

Self-interactions in the dark matter and neutrino sectors: Impact on galaxy clustering

New Physics from Galaxy Clustering II
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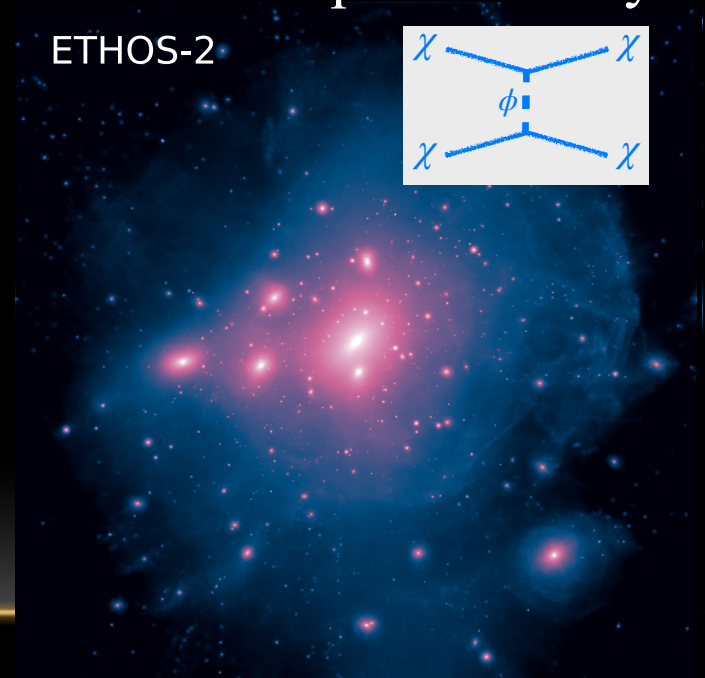
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The ultimate sin...

- The theme of this talk is **self-interaction**. I'll discuss two aspects of it:
 - **Neutrino self-interactions** and their impact on LSS.
 - **Dark matter self-interactions** and their impact on very small scales.

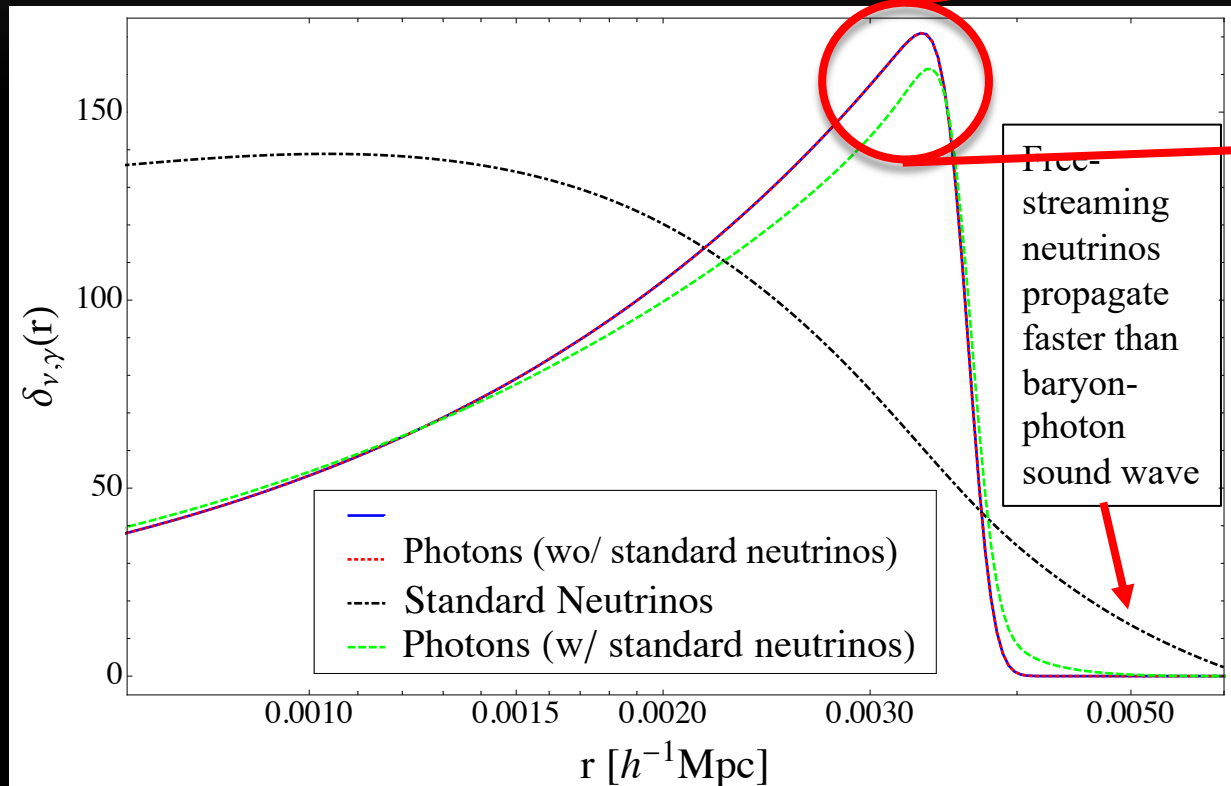


The importance of neutrinos in cosmology

- Deep in the radiation-dominated epoch, neutrinos account for **41% of the energy density of the Universe**.
- Prior to the epoch of recombination (when neutral atoms form in the Universe), Standard Model **neutrinos are the only free-streaming radiation** in the Universe.
- Detailed evolution of **matter** and **CMB** fluctuations are sensitive to this **radiation free-streaming fraction**.

Free-streaming Radiation and the CMB

Neutrinos give rise to a phase shift and amplitude suppression to CMB fluctuations



Cyr-Racine & Sigurdson (2014)

Free-streaming neutrinos propagate faster than baryon-photon sound wave

$$d_\gamma(\tau, k) = 3\zeta_{\text{in}}(1 + \Delta_\gamma) \cos(\varphi_s + \delta\varphi) + O(\varphi_s^{-1}),$$

where

$$\Delta_\gamma \simeq -0.2683R_\nu + O(R_\nu^2),$$

$$\delta\varphi \simeq 0.1912\pi R_\nu + O(R_\nu^2).$$

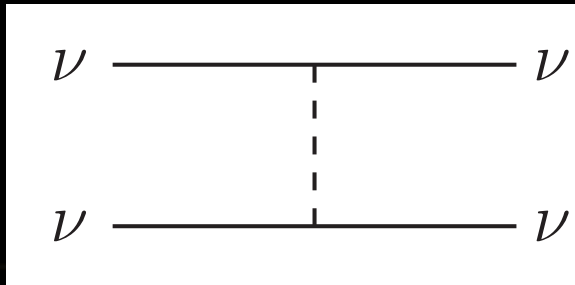
$$R_\nu = \frac{\rho_\nu}{\rho_\gamma + \rho_\nu} \simeq 0.403$$

for $N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 3.046$

Bashinsky & Seljak (2004)
Baumann et al. (2016)

Neutrinos and the CMB

- This phase shift and amplitude suppression are **very robust** signatures of **free-streaming radiation** as they rely only on **gravitational interactions**.
- Key question: **Is this simple picture consistent with observations? Or is yet-unknown neutrino physics modifying this picture?**
- The simplest phenomenology that can suppress neutrino free-streaming is neutrino self-interactions.



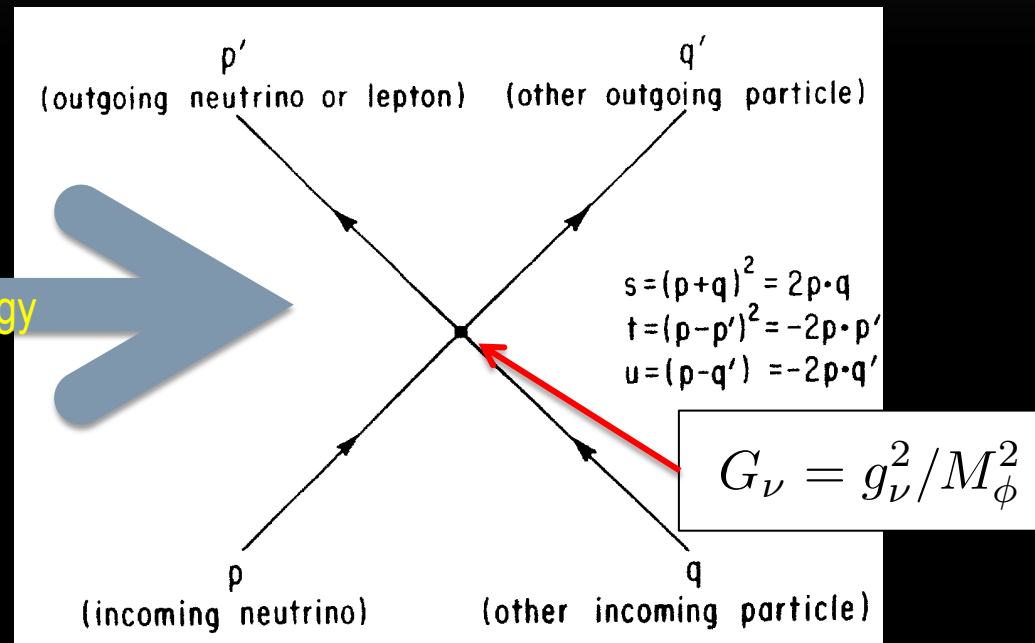
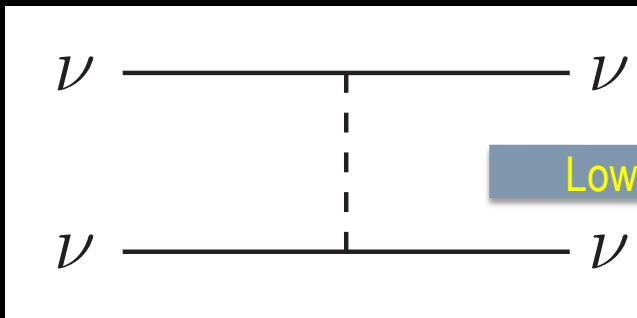
- Hannestad (2005)
- Trotta & Melchiorri (2005)
- Melchiorri & Serra (2006)
- Bell, Pierpaoli & Sigurdson (2006)
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- Basboll, Bjaelde, Hannestad & Raffelt (2009)
- Smith, Das & Zahn (2012)
- Cyr-Racine & Sigurdson (2014)
- Archidiacono & Hannestad (2014)
- Forastieri, Lattanzi & Natoli (2015)
- Baumann, Green, Meyers & Wallisch (2016)
- Brust, Cui & Sigurdson (2017)
- Lancaster, Cyr-Racine, Knox, Pan (2017)
- Choi, Chiang & Loverde (2018)
- Song, Gonzalez-Garcia & Salvado (2018)
- Venzor et al. (2020, 2022, 2023)
- Brinkmann et al. (2021)
- Das & Ghosh (2021, 2023)
- And many more!

Beyond Free-streaming Neutrinos

New Unknown Interaction with massive mediator at low energies:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{phen}} \supset -\frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2}(g_\phi^{\alpha\beta}\nu_\alpha\nu_\beta\phi + \text{h.c.})$$

See e.g. Cherry, Friedland & Shoemaker (2014), Ng & Beacom (2014), Blinov et al. (2019)



Could be generated from a leptophilic scalar model:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}(LH)^2\phi$$

See e.g. Berryman et al. (2022)

4-Fermion Interaction stronger than Fermi constant

$$G_\nu > G_F$$

Delayed Neutrino Decoupling

Neutrino Opacity:

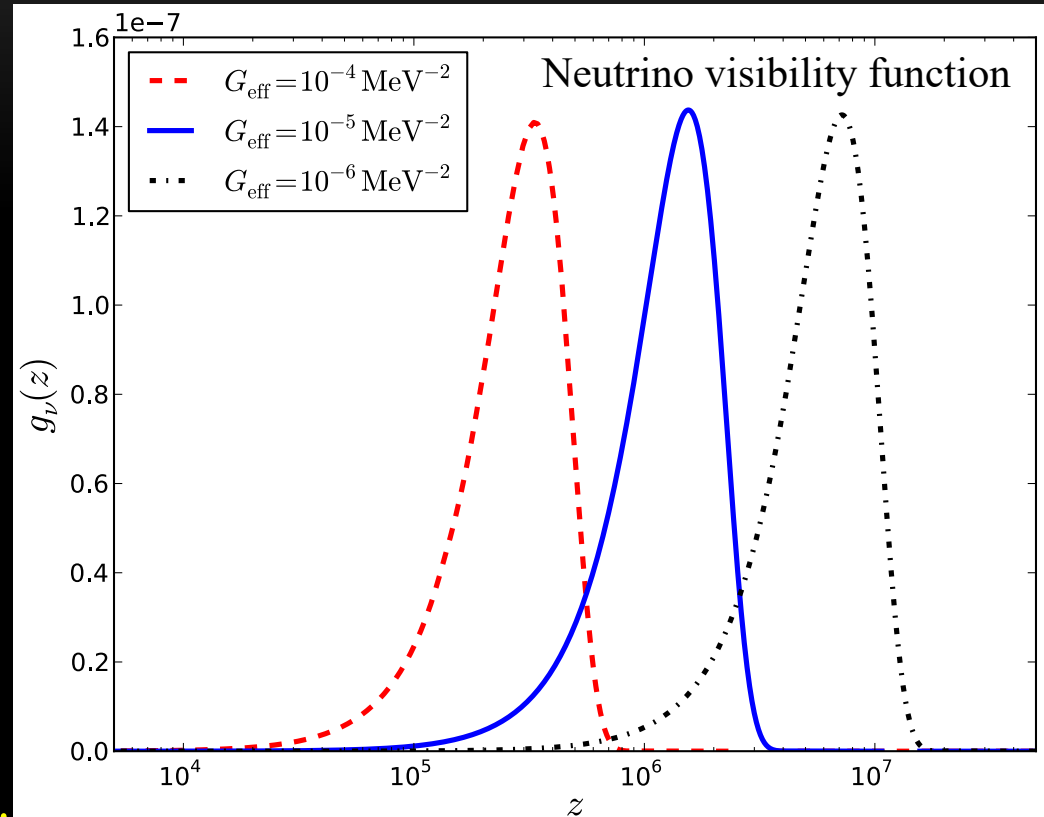
$$\dot{\tau}_\nu \propto -a G_{\text{eff}}^2 T_\nu^5$$

$$G_{\text{eff}} \propto G_\nu$$

$$G_\nu = g_\nu^2 / M_\phi^2$$

$$g_\nu(\tau) \equiv -\dot{\tau}_\nu e^{-\tau_\nu}$$

New Neutrino Interactions \rightarrow
Delayed Neutrino free streaming!



Cyr-Racine & Sigurdson (2014)
Oldengott, Rampf & Wong (2015)

Massive Neutrino Boltzmann Hierarchy

Simplified Boltzmann Hierarchy (assume decoupling in relativistic regime):

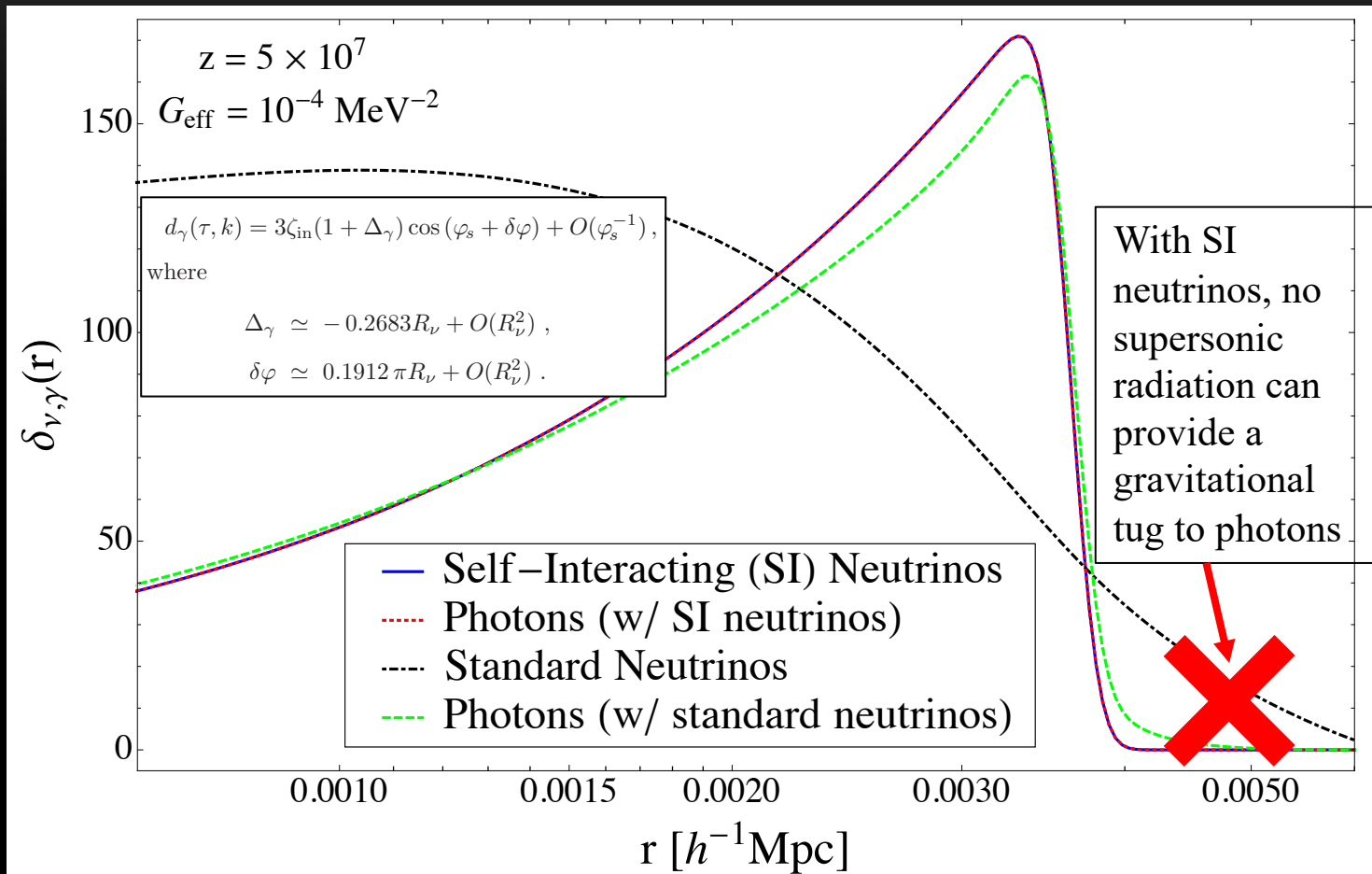
$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \nu_l}{\partial \tau} + k \frac{q}{\epsilon} \left(\frac{l+1}{2l+1} \nu_{l+1} - \frac{l}{2l+1} \nu_{l-1} \right) \\
 - 4 \left[\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \tau} \delta_{l0} + \frac{k \epsilon}{3 q} \psi \delta_{l1} \right] \\
 = -a \frac{G_{\text{eff}}^2 T_\nu^5 \nu_l}{f_\nu^{(0)}(q)} \left(\frac{T_{\nu,0}}{q} \right) \left(A \left(\frac{q}{T_{\nu,0}} \right) \right. \\
 \left. + B_l \left(\frac{q}{T_{\nu,0}} \right) - 2D_l \left(\frac{q}{T_{\nu,0}} \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Relaxation-time approximation

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{q^2 + a^2 m_\nu^2},$$

Cyr-Racine & Sigurdson (2014)
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 Kreisch, Cyr-Racine & Doré (2020)
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 Venzor et al. (2022, 2023)

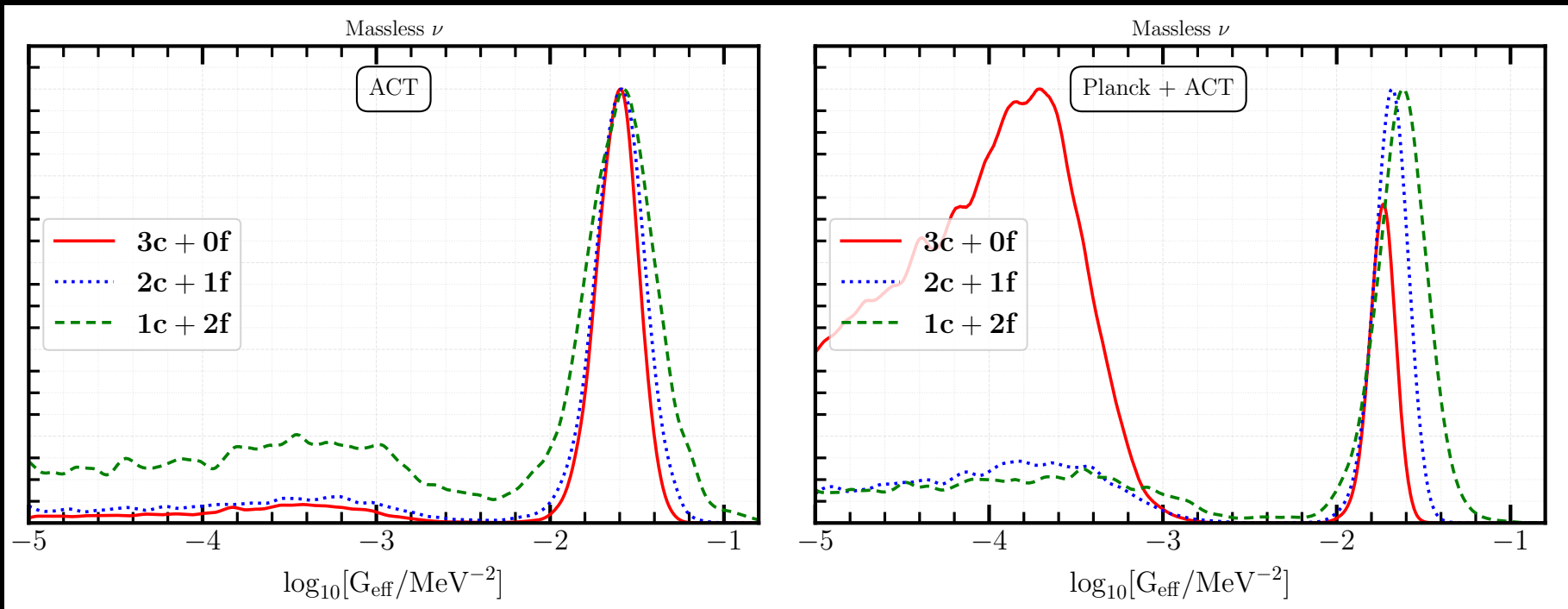
Impact of self-interacting Neutrinos on CMB



Cyr-Racine & Sigurdson (2014)

Some outrageous CMB results...

- ACT data also displays significant preference for neutrino self-interactions. Planck does not like it so much.

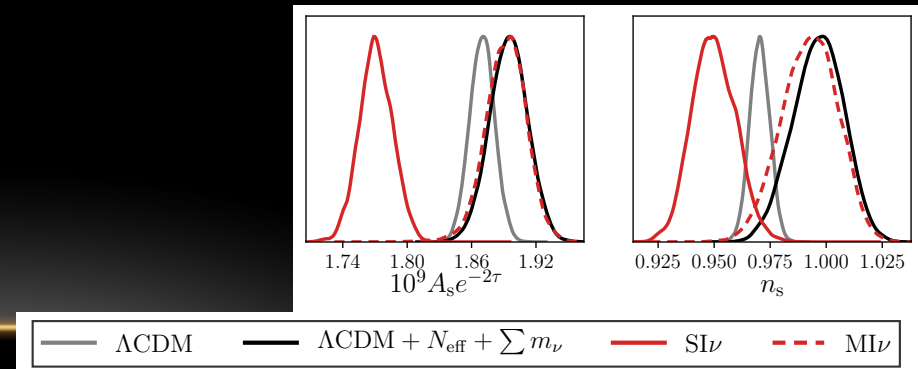


Das & Ghosh (2023)
Kreisch et al. (2023)

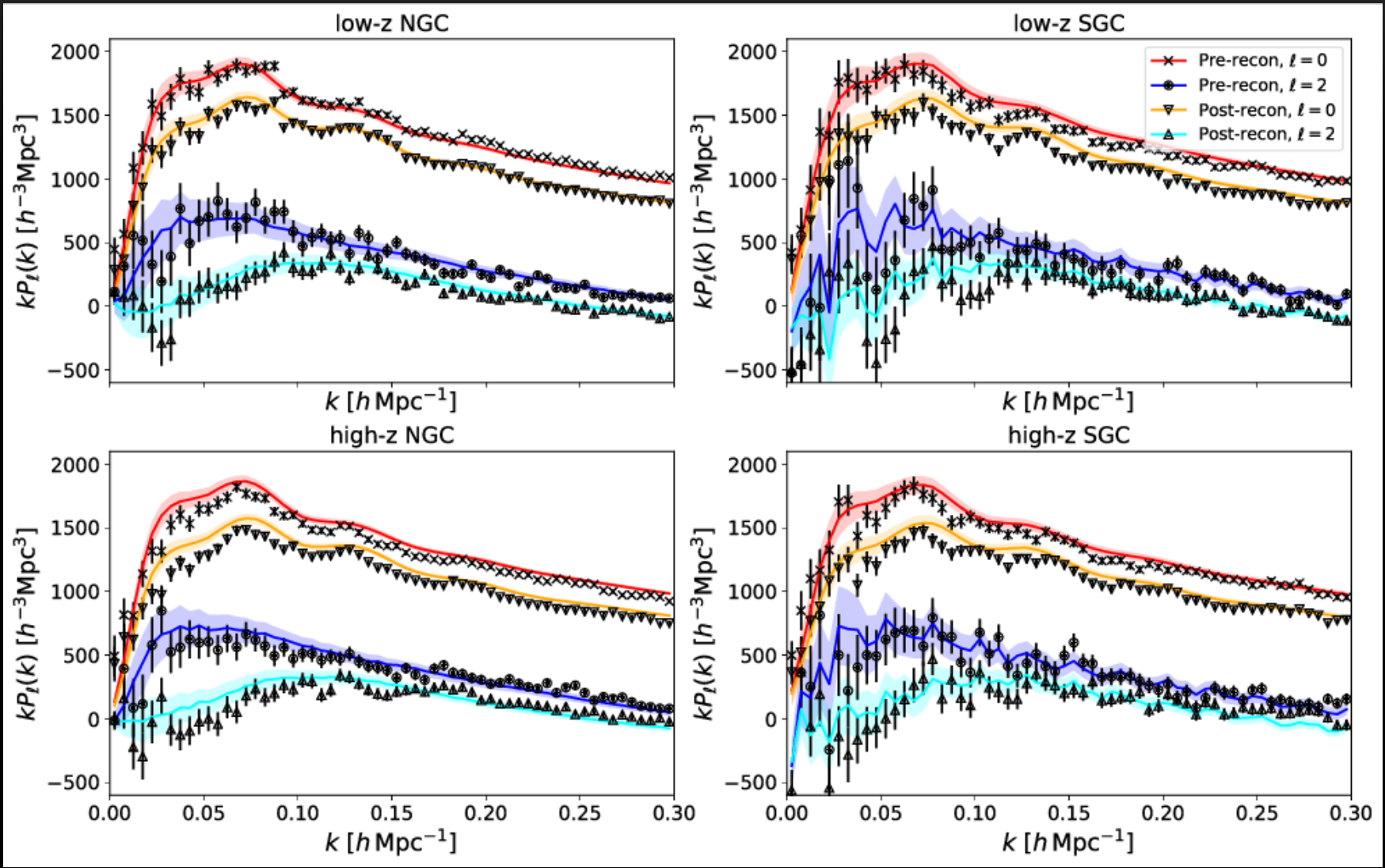
The $SI\nu$ and the CMB

- The $SI\nu$ is possible because of a **multi-parameter degeneracy** between the impact of neutrinos and changes in the primordial spectrum of fluctuations (n_s, A_s).
- Planck CMB temperature data, BAO, and ACT data show a **marked preference for a delayed onset of neutrino free-streaming**.
- However, **Planck CMB polarization** data tend to dislike the presence of new neutrino self-interactions.

Need an independent observable that can help confirm or rule out this signal.



Full Shape to the rescue



Philcox et al. (2020)

Impact of self-interacting Neutrinos on matter clustering

- Dark matter perturbation equation can be written as:

$$\ddot{d}_c + \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \dot{d}_c = -k^2 \psi,$$

$$d_c \equiv \delta_c - 3\phi,$$

where $ds^2 = a^2(\tau)[-(1 + 2\psi)d\tau^2 + (1 - 2\phi)d\vec{x}^2],$

- The general solution (in radiation domination):

$$d_c(k, \tau) = -\frac{9}{2}\phi_p + k^2 \int_0^\tau d\tau' \tau' \psi(k, \tau') \ln(\tau'/\tau),$$

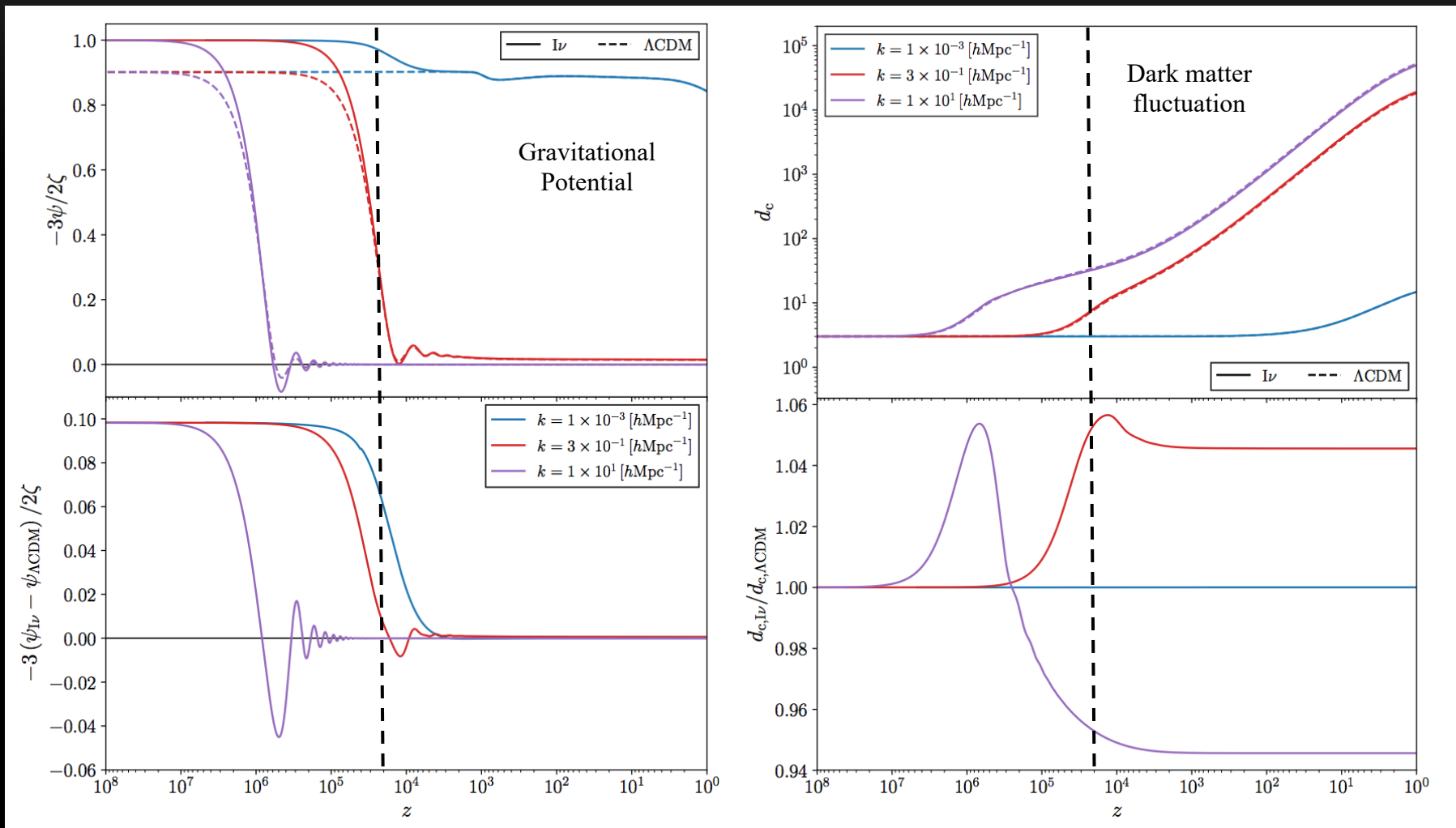
- Without free-streaming neutrinos, we have:

$$\phi - \psi = 0$$

instead of

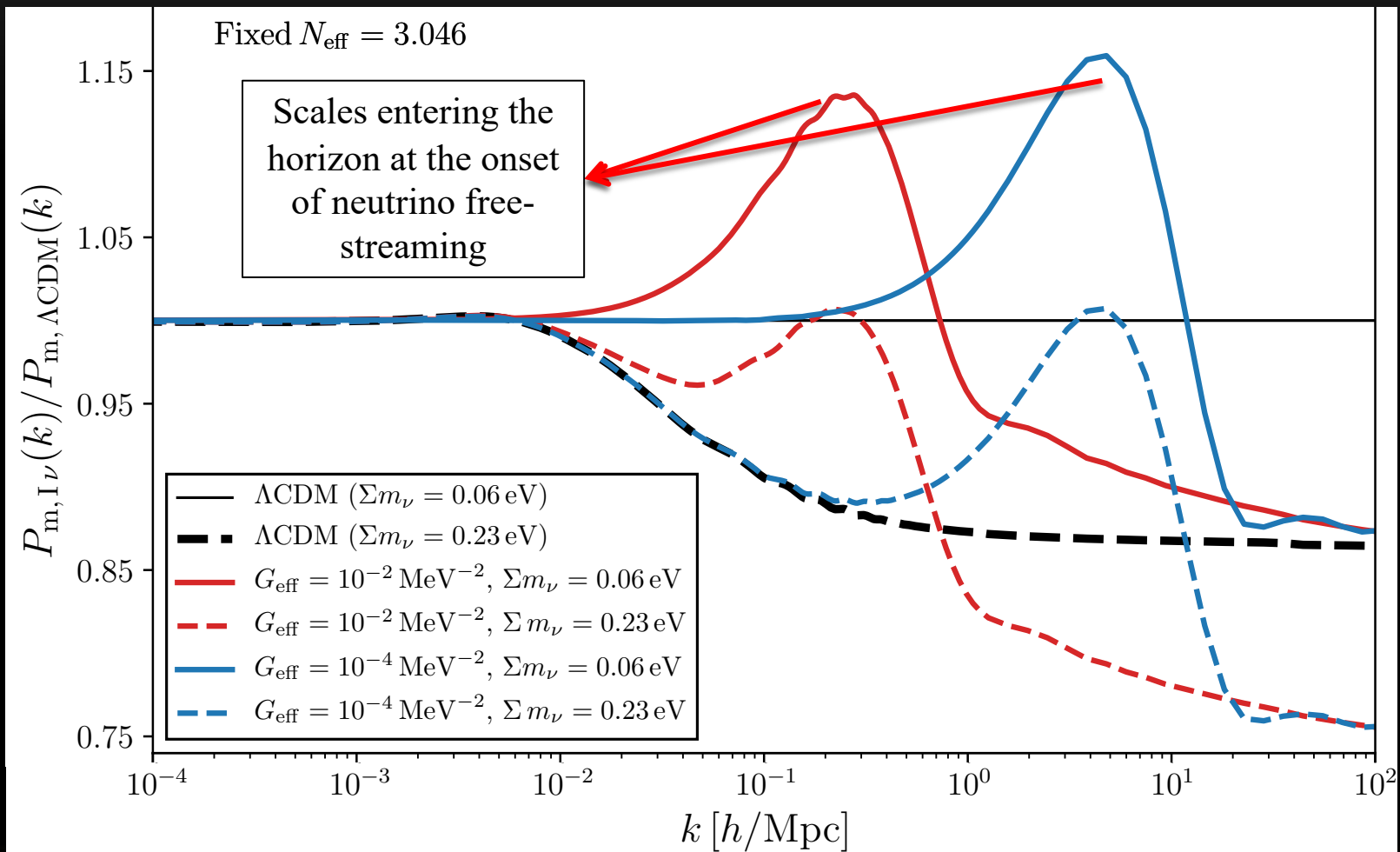
$$\phi = (1 + 2R_\nu/5)\psi$$

Impact of self-interacting Neutrinos on matter clustering



Kreisch, Cyr-Racine, Doré (2020)

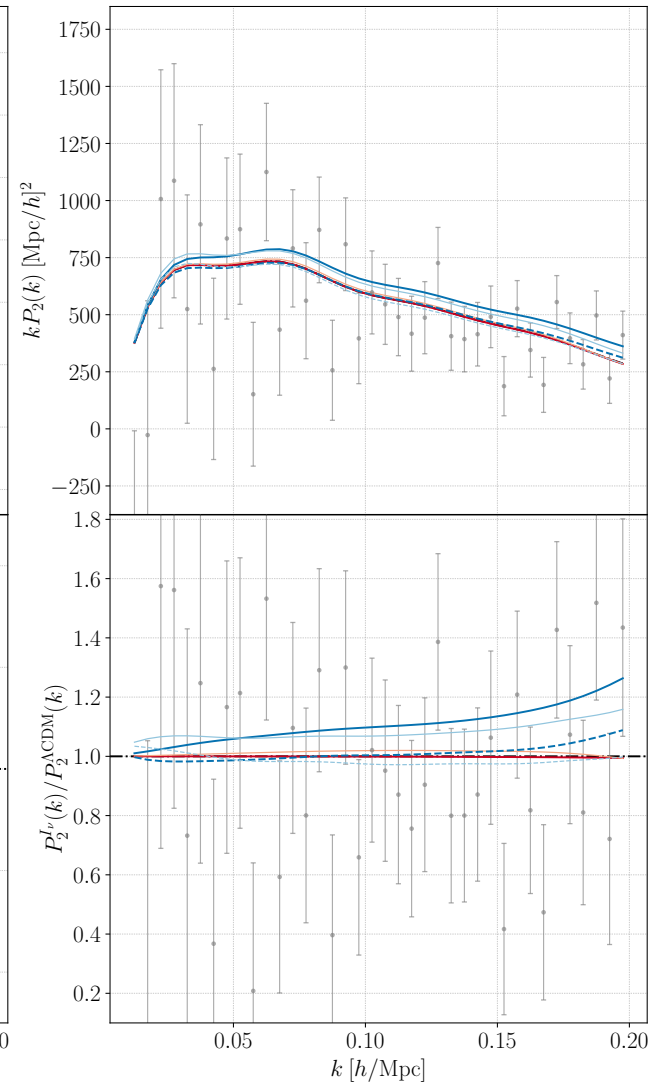
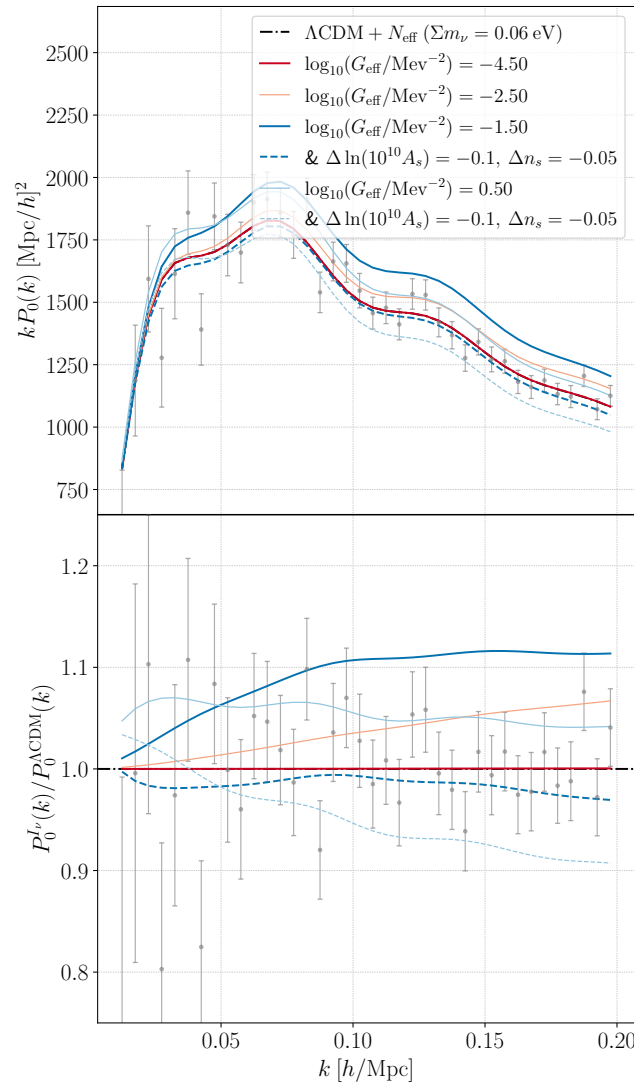
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Galaxy power spectra and interacting neutrinos

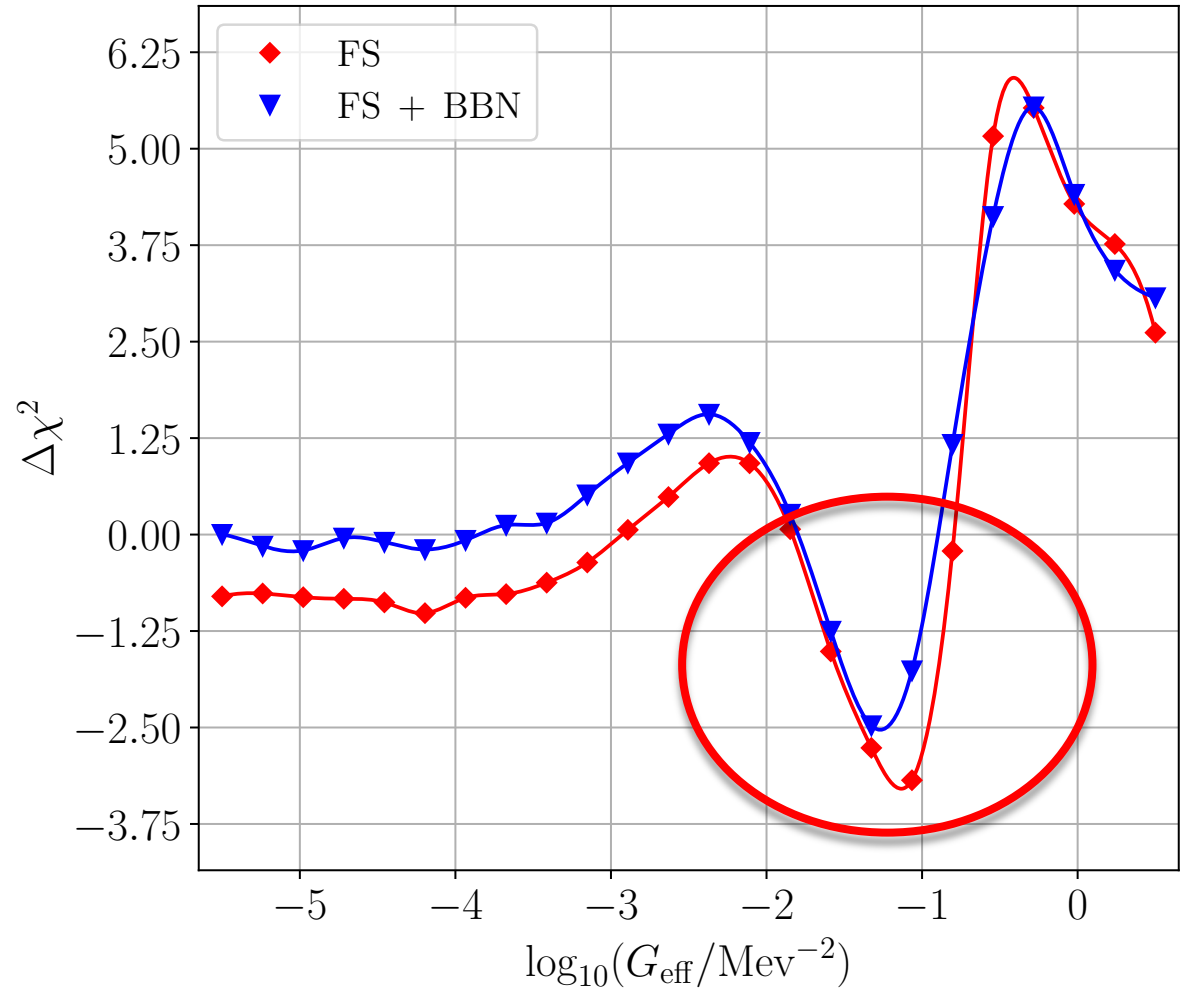
- Interacting neutrinos can in principle provide a good fit to the galaxy power spectra when the primordial spectrum of fluctuations is also modified.



Camarena, Cyr-Racine, Houghteling (2023)

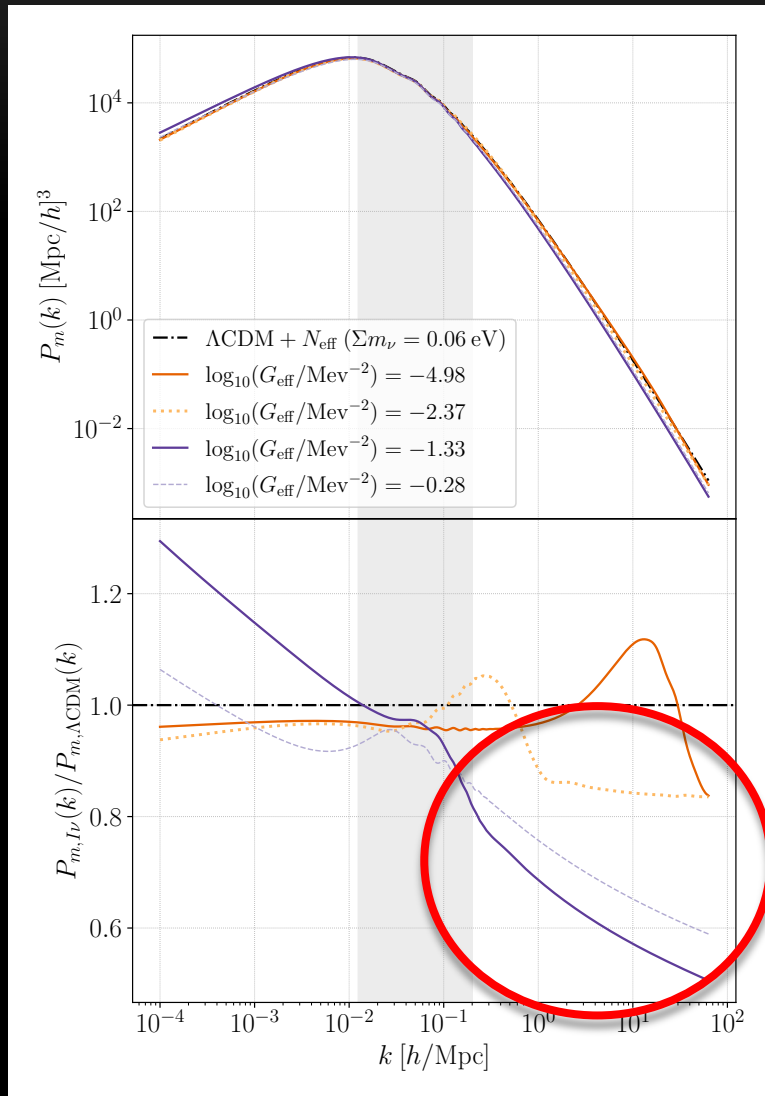
Galaxy power spectra: Profile likelihood

- By minimizing the full-shape likelihood, we see that the galaxy power spectra also shows some preference for the SIV!



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Preferred shape for the matter power spectrum

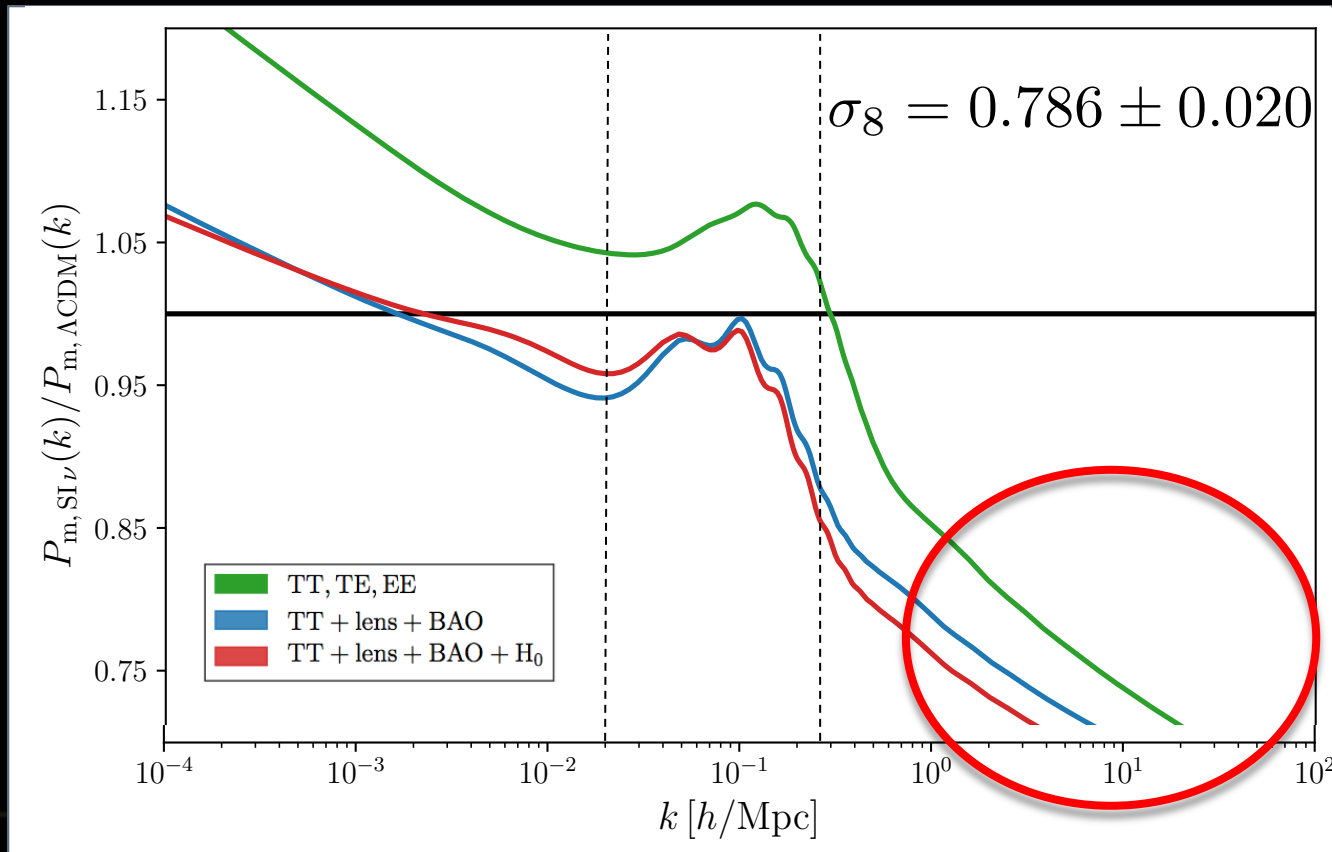


- The preferred neutrino interaction model has a matter power spectrum that is significantly suppressed on small scales.
- This is a key prediction of such models!

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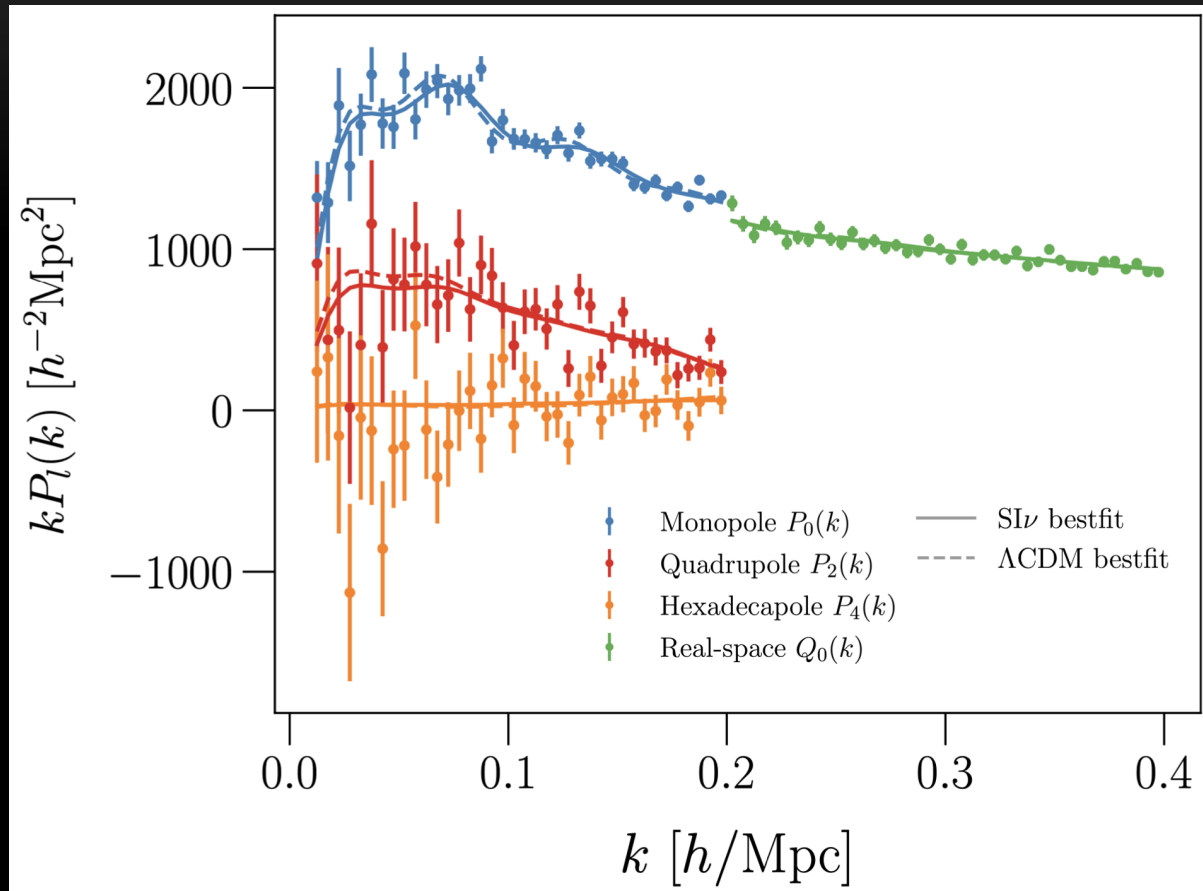
Preferred shape for the matter power spectrum

- Interestingly, similar matter power spectrum shapes seen for models preferred by the CMB.



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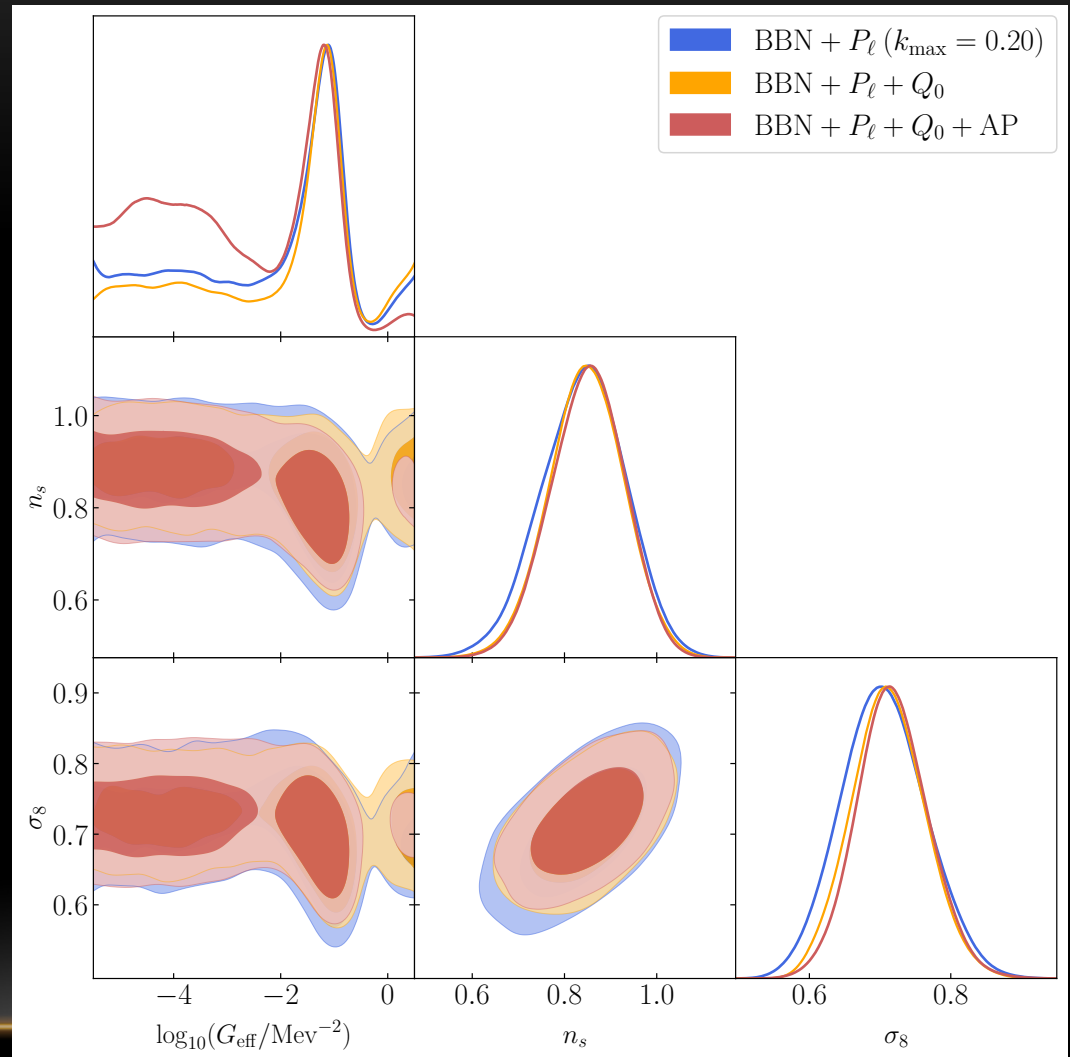
Our results are consistent with other analysis



He, An, Ivanov & Gluscevic (2023)

Galaxy power spectra: Bayesian analysis

- We see consistent results, in which the full-shape data show a preference for the S_{IV} . **This is the same model favored by some CMB analyses.**

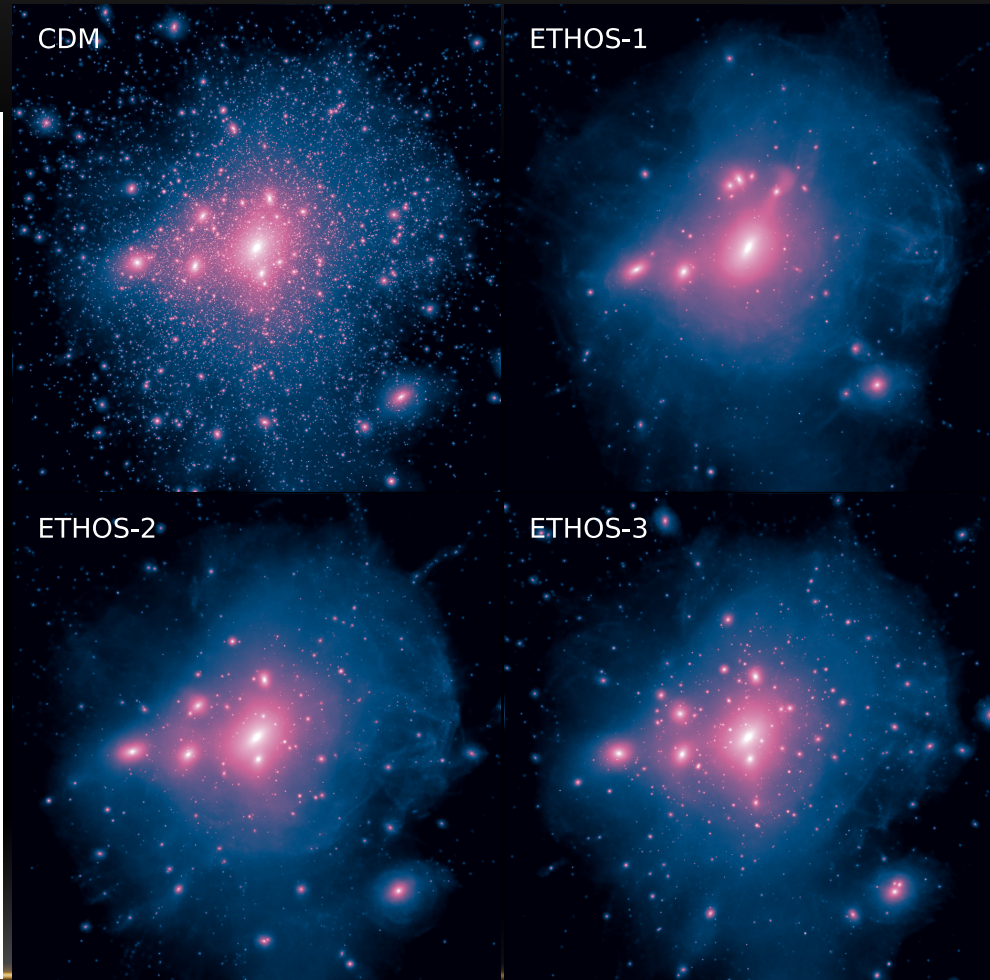
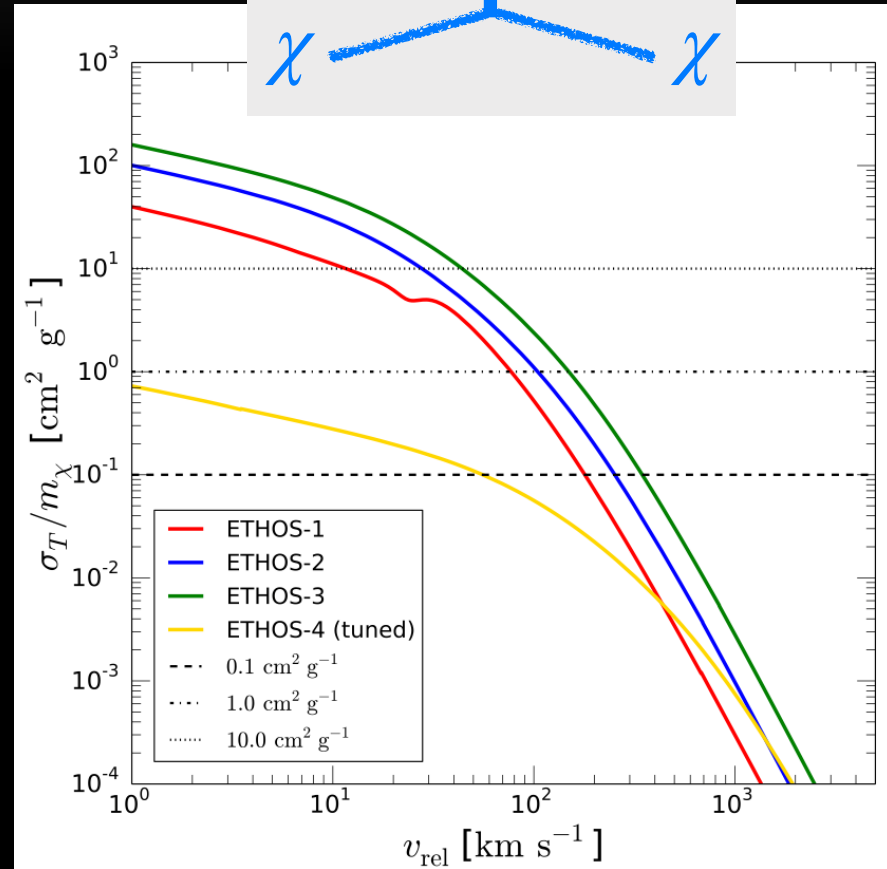
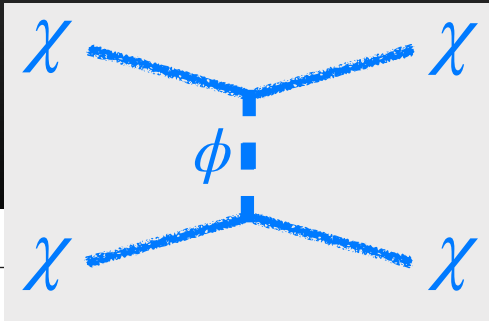


Camarena, Cyr-Racine, Houghteling (2023)

SI ν Cosmology: The current situation

- We now have **two independent types of datasets** showing the existence of the SI ν cosmology.
- This implies that this is a **physical feature present in the data**, and not the results of a spurious feature in the CMB sky.
- The **statistical significance is however not overwhelming**, and I would say that, at best, there is a **mild preference** for a delayed onset of neutrino free-streaming.
- Another possibility is that the SI ν is picking a feature in the data that **has nothing to do with neutrinos but is caused by other physics**.
- Either way, this points to the existence of **something we do not yet understand, which is exciting!**

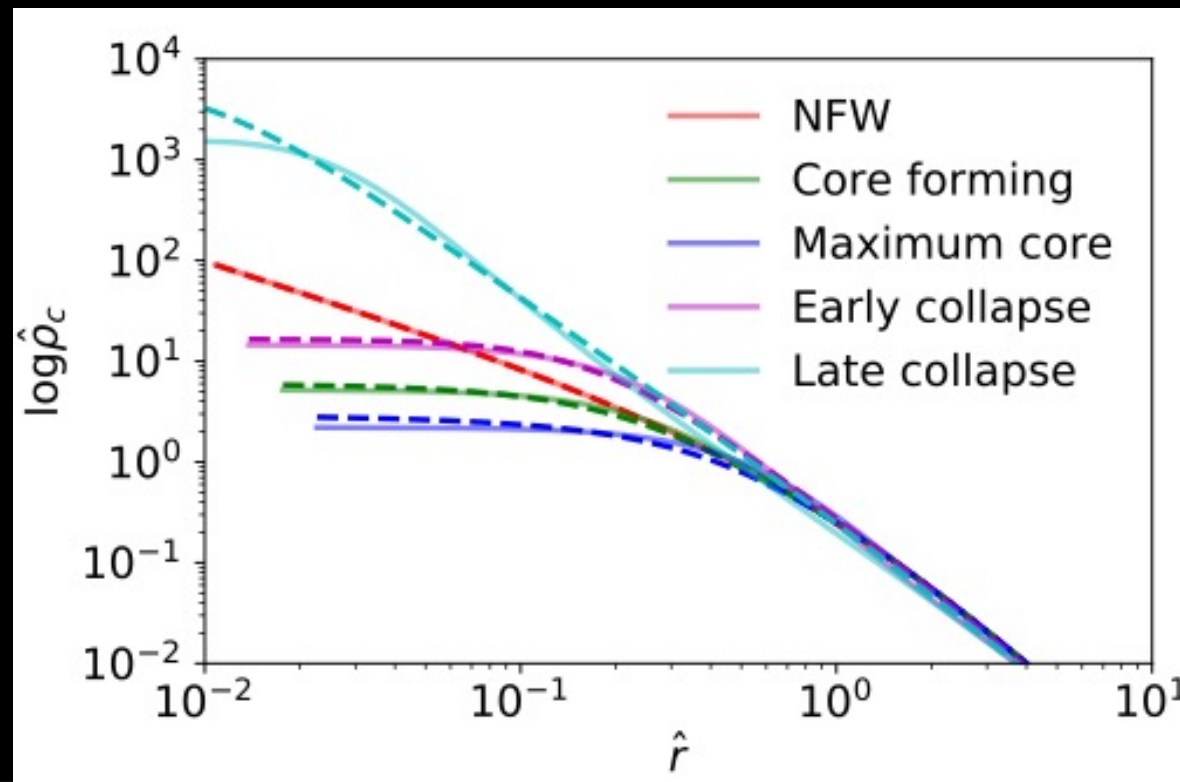
Self-interacting dark matter and halo structure



Vogelsberger, Zavala, Cyr-Racine +, arXiv:1512.05349

Self-interacting dark matter halo: Diversity of density profiles

- SIDM predicts a broad diversity of halo density profiles, that is absent in standard cold dark matter.



Yang et al. (2022)

Probing SIDM: Effective Multiplane Lensing

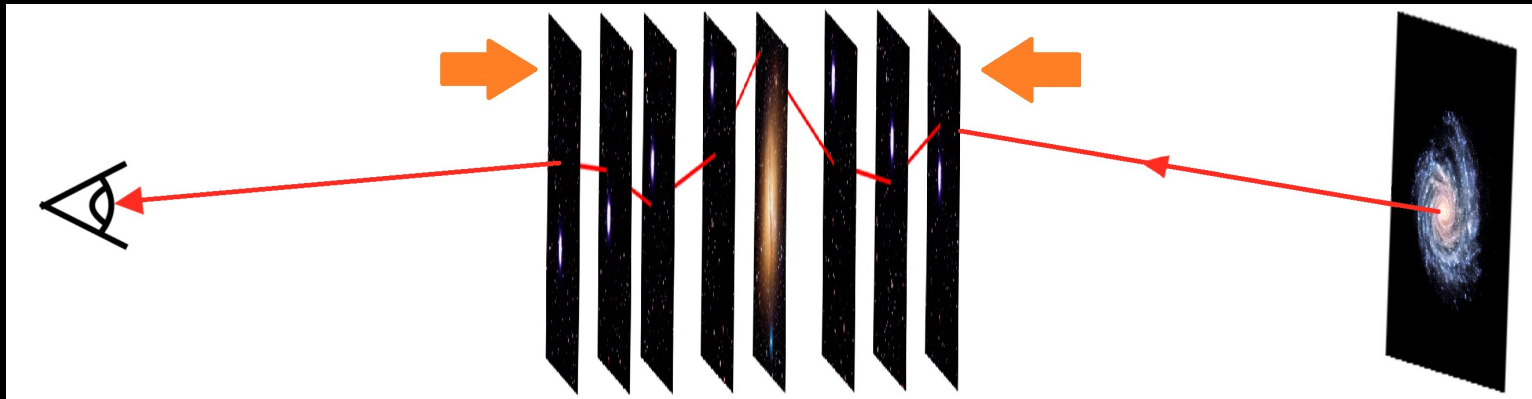
- Since lensing is just a mapping between a source plane and an image plane, compress everything to a single function:

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{x})$$

where

\mathbf{u} - coordinate in the source plane

\mathbf{x} - coordinate in the image plane



Divergence Component:

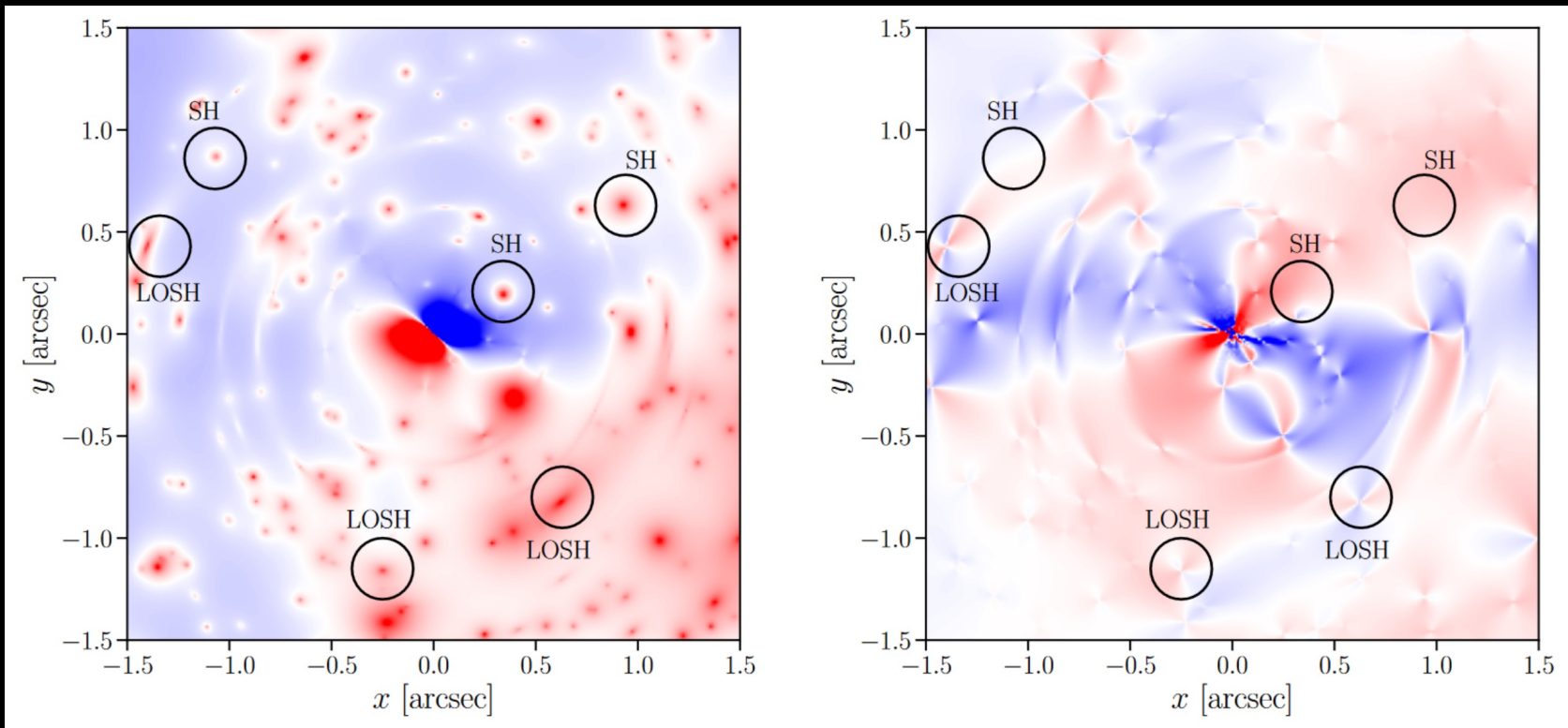
Curl Component:

$$\kappa_{\text{div}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\text{eff}} - \kappa_0$$

$$\kappa_{\text{curl}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \nabla \times \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{\text{eff}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

Effective deflection field

- Divergence and curl of the effective deflection field:
Anisotropies between the radial and angular direction

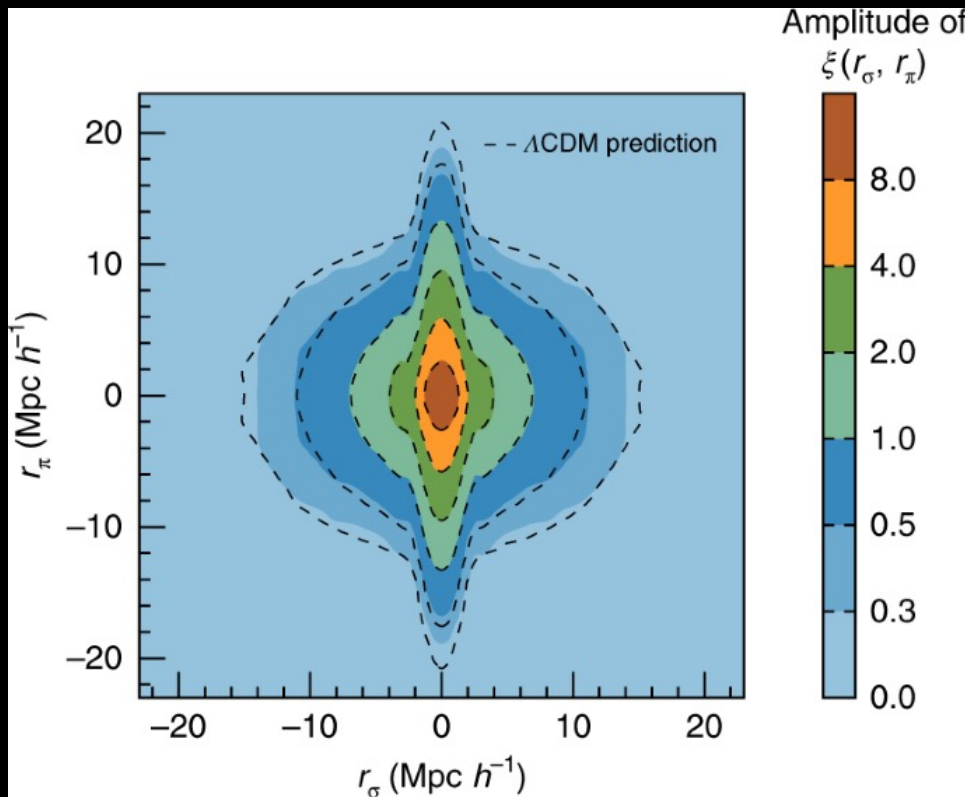


Dhanasingham, Cyr-Racine + (2023)

Thank you, Daniel Gilman!

Inspiration from large-scale structure

- Galaxy peculiar velocities give rise to a quadrupole moment in the galaxy two-point correlation function.

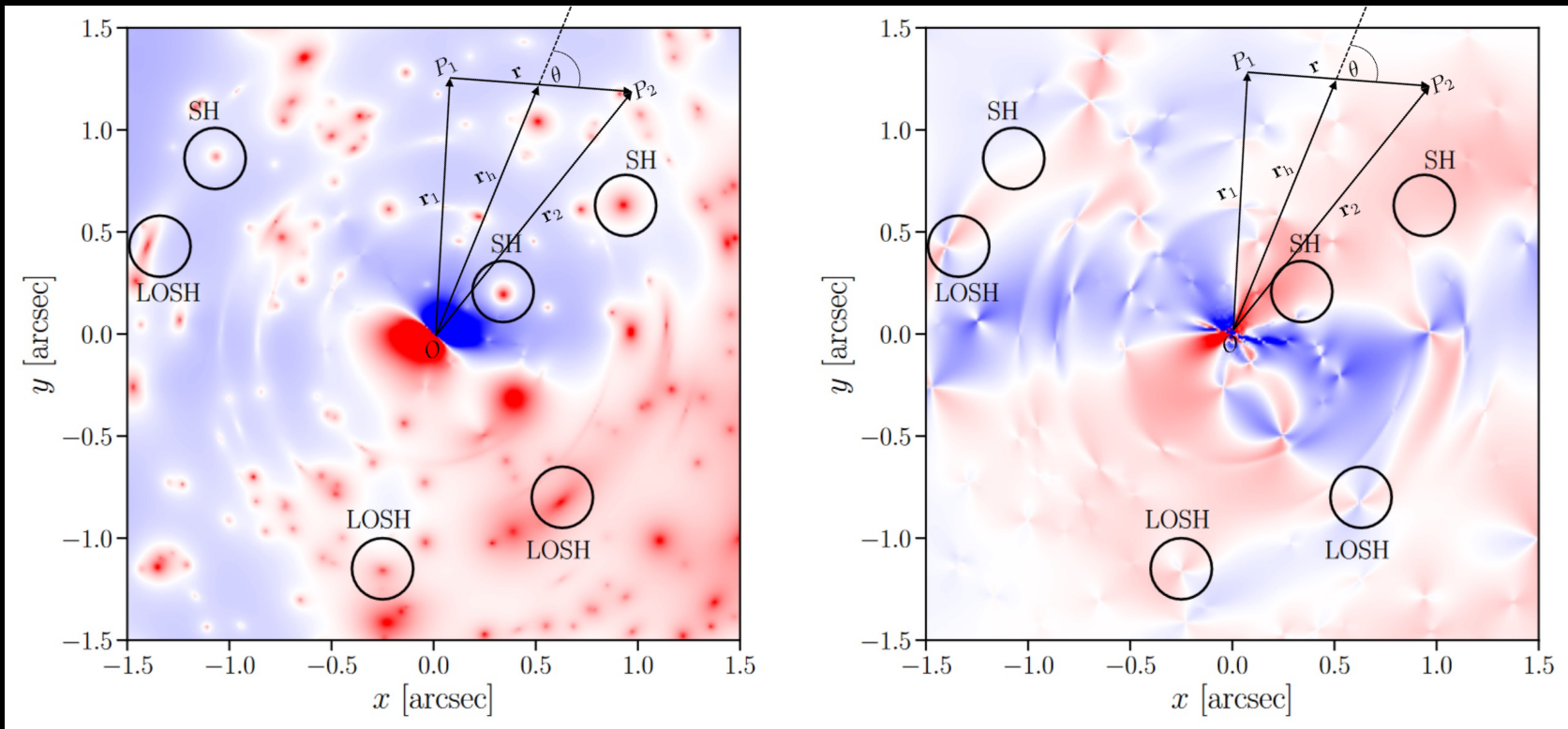


- In strong lensing, presence of main galaxy break translation symmetry, giving rise to anisotropies.

He et al. (2018)

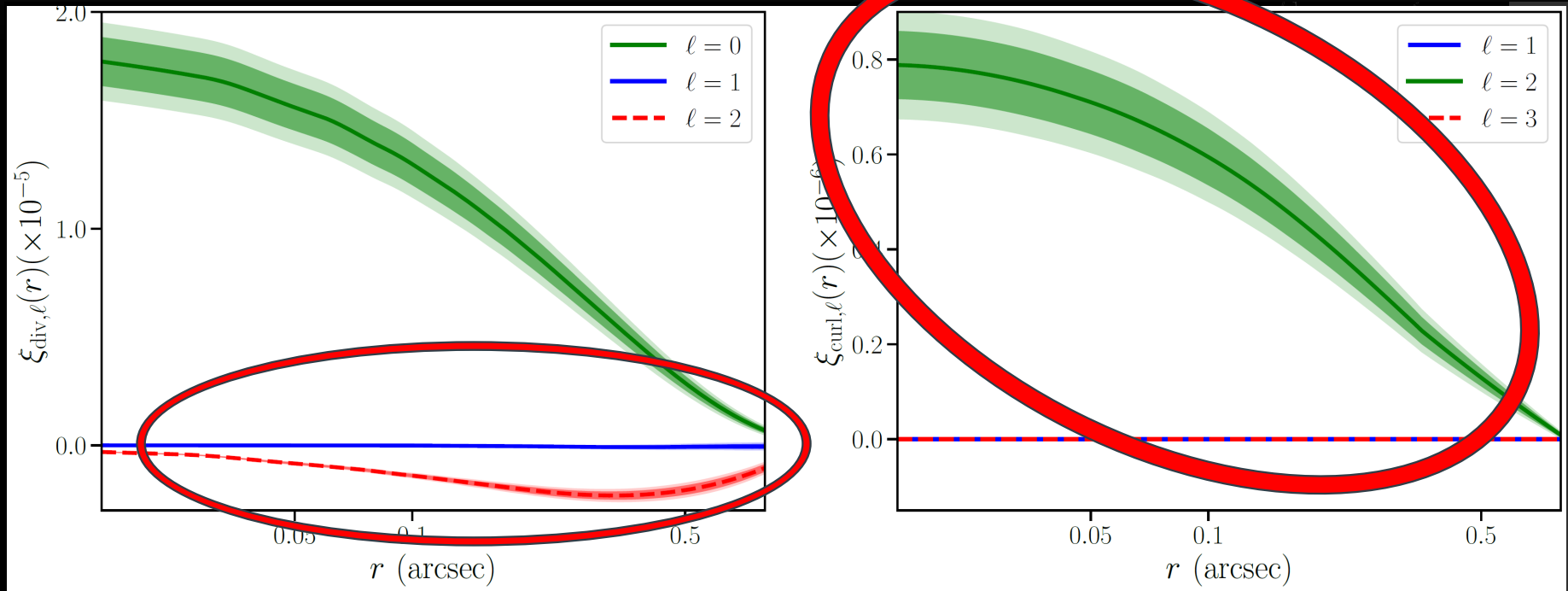
Capturing Anisotropies

- Compute the two-point function of the effective deflection field. $\xi(\mathbf{r}) = \xi(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) = \frac{1}{A} \int_A d^2\mathbf{r}_1 \kappa_{\text{div}}(\mathbf{r}_1) \kappa_{\text{div}}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}_1)$



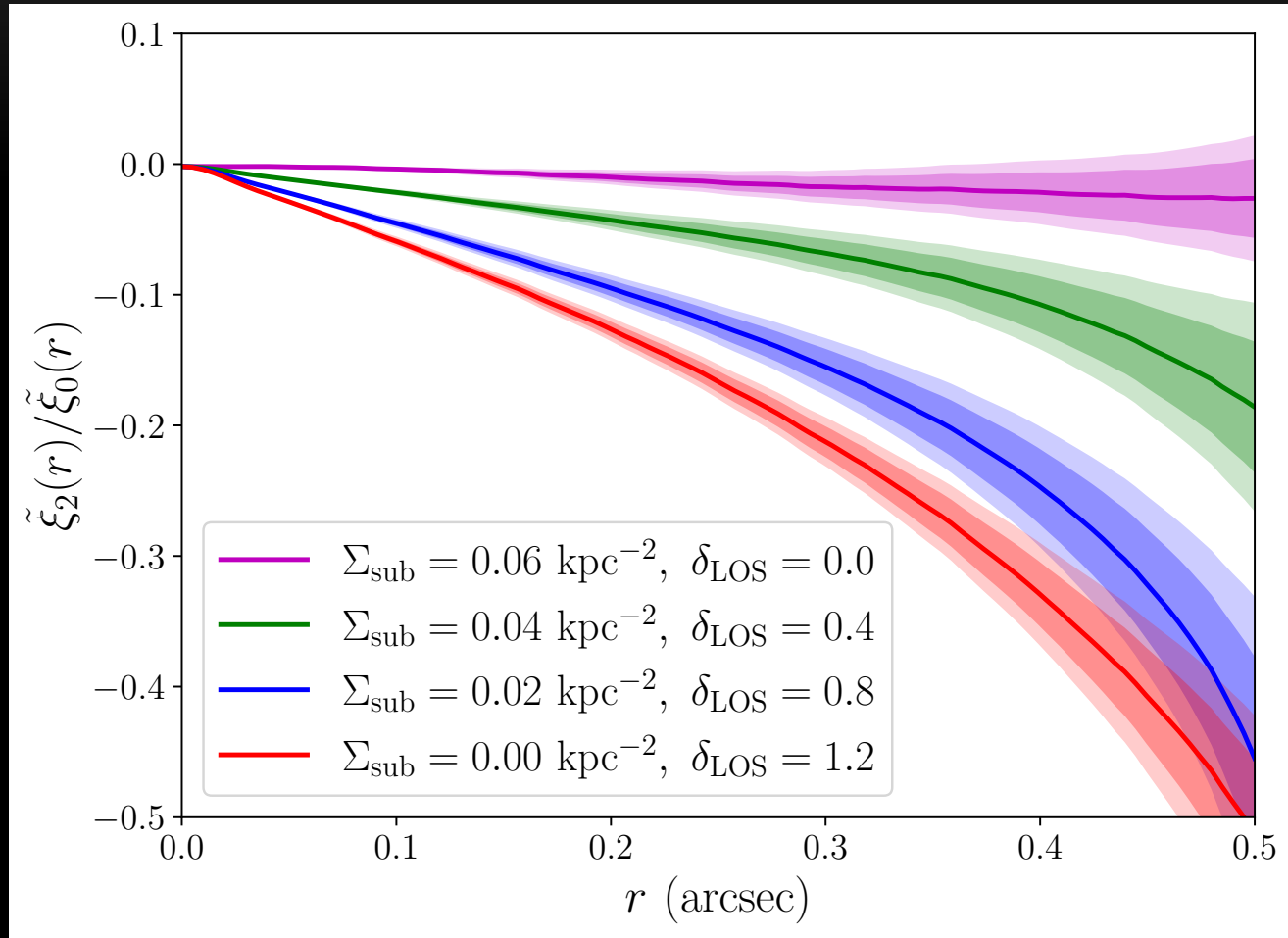
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Correlation function: Nonzero quadrupole moments



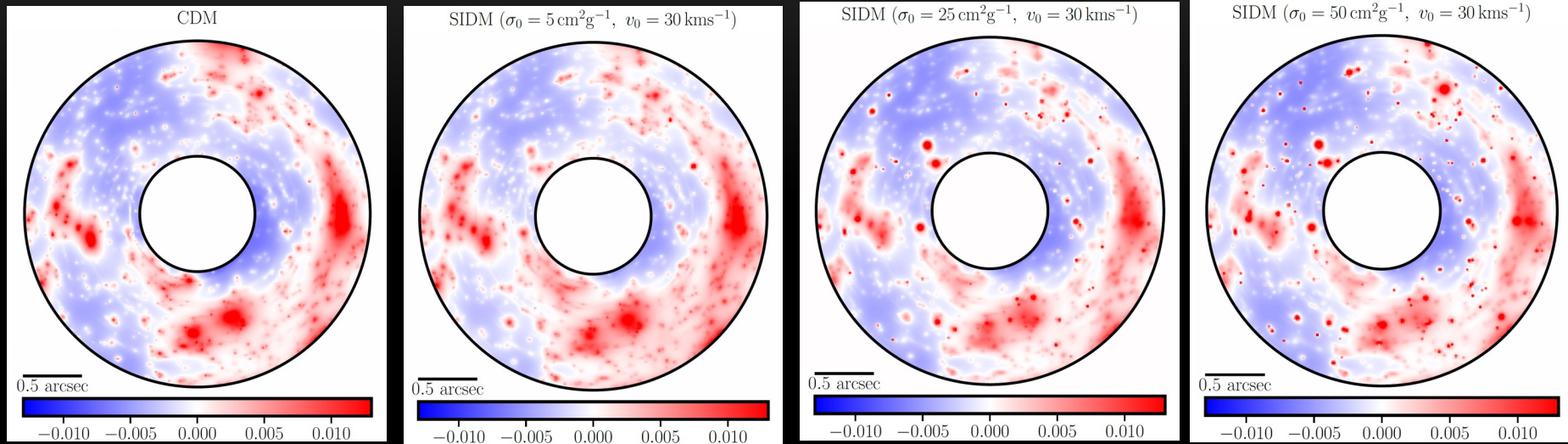
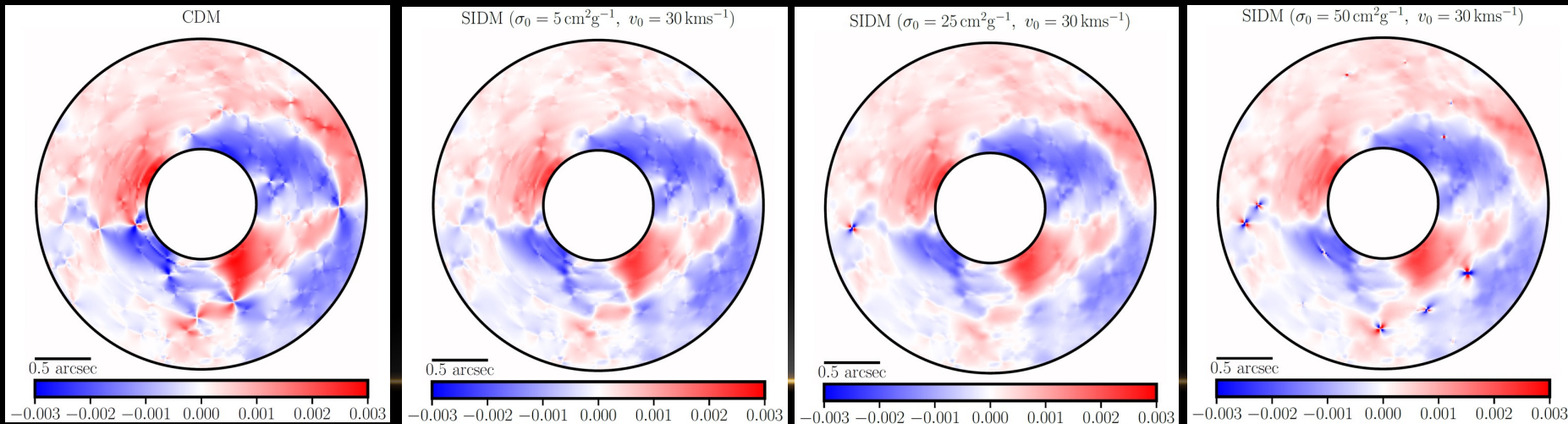
(see also, Hezaveh et al. 2016b; Chatterjee & Koopmans 2018; Díaz Rivero et al. 2018a,b; Brennan et al. 2019; Cyr-Racine et al. 2019; Çagan Şengül et al. 2020; Bayer et al. 2023a,b)

The quadrupole is probing line-of-sight halos



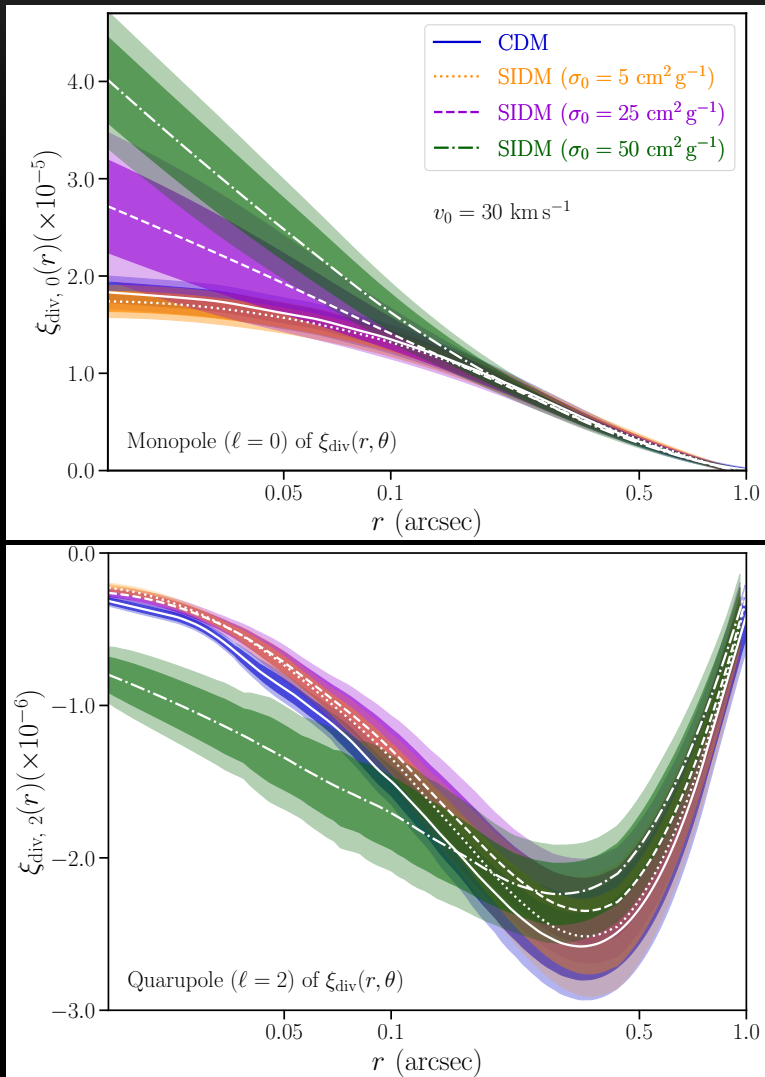
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Self-interacting Dark Matter

 κ_{div} κ_{div}  κ_{curl} 

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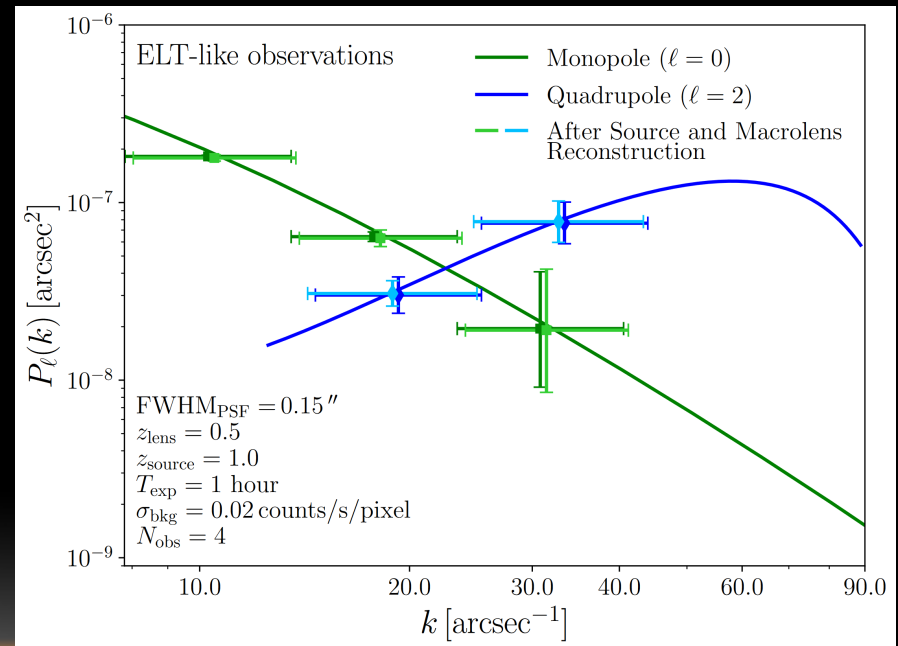
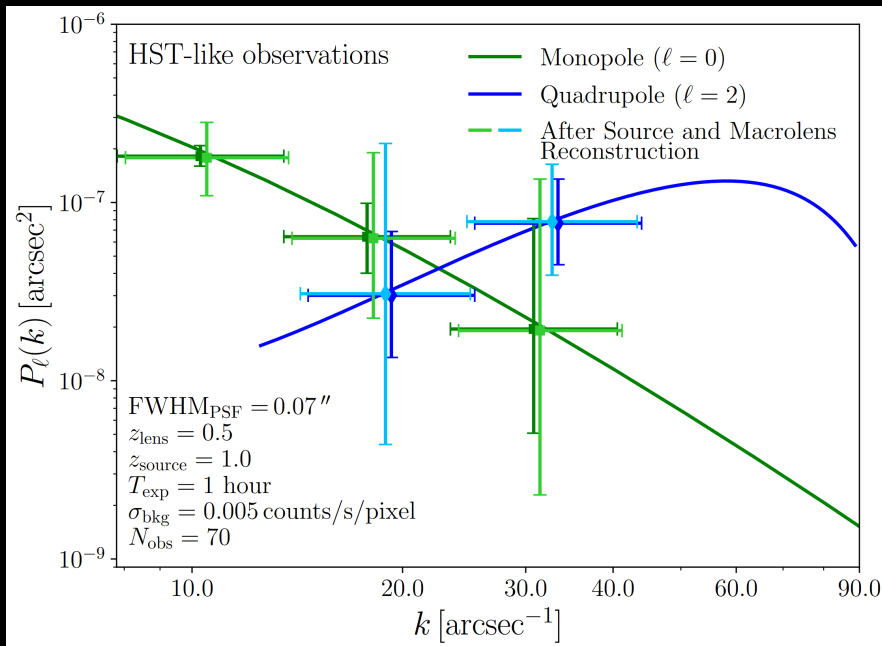
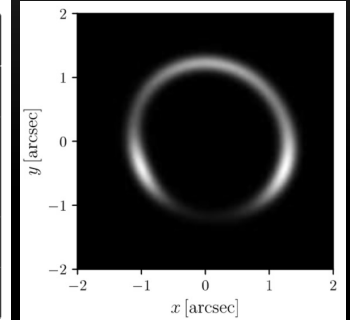


| | Div Monopole | Div Quadrupole | Curl Quadrupole |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Small cross section | | | |
| Medium cross section | | | |
| Large cross section | | | |

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Assessing detectability in ideal case

| | HST-like | ELT-like |
|--|----------|----------|
| Resolution (arcsec/pixel) | 0.05 | 0.01 |
| FWHM_{PSF} (arcsec) | 0.07 | 0.15 |
| T_{exp} (hours) | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| σ_{bkg} (counts/s/pixel) | 0.005 | 0.02 |
| N_{obs} | 70 | 4 |



Dhanasingham, Cyr-Racine + (2022)

Self-interacting Conclusions

- Neutrinos:
 - Due to neutrinos' importance in the early Universe, **cosmological data offer great sensitivity** to new physics affecting neutrino free-streaming.
 - **Both CMB and the galaxy power spectrum** show some preference for neutrino self-interactions.
- Dark Matter:
 - Anisotropies in the two-point correlation function of the κ_{div} and κ_{curl} fields allow us to **separate line-of-sight halos from main-lens substructure**.
 - By measuring both the **quadrupole and monopole** of the ξ_{div} function, get sensitivity to the **SIDM cross section**.