

# Reconciling Cosmological Tensions with Inelastic Dark Matter and Dark Radiation in $U(1)_D$ Framework

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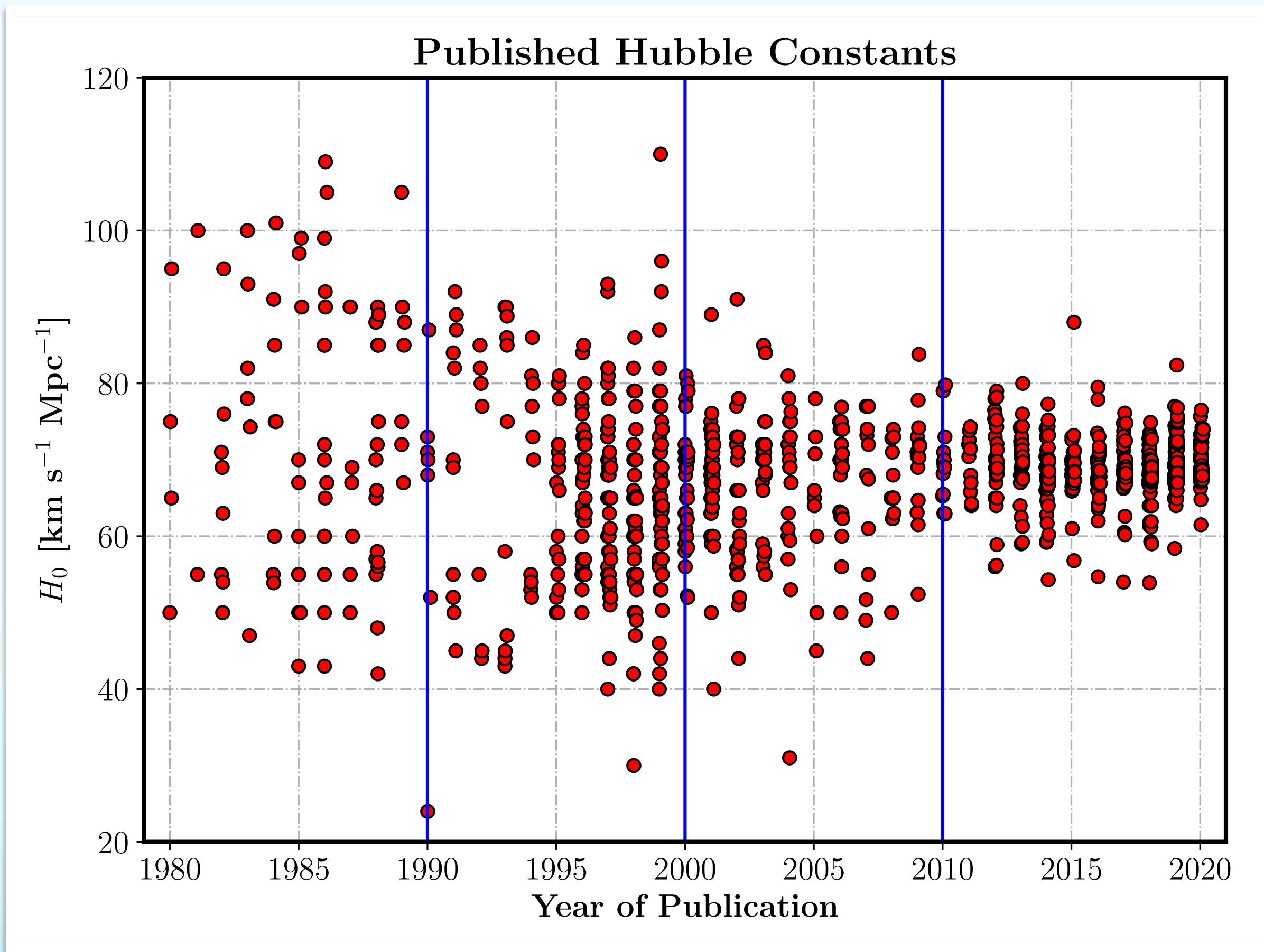
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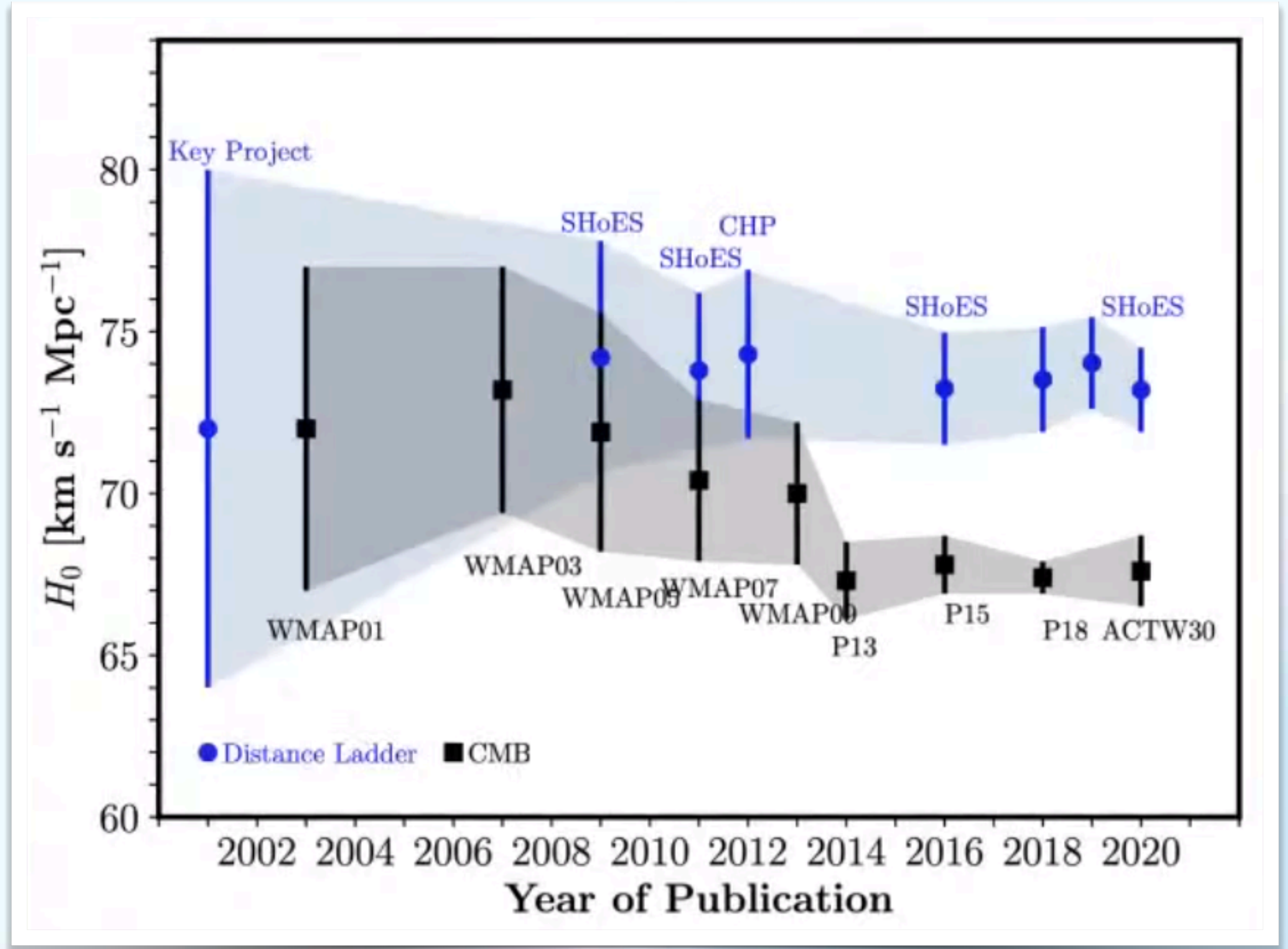
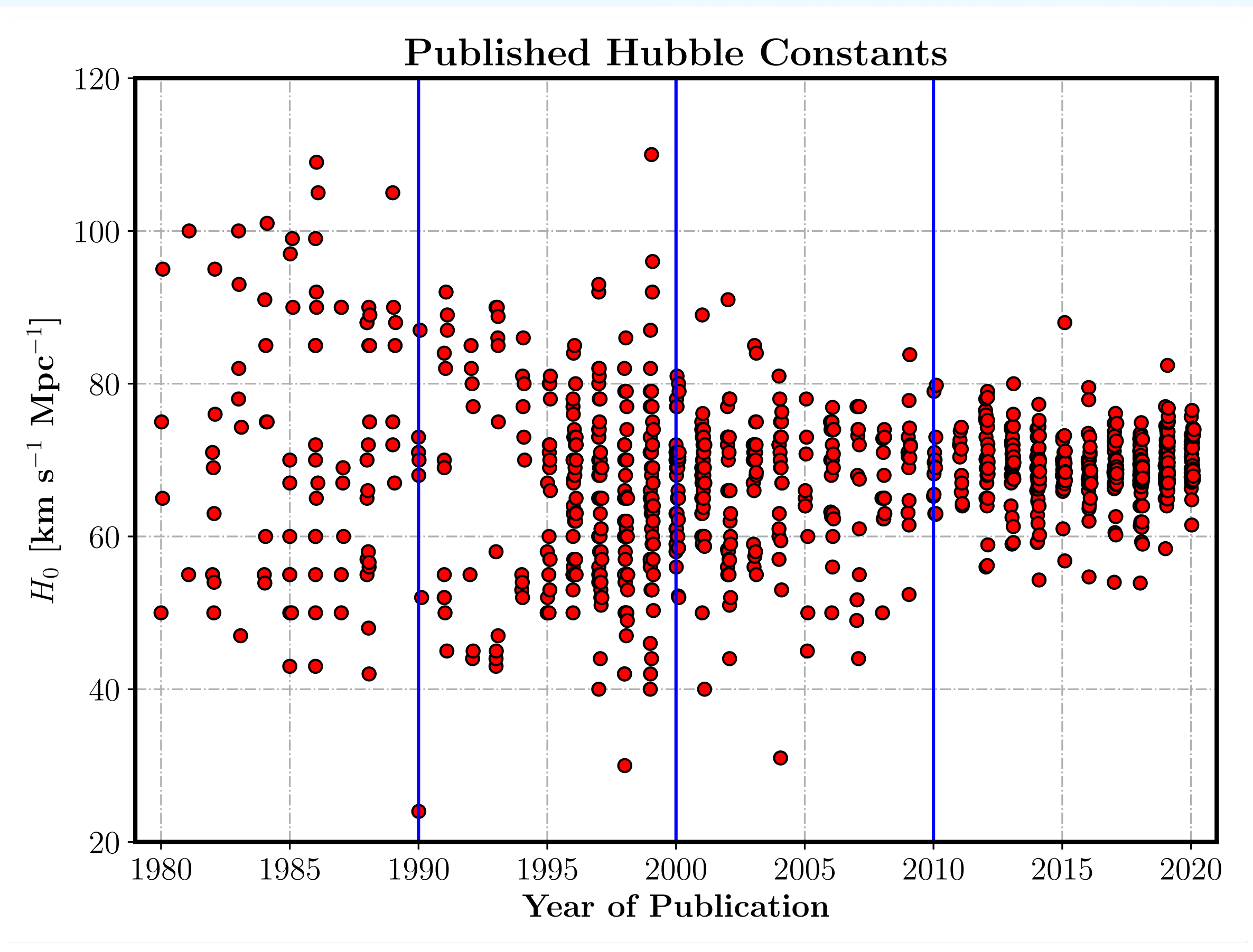
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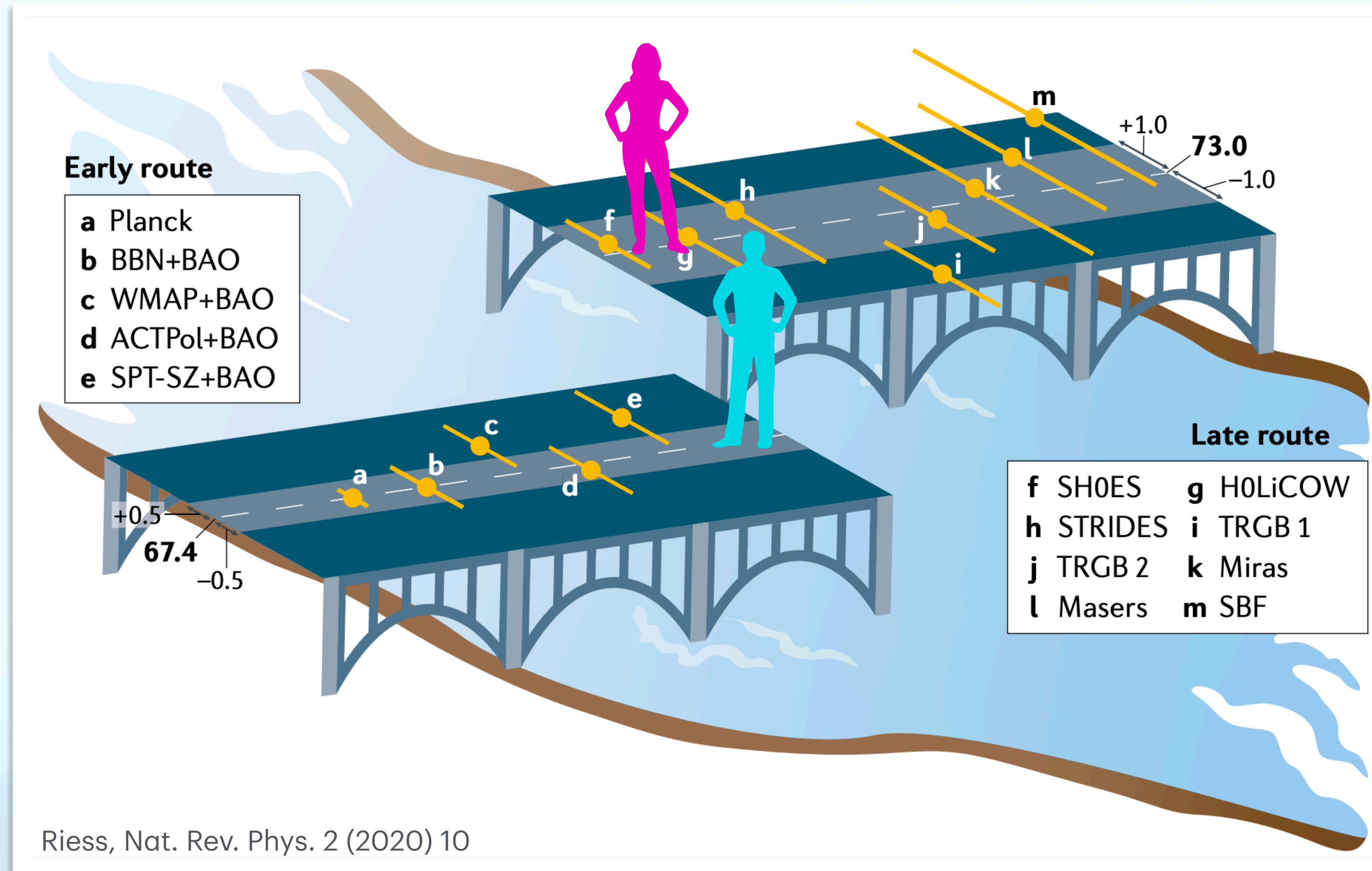


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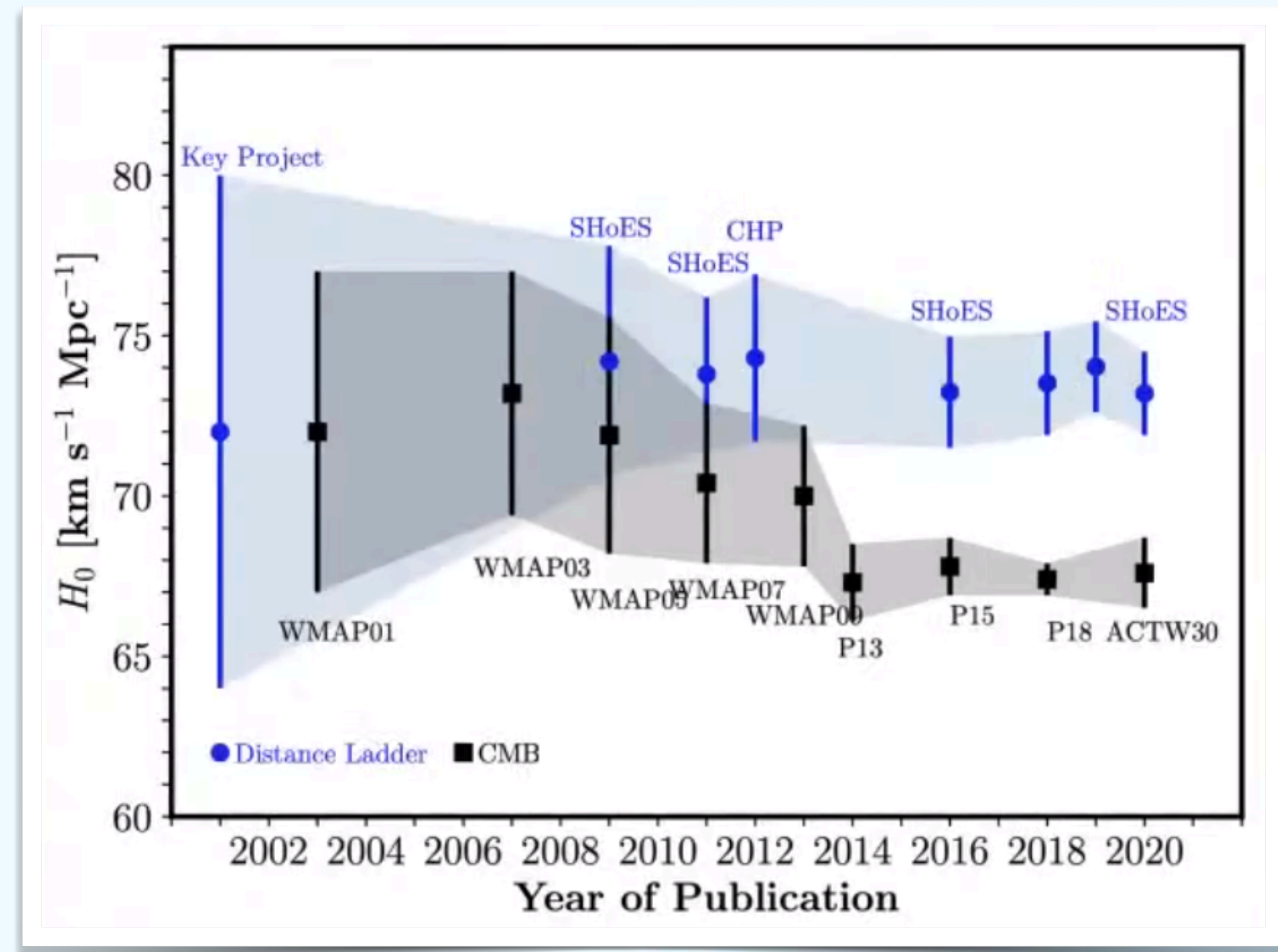
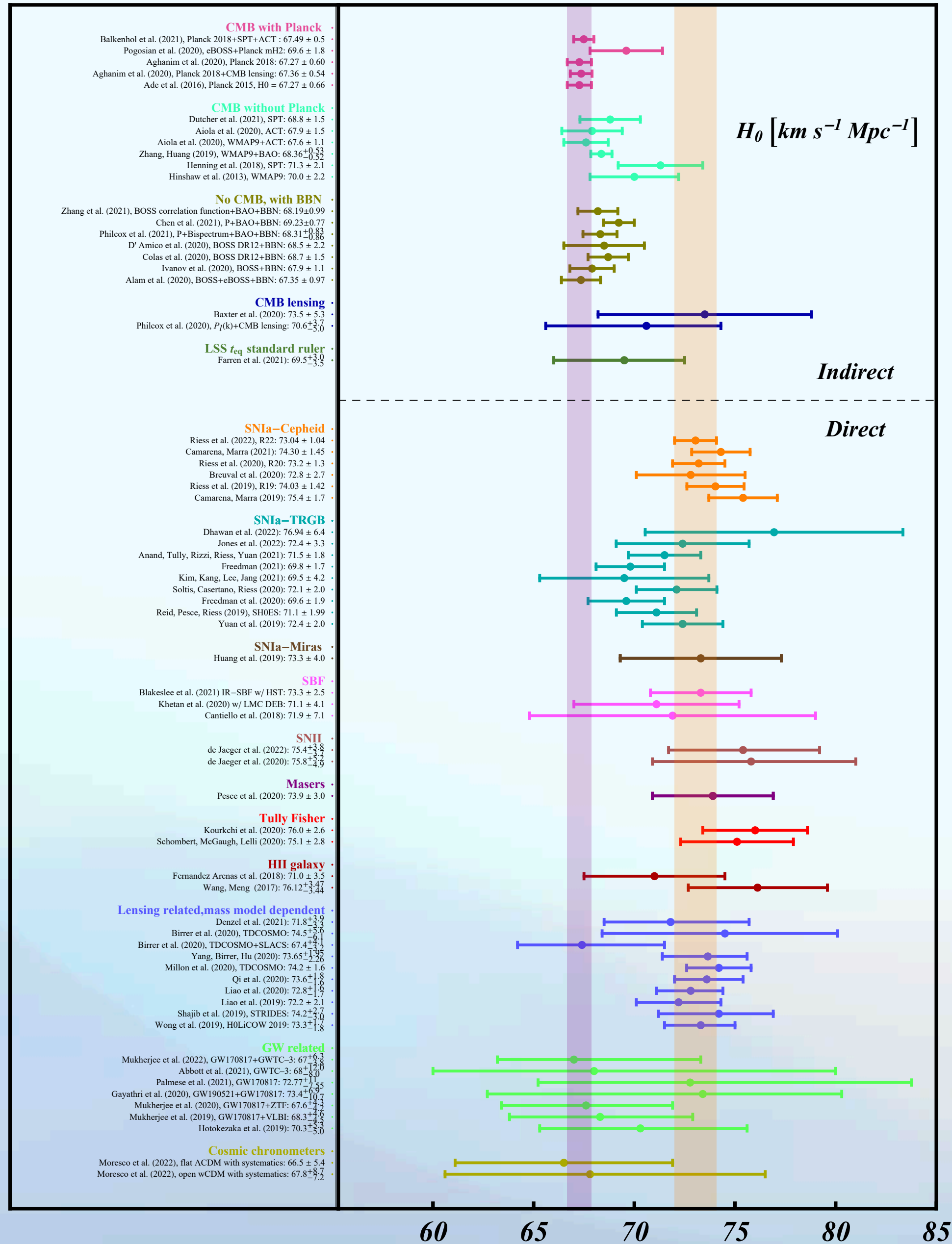
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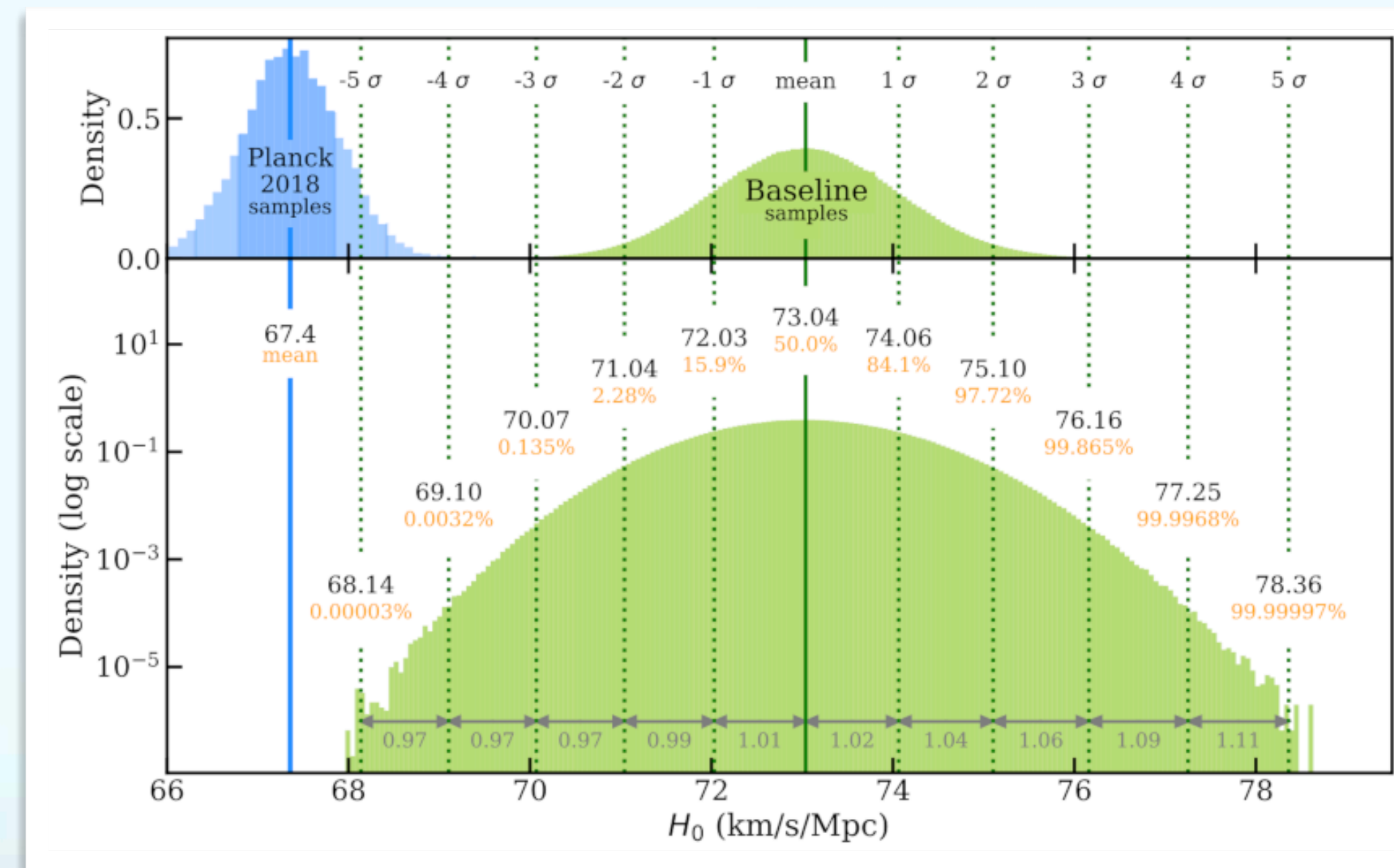
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All the indirect, model-dependent early estimates, such as those from the CMB and BAO agree among themselves

All the direct, late-time  $\Lambda$ CDM-independent measurements, such as those from distance ladders and strong lensing, also agree among themselves

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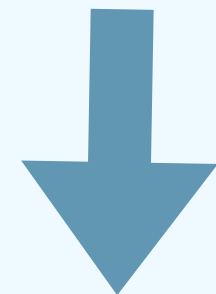
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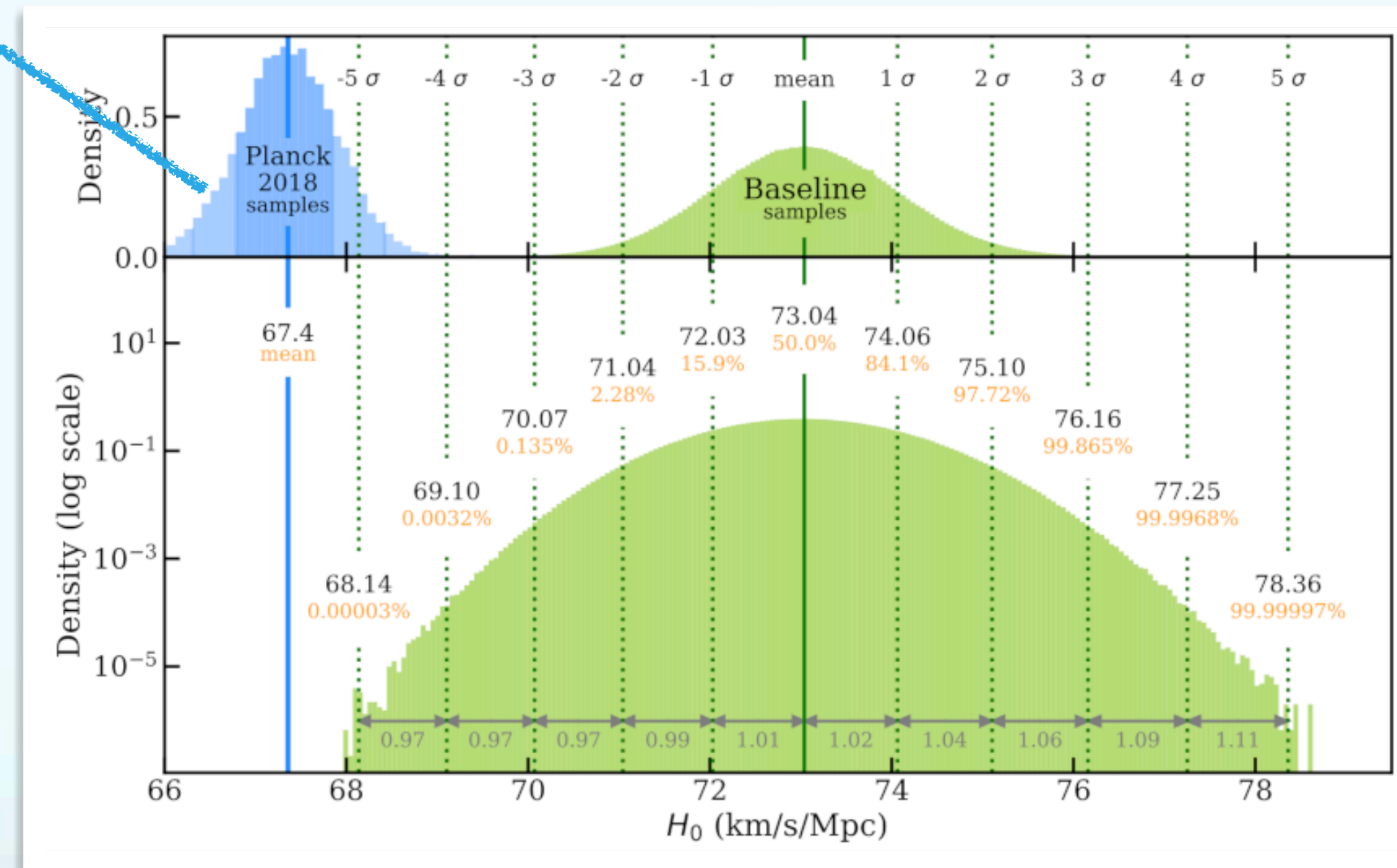
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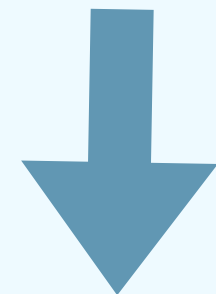
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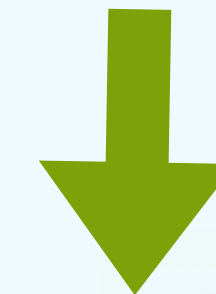
**SH0ES collaboration:**

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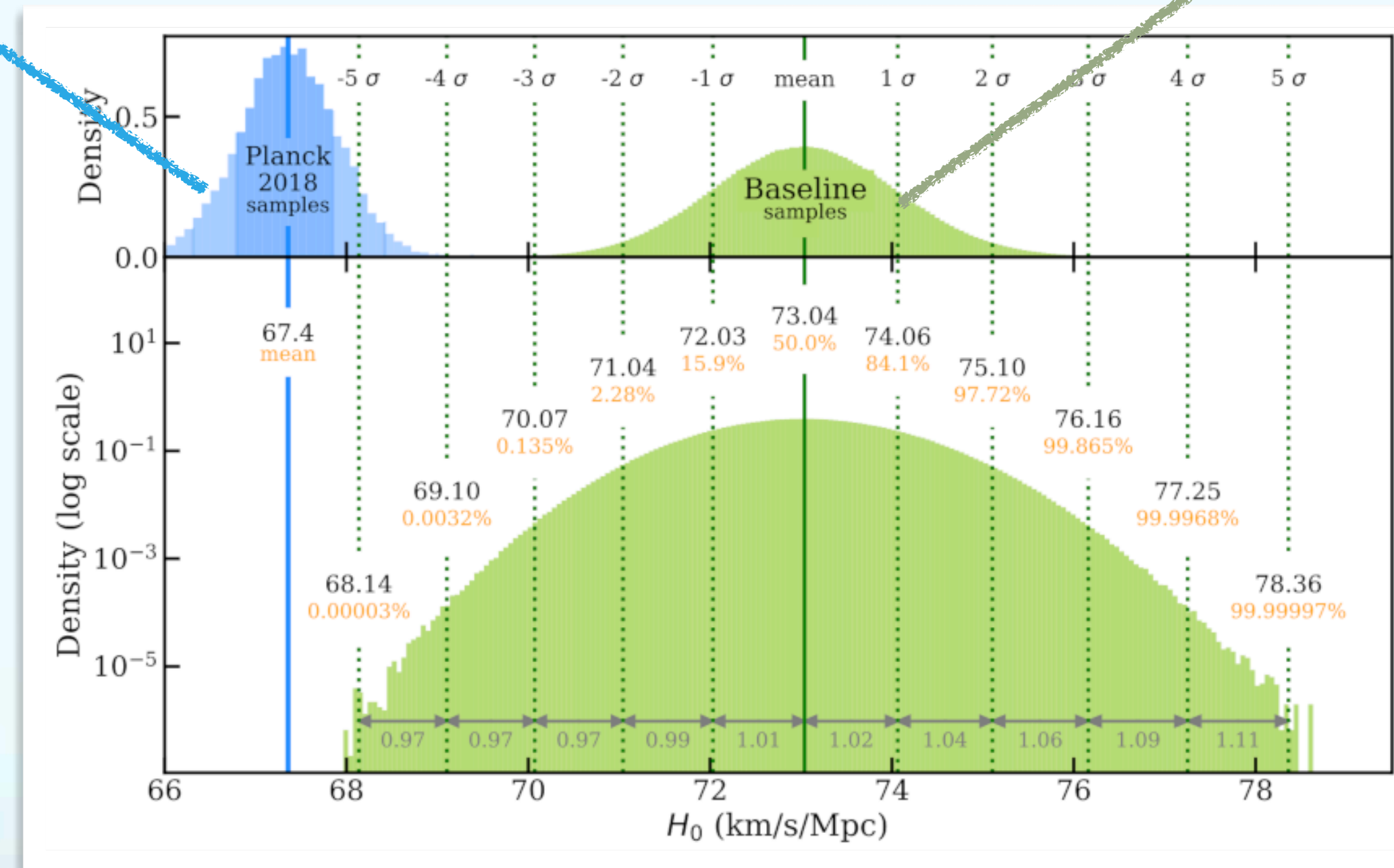
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Direct measurements in the local Universe using cosmic distance ladders.

$$v = H_0 \times d$$



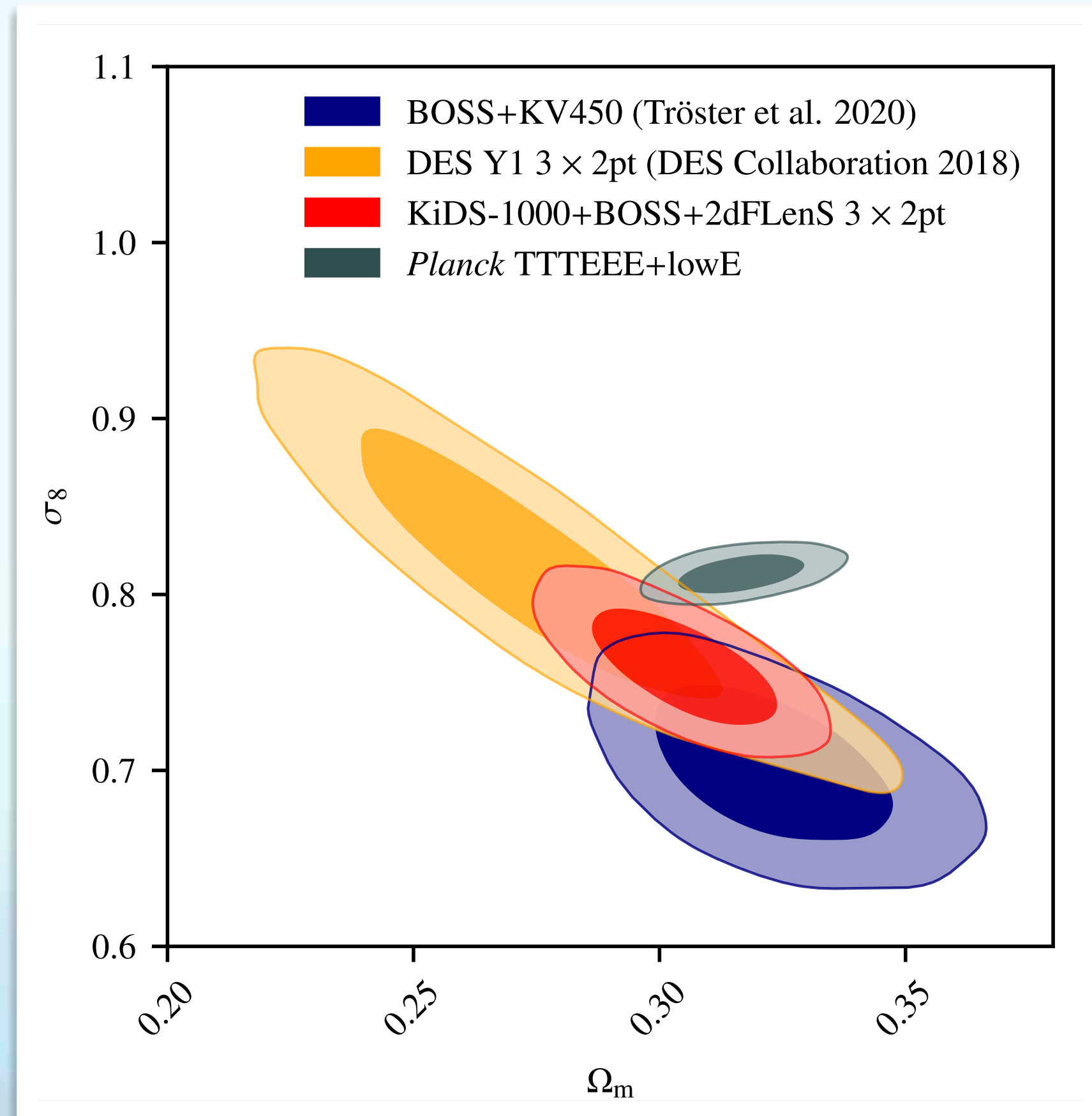
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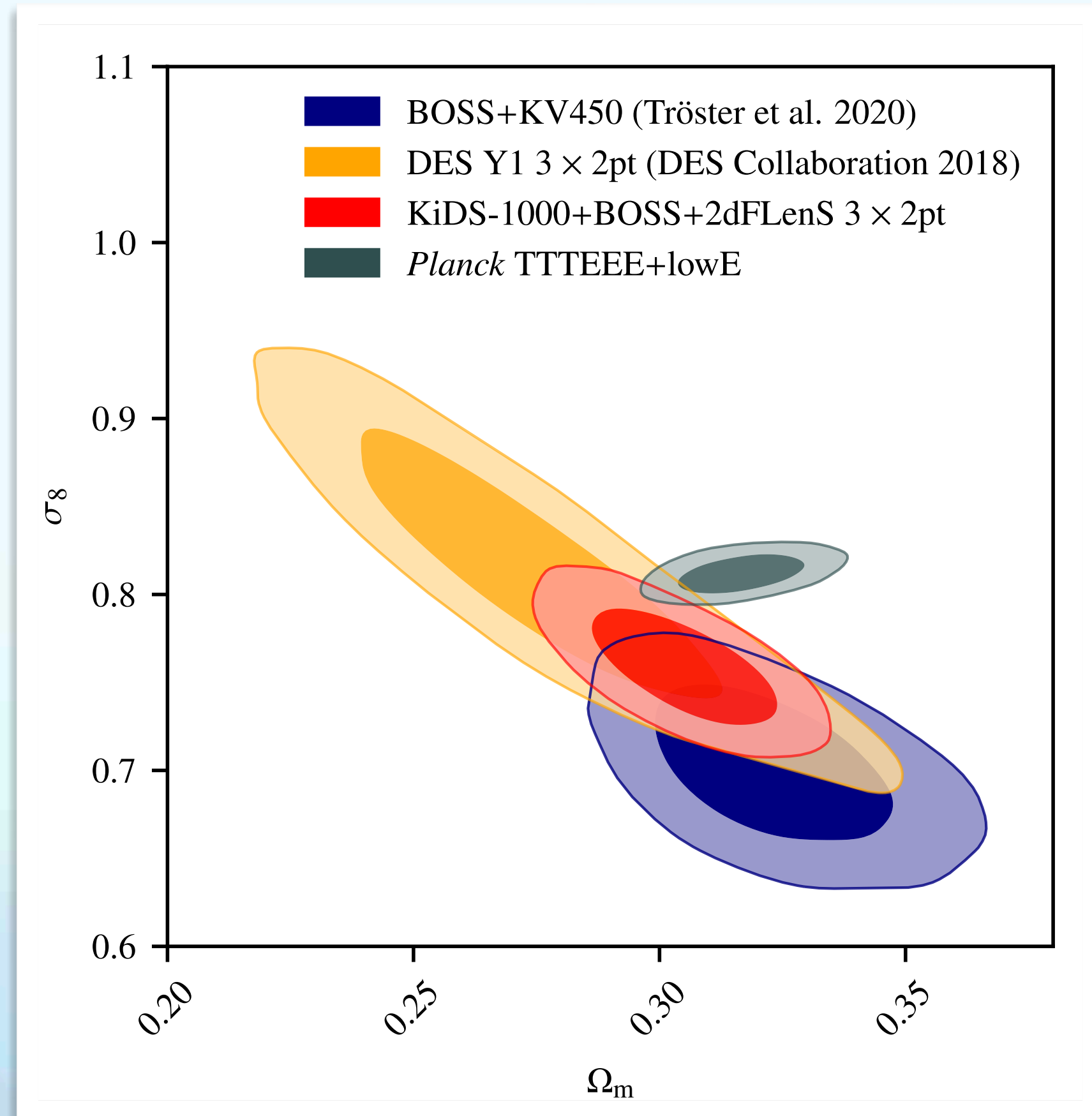


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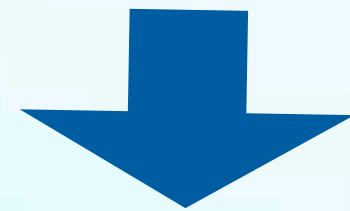
*Planck* :  $S_8 = 0.834 \pm 0.016$

DES Y3 :  $S_8 = 0.776 \pm 0.017$

KiDS 1000 :  $S_8 = 0.759 \pm 0.024$

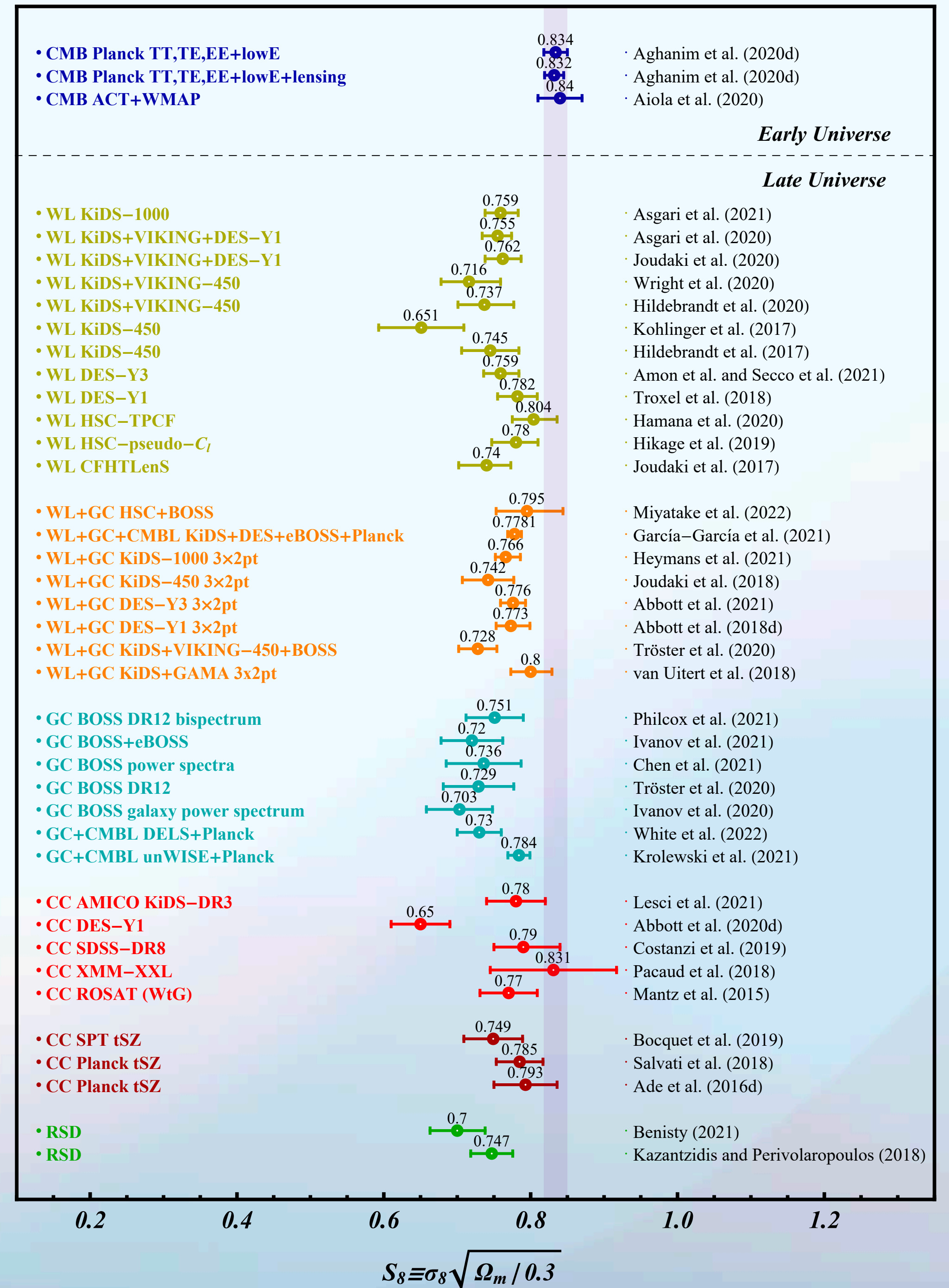
CMB experiments typically yield higher values

weak lensing and galaxy clustering data infer a lower value



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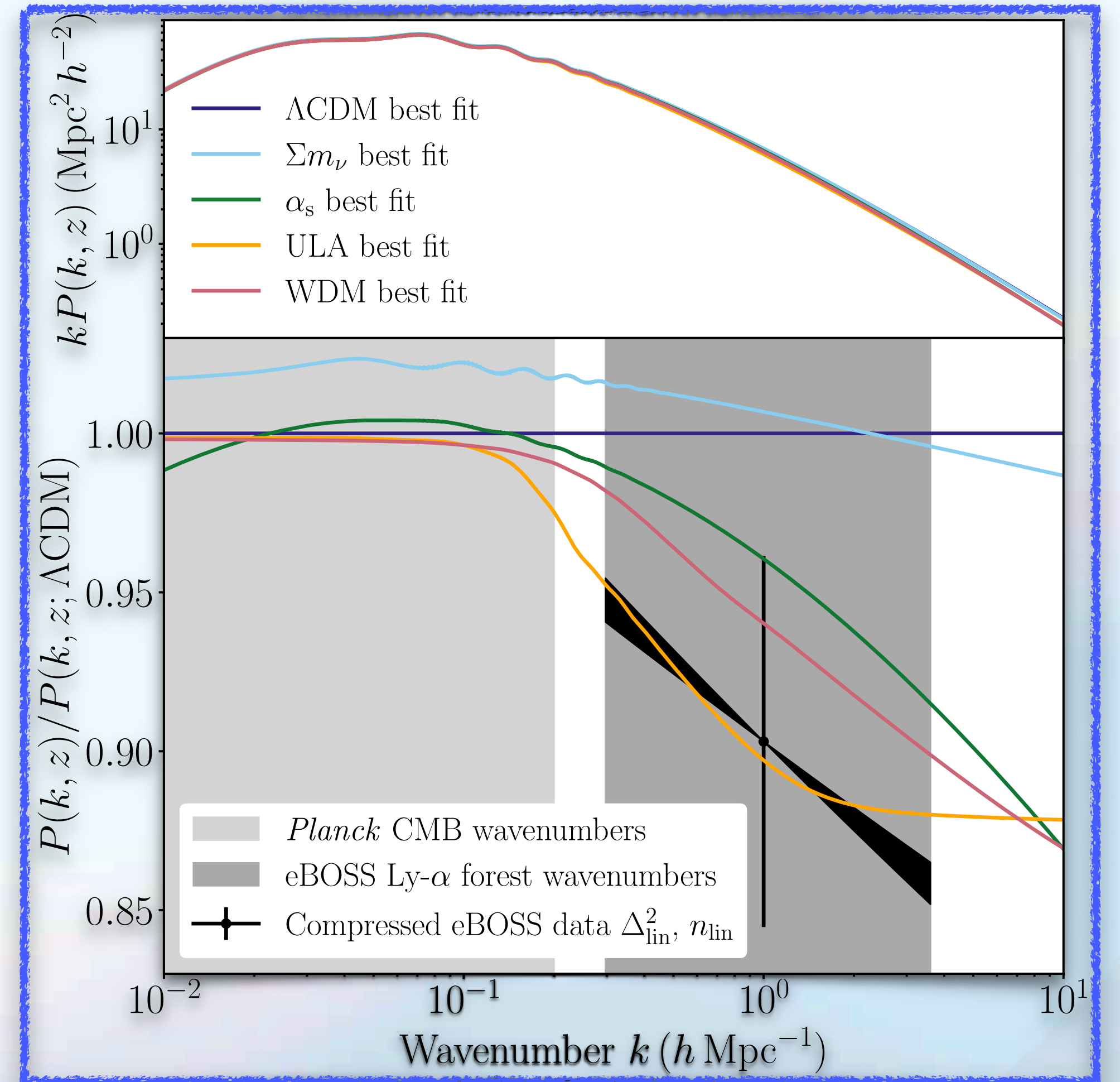


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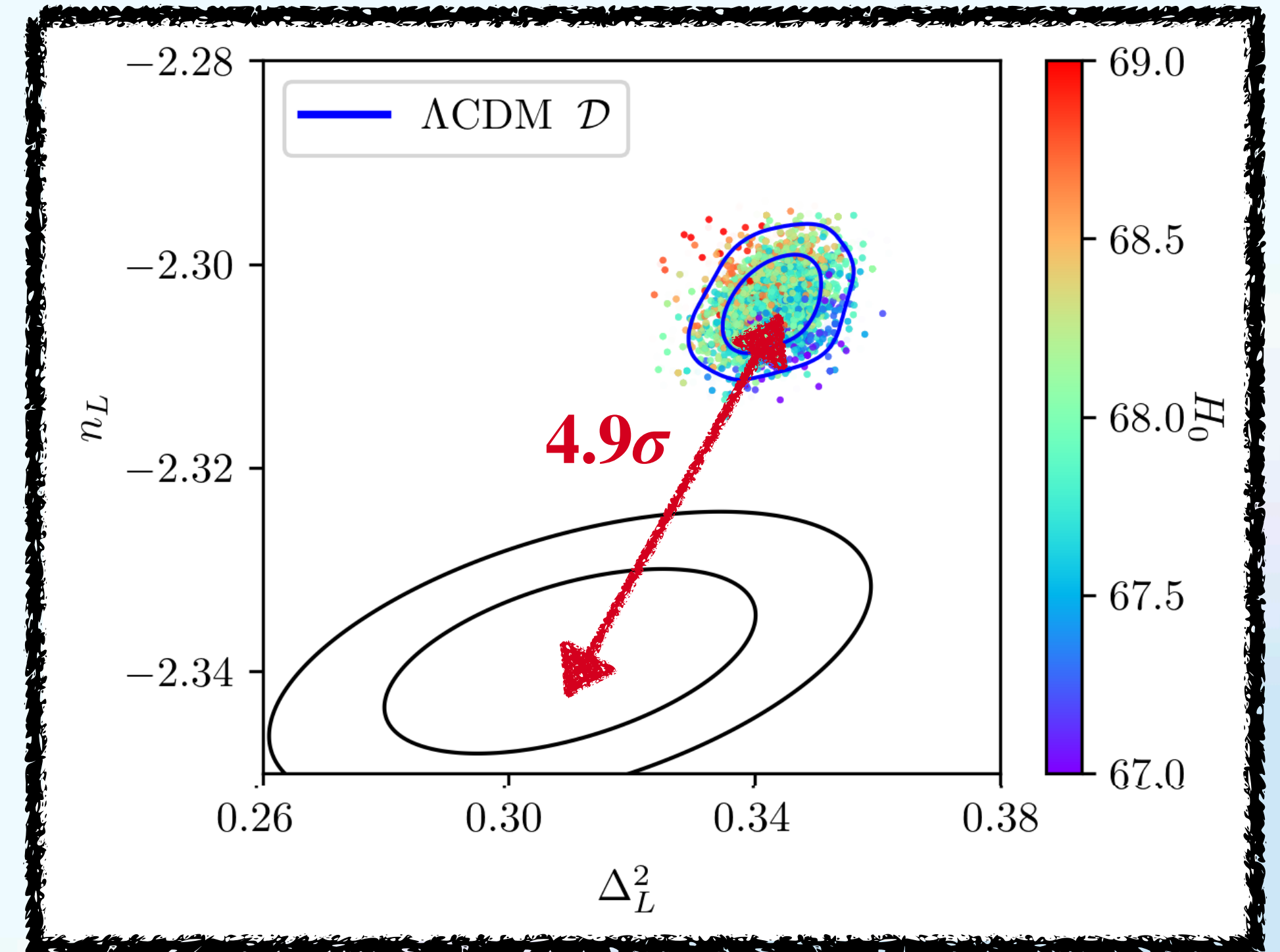
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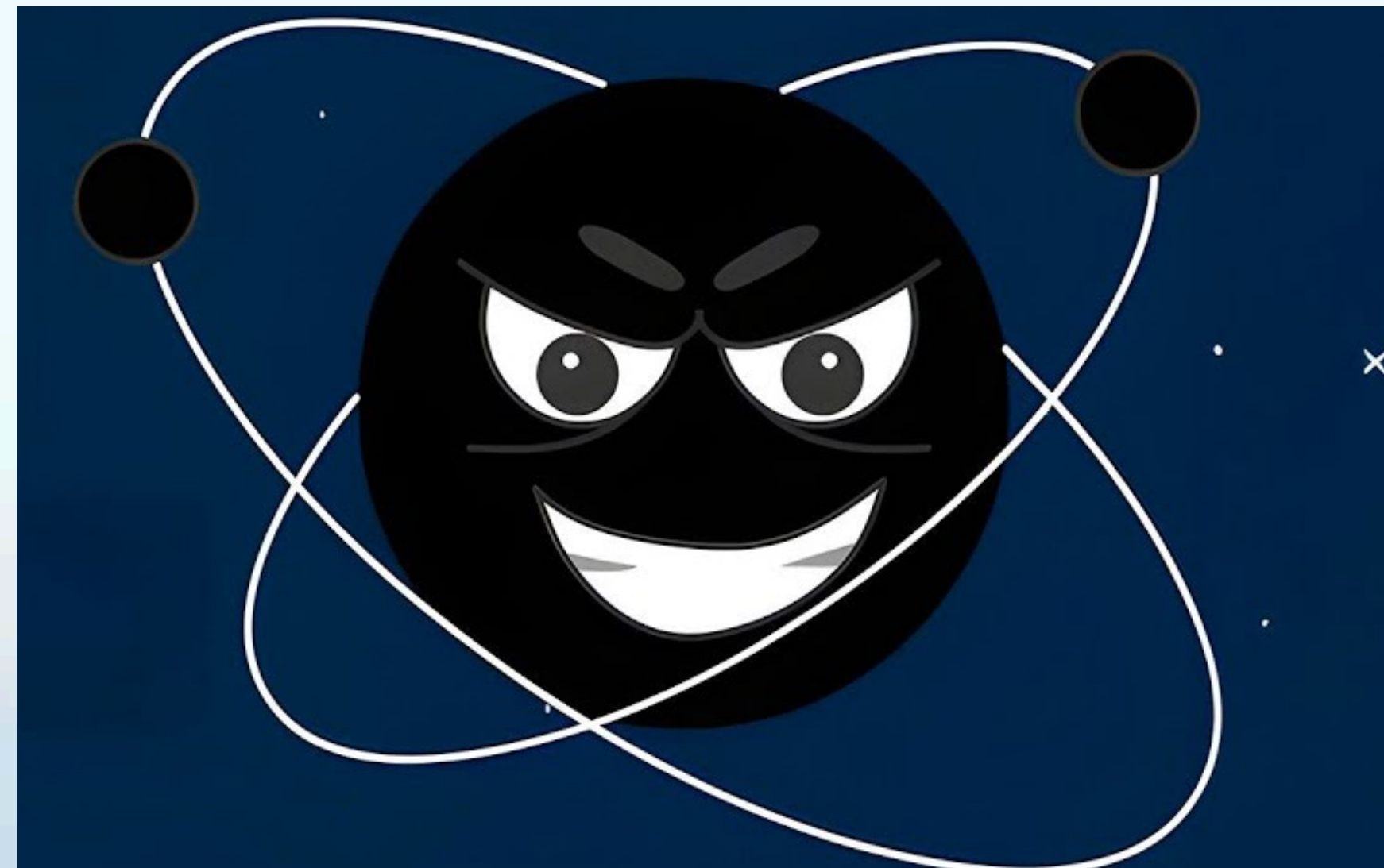
# Significance of addressing these tensions

These tensions are unlikely to be mere statistical anomalies

They highlight potential gaps in our understanding

Requires us to extend beyond the standard  $\Lambda$ CDM paradigm and explore new physics.

Novel properties and interactions of dark matter..??



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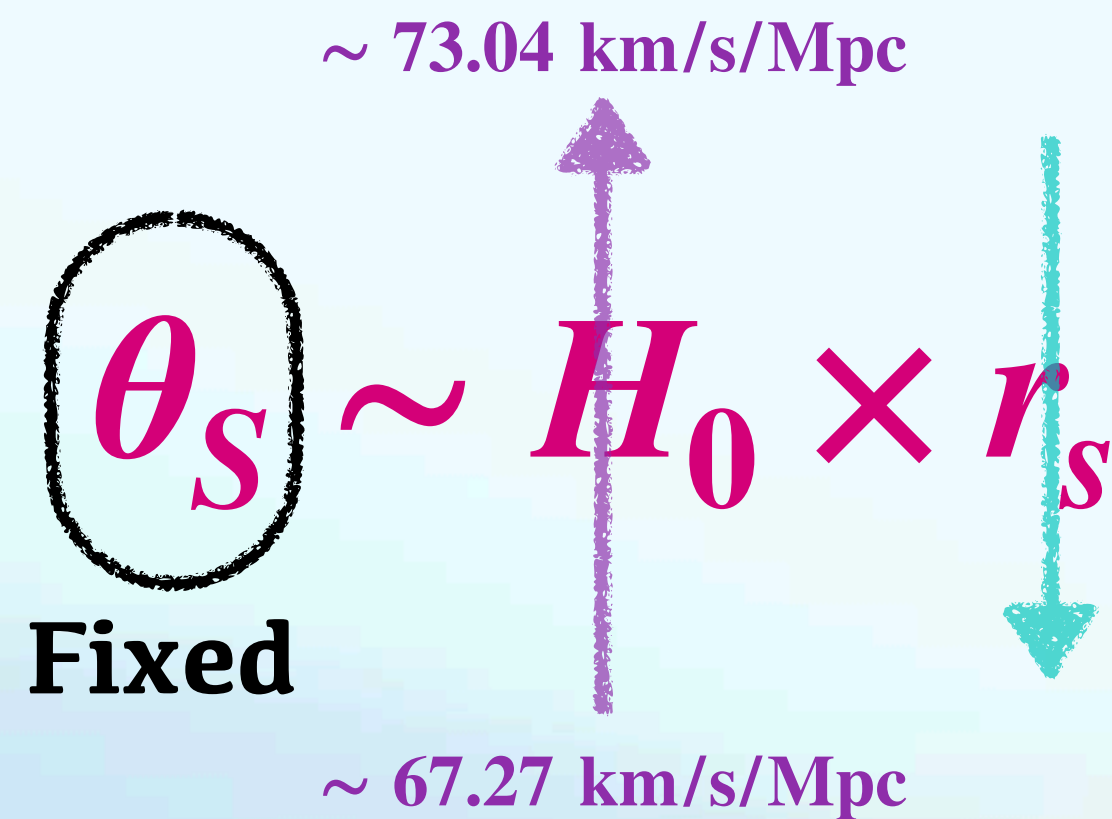
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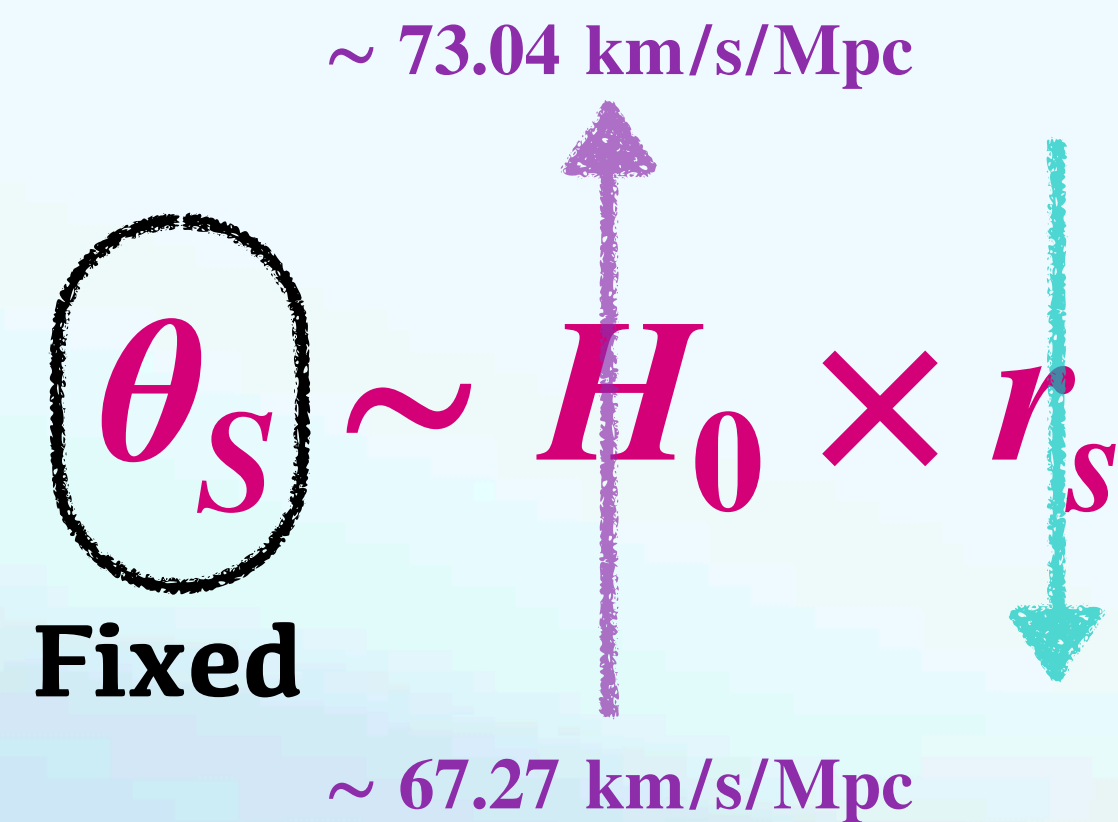


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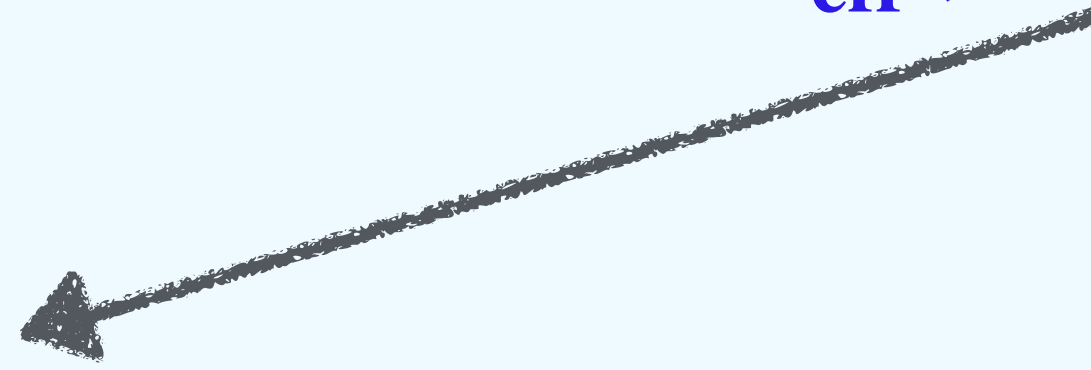
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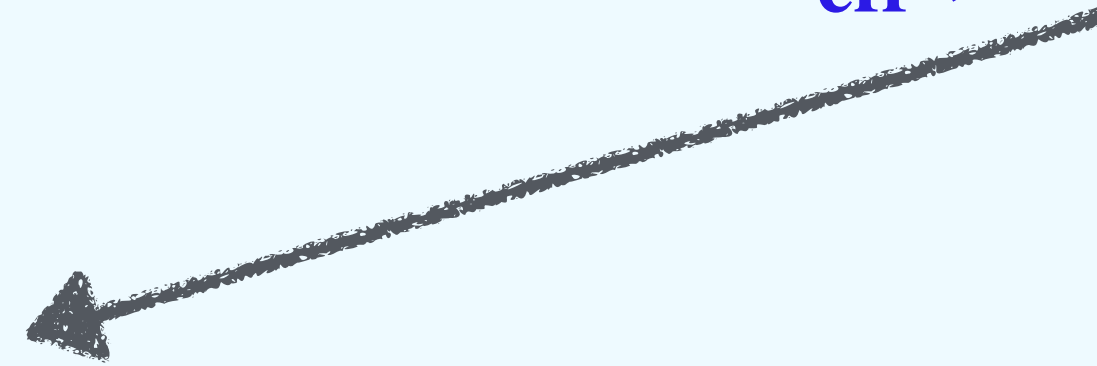
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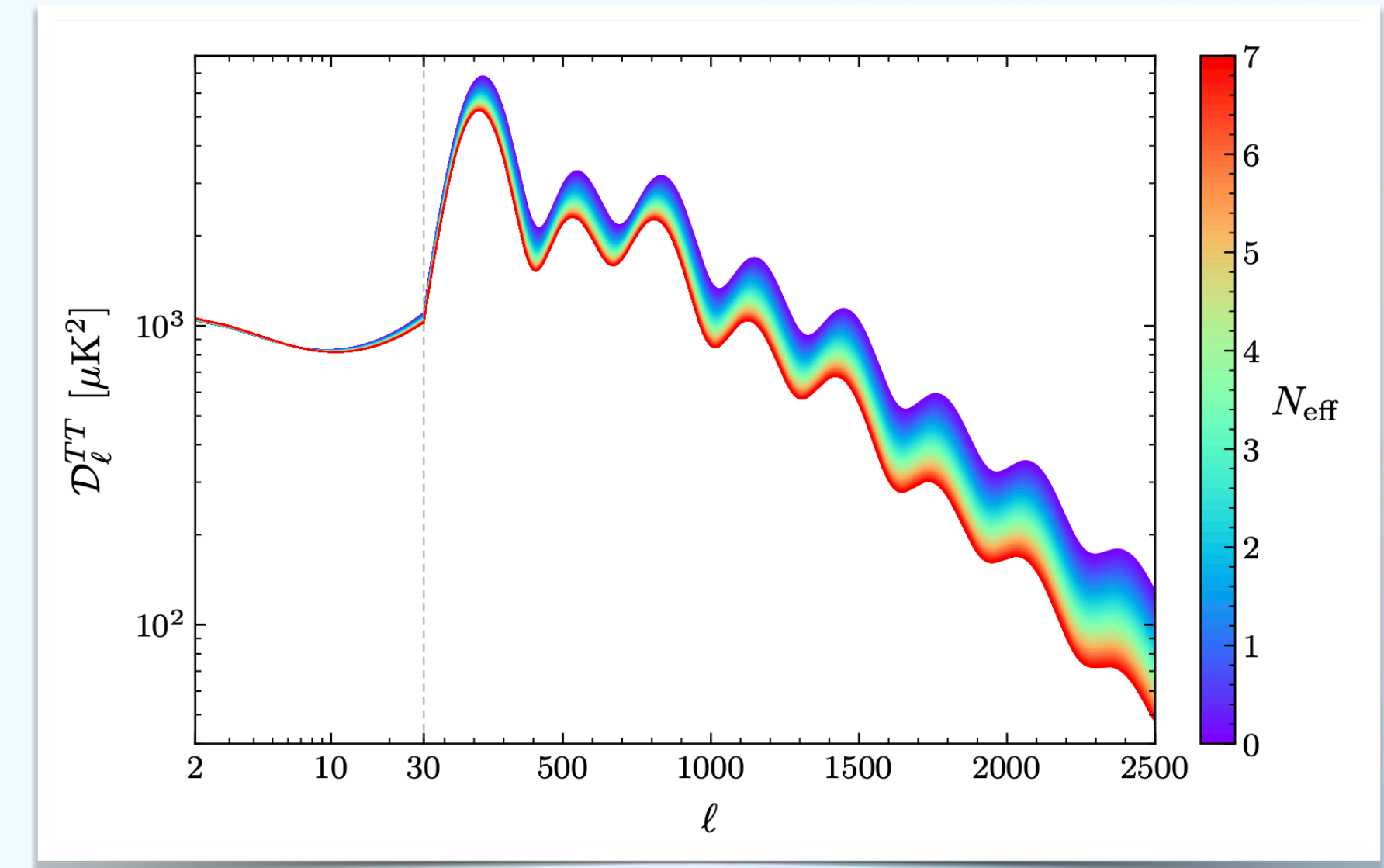
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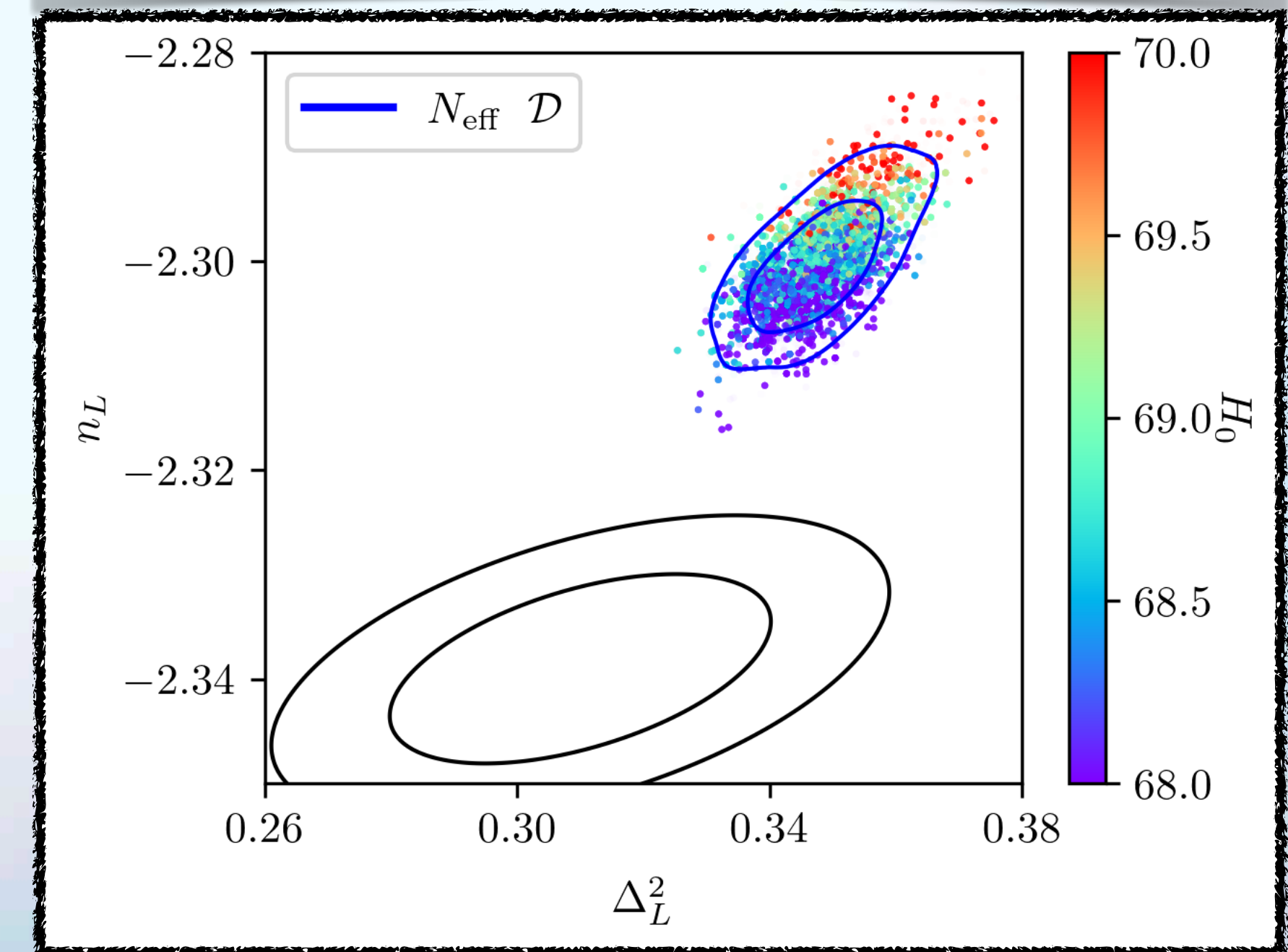
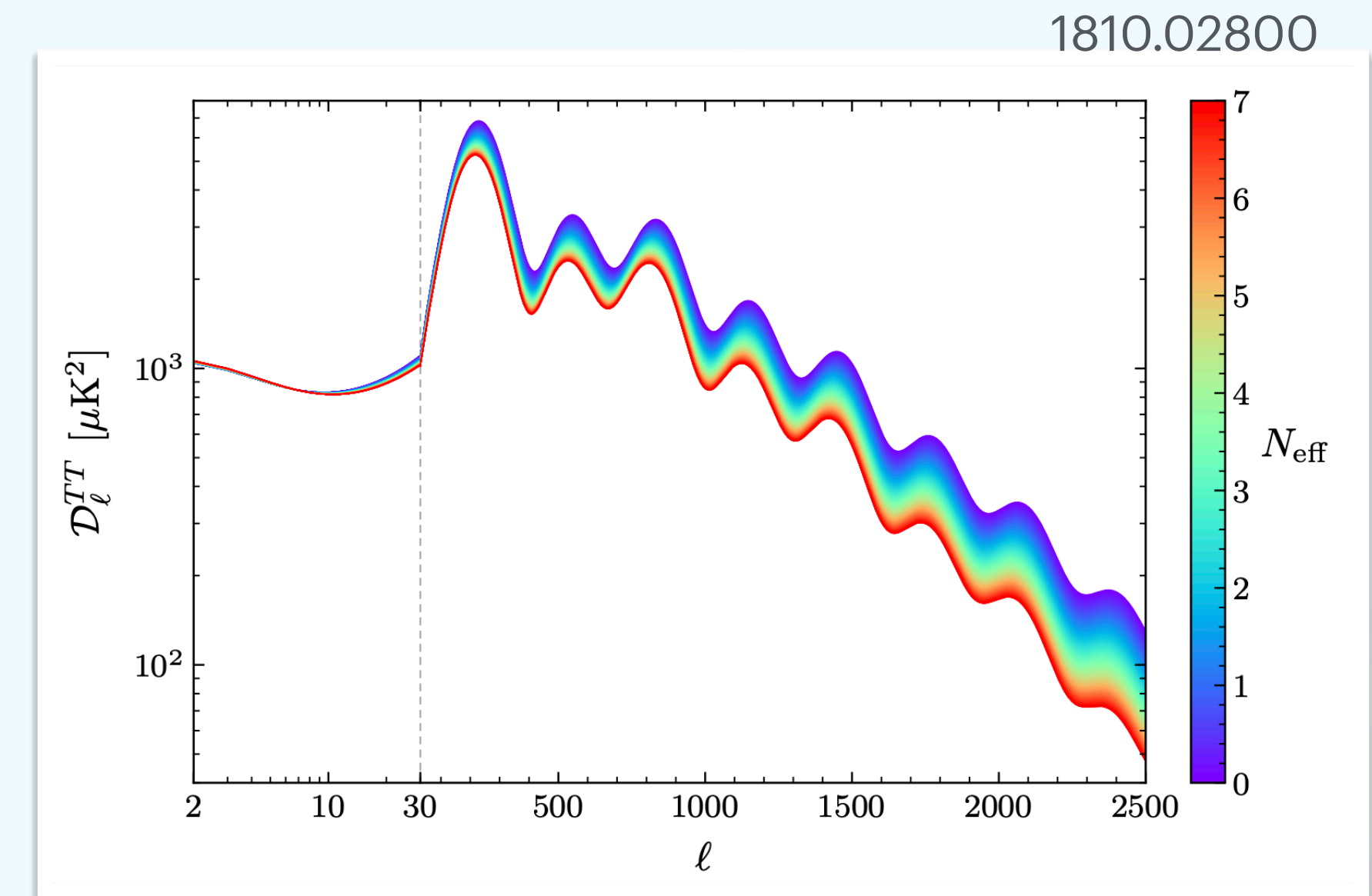
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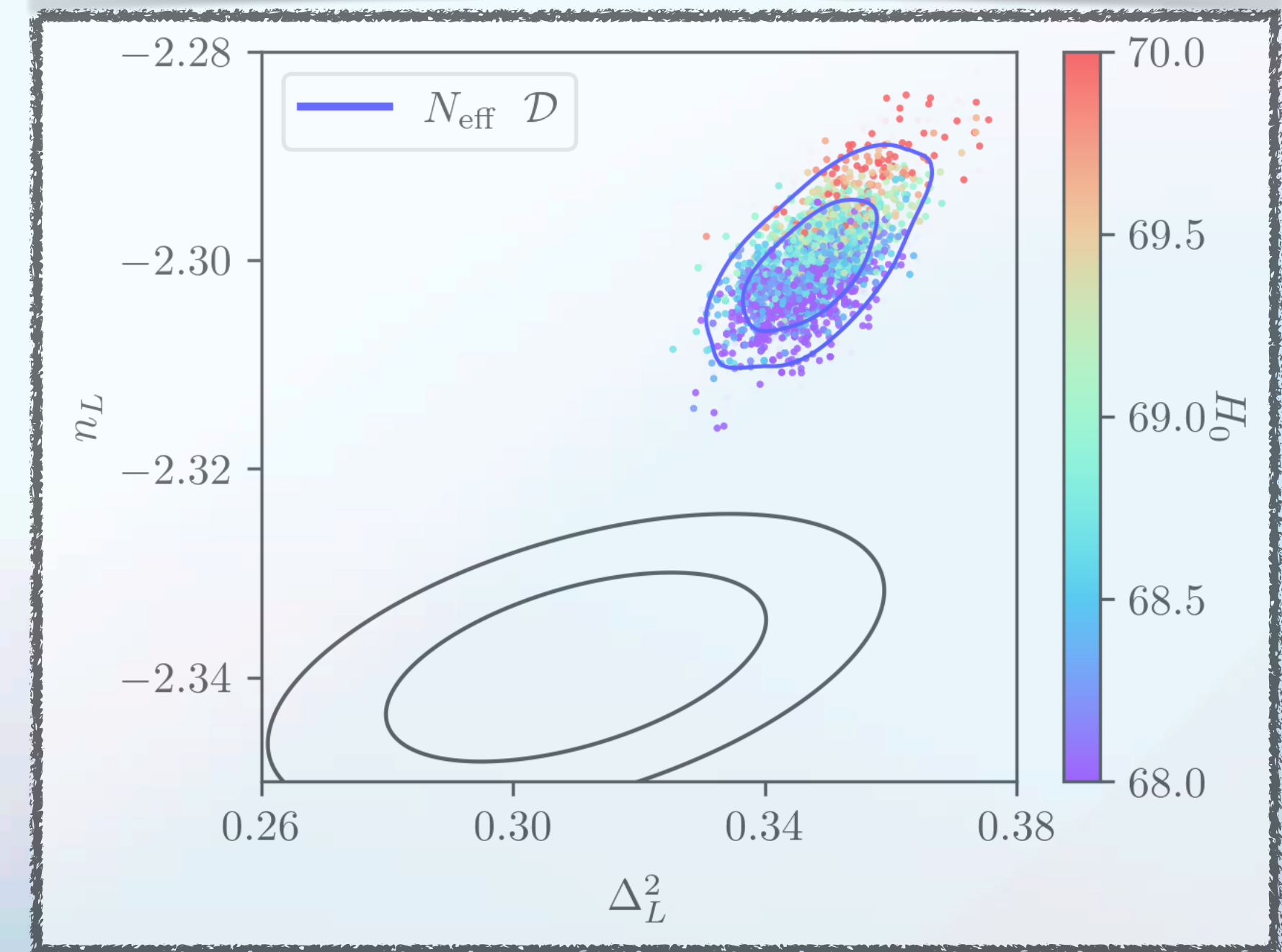
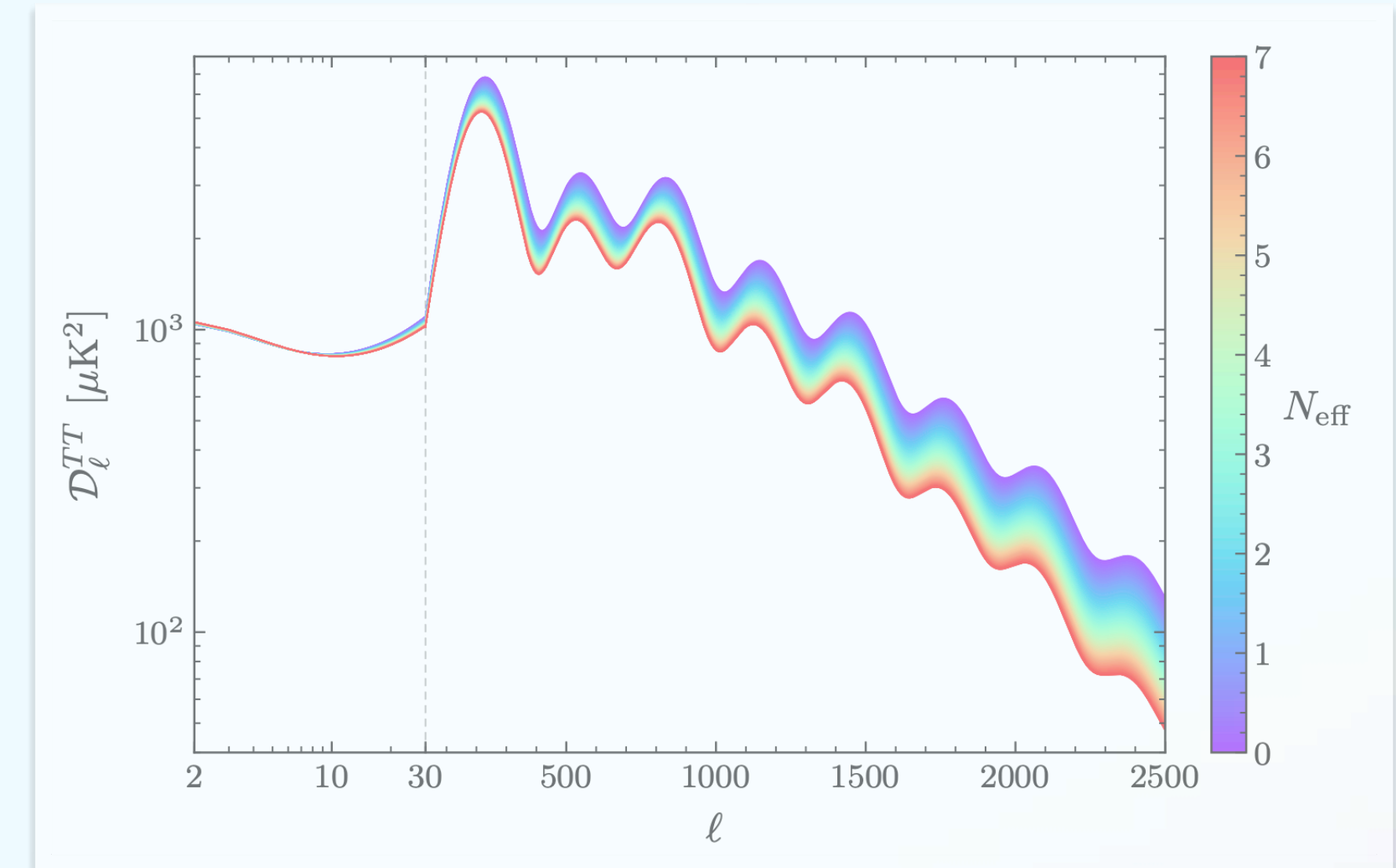
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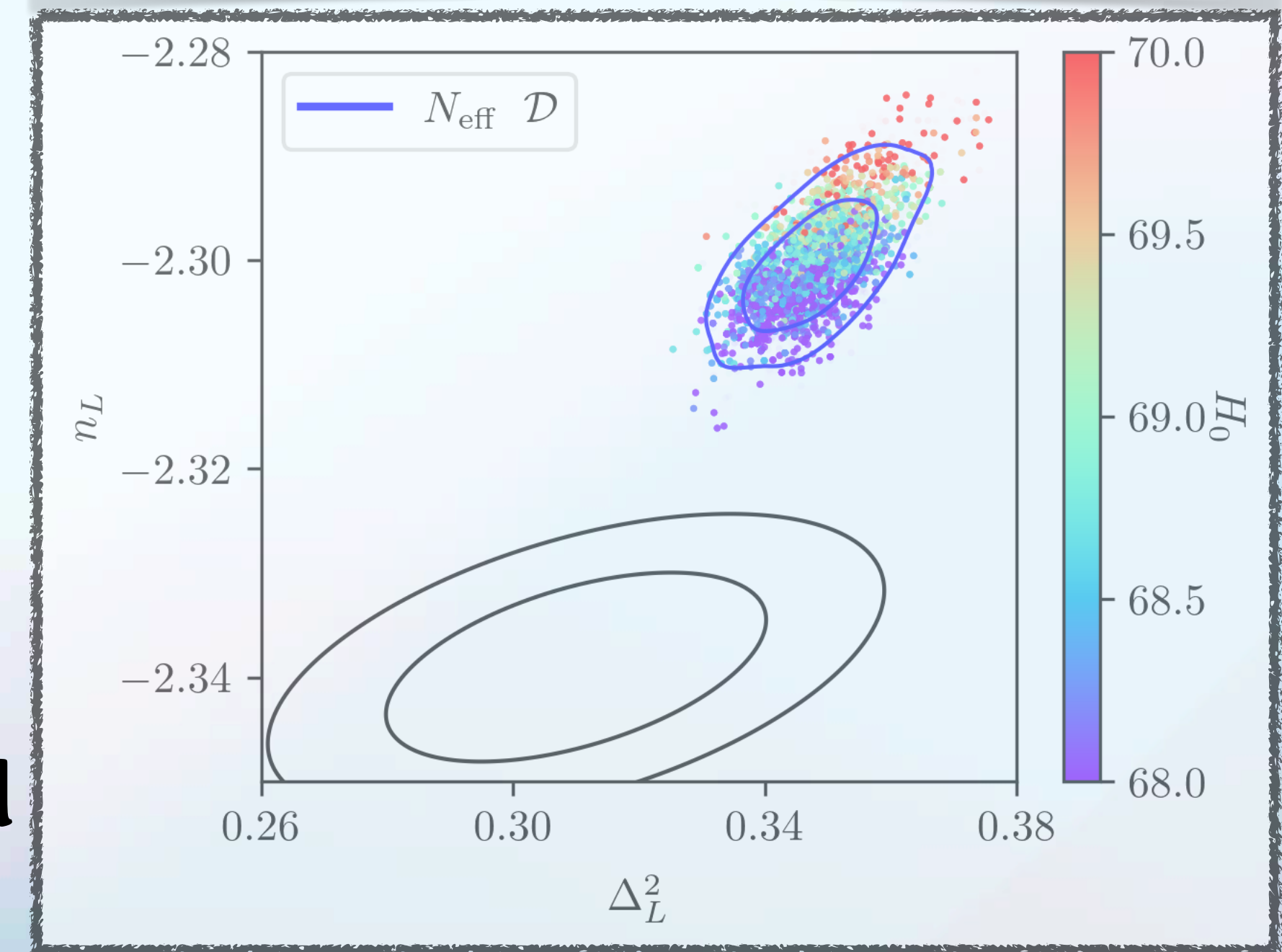
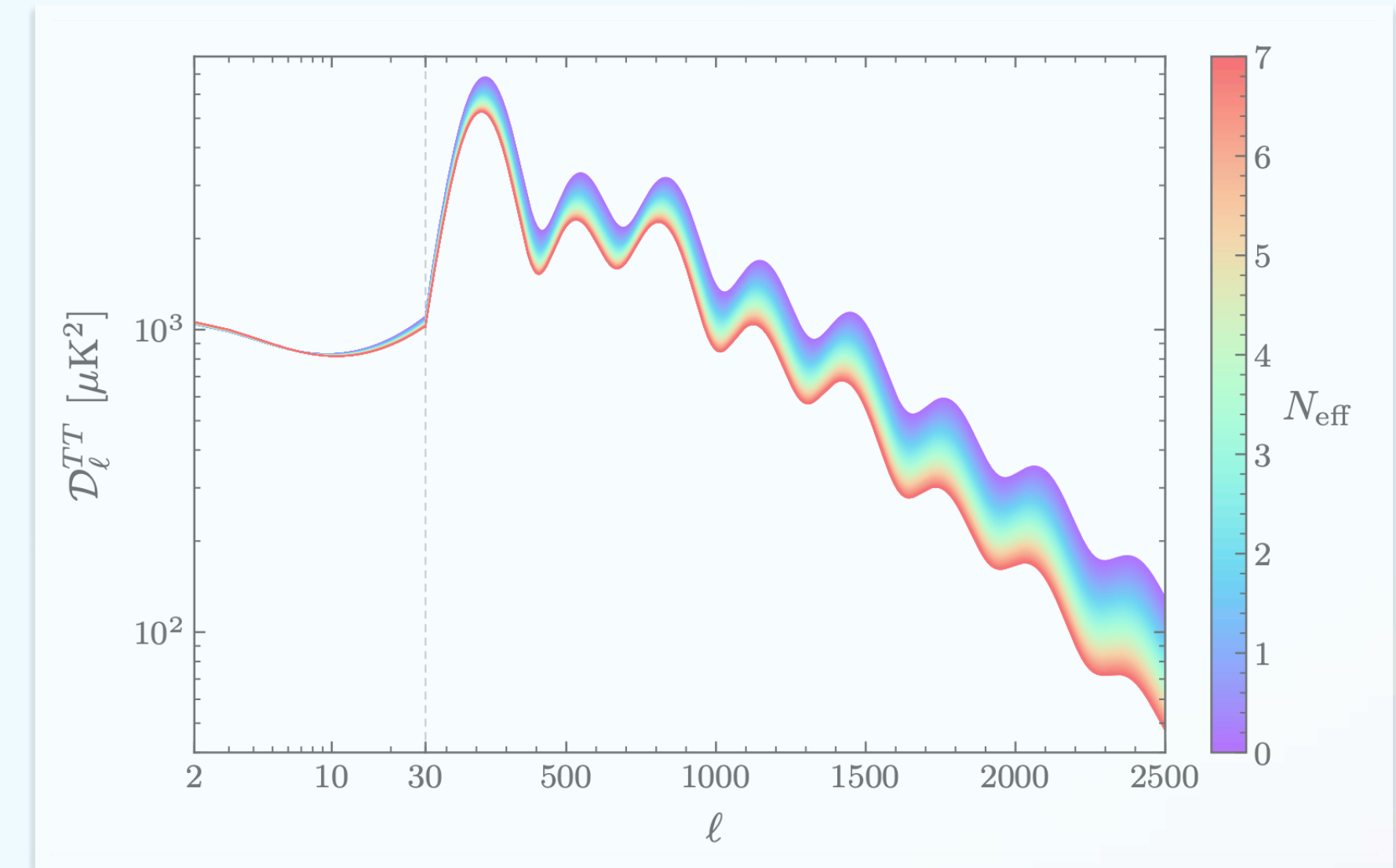
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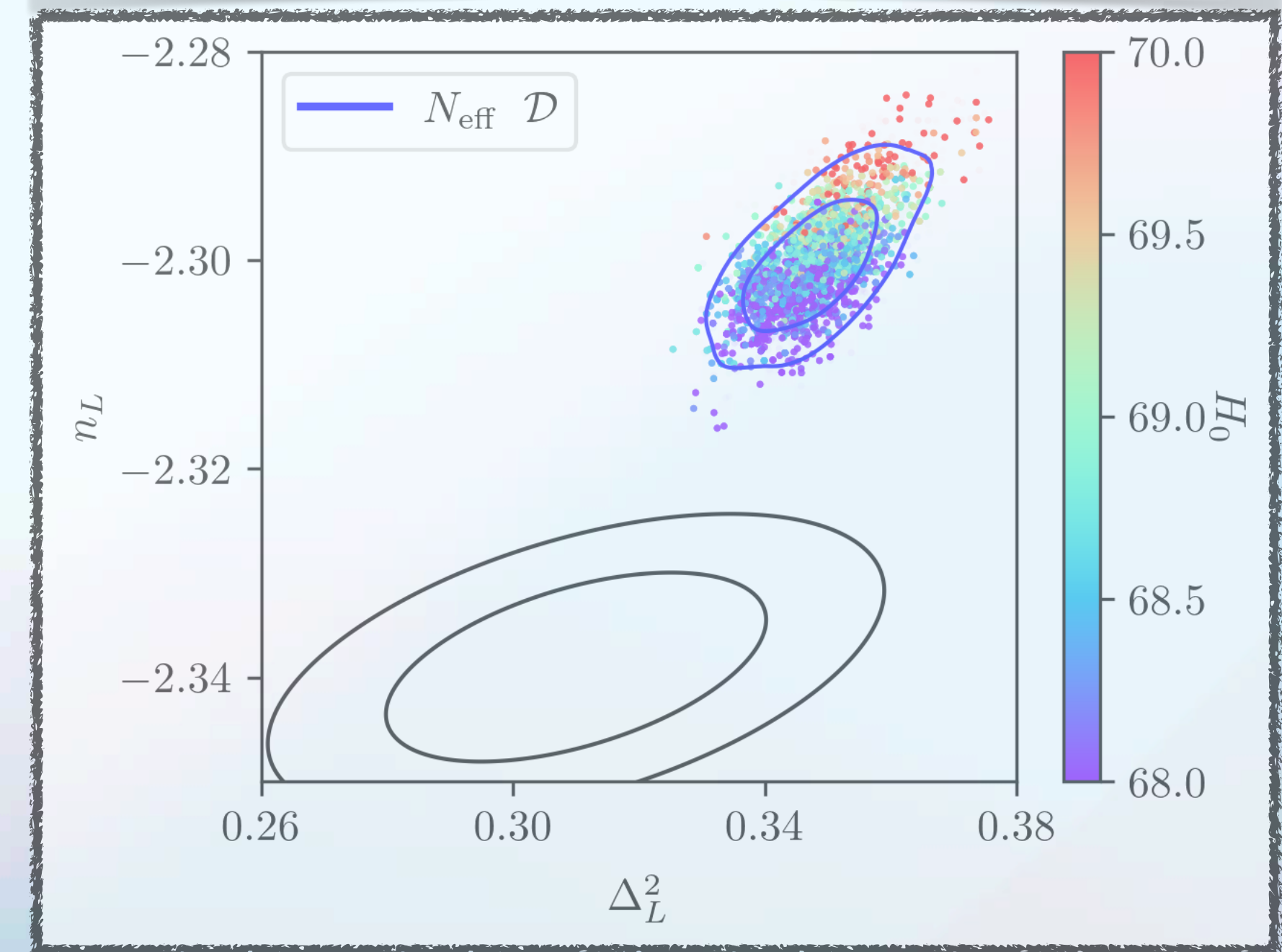
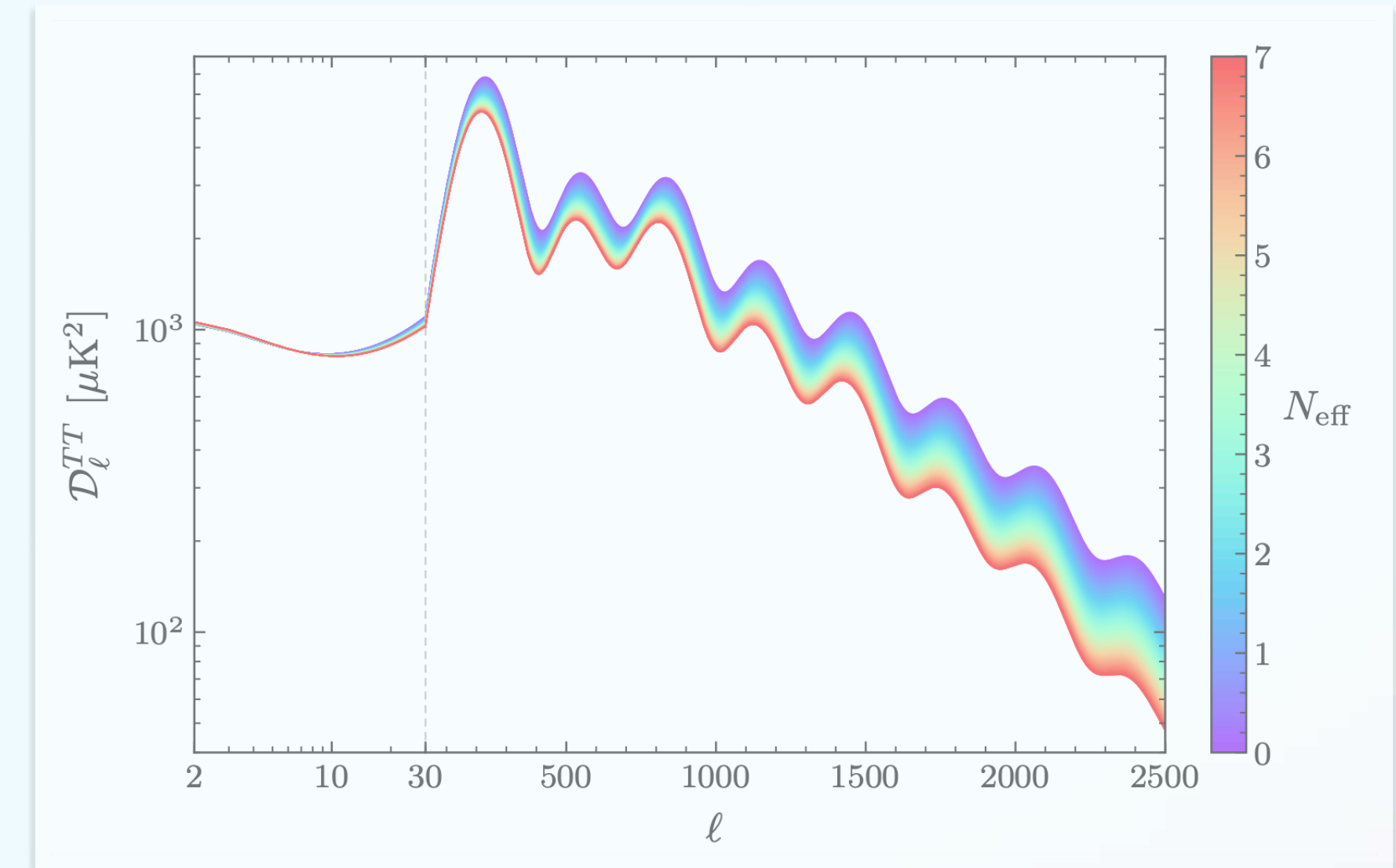
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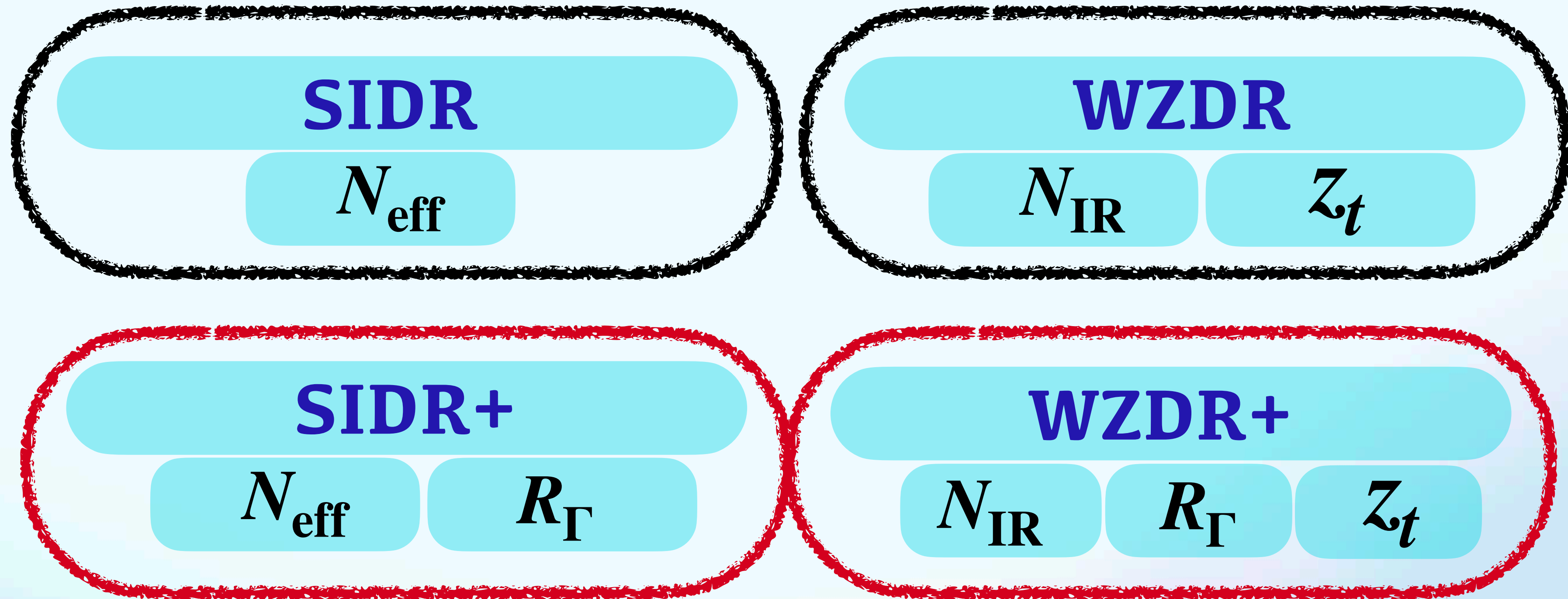


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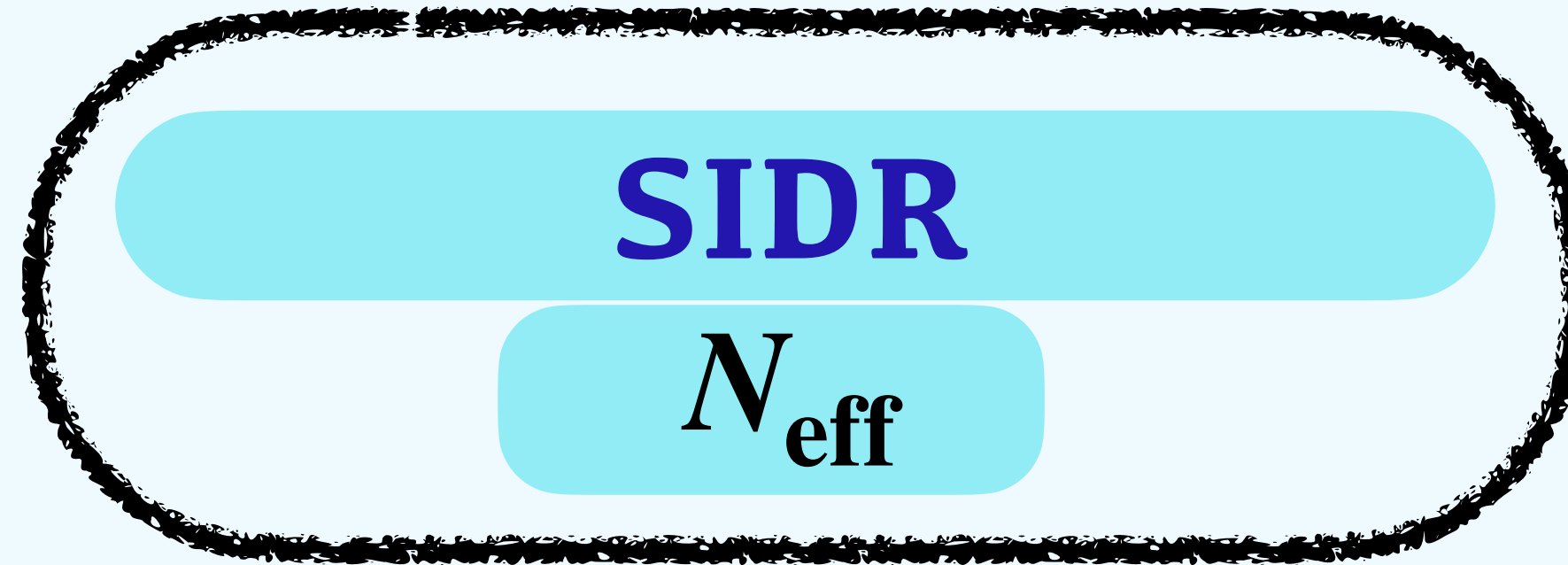
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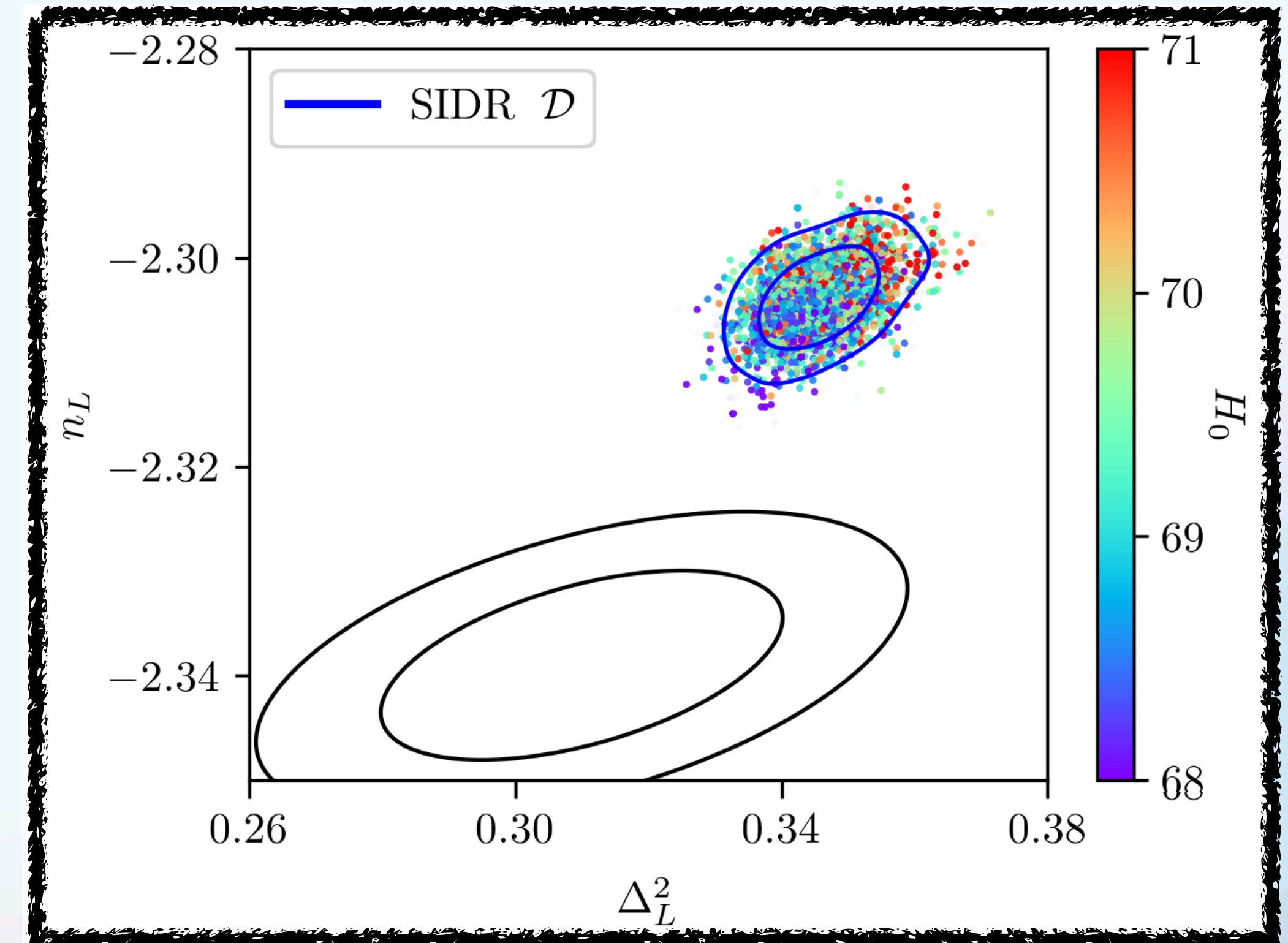
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- Acts as a perfect fluid.
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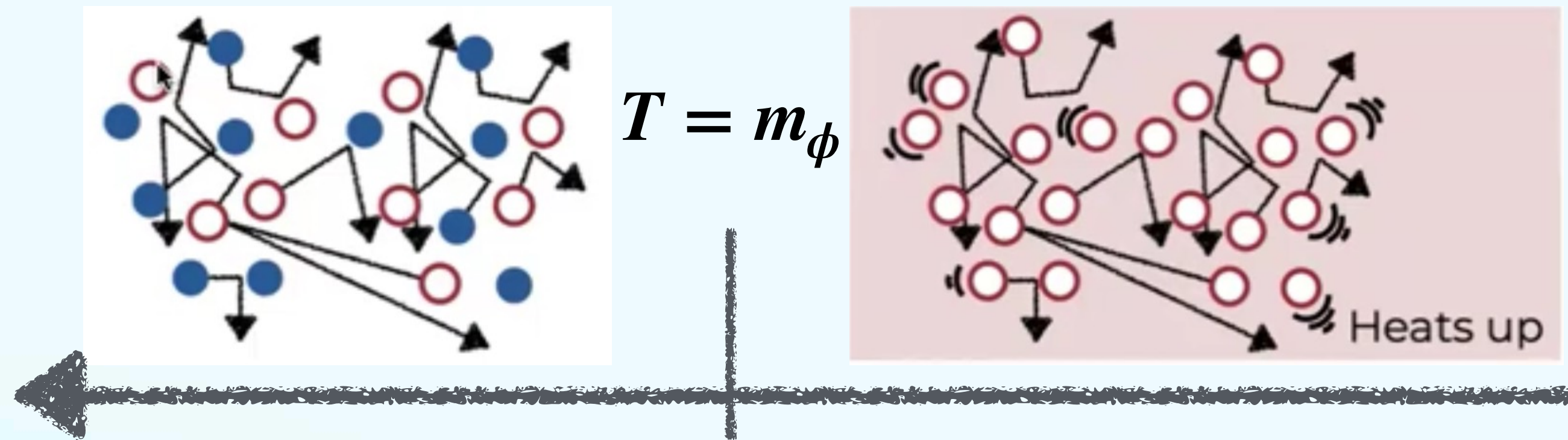
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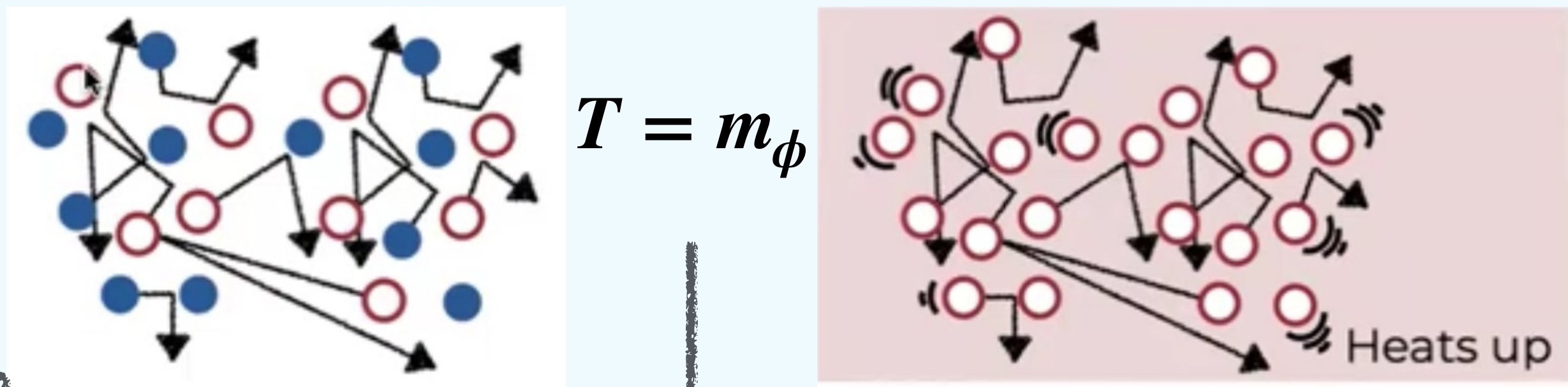


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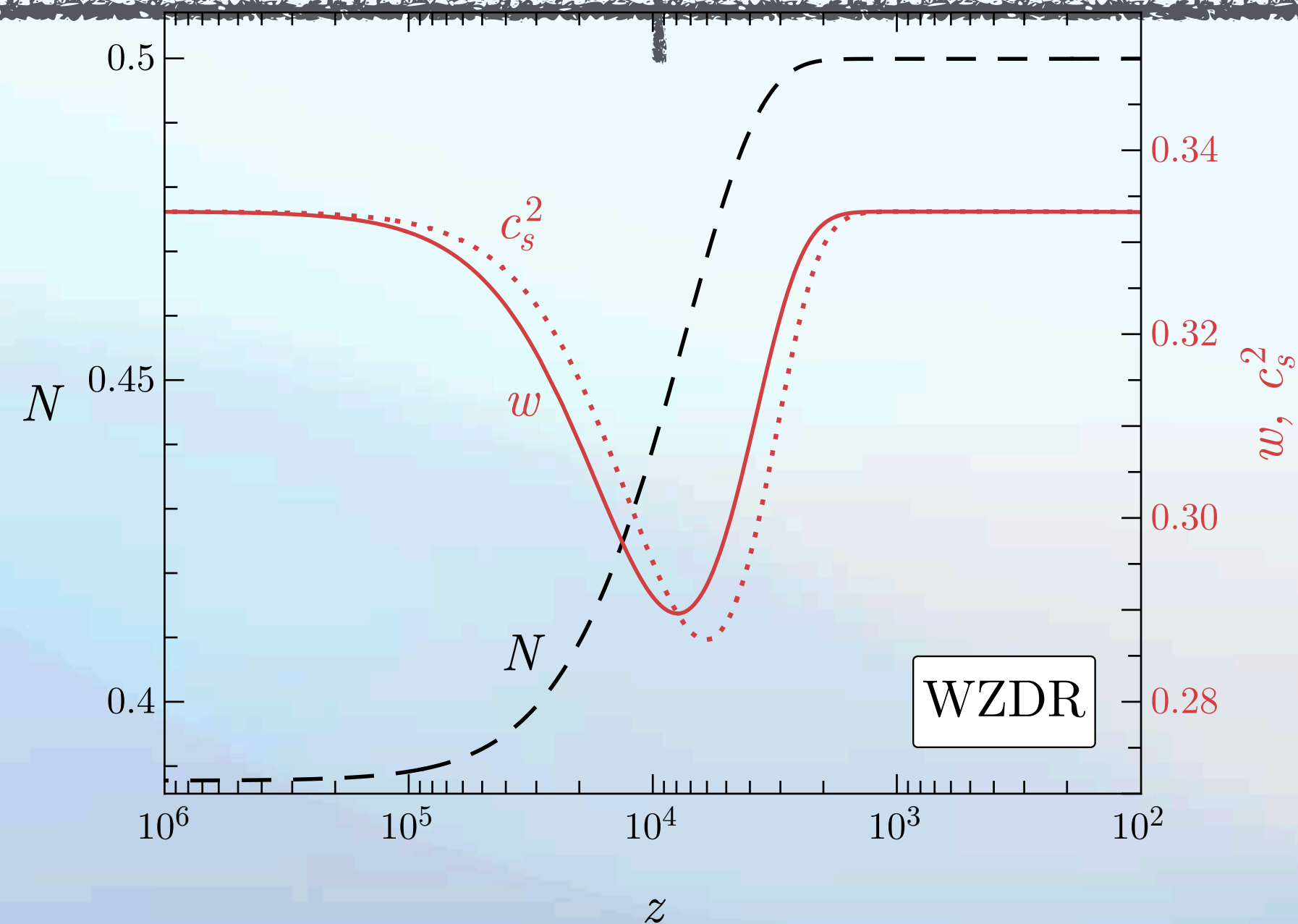
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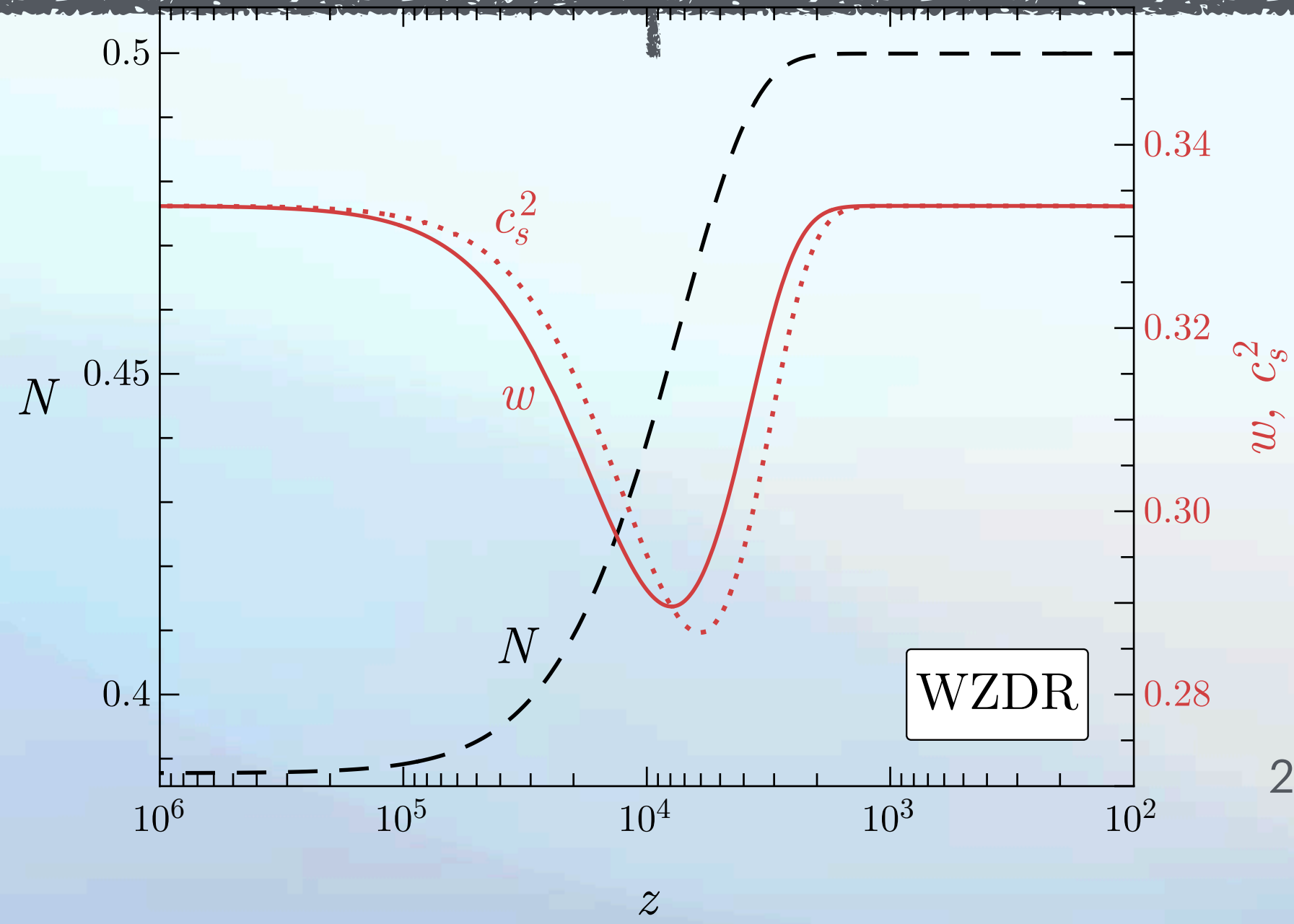
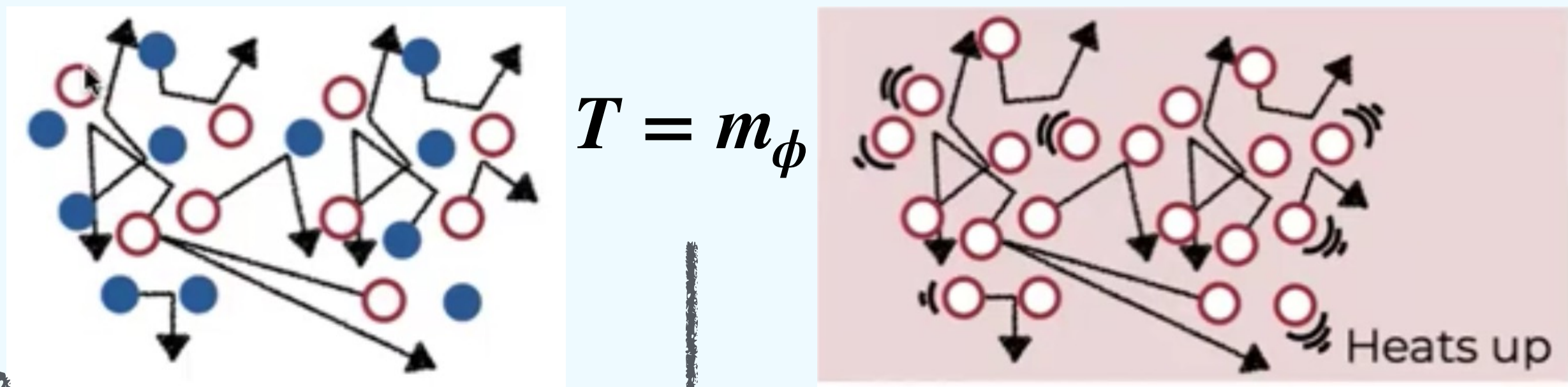




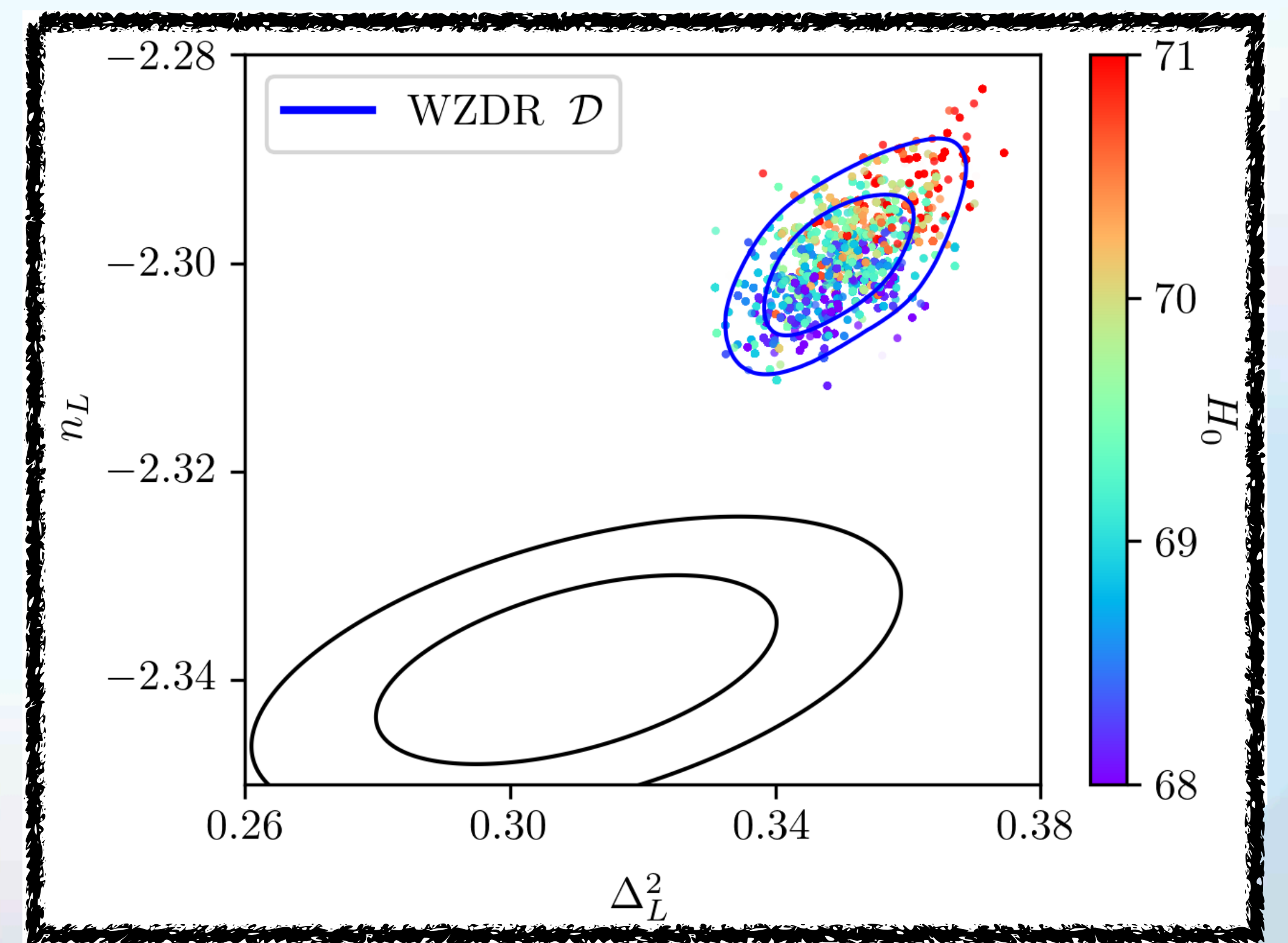
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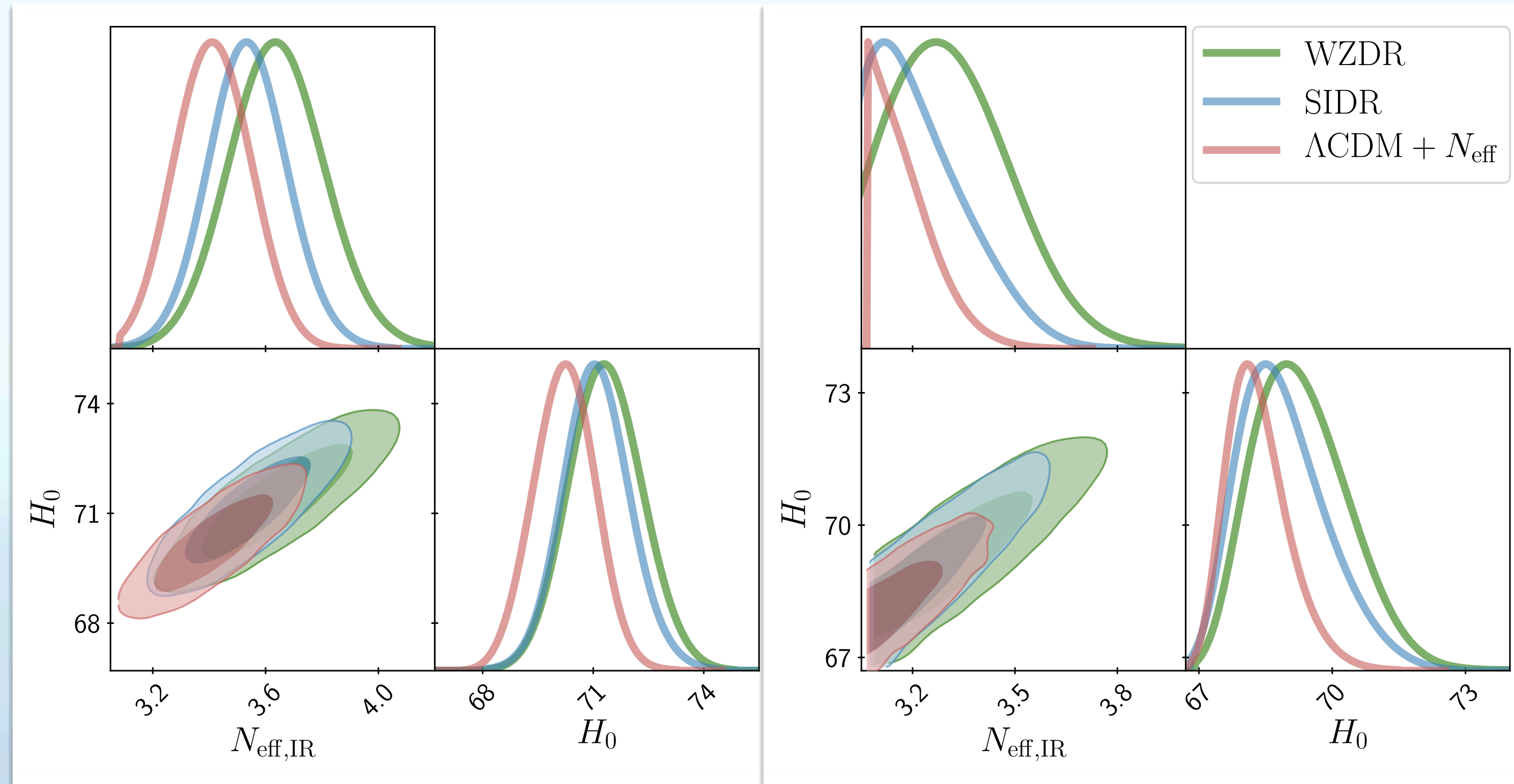
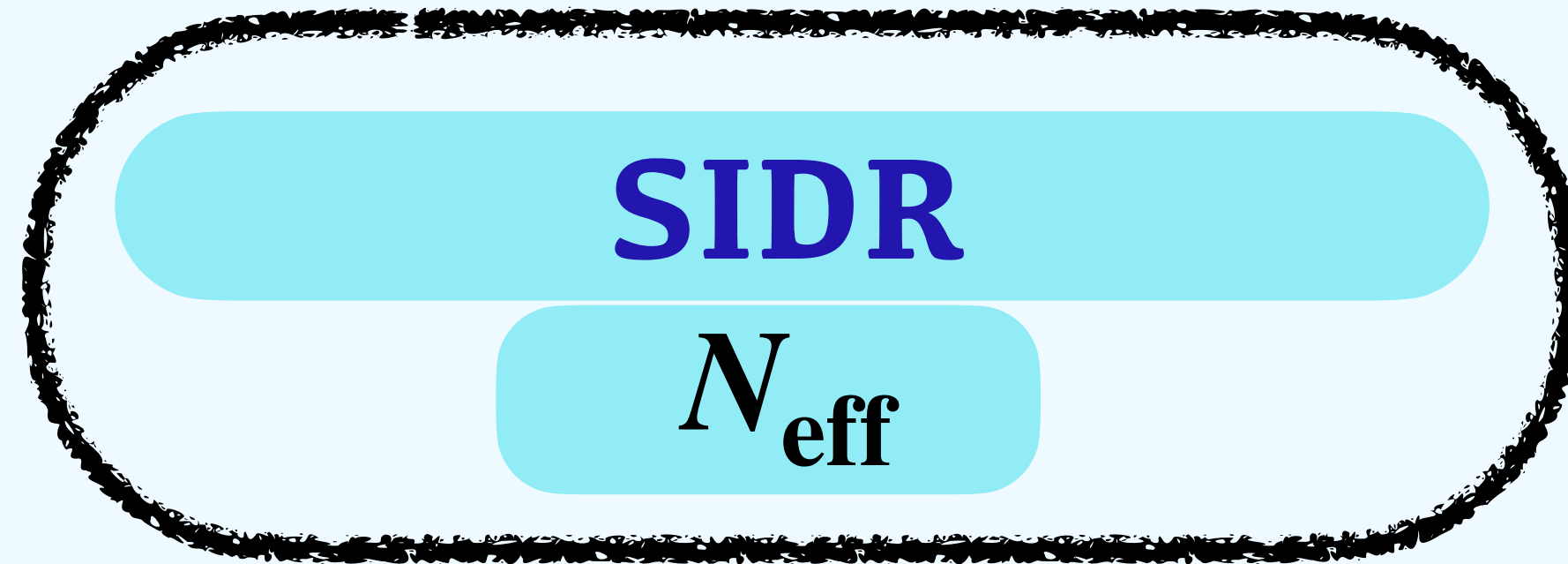
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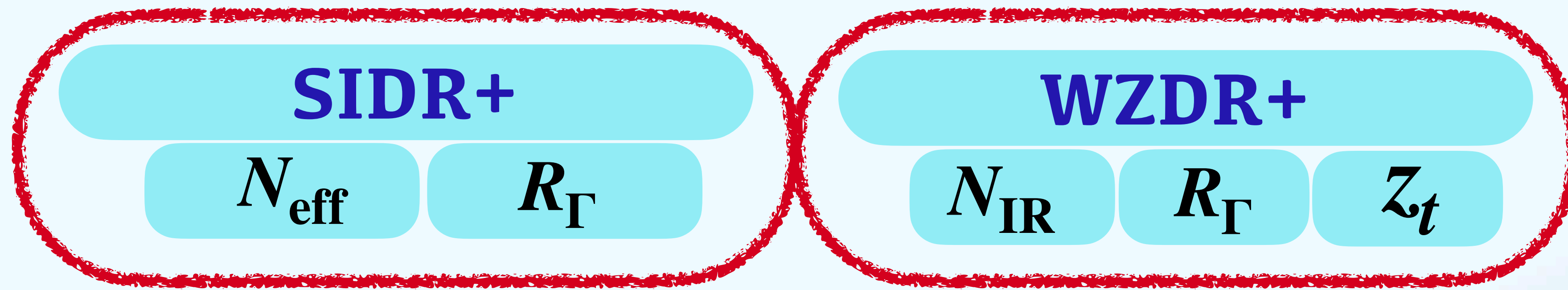
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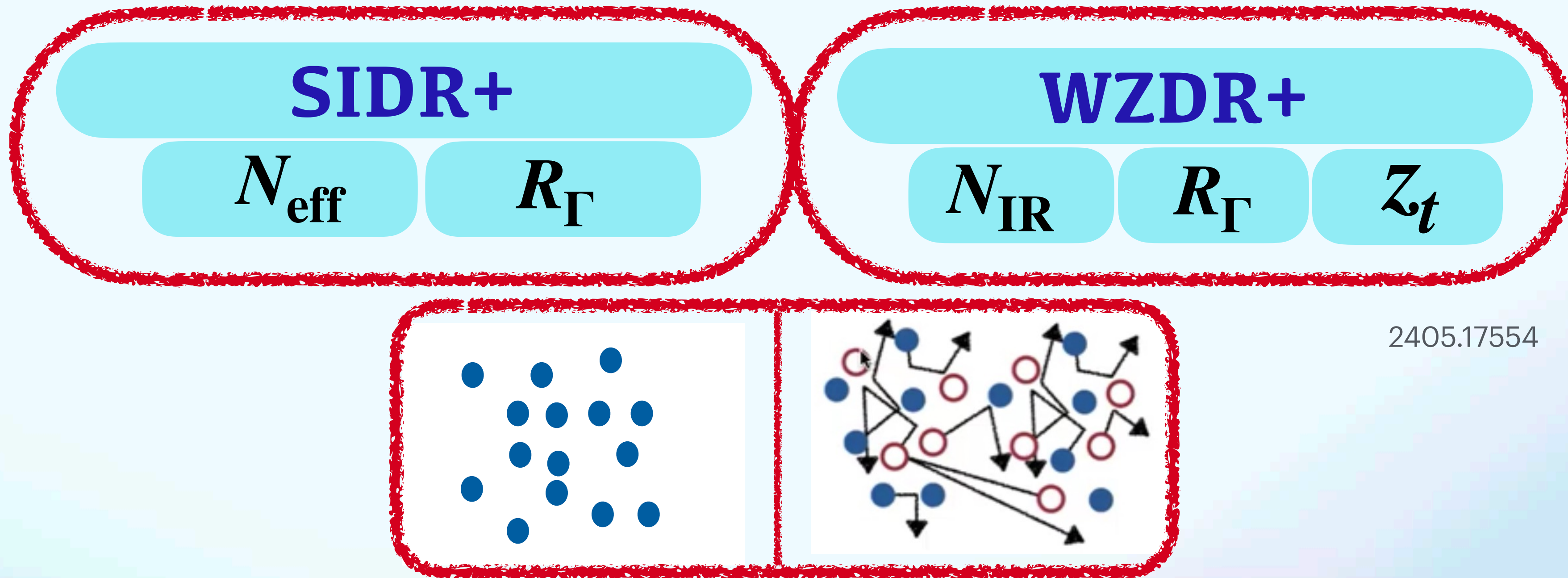
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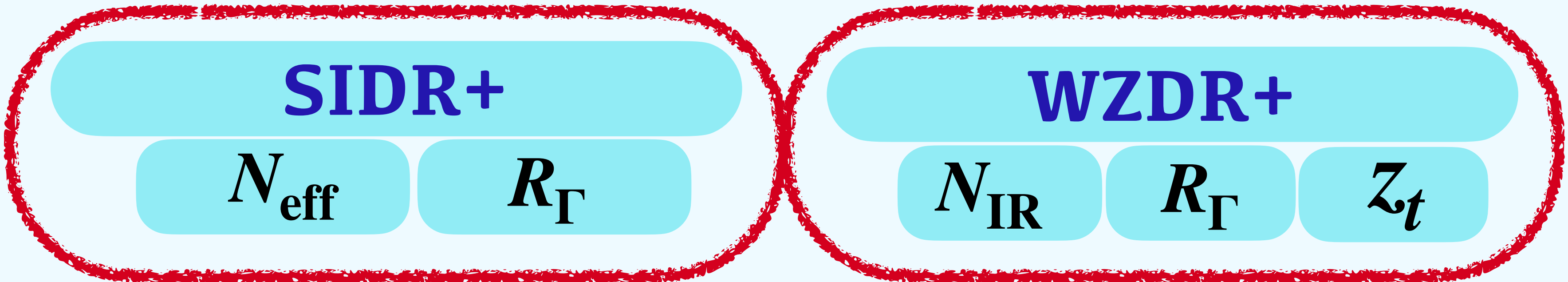
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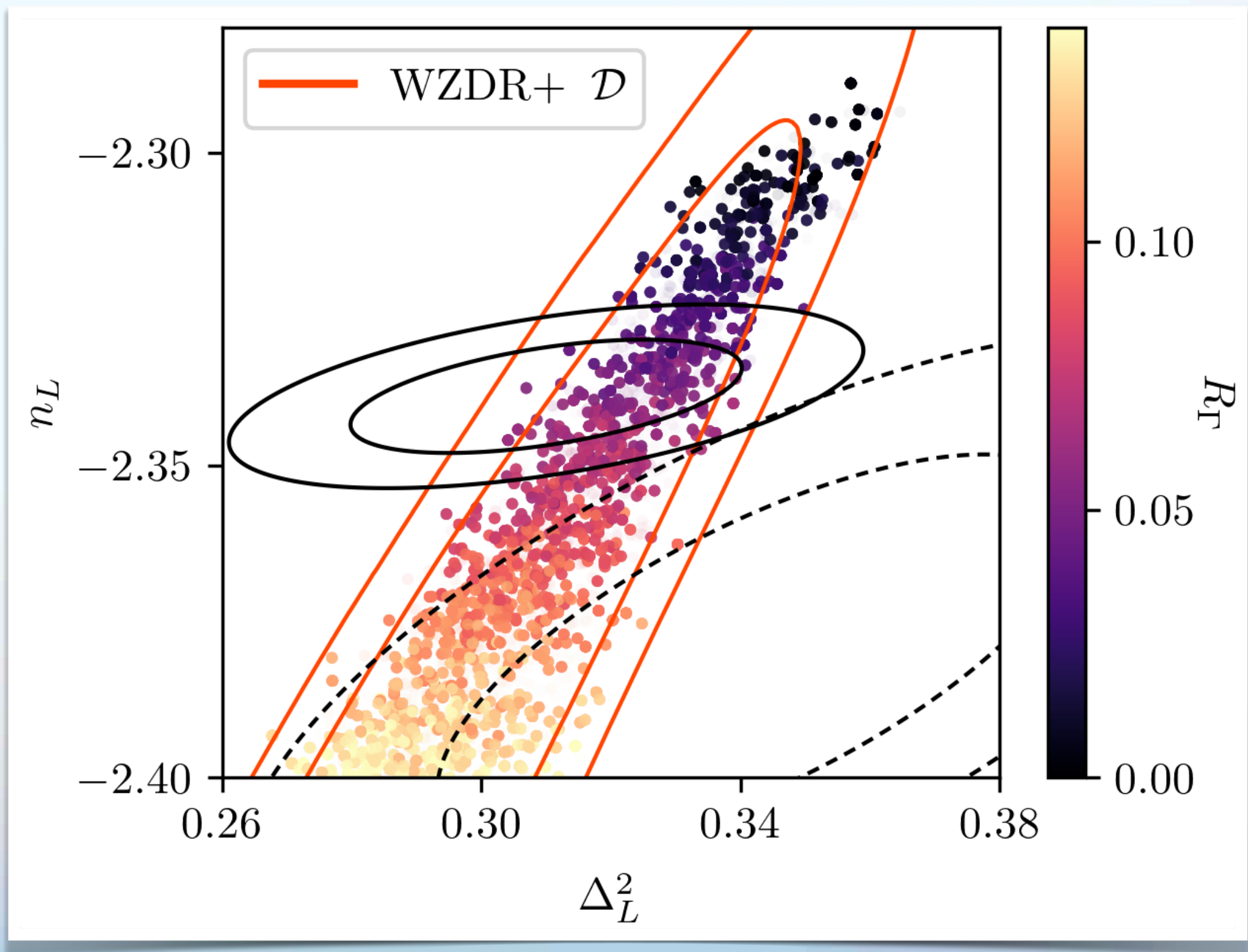
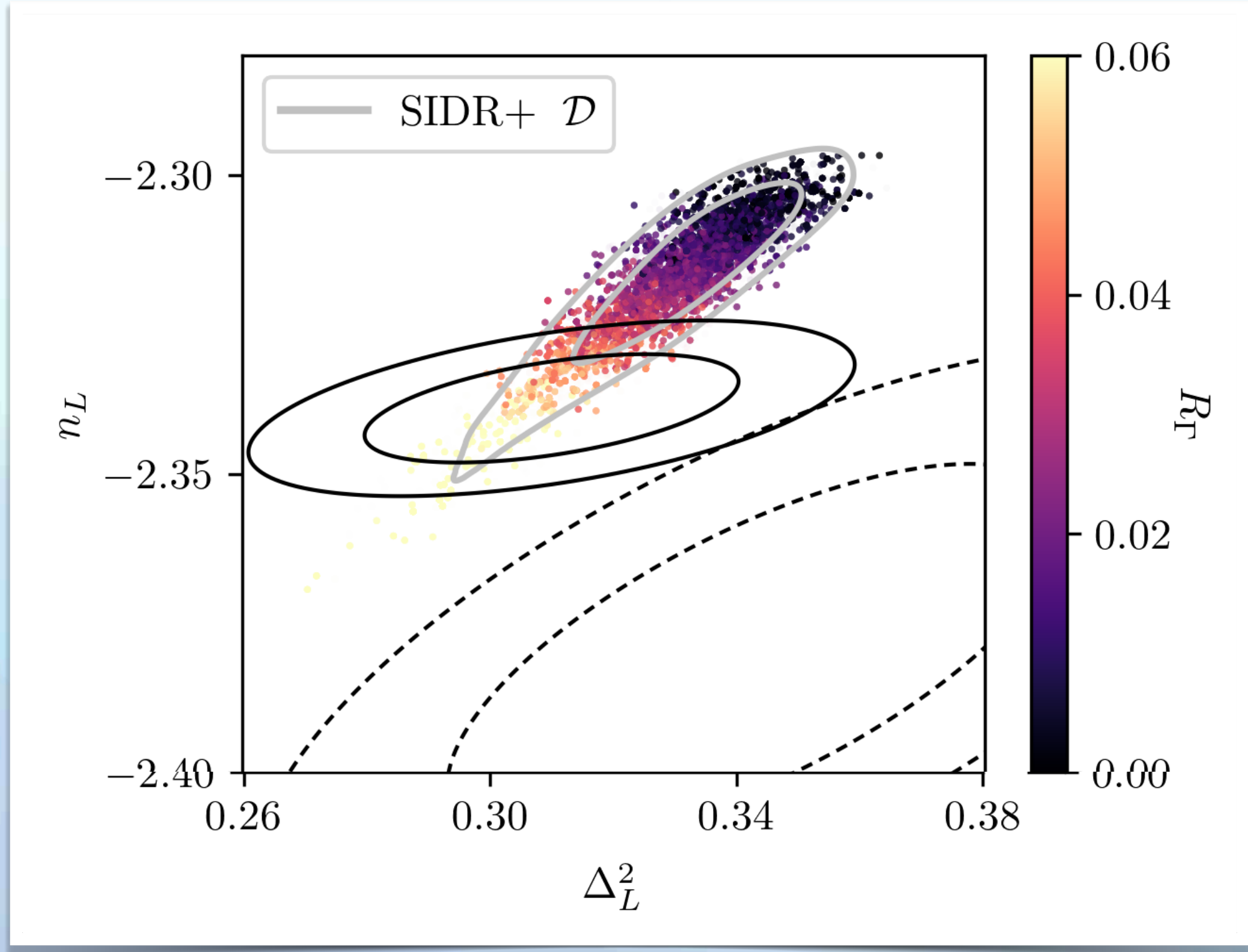
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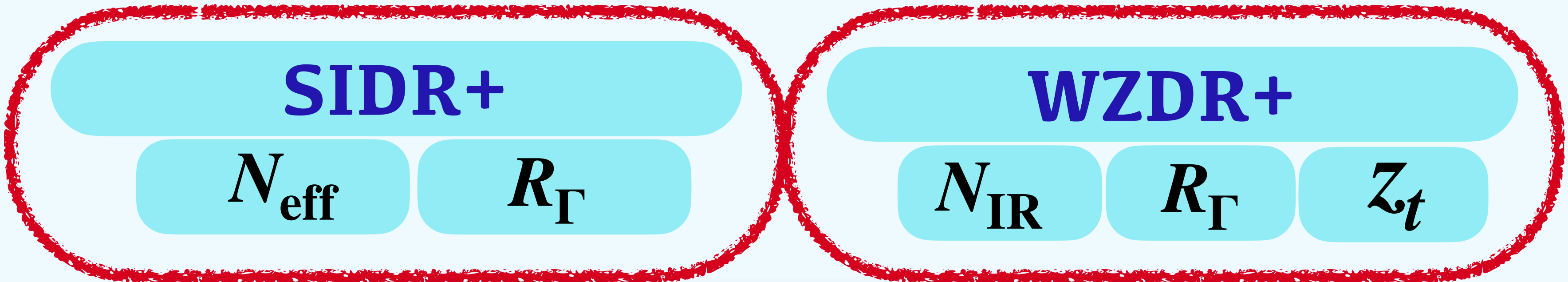
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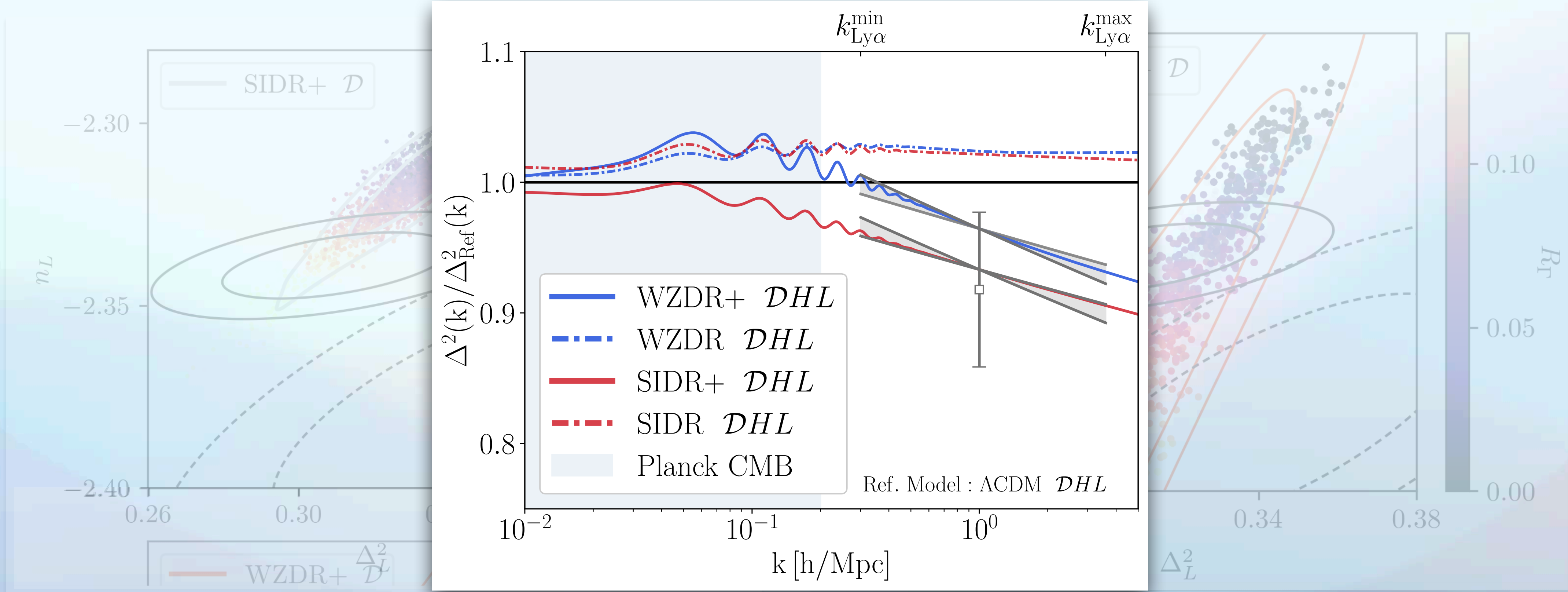


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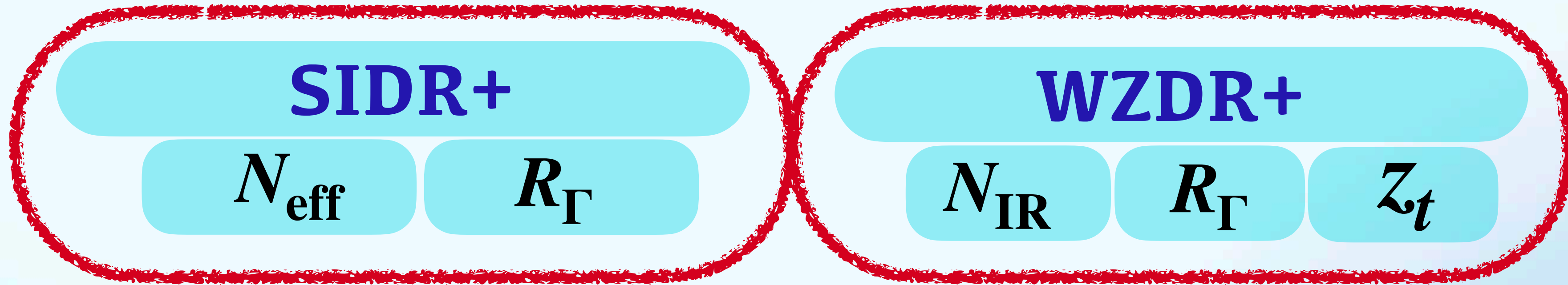


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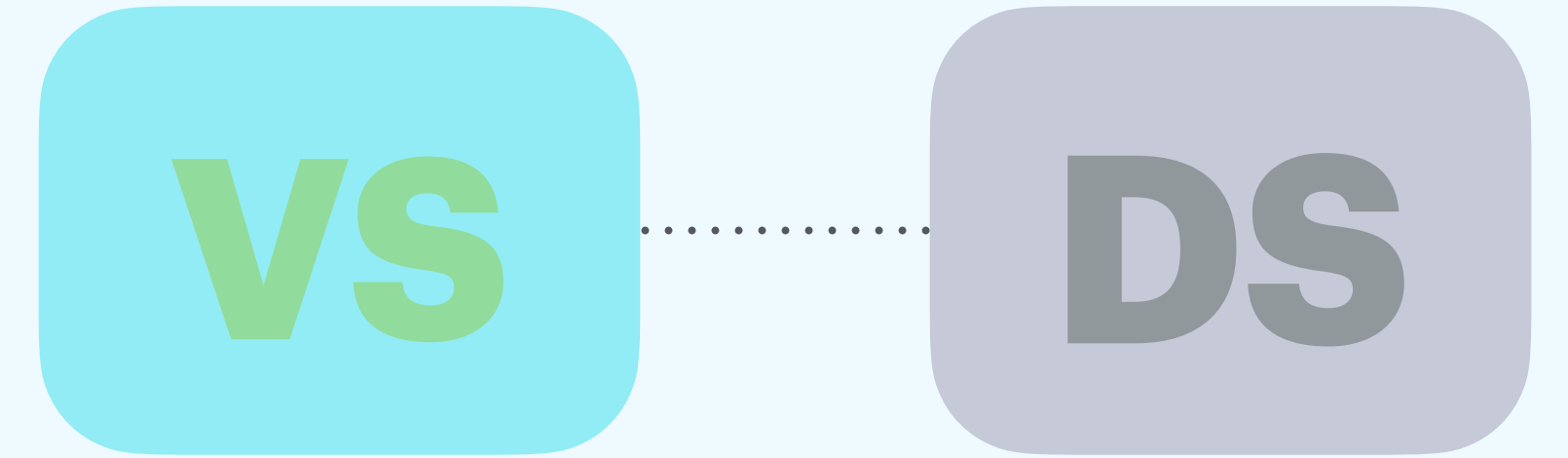
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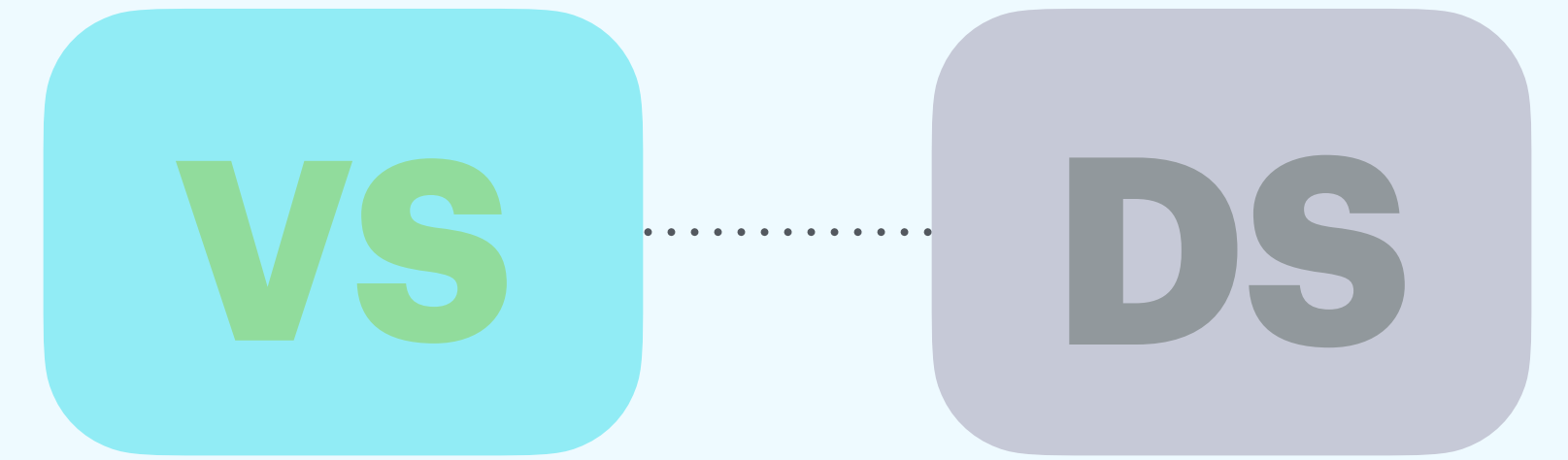
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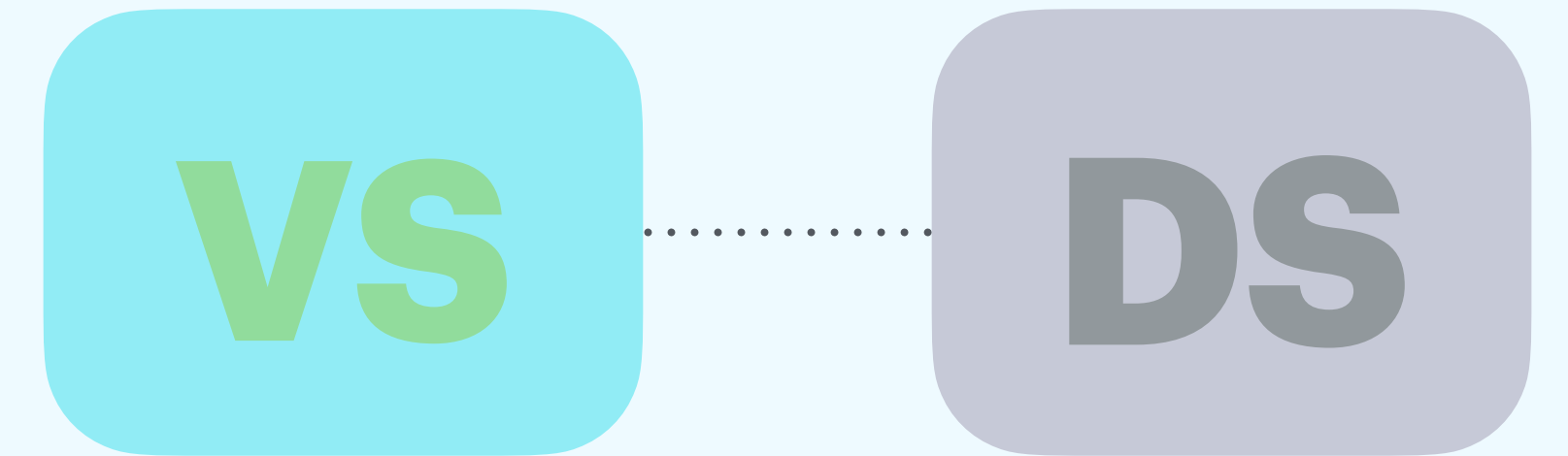
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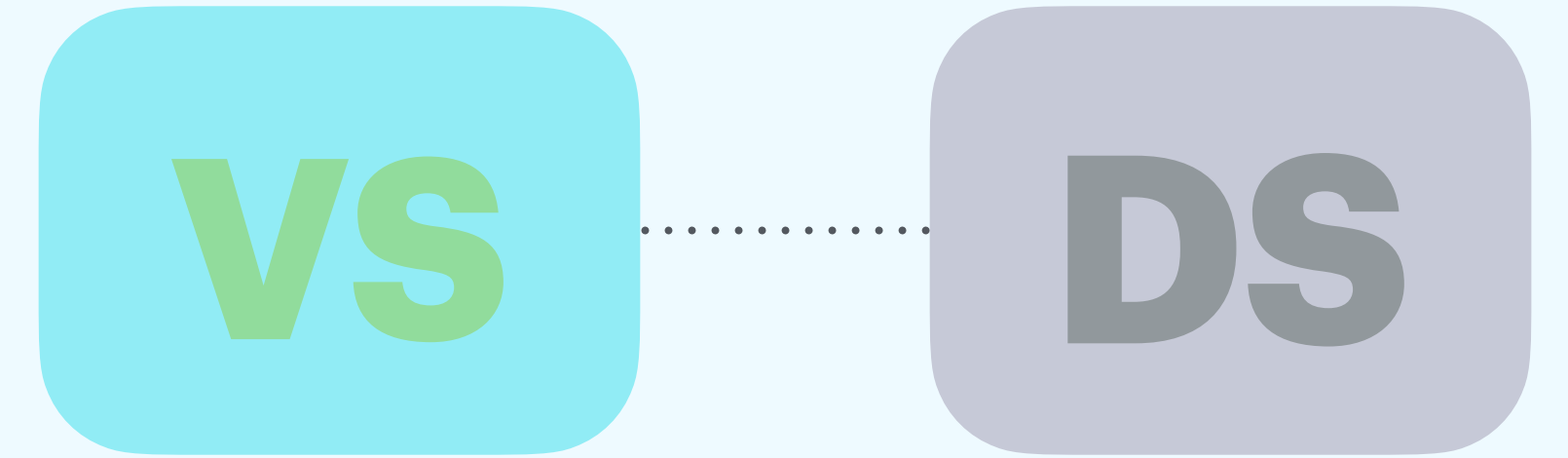
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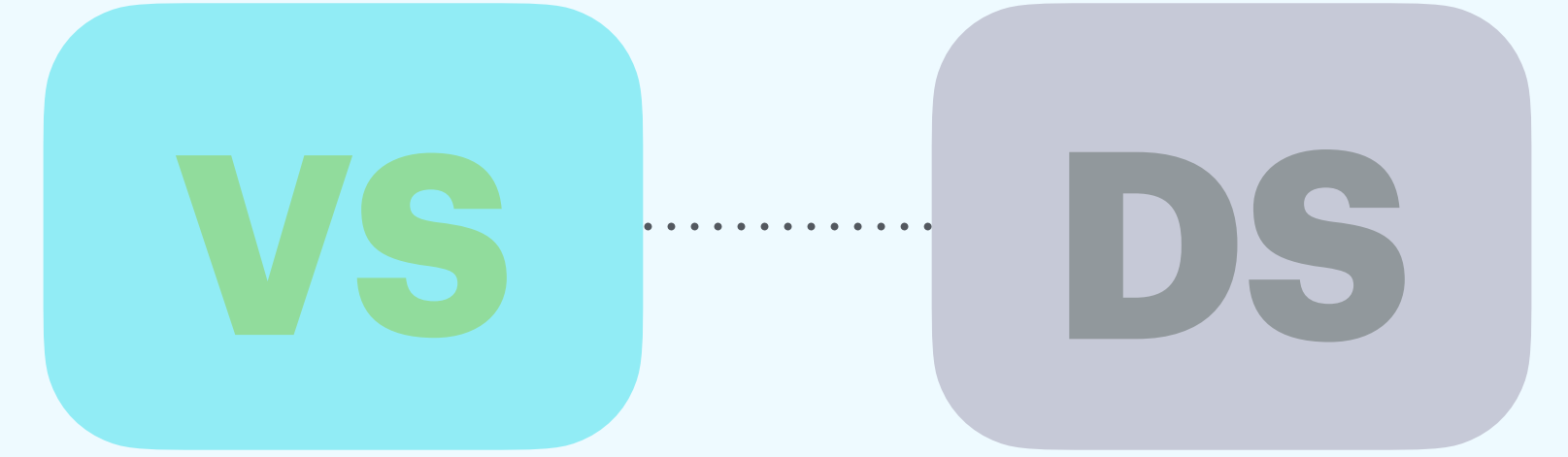
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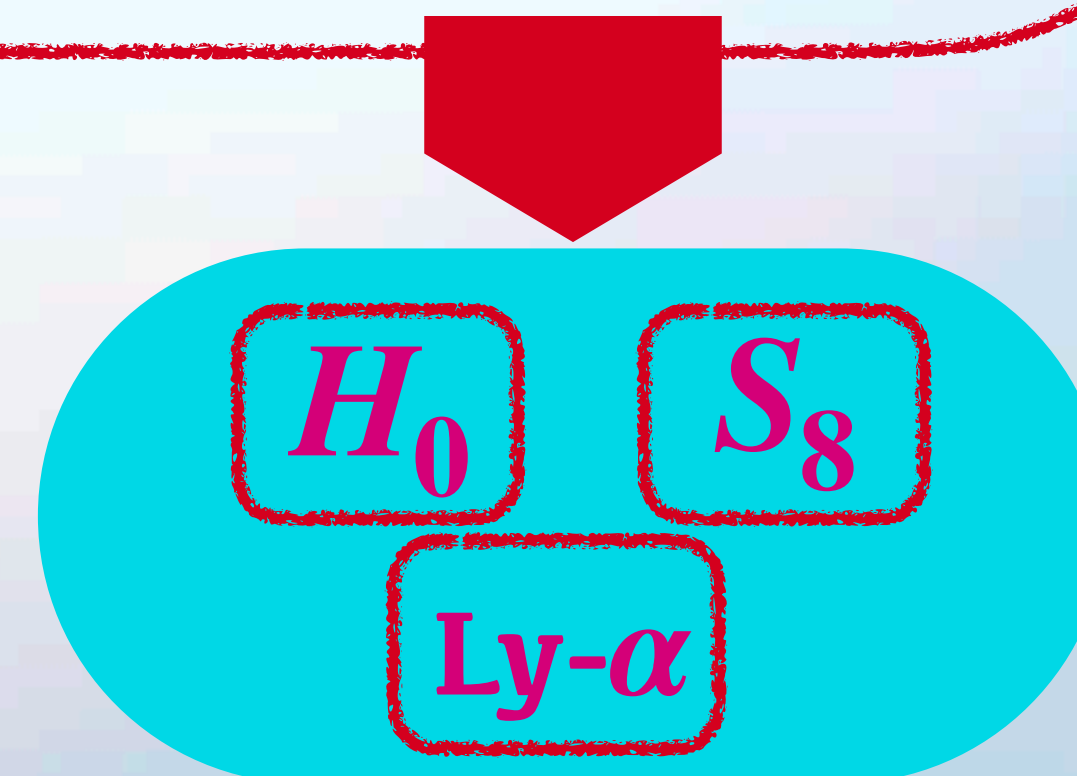
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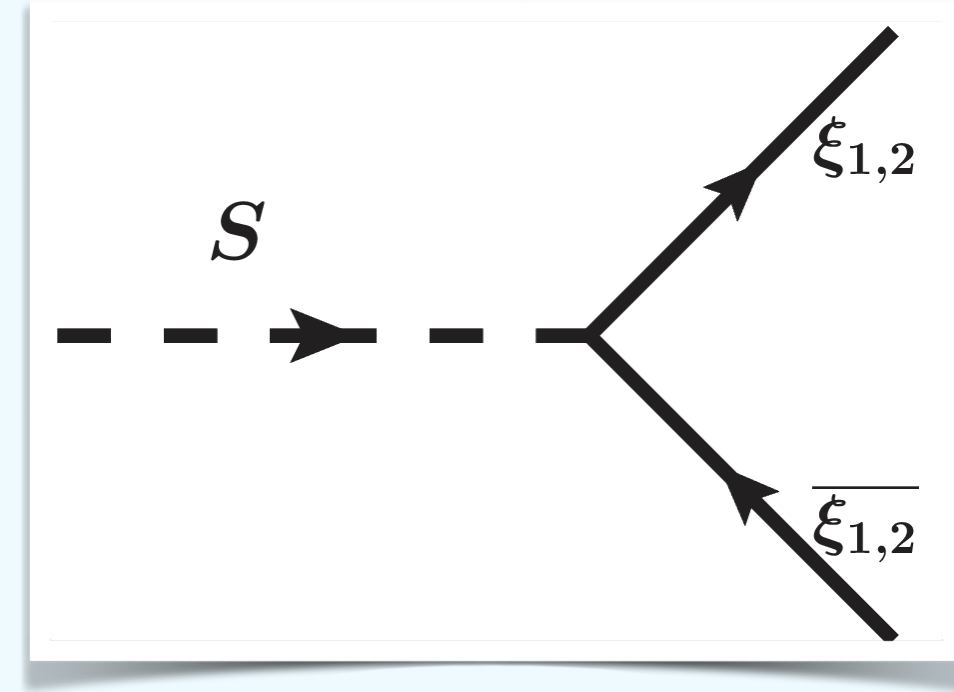
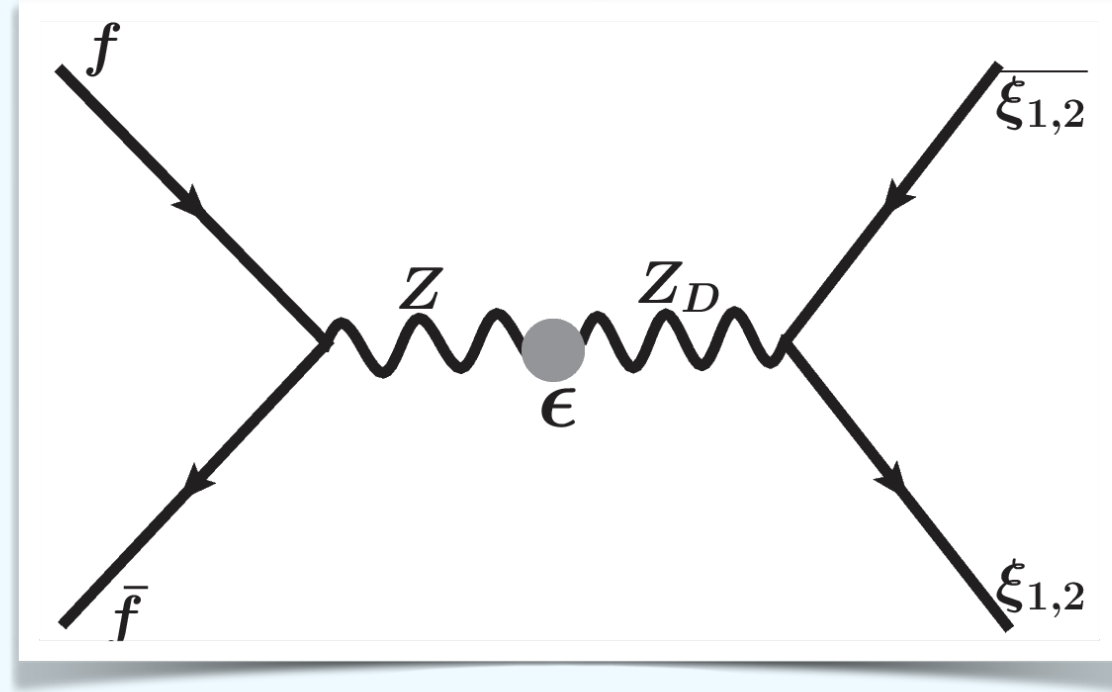
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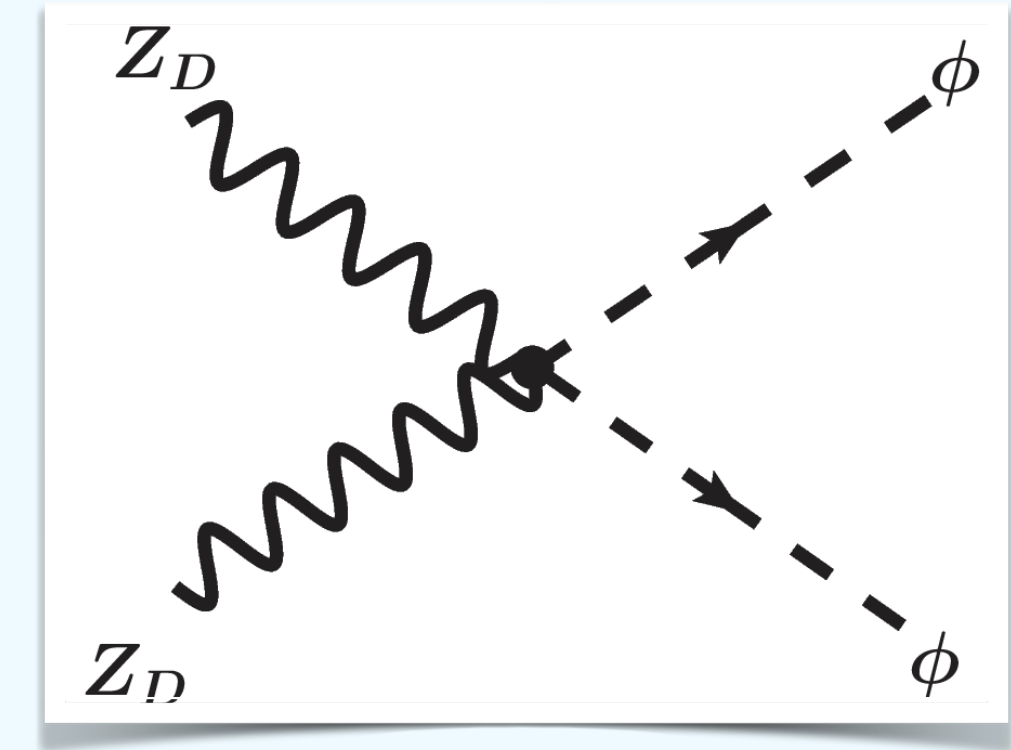
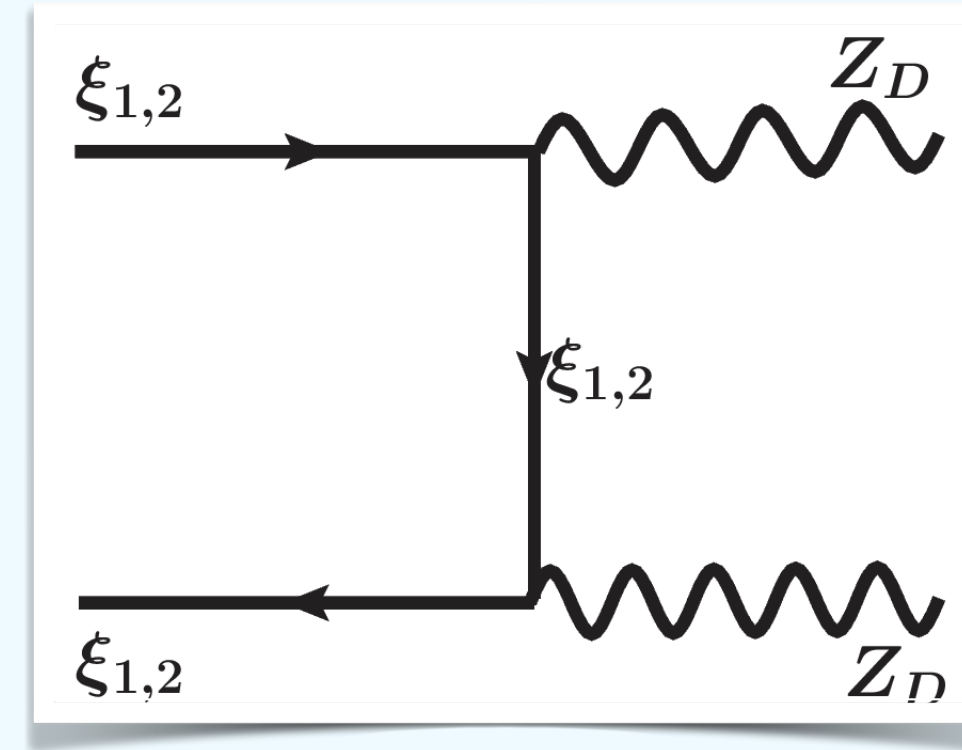
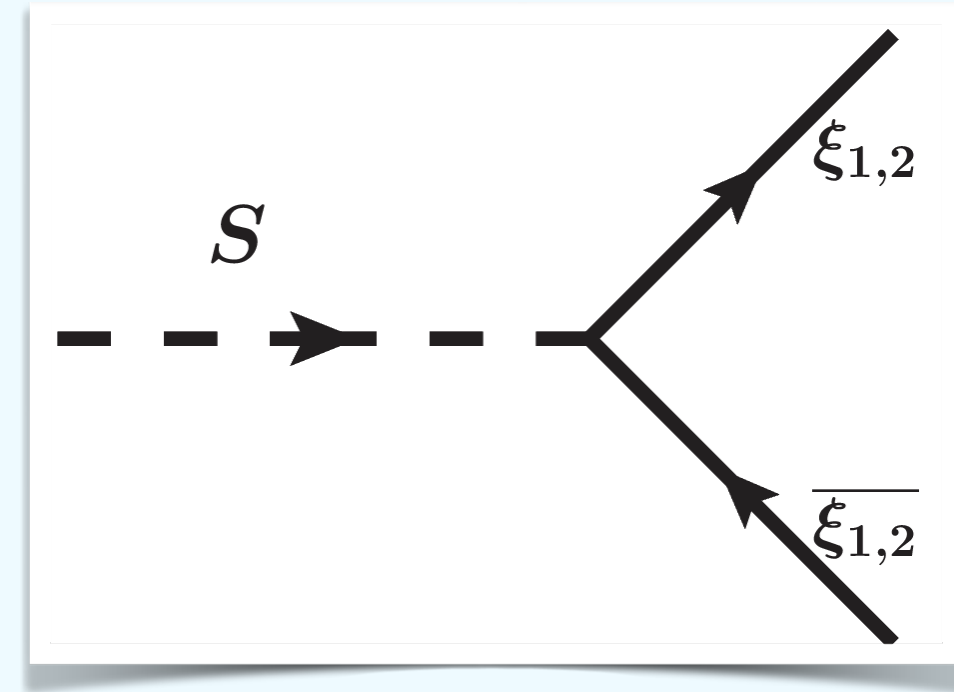
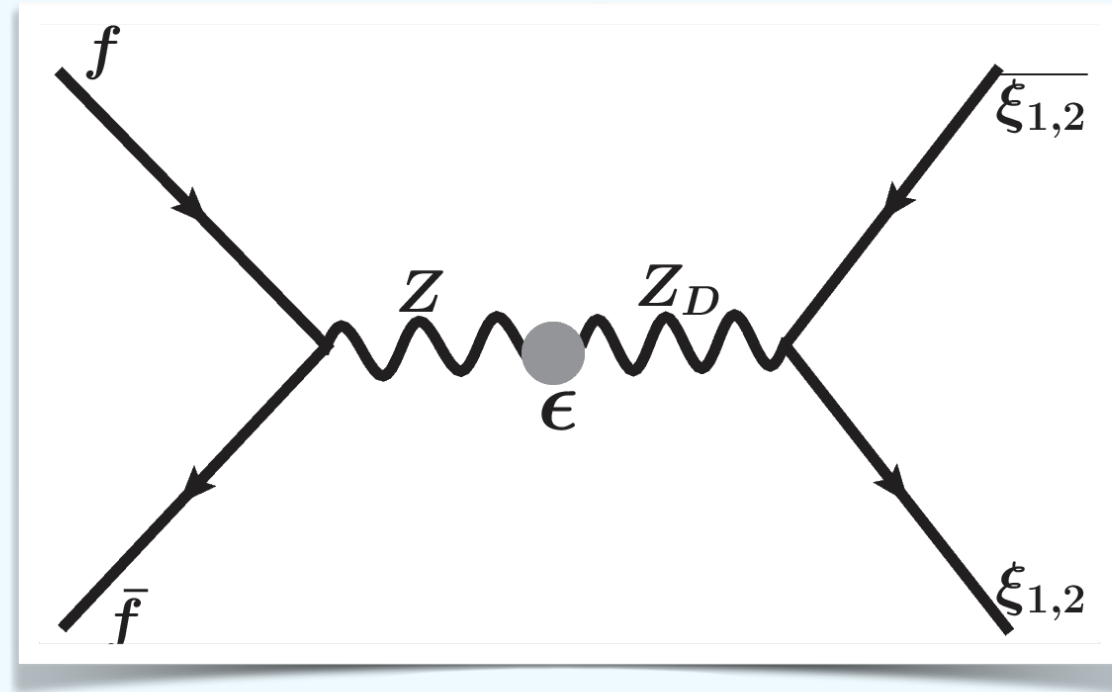


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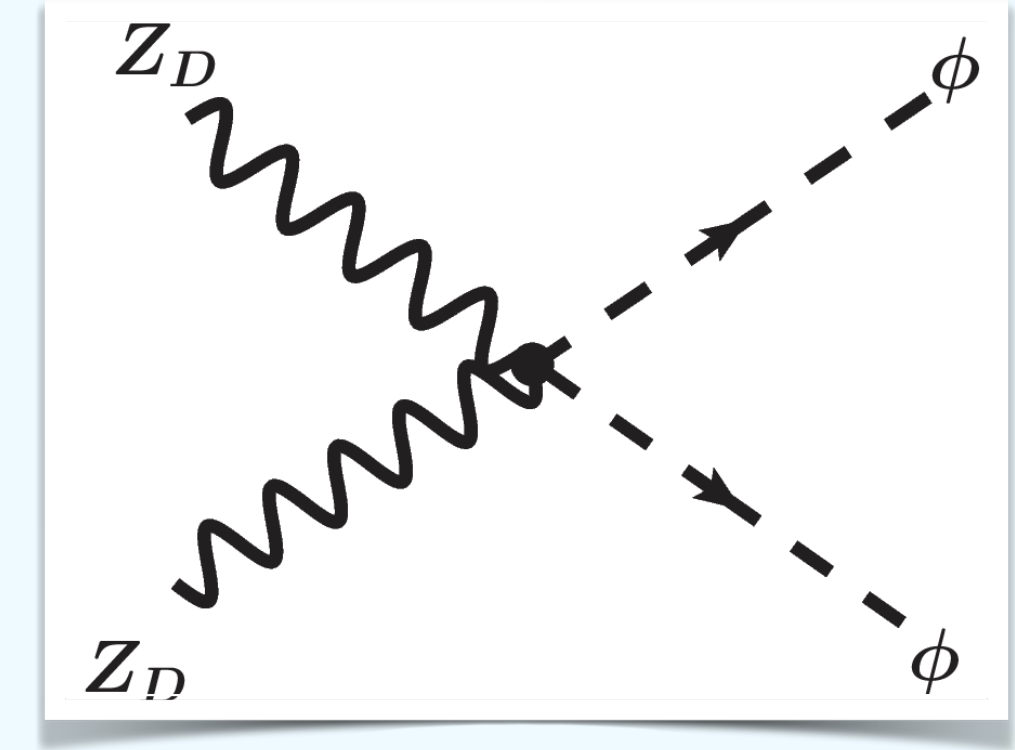
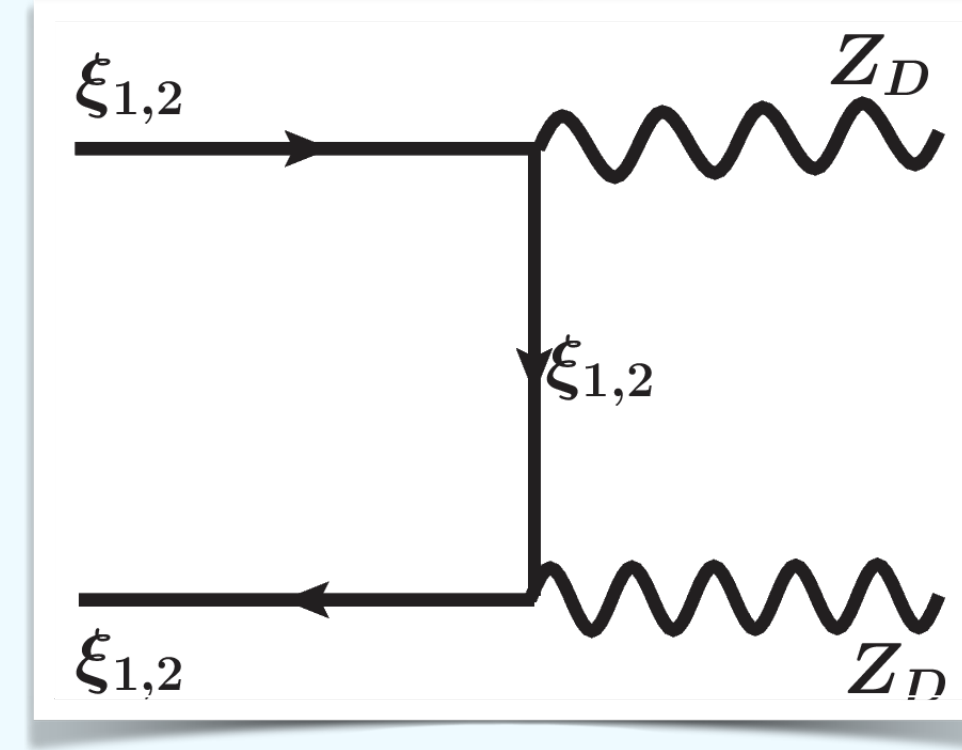
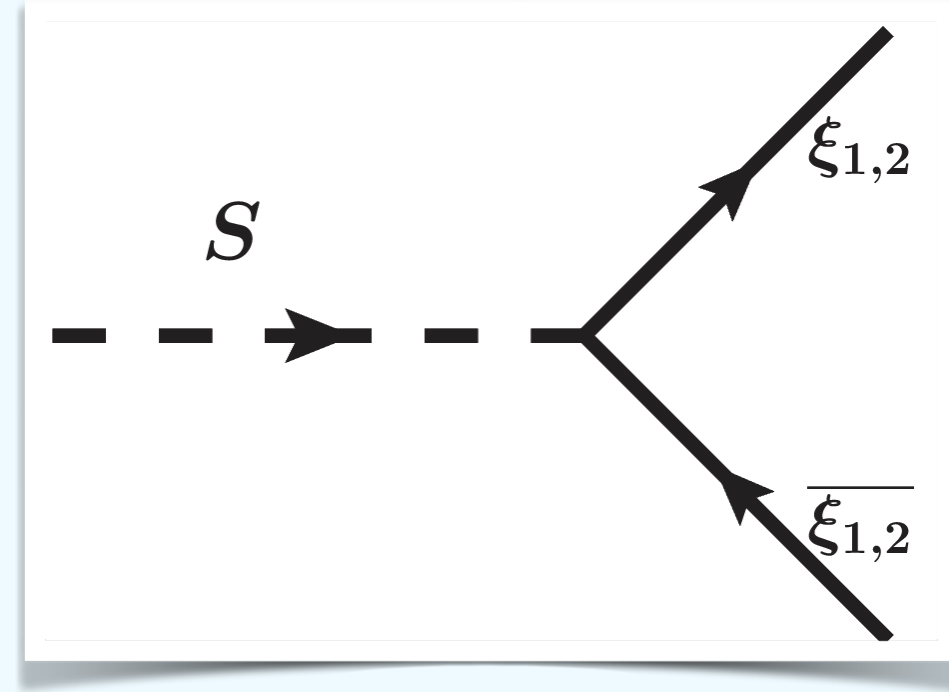
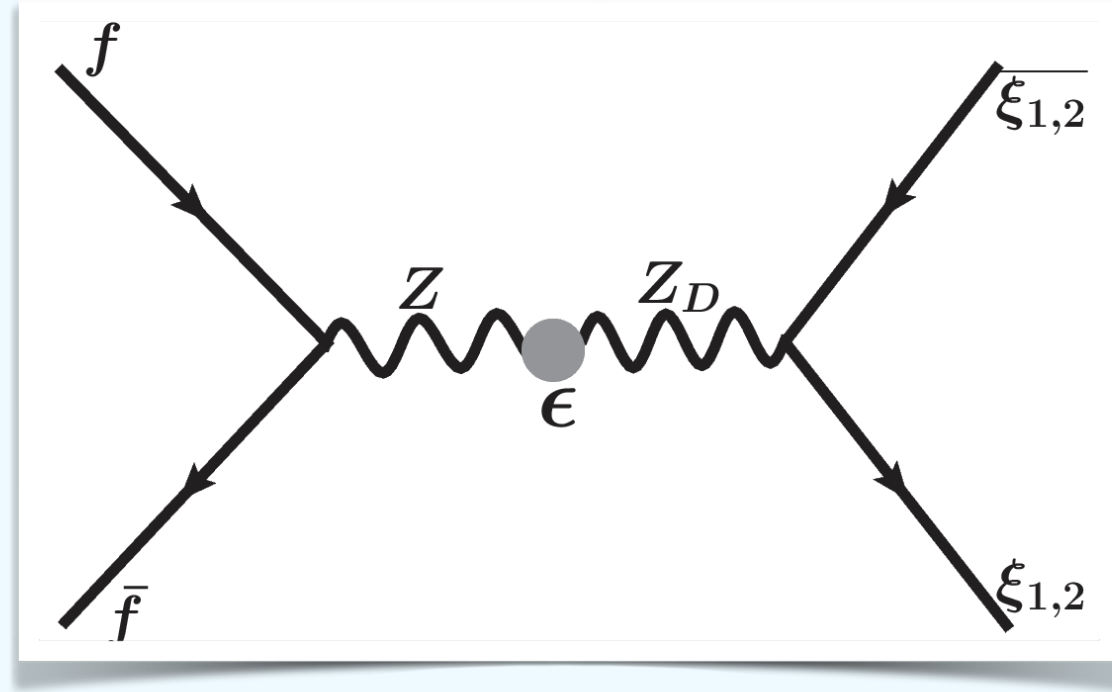




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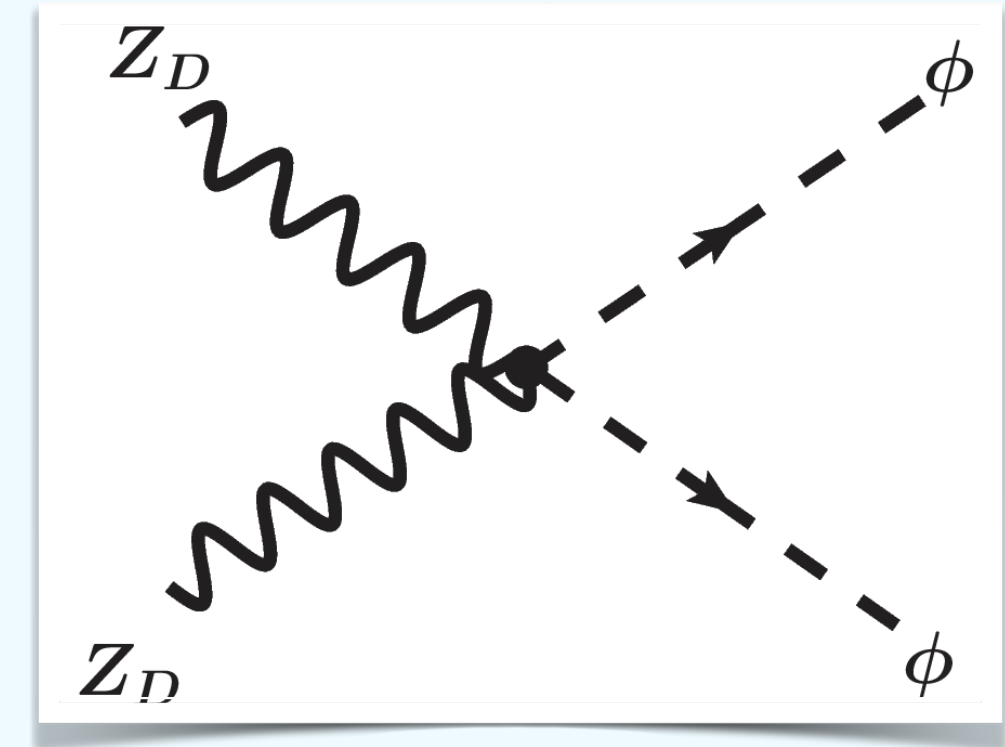
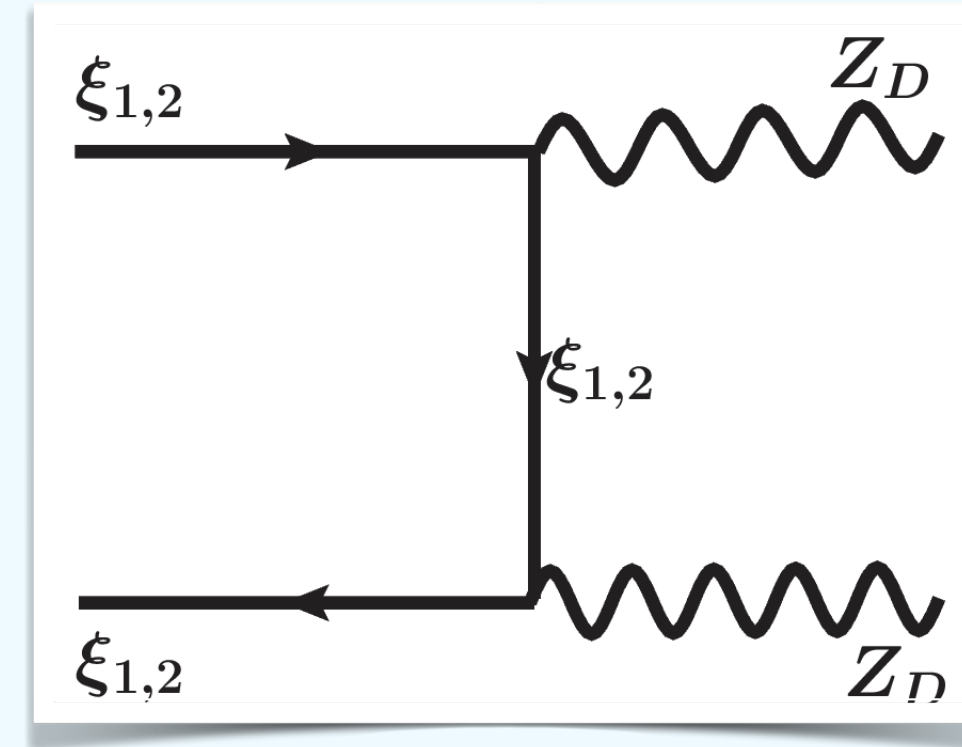
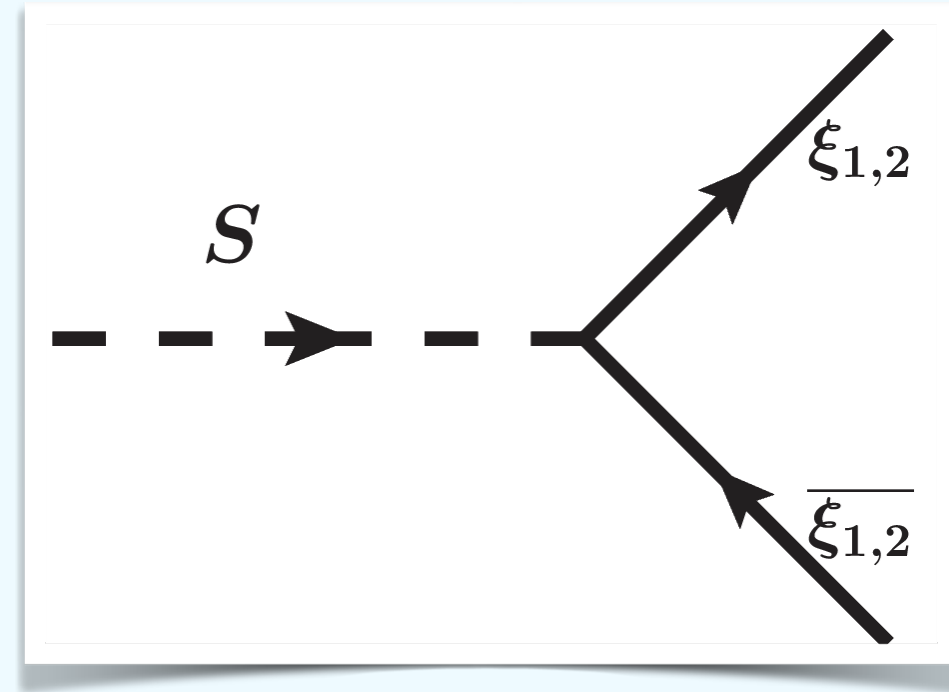
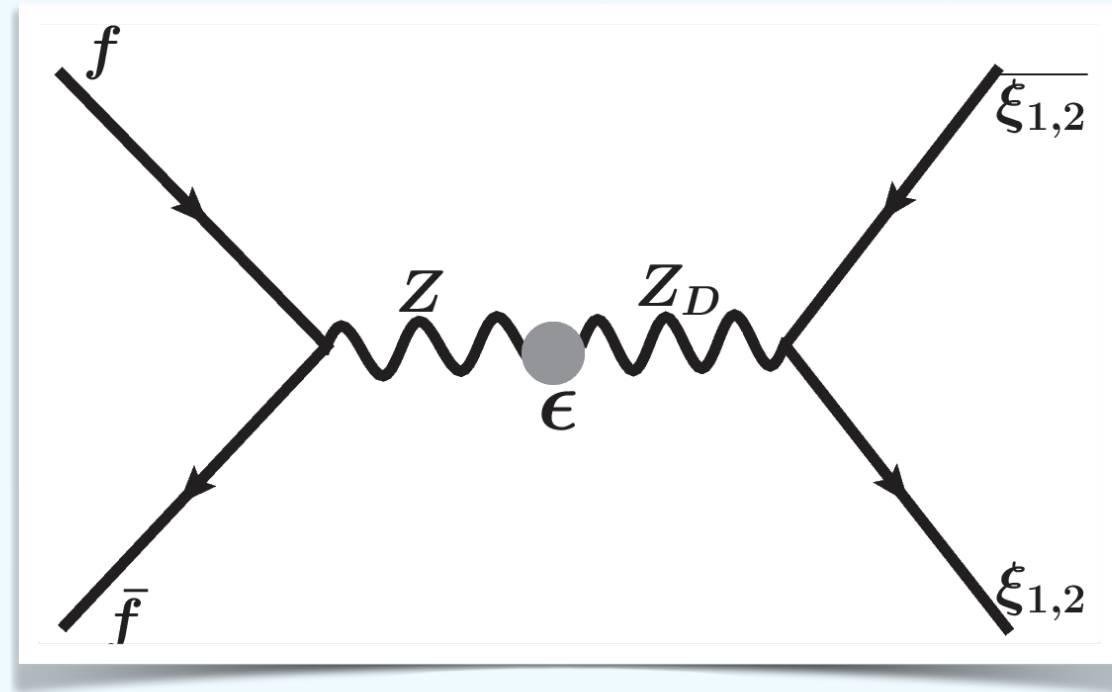
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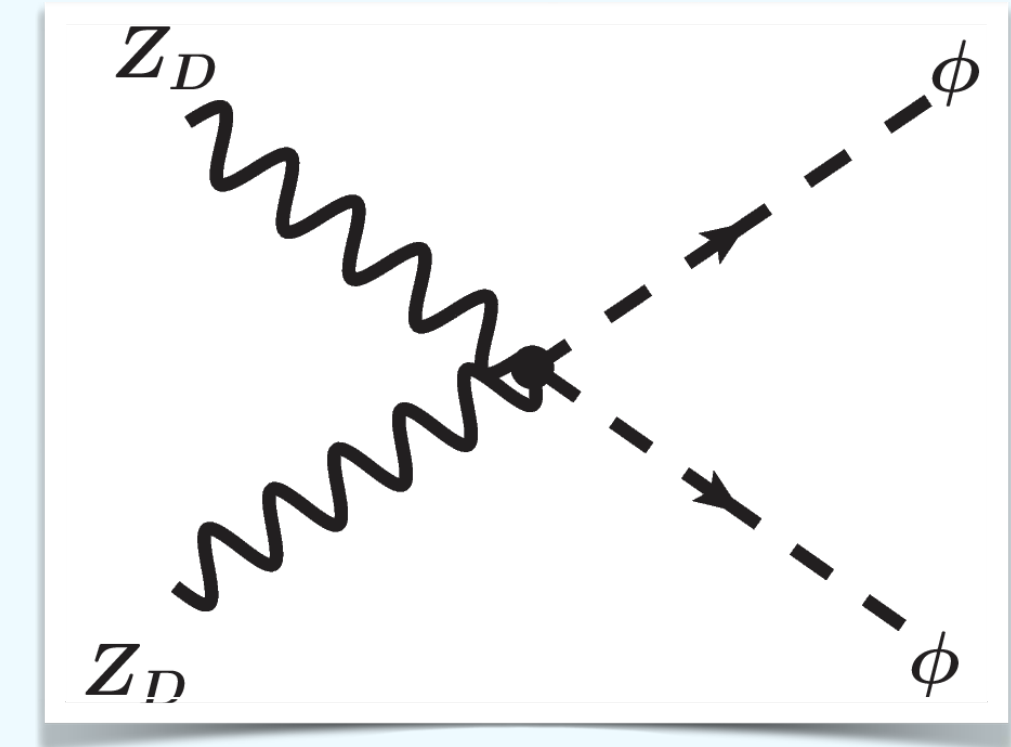
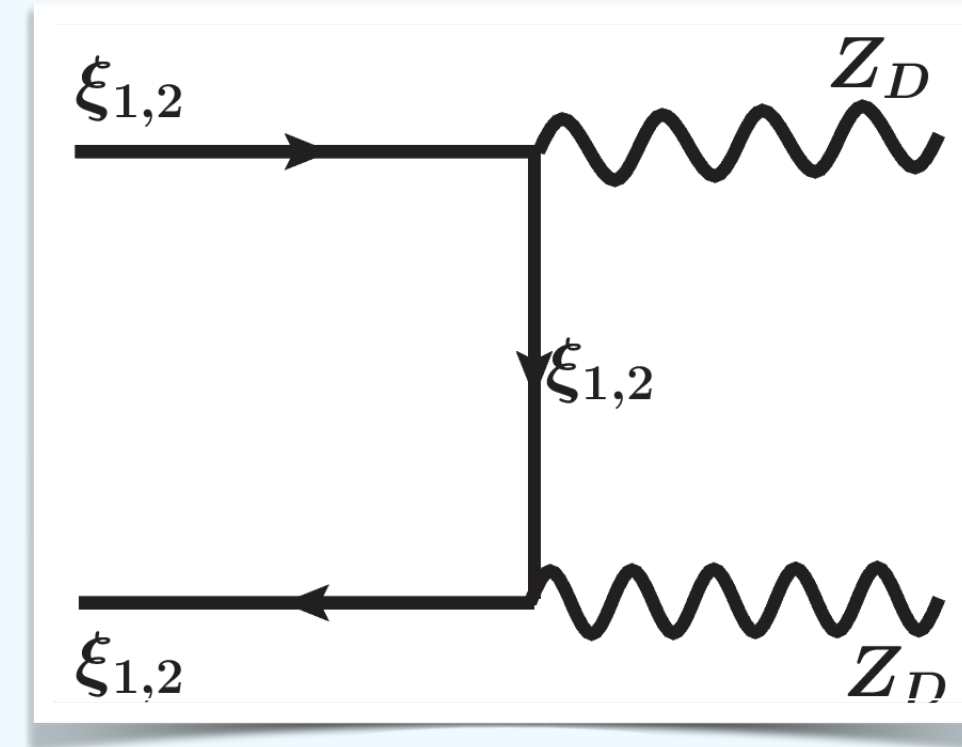
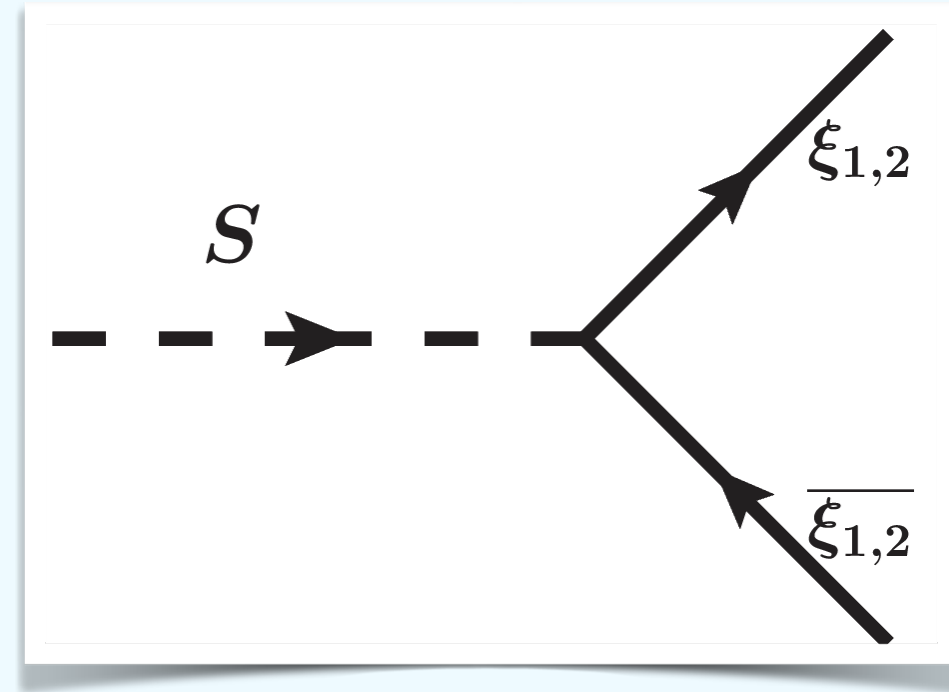
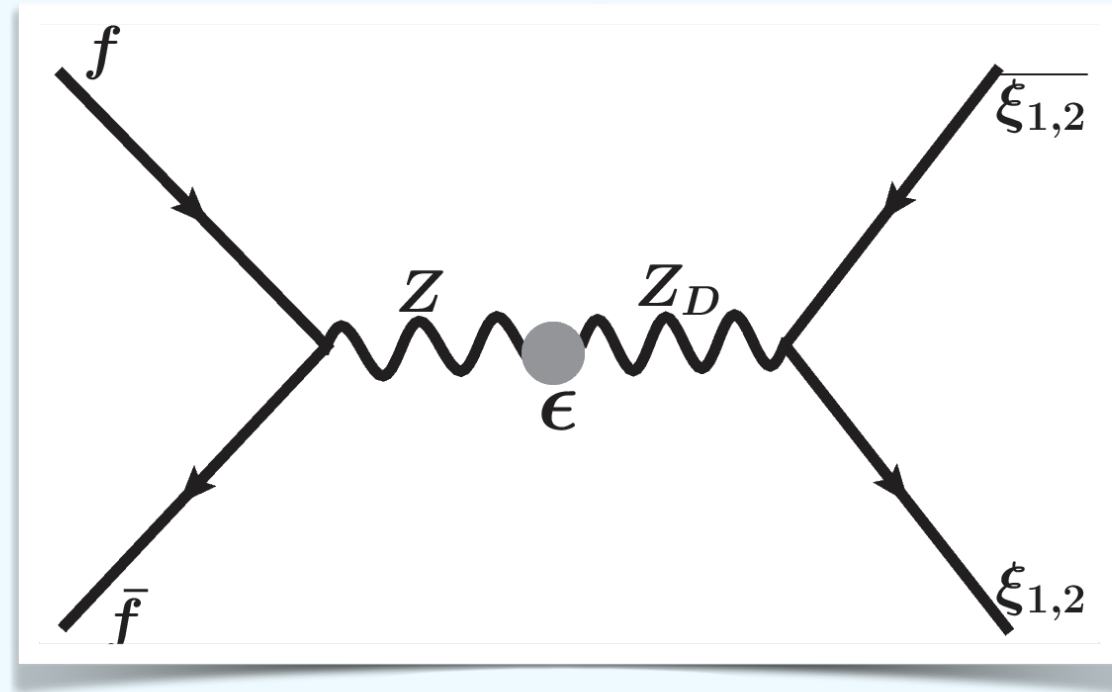
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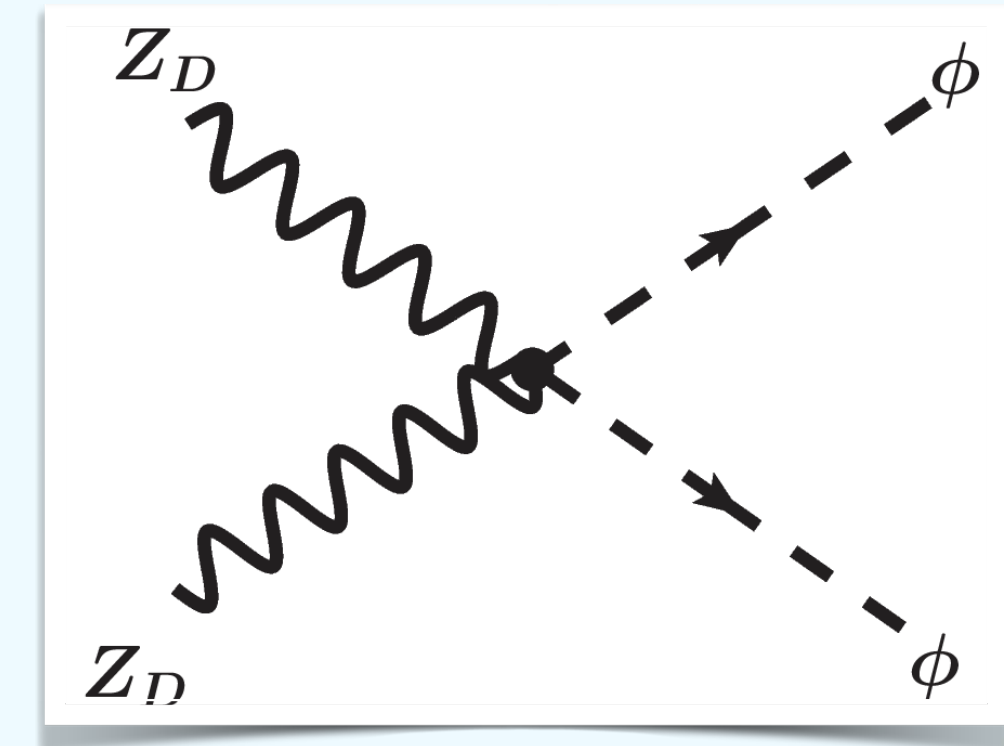
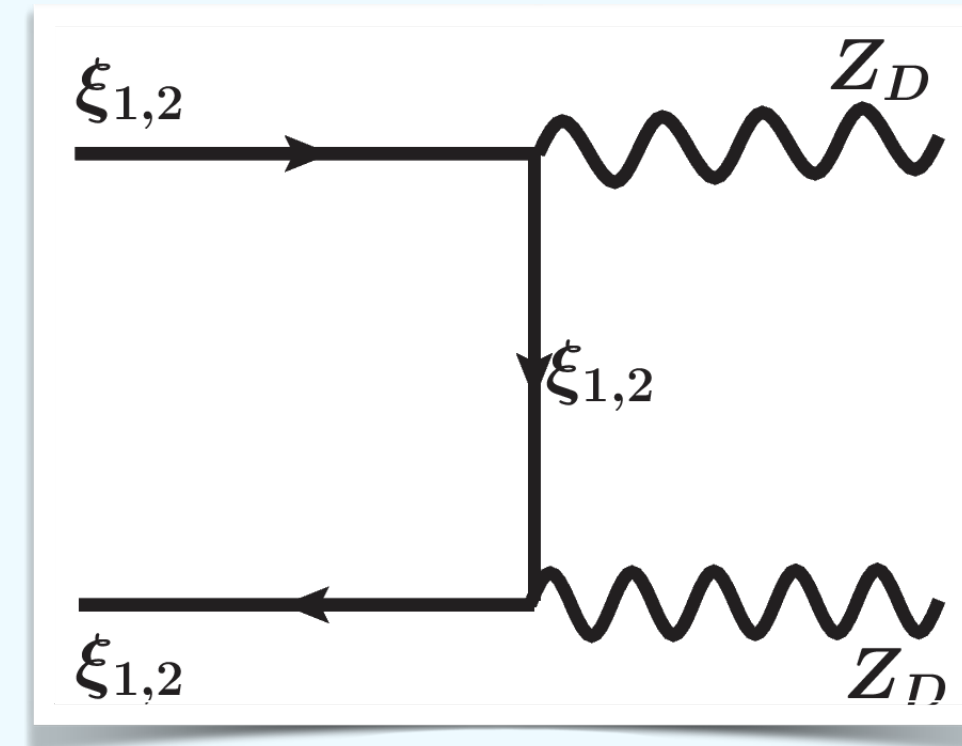
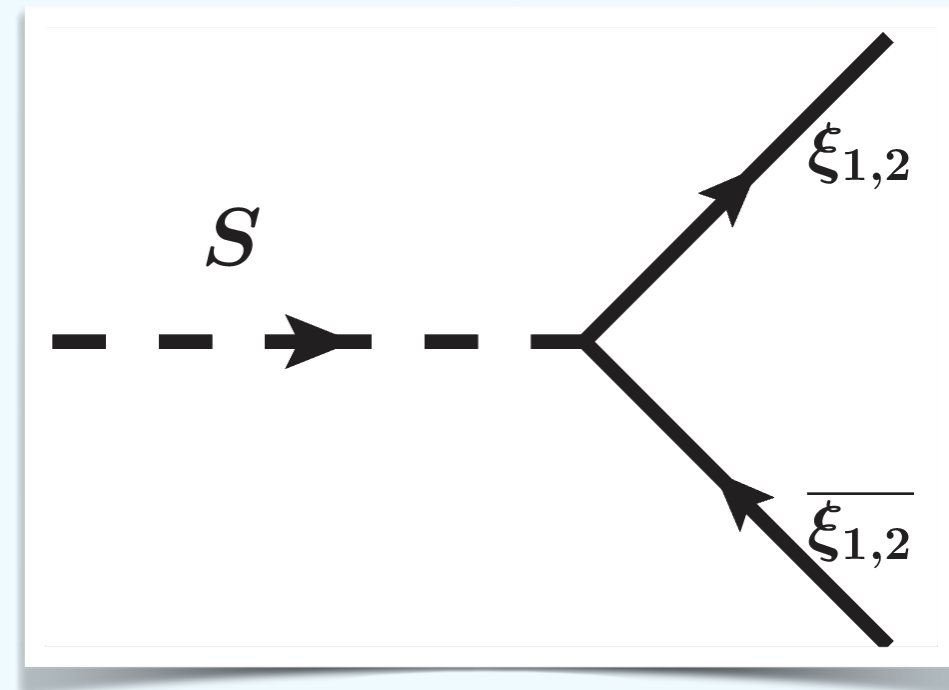
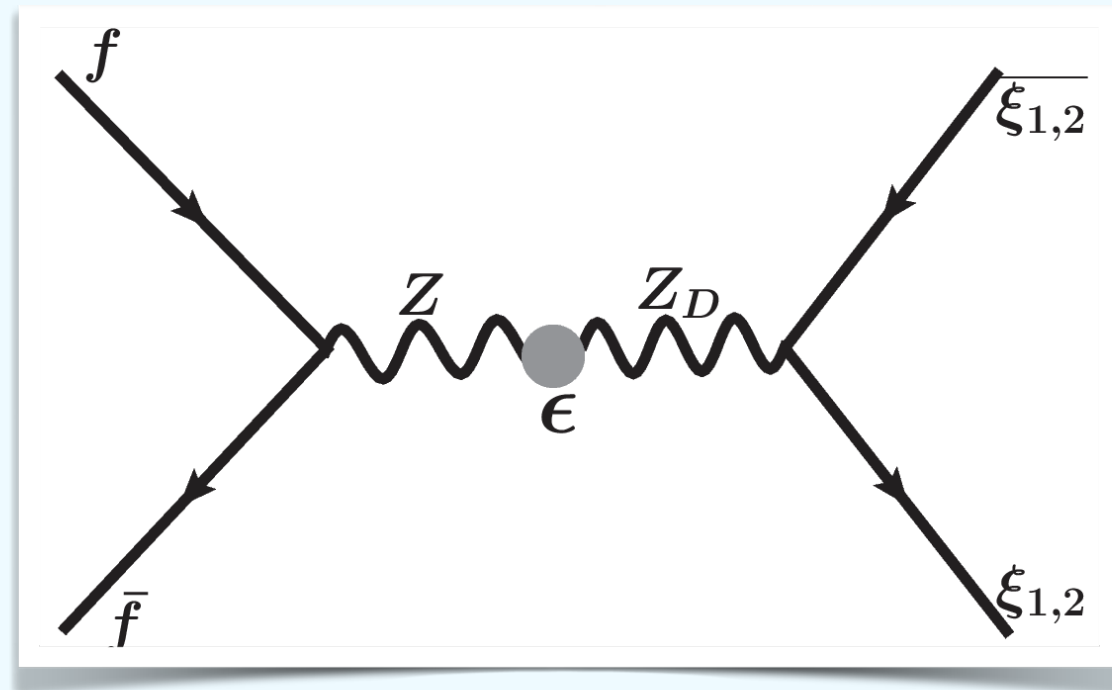
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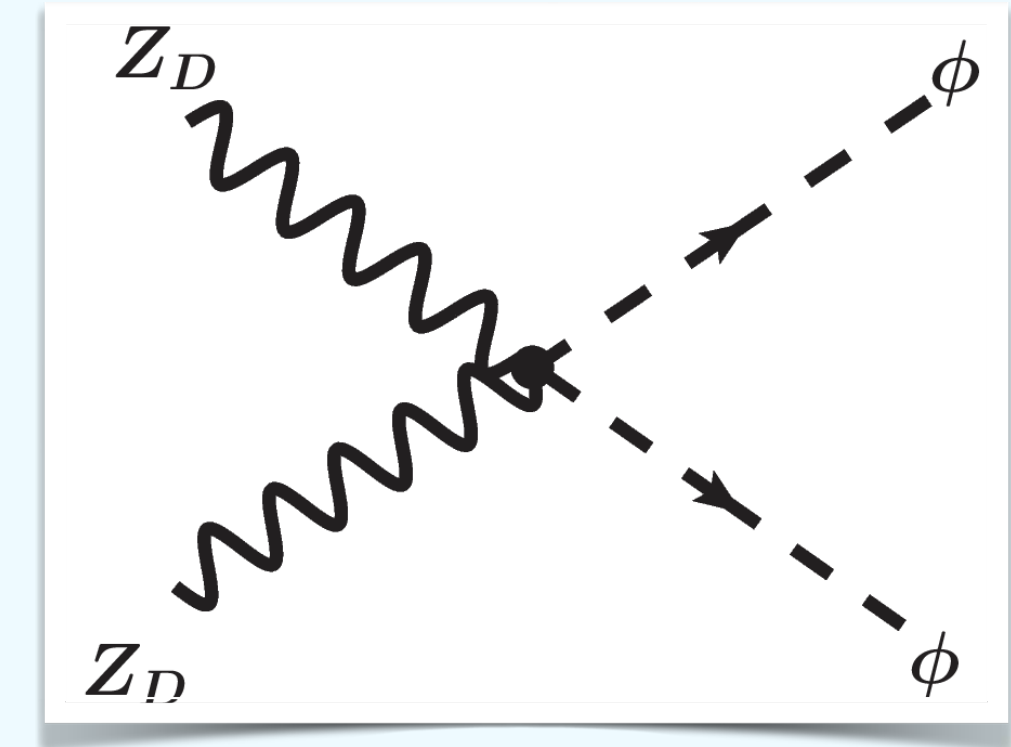
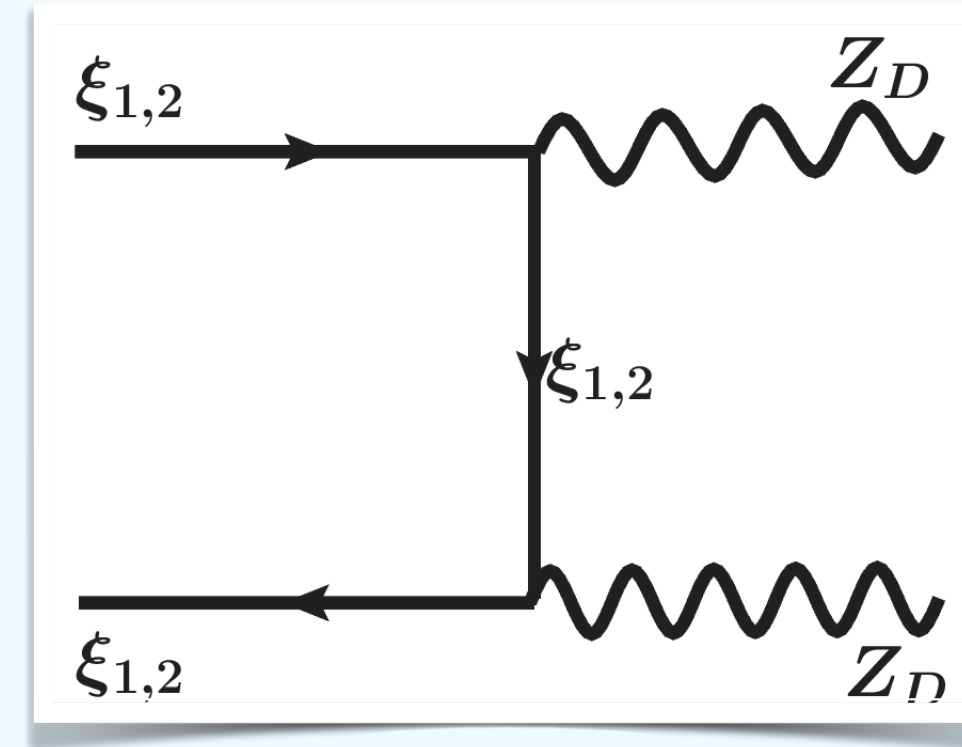
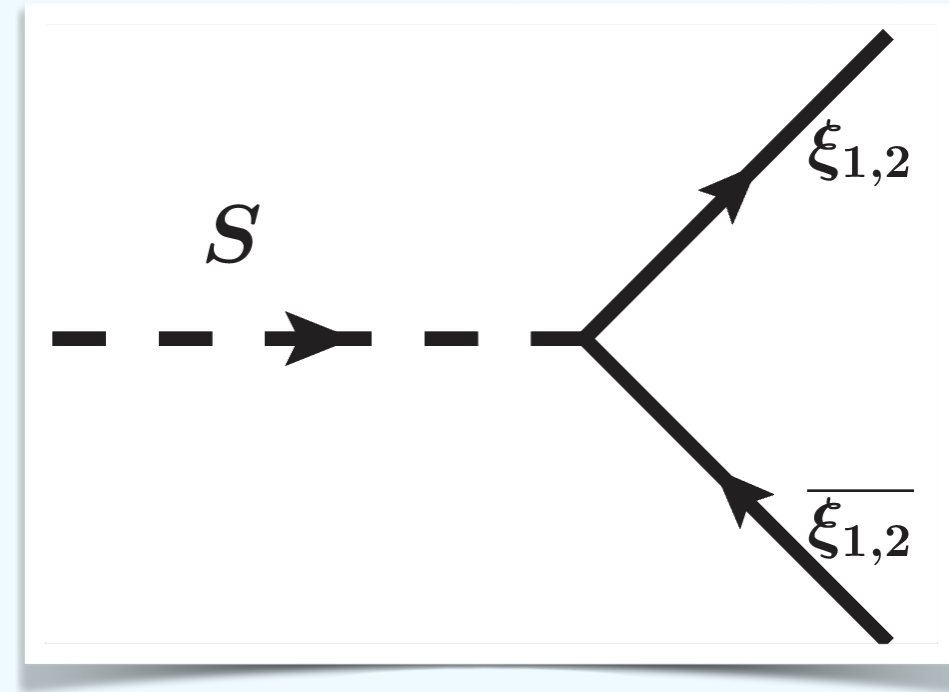
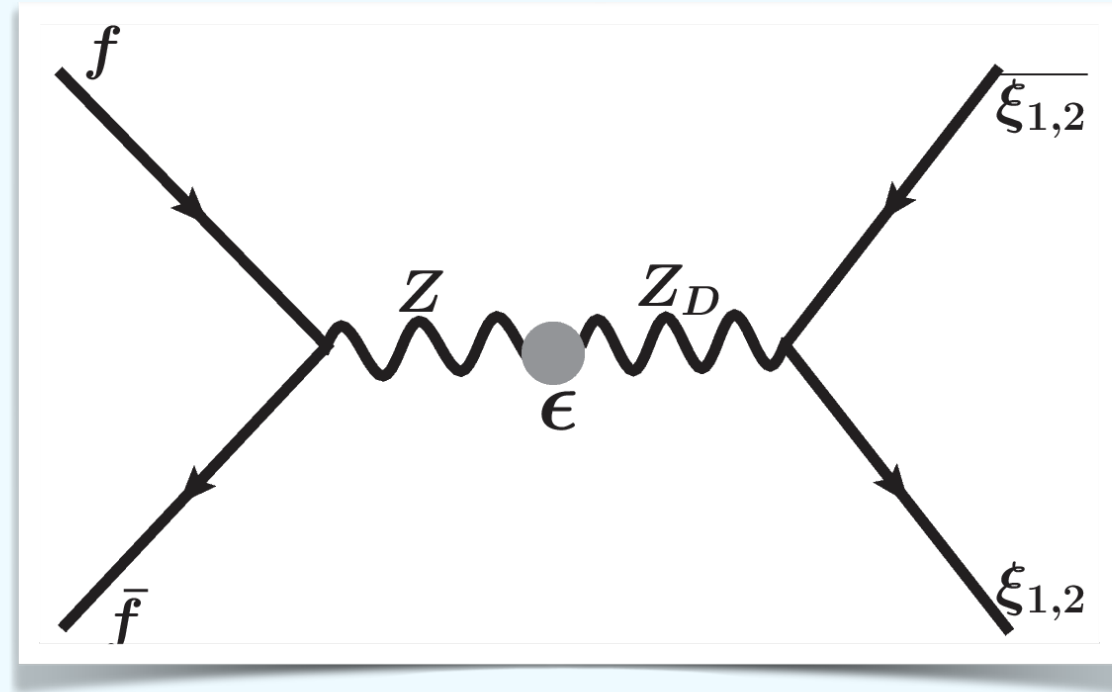
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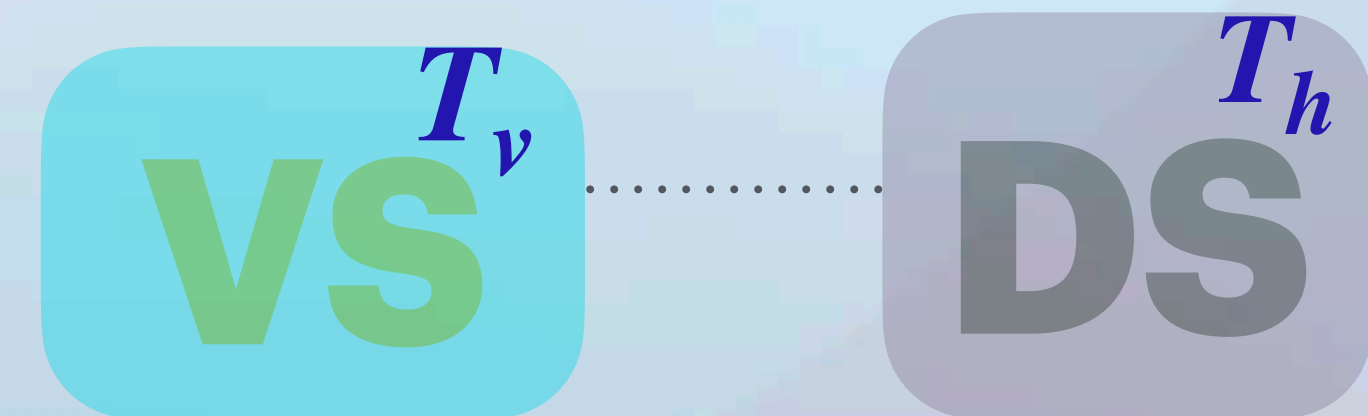
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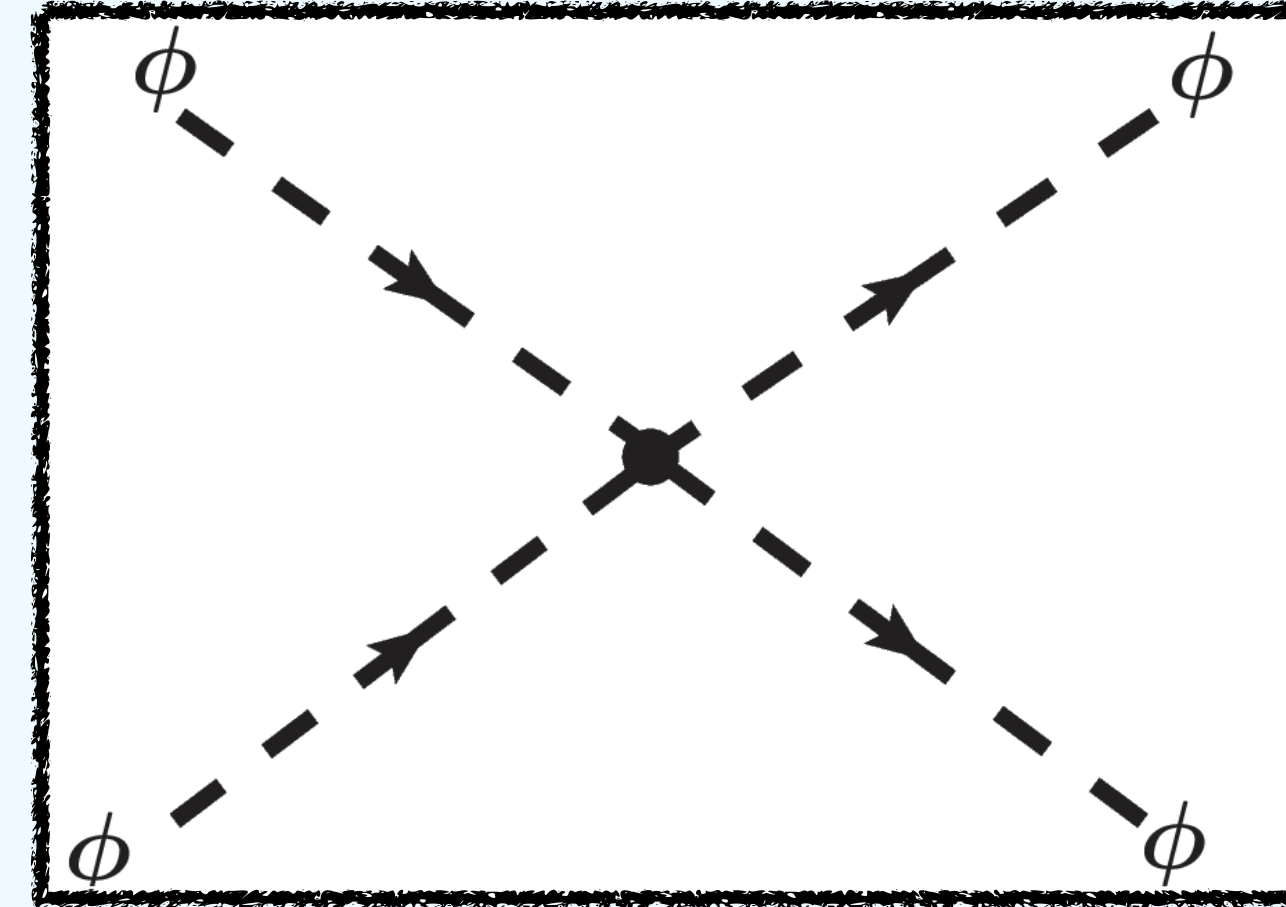
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To achieve  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 0.6 \implies T_h = 0.77 T_v$



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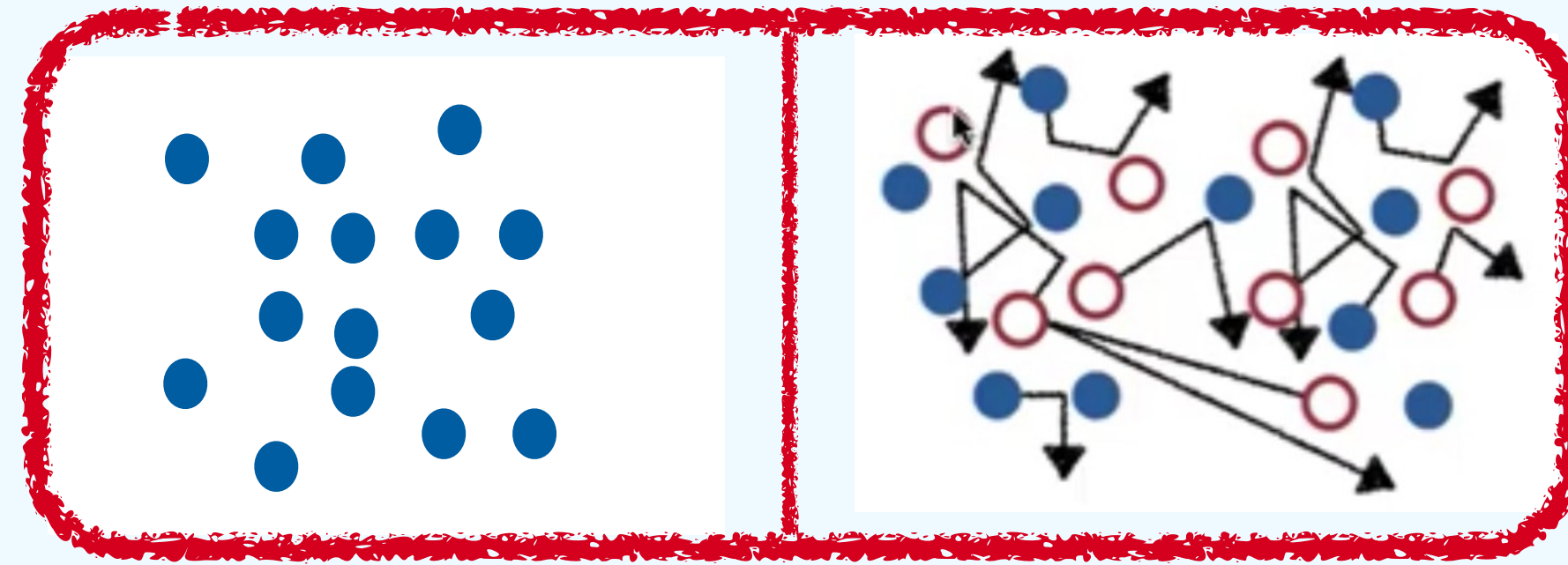


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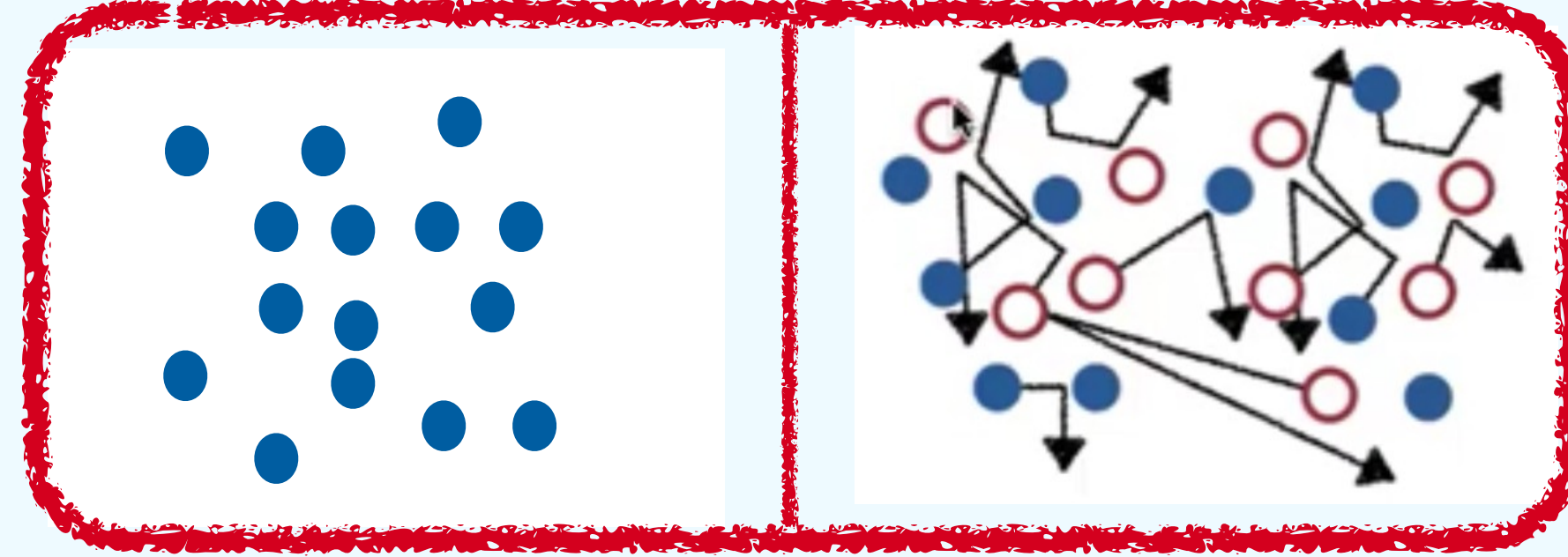
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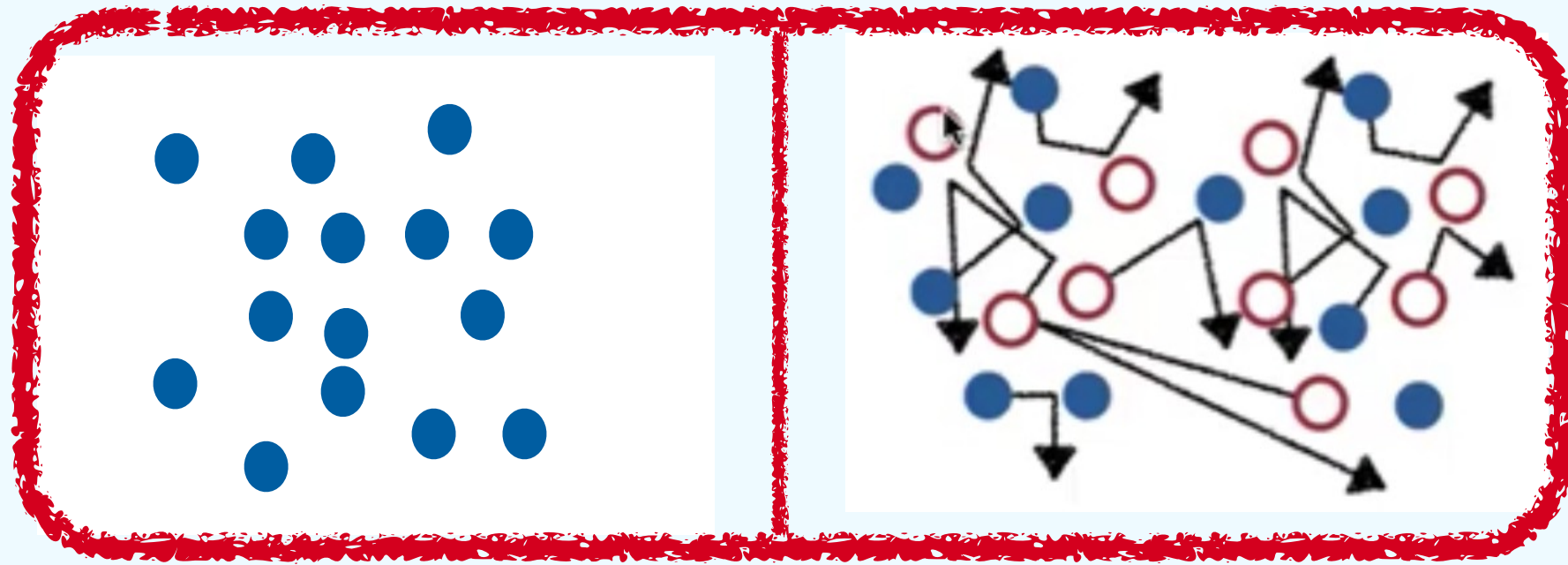
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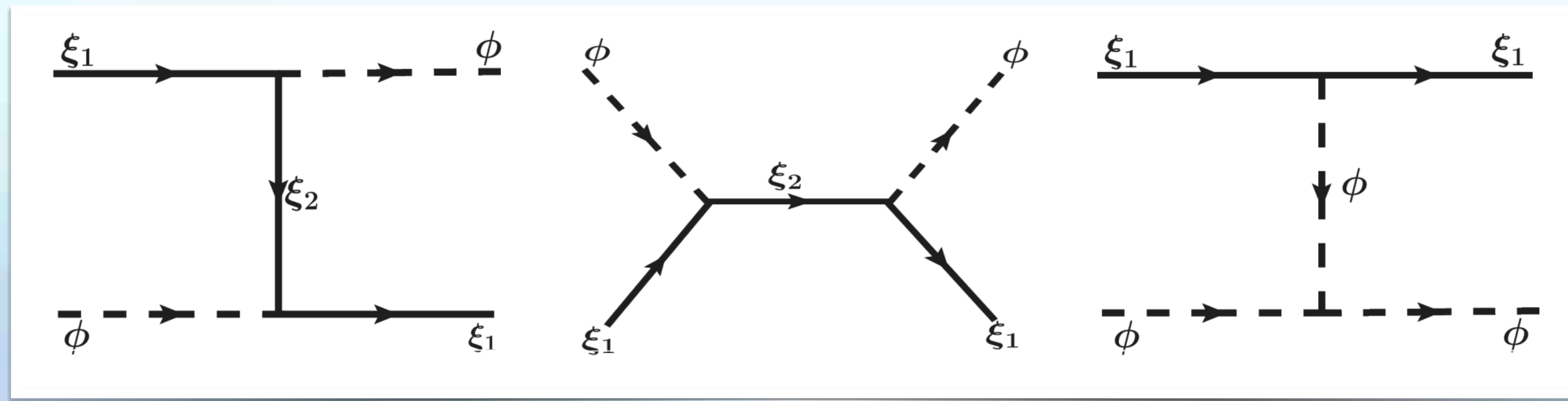
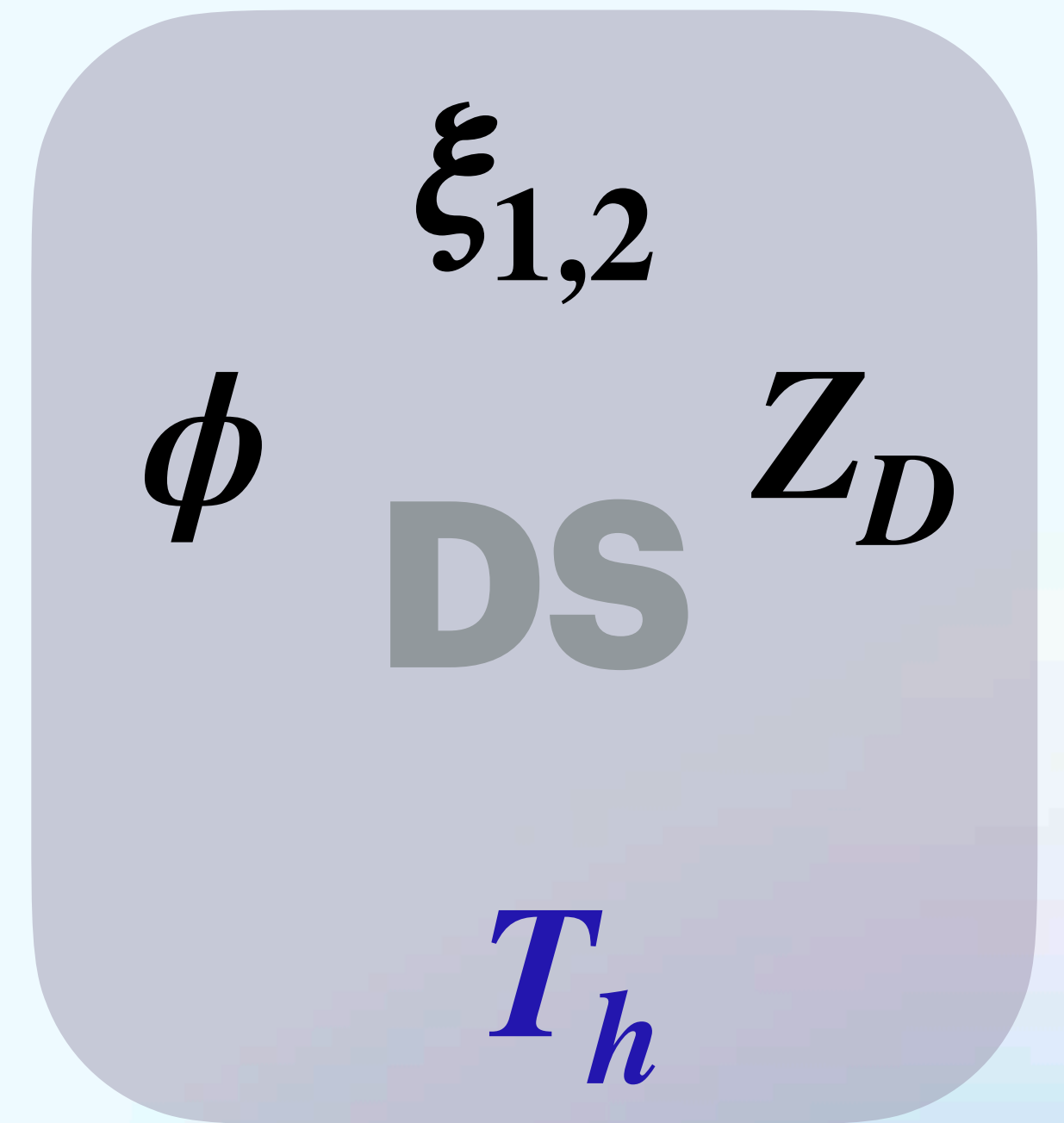
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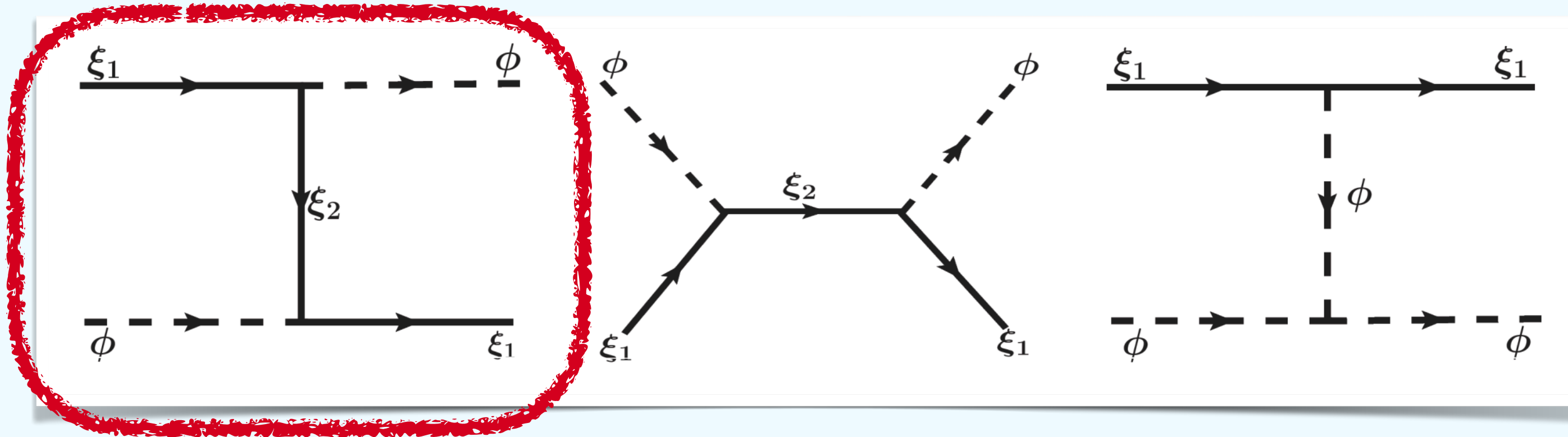


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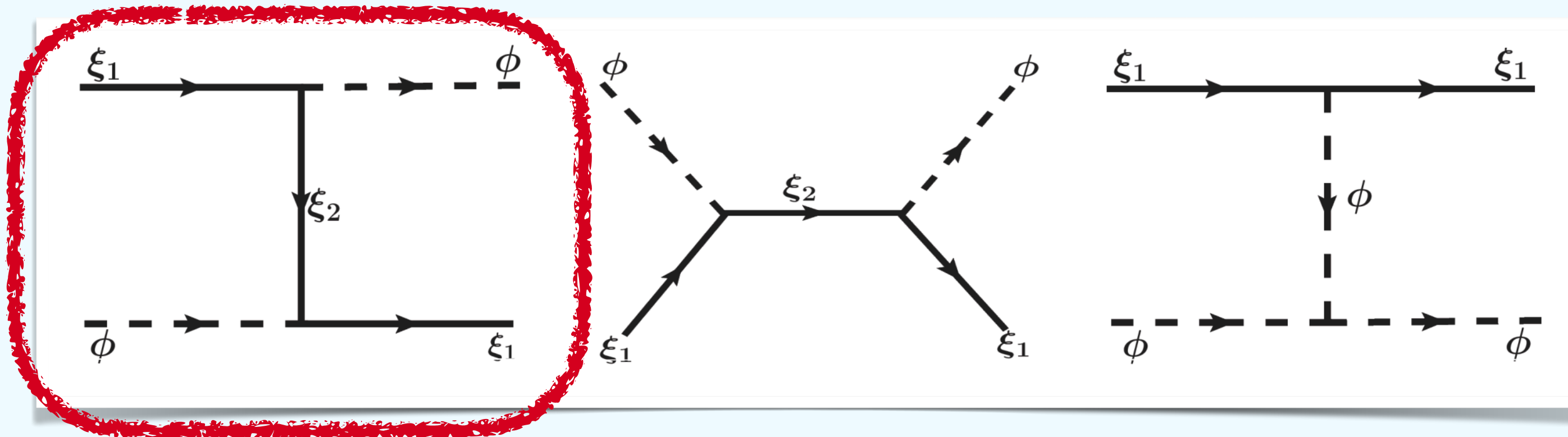


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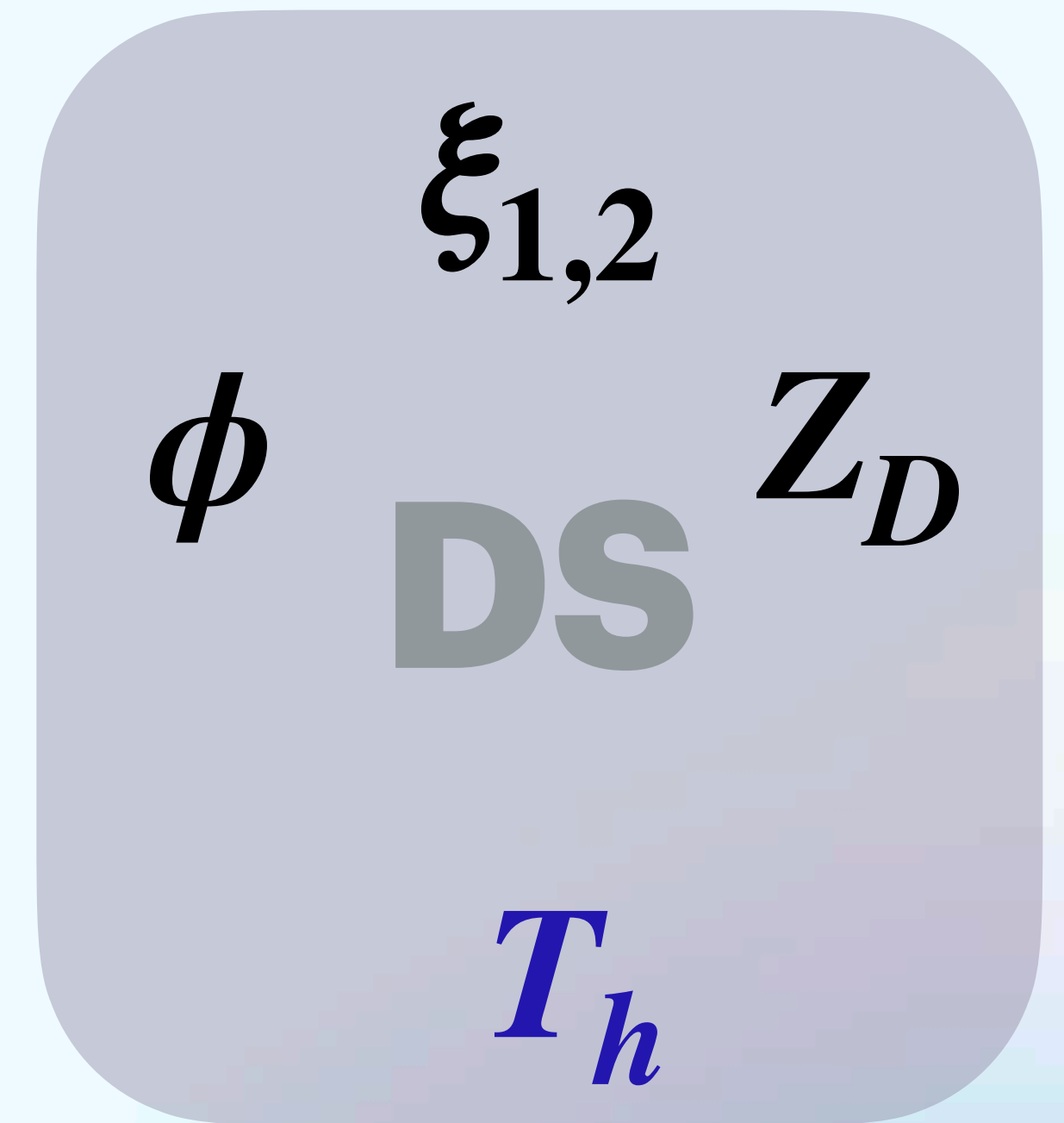
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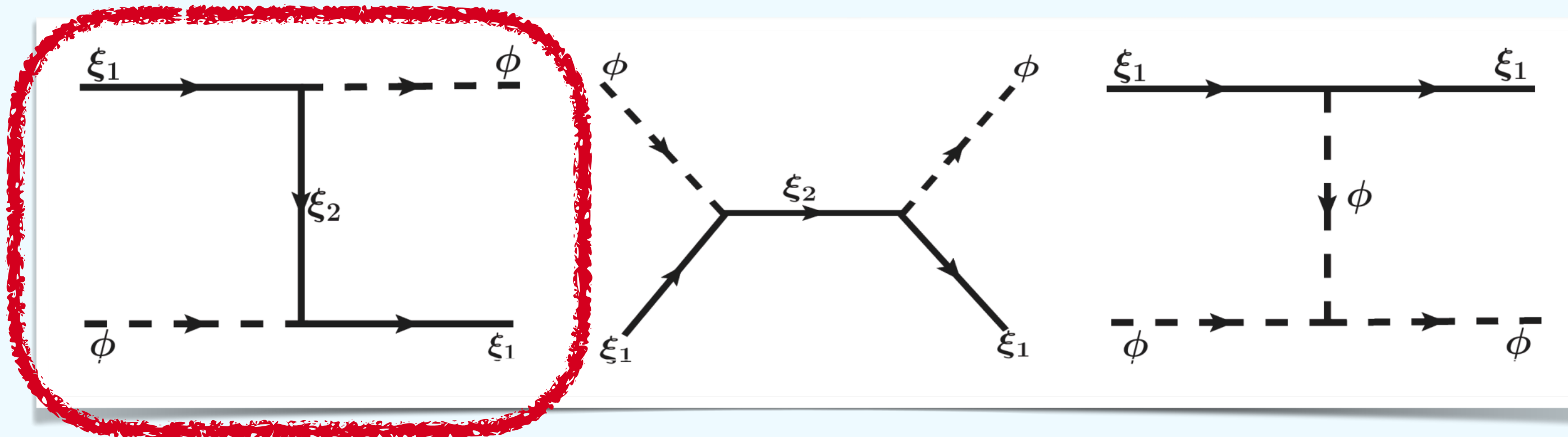
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$$1 + z_t = \delta/T_{h_0}$$

# SIDR+ $z_t$ Model :

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.6$$

$$R_{\Gamma} \sim 0.07$$

$$\log_{10}(z_t) \sim 4.25$$

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 = 0.12$$

And other consistency checks...

$$\begin{array}{c} \xi_{1,2} \\ \phi \quad \text{DS} \quad Z_D \\ T_h \end{array}$$

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$$M_{\xi} = 0.01 \text{ MeV}, \quad \delta = 3.2 \text{ eV}, \quad M_{Z_D} = 5 \text{ eV}, \quad \alpha_D = 2.8 \times 10^{-10}, \quad y = 4.1 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$v_{\phi} = 8.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}, \quad \lambda_{\phi} = 1.4 \times 10^{-12}, \quad \sin 2\beta = 0.153$$

# Boltzmann Equations and Numerical Results

DS never thermalizes with SM.

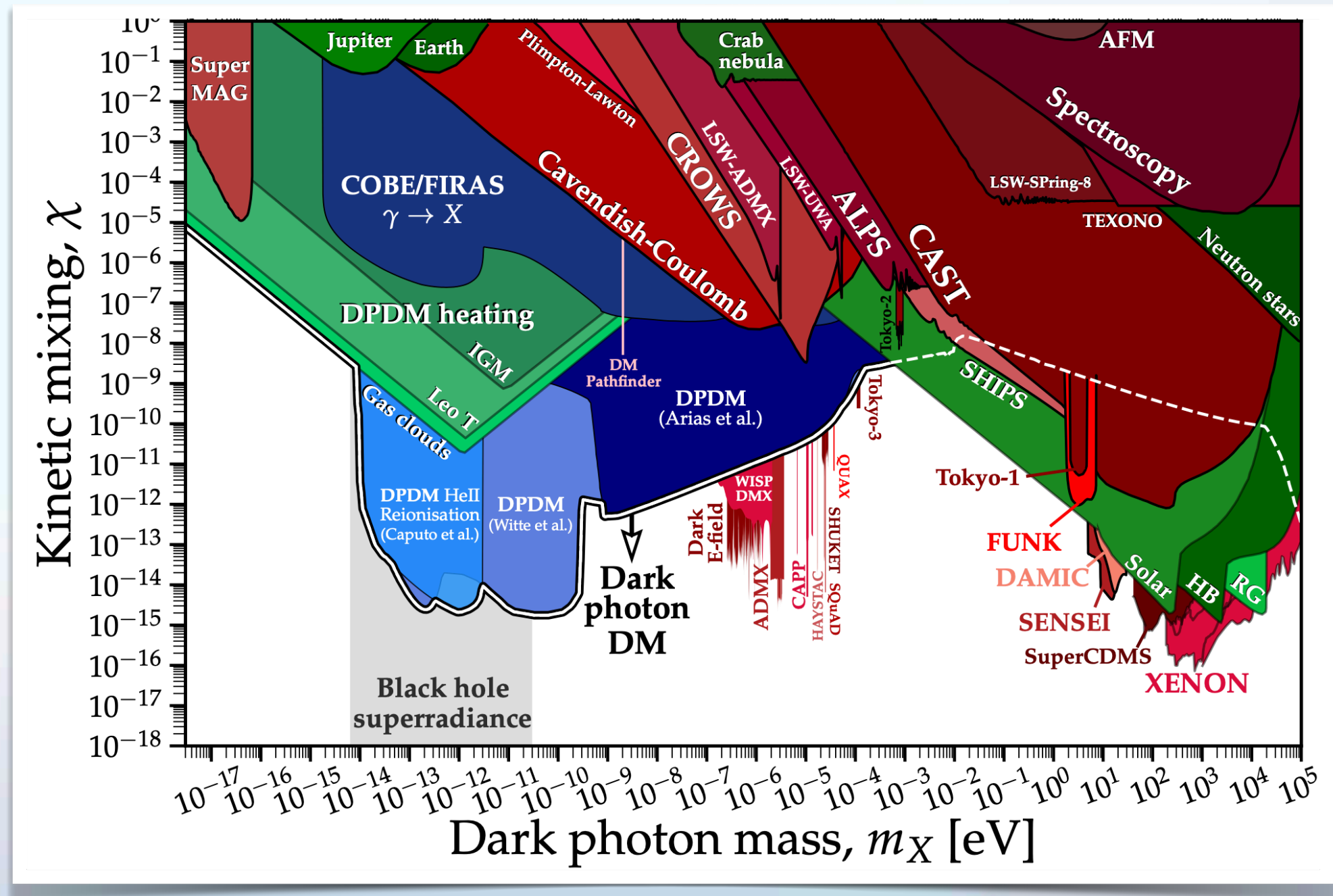
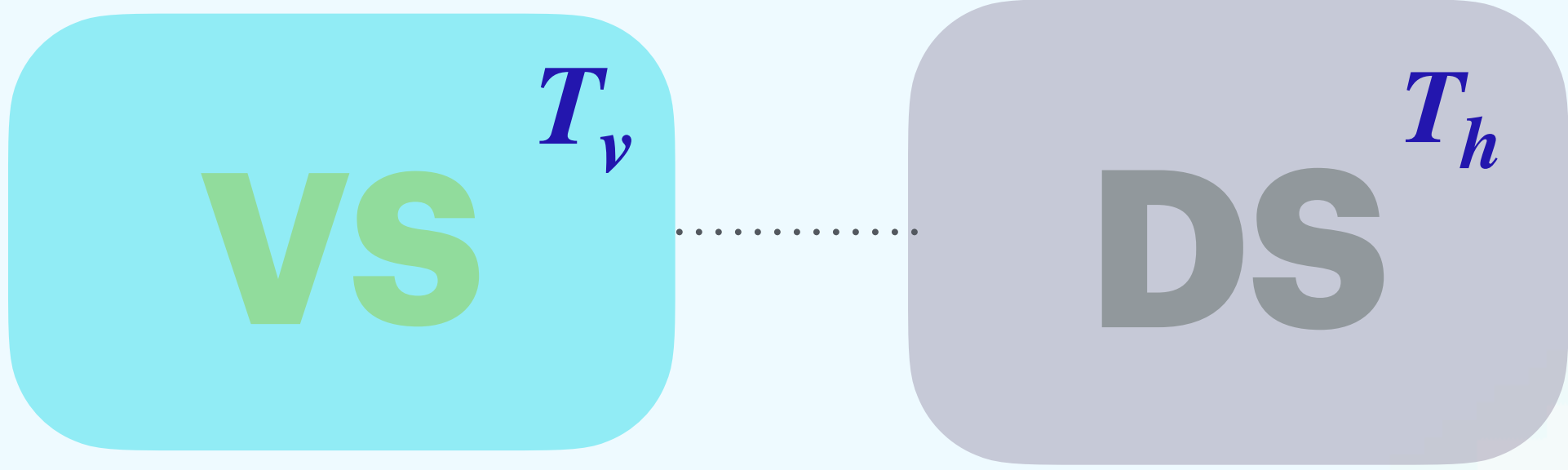
How to produce DM?

Freeze-in?

Insufficient to produce the required DR

Soln: Non-thermal production

Source: Decay of  $S$



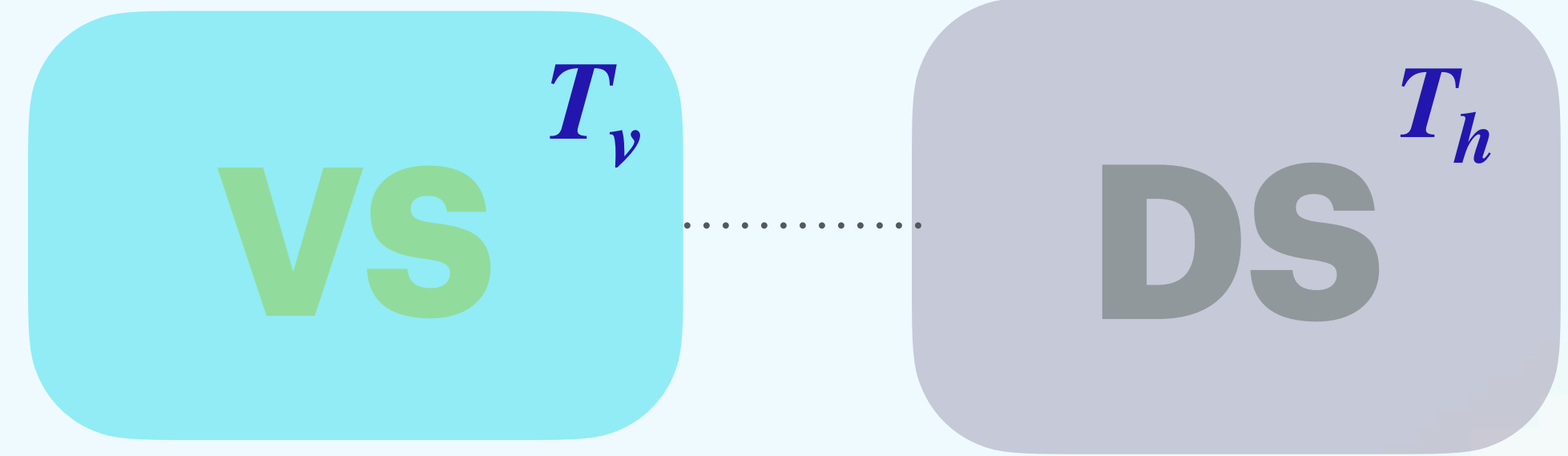


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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\rho_v}{dt} + 3H(\rho_v + p_v) &= -j_h, \\ \frac{d\rho_h}{dt} + 3H(\rho_h + p_h) &= j_h,\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dT_v}{dt} = -\frac{3H(\rho_v + p_v) + j_h}{d\rho_v/dT_v}$$

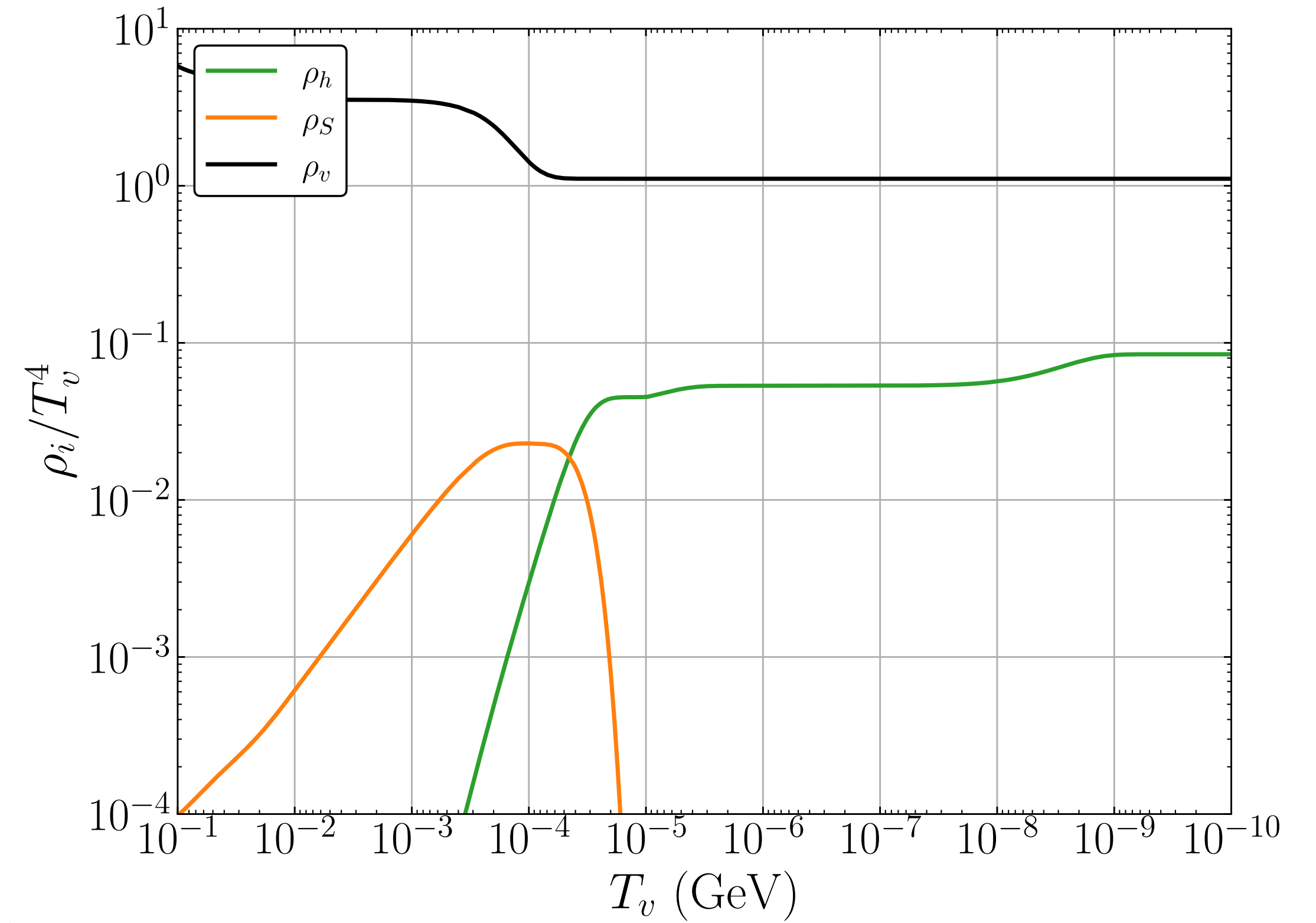
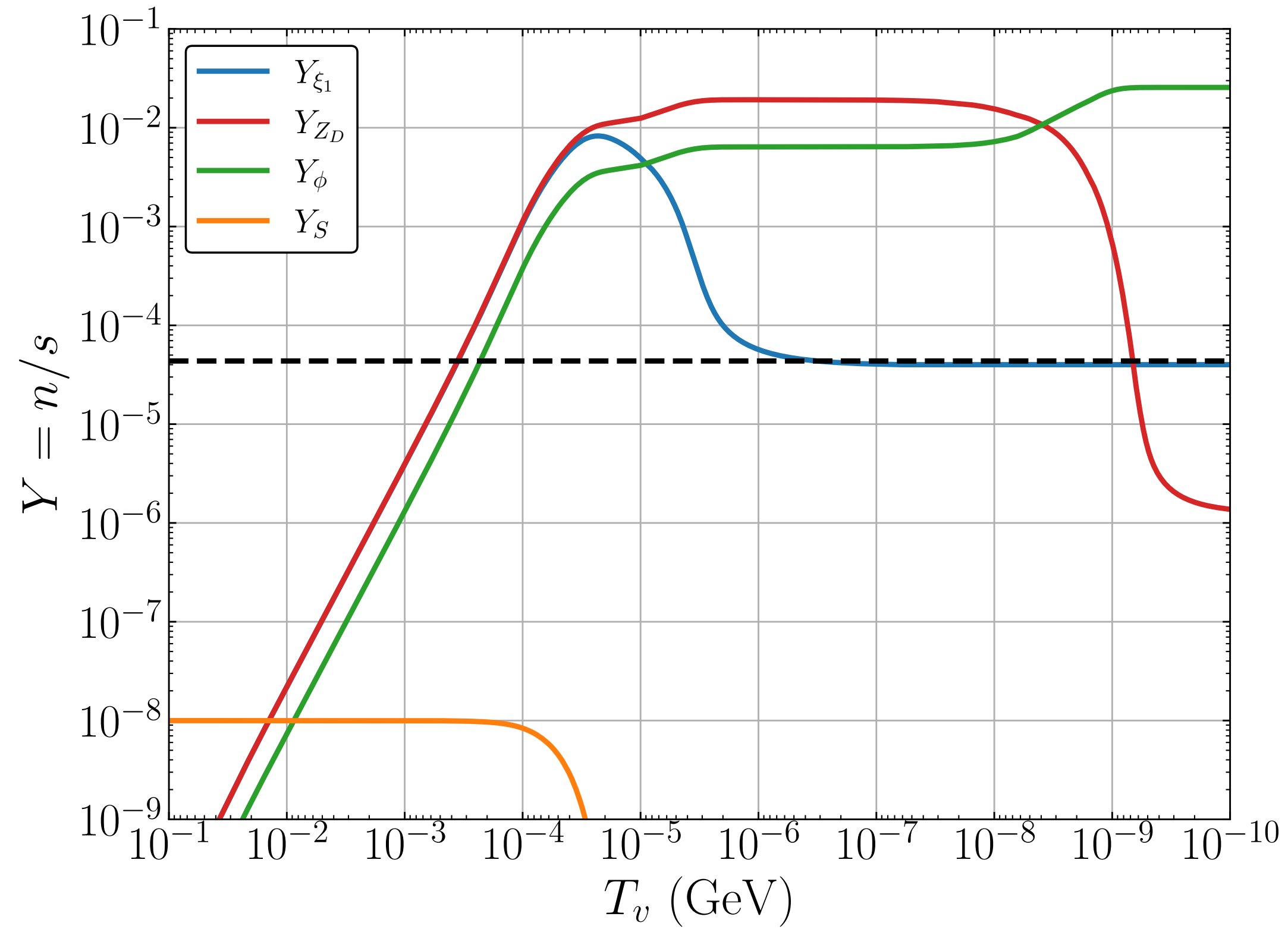
$$\frac{d\rho_h}{dT_v} = \frac{3H(1 + \omega_h)\rho_h - j_h}{3H(1 + \omega_v)\rho_v + j_h} \frac{d\rho_v}{dT_v}$$



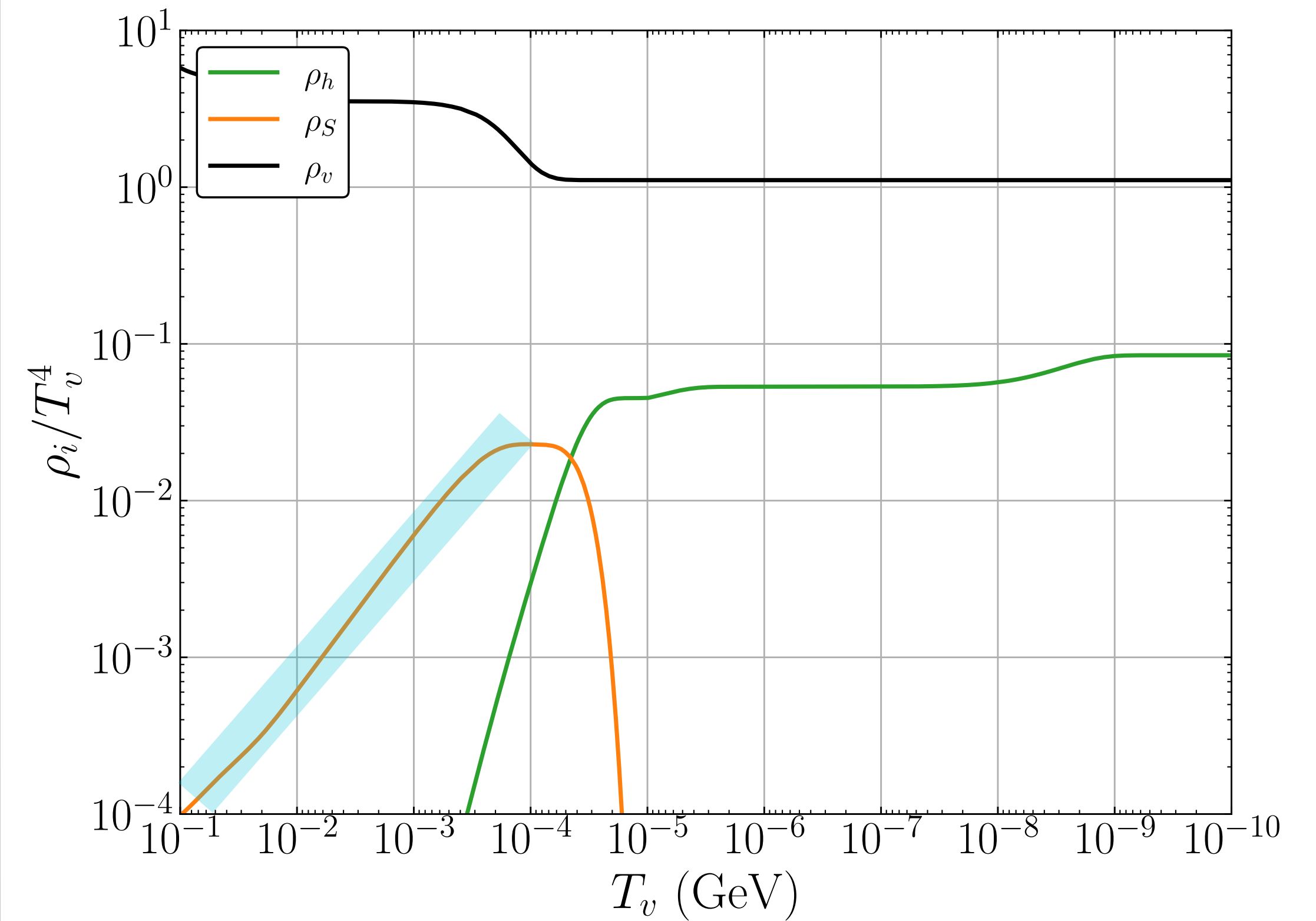
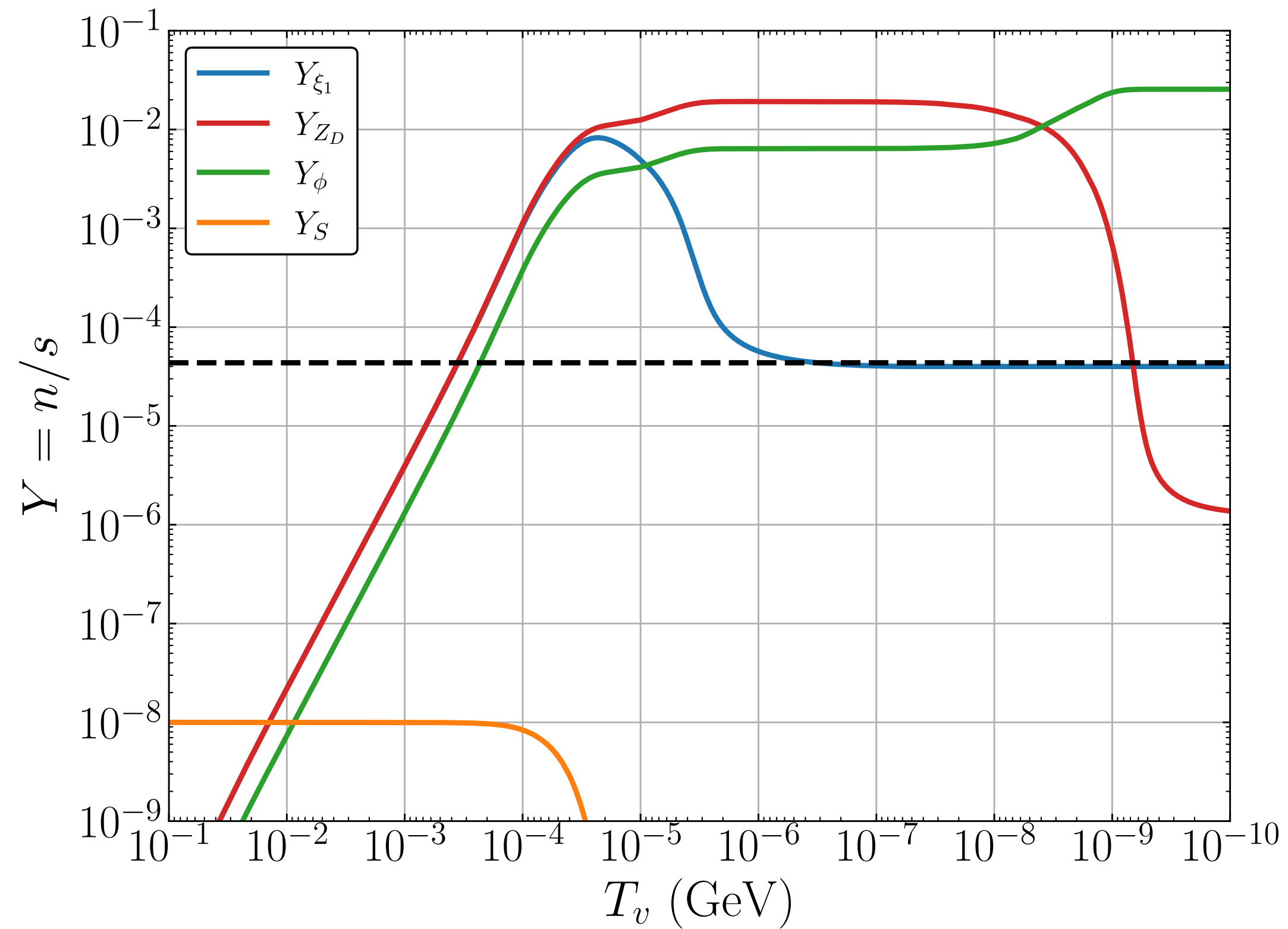
$$j_h = n_S m_S \Gamma_S + \sum_f j(ff \rightarrow \xi_i \bar{\xi}_j)(T_v) + j(ff \rightarrow Z_D \gamma)(T_v) + j(f\gamma \rightarrow fZ_D)(T_v).$$



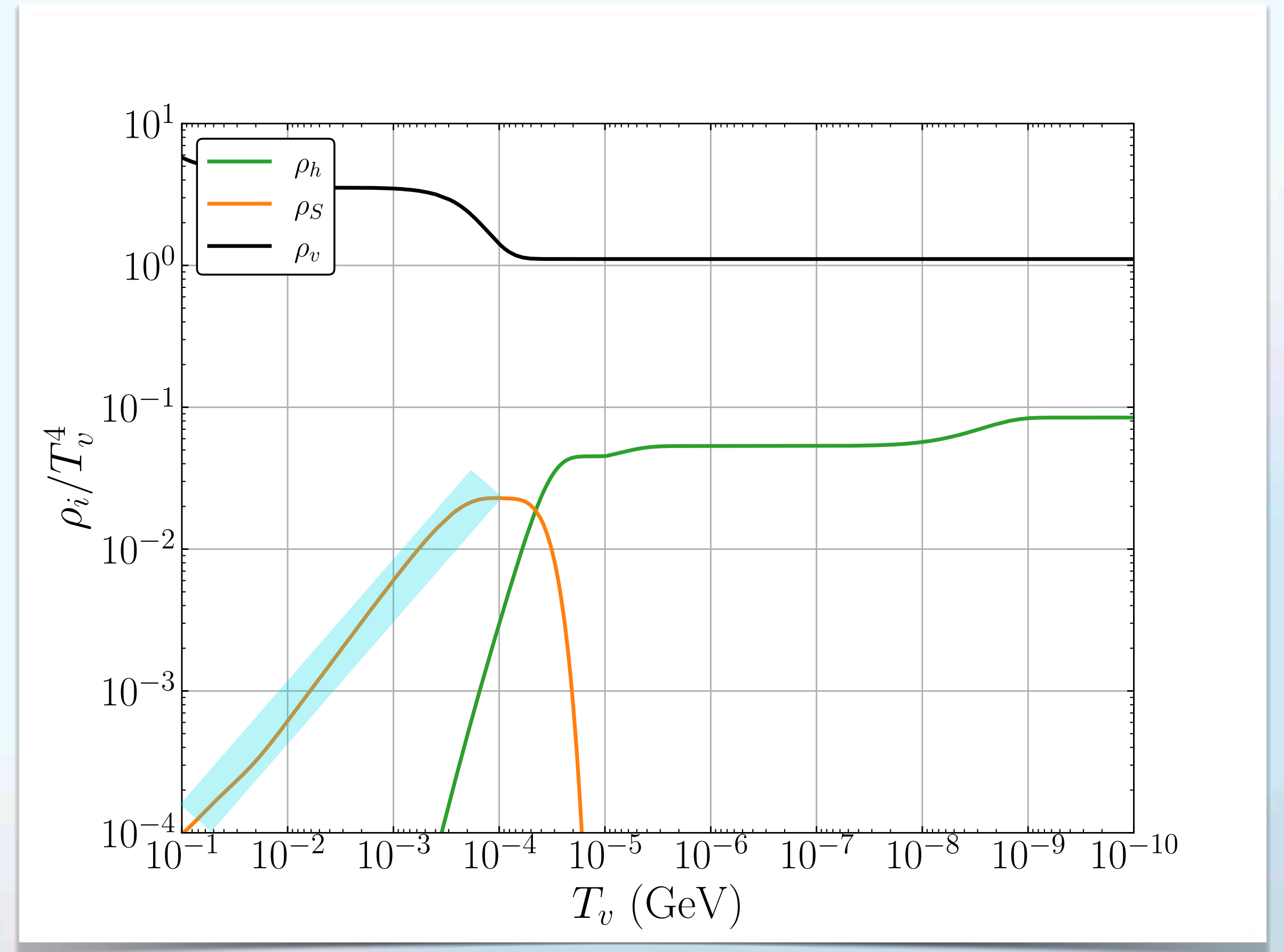
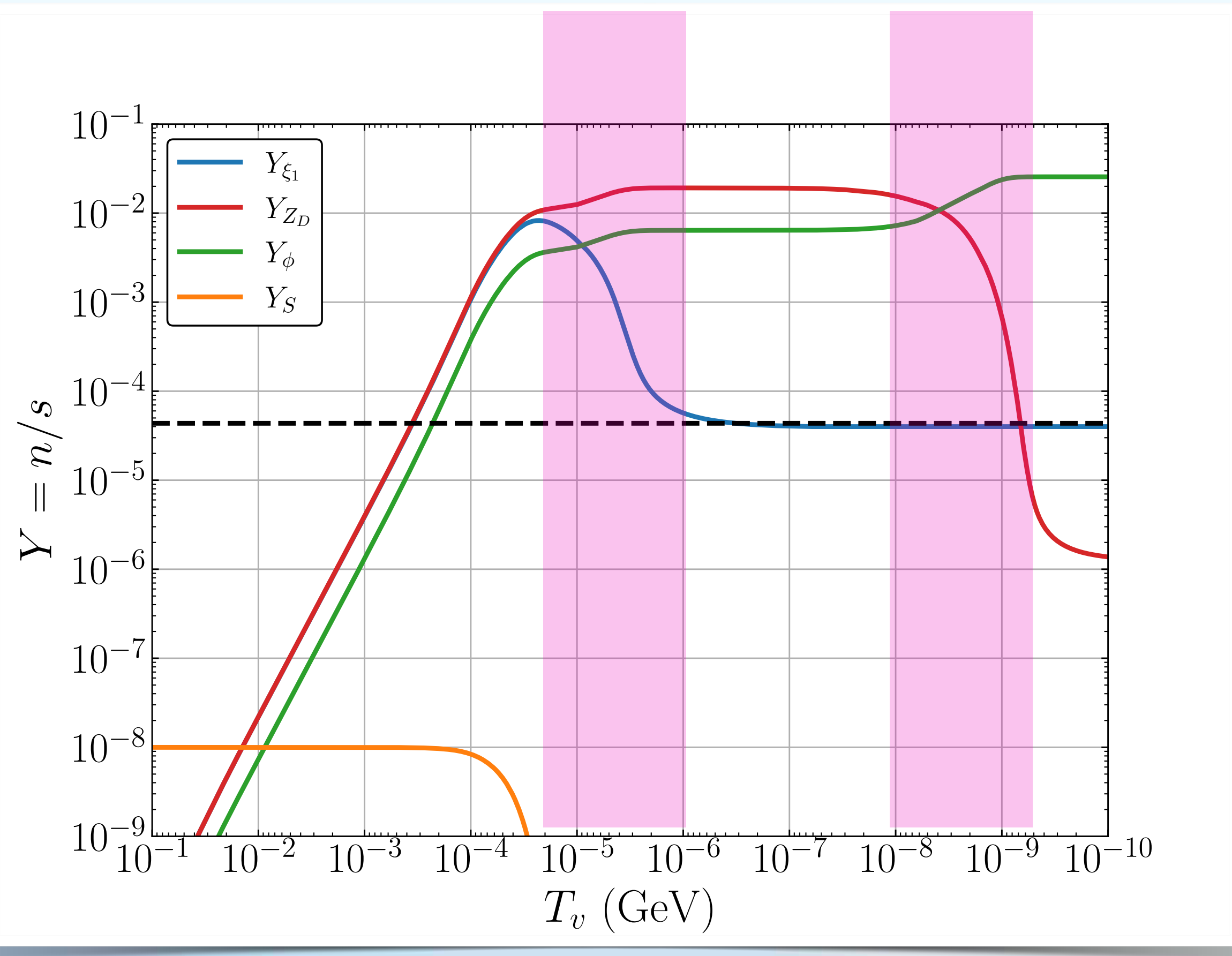
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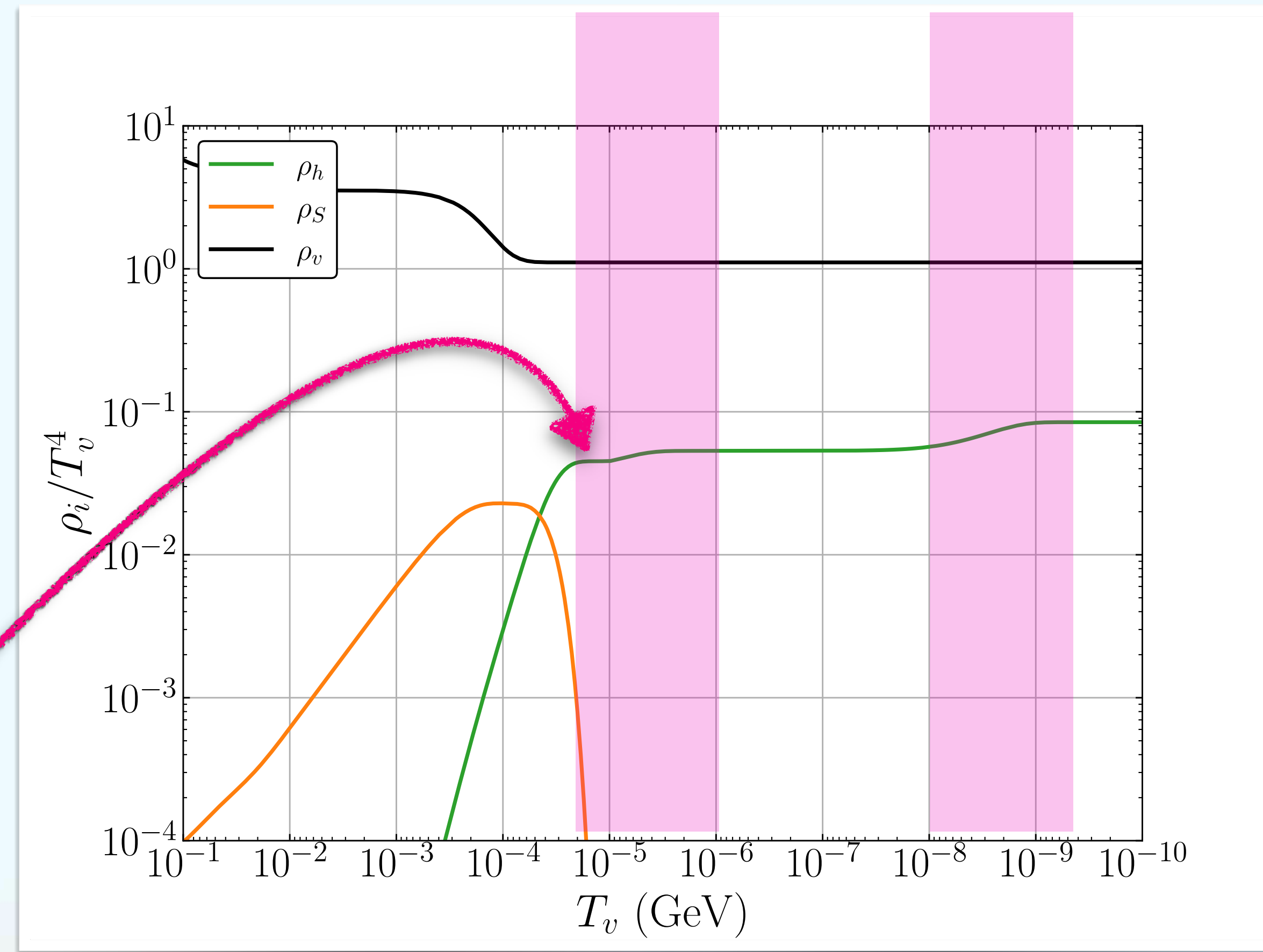
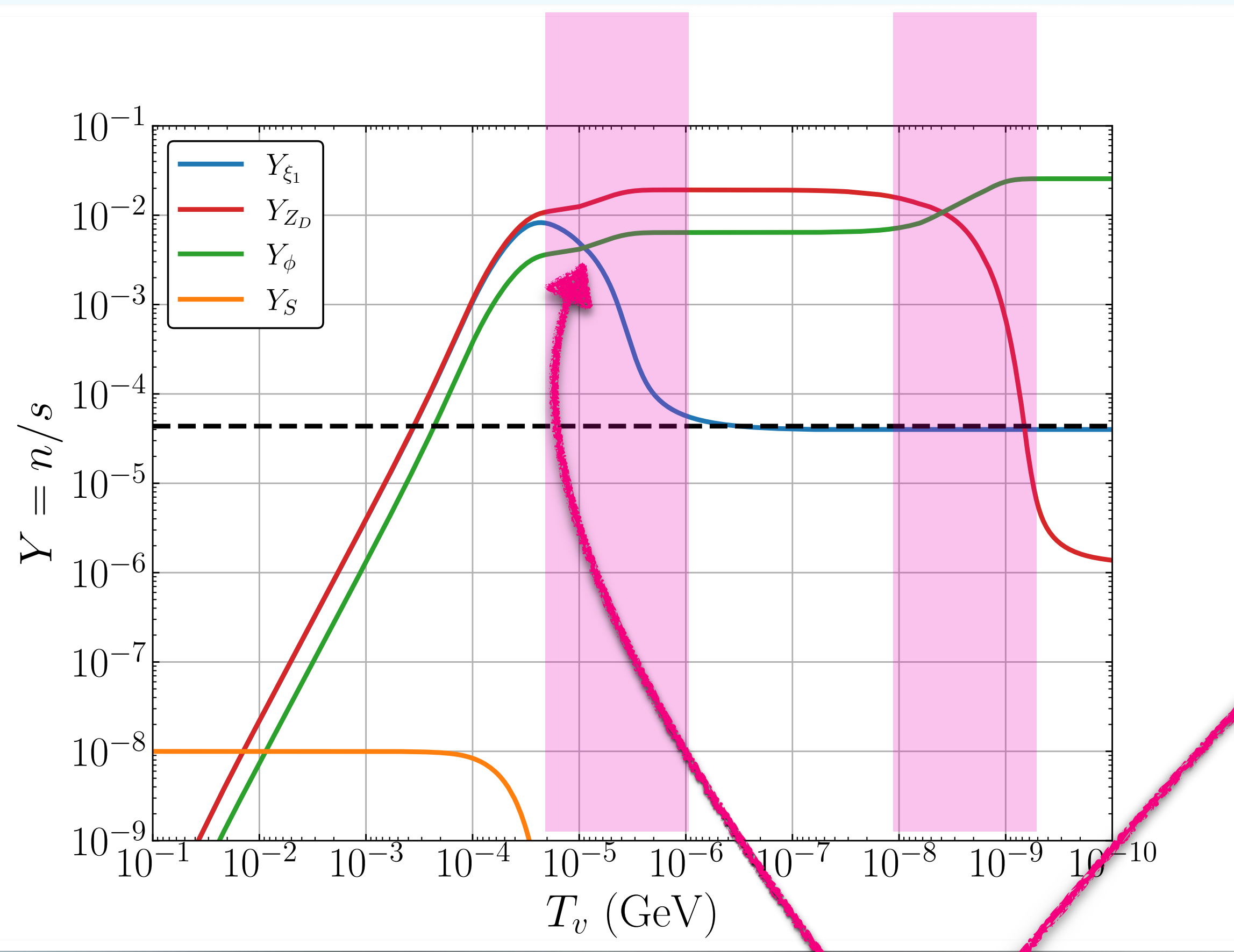
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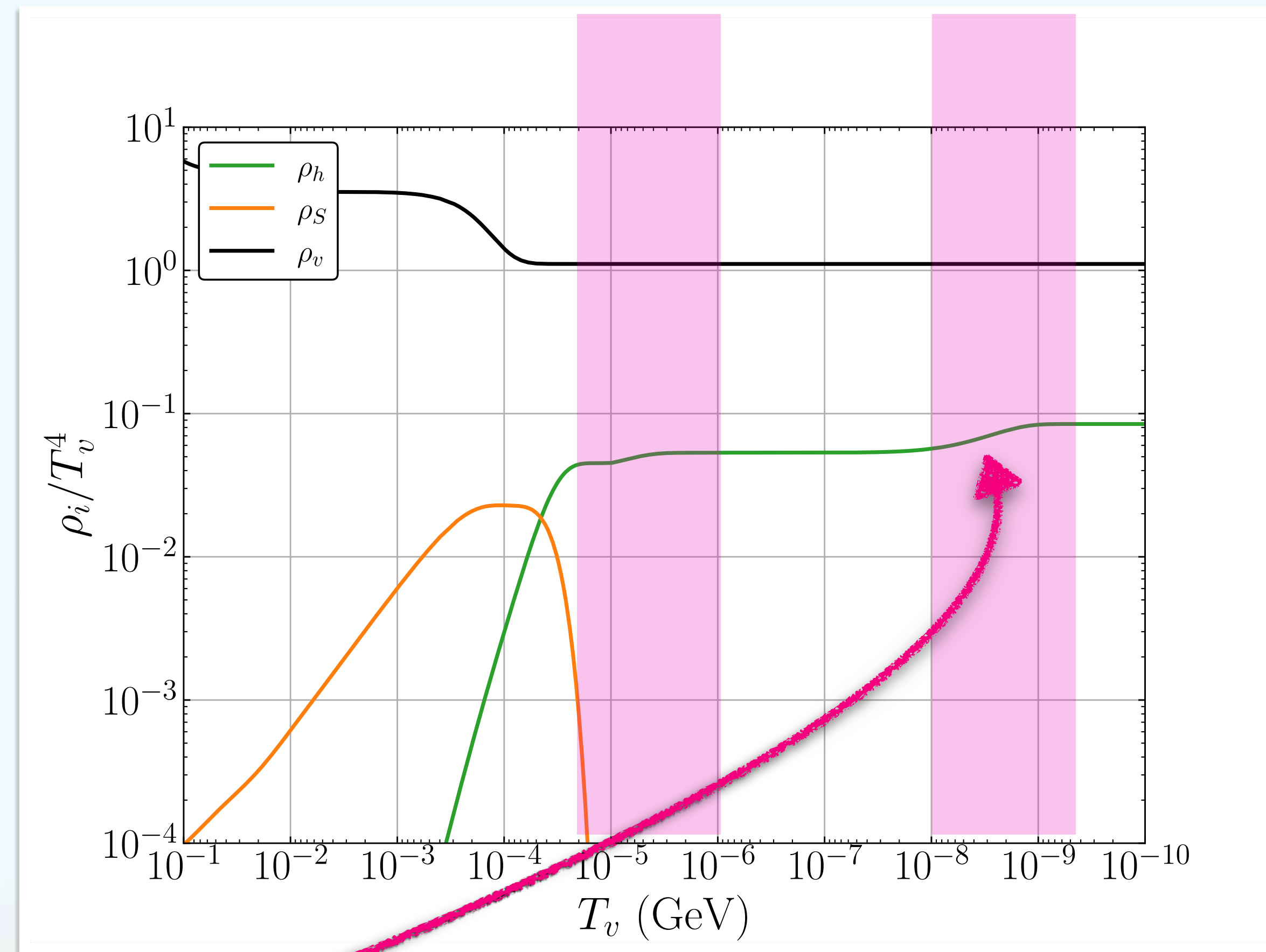
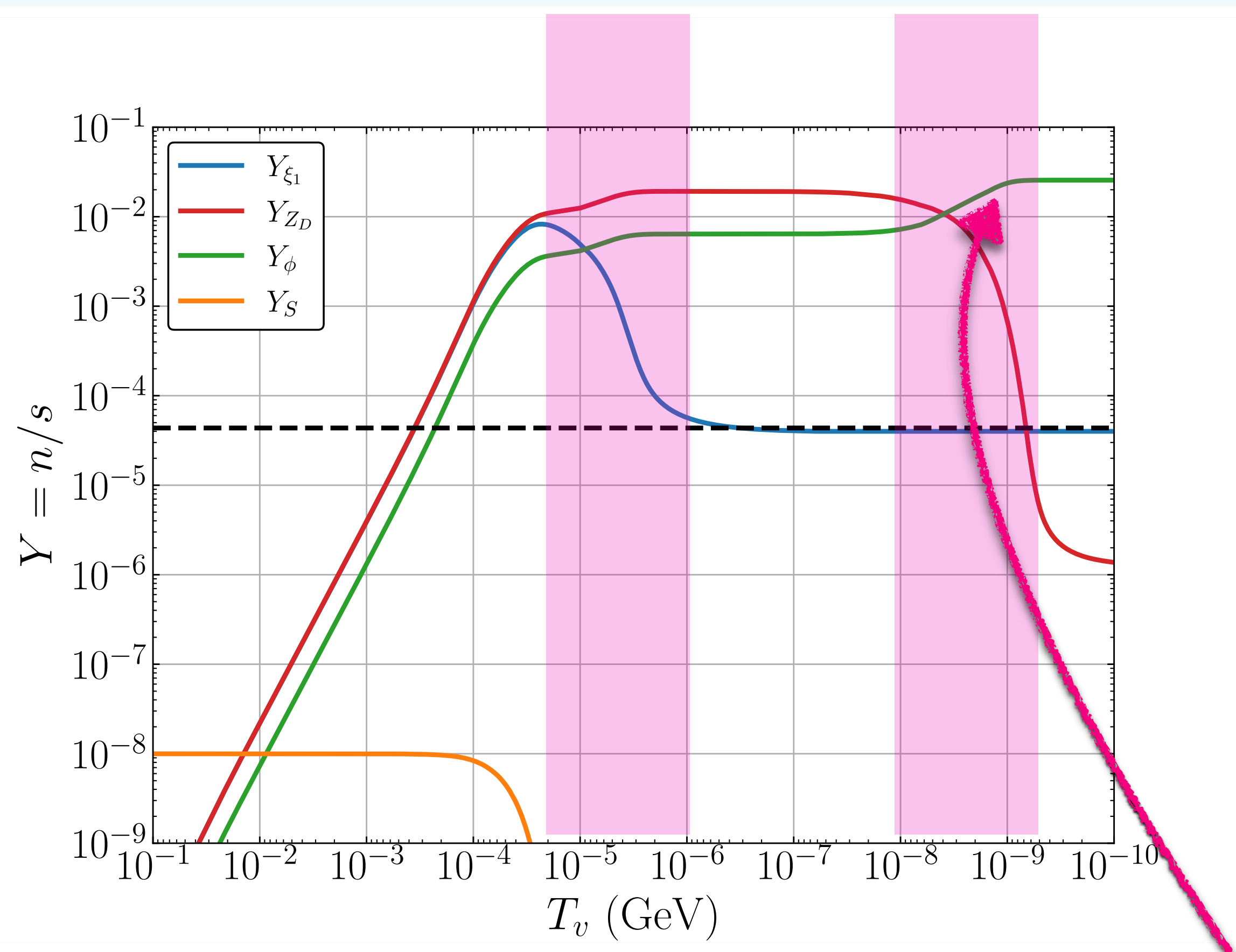
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1st Step

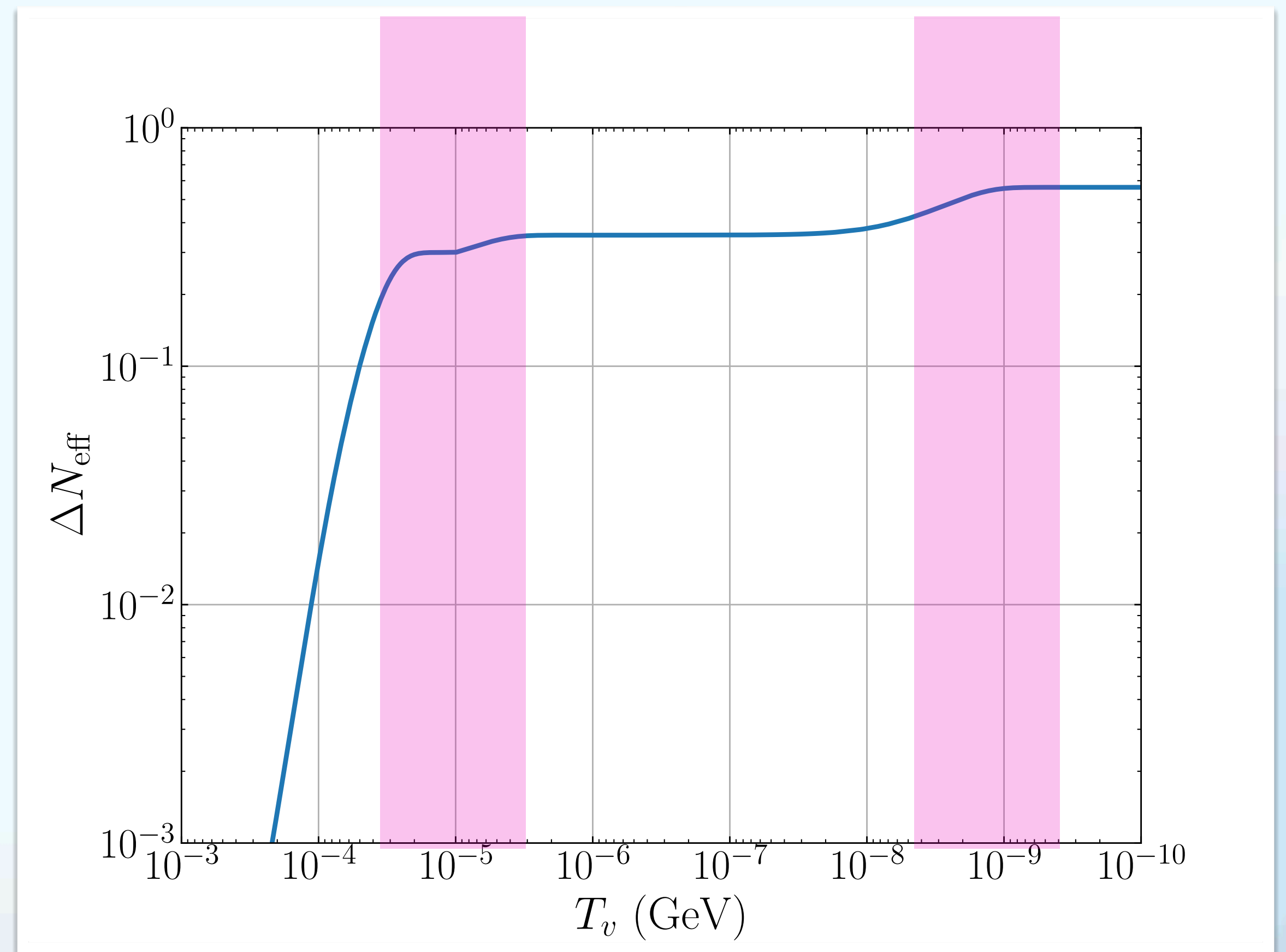
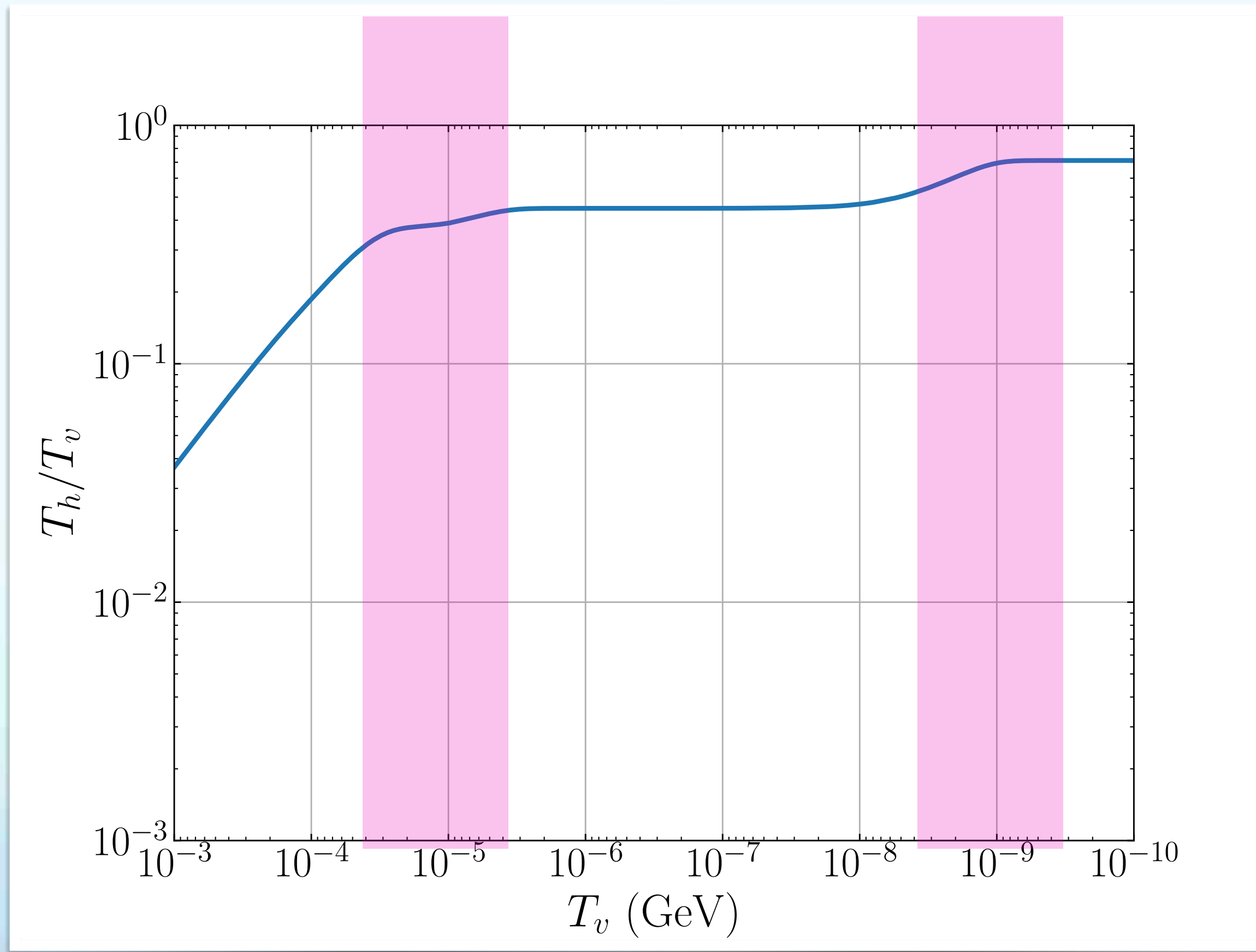


# Boltzmann Equations and Numerical Results



**2nd Step**

# Boltzmann Equations and Numerical Results



# Conclusion

- A novel particle physics framework '**SIDR+  $z_t$** ', which offers a comprehensive approach to address multiple cosmological tensions.
- Inelastic DM interacting with DR: suppress the MPS at small scales, potentially reconciling Lyman- $\alpha$  observations.
- A distinct temperature dependence for DM-DR interaction rate: a cut-off at the transition redshift  $z_t$  determined by the mass-splitting between inelastic dark fermions
- The energy scales of the steps for increase in energy density of the two "stepped" DR fluids, being independent of the MPS suppression scale, provides enhanced flexibility in addressing the cosmological tensions.
- The production mechanism for dark sector particles via freeze-in and non-thermal contributions, allows for significant  $N_{\text{eff}}$  from SIDR without violating BBN constraints, while simultaneously achieving the correct DM relic abundance.

# Conclusion

**SIDR** +  $z_t$



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