

DESI Dark Energy and Hubble tension

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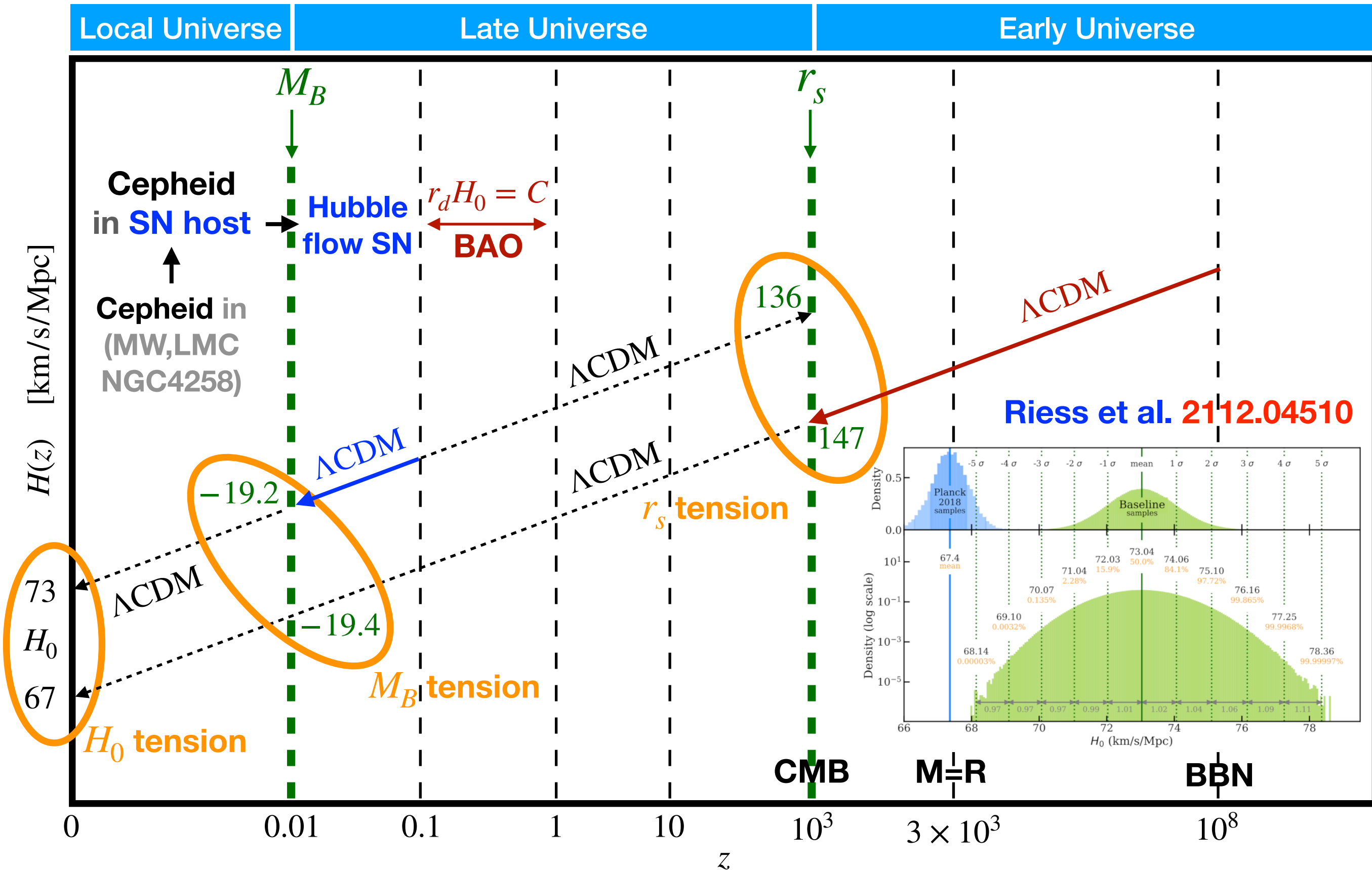
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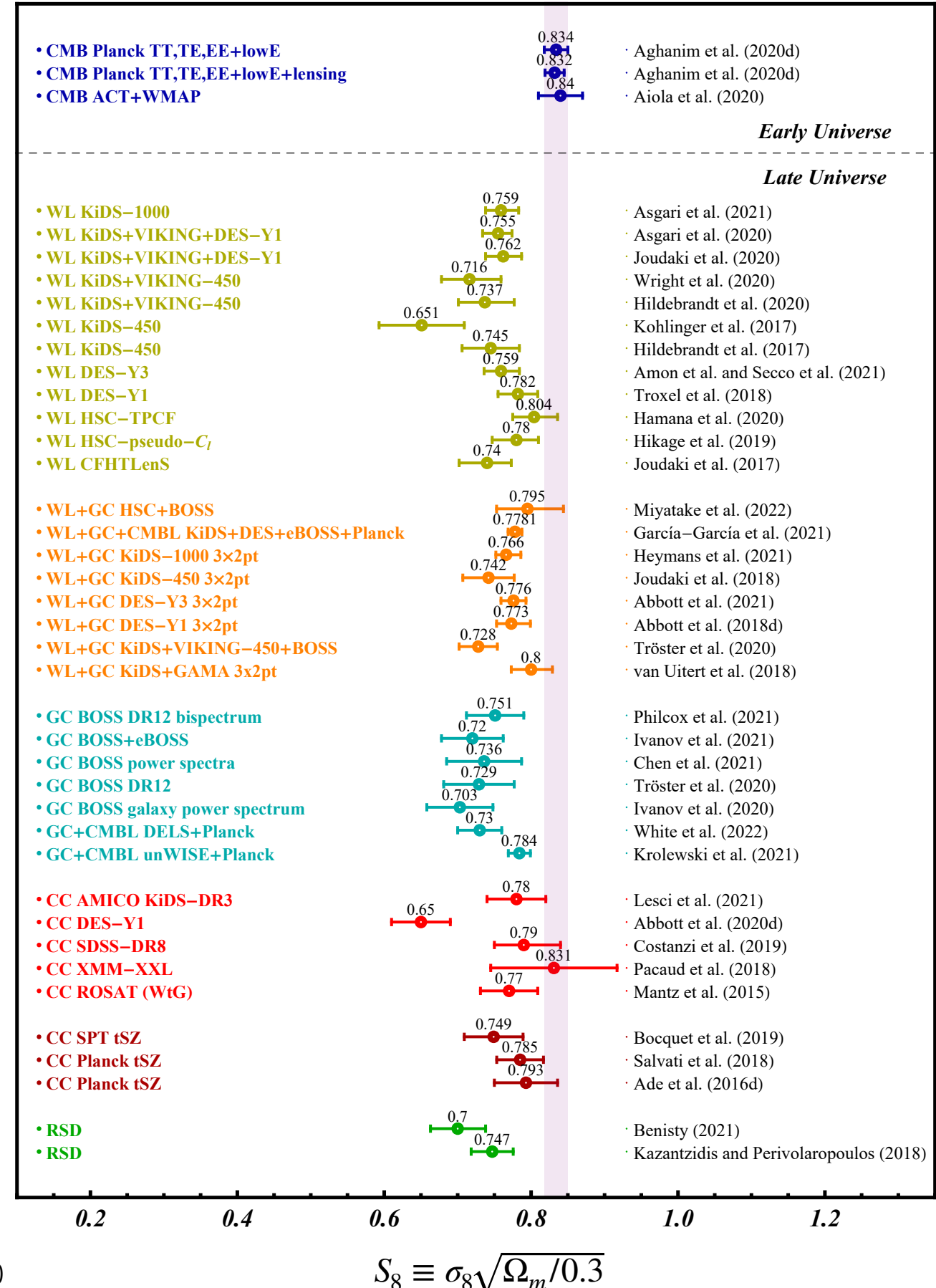
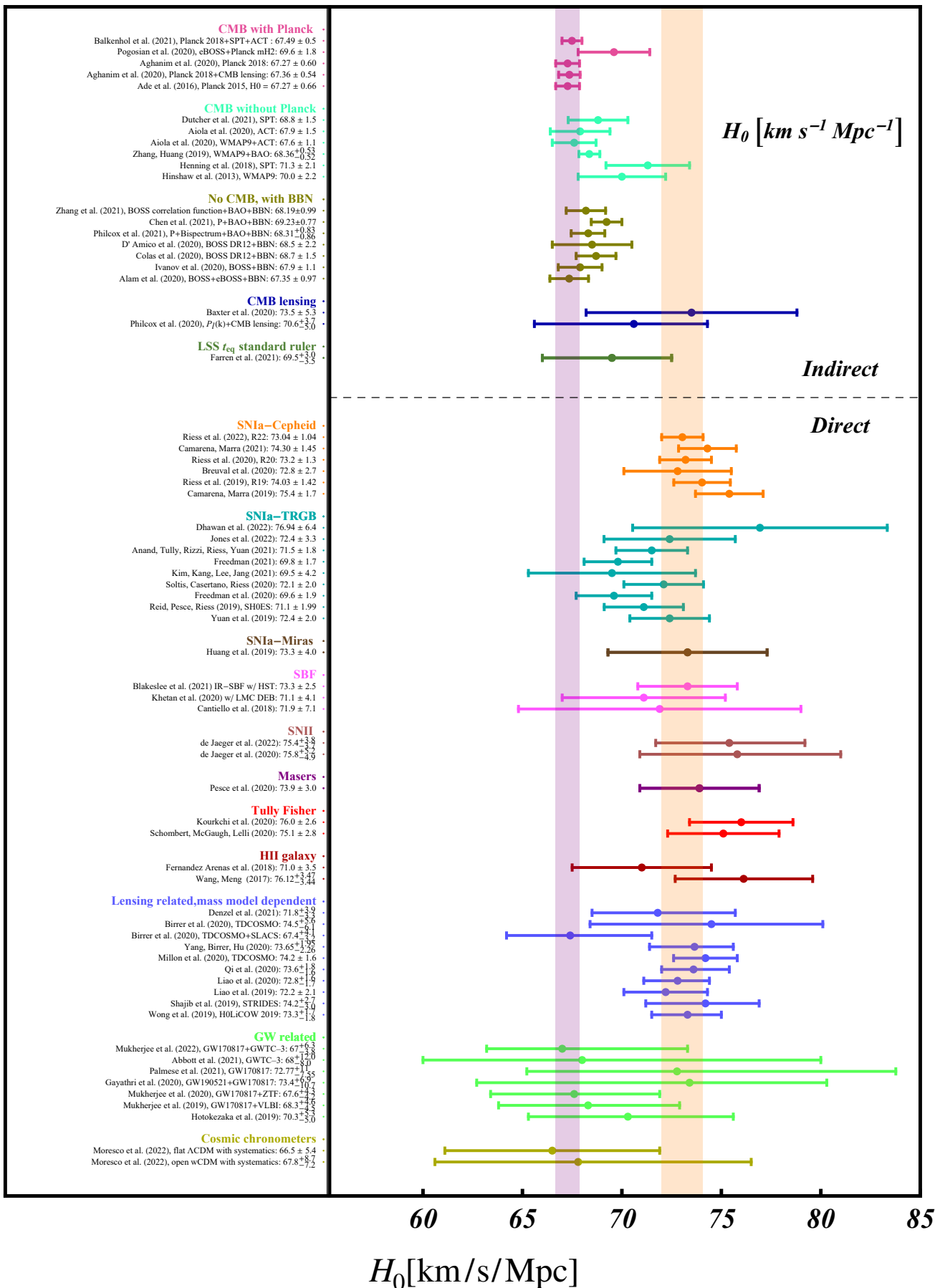
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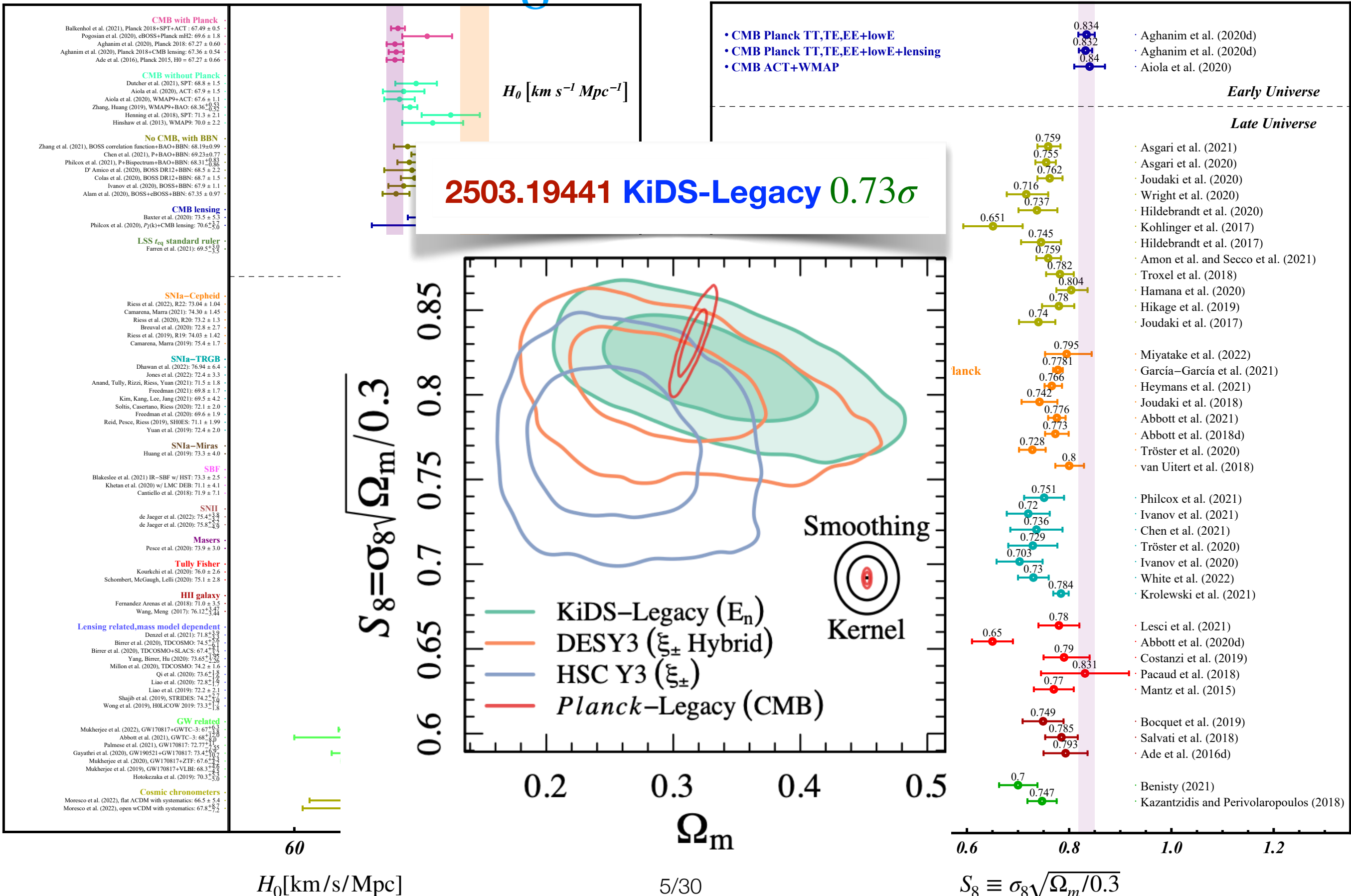
H_0 tension



Early-late tension



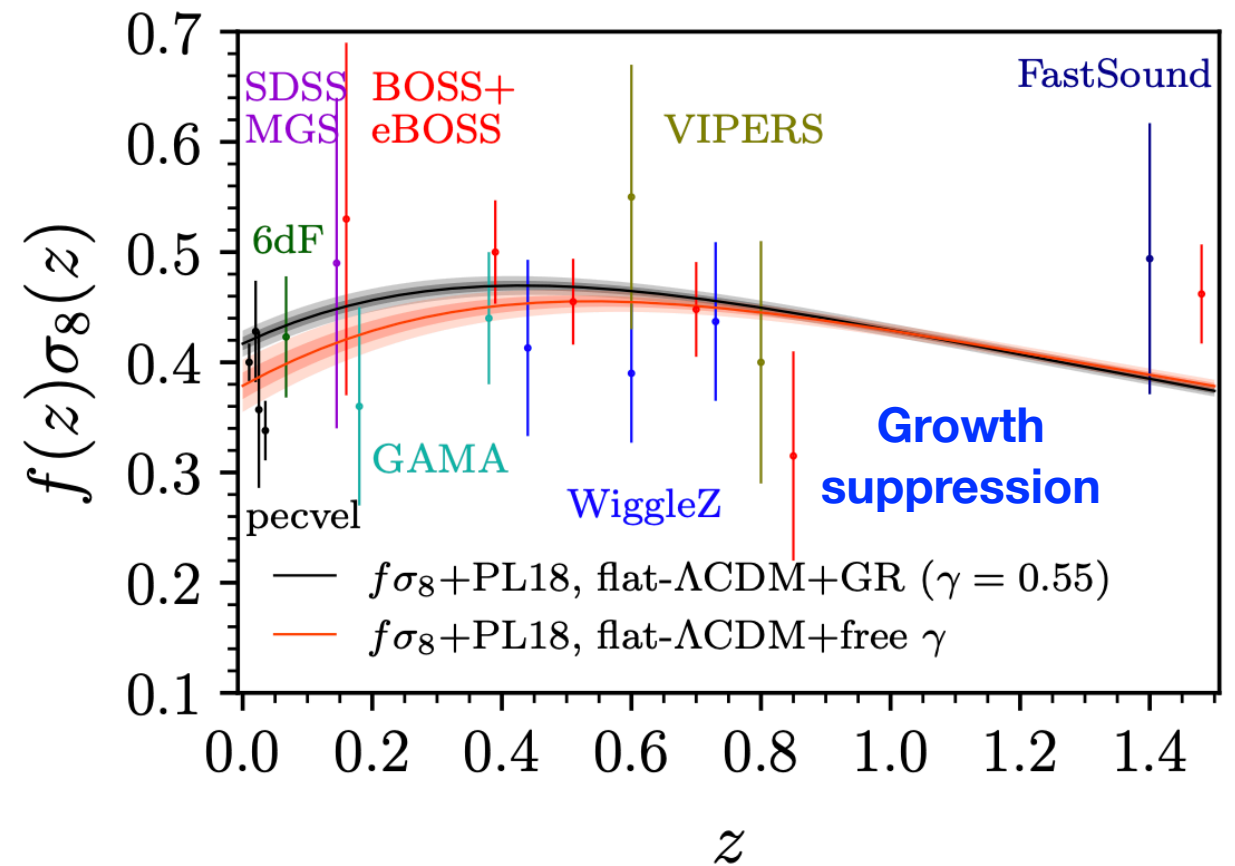
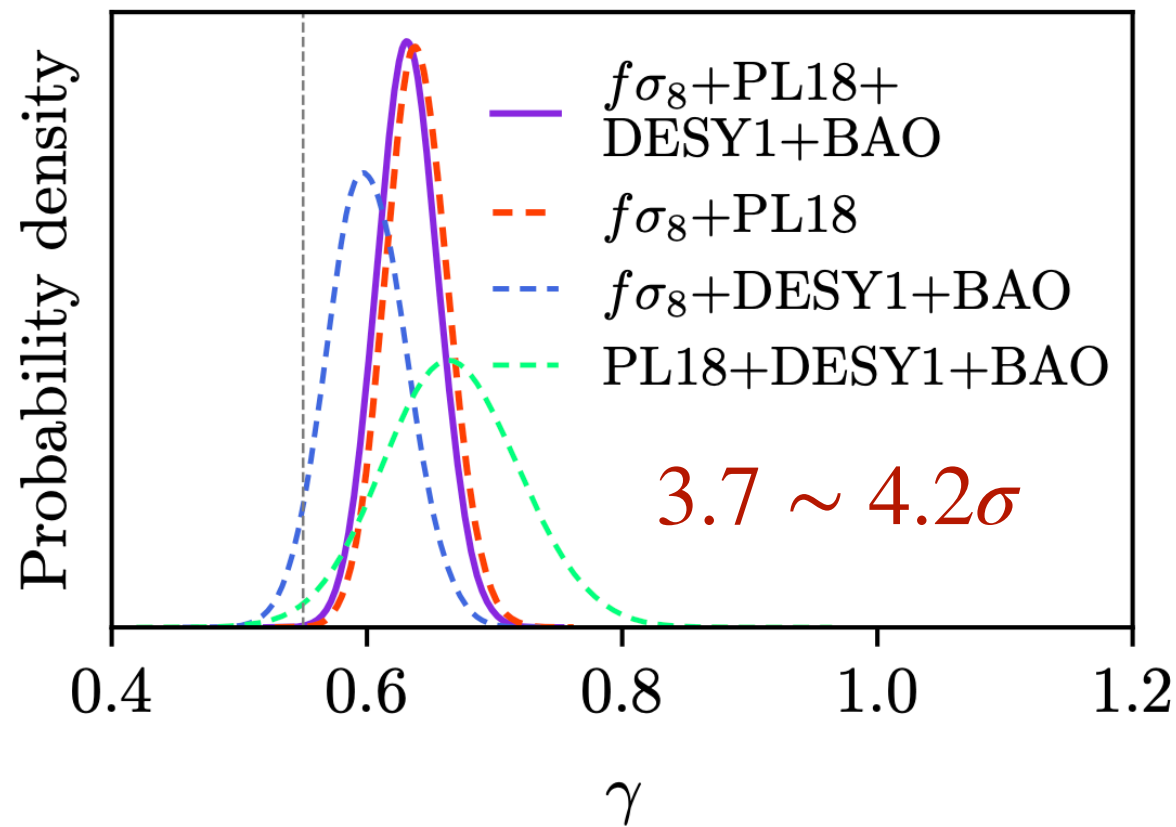
S_8 tension?



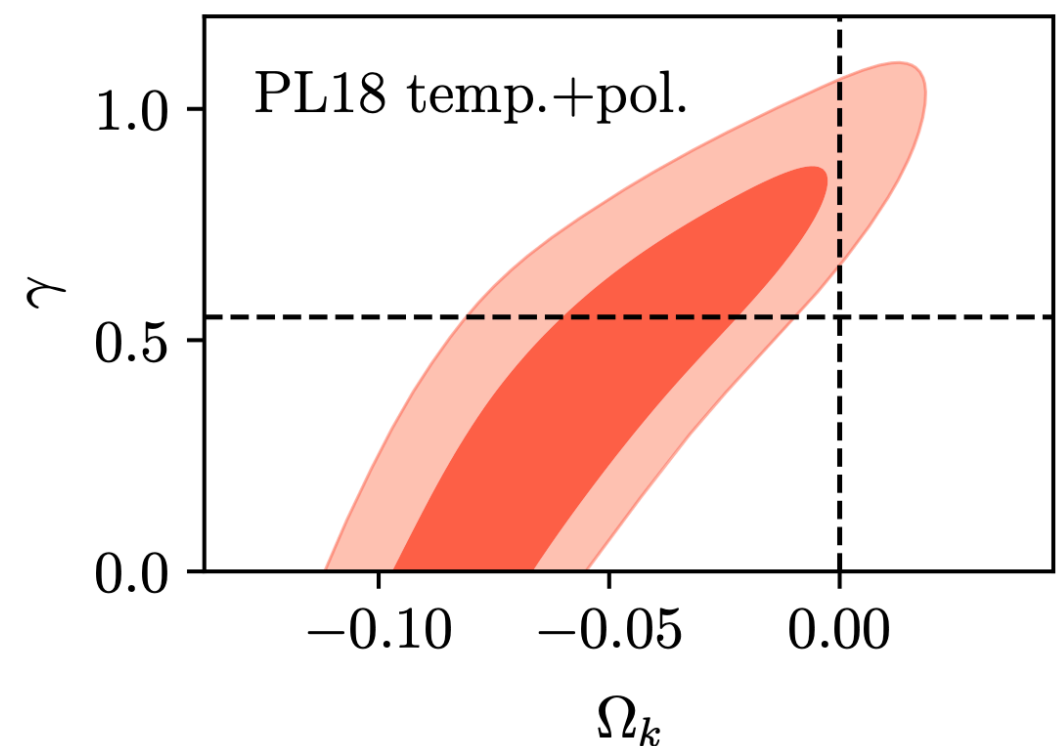
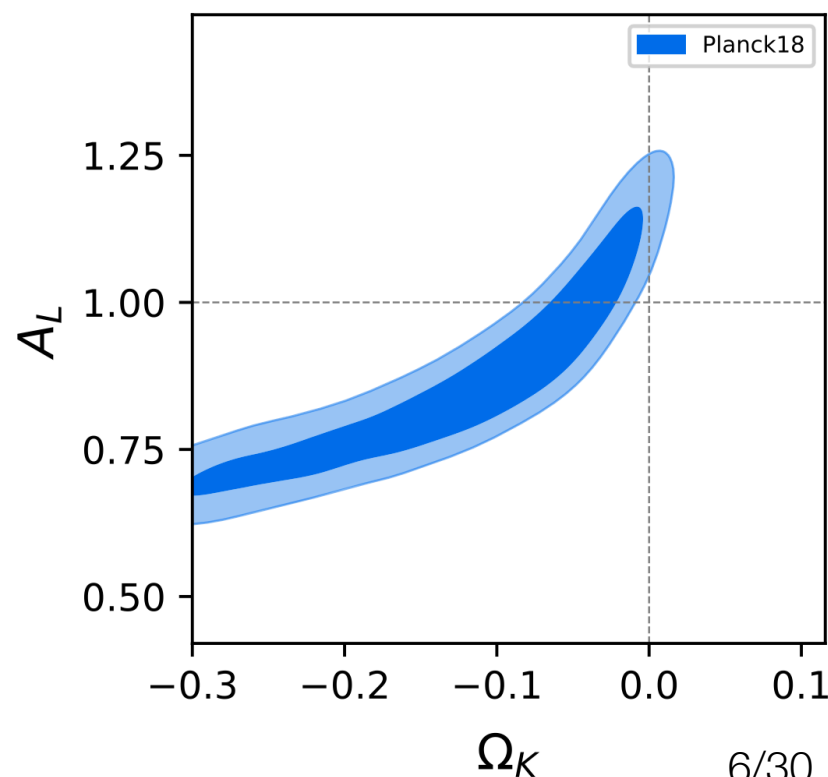
γ tension!

2302.01331 (PRL) growth index tension

$$D(a(t)) = \delta(t)/\delta(t_0) : f(a) = d \ln D / d \ln a = \Omega_m(a)^\gamma$$

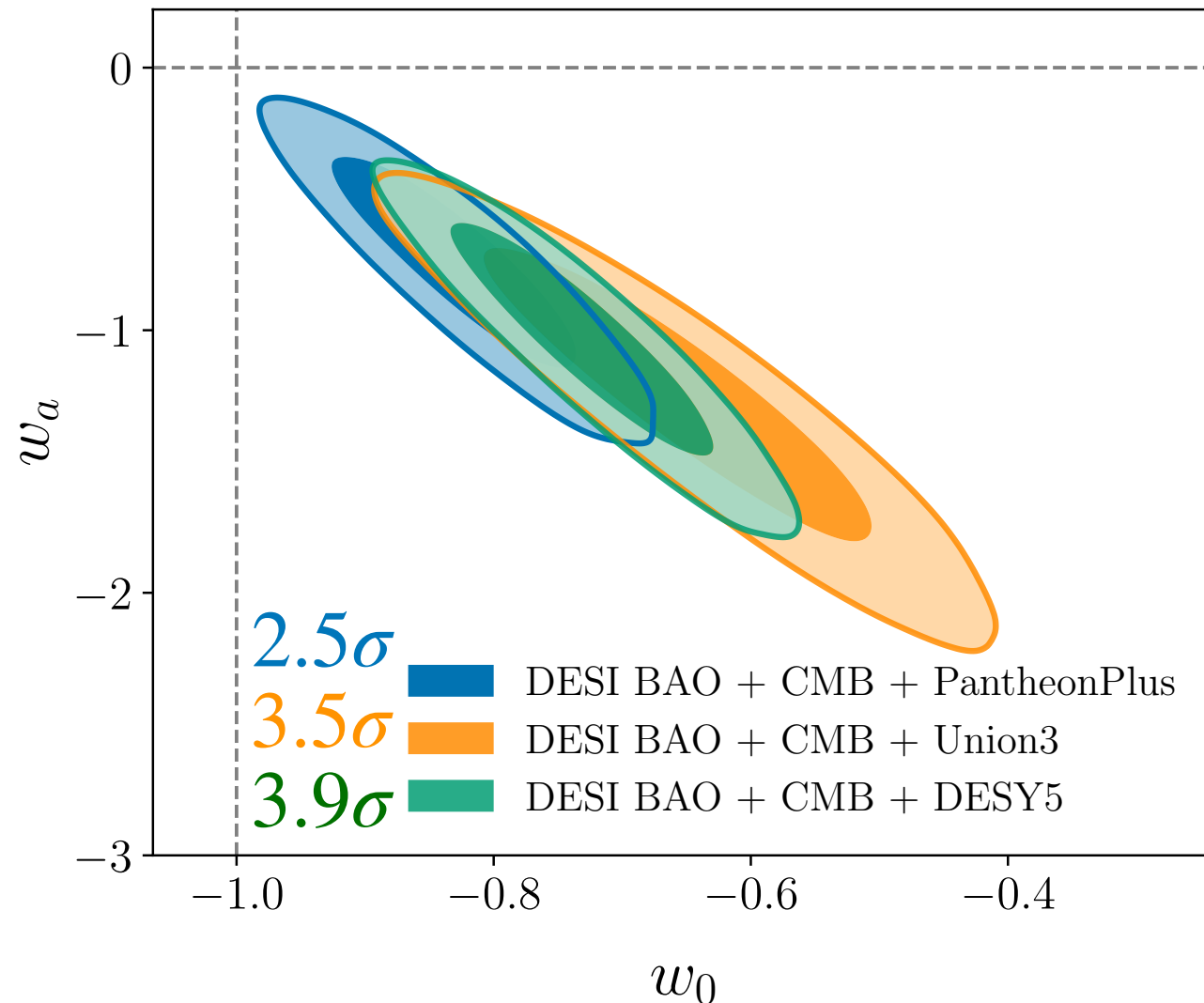


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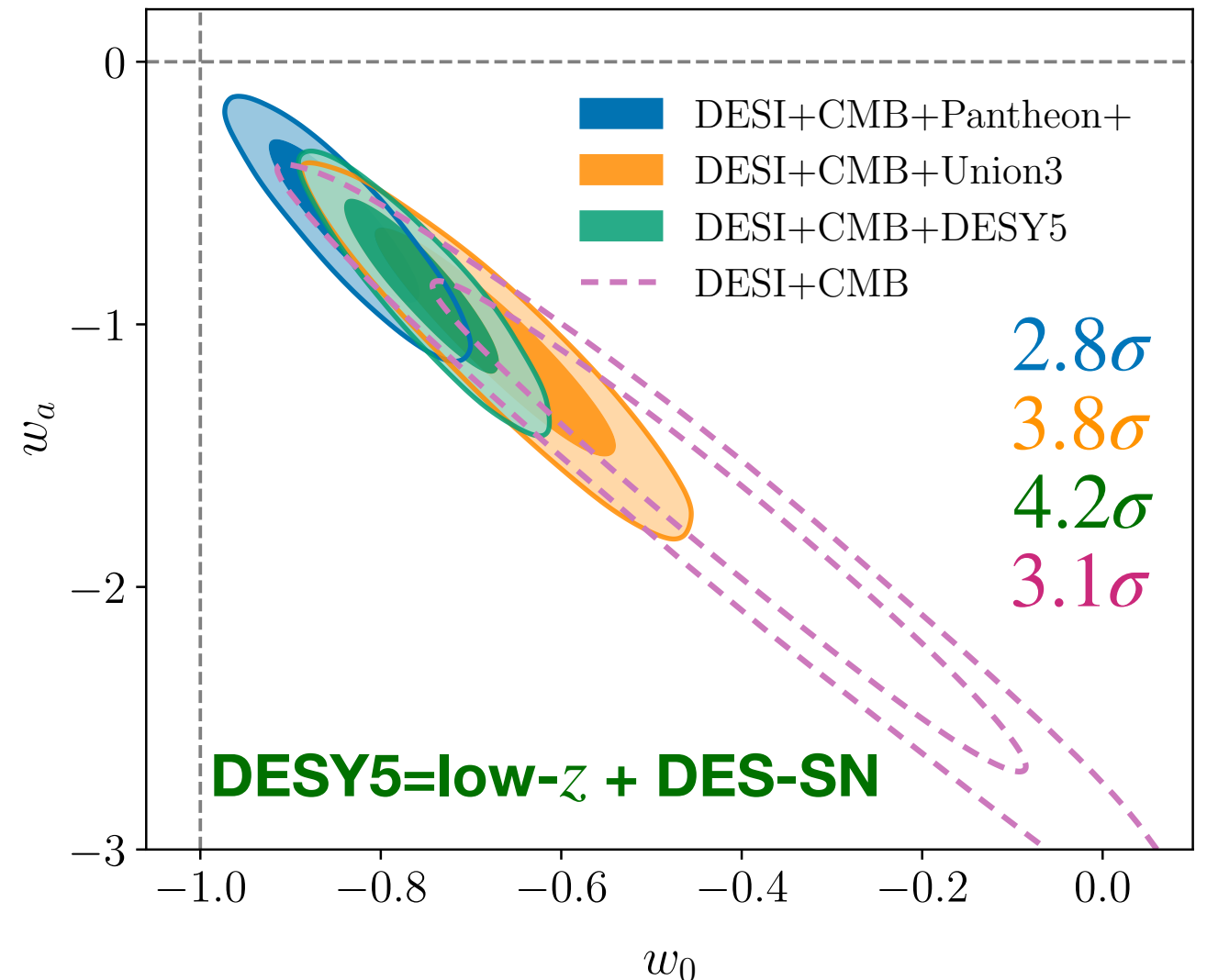


DESI-BAO+Planck-CMB+SNe

2404.03002 DESI DR1 Y1 BAO



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**"Evolving dark energy or
supernovae systematics?"**

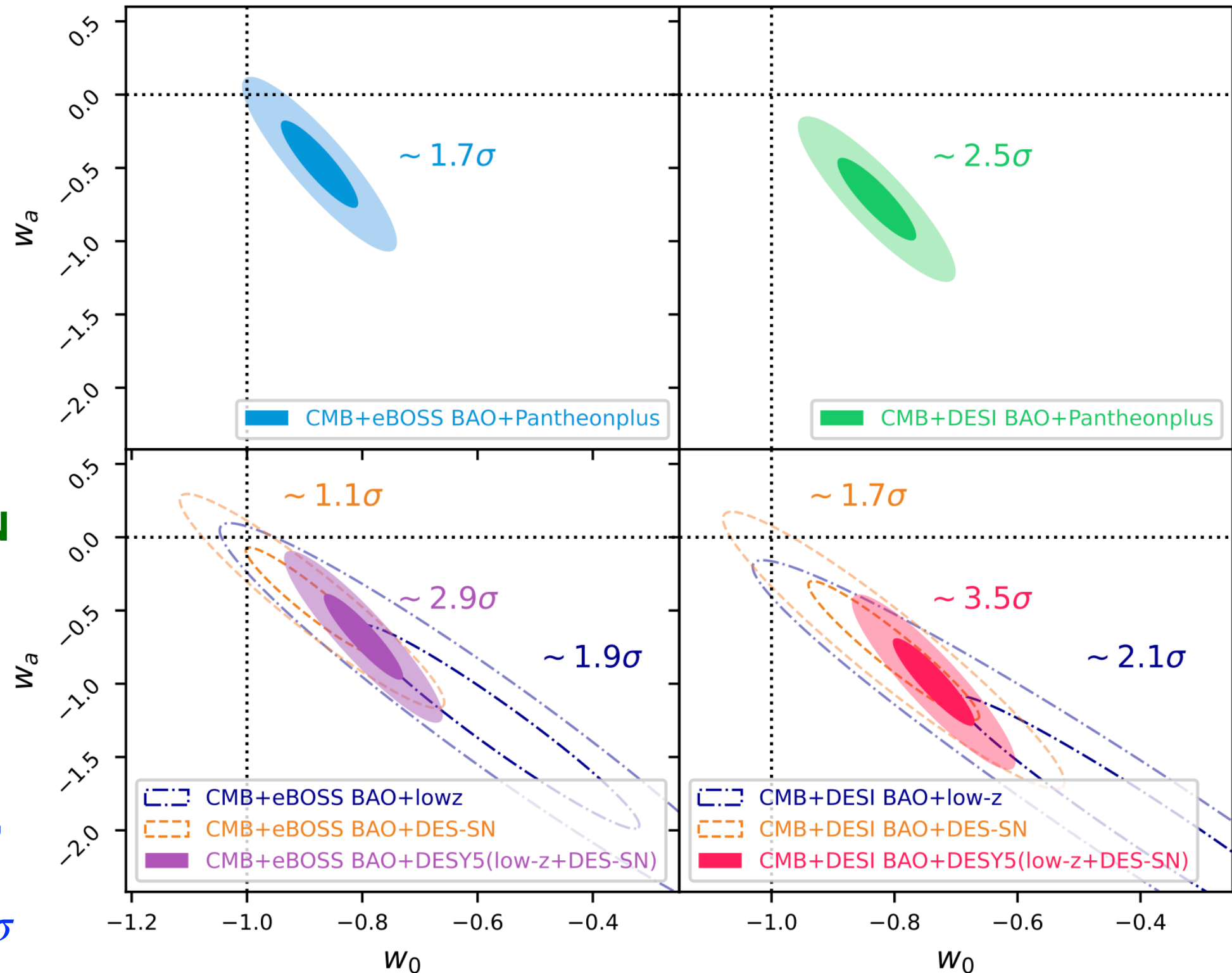
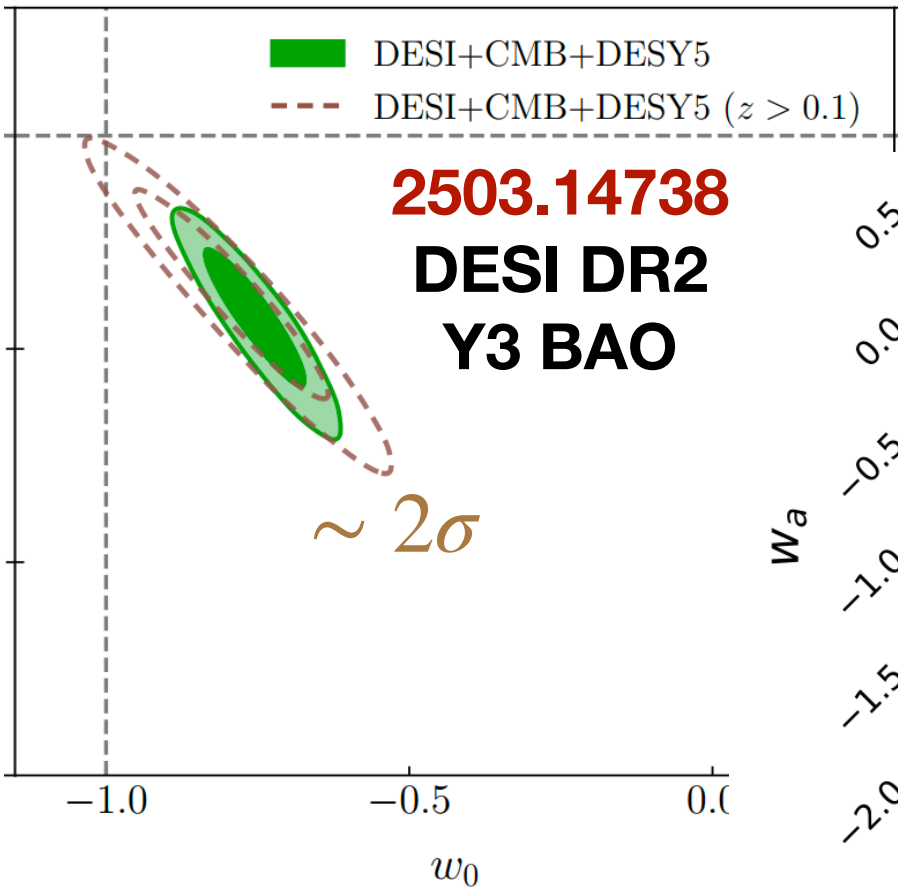
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**"Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
from a Different Angle"**

DESI-BAO+Planck-CMB+SNe

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DESY5=low- z + DES-SN

Low- z sample dominates the deviation from Λ CDM

Without low- z sample, the deviation from the Λ CDM is only about 2σ

Distance ladder

$$\mu \equiv m_B - M_B \equiv 5 \lg \frac{D_L}{10 \text{ pc}} \equiv 5 \lg d_L + 5 \lg \frac{c/H_0}{\text{Mpc}} + 25$$

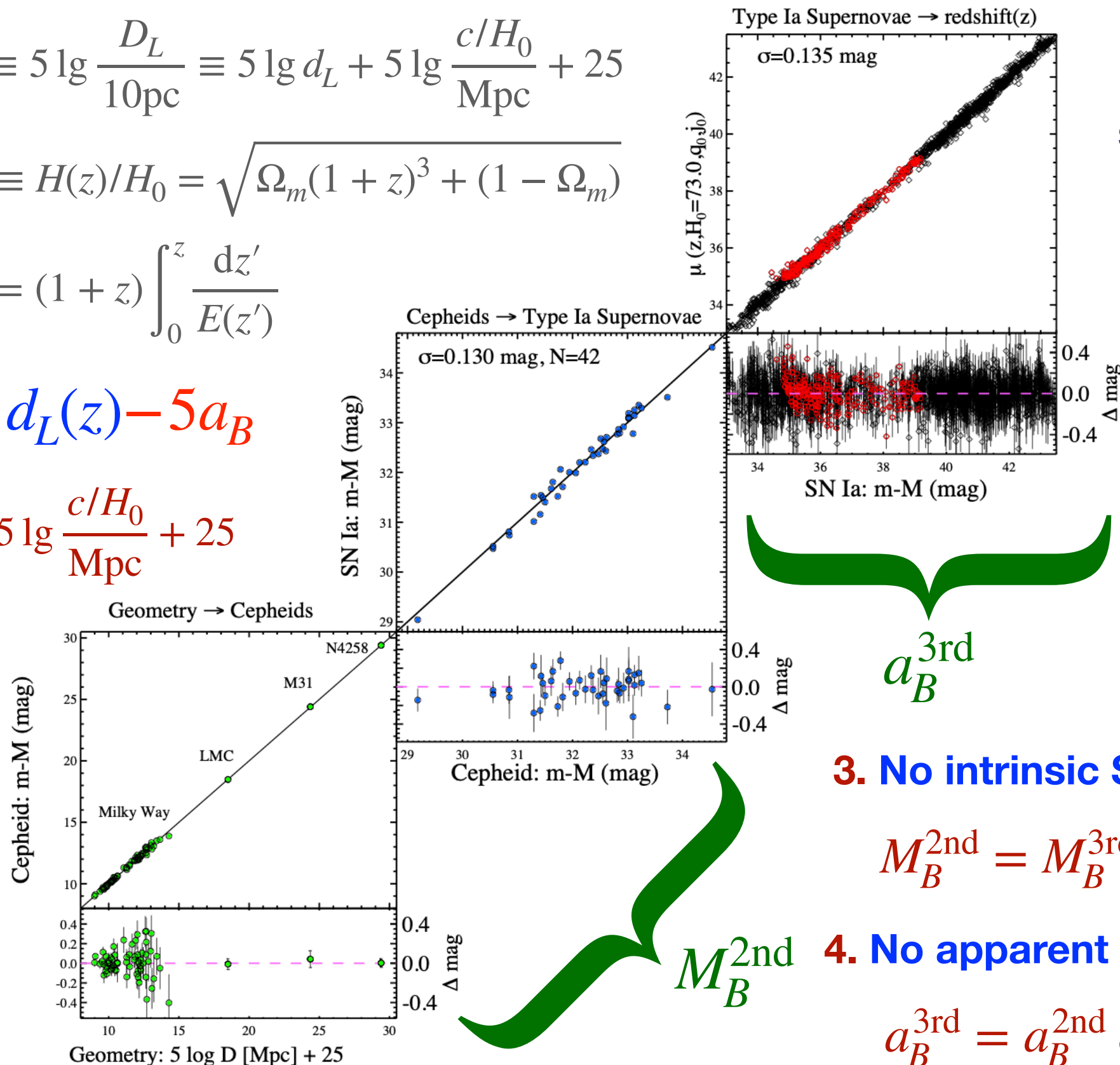
$$\Lambda \text{CDM} : E(z) \equiv H(z)/H_0 = \sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + (1-\Omega_m)}$$

$$d_L(z) = \frac{D_L(z)}{c/H_0} = (1+z) \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')}$$

$$m_B = 5 \lg d_L(z) - 5a_B$$

$$-5a_B \equiv M_B + 5 \lg \frac{c/H_0}{\text{Mpc}} + 25$$

1. 1st & 2nd rungs inter-calibrations systematics



2. 3rd-rung statistical systematics

3. No intrinsic SN systematics

$$M_B^{2nd} = M_B^{3rd} \text{ \& } a_B^{3rd} \Rightarrow H_0$$

4. No apparent SN systematics

$$a_B^{3rd} = a_B^{2nd} \text{ \& } M_B^{2nd} \Rightarrow H_0$$

Distance ladder

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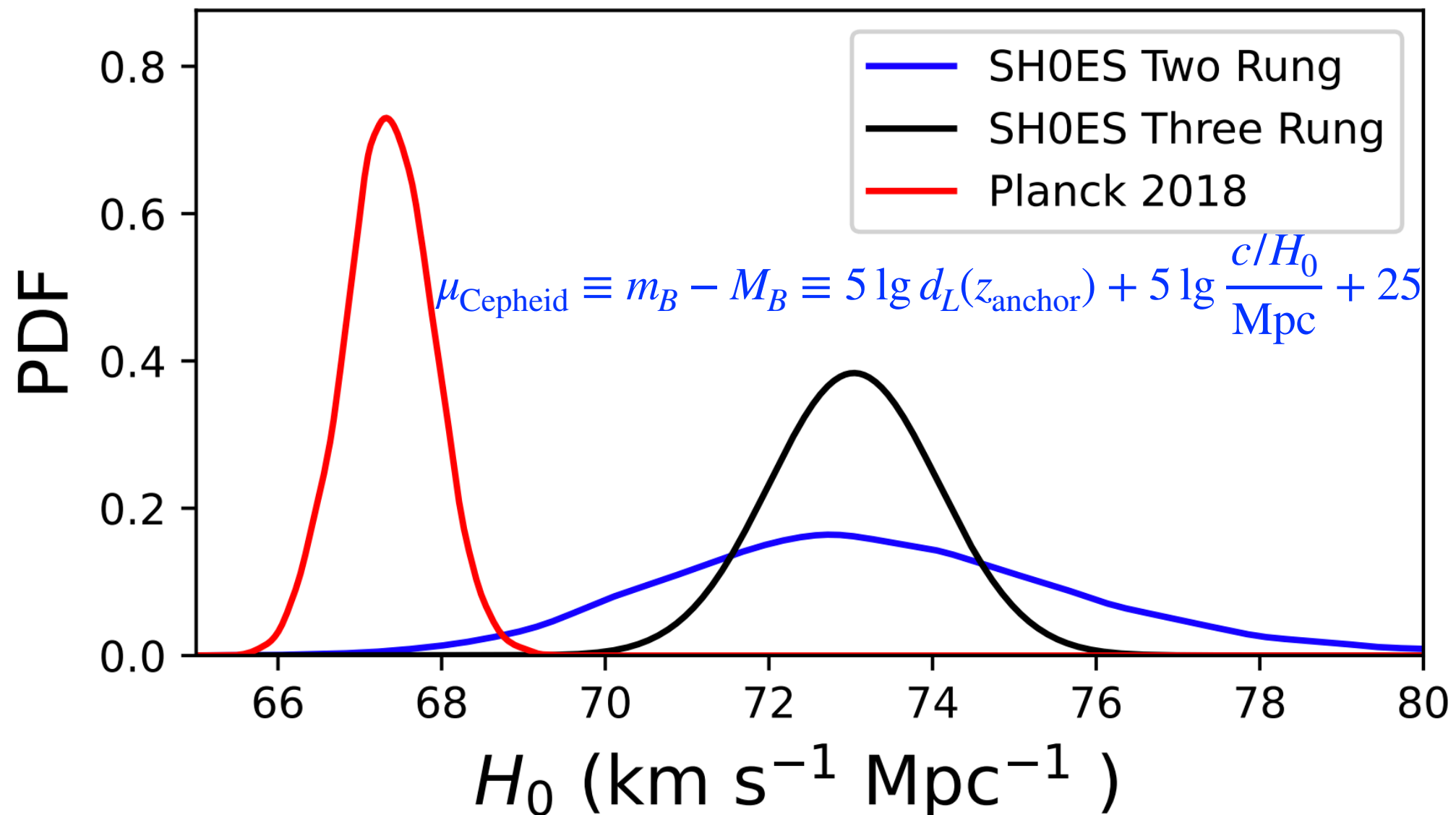
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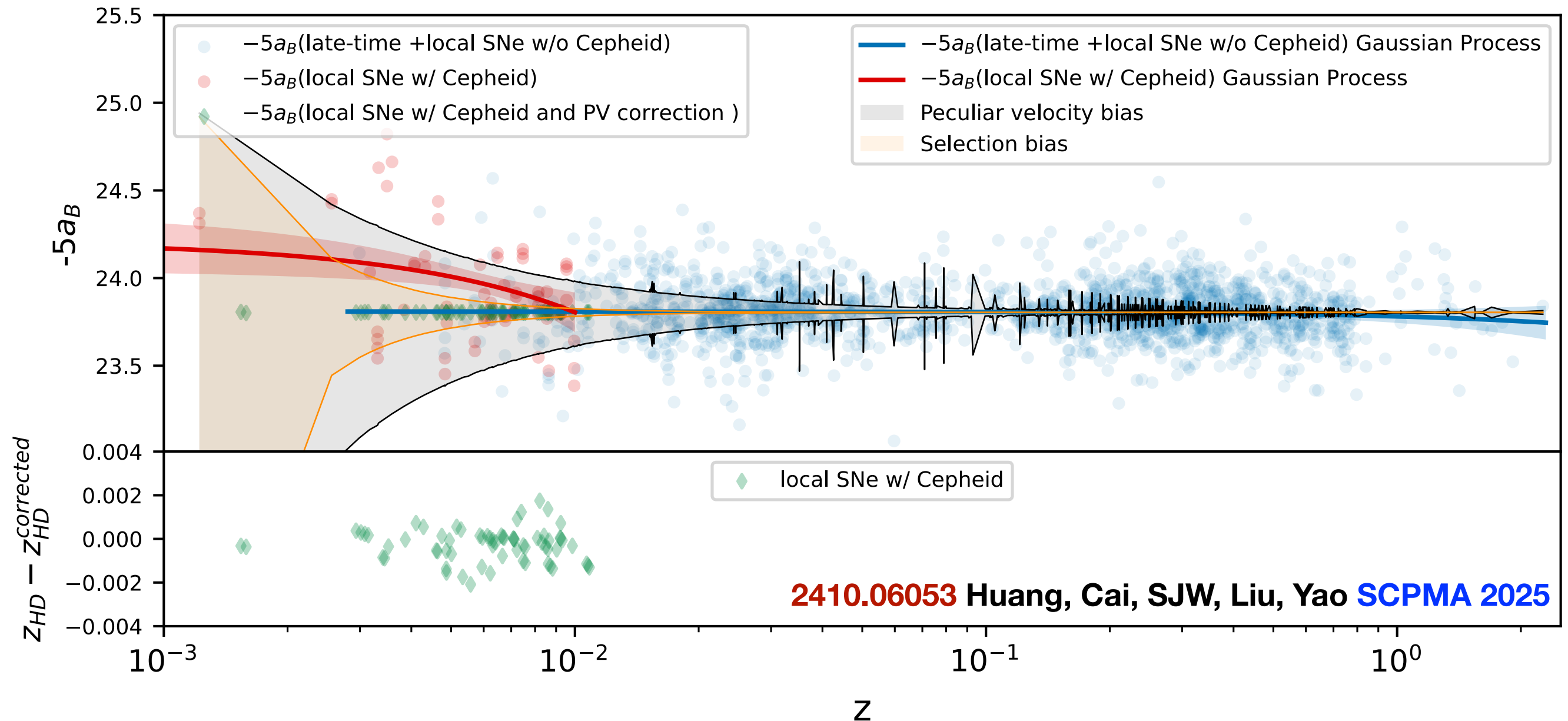
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Measurements of the Hubble Constant with a Two-rung Distance Ladder: Two Out of Three Ain't Bad

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a_B tension around $z \sim 0.01$?



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Redshift corrections for 2nd-rung SNe

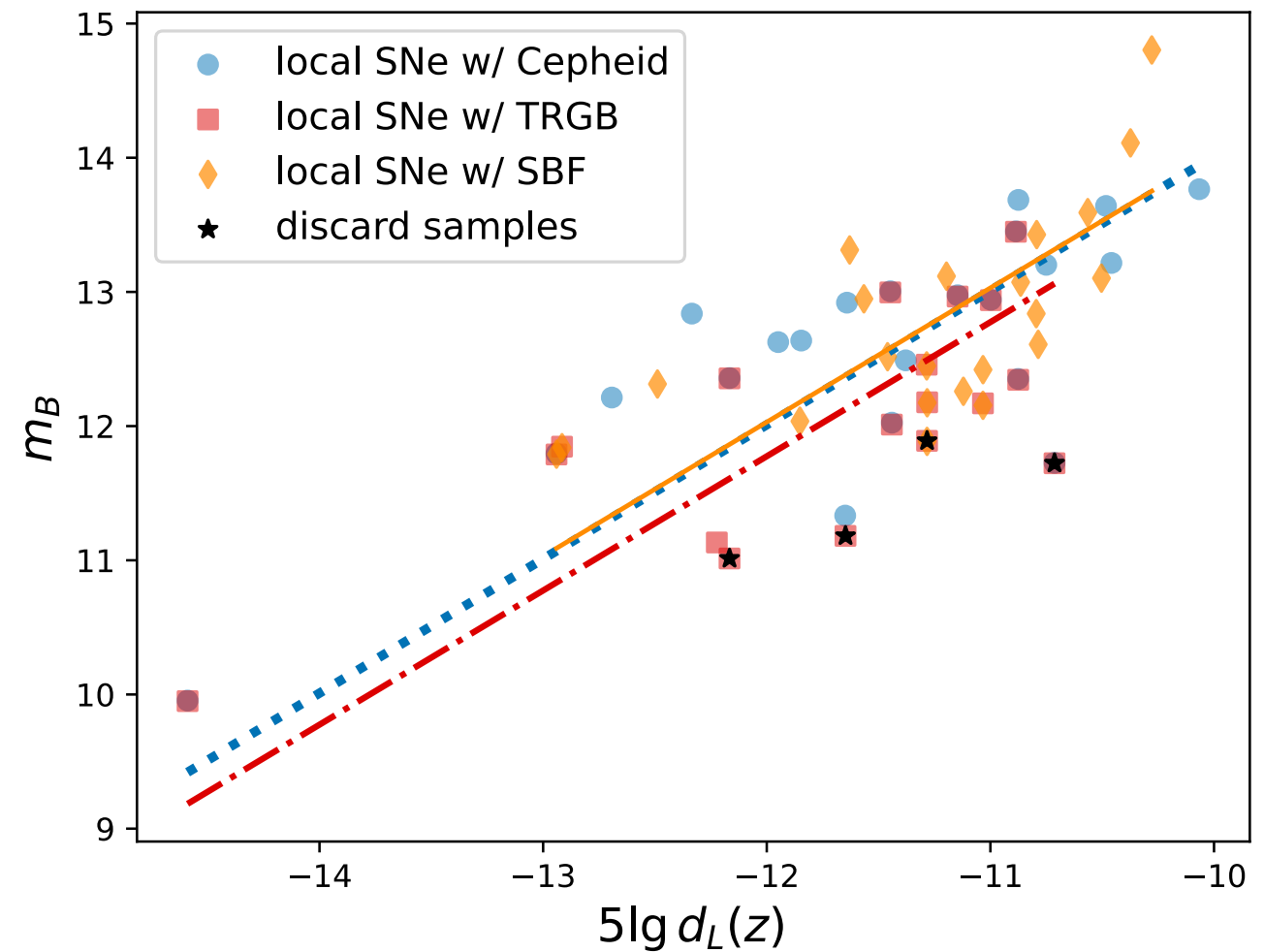
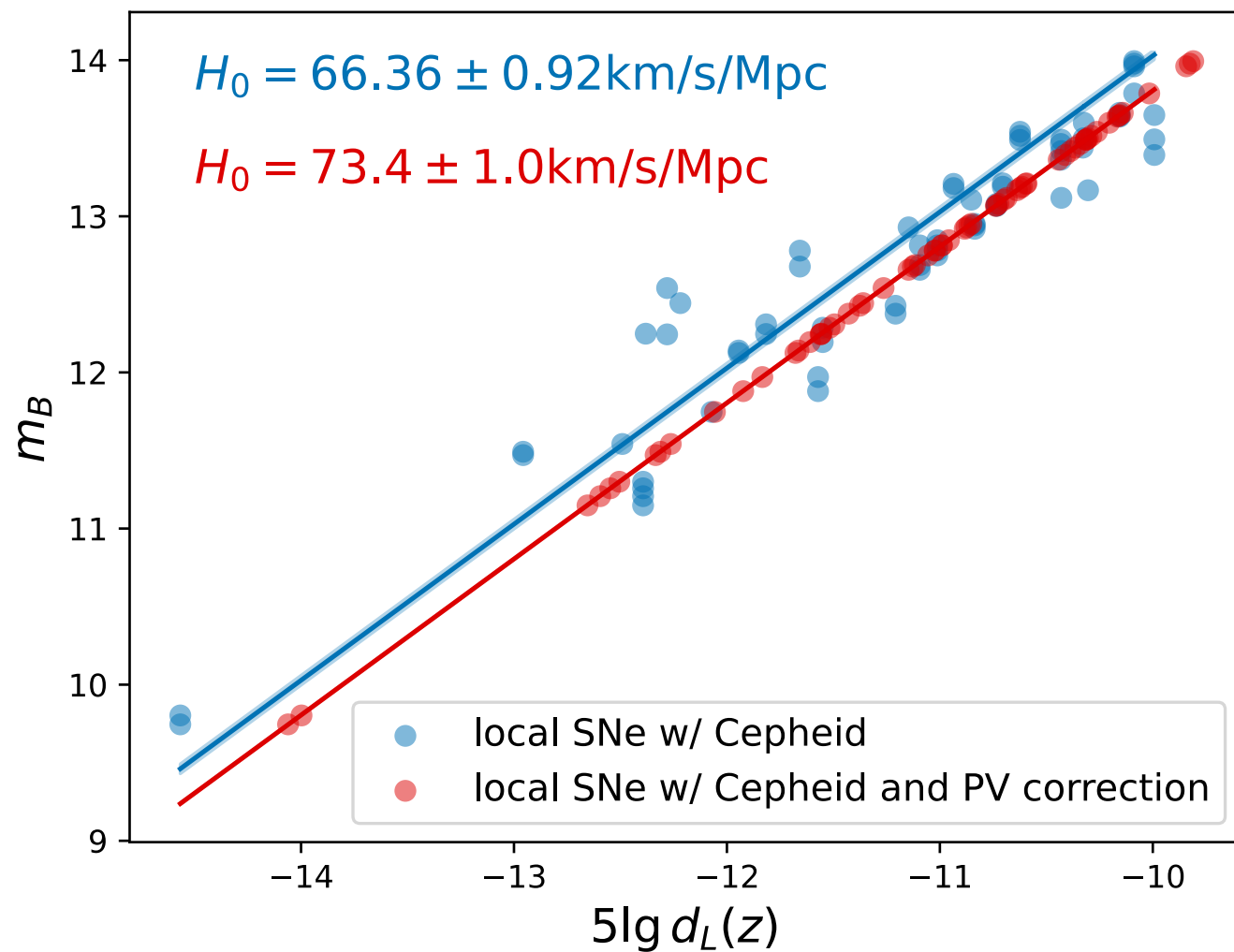
Rigorous approach: SH0ES 2204.10866

PV corrections directly from reconstructions of density field and velocity field from 2M++/2MRS

Efficient approach: Ours 2410.06053

Redshift corrected from minimizing difference of $a_{B,i} = \lg d_L(z_i) - 0.2m_{B,i}$ to Planck-calibrated late-time SNe

a_B consistency around $z \sim 0.01$



Our first two-rung distance ladder result

SH0ES first two-rung distance ladder:
supports our redshift correction

SH0ES three-rung distance ladder:
no third-rung SN systematics

$$H_0 = \begin{cases} 73.1 \pm 2.4 \text{ km/s/Mpc}, & z_{\text{CSP}} + \mu_{\text{Cepheid}}, \\ 74.5 \pm 3.5 \text{ km/s/Mpc}, & z_{\text{CSP}} + \mu_{\text{TRGB}}, \\ 72.1 \pm 2.3 \text{ km/s/Mpc}, & z_{\text{CSP}} + \mu_{\text{SBF}}. \end{cases}$$

There is no more disagreement
between Riess and Freedman

a_B tension around $z \sim 0.1$?

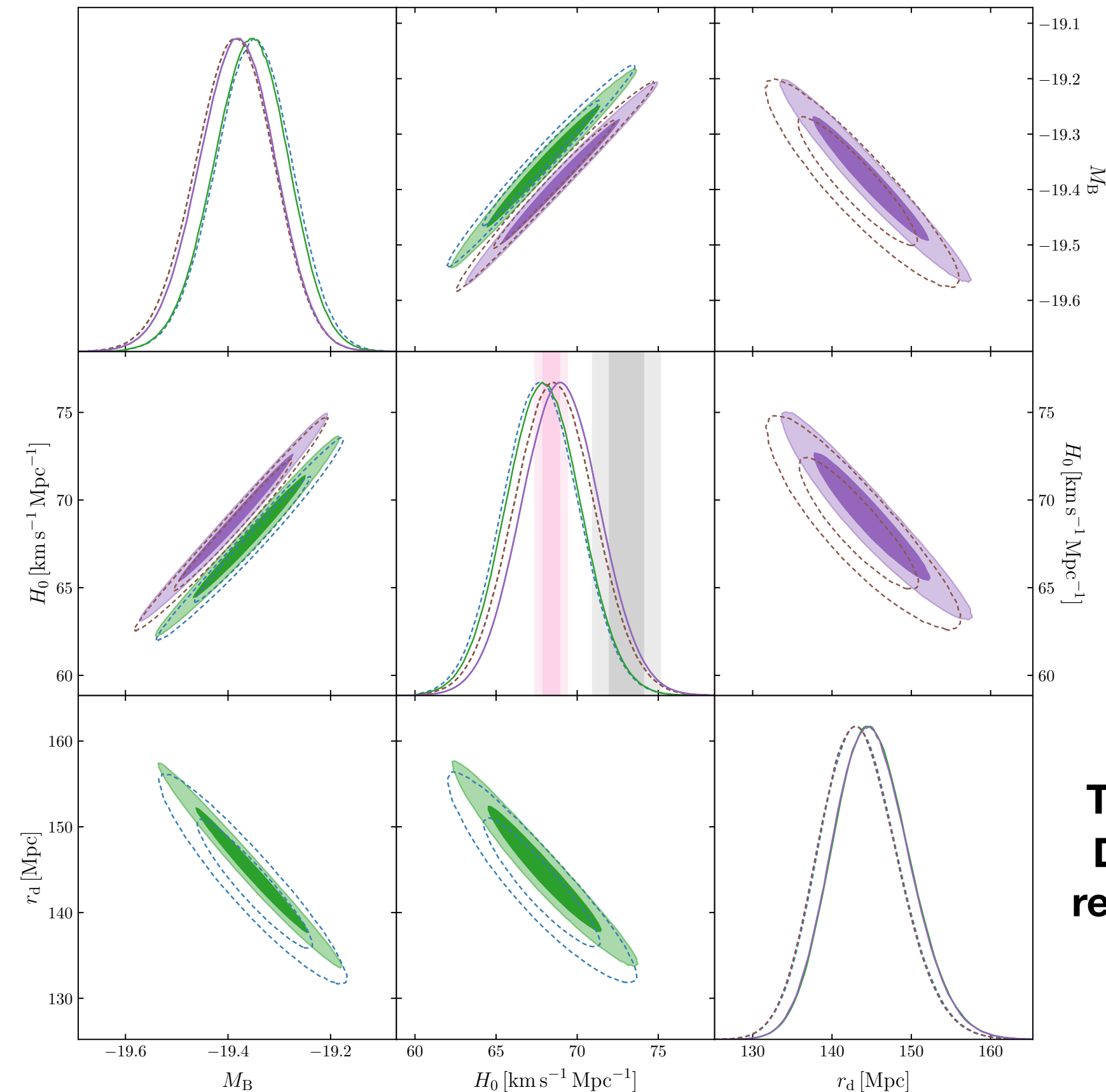
■ DESY5-DESI DR2-CC
 - - - DESY5-SDSS-CC
 ■ PantheonPlus-DESI DR2-CC
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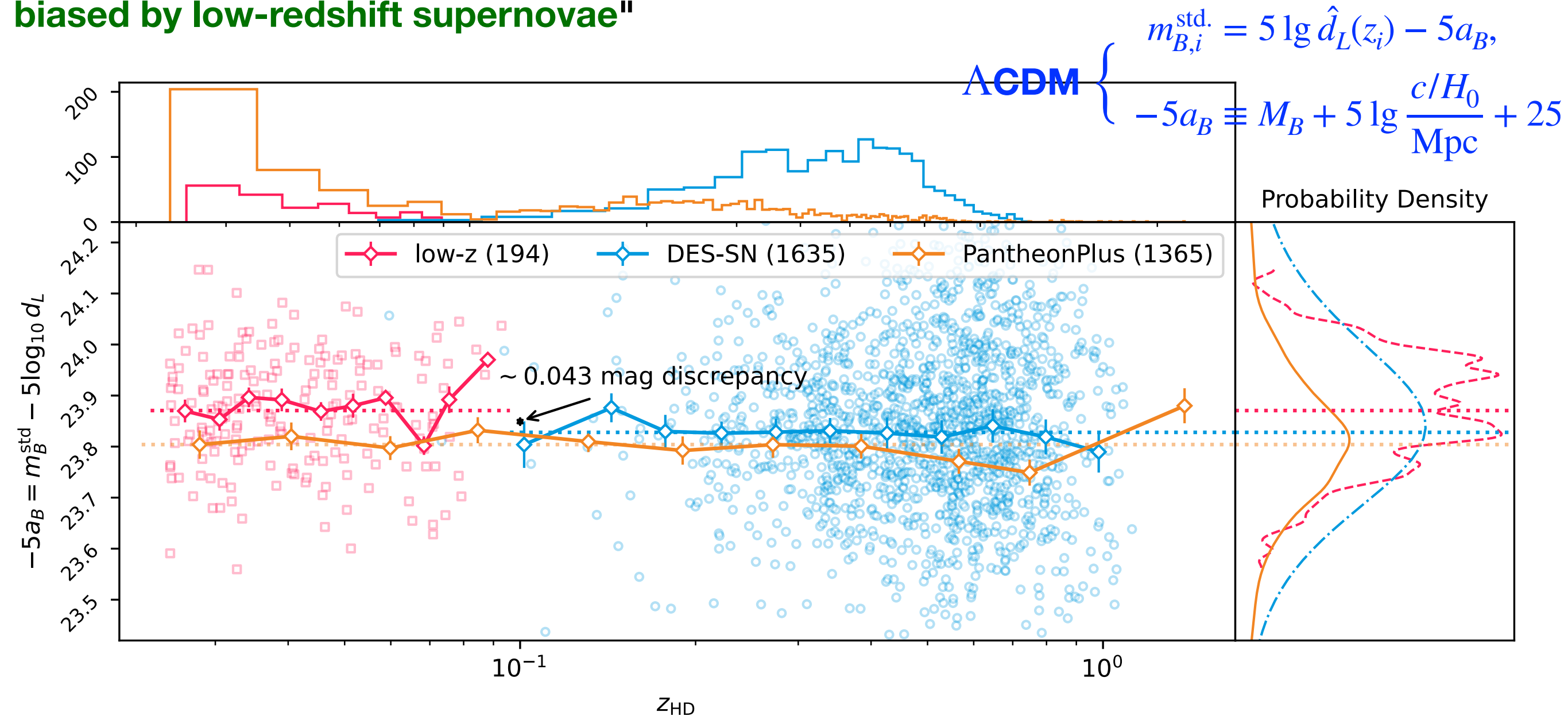
$$-5a_B \equiv M_B + 5 \lg \frac{c/H_0}{\text{Mpc}} + 25$$

There is an a_B tension between DESY5 and PantheonPlus SNe regardless of DESI DR2/SDSS or CMB/CC and Λ CDM/PAGE !



a_B tension around $z \sim 0.1$?

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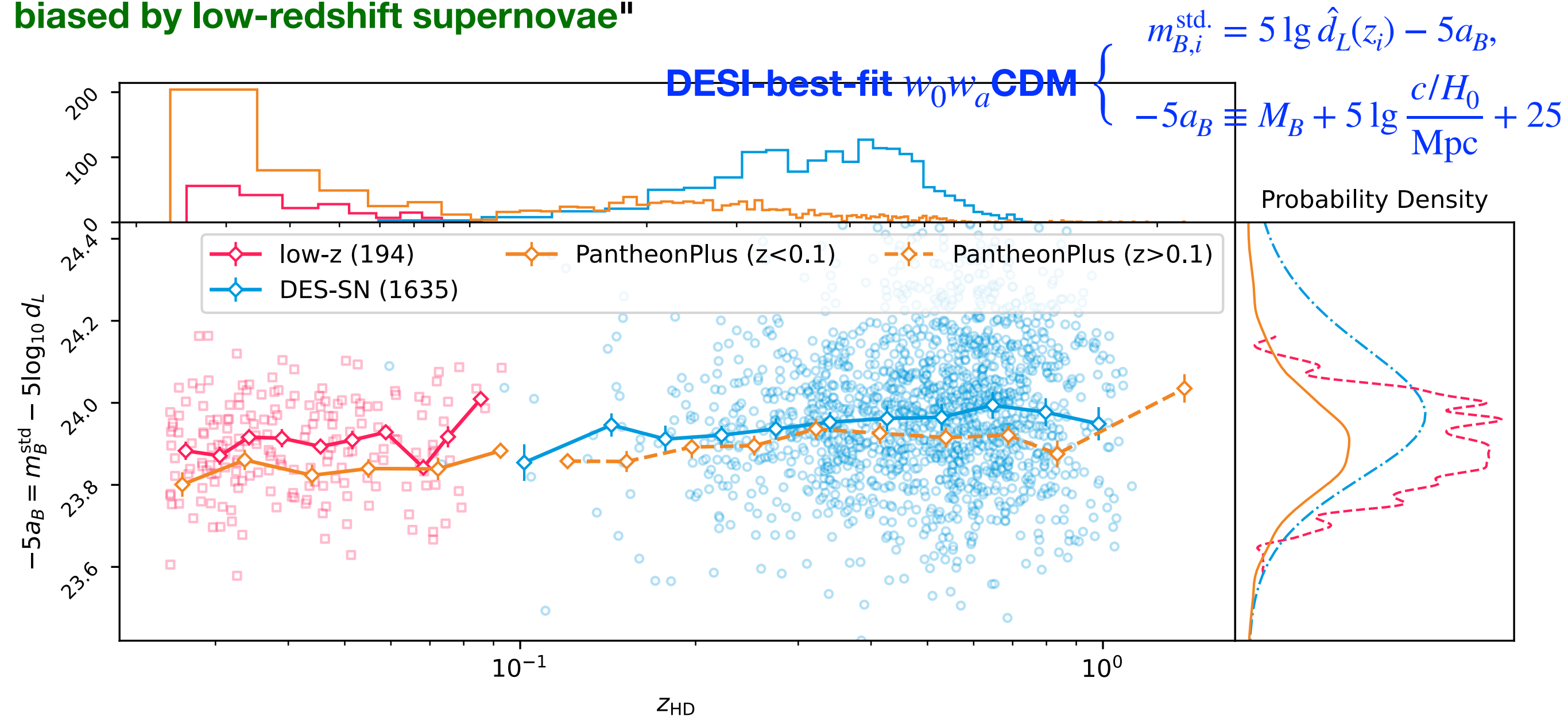
Intercept $-5a_B$ is the degeneracy direction of H_0 and M_B and more sensitive to systematics in m and z

Its measured value is more reliable at high redshifts than low redshift, less affected by peculiar velocity

DESY5=low-z+DES-SN admits a_B discrepancy between low-z and DES-SN, unlike uniform PantheonPlus

a_B tension around $z \sim 0.1$?

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Λ CDM: **DESY5=low-z+DES-SN**

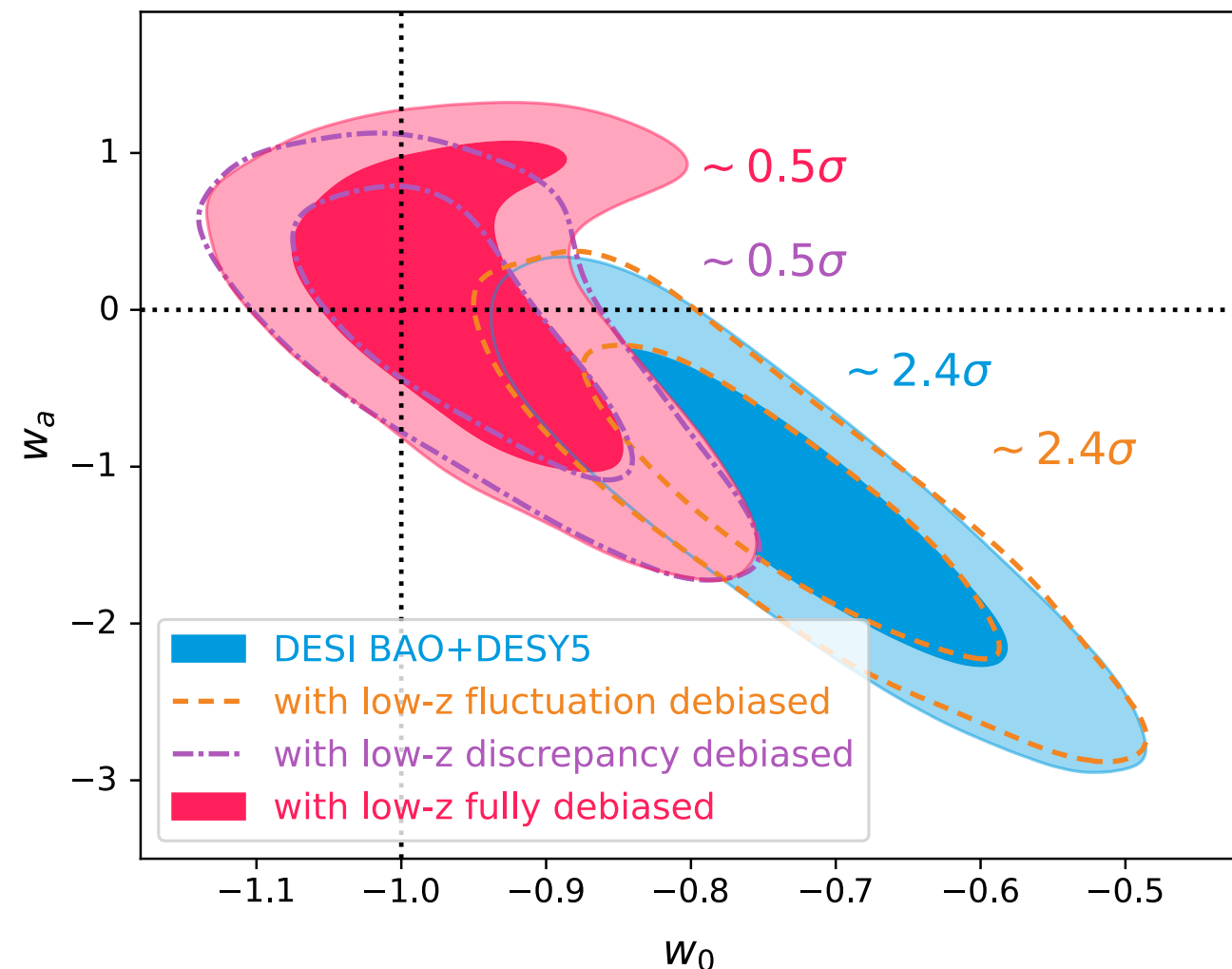
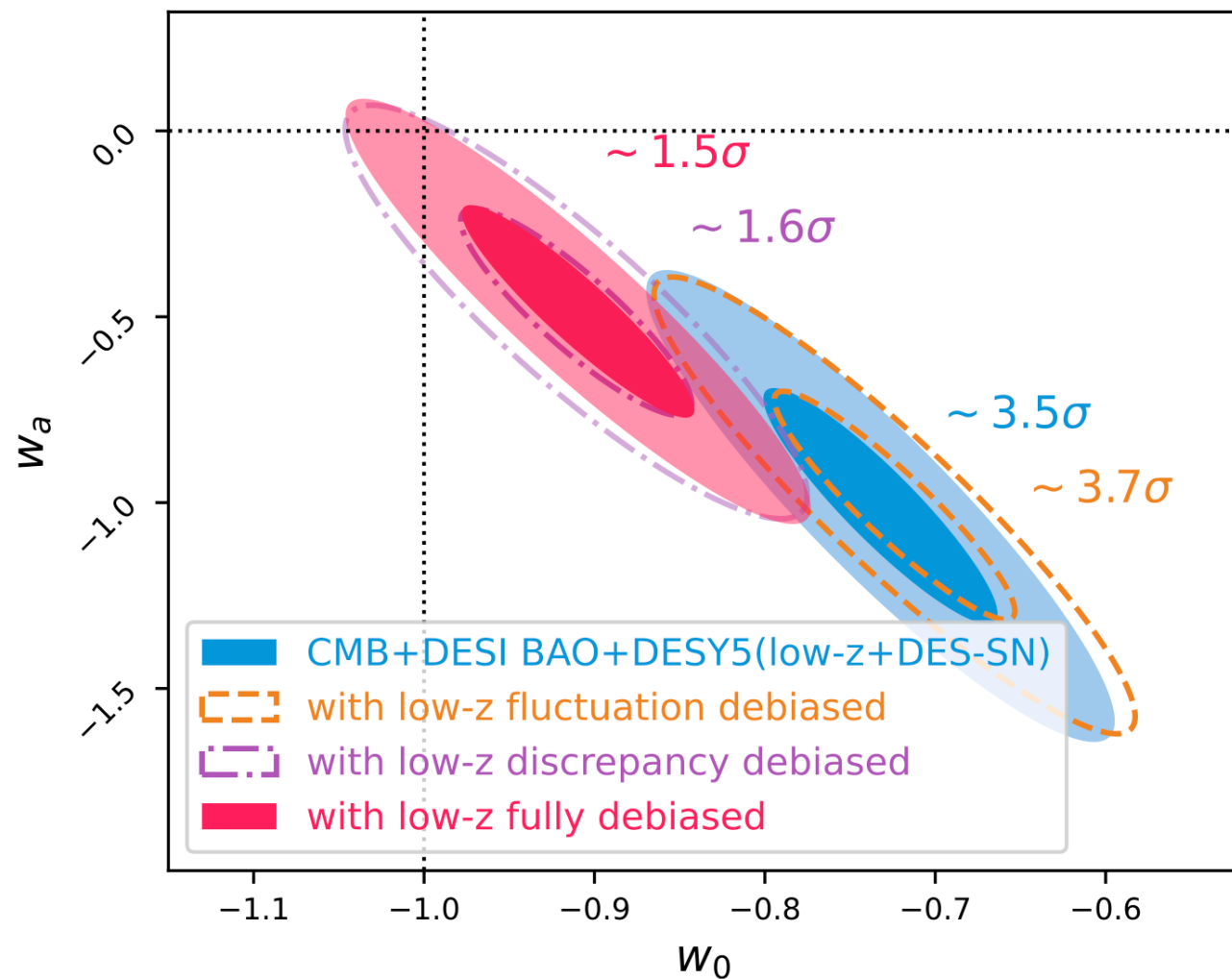
PantheonPlus

Other model: **DESY5=low-z+DES-SN**

PantheonPlus

a_B consistency around $z \sim 0.1$

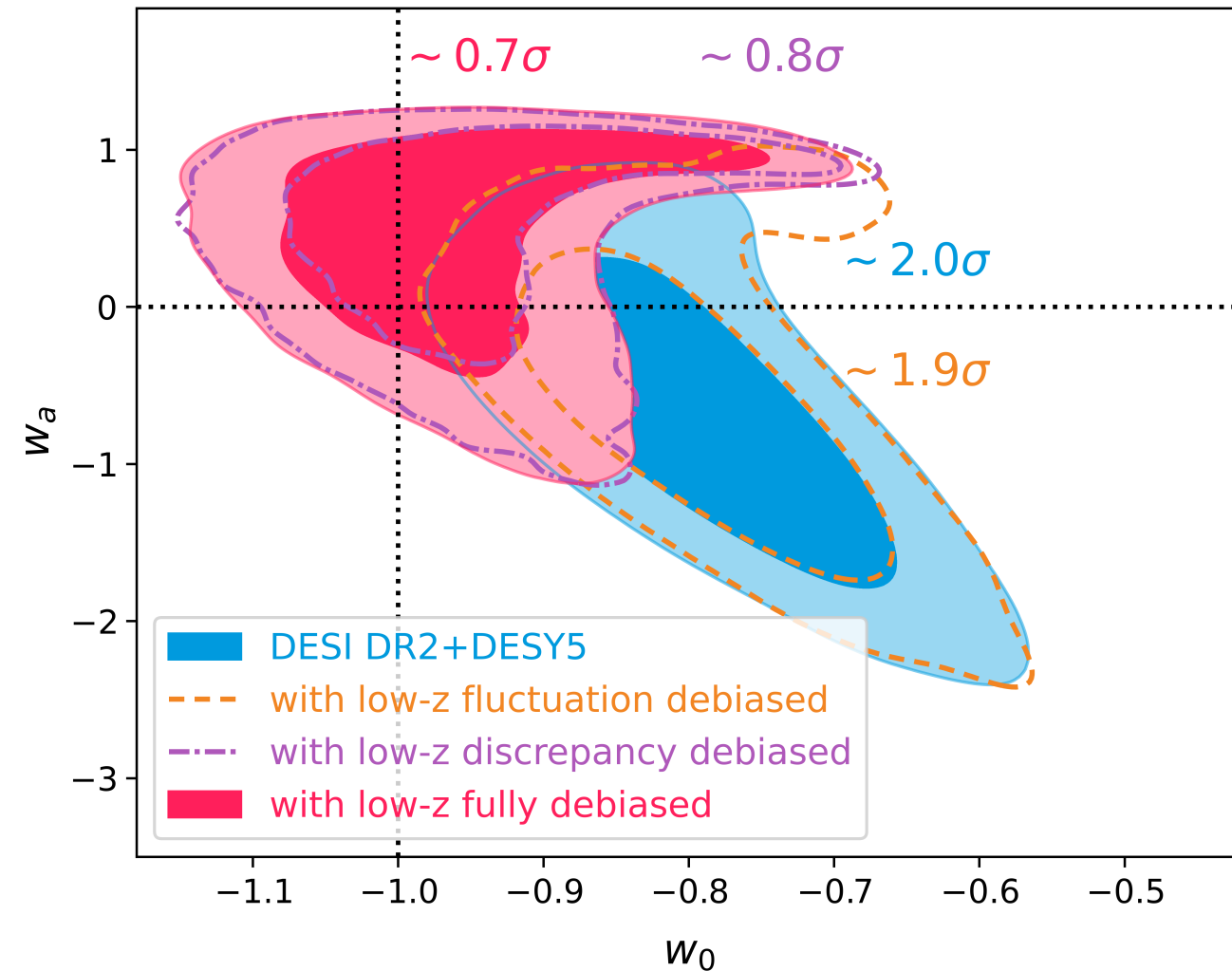
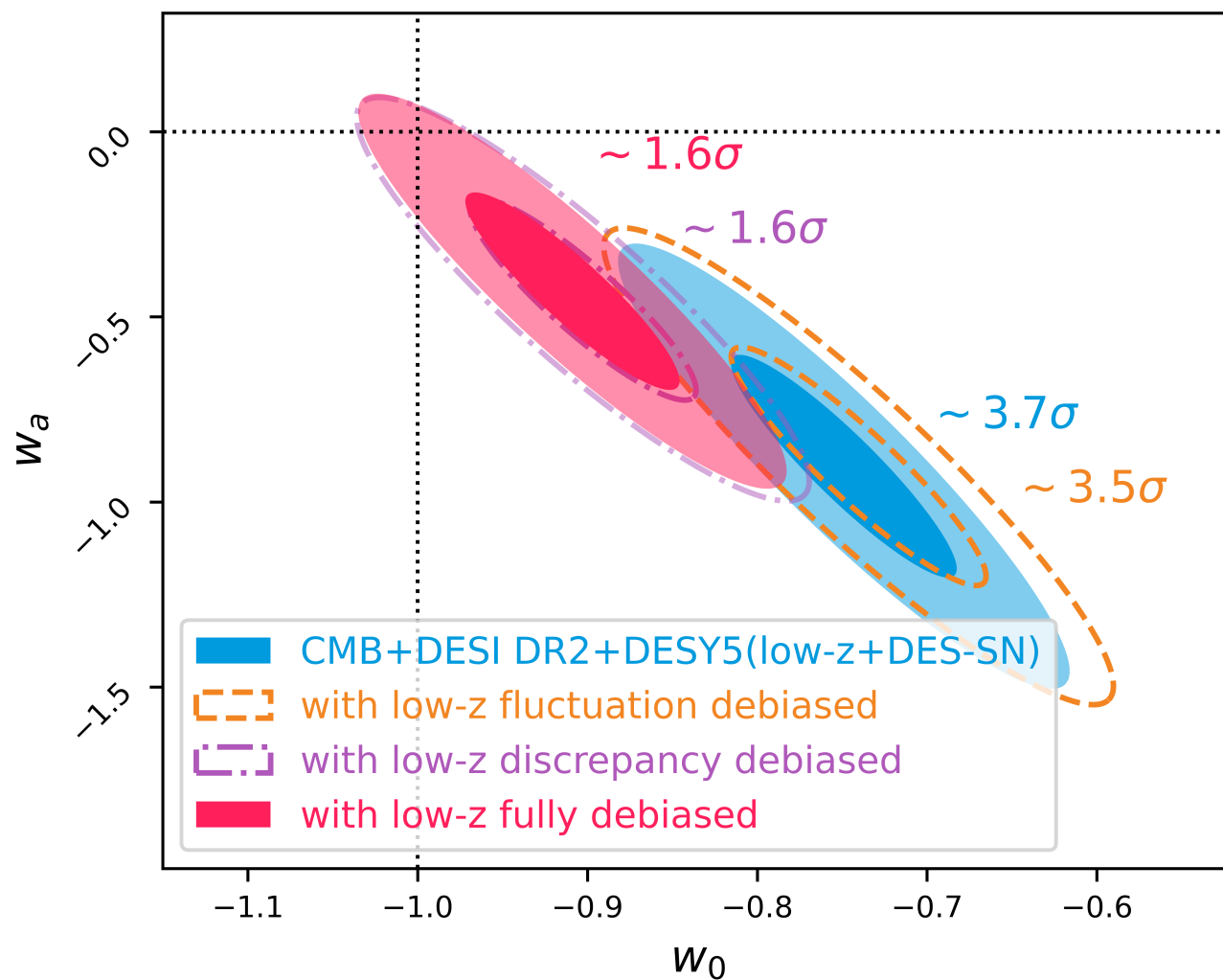
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The DDE evidence from **Planck-CMB+DESI Y1 BAO+DESY5(low-z+DES-SN)** is reduced from 3.5σ to 1.5σ after our bias correction, and the pure late-Universe data without Planck-CMB deviates from Λ CDM only at 0.5σ

a_B consistency around $z \sim 0.1$

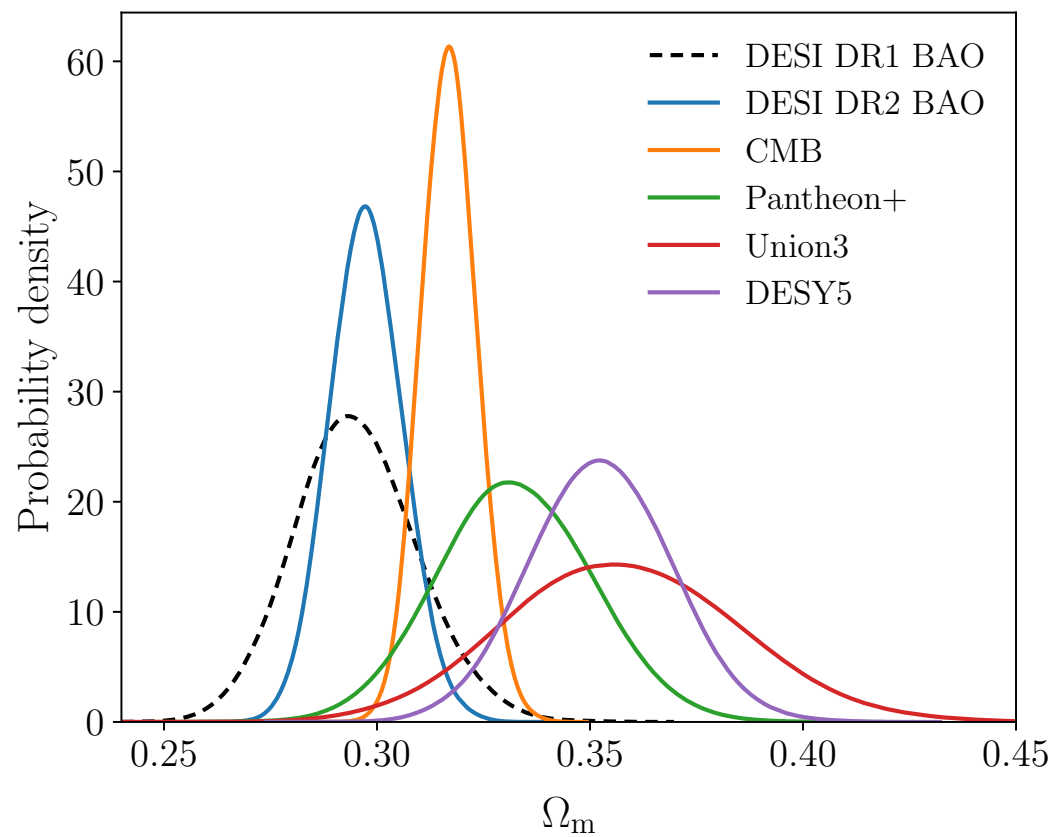
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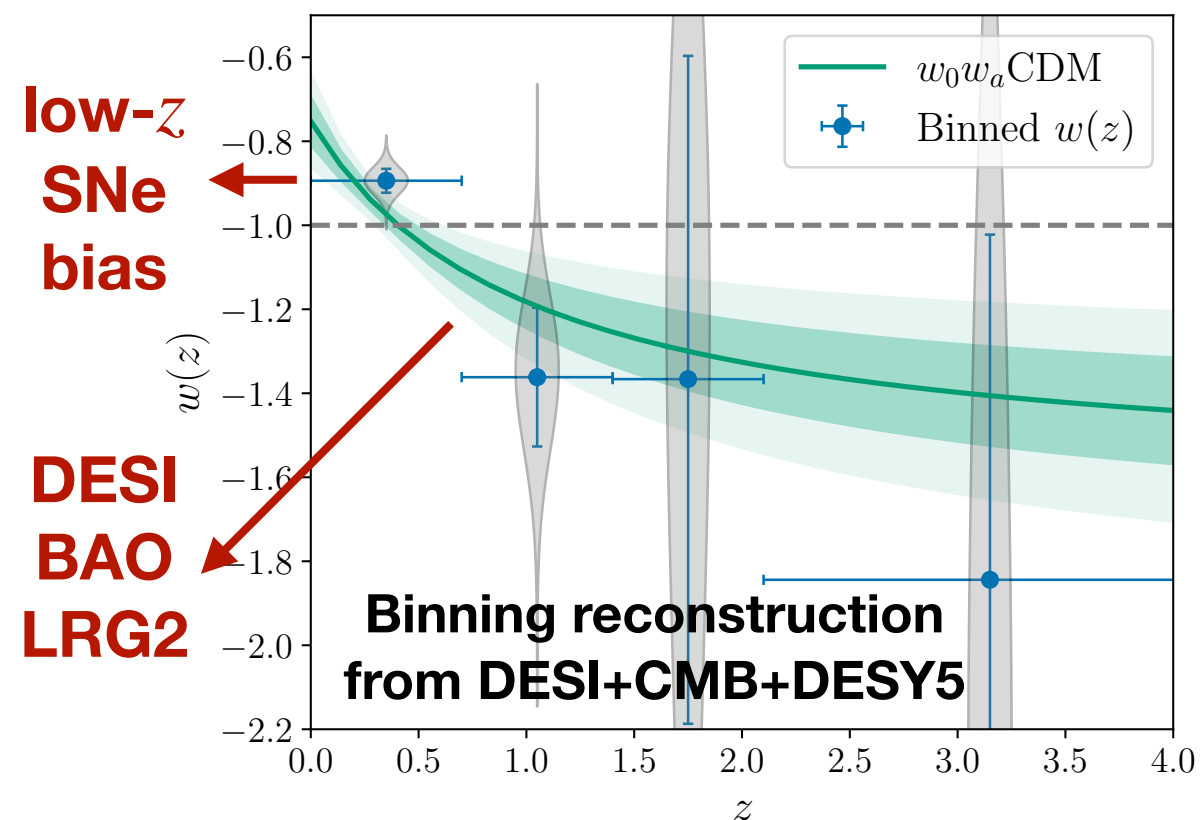
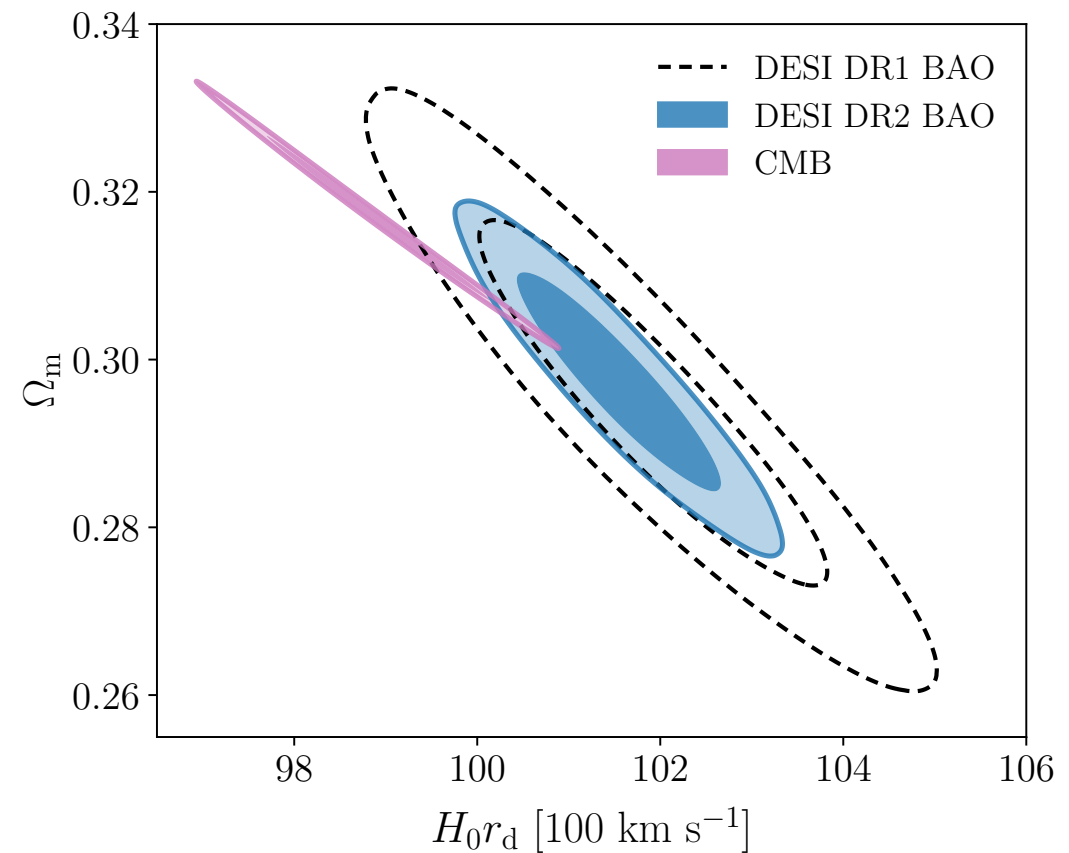
The DDE evidence from **Planck-CMB+DESI Y3 BAO+DESY5(low-z+DES-SN)** is reduced from 3.7σ to 1.6σ after our bias correction, and the pure late-Universe data without Planck-CMB deviates from Λ CDM only at 0.7σ

DESI-BAO VS Planck-CMB

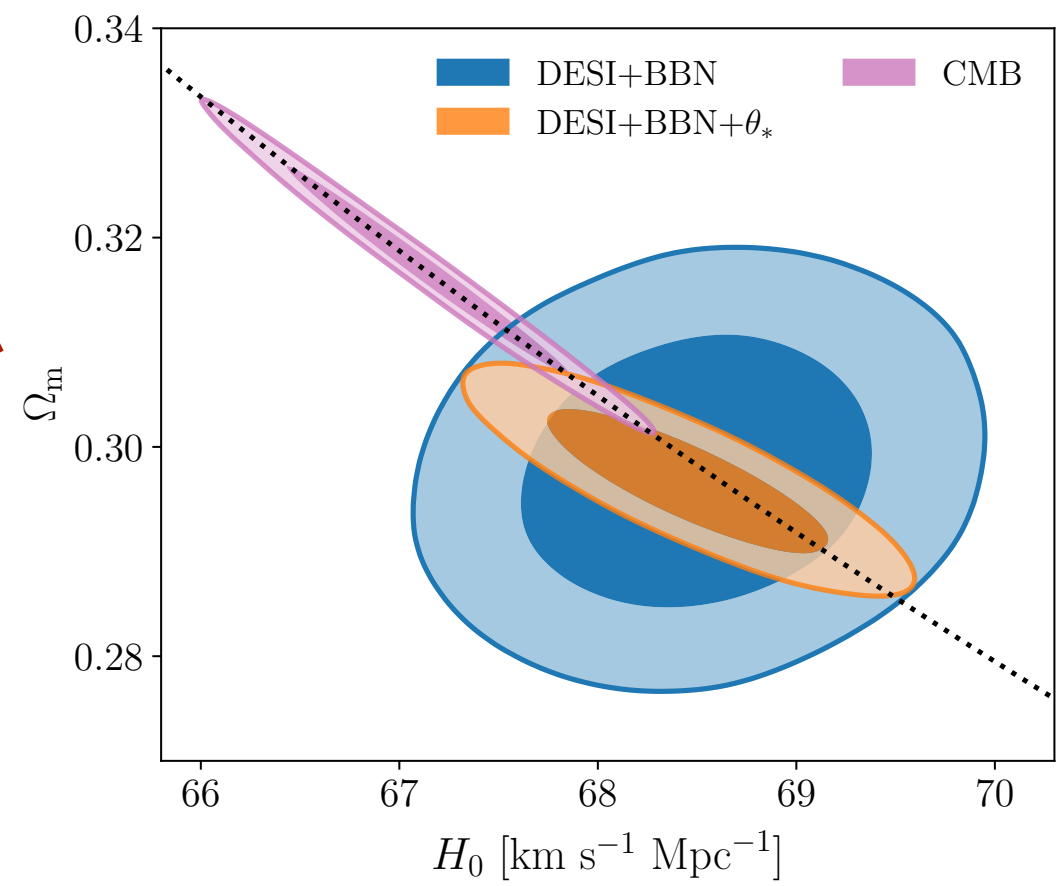
2503.14738 DESI DR2 Y3 BAO What DESI DR2 truly want to tell us is Ω_m tension with Planck-CMB within Λ CDM



Ω_m tension!

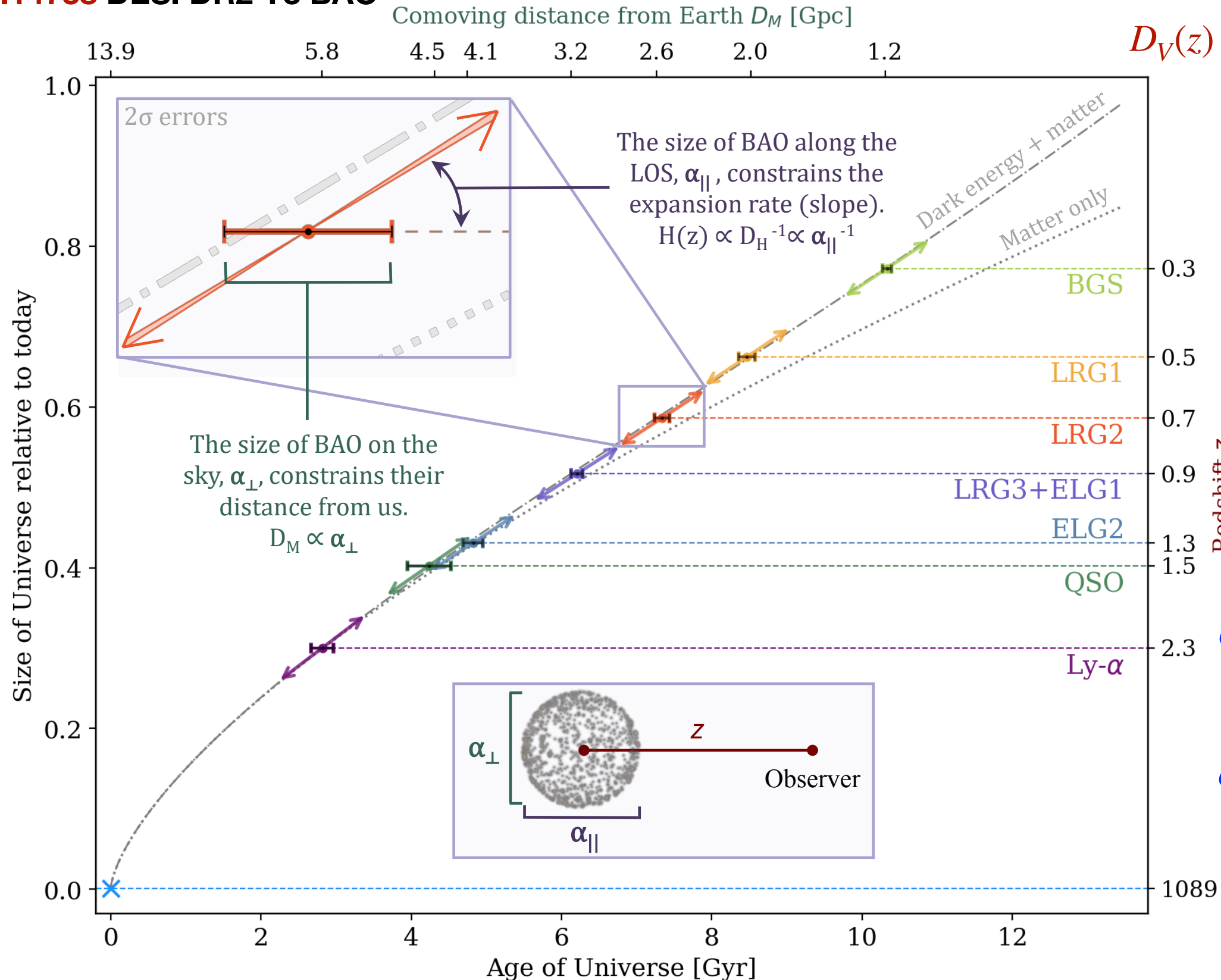


Dynamical dark energy with phantom crossing



DESI BAO

2503.14738 DESI DR2 Y3 BAO



$$D_V(z) = (z D_M^2(z) D_H(z))^{1/3}$$

$$D_H(z) = \frac{c}{H(z)}$$

$$D_M(z) = \int_0^z \frac{cdz'}{H(z')}$$

$$r_d = \int_{z_d}^{\infty} \frac{c_s(z) dz}{H(z)}$$

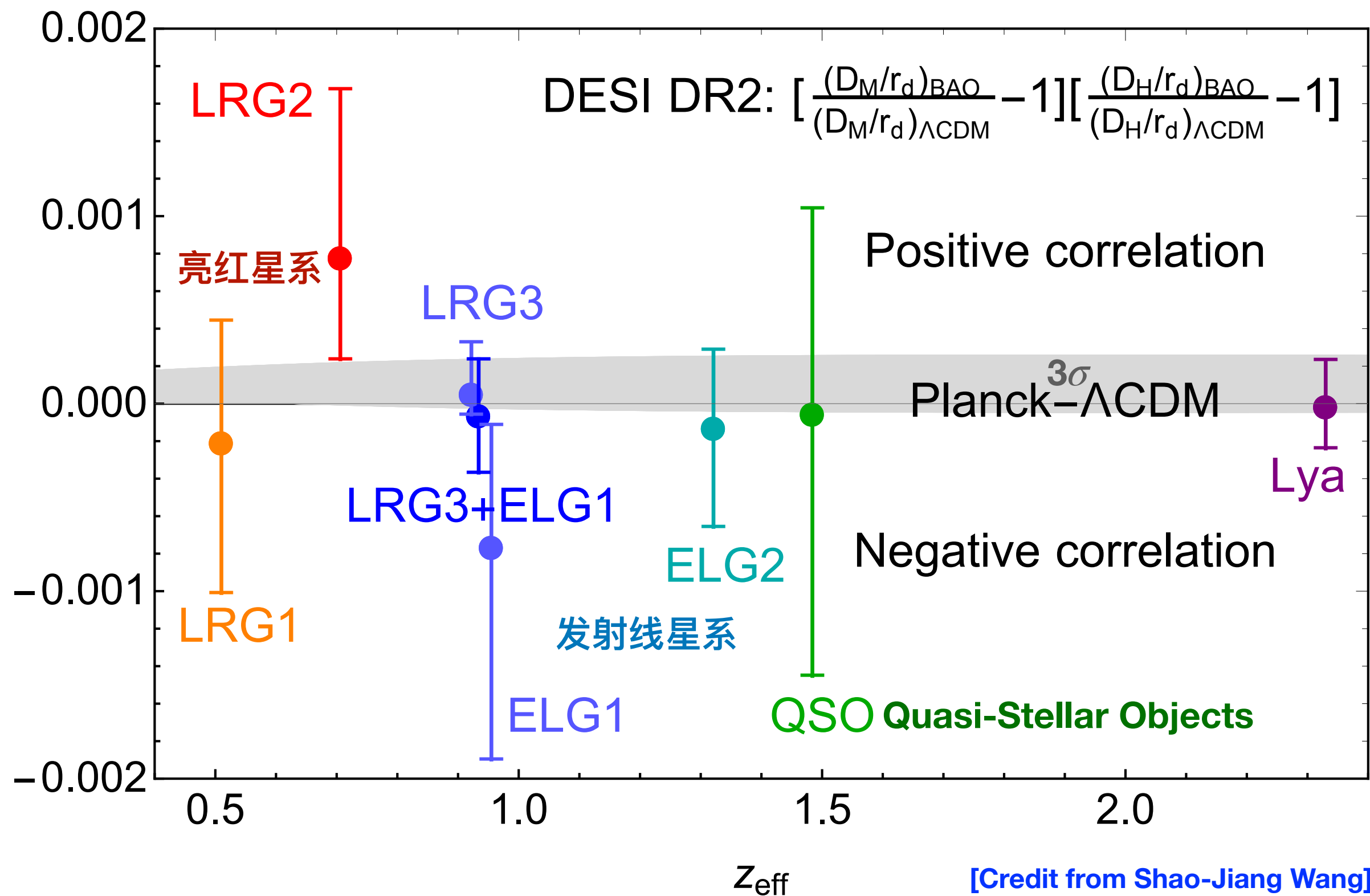
$$\alpha_{\parallel}(z) = \frac{D_H(z)/r_d}{D_H^{\text{fid}}(z)/r_d^{\text{fid}}}$$

$$\alpha_{\perp}(z) = \frac{D_M(z)/r_d}{D_M^{\text{fid}}(z)/r_d^{\text{fid}}}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{iso}} = (\alpha_{\parallel} \alpha_{\perp}^2)^{1/3}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{AP}} = \alpha_{\parallel} / \alpha_{\perp}$$

DESI BAO

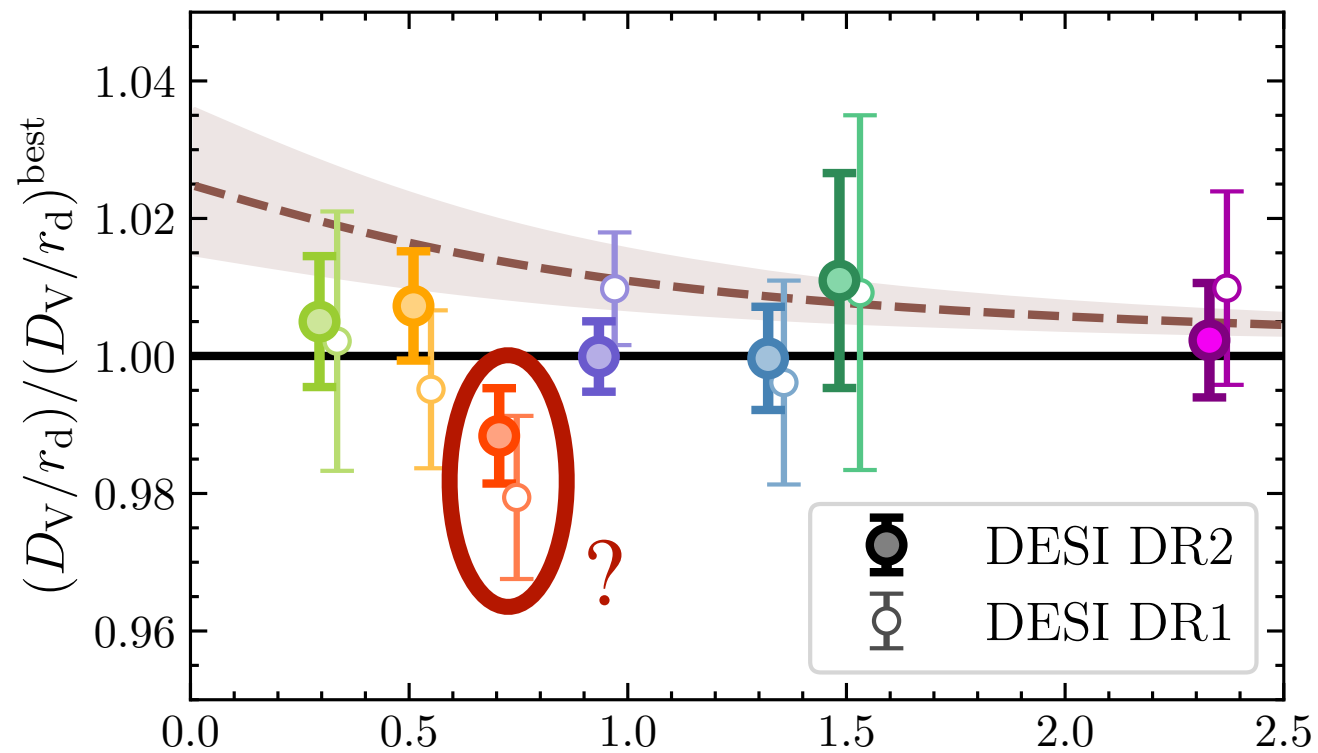


LRG2 is among the largest deviation from ΛCDM for a positive correlation between D_M/r_d and D_H/r_d

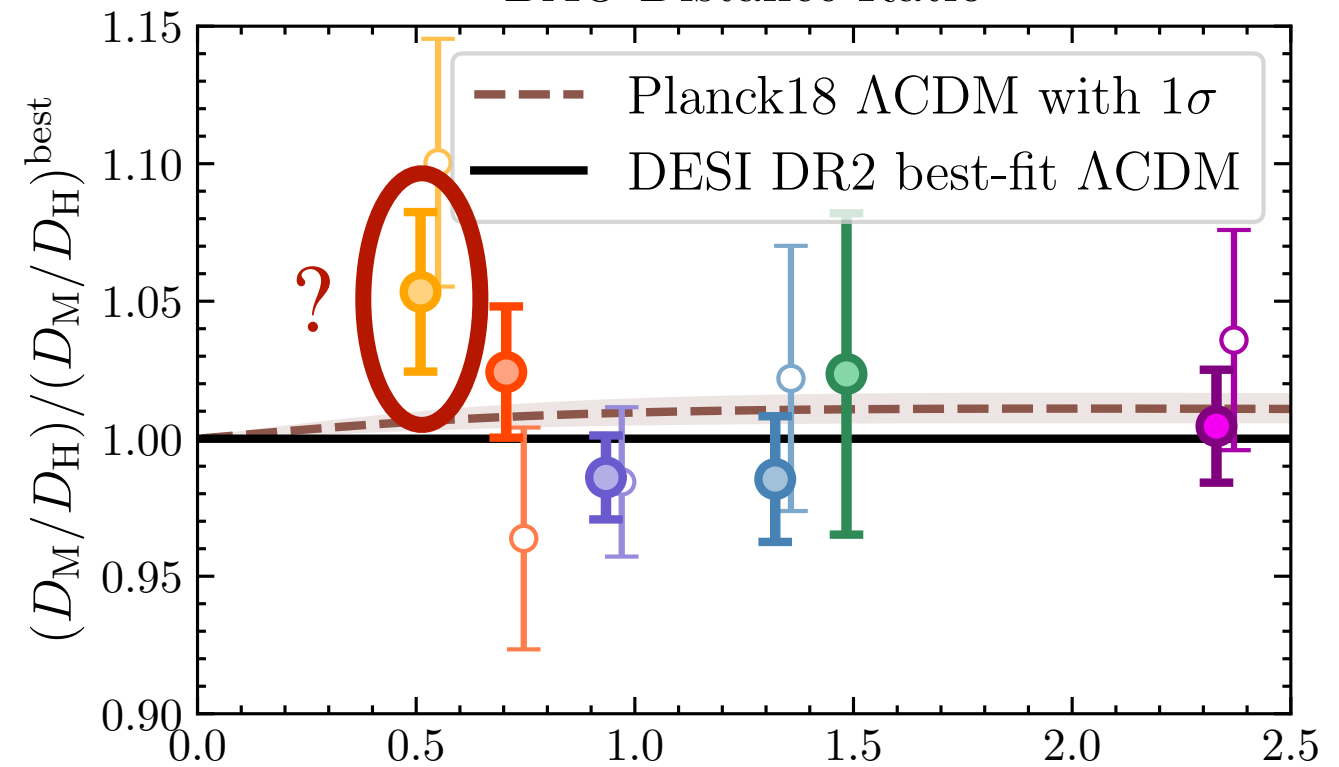
DESI BAO

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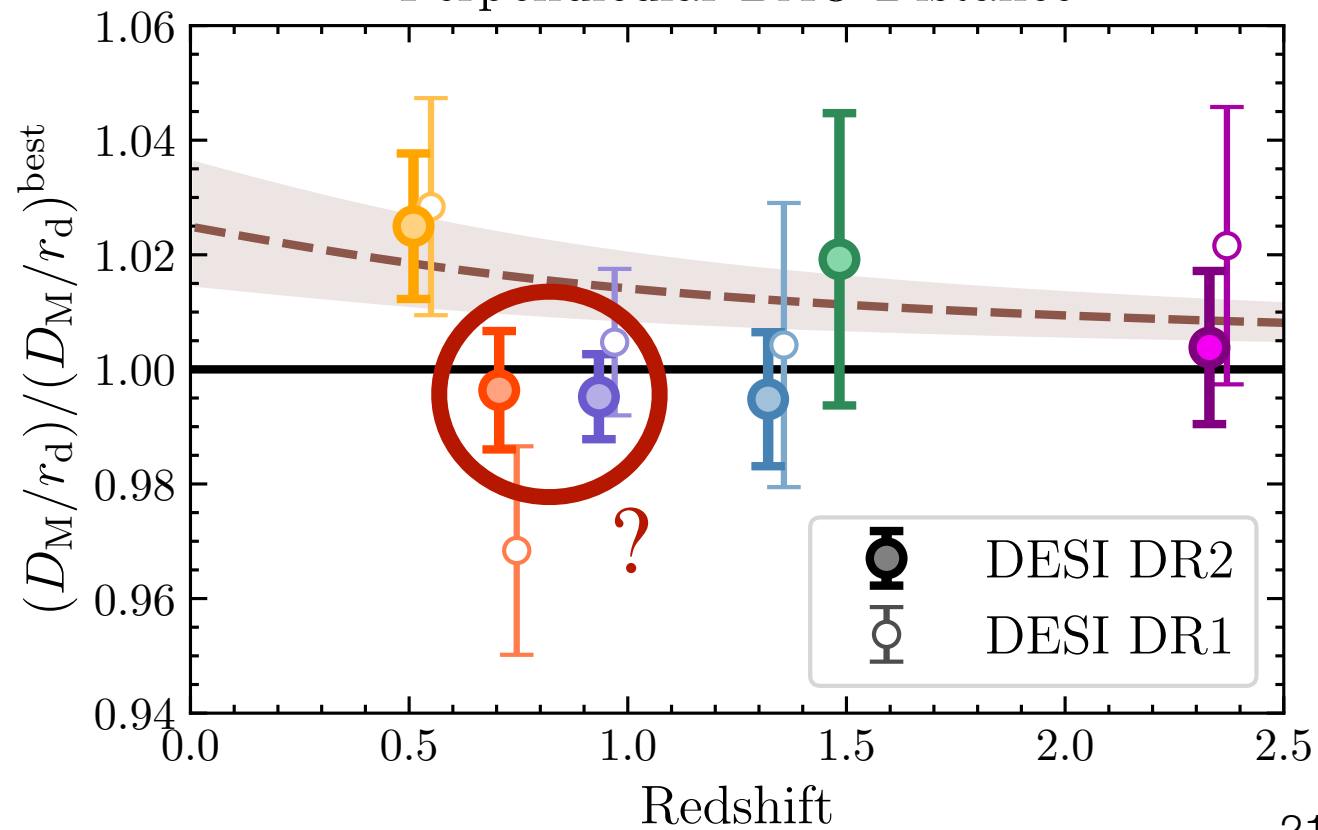
Isotropic BAO Distance



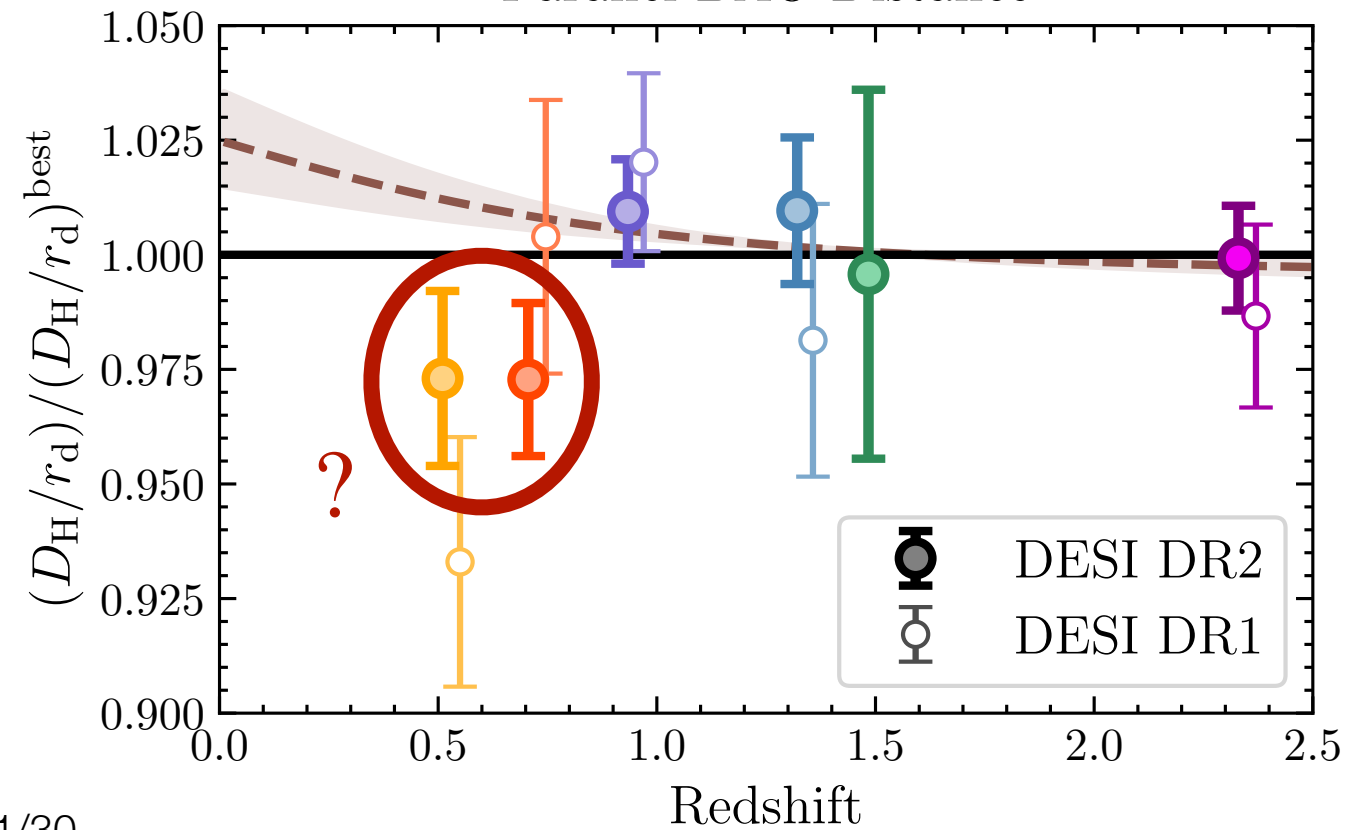
BAO Distance Ratio



Perpendicular BAO Distance



Parallel BAO Distance



DESI BAO

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DESI BAO seems to indeed imply a phantom-to-quintessence transition to lower redshifts

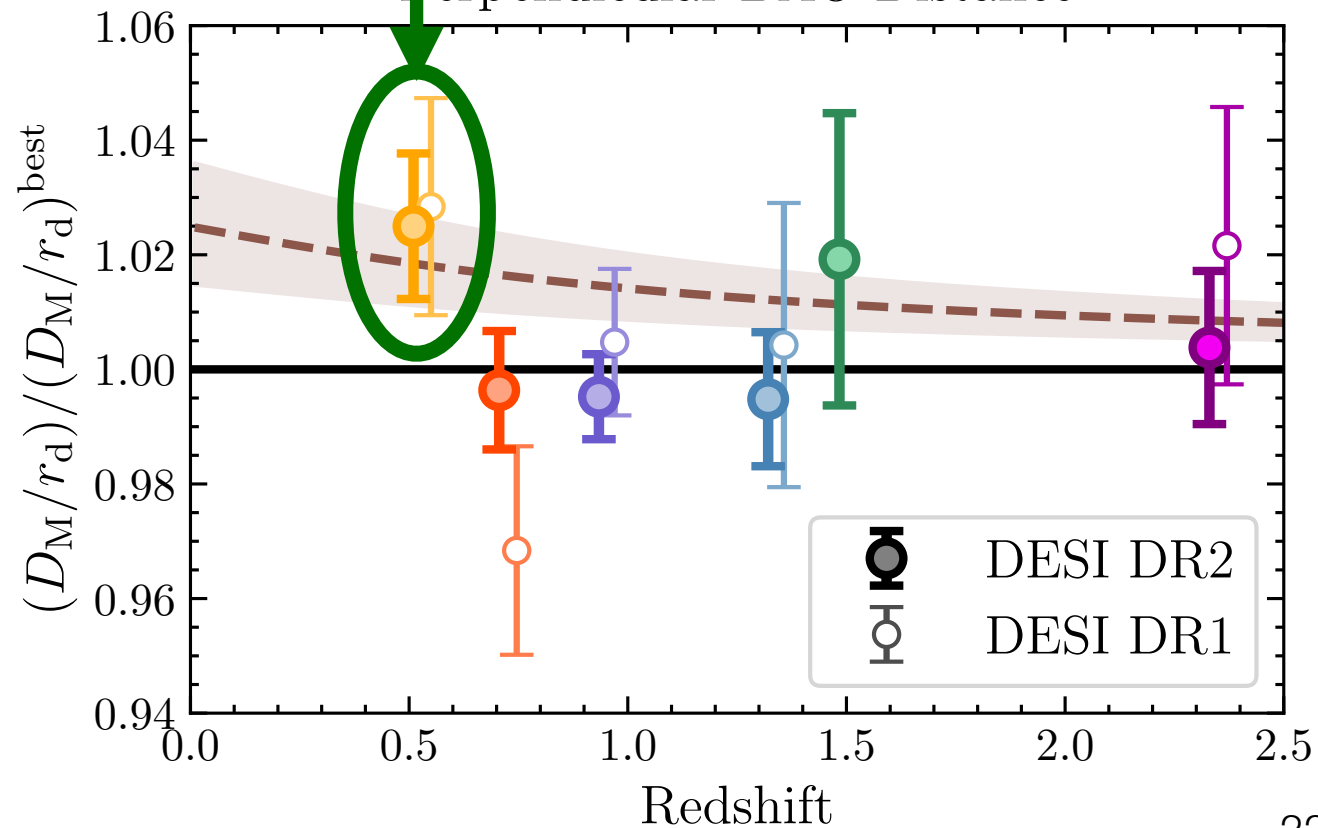
$$D_M(z) = \int_0^z \frac{cdz'}{H(z')}$$

$$D_H(z) = \frac{c}{H(z)}$$

So that the integral of $D_H(z)$ within LRG could be lifted up at low- z

$$D_M^{\text{DESI}}(z_{\text{LRG1}}) > D_M^{\Lambda\text{CDM}}(z_{\text{LRG1}})$$

Perpendicular BAO Distance



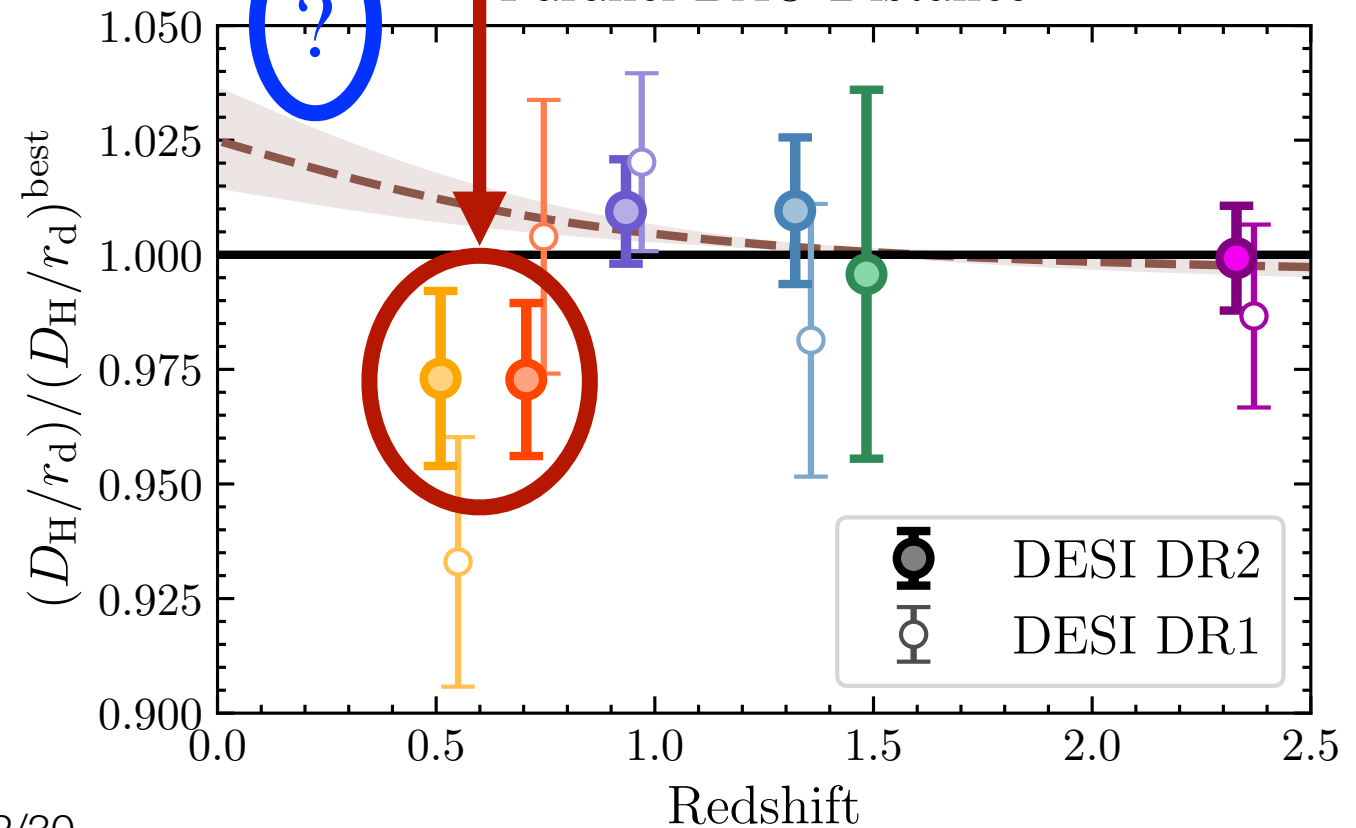
Quintessential DE at low redshifts

$$D_H^{\text{QDE}}(z_{\text{low}}) > D_H^{\Lambda\text{CDM}}(z_{\text{low}})$$

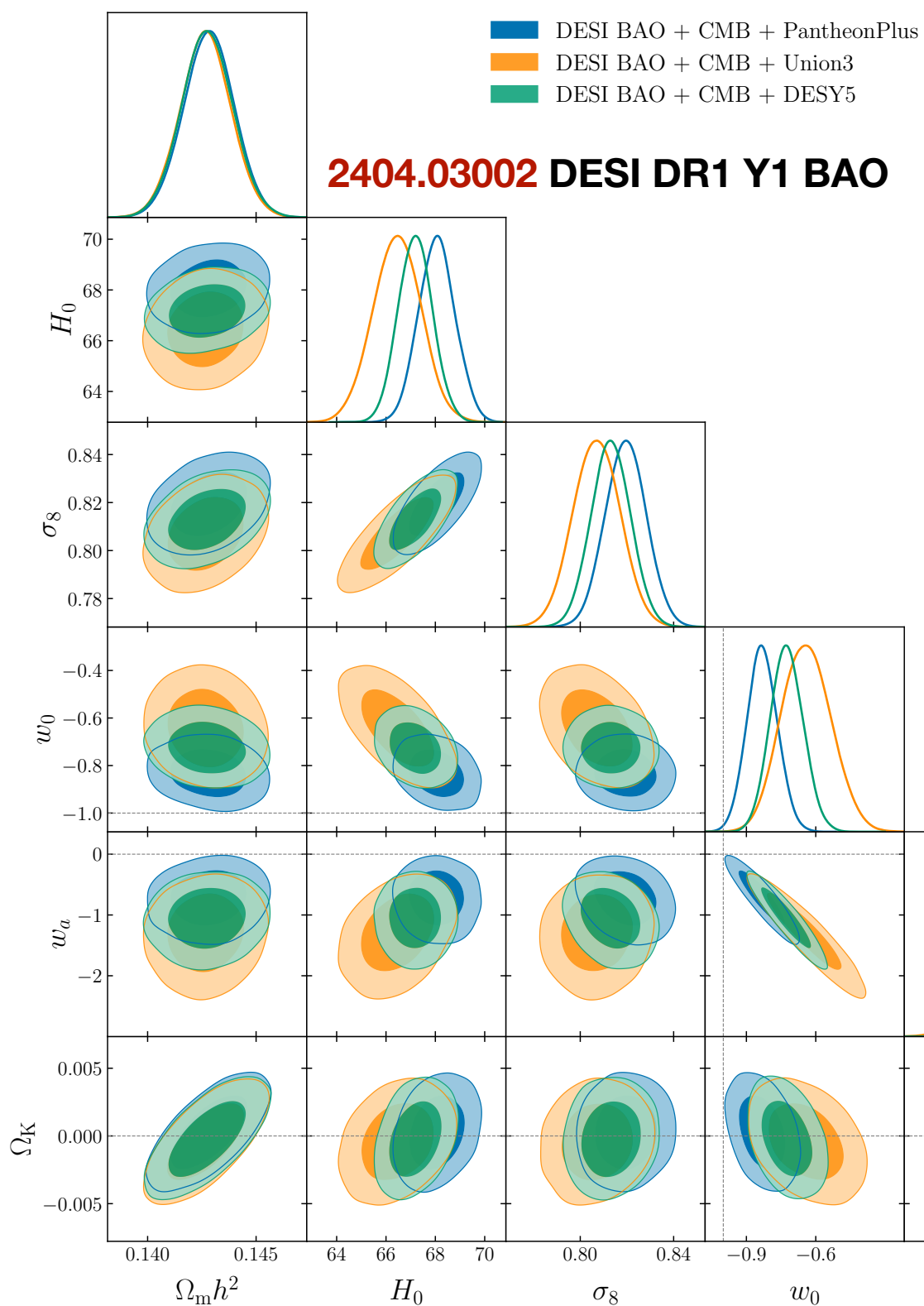
Phantom DE at high redshifts

$$D_H^{\text{PDE}}(z_{\text{high}}) < D_H^{\Lambda\text{CDM}}(z_{\text{high}})$$

Parallel BAO Distance



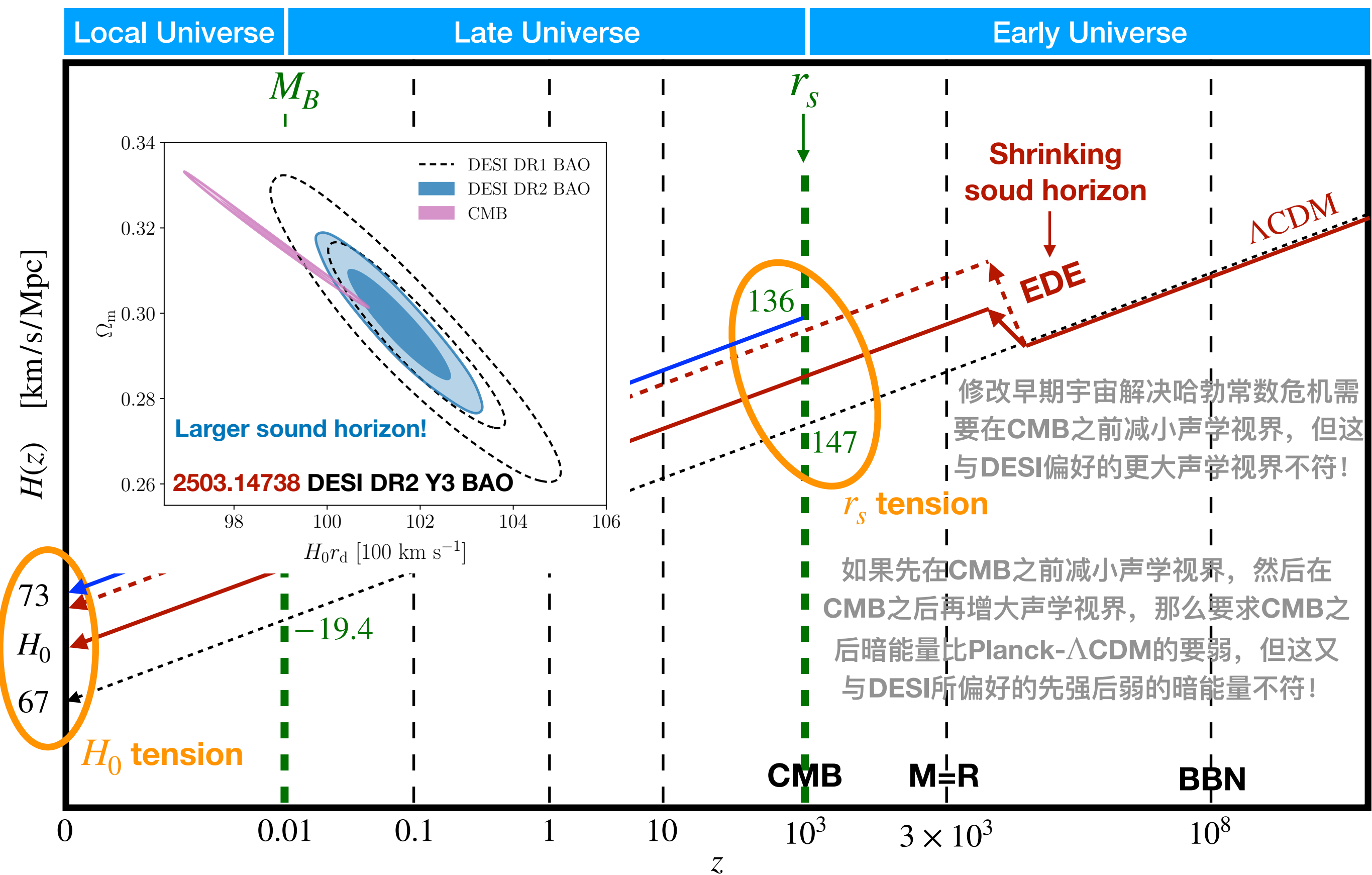
DESI tension with Hubble tension



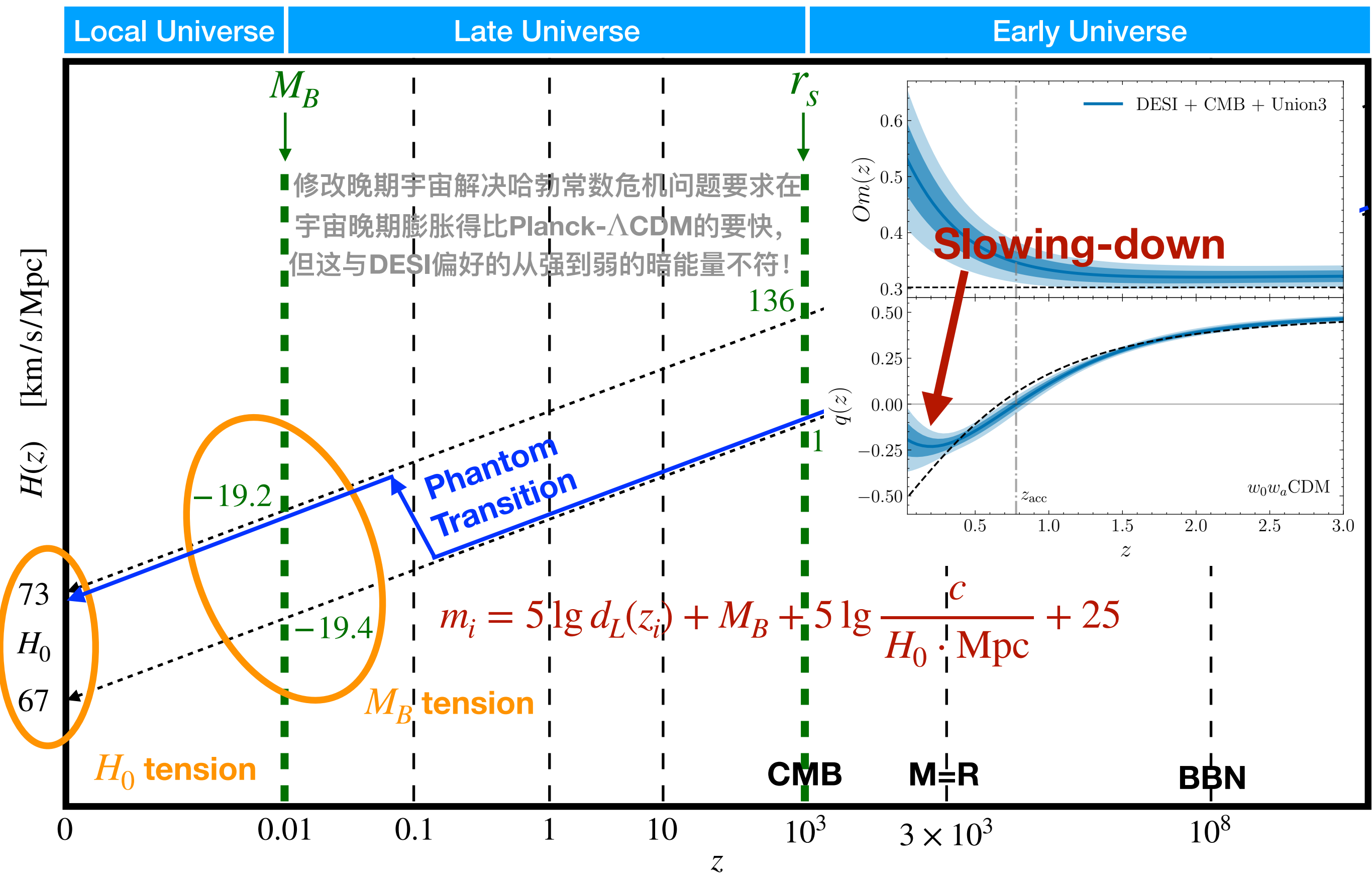
Hubble tension is worsen!

Model/Dataset	Ω_m	H_0 [km s ⁻¹ Mpc ⁻¹]
Λ CDM	2503.14738 DESI DR2 Y3 BAO	
CMB	0.3169 ± 0.0065	67.14 ± 0.47
DESI	0.2975 ± 0.0086	—
DESI+BBN	0.2977 ± 0.0086	68.51 ± 0.58
DESI+BBN+ θ_*	0.2967 ± 0.0045	68.45 ± 0.47
DESI+CMB	0.3027 ± 0.0036	68.17 ± 0.28
$w_0 w_a$ CDM	2503.14738 DESI DR2 Y3 BAO	
CMB	$0.220^{+0.019}_{-0.078}$	83^{+20}_{-6}
DESI	$0.352^{+0.041}_{-0.018}$	—
DESI+Pantheon+	$0.298^{+0.025}_{-0.011}$	—
DESI+Union3	$0.328^{+0.019}_{-0.014}$	—
DESI+DESY5	$0.319^{+0.017}_{-0.011}$	—
DESI+ $(\theta_*, \omega_b, \omega_{bc})$ CMB	0.353 ± 0.022	$63.7^{+1.7}_{-2.2}$
DESI+CMB (no lensing)	0.352 ± 0.021	$63.7^{+1.7}_{-2.1}$
DESI+CMB	0.353 ± 0.021	$63.6^{+1.6}_{-2.1}$
DESI+CMB+Pantheon+	0.3114 ± 0.0057	67.51 ± 0.59
DESI+CMB+Union3	0.3275 ± 0.0086	65.91 ± 0.84
DESI+CMB+DESY5	0.3191 ± 0.0056	66.74 ± 0.56
DESI+DESY3 (3×2pt)+Pantheon+	0.3140 ± 0.0091	—
DESI+DESY3 (3×2pt)+Union3	0.333 ± 0.012	—
DESI+DESY3 (3×2pt)+DESY5	0.3239 ± 0.0092	—

DESI tension with early Hubble solutions



DESI tension with late Hubble solutions

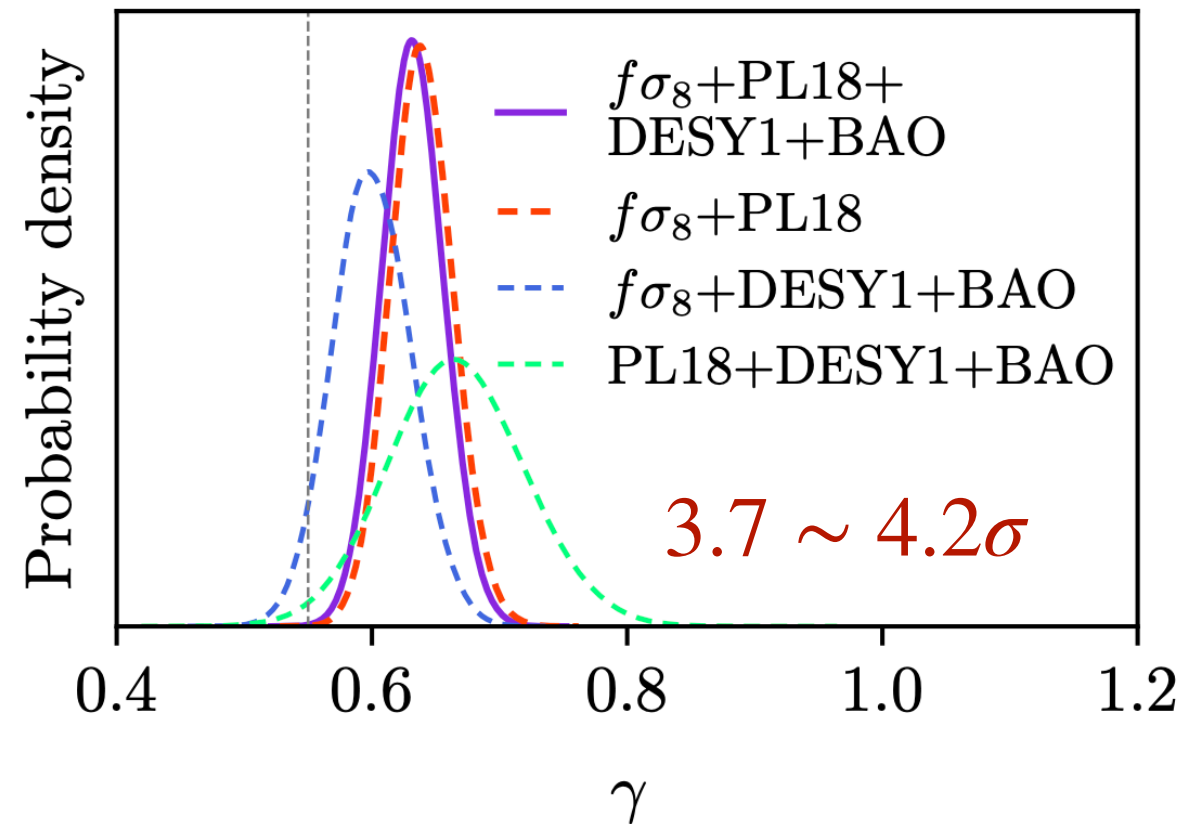


DESI tension with γ tension

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GR + linear $\delta \equiv \frac{\rho - \bar{\rho}}{\rho} \ll 1$ regime

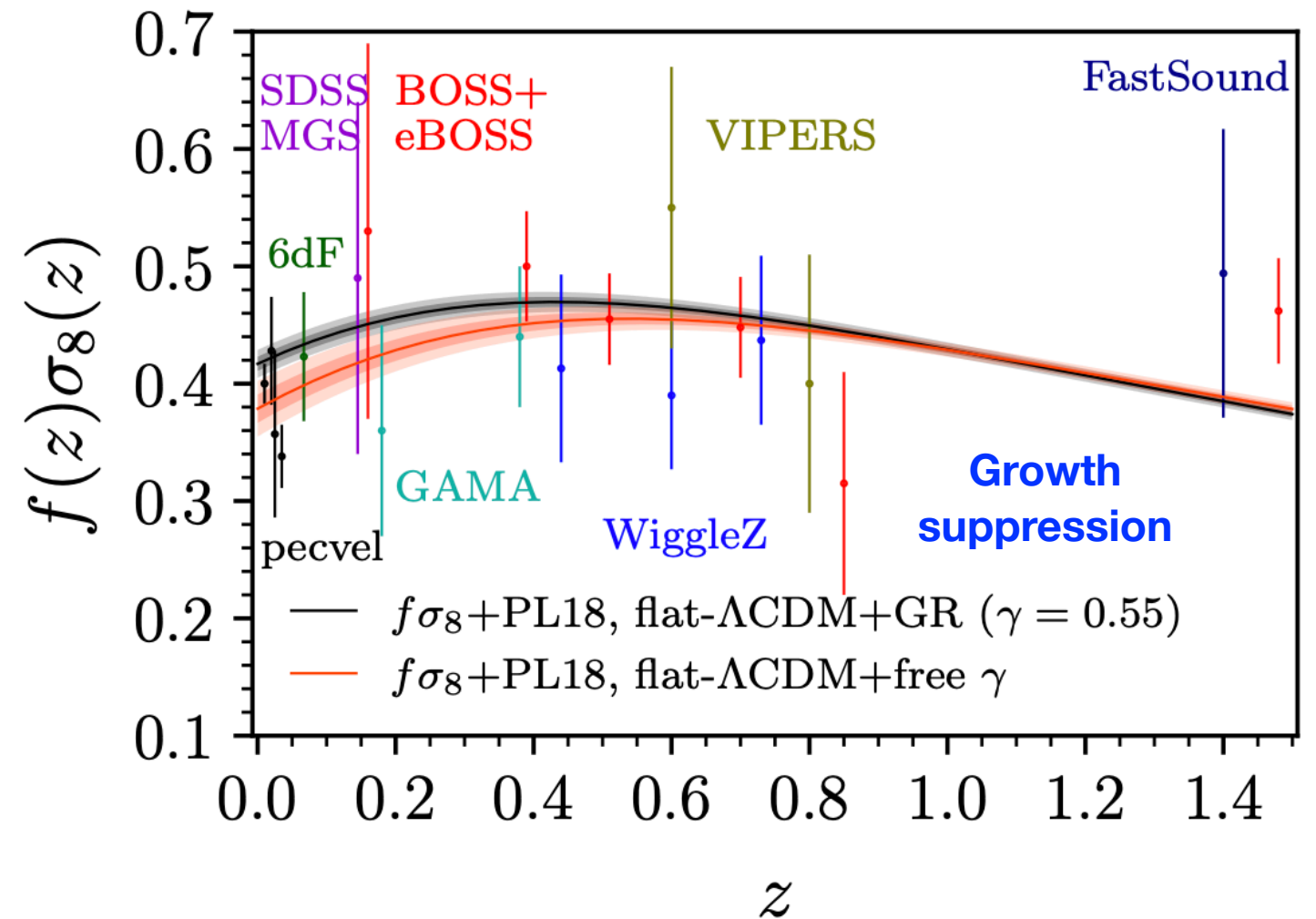
$0.0003h/\text{Mpc} \simeq H_0 \lesssim k \lesssim 0.1h/\text{Mpc}$



$$\ddot{\delta}(\mathbf{k}, t) + 2H\dot{\delta}(\mathbf{k}, t) - 4\pi G\bar{\rho}\delta(\mathbf{k}, t) = 0$$

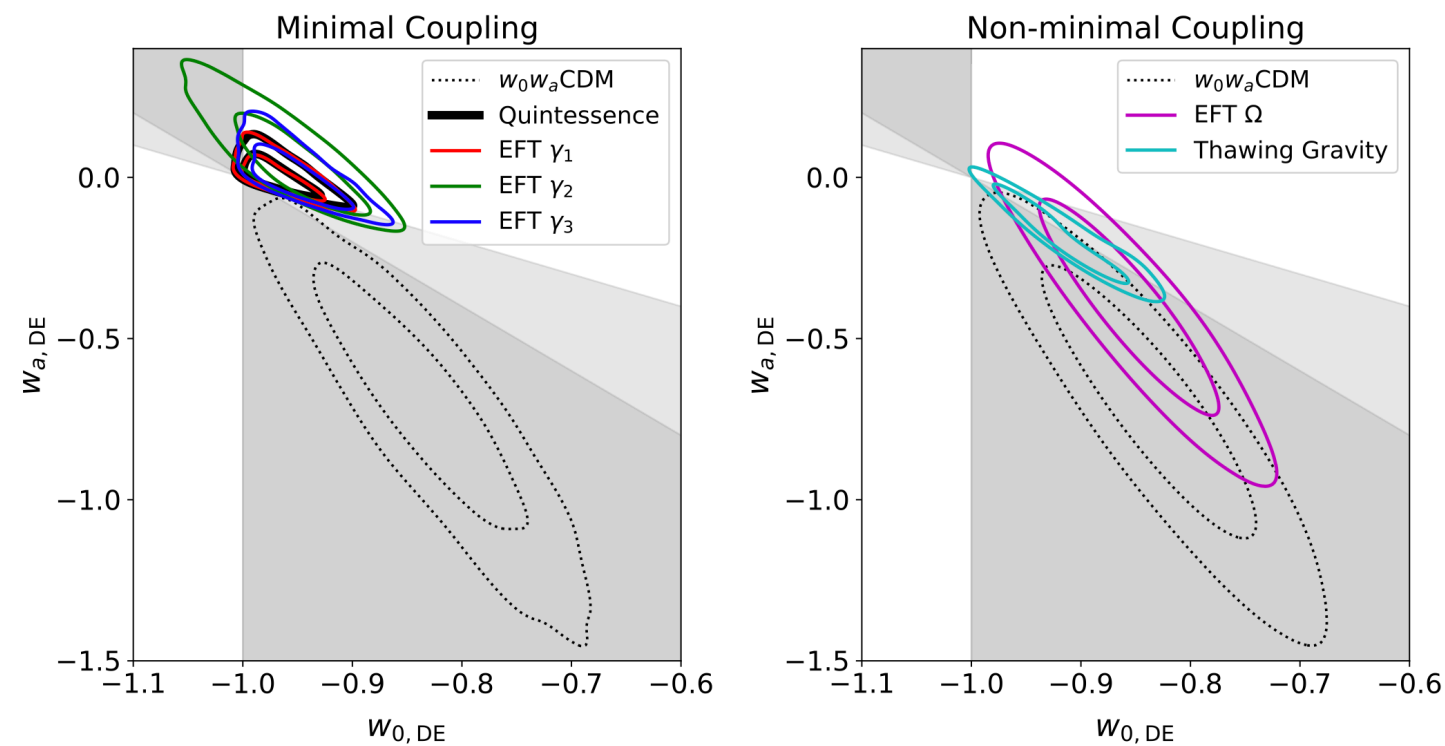
$$D(t) \equiv \frac{\delta(t)}{\delta(t_0)}, \quad f(a) \equiv \frac{d \ln D(a)}{d \ln a}$$

$$f(a) = \Omega_m^\gamma(a), \quad \gamma \approx 0.55, \quad \text{flat}\Lambda\text{CDM}$$



Since the Hubble expansion suppresses the matter perturbation growth, a weakening DE compared to the cosmological constant will less suppress matter perturbation growth, leading to faster growth than ΛCDM

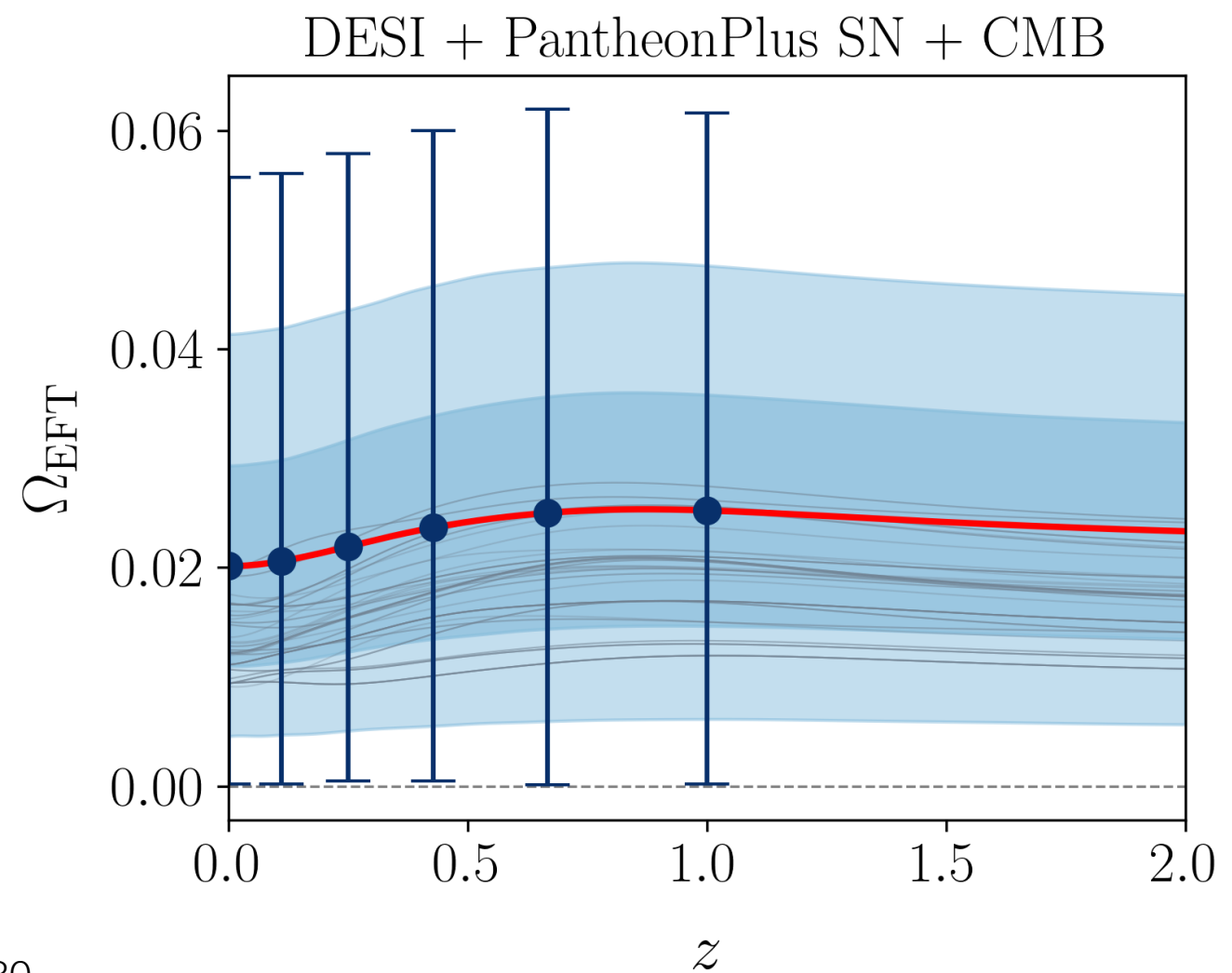
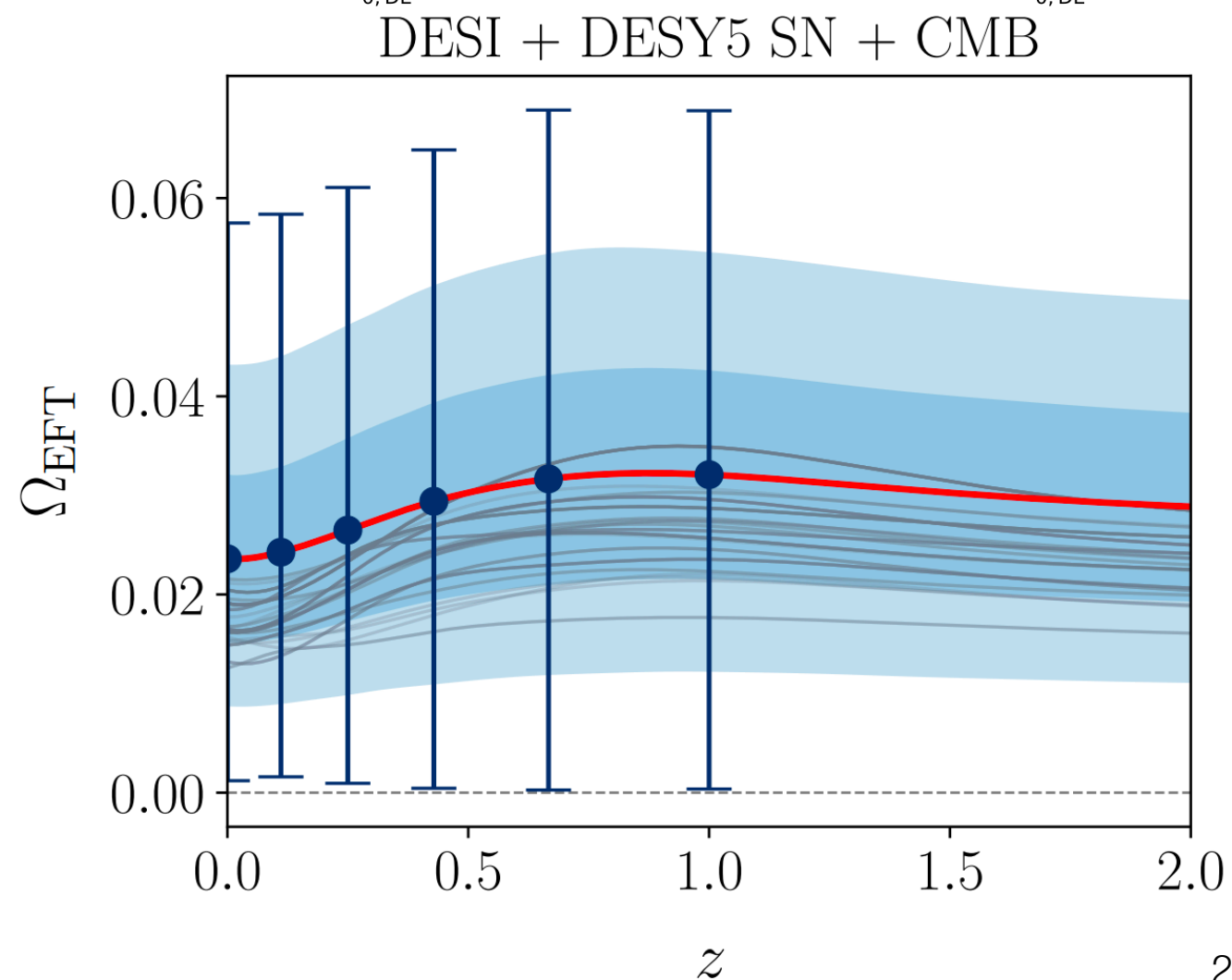
Non-minimal coupling



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2503.19898 Jiaming Pan, Gen Ye, "Non-minimally coupled gravity constraints from DESI DR2 data"



Non-minimal coupling

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} (R - 2\Lambda) - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi - V(\phi) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}[g_{\mu\nu}, \psi_{\text{SM}}] \right] + \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{DM}}[\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \Omega(\phi)^2 g_{\mu\nu}, \psi_{\text{DM}}]$$

Effective potential

Peebles-Ratra potential

$$V(\phi) = \alpha \Lambda^4 \left(\frac{\Lambda}{\phi} \right)^n$$

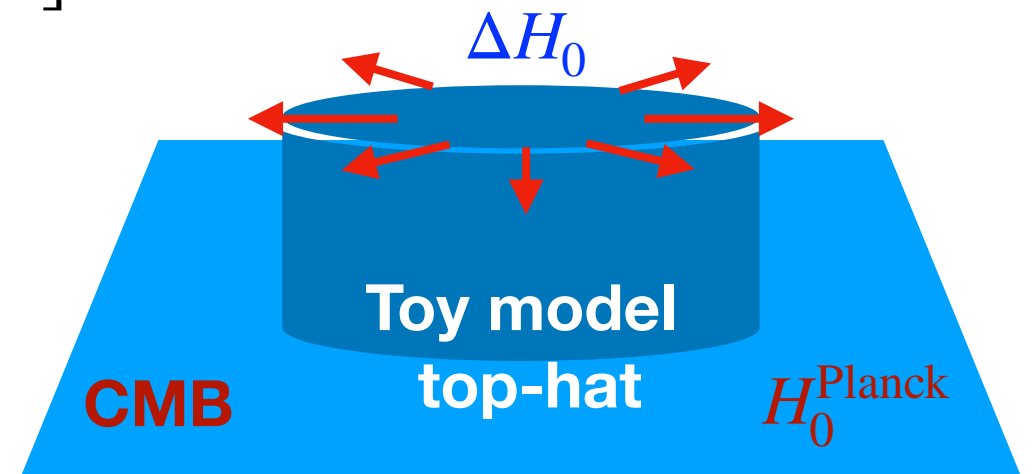
$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) = V(\phi) + \Omega(\phi) \hat{\rho}_m$$

Matter density

Chameleon

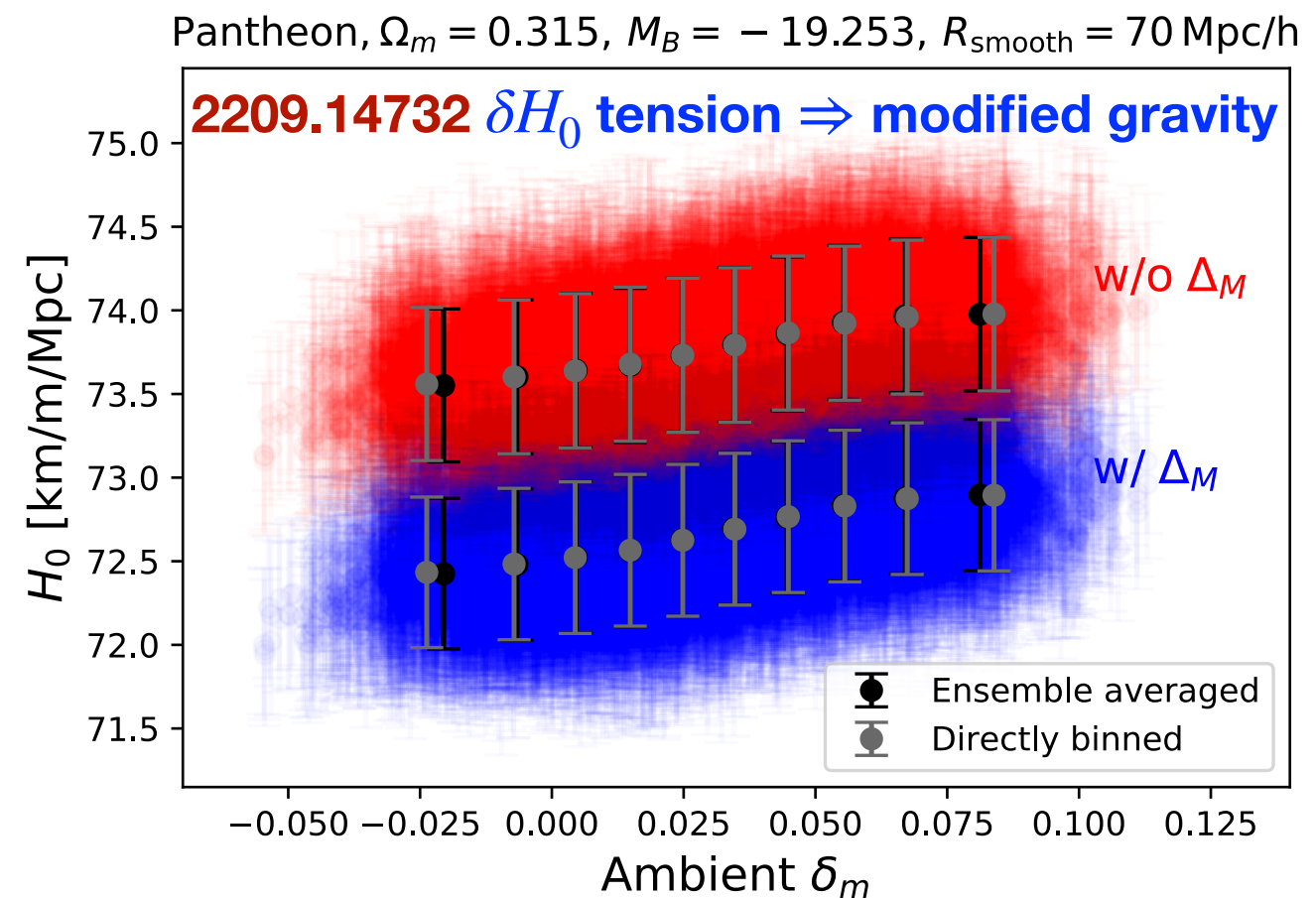
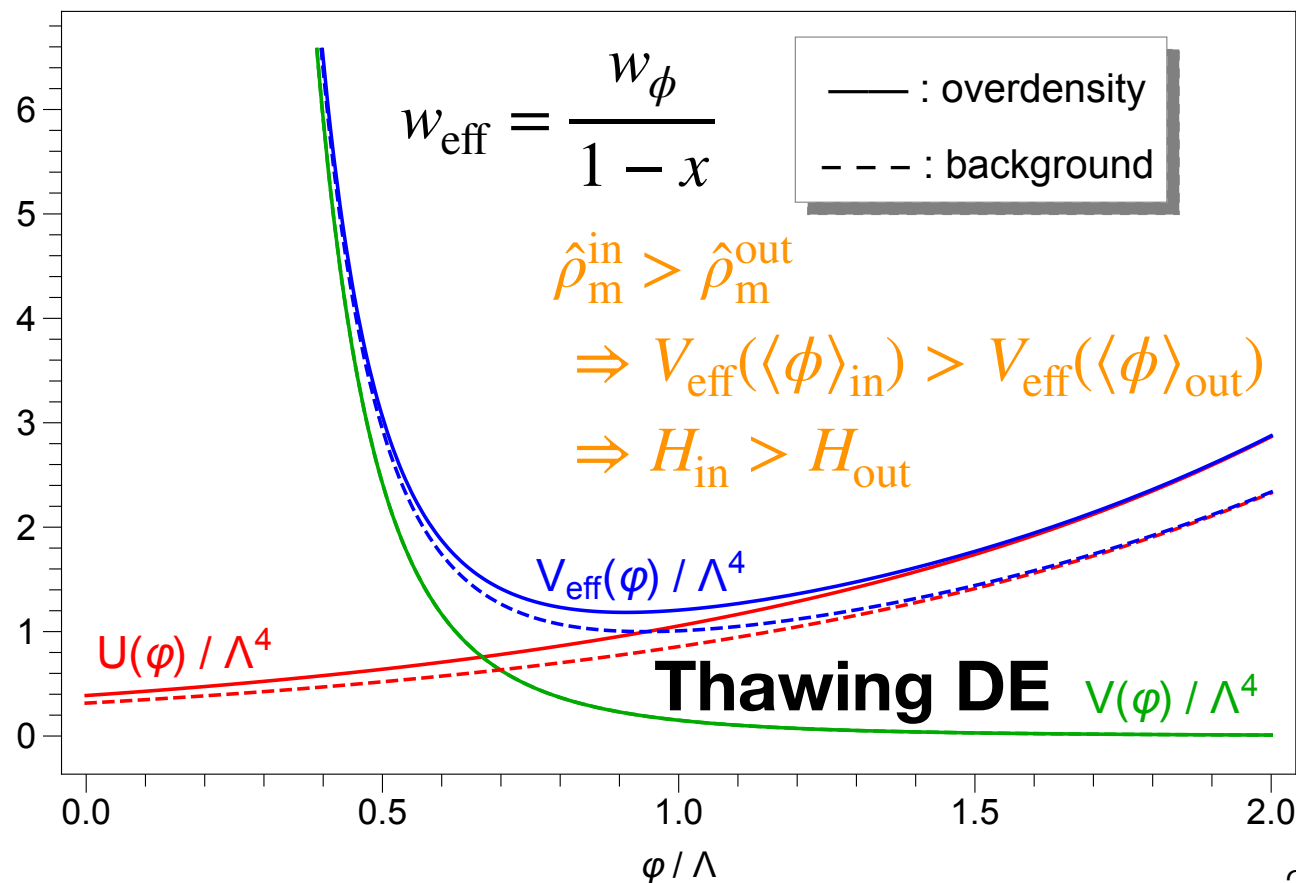
Dilaton coupling

$$\Omega(\phi) = \exp \left(\frac{\phi}{\Lambda} \right)$$



Cai, Guo, Li, SJW, Yu (PRD Letter 2021)

Effective cosmological constant $V_{\text{eff}}(\langle \phi \rangle)$



Conclusions and discussions

It is indeed the critical time from Λ CDM to something different $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{MG/DDE: crossing?} \\ \text{MG\&DDE: thawing?} \end{array} \right.$

What DESI BAO really want to tell us is the disagreement with Planck-CMB on Ω_m if Λ CDM is assumed

Whatever left can be interpreted diversely, e.g. MG /& DDE, but the crossing crucially depends on low- z SNe Phenomenological?

DESI DDE is not only in tension with H_0 tension (in tension with both early/late solutions to H_0 tension) but also the way out of it has already ruled out its preferred phantom crossing from $w_{\text{DE}} < -1$ to $w_{\text{DE}} > -1$

DESI DDE is not only in tension with H_0 tension but also in tension with S_8 tension, γ tension, and δH_0 tension

The beyond- Λ CDM new physics might be thawing dark energy from modified gravity with coupling to matter

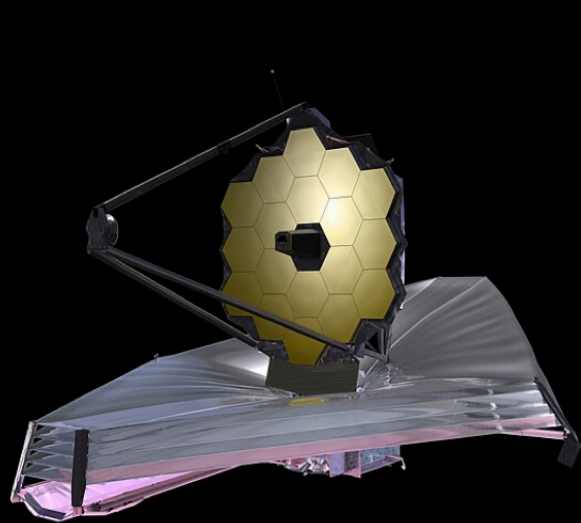
Such a non-minimal coupling of scalar field to gravity might be naturally motivated from UV completed theory, e.g. modular field from string compactifications and 2007.04396

Thank you

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