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How a local structure impacts our understanding on fundamental physics

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Λ – Cold Dark Matter Model

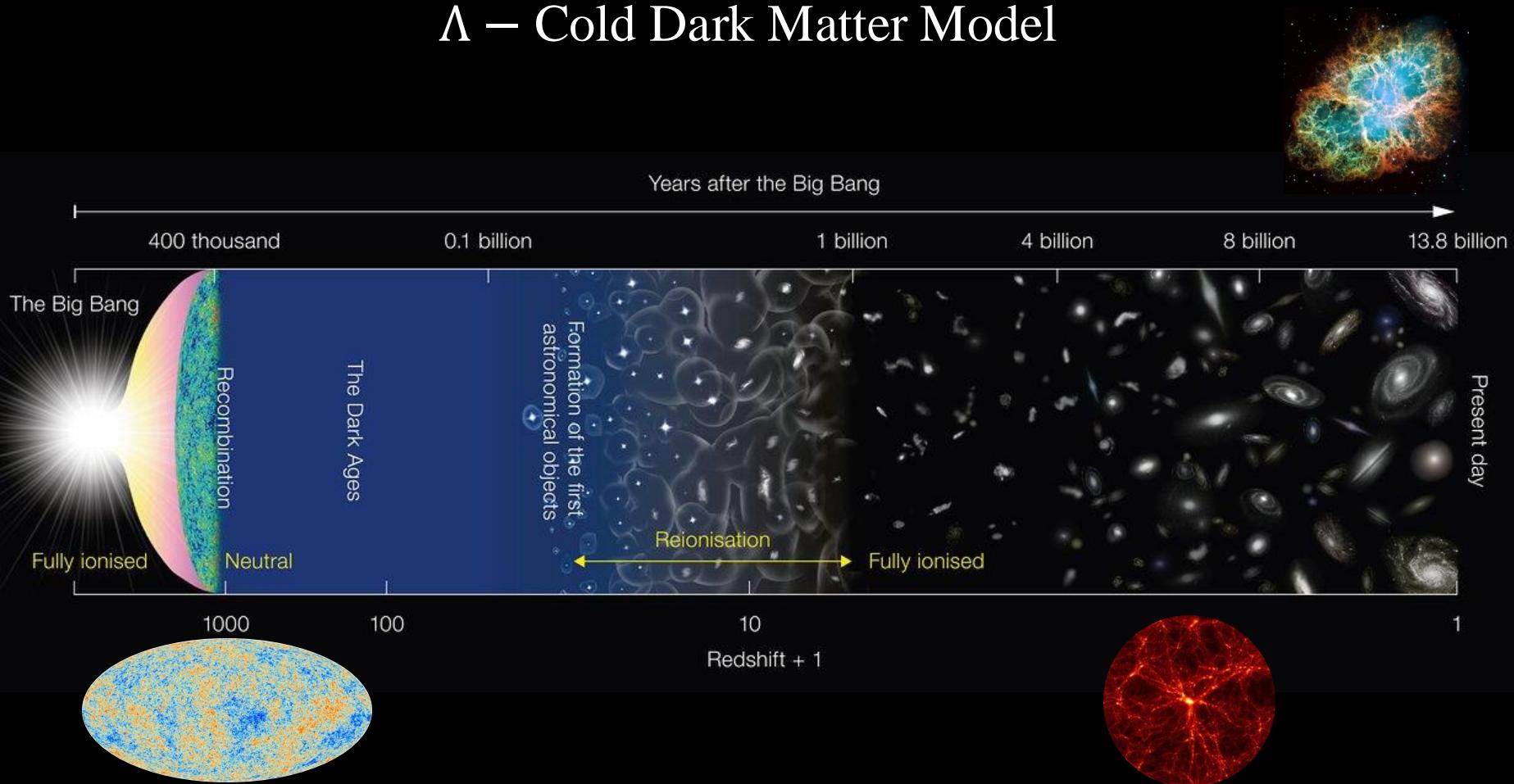
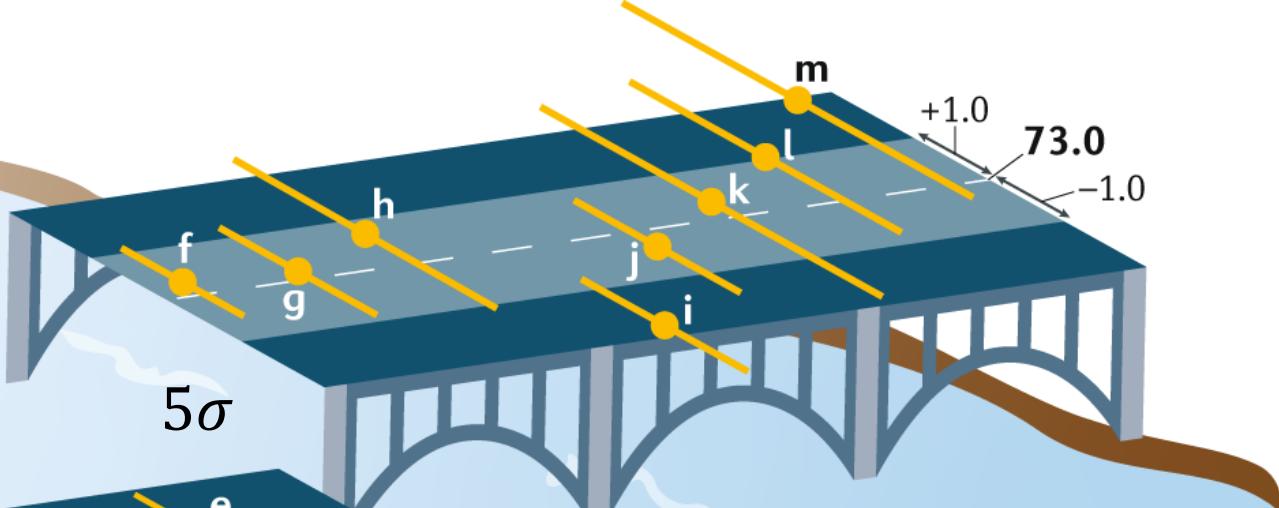


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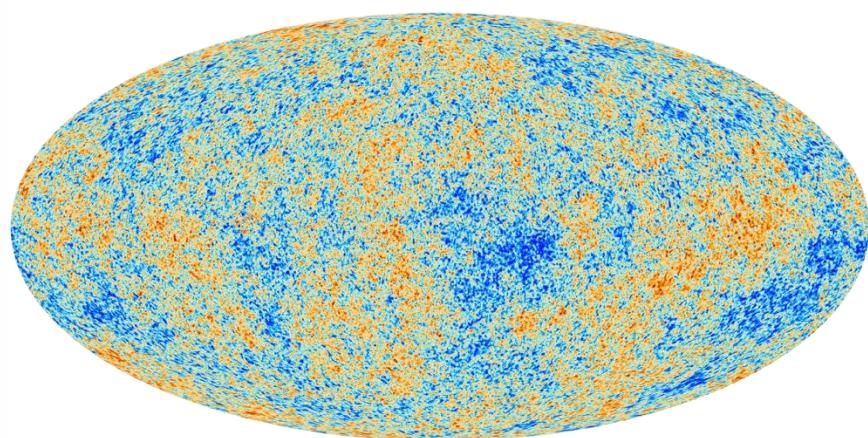
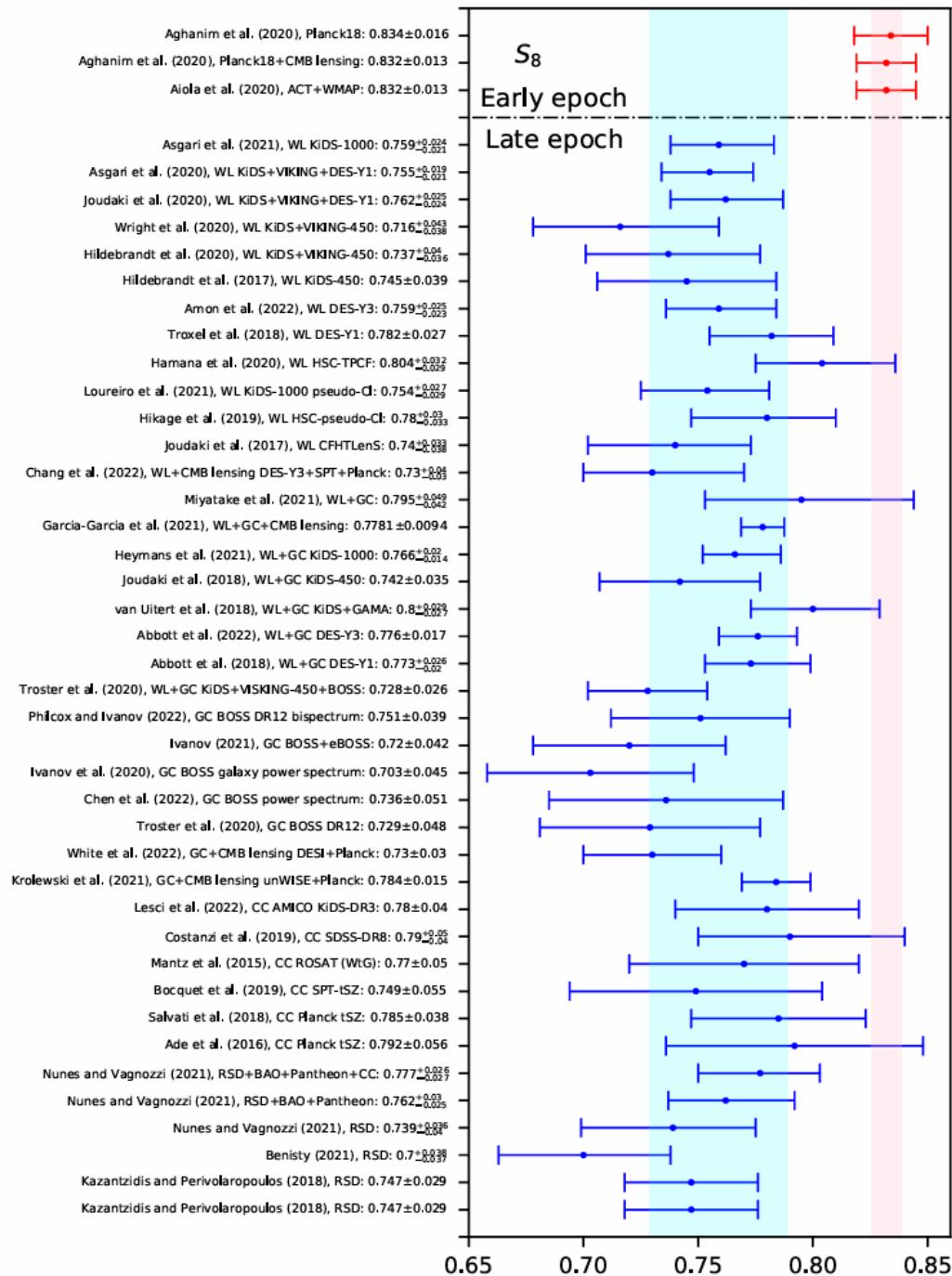
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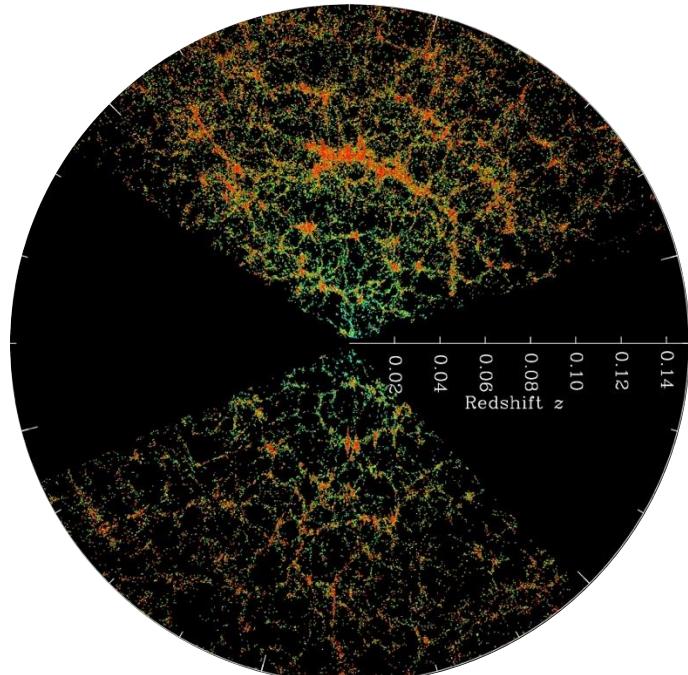
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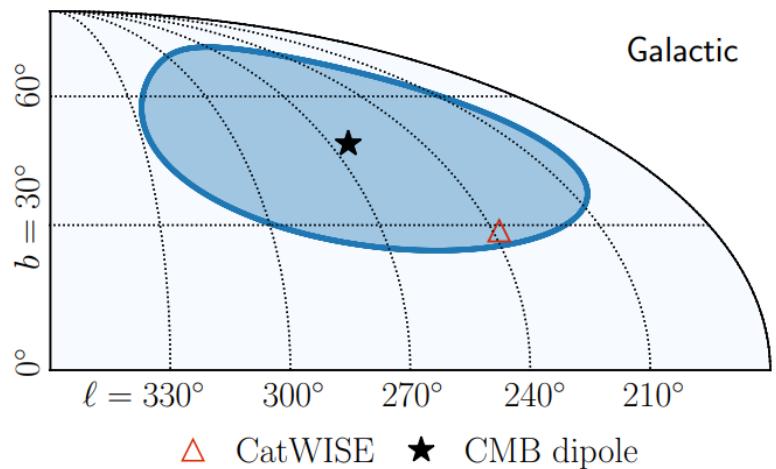
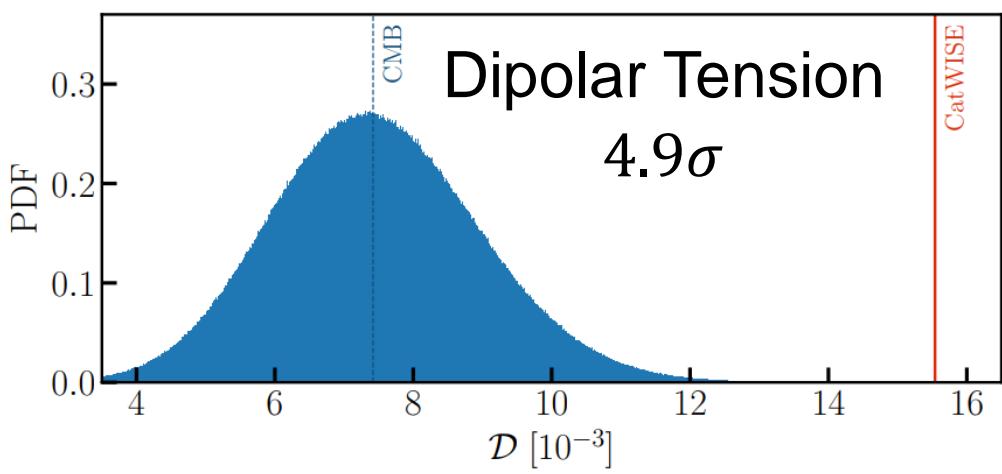
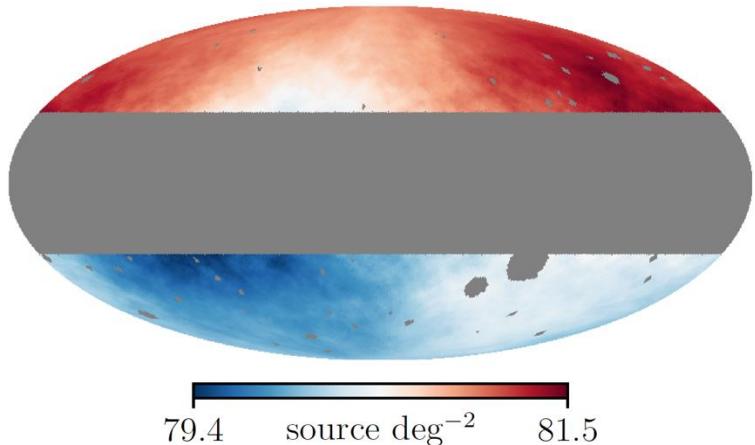
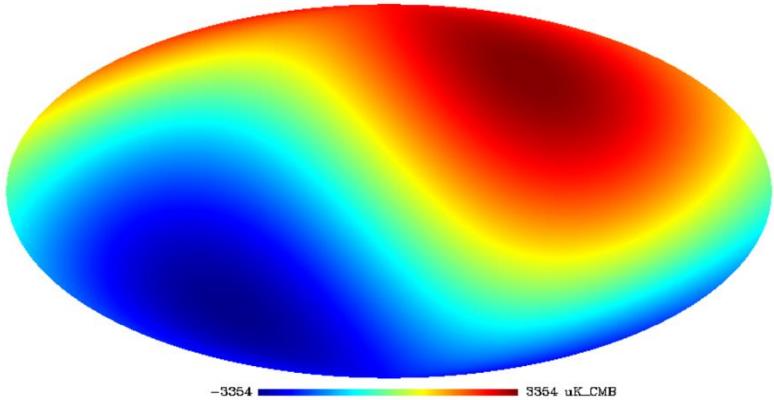
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High Precision of Measures of S_8



S_8 Tension





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New Physics?

Early Dark Energy

Modified Neutrino Interactions
Early Dark Sector Phase Transition
Extra Dimensions in the Early Universe

Multi-field Inflation

Modified Initial Conditions
Systematics Uncertainty
Gravitational Slip Parameters
Baryon–Dark Matter Interactions

Self-interacting DM

Early Modified Gravity

Interacting Dark Sector

BSM Primordial Magnetic Fields Extensions to Λ CDM
Dynamic Dark Energy Time-varying G

Modified Gravity

Triggered EDE
Reheating Phase Adjustments
Emergent Gravity Scenarios
Modified Recombination
Extra Neutrino Species
Varying Fine Structure Constant
Early Universe Viscosity Changes
Quantum Gravity Effects

Early Matter Domination

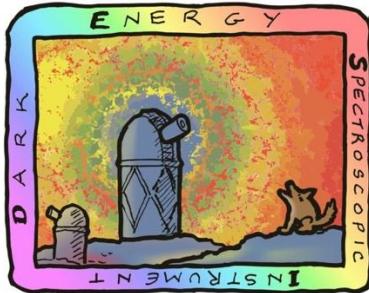
Running Spectral Index

Decaying Dark Matter

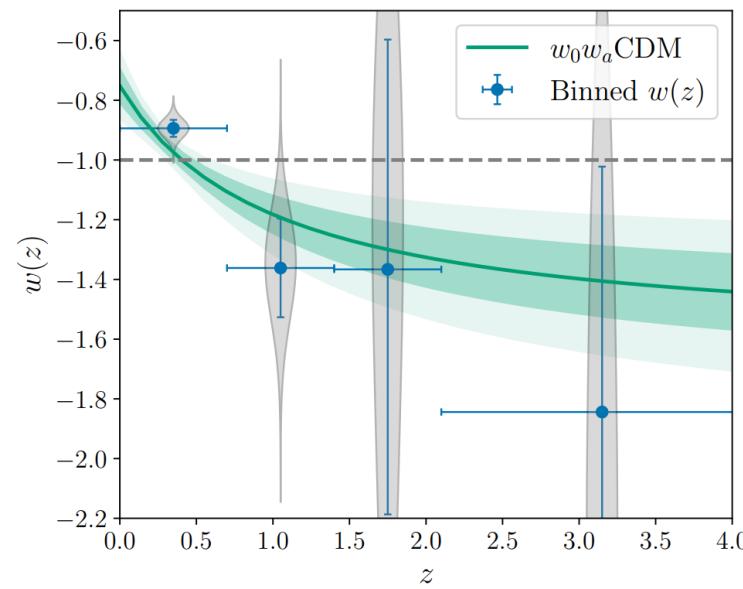
Local Void

Dark Radiation

Phase Transition Models
Modified Primordial Power Spectrum



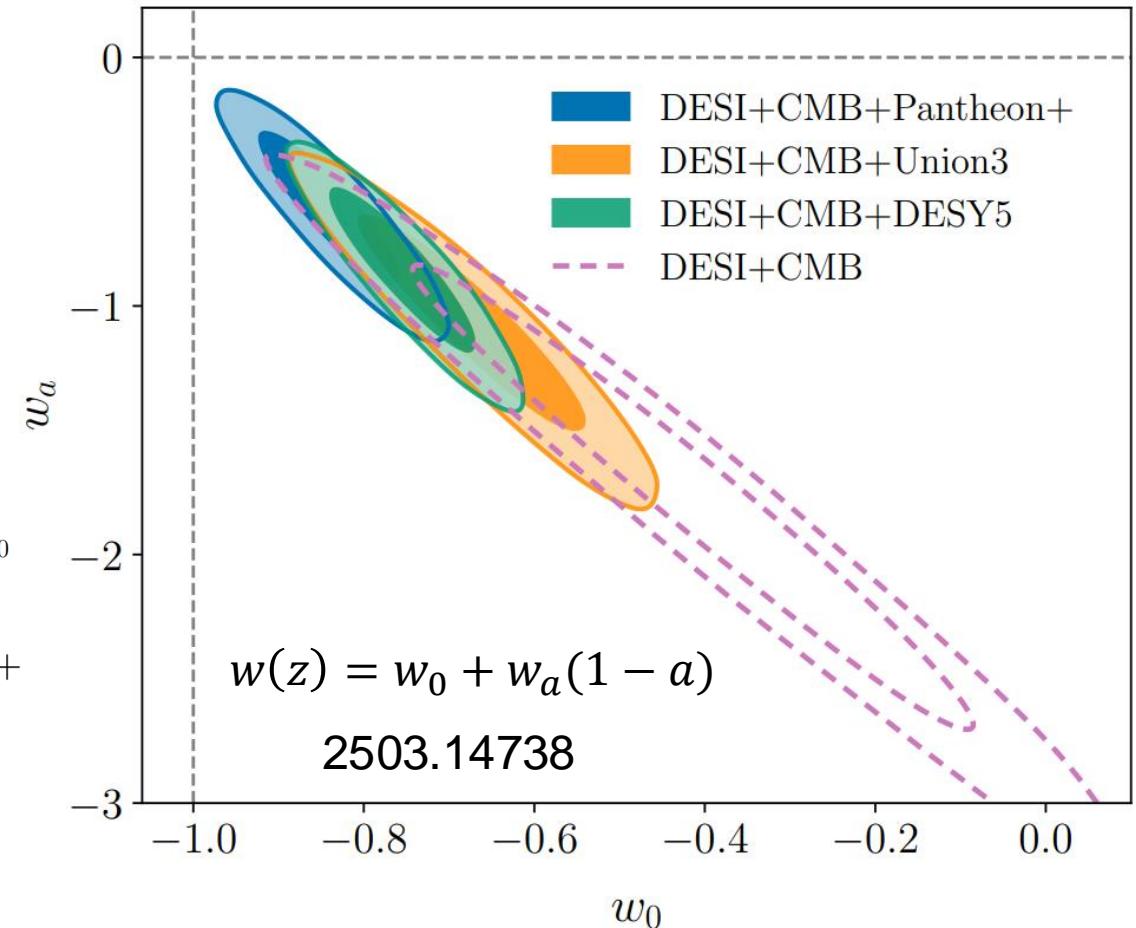
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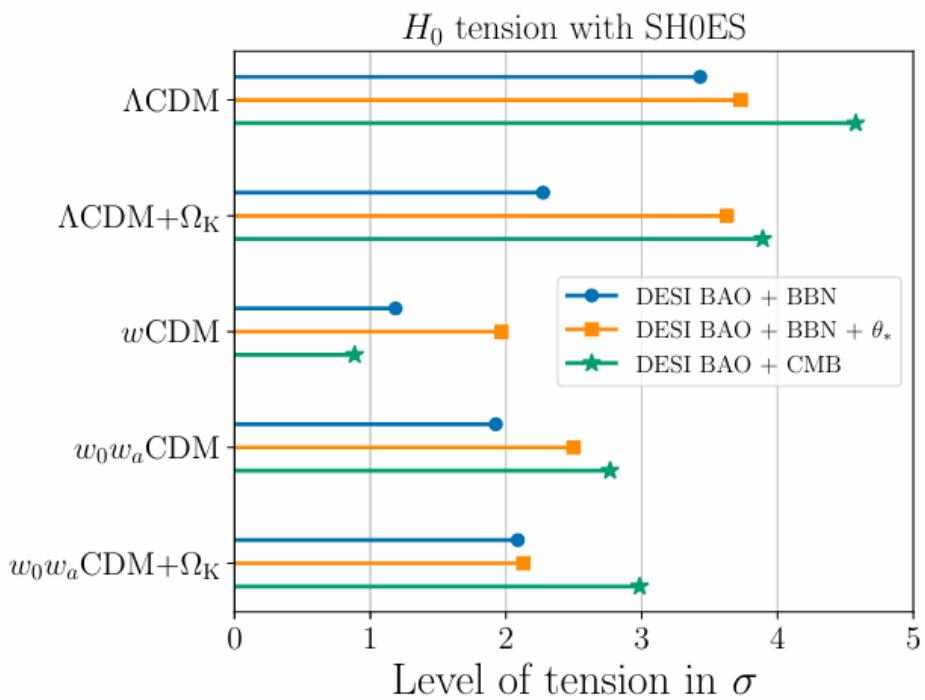
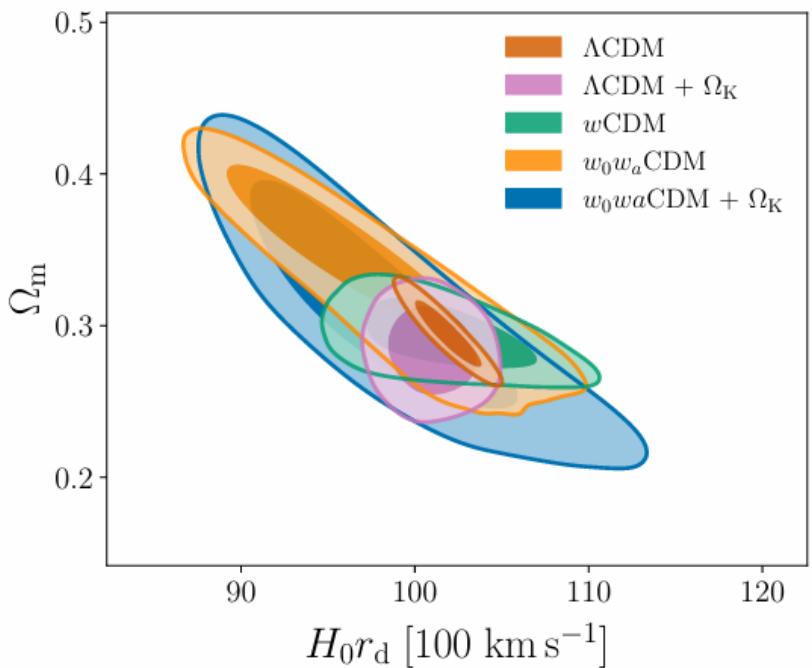


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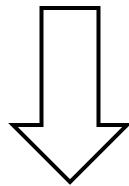




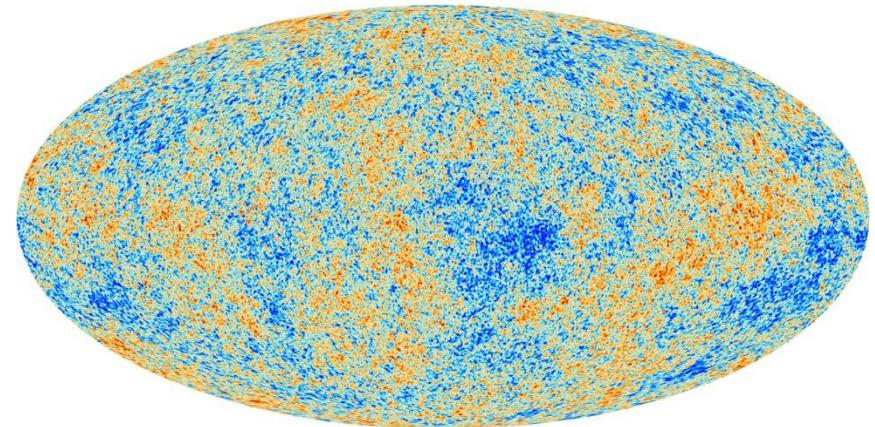
Rethink cosmology from fundamental assumption?

Cosmological Principle

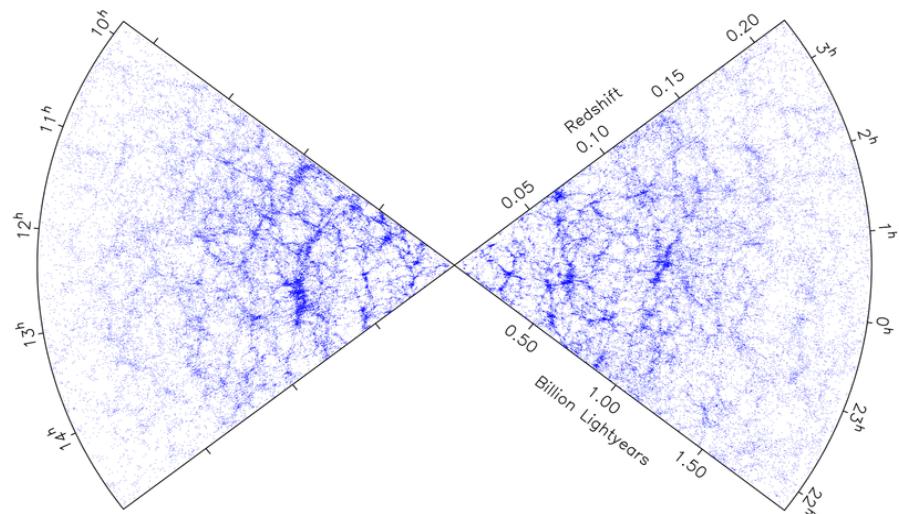
The Universe is homogeneous and isotropic on large scale, independent of location.



The law of physics should be the same at different positions of the Universe



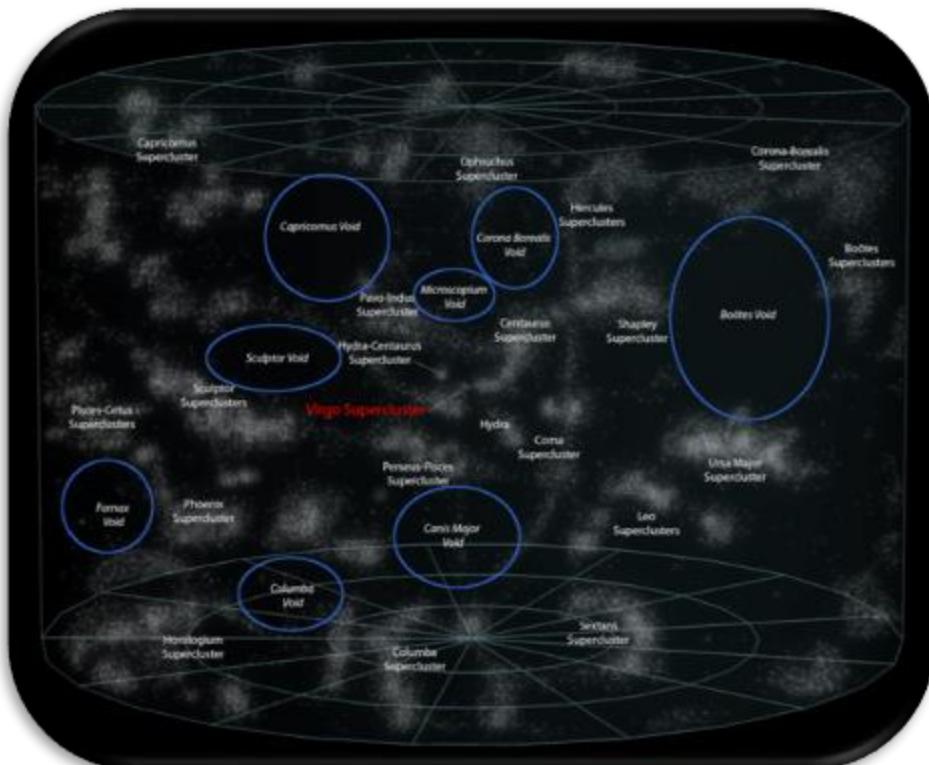
Cosmic microwave background



Large scale structure

Cosmic Inhomogeneity

The List of Voids



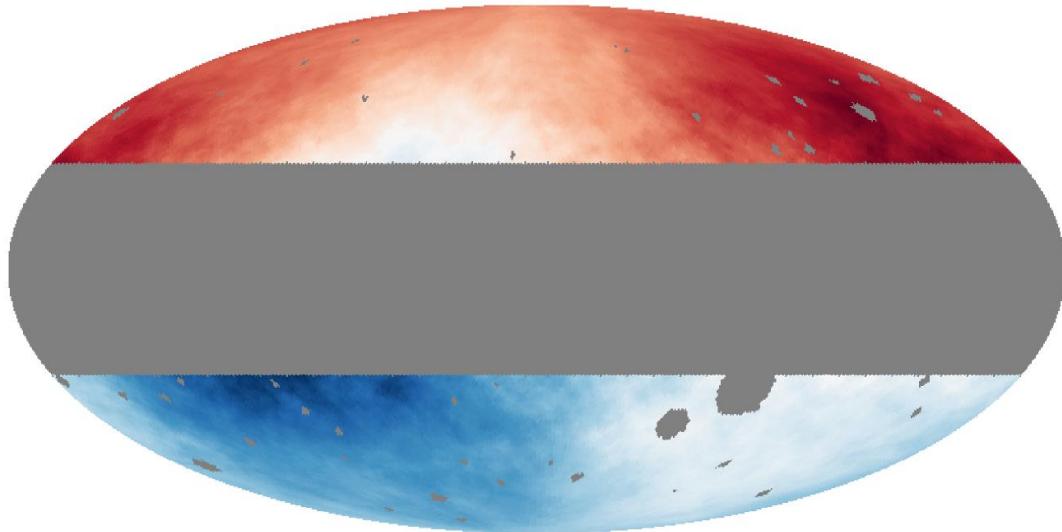
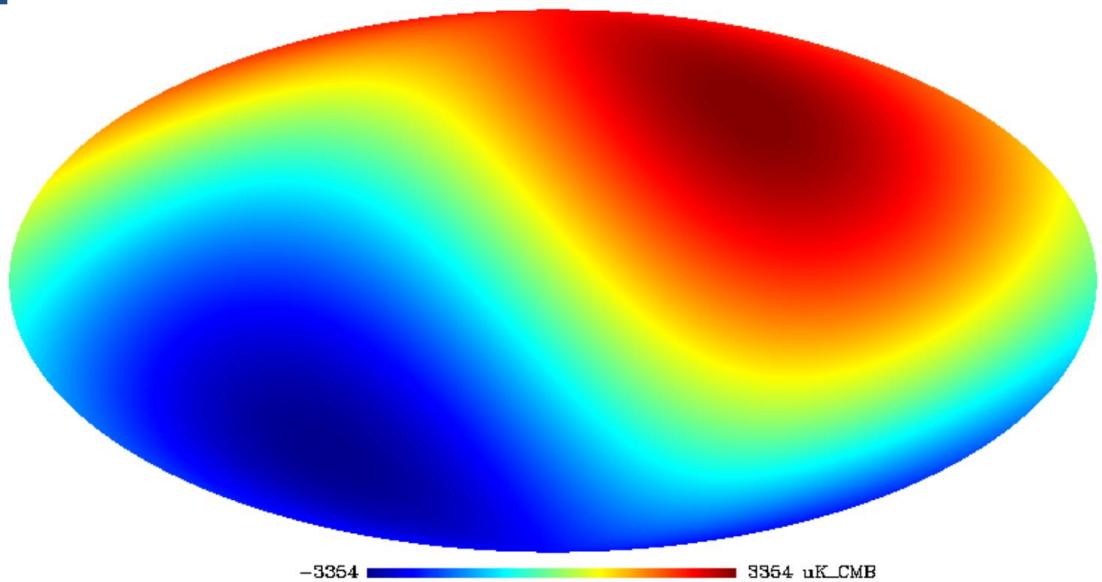
KBC Void
308 Mpc

Keenan, R. C., Barger, A. J., & Cowie, L. L. (2013). Evidence for a~300 megaparsec scale under-density in the local galaxy distribution. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 775(1), 62.

Cosmic Anisotropy

CMB Temperature Dipole

$$\mathcal{D} \sim 10^{-3}$$
$$(264^\circ, 48^\circ)$$

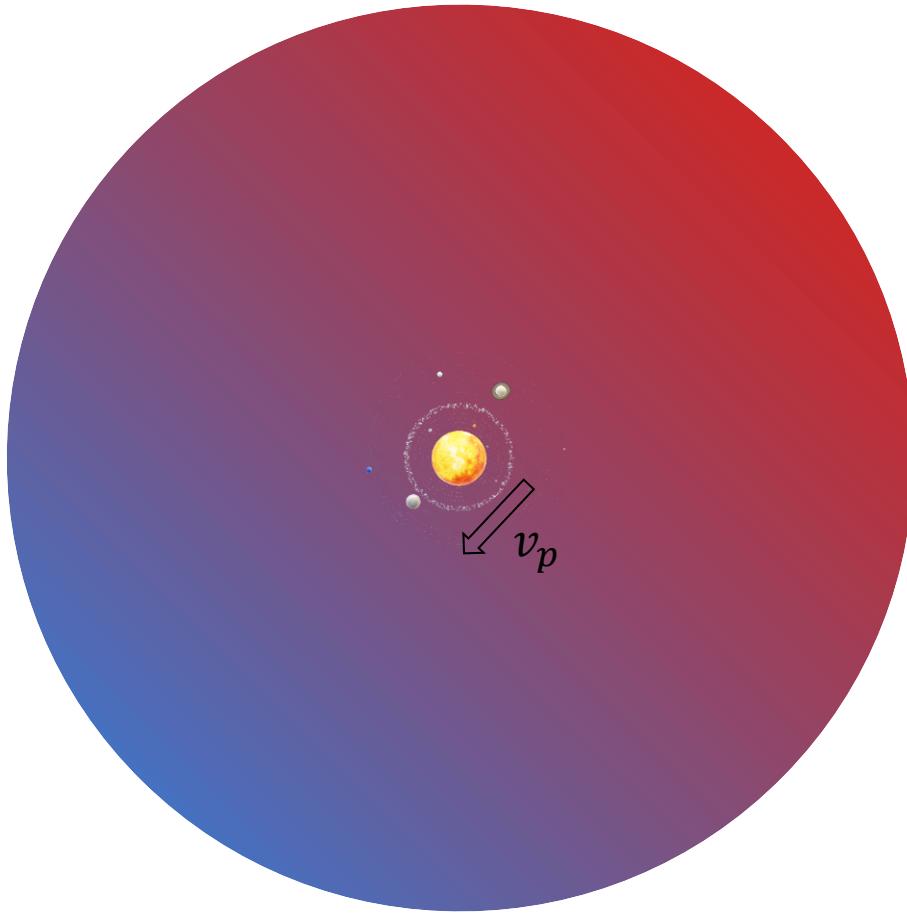


Quasar Number Dipole

$$\mathcal{D} \sim 10^{-2}$$
$$(233^\circ, 34^\circ)$$

79.4 source deg^{-2} 81.5

Potential Explanation



Doppler effect in CMB temperature

$$T' = \gamma(1 + \beta \cos \theta) T$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \quad \beta = \frac{v_p}{c}$$

$$\mathcal{D} \cong \frac{v_p}{c}$$

$$v_p = 369 \pm 0.11 \text{ km/s}$$

Doppler effect and aberration in quasar number counting

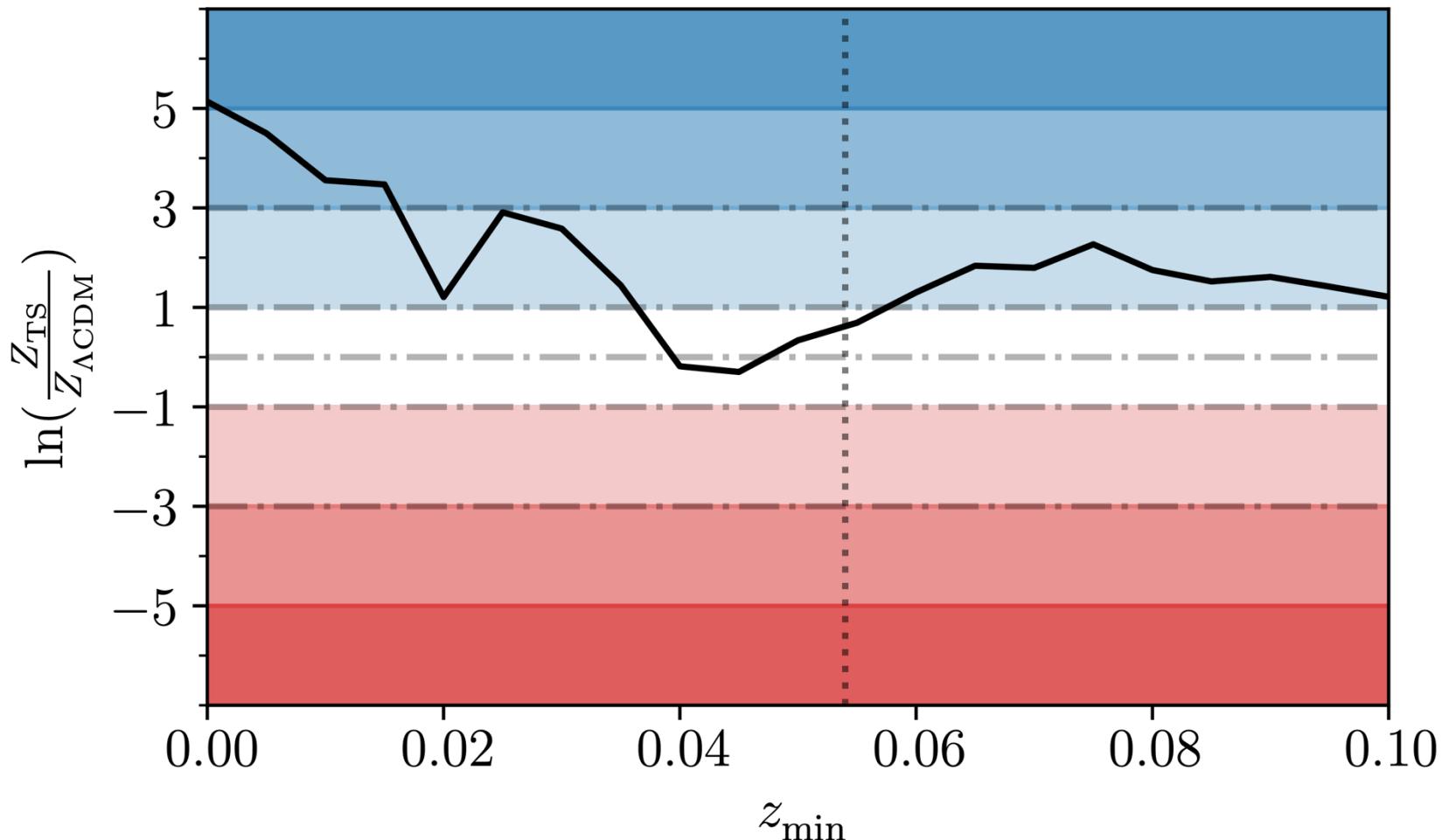
$$v_o = v_r \delta(v) \quad S \propto v_p^{-\alpha} \quad \frac{dN}{d\Omega} \propto S^{-x}$$

$$\mathcal{D} \cong [2 + x(1 + \alpha)] \frac{v_p}{c}$$

$$v_p = 712 \pm 66 \text{ km/s}$$

What if, cosmological principle is wrong?

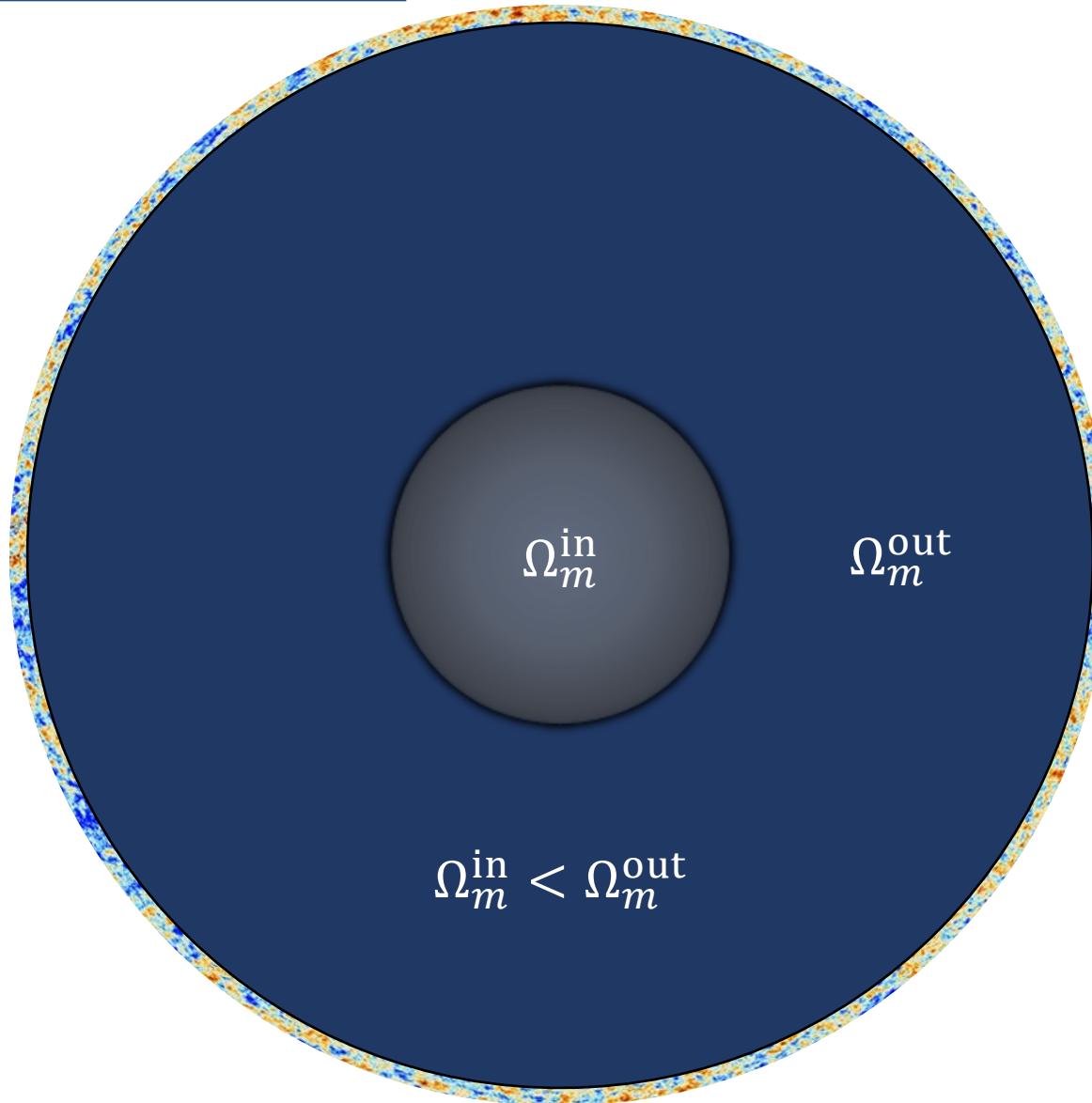
Λ CDM vs Timescape



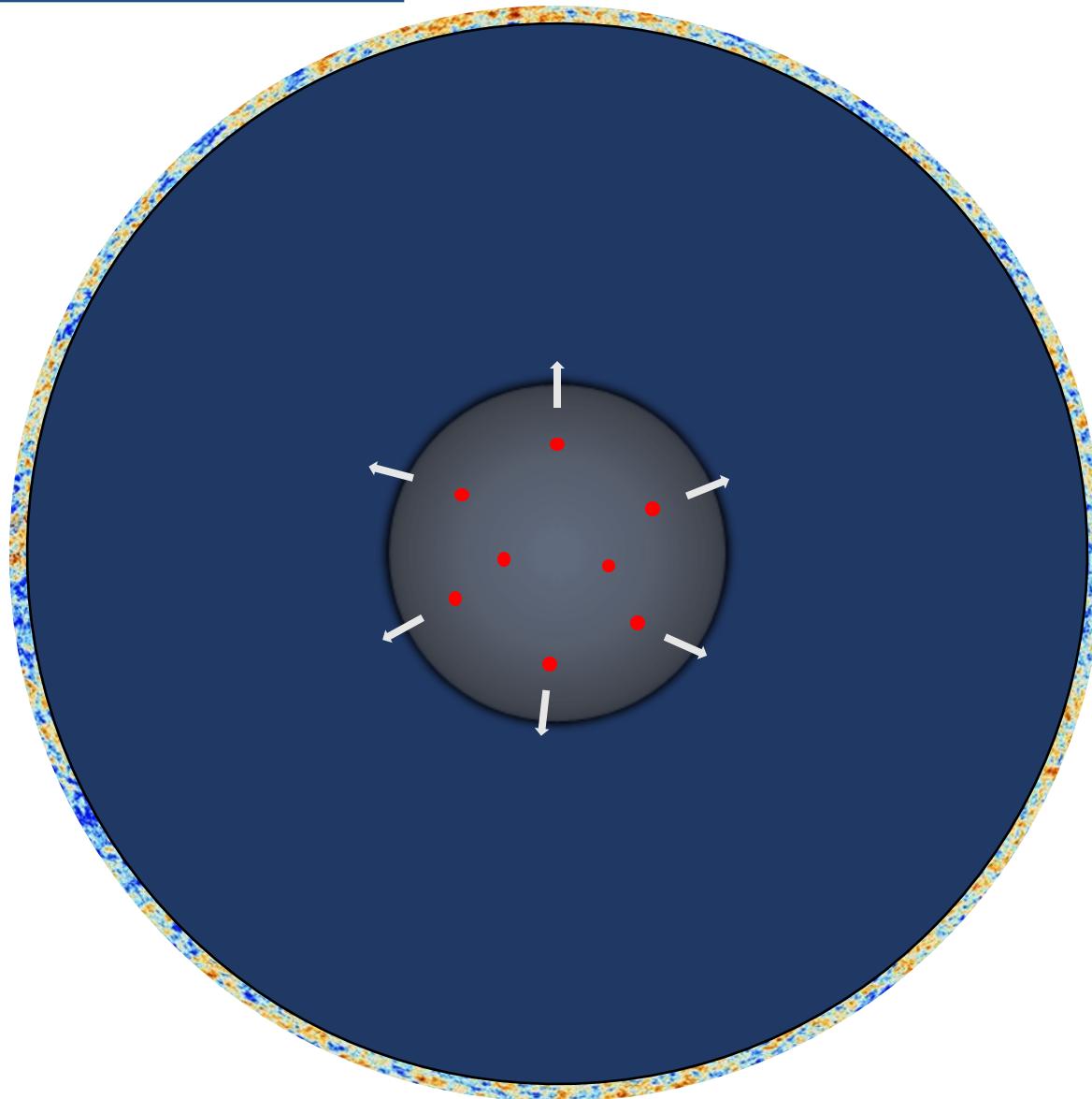
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A local structure may exist and influence the observations

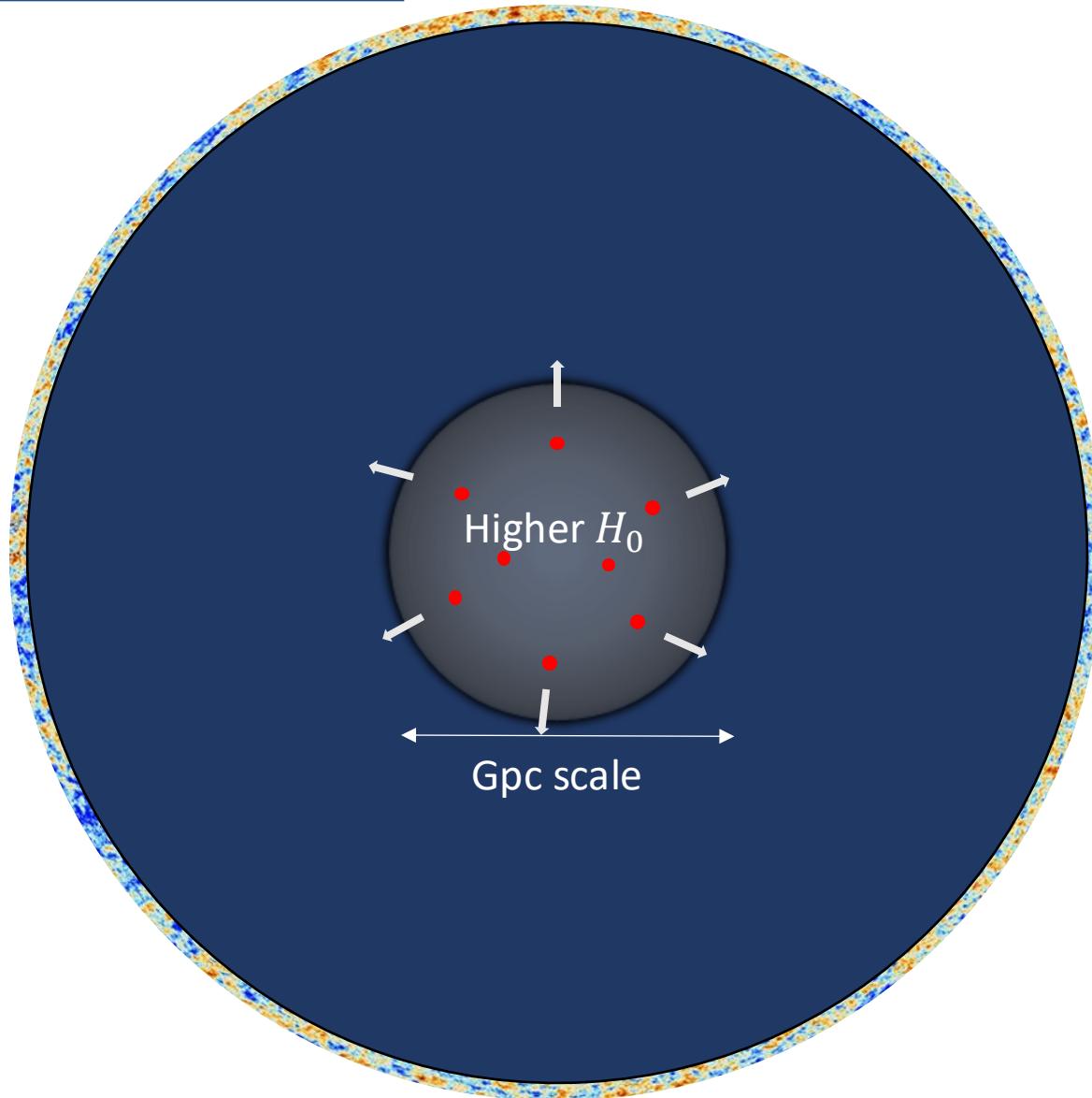
A Local Void



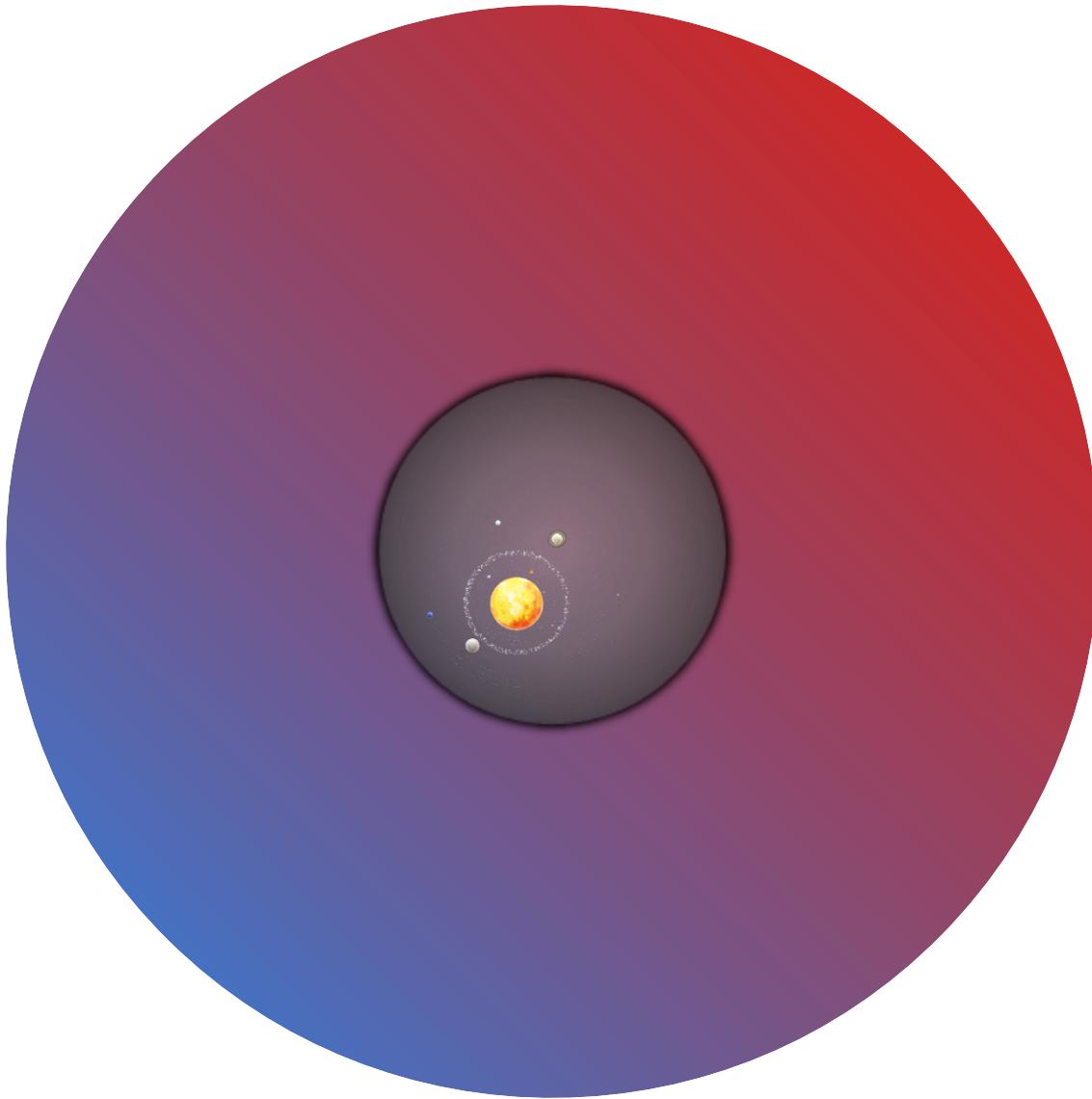
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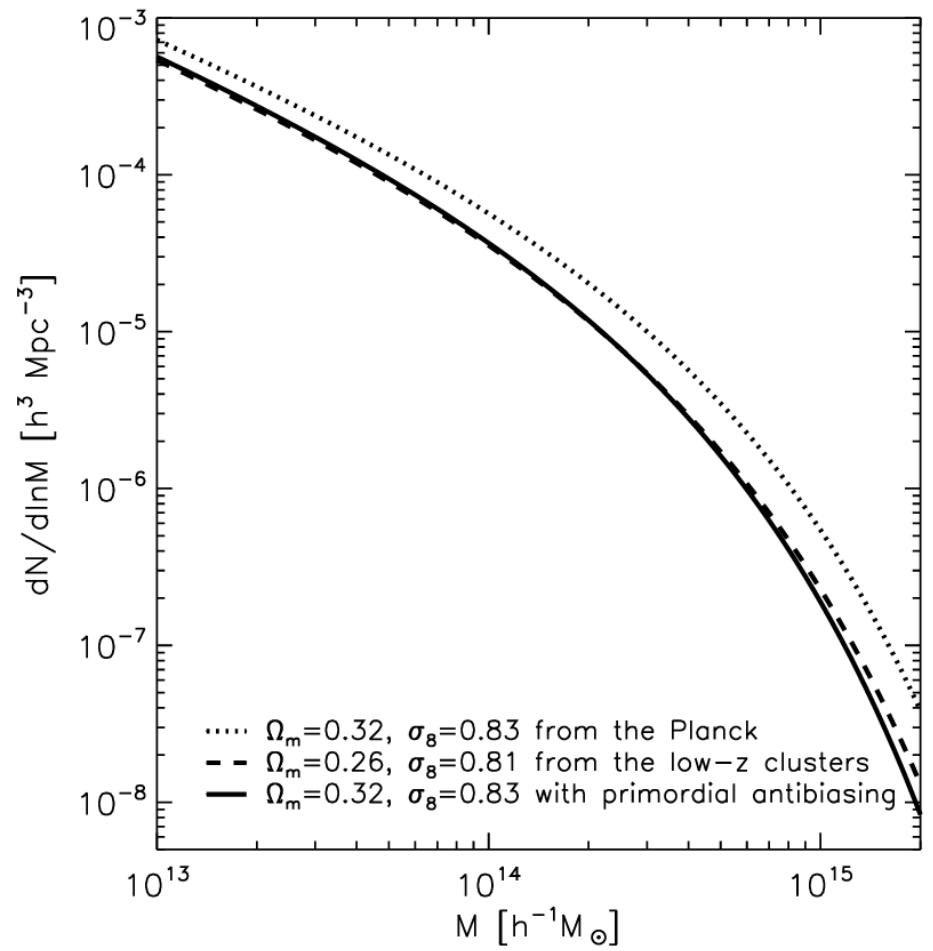


A Local Void & Dipole



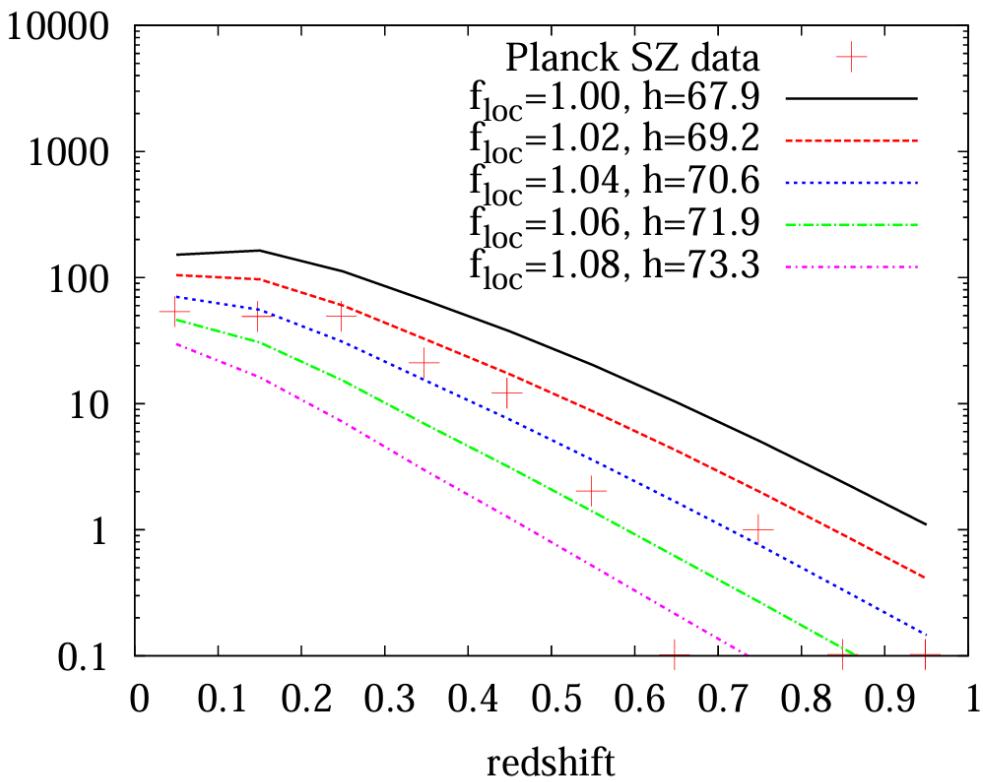
S_8 tension in a Gpc-scale local void

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$$\frac{dN}{dM} = 2 \frac{\bar{\rho}}{M} \left| \frac{dF(\delta_c, M)}{dM} \right|$$



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$$\frac{dN}{dz}(z) = f_{sky} \int_0^\infty dM \chi(M) \frac{dN}{dM}(M, z) \frac{dV(z)}{dz}$$

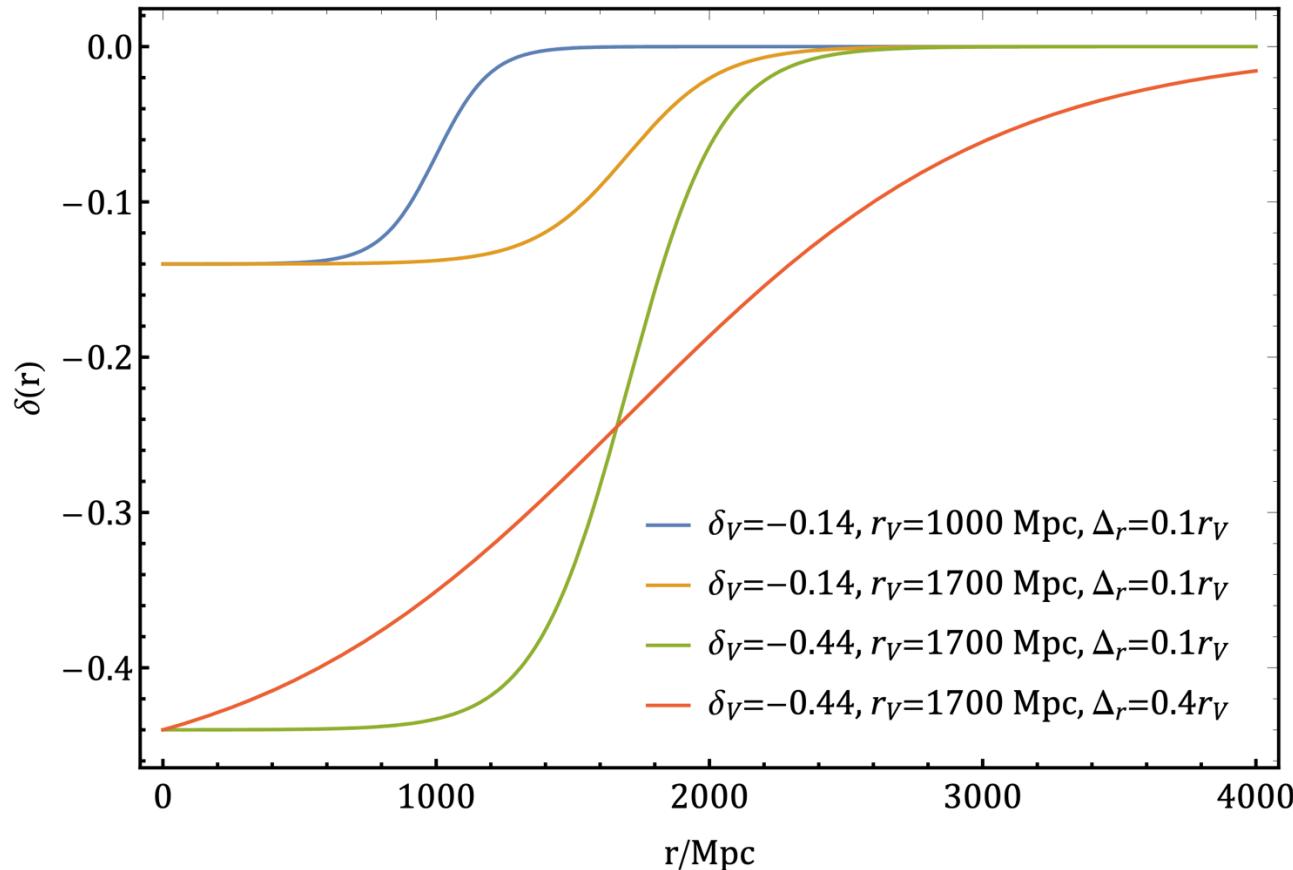
Hubble tension in a Gpc-scale local void

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Void Profile

We parameterize the void profile by introducing δ_V , r_V and Δ_r

$$\delta(r) = \delta_V \frac{1 - \tanh((r - r_V)/2\Delta_r)}{1 + \tanh(r_V/2\Delta_r)}$$



LTB Metric & H_0

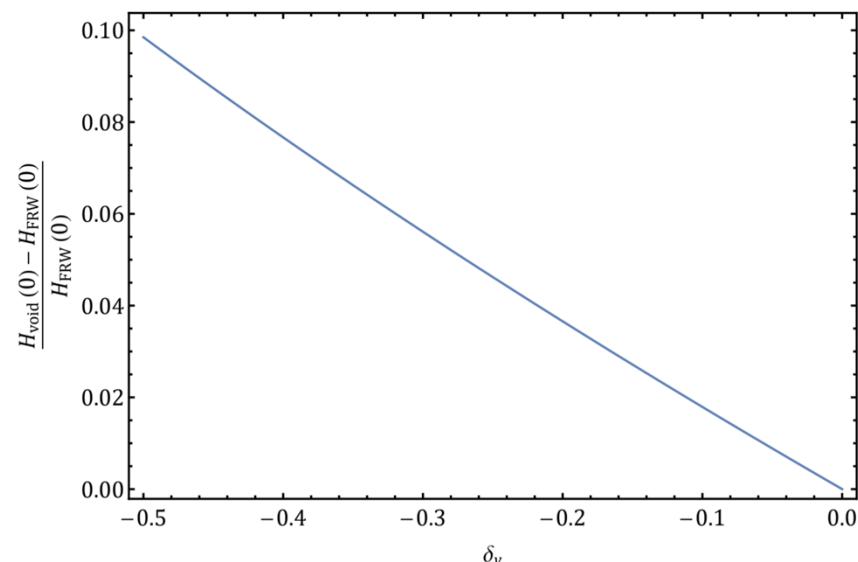
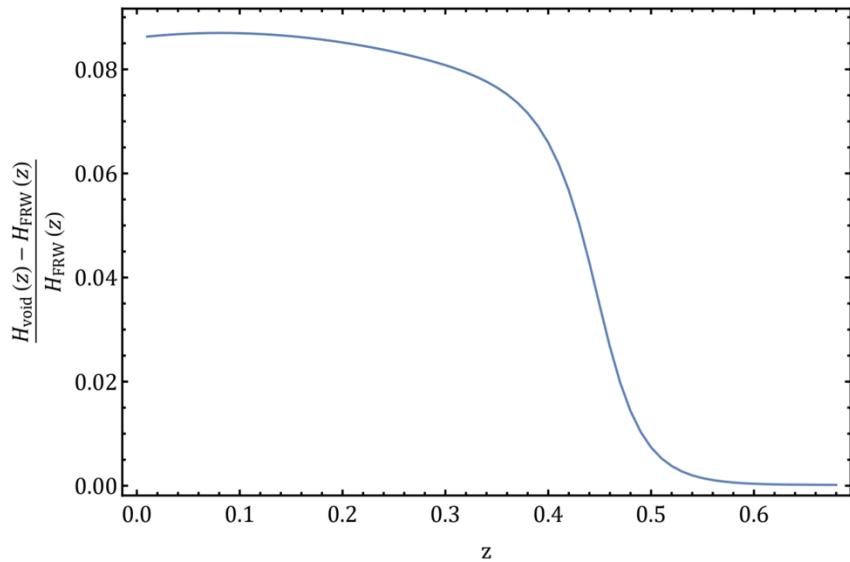
In order to describe spacetime in void model, we use the Lemaitre-Tolman-Bondi (LTB) metric:

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - \frac{R'(r,t)^2}{1 - k(r)} dr^2 - R^2(r,t) d\Omega^2$$

The Friedmann equation in LTB metric is

$$H(r,t)^2 = H_0(r)^2 \left(\Omega_M(r) \frac{R_0(r)^3}{R(r,t)^3} + \Omega_k(r) \frac{R_0(r)^2}{R(r,t)^2} + \Omega_\Lambda(r) \right)$$

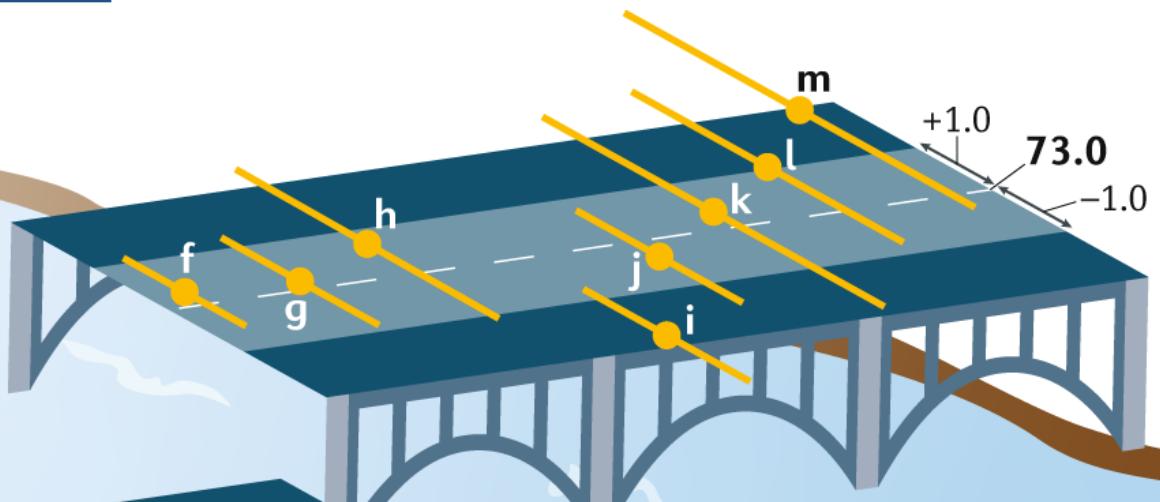
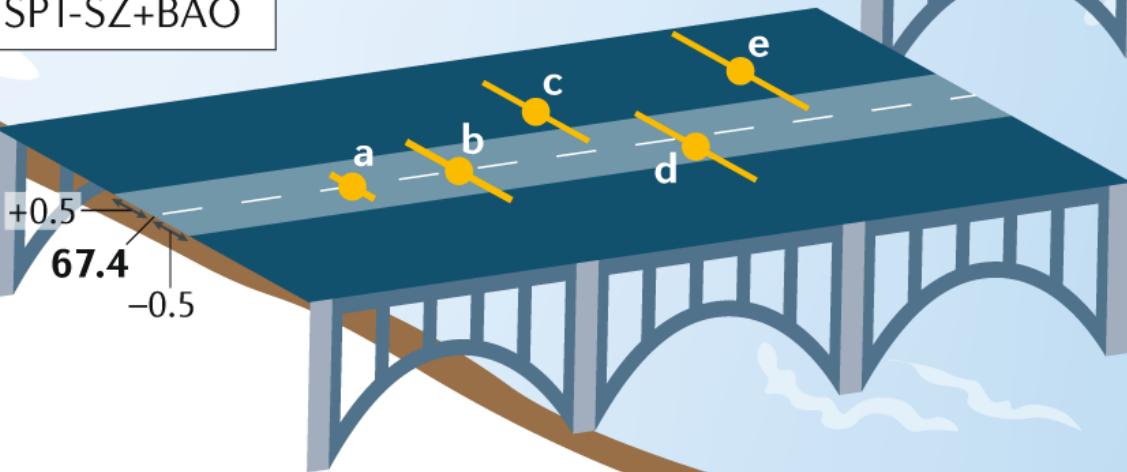
Which can introduce different Hubble parameters in a local void



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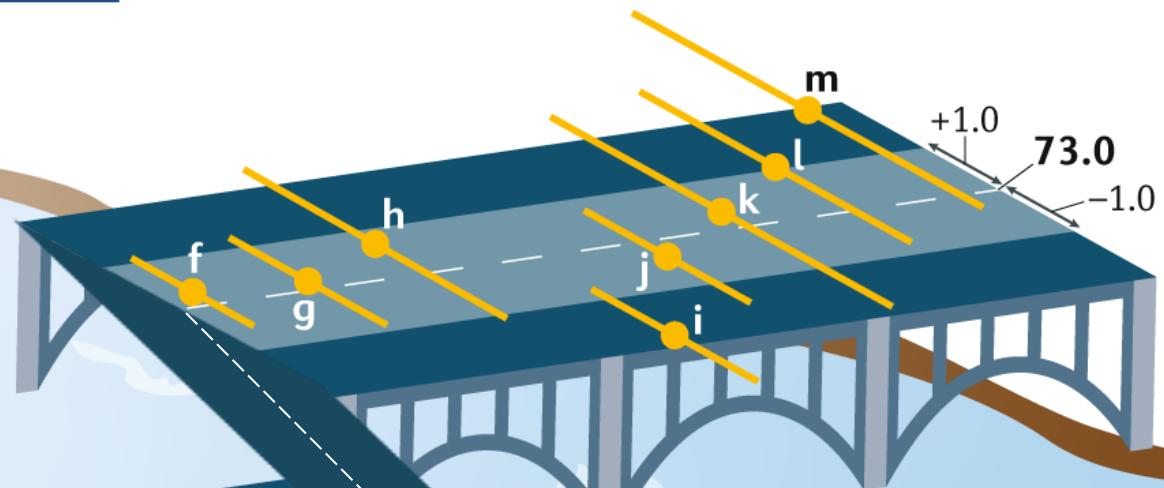
Late route

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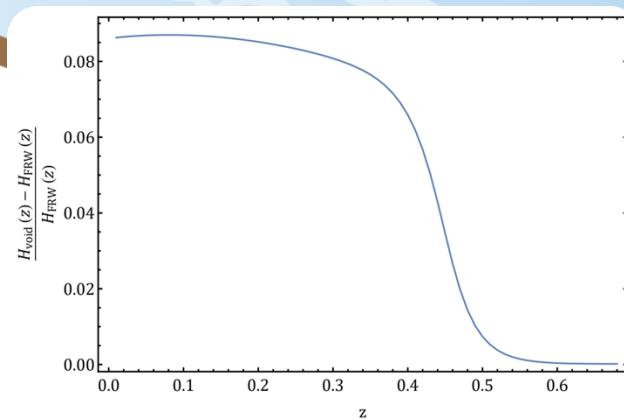
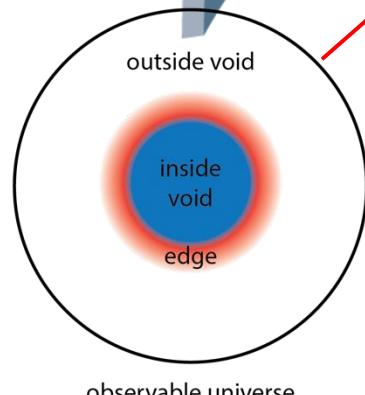
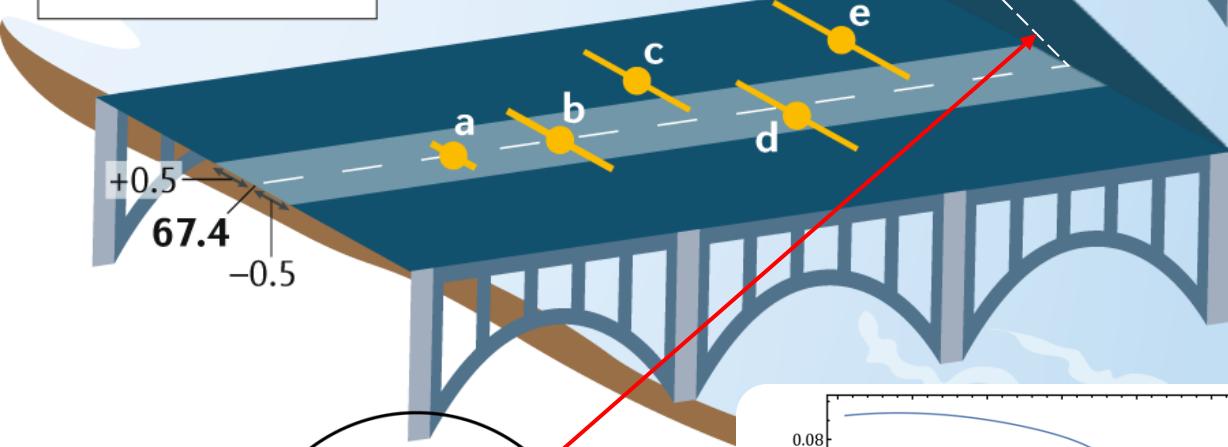
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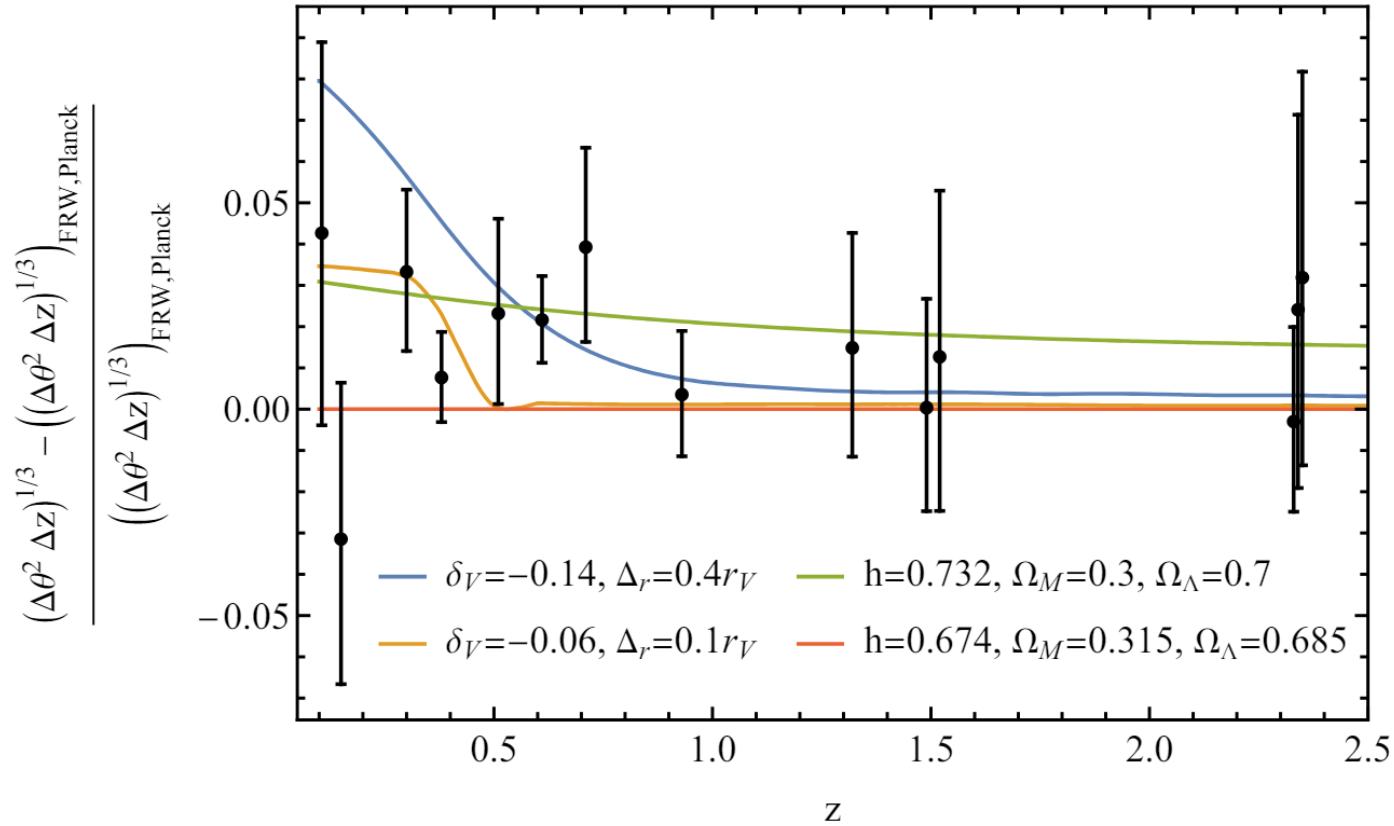


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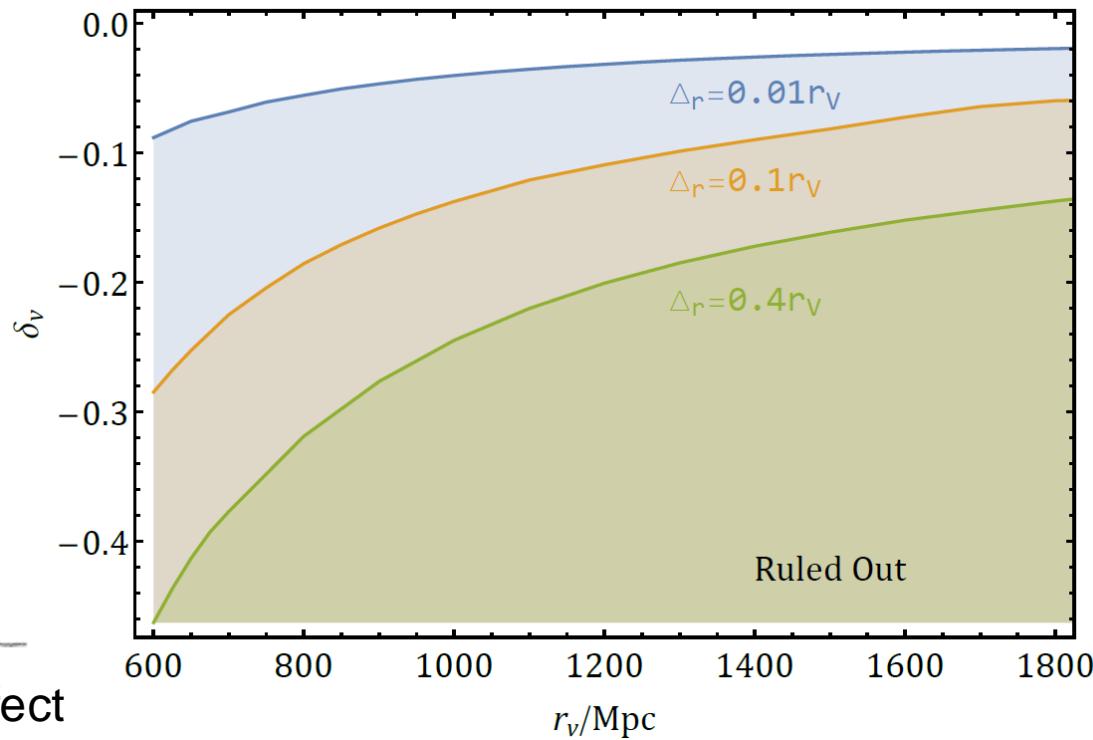
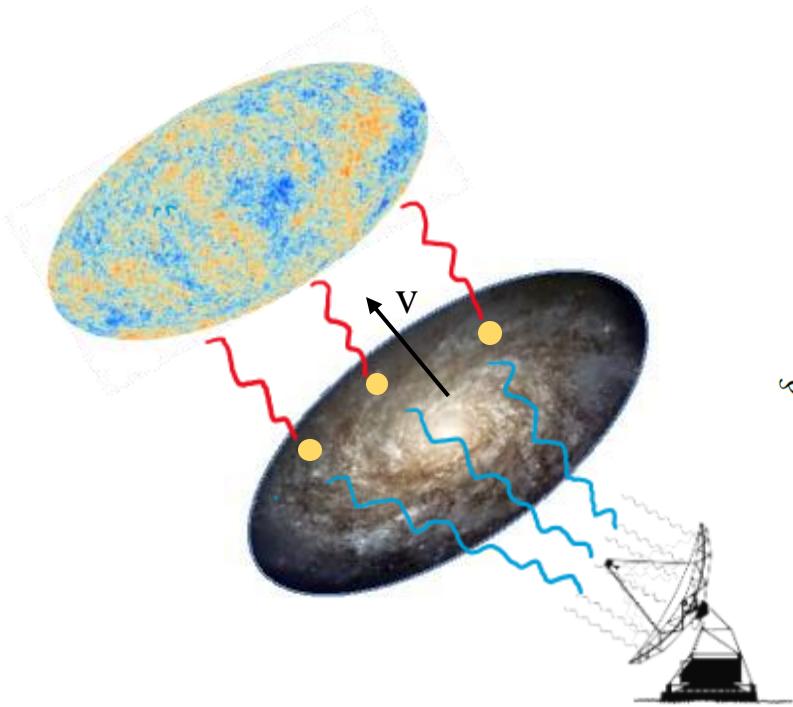
BAO observation



$$(\Delta\theta^2 \Delta z)^{1/3} = \frac{z_{BAO}^{1/3} r_d}{D_V^{FRW}(z_{BAO})}$$

$$D_V^{FRW}(z_{BAO}) = \frac{1}{H_0} \left[\frac{z_{BAO}}{h(z_{BAO})} \left(\int_0^{z_{BAO}} \frac{dz}{h(z)} \right)^2 \right]^{1/3}$$

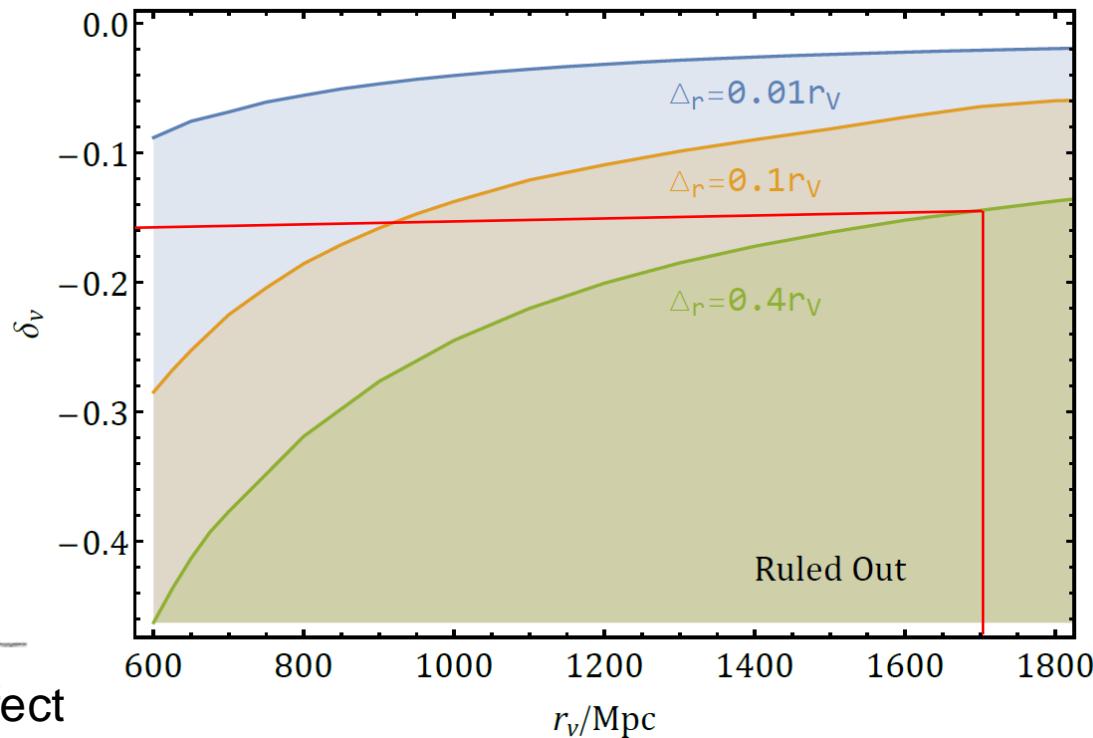
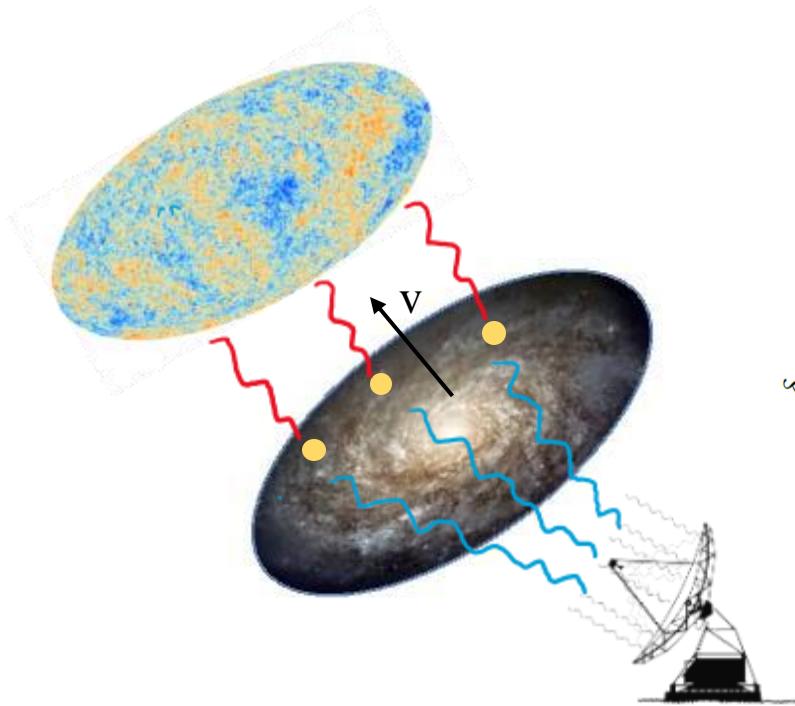
Kinematic SZ Effect



Kinematic Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect

$$\Delta T_{kSZ}(\hat{n}) = T_{CMB} \int_0^{z_e} \delta_e(\hat{n}, z) \frac{V_H(\hat{n}, z) \cdot \hat{n}}{c} d\tau_e$$
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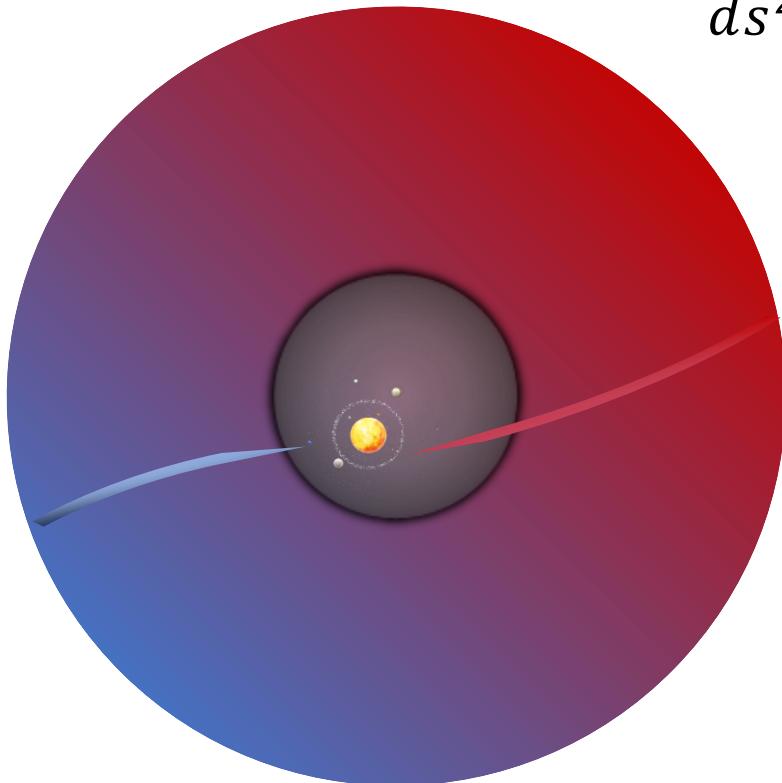
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Geodesic Equations



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Geodesic Equations

$$\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\lambda^2} + \Gamma_{\alpha\nu}^\mu \frac{dx^\alpha}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{d\lambda} = 0$$

$$1 + z(\lambda_e) = \frac{\tau(\lambda_r)}{\tau(\lambda_e)}$$

Initial Conditions

The location of observers r
and the observational angle θ

CMB Dipole

Temperature dipole

$$T(\hat{n}) = \frac{T^*}{1 + z(\hat{n})} \quad \frac{\Delta T}{\bar{T}} = \frac{T(\hat{n}) - \bar{T}}{\bar{T}} = \frac{\bar{z} - z(\hat{n})}{1 + z(\hat{n})}$$

$$\bar{T} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int T(\hat{n}) d\Omega \quad 1 + \bar{z} = \frac{T^*}{\bar{T}} \quad D_T = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{\Delta T}{\bar{T}}(\theta) \cos \theta d\theta$$

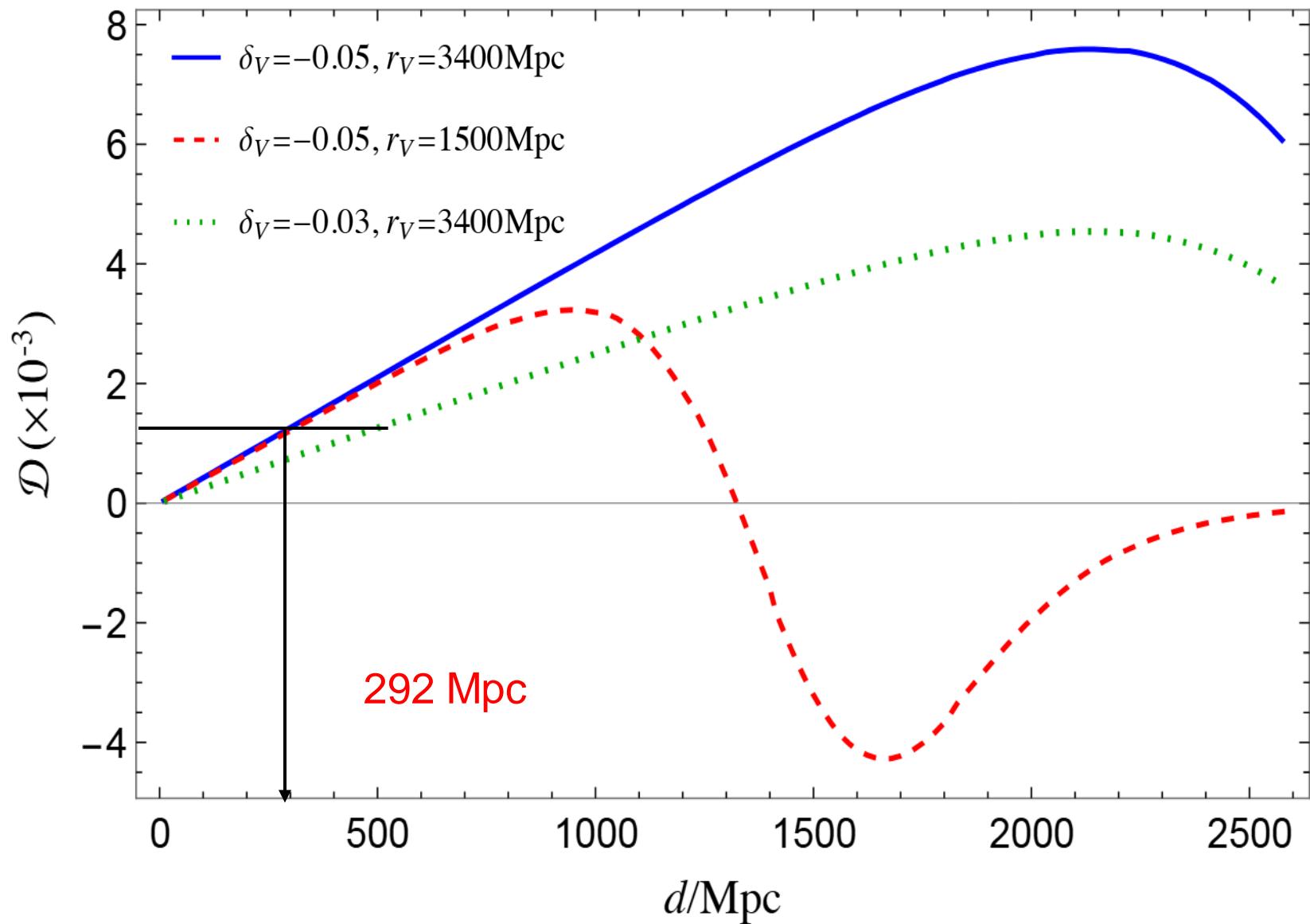
Kinematic dipole

$$D_\nu = \frac{v_H}{c} \simeq \frac{1}{c} [\tilde{H}(t_0, d) - \tilde{H}(t_0, r(z))] R(t_0, d)$$

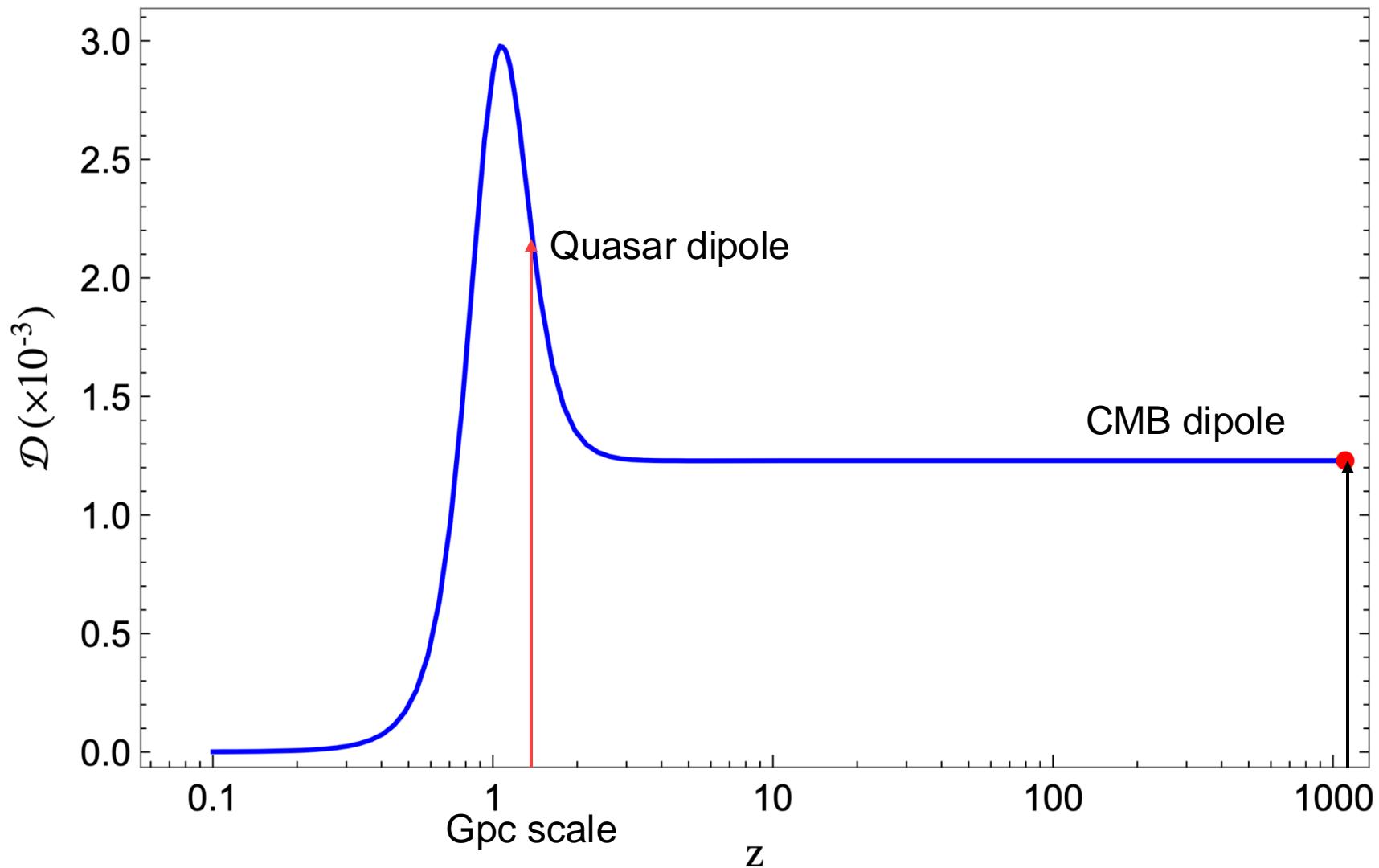
Total dipole

$$D = D_T + D_\nu$$

CMB Dipole



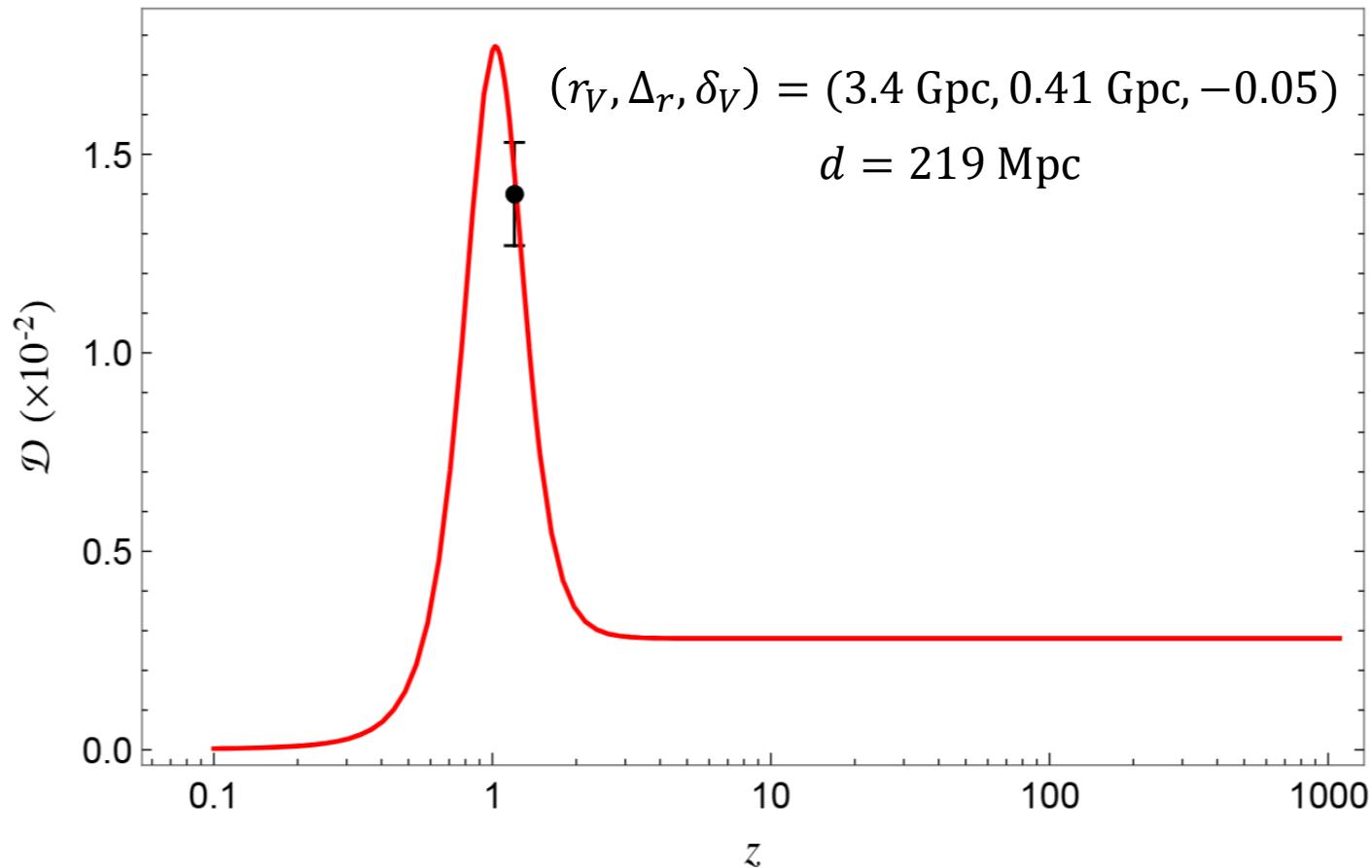
Void induced Dipole



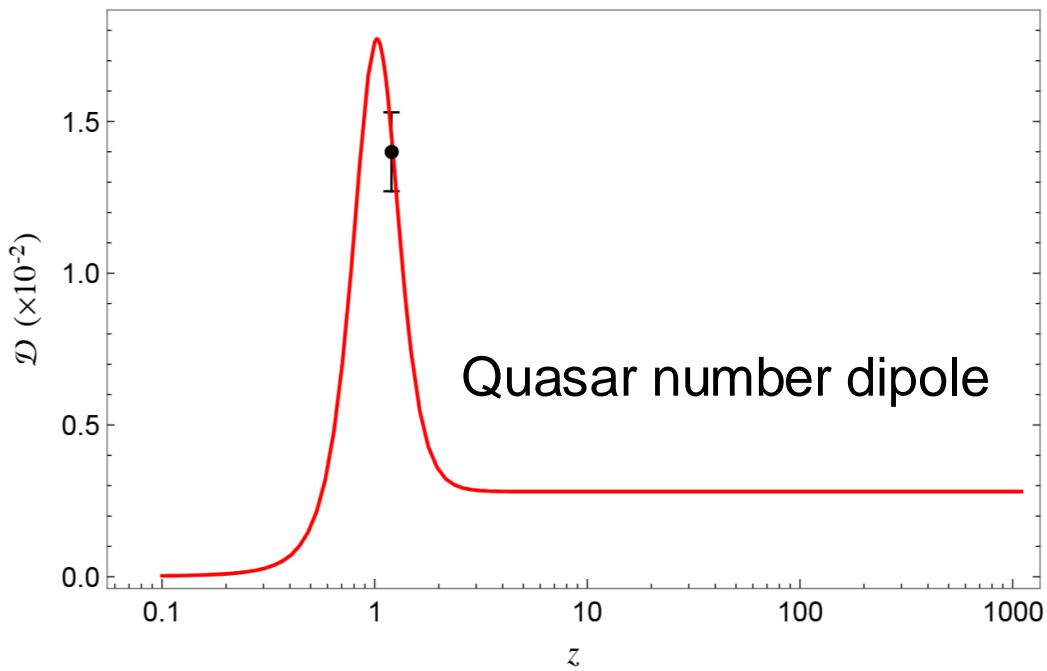
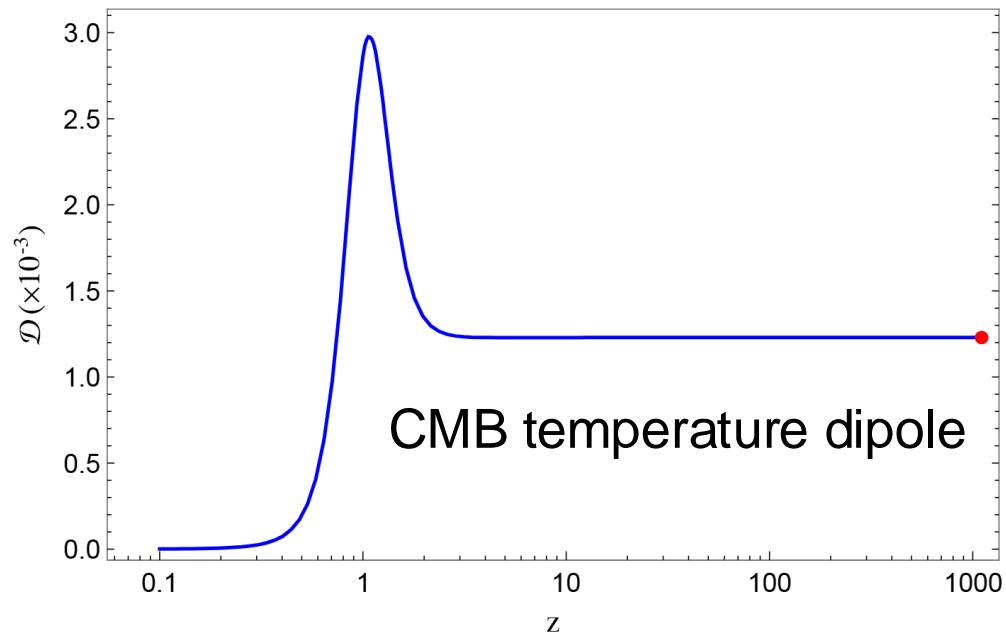
Quasar Dipole

Assumption: quasar number density \propto matter density

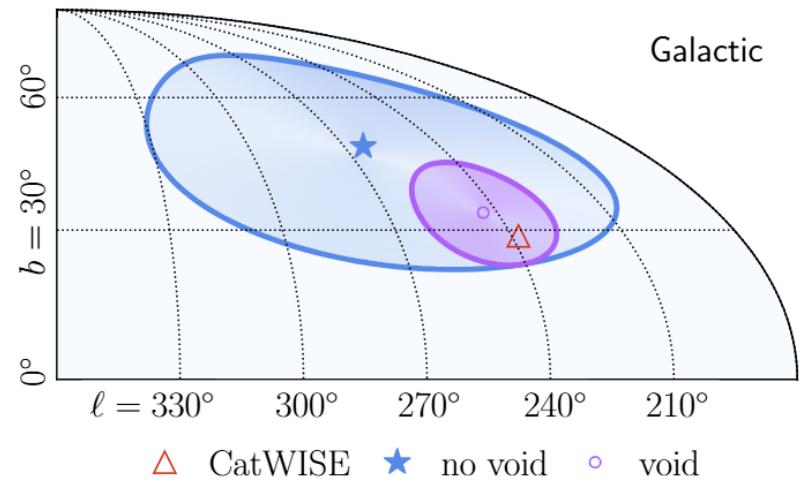
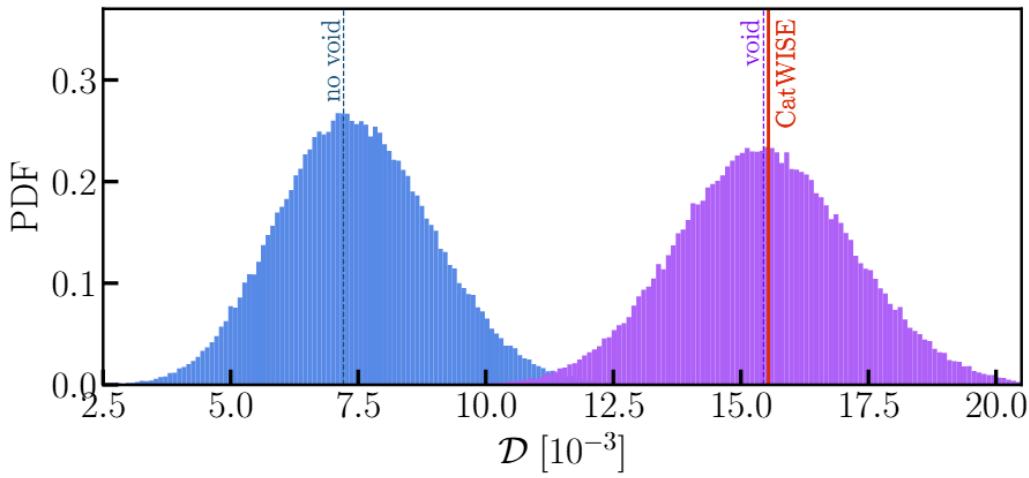
$$\frac{dM}{d\Omega}(\xi) = \frac{\rho dS dt}{d\Omega} = \frac{\rho \sqrt{\frac{R'^2}{1-k} dr^2 + R^2 d\theta^2} R \sin \theta d\phi dt}{\sin \xi d\xi d\phi} = \rho \sqrt{\frac{R'^2}{1-k} \left(\frac{dr}{d\xi}\right)^2 + R^2 \left(\frac{d\theta}{d\xi}\right)^2} R \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \xi} dt$$



Cosmic Dipole



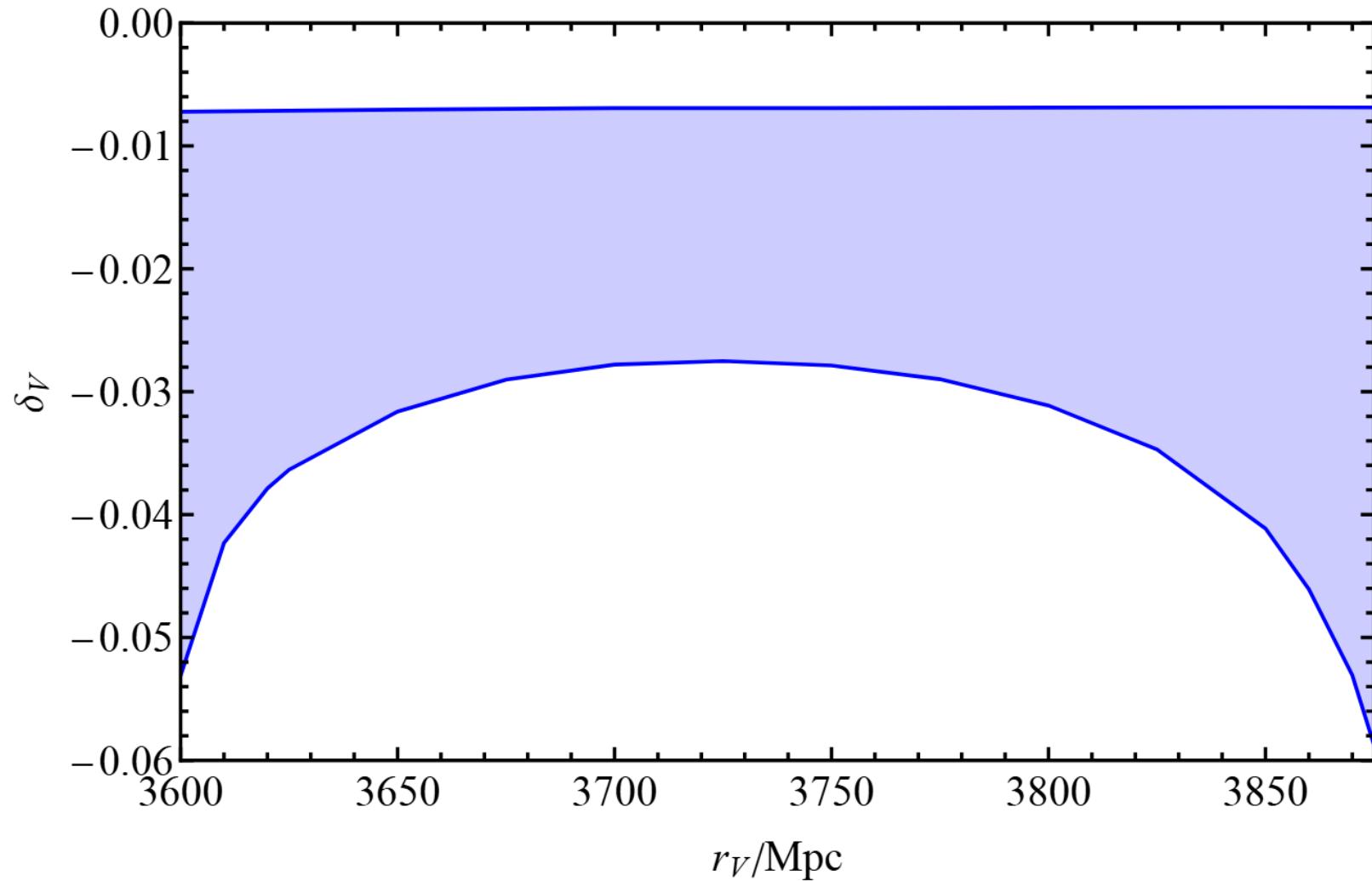
Dipolar Tension in Void



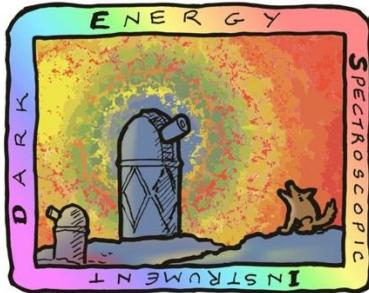
$$(r_V, \Delta_r, \delta_V) = (3.5 \text{ Gpc}, 0.42 \text{ Gpc}, -0.058)$$

$$d = 219 \text{ Mpc}$$

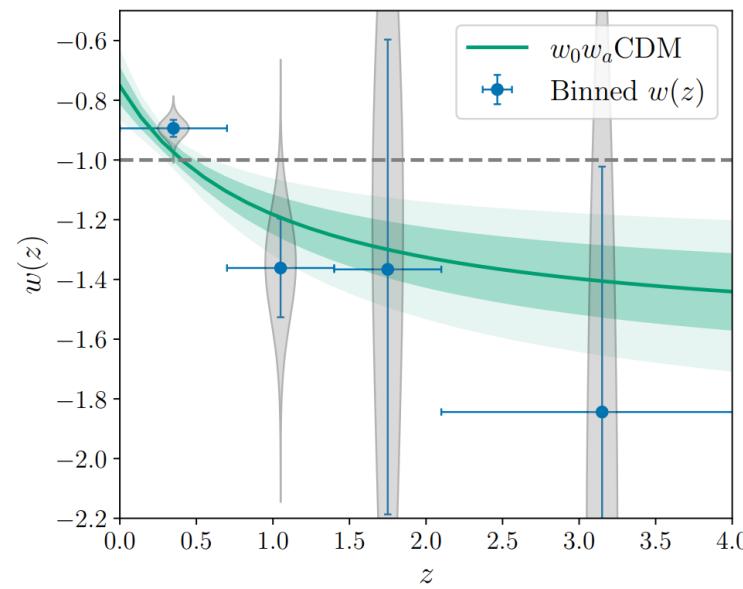
Allowed Void Profile



Any Evidence?



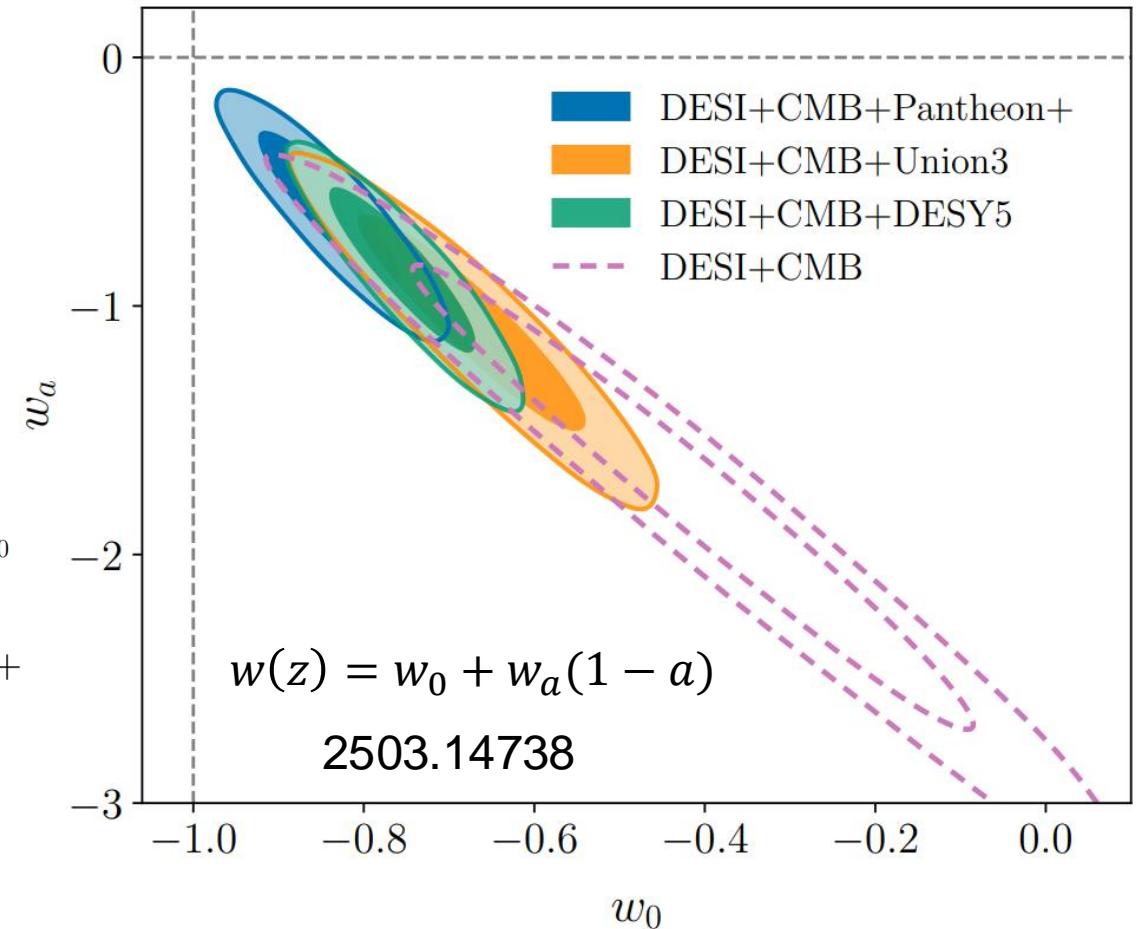
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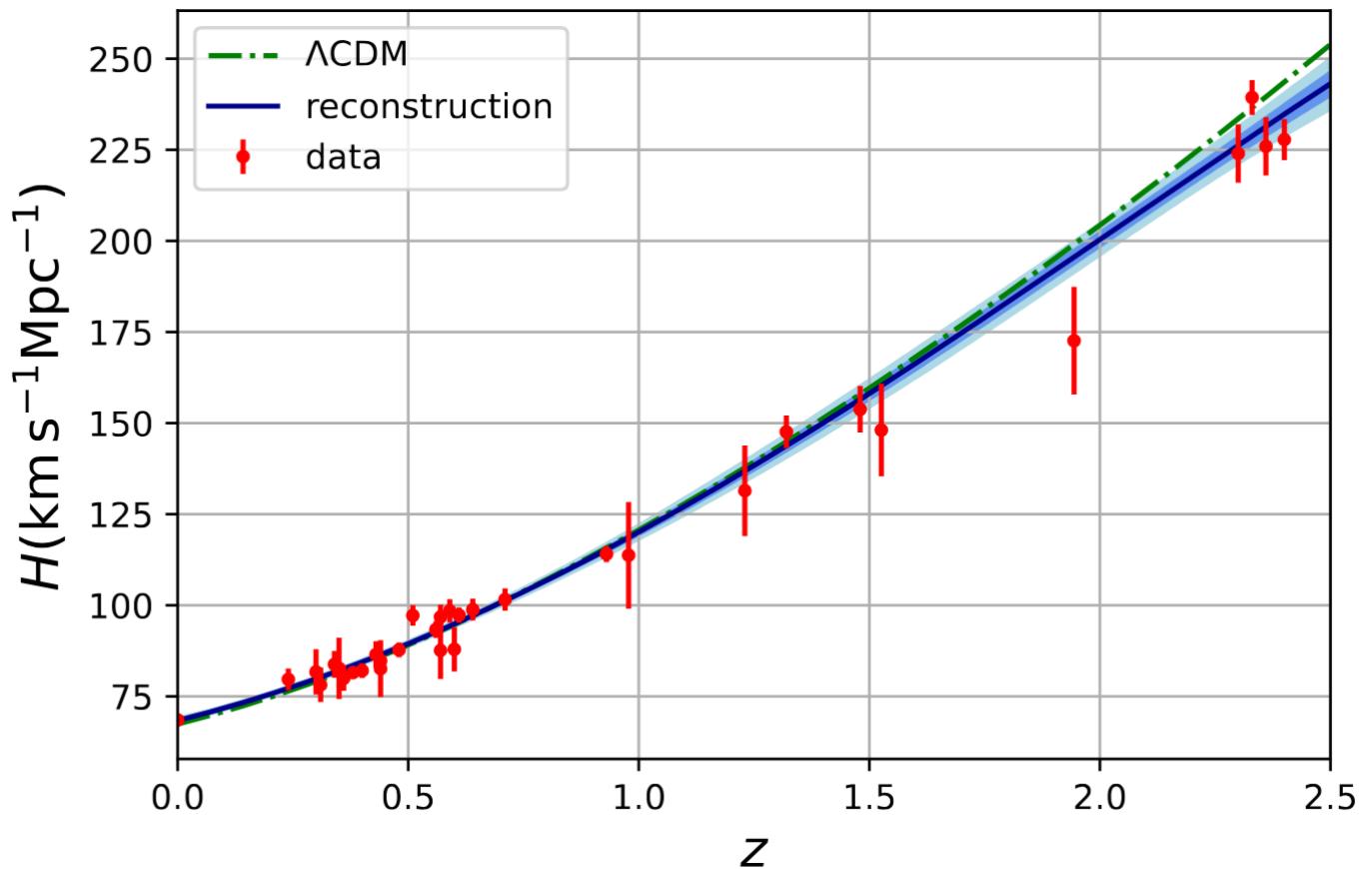
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Gaussian Process in BAO

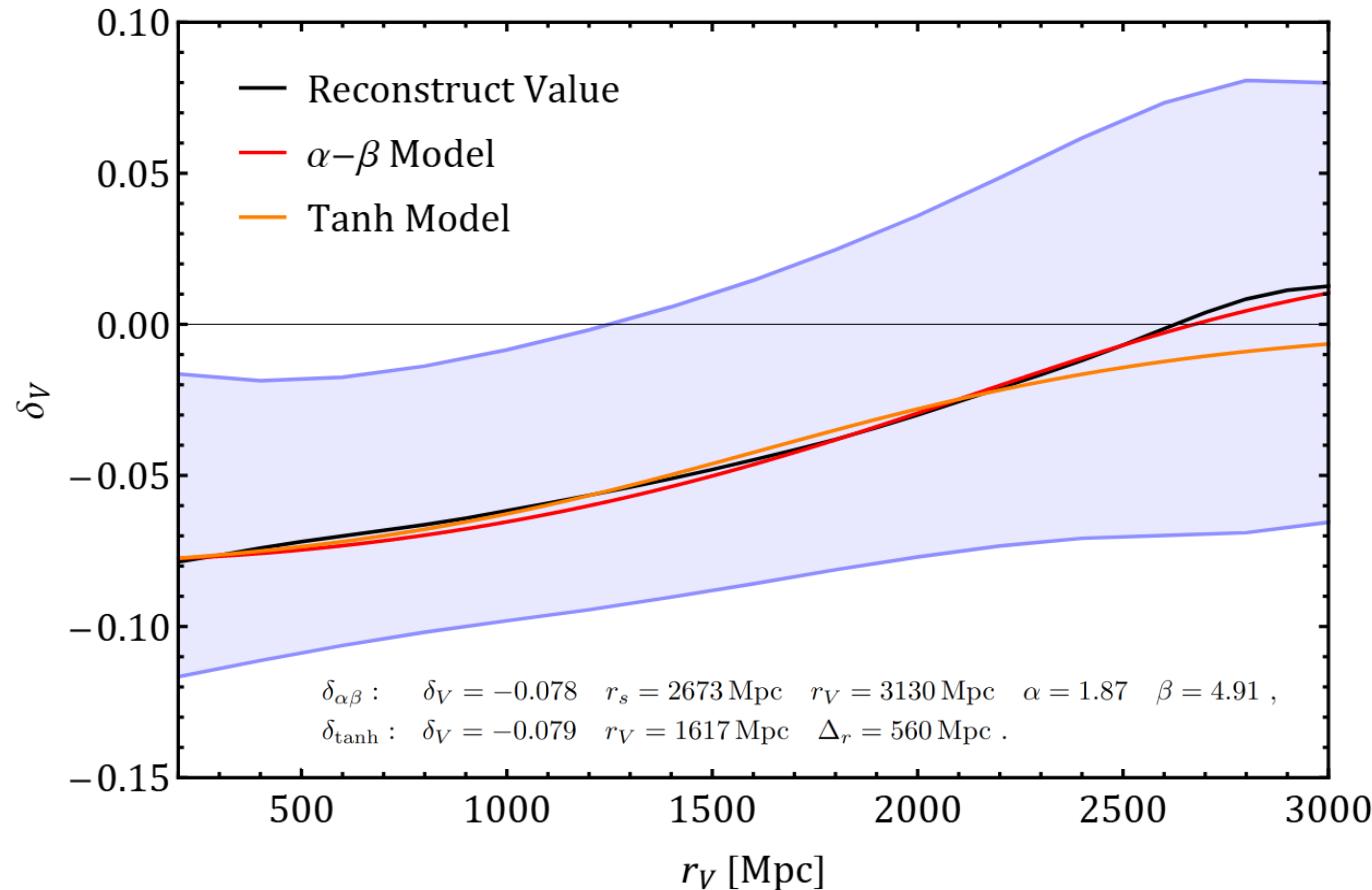


$$k(z, z') = \sigma_f^2 e^{-\frac{(z-z')^2}{2l^2}}$$

| Survey | Index | z_{eff} | $H(z) + \sigma_H$ |
|--------------|-------|------------------|--------------------|
| DESI | 1 | 0.51 | 97.21 ± 2.83 |
| | 2 | 0.71 | 101.57 ± 3.04 |
| | 3 | 0.93 | 114.07 ± 2.24 |
| | 4 | 1.32 | 147.58 ± 4.49 |
| | 5 | 2.33 | 239.38 ± 4.80 |
| Previous BAO | 6 | 0.24 | 79.69 ± 2.99 |
| | 7 | 0.30 | 81.70 ± 6.22 |
| | 8 | 0.31 | 78.17 ± 6.74 |
| | 9 | 0.34 | 83.17 ± 6.74 |
| | 10 | 0.35 | 82.70 ± 8.40 |
| | 11 | 0.36 | 79.93 ± 3.39 |
| | 12 | 0.38 | 81.50 ± 1.90 |
| | 13 | 0.40 | 82.04 ± 2.03 |
| | 14 | 0.43 | 86.45 ± 3.68 |
| | 15 | 0.44 | 82.60 ± 7.80 |
| | 16 | 0.44 | 84.81 ± 1.83 |
| | 17 | 0.48 | 87.79 ± 2.03 |
| | 18 | 0.56 | 93.33 ± 2.32 |
| | 19 | 0.57 | 87.60 ± 7.80 |
| | 20 | 0.57 | 96.80 ± 3.40 |
| | 21 | 0.59 | 98.48 ± 3.19 |
| | 22 | 0.60 | 87.90 ± 6.10 |
| | 23 | 0.61 | 97.30 ± 2.10 |
| | 24 | 0.64 | 98.82 ± 2.99 |
| | 25 | 0.978 | 113.72 ± 14.63 |
| | 26 | 1.23 | 131.44 ± 12.42 |
| | 27 | 1.48 | 153.81 ± 6.39 |
| | 28 | 1.526 | 148.11 ± 12.71 |
| | 29 | 1.944 | 172.63 ± 14.79 |
| | 30 | 2.30 | 224 ± 8 |
| | 31 | 2.36 | 226.0 ± 8.00 |
| | 32 | 2.40 | 227.8 ± 5.61 |

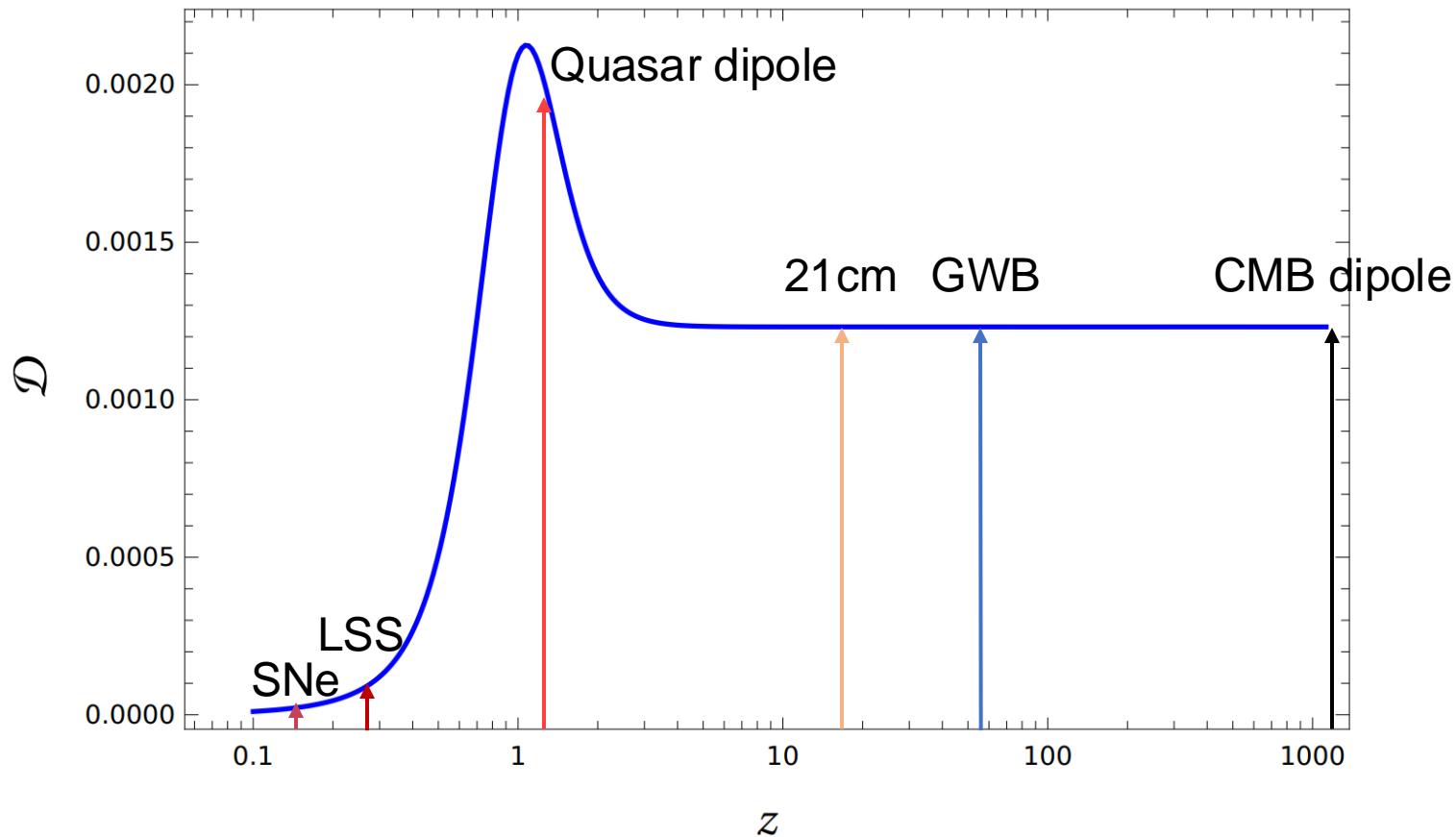
Reconstruct Void Profile

$$H(z)^2 \equiv H(r(z), t(z))^2 = H_0(r)^2 \left(\Omega_M(r) \frac{R_0(r)^3}{R(r,t)^3} + \Omega_\Lambda(r) + \Omega_k(r) \frac{R_0(r)^2}{R(r,t)^2} \right)$$



$$\delta_{\alpha\beta}(r) = \delta_V \frac{1 - (r/r_s)^\alpha}{1 + (r/r_V)^\beta} , \quad \delta_{\tanh}(r) = \delta_V \frac{1 - \tanh((r - r_V)/2\Delta_r)}{1 + \tanh(r_V/2\Delta_r)}$$

Cosmic Dipole



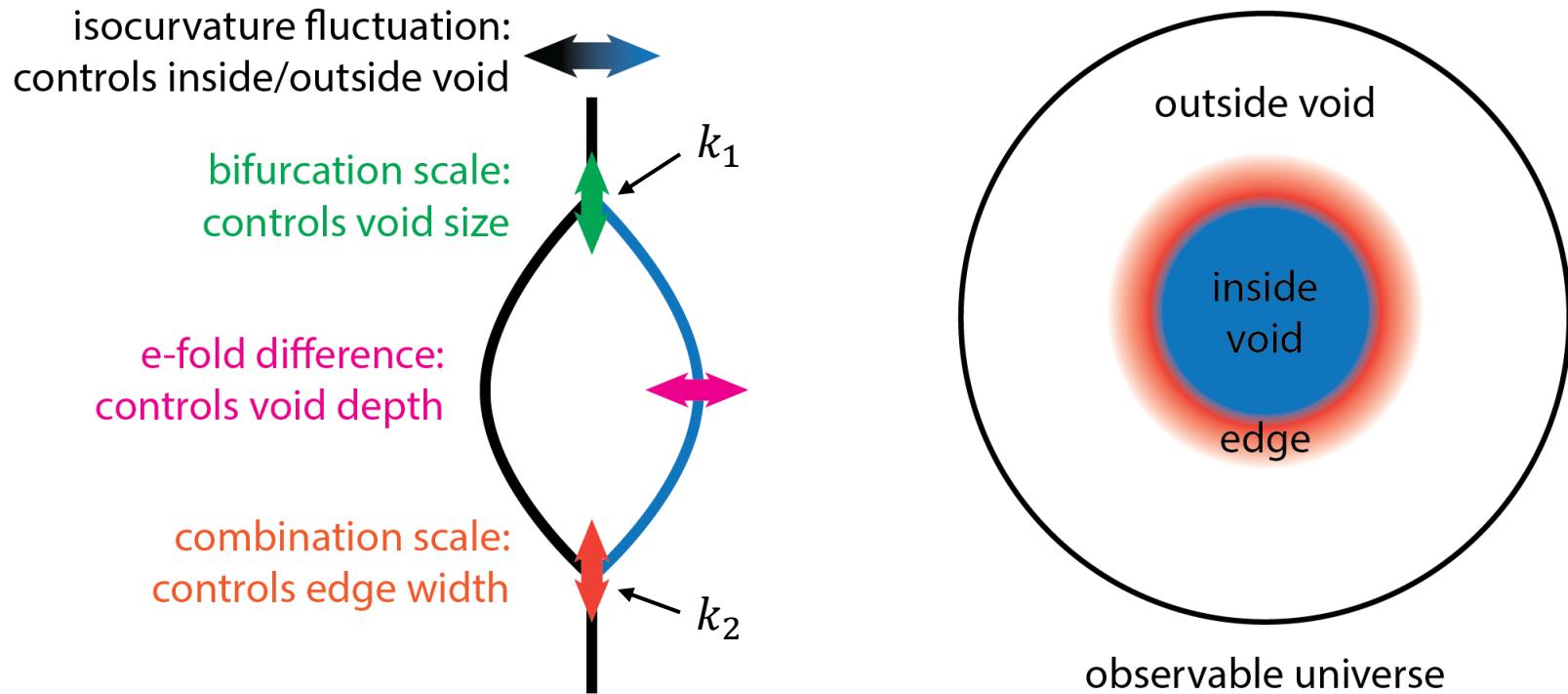
Cosmic dipoles in global signals indicate
the profile of the local structure.





Thank you!

Multi-Stream Inflation



We parameterize the void profile by introducing δ_V , r_V and Δ_r

$$\delta(r) = \delta_V \frac{1 - \tanh((r - r_V)/2\Delta_r)}{1 + \tanh(r_V/2\Delta_r)}$$

Here, the void shape is decided by the multi-stream inflation potential

$$\delta_V \sim \delta N, \quad r_V \sim \frac{1}{k_1}, \quad \Delta_r \sim \frac{1}{k_1} - \frac{1}{k_2}$$

Global Anisotropy

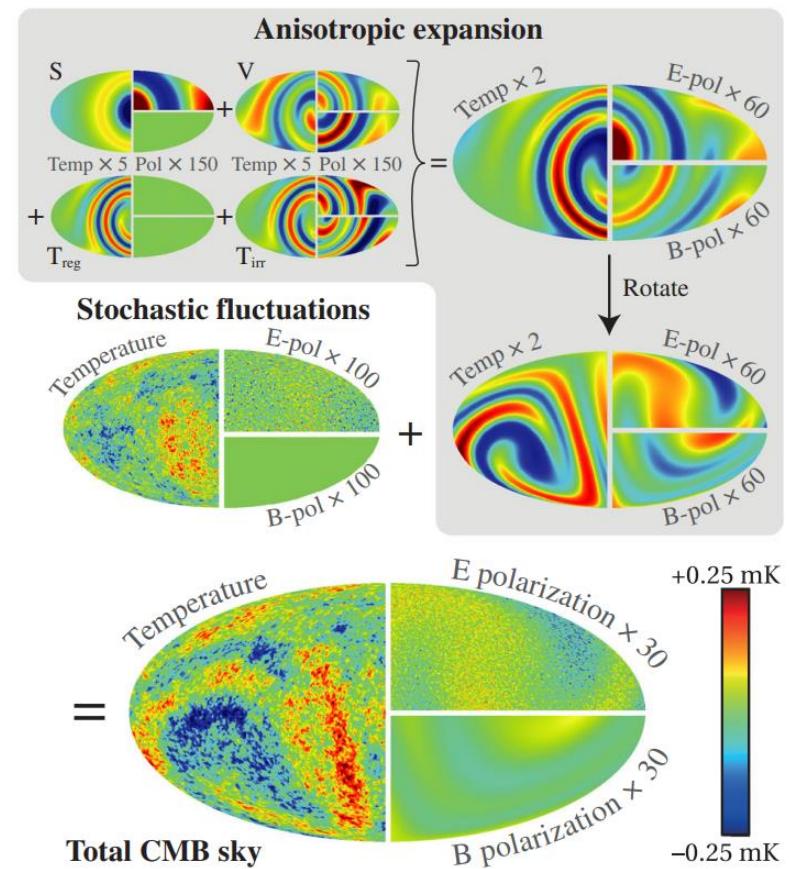
Constraints on Bianchi cosmology

$$\frac{\sigma_V}{H} < 4.7 \times 10^{-11}$$

“How Isotropic is the Universe?”, D. Saadeh, S. M. Feeney, A. Pontzen, H. V. Peiris, and J. D. McEwen, PRL



Rotating Universe



Angular velocity
 $\omega < 10^{-9} \text{ rad/yr}$

“Is the Universe rotating?”, S.-C. Su and M.-C. Chu, APJ

Allowed Void

