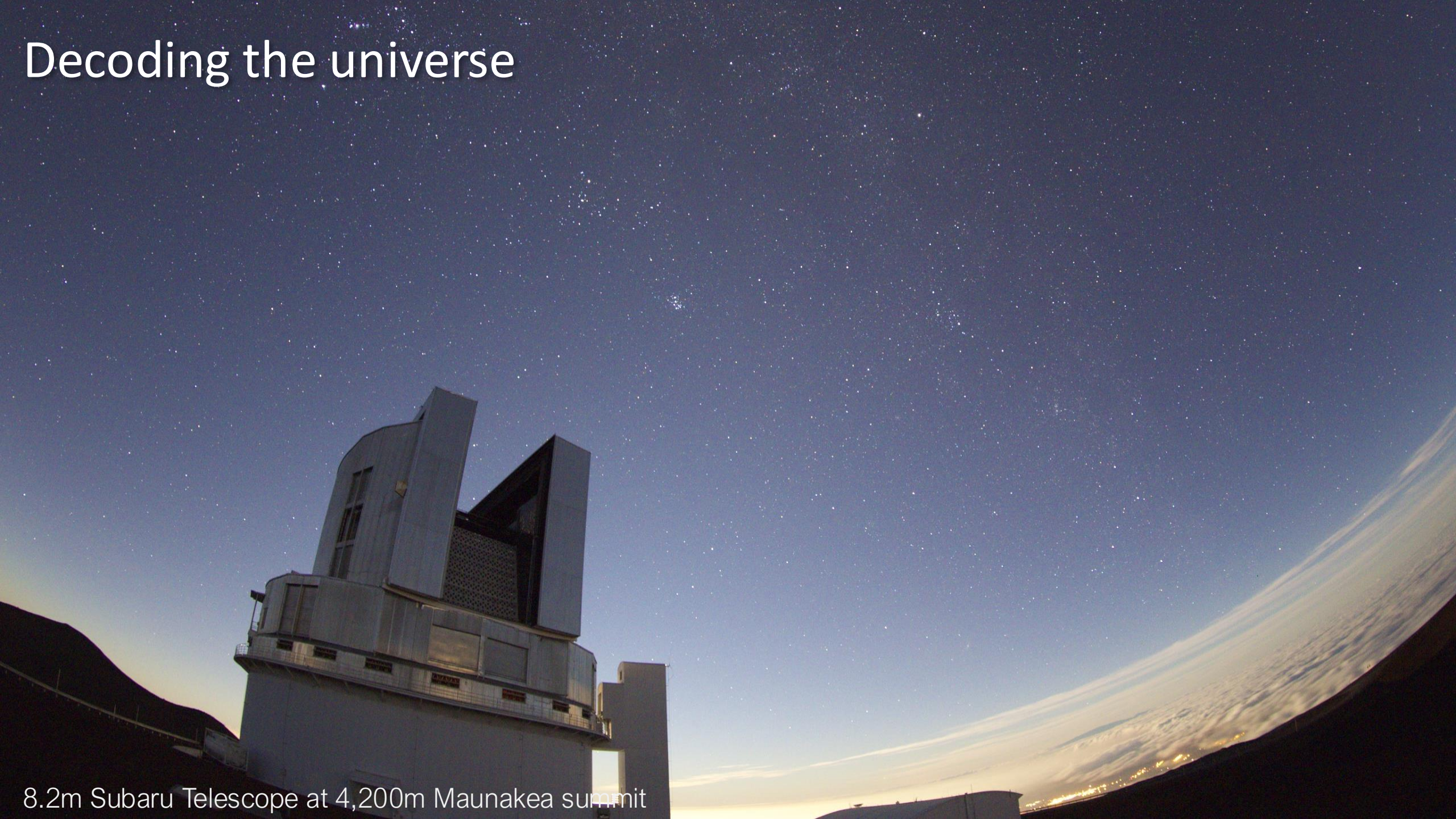


# Challenges in “physical and mathematical” cosmology (and data analysis)

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# Decoding the universe

8.2m Subaru Telescope at 4,200m Maunakea summit



Decoding galaxy survey data



Subaru HSC data





the first-light image (June 2025)

$\sim 10^9$  galaxies

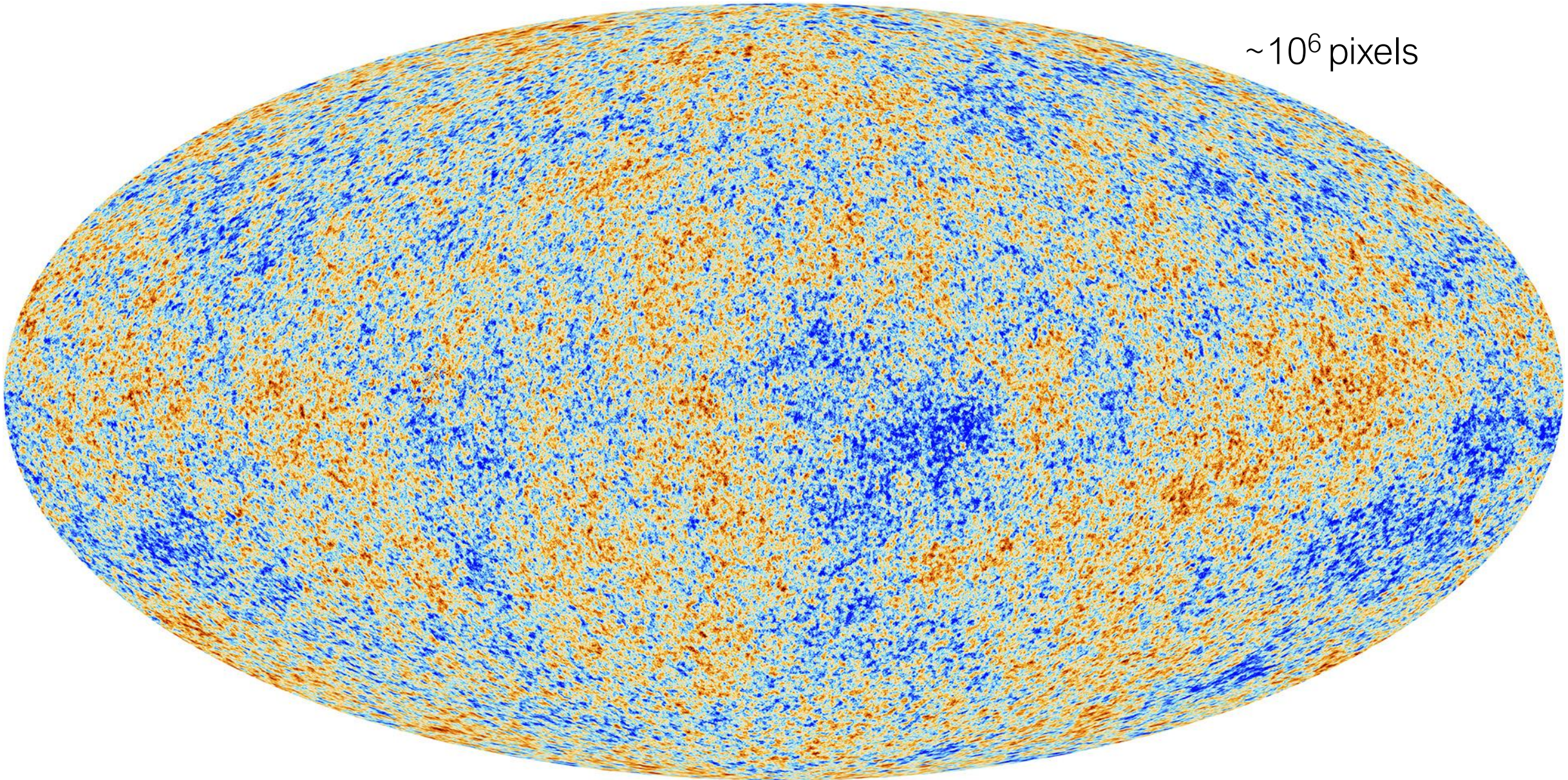
each galaxy contains  
the information (2D or  
3D position, shapes,  
color, rotation, age, ...)

Vera Rubin Observatory (2,672m in Chile)



cosmic microwave background (CMB)  
= snapshot of the universe at  $\sim 380,000$  years after the Big Bang

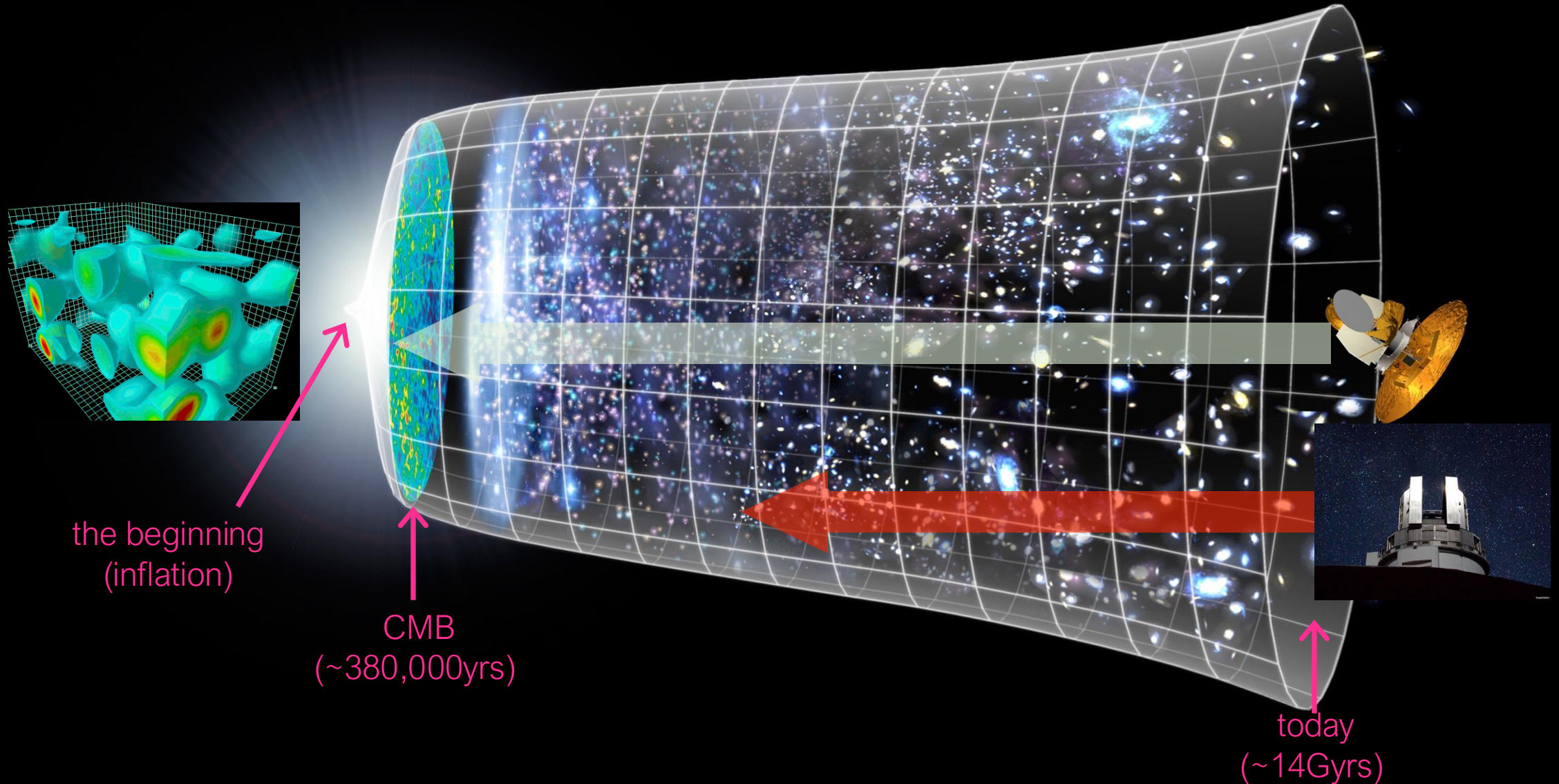
$\sim 10^6$  pixels





the goal: understanding the history of the universe, from the beginning to the future

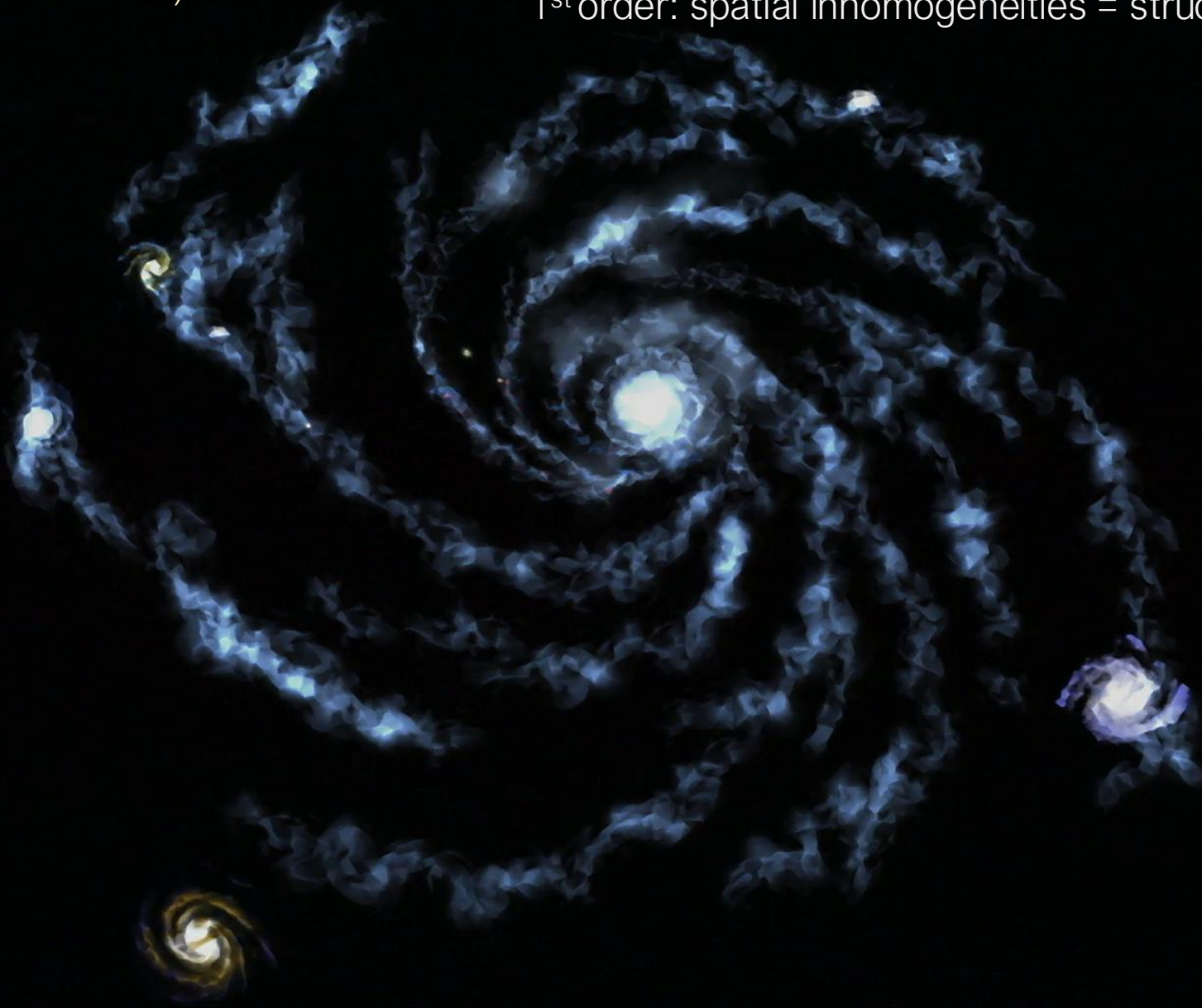
see Jinn-Ouk' and Elisa's talks





NASA WMAP (2001-2010)

0<sup>th</sup> order: isotropic & homogeneous expanding universe  
1<sup>st</sup> order: spatial inhomogeneities = structure formation



Observable is “temperature” in the blackbody brightness in each angular direction

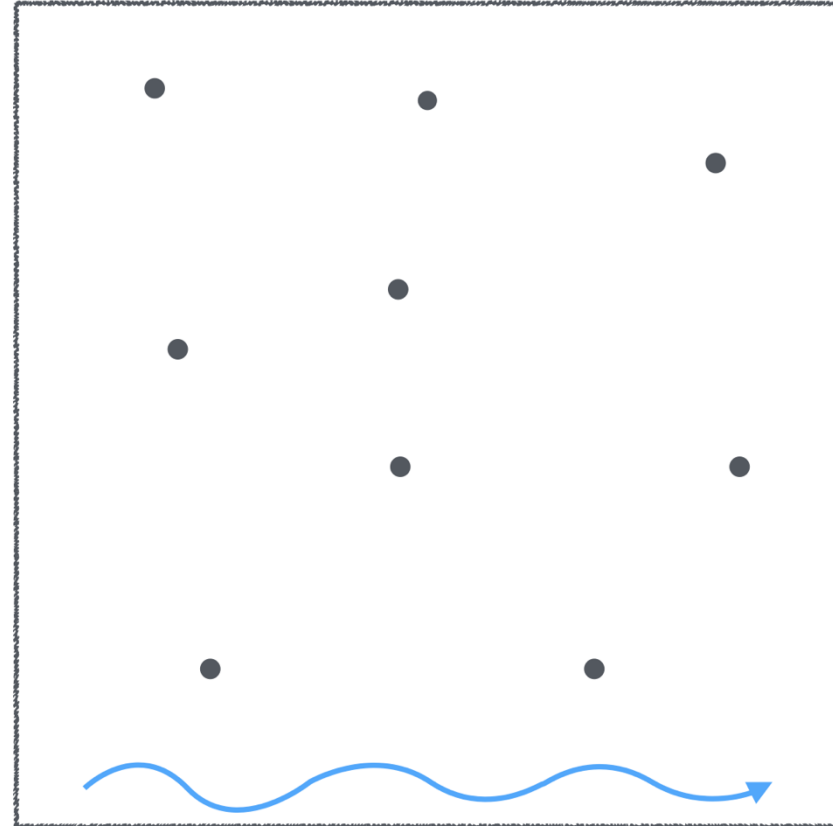
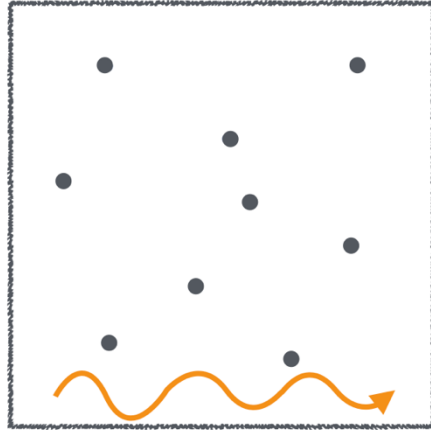
$$T(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \lambda)$$

Temperature “fluctuations”

$$\frac{\delta T(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\bar{T}} \equiv \frac{T(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\bar{T}} - 1$$



The universe is **expanding**, so it was **denser** and **hotter** in the past.



earlier

later

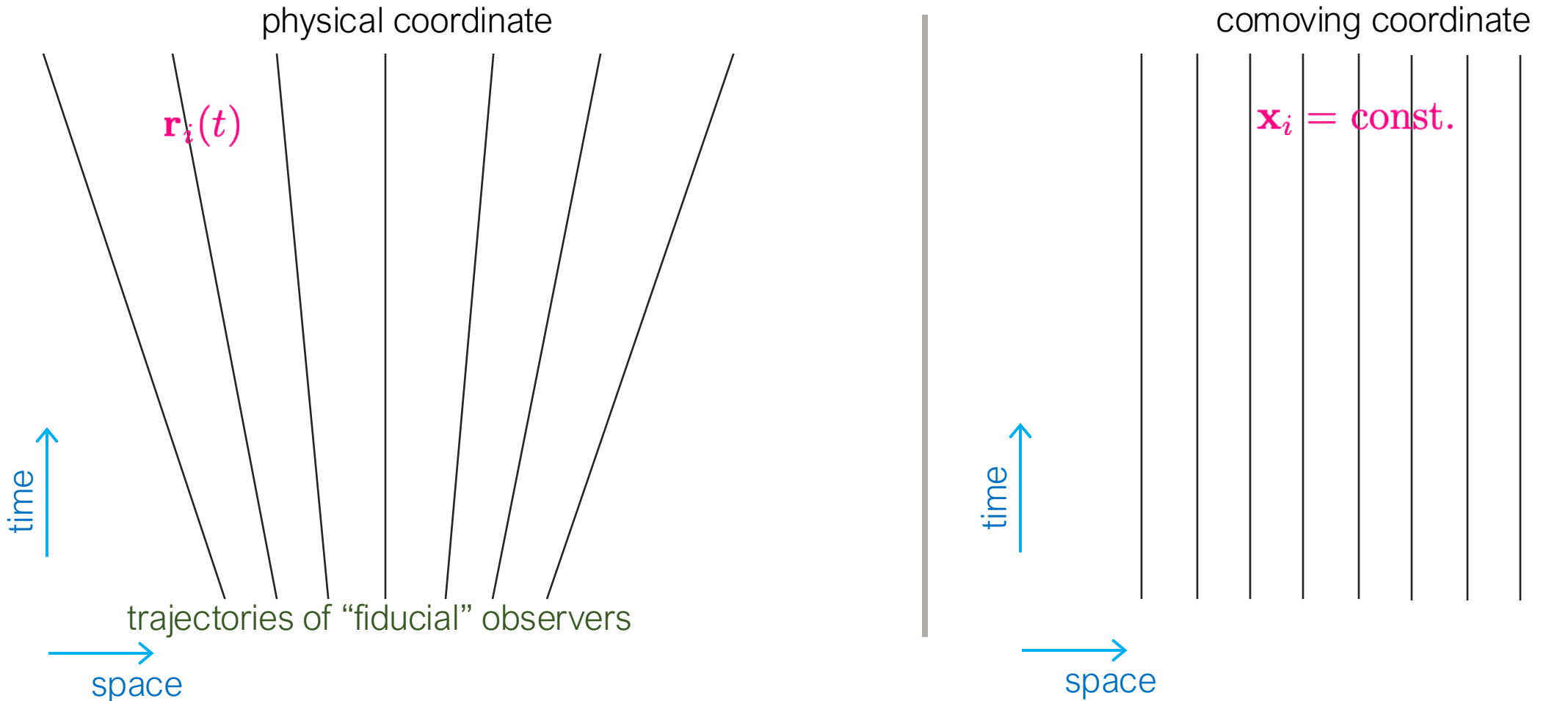
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# physical and comoving coordinates

Cosmological principles: “homogeneous” & “isotropic”, or no spatial position in the universe

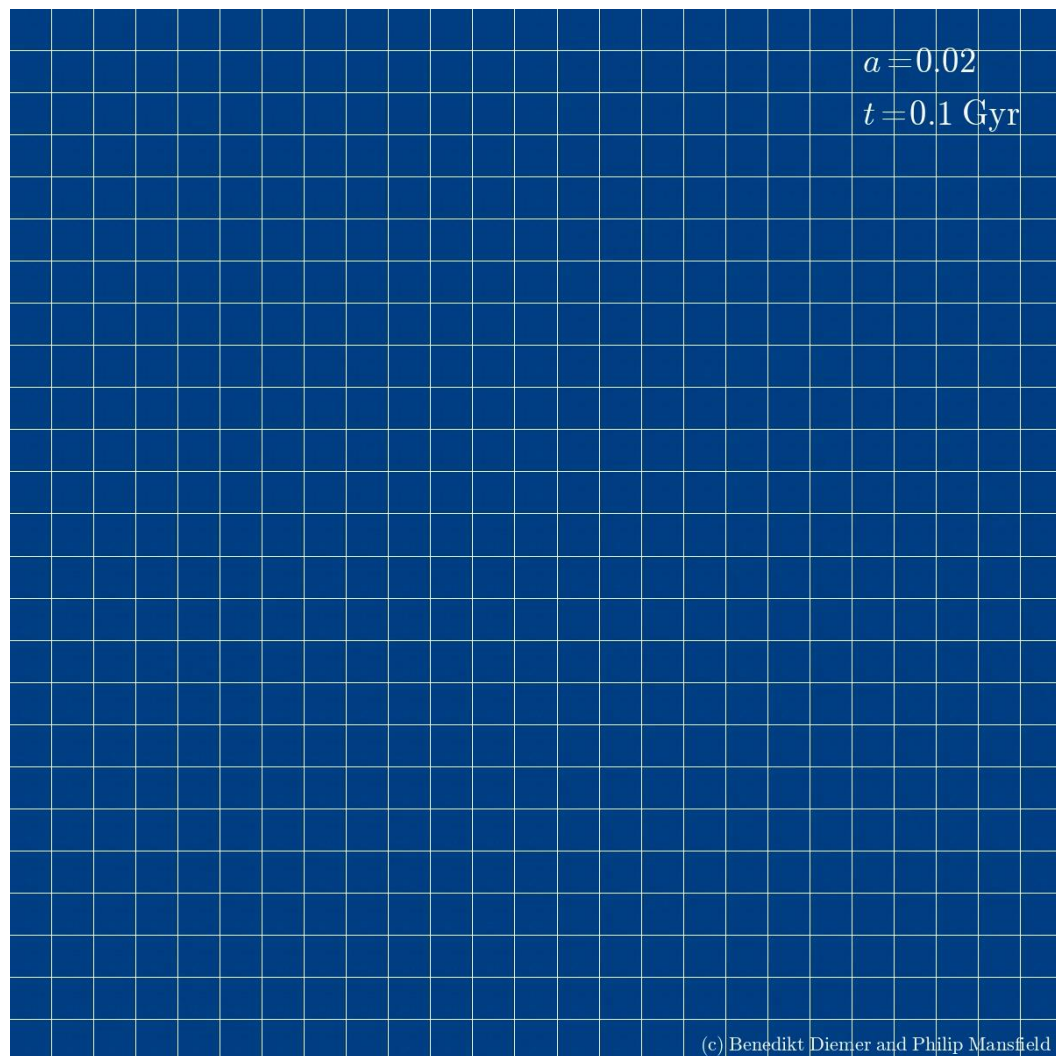
$$\mathbf{r}_{\text{fiducial observer}} = a(t)\mathbf{x}$$



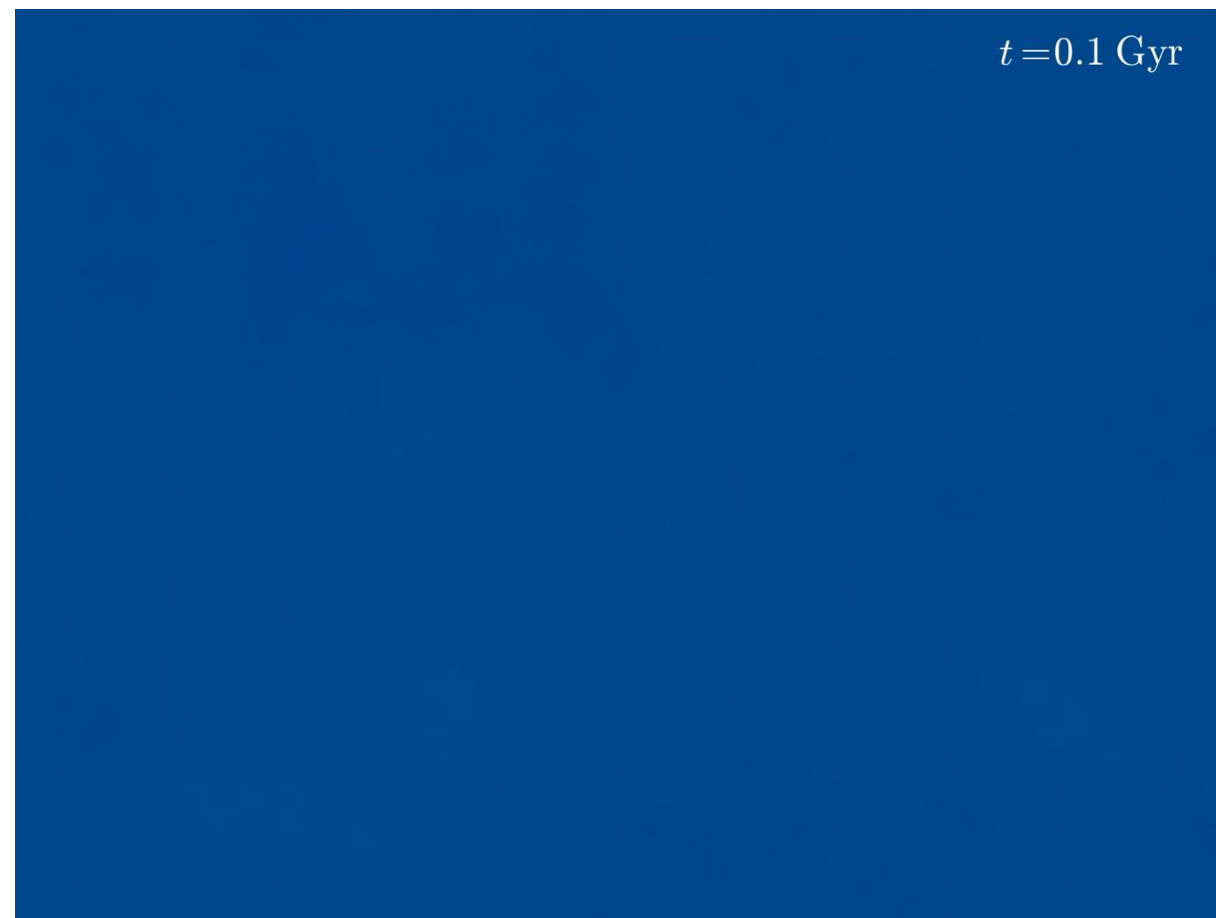
Note “fiducial” observers are defined as observers who see an “isotropic” cosmic microwave background



physical coordinate



comoving coordinate



$$L_{\text{phys}} = a(t) \ell_{\text{comoving}}$$

movie: Diemer Benedikt



Einstein equations: the differential equations governing  
time evolution of spacetime (note: adopt speed of light  $c=1$ ) + initial conditions

$$G_{\mu\nu} [g, \partial g, \partial^2 g] = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} [\rho_{\text{tot}}, p_{\text{tot}}, \sigma_{\text{tot}}]$$

“curvature” of spacetime

$$g_{\alpha\beta}(t, \mathbf{x})$$

distribution of “energy and stress” in the universe  
(CMB photons, neutrinos, dark matter, baryon,  
galaxies, stars, ....)

$$\rho_i(t, \mathbf{x}), p_i(t, \mathbf{x}), \sigma_{ij}(t, \mathbf{x})$$

$i$ : photons, neutrinos, dark matter, baryon ...

Example: Poisson equation

$$\nabla^2 \Psi(t, \mathbf{x}) = 4\pi G \rho(t, \mathbf{x})$$



## homogeneous, isotropic universe

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- **Einstein equations** for the FLRW universe can connect the metric to the energy-matter contents of the universe

- Cosmological principle: the distribution of energy-matter distribution should be homogeneous and isotropic

$$G_{\nu\mu}[\bar{g}(t)] = 8\pi G T_{\nu\mu}[\bar{\rho}(t), \bar{P}(t)]$$

- FRLW equations governing time evolution of the metric variable (the scale factor,  $a(t)$ , in FLRW universe), which can be applied to “classical” universe

$$H^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \bar{\rho}_{\text{tot}}(t) - \frac{K}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} [\bar{\rho}_{\text{tot}}(t) + 3\bar{P}_{\text{tot}}(t)]$$

See Elisa's talk

- Total energy and pressure density; what we know so far, photons, neutrinos, matter (CDM+baryon), dark energy (see later)

$$\bar{\rho}_{\text{tot}} = \bar{\rho}_{\gamma} + \bar{\rho}_{\nu} + \bar{\rho}_{\text{m}} + \bar{\rho}_{\text{de}}$$

photons   neutrinos   matter   dark energy    $\bar{\rho}_{\text{de}} \sim a^0$

$\bar{\rho}_{\gamma}(t) \propto a^{-4}$     $\bar{\rho}_{\text{m}} \propto a^{-3}$

$$\bar{\rho}_{\nu} \propto \begin{cases} a^{-4} & (T_{\nu} \gg m_{\nu}) \\ a^{-3} & (T_{\nu} \ll m_{\nu}) \end{cases}$$

$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu}_{\nu} = 0$$

$$\partial_{\mu} T^{\mu}_{\nu} + \Gamma^{\mu}_{\mu\alpha} T^{\alpha}_{\nu} - \Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu}_{\alpha} = 0$$

$$\dot{\bar{\rho}}_a = -3H(\bar{\rho}_a + \bar{P}_a)$$

a=photons, neutrinos, DM, baryon, dark energy



# How small was the universe?

- The age of the universe:  $\sim 13.8\text{Gyr}$
- The size of the **observable** universe:  $L_0 \sim 14\text{G light yrs} \sim 10^{28}\text{cm}$
- Assume that the end of the inflation  $\sim$  the epoch of creation of the Standard Model particles (the beginning of the “hot” Big Bang):  $T_{\text{rh}} \sim 10^{14}\text{ GeV}$
- Assume that, during the inflation, the universe expanded by  $\sim 62$  e-folds
- The current “observable” universe should have begun with the size of ...

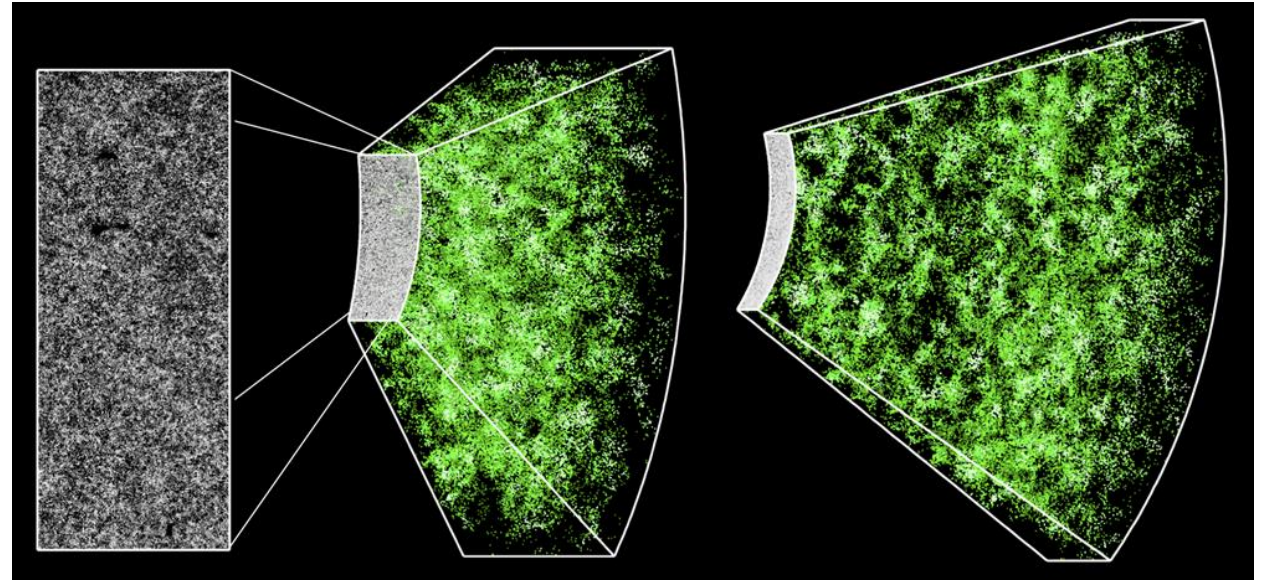
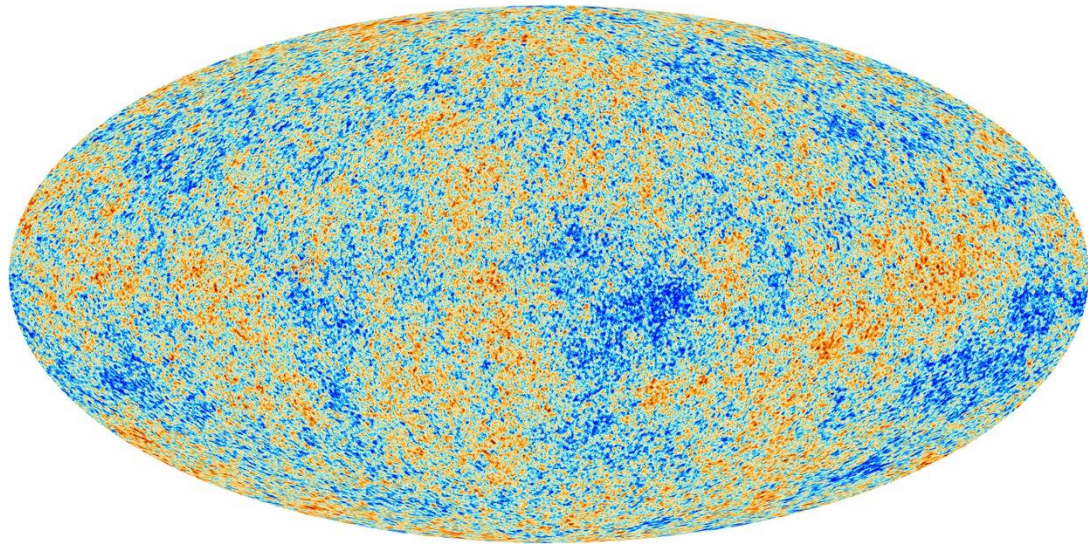
$$\begin{aligned} L_{\text{ini}} &\sim L_0 \frac{a_{\text{rh}}}{a_0} \frac{a_{\text{ini}}}{a_{\text{end}}} \sim 10^{28}\text{cm} \left( \frac{10^{-4}\text{eV}}{10^{14}\text{GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\exp(62)} \right) \\ &\sim 10^{-26}\text{ cm} \Leftrightarrow \text{atom size} \sim 10^{-8}\text{ cm}, \text{ LHC} \sim 10^{-16}\text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

The whole universe should have been “quantum” (not yet fully in the quantum gravity regime)

$$l_{\text{Pl}} \sim 10^{-33}\text{cm}$$



structure formation = time evolution of spatial “inhomogeneities” (spacetime and matter-energy)

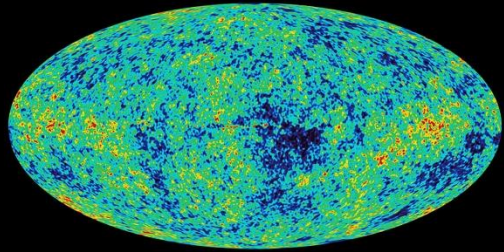


The Universe has inhomogeneities!

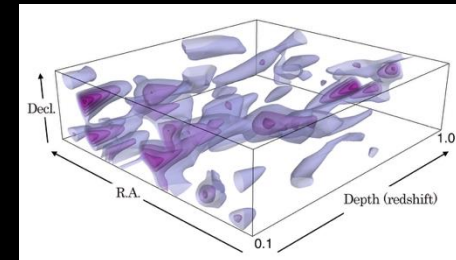
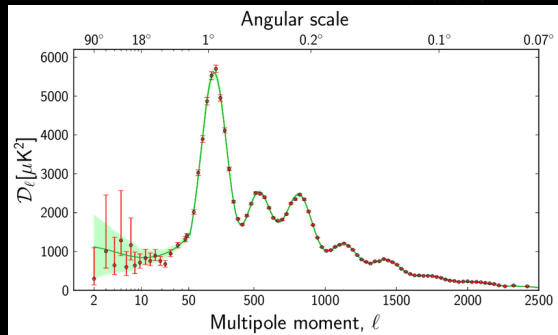
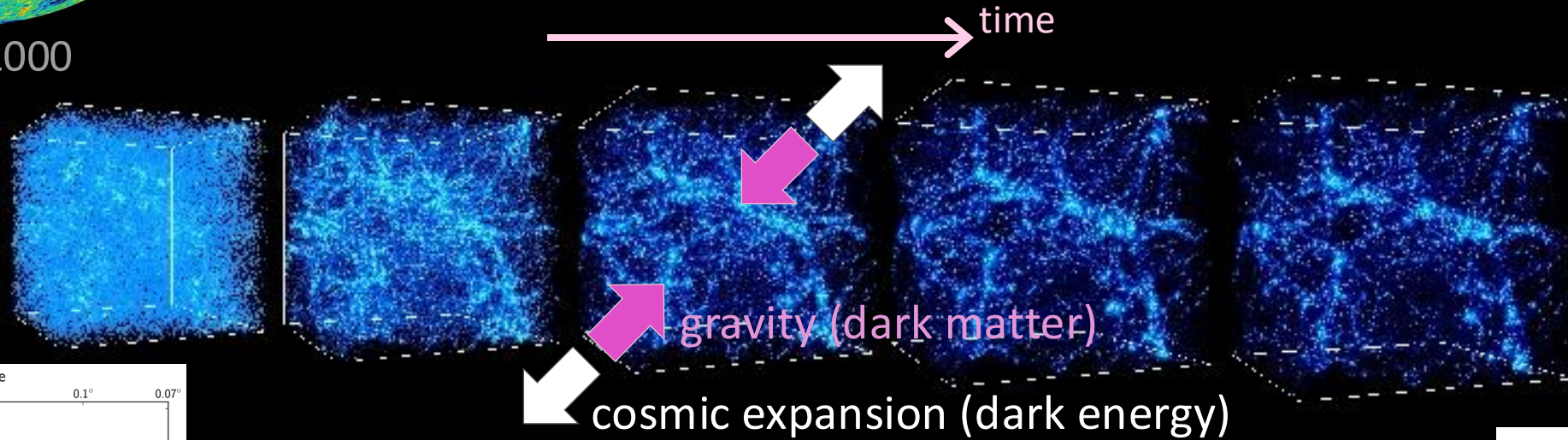
- Where do these inhomogeneities come from?
- What is the origin of these inhomogeneities/structures?
- Structure formation = time evolution of the inhomogeneities. Here we need to consider both fluctuations of “spacetime” (metric) and inhomogeneities of “matter-energy distribution”
- Note that, on very large scales, the universe looks homogeneous and isotropic: FLRW model gives a good description of the universe in the average sense



# $\Lambda$ CDM structure formation model



CMB at  $z \sim 1000$



$\Lambda$ CDM =  $\sim 6$  parameters

Galaxy surveys directly measure “**lumpiness**” of the late universe



# large-scale structure = “spatial” inhomogeneities = fluctuations

- background

$$G_{\mu\nu}[a(t), \dot{a}(t), \ddot{a}(t)] = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}[\bar{\rho}_i(t), \bar{P}_i(t)]$$

- Einstein equations for the spatial inhomogeneities or fluctuations

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu}[\bar{g}_{\alpha,\beta}(t) + \delta g_{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{x}, t), \partial g_{\alpha\beta}, \partial\partial g_{\alpha\beta}] = 8\pi G \delta T_{\mu\nu}[\bar{\rho}_i + \delta\rho_i(\mathbf{x}, t), \bar{P}_i + \delta P(\mathbf{x}, t), \Pi(\mathbf{x}, t)]$$

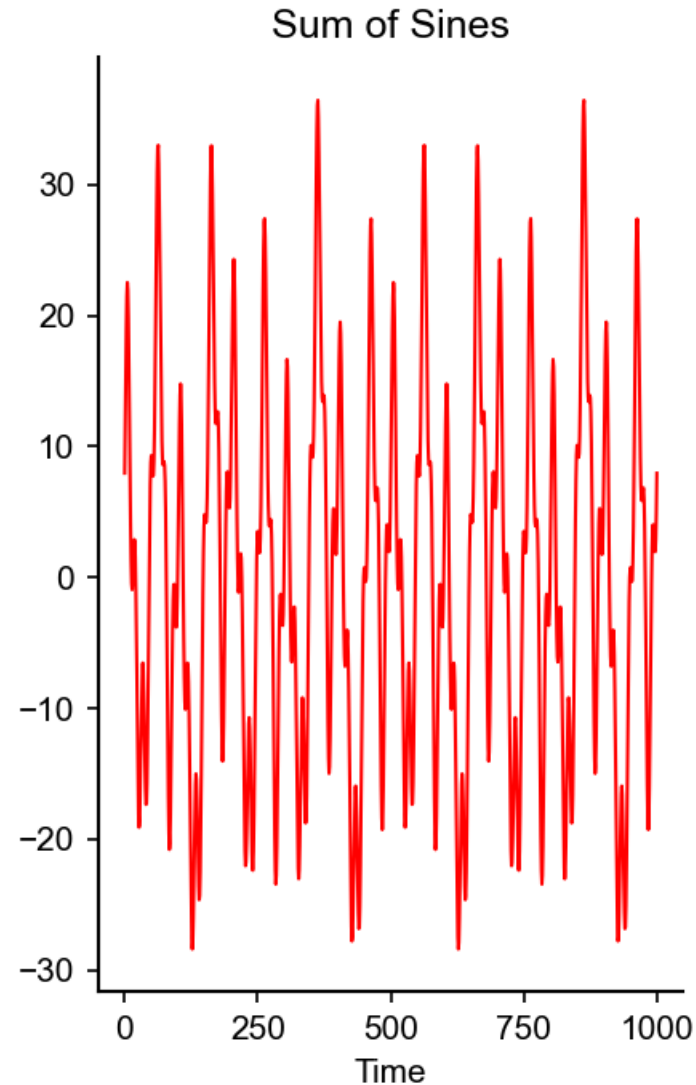
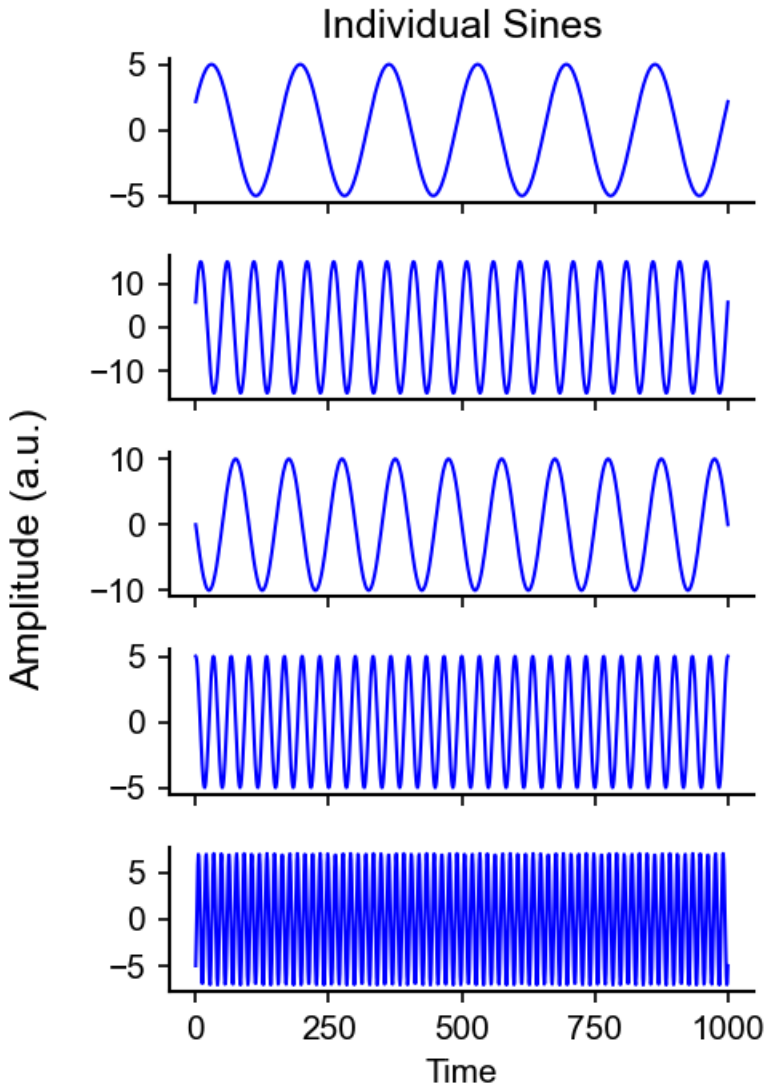
isotropic & anisotropic expansion  
curvature perturbations  
gravitational potential  
gravitational wave

photons  
DM  
baryon (galaxies, stars, gas, ...)  
neutrinos  
density fluctuations  
pressure perturbations  
anisotropic stress

+ Boltzmann equations for each species



# Fourier decomposition



- Fourier decomposition of the fluctuation field

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \int d^3\mathbf{k} f_{\mathbf{k}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}$$

- “wavenumber” or “wavelength”

$$\mathbf{k} = (k_x, k_y, k_z)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

- In the linear regime, different Fourier modes evolve independently



# Angular power spectrum of CMB temperature fluctuations

Fourier decomposition in 3D Euclidean space  $\Leftrightarrow$  Harmonic decomposition in 2D sphere

Data analysis (cosmological observable)

$$a_{\ell m} \equiv \int d\Omega \frac{\delta T(\varphi, \theta)}{\bar{T}} Y_{\ell m}(\varphi, \theta)$$

or

$$\frac{\delta T(\varphi, \theta)}{\bar{T}} \equiv \sum_{\ell m} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\varphi, \theta)$$

$$C_\ell \equiv \frac{1}{2\ell + 1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} |a_{\ell m}|^2$$

# large-scale structure = “spatial” inhomogeneities = fluctuations

- Fourier decomposition is useful for describing spatial inhomogeneities

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}, t) = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \tilde{\rho}_{\mathbf{k}}(t) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}$$

homogeneous field  $\tilde{\rho}_{\mathbf{k}} \neq 0$  for  $k = 0$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}_{\mathbf{k}} = 0$  for  $\mathbf{k} \neq \mathbf{0}$   
 $\longrightarrow \rho(\mathbf{x}, t) \rightarrow \rho(t)$

- linearized perturbation theory (all perturbations  $\ll 1$ )

$$|\Phi|, |\Psi|, \left| \frac{\delta\rho}{\bar{\rho}} \right| \ll 1$$

e.g.,  $\nabla^2 \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \eta) - 3\mathcal{H} [\Phi'(\mathbf{x}, \eta) + \mathcal{H}\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \eta)] = 4\pi G a^2 \delta\rho(\mathbf{x}, \eta)$

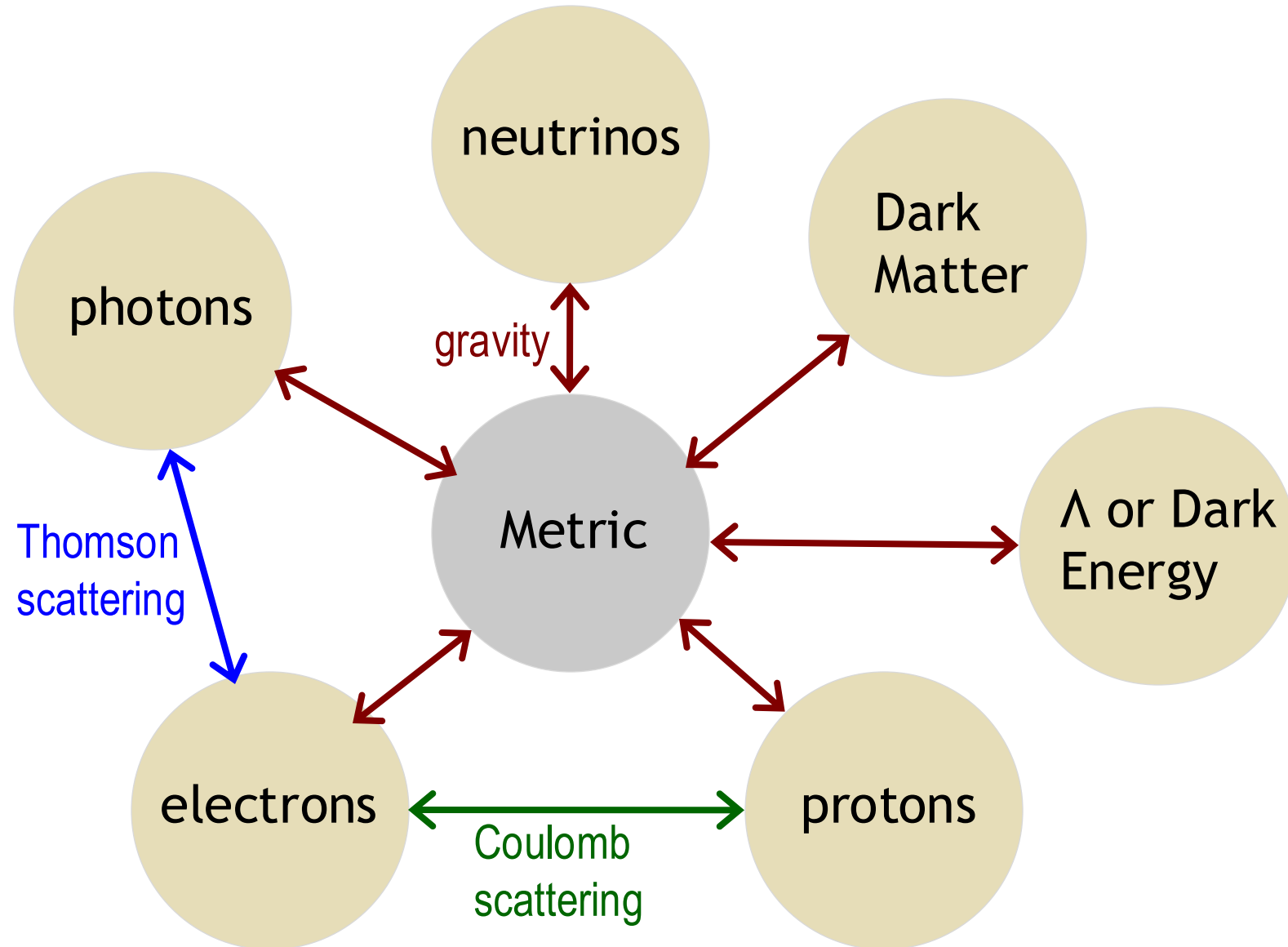
$\longrightarrow \underbrace{-k^2 \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta)}_{\text{background}} - \underbrace{3\mathcal{H} [\Phi'_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta) + \mathcal{H}\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta)]}_{\text{perturbations}} = \underbrace{4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho} \delta_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta)}_{\text{perturbations}}$

we can solve the differential equations separately, for each “k”

Fourier decomposition is very useful



# Cosmological **linearized** perturbation theory



- gravity affects all particle species or energy
- need to solve time-evolution of this multi-component system

# cosmological linearized PT

$$ds^2 = a(\eta)^2 \left[ -(1 + 2\Psi)d\eta^2 + (1 - 2\Phi)d\mathbf{x}^2 \right]$$

- the linearized Einstein equations

Bardeen; Kodama & Sasaki; Mukhanov+, Bond; Ma & Bertschinger, ...

$$-k^2\Phi - 3\mathcal{H}(\Phi' + \mathcal{H}\Psi) = 4\pi Ga^2\delta\rho$$

$$-k(\Phi' + \mathcal{H}\Psi) = 4\pi Ga^2q$$

$$-k^2(\Phi - \Psi) = 8\pi Ga^3\Pi$$

$$\Phi'' + \mathcal{H}\Psi' + 2\mathcal{H}\Phi' - \frac{k^2}{3}(\Psi - \Phi) + (2\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2)\Pi = 4\pi Ga^2\delta P$$

$$\delta' = \left(1 + \frac{\bar{P}}{\bar{\rho}}\right)(kv + 3\Phi') - 3\mathcal{H}\left(\frac{\delta P}{\delta\rho} - \frac{\bar{P}}{\bar{\rho}}\right)\delta$$

$$v' = -\left(\mathcal{H} + \frac{\bar{P}'}{\bar{\rho} + \bar{P}}\right)v - \frac{1}{\bar{\rho} + \bar{P}}k\delta P + \frac{2}{3}k\Pi - k\Psi$$

$$\bar{\rho} = \sum_a \bar{\rho}_a, \delta\rho = \sum_a \delta\rho_a, \delta \equiv \frac{\sum_a \delta\rho}{\bar{\rho}}$$

$$\bar{P} = \sum_a P_a, \delta P = \sum_a \delta P_a, \dots$$

matter

$$\delta''_{\text{m}} + \mathcal{H}\delta'_{\text{m}} = -k^2\Psi + 3(\Phi'' + \mathcal{H}\Phi')$$

$$\begin{cases} \delta'_{\text{m}} = -kv_{\text{m}} + 3\Phi' \\ v'_{\text{m}} = -\mathcal{H}v_{\text{m}} - k\Psi \end{cases}$$

radiation

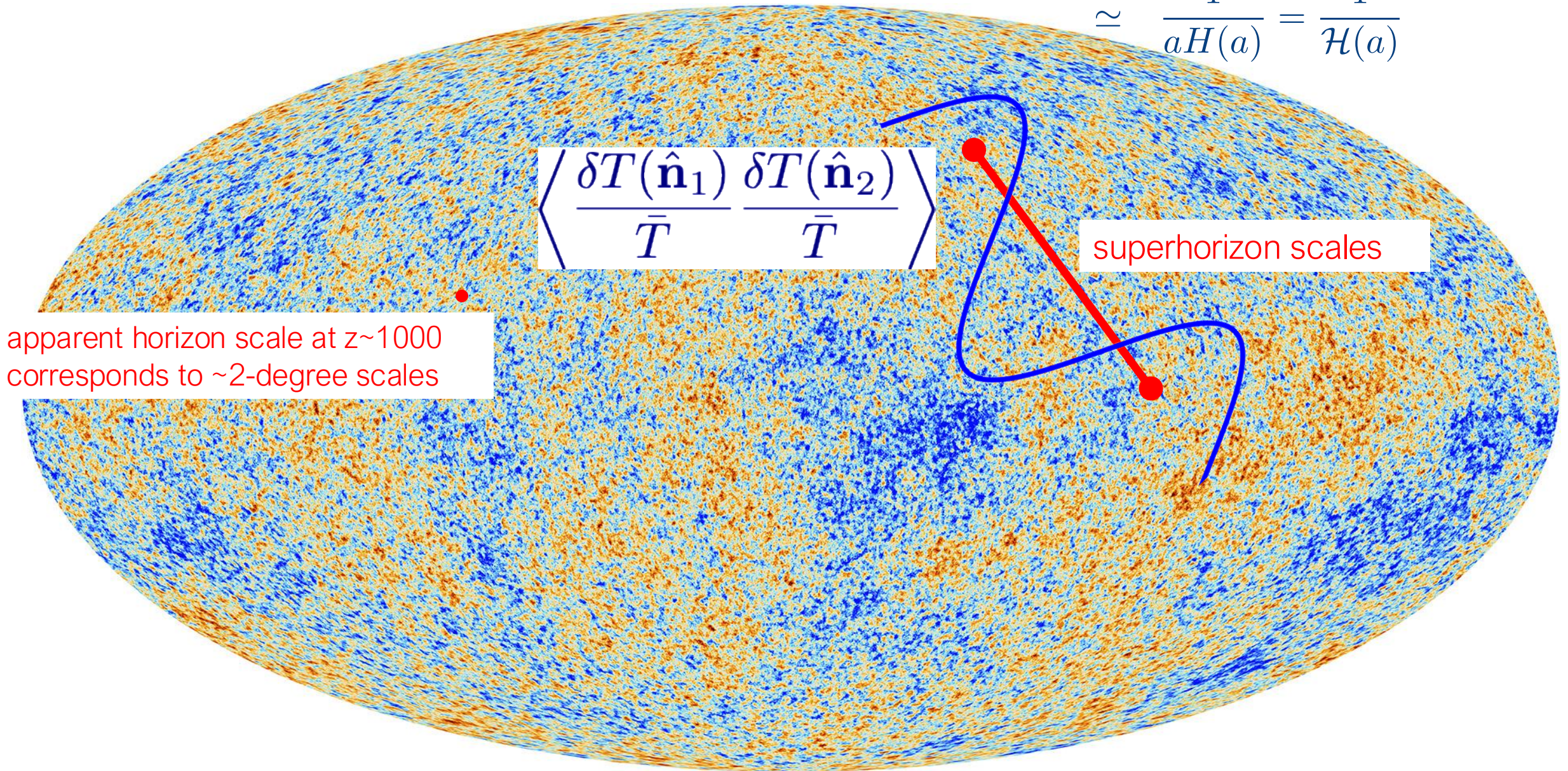
$$\delta''_{\text{r}} + \frac{k^2}{3}\delta_{\text{r}} = -\frac{4}{3}\Psi + 4\Phi''$$

$$\begin{cases} \delta'_{\text{r}} = -\frac{4}{3}kv_{\text{r}} + 4\Phi' \\ v'_{\text{r}} = -\frac{1}{4}\delta_{\text{r}} - k\Psi \end{cases}$$



superhorizon-scale fluctuations exist!

$$\lambda_H(a) \equiv \int_{t_i}^t \frac{dt'}{a(t')} = \int_{a_i}^a \frac{da'}{H(a')(a')^2}$$
$$\simeq \frac{1}{aH(a)} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{H}(a)}$$





# Inflationary scenario (yet to be proven)

see Jinn-Ouk' and Elisa's talks

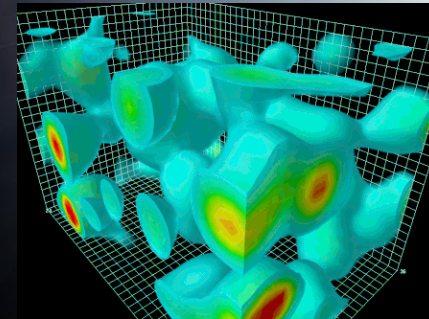
- The size of our “observable” universe

$$\sim 10^{-26} \text{cm}$$

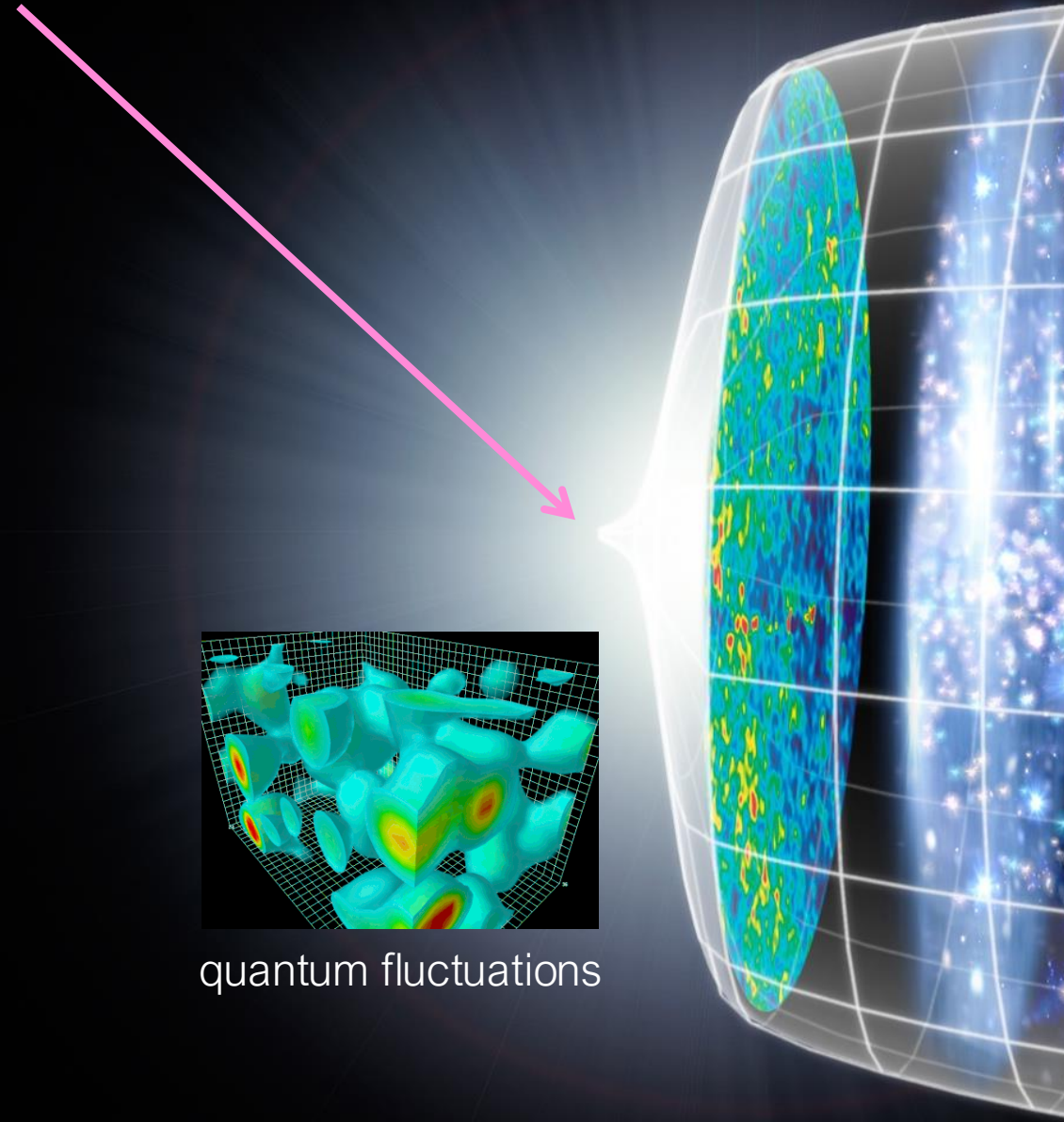
- Accelerated expansion

$$\frac{d}{d\eta}(aH)^{-1} < 0 \rightarrow \ddot{a} > 0$$

- Solve Horizon problem and flatness problem
- quantum fluctuations  $\Rightarrow$  primordial fluctuations (see later): the origin of all structures

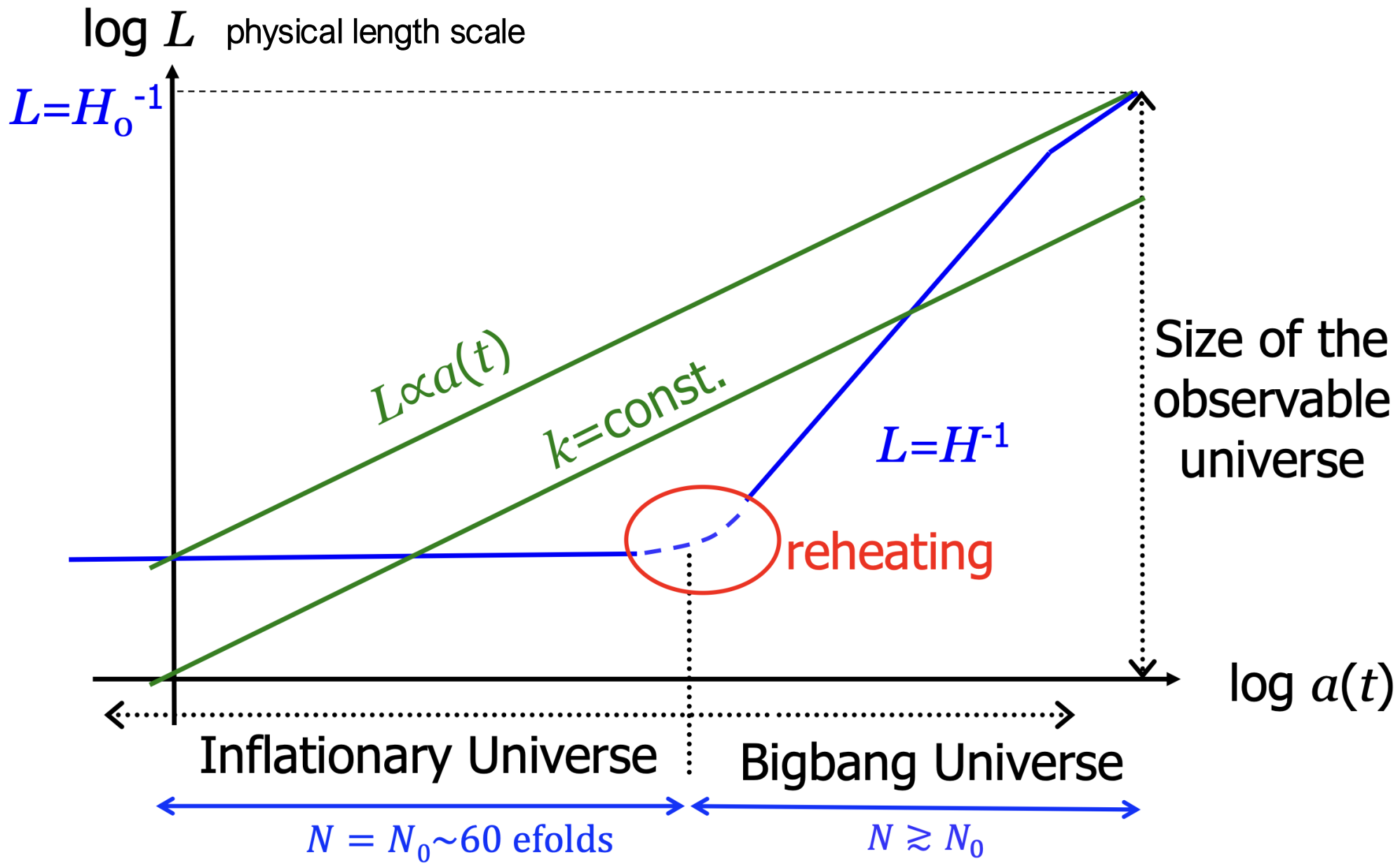


quantum fluctuations

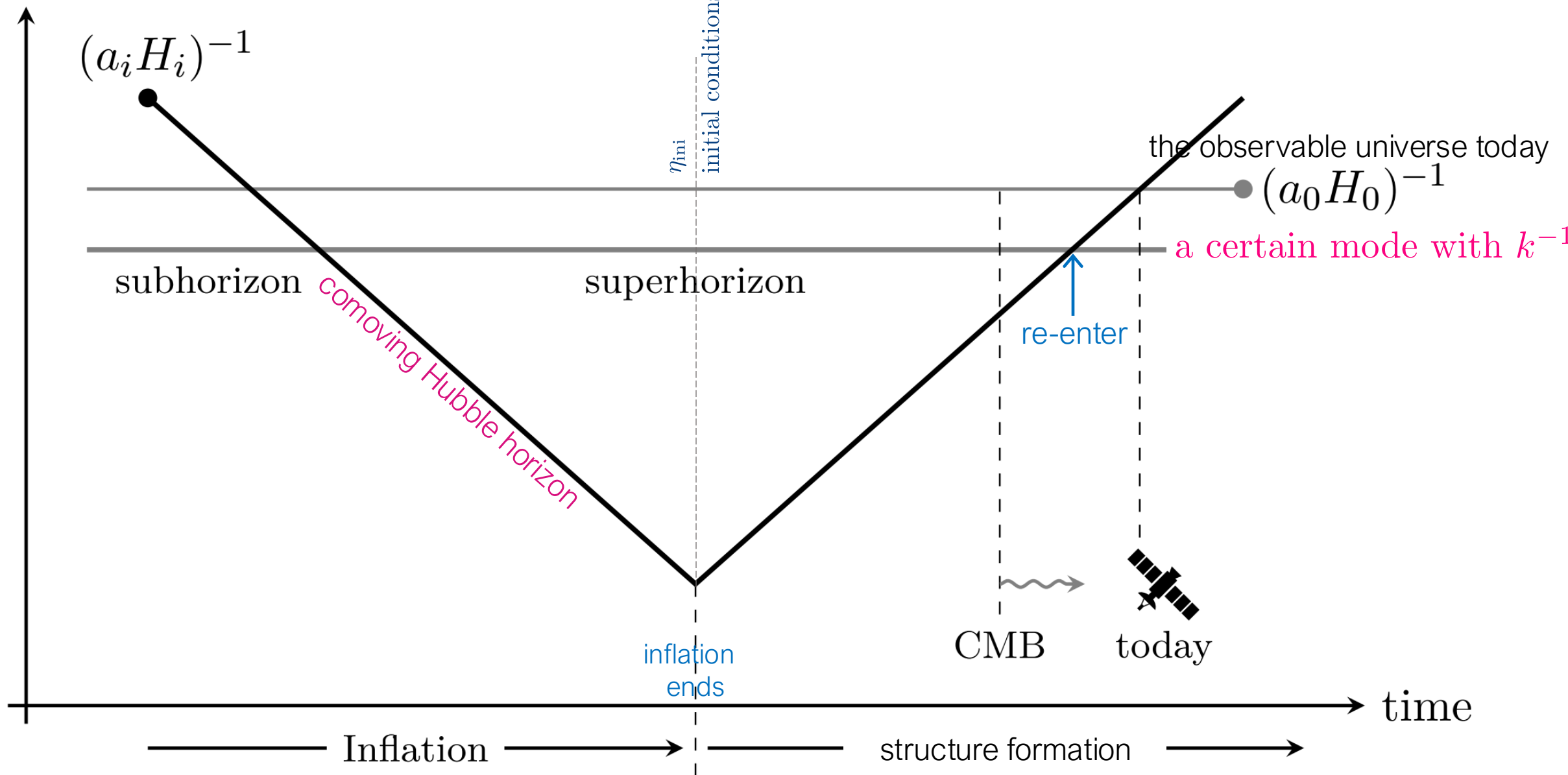




taken from Misao's slides



comoving scales





# Adiabatic initial conditions – single degree-of-freedom conditions

- The adiabatic initial conditions: all fluid components on superhorizon scales are perfectly synchronized – very, very intriguing initial conditions

the coordinate transformation  $\tilde{\eta} = \eta + \pi(\mathbf{x}, \eta)$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\rho}_\gamma(\tilde{\eta}) &\rightarrow \bar{\rho}_\gamma(\eta + \pi) \simeq \bar{\rho}_\gamma(\eta) + \frac{1}{4}\mathcal{H}\bar{\rho}_\gamma\pi(\mathbf{x}, \eta) \\ &\rightarrow \delta_\gamma(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4}\mathcal{H}\pi(\mathbf{x}, \eta)\end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\rho}_\gamma(\tilde{\eta}) &\mapsto \delta_\gamma(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4}\mathcal{H}\pi(\mathbf{x}, \eta) \\ \bar{\rho}_\nu(\tilde{\eta}) &\mapsto \delta_\nu(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{4}\mathcal{H}\pi(\mathbf{x}, \eta) \\ \bar{\rho}_c(\tilde{\eta}) &\mapsto \delta_c(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{H}\pi(\mathbf{x}, \eta) \\ \bar{\rho}_b(\tilde{\eta}) &\mapsto \delta_b(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{3}\mathcal{H}\pi(\mathbf{x}, \eta)\end{aligned}$$

furthermore,  $\pi(\mathbf{x}, \eta) = \pi(\mathbf{x}, \eta_{\text{ini}})$

set by the initial conditions!

$$\tilde{\eta} = \eta + \pi(\mathbf{x}, \eta_{\text{ini}})$$

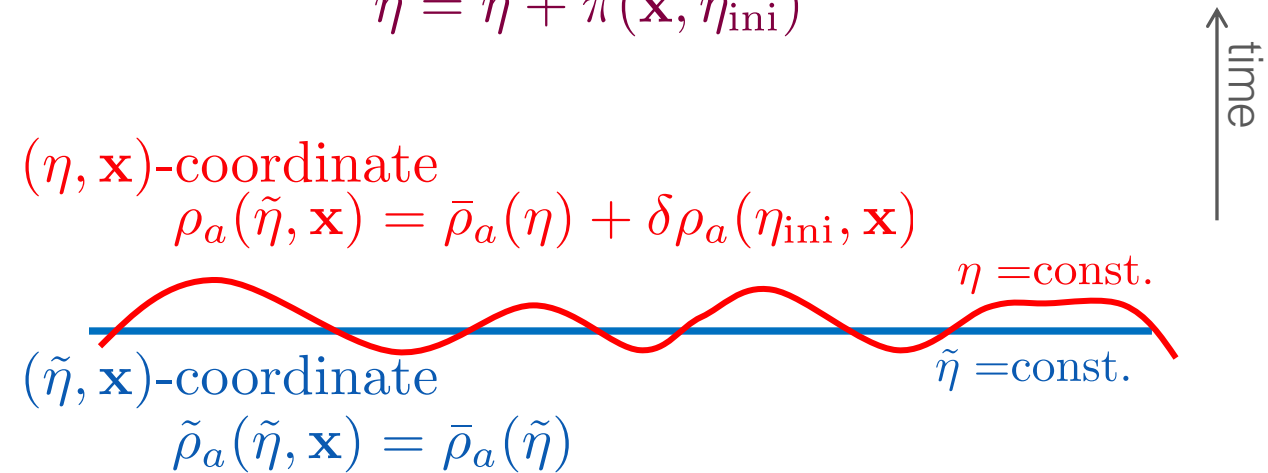
$(\eta, \mathbf{x})$ -coordinate

$$\rho_a(\tilde{\eta}, \mathbf{x}) = \bar{\rho}_a(\eta) + \delta\rho_a(\eta_{\text{ini}}, \mathbf{x})$$

$(\tilde{\eta}, \mathbf{x})$ -coordinate

$$\tilde{\rho}_a(\tilde{\eta}, \mathbf{x}) = \bar{\rho}_a(\tilde{\eta})$$

for all components (photons, neutrinos, CDM, baryon)



Question:

How can we naturally generate the adiabatic initial conditions?

The leading model is inflation



# slow-roll inflation

- Assumption: an unknown scalar field is dominated

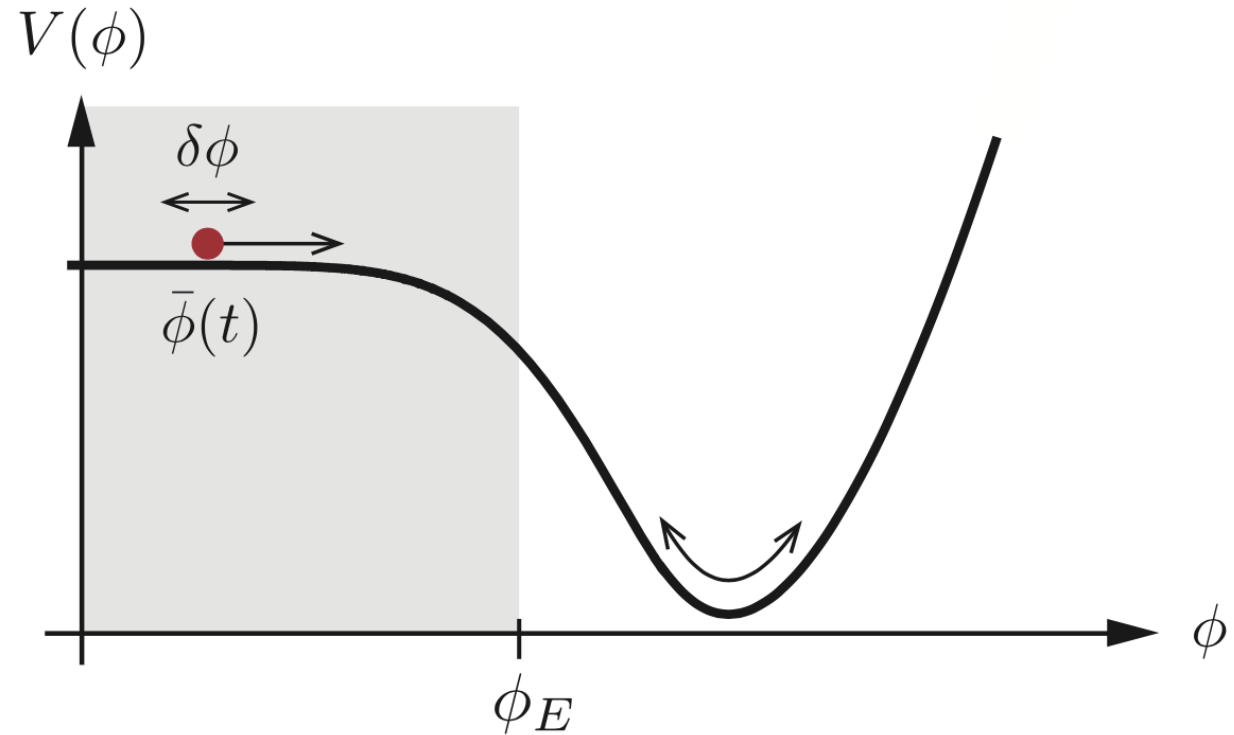
$$T_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - g_{\mu\nu} \left( \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha \phi \partial_\beta \phi - V(\phi) \right)$$

- Einstein equations

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V \right]$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} [2\dot{\phi}^2 - 2V]$$

- Slow-roll** assumption  $\dot{\phi}^2 \ll V$   
 $\Rightarrow a \propto \exp[Ht]$



# quantum fluctuations (inflaton fluctuations)



- Inflaton would have quantum fluctuations

$$\phi(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = \bar{\phi}(\eta) + \delta\phi(\eta, \mathbf{x})$$

- Equation of motion for the perturbed inflaton field (under slow-roll inflation)

$$\delta\phi(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = a f(\eta, \mathbf{x})$$

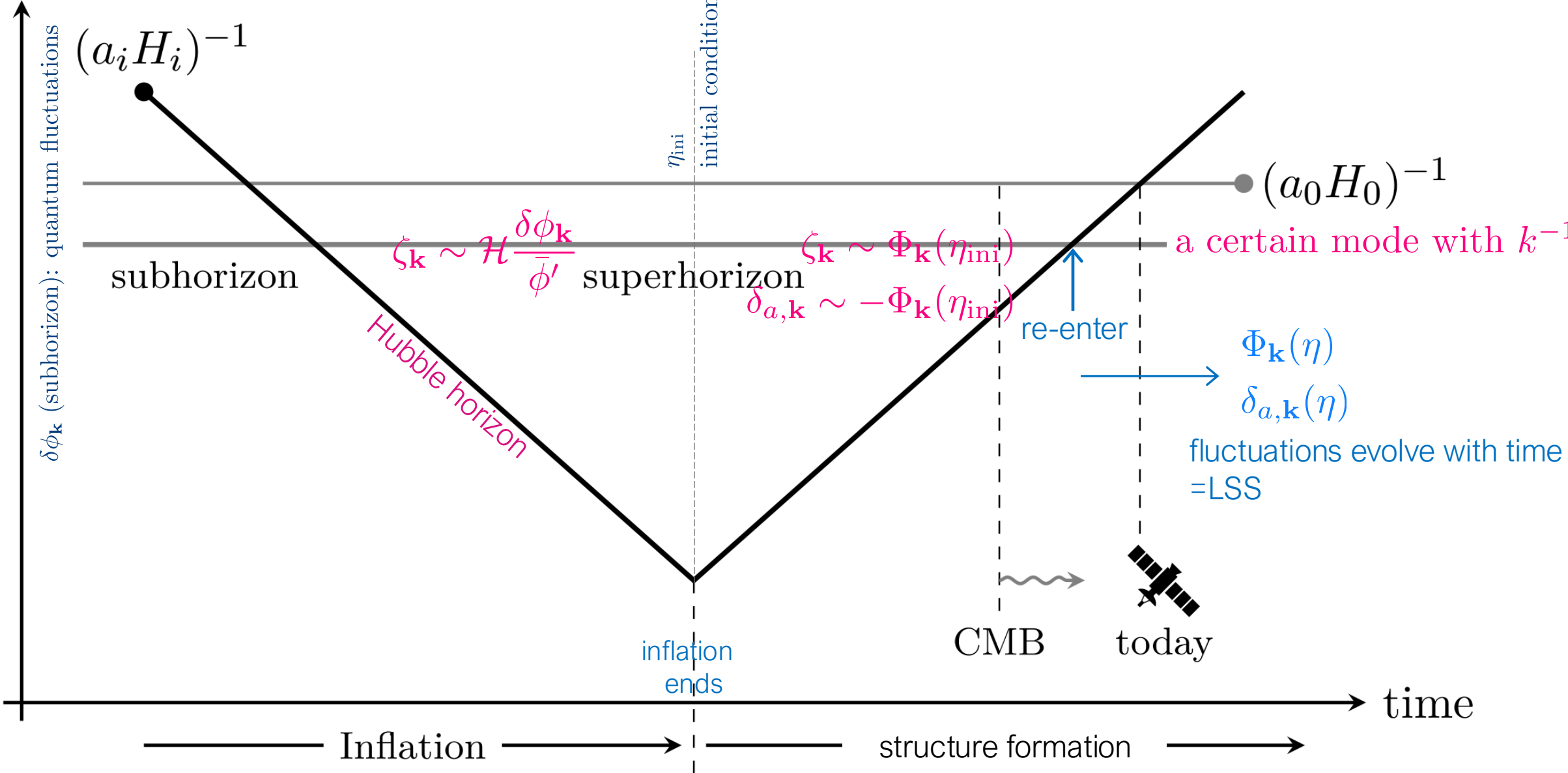
$$f_{\mathbf{k}}'' + \left( k^2 - \frac{a''}{a} \right) f_{\mathbf{k}} = 0, \quad f_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta) \equiv \int d^3\mathbf{x} f(\eta, \mathbf{x}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}$$

**Sasaki-Mukhanov equation!**

- Quantization of the perturbed inflaton field on subhorizon scales  $\Rightarrow$  quantum fluctuations
- Quantum fluctuations at each wavenumber are stretched out by inflation, and turn into “classical” fluctuations

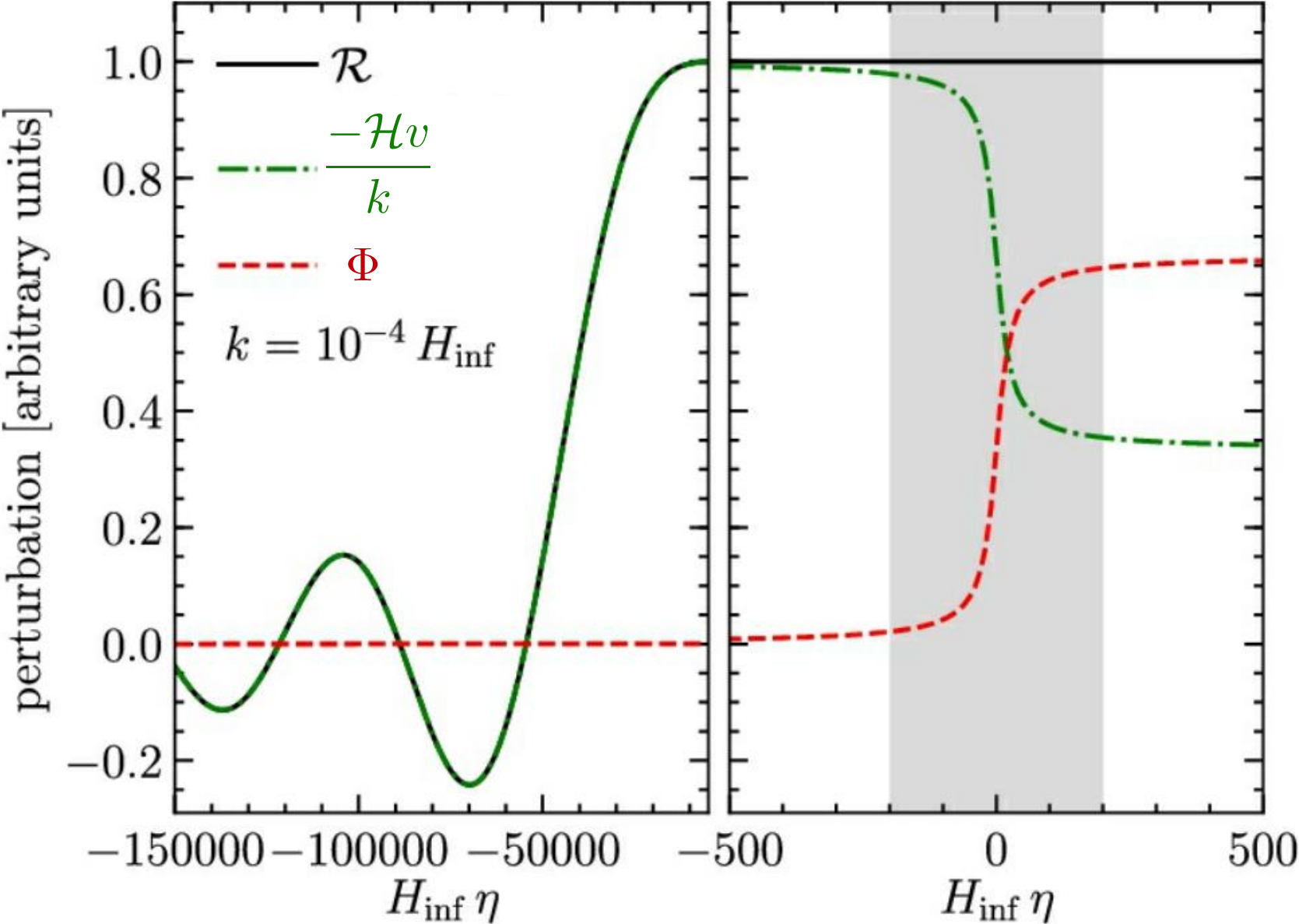


comoving scales



$$ds^2 = a(\eta)^2 \left[ -(1 + 2\Psi)d\eta^2 + (1 - 2\Phi)d\mathbf{x}^2 \right]$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \Phi - \frac{\mathcal{H}}{k}v = \Phi - \frac{\mathcal{H}}{k} \left( -\frac{k\eta}{2}\Phi \right) = \frac{3}{2}\Phi \text{ (post inflation for superhorizon curvature perturbation)}$$

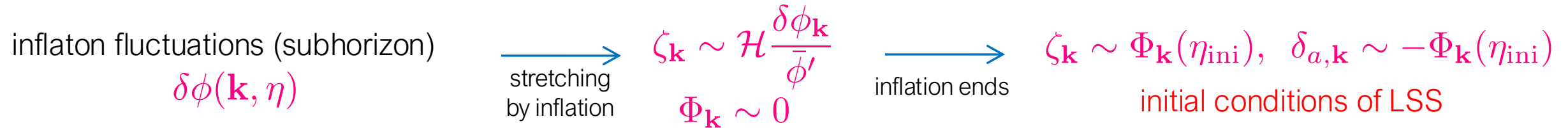


$$\zeta = \mathcal{R}$$



$$ds^2 = a(\eta)^2 [-(1 + 2\Psi)d\eta^2 + (1 - 2\Phi)d\mathbf{x}^2]$$

# initial conditions of structure formation



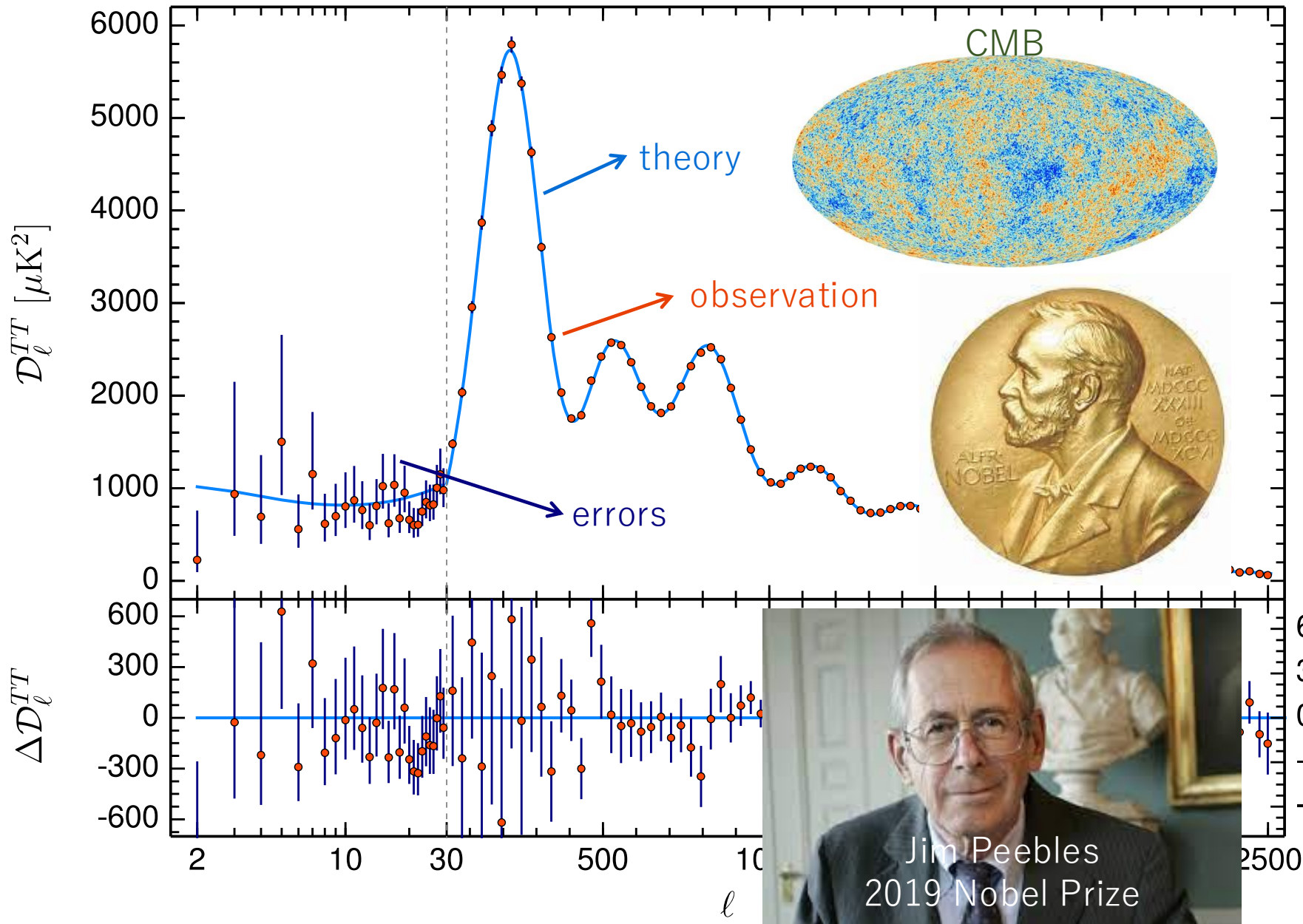
- the inflationary scenario provides a **physical mechanism** for generating primordial fluctuations (i.e. the initial conditions of cosmic structures)
- A **single-field inflation** field (at least a dominant one inflaton field even in multi-field inflation) gives the **adiabatic initial conditions**

$$\delta_{\gamma}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = \delta_{\nu}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = \frac{4}{3}\delta_{\text{c}}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = \frac{4}{3}\delta_{\text{b}}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = -2\Phi_{\text{ini}}(\mathbf{k})$$

- A slow-roll inflation naturally predicts a **nearly scale-invariant** primordial power spectrum (also slightly red tilted spectrum)

$$\Delta_{\delta\phi}^2(k) = \left( \frac{H(t)}{2\pi} \right)^2 \Big|_{k=aH(t)}$$

# Understanding the universe with physics: $\Lambda$ CDM model



$$\dot{\Theta} + ik\mu\Theta = -\dot{\Phi} - ik\mu\Psi + \sigma_T\bar{n}_e[\Theta_0 - \Theta + \mu v_b]$$

$$\dot{\delta}_{\text{dm}} + ikv_{\text{dm}} = -3\dot{\Phi}$$

$$\dot{v}_{\text{dm}} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a}v_{\text{dm}} = -ik\Psi$$

$$\dot{\delta}_b + ikv_b = -3\dot{\Phi}$$

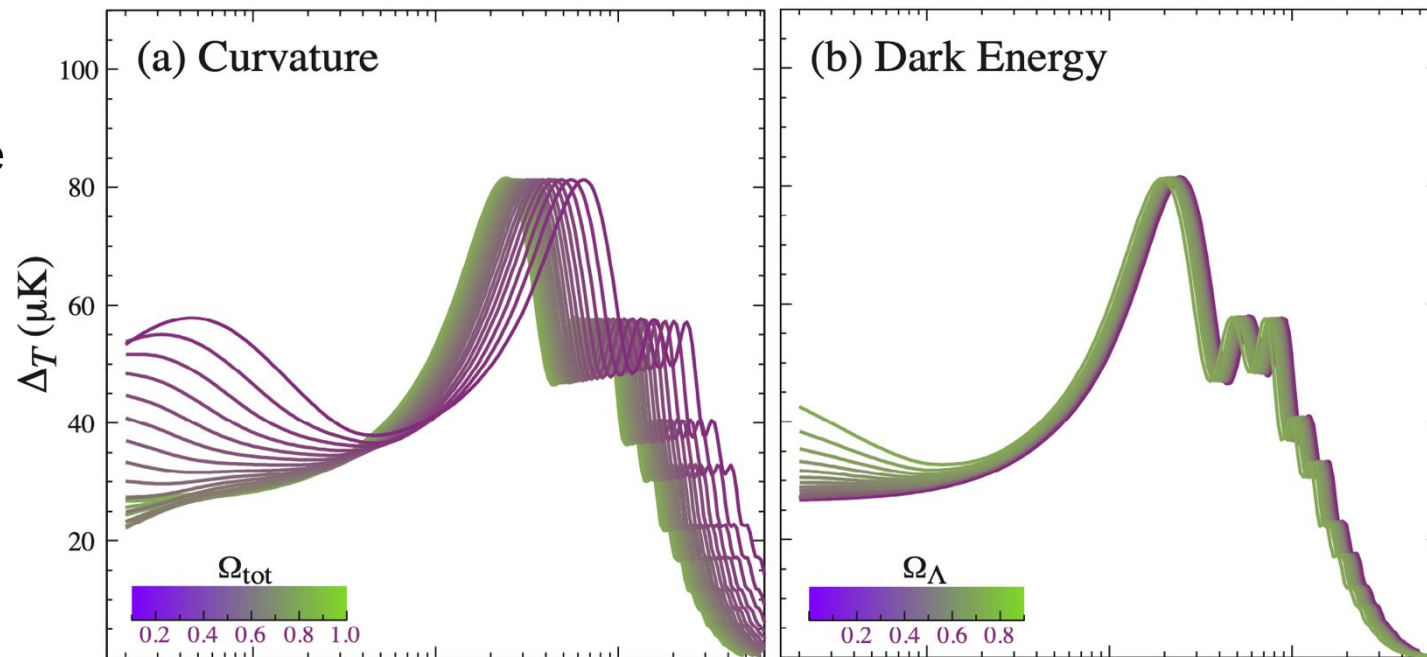
$$\dot{v}_b + \frac{\dot{a}}{a}v_b = -ik\Psi - \frac{\sigma_T\bar{n}_e}{R}[v_b + 3i\Theta_1]$$

$$\dot{\mathcal{N}} + ik\mu\mathcal{N} = -\dot{\Phi} - ik\mu\Psi$$

- Dark matter
- Dark energy
- Ordinary matter
- Primordial perturbations (2 parameters)
- (the amount of free electron in the late universe)

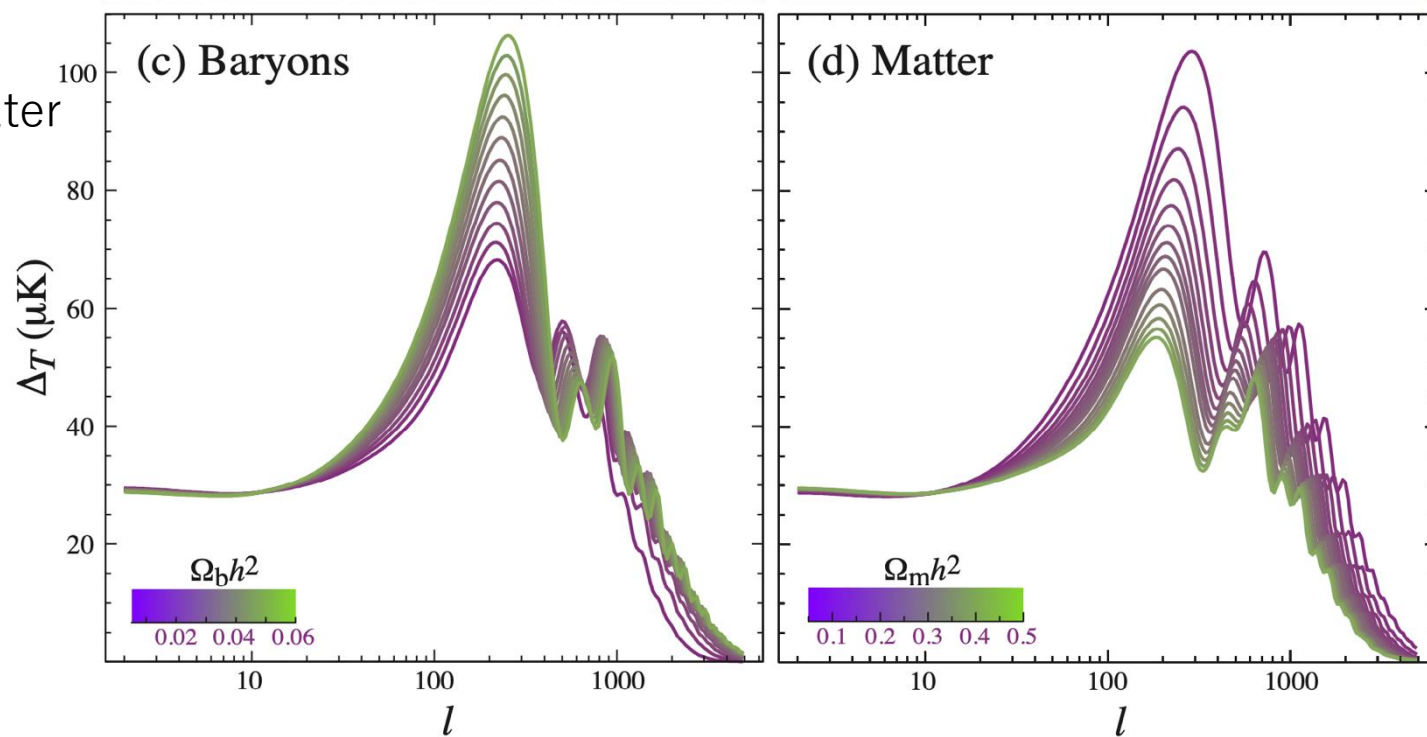
Jim Peebles  
2019 Nobel Prize

Curvature



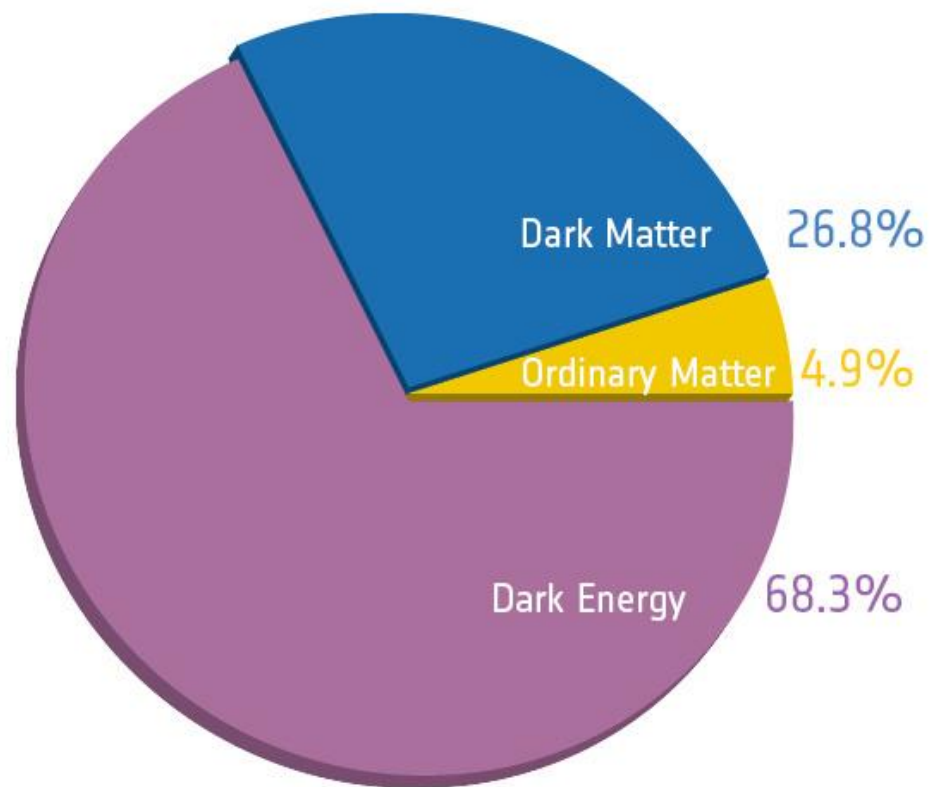
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Ordinary matter



Dark matter

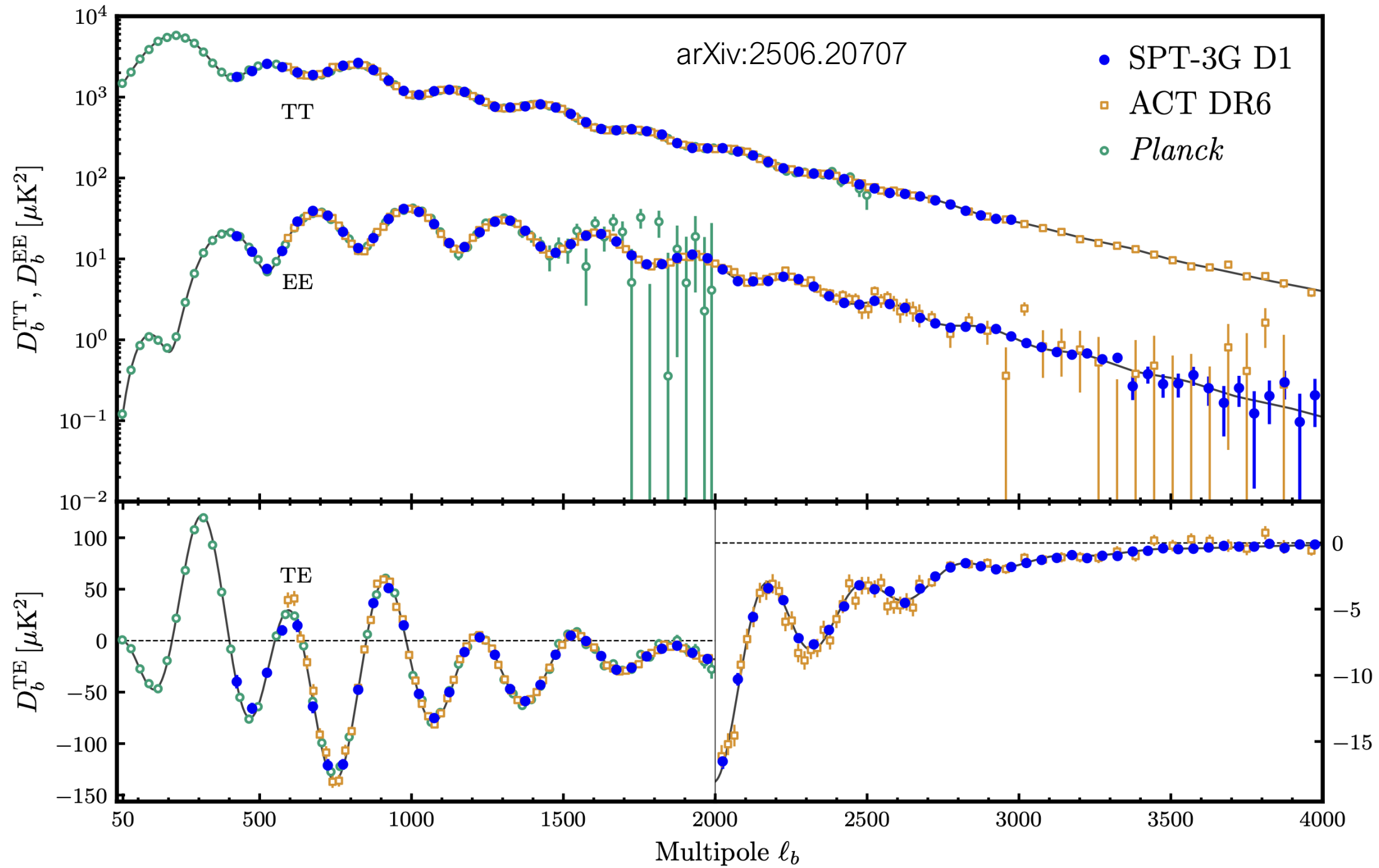


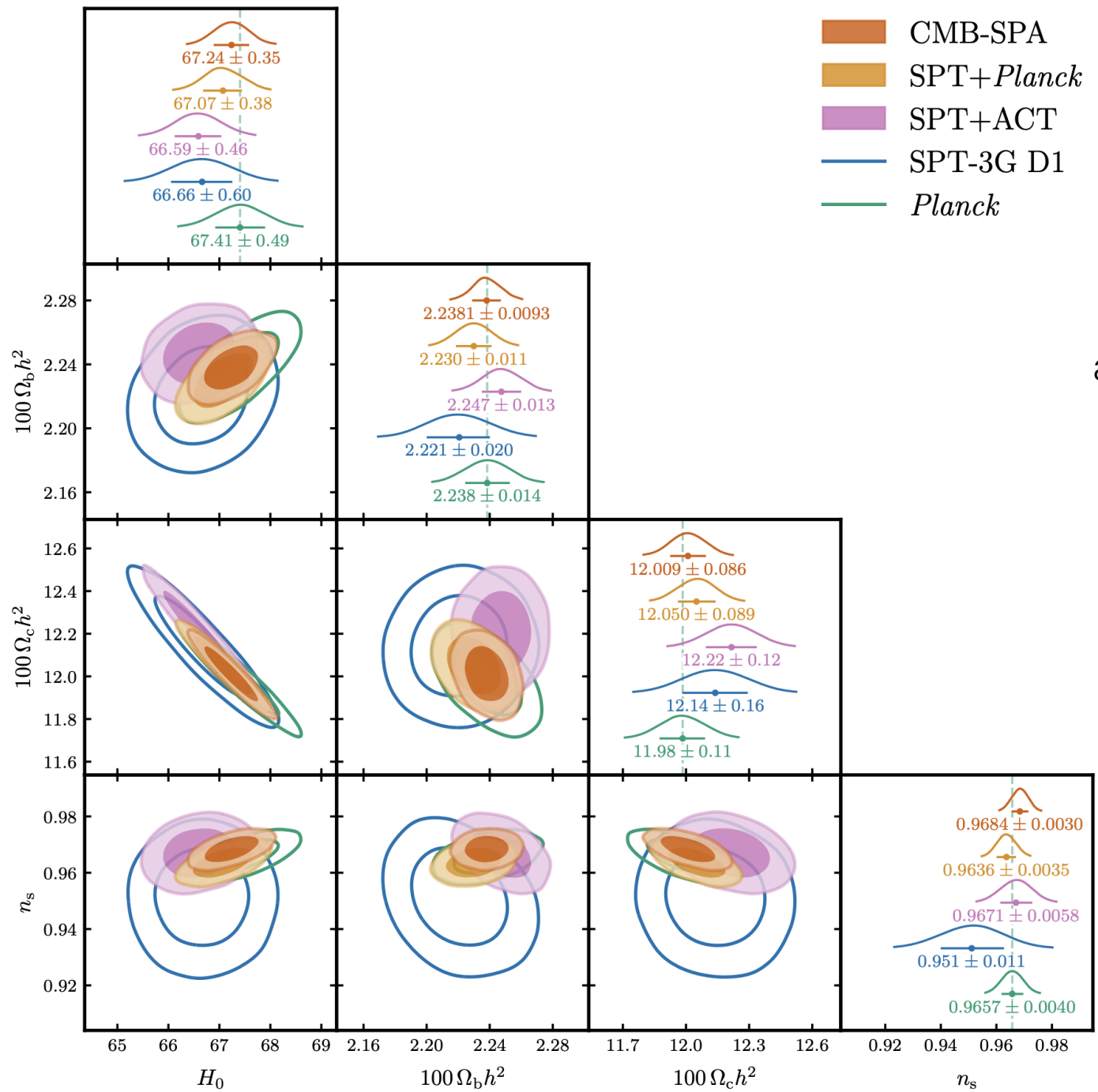


Dark Energy: 68.3%  
 Dark matter: 26.8%  
 Baryon (ordinary mater): 4.9%

95% of the Universe is “dark” unknown components

Parameter	TT+lowE 68% limits
$\Omega_b h^2$ . . . . .	$0.02212 \pm 0.00022$
$\Omega_c h^2$ . . . . .	$0.1206 \pm 0.0021$
$100\theta_{\text{MC}}$ . . . . .	$1.04077 \pm 0.00047$
$\tau$ . . . . .	$0.0522 \pm 0.0080$
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$ . . . . .	$3.040 \pm 0.016$
$n_s$ . . . . .	$0.9626 \pm 0.0057$
$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ] . .	$66.88 \pm 0.92$
$\Omega_\Lambda$ . . . . .	$0.679 \pm 0.013$
$\Omega_m$ . . . . .	$0.321 \pm 0.013$

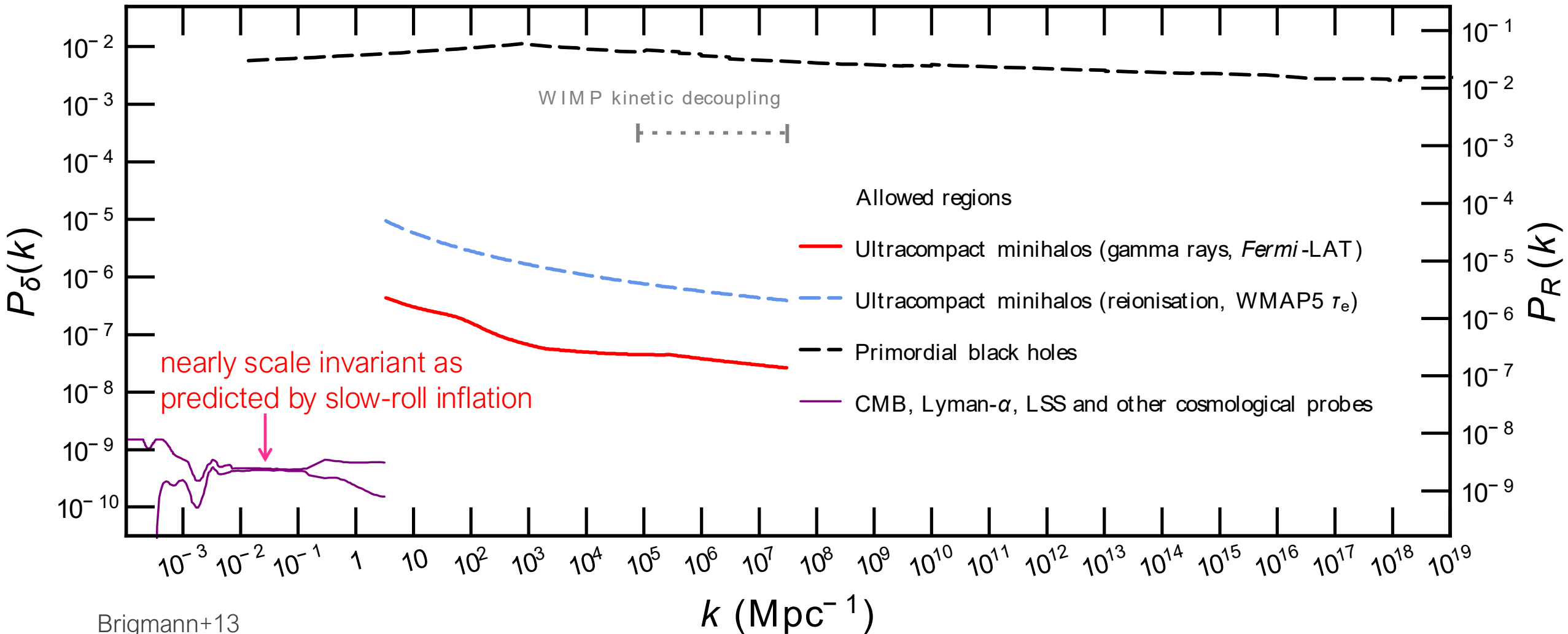




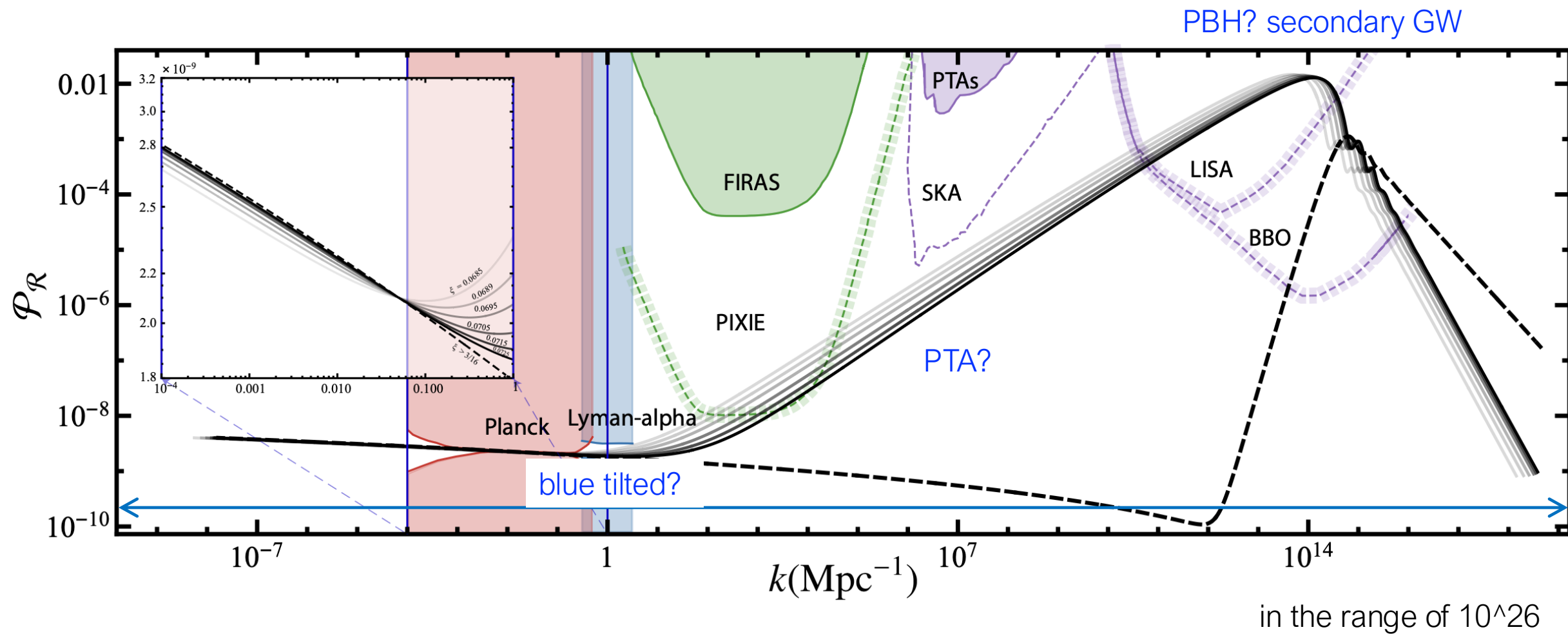
arXiv:2506.20707



# Primordial fluctuations are scale-invariant on all the scales?



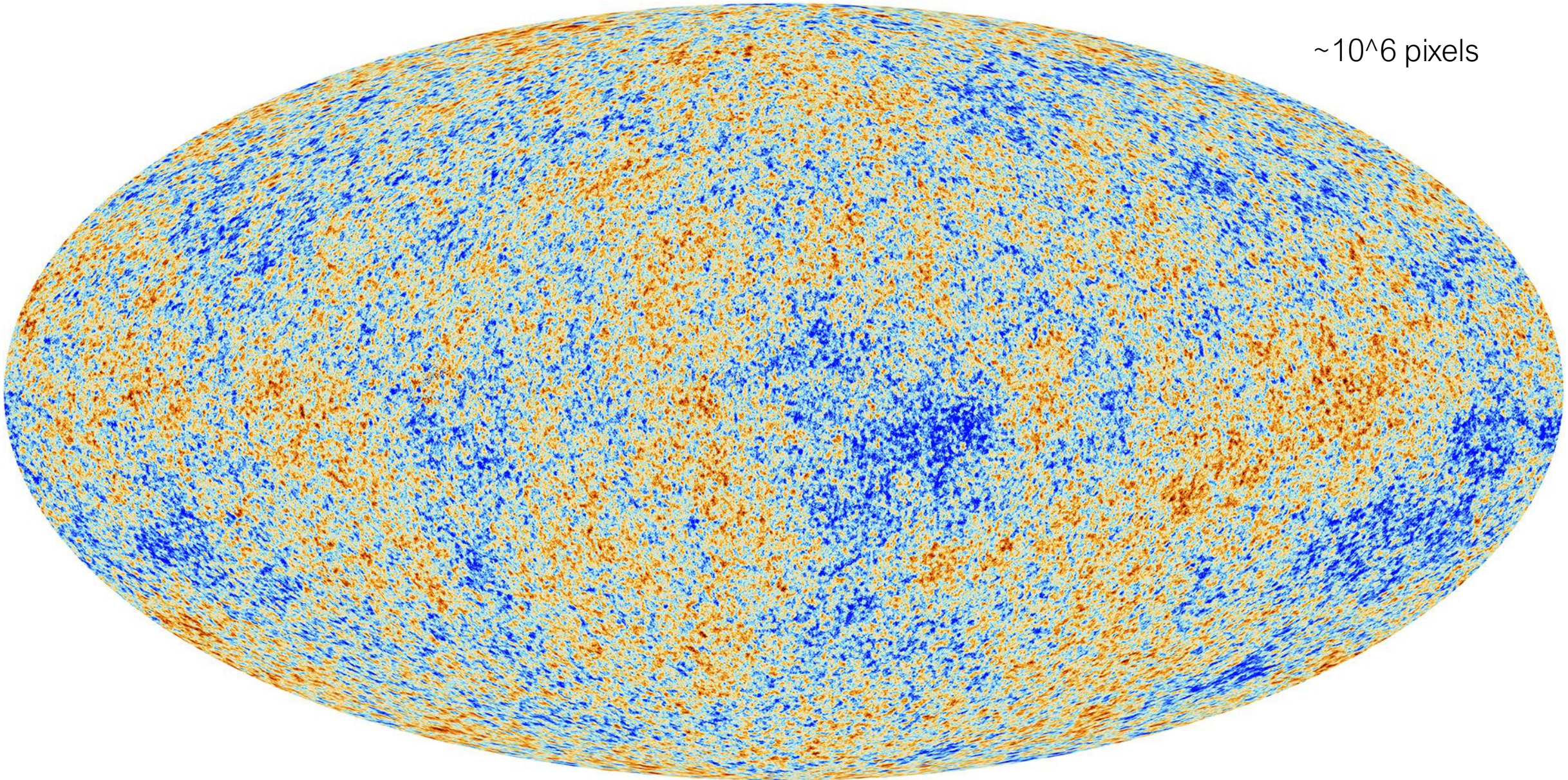
we should be open-minded!





how to analyze “data”?

$\sim 10^6$  pixels





# random Gaussian field

- cosmological fluctuation field

$$\mathbf{d} \equiv \{d(\mathbf{x}_1), d(\mathbf{x}_2), \dots, d(\mathbf{x}_{N_{\text{grid}}})\}$$

the field can be ...

$$\frac{T(\hat{\mathbf{n}})}{\bar{T}} - 1, \frac{n_g(\mathbf{x})}{\bar{n}_g} - 1, \dots$$

- multivariate Gaussian field (BBKS 84; Bond & Efstathiou 87)

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{d}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^{N_{\text{grid}}} \det(C)}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} d_i C_{ij}^{-1} d_j \right]$$

- two-point correlation function and power spectrum

$$\underbrace{C_{ij} \equiv \langle d(\mathbf{x}_i) d(\mathbf{x}_j) \rangle}_{\text{2pt function}} = \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \underbrace{P_d(|\mathbf{k}|)}_{\text{power spectrum}} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)} \quad \tilde{d}_{\mathbf{k}} = |\tilde{d}_{\mathbf{k}}| e^{i\phi_{\mathbf{k}}} \rightarrow P_d(|\mathbf{k}|) = \langle |\tilde{d}_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle$$

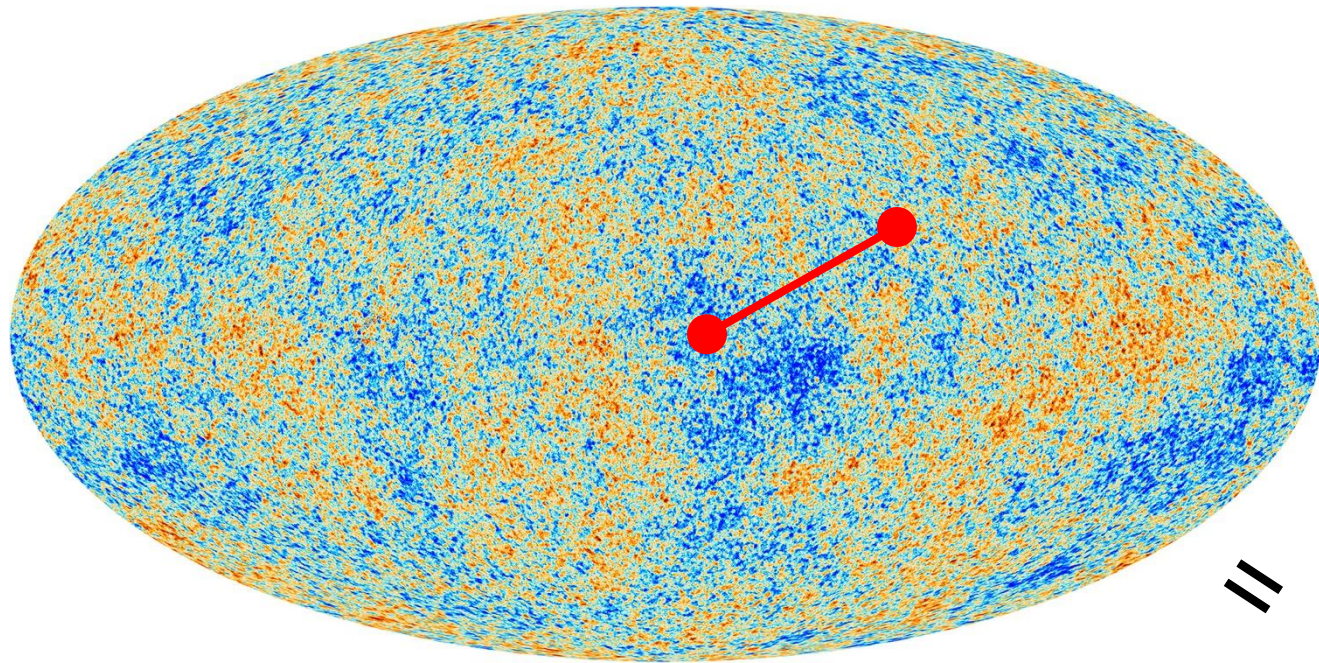
- You can compute any statistics (e.g, n-point correlation function), but **2pt func.**  
(power spectrum) contains the full information

$$\langle d(\mathbf{x}_1) d(\mathbf{x}_2) d(\mathbf{x}_3) \rangle = \int d d_1 \cdots d d_{N_{\text{grid}}} d_1 d_2 d_3 \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{d})$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \sigma^2$$

$$\langle x^4 \rangle = 3\sigma^4$$

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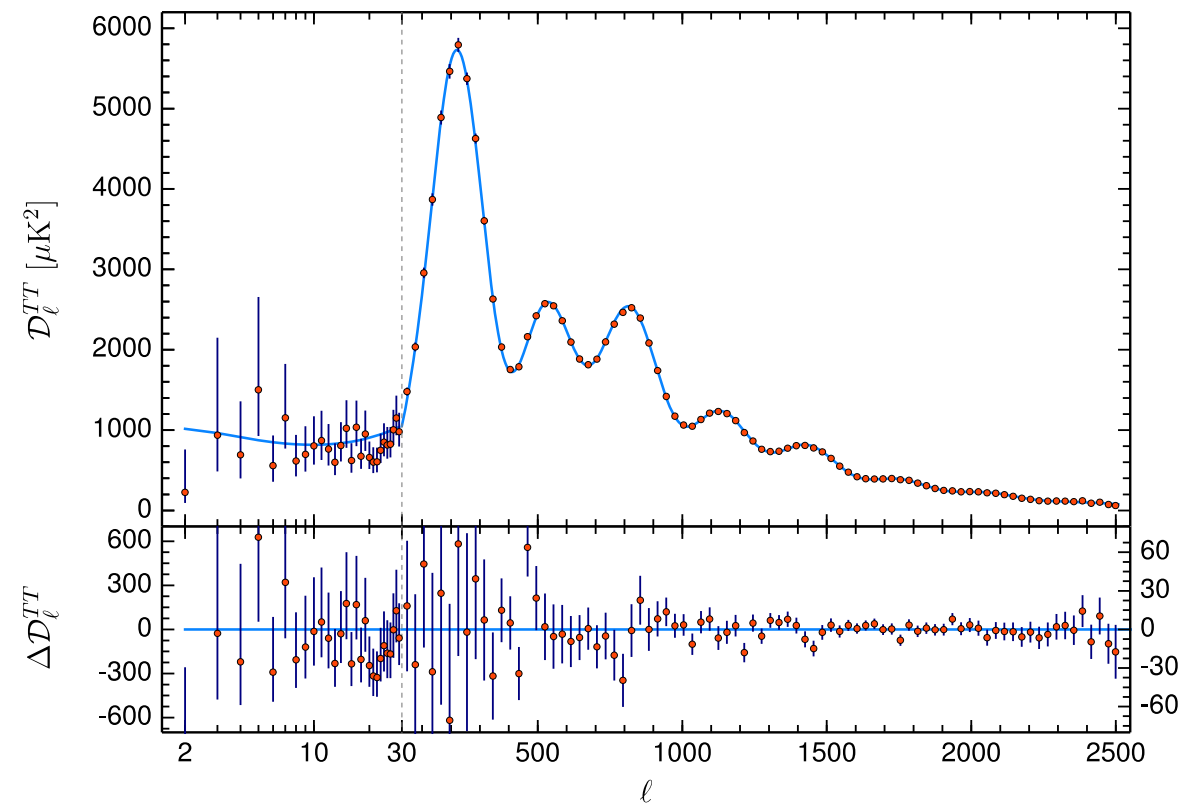


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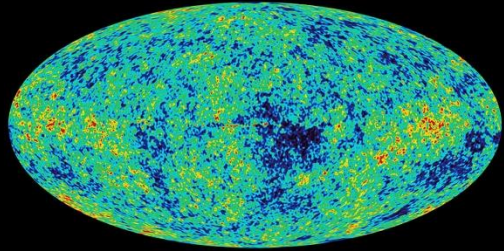
$$\frac{\delta T(\hat{\mathbf{n}})}{\bar{T}} = \sum_{\ell m} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})$$

huge data reduction:  $\sim 10^6 \Rightarrow \sim 10^3$  or even less

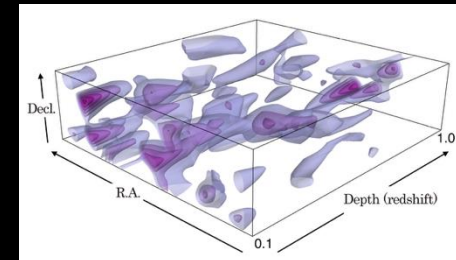
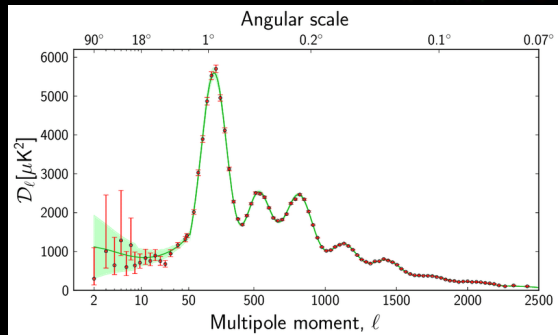
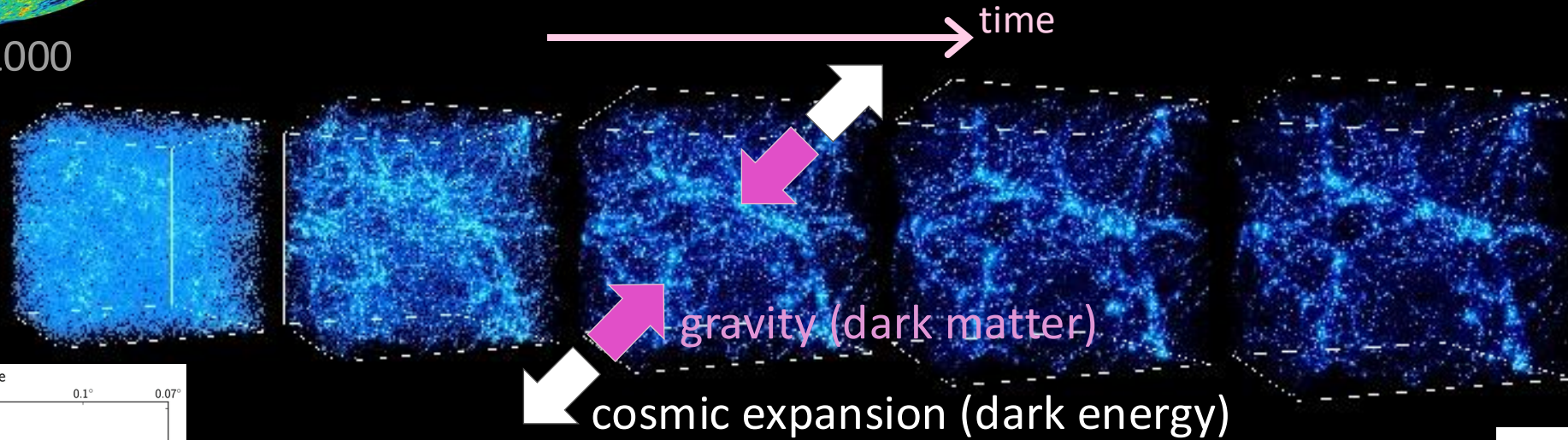
for CMB (which is very close to Gaussian),  
the power spectrum is sufficient to extract its  
full information



# $\Lambda$ CDM structure formation model



CMB at  $z \sim 1000$



$\Lambda$ CDM =  $\sim 6$  parameters

Galaxy surveys directly measure “**lumpiness**” of the late universe



Decoding galaxy survey data



Subaru HSC data

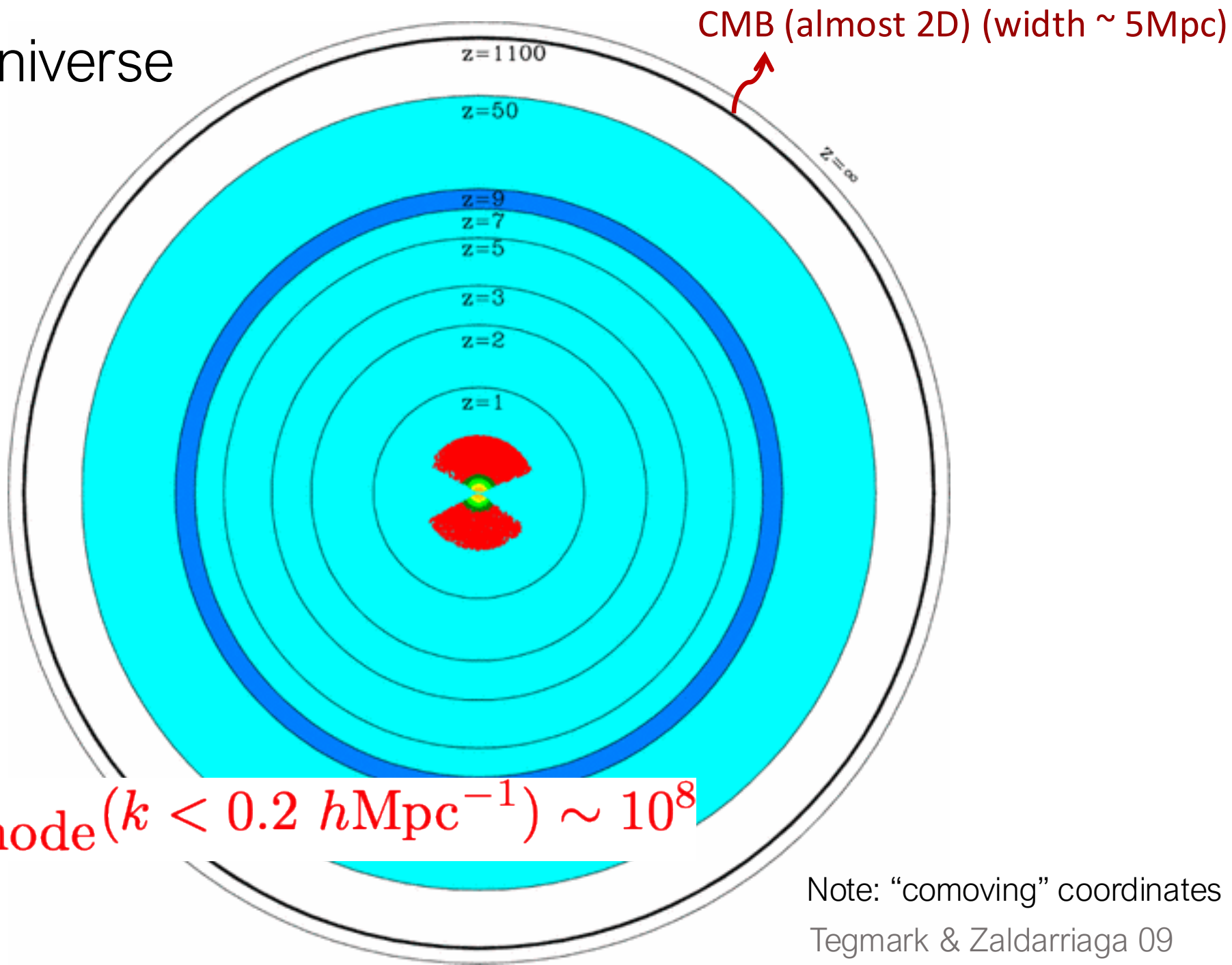


galaxy survey sees (3+1)D universe (time and space)

“Observable” universe

$$N_{\text{CMB,mode}} \sim 10^6$$

$$N_{\text{galax-survey, mode}}(k < 0.2 \, h\text{Mpc}^{-1}) \sim 10^8$$



Note: “comoving” coordinates

Tegmark & Zaldarriaga 09



# Nonlinear structure formation (late-time universe)

- The fluctuations evolve to form nonlinear structures (stars, galaxies, filaments ...) on small scales  $O(\delta_g) > 1$
- The linear theory is no longer valid for describing the time evolution of small-scale structures (note that structures on large scales are still in the linear regime)
- Nonlinear structure formation cause mode coupling of different Fourier modes

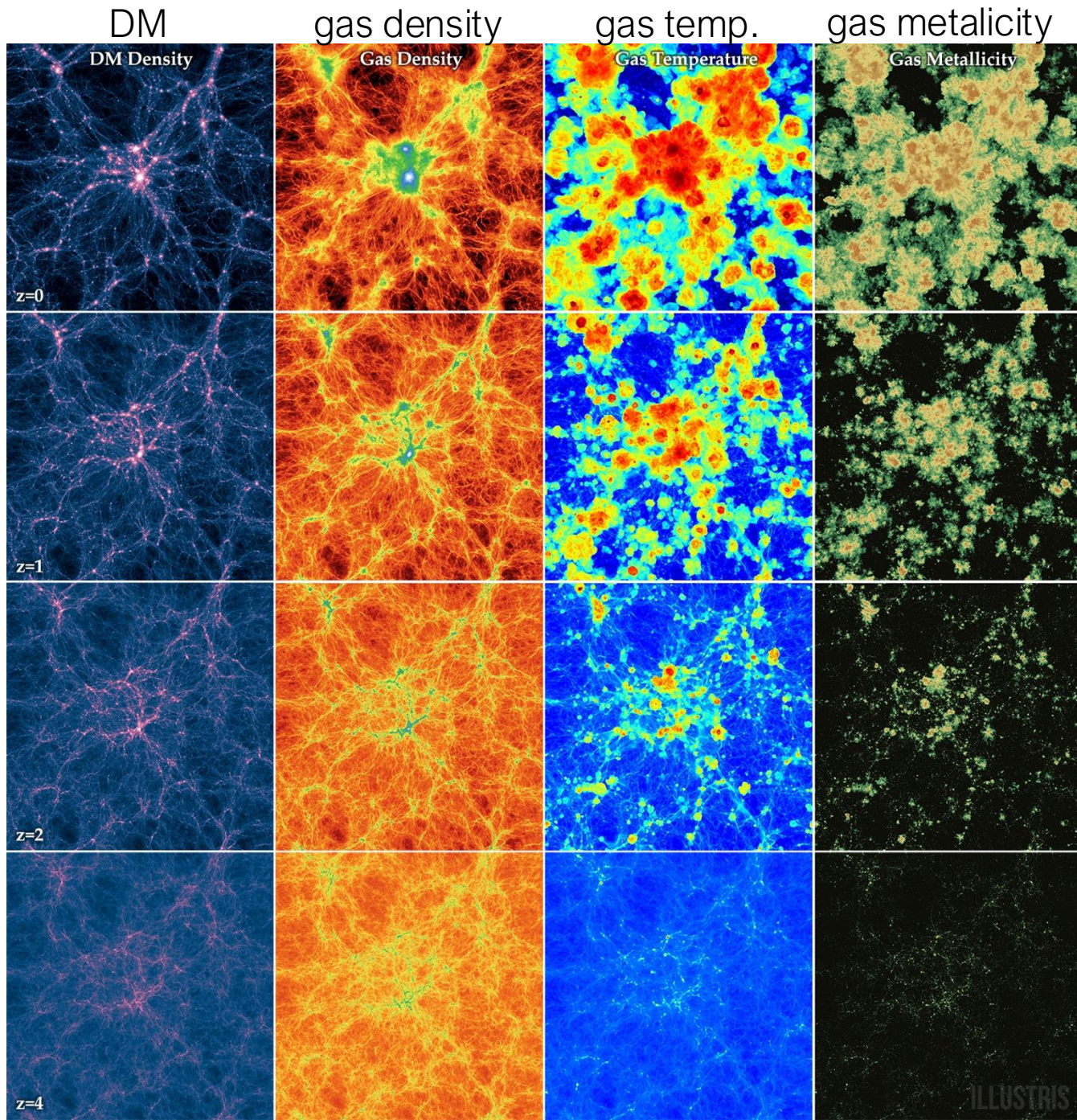
- For instance, a perturbative picture of nonlinear structure formation gives

$$\delta(\mathbf{k}) = \delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}) + \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}) + \dots$$

$$\text{where } \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}) = \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}_1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\mathbf{q}_2}{(2\pi)^3} (2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}_1 - \mathbf{q}_2) F(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) \delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{q}_1) \delta^{(1)}(\mathbf{q}_2)$$

- Approaches to modeling nonlinear structure formation for galaxy surveys
  - Cosmological **N-body (gravity only) simulations**: now easy to run and very accurate
  - Cosmological **hydrodynamical simulations**: ideal, but very expensive
  - Analytical **cosmological perturbation theory** (effective field of theory of LSS): See [Zvonimir's talk](#)





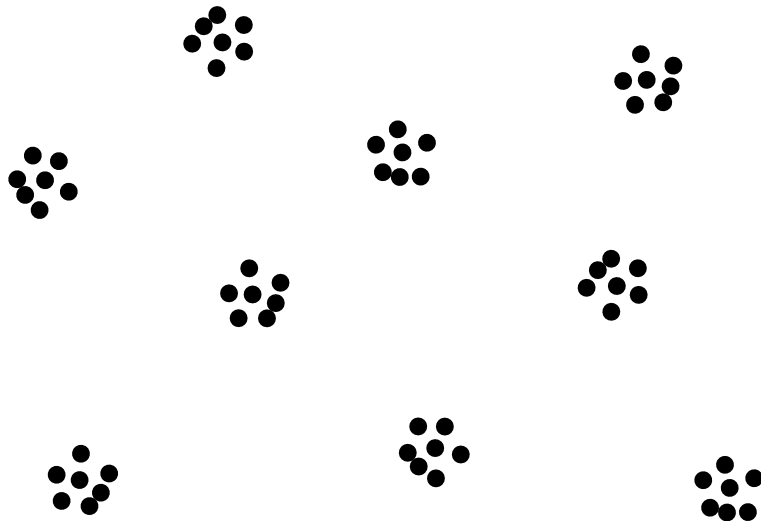
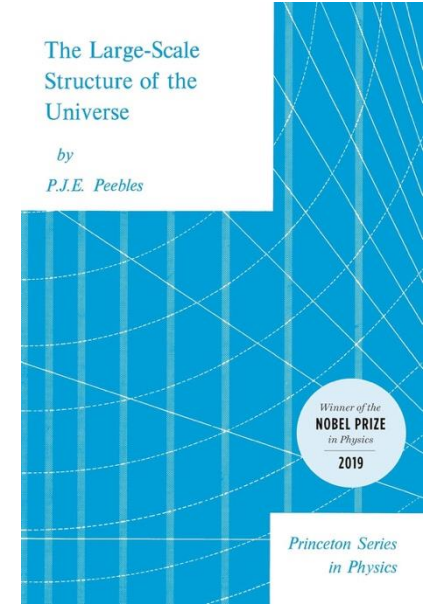
- Nonlinear structure formation on small scales (galaxy formation, ...) are very complicated – still an open question
- Still impossible or very difficult to accurately simulate galaxy formation (no simulation using star-by-star particles)
- it involves a wealth of physical processes (also various observational data)

from Illustris simulation project

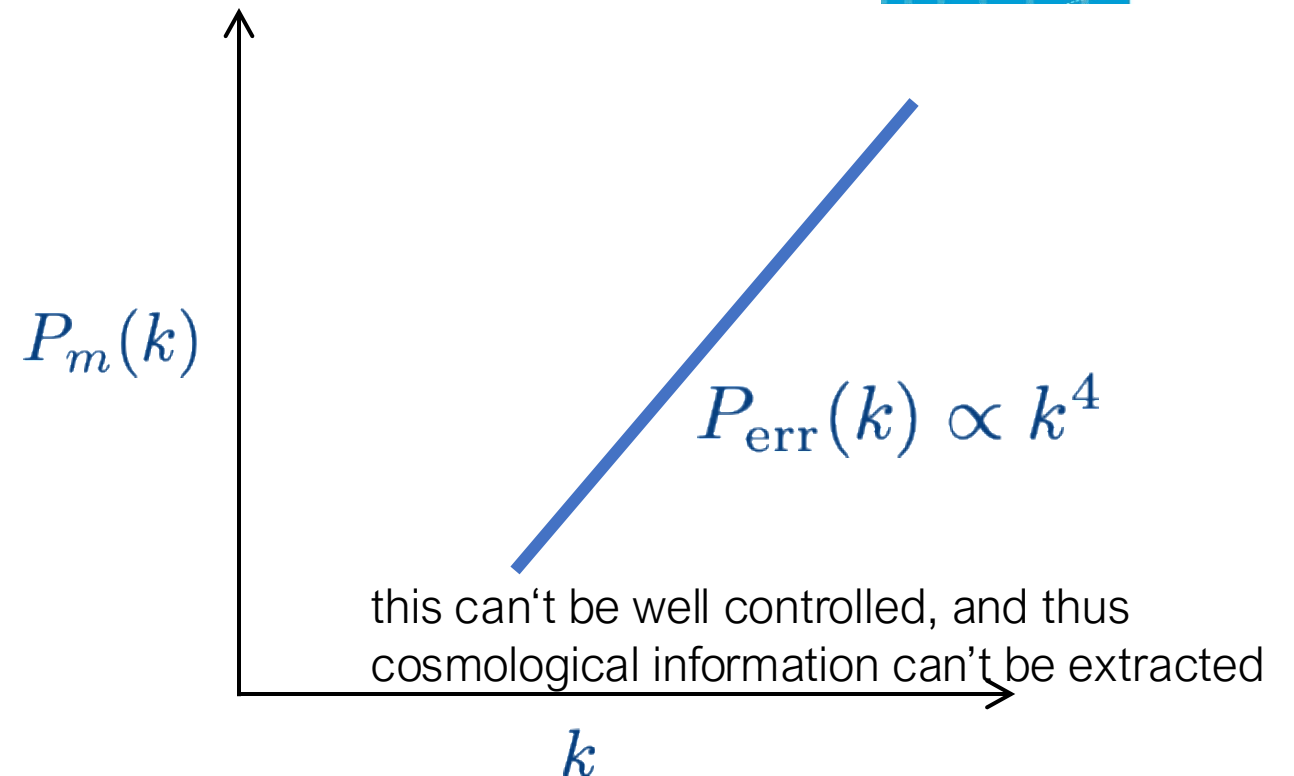


# The backreaction from small scales to large scales: the effect of a lumpy matter distribution

- Peebles (1974; 80 textbook) considered an expanding universe containing lumpy (self-gravitating) clumps with a random spatial distribution (also Fry 94)
- Used an argument of **mass and momentum conservations**

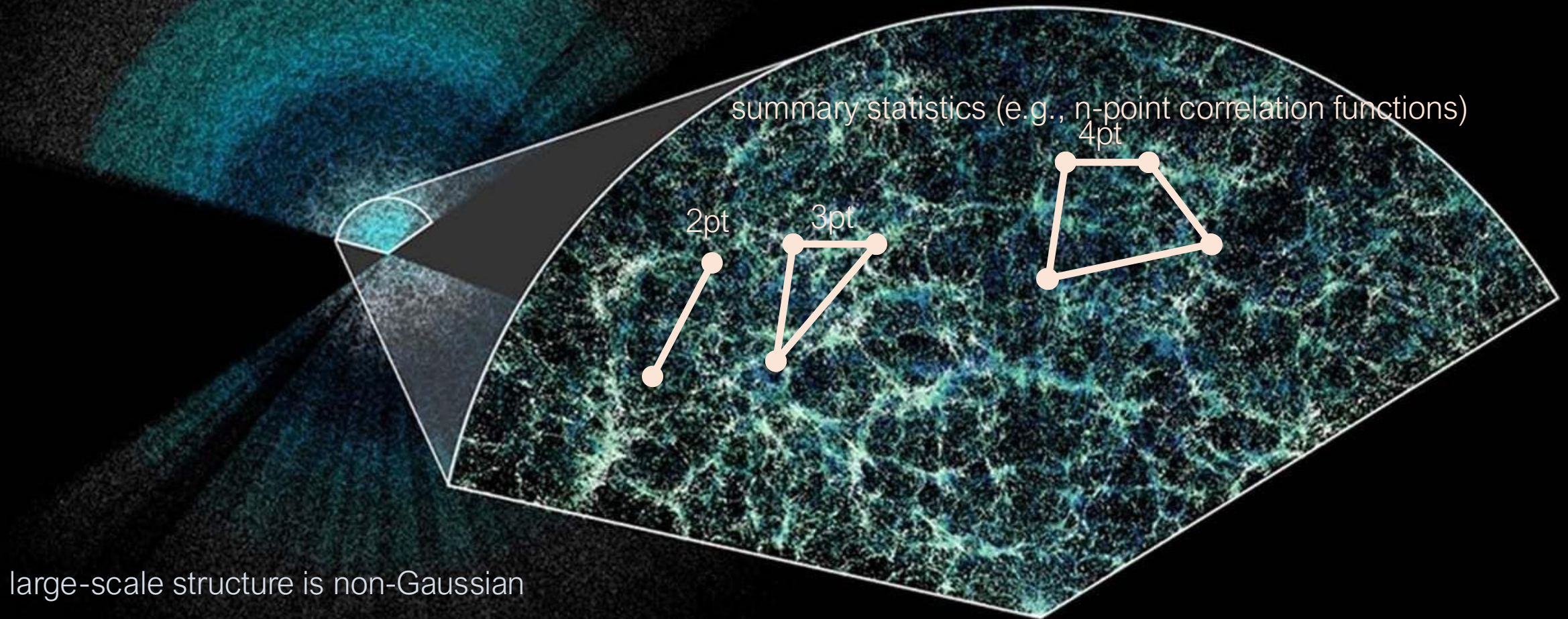


self-gravitating system (e.g., galaxy)  
that can't be well modeled





Problem: How can we extract the “full” cosmological information from galaxy survey data?



forward modeling

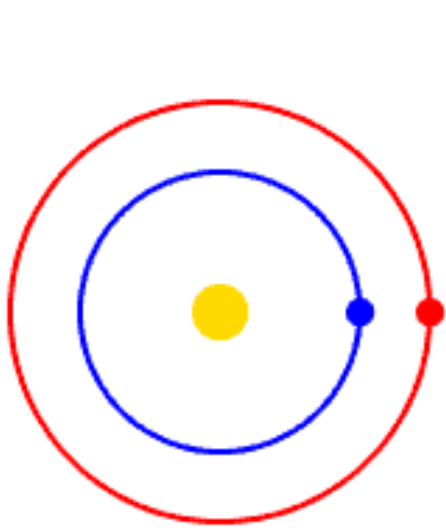
$$\delta_{\text{final}}(\mathbf{x}) = F[\delta_{\text{ini}}(\mathbf{q}), \delta_{\text{ini}}^2, (\partial\partial\Phi_{\text{ini}})^2, \dots]$$



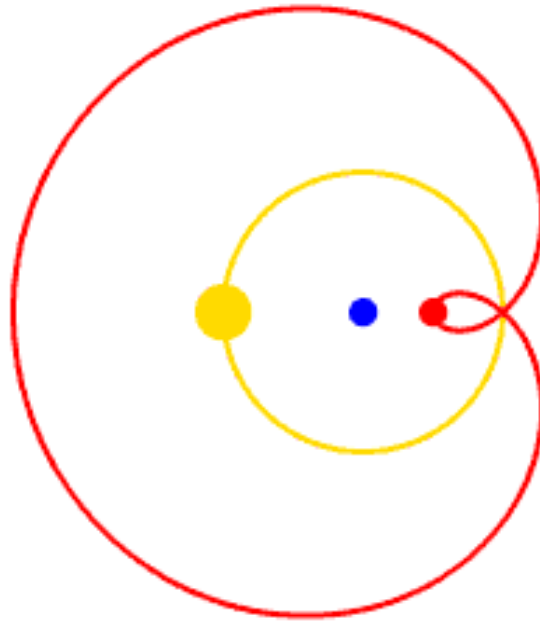
# Motion of mars on the sky

Observation = Truth

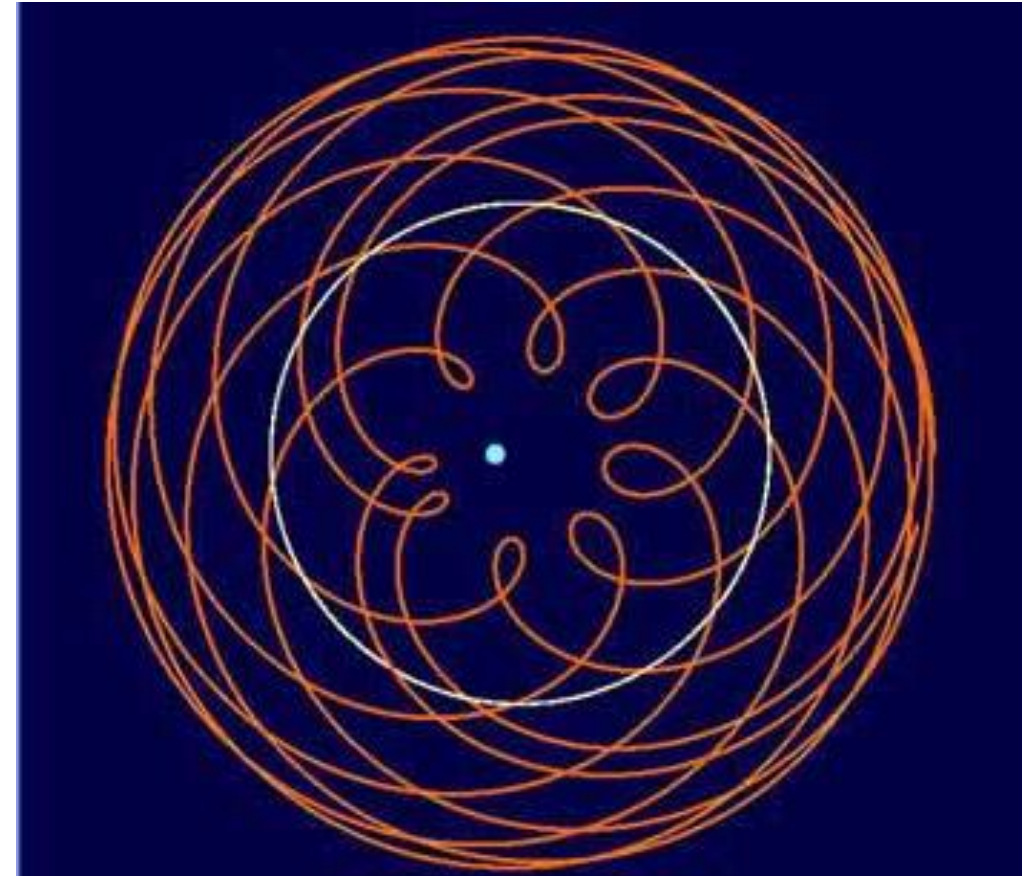
Theory = Understanding/Interpretation



Heliocentric theory – this is much more beautiful (or natural)



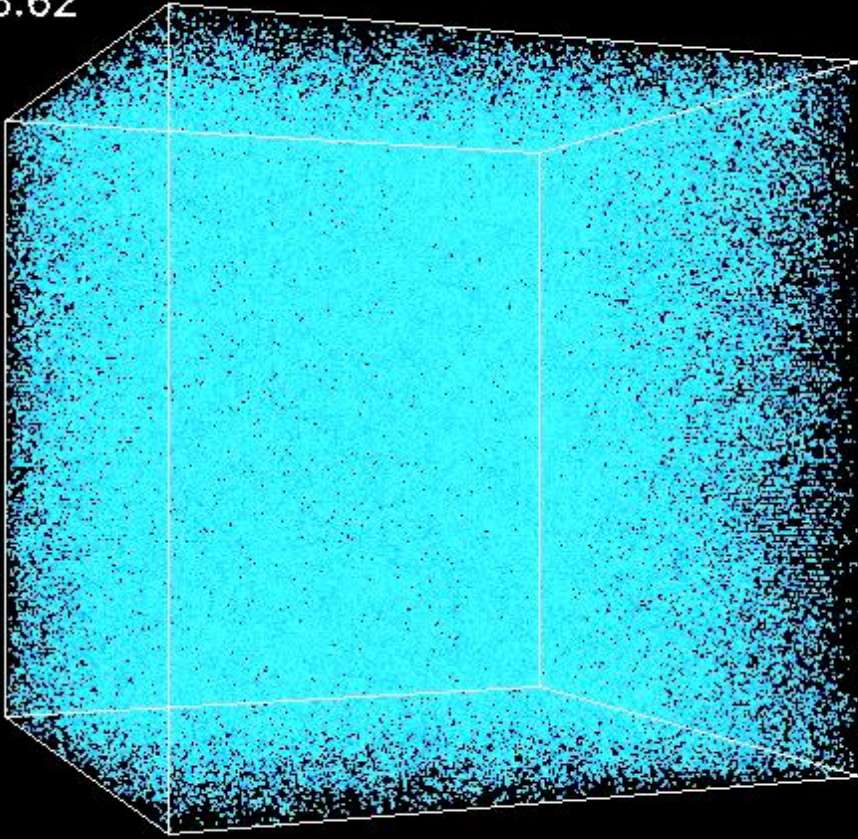
Geocentric theory



The motion of Mars looks like this assuming the geocentric theory

# separate universe approach of LSS

$z=28.62$



- any simulations are done in a finite volume (ignore super-box modes). simulations usually employ periodic boundary conditions
- simulations are expensive: want to use as many particles as possible in a small volume to simulate nonlinear structure formation/galaxy formation
- any galaxy survey covers a finite volume



# Separate universe approach (peak-background split)

Baldauf+ 11; Li, Hu & MT 14

- Cosmological Newtonian metric

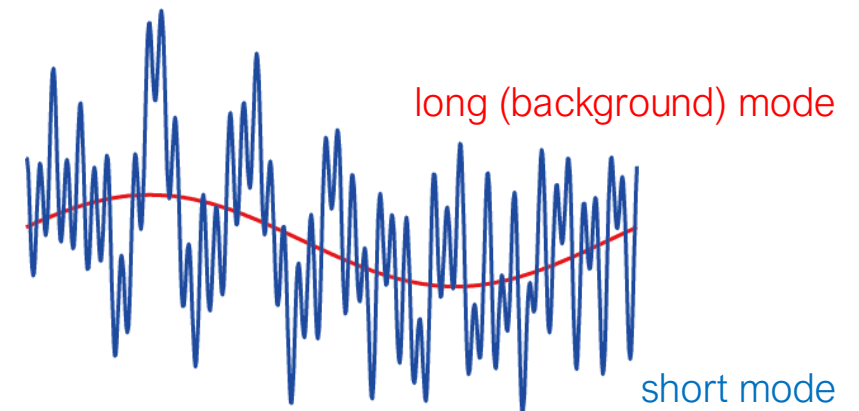
$$ds^2 = -[1 + 2\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t)] dt^2 + a(t)^2 [1 - 2\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t)] d\mathbf{x}^2$$

here  $\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G a^2 [\bar{\rho}_c \delta_c + \bar{\rho}_b \delta_b + \dots]$

- Long- and short-wavelength mode splits

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}, t) \simeq \Phi^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \Phi^{(s)}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

- Taylor expansion ...



$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}, t) &\simeq \Phi^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}_0, t) + \partial_i \Phi^{(l)} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0} (x - x_0)^i + \frac{1}{2} \partial_i \partial_j \Phi^{(l)} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0} (x - x_0)^i (x - x_0)^j + O(\partial^3 \Phi) \\ &= \Phi^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}_0, t) + \partial_i \Phi^{(l)} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0} x^i + \frac{1}{6} \nabla^2 \Phi^{(l)} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0} x^i x_i + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \partial_i \partial_j - \frac{\nabla^2}{3} \delta_{ij}^K \right] \Phi^{(l)} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0} x^i x^j + O(\partial^3 \Phi) \\ &= \Phi^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}_0, t) + \underbrace{\partial_i \Phi^{(l)} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0} x^i + \frac{1}{6} \nabla^2 \Phi^{(l)} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0} r^2}_{\text{isotropic}} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\left[ \partial_i \partial_j - \frac{\nabla^2}{3} \delta_{ij}^K \right] \Phi^{(l)} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0} x^i x^j}_{\text{trace-less anisotropic (tide)}} + O(\partial^3 \Phi) \end{aligned}$$

# separate universe approach (cont'd)

- isotropic part  $\frac{1}{6} \nabla^2 \Phi^{(l)} \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0} r^2 = \frac{2}{3} \pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}_m \delta_l(t) r^2$

This is equivalent to  $\bar{\rho}_m \mapsto \bar{\rho}_m [1 + \delta_l(t)]$

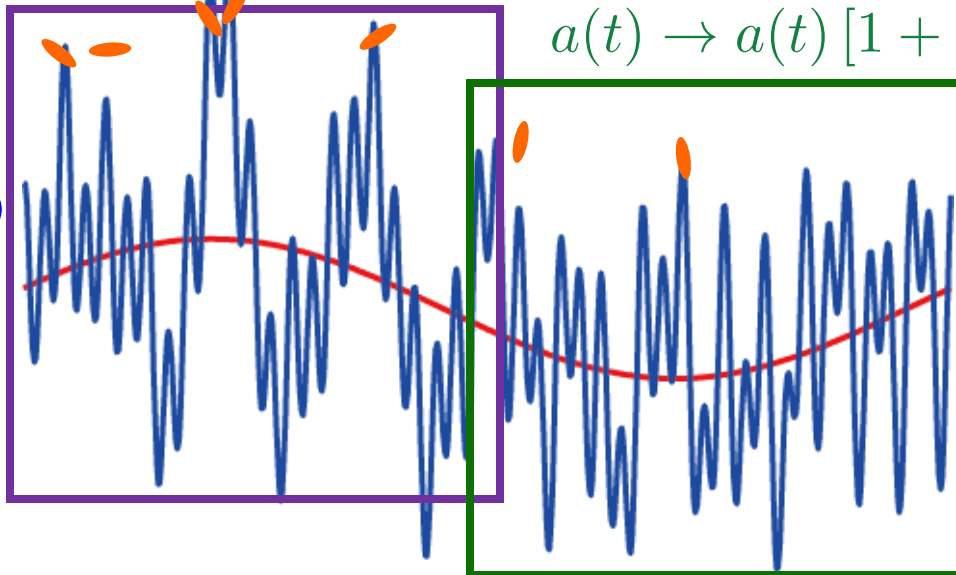
furthermore  $\mapsto \begin{cases} \text{closed universe } K > 0, & (\delta_l > 0) \\ \text{open universe } K < 0, & (\delta_l < 0) \end{cases}$  for  $\Lambda$ CDM model

MT & Futamase 99  
MT & Hu 13

$$a(t) \rightarrow a(t) [1 - |\epsilon(t)|]$$

$$a(t) \rightarrow a(t) [1 + |\epsilon(t)|]$$

$$\delta = \delta^{(l)} + \delta^{(s)}$$



Galaxy bias for  $\Lambda$ CDM (Kaiser 84)

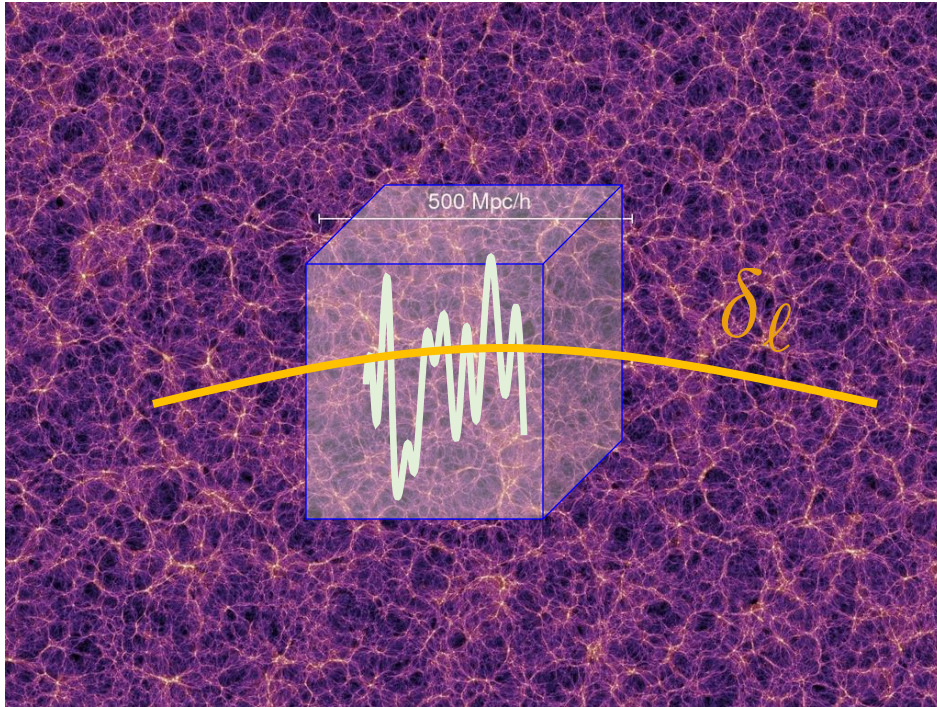
$$\delta_g = b_g \delta_m^{(l)}$$

$$b_g \sim \frac{\partial \ln n_g}{\partial \delta^{(l)}} \sim \frac{\partial \ln n_g}{\partial \Omega_K}$$



# Separate universe approach

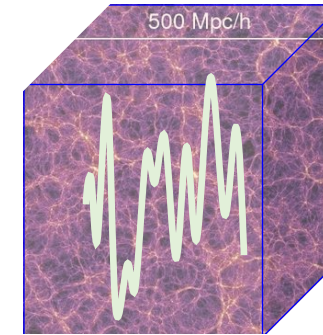
$$\Omega_K = 0$$



Li, Hu & MT 14a,b; Wagner+15  
Baldauf+ 16; Lyzeyras+16  
Barreira & Schmidt 17...

$$\Omega_K \sim \delta_\ell \neq 0$$

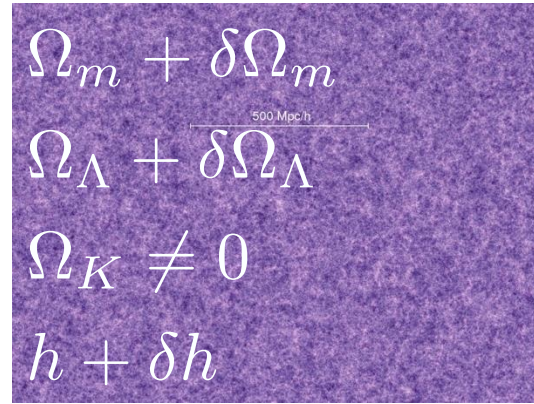
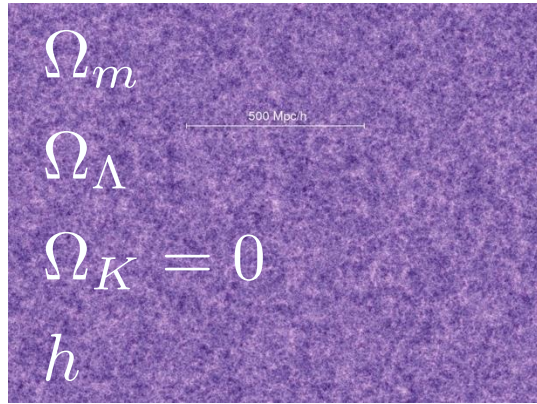
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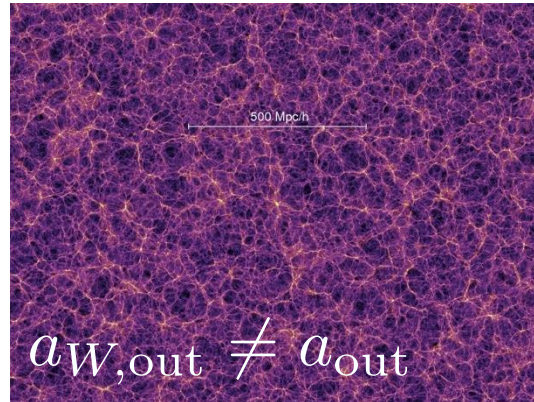
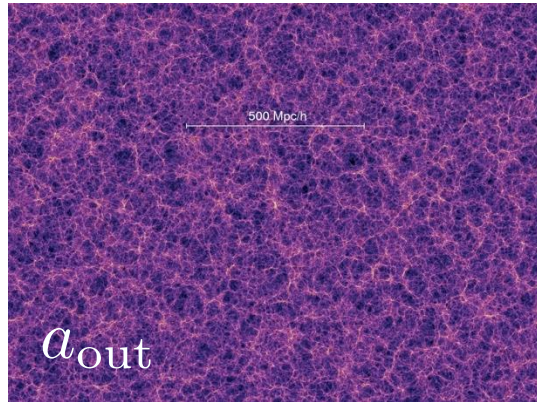
- Long-wavelength mode can be absorbed into a change in the background model (for the  $\Lambda$ CDM model, it can be absorbed into the curvature parameter)

# Separate universe simulation

initial redshift



later redshift



For flat  $\Lambda$ CDM model case, the SU sim is set by

$$\rho_{mW} = \bar{\rho}_m [1 + \delta_\ell(z)]$$

$$a_W \approx a \left( 1 - \frac{\delta_\ell}{3} \right)$$

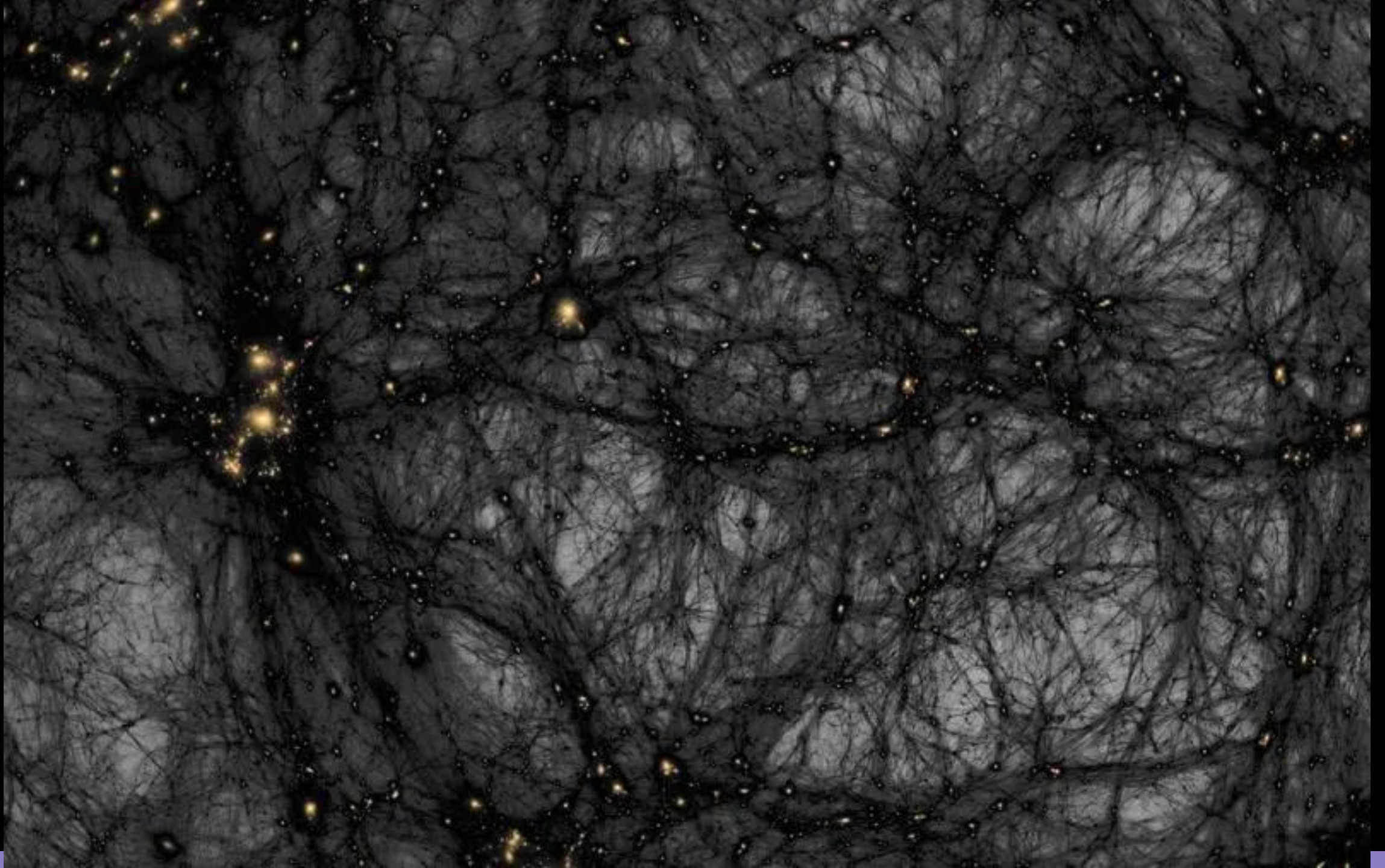
$$\frac{\delta h}{h} \approx -\frac{5\Omega_m}{6} \frac{\delta_\ell}{D}$$

$$\frac{\delta\Omega_m}{\Omega_m} = \frac{\delta\Omega_\Lambda}{\Omega_\Lambda} \approx -2 \frac{\delta h}{h}$$

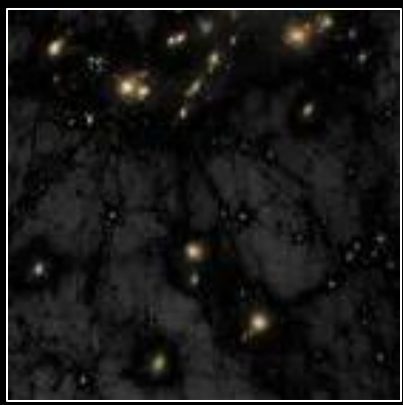
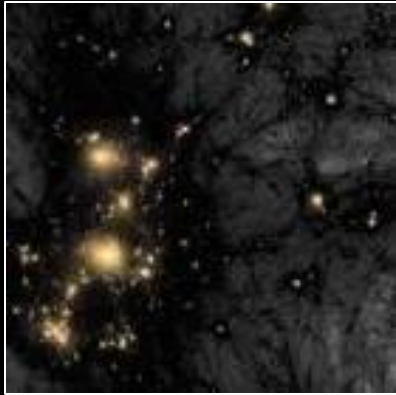
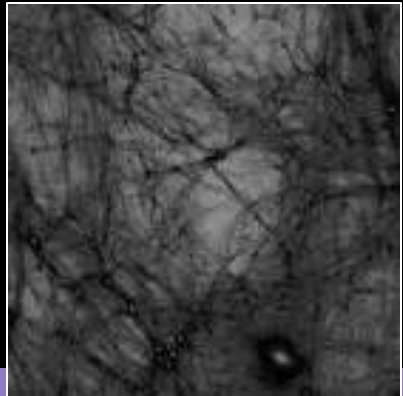
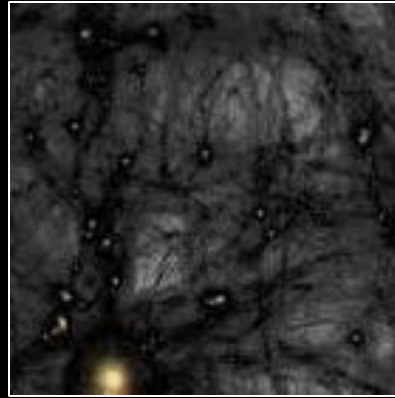
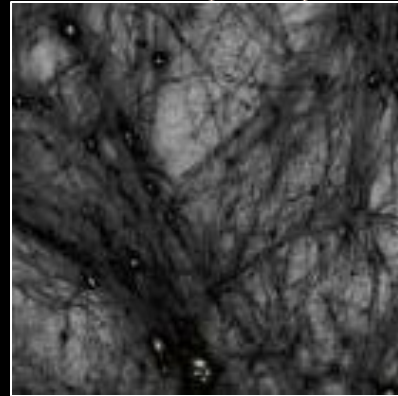
$$\Omega_{KW} = -\frac{5\Omega_m}{3} \frac{\delta_\ell}{D}$$

- We can use the same initial seeds in the paired SU simulations
- We can compute the response of any observable to the long-wavelength mode








 $\Omega_K(\delta_{\ell 1})$ 

 $\Omega_K(\delta_{\ell 2})$ 

 $\Omega_K(\delta_{\ell 4})$ 

 $\Omega_K(\delta_{\ell 3})$ 

 $\Omega_K(\delta_{\ell 5})$ 

- any observable in each local patch is

$$\mathcal{O}(\delta_\ell) = \mathcal{O}|_{\delta_\ell=0} \left[ 1 + \left. \frac{d \ln \mathcal{O}}{d \delta_\ell} \right|_{\delta_\ell=0} \delta_\ell + O(\delta_\ell^2) \right]$$

- E.g., the number density of galaxies in each patch is

$$\begin{aligned} n_g(\delta_\ell) &= n_g|_{\delta_\ell=0} \left[ 1 + \left. \frac{d \ln n_g}{d \delta_\ell} \right|_{\delta_\ell=0} \delta_\ell + O(\delta_\ell^2) \right] \\ &= \bar{n}_g [1 + b_g \delta_\ell + O(\delta_\ell^2)] \end{aligned}$$

- galaxy bias (Kaiser 84)

$$\delta_g(\mathbf{x}) = b_g \delta_\ell(\mathbf{x})$$

$$b_g = \left. \frac{d \ln n_g}{d \delta_l} \right|_{\delta_l=0} \sim \left. \frac{d \ln n_g}{d \Omega_K} \right|_{\Omega_K=0}$$



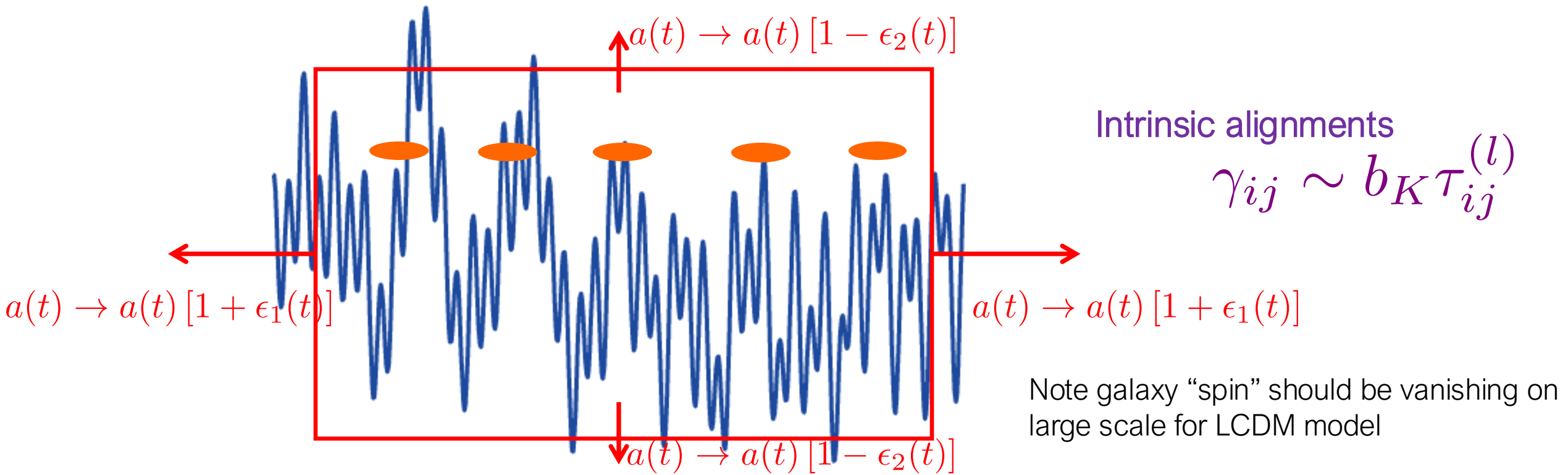
# “Anisotropic” separate universe approach

Ip & Schmidt 17; Akitsu & MT 17;  
Schmidt+18; Masaki+20

- The anisotropic part of long-wavelength mode (tide)

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_i \partial_j - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} \nabla^2 \right) \Phi \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0} x^i x^j \longrightarrow \tau_{ij}^{(l)}(t) \equiv \nabla^{-2} \left( \partial_i \partial_j - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} \nabla^2 \right) \Phi \Big|_{\mathbf{x}_0}$$

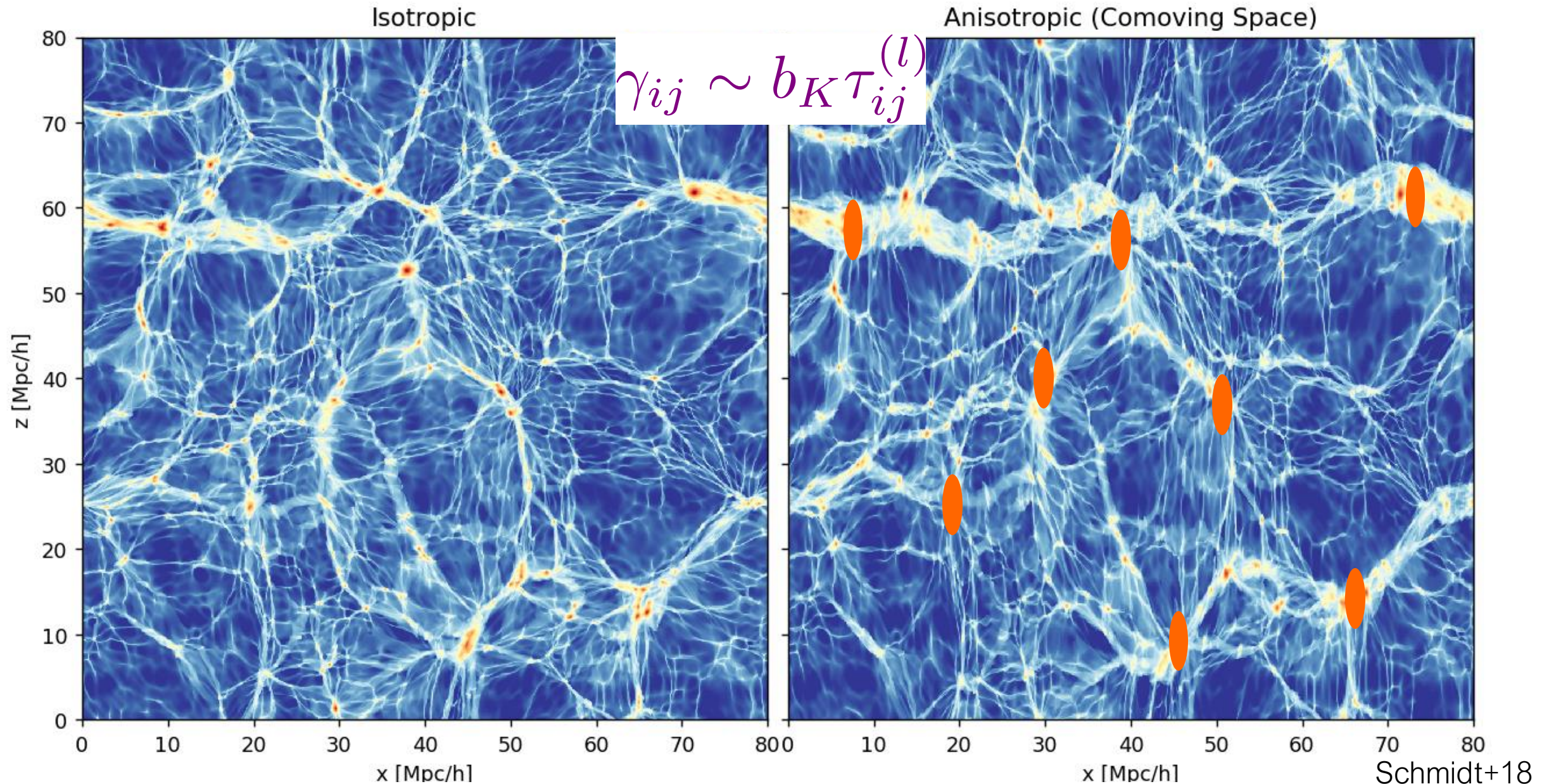
- The long-wavelength tide can be realized as an “anisotropic” expansion





# Anisotropic separate universe simulation

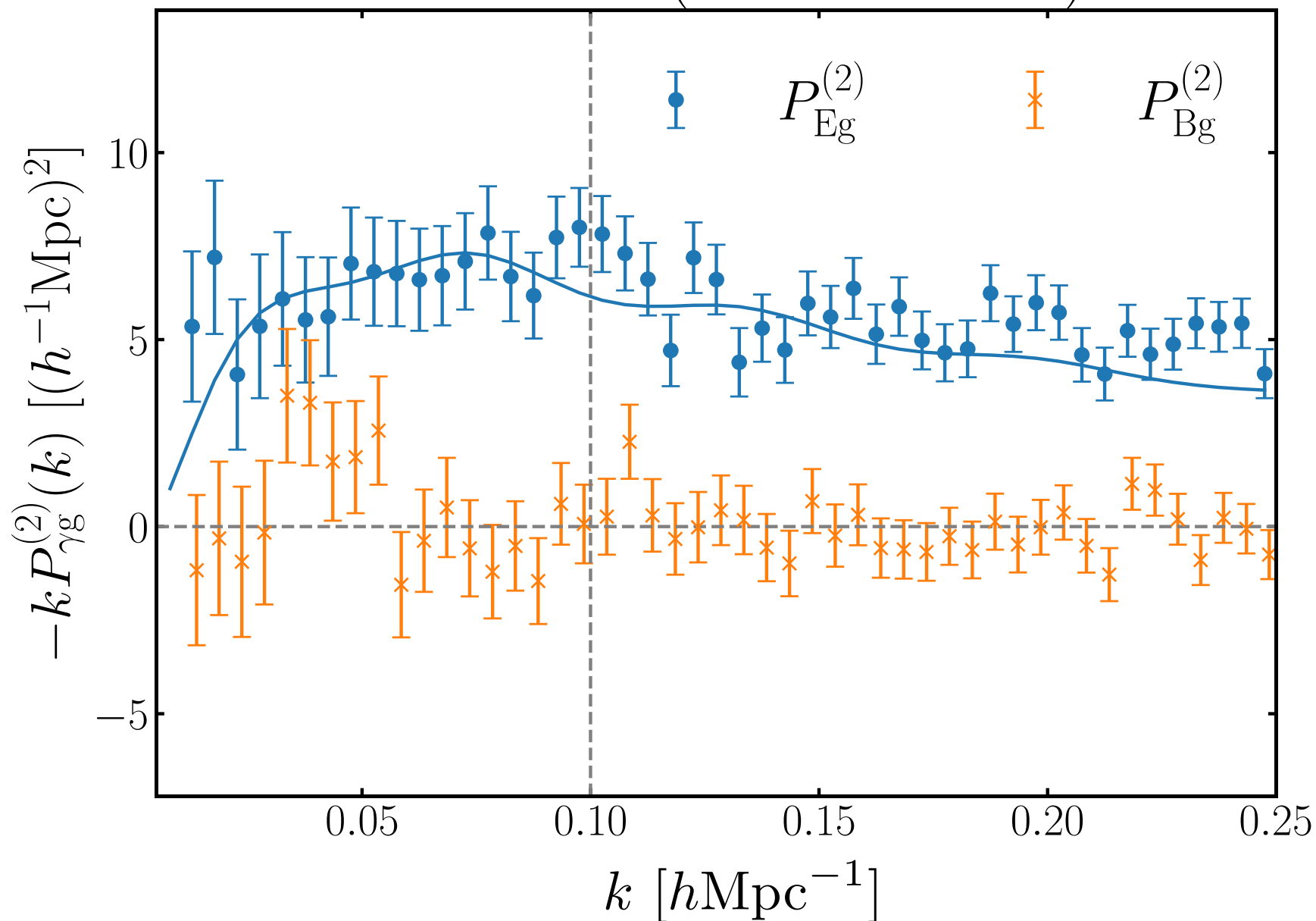
Also see Akitsu+ 23



# The first measurements of 3D IA power spectrum

Kurita & MT 23

NGC low- $z$  ( $0.2 < z < 0.5$ )





## Exercise: Evolution of the primordial density peak

- A useful illustration of BAO physics (Daniel Eisenstein)
- Consider the primordial density peak for the perturbations, assuming the adiabatic initial condition
- Assume that the primordial peak is given by a Gaussian, for illustration

$$\delta_i(\mathbf{r}, \eta_{\text{ini}}) \propto \exp \left[ -r^2 / (2\sigma^2) \right]$$

Primordial density peaks are from the inflation-quantum fluctuations

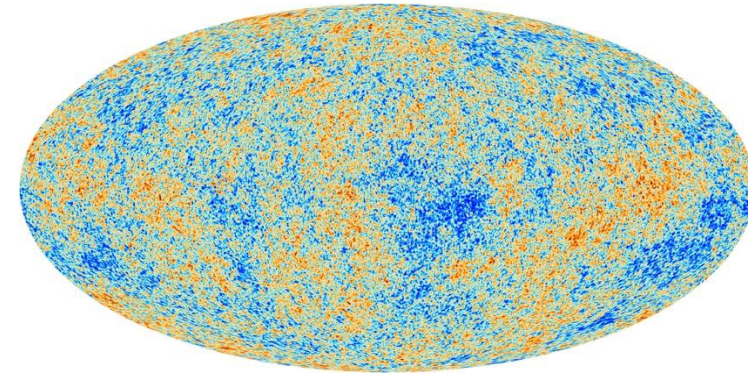
- Mass profile (3D)

$$\delta m_i(\mathbf{r}, \eta_{\text{ini}}) \propto r^2 \exp \left[ -r^2 / (2\sigma^2) \right]$$

- Use the transfer function of each component to compute the time evolution of its mass profile

$$\delta m_i(\mathbf{r}, \eta) = \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \underline{T_i(k, \eta)} \widetilde{\delta m}(\mathbf{k}, \eta_{\text{ini}}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

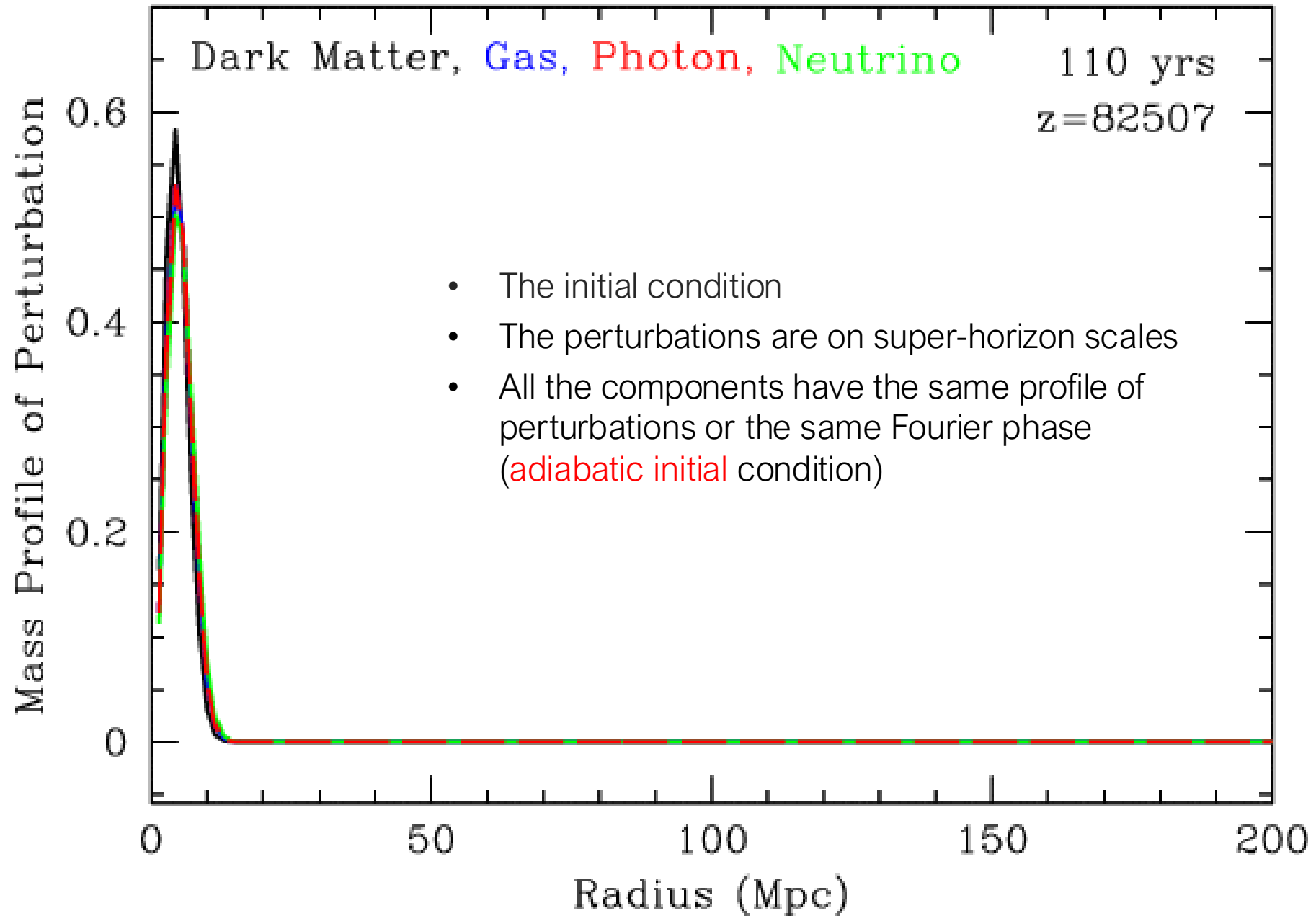
transfer function: use **CAMB** to compute it, for LCDM model

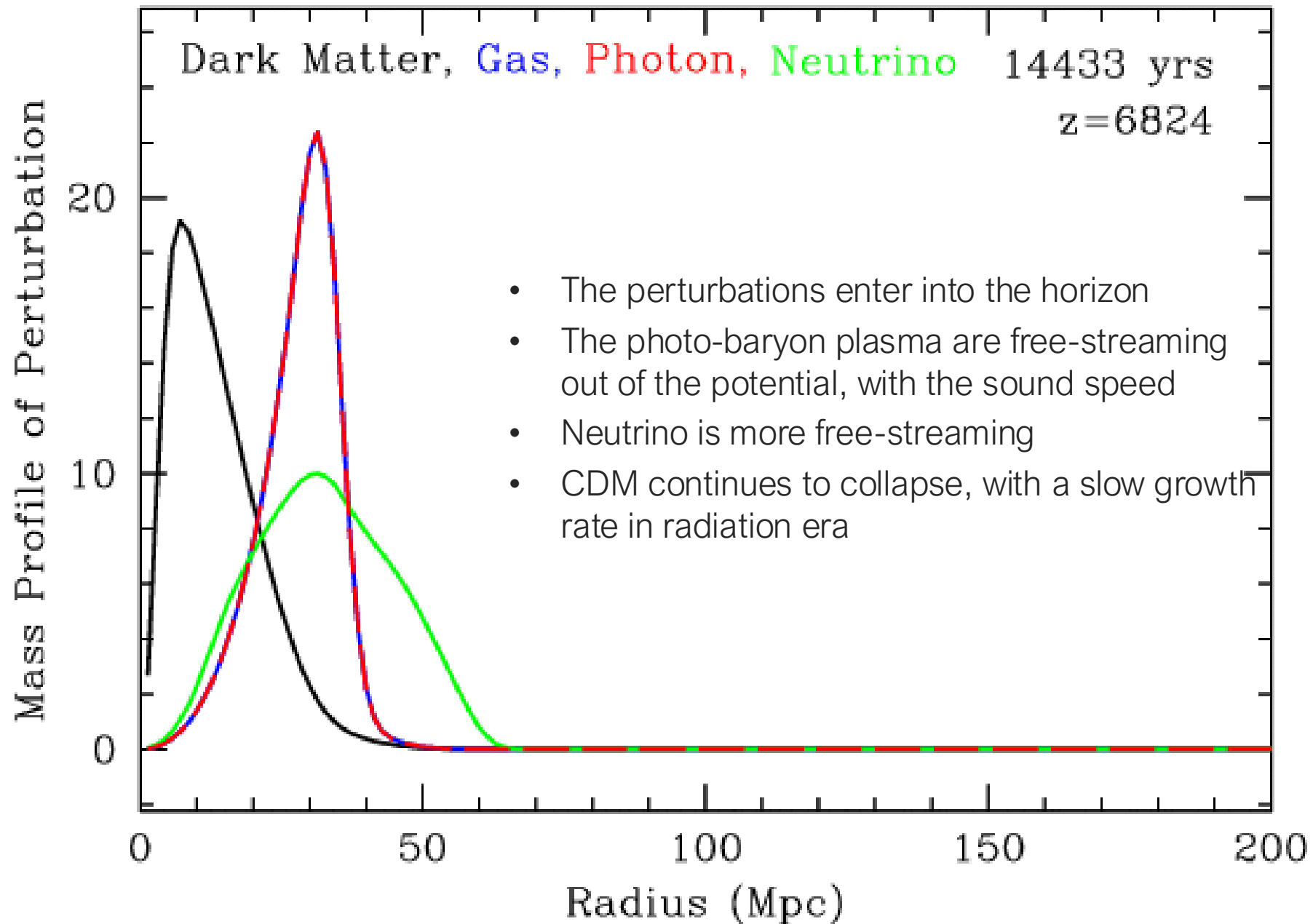


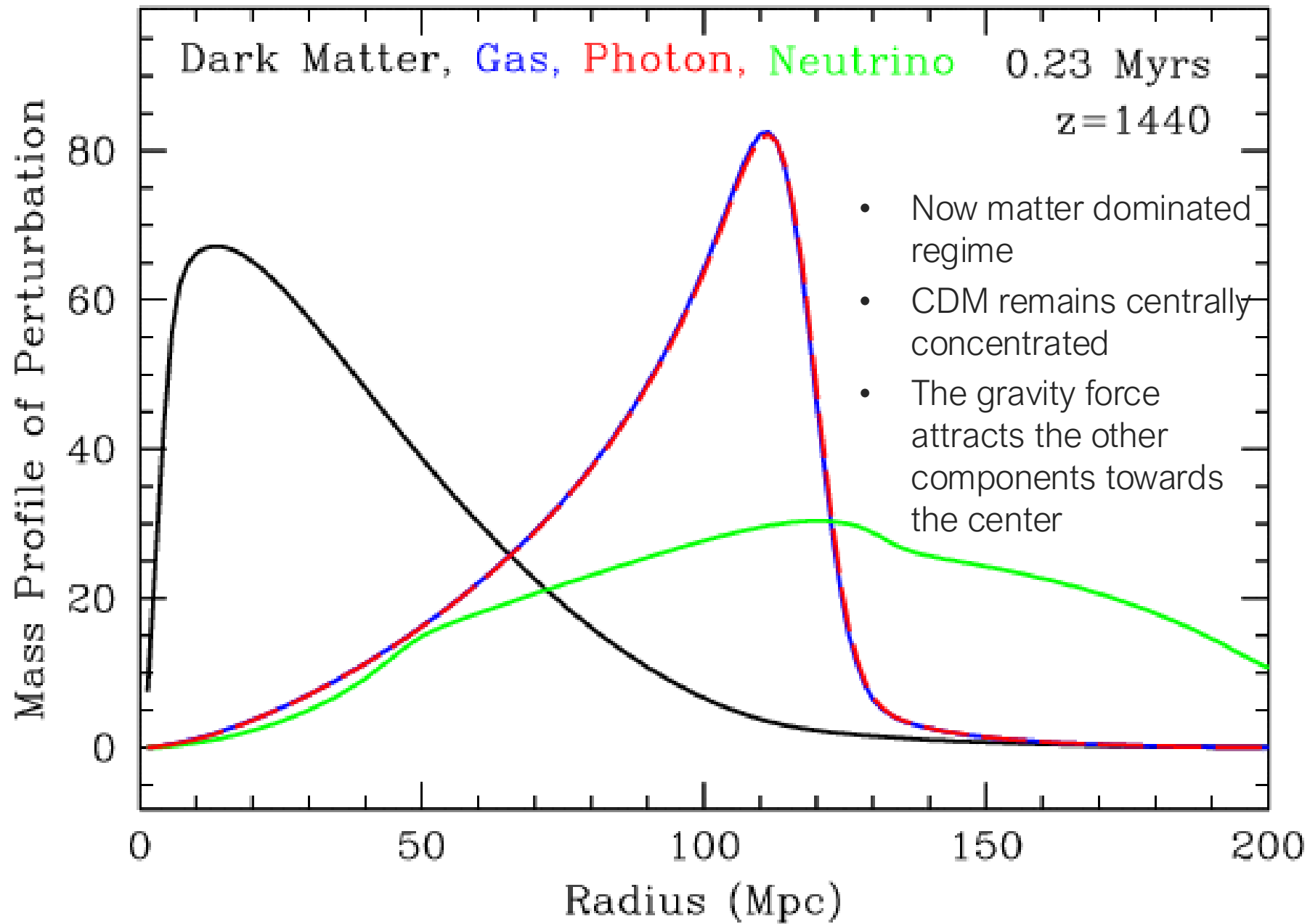
The “pattern” of temperature fluctuations is one realization of the initial conditions

Also Ichiki & MT 09

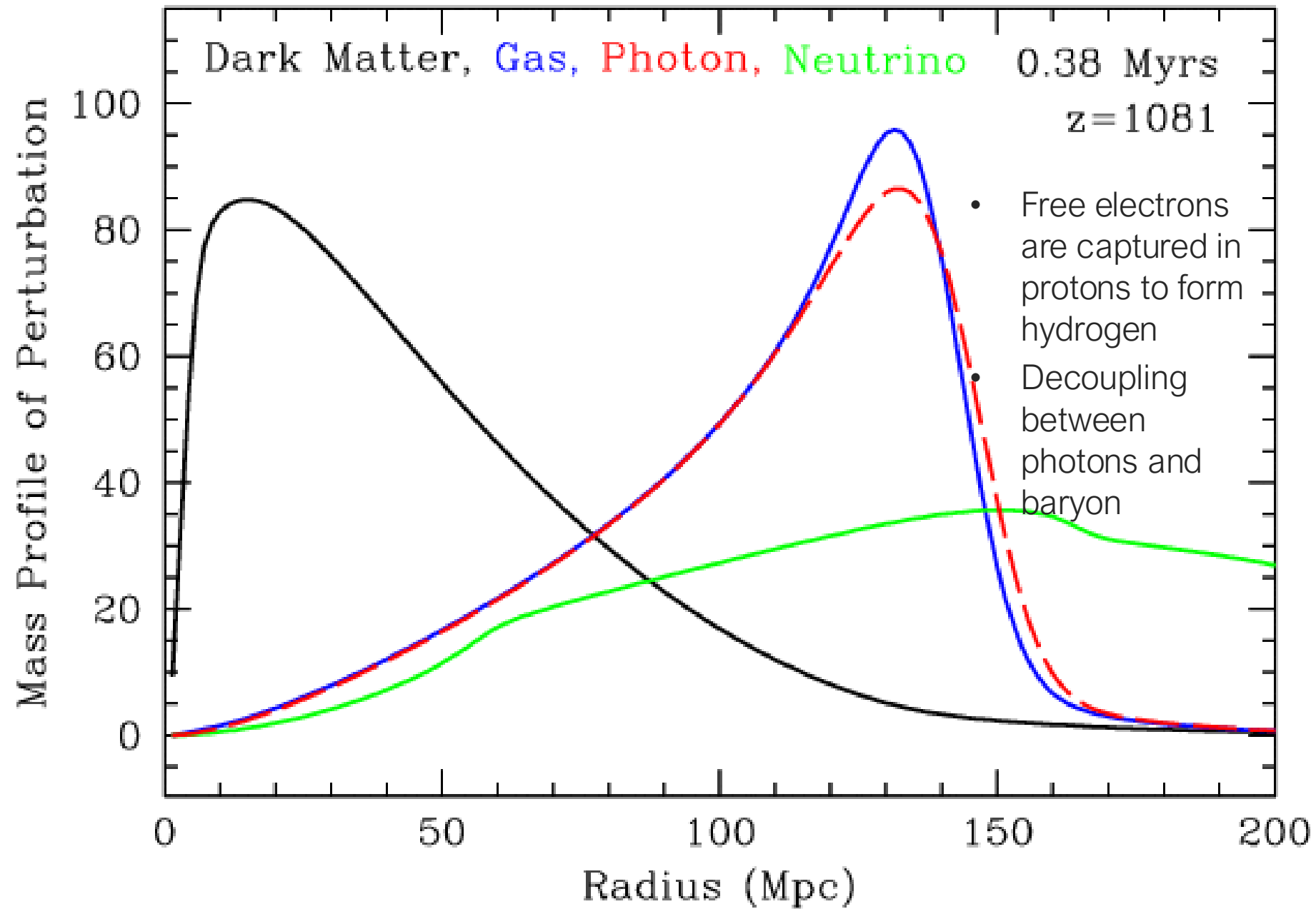


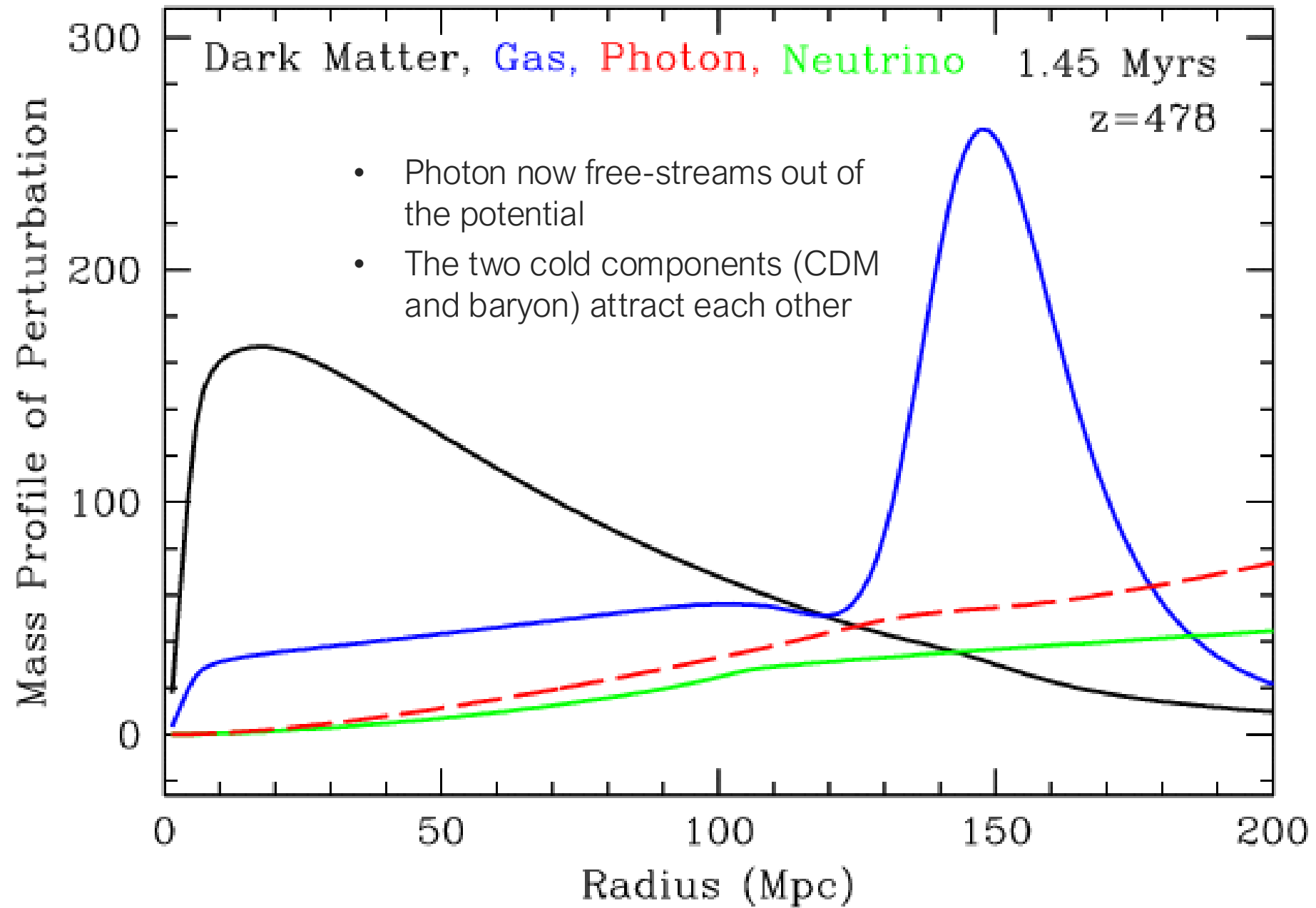


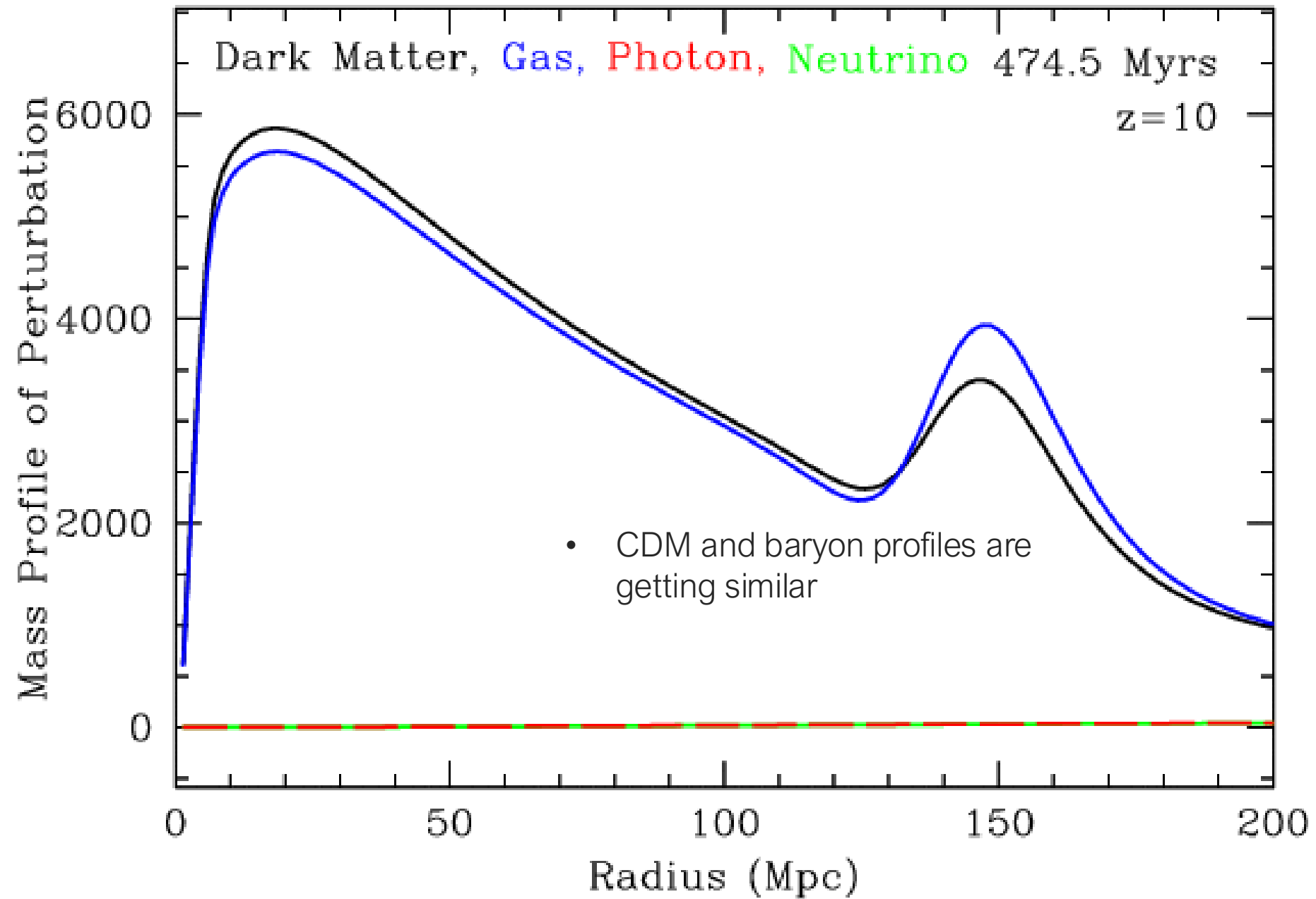




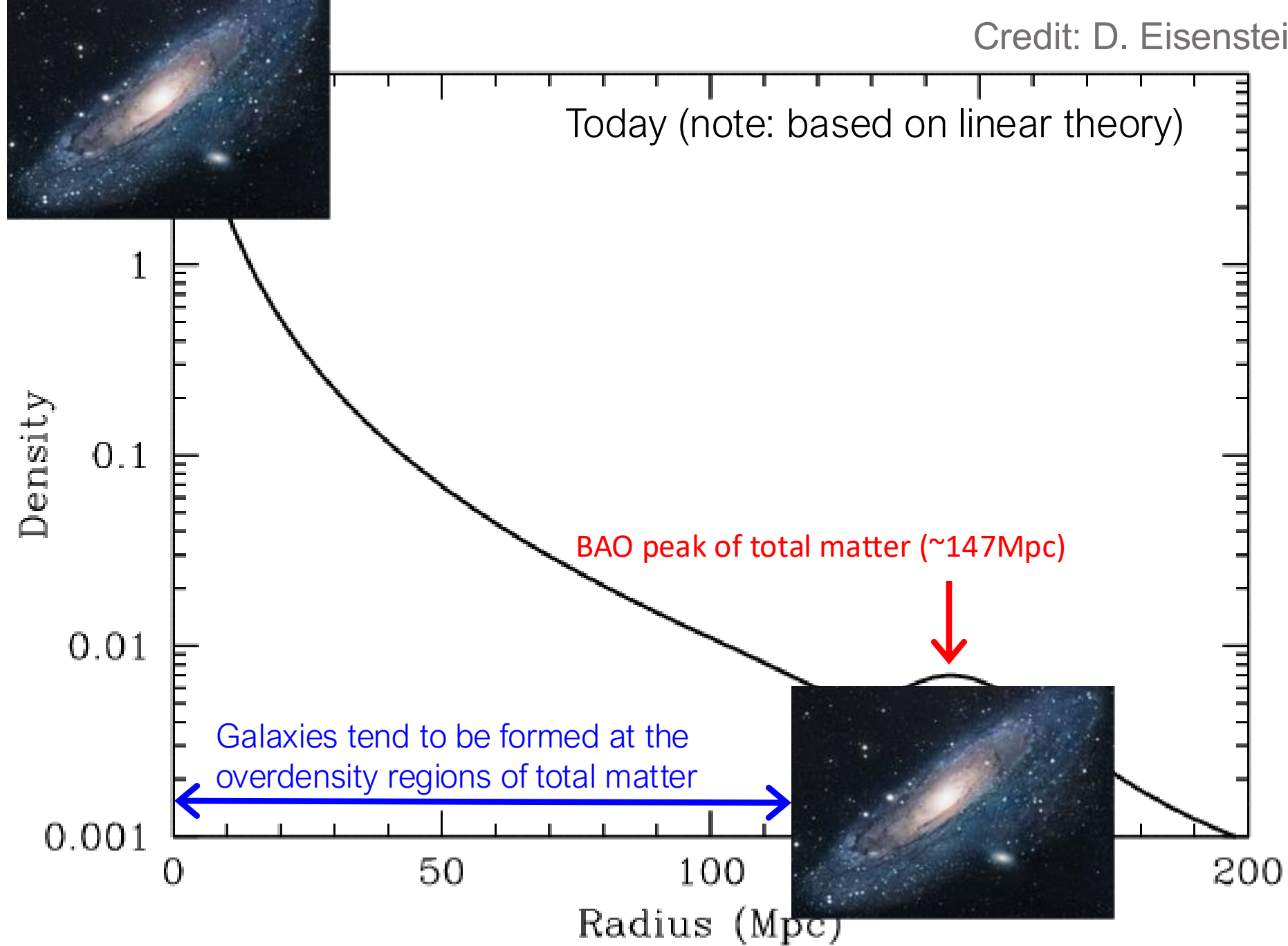


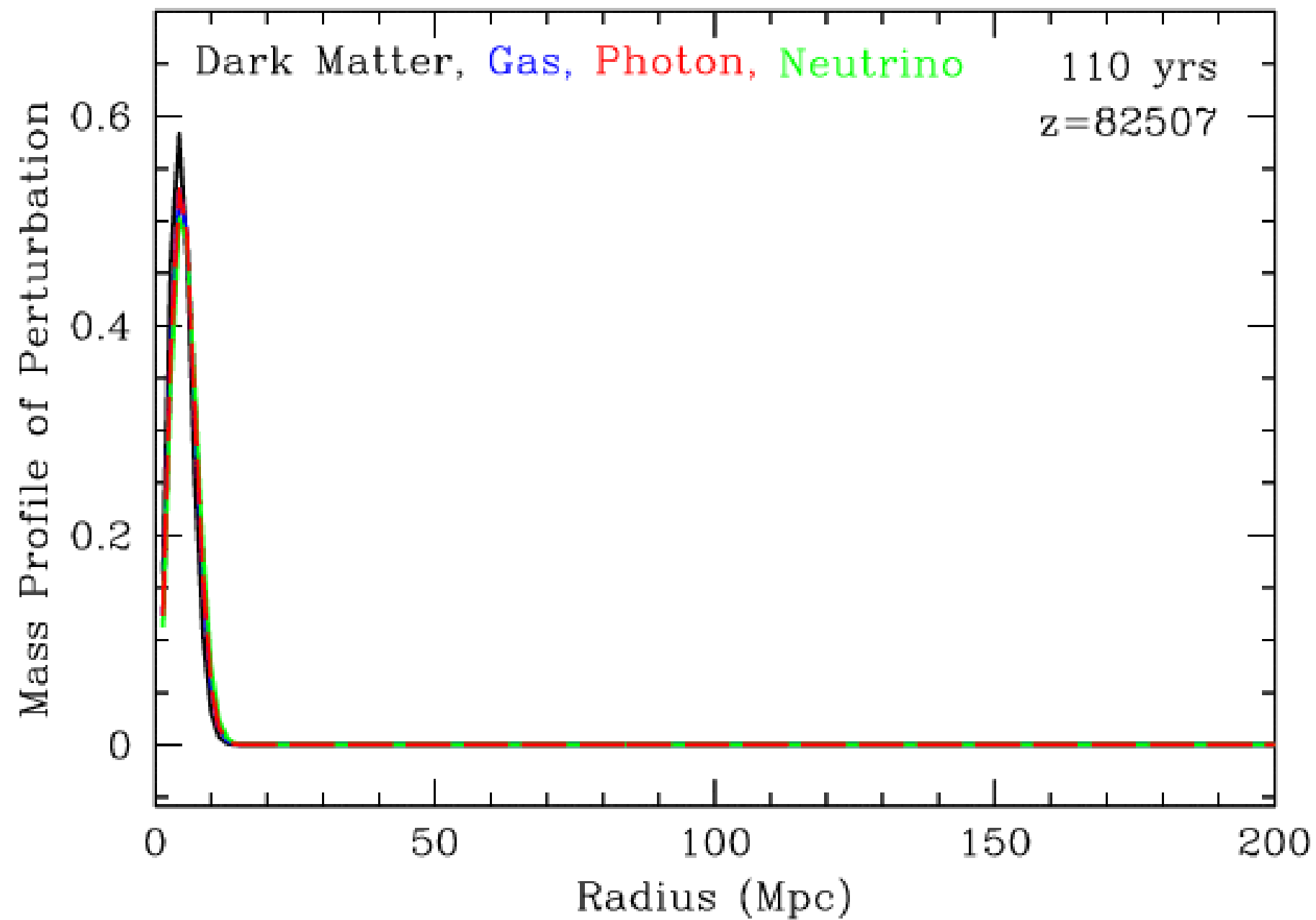




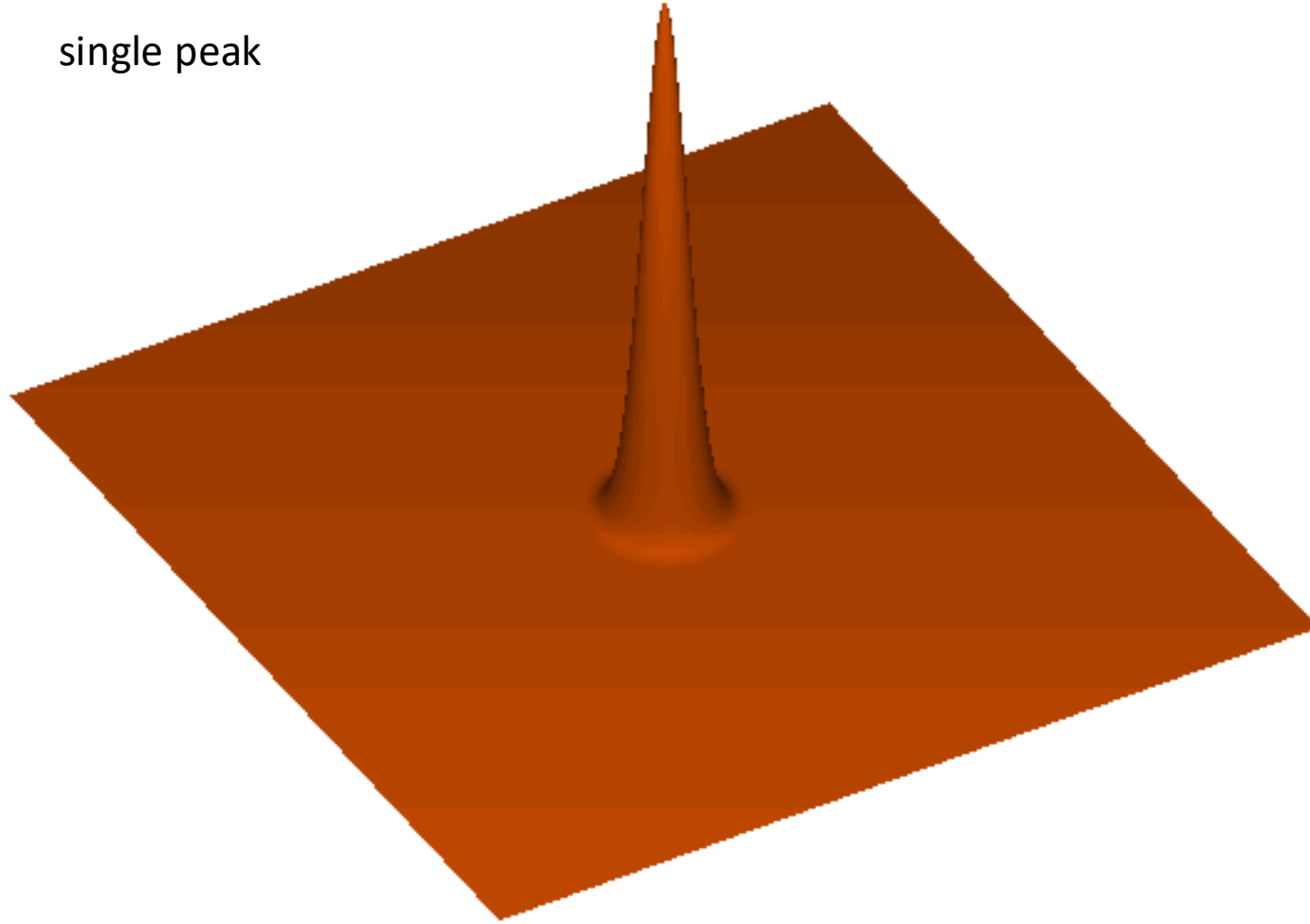








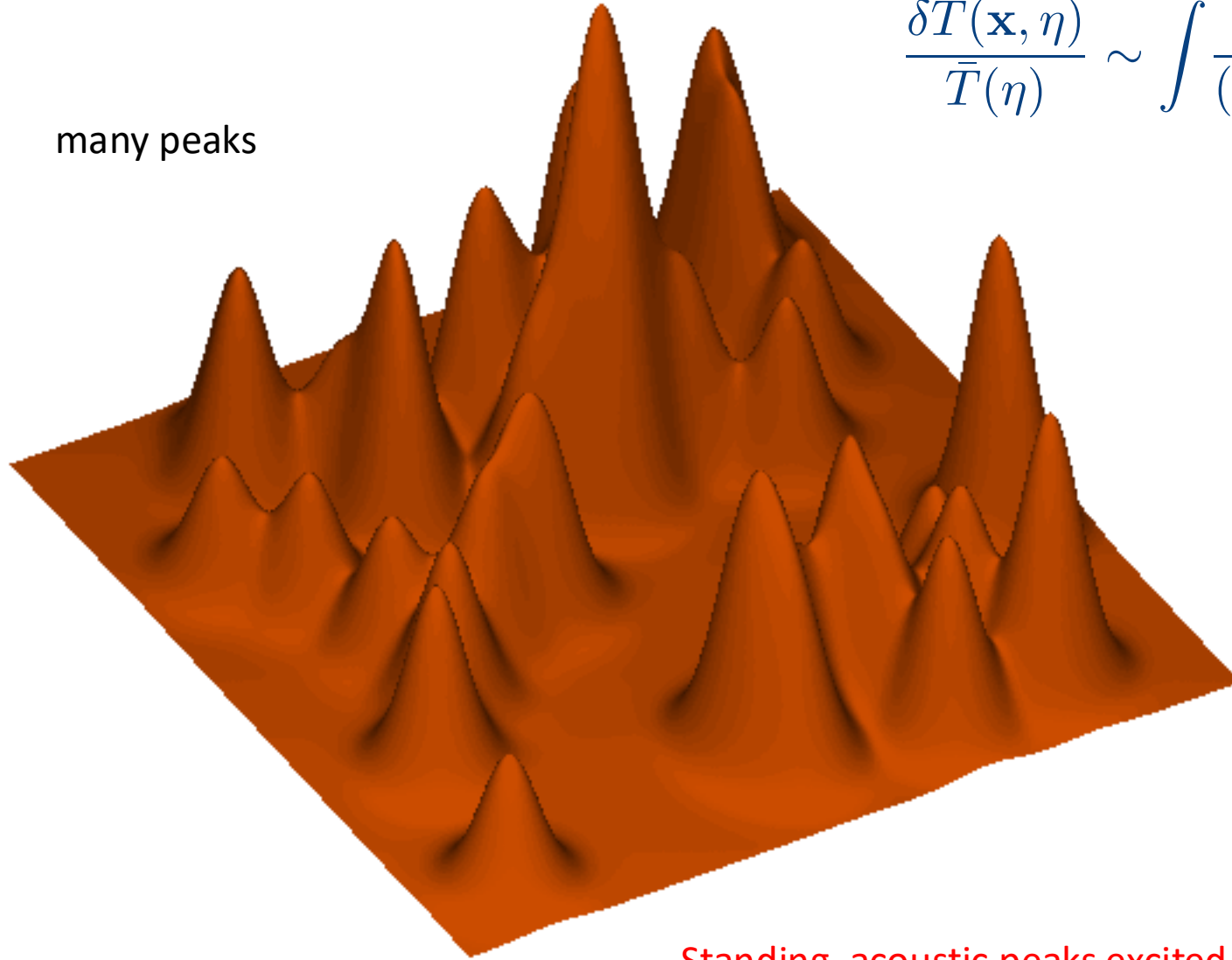
single peak





$$\frac{\delta T(\mathbf{x}, \eta)}{\bar{T}(\eta)} \sim \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} T_\gamma(\eta, k) \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}}$$

many peaks



Standing, acoustic peaks excited

## Illustration



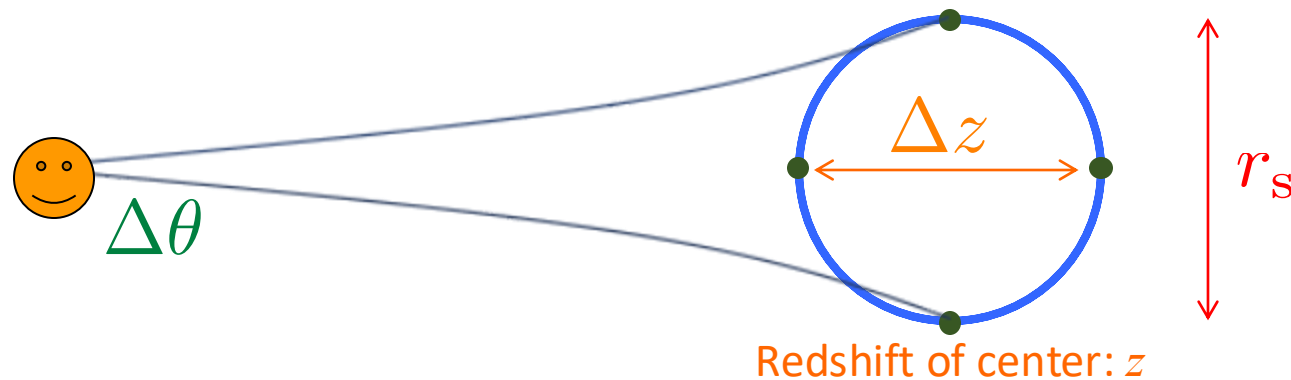
- Paired galaxies tend to have characteristic separation ( $r_s$ )
- A robust method to measure the separation is the two-point correlation function
- The two-point correlation function gives a probability of finding paired galaxies as a function of the separation

$$dP = \bar{n}_g^2 [1 + \xi_{gg}(r)] dV_1 dV_2$$

where  $\bar{n}_g$  is the mean number density of galaxies

# BAO geometrical test

- The sound horizon  $r_s$  is determined by physics in the early universe, and is precisely constrained by CMB ( $\sim 0.2\%$ )
- Paired galaxies have preferred separation ( $r_s$ ) – **standard ruler, i.e. baryon acoustic oscillation (BAO)**
- We can realize the BAO scale by the angular separation and redshift difference between paired galaxies



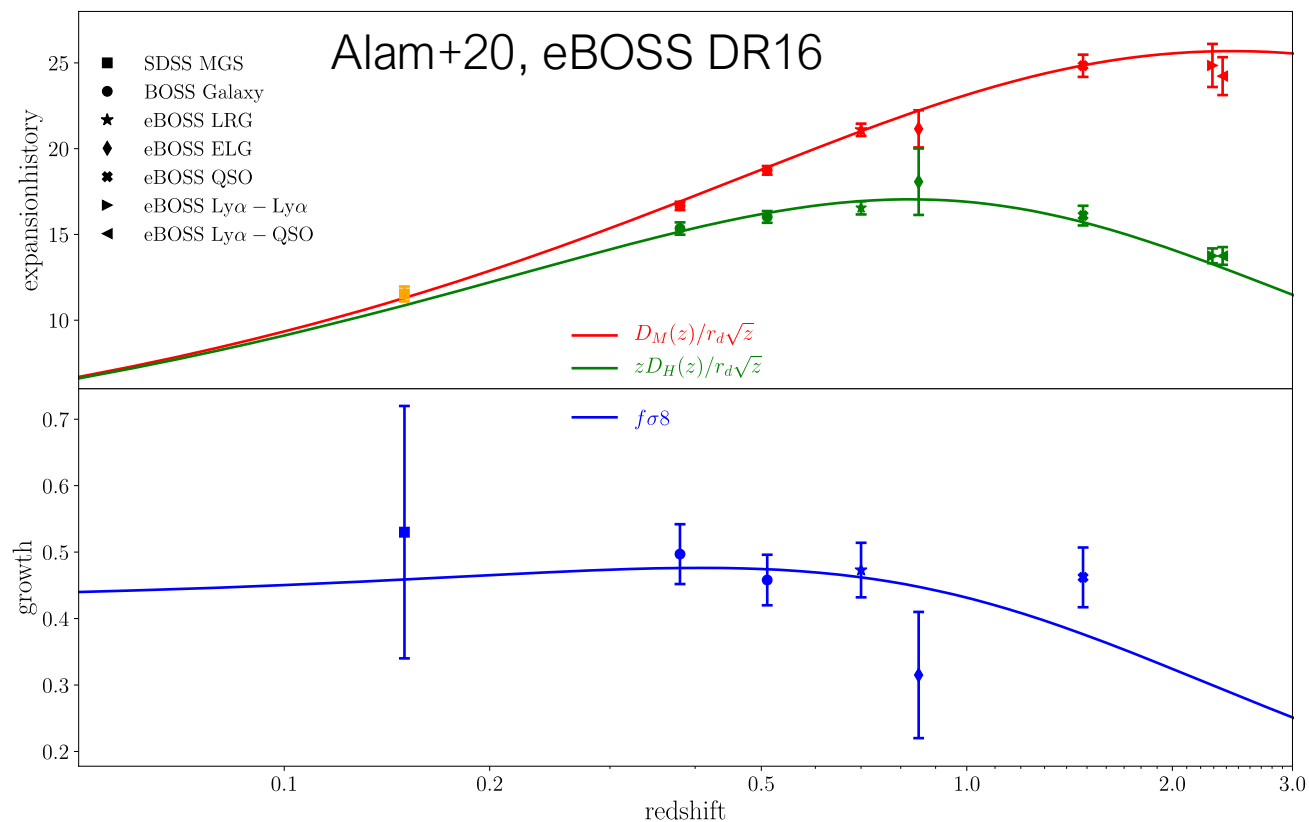
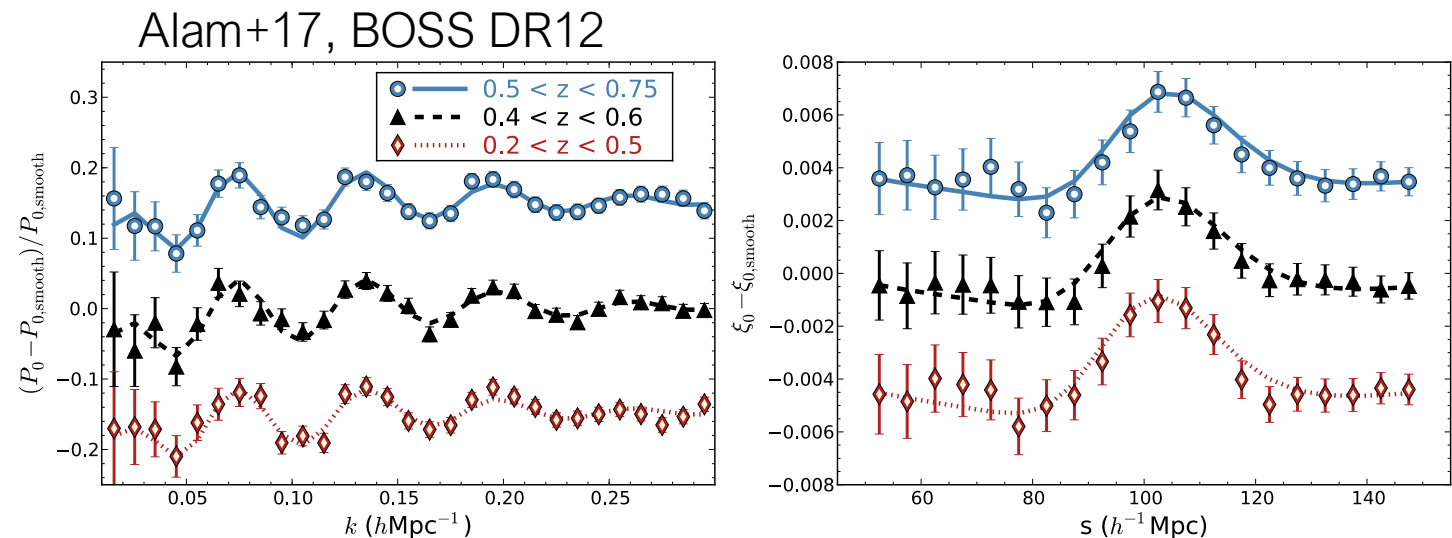
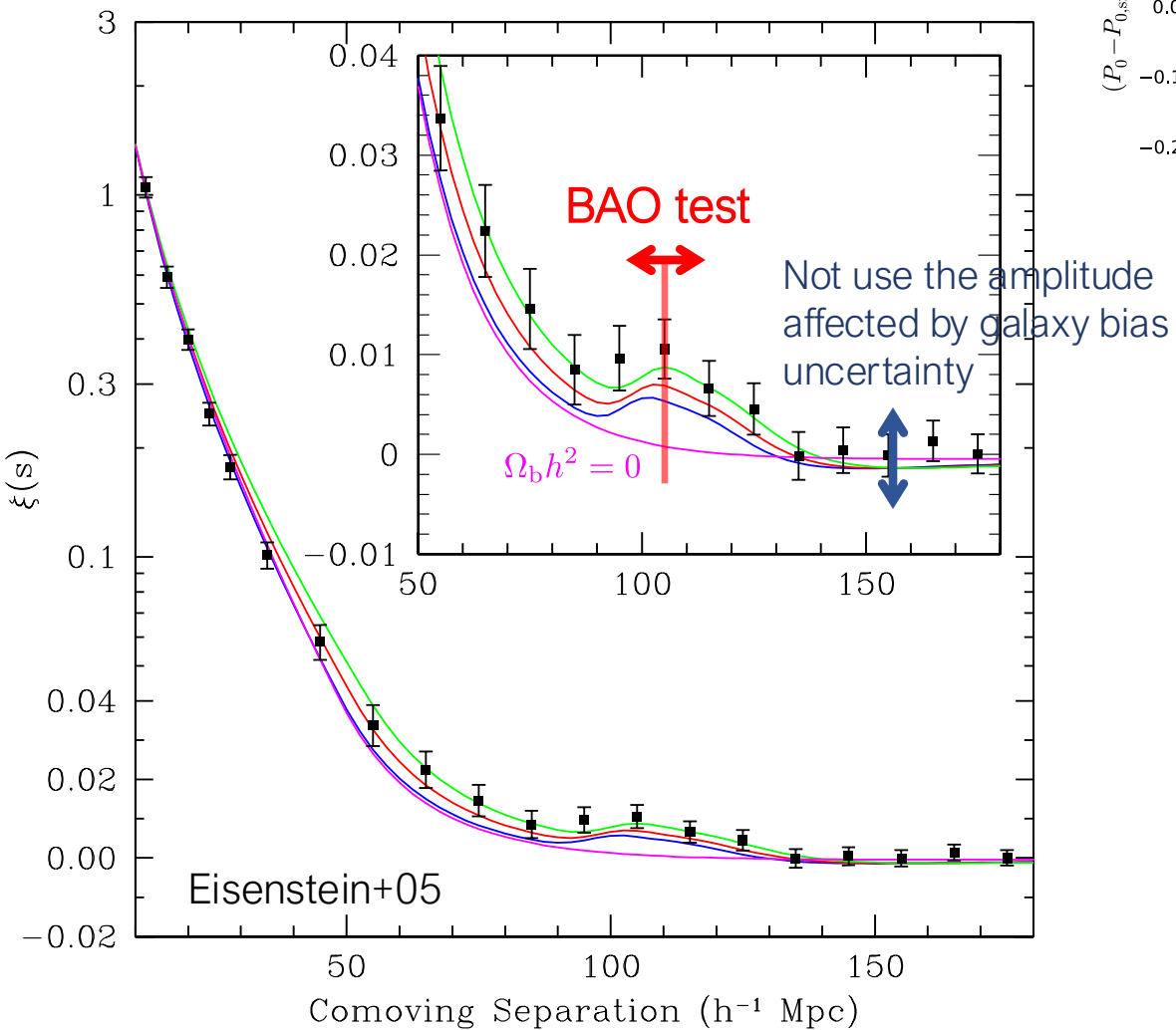
- Because we a priori know  $r_s$ , we can infer the angular diameter distance and the Hubble expansion rate from the measured separations

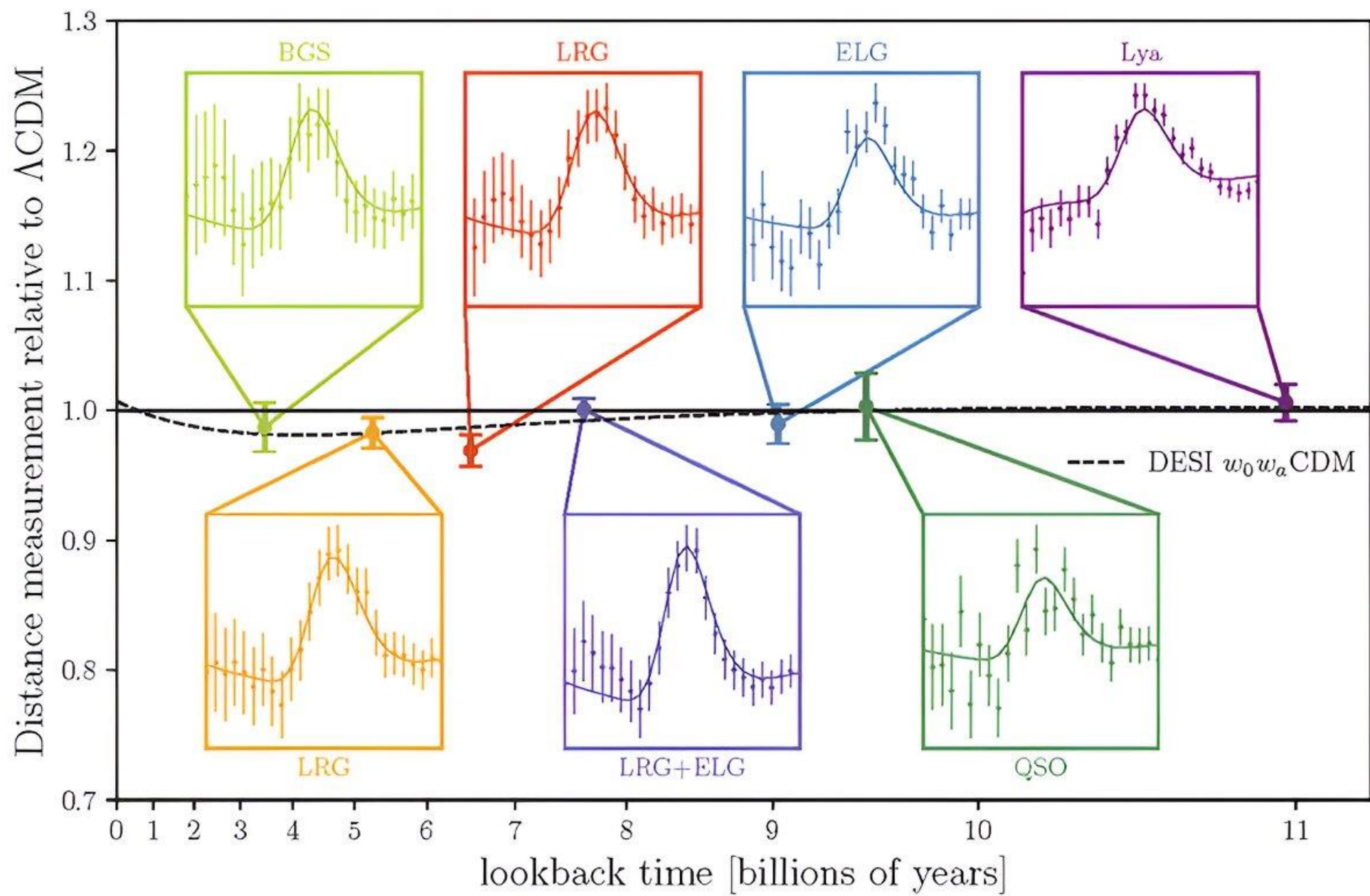
$$r_s = \Delta\chi = \frac{\Delta z}{H(z)}, \quad r_s = d_A(z) \Delta\theta$$

BAO test is free of (or not affected by) astrophysical systematic errors, and give a robust, powerful geometrical test of both the radial and angular distances



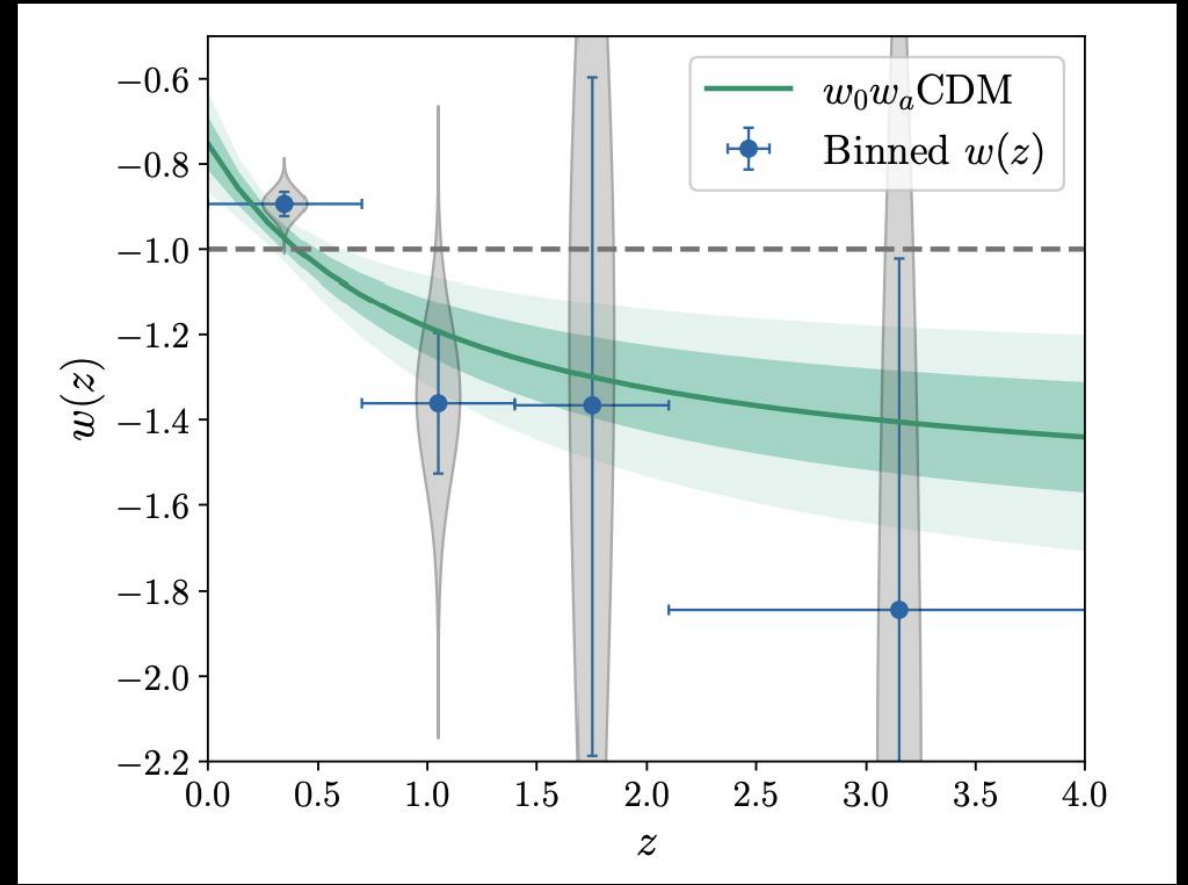
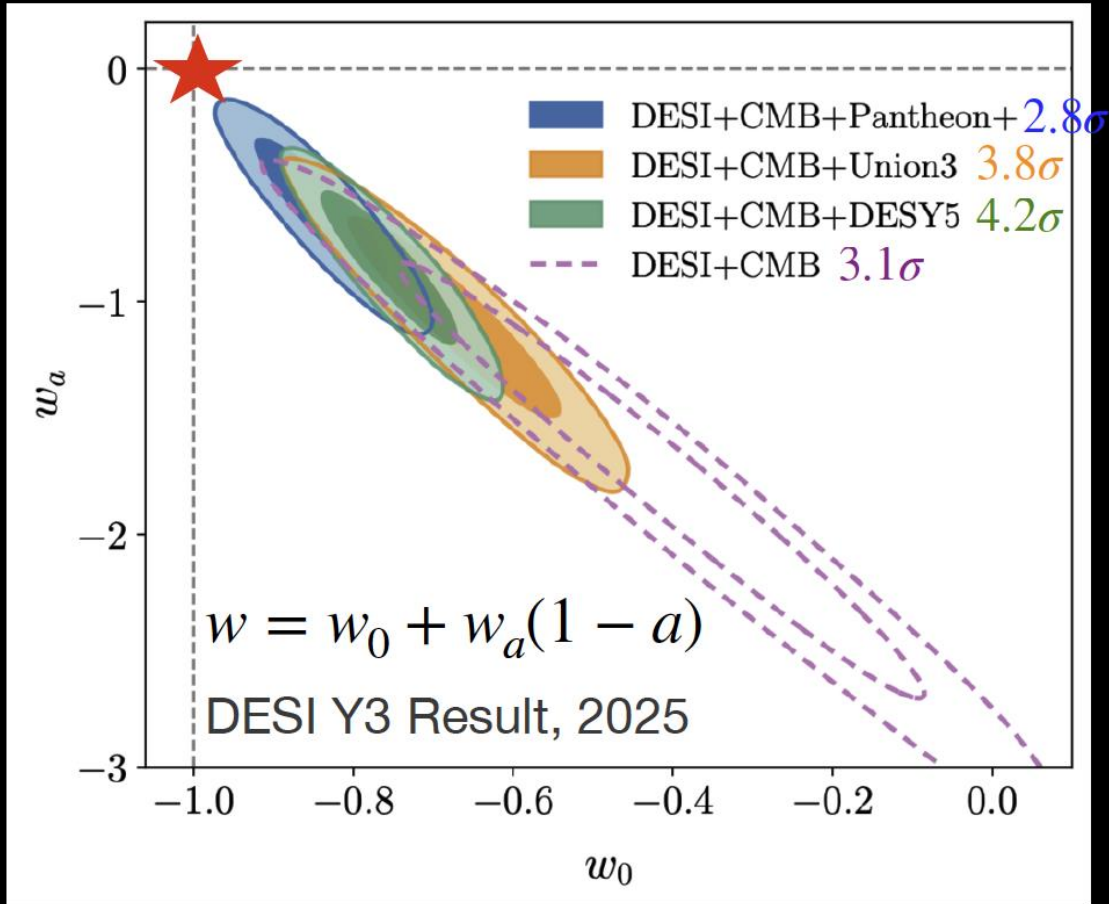
- Daniel Eisenstein made the first detection of BAO ( $\sim 3\sigma$ ) from real data, after some theoretical studies (Eisenstein+05)
- Free of galaxy bias uncertainty





# Evolving Dark Energy?

$\Lambda$ CDM





# Big questions in galaxy survey cosmology

- $\Lambda$ CDM is really a correct model? Any inconsistency/tension or any new physics beyond  $\Lambda$ CDM?
- What are the initial conditions? A slow-roll, single-field inflation is sufficient?
  - Tensor mode, running index, primordial non-Gaussianity, ... over all scales we see today?
- What is dark matter?
  - Axion, non-WIMP dark matter, PBH, ...
- Dark energy is the cosmological constant  $\Lambda$ ?
  - Is the time-varying DE, the new DESI result, really correct? We need independent confirmation

# Many observables

- Baryonic acoustic oscillations (BAO): geometrical test
- Galaxy clustering and redshift-space distortion
- Weak lensing: galaxy shear and CMB lensing
- Thermal and kinetic SZ
- 21cm
- ...

# warm-up problem 1

- Suppose your finite volume is embedded into an over- or under-density region, characterized by  $\delta_l$  (long-wavelength mode)
- The observer still sees a homogeneous and isotropic background in the volume, but the mean mass density is different from the global one

$$\bar{\rho}_{mW} = \bar{\rho}_m [1 + \delta_l(t)]$$

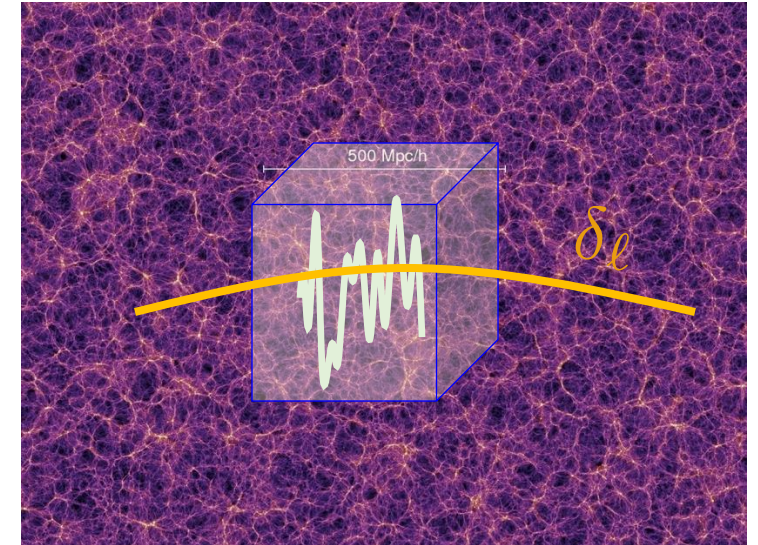
- The time evolution of sub-box linear fluctuations would obey (assuming the linear theory inside the box)

$$\ddot{\delta}_s(\mathbf{k}, t) + 2H_W \dot{\delta}_s(\mathbf{k}, t) - 4\pi G \bar{\rho}_{Wm} \delta_s(\mathbf{k}, t) = 0$$

- Solve the time evolution of the sub-box mode up to the order of  $O(\delta_s * \delta_l)$ , assuming that the global background obeys the Einstein-de Sitter universe

$$\Omega_m = 1, \delta_l(t) \propto t^{2/3} \propto a(t), H_W \simeq H(t) - \frac{1}{3} \dot{\delta}_l(t)$$

- Any other use of the separate universe approach for cosmology?





## problem 2 (from Zvonimir)

- On an analytical approach to modeling nonlinear structure formation
- Try to obtain two-loop matter power spectrum based on the cosmological perturbation theory: in more detail, see [here](#).

### Two-loop matter power spectrum

In cosmological perturbation theory, so called standard perturbation theory can be used as a first step in computation of the cosmological correlators with the framework of the Effective Field theory of Large Scale Structure (EFTofLSS). In this setup, suppressing the time dependence, one can write the one and two-loop results as

$$\begin{aligned}P_{\text{tree}}(k) &= P_{11}(k), \\P_{1\text{-loop}}(k) &= P_{22} + 2P_{13}, \\P_{2\text{-loop}}(k) &= P_{33}(k) + 2P_{24} + 2P_{15},\end{aligned}$$

where the one-loop contributions can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}P_{22}(k) &= 2 \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} [F_2(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p})]^2 P_{11}(p) P_{11}(|\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}|), \\P_{13}(k) &= 3P_{11}(k) \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} F_3(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, -\mathbf{p}) P_{11}(p),\end{aligned}$$

## problem 3

- Suppose we aim to test  $\Lambda$ CDM model or exploit new physics beyond  $\Lambda$ CDM for anything. What will you do? (which new physics do you want to address? Which observable will you use for it? Why?) ( $H_0$ , S8 tension, time-varying DE, ...)



Cosmology with galaxy survey data presents many challenges,  
but offers various opportunities at the same time  
Let's work together with Subaru data! (this is the biggest  
challenge at Kavli IPMU for now)



8.2m Subaru Telescope at 4,200m Maunakea summit



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# useful codes

- [astropy](#): a common core package for astronomy community (coordinate transformation, astrometry, ...)
- [CAMB](#): a public code for calculating CMB, lensing, galaxy counts, 21cm power spectra, matter power spectra and transfer functions
- [CLASS](#): a public code for calculating CMB and large-scale structure observables
- [CCL](#): the core cosmology library developed by DESC (Dark Energy Science Collaboration)
- [Colossus](#): a python toolkit for calculating cosmology quantities, the LSS quantities, and the properties of halos
- [DarkEmulator](#) (Nishimichi, Takada, ...): a python package for computing statistical quantities of halos, based on emulations of N-body simulation data
- [Nbodykit](#): an open-source code for the analysis of N-body simulation data and large-scale structure data
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