

# Introduction to Cosmology

Winter term 22/23

Lecture 13

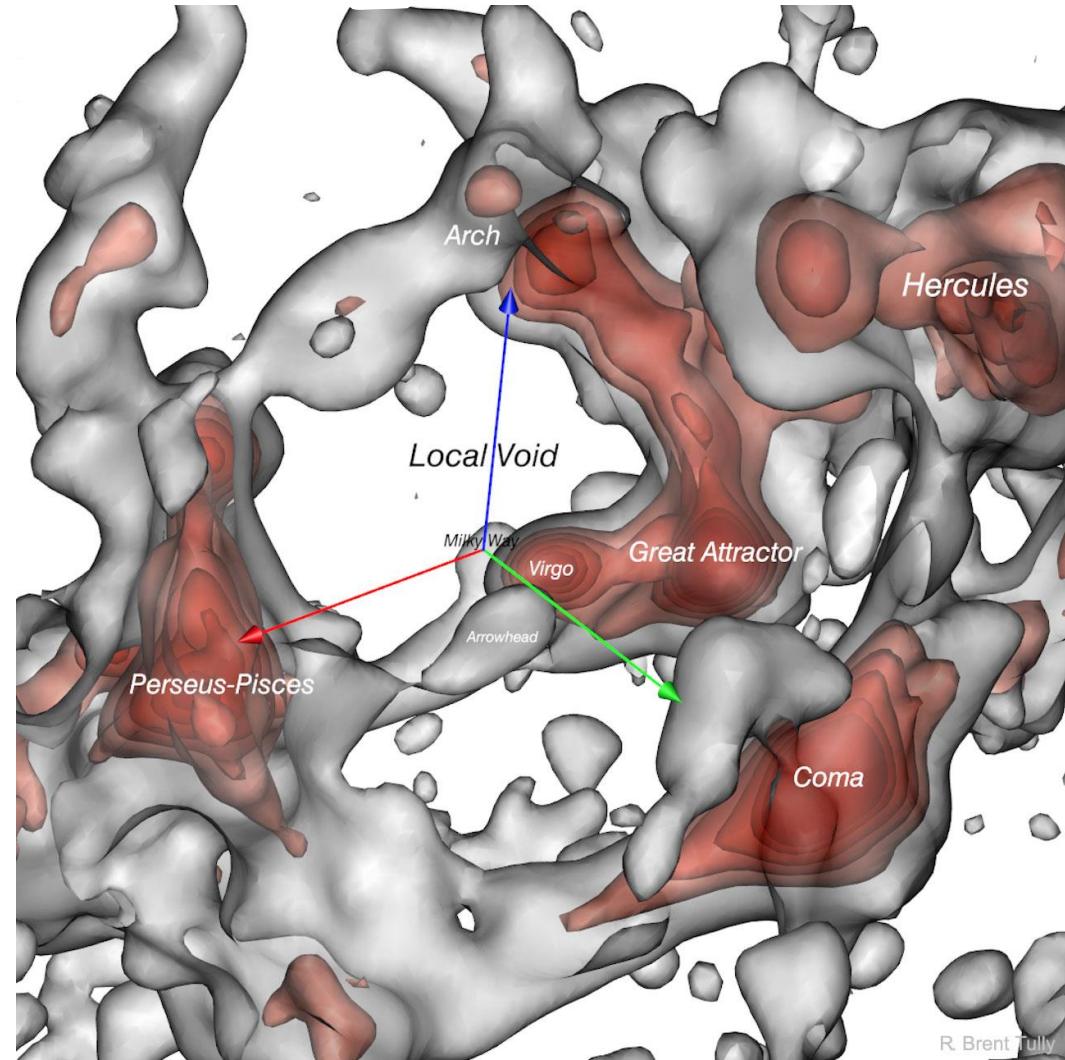
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# Recap of Lecture 12

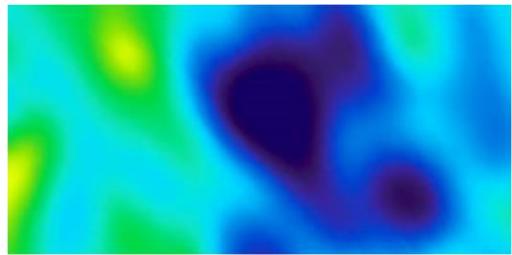
## ■ Large Scale Structure (LSS) evolution

- galaxy redshift surveys (*2dF, SDSS, ...*):  
*3D*-distribution of galaxies, reveals  
**BAO – correlation** (rings) at  $r \sim 140 \text{ Mpc}$
- linear increase of **density contrast  $\delta$**   
of matter: superclusters ( $\delta = 2 \dots 3$ ) &  
supervoids ( $\delta = 0.2 \dots 0.3$ )
- **Hot Dark Matter (HDM)**: massive  
(few *eV*) neutrinos  $\Rightarrow$  top-down scenario
- **Cold Dark Matter (CDM)**: very heavy  
(few *TeV*) neutralinos  $\Rightarrow$  bottom-up scenario



# Structure formation in an expanding universe

- Linear growth of the density contrast  $\delta(t)$  of LSS over the Hubble time  $t_0$



$$a(CMB) \sim 10^{-3}$$

increase of  
scale-factor

$$a(t_0) = 1$$

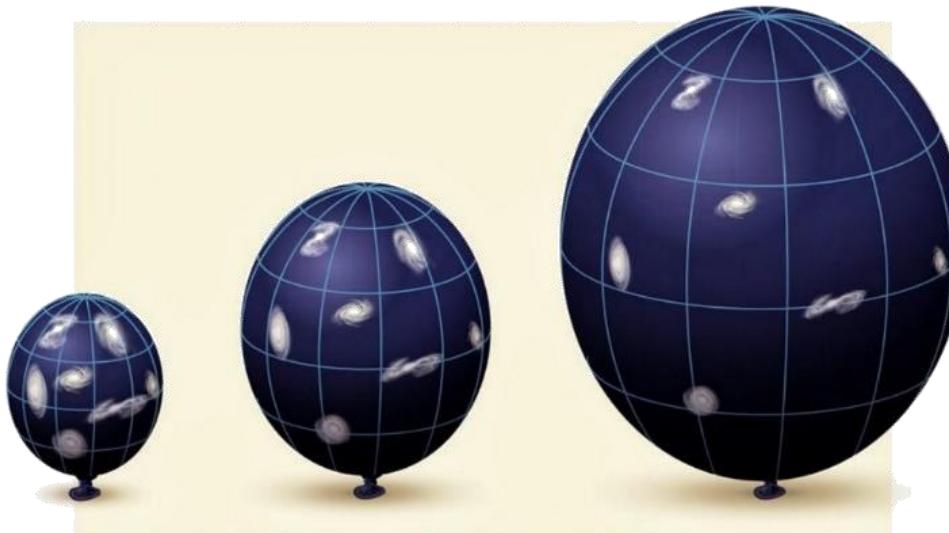
$$z(CMB) = 1100$$

by  $10^3$

$$z(t_0) = 0$$



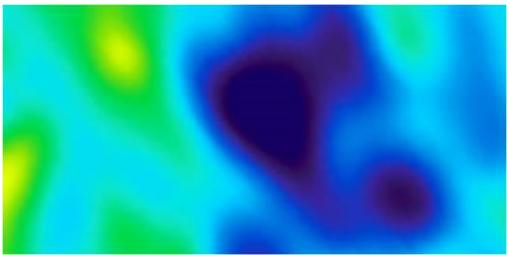
early universe  
at  $t = 378000$  yr  
CMB decoupling



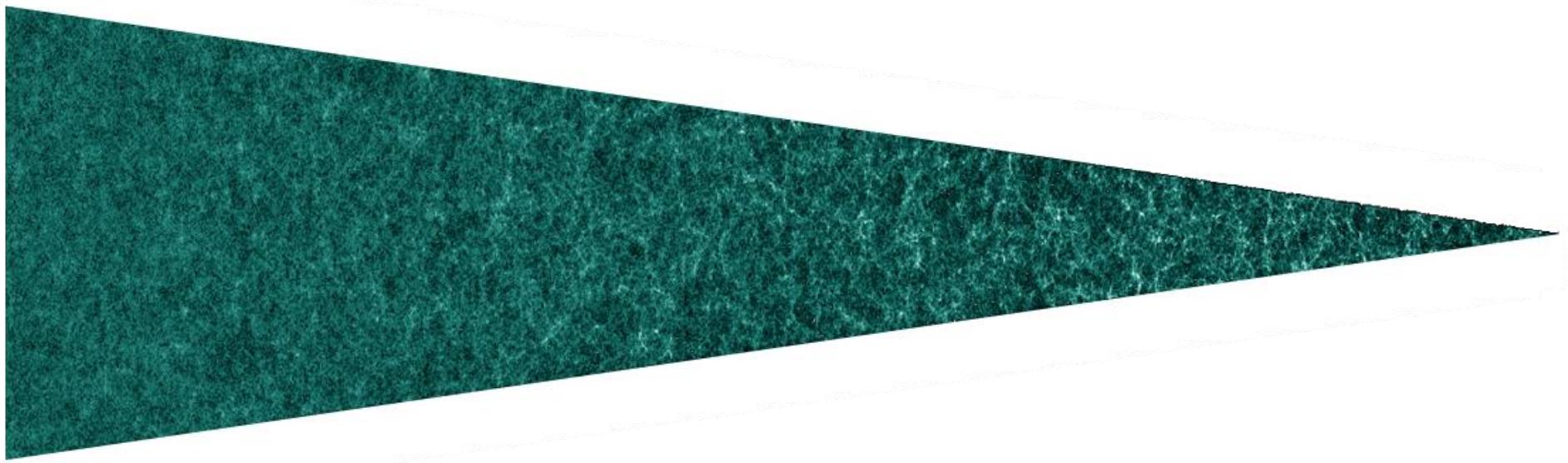
today's universe  
at  $t = 13.8 \cdot 10^9$  yr  
present LSS

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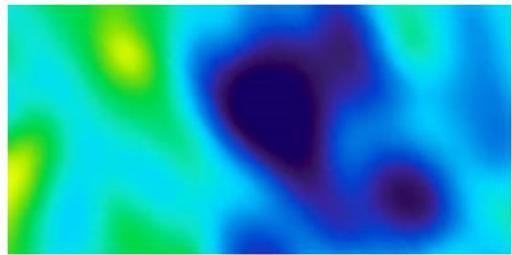


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Why are these  
Why has the density  
Why is our universe

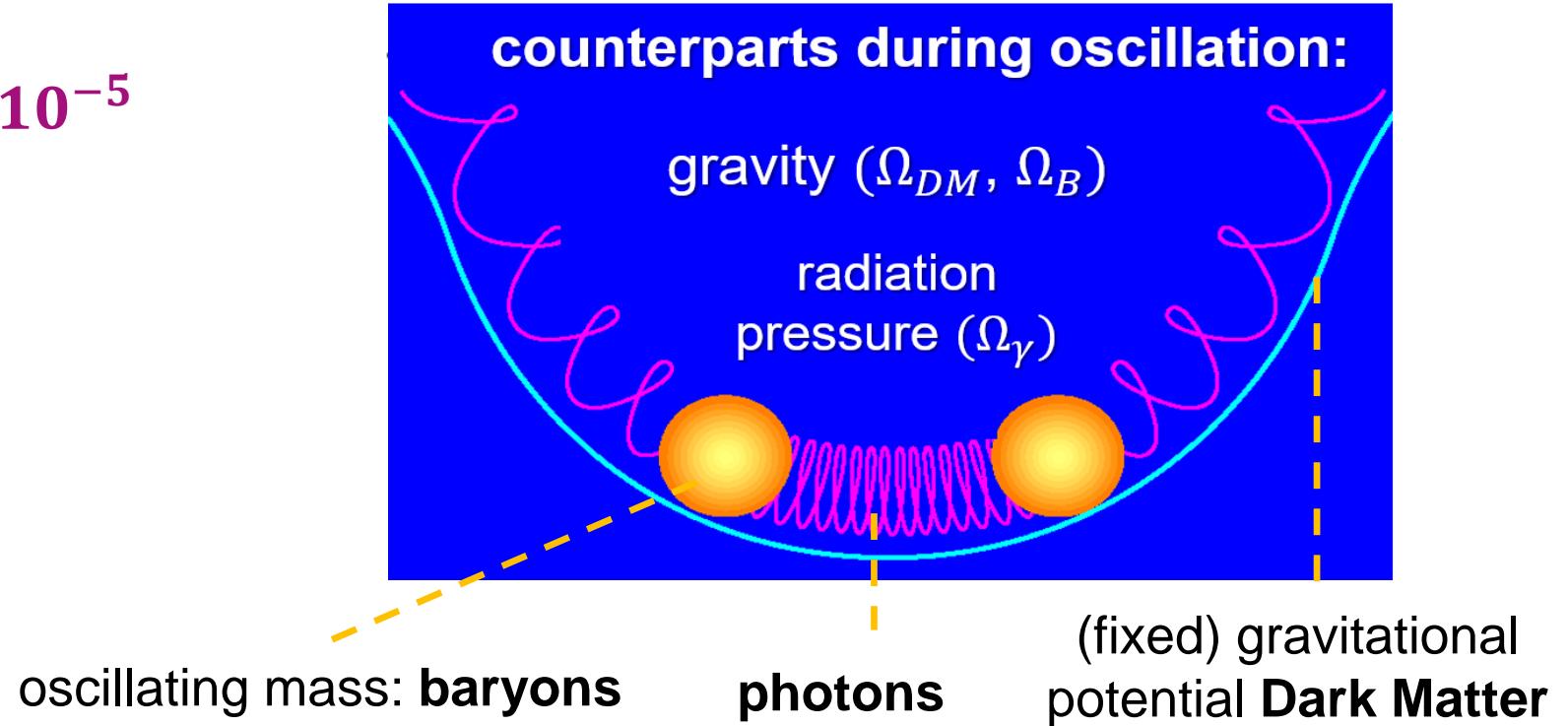
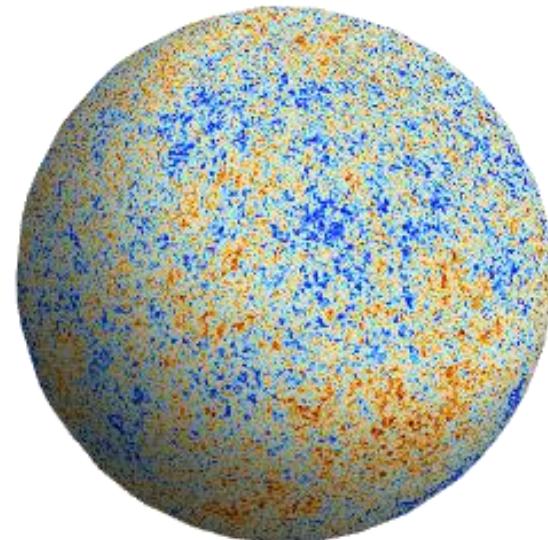


numbers not adding up?  
contrast increased more?  
today so clumpy?

# Structure formation: *BAO* & the *DM* – seed for LSS

## ■ *Baryon Acoustic Oscillations*: an incontrovertible evidence for Dark Matter

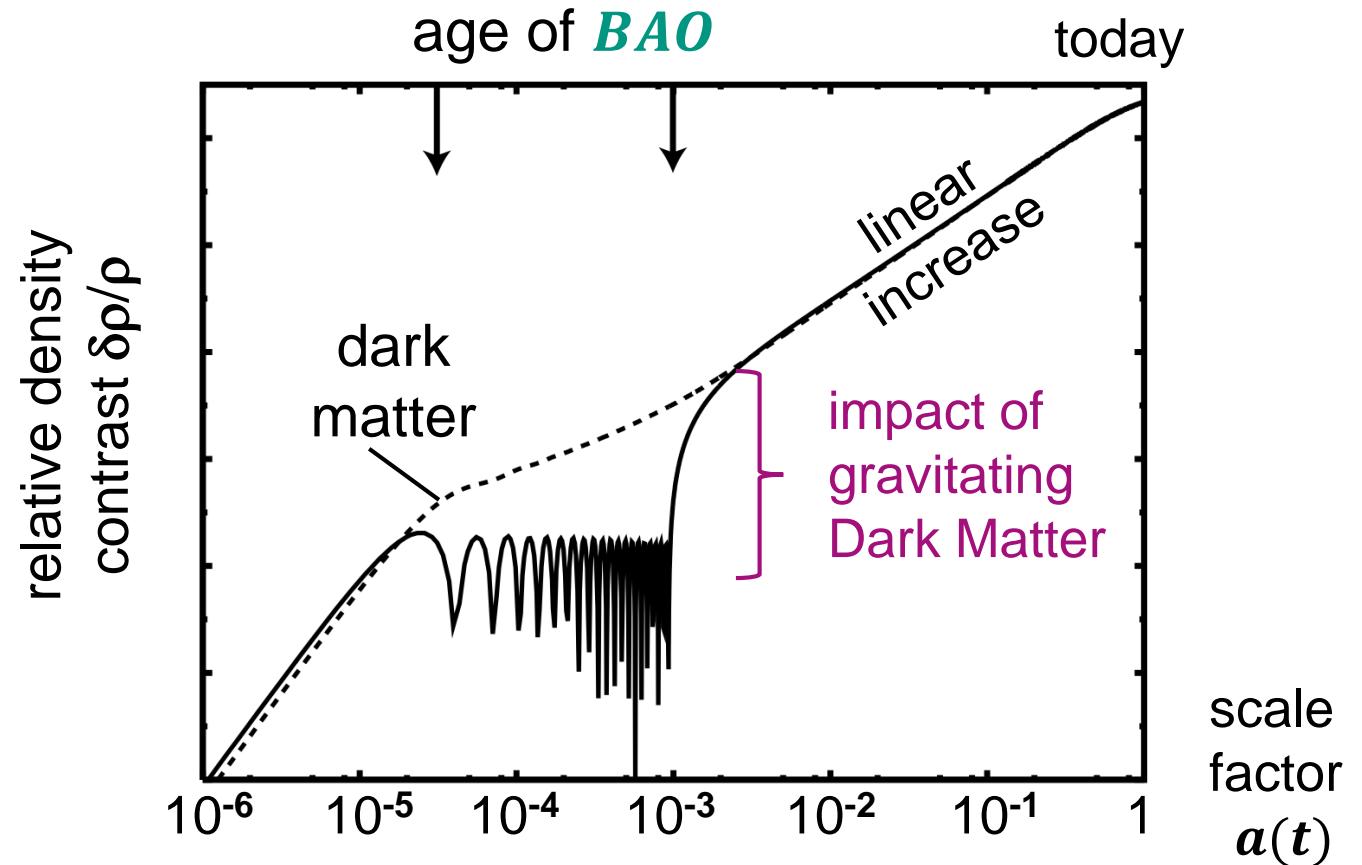
- the key importance of Dark Matter in structure formation: linear increase of the density contrast **despite** the strong coupling of baryons to photons



# Structure formation: ***BAO*** & the ***DM*** – seed for LSS

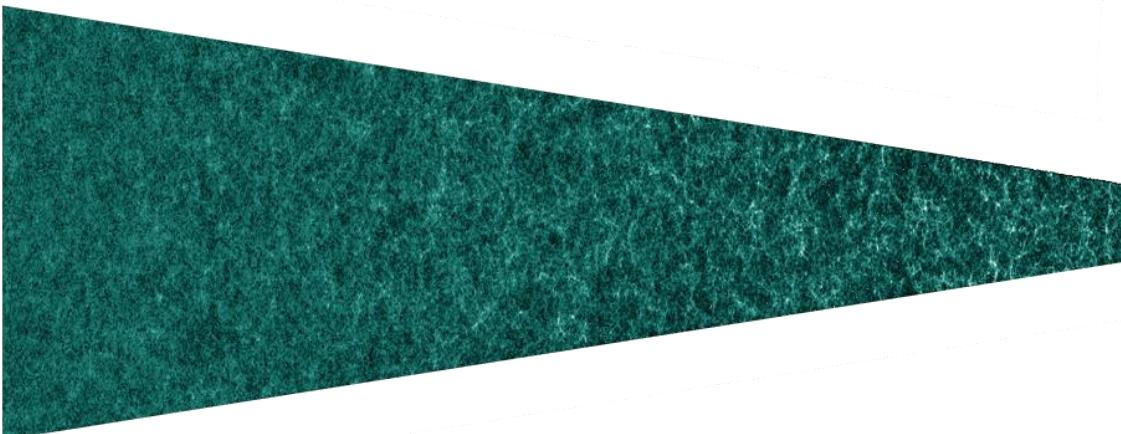
## ■ During ***BAO*** phase: ***DM*** density contrast grows while baryons are stalled

- in the primordial plasma, the density contrast of baryons cannot further grow and is stalled due to ***BAO***
- ***DM*** is unaffected by ***BAO*** and its density contrast continues to grow

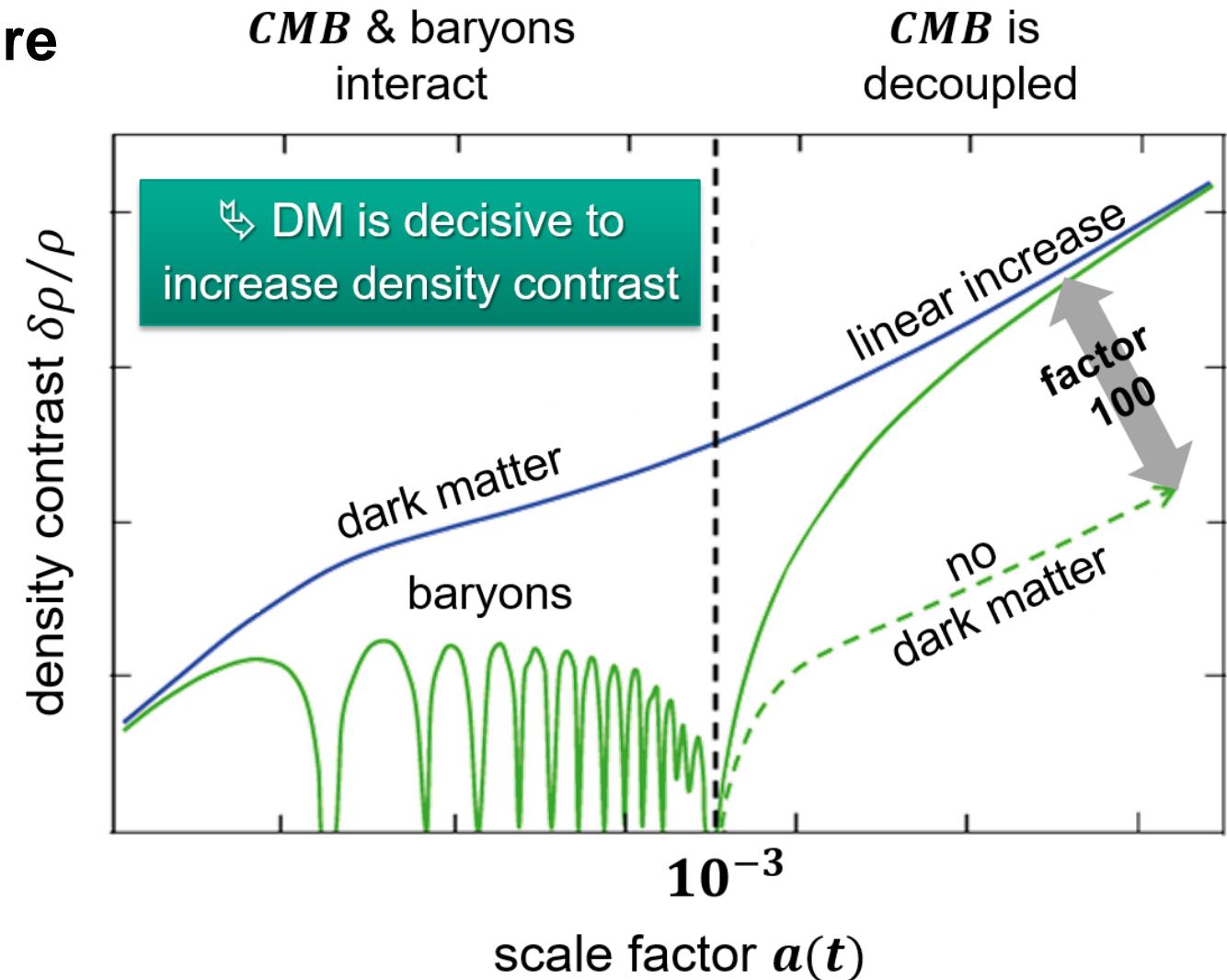


# Structure formation: *BAO* & the *DM* – seed for LSS

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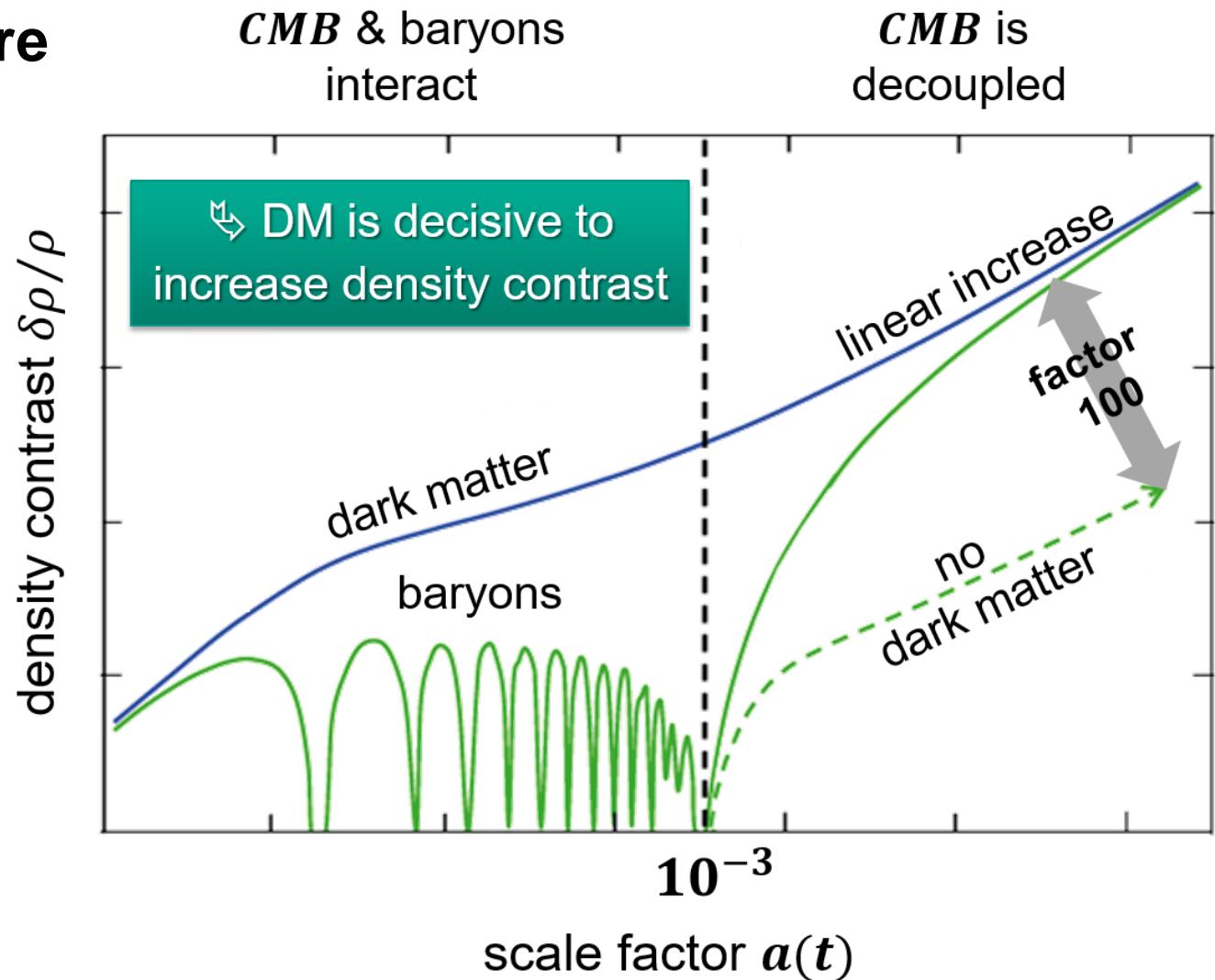
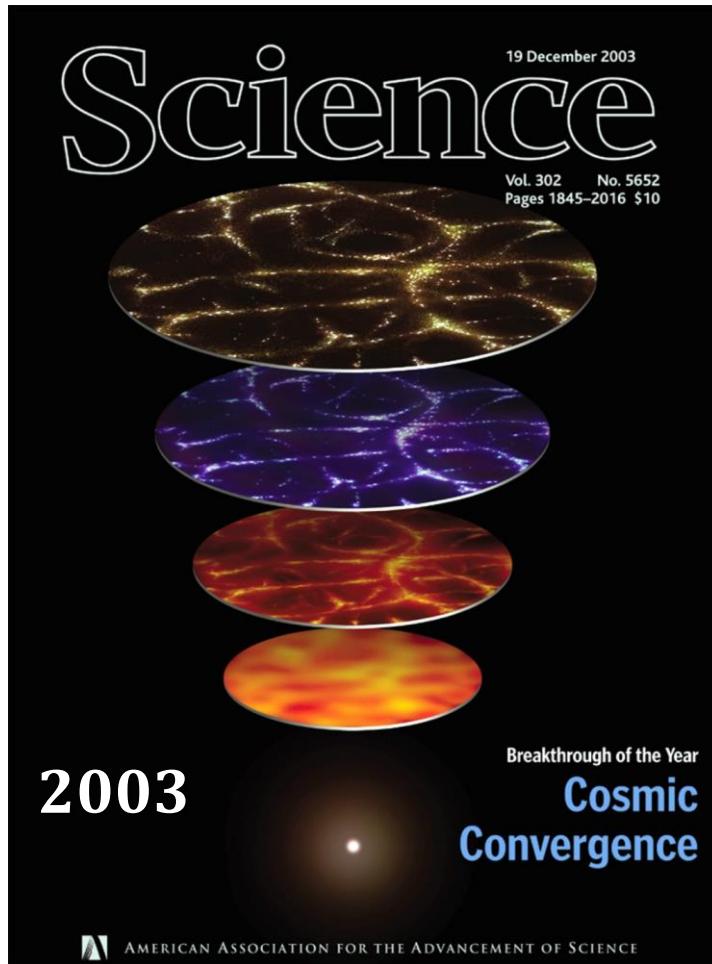


- *DM* is unaffected by *BAO* and its density contrast continues to grow
- no *DM* during *BAO*: the universe would be **factor 100** smoother (much less structure)



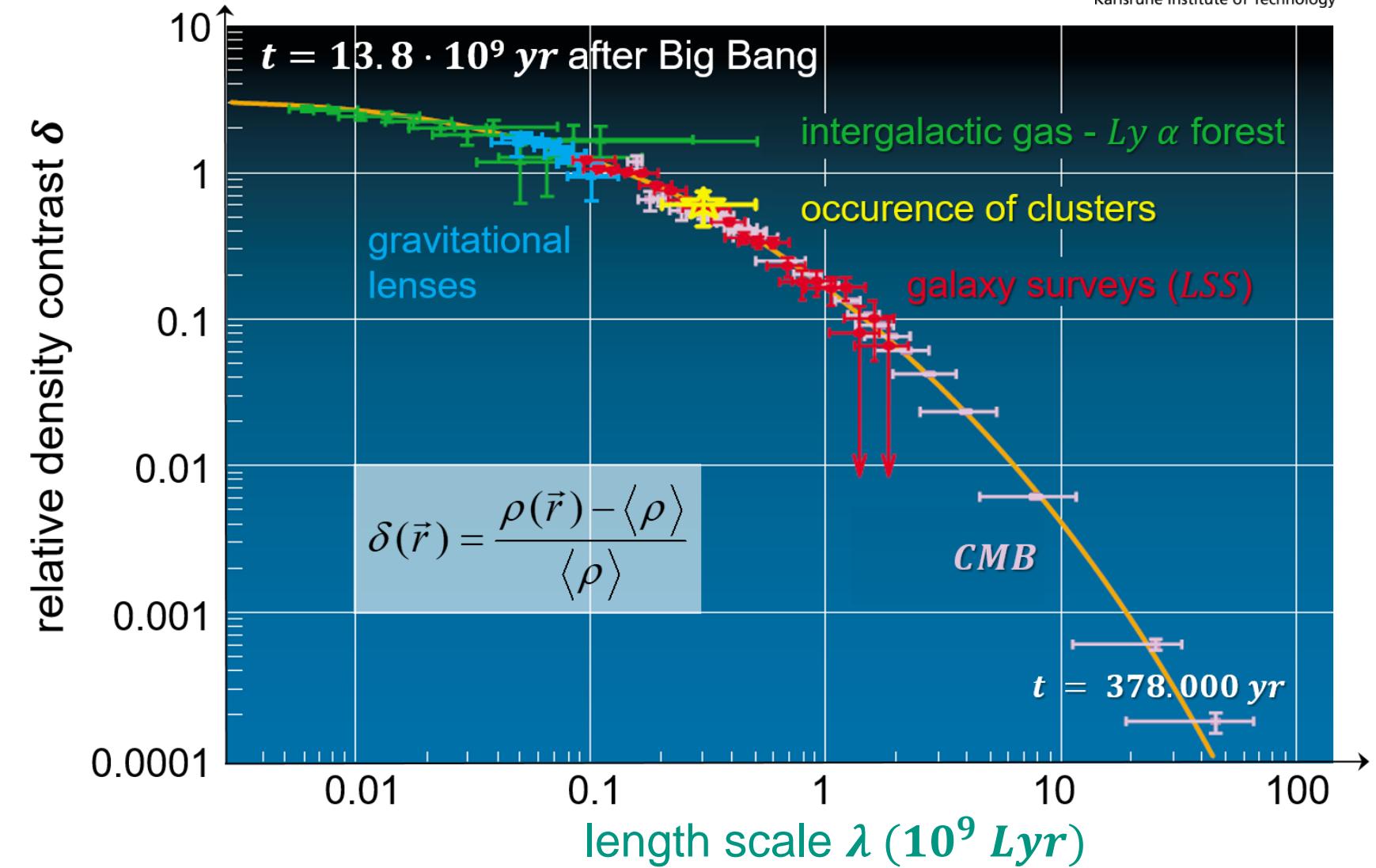
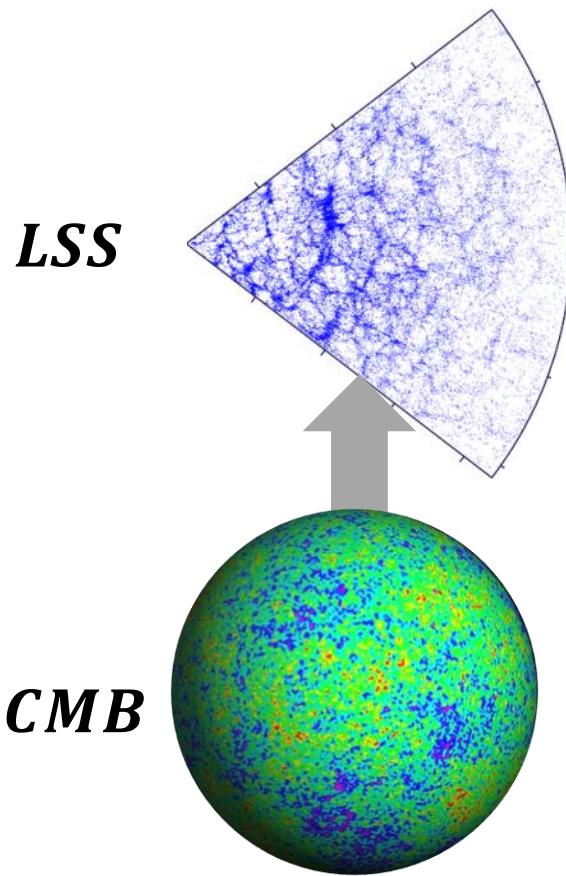
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# Observational evidence for structure growth

- Measuring the increase of  $\delta(t)$



# How is the density contrast $\delta$ being measured ?

## ■ James Peebles: measure the **distances $\vec{r}$** of galaxy pairs in space

- galaxies are not distributed randomly in space:  
use the **galaxy (auto-) correlation function  $\xi(r)$**   
(for distance  $\vec{r}$ ) to study the  
**evolution of large scale structures**

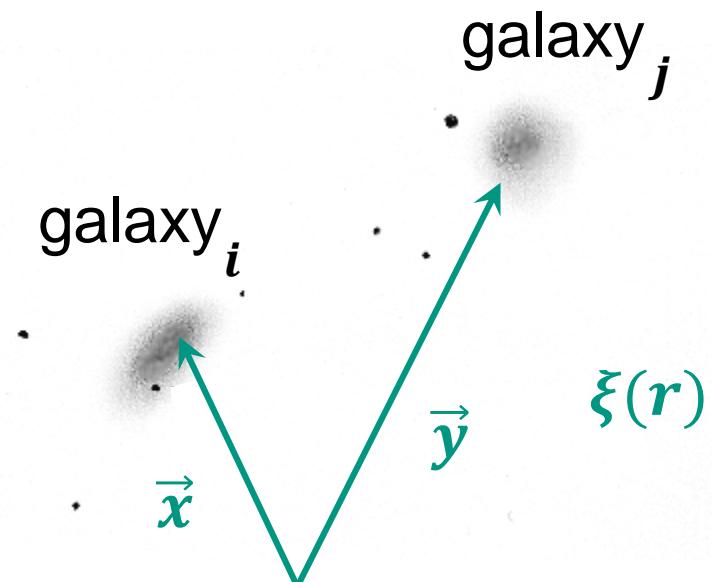


**James  
Peebles**

Nobel price  
2019

take an 'average' galaxy  $i$ :  
determine the probability of  
finding the next one  $j$  at a  
distance  $\vec{r} = |\vec{x} - \vec{y}|$

$$\delta(\vec{r}) = \frac{\rho(\vec{r}) - \langle \rho \rangle}{\langle \rho \rangle}$$



# Galaxy auto-correlation function $\xi(r)$

## ■ Making use of galaxy redshift surveys

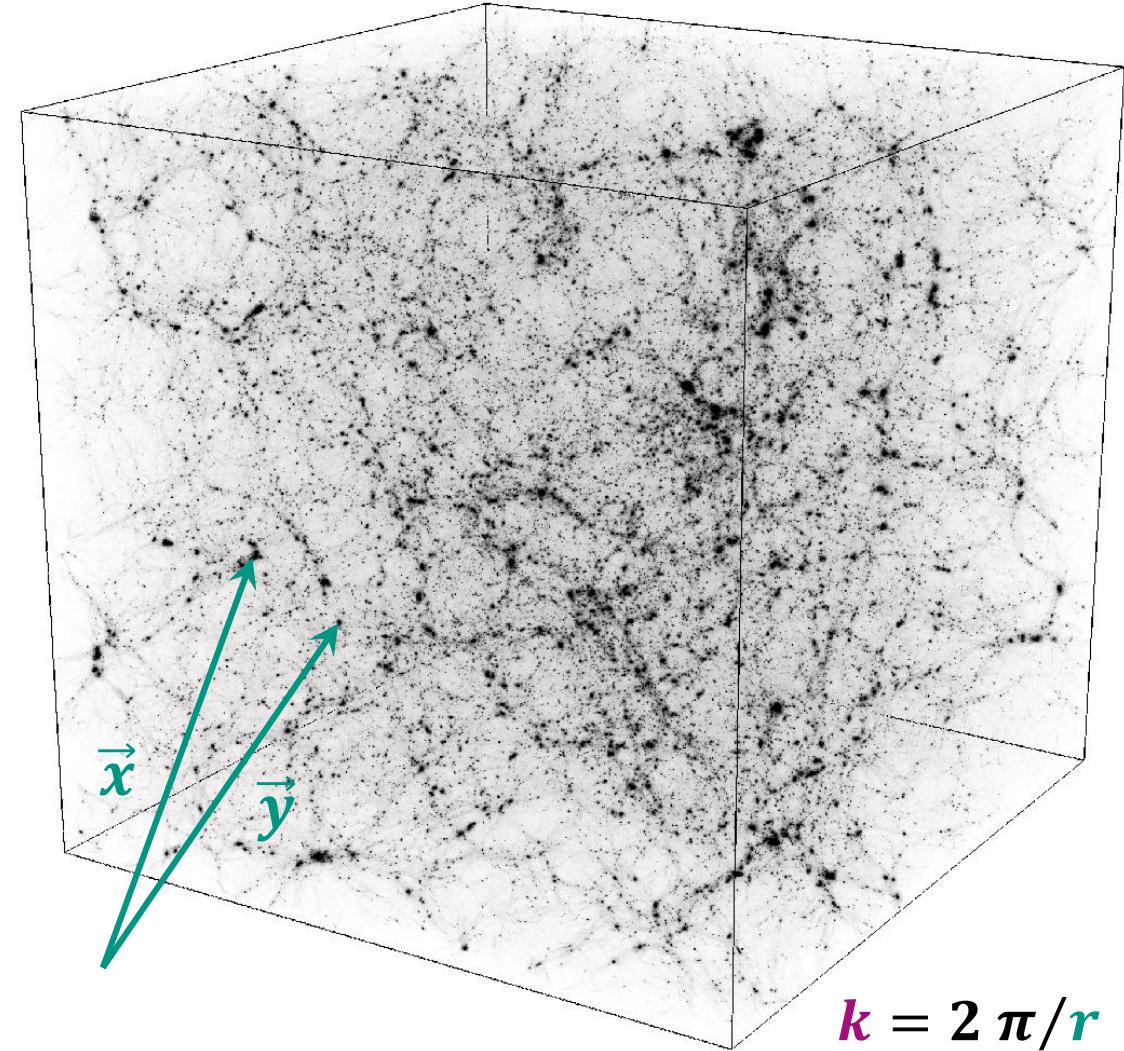
- 3D correlation of galaxies only depends on their **relative distance**

$$r = |\vec{r}| = |\vec{x} - \vec{y}|$$

- universe is isotropic & homogenous

- there is no 'average' galaxy
- large statistical ensemble yields a simple **power-law** distribution  $\sim r^{-1.8}$

$$\xi(r) \sim \left( \frac{r}{5 h^{-1} Mpc} \right)^{-1.8}$$



# RECAP: the 'revealing power' of Fourier transform

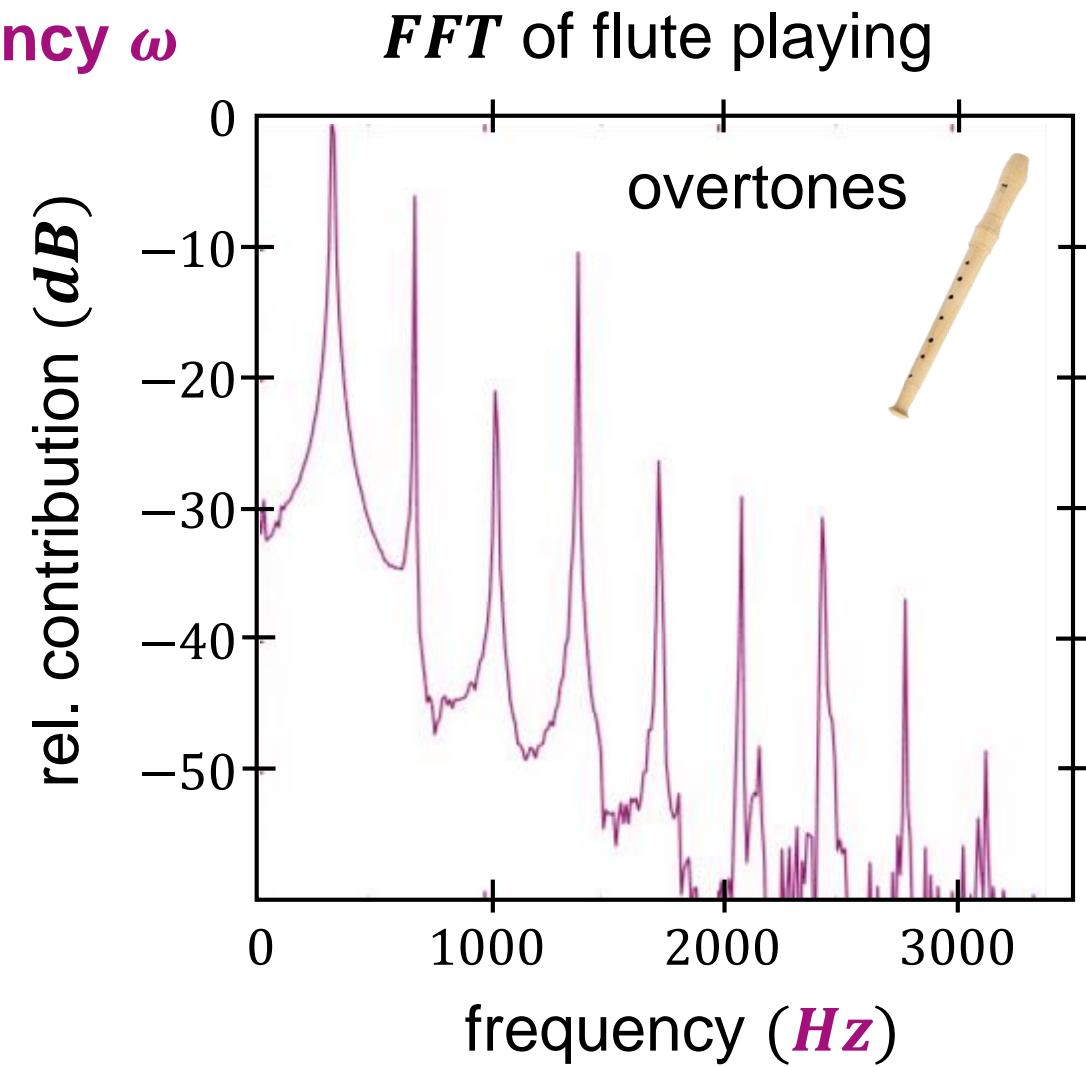
## ■ Example in domains of time $t$ and frequency $\omega$

- $\mathcal{F}$ : Fourier transform integral - definition

$$\hat{f}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t) \cdot e^{-i \cdot 2\pi \cdot \omega \cdot t} \cdot dt$$

frequency      time  
 ↓                ↓  
 $Hz = s^{-1}$        $s$

$\hat{f}(\omega)$        $f$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$   
 frequency      time  
 domain          domain



# density contrast $\delta(\vec{k})$ in wave number $k$ – space

- $\delta(\vec{k})$  is the Fourier transformation of  $\delta(\vec{r})$

- as we now are working with wave numbers  $k = |\vec{k}|$

$$\delta(\vec{k}) = \sum_{\text{wavenumber}} \delta(\vec{r}) \cdot e^{-i \cdot \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

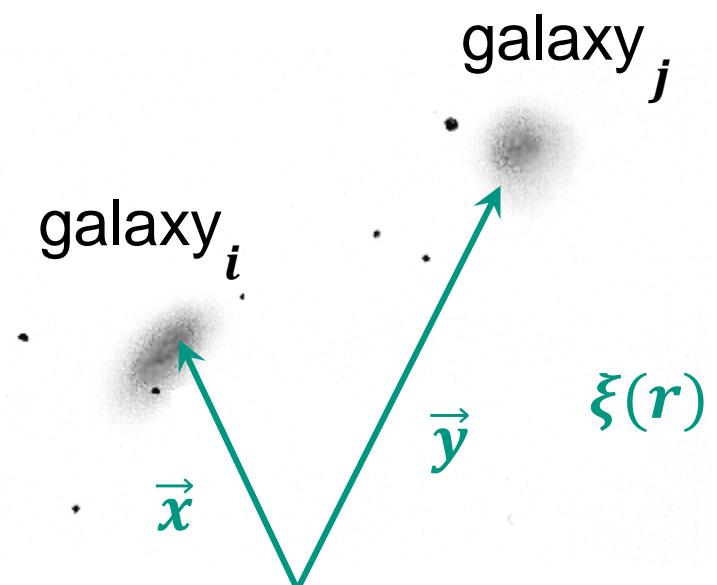
|  
position

- this allows to derive the **density contrast**

$$\langle |\delta(\vec{k})|^2 \rangle$$

from the **galaxy correlation function**  $\xi(r)$

$$\delta(\vec{r}) = \frac{\rho(\vec{r}) - \langle \rho \rangle}{\langle \rho \rangle}$$



# Galaxy correlation & matter power spectrum

## ■ Relation between **correlation function $\xi(r)$** and **power spectrum $P(k)$**

- the key 'observable' for cosmology is the **matter power spectrum  $P(k)$** , which is a measure of the **density contrast of matter** as function of a **wave number  $k$**

$$\xi(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \cdot \int k^2 \cdot P(k) \cdot \frac{\sin(kr)}{kr} \cdot dk$$

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**galaxy correlation**

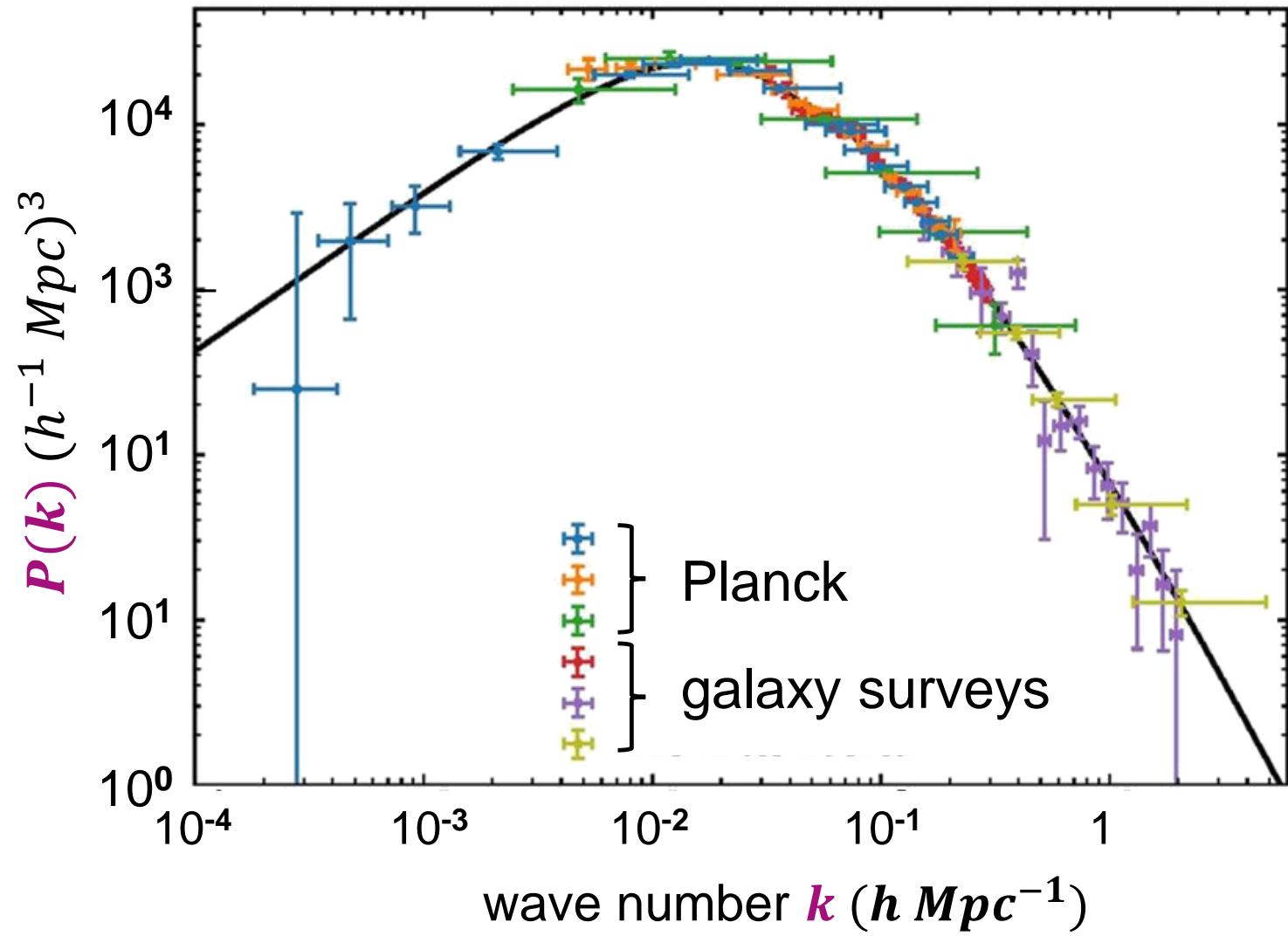
**matter power spectrum**



$$P(k) \sim \langle |\delta(\vec{k})|^2 \rangle$$

# Observed matter power spectrum

- Compilation of data from early universe (*CMB*) & the present universe (*LSS*)
  - it covers a factor  $\sim 10^6$  in length scales
  - small  $k$ : huge length scale  $r$
  - large  $k$ : small length scale  $r$



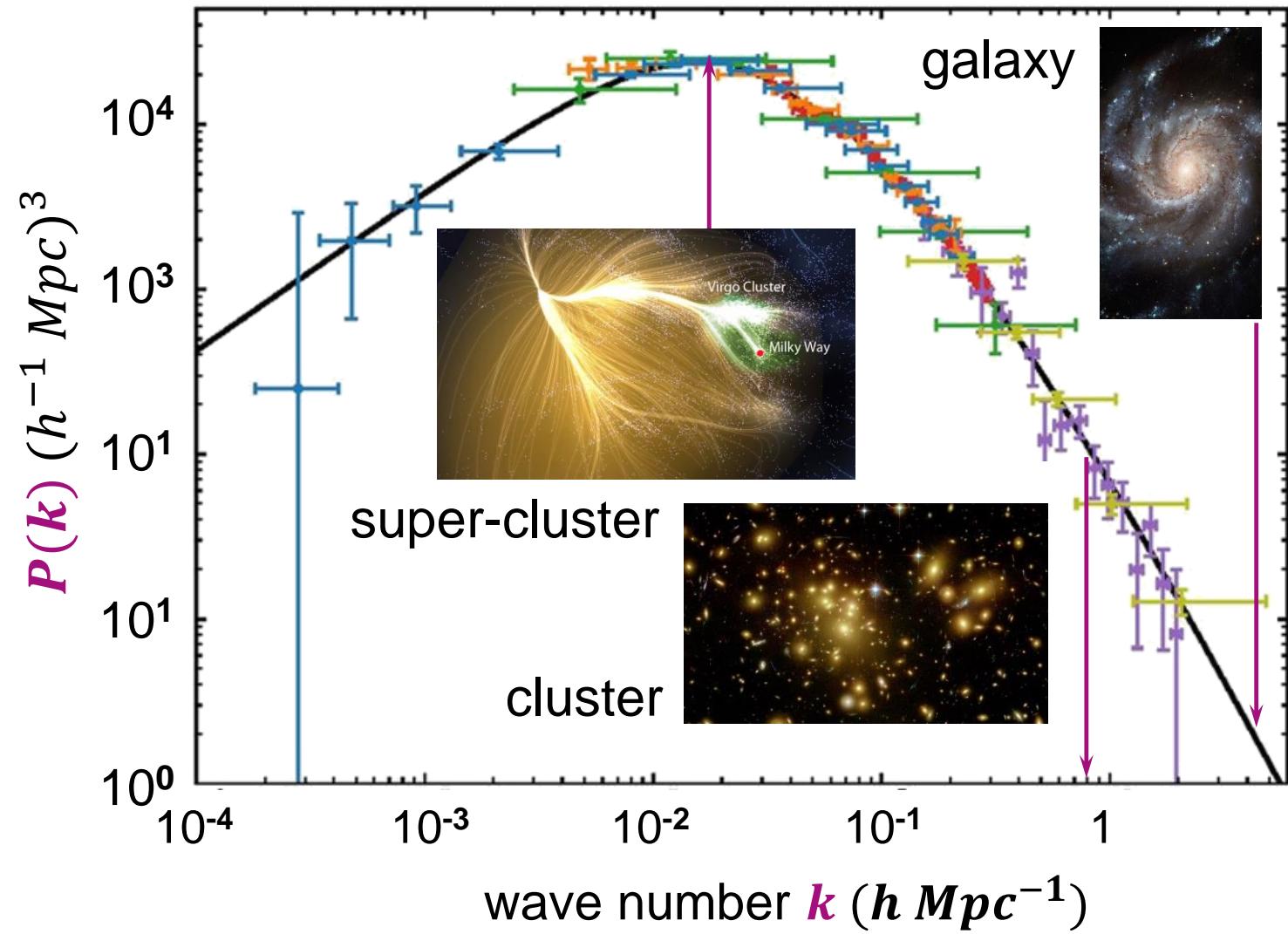
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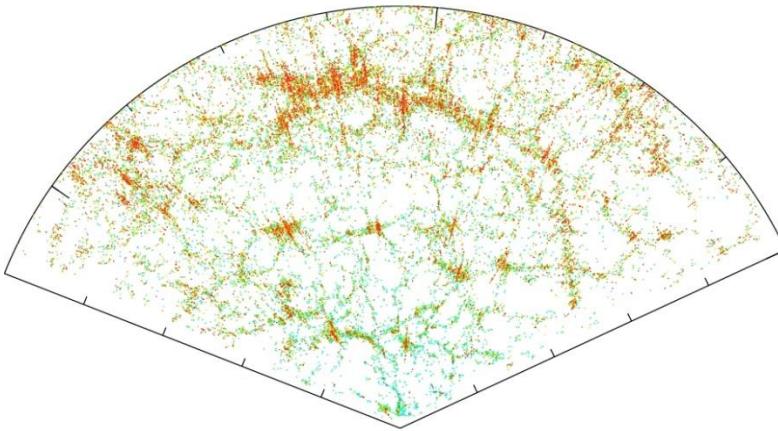
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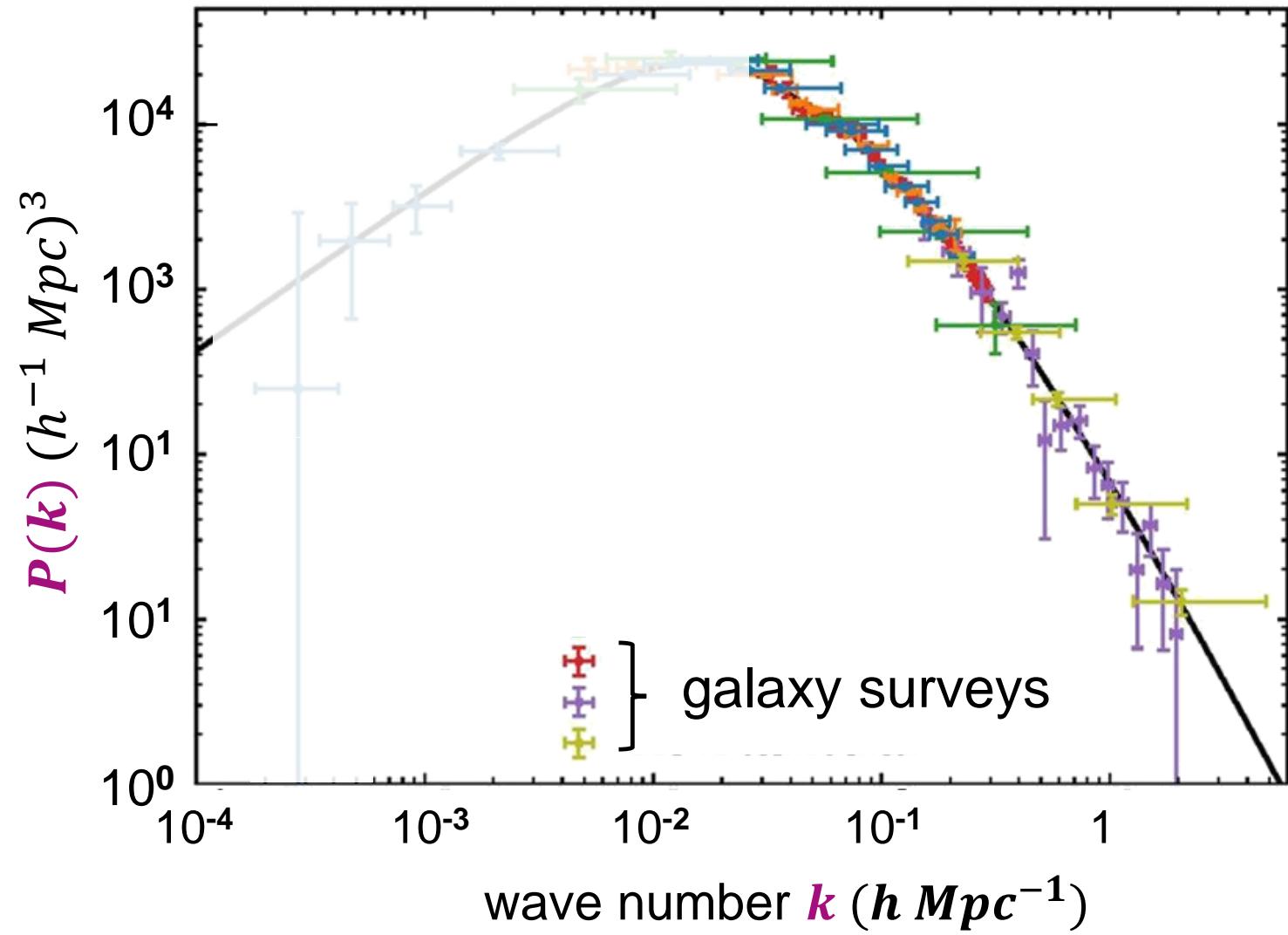


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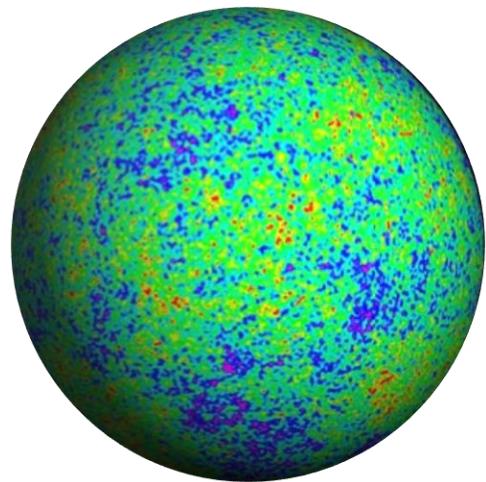


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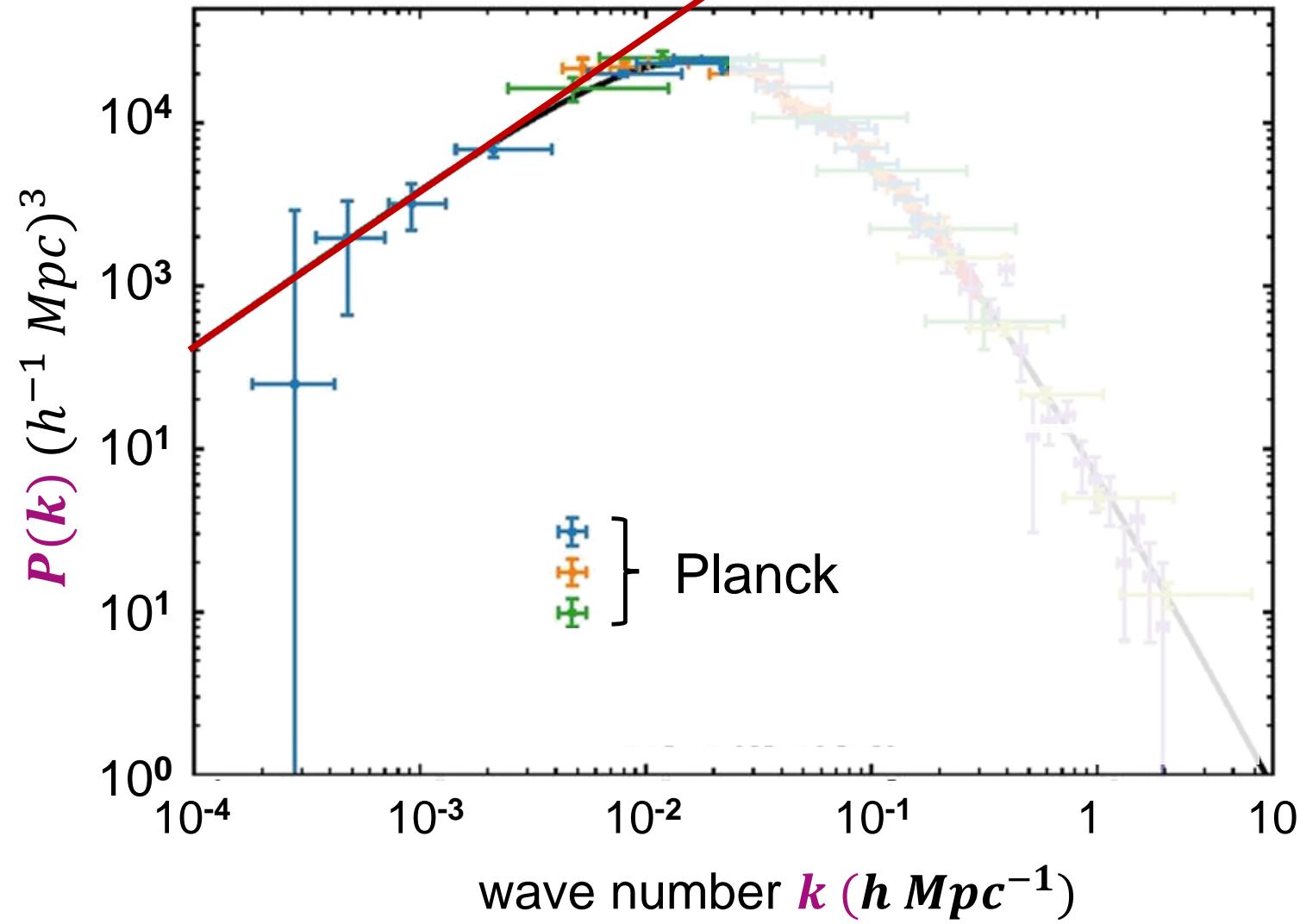


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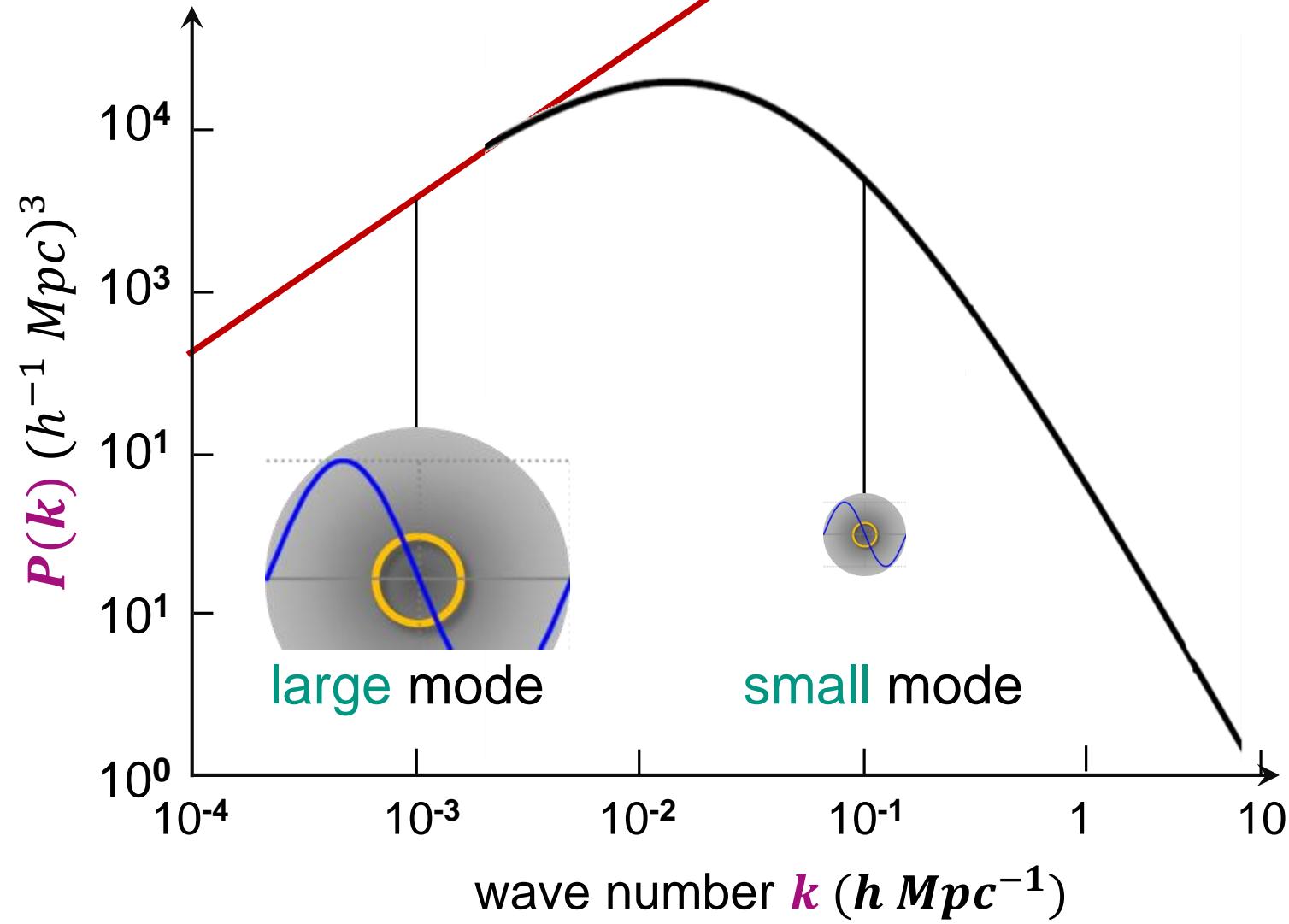
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# Matter power spectrum: origin

## ■ Density contrast & Dark Matter ( $DM$ ) modes

- $P(k)$  arises from the superposition of a large number of  $DM$  – modes, which grow **independently** from each other
- **single  $DM$  – mode:**  
wave number  $k$   
length scale  $r$



# Matter power spectrum: discussion

- **CMB:** we see the primordial Harrison-Zeldovich spectrum

**largest scales:**

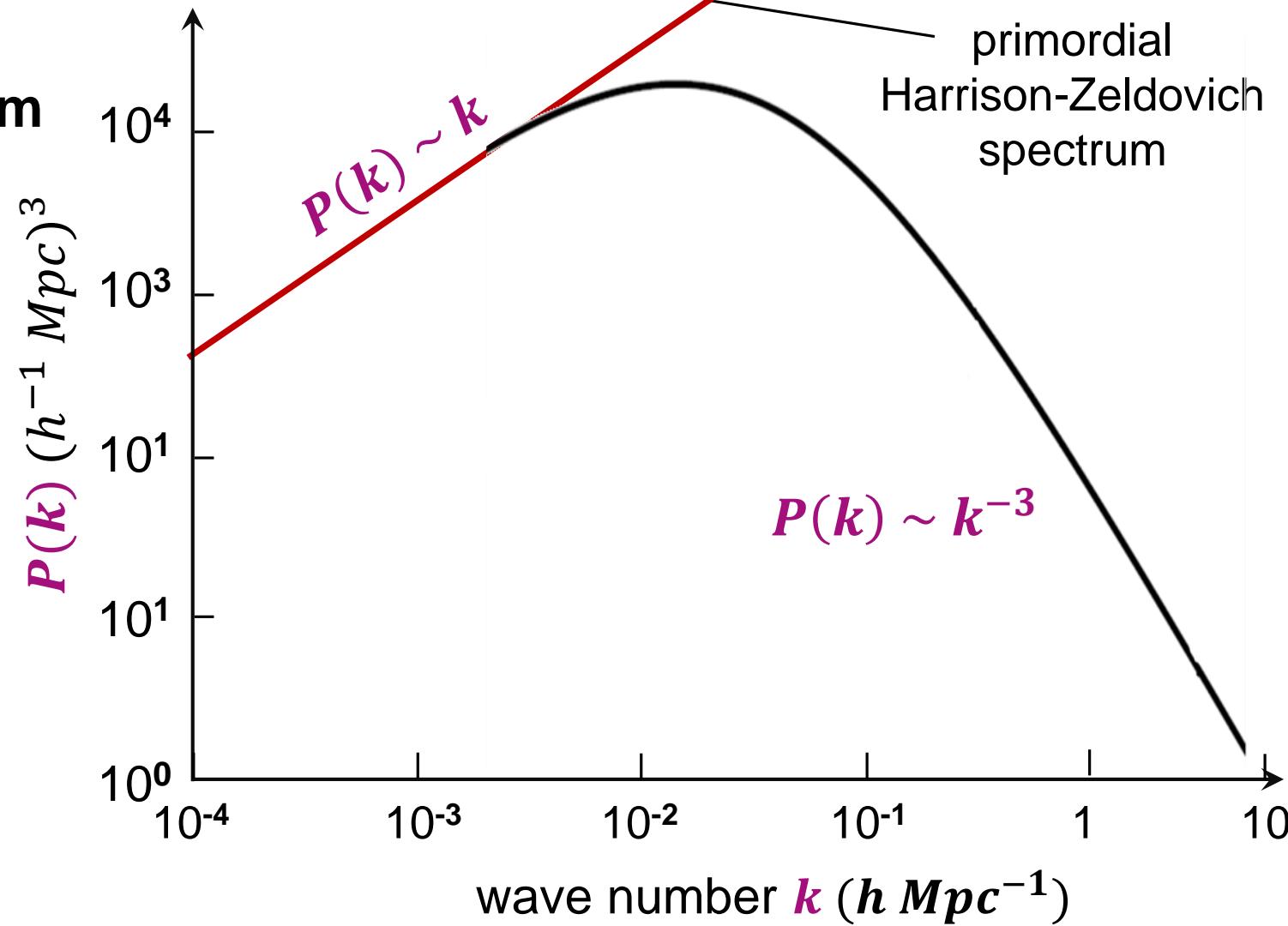
‘scale-invariant’ spectrum  
with **linear growth** of density  
contrast

$$P(k) \sim k$$

**smaller scales:**

**strong reduction** in power  
with

$$P(k) \sim k^{-3}$$



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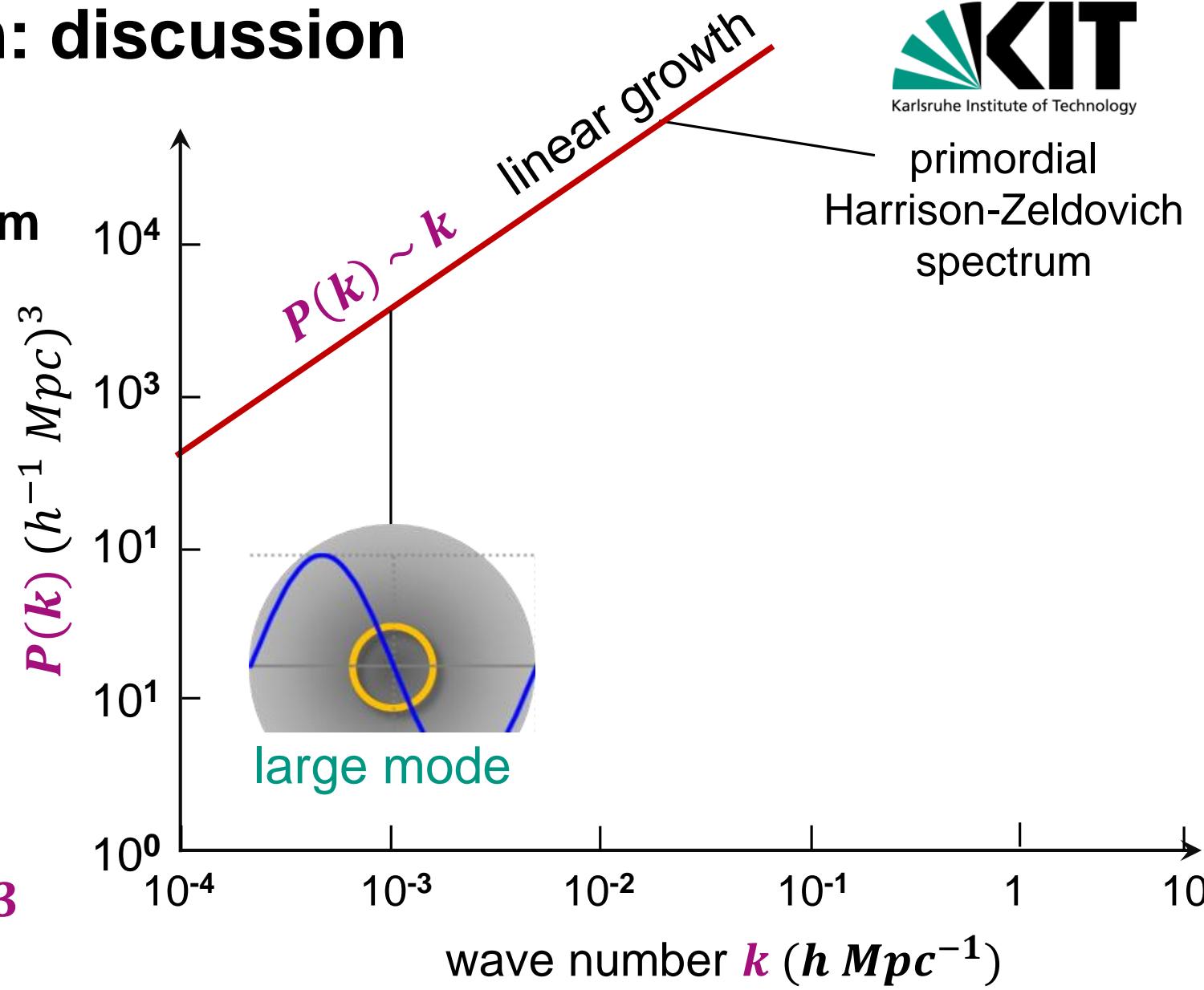
- expectation from **inflation**:

**DM –modes** increased to scale-invariant Harrison-Zeldovich power spectrum  $k^n$

$n$  = (scalar) spectral index

theory:  $n = 0.92 \dots 0.98$

Planck:  $n = 0.9603 \pm 0.0073$



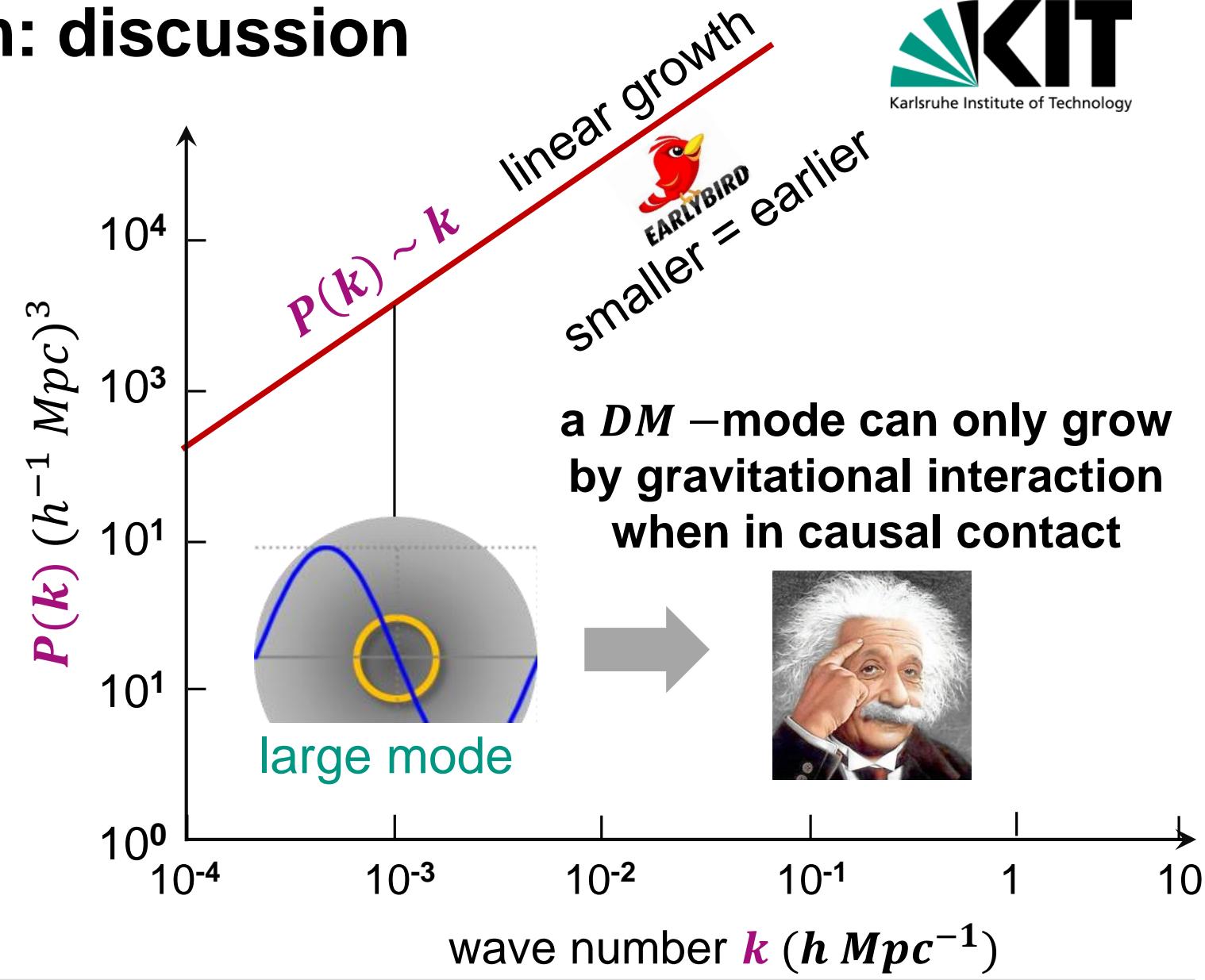
# Matter power spectrum: discussion

## ■ Density contrast of smaller modes increases

- **$DM$**  –modes need to be in causal contact to start gravitational interaction against cosmological expansion  
then: linear growth regime



smaller  **$DM$**  –modes:  
earlier in causal contact  
& longer in linear growth



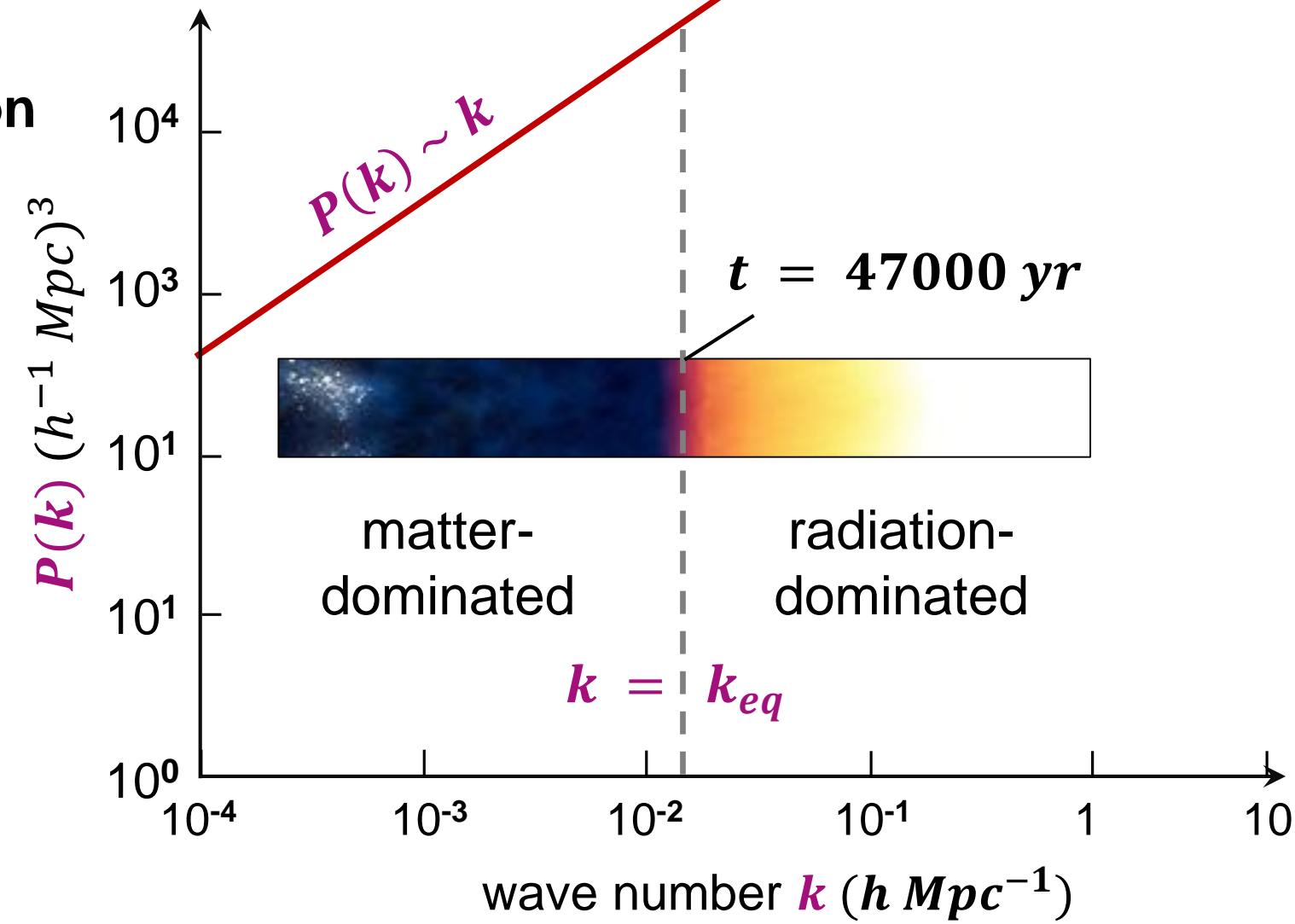
# Matter power spectrum: discussion

## ■ Very small modes: causal contact in the early radiation dominated epoch\*

- we need to investigate what happens to **very small DM – modes** that come into causal contact at  $t < 47000 \text{ yr}$  in radiation dominated epoch



**very small DM – modes:**  
during radiation dominated epoch: no linear growth (**stopped**)



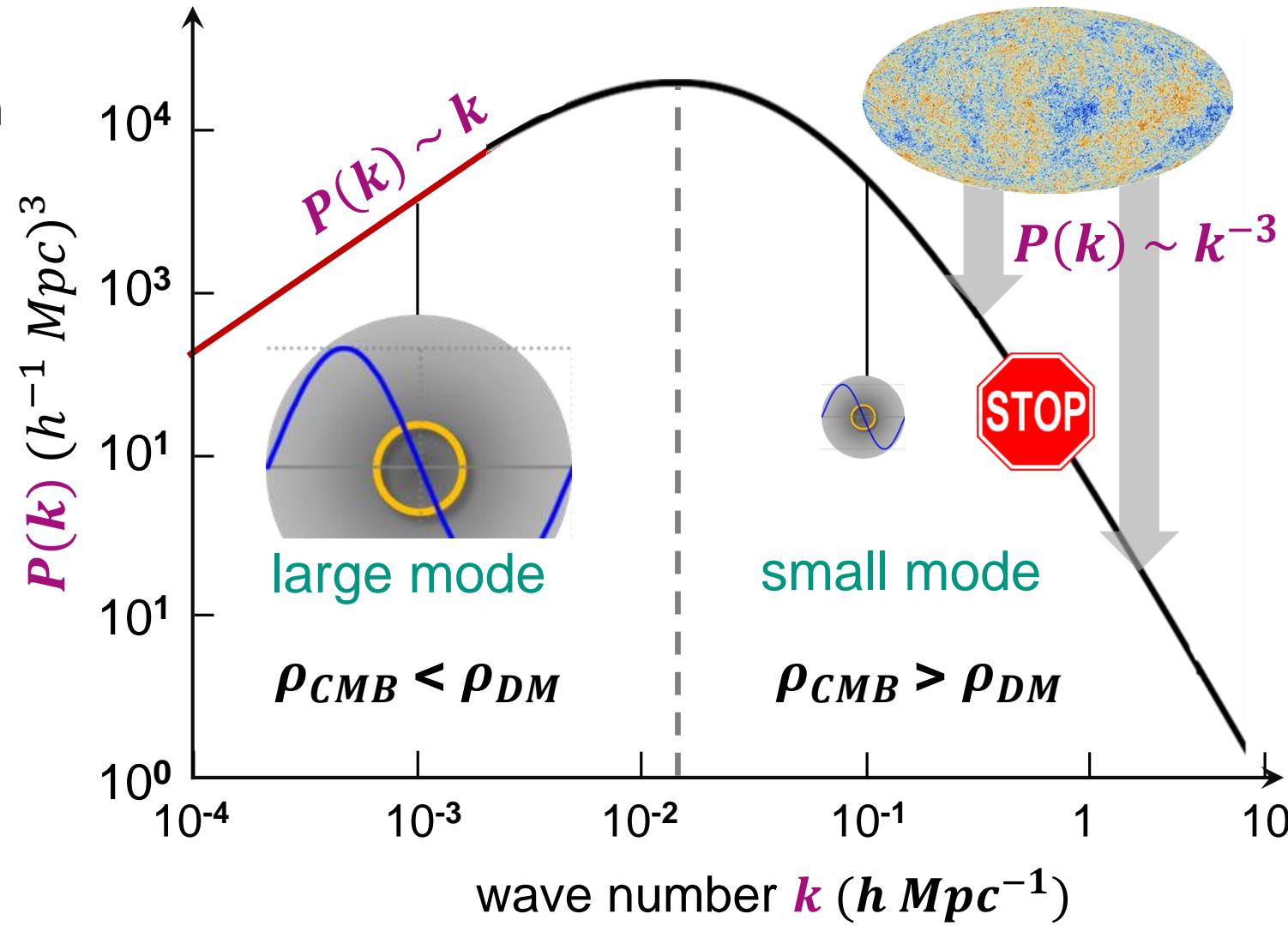
# Matter power spectrum: discussion

- The size of a  $DM$  – mode determines its causal horizon & thus its density contrast

- relativistic photons inhibit the growth of the density contrast of small  $DM$  – modes during  $t < 47000$  yr



very small  $DM$  – modes:  
during radiation dominated epoch: **photons diffuse**



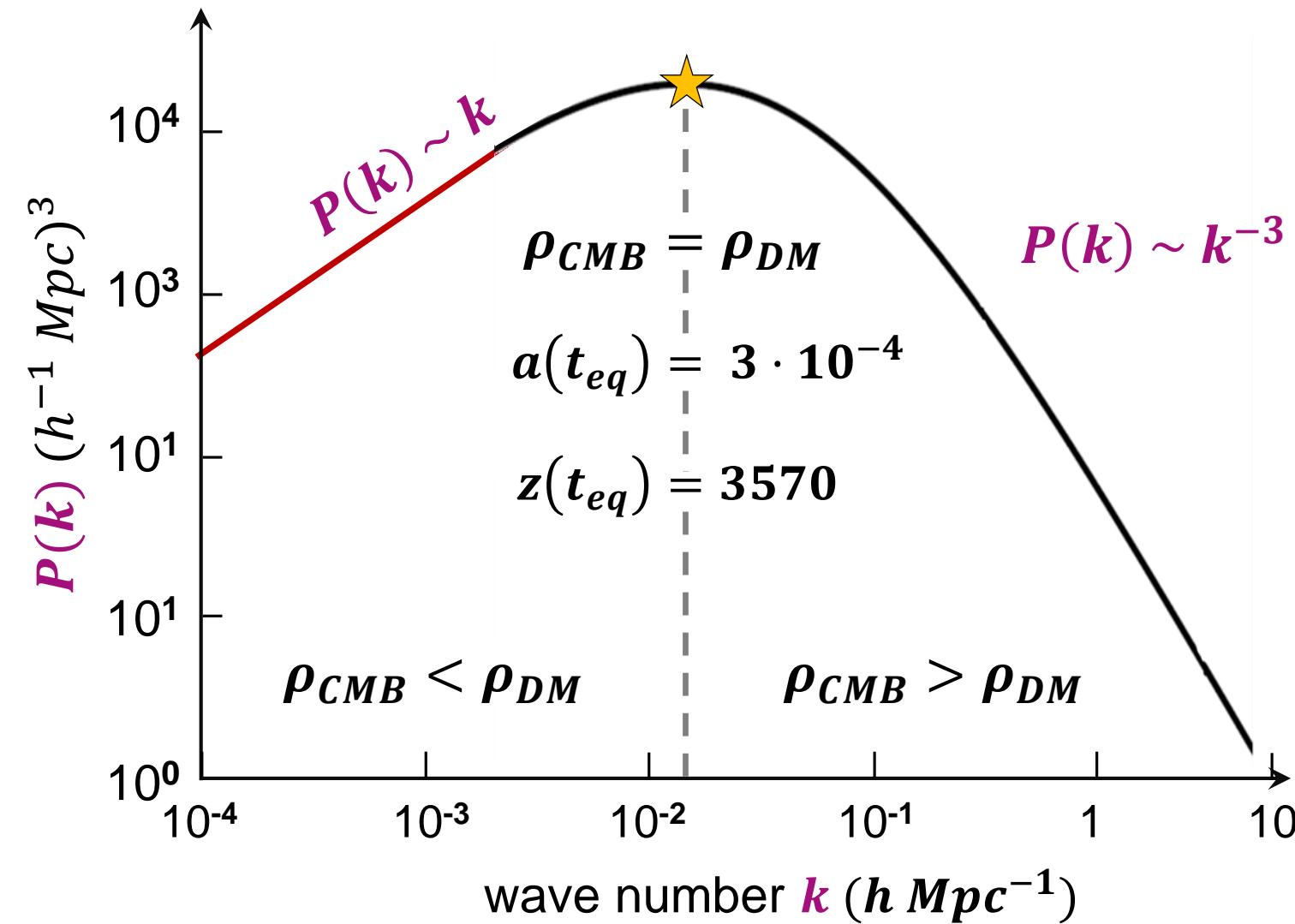
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'optimum'  $DM$  – mode:  
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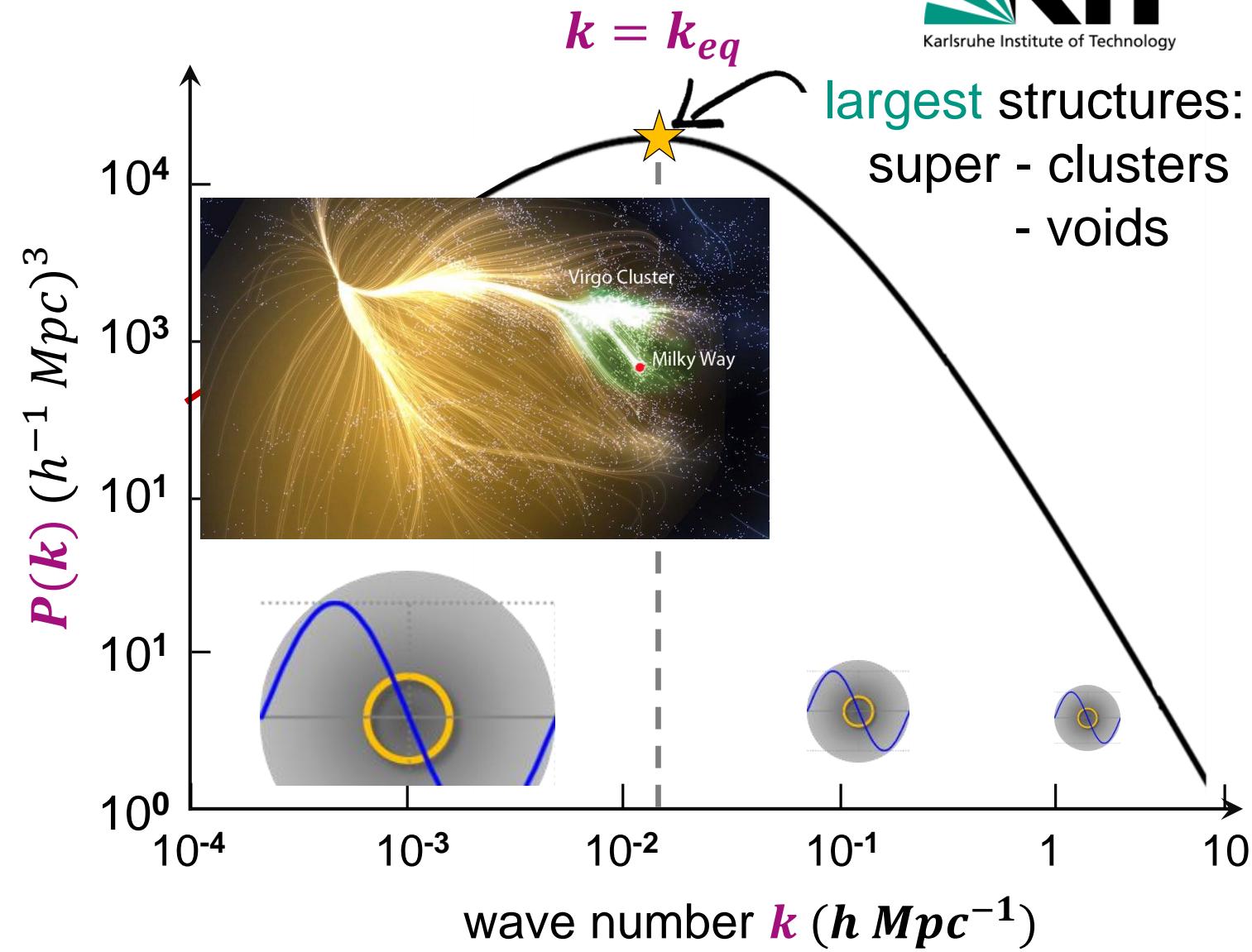
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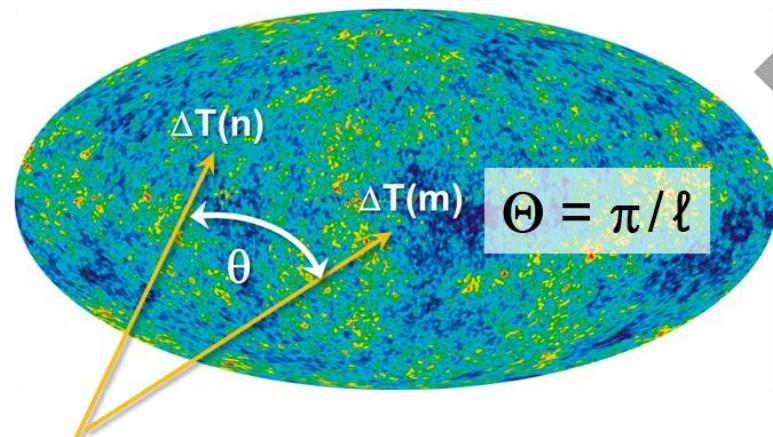
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## ■ What we can learn from *CMB multipoles* and from *matter power spectrum*

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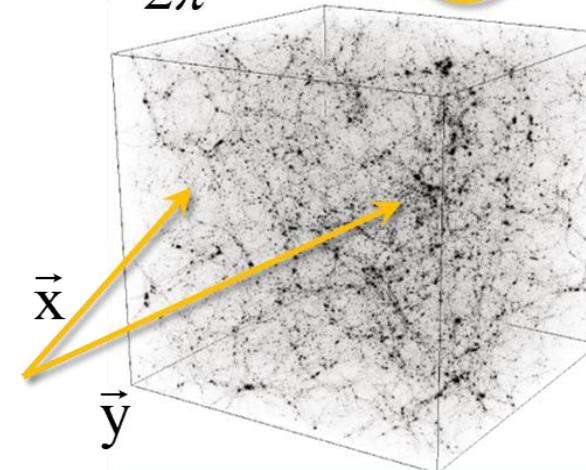
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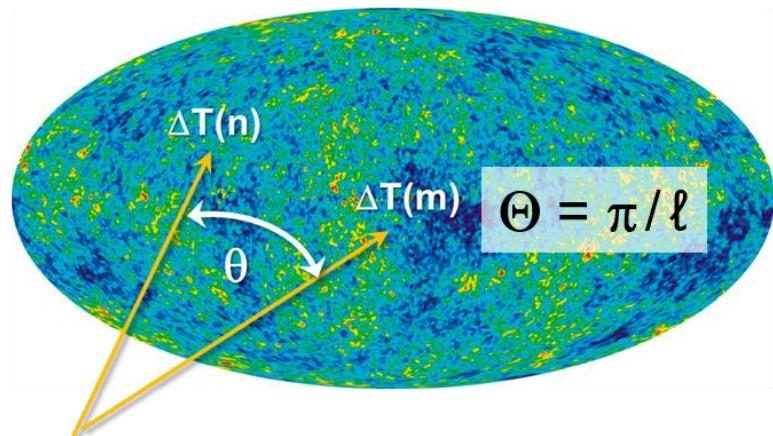
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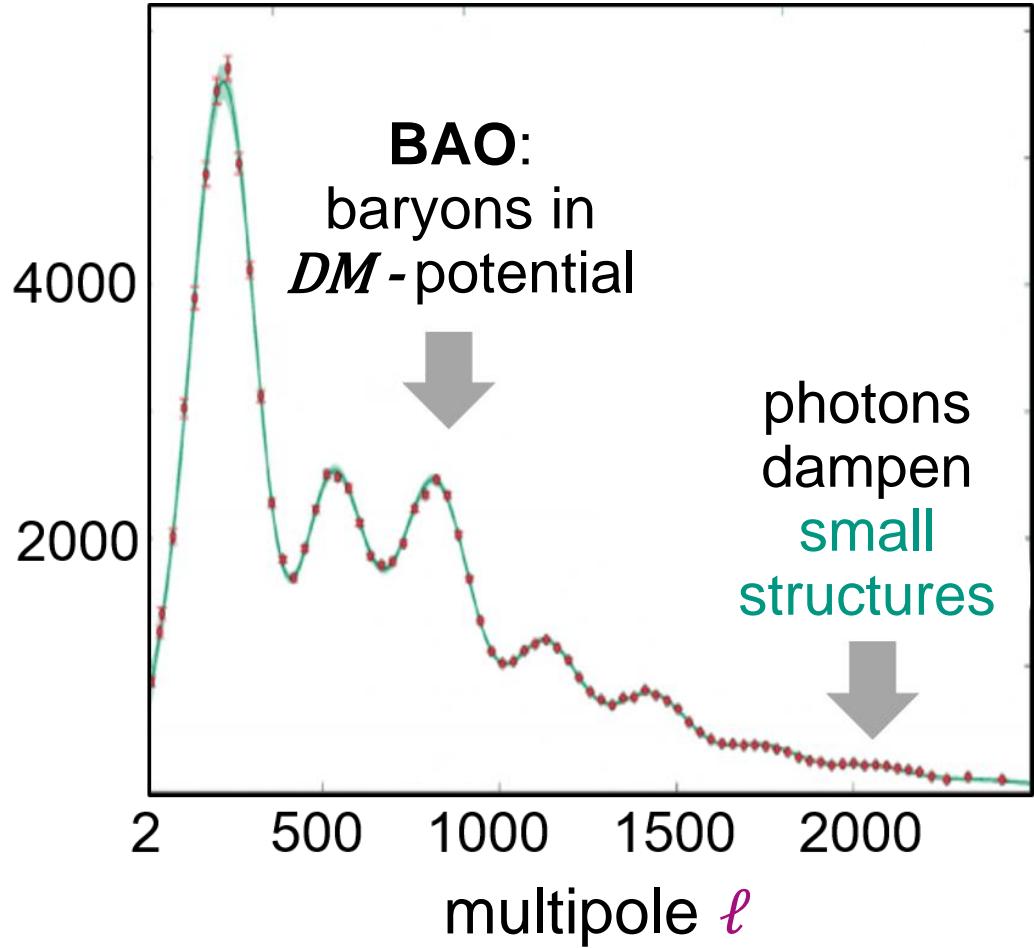
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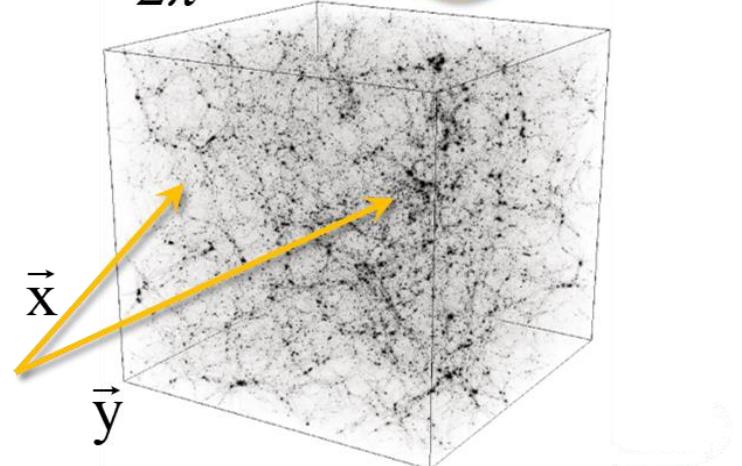
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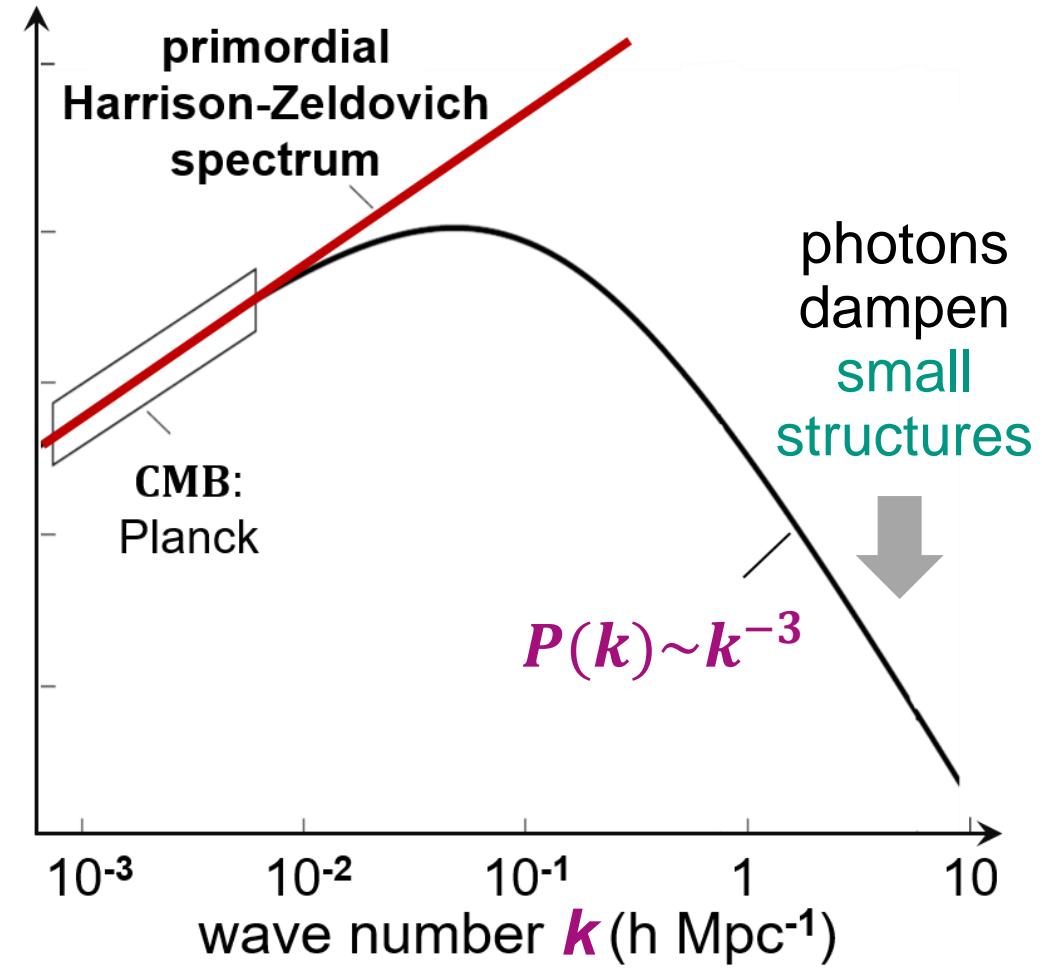
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$$P(k) (\text{h}^{-3} \text{Mpc}^3) = (\text{density contrast})^2$$

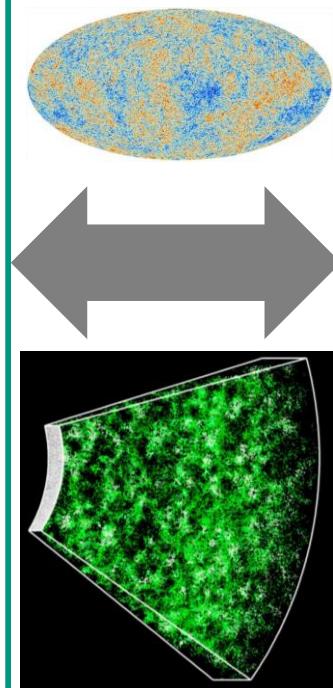
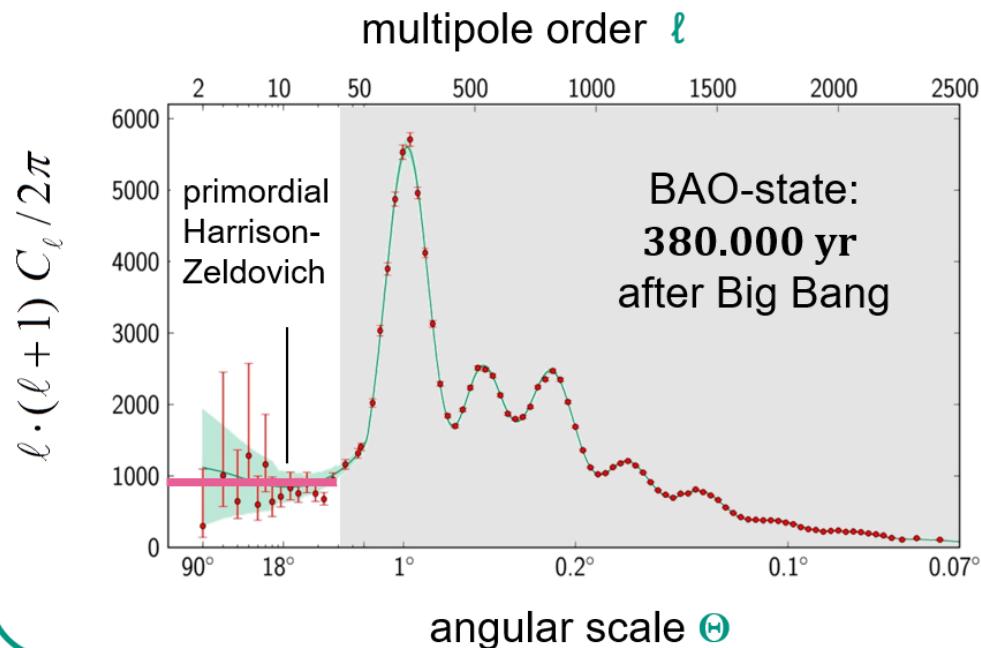


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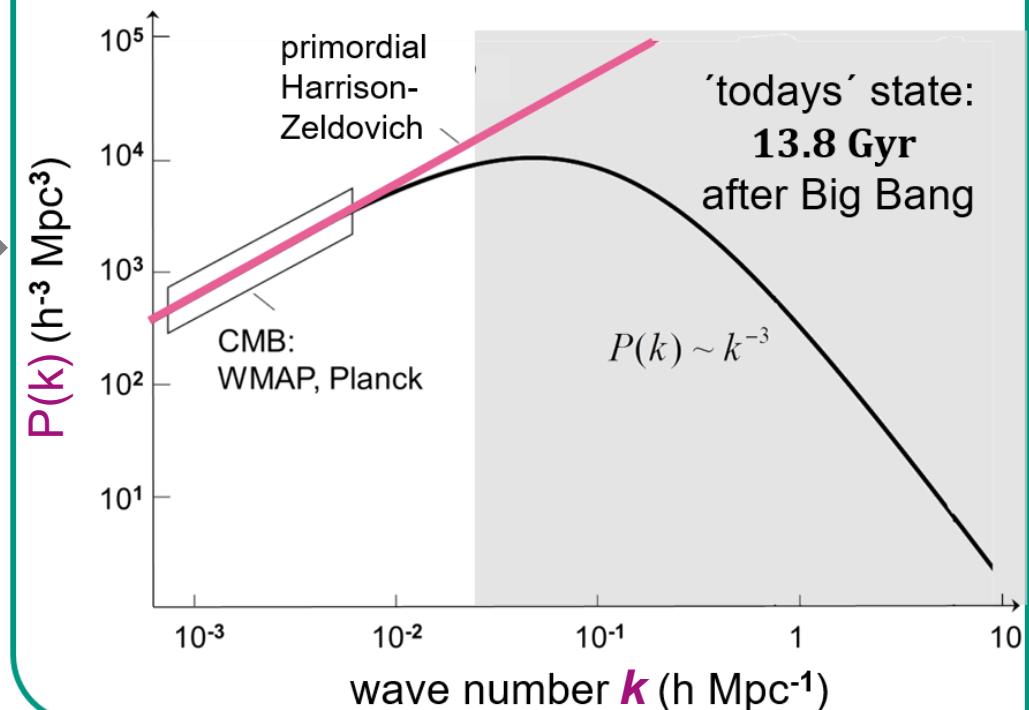
### *CMB*- power spectrum $C_\ell$

- $C_\ell$ : structure information on surface of sphere up to decoupling of *CMB*



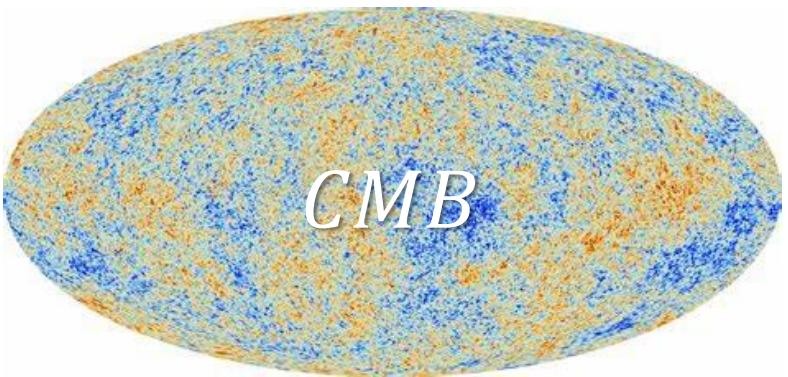
### galaxy- power spectrum $P(k)$

- $P(k)$ : structure information in volume of sphere up to present universe



# Matter power spectrum & relativistic particles

- $P(k)$  and the wash-out of structures at **small scales** due to photons &  $\nu$ 's

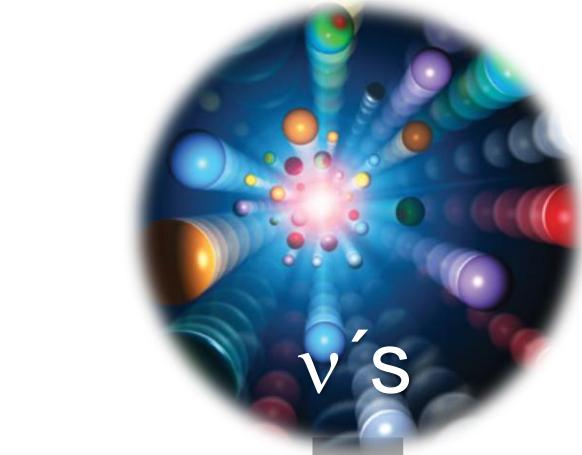
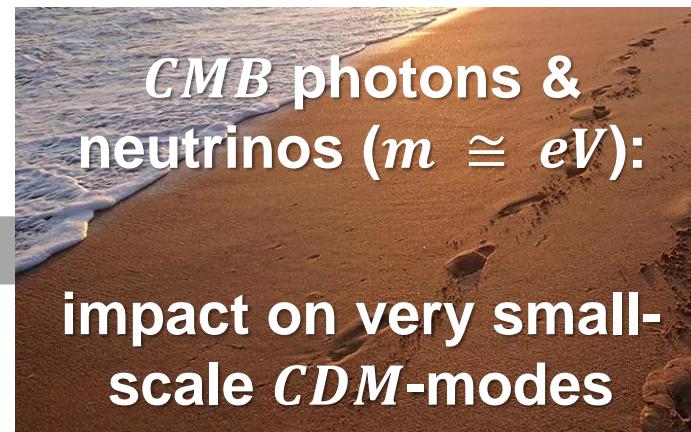


relativistic  
**BAO** &

CMB-photons:  
**Silk-damping**

wash-out of

(dark) matter:  
 $P(k)$  reduced due  
to gravitational  
interaction

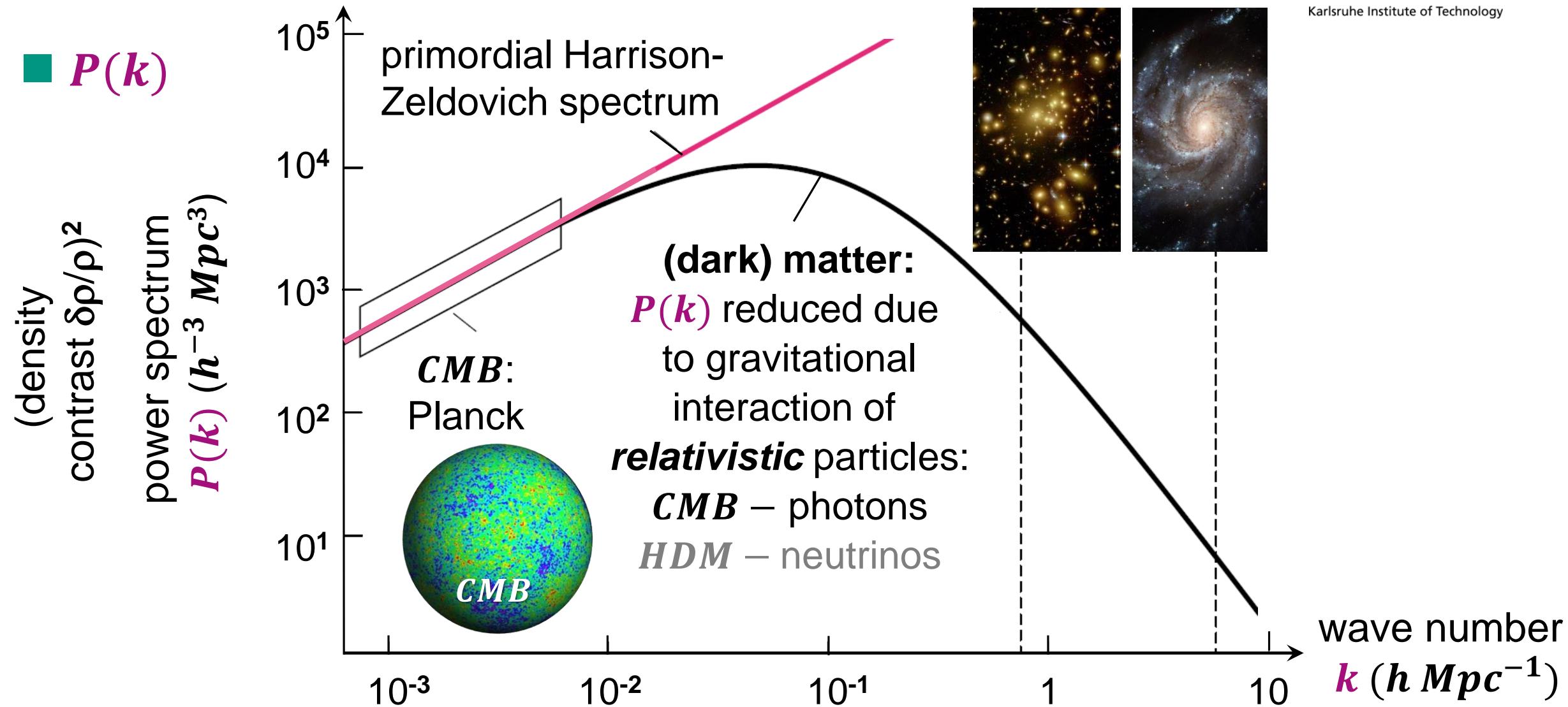


neutrinos with  
**'freestreaming'**

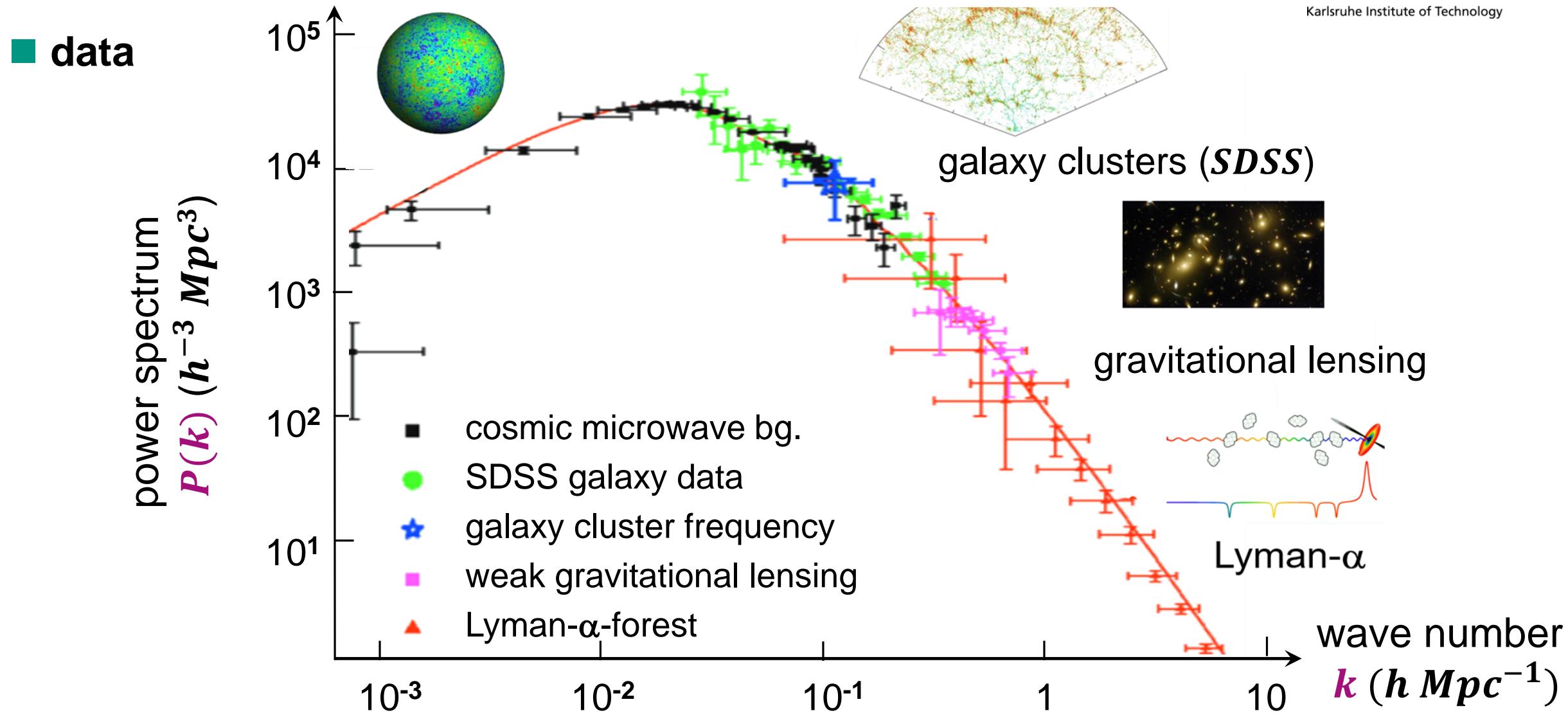
$eV$  –masses:  
over **Gpc**

small-scale structures

# Matter power spectrum & scales

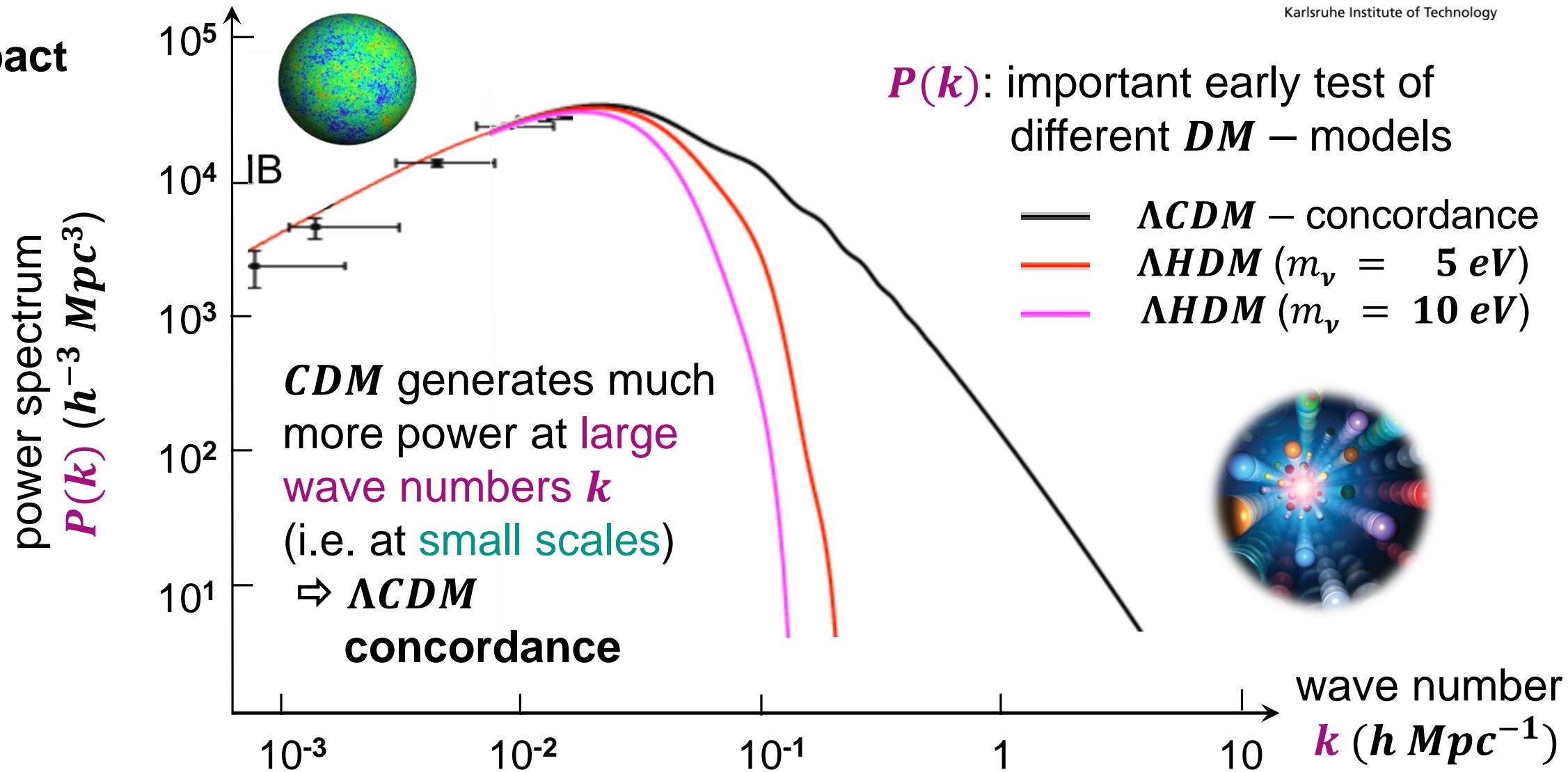


# Matter power spectrum & measurements



# Matter power spectrum: $CDM$ vs. $HDM$ only

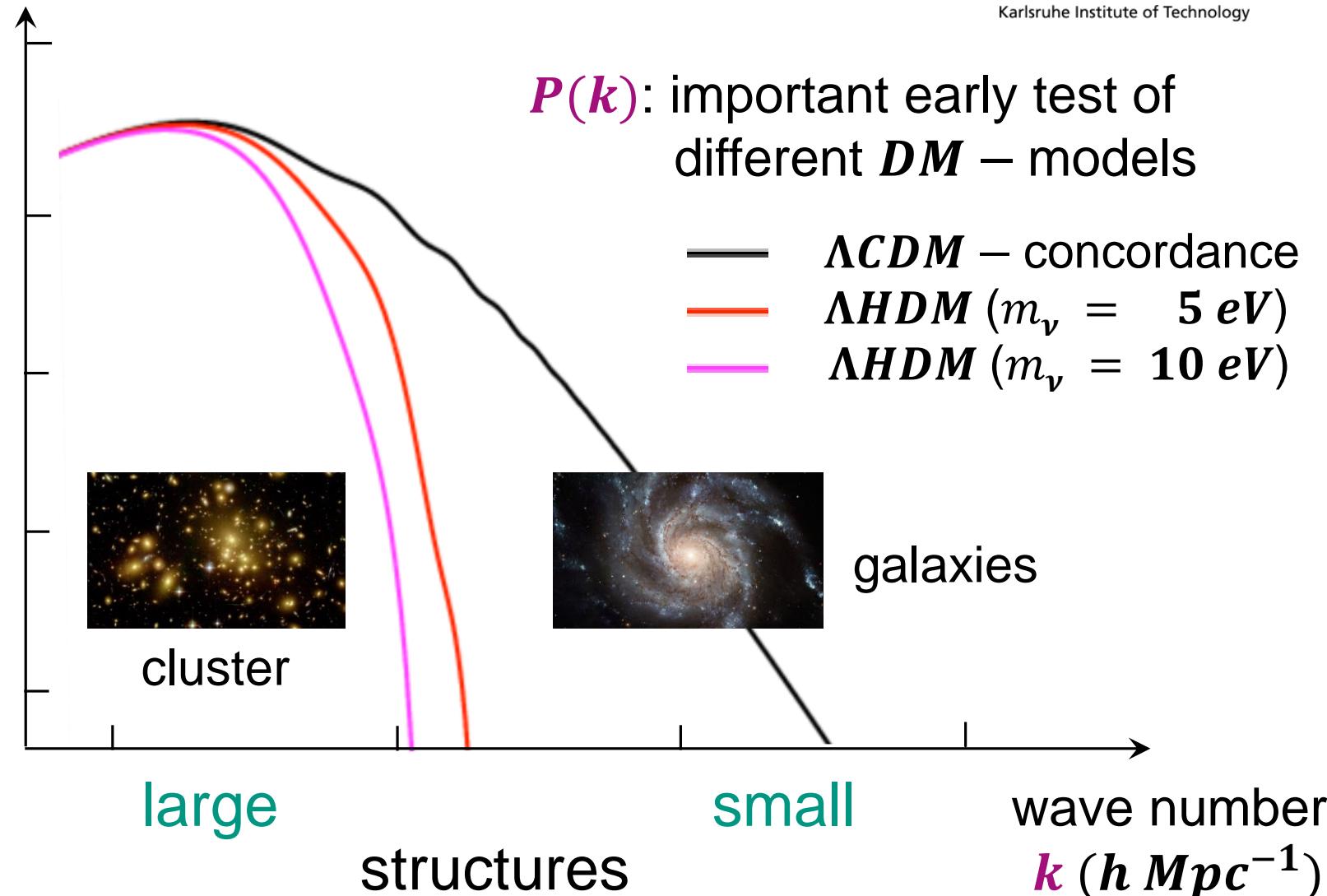
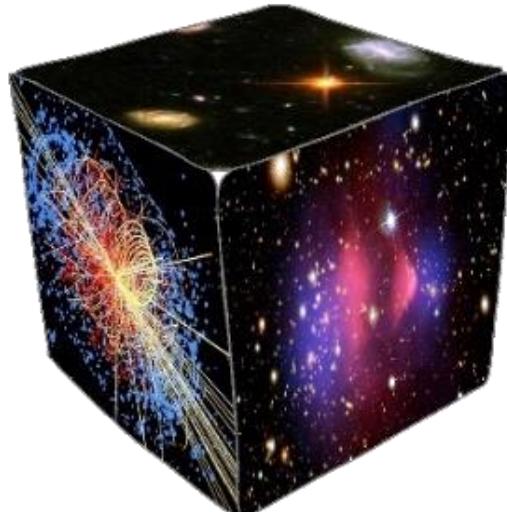
■ impact



# Matter power spectrum: *sub – eV* limits for $m_\nu$

## ■ Cosmological limits for neutrino masses

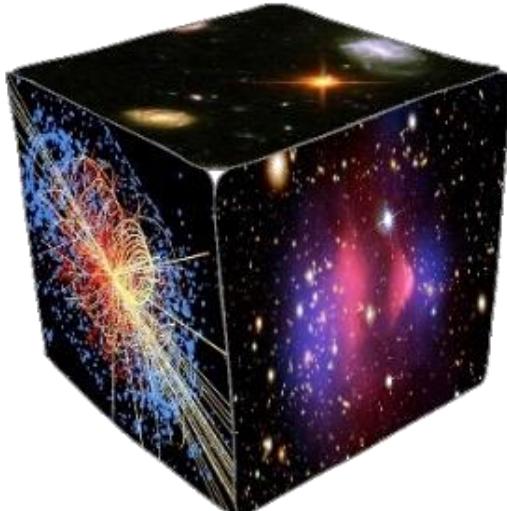
- interplay of **LSS** data  
from **cosmology &**  
**elementary particle**  
**physics!**



# Matter power spectrum: stop press...

## ■ Cosmological limits for neutrino masses

- interplay of **LSS** data from **cosmology** & **elementary particle physics**!



Astronomy

'Less clumpy' universe may suggest existence of mysterious forces

Survey could mean there is a crucial component missing from so-called standard model of physics

[Joint analysis of Dark Energy Survey Year 3 data and CMB lensing from SPT and Planck.](#)  
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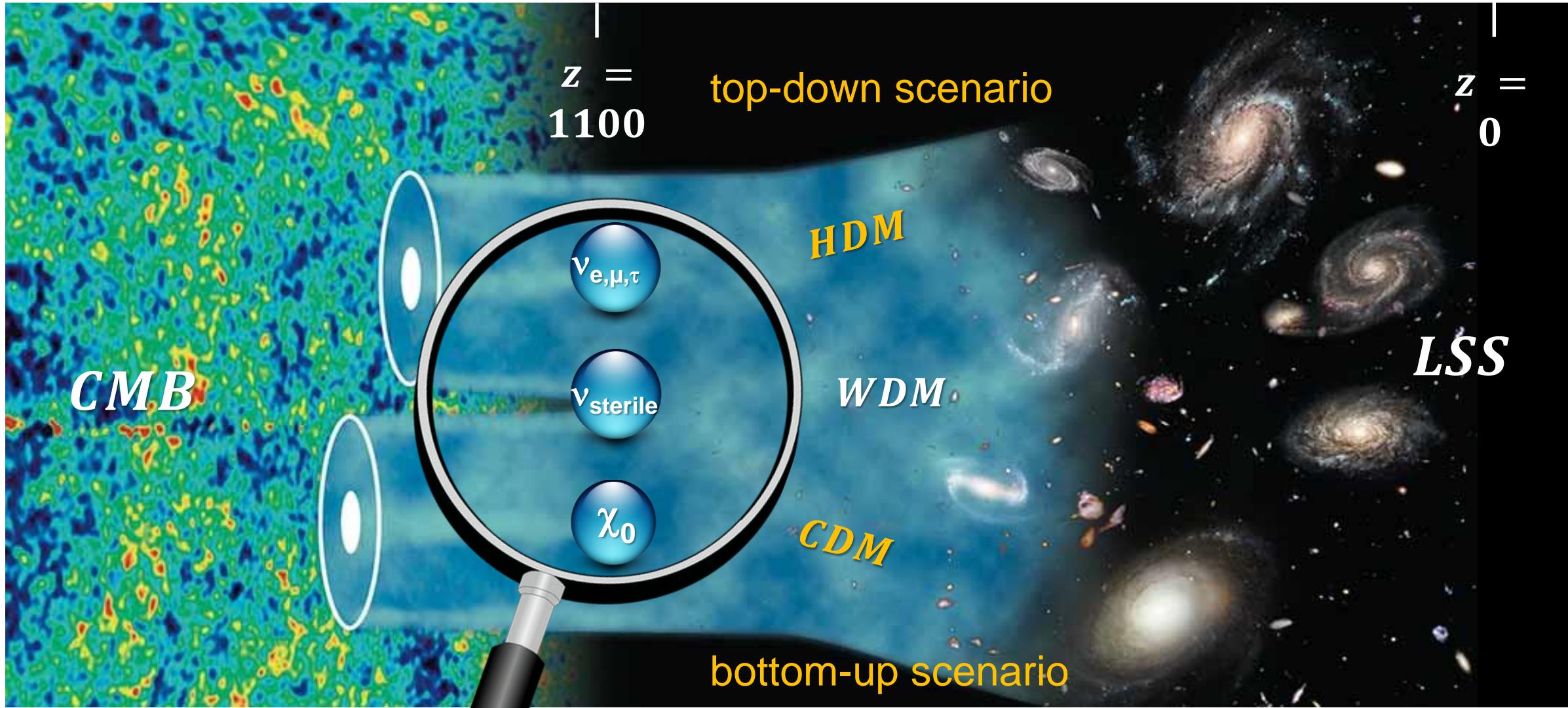
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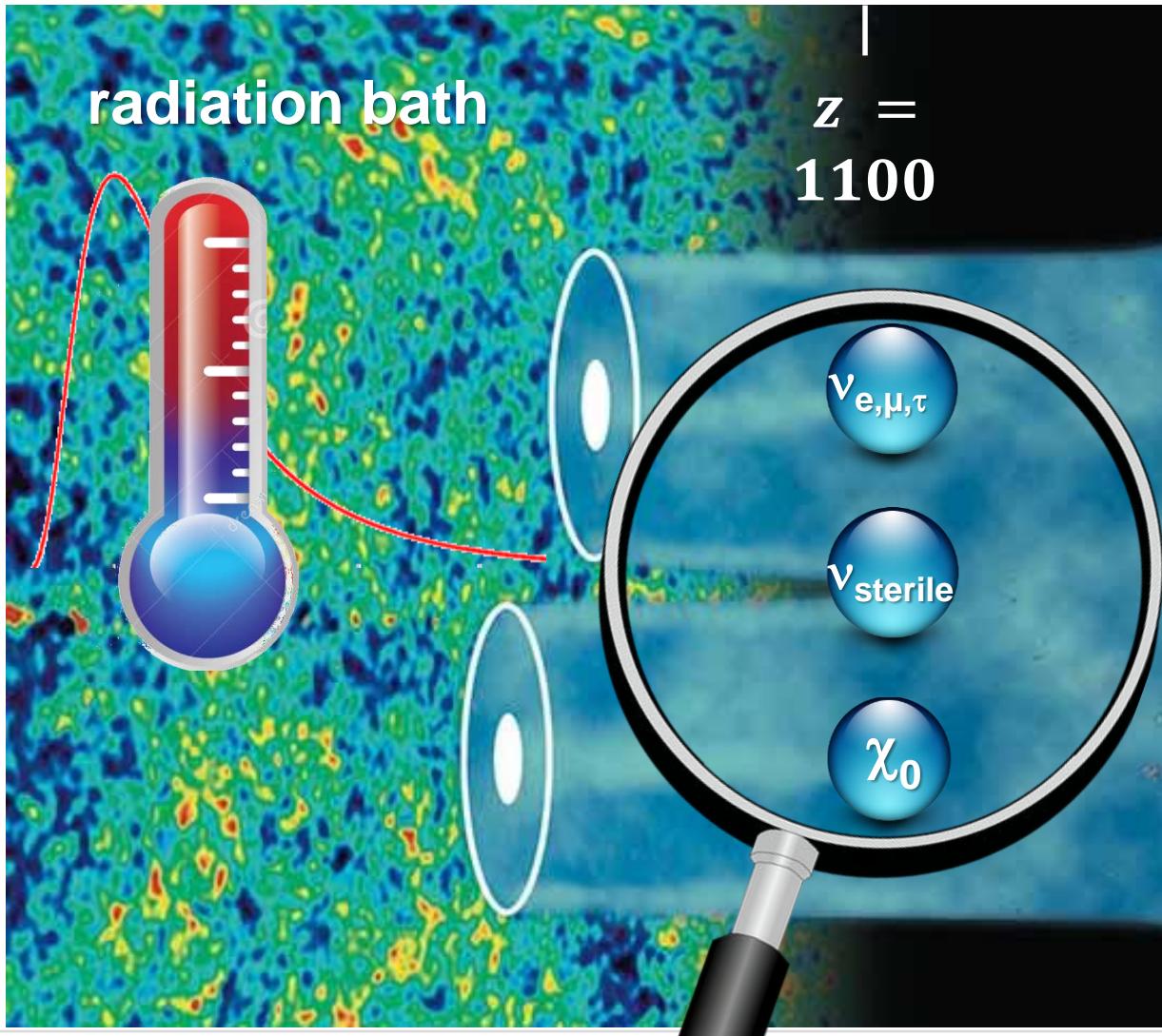


One of the most precise surveys of the structure of the universe has suggested it is “less clumpy” than expected, in findings that could indicate the existence of mysterious forces at work.

# A closer look at properties of $CDM$ , $WDM$ & $HDM$



# thermal $DM$ relics vs. non-thermal $DM$ production



$DM$  – particles as **thermal relics**:  
produced via thermal processes in  
radiation bath of early universe

ultra-  
relativistic

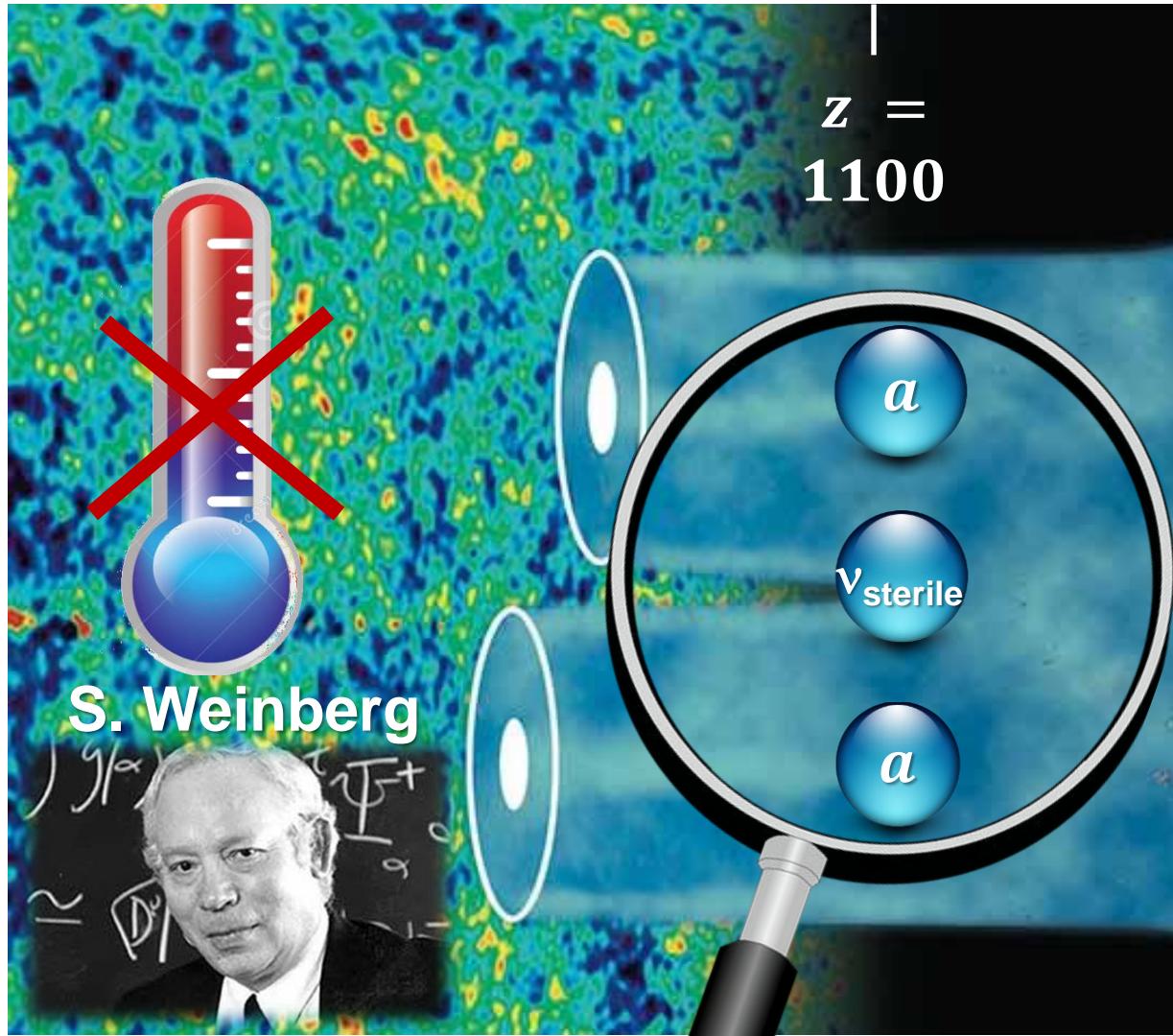
**HDM**:  $T_{fr} \gg m$

non-  
relativistic

**CDM**:  $T_{fr} \ll m$

⇒ characteristic  
freeze-out temperature  $T_{fr}$

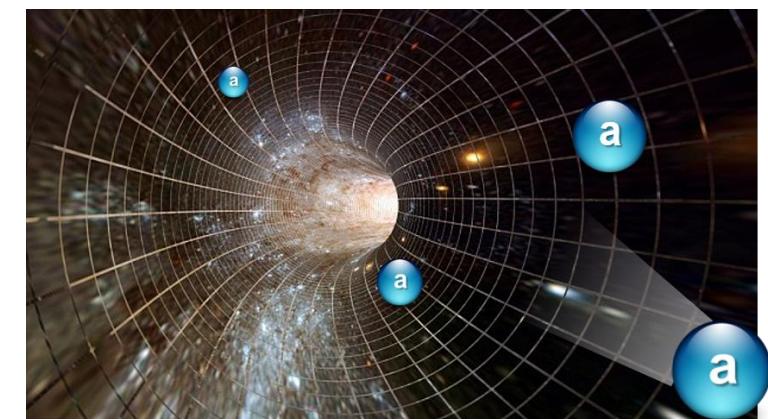
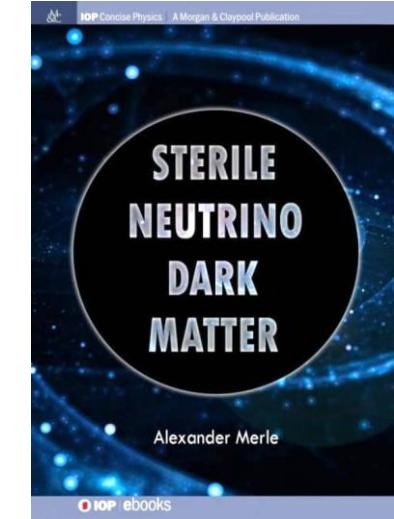
# thermal $DM$ relics vs. non-thermal $DM$ production



$DM$  – particles as **non-thermal relics**  
via **symmetry breaking**  
or due to  **$\nu$ -oscillations**  
(Stephen Weinberg et al.)

**WDM:** sterile neutrinos

**HDM, CDM:**  
axions

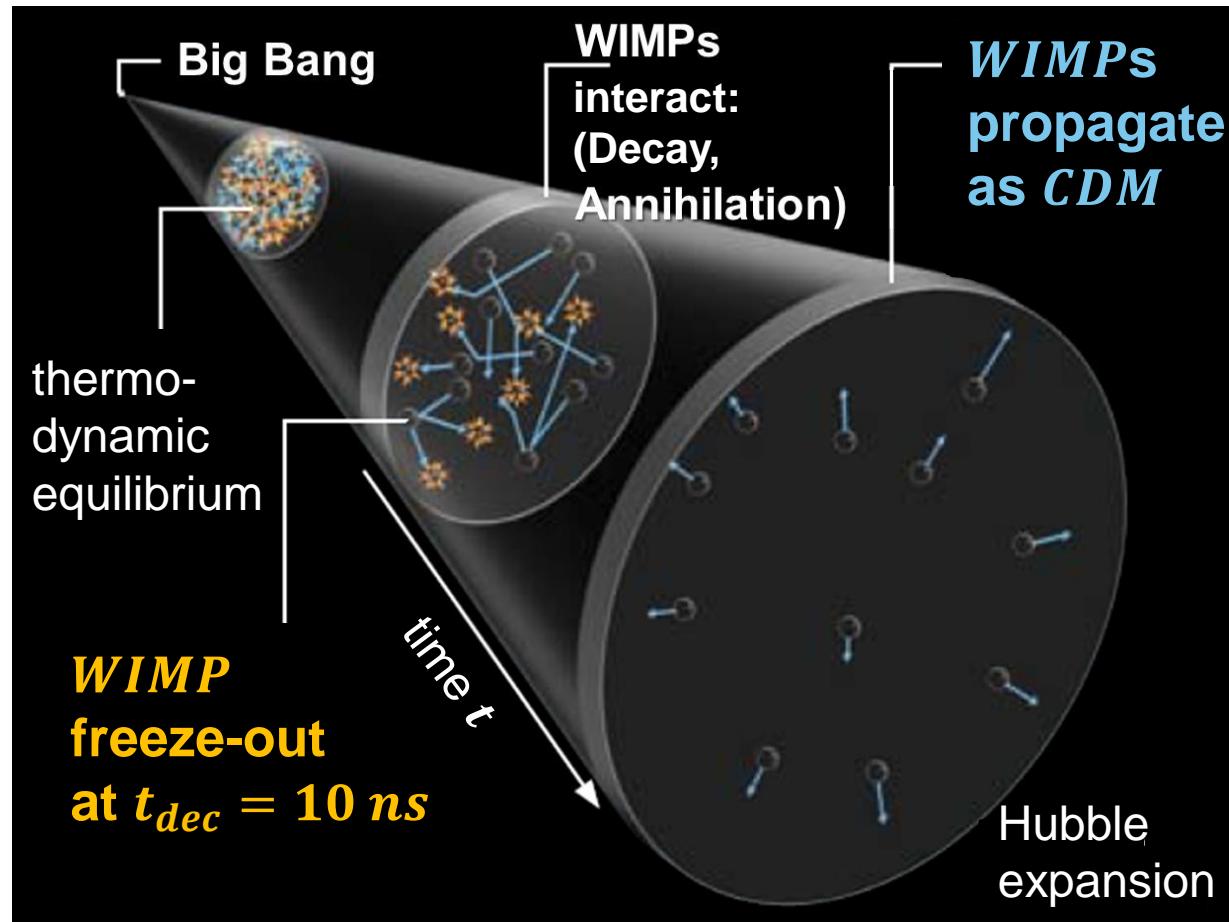


# *CDM: WIMPs as thermal relics*



## ■ Thermal production of *CDM: WIMPs*\*

- **WIMPs**: massive, non-baryonic **thermal relics** left over from Big Bang, which interact via **weak interaction** only (+ gravity)
- only **pair production / pair annihilation** of **WIMPs** ( $\equiv$  Majorana particles with conserved **SUSY** quantum number  $R_P$ )
- huge mass (**TeV – scale**):  
 $\Rightarrow$  vast phase space in case of decay



# *CDM: WIMPs as thermal relics*



## ■ Annihilation rate of *WIMPs*

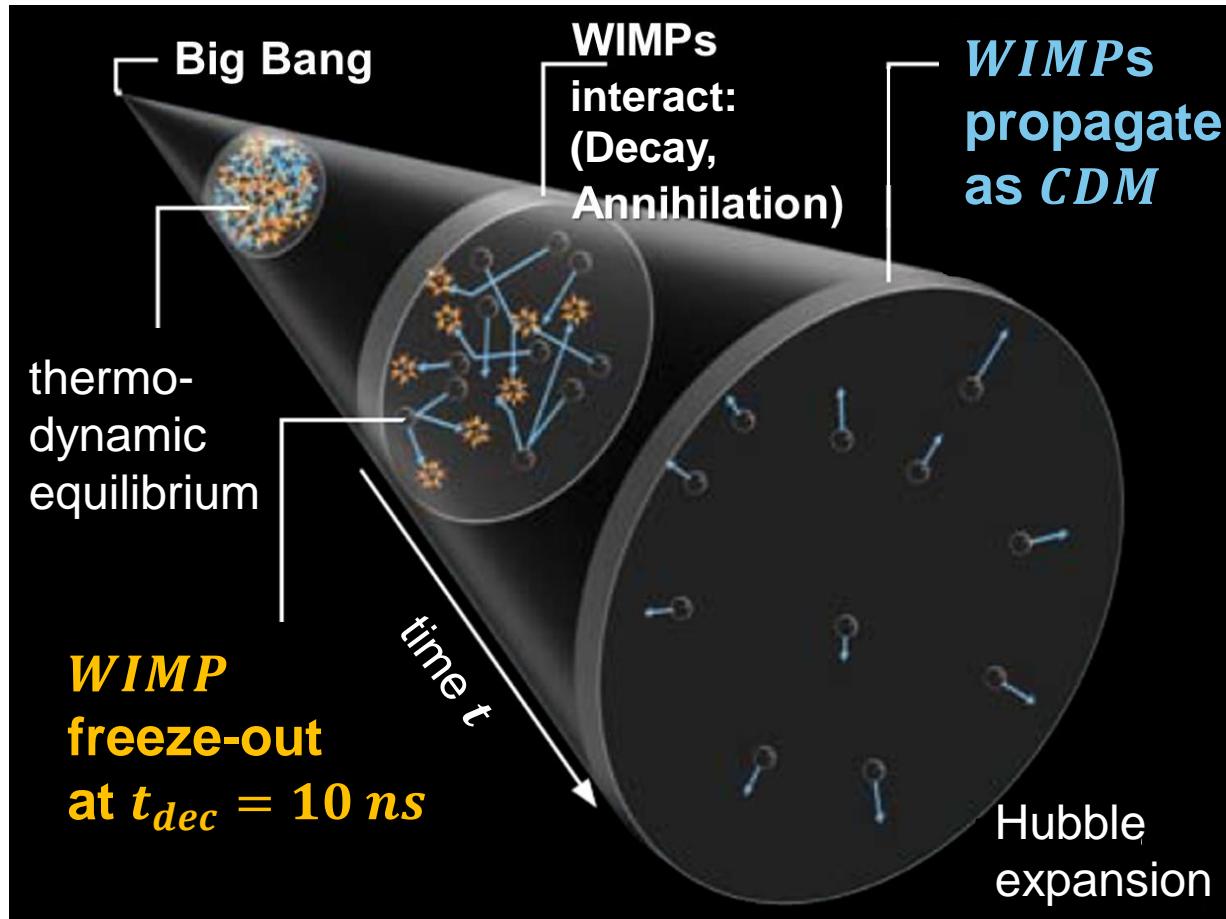
- *WIMPs*: annihilation rate given by typical **weak interaction strength**

$$\sigma_{ann} = \sigma_{weak}$$

- decoupling time from radiation bath is  $t_{dec} \approx 10 \text{ ns}$

$$\sigma_{ann}(t_{dec}) = H(t_{dec})$$

- **WIMP miracle** (will be discussed later)



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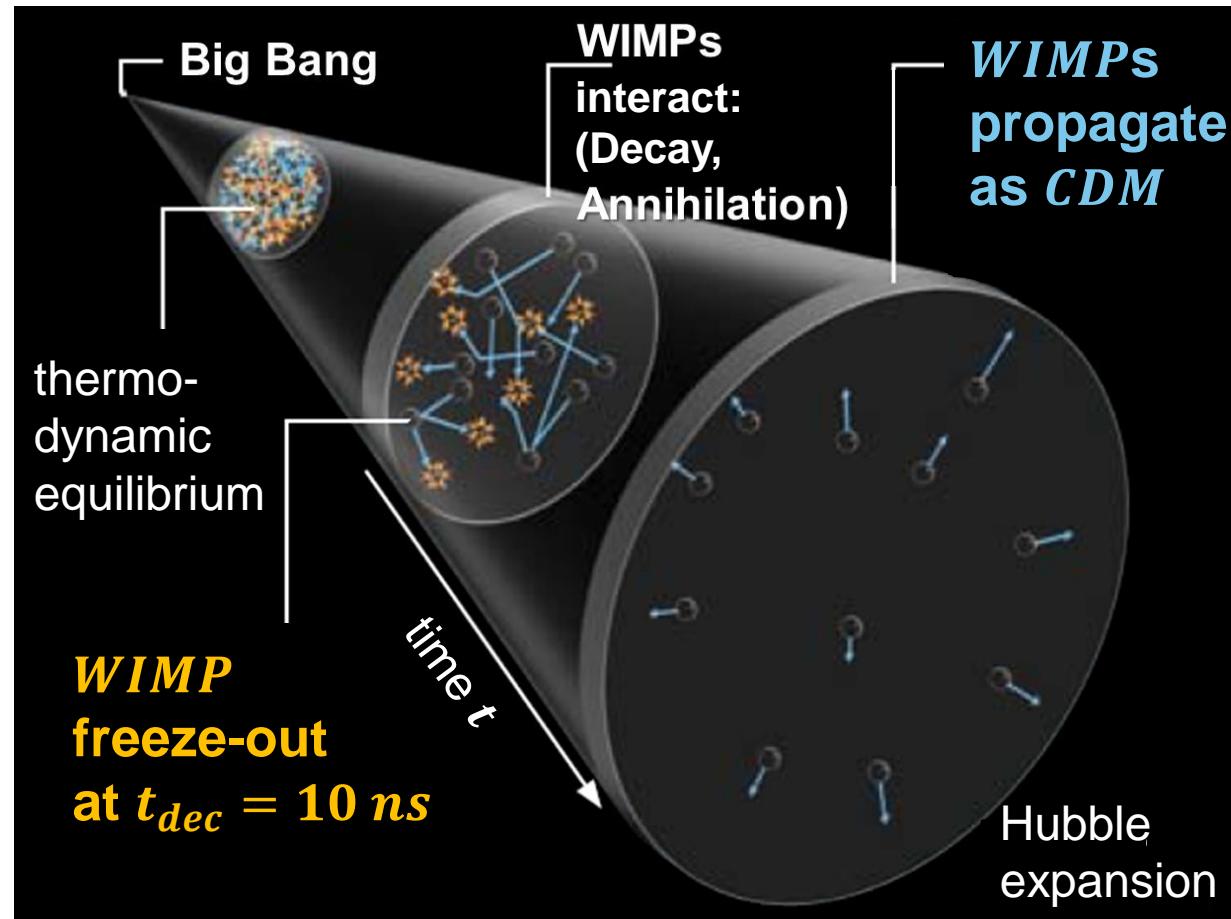


## ■ Annihilation rate of *WIMPs*

- *WIMPs*: non-relativistic propagation with very **limited free-streaming range** as

$$E_{kin}(WIMP) \approx 0.05 \cdot m(WIMP)$$

- after decoupling: stable over long, cosmological time scales due to intrinsic *SUSY* – based *R* – parity *R<sub>P</sub>*



# HDM: $\nu$ 's as light thermal relics

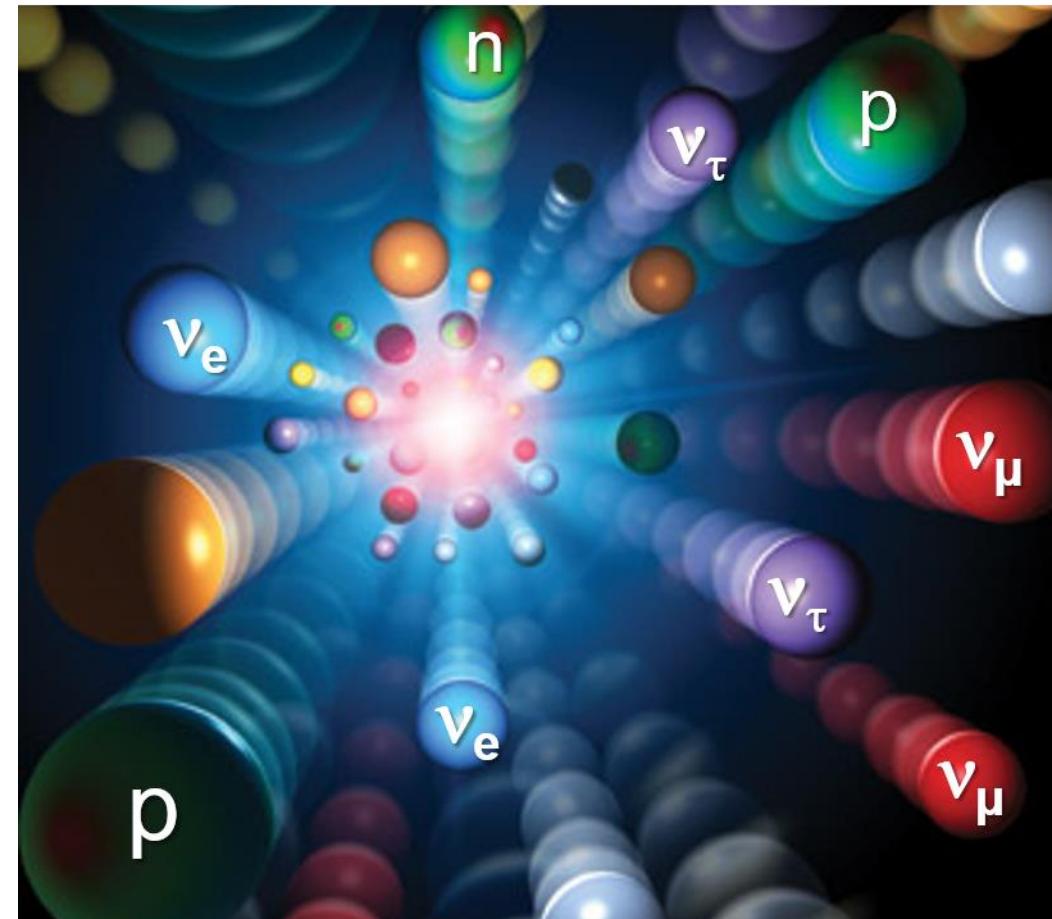


## ■ Hot dark matter: relativistic free-streaming

- $\nu$ 's: relativistic propagation over an exceedingly long free-streaming range of  $> Gpc$

$$E_{kin}(\nu) > 10^6 \cdot m(\nu)$$

- after decoupling: stable over long, cosmological time scales due to conserved lepton number  $L$

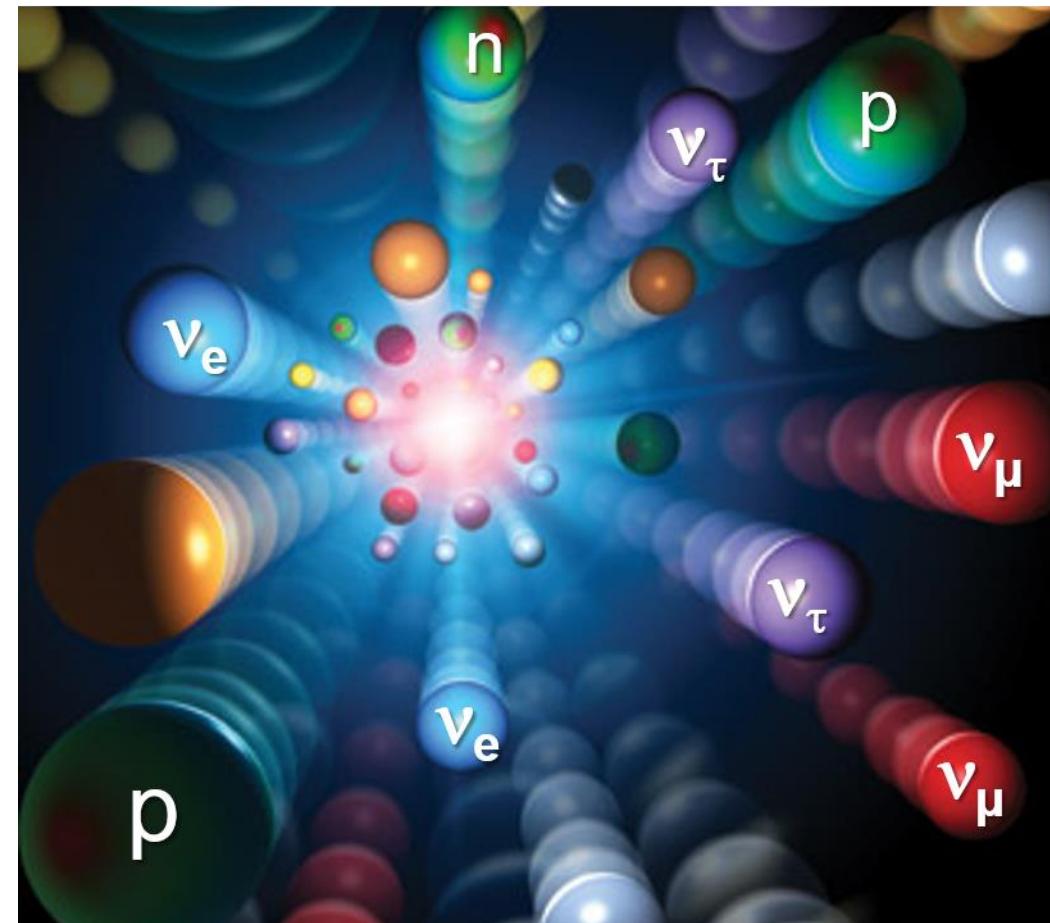


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## ■ Hot dark matter: relativistic free-streaming

- $\nu$ 's: relativistic propagation suppresses annihilation in the early universe (also: no lighter leptons in the *SM*)  
weak interaction only with matter
- decoupling at  $t \cong 1\text{ s}$  and  $T \cong 1\text{ MeV}$   
(see 3.1 Big Bang Nucleosynthesis,  
lecture #5 p. 51)



# Dark Matter: hot, warm or cold ( $HDM/WDM/CDM$ )

## ■ Generic particle models for cosmological $DM$ – density $\rho_{DM} \cong 1 \text{ GeV/m}^3$

### Hot Dark Matter

particle candidate:

**active** neutrinos  $\nu_{e,\mu,\tau}$   
 $m \sim 0.05 \dots 0.8 \text{ eV}$

number density:

$N(\text{active}) : 339/\text{cm}^3$

decoupling:

$T_{fr} = 2 - 3 \text{ MeV}$   
 $T_{fr}/m \sim 10^6 \dots 10^7$

impact on  $LSS$ :

wash-out of structure  
on scales  $\lambda \leq 1 \text{ Gpc}$

### Warm Dark Matter

particle candidate:

**sterile** neutrinos  $\nu_s$   
 $m \sim 1 \dots 20 \text{ keV}$

number density:

$N(\text{sterile}) : < 1/\text{cm}^3$

decoupling:

no thermal process,  
but via  $\nu$  – oscillations

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### Cold Dark Matter

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**SUSY** neutralinos  $\chi^0$   
 $m \sim 0.1 \dots 10 \text{ TeV}$

number density:

$N(\chi^0) : < 10^{-9}/\text{cm}^3$

decoupling:

$T_{fr} = \text{GeV} \dots \text{TeV}$   
 $T_{fr}/m \sim 1/20$

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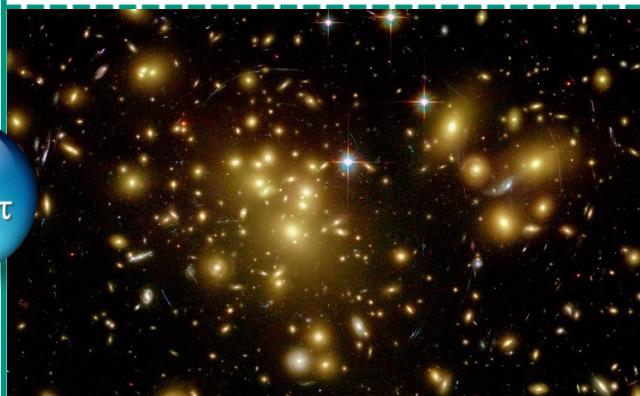
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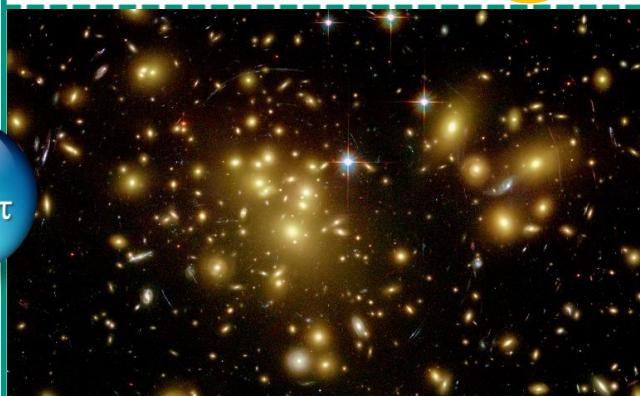
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## ■ Generic particle models: pre-view of Lee-Weinberg curve

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### Lee-Weinberg curve



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Weinberg

for thermal production &  
subsequent reduction due to  
annihilation processes: only  
**two narrow mass regions**  
to explain  $\Omega_{DM} \sim 0.25$

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