

The H_0 Olympics: a fair ranking of proposed models

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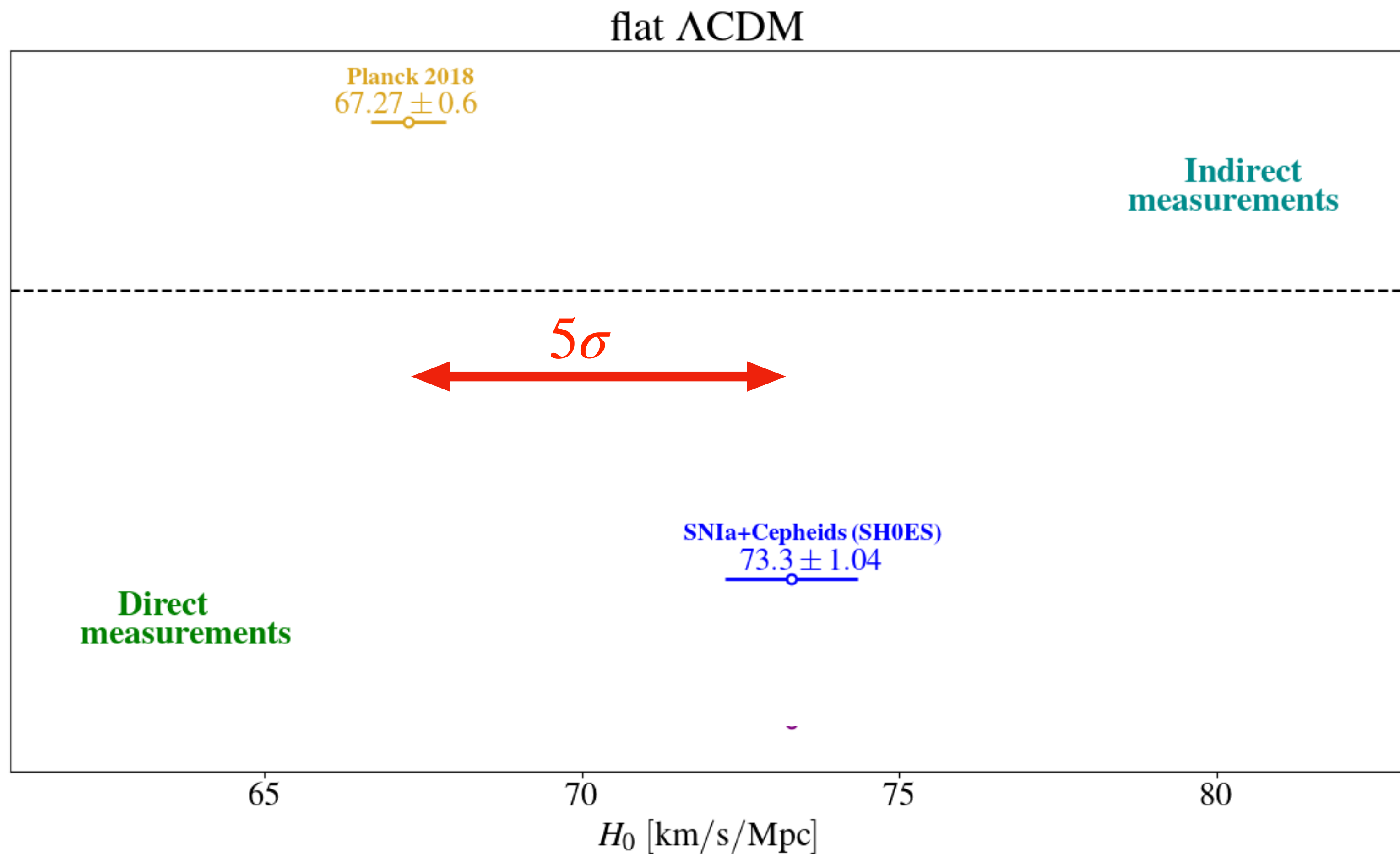
- Less exotic explanation 
- Difficult to account for all discrepancies 

Physics beyond Λ CDM?

- Reveal properties about the dark sector 
- Very challenging 

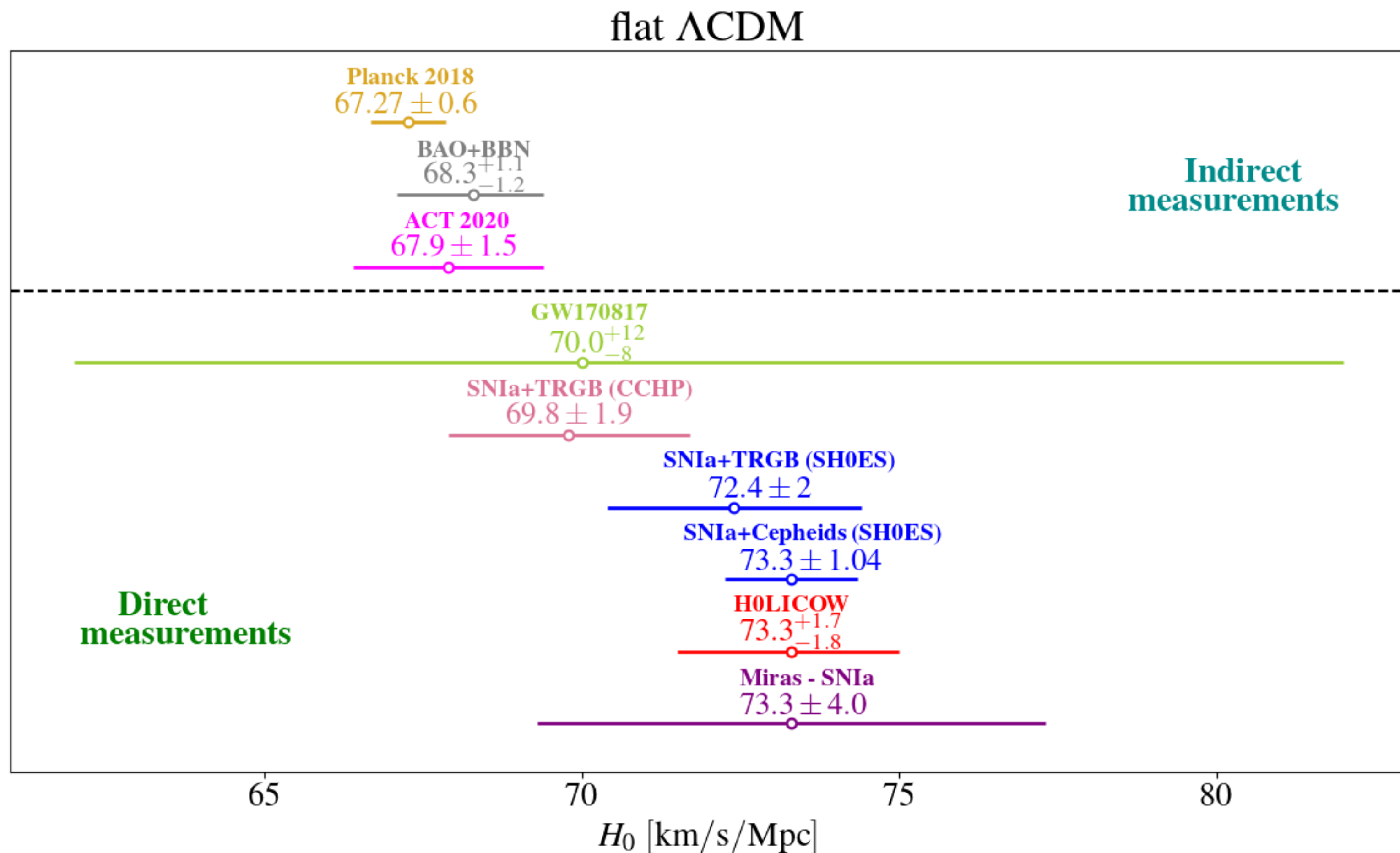
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- [Di Valentino, Mena++ 2103.01183](#) \longrightarrow recent review of solutions, **more than 1000 refs!**

Early Dark Energy Can Resolve The Hubble Tension

Vivian Poulin¹, Tristan L. Smith², Tanvi Karwal¹, and Marc Kamionkowski¹

Relieving the Hubble tension with primordial magnetic fields

Karsten Jedamzik¹ and Levon Pogosian^{2,3}

The Neutrino Puzzle: Anomalies, Interactions, and Cosmological Tensions

Christina D. Kreisch,^{1,*} Francis-Yan Cyr-Racine,^{2,3,†} and Olivier Doré⁴

Rock 'n' Roll Solutions to the Hubble Tension

Prateek Agrawal¹, Francis-Yan Cyr-Racine^{1,2}, David Pinner^{1,3}, and Lisa Randall¹

The Hubble Tension as a Hint of Leptogenesis and Neutrino Mass Generation

Miguel Escudero^{1,*} and Samuel J. Witte^{2,†}

Can interacting dark energy solve the H_0 tension?

Eleonora Di Valentino,^{1,2,*} Alessandro Melchiorri,^{3,†} and Olga Mena^{4,‡}

Dark matter decaying in the late Universe can relieve the H_0 tension

Kyriakos Vattis, Savvas M. Koushiappas, and Abraham Loeb

A Simple Phenomenological Emergent Dark Energy Model can Resolve the Hubble Tension

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Early recombination as a solution to the H_0 tension

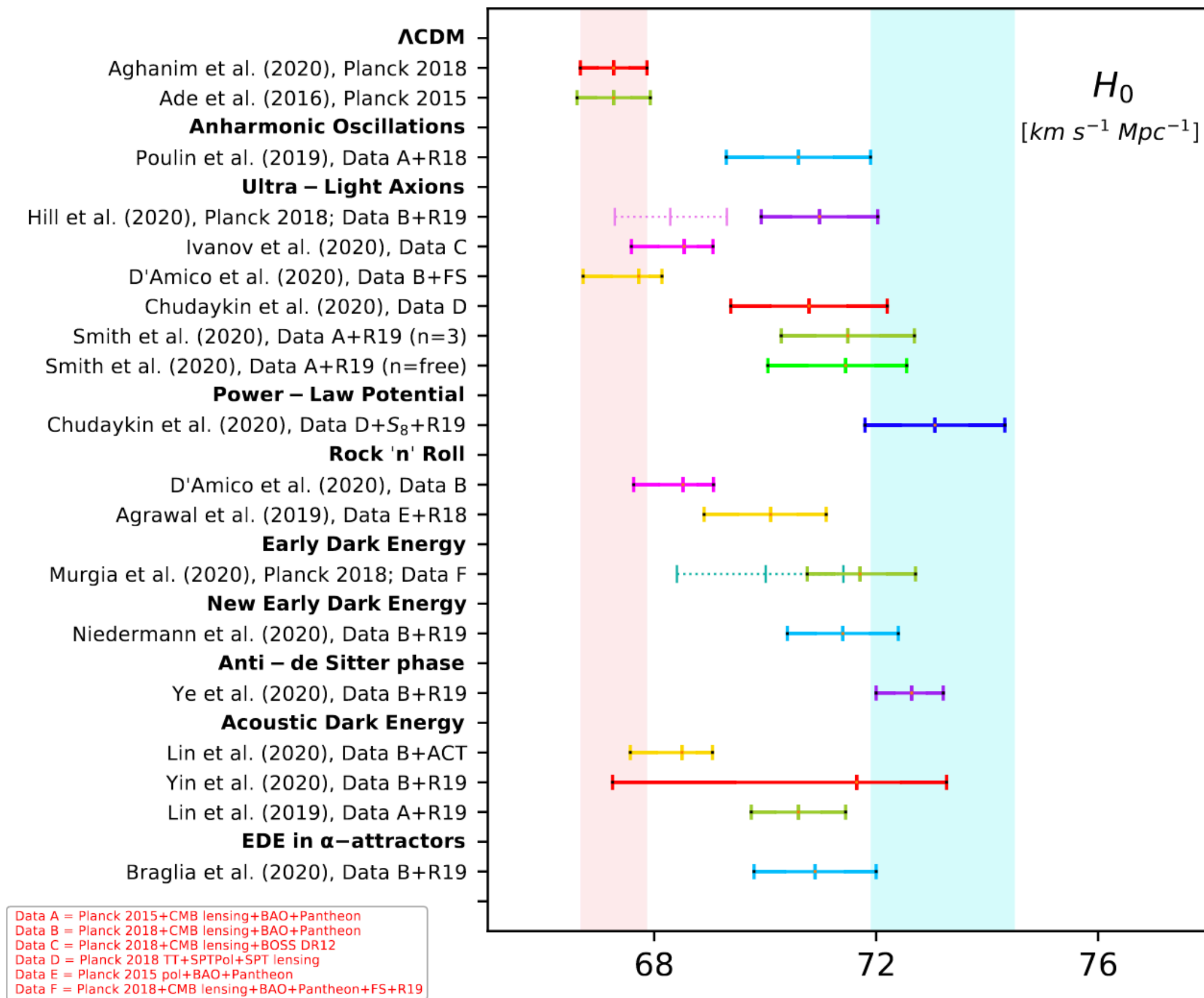
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Early modified gravity in light of the H_0 tension and LSS data

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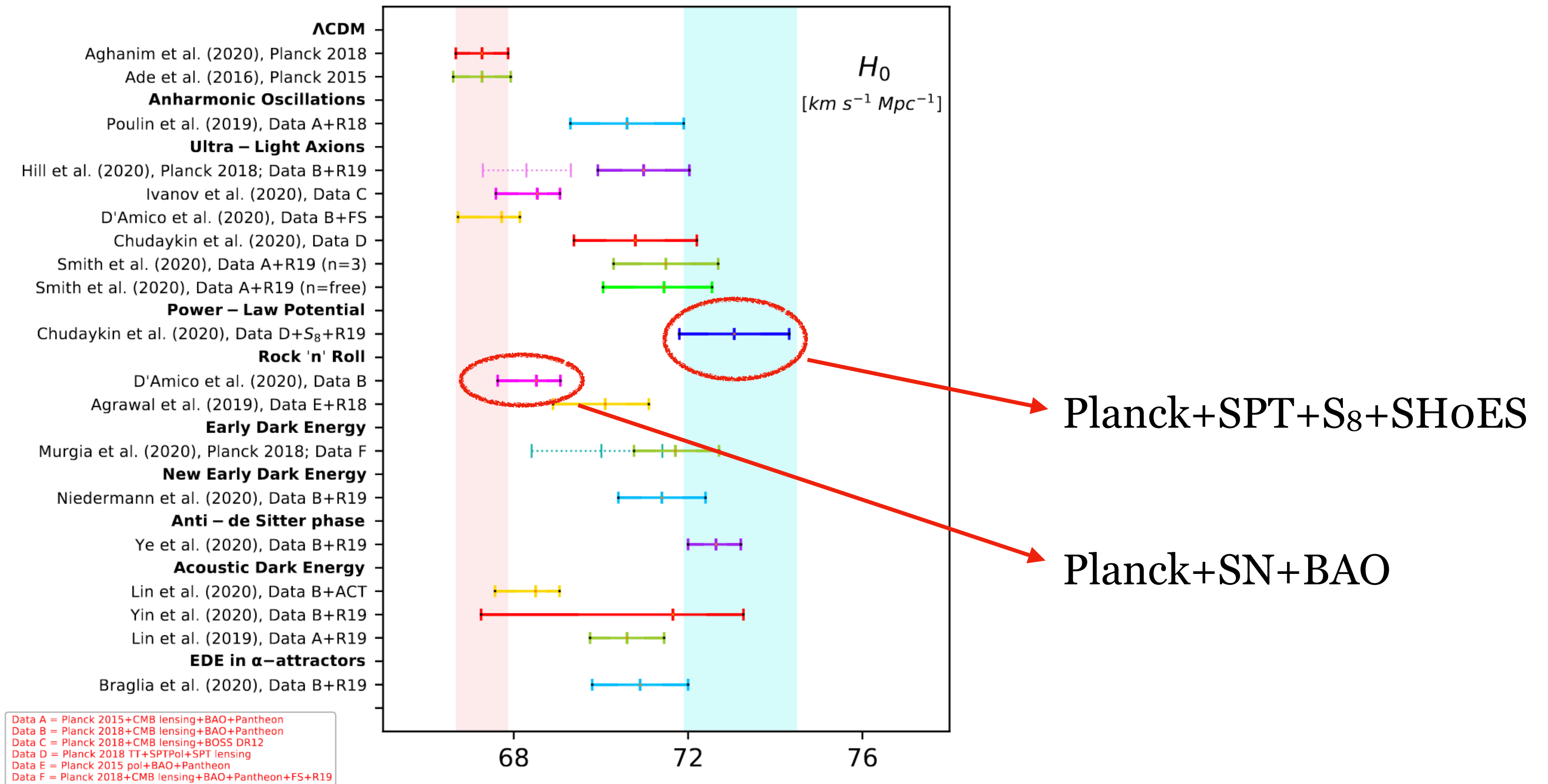
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- Self-interacting DR
- Mixed DR
- DM-DR interactions
- Self-interacting ν_s +DR
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wo Dark radiation

- Primordial B
- Varying m_e
- Varying $m_e + \Omega_k$
- Early Dark Energy
- New Early Dark Energy

Late universe

- CPL dark energy
- PEDE
- MPEDE
- Fraction DM \rightarrow DR
- DM \rightarrow DR +WDM

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- Doesn't account for effects of over-fitting 

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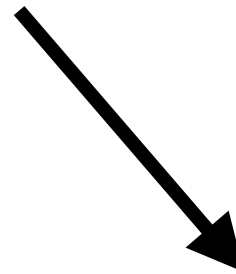
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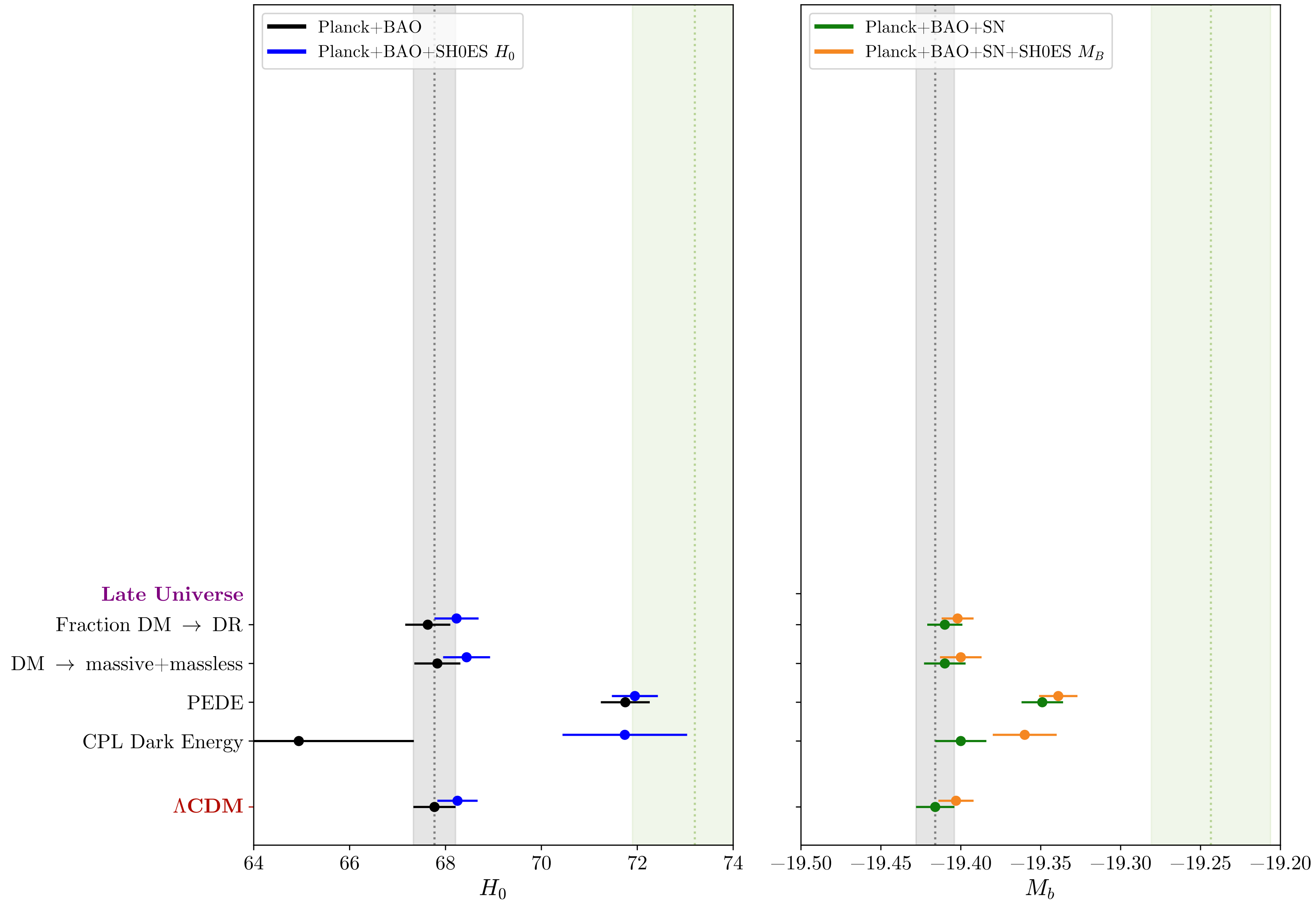
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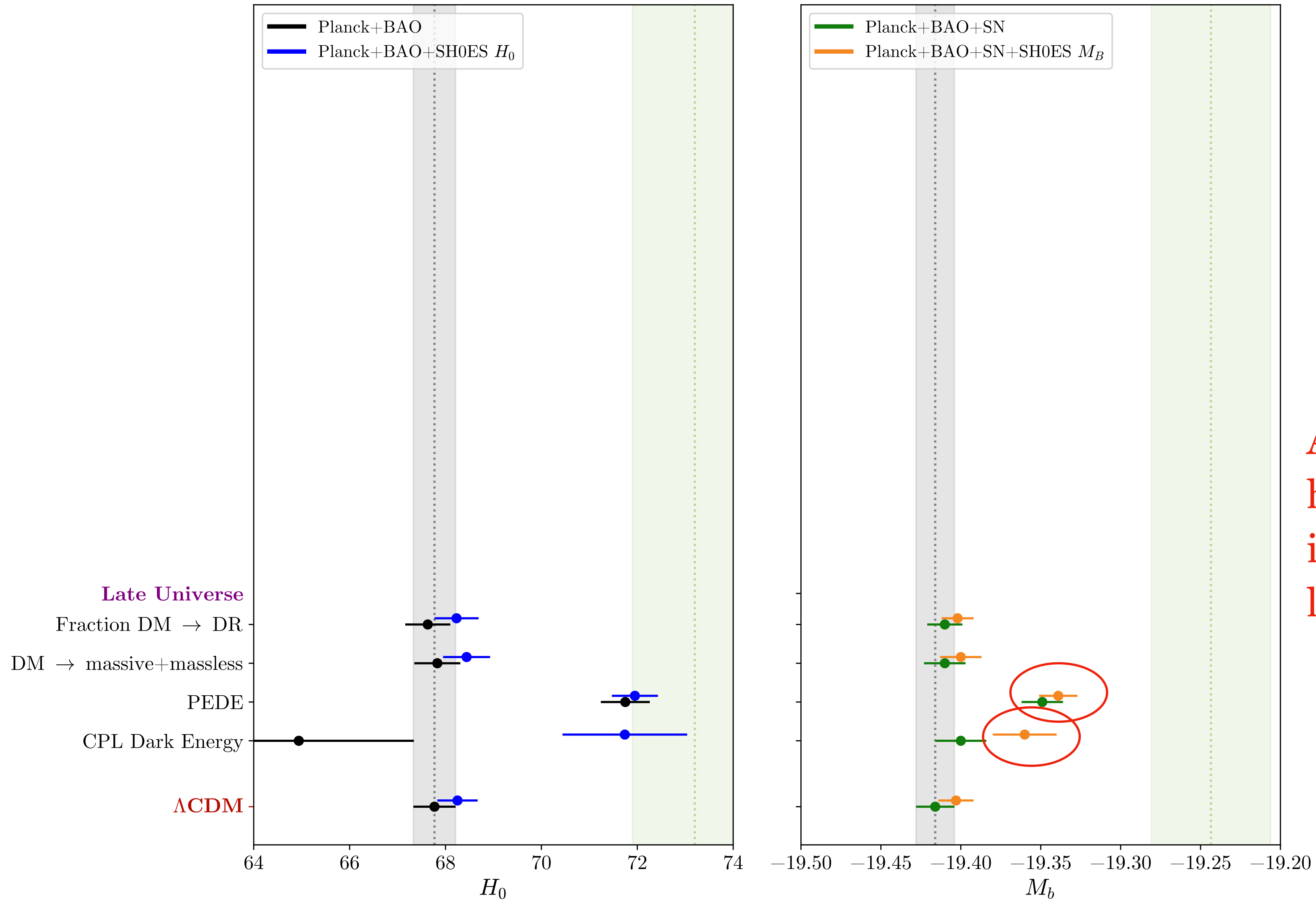
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Finalists receive bronze, silver or golden medals if they satisfy one, two or three criteria, respectively

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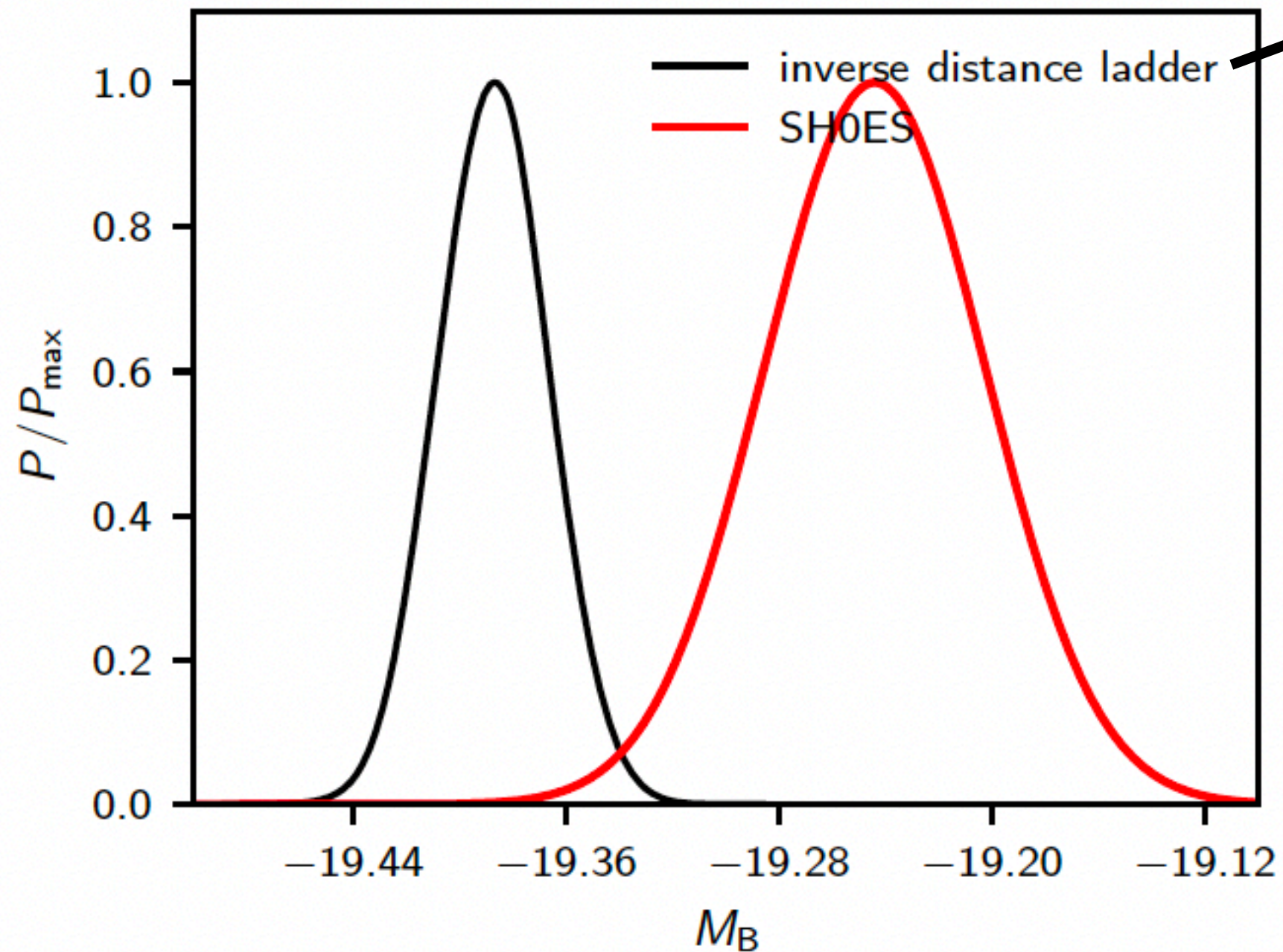
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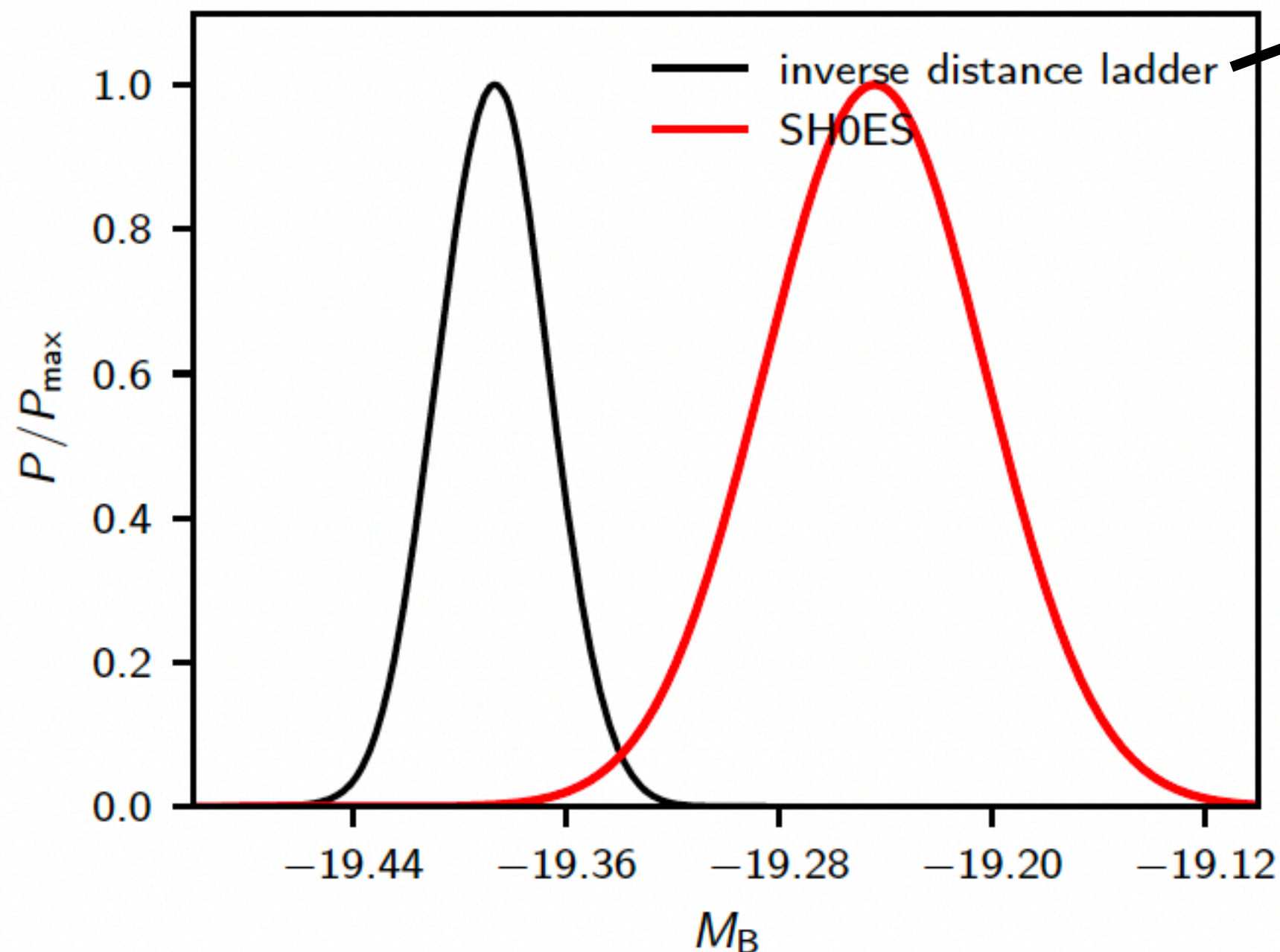
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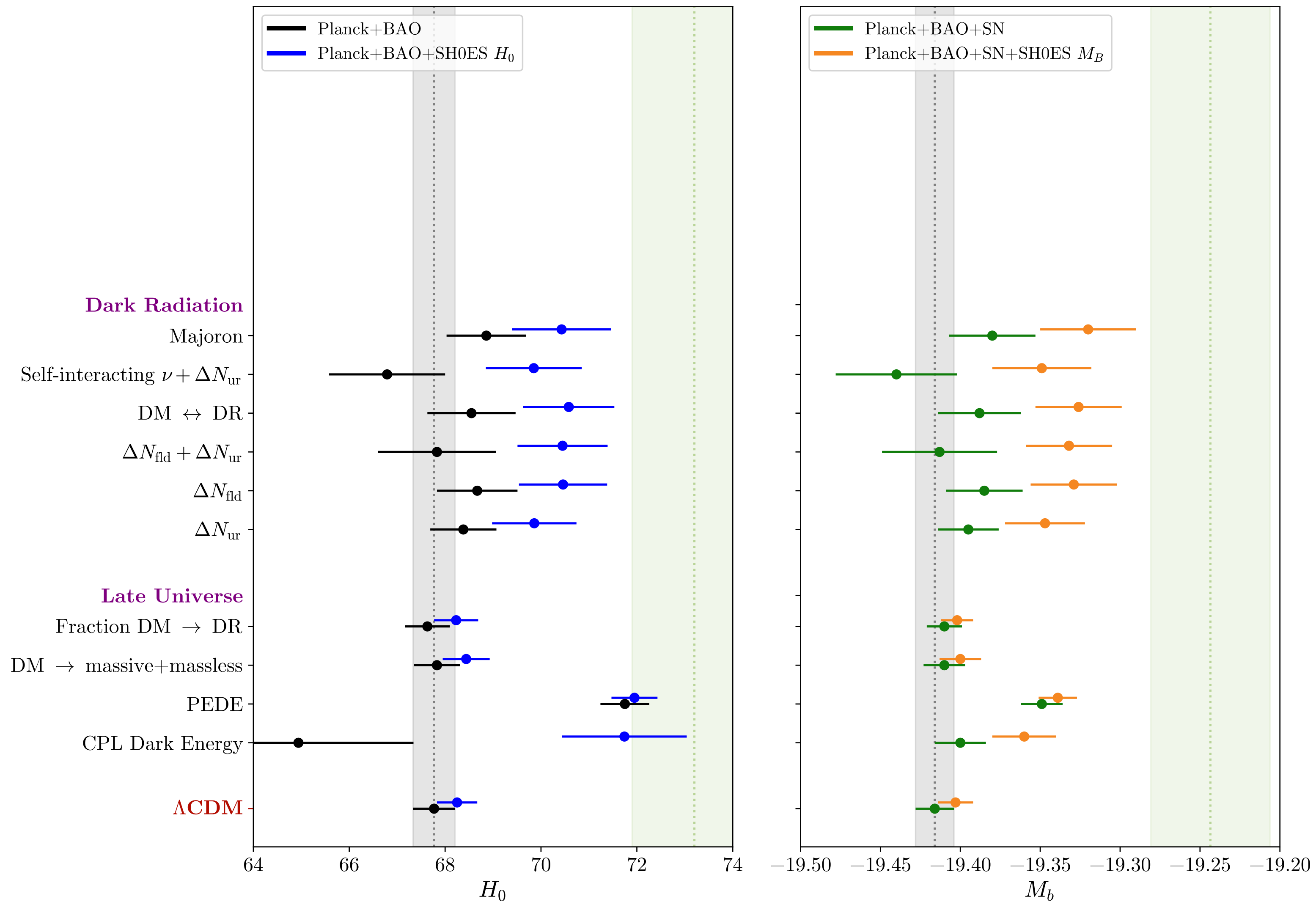
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For $r_s^{\Lambda\text{CDM}} = 147$ Mpc, **inverse distance ladder** disagrees with SH0ES

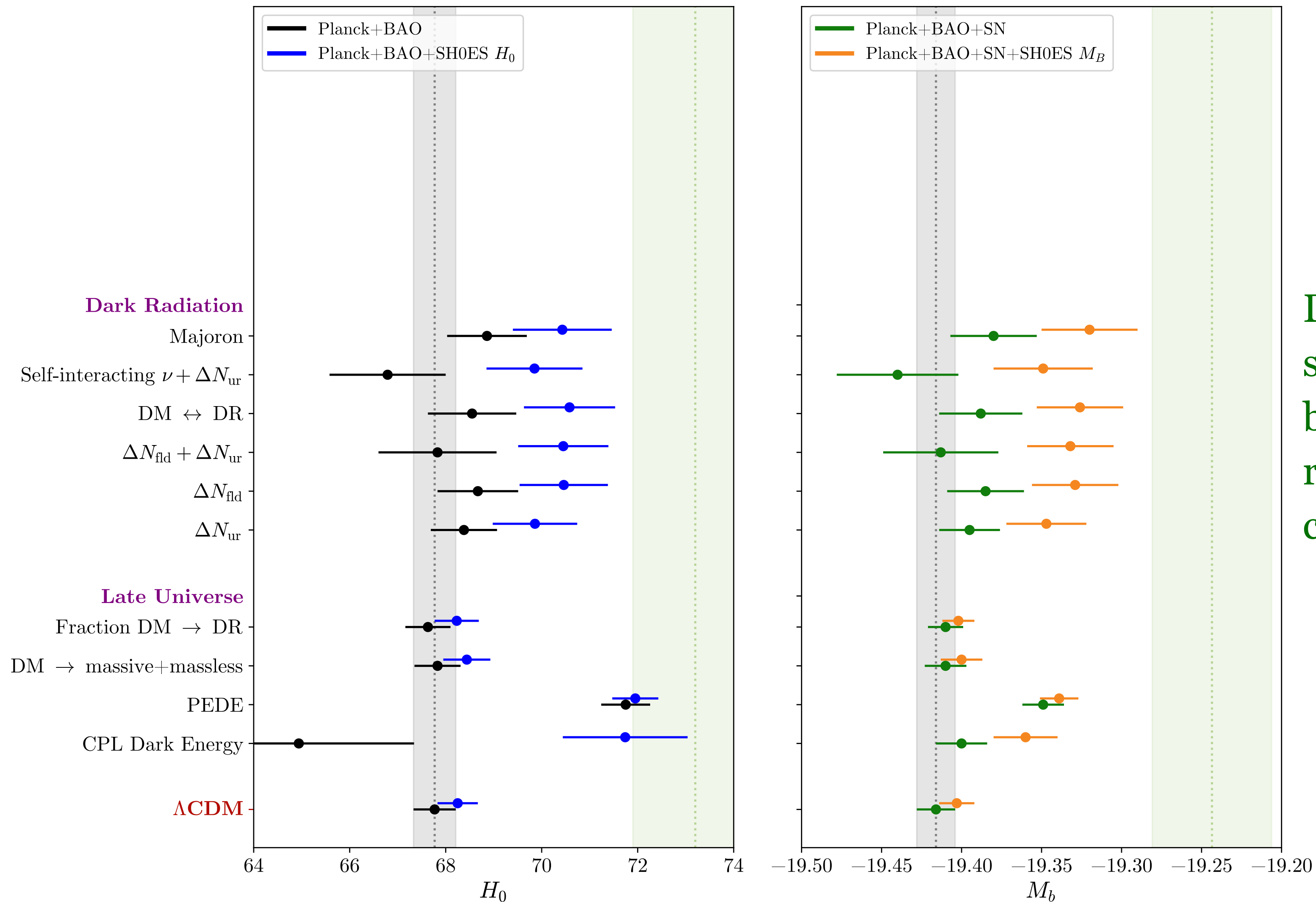
To make the two determinations agree, one is forced to **reduce r_s**

Ex: *Early Dark Energy or exotic neutrino interactions*

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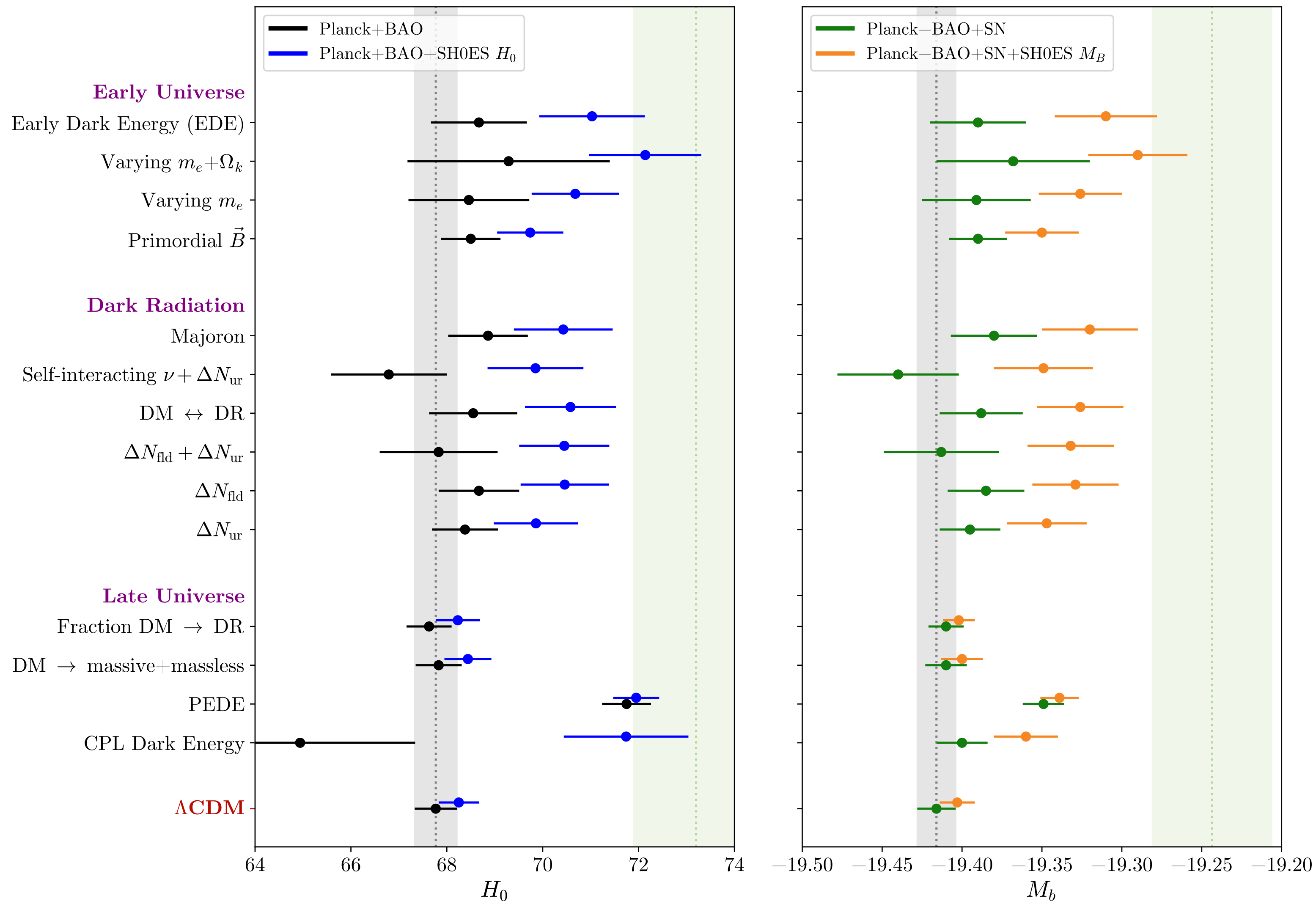


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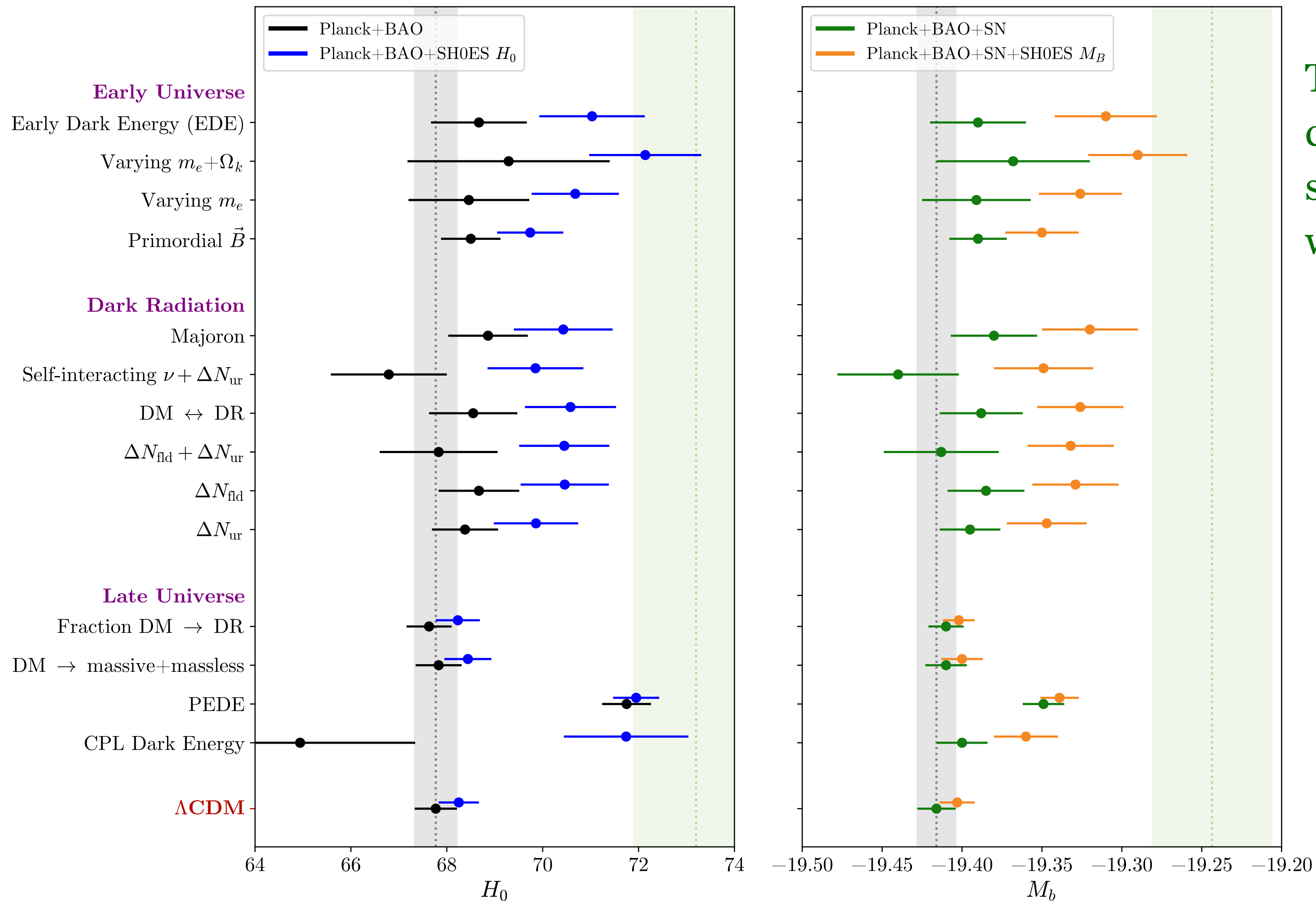


Dark radiation solutions work better, but remain very constrained

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This is the category of solutions that work the best

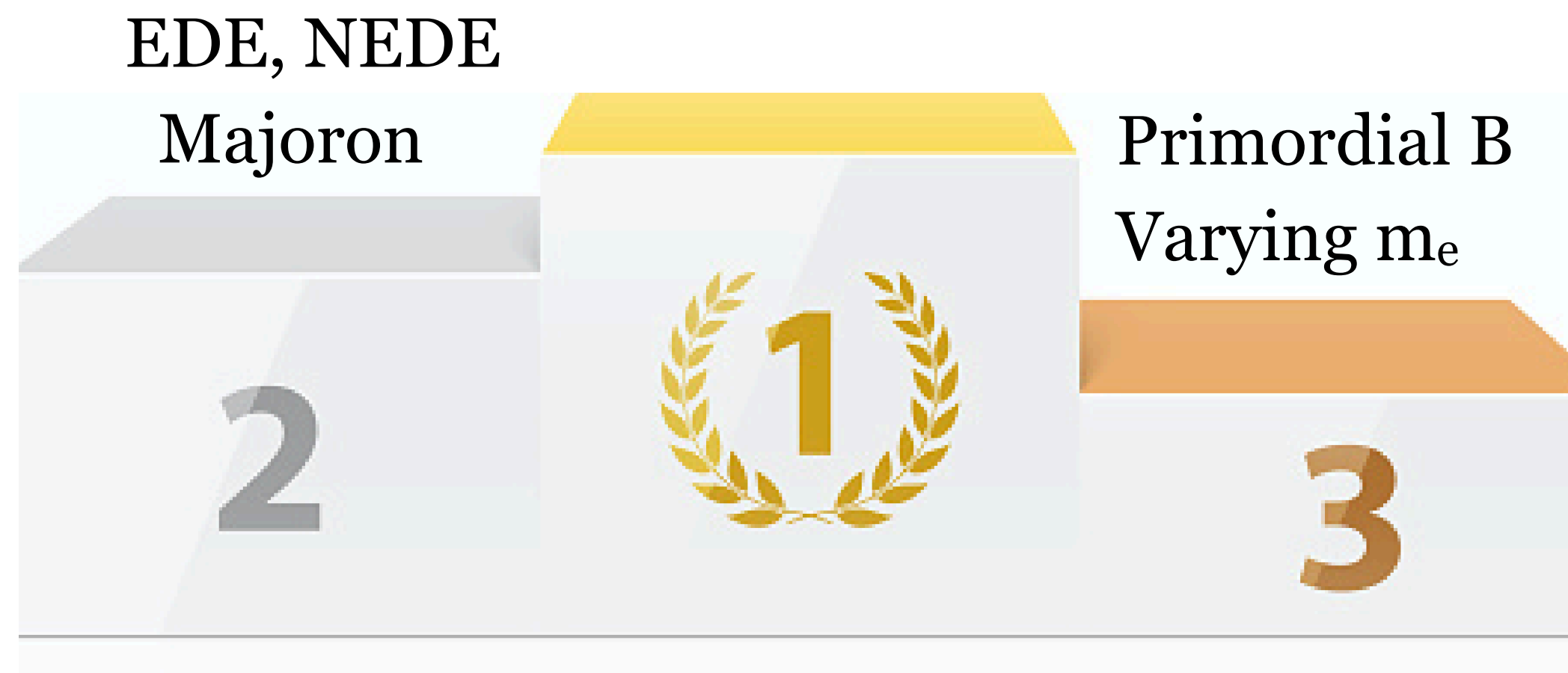
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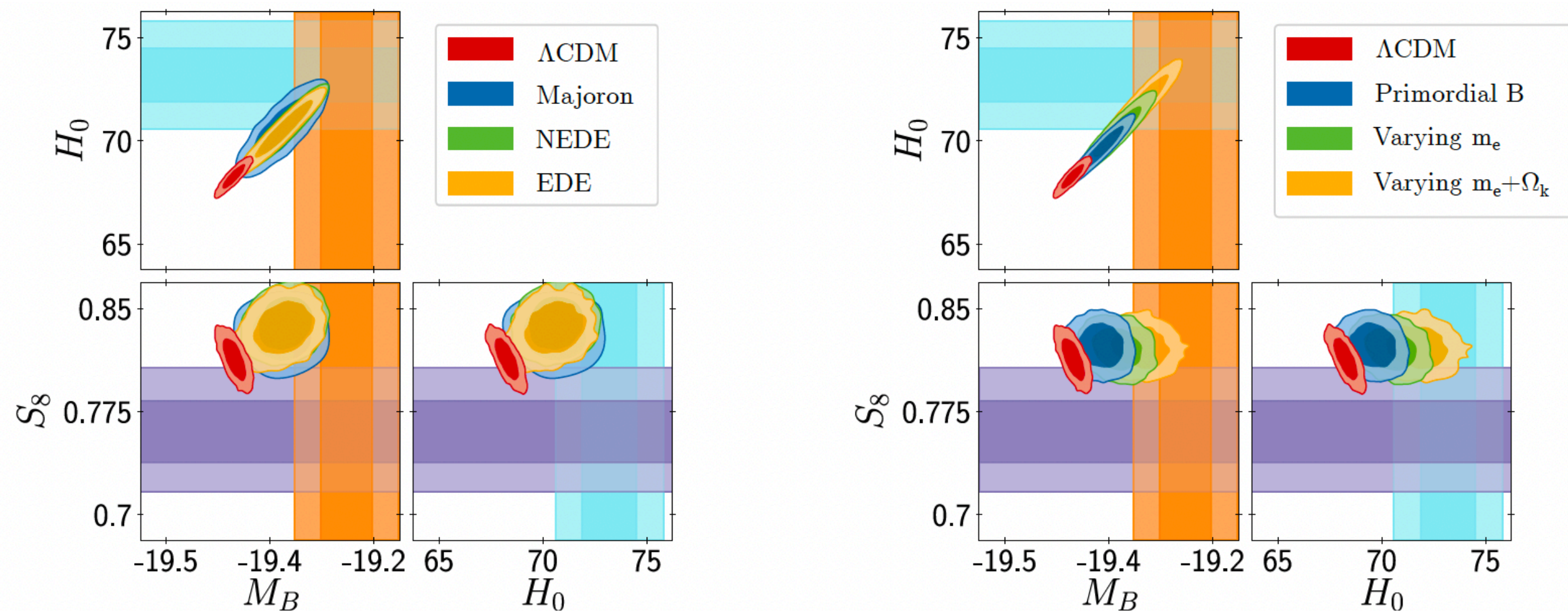


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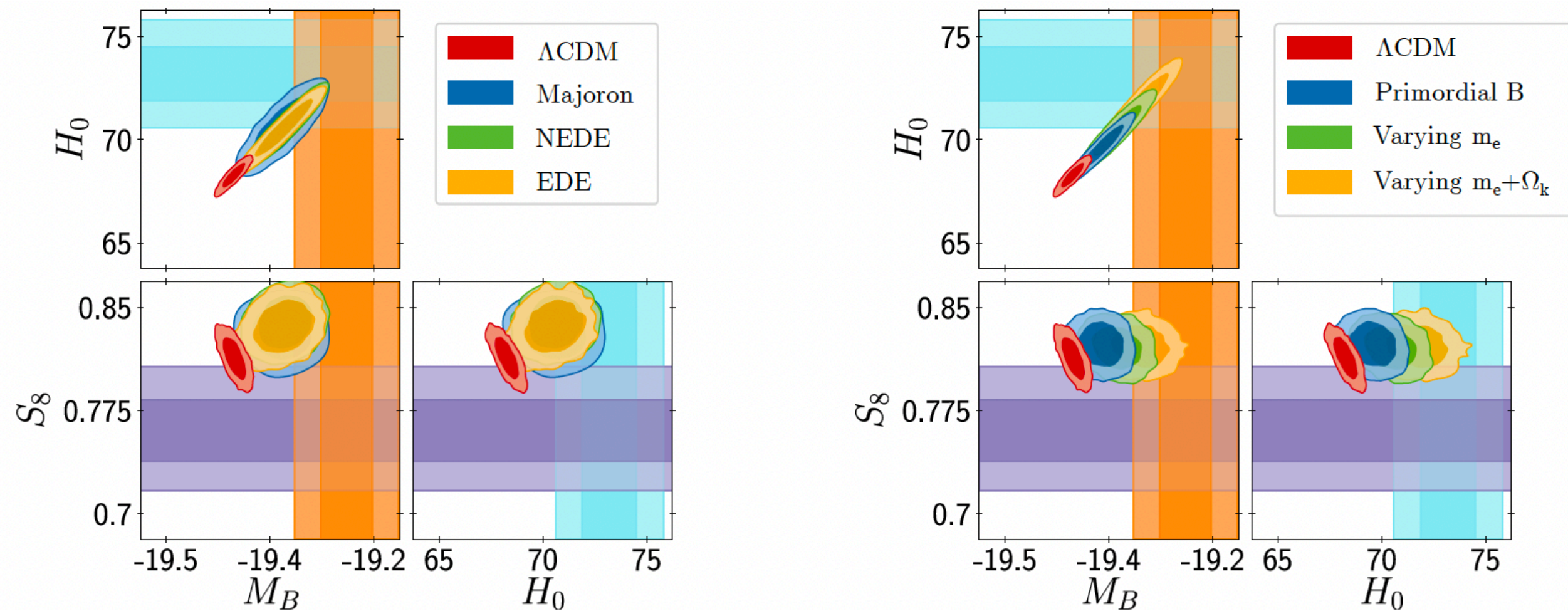


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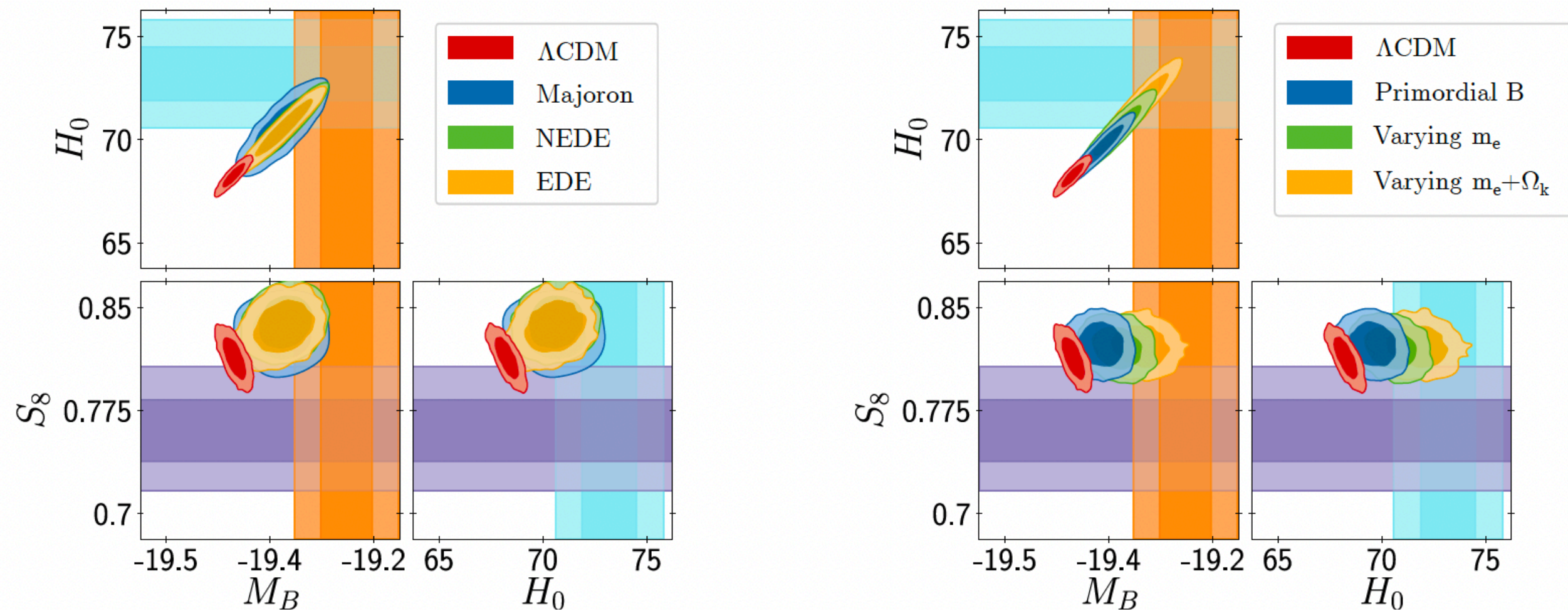
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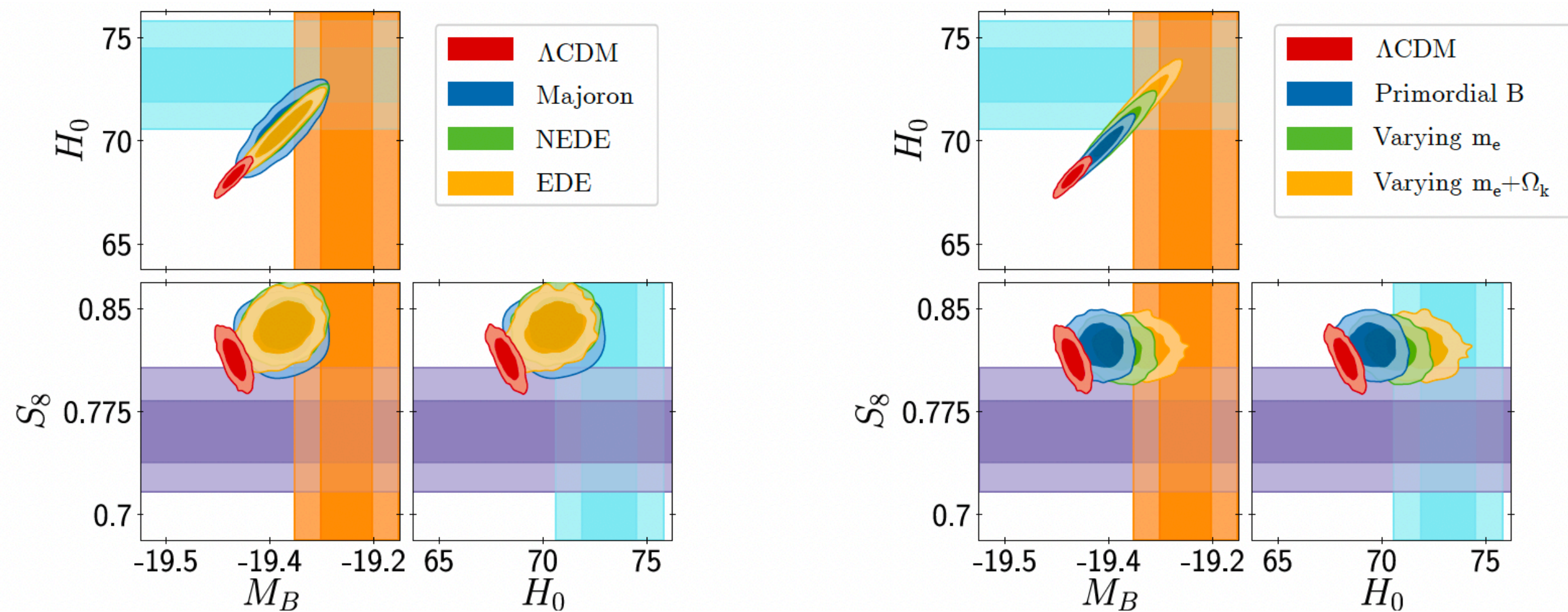
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→ **2-body DM decay**

GFA, Murgia, Poulin 2102.12498

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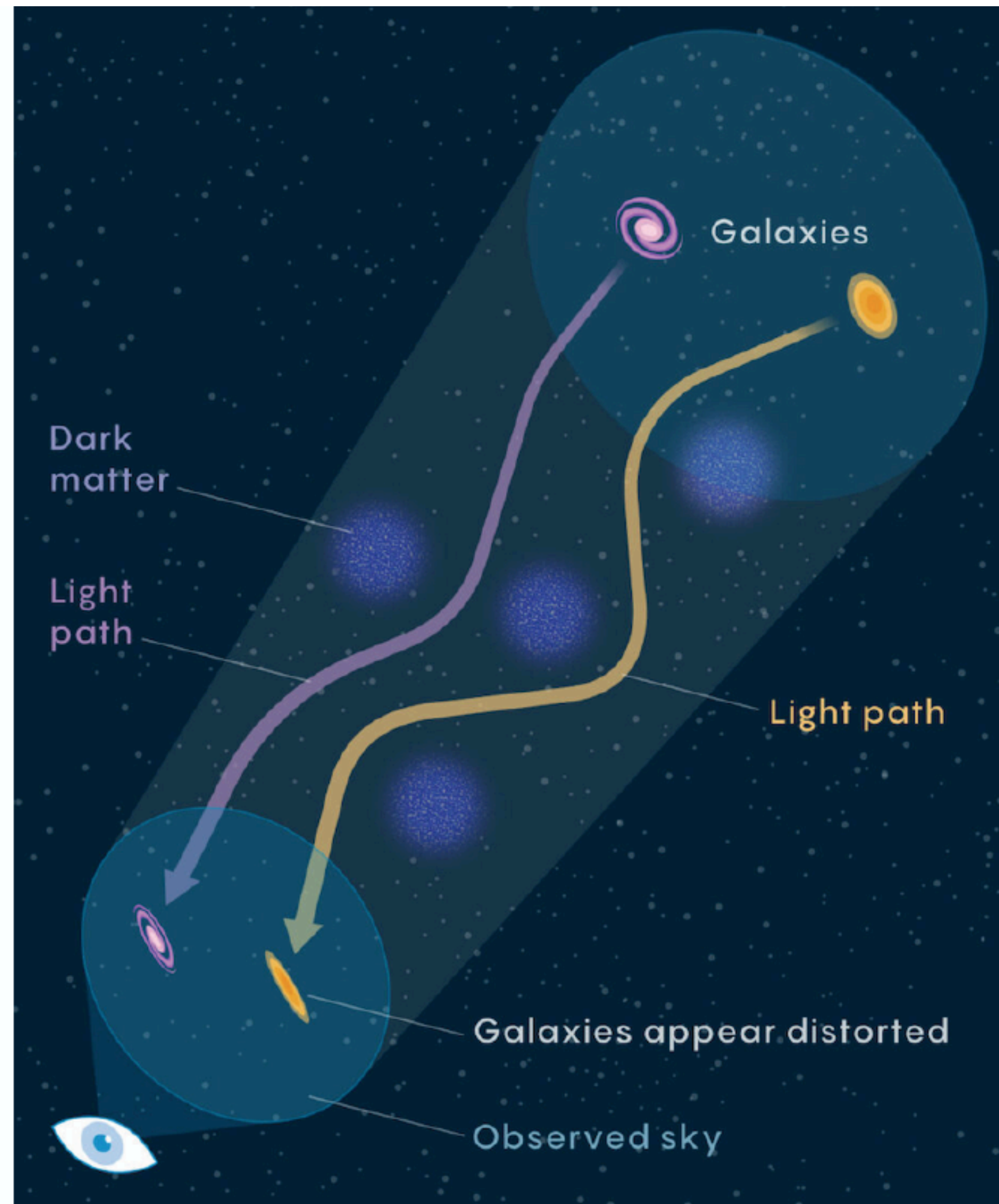
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We might be on the verge of the discovery of a rich dark sector!

BACK-UP SLIDES

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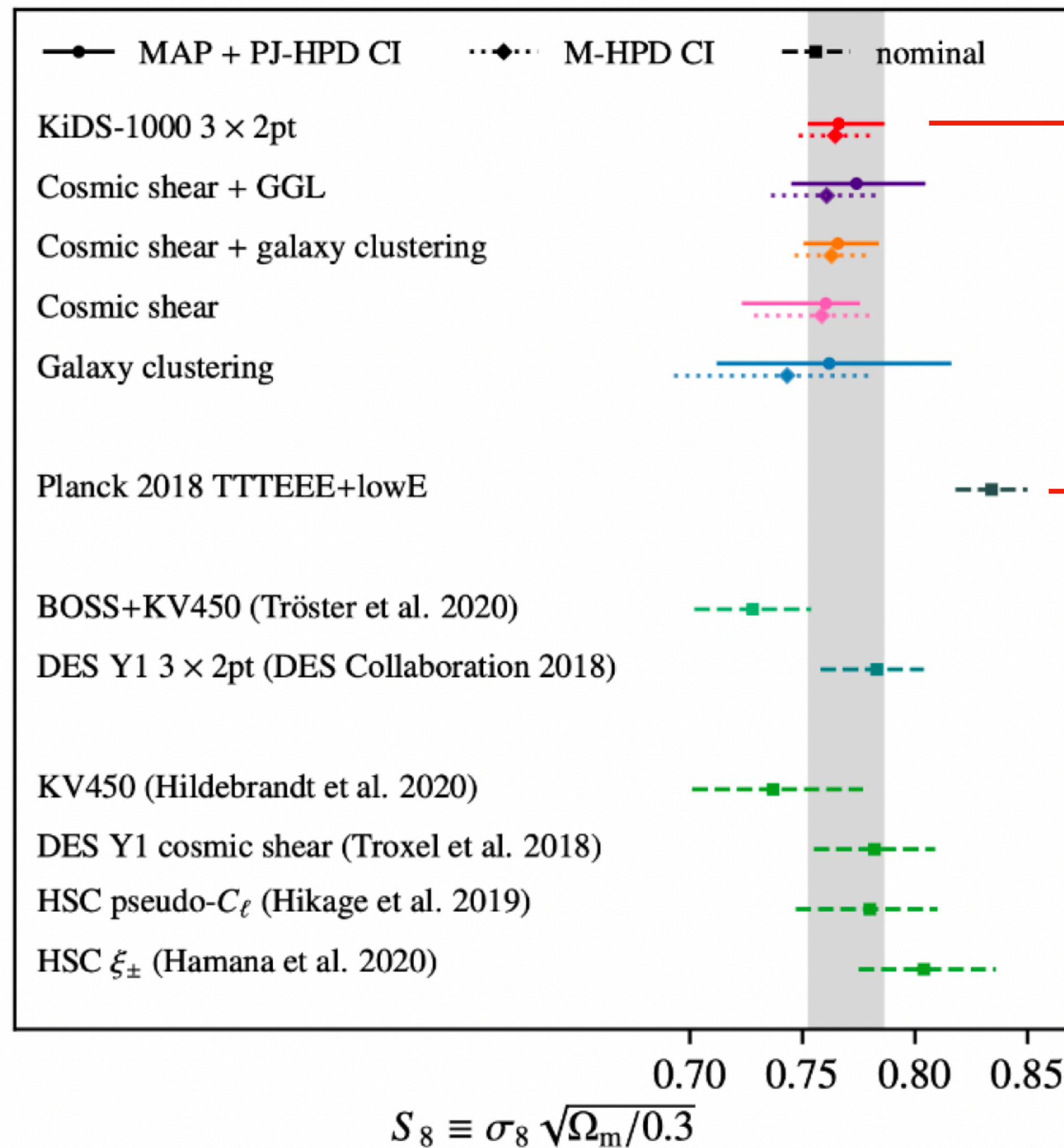
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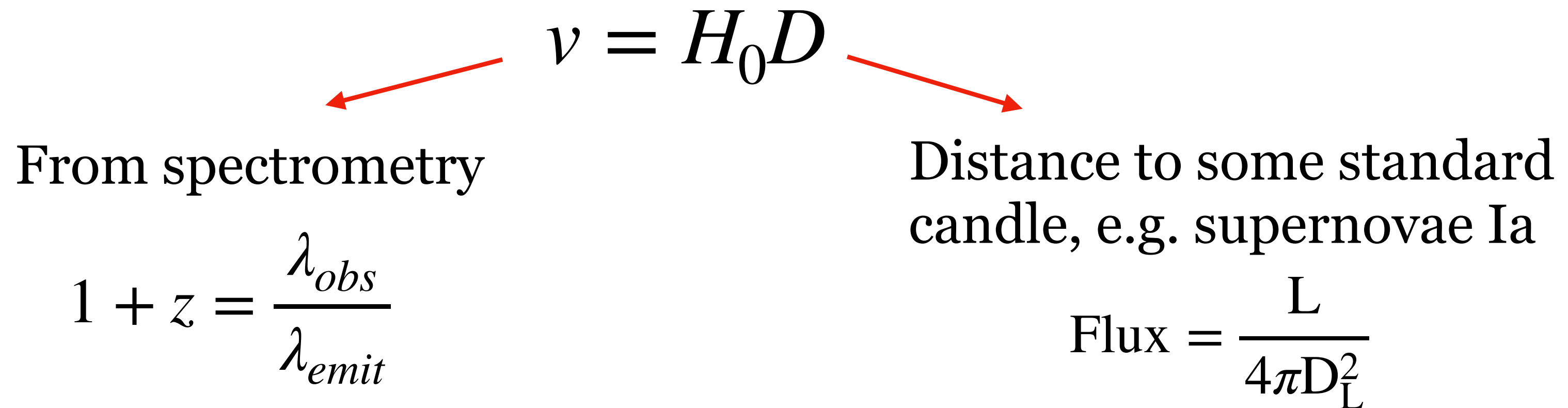


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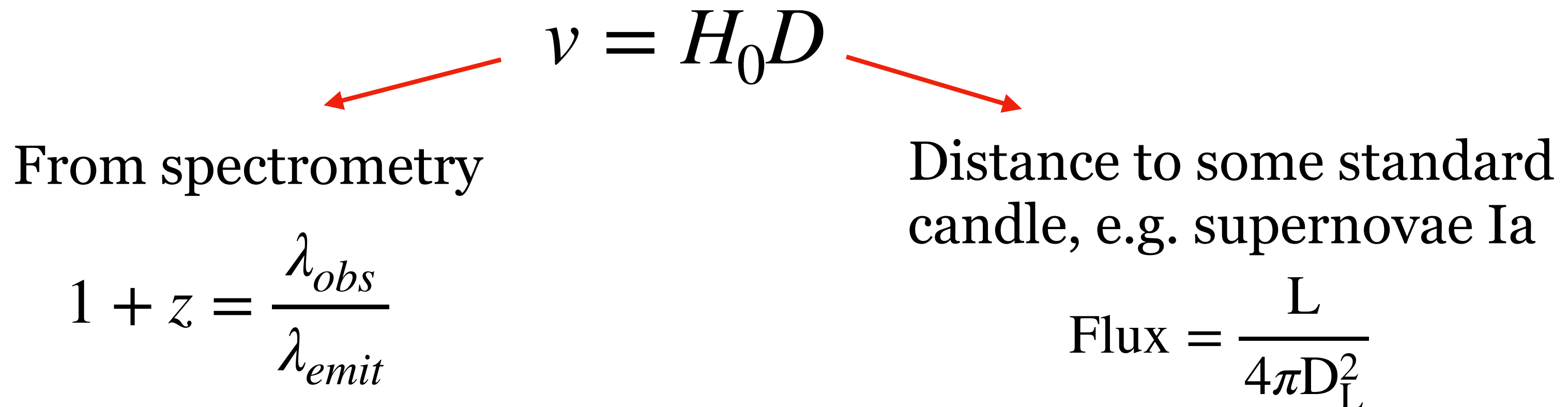
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$$D_L = (1 + z) \int_0^z \frac{cdz'}{H(z')} \xrightarrow{z \ll 1} czH_0^{-1} \simeq vH_0^{-1}$$

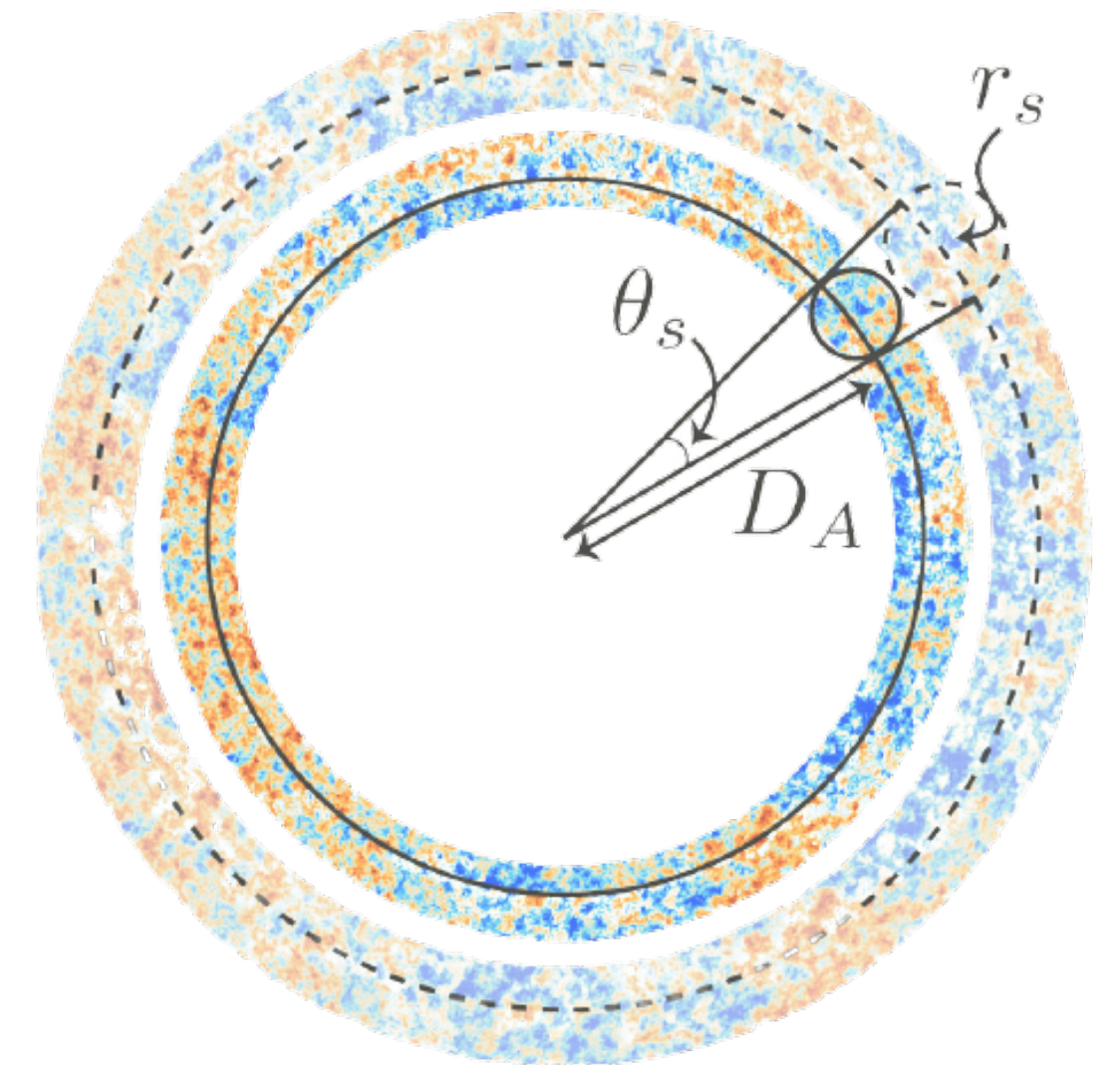
$$\text{where } H^2(z) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i(z)$$

*But not too small, to make sure peculiar velocities are negligible

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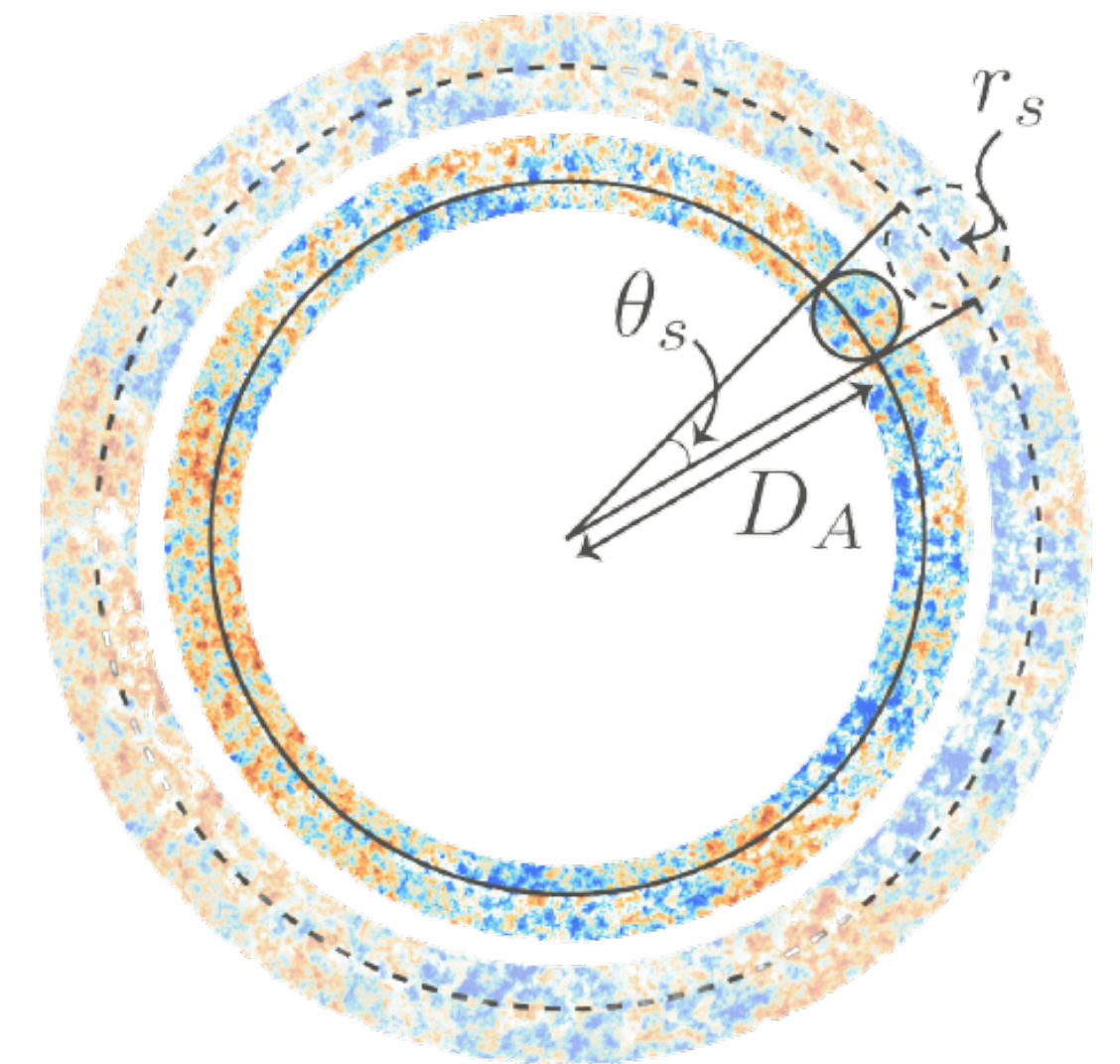
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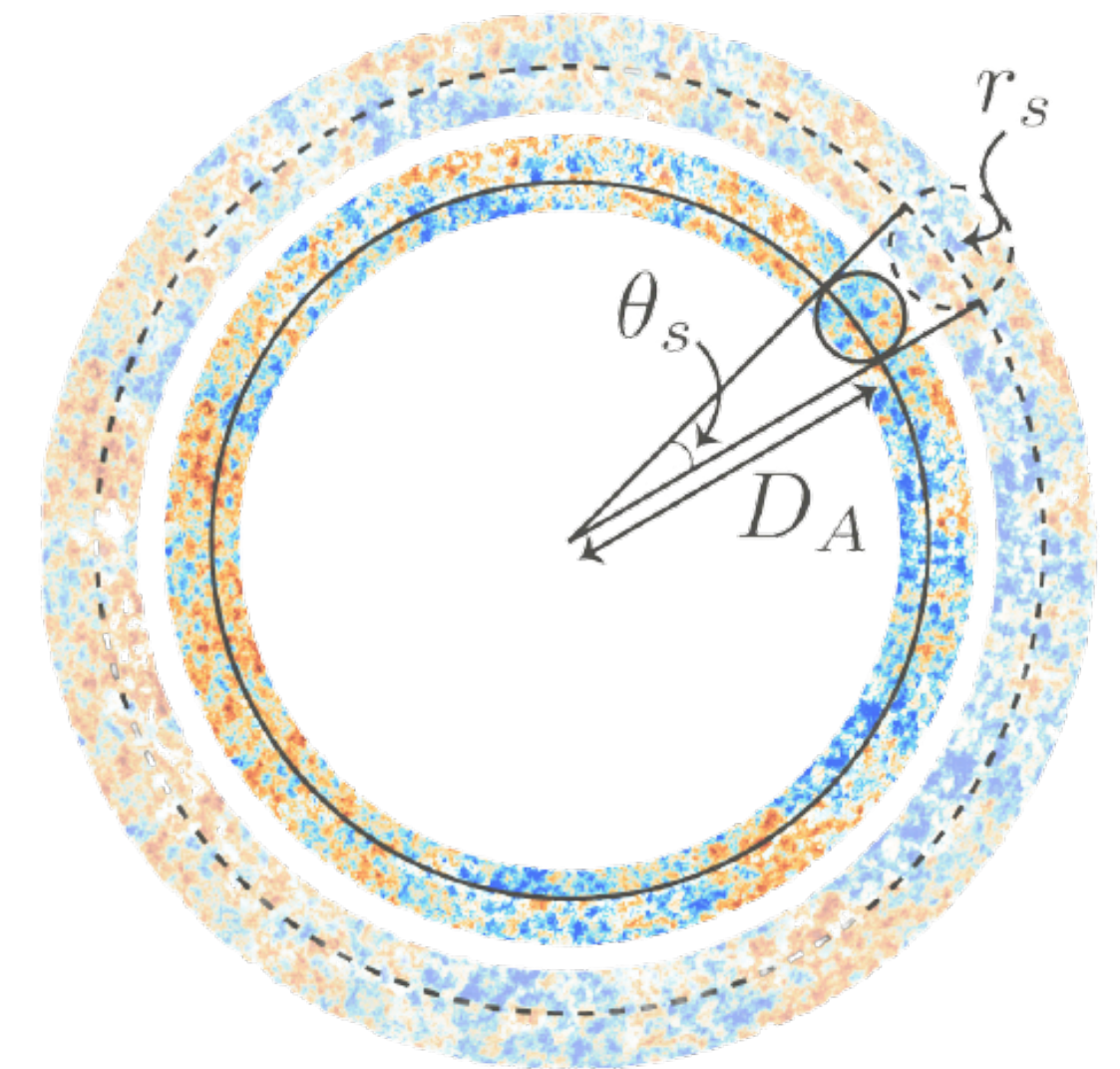
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Early-time solutions

Decrease $r_s(z_{\text{rec}})$ at fixed θ_s to decrease $D_A(z_{\text{rec}})$ and increase H_0

Ex : $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} > 0$

Late-time solutions

$r_s(z_{\text{rec}})$ and $D_A(z_{\text{rec}})$ are fixed, but $D_A(z < z_{\text{rec}})$ is changed to allow higher H_0

Ex : $w < -1$

H₀ Olympics: testing against other datasets

Role of Planck data: We replaced Planck by WMAP+ACT and BBN+BAO

→ No significant changes (*notable exceptions are EDE and NEDE*)

Adding extra datasets: We included data from Cosmic Chronometers, Redshift-Space-Distortions and BAO Ly- α .

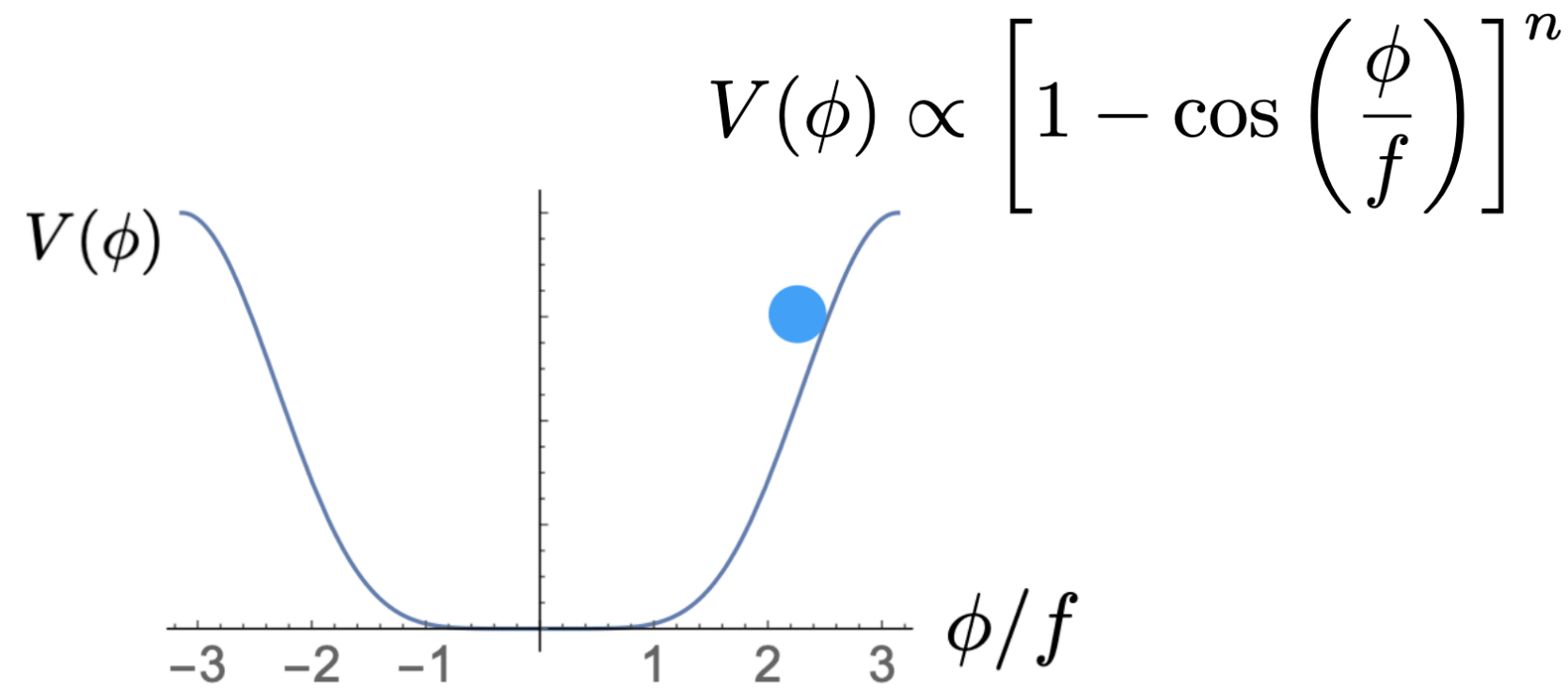
→ No huge impact, but decreases performance of finalist models

Early Dark Energy

Scalar field initially frozen, then dilutes away equal or faster than radiation

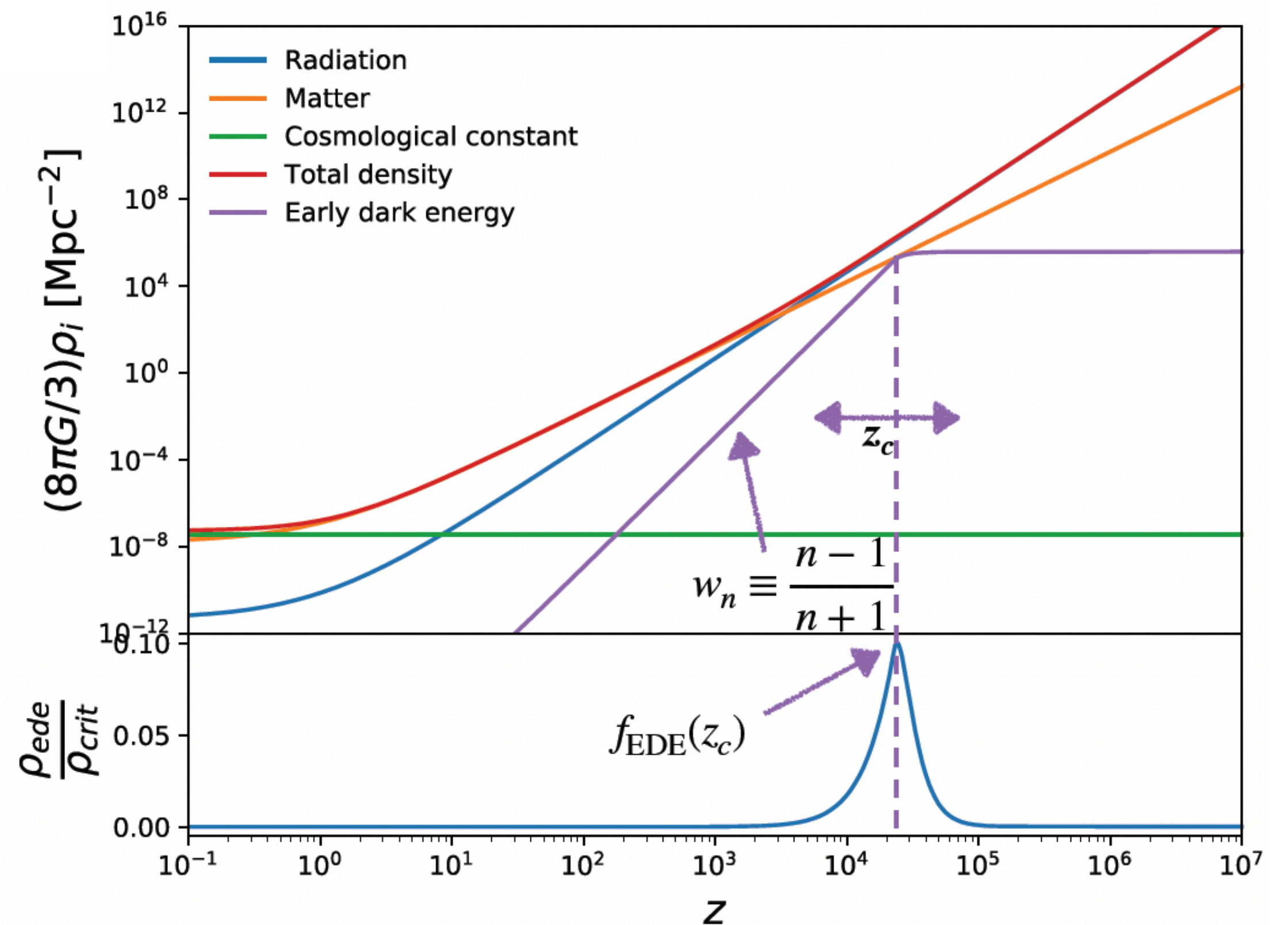
$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0$$

+ perturbed linear eqs.



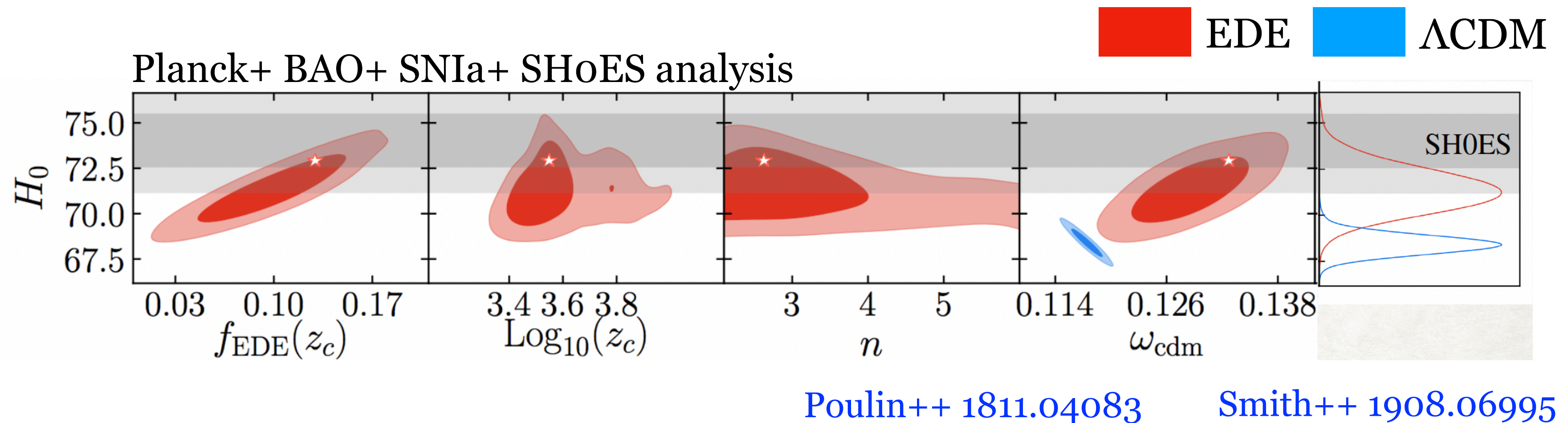
The model is fully specified by

$$\{f_{\text{EDE}}(z_c), z_c, n, \phi_i\}$$



Early Dark Energy

Early Dark Energy **can resolve the H_0 tension** if $f_{\text{EDE}}(z_c) \sim 10\%$ for $z_c \sim z_{\text{eq}}$



Some caveats

1. *Very fine tuned?*

→ Proposed connexions of EDE with neutrino sector and present DE
 Sakstein++ 1911.11760 Freese++ 2102.13655

2. Increased value of $\omega_{\text{cdm}} = \Omega_{\text{cdm}} h^2$, *exacerbates S_8 tension*
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