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# On The “Hubble Tension” And How To Resolve It

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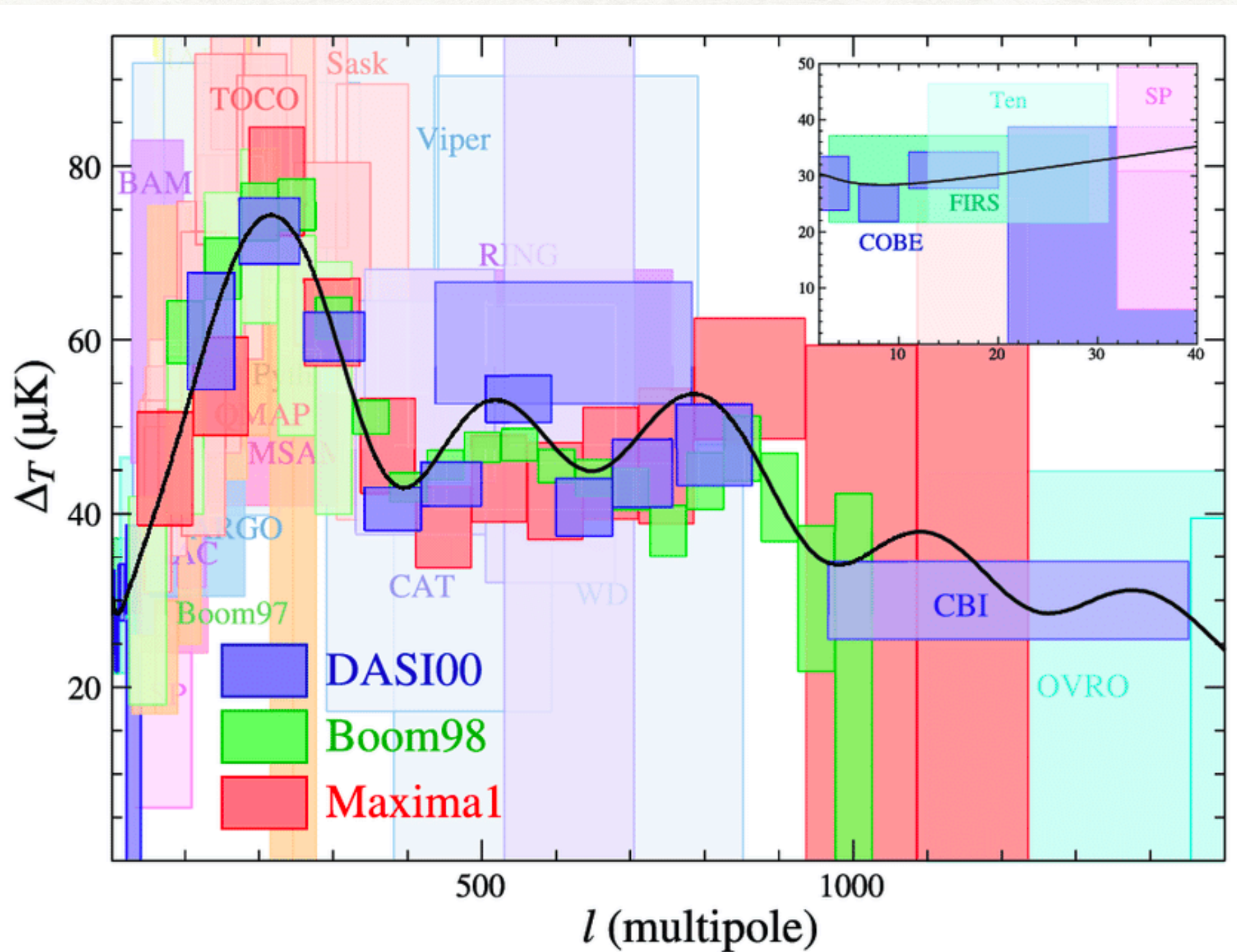
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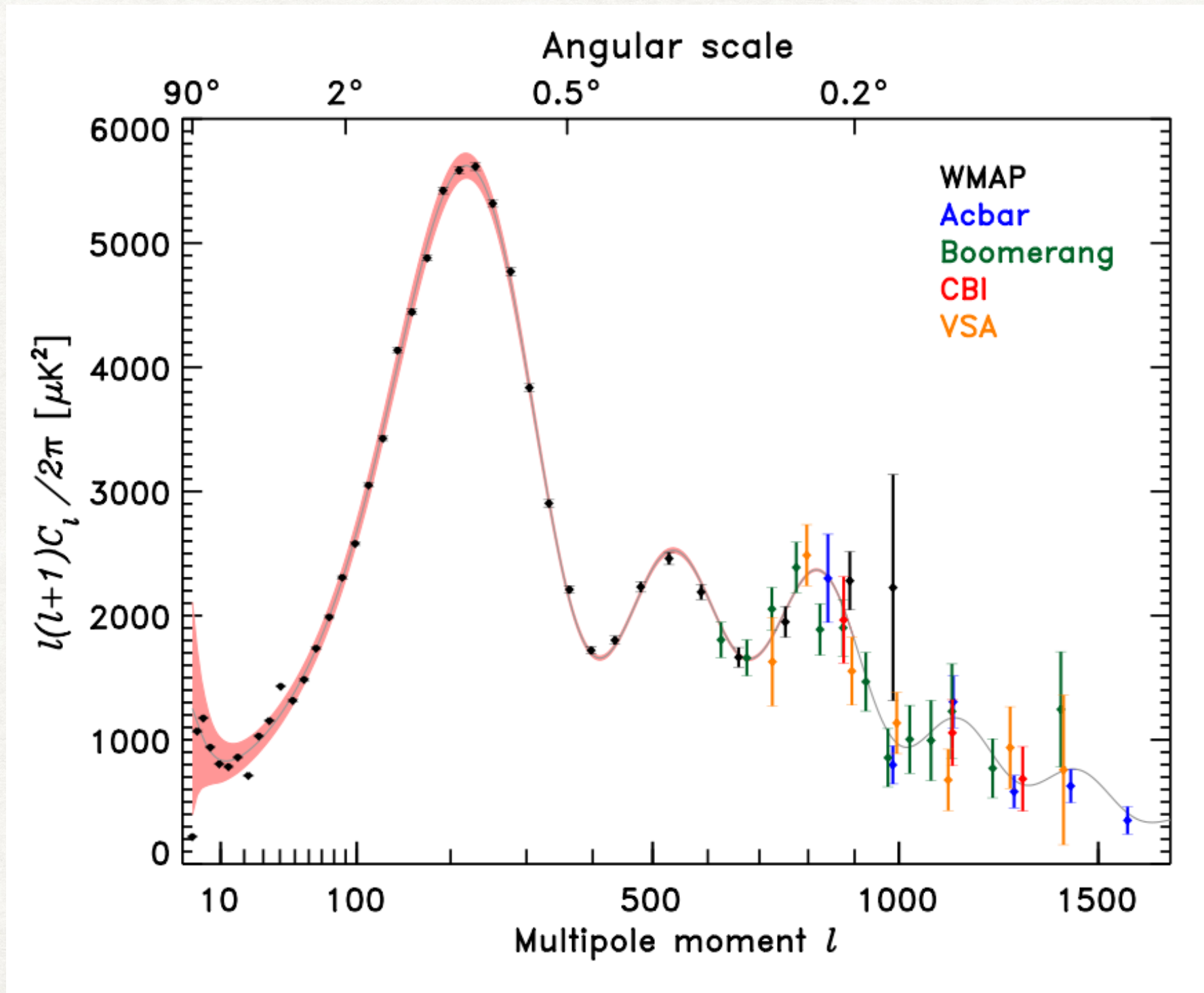


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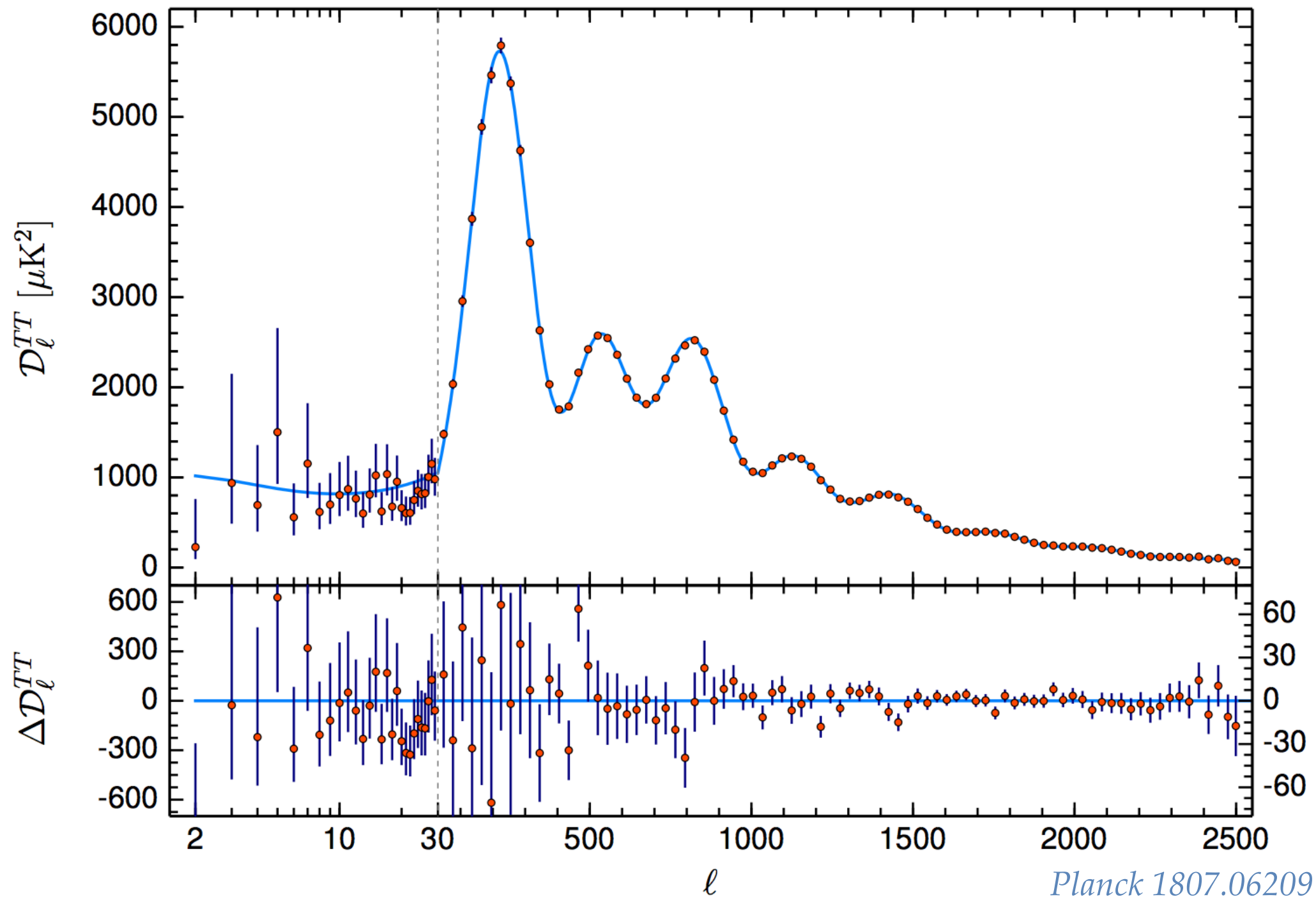
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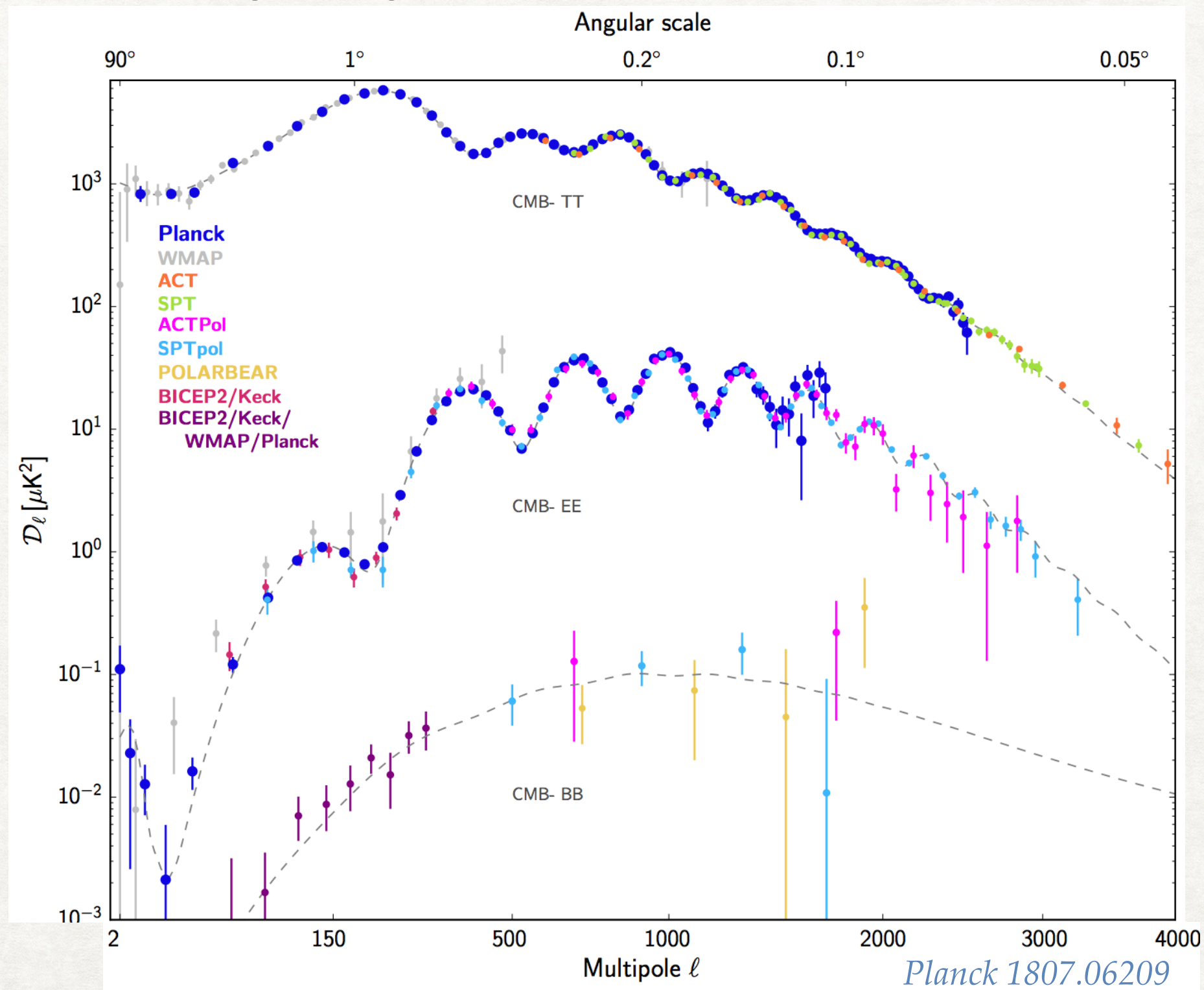
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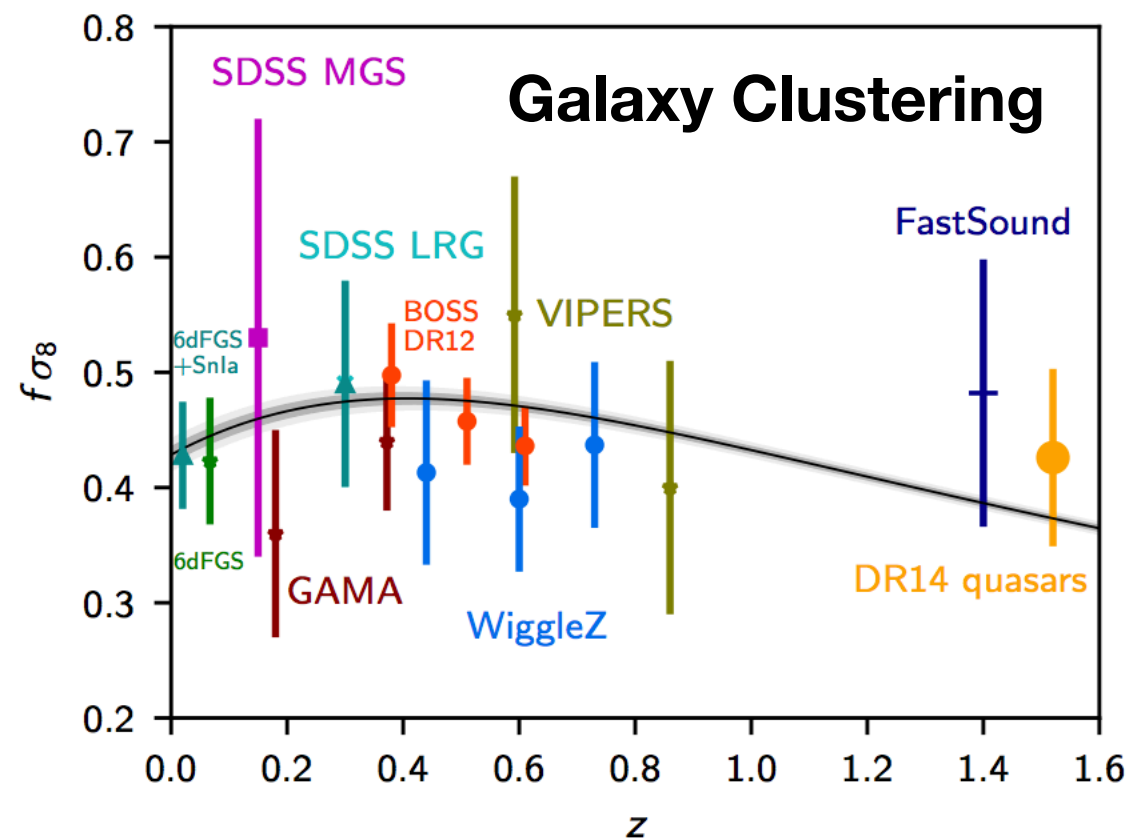
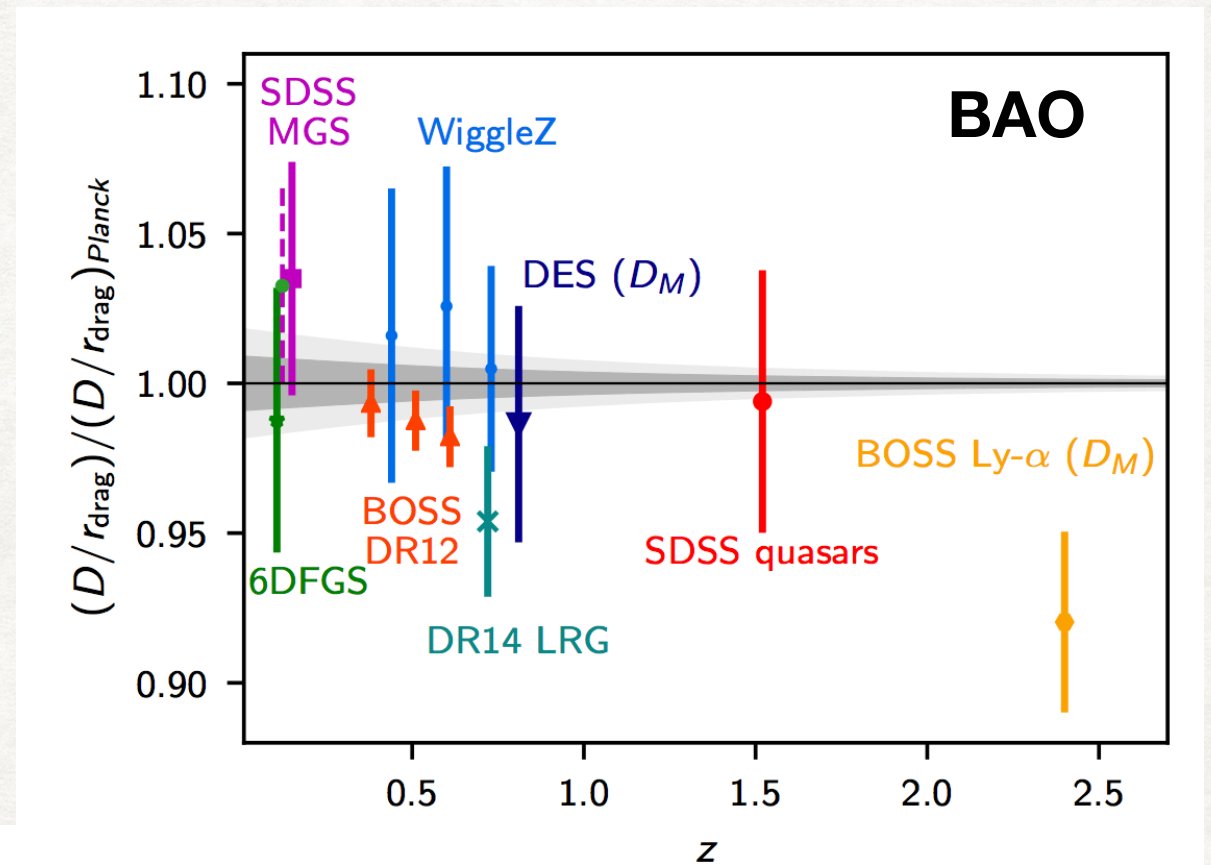
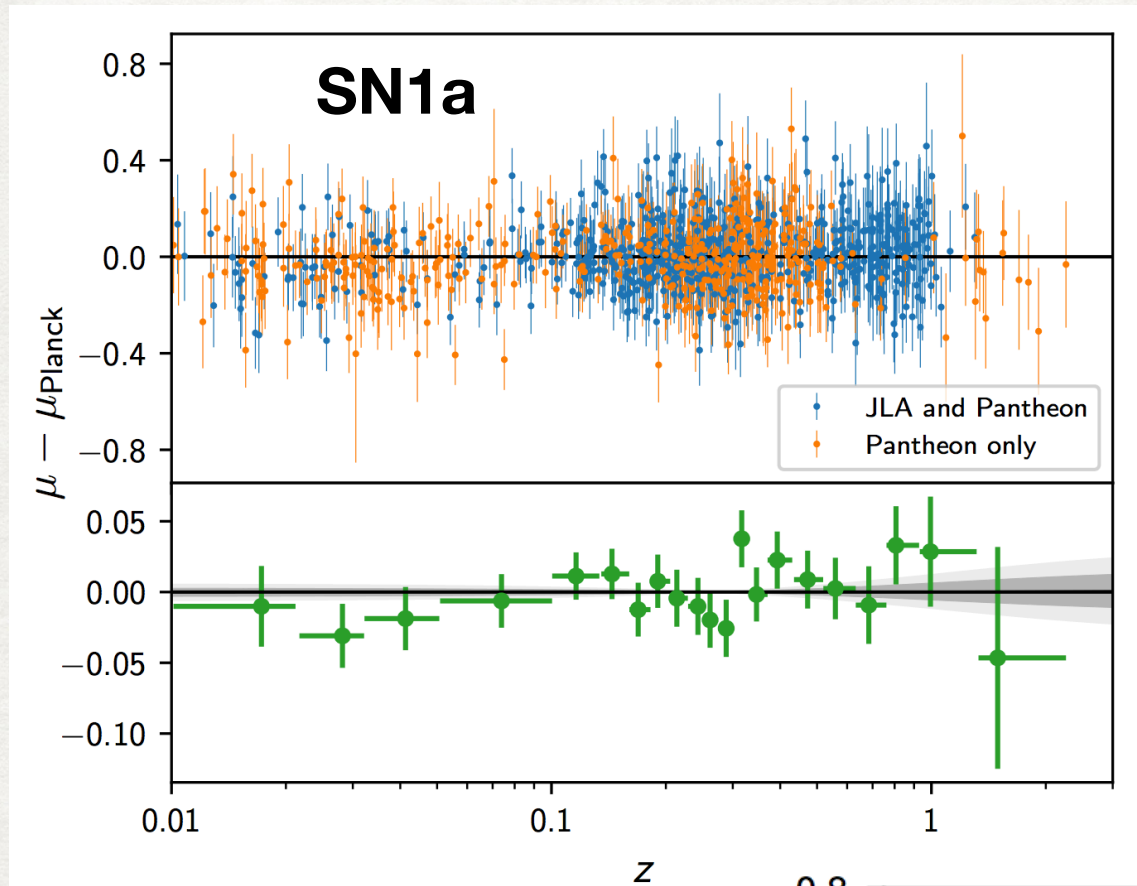
**Very good agreement between all CMB data!**





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And also with non-CMB data!





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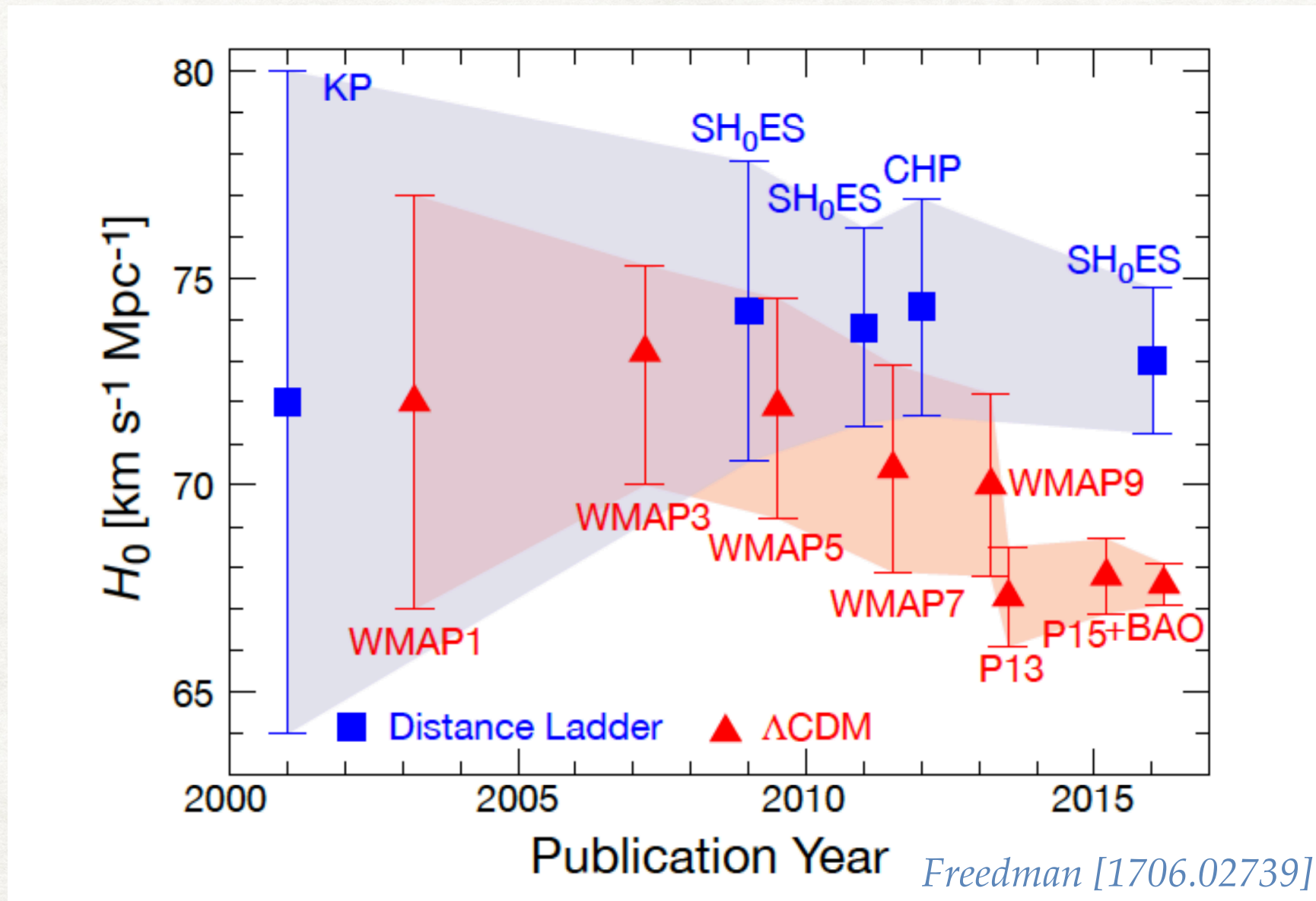
**As precision of data has increased, a certain number of “tensions” have emerged**

- $S8 = \sigma_8(\Omega_m/0.3)^{0.5}$  is higher at  $\sim 2\text{-}3\sigma$  than that measured by low-z probes (SZ cluster count, Weak Lensing surveys CFHTLenS, KiDS, DES...)
- Amplitude of lensing potential  $Cl^{\phi\phi}$  is higher than deduced from peak smoothing in TT/TE/EE at  $\sim 2\sigma$ .

**Potentially very interesting but still very premature...**



# The Hubble Tension



3.8 $\sigma$  discrepancy between latest “direct” measurement from SH0ES and the value inferred from a fit of  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  to *Planck* 2018

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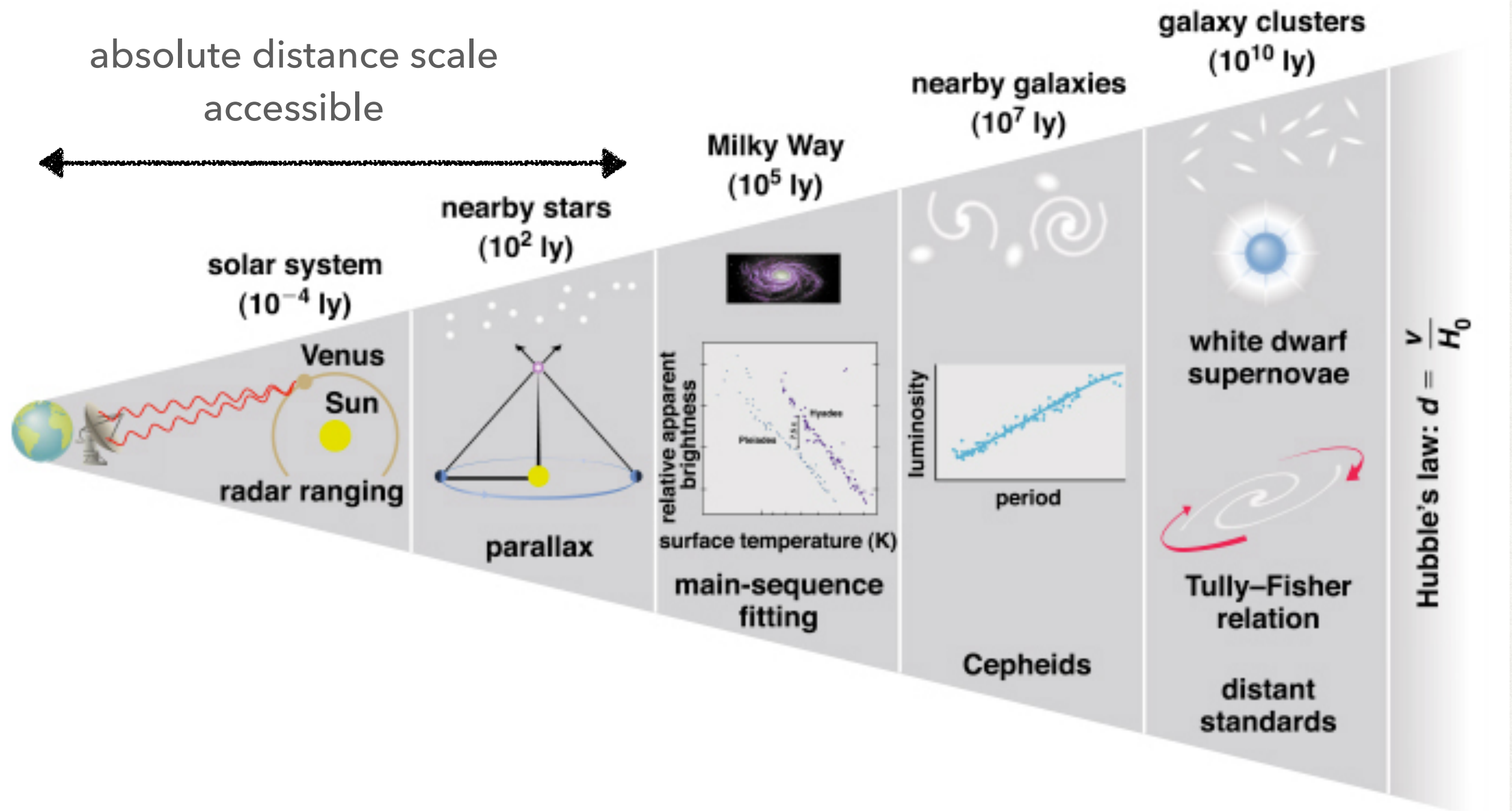
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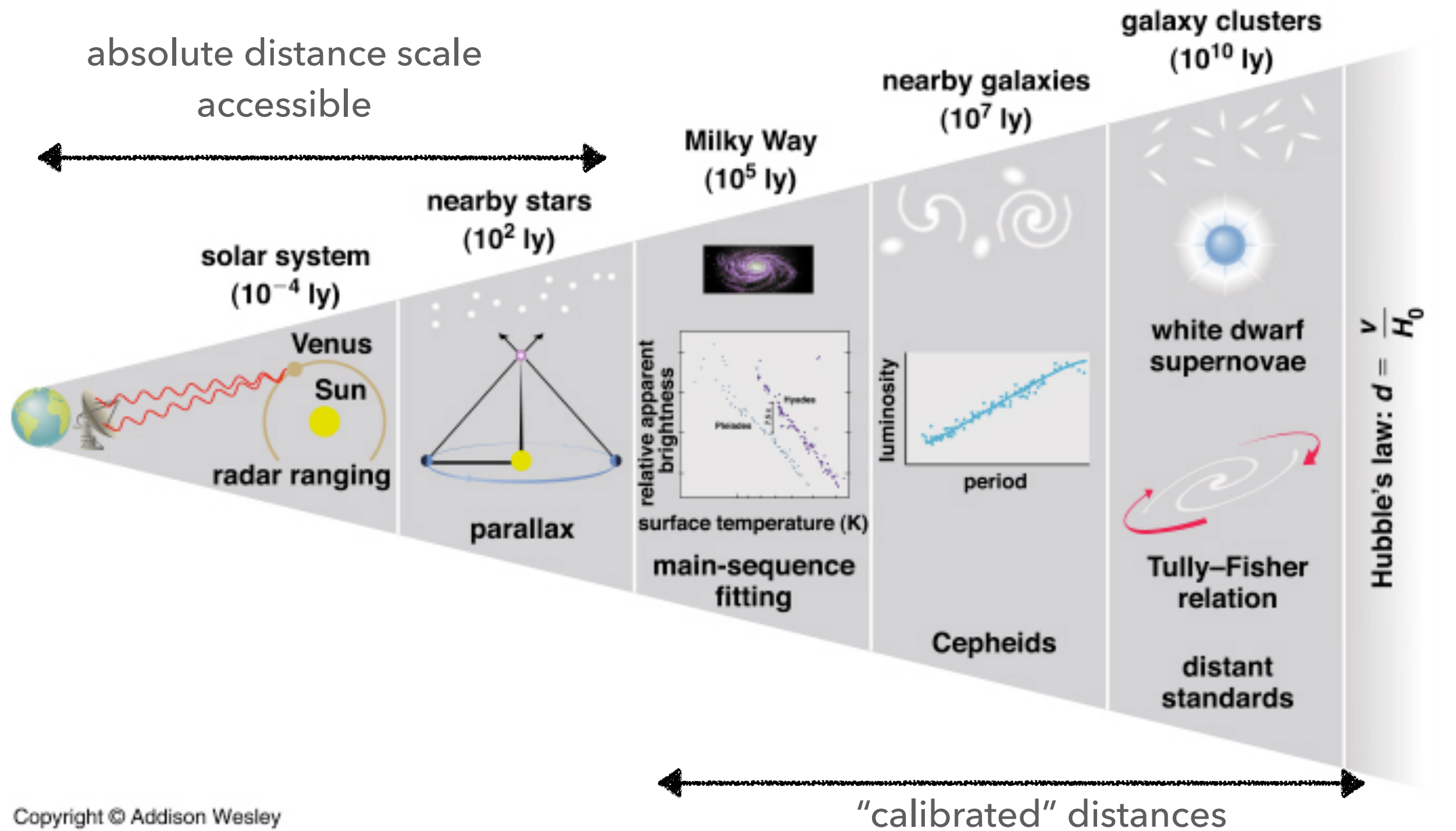
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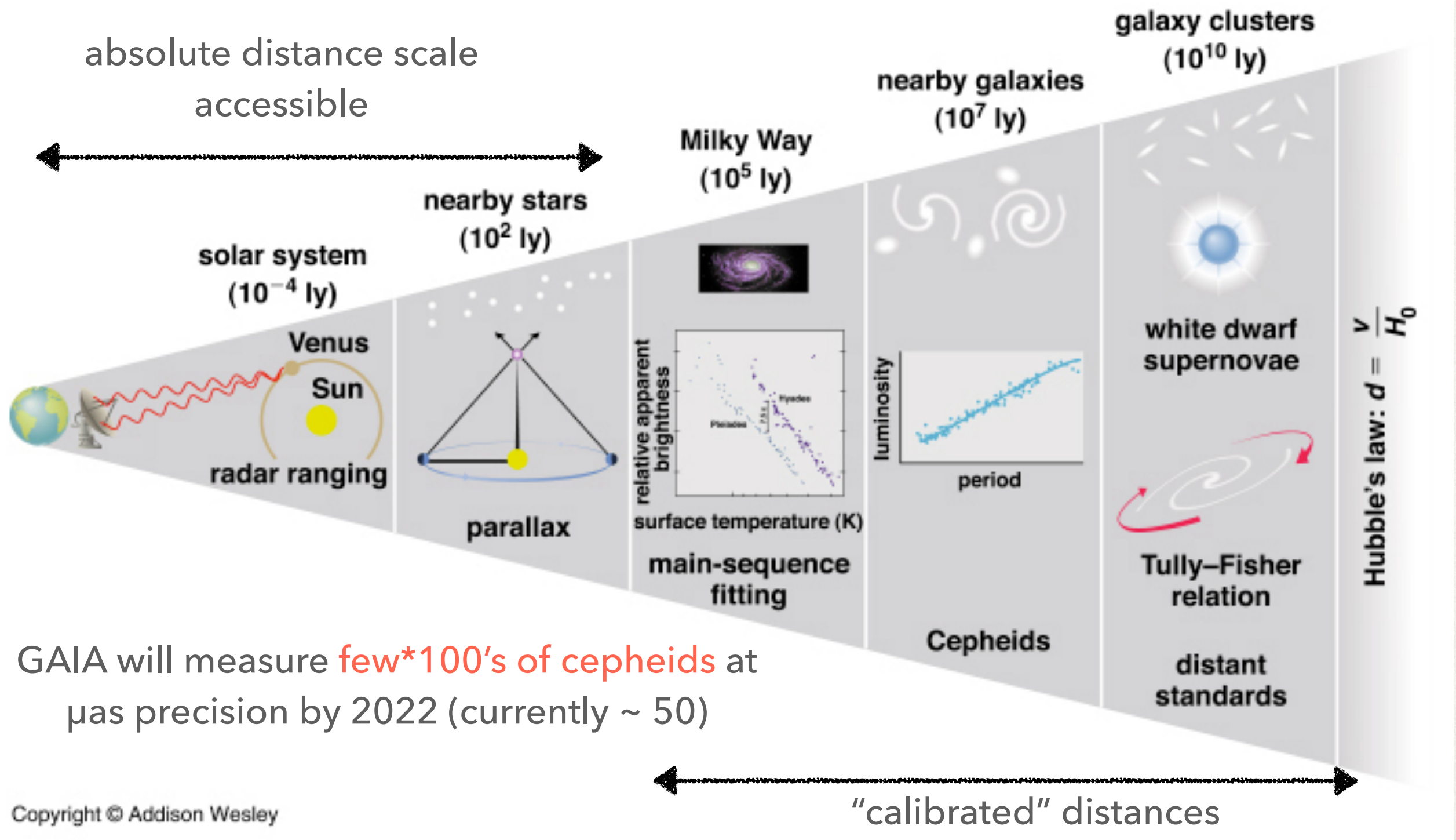


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$H_0 = 72.5 \pm 2.1 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

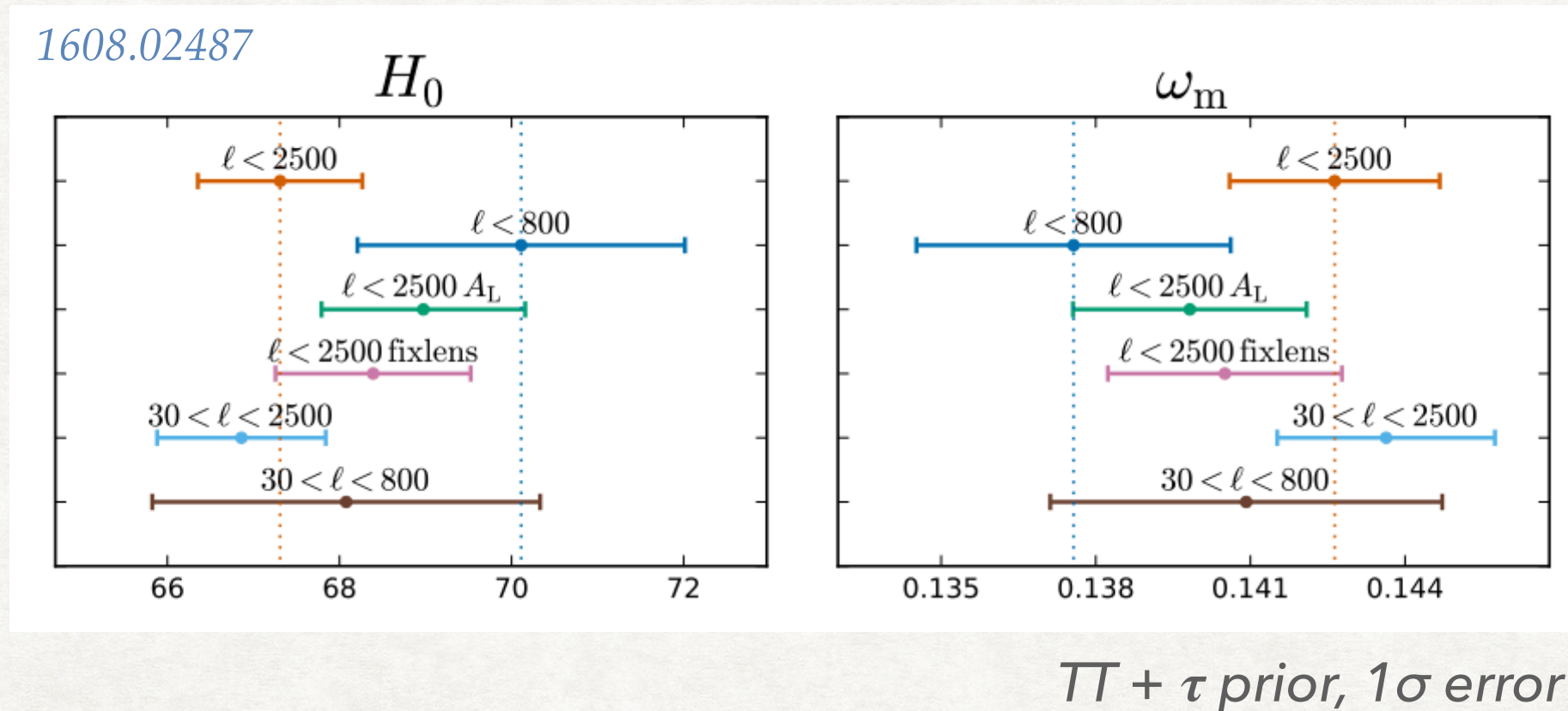
  
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- **In the (near) future**: Gravitational wave standard sirens (~5 yrs) expect to get to 1km/s/Mpc.  
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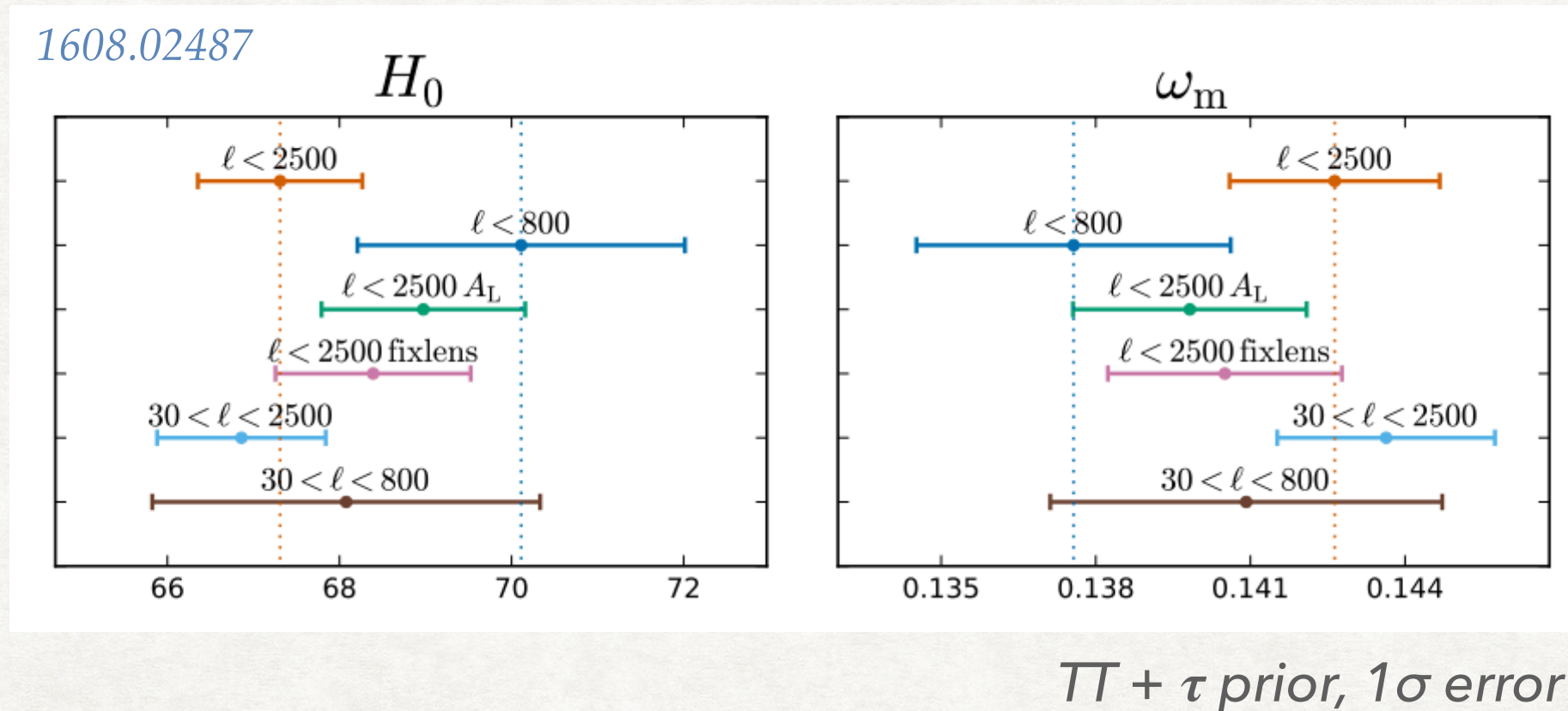




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- It **exists with other CMB data**: WMAP+SPT/ACT+BAO  $\sim 2.4\text{-}3.1\sigma$  with SH0ES.
- It **exists even with non-CMB data**! BAO+BBN  $\sim 3\sigma$  with SH0ES.

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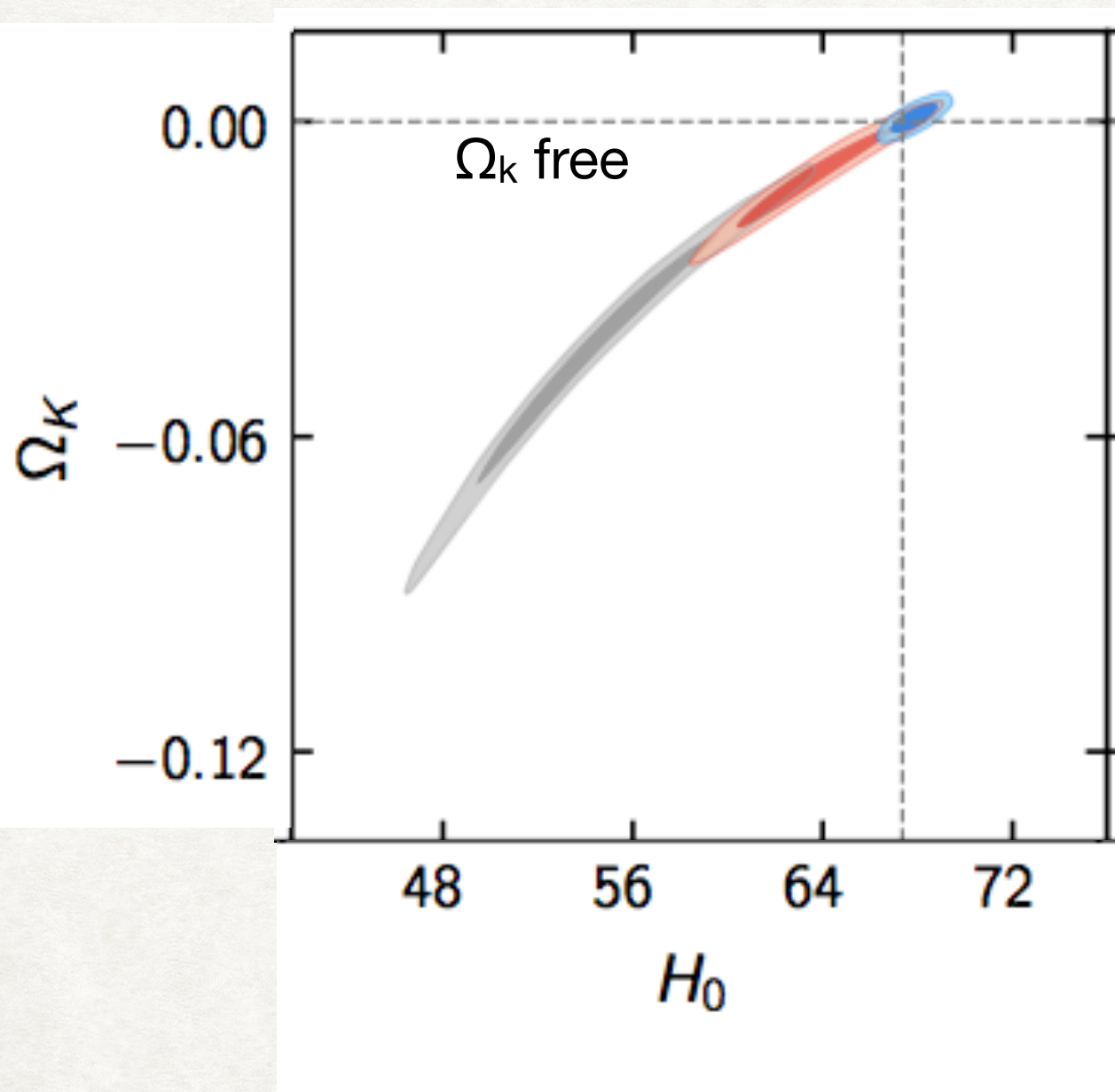


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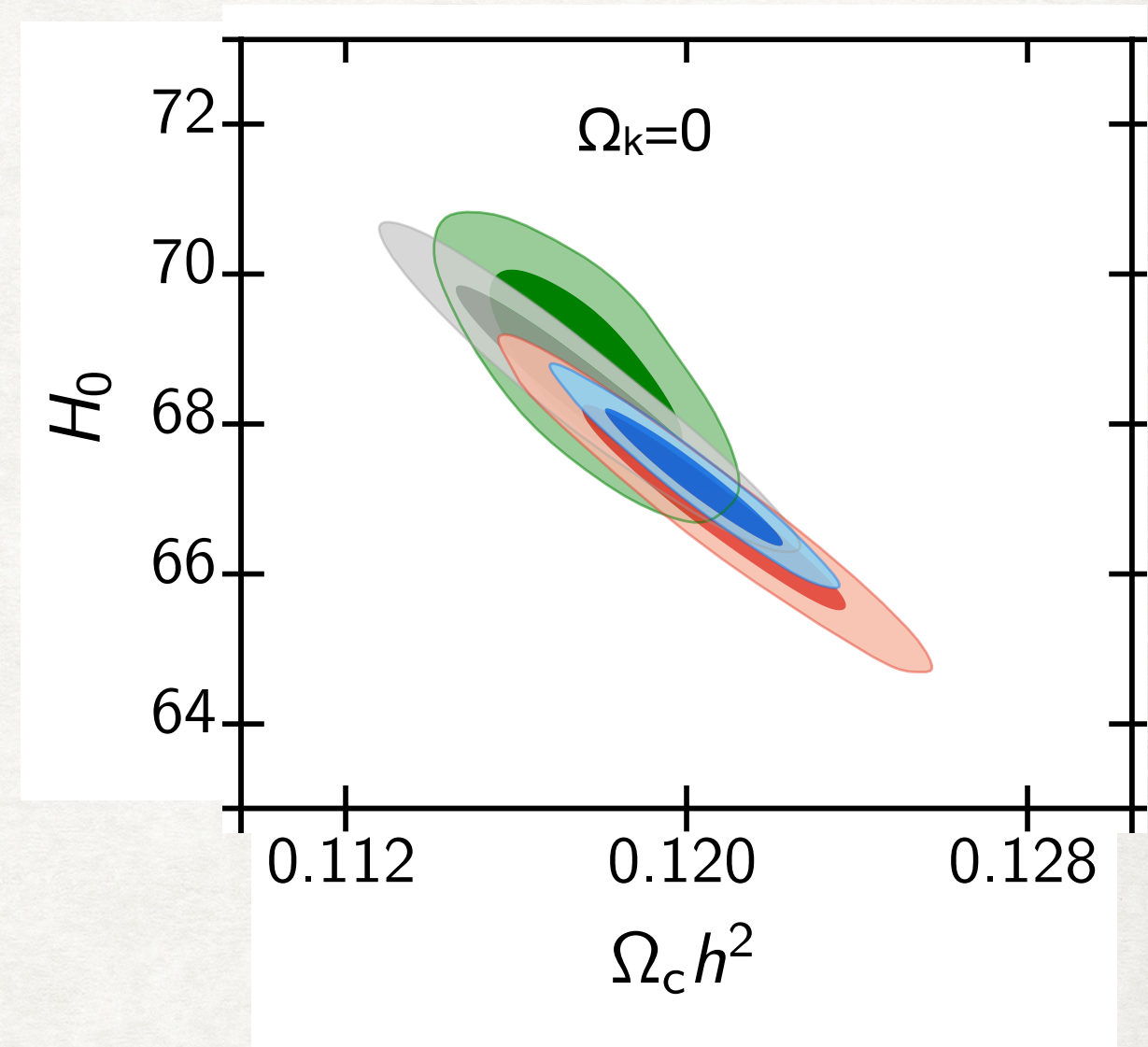
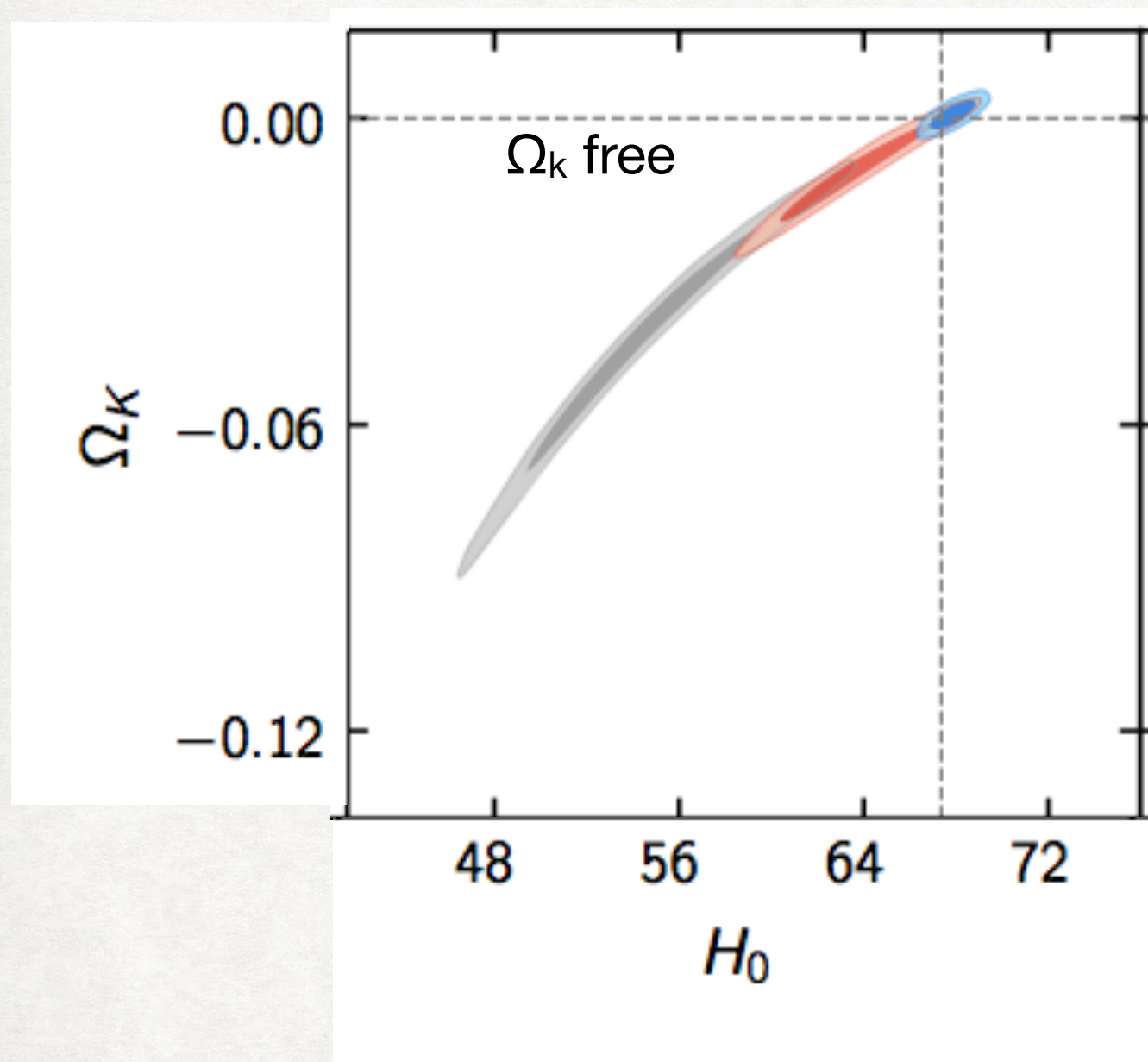


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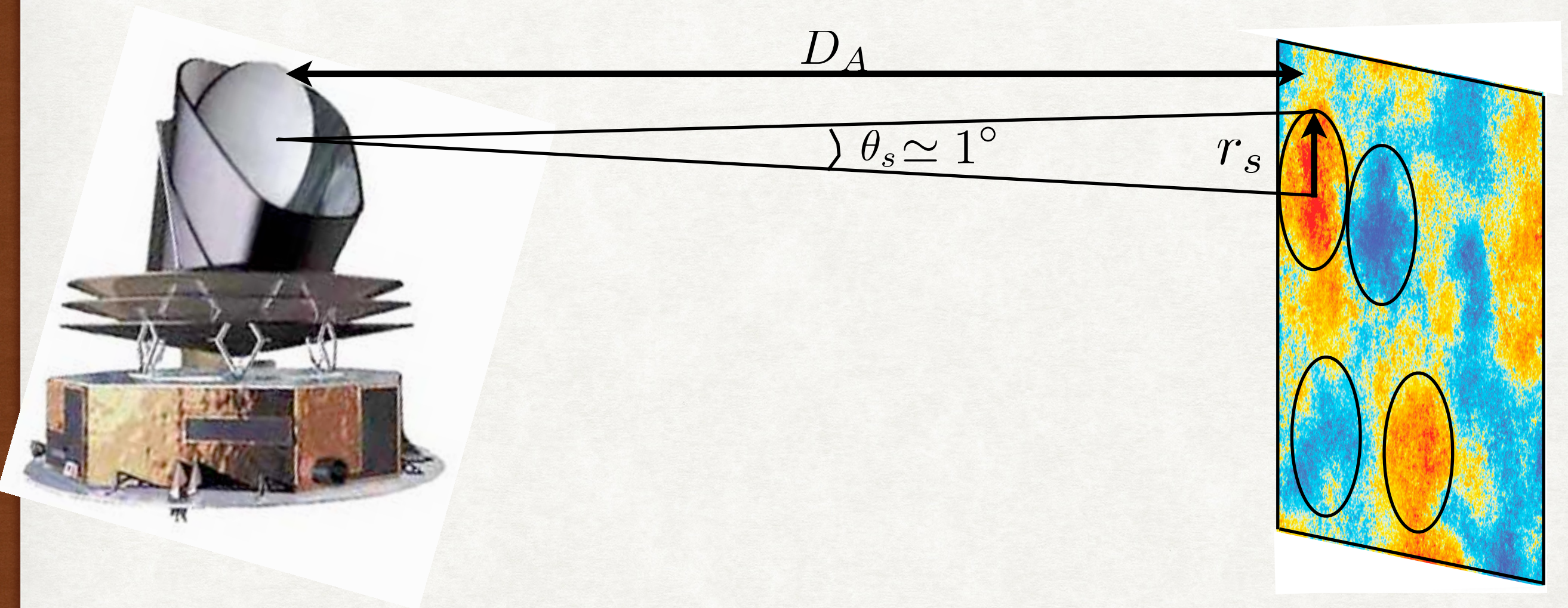


**Planck measurement is strongly model dependent! baseline assumes “flat” universe**



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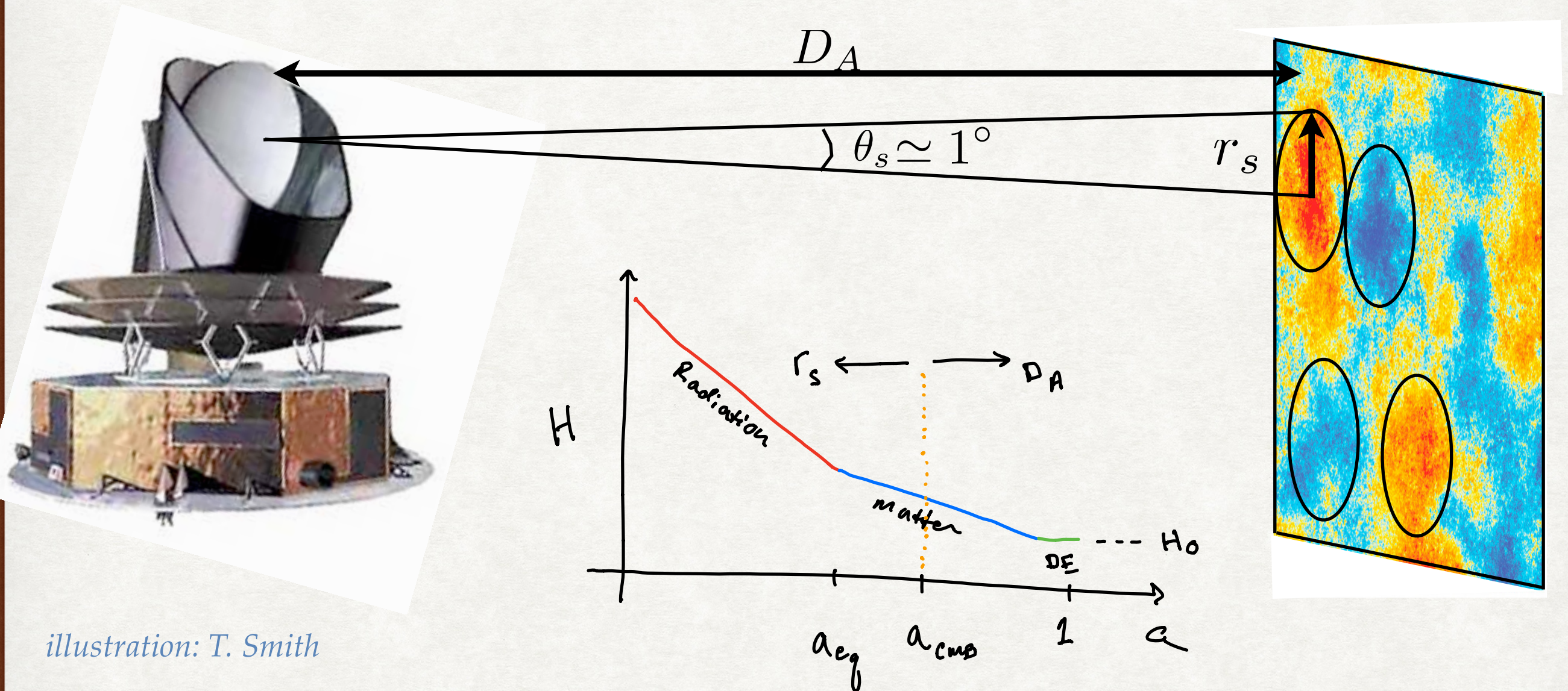


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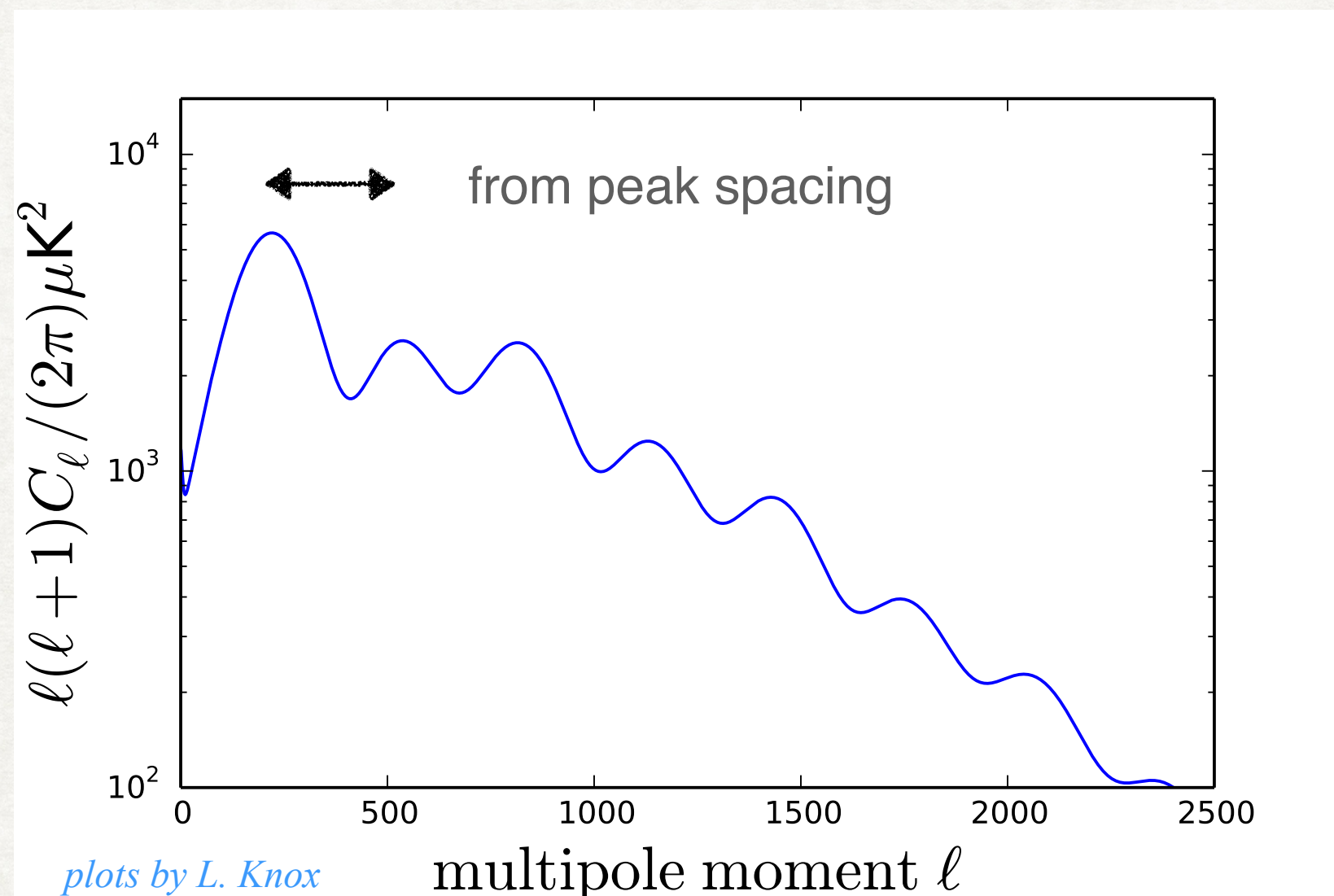
- $r_s$  **pre-recombination physics**: DOES NOT depend on  $H_0$ , but on physical densities  $\omega_x$
- $d_A$  angular diameter distance: **post-recombination physics**.  $d_A \propto \omega_M^{-0.35} H_0^{-0.2}$



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$\theta_s$  sound horizon at last scattering  $\sim 1.0404$



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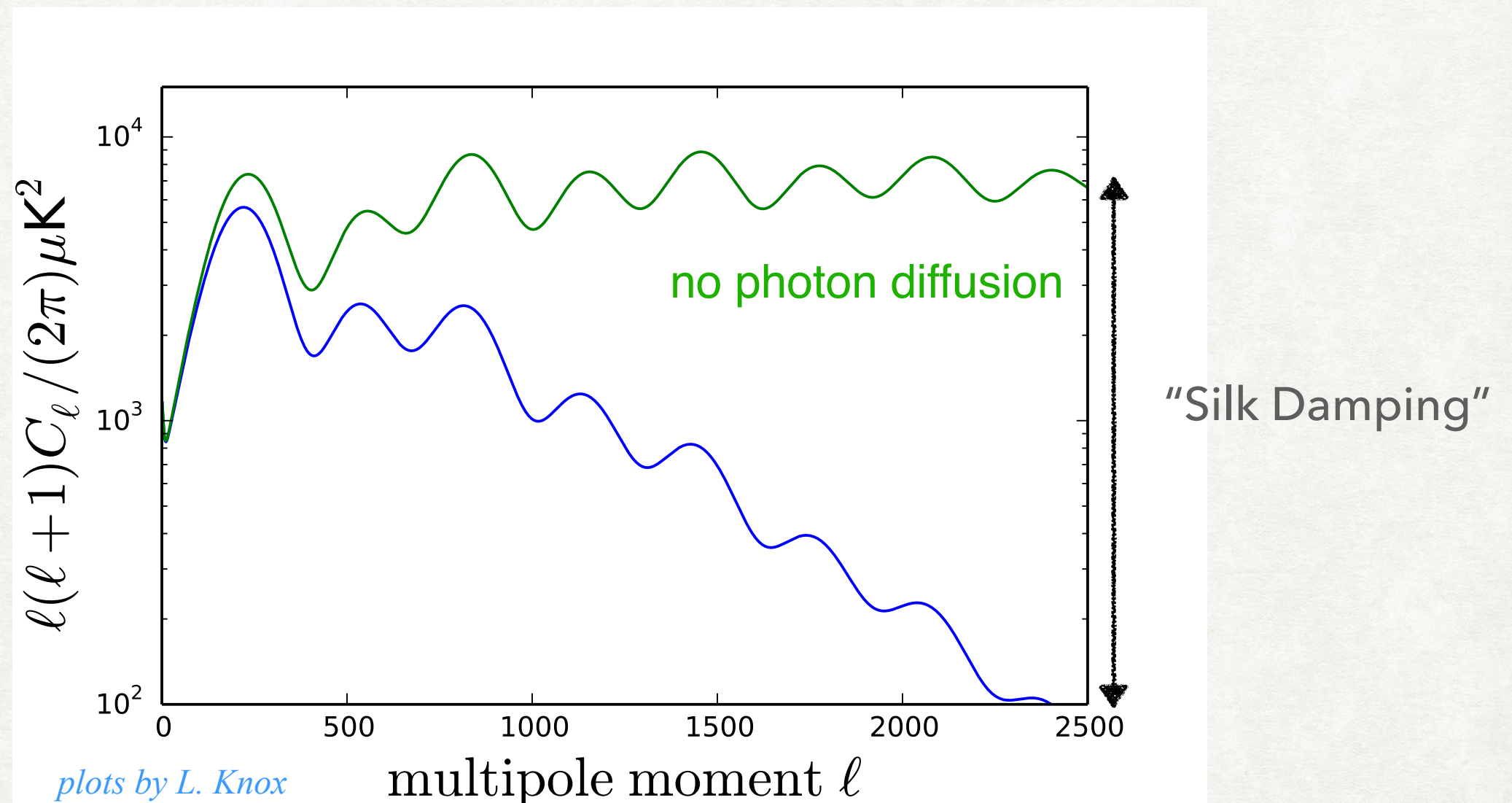
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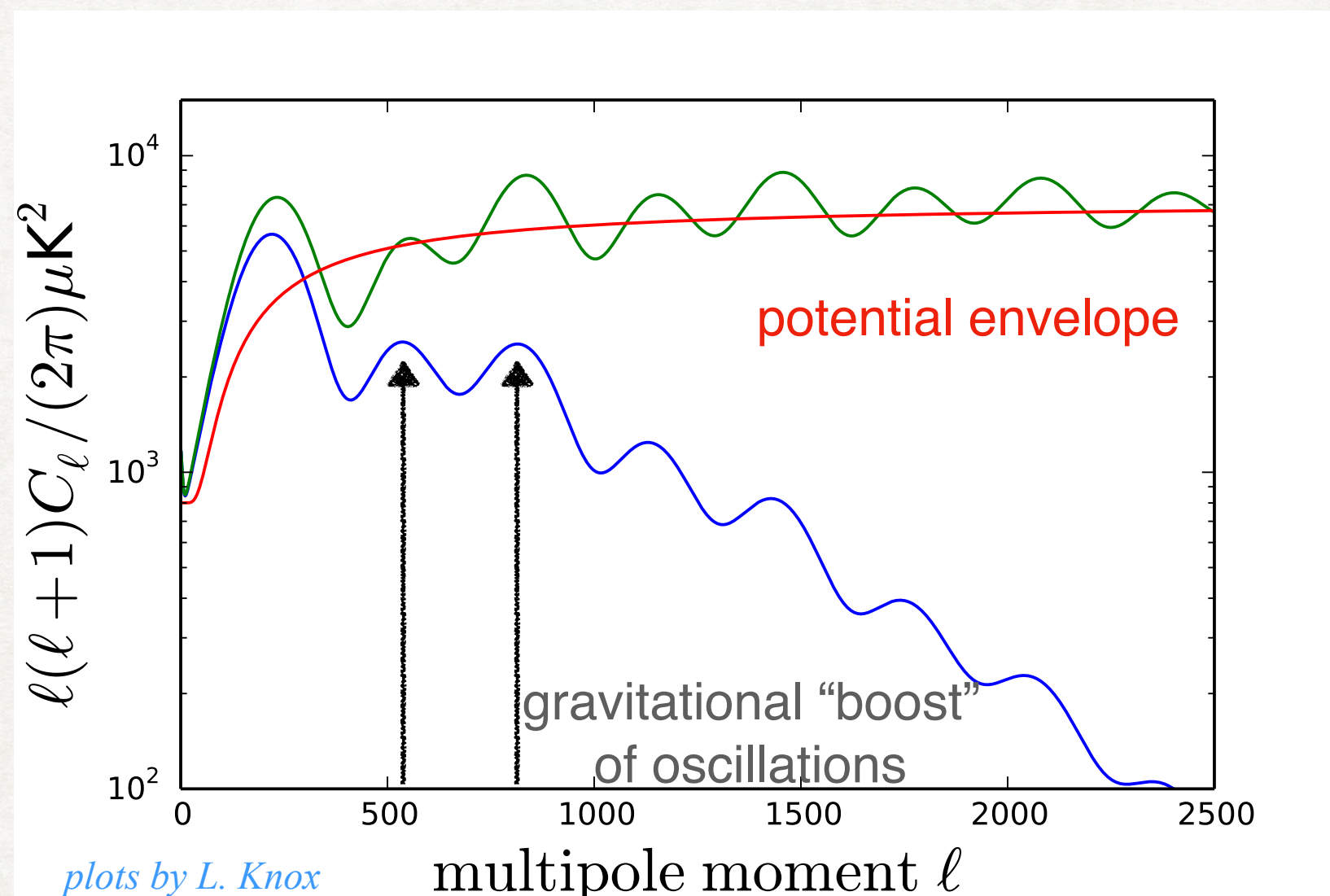
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$\theta_{eq}$  horizon size at matter-radiation equality  $\sim 0.81$



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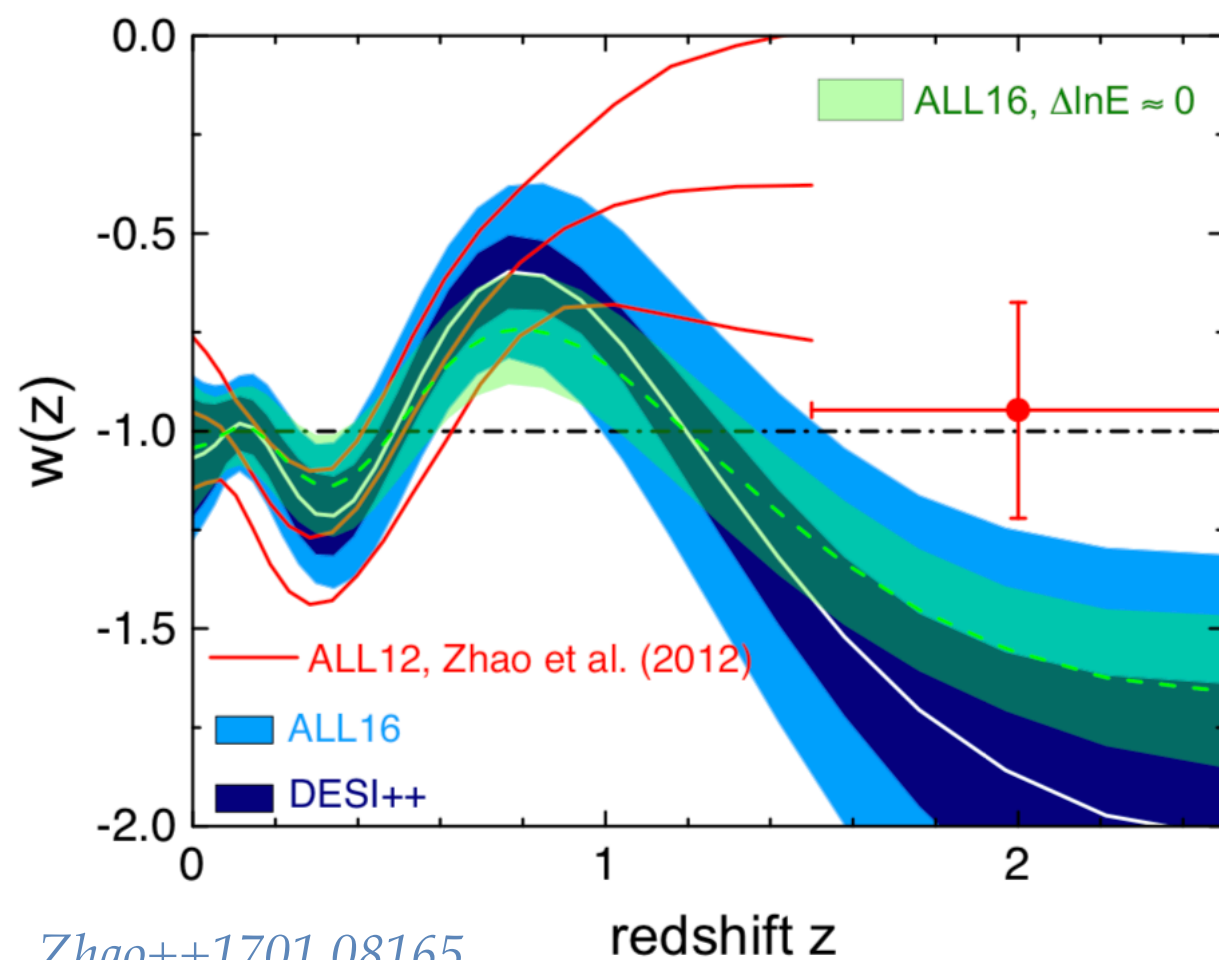
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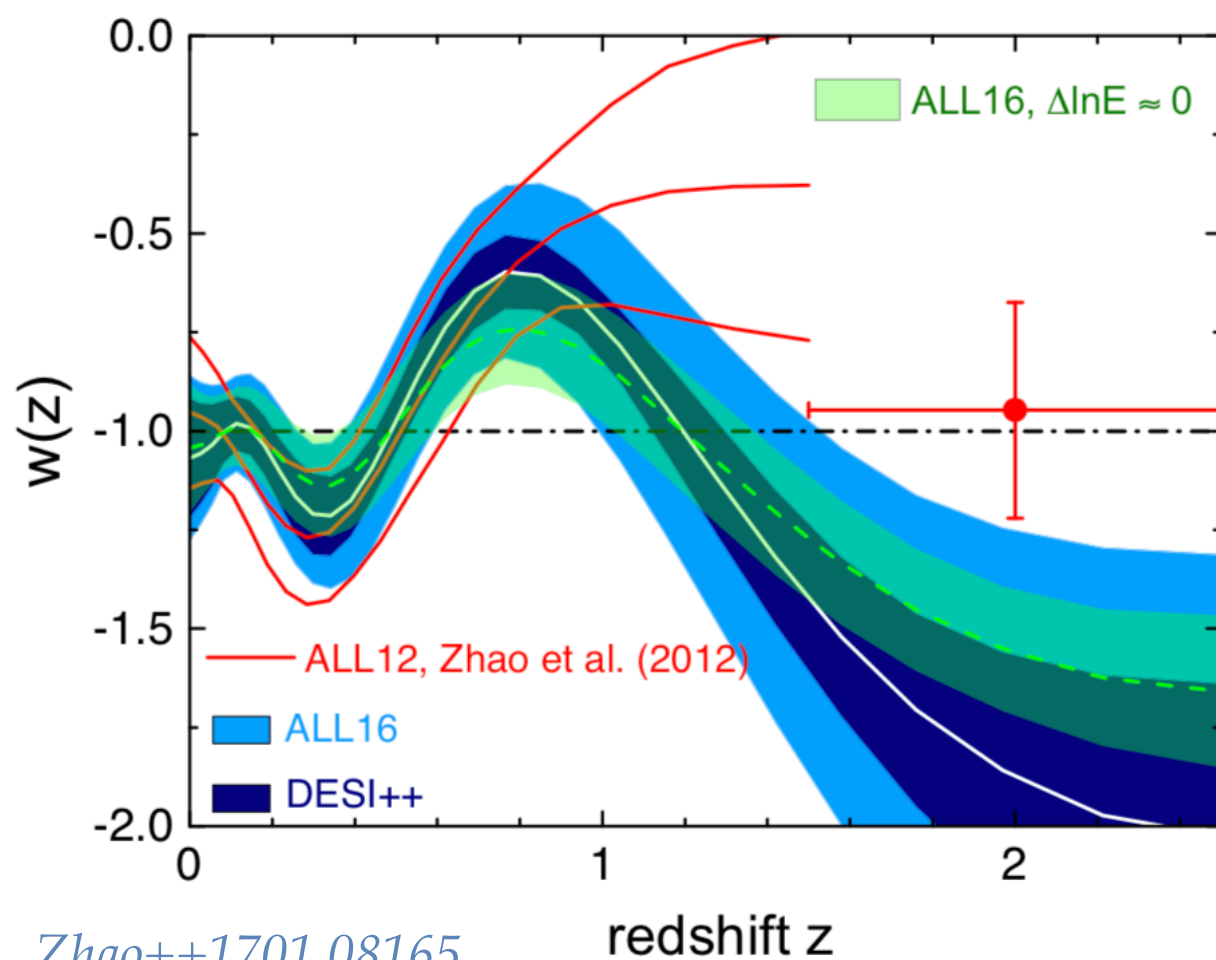
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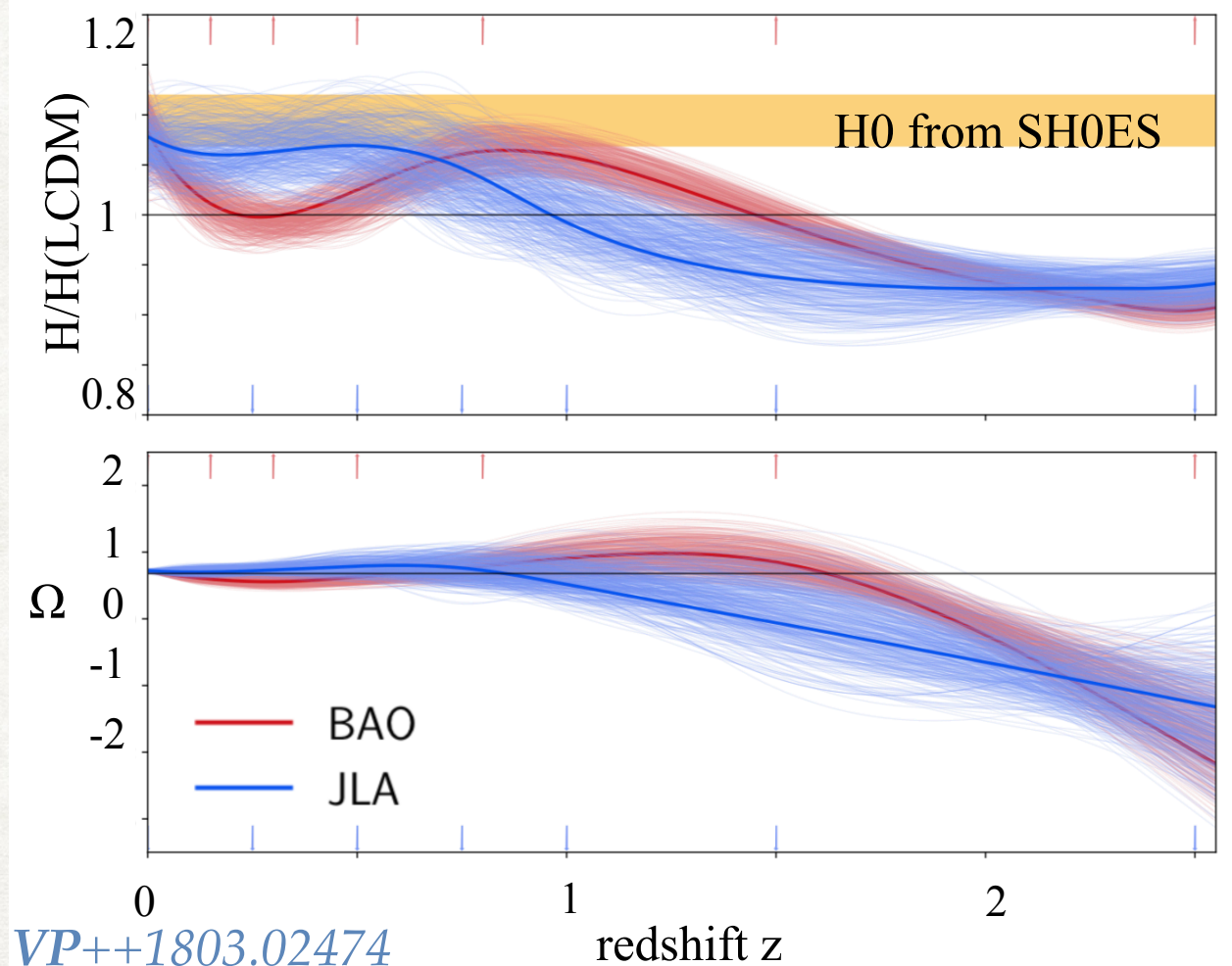
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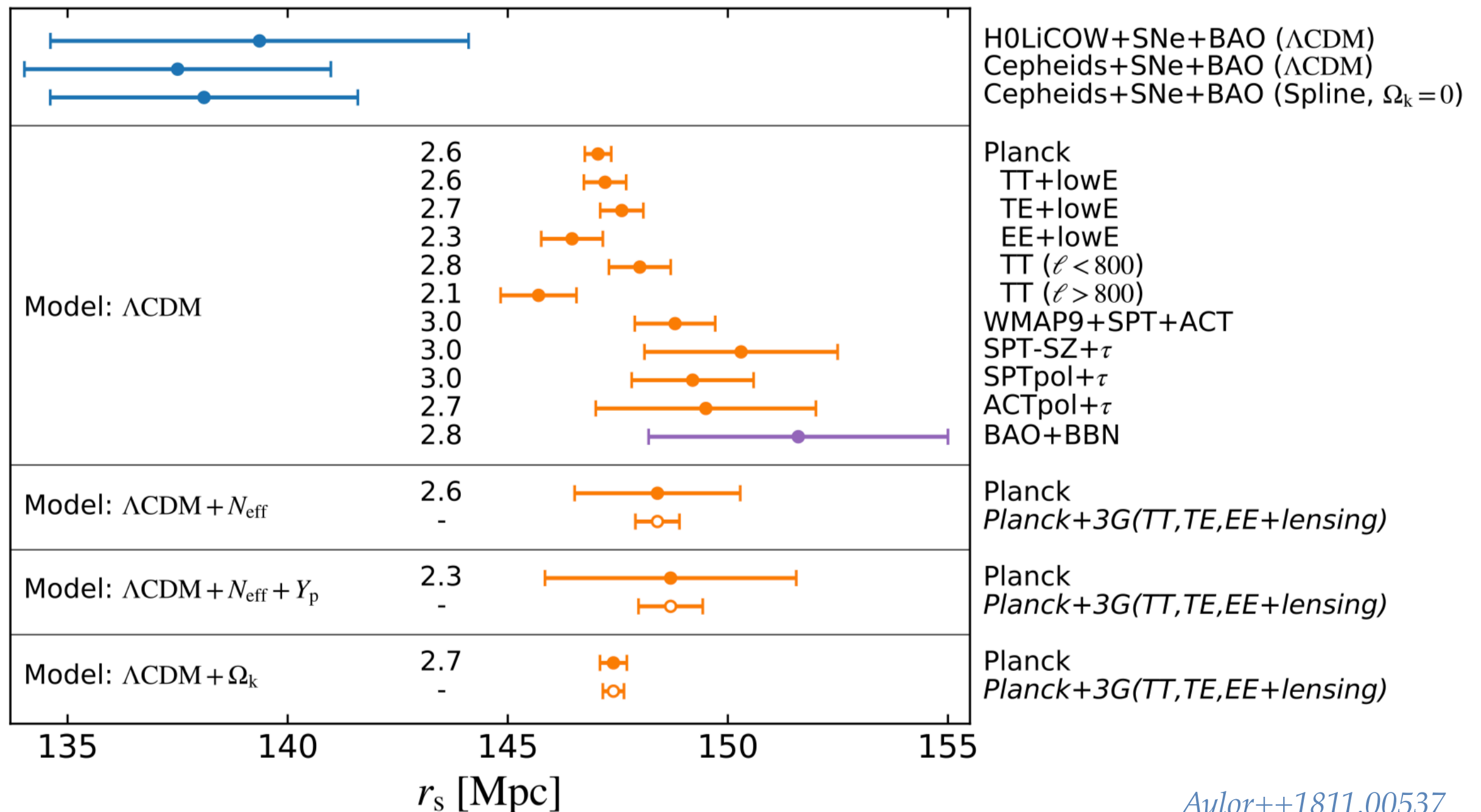
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- JLA favors "flat" expansion history / BAO favors oscillation:  $2\sigma$  residual tension



# The $H_0$ tension is a $r_s$ tension

One can deduce the co-moving sound horizon  $r_s$  from  $H_0$  and BAO  
 $r_s$  from CMB needs to **decrease by  $\sim 10$  Mpc**

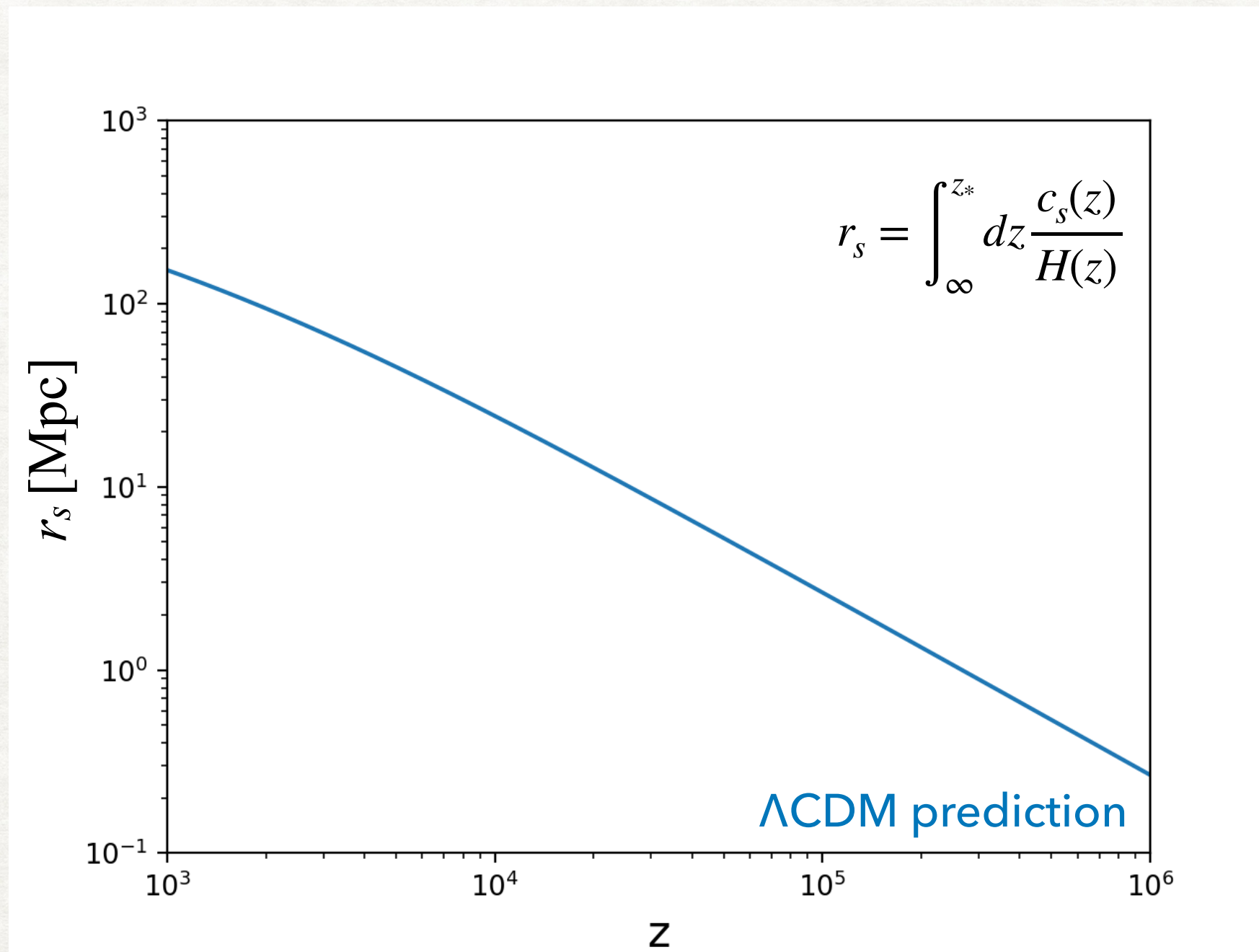


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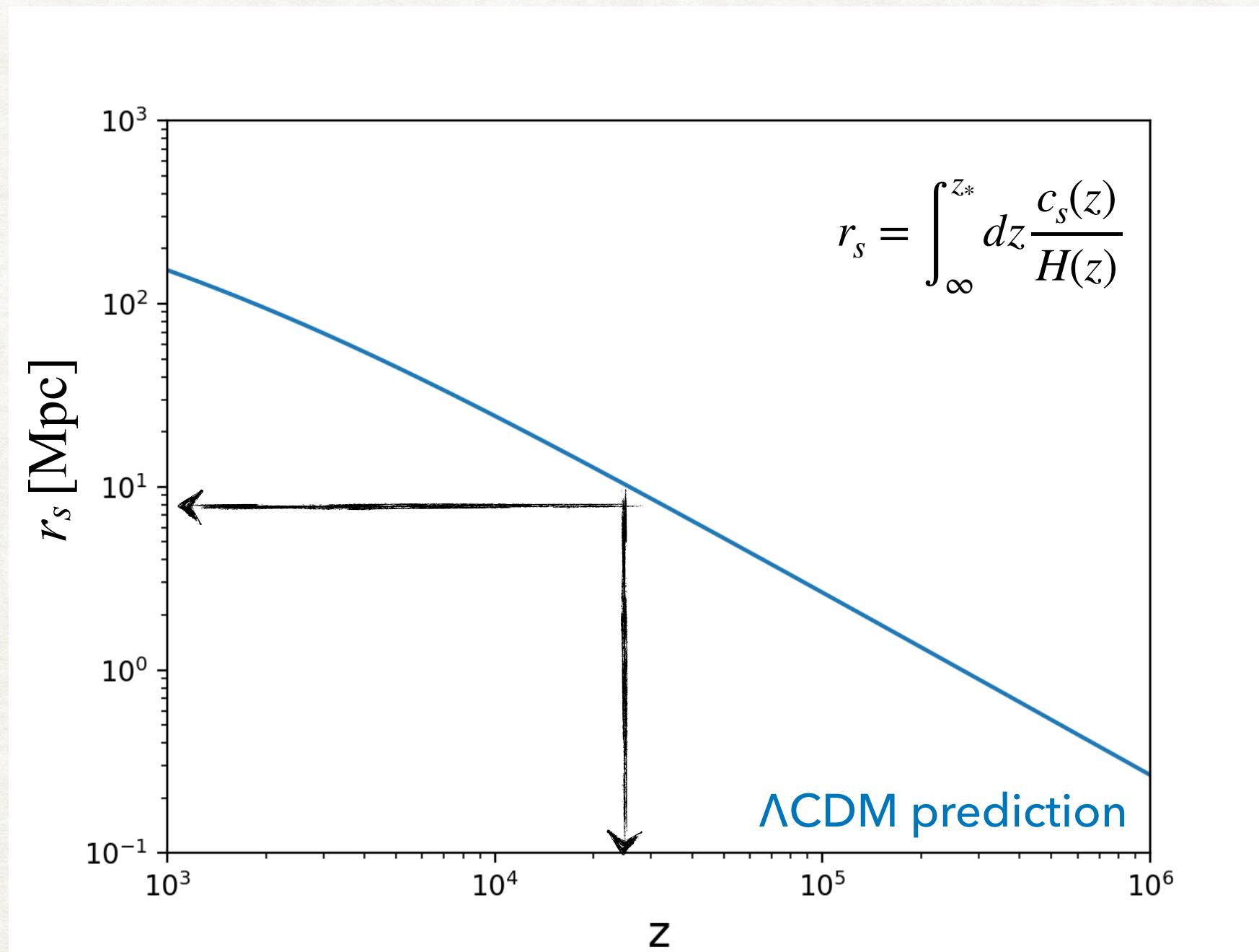
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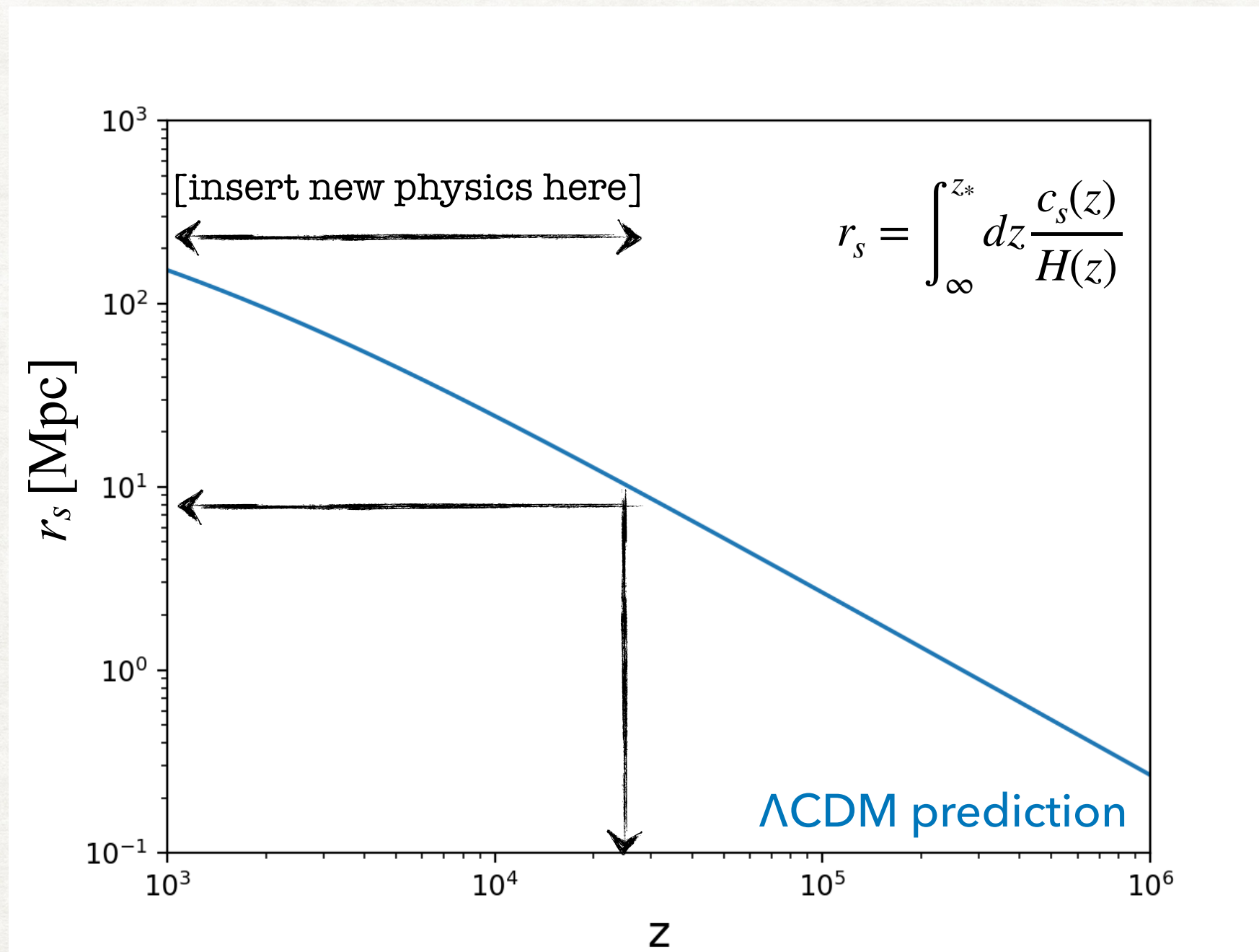
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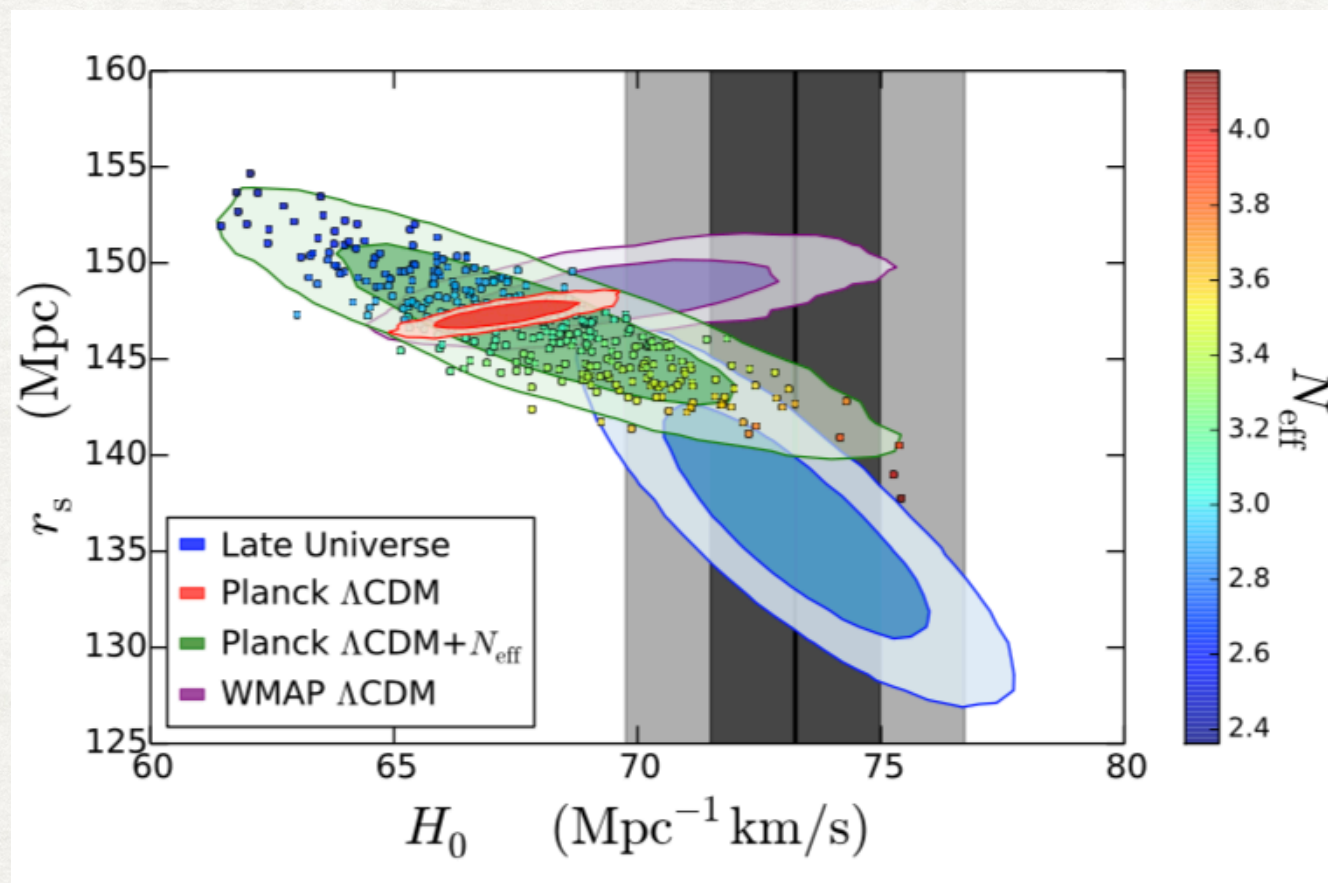
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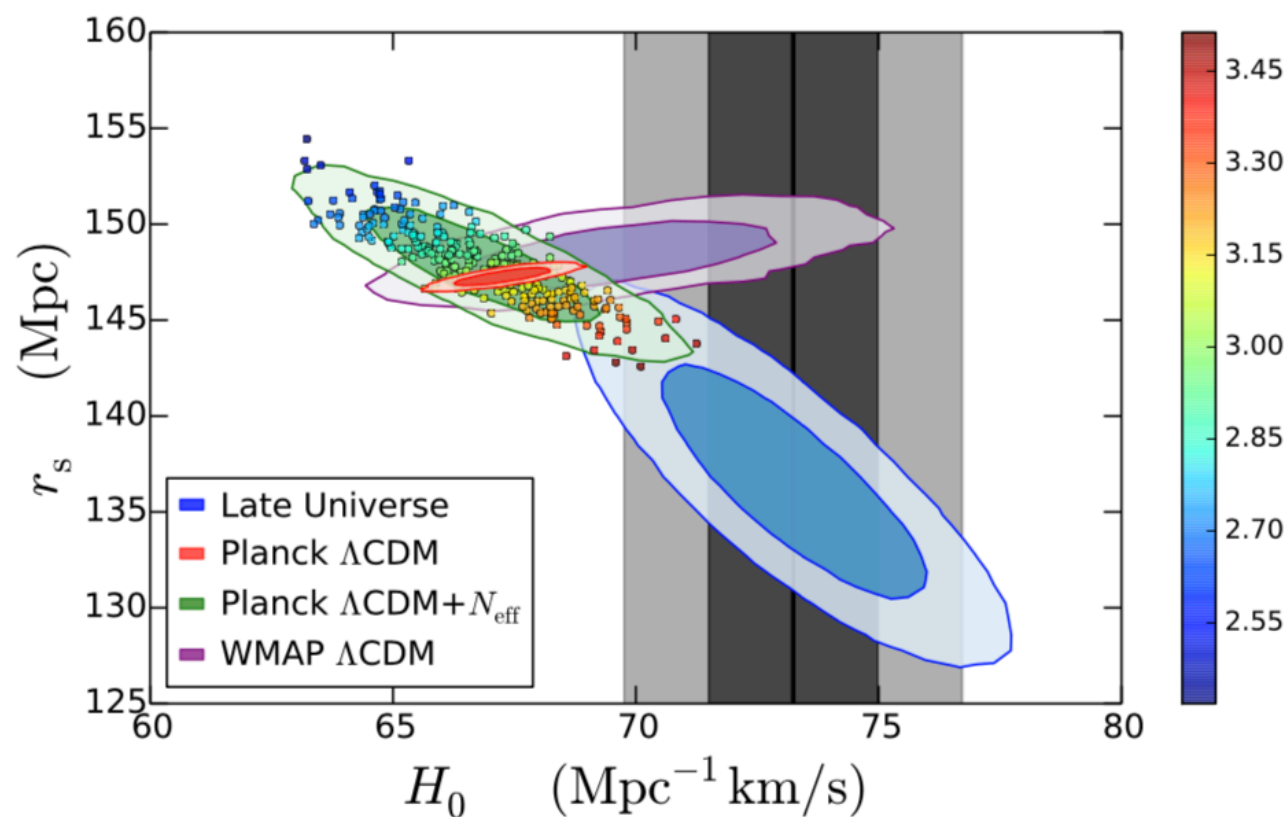
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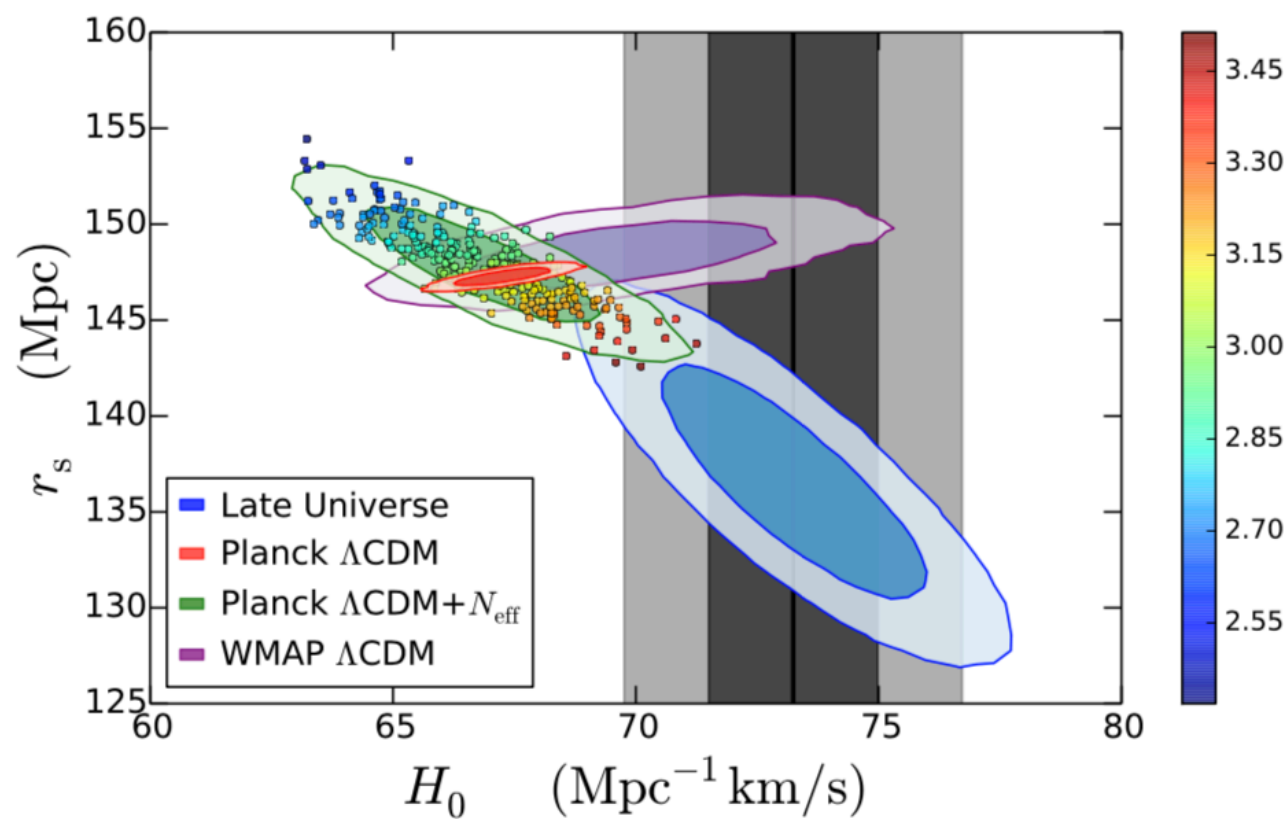
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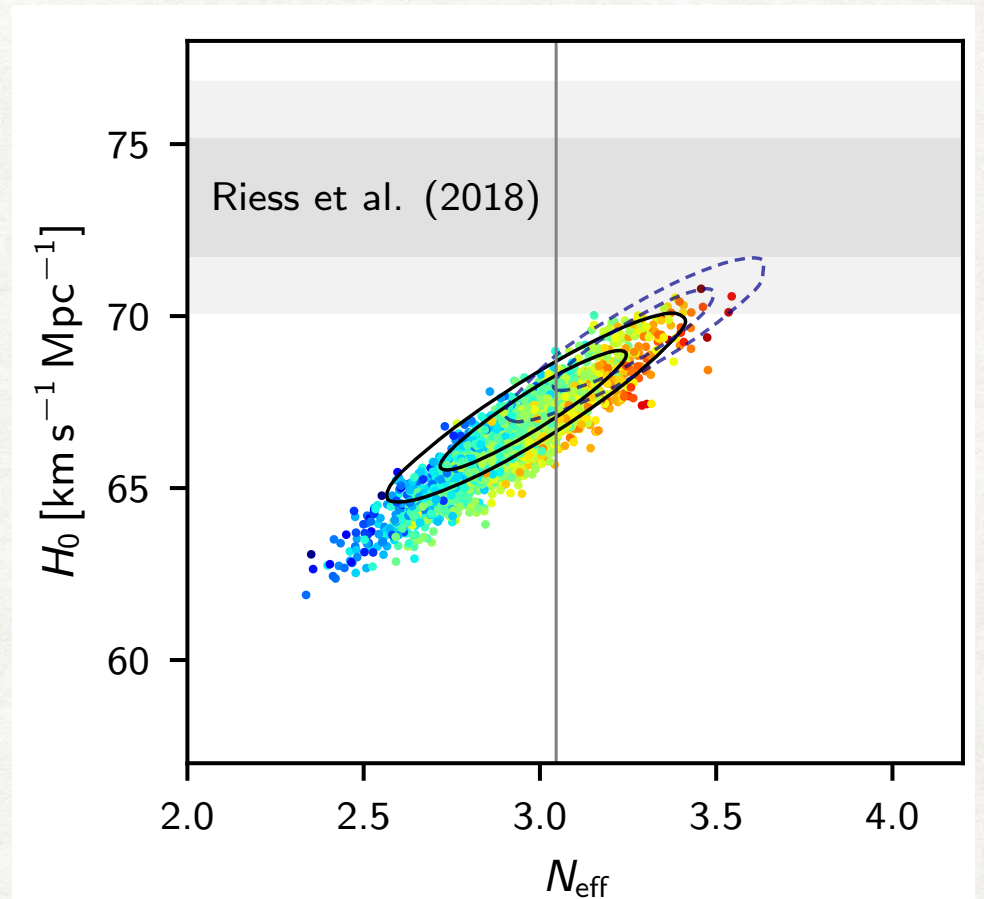
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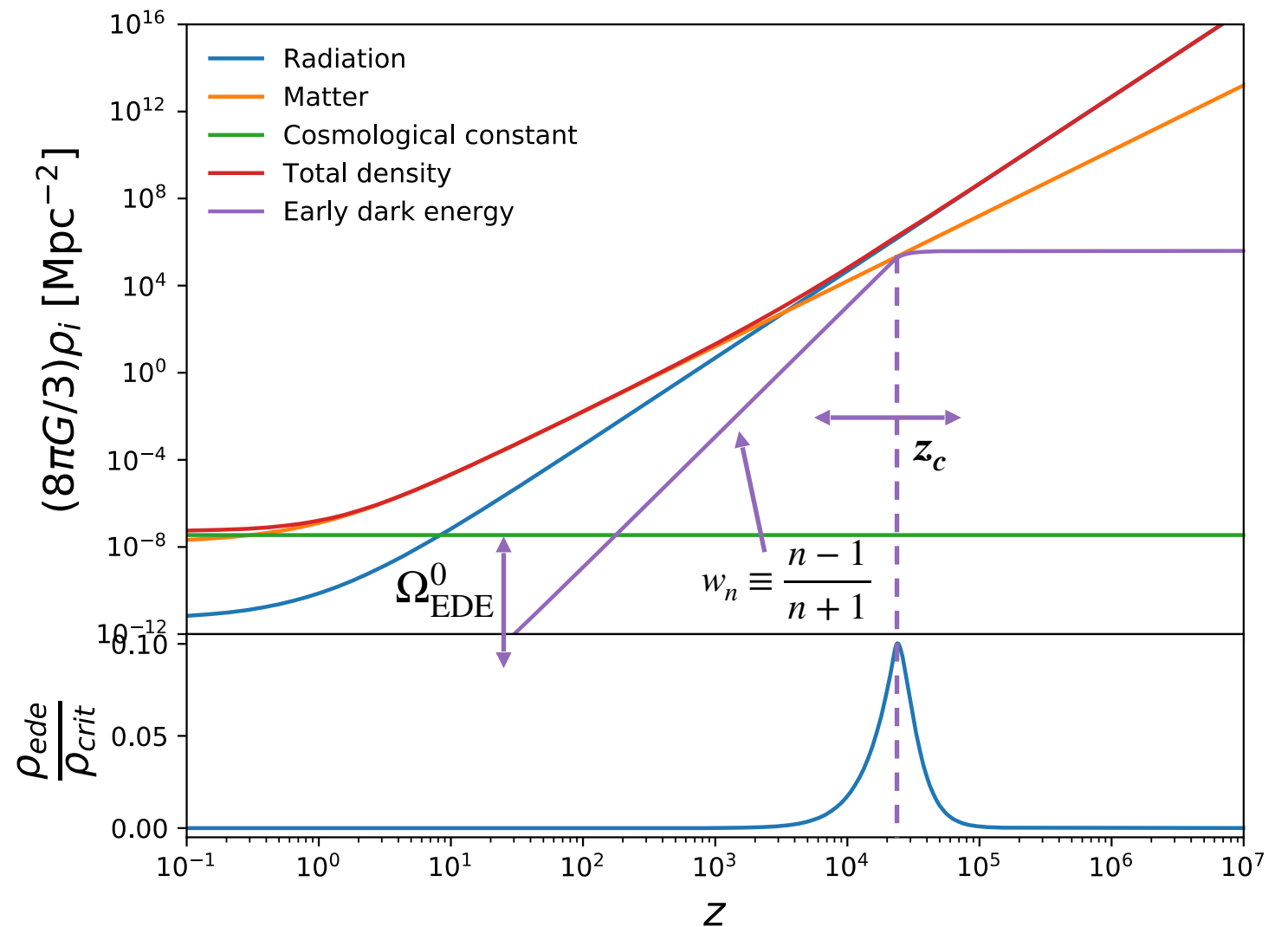
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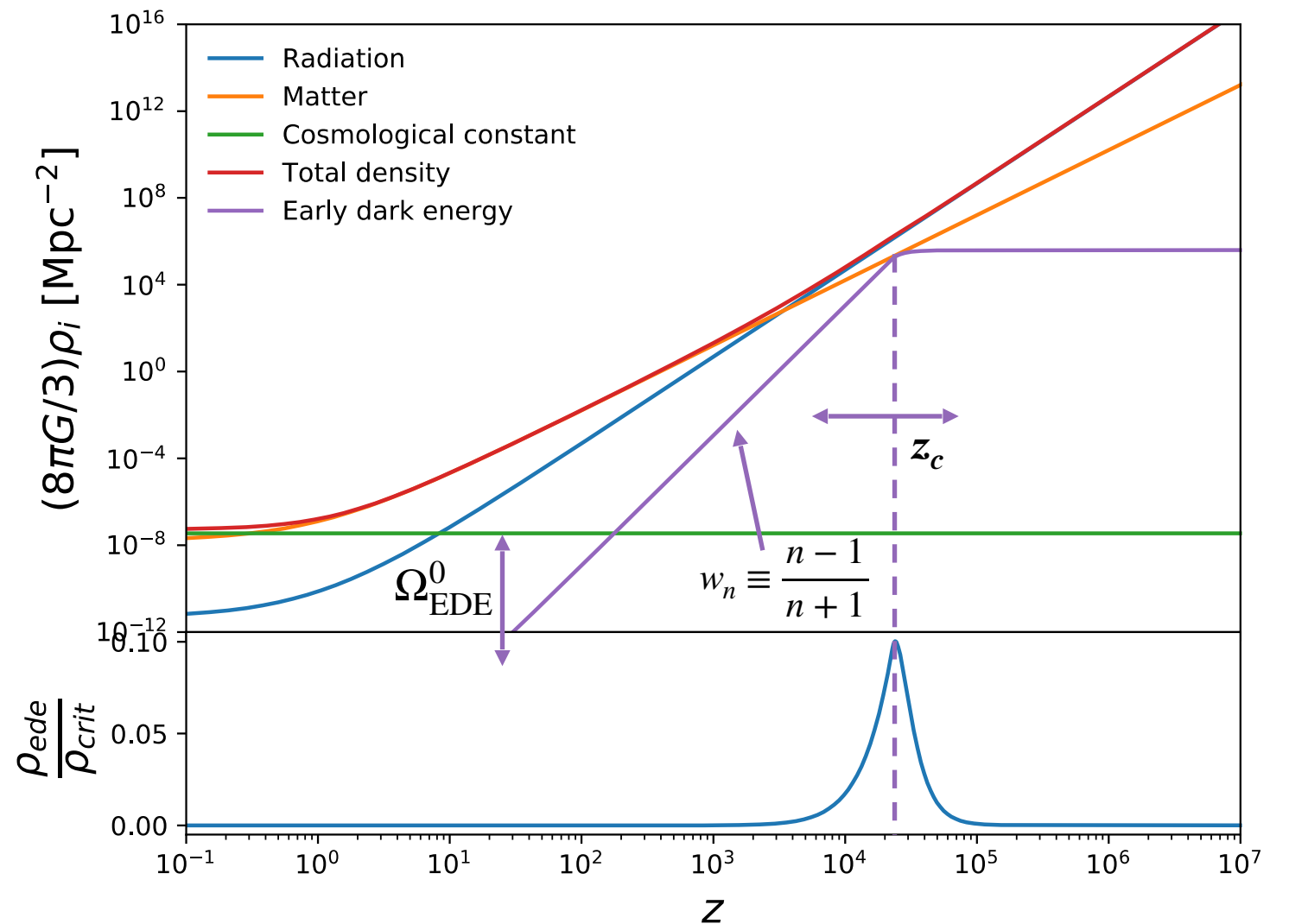
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# Scalar field and Early Dark Energy

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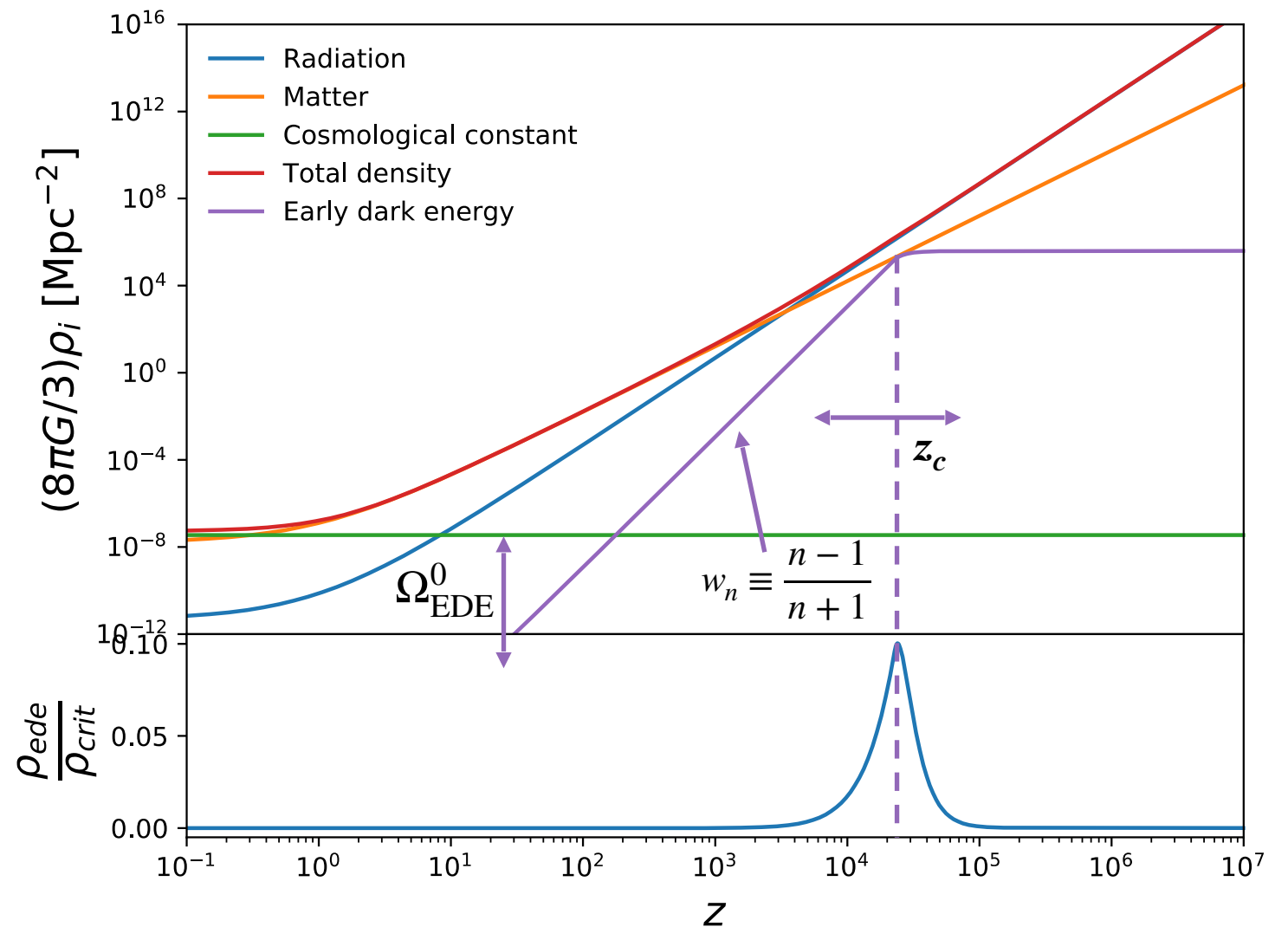
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*background only: Karwal&Kamionkowski 1608.01309*



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# We also include linear perturbations!

$$\ddot{\phi}_1 + 3H\dot{\phi}_1 + \left(\frac{k^2}{a^2} + V''\right)\phi_1 \quad \blacksquare \text{ 1 hour}$$

$$= (\dot{A} + 3\dot{H}_L - k/aB)\dot{\phi}_0 - 2AV'$$

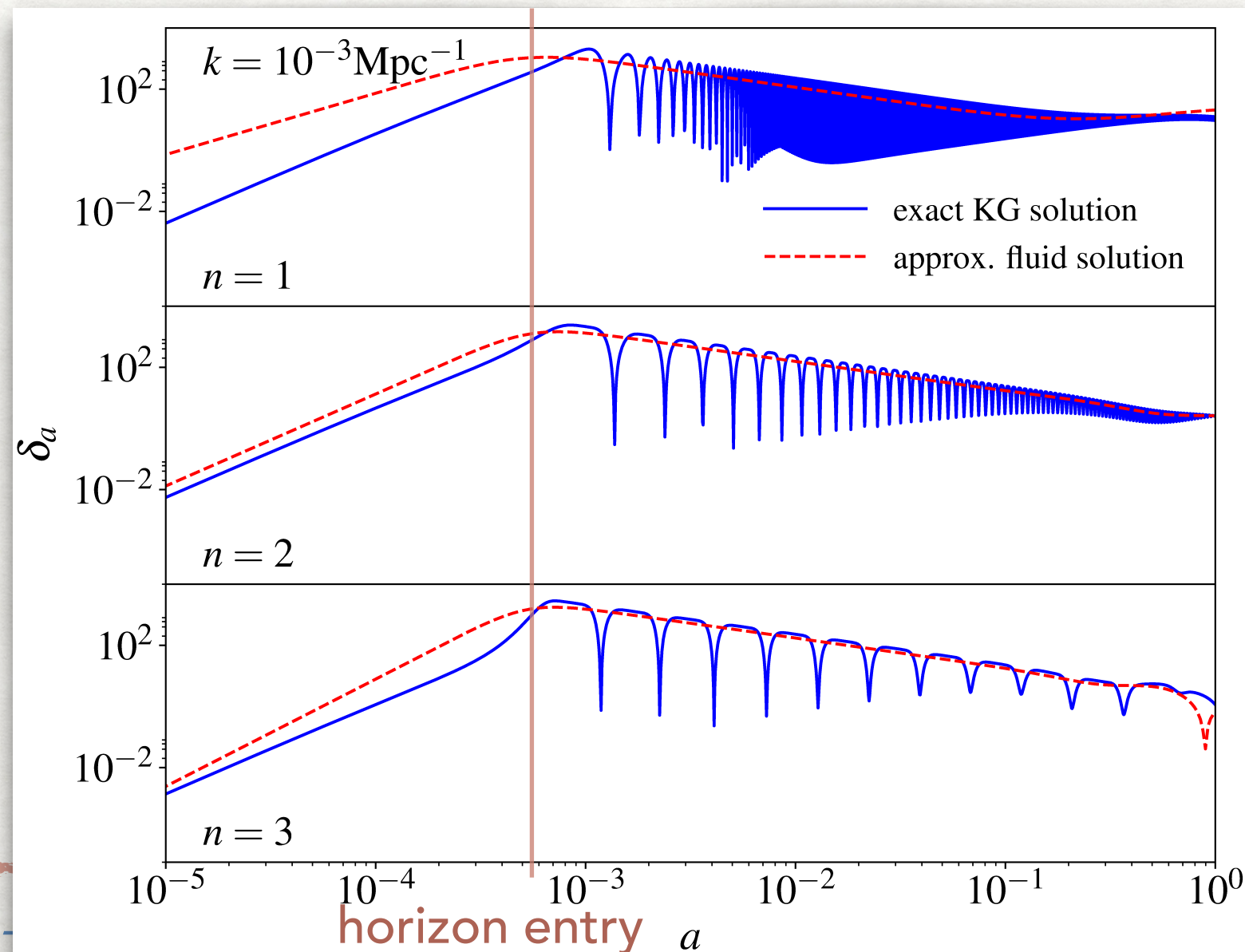
WKB approx.  
fluid with  $c_s^2$ ,  $c_a^2$  &  $w$

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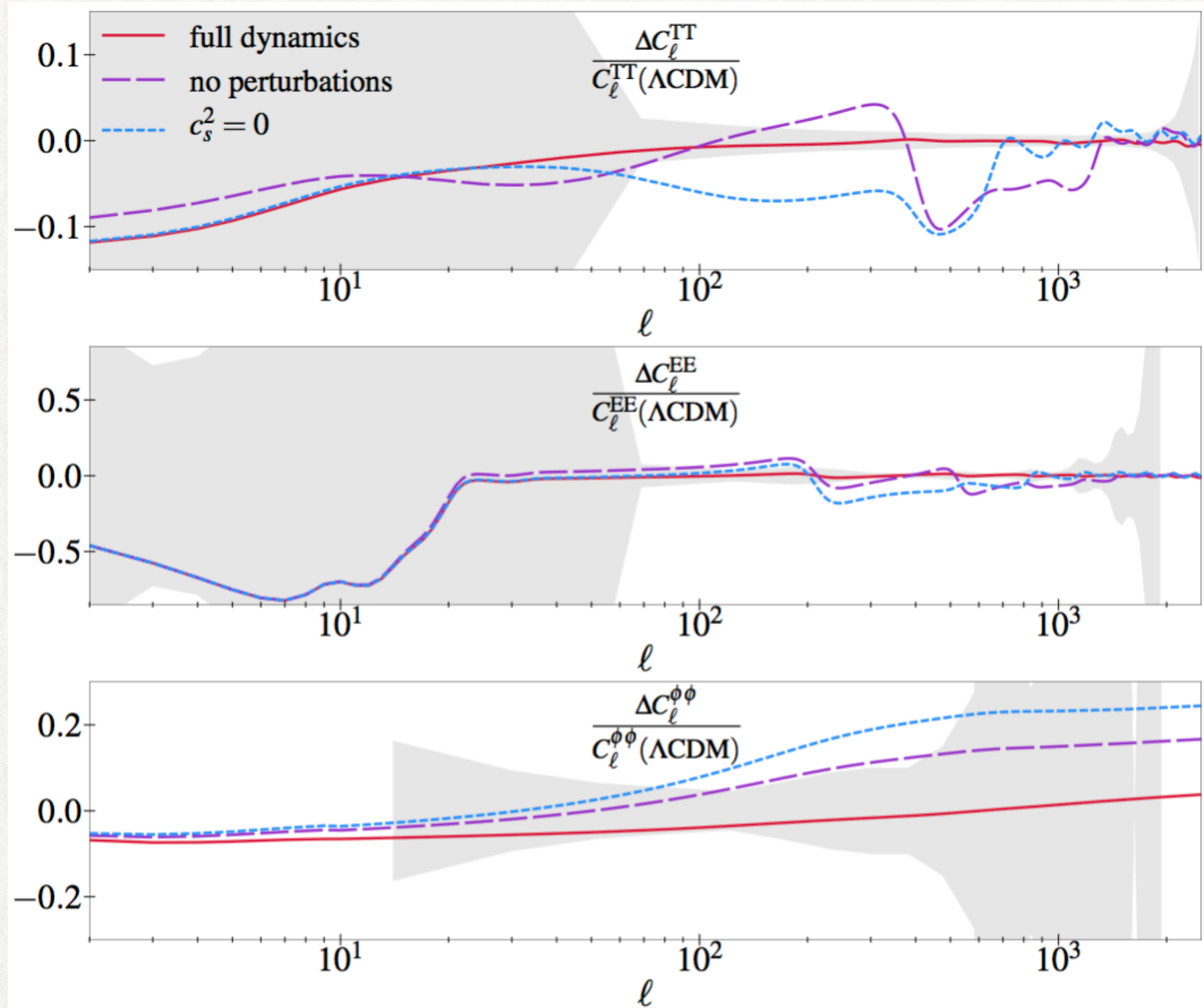
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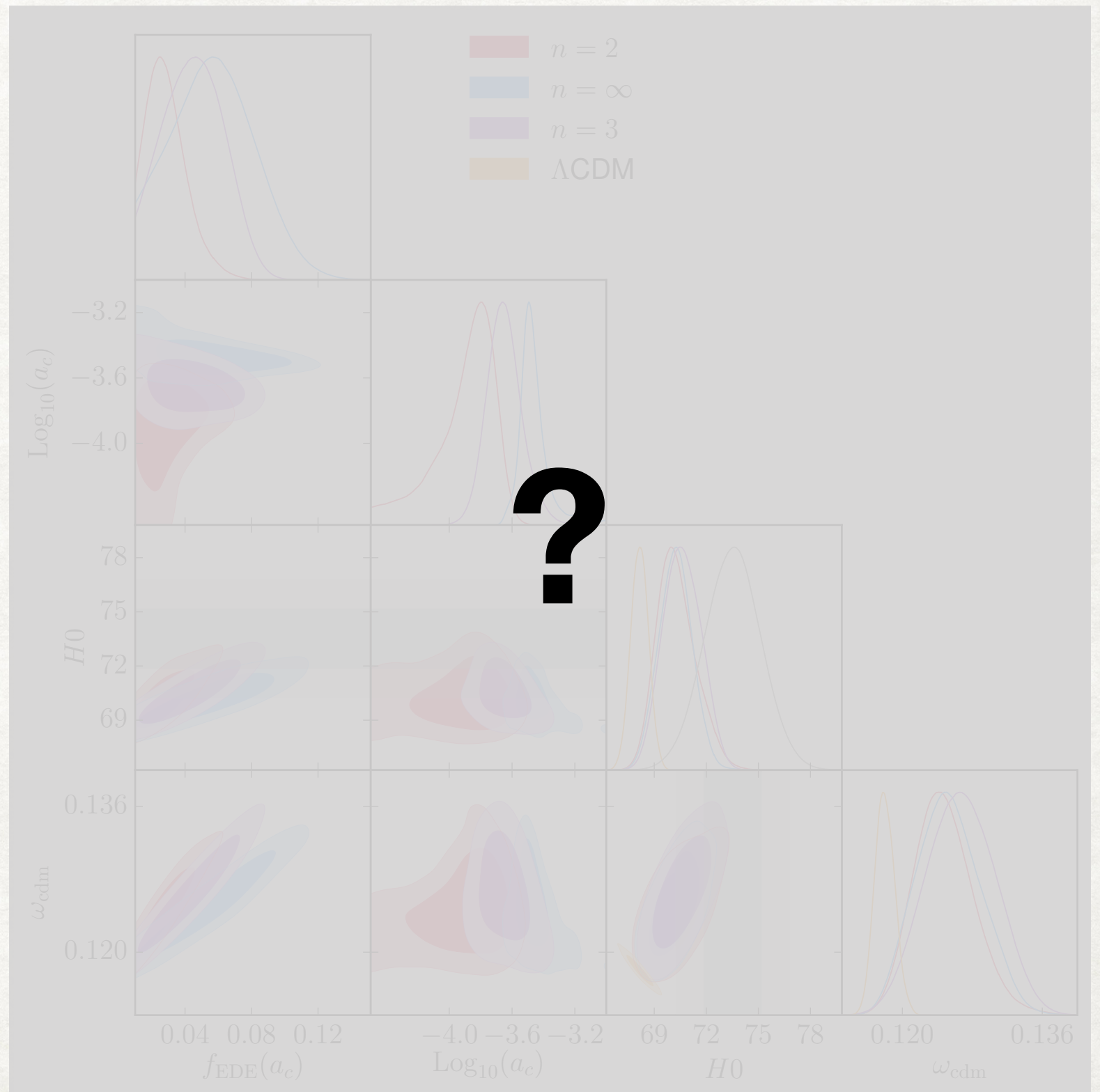


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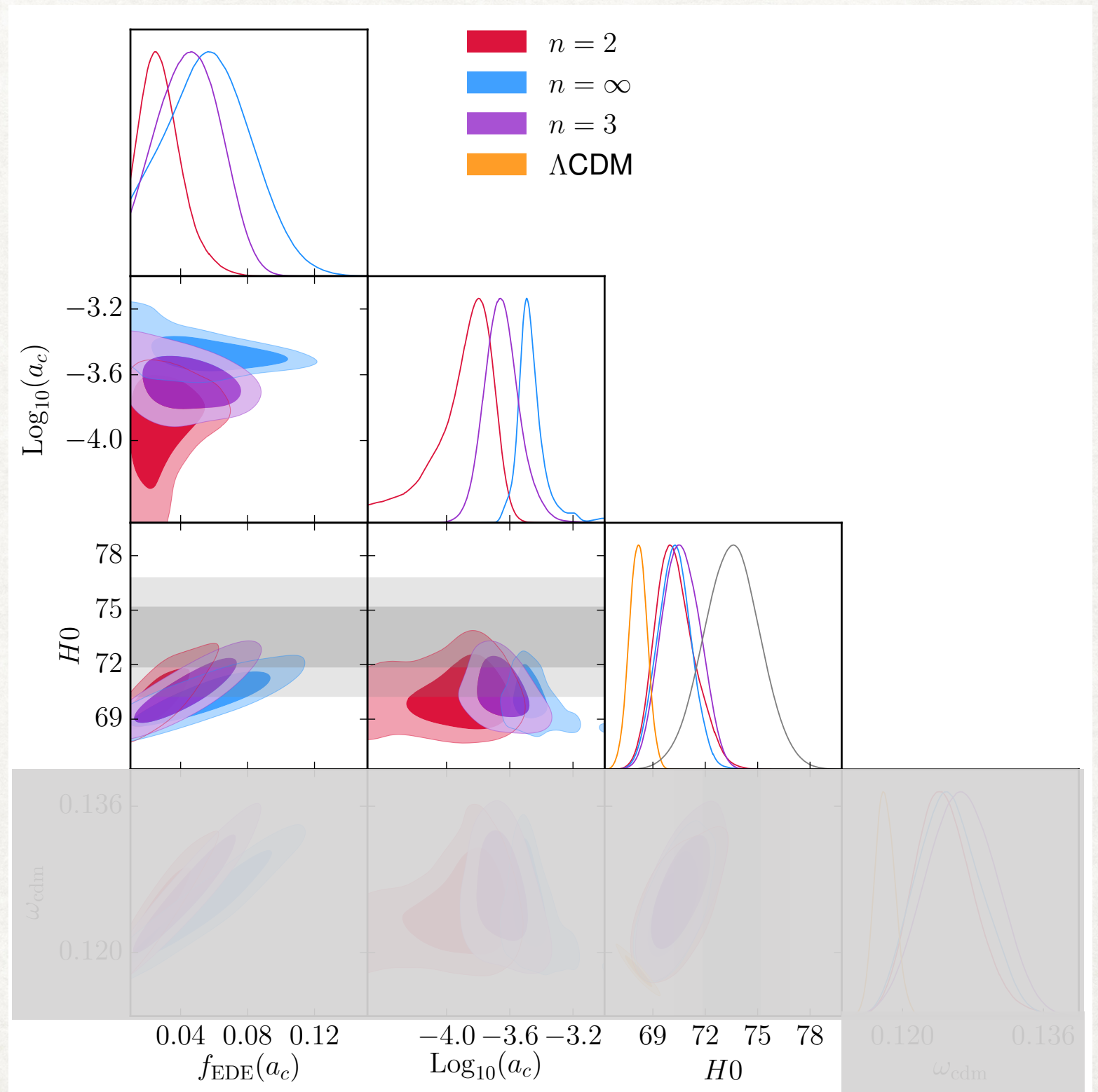
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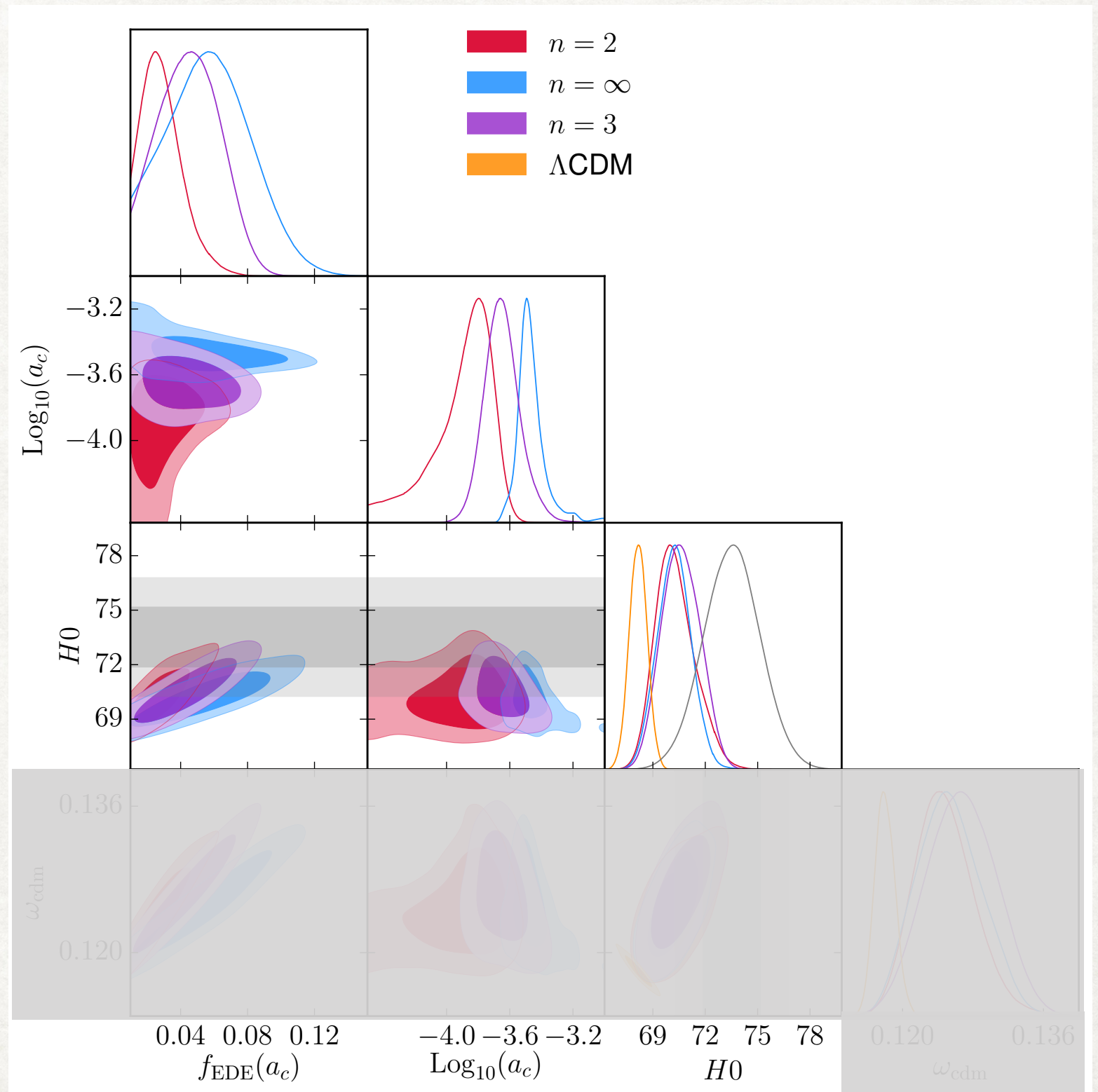
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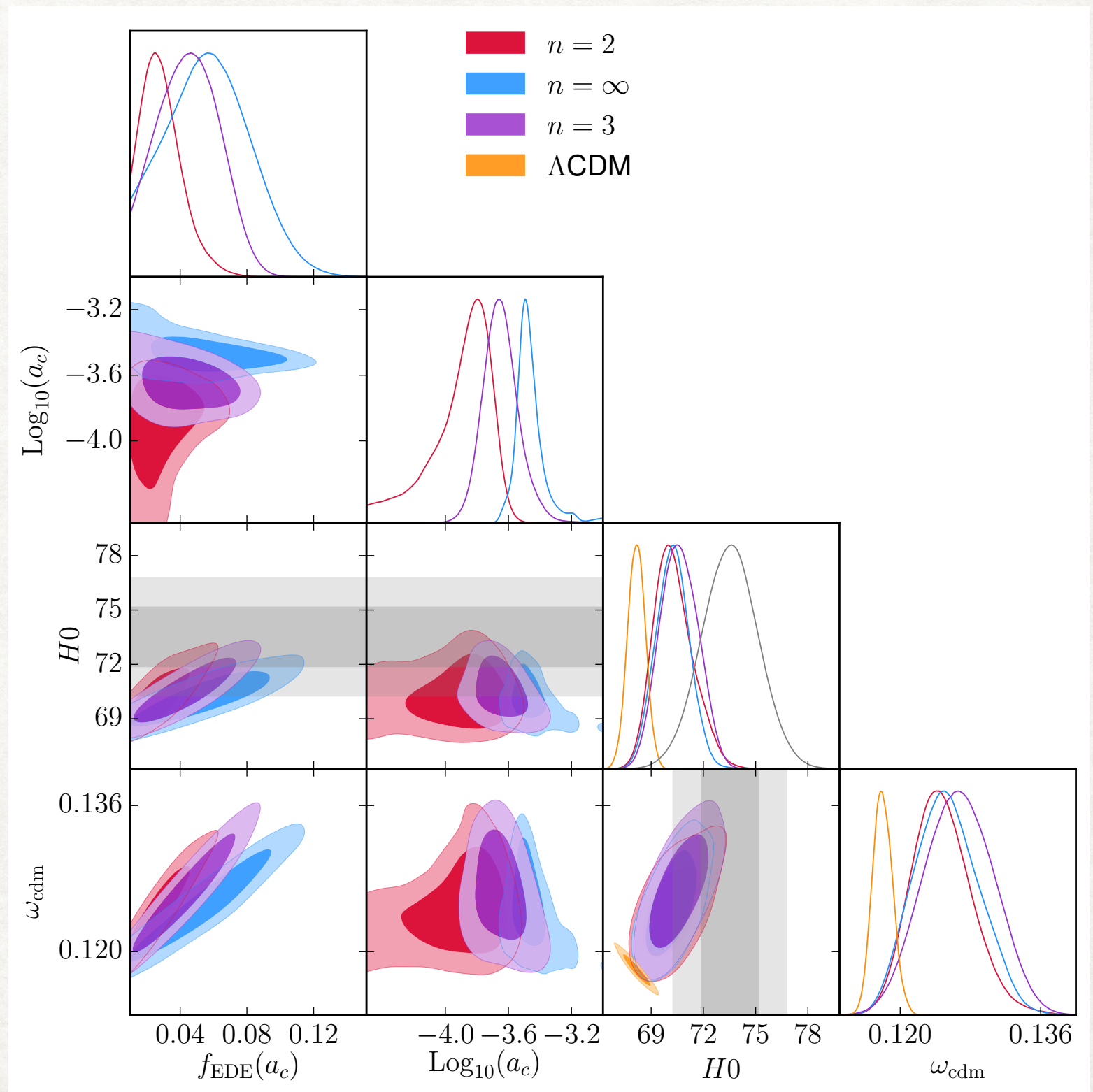
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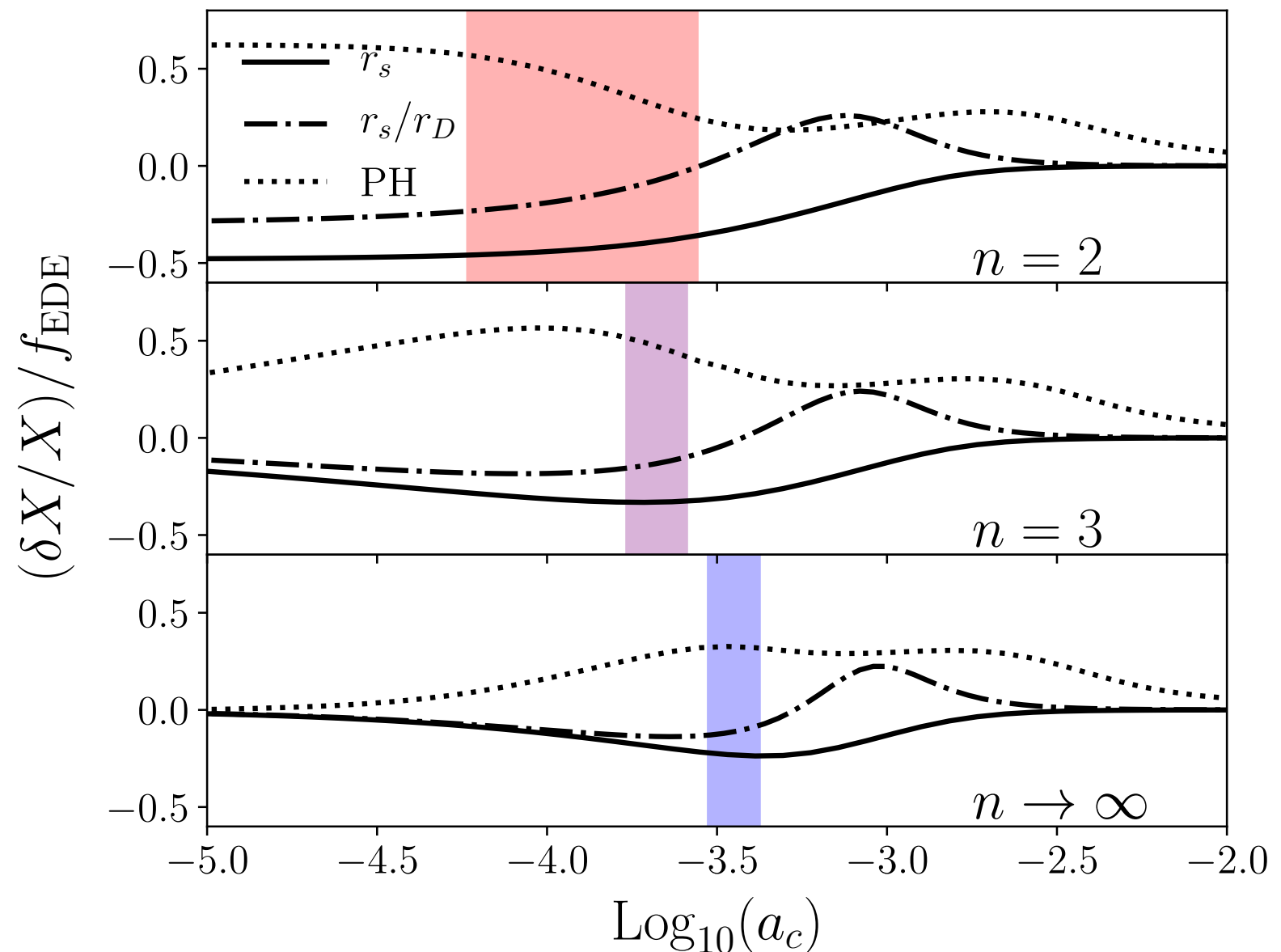
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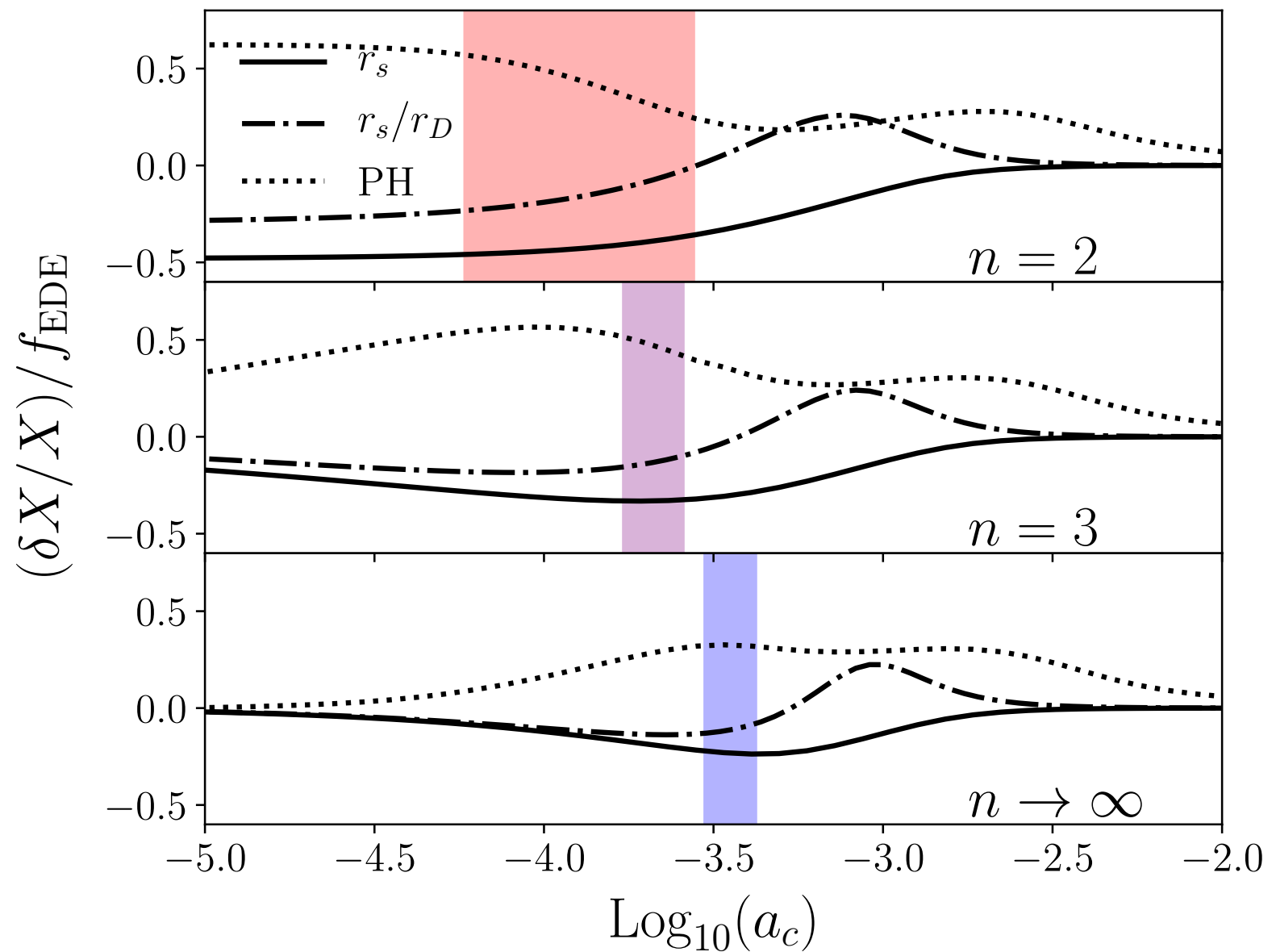


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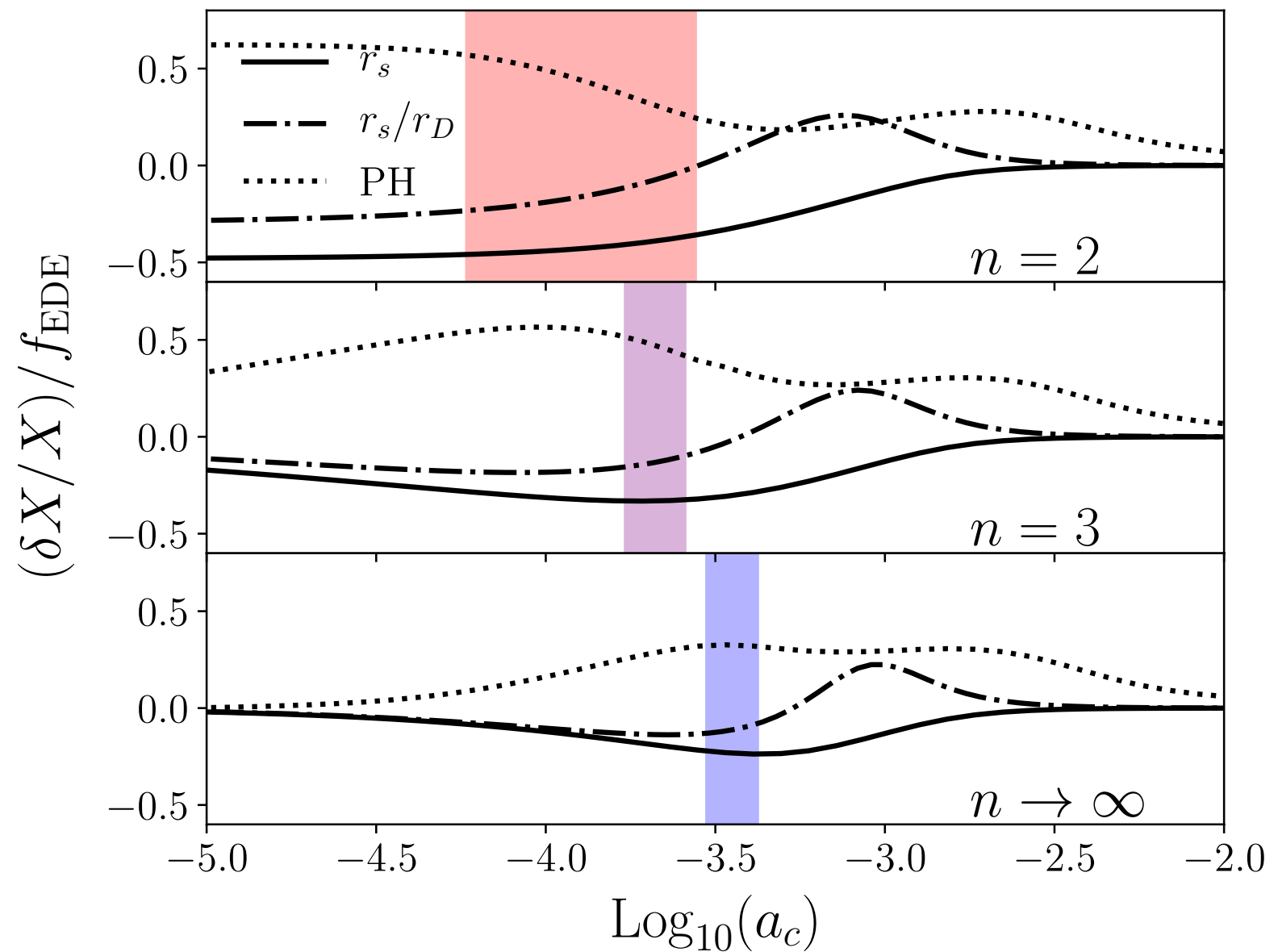
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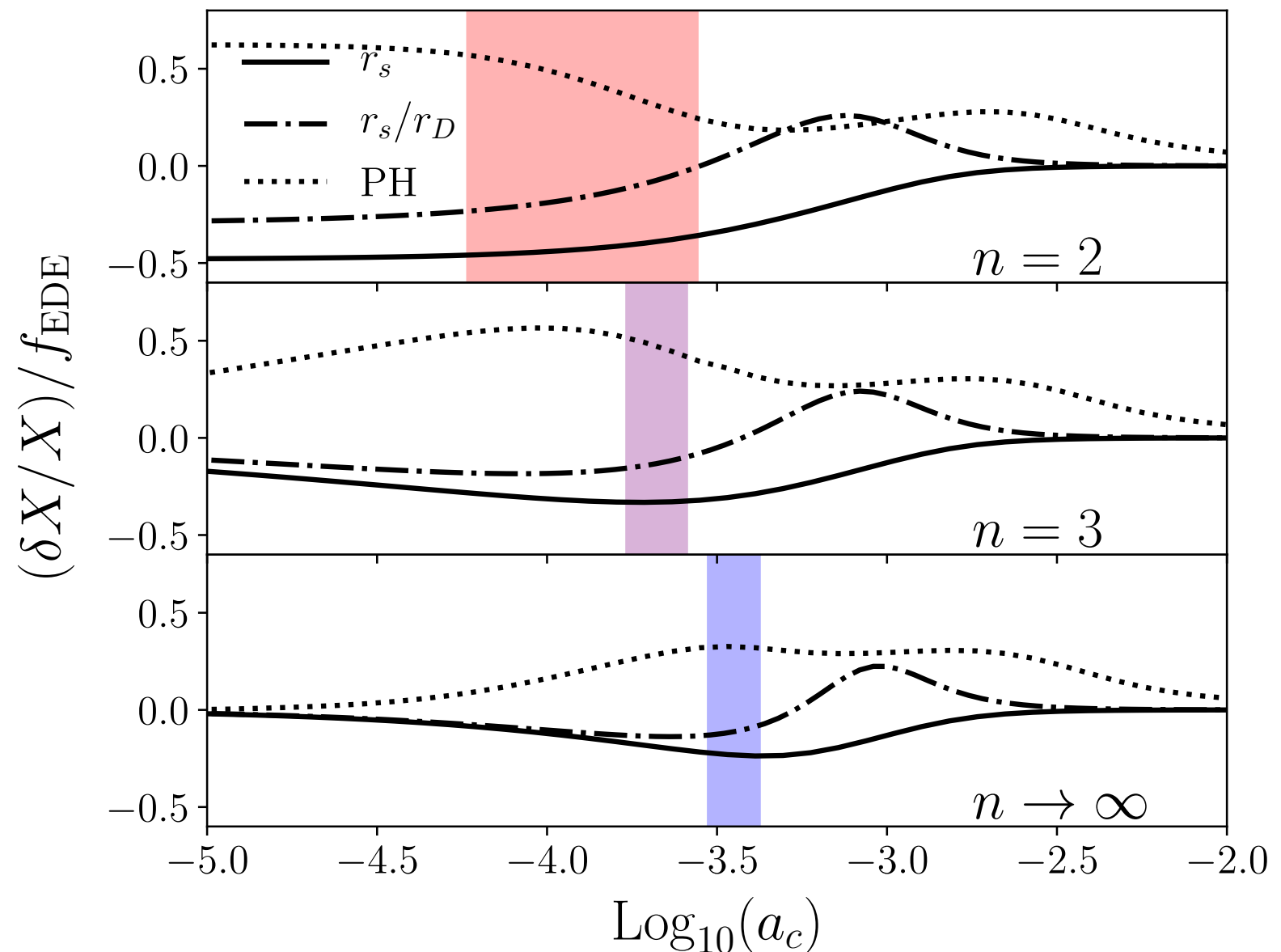
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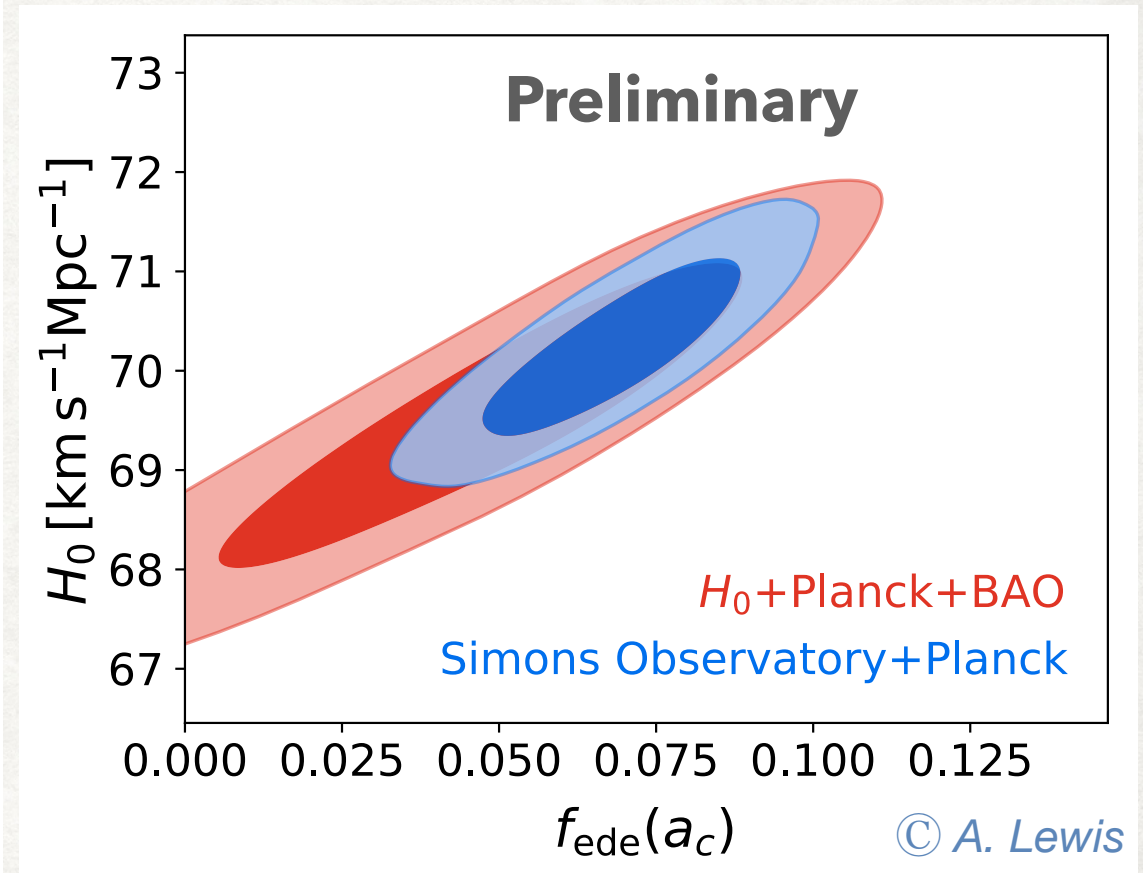
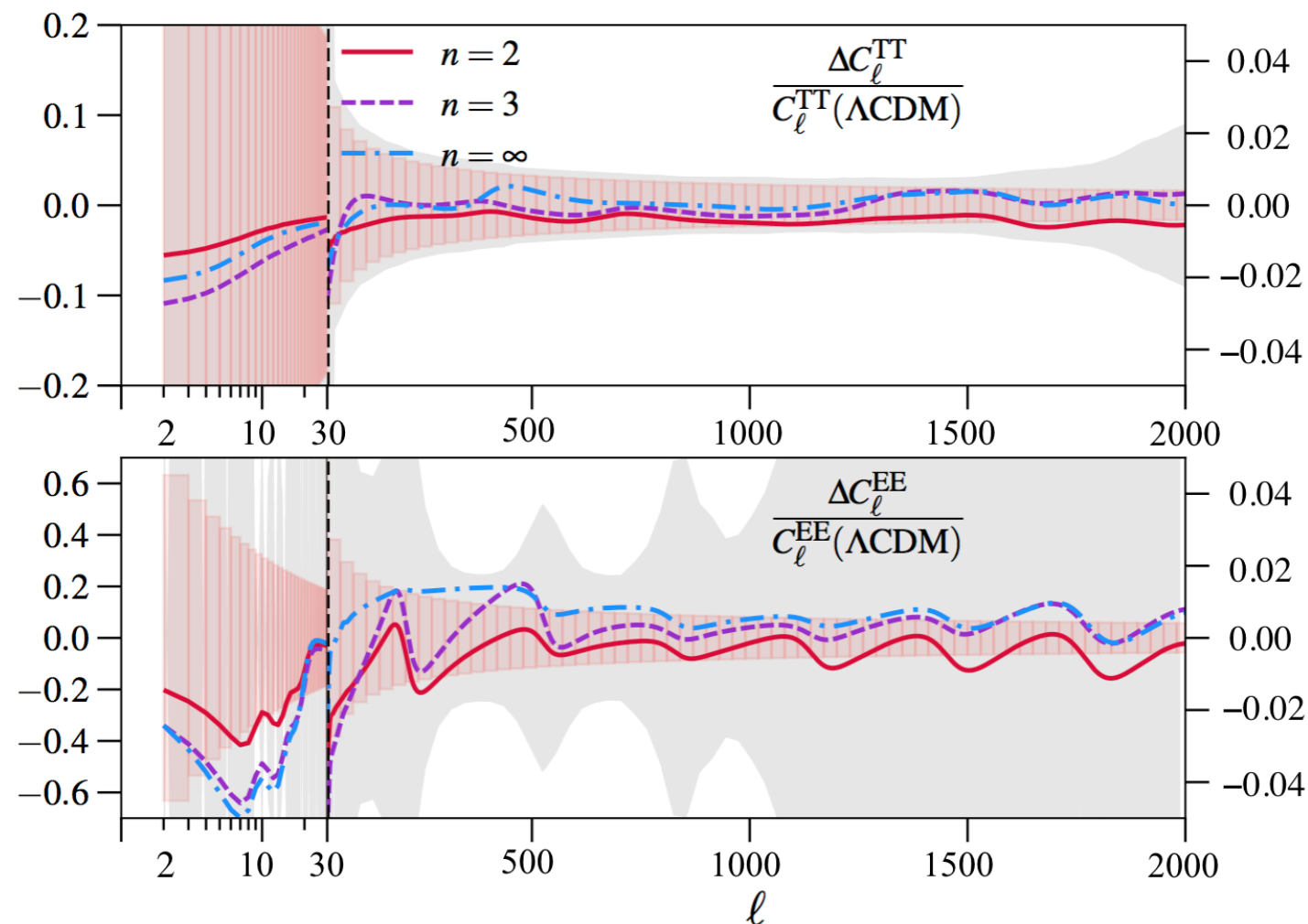
Datasets	$\Lambda$ CDM	$n = 2$	$n = 3$	$n = \infty$	$N_{\text{eff}}$
<i>Planck</i> high- $\ell$	2449.5	2445.5	2445.3	2445.9	2451.9
<i>Planck</i> low- $\ell$	10494.7	10494.6	10493.1	10494.4	10493.8
<i>Planck</i> lensing	9.2	9.6	10.0	10.1	9.8
BAO-low $z$	1.7	1.8	2.3	1.7	2.7
BAO-high $z$	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.9	2.0
Pantheon	1027.1	1026.9	1027.2	1027.3	1027.1
SH0ES	11.1	4.7	0.92	4.2	3.9
Total $\chi^2_{\text{min}}$	13995.1	13985.1	13980.8	13985.4	13991.2
$\Delta\chi^2_{\text{min}}$	0	-10	-14.3	-9.7	-3.9
$\Delta \log B$	0	-0.51	+2.51	+2.41	-0.44

- Planck Only: Very slight improvement.

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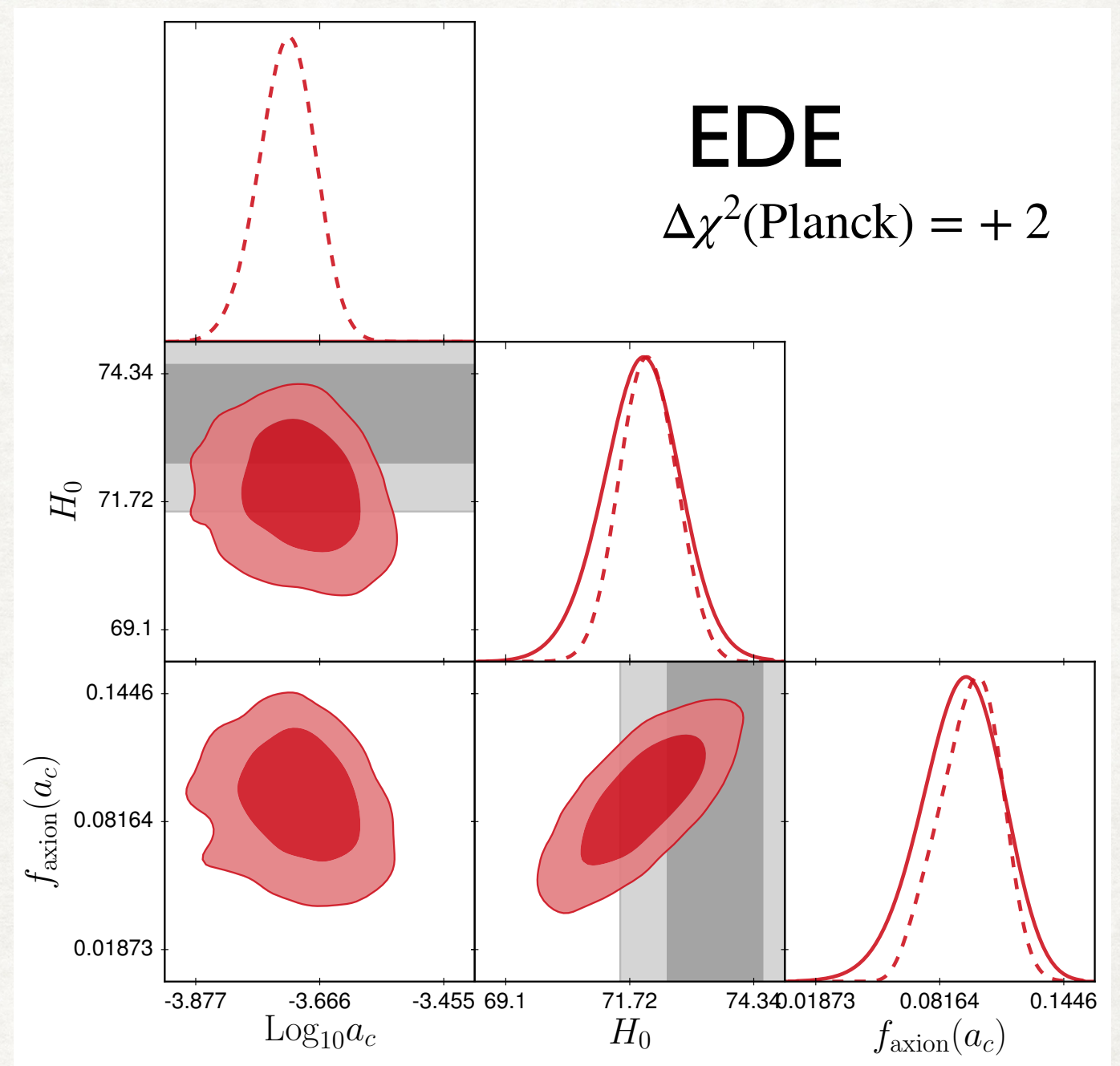
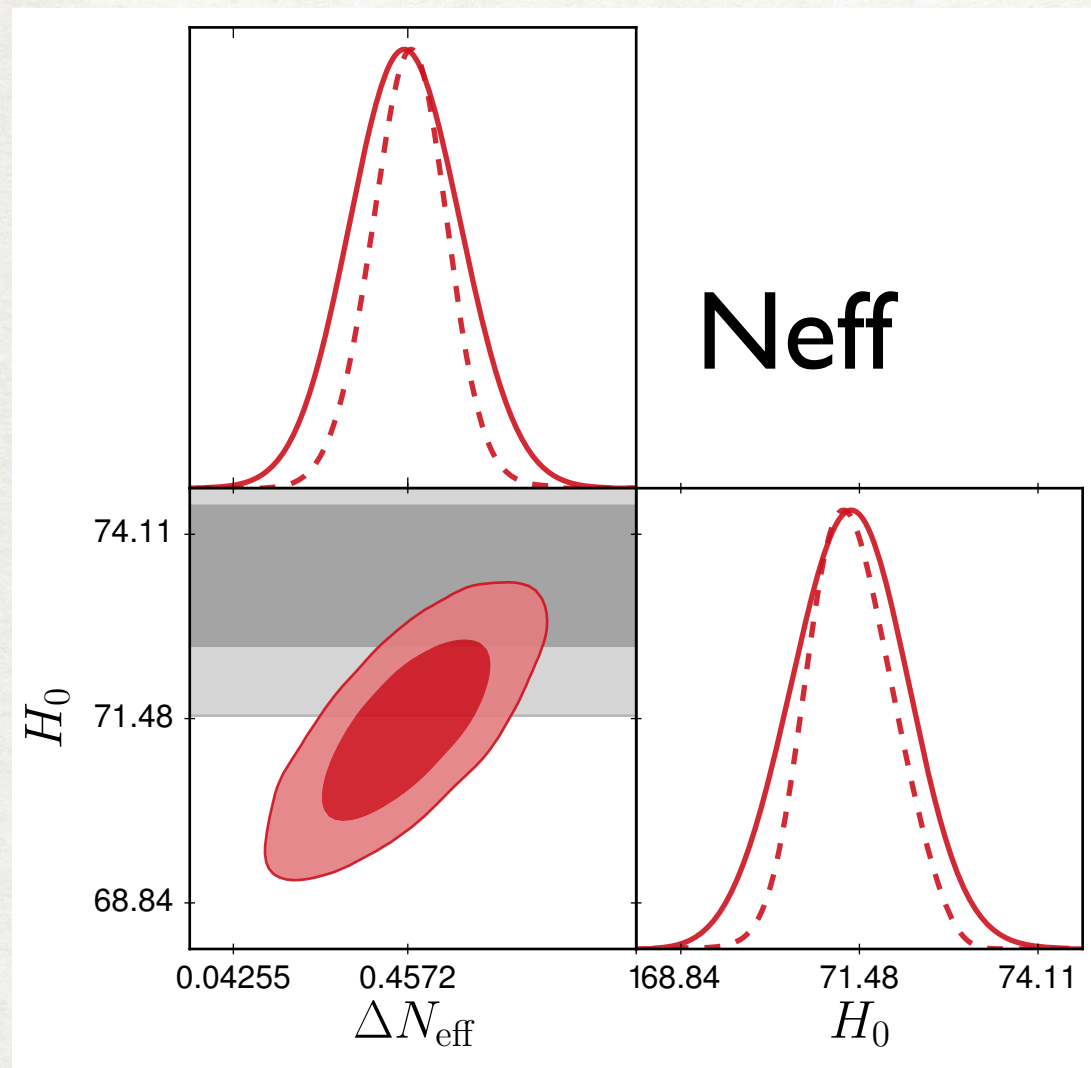


**Oscillations in EE would definitely be detected by CoRE/ SO / CMB-S4**



# Future $H_0$ measurements can help too

what if we had Planck+BAO+Pantheon+  $H_0 = 73.4 \pm 1 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$

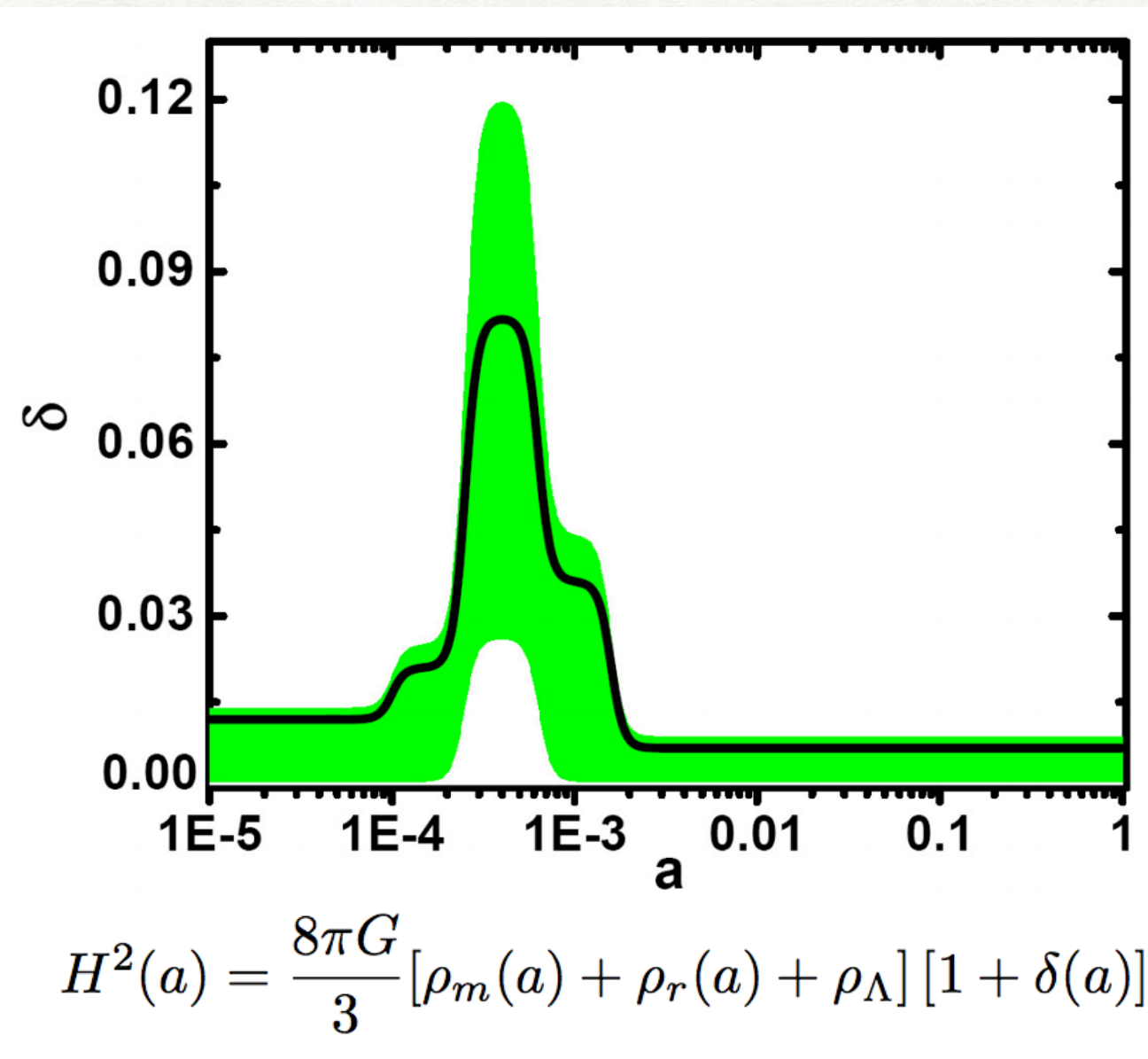


$$\Delta\chi^2 = 14$$



# Towards a new concordance model?

Planck 2013 data already **hinted at accelerated expansion history** around  $a \sim 5 \cdot 10^{-4}$ !



*Hojjati, Linder, Samsing 1304.3724*

Here Planck TT 2013 + WMAP EE and TE, to be confirmed with 2018 data...



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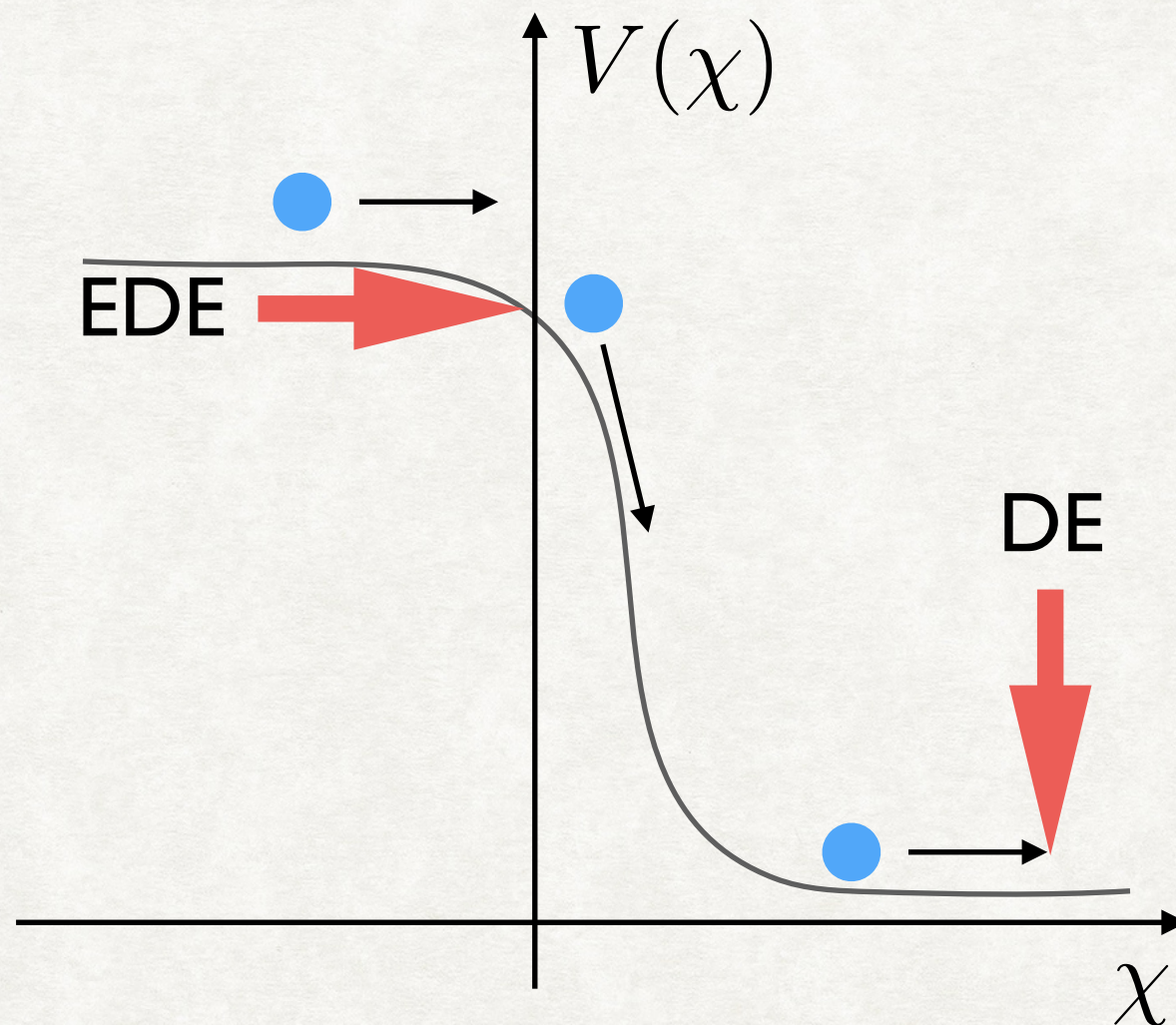


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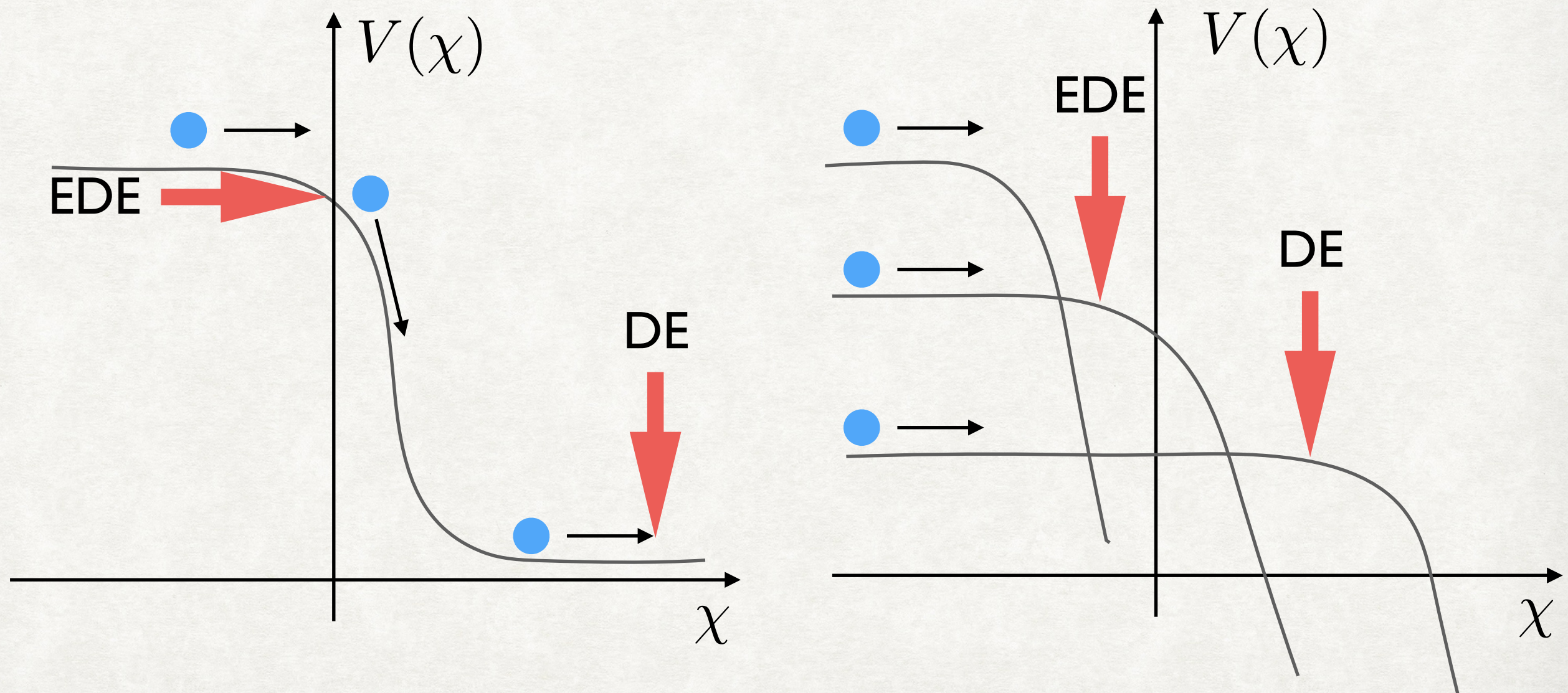


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# And the winner is?

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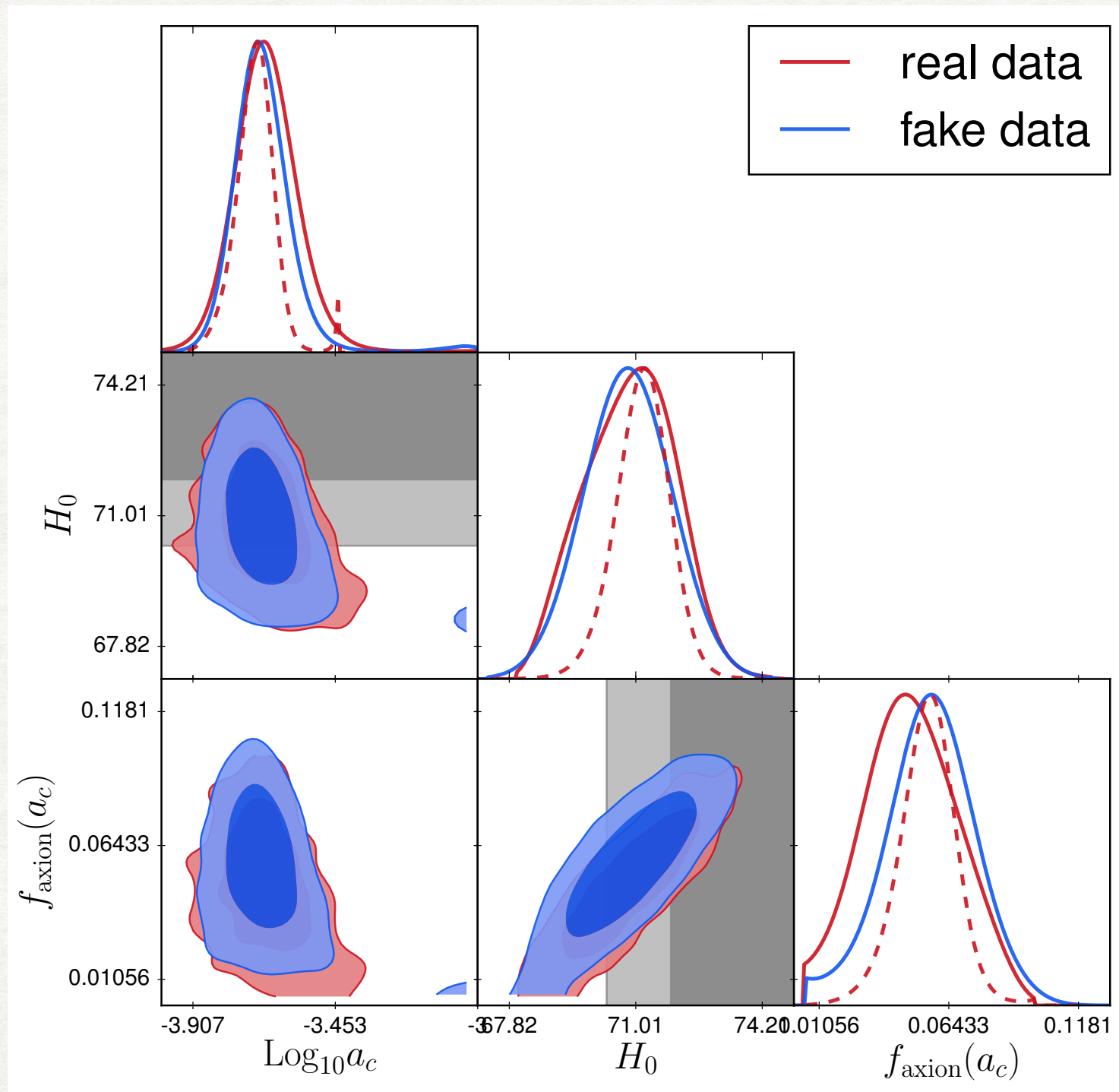


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# Back Up



# Should we detect 5% EDE with Planck?



**Fiducial = best fit model with EDE. Optimistic Planck + SH0ES cannot see it at >2sig.**



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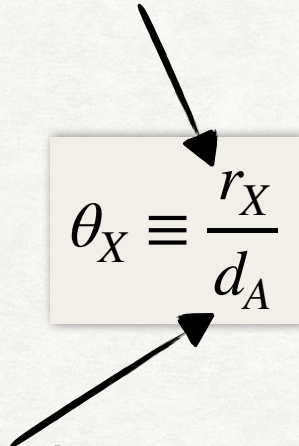
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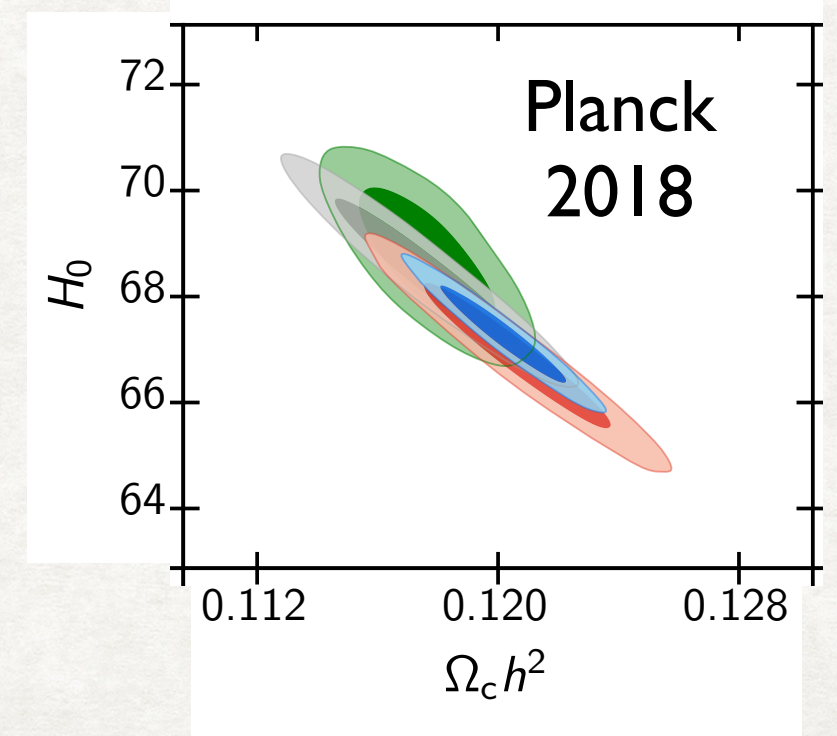


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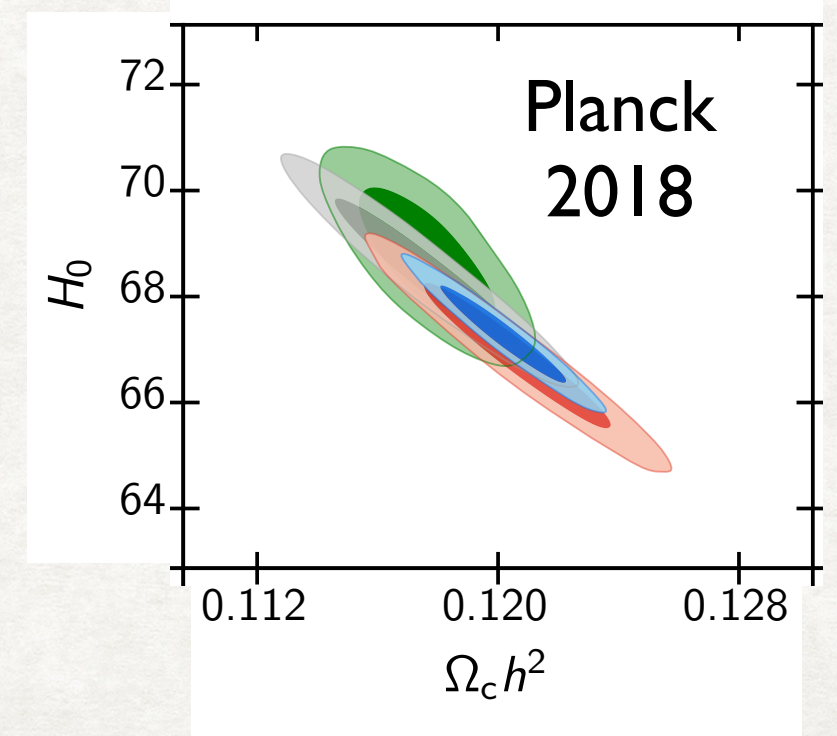


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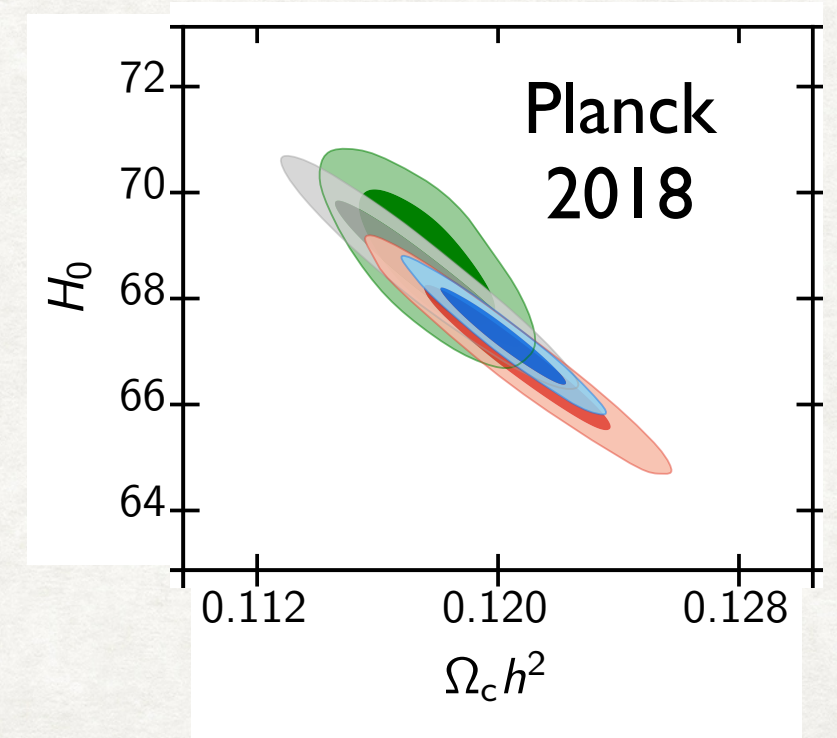
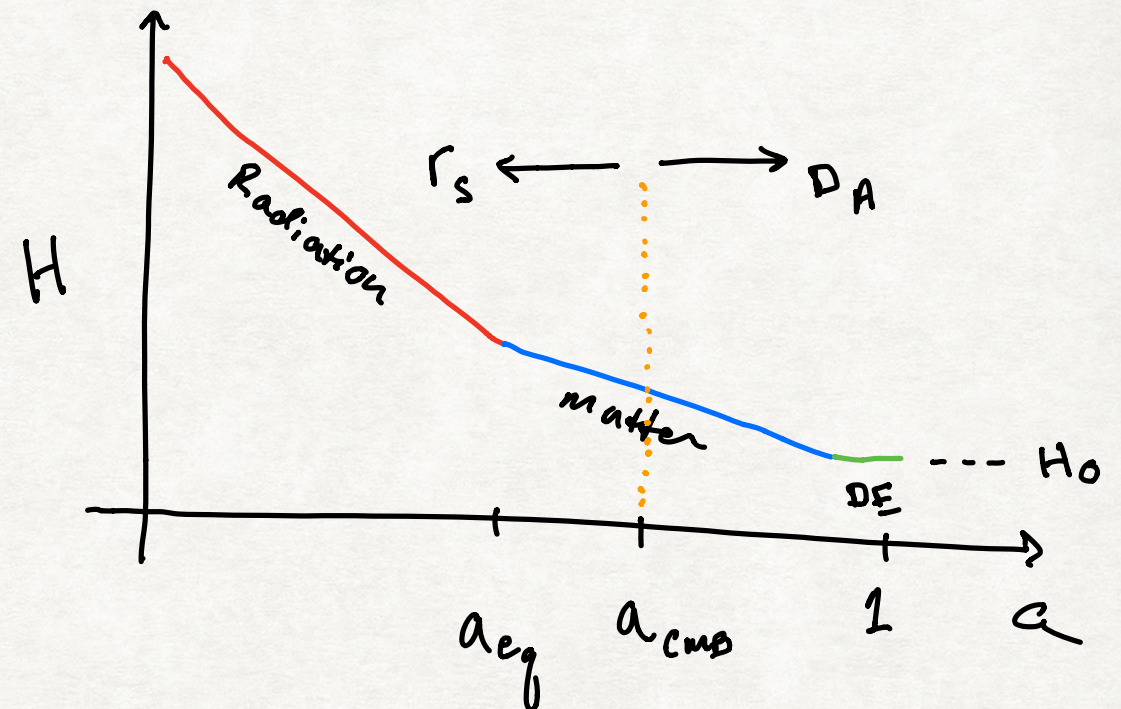
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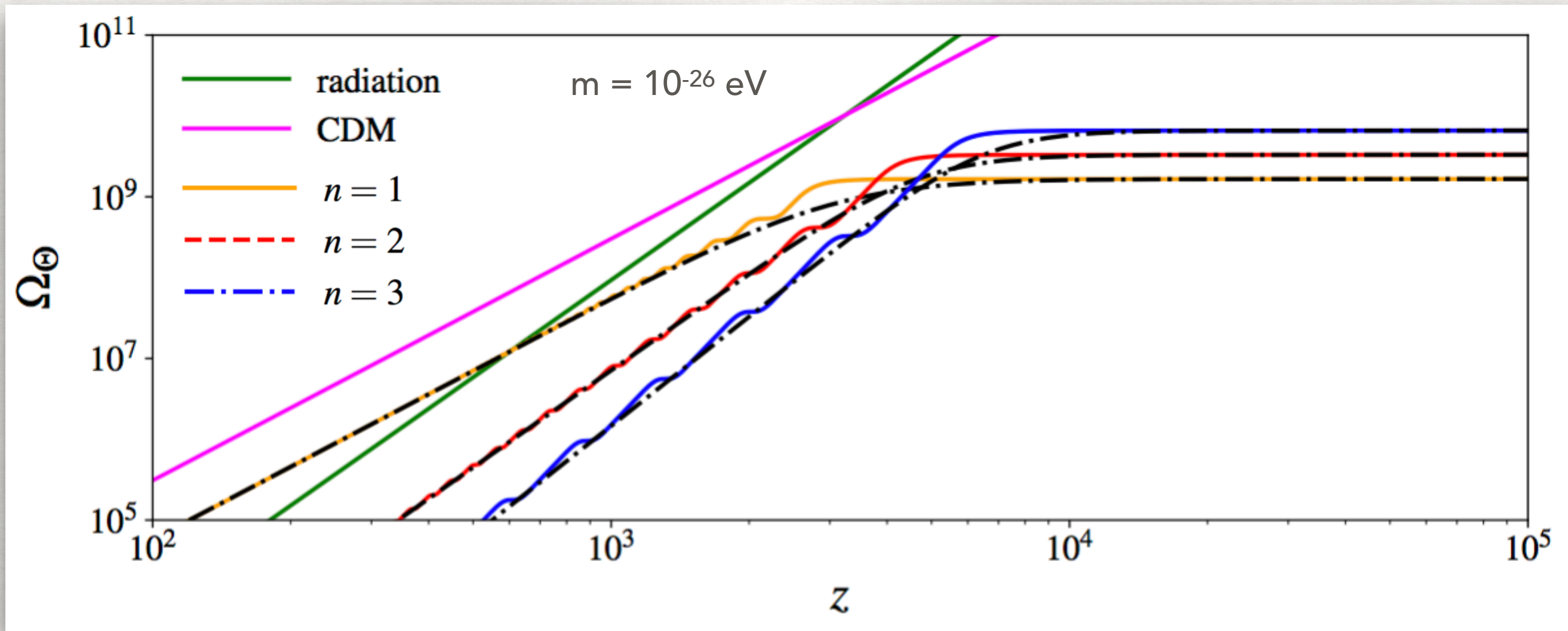
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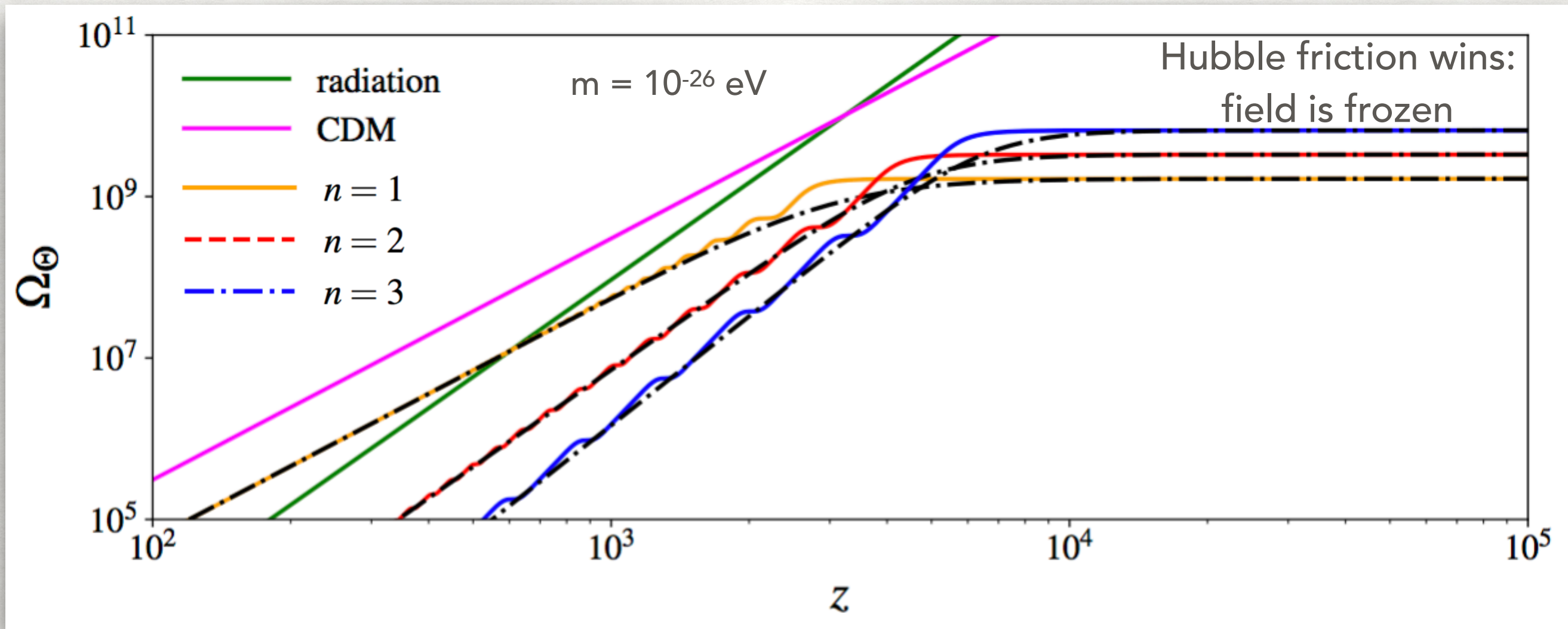
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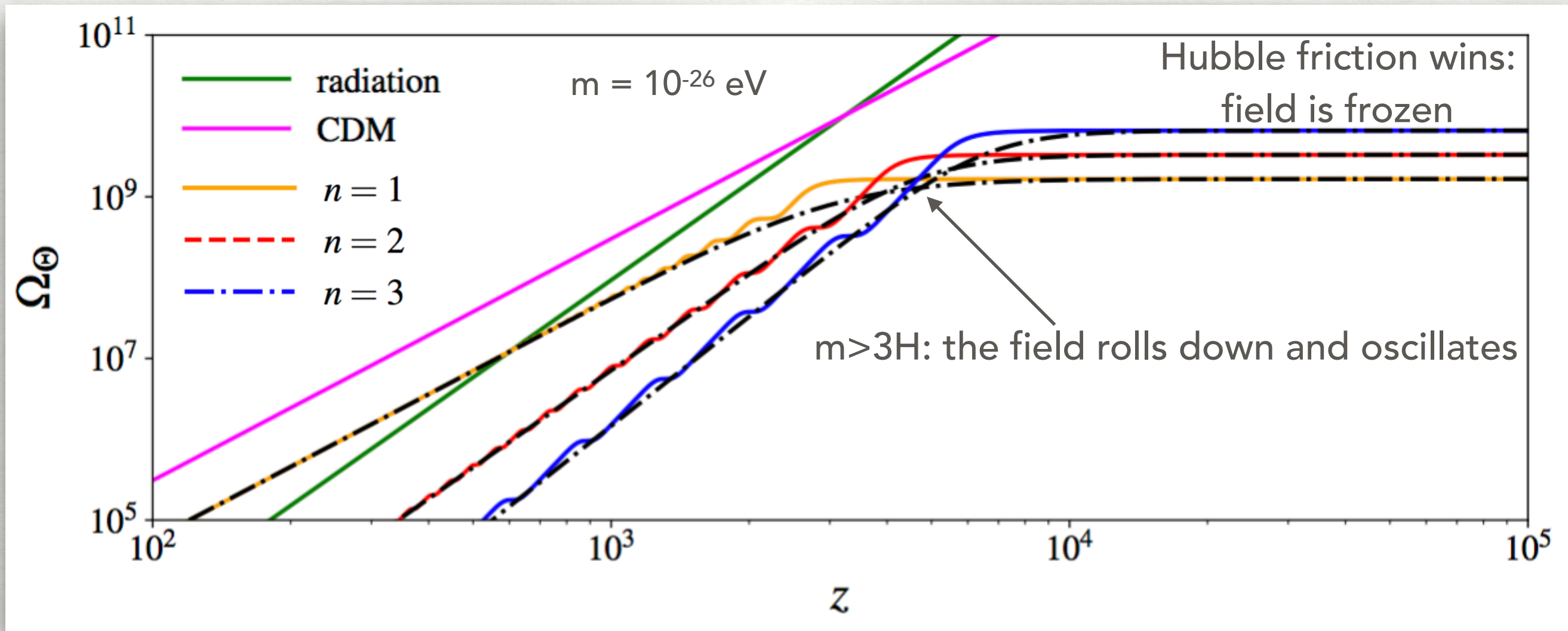
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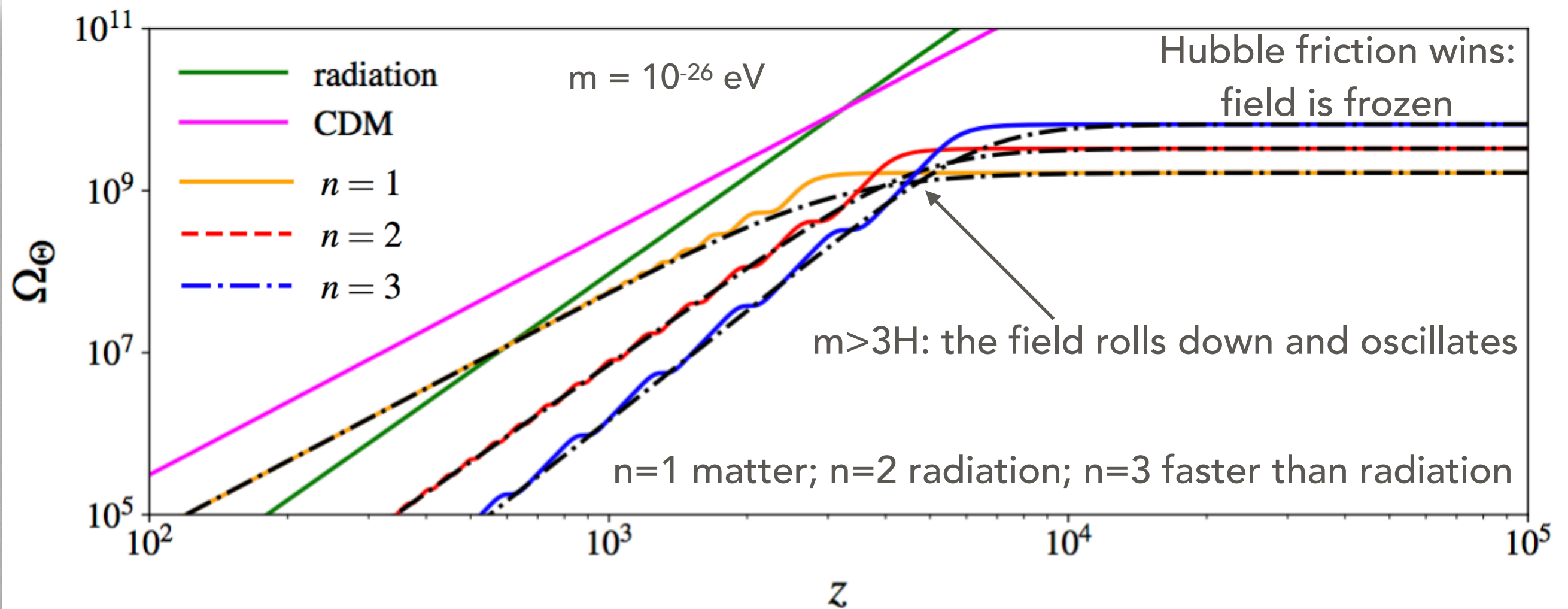
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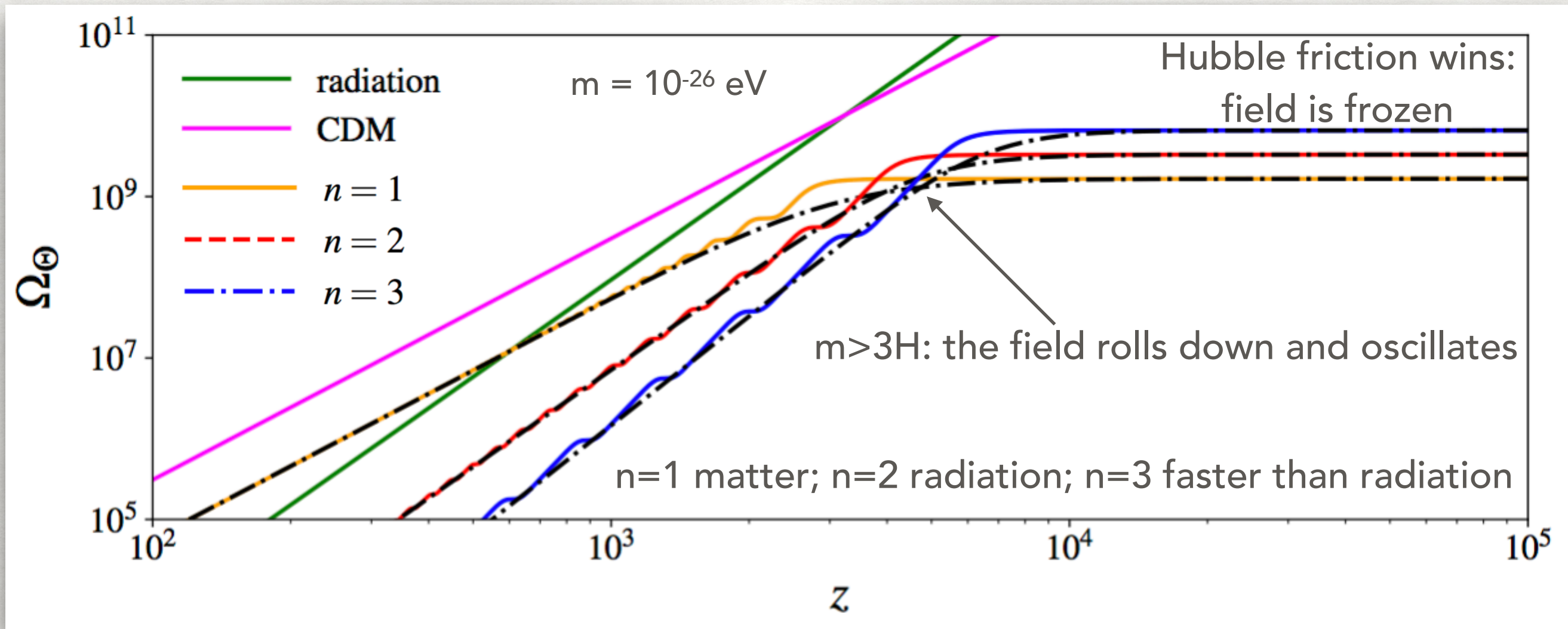
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Key Idea: **Early Dark Energy can increase expansion rate** and solve various tensions.  
Once the field becomes dynamical, it dilutes away (the faster the better)!



# When is the WKB approximation valid?

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- The oscillation time-scale can be obtained from requiring that energy is conserved over several oscillations (no friction).

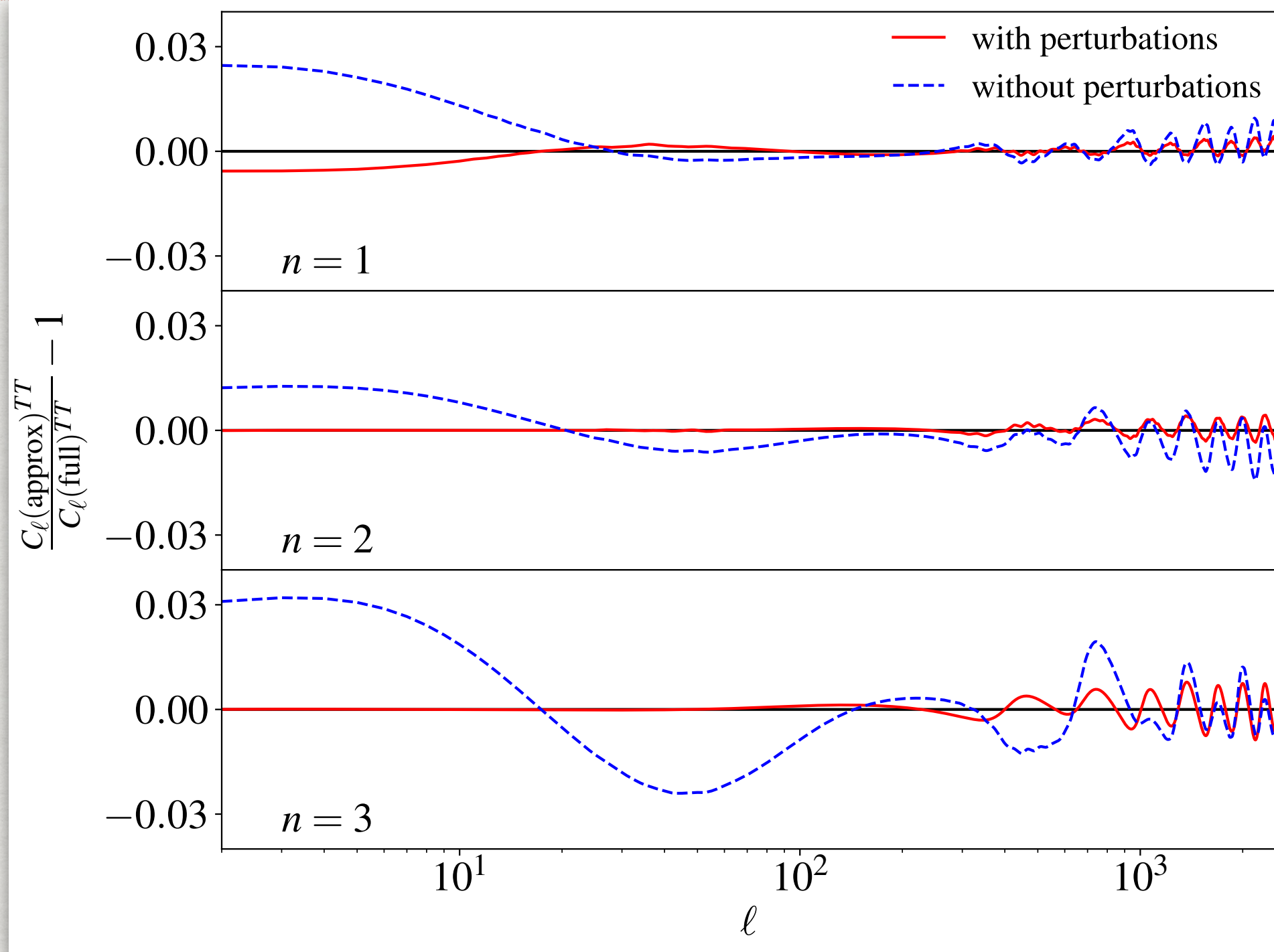
$$\frac{\varpi}{H} \propto \begin{cases} a^{(5-n)/(1+n)} & a < a_{\text{eq}}, \\ a^{6/(1+n)-3/2} & a > a_{\text{eq}}, \end{cases}$$

*see also Johnson and Kamionkowski, [0805.1748](#)*

- This ratio increases with time for  $n < 5$  during radiation domination and for  $n < 3$  for matter domination.
- The condition  $\varpi > H$  holding at all time requires  $n < 3$ .



# Comparison with full KG calculation



- Without perturbations, precision is  $>3\%$  given Planck constraints. Planck is  $\sim 1\%$  precise!
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