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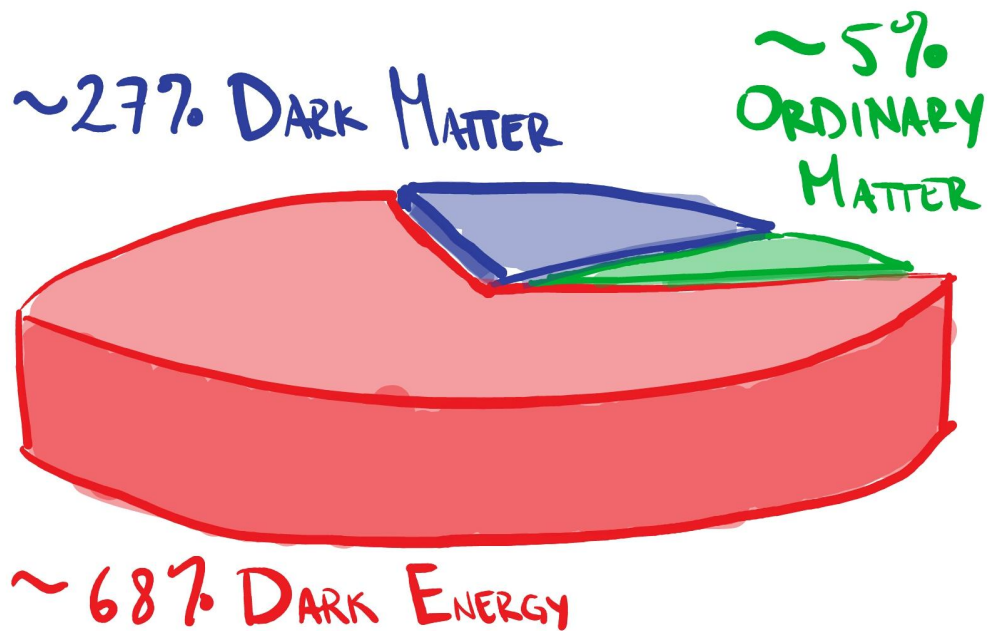
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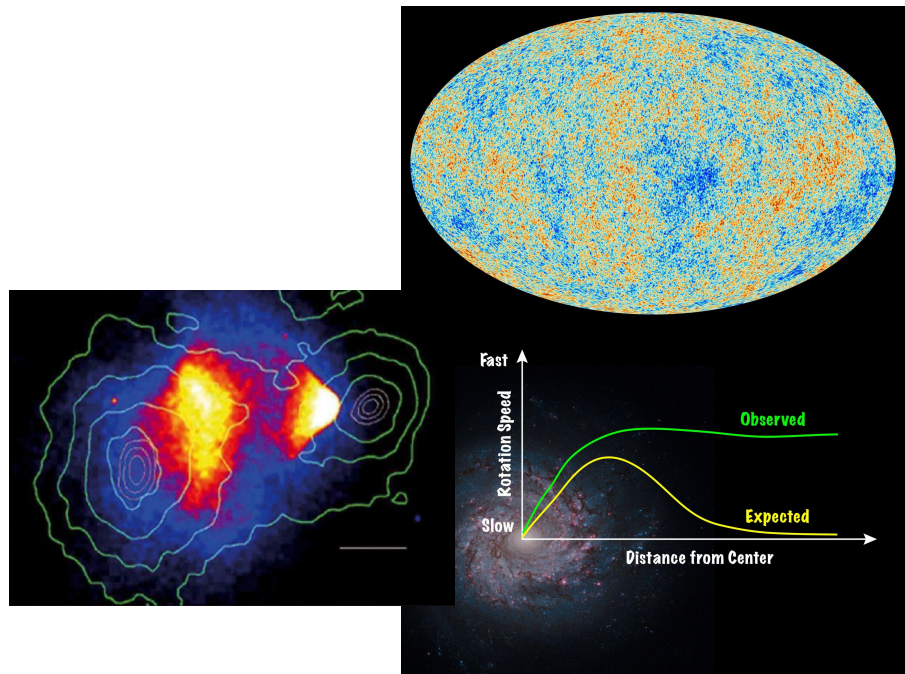
I. Motivation

Energy components of the Universe



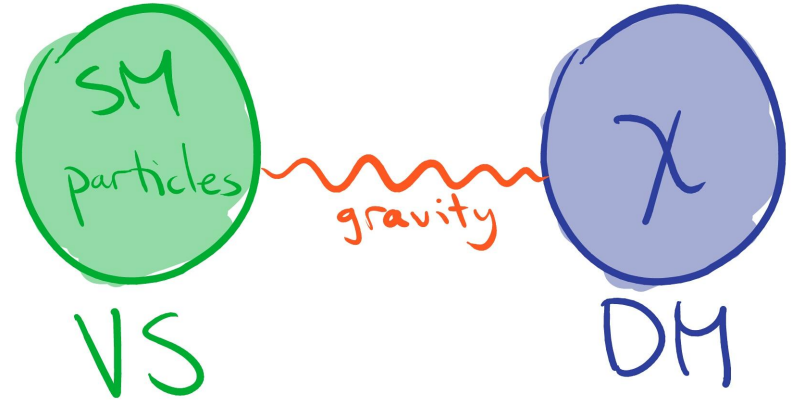
Hello Darkness, my old friend...

- Dark Energy (DE)
 - Lots of evidence
 - Really exciting & puzzling
 - Lots of cool ideas ...
 - ... but could just be cosmological constant
- Dark Matter (DM)
 - Also lots of evidence
 - Also really exciting & puzzling
 - Likely **not** MOND [Grudic et al. [1910.06345](#), etc]
 - Need **more** particles \Rightarrow BSM



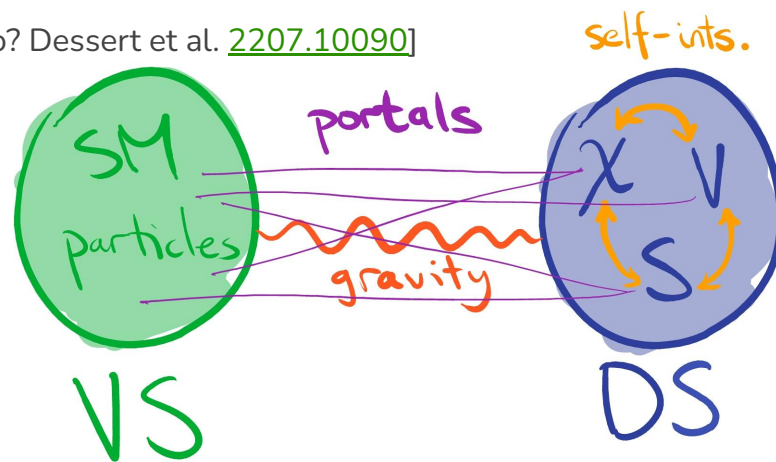
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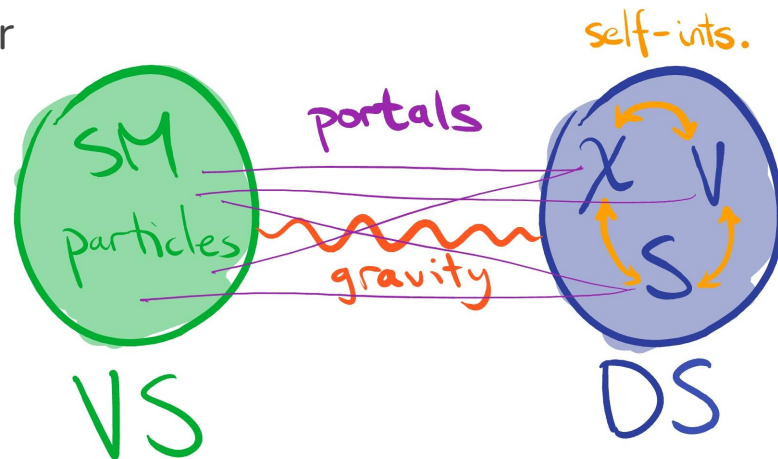
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- ... but it doesn't have to
 - E.g. in SM, **three** almost-dark particles
 - Could there be more than one DM?
 - With dark interactions?



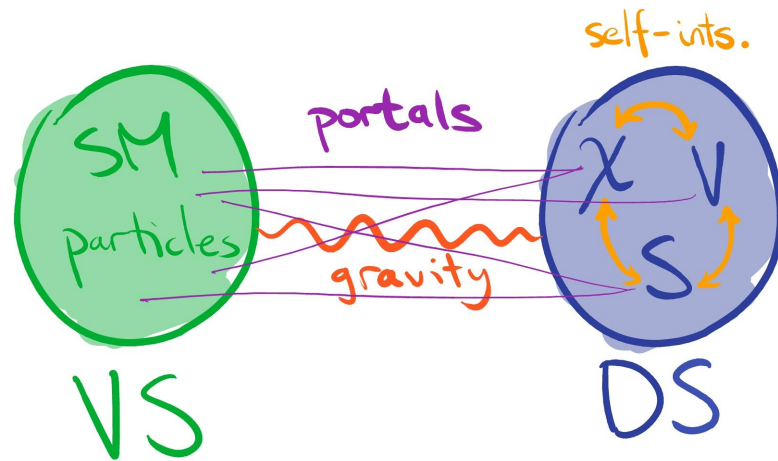
Dark Sectors (DS)

- Dark Matter could be part of Dark Sector
- Search for signals of these sectors
 - Colliders
 - Direct Detection experiments [Kim, Mukul (Tu); Victor (Th); Peizhi & Robert (next week)]
 - **Cosmology**
 - **Astrophysics**



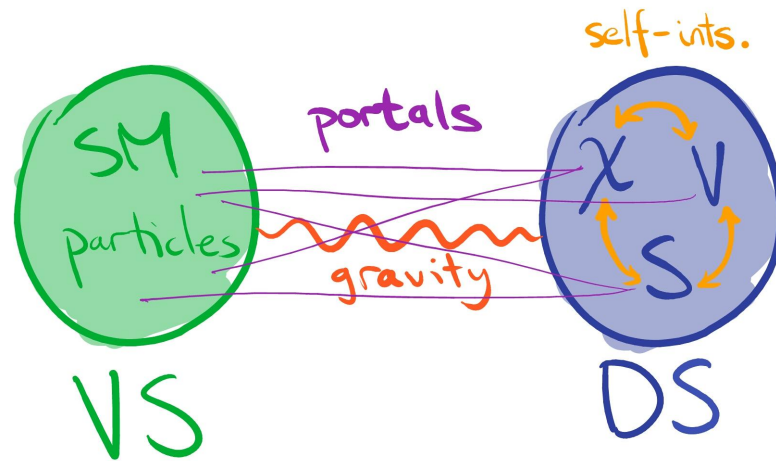
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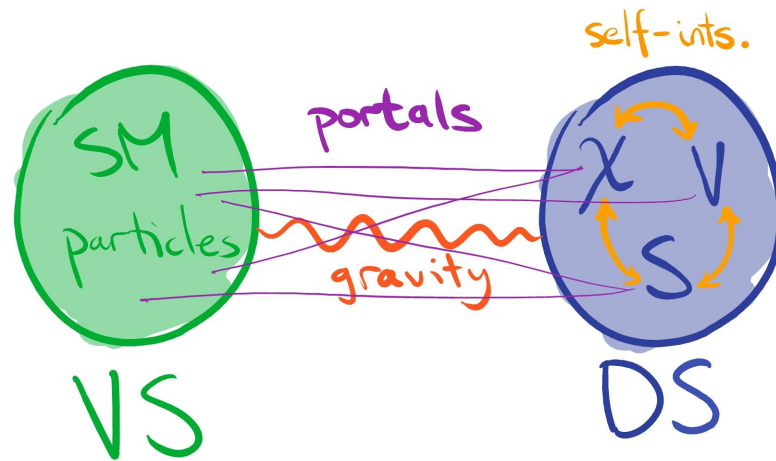
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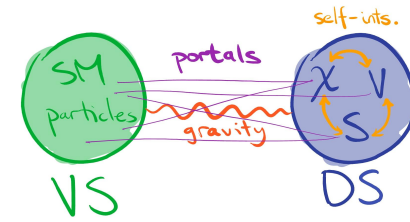


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- **Phenomena (how?)**
 - Decays? Annihilations?
 - Collective phenomena? Phase Transitions?
 - New cosmic evolution?
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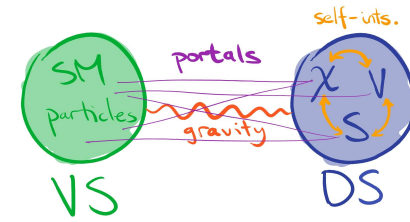


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 - E.g. axion dark matter decays stimulated by powerful radio sources over galactic distances [MBA, Fan, Sun [2110.13916](#), github.com/ManuelBuenAbad/snr_ghosts]
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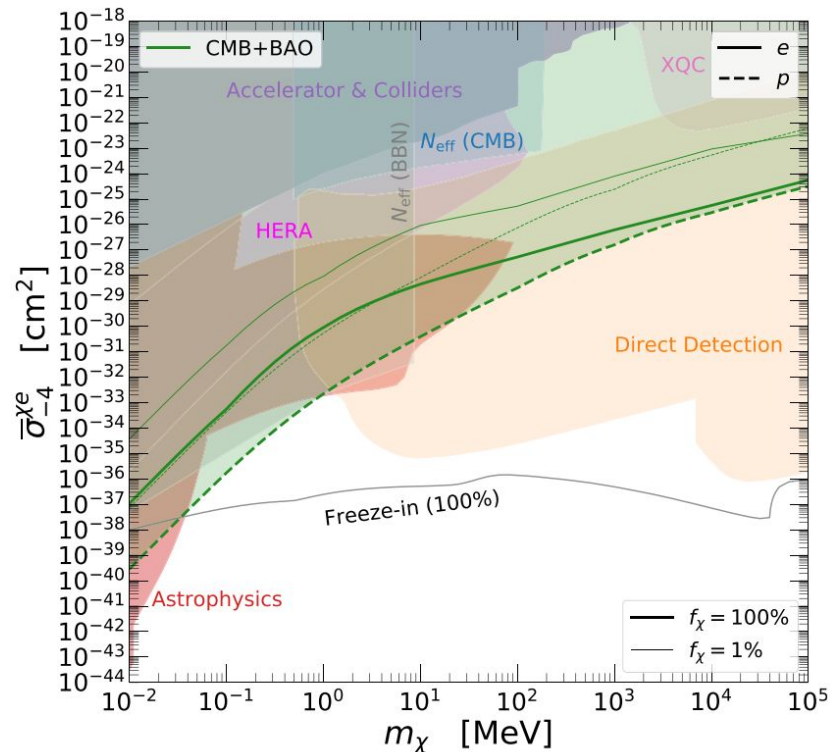


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- **Cosmology:** Dark Matter plays a central role in the evolution of the Universe
 - Age of precision cosmology: DS interactions with VS and within itself!
 - Vanilla (inert) CDM seems to work... but there are signs of cracks

II. Dark Sectors & Precision Cosmology

DM interactions with VS

- In Λ CDM: CDM and VS are coupled via gravity only
- Beyond Λ CDM: DM could interact with VS
 - Eg. via heavy/light mediator
 - Complicated thermal & perturbation history
- **DM–p**: early focus [Dvorkin et al. [1311.2937](#), Xu et al. [1802.06788](#), Boddy et al. [1808.00001](#)]
- **DM–e**: recent developments [Ali-Haimoud [2101.04070](#), MBA et al. [2107.12377](#), Nguyen et al. [2107.12380](#)]



Interactions within Dark Sectors

Remaining of This Talk

DS interactions with itself

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- *Precision* cosmology: probe DS interactions
- Already signs of cracks in Λ CDM
 - H_0 tension: rate of expansion of the Universe today
 - S_8 tension: amplitude of mass fluctuations on scales of $8 \text{ Mpc}/h$

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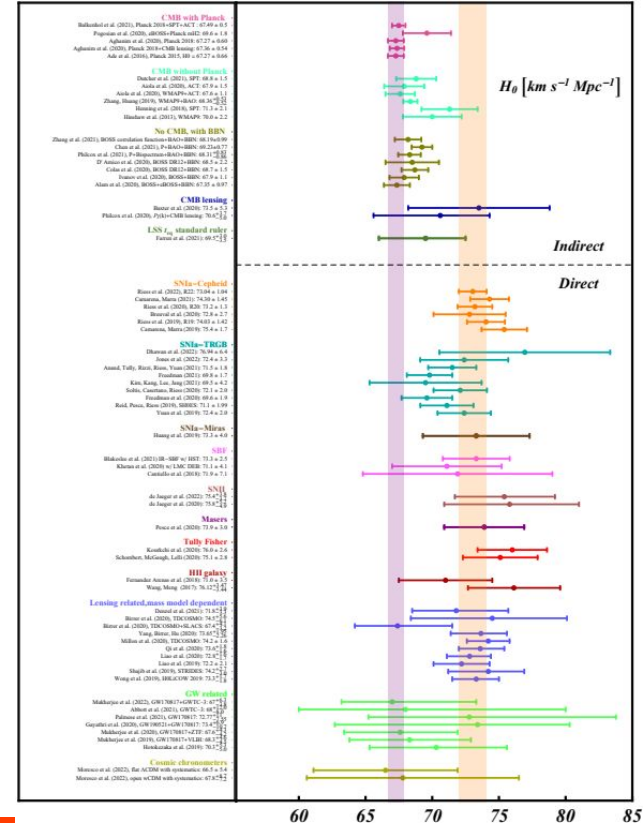
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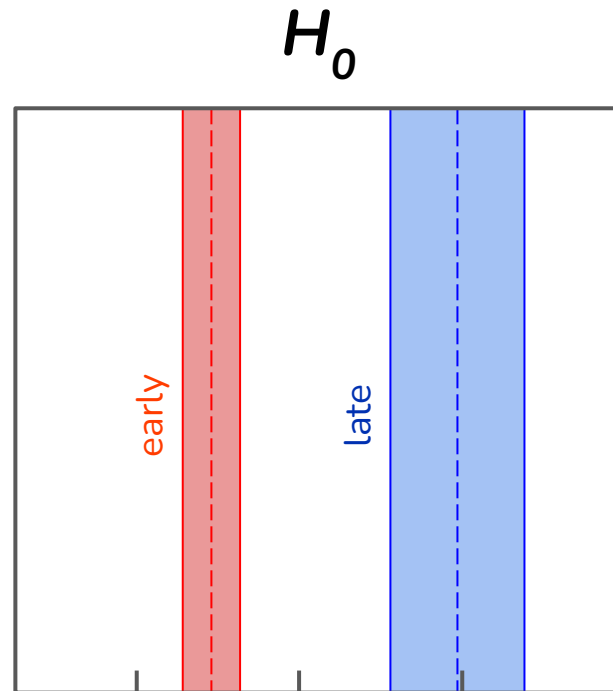
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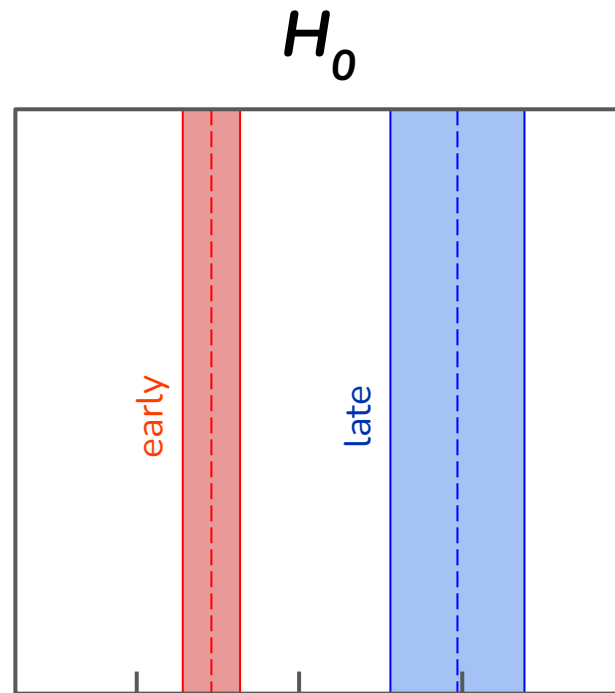
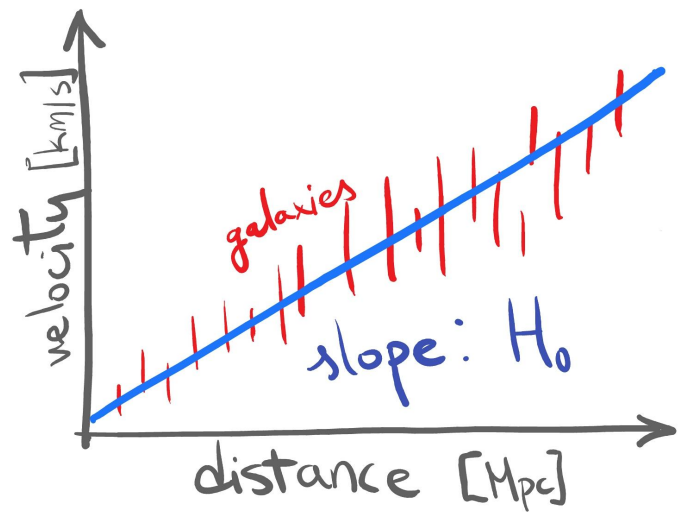


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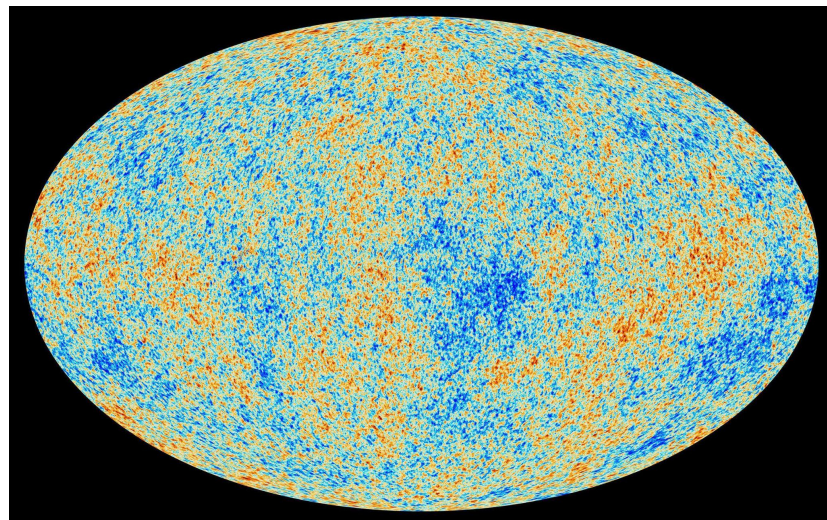
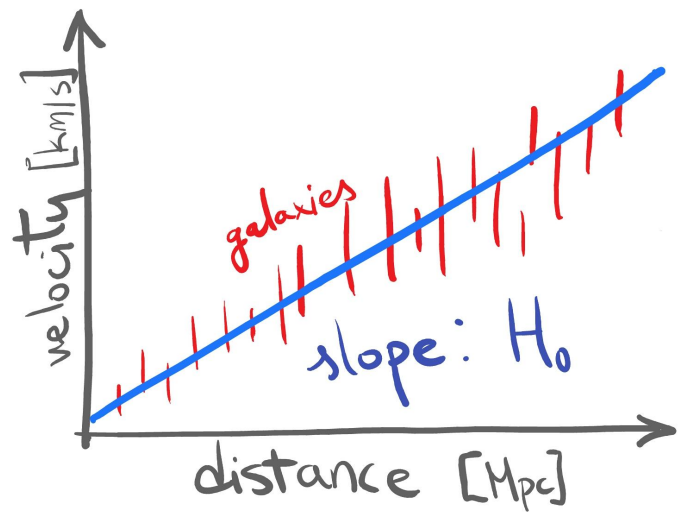
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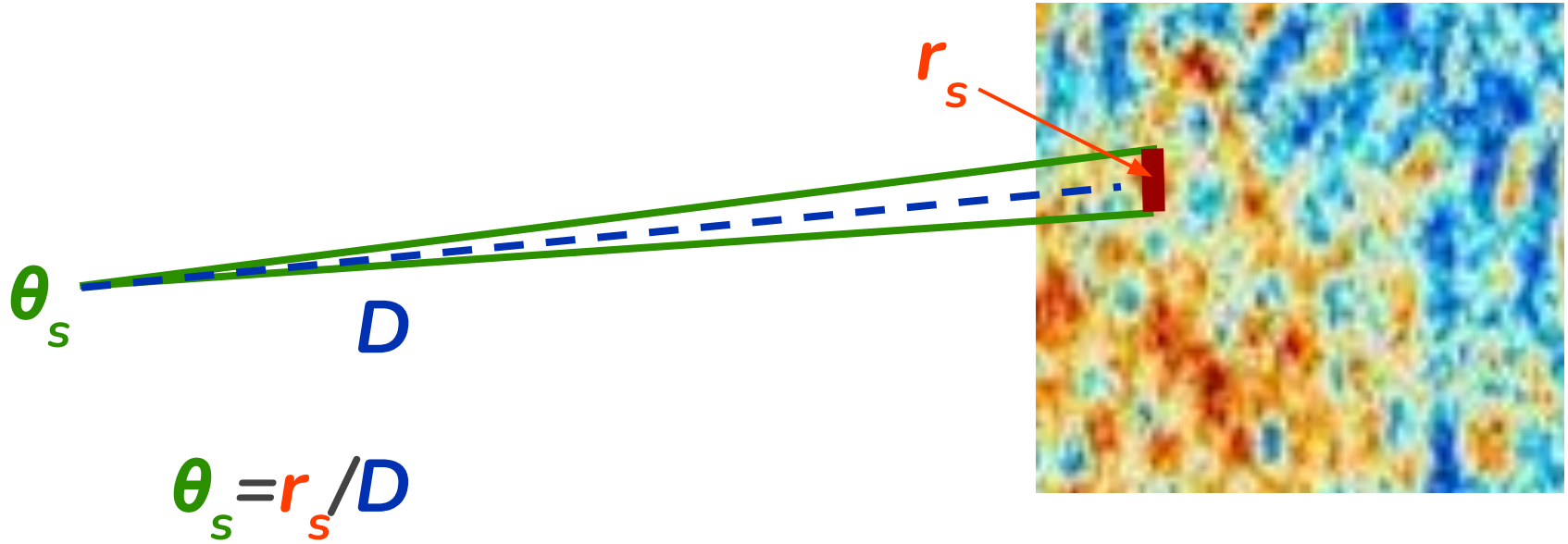


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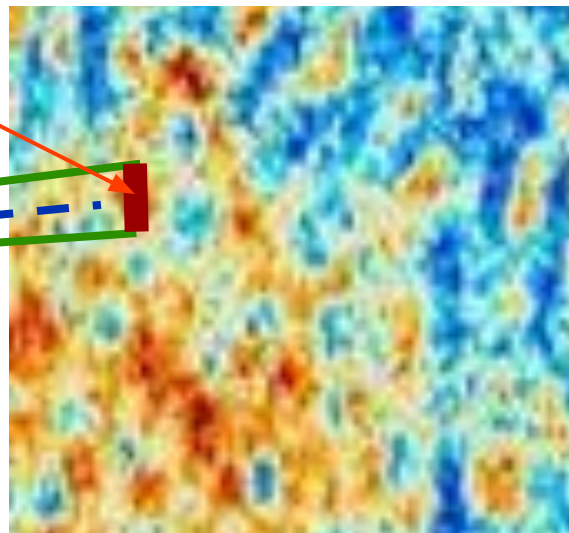
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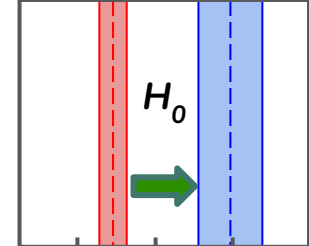
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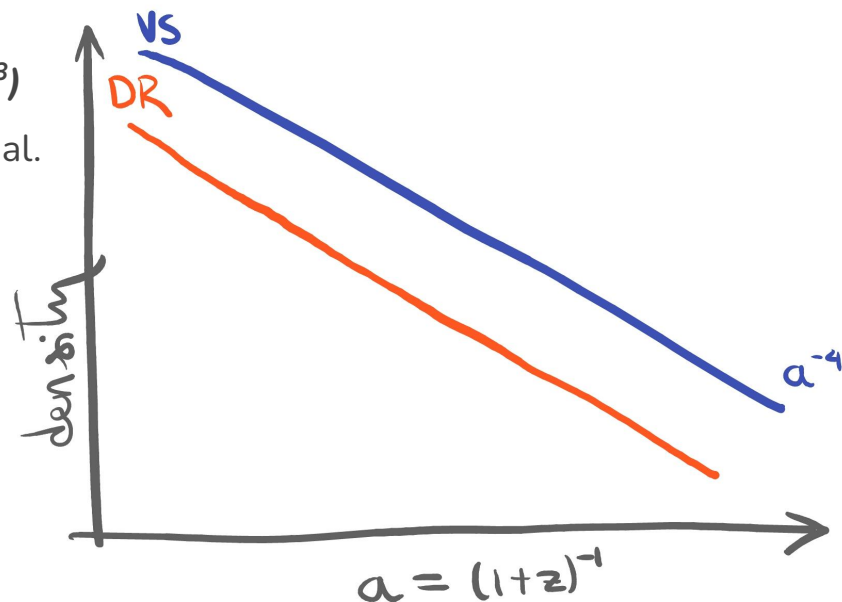


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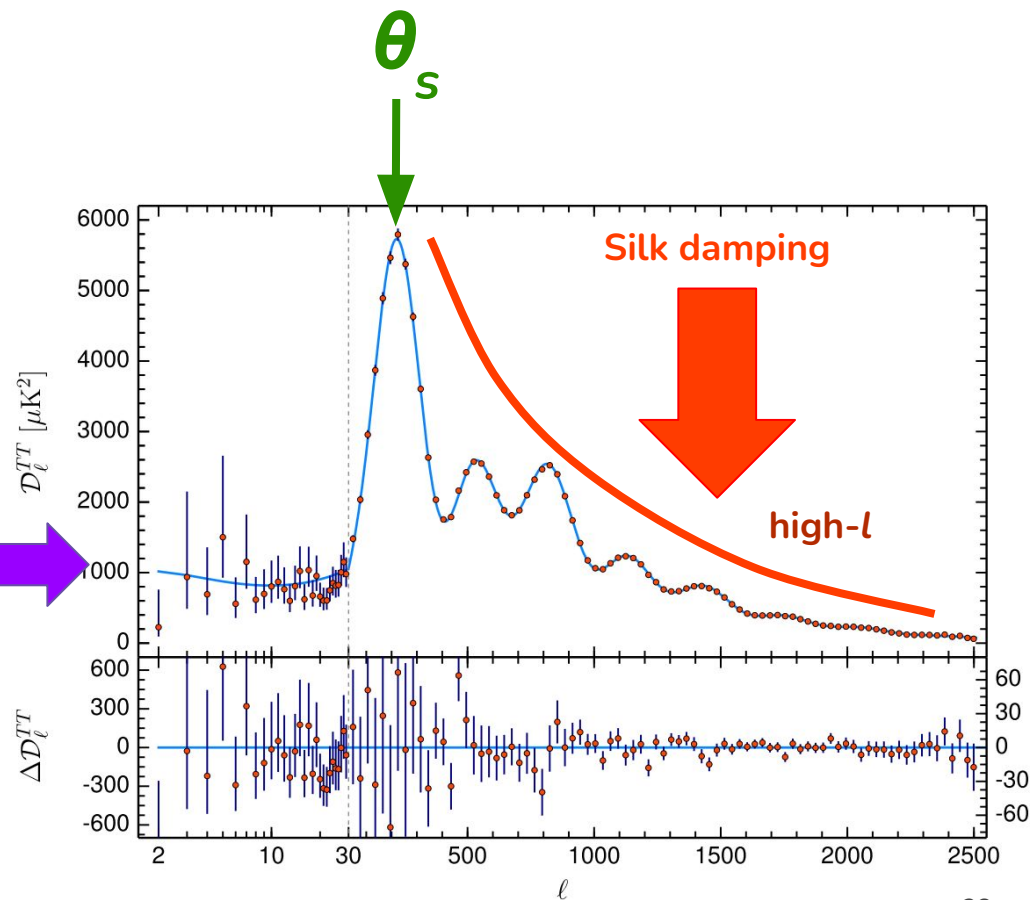
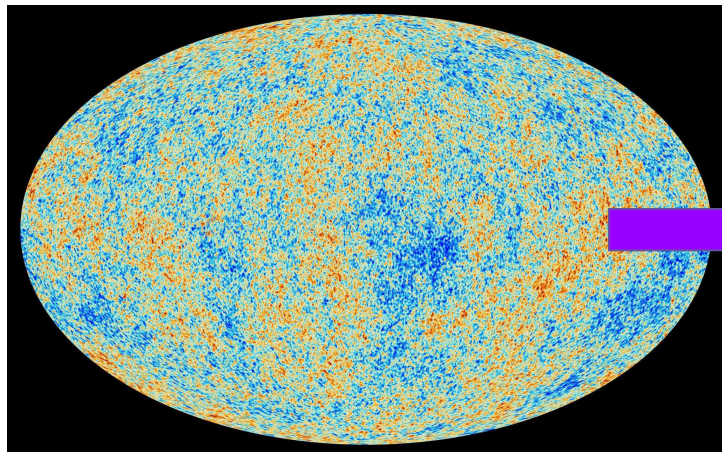
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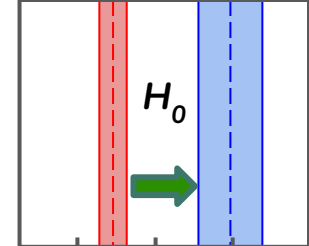
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But...



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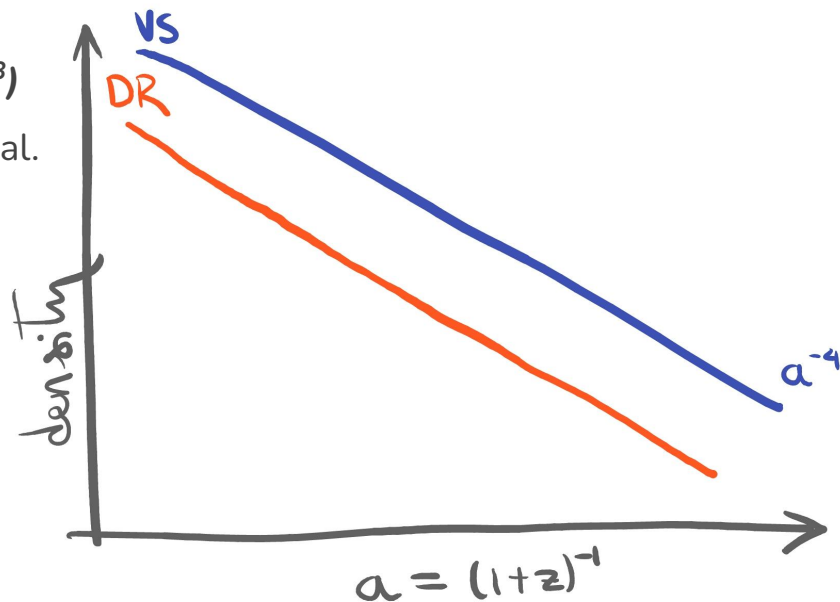


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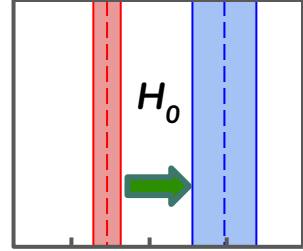
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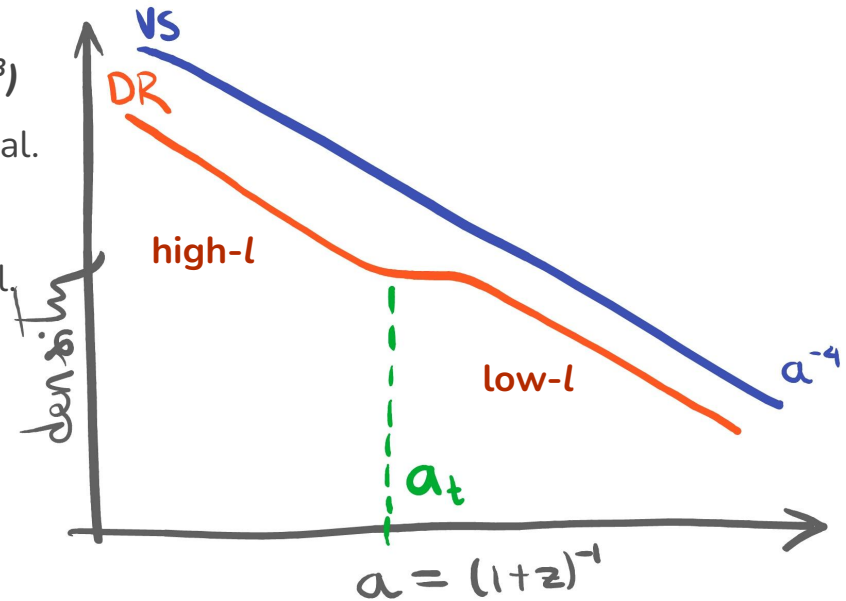


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- **Better:** with a “step” (preferred by data) [Aloni et al. [2111.00014](#)]

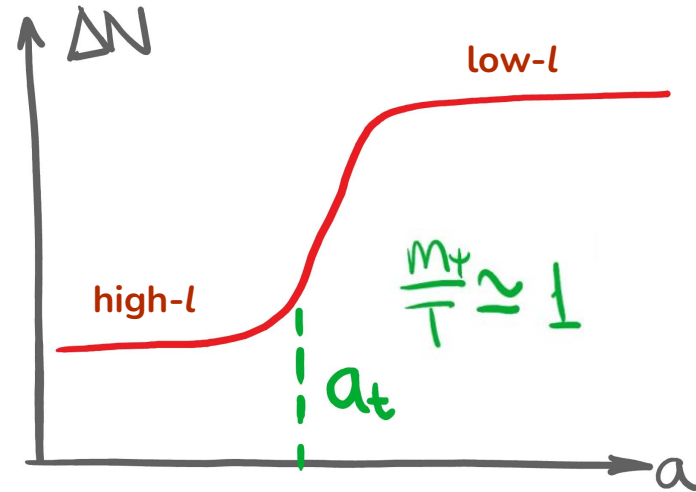
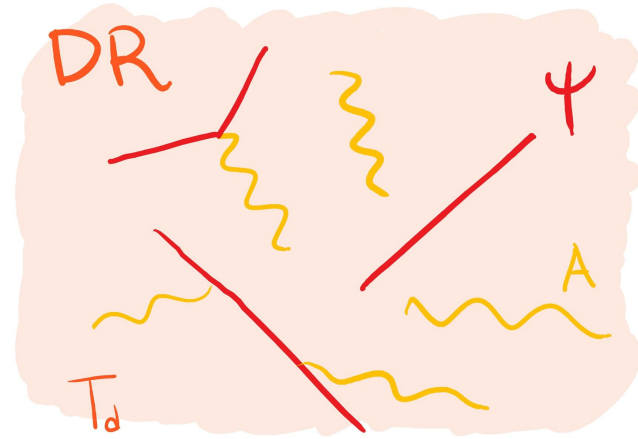
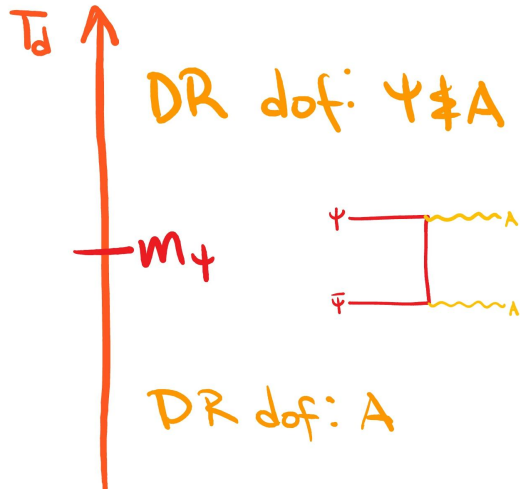
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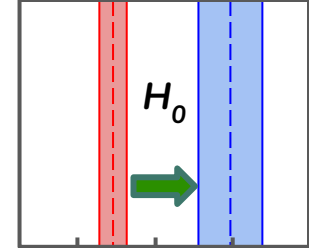
(P) Steps in DR

Entropy dump in DR sector

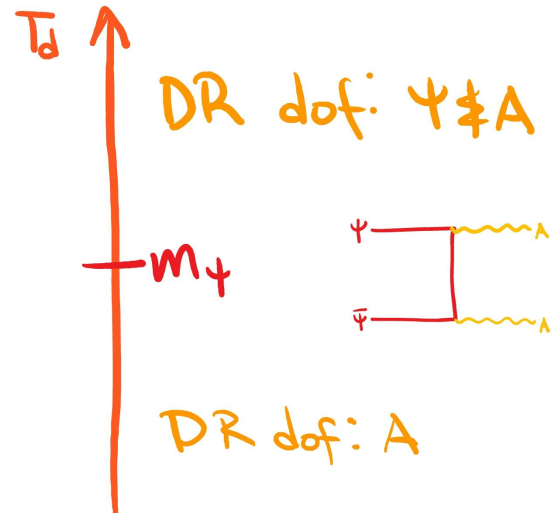
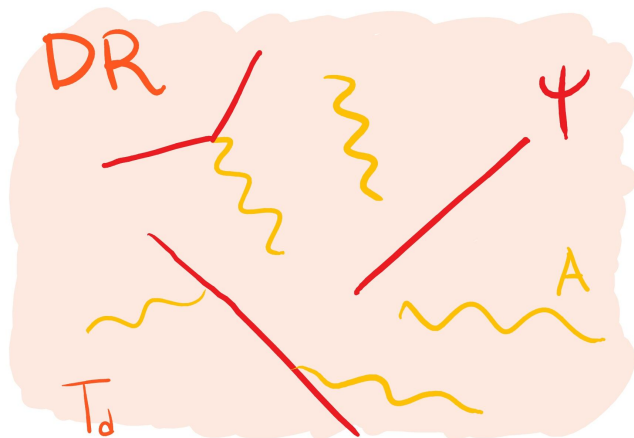
- Typical of mass thresholds in thermal baths (à la freeze-out)
- \Rightarrow implies multi-particle DR



H_0 summary



- (O) H_0 , ultimately r_s (CMB)
- (N) Extra DR, with a step
- (P) DR with multiple interacting components, and a mass threshold



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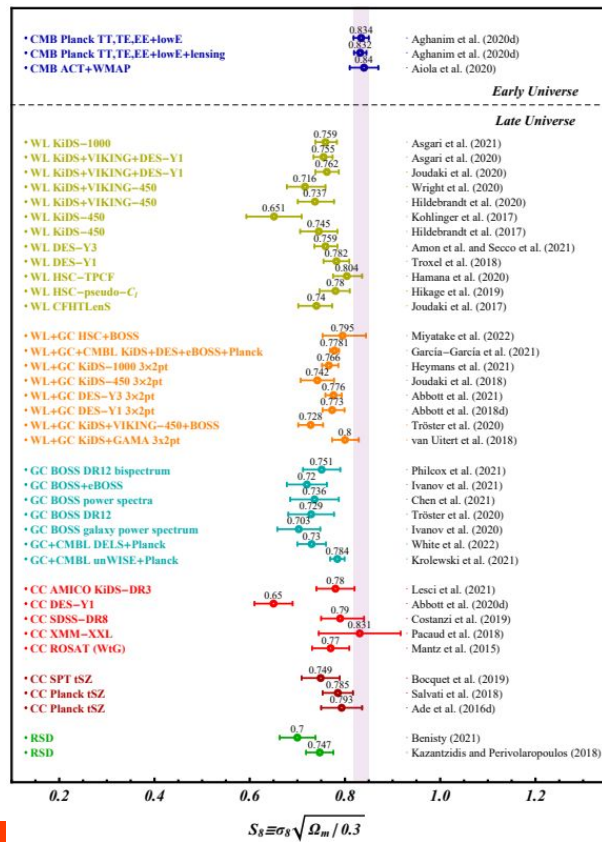
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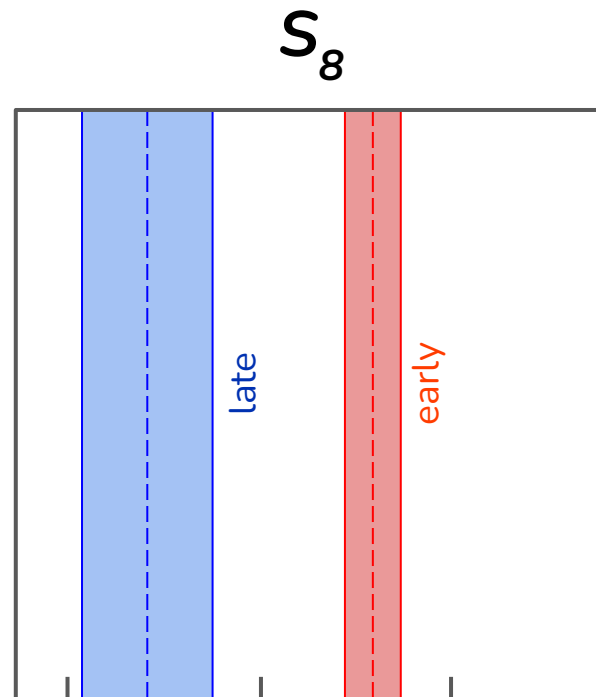
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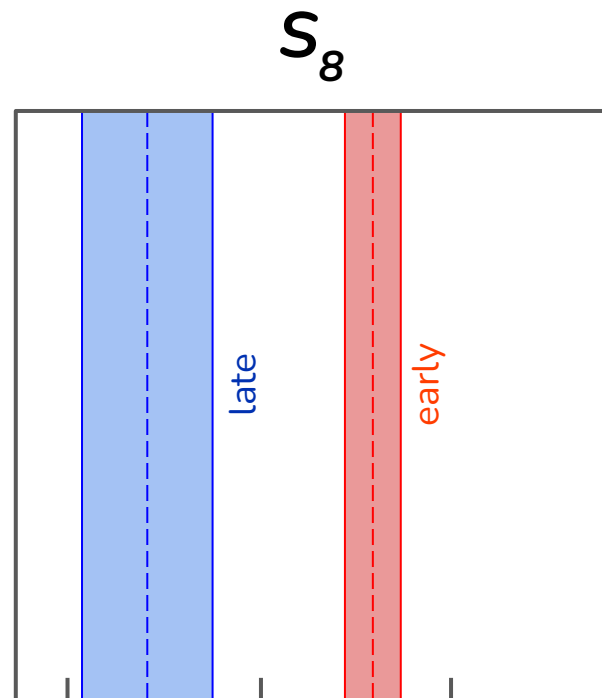
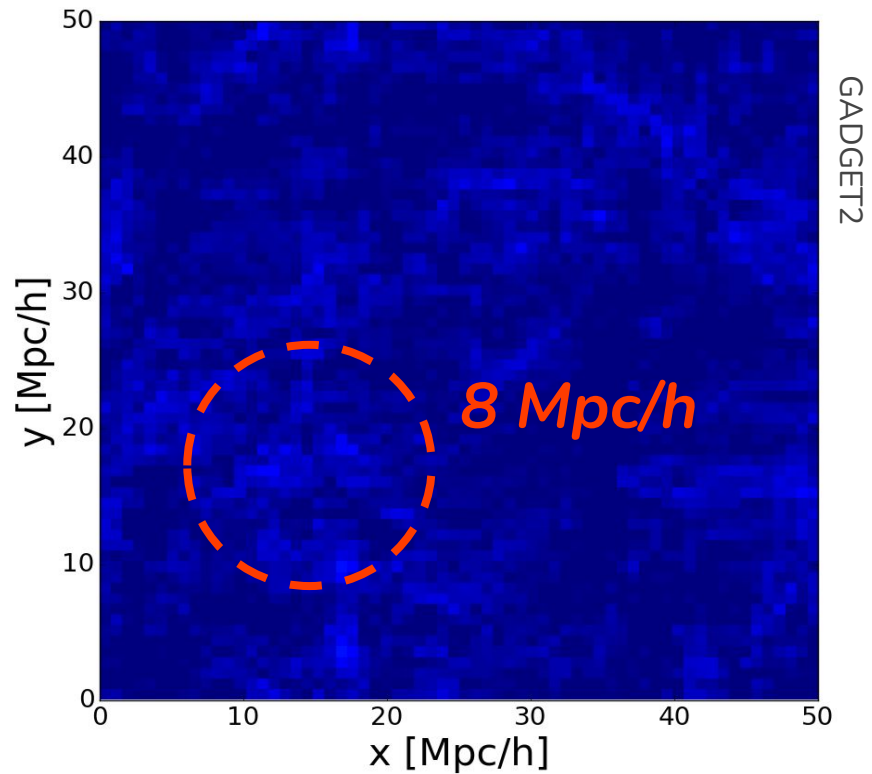
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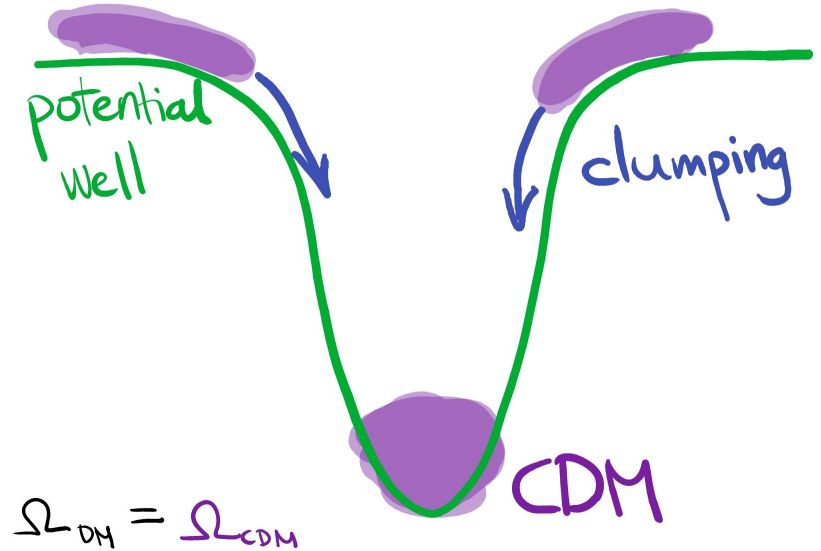
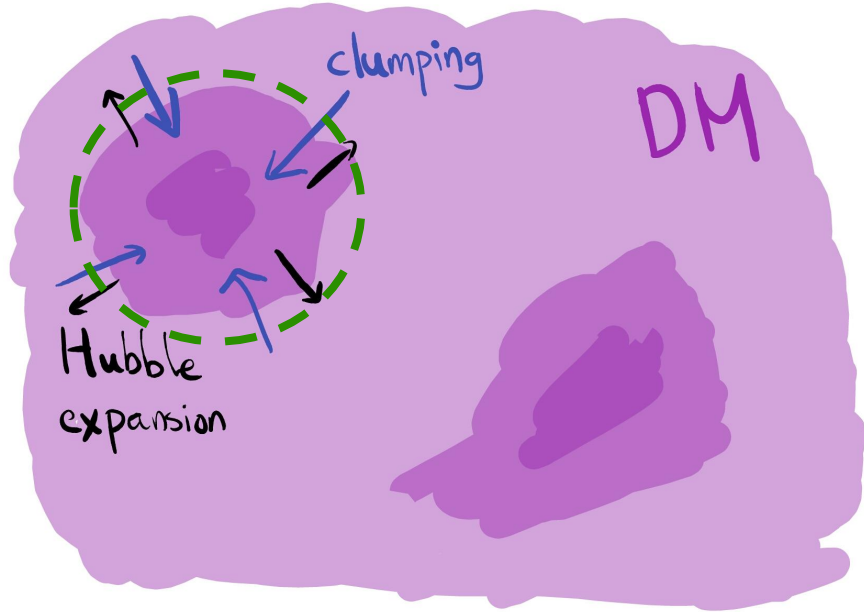
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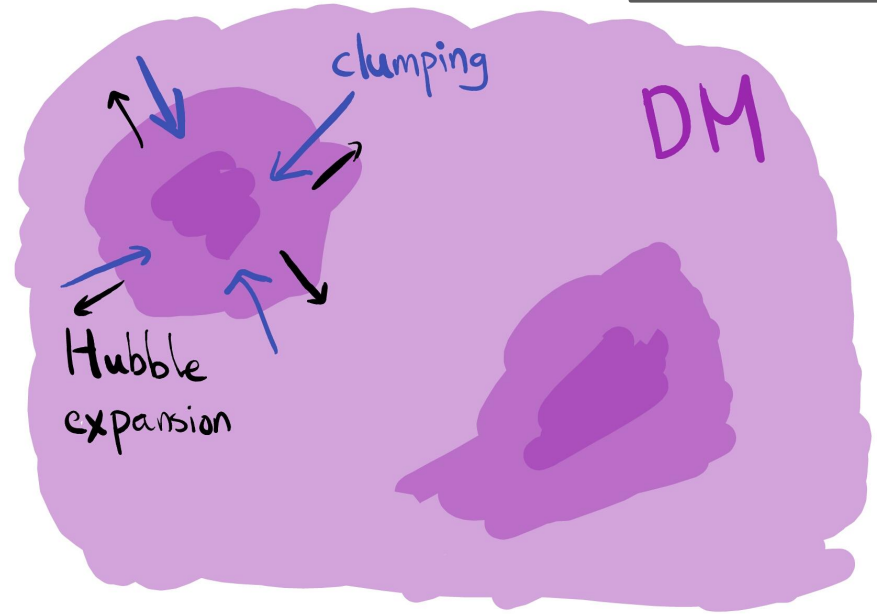
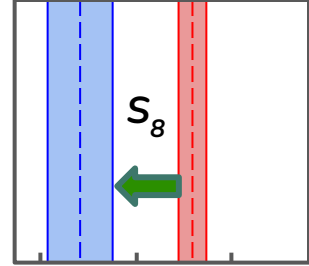
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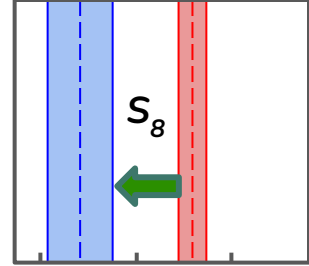
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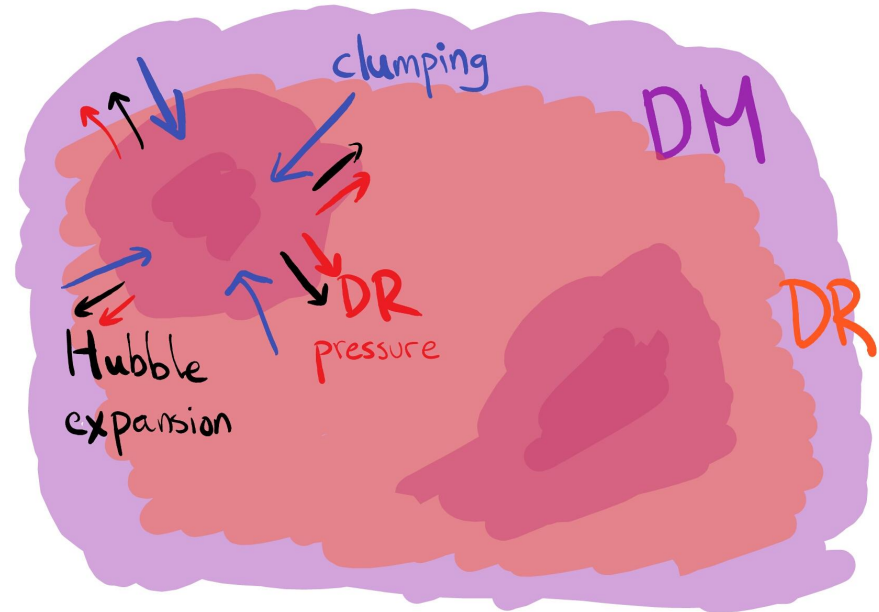


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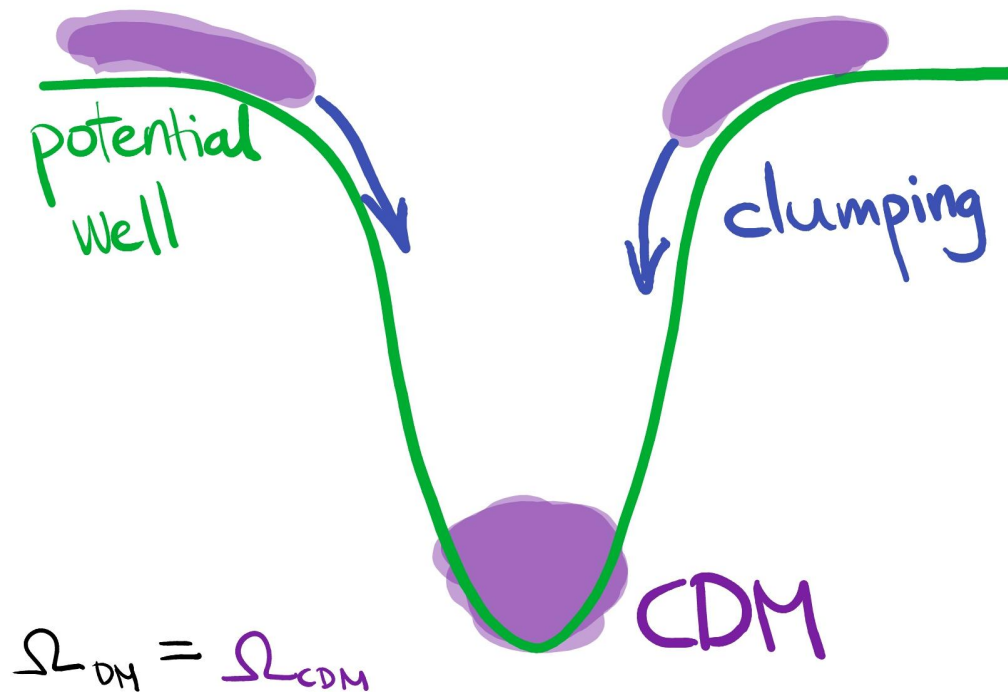
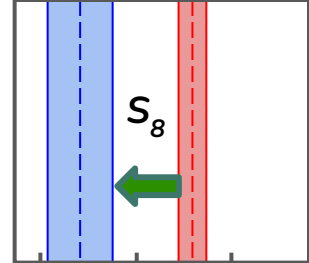


Dark Matter interacting with Dark Radiation: DR provides *pressure* on DM

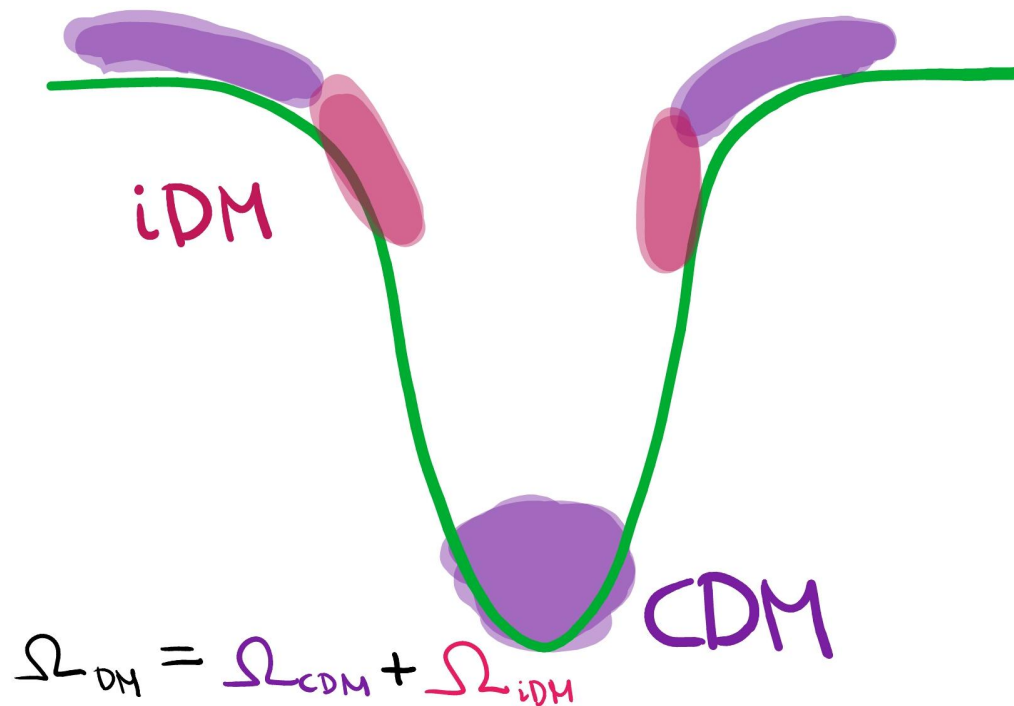
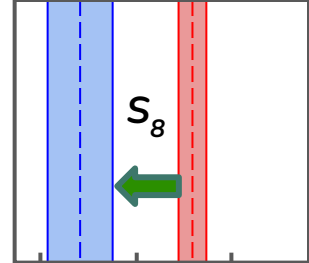
- **Weakly-coupled limit** [MBA et al. [1505.03542](#), Lesgourgues et al. [1507.04351](#)]
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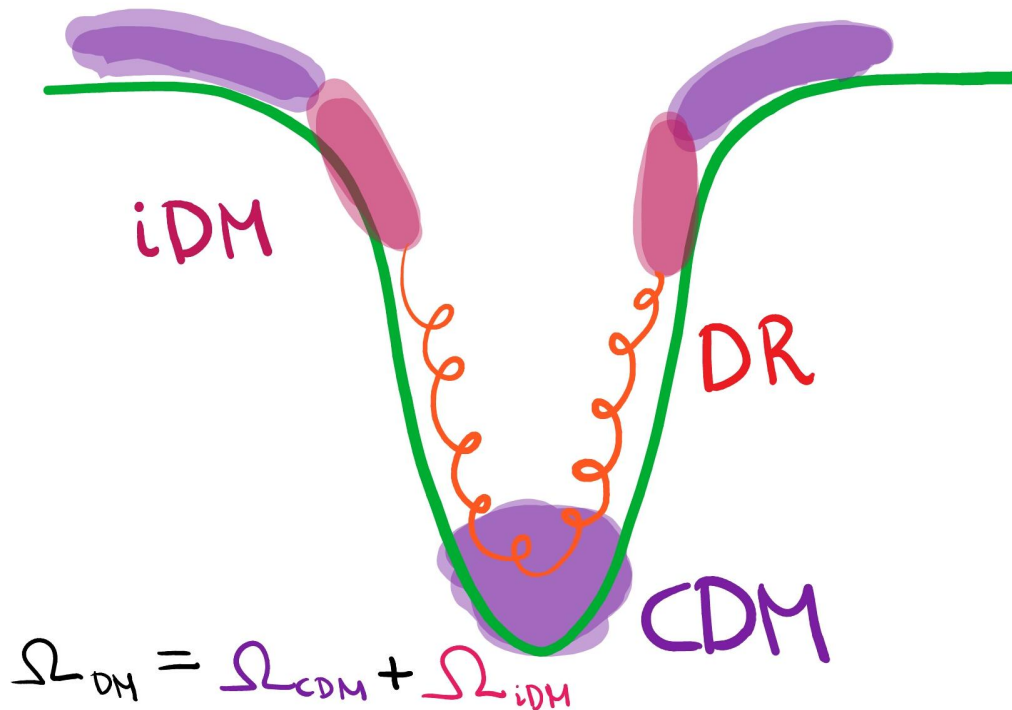
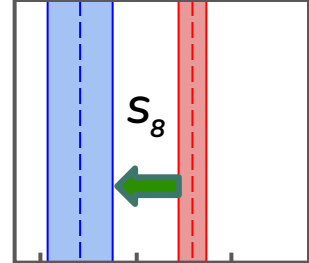
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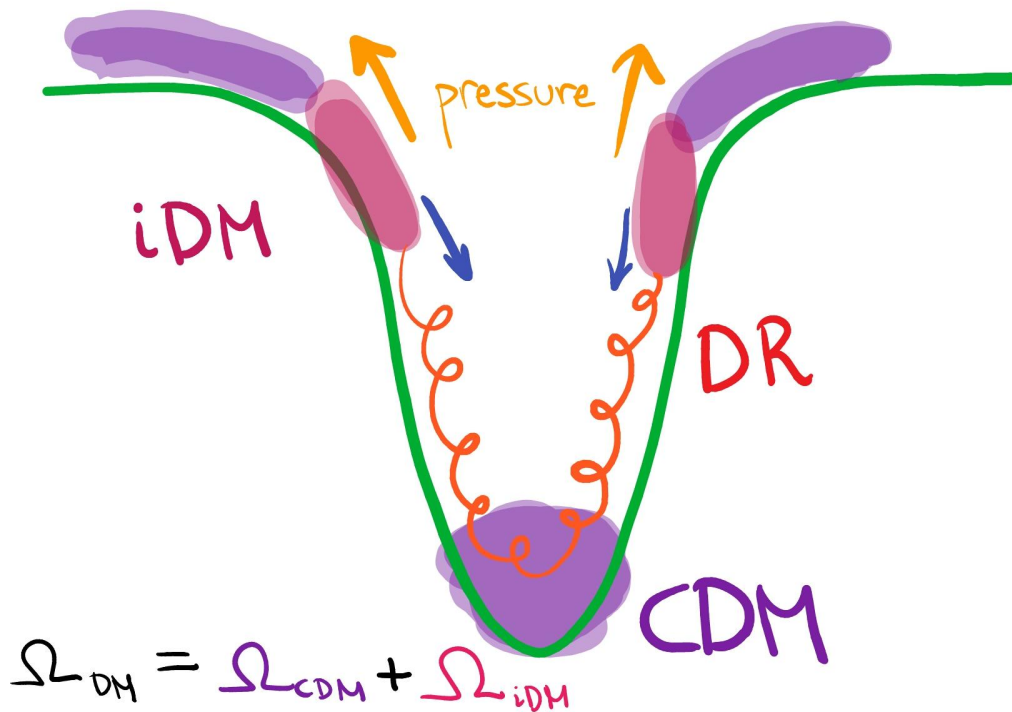
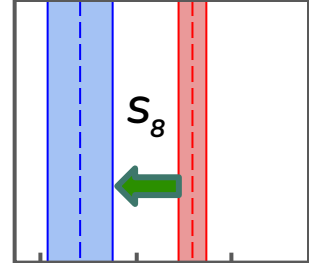
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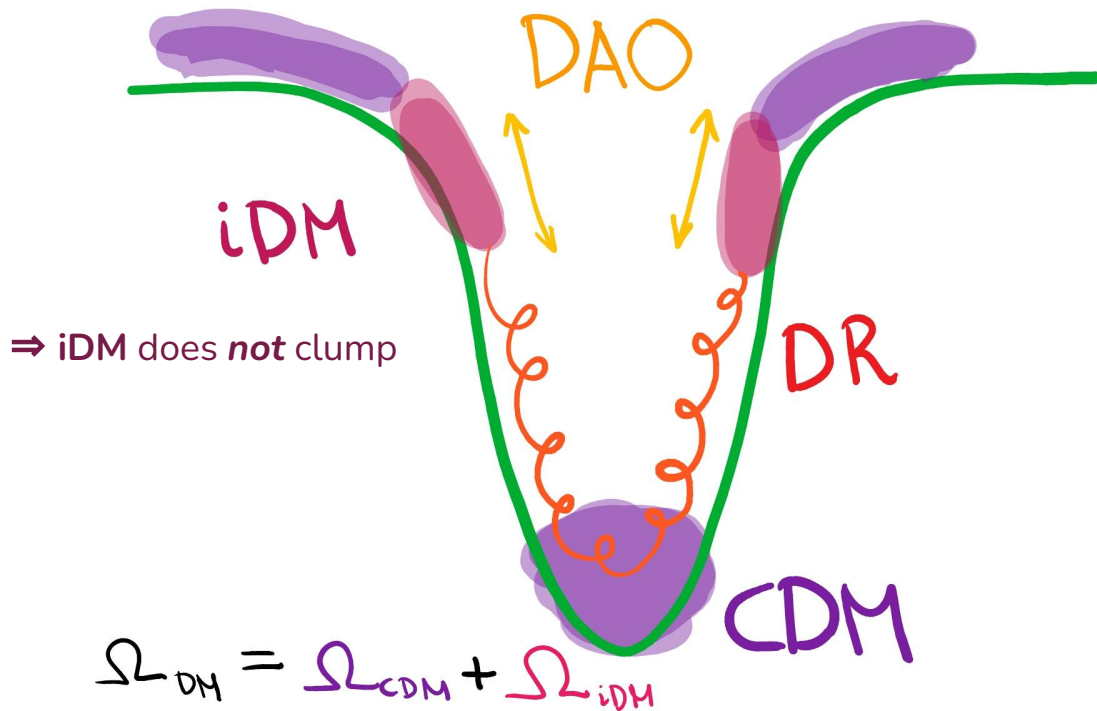
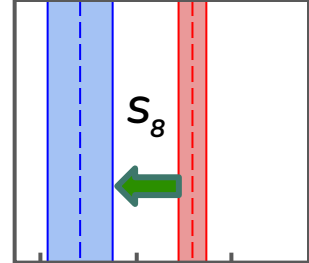
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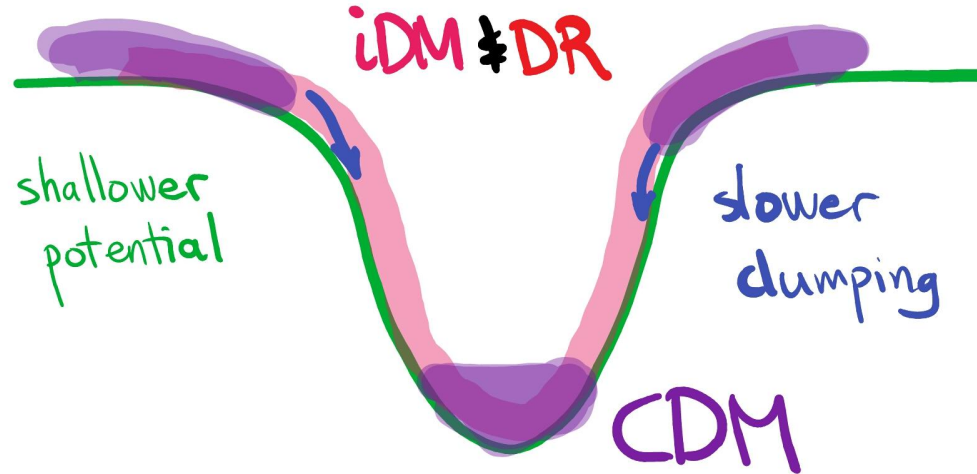
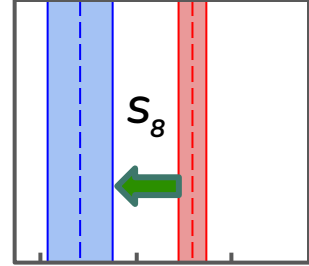
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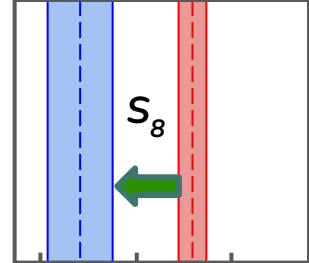


Structure Suppression



$$\Omega_{DM} = \Omega_{CDM} + \Omega_{iDM}$$

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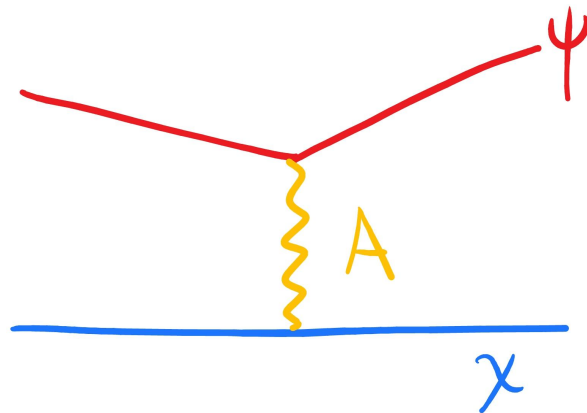
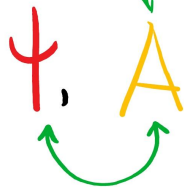


- DM charged under gauge bosons making up DR:
 - Sufficiently large coupling: DR pressure prevents clumping of DM

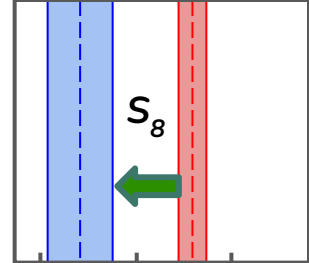
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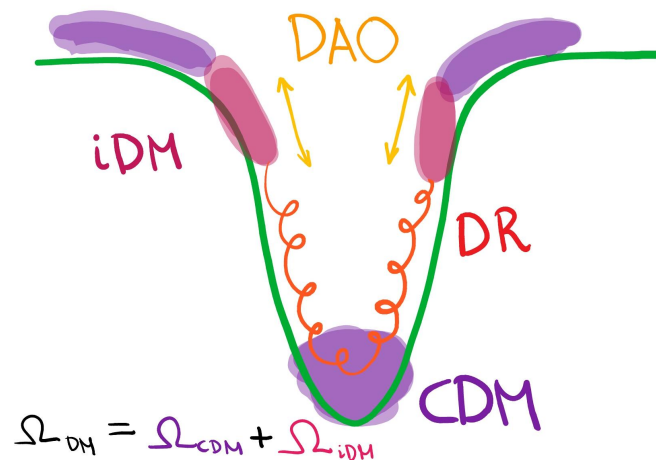
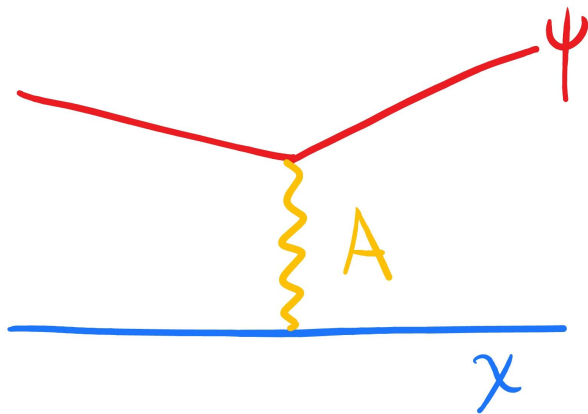
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S_8 summary

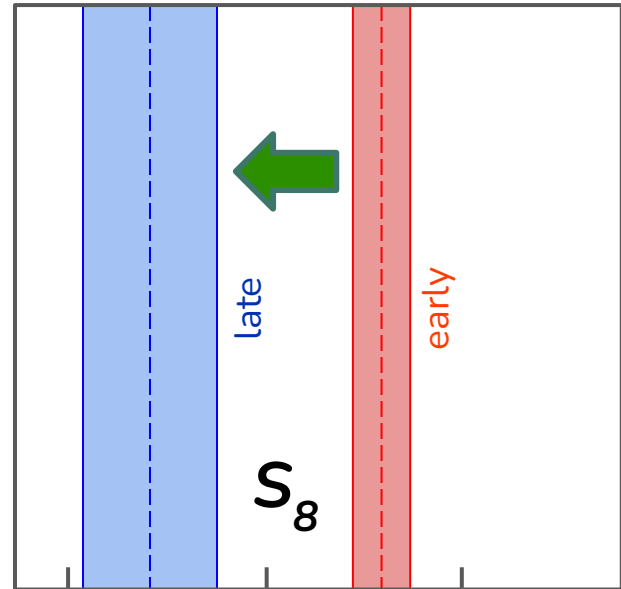
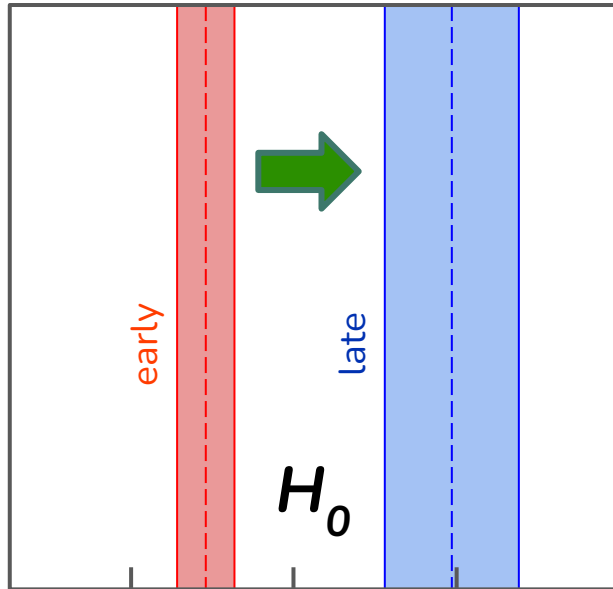


- (O) S_8 : suppression of large-scale structure (LSS)
- (N) Tightly-coupled DM–DR
- (P) DM charged under DR



H_0 & S_8 together?

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H_0 & S_8 together: SPartAcous

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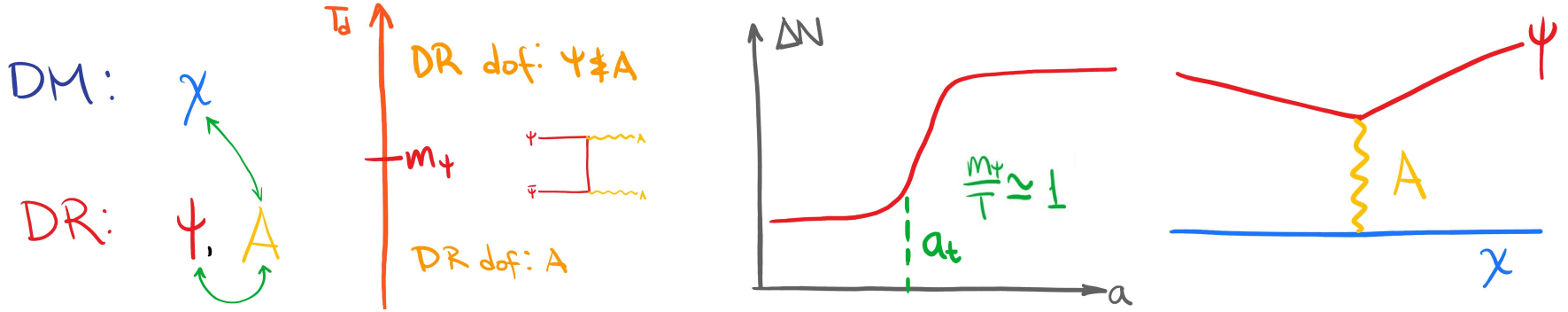
MBA, Chacko, Cilic, Marques-Tavares, Yuon [2208.xxxxx] (Monday!)

A good step with dark acoustics!

- (O) CMB, LSS; cosmological H_0 & S_8 tensions
- (N) DS=tightly-coupled DM+DR; DR has mass threshold
- (P) Late-time entropy dump in DS; DAOs

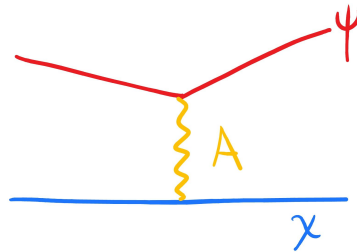
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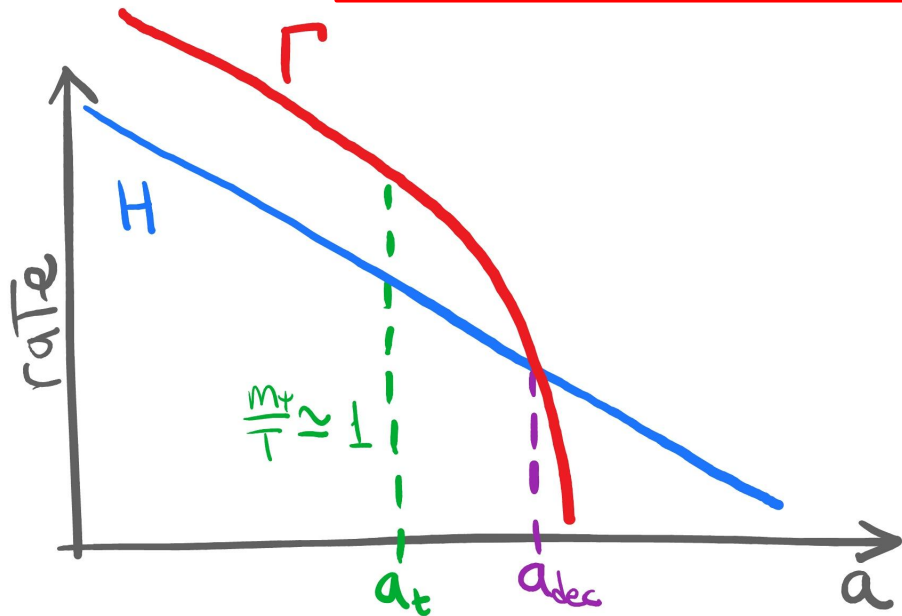


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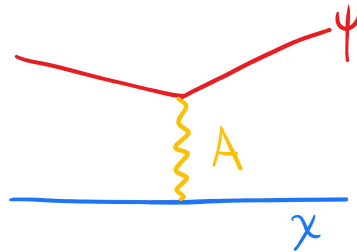
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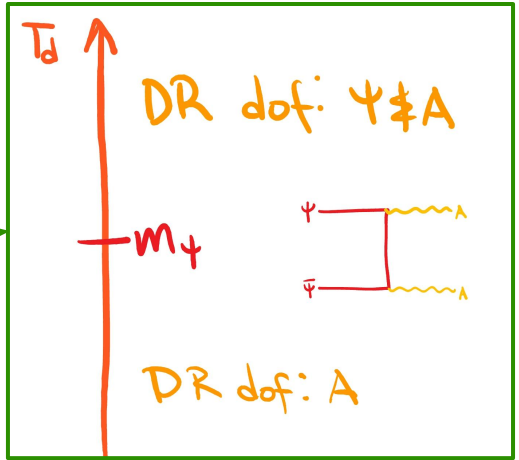
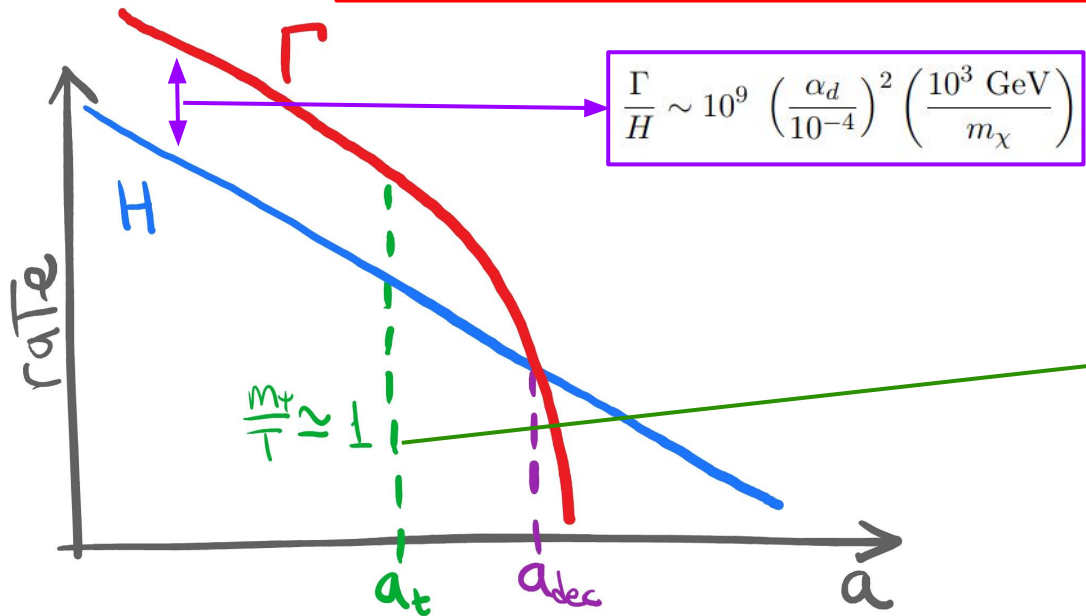
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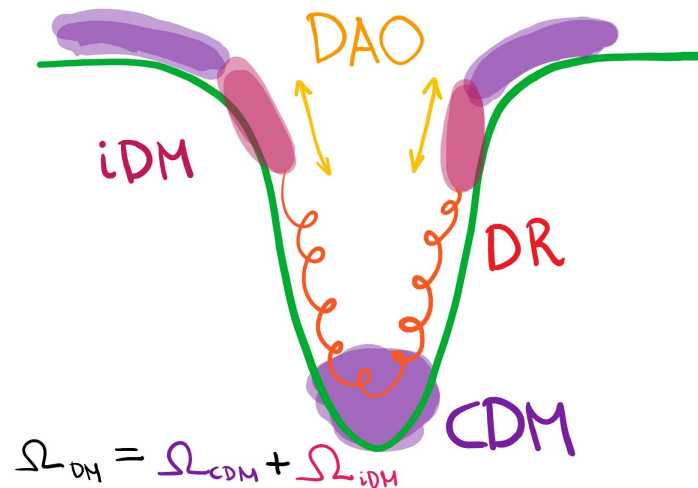
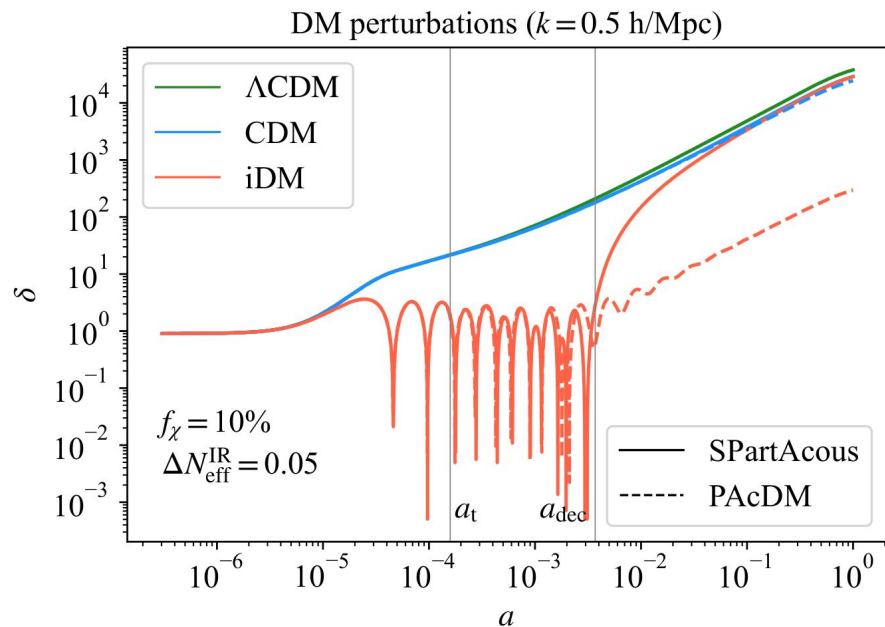
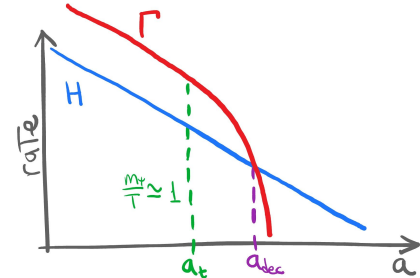
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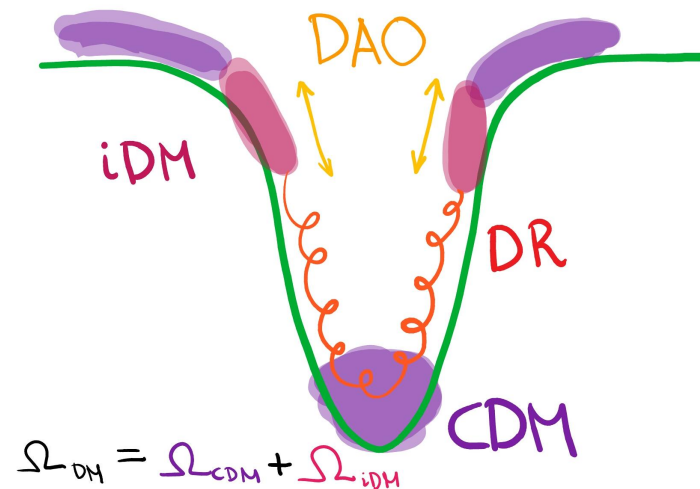
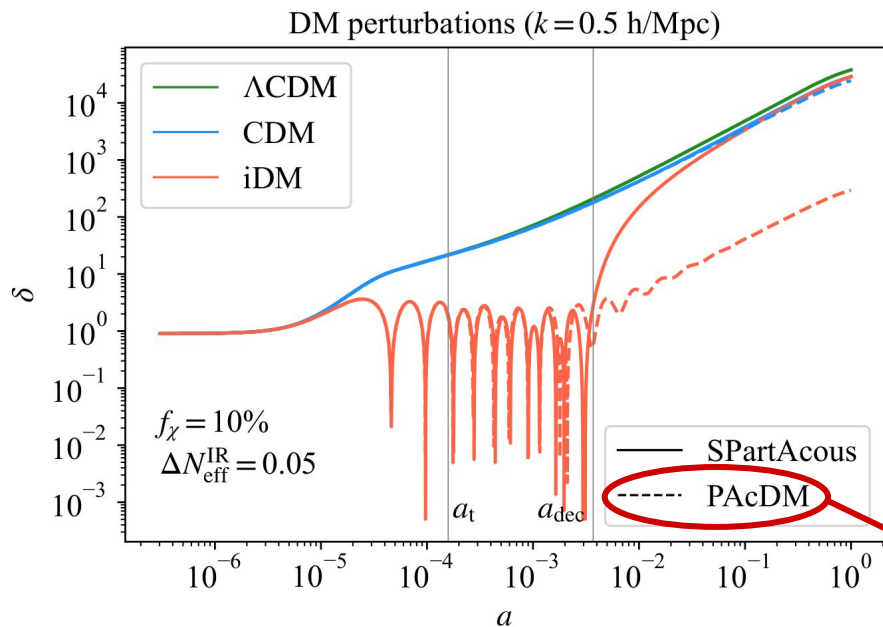
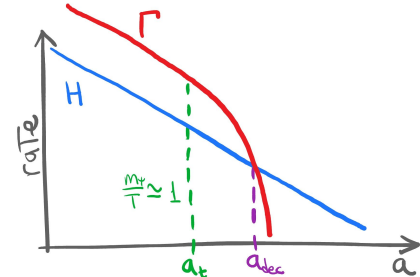
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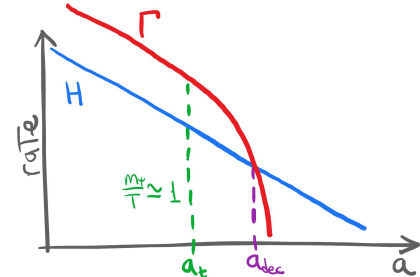


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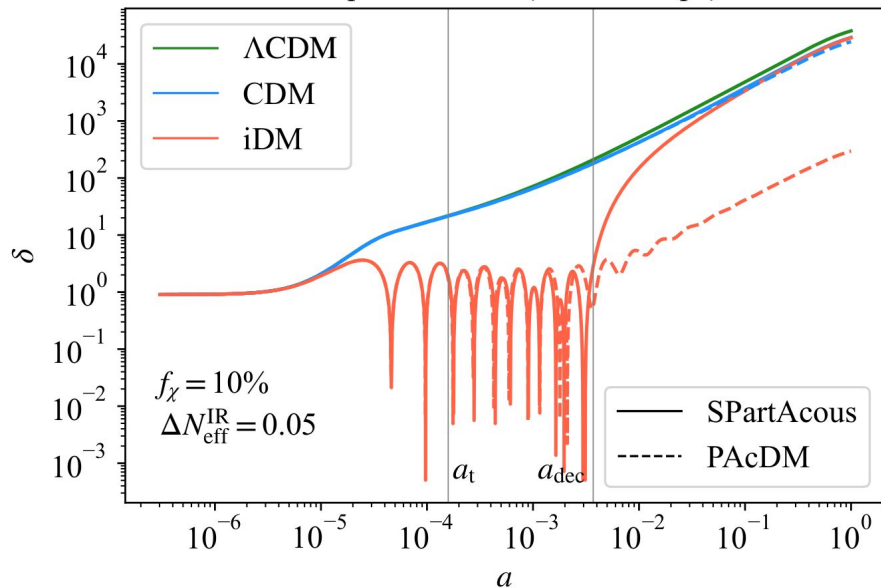


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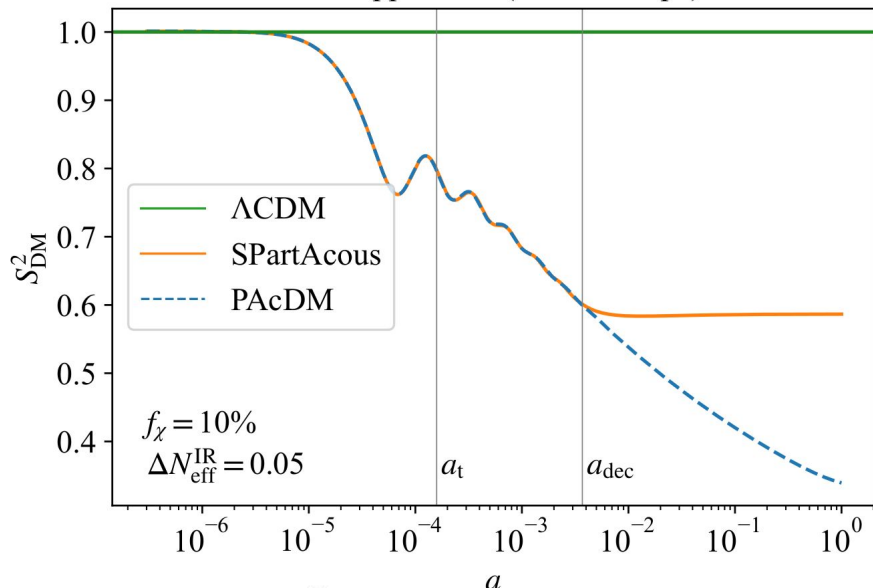
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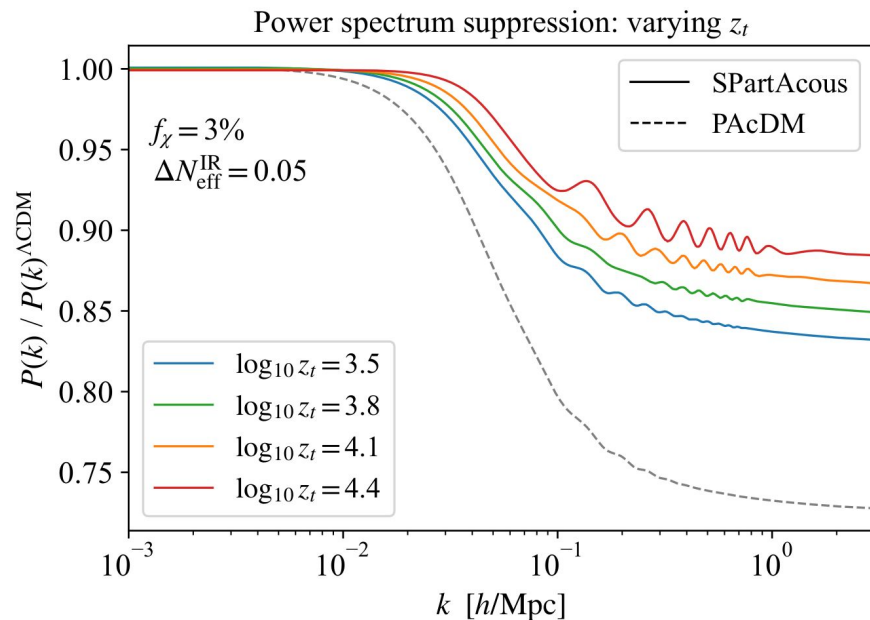
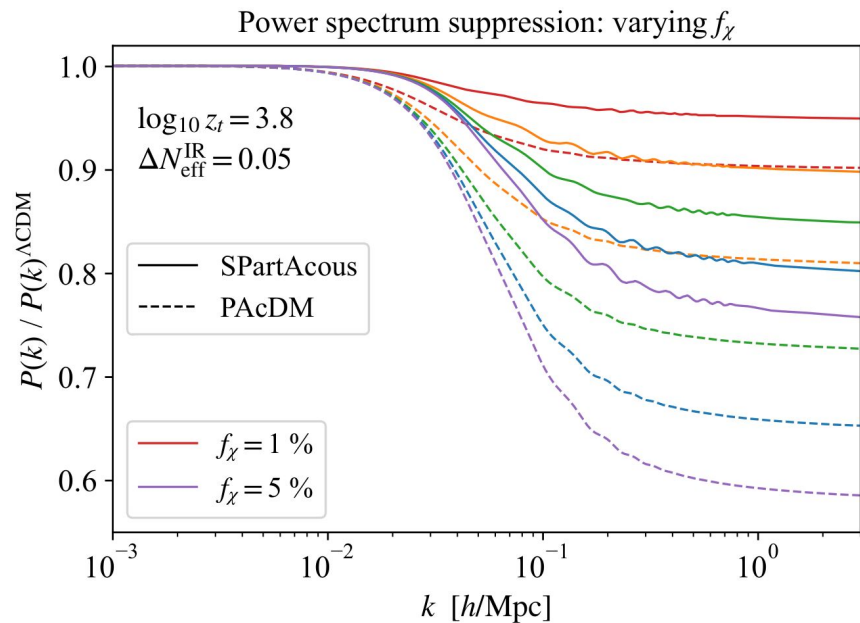
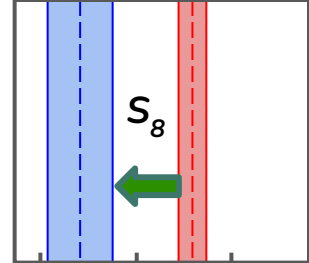


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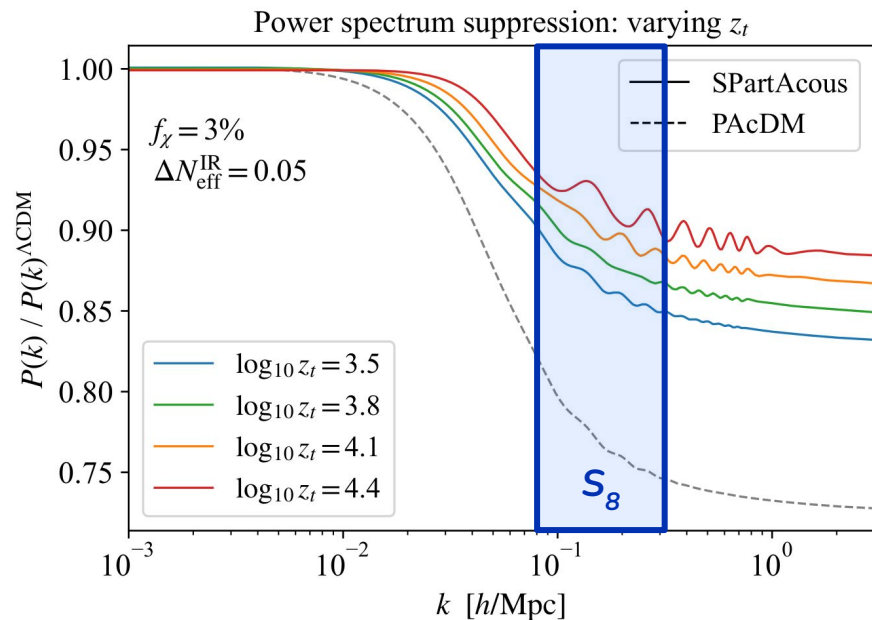
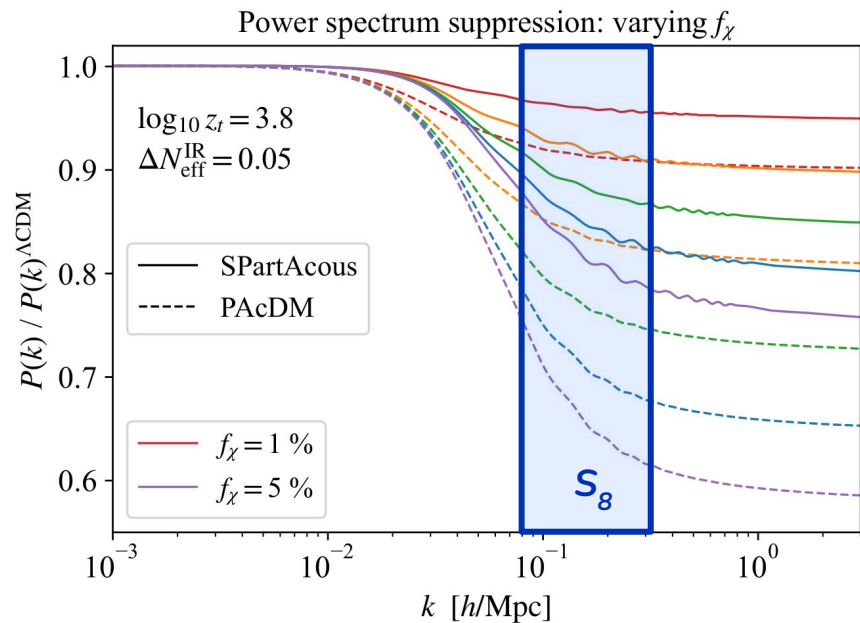
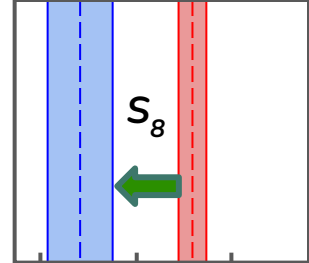


$$S_{\text{dm}}^2 \equiv \frac{(f_\chi \delta_{\text{idm}} + (1 - f_\chi) \delta_{\text{cdm}})^2 |_{\text{model}}}{\delta_{\text{cdm}}^2 |_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}}$$

Dark Acoustic Oscillations



Dark Acoustic Oscillations



Conclusions

- Non-trivial Dark Sectors are well motivated
- Probing DS:
 - Astrophysics and Cosmology
 - DS–VS & DS–DS interactions
- Cracks in Λ CDM: H_0 (too small) & S_8 (too large)
 - Stepped DR
 - DM–DR interactions
- **SPartAcous** is promising (stay tuned for *premiere Monday!*)
- **SPartAcous Part II: MCMC** coming up in arXiv!

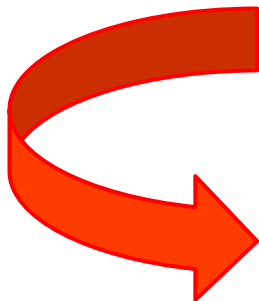


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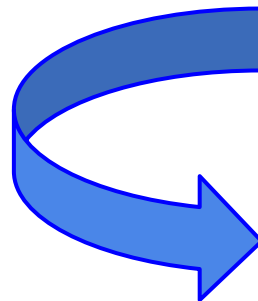
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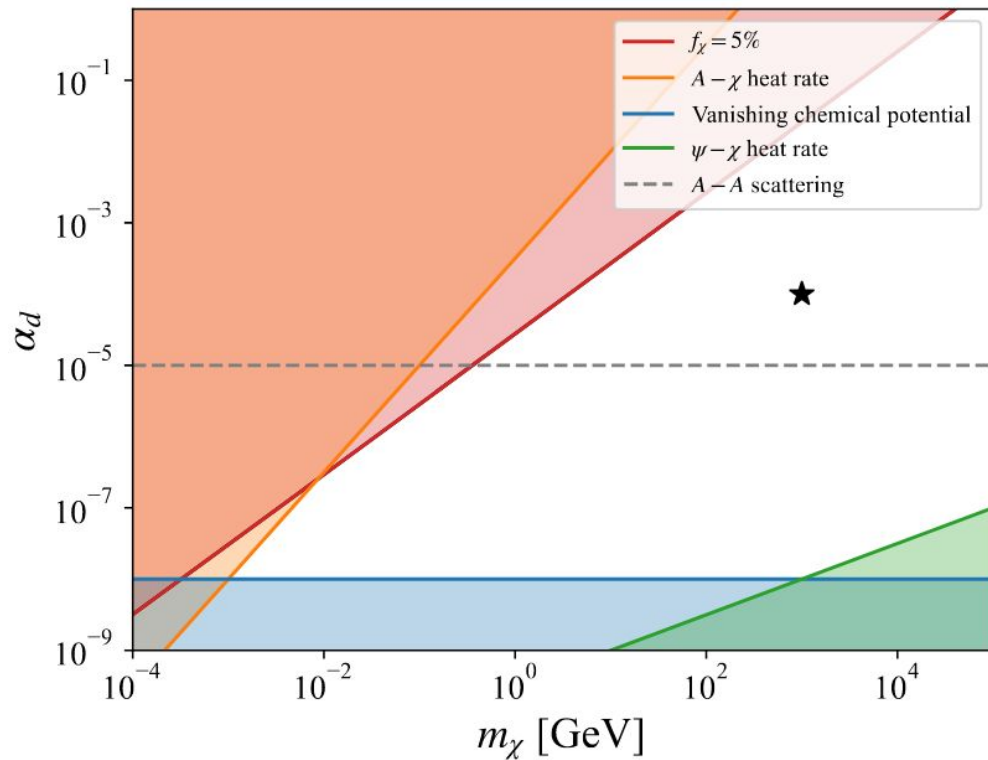


I. Dark Acoustics

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Parameter Space



Perturbation Equations

$$\dot{\delta}_{\text{idm}} = -\theta_{\text{idm}} + 3\dot{\phi},$$

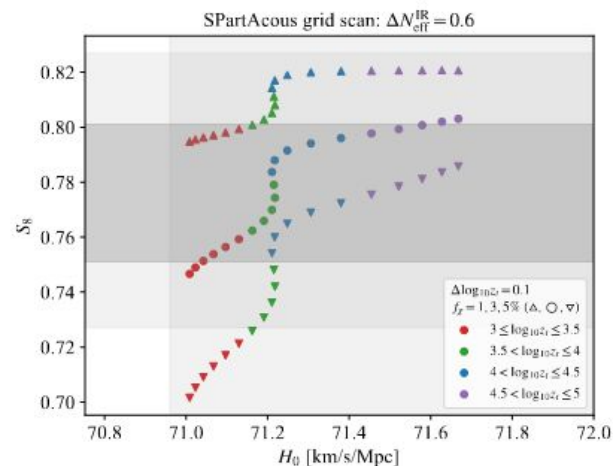
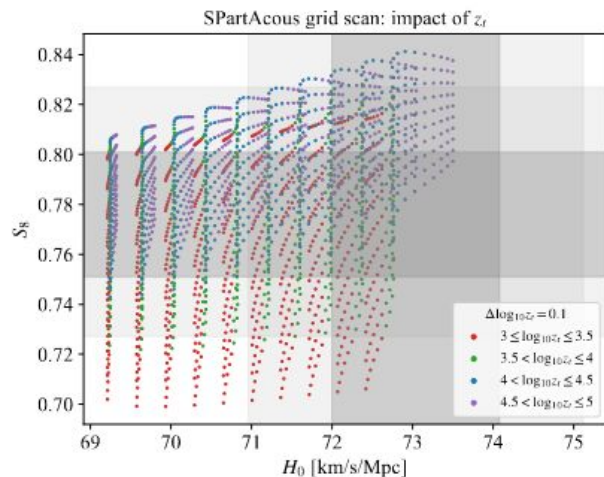
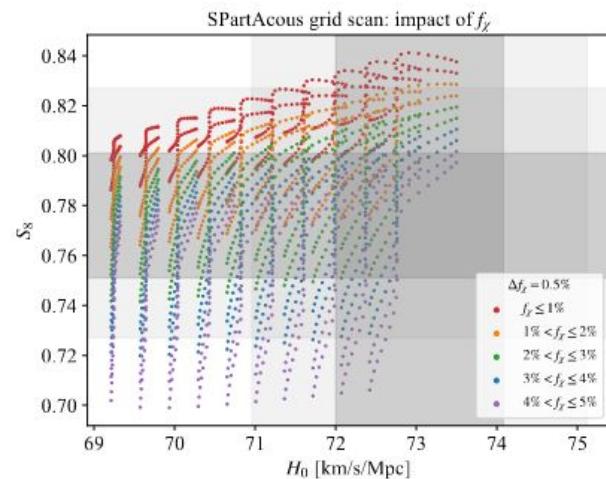
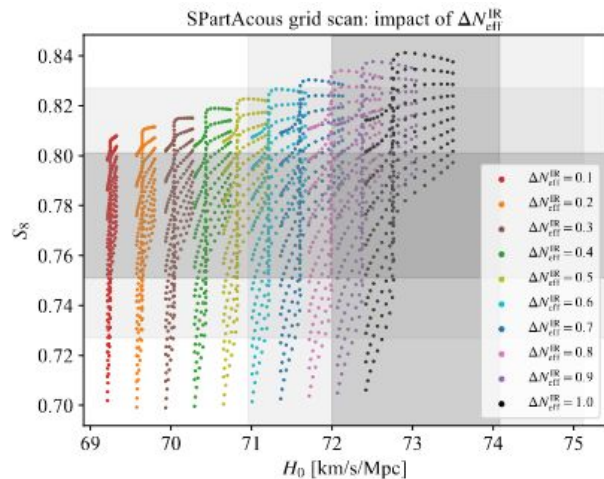
$$\dot{\theta}_{\text{idm}} = -\mathcal{H}\theta_{\text{idm}} + k^2\psi + a\Gamma(\theta_{\text{dr}} - \theta_{\text{idm}}),$$

$$\dot{\delta}_{\text{dr}} = -(1+w)(\theta_{\text{dr}} - 3\dot{\phi}) - 3\mathcal{H}(c_s^2 - w)\delta_{\text{dr}},$$

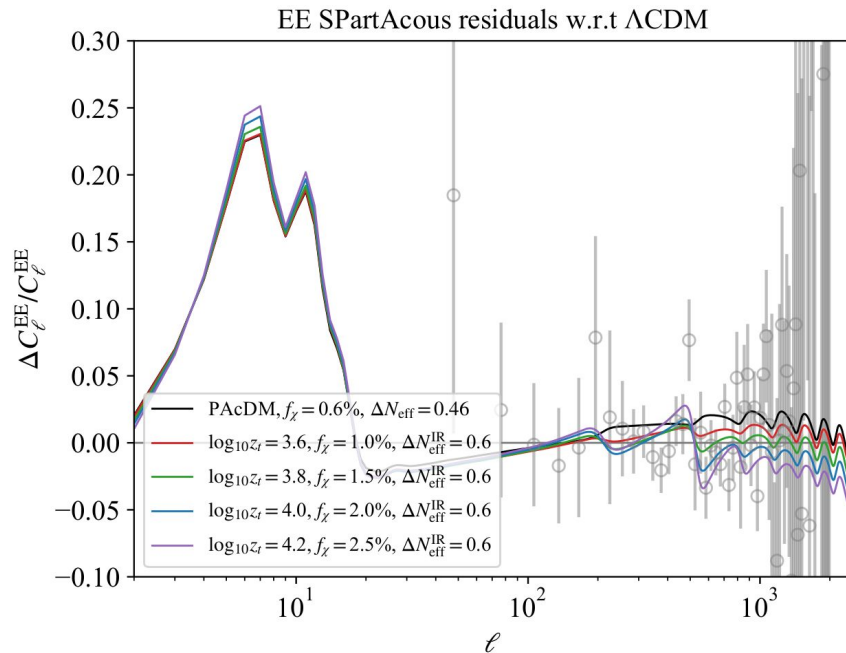
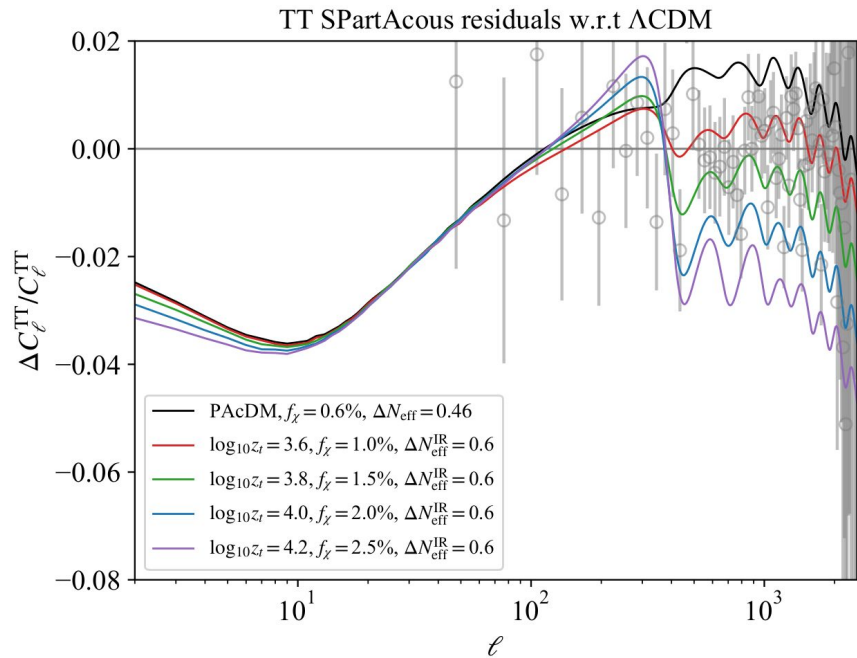
$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\theta}_{\text{dr}} = & - \left[(1-3w)\mathcal{H} + \frac{\dot{w}}{1+w} \right] \theta_{\text{dr}} + k^2 \left(\frac{c_s^2}{1+w} \delta_{\text{dr}} + \psi \right) \\ & + \frac{\rho_{\text{idm}}}{\rho_{\text{dr}}(1+w)} a\Gamma(\theta_{\text{idm}} - \theta_{\text{dr}}).\end{aligned}$$

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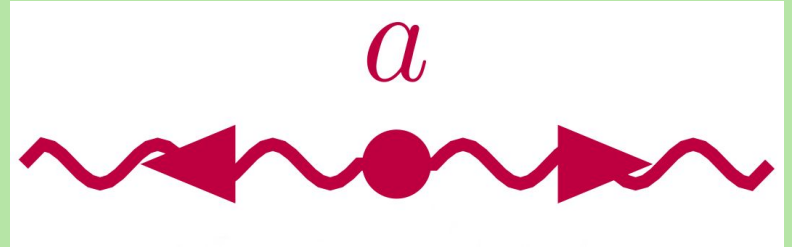
CMB



II. Axion Echos from the Supernova Graveyard

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Axion Dark Matter & Stimulated Decays



Axions & ALPs

- Periodic pseudo-scalars $a \cong a + 2\pi f_a$
- Originally postulated to solve Strong CP problem
 - Peccei & Quinn; Weinberg & Wilczek; Kim; Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov; Zhitnitsky; Dine, Fischler, Srednicki '77-'81
- Interesting in their own right!
 - Muon $g-2$
 - Marciano, Masiero, Paradisi, Passera '16; Bauer, Neubert, Thamm '17; **MABA**, Fan, Reece, Sun '21]
 - Inflation
 - Freese, Frieman, Olinto '90; Silverstein, Westphal, McAllister '08]
 - **Dark Matter** (misalignment mechanism): non-thermal candidate
 - [Preskill, Wise, Wilczek; Dine, Fischler, Abbott, Sikivie '83]
 - ***This talk***

Axion-Photon interactions

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$$a|f_i\rangle = \sqrt{f_i}|f_i - 1\rangle$$

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f_i : initial occupation number

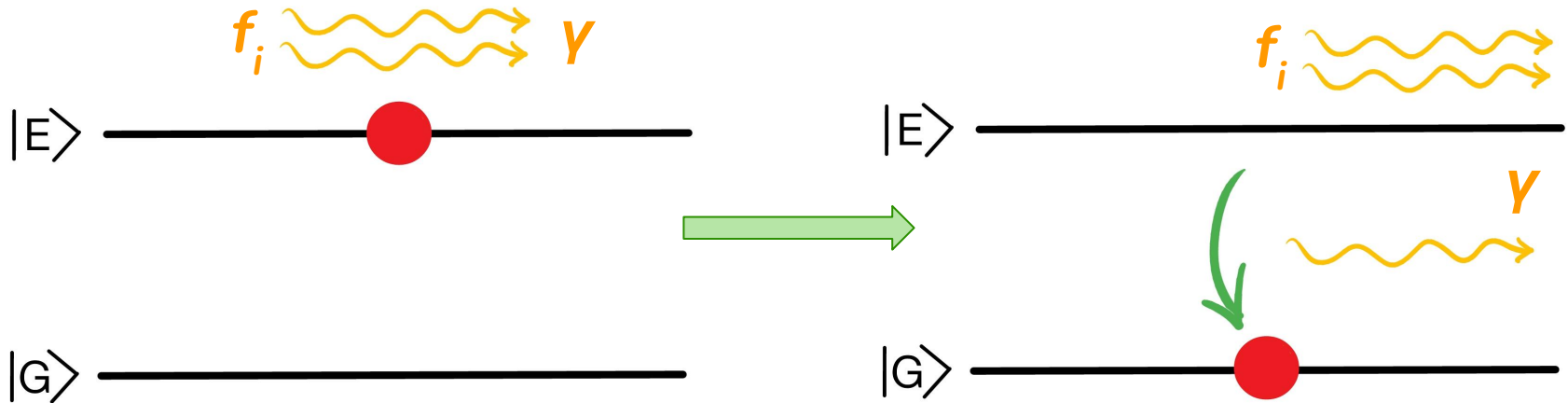
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LASERS work like that. [Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation]



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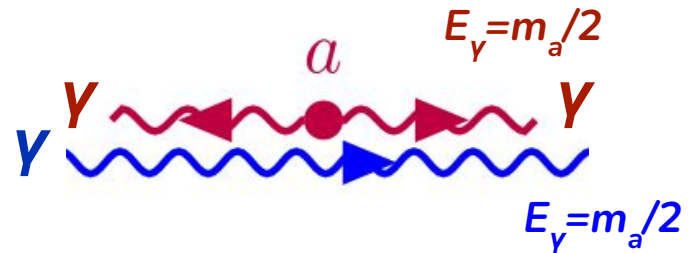
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“ASER”: Axion Stimulated dEcaY Radiation [credit/blame: Chen Sun]



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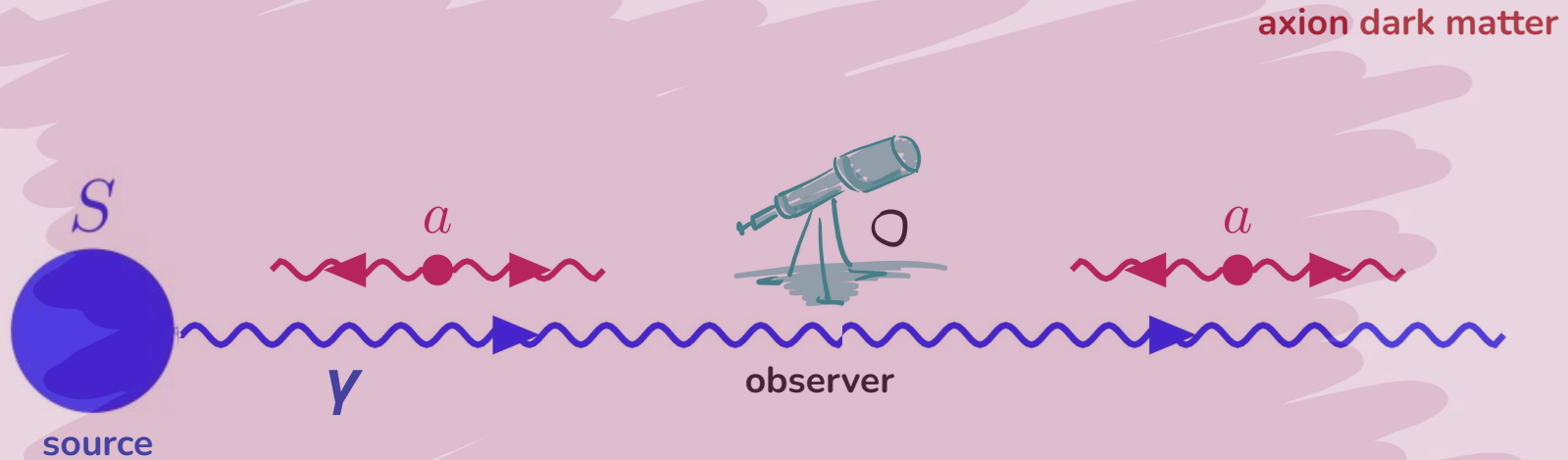
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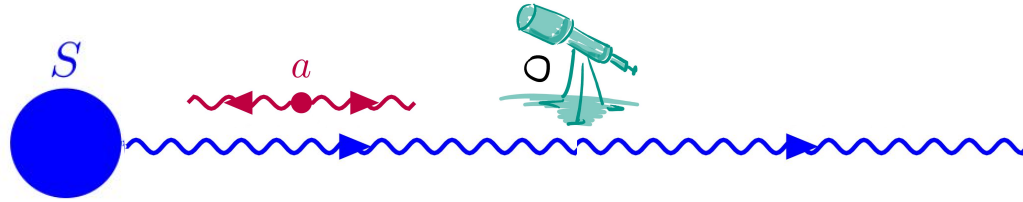
stimulated decay

$$\Gamma_a \rightarrow \Gamma_a (1 + f_\gamma)$$

Axion Dark Matter Stimulated Decays

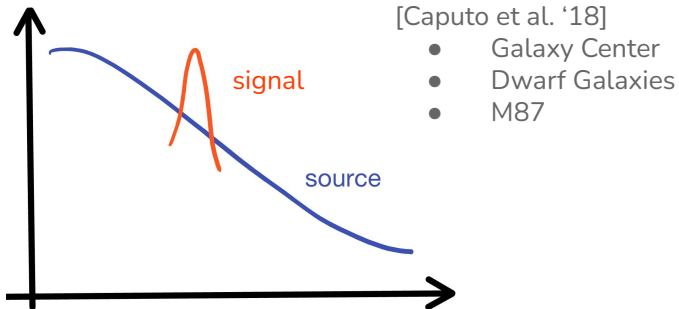


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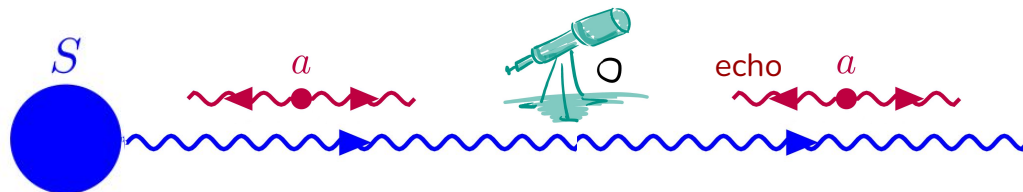


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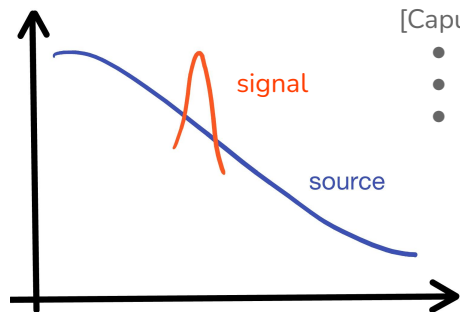


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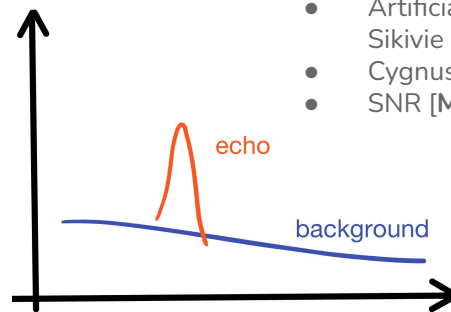


[Caputo et al. '18]

- Galaxy Center
- Dwarf Galaxies
- M87

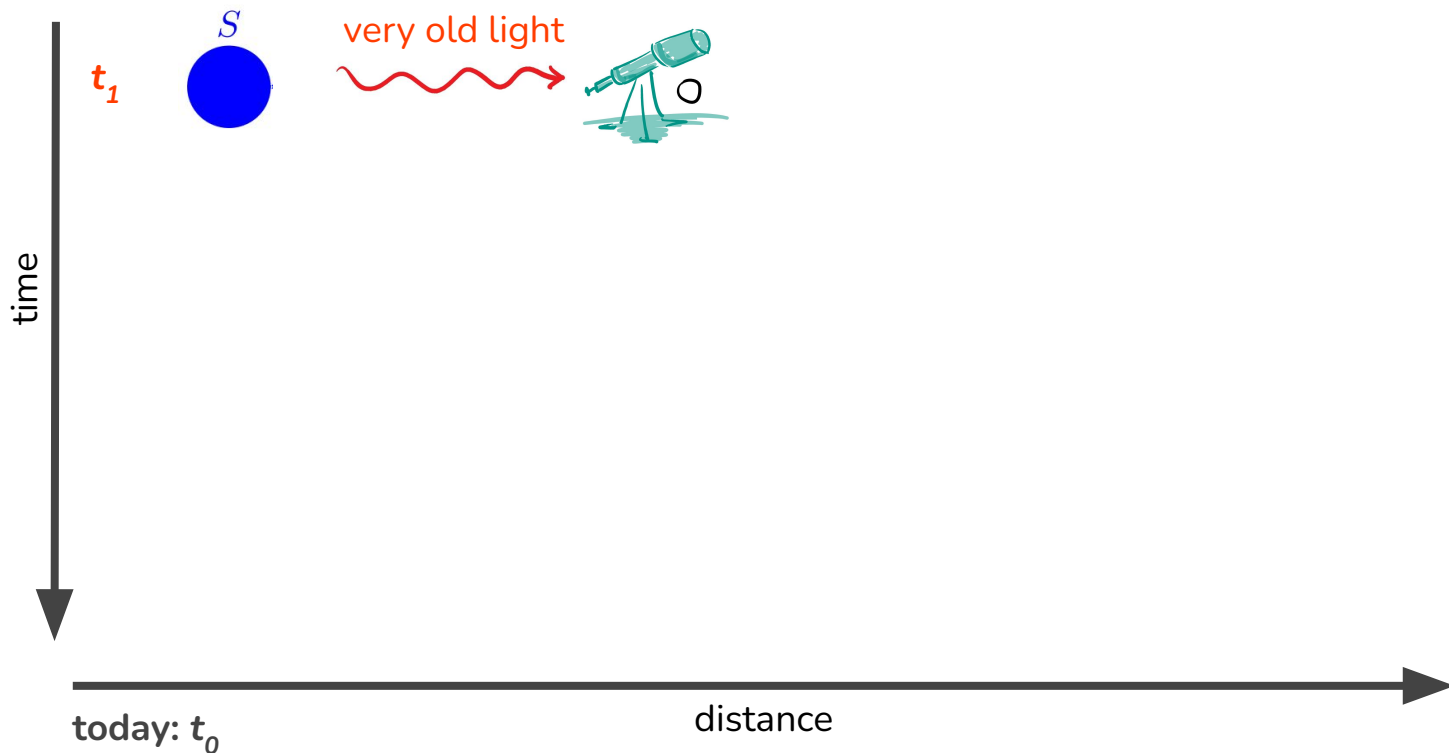
Backward (echo)

- Arrives delayed w.r.t. source γ
- Potentially low background
- Age-limited

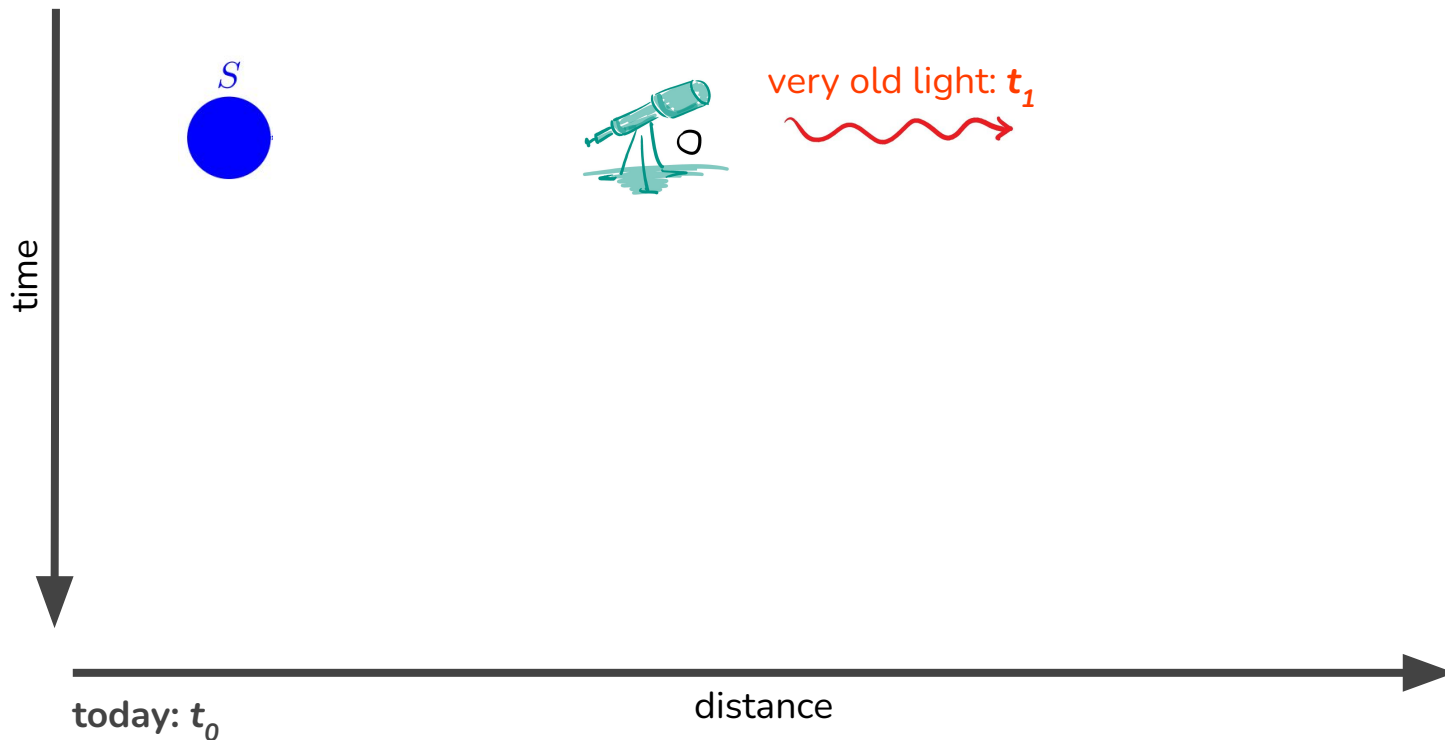


- Artificial photon beam [Arza, Sikivie '19; Arza, Todarello '21];
- Cygnus A [Ghosh et al. '20];
- SNR [MABA, Fan, Sun '21]

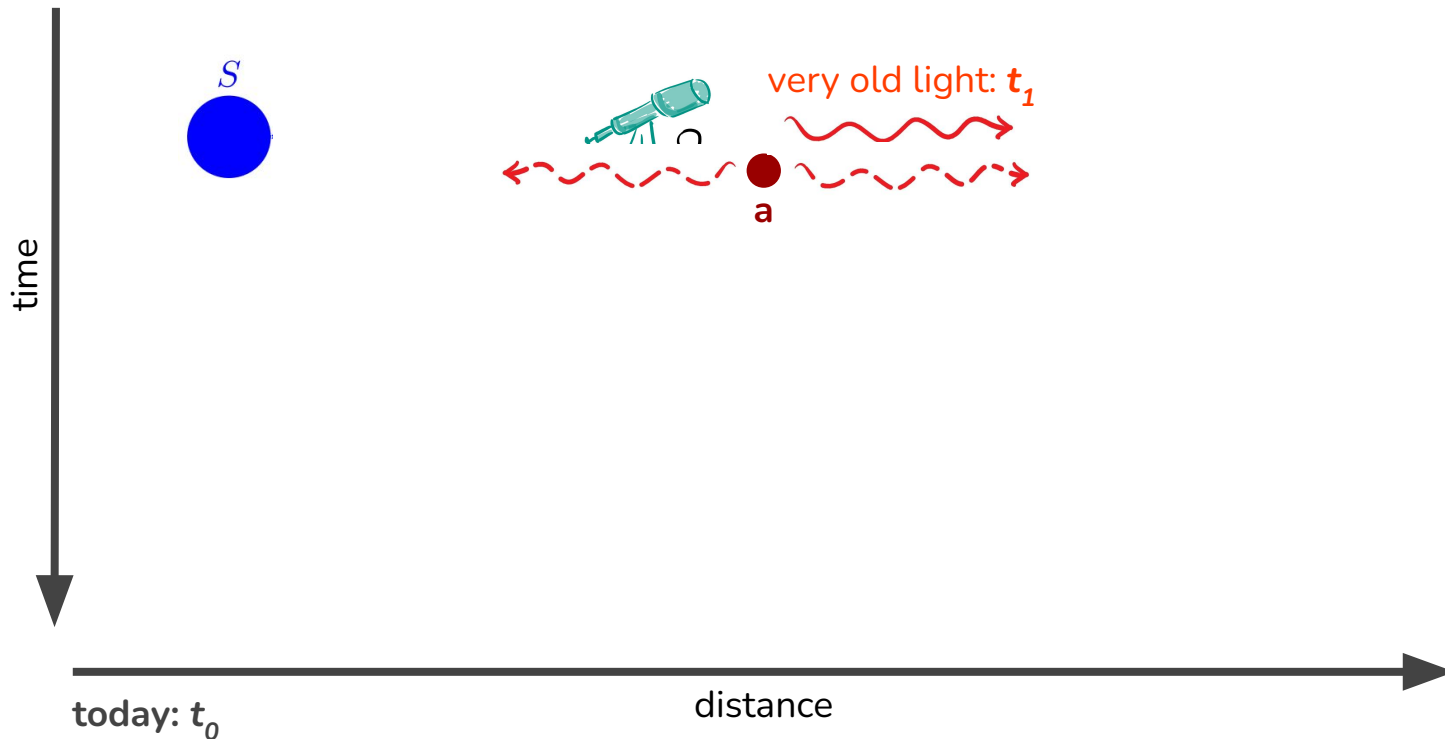
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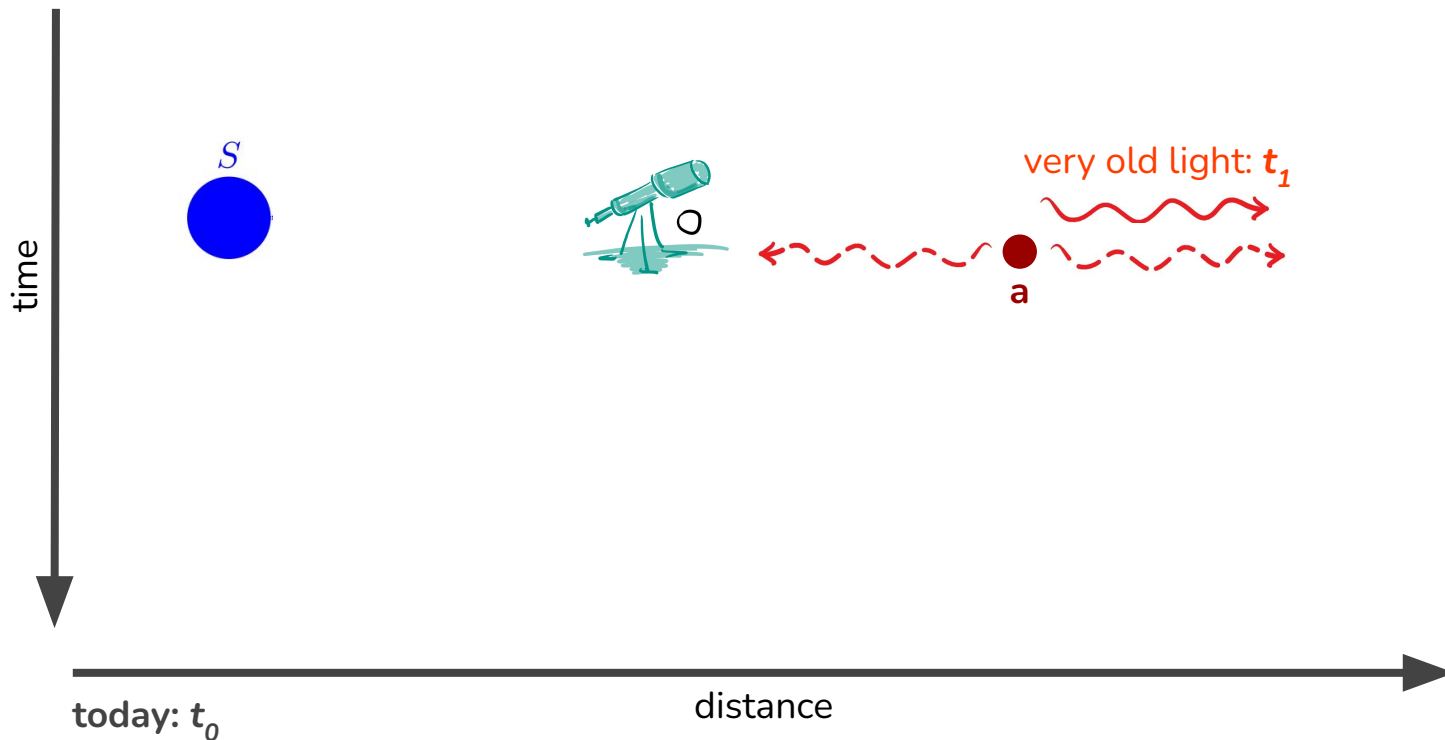
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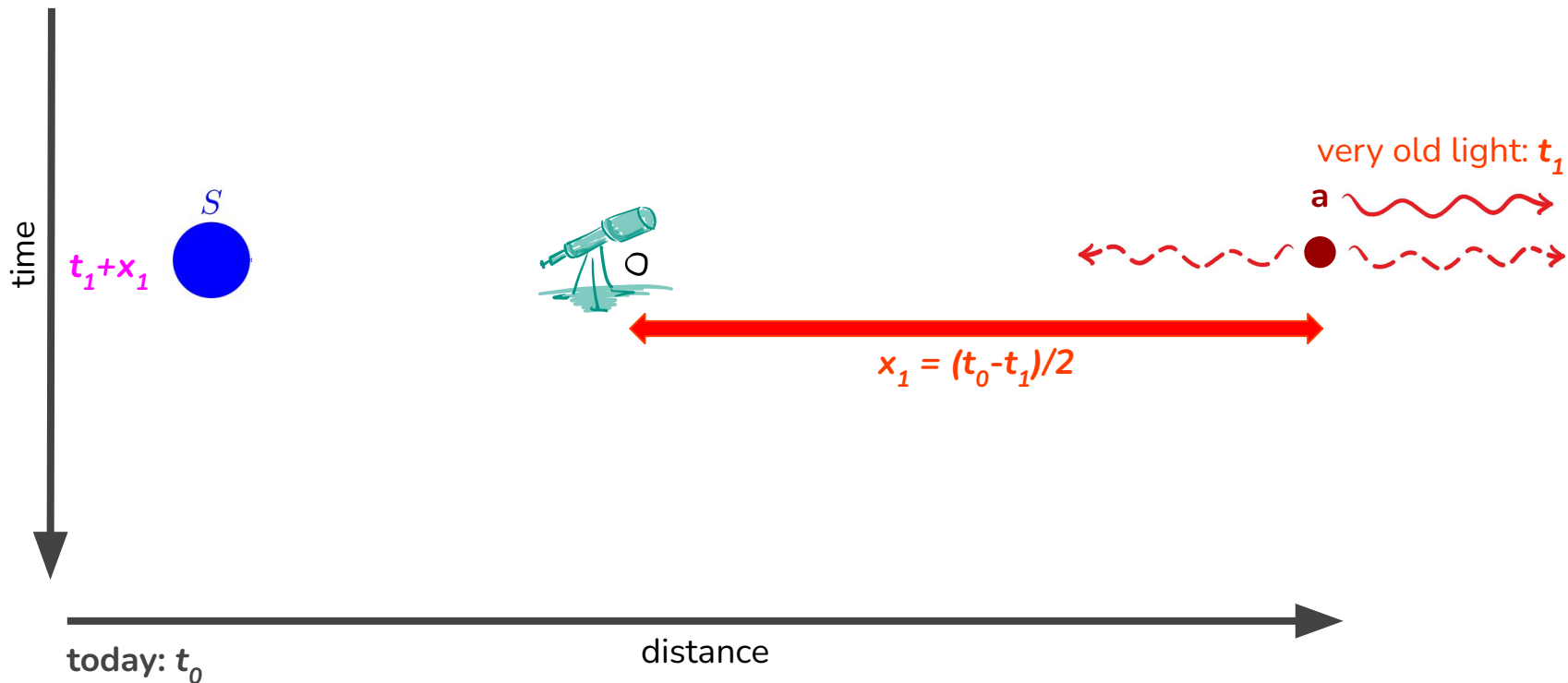
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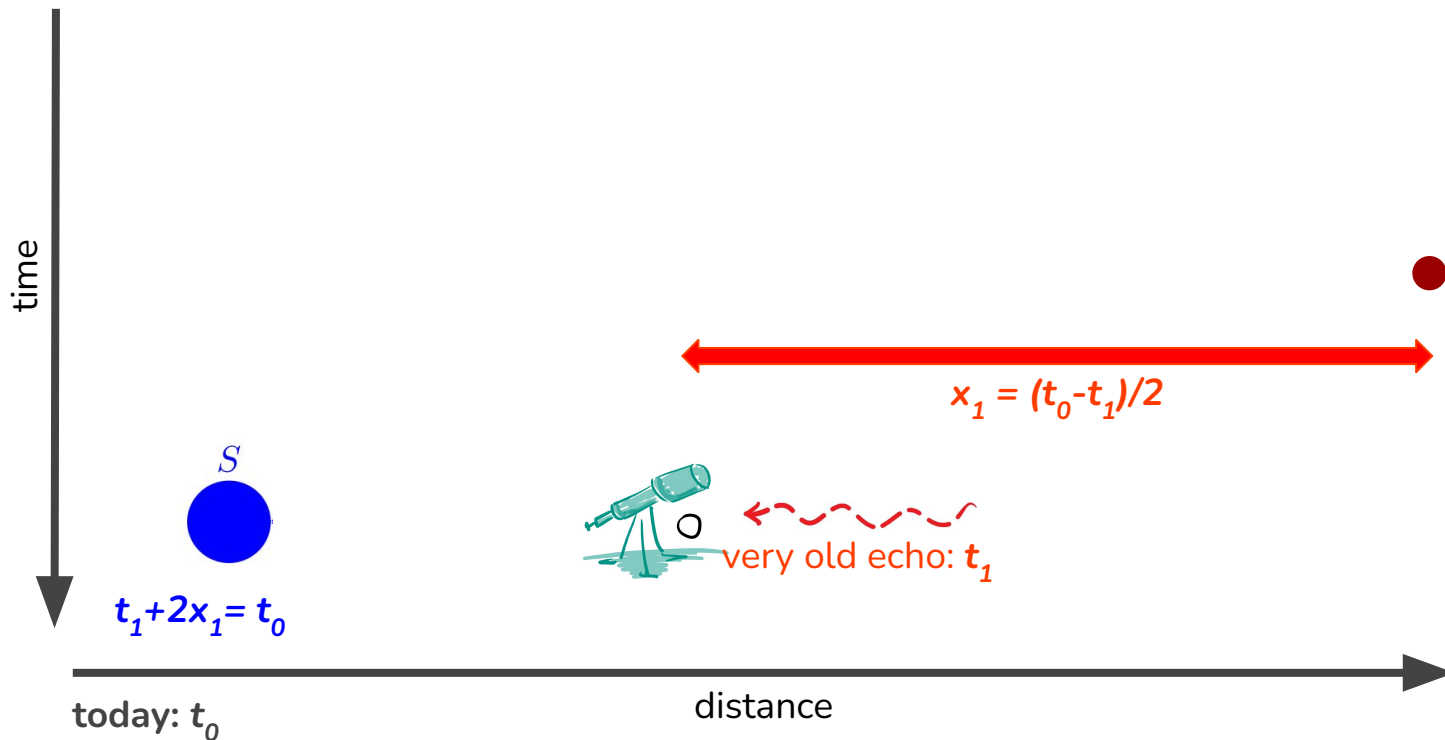
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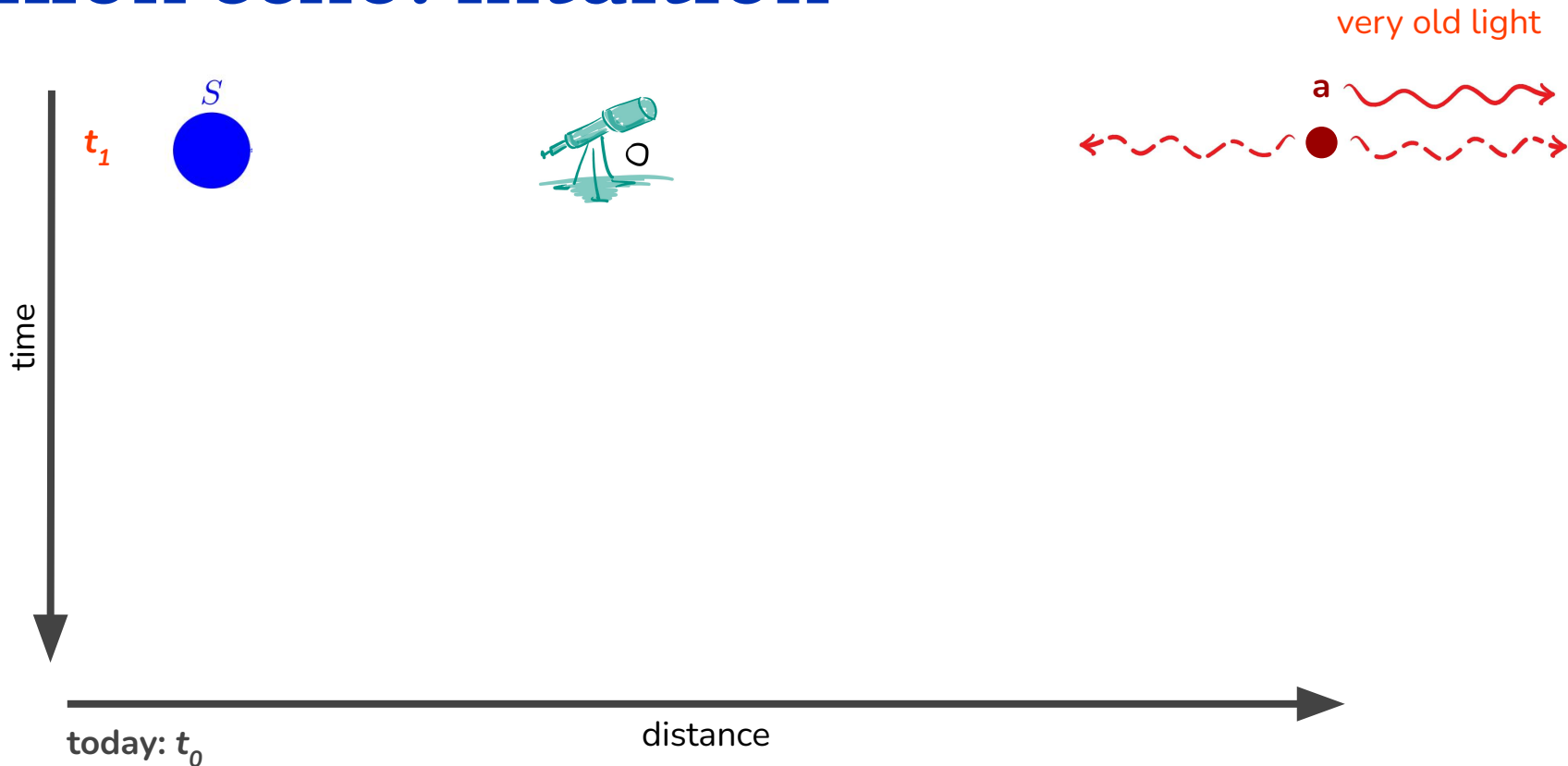
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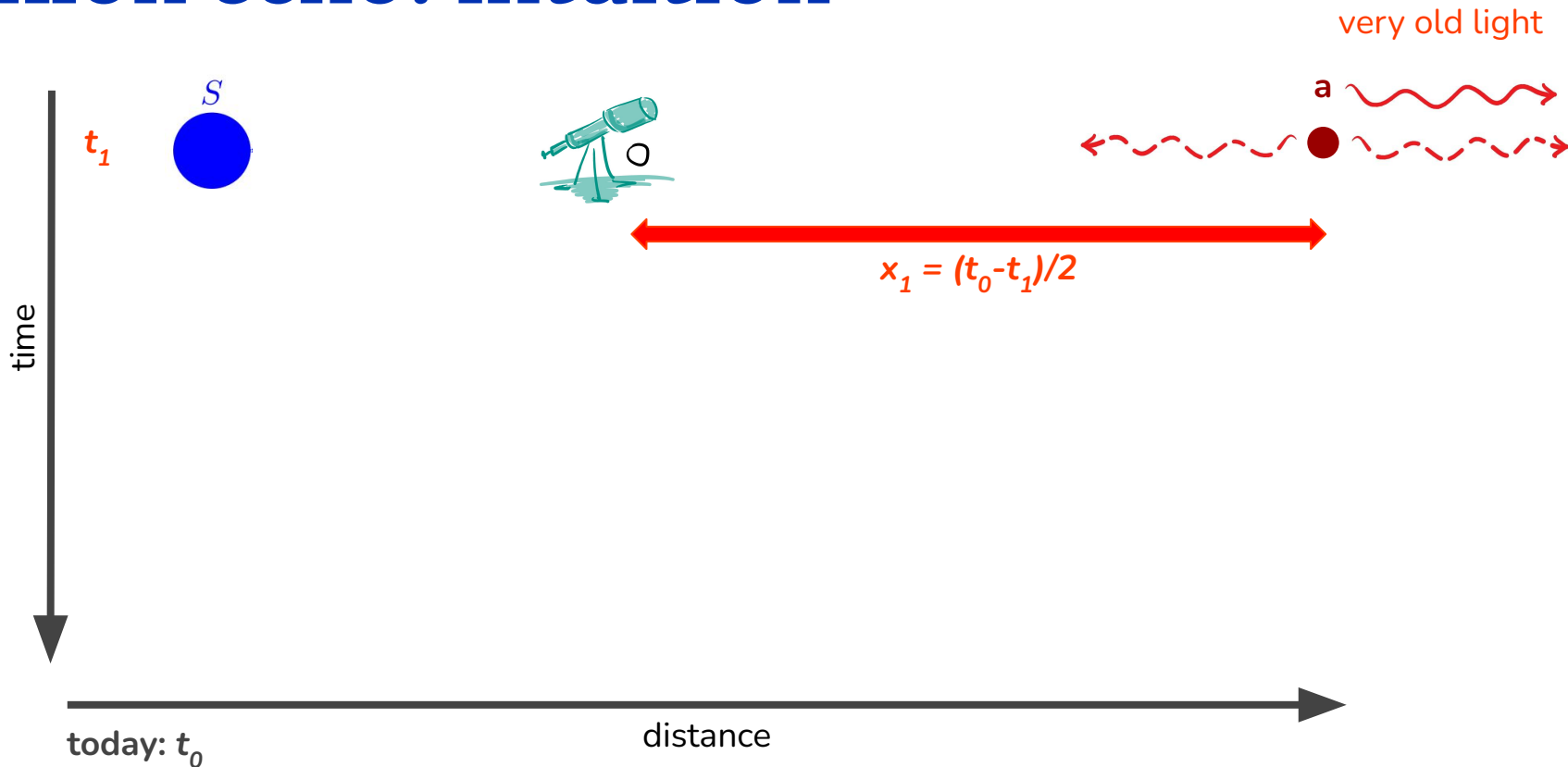
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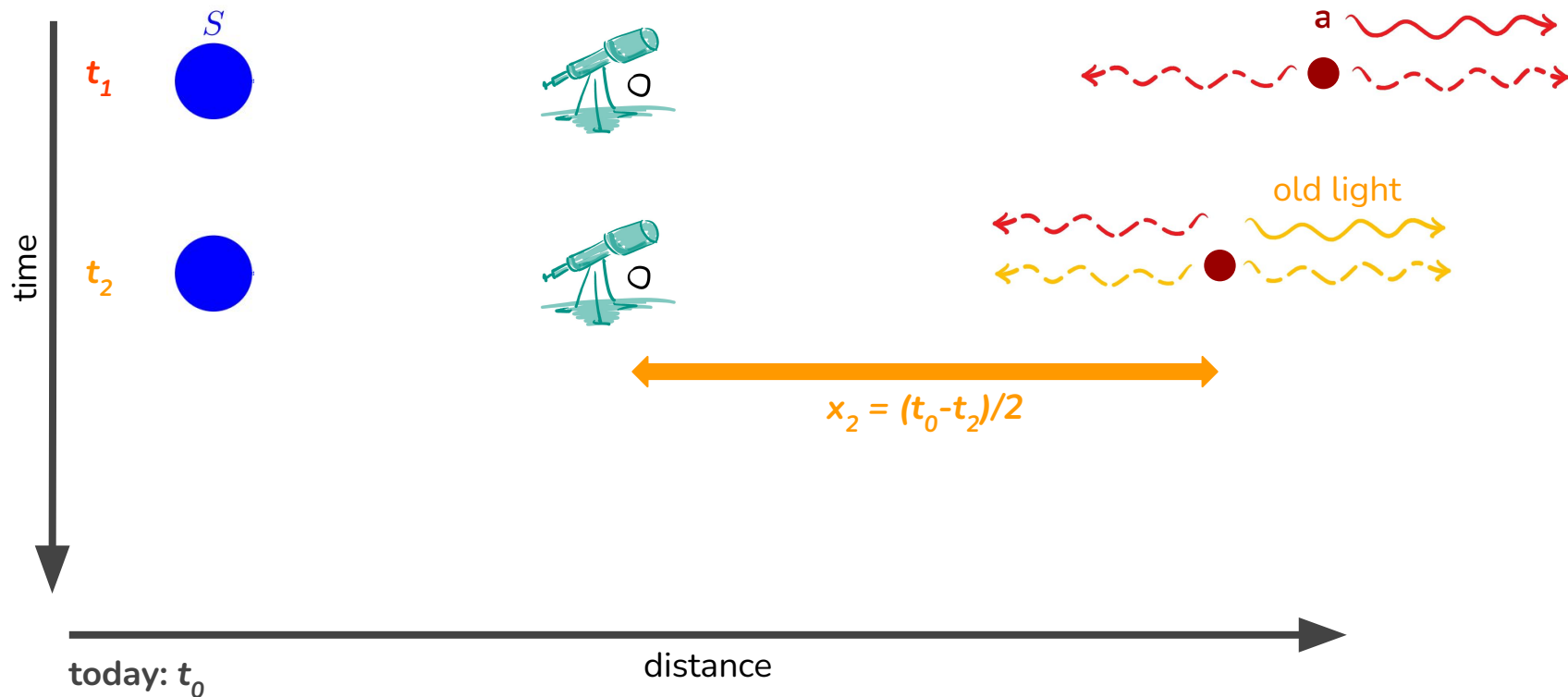
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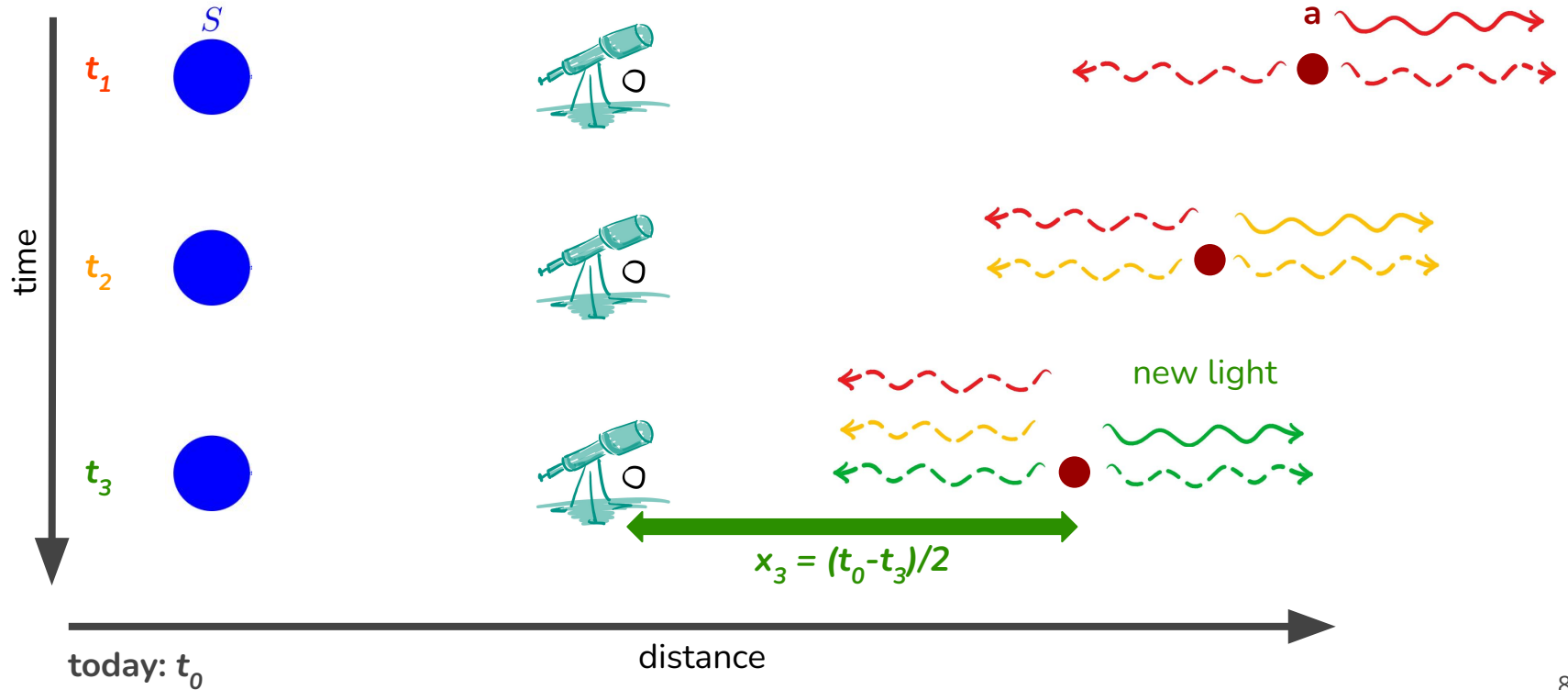
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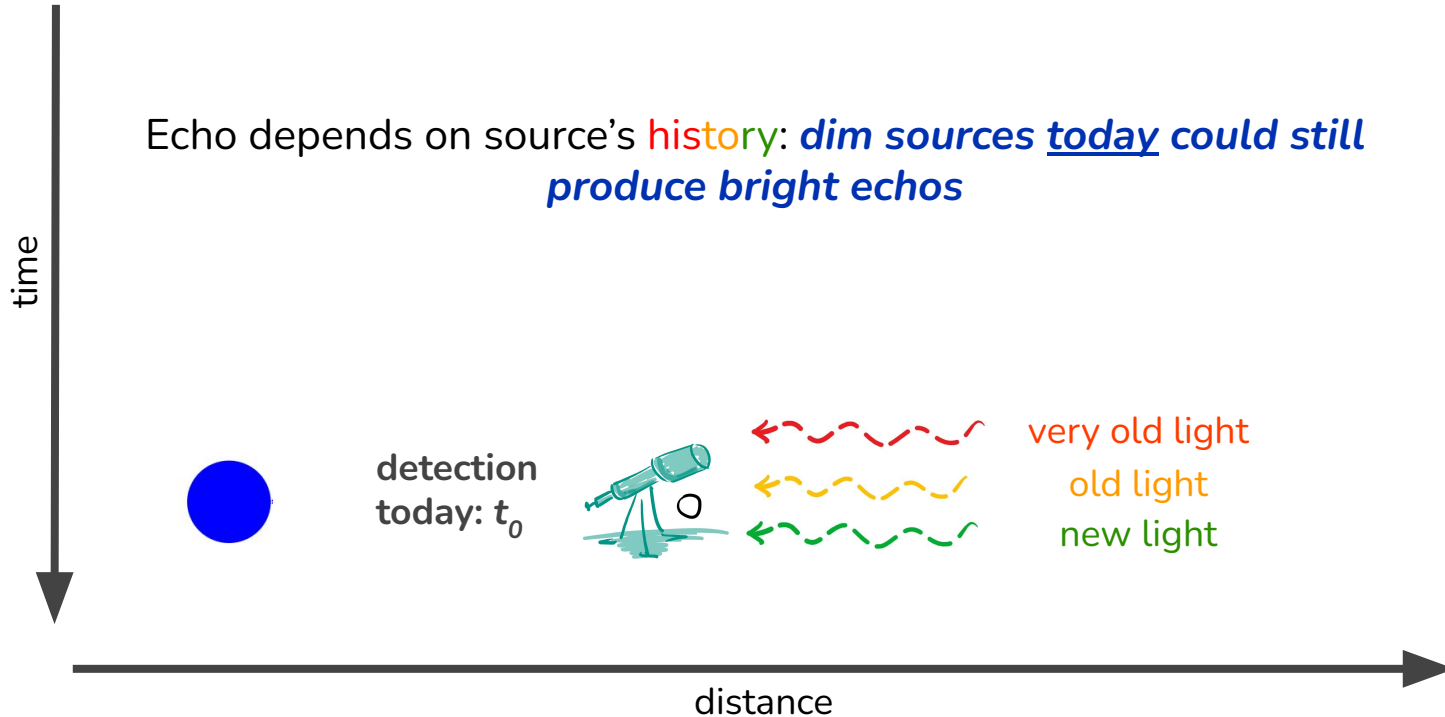
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Axion echo: formulas

$$\frac{d}{dt}f_\gamma = C[f_\gamma] \quad \text{Boltzmann equation}$$

“Collision” term: $a \leftrightarrow \gamma\gamma$ process

$$C[f_1] = \frac{1}{2E_1} \int \frac{DP_a}{2E_a} \int \frac{DP_2}{2E_2} |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 \left(f_a(1 + f_1 + f_2) - f_1 f_2 \right) (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_a - p_1 - p_2)$$

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Annotations for the formula above:

- decay amplitude (points to $|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2$)
- inverse process (points to $f_1 f_2$)
- 4-momentum conservation (points to $\delta^4(p_a - p_1 - p_2)$)
- Bose enhancement (points to $\boxed{f_1 + f_2}$)
- spontaneous decay (points to f_a)
- momentum-space integrals (points to the $\int \frac{DP_a}{2E_a} \int \frac{DP_2}{2E_2}$ terms)

$$DP \equiv g d^3 p / (2\pi)^3$$

Axion echo: formulas

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$$S_{\nu} = \frac{E^3}{2\pi^2} \int d\Omega f(E, \Omega)$$

flux density

[1 Jy = 10^{-23} erg·s⁻¹·cm⁻²·Hz⁻¹]

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spontaneous decay rate

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$$\nu_a = E_a / (2\pi) = m_a / (4\pi)$$

photon frequency

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DM velocity dispersion: $\sigma_v \approx 5 \times 10^{-4} c$

$$\Delta \nu \approx 2.8 \nu_a \sigma_v, \quad f_{\Delta} \approx 0.84$$

optimal bandwidth

signal fraction in bandwidth

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axion decay at position x , integrate along l.o.s.
over source history

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axion DM density (NFW)
in opposite direction to source

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source flux density in the past

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optical depth

Axion echo: requirements

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- Stimulation condition: $E_{\nu} = m_a/2 \dots$
- ... large occupation number f_{ν} (OK if *historically!*)
- ... low background: **RADIO**

$$[1 \text{ Jy} = 10^{-23} \text{ erg} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{Hz}^{-1}]$$

Benchmarks:

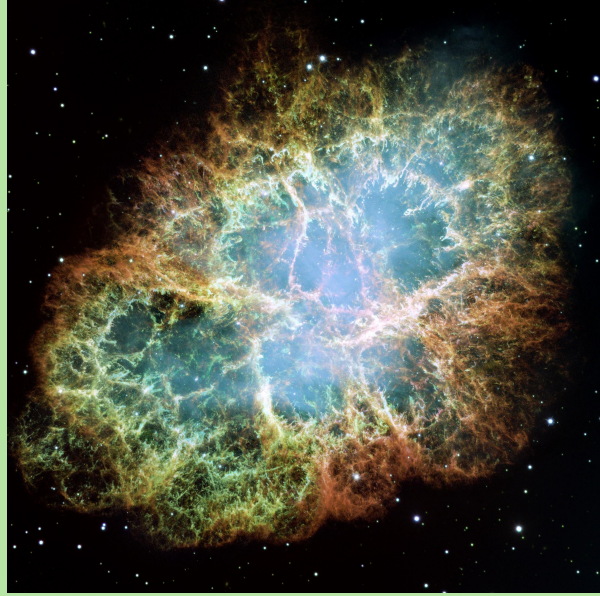
$$m_a \sim 10^{-5} \text{ eV} \Rightarrow \nu \sim 1 \text{ GHz}$$

$$\nu \sim 1 \text{ GHz} \ \& \ S_{\nu} \sim 10 \text{ Jy} \ \& \ \Omega \sim 10^{-5} \text{ sr} \Rightarrow f_{\nu} \sim 100$$

$$t_{\text{age}} \sim 10^4 \text{ yr} \Rightarrow x \sim 1.5 \text{ kpc}$$

Supernova Remnants

SN 1054 Crab Nebula



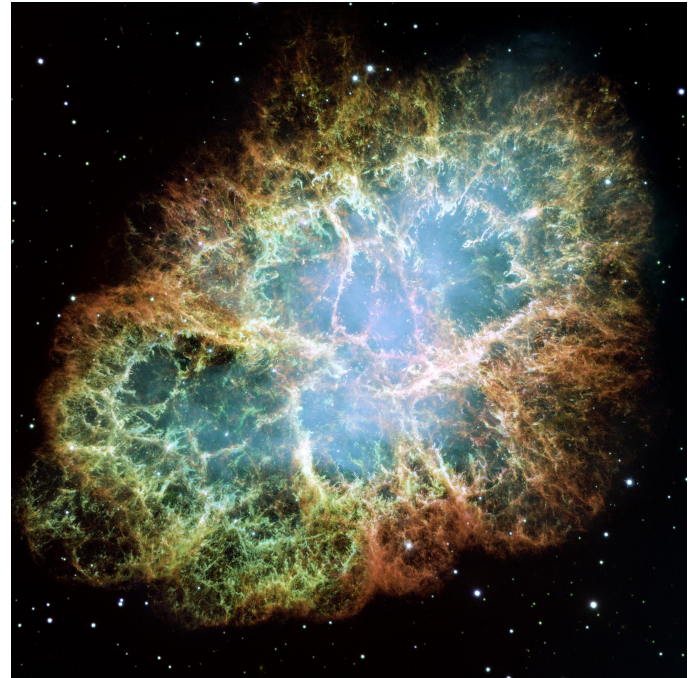
G39.7-2.0 Manatee Nebula



Supernova Remnants (SNRs)

OK with requirements!

- f_γ : brightness OK today, better in the *past*!
- $E_\gamma = m_a/2$: spectrum in radio
- Could have reasonable backgrounds

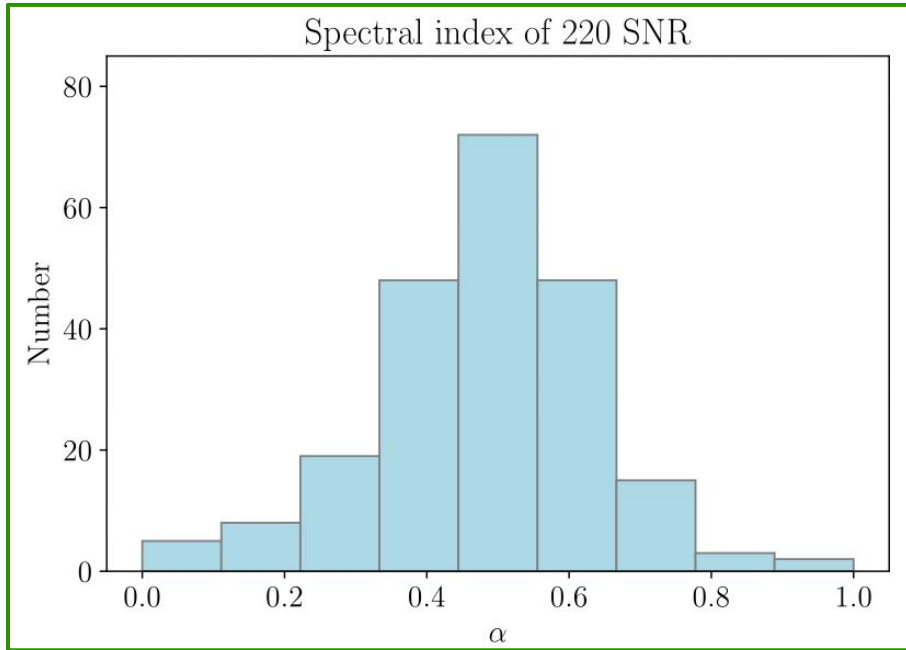


SN 1054 Crab Nebula

SNRs: *spectrum*

$$S_\nu \sim E^{-\alpha}$$

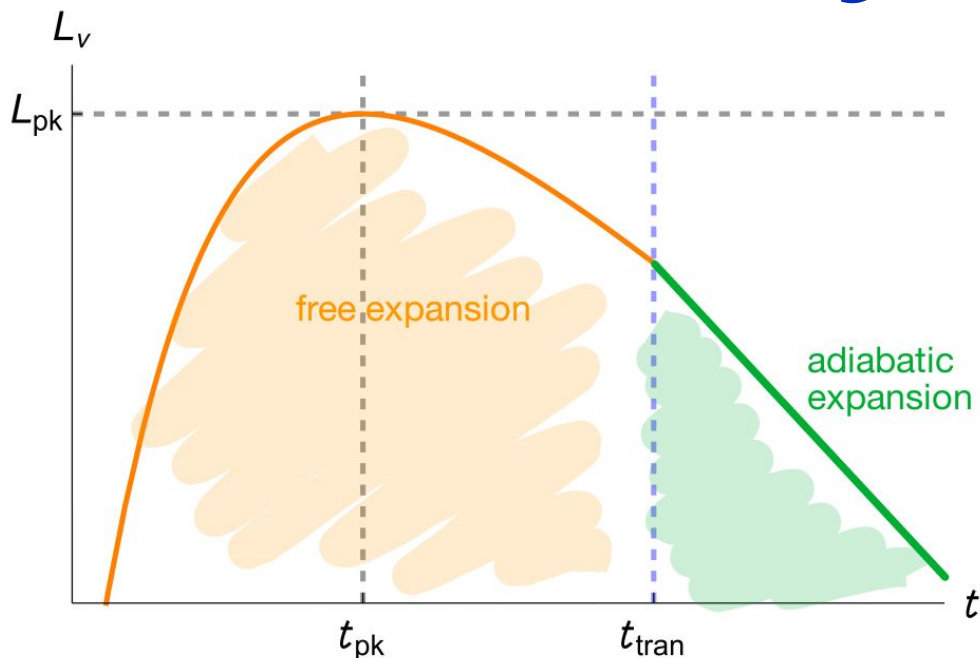
spectral index



Common normalization:

$$L_\nu = S_\nu (4\pi D^2) = L_{1\text{GHz}} \left(\frac{\nu}{1 \text{ GHz}} \right)^{-\alpha}$$

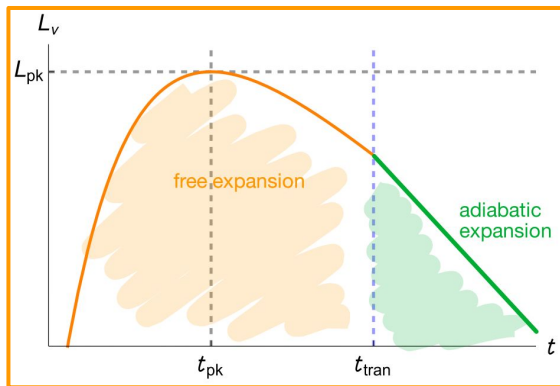
SNRs: evolution & *light curves*



$$L_\nu(t) = \begin{cases} L_{\nu,\text{free}}(t) & t \leq t_{\text{tran}} \\ L_{\nu,\text{ad}}(t) & t > t_{\text{tran}} \end{cases}$$
$$L_{\nu,\text{ad}}(t_{\text{tran}}) = L_{\nu,\text{free}}(t_{\text{tran}}) .$$

1. Free expansion: $O(100 \text{ yr})$
2. Adiabatic expansion: $O(10^4 \text{ yr})$
3. Snow plough: $O(10^6 \text{ yr})$
4. Dispersion: $> O(10^6 \text{ yr})$

SNR evolution: *free expansion*



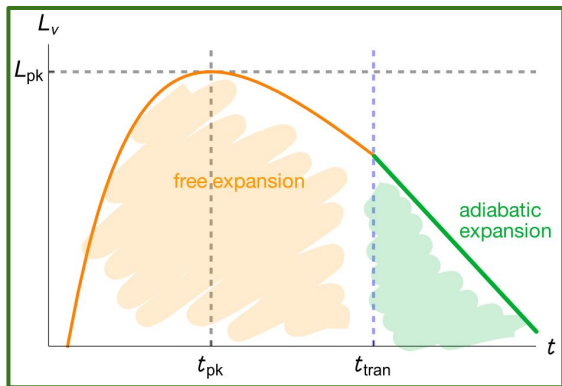
$$L_{\nu,free}(t) \equiv L_{\nu,pk} e^{\frac{3}{2}(1-t_{pk}/t)} \left(\frac{t}{t_{pk}}\right)^{-1.5}$$

57 SN with peak data

Parameter	mean (μ)	standard deviation (σ)
$\log_{10} \left(\frac{L_{\nu,pk}}{\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1}} \right)$	25.5	1.5
$\log_{10} \left(\frac{t_{pk}}{\text{days}} \right)$	1.7	0.9

[Bietenholz et al. '21]

SNR evolution: *adiabatic expansion*



$$L_{\nu,ad}(t) \equiv L_{\nu,tran} \left(\frac{t}{t_{tran}} \right)^{-\gamma}$$
$$L_{\nu,tran} \equiv L_{\nu,free}(t_{tran}) ,$$

$$\gamma = \frac{4}{5}(2\alpha + 1) > 0$$

adiabatic index

SNR catalogs: 294 in Green Catalog [Green '14, '19; c.f. Ferrand, Safi-Harb '12]

- $S_\nu \sim O(10) Jy$
- $D \sim O(1) kpc$
- $\Omega \sim O(10^{-5}) sr$
- $\alpha \sim 0.5$
- $t_{age} \sim O(10^3) - O(10^4) yr$

Echo Detection



SKA: Square Kilometer Array

SKA1-low

- ν : 50 MHz – 350 MHz
- # stations: 512 dishes \varnothing 38 m
- longest baseline: 80 km

Australia



SKA1-mid

- ν : 350 MHz – 15.4 GHz
- # stations: 133 (SKA dishes) \varnothing 15m, 64 (MeerKAT dishes) \varnothing 13.5 m
- longest baseline: 150 km

South Africa



s/n: signal-to-noise ratio

$$s/n = \frac{P_{\text{sig}}}{P_{\text{noi}}}$$

Signal power: 1 unit

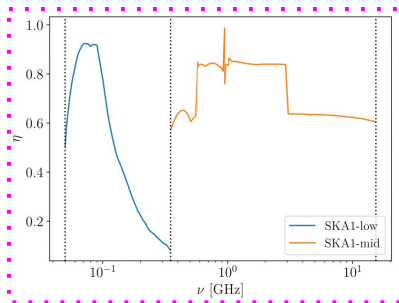
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echo flux density

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efficiency

area of single unit dish

Noise power: 1 unit

$$P_{\text{noi, unit}} = 2 T_{\text{sys}} \Delta\nu$$

T_{sys} : system temperature

- $T_{\text{cmb}} = 2.73 \text{ K}$
- $T_{\text{atm}} \sim 3 \text{ K @ 1 GHz, } \mathbf{O(100) \text{ K @ 100 MHz}}$
- $T_{\text{gal}} \sim \mathbf{O(10) \text{ K}}$ (inhomogeneous, Haslam 408 MHz map)
- $T_{\text{rcv}} \sim 40 \text{ K @ SKA1-low, } \mathbf{O(10) \text{ K @ SKA1-mid}}$
- $T_{\text{spl}} \sim 3 \text{ K}$

Noise power: 1 unit

$$P_{\text{noi, unit}} \rightarrow \frac{P_{\text{noi, unit}}}{\sqrt{\# \text{ meas.}}}$$

measurements includes:

- 2 polarizations
- $\Delta \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{t}_{\text{obs}}$ observations (time domain)
- # pixels (angular resolution)
- From units to arrays:
 - *single-dish* mode
 - *interferometry* mode

Noise power: 1 unit

$$P_{\text{noi, unit}} = \frac{2 T_{\text{sys}} \Delta\nu}{\sqrt{2 \Delta\nu t_{\text{obs}}}} = \sqrt{2} T_{\text{sys}} \left(\frac{\Delta\nu}{t_{\text{obs}}} \right)^{1/2}$$

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pixels

$$\theta_{\text{res}} = 1.22 \left(\frac{\lambda}{d} \right) \text{ rad} \approx 1.4^\circ \left(\frac{\text{GHz}}{\nu} \right) \left(\frac{15 \text{ m}}{d} \right)$$

Interferometry mode

One pair of dishes/units (a “**baseline**”) working in tandem (à la Young double-slit experiment). More baselines than dishes \Rightarrow less noise!

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active units

$$\theta_{\text{b}} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{B} \right) \text{ rad} = 0.17^\circ \left(\frac{\text{GHz}}{\nu} \right) \left(\frac{100 \text{ m}}{B} \right)$$

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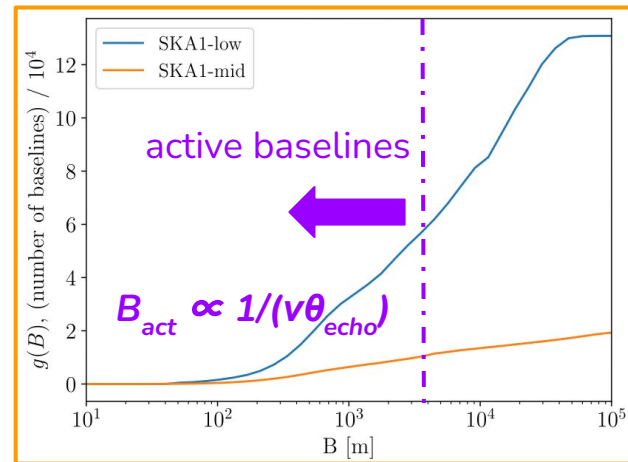
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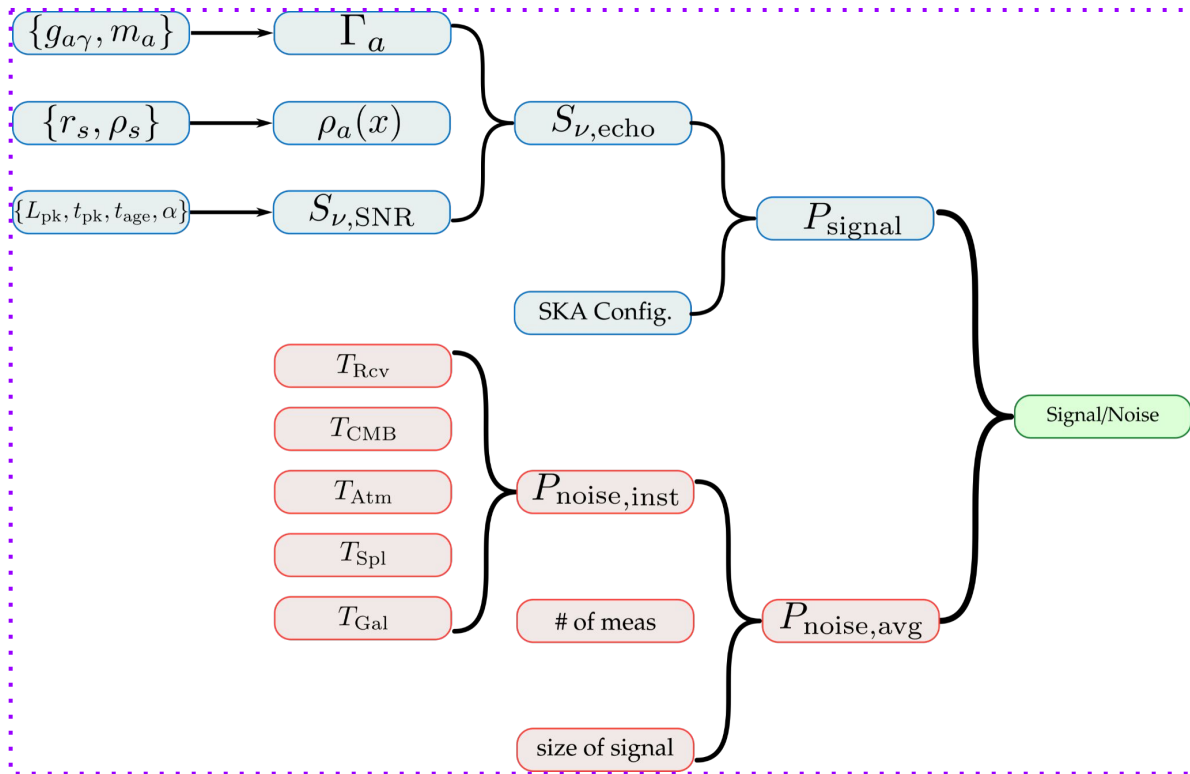
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$$N_{\text{baselines}} \approx N_{\text{active}}(N_{\text{active}} - 1)/2$$

Pipeline



[image credit: Chen Sun]

Analysis

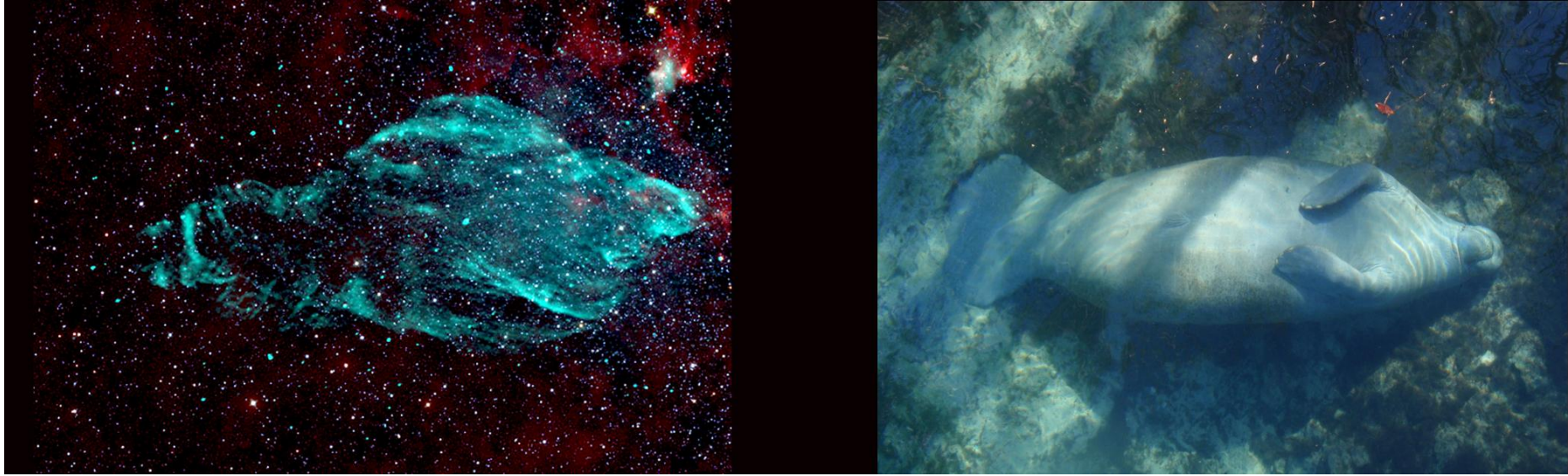
- **60 SNRs** with data on: flux density, spectral index, age, coordinates, distance.
- SNR evolution: **free** expansion & **adiabatic** expansion
- Axion **DM**: **NFW** profile
- **Echo signal** for axion DM parameters
- SKA1 s/n
- Full analysis: github.com/ManuelBuenAbad/snr_ghosts

Results



SNR G39.7-2.0

Manatee Nebula (W50)



(1/30 brightness of Cassiopeia A)

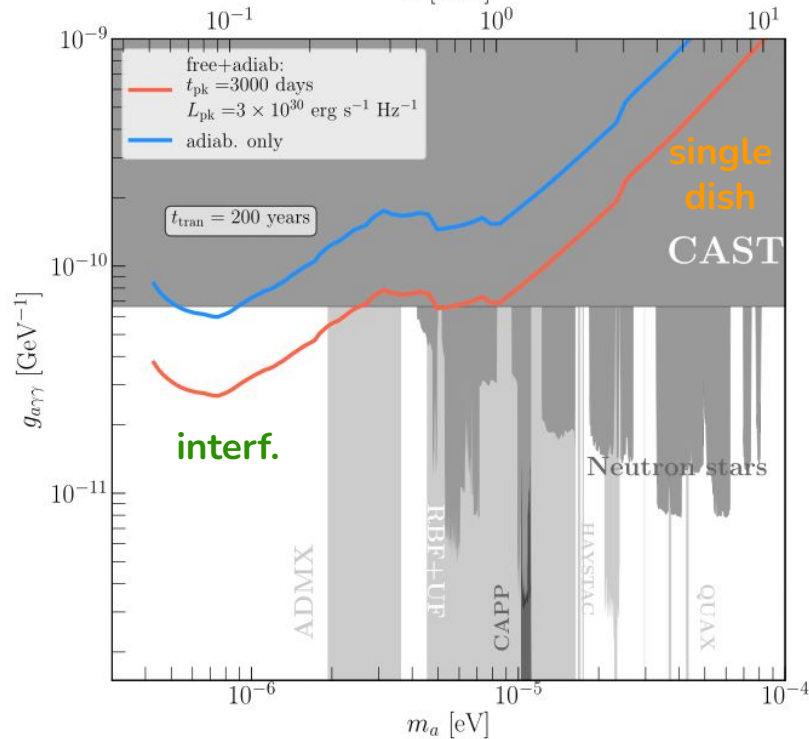
SNR G39.7-2.0



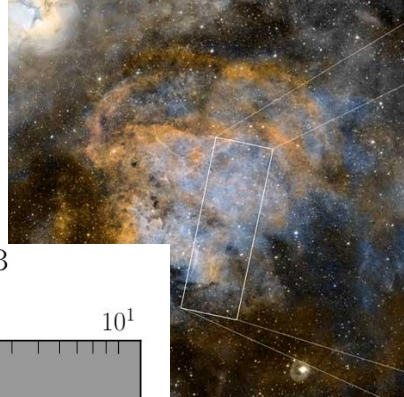
SNR: G39.7-2.0

ν [GHz]

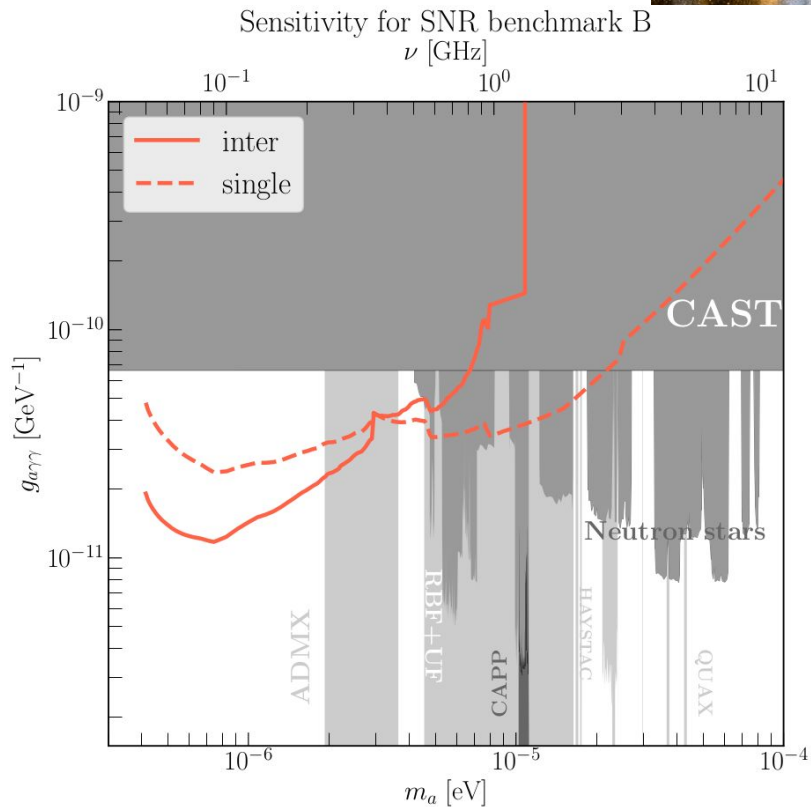
G39.7-2.0
$(l, b) = (39.7^\circ, -2^\circ)$
$\theta_s = 85$ arcmin
$S_{1\text{GHz},s}^{(0)} = 85$ Jy
$D = 4.9$ kpc (4.5 – 5.5 kpc)
$t_{\text{age}} = 30,000 - 100,000$ years
$\alpha = 0.7$ (0.5 – 0.8)
$\gamma = 1.92$ (1.6 – 2.08)



SNR G6.4-0.1-like

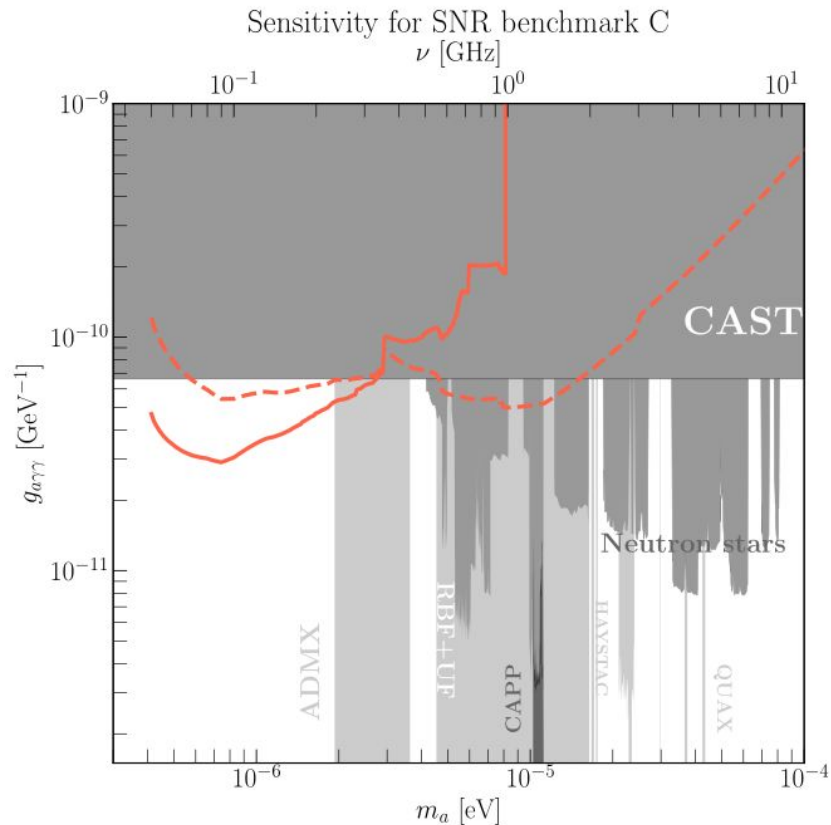


Benchmark	B (free+adiabatic)
(l, b)	$(64^\circ, -0.1^\circ)$
θ_s [arcmin]	48
$S_{1\text{GHz},s}^{(0)}$ [Jy]	310
$L_{1\text{GHz},\text{pk}}$ [cgs]	$2.5 \times 10^{30} (*)$
t_{pk} [day]	$t_{\text{tran}}/30$
t_{tran} [year]	100
D [kpc]	1.9
t_{age} [year]	35,000
α	0.65
γ	1.84(*)



Ghost SNR

Benchmark	C (old)
(l, b)	$(175^\circ, 5^\circ)$
θ_s [arcmin]	16(*)
$S_{1\text{GHz},s}^{(0)}$ [Jy]	6.3(*)
$L_{1\text{GHz},\text{pk}}$ [cgs]	1.2×10^{29}
t_{pk} [day]	50
t_{tran} [year]	4.1
D [kpc]	0.5
t_{age} [year]	55,000
α	0.65
γ	1.84(*)



Conclusions

- Stimulated decays: forward & backward signals (*echo*)
- Transient vs. constant sources: dim today, *bright yesterday*
- Old and/or undetected dim SNR “ghosts”: **detectable echos**
 - SNR archaeology!
- Better SNR light curve understanding: better estimates
- **Axion DM stimulated decays via SNRs with SKA1:**
 - beyond CAST
 - $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ @ $m_a \sim 10^{-6} \text{ eV}$

Backup Slides

Effects due to motion...

1. ... of the source w.r.t. dark matter:

echo points towards “historic” source position; the stacked echo image of source’s history is then blurred/smeared with aberration

$$\theta_{\text{ab}} \approx \frac{d_s}{D} \approx 10 \text{ arcmin} \left(\frac{v_s}{10^{-3}} \right) \left(\frac{t_{\text{age}}}{10^4 \text{ years}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ kpc}}{D} \right)$$

Effects due to motion...

1. ... of the source w.r.t. dark matter,
2. of the Earth w.r.t. the source:

the Earth can move away from the source, decreasing the flux density:

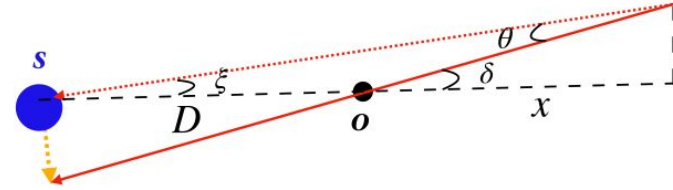
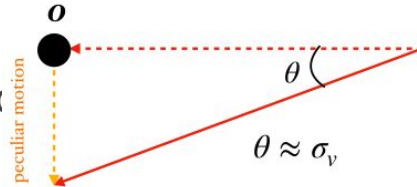
$$1 - \left(\frac{D}{d_o + D} \right)^2 \approx \frac{2d_o}{D} = 6 \times 10^{-3} \left(\frac{v_o}{10^{-3}} \right) \left(\frac{t_{\text{age}}}{10^4 \text{ years}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ kpc}}{D} \right)$$

Effects due to motion...

a) Effect of dark matter peculiar motion

b) Enlarging collecting solid angle

1. ... of the source w.r.t. dark matter
2. of the Earth w.r.t. the source
3. of the dark matter particles:



*photons from decay of DM axions w/ vel. dispersion σ_v will not make it back to detector: need a **wider collection angle***

$$2\delta \approx 2\sigma_v \frac{x + D}{D} \approx 2\sigma_v \frac{t_{\text{age}}/2 + D}{D}$$

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$$\theta_{\text{echo}} = \max(\theta_s, \theta_{\text{ab}}, 2\delta)$$

Earth's shadow

1. The Earth's shadow prevents photons from stimulating axion DM decays

$$l_{\text{sd}} \approx \frac{2R_{\oplus}}{\theta_s} \quad \text{shadow's length} \ll \text{l.o.s. for typical source sizes}$$

2. Source photons are physically **blocked** by the Earth from stimulating axion

DM on $t \sim R_{\oplus}/v_{\odot} \sim 21 \text{ s}$ source timescale in which the Earth moves **“out of the way”** of the light rays \ll l.o.s.

SN rates

- 0.02 – 0.03 SN/yr \Rightarrow 2000 – 3000 SNRs in 10^5 yr. [Tammann et al. '94]
- GC: 294 SNRs only, rest could be dim and at tail of observational capabilities

$$\Sigma(R) \propto \left(\frac{R}{R_{\odot}}\right)^a \exp\left(-b\frac{(R - R_{\odot})}{R_{\odot}}\right)$$

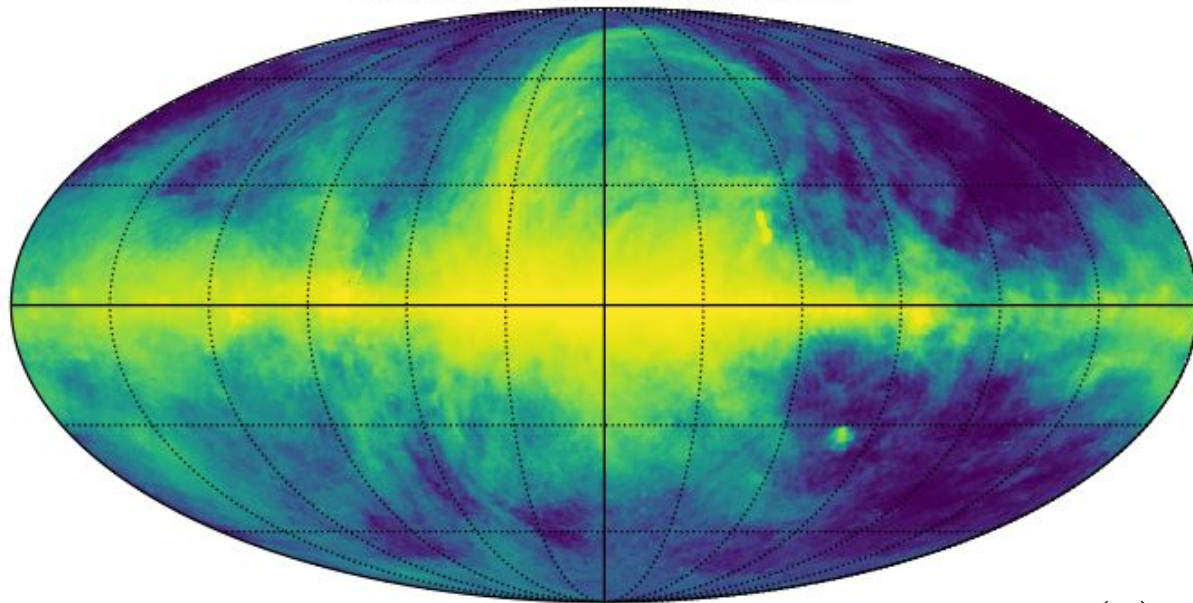
2D SNR density distribution
[Green '15]

$$a = 1.09, b = 3.87.$$

- \Rightarrow **O(10)** SNRs within **1 kpc** of the Sun

$T_{gal}(\nu)$

Haslam 408 MHz all sky map, w/ filtering



$$T_{gal}(\nu) = T_{408} \left(\frac{\nu}{0.408 \text{ GHz}} \right)^{-2.55}$$

Axion Dark Matter Echo

$$\frac{d}{dt} f_\gamma = C[f_\gamma] \quad C[f_1] = \frac{1}{2E_1} \int \frac{DP_a}{2E_a} \int \frac{DP_2}{2E_2} |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 \left(f_a(1 + f_1 + f_2) - f_1 f_2 \right) (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(p_a - p_1 - p_2)$$

Boltzmann equation

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$$h(\hat{\mathbf{p}}_1) \approx \delta^2(\Omega_1 \hat{\mathbf{p}}_1 + \Omega_* \hat{\mathbf{n}}_*)$$

axion p.s.d. function

$$f_a = n_a (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{p}_a).$$

$$\rho_a = n_a m_a$$

Axion Dark Matter Echo

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integrating over solid angle along the **backwards**
l.o.s., and integrating over (emission!) time...

Axion Dark Matter Echo

$$S_{\nu_{a,e}} = \frac{\pi^2 \Gamma_a}{E_a^3} \delta(E_\gamma - E_a) \int_0^{t_{\text{age}}/2} dx \rho_a(x, -\hat{\mathbf{n}}_*) S_{\nu_{a,s}}(t_{\text{age}} - 2x)$$

$$S_\nu = \frac{E^3}{2\pi^2} \int d\Omega f(E, \Omega)$$

Optical Depth

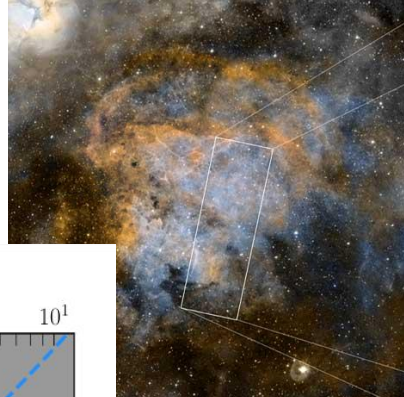
$$\tau(\nu) \approx 9.5 \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{\text{EM}}{\text{cm}^{-6} \text{ pc}} \right) \left(\frac{T_e}{5000 \text{ K}} \right)^{-1.38} \left(\frac{\nu}{\text{GHz}} \right)^{-2.08}$$

EM = $\int n_e^2 dl$ emission measure of electrons along the photon's propagation

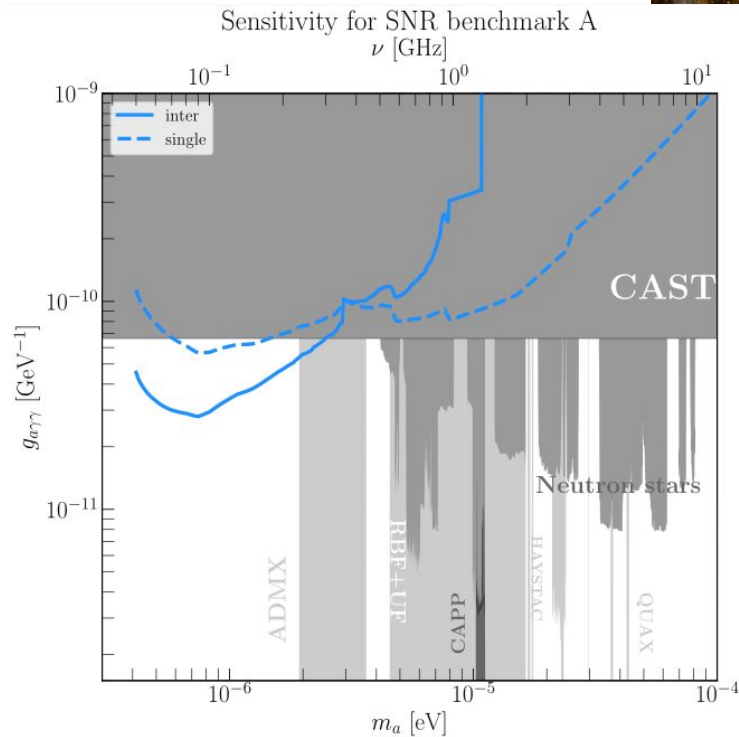
$$\text{EM} \approx 0.23 \text{ cm}^{-6} \text{ pc} \left(\frac{n_{e,0}}{0.015 \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\ell}{\text{kpc}} \right)$$

midplane, away from galactic center

SNR G6.4-0.1-like



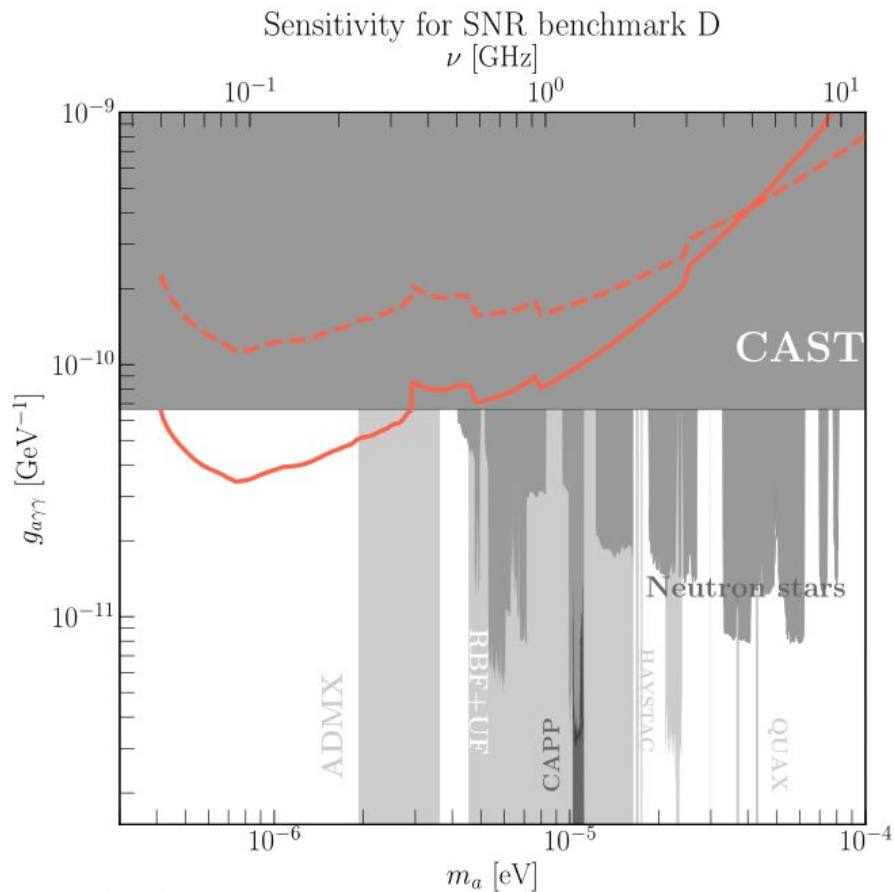
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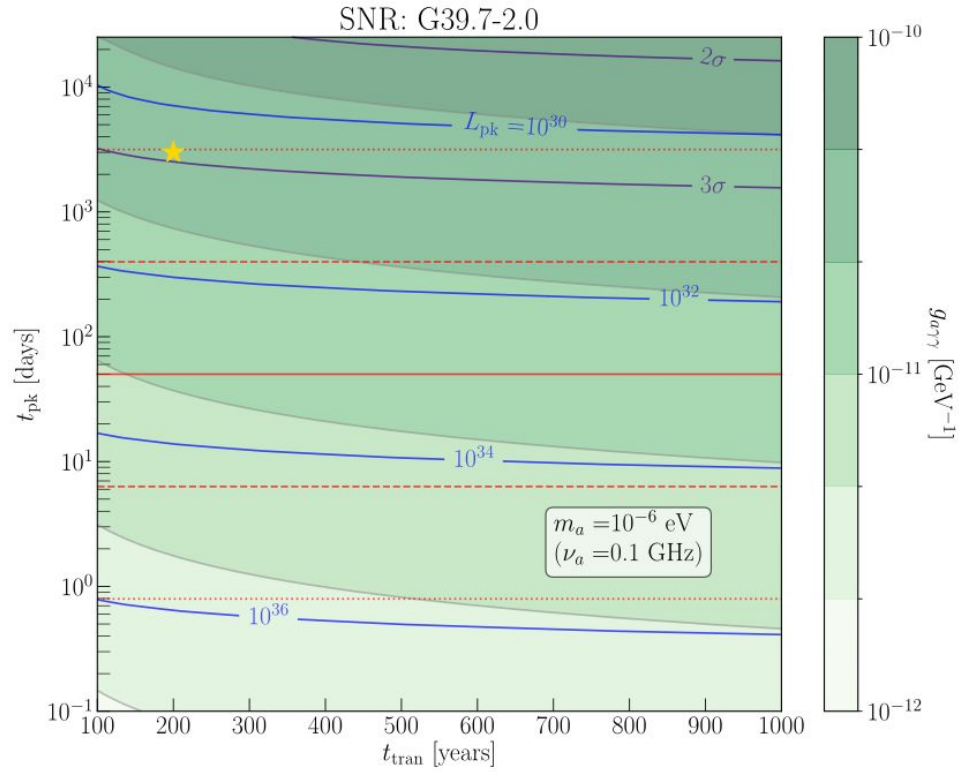


Baby SN

Benchmark	D (new)
(l, b)	$(40^\circ, 0^\circ)$
θ_s [arcmin]	1.0(*)
$S_{1\text{GHz},s}^{(0)}$ [Jy]	2.1×10^6 (*)
$L_{1\text{GHz},\text{pk}}$ [cgs]	1.2×10^{29}
t_{pk} [day]	50
t_{tran} [year]	4.1
D [kpc]	0.5
t_{age} [year]	10
α	0.65
γ	1.84(*)

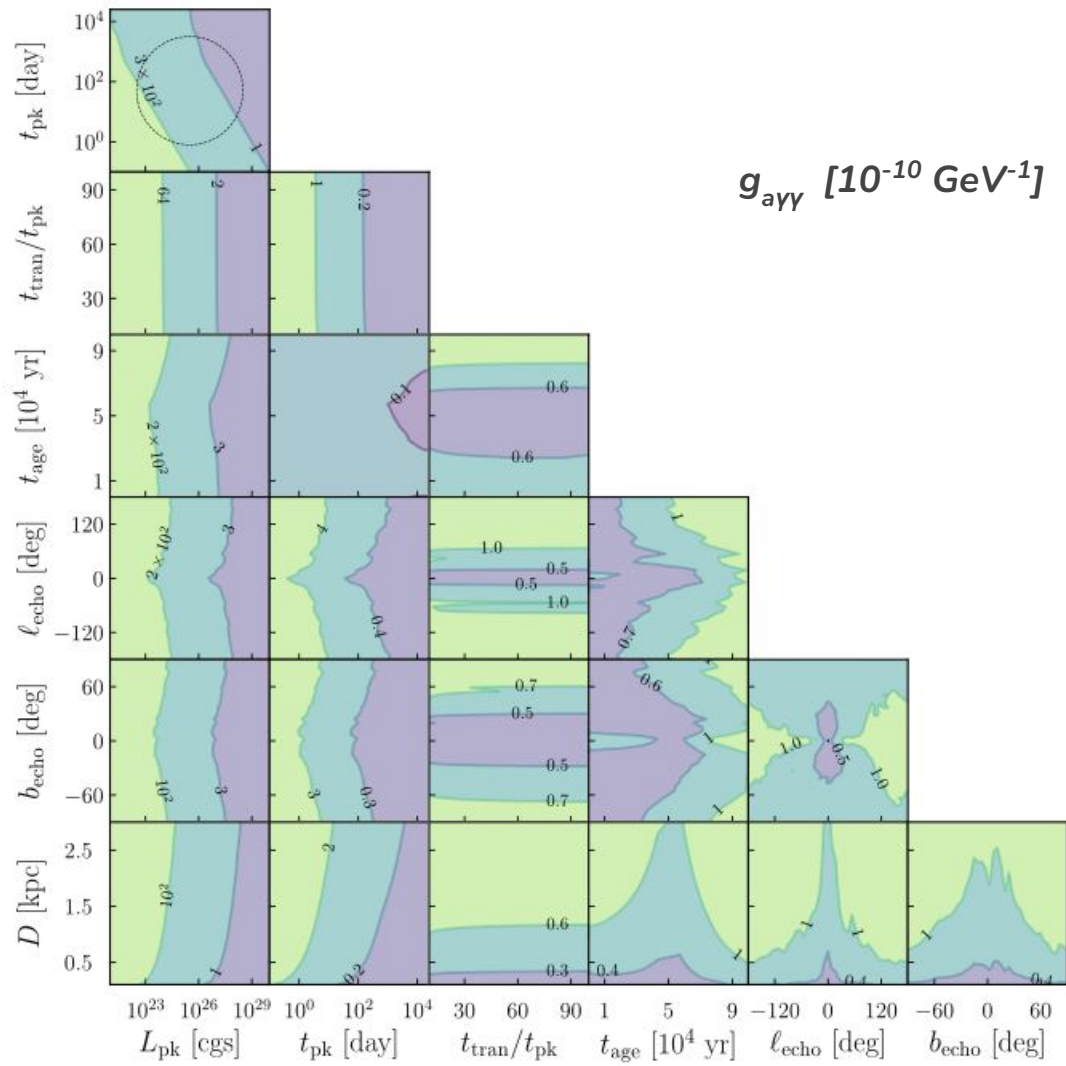
$$R(t) = \begin{cases} v_{\text{hom}} t, & t < t_{\text{tran}} \\ v_{\text{hom}} t_{\text{tran}} \left(\frac{t}{t_{\text{tran}}} \right)^{2/5}, & t \geq t_{\text{tran}} \end{cases}$$

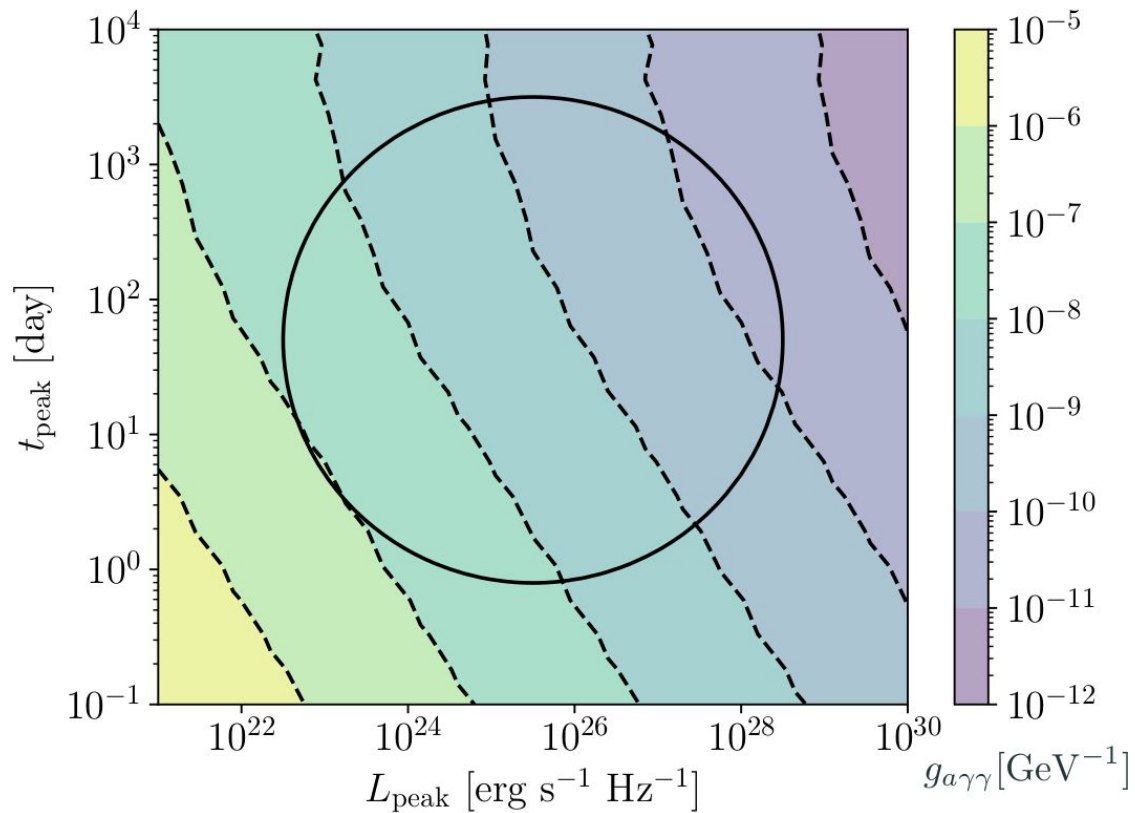




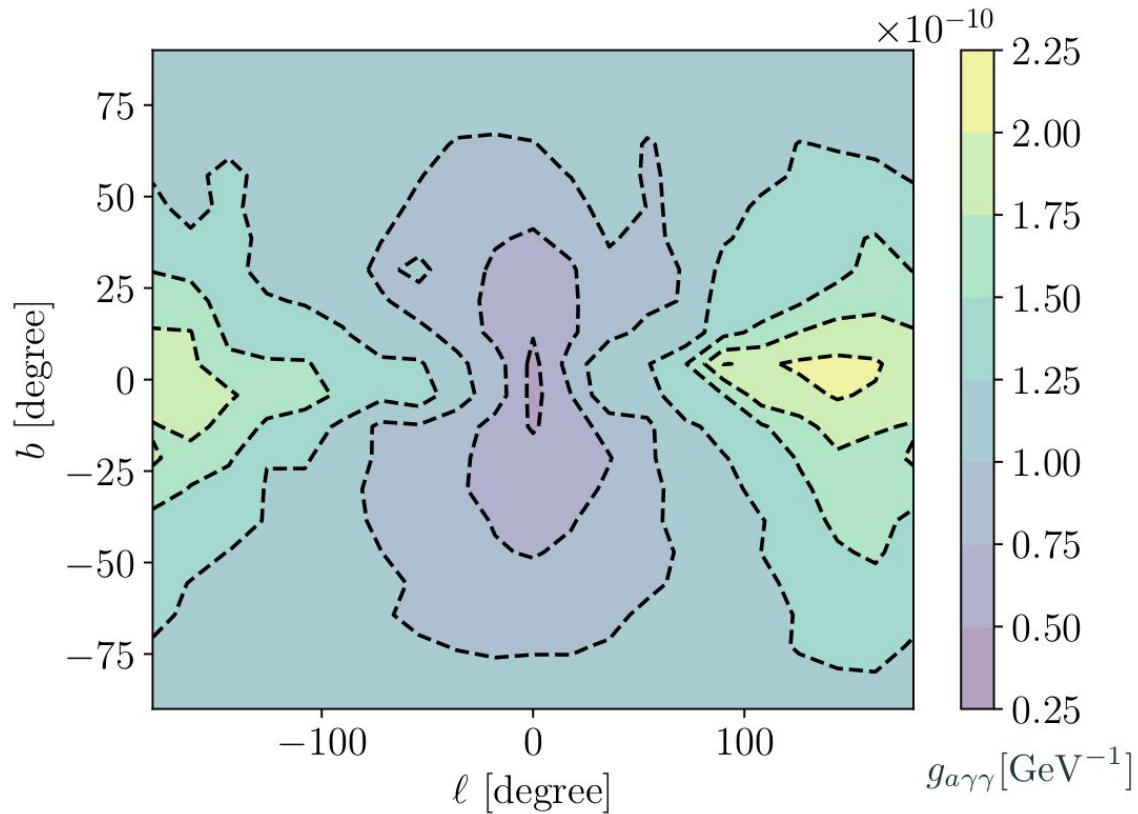
G39.7-2.0 free expansion

Ghost SNR

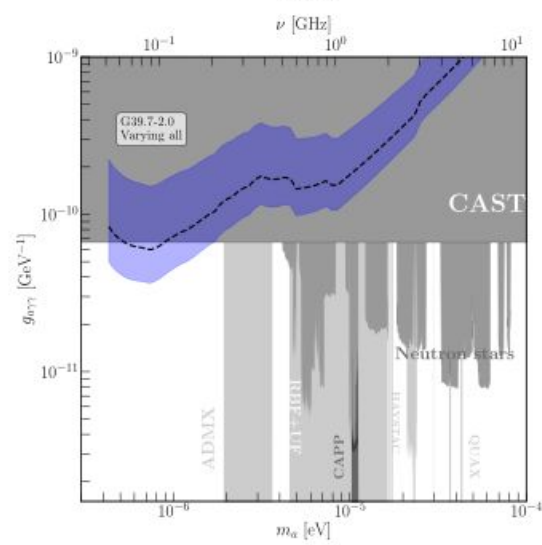
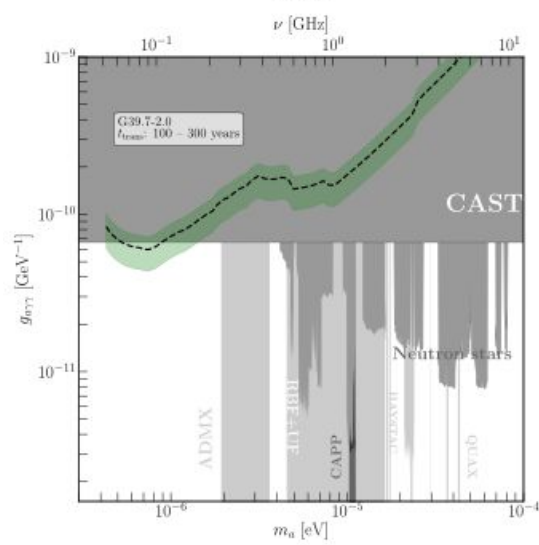
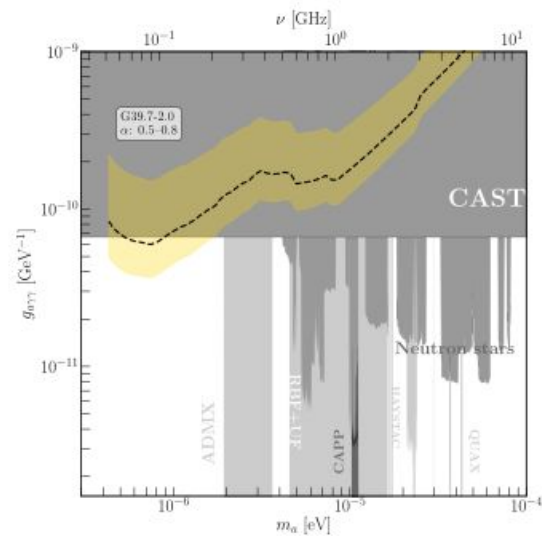
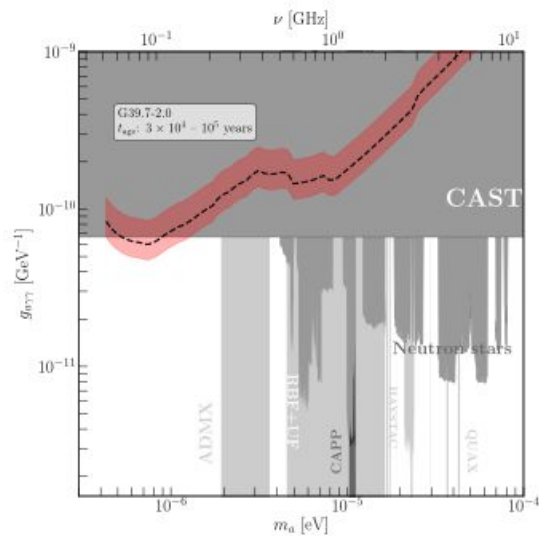




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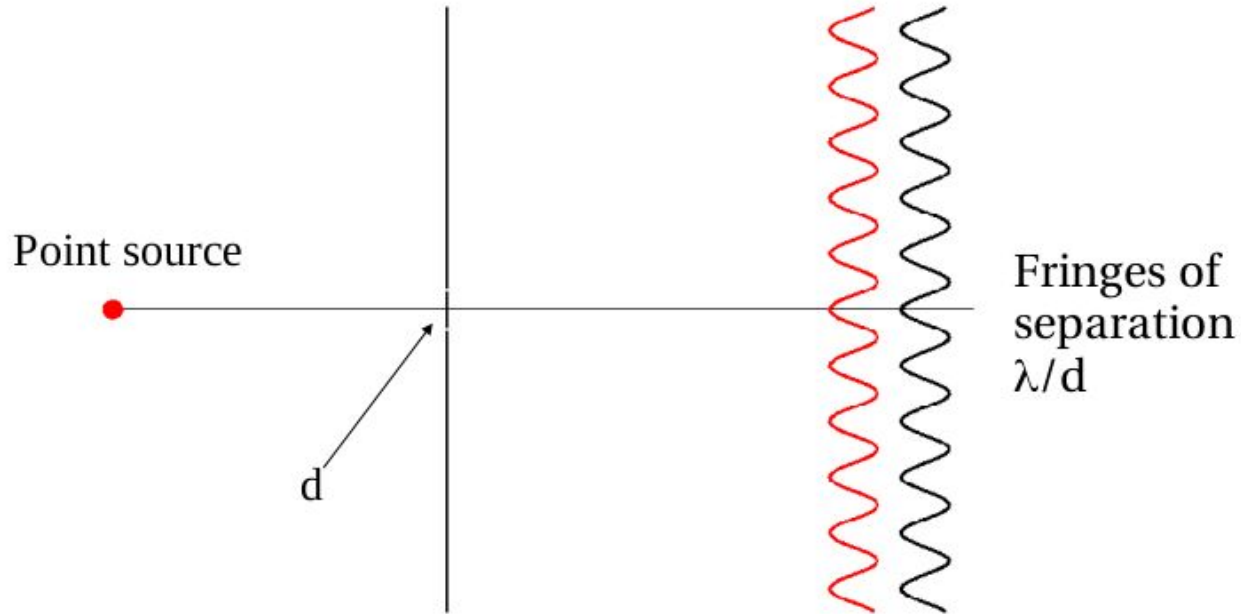


Echo location

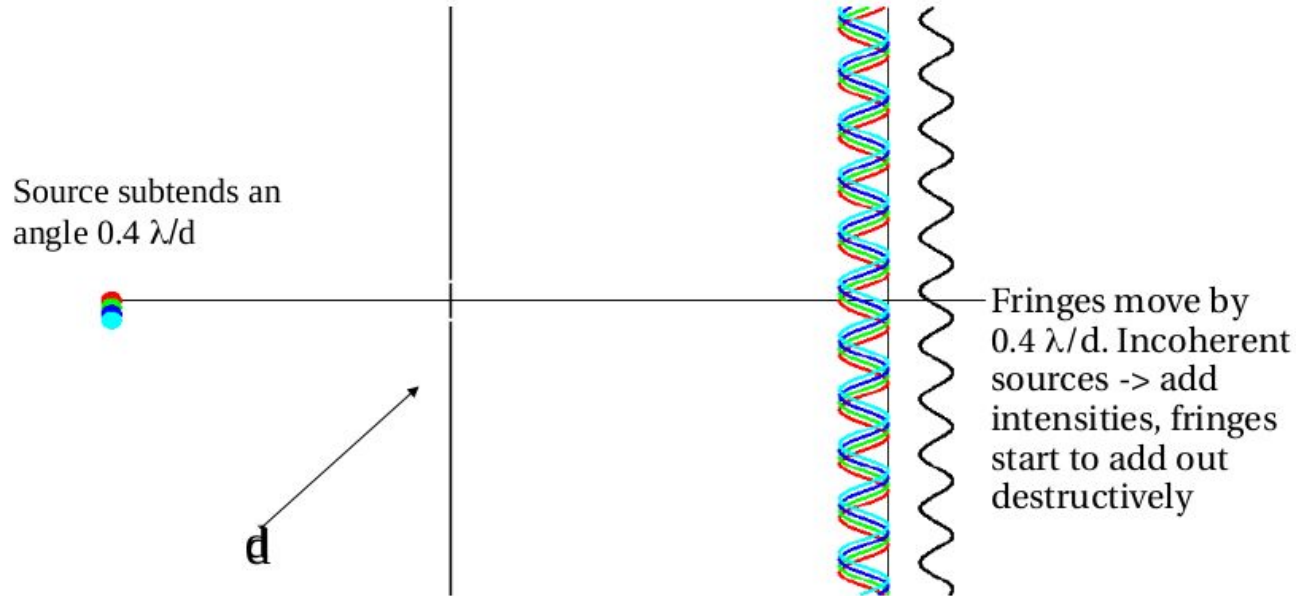


Uncertainties

Young Experiment



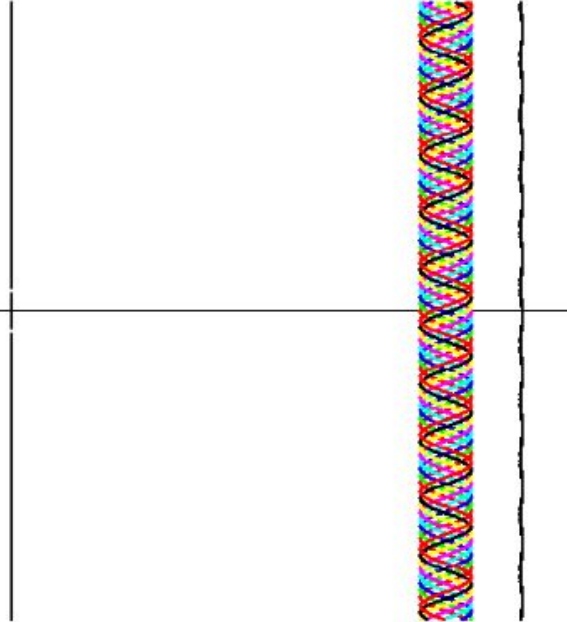
Young Experiment



Define |fringe visibility| as $(I_{\max} - I_{\min}) / (I_{\max} + I_{\min})$

Young Experiment

Source size
gets to λ/d



No fringes remain
(cancellation). Little
fringing seen for
larger sources than
 λ/d either.