

Introduction to Cosmology

Winter term 23/24

Lecture 13

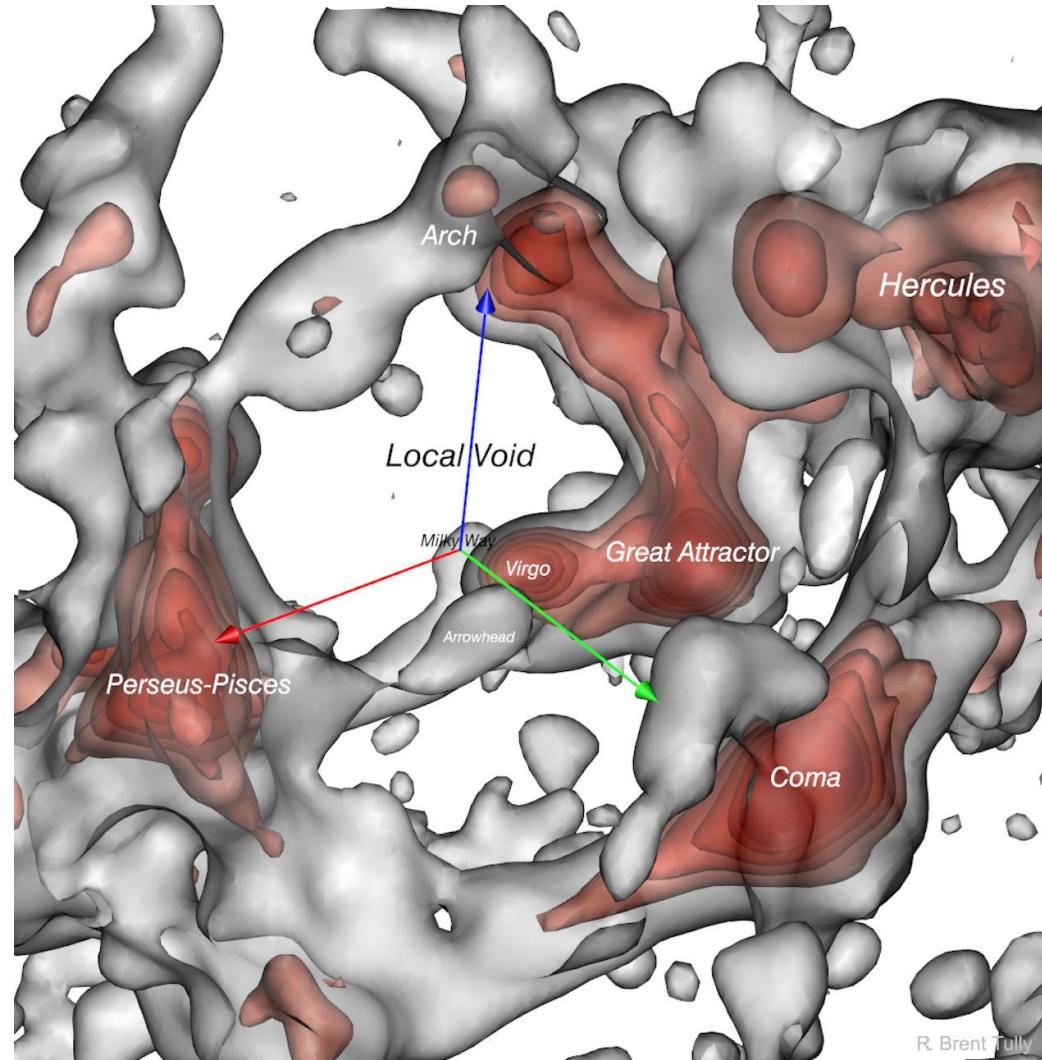
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Recap of Lecture 12

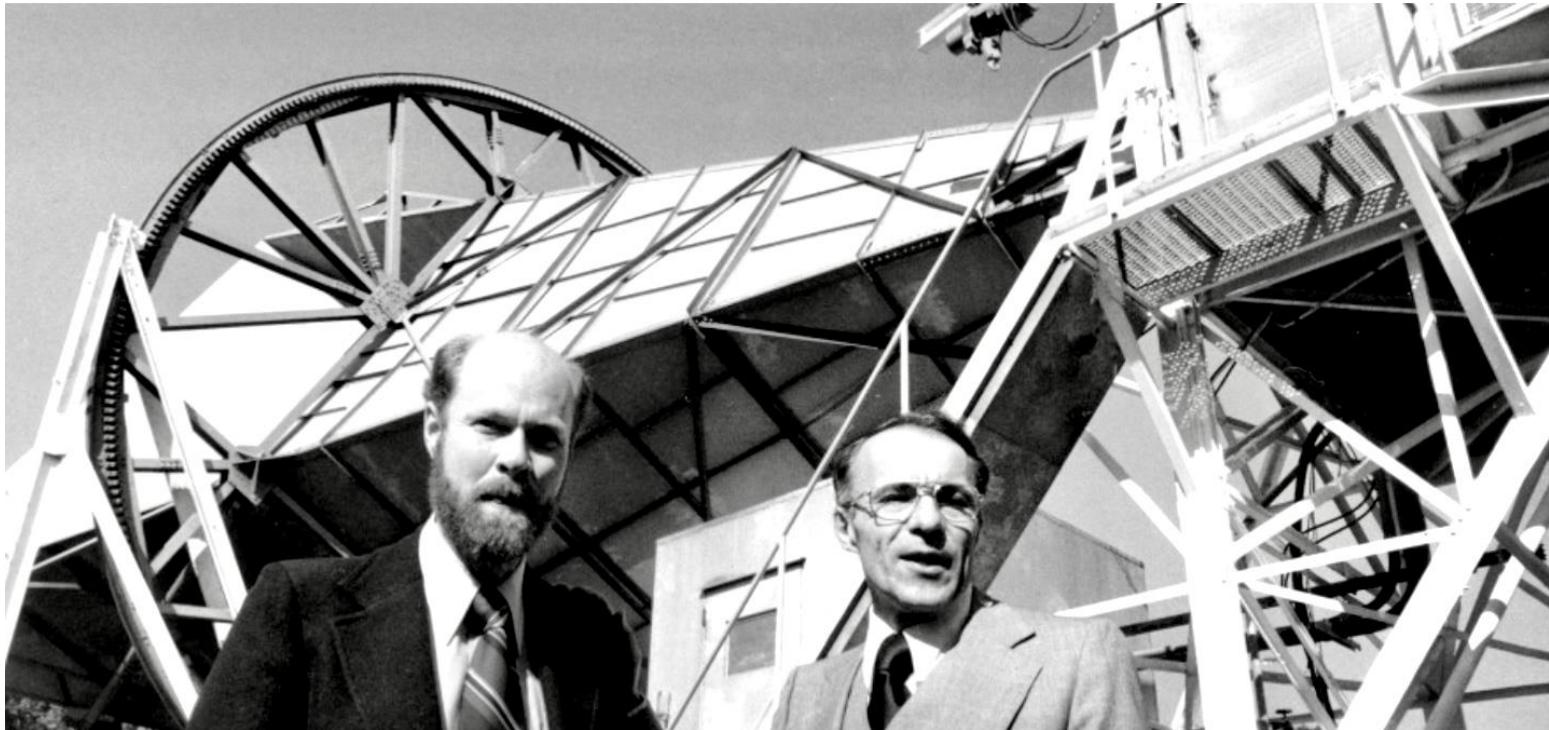
■ Evolution of Large Scale Structures (LSS)

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



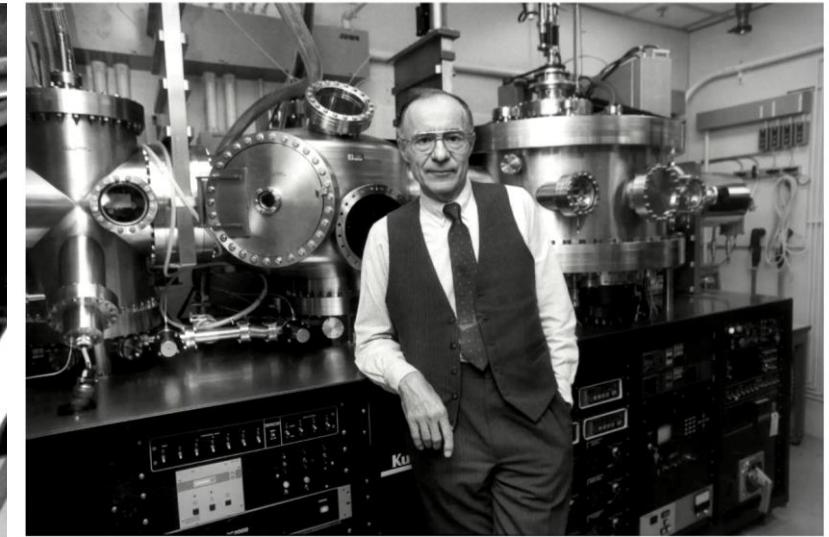
Cosmology: a true *CMB* pioneer has left us

- **Penzias & Wilson: first experimental detection of the *CMB* radiation at Holmdel (1964)**



Arno A. Penzias, 90, Dies; Nobel Physicist Confirmed Big Bang Theory

His 1964 discovery with Robert W. Wilson settled a debate over the origin and evolution of the universe.



Dr. Arno A. Penzias in a 1991 photo at Bell Laboratories in New Jersey. He and Dr. Robert W. Wilson were researchers there in 1964 when they discovered cosmic microwave background radiation, remnants of the Big Bang. Frank C. Dougherty

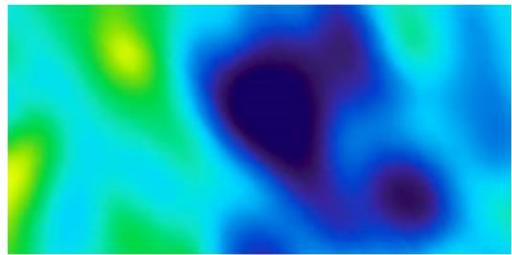
By Katie Hafner
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Arno A. Penzias, whose astronomical probes yielded incontrovertible evidence of a dynamic, evolving universe with a clear point of origin, confirming what became known as the Big

**The
New York
Times**

Structure formation in an expanding universe

- Increase of scale factor $a(t)$ of the universe over the Hubble time t_0



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

increase of
scale-factor

$$a(t_0) = 1$$

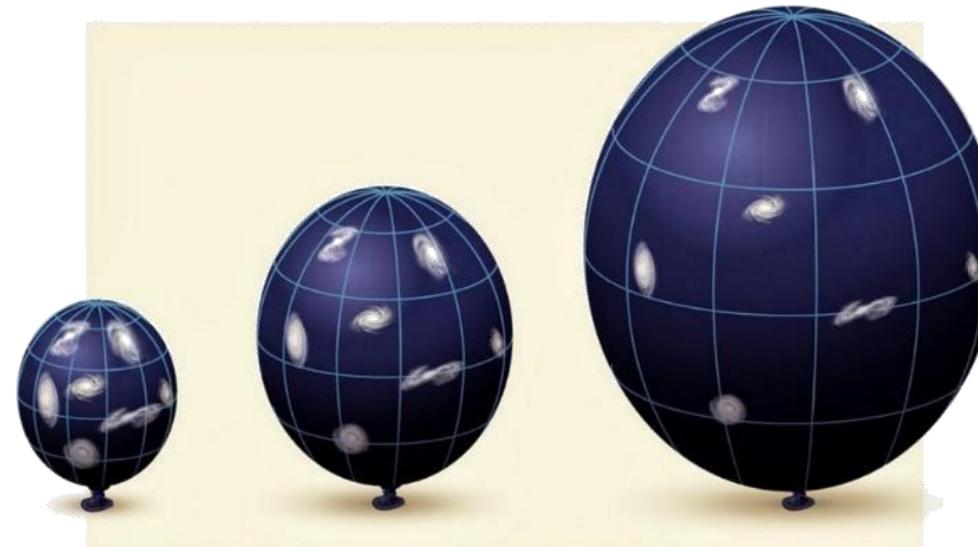
$$z(CMB) = 1100$$

by 10^3

$$z(t_0) = 0$$



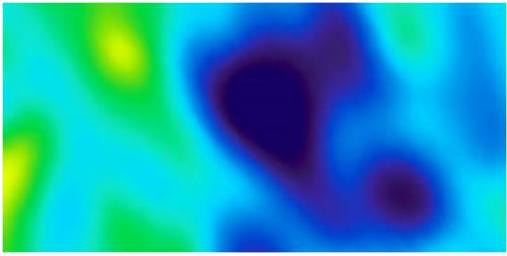
early universe
at $t = 378.000 \text{ yr}$
 CMB decoupling



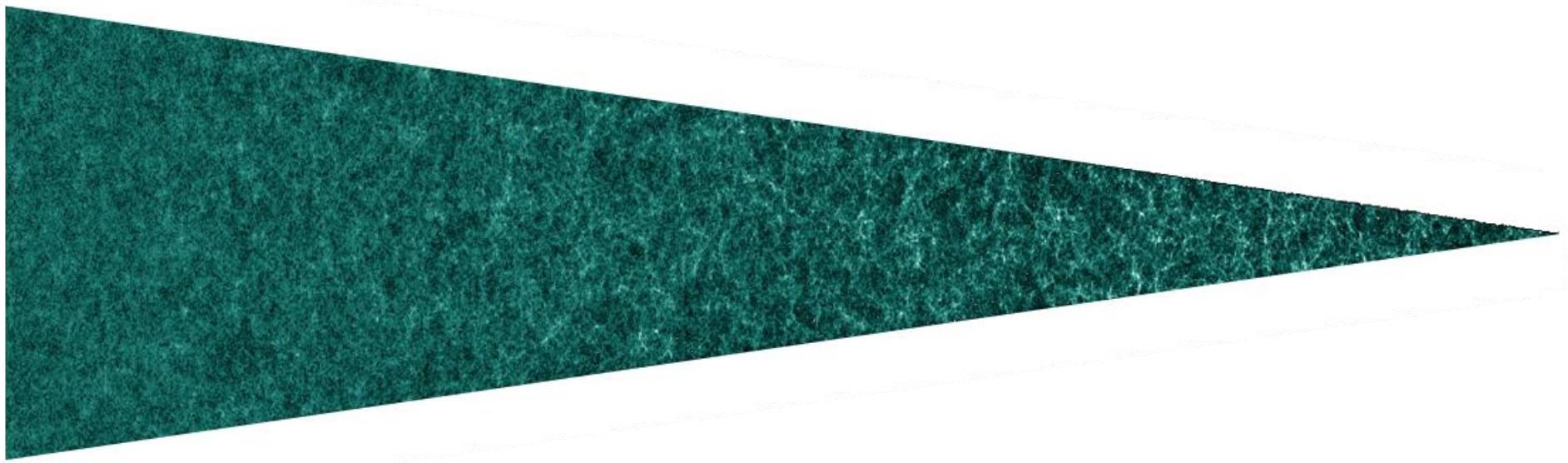
today's universe
at $t = 13.8 \cdot 10^9 \text{ yr}$
present LSS

Strucutre formation in an expanding universe

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

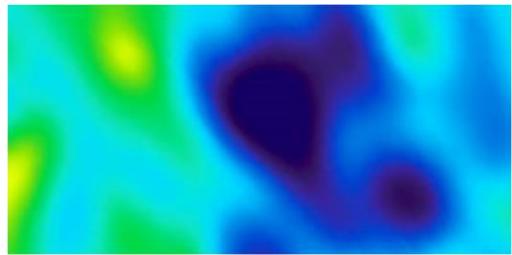


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Why {
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is our universe

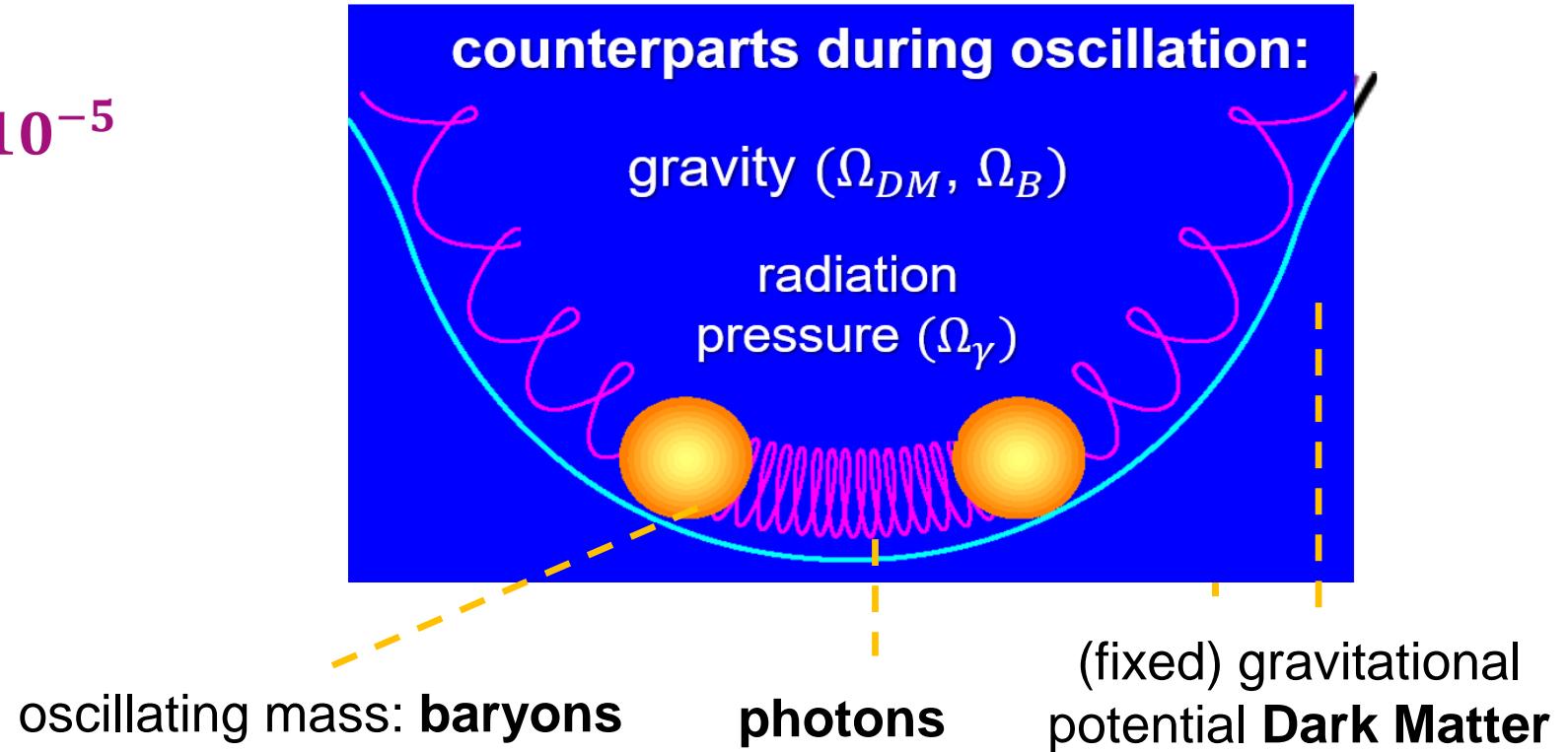
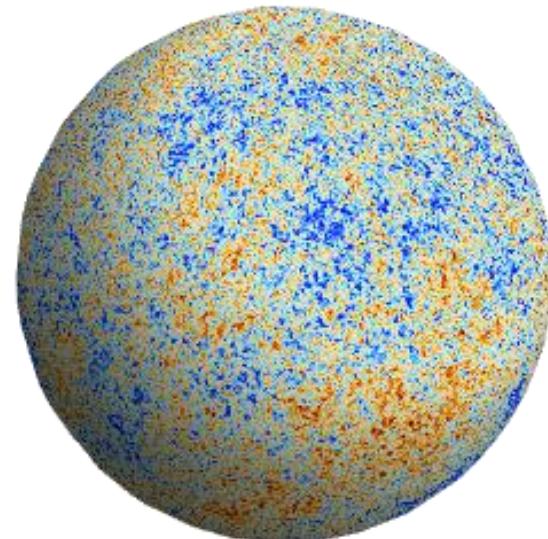


numbers not adding up?
contrast increased more?
so clumpy today?

Structure formation: *BAO* & *DM* – seeds for LSS

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

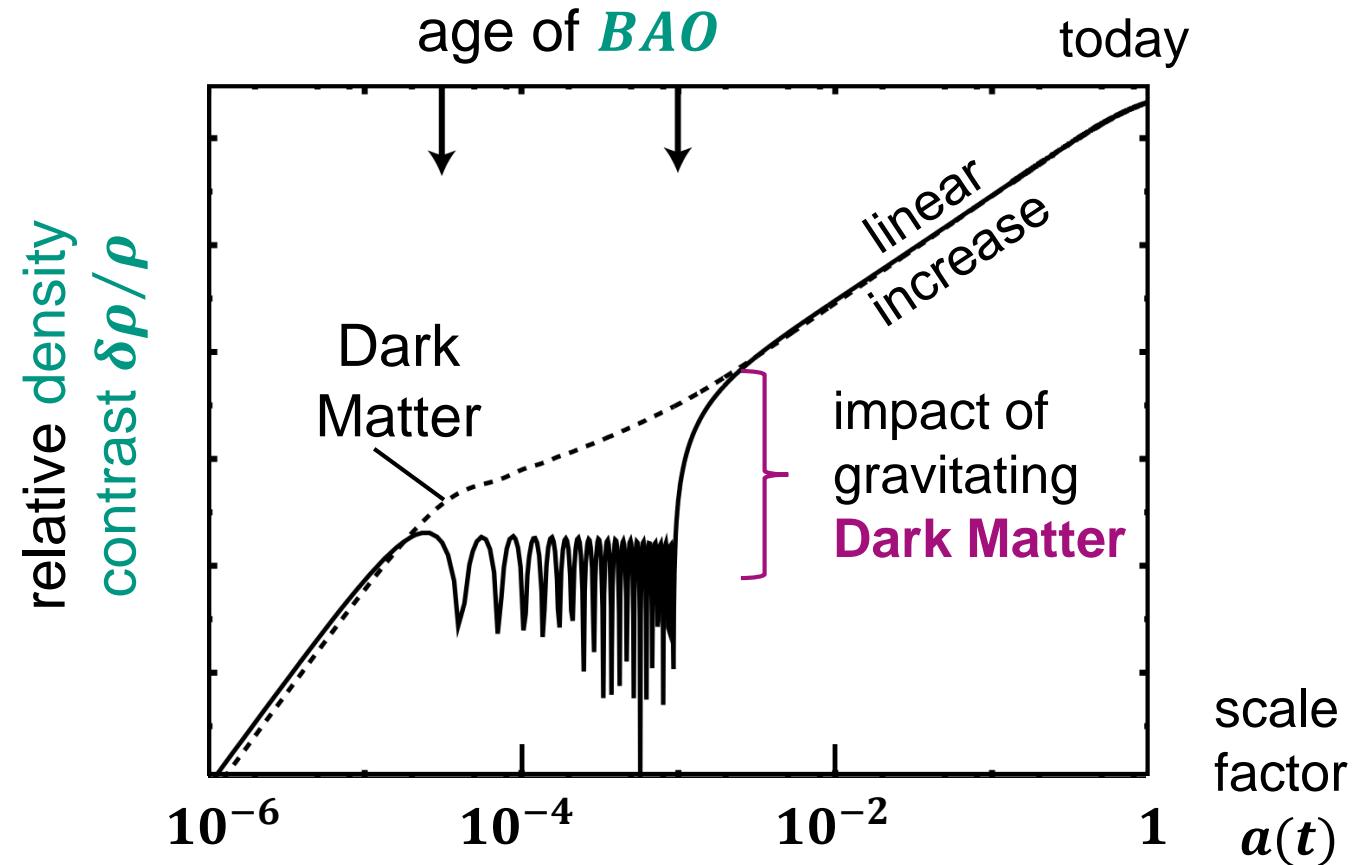
- the key importance of **Dark Matter** in structure formation: **linear increase of the density contrast despite** the strong coupling of baryons to photons



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

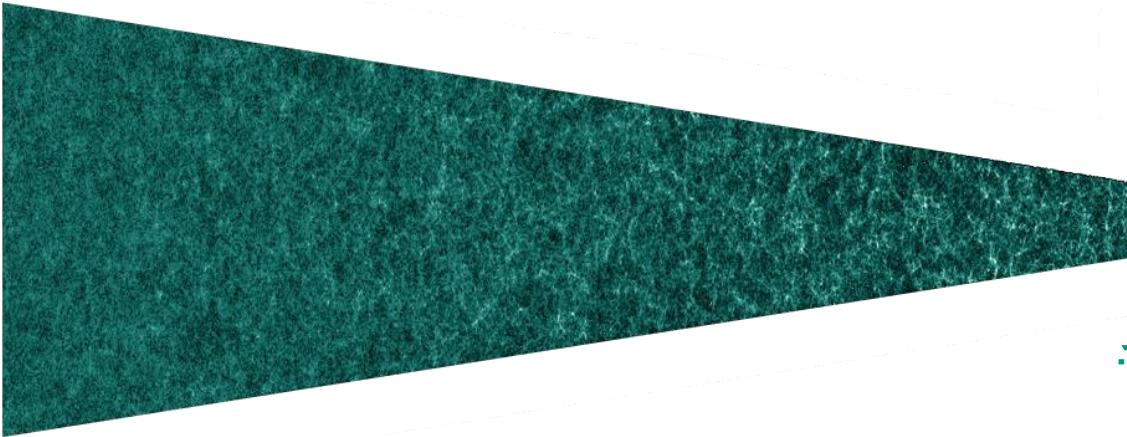
■ During *BAO* phase: *DM* density contrast grows while baryons are stalled

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

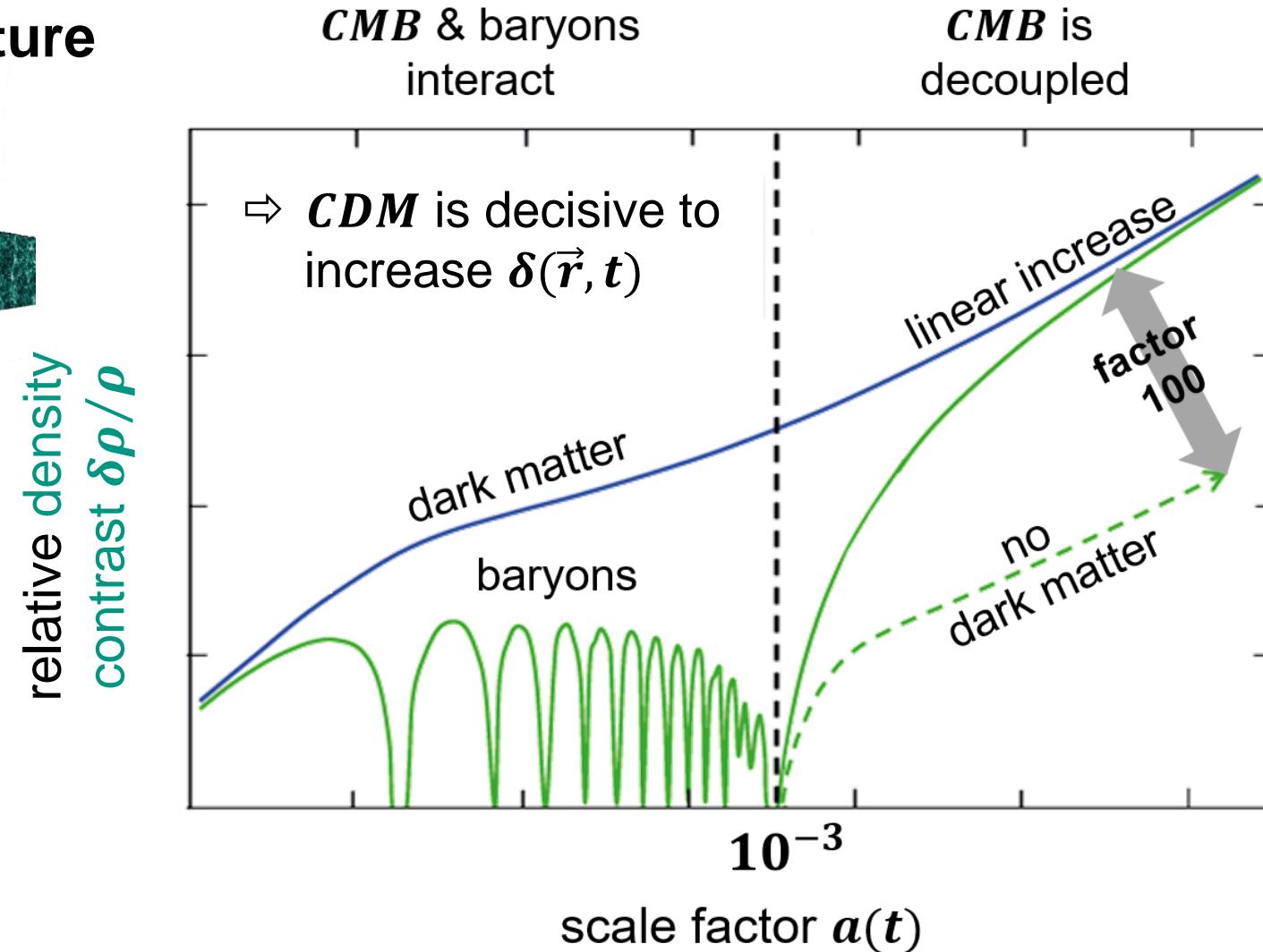


Structure formation: **BAO** & the **DM** – seed for LSS

■ **DM** clumps as seeds for structure



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



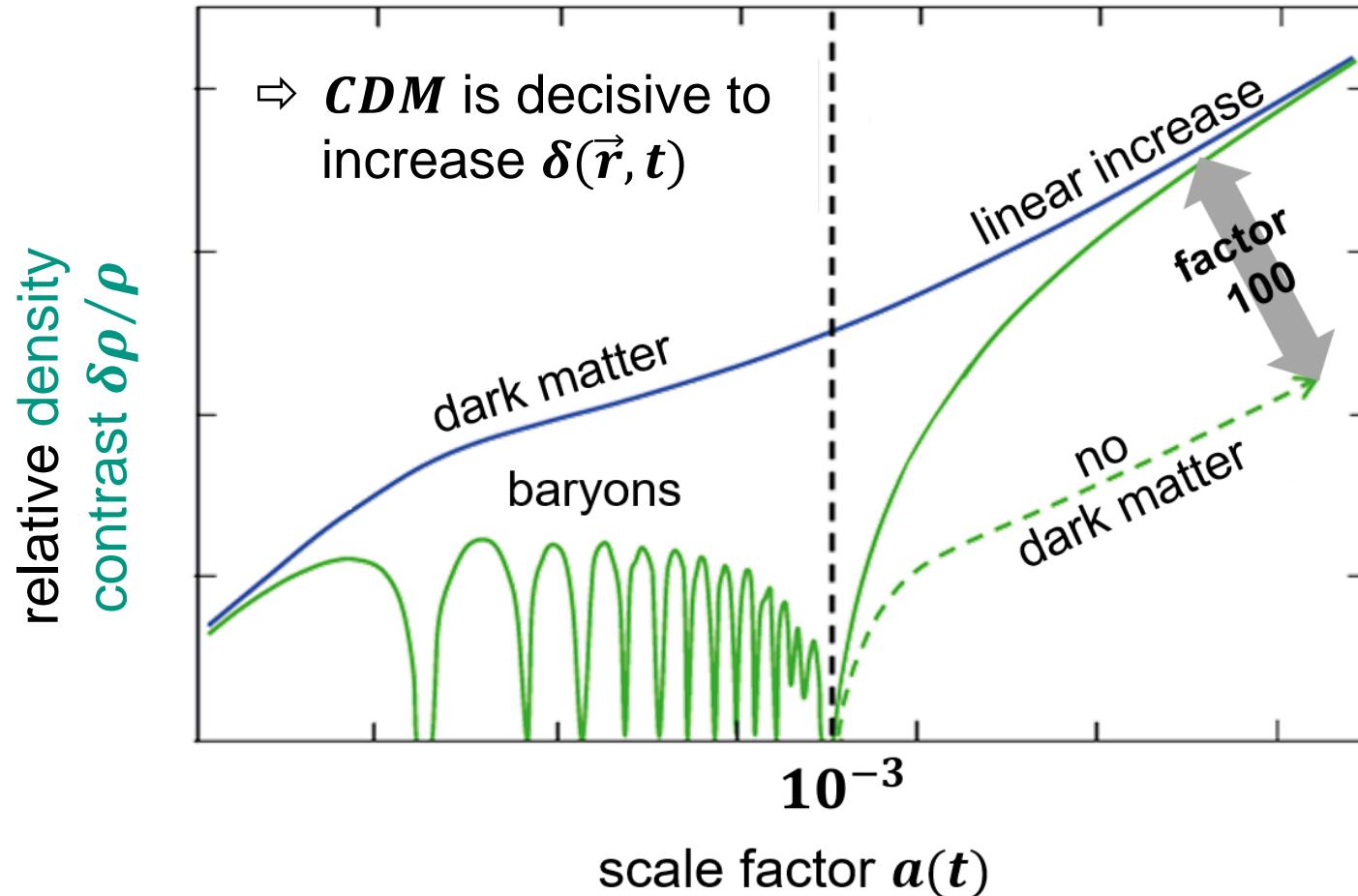
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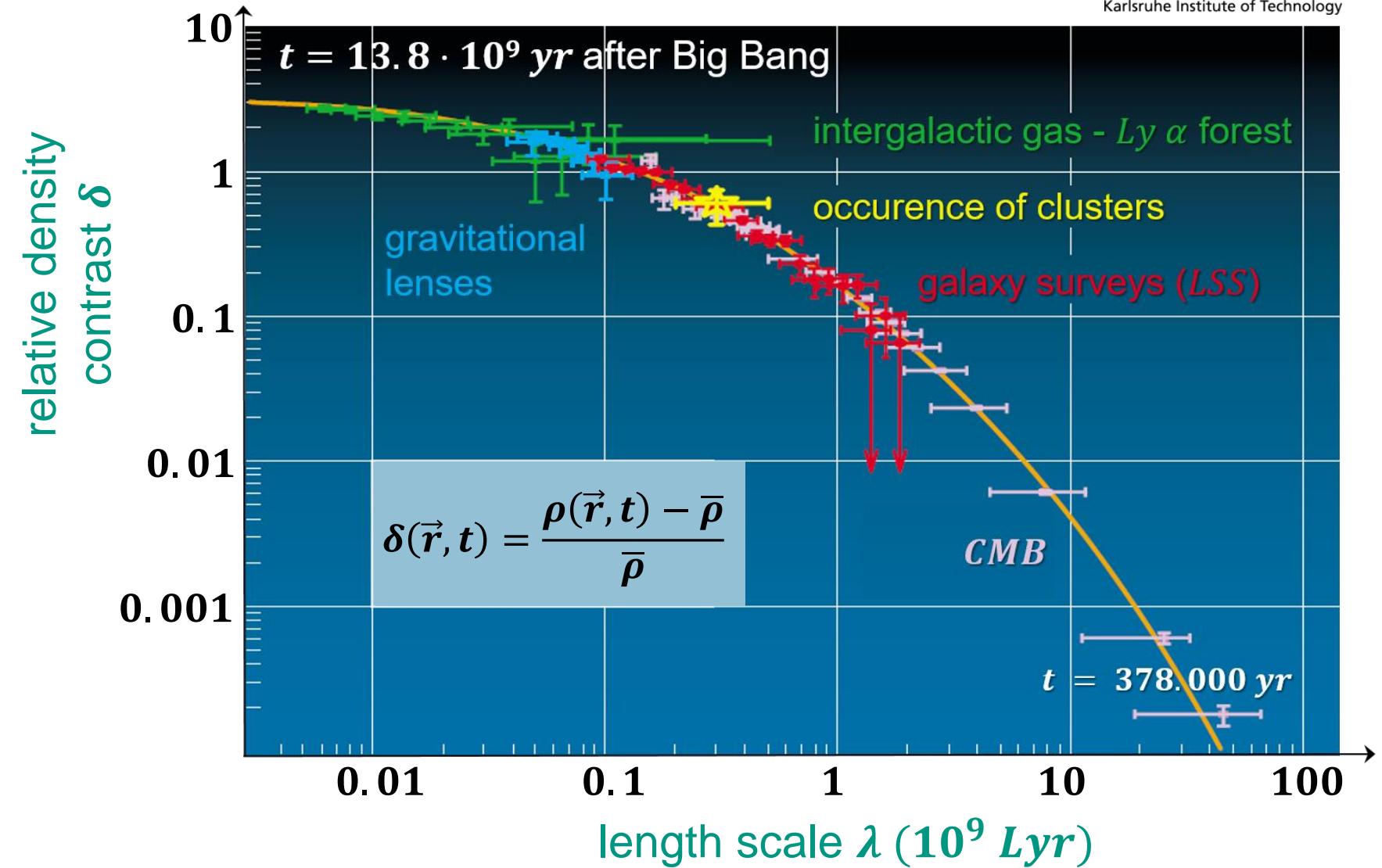
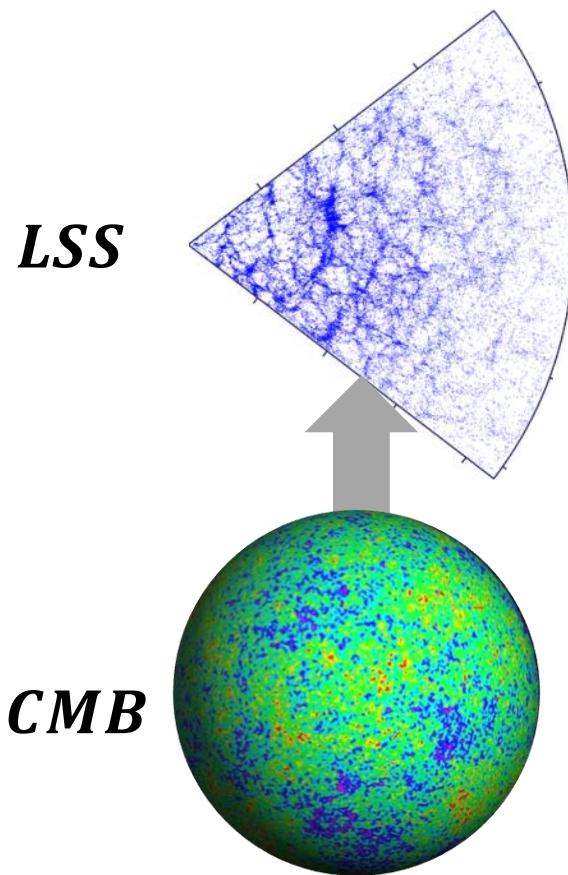
CMB & baryons interact

CMB is decoupled



Observational evidence for structure growth

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



How is the density contrast δ being measured ?

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

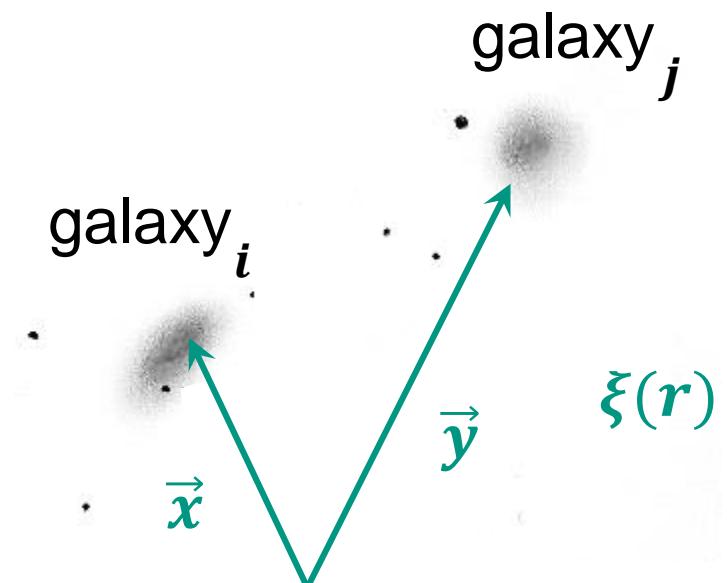
- galaxies are not distributed randomly in space:
use the **galaxy (auto-) correlation function $\xi(r)$**
(as function of their relative **distance \vec{r}**) to study the
evolution of large-scale structures



James Peebles
Nobel Prize
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 $\xi(r)$

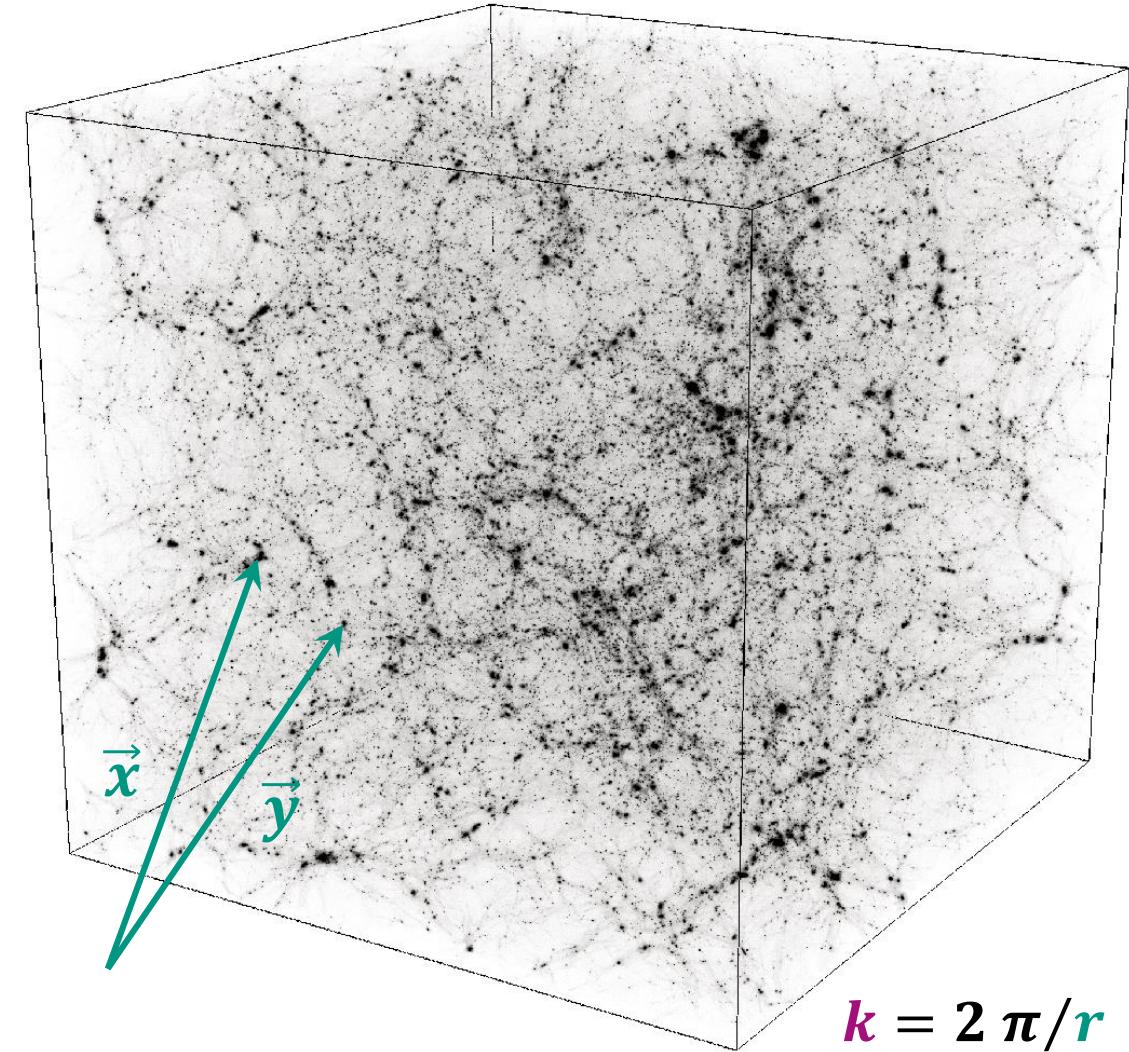
■ Making use of galaxy redshift surveys

- 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 $\sim r^{-1.8}$

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



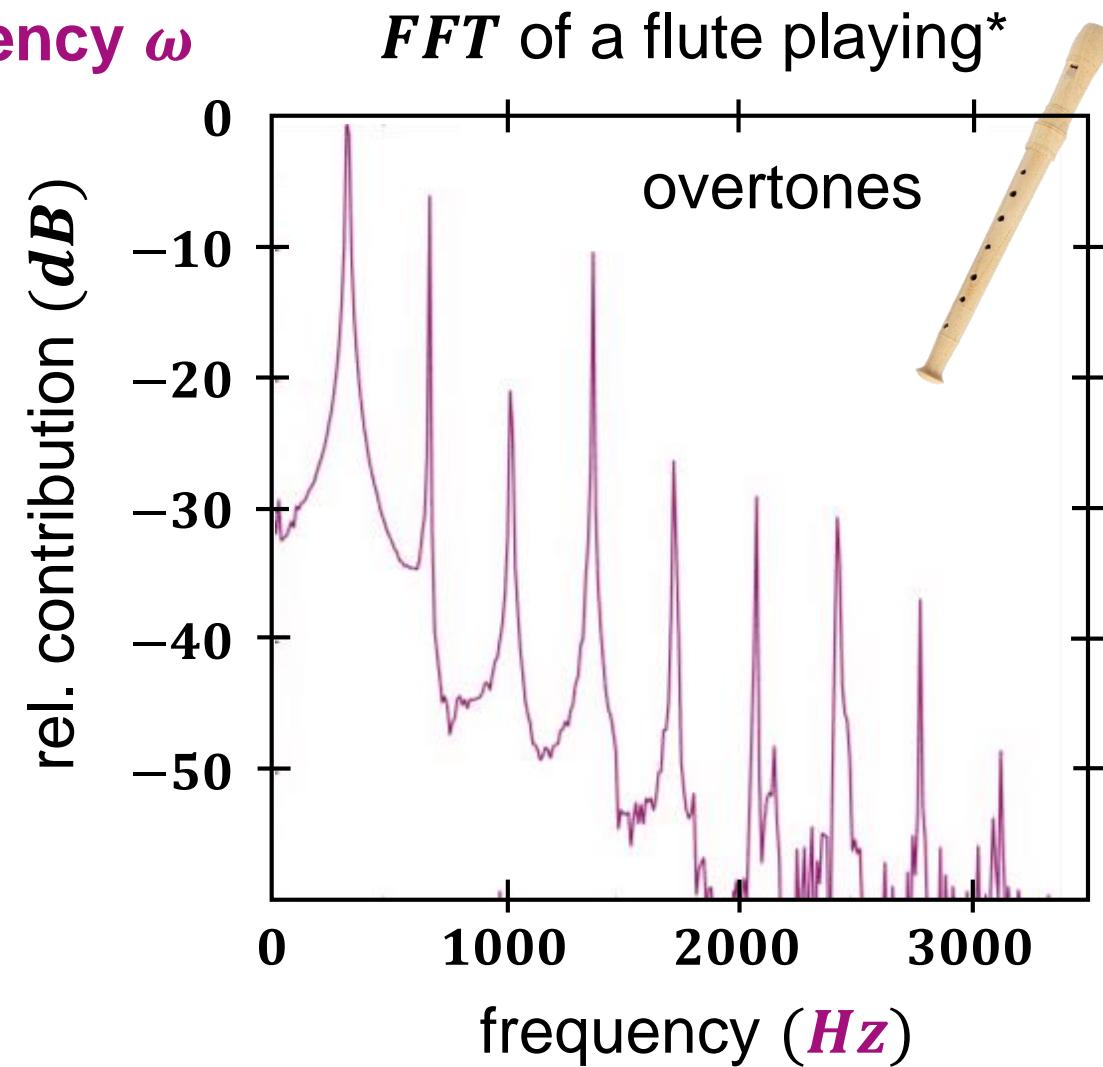
RECAP: the 'revealing power' of Fourier transform

■ Example in domains of time t and frequency ω

- \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 $\hat{f}(\omega)$ \mathcal{F}
 \downarrow \downarrow \Leftrightarrow frequency time
 $Hz = s^{-1}$ s domain domain



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

- $\delta(\vec{k})$ corresponds to the Fourier transform of $\delta(\vec{r})$

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

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

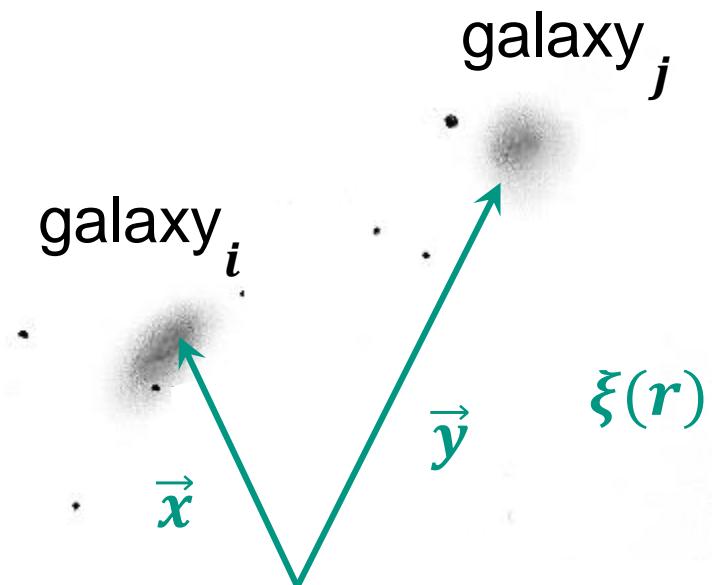
| |
wave number position

- 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 $P(k)$**

- a key parameter 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**

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

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galaxy correlation matter power spectrum



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

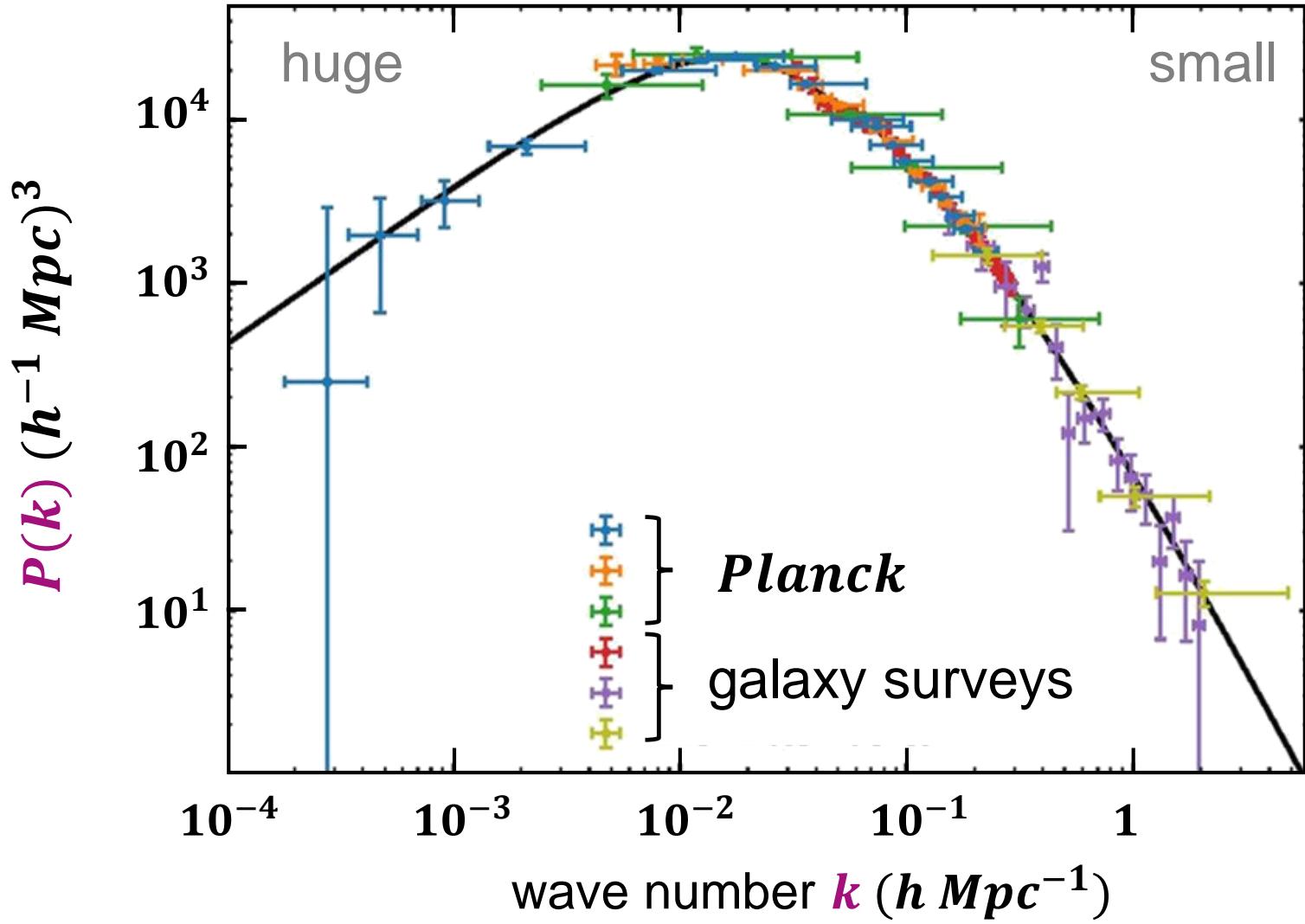
Observed matter power spectrum $P(k)$

- Compilation of data from both the 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

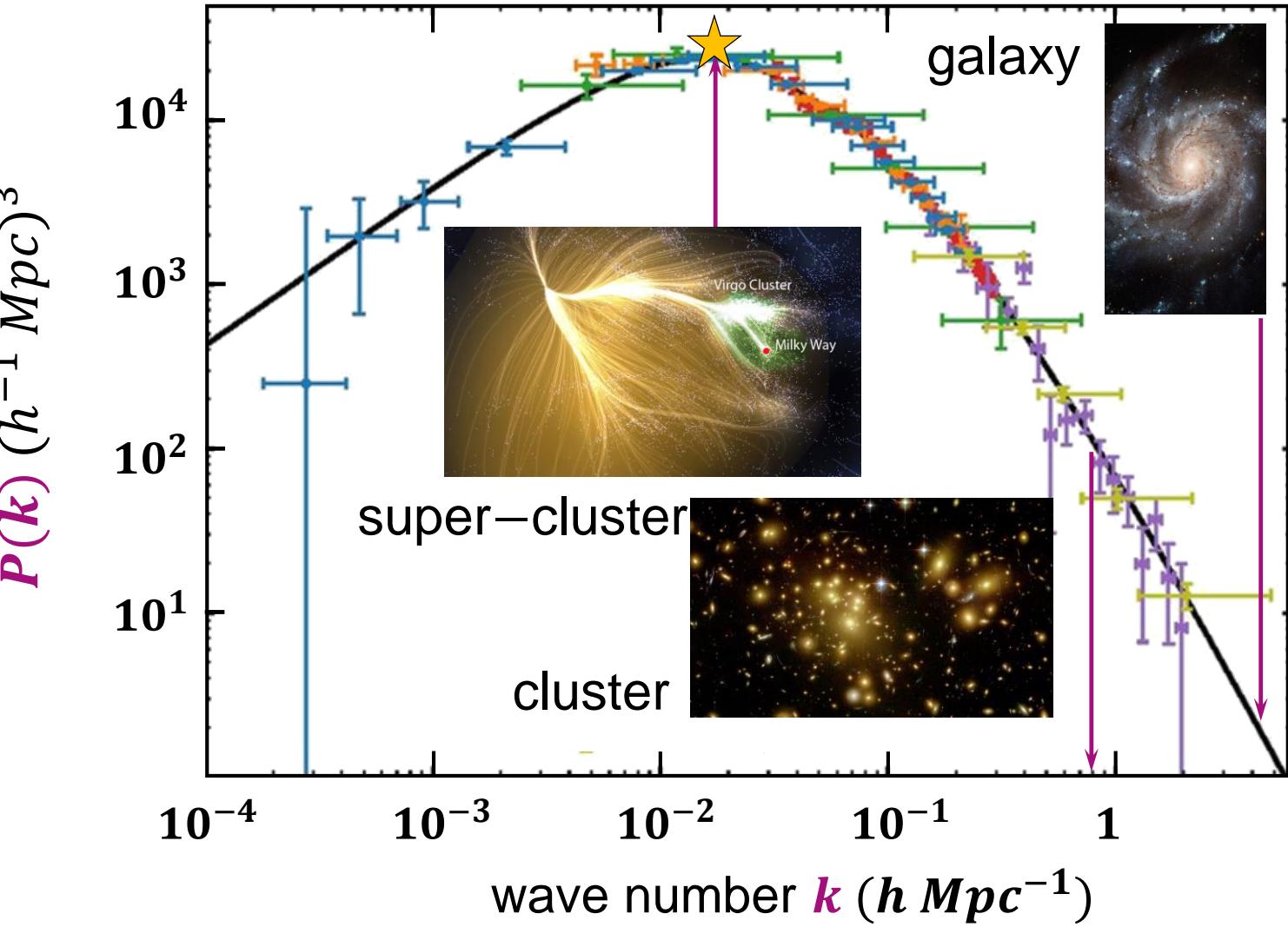


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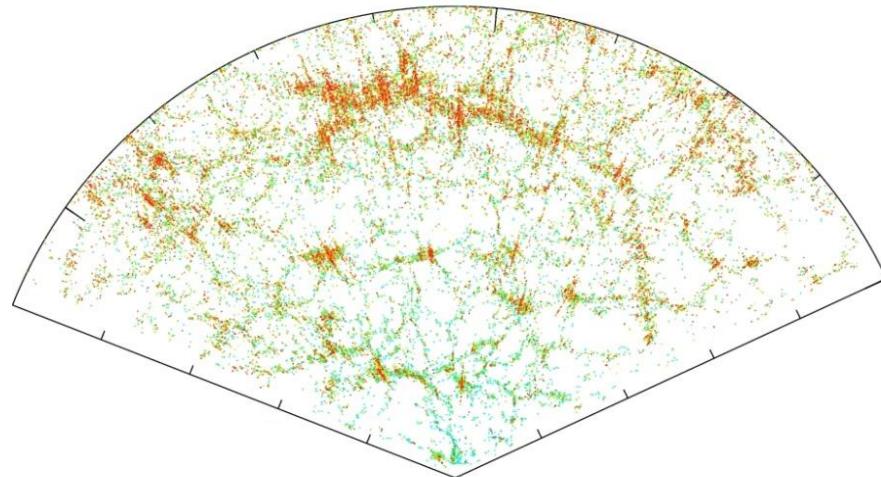
- super-clusters:
why do they appear at the maximum of $P(k)$?

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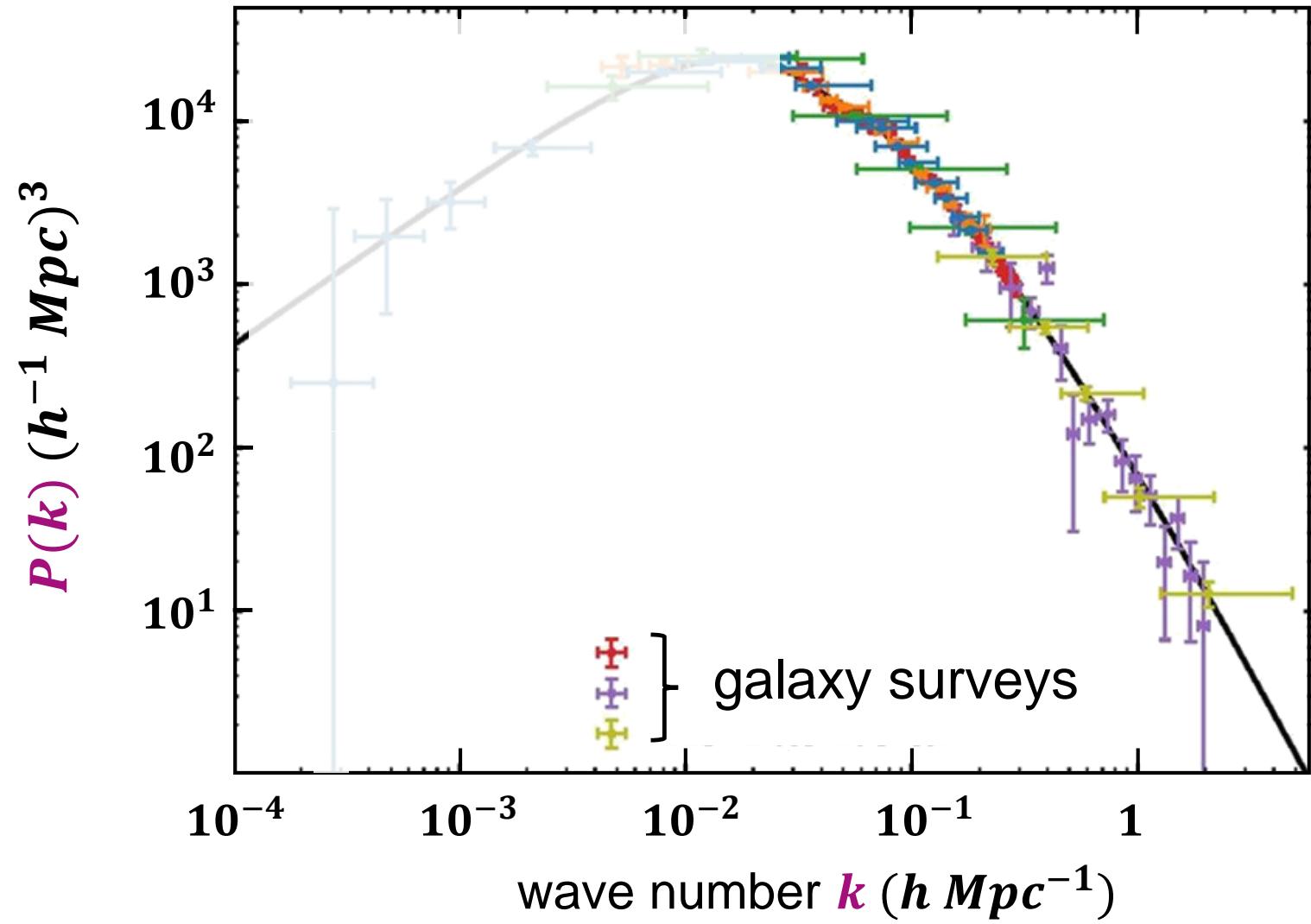


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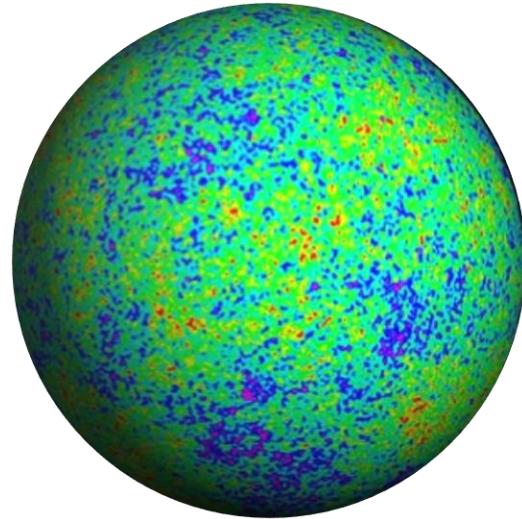


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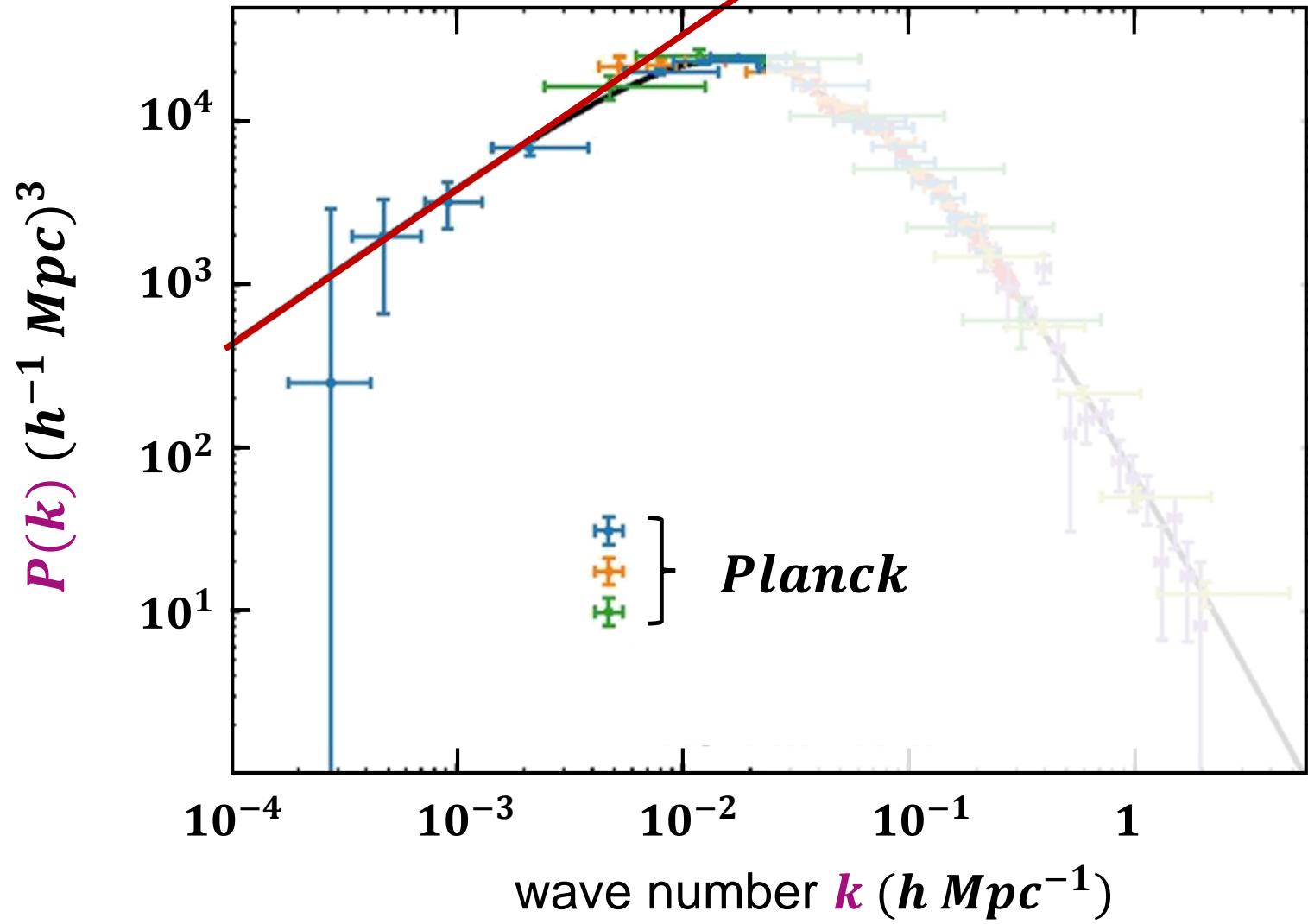


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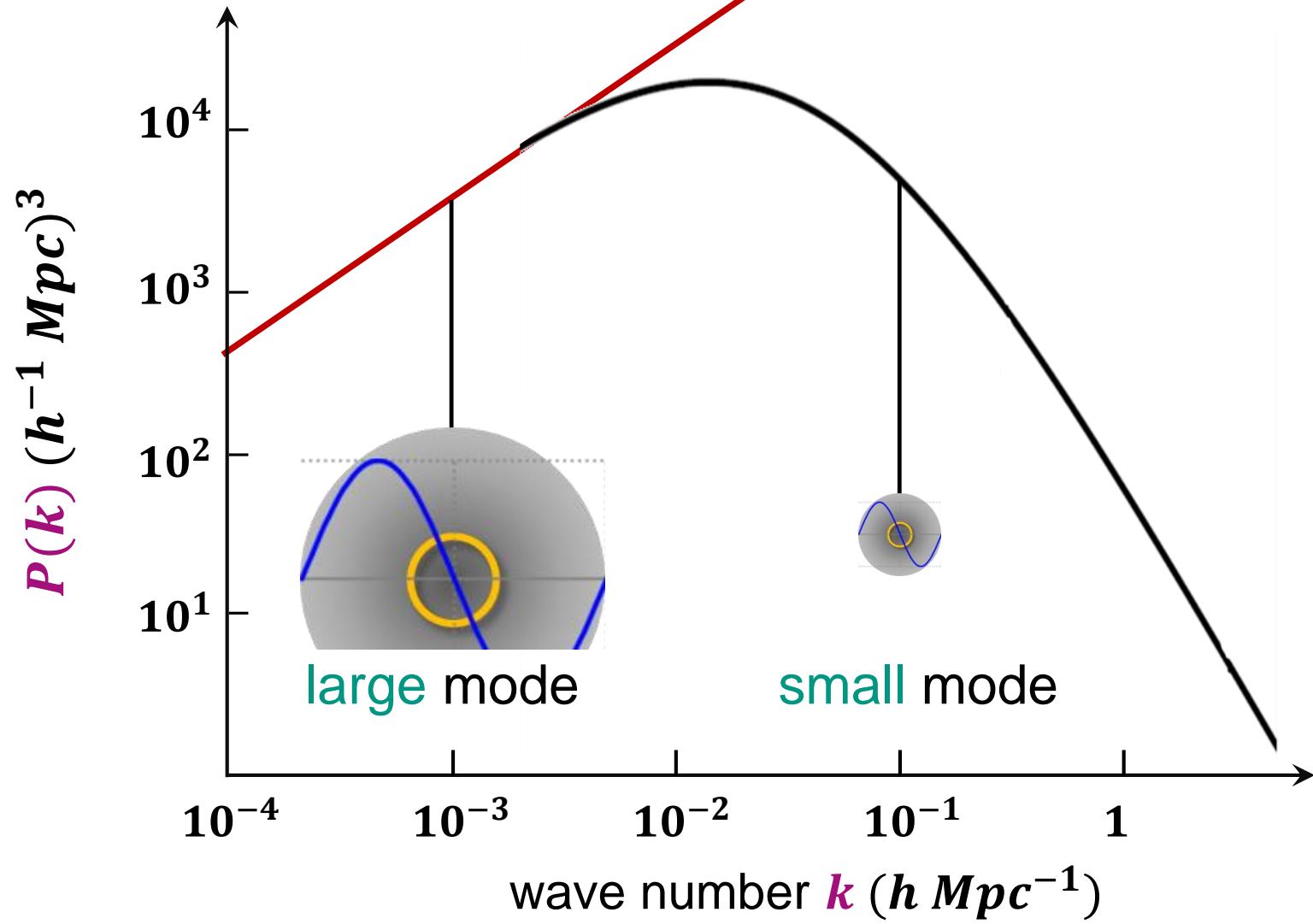
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Matter power spectrum: origin

■ 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:

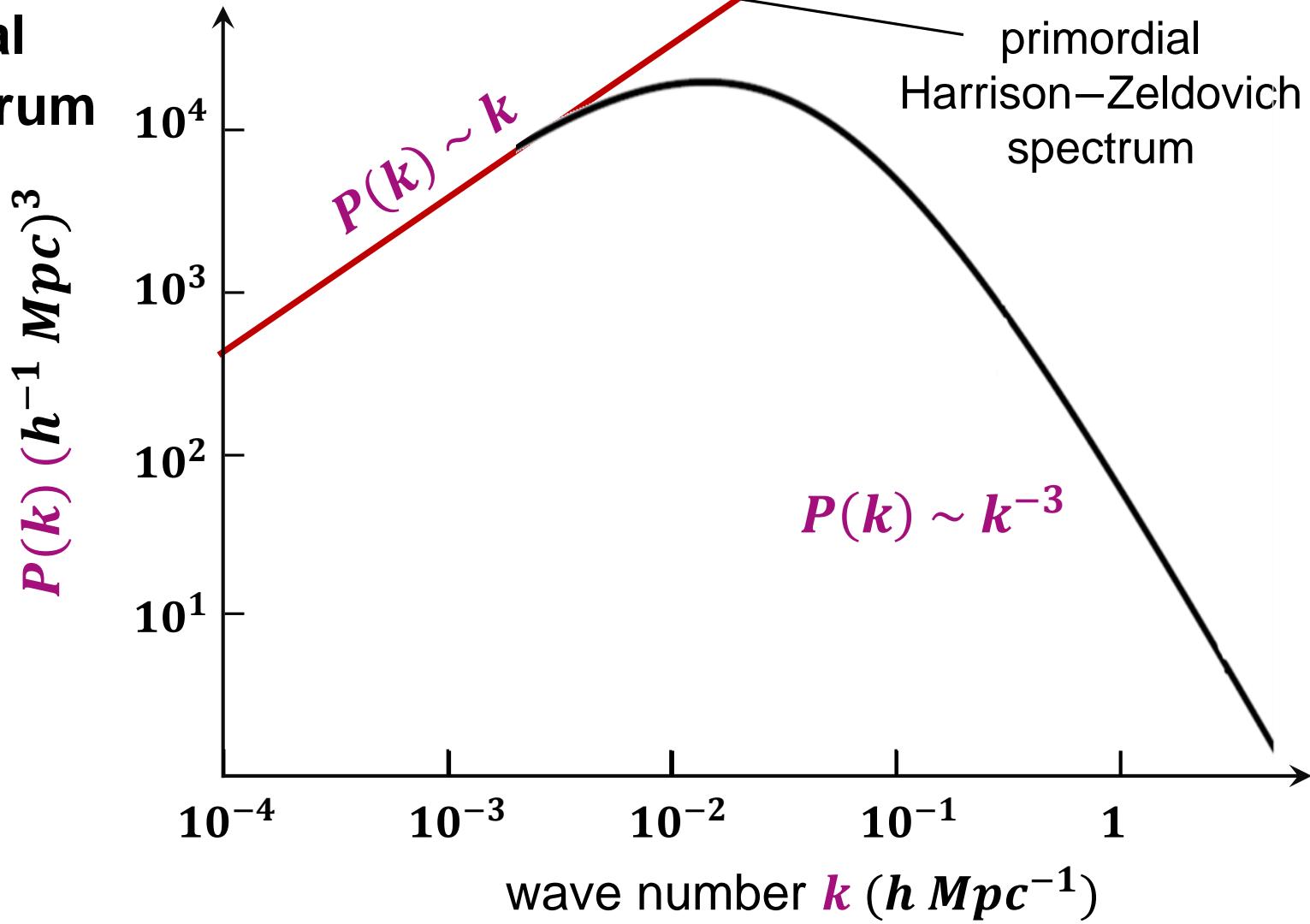
‘scale–invariant’ spectrum
with **linear growth** of density
contrast

$$P(k) \sim k$$

smaller scales:

strong reduction in power
with

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



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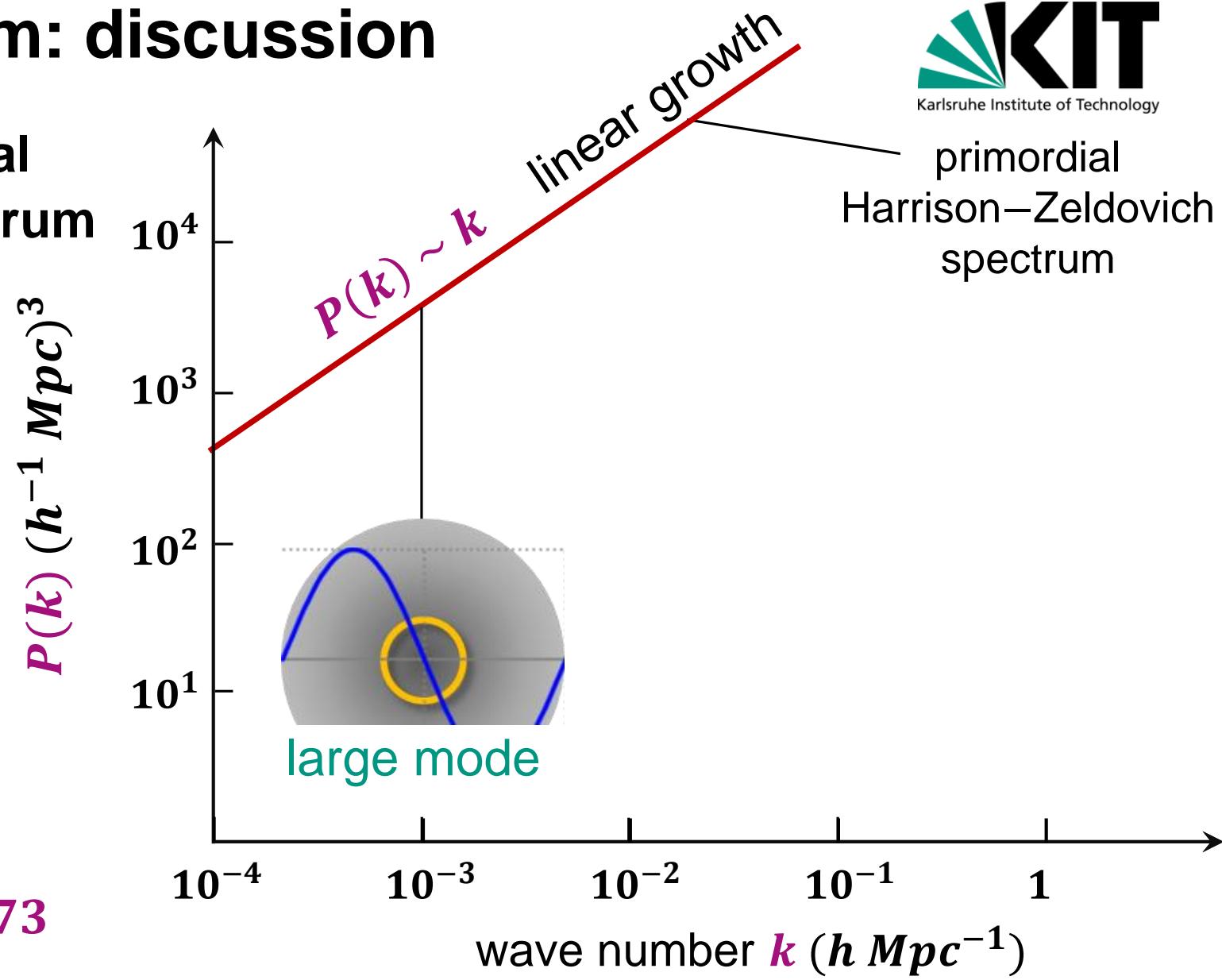
- expectation from **inflation**:

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

n = (scalar) spectral index

theory: $n = 0.92 \dots 0.98$

Planck: $n = 0.9603 \pm 0.0073$



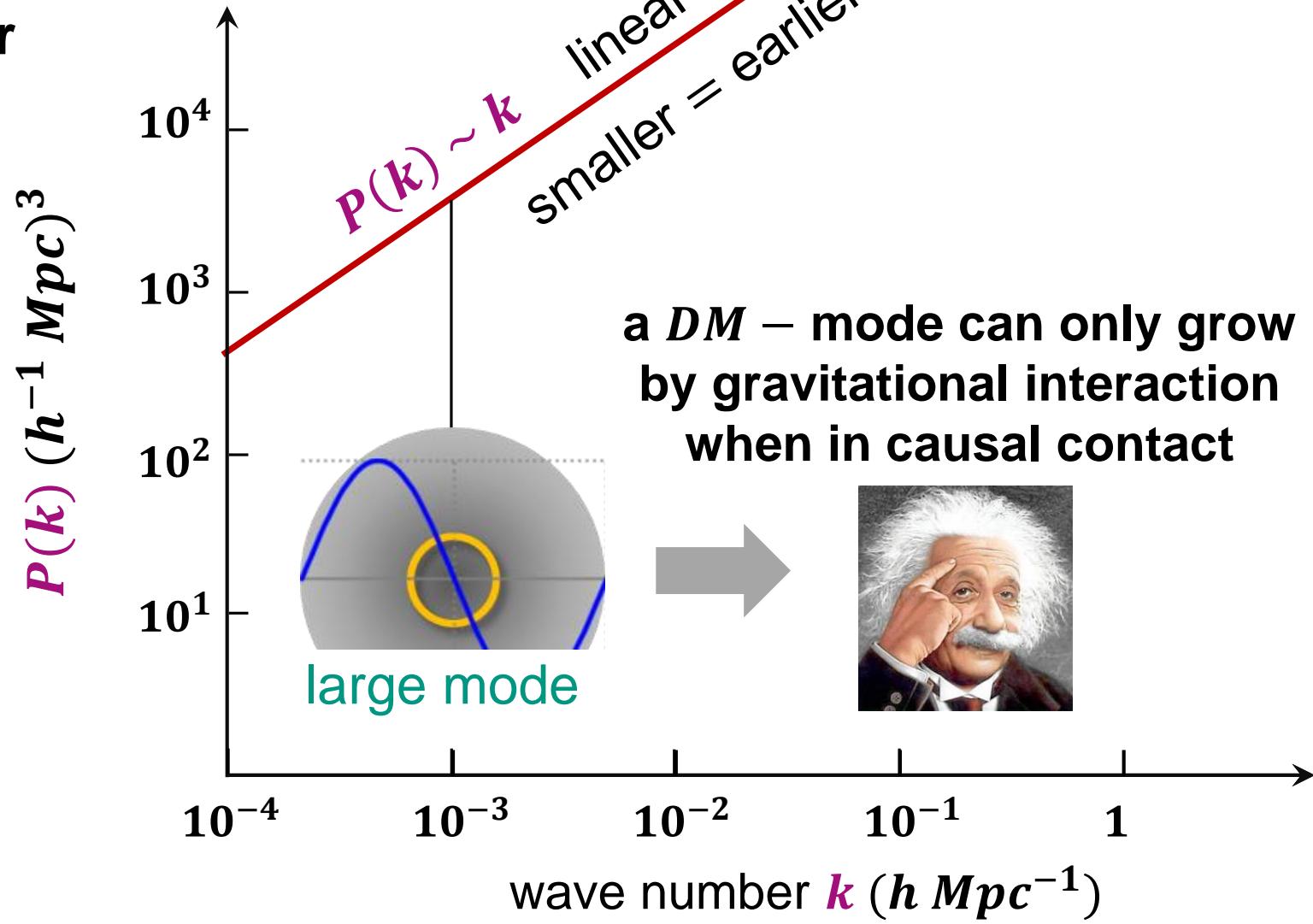
Matter power spectrum: discussion

■ 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



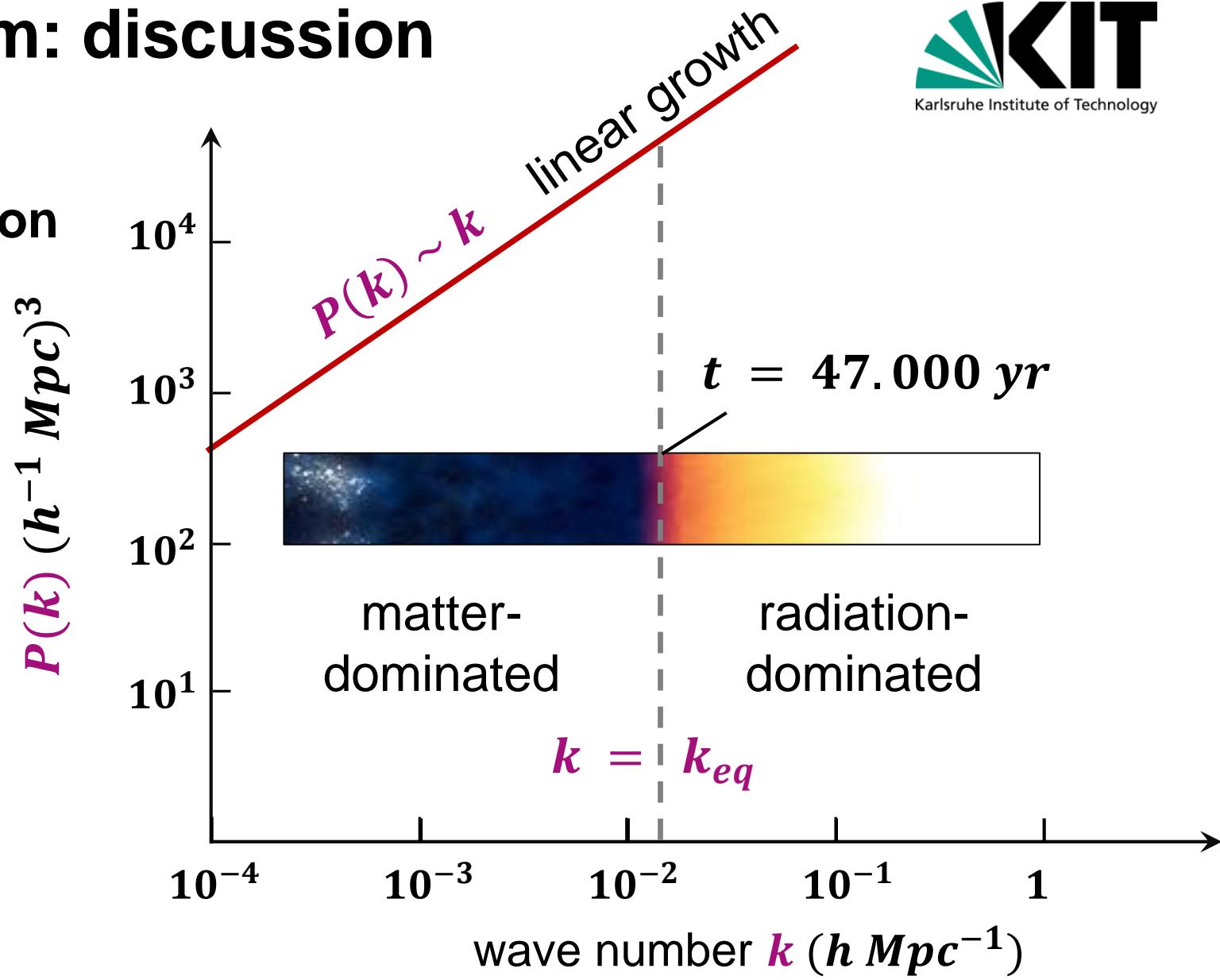
Matter power spectrum: discussion

- Very small modes: causal contact in the early radiation dominated epoch

- now we investigate what happens to very small **DM – modes** that came into causal contact at $t < 47.000 \text{ yr}$ in radiation dominated epoch



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



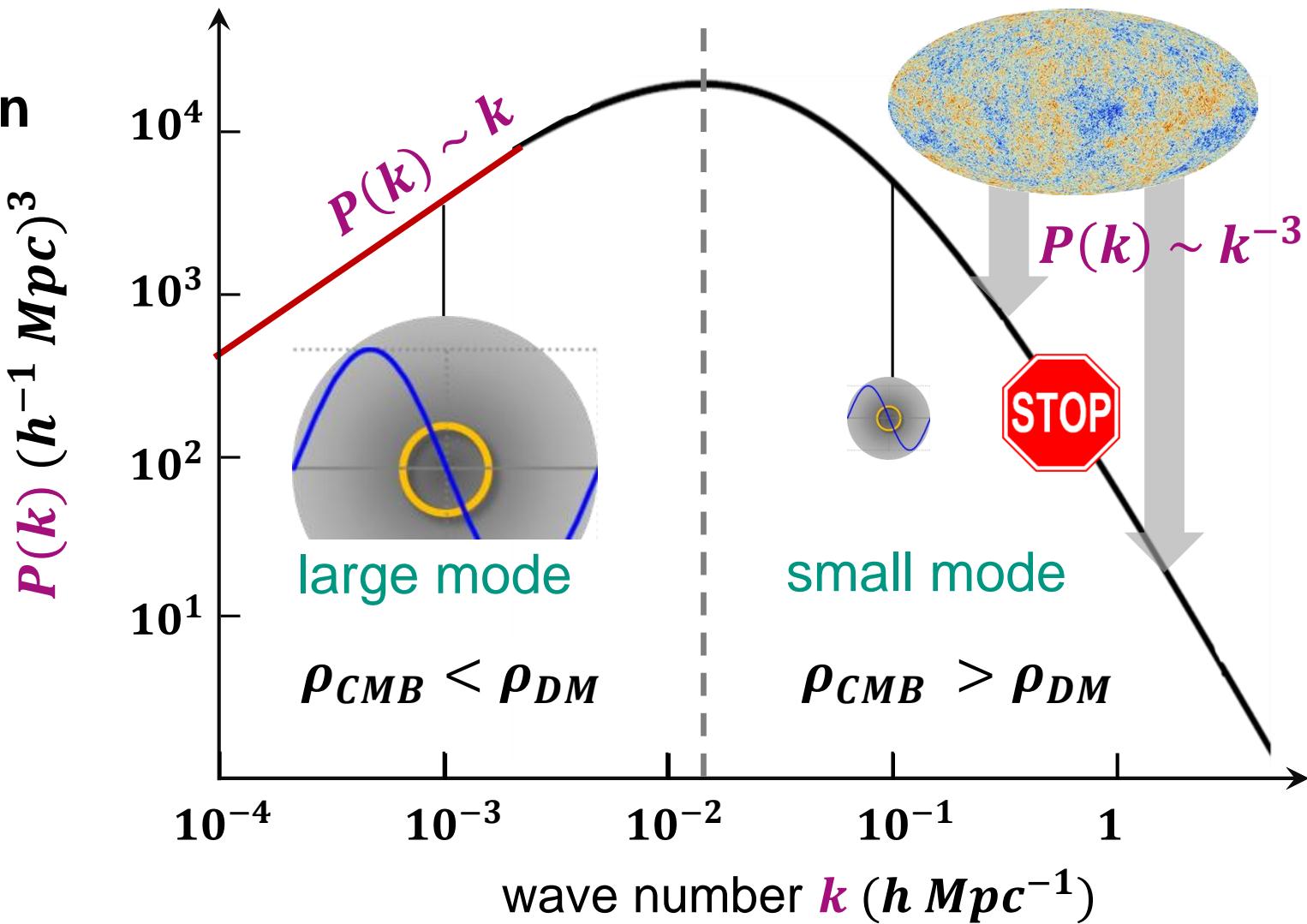
Matter power spectrum: discussion

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

- relativistic photons inhibit the growth of the density contrast of small DM – modes during $t < 47.000 \text{ yr}$



very small DM – modes:
during radiation dominated epoch: **photons are diffusing!**



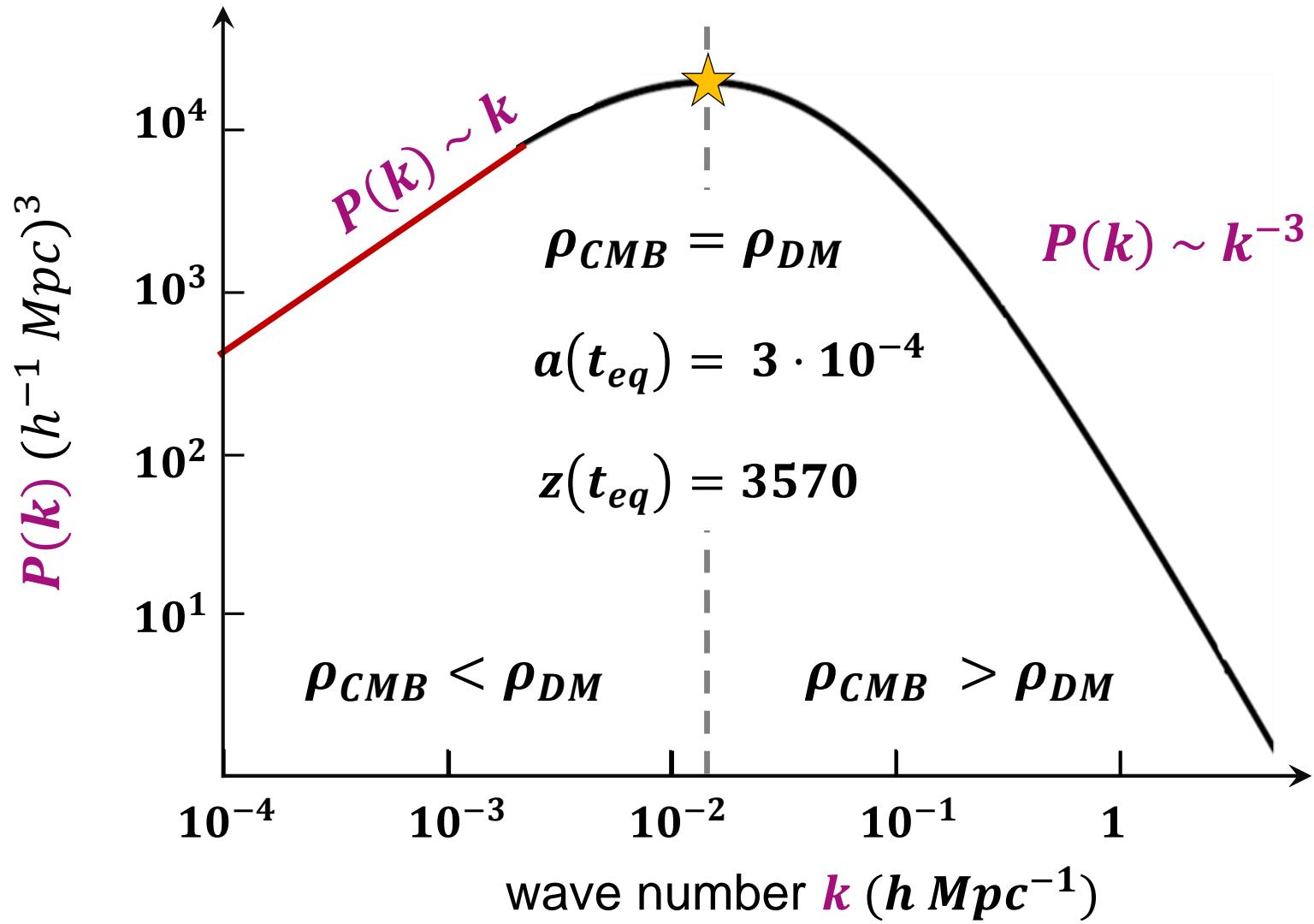
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'optimum' DM – mode:
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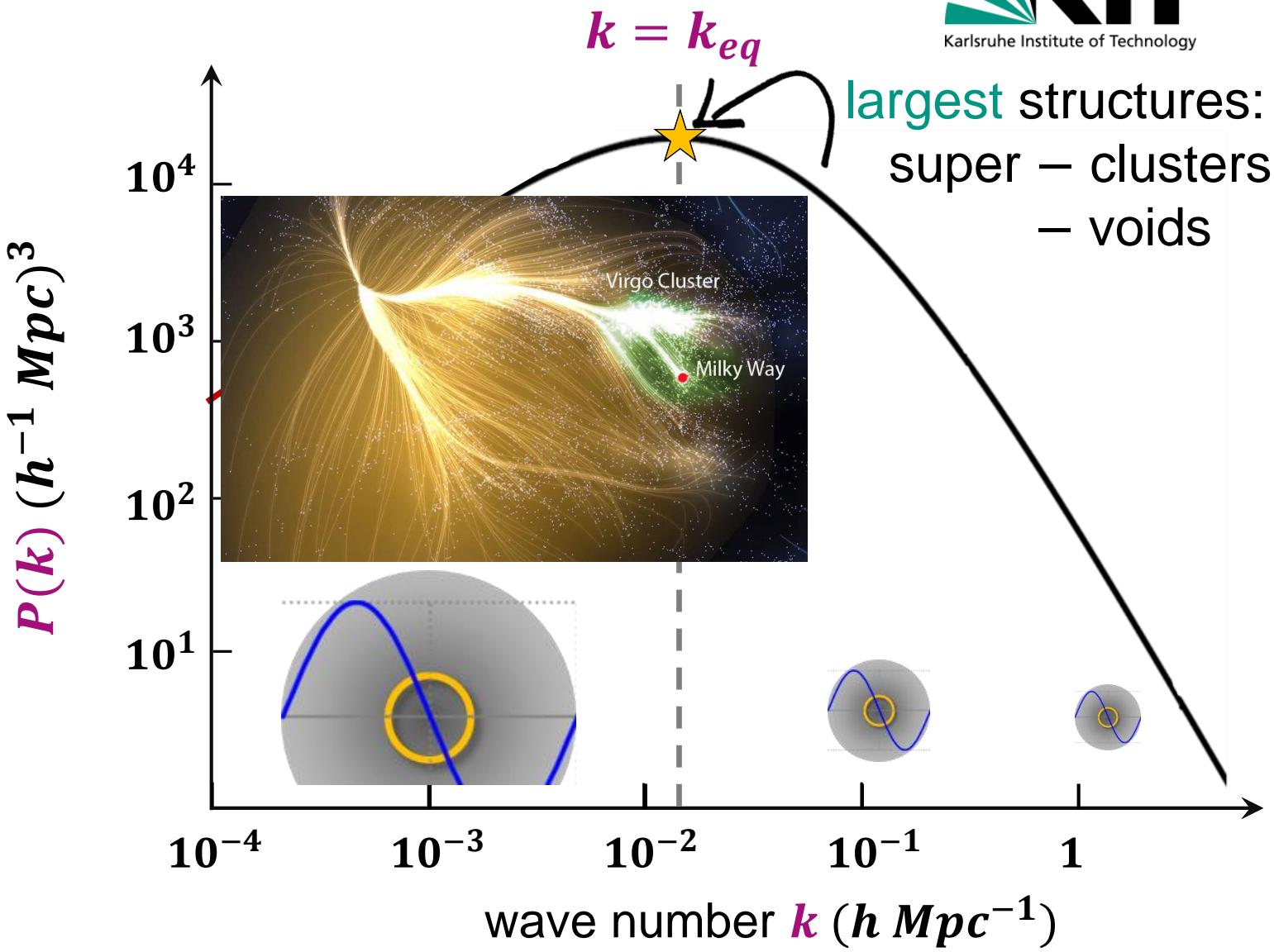
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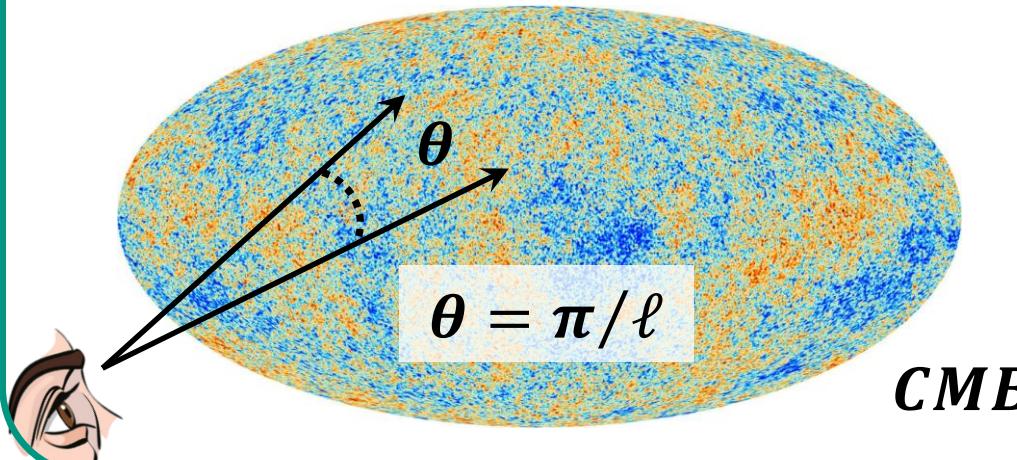
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CMB – power spectrum: **coefficients** C_ℓ

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angle $\theta \Leftrightarrow$ **multipole** ℓ

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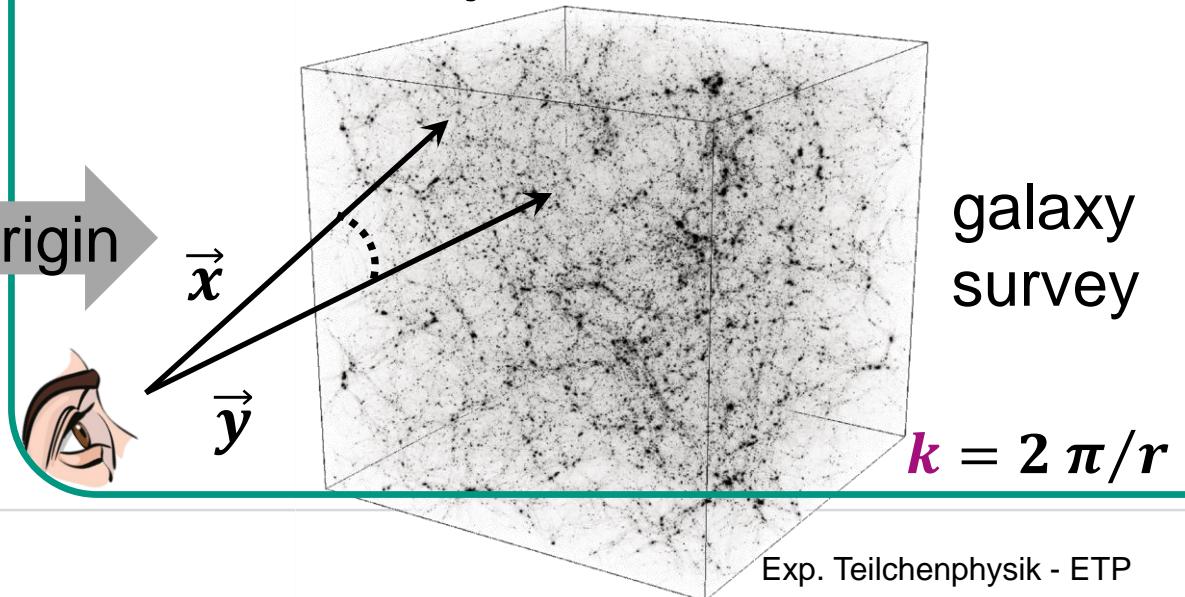


matter density contrast: **power** P_k

3 – dim. : **volume within a sphere**

distance $r \Leftrightarrow$ **wave number** k

$$\langle \delta^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int k^2 \cdot P(k) \cdot dk$$



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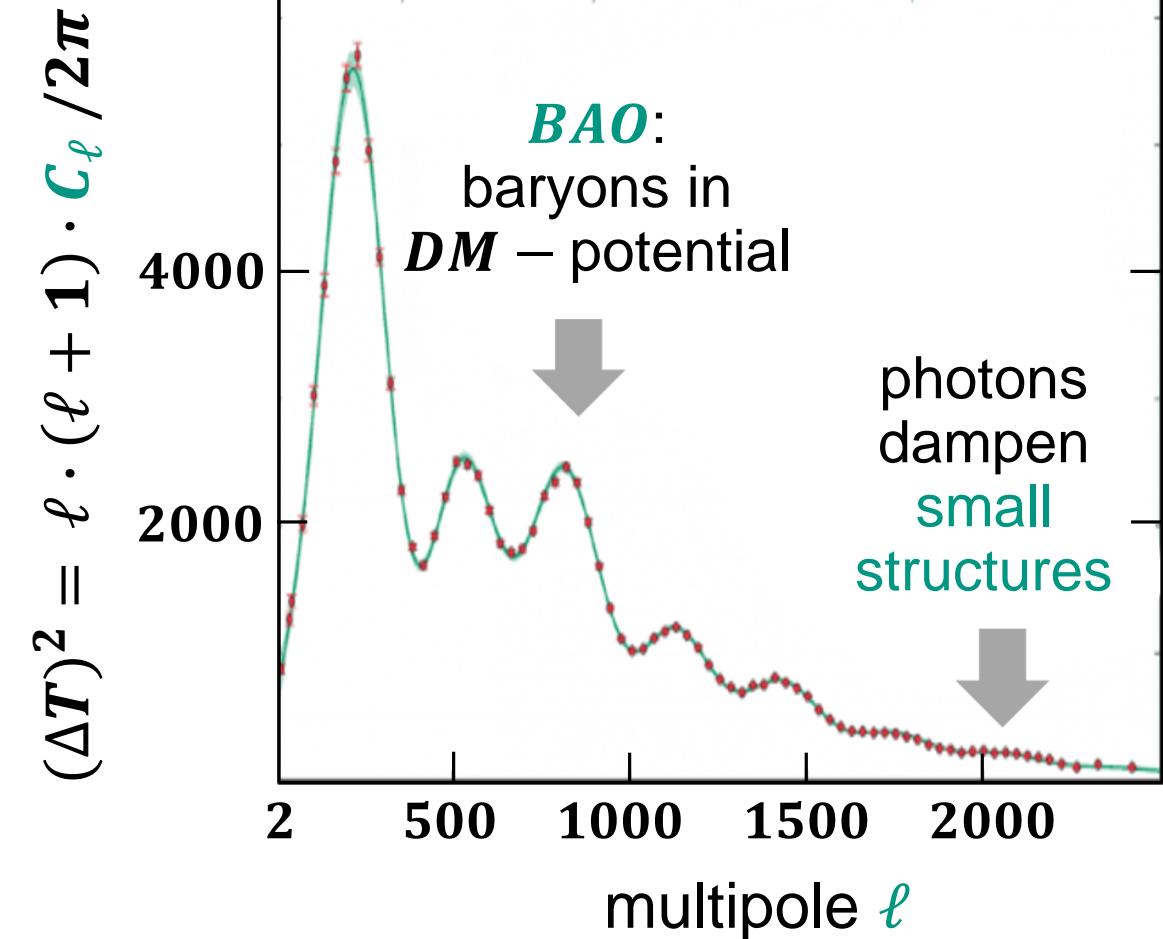
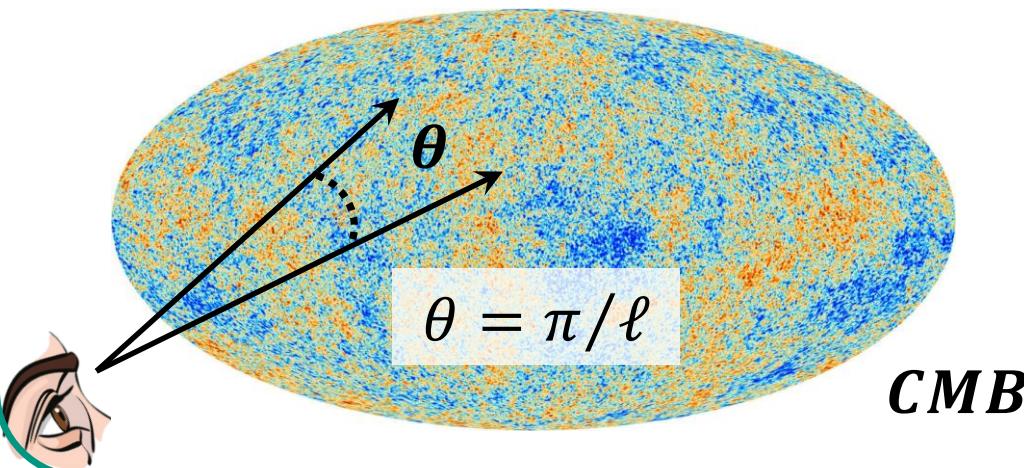
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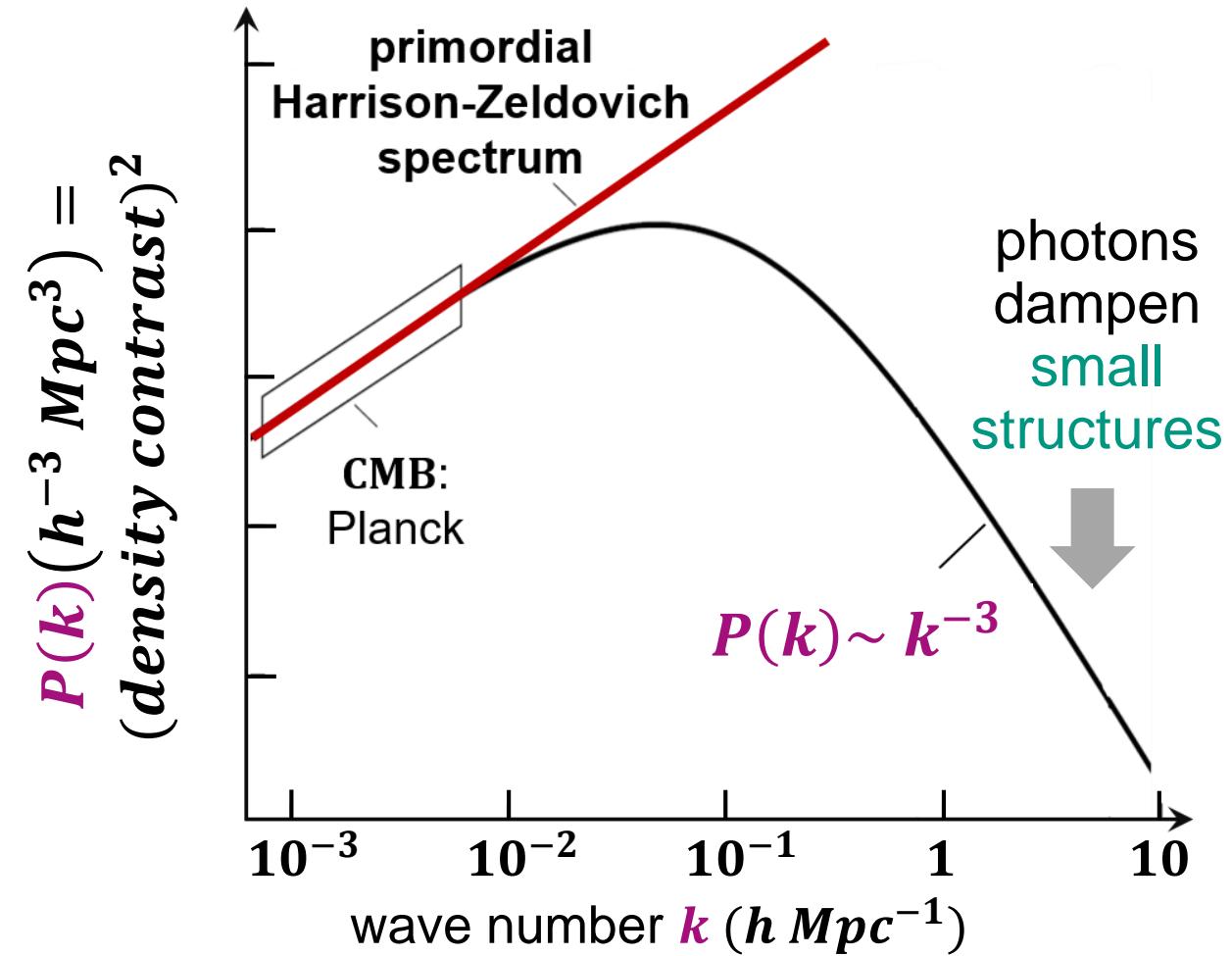
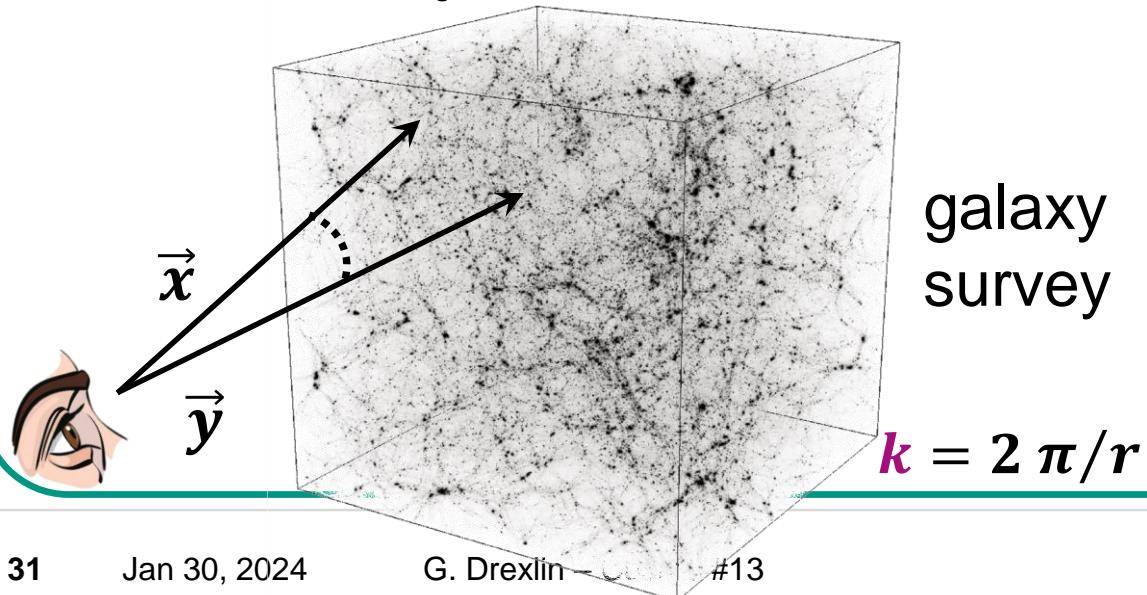
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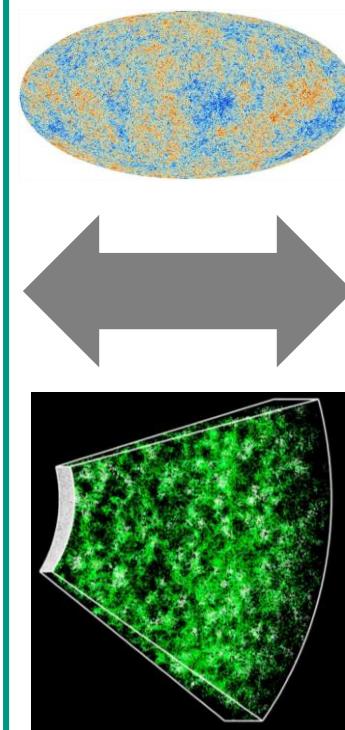
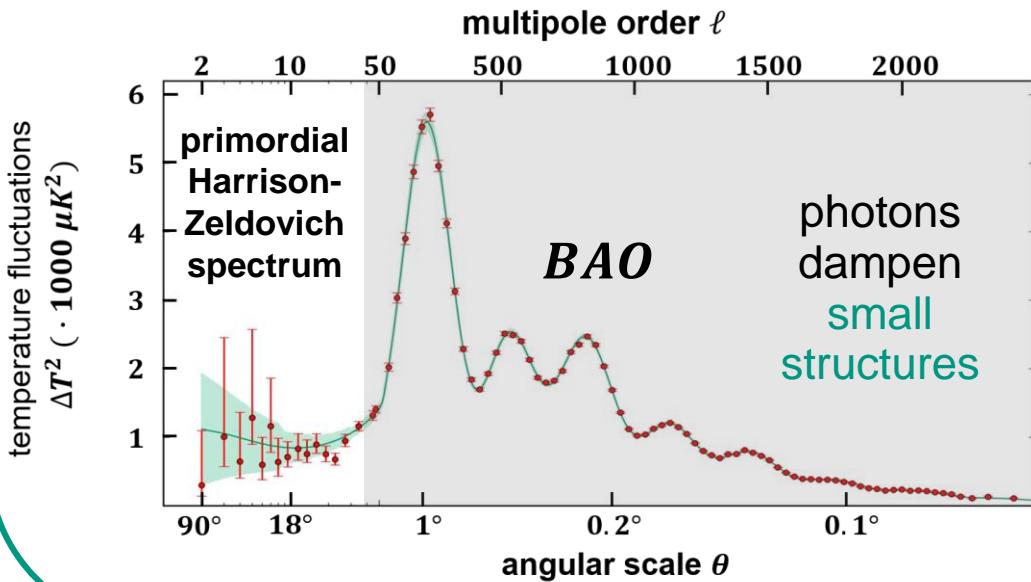


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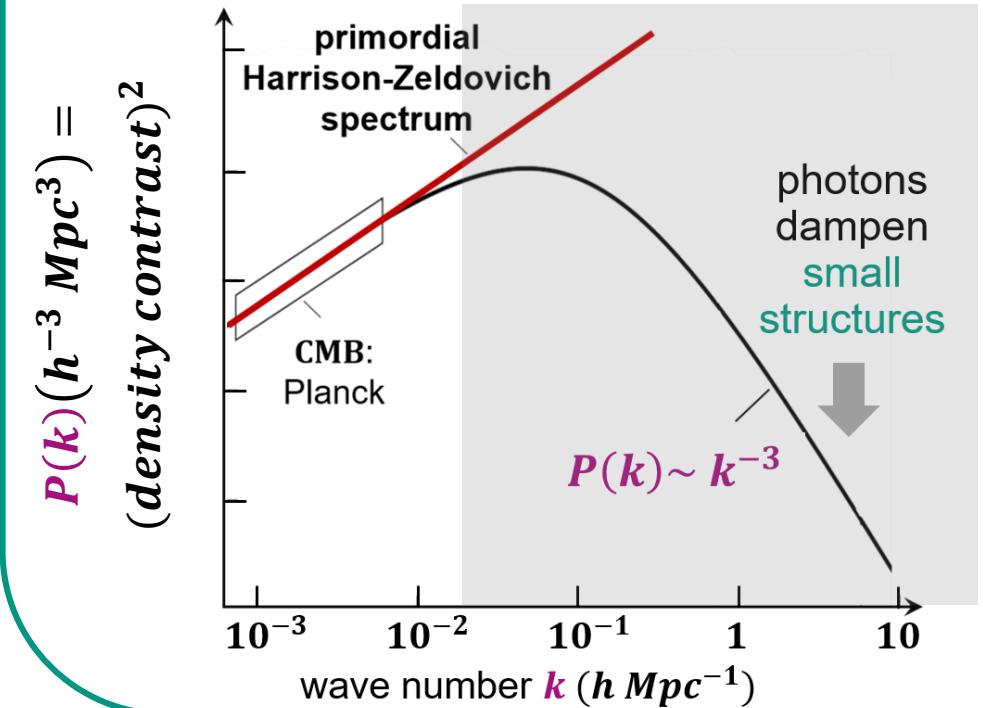
CMB – power spectrum: C_ℓ

- C_ℓ : structure information on **surface of sphere** up to *CMB* decoupling



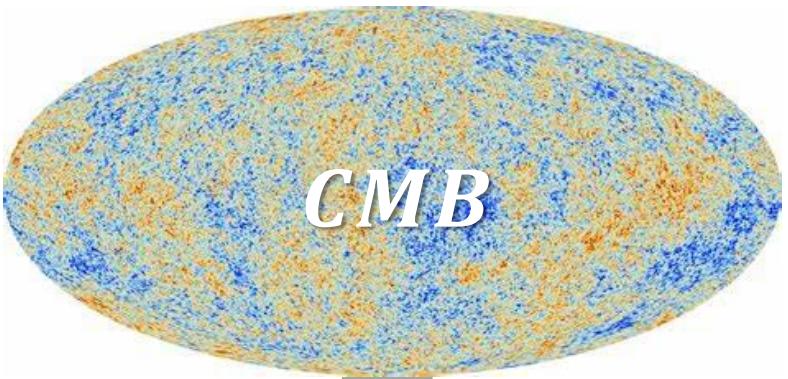
matter power spectrum: $P(k)$

- $P(k)$: 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 & ν 's

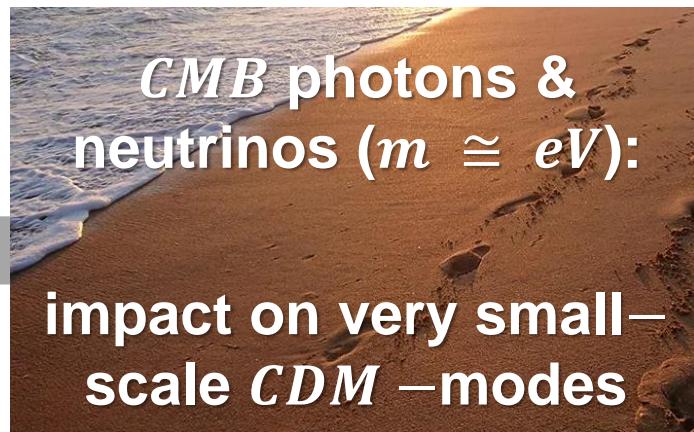


relativistic
BAO &

CMB – photons:
Silk-damping

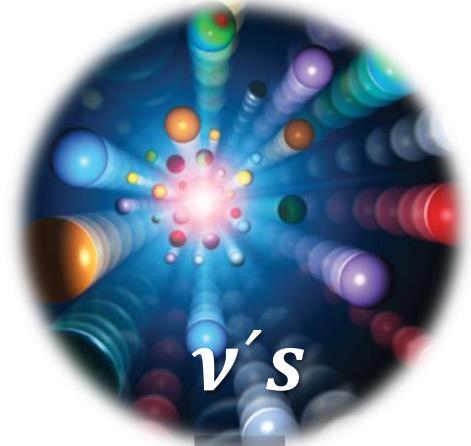
wash-out of

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



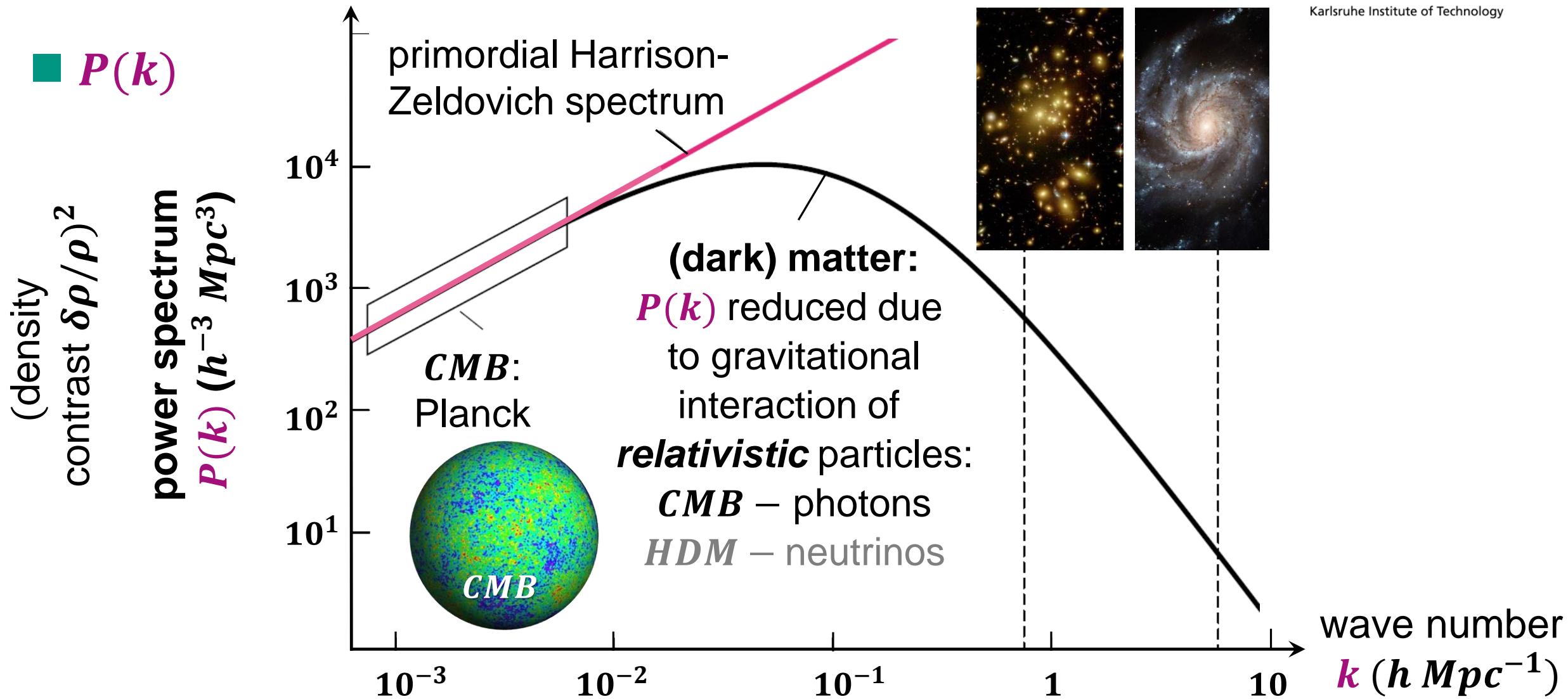
neutrinos with
'freestreaming'

small-scale structures

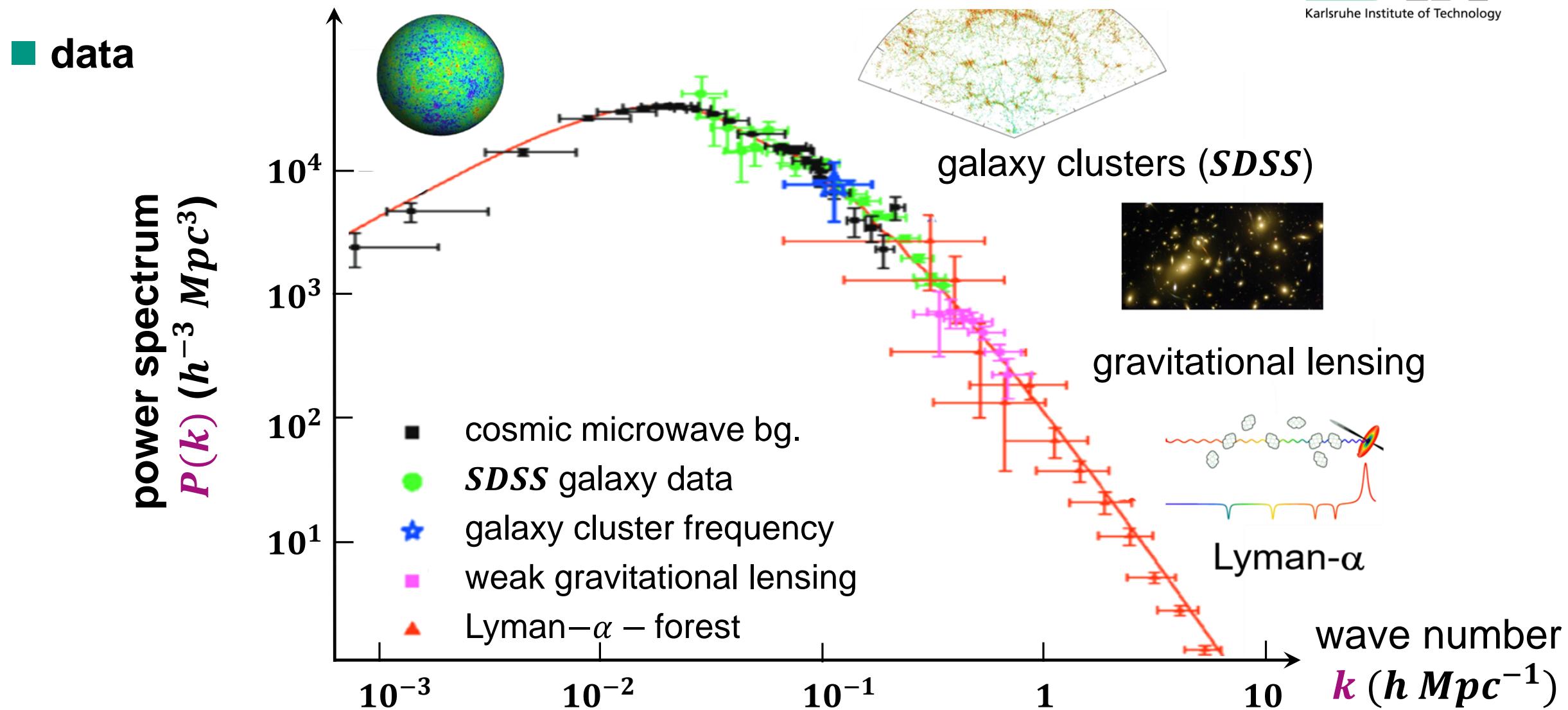


eV – masses:
over **Gpc**

Matter power spectrum & scales of structures

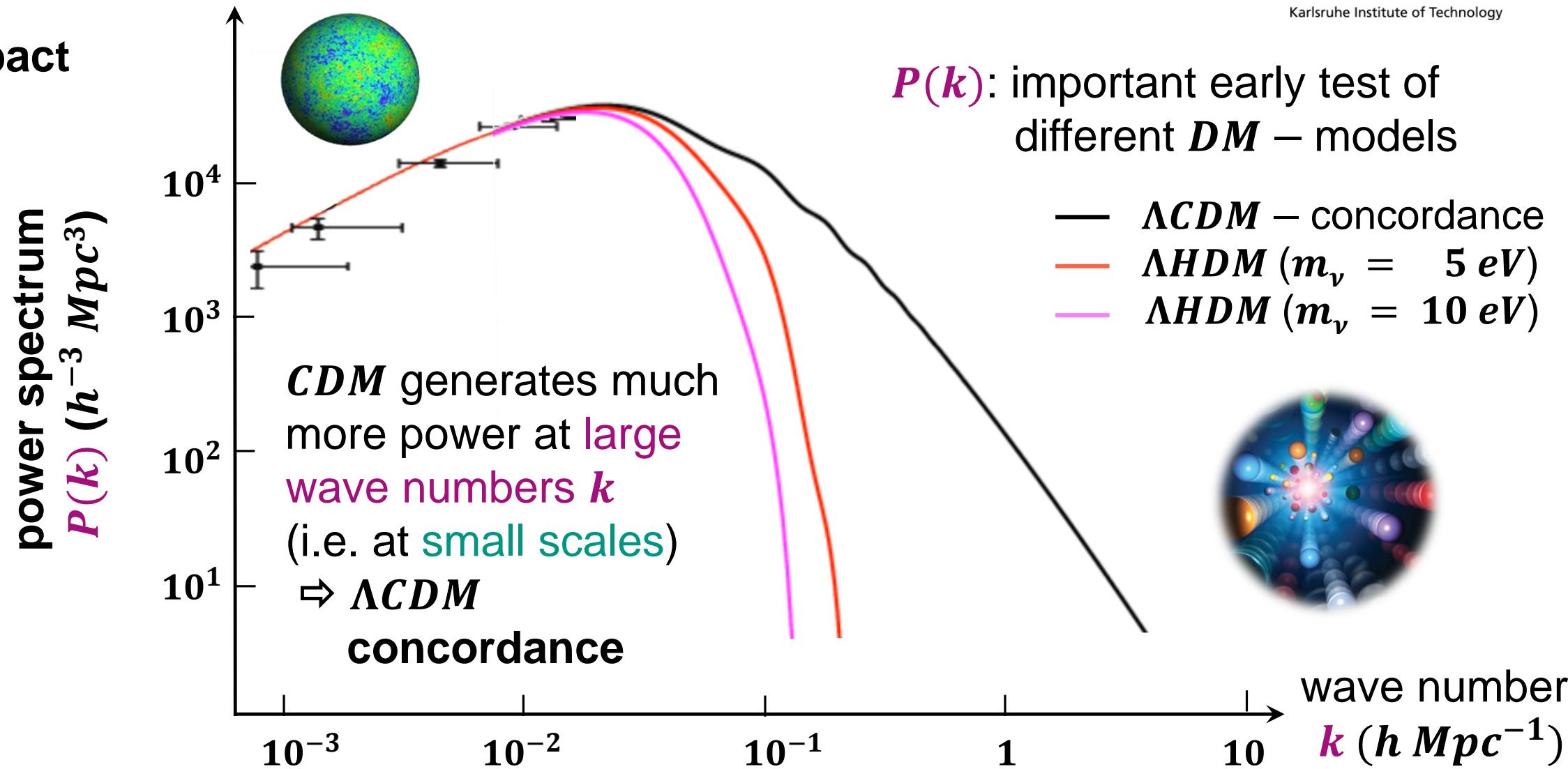


Matter power spectrum & measurements



Matter power spectrum: CDM vs. HDM only

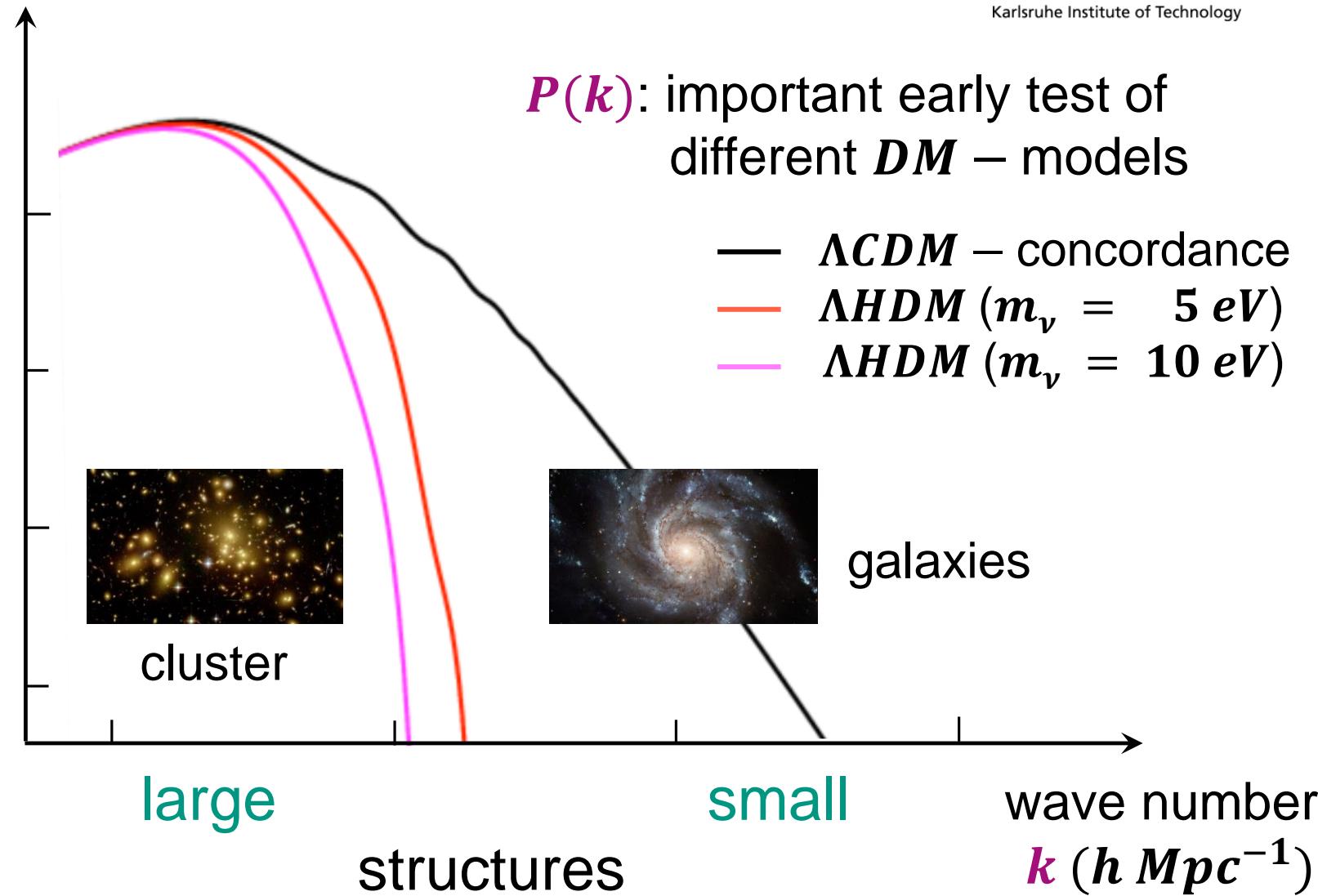
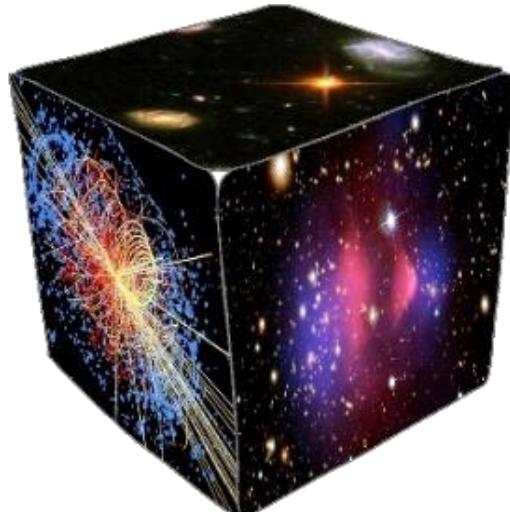
■ impact



Matter power spectrum: *sub – eV* limits for m_ν

■ Cosmological limits for neutrino masses

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



Matter power spectrum: new conclusions ...

■ Cosmology and the Standard Model

- 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. III. Combined cosmological constraints \(aps.org\)](#)

Hannah Devlin *Science correspondent*

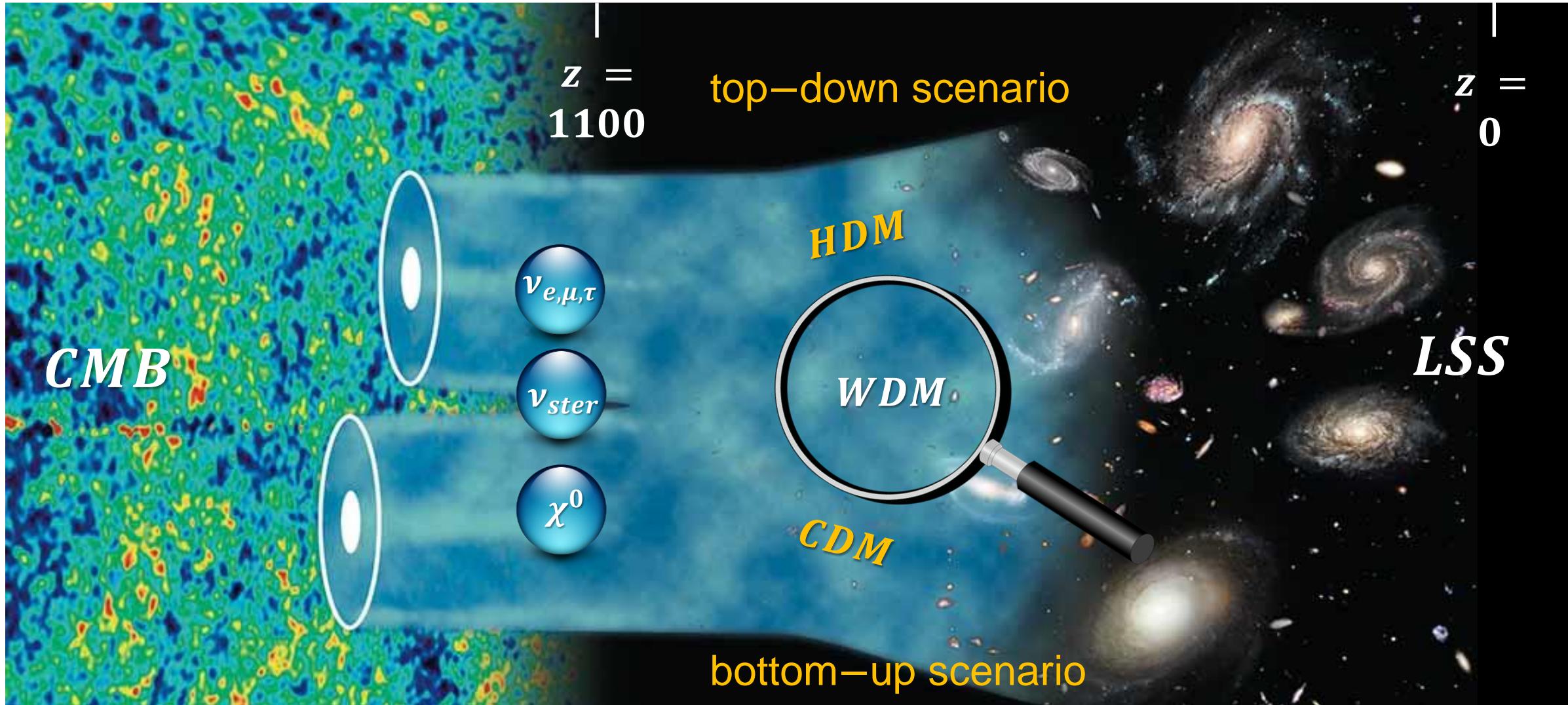
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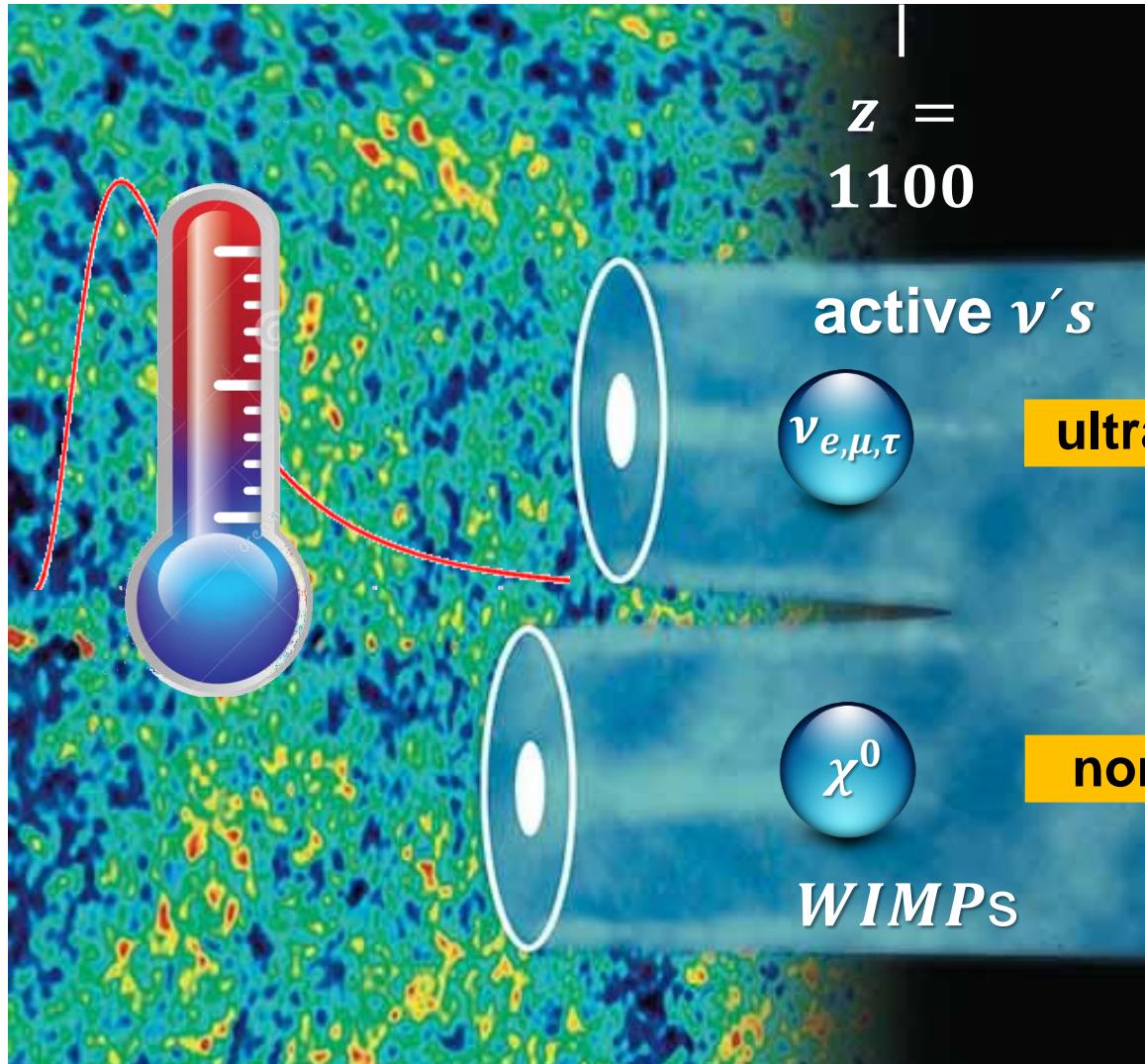


One of the most precise surveys of the structure of the universe has suggested it is “less clumpy” than expected, in findings that could indicate the existence of mysterious forces at work.

A closer look at properties of CDM , WDM & HDM



thermal relics vs. non-thermal DM production



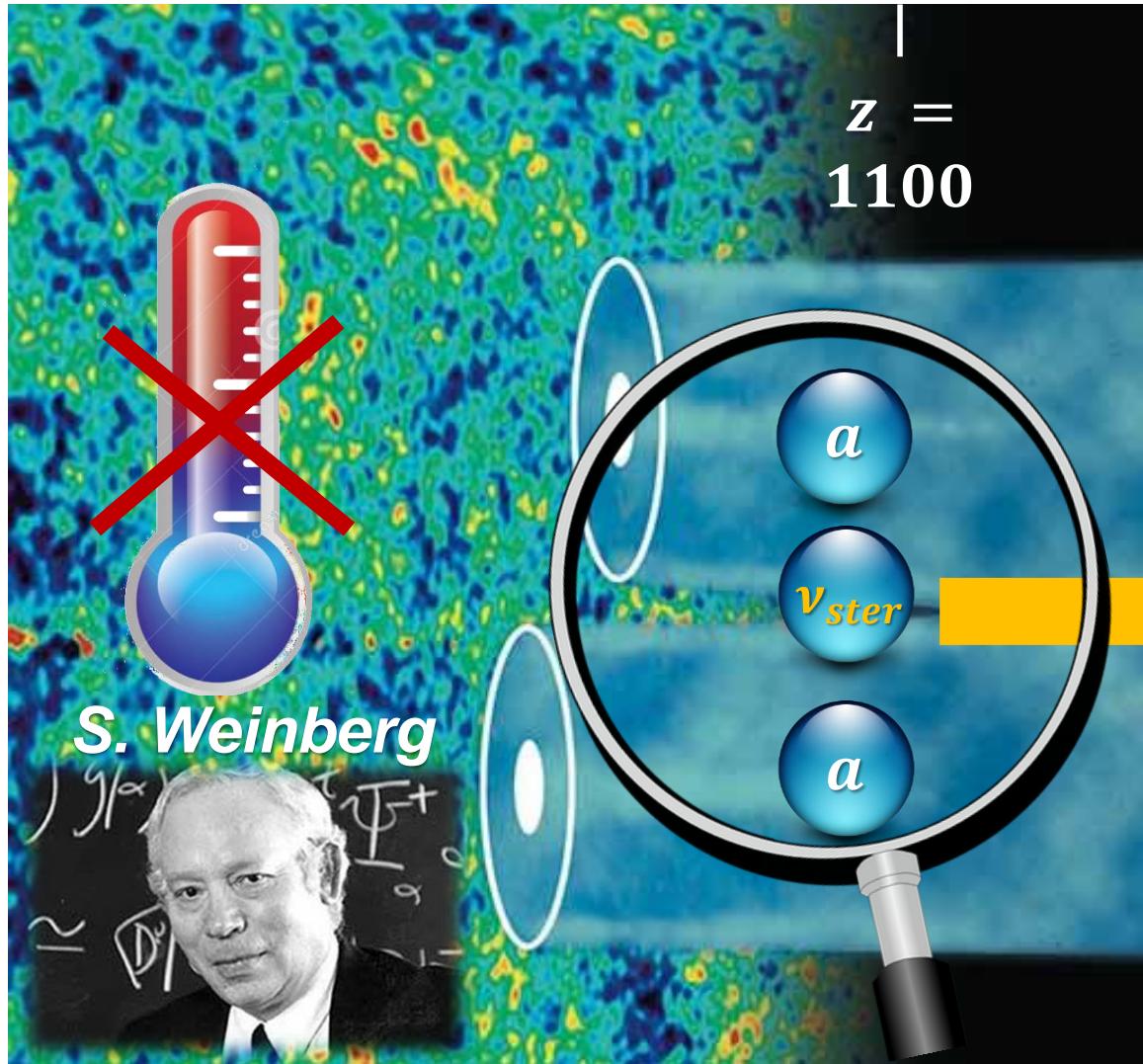
DM – particles as **thermal relics**: produced via thermal processes in **radiation bath** of early universe

HDM: $T_{fr} \gg m$

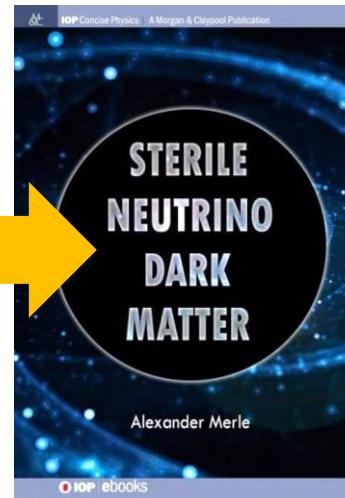
CDM: $T_{fr} \ll m$

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

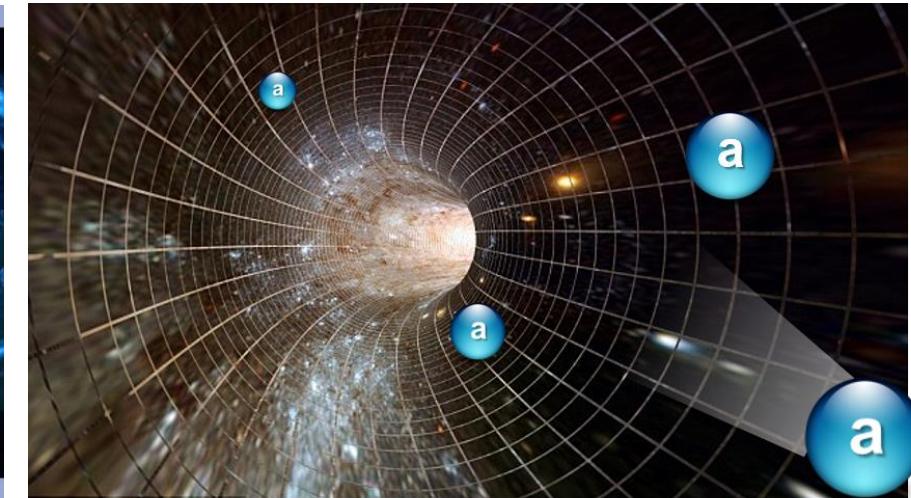
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DM – particles as **non-thermal relics**:
produced via **symmetry breaking (axion)**
or due to **active–sterile ν – oscillations**



WDM:
sterile ν



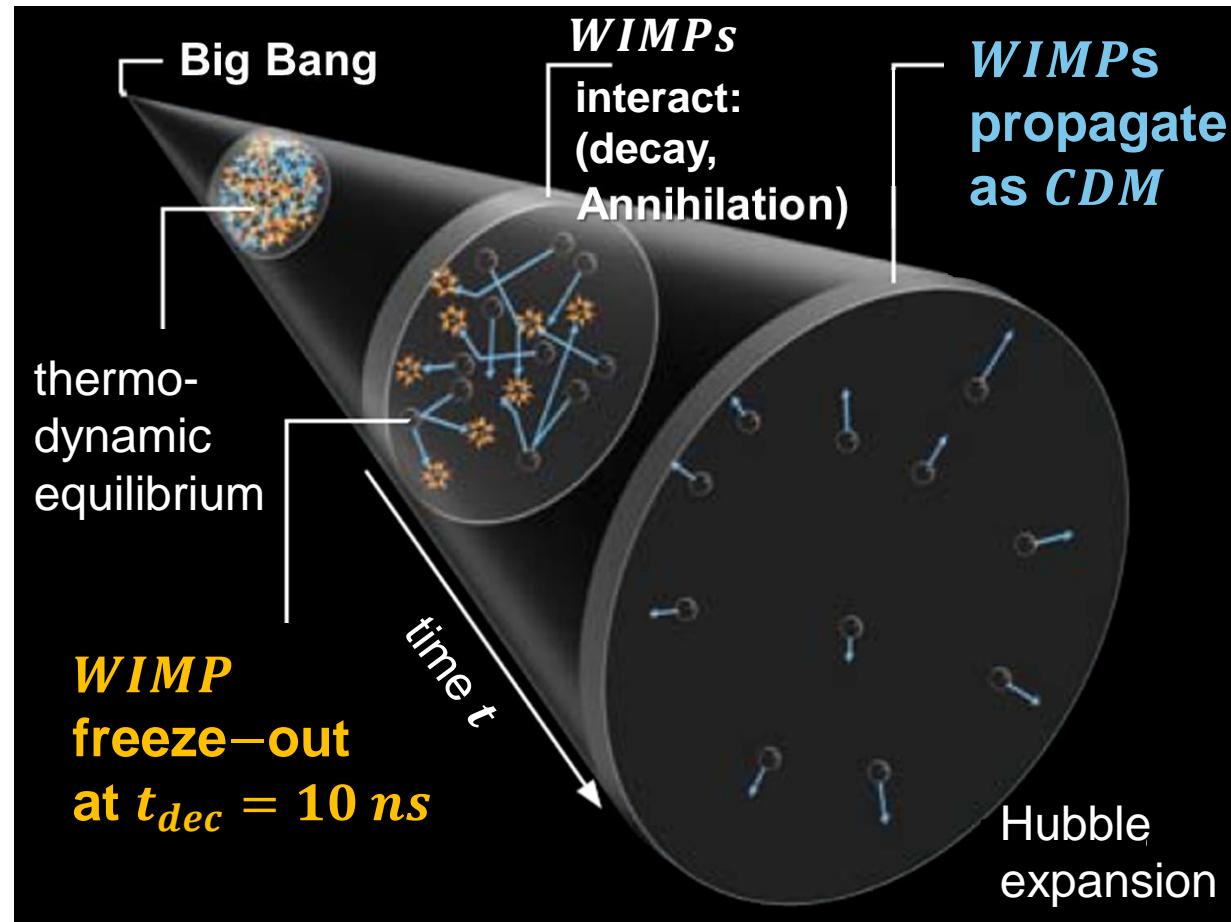
'HDM, CDM':
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CDM: WIMPs as generic thermal relics



■ Thermal production of *CDM: WIMPs**

- **WIMPs**: massive, non–baryonic **thermal relics** left over from the 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)
- very **large mass (TeV – scale)**:
 \Rightarrow huge phase space in case of decay



CDM: WIMPs as generic thermal relics



■ Annihilation rate of *WIMPs*

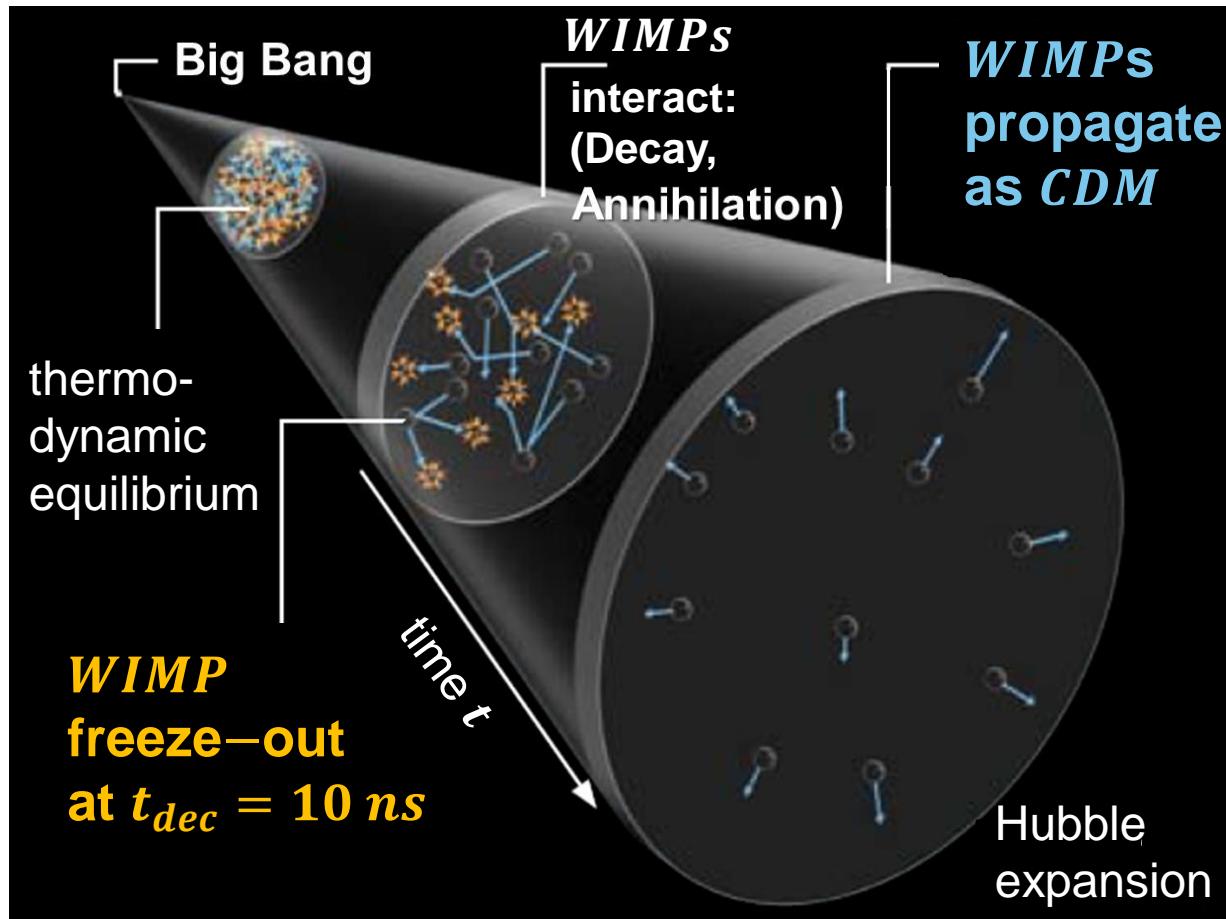
- *WIMPs*: annihilation rate given by typical **weak interaction strength**

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

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

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

- this will result in the so-called ***WIMP miracle*** (to be discussed later)



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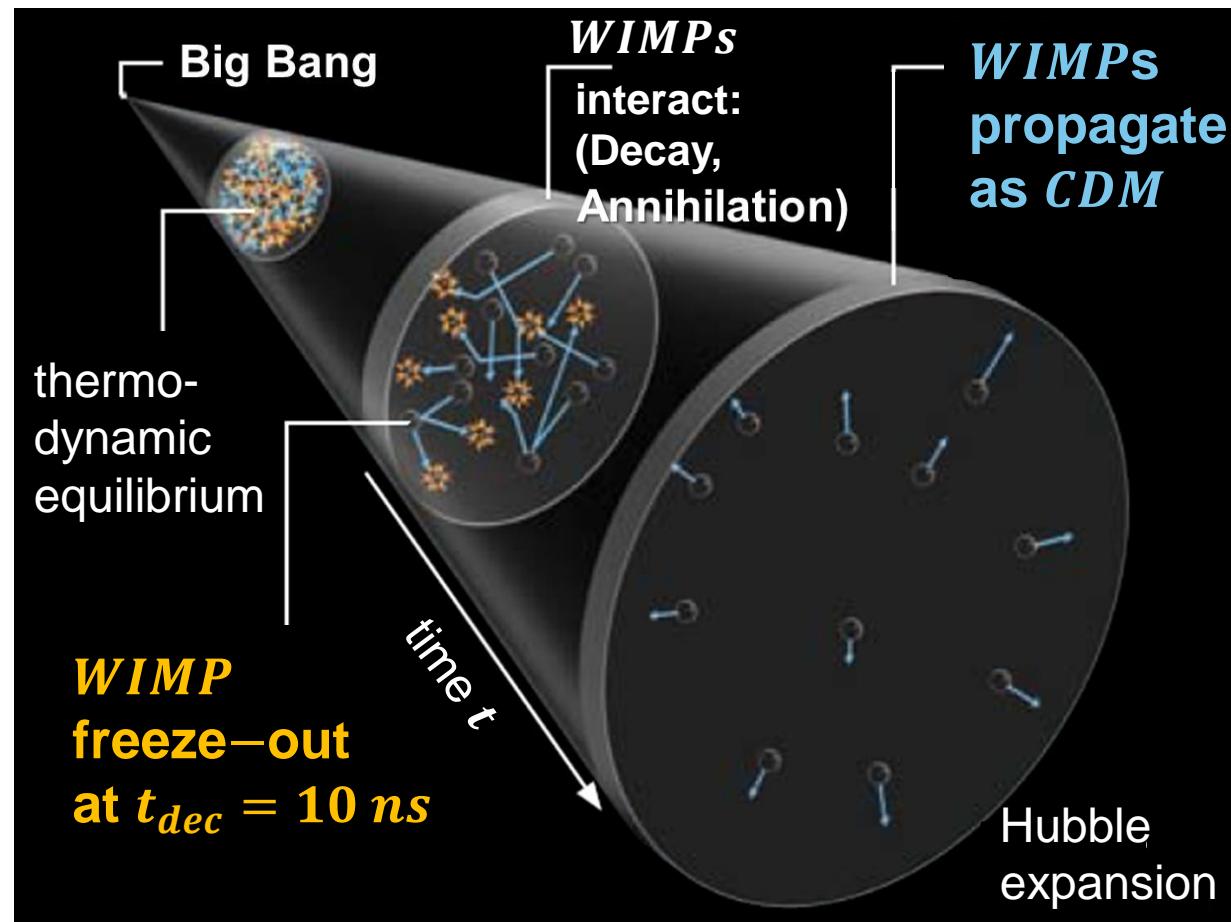


■ Long-term ‘slow’ propagation of *WIMPs*

- *WIMPs*: *non-relativistic* propagation with very *limited free-streaming range* due to kinematic relation:

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

- after decoupling & during propagation: χ^0 from *SUSY* are stable over long, cosmological time scales due to intrinsic symmetry: *R – parity R_P*



HDM: ν 's as generic light thermal relics

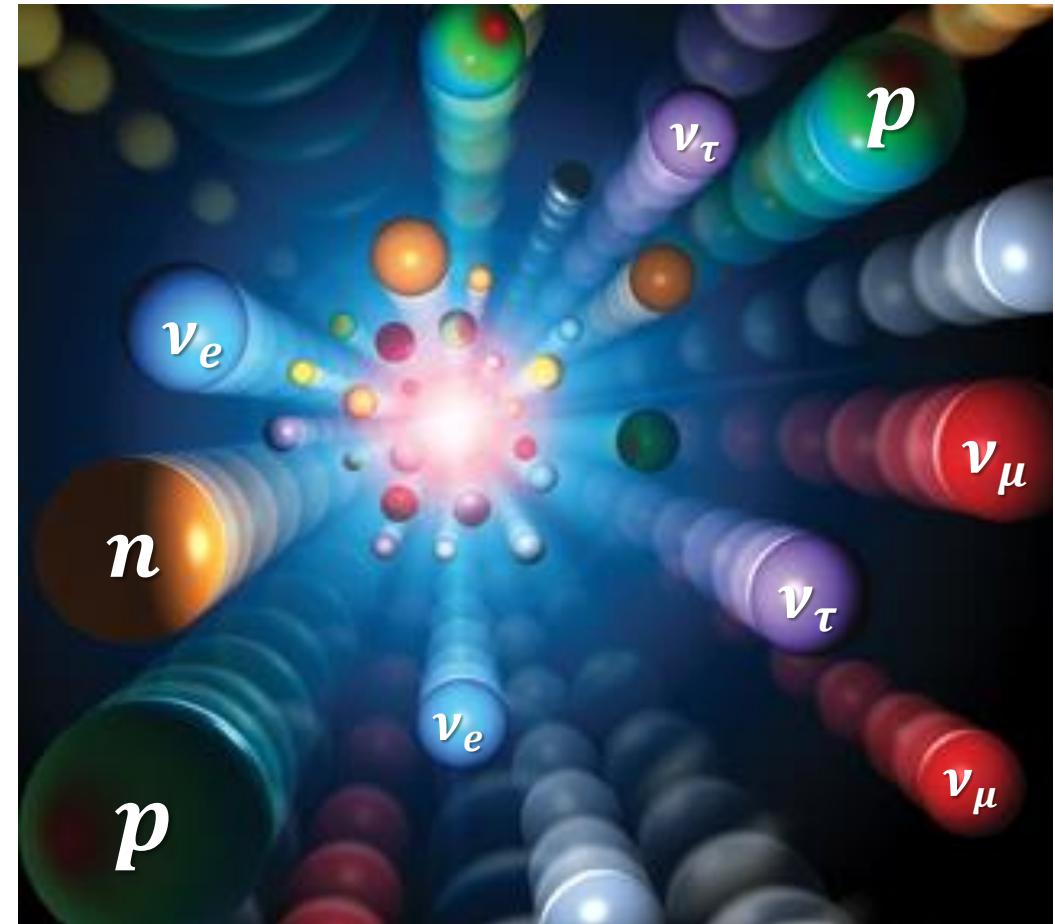


■ Hot dark matter: relativistic free-streaming

- ν 's: ***ultra-relativistic*** propagation over an exceedingly **large free-streaming range** of $> Gpc$ due to kinematic relation

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

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

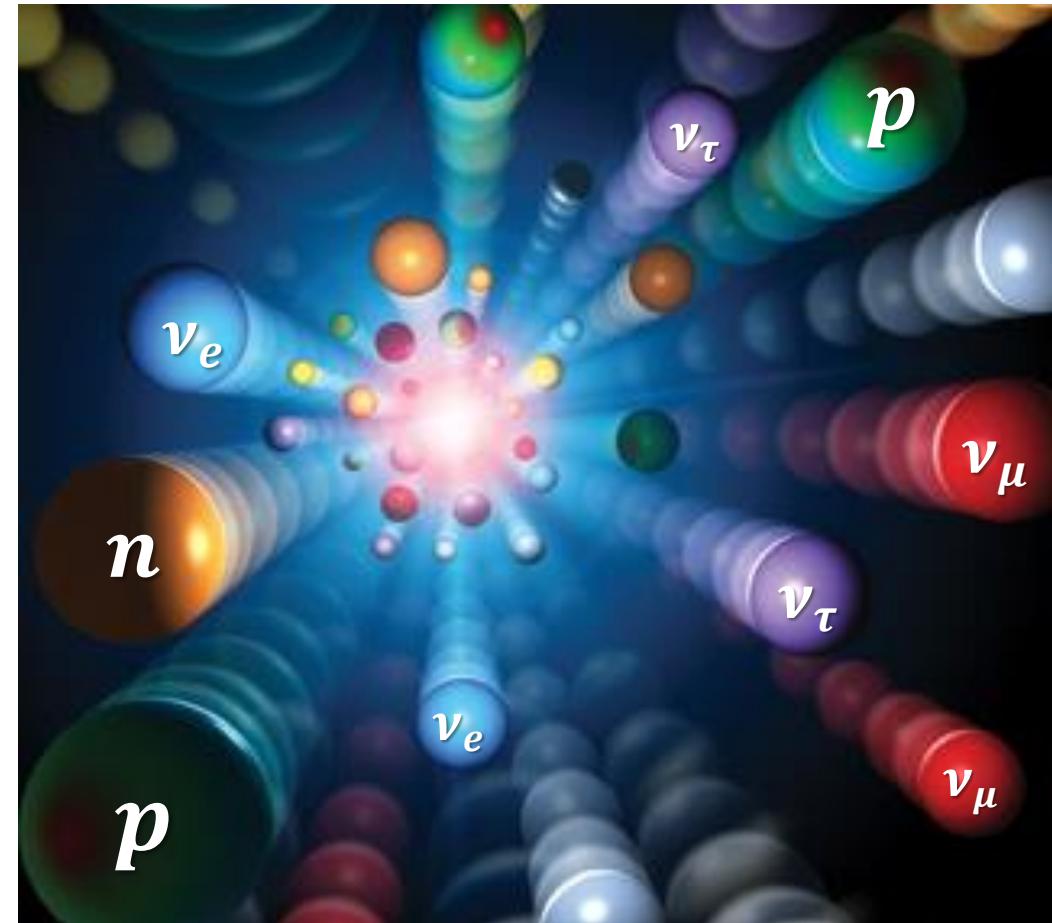


HDM: ν 's as generic light thermal relics



■ Hot dark matter: relativistic free-streaming

- ν 's: ***ultra-relativistic*** propagation is strongly suppressing annihilation in the early universe
(also: there exist no lighter particles carrying lepton numbers in the ***SM***)
⇒ weak interaction only (with baryonic matter)
- decoupling at $t \cong 1\text{ s}$ and $T \cong 1\text{ MeV}$
(see also: ***chap. 3.1*** on Big Bang Nucleosynthesis, lecture #5)



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

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

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 ν_s
 $m \sim 1 \dots 20 \text{ keV}$

number density:

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

decoupling:

no thermal process,
but via ν – oscillations

impact on LSS :

wash-out of structure
on scale $\lambda < 0.1 \text{ Mpc}$

Cold Dark Matter

particle candidate:

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

number density:

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

decoupling:

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

impact on LSS :

wash-out of structure
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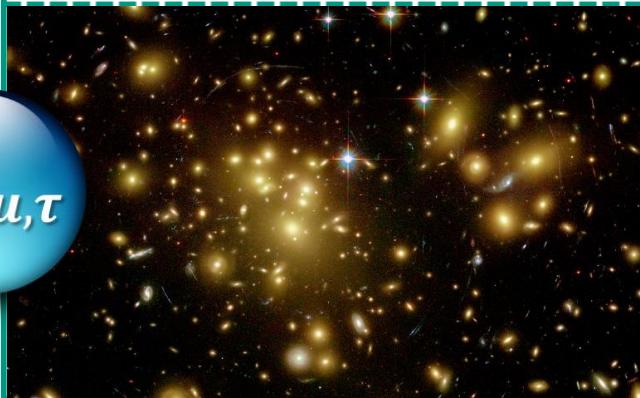
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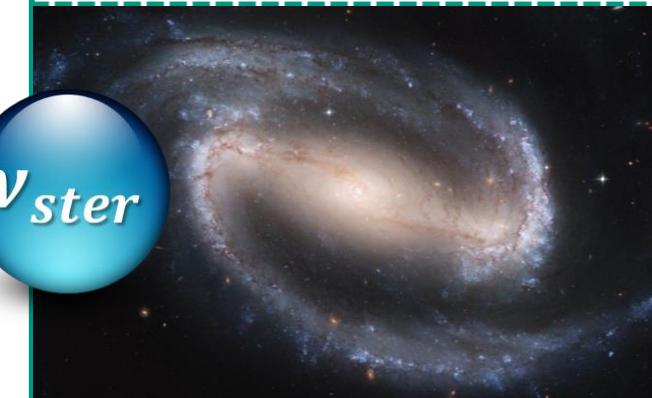


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