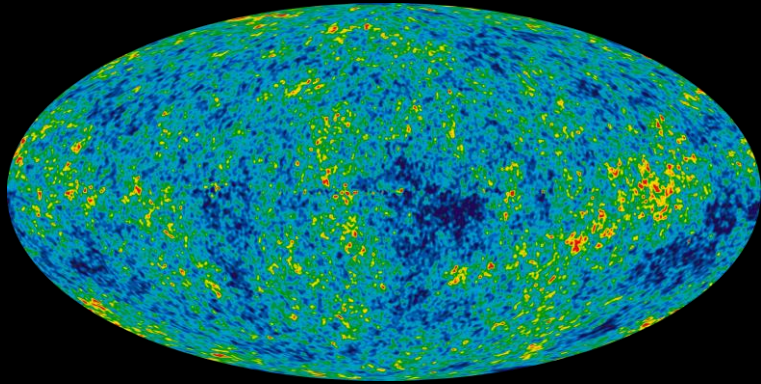


Enhancing CMB Acoustic Phase Shift with Dark Matter Loading



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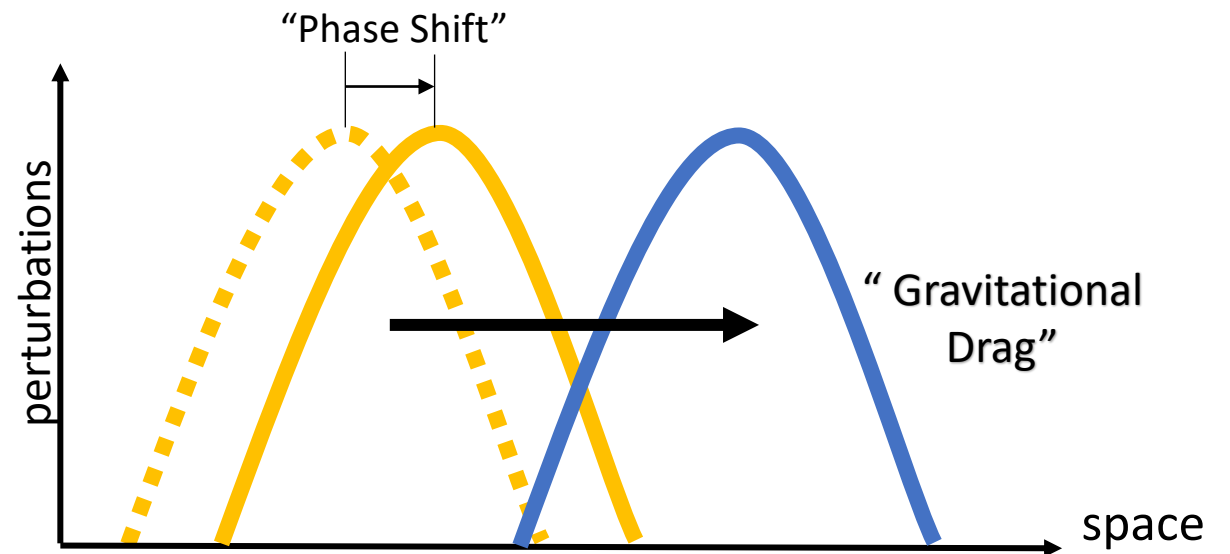
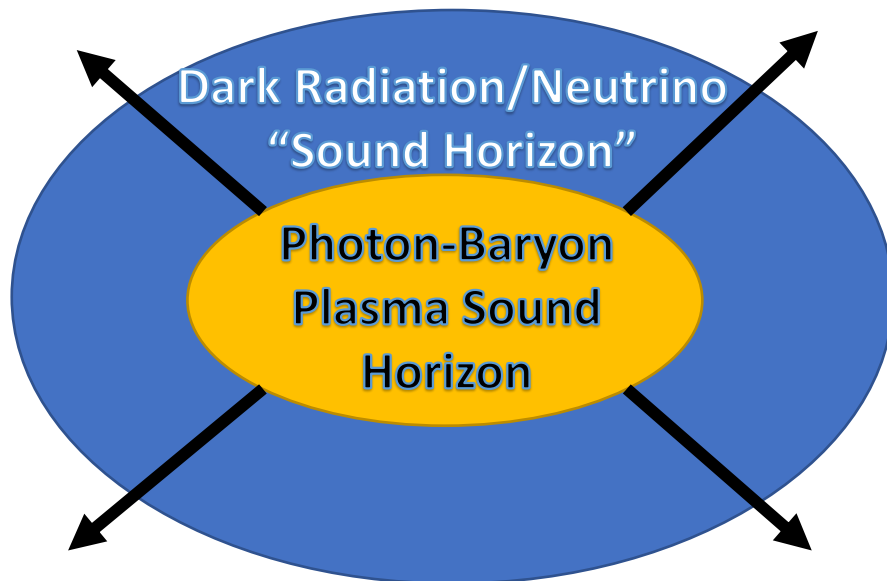
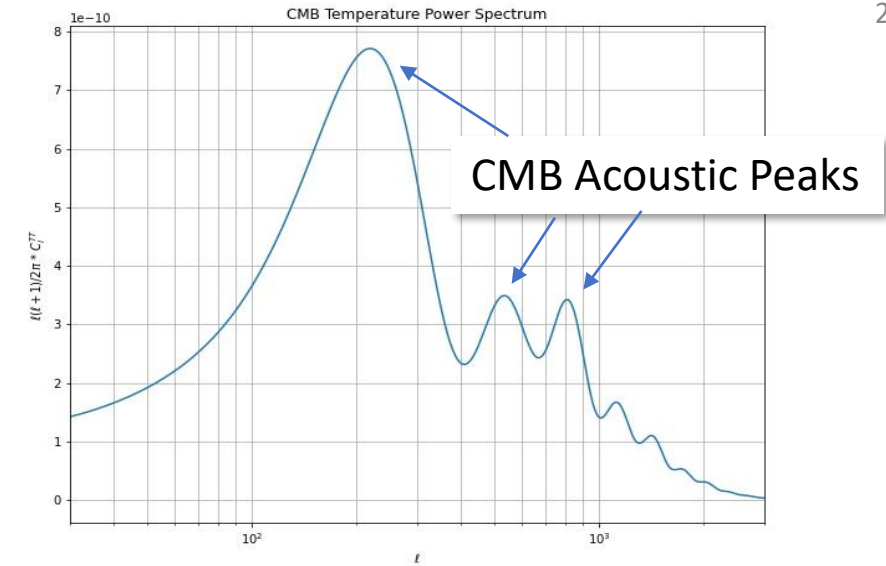
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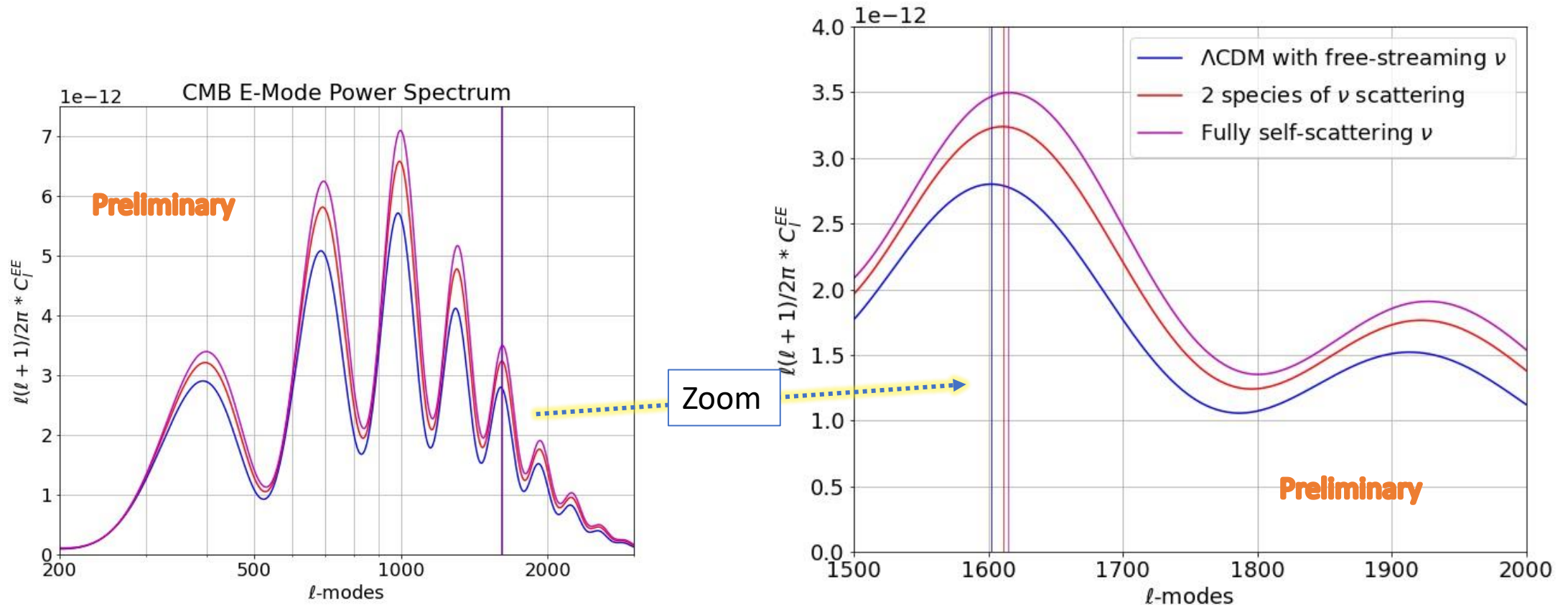
Acoustic Phase Shift

- Radiation pressure in photon-baryon plasma leads to sound (i.e. pressure) waves before recombination – this produces the acoustic peak structure in the CMB power spectrum
- Phase shift produced in acoustic oscillations leads to shift in CMB peak positions
- Limited causes: phase shift produced by **propagation behaviour of dark radiation/neutrinos** (or isocurvature fluctuations). **Use this feature to zoom in on specific kinds of new physics**



Phase Shift in the CMB

- Phase shift effect in the CMB has been studied before, for when neutrinos are free-streaming vs when they are fluid-like (Ref: Baumann et. al. [arXiv:1508.06342v3](https://arxiv.org/abs/1508.06342v3))
- Compute phase shift in the Cl's w.r.t. Lambda-CDM model with free streaming neutrinos using CLASS: peak positions of CMB power spectrum shift depending on proportion of neutrinos that self-interact



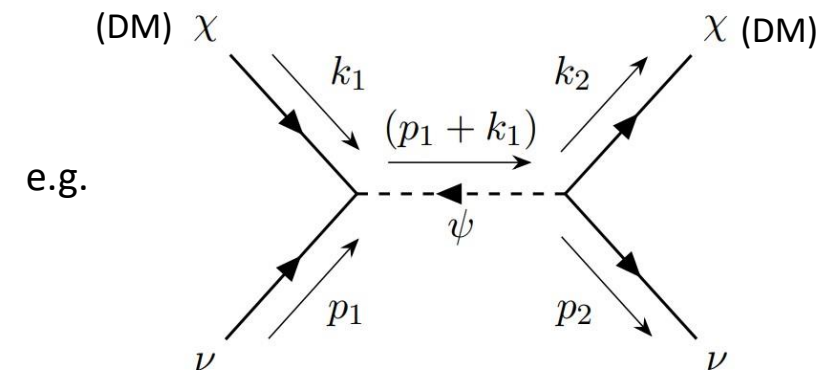
Maximum Phase Shift?

(Q1): Does the fully self-scattering neutrino case produce the *maximum possible* phase shift?

- No. Phase shift can be enhanced with:

“Dark Matter Loading”

- Effect can be produced when dark radiation/neutrinos scatter efficiently with a fraction of the dark matter to form a radiation fluid
- For maximal effect, suppose from now on that the role of **dark radiation** is played by **neutrinos** – i.e. no additional radiation component



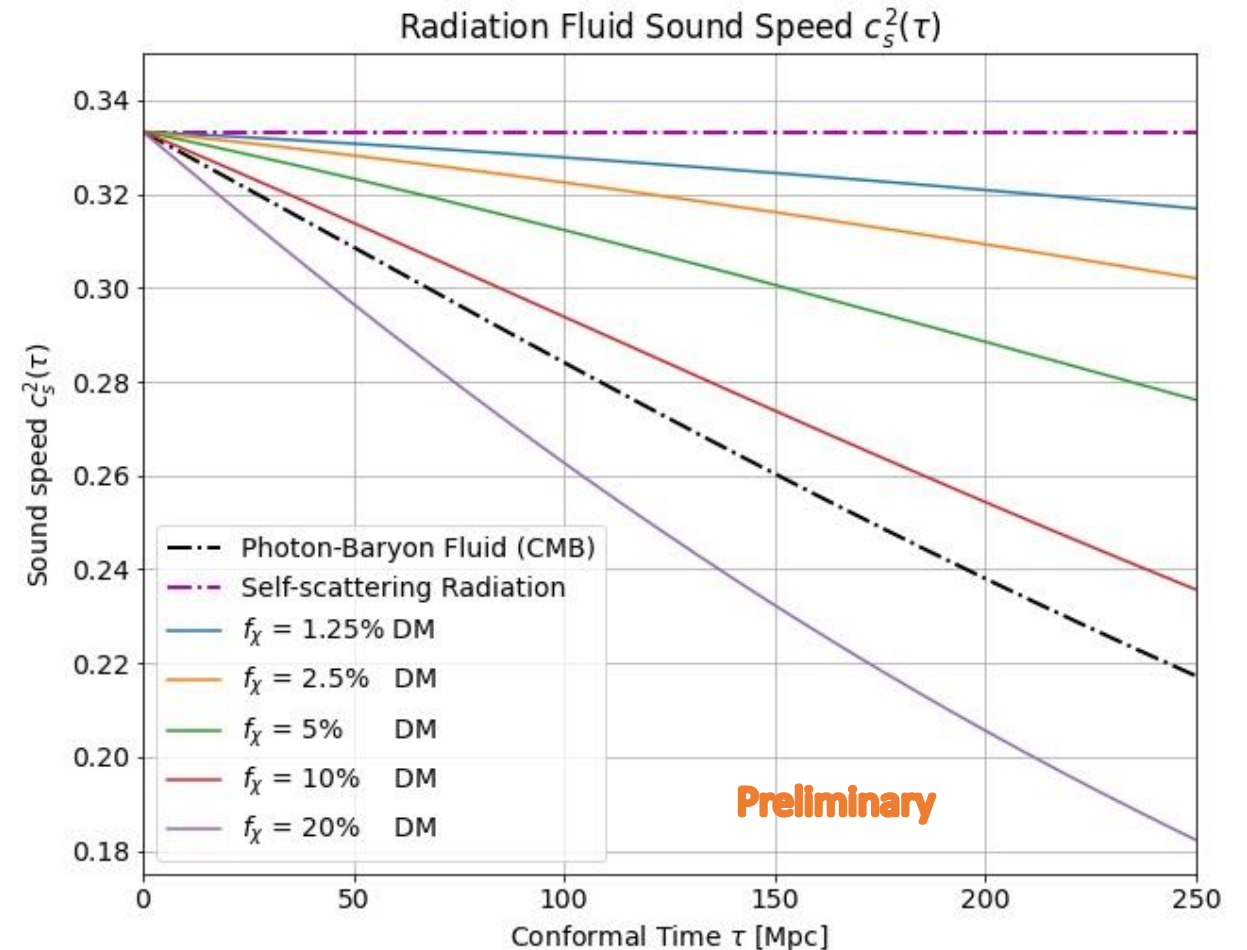
Dark Matter “Loading” Effect

- Sound speed of efficiently scattering radiation-matter fluid:

$$c_s(\tau) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3(1 + R(\tau))}} \quad ; \quad R(\tau) = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\rho_{mat}}{\rho_{rad}}$$

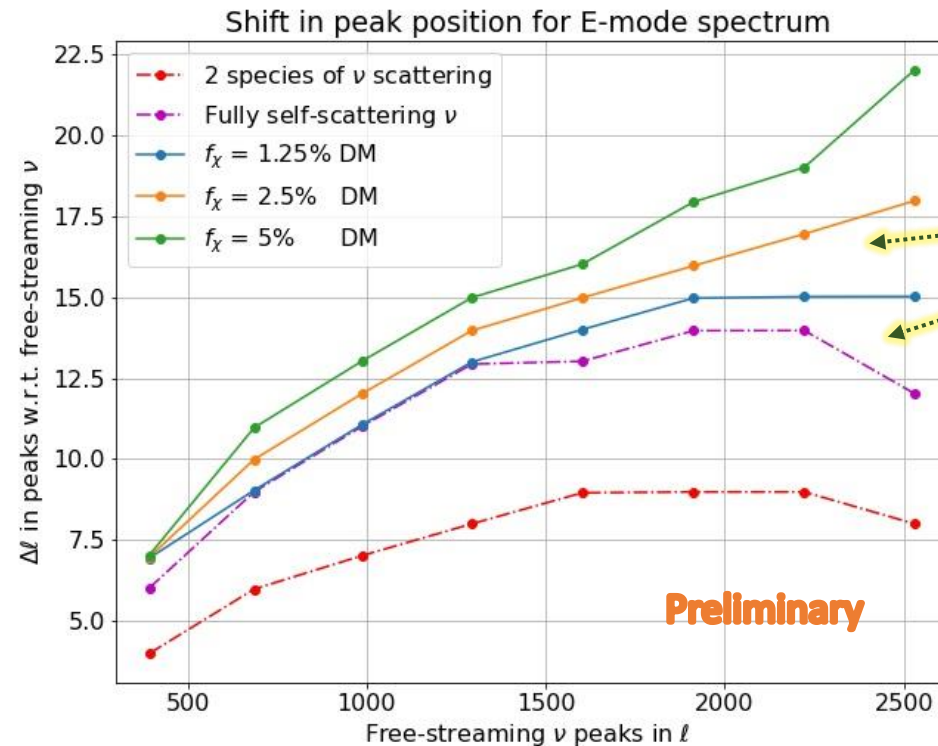
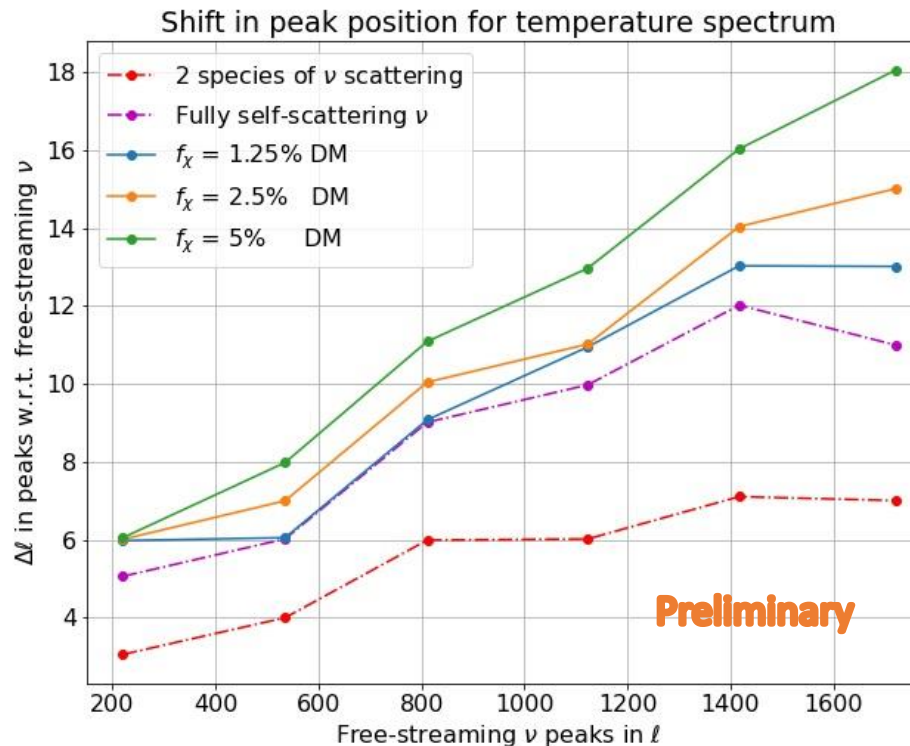
- Matter loading effect occurs through energy ratio $R(\tau)$, slows down sound speed over time
- f_χ : proportion of total dark matter that scatters with neutrinos, appears in $R(\tau)$
- Approximate* constraint on f_χ from matter power spectrum suppression: $f_\chi \lesssim 2.5\%$

$$(\rho_{mat}, \rho_{rad}) = (\rho_b, \rho_\gamma), (\rho_\chi, \rho_\nu)$$



Observable Enhancement

- Shift in peak positions in temperature and E-mode Cl power spectrum w.r.t. free-streaming neutrinos increases with f_χ (calculated using CLASS)
- Shift for DM-loaded cases significantly larger than the fully self-scattering neutrino case
- Even for the smaller f_χ cases, difference in shift is of order ≈ 1 : effect on CMB is observable



Order 1 difference
in l-modes

(Q2): Is there a
simple way to
understand what
is going on?

Toy Model: Coupled Oscillators

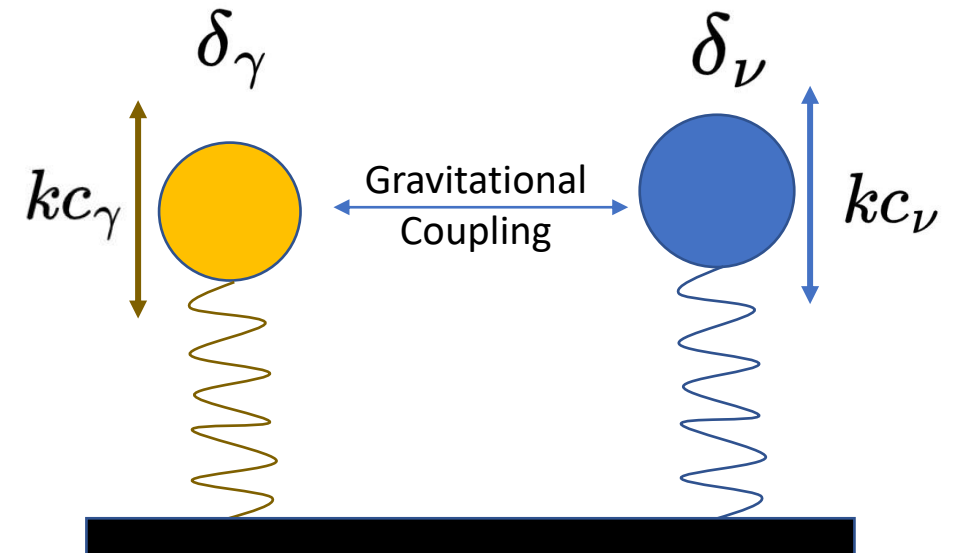
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Radiation
energy ratios

Radiation Era

- (Highly) simplified model derived from the cosmological perturbation equations
- Tight coupling approximation for coupled photon-baryon and neutrino-DM system respectively
- Simplified gravitational coupling as Poisson equation with Hubble pre-factor



Toy Model: Qualitative Picture

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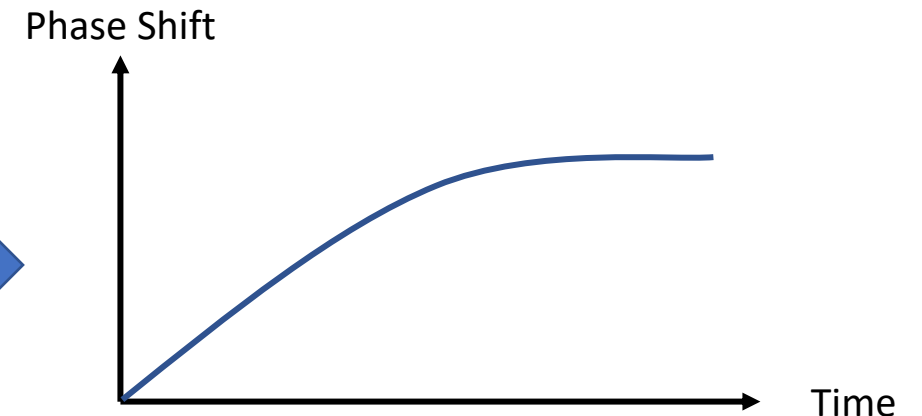
Radiation Era

- Two competing effects on coupling between oscillators:

- Hubble decreases with time: coupling weakens

$$\mathcal{H}(\tau) \sim \frac{1}{\tau}$$

Expectation



- Energy ratio increases with time: frequency difference between oscillators grow

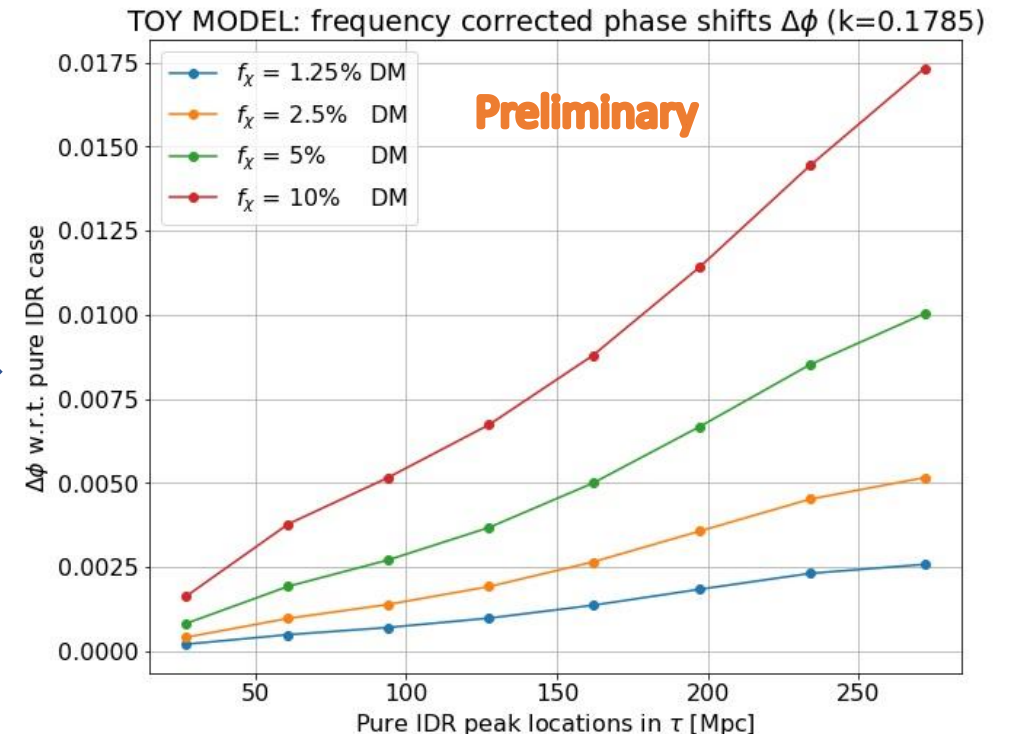
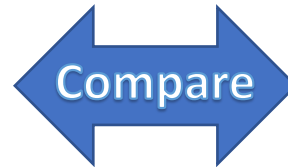
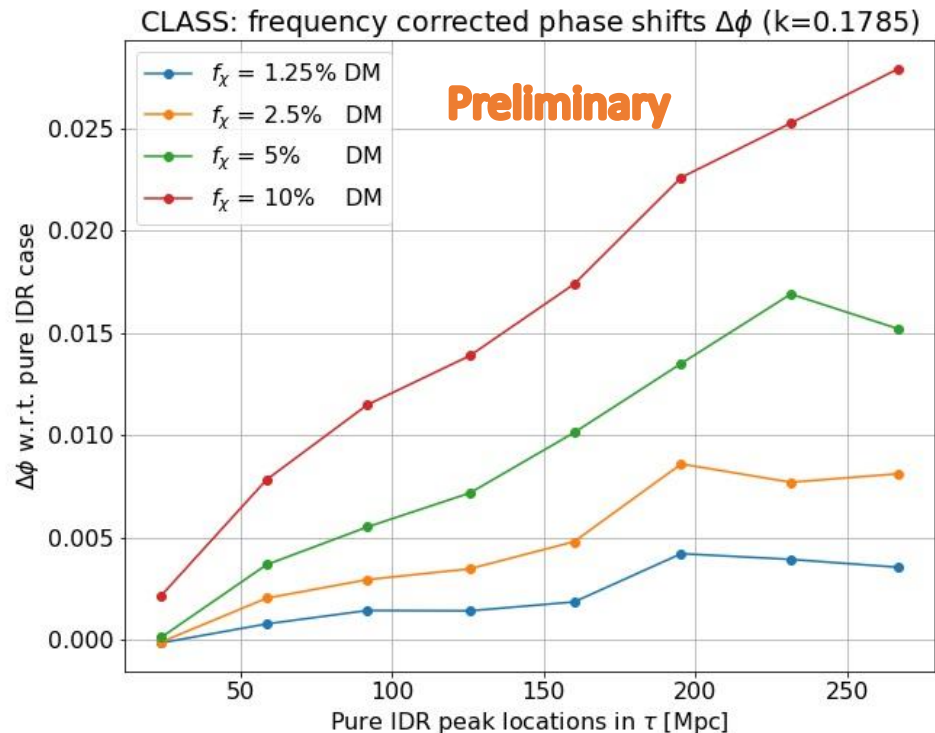
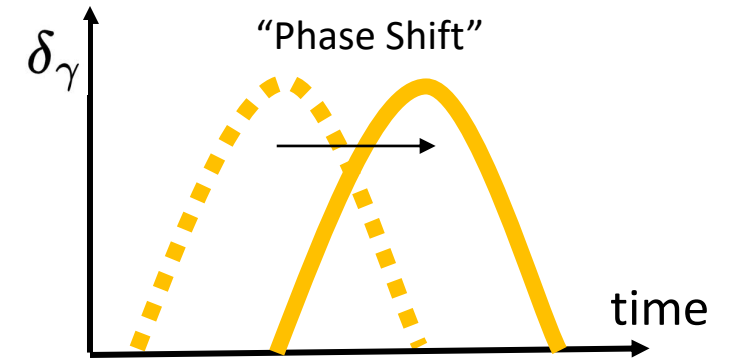
$$R(\tau) = \frac{3}{4} \frac{f_{mat}}{f_{rad}} \frac{a(\tau)}{a_{eq}}$$

Expectation

Matter effect:
dependent on f_χ

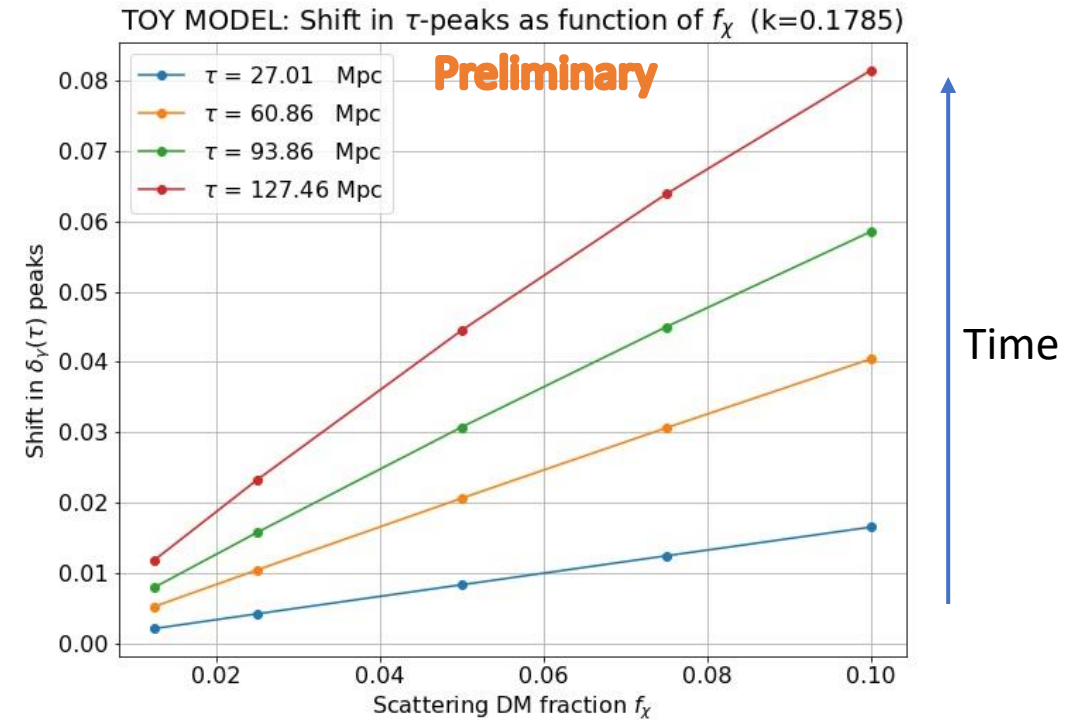
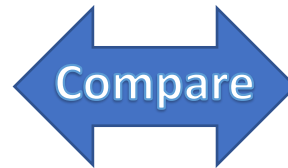
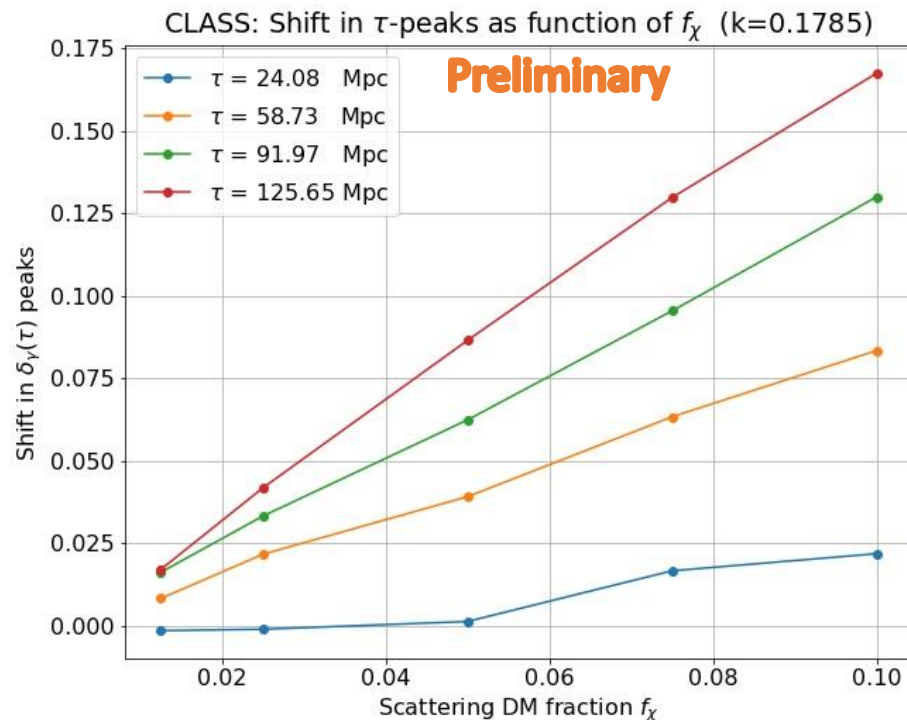
Enhancement Over Time

- Compute shift in peaks w.r.t. pure self-scattering neutrinos
- Compare time evolution of phase shifts from toy model with exact CLASS results
- Captures *qualitative trend* (up to y-scaling) of phase shift produced in photon oscillations over time: flattening at later time more obvious for smaller f_χ but phase shift grows for larger f_χ



Dependence on f_χ

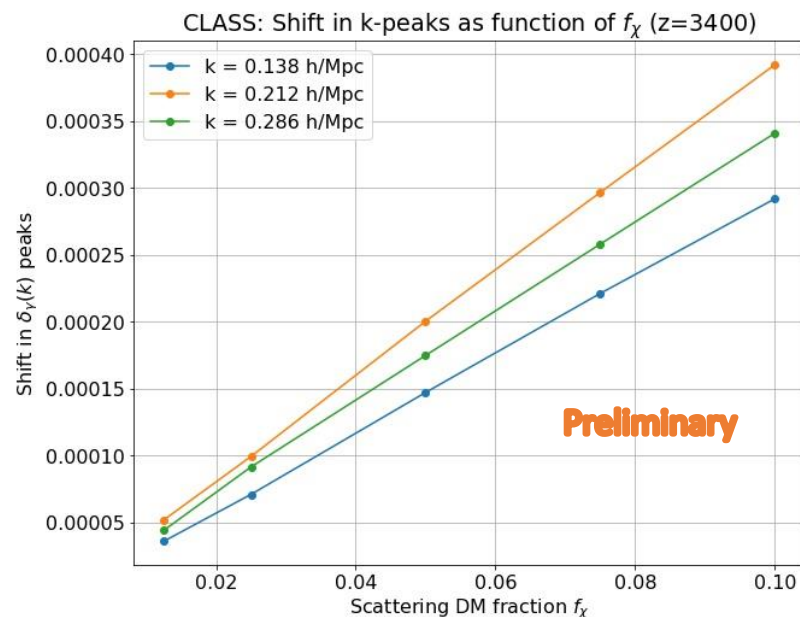
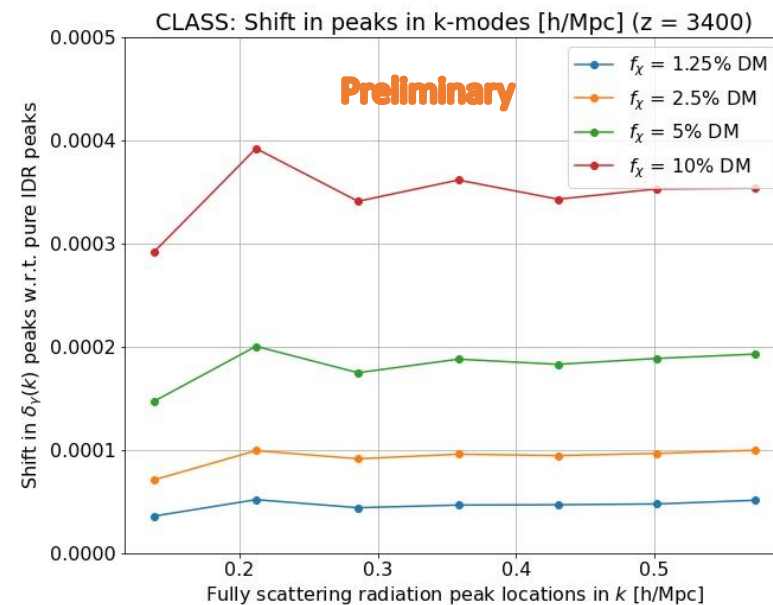
- Captures *qualitative trend* of shift in peaks over time as function of the proportion of interacting dark matter f_χ
- Phase shift in the photon oscillator grows faster for larger f_χ
- Apparent linear dependence of shift on f_χ for a given peak at early time



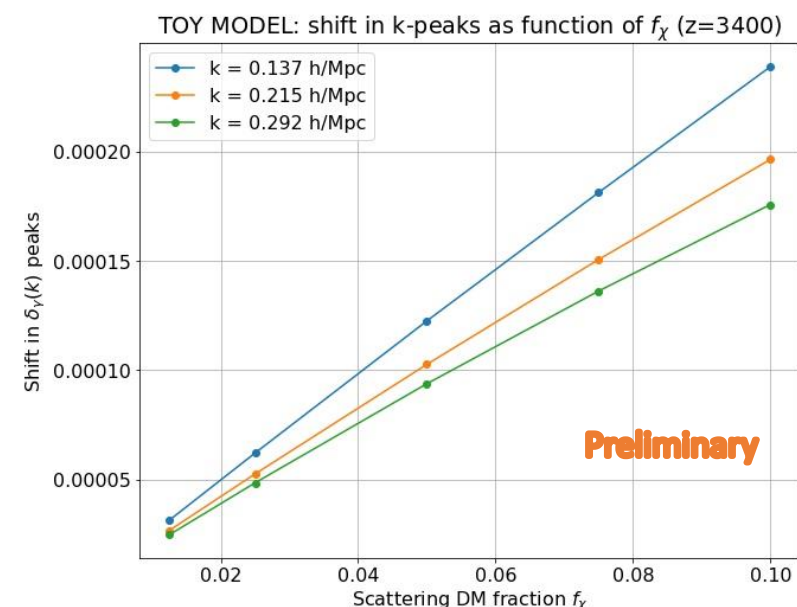
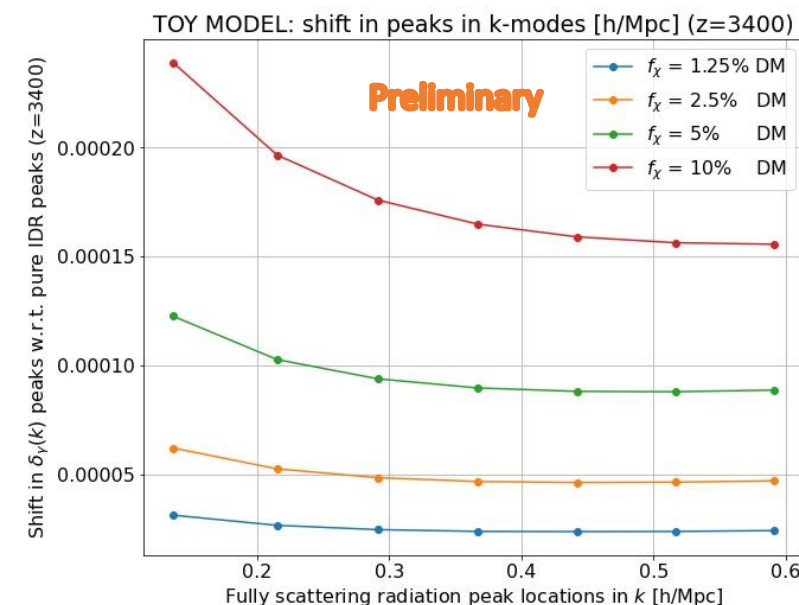
Transfer Function

- Consider transfer functions in k-modes
- k-dependence of phase shift, evaluated at matter-radiation equality time ($z = 3400$)
- Mis-match in qualitative trends for smaller k values: additional effect?
- Apparent linear f_χ dependence for small k

CLASS



Toy Model

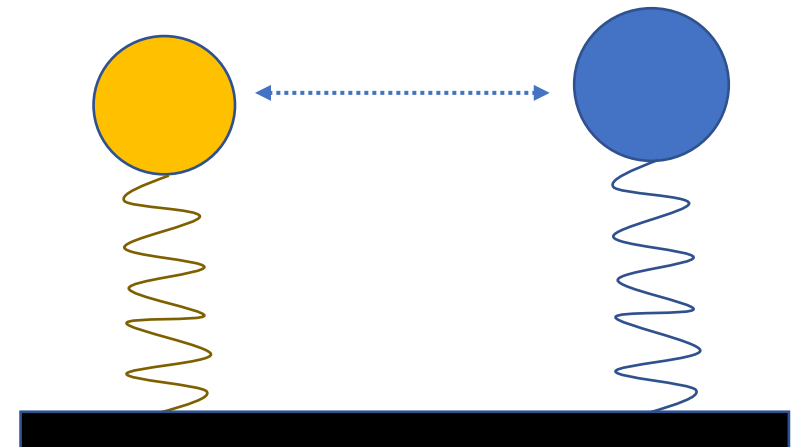
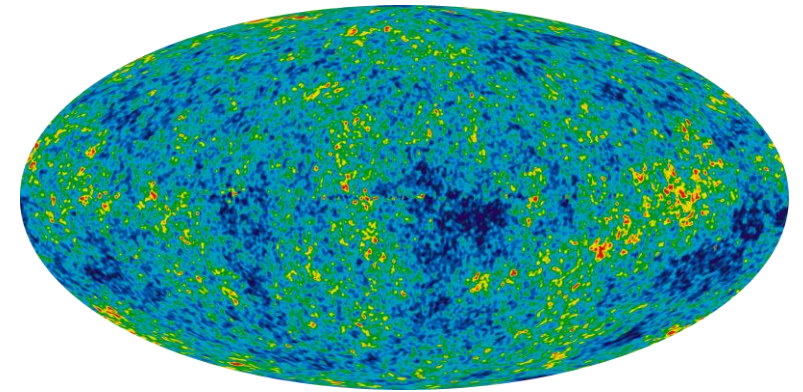


Conclusion

1. CMB phase shift is a distinctive signature for studying dark radiation/neutrino propagation behaviour
2. Phase shift enhanced when dark radiation/neutrinos scatters with DM due to matter loading effect
3. Toy model of coupled oscillators provides simple way to understand qualitative behaviour

Work in progress:

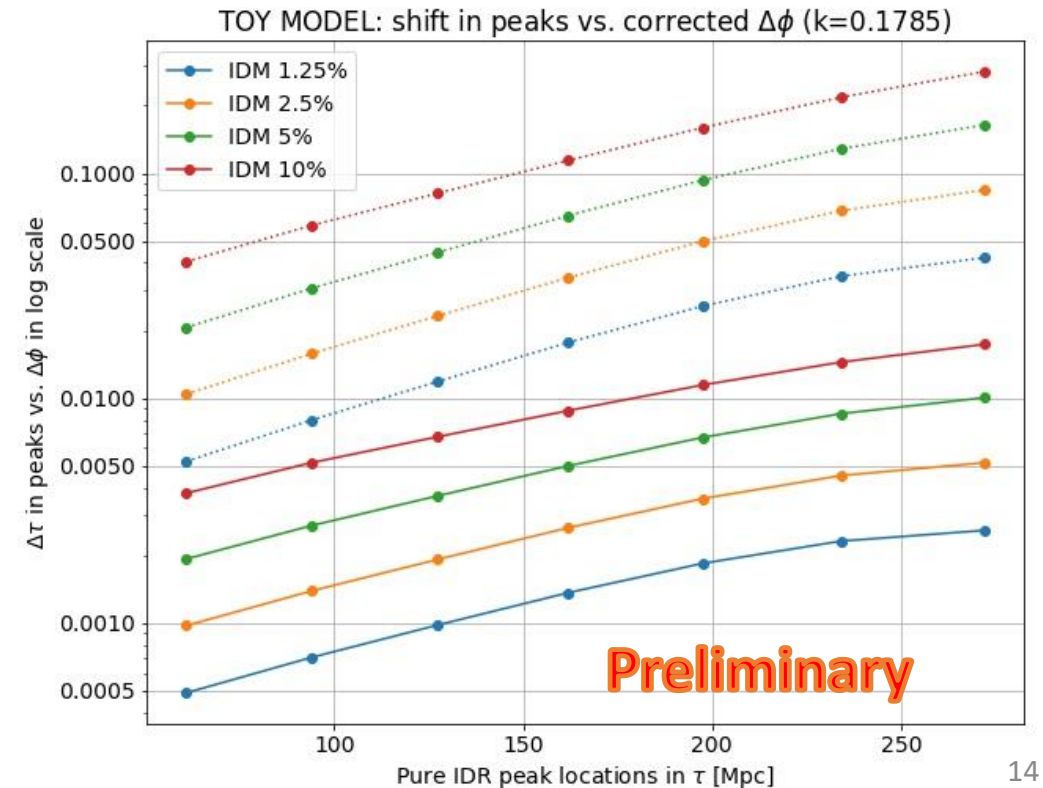
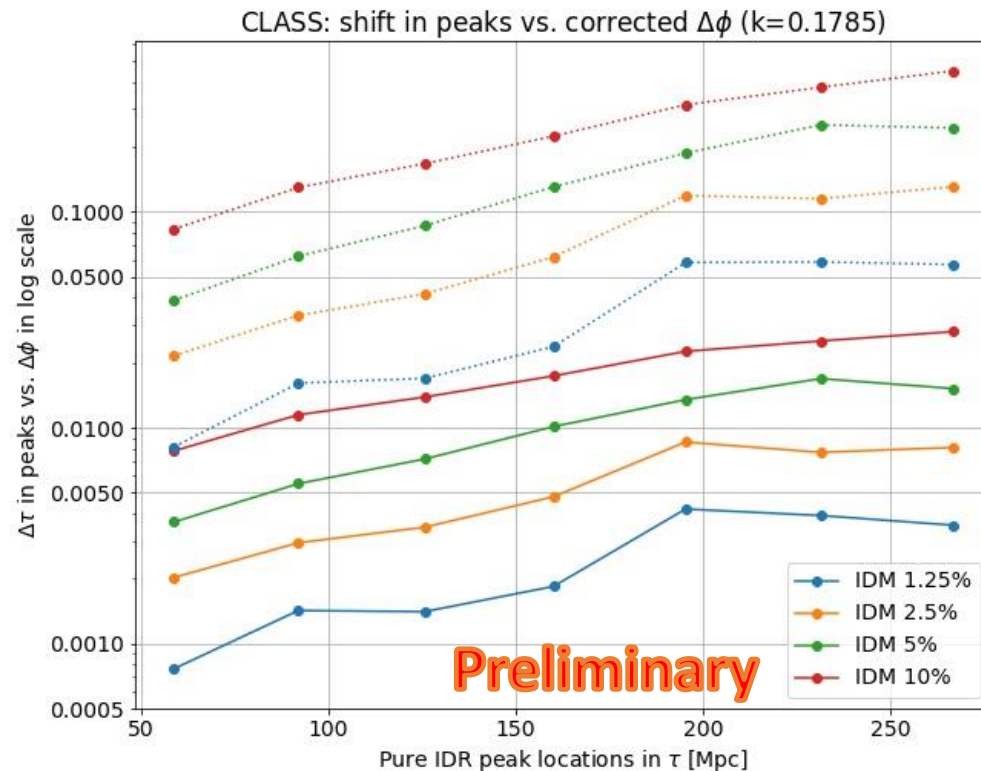
- Go from *qualitative* to *quantitative* understanding
- Solve analytically for parametric dependences
- Additional effects/corrections to model



Back up slides

Delta tau frequency correction

- Artificial phase shift also produced (when comparing peak positions of photon perturbations between cases) due to time-dependence of frequency itself



A more complete model

- More complete oscillator equation (tightly coupled)
- Various terms that we can turn on to match results

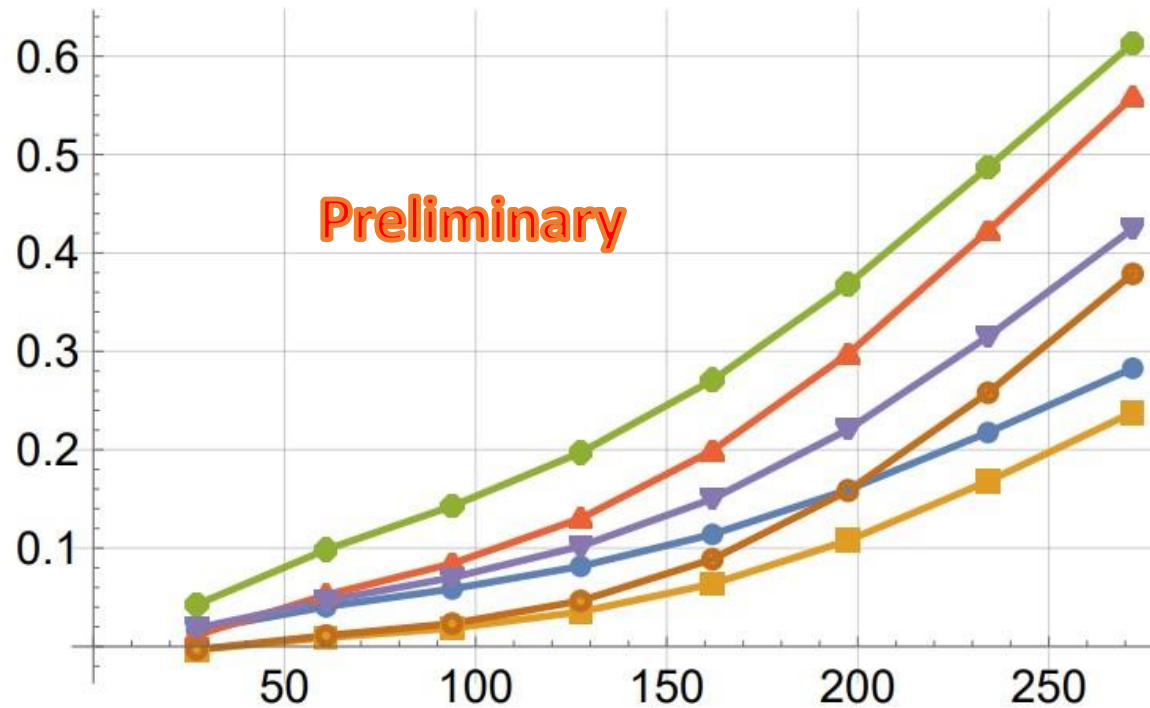
$$\ddot{\delta}_r(\tau) + \mathcal{H}(1 - 3c_r^2)\dot{\delta}_r(\tau) + k^2 c_r^2(\delta_r(\tau) - 4\sigma_r(\tau)) = F_k(\tau) \quad r = \gamma, \nu$$

$$F_k(\tau) = 4\ddot{\phi} + 4\mathcal{H}(1 - 3c_r^2)\dot{\phi} - \frac{4k^2}{3}\psi$$

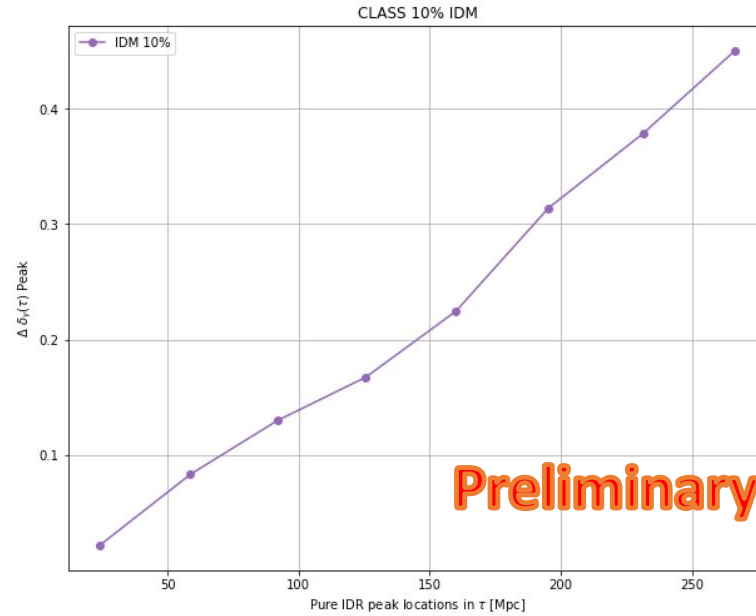
Toy model future?

$\Delta\delta_Y(\tau)$ at $k=0.1785$ for 10% IDM

$\Delta\delta_Y(\tau)$



Preliminary



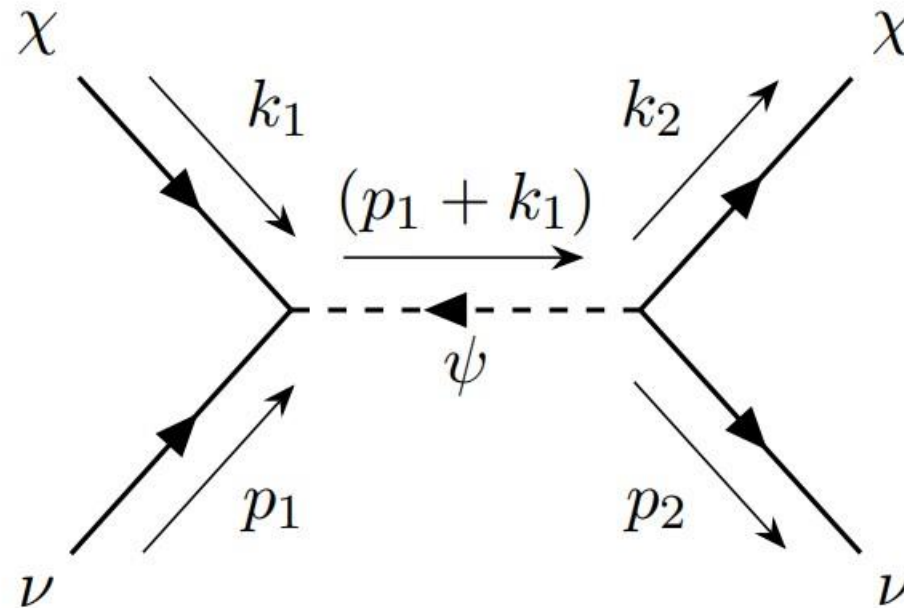
Preliminary

- Original
- with damping
- x2 Source
- x2 with damping
- CLASS H(τ)
- CLASS H(τ) with damping

IDR Peaks in τ (1/Mpc)

DM-neutrino Model

$$\mathcal{L} \supset Y \frac{1}{\Lambda} (H^\dagger l) (\psi \chi) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \eta \delta_{ij} \nu_i \psi_j \chi \quad \text{where } \eta = Y \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}\Lambda}$$



$$\sigma_{\chi\nu} \approx \sigma^{(0)} \simeq 10^{-13} \times \sigma_{\text{Th}} \times \left(\frac{\eta}{0.1}\right)^4 \left(\frac{m_\chi}{100 \text{ GeV}}\right)^{-2}$$

Reference: Subhajit Ghosh, Rishi Khatri, and Tuhin S. Roy, "Dark neutrino interactions make gravitational waves blue", Phys. Rev. D **97**, 063529, 29 March 2018

Numerical analysis

- Calculations of exact cosmological perturbation equations using the Cosmic Linear Anisotropy Solving System (CLASS)

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- CLASS plots of phase shifts in tau and k space obtained by peak fitting on points produced from CLASS output