
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Early-time solutions

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 : $w < -1$

II. The H_0 Olympics: quantifying the success of a resolution

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Early Dark Energy Can Resolve The Hubble Tension

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

Relieving the Hubble tension with primordial magnetic fields

Karsten Jedamzik¹ and Levon Pogosian^{2,3}

The Neutrino Puzzle: Anomalies, Interactions, and Cosmological Tensions

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

Rock 'n' Roll Solutions to the Hubble Tension

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

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

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

Can interacting dark energy solve the H_0 tension?

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

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

Kyriakos Vattis, Savvas M. Koushiappas, and Abraham Loeb

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

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Early recombination as a solution to the H_0 tension

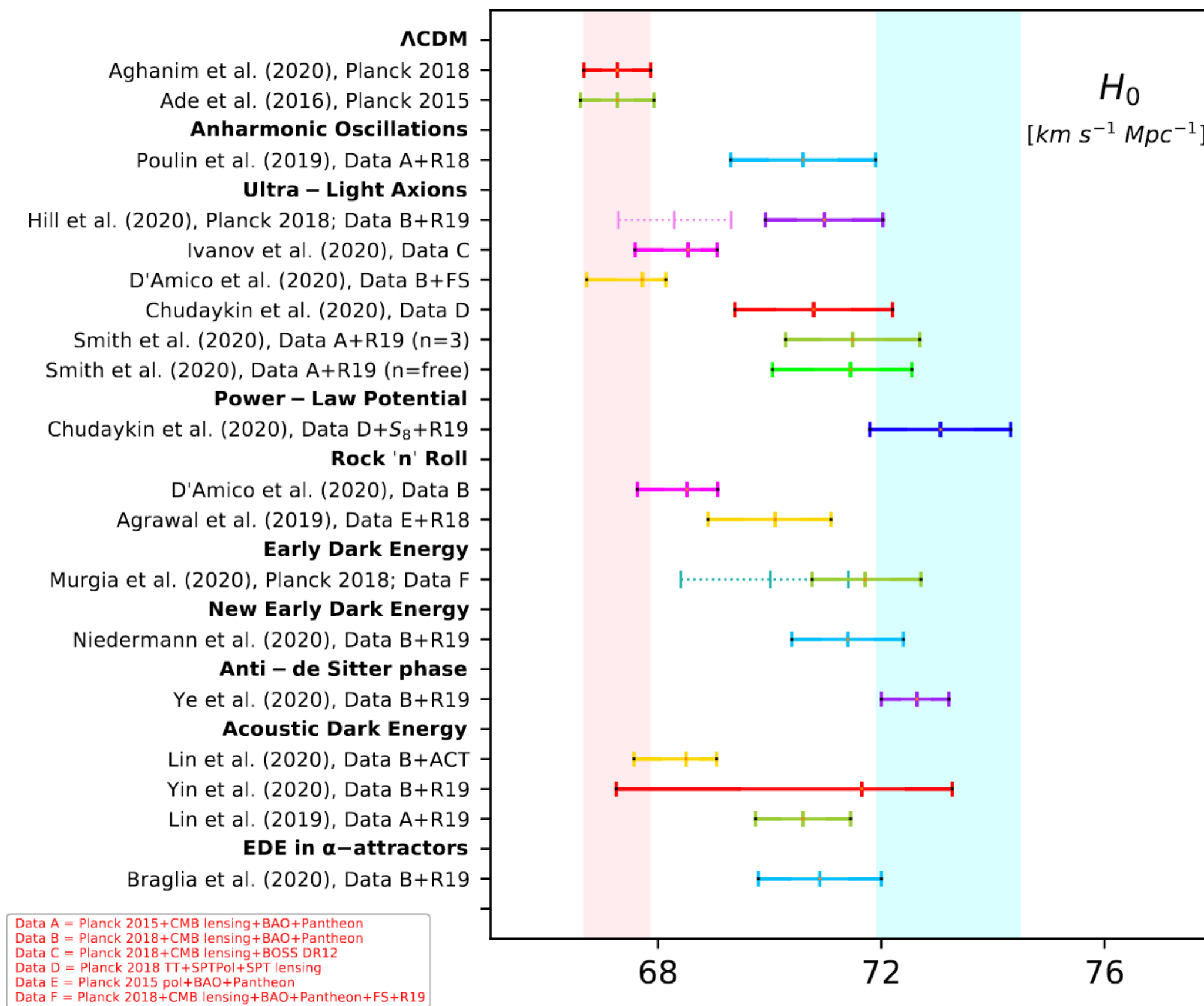
Toyokazu Sekiguchi^{1,*} and Tomo Takahashi^{2,†}

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

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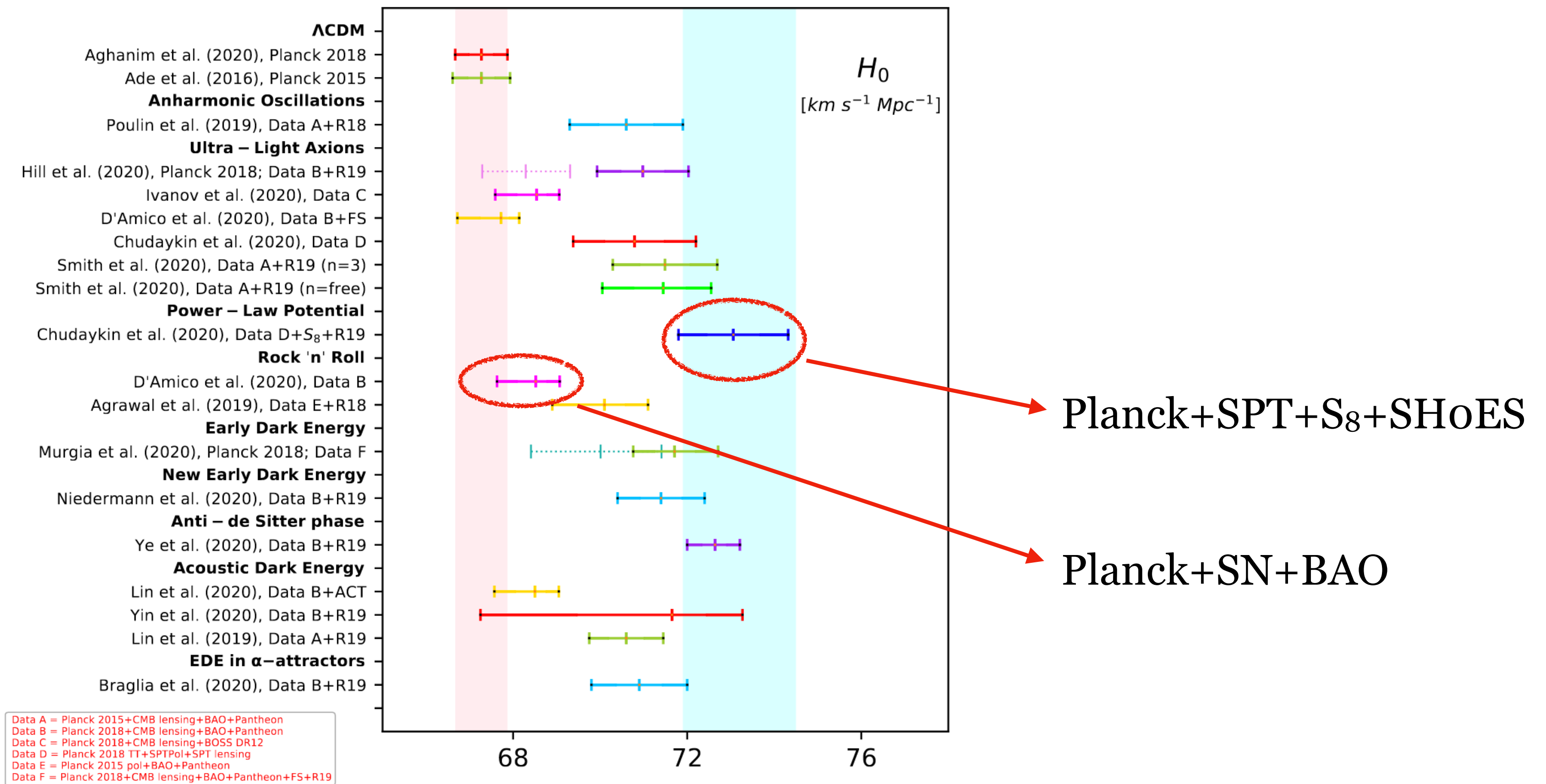
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Early universe

w Dark radiation

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

wo Dark radiation

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

Late universe

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

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Caveats:

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

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

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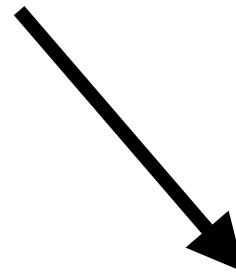
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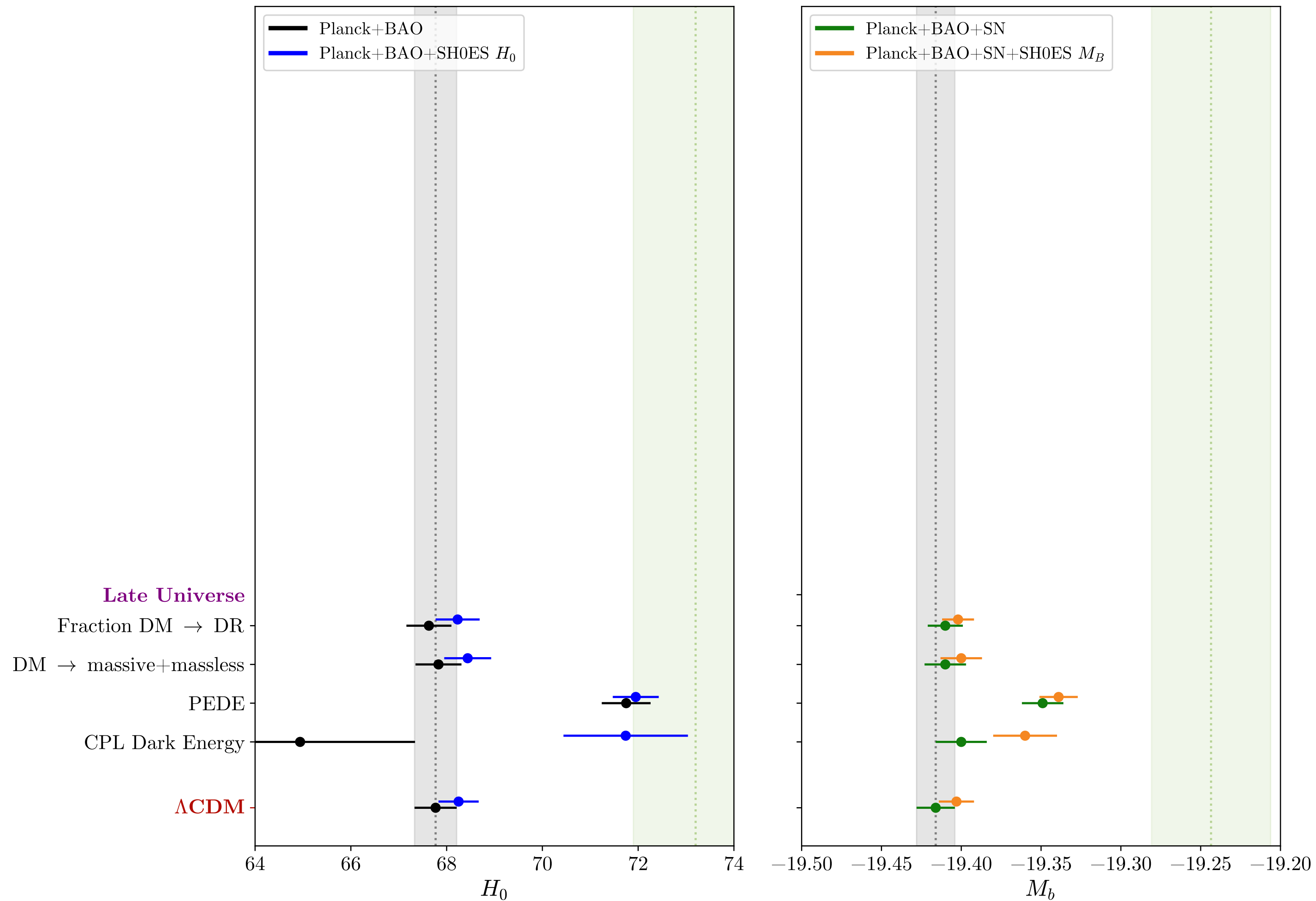
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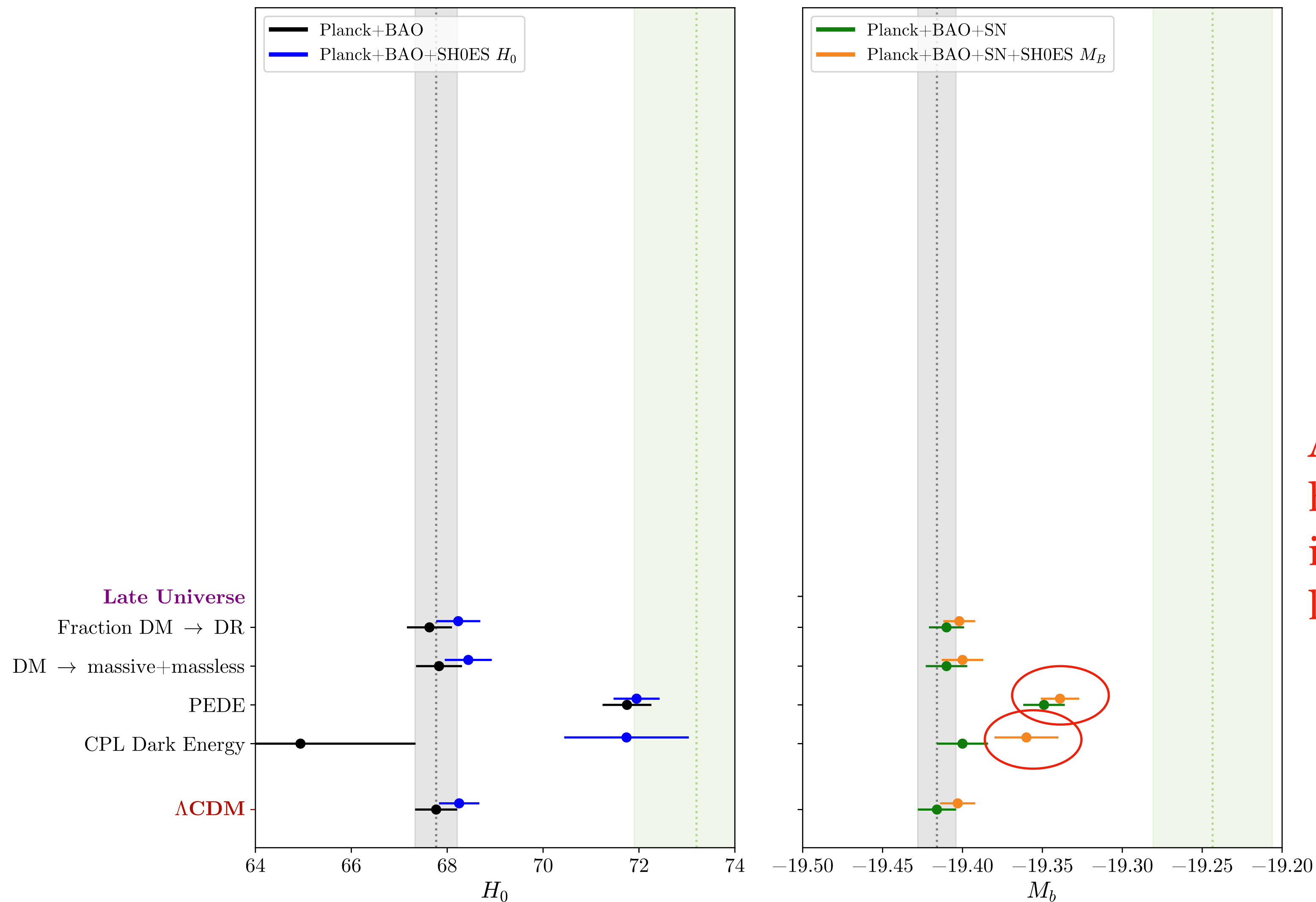
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Finalists receive bronze, silver or golden medals if they satisfy one, two or three criteria, respectively

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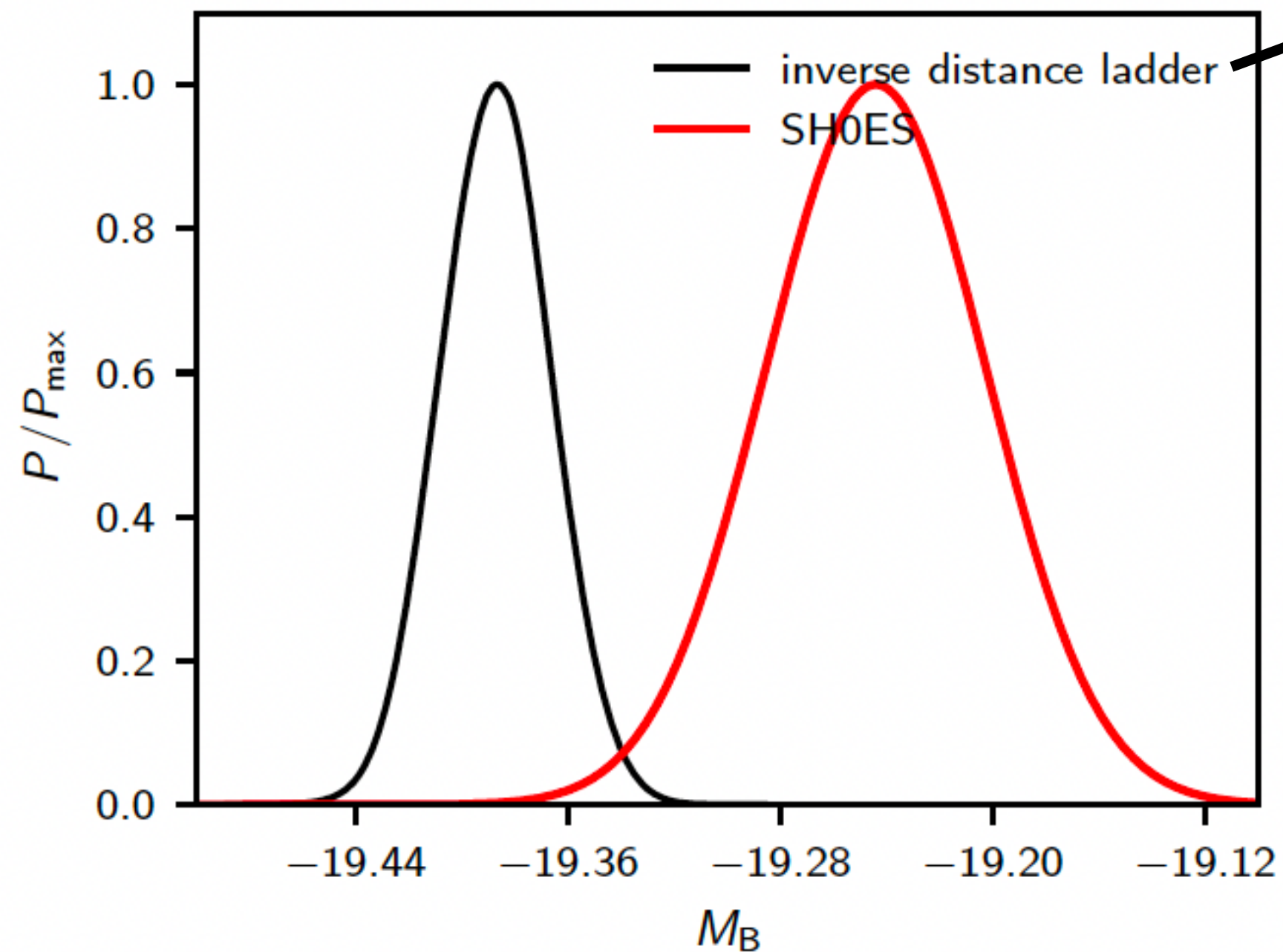
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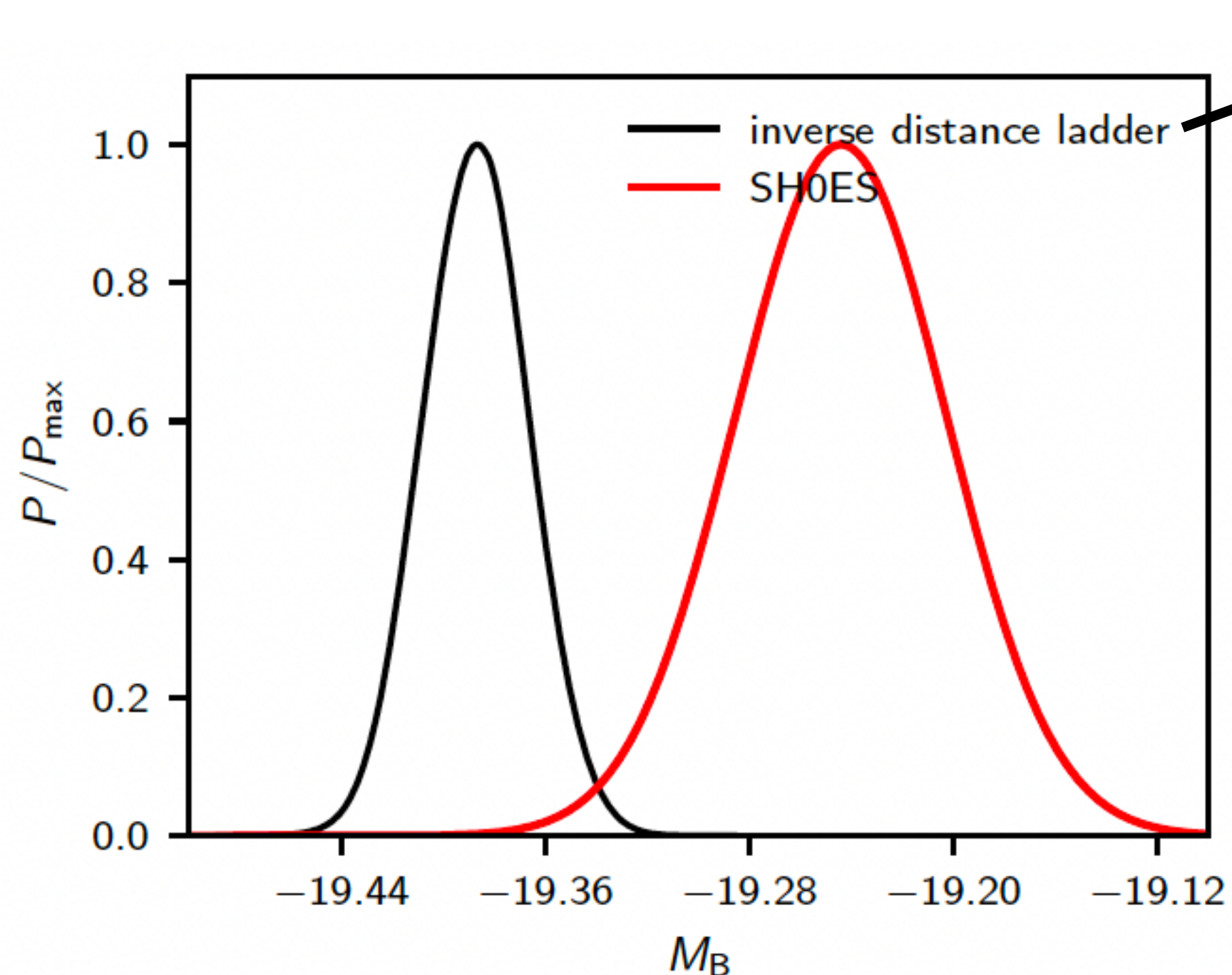
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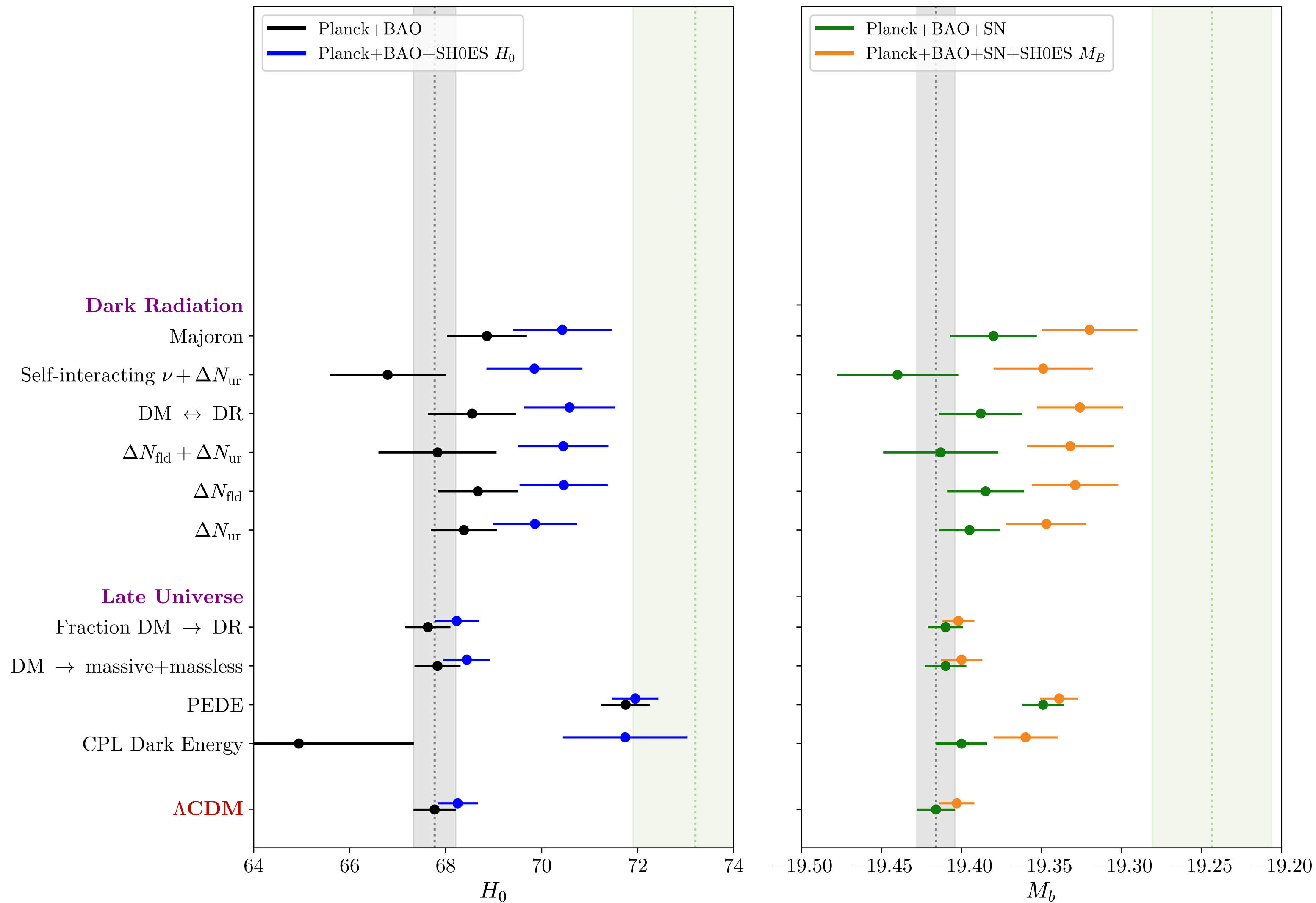
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For $r_s^{\Lambda\text{CDM}} = 147$ Mpc, **inverse distance ladder** disagrees with SH0ES

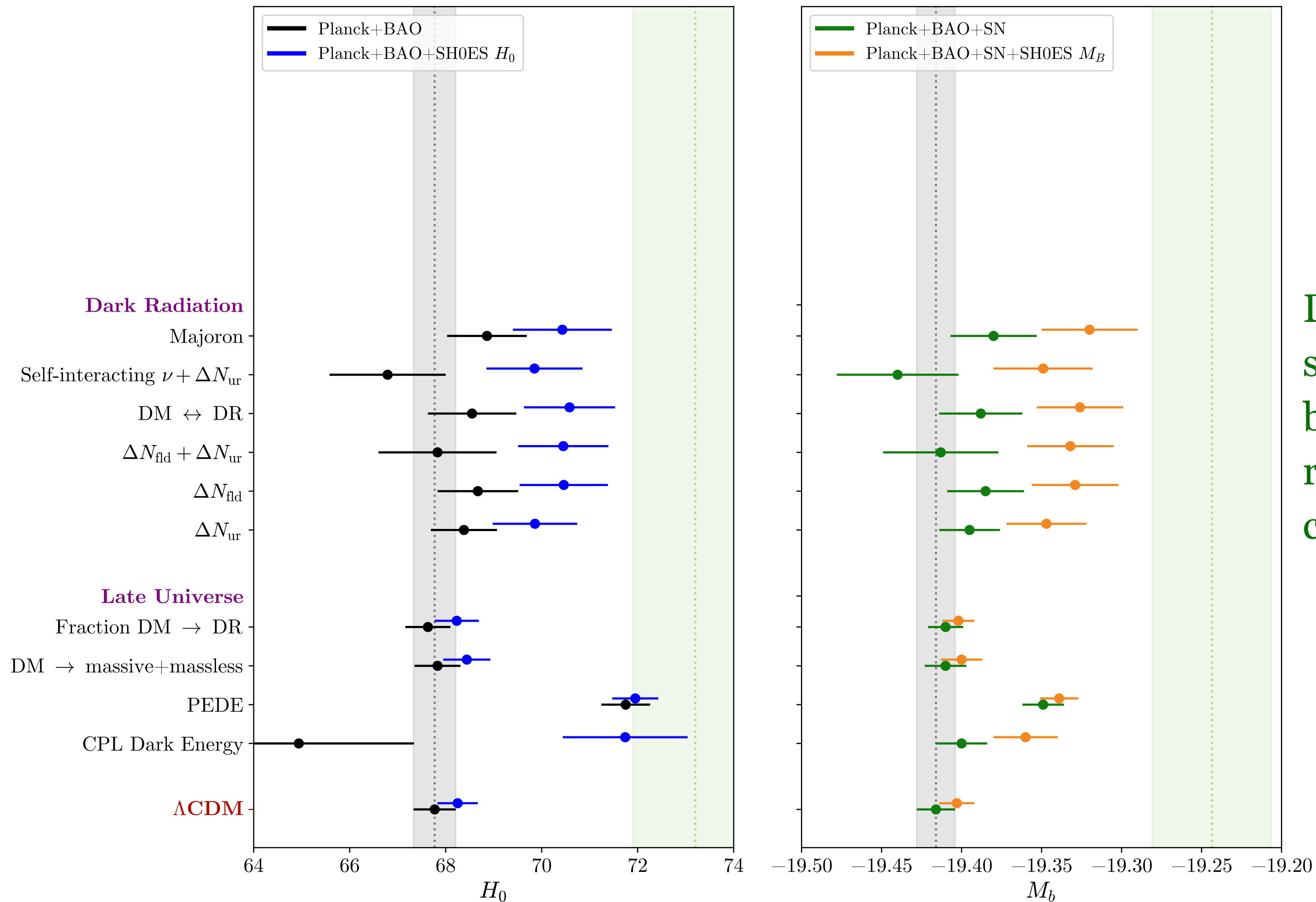
To make the two determinations agree, one is forced to **reduce r_s**

Ex: *Early Dark Energy or exotic neutrino interactions*

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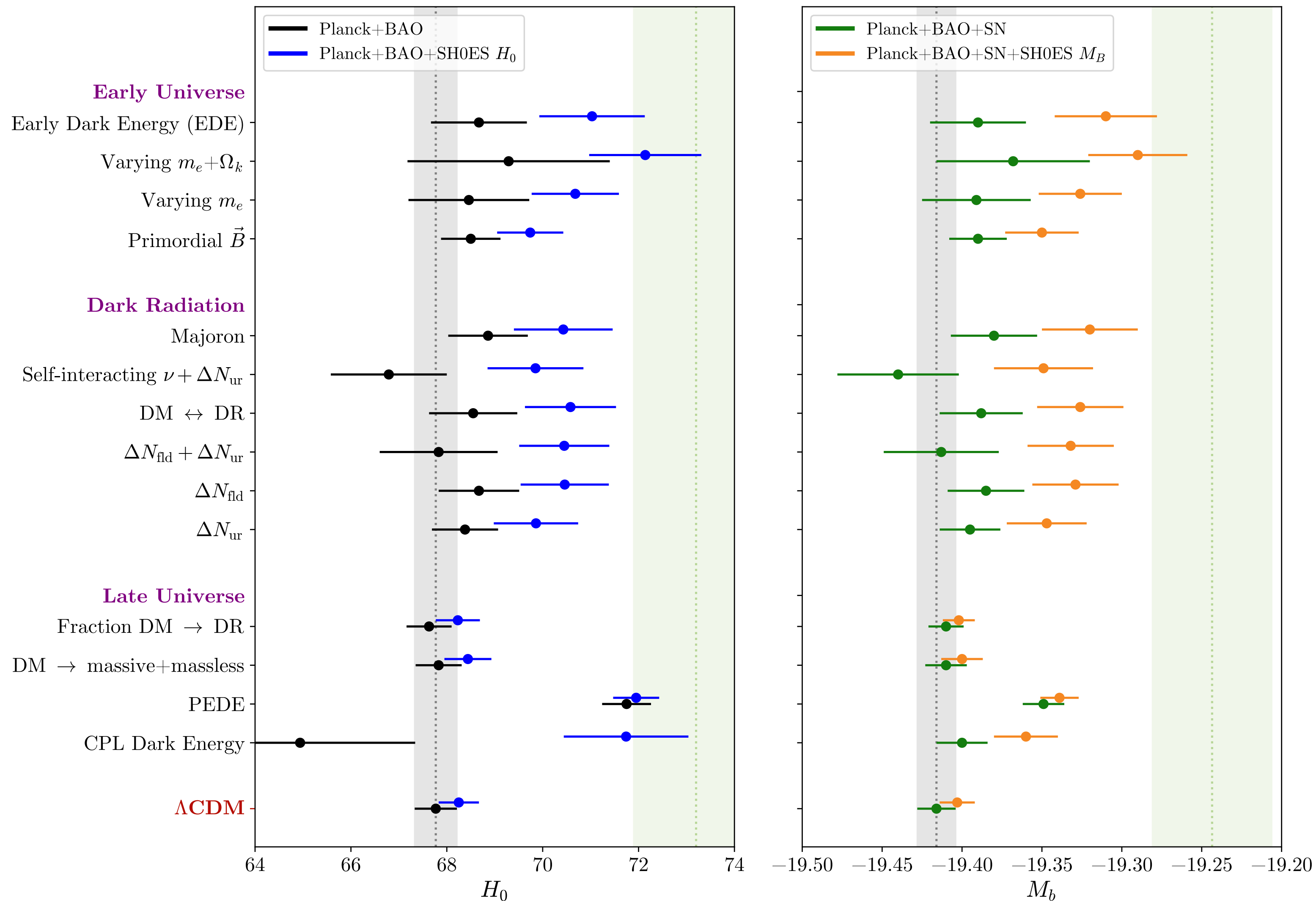


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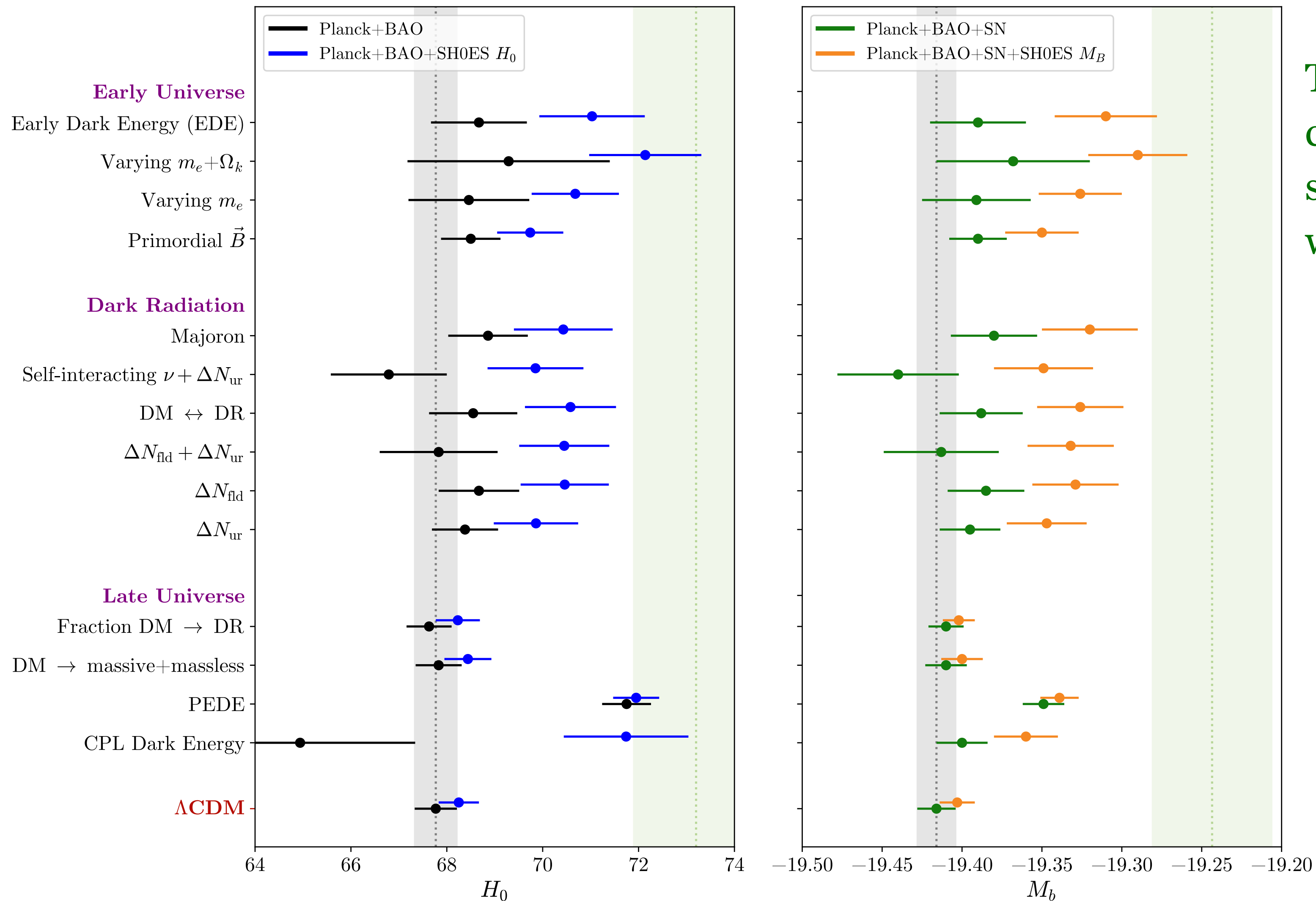


Dark radiation solutions work better, but remain very constrained

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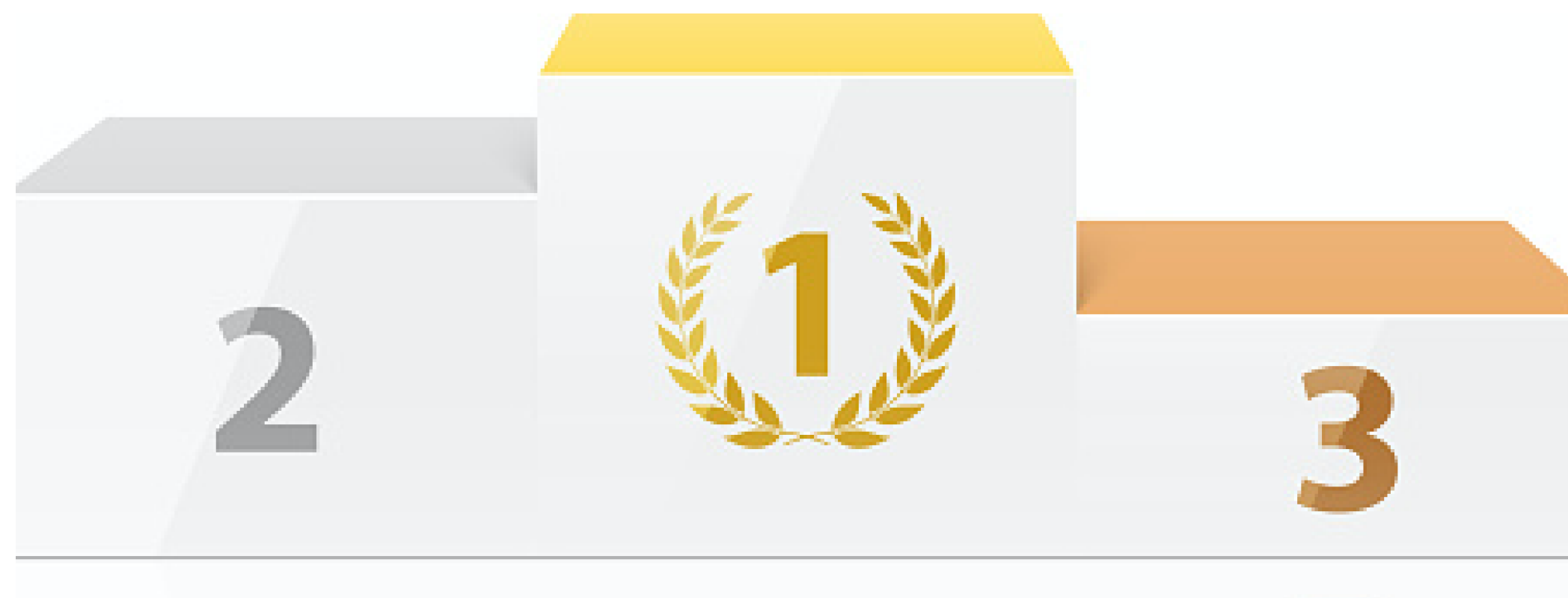


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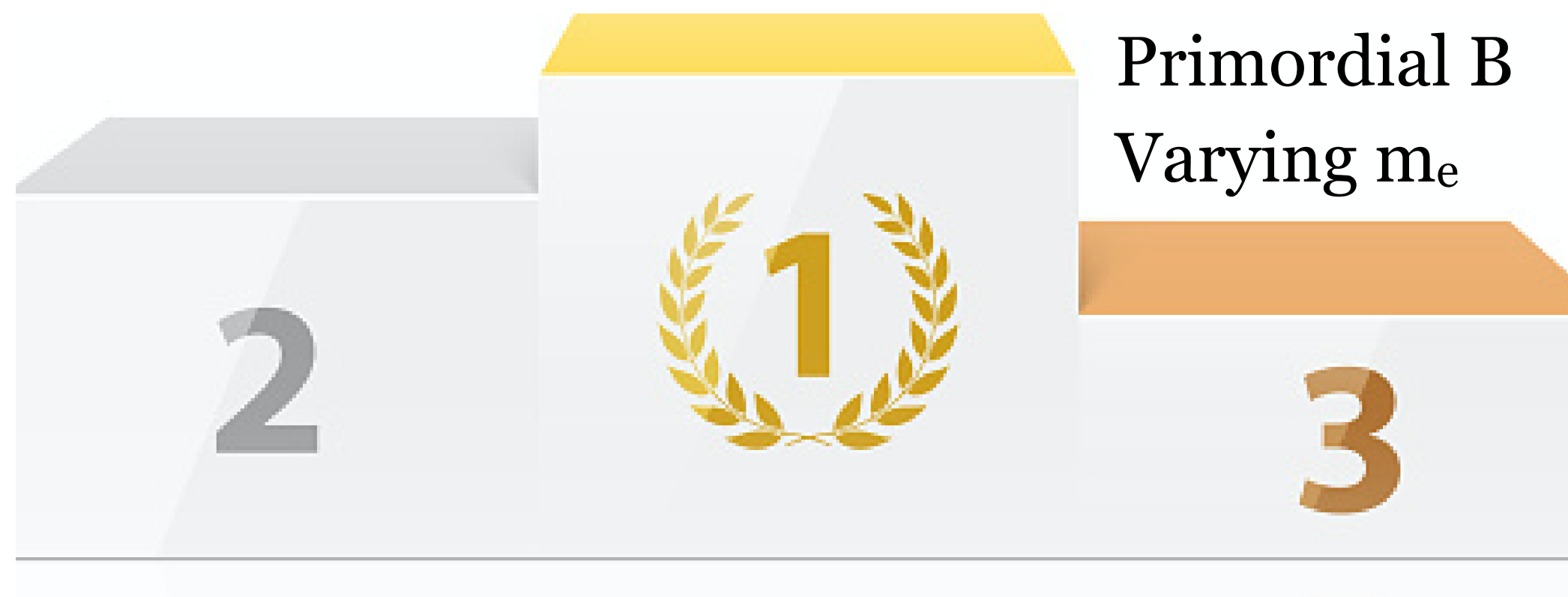


This is the category of solutions that work the best

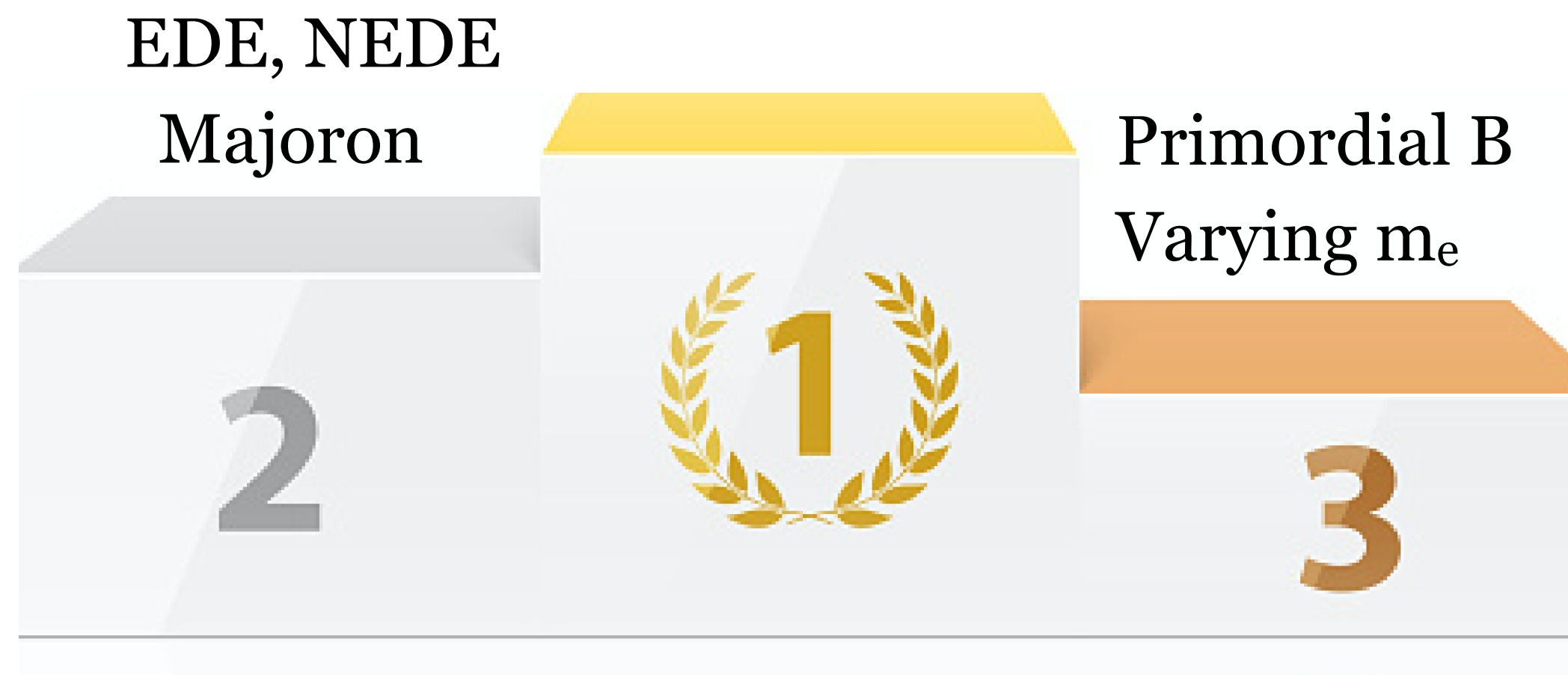
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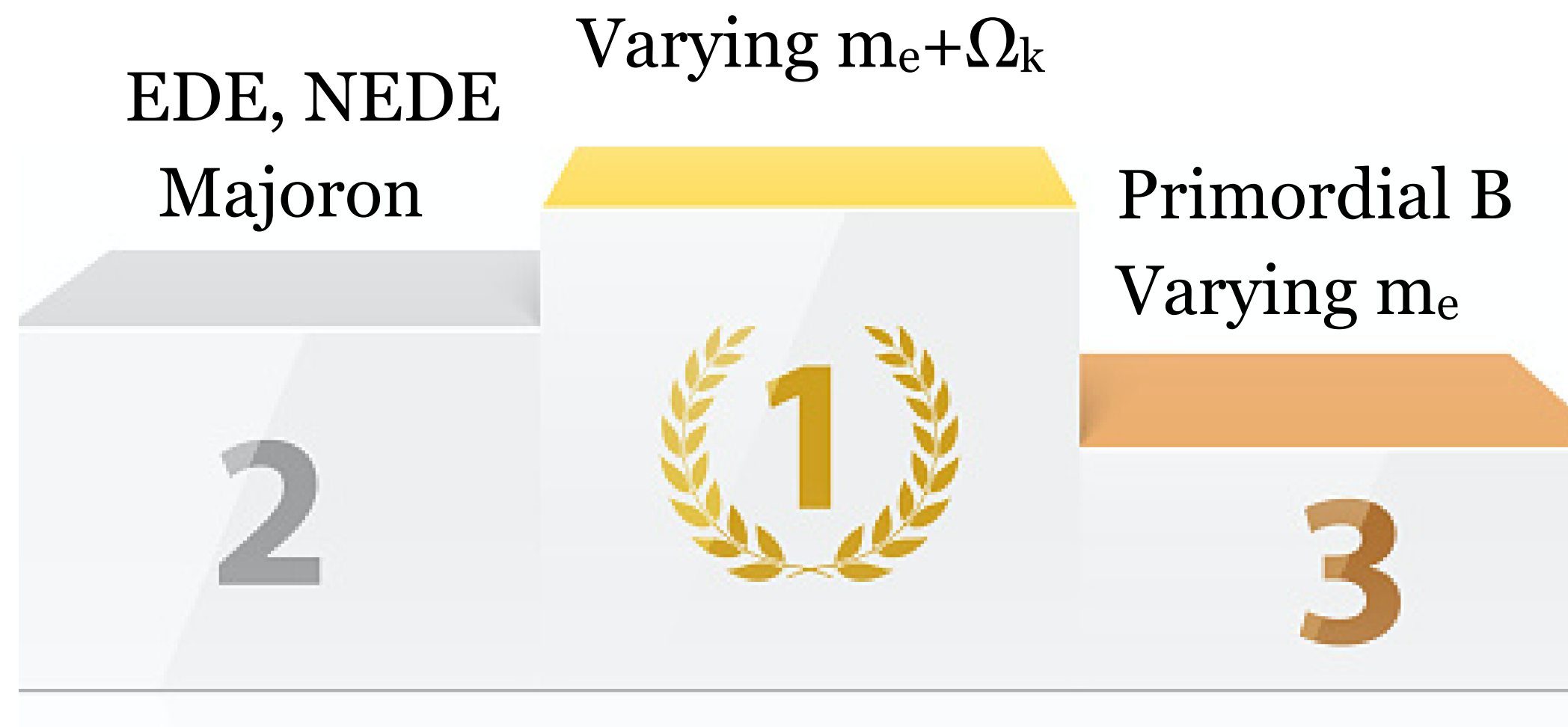
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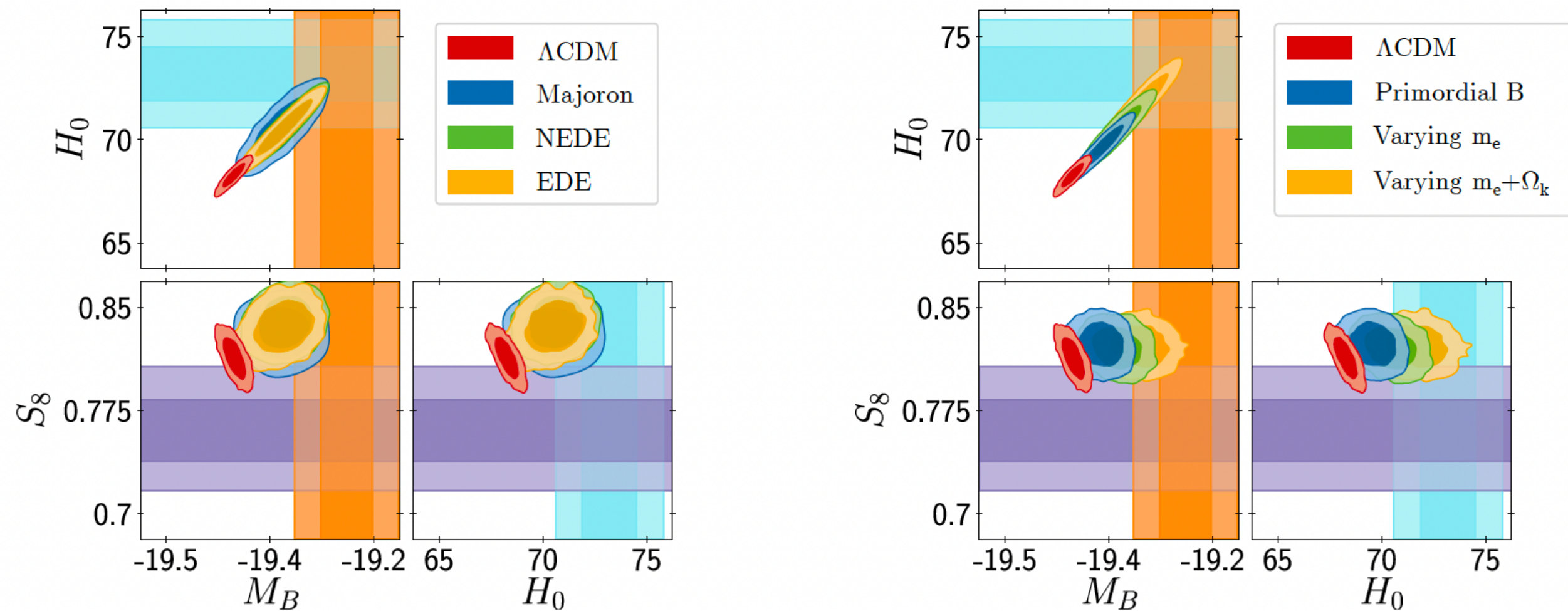


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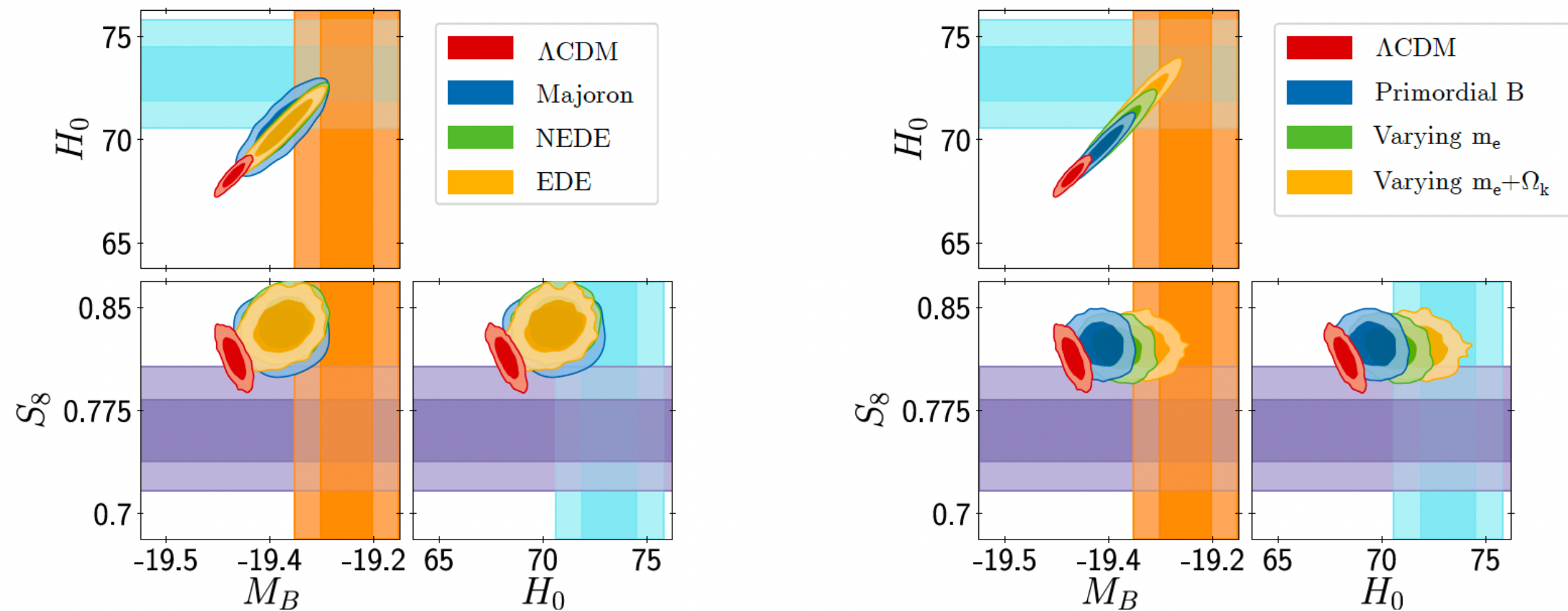


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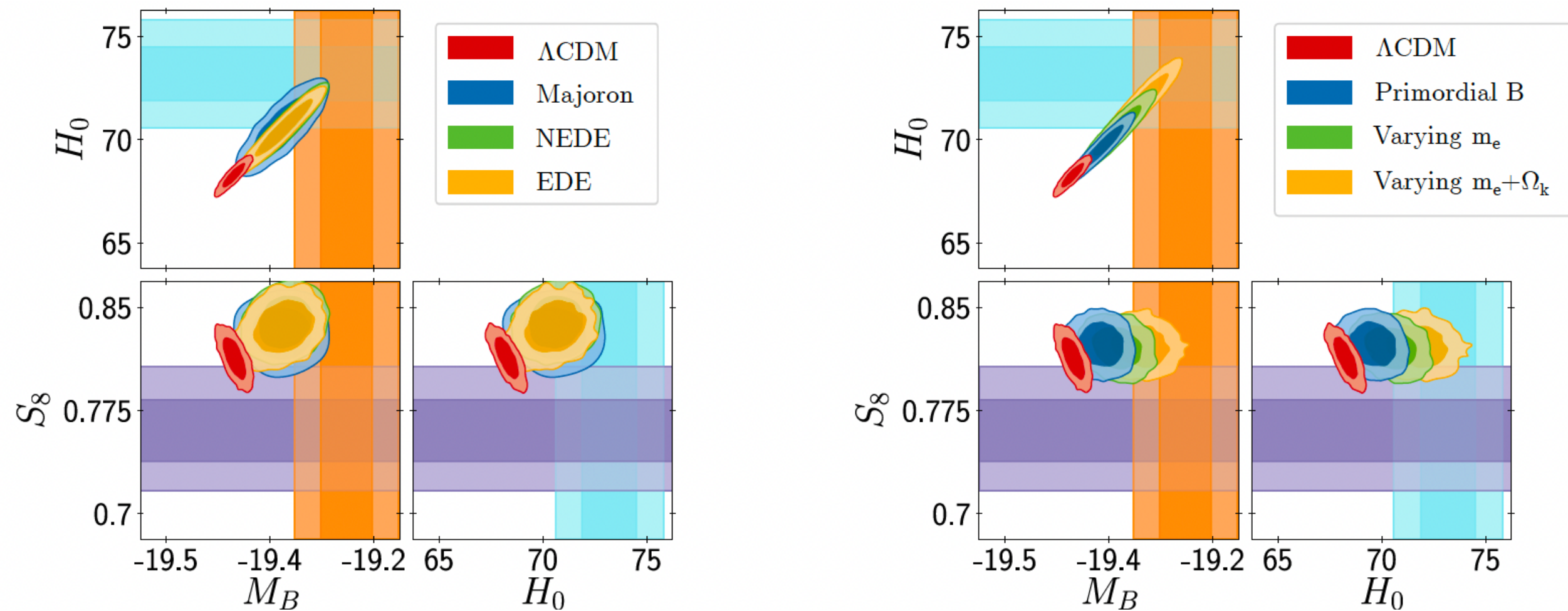
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Is there any model that could explain the S_8 anomaly?

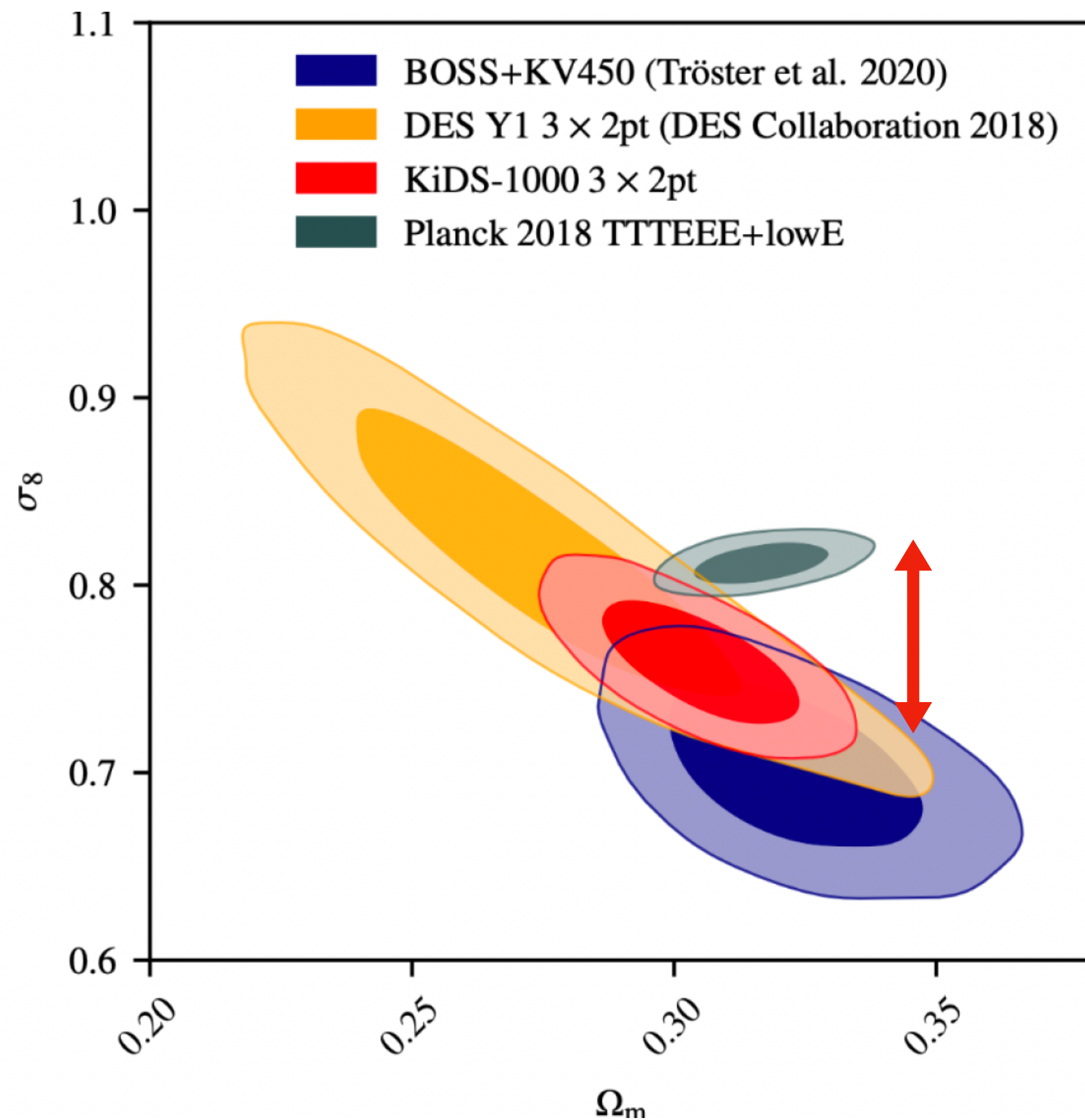
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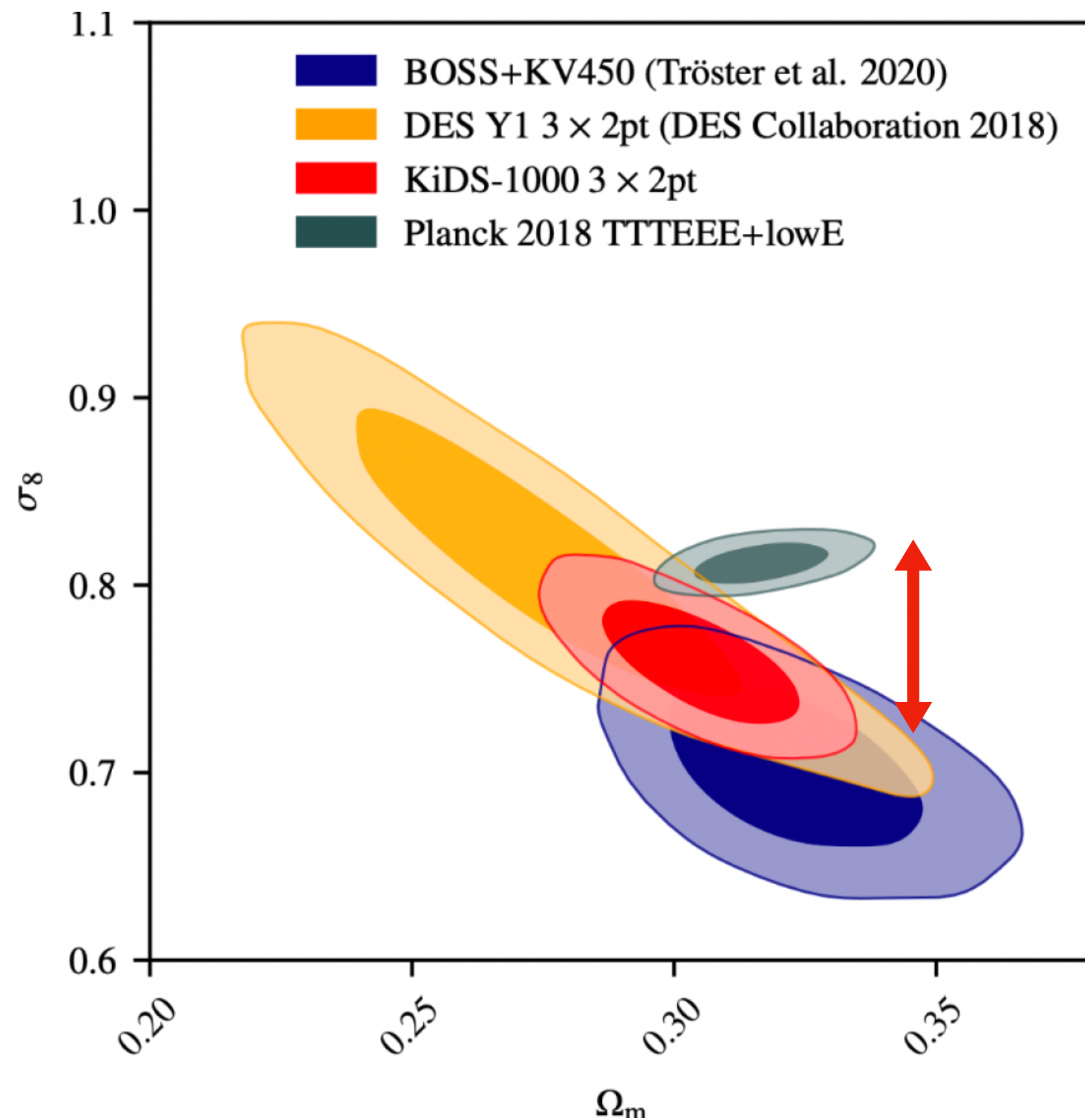
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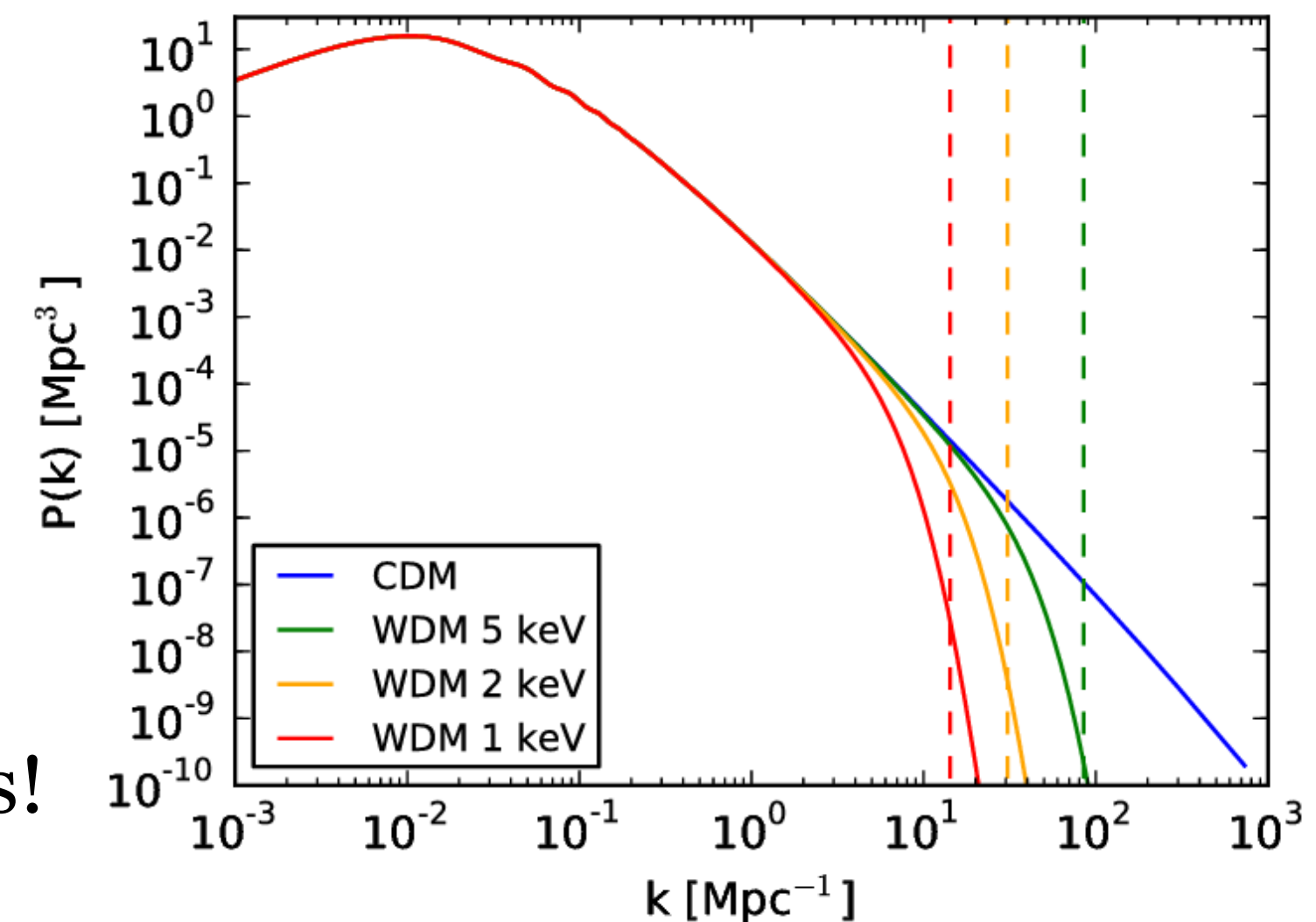
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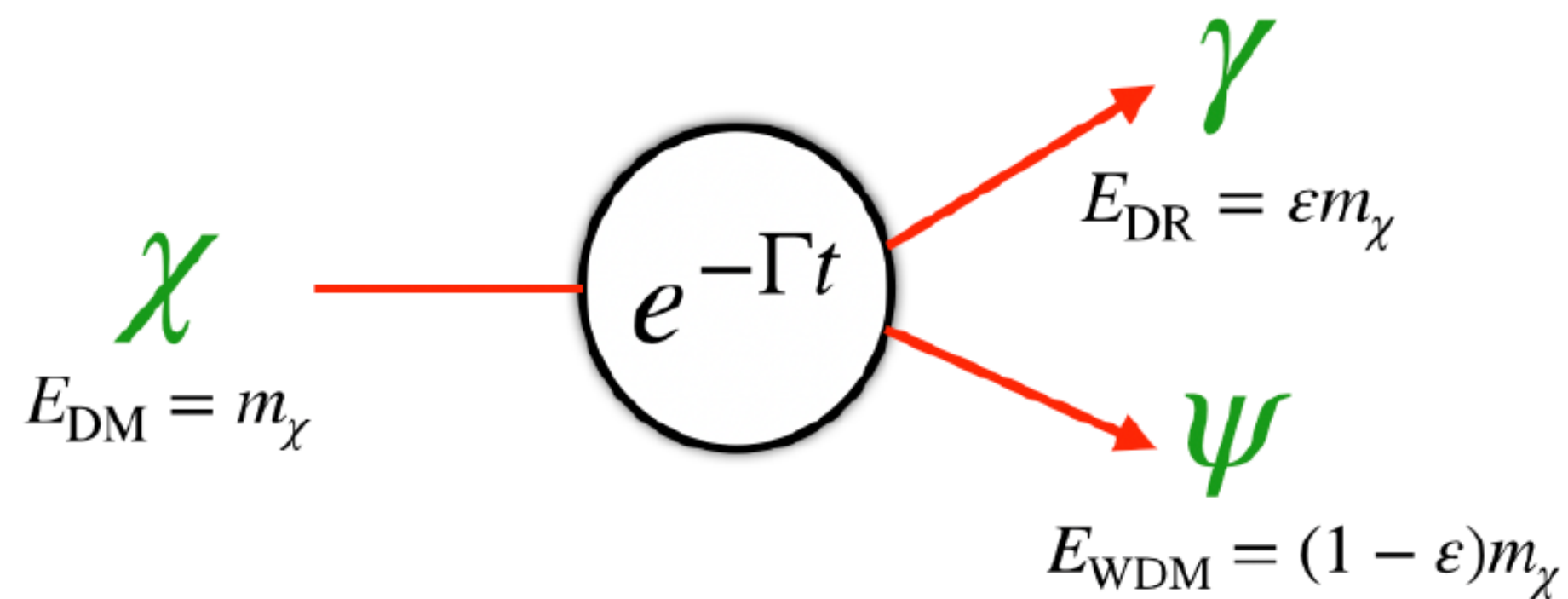
Need to **suppress power** at scales $k \sim 0.1 - 1 h/\text{Mpc}$

Ex: Warm Dark Matter
Very constrained by many probes!



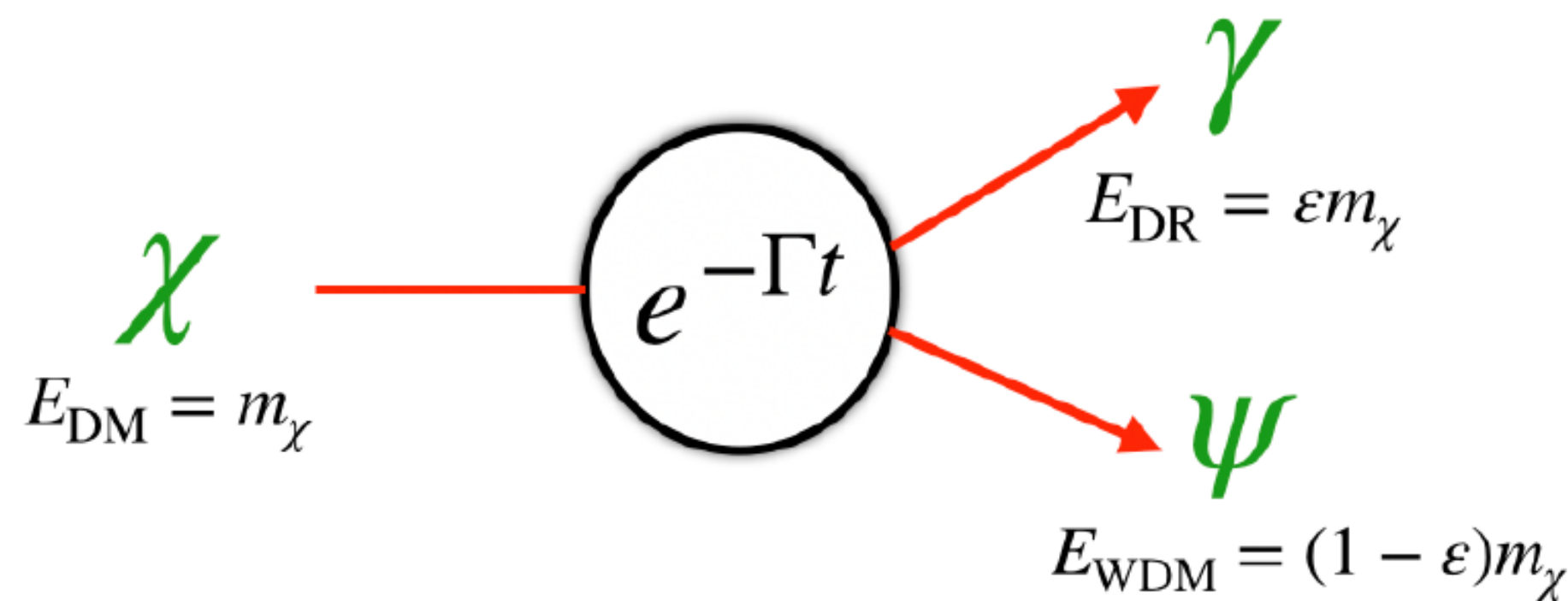
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The model is fully specified by:

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

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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

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Evolution of perturbations: fluid equations

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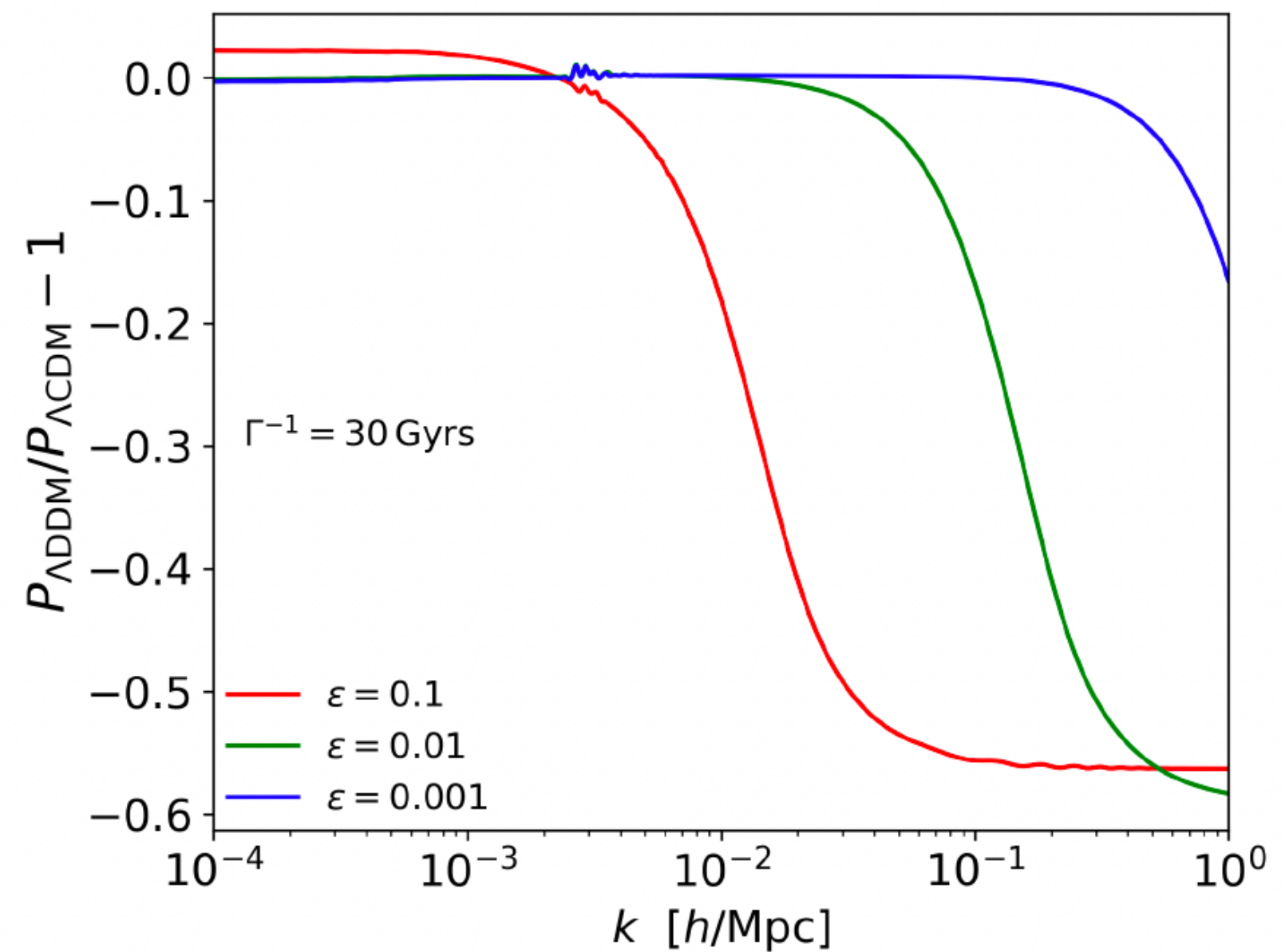
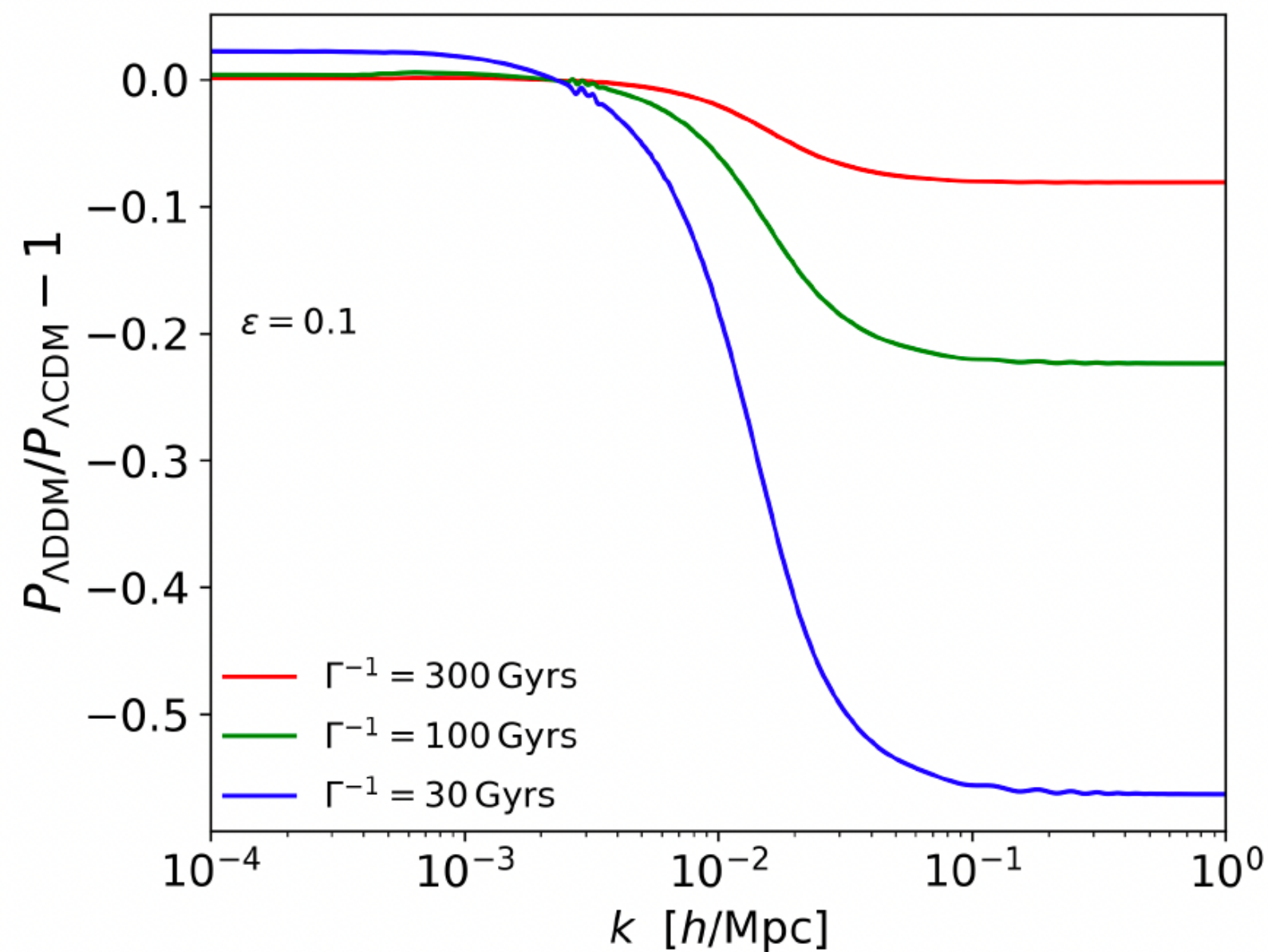
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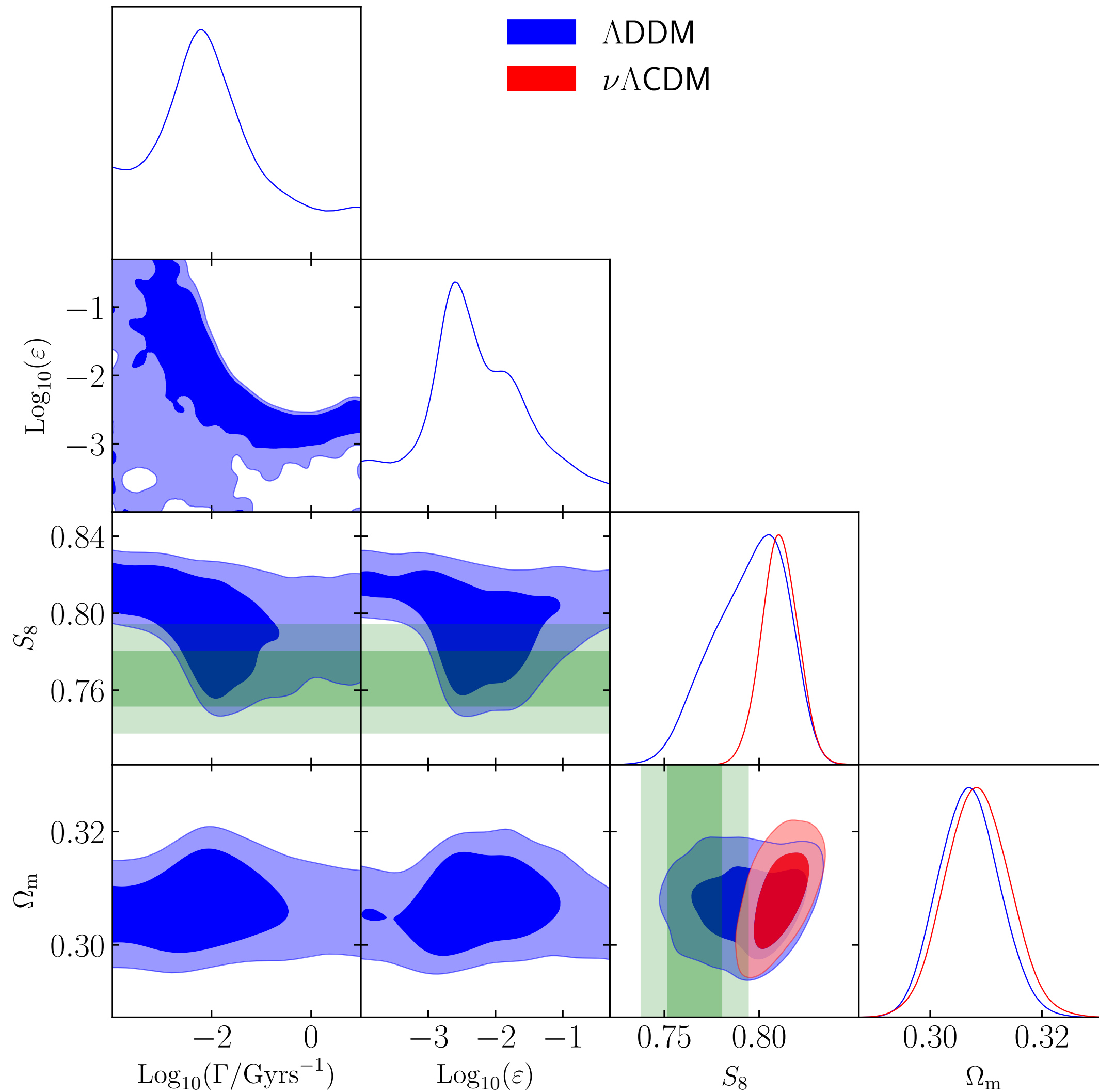
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Impact of decaying DM on the matter spectrum

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

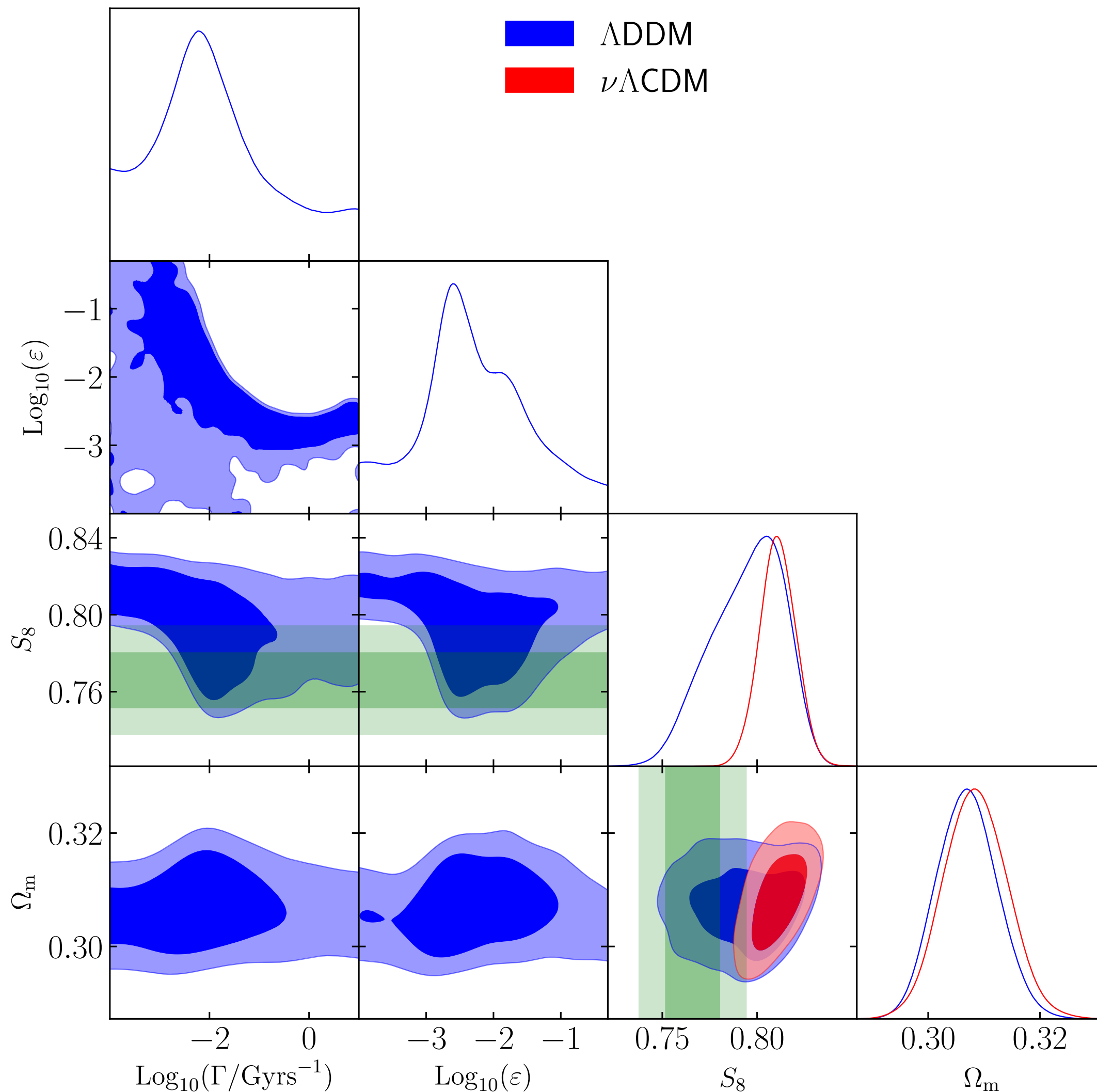


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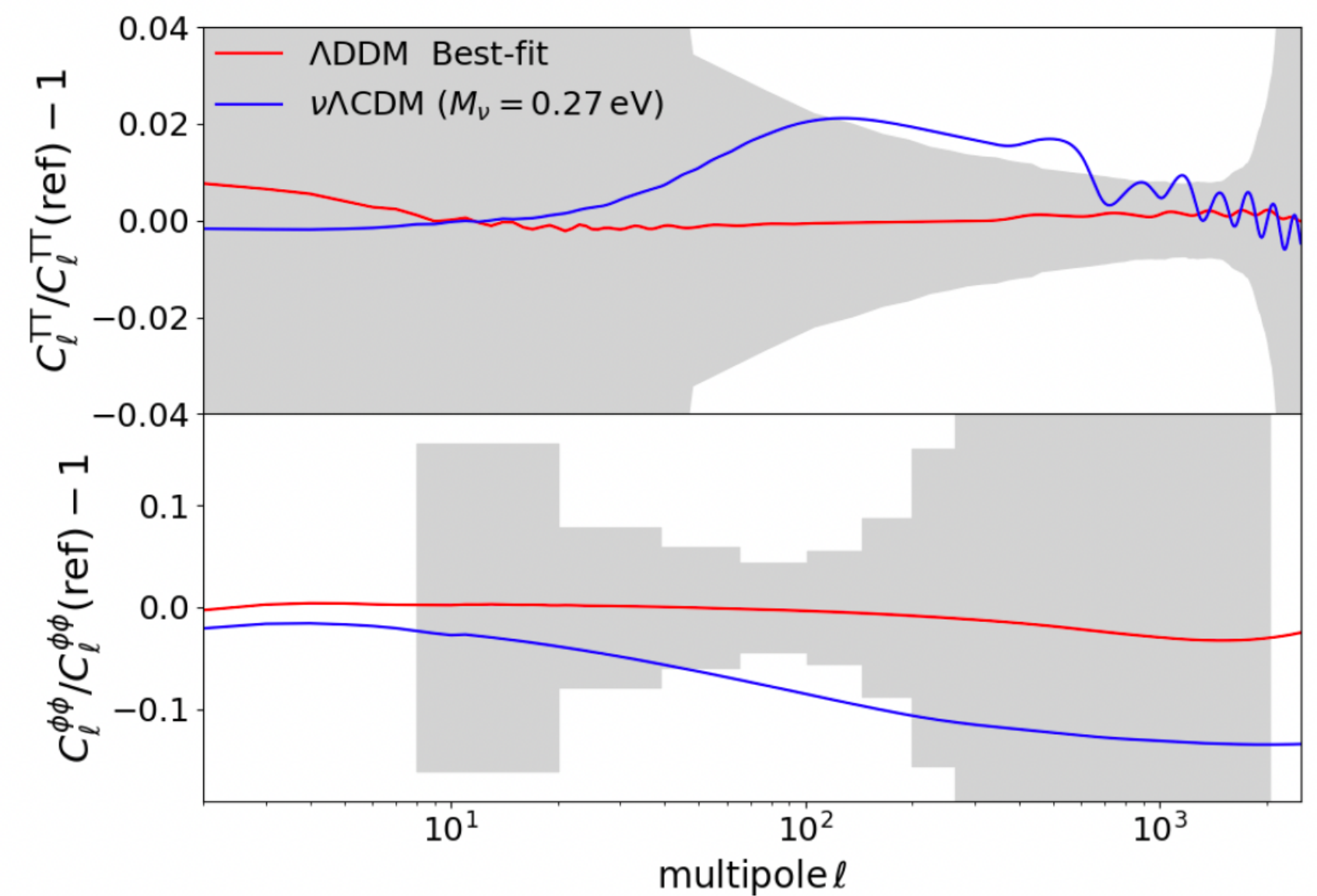
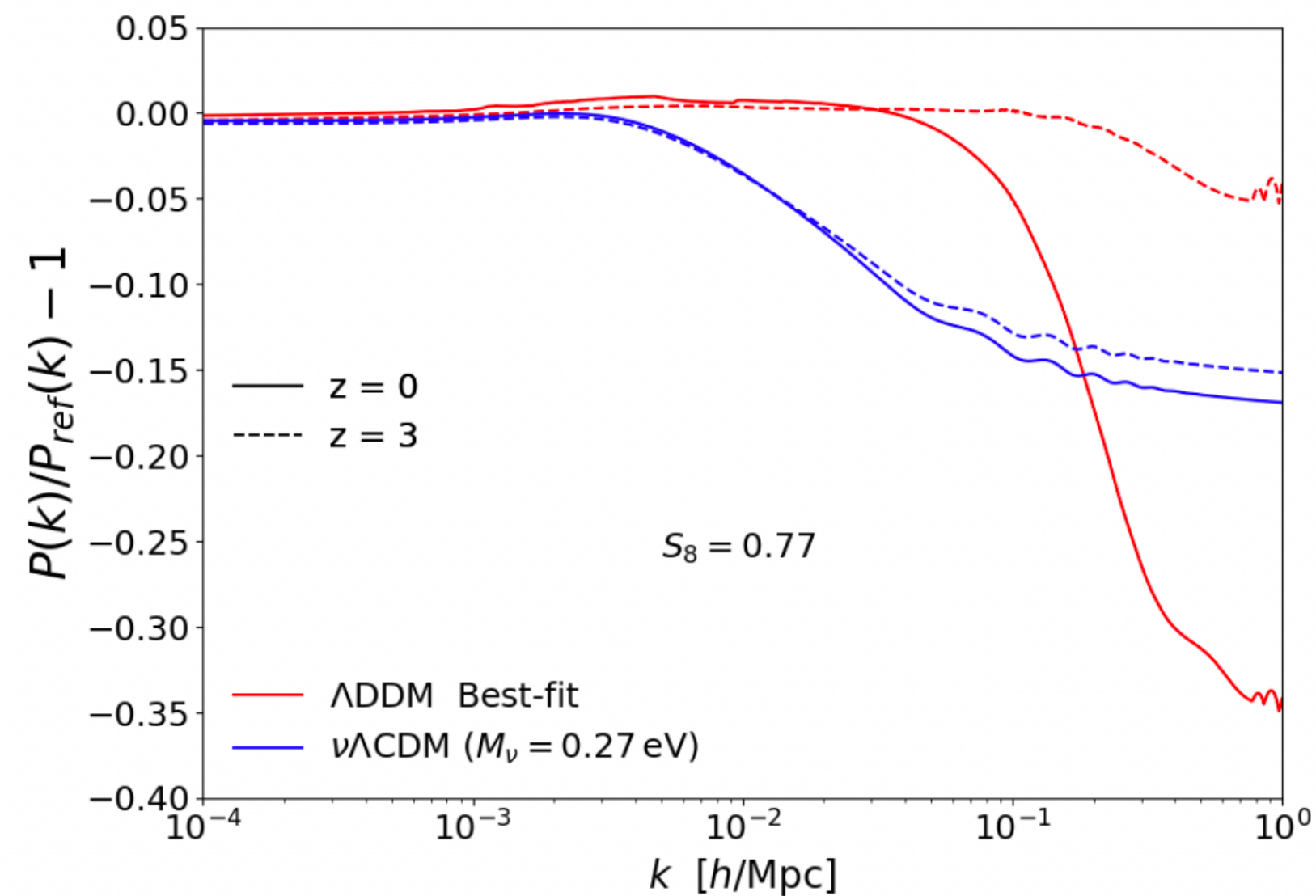
	$\nu\Lambda$ CDM	Λ CDM
χ^2_{CMB}	1015.9	1015.2
$\chi^2_{S_8}$	5.64	0.002

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

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

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

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



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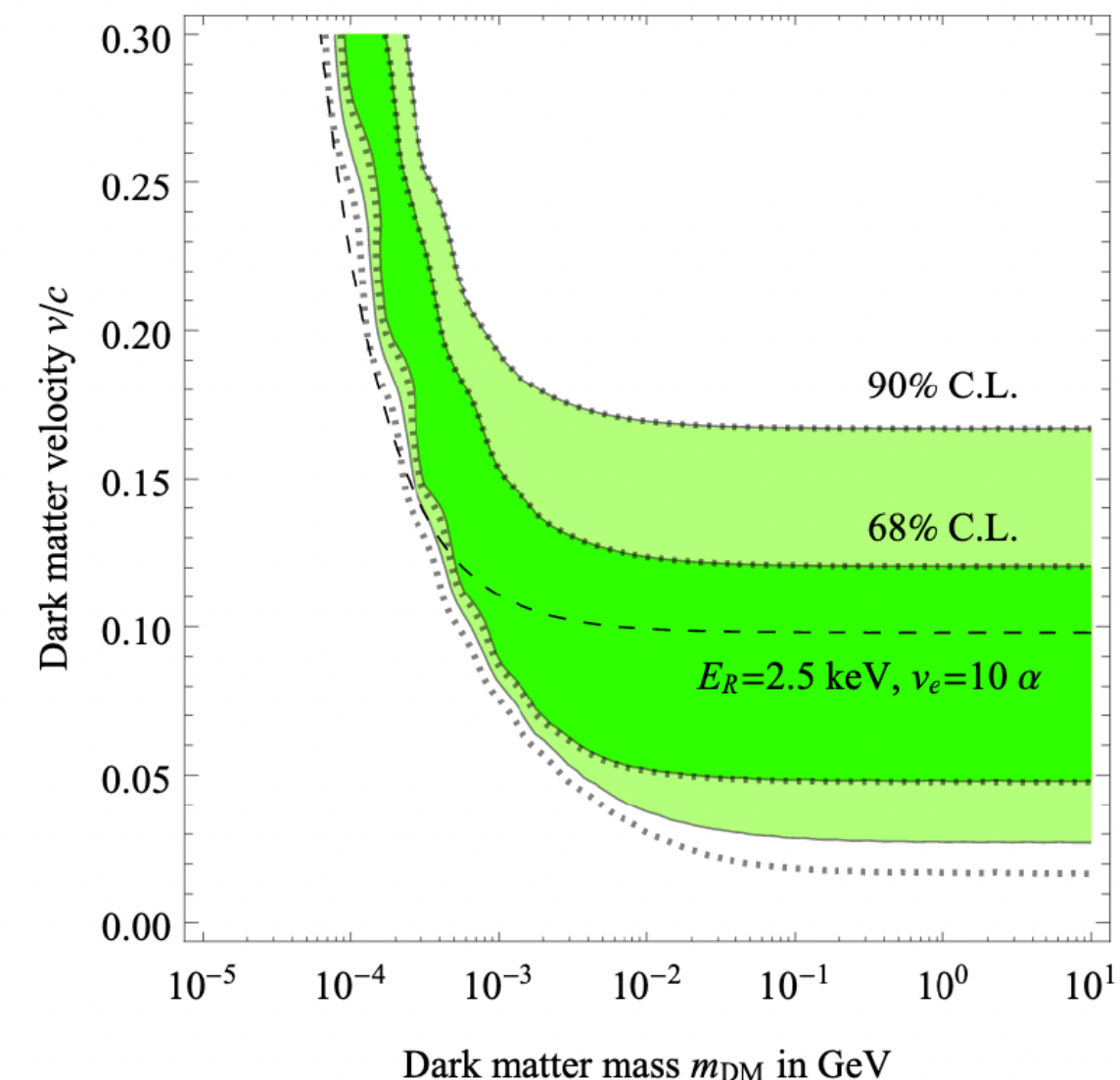
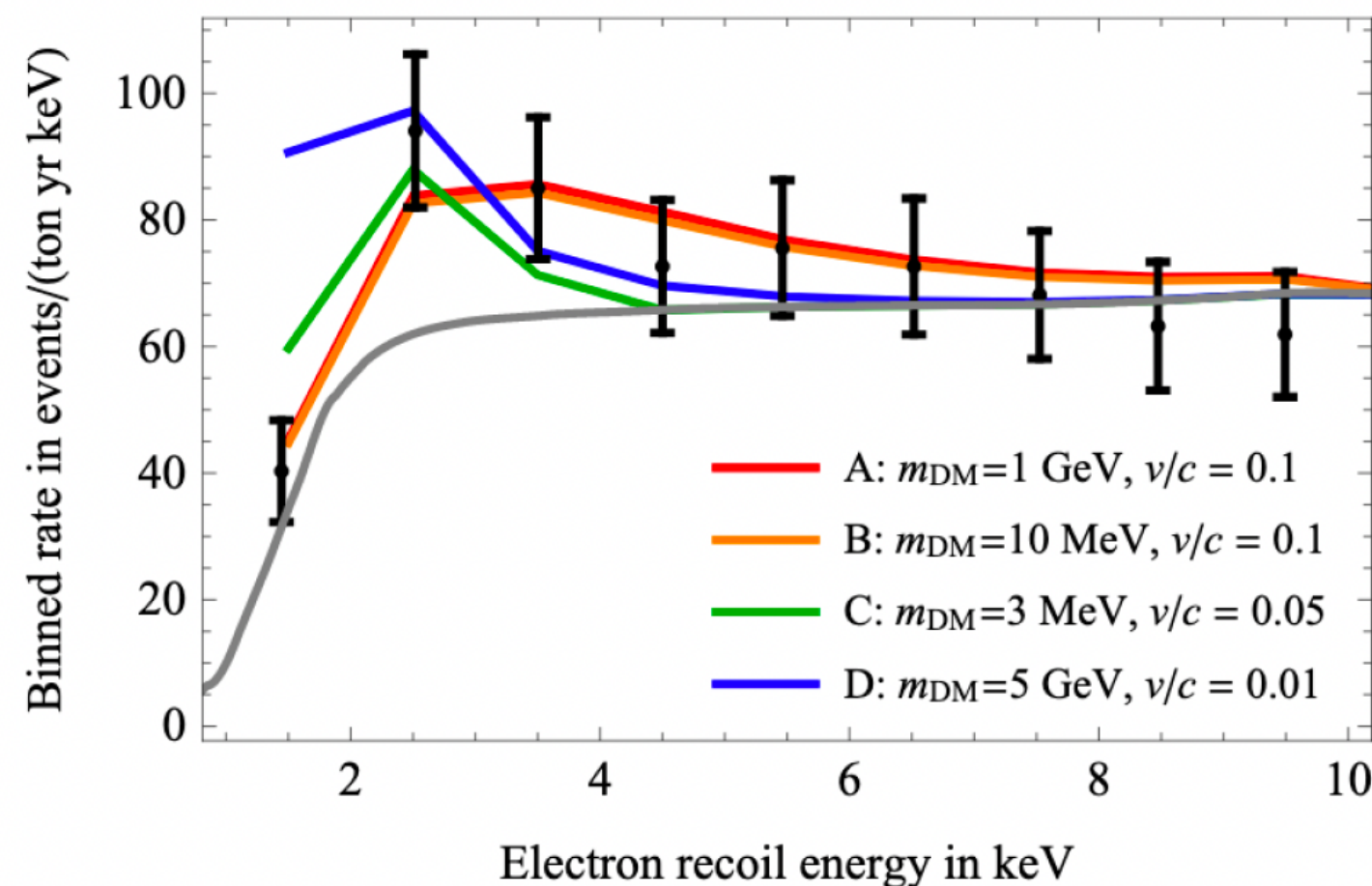
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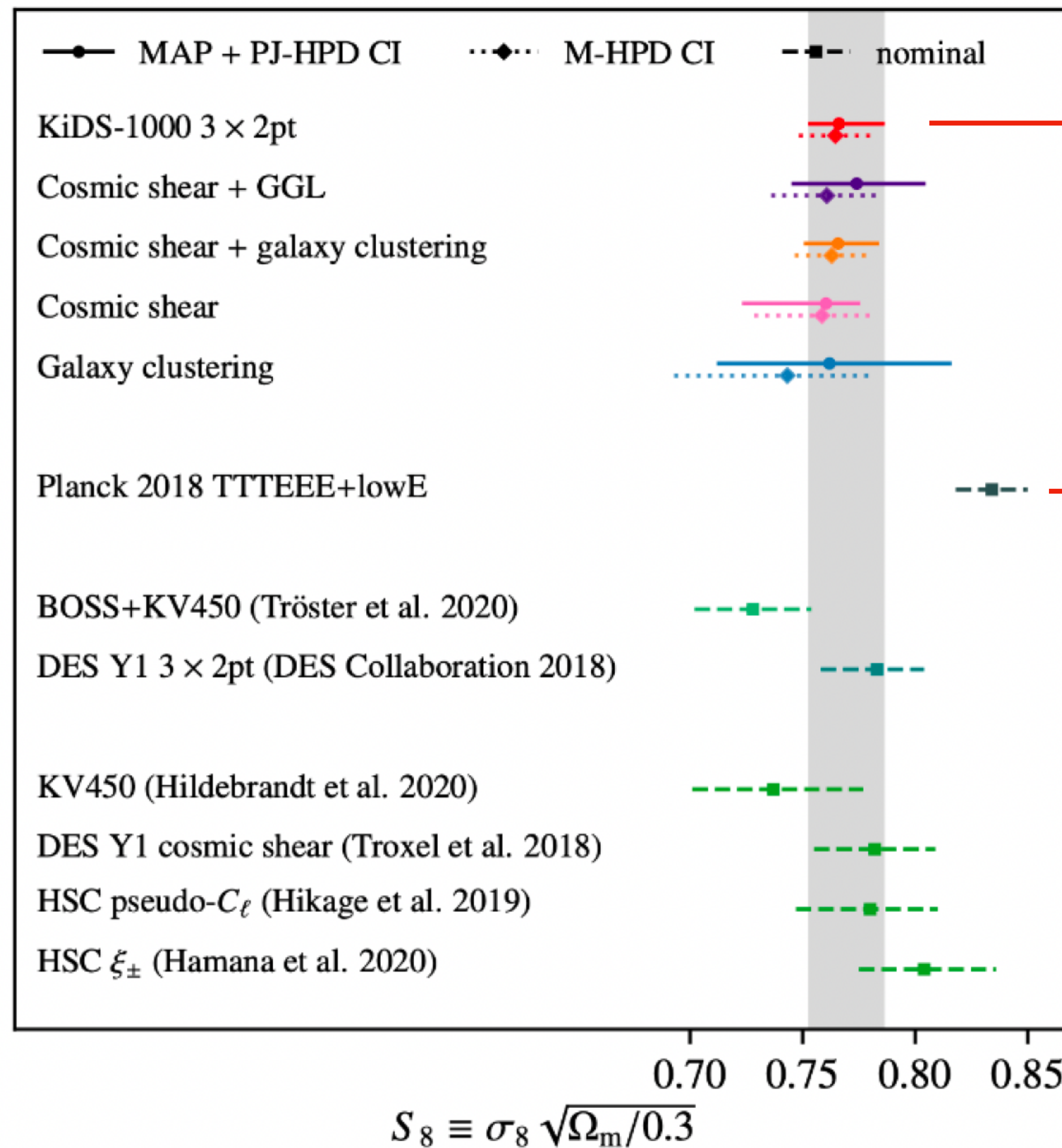
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[Clark++ 2110.09562](#)

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

BACK-UP SLIDES

The S_8 tension



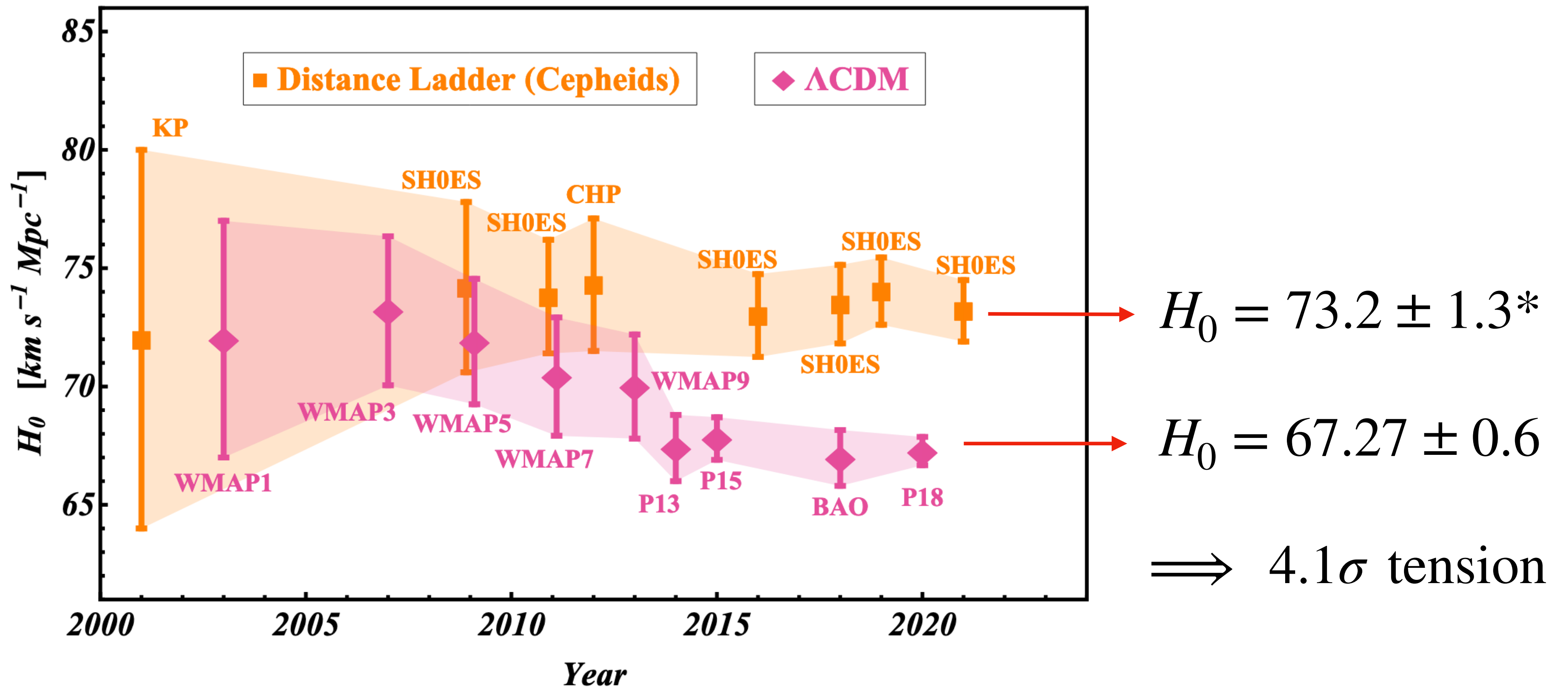
$$S_8 = 0.766^{+0.020}_{-0.014}$$

$$S_8 = 0.830 \pm 0.013$$

$\Rightarrow \sim 3\sigma$ 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

H_0 Olympics: testing against other datasets

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

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

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

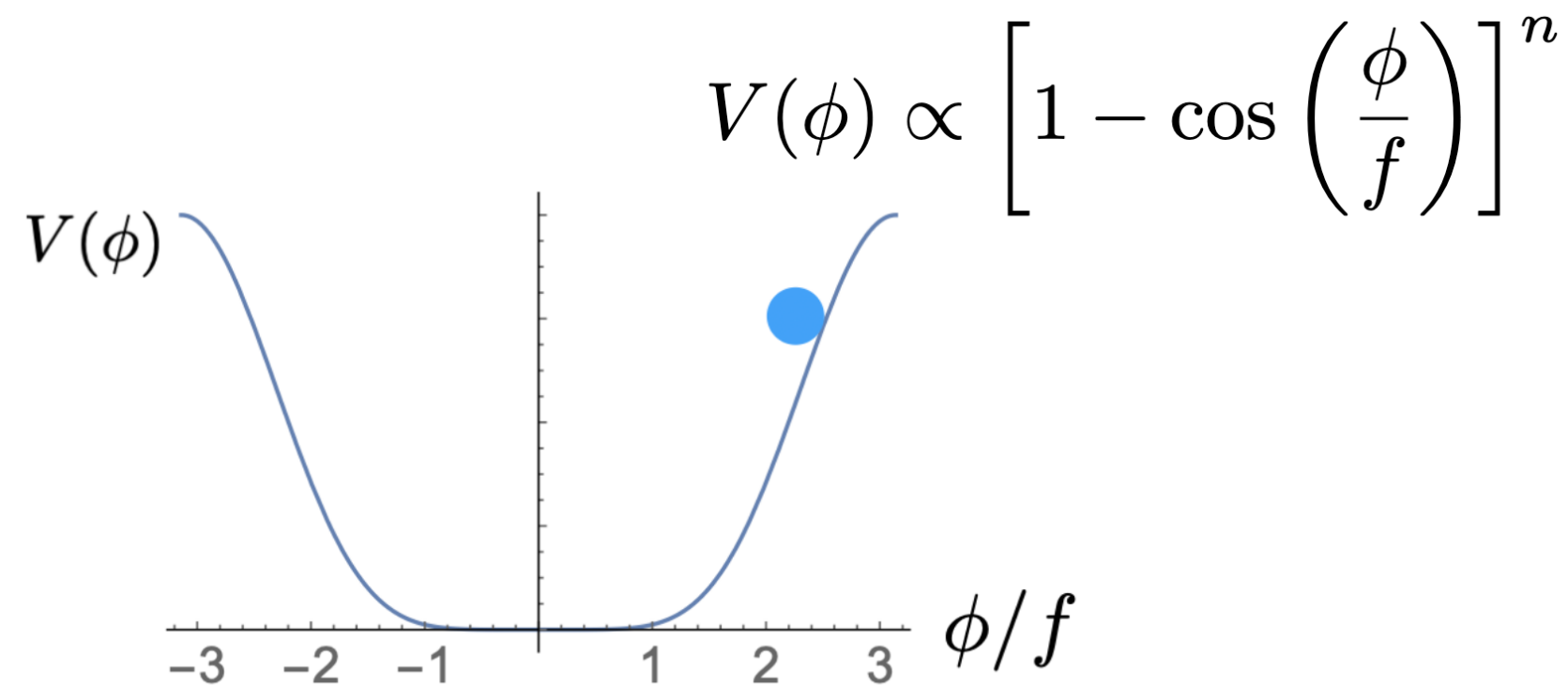
————→ No huge impact, but decreases performance of finalist models

Early Dark Energy

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

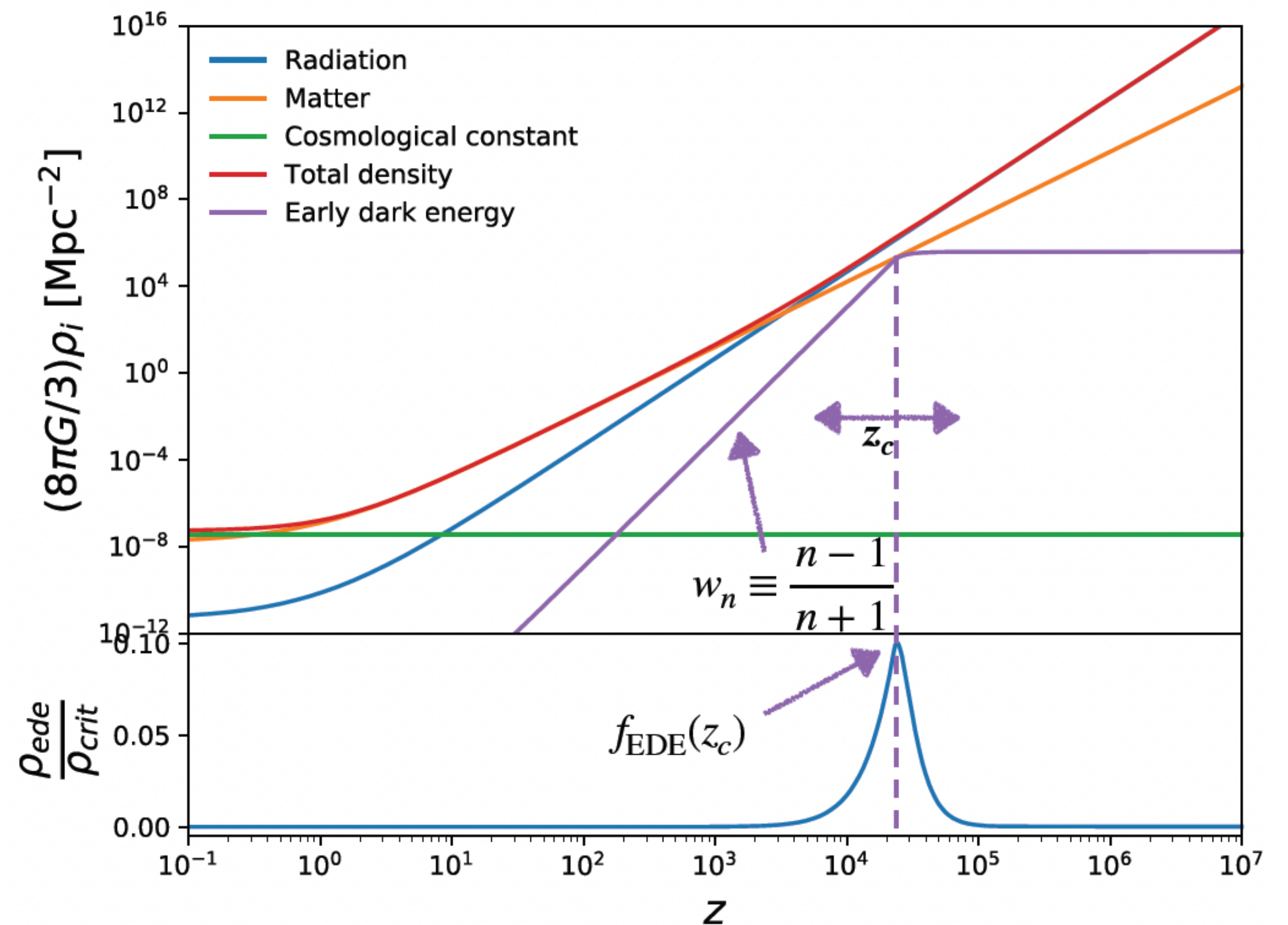
$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0$$

+ perturbed linear eqs.



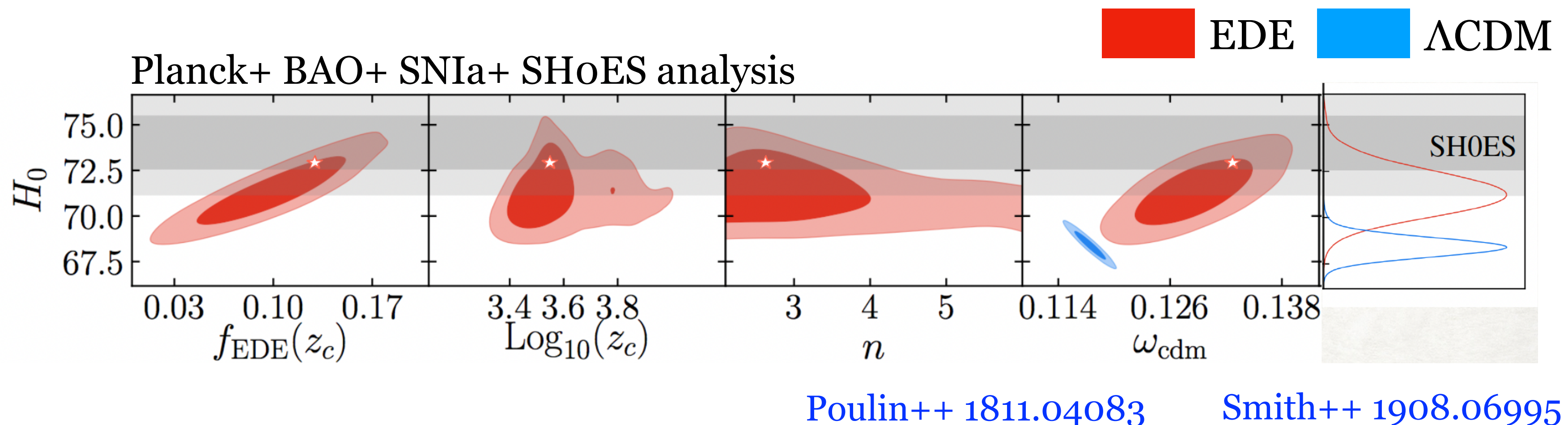
The model is fully specified by

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



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



Some caveats

1. *Very fine tuned?*

→ Proposed connexions of EDE with neutrino sector and present DE

Sakstein++ 1911.11760

Freese++ 2102.13655

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

Jedamzik++ 2010.04158.

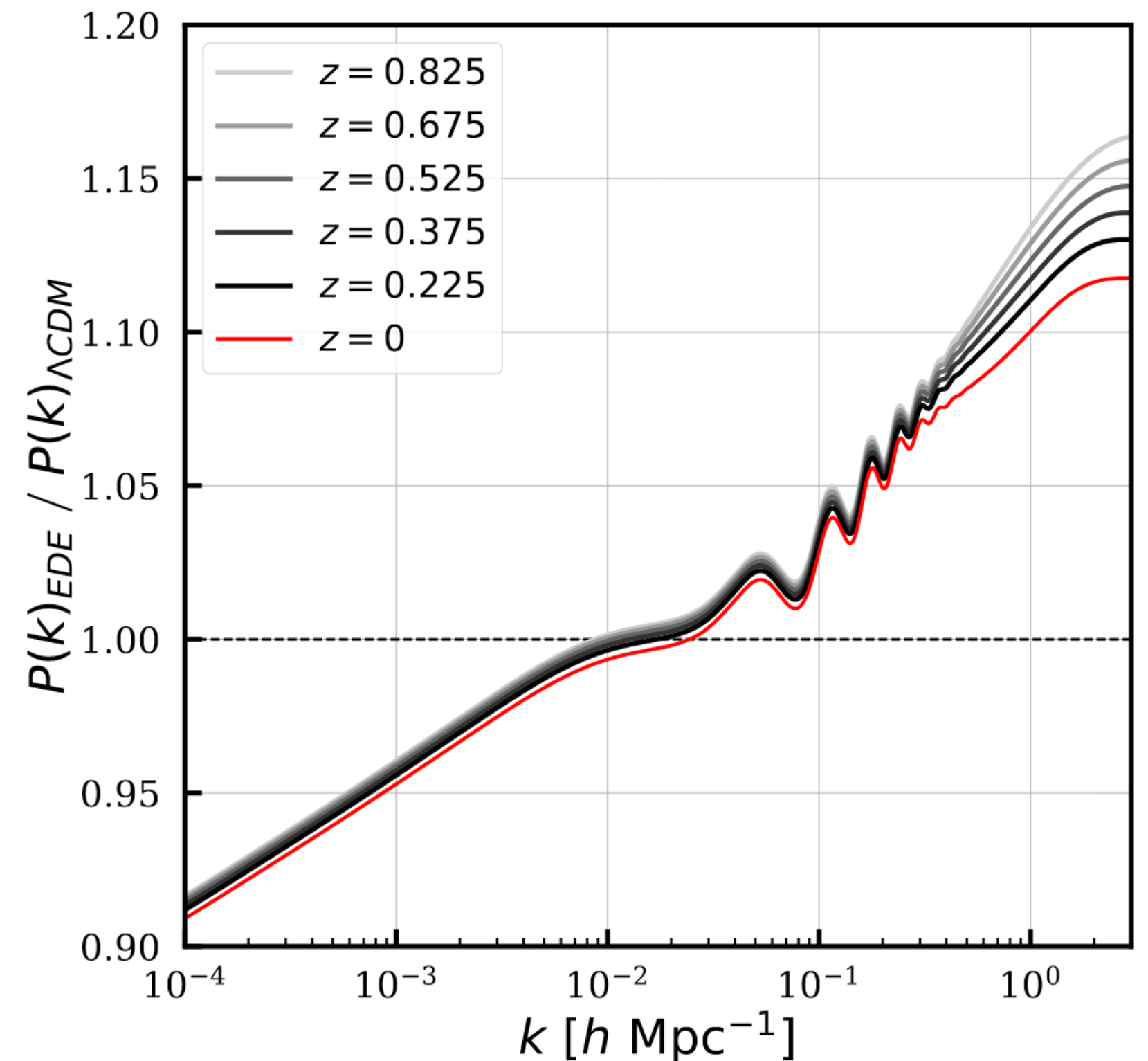
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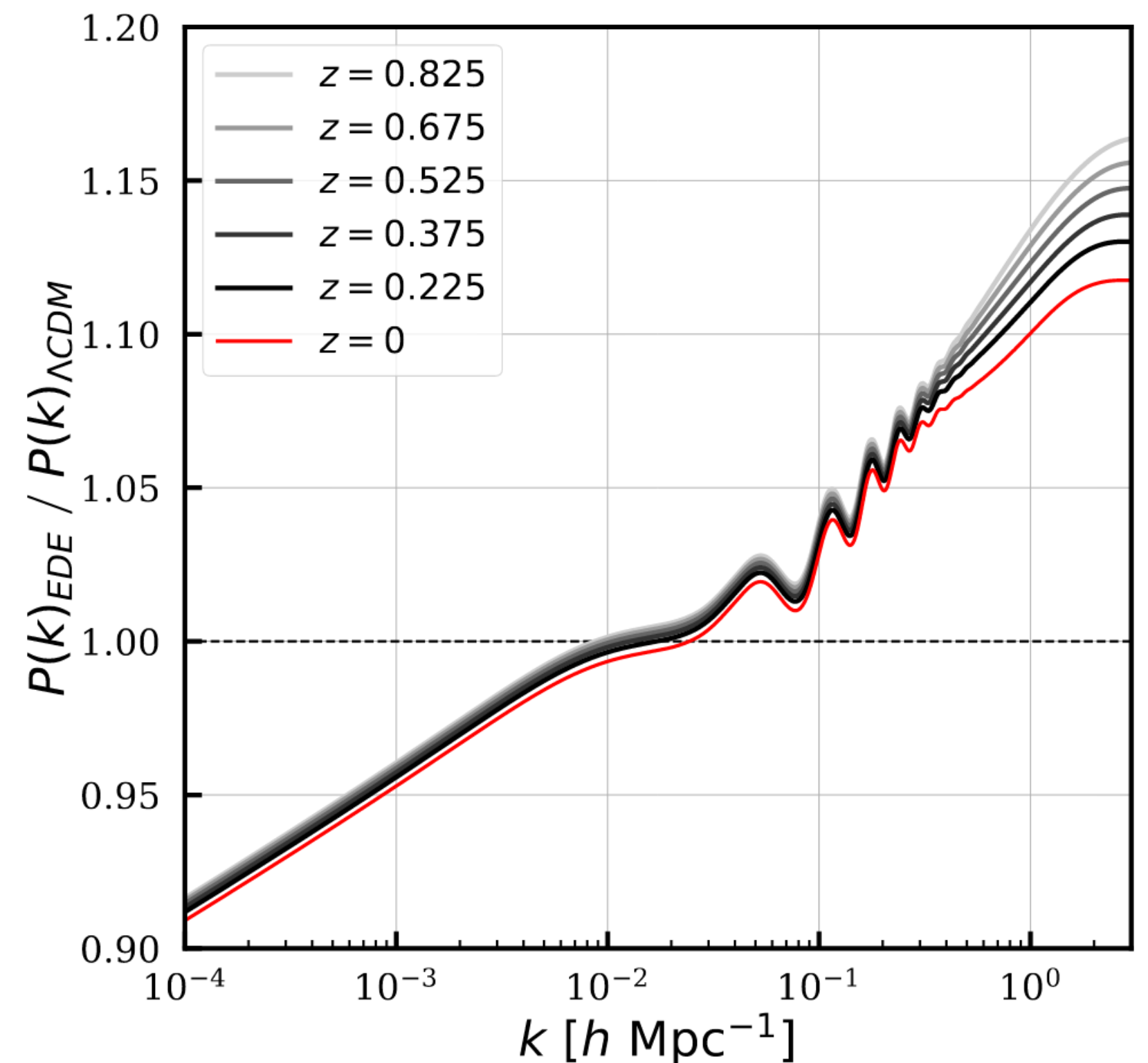
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1. Why EDE is not detected from Planck alone?

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

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

To avoid this Bayesian volume effect, consider a

1 parameter model (1pEDE) : Fix z_c and ϕ_i and let f_{EDE} free to vary

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

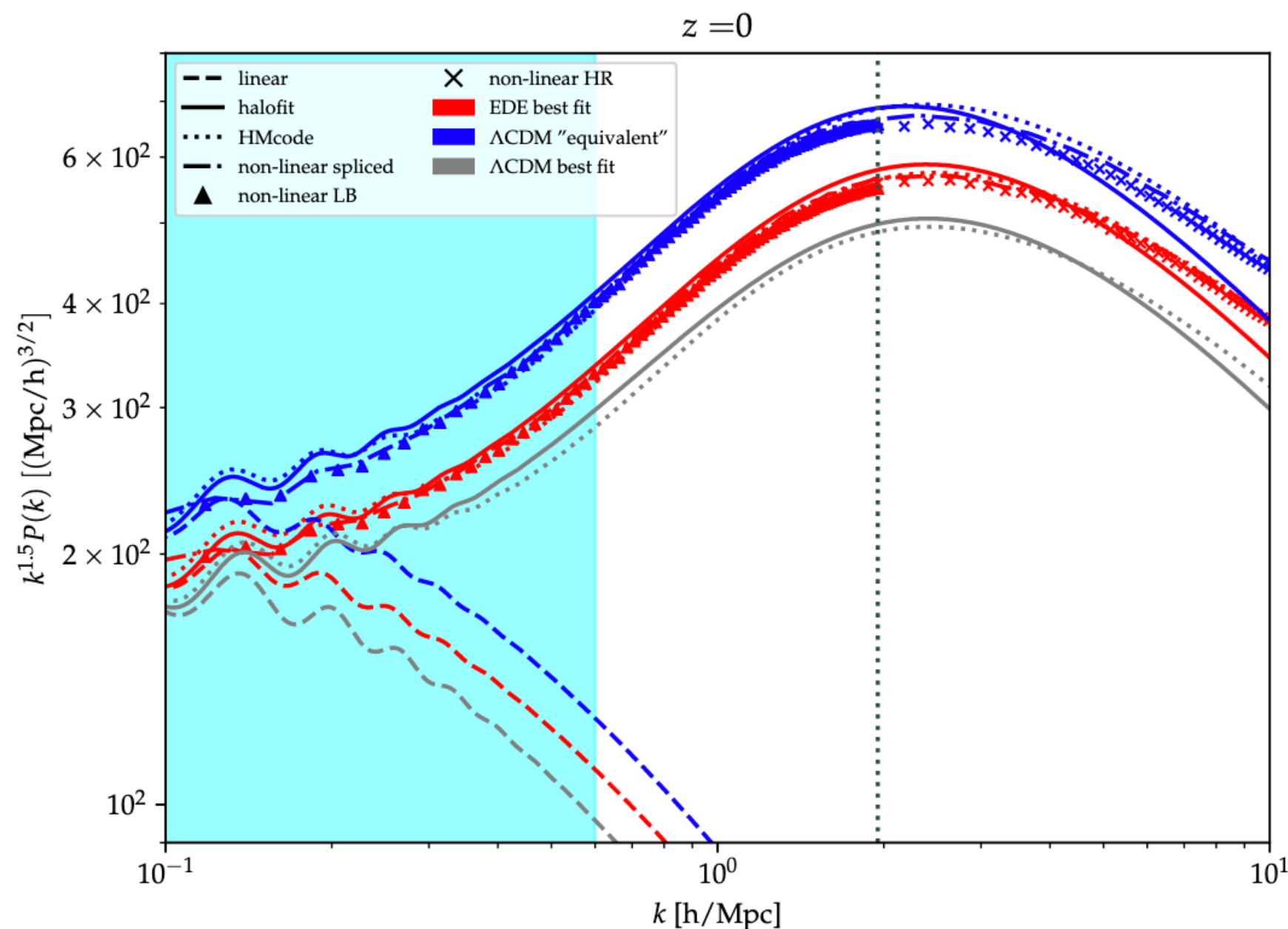
$$f_{\text{EDE}} = 0.08 \pm 0.04$$

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Murgia, GFA, Poulin 2107.10291

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



Important cross-check:

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

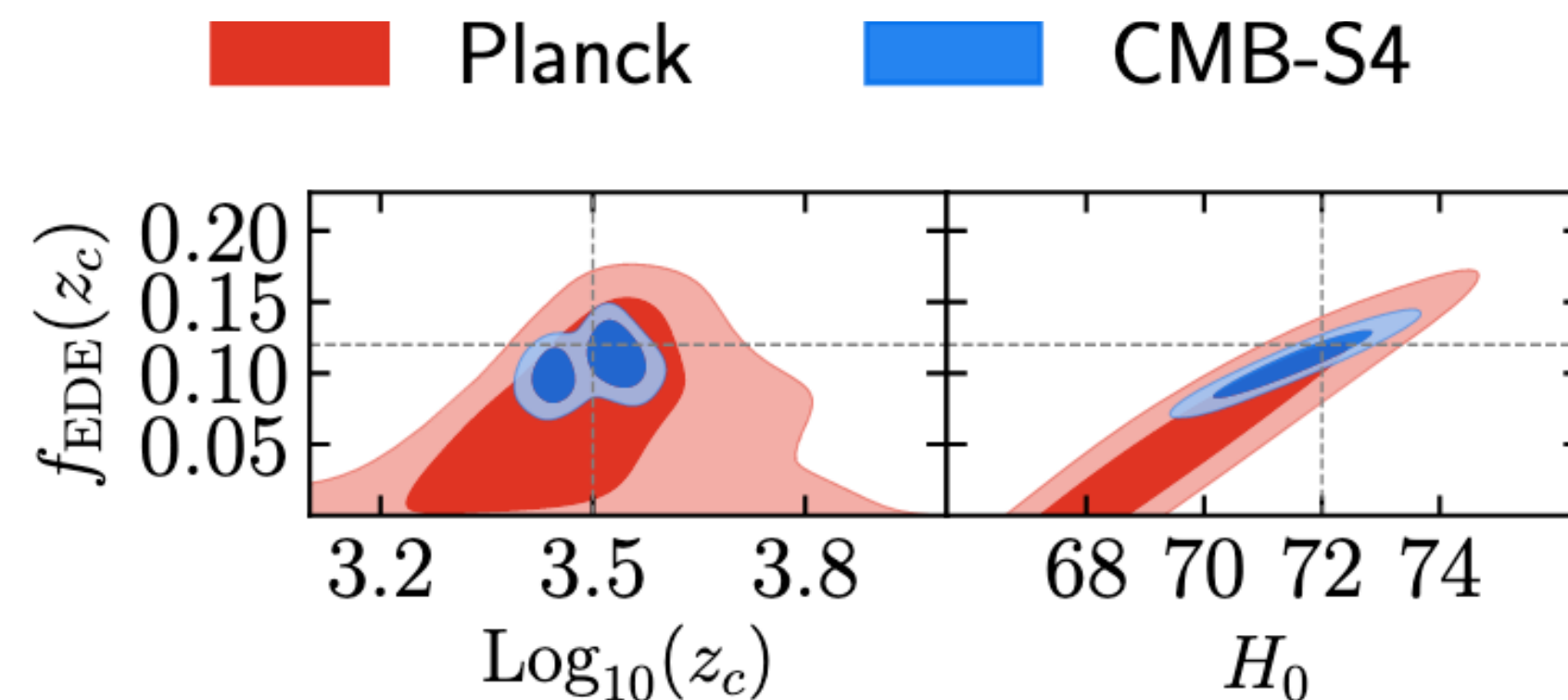
1pEDE tested against **Planck+BAO+SNIa+SHoEs** and WL data from **KiDS/Viking+DES**: S_8 tension persists, but **fit is not significantly degraded wrt Λ CDM**, and solution to the H_0 tension survives

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

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

Prospects for Early Dark Energy

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



[Smith++ 1908.06995](#)

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

[Hill++ 2109.04451](#)

[Poulin++ 2109.06229](#)

Decaying dark matter

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

Can we test this hypothesis?

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

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

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

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

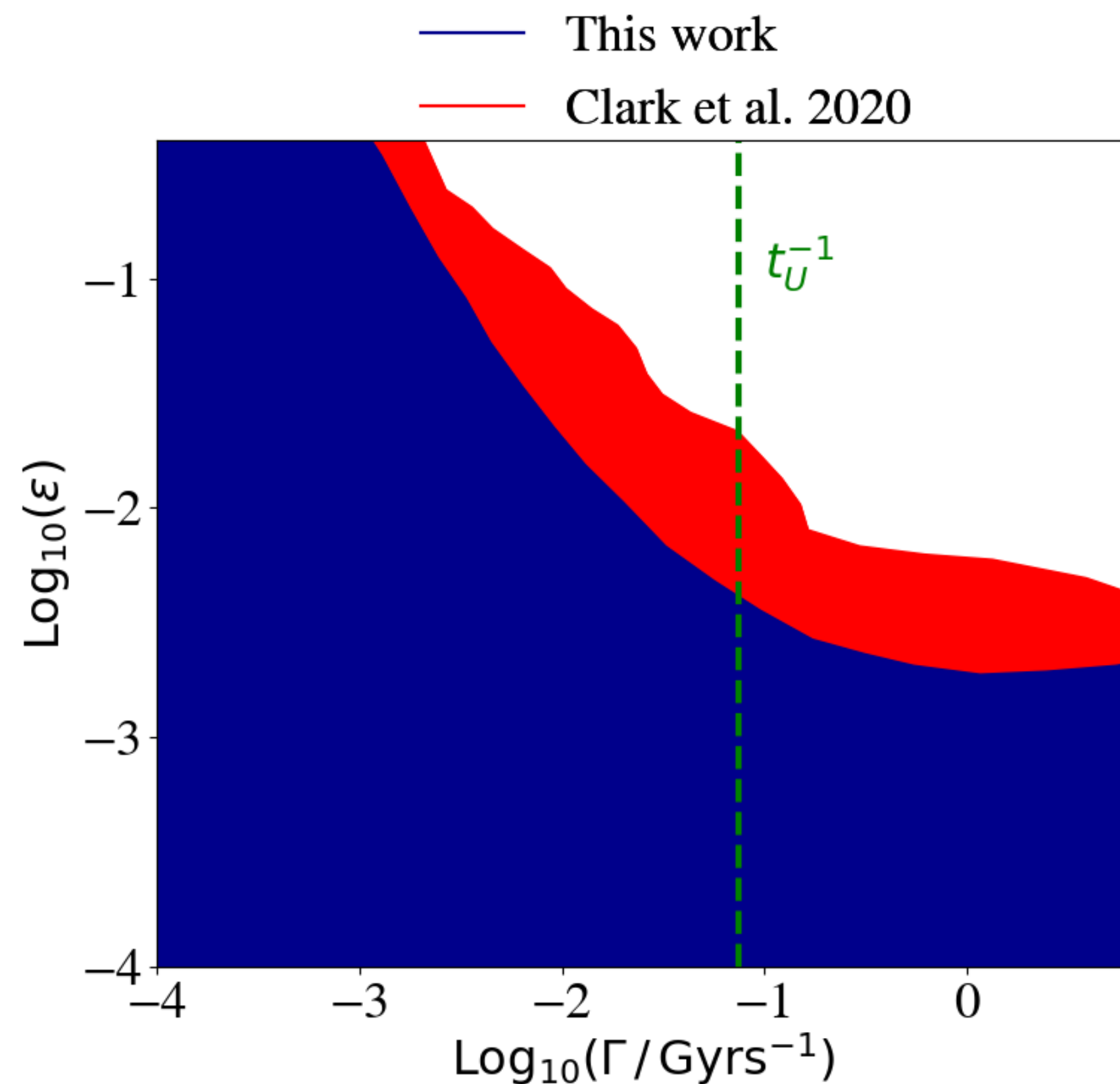
- What about massive products?

Evolution of perturbations: full treatment

- Effects on $P_m(k)$ and C_ℓ ? Track **linear perts.** for the particles species involved in the decay: δ_i , θ_i and σ_i for $i = \text{dm, dr, wdm}$
- 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!

General constraints on the 2-body DM decay

Planck+BAO+SNIa analysis

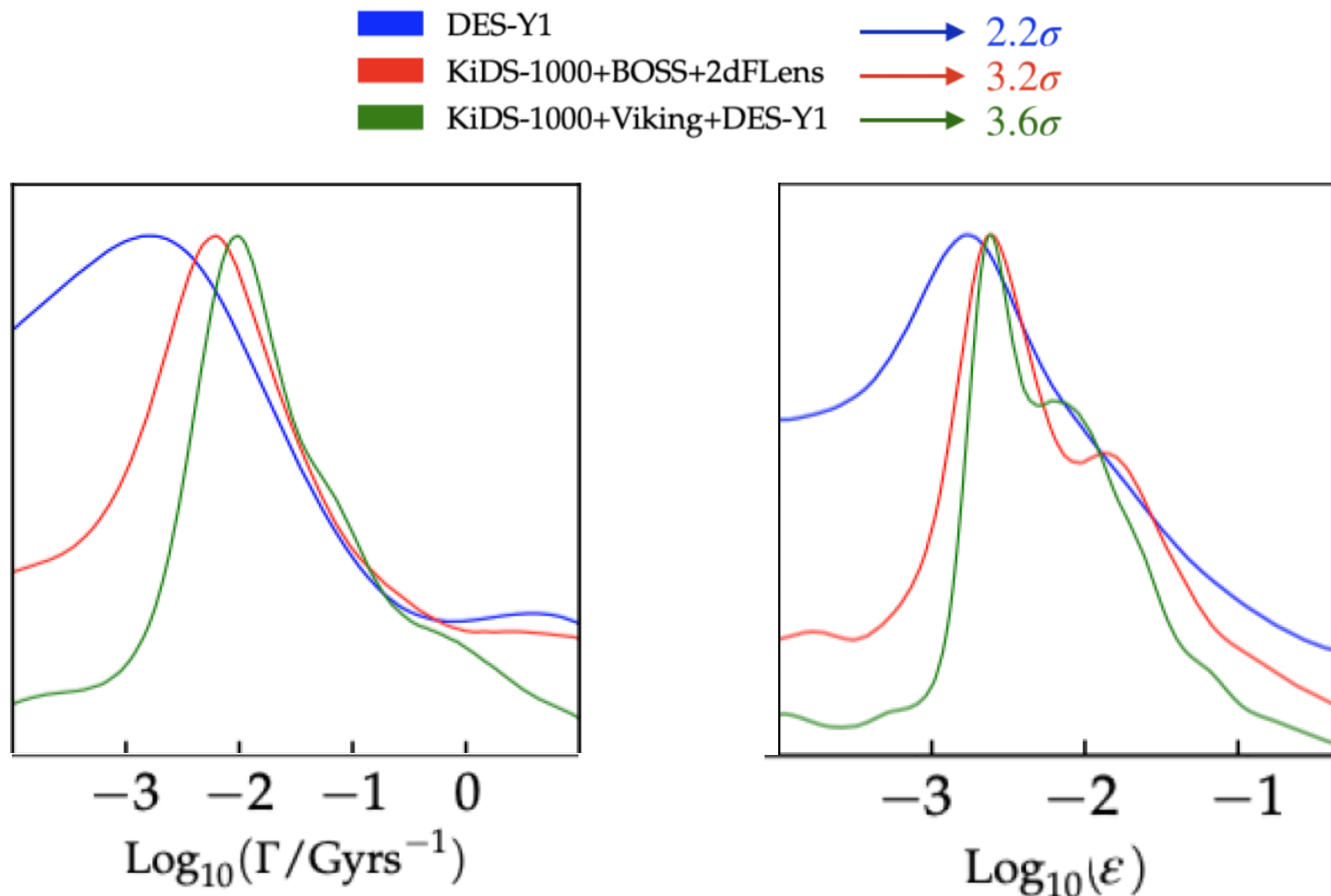


Strong **negative correlation** between ϵ and Γ

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

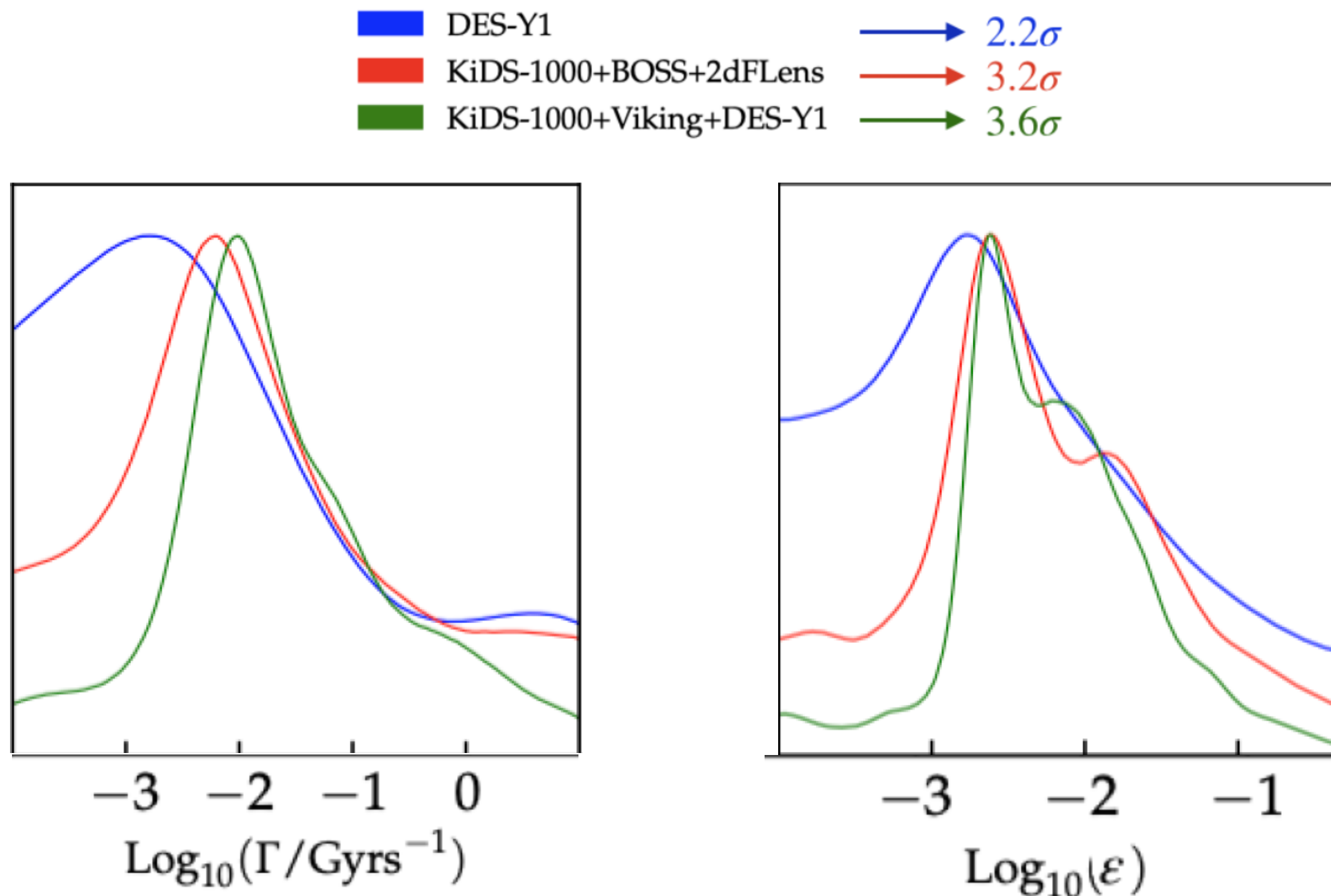
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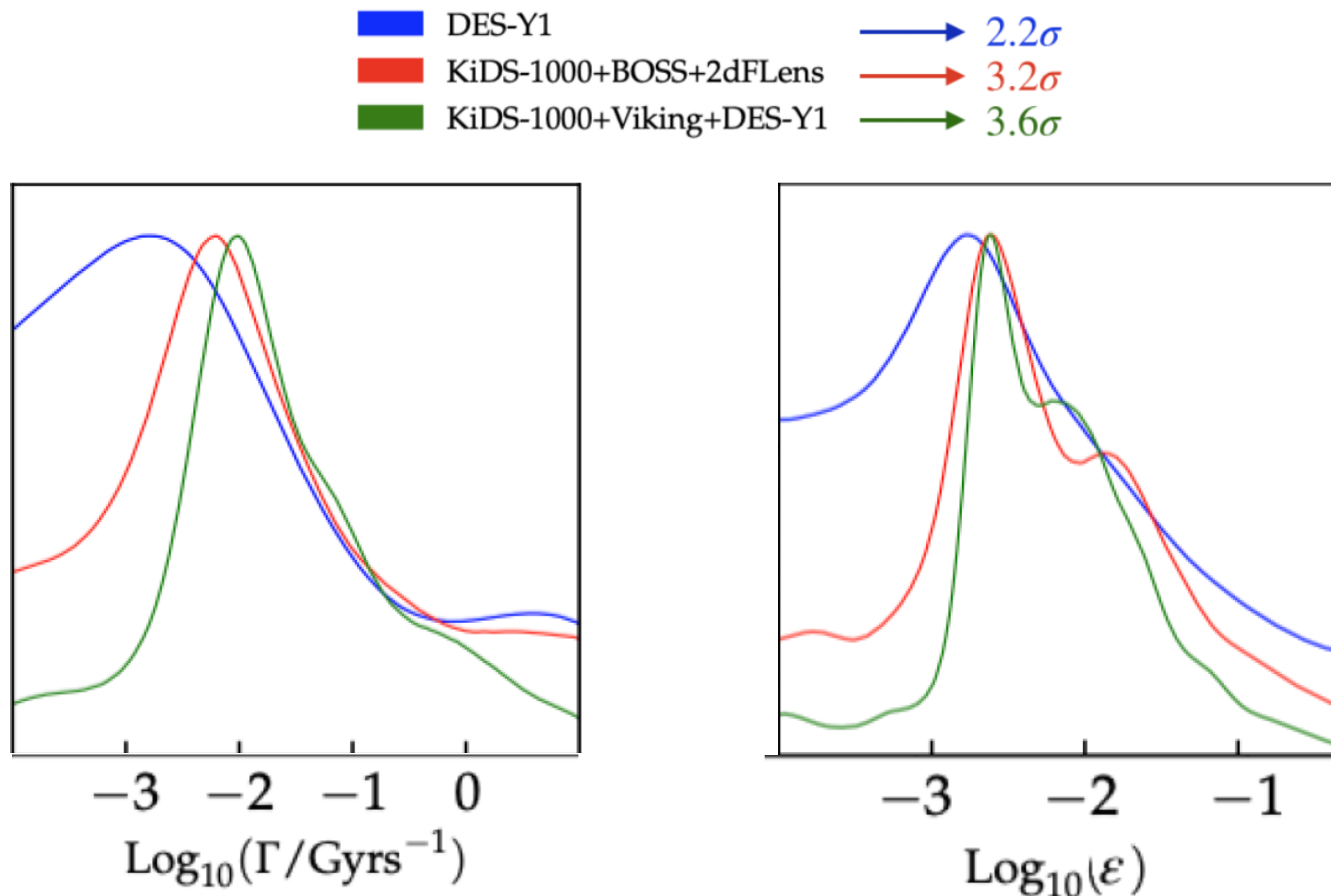
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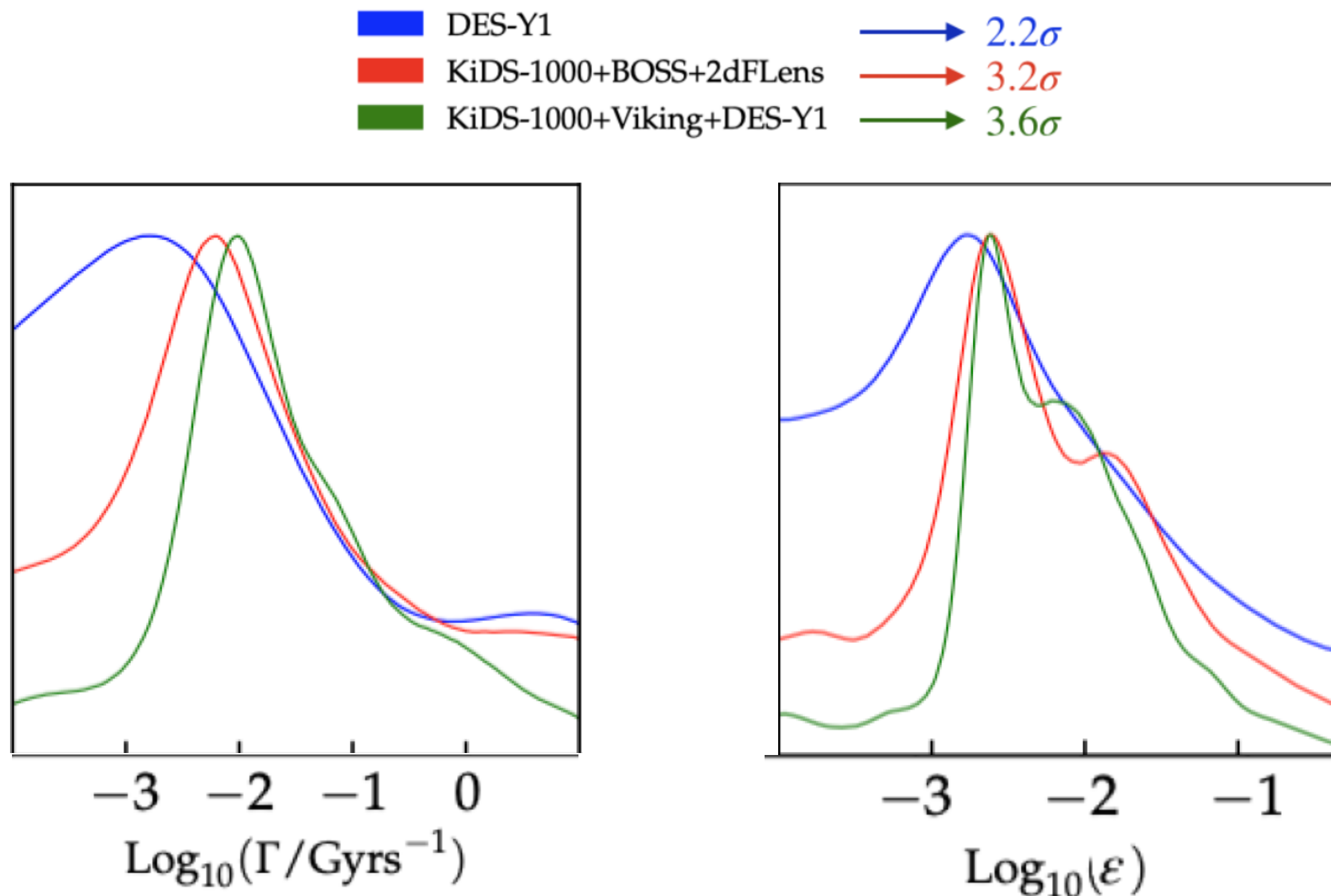
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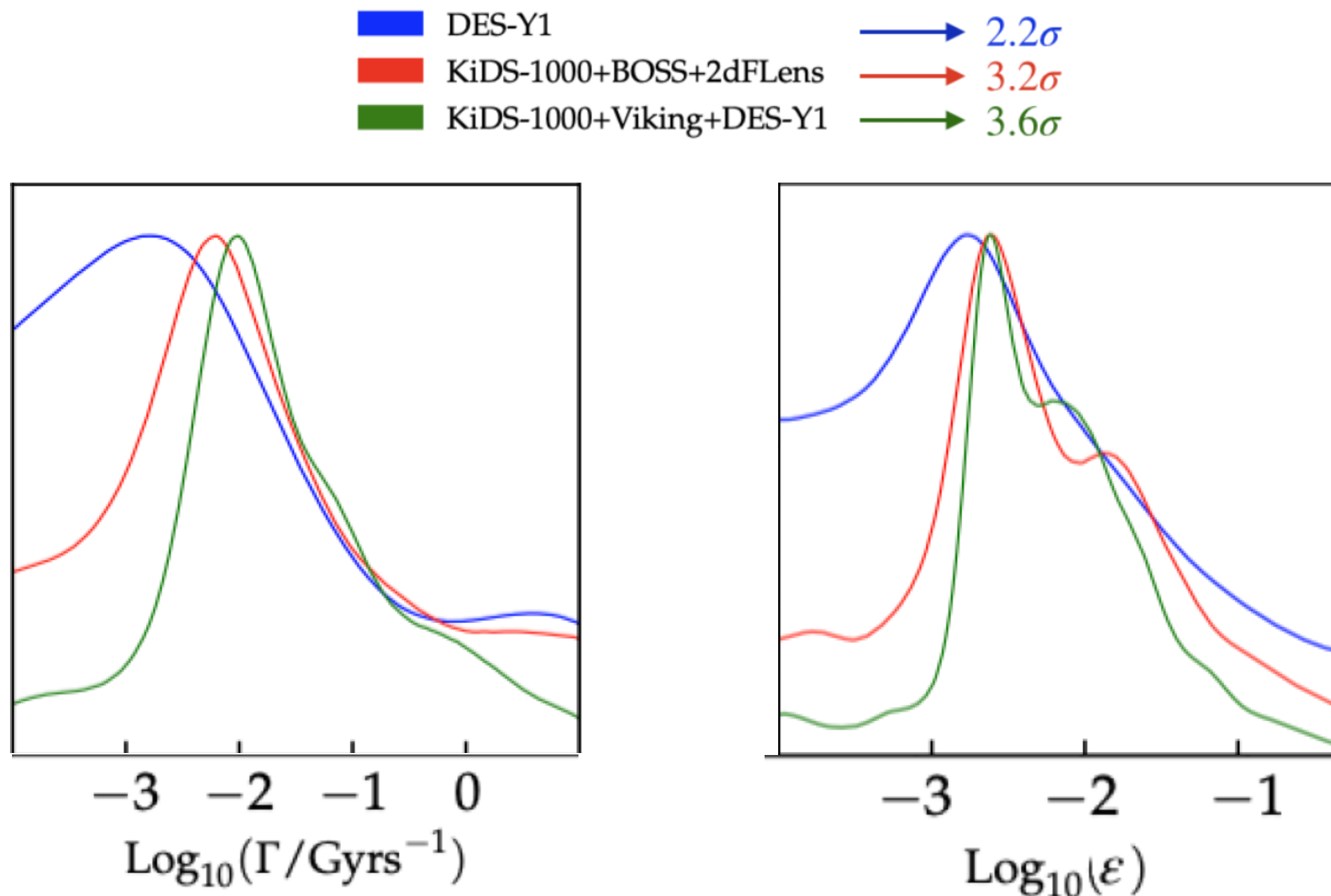
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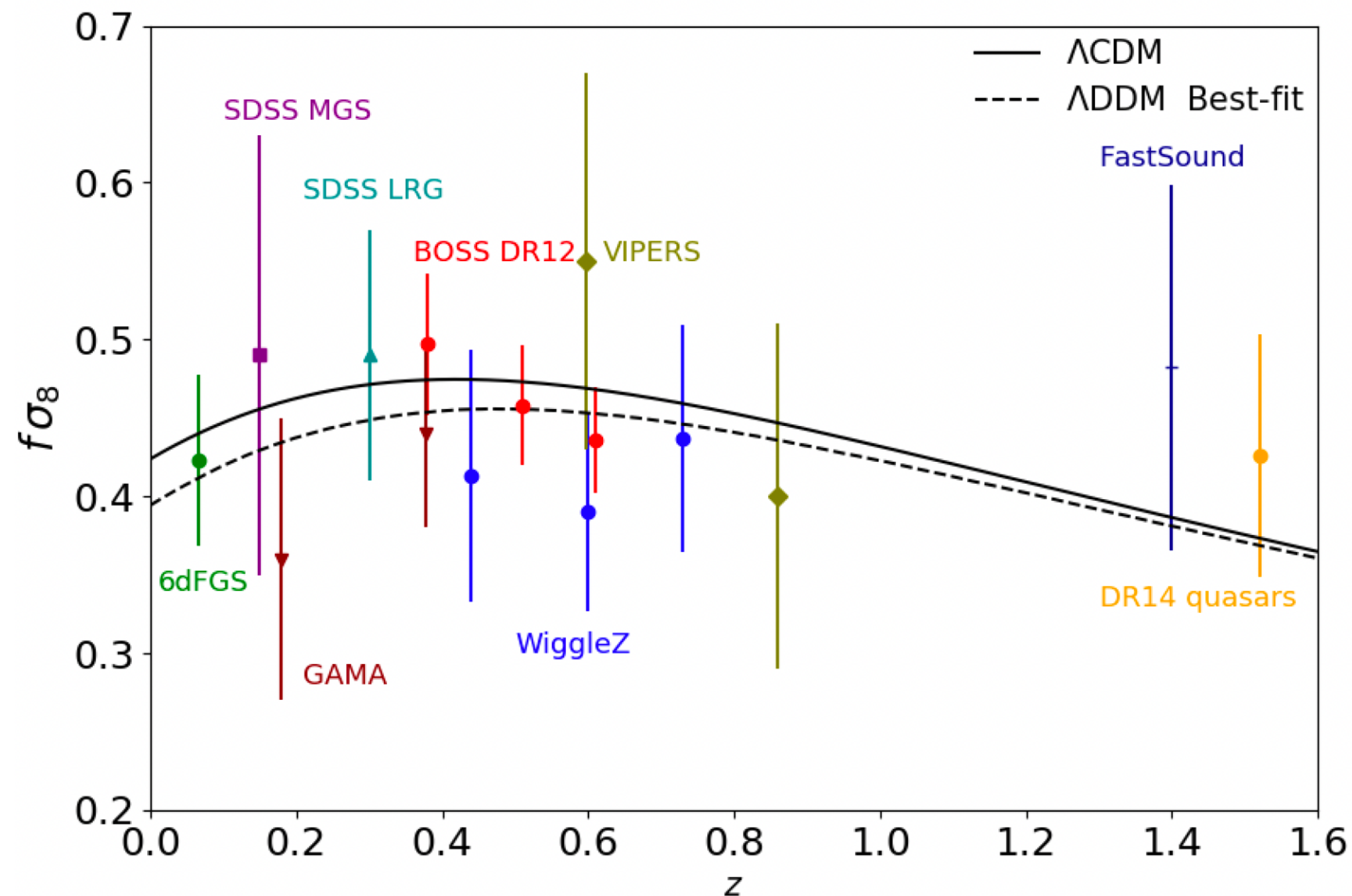


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Prospects for the 2-body DM decay



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

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