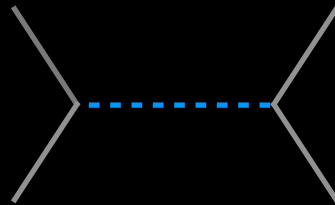


Probing the dark sector with Large Scale Structure



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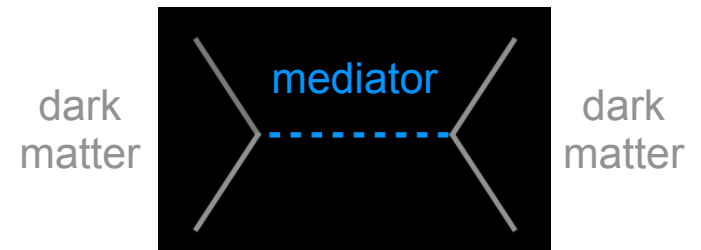
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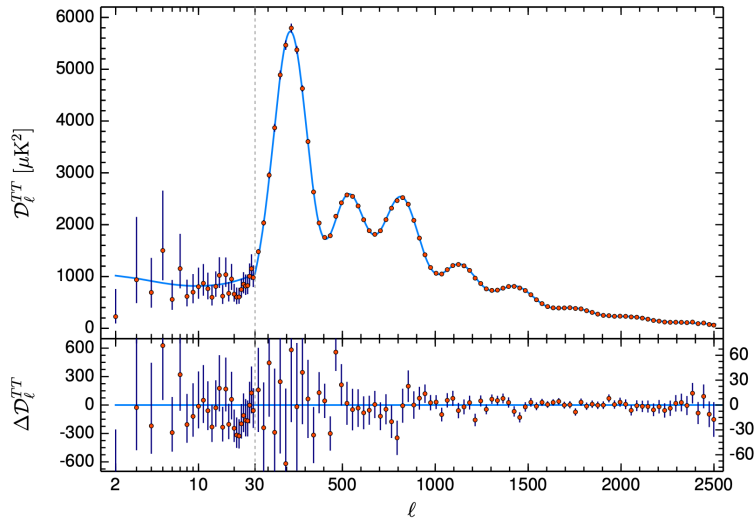
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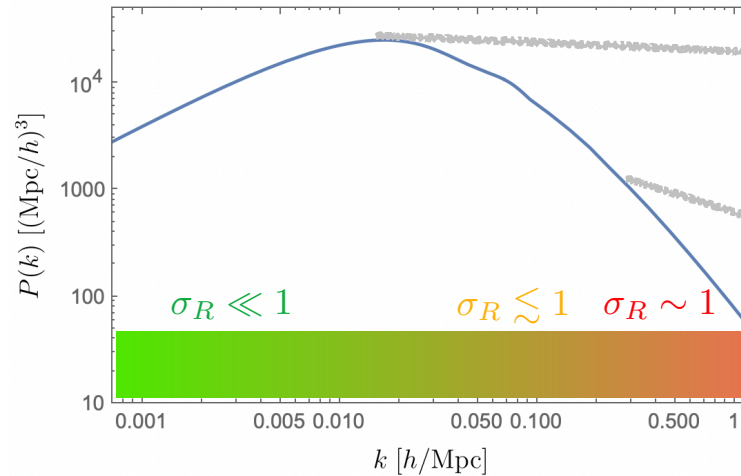
Sources of cosmological information

CMB anisotropies



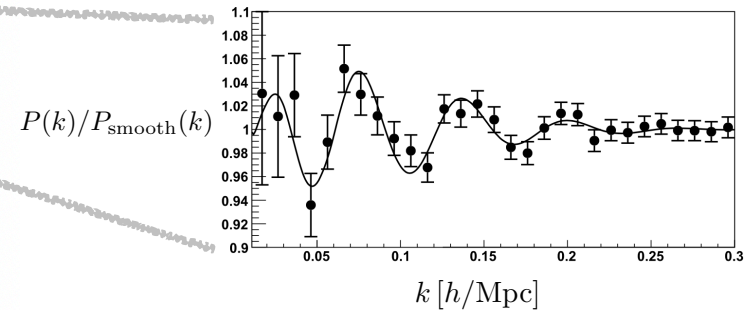
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Matter power spectrum at low z



BOSS 2016
(DESI 2024)

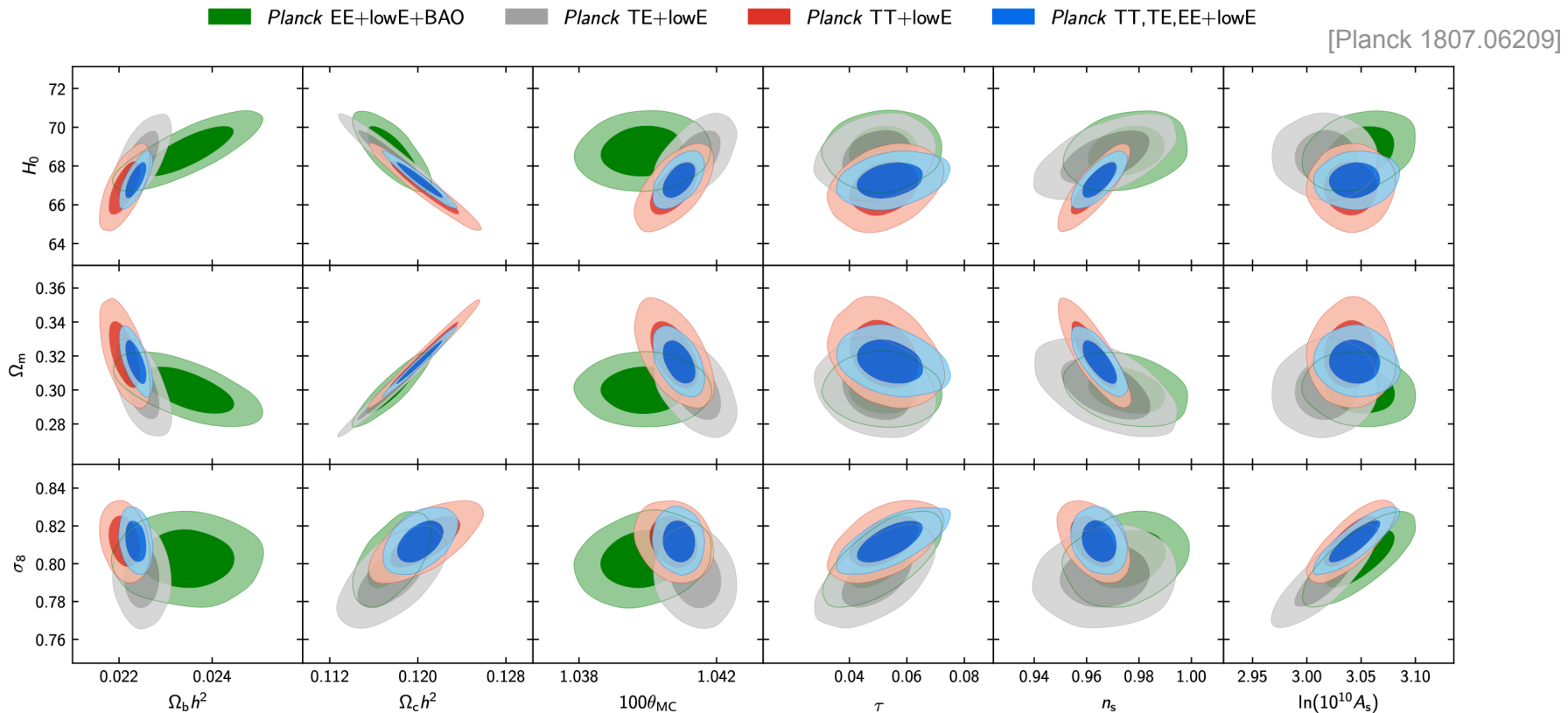
Baryon acoustic oscillations



$$\sigma_R^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{1/R} dk k^2 P_L(k)$$

Precision cosmology

For standard cosmological model, Planck constrains parameters to sub-percent level:

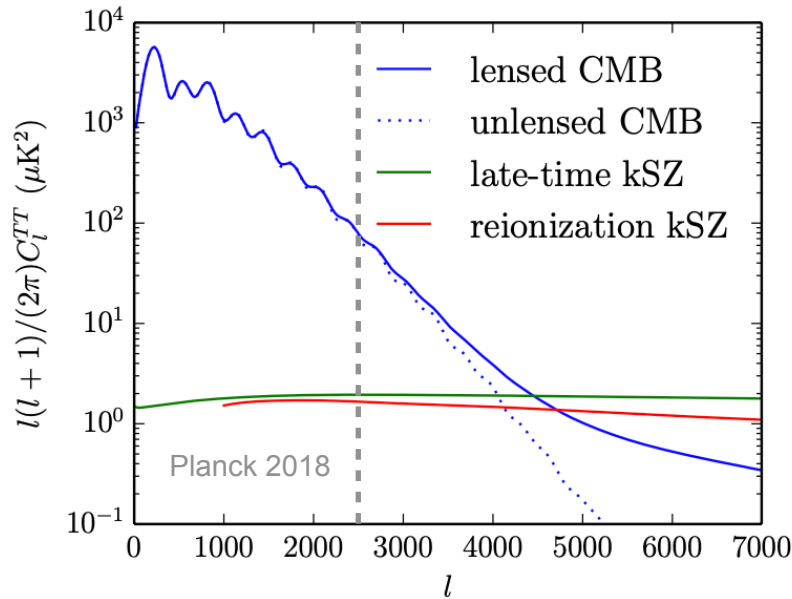


Power spectrum information helps to improve precision,
by breaking geometric degeneracies of CMB (H_0 vs Ω_m)

CMB vs LSS

CMB is a 2D surface

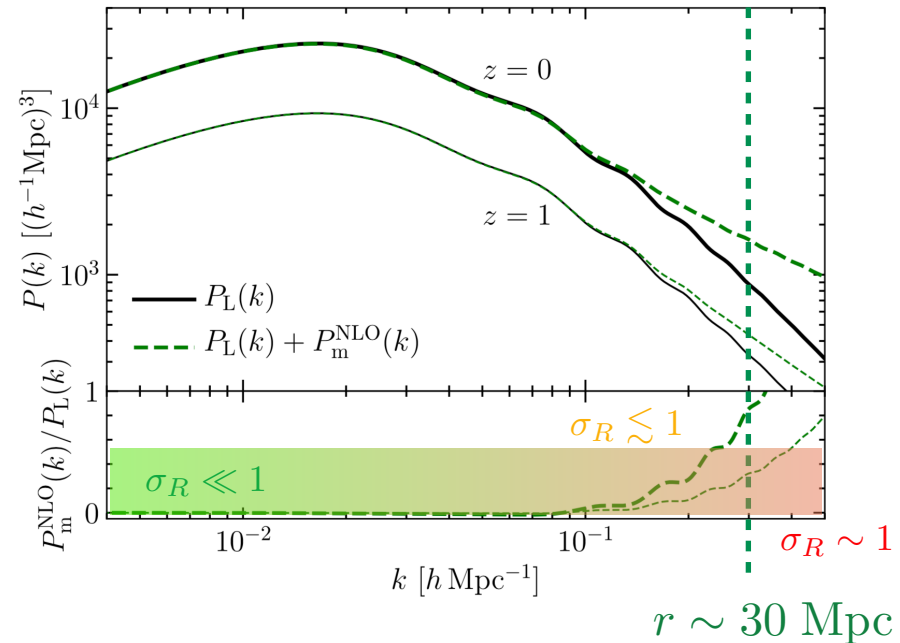
$$N_{\text{modes}}^{\text{CMB}} \sim \ell_{\text{max}}^2 \sim (2500)^2$$



At large ℓ , limited by fluctuations of late-time origin

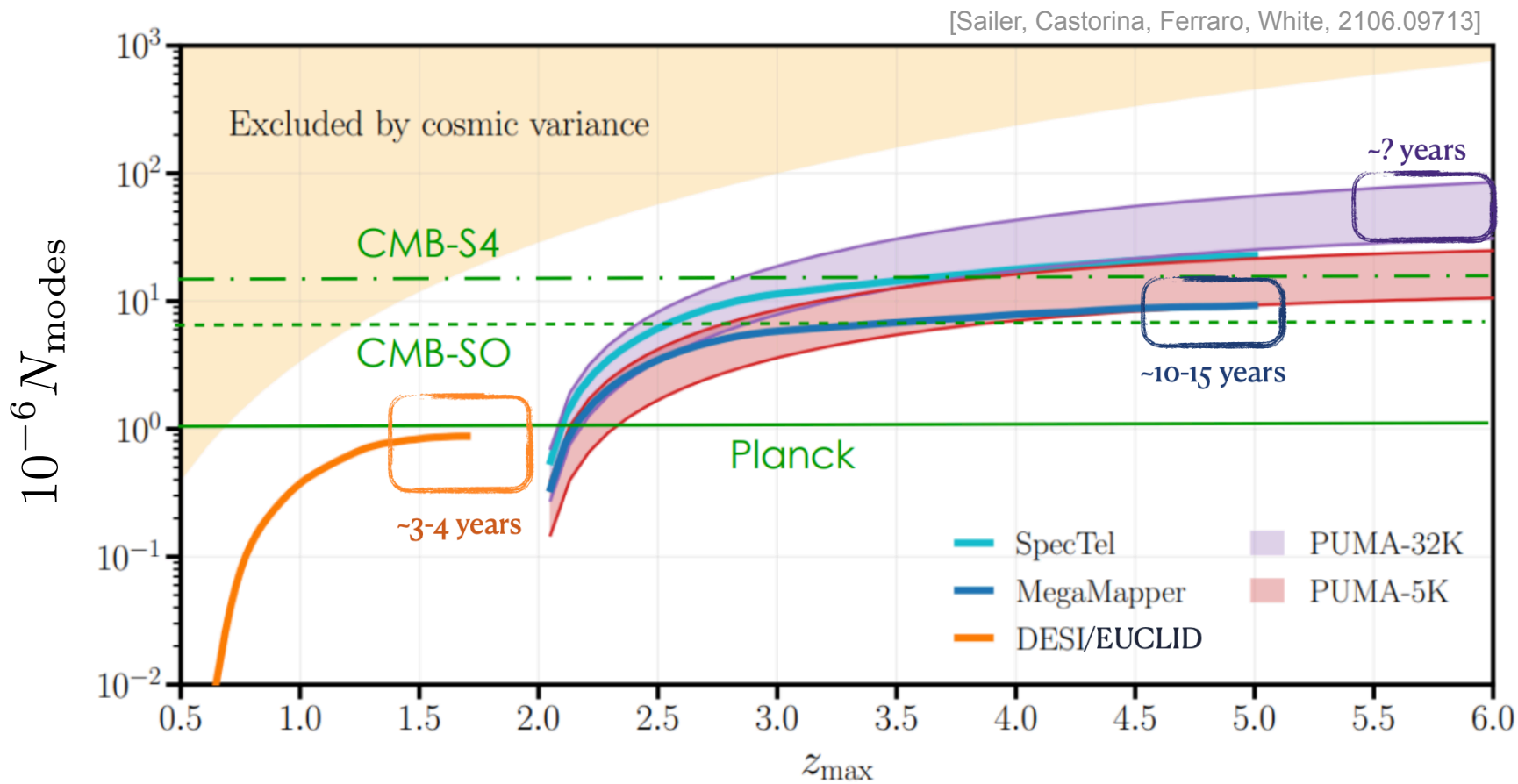
Large Scale Structure (LSS) probes a 3D volume

$$N_{\text{modes}}^{\text{LSS}} \sim k_{\text{max}}^3 \text{Volume}$$



At large k , limited by our ability to make robust predictions on mildly non-linear scales

Looking ahead: estimate number of modes



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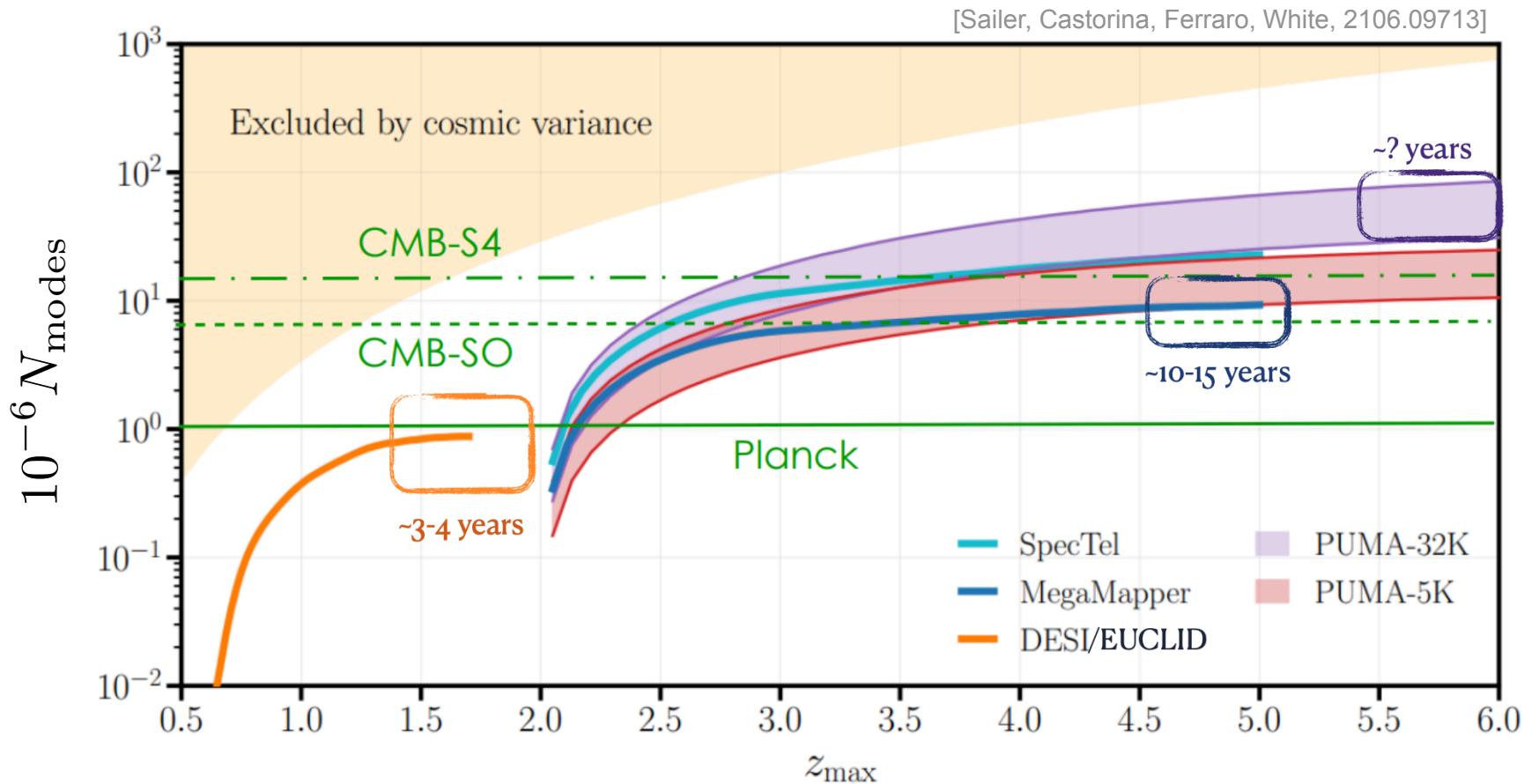


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release 2024



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Prospects for a S5 spectroscopic survey are encouraging

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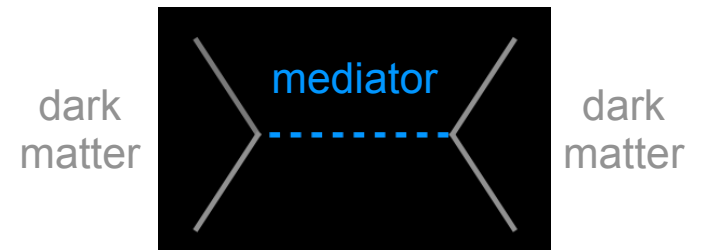
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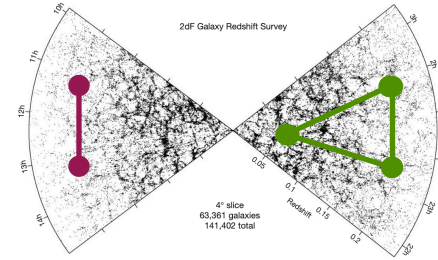
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Calculating LSS observables

Fundamental physics makes predictions for $\delta_m(\vec{k}, a) \equiv \frac{\delta\rho_m}{\bar{\rho}_m}$



But we observe galaxies (angle and redshift): $\delta_g(\vec{k}, a) = \frac{\delta n_g}{\bar{n}_g}$

$$\langle \delta_g(\vec{k}_1) \delta_g(\vec{k}_2) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) P_g(k_1) \quad \text{power spectrum}$$

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...

Galaxy overdensities track matter overdensities: systematic expansion

$$\delta_g = b_1 \delta_m + \frac{b_2}{2} \delta_m^2 + b_{K^2} K_{ij} K^{ij} + \dots$$

$$K_{ij} \equiv (\nabla_i \nabla_j / \nabla^2 - \delta_{ij} / 3) \delta_m$$

(time-dependent) bias parameters
encoding physics on halo scales

➔ galaxy correlators are expressed in terms of correlators of underlying field(s)

Calculating LSS observables in LCDM

Start from Boltzmann equation for collision-less fluid, in matter domination
for sub-horizon scales:

$$(\theta_m \equiv \nabla_i v_m^i)$$

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$$\theta'_m + \mathcal{H}\theta_m + \frac{3}{2}\mathcal{H}^2\delta_m + \nabla_i(v_m^j \nabla_j v_m^i) = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}_m} \nabla_i \nabla_j \tau_{\text{eff}}^{ij}$$

EFT of LSS

[Senatore; Baumann, Nicolis, Zaldarriaga,
Carrasco, Hertzberg, 2010-2012]

effective stress-energy tensor,
accounting for short-scale physics
(not a perfect fluid)

$$\nabla_i \nabla_j \tau_{\text{eff}}^{ij} = \bar{\rho}_m c_s^2 \nabla^2 \delta_m + \dots$$

counterterm

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Perturbative solution has the form

initial fluctuation, at \sim matter/radiation equality

$$\delta_m(\vec{k}, a) = D_{1m}(a) \delta_0(\vec{k}) + \sum_{n=2} D_{1m}(a)^n \int \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{d^3 k_i \delta_0(\vec{k}_i)}{(2\pi)^3} (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}\left(\vec{k} - \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{k}_i\right) F_n(\vec{k}_1, \dots, \vec{k}_n)$$

linear growth factor:

$$D_{1m}^{\text{CDM}}(a) = a$$

time- and space-dependences factorize
All time dep. encoded by linear growth factor

LCDM non-linear kernels
(mode coupling)

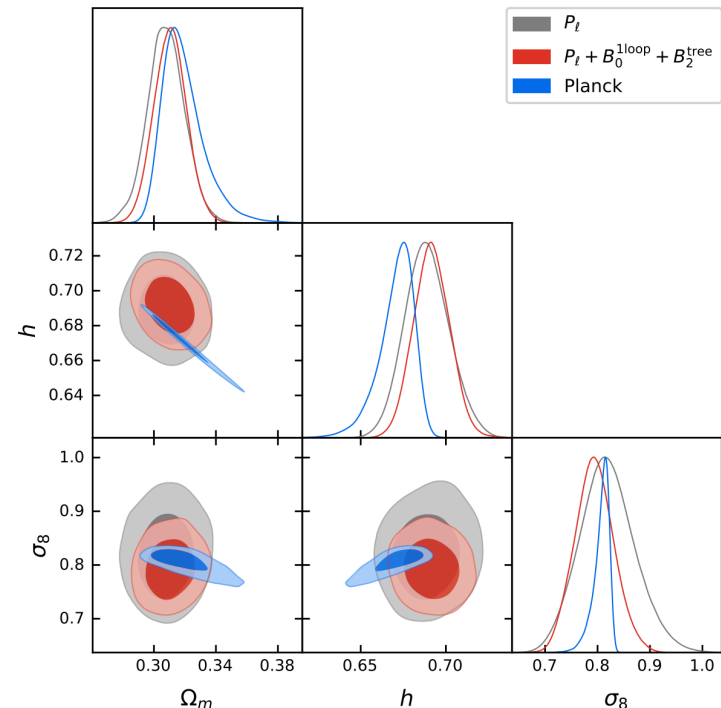
Success of LSS program for LCDM

These results enabled perturbative calculation of galaxy correlation functions

- Modeling of power spectrum and bispectrum at one loop, up to $k_{\max} \simeq 0.2 h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- Bias coefficients and counterterms are treated as nuisance parameters and fit to data \longrightarrow very robust approach

Full-shape analysis of BOSS data with BBN prior adds important new information beyond Planck

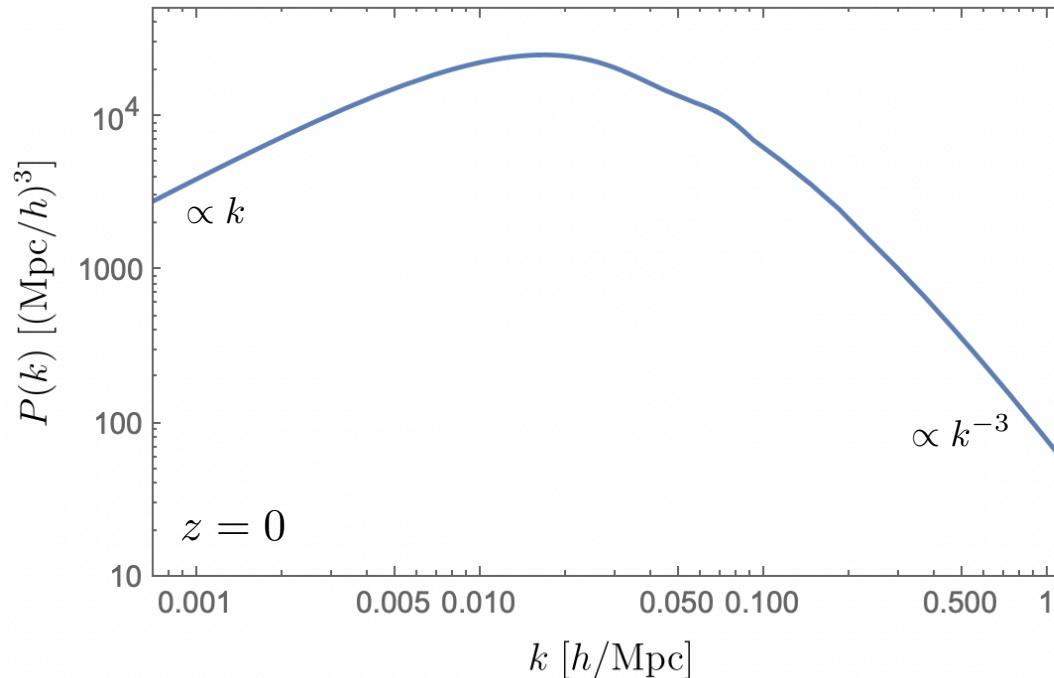
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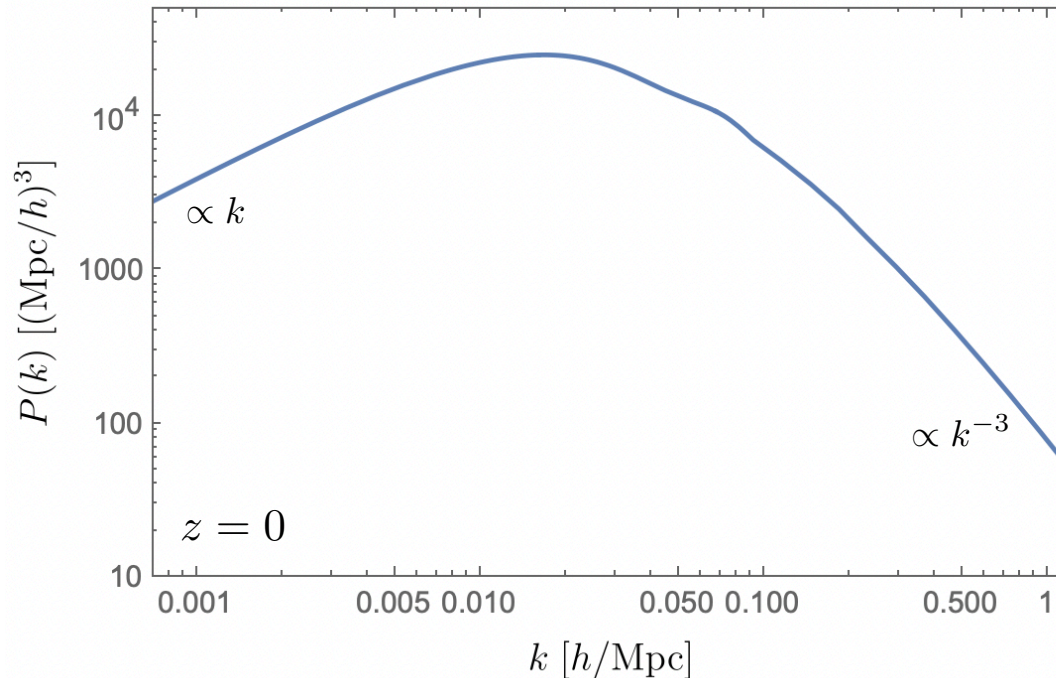


Examples: drop/rise at small scales, new features in BAO, DM self-interactions, ...

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Extending EFT of LSS to BSM allows us to use info from full shape of power spectrum

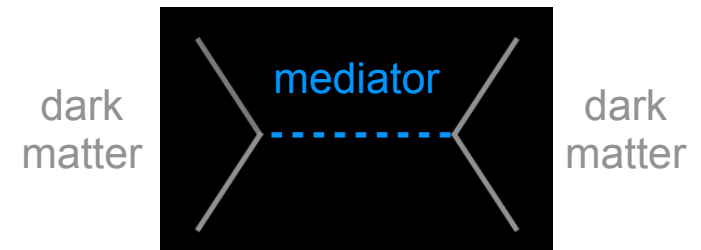


robust discovery potential

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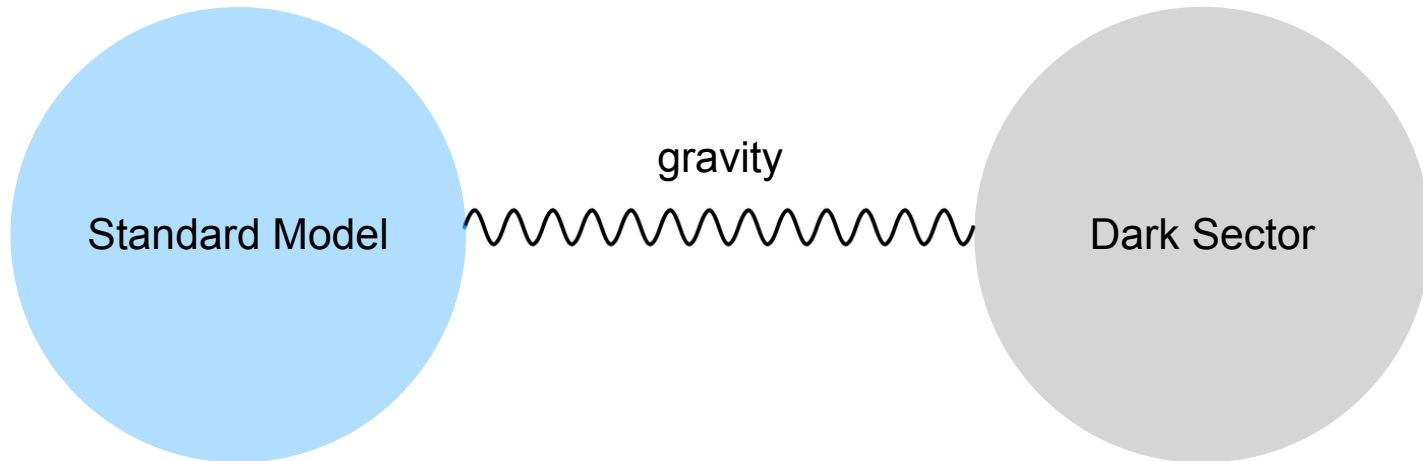
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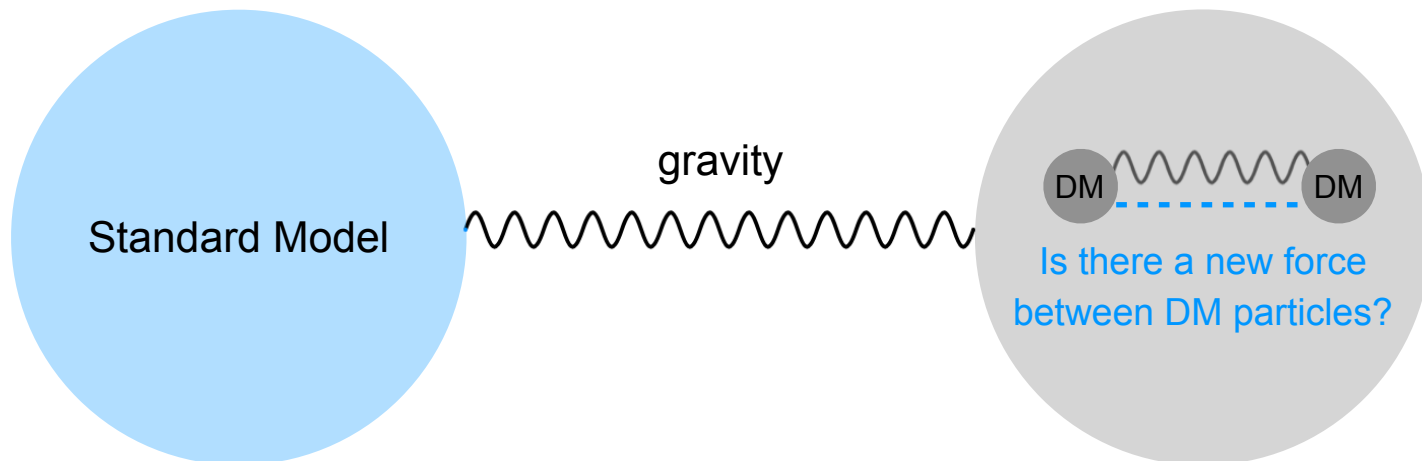


Dark forces

(Nightmare) scenario:



But cosmology and astrophysics can still probe nature of dark sector:



(DM produced non-thermally)

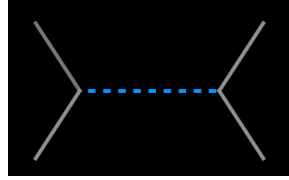
A toy model

scalar mediator

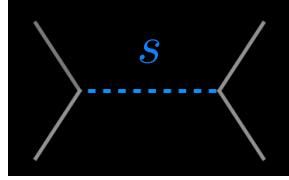
$$2\mathcal{L} \supset -m_\chi^2 \chi^2 - \kappa \varphi \chi^2 \quad \text{DM}$$



effect of interaction can be seen
as field-dependent mass for DM



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$$G_s \equiv \frac{\kappa^2}{m_\chi^4}$$

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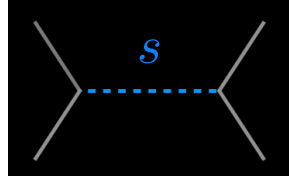
field-dependent DM mass

scalar mediator

self-scattering of mediator is negligible

$$\Gamma_{ss \rightarrow ss} \ll H_0$$

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field-dependent DM mass scalar mediator

Three parameters

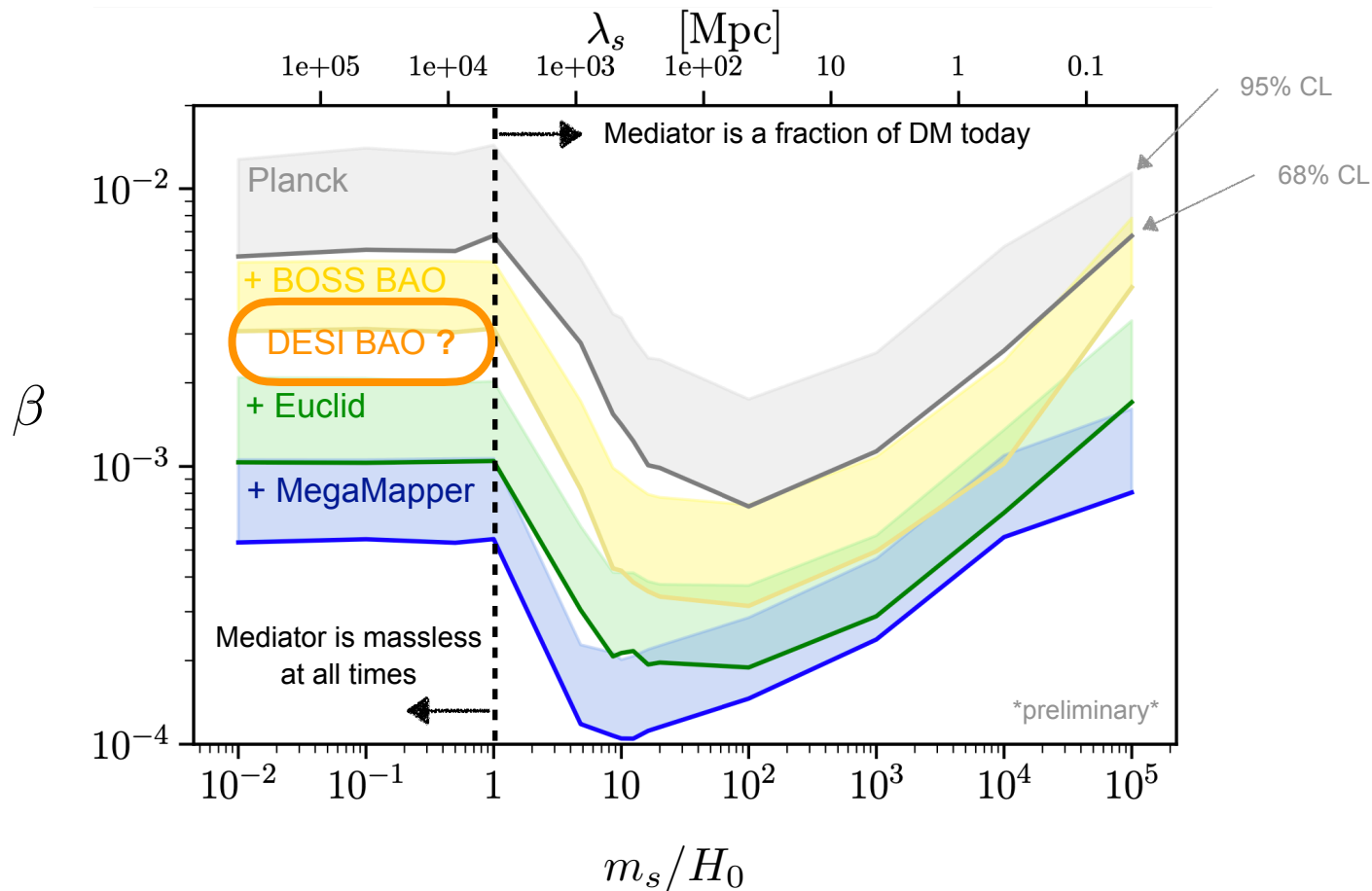
1. Strength of dark force, $\beta \equiv \frac{G_s}{4\pi G_N}$
2. Range of dark force, m_s
3. Fraction of DM that is interacting, f_χ

Here focus on

- long-range interactions $m_s/H_0 \lesssim 10^5$
- 100% of DM is interacting $f_\chi \simeq 1$

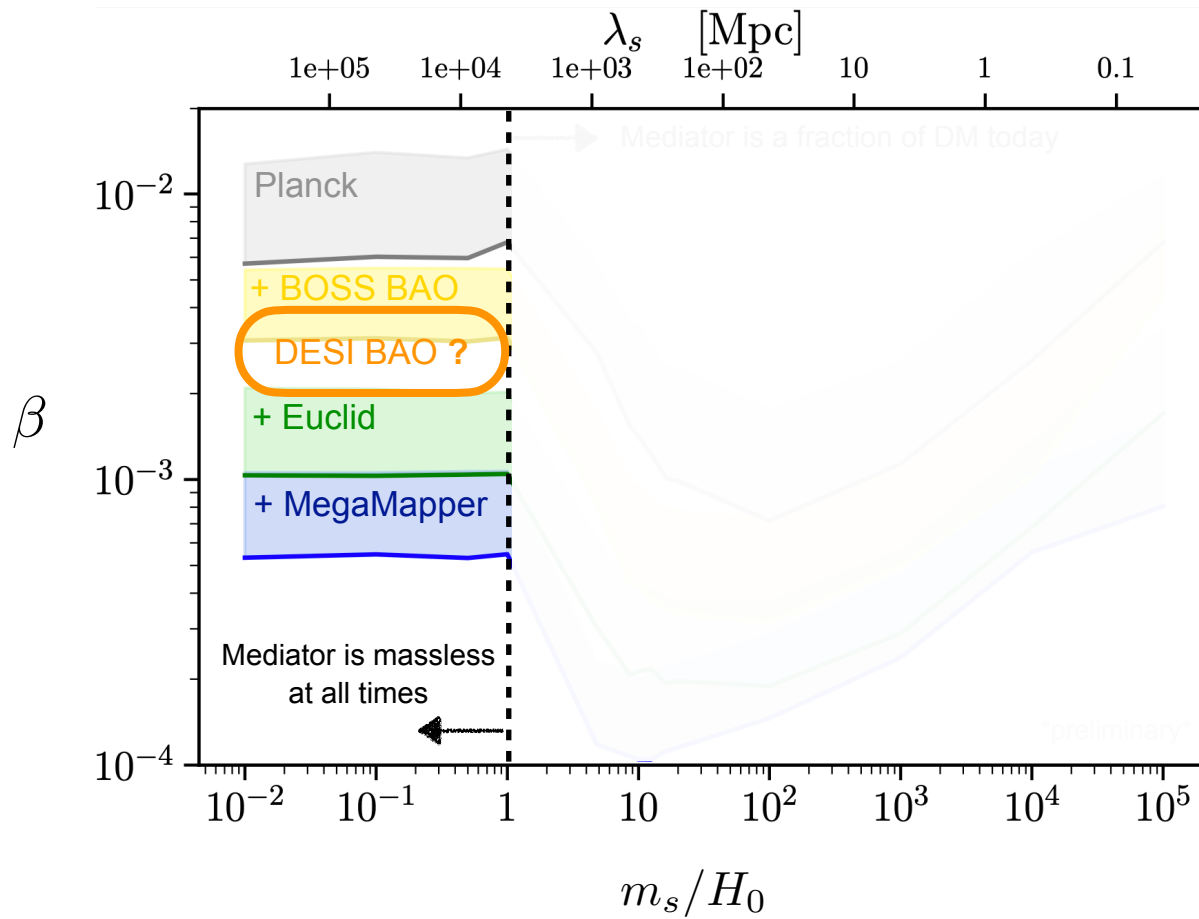
$$H_0 \approx 10^{-33} \text{ eV}$$

Results



Full-shape of power spectrum will probe strength of new forces
at least down to 0.002 x gravity

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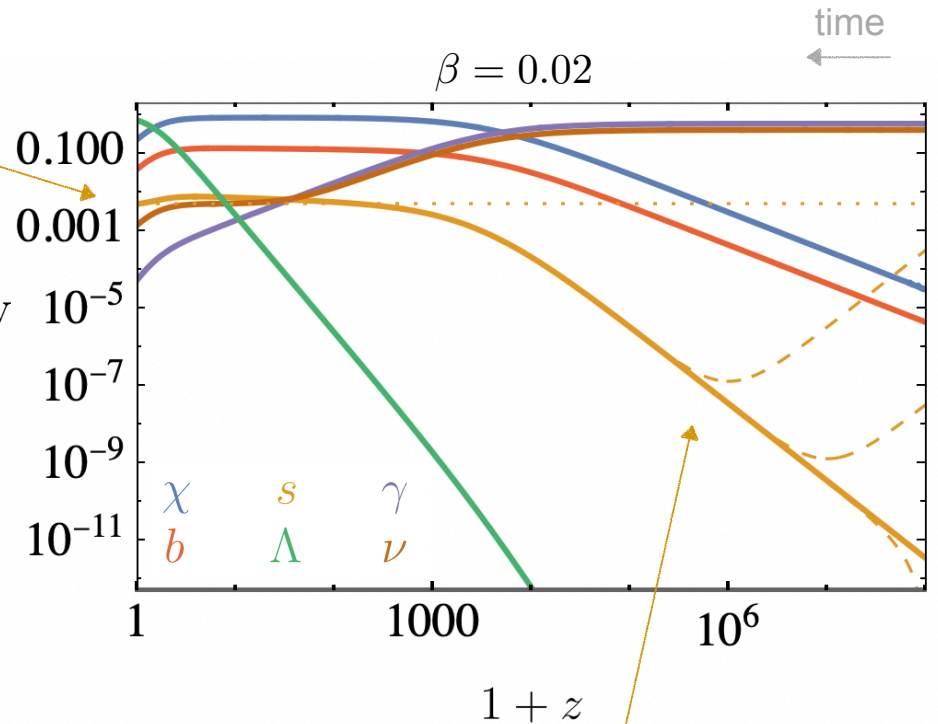


$$m_s \lesssim H_0$$

Evolution of scalar background

Present density is subleading effect,
 s is only a force mediator

energy density
 fraction



Dominated by kinetic energy at all times,

$$w_s = \bar{\mathcal{P}}_s / \bar{\rho}_s \simeq +1$$

s is sourced by DM density,

$$\bar{s}'' + 2\mathcal{H}\bar{s}' + a^2 m_s^2 \bar{s} + G_s a^2 \bar{\rho}_\chi = 0$$

$$(m_s \lesssim H_0)$$

Main physical effects

1) Modified background evolution impacts cosmological distances: distance (z) $\propto H^{-1}$

DM transfers energy to scalar \longrightarrow DM energy density redshifts faster $\bar{\rho}_\chi \propto a^{-(3+\beta f_\chi)}$ \longrightarrow $\frac{H}{H_{\text{CDM}}} = 1 - \frac{\beta f_\chi^2}{2} \log \frac{a}{a_{\text{eq}}}$

large log (~ 8 at small redshift)
due to long-range nature of force

2) Enhanced growth of matter fluctuations

$$\delta_m(\vec{k}, a) = \left(1 + \frac{6}{5} \beta f_\chi^2 \log \frac{a}{a_{\text{eq}}} \right) \delta_m^{\text{CDM}}(\vec{k}, a)$$

Relative fluctuations between
DM and baryons also generated:
EP violation

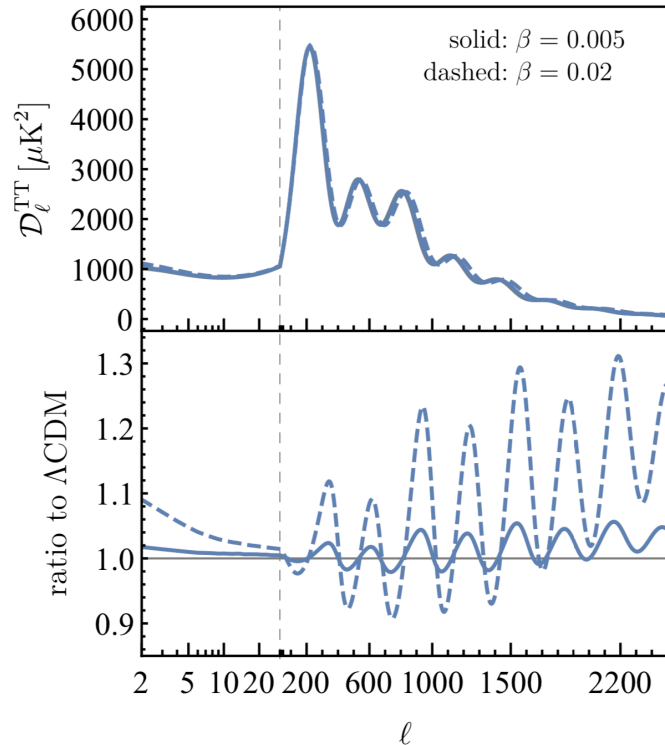
$$\delta_r(\vec{k}, a) = \frac{5}{3} \beta f_\chi \delta_m^{\text{CDM}}(\vec{k}, a)$$

$$(\delta_r = \delta_\chi - \delta_b)$$

but not log-enhanced:
subleading (for $f_\chi \simeq 1$)

Effects on linear cosmology

CMB



Physical scales are little affected
at last scattering (effects of new force
negligible until equality)

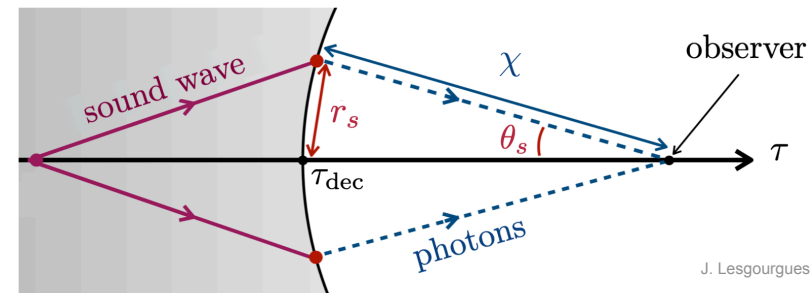
Main effect is modification of distance
from today to last scattering



peaks and troughs shift compared to ΛCDM

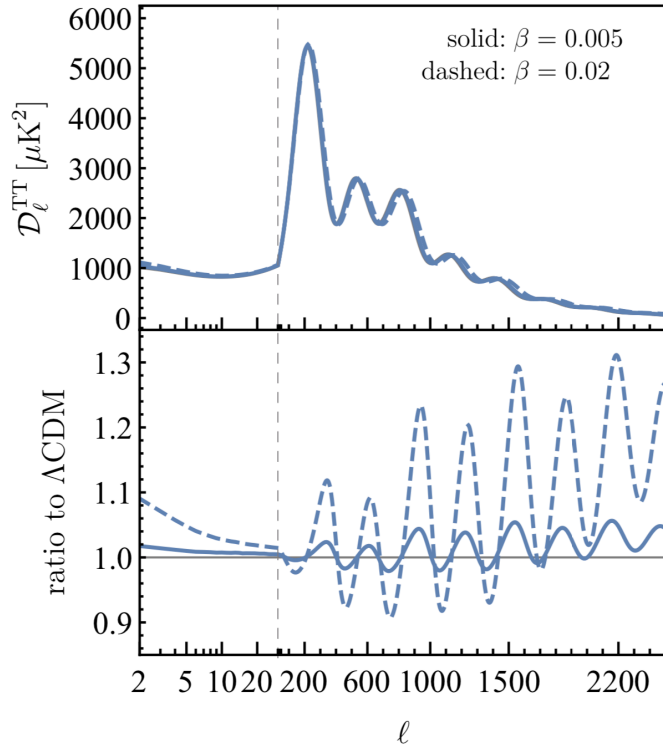
$$\theta_s = \frac{r_s}{\chi}$$

$$\chi(z) = \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

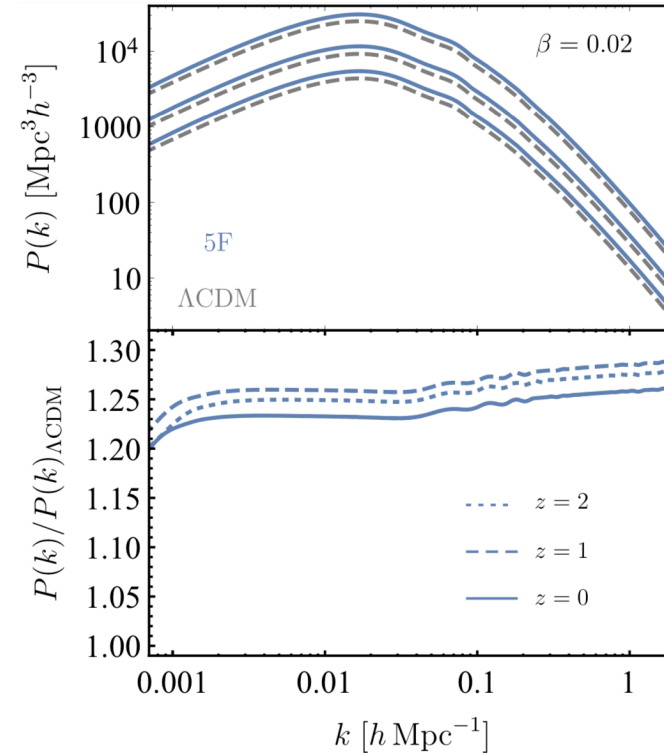


Effects on linear cosmology

CMB



Matter power spectrum



scale-independent increase of linear power spectrum

$$P_{m,L}(k, a) \simeq \left(1 + \frac{12}{5} \beta f_\chi^2 \log \frac{a}{a_{\text{eq}}} \right) P_{m,L}^{\text{CDM}}(k, a)$$

Non-linear predictions

One-loop calculation of galaxy power spectrum is needed to compare to data

→ consistently develop EFT of LSS for long-range dark forces

Keeping only **leading log-enhanced terms**, structure of nonlinear corrections is same as LCDM, but with modified linear growth factor

$$\delta_m(\vec{k}, a) = D_{1m}(a)\delta_0(\vec{k}) + \sum_{n=2} D_{1m}(a)^n \int \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{d^3 k_i \delta_0(\vec{k}_i)}{(2\pi)^3} (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}\left(\vec{k} - \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{k}_i\right) F_n(\vec{k}_1, \dots, \vec{k}_n)$$

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same nonlinear kernels as in LCDM
[modulo not-log-enhanced corrections]

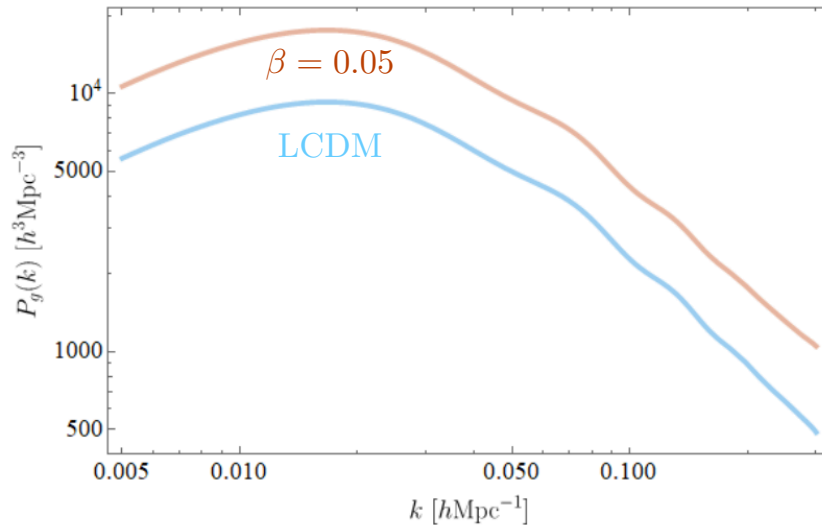
Dark force vs galaxy bias

One-loop galaxy power spectrum:

$$P_g \simeq b_1^2 \left(\frac{D_{1m}}{D_{1m}^{\text{CDM}}} \right)^2 P_{m,L}^{\text{CDM}} + b_1^2 \left(\frac{D_{1m}}{D_{1m}^{\text{CDM}}} \right)^4 P_{m,1\text{ loop}}^{\text{CDM}}$$

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$$(\delta_g = b_1 \delta_m + \dots)$$



At linear level, increase of power
can be absorbed by bias parameter

$$b_1^2 \rightarrow \frac{b_1^2}{1 + \frac{12}{5} \beta f_\chi^2 \log \frac{a}{a_{\text{eq}}}}$$

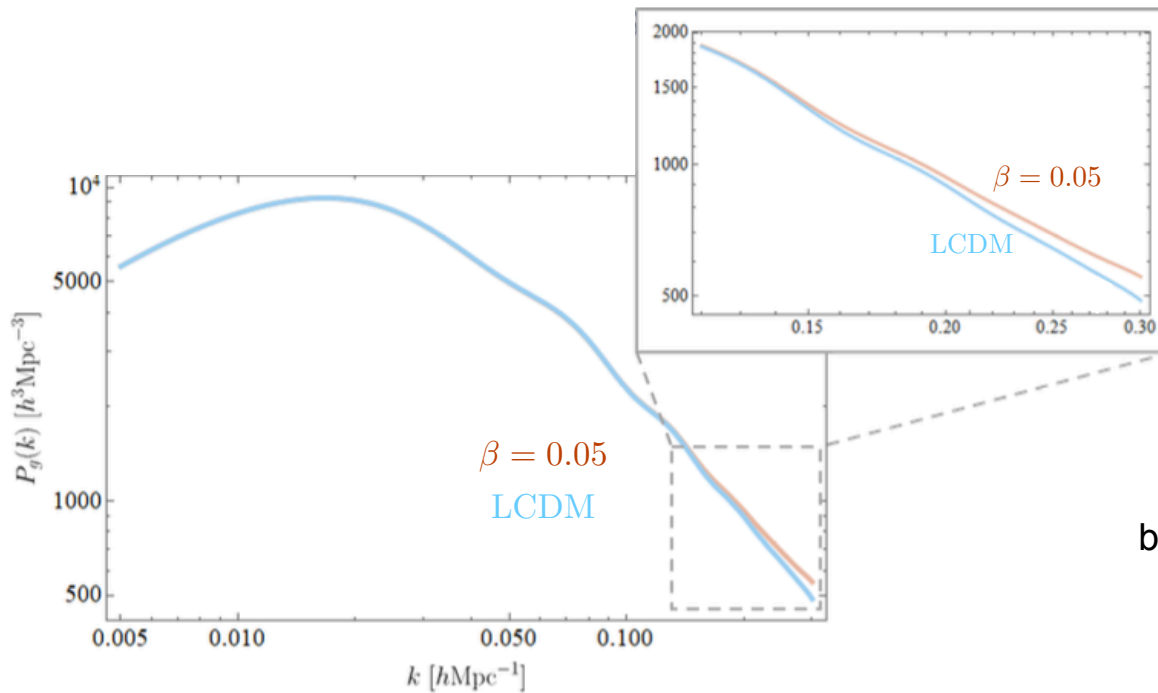
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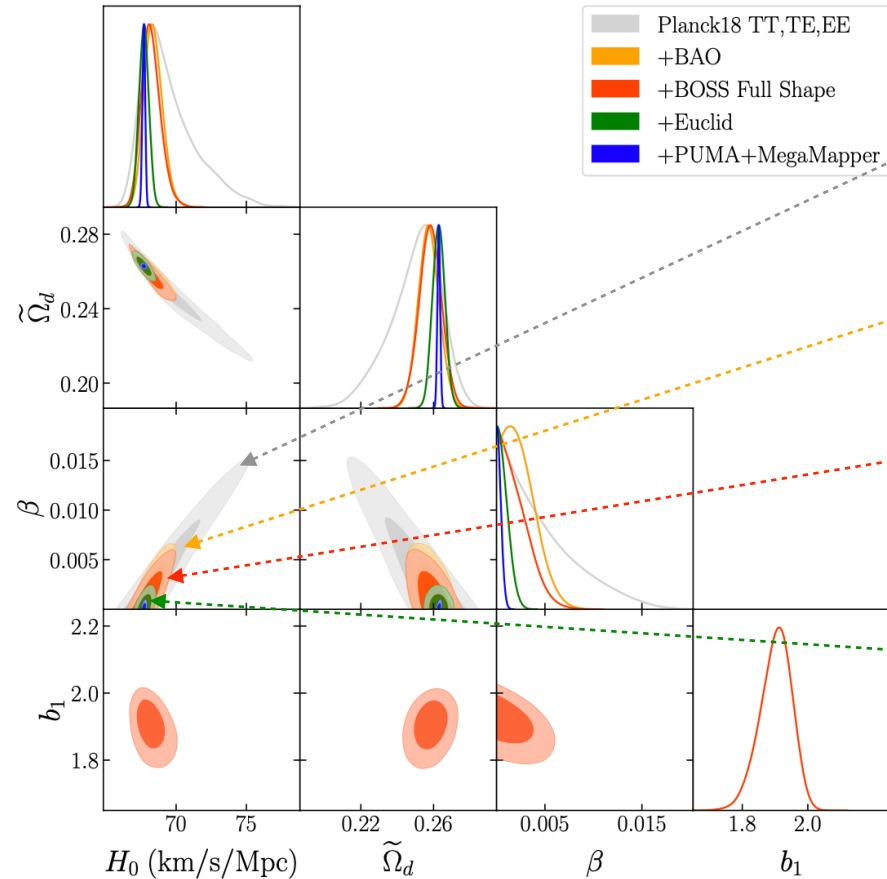


One-loop correction
breaks $b_1 - \beta$ degeneracy



separate new physics from astrophysics

Results



CMB alone gives $\beta \lesssim 0.01$, but suffers from the geometric $\Omega_m - H_0$ degeneracy

BAO breaks degeneracy, improving constraint by factor 2

Including full shape of BOSS power spectrum gives limited improvement, because b_1 is poorly measured in BOSS

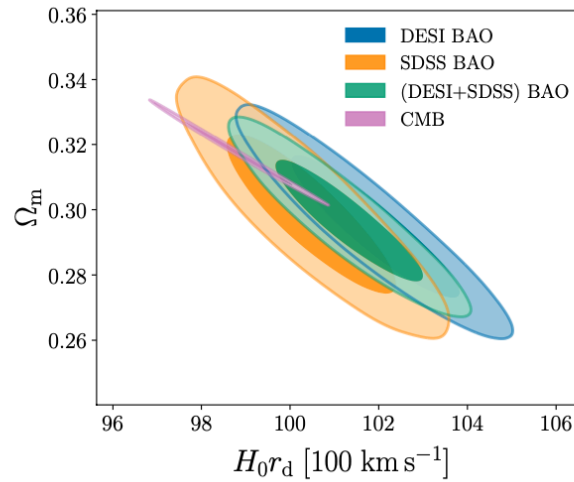
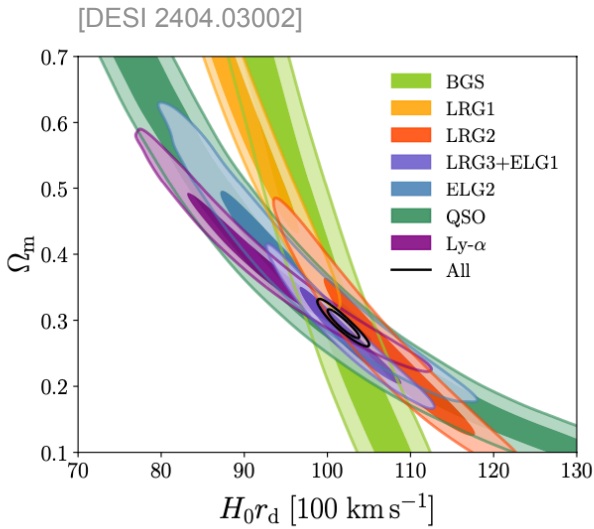
Euclid will improve constraint strongly, thanks to increased precision on b_1 : $\beta < 0.002$

BOSS analysis with PyBird [D'Amico, Senatore, Zhang 2003.07956]
Forecasts with FishLSS [Sailer, Castorina, Ferraro, White 2106.09713]

The $\Omega_m - H_0$ degeneracy of CMB is enhanced by new physics:

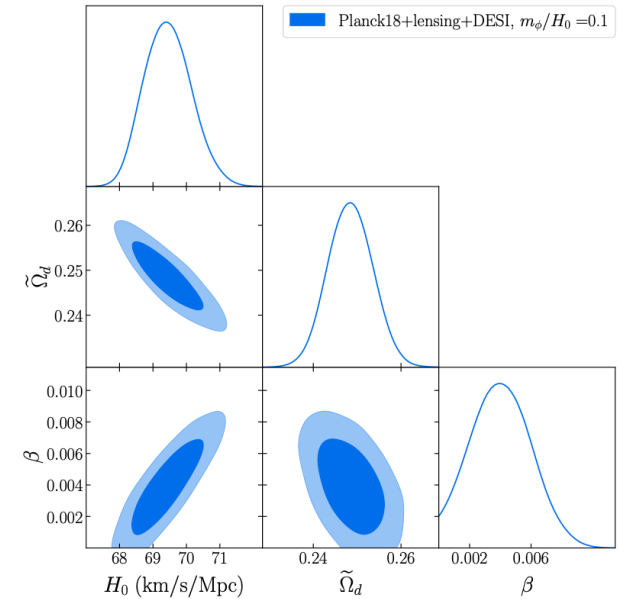
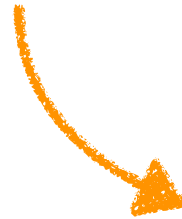
$$\beta \uparrow \quad H_0 \uparrow \quad \Omega_m \downarrow$$

DESI BAO



First DESI results,
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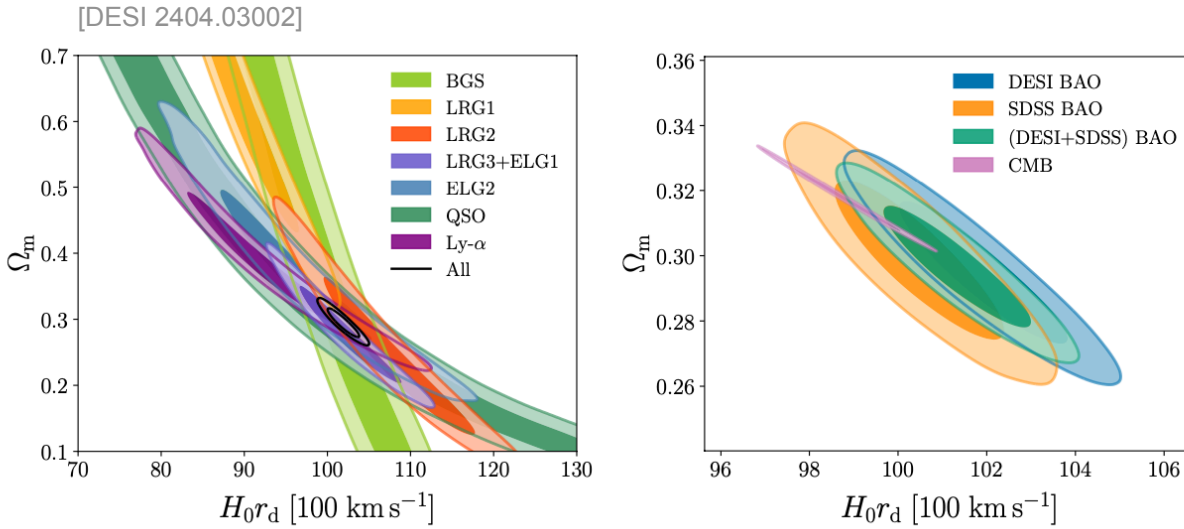
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mild preference for higher H_0 than BOSS



See also [Craig, Green, Meyers, Rajendran 2405.00836],
(modification of background cosmology was not included)

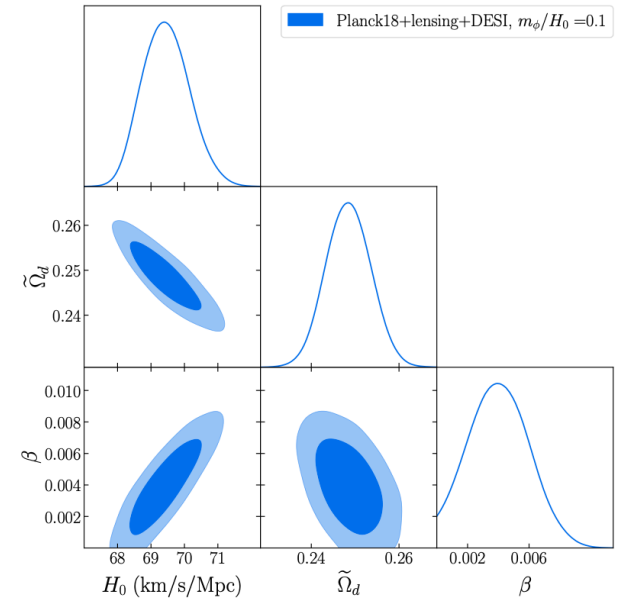
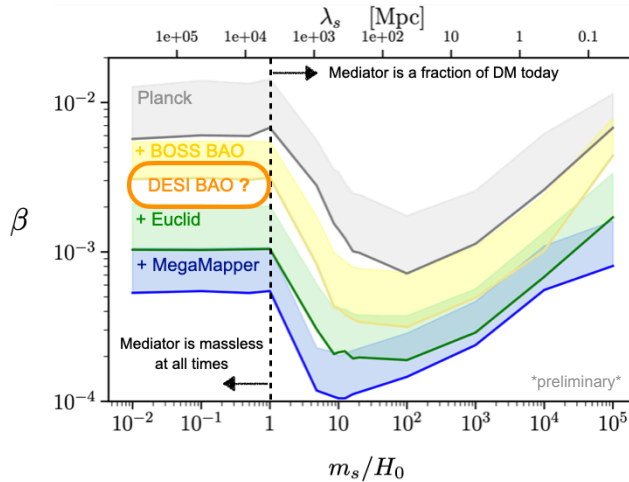
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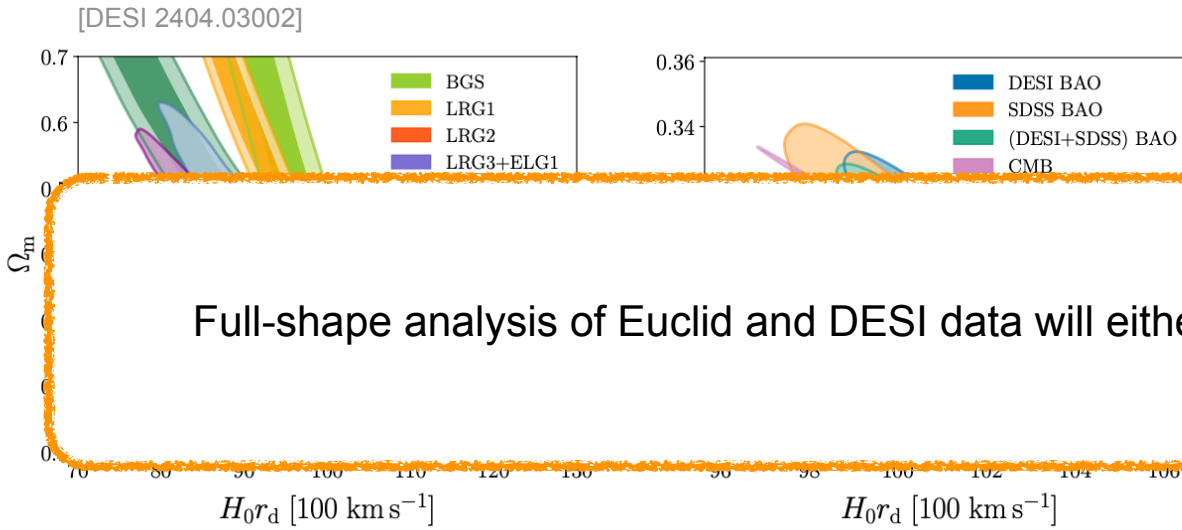
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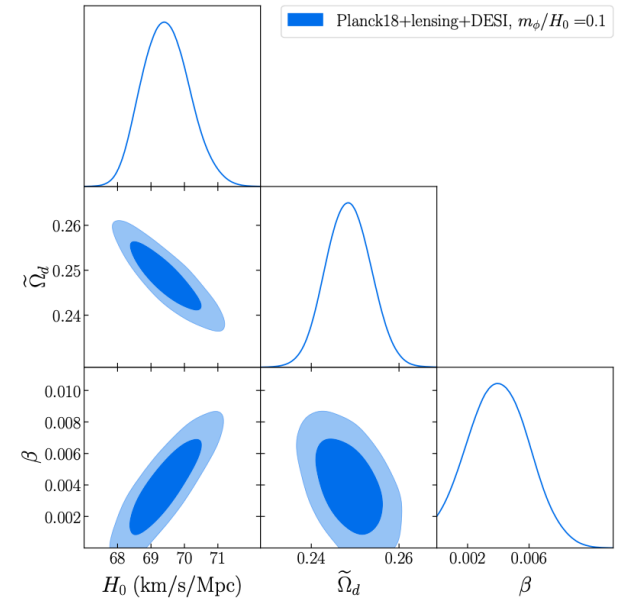
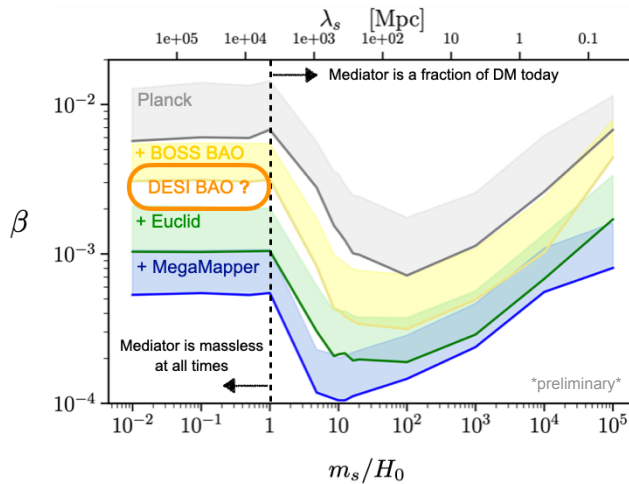
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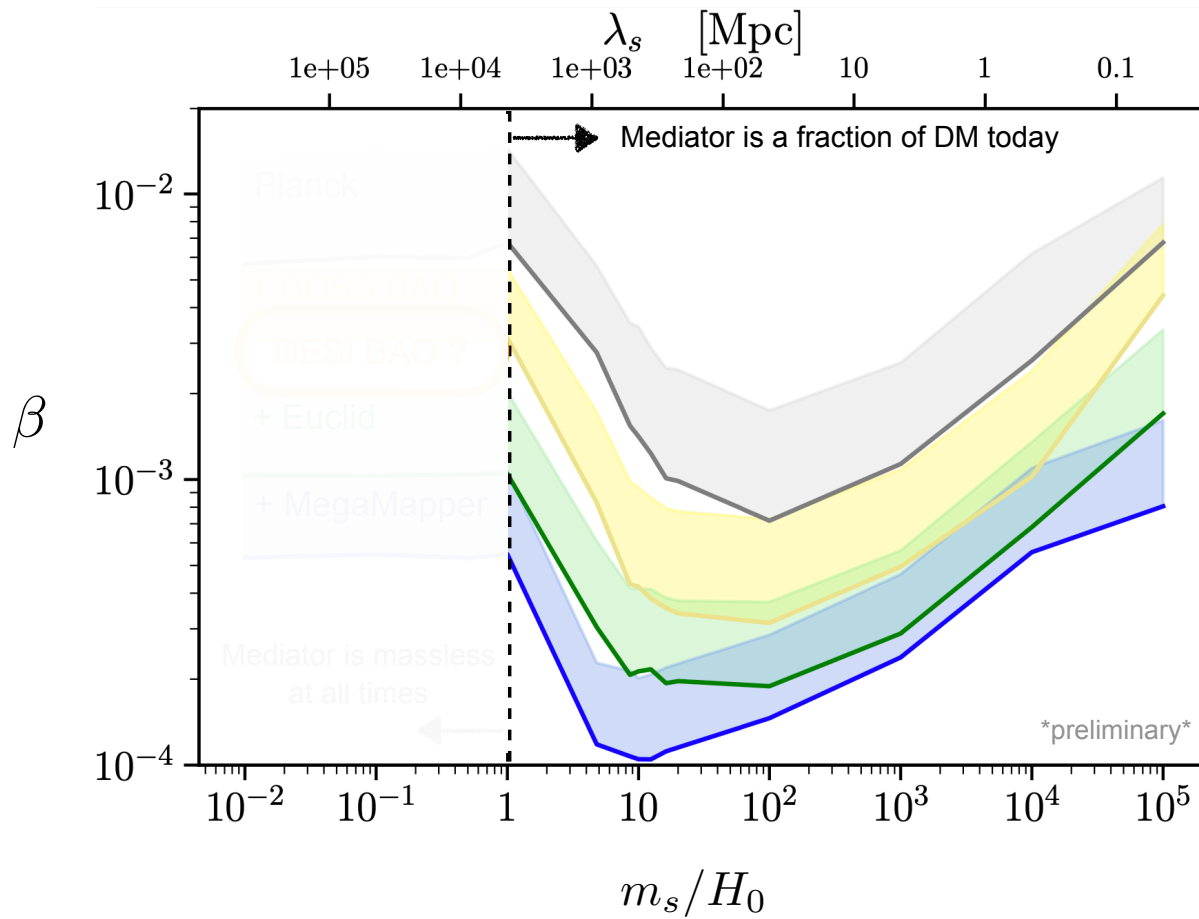
Full-shape analysis of Euclid and DESI data will either disprove or confirm this

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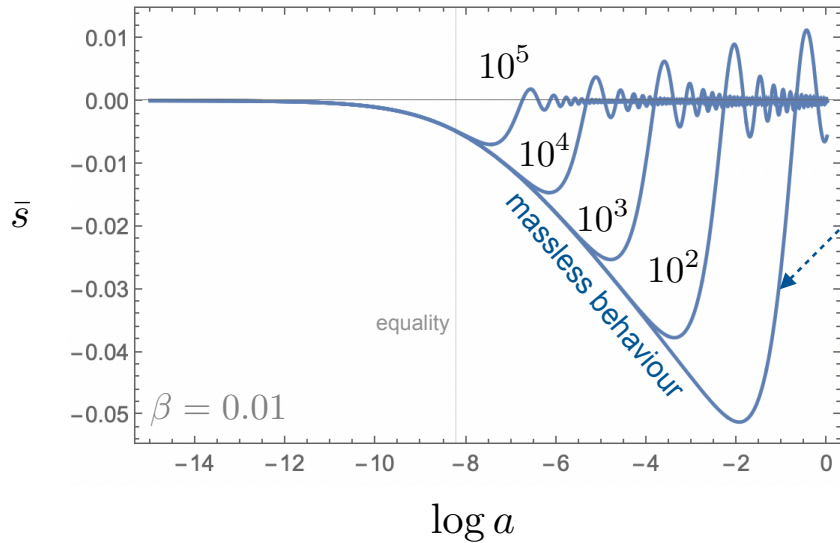
$\beta \sim 0.004 \pm 0.002$

Results



$$m_s > H_0$$

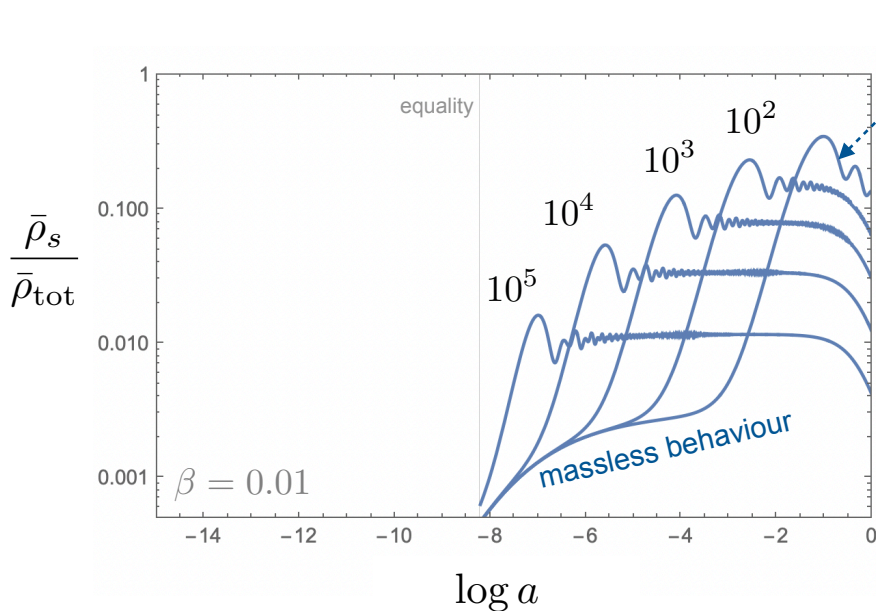
Mediator heavier than H_0



$$\bar{s}'' + 2\mathcal{H}\bar{s}' + a^2 m_s^2 \bar{s} + G_s a^2 \bar{\rho}_\chi = 0$$

$$\frac{m_s}{H_0} = 10$$

When **mass term** and **DM source term** become comparable, scalar begins to oscillate
 → transition from $w_s = +1$ to $(w_s)_{\text{eff}} = 0$



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At late times, fraction of energy density in mediator is **strongly enhanced** wrt massless case,

$$f_s^{\text{massive}} \simeq \frac{5}{4} f_s^{\text{massless}} \times \log^2 \frac{H_{\text{eq}}}{m_s}$$

$$(f_s^{\text{massless}} = \beta f_\chi^2 / 3)$$

Power spectrum

Matter fluctuations receive two corrections:

$$\delta_m \simeq \left(1 + \frac{6}{5} \beta f_\chi^2 \log \frac{a_{m_s}}{a_{\text{eq}}} - \frac{3}{5} f_s \log \frac{a}{a_{m_s}} \right) \delta_m^{\text{CDM}}$$

Enhanced growth as long as mediator is massless

Late-time suppression due to s fraction which does not cluster



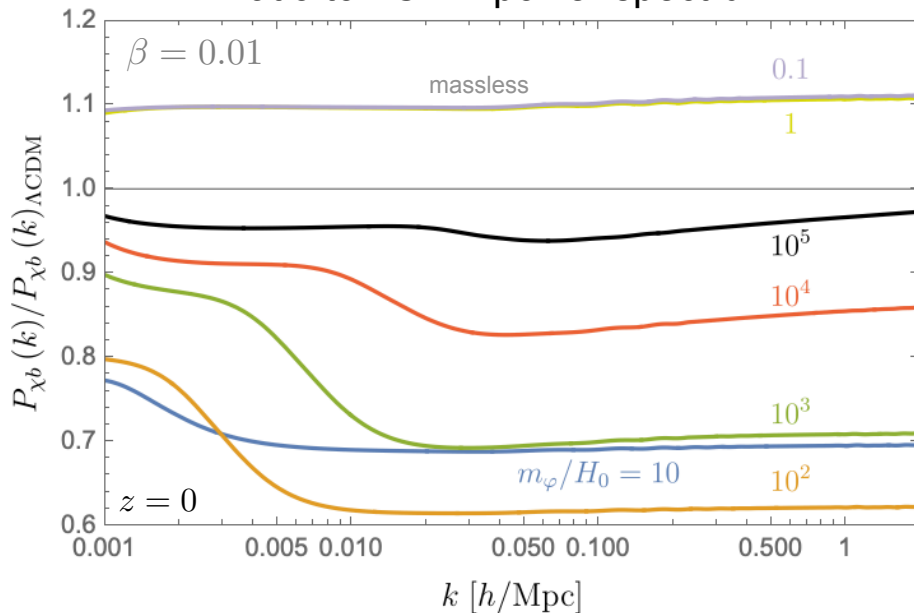
dominates due to \log^2 - enhanced s fraction

Jeans scale of the mediator

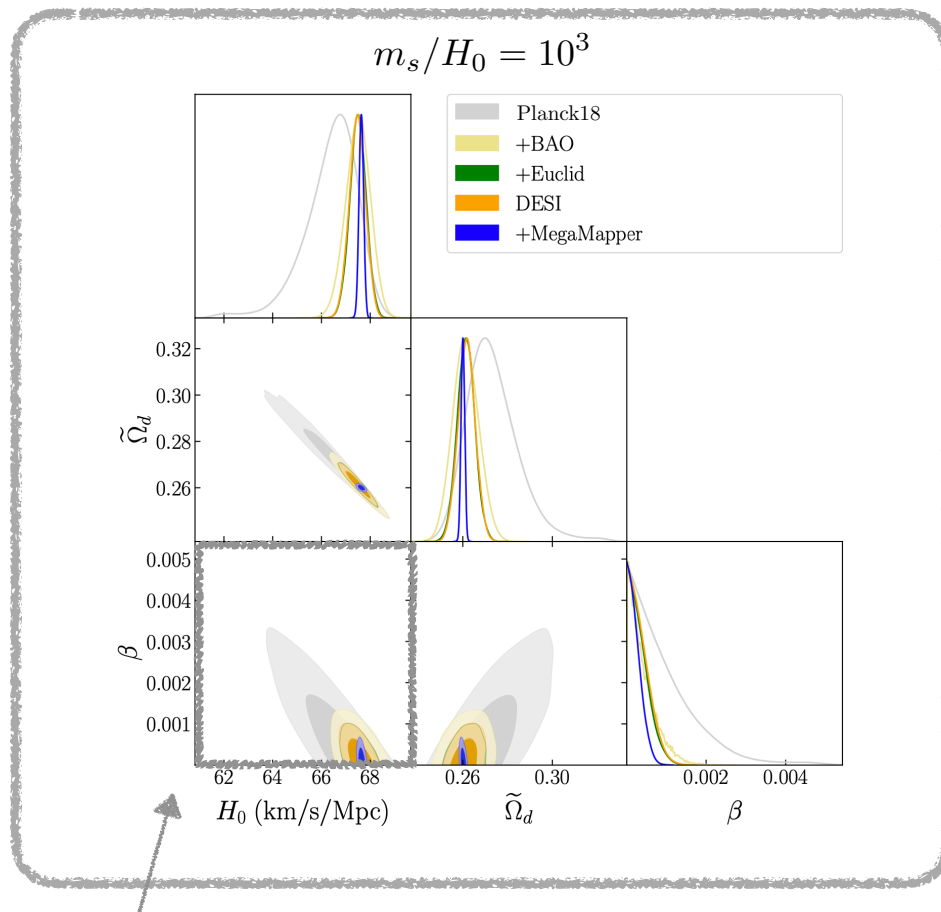
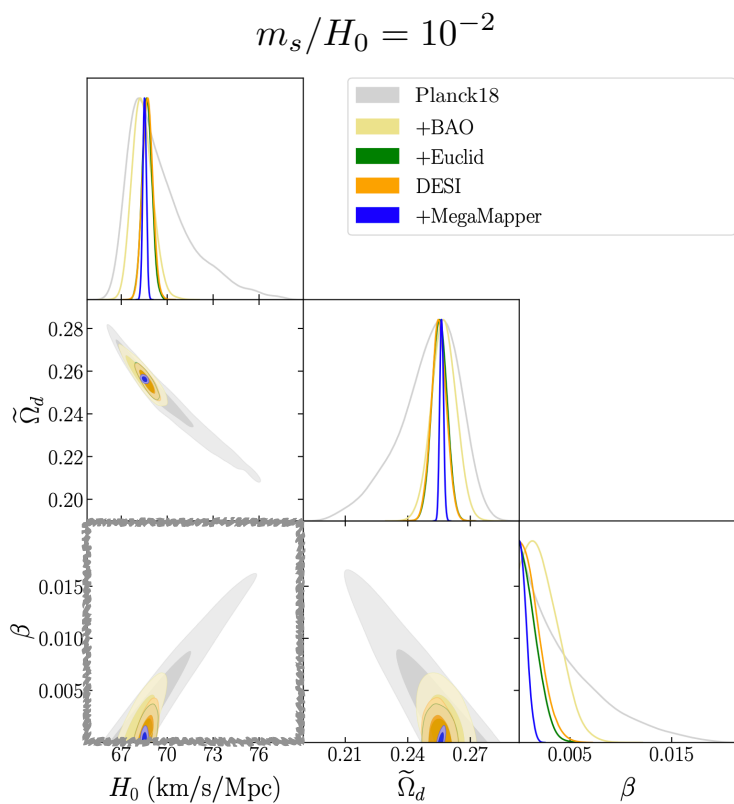
$$k_J(a) \approx 4 \times 10^{-4} a^{1/4} \left(\frac{m_s}{H_0} \right)^{1/2} h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

For the mass range considered $k_J \lesssim k_{\text{eq}}$ so EFT of LSS does not require modification wrt massless case

ratio to LCDM power spectrum



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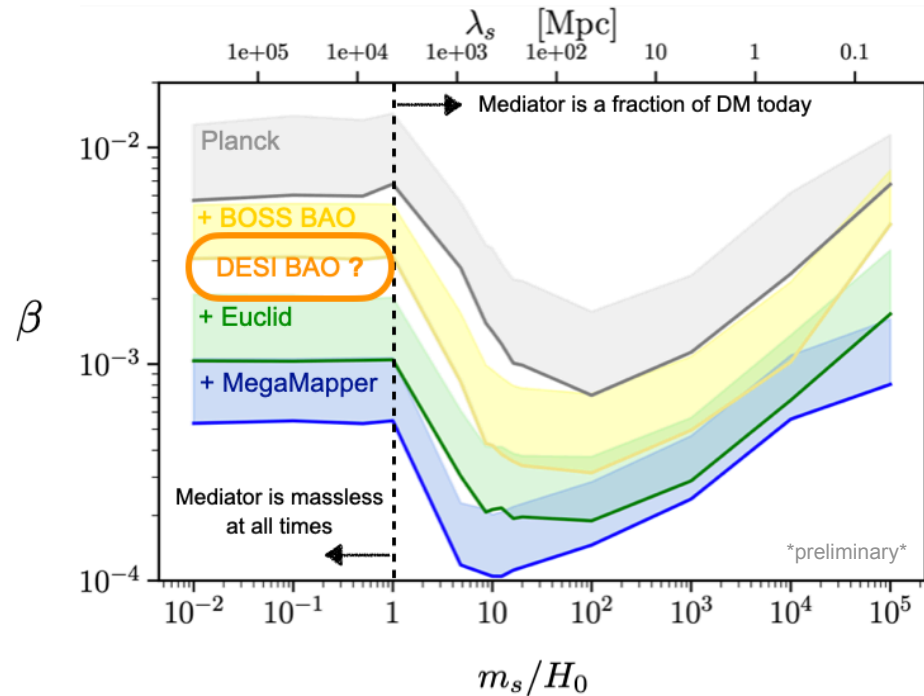
Opposite behaviour along the $\Omega_m - H_0$ degeneracy:

$$\beta \uparrow \quad H_0 \downarrow \quad \Omega_m \uparrow$$

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 → probe larger masses for which $k_J \gg k_{\text{eq}}$
 [in progress]
- Full analysis including relative fluctuations
 → probe DM fraction $f_\chi \ll 1$ [in progress]



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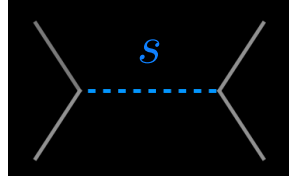
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Backup slides

Naturalness



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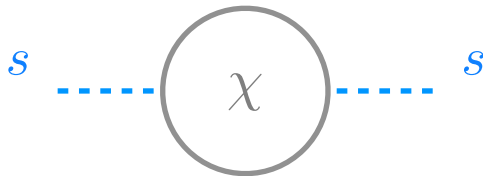
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field-dependent DM mass

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Scalar mass should be at least of size generated by DM loops

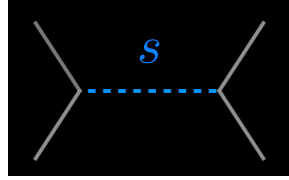


$$m_s^2 \gtrsim \frac{\beta}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{m_\chi^4}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}$$

$$m_\chi \lesssim \frac{(4\pi m_s M_{\text{Pl}})^{1/2}}{\beta^{1/4}} \sim \frac{10^{-2} \text{ eV}}{\beta^{1/4}} \left(\frac{m_s}{H_0}\right)^{1/2}$$

expect DM to be a light boson

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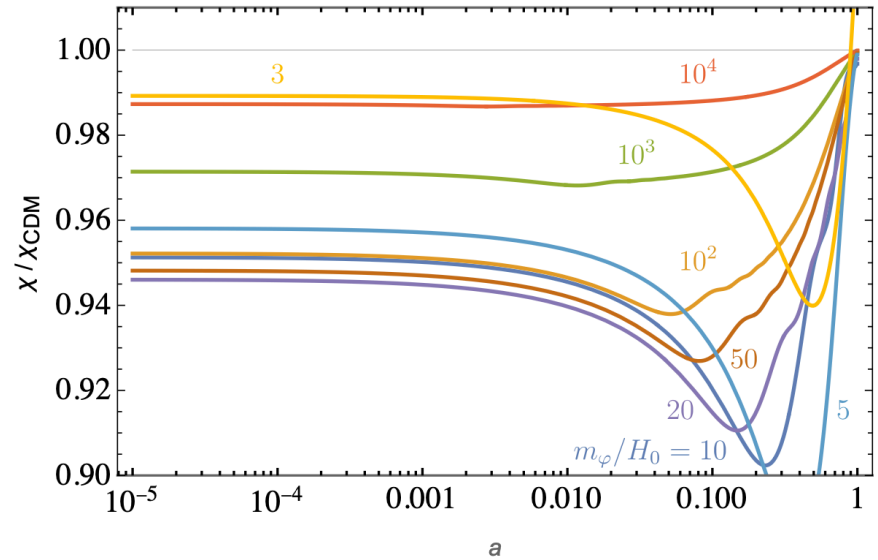
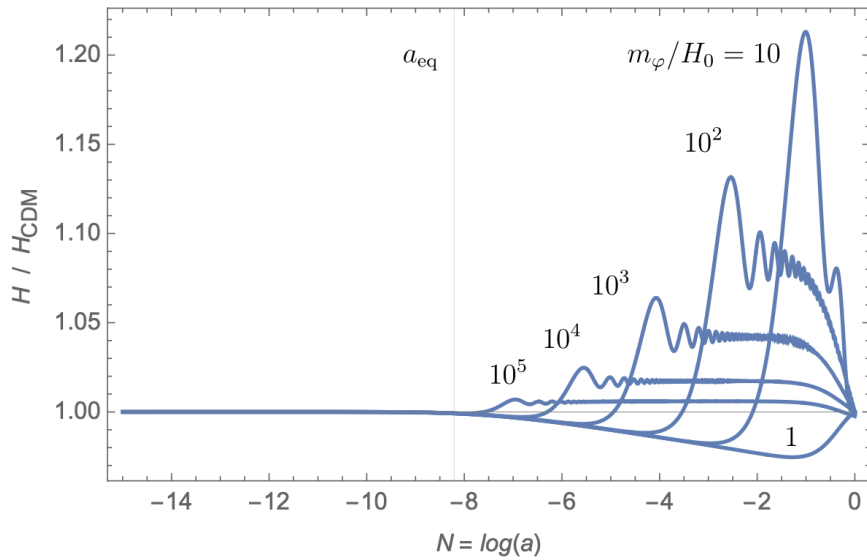
$$g_D < 2 \times 10^{-32} \left(\frac{m_\chi}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}} \right)$$

current bound

Hubble and distances

$$\beta = 0.01$$

$$h = 0.67$$

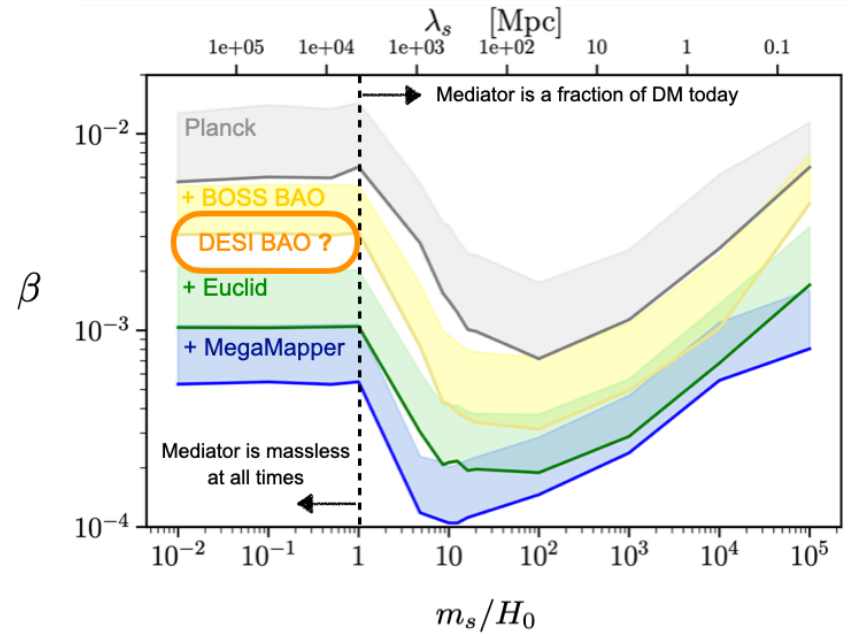
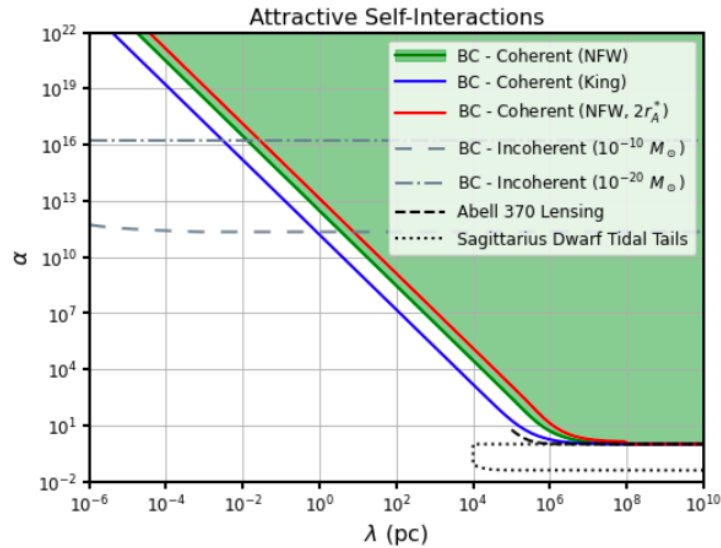


$$\theta_s = \frac{r_s}{\chi}$$

$$\chi(z) = \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

Comparison to bullet cluster constraints

[Bogorad, Graham, Ramani 2311.07648]



$$\alpha = \beta$$