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A frequentist view on the two-body decaying dark matter model

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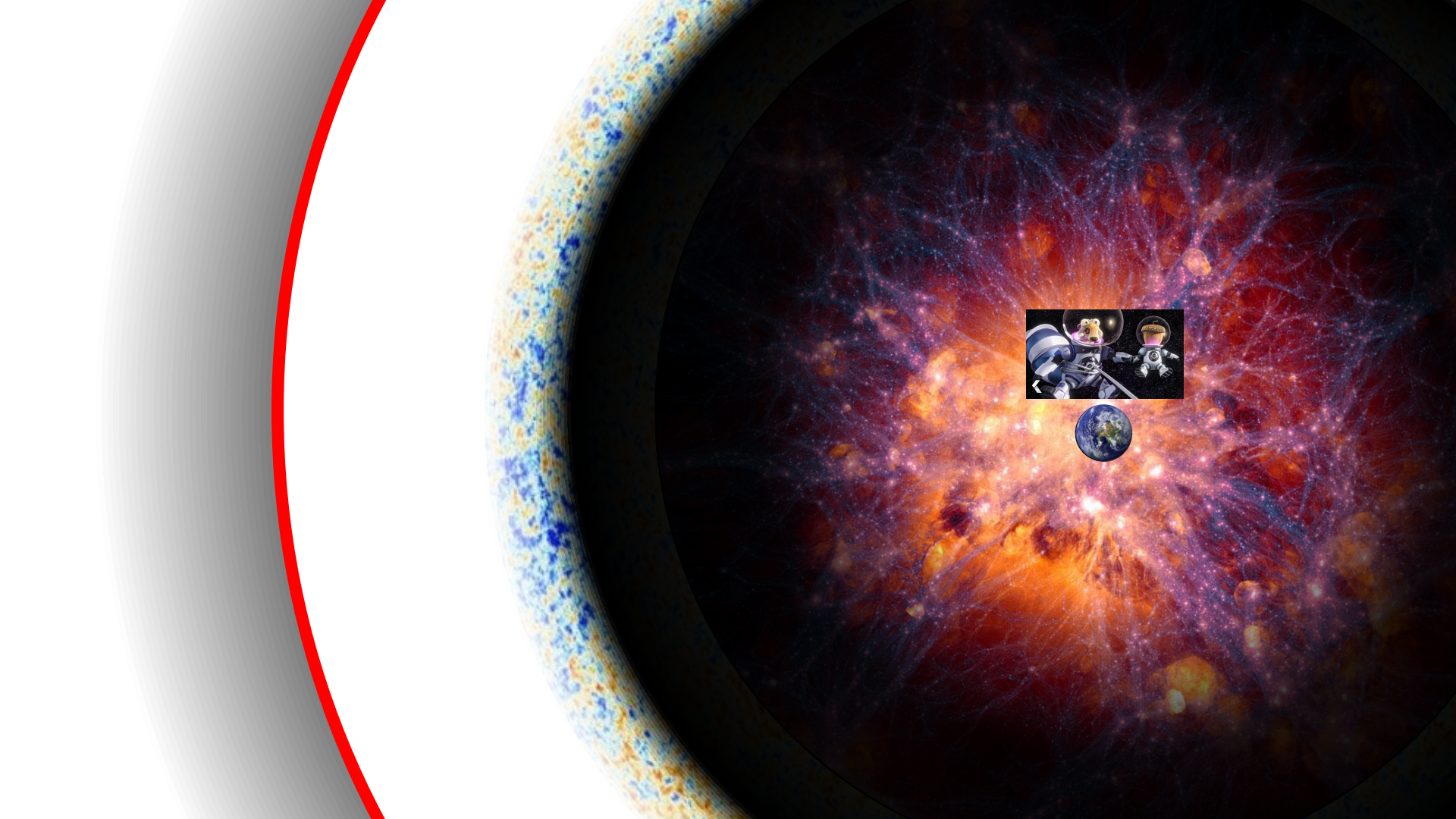
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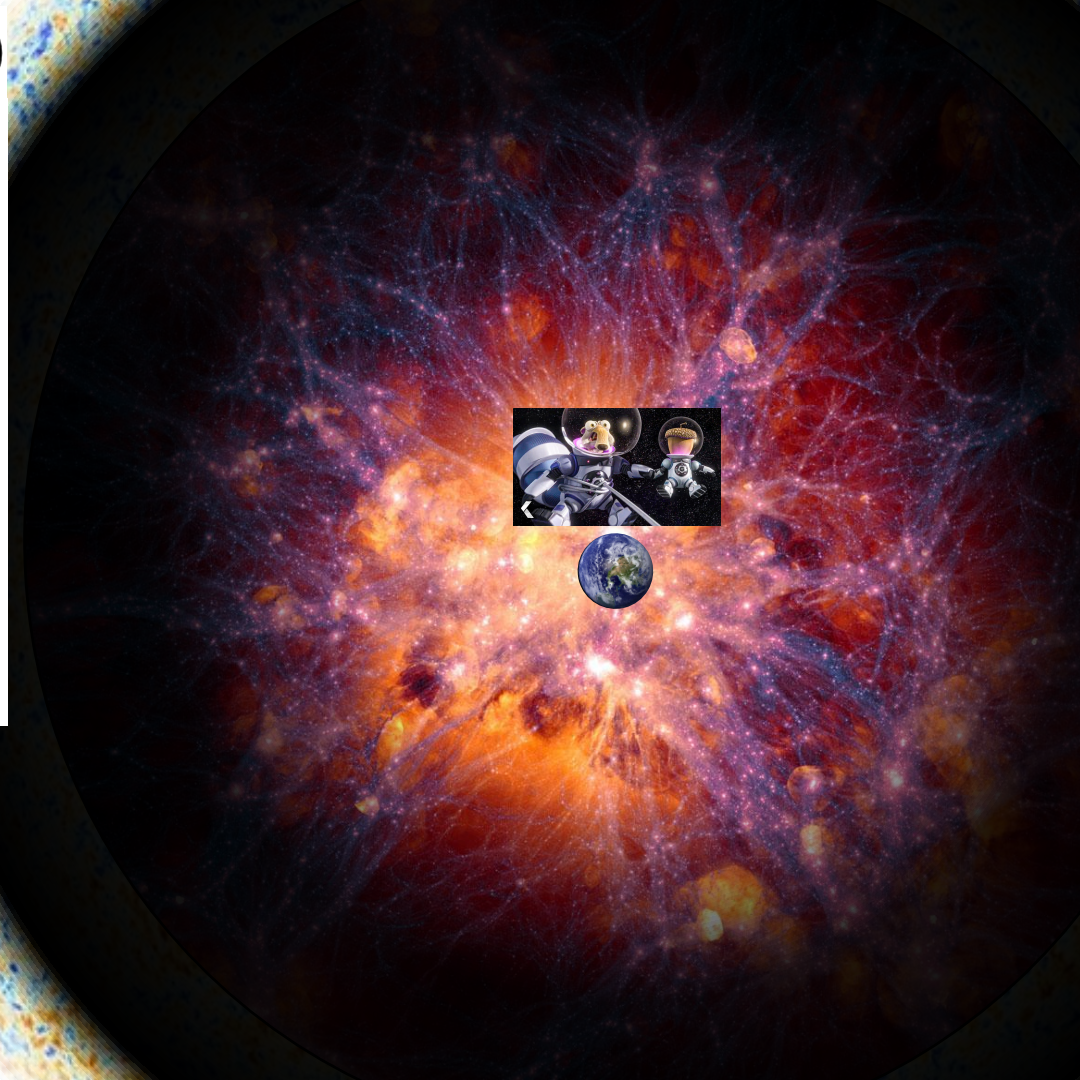
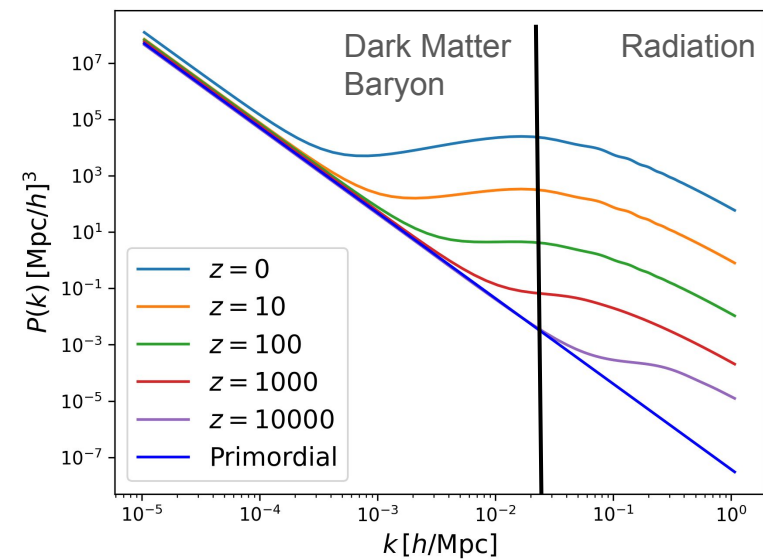
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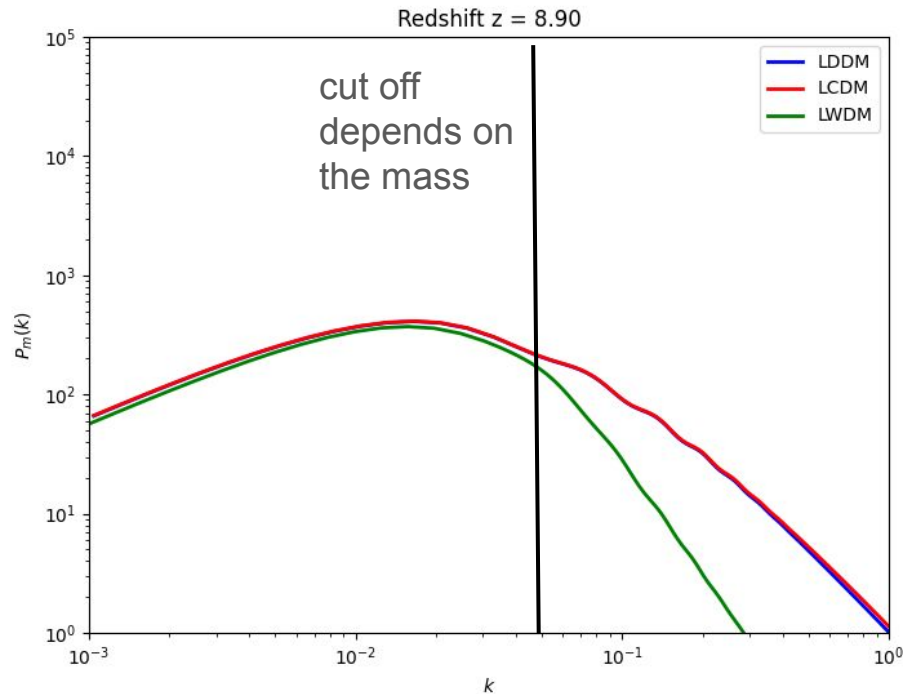
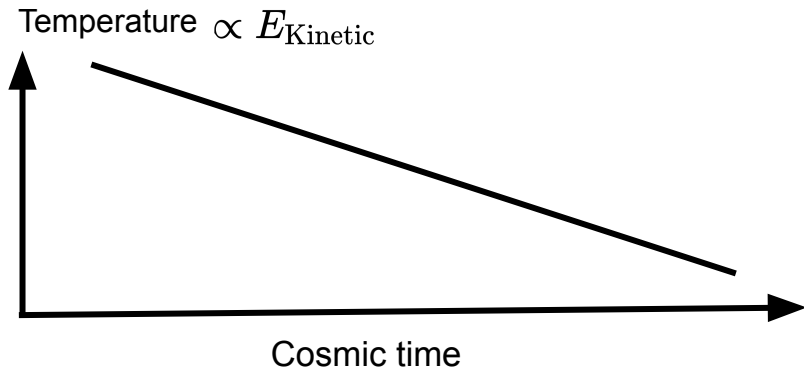
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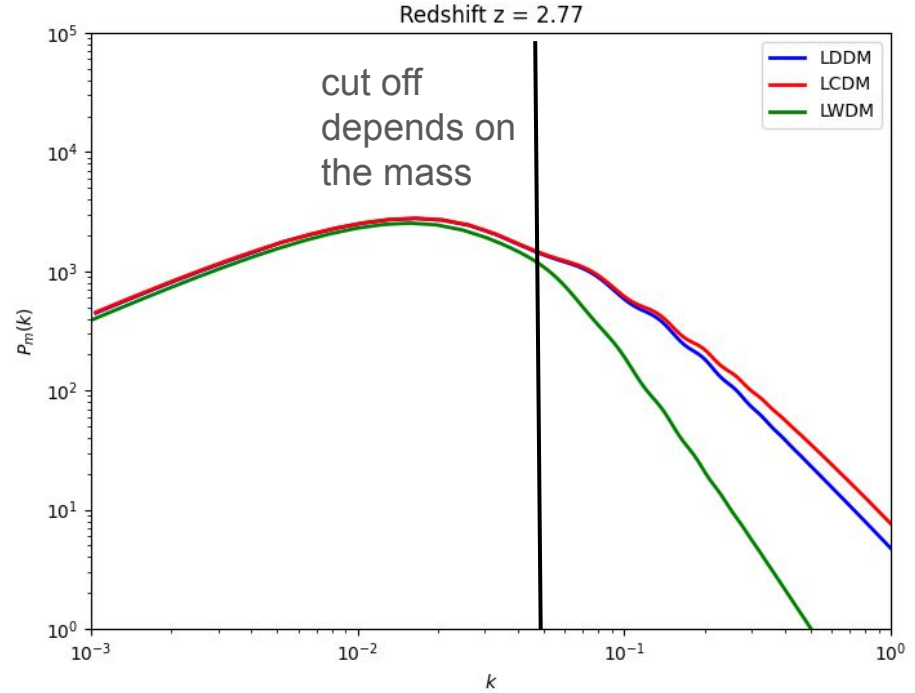
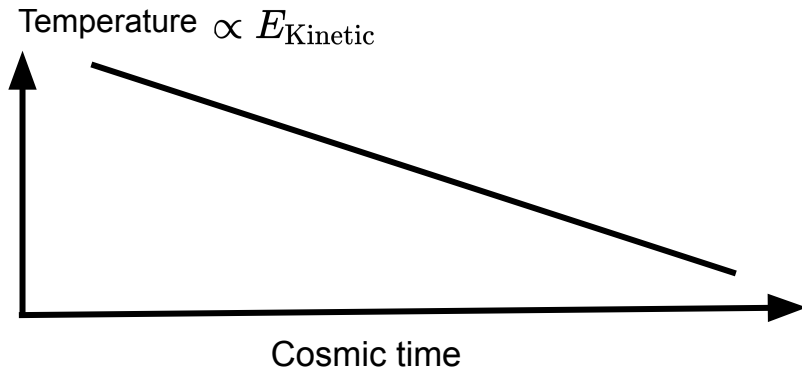


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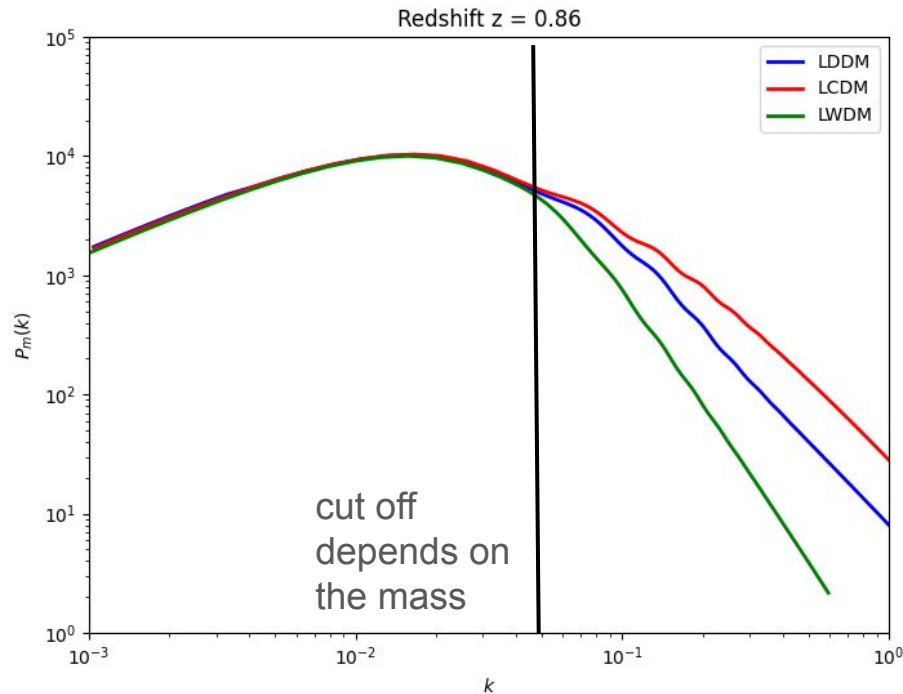
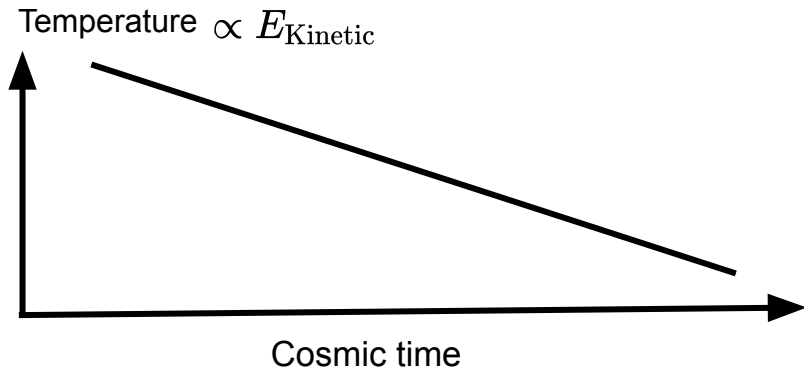
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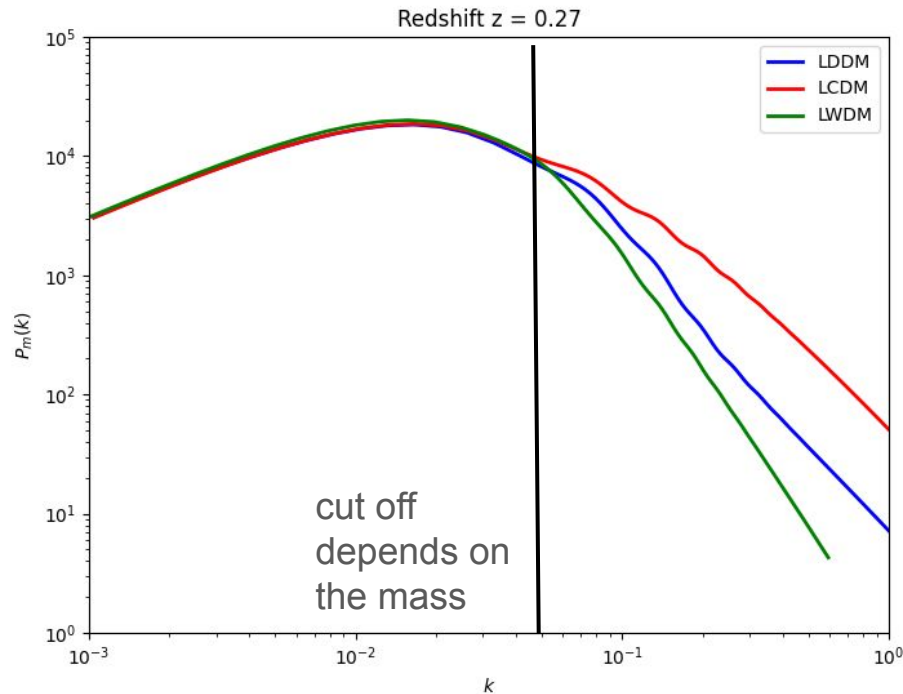
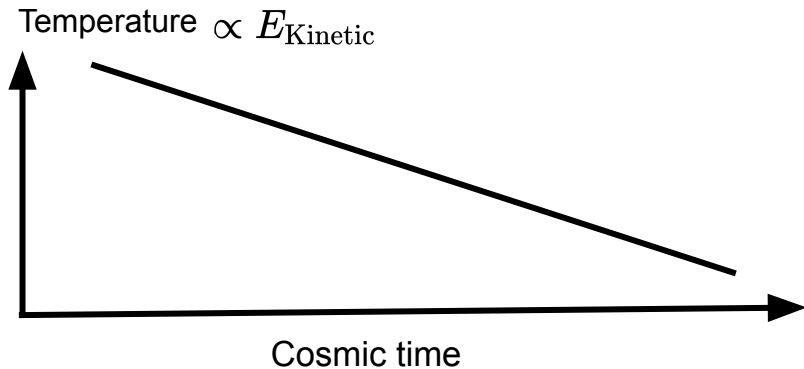
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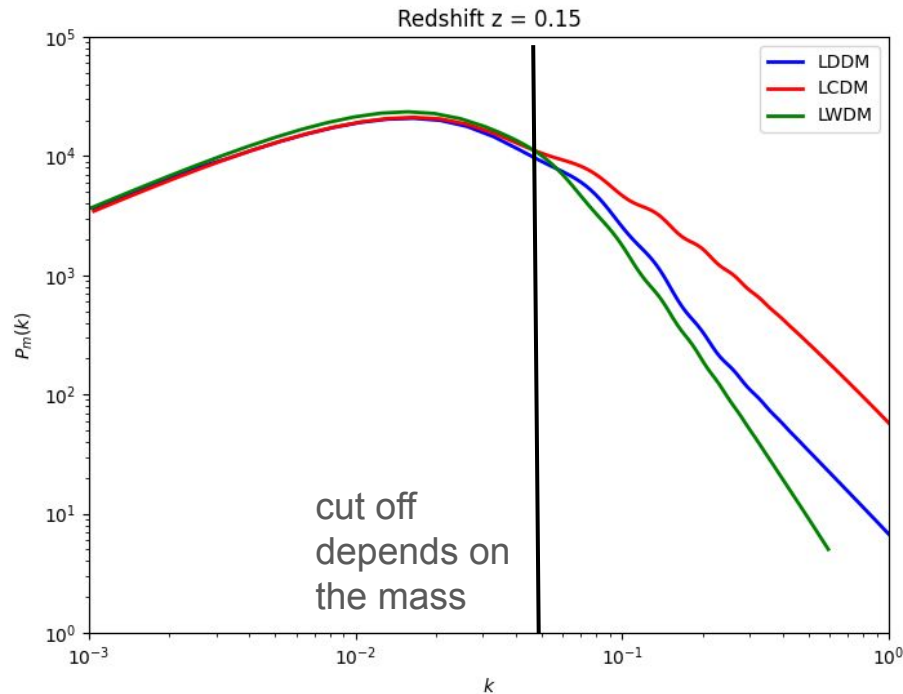
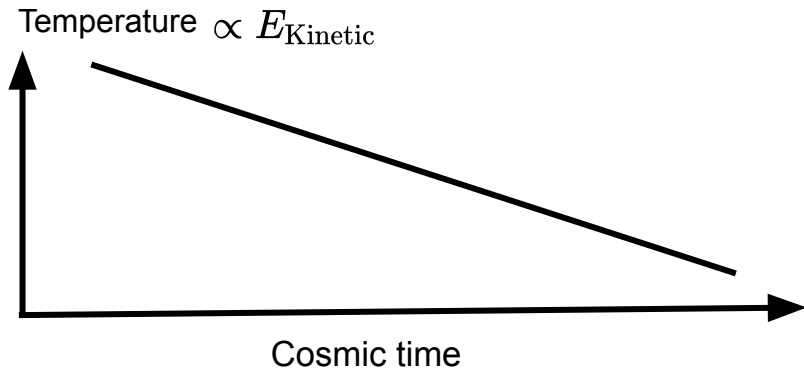
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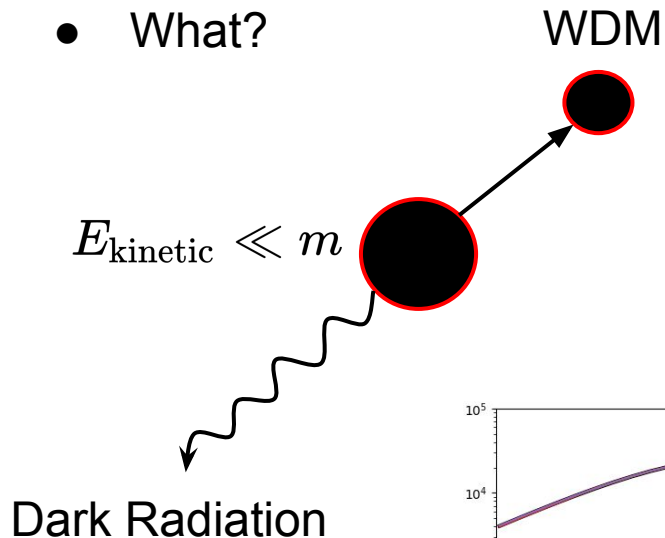


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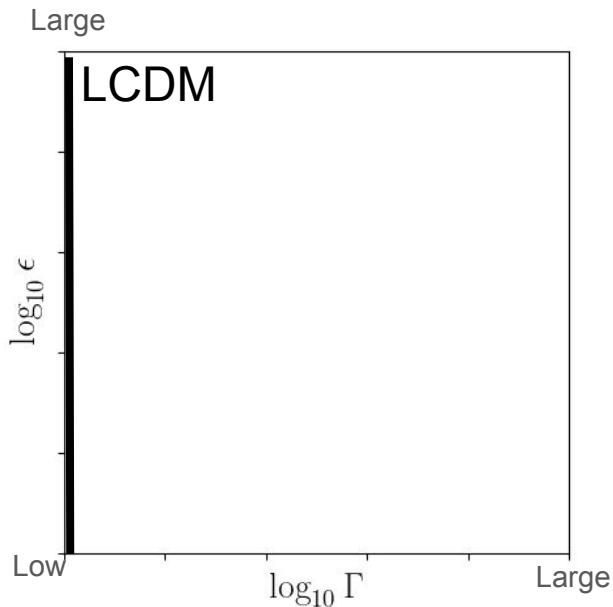
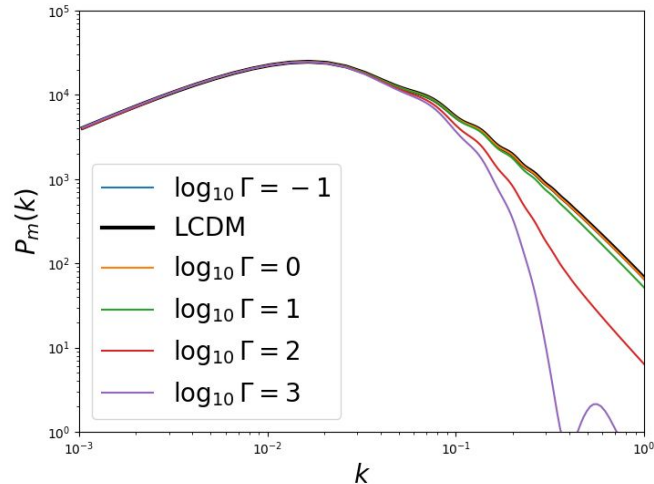
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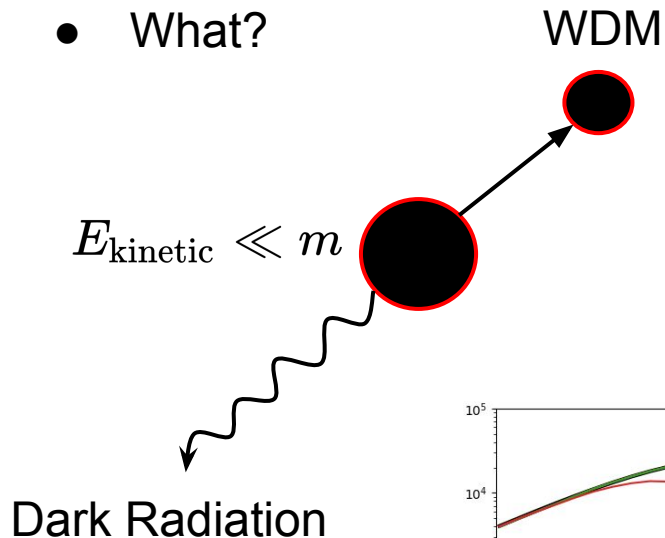
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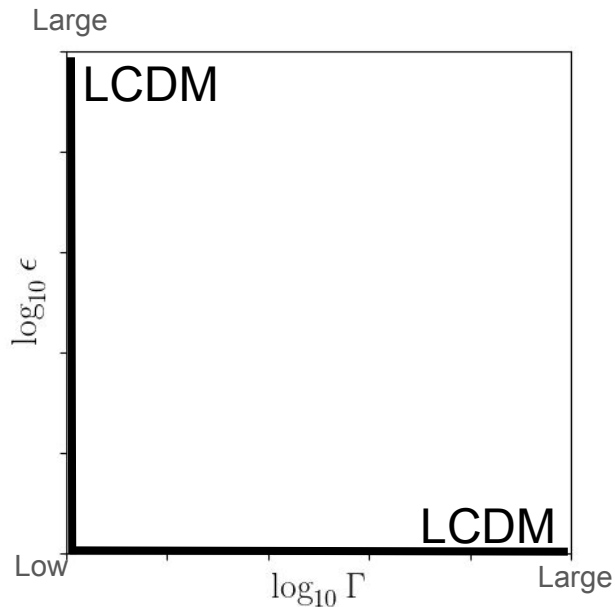
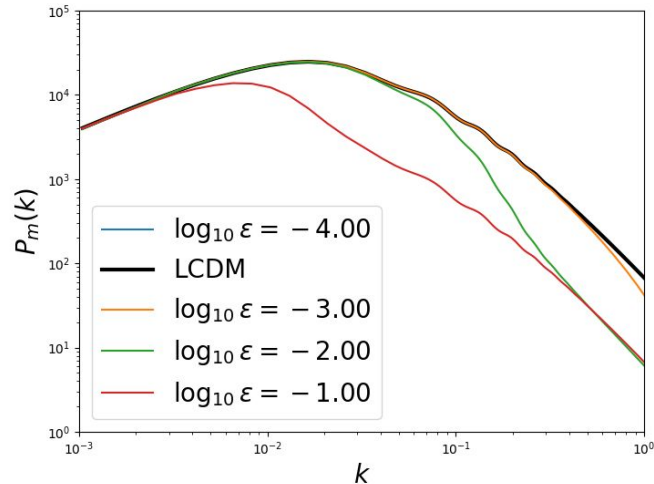
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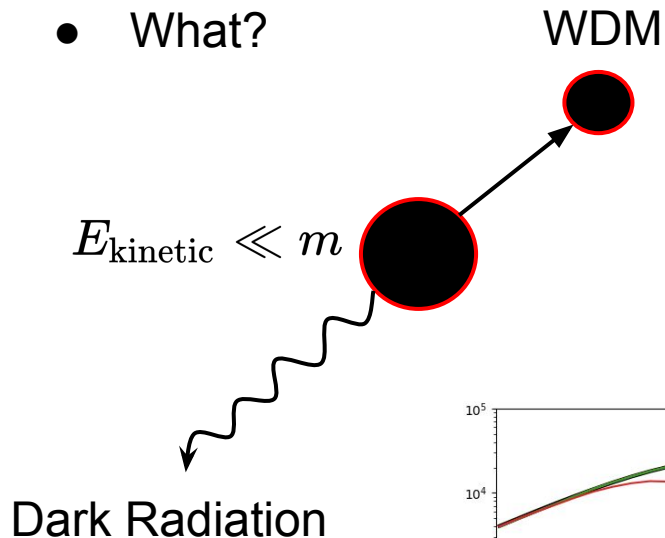
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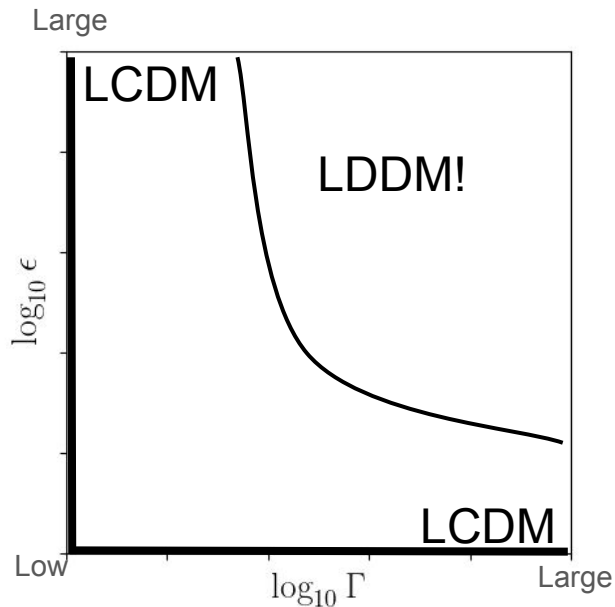
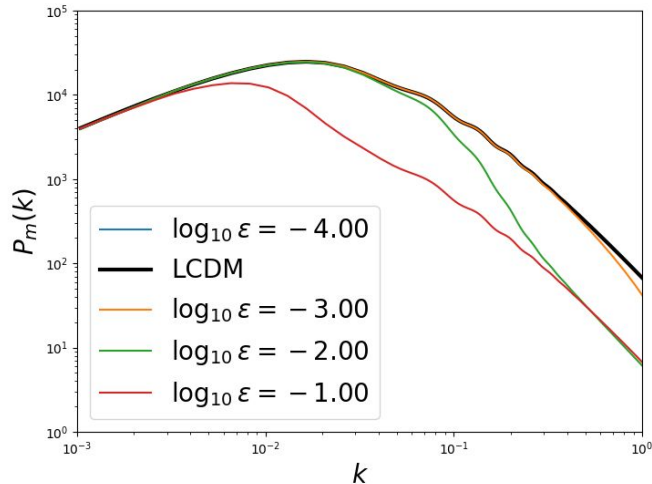
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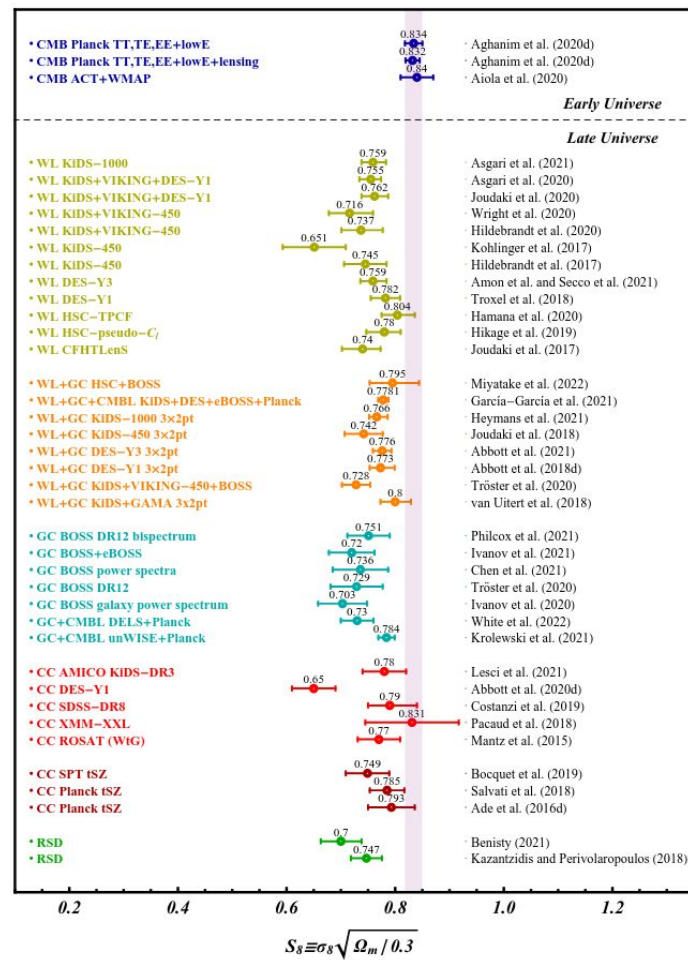
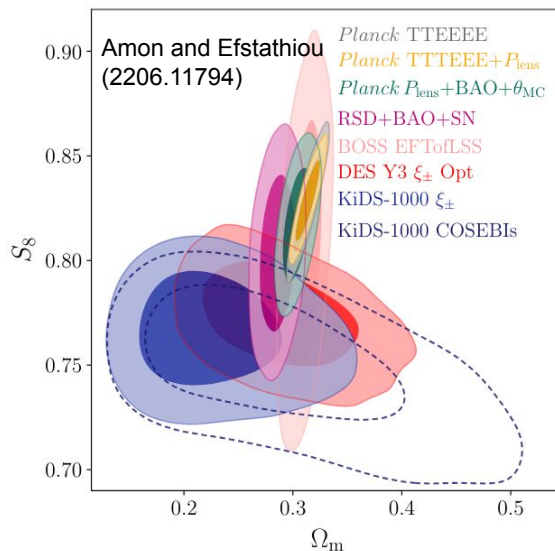
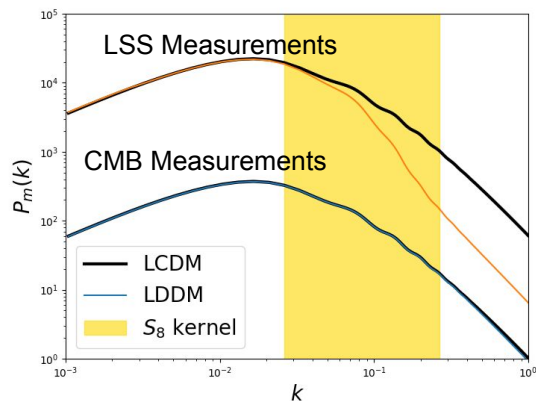
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Abdalla et al (2203.06142)

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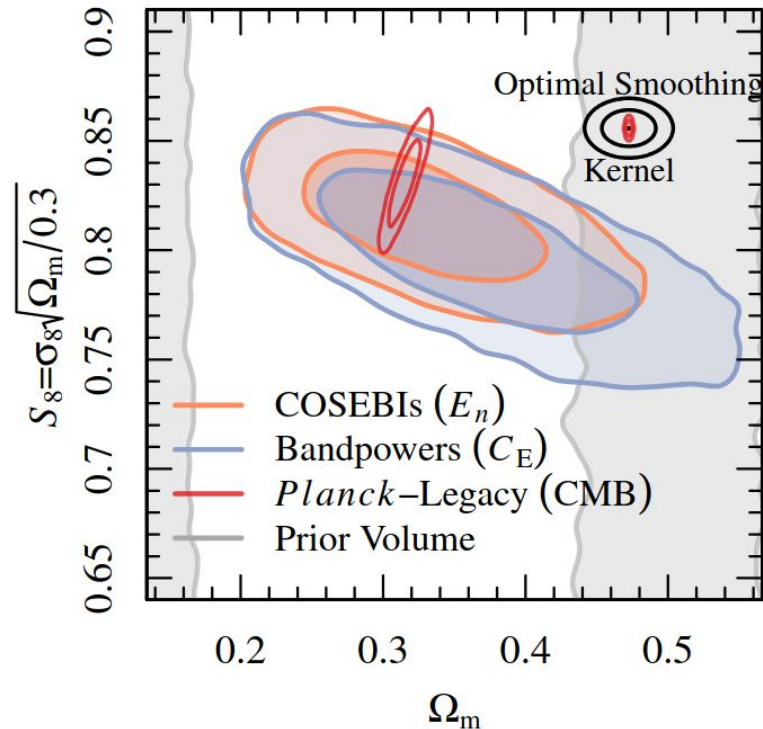
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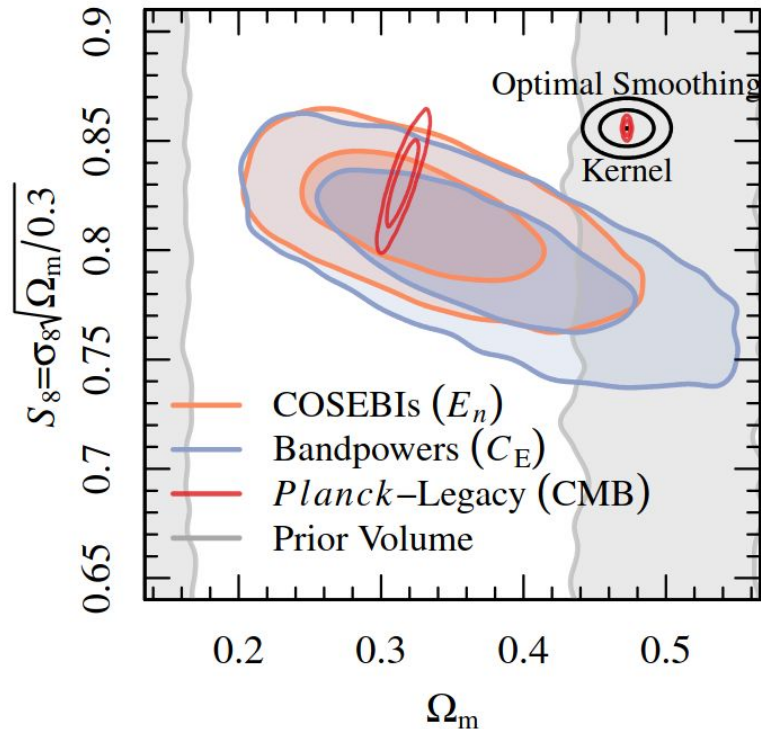
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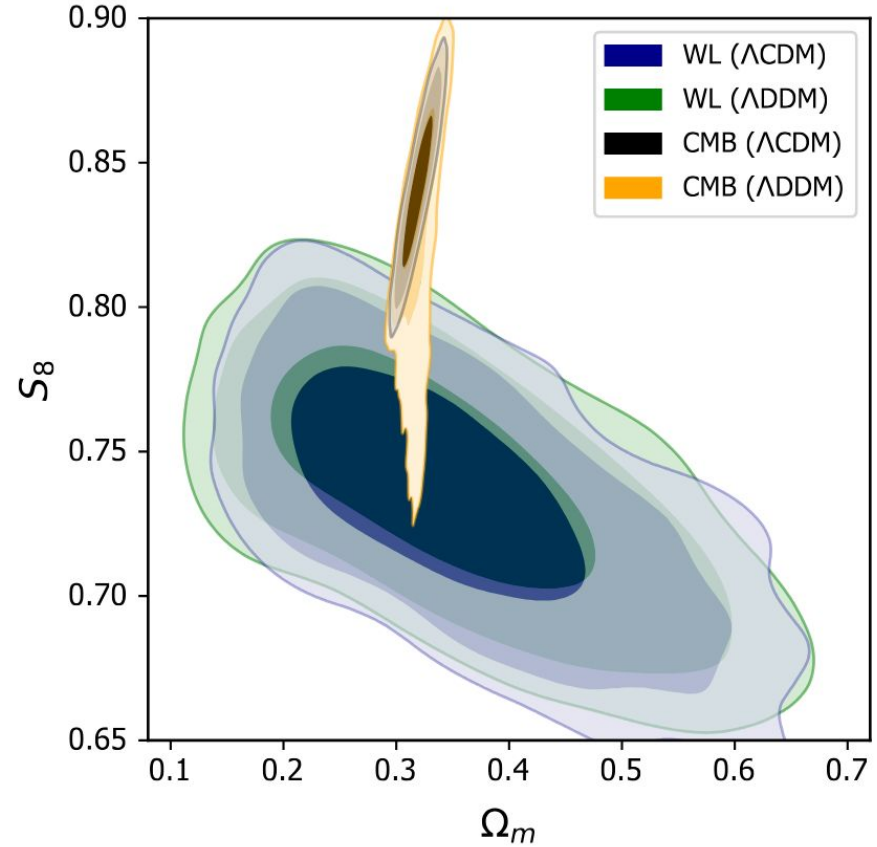
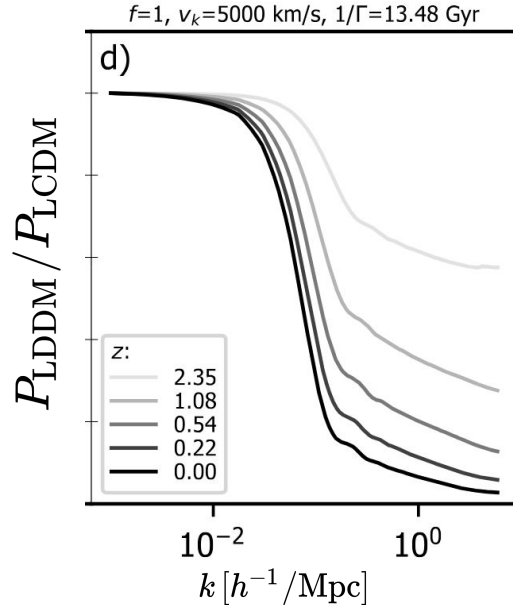


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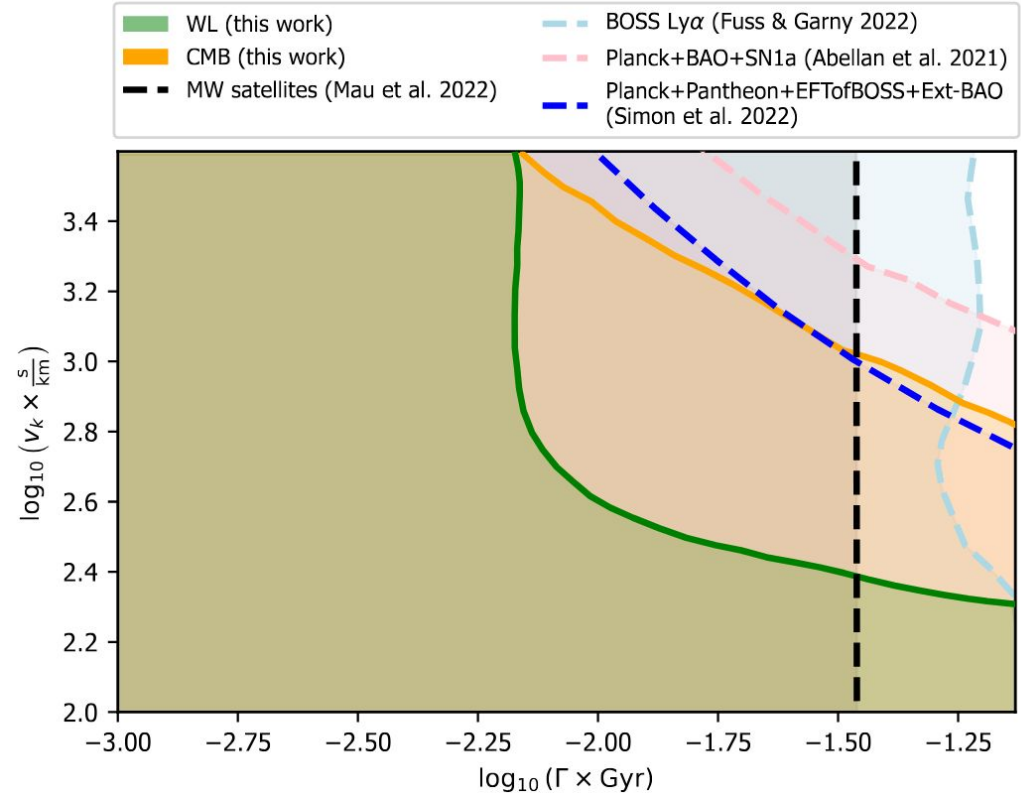
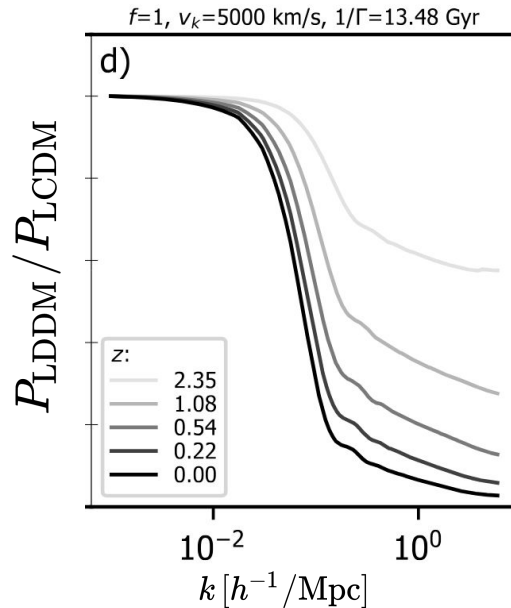
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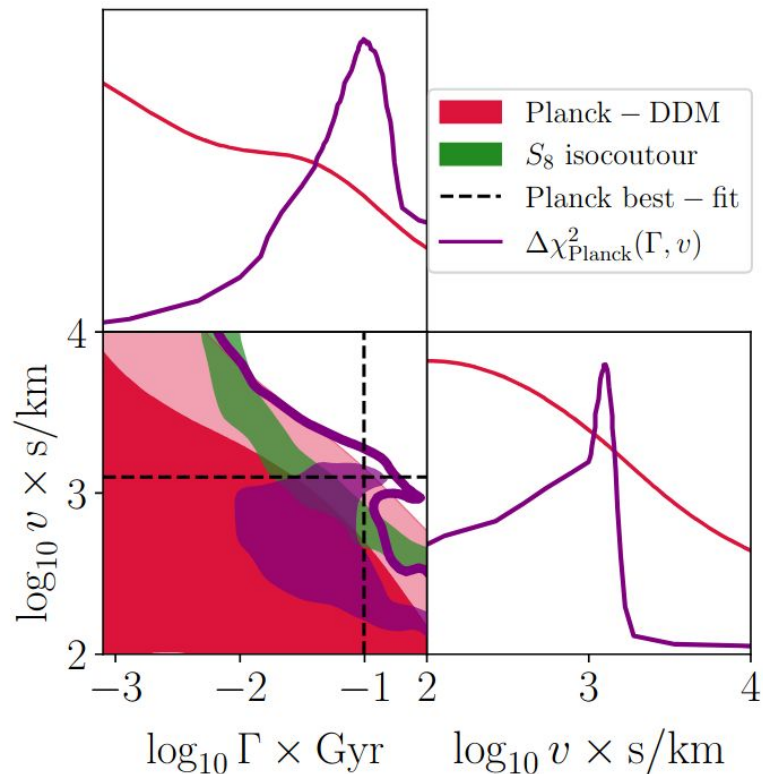
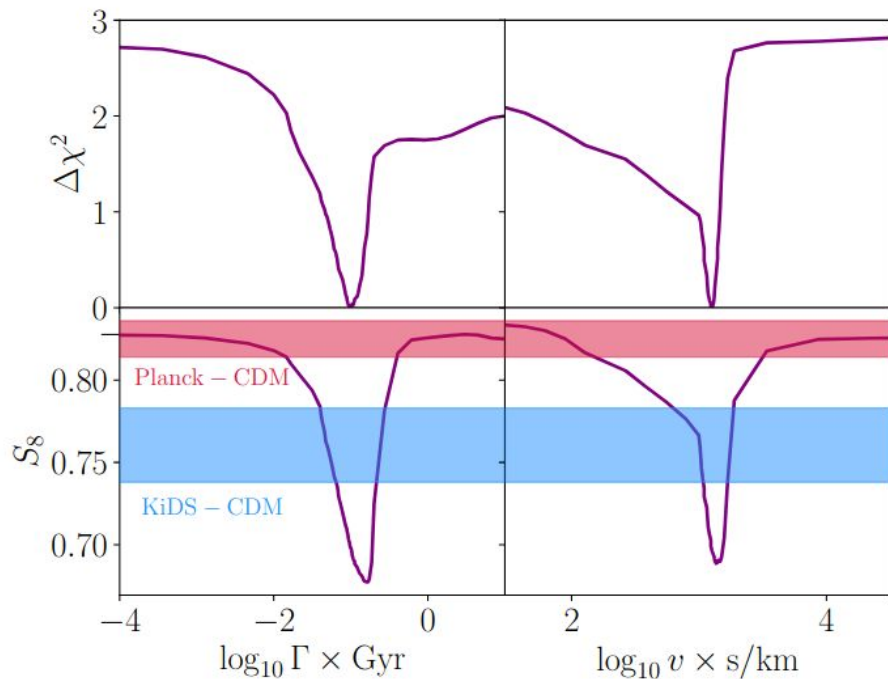
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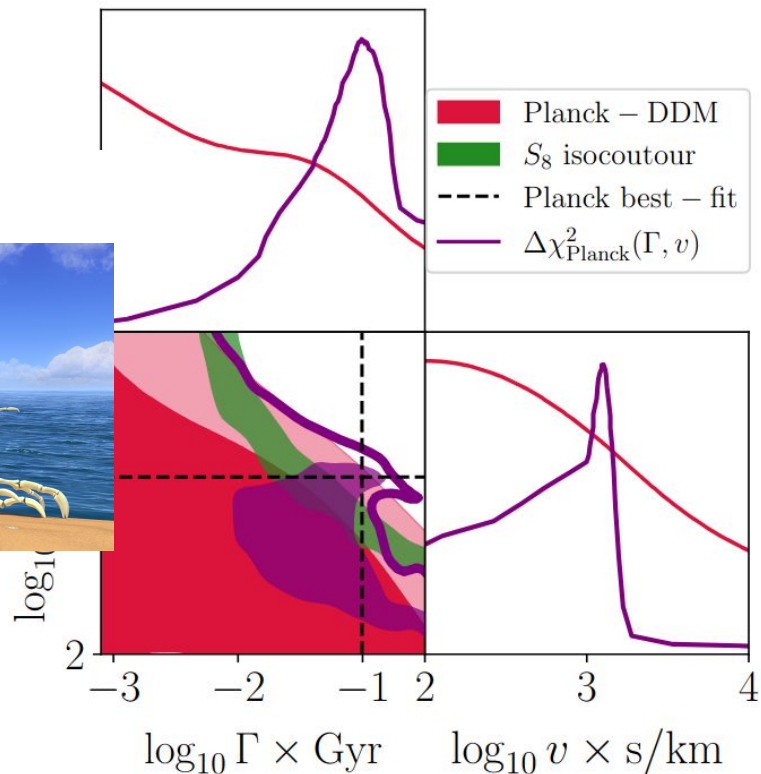
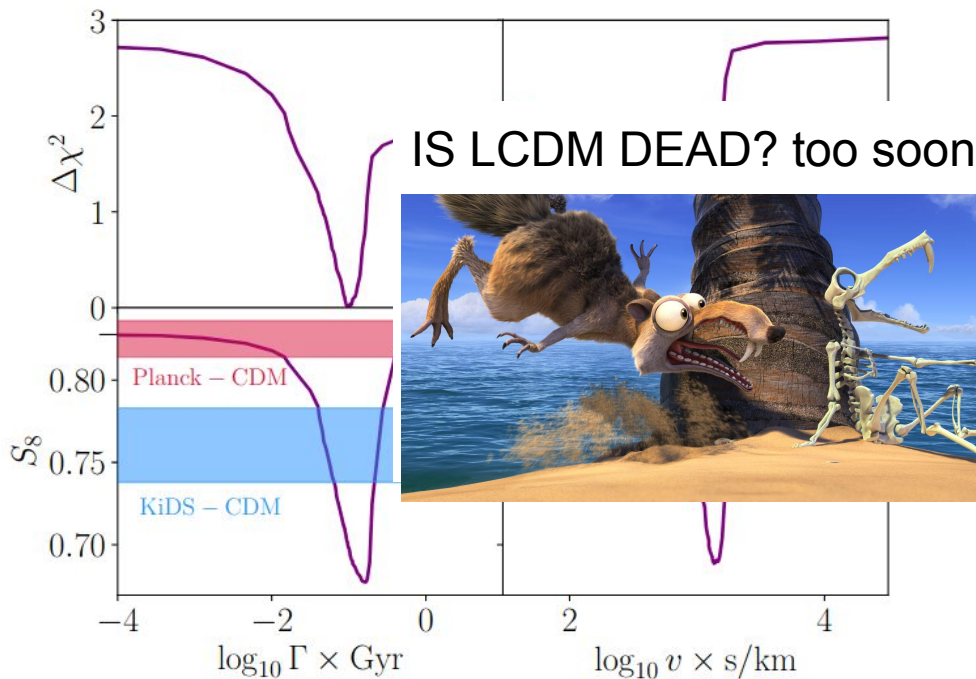
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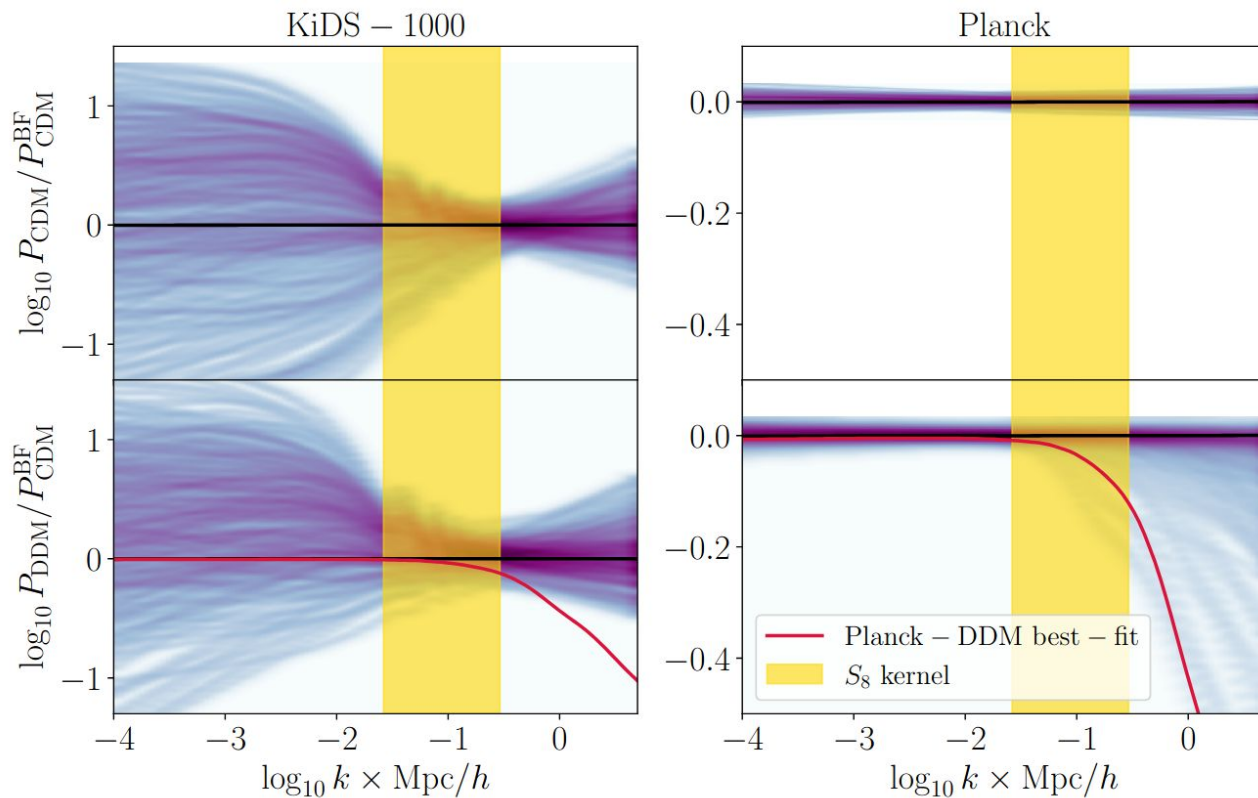
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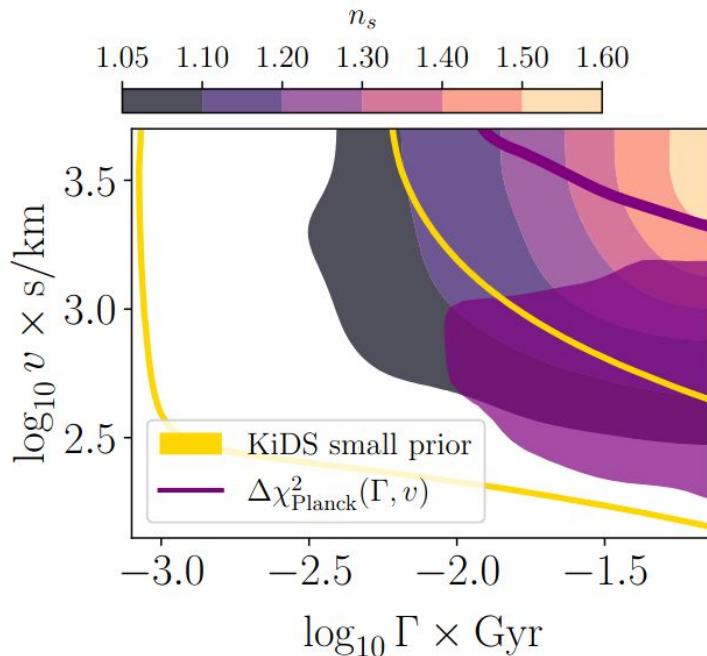
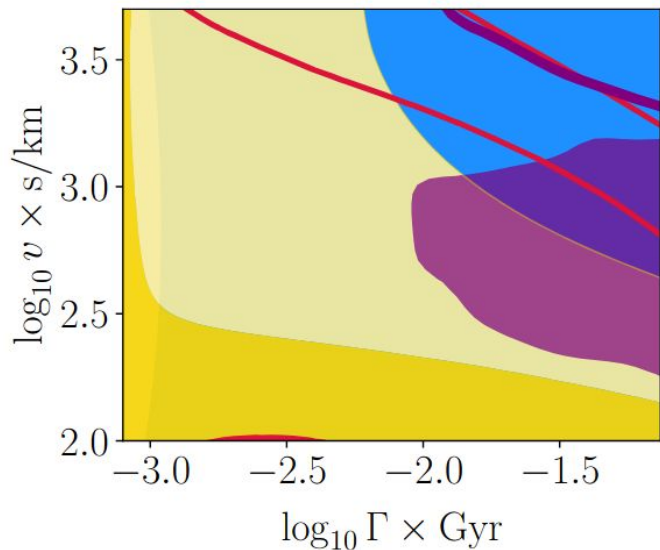
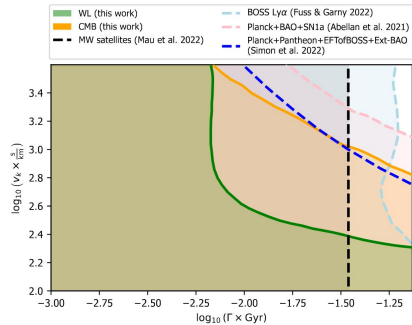
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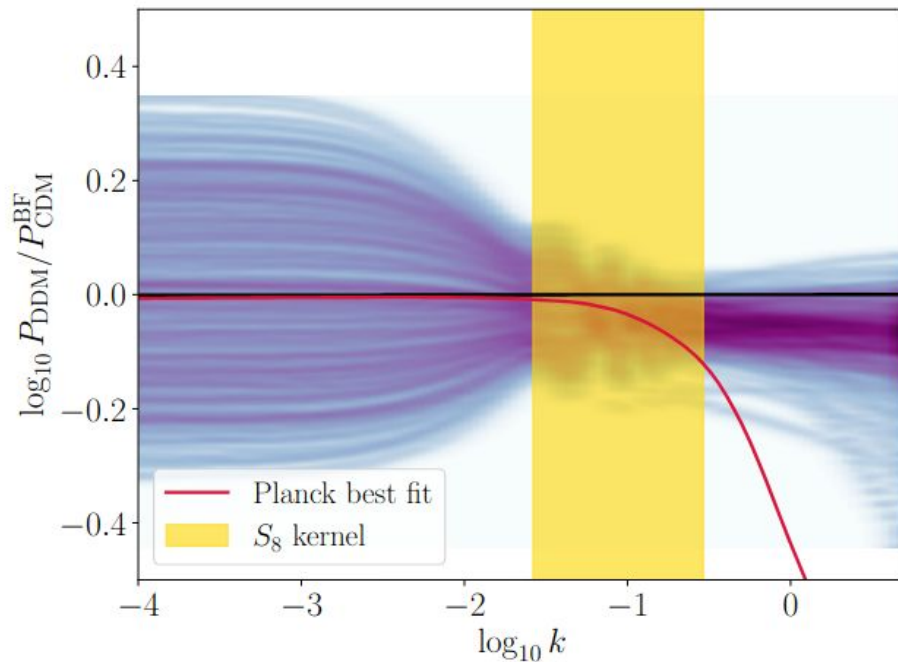
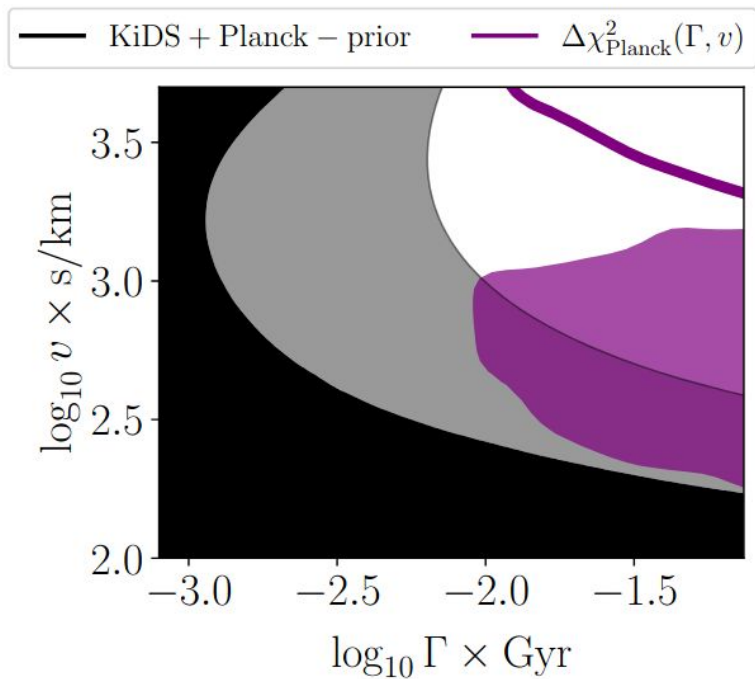
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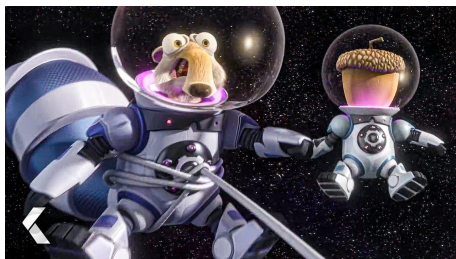
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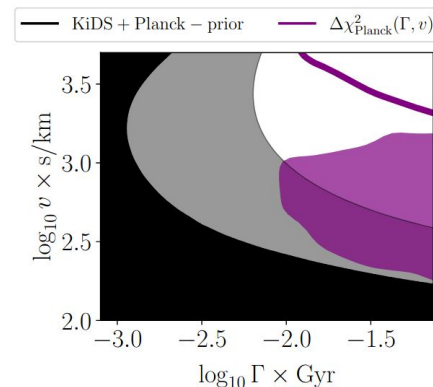


Conclusion

- Planck-2018 + BOSS-BAO + Pantheon-Plus
 - Subject to volume effect
 - Best-fit S8 compatible with KiDS
- KiDS-1000
 - Cannot be reduced to its S8 measure (eg S8-prior)
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- KiDS + Planck-informed prior

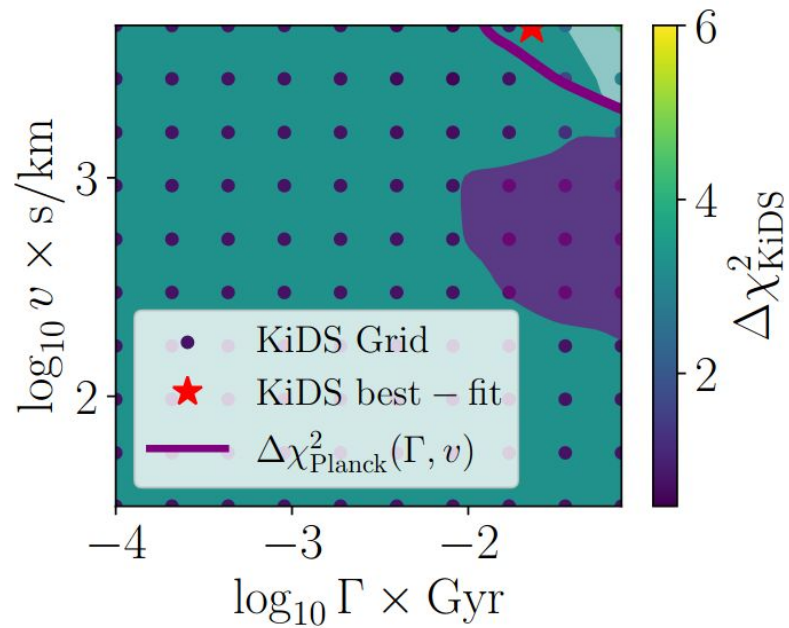


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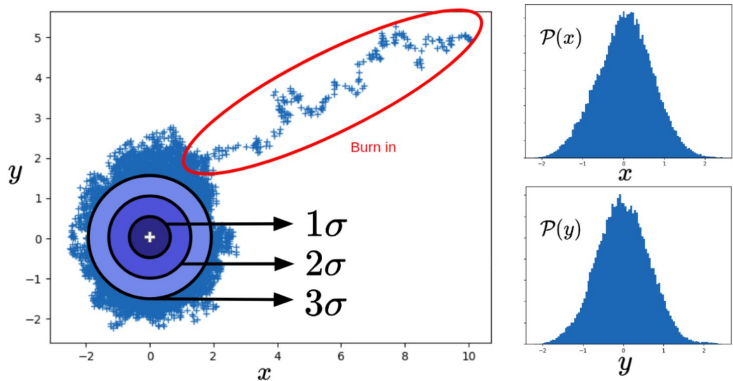
- KiDS profile likelihood



Bayesian vs Frequentist

A.Nygaard et al 2308.06379

Bayesian: density of points



Profile likelihood:
prior independent!

