

# Limits on neutrino masses:

## Tension between terrestrial and cosmological results



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2015 Nobel Physics Prize to Takaaki Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald  
*“for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass. [...] New discoveries about the deepest neutrino secrets are expected to change our current understanding of the history, structure and future fate of the Universe”*

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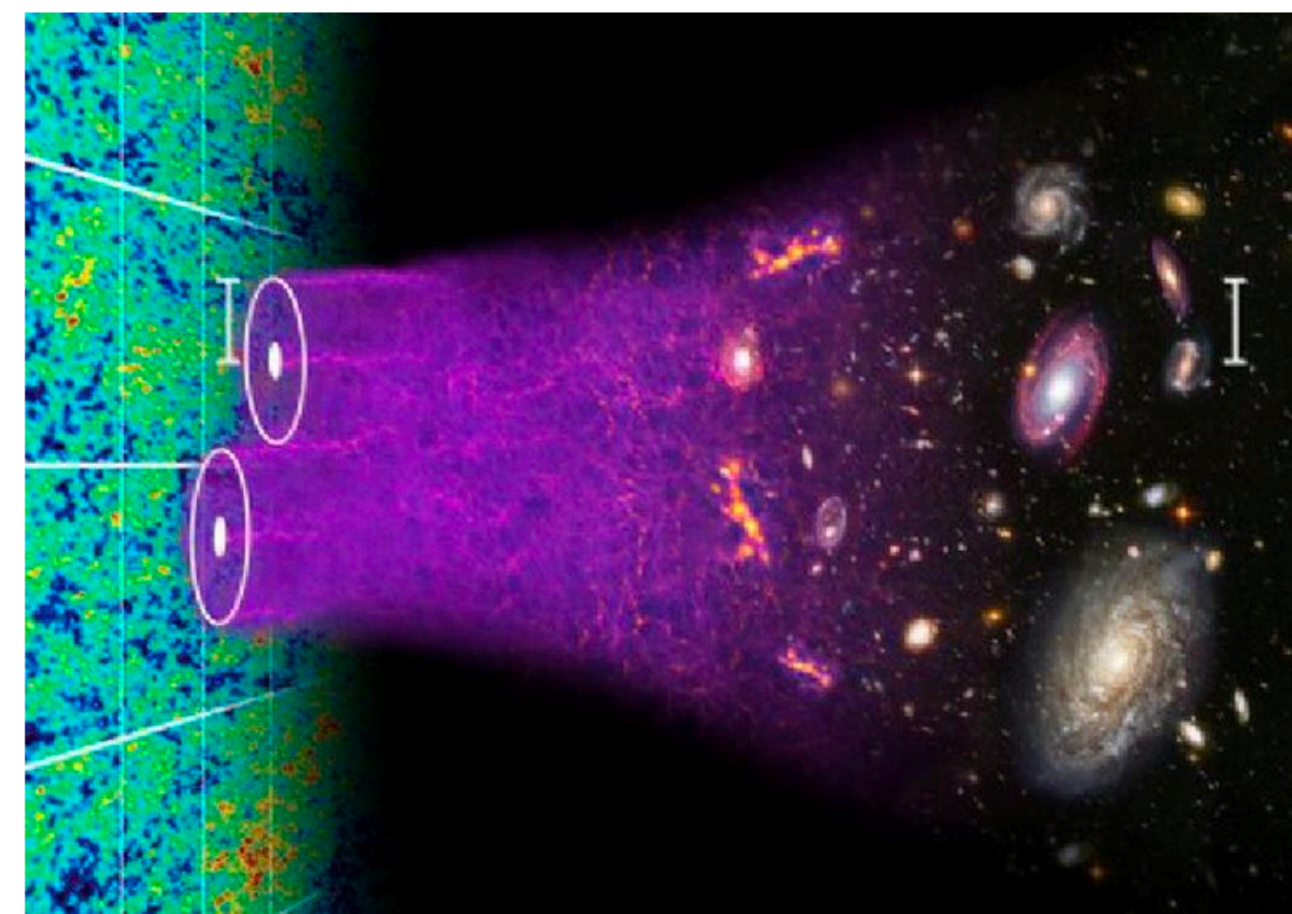
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## How Neutrinos Could Solve The Three Greatest Open Questions In Physics



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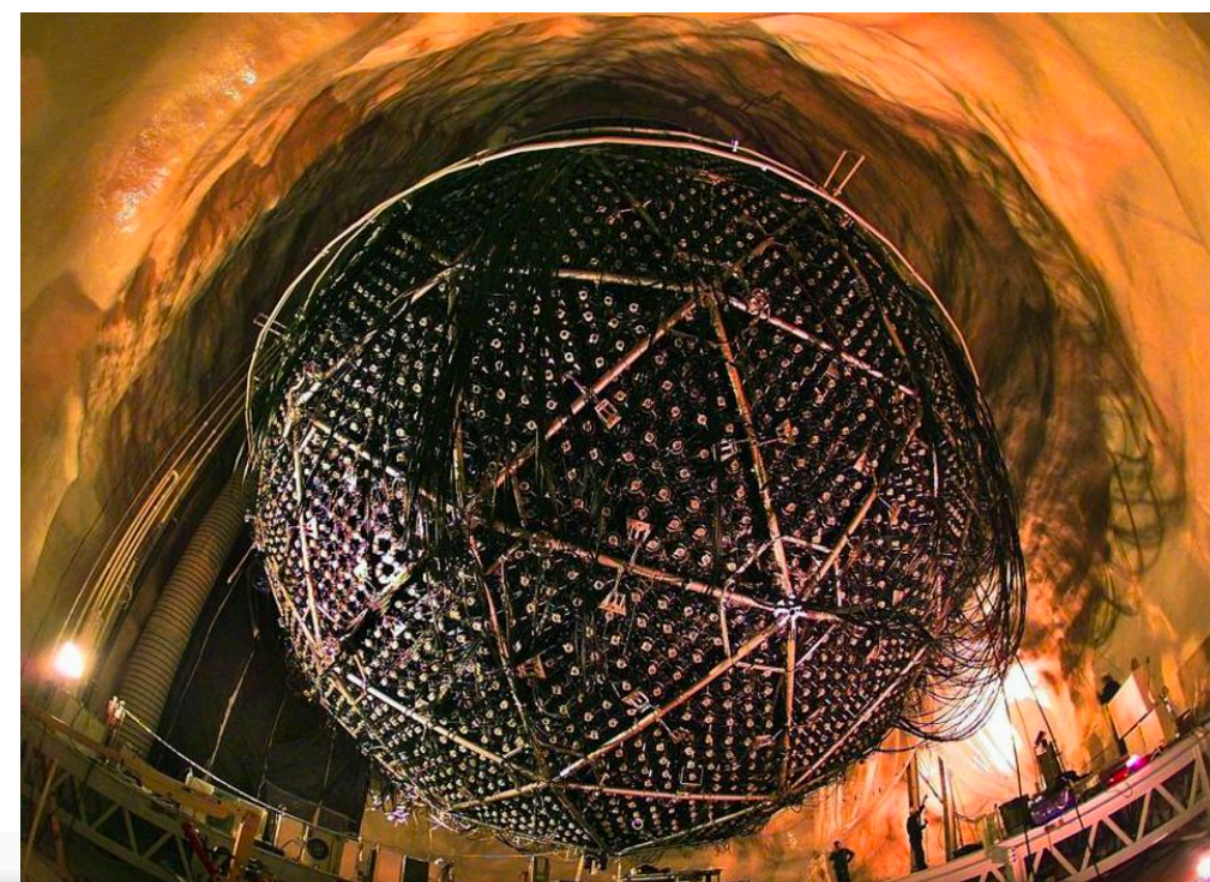


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## This Is Why Neutrinos Are The Standard Model's Greatest Puzzle

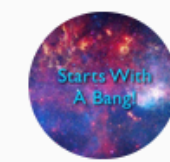


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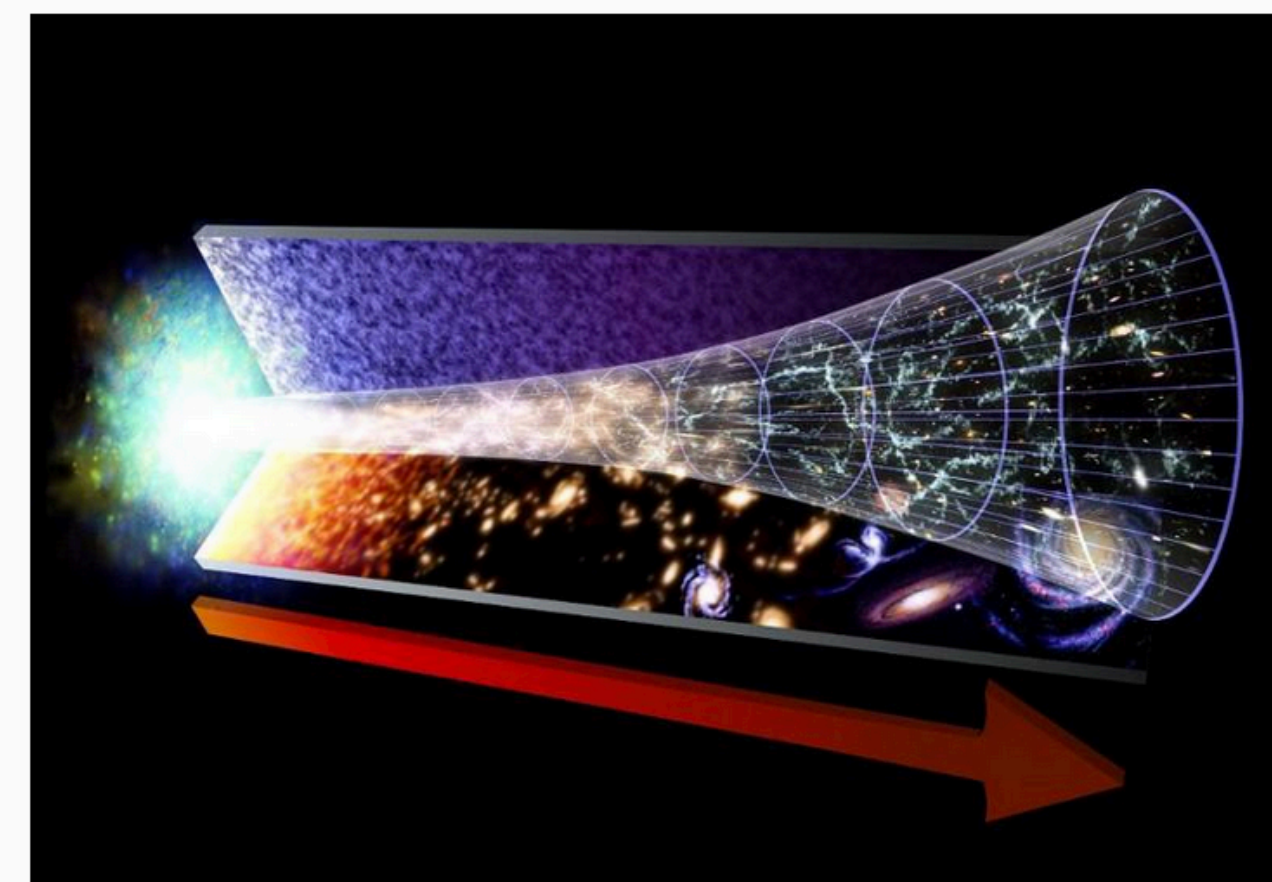


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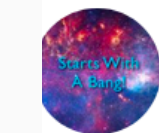


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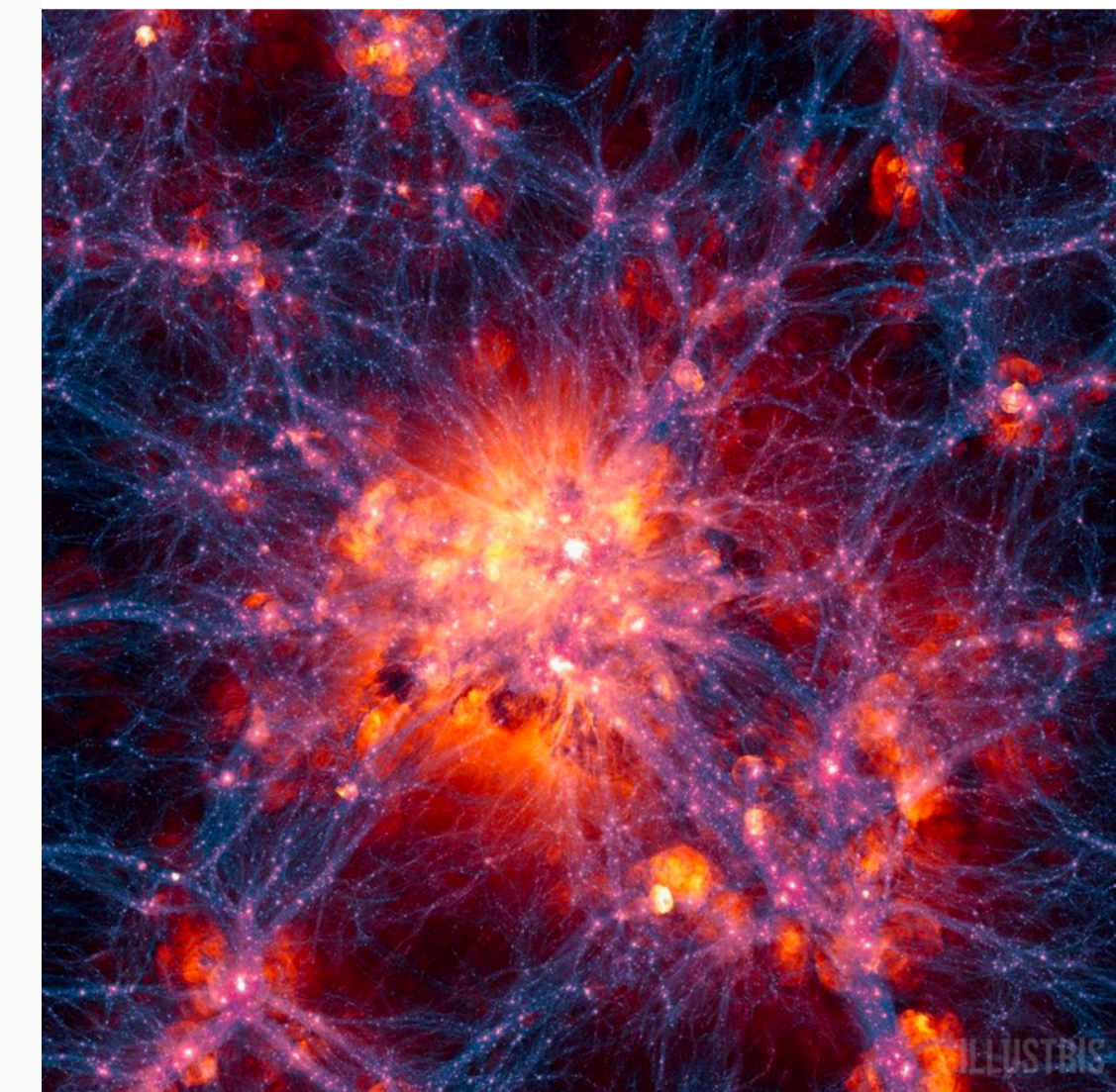


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## How Much Of The Dark Matter Could Neutrinos Be?



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# Our ( $\Lambda$ CDM) universe today

Heavy elements 0.03%

Stars 0.5%



0.1 %  $\lesssim$  Neutrinos  $\lesssim$  0.3%

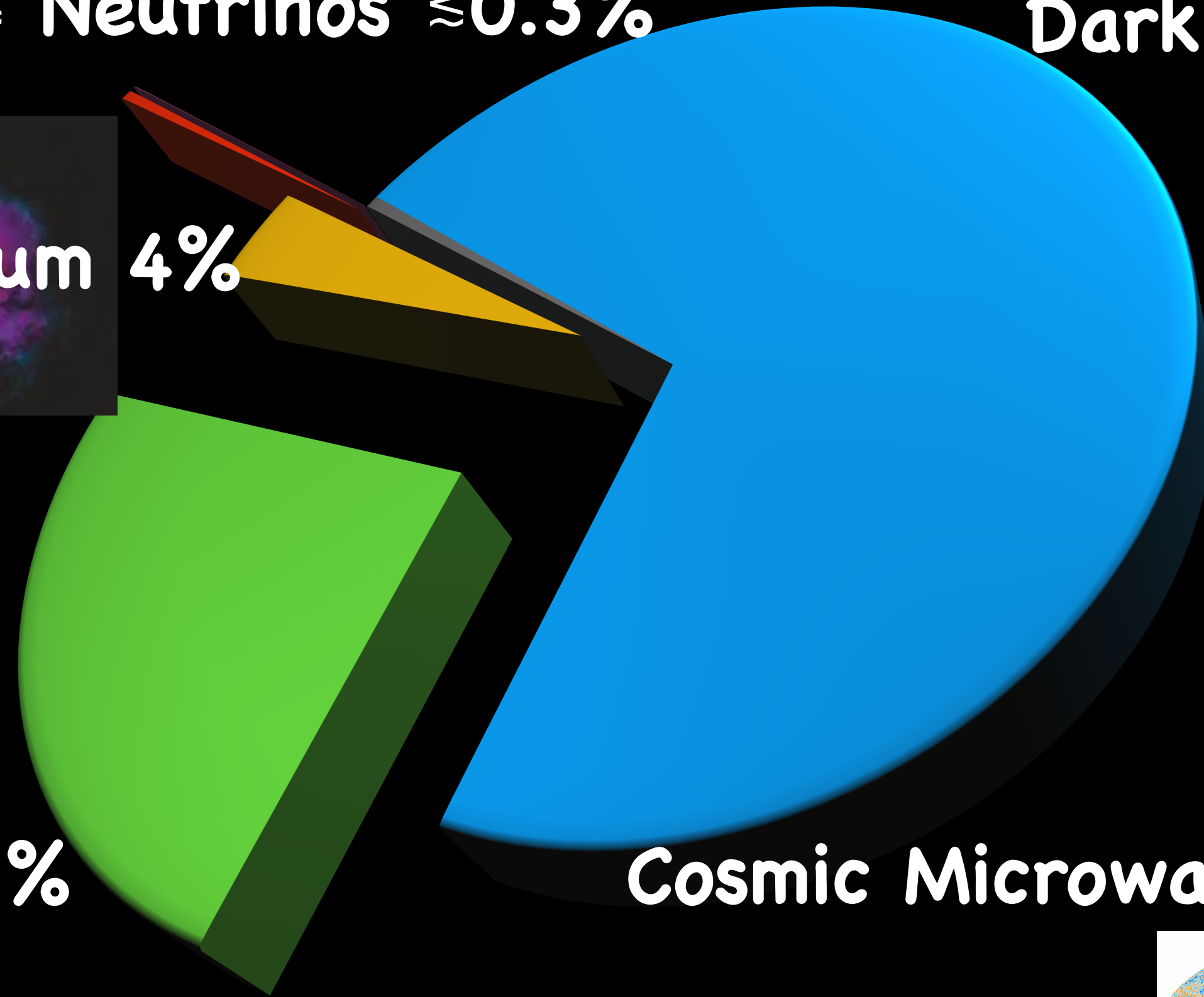
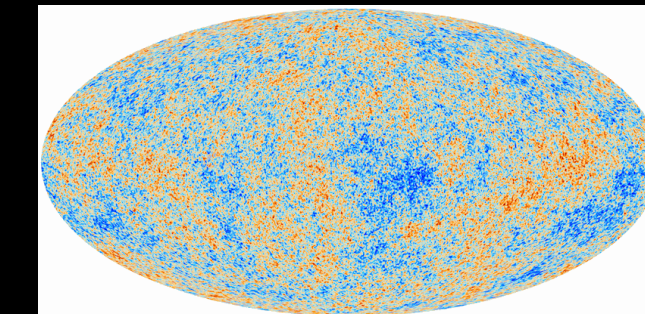
Hydrogen & Helium 4%



Dark energy 70%

Dark matter 25%

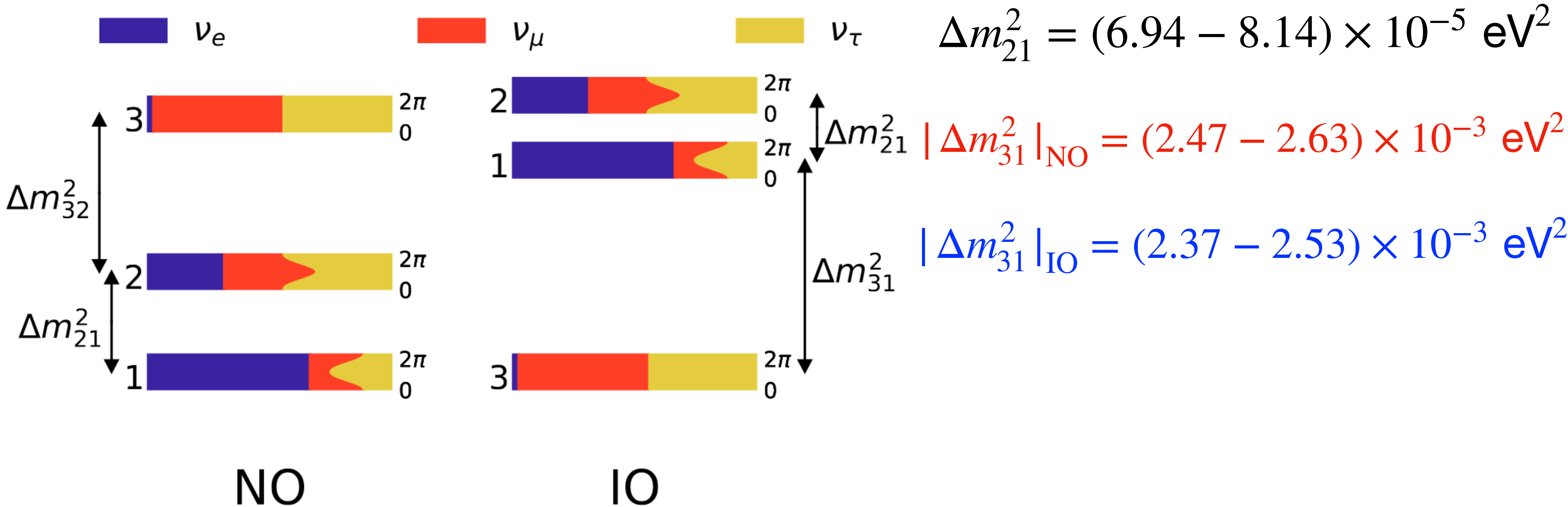
Cosmic Microwave Background 0.001%



# THE NEUTRINO MENU

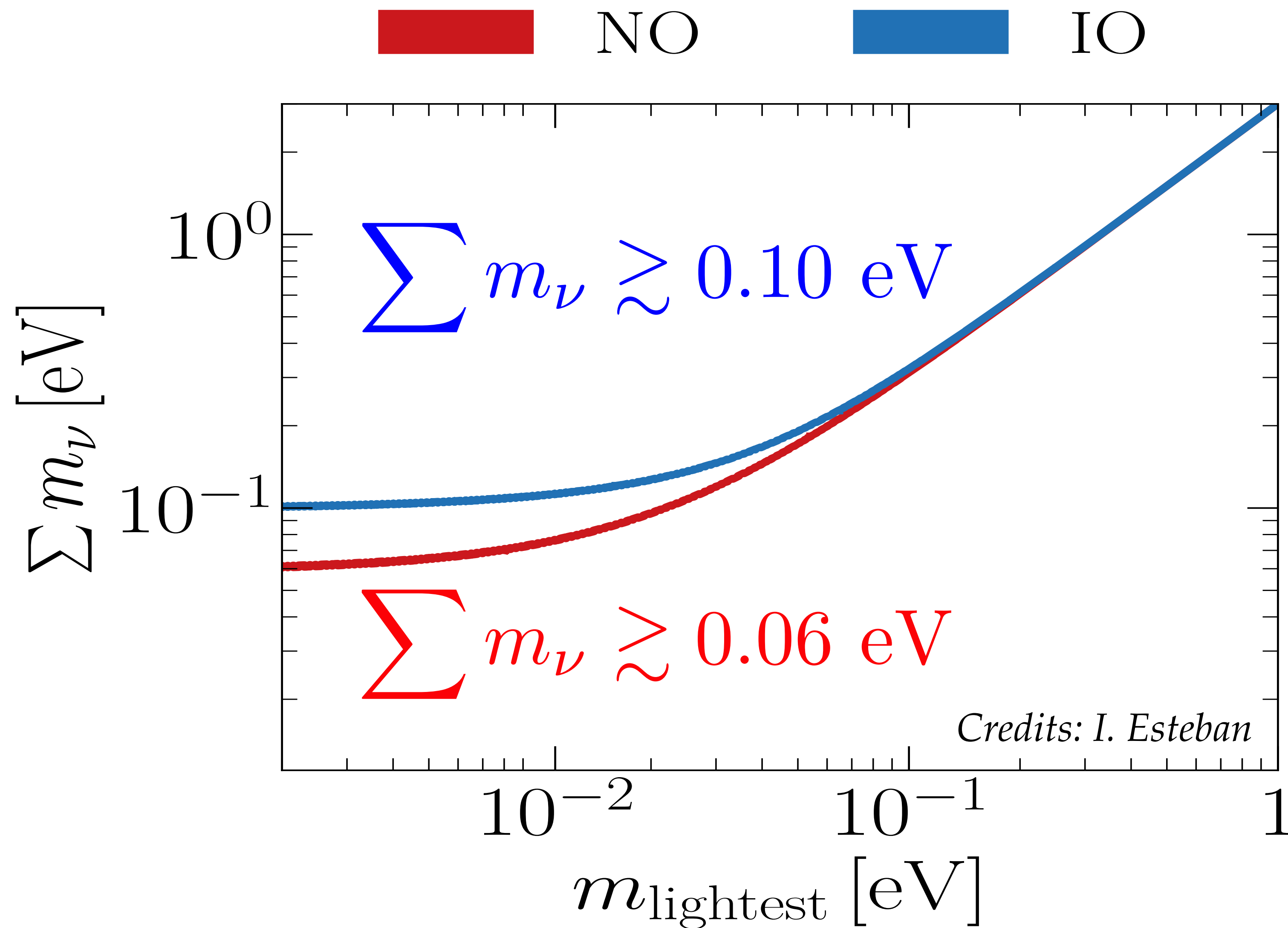
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According to **neutrino oscillation physics**, we know that there are at least two Dirac or Majorana **massive** neutrinos:



Credits: S. Gariazzo

Oscillation measurements of the mass splittings translate into a lower bound for the neutrino mass, depending on the mass ordering:



We are sure then that **two neutrinos have a mass above:**

$$\sqrt{\Delta m_{21}^2} \simeq 0.008 \text{ eV}$$

and that **at least one of these neutrinos has a mass larger than**

$$\sqrt{|\Delta m_{31}^2|} \simeq 0.05 \text{ eV}$$

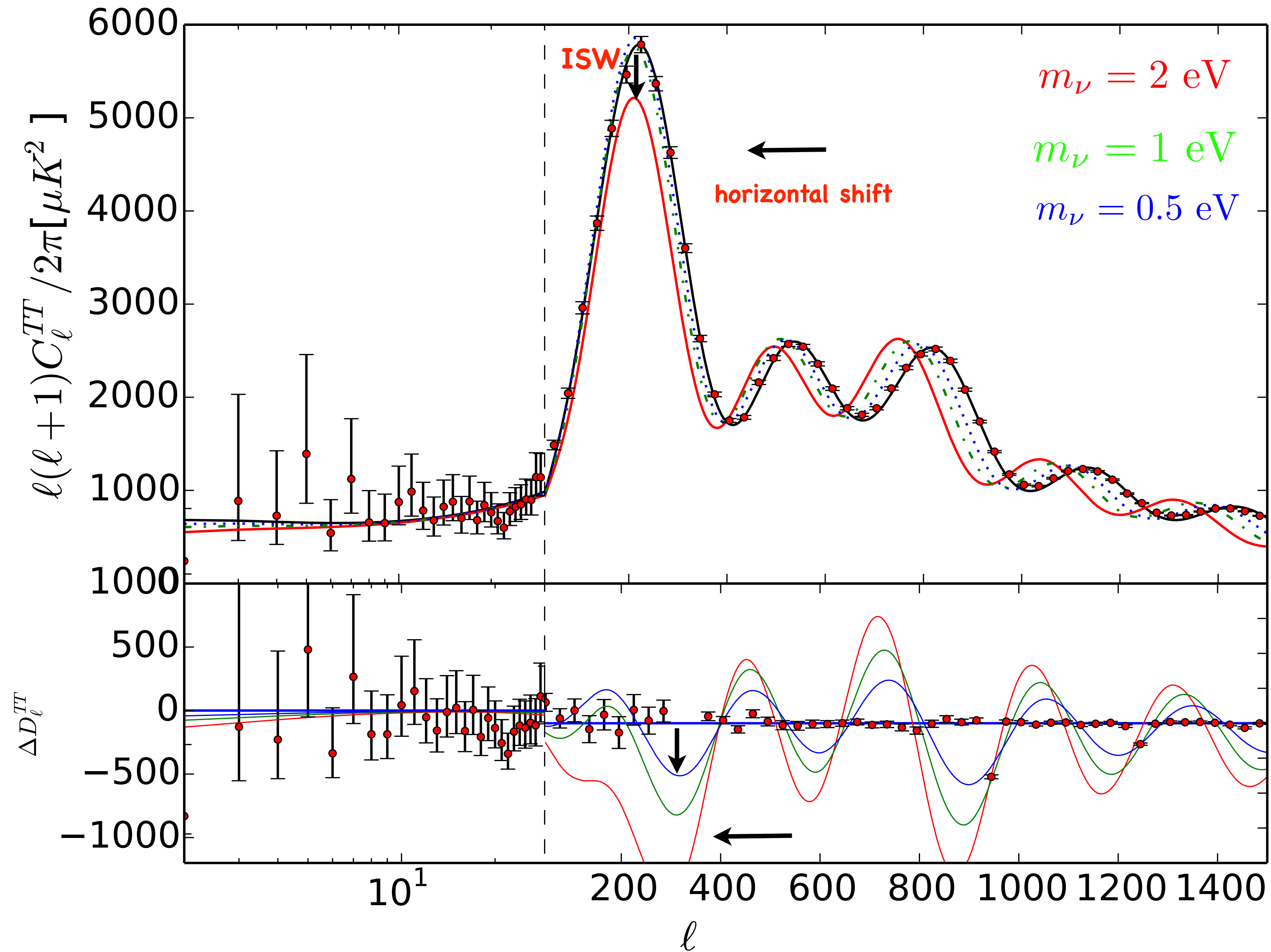
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# CMB: $\Sigma m_\nu$

Early Integrated Sachs Wolfe effect (ISW).  
Shift in the angular position of the peaks.

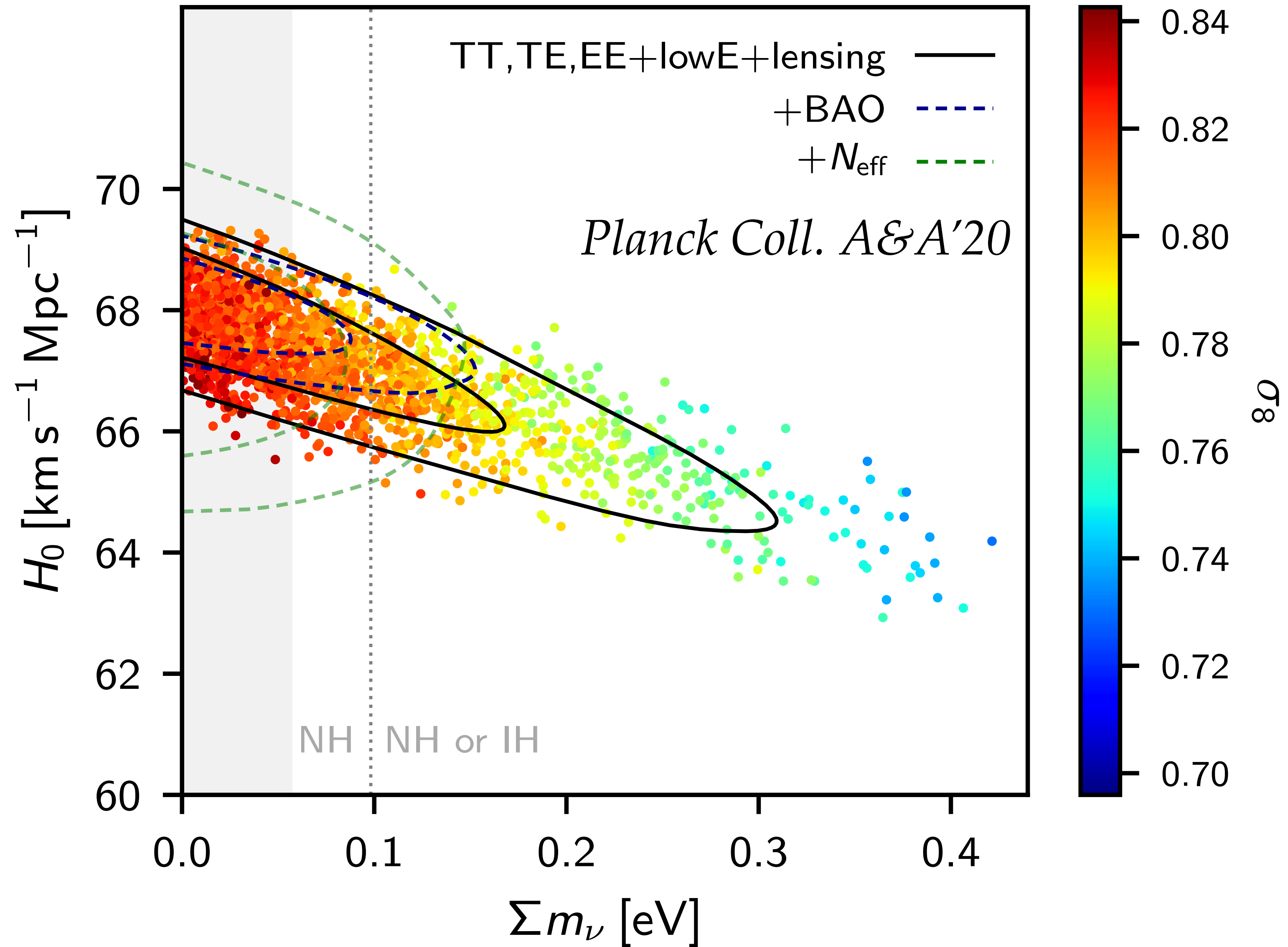


CMB.  $\Sigma m_\nu$

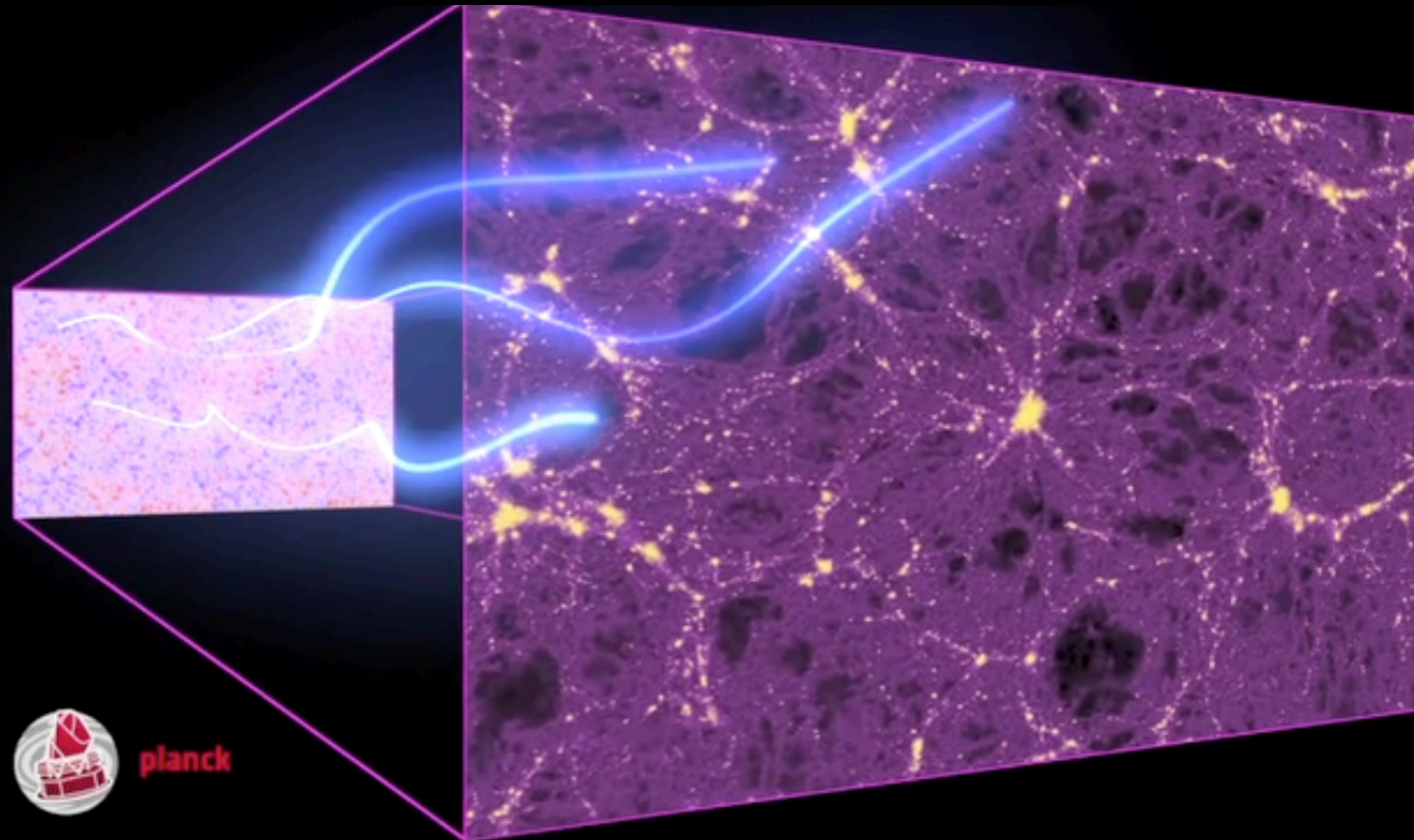
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# Strong degeneracy between $\Sigma m_\nu$ and the Hubble constant $H_0$ !



# Gravitational Lensing



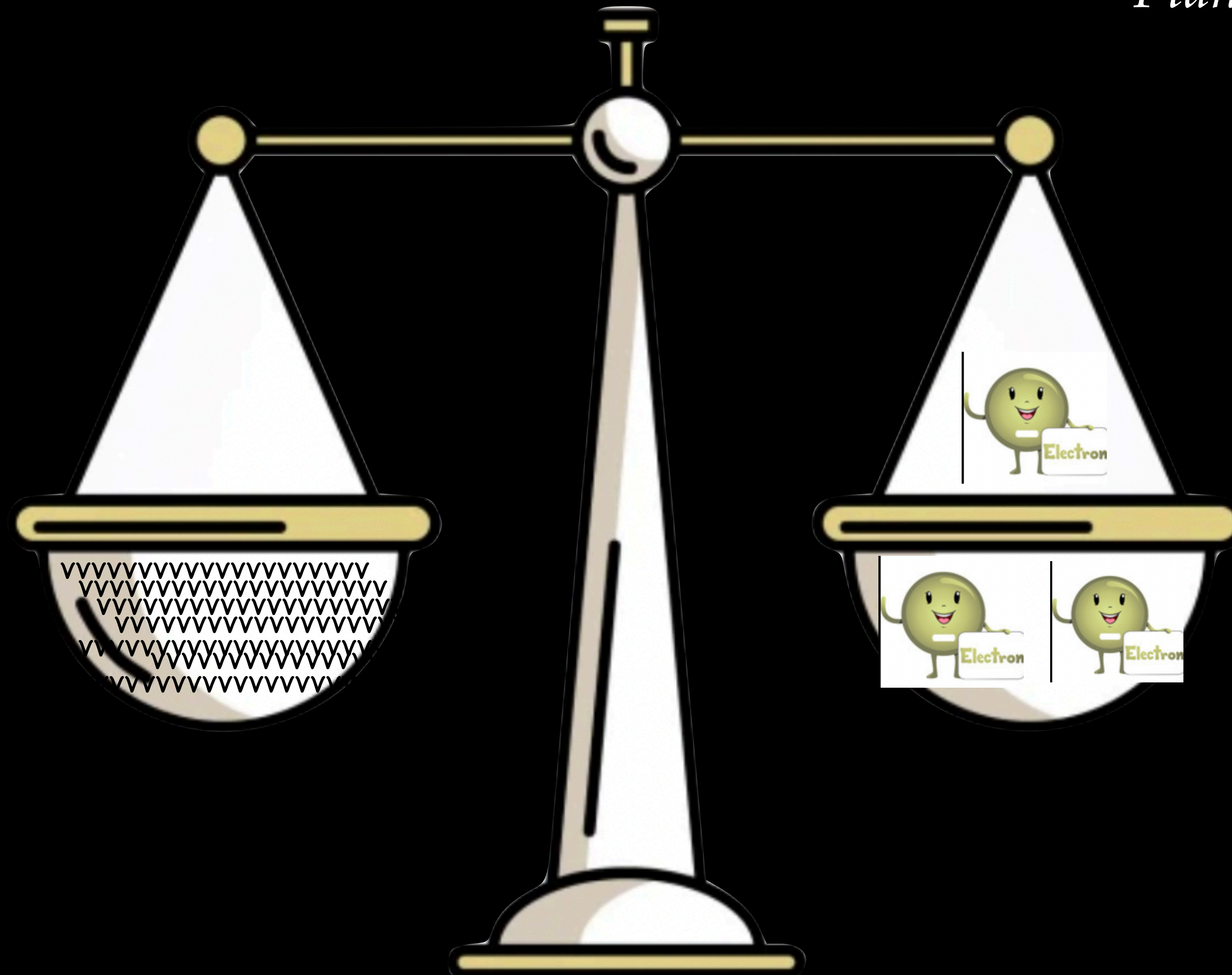
*Credits: ESA and Planck collaboration*

CMB:  $\Sigma m_\nu$

Planck TTTEEE+lowT+lowE+lensing

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.24 \text{ eV } 95\% \text{ CL}$$

*Planck Coll. A&A'20*



6 million neutrinos can't weigh more than 3 electrons

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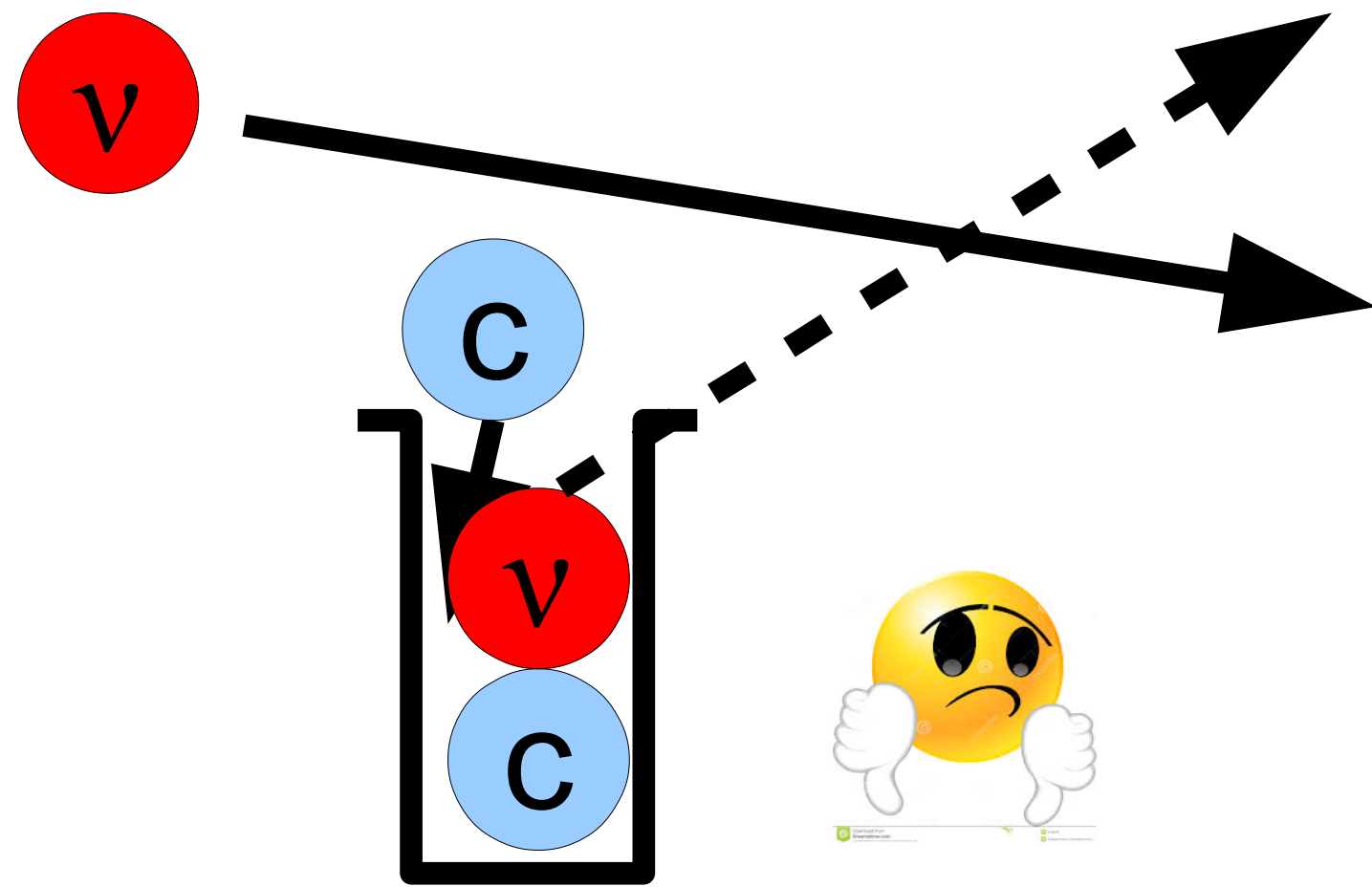
# Large scale structure: $\Sigma m_\nu$

Neutrino masses suppress structure formation on scales larger than their free streaming scale when they turn non relativistic.

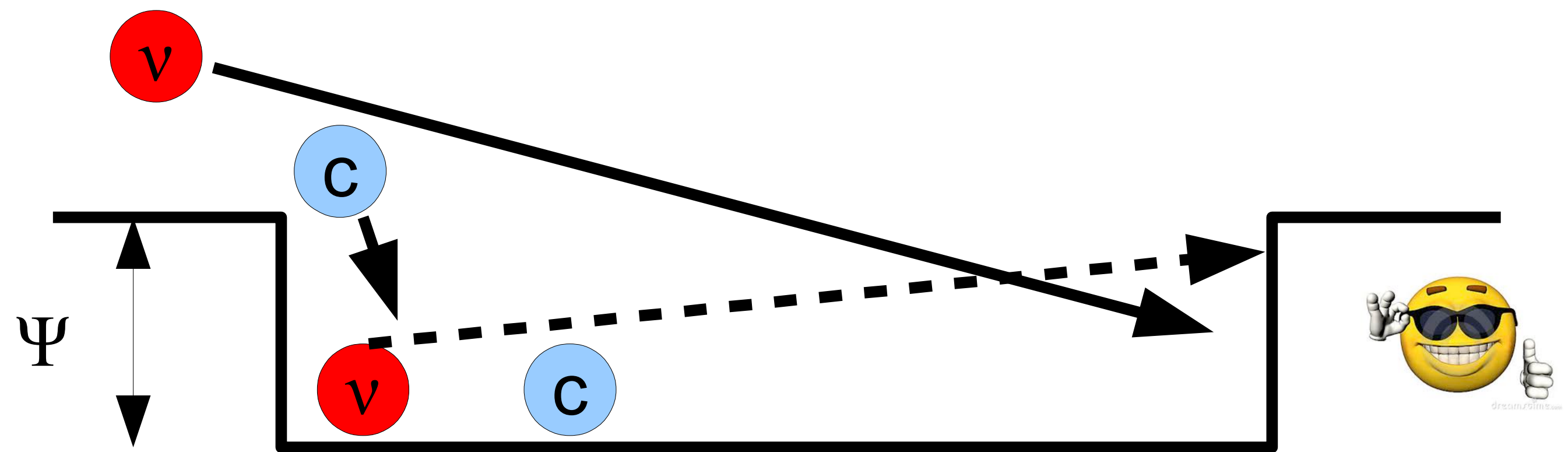
Neutrinos with eV or sub-eV masses are HOT relics with LARGE thermal velocities!

$$\langle v_{\text{thermal}} \rangle \simeq 81(1+z) \left( \frac{\text{eV}}{m_\nu} \right) \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

Cold dark matter instead has zero velocity and therefore it clusters at any scale!



$$\lambda \ll \lambda_{fs,\nu} \rightarrow k \gg k_{fs,\nu}$$



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# Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

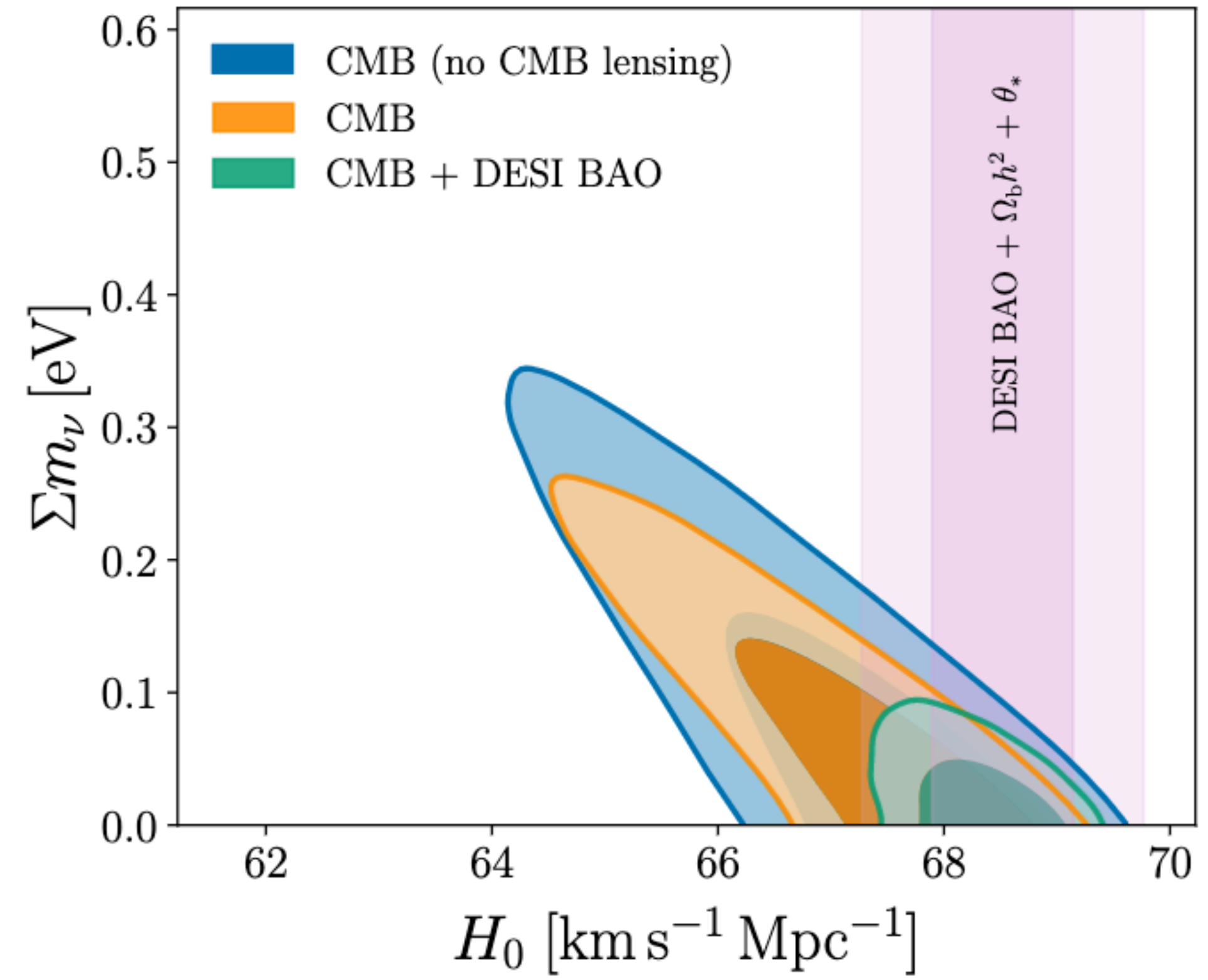
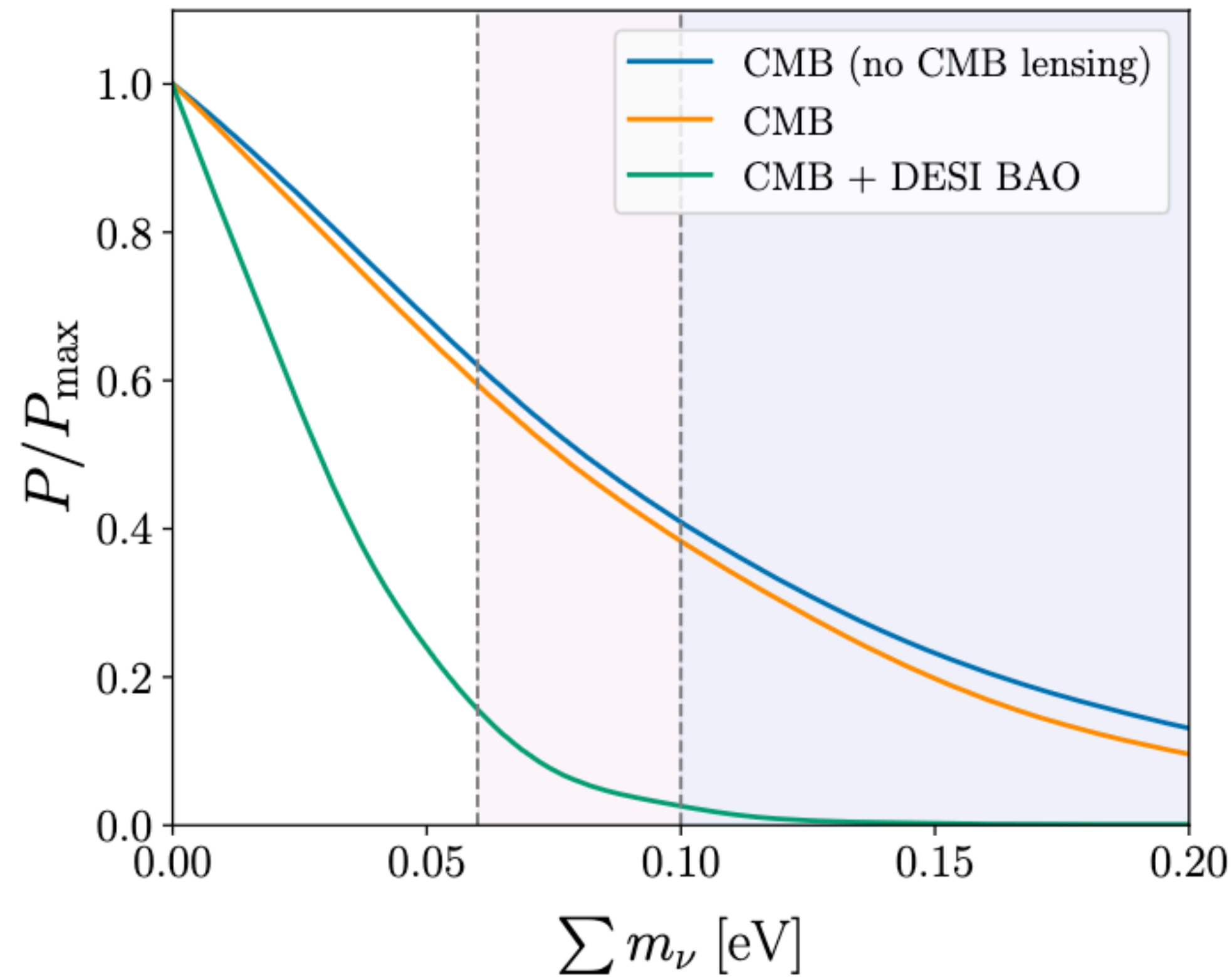
2021-2022=DESI Y1

tracer	redshift	$N_{\text{tracer}}$	$z_{\text{eff}}$	$D_{\text{M}}/r_{\text{d}}$	$D_{\text{H}}/r_{\text{d}}$	$r$ or $D_{\text{V}}/r_{\text{d}}$	$V_{\text{eff}}$ (Gpc <sup>3</sup> )
BGS	0.1 – 0.4	300,017	0.30	—	—	$7.93 \pm 0.15$	1.7
LRG	0.4 – 0.6	506,905	0.51	$13.62 \pm 0.25$	$20.98 \pm 0.61$	-0.445	2.6
LRG	0.6 – 0.8	771,875	0.71	$16.85 \pm 0.32$	$20.08 \pm 0.60$	-0.420	4.0
LRG+ELG	0.8 – 1.1	1,876,164	0.93	$21.71 \pm 0.28$	$17.88 \pm 0.35$	-0.389	6.5
ELG	1.1 – 1.6	1,415,687	1.32	$27.79 \pm 0.69$	$13.82 \pm 0.42$	-0.444	2.7
QSO	0.8 – 2.1	856,652	1.49	—	—	$26.07 \pm 0.67$	1.5
Lya QSO	1.77 – 4.16	709,565	2.33	$39.71 \pm 0.94$	$8.52 \pm 0.17$	-0.477	—



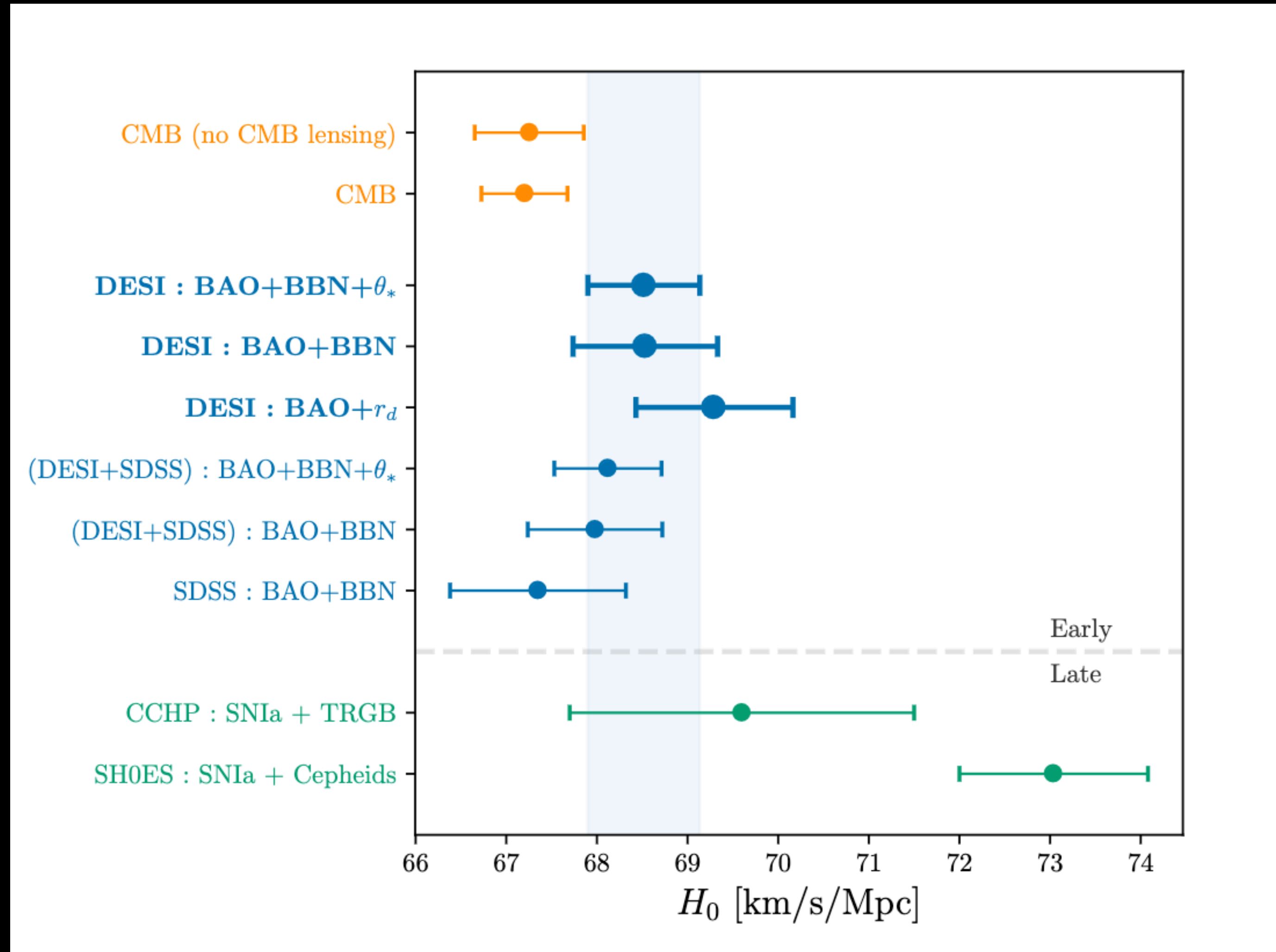
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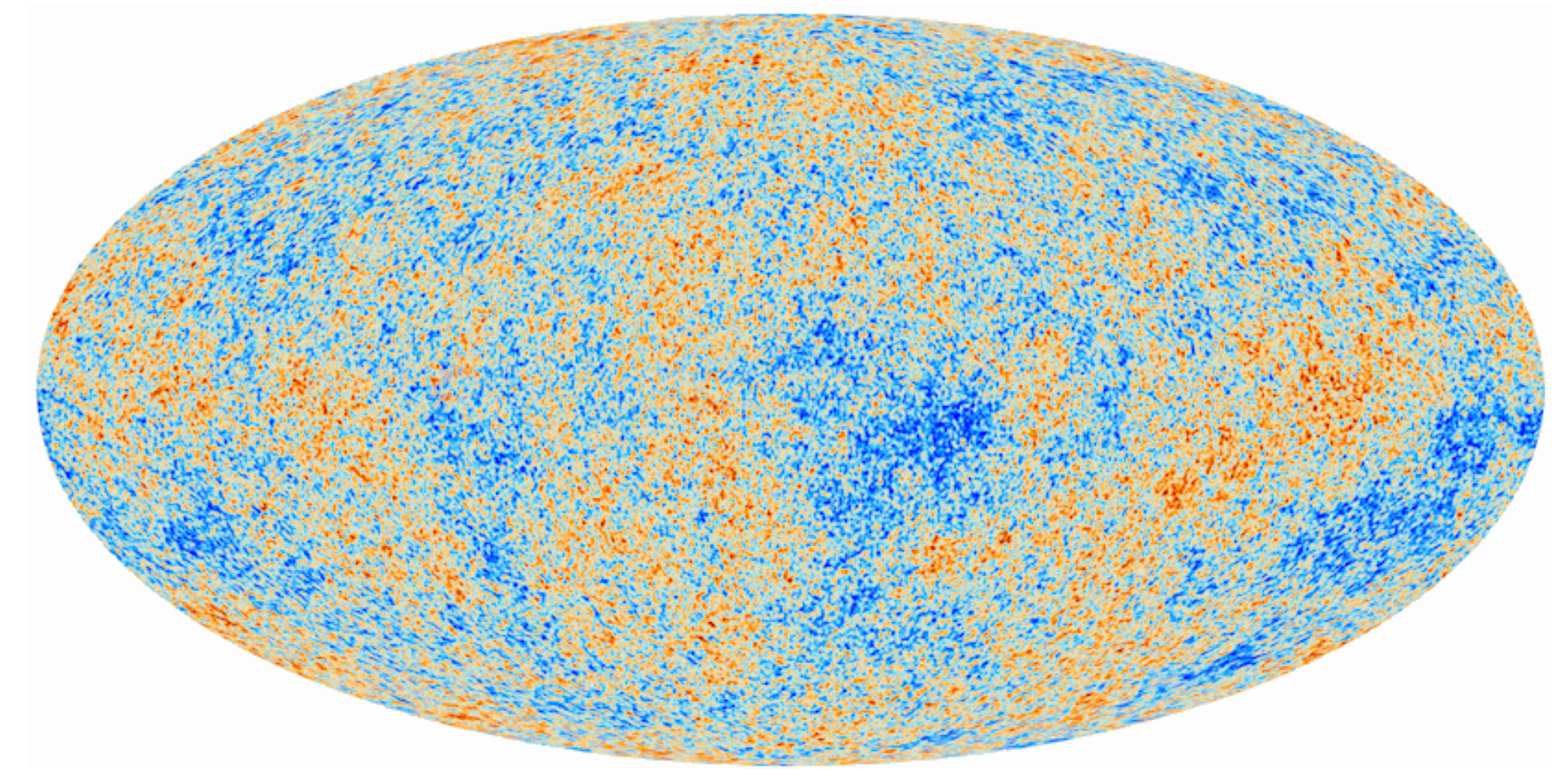
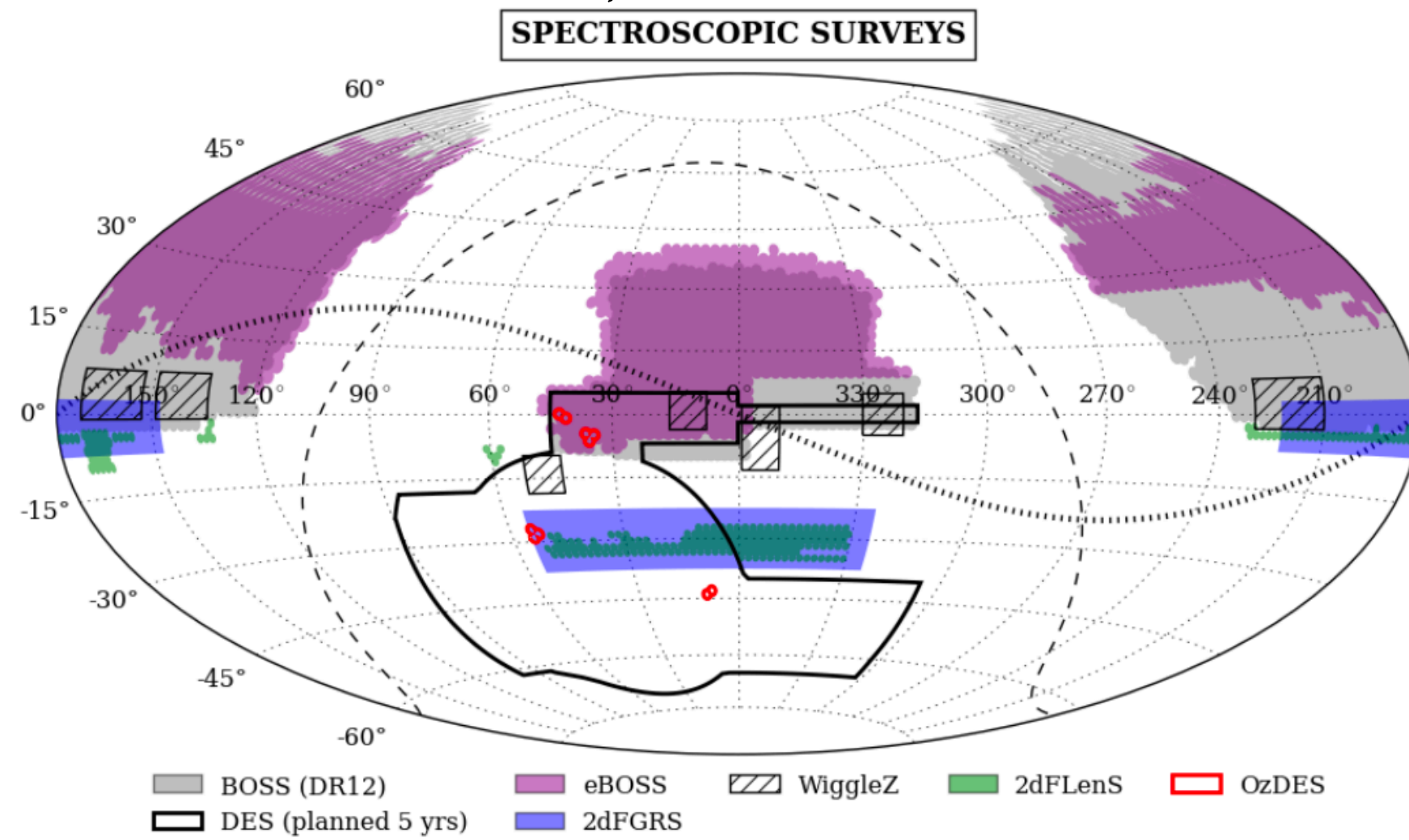
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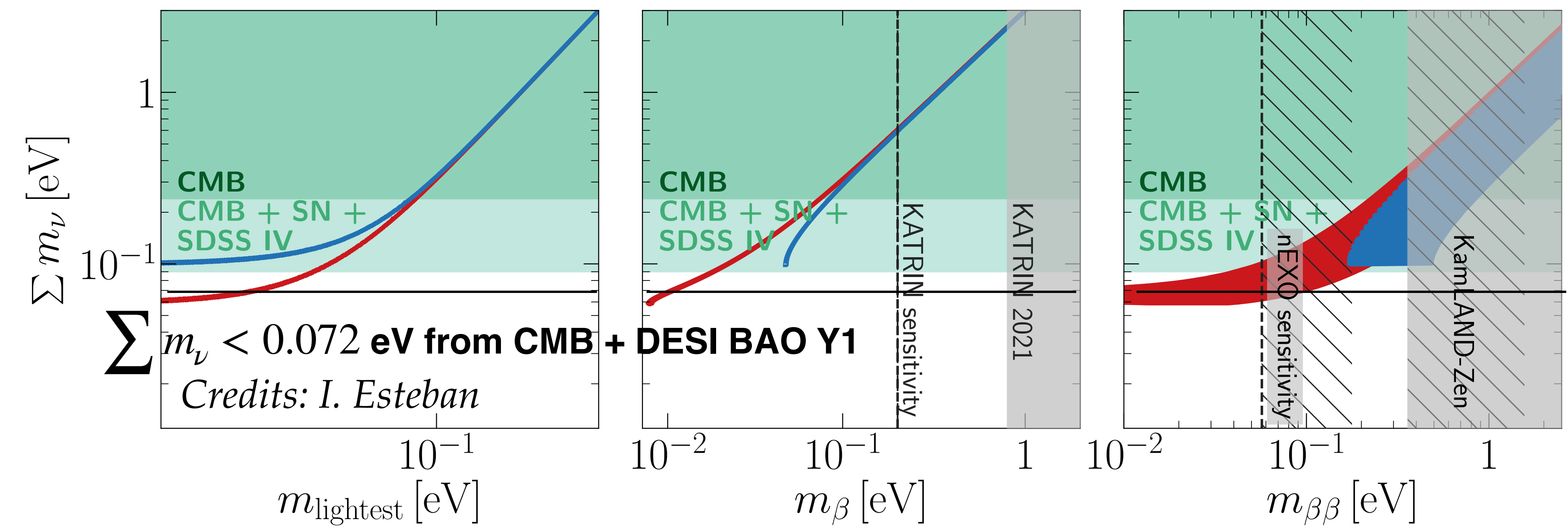
# 2024 absolute neutrino mass status

DES Collaboration, MNRAS'16

Planck coll.



Normal Ordering (Red)      Inverted Ordering (Blue)



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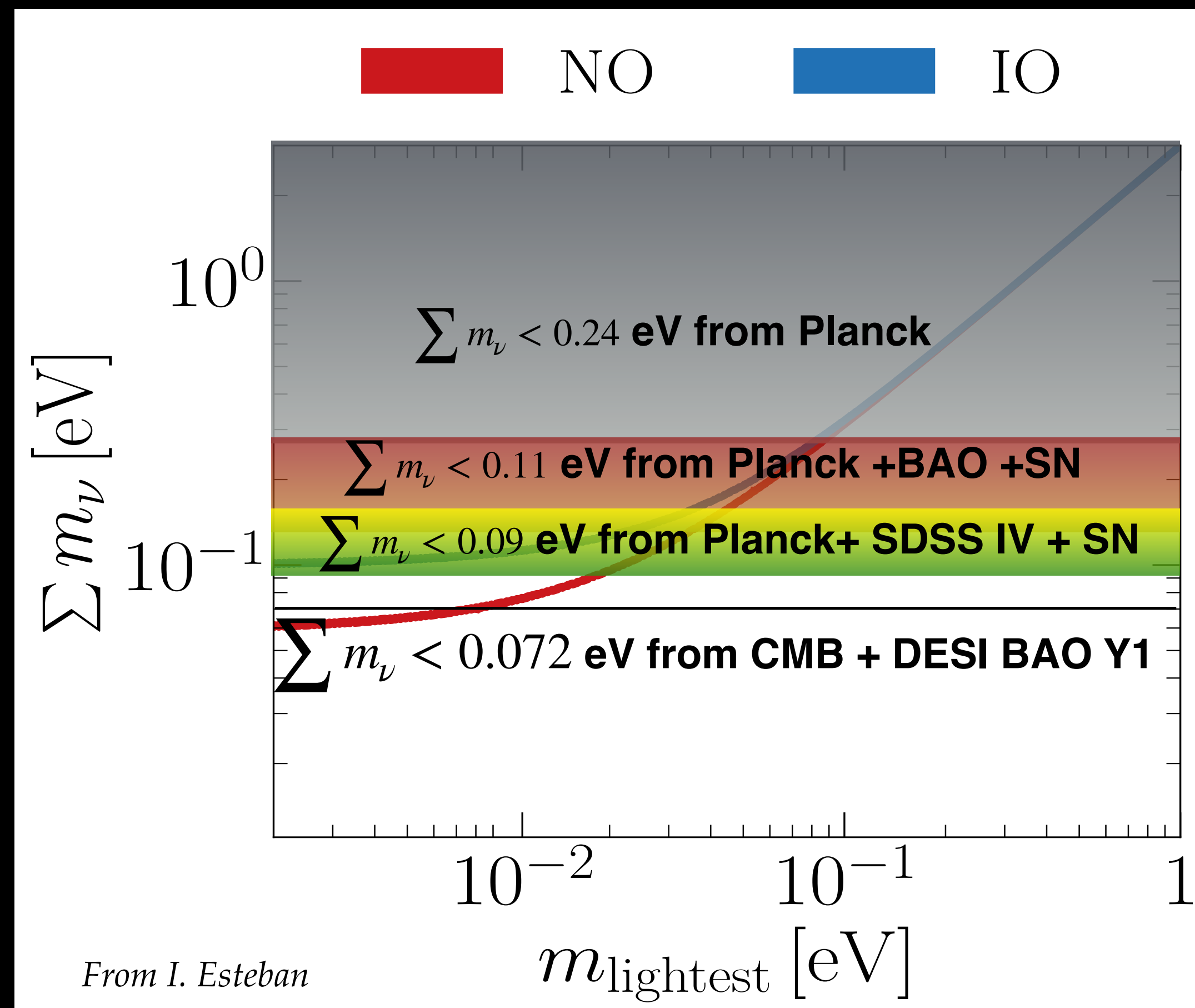
model / dataset	$\Omega_m$	$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\Sigma m_\nu$ [eV]	$N_{\text{eff}}$
<b><math>\Lambda</math>CDM+<math>\Sigma m_\nu</math></b>				
DESI+CMB	$0.3037 \pm 0.0053$	$68.27 \pm 0.42$	$< 0.072$	—
<b><math>\Lambda</math>CDM+<math>N_{\text{eff}}</math></b>				
DESI+CMB	$0.3058 \pm 0.0060$	$68.3 \pm 1.1$	—	$3.10 \pm 0.17$
<b><math>w</math>CDM+<math>\Sigma m_\nu</math></b>				
DESI+CMB	$0.282 \pm 0.013$	$71.1^{+1.5}_{-1.8}$	$< 0.123$	—
DESI+CMB+Panth.	$0.3081 \pm 0.0067$	$67.81 \pm 0.69$	$< 0.079$	—
DESI+CMB+Union3	$0.3090 \pm 0.0082$	$67.72 \pm 0.88$	$< 0.078$	—
DESI+CMB+DESY5	$0.3152 \pm 0.0065$	$67.01 \pm 0.64$	$< 0.073$	—

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CMB+DESI BAO Y1

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.072 \text{ eV } 95\% \text{ CL}$$

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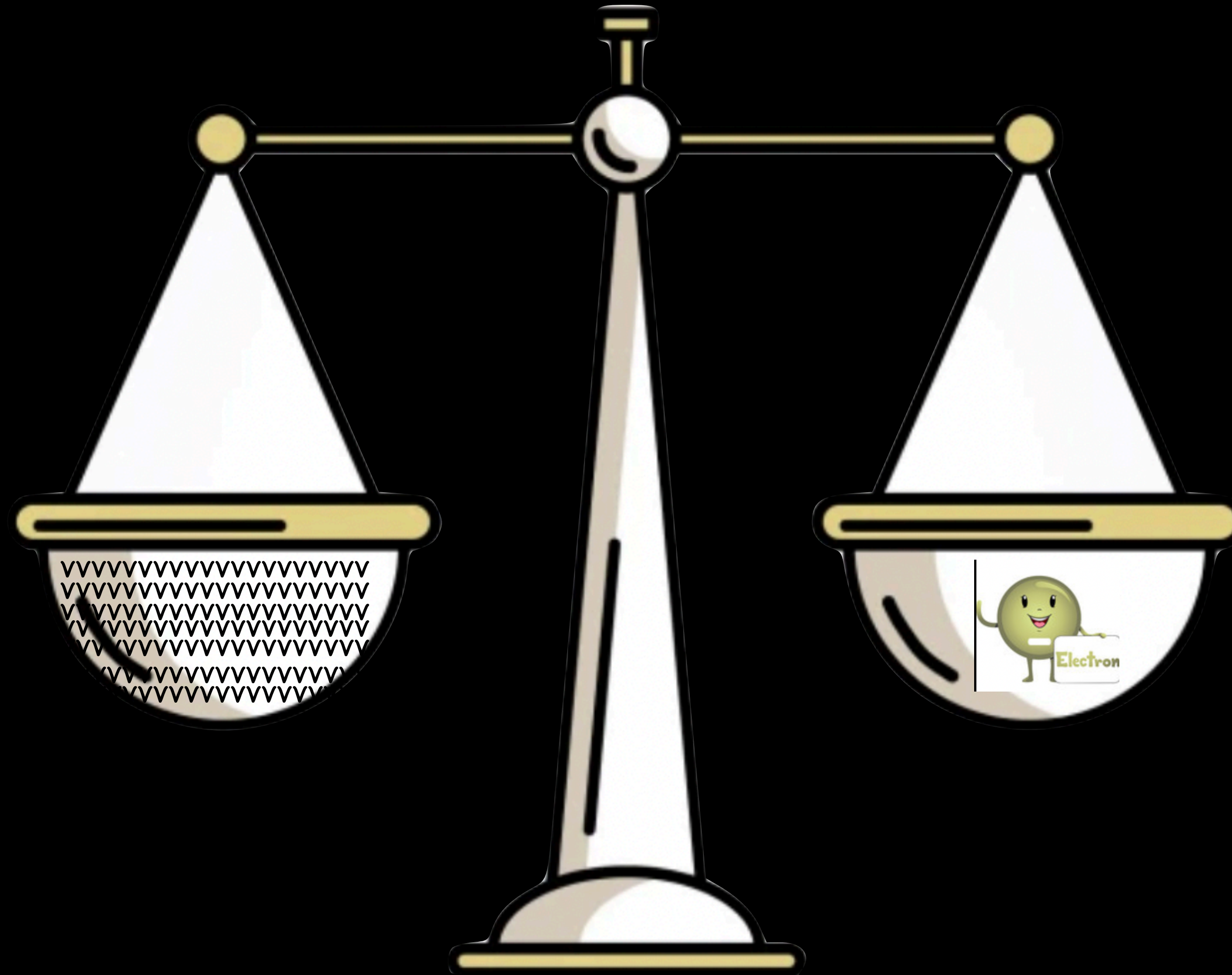


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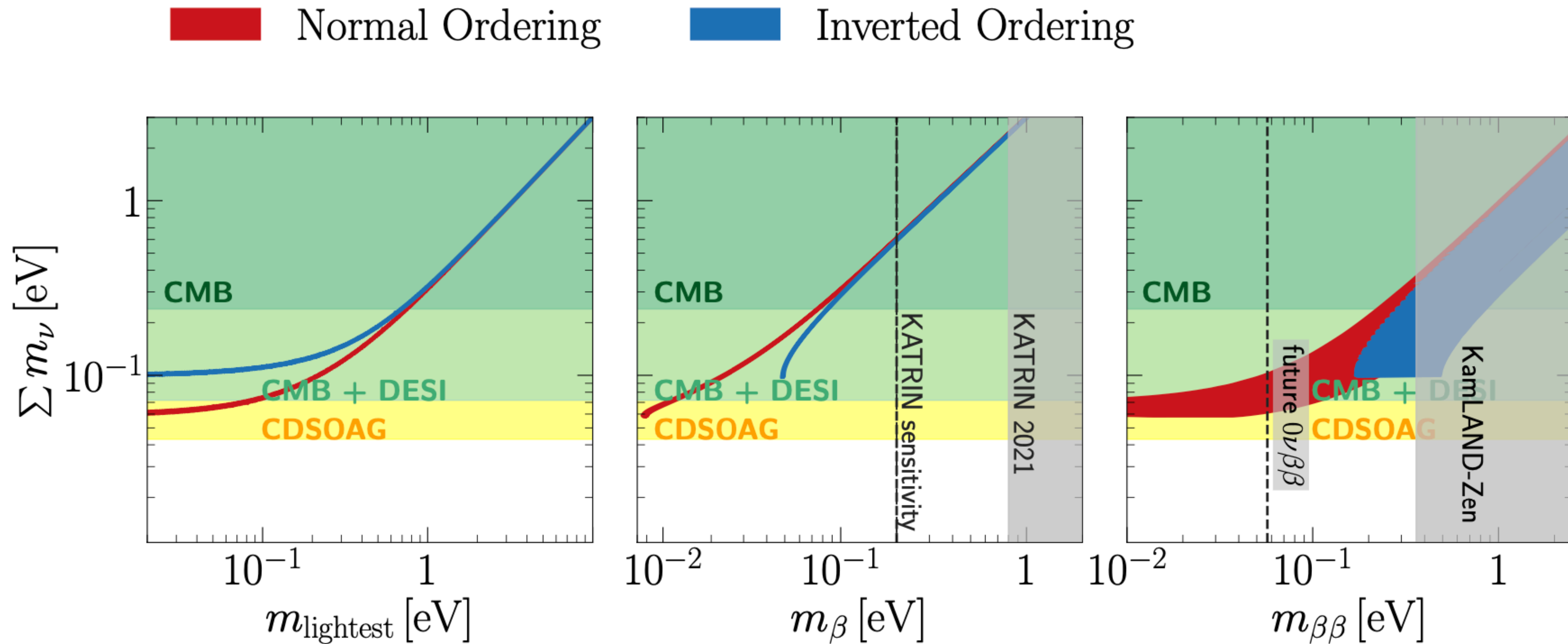
Deng Wang, Olga Mena et al, 2405.03368

Datasets	$\Sigma m_\nu$ [eV]	$H_0$ [km/s/Mpc]	$\Omega_m$	$\sigma_8$
<b>CBS</b>	$< 0.137$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$67.54^{+0.52}_{-0.45}$	$0.3130^{+0.0058}_{-0.0067}$	$0.813^{+0.0110}_{-0.0075}$
<b>CBSO</b>	$< 0.135$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$67.56^{+0.51}_{-0.43}$	$0.3128^{+0.0056}_{-0.0065}$	$0.813^{+0.0110}_{-0.0077}$
<b>CBSA</b>	$< 0.082$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$68.27 \pm 0.38$	$0.3039 \pm 0.0049$	$0.8165^{+0.0081}_{-0.0066}$
<b>CBSG</b>	$< 0.059$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$68.70 \pm 0.43$	$0.2991 \pm 0.0054$	$0.8184 \pm 0.0068$
<b>CBSOA</b>	$< 0.082$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$68.28 \pm 0.38$	$0.3038 \pm 0.0049$	$0.8167^{+0.0081}_{-0.0063}$
<b>CBSOG</b>	$< 0.056$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$68.70 \pm 0.42$	$0.2991 \pm 0.0053$	$0.8185 \pm 0.0068$
<b>CBSAG</b>	$< 0.046$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$69.04 \pm 0.37$	$0.2949 \pm 0.0047$	$0.8177 \pm 0.0065$
<b>CBSOAG</b>	$< 0.049$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$69.02 \pm 0.37$	$0.2951 \pm 0.0047$	$0.8179 \pm 0.0068$
<b>CDS</b>	$< 0.093$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$68.20 \pm 0.44$	$0.3045 \pm 0.0056$	$0.8156^{+0.0086}_{-0.0068}$
<b>CDSO</b>	$< 0.091$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$68.20 \pm 0.43$	$0.3045 \pm 0.0054$	$0.8158^{+0.0084}_{-0.0068}$
<b>CDSA</b>	$< 0.071$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$68.65 \pm 0.37$	$0.2990 \pm 0.0047$	$0.8160^{+0.0078}_{-0.0064}$
<b>CDSG</b>	$< 0.049$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$69.17 \pm 0.40$	$0.2932 \pm 0.0050$	$0.8179 \pm 0.0069$
<b>CDSOA</b>	$< 0.065$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$68.69 \pm 0.36$	$0.2984 \pm 0.0044$	$0.8166 \pm 0.0071$
<b>CDSOG</b>	$< 0.049$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$69.14 \pm 0.40$	$0.2934 \pm 0.0050$	$0.8174 \pm 0.0067$
<b>CDSAG</b>	$< 0.045$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$69.38 \pm 0.36$	$0.2906 \pm 0.0045$	$0.8172 \pm 0.0066$
<b>CDSOAG</b>	$< 0.043$ ( $2\sigma$ )	$69.38 \pm 0.37$	$0.2906 \pm 0.0045$	$0.8174 \pm 0.0068$

Clear tension between oscillation and cosmological neutrino mass bounds

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# Mass ordering status (after DESI)

Dataset	$\Lambda$ CDM+ $M_\nu$		$\Lambda$ CDM+ $M_\nu$ + $w(z) \geq -1$	
	$M_\nu$	$B_{\text{NO},\text{IO}}$	$M_\nu$	$B_{\text{NO},\text{IO}}$
<b>baseline</b> (CMB + DESI)	< 0.072 eV	8.1	< 0.064 eV	12.3
baseline + SNeIa	< 0.081 eV	7.0	< 0.068 eV	7.9
baseline + CC	< 0.073 eV	7.3	< 0.067 eV	8.0
CMB (include ACT “extended” data) + DESI	< 0.072 eV	8.0	< 0.065 eV	12.8
baseline + SDSS	< 0.083 eV	6.8	< 0.070 eV	10.6
baseline + SH0ES	< 0.048 eV	47.8	< 0.047 eV	54.6
baseline + XSZ	< 0.050 eV	46.5	< 0.044 eV	39.6
baseline + GRB	< 0.072 eV	8.7	< 0.066 eV	15.4
<b>aggressive combination</b> (baseline + SH0ES + XSZ)	< 0.042 eV	72.6	< 0.041 eV	109.2
CMB + DESI (use HMcode2020 for non-linear corrections)	< 0.074 eV	7.5	< 0.065 eV	10.8
CMB (use ACT v1.2 likelihood)	< 0.082 eV	7.4	< 0.072 eV	6.3

$B_{ij}$	$\ln B_{ij}$	Evidence
$1 \leq B_{ij} < 3$	$0 \leq B_{ij} < 1.1$	Weak
$3 \leq B_{ij} < 20$	$1.1 \leq B_{ij} < 3$	Definite
$20 \leq B_{ij} < 150$	$3 \leq B_{ij} < 5$	Strong
$150 \leq B_{ij}$	$5 \leq B_{ij}$	Very Strong

# Tension metrics for Terrestrial-cosmological tension status

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.50 \pm 0.21) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2,$$

$$|\Delta m_{31}^2| = \begin{cases} (2.550 \pm 0.025) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 & \text{(NO)} \\ (2.450 \pm 0.025) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 & \text{(IO)} \end{cases}$$

**Oscillations**

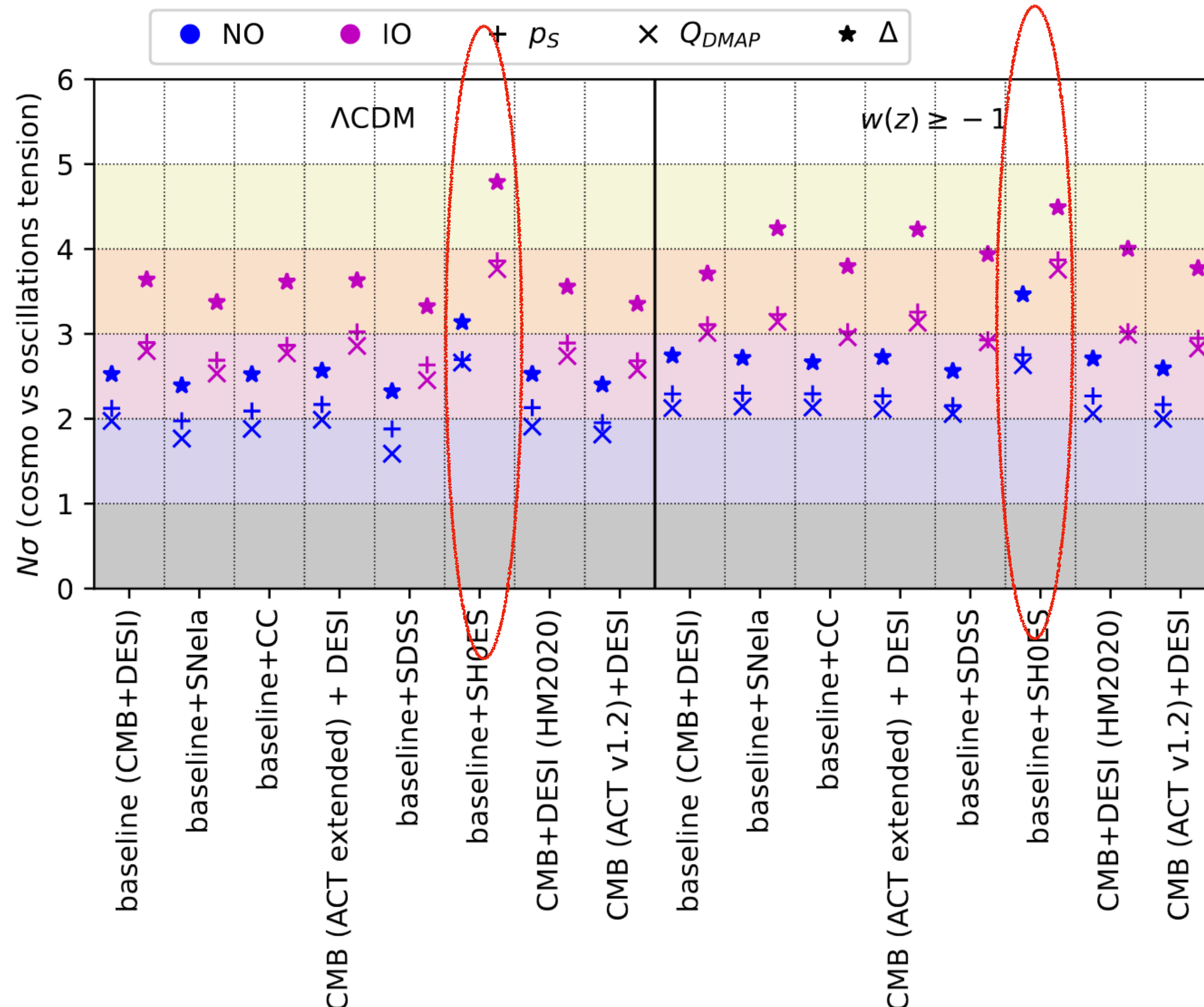
$$m_\nu^2 \equiv \sum |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2$$

$$m_\nu^2 = 0.26_{-0.34}^{+0.34} \text{ eV}^2$$

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$$m_\nu < 0.8 \text{ eV at } 90\% \text{ CL}$$

# Terrestrial-cosmological tension status (after DESI)



2-3 $\sigma$  tension for NO  
3-4 $\sigma$  tension for IO

What if also beta/neutrinoless decay detect a signal but cosmology prefers  $\sum m_\nu = 0$ ?

Neutrino decays

Long-range neutrino interactions

Time-dependent neutrino masses

Non ideal-gas fluids

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Keep thinking in other mechanisms!

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- Neutrino masses@CMB: Early ISW, gravitational lensing (Planck data)
- Neutrino masses@LSS: Free-streaming induces a small scale suppression, driving the “cosmo-nu-mass-bounds”.
- $\sum m_\nu < 0.072\text{eV}$  (95% CL) Planck TTTEEE+lensing+DESI BAO
- $\sum m_\nu < 0.043\text{eV}$  (95% CL) Planck TTTEEE+lensing+DESI BAO+ Cosmic Chronometers + Galaxy Clusters + GRBs
- Cosmological limits on neutrino properties: **EXTREMELY ROBUST.**
- **Clear tension between cosmological mass limits and terrestrial results**
- Crucial to confront future cosmological mass limits with neutrino oscillation results to constrain BSM interactions in the invisible sector.

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