

Tensions in cosmology - new physics vs. systematics

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Standard model of cosmology

1. Einstein's theory of gravity
2. Metric: homogeneous and isotropic at large scales
3. Constituents: baryons, 'cold' dark matter (CDM), a dark energy described by cosmological constant (Λ)
4. Initial condition: 'complete slow roll' inflation with power law form of primordial power spectrum

BASELINE: Λ CDM + power law primordial spectrum

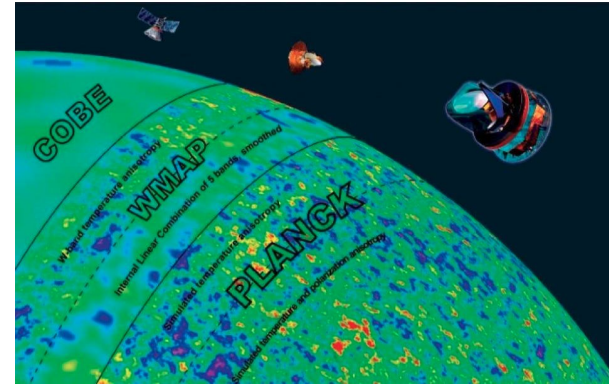


How do we determine the standard model parameters ?

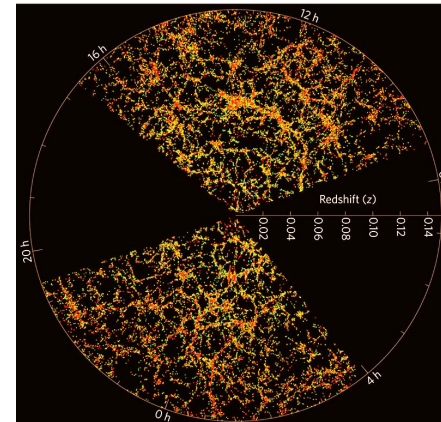
Cosmological observations

High redshift: Cosmic Microwave Background

Low redshifts: Supernovae, galaxy clustering
lensing ++



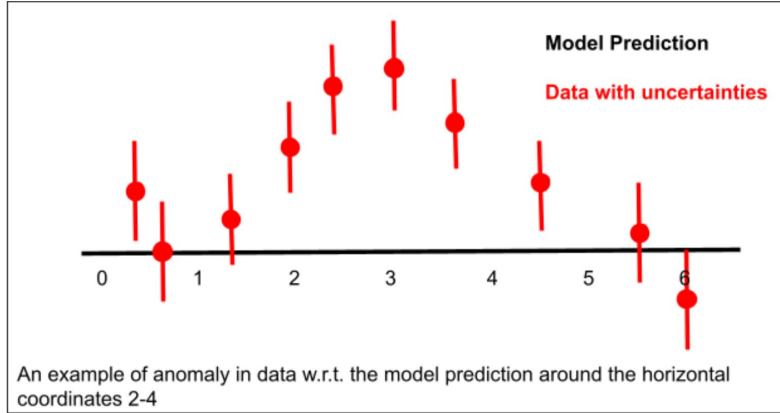
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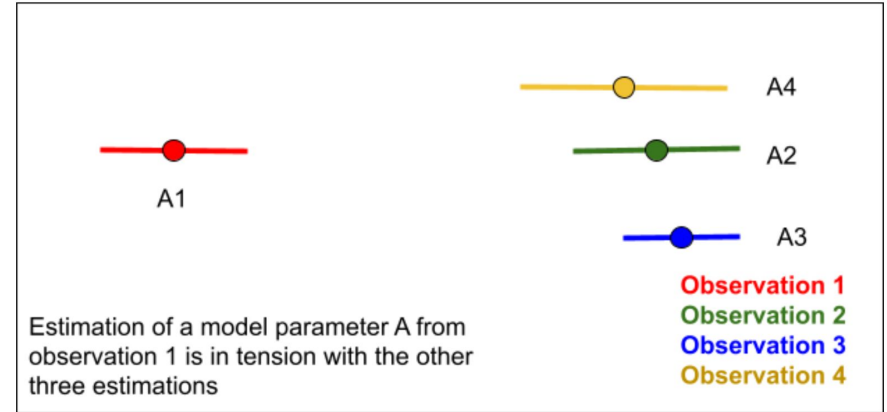
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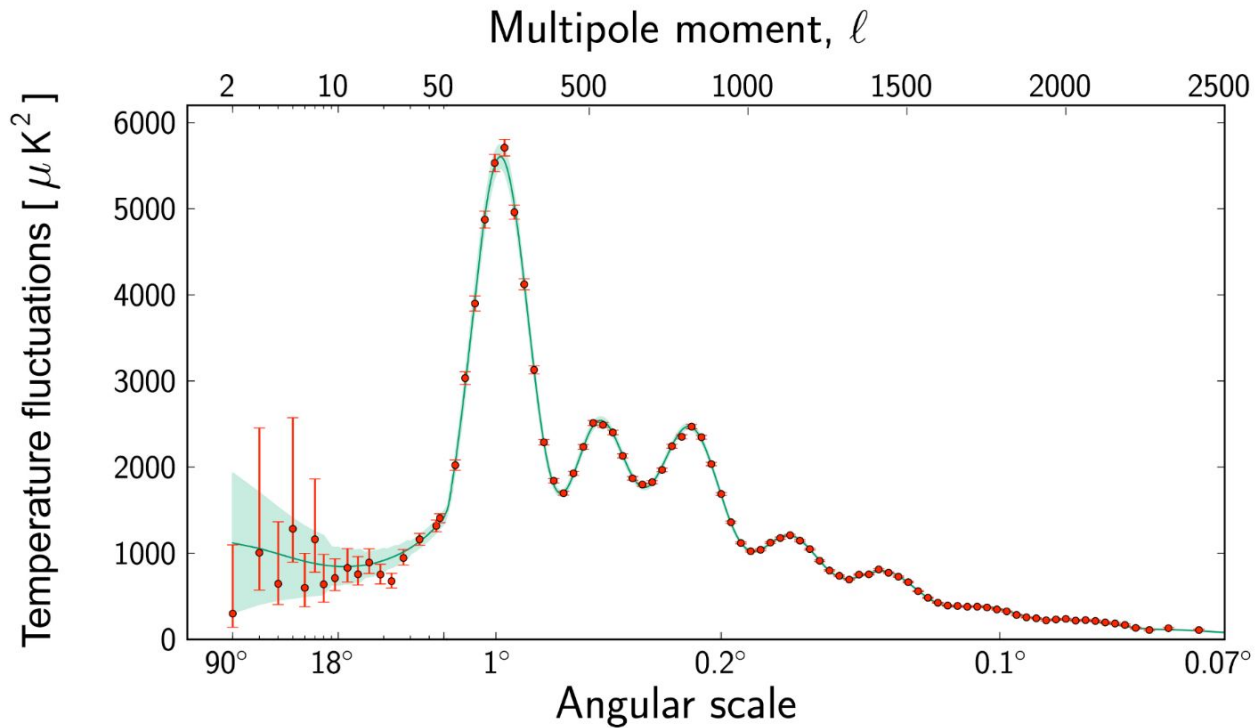
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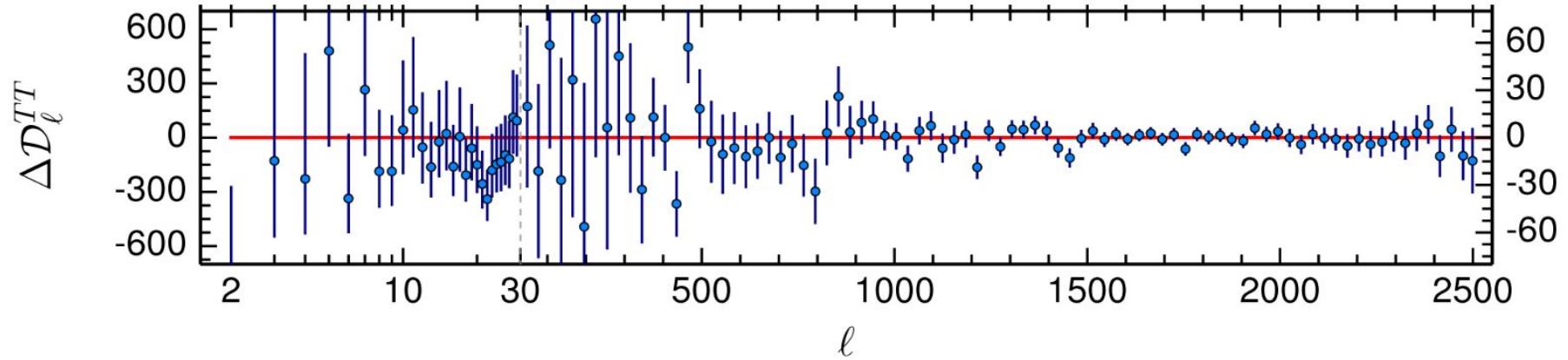
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Planck data

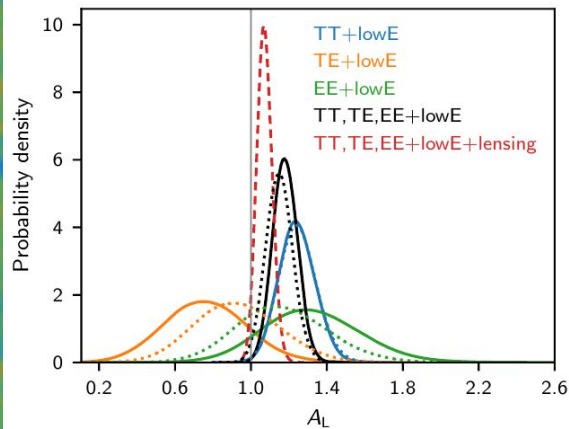
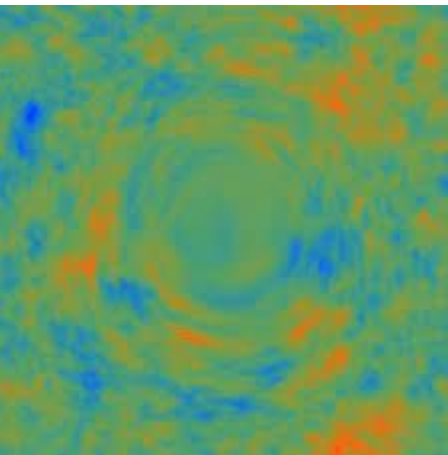


Planck anomalies



Anomalies (lensing)

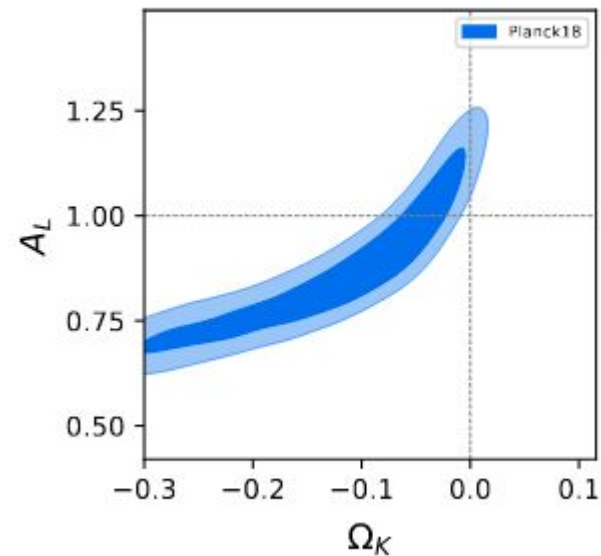
Acoustic peaks in the CMB appear smoother



Planck 2018

Solution

Closed Universe: a spatial curvature



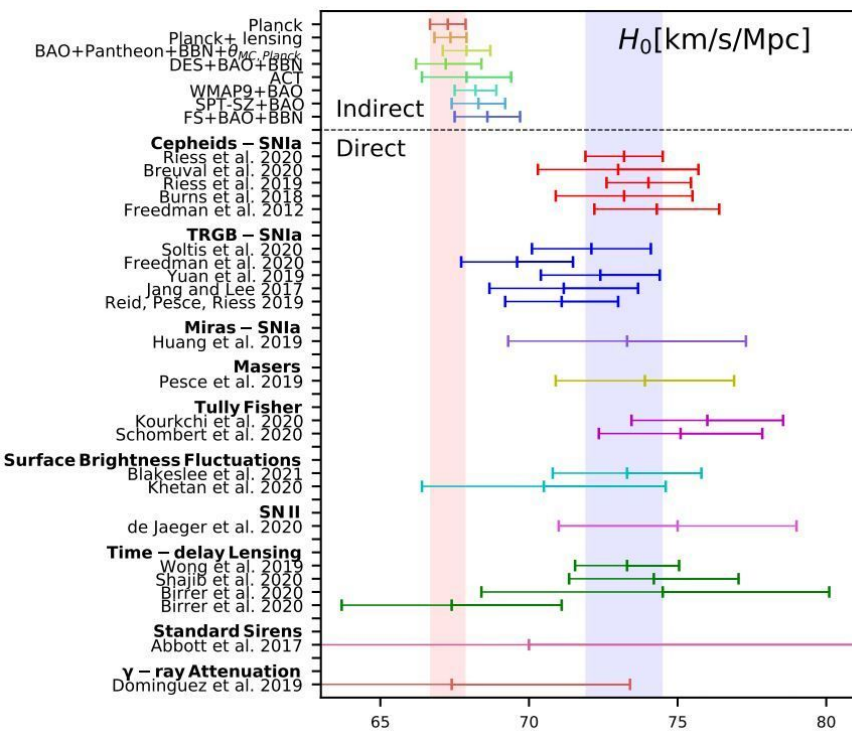
Planck 18, Di Valentino, 2019



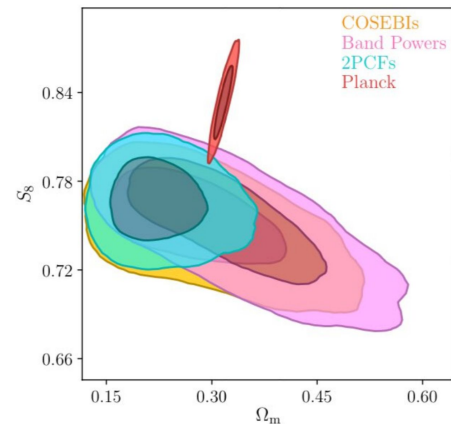
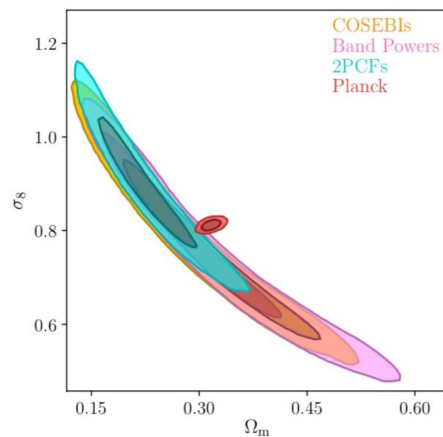
Tensions

H0 tension

Di Valentino 2020

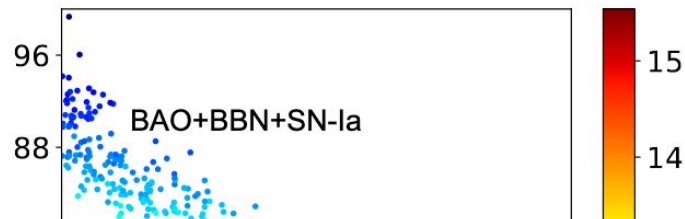


S8 tension

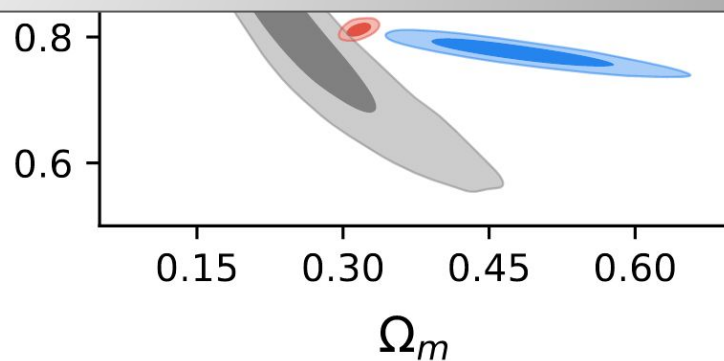
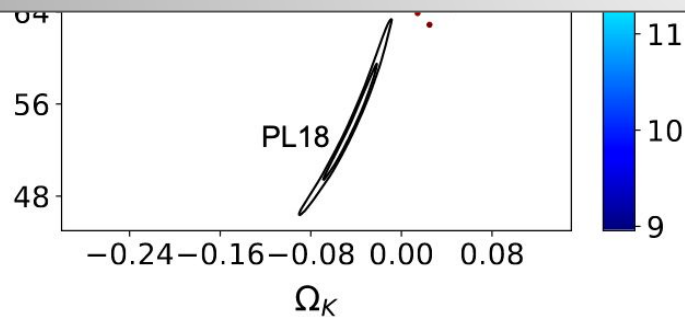


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Closed Universe aggravates tensions



Problems with initial condition



Solutions to H_0 tensions

1. Early dark energy – Poulin+ 2018, +++
2. Emergent dark energy (late time solution) – Li, Shafieloo, 2019, +++
3. Negative Λ – Sen + 2021, ++
4. Scalar-tensor theory, Rossi + 2019 , +++
5. Early modified gravity, Braglia + 2020, +++
6. Other extensions to standard model – +++
7. Systematics in the H_0 measurements – +++
8. Systematics in the Planck CMB data – +++



A common solution: let's explore the primordial physics

Let us reconstruct the primordial power spectrum

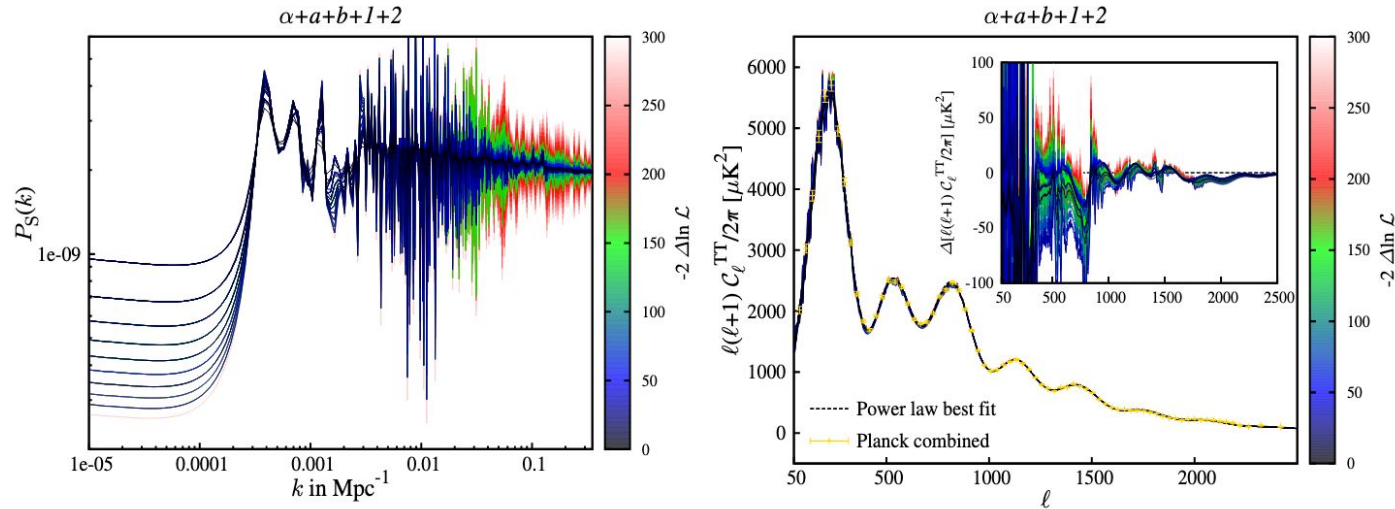
- A spectrum that mimics lensing
- A spectrum that prefers flat Universe
- A spectrum that prefers higher H_0 than baseline
- A spectrum that prefers lower S_8 than baseline



Let's rewind (reconstruction: top down approach)

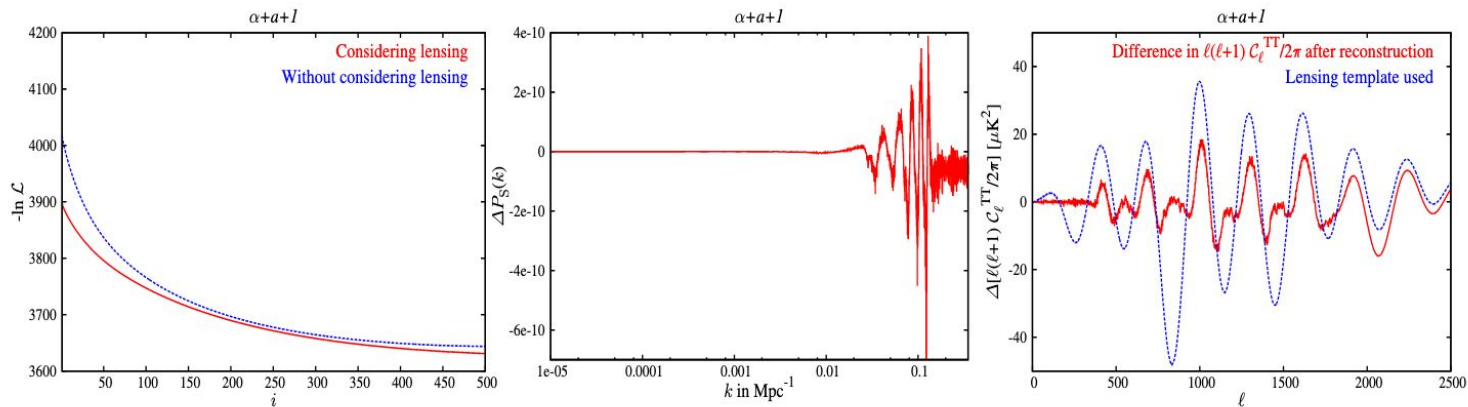
Reconstruction: primordial power spectrum from Planck

Given the transfer function, Modified Richardson Lucy can reconstruct the primordial power spectrum from angular power spectrum data iteratively



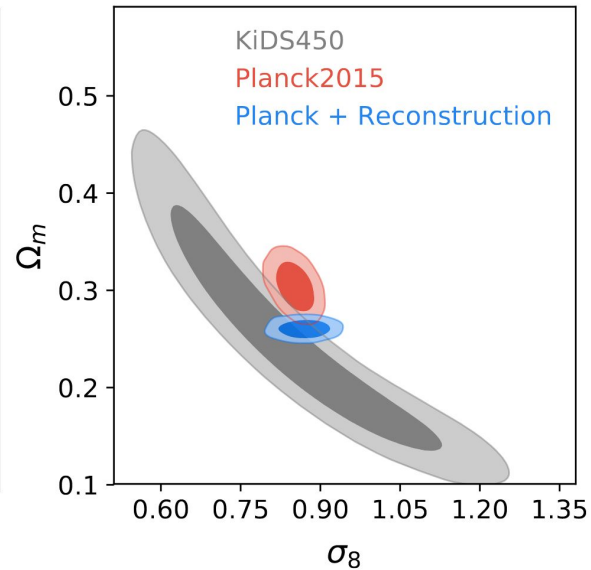
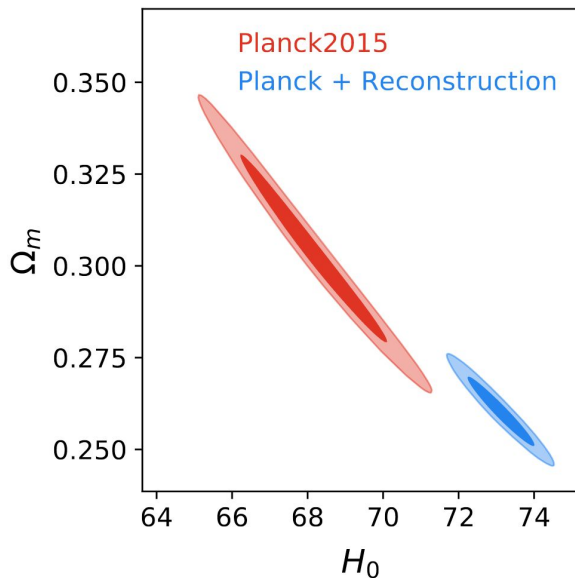
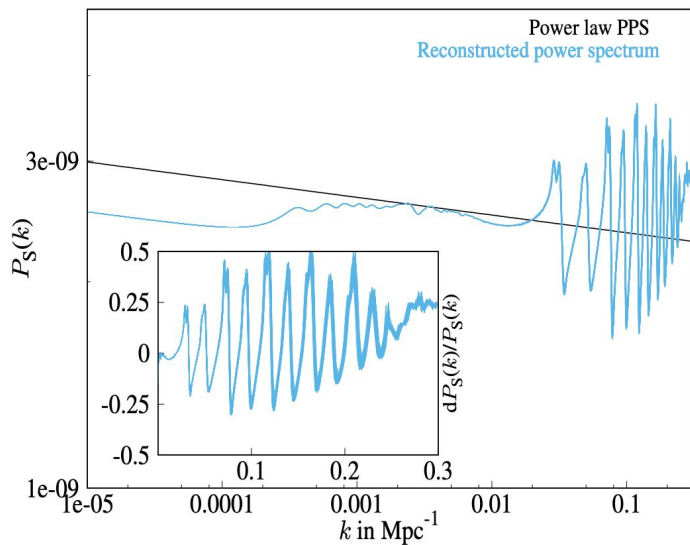
Let's rewind

Primordial features can mimic the lensing effects with oscillations at small scales



Let's rewind

Can primordial features solve H0 and S8 tension ?

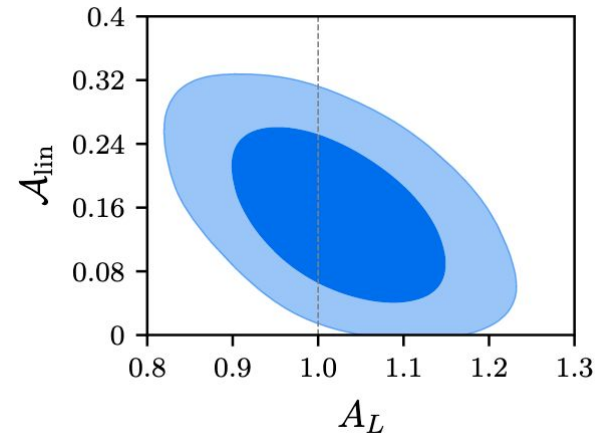


Let's rewind: Planck 2018 paper V2

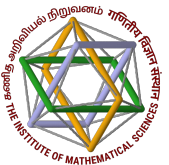
The following spectra was proposed as a solution to Alens problem:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}^0(k) \left[1 + \mathcal{A}_{\text{lin}} \exp(-(k - \mu_{\text{env}})^2 / 2\sigma_{\text{env}}^2) \cos(\omega_{\text{lin}} k / k_* + \varphi_{\text{lin}}) \right]$$

This is similar to our reconstruction (2014) demonstrating sinusoidal oscillations at small scales:



Planck 2018 V2



One Spectrum: the idea

Assume the excess lensing effect is actually a primordial signal

Treat the best fit baseline+ A_{lens} best fit to the Planck TT data as the input spectrum for reconstruction

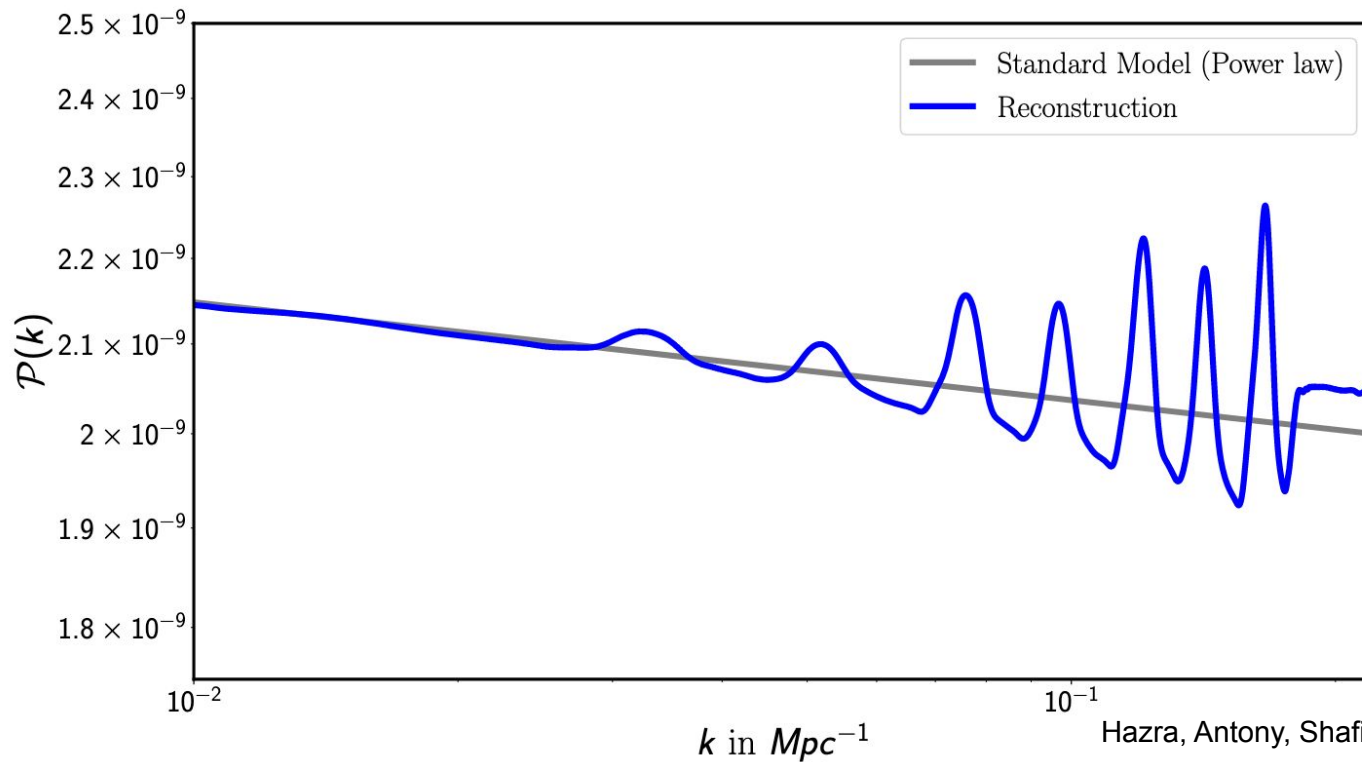
Subtract the lensing effect corresponding to $A_{\text{lens}}=1$

What remains is the residual excess smoothing corresponding to 10% excess lensing

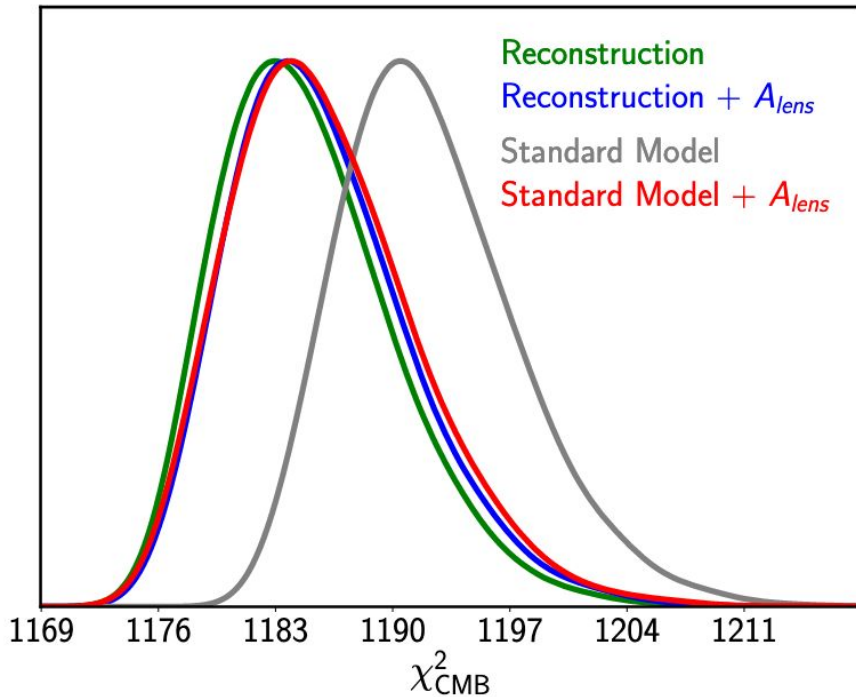
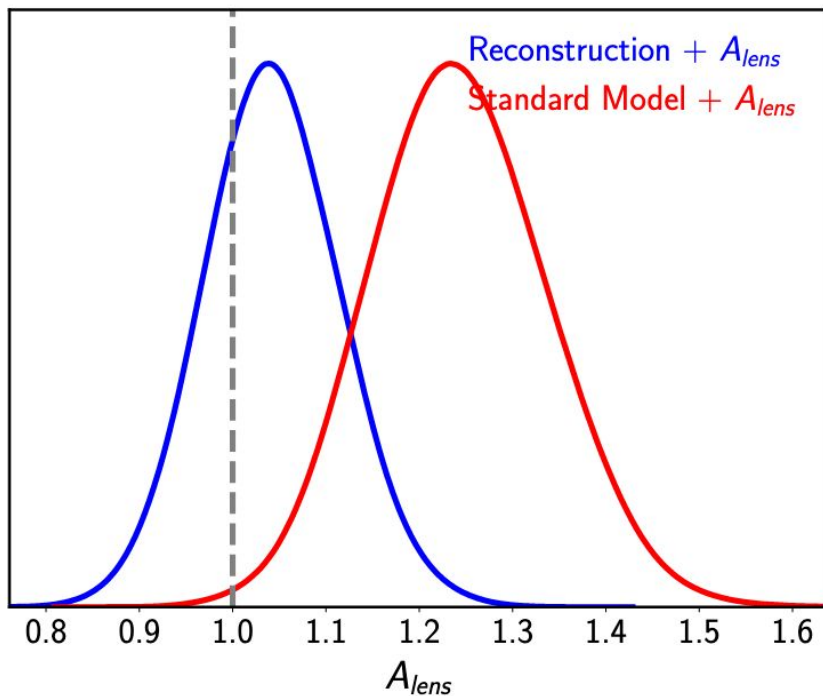
A reconstruction is expected to capture the primordial features that can mimic the effect



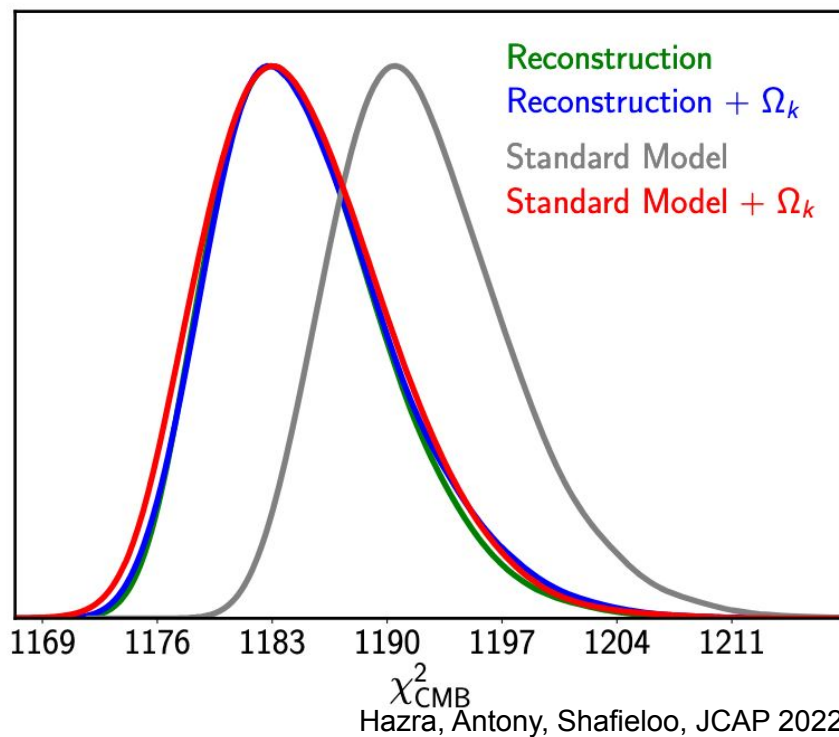
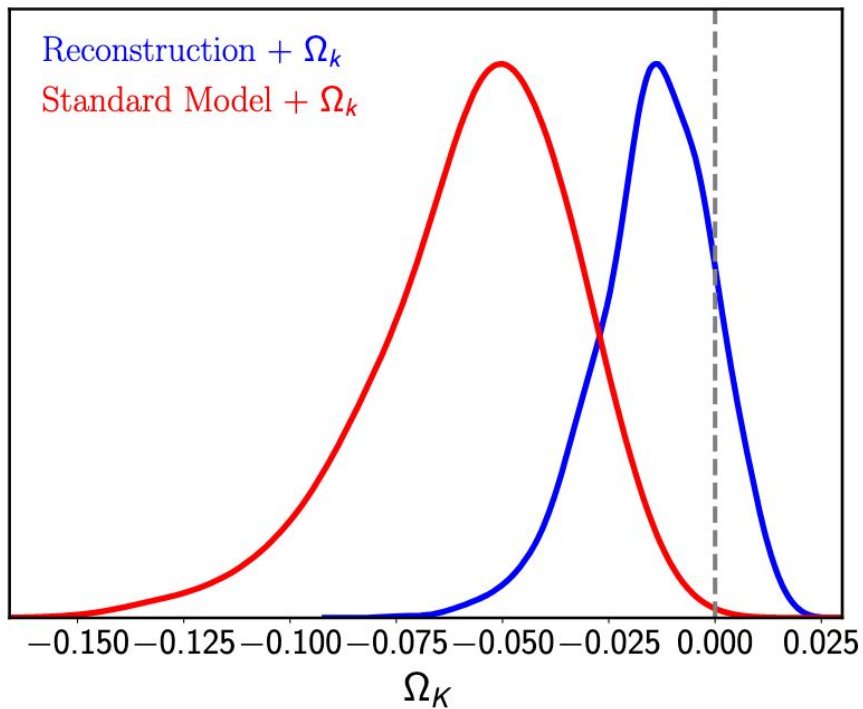
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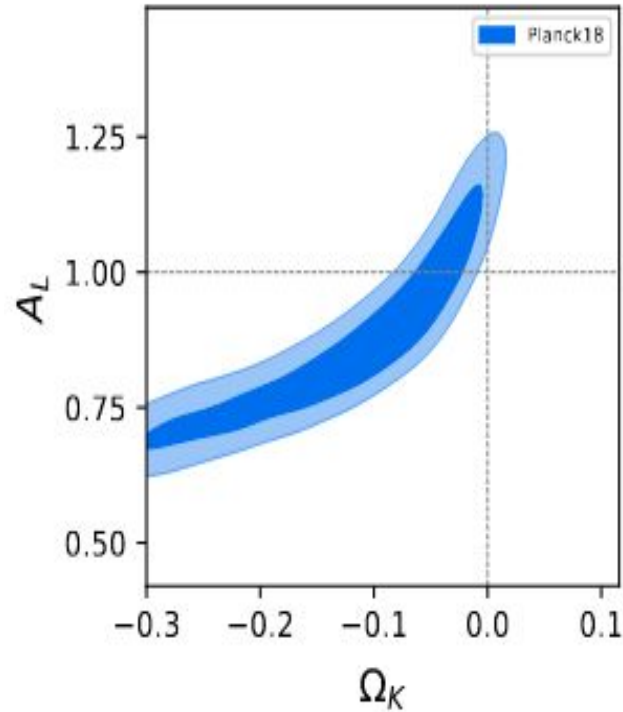
Mimics excess lensing



Prefers flat Universe



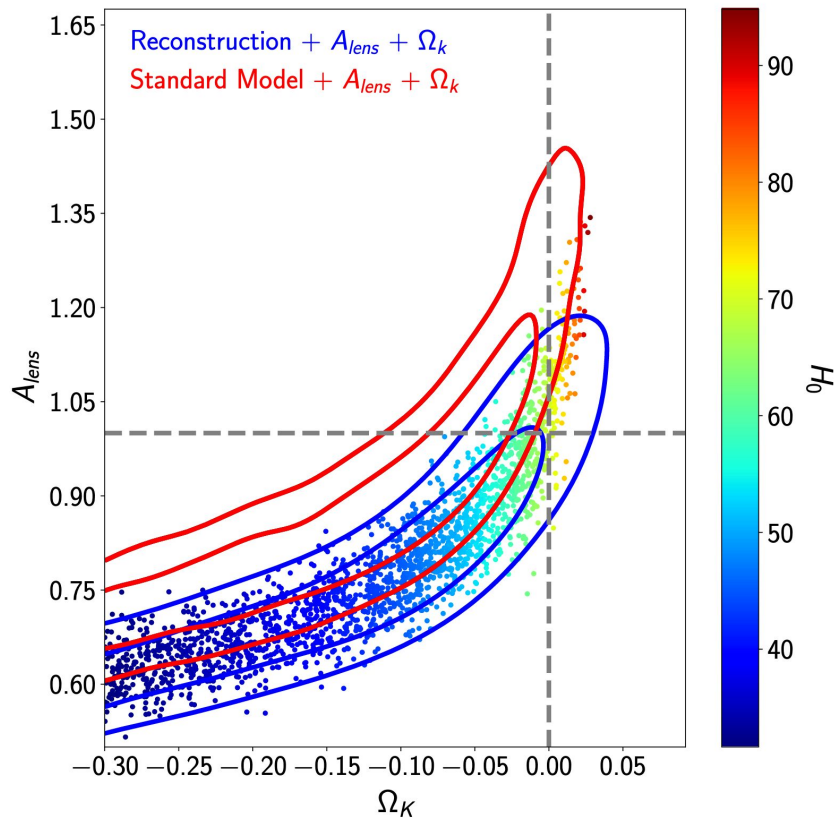
Brings back cosmic concordance



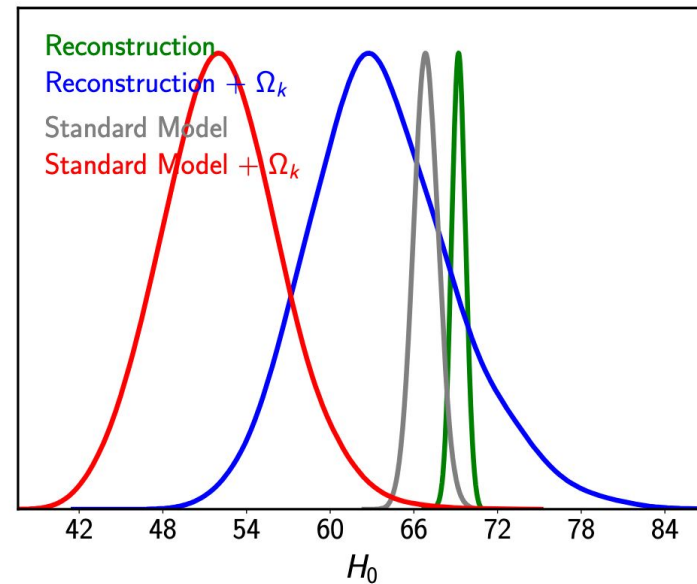
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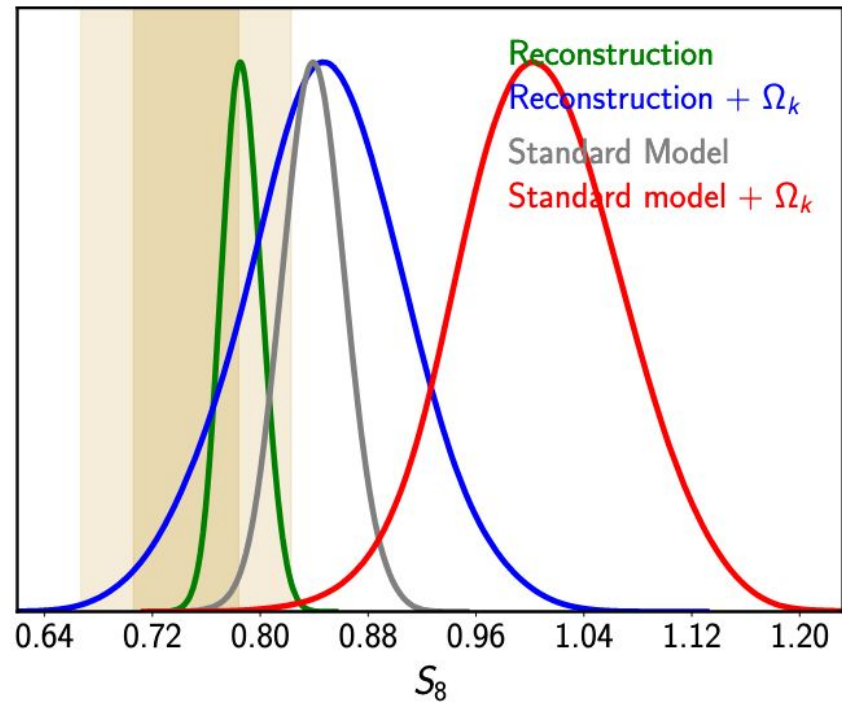
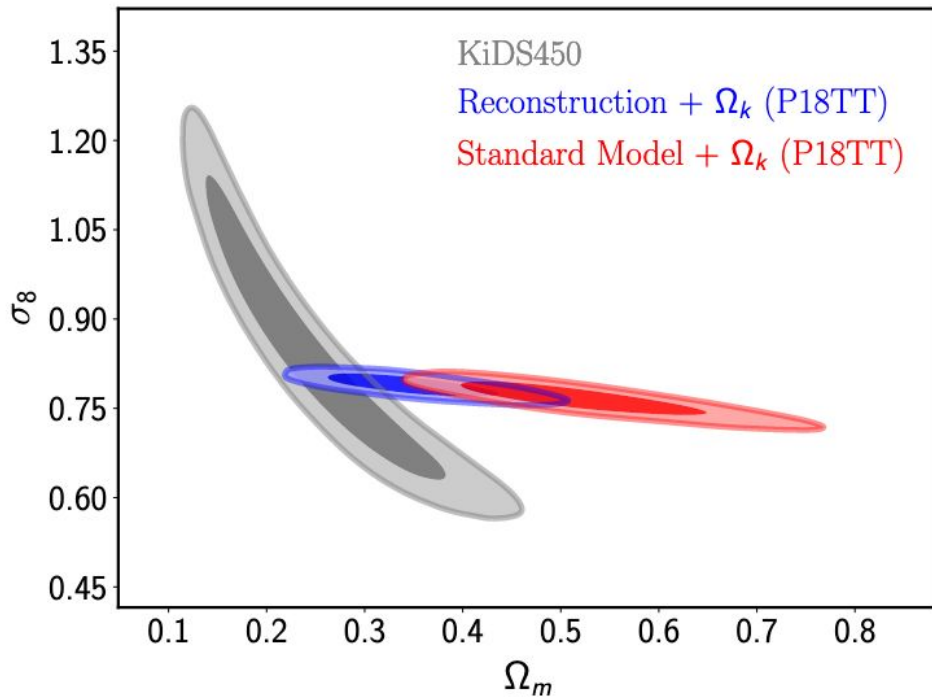
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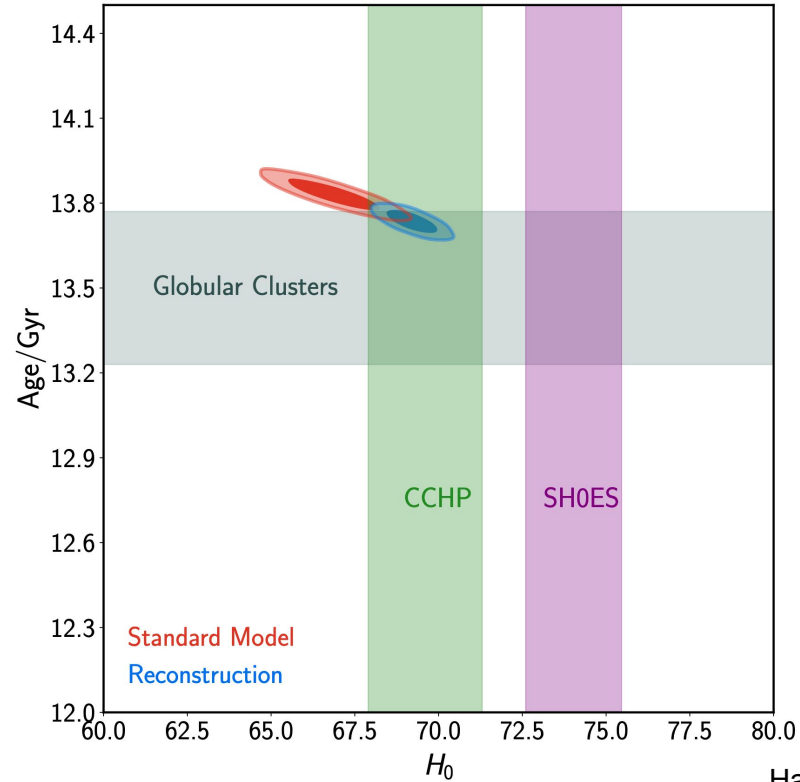
Reduces H_0 tension



Solves S8 problem



Age of the Universe



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One Spectrum

Therefore, we find:

- *One Spectrum* mimics lensing
- *One Spectrum* prefers flat Universe
- *One Spectrum* prefers higher H_0 than baseline
- *One Spectrum* prefers lower S_8 than baseline



Can we parametrize such spectrum?

$$\mathcal{P}_{New}(k) = \mathcal{P}_{Power\ Law}(k) \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_1 \sin(\omega(k - k_0))}{(1 - \alpha_2 \sin(\omega(k - k_0))) (1 + \beta(k - k_0)^4)} \right]$$

Models/Data	P18TT	P18TT + HST
New spectrum	-1.14 ± 0.53	2.67 ± 0.53
Restricted spectrum	-0.58 ± 0.52	3.4 ± 0.53

$$\mathcal{P}_{Restricted}(k) = \mathcal{P}_{Power\ Law}(k) \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_1 \sin(\omega(k - k_0))}{1 + \beta(k - k_0)^4} \right]$$

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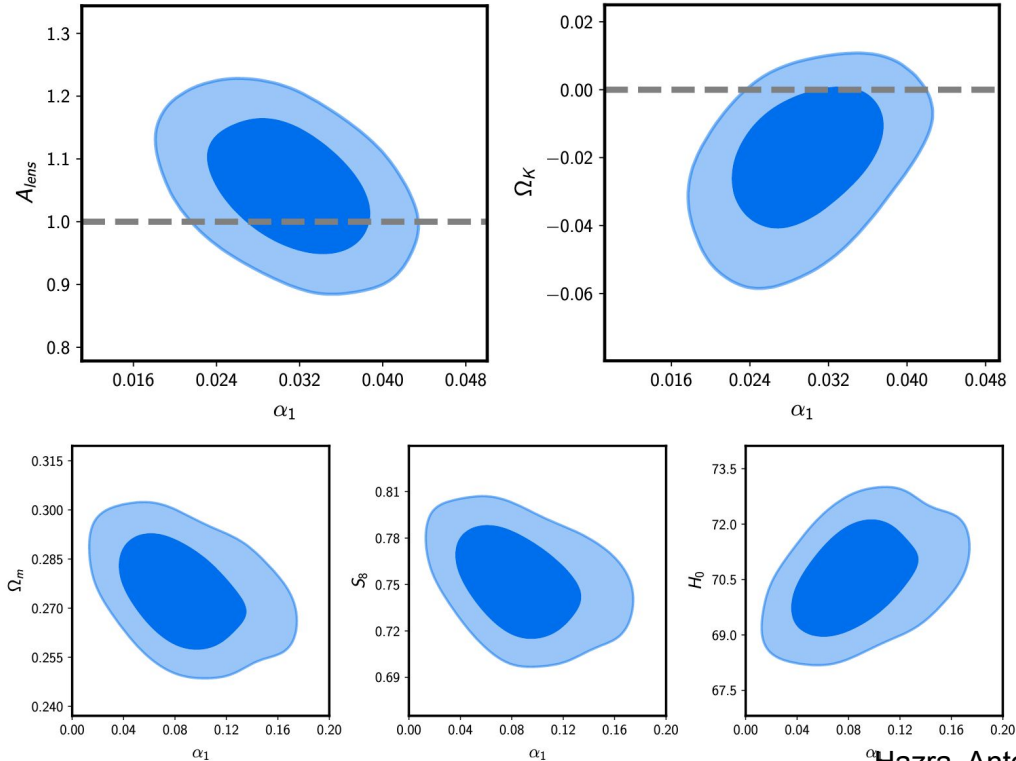
k in Mpc^{-1}

10^{-1}

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Positive correlations of solutions



Best fit and evidence

Data	$\ln[\text{Bayes factor}]$	C.L.
P18TP	-0.01 ± 0.54	95%
P18TP + HST	1.46 ± 0.55	99.5%
P18TT + ACT + DES + HST	2.28 ± 0.65	99.6%
P18TP + ACT + DES + HST	1.94 ± 0.66	98.7%
P18TP + DES + HST	2.32 ± 0.64	99.5%
P18TP + ACT + DES + BAO + SN + HST	-0.34 ± 0.66	98.5%
P18TP + ACT + DES	-0.85 ± 0.66	99.5%

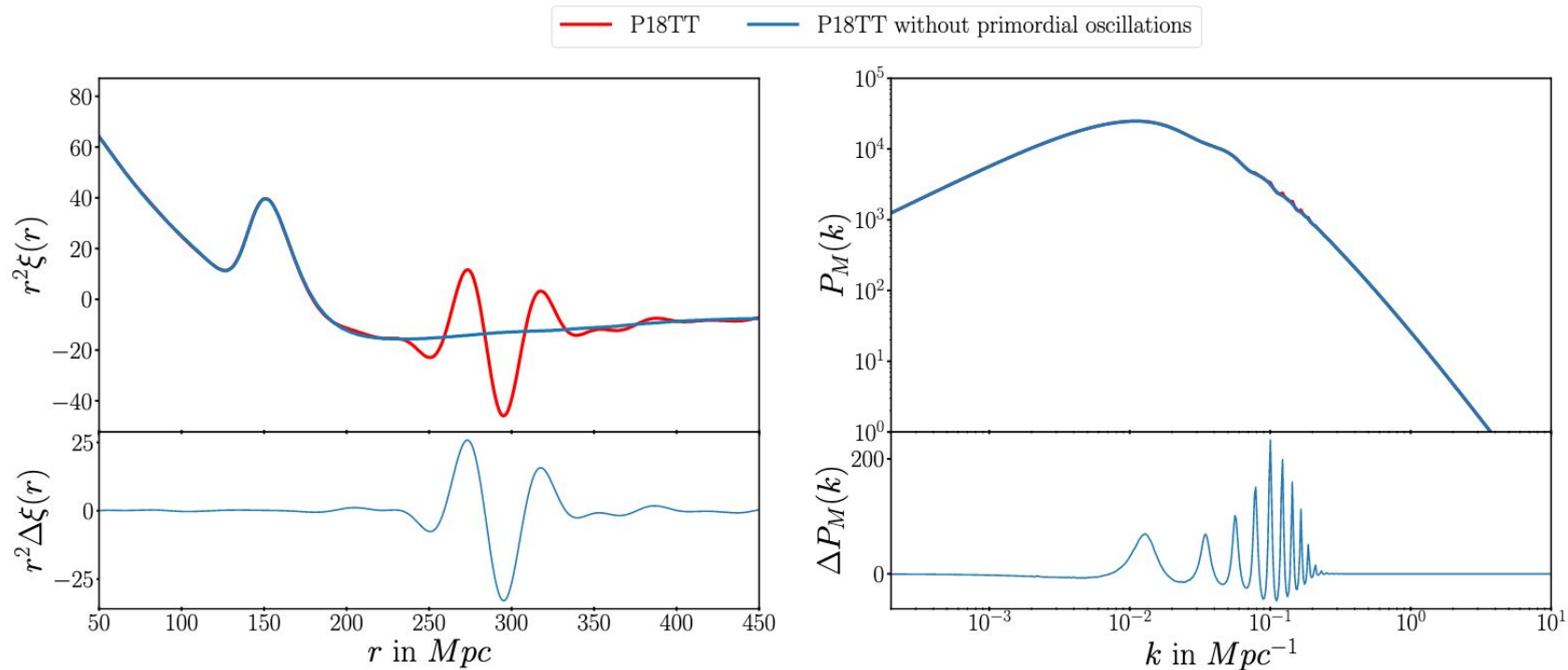
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Implications for the large scale structure



Theoretical explanation: An inflationary trajectory

An intermediate fast roll phase in the scalar field dynamics. We parametrize the Hubble flow function

$$\epsilon_H(N) = \epsilon_H^{baseline}(N) \left(1 + \frac{\alpha \cos [\omega(N - N_0)]}{1 + \beta(N - N_0)^2} \right)$$



Why Hubble flow functions and not potential ?

Usually potential parameters restricts the prior space of spectral tilt. Exploration of this degeneracy demands a wide prior on the spectral tilt

$$\epsilon_H^{baseline}(N) = \epsilon_1 \exp[\epsilon_2(N - N_*)]$$

The baseline parametrization of the Hubble flow function allows us to have wide priors on scalar spectral amplitude, tilt, and tensor-to-scalar ratio

This one parametrization allows us to marginalize over all minimal slow roll potentials

The free parameters are H_i^2/ϵ_1 , ϵ_1 and ϵ_2



Why Hubble flow functions and not potential ?

Here: $n_s = 1 - 2\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2$

$$r = 16\epsilon_1$$

The spectral amplitude is proportional to $\frac{H_i^2}{\epsilon_1}$

Given these parameters, we solve the Hubble flow function numerically to obtain the evolution of the Hubble radius during inflation

Using Bunch-Davies vacuum initial condition, we solve the Mukhanov-Sasaki equations to get the primordial scalar and tensor power spectra

NOTE: No assumption on the potential goes in here. We work with canonical

Lagrangian

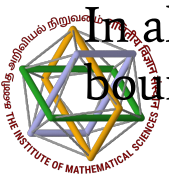


Datasets

We consider the temperature data separately (P18TT) and including polarization (P18TP) and lensing (P18TPL). Also P18TTEE was considered.

1. P18TT + BK18
2. P18TT + BK18 + S21
3. P18TEEE + BK18
4. P18TEEE + BK18 + S21
5. P18TP + BK18
6. P18TP + BK18 + S21
7. P18TPL + BK18
8. P18TPL + BK18 + S21

In all combinations we use BICEP-Keck 2018 data (BK18). It provides an upper bound on the tensors and therefore on ϵ_1



Reasons for including SH0ES21 (S21)

When two datasets are in tension w.r.t. a model, an analysis combining the datasets would provide an unrealistic posterior on parameters. In such a case the drag on the parameters from both data degrades the fit to both datasets.

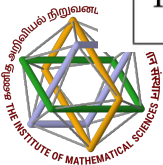
Here, on the other hand compared to the baseline parametrization, without using S21, we find posteriors on H_0 shifts to higher value (1σ shift) with 8-11 improvements in χ^2

When S21 is used – the best fit to the joint data provides ~ 20 improvement in fit. Breakdown in χ^2 shows χ^2_{CMB} for the best fit to the joint dataset is nearly $3 \chi^2$ better than the baseline best fit to CMB only data.

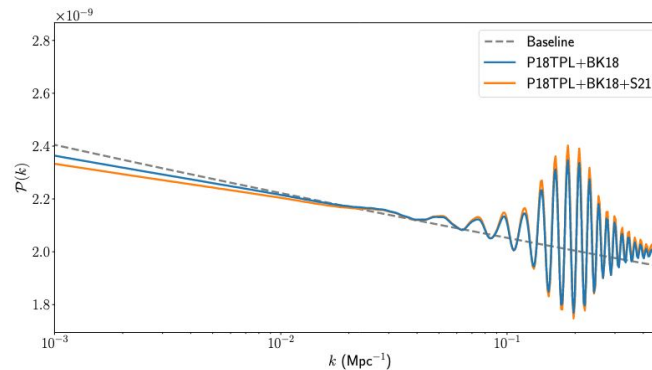
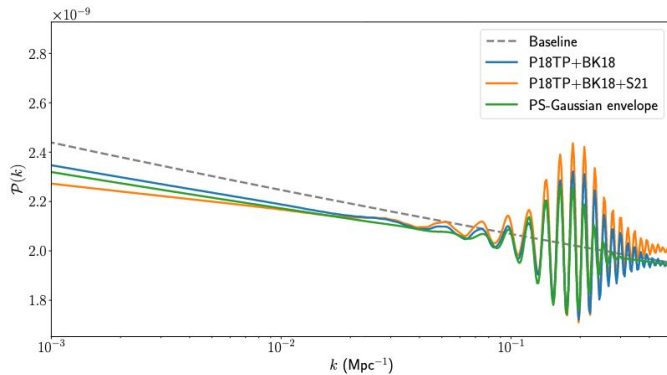
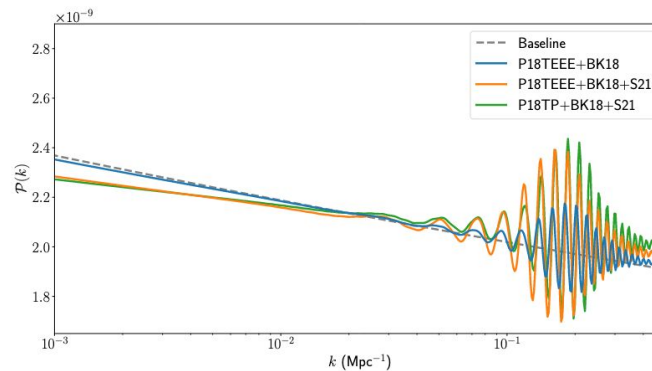
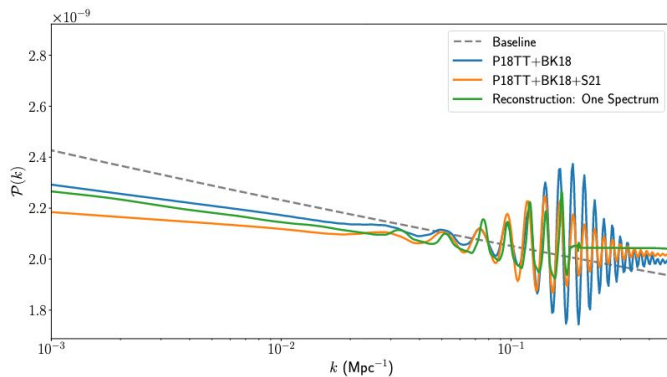


Shifts in parameters

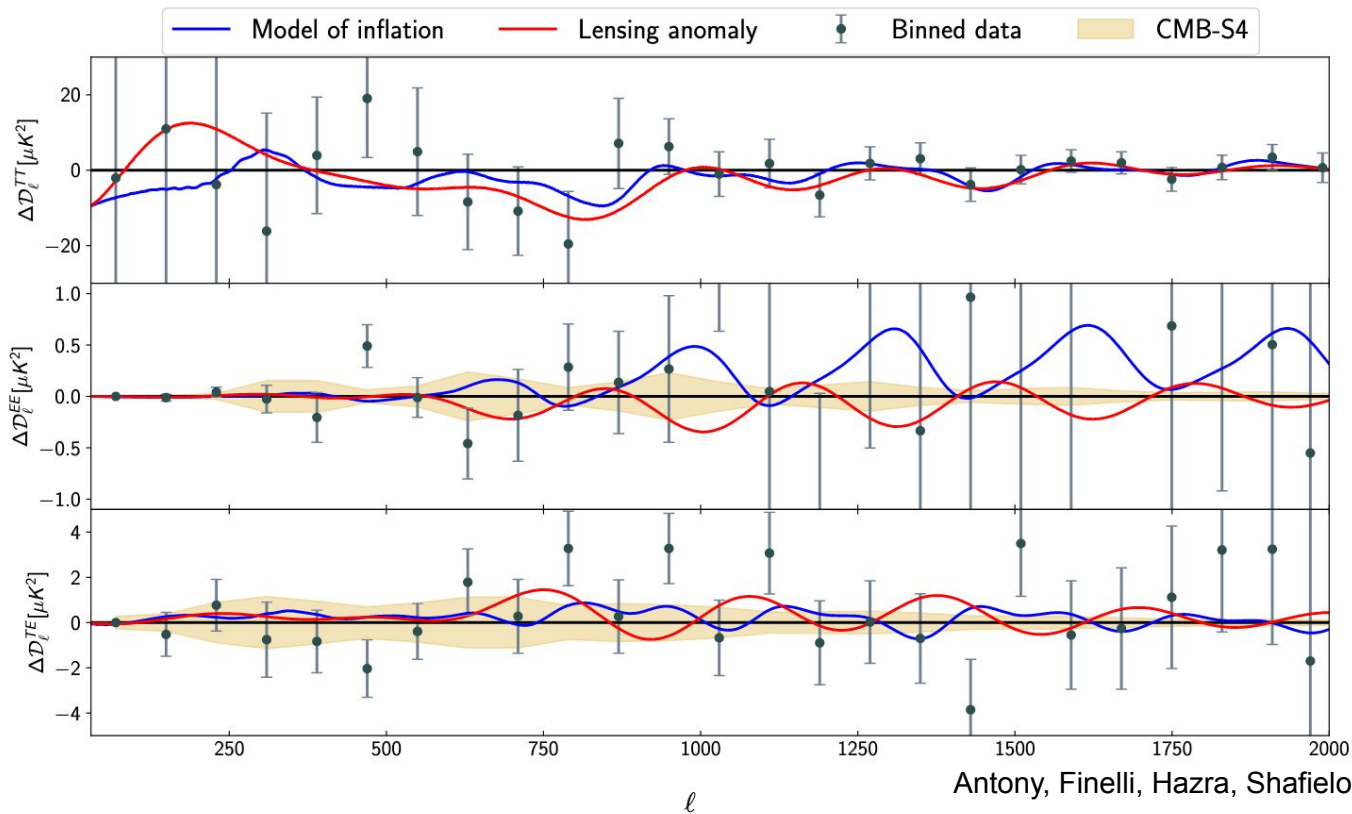
Data	$\Delta\chi^2$			C.L.	$1 - 2\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2$ ($\simeq n_s$)	$16\epsilon_1$ ($\simeq r$)	H_0	S_8	Ω_m
	Total	CMB	SHOES						
P18TT+BK18	-8.3	-8.3	-	82.7	0.963 ± 0.005	< 0.036	66.86 ± 0.86	0.840 ± 0.022	0.321 ± 0.012
					0.971 ± 0.007	< 0.040	68.06 ± 1.14	0.814 ± 0.027	0.306 ± 0.015
P18TEEE+BK18	-2.7	-2.7	-	< 68	0.969 ± 0.009	< 0.041	67.91 ± 0.77	0.814 ± 0.020	0.308 ± 0.010
					0.968 ± 0.009	< 0.041	67.63 ± 0.86	0.819 ± 0.022	0.311 ± 0.012
P18TP+BK18	-10.7	-10.7	-	72.5	0.965 ± 0.004	< 0.036	67.26 ± 0.59	0.835 ± 0.015	0.317 ± 0.008
					0.969 ± 0.005	< 0.037	67.71 ± 0.66	0.826 ± 0.017	0.311 ± 0.009
P18TPL+BK18	-8.4	-8.4	-	70	0.965 ± 0.004	< 0.035	67.35 ± 0.53	0.832 ± 0.012	0.315 ± 0.007
					0.968 ± 0.004	< 0.037	67.63 ± 0.57	0.829 ± 0.013	0.312 ± 0.008
P18TT+BK18+S21	-19.5	-10.9	-8.6	> 99.9	0.976 ± 0.005	< 0.040	69.41 ± 0.68	0.781 ± 0.017	0.287 ± 0.008
					0.986 ± 0.007	< 0.047	70.85 ± 0.78	0.754 ± 0.018	0.273 ± 0.008
P18TEEE+BK18+S21	-1.2	-1.0	-0.2	< 68	0.981 ± 0.008	< 0.046	69.76 ± 0.63	0.772 ± 0.016	0.284 ± 0.007
					0.979 ± 0.009	< 0.040	69.77 ± 0.67	0.771 ± 0.017	0.284 ± 0.008
P18TP+BK18+S21	-19.3	-9.7	-9.6	98.6	0.973 ± 0.004	< 0.039	68.71 ± 0.53	0.802 ± 0.014	0.297 ± 0.007
					0.978 ± 0.004	< 0.041	69.27 ± 0.58	0.791 ± 0.014	0.291 ± 0.007
P18TPL+BK18+S21	-11.5	-10.4	-1.1	92.1	0.972 ± 0.004	< 0.038	68.56 ± 0.48	0.808 ± 0.011	0.299 ± 0.006
					0.975 ± 0.004	< 0.041	68.90 ± 0.51	0.804 ± 0.011	0.296 ± 0.006



Best fit spectra



Breaking the degeneracy



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Reverse engineering to find the potential

The potential can be obtained with reverse engineering:

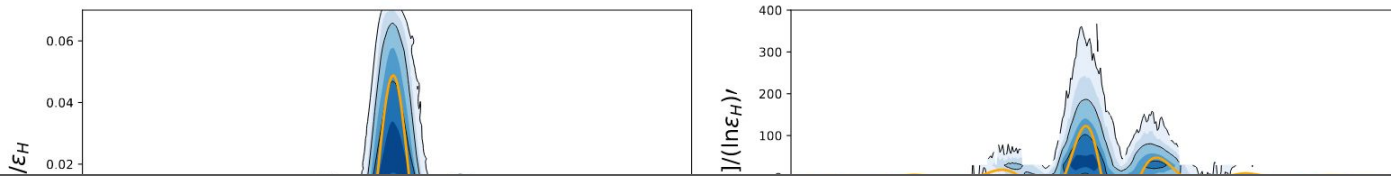
$$V(\phi[N]) = 3M_{P1}^2 H[N]^2 (1 - \epsilon_H[N]/3)$$

The reconstructed potential can be expressed with the following template:

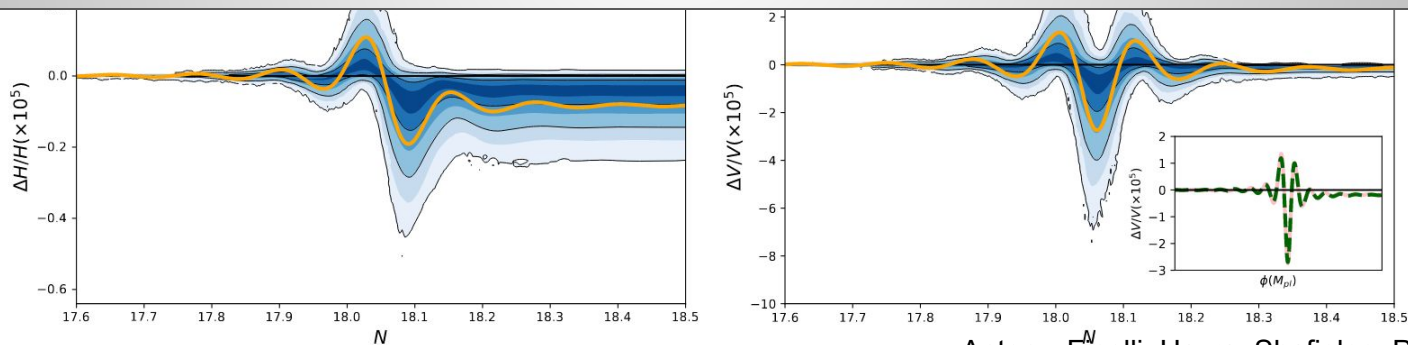
$$\frac{\Delta V(\phi)}{V_{\text{baseline}}(\phi)} = \frac{\alpha \cos[\omega(\phi - \phi_0)]}{1 + \beta(\phi - \phi_0)^2}$$



New physics of scalar field evolution



Strong support for an intermediate fast roll for 0.5 e-folds during inflation



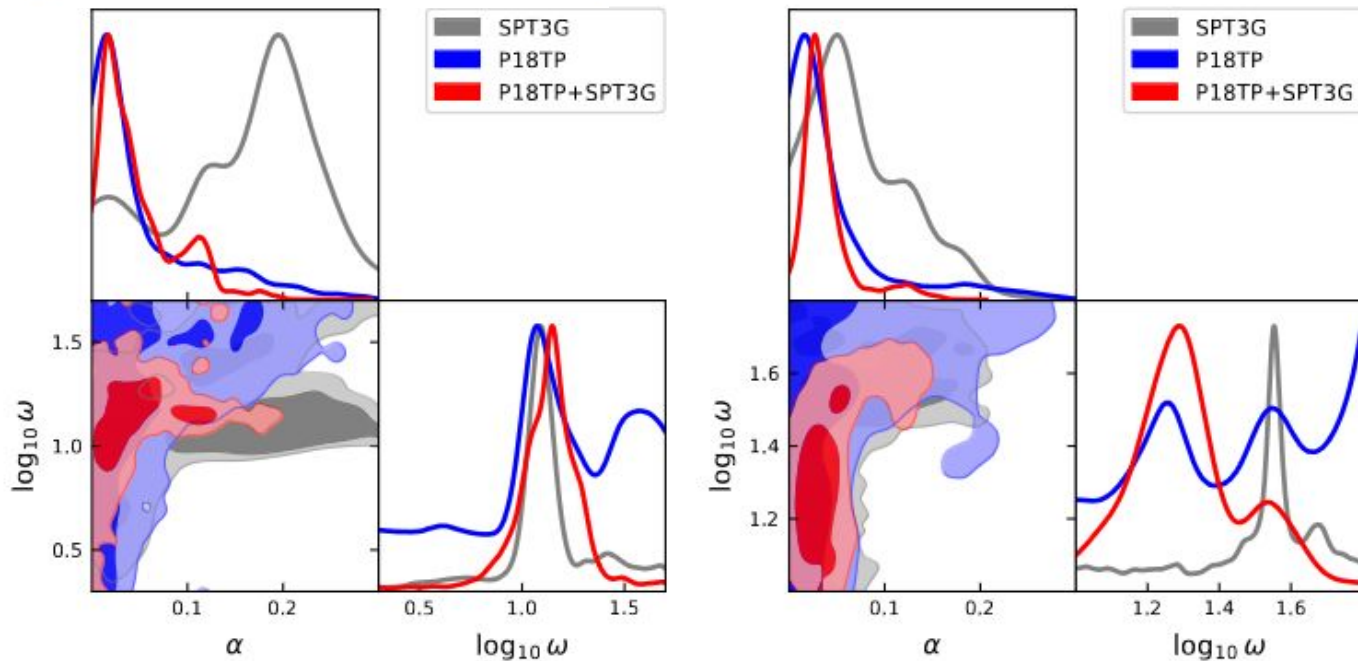
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Small Scale CMB data

$$P_{\text{local}}^{\text{lin}}(k) = P_0(k) \left[1 + \alpha \cos \left(\omega \frac{k}{k_*} + \phi \right) e^{-\frac{\beta^2 (k-\mu)^2}{2k_*^2}} \right]$$

$$P_{\text{local}}^{\text{log}}(k) = P_0(k) \left[1 + \alpha \cos \left(\omega \ln \frac{k}{k_*} + \phi \right) e^{-\frac{\beta^2 (k-\mu)^2}{2k_*^2}} \right]$$



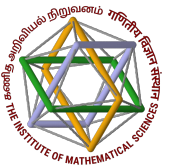
In summary

1. Anomalies and tensions within and between cosmological observations are correlated
2. *One Spectrum* provides a common solution
3. We find statistically significant preference for an intermediate fast roll during inflation as a candidate for new physics
4. The candidate has strong signatures in CMB polarization and large scale structures at particular scales, that can be tested soon with upcoming data

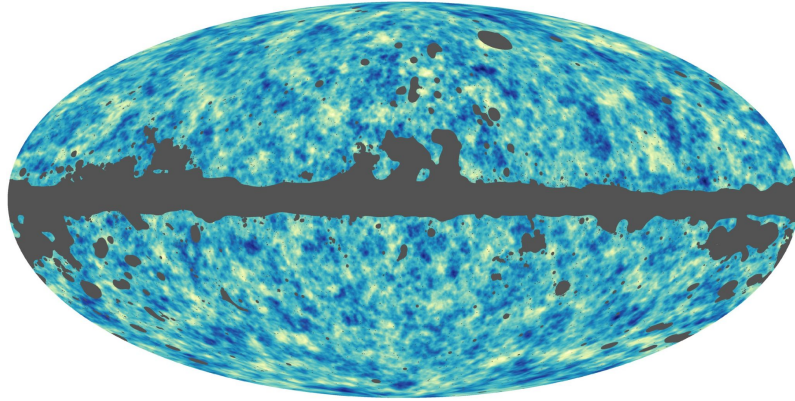
Certain supports arise from small scale CMB data and the bispectrum too



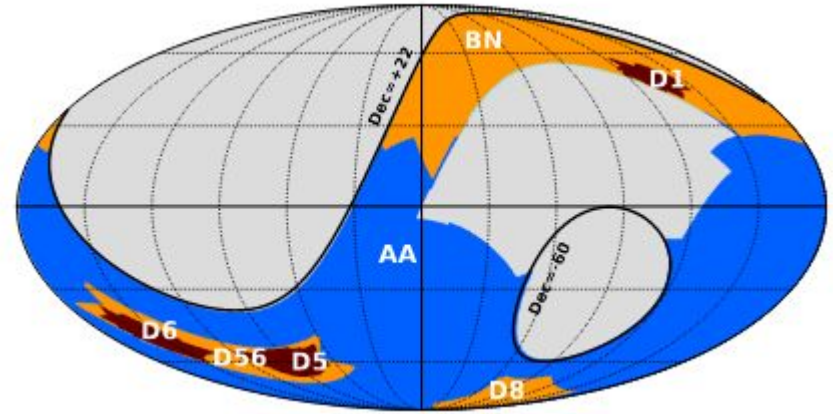
When tension can be systematics ?



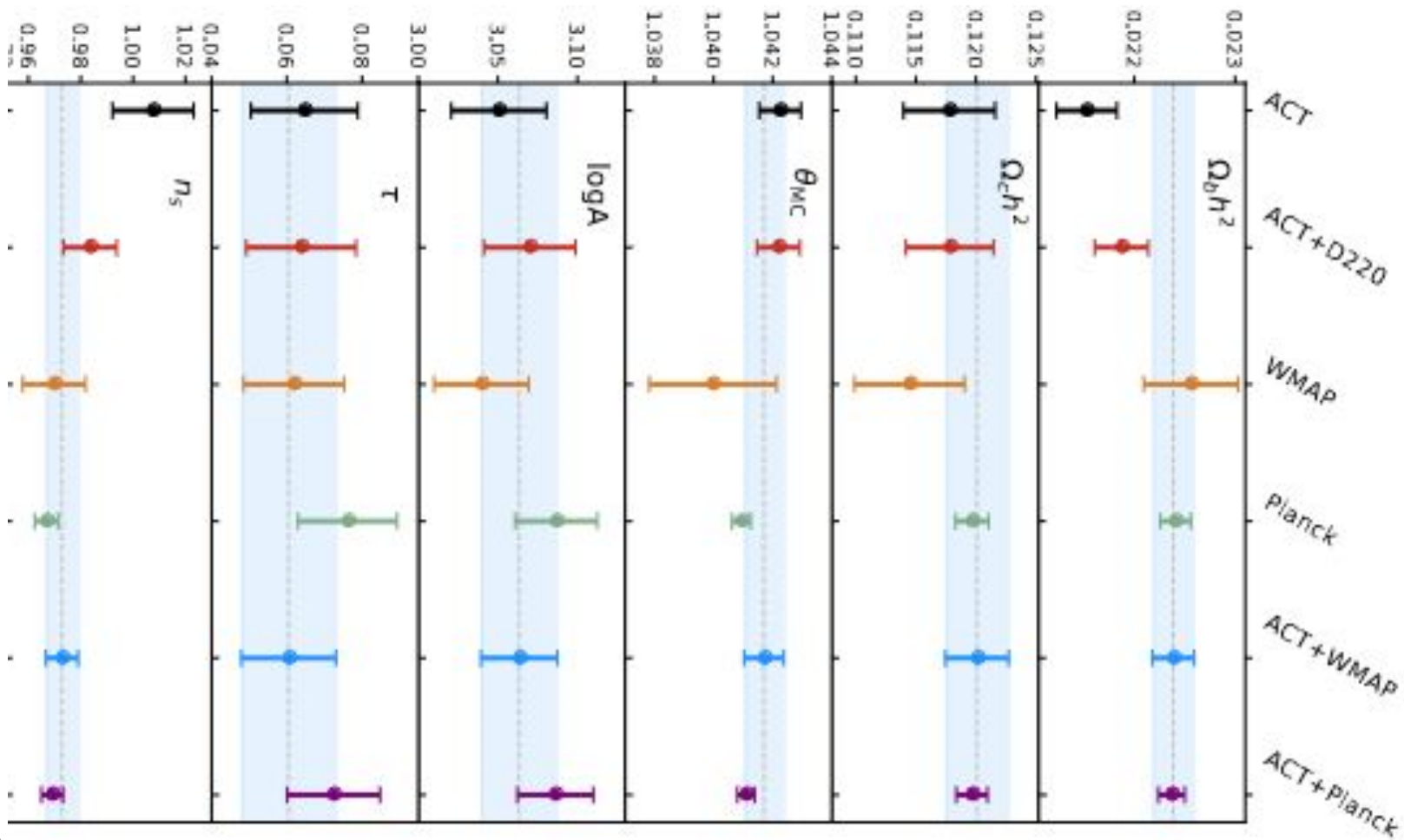
Planck PR3 and ACT DR4



Planck PR3



ACT DR4



AcT DR4

Exploring the discrepancy between Planck PR3 and ACT DR4

Parametric test:

Instead of power law:

$$\mathcal{P}_S(k) = A_s(k/k_0)^{n_s-1}$$

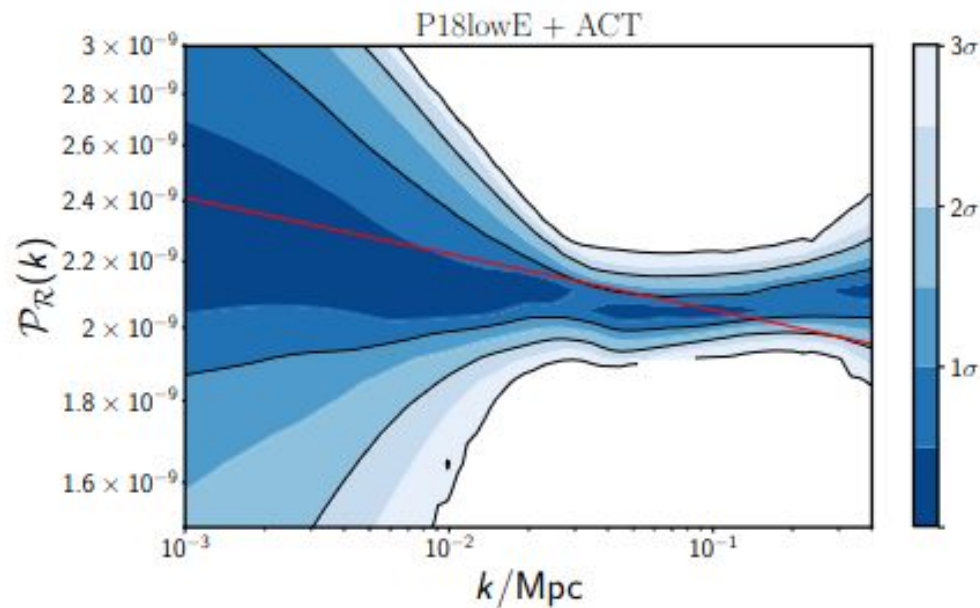
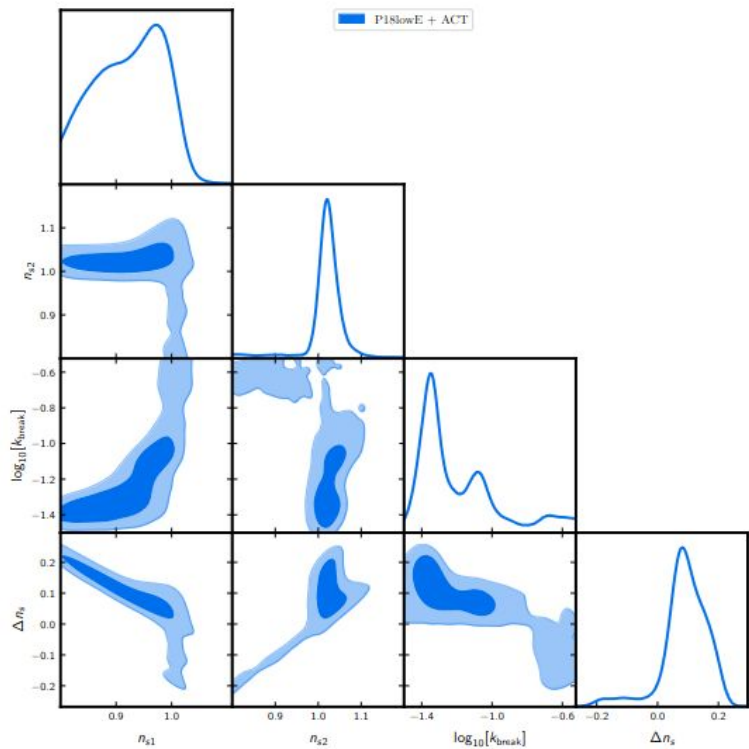
We use a simple extension with a transition in tilt:

$$\mathcal{P}_S^{\text{broken}}(k) = A_s(k = k_{\text{break}}) \times \begin{cases} (k/k_{\text{break}})^{n_{s1}-1}, & \text{if } k \leq k_{\text{break}} \\ (k/k_{\text{break}})^{n_{s2}-1}, & \text{if } k \geq k_{\text{break}} \end{cases}$$

Difference in tilt will be the parameter of interest.

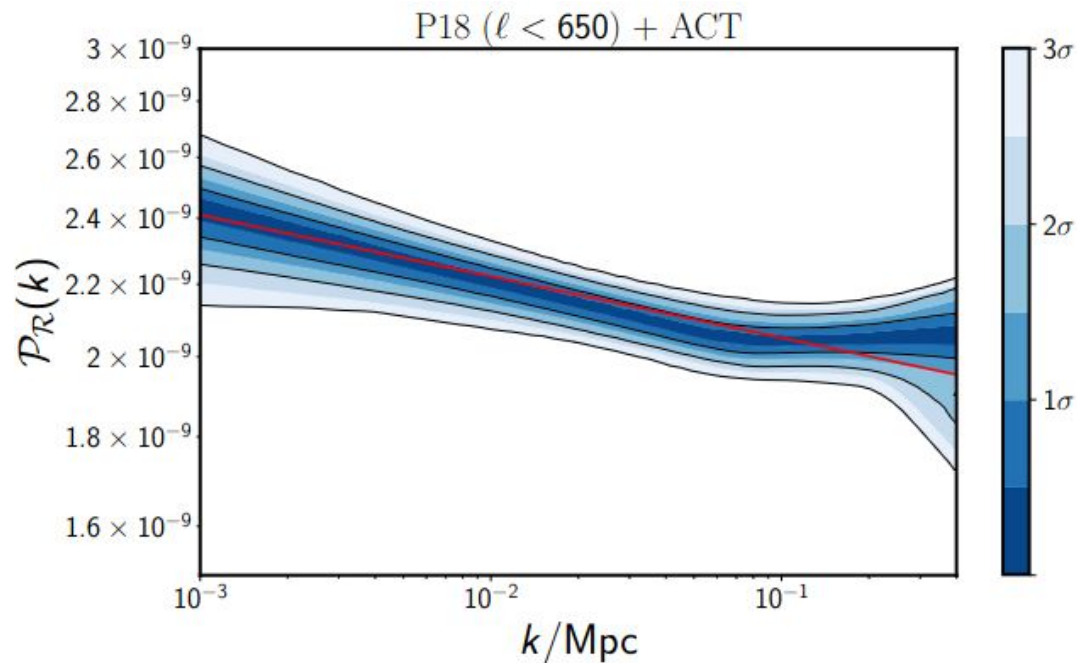
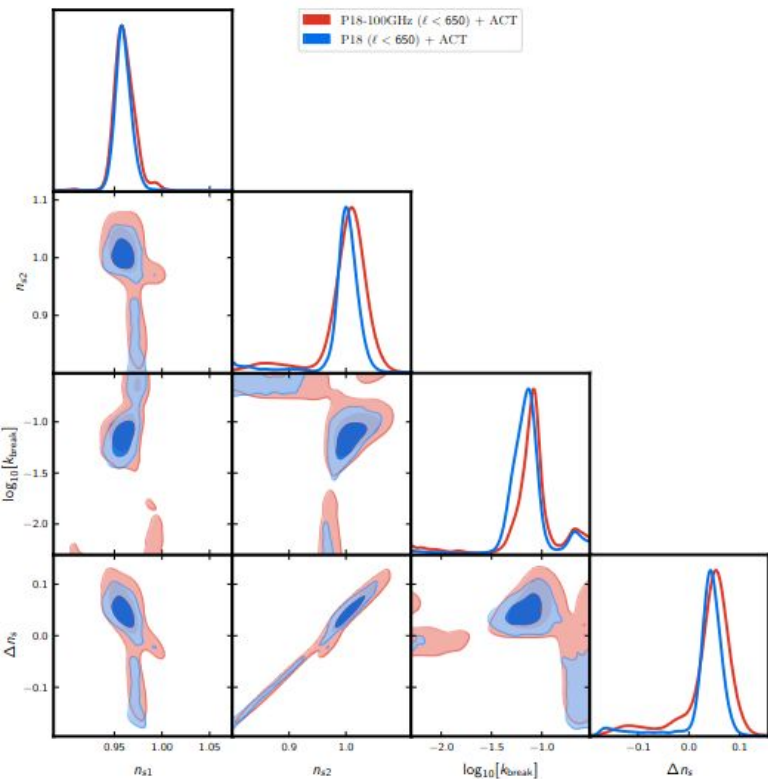


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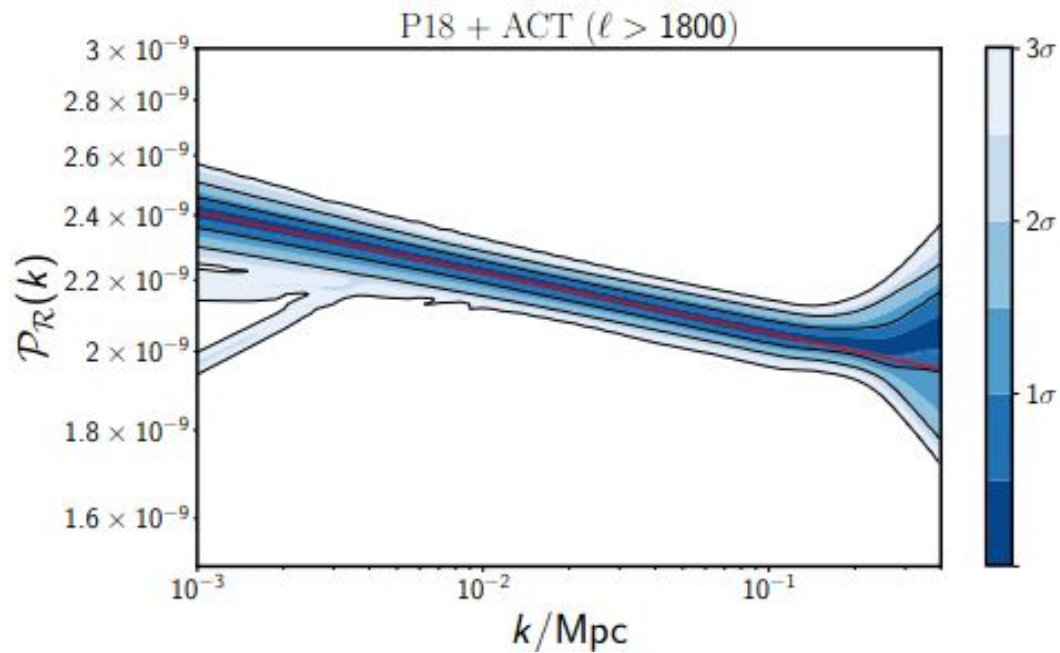
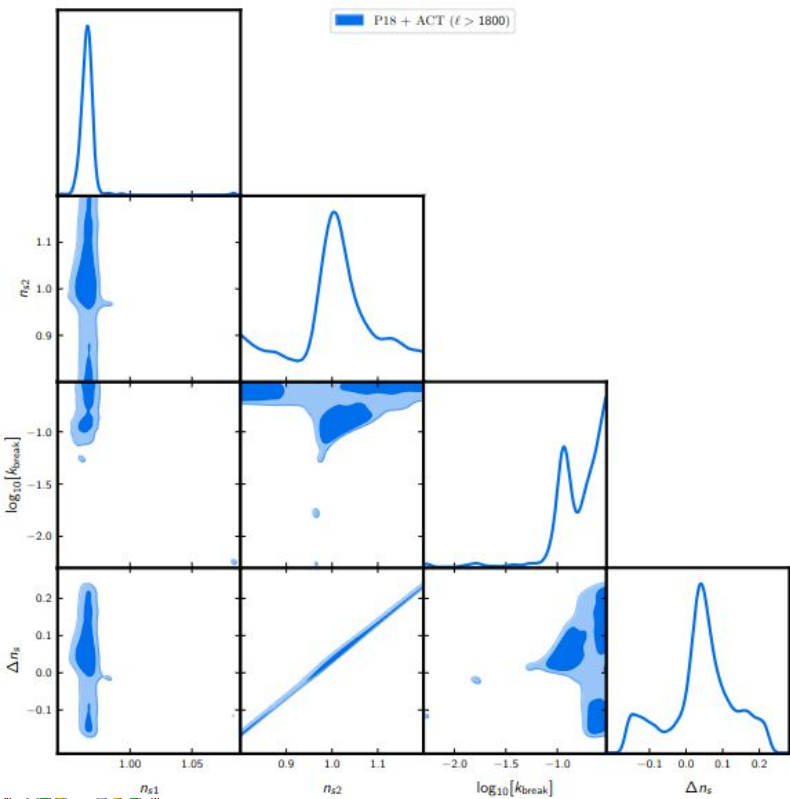
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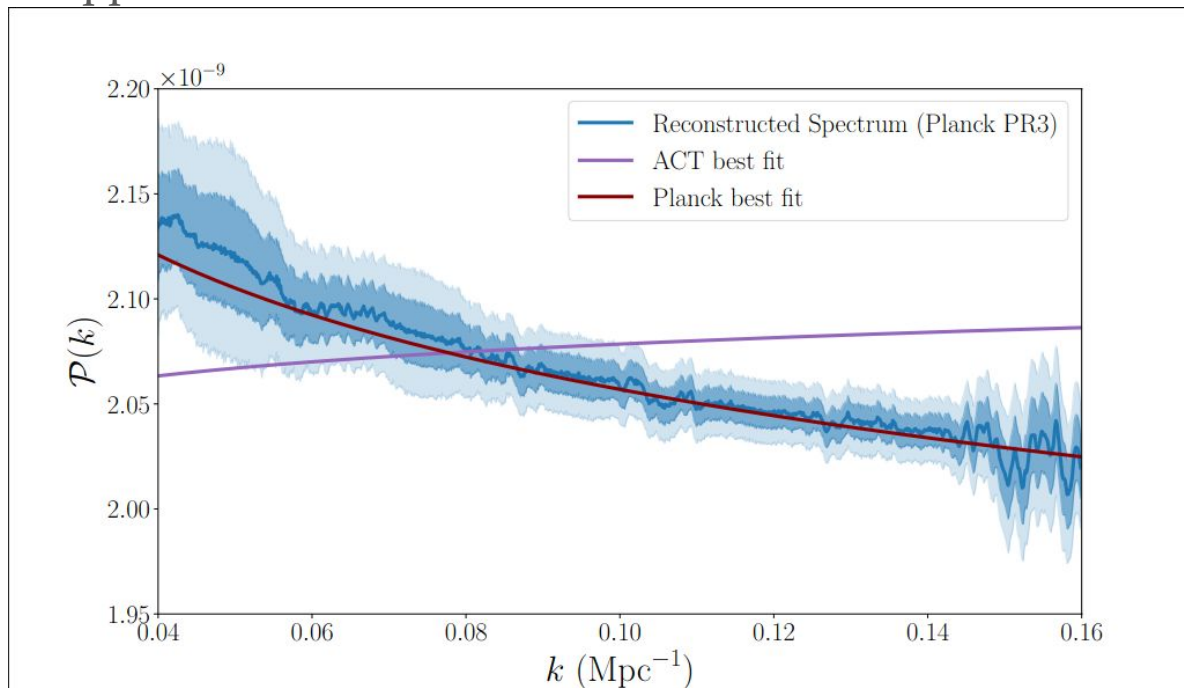
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Datasets	$\Delta\chi_{\text{eff}}^2$	$\ln B$
P18+ACT ($\ell > 1800$)	-2.4	-0.3
P18lowE+ACT	-6.8	0.7
P18-100GHz ($\ell < 650$)+ACT	-8.1	0.3
P18 ($\ell < 650$)+ACT	-7.1	1.2
P18-143-217GHz+ACT ($\ell > 1800$)	-0.7	-1.1
P18EE+ACT	-9.7	1.8
P18TEEE+ACT	-6	0.9



Exploring the discrepancy between Planck PR3 and ACT DR4

Non-parametric approach: Reconstruction

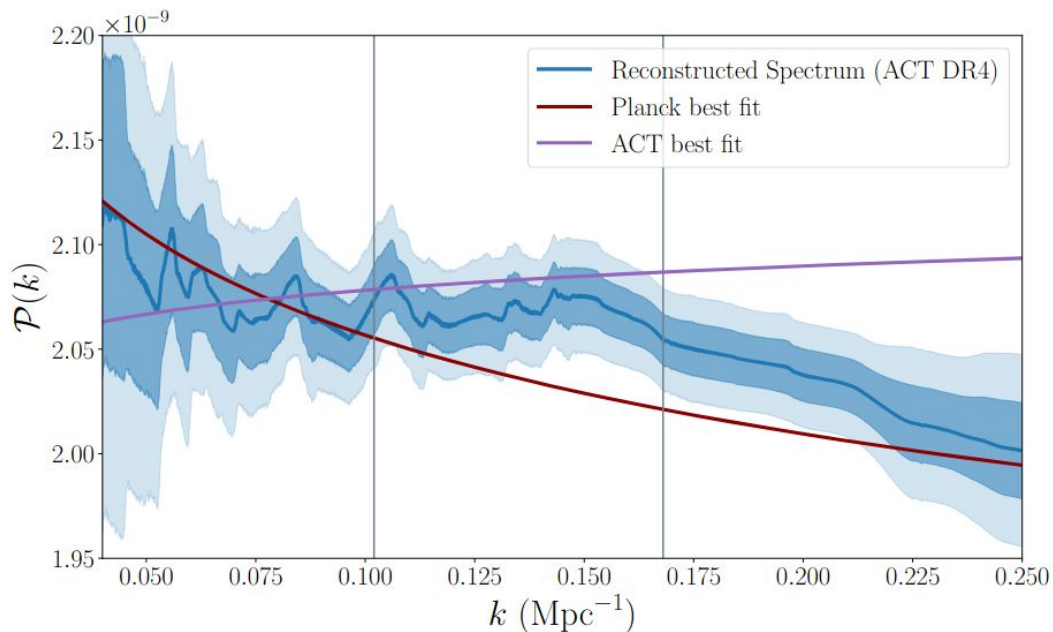


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In summary

1. The discrepancy is there within ACT data itself at 2σ
2. Preference for a break in power increases if truncated Planck data is used jointly with ACT
3. The blue tilt from ACT is preferred at $k \sim 0.08 - 0.16/\text{Mpc}$ ($\ell \sim 1100 - 2200$)
4. When data are combined respecting the signal to noise ratios, the significance of the transition goes away

In such cases, the tension seems to not arising from any new physics



New physics or systematics

Hubble tension, S8 tension and lensing anomalies seem to be correlated. Therefore it is possible for new physics to emerge from there

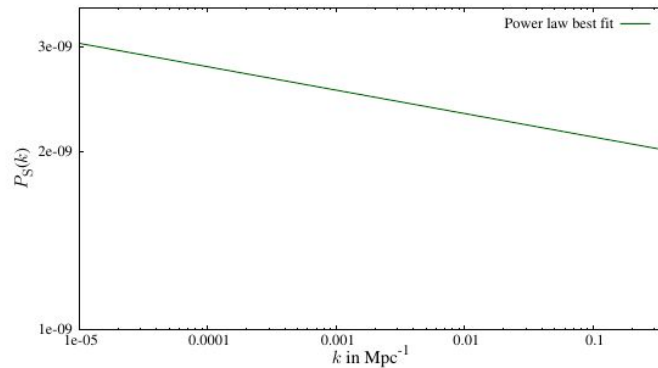
Tensions between Planck and ACT seem to be coming from systematics. Statistical significance to the new physics candidates are originating from data selection effect in the joint analysis



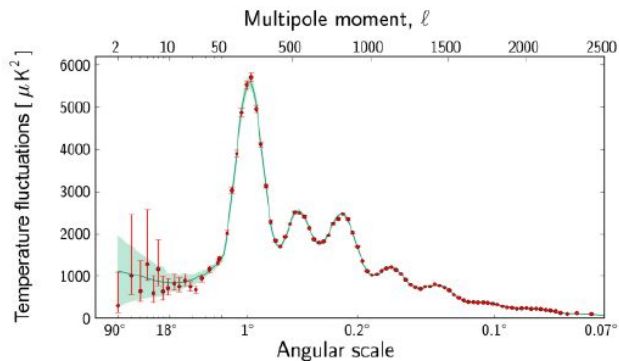
Thank you

Reconstruction of localized features

Primordial power spectrum



Angular power spectrum (Planck)



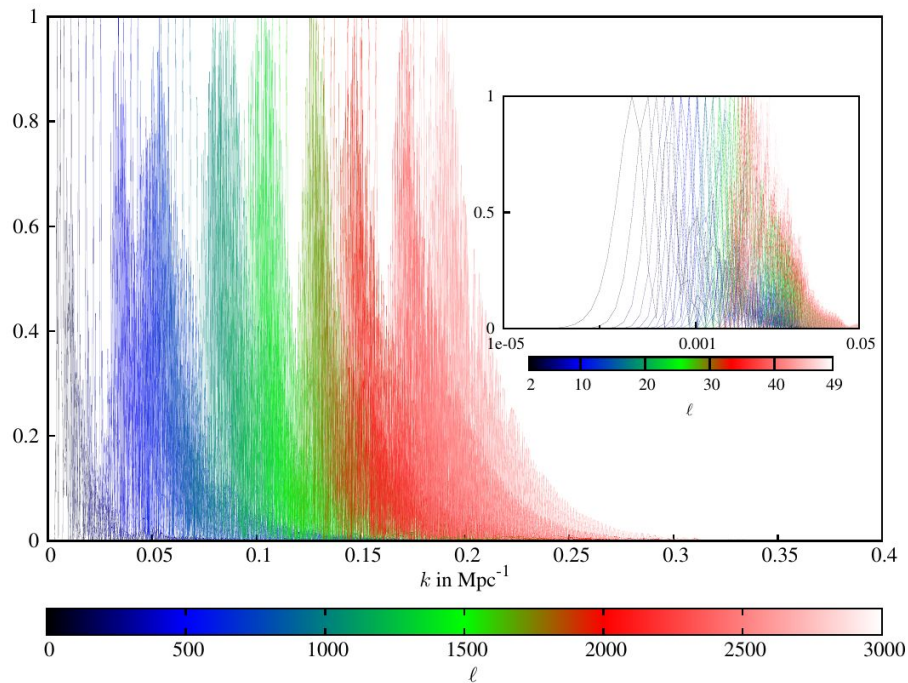
$$C_{\ell}^T = \sum_i G_{\ell k_i} P_{k_i}$$

$G_{\ell k}$ is the radiative transport kernel



Reconstruction of localized features

Transport kernel for temperature anisotropy computed using CAMB



The transport kernel depends on background cosmology

Using a baseline cosmology we attempt to reconstruct the primordial power spectrum from the CMB angular power spectrum data

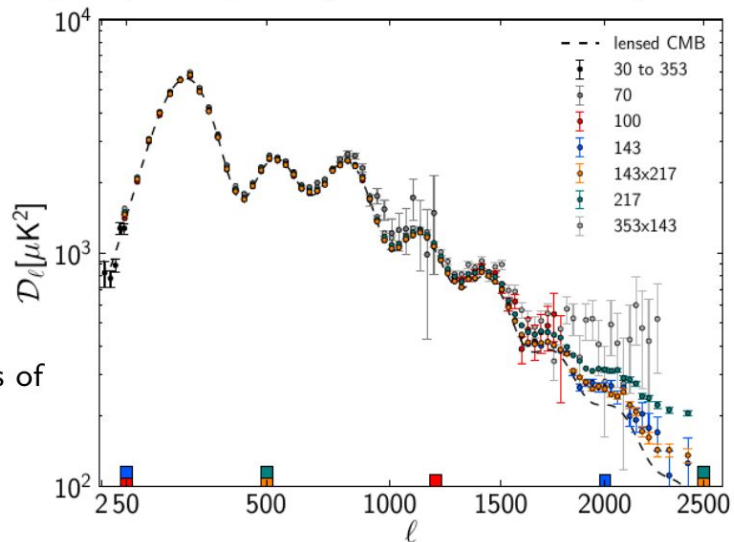
Reconstruction (Richardson-Lucy algorithm)

Richardson (1972) and Lucy (1974)

$$P_k^{(i+1)} - P_k^{(i)} = P_k^{(i)} \times \left[\sum_{\ell} \tilde{G}_{\ell k} \left(\frac{C_{\ell}^D - C_{\ell}^{T(i)}}{C_{\ell}^{T(i)}} \right) \right]$$

- 5 different spectra for parameter estimation, calculated from combinations of maps in different frequency channels
- Foreground and calibration effects
- Substantial lensing

Angular power spectra (in different Planck frequencies)

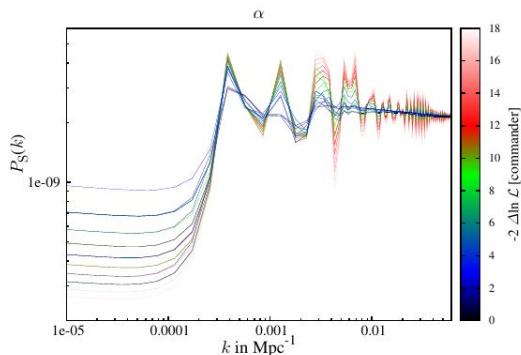


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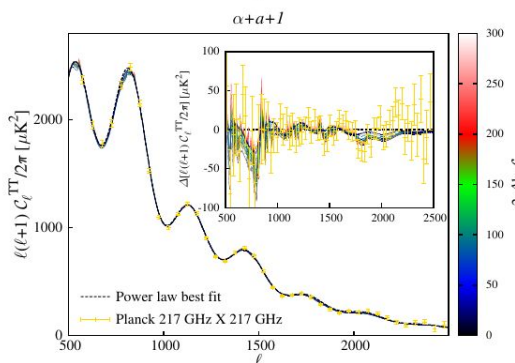
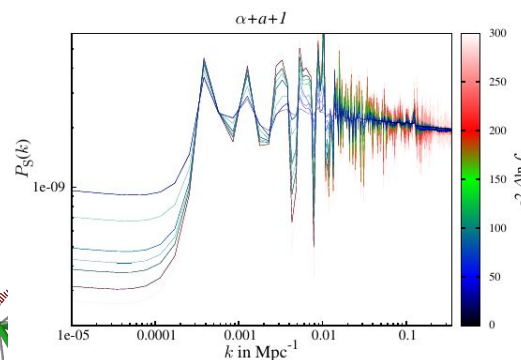
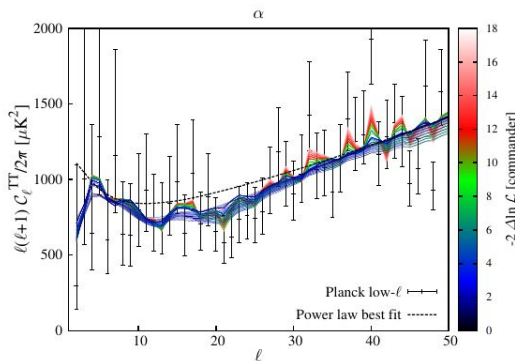


Reconstruction (Modified Richardson-Lucy)

Primordial power spectra



Angular power spectra



MRL reconstructs the free-form primordial power spectrum from different combinations of frequency channels

Helps to identify features present in all frequencies

Also helps to check consistencies between frequencies

Features that seem 'important'

