A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of purple and blue filaments with bright yellow and orange nodes representing galaxy clusters and individual galaxies. The background is dark, making the glowing structures stand out.

# ***IN DEFENSE OF DARK MATTER***

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# What I will try to argue in this talk

- The existence of dark matter is on extremely strong empirical footing
- Standard  $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology has been incredibly successful, explaining a large number and variety of precise cosmological observations
- We have “discovered” dark matter in a variety of different ways over the past several decades (although we do not yet have any unambiguous indications of dark matter’s particle nature)
- In contrast, no proposed version of MOND or other modification of general relativity has been able to explain the observed large scale structure of our universe, or the cosmic microwave background

# What I am *NOT* going to argue in this talk

- It is *entirely impossible* that the observations that we currently attribute to dark matter are actually somehow the consequence of some departure from general relativity – I will merely argue that this is highly unlikely
- No one should be working on MOND or other modifications of general relativity

***These positions are strawmen***

# Myths and History

- I've seen hundreds of seminars, colloquia and conference talks which summarize the history of dark matter in terms of Fritz Zwicky (Coma 1933) and Vera Rubin (Andromeda 1970)
- This is more mythology than history
- Although Zwicky and Rubin made important contributions, it was not the dynamics of galaxies or galaxy clusters that lead to the broad consensus that dark matter exists in large quantities (in fact, neither Zwicky nor Rubin was convinced that dark matter exists)



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- Many of the papers that we now think of as the pioneering work on particle dark matter in fact make no reference to any missing mass or dark matter problem – the authors were, at the time, either unaware of or unconcerned with these issues
- Take, for example, Lee and Weinberg (1977): “Of course, if a stable heavy lepton were discovered with a mass of order 1-15 GeV, the gravitational field of these heavy neutrinos would provide a plausible mechanism for closing the universe.”
- Until the mid-1980s, most papers discussing cosmological constraints on particle physics models made no reference to the dark matter problem
- Many of the early papers on neutralinos and axions that we now think of as being about dark matter, in fact made no reference at all to the missing mass problem – the necessity of dark matter became a consensus view only later

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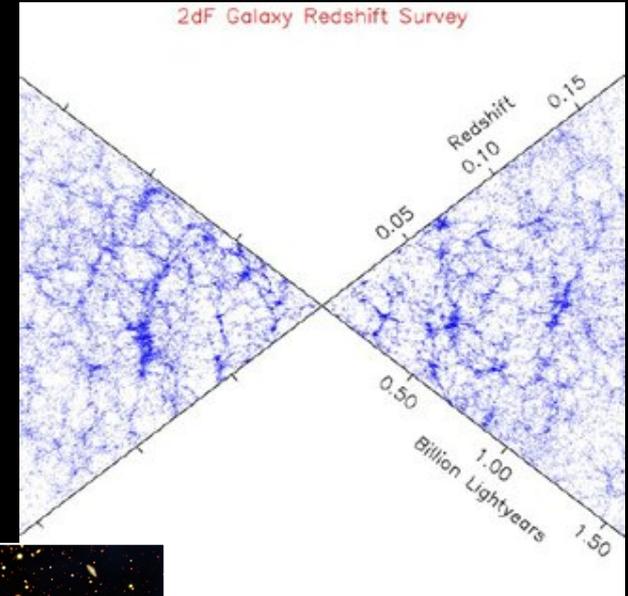
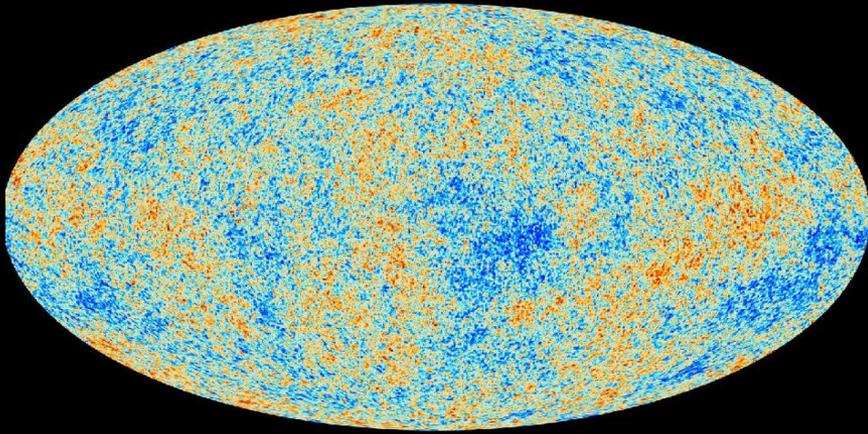
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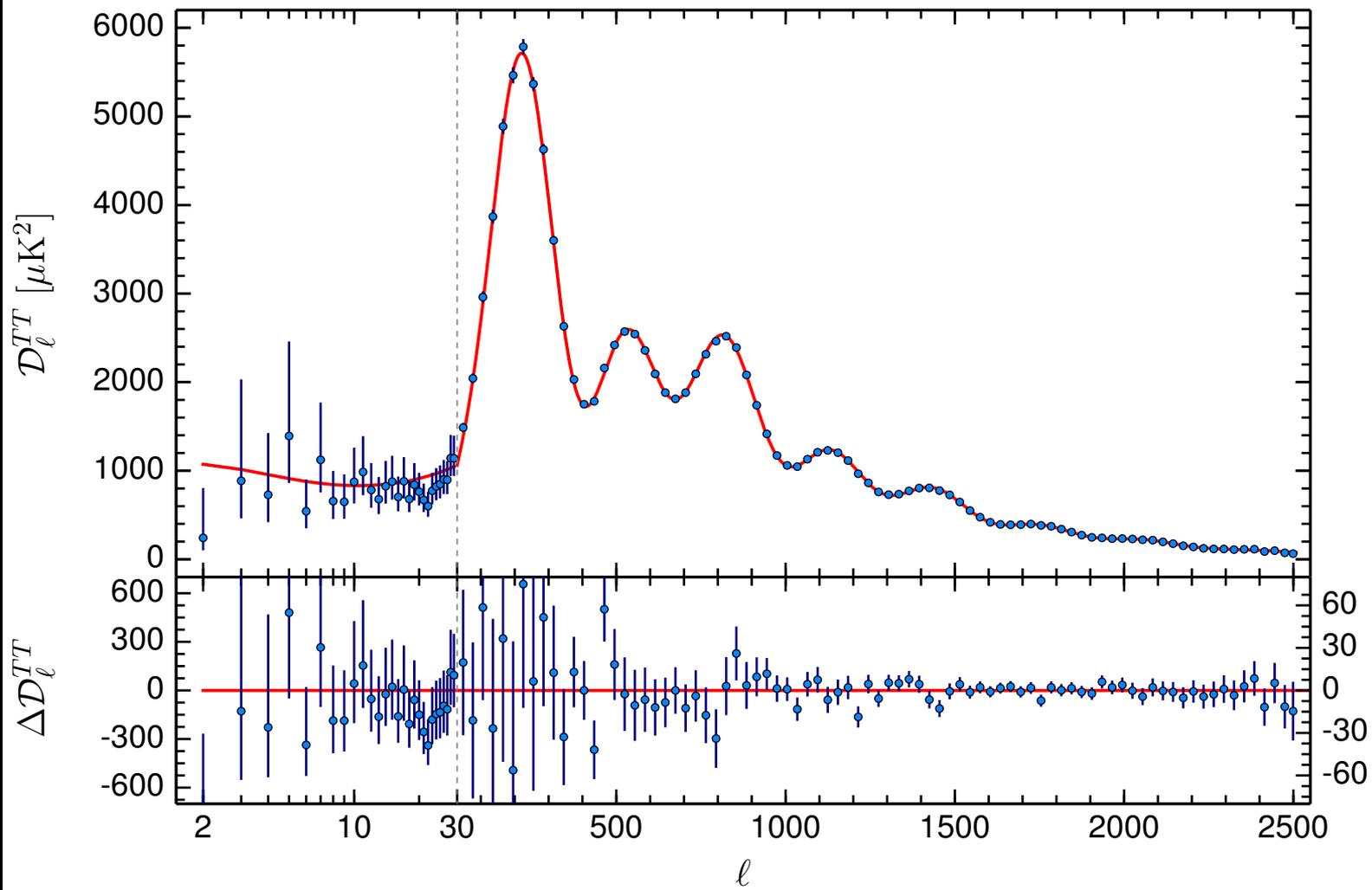
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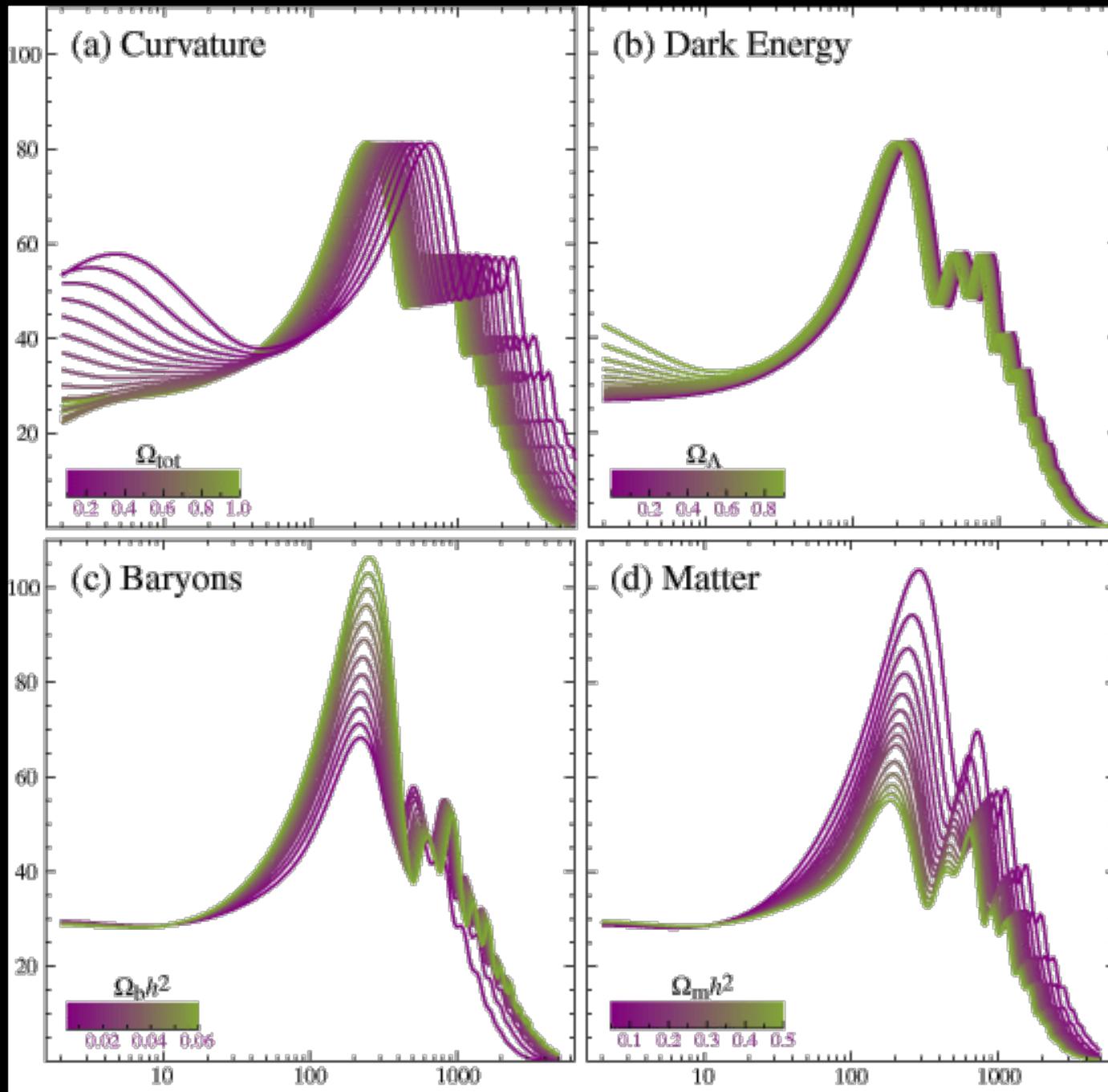
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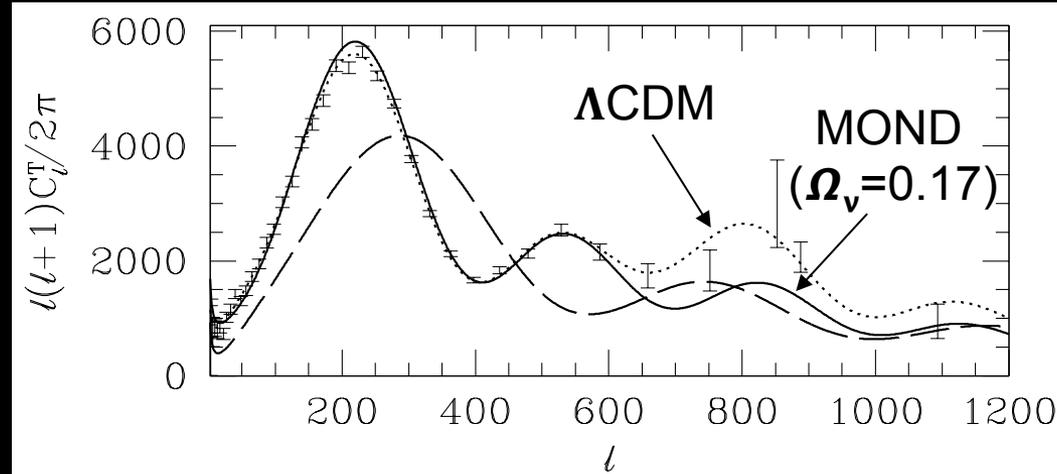
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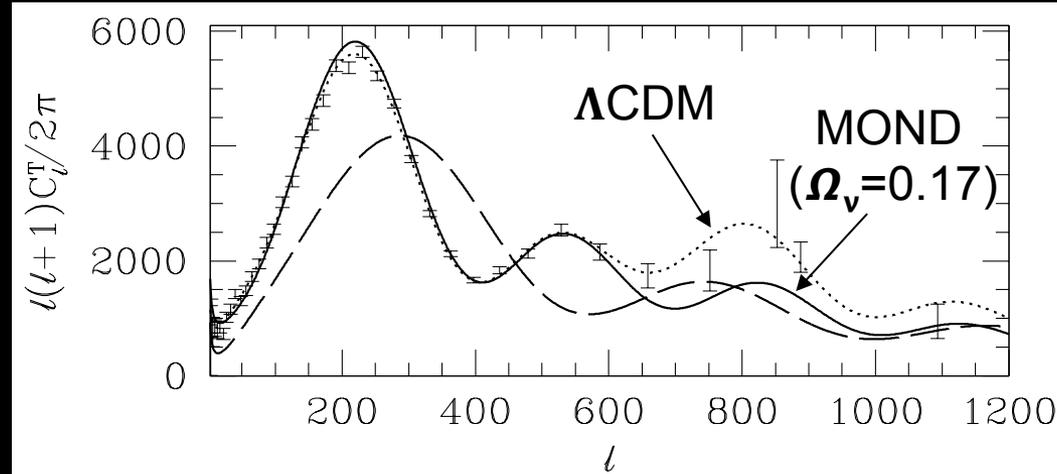
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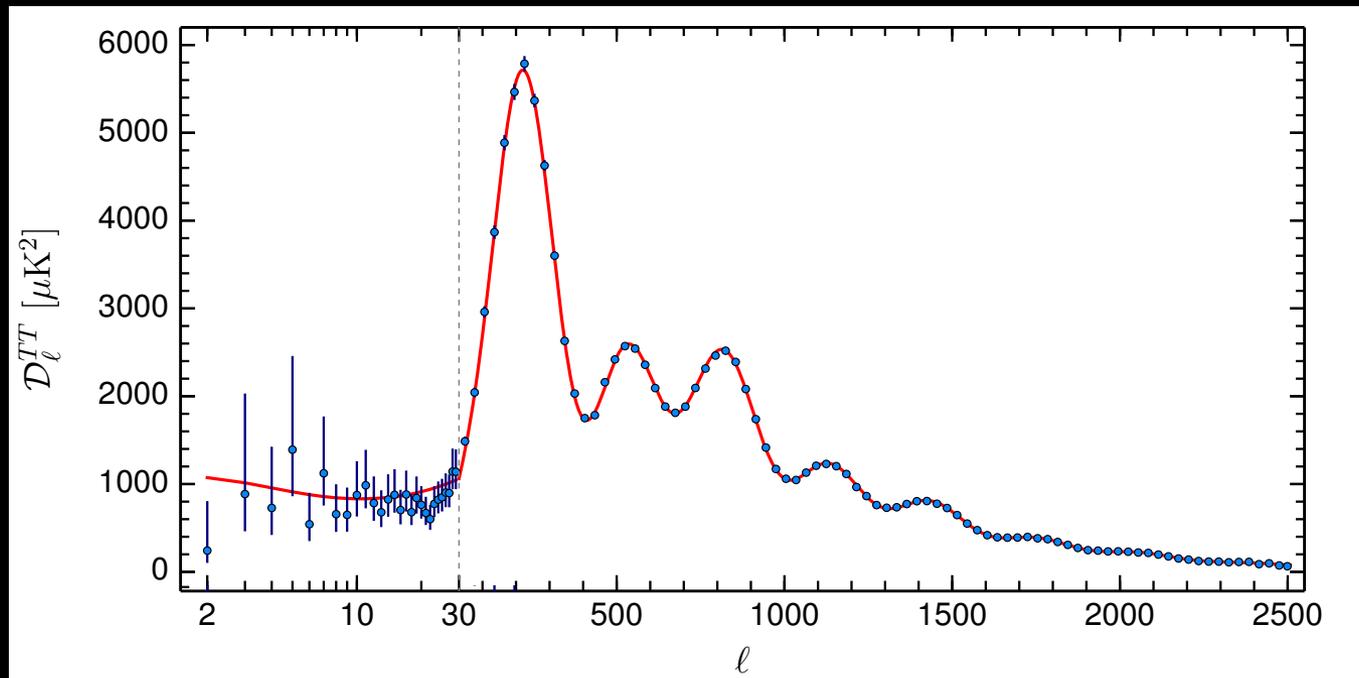
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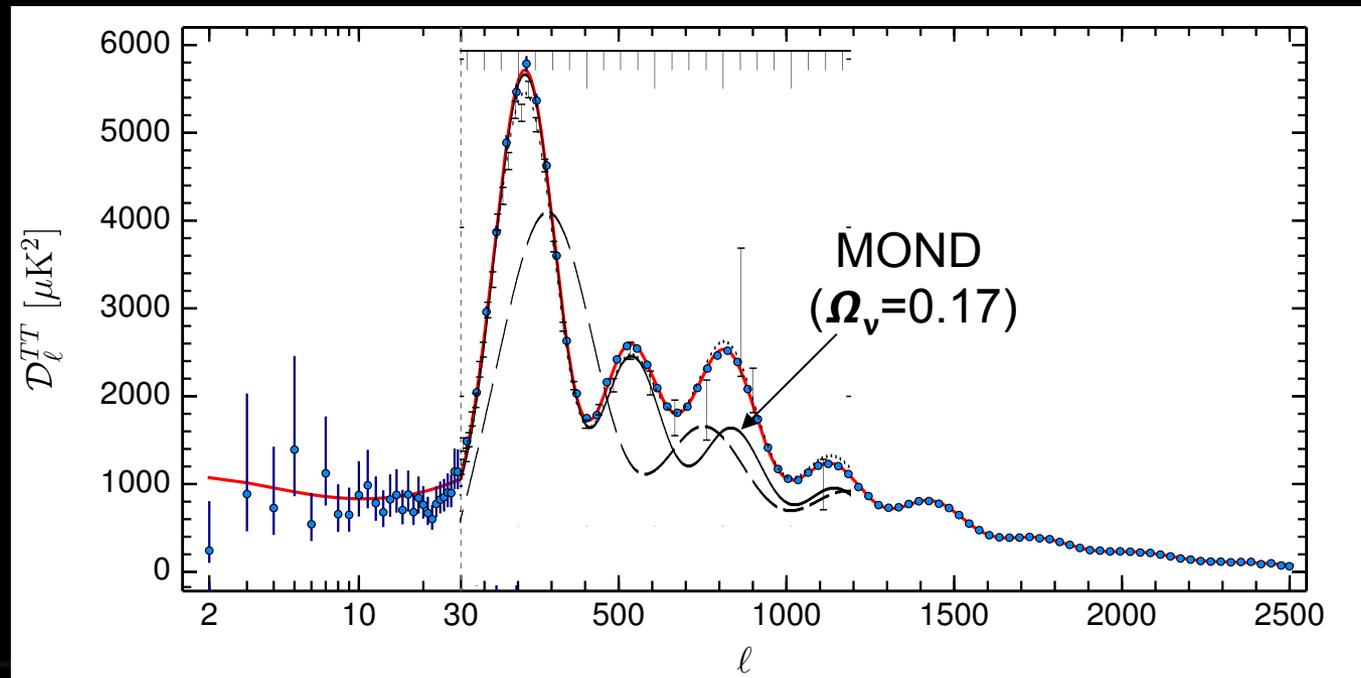
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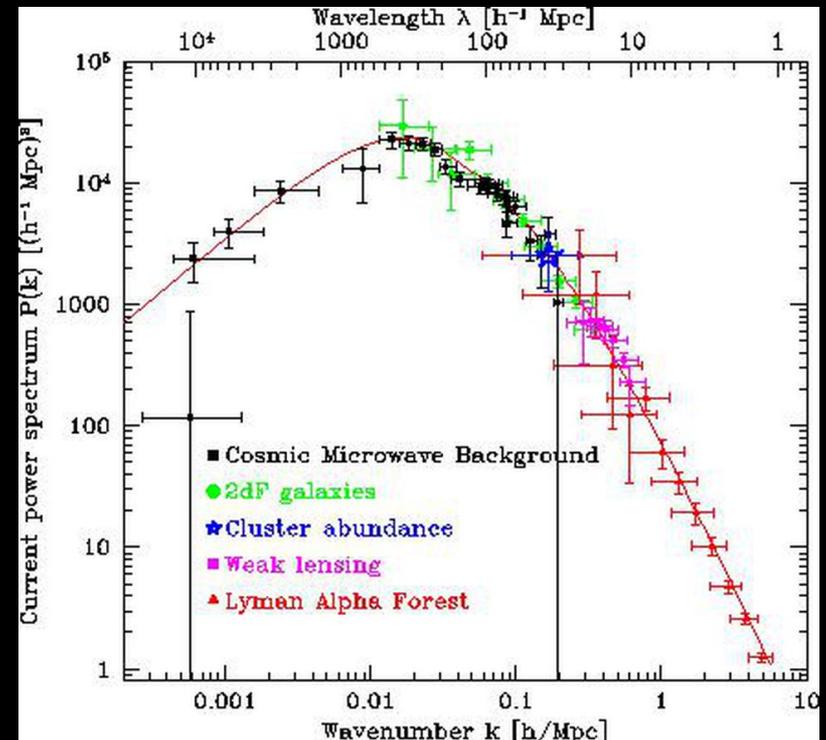
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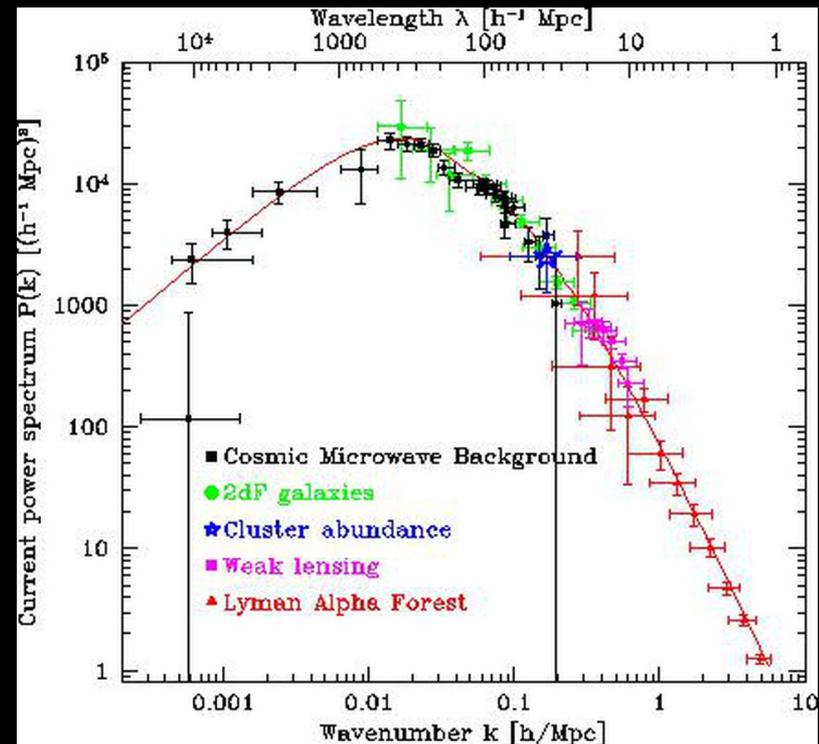
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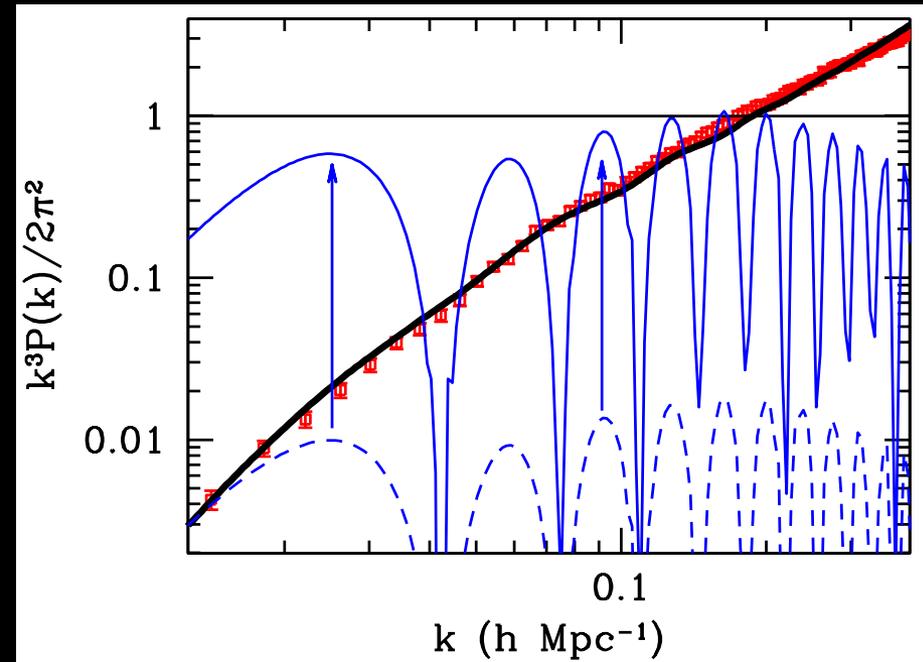
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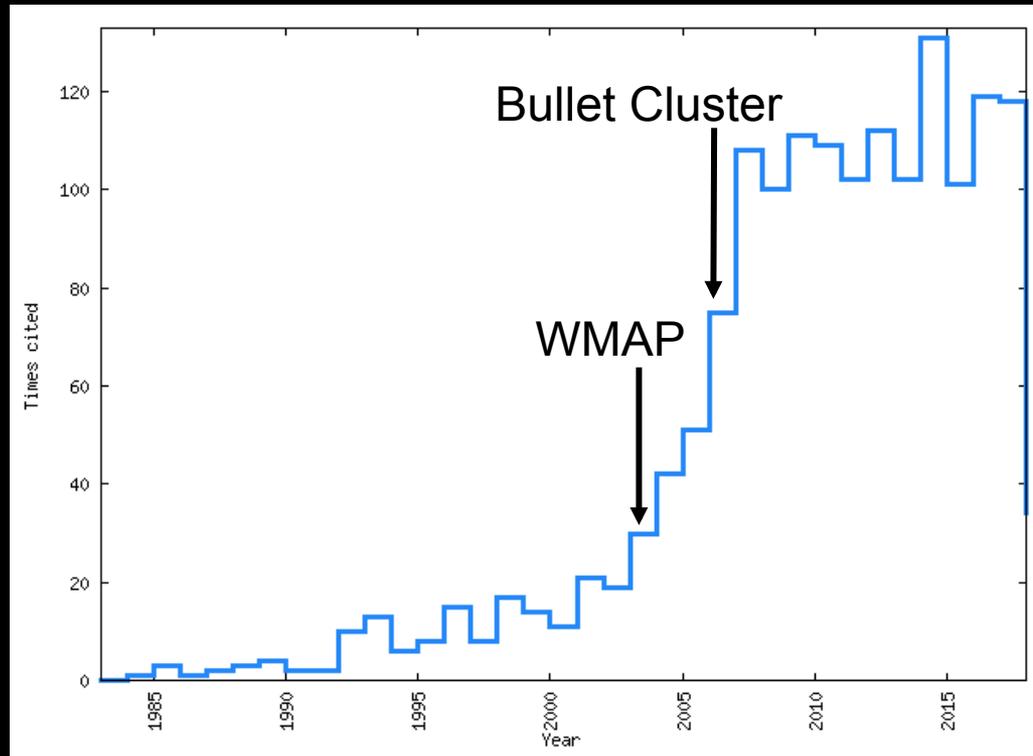
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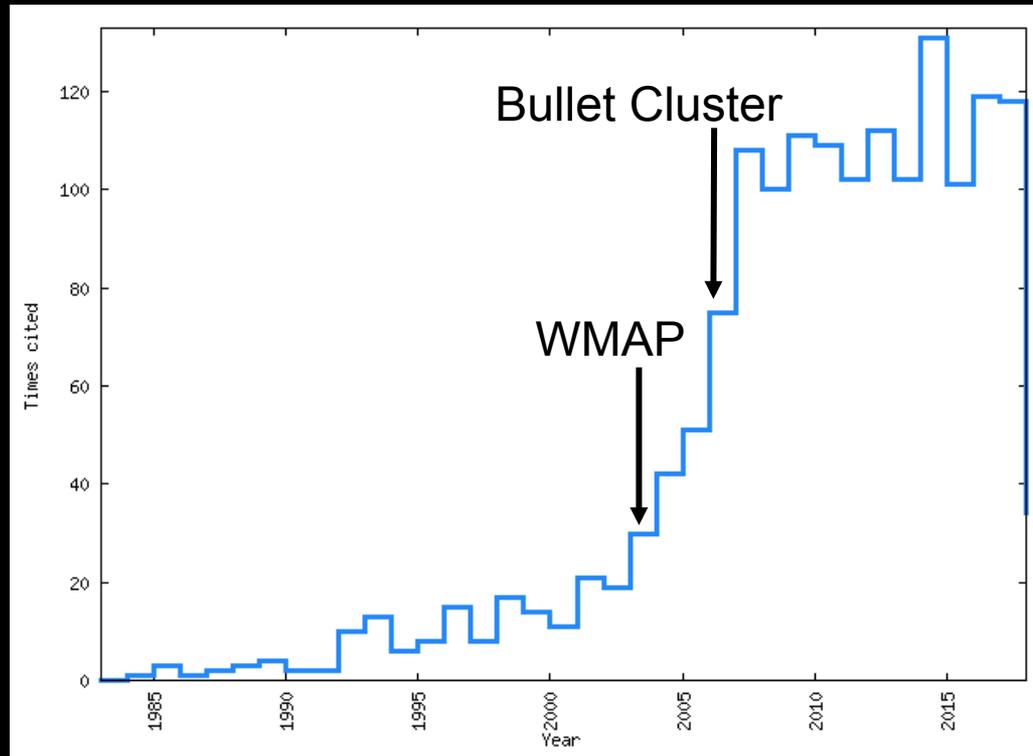
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- Since that time, SDSS, DES and other surveys have led to the discovery of  $\sim 50$  such satellites, and many more are expected from LSST
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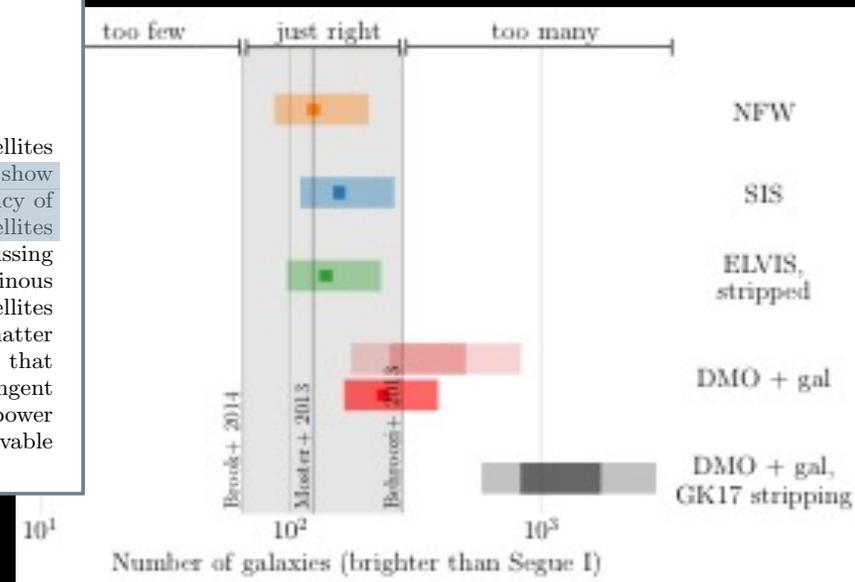
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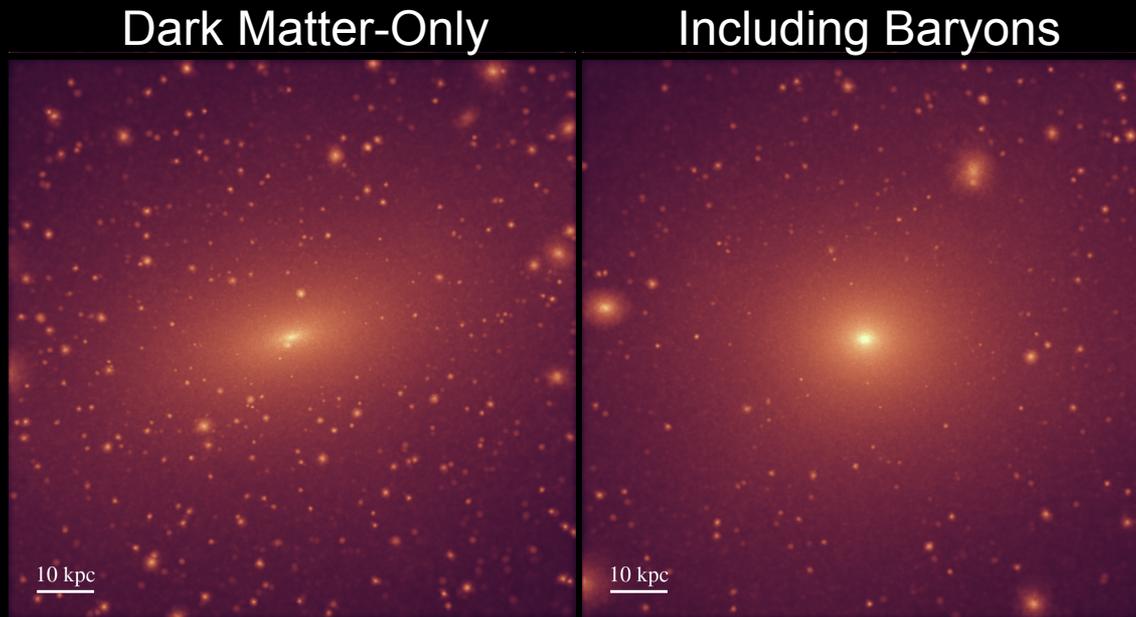
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## There is No Missing Satellites Problem

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Here's an example, from Garisson-Kimmel et al. 2017, comparing the results of a dark matter-only simulation to a hydro-simulation (FIRE)

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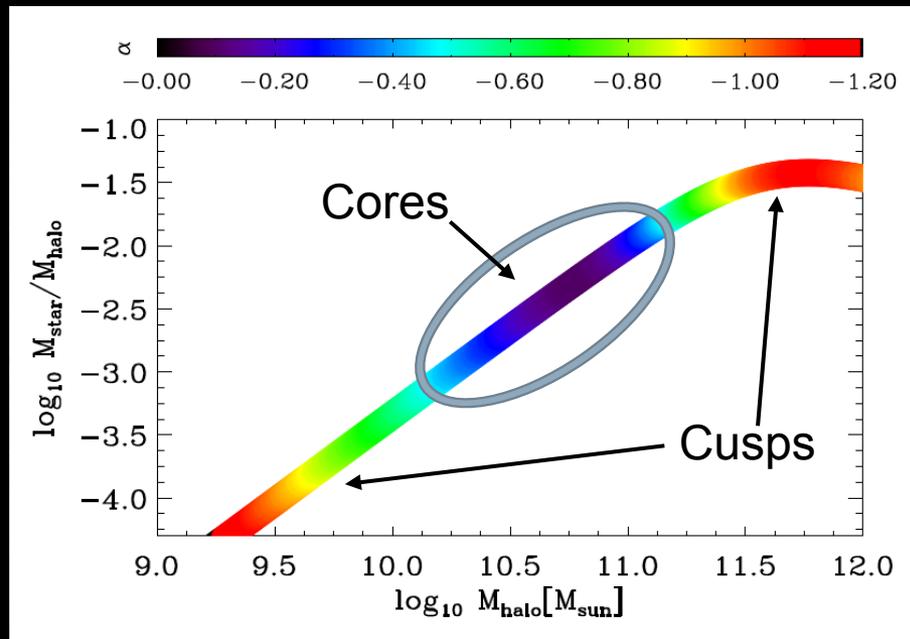
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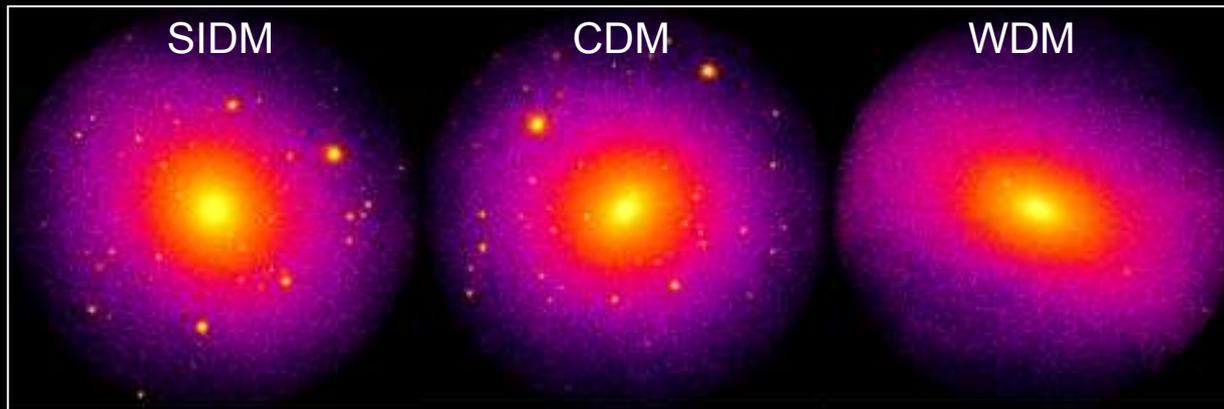
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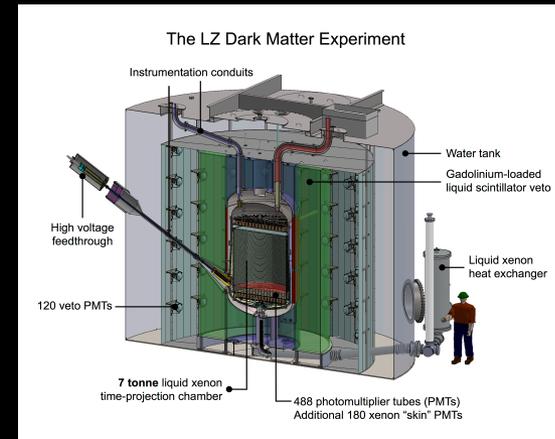
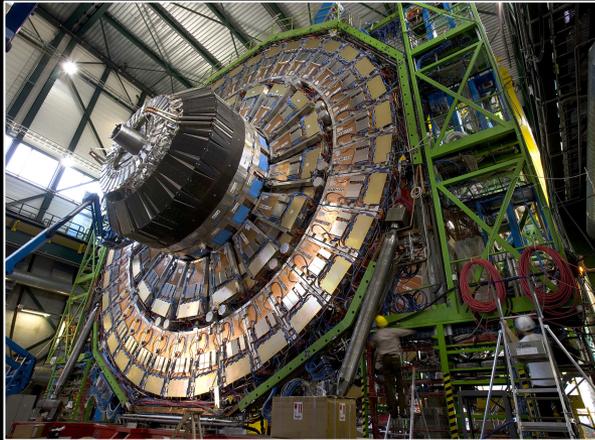
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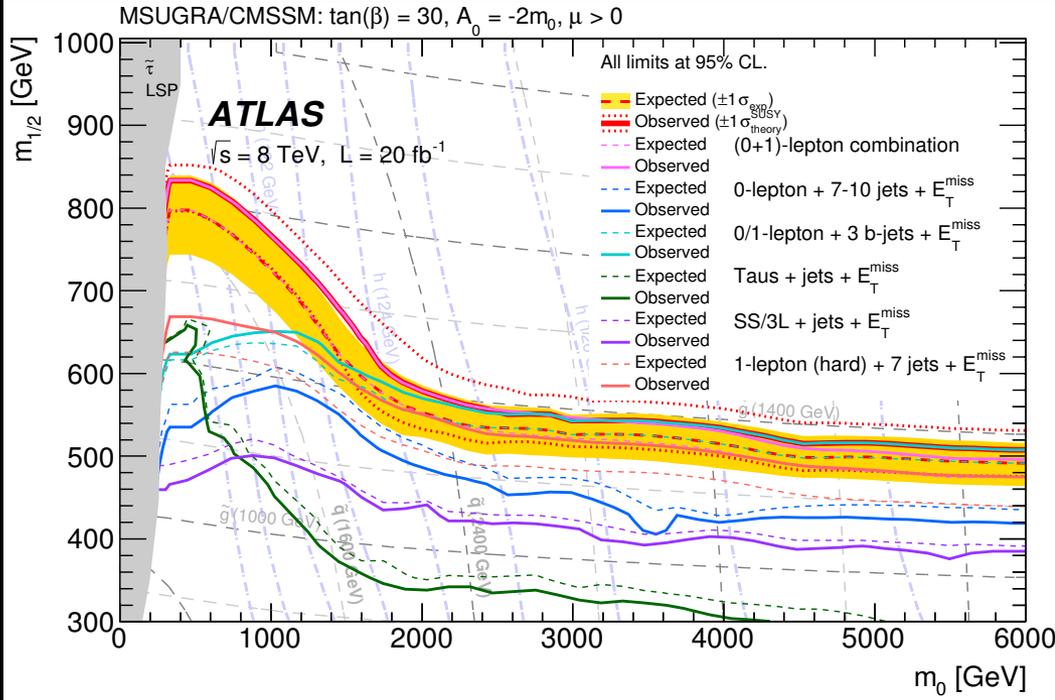
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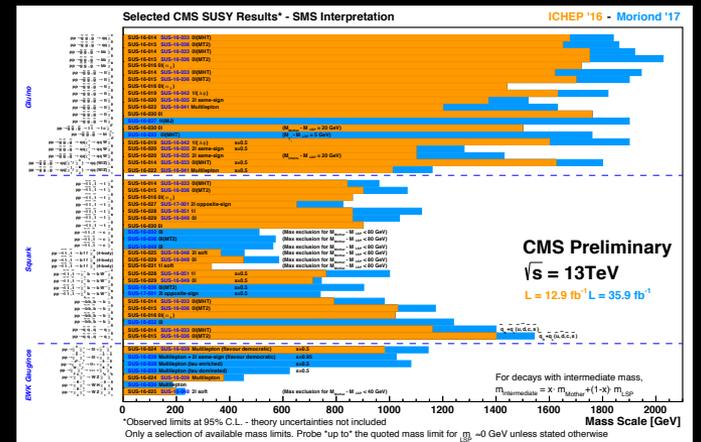


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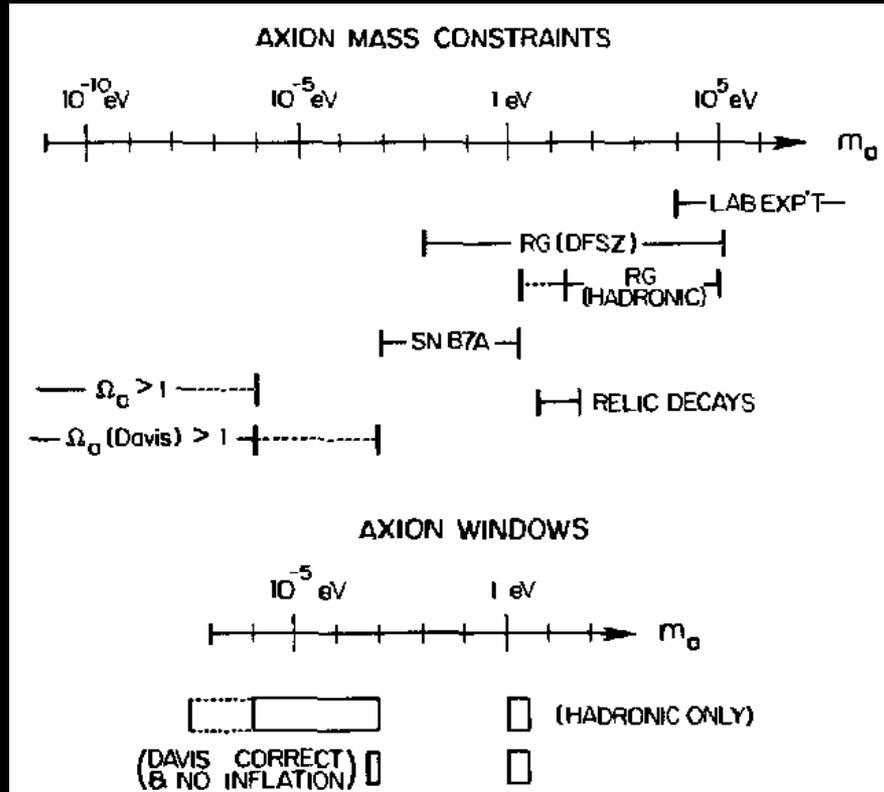
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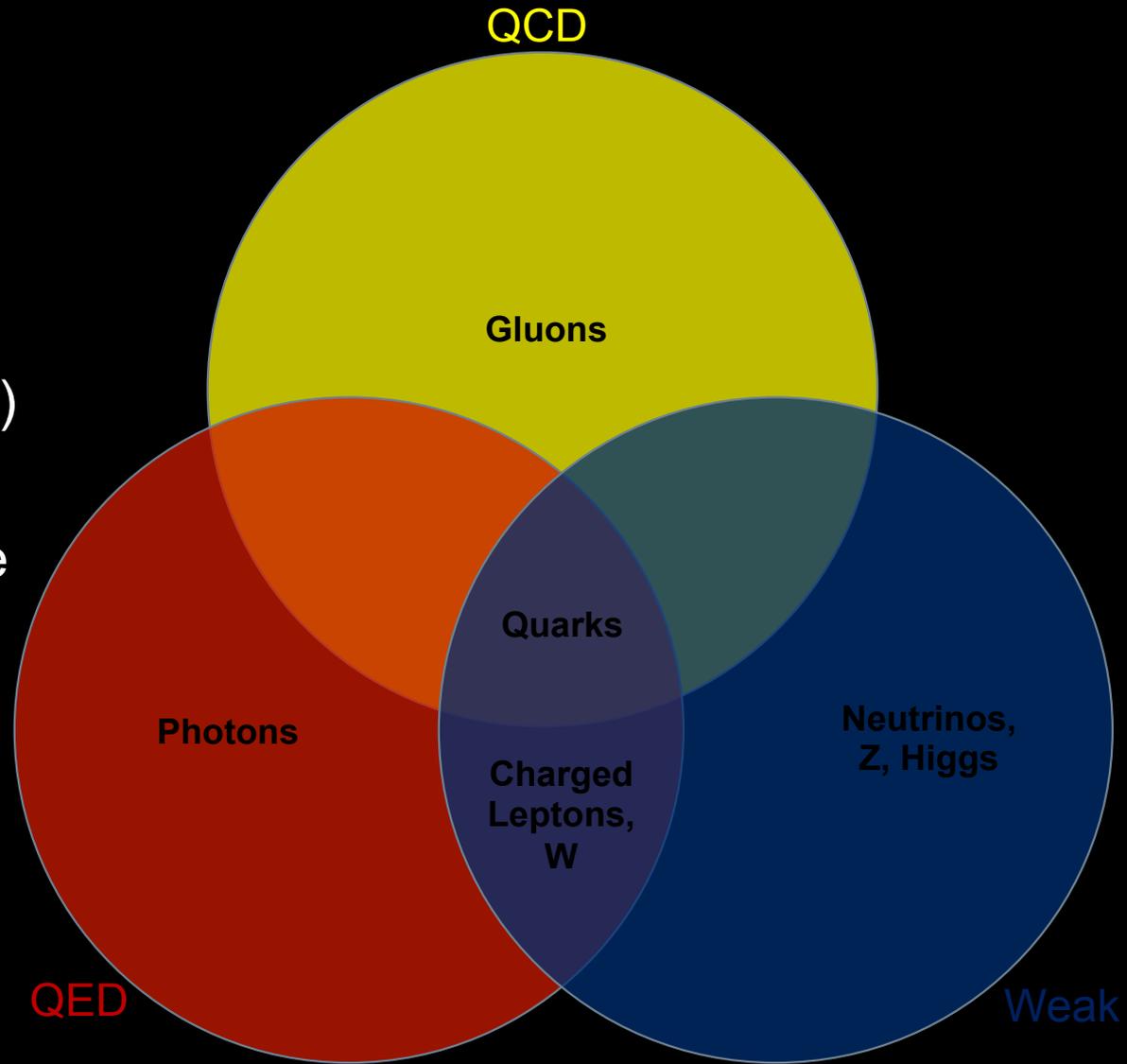
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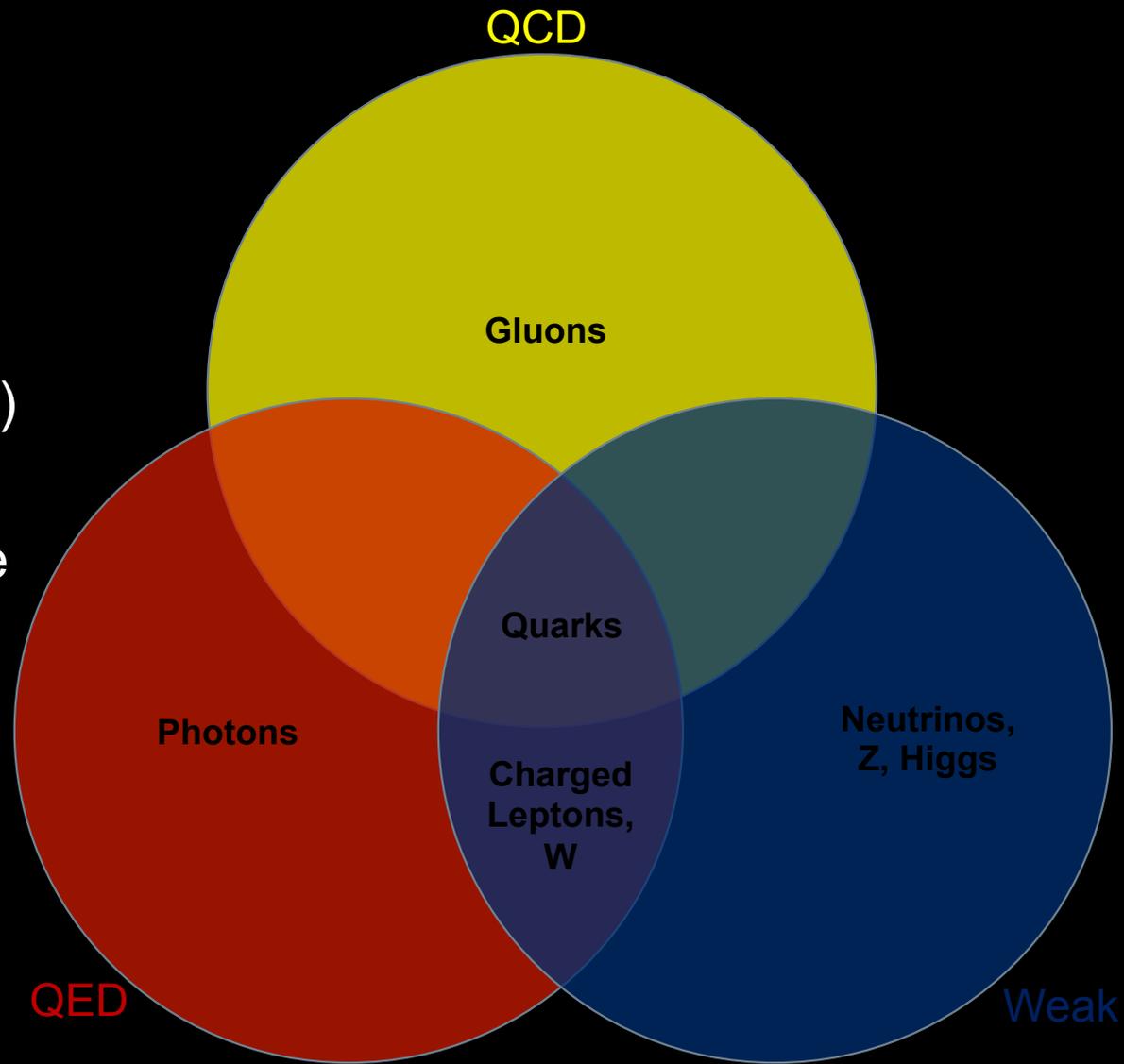
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