

Pushing the Void to the limits: a good fit to CMB, BAO, SN and HST.

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- SN
- BAO
- CMB
- H_0
- Matter power spectrum
- Other work
- Conclusion

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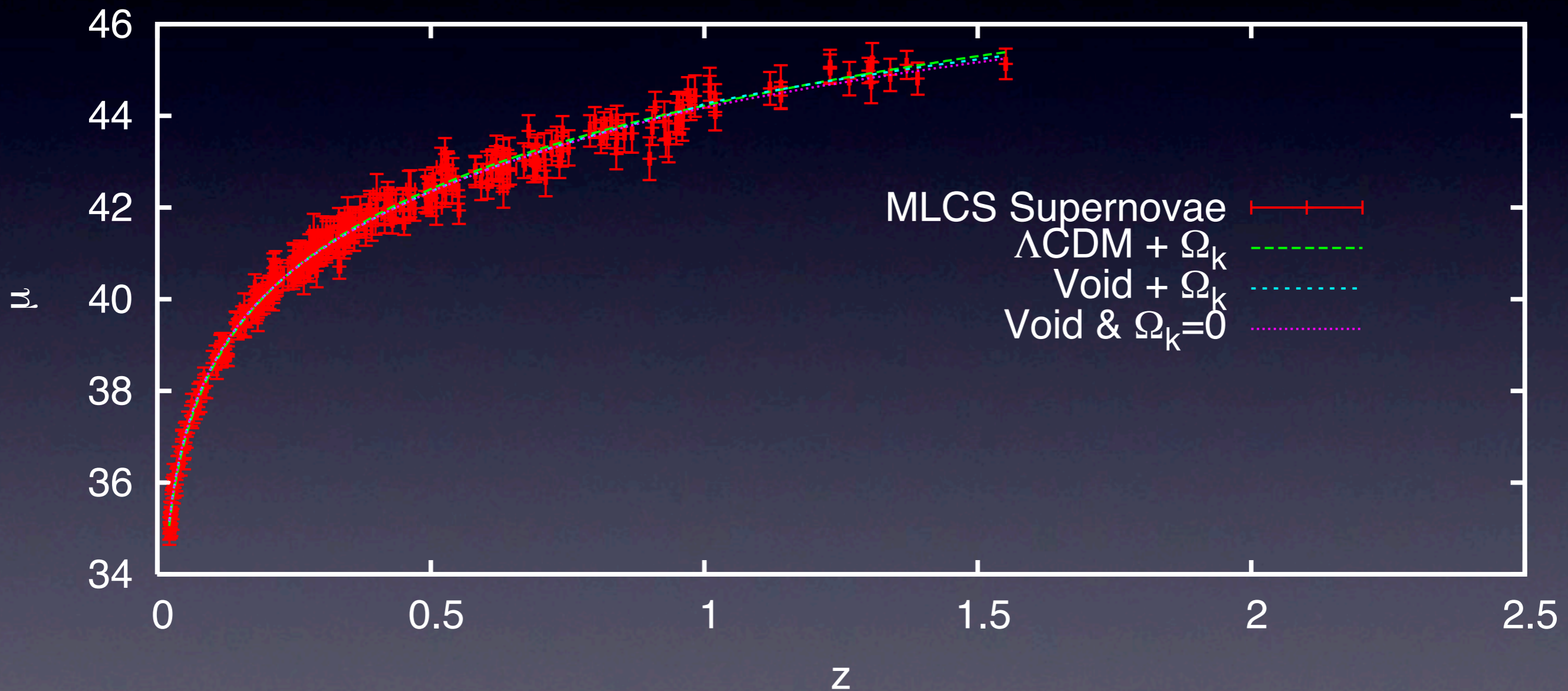
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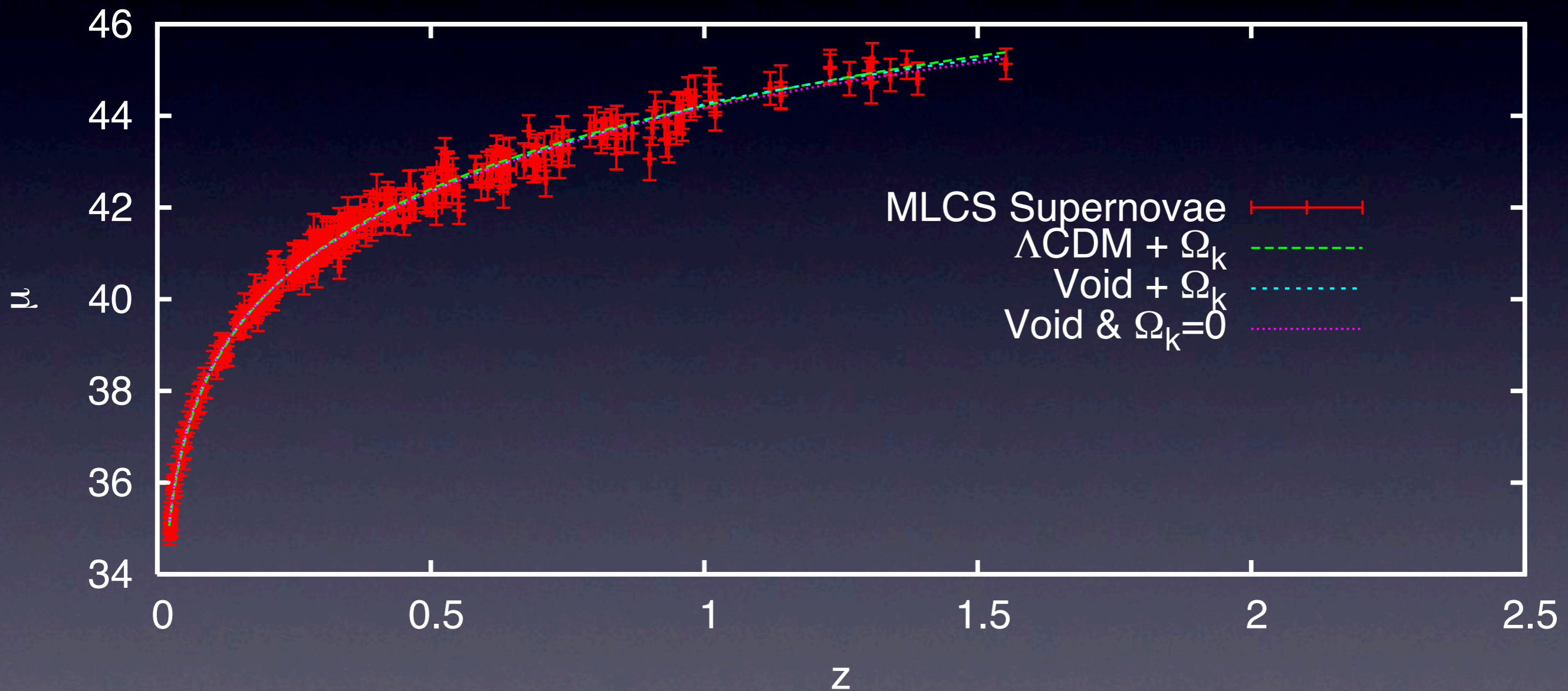
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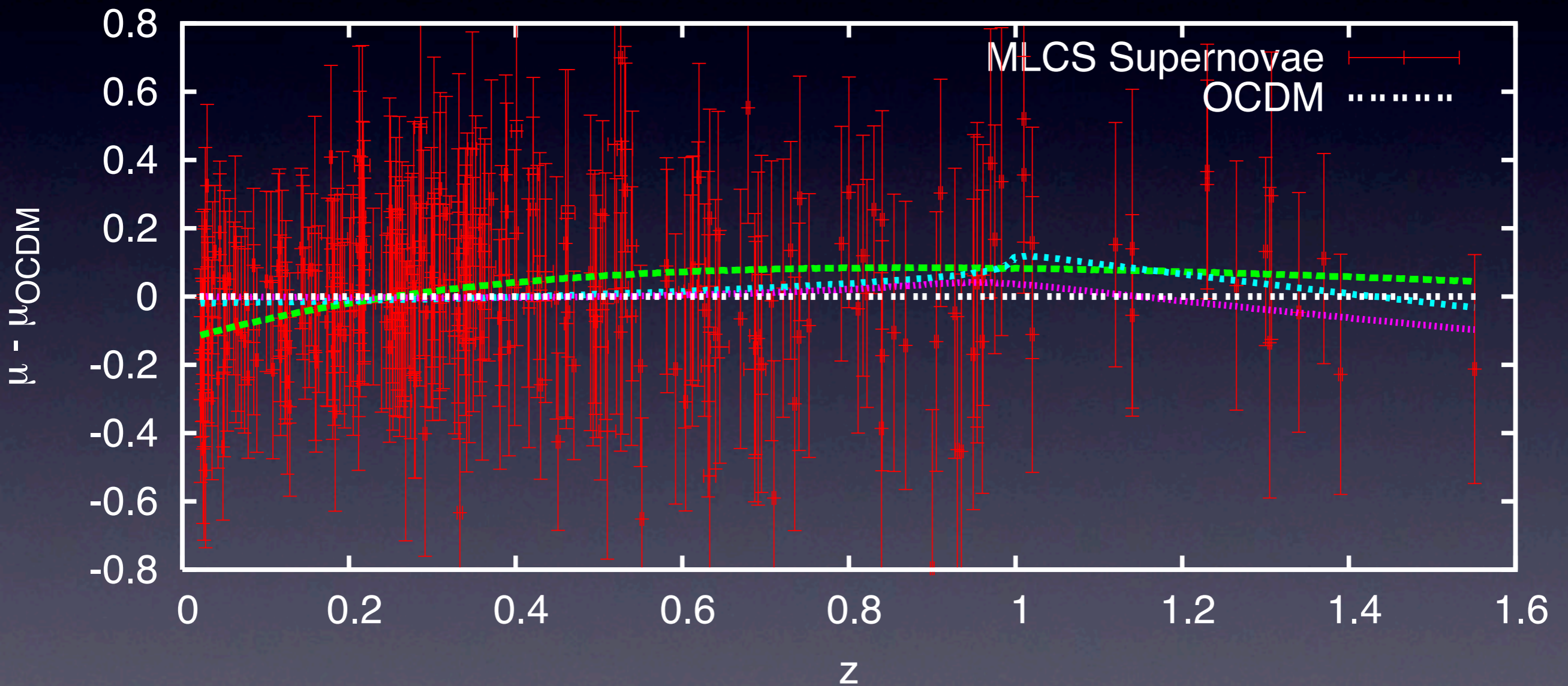
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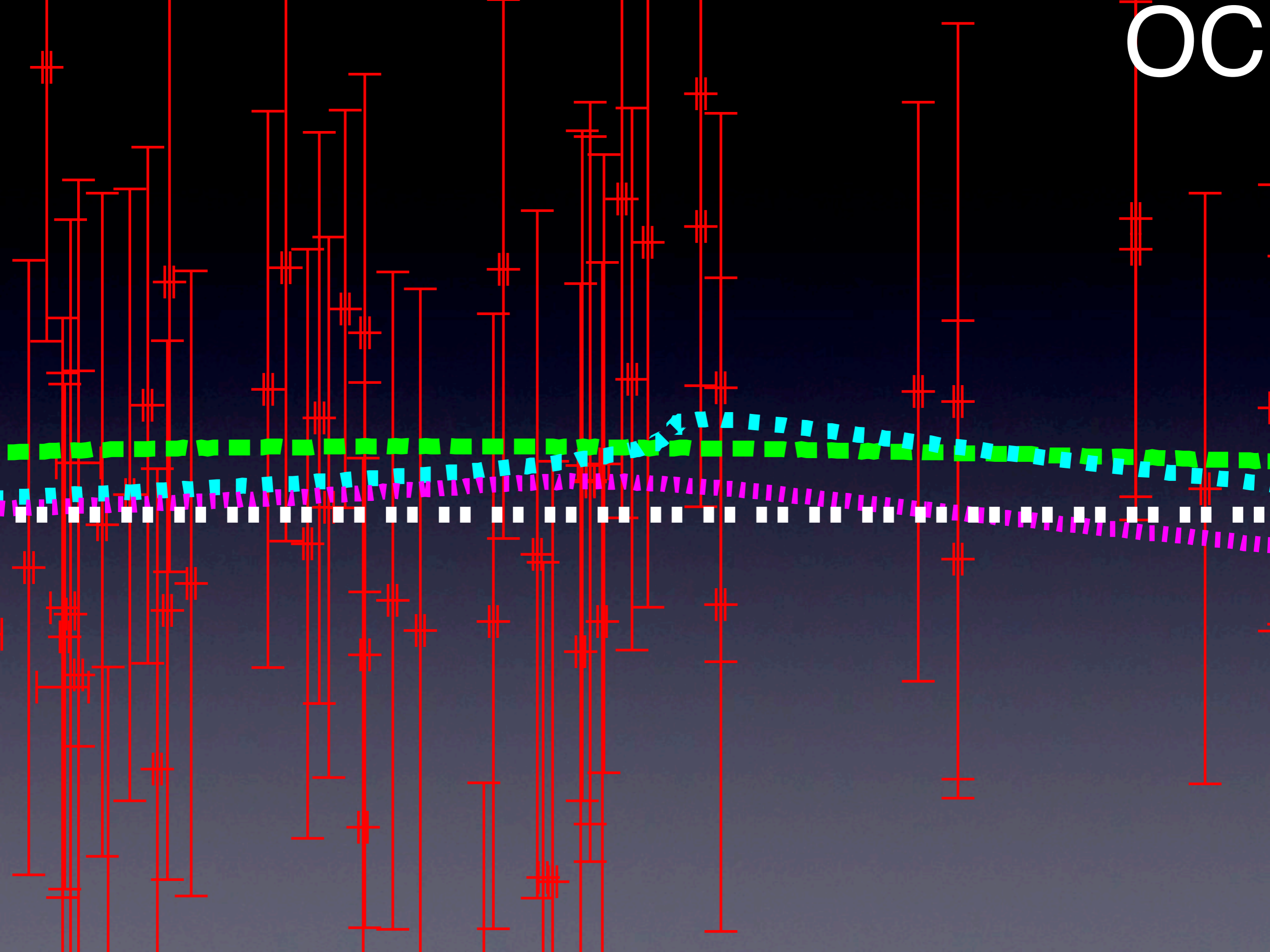


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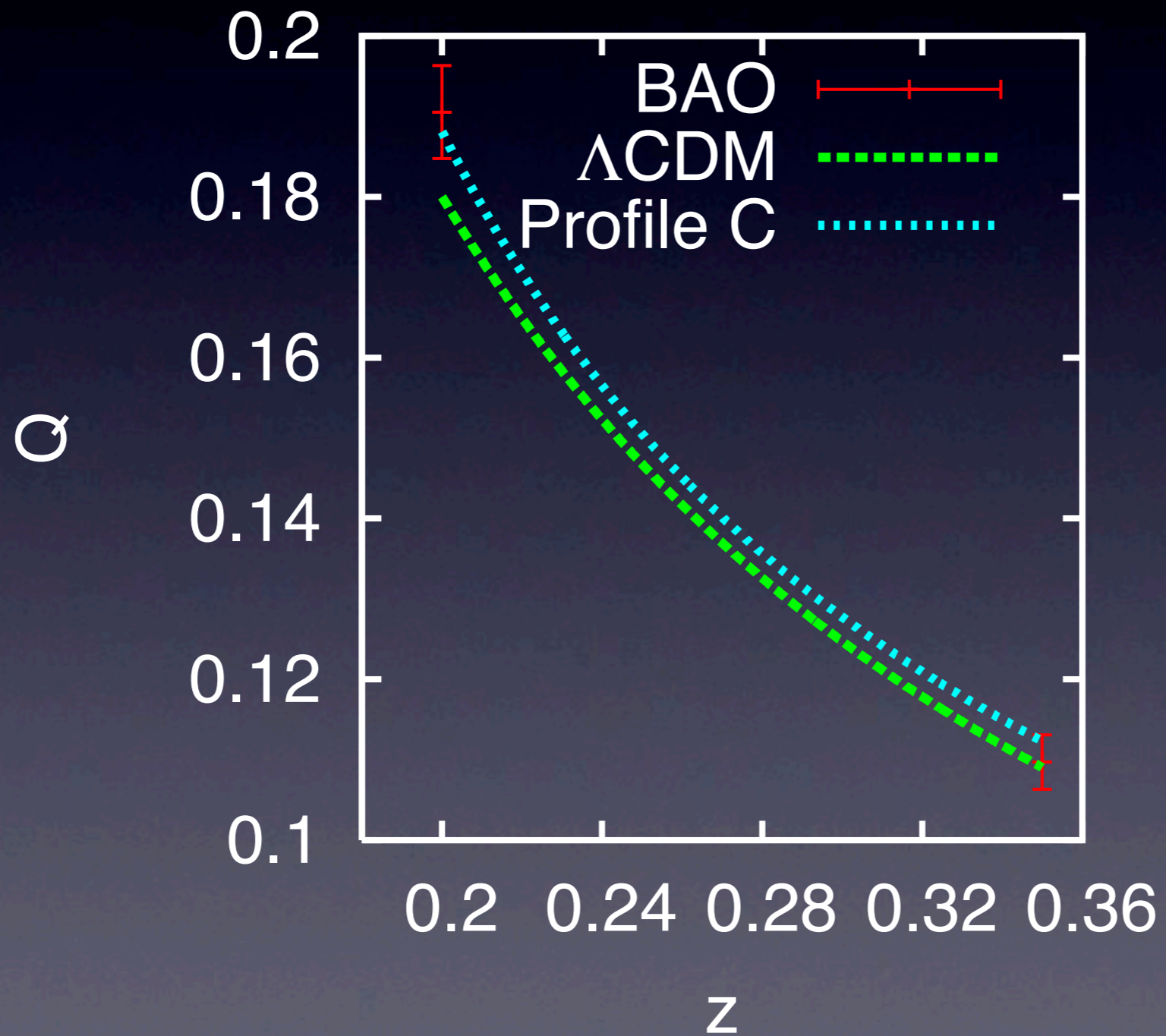
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$$(\Delta\theta^2 \Delta z)^{1/3} = \left[(1 + z_{\text{BAO}}) \dot{R}'_{\text{BAO}} \frac{1}{R'(r(z_{\text{BAO}}), t(z_{\text{rec}})) R^2(r(z_{\text{BAO}}), t(z_{\text{rec}}))} \right]^{1/3} \frac{L_S^{\text{LTB}}}{(1 + z_{\text{rec}})}$$

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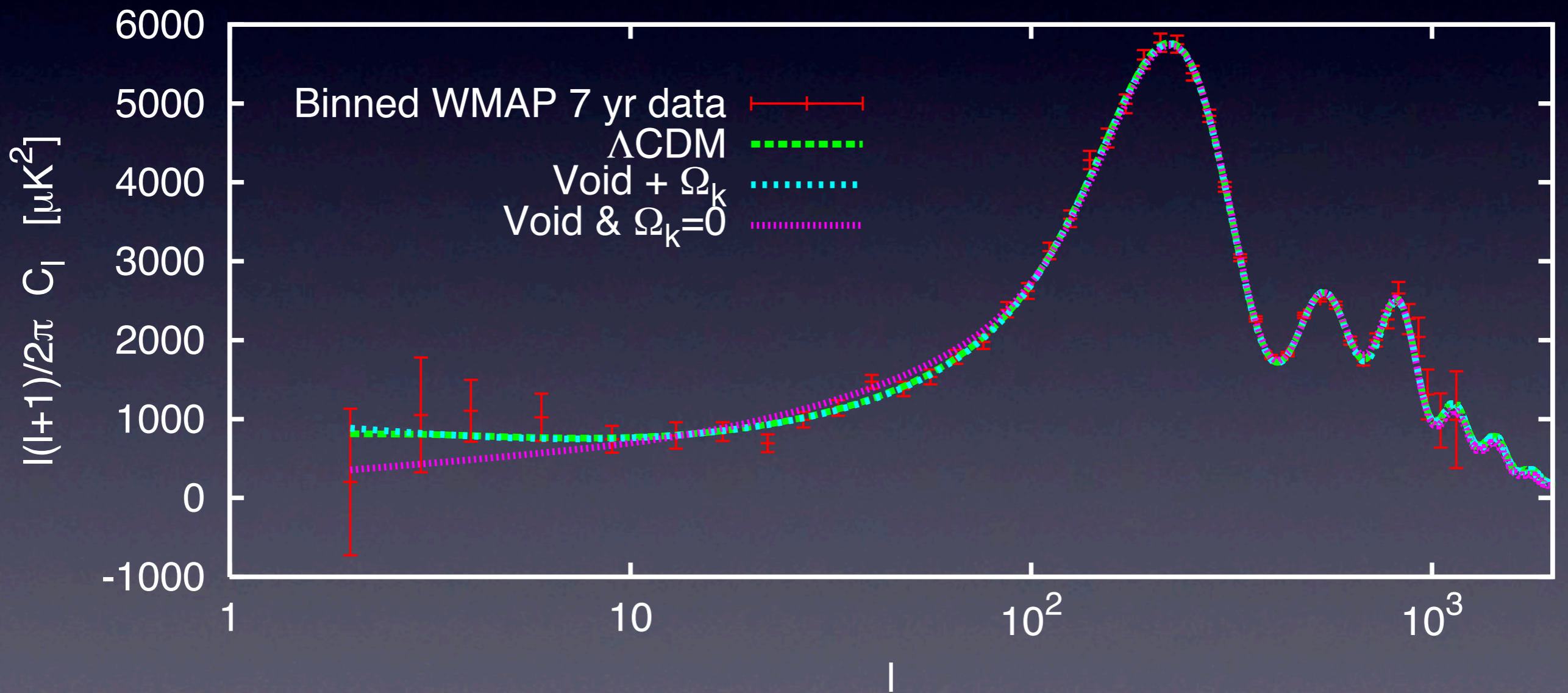
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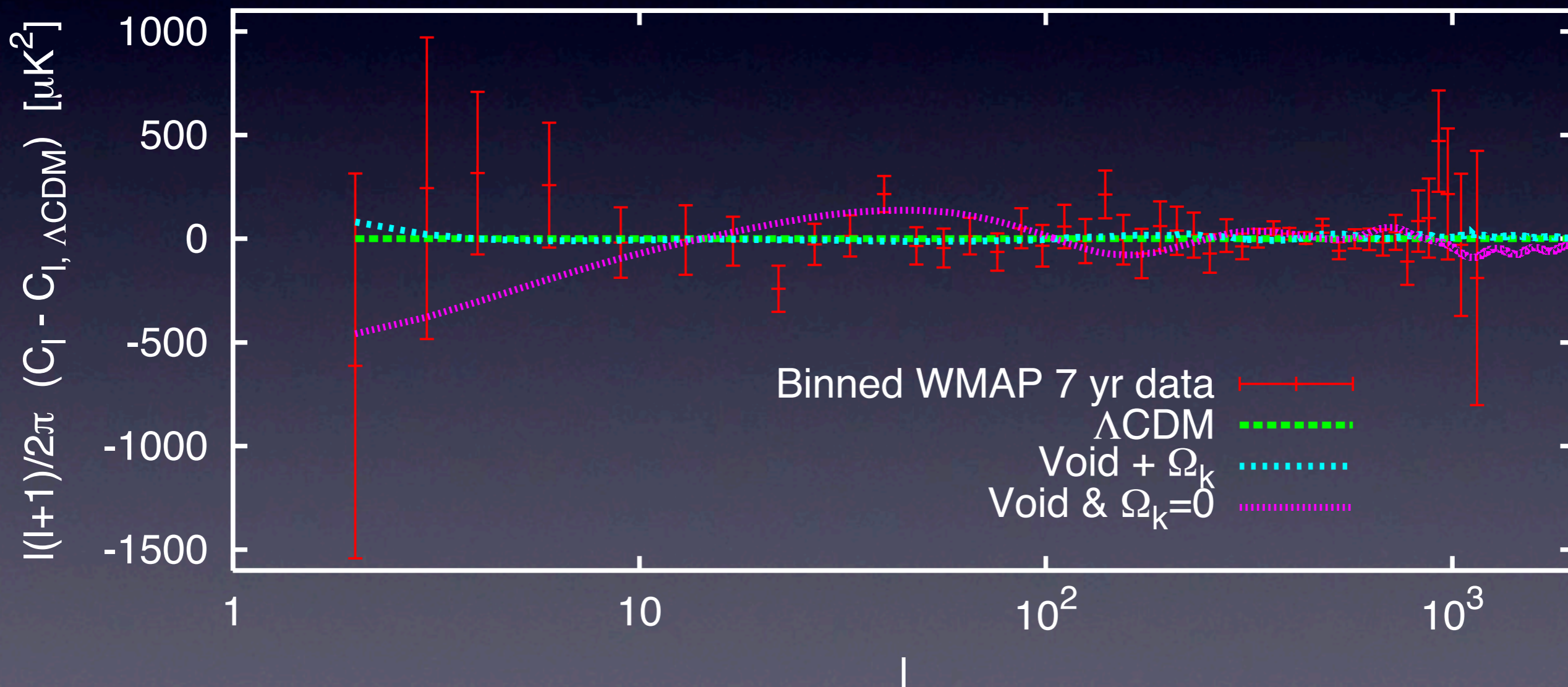
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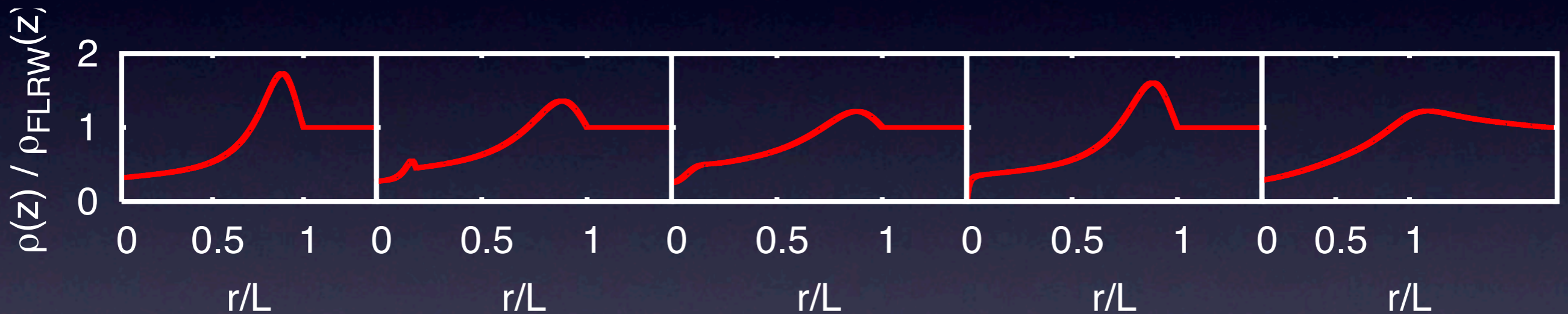


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$$H_0 \equiv \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{d_A(z)}{z}$$

- Λ CDM can fit any value from 60 to 80 km/s/Mpc



$H_{0,\text{obs}}$ 46.1 48.1 50.2 54.7 56.8

while fitting CMB+HST+BAO+SN

using $H_0 = 62 \pm 6$ [HST team, Sandage et al., 2006]

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$H_0 = 74 \pm 4$ from [\[Riess et al., 2009\]](#)

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- Ignoring kSZ: better data may rule out LTb immediately
[García-Bellido, Hauboelle, 2008]

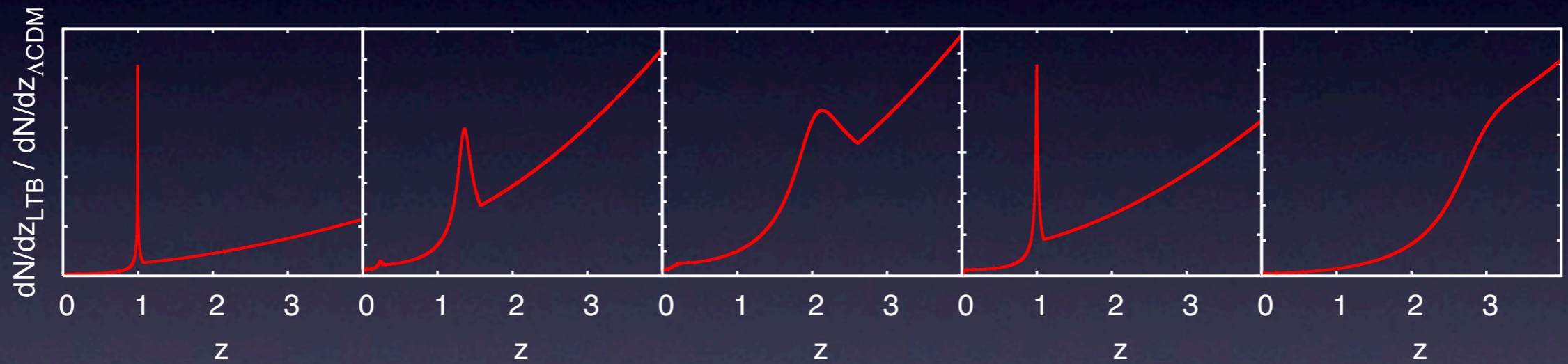
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Profile	$(\Delta\chi^2 \text{ vs } \Lambda\text{CDM})$	$\Omega_{k,out}$	$\Omega_{k,in}$	δ_0	t_0 [Gyr]
A	(13.7)	-0.20	0.76	-0.67	17.6
B	(3.2)	-0.18	0.80	-0.71	17.3
C	(1.5)	-0.19	0.83	-0.75	16.8
D	(1.6)	-0.15	0.98	-0.98	17.7
E	(3.1)	+0.40	0.94	-0.73	15.4

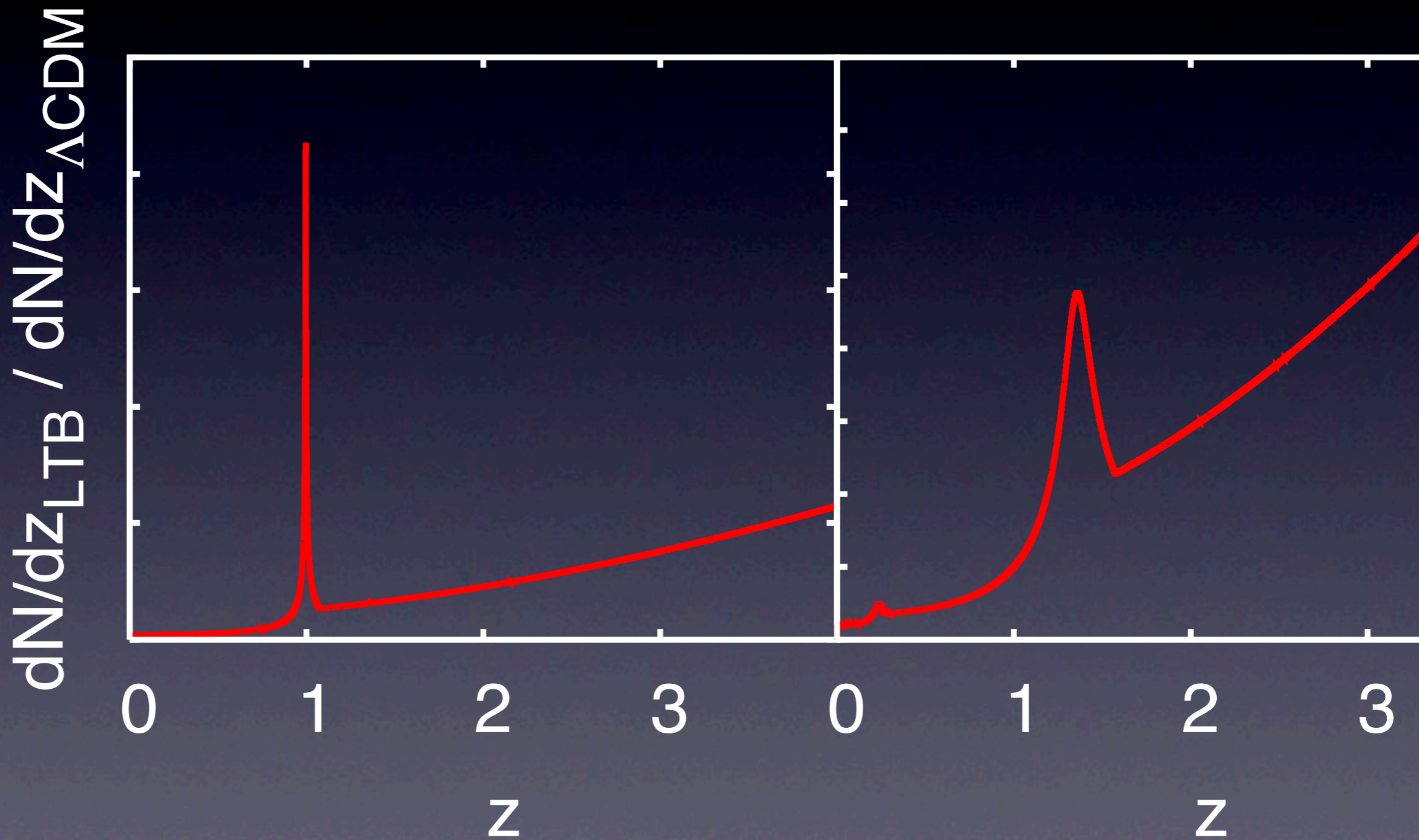
$$\Omega_k > 0 \equiv \text{closed}$$

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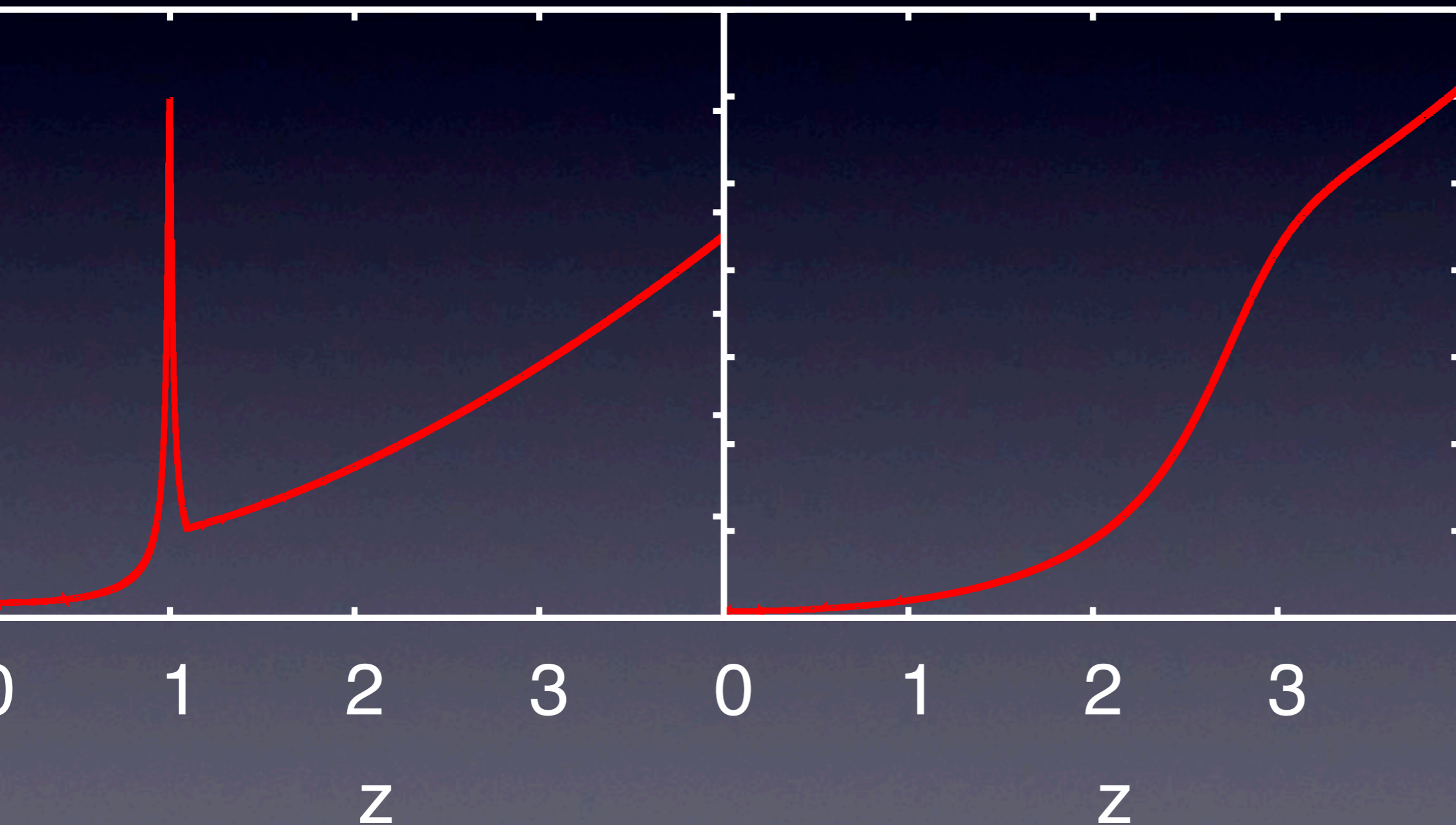
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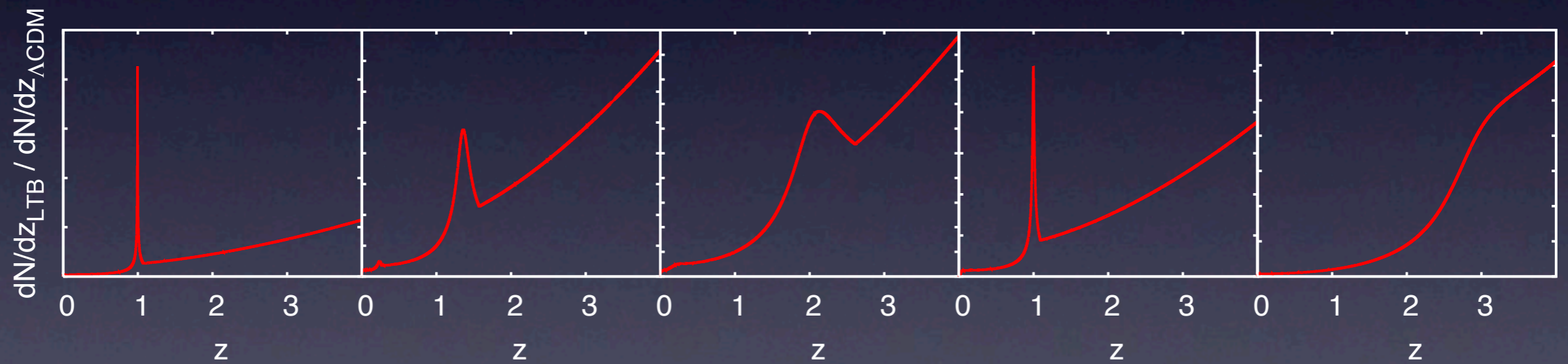
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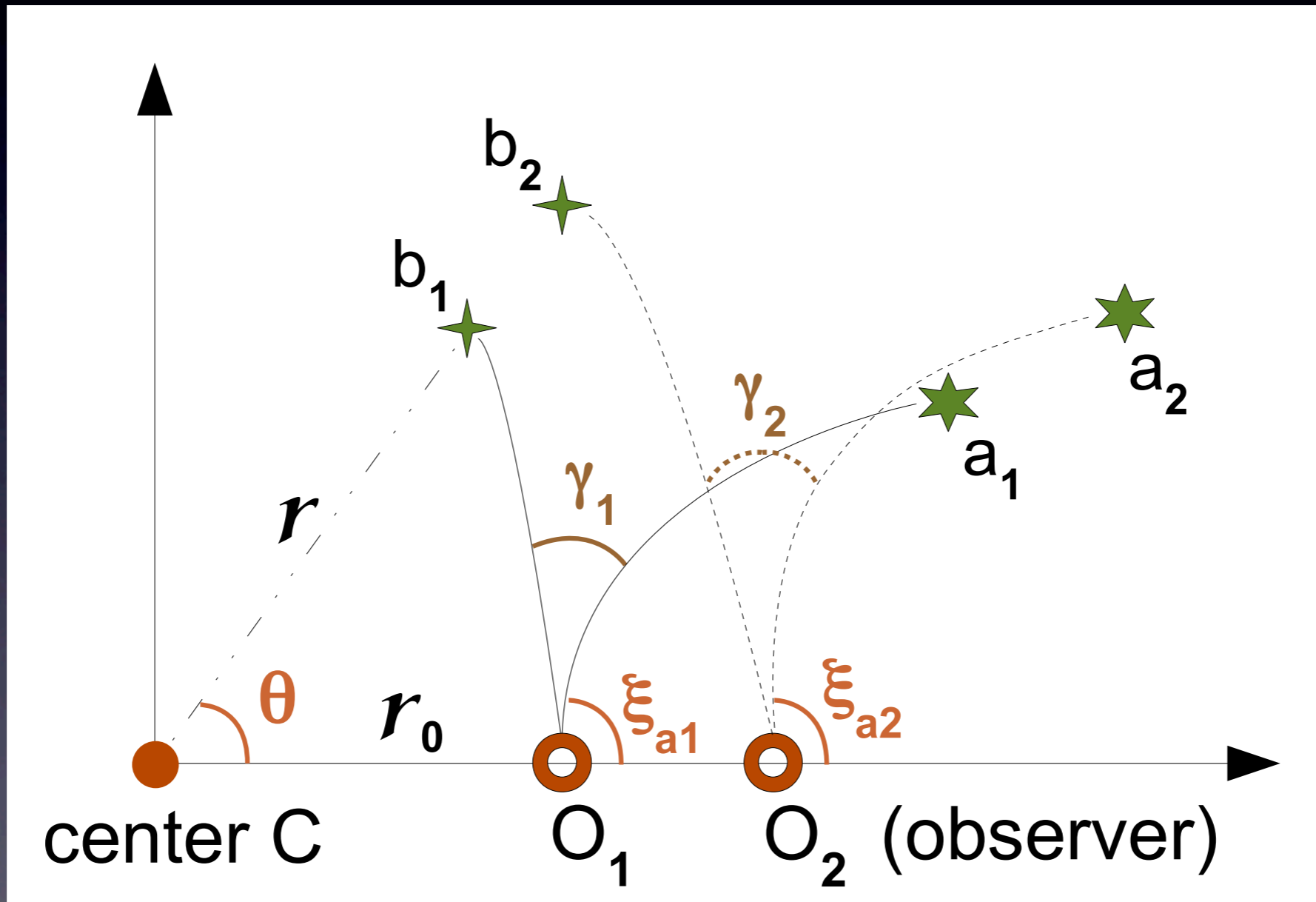
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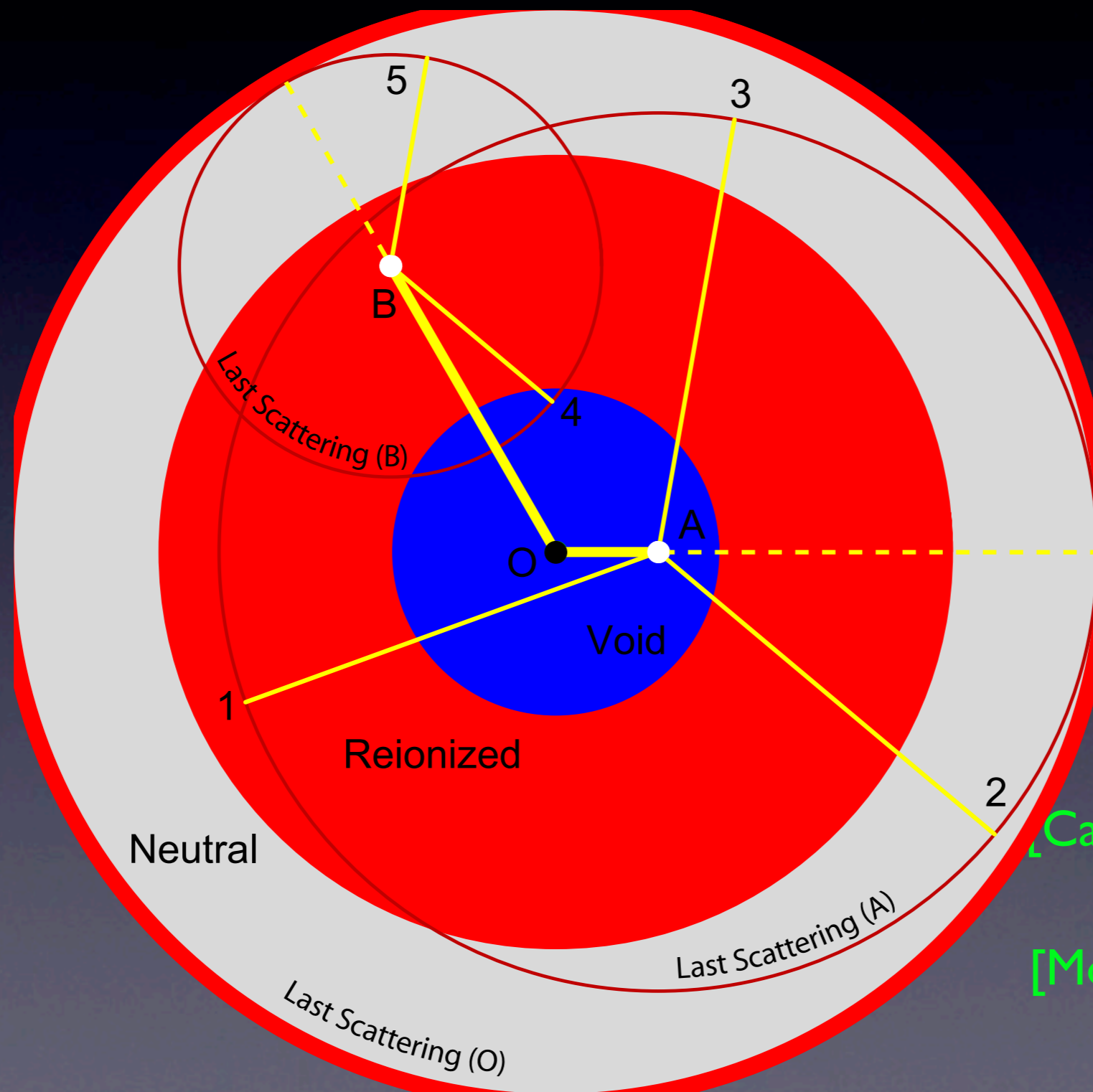
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[Quartin, Amendola, 2009]

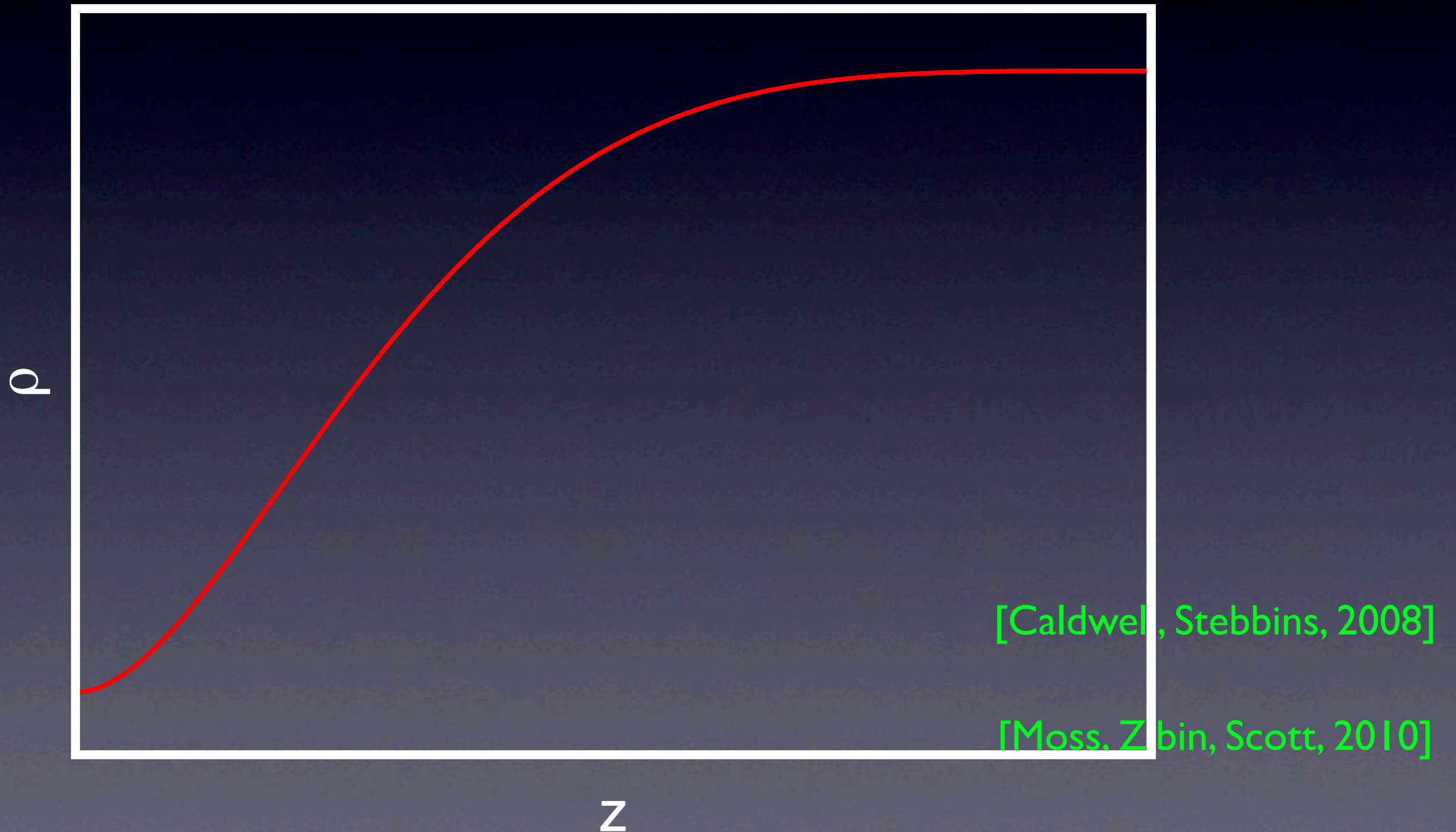
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