

# Primordial Magnetic Fields - a short review

- A** A quick summary of magnetic field observations
- B** Magnetogenesis ultra-brief summary
- C** Primer on magnetic field evolution in the early Universe  
*I spare you details, mention only the main conclusions, but all statements are verified by full numerical MHD simulations*
- D** Primordial Magnetic Fields, the CMB, and the Hubble constant
- E** Towards the full computation of recombination in the presence of primordial magnetic fields

**Magnetic fields are observed almost anywhere throughout the local Universe**

**in local galaxies with strength  $\sim 1-10$   $\mu\text{Gauss}$**

**in higher redshift galaxies with strength  $\sim 1-10$   $\mu\text{Gauss}$**

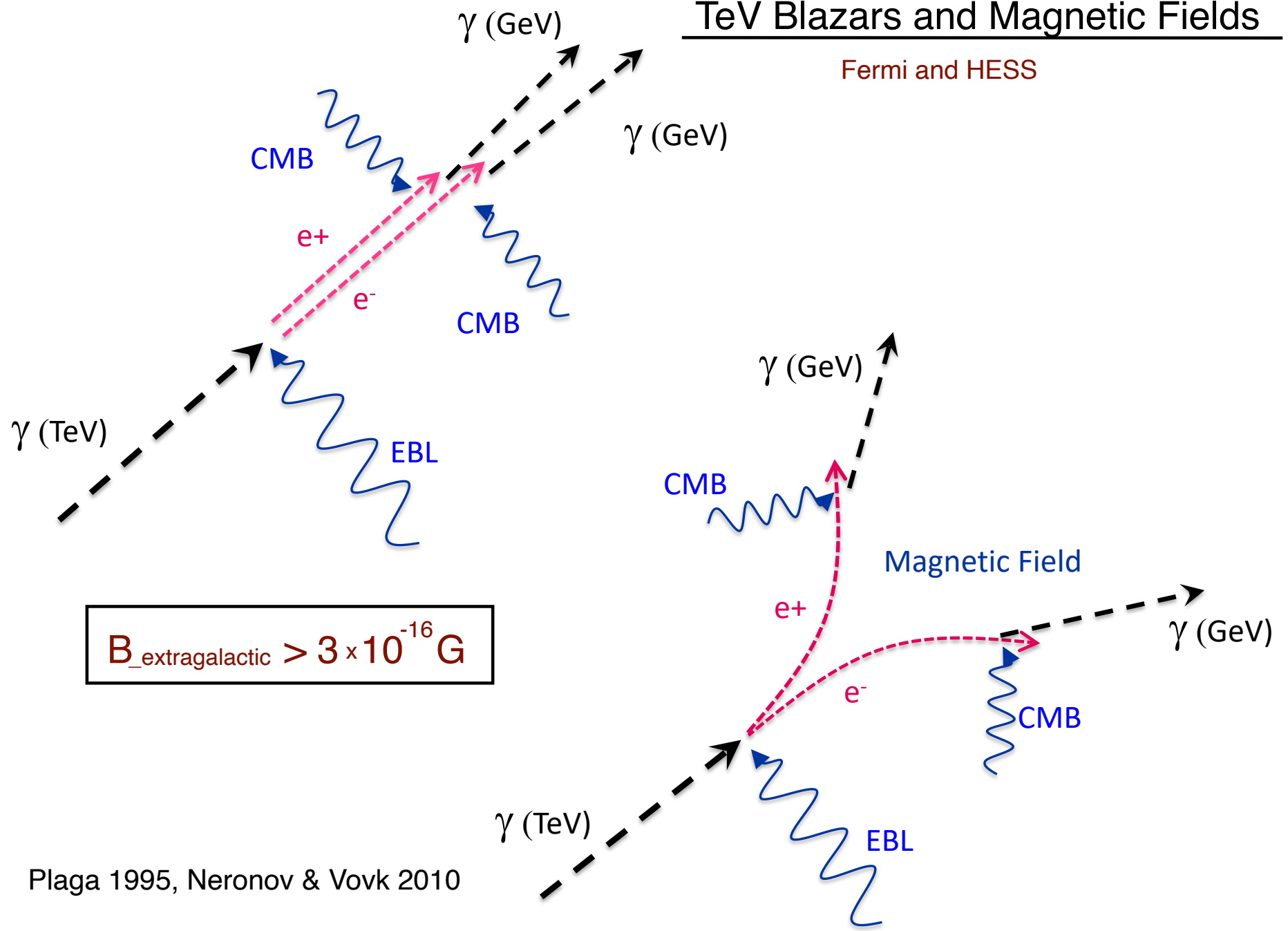
**in clusters of galaxies with strength  $\sim 1-10$   $\mu\text{Gauss}$**

**in the extra-galactic medium with high volume filling factor, lower limit  $10^{-9}$   $\mu\text{Gauss}$**

**The question is not if, but how much, magnetic field survived from  
the early Universe**

# TeV Blazars and Magnetic Fields

Fermi and HESS



$$B_{\text{extragalactic}} > 3 \times 10^{-16} \text{ G}$$

Plaga 1995, Neronov & Vovk 2010

## Magnetogenesis generalities:

phase transition produced magnetic fields:  $B(L) \sim (L/L_0)^{5/2}$

Durrer & Caprini 2003

e.g. electroweak phase transition

- helicity is important

Vachaspati 1991

inflationary produced fields:  $B(L) \sim (L/L_0)^0$

Widrow & Turner 88, Ratra 91

scale invariance difficult to achieve



# Generalities of the EVOLUTION of cosmic magnetic fields in the early Universe

*After an epoch of magneto-genesis fields decay freely, no active source*

*magnetic field energy is not conserved, the quantity which is conserved during the evolution is magnetic helicity*

*for most part MHD evolution is incompressible due to the large speed of sound, however ...*

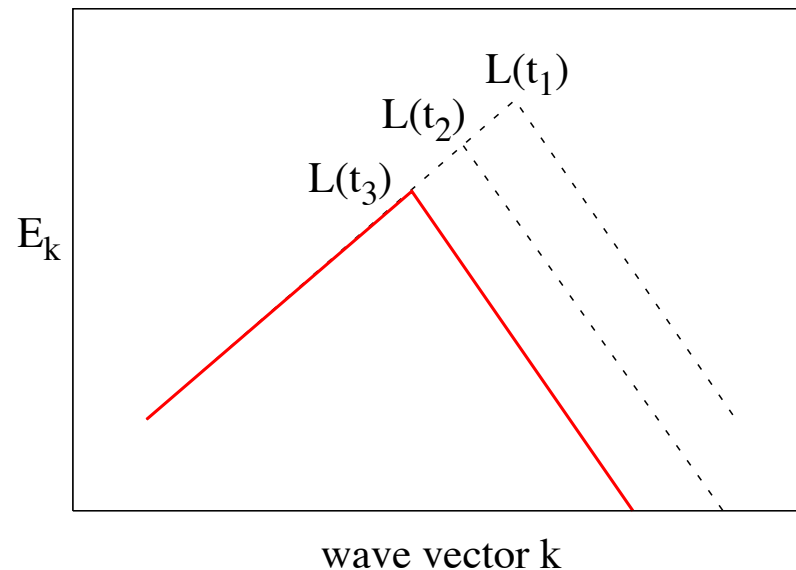
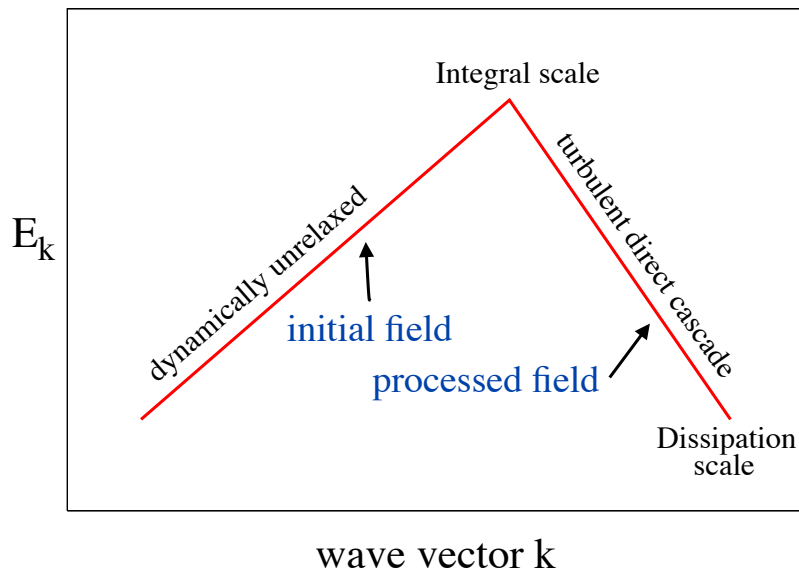
*epochs where the viscosity is large and MHD is not turbulent but viscous*

***Only the smallest fraction of initial magnetic energy density at very high temperatures may survive to the present***

*for phase transition produced fields*

## Freely decaying magnetic fields

- magnetic field excite rotational fluid motions, eddies
- these eddies break up into ever smaller eddies
- at the dissipation scale the energy gets dissipated into heat



Time evolution of magnetic spectra

**Condition for magnetic energy dissipation:**

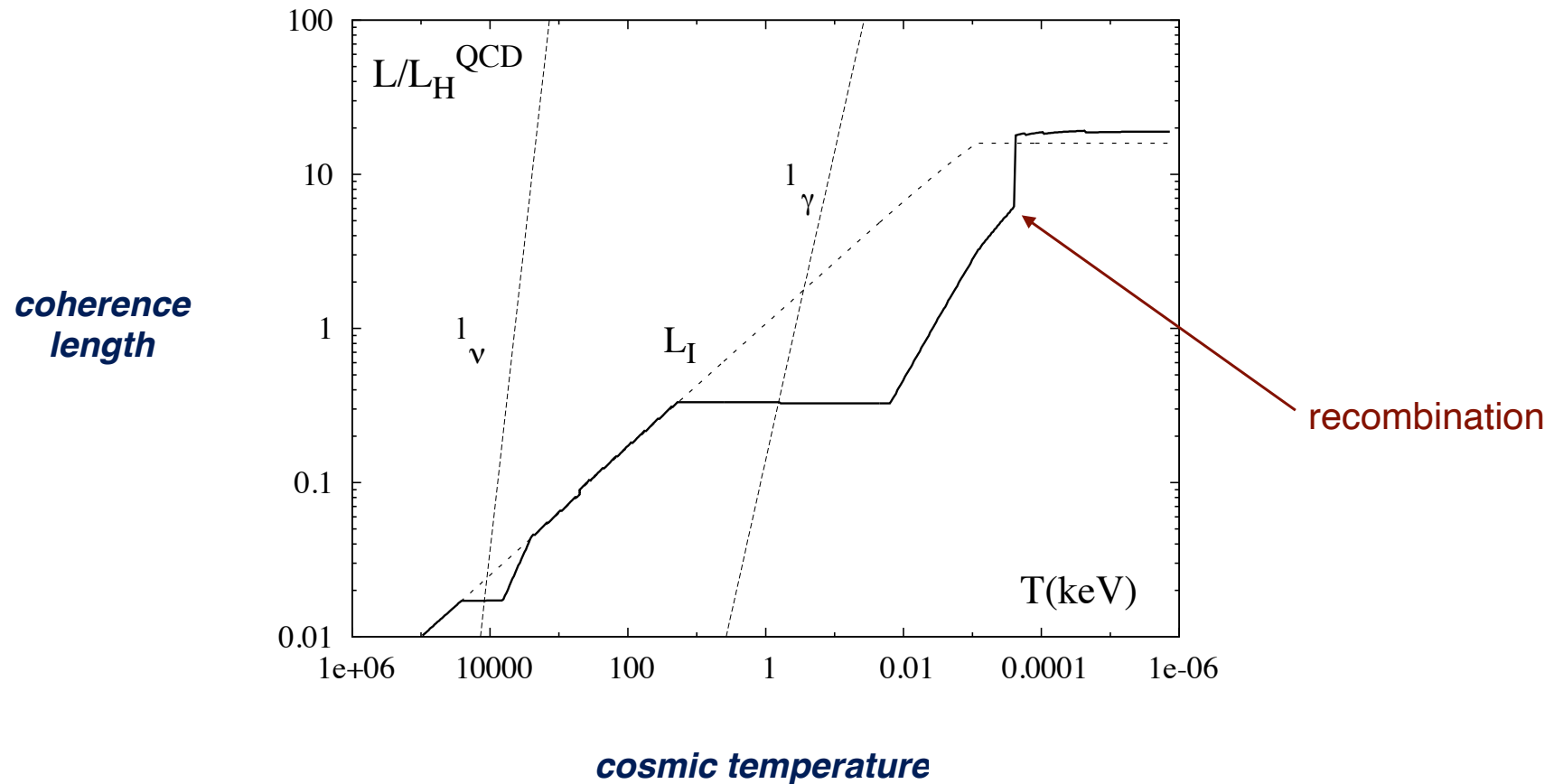
$$t_{\text{eddy}} \approx \frac{L_p(T)}{v(L)} \approx \frac{1}{H(T)} \approx t_H$$

$v(L) \approx v_A(L)$ ; **when turbulent**

**in viscous MHD different**

## Evolution of the magnetic coherence lengths in the early Universe

*coherence length growth equals dissipation of magnetic energy*



*When the photon mean free path becomes large, magnetic field evolution stops temporarily*

## A present day correlation for primordial cosmic magnetic fields:

(pre gravitational collapse)

$$B_0 = 5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Gauss} \left( \frac{L_c}{\text{kpc}} \right)$$

- Fields on smaller scales are dissipated
- this is the primordial field strength necessary to explain observed fields without dynamo

# Primordial Magnetic Fields and the CMBR:

Principal Effect	Upper Limit	References
	spectral distortions	<b>30-40 nG</b>
plasma heating	<b>0.63-3 nG</b>	Sethi & Subramanian 2004 Kunze & Komatsu 2014 Chluba <i>et al.</i> 2015 Planck collaboration 2015
direct TT anisotropies	<b>1.2 - 6.4 nG</b>	Subramanian <i>et al.</i> 1998, 2002, 2003 Yamazaki <i>et al.</i> 2010 Paoletti & Finelli 2010 Shaw & Lewis 2010 Caprini 2011 Paoletti & Finelli 2013 Planck collaboration 2015 Zucca <i>et al.</i> 2016 Sutton <i>et al.</i> 2017
non-Gaussianity bispectrum	<b>2-9 nG</b>	Brown & Crittenden 2005 Seshadri & Subramanian 2009 Caprini <i>et al.</i> 2009 Cai <i>et al.</i> 2010 Trivedi <i>et al.</i> 2010 Brown 2011 Shiraishi <i>et al.</i> 2011 Shiraishi & Sekiguchi 2014 Planck collaboration 2015
non-Gaussianity trispectrum	<b>0.7nG</b>	Trivedi <i>et al.</i> 2012
non-Gaussianity trispectrum with inflationary curvature mode	<b>0.05nG</b>	Trivedi <i>et al.</i> 2014

21 cm and galaxy formation

Katz et al 2021

small-scale baryon inhomogeneities set the strongest limit :

~0.01nG (phase transition) 0.1nG (inflation)

K.J. & Saveliev

-> potential for discovery

# Why baryon inhomogeneities on small $\sim$ kpc scales ?

photons are free-streaming on these scales i.e.  $c_s = c/\sqrt{3} \rightarrow c_b$

## Viscous MHD evolution with free-streaming photon drag:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \cdot \mathbf{v} + c_s^2 \frac{\nabla \varrho}{\varrho} = -\alpha \mathbf{v} - \frac{1}{4\pi\varrho} \left( \frac{1}{2} \nabla B^2 - \mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{B} \right)$$

*the three important terms*

$$\frac{d\varrho}{dt} + \nabla(\varrho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

*back of the envelope estimate:*

$$\frac{\delta\varrho}{\varrho} \simeq \min \left[ 1, \left( \frac{v_A^2}{c_s^2} \right) \right]$$

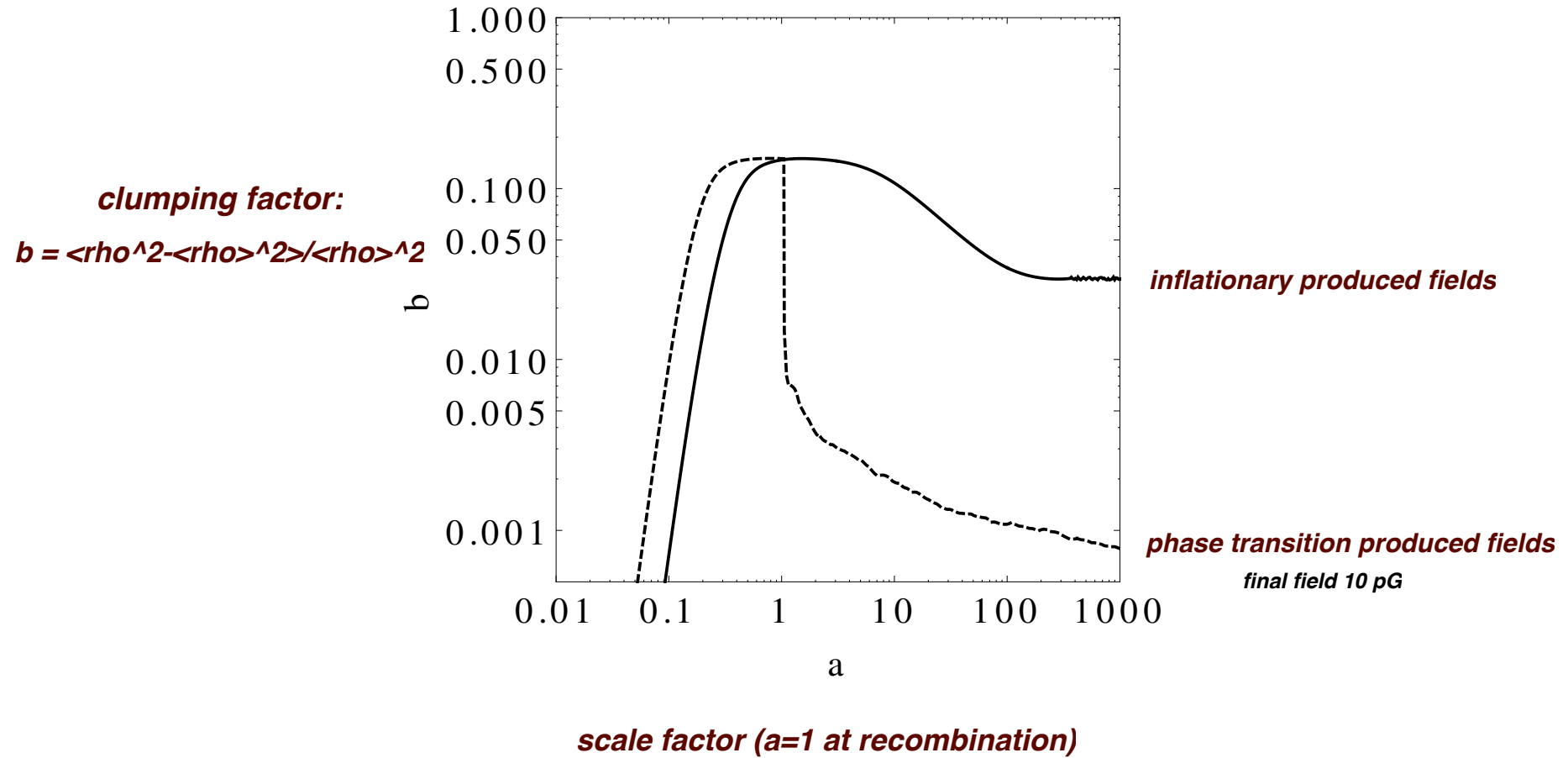
***It doesn't take much field:***

$$c_s = 6.33 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}} \quad \textit{isothermal speed of sound}$$

$$v_A = \frac{B}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho}} = 5.79 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}} \left( \frac{B}{0.04 \text{nG}} \right)$$



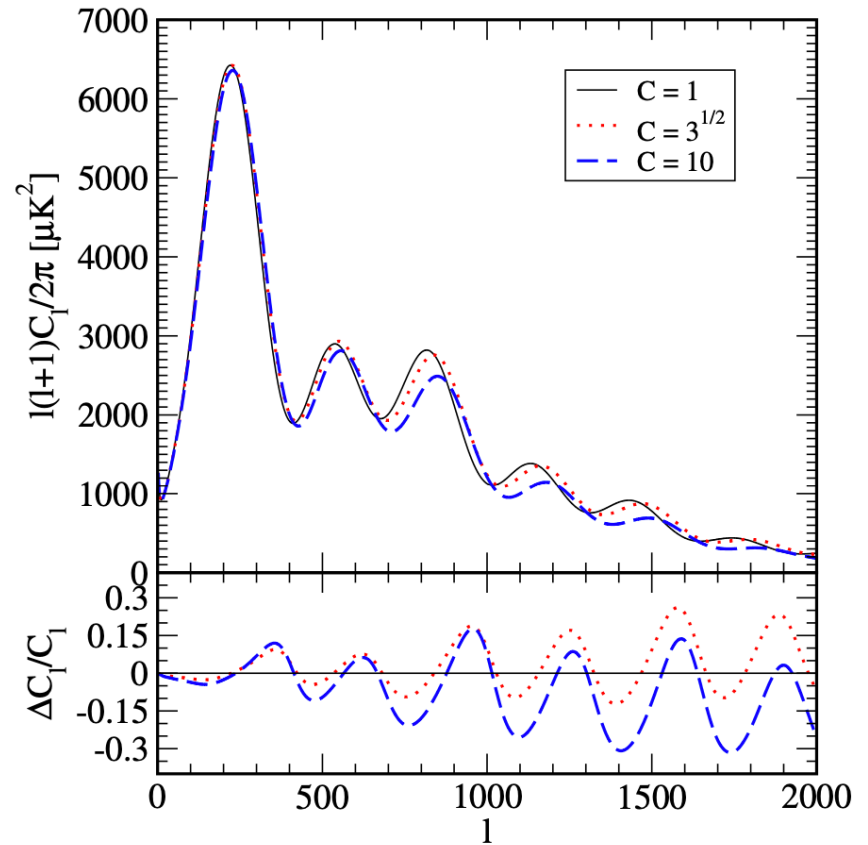
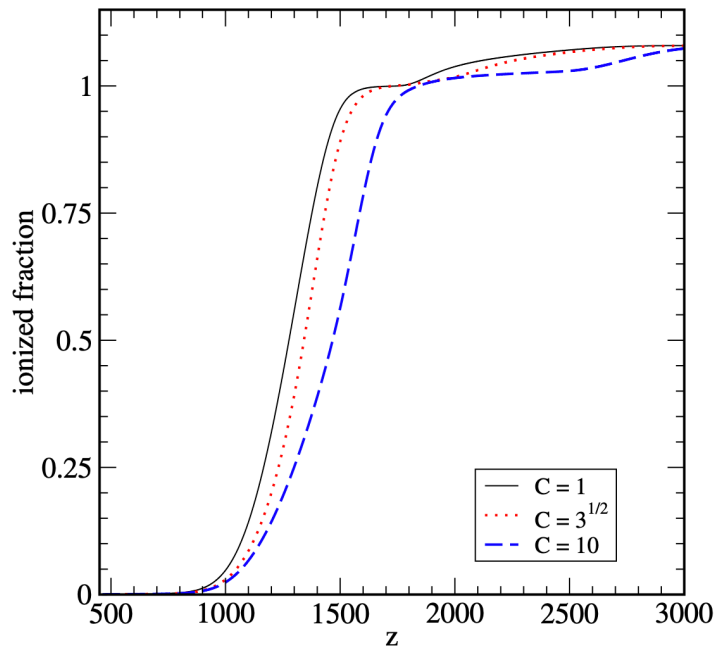
## Full MHD simulations:



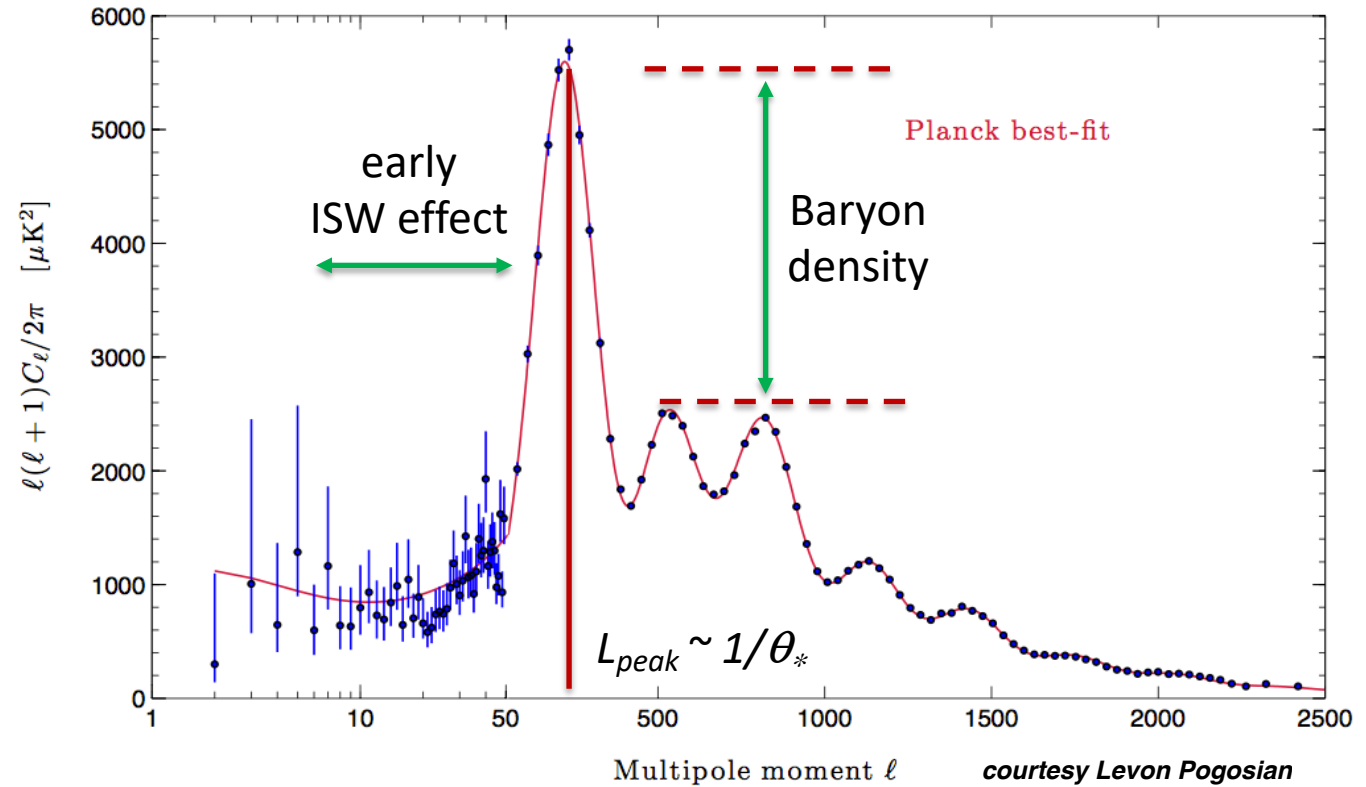
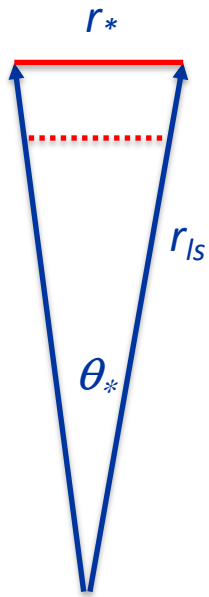
# Inhomogeneities enhance the recombination rate

$$\frac{dn_e}{dt} + 3Hn_e = -C \left( \alpha_e n_e^2 + \beta_e n_{H^0} e^{-h\nu_\alpha/T} \right)$$

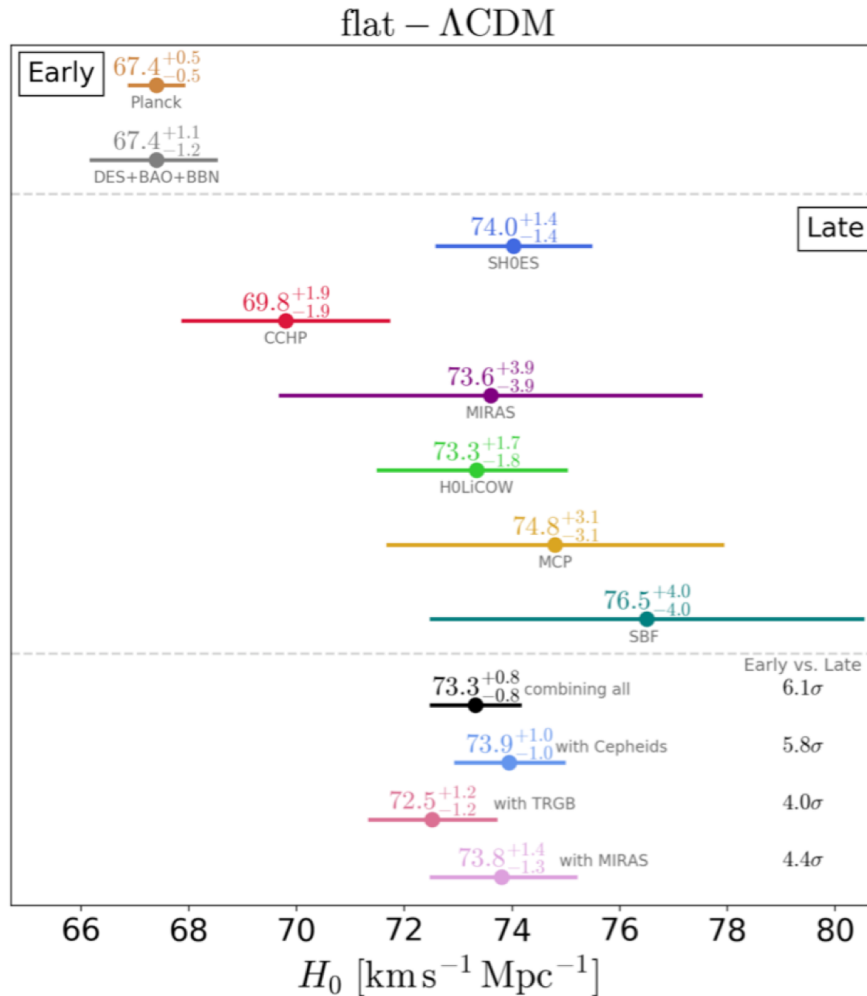
$$\langle n_e^2 \rangle > \langle n_e \rangle^2$$



# How does CMB constrain $H_0$ ?



# The Hubble tension



*Tensions between the  
Early and the Late  
Universe*

L. Verde, T. Treu, A. Riess,  
arXiv:1907.10625

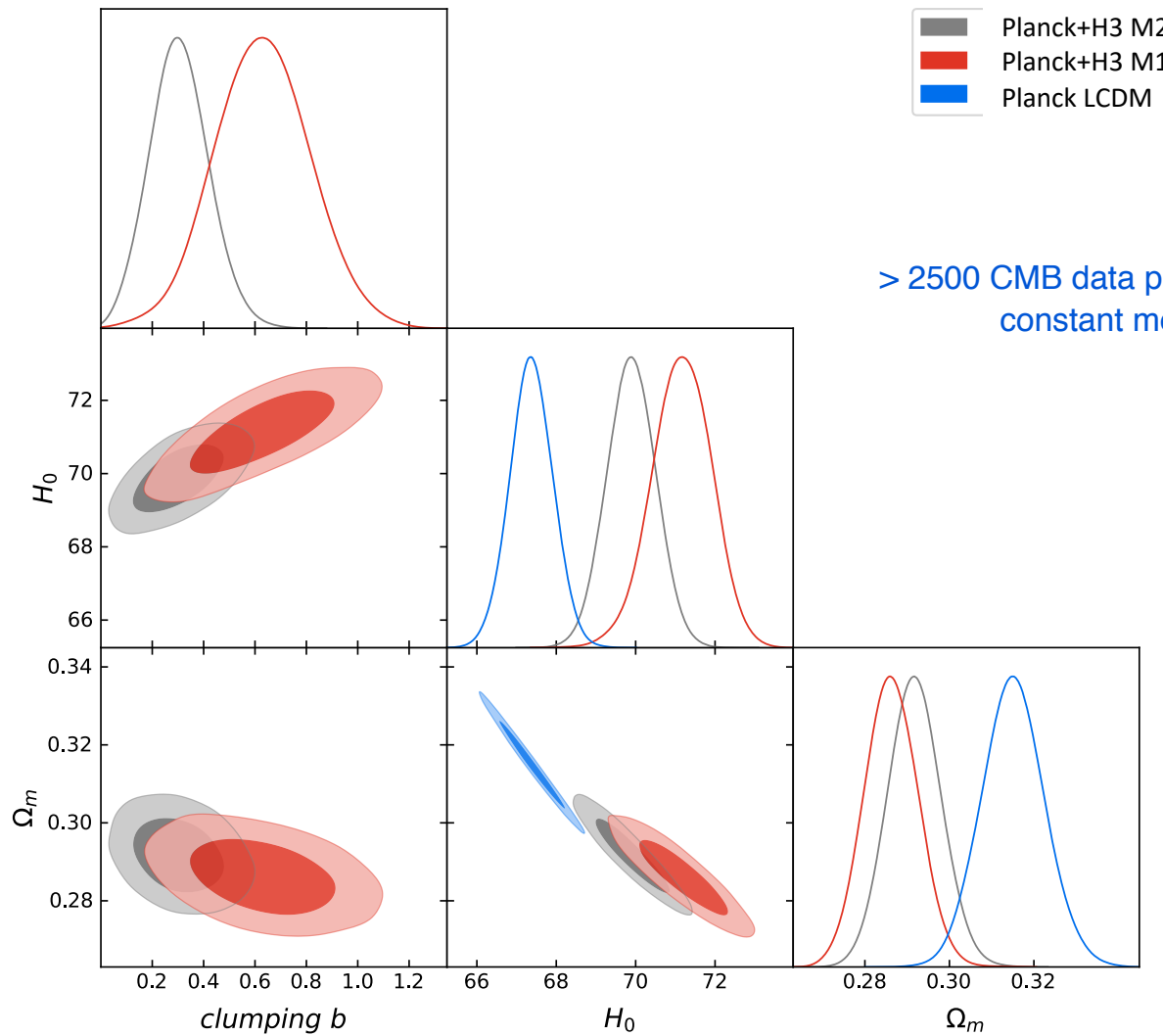
The tension is between the measurements that require calculating  $r_*$  and  $r_{drag}$  and those that do not

## Can baryon clumping before recombination due to primordial magnetic fields help the tension ?

three zone toy model M1 and M2, missing:

- adhoc baryon probability
- no evolution
- no velocity gradients
- no Lyman-alpha transport

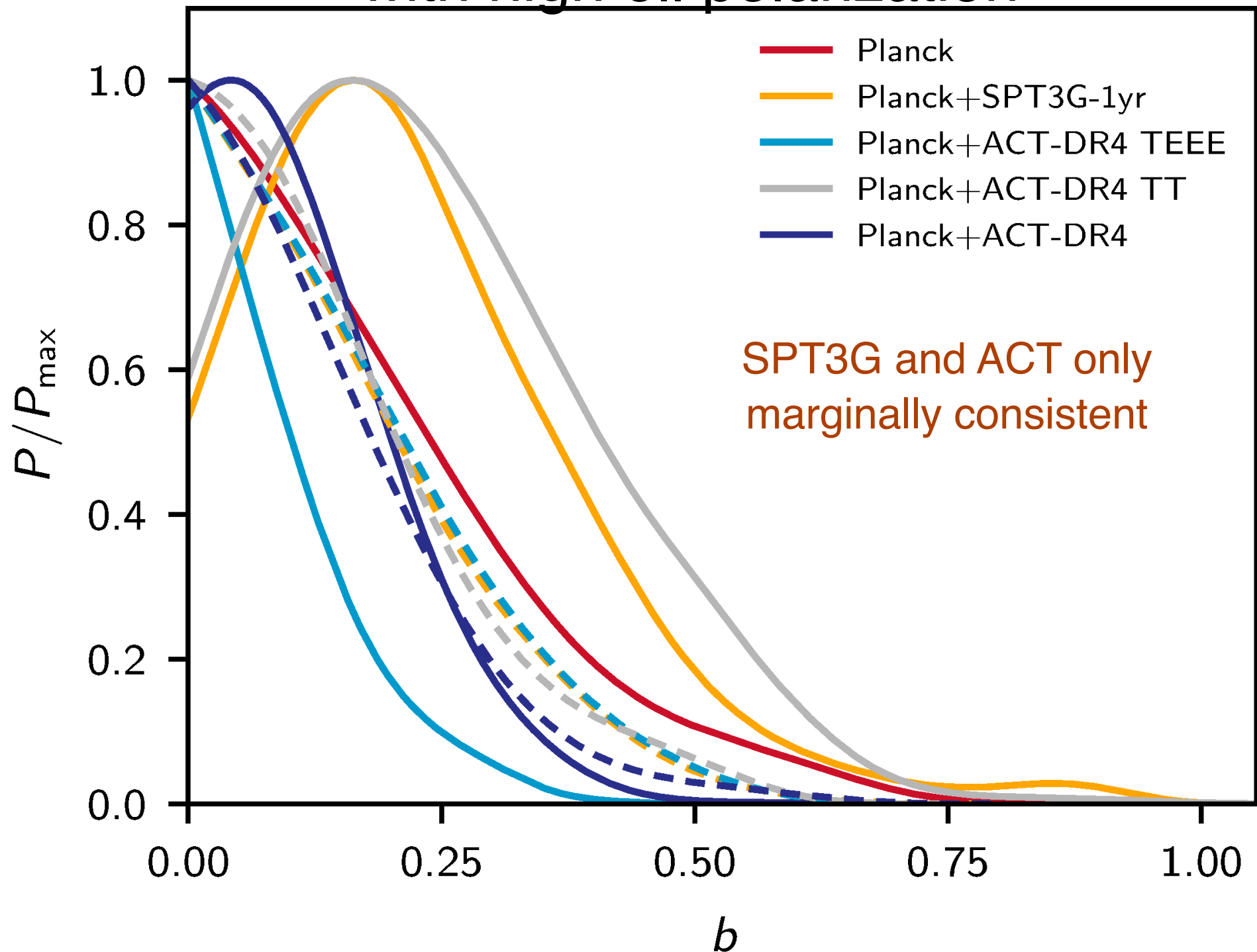
# ΛCDM + clumping: Fitting Planck and 3 Hubble determinations



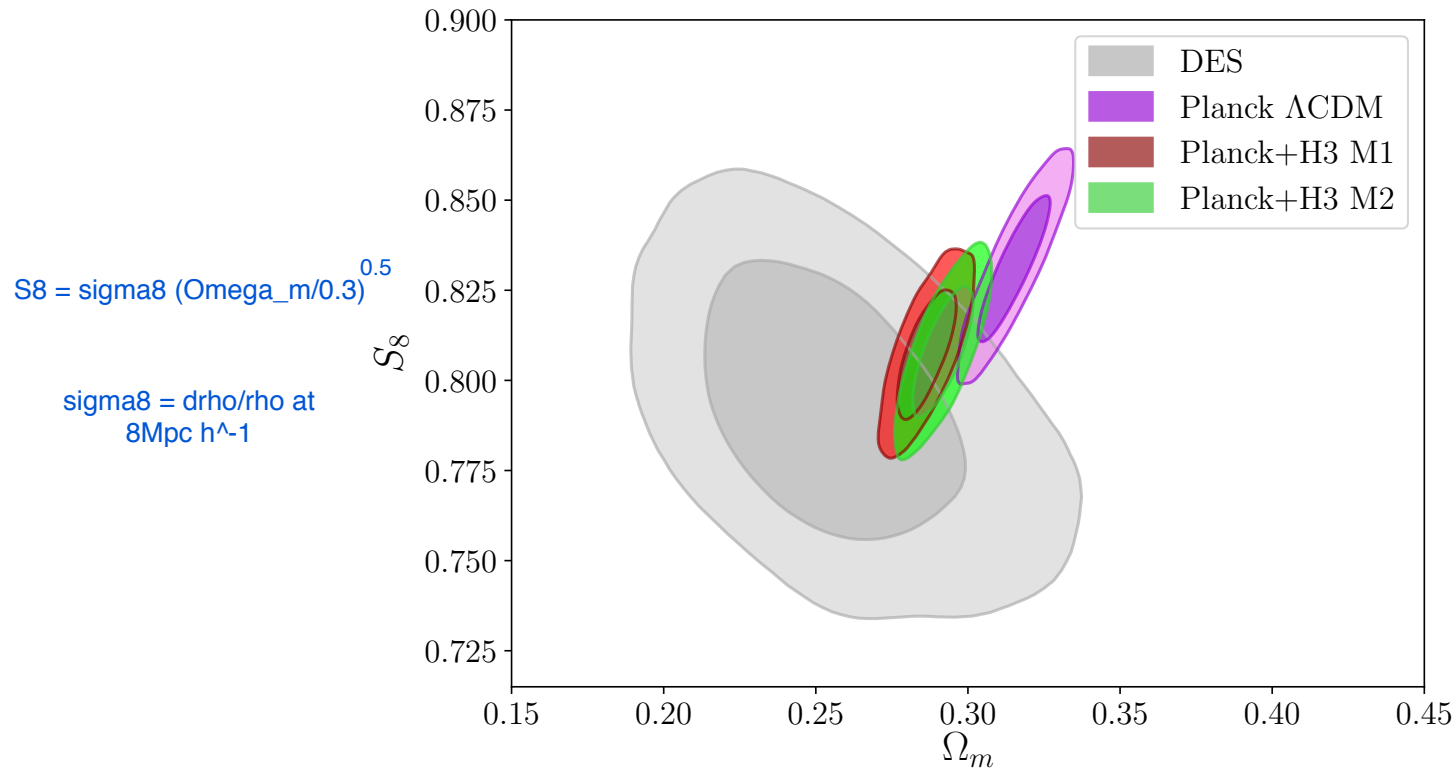
a clear detection of clumping!

at almost 4 sigma for M1

# with high ell polarization



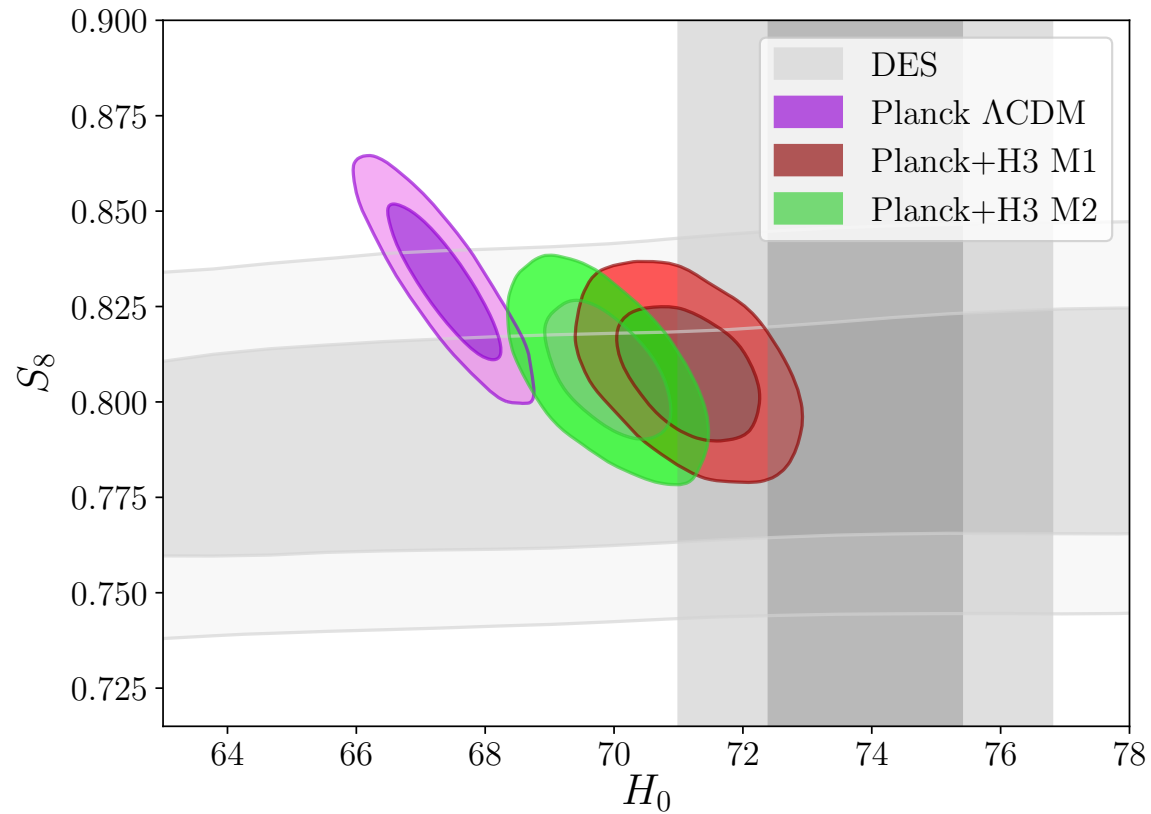
# Relieving the $S_8$ - $\Omega_m$ tension



As a byproduct, clumping models also relieve the  $S_8$ - $\Omega_m$  tension



# Relieving both tension in one plot



## ***Alternative sources of small-scale baryon clumping:***

***Enhanced small-scale adiabatic fluctuations do not survive Silk-damping***

***Extra baryon isocurvature fluctuations violate BBN constraints***

***B-balls or quark nuggets evaporating before recombination also violate BBN constraints***

***Baryon inhomogeneities produced by cosmic strings may not reach high volume filling factors***

## Implications:

Primordial magnetic fields induce clumping before recombination which may relieve the Hubble tension

Clear predictions for this essentially one-parameter family of non-exotic amendment of LCDM can be made

More detailed theoretical calculations on their impact on the CMB have to be performed

Interestingly, the approximately required field strength to relieve the Hubble tension would explain cosmic magnetic fields in the current Universe

The PMF scenario is testable by future CMB and gamma ray observations

However, PMFs can not be a full resolution of the Hubble tension, may only reach values of H around 70

What is needed:

A complete calculation of PMFs influencing recombination

## Cosmic Recombination - a Quick Summary



- direct recombination into the ground state, immediately ionizes elsewhere -> no net recombination
- ionization into excited states, produces a cascade of resonance photons, with the last often a **Lyman-alpha photon** (i.e. 2p->1s transition). This Ly $\alpha$  photon excites a neutral atom elsewhere, The excited 2p atom will to the highest probability be photo-ionized by CMB photons ->no net recombination
- frequent attempts of recombining drives the Ly $\alpha$  occupation number to super-thermal values, such that  $n_{2p}/n_{1s}$  is out of equilibrium
- there is only one way to have a net recombination, loss of Ly $\alpha$  resonance photons, for hydrogen there are two possibilities:
  - a slow two-gamma transition from 2s->1s + 2gamma
  - redshifting of Ly $\alpha$  photons out of resonance by Hubble expansion

# Inhomogeneous Recombination due to Primordial Magnetic Fields

in preparation with Tom Abel

physical effects to be considered:

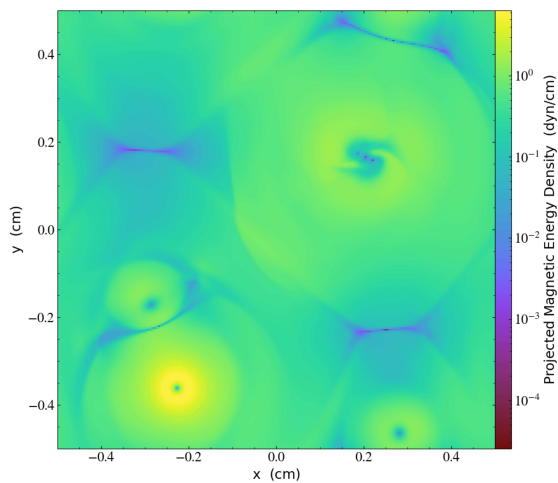
- clumping of baryons
- evolution of this clumping
- Lyman-alpha photon transport
- locally varying speed of sound of fluid
- locally varying photon drag on fluid
- loss of Ly $\alpha$  photons due to peculiar motions

we combined:

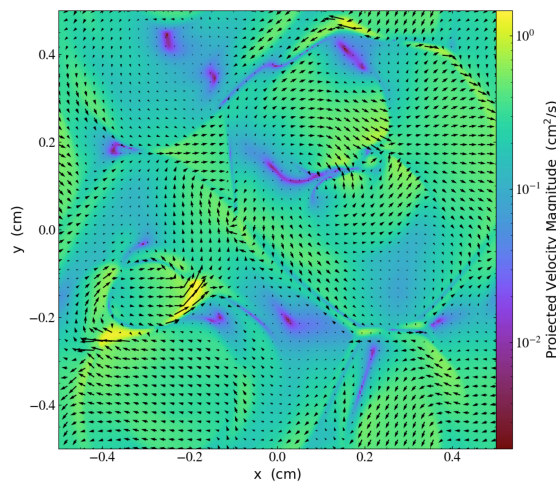
- MHD fluid code ENZO Greg Bryan et al 2014  
(note: three other codes failed)
- new cosmic recombination code
- proper Monte-Carlo simulations of Ly $\alpha$  loss

we are not aware of any missing physics

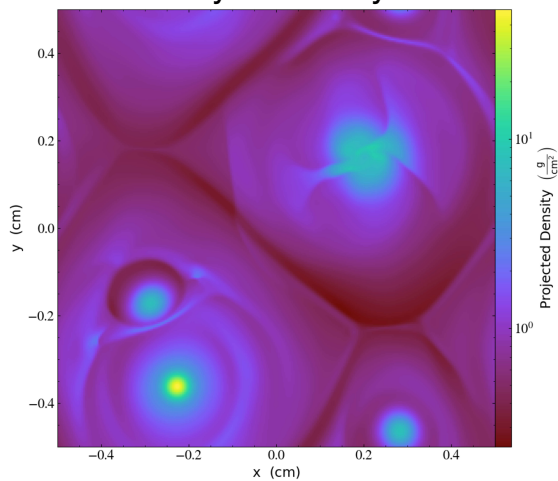
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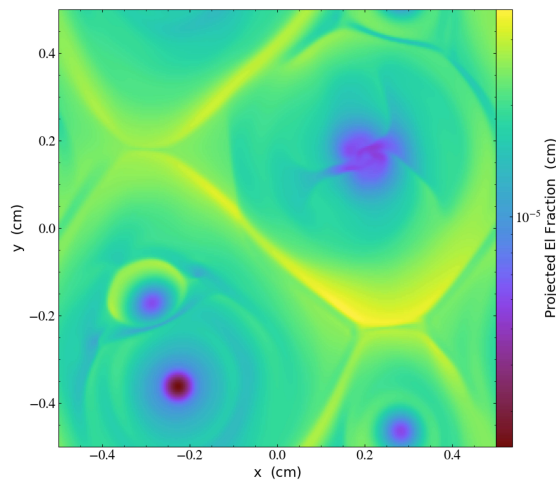
Fluid velocities



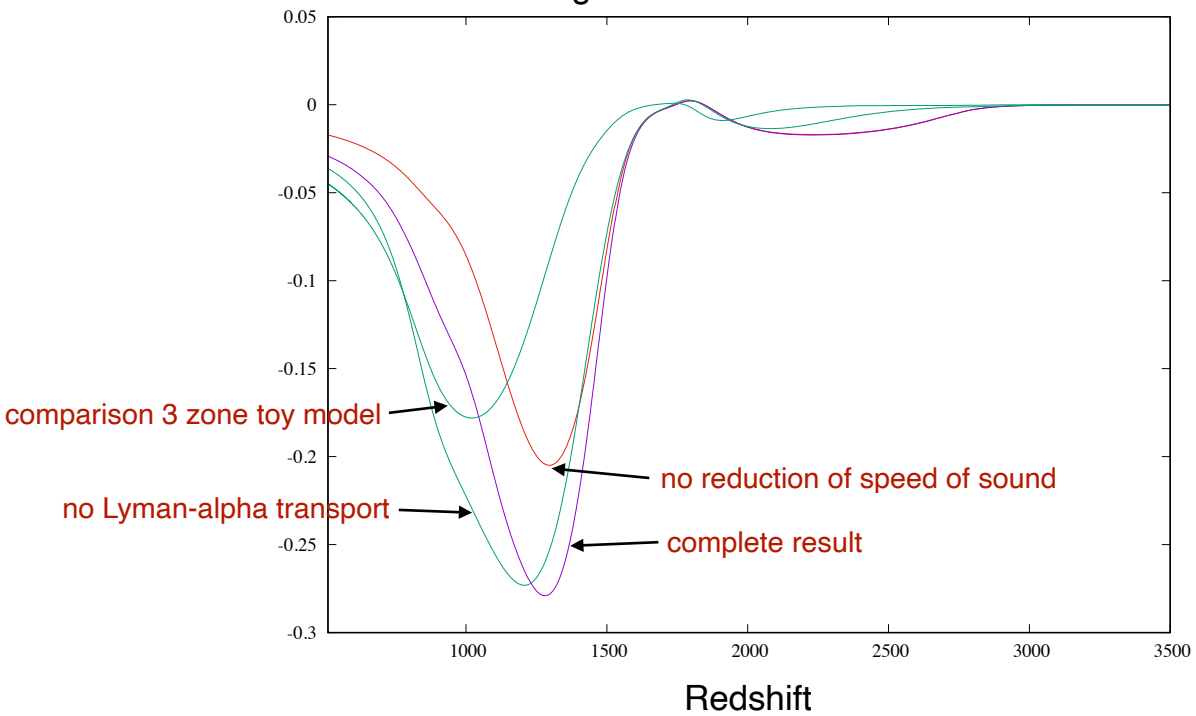
Baryon density

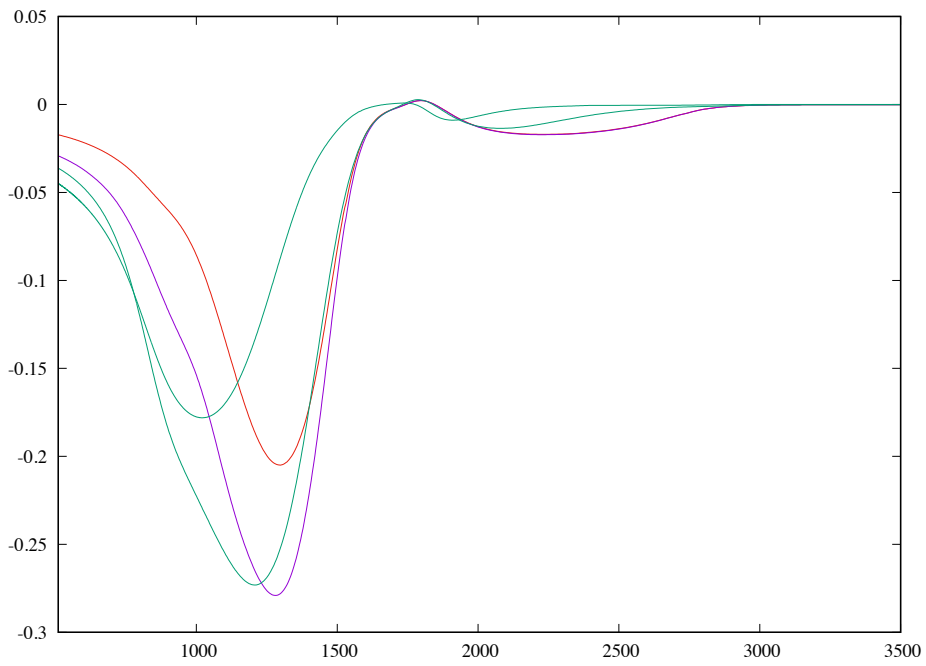


Ionization fraction



Relative change to LCDM ionization fraction  $X_e$







## Why is it difficult to solve the Hubble tension ?

with Levon Pogosian and Gong-Bo Zhao

CMBR Doppler peak at angle:

$$\theta_{\star} = \frac{r_{\star}}{D_A(z_{\star})} = \frac{\int_{z_{\star}}^{\infty} c_s(z) dz / H(z)}{\int_0^{z_{\star}} c dz / H(z)}$$

Planck LCDM  $\rightarrow H_0 = 67.36 \pm 0.54 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

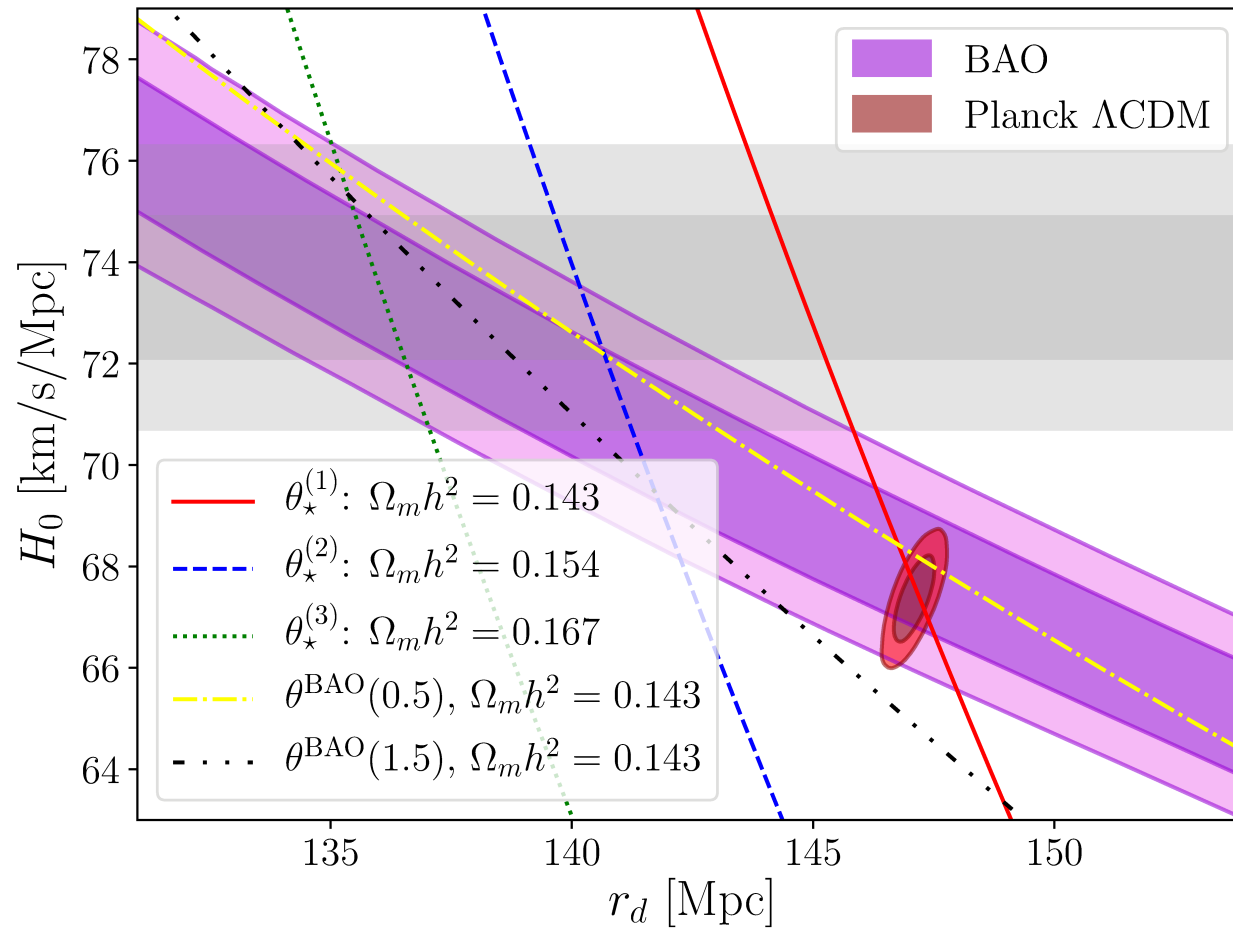
local measurements, i.e. SH0ES  $\rightarrow H_0 = 73.5 \pm 1.4 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

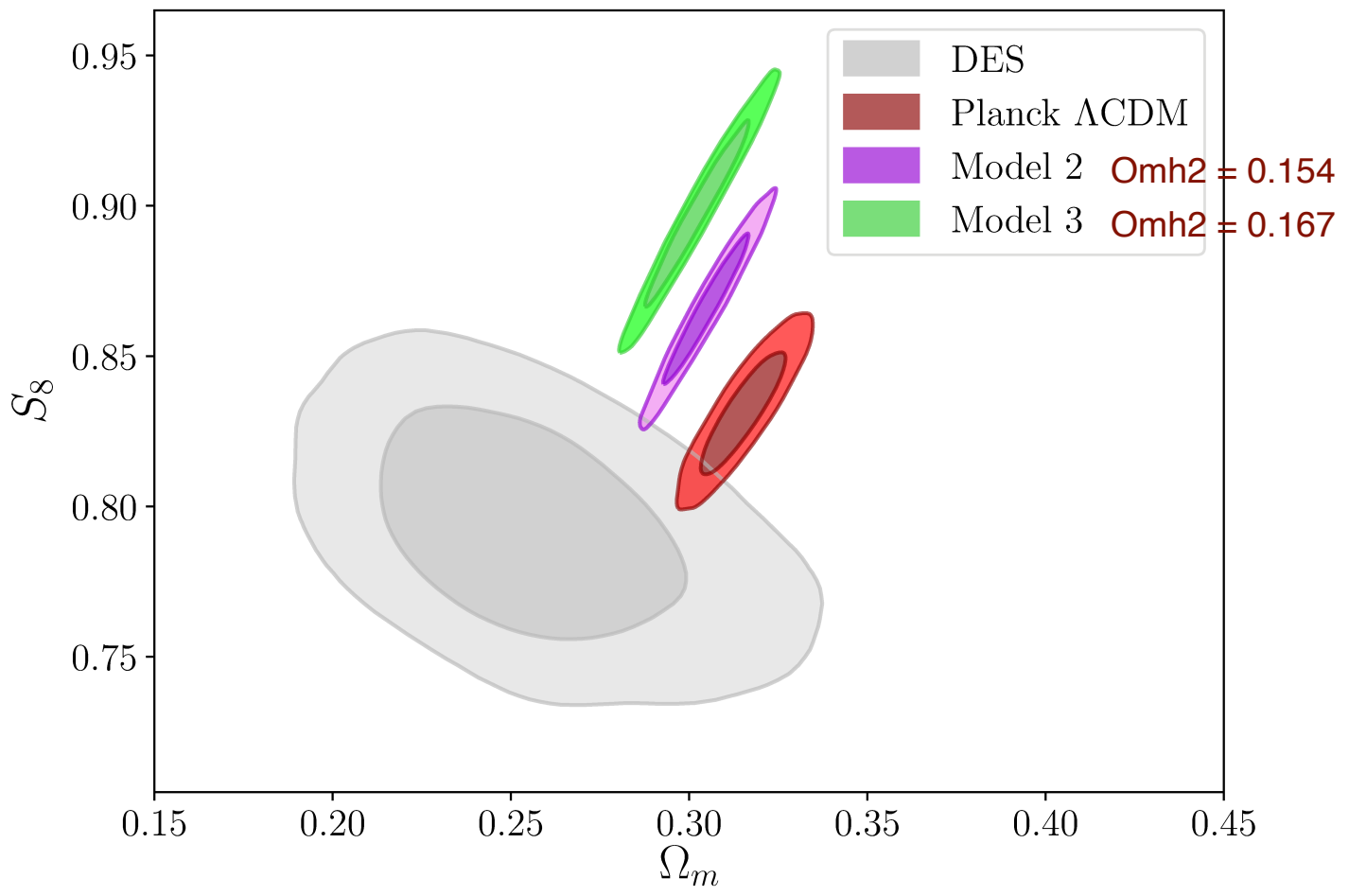
treat  $r_*$  as a free parameter

$$r_* = \theta_* \int_0^{z_*} \frac{2998 \text{ Mpc } dz}{\omega_m^{1/2} \sqrt{(1+z)^3 + h^2/\omega_m - 1}}$$

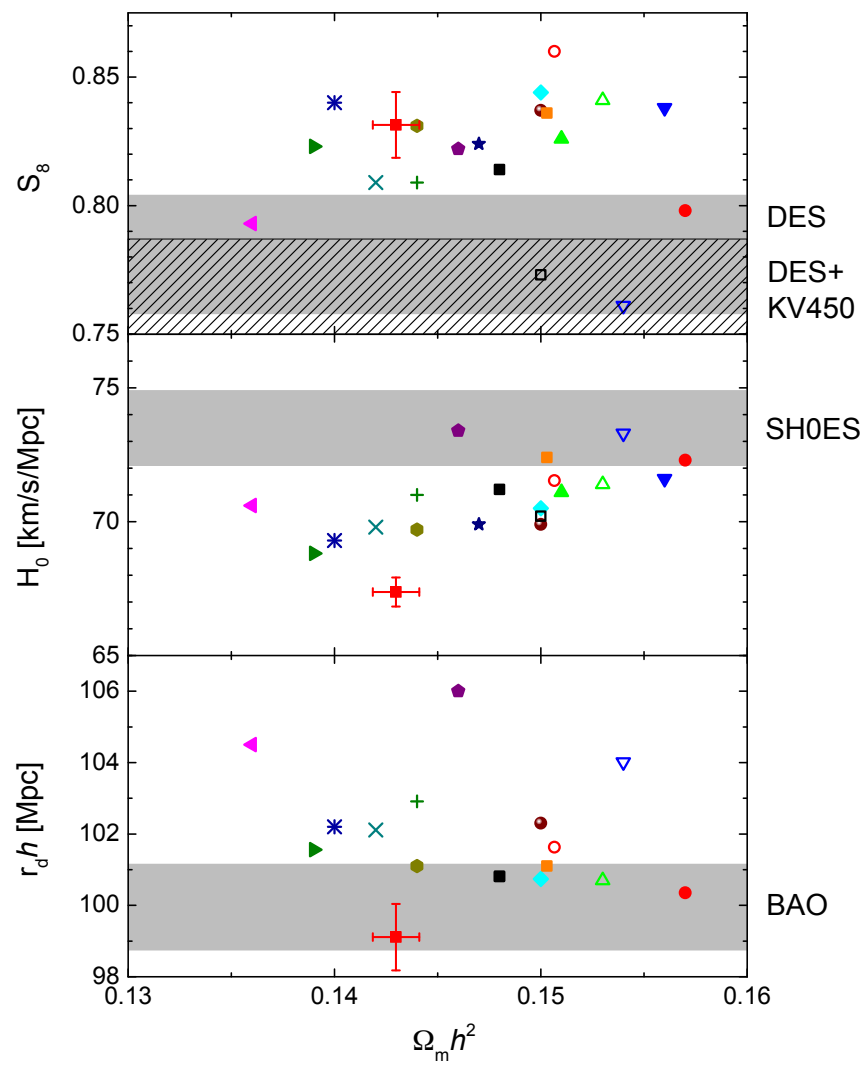
$$\omega_m = \Omega_m h^2$$

very similar relationship from baryon acoustic oscillations !





-> when only changing the sound horizon impossible to reconcile CMB peak positions, SH0ES, BAO, and DES



- 1902.00534 (Kreisch et al 2019; moderately interacting)
- 1902.00534 (Kreisch et al 2019; strongly interacting)
- ▲ 1811.04083 (Poulin et al 2018; EDE model 1)
- ▼ 1811.04083 (Poulin et al 2018; EDE model 2)
- ◆ 1904.01016 (Agrawal et al 2019A)
- ◆ 1902.10636 (Pandey et al 2019; decaying DM; PLC+R18)
- ▶ 1902.10636 (Pandey et al 2019; decaying DM; Planck+JLA+BAO+R18)
- ◆ 1904.01016 (Agrawal et al 2019A; Neff)
- ★ 2006.13959 (Gonzalez et al 2020; ultralight scalar decay)
- ◆ 1811.03624 (Chiang et al 2018; non-standard recombination 1)
- 1811.03624 (Chiang et al 2018; non-standard recombination 2)
- +
- × 2004.09487 (Jedamzik & Pogosian 2020; PMF model 2)
- ✳ 1906.08261 (Agrawal et al 2019B; swampland & fading dark matter)
- 2007.03381 (Sekiguchi et al 2020; early recombination)
- $\Lambda$ CDM
- 1507.04351 (Lesgourgues et al 2015; DM-dark interaction)
- 1909.04044 (Escudero & Witte 2019; Neutrino sector - extra radiation)
- ▲ 2009.00006 (Niedermann & Sloth 2020; new EDE)
- ▽ 1803.10229 (Kumar et al 2018; dark-matter photon interactions; massive neutrinos,  $N_{\text{eff}} > 3.04$ )

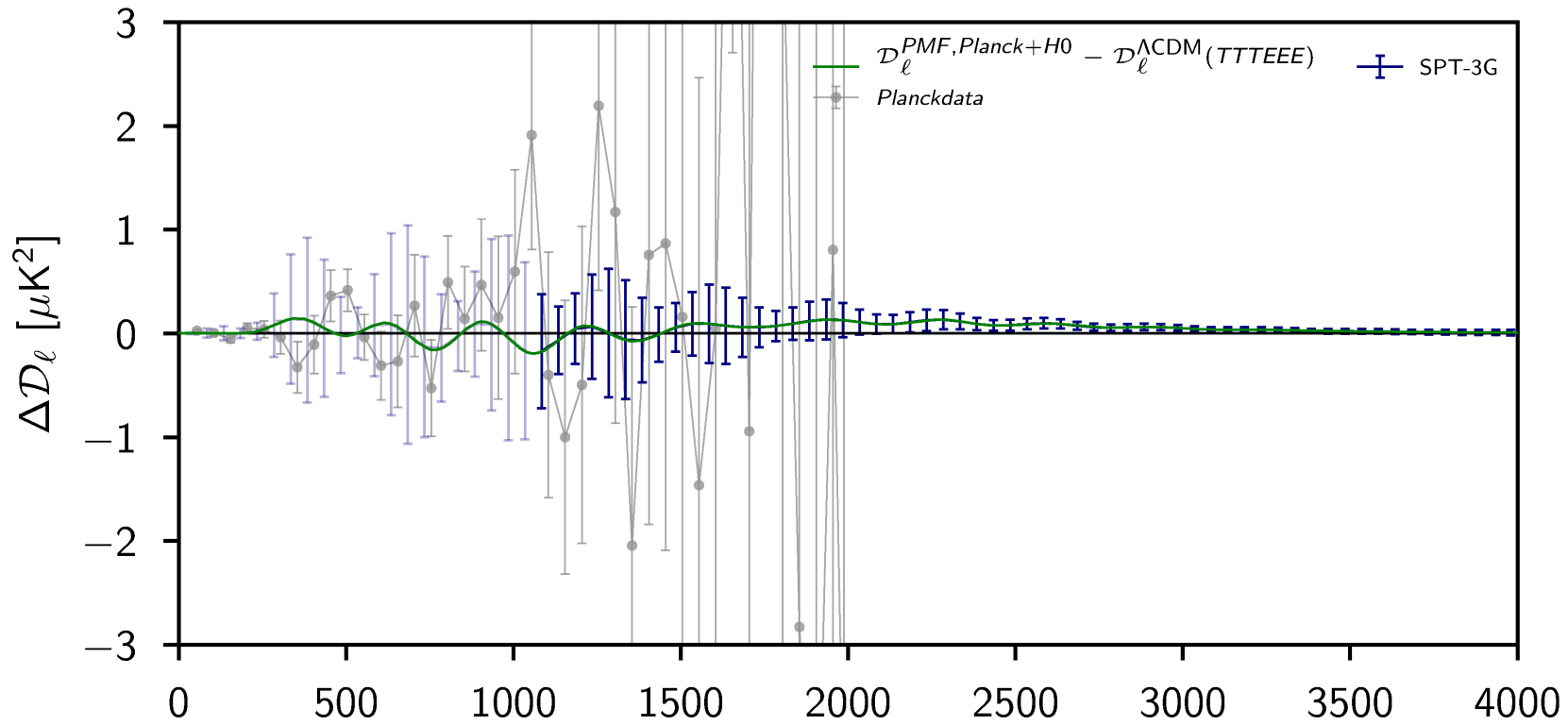
# The effect on other parameters

	Planck $\Lambda$ CDM	Planck+H3 $\Lambda$ CDM	Planck+H3 M1	Planck+H3+DES M1	Planck+H3 M2	Planck+H3+DES M2
$\Omega_b h^2$	$0.02237 \pm 0.00015$	$0.02265 \pm 0.00014$	$0.02272 \pm 0.00016$	$0.02279 \pm 0.00015$	$0.02282 \pm 0.00016$	$0.02287 \pm 0.00016$
$\Omega_c h^2$	$0.1200 \pm 0.0012$	$0.1170 \pm 0.0011$	$0.1215 \pm 0.0015$	$0.1206 \pm 0.0014$	$0.1190 \pm 0.0012$	$0.1181 \pm 0.0011$
$\tau$	$0.0546 \pm 0.0075$	$0.0637^{+0.0074}_{-0.0089}$	$0.0558 \pm 0.0075$	$0.0571 \pm 0.0076$	$0.0610^{+0.0071}_{-0.0084}$	$0.0620^{+0.0069}_{-0.0083}$
$n_s$	$0.9651 \pm 0.0041$	$0.9726 \pm 0.0041$	$0.9630 \pm 0.0040$	$0.9648 \pm 0.0039$	$0.9739 \pm 0.0043$	$0.9755 \pm 0.0042$
$b$	-	-	$0.63 \pm 0.19$	$0.61^{+0.16}_{-0.19}$	$0.31 \pm 0.11$	$0.29^{+0.11}_{-0.12}$
$H_0$	$67.37 \pm 0.54$	$68.78 \pm 0.50$	$71.16 \pm 0.75$	$71.50 \pm 0.70$	$69.89 \pm 0.62$	$70.24 \pm 0.58$
$\Omega_m$	$0.3151 \pm 0.0074$	$0.2967 \pm 0.0064$	$0.2863 \pm 0.0064$	$0.2818 \pm 0.0056$	$0.2918 \pm 0.0063$	$0.2870 \pm 0.0056$
$\sigma_8$	$0.8113 \pm 0.0060$	$0.8080 \pm 0.0065$	$0.8268 \pm 0.0081$	$0.8236^{+0.0071}_{-0.0079}$	$0.8194 \pm 0.0074$	$0.8161 \pm 0.0073$
$S_8$	$0.831 \pm 0.013$	$0.804 \pm 0.012$	$0.808 \pm 0.011$	$0.7982 \pm 0.0098$	$0.808 \pm 0.012$	$0.7982 \pm 0.0099$
$z_*$	$1089.91 \pm 0.26$	$1089.32 \pm 0.23$	$1108.3^{+4.5}_{-3.3}$	$1107.7^{+4.1}_{-3.5}$	$1097.0^{+2.5}_{-1.9}$	$1096.6^{+2.6}_{-2.0}$
$r_*$	$144.44 \pm 0.27$	$144.99 \pm 0.26$	$142.19^{+0.61}_{-0.72}$	$142.41^{+0.61}_{-0.68}$	$143.68 \pm 0.47$	$143.91^{+0.44}_{-0.49}$
$z_{\text{drag}}$	$1059.94 \pm 0.30$	$1060.36 \pm 0.29$	$1077.3^{+4.1}_{-3.1}$	$1077.1^{+3.8}_{-3.3}$	$1067.6^{+2.4}_{-1.9}$	$1067.4^{+2.5}_{-2.0}$
$r_{\text{drag}}$	$147.10 \pm 0.27$	$147.58 \pm 0.26$	$144.85^{+0.62}_{-0.72}$	$145.05^{+0.61}_{-0.68}$	$146.25 \pm 0.48$	$146.47 \pm 0.48$
$\chi^2_{\text{lensing}}$	$9.23 \pm 0.70$	$9.6 \pm 1.2$	$9.20 \pm 0.67$	$9.30 \pm 0.84$	$9.35 \pm 0.82$	$9.7 \pm 1.1$
$\chi^2_{\text{plik}}$	$2359.5 \pm 6.2$	$2365 \pm 13$	$2366.8 \pm 6.8$	$2368.8 \pm 6.9$	$2368.0 \pm 7.2$	$2370.6 \pm 7.3$
$\chi^2_{\text{lowl}}$	$23.40 \pm 0.86$	$22.31 \pm 0.71$	$24.30 \pm 0.97$	$23.94 \pm 0.91$	$22.31 \pm 0.73$	$22.07 \pm 0.67$
$\chi^2_{\text{simall}}$	$397.0 \pm 1.8$	$399.2 \pm 3.5$	$397.1 \pm 1.9$	$397.3 \pm 2.0$	$398.2 \pm 2.7$	$398.4 \pm 2.9$
$\chi^2_{\text{prior}}$	$11.6 \pm 4.6$	$11.7 \pm 4.6$	$11.5 \pm 4.5$	$24 \pm 7^{(a)}$	$11.9 \pm 4.7$	$24 \pm 7^{(a)}$
$\chi^2_{\text{H3}}$	-	$24 \pm 5$	$7.4 \pm 3.9$	$5.8 \pm 3.1$	$14.9 \pm 4.5$	$12.5 \pm 3.9$
$\chi^2_{\text{bestfit}}^{(\text{tot})}$	2779.9	2811.5	2795.7	3311.7 <sup>(b)</sup>	2802.6	3324.4 <sup>(b)</sup>

TABLE I. The mean values and 68% CL intervals for the relevant cosmological parameters and the  $\chi^2$  of the datasets used in the analysis. <sup>(a)</sup> The DES likelihood contains priors on additional 13 “nuisance” parameters; <sup>(b)</sup> To be compared to the  $\Lambda$ CDM fit to CMB+H3+DES which has  $\chi^2_{\text{bestfit}}^{(\text{tot})} = 3331.9$ .

Minor changes in the values and uncertainties of other cosmological parameters  
Adding the DES Y1 data pushes the detection of clumping beyond  $4\sigma$

# Observations of EE polarization at high multipoles with SPT3G

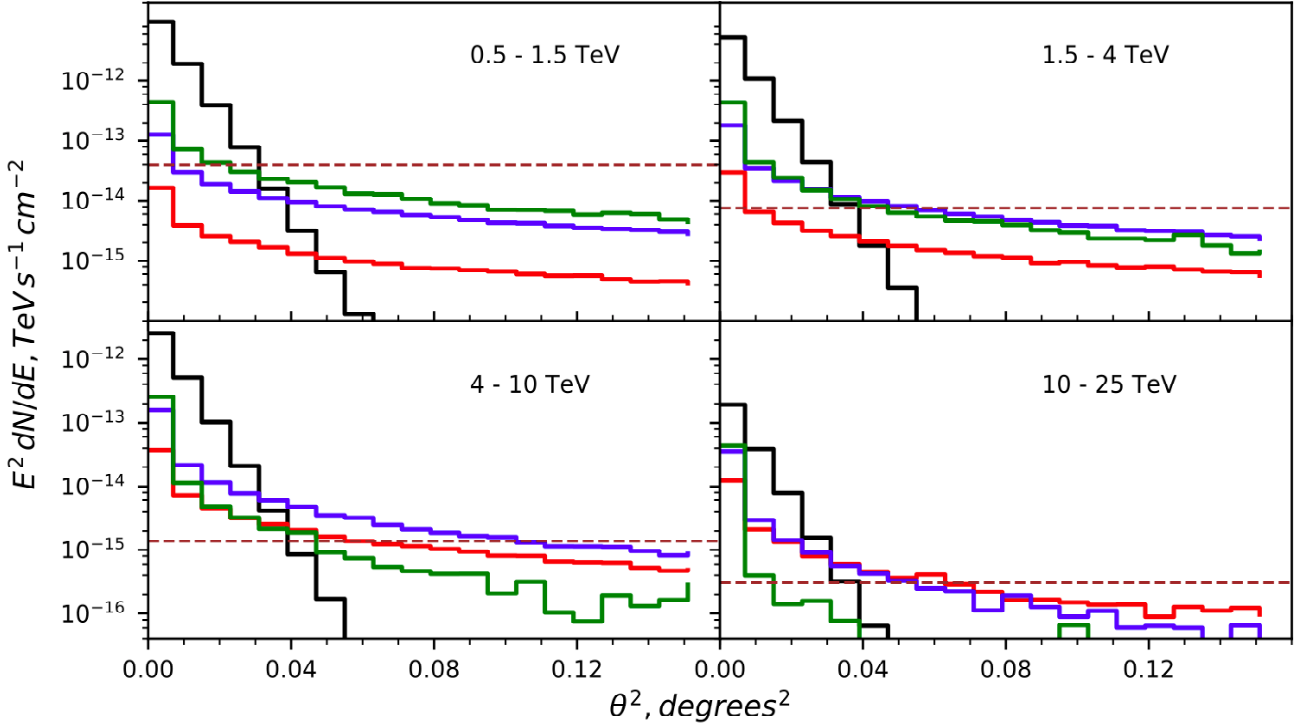


courtesy Silvia Galli (SPT3G collaboration)



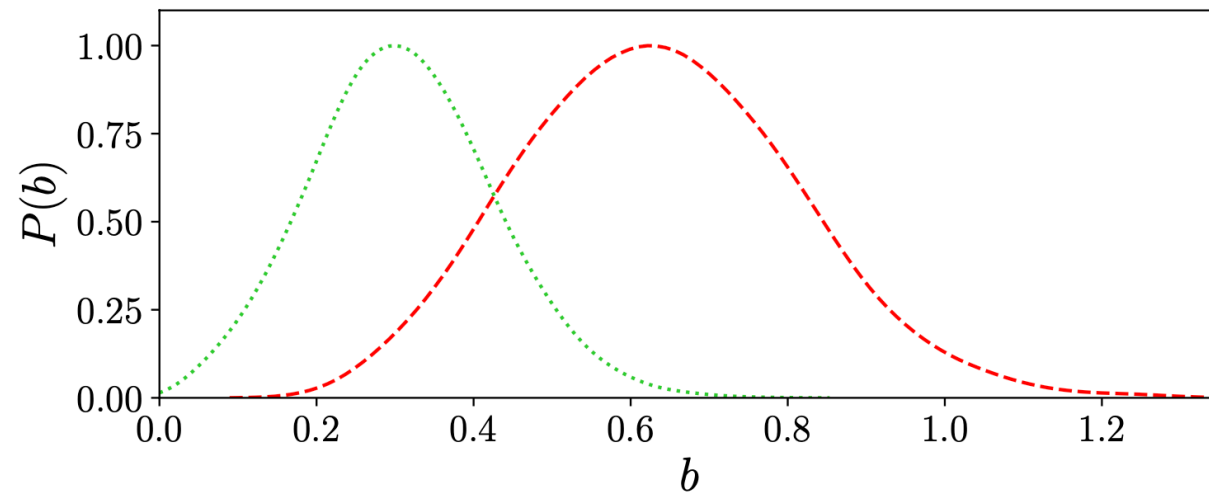
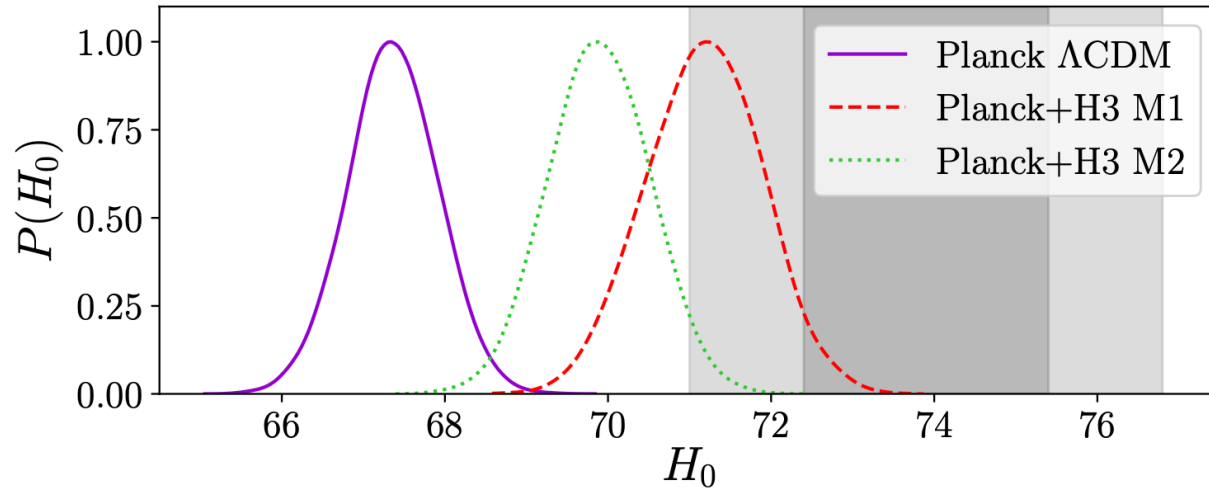
# Observations of extended gamma ray emission around energetic blazars such as Mrk501 with CTA:

Korochkin et al: 2007.14331

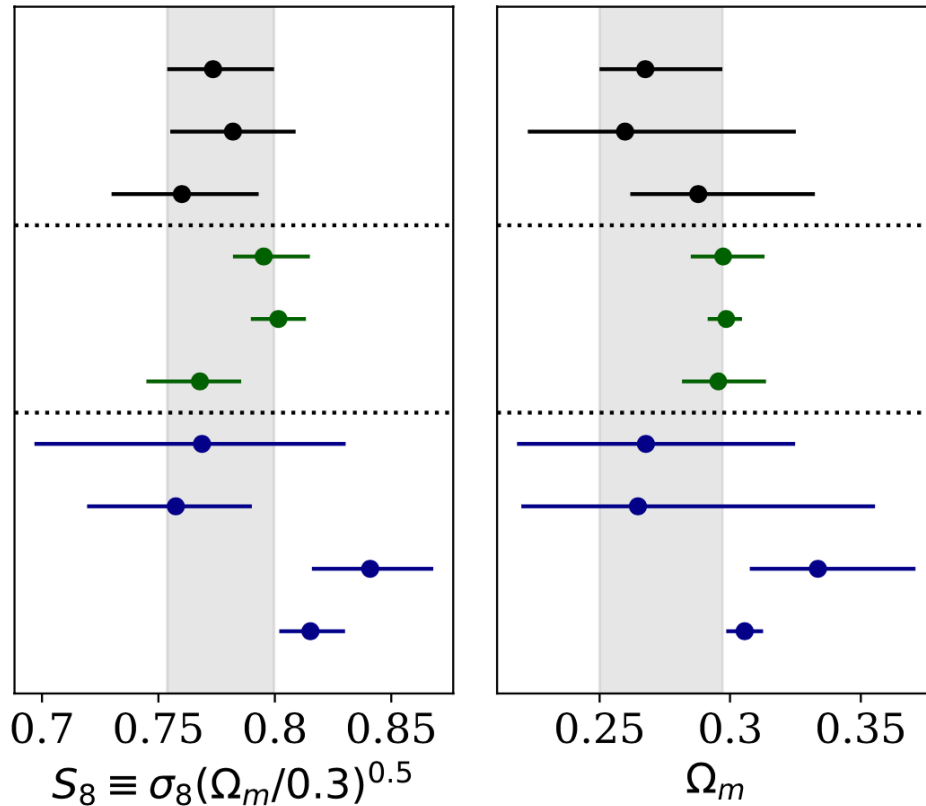


**Figure 4.** Angular distribution of primary and secondary photons in different energy ranges. Black histograms show the primary point source signal, green, blue and red histograms show the extended emission calculated for different magnetic field strengths:  $10^{-12}$  G,  $3 \times 10^{-12}$  G,  $10^{-11}$  G. Horizontal dashed line shows the level of residual cosmic ray electron background measured by HESS (Kerszberg et al. 2017).

# Relieving the Hubble tension



# The $S_8$ - $\Omega_m$ tension



## DES Y1 All

DES Y1 Shear

DES Y1  $w + \gamma_t$

DES Y1 All + Planck (No Lensing)

DES Y1 All + Planck + BAO + JLA

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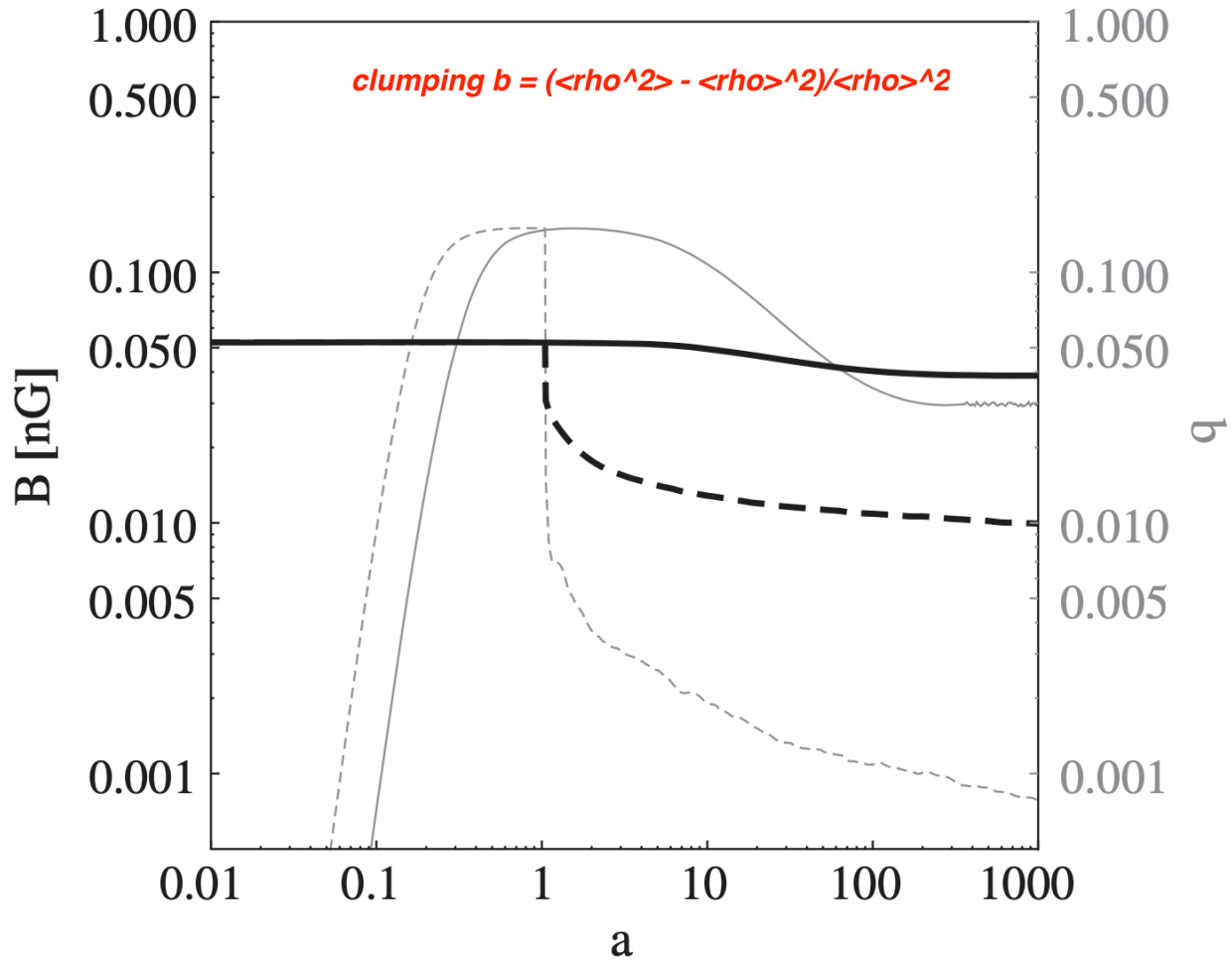
DES SV

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Planck (No Lensing)

Planck + BAO + JLA

# Magnetic field evolution through recombination

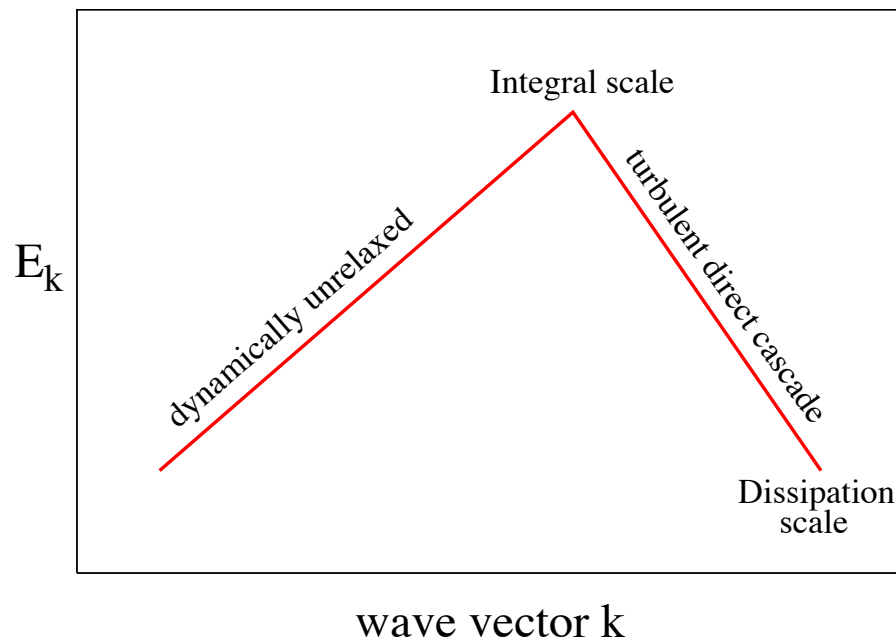


# MHD Cascades in Fourier Space

$$E_B = \frac{\rho}{2} \frac{1}{V} \int d^3x \mathbf{v}_A^2 = \int d^3k \langle |v_{A,k}|^2 \rangle \equiv \int d \ln k E_k, \quad (1)$$

quasi-stationary state (Kolmogoroff, Iroshnikov-Kraichnan)

$$\frac{dE_k}{dt} \approx \frac{E_k}{\tau_k} \approx \text{const}(k), \quad (2)$$

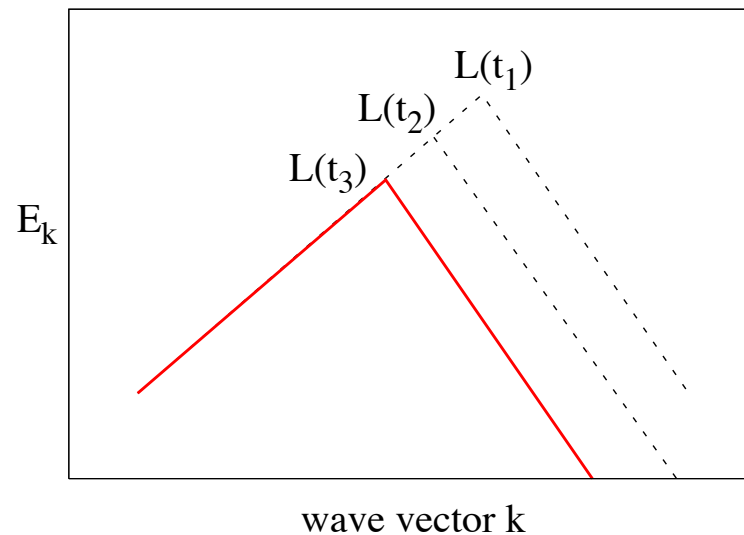


# Decay of magnetic energy in MHD

Assume initial small- $k$  spectrum:

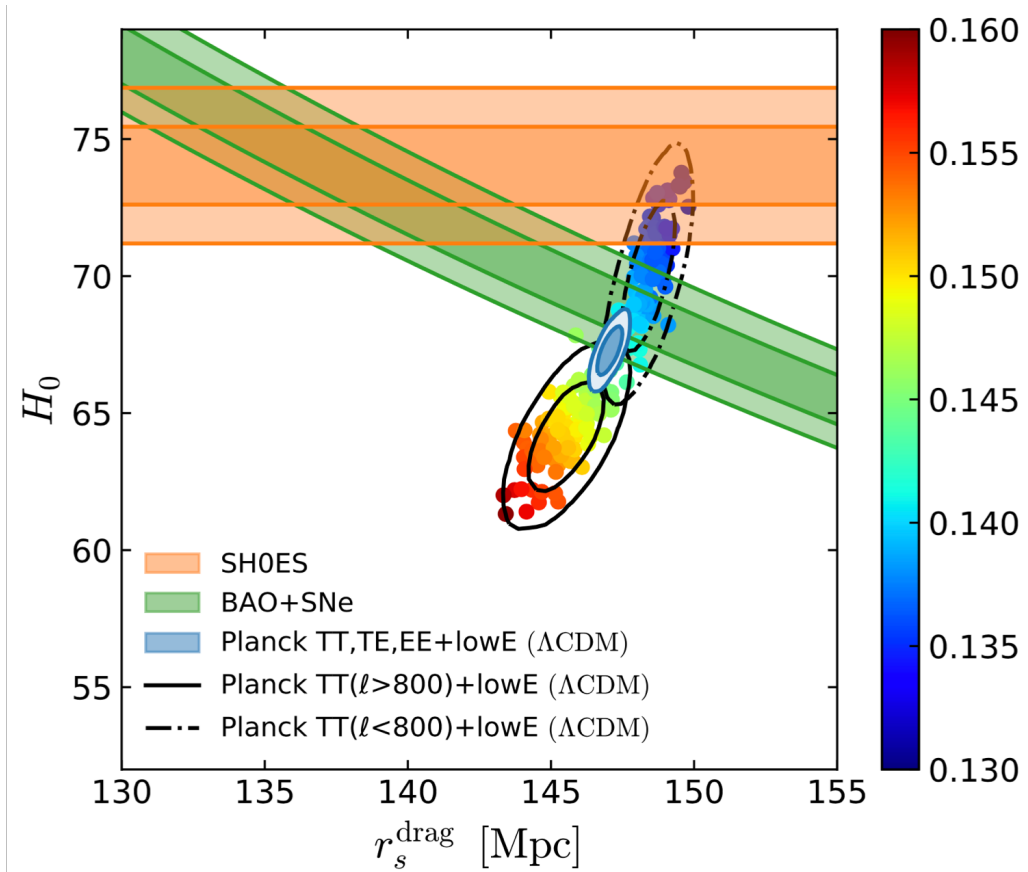
$$E_l(t_0) = E_0 \left( \frac{l}{L_0} \right)^{-n} \quad \text{for } l > L_0$$

Processing on Integral Scale by development of fluid eddies and cascade of energy to dissipation scale



relaxation time:  $\tau_L = t \sim L/v_L \sim L/\sqrt{E_L}$

# Baryon Acoustic Oscillations




REPORT

## Evidence for Strong Extragalactic Magnetic Fields from Fermi Observations of TeV Blazars

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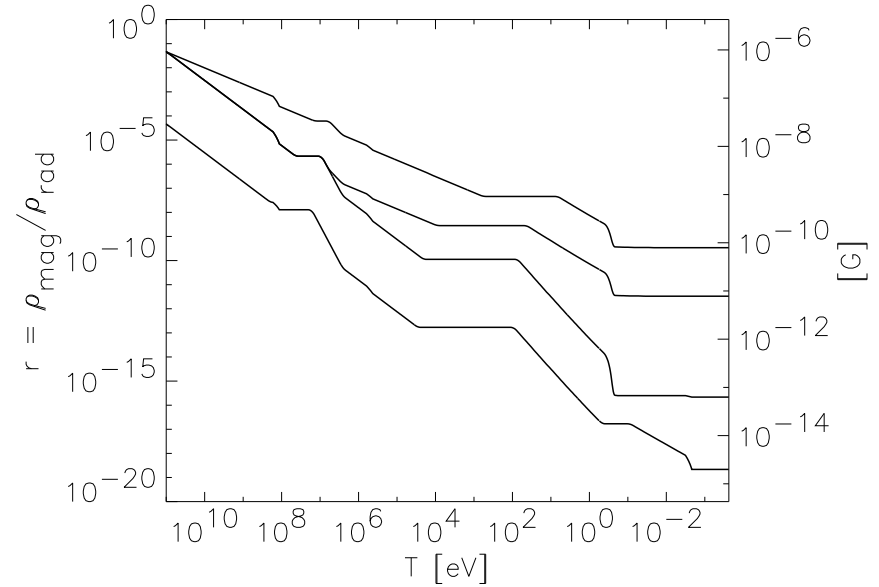
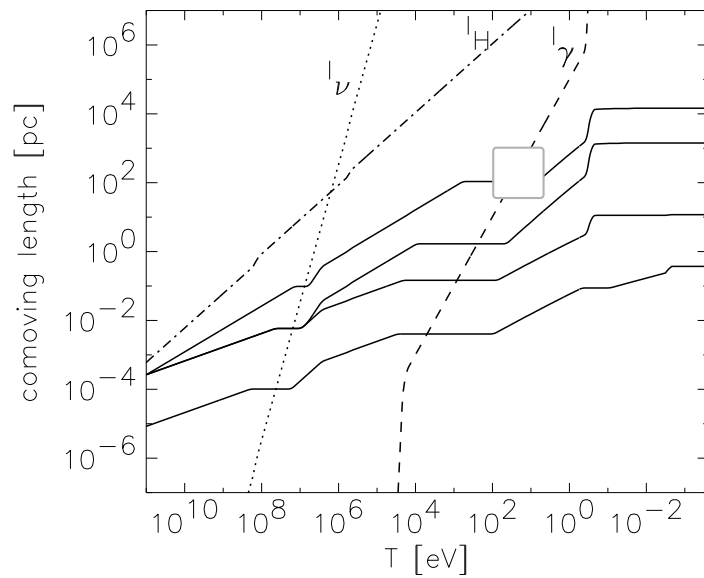
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### ABSTRACT

Magnetic fields in galaxies are produced via the amplification of seed magnetic fields of unknown nature. The seed fields, which might exist in their initial form in the intergalactic medium, were never detected. We report a lower bound  $B \geq 3 \times 10^{-16}$  gauss on the strength of intergalactic magnetic fields, which stems from the nonobservation of GeV gamma-ray emission from electromagnetic cascade initiated by tera-electron volt gamma rays in intergalactic medium. The bound improves as  $\lambda_B^{-1/2}$  if magnetic field correlation length,  $\lambda_B$ , is much smaller than a megaparsec. This lower bound constrains models for the origin of cosmic magnetic fields.



# Evolution: The Global Picture



from top to bottom: (a)  $h_g = 1$ ,  $r_g = 0.01$ , (b)  $h_g = 10^{-3}$ ,  
 $n = 3$ ,  $r_g = 0.01$ , (c)  $h_g = 0$ ,  $n = 3$ ,  $r_g = 0.01$ , (d)  $h_g = 0$ ,  
 $n = 3$ ,  $r_g = 10^{-5}$

*Banerjee and Jedamzik 2004*

# Cosmic Magnetic Fields

- Origin of 1-10  $\mu\text{G}$  fields in galaxies and clusters
  - mostly astrophysical? (dynamo, SN, ...)
  - mostly primordial? (need 0.01-0.1 nG)
  - some combination of the two?
- Evidence of magnetic fields in voids?
  - missing GeV  $\gamma$ -ray halos around TeV blazars
- Generated in the early universe – not “if”, but “how much”
  - phase transitions
  - inflationary mechanisms
  - a window into the early universe
- A distinct signature in CMB could prove their primordial origin

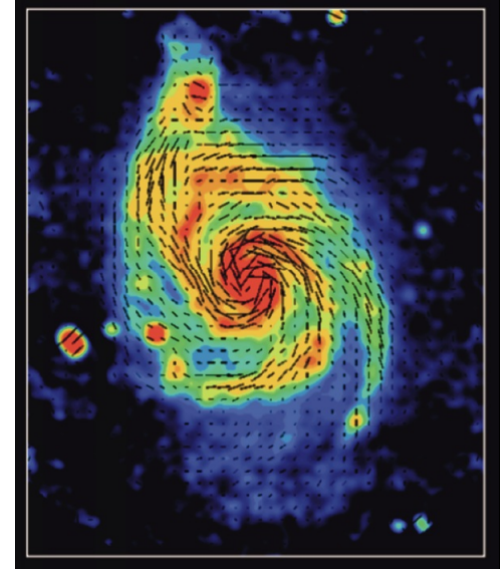
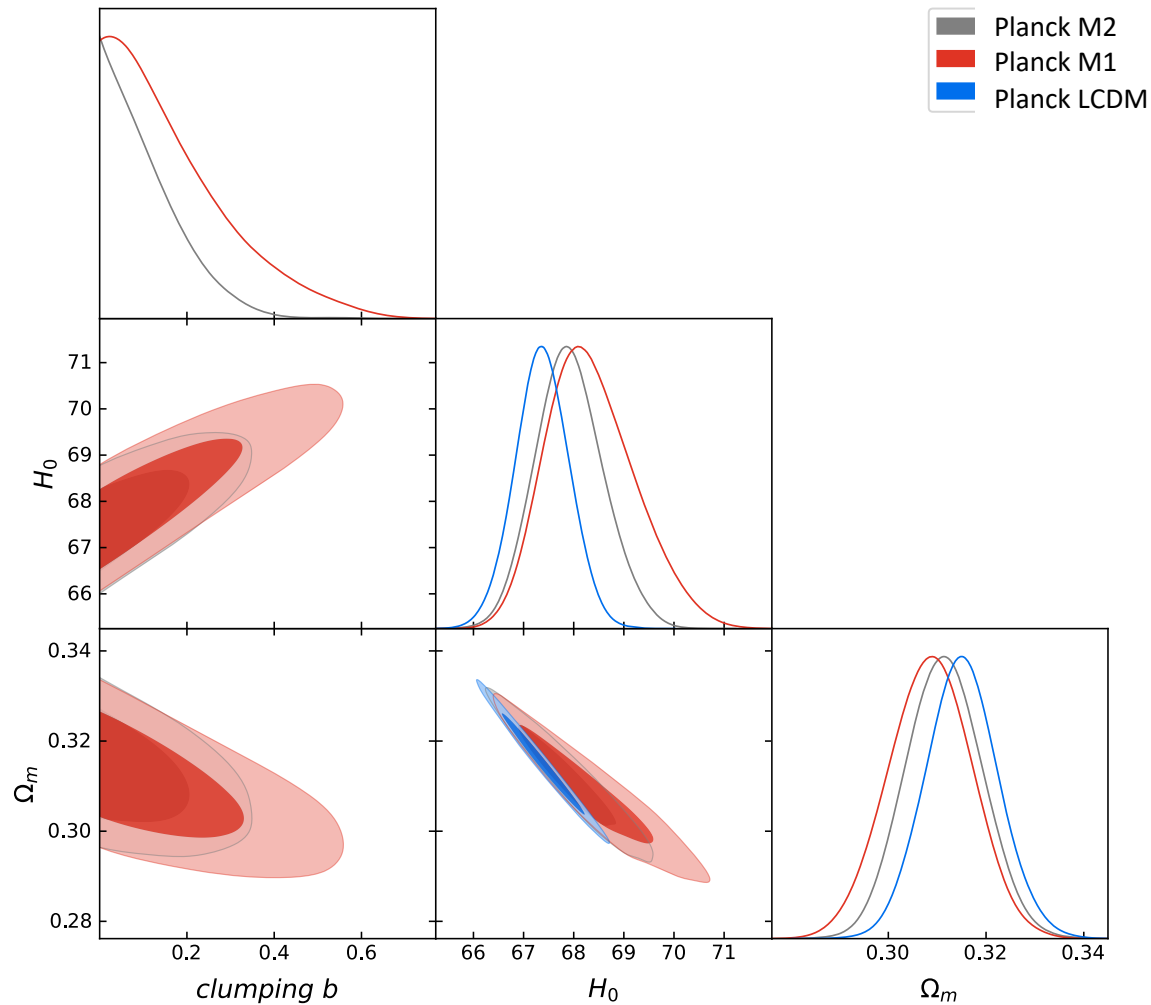


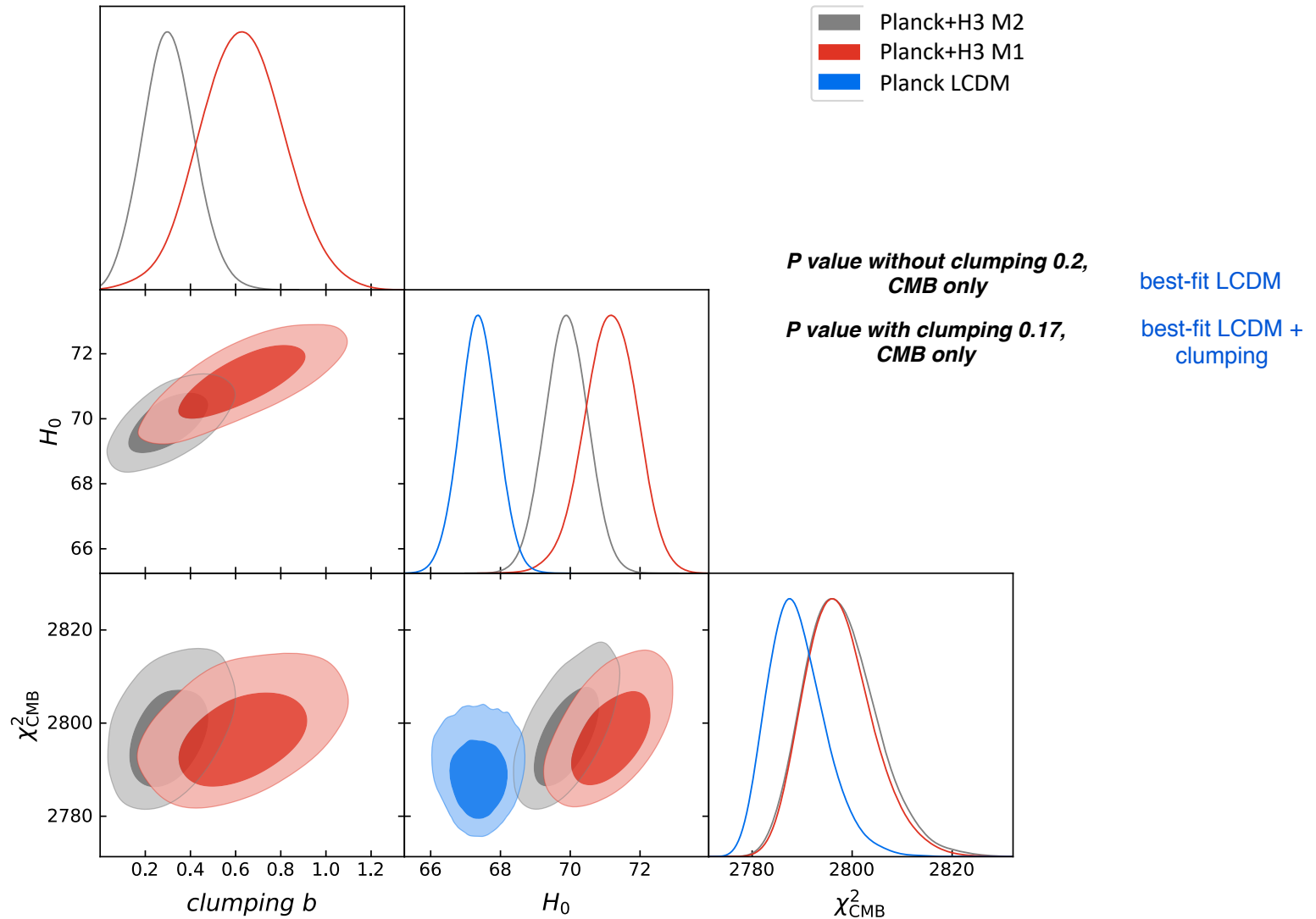
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# ΛCDM + clumping: Fitting Planck only



- Strong degeneracy between the clumping parameter  $b$  and  $H_0$
- No preference for a non-zero value of  $b$

# Does the fit to CMB get worse?



The LCDM model and the clumping models give comparable fits

CMBR Doppler peak at angle:

$$\theta_{\star} = \frac{r_{\star}}{D_A(z_{\star})} = \frac{\int_{z_{\star}}^{\infty} c_s(z) dz / H(z)}{\int_0^{z_{\star}} c dz / H(z)}$$

$$H(z) = 100 \text{ km/s/Mpc} \sqrt{\Omega_r h^2 (1+z)^4 + \Omega_m h^2 (1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda} h^2}$$

- $\Omega_{\gamma} h^2$  well known from current CMBR temperature
- $\Omega_{\nu} h^2$  well known from standard model of particle physics and cosmology
- $\Omega_b h^2$  well known from CMBR and BBN
- $z_{\star}$  well known from atomic physics
- $\Omega_m h^2$  well known in any particular model from CMBR
- criticality condition:  $\Omega_{\Lambda} + \Omega_m + \Omega_r = 1$

**=> Measure Doppler peak angle, assume LCDM, predict the Hubble constant**

