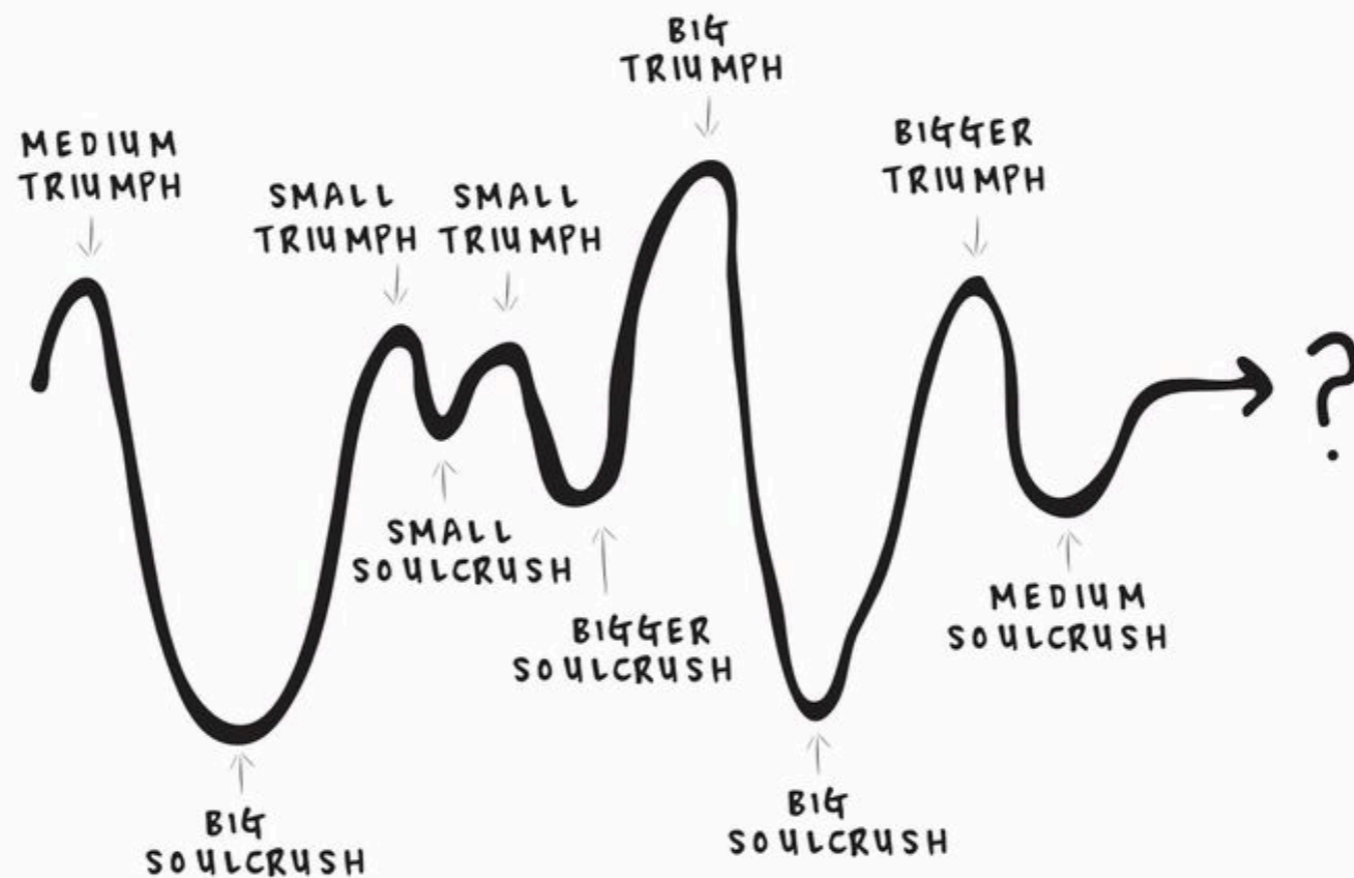


# ~~LIFE~~ The Ups and Downs of Early Dark Energy



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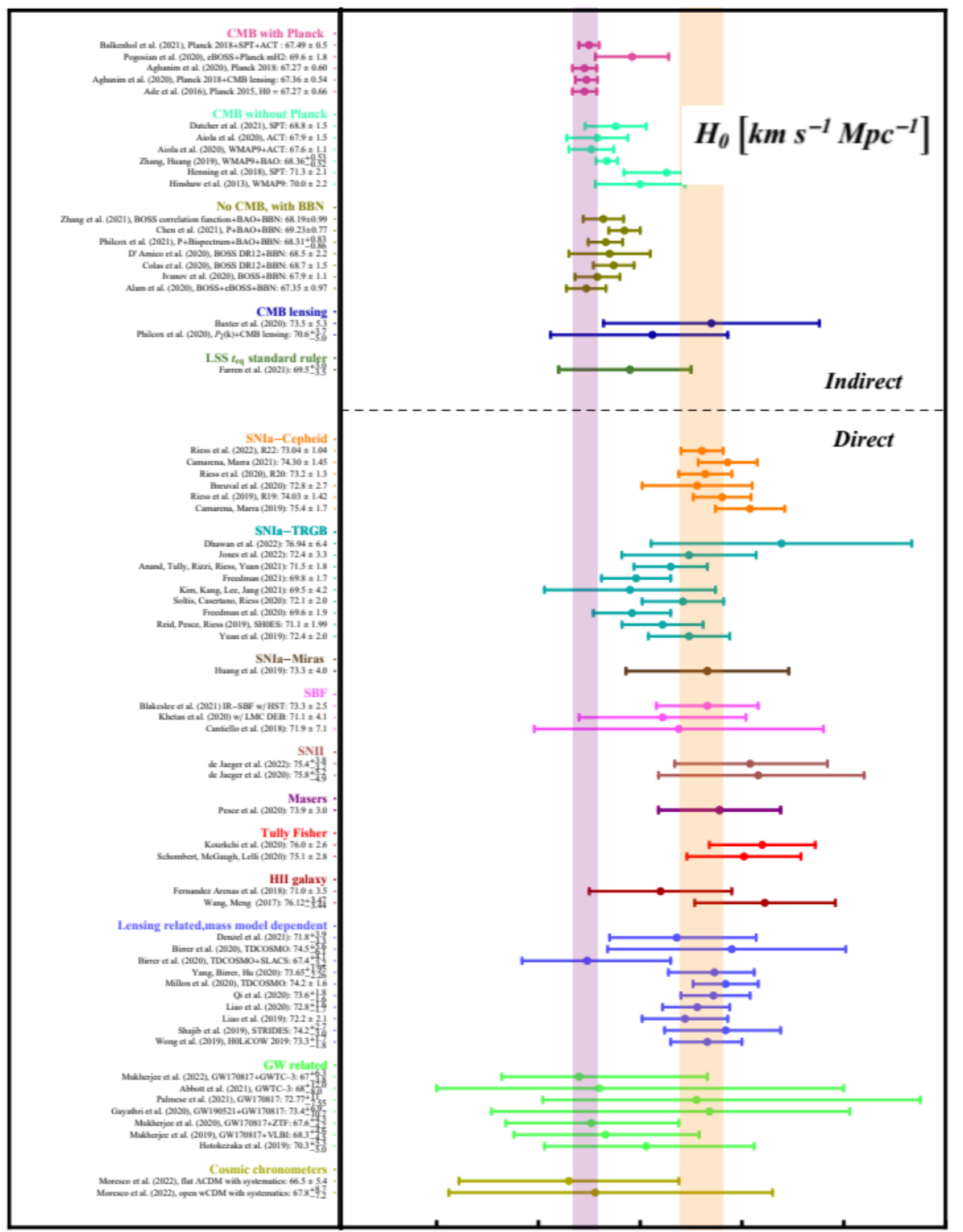
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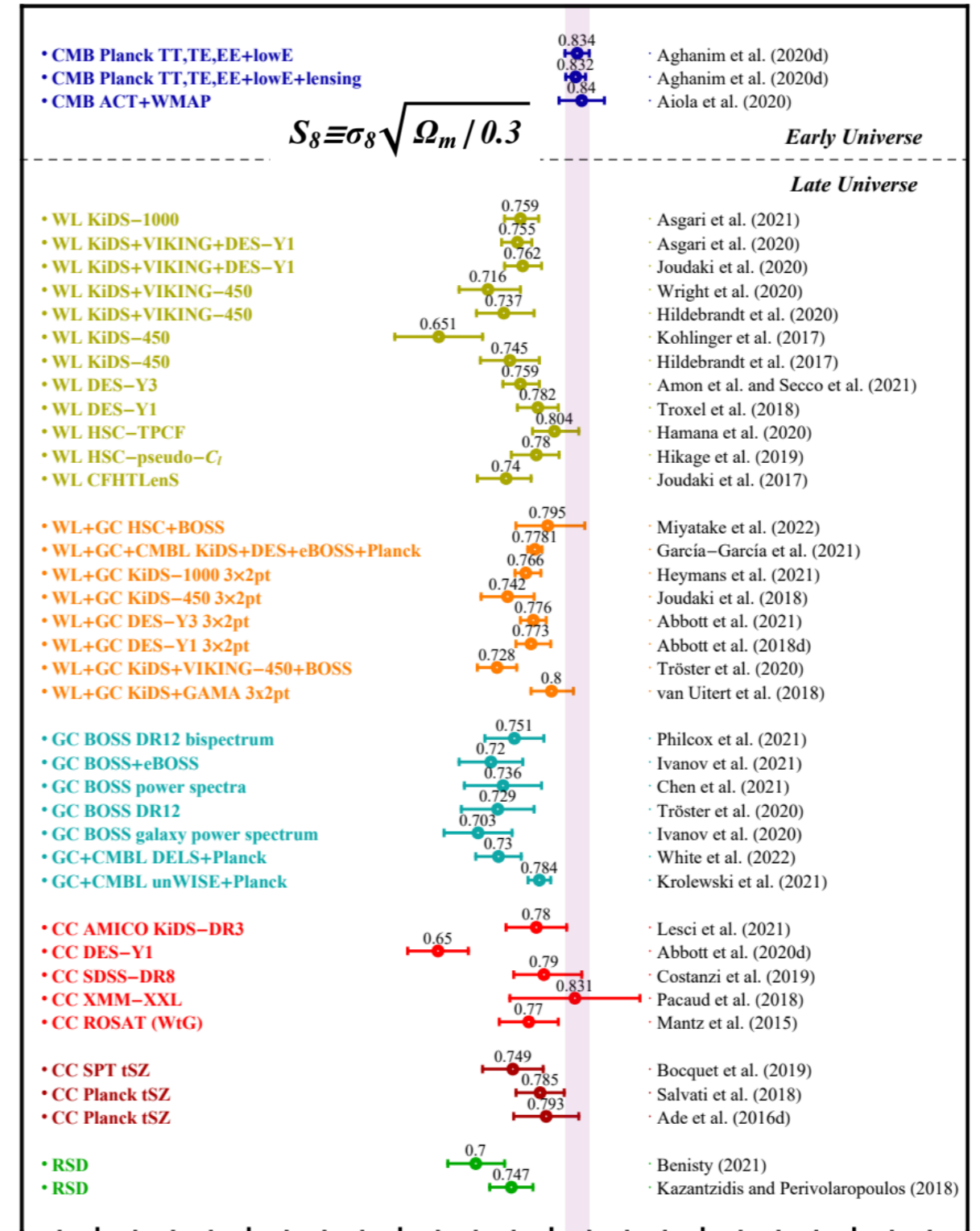


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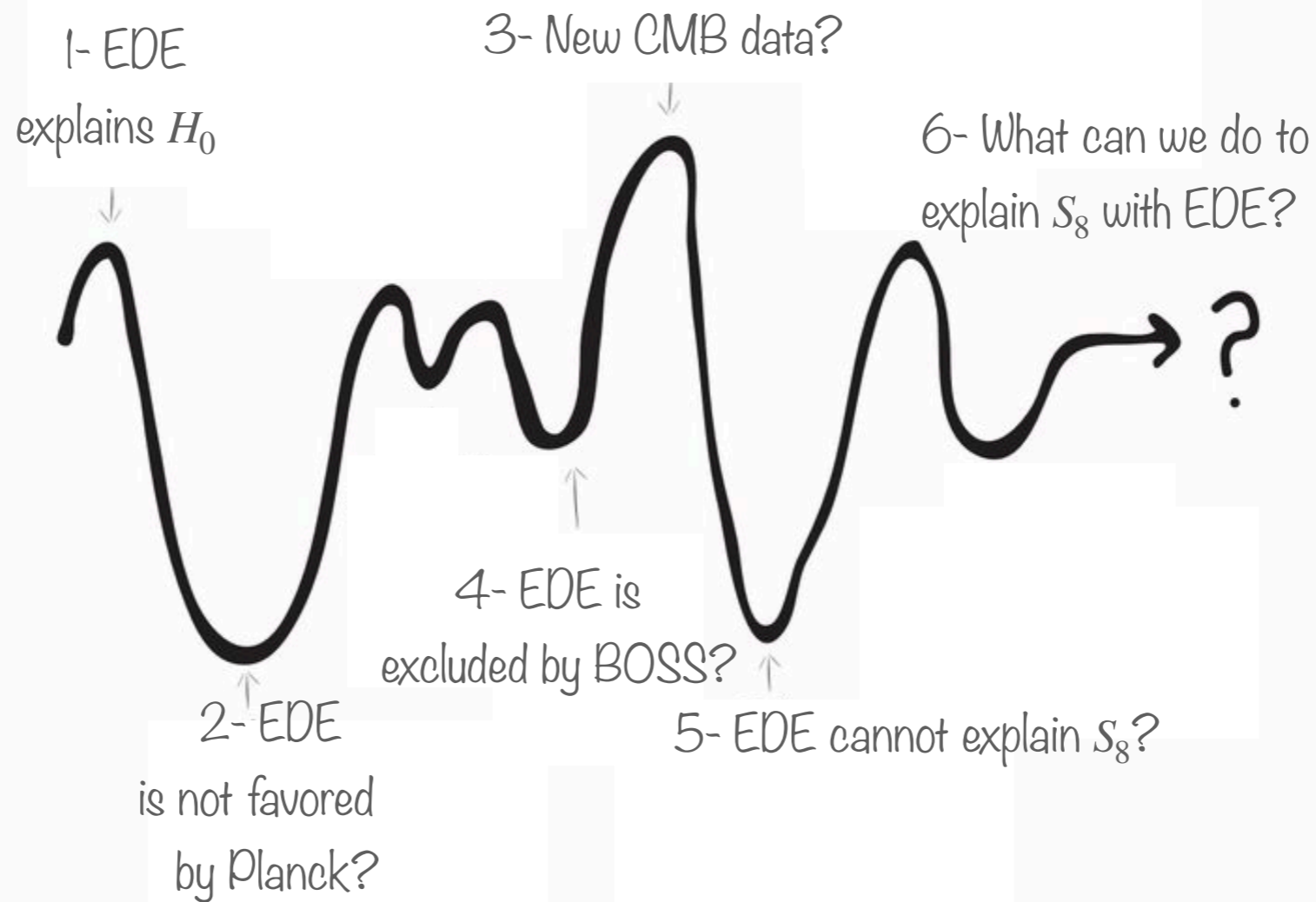


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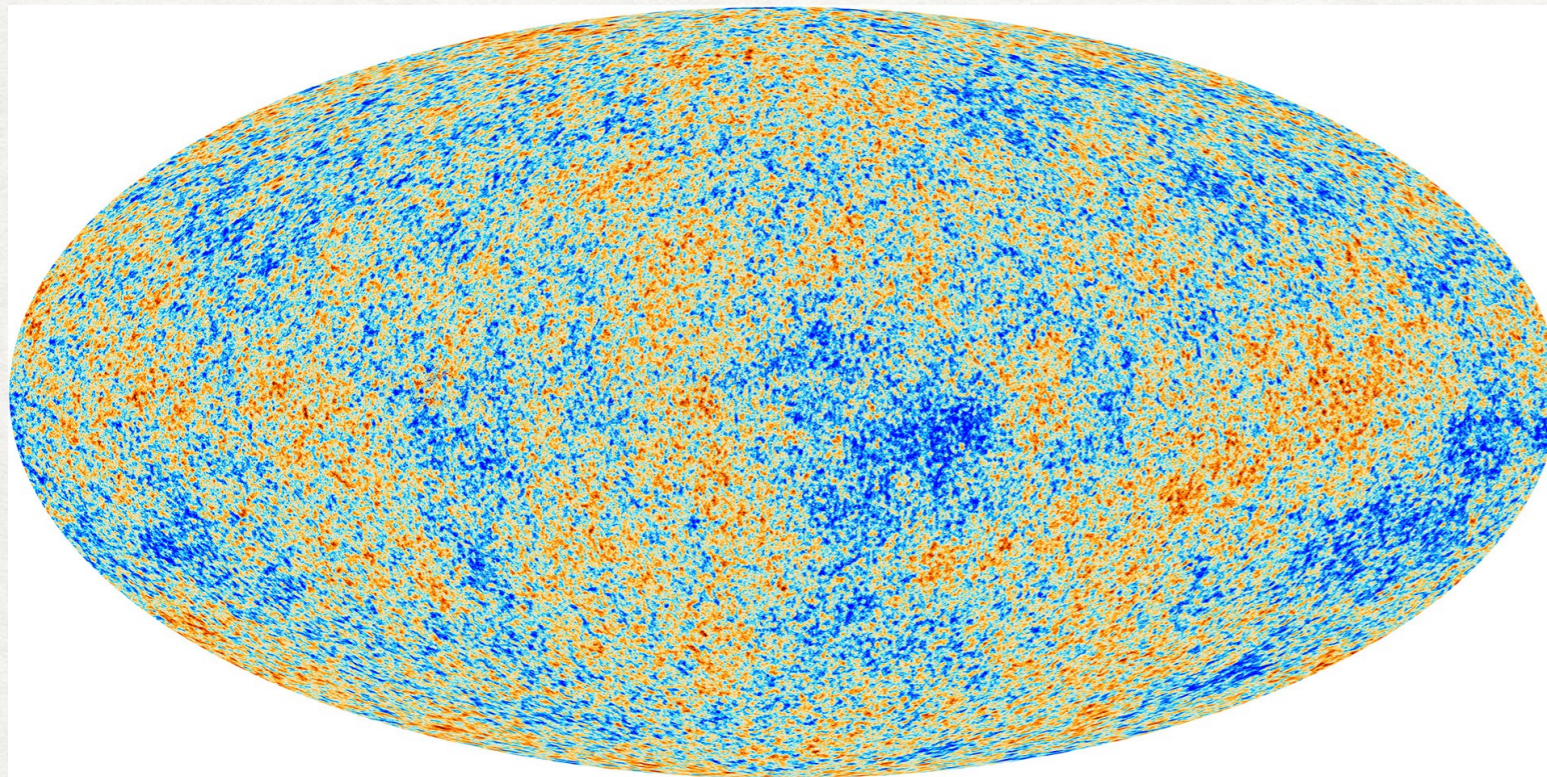
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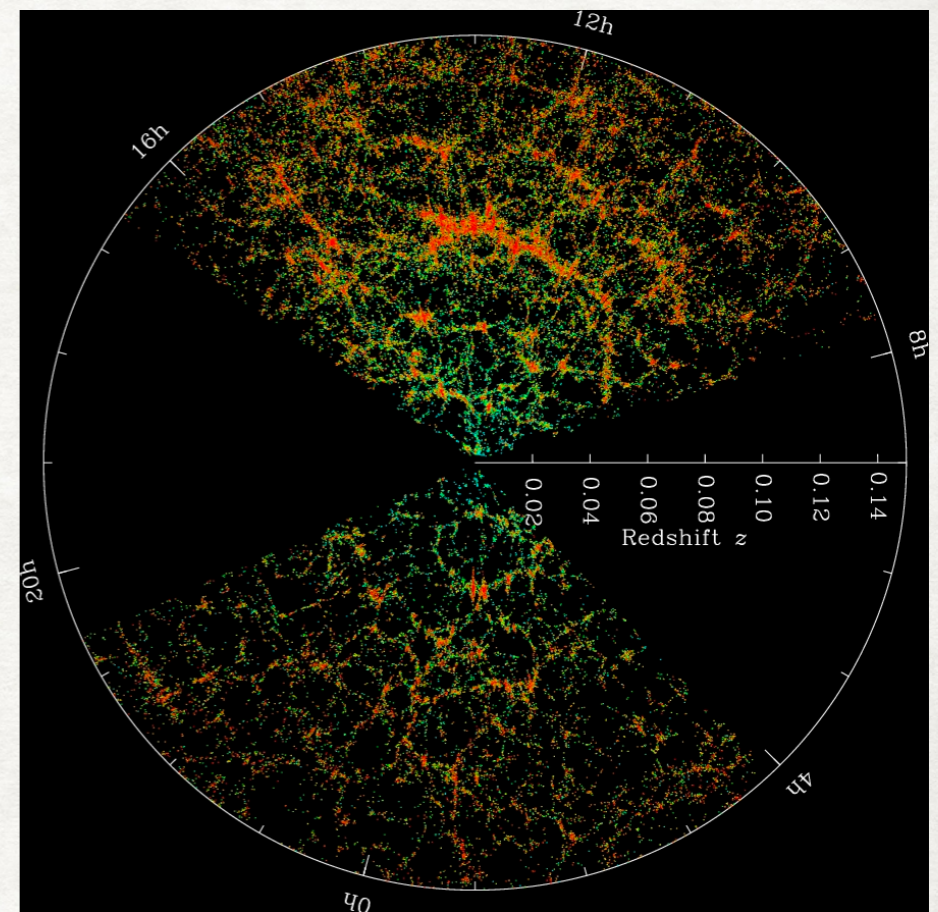
# The BAO: a standard ruler in the sky

- The **same pattern** is seen within **CMB anisotropies** and **galaxy surveys** at different epoch.
- It can be used to **measure distances** and **infer  $H_0$**  given a model.



Planck 1807.06209

$z \sim 1100$



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$z \sim 0 - 1$

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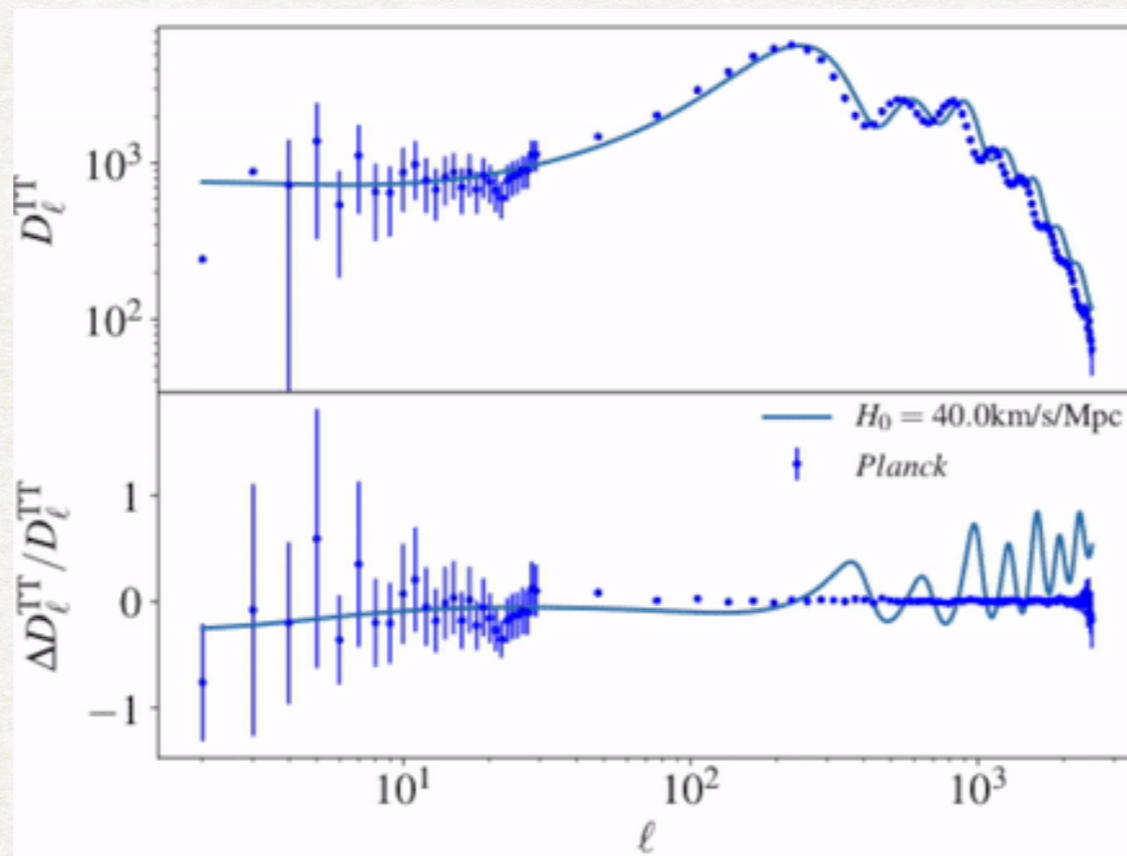
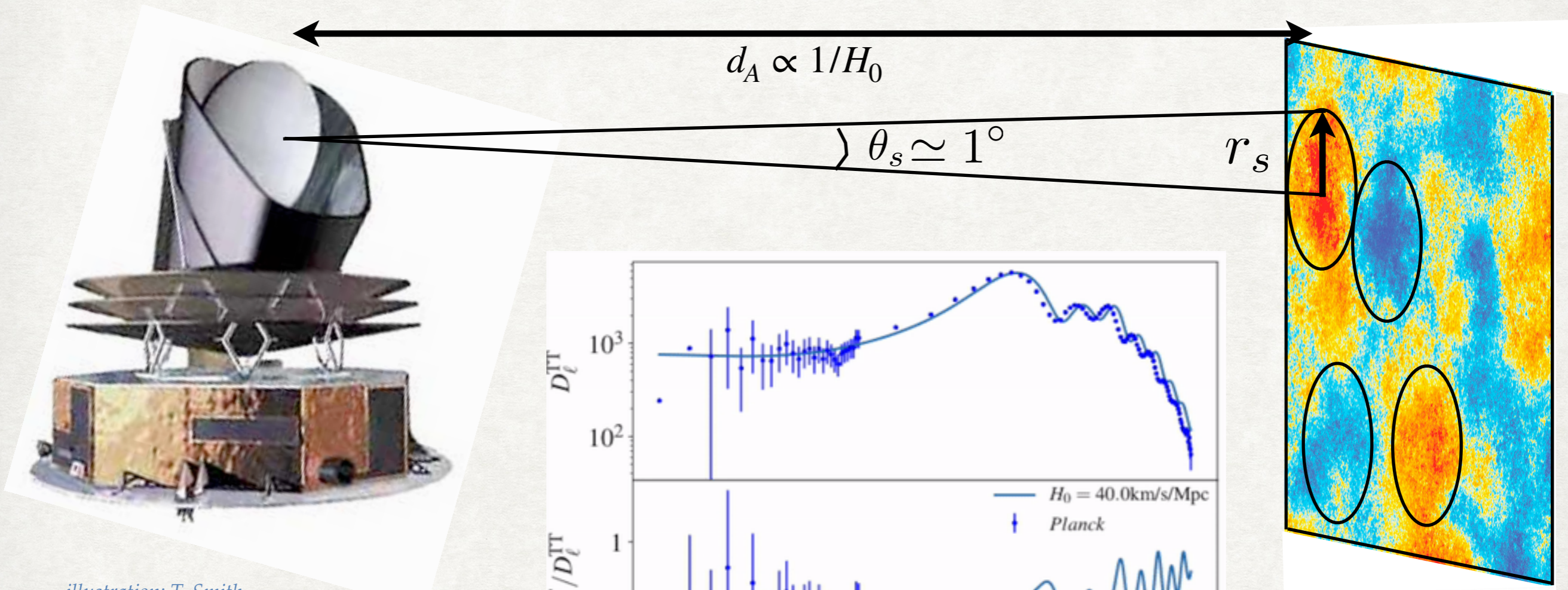


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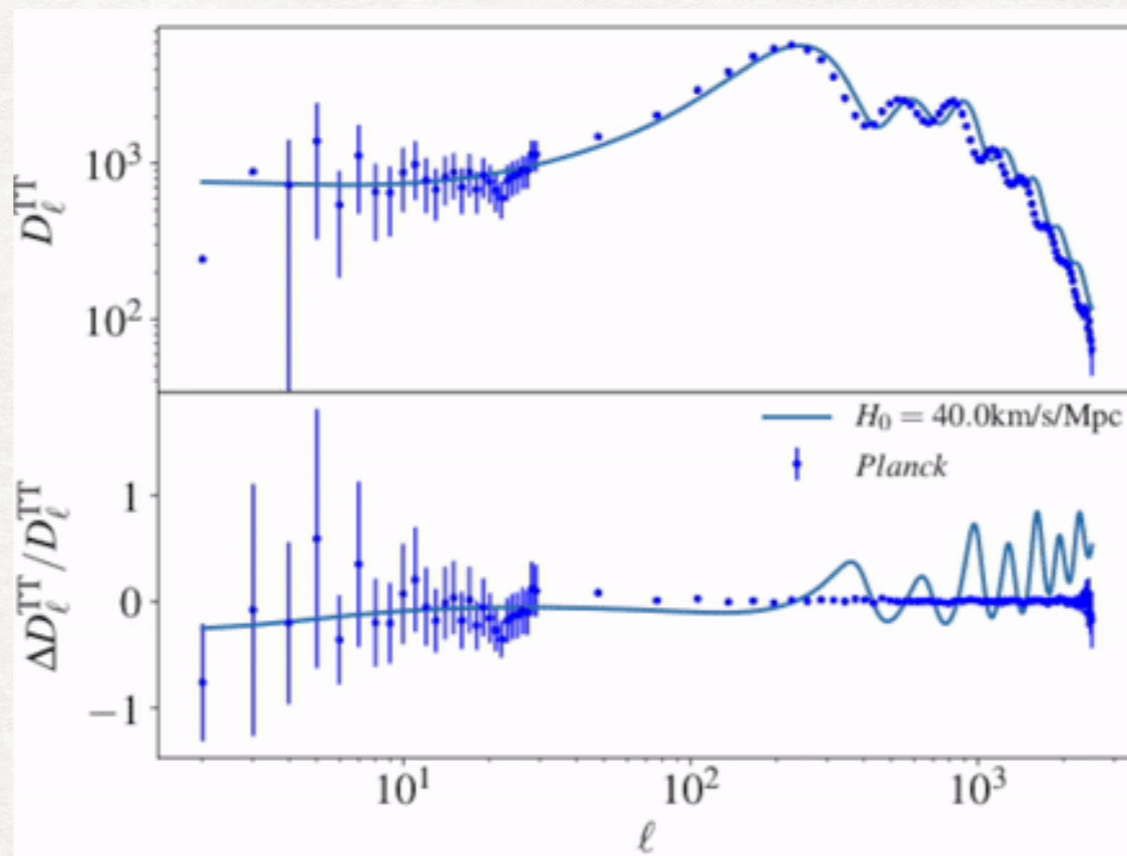
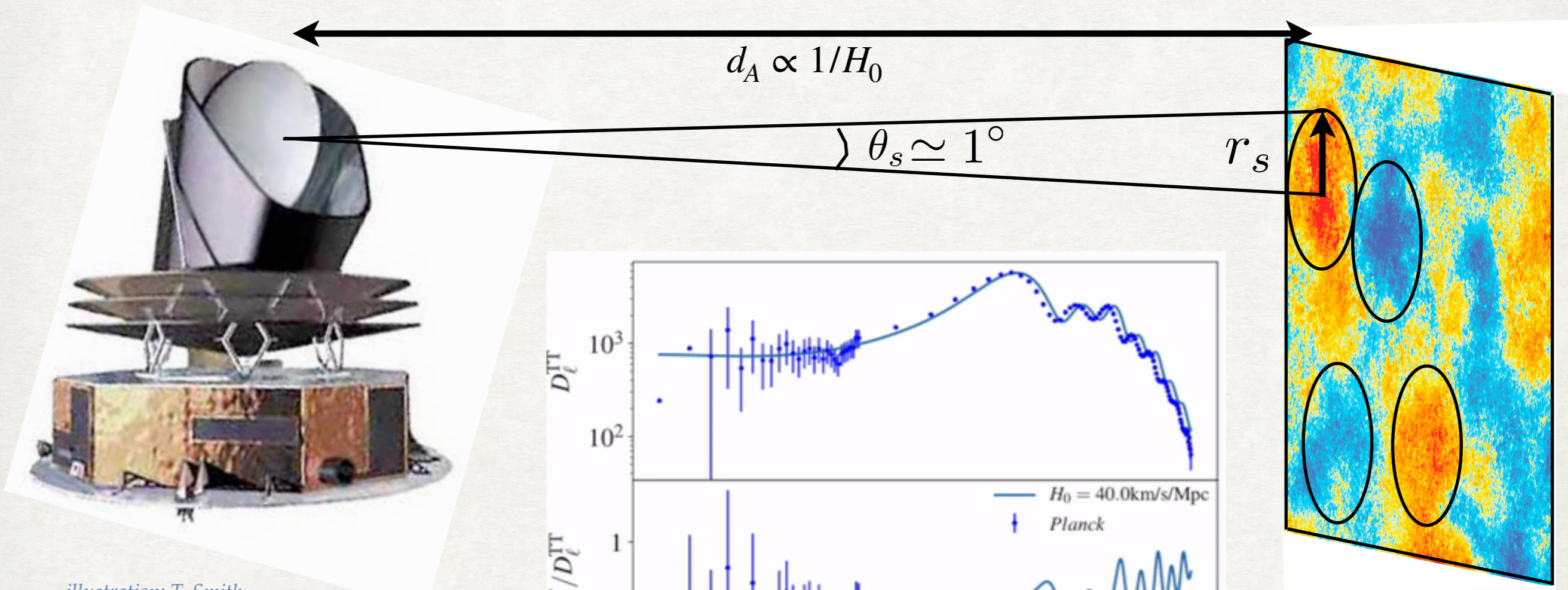


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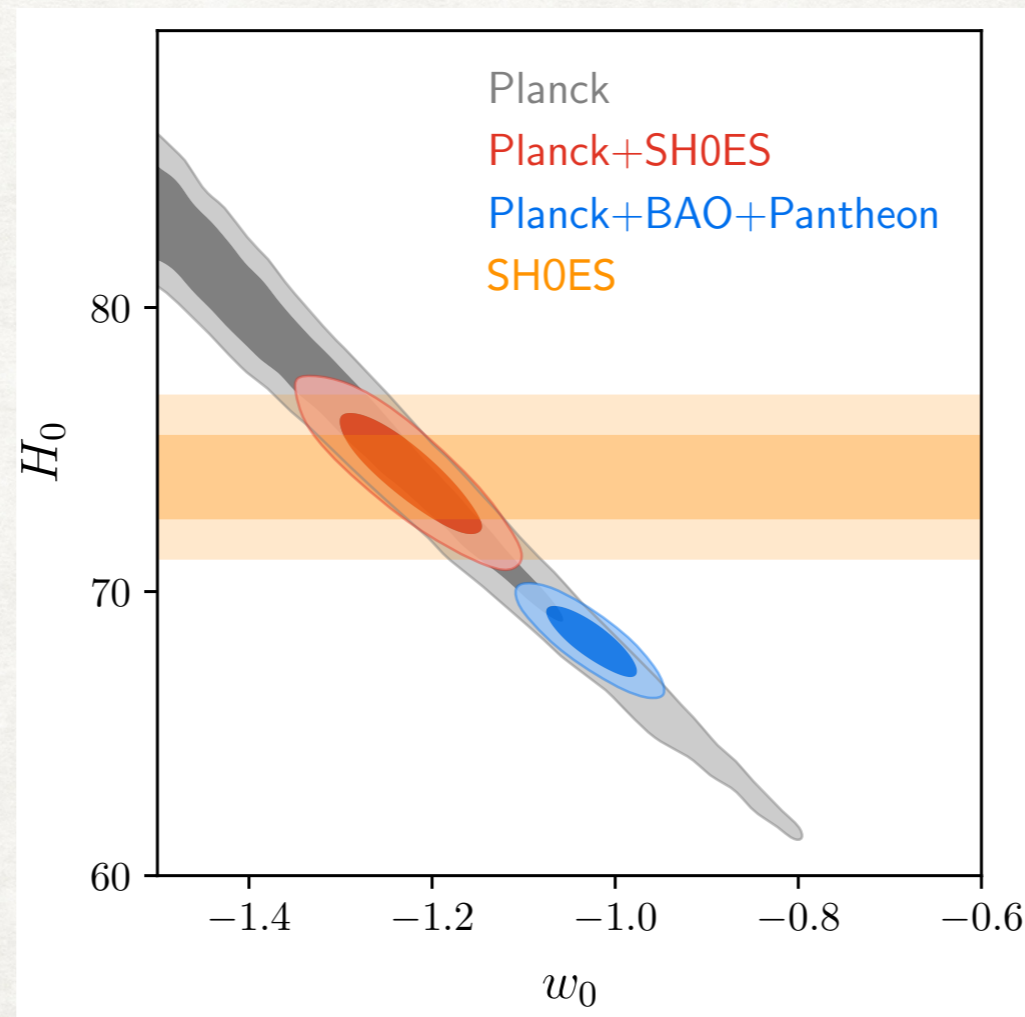
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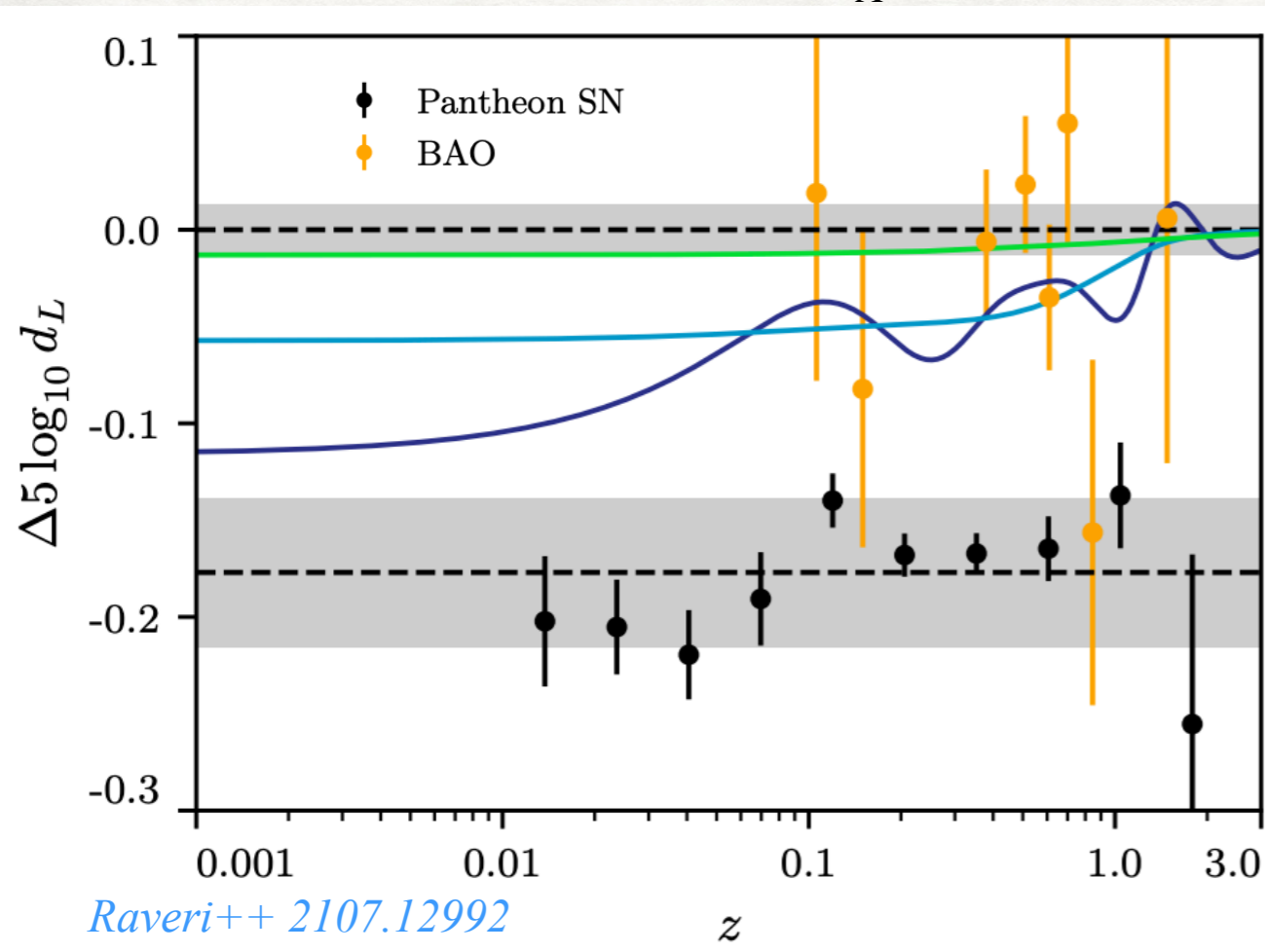
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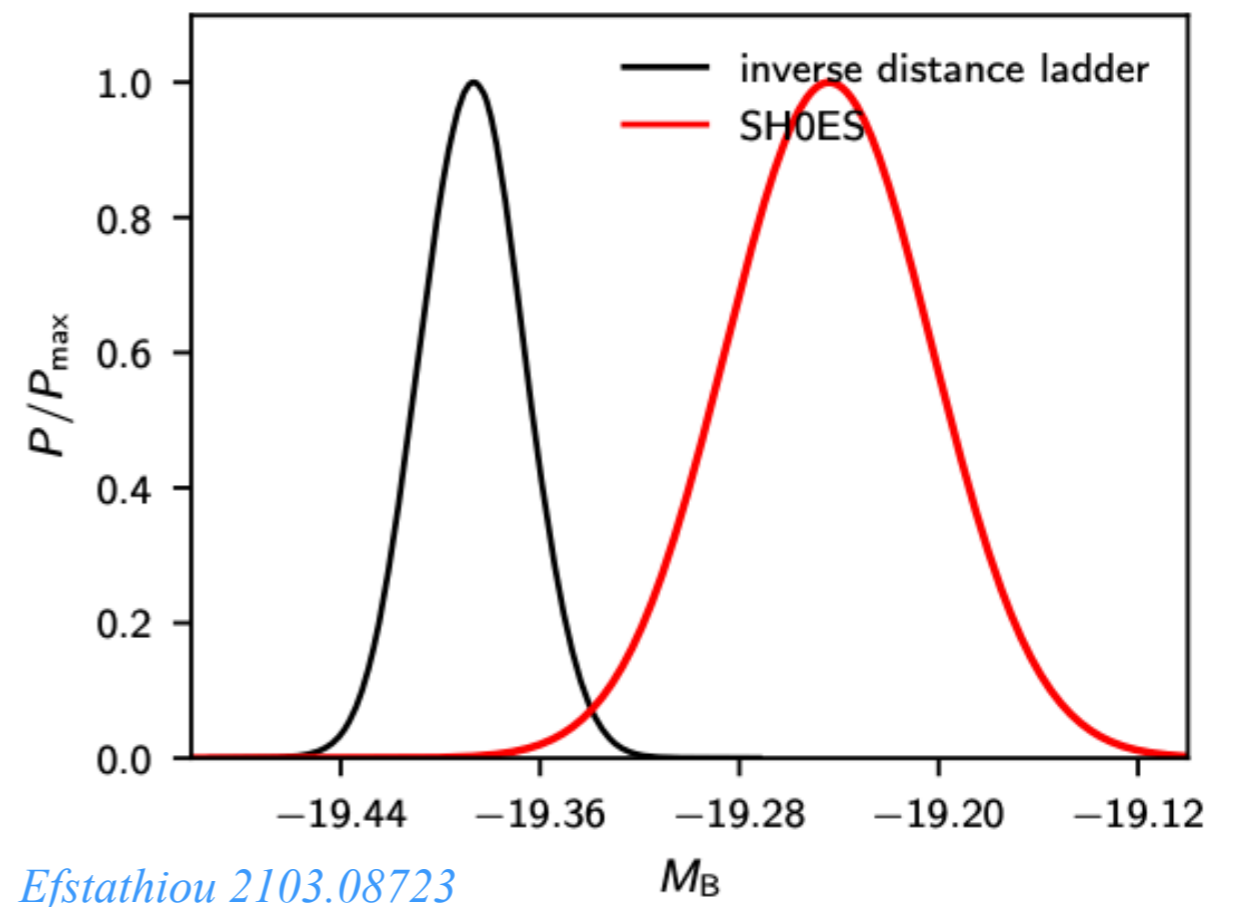
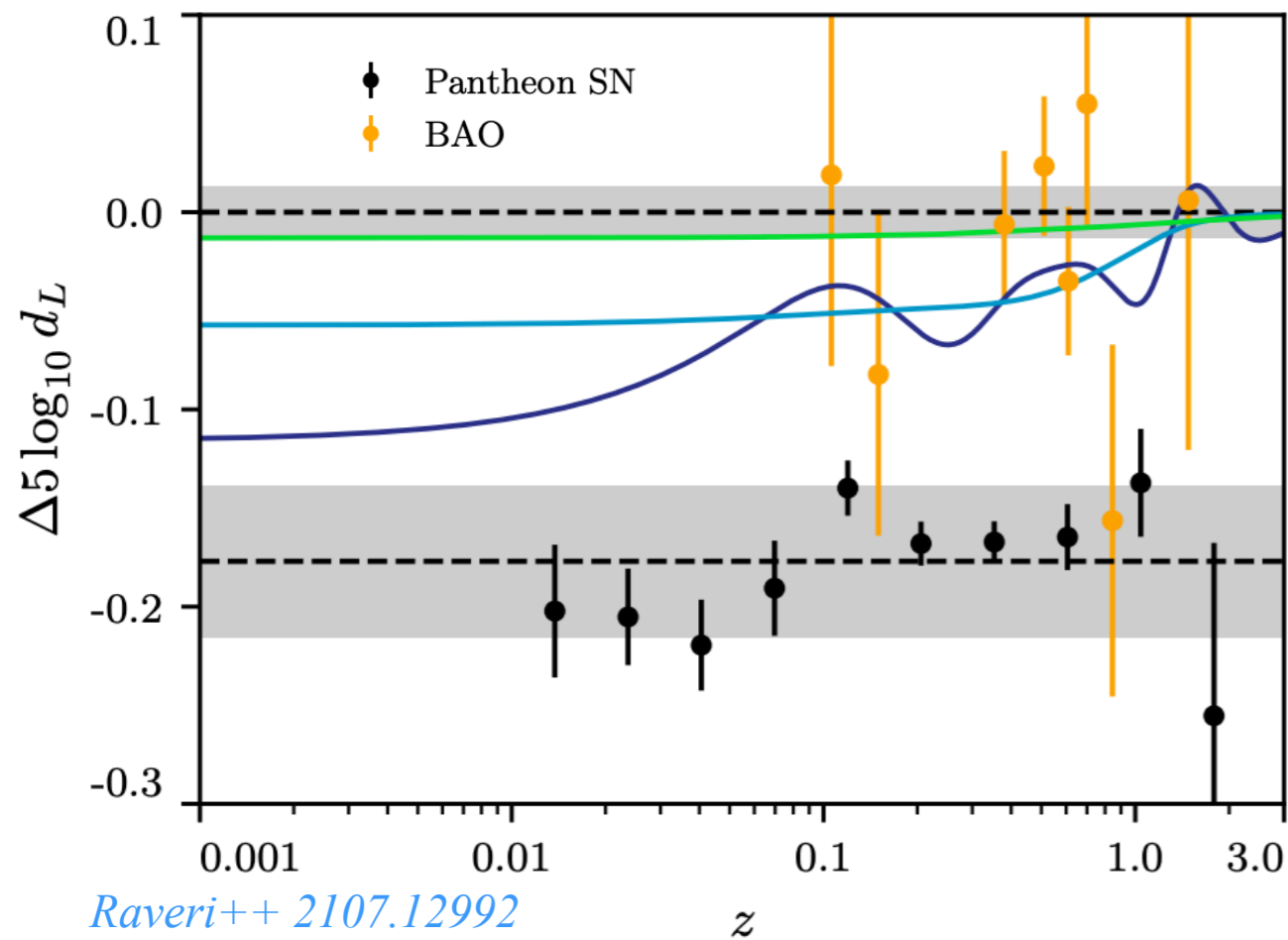
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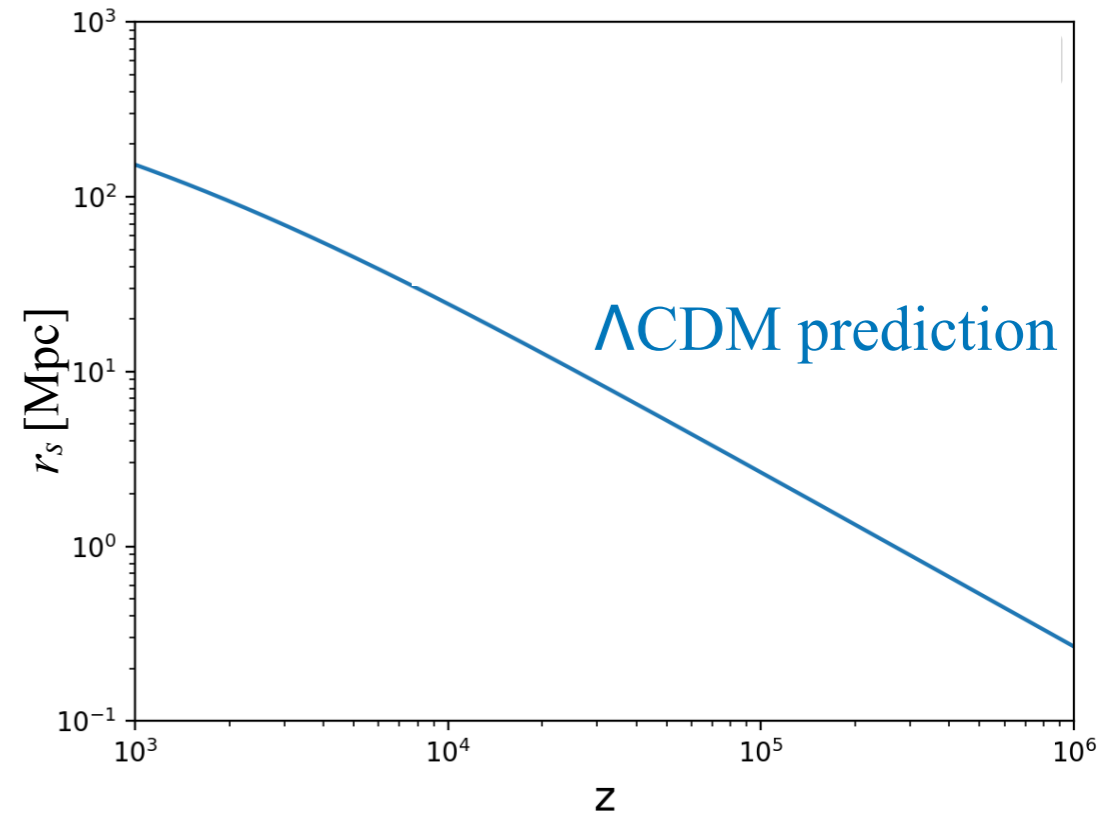
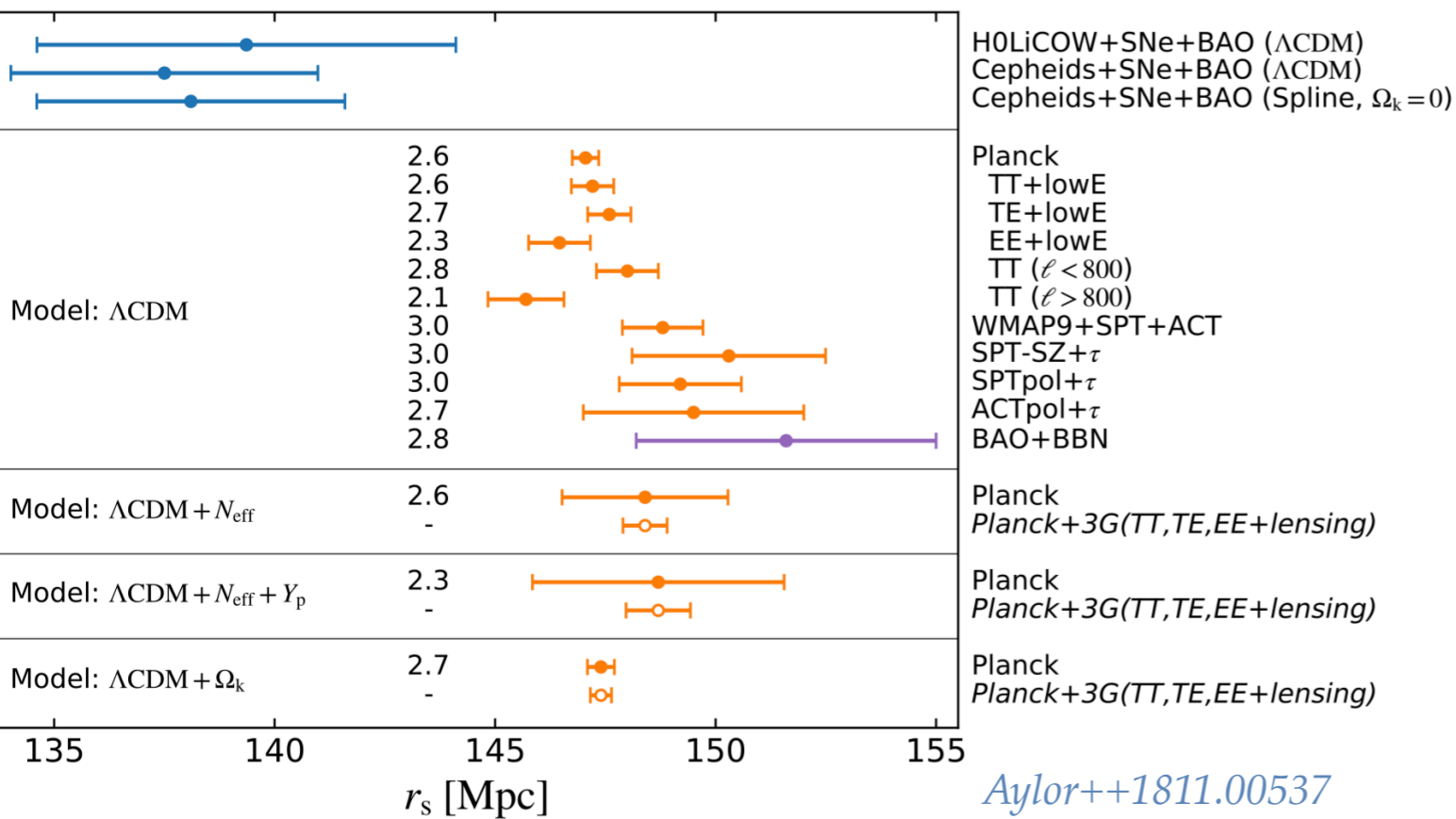
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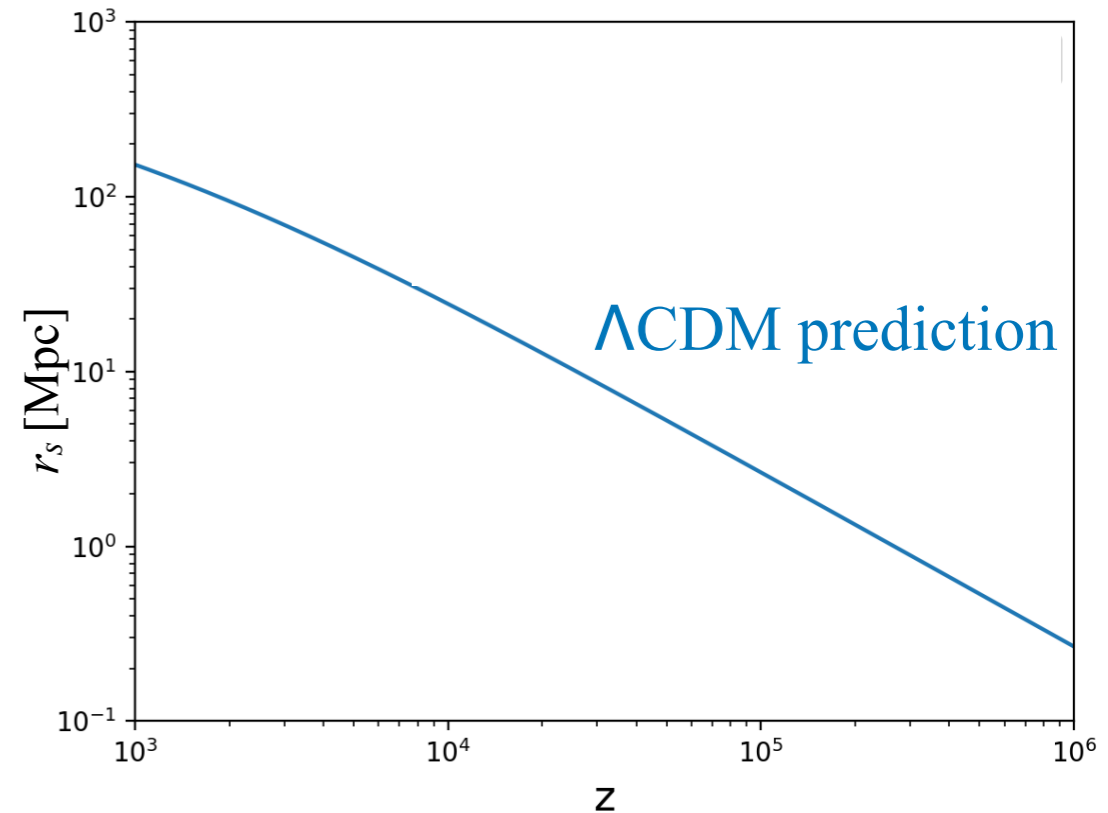
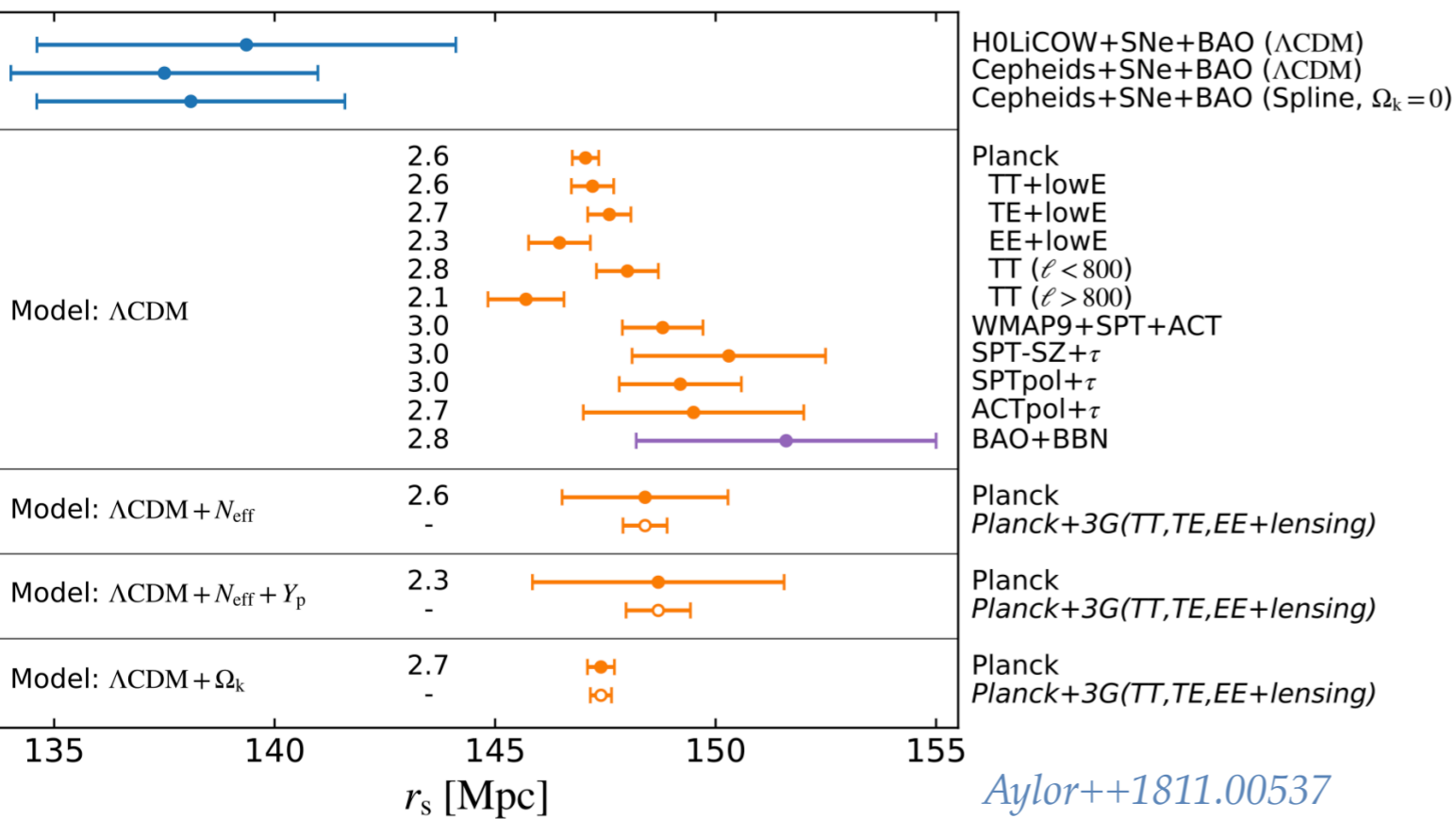


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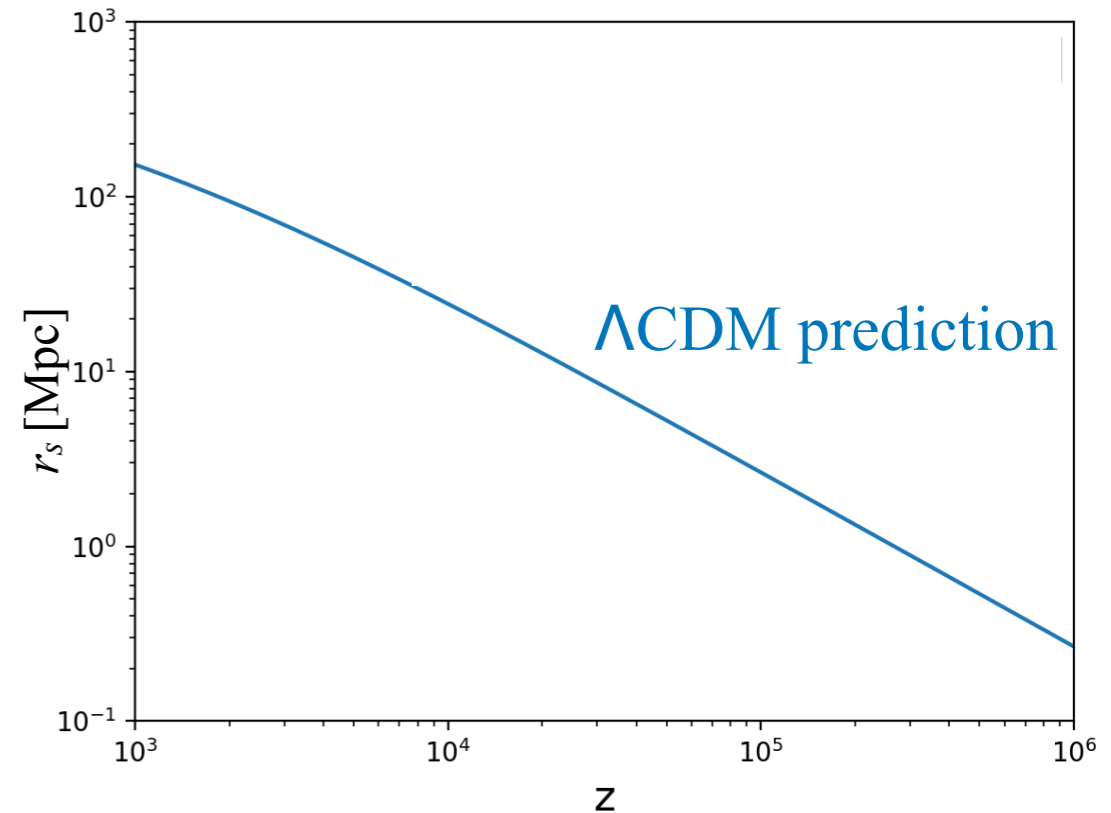
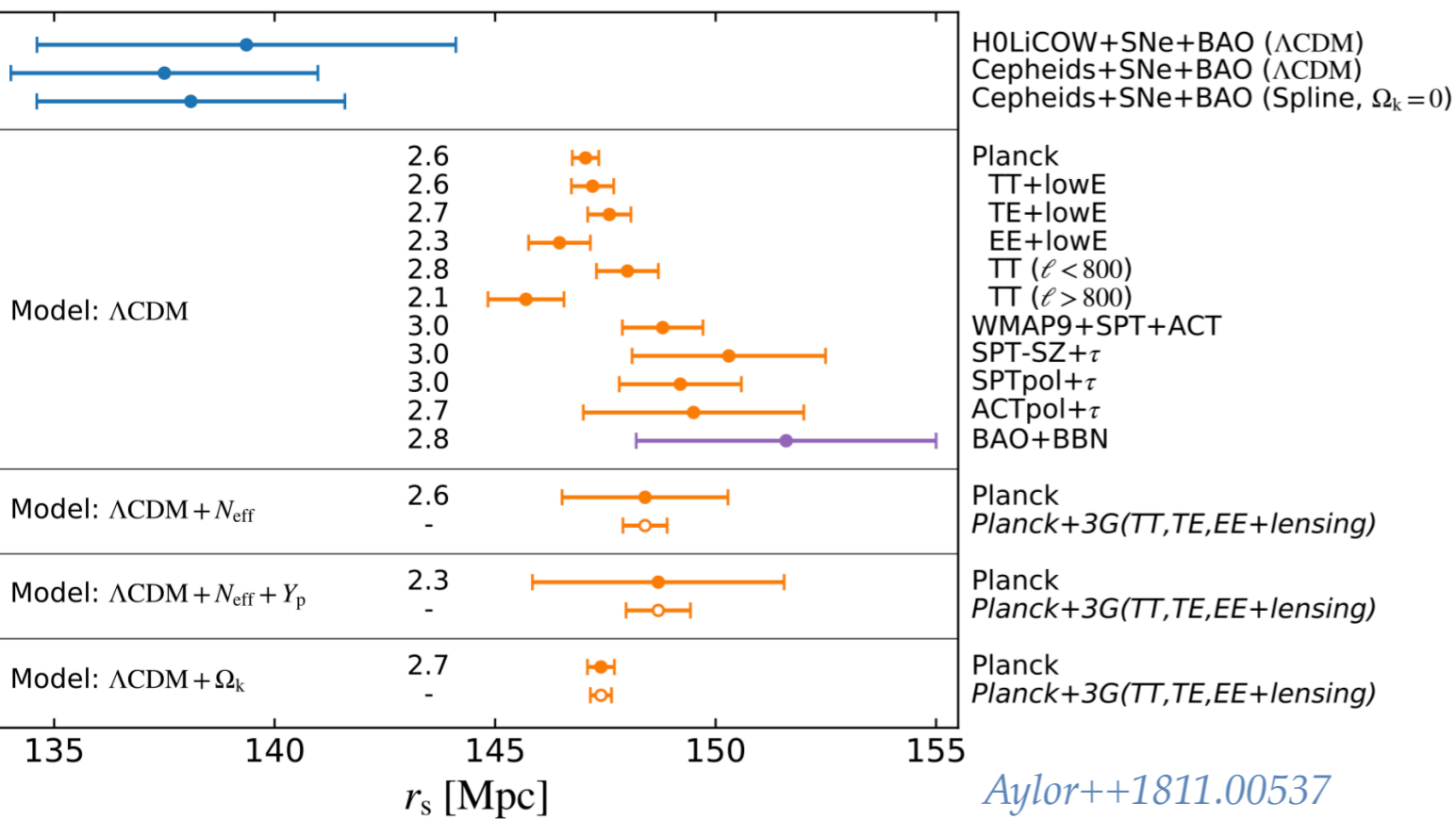
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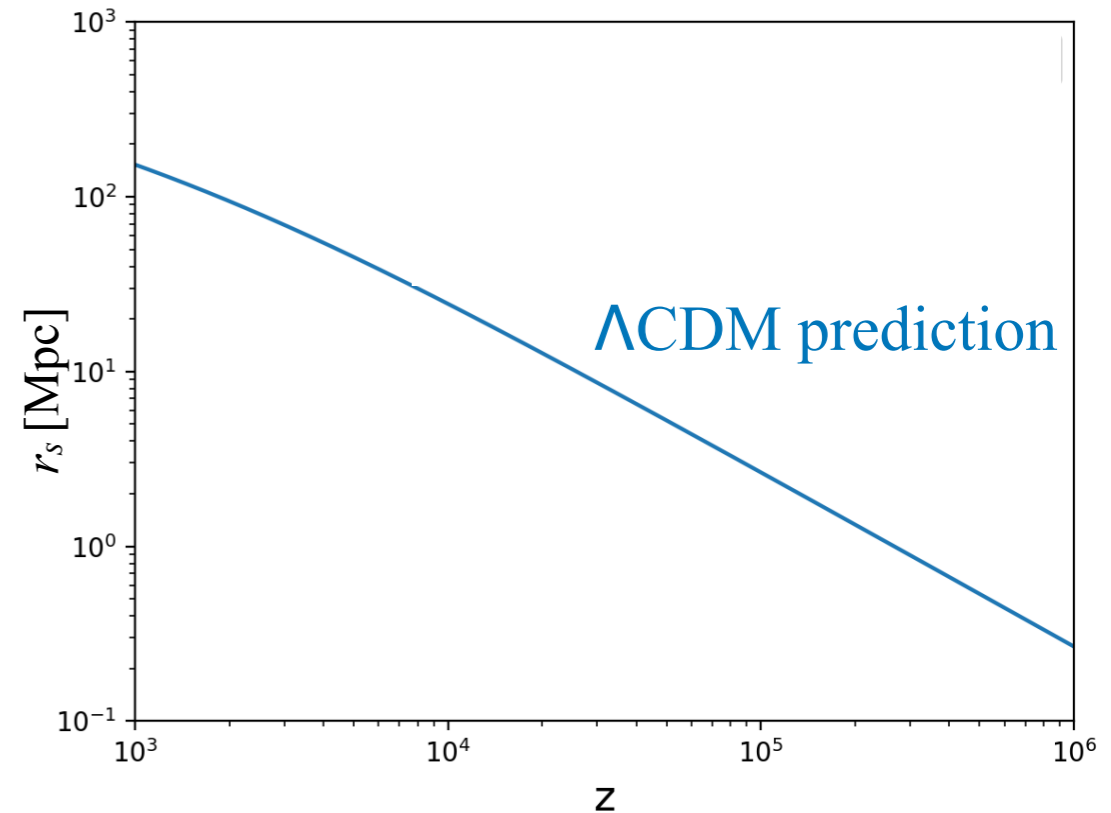
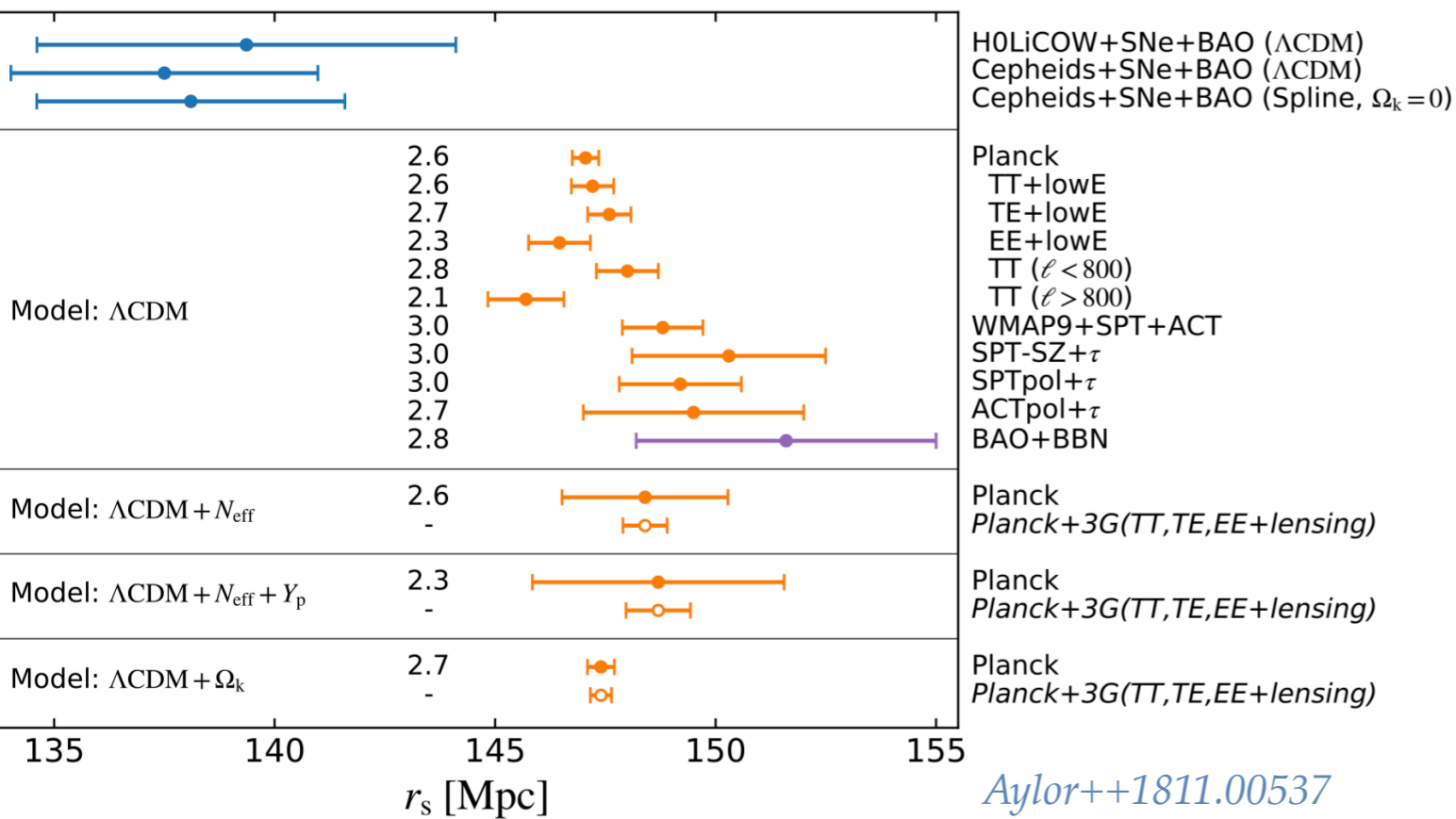
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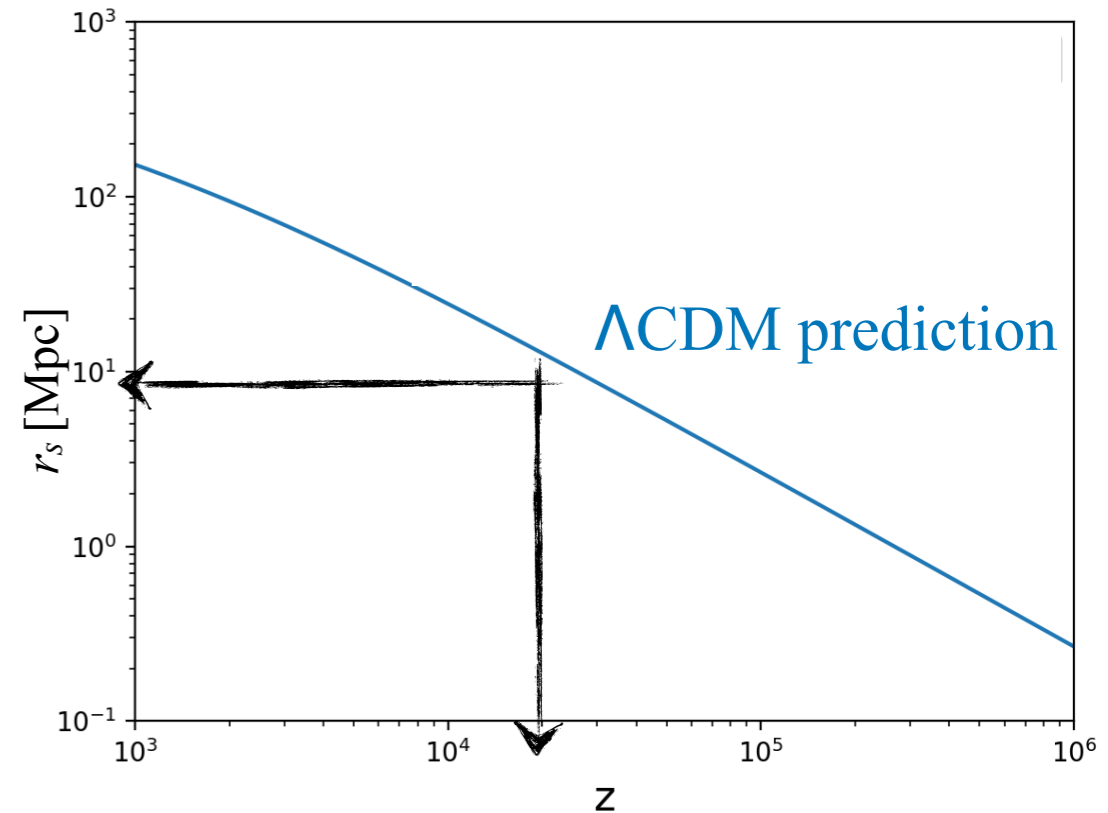
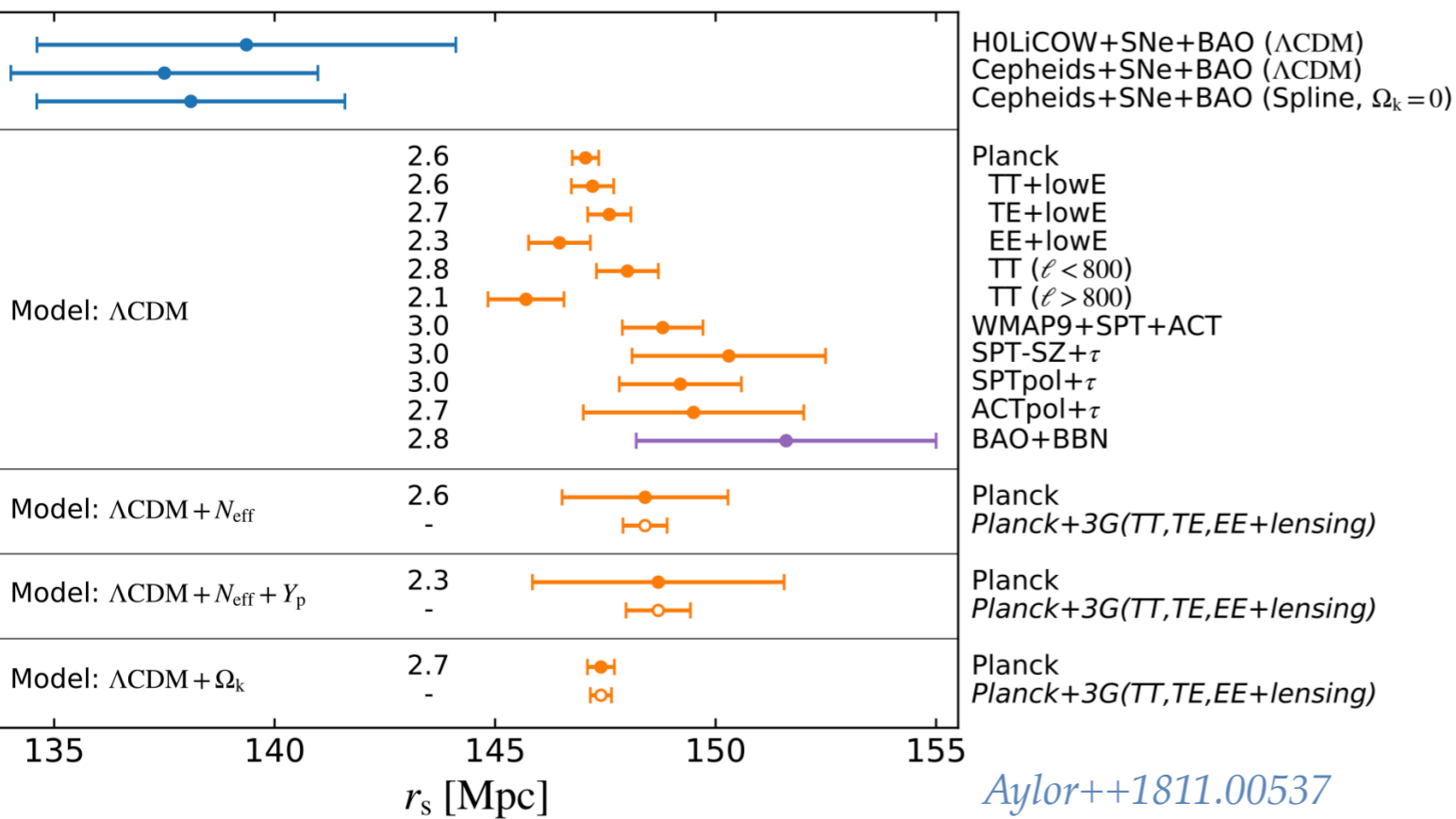
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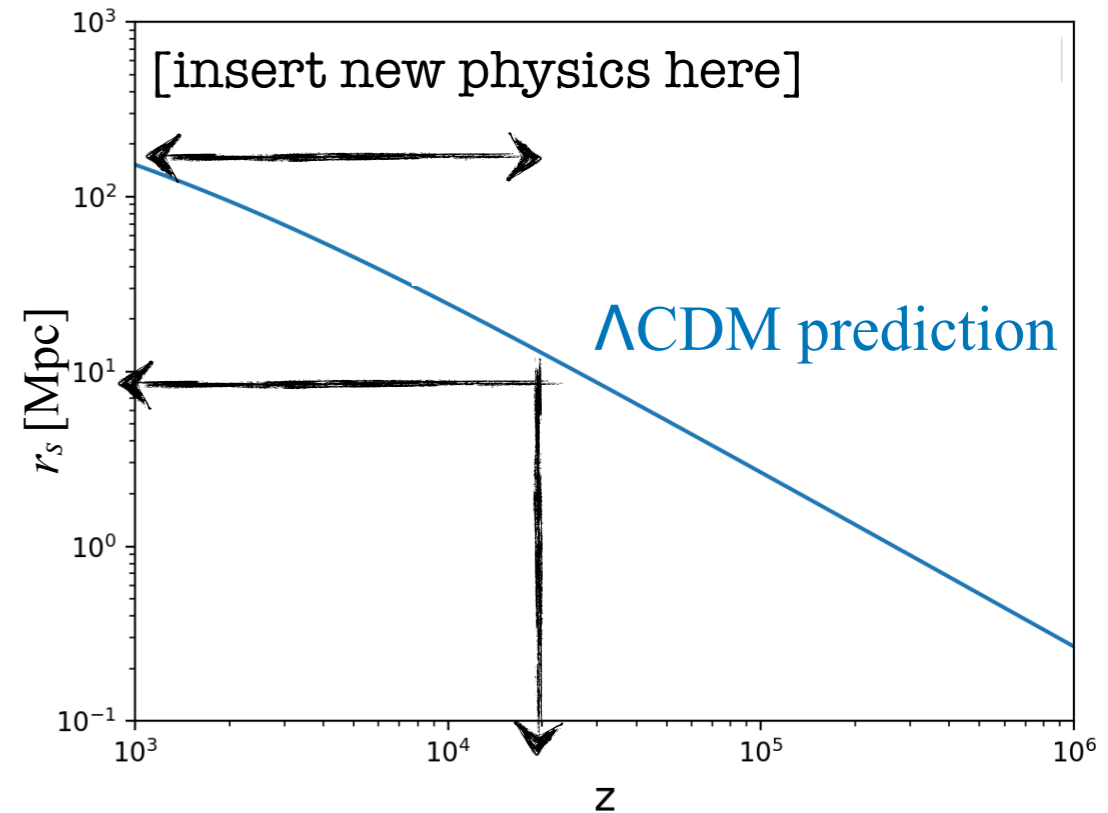
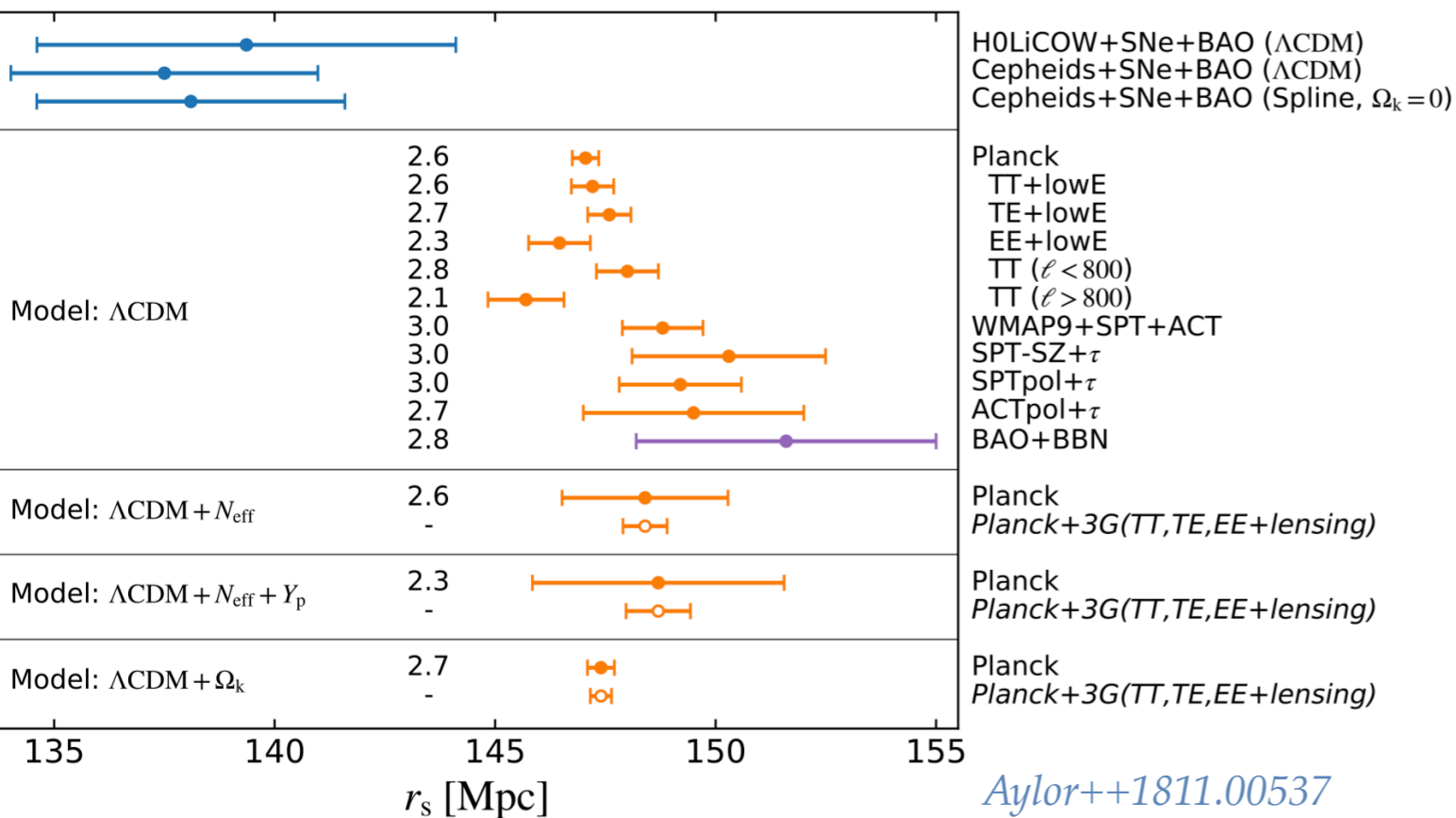
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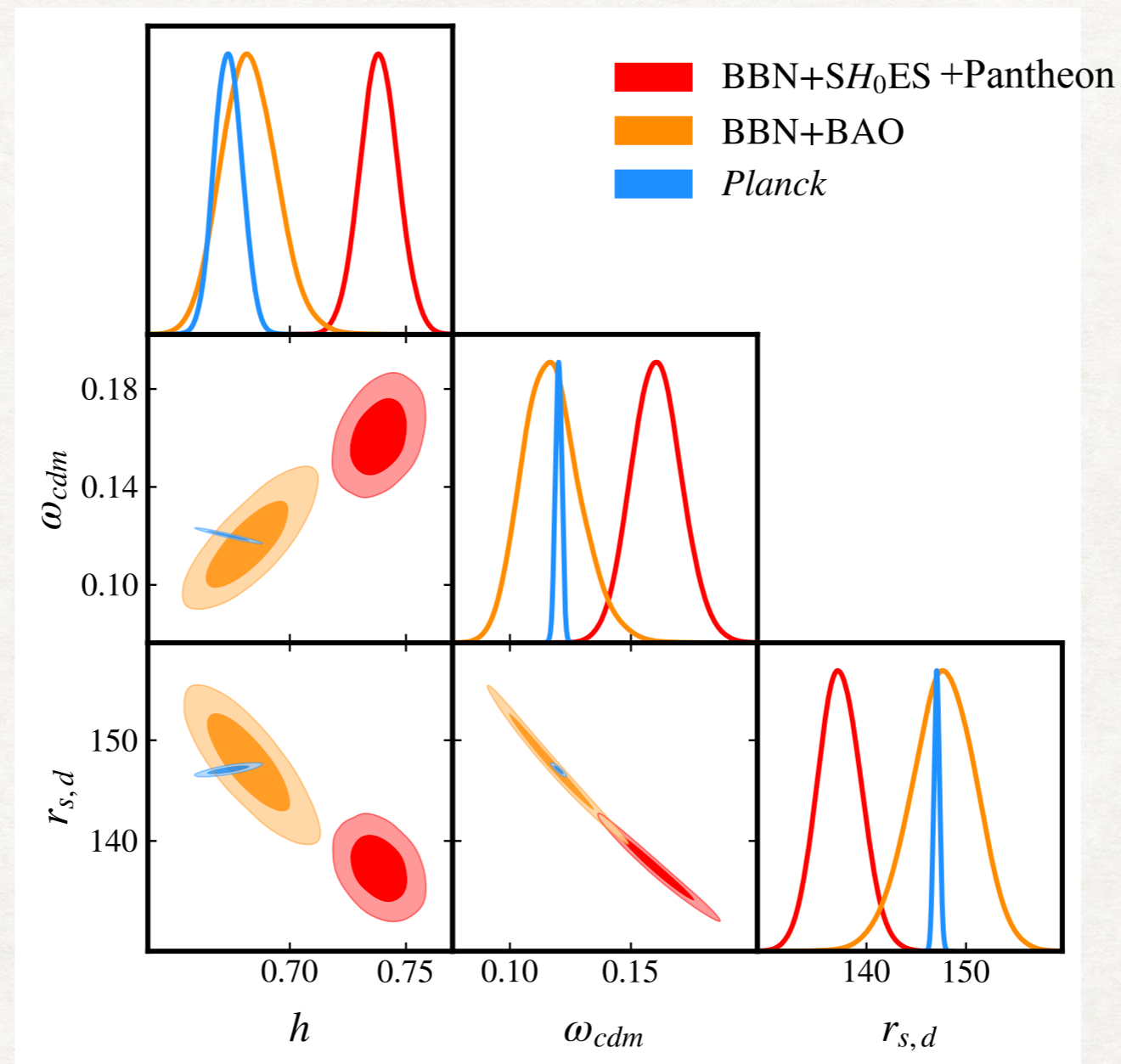
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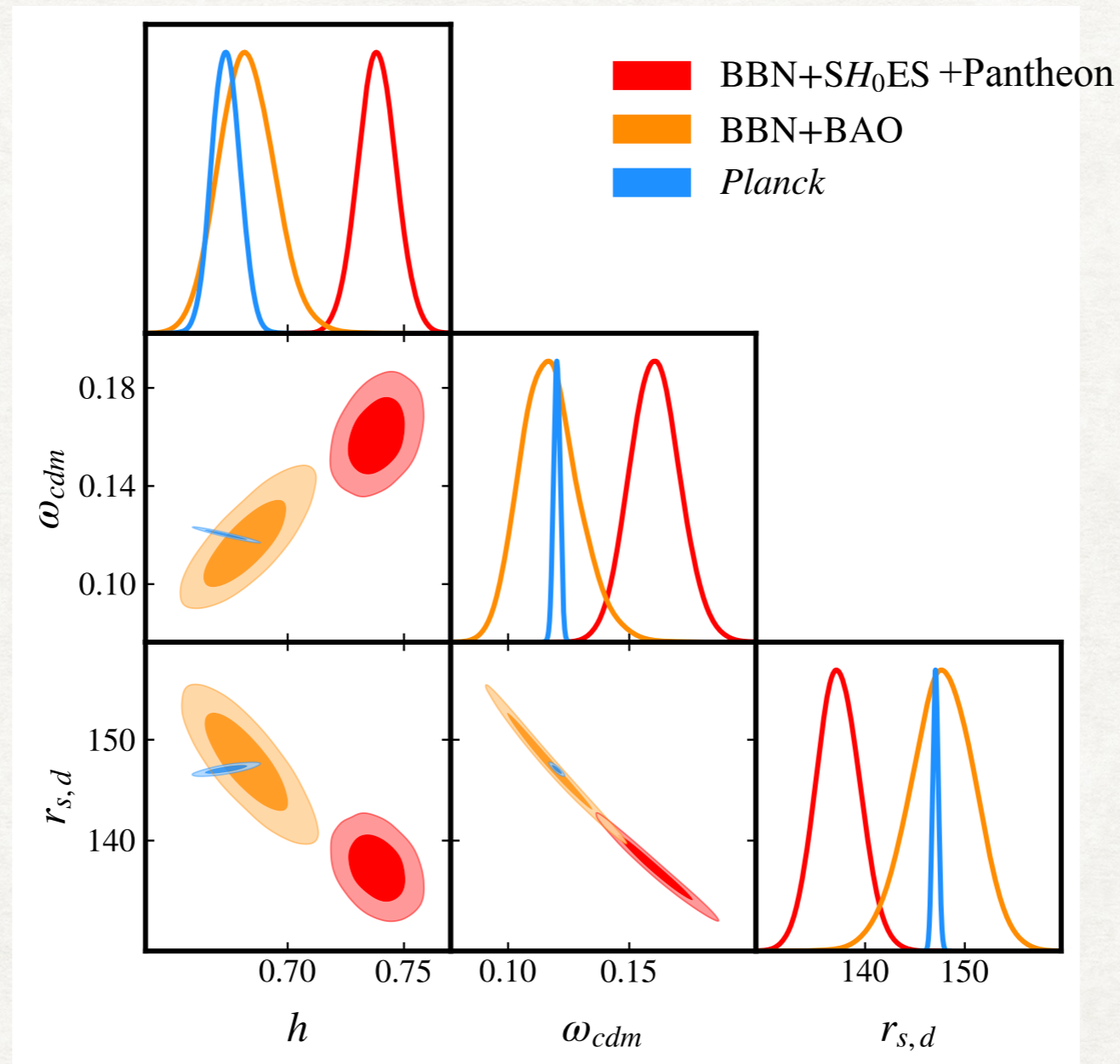
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Review: VP, Smith, Karwal, 2302.09032 Kamionkowski&Riess 2211.04492

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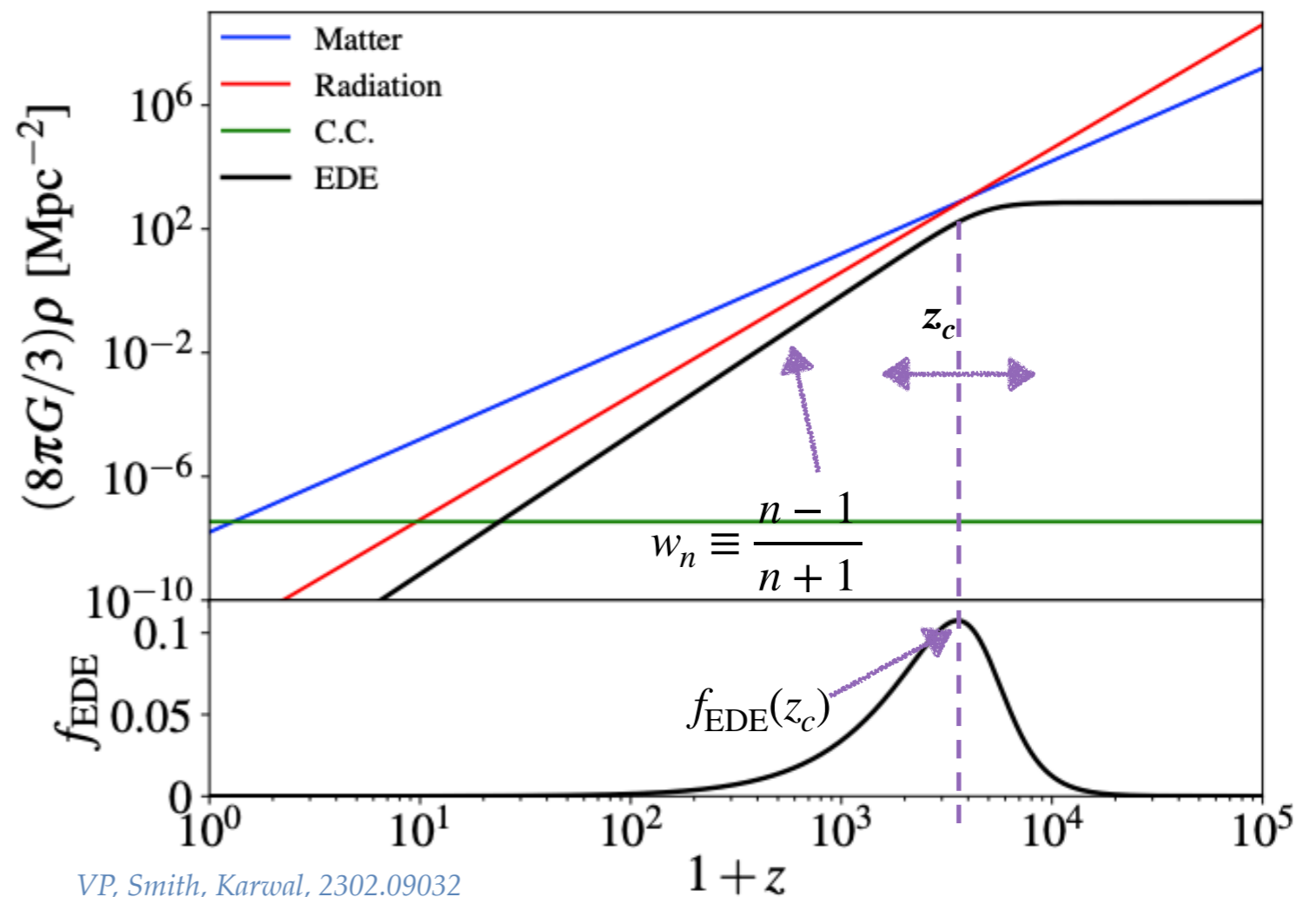
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- Specified by  $f_{\text{EDE}}(z_c)$ ,  $z_c$ ,  $w(n)$ ,  $c_s^2(k, \tau)$

$$\begin{cases} z > z_c \Rightarrow w_n = -1 \\ z < z_c \Rightarrow w_n = (n-1)/(n+1) \end{cases}$$

$n = 1$ : matter,  $n = 2$ : radiation, etc.



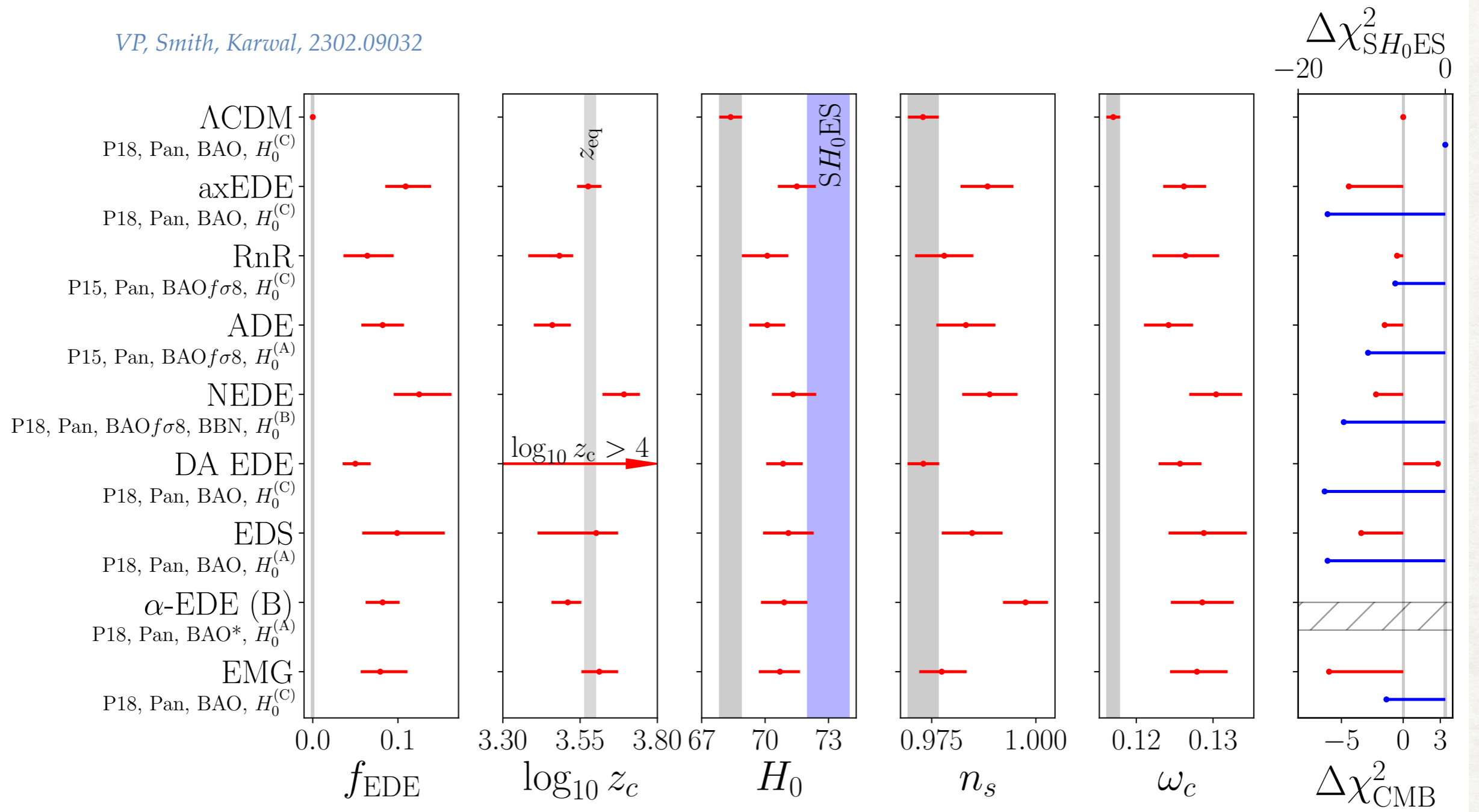
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# Status of EDE solutions

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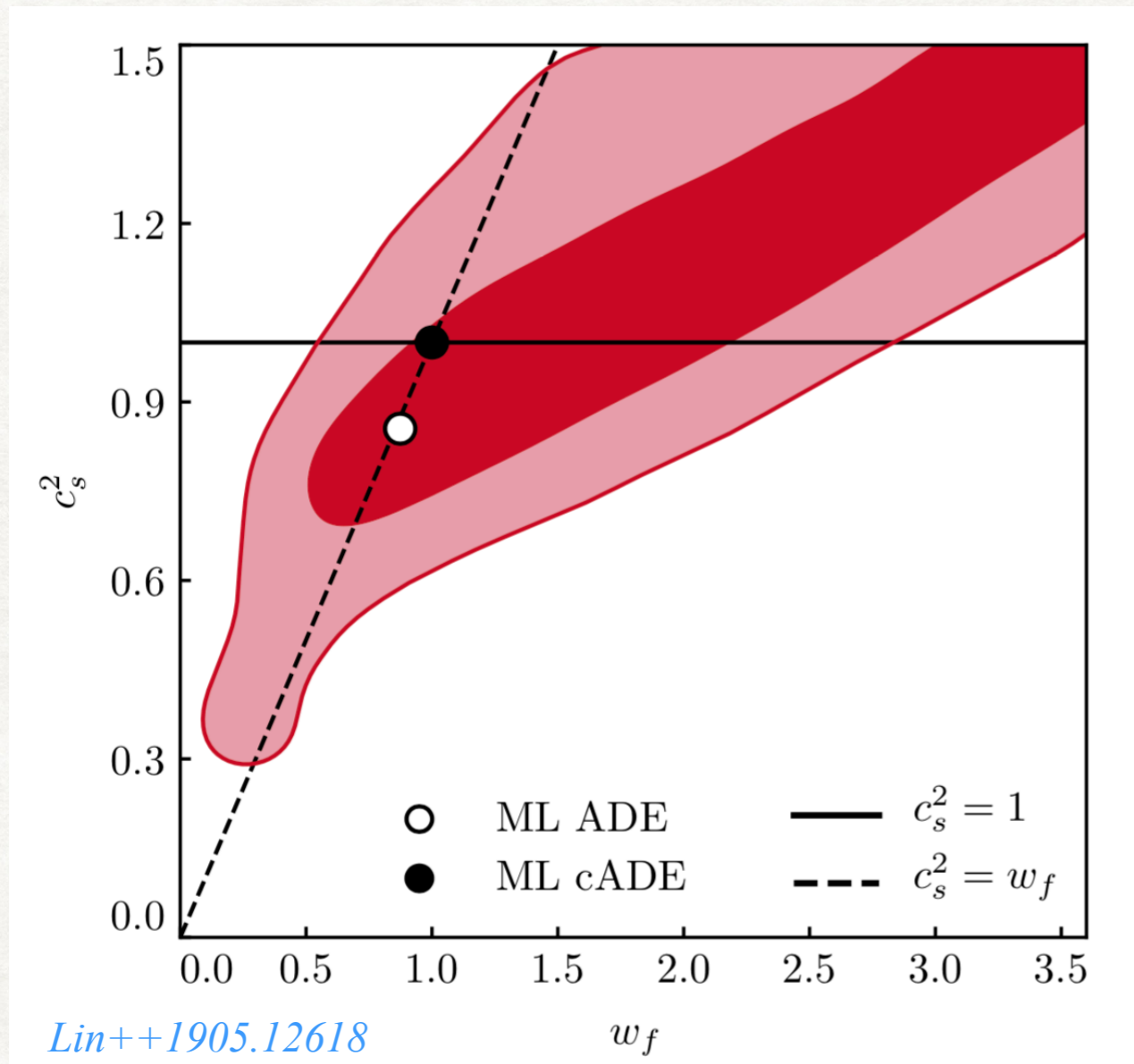
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- Similar background properties although not all models yield the same overall improvement

# EDE “microphysics” is constrained

- CMB data can constrain more than  $f_{\text{EDE}}$  and  $z_c$ : tight relation between  $w$  and  $c_s^2$

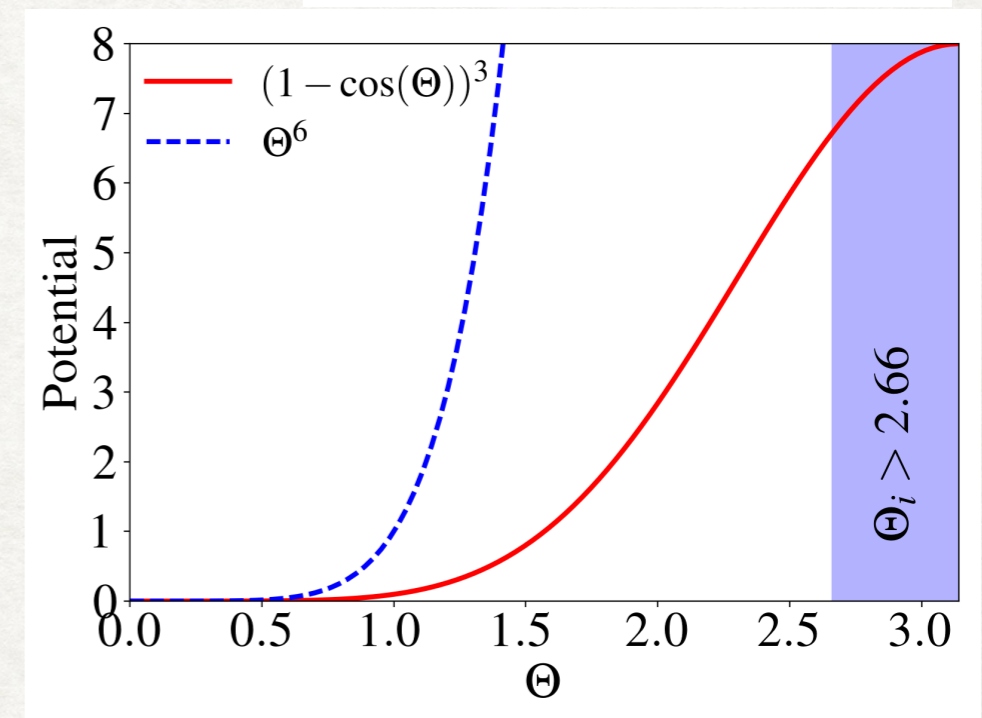
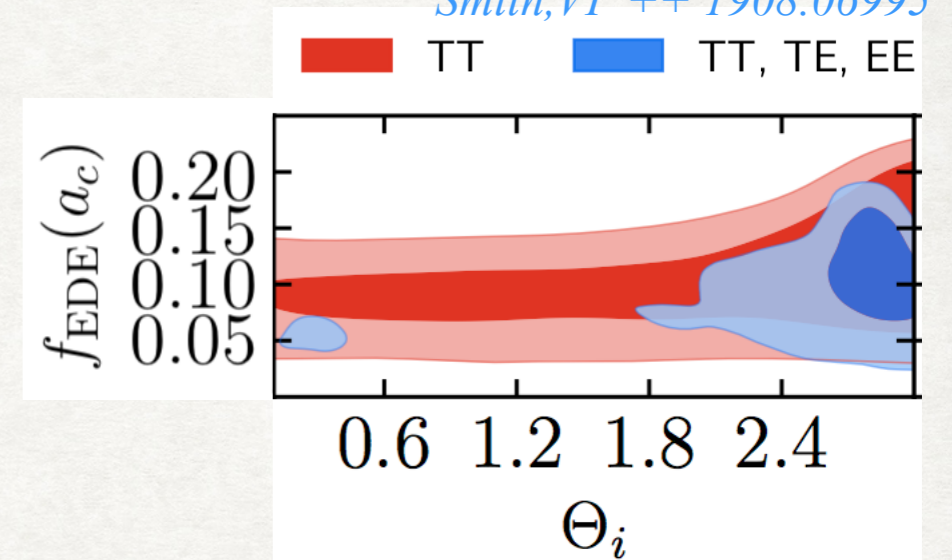
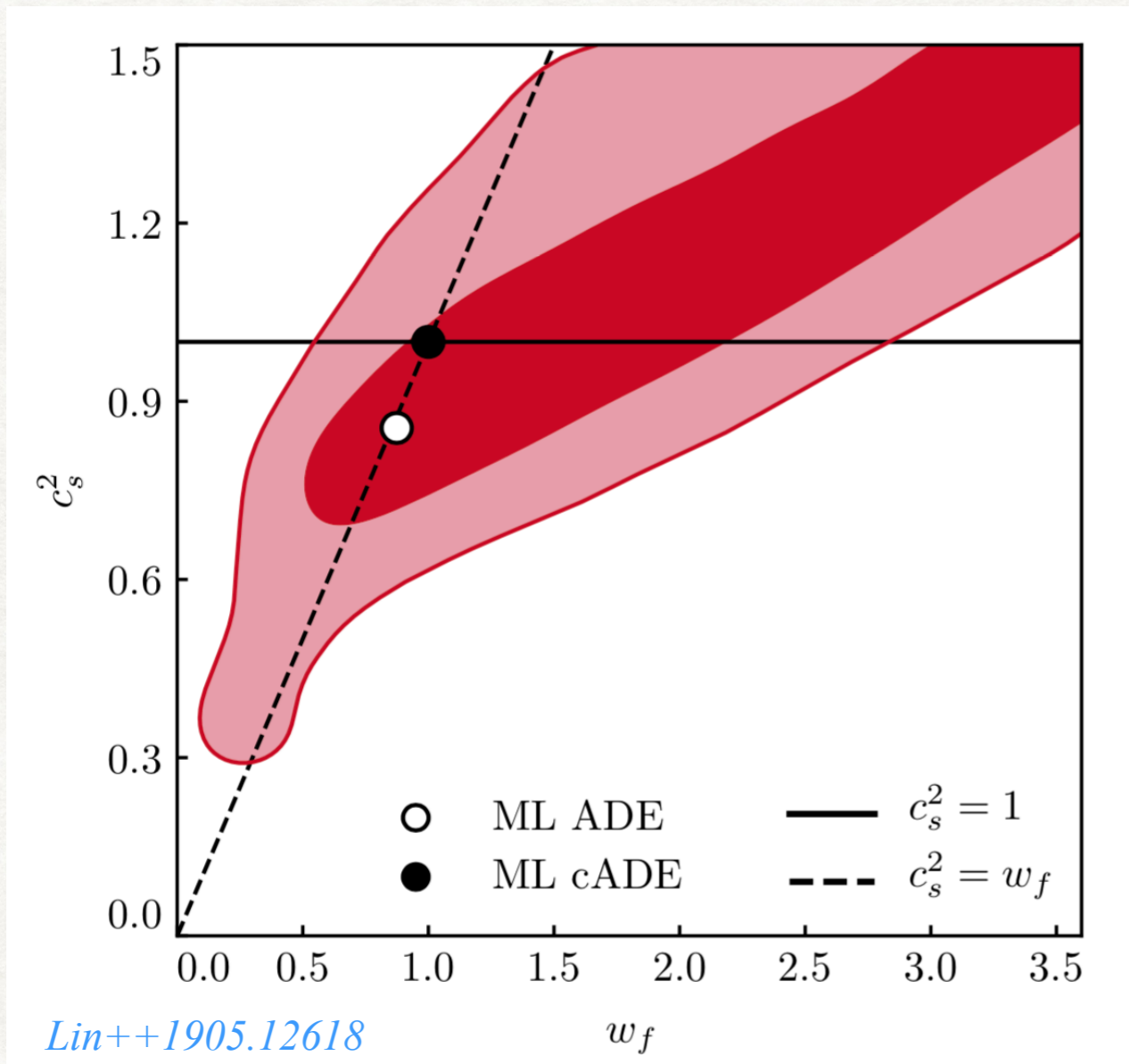


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*Smith, VP ++ 1908.06995*



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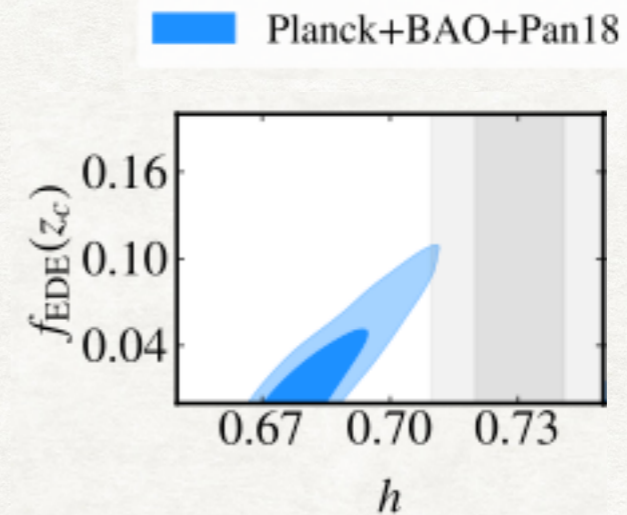
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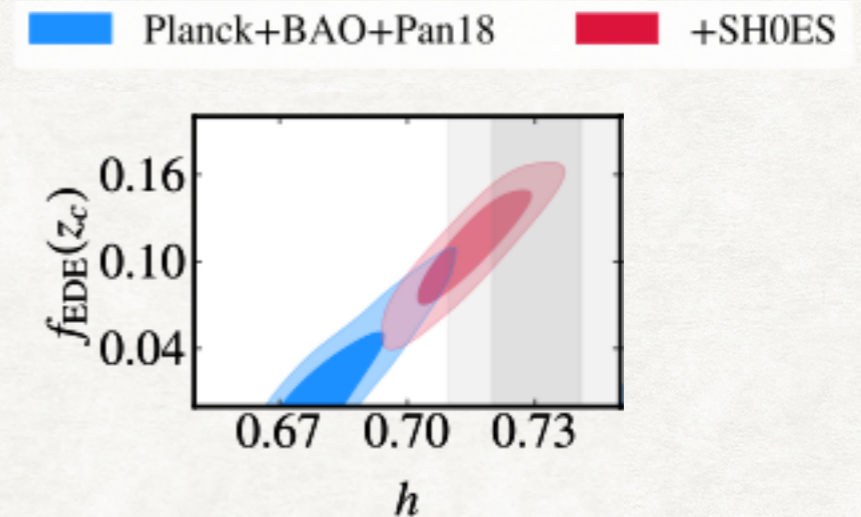
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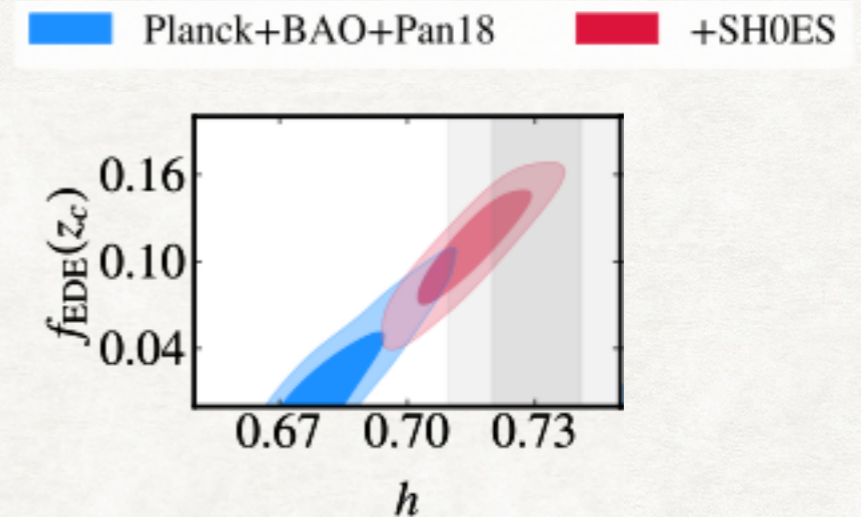
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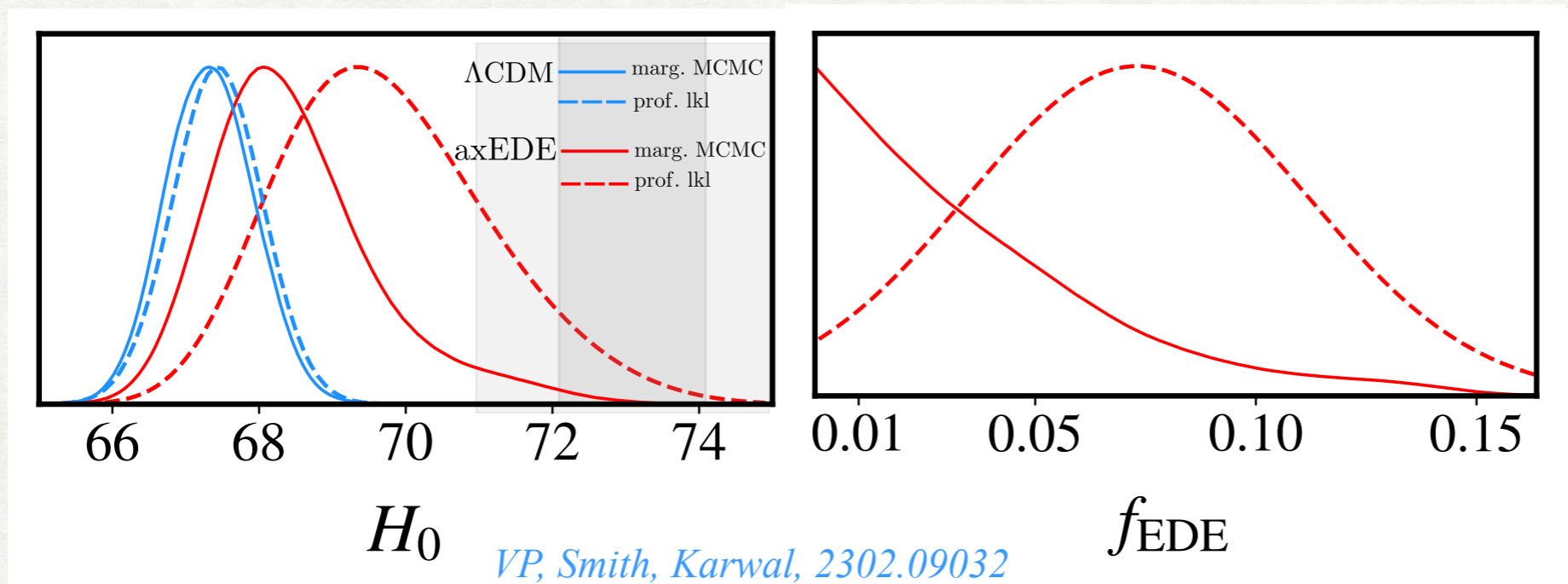
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*Herold ++ 2112.12140, 2210.16296*

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*VP, Smith, Karwal, 2302.09032*

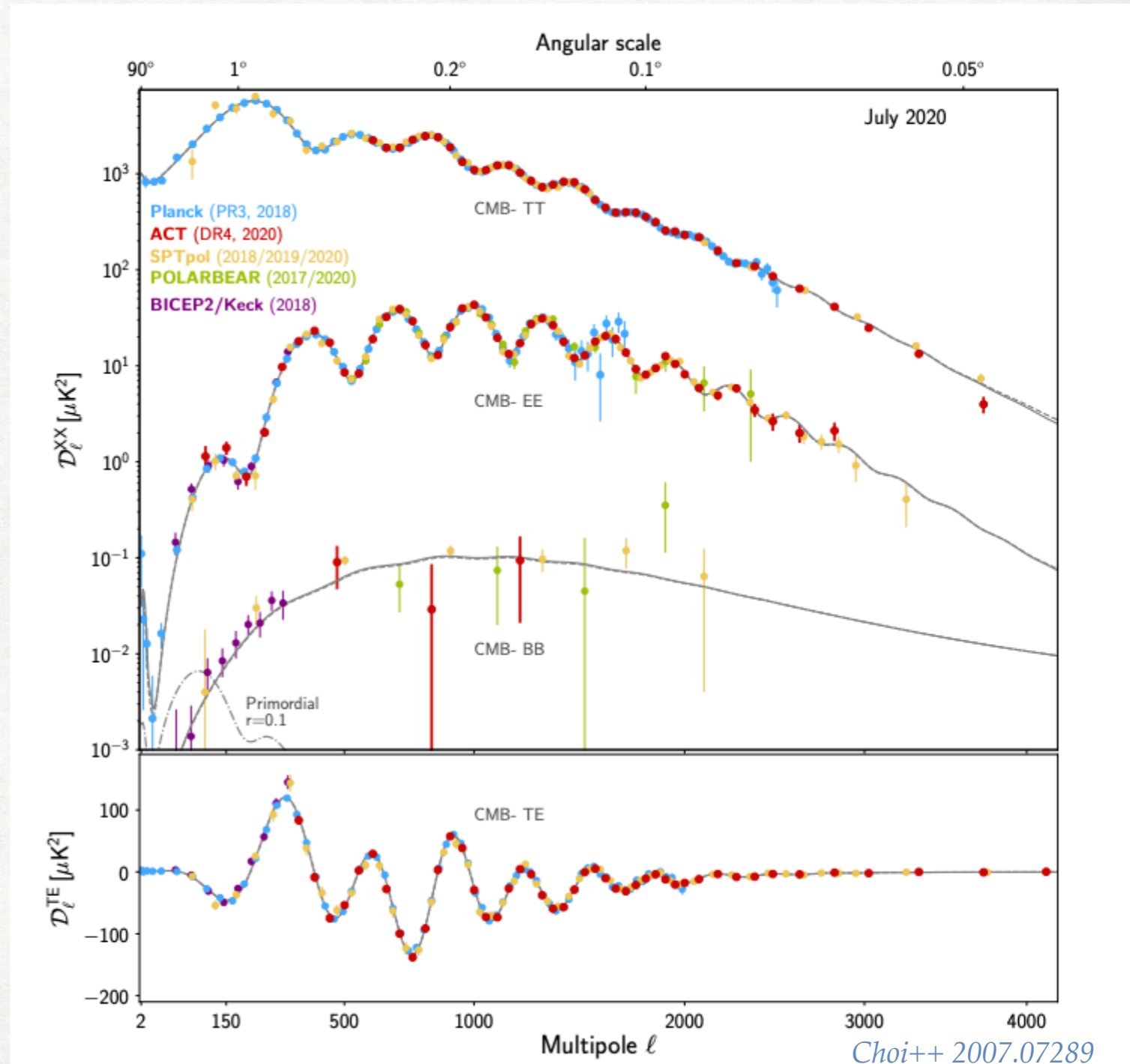
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- ACT and SPT adds information at  $\ell \sim 500 - 4000$  in TT,TE,EE.

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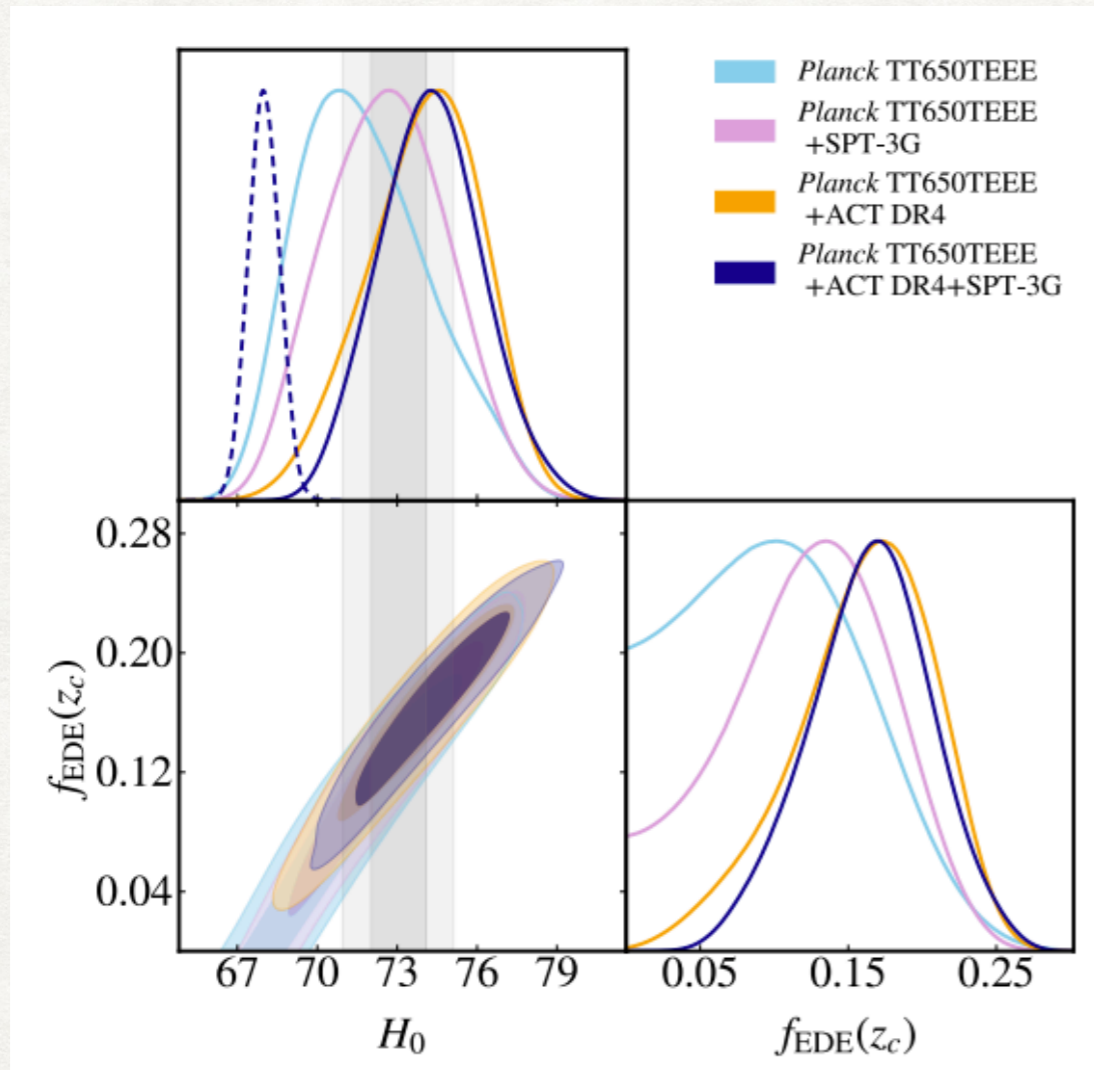


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# Consistency test: Planck vs WMAP+ACT+SPT

- $Planck650TT \simeq WMAP$       See also Hill et al. 2109.04451; VP, Smith & Bartlett 2109.06229; Moss et al. 2109.14848
- Include  $Planck$  and SPT \*polarization\*      Smith, Lucca, VP++ 2202.09379



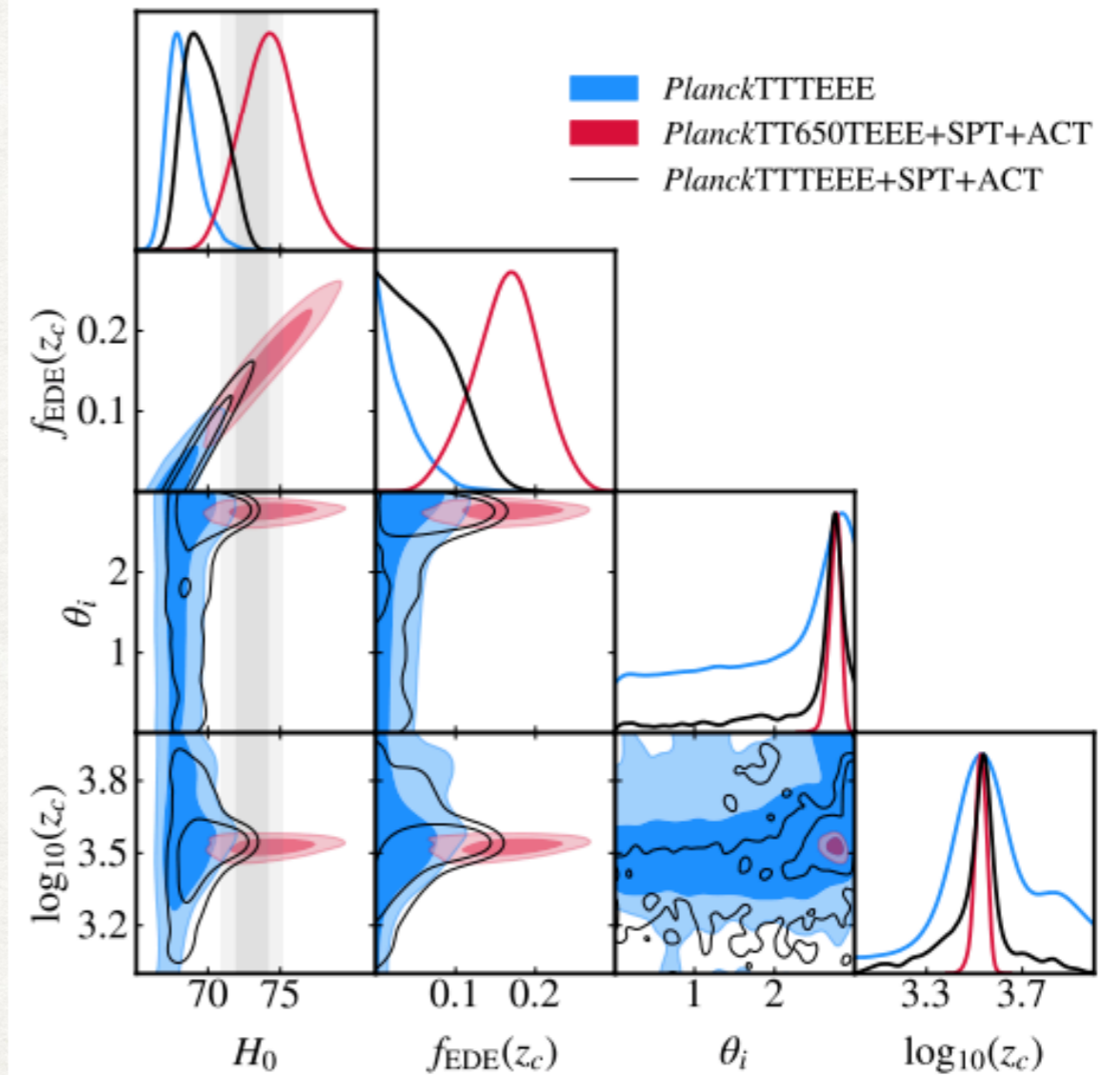
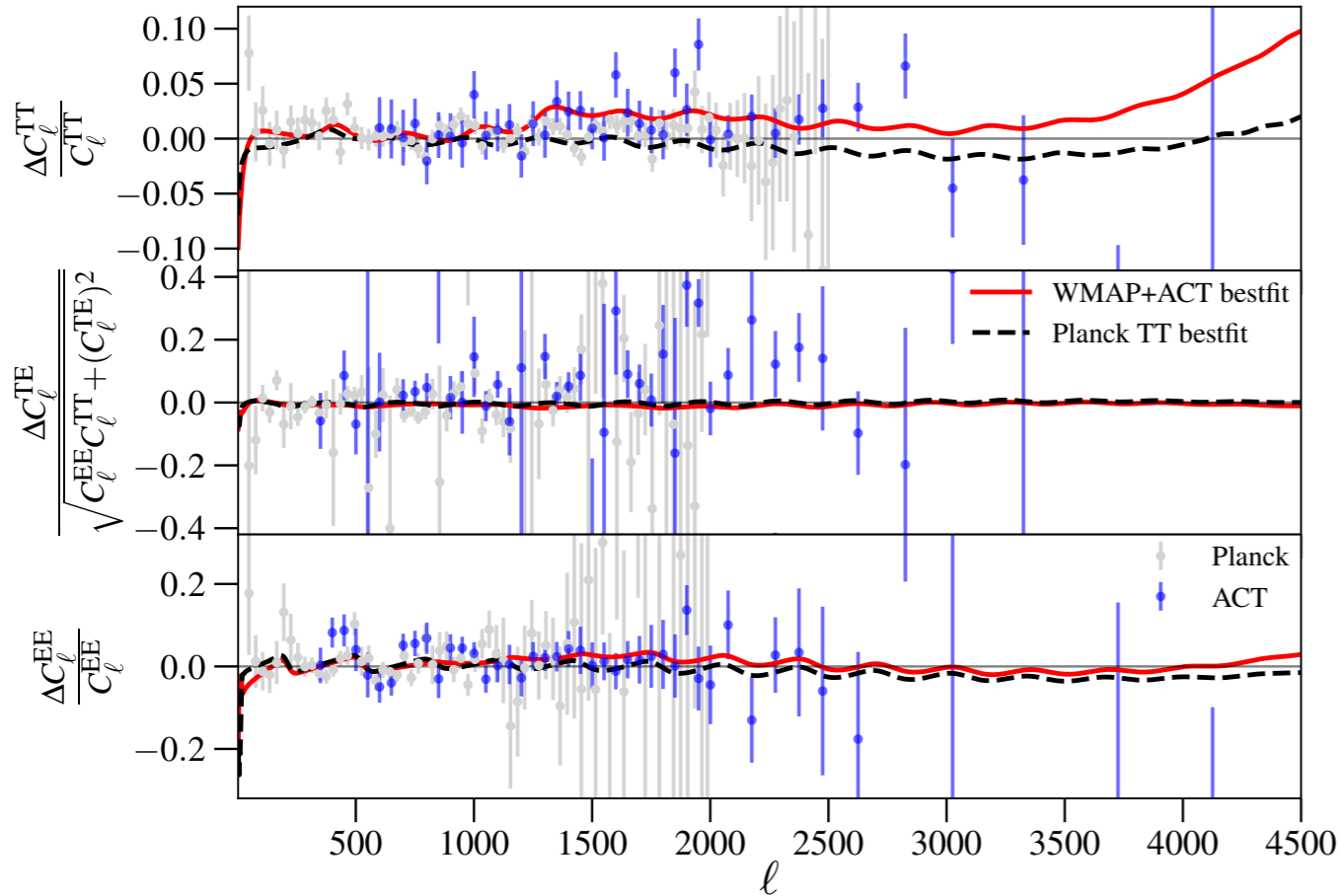
Model	$\Lambda$ CDM	EDE
$f_{\text{EDE}}(z_c)$	—	$0.163(0.179)^{+0.047}_{-0.04}$
$\log_{10}(z_c)$	—	$3.526(3.528)^{+0.028}_{-0.024}$
$\theta_i$	—	$2.784(2.806)^{+0.098}_{-0.093}$
$m$ (eV)	—	$(4.38 \pm 0.49) \times 10^{-28}$
$f$ (Mpl)	—	$0.213 \pm 0.035$
$H_0$ [km/s/Mpc]	$68.02(67.81)^{+0.64}_{-0.6}$	$74.2(74.83)^{+1.9}_{-2.1}$
$100 \omega_b$	$2.253(2.249)^{+0.014}_{-0.013}$	$2.279(2.278)^{+0.018}_{-0.02}$
$\omega_{\text{cdm}}$	$0.1186(0.1191)^{+0.0014}_{-0.0015}$	$0.1356(0.1372)^{+0.0053}_{-0.0059}$
$10^9 A_s$	$2.088(2.092)^{+0.035}_{-0.033}$	$2.145(2.146)^{+0.041}_{-0.04}$
$n_s$	$0.9764(0.9747)^{+0.0046}_{-0.0047}$	$1.001(1.003)^{+0.0091}_{-0.0096}$
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$S_8$	$0.817(0.821) \pm 0.017$	$0.829(0.829)^{+0.017}_{-0.019}$
$\Omega_m$	$0.307(0.309)^{+0.008}_{-0.009}$	$0.289(0.287) \pm 0.009$
Age [Gyrs]	$13.77(13.78) \pm 0.023$	$12.84(12.75) \pm 0.27$
$\Delta\chi^2_{\text{min}} (\text{EDE}-\Lambda\text{CDM})$	—	-16.2
Preference over $\Lambda$ CDM	—	99.9% ( $3.3\sigma$ )

- There is a  $3.3\sigma$  preference for EDE with no residual tension with SH0ES ( $H_0 = 74 \pm 2$  km/s/Mpc)
- The preference is driven by  $Planck$  polarization and ACT data



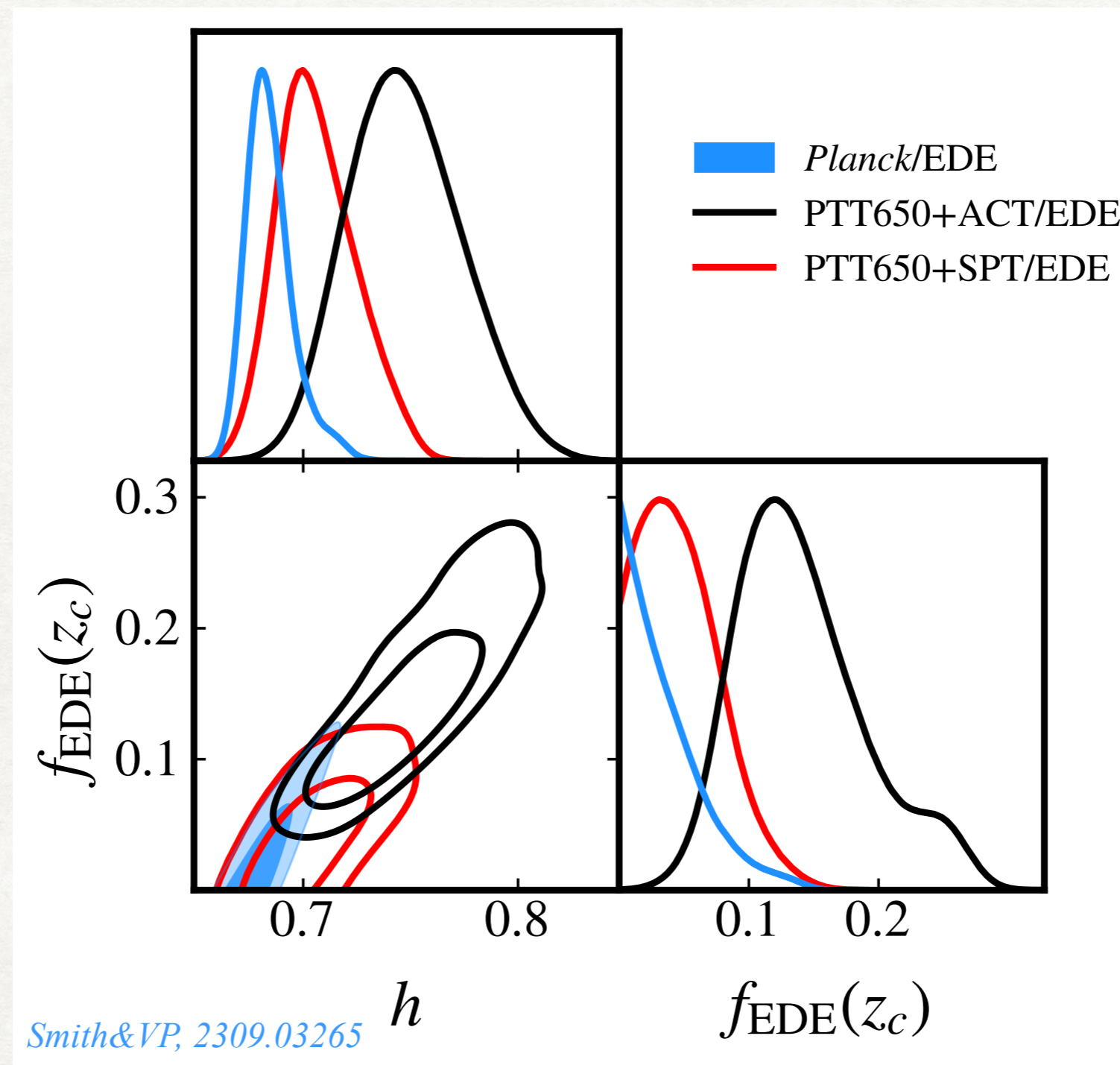
# A new tension between CMB data?

EDE residuals w/r to Planck  $\Lambda$ CDM



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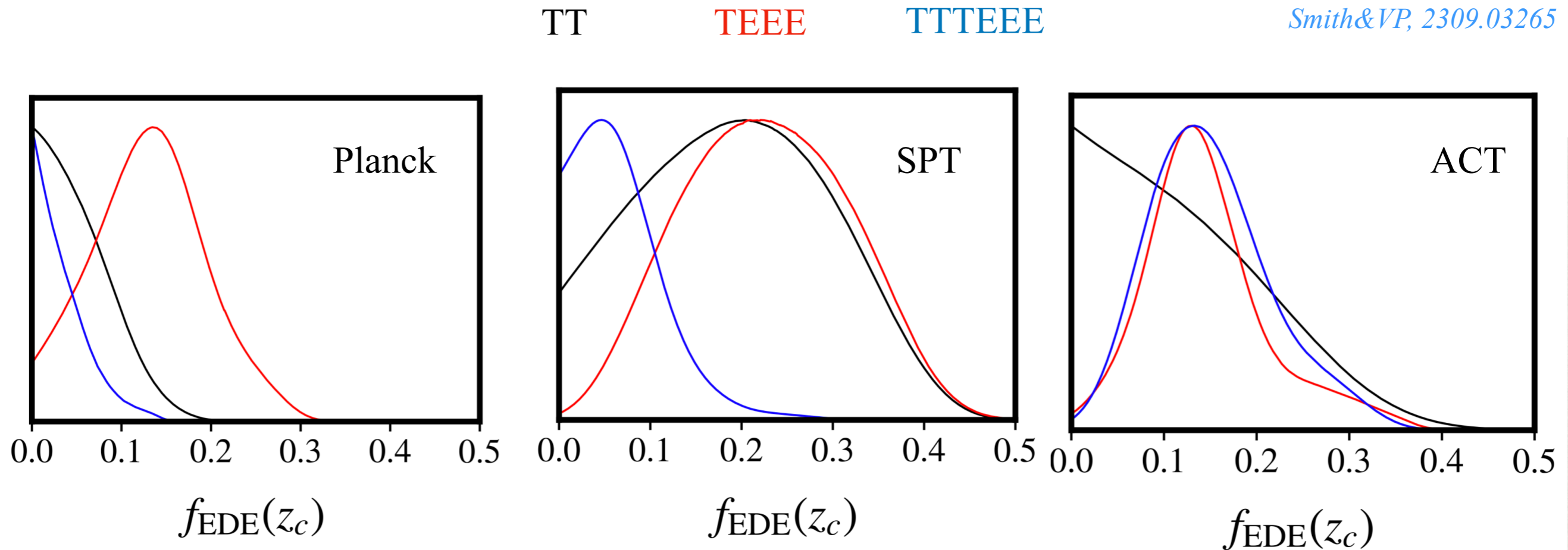
# New SPT TT data seem to agree with Planck



- No preference for axion-like EDE in PTT650+SPT3G: disfavor ACT hint of EDE?

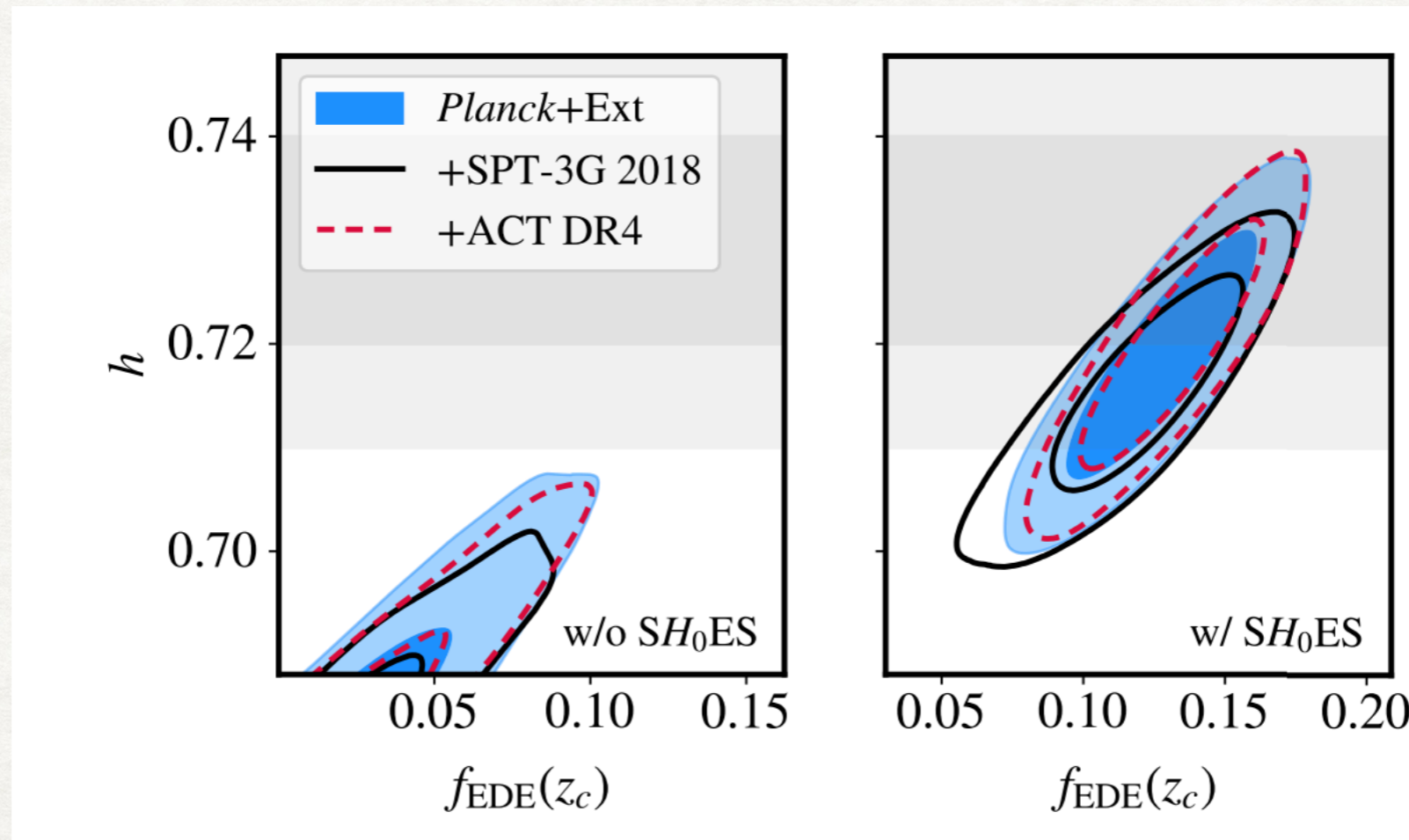
# TT vs TEEE: "Curiosities" in Planck & SPT ?

Smith&VP, 2309.03265



- TEEE data **all favor EDE**
- TT data only **weak constraints**
- TTTEEE **stronger constraints than expected?**

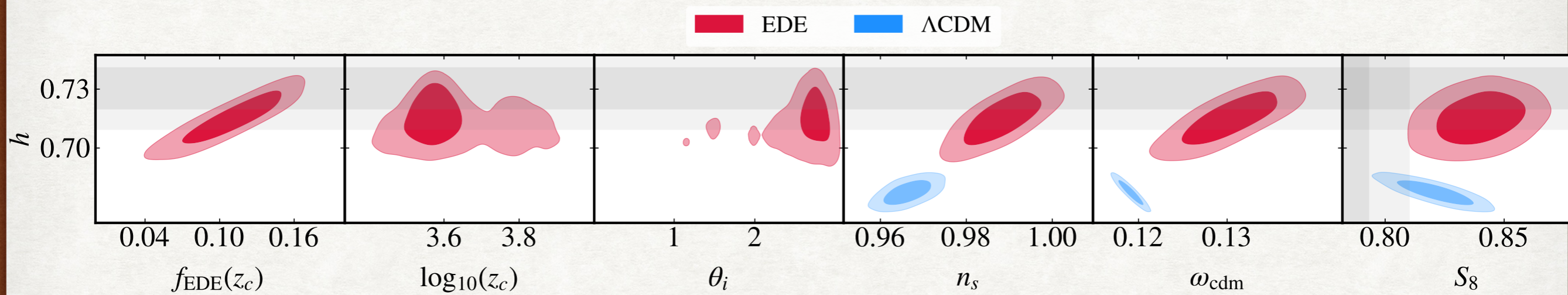
# Updated constraints from all CMB data



- Planck+SPT+BAO+PantheonPlus: **2.9 $\sigma$  tension with SH0ES**
- Including ACT DR4: 1.6 $\sigma$  tension with SH0ES but statistical consistency questionable.

**New ACT DR6 data are eagerly awaited to settle this debate!**

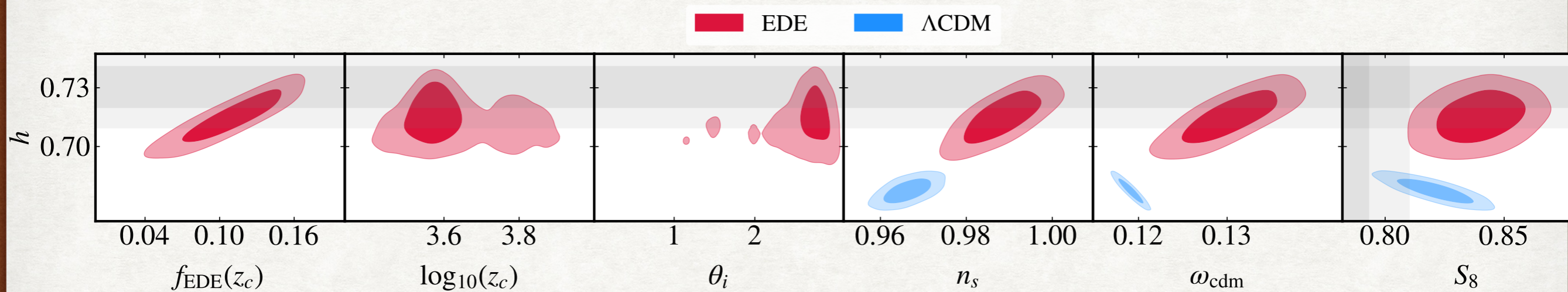
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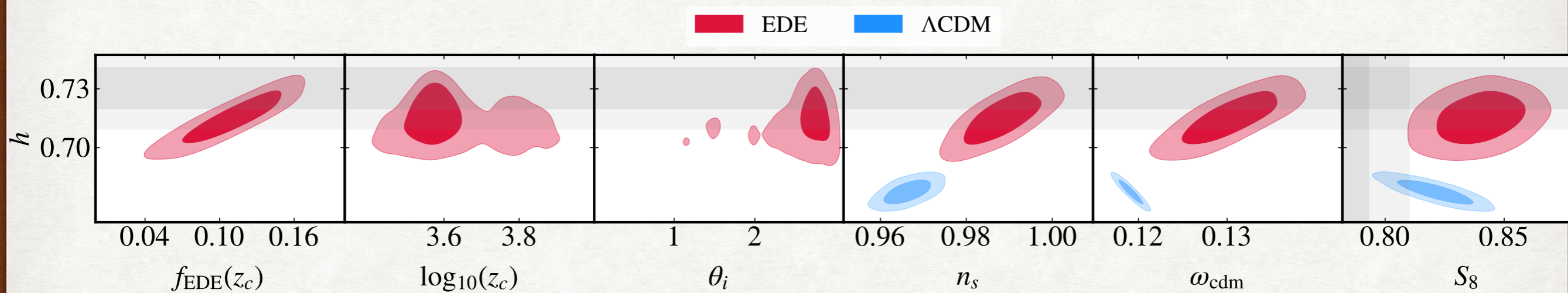
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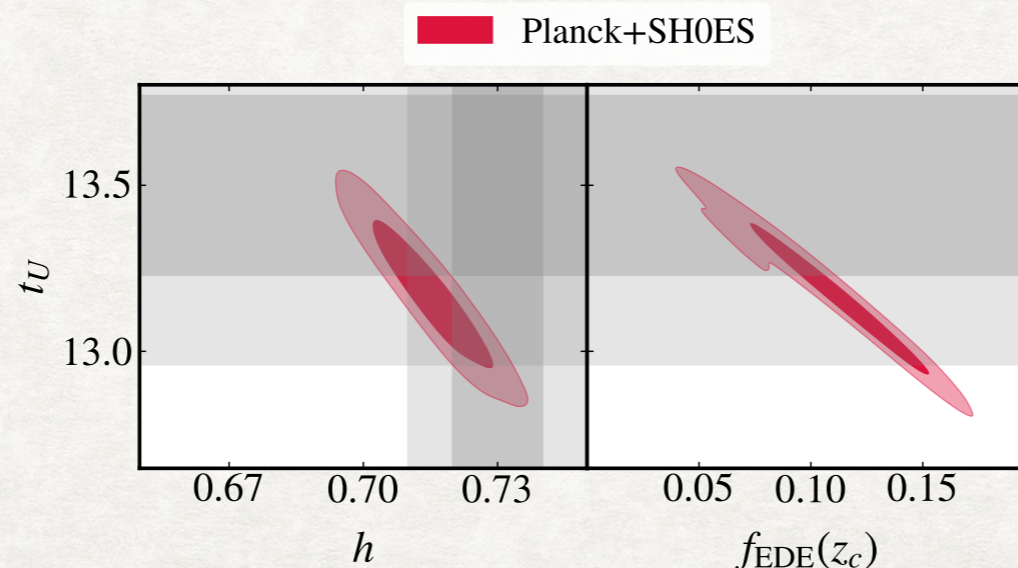
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- Age of the universe tension?  $t_U \simeq 13.2 \pm 0.15$  Gyr while GC measures  $13.5 \pm 0.27$  Gyr

*Bernal++ 2102.05066, Boylean-Kolchin 2103.15824*



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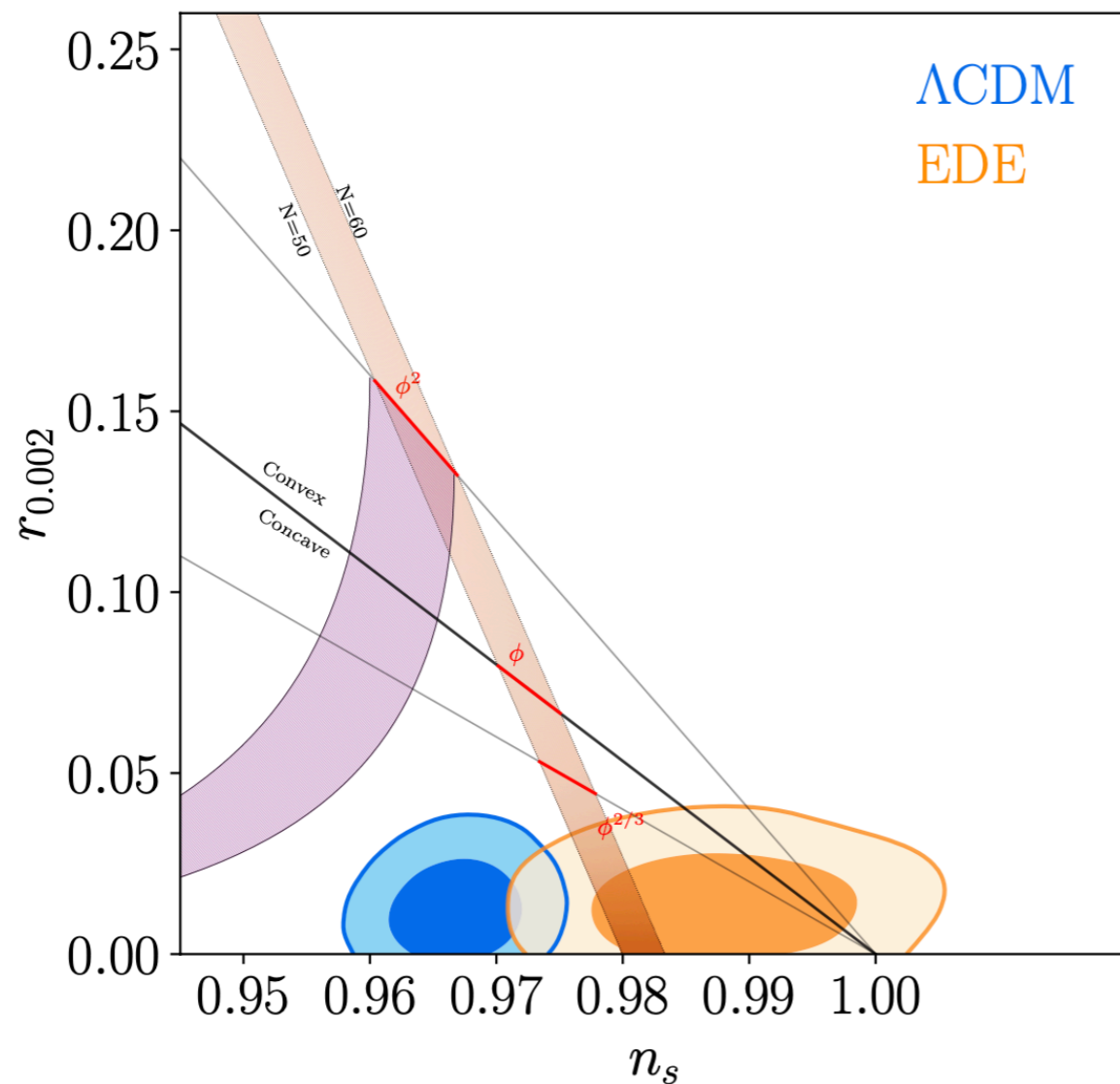


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- $n_s \neq -1$  is often interpreted as evidence for slow-roll inflation
- e.g. Starobinsky inflation predicts:

$$n_s - 1 \simeq -\frac{2}{N}, \quad r \simeq \frac{12}{N^2}$$

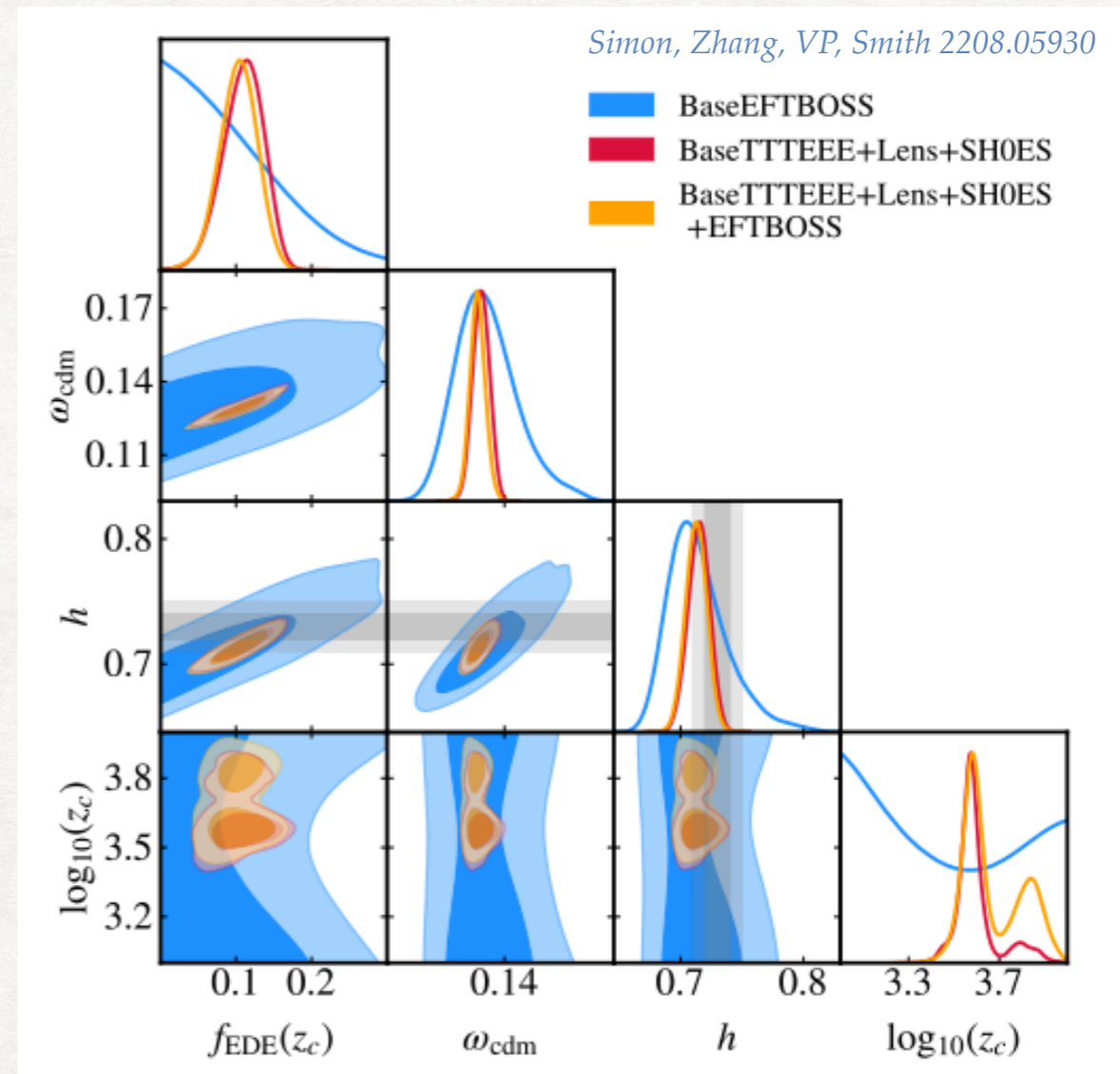
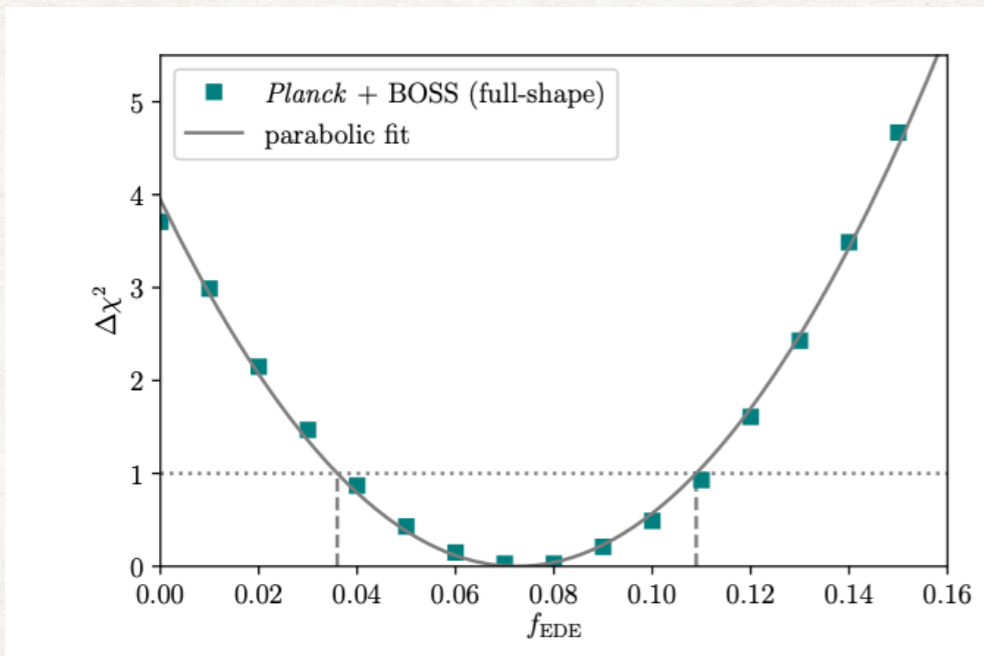
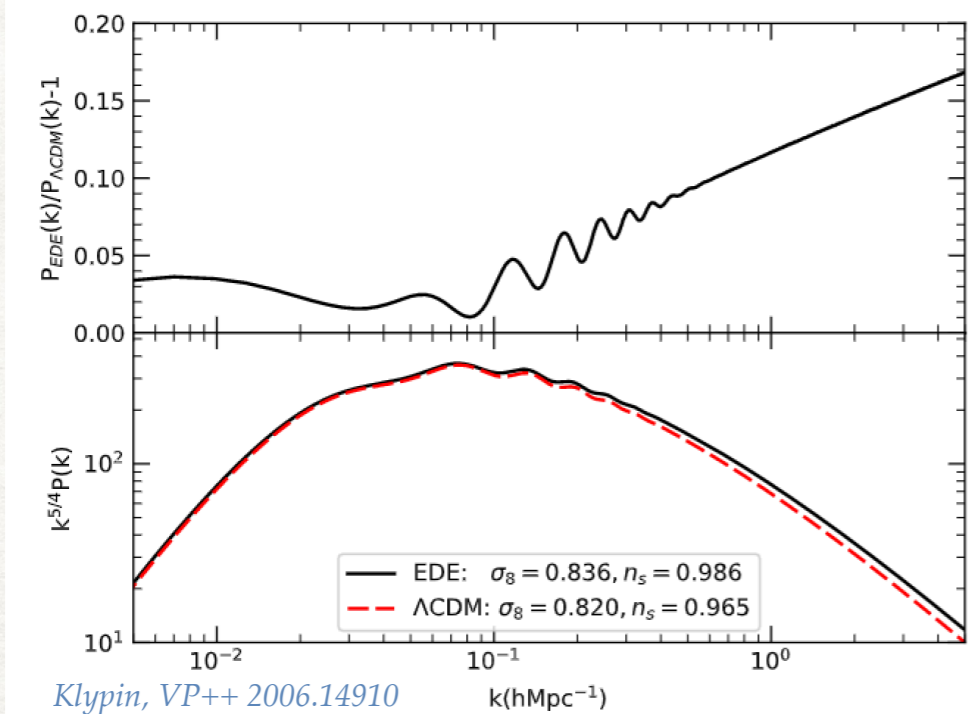
- In EDE,  $n_s = 1$  at  $2\sigma$  and convex potential are not excluded
- Bound to  $r$  is unaffected

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# EFTofLSS analyses of EDE

- EDE cosmology predicts 5-15% increase in power at small scales in the linear matter power spectrum

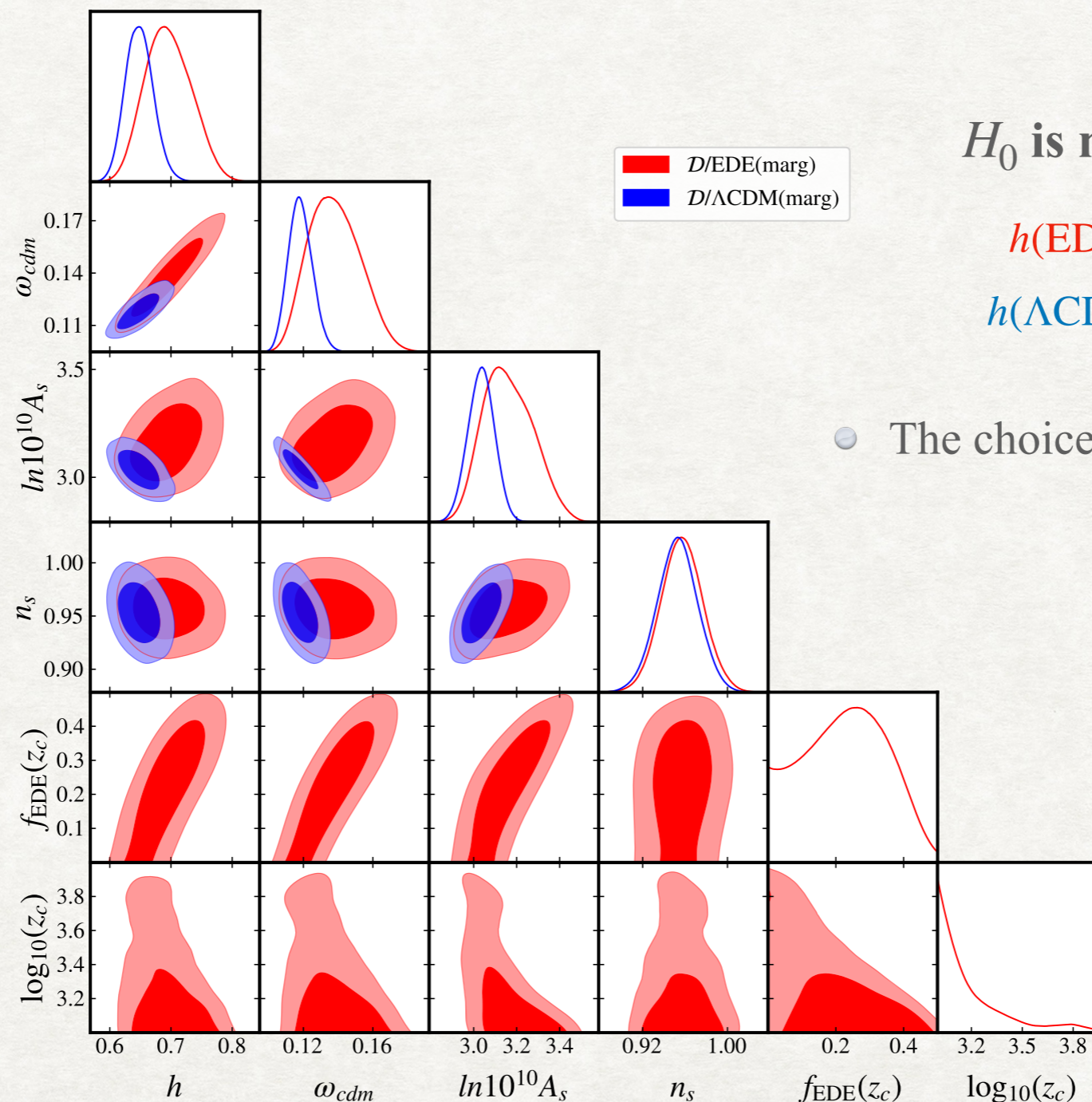
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**EFT analyses of BOSS do not exclude Early Dark Energy**

# $k_{\text{eq}}$ -based estimate of $H_0$

- The (too short) story: matter power spectrum turnover measures  $k_{\text{eq}} d_A \sim \Omega_m h$  *Philcox++ 2204.02984*
- Combining with a measurement of  $\Omega_m$  get a ‘sound-horizon independent’ measurement! *Smith, Simon, VP 2208.12992*



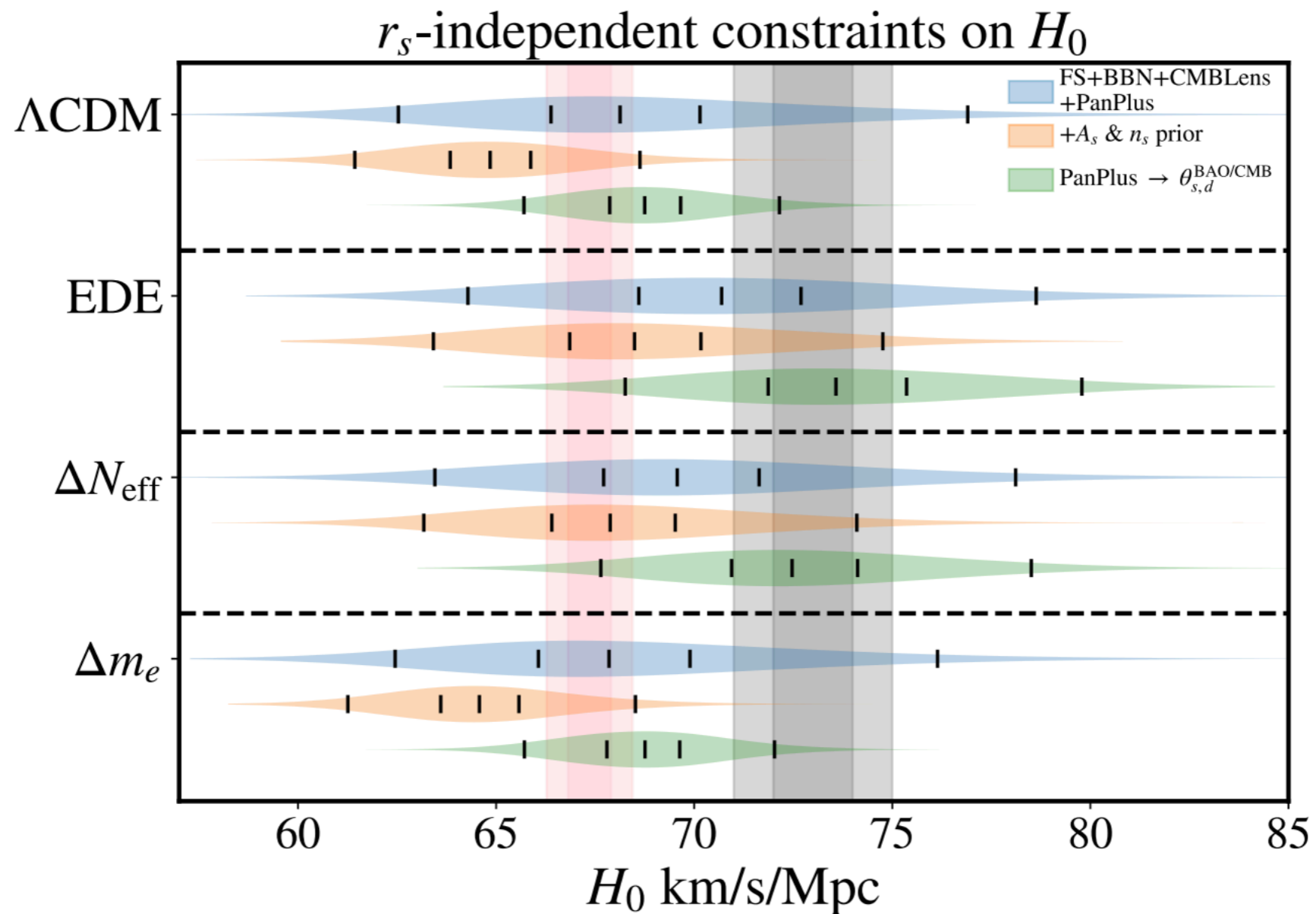
$H_0$  is model-dependent!

$$h(\text{EDE}) = 0.696^{+0.036}_{-0.041}$$

$$h(\Lambda\text{CDM}) = 0.648^{+0.021}_{-0.024}$$

- The choice of  $A_s$  and  $\Omega_m$  priors matter!

# $k_{\text{eq}}$ -constraints to $H_0$ are model dependent

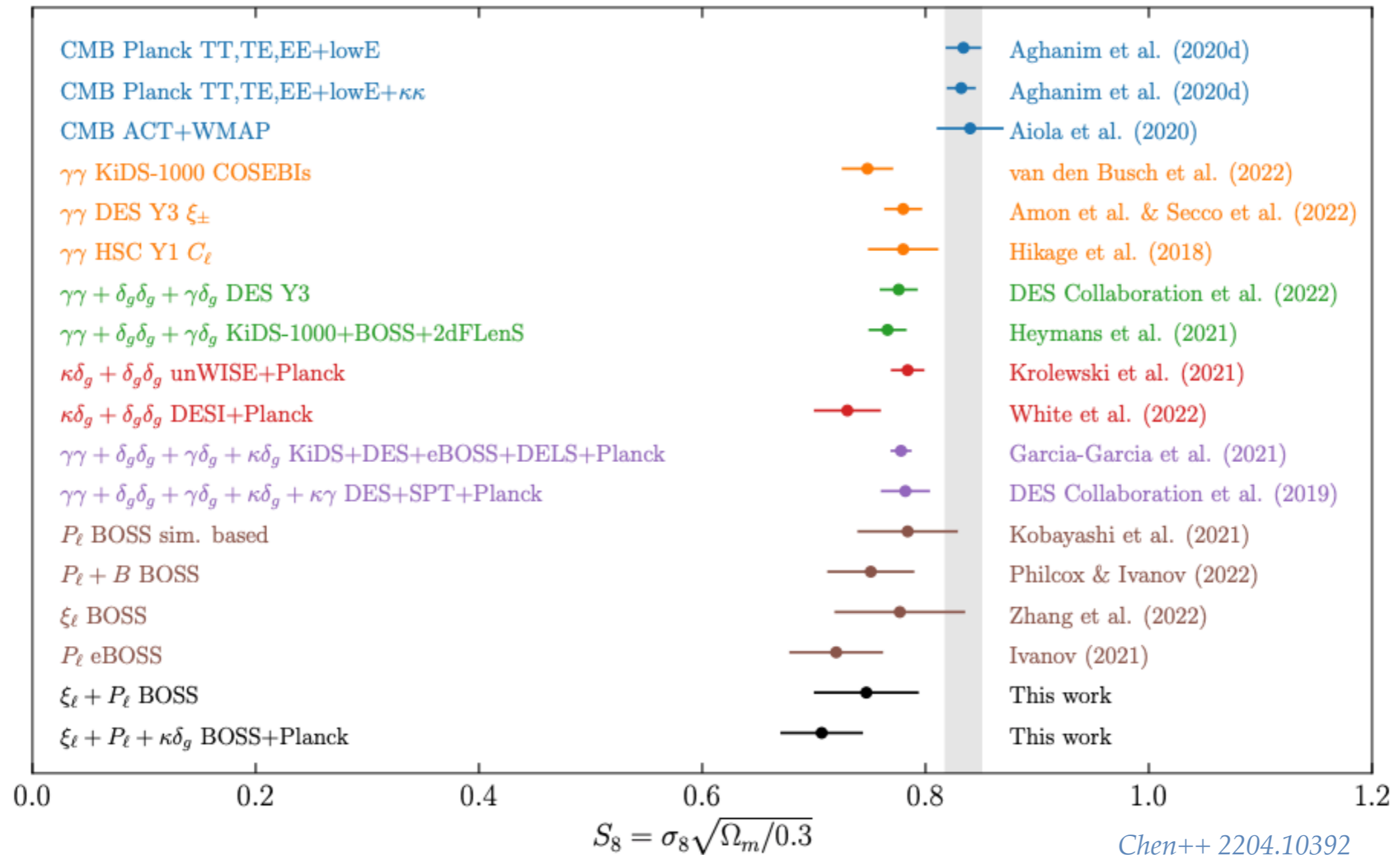


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- EDE (and  $N_{\text{eff}}$ ) can lead to high  $H_0$  measurements from  $k_{\text{eq}}$
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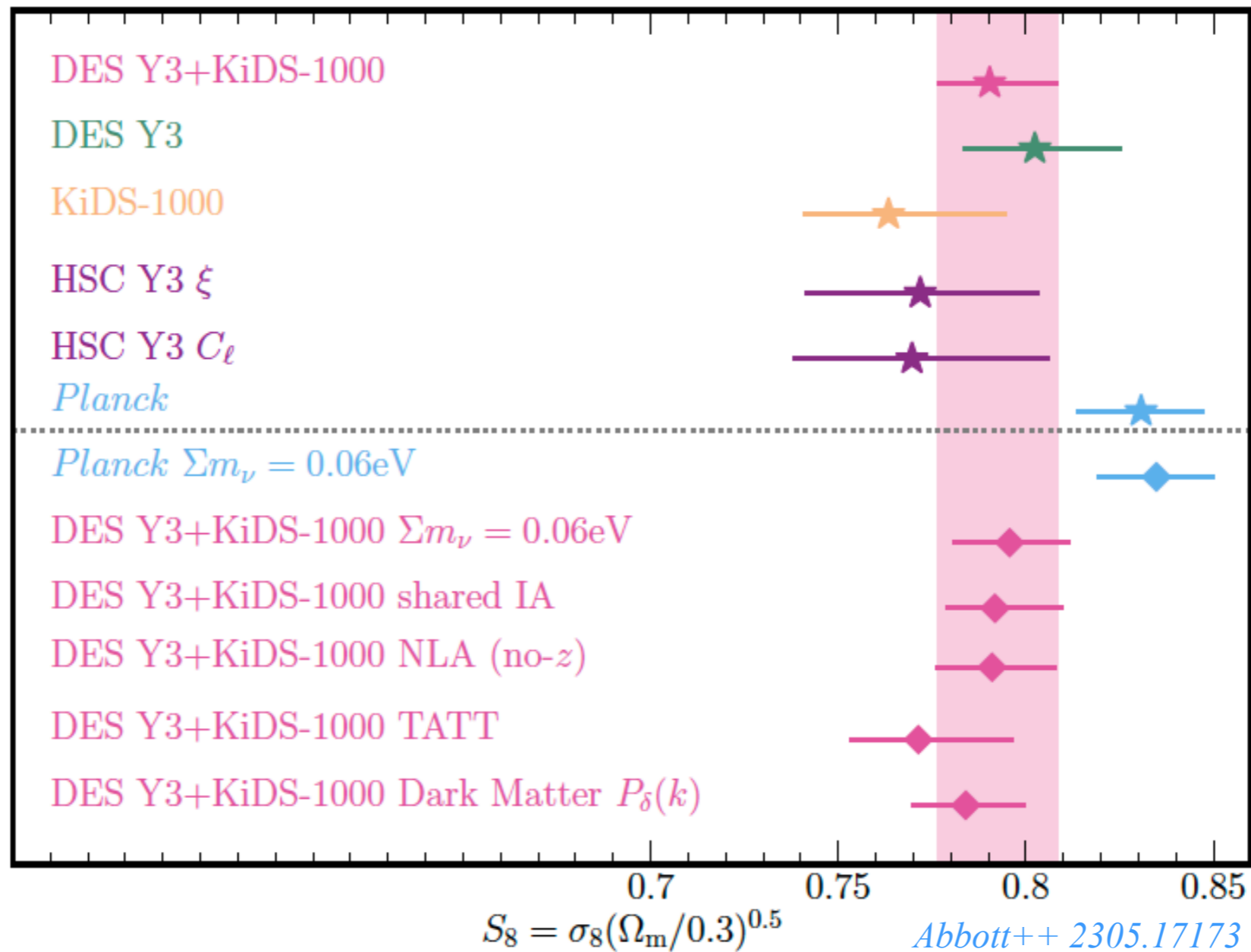
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—> Marika Asgari's talk



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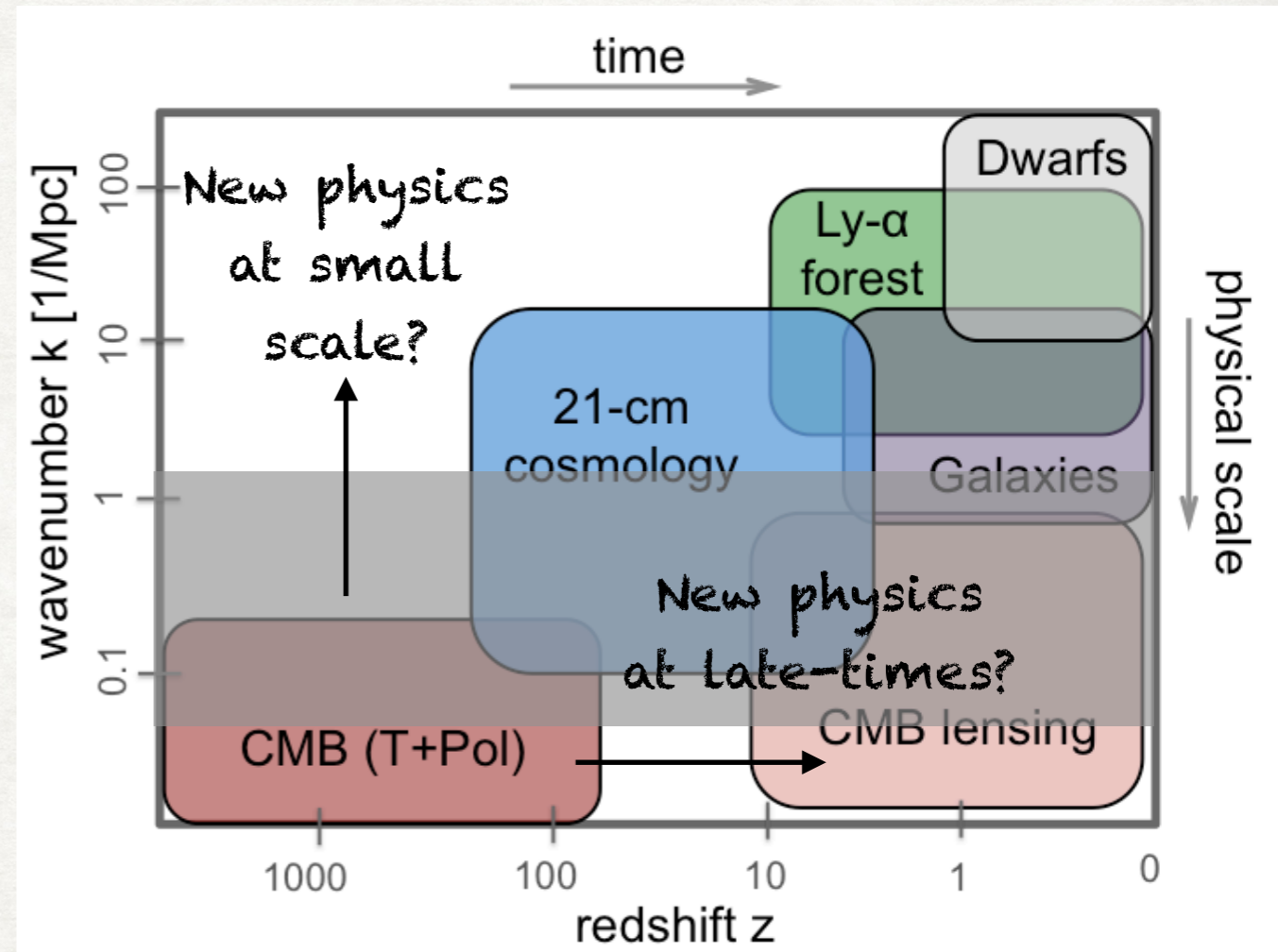
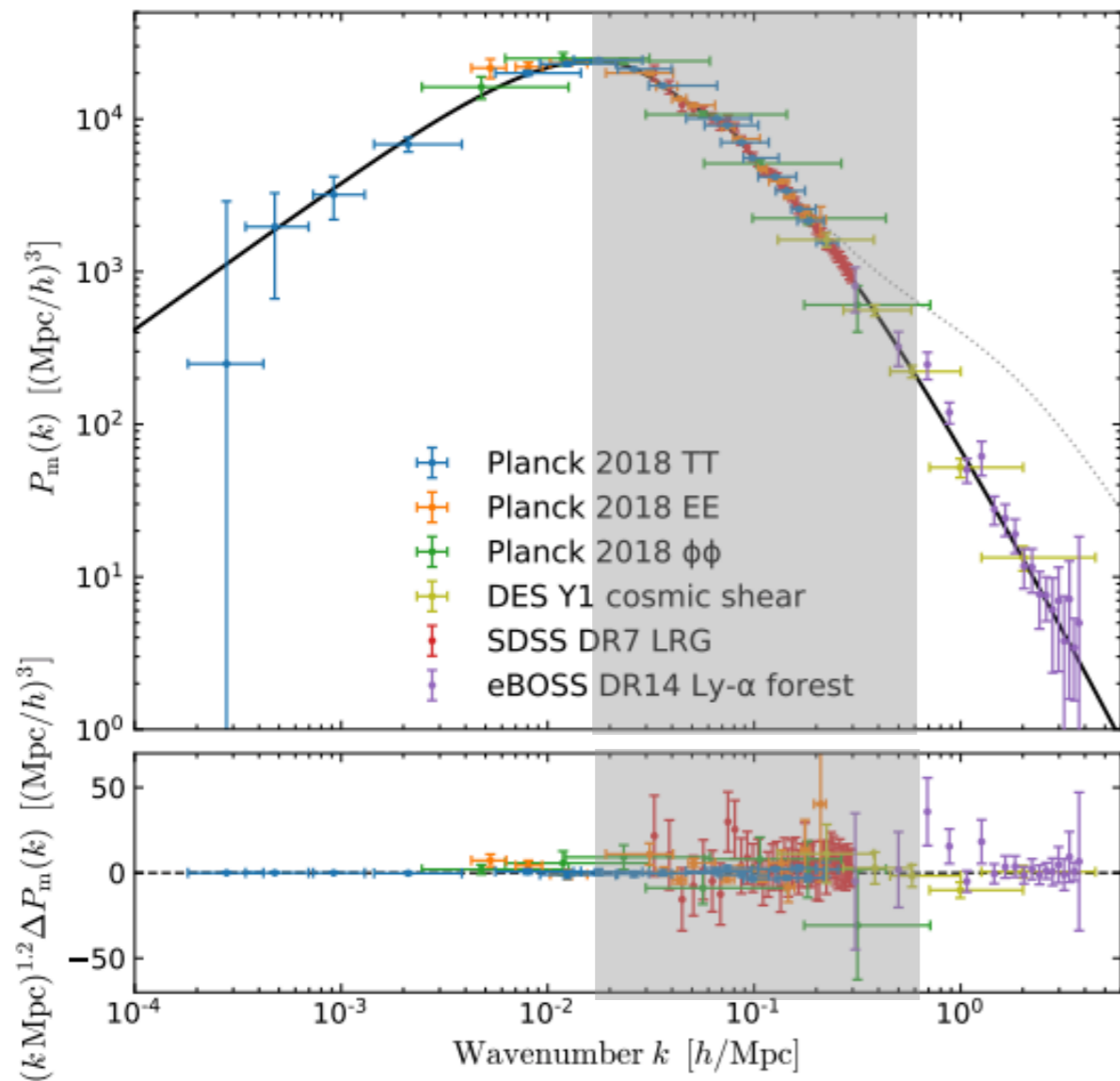
# The $S_8$ tension updated



- New Hybrid “KiDS+DES” analysis results in  $1.7\sigma$  tension with *Planck*
- Role of **baryon feedback / non-linearities / intrinsic alignments** may be important

*Amon & Efstathiou 2206.11794, Aricò++ 2303.05537*

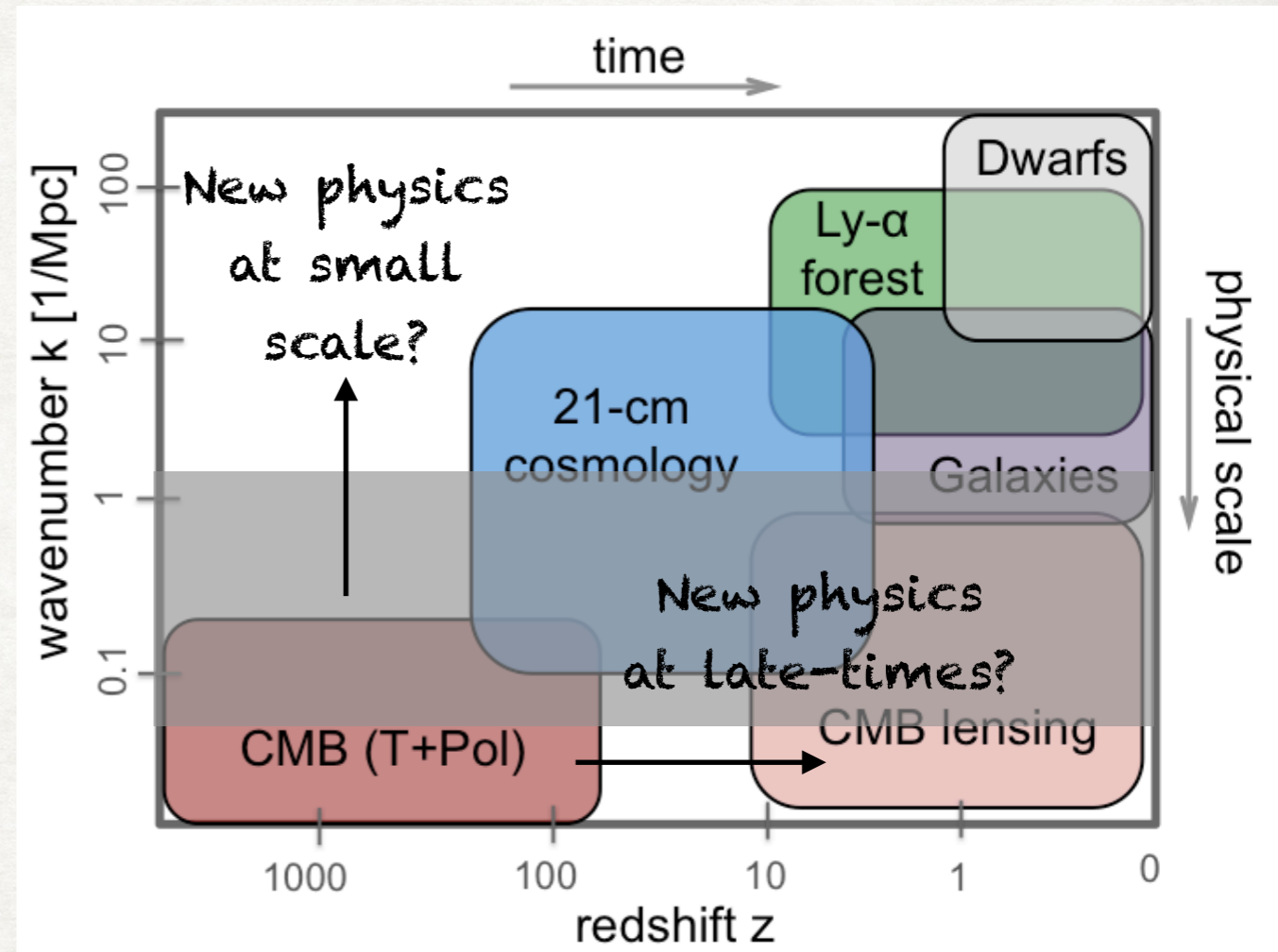
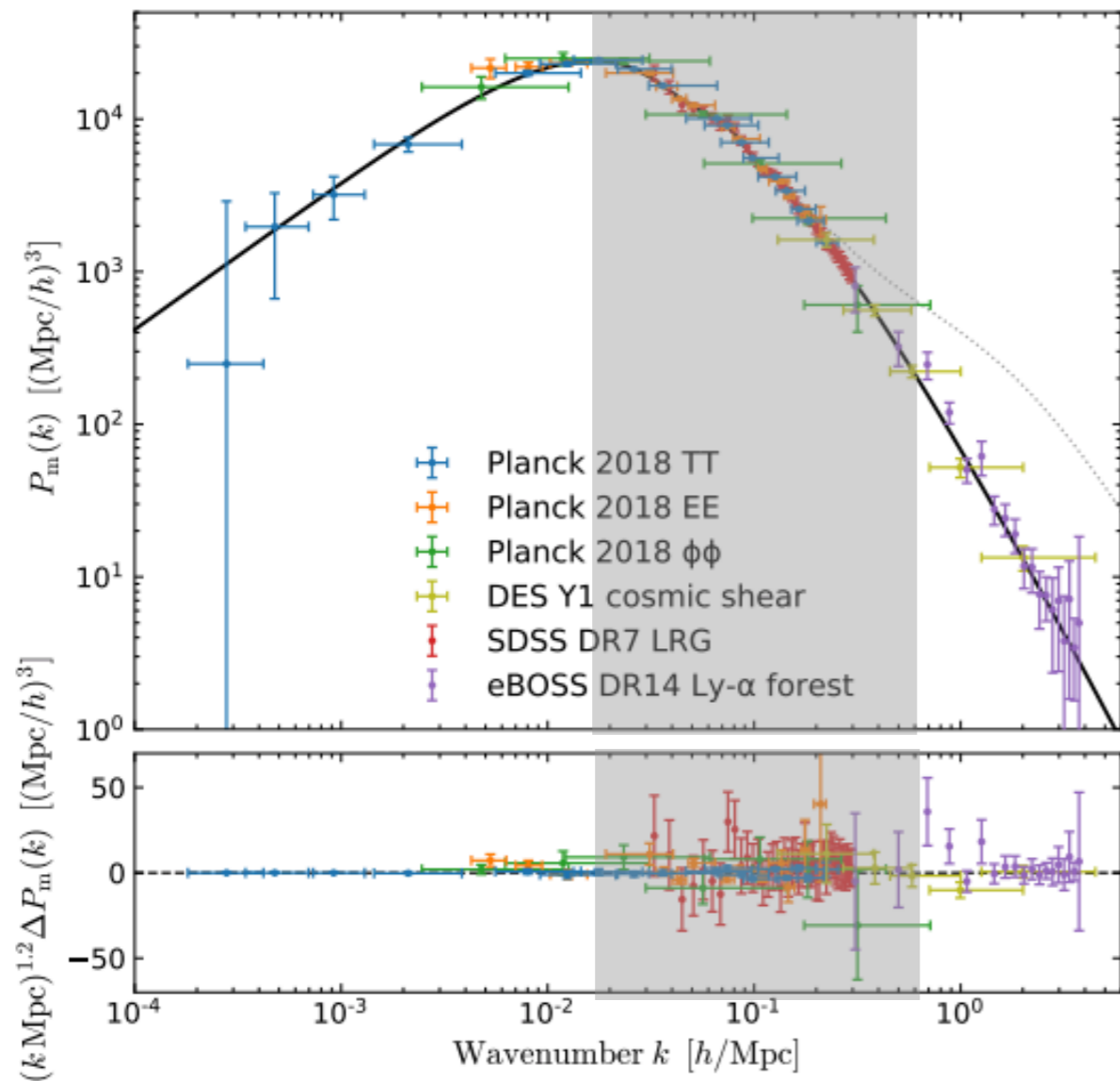
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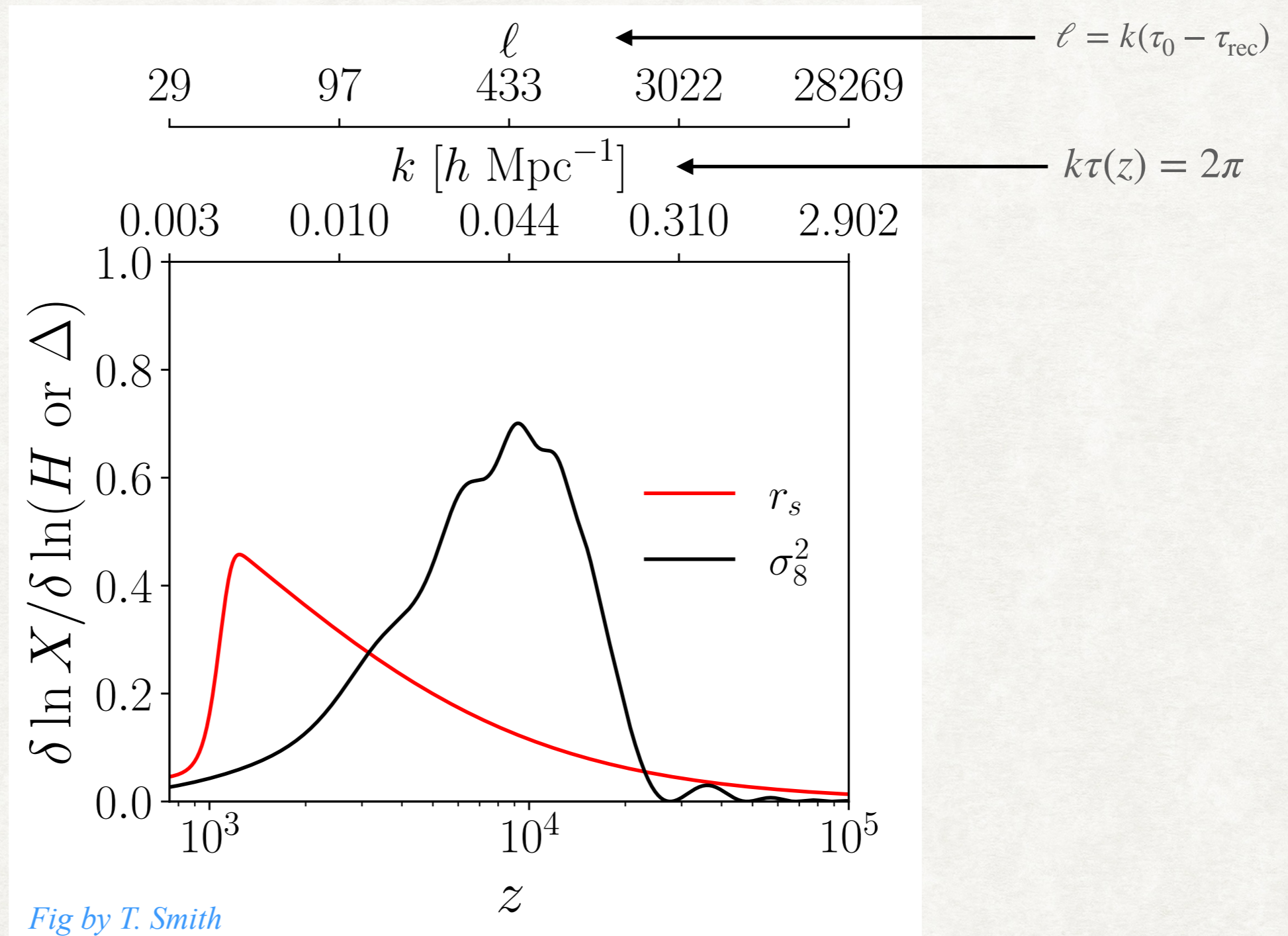


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- Dark Sector physics: Ultra-light axions, Decaying DM, Interacting DM-DR, Interacting DM-DE...

[Abdalla++ 2203.06142](#)



# Resolving $H_0$ and $S_8$ with the same mechanism



- All modes controlling  $\sigma_8$  are within the horizon around / before the sound horizon starts growing.

# Could EDE “drag” DM and reduce $S_8$ ?

- With a phenomenological “EDE+DM” drag: one can resolve both tensions!

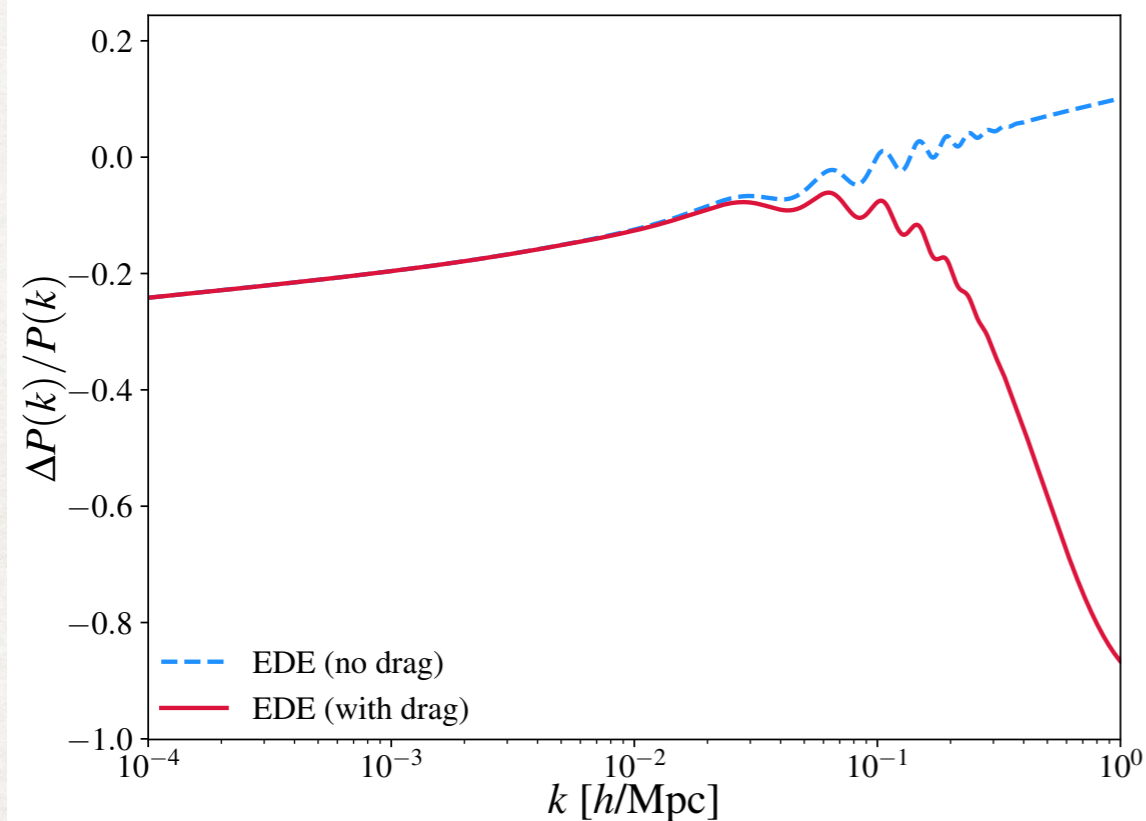
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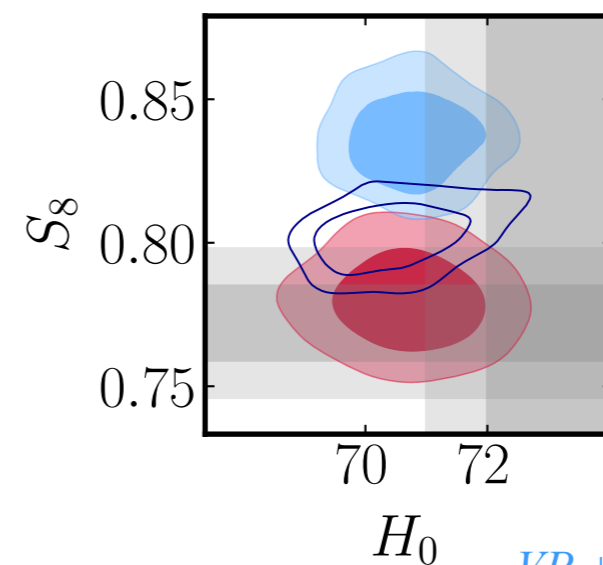
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$$\Gamma_{\text{DM/EDE}}(a) \propto f_{\text{EDE}}(a)$$

$$\theta'_{\text{EDE}} = -\left(1 - 3c_{s,\text{EDE}}^2\right)\frac{a'}{a}\theta_{\text{EDE}} + \frac{k^2c_{s,\text{EDE}}^2}{(1 + w_{\text{EDE}})}\delta_{\text{EDE}} + k^2\psi - \Gamma_{\text{DM/EDE}}(a)R(\theta_{\text{EDE}} - \theta_{\text{DM}})$$



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*VP ++ (ongoing work)*

- Work in progress to model via scalar field coupled to DM through  $\mathcal{L}(u_\mu \nabla^\mu \phi)$

*Skordis++ 1502.07297, Pourtsidou++ 1604.04222*

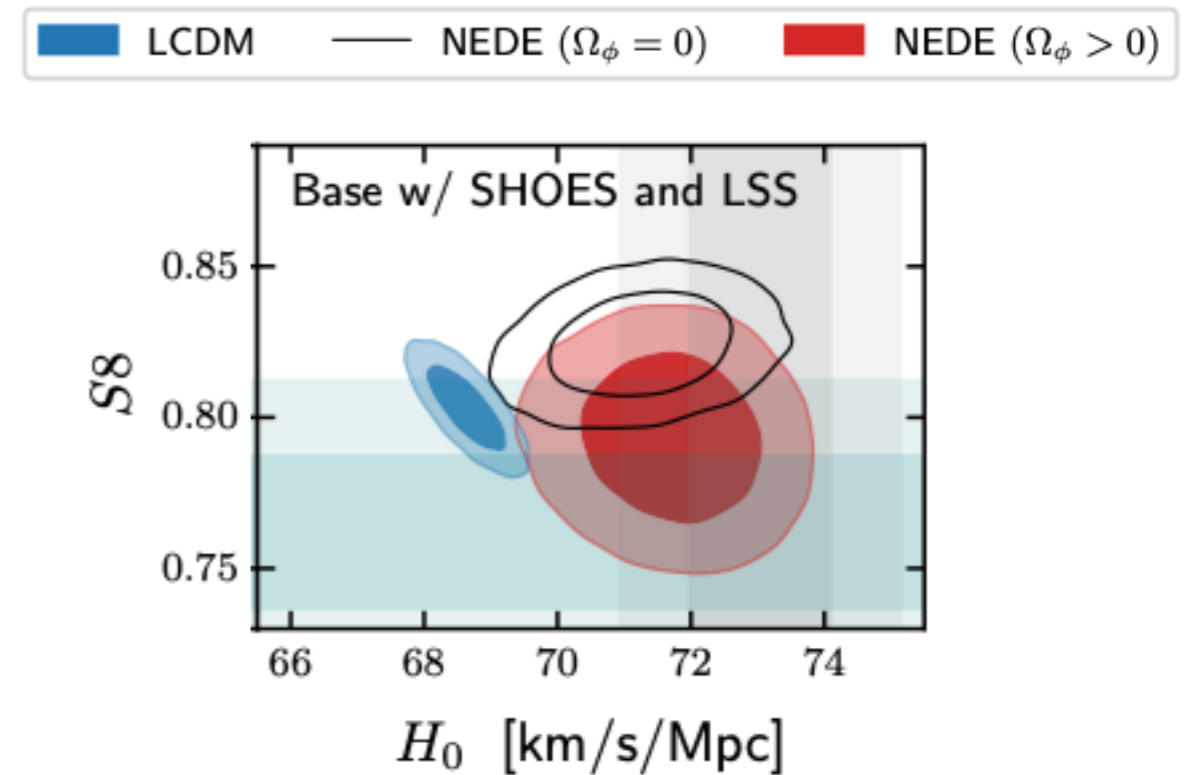
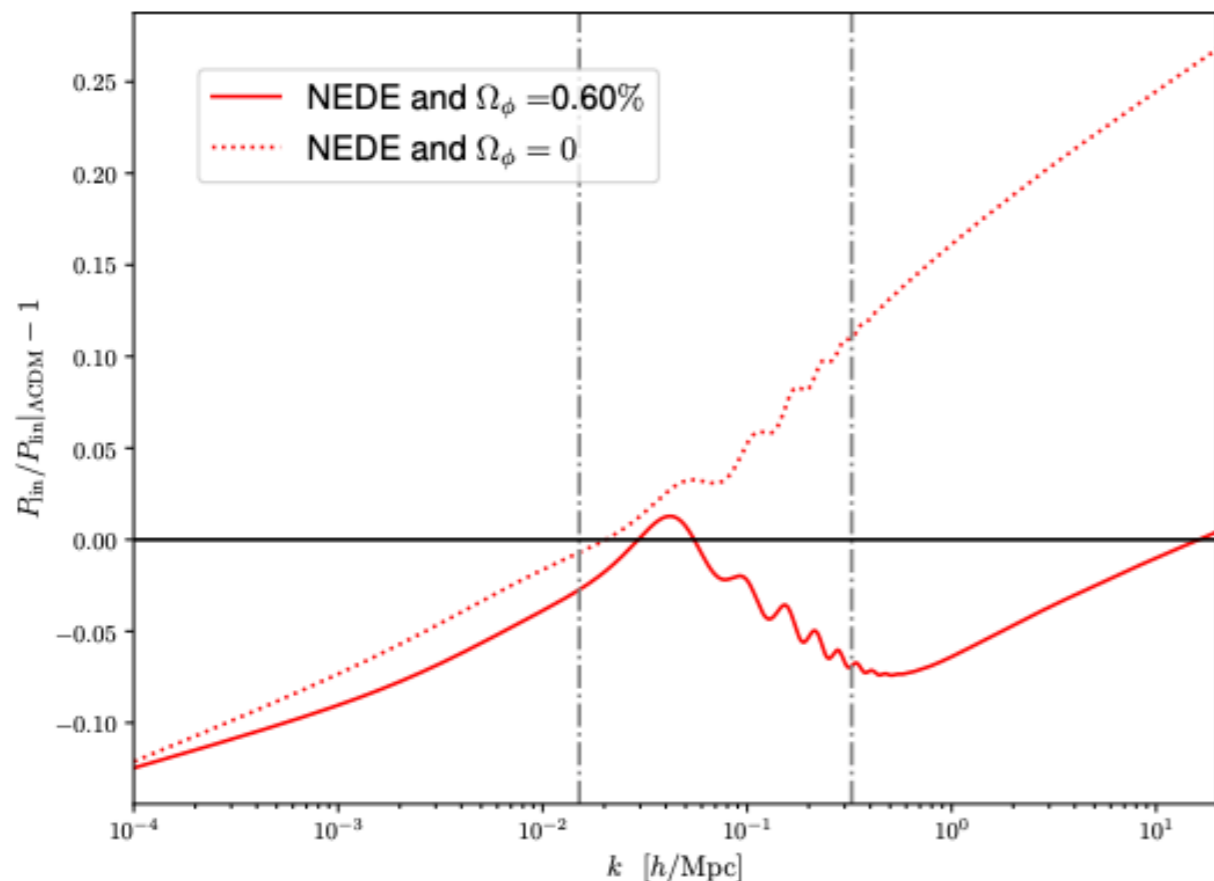
- Connection with the coincidence problem? DM dominance can trigger the rolling of EDE field

*Lin++ 2212.08098*

# “New” EDE + fraction of axion dark matter

Cruz++ 2305.08895

- New EDE: the EDE field experiences a **1PT** due to a “trigger field” rolling down its potential.
- The trigger field can be an **ultra-light axion** representing a small fraction of CDM.



- The trigger field has **the right mass** to trigger the PT around  $z_{\text{eq}}$  and reduce  $\sigma_8$
- This requires  $m_{\text{ula}} \simeq 10^{-27}$  with  $f_{\text{ula}} \equiv \rho_{\text{ula}}/\rho_{\text{cdm}} \simeq 2.5\%$

See also Allali++ 2104.12798

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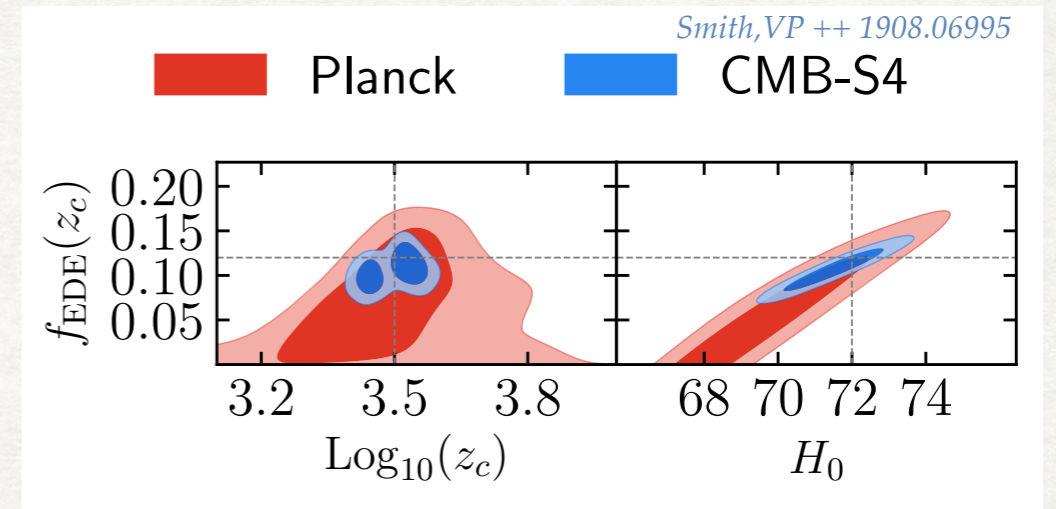
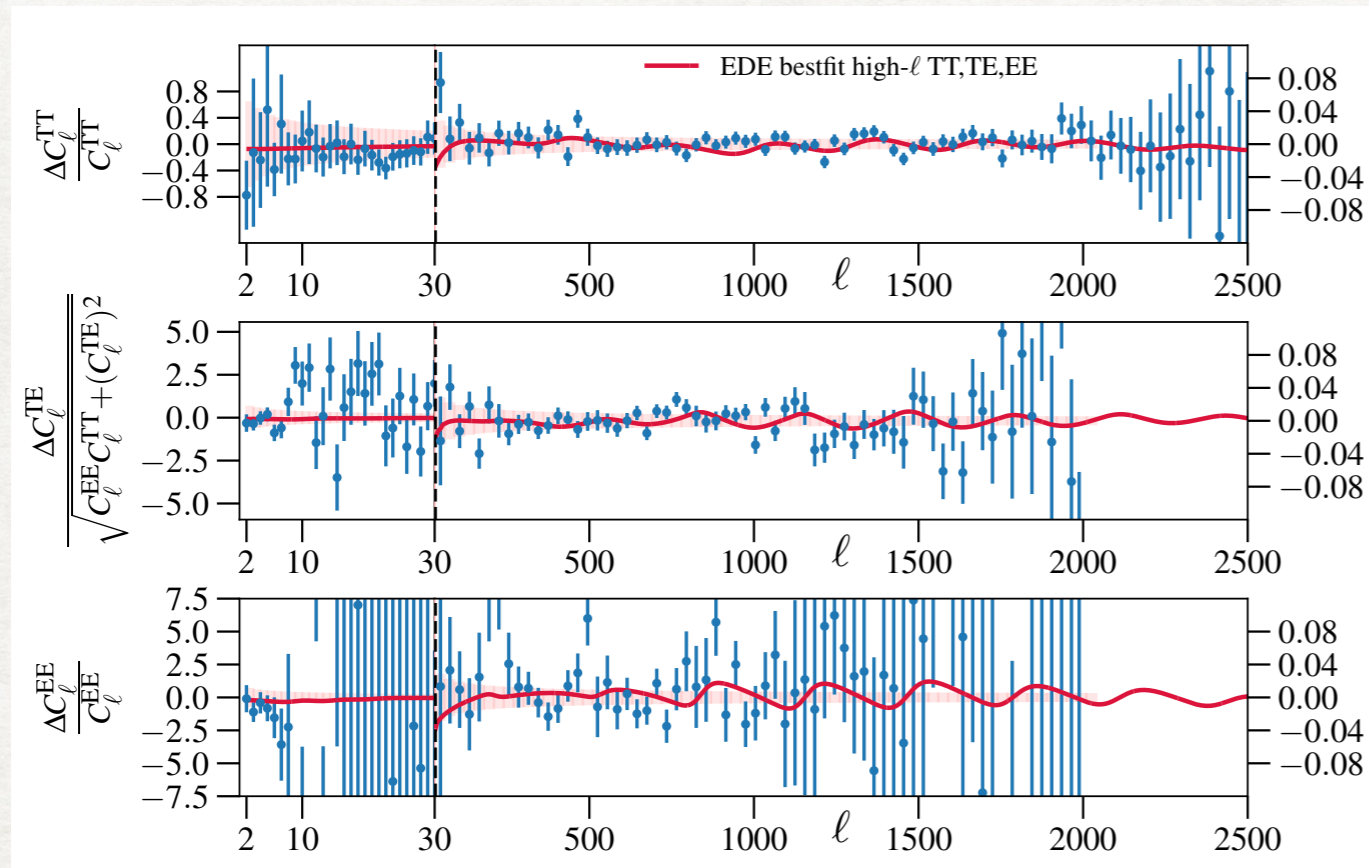
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- **EDE cannot resolve the  $S_8$  tension** (but no strong constraints from EFTBOSS)
- Extend this model **to reduce the growth of DM perturbations** and resolve both tensions simultaneously
- Alternatively,  **$S_8$  could be resolved by some independent mechanism...** including baryons!

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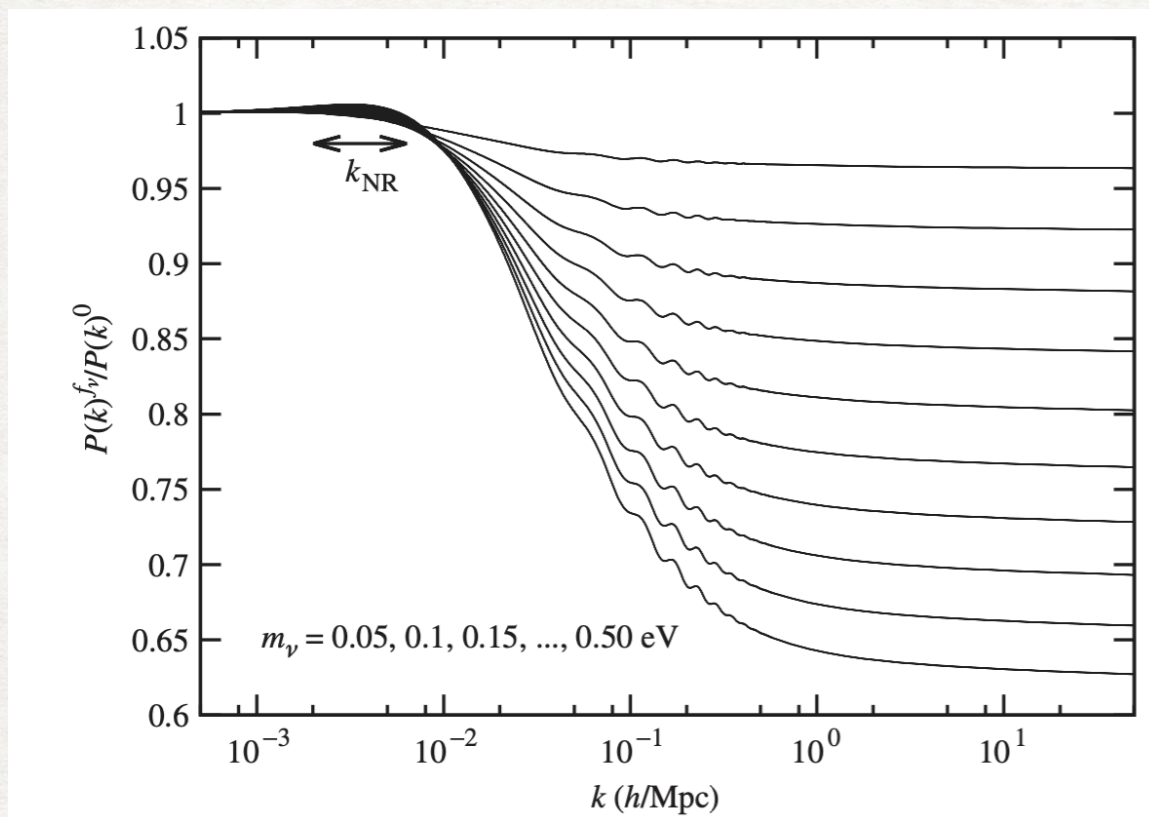
- Mock *Planck* data with  $f_{\text{EDE}}(z_{\text{eq}}) \sim 10\%$  &  $H_0 = 72$  km/s/Mpc: *Planck cannot* detect EDE
- Future experiments (*Simons Observatory, CMB-S4*) could unambiguously detect EDE.



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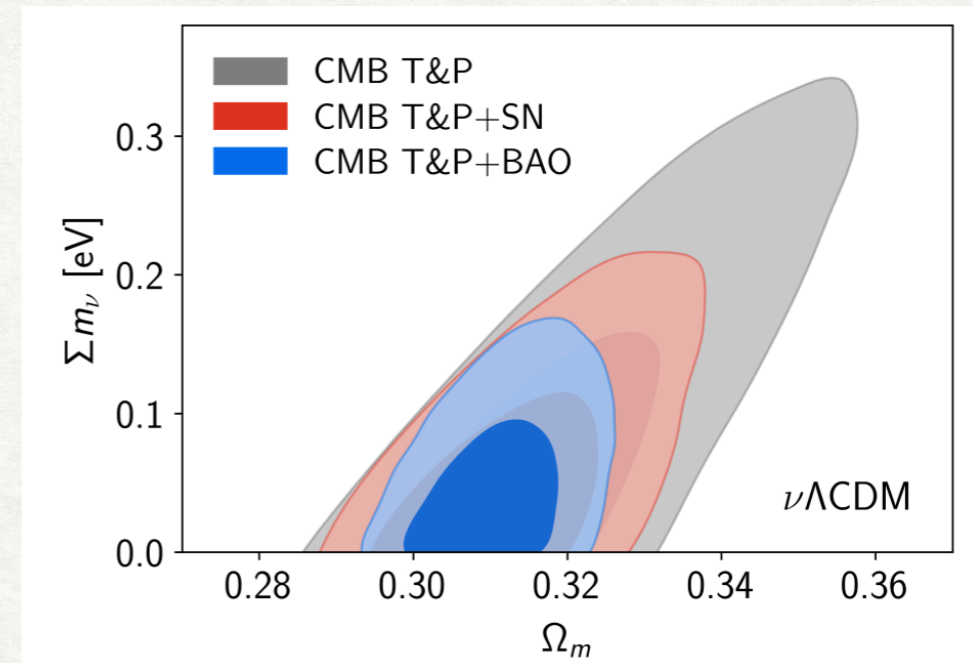
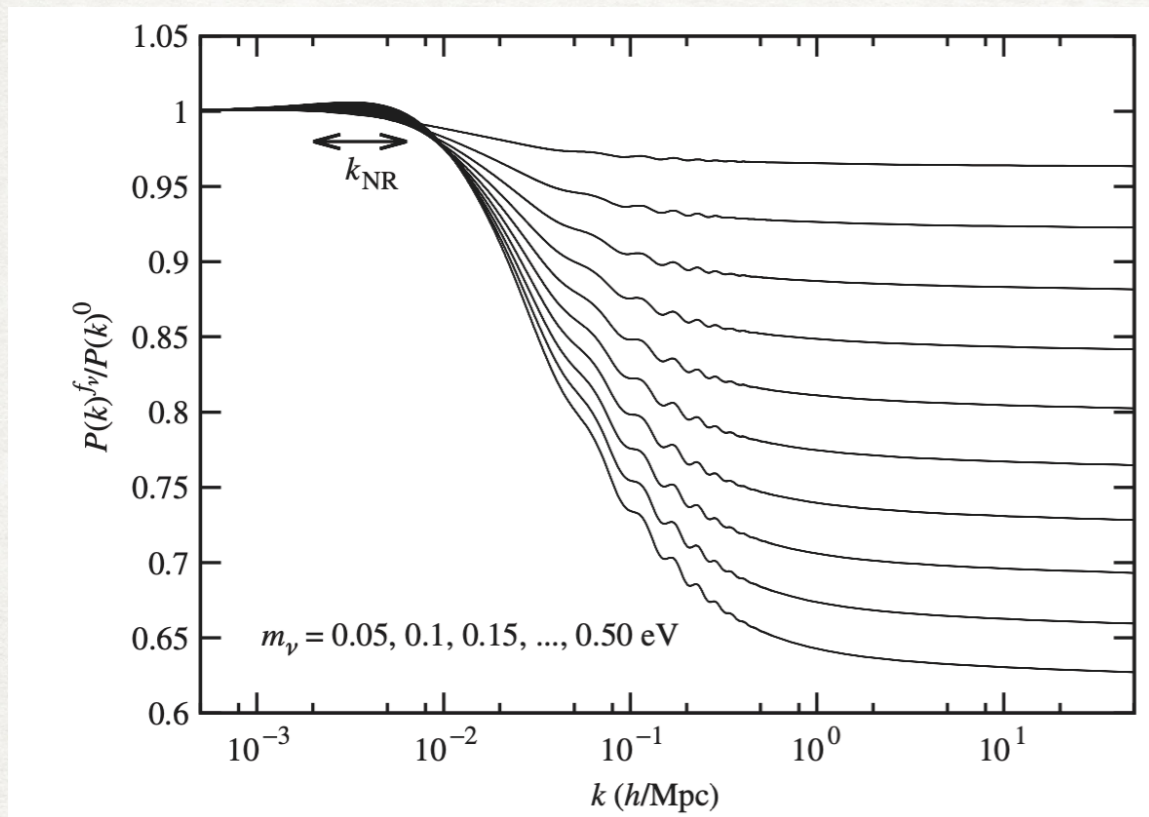


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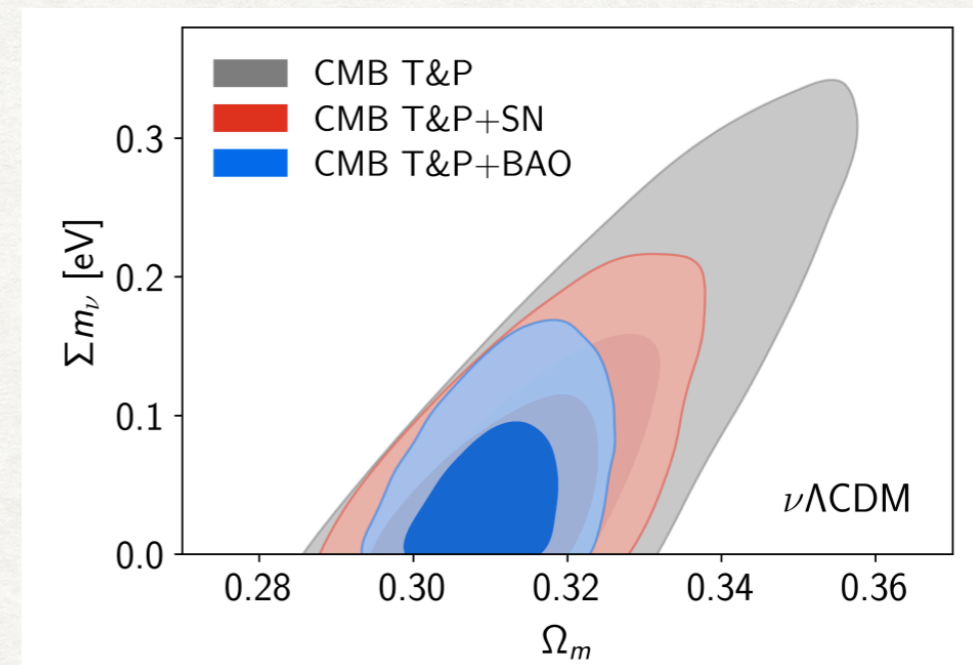
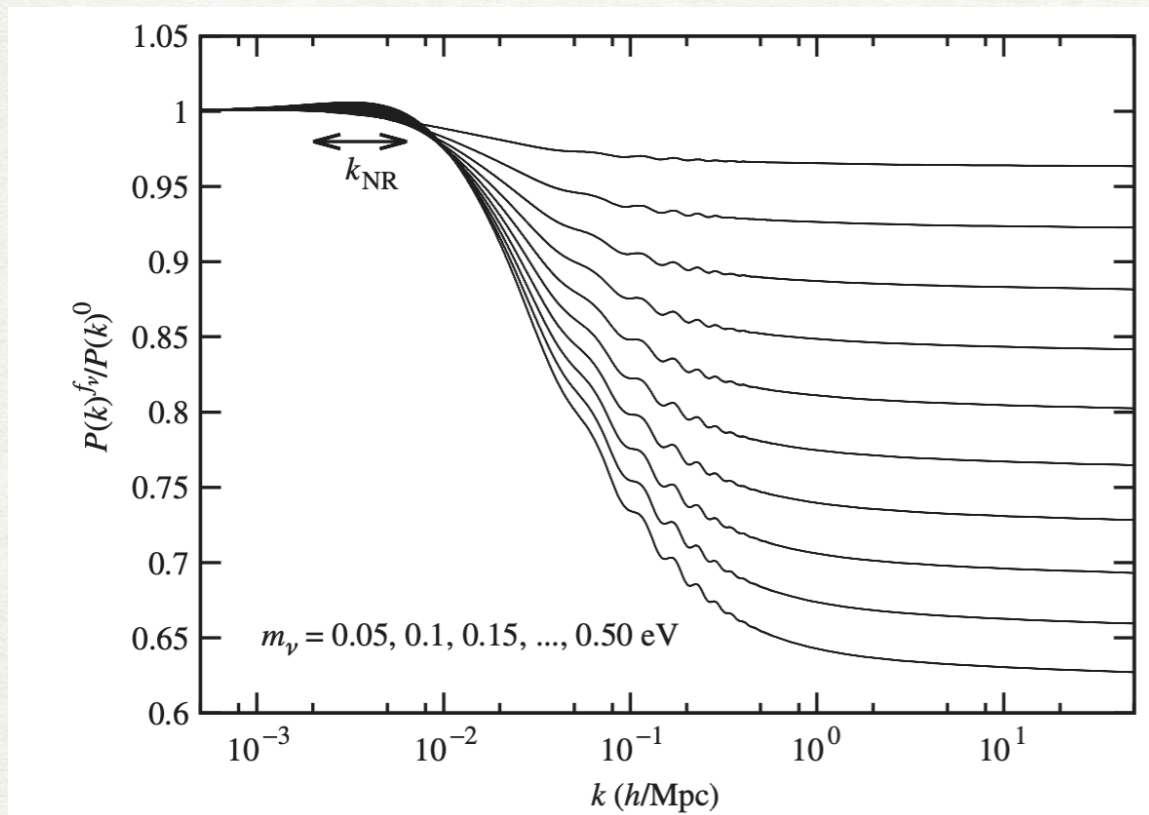
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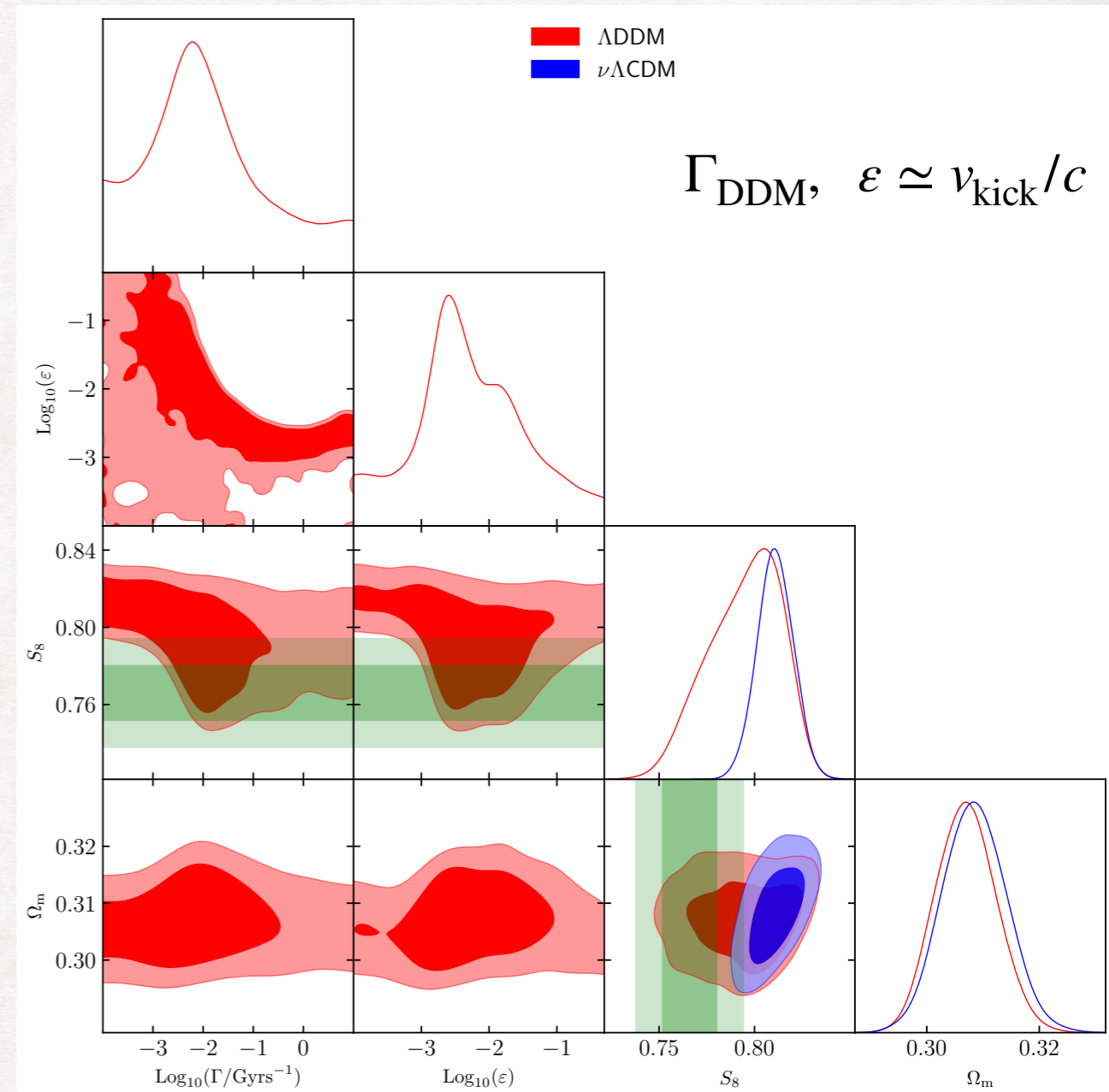
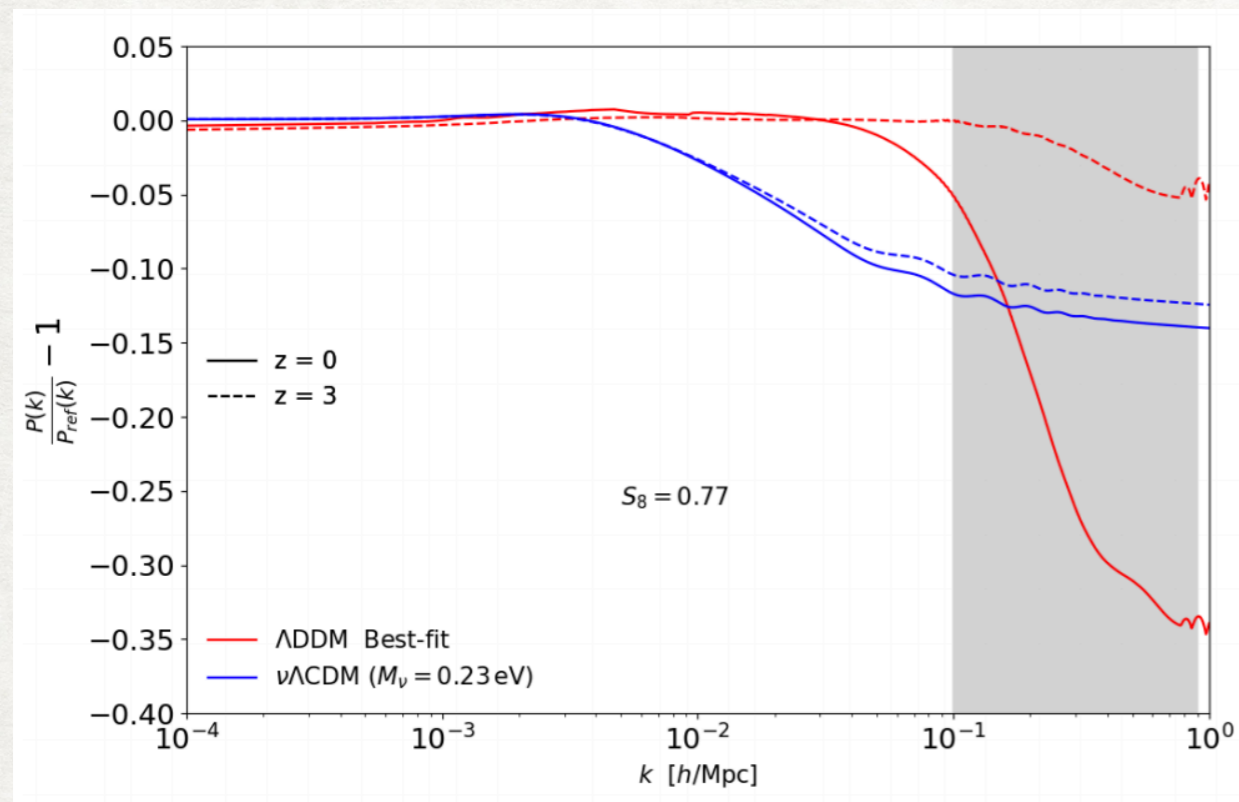
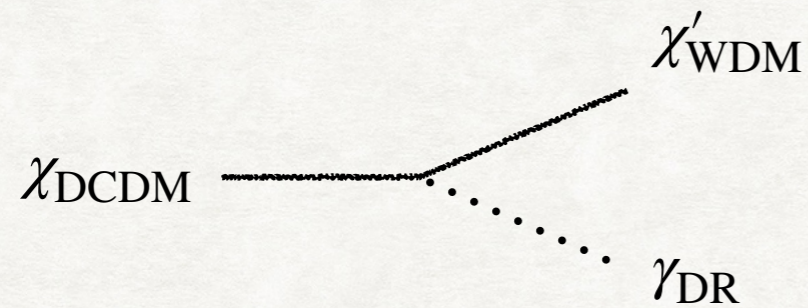
*Planck* 2018 + BAO + Ly- $\alpha$   $< 0.089\text{eV}$  [Palanque-Delabrouille++ 1911.09073](#)

*Planck* 2018 + BOSS + eBOSS  $< 0.082\text{eV}$  [Brieden++ 2204.11868, Simon++ 2210.14931](#)

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# How to generate a late-time suppression

- Generate  $\sim 20\%$  of WDM at late-time via decay of CDM into a dark sector



- DM with  $\Gamma^{-1} \simeq 55(\epsilon/0.007)^{1.4} \text{ Gyrs}$  can explain low  $S_8$  ( $1.3\sigma$  agreement)
- Similar results if there exists a fraction of ultra-light axion in the universe

*Abellan++ 2008.09615 & 2104.03329*

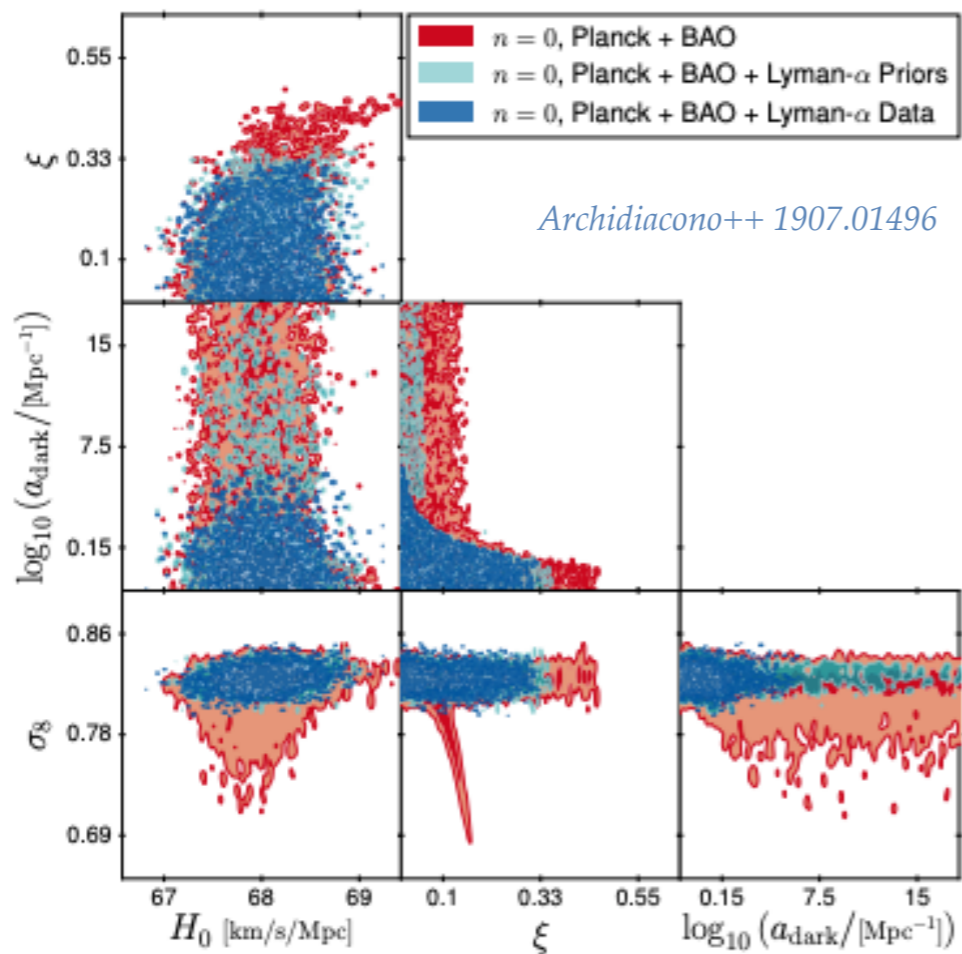
*Rogers++ 2023*

# DM “drag” suppresses power at small-scales

DM $\rightleftharpoons$ DR

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\delta}_{\text{DM}} + \theta_{\text{DM}} - 3\dot{\phi} &= 0, \\ \dot{\theta}_{\text{DM}} - k^2 c_{\text{DM}}^2 \delta_{\text{DM}} + \mathcal{H}\theta_{\text{DM}} - k^2 \psi &= \\ \Gamma_{\text{DM-DR}} (\theta_{\text{DM}} - \theta_{\text{DR}}), \end{aligned}$$

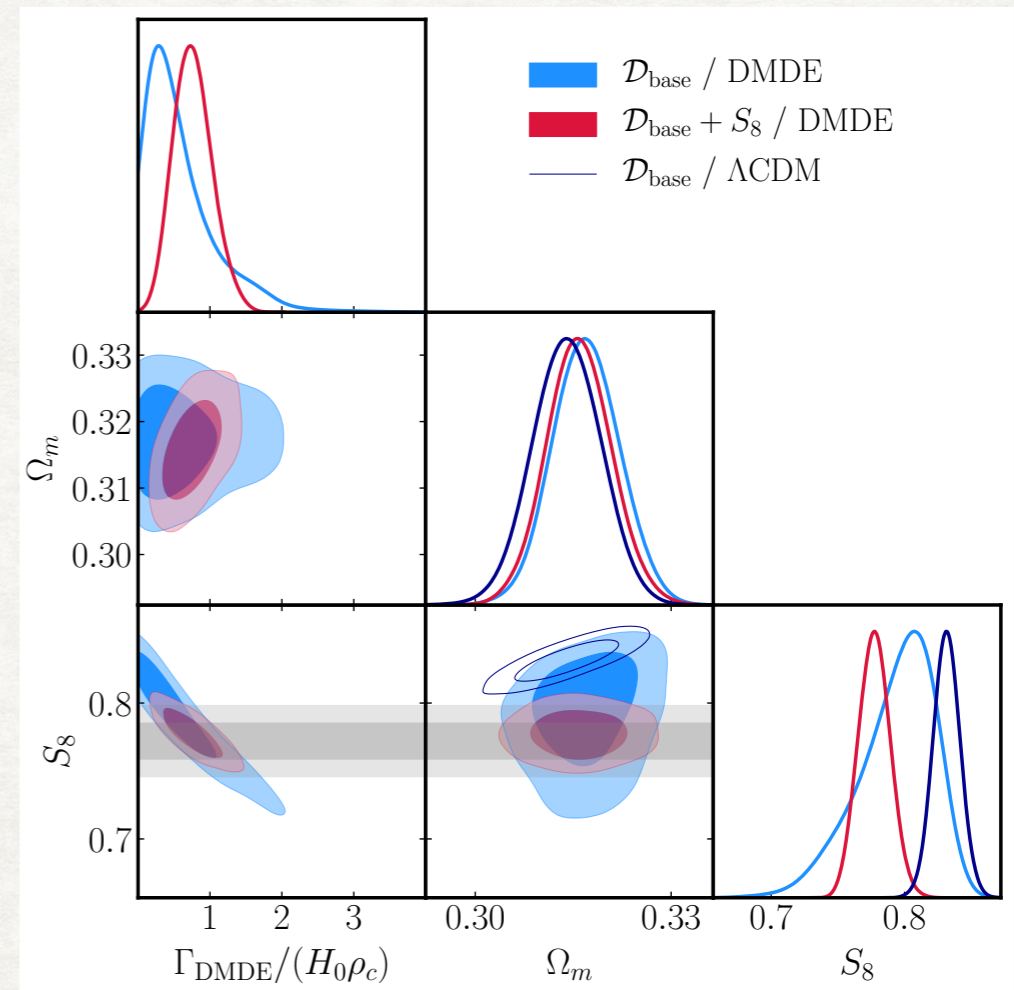
$$\Gamma_{\text{DR-DM}} = -\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 a_{\text{dark}} \left( \frac{1+z}{1+z_d} \right)^n, \quad \xi = T_{\text{DR}}/T_{\gamma}$$



DM $\rightleftharpoons$ DE

VP, Bernal, Kovetz, Kamionkowski 2209.06217

$$\begin{aligned} \theta'_{\text{DM}} &= -\frac{a'}{a} \theta_{\text{DM}} + k^2 \psi + \Gamma_{\text{DMDE}}(a) (\theta_{\text{DE}} - \theta_{\text{DM}}), \\ \theta'_{\text{DE}} &= -(1 - 3c_{s,\text{DE}}^2) \frac{a'}{a} \theta_{\text{DE}} + \frac{k^2 c_{s,\text{DE}}^2}{(1 + w_{\text{DE}})} \delta_{\text{DE}} \\ &\quad + k^2 \psi - \Gamma_{\text{DMDE}}(a) R (\theta_{\text{DE}} - \theta_{\text{DM}}), \end{aligned}$$



See also Di Valentino++ 1908.04281

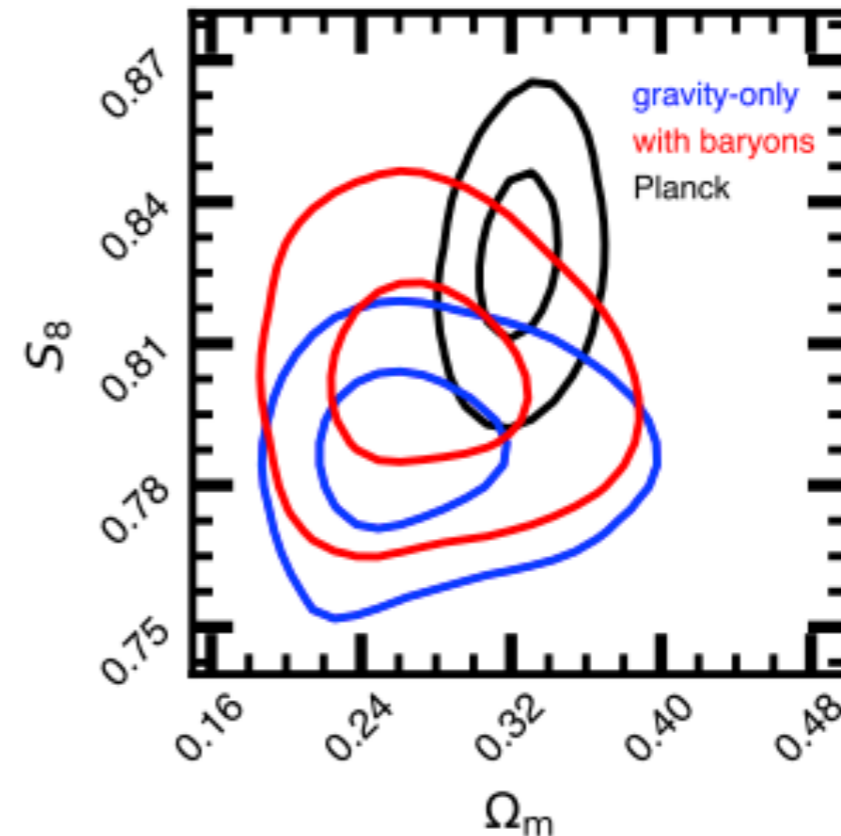
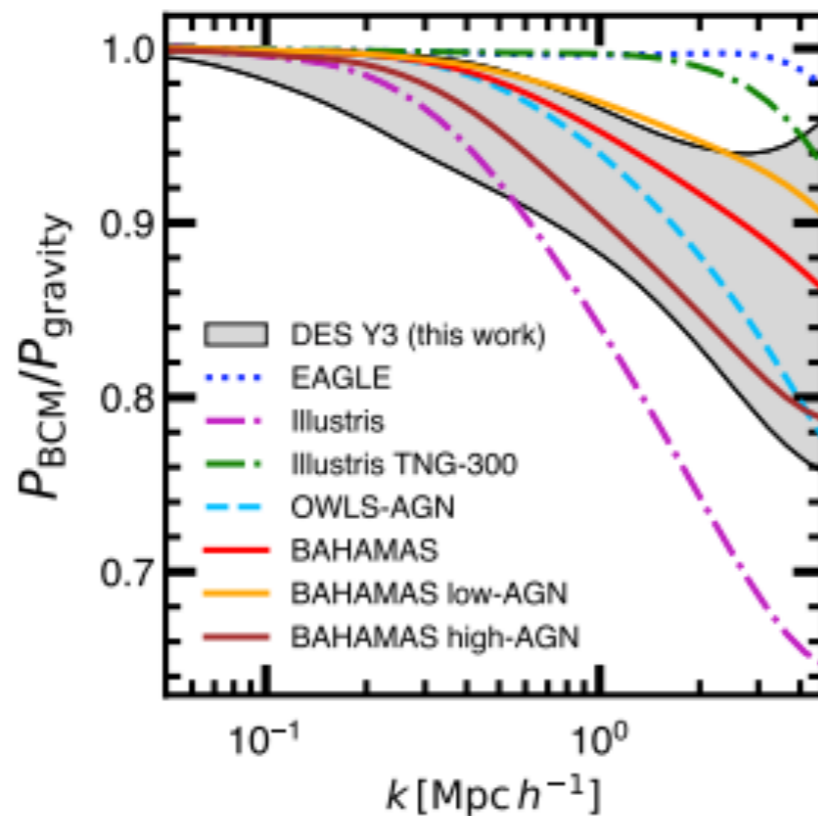
- Non-Abelian dark matter model, Cannibal dark matter, also with sub-component of strongly interacting DM

Buen-Abad++1505.03542, Lesgourgues++1507.04351, Heimersheim++ 2008.08486, Chacko++1609.03569, Buen-Abad++ 1708.09406, Raveri++ 1709.04877

# Could the $\sigma_8$ -tension be non-linear astrophysics?

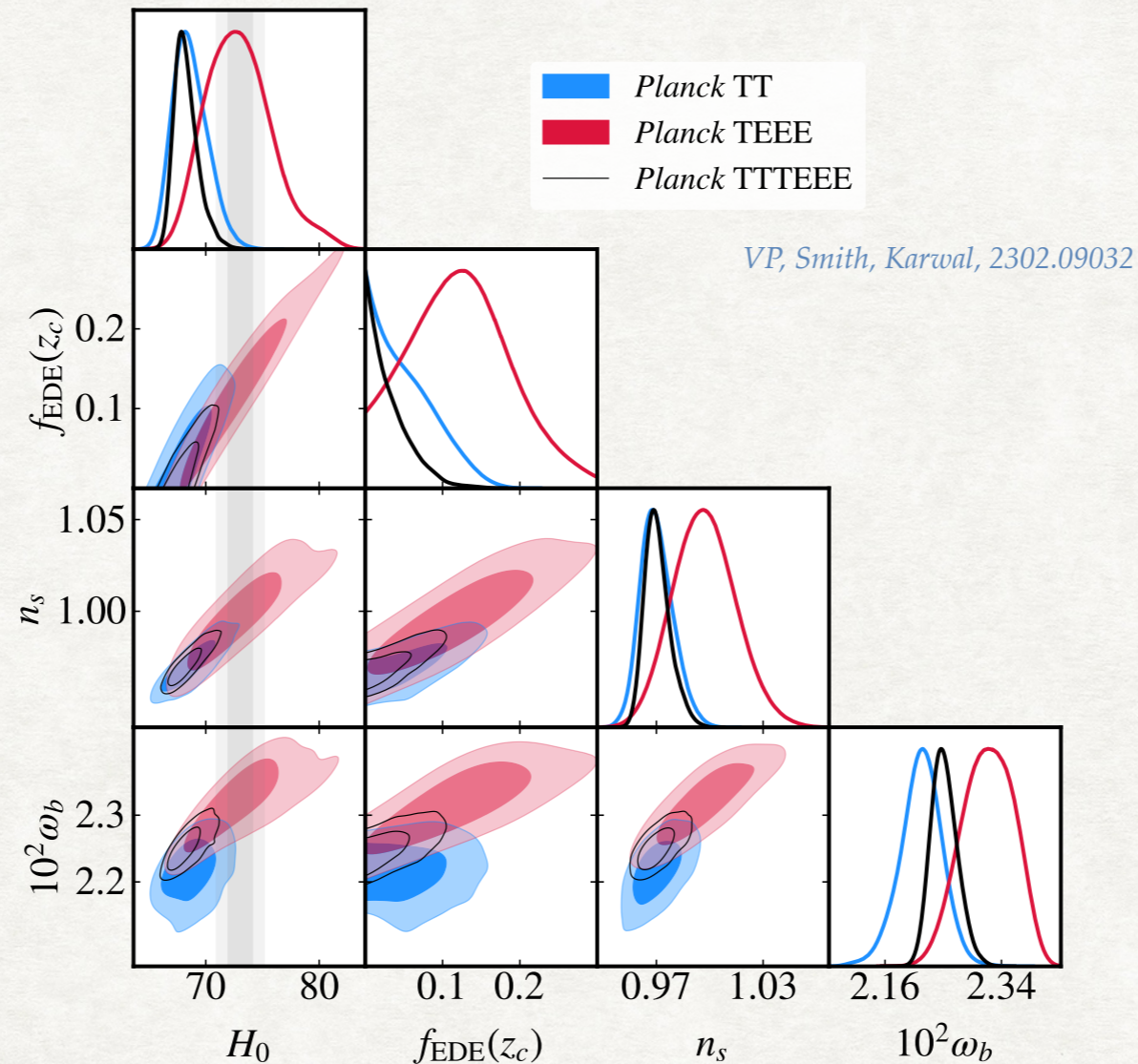
- Reanalysis of DES data with improved non-linear / baryons / intrinsic alignments modeling at small scales

Arìcò++ 2303.05537



- The  $\sigma_8$  tension may be astrophysics! **Strong feedback + improved non-linear physics** could explain the tension.   
*See also Amon & Efstathiou 2206.11794*
- New analysis is in  $0.9\sigma$  agreement with Planck/LCDM. Implications for EDE have yet to be investigated.

# Curiosities in *Planck*?



- Preference for EDE is **coming from the TEEE** data
- **Disagreements in  $\omega_b$  &  $n_s$**  drive the constraints in the combined analysis
- Uncertainty in modeling the **Planck TE polarization efficiency calibration**: preference can be altered.

Smith, Lucca, VP++ 2202.09379