

A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of dark matter filaments and galaxy clusters. The filaments are represented by thin, white, branching lines against a dark background, with numerous small white dots representing galaxies. The overall structure is highly interconnected and fractal-like.

Chicago, October 2019

Cosmic controversies – boon or bane?

Simon White

Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics

Aristotle

Greece, 384 – 322 B.C.

Student of Plato

Tutor to Alexander the Great

The authoritative scientist in Europe for **1800 years**

“The speed at which an object falls is directly proportional to its weight”





Simon Stevin

Holland, 1548 – 1620

Experiment shows all objects
fall at the same rate



Galileo Galilei

Italy, 1564 – 1642



Authority and the standard model vs discrepant observation;
an epistemological controversy over the primacy of “facts”



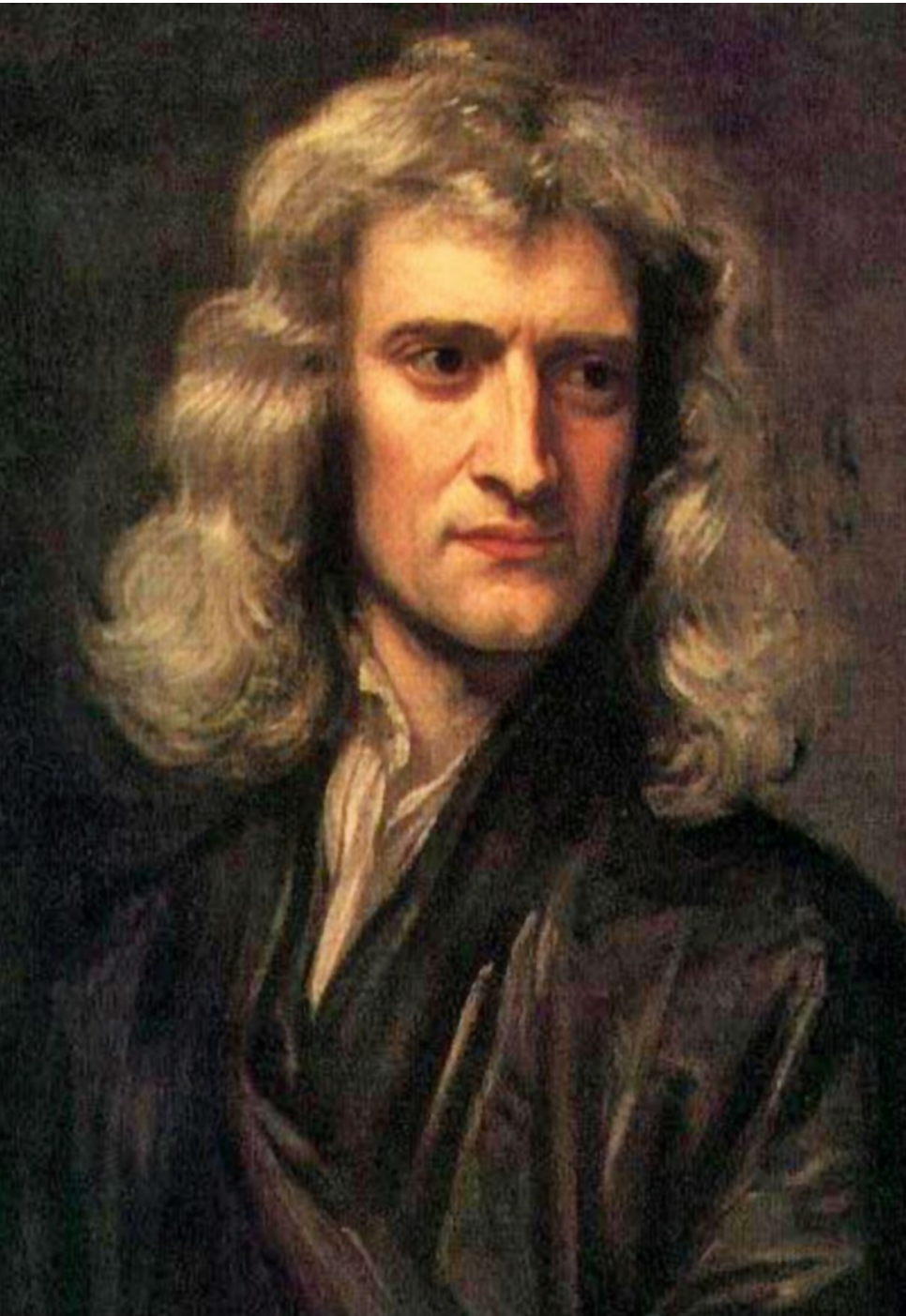
Galileo using his telescope to show the mountains of the Moon to two cardinals

The Copernican revolution

A controversy over interpretation, not over facts



Nicolaus Copernicus
Poland, 1473 – 1543



Isaac Newton: 1643 – 1727

$$F = m a$$

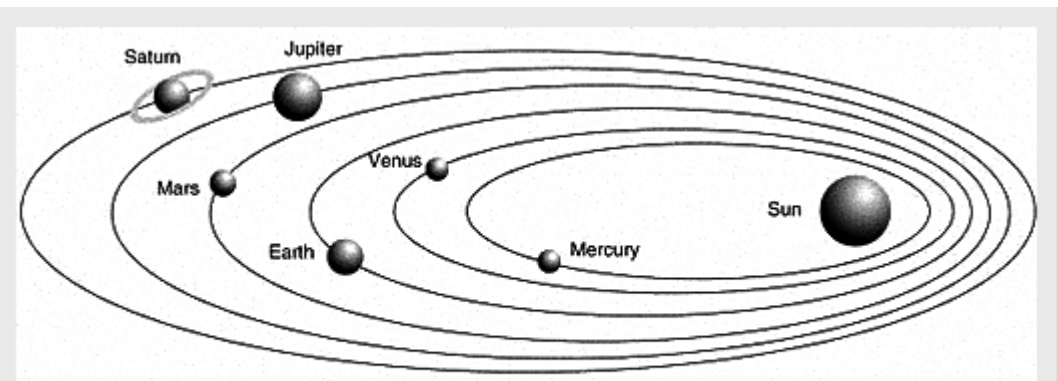
Law of Motion

$$F_{\text{grav}} = G m M_{\oplus} / R_{\oplus}^2 \quad \text{Law of Gravity}$$

$$\rightarrow a_{\text{grav}} = G M_{\oplus} / R_{\oplus}^2$$

Mathematics links the motion of the Moon and planets to the falling of objects

Is mathematical “beauty” relevant for establishing scientific truth?



Kepler's Laws

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The Great Debate: 26 April 1920



Harlow Shapley

Heber Curtis

Agree that that van Maanen's inferred rotational proper motions for M31 and M31 would require them to be galactic, if correct.

Die Rotverschiebung von extragalaktischen Nebeln

von F. Zwicky.

(16. II. 33.)

Inhaltsangabe. Diese Arbeit gibt eine Darstellung der wesentlichsten Merkmale extragalaktischer Nebel, sowie der Methoden, welche zur Erforschung derselben gedient haben. Insbesondere wird die sog. Rotverschiebung extragalaktischer Nebel eingehend diskutiert. Verschiedene Theorien, welche zur Erklärung dieses wichtigen Phänomens aufgestellt worden sind, werden kurz besprochen. Schliesslich wird angedeutet, inwiefern die Rotverschiebung für das Studium der durchdringenden Strahlung von Wichtigkeit zu werden verspricht.



§ 5. Bemerkungen zur Streuung der Geschwindigkeiten im Coma-Nebelhaufen.

Wie aus der Zusammenstellung in § 3 hervorgeht, existieren im Comahaufen scheinbare Geschwindigkeitsunterschiede von mindestens 1500 bis 2000 km/sek. Im Zusammenhang mit dieser enormen Streuung der Geschwindigkeiten kann man folgende Überlegungen anstellen.

1. Setzt man voraus, dass das Comasystem mechanisch einen stationären Zustand erreicht hat, so folgt aus dem Virialsatz

$$\bar{\epsilon}_k = -\frac{1}{2} \bar{\epsilon}_p, \quad (4)$$

wobei $\bar{\epsilon}_k$ und $\bar{\epsilon}_p$ mittlere kinetische und potentielle Energien, z. B. der Masseneinheit im System bedeuten. Zum Zwecke der Abschätzung nehmen wir an, dass die Materie im Haufen gleichförmig über den Raum verteilt ist. Der Haufen besitzt einen Radius R von ca. einer Million Lichtjahren (gleich 10^{24} cm) und enthält 800 individuelle Nebel von je einer Masse entsprechend 10^9 Sonnenmassen. Die Gesamtmasse M des Systems ist deshalb

$$M \sim 800 \times 10^9 \times 2 \times 10^{33} = 1.6 \times 10^{45} \text{ gr.} \quad (5)$$

Daraus folgt für die totale potentielle Energie Ω :

$$\Omega = -\frac{3}{5} \Gamma \frac{M^2}{R} \quad (6)$$

Γ = Gravitationskonstante

oder

$$\bar{\epsilon}_p = \Omega/M \sim -64 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sek}^{-2} \quad (7)$$

und weiter

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\epsilon}_k &= \bar{v}^2/2 = -\epsilon_p/2 = 32 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sek}^{-2} \\ (\bar{v}^2)^{1/2} &= 80 \text{ km/sek.} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Um, wie beobachtet, einen mittleren Dopplereffekt von 1000 km/sek oder mehr zu erhalten, müsste also die mittlere Dichte im Comasystem mindestens 400 mal grösser sein als die auf Grund von Beobachtungen an leuchtender Materie abgeleitete¹⁾. Falls sich dies bewahrheiten sollte, würde sich also das überraschende Resultat ergeben, dass dunkle Materie in sehr viel grösserer Dichte vorhanden ist als leuchtende Materie.

This is the first statement of the **concept** of dark matter as we now understand it

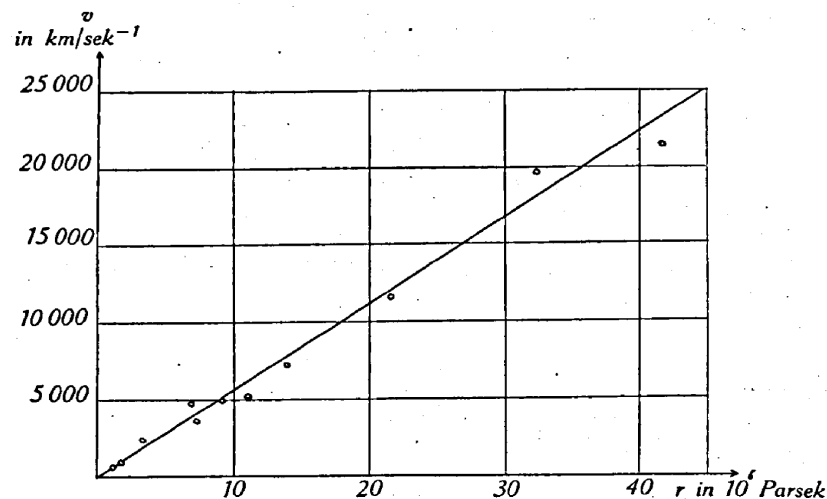


Fig. 2.

MASSES AND MASS-TO-LIGHT RATIOS OF GALAXIES¹

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1 INTRODUCTION

Is there more to a galaxy than meets the eye (or can be seen on a photograph)? Many decades ago, Zwicky (1933) and Smith (1936) showed that if the Virgo cluster of galaxies is bound, the total mass must considerably exceed the sum of the masses of the individual member galaxies; i.e. there appeared to be “missing mass” in the cluster.

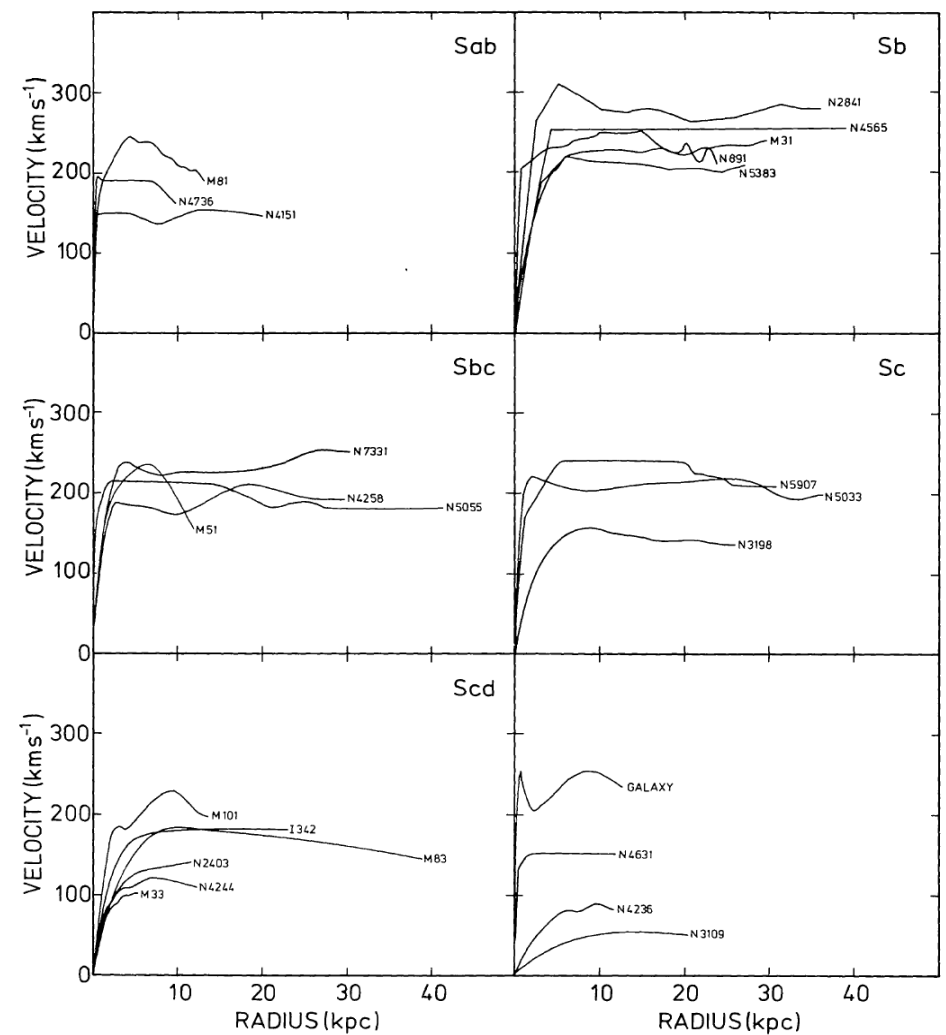


Figure 2 Rotation curves of 25 galaxies of various morphological types from Bosma (1978).

- Extended dark matter halos became part of the mainstream in the 1970's
- Rotation curves were a small part of the justification (9/54 pages in F&G79)
- The rotation curves used were mostly 21cm, rather than optical

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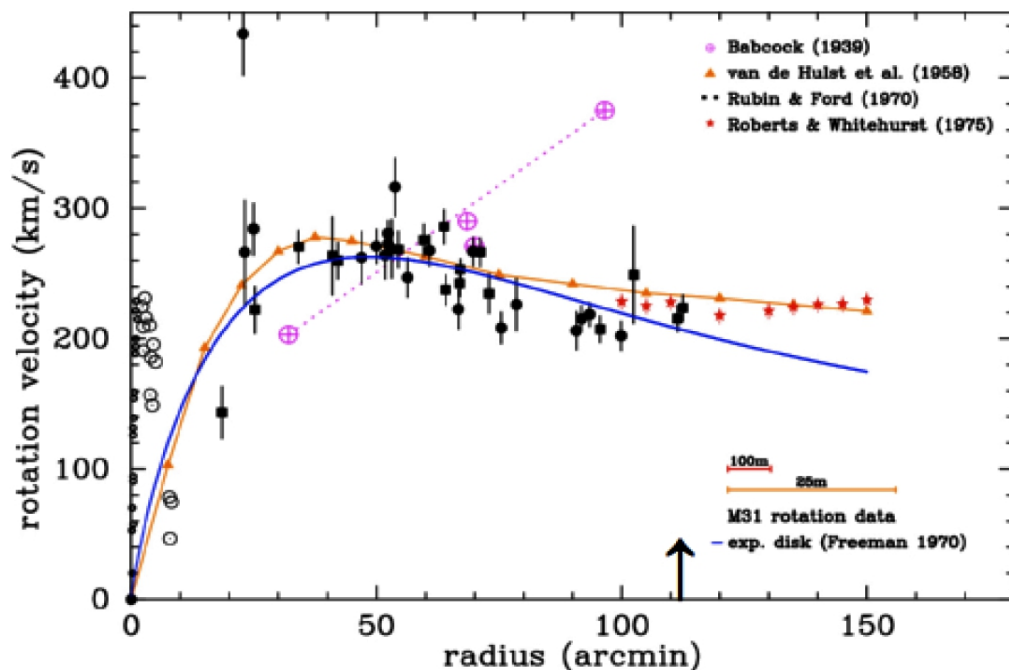
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ASTRONOMY AND THE OBSERVATORY AT LEIDEN

ROTATION AND DENSITY DISTRIBUTION OF THE ANDROMEDA NEBULA DERIVED FROM OBSERVATIONS OF THE 21-cm LINE

BY H. C. VAN DE HULST, E. RAIMOND AND H. VAN WOERDEN

The atomic hydrogen emission from the Andromeda nebula (M₃₁) was observed with the 25-metre telescope at Dwingeloo; the beamwidth was 0°.6. Line profiles were measured at 20 points of the major axis (Figure 5). The mean error of the brightness temperature measured at one frequency in one direction was 0.2 to 0.3°K except in the frequency range contaminated by galactic foreground radiation. The line was observable to 2°.5 at either side of the centre. The central velocity with respect to the local standard of rest is - 296 km/sec. The velocity of rotation slowly falls from 278 km/sec at 0°.6 from the centre to 221 km/sec at 2°.5



- The earliest reliable flat rotation curves (for M31) are usually credited to Rubin & Ford 1970 (optical) and Roberts & Whitehurst 1975 (radio)
- The 21cm goes to larger radius
- The 1957 Dwingeloo curve is just as good and goes just as far

The mid-century cosmological controversy



Georges Lemaitre

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An evolving universe with
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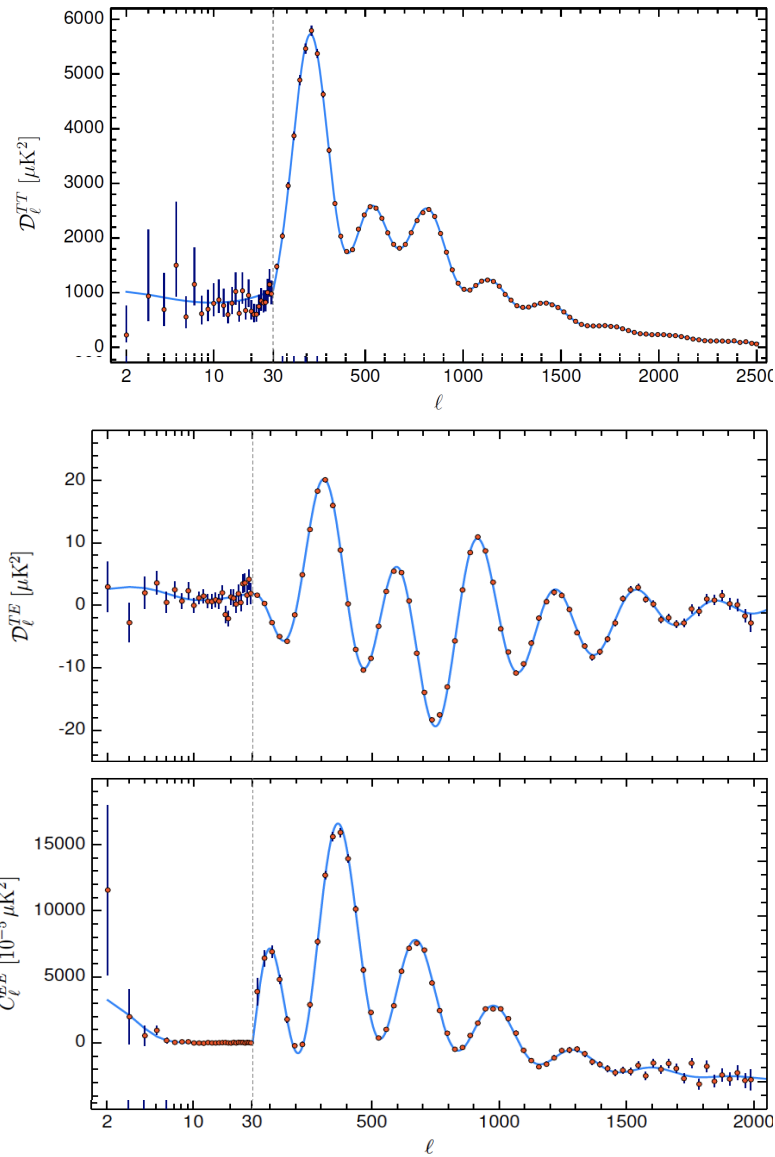


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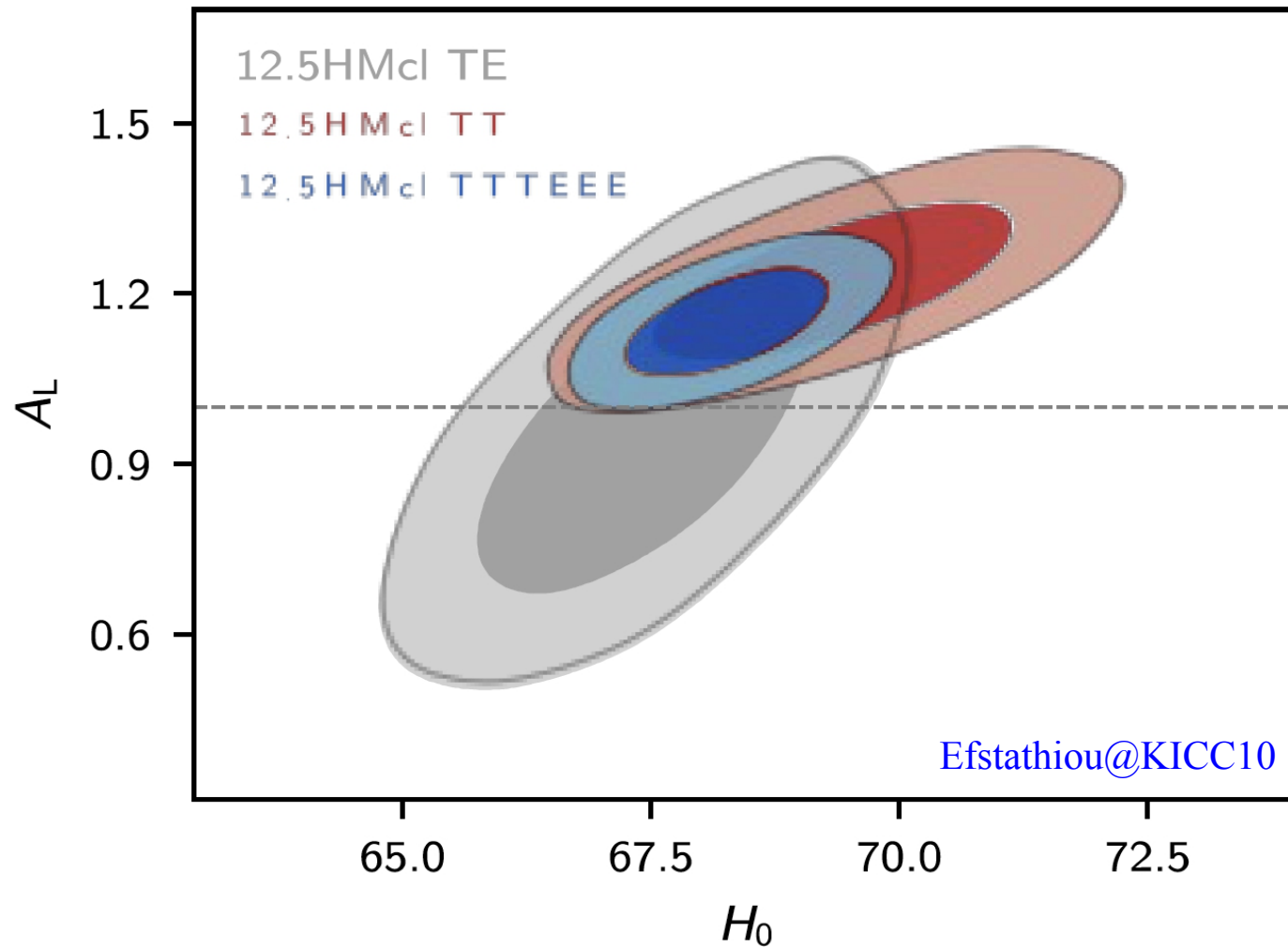
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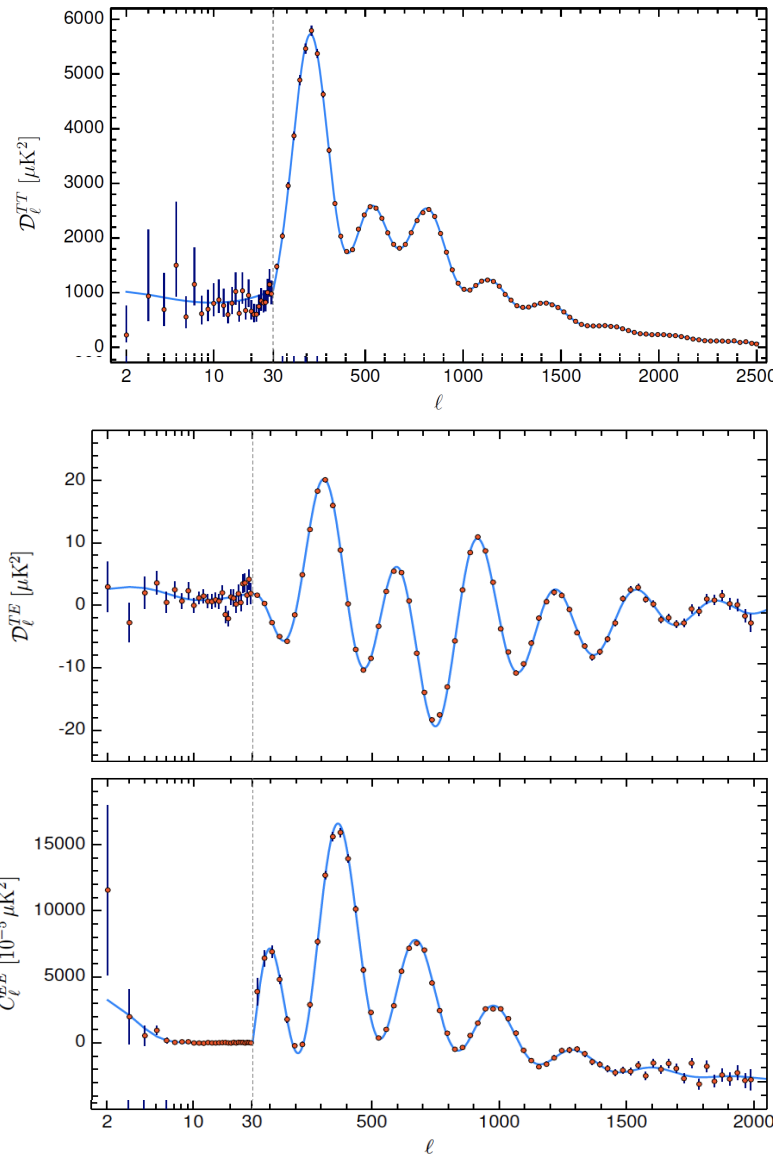
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- Peaks in the Planck TT power spectrum are slightly broader than expected
- This can be parametrised as more lensing than expected/measured directly
- No corresponding effect is seen in the TE power spectrum

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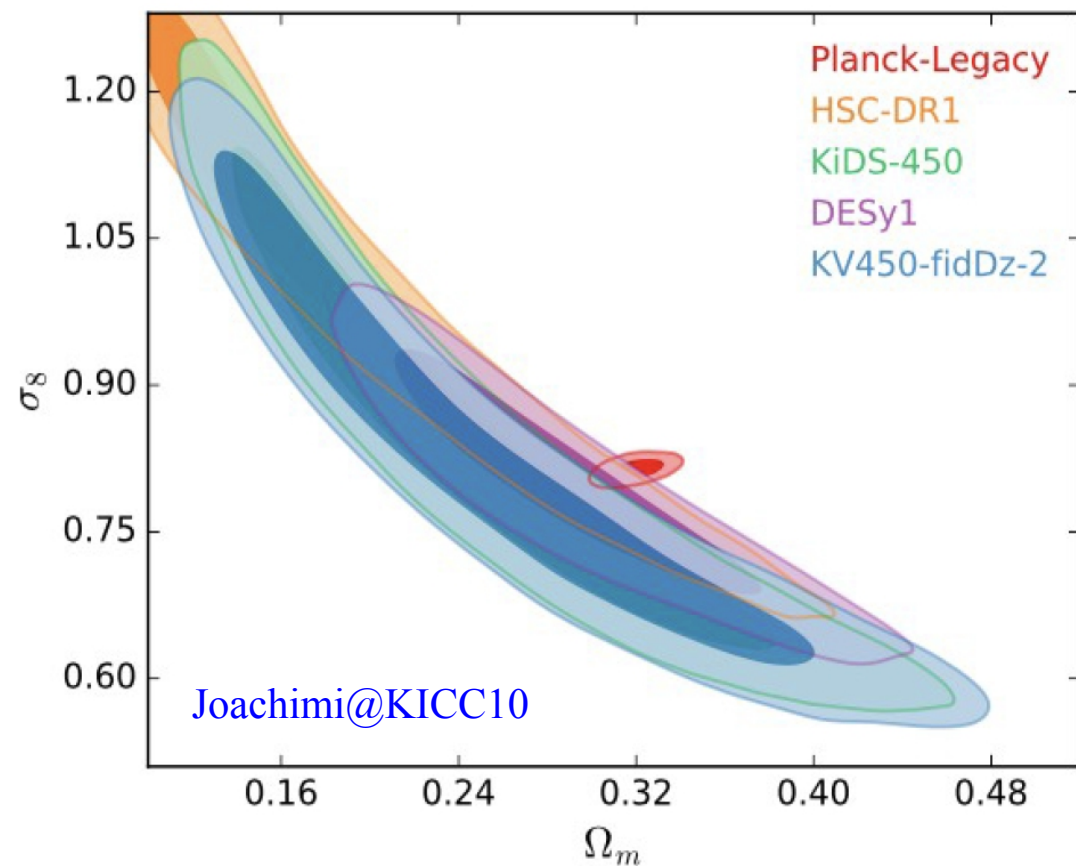


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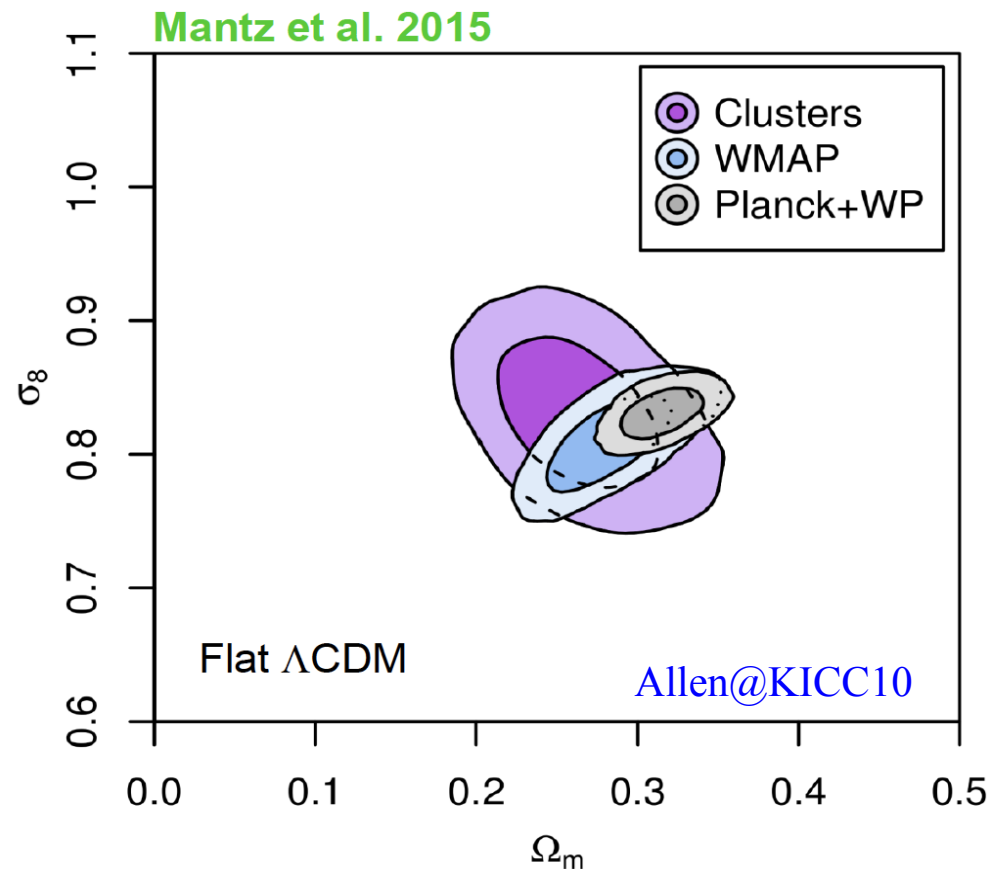
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Tensions with low-redshift large-scale structure



Shear measurement sensitive to the redshift distribution of background galaxies

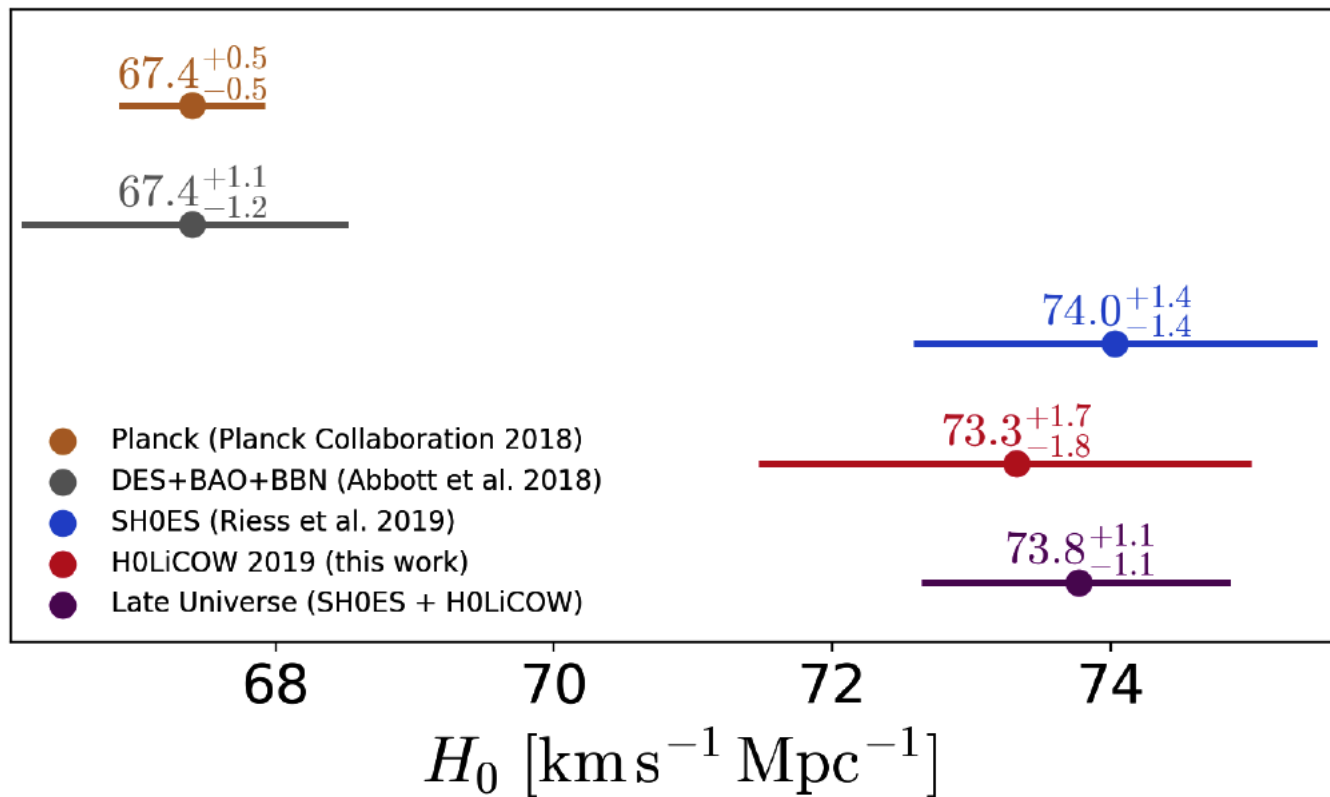


Cluster abundance measurement sensitive to the mass calibration of the clusters

Another H_0 controversy

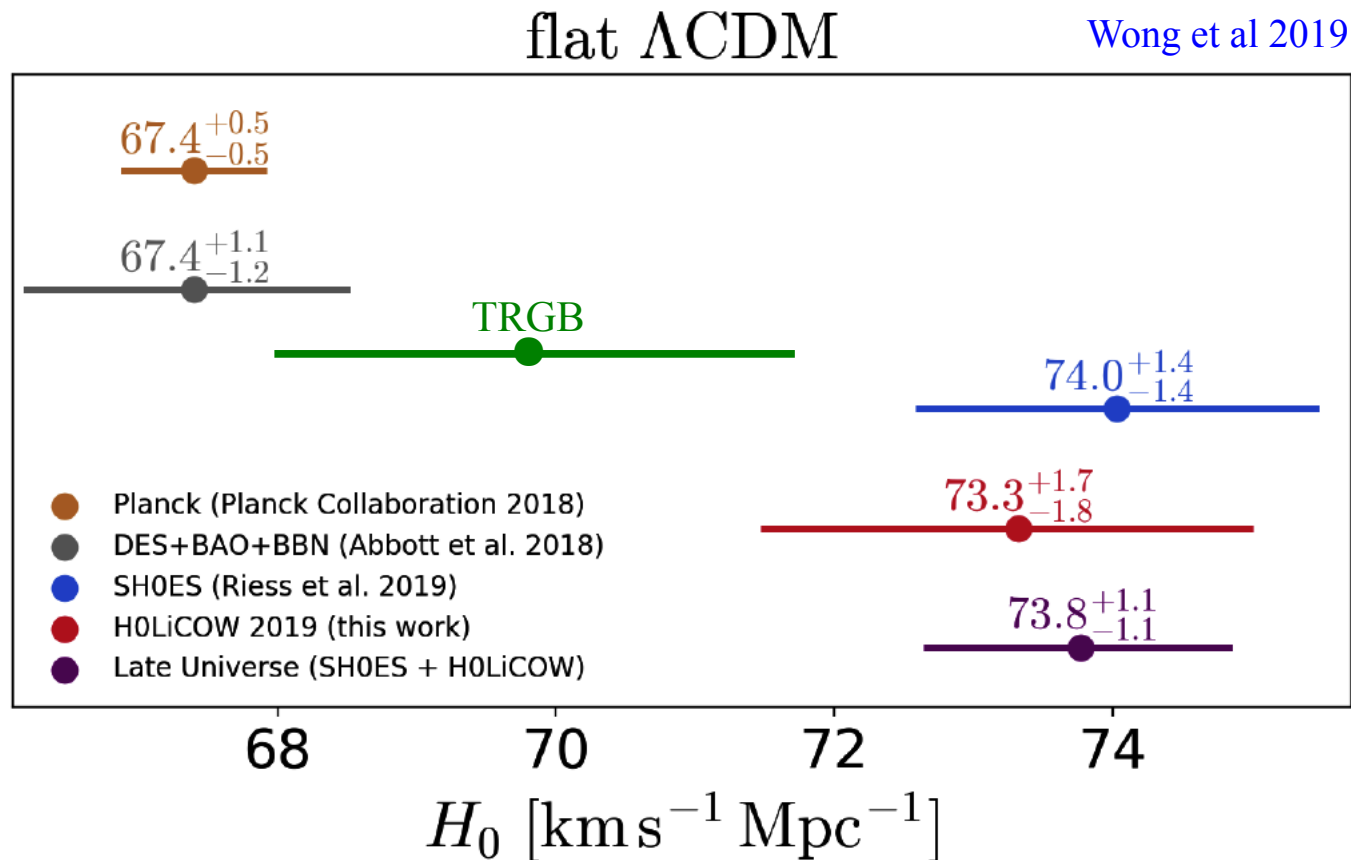
flat Λ CDM

Wong et al 2019



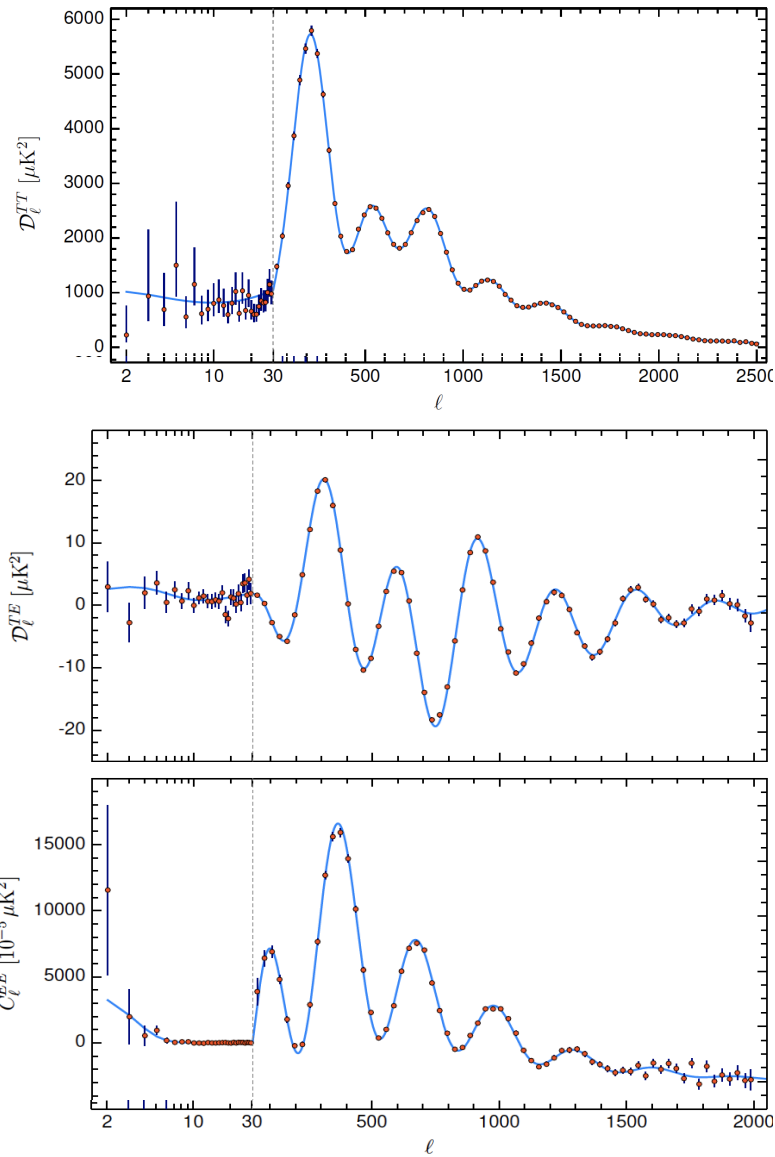
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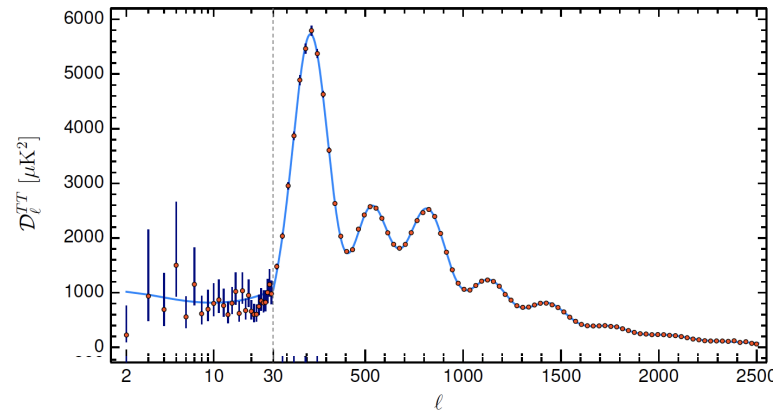


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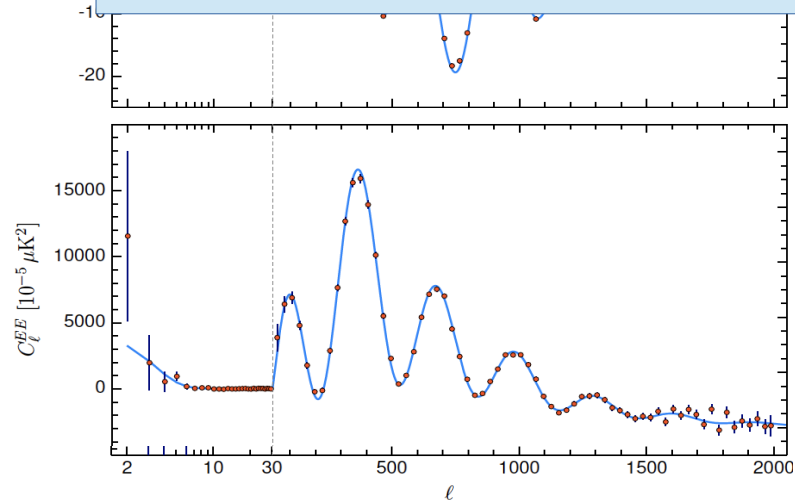
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These are precisely measured initial conditions, but they need extrapolation to the scales which form galaxies



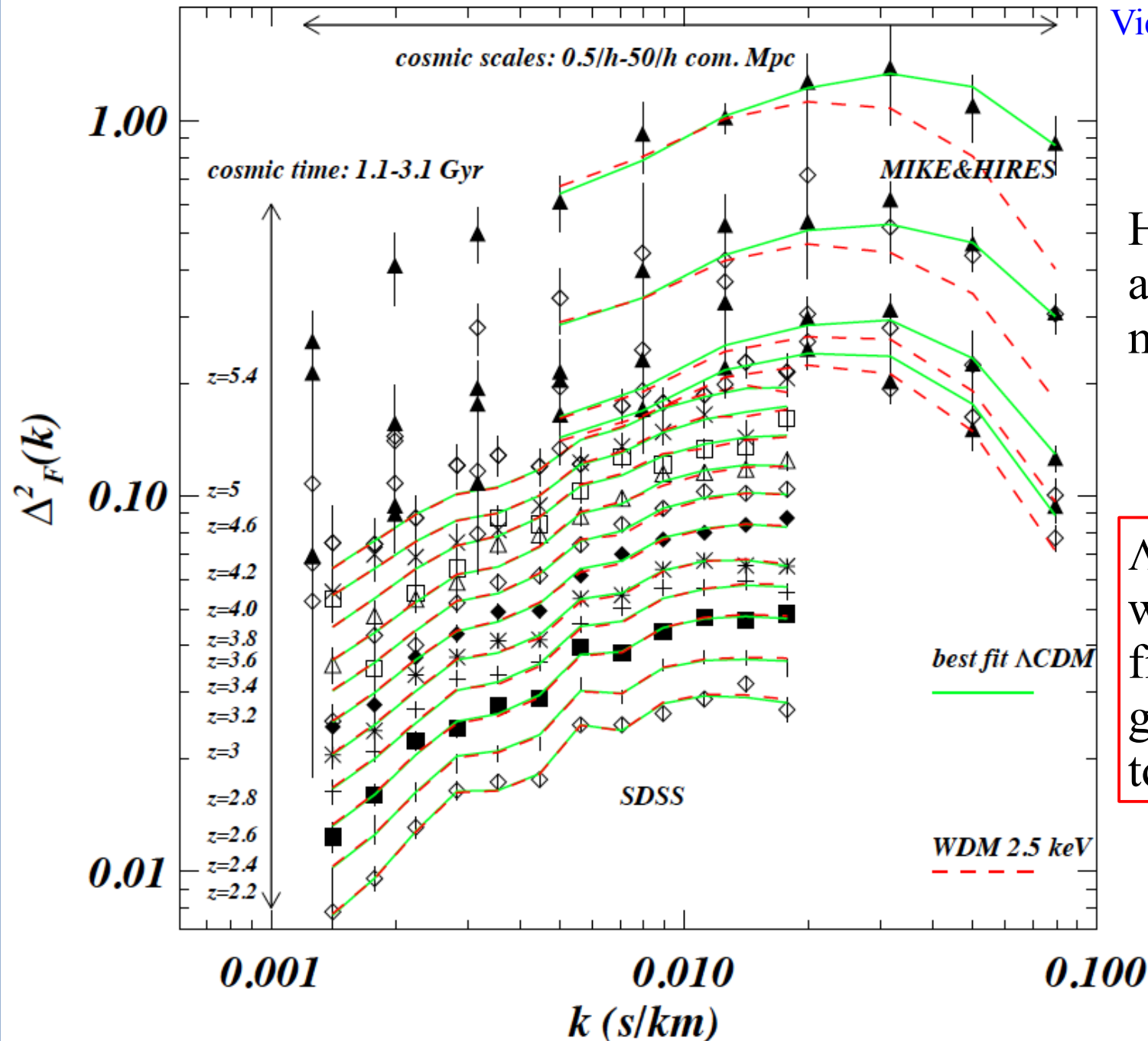
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Lyman α forest spectra compared to Λ CDM predictions

Viel, Becker, Bolton & Haehnelt
2013

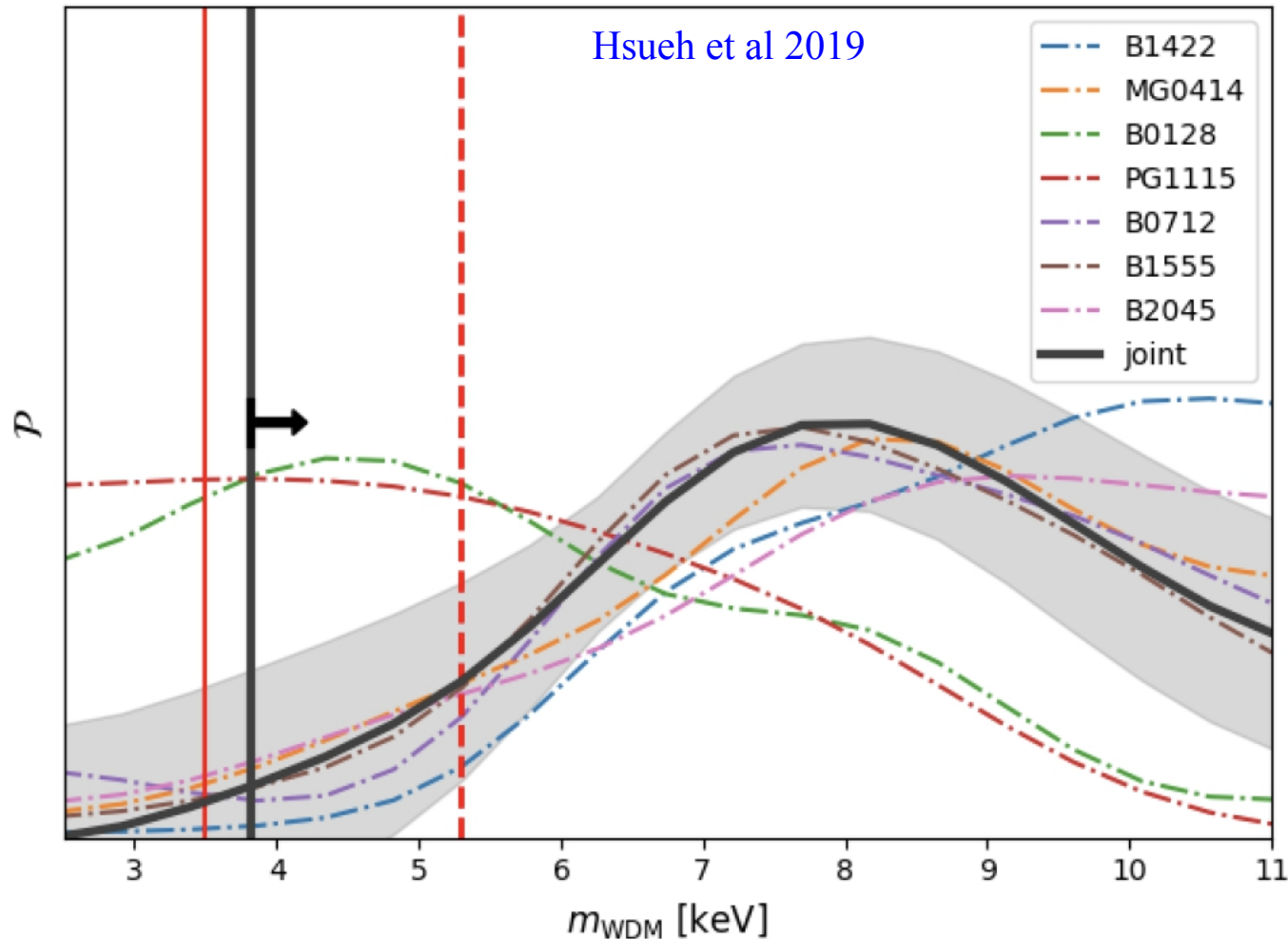


High-resolution Keck
and Magellan spectra
match Λ CDM up to
 $z = 5.4$

Λ CDM initial conditions
with CMB parameters
fit structure in the pre-
galactic medium down
to dwarf galaxy scales

$$m_{\text{WDM}} > 3.3 \text{ keV}$$

Strong lensing constraints on WDM



- Flux ratio anomalies in multiply imaged quasars constrain the mass of thermal relic WDM to be $m_{\text{WDM}} > 3.8 \text{ keV}$

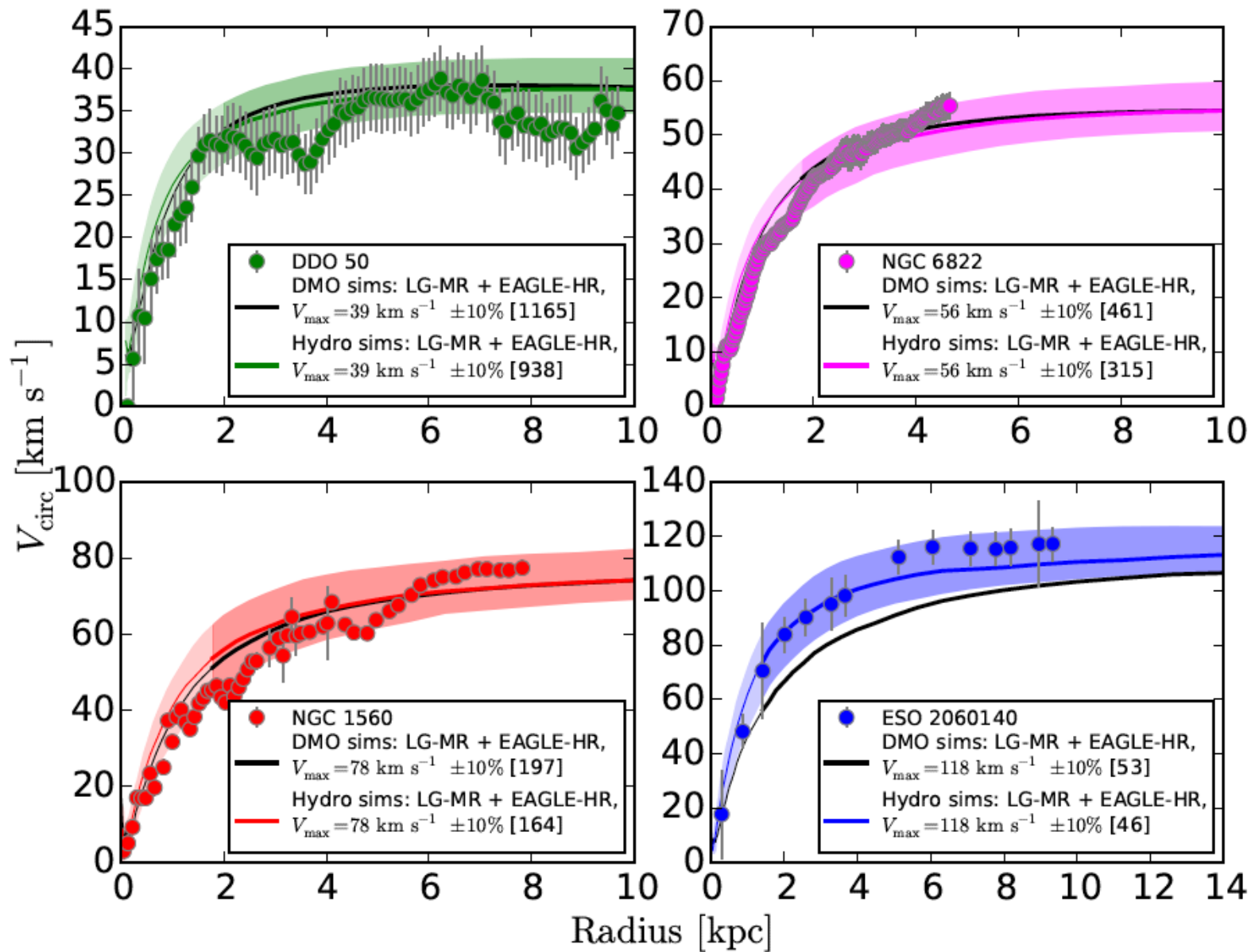
Small-scale controversies over Λ CDM

- The core-cusp problem
- The missing satellite problem “Solved” by baryonic processes?
- The Too-Big-To-Fail problem

DM “solutions” have other problems or are insufficiently understood

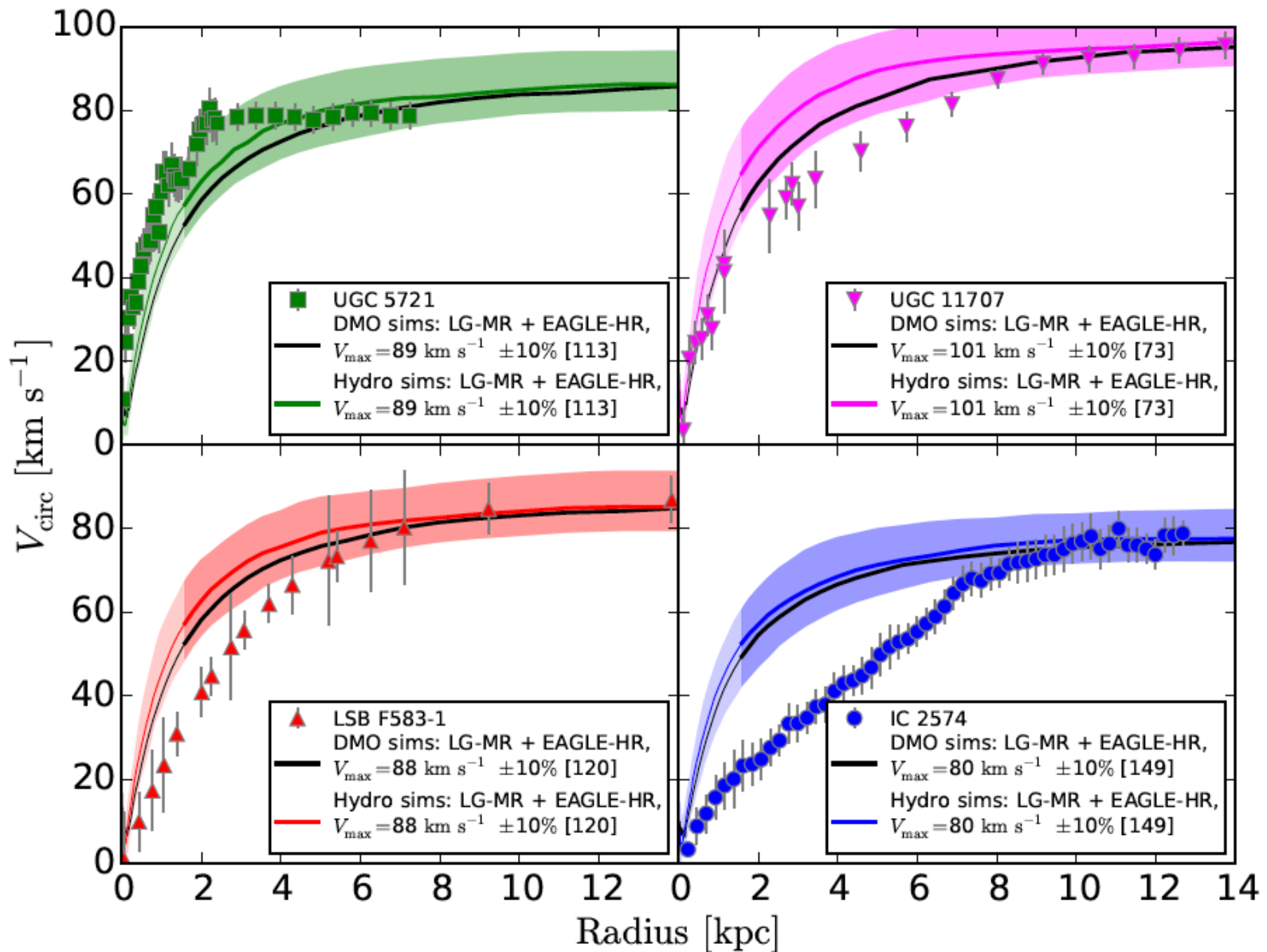
- **WDM** Abundance of hi-z galaxies? Ly- α forest? flux-ratio anomalies?
- **SIDM** V-dependent X-section needed, complex interaction with G.F.
- **FDM** Not yet explored enough to know
- **Emergent DM** A fully calculable theory has yet to emerge

Dwarf galaxy rotation curves: cusps vs cores



Many dwarf galaxies have rotation curves that fit Λ CDM predictions well

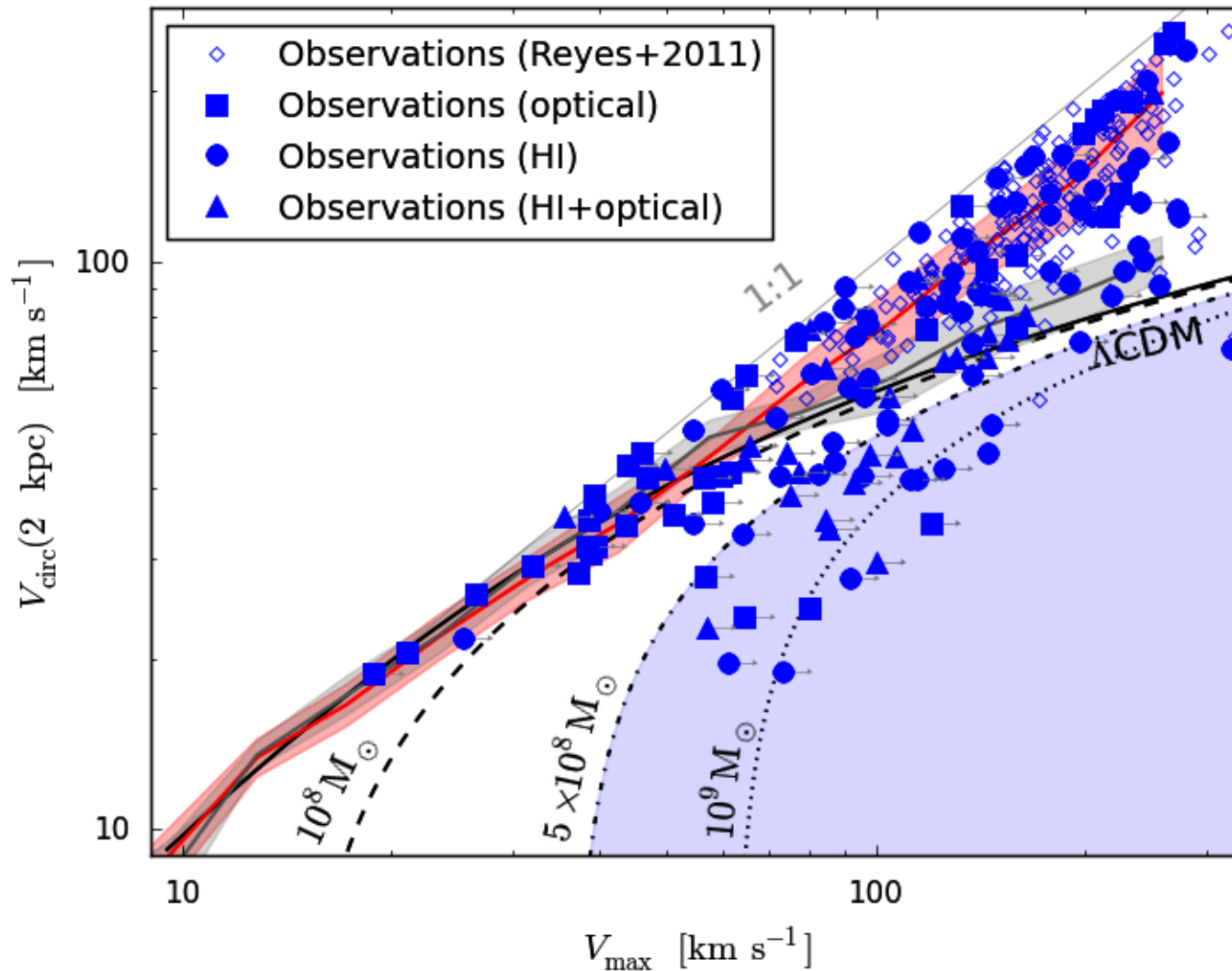
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Many others fail dramatically to fit Λ CDM predictions.

“Cores” from: (i) DM properties? (ii) Baryon effects? (iii) Incorrect modelling?

$V_{\text{circ}}(2 \text{ kpc})$ versus V_{max} for observed dwarfs



Enormous apparent diversity:

Too large for baryon effects proposed so far?

Too large to reflect DM properties alone?

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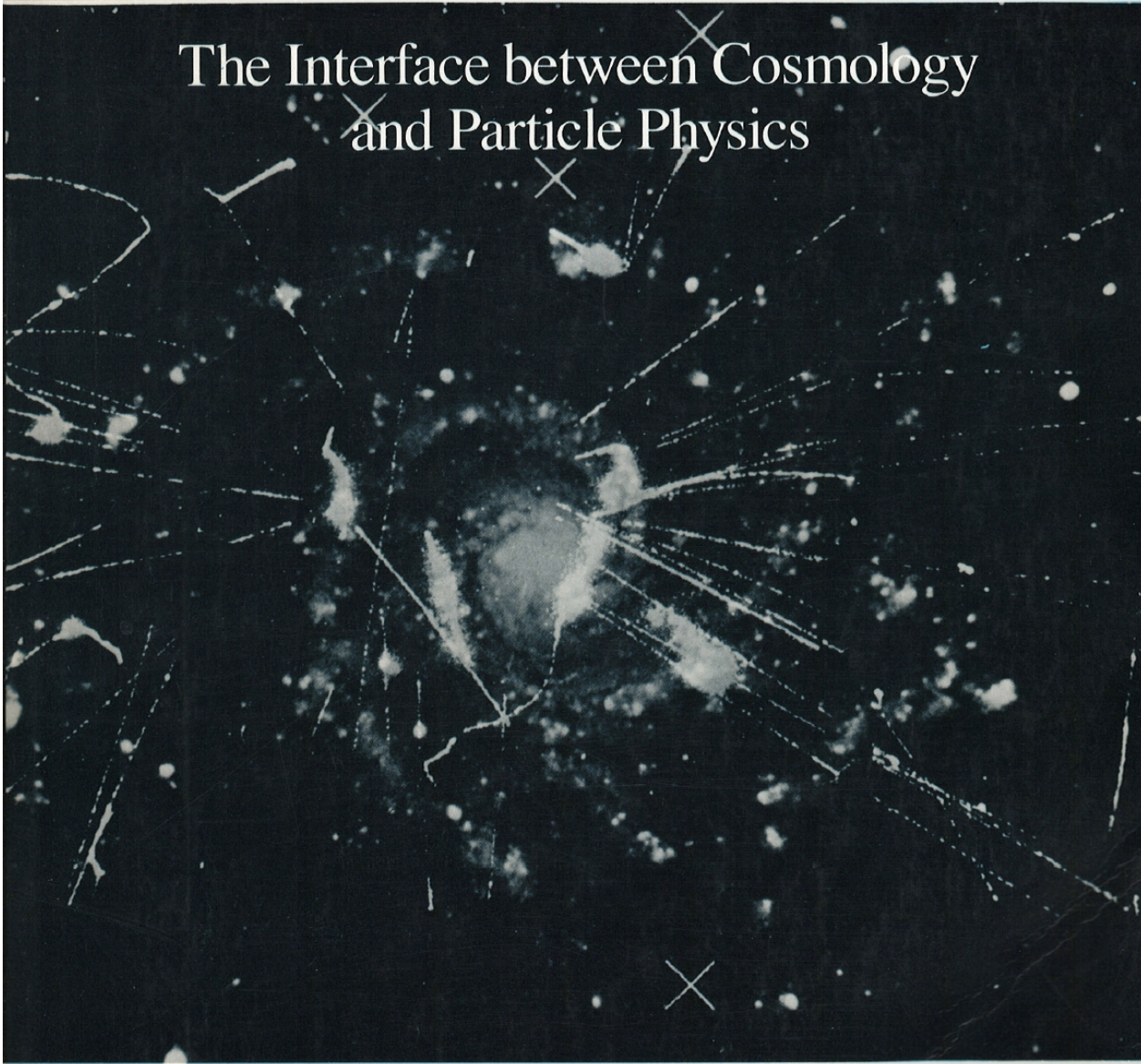
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Does the dark matter phenomenon indicate “funny gravity”?

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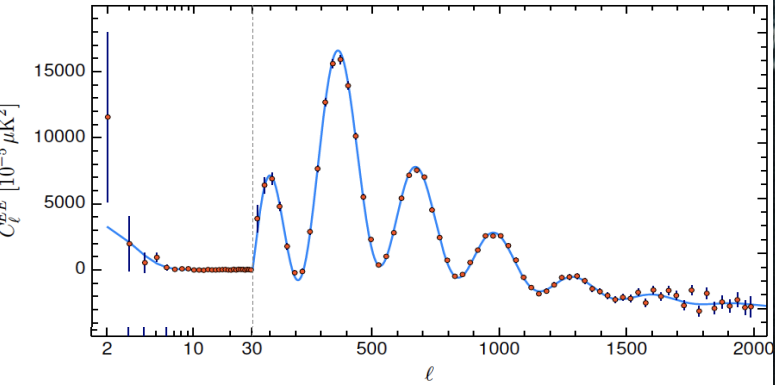
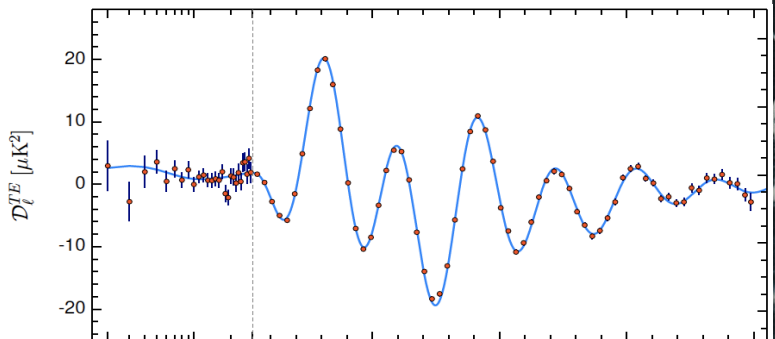
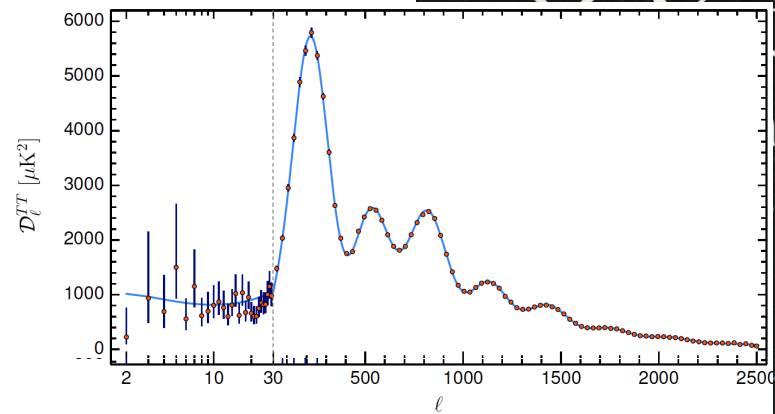
The Interface between Cosmology
and Particle Physics

A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of dark matter filaments and galaxy clusters. The filaments are represented by thin, glowing lines that intersect at nodes, forming a web-like structure. The background is dark, with numerous small, bright points representing individual galaxies or star clusters. The overall appearance is that of a vast, interconnected network of matter in the universe.

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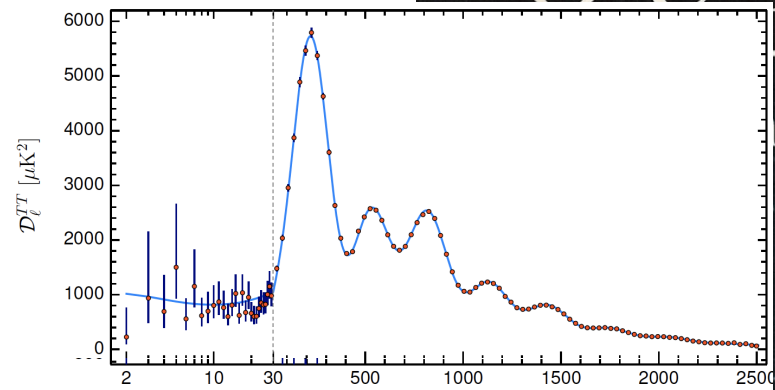
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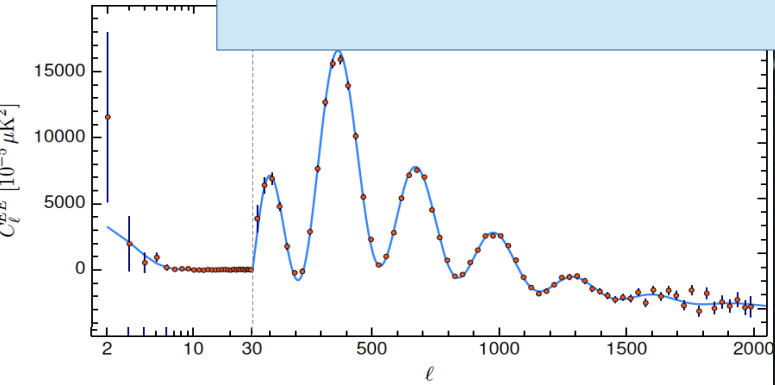
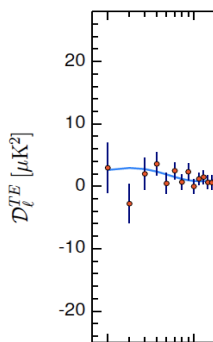
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But is there more? ...and how/where do we find it?



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