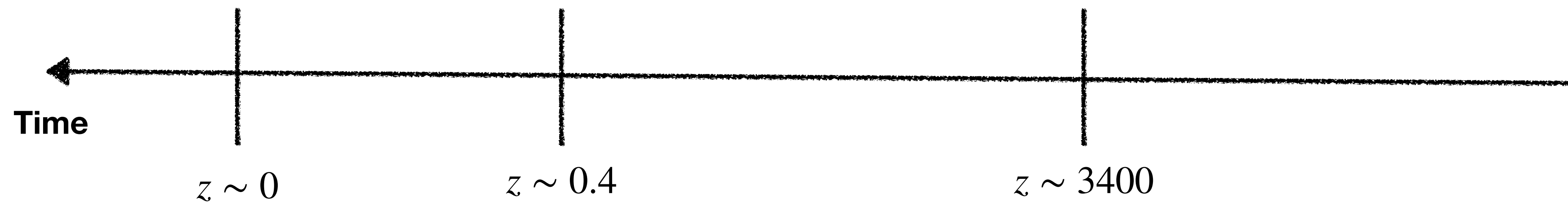
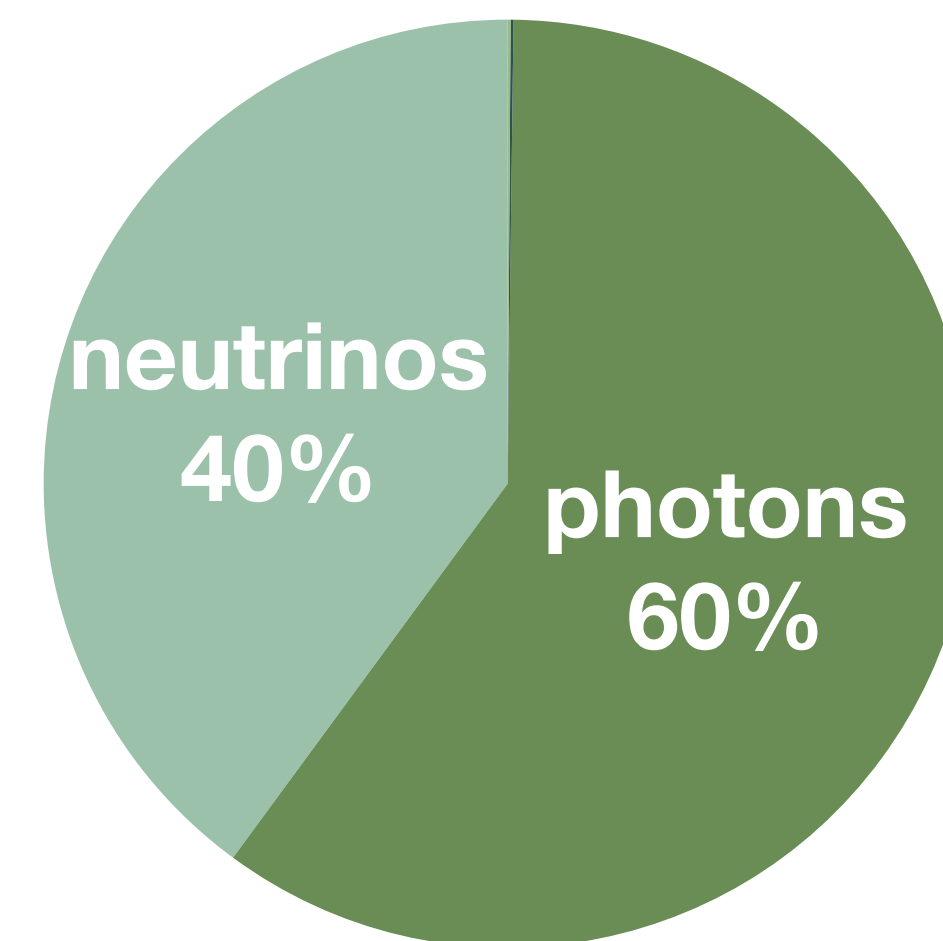
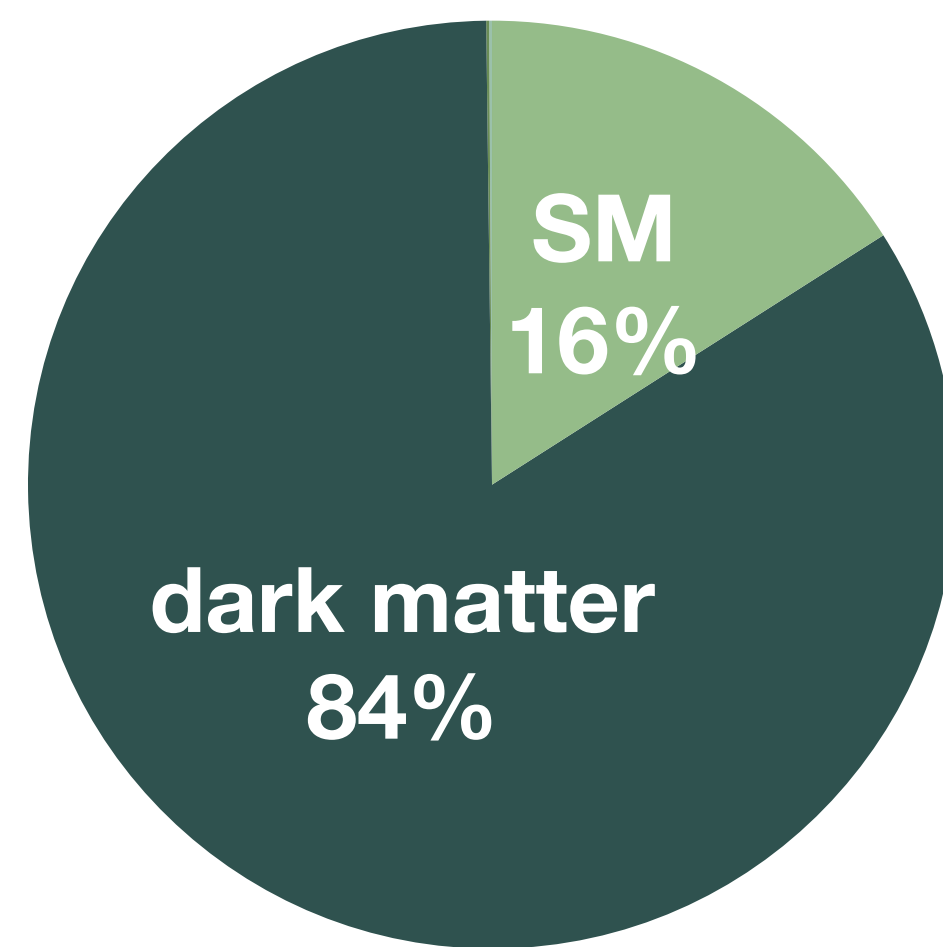
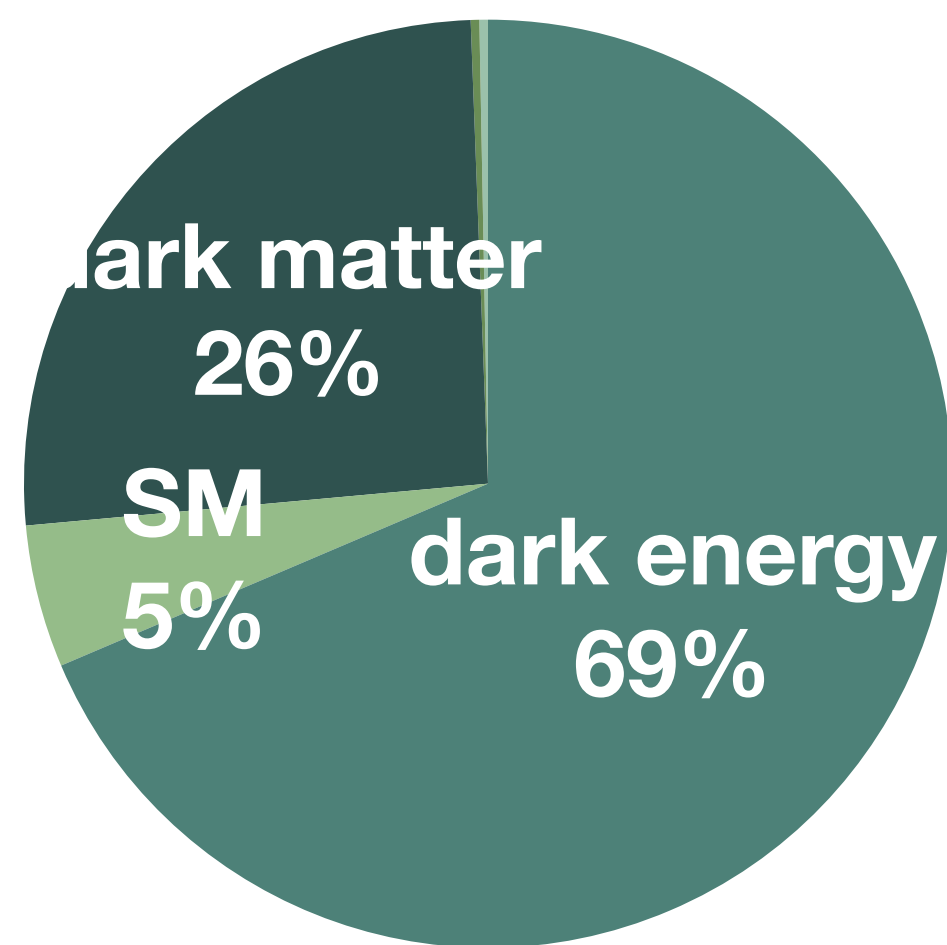


Cosmological Signatures of Interacting Dark Sectors

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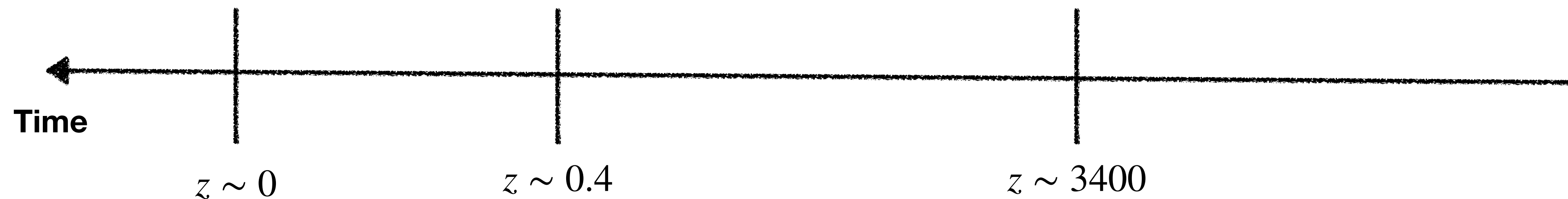
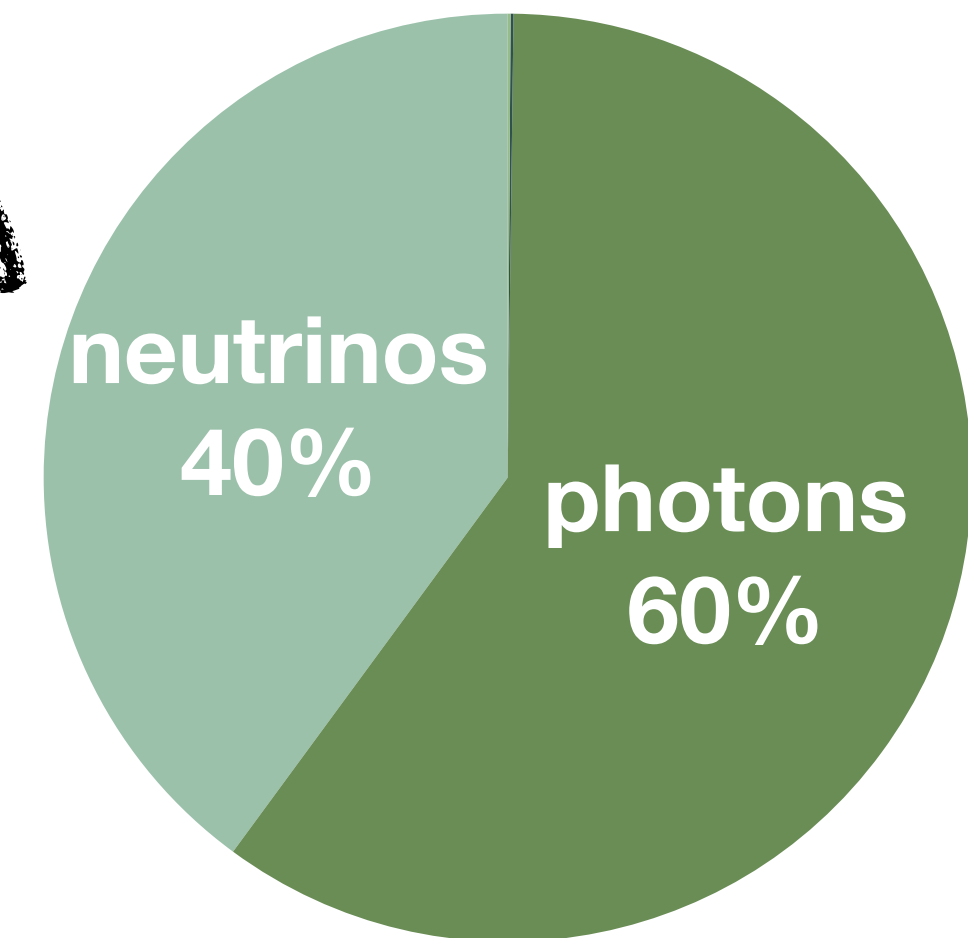
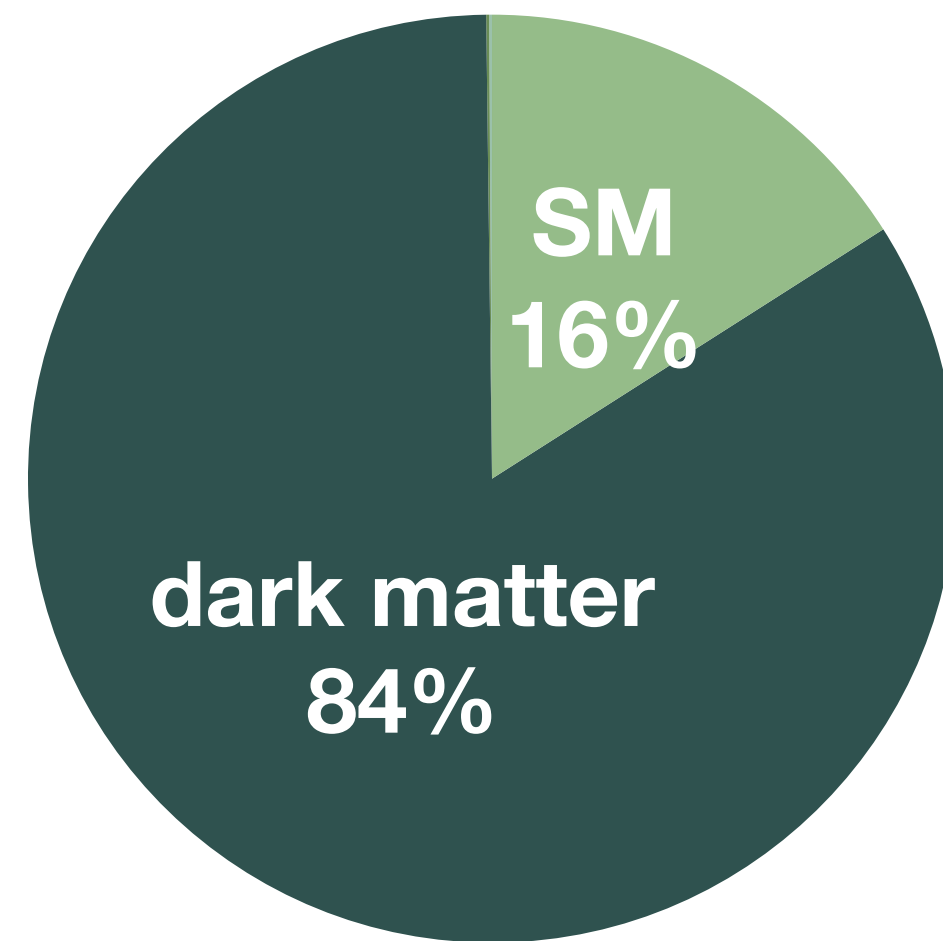
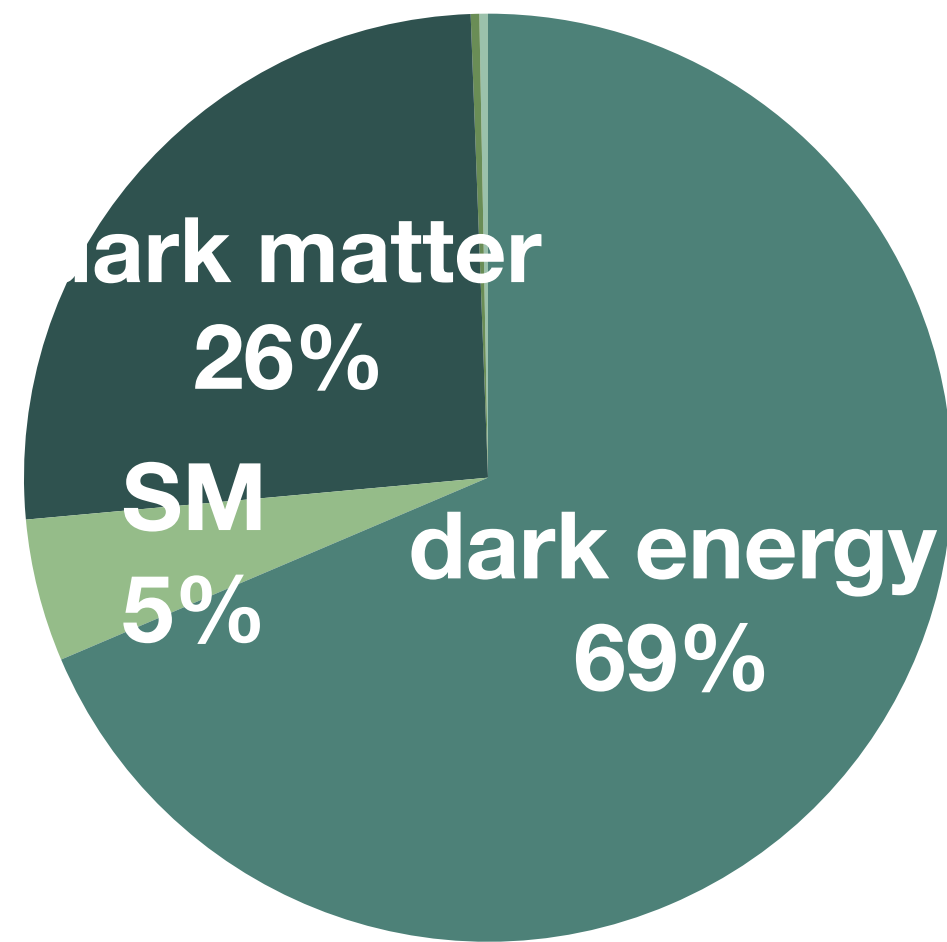
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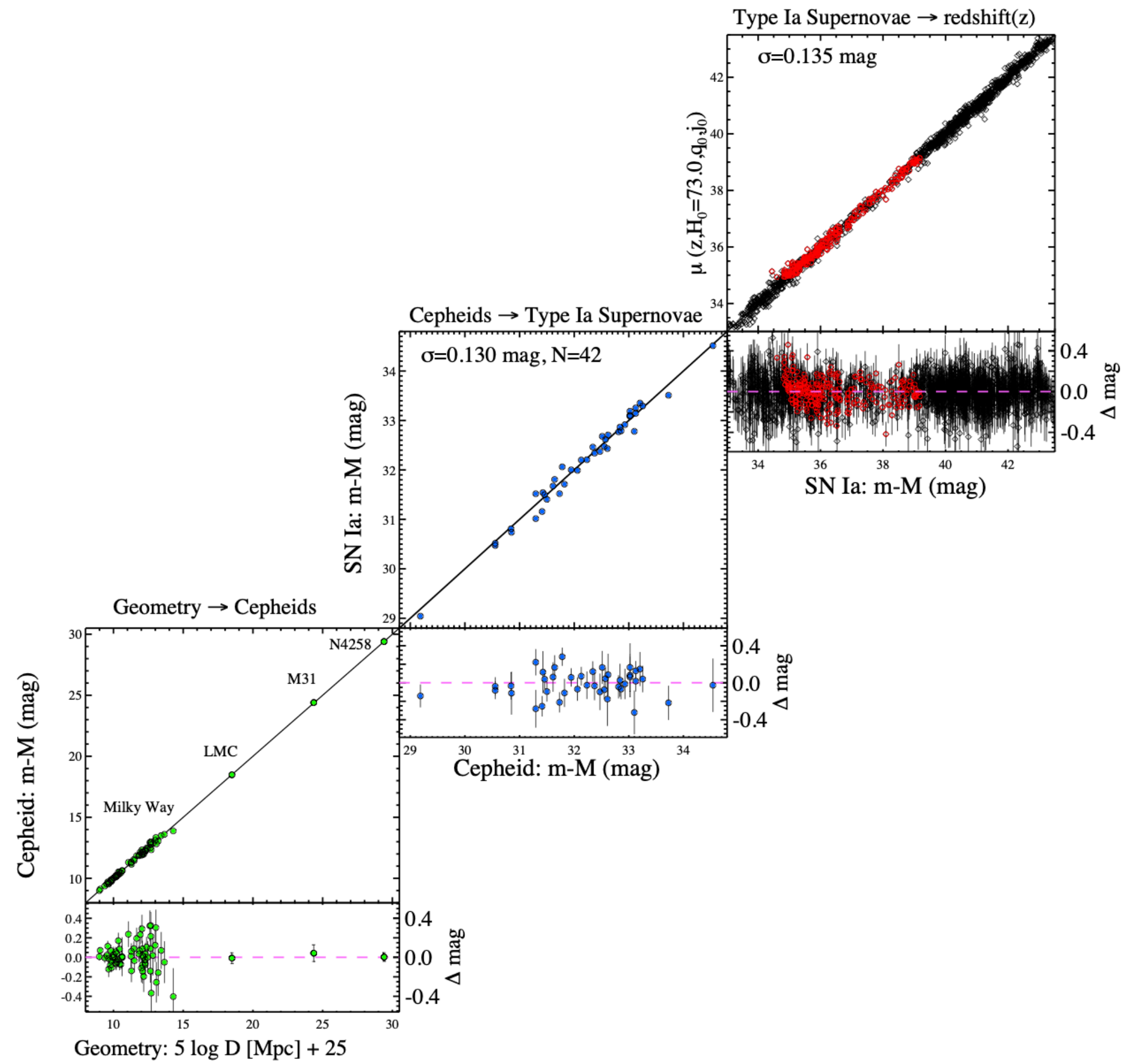
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DM **Interactions** or multiple particles?

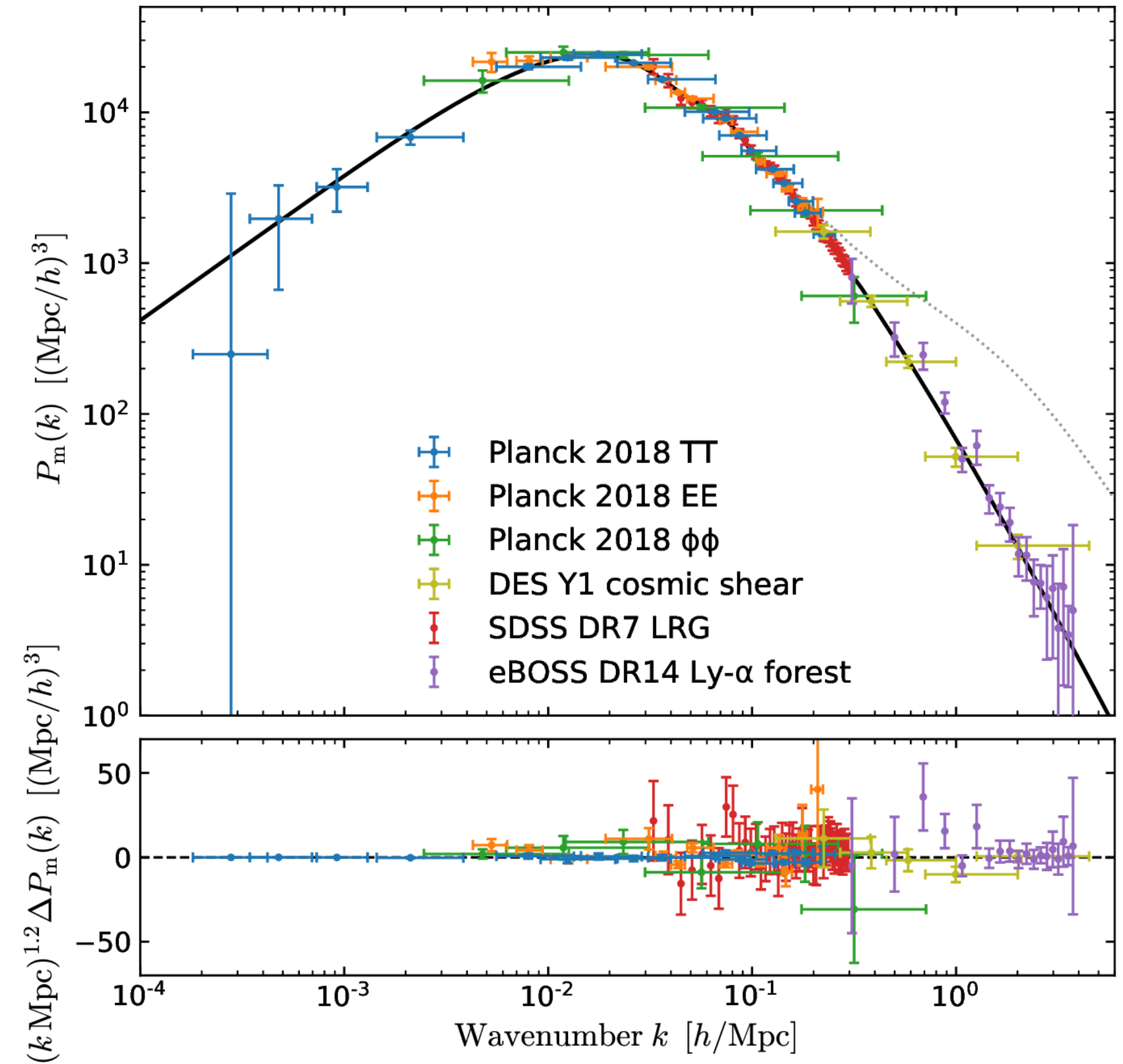
Can some fraction correspond to other **dark sector** particles?



Tensions



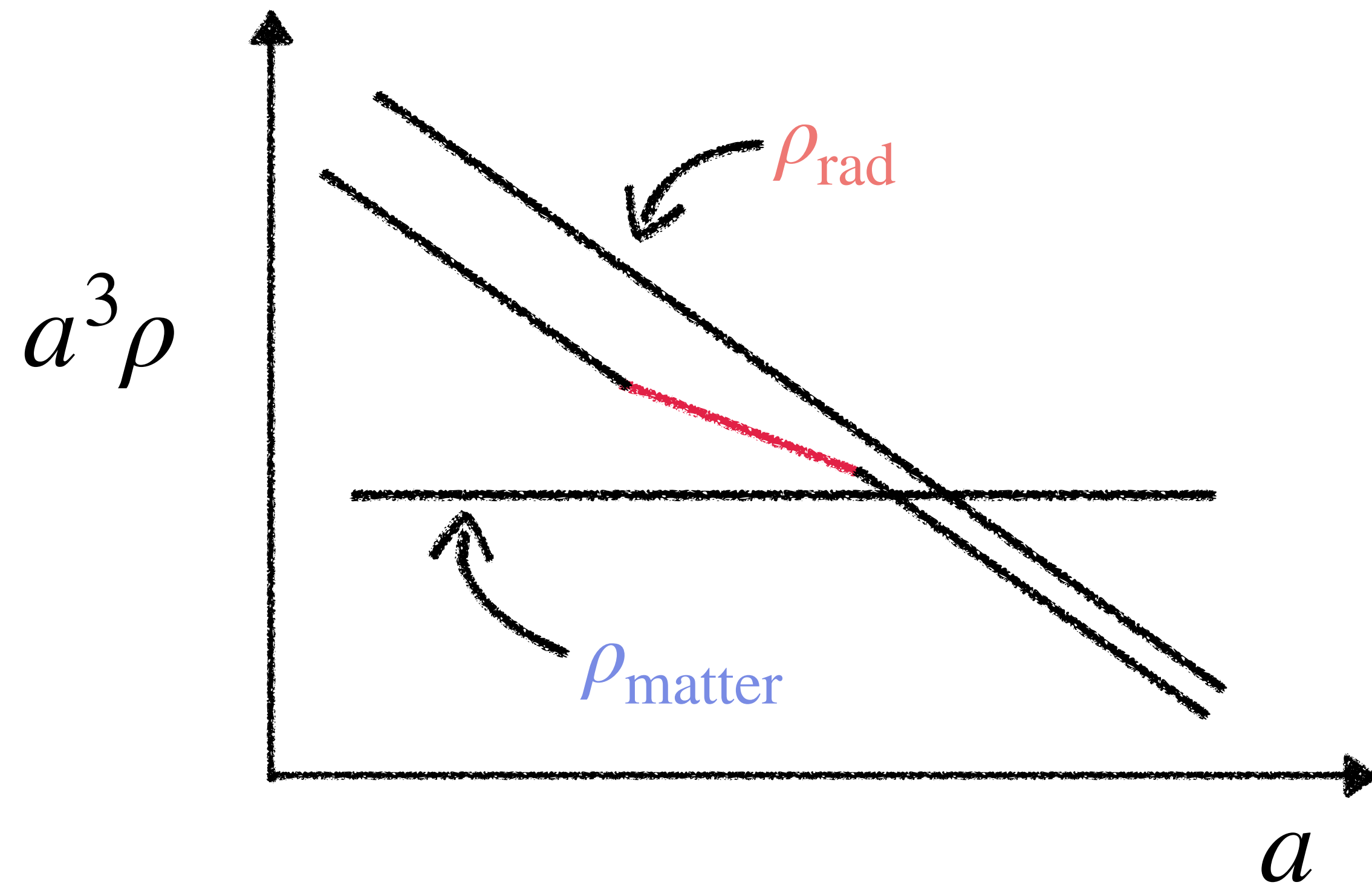
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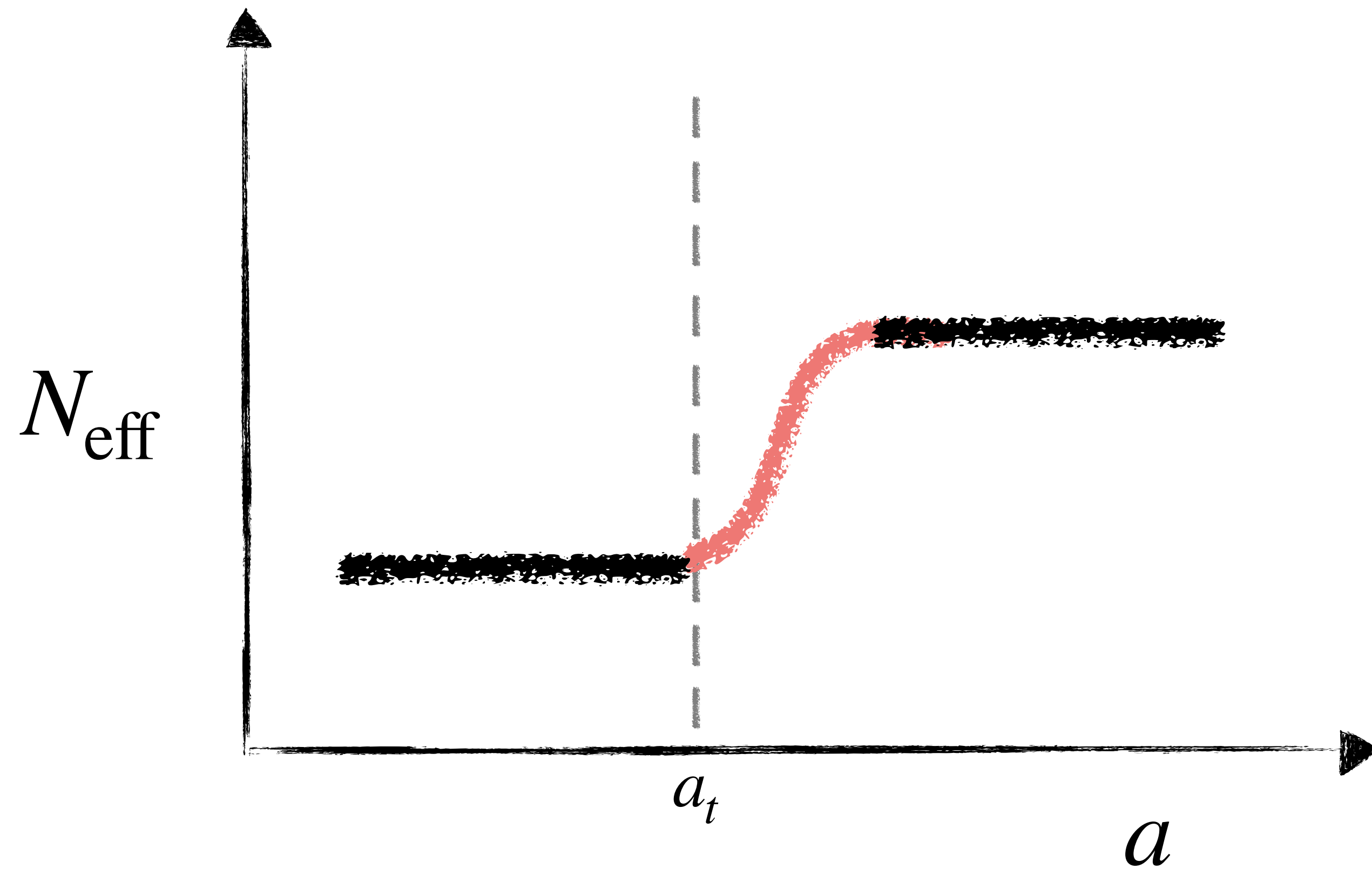
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Massless fermion ψ
Light scalar ϕ

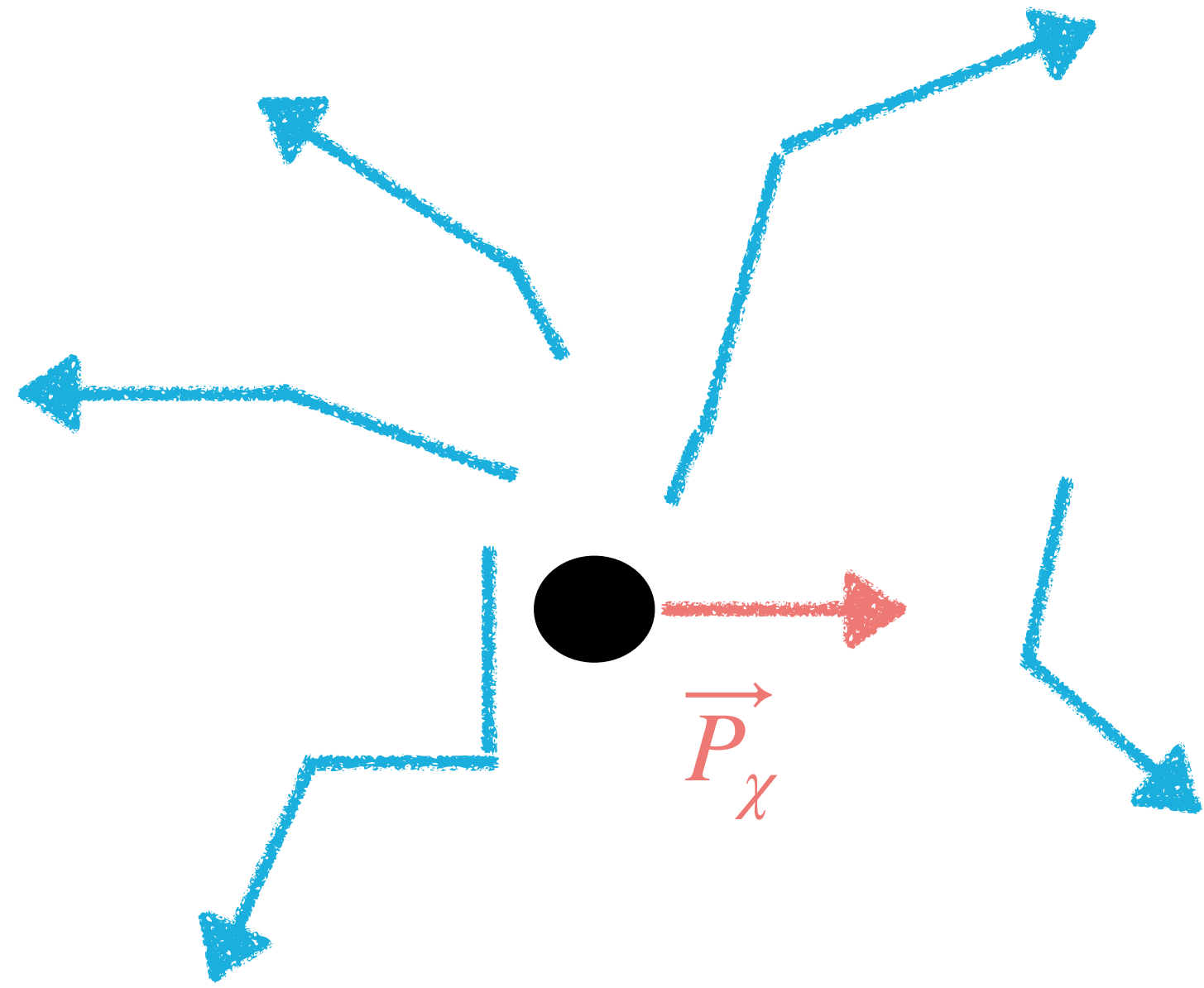
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DM-DR Interactions: Structure Formation



DM interactions with radiation gives the DM additional pressure

This can suppress the growth of perturbations at scales relevant for

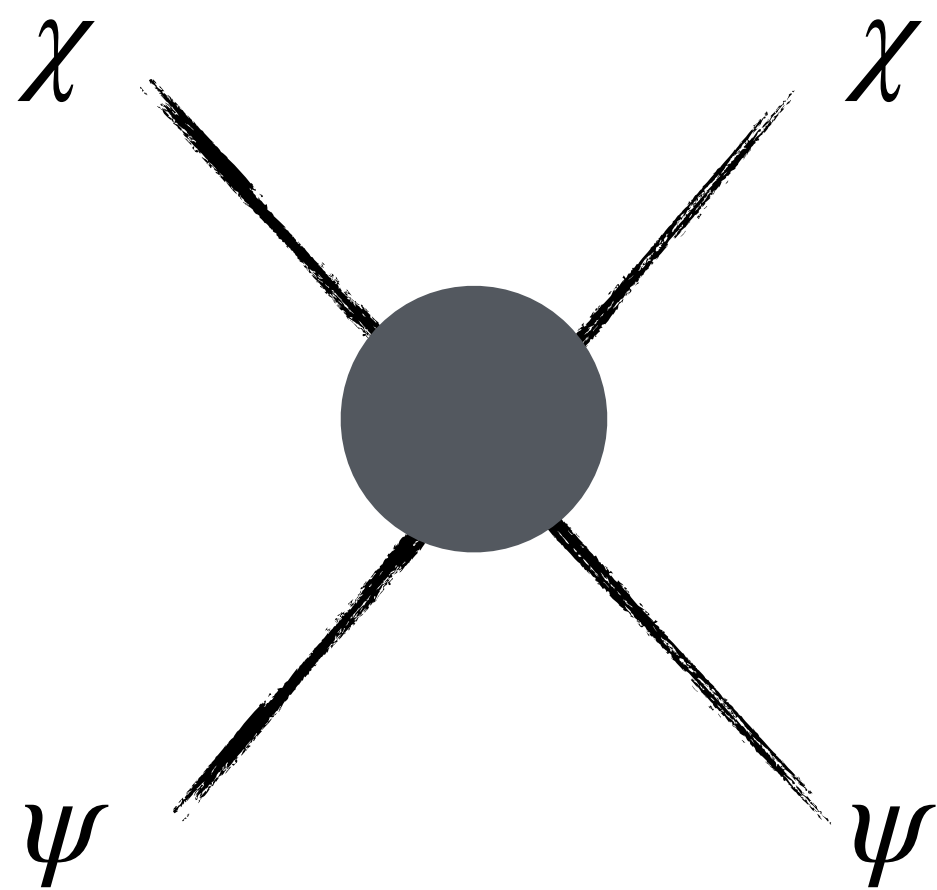
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DM Fluid Equations

$$\dot{\delta}_{DM} = -\theta_{DM} + 3\dot{\phi}$$

$$\dot{\theta}_{DM} = -\mathcal{H}\theta_{DM} + k^2\psi$$

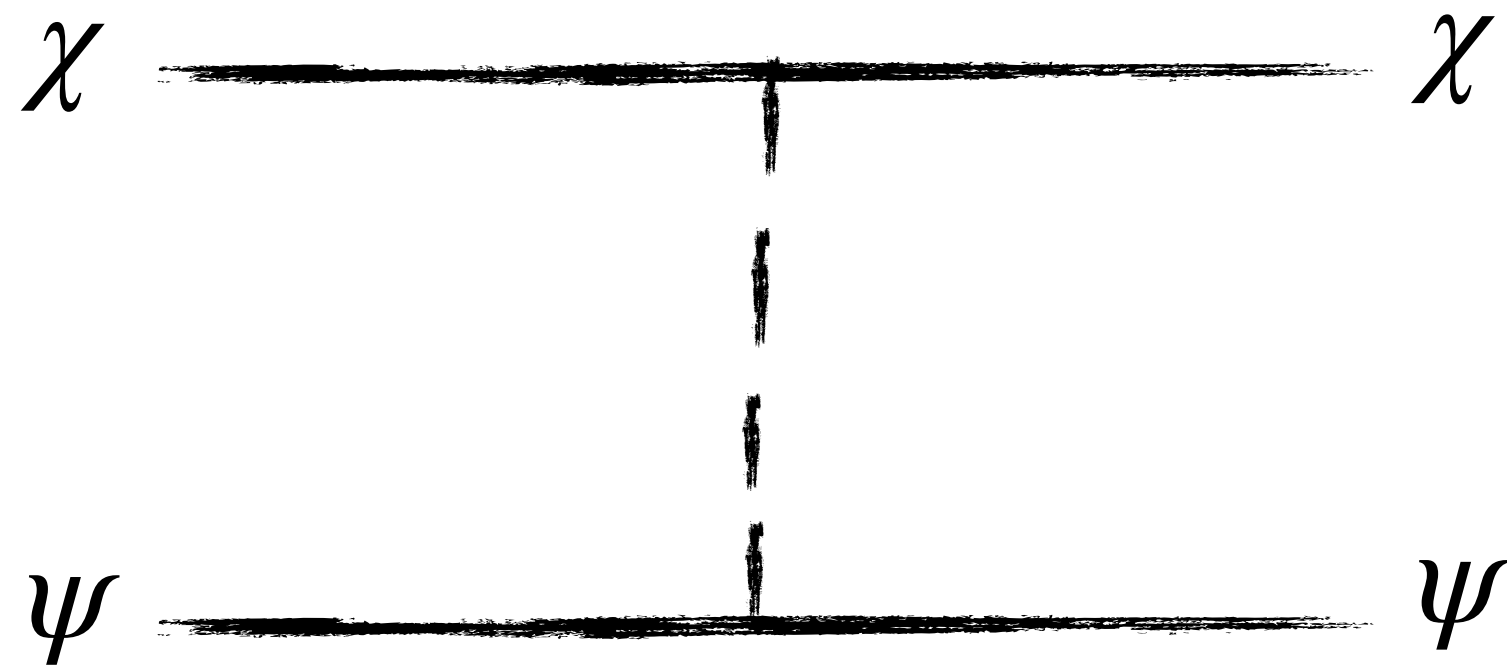
$$\dot{\theta}_{IDM} = -H\theta_{DM} + k^2\psi + a\Gamma(\theta_{WZ} - \theta_{IDM})$$



Couples dipole moments of DM and DR

DM-DR Interactions: Weakly Interacting

Before the mass threshold

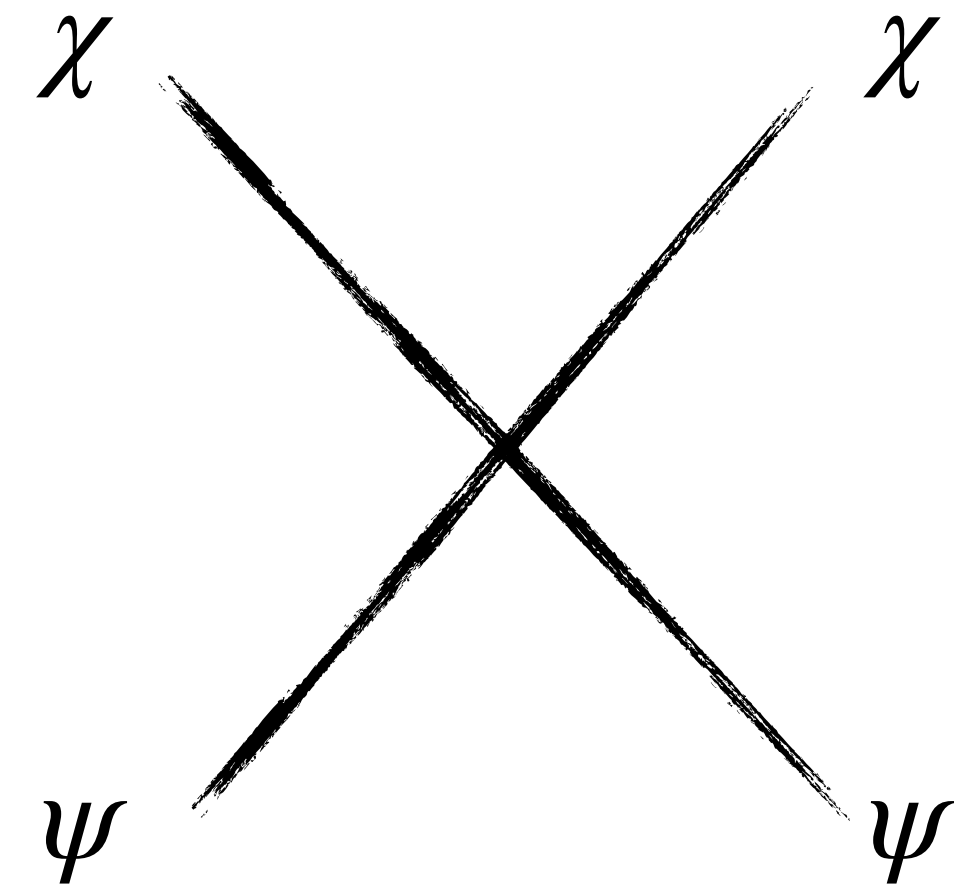


$$\Gamma \propto \frac{T_d^2}{M_\chi}$$

$$H \sim \frac{T^2}{M_{pl}}$$

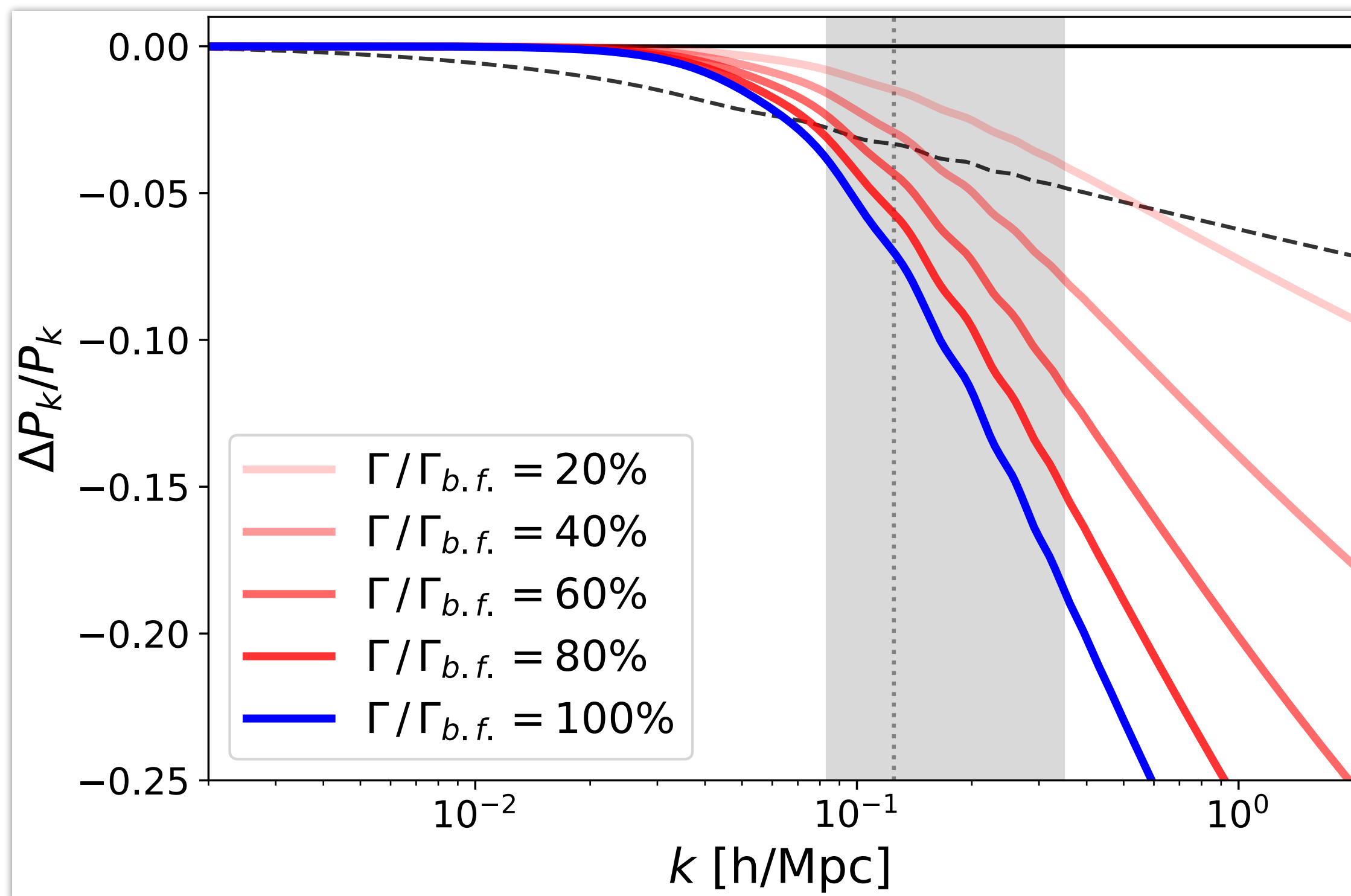
(Radiation dominated)

After the mass threshold

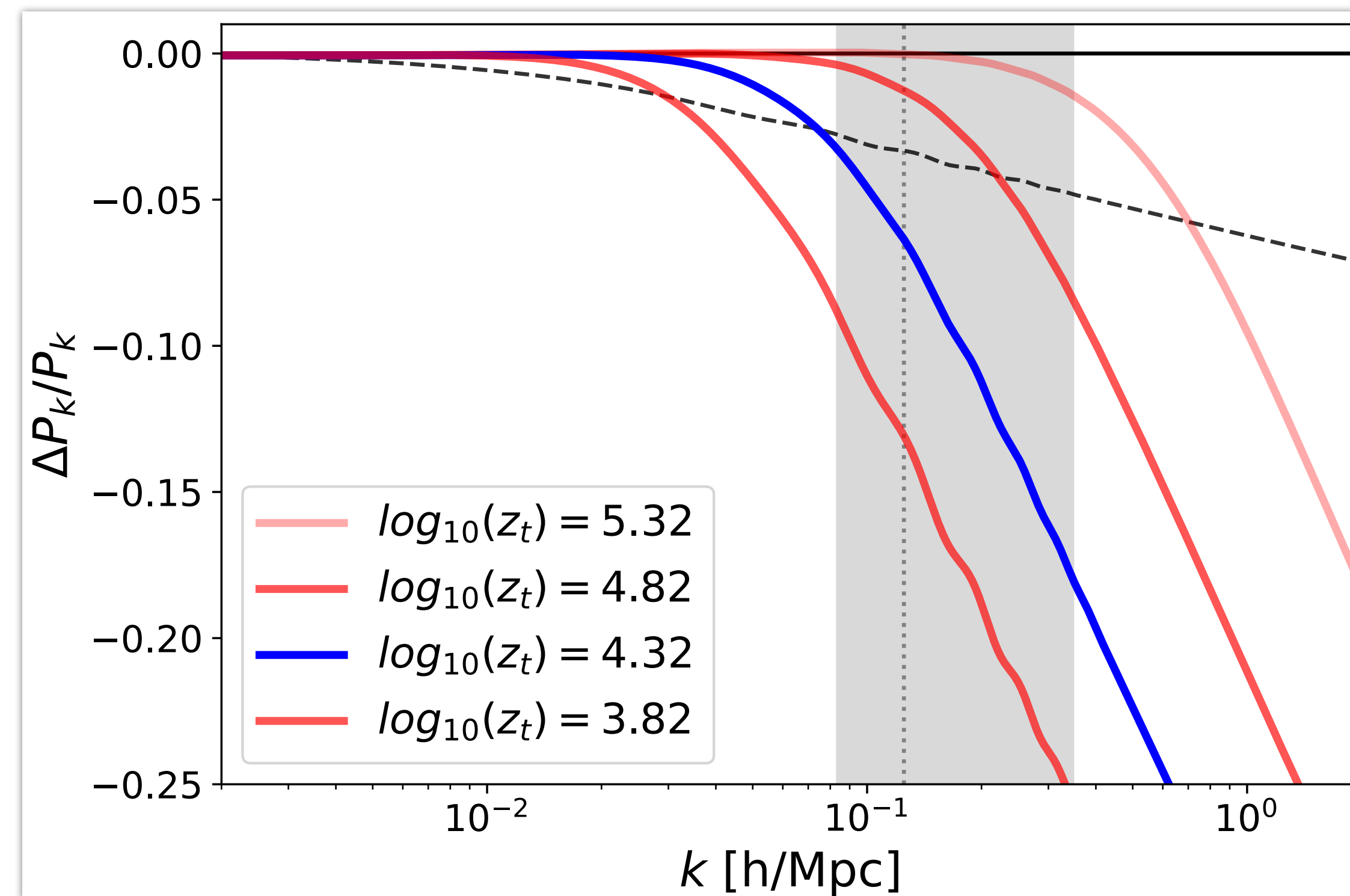


$$\Gamma \propto \frac{T_d^2}{M_\chi} \left(\frac{T_d}{m_\phi} \right)^4$$

vs no DM-DR interaction



vs no mass threshold



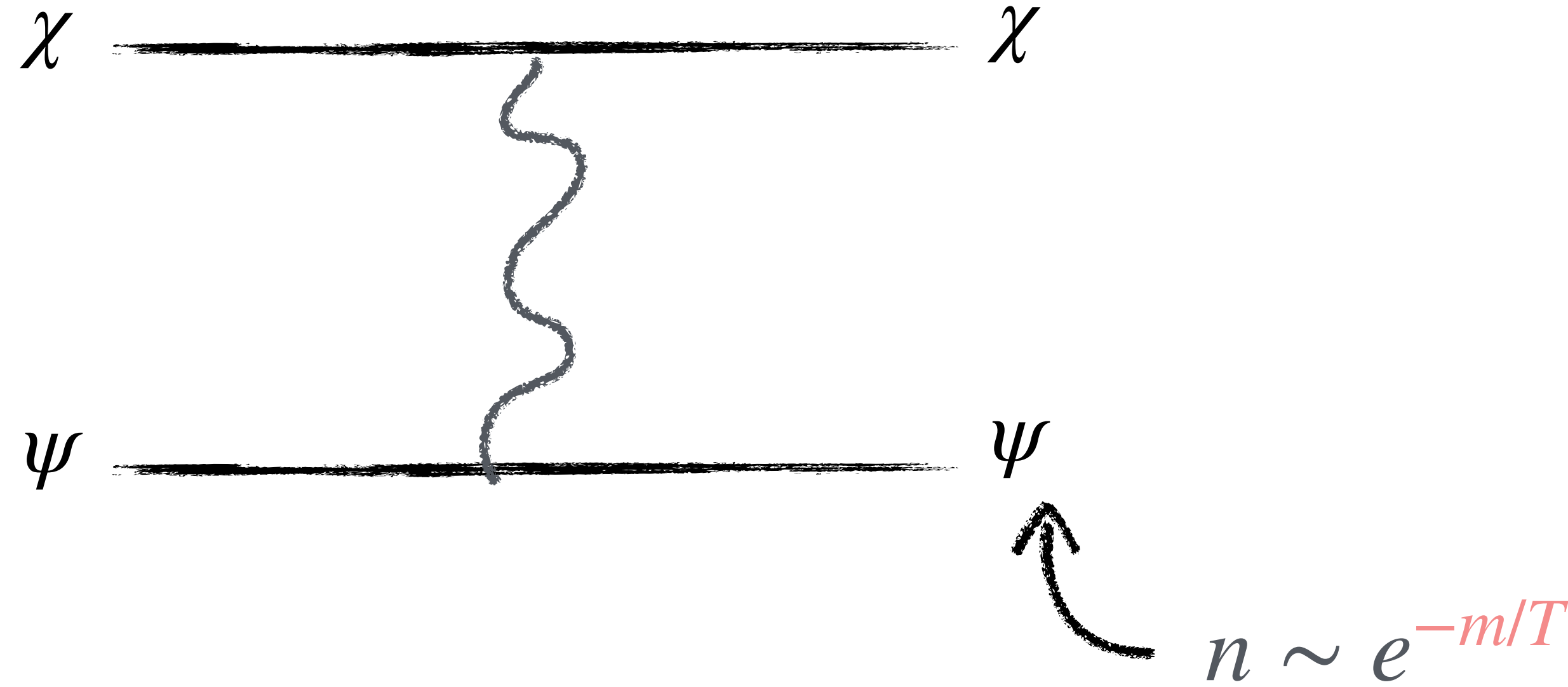
$$\frac{P_{\text{interacting}}}{P_{\text{not-interacting}}} \approx \begin{cases} 1 & k \ll k_{s.o.} \\ 1 - \sqrt{2} \frac{\Gamma}{H} \times \log k/k_{s.o.} & k \gg k_{s.o.} \end{cases}$$

Smooth suppression in log k due to weak coupling



DM-DR Interactions: Strongly Interacting

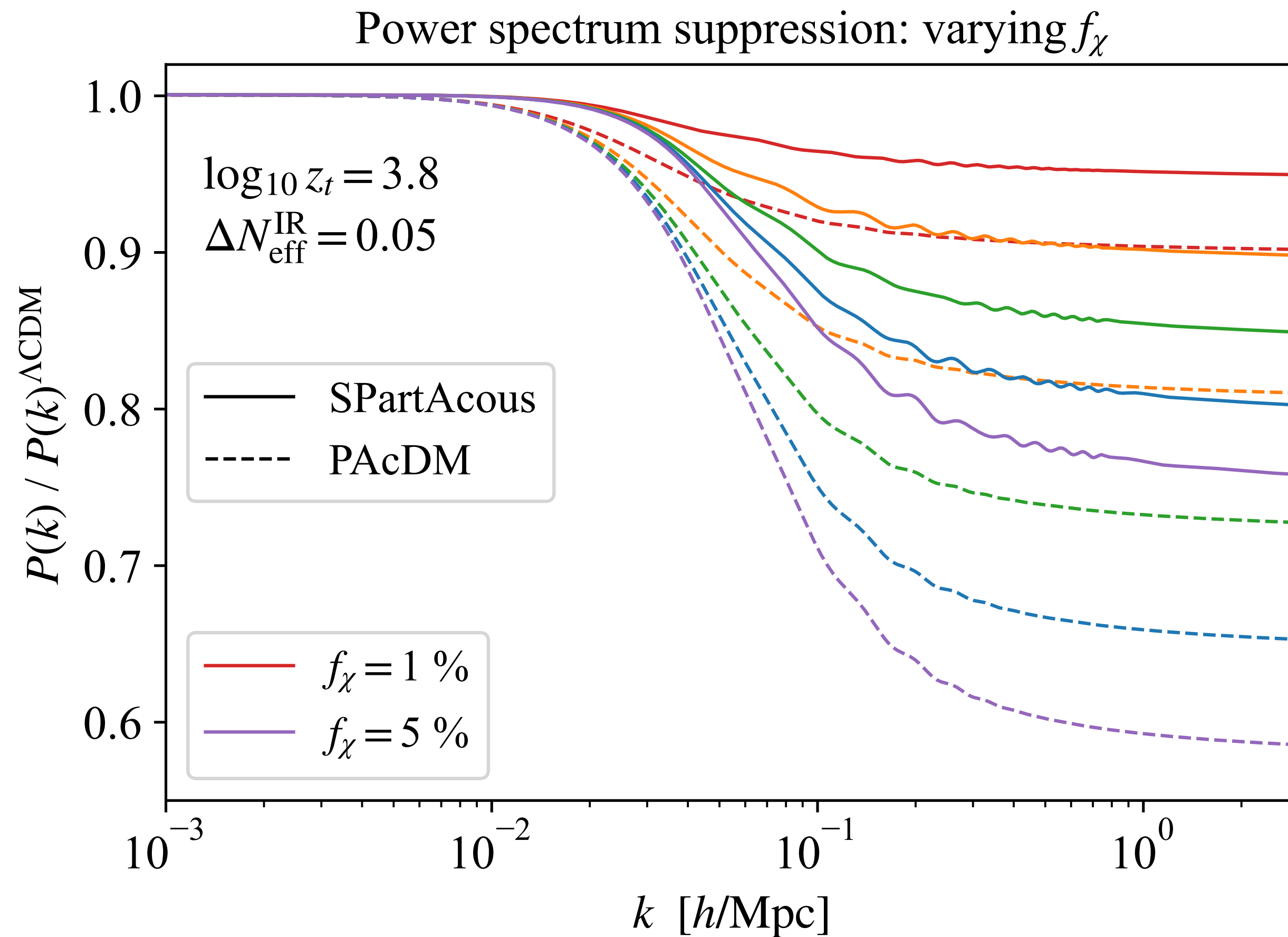
Buen-Abad et al, arXiv: 2208.05984, 2306.01844



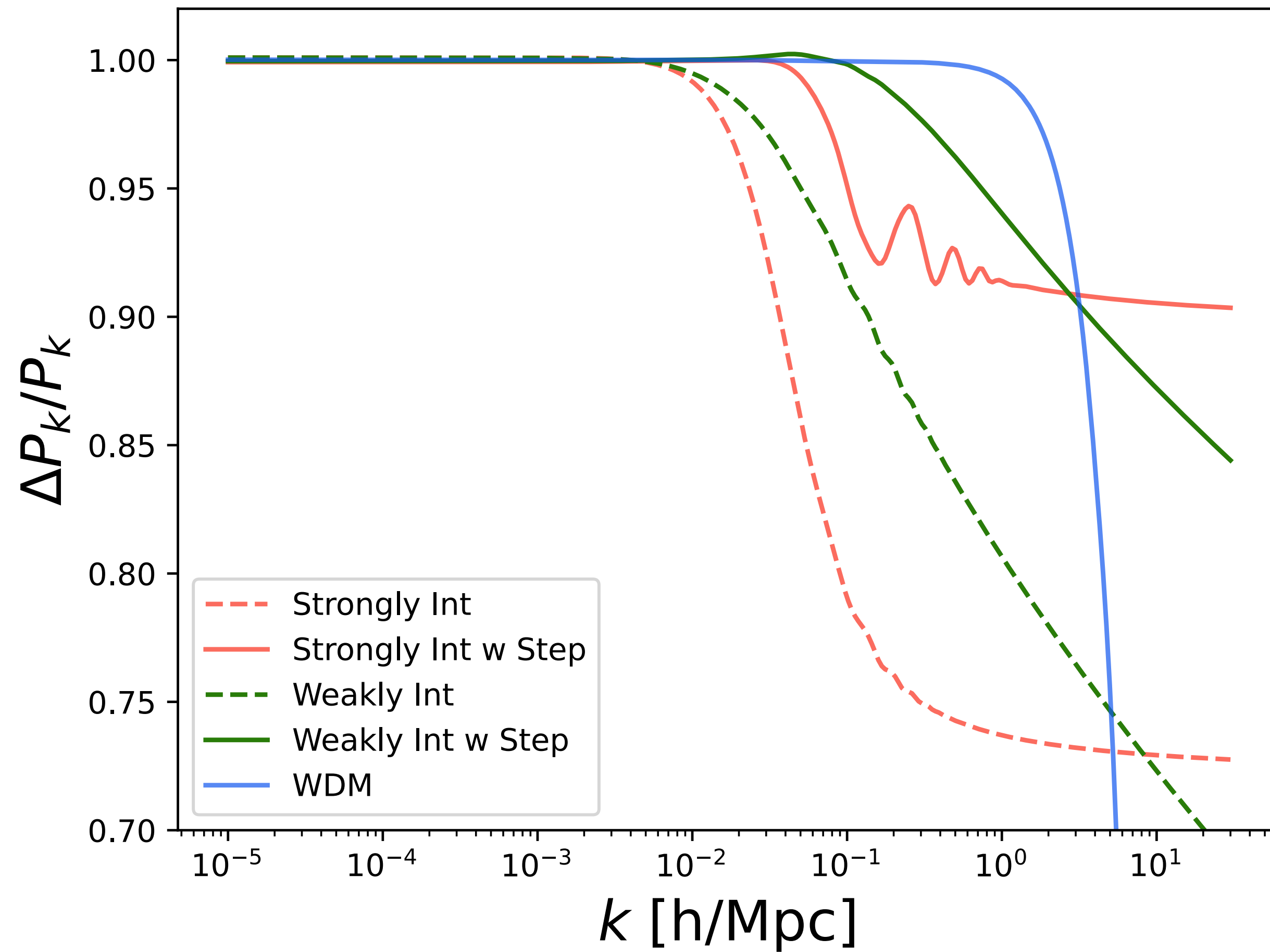
Light fermion ψ

Gauge boson A_μ

DM-DR Interactions: Strongly Interacting



- Fraction of DM is strongly interacting - dark acoustic oscillations
- Exponential shut-off of DM-DR interactions after mass threshold (at z_t)



- Deviations from standard assumptions of CDM can leave (non-primordial) imprints in MPS
- Need measurements of power at small-scales to differentiate these models

Conclusions

- Interacting dark sector models (stepped dark sectors ...) alleviate cosmological tensions while still providing good fits to LSS
- Can provide concrete targets for extensions of LCDM
- Measurements of the MPS at smaller scales will allow us to distinguish between these models

