

# Cosmological signature of decaying Dark Matter

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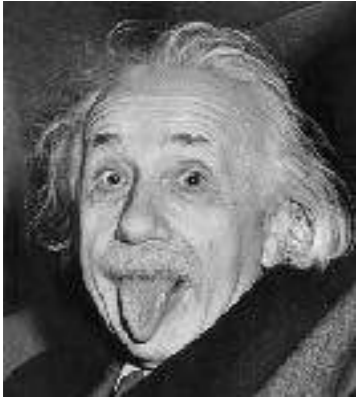
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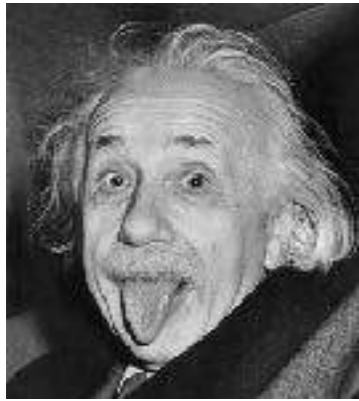
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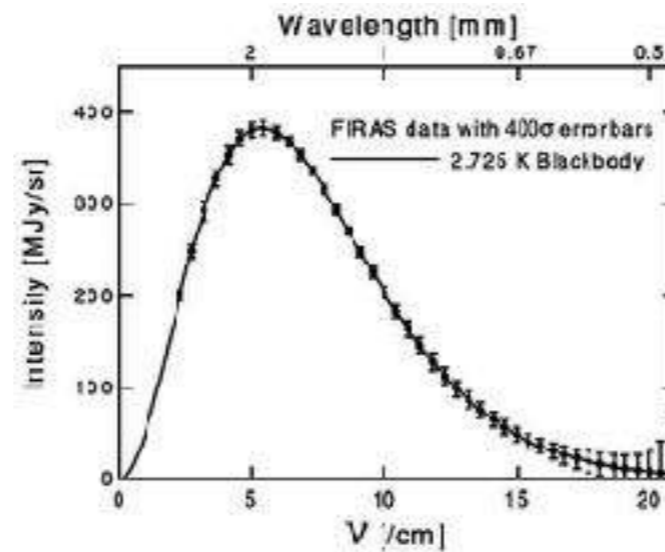


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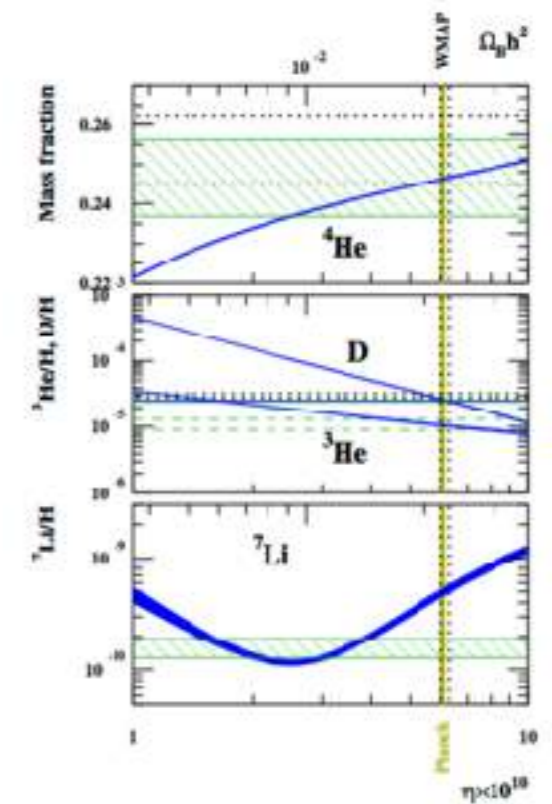
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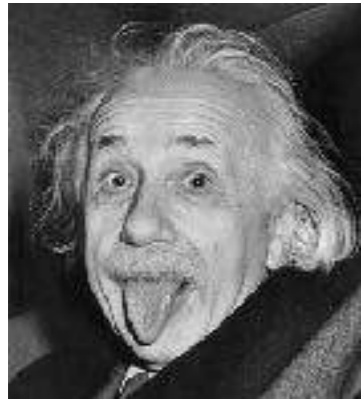
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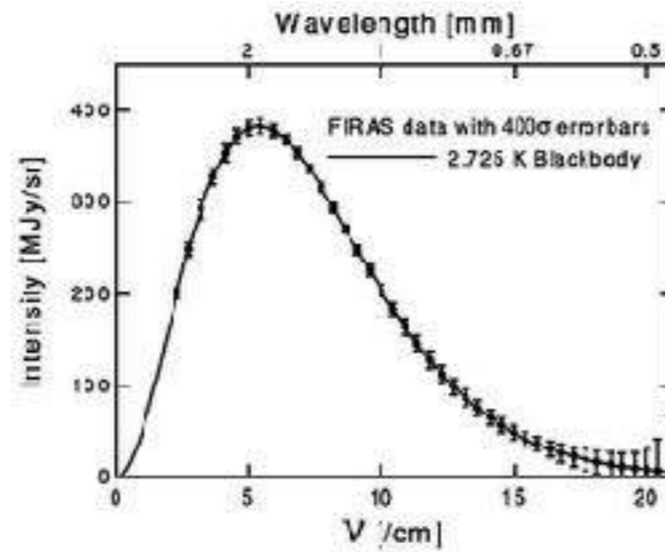


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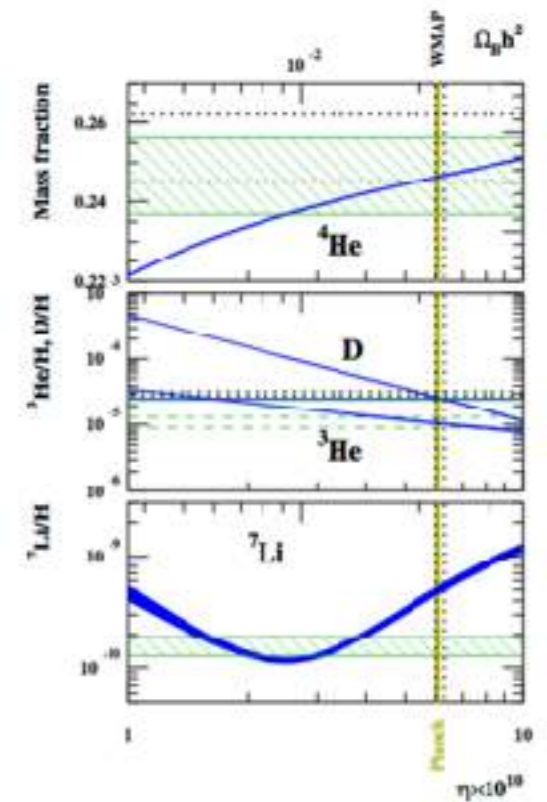


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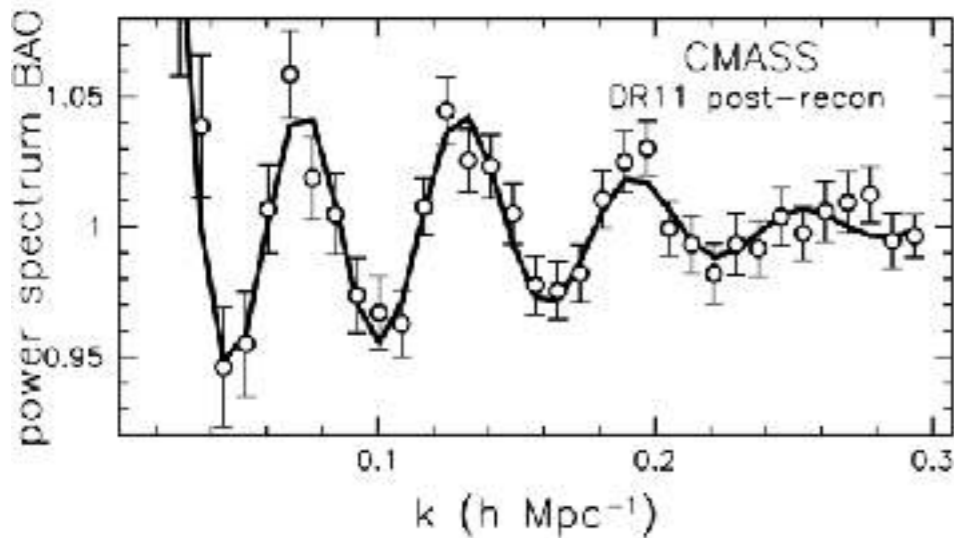
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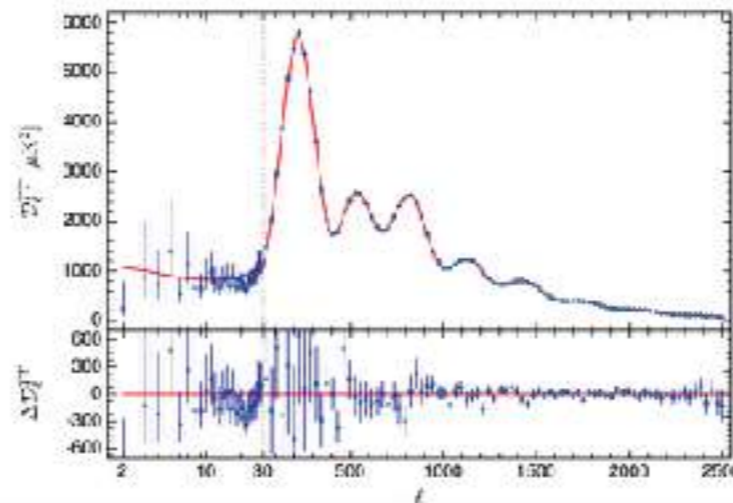
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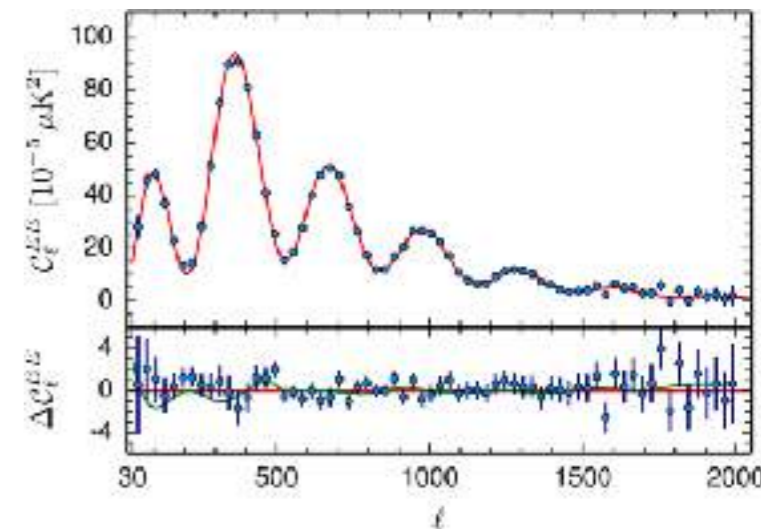
P(k) and BAO measurements

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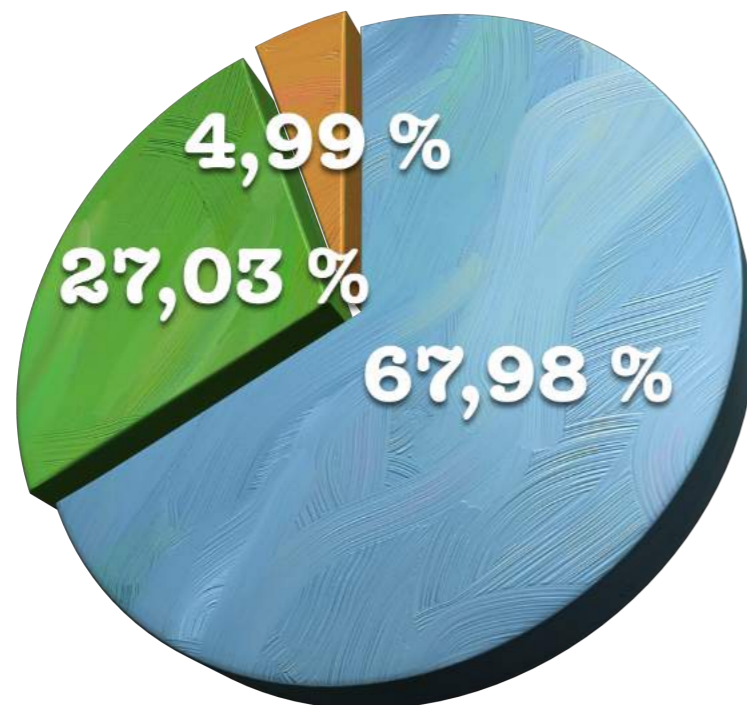
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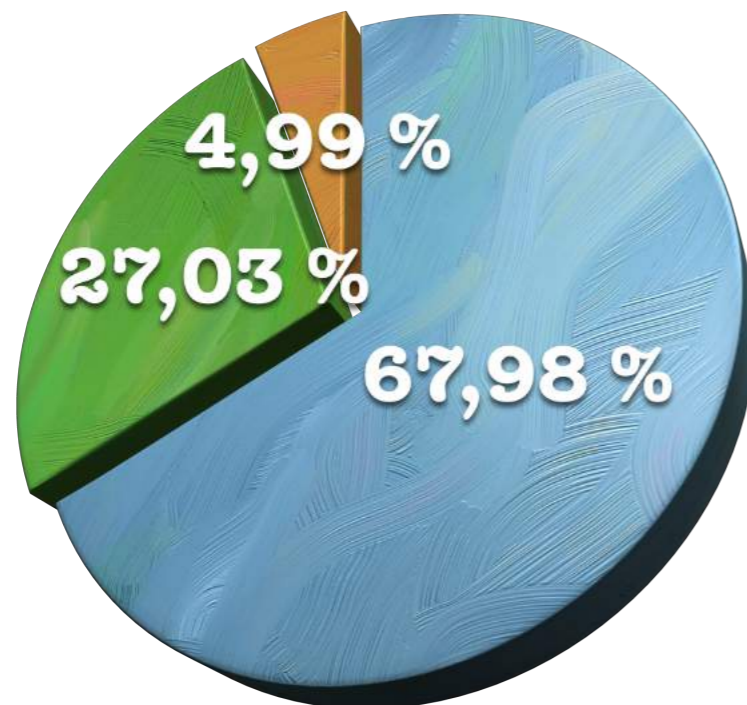


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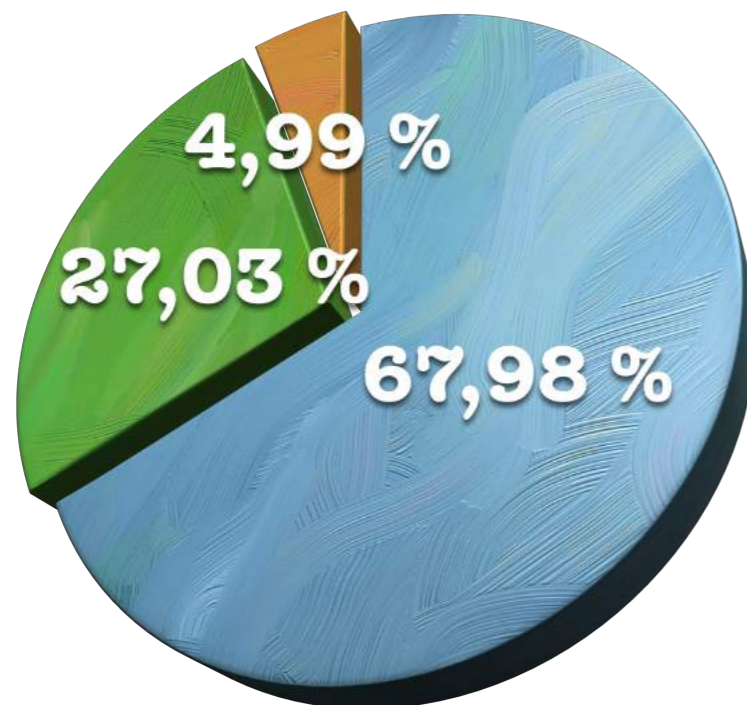
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Potentially yes !! But currently all we have are constraints ...



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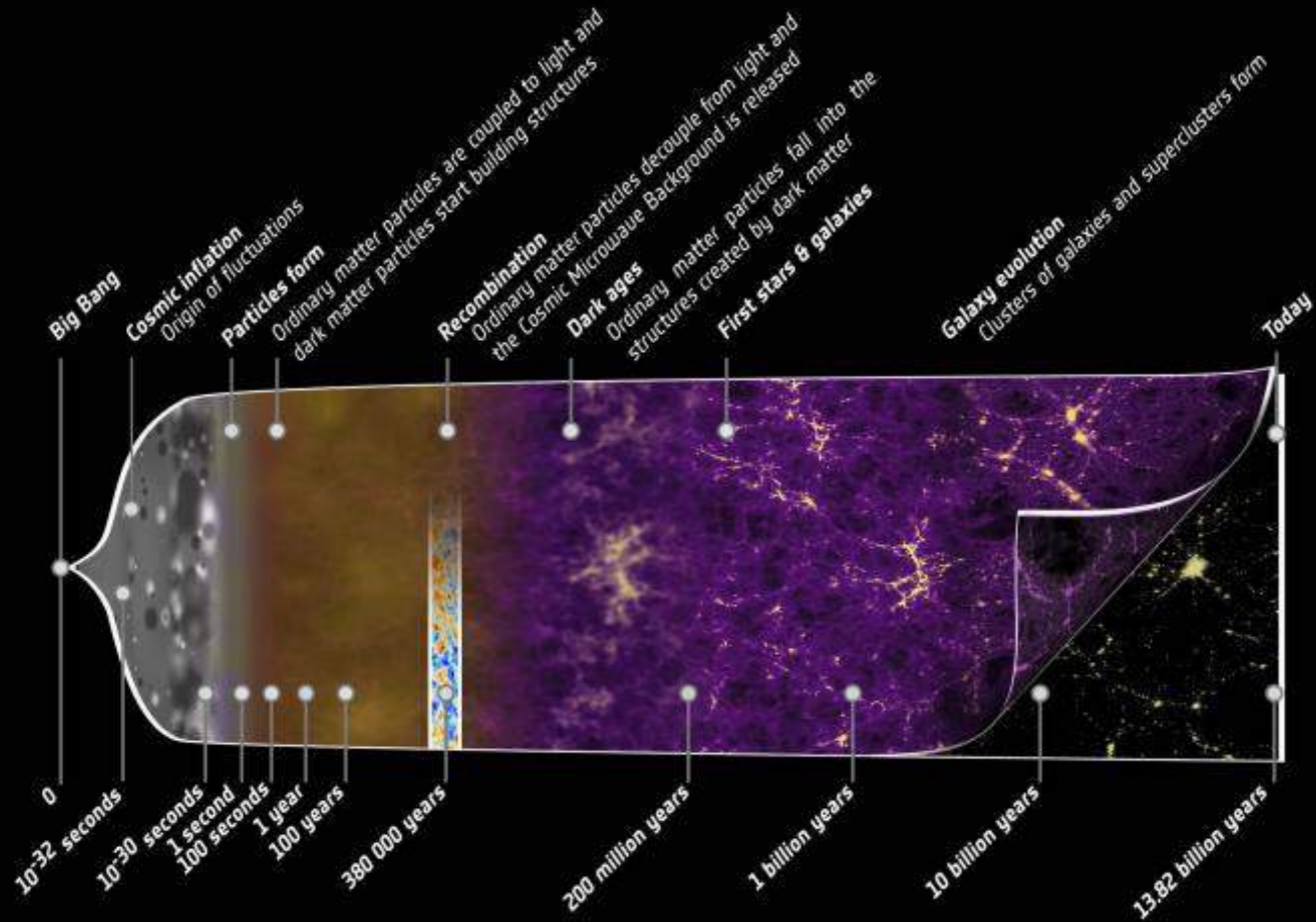
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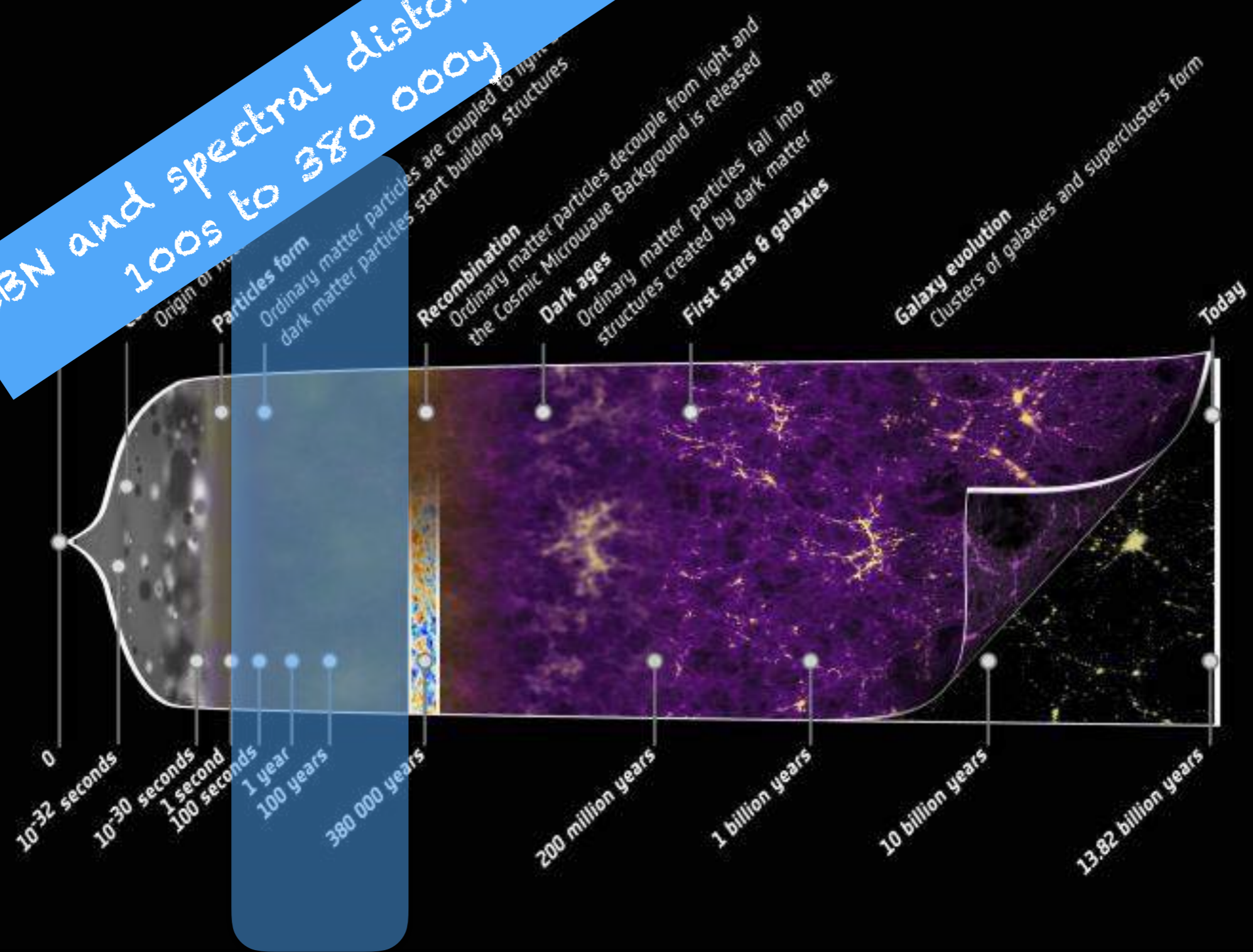
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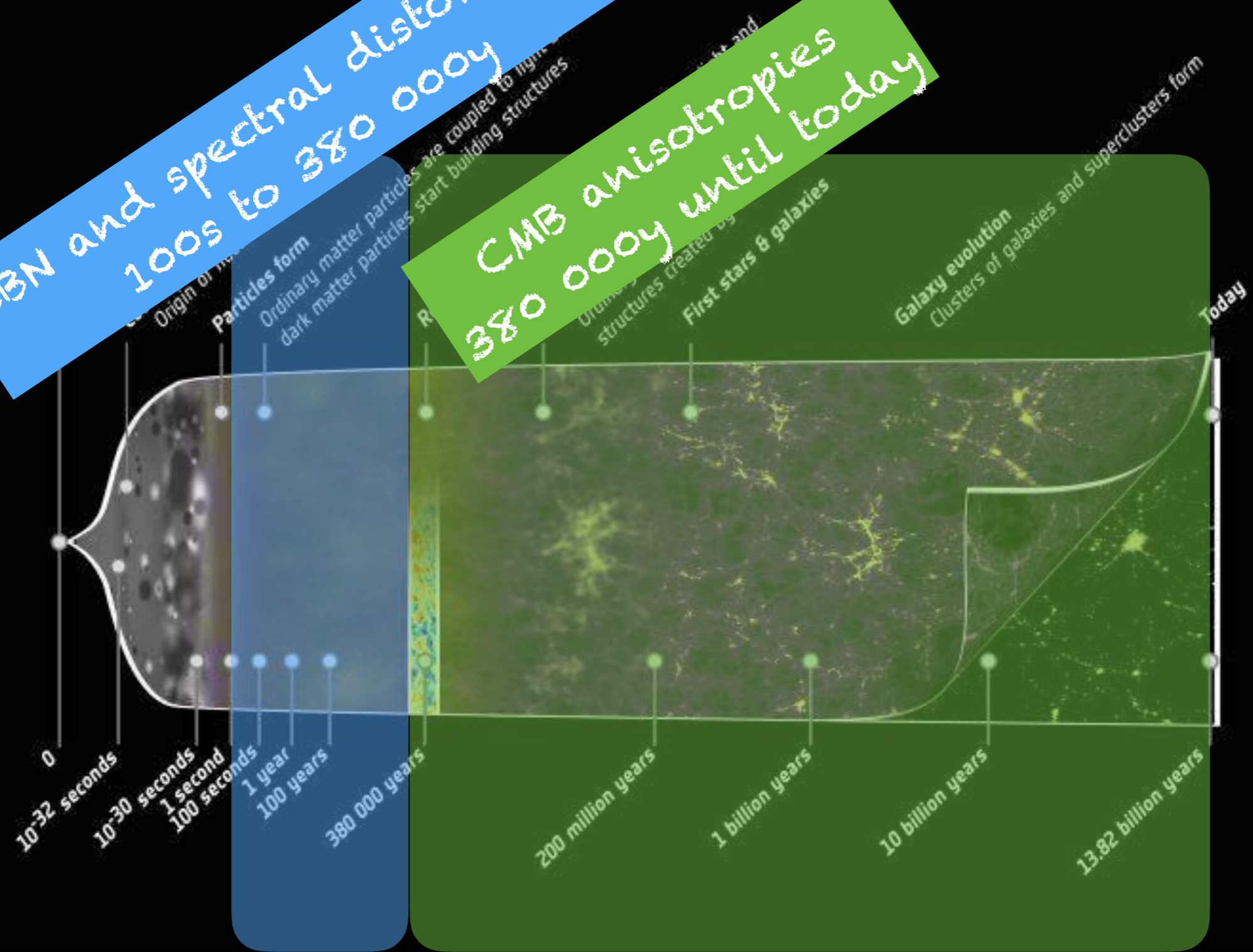


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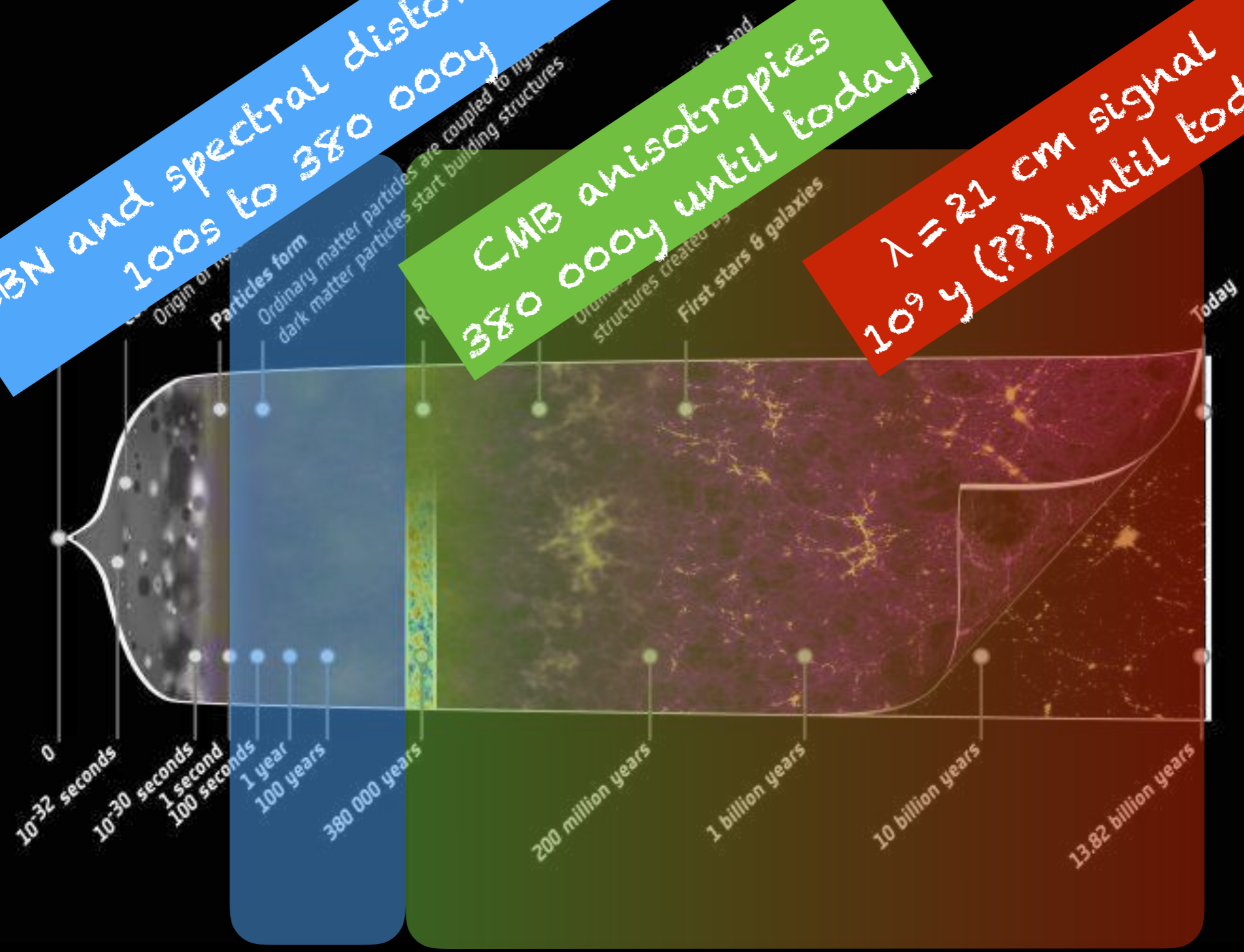


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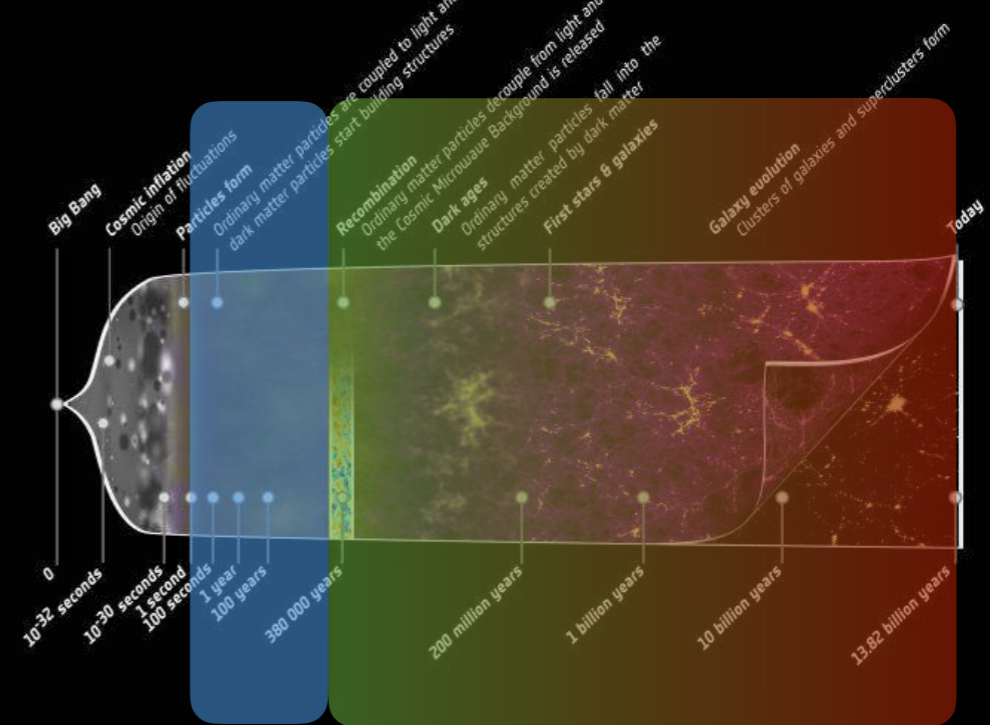
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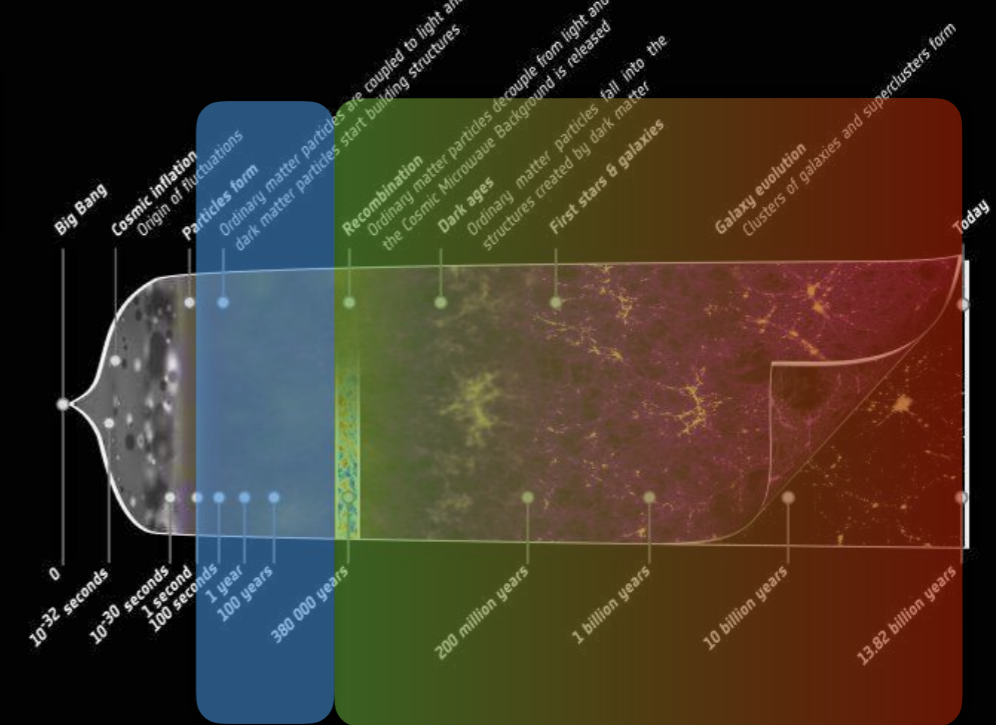
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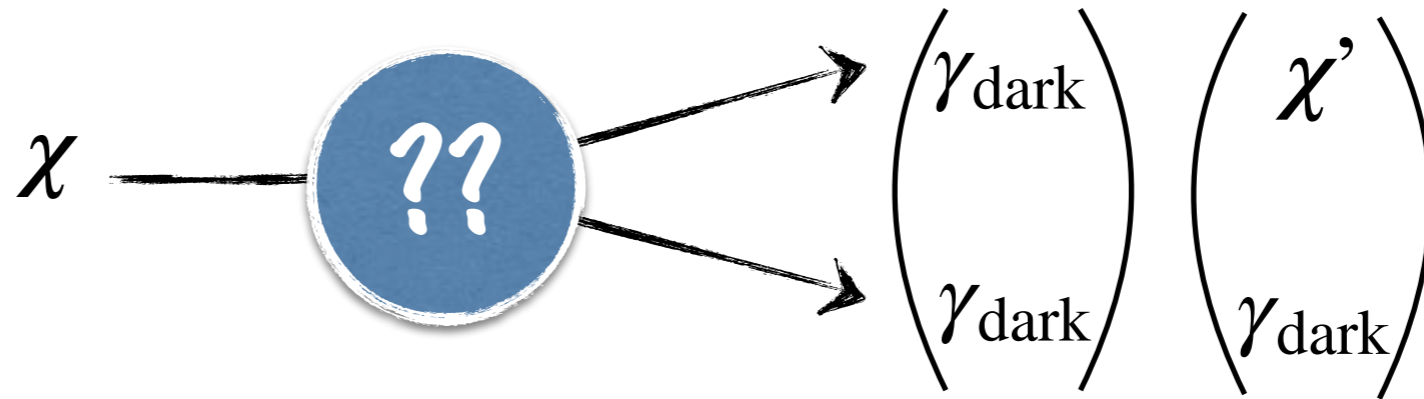
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Experiments show deviation from Planck-LCDM at low redshift for the quantities  $(\sigma_8, \Omega_M, H_0)$  such models have been invoked to **solve these** (small) **discrepancies.**

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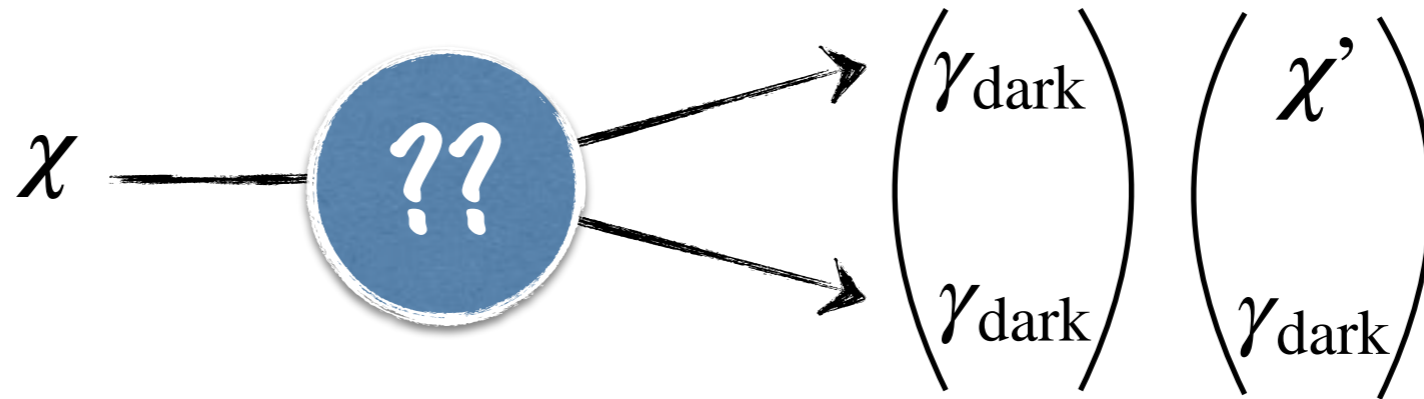
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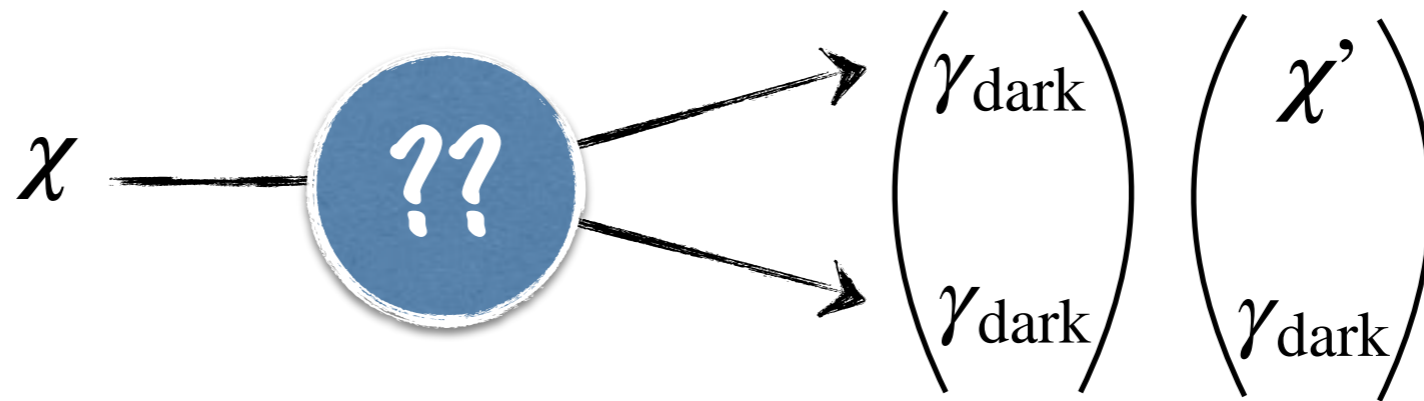
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The decay term takes a trivial form in the comoving-synchronous gauge in which the dark matter velocity divergence vanishes, but **only in this gauge** !

This point was missed in the only paper deriving bounds on the models we are dealing with.

[[astro-ph/0403164](https://arxiv.org/abs/1403.164)]



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+ Poisson and shear equation

$$k^2\phi + 3\frac{a'}{a}\left(\phi' + \frac{a'}{a}\psi\right) = -4\pi G a^2 \sum_i \delta\rho_i$$

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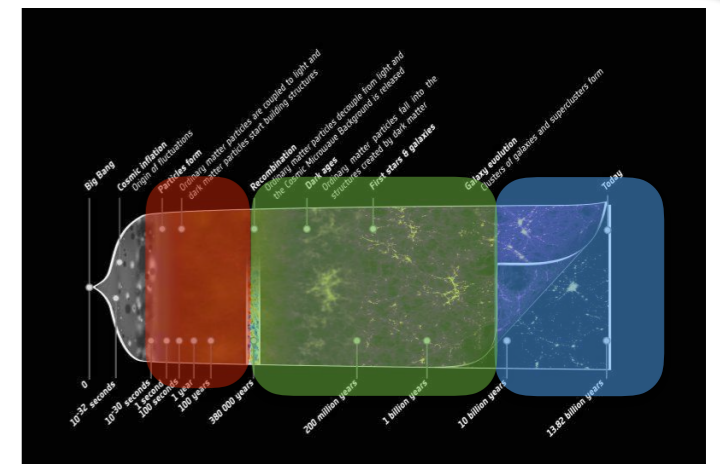
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$$\omega_{\text{cdm}}^{\text{ini}} = \omega_{\text{cdm}} + \omega_{\text{dcdm}}^{\text{ini}}$$

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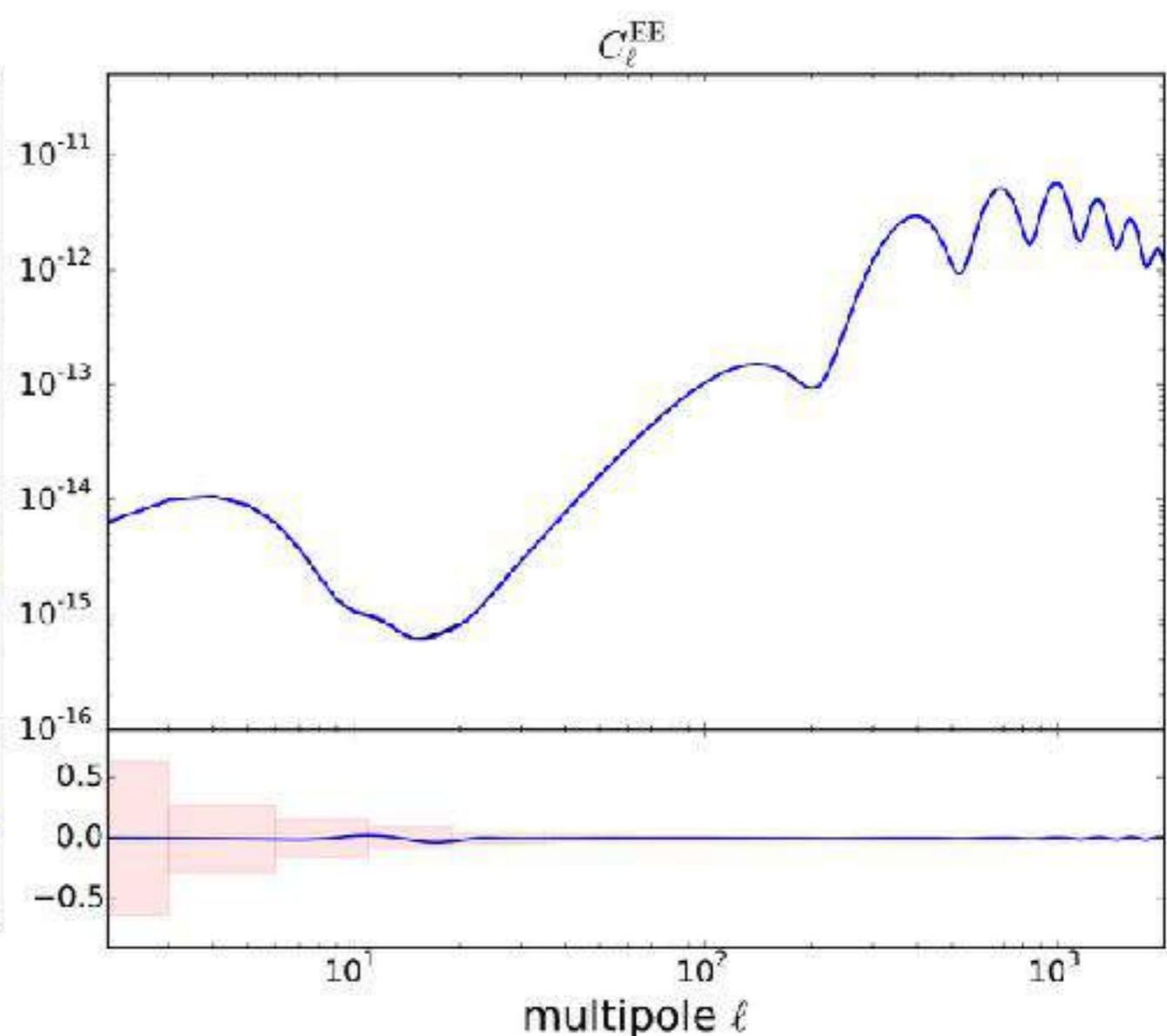
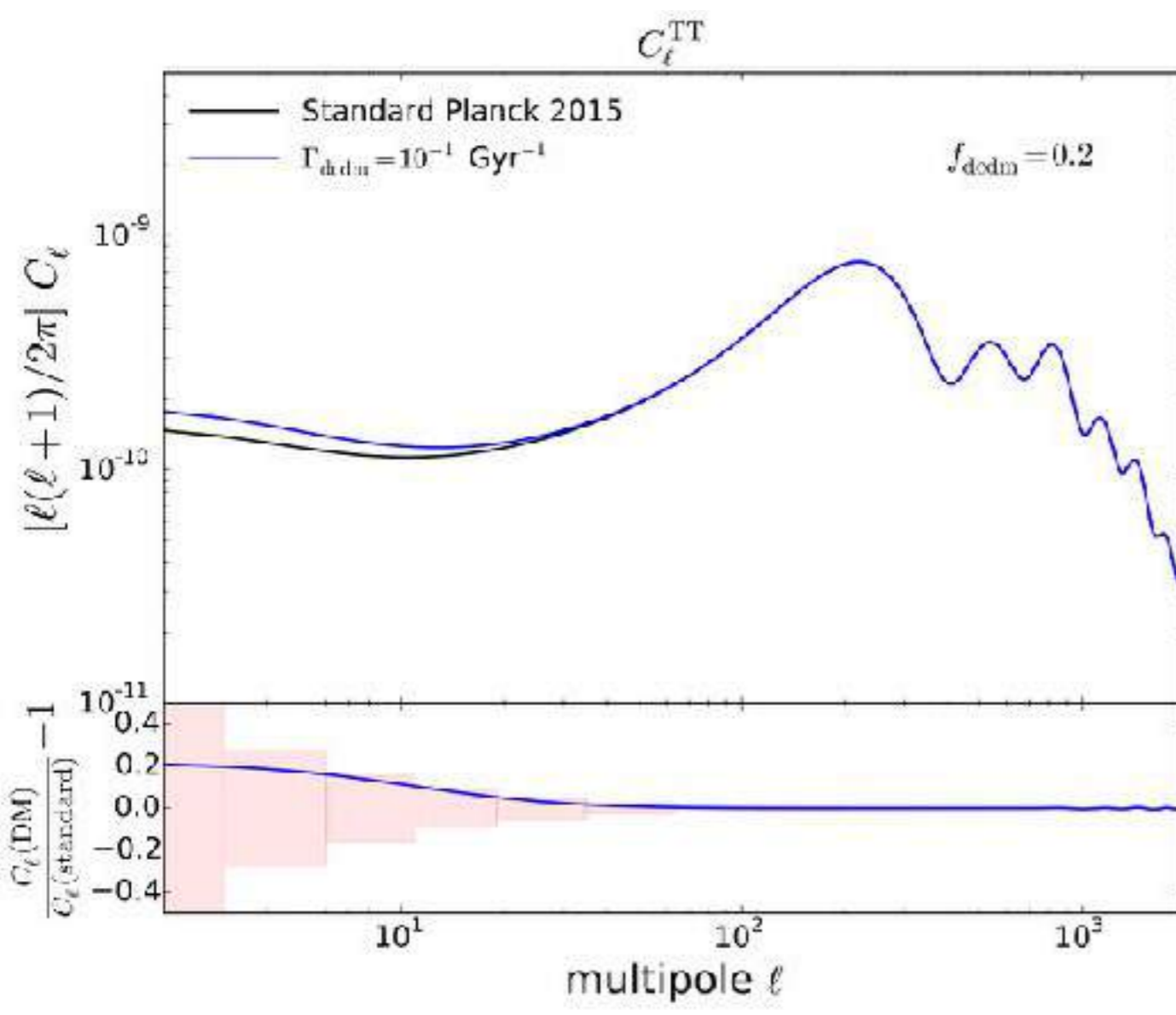
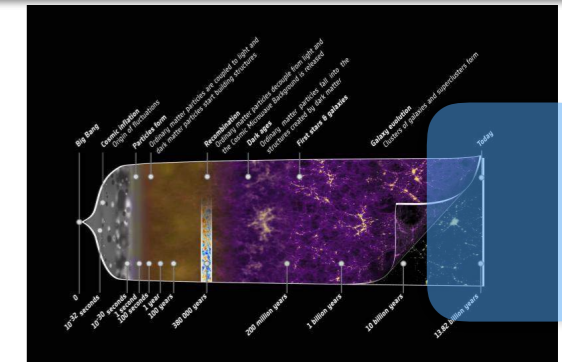
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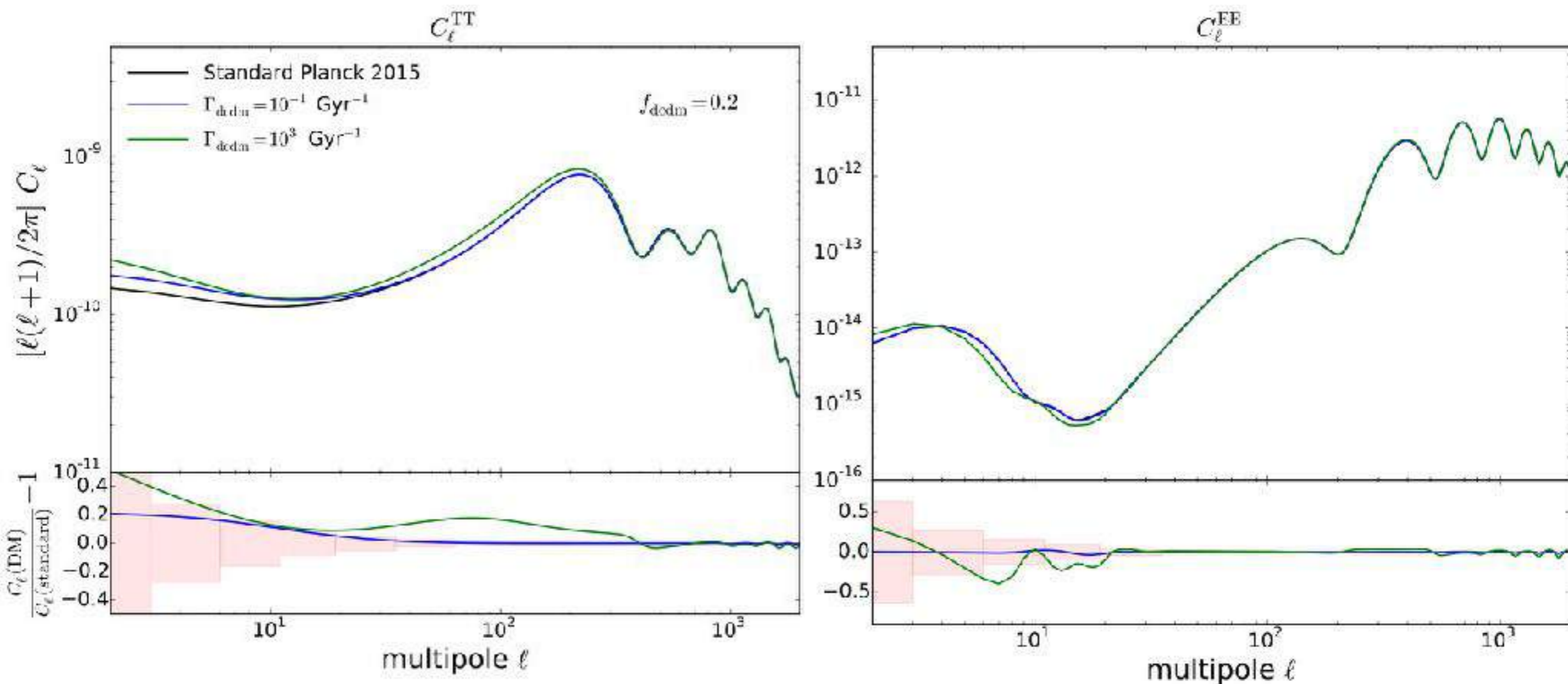
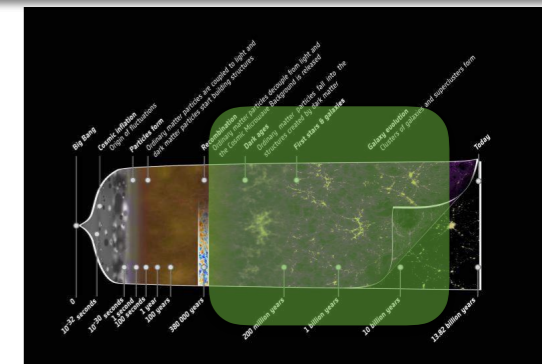
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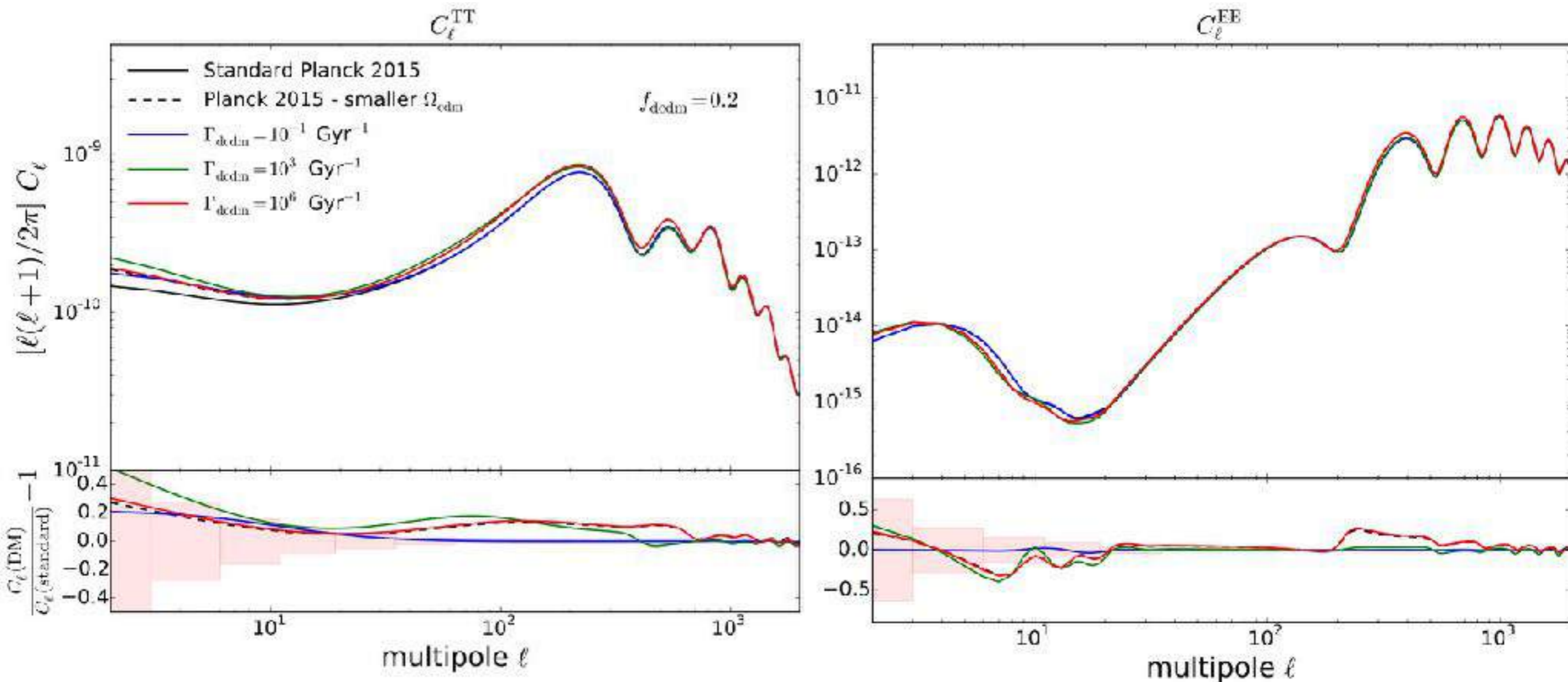
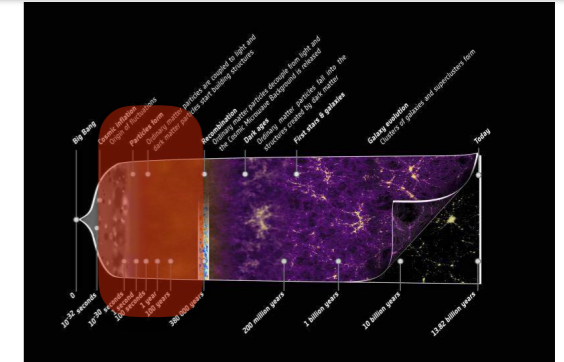
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- High- $l$  : Wiggles due to lensing

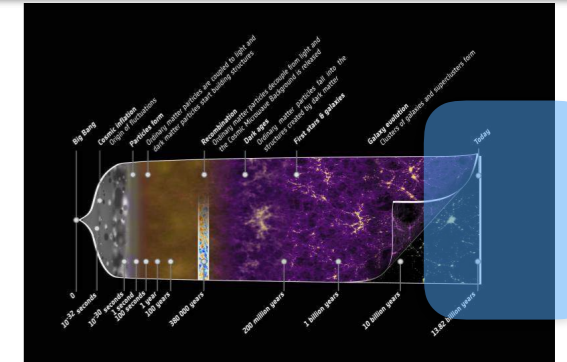
## Impact on the CMB power spectra

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- $z_{\text{eq}}$  shifted towards later time ! Bigger EISW and SW terms (less friction)
- expected limiting case : less DM from the beginning



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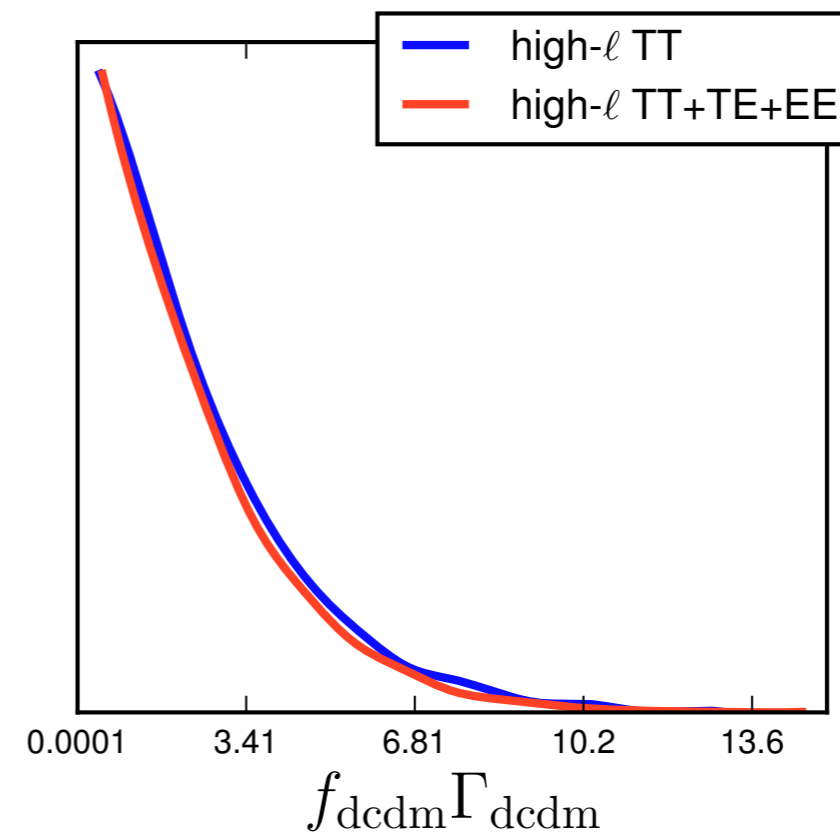
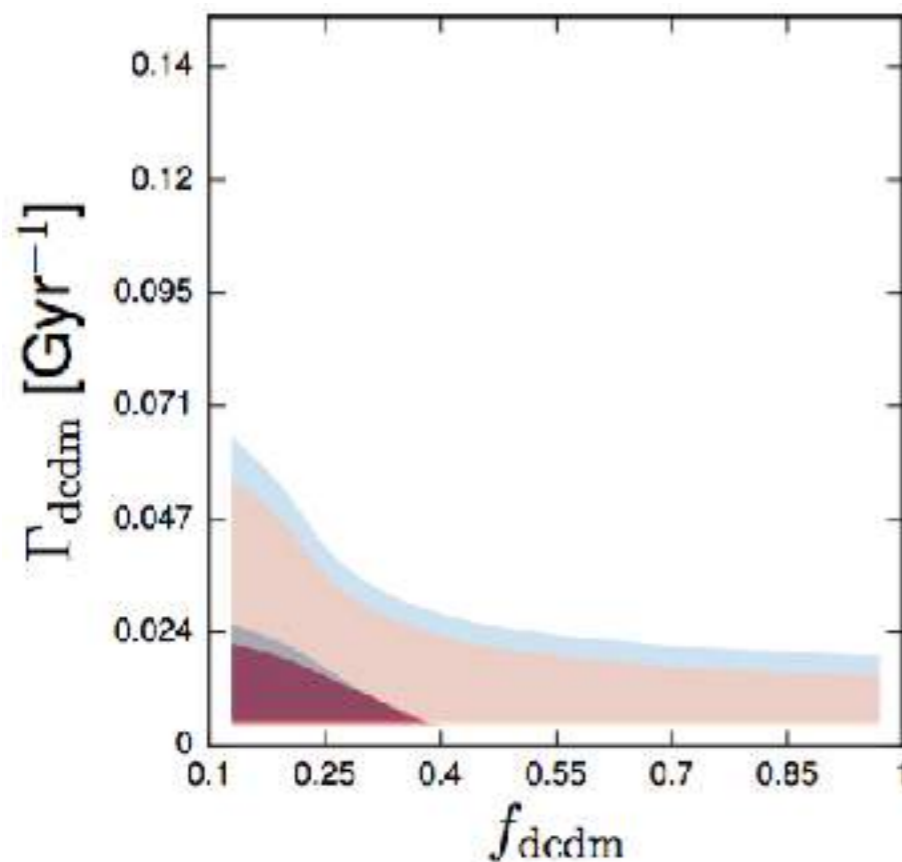


- long lifetime : what matters is (roughly)  $f_{\text{dcdm}} \cdot \Gamma_{\text{dcdm}}$

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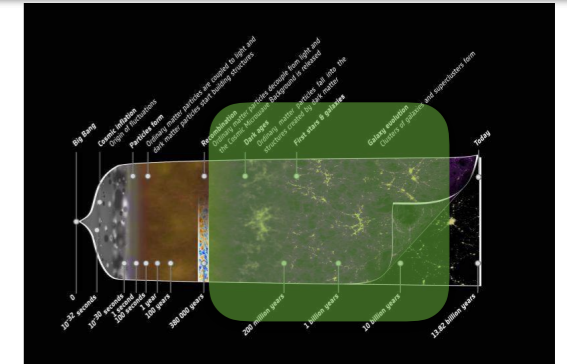
$$f_{\text{dcdm}} \cdot \Gamma_{\text{dcdm}} < 6.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Gyr}^{-1} \Leftrightarrow \tau \gtrsim f_{\text{dcdm}} \times 160 \text{ Gyr}$$

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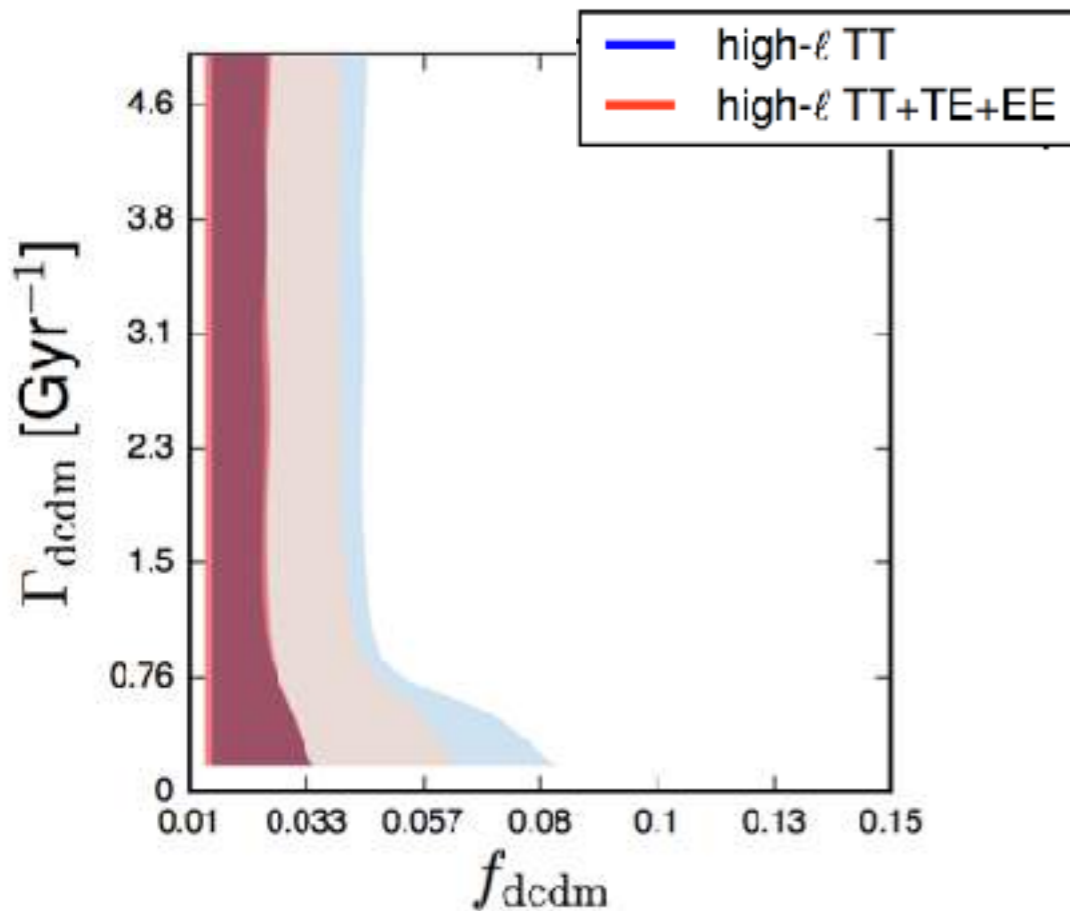


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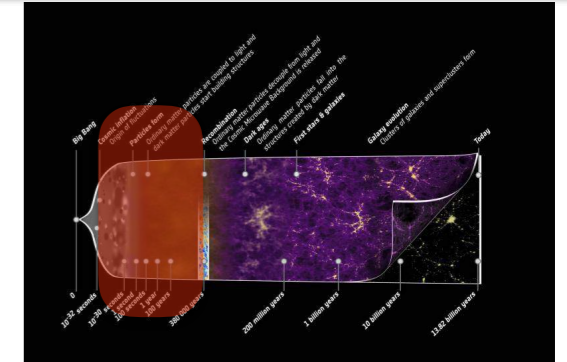
- intermediate lifetime : as long as  $\Gamma > 3H_0$  **all the DM has decayed.**

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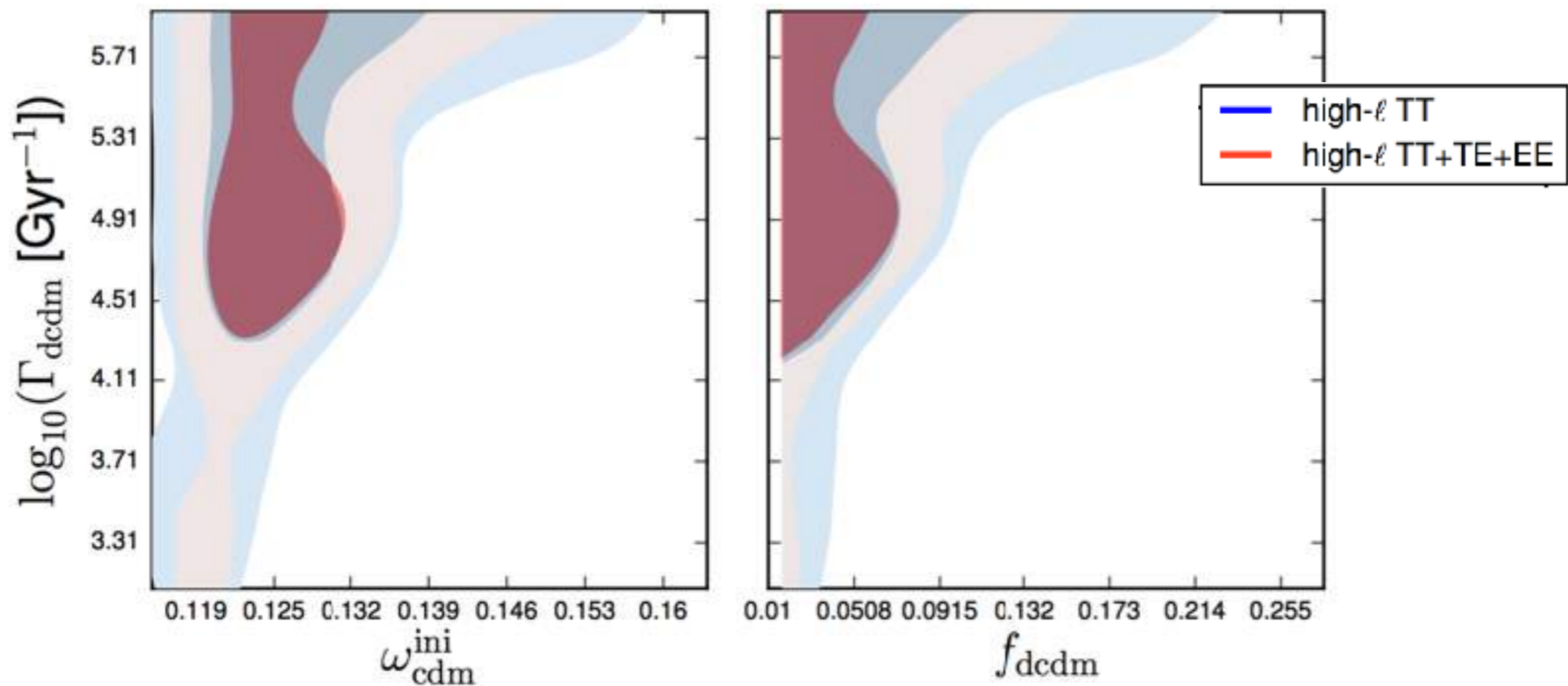
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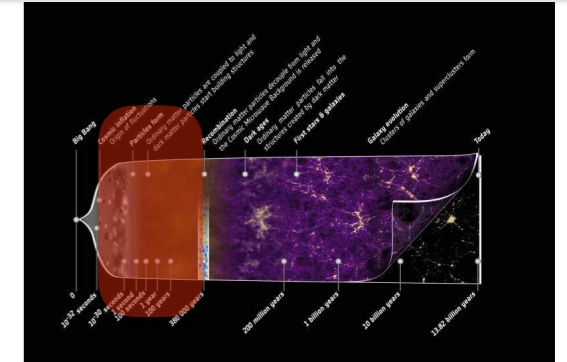


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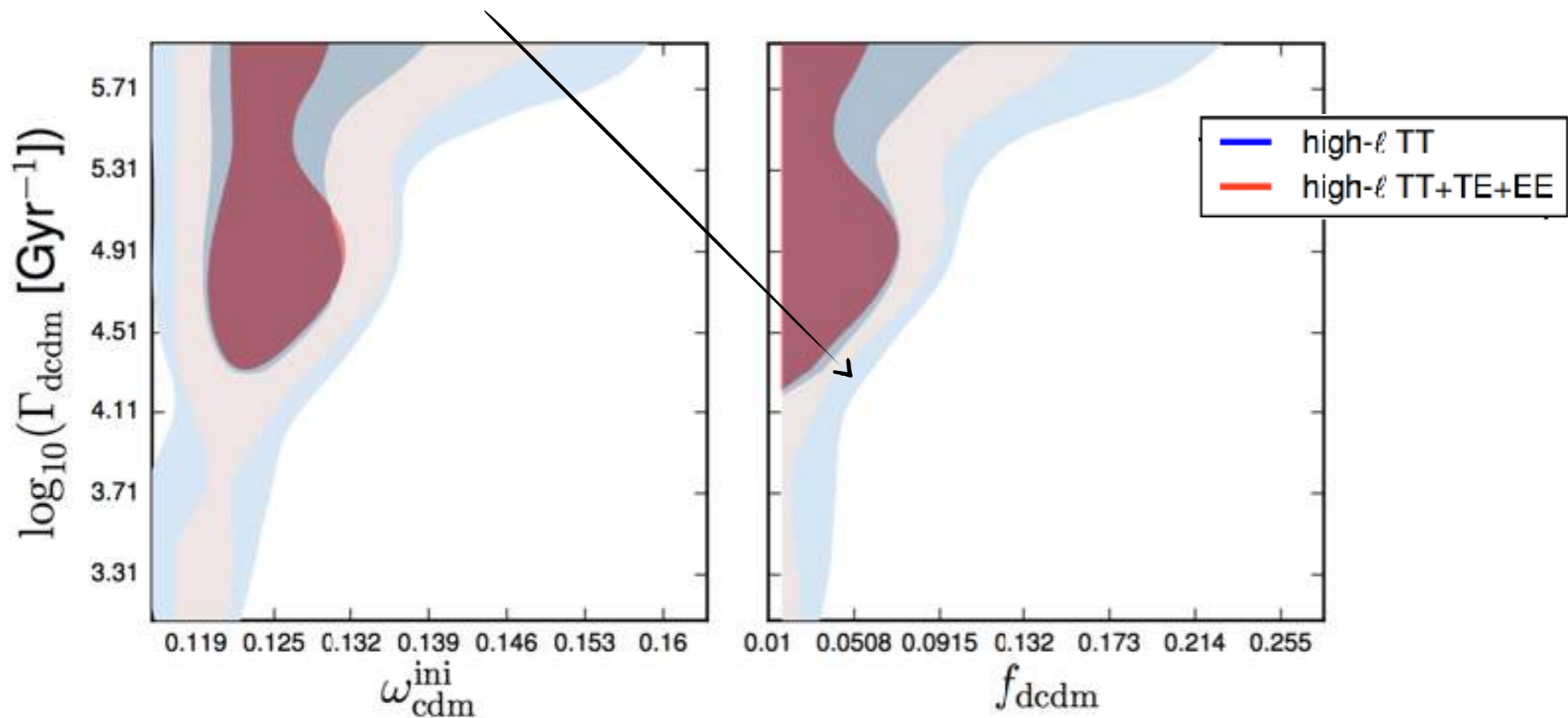
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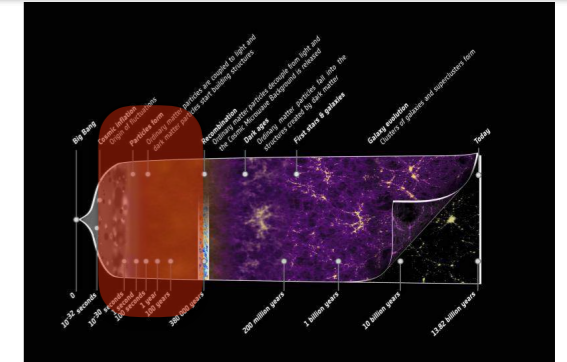
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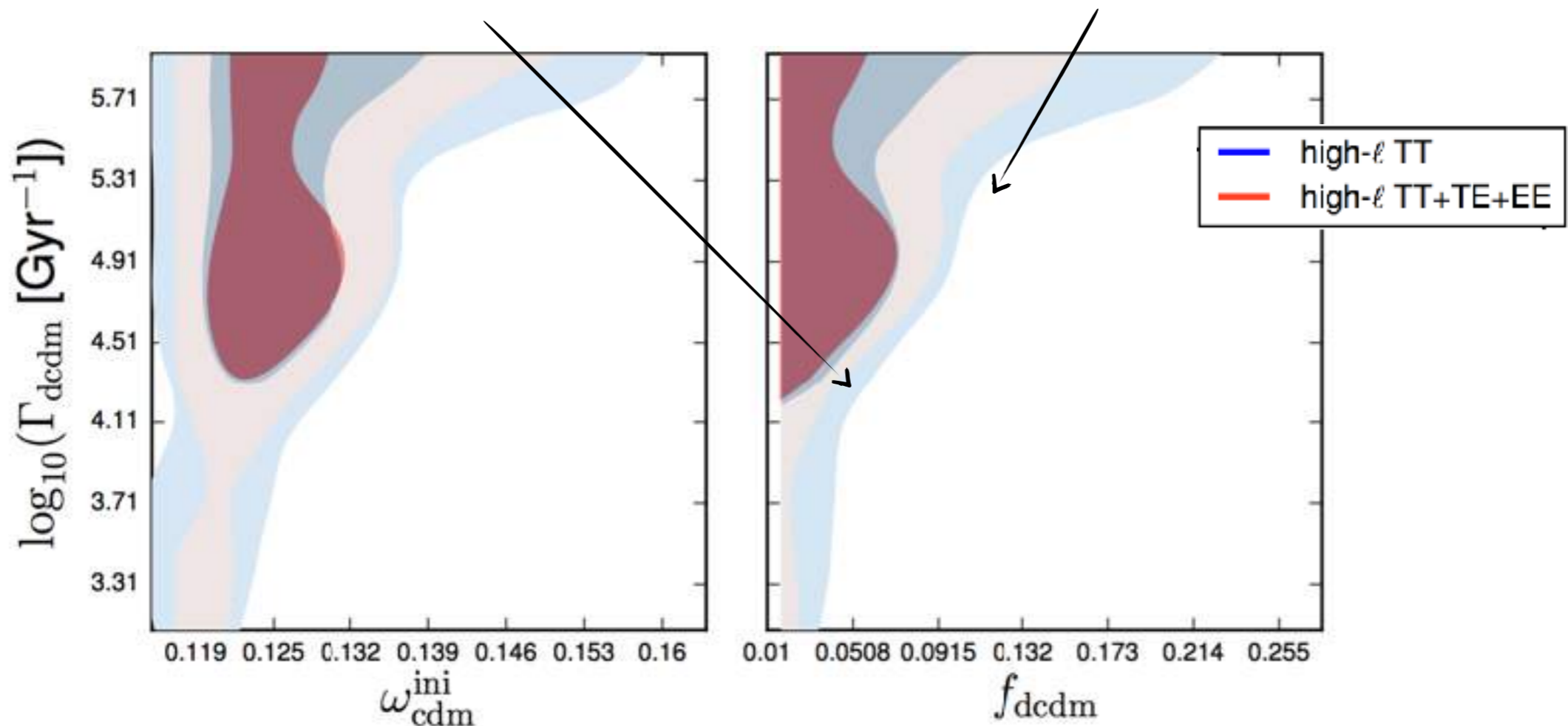


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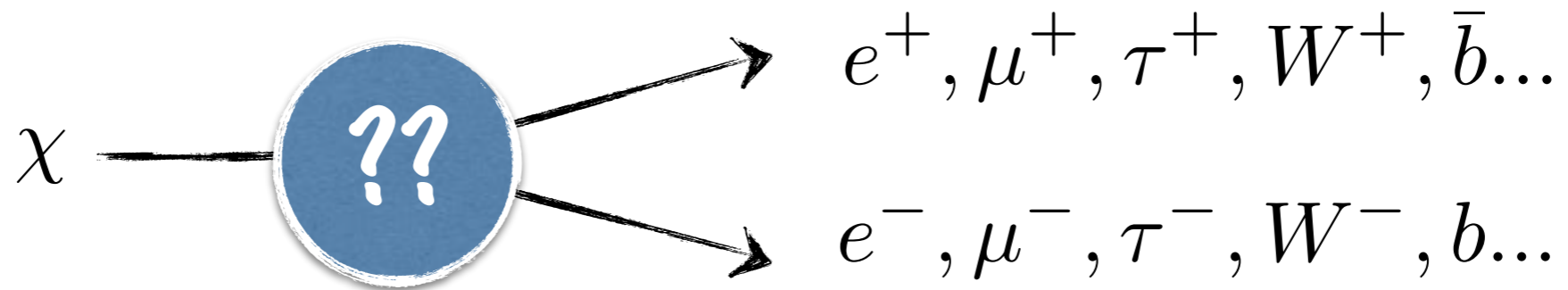
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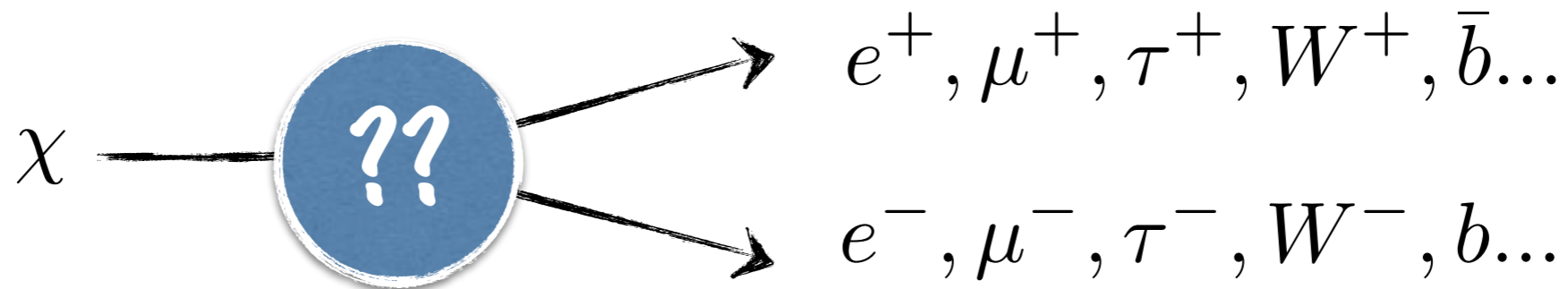
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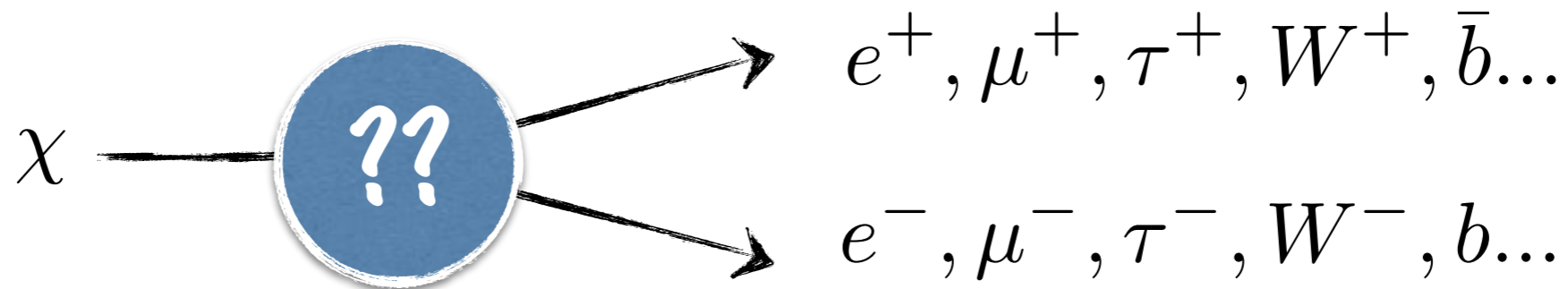
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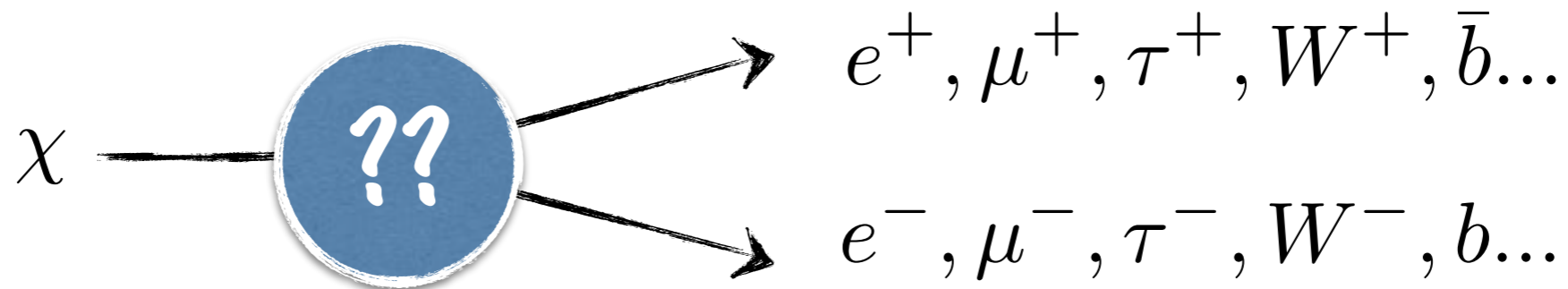
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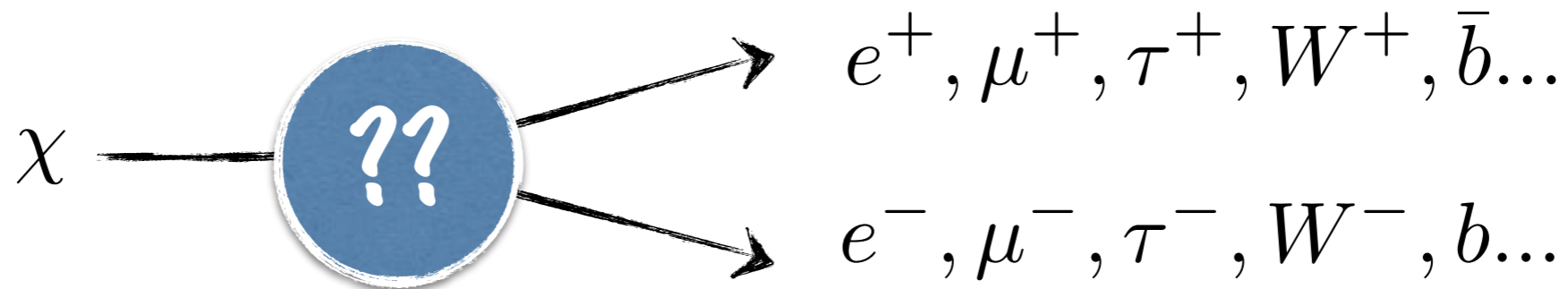
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- They ionize, excite or heat the IGM... and break atoms !

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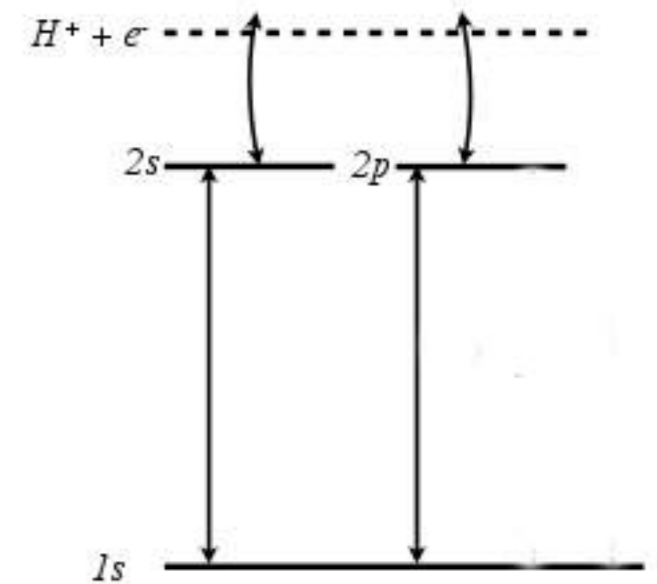
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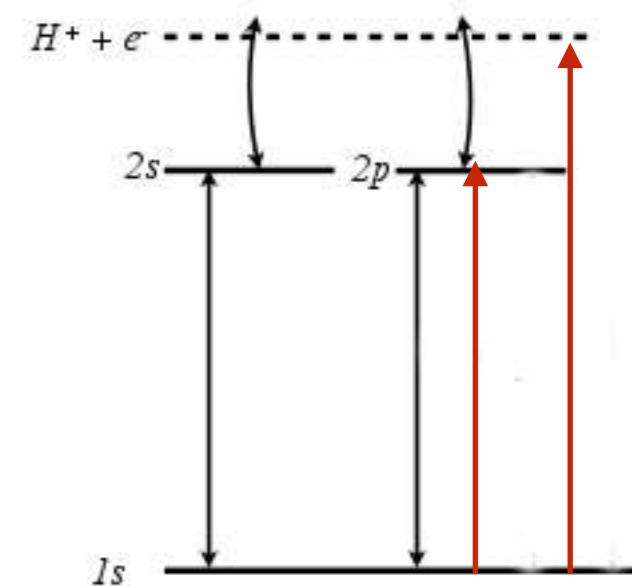


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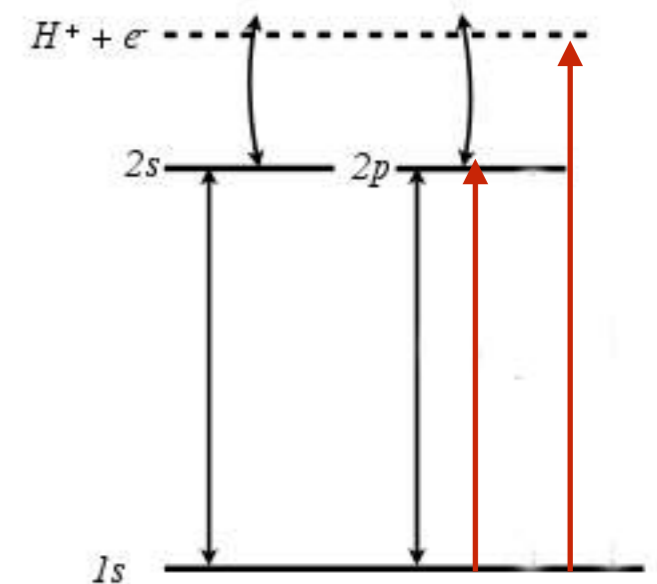


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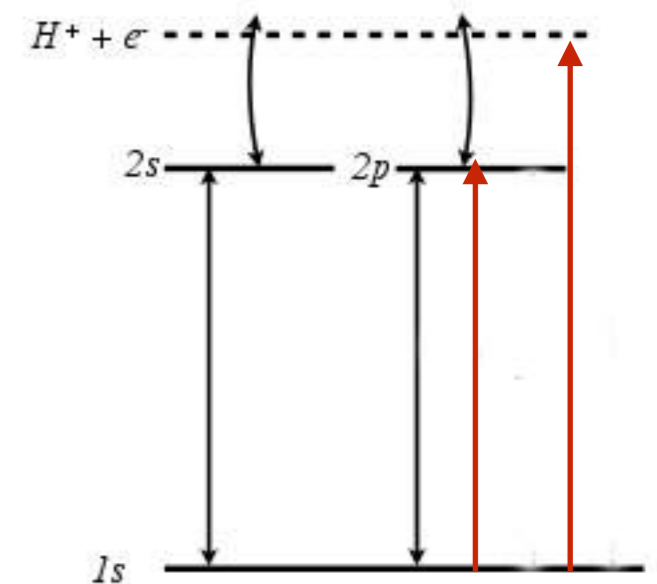
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Key quantity  $dE/dVdt|_{\text{dep,c}}$ :

- The energy deposition rate by the decay per unit volume in each channel:  
**ionization, excitation, heating.**
- Depending on  $z$  and  $x_e$ , the plasma can be **very inefficient at absorbing energy** !

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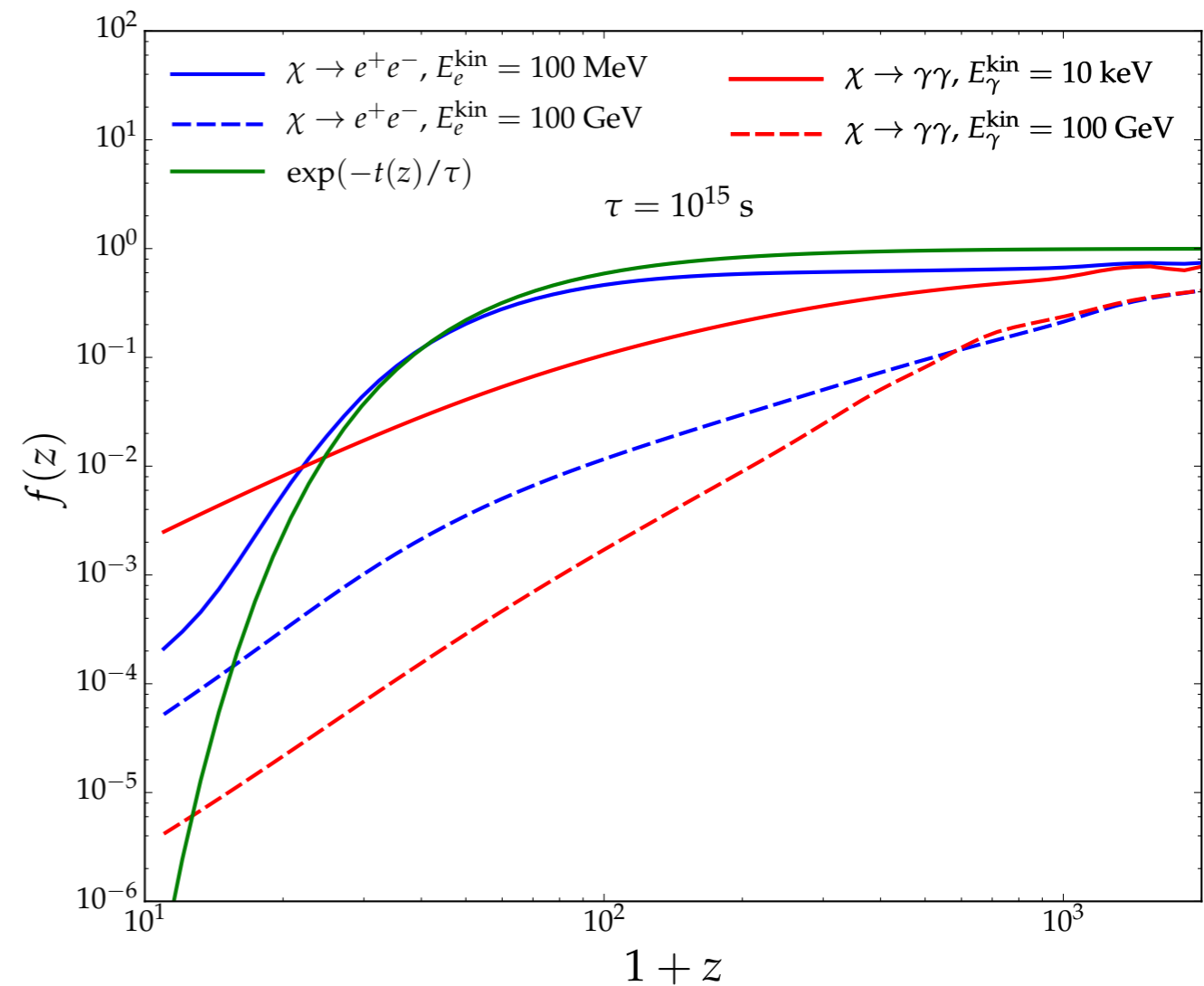
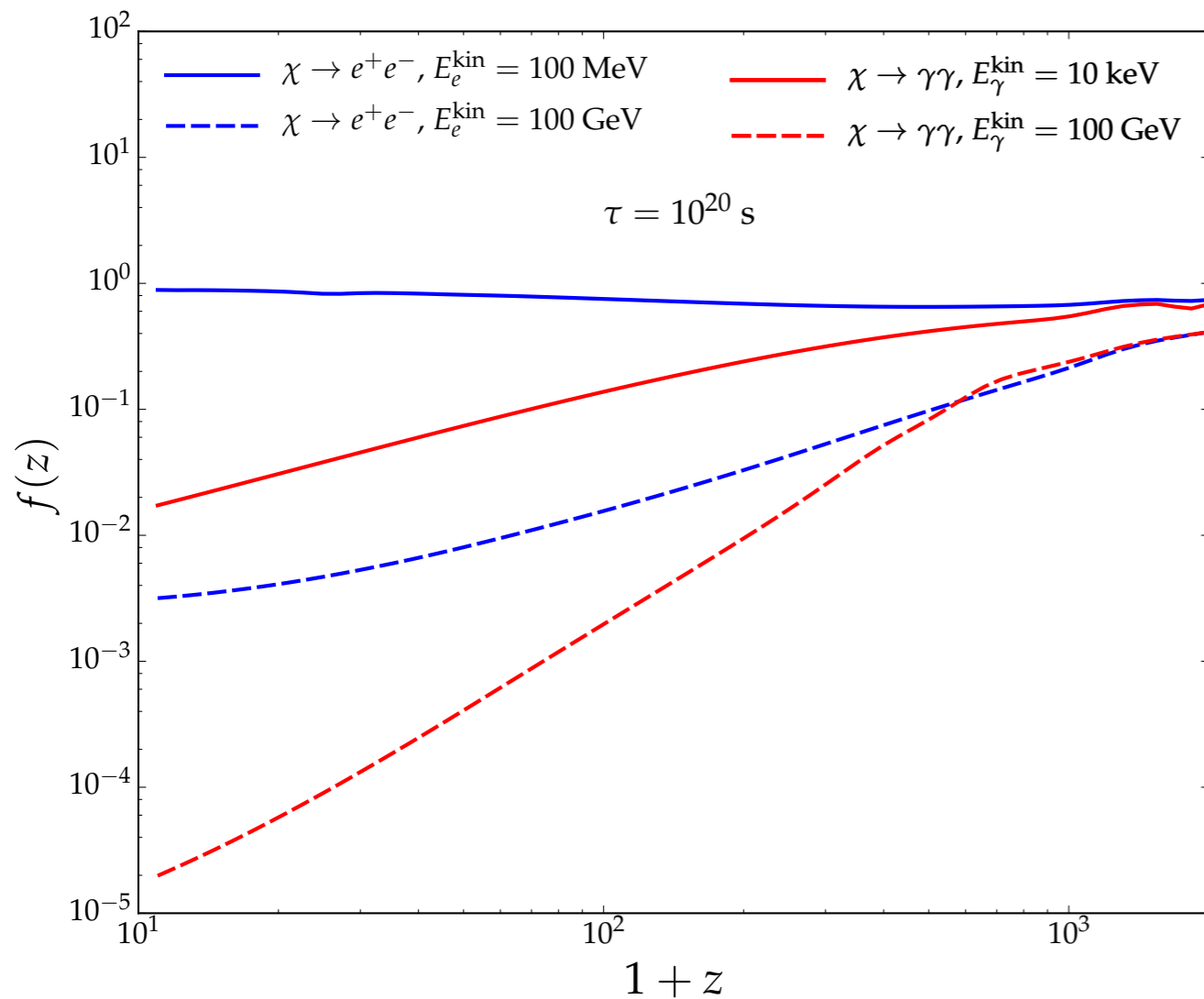
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$f_c(z, x_e)$  is the key quantity, it encodes:

- What fraction of the injected energy is left to interact with the IGM
- How this energy is distributed among each channel : 'heat', 'ionization', 'excitation'

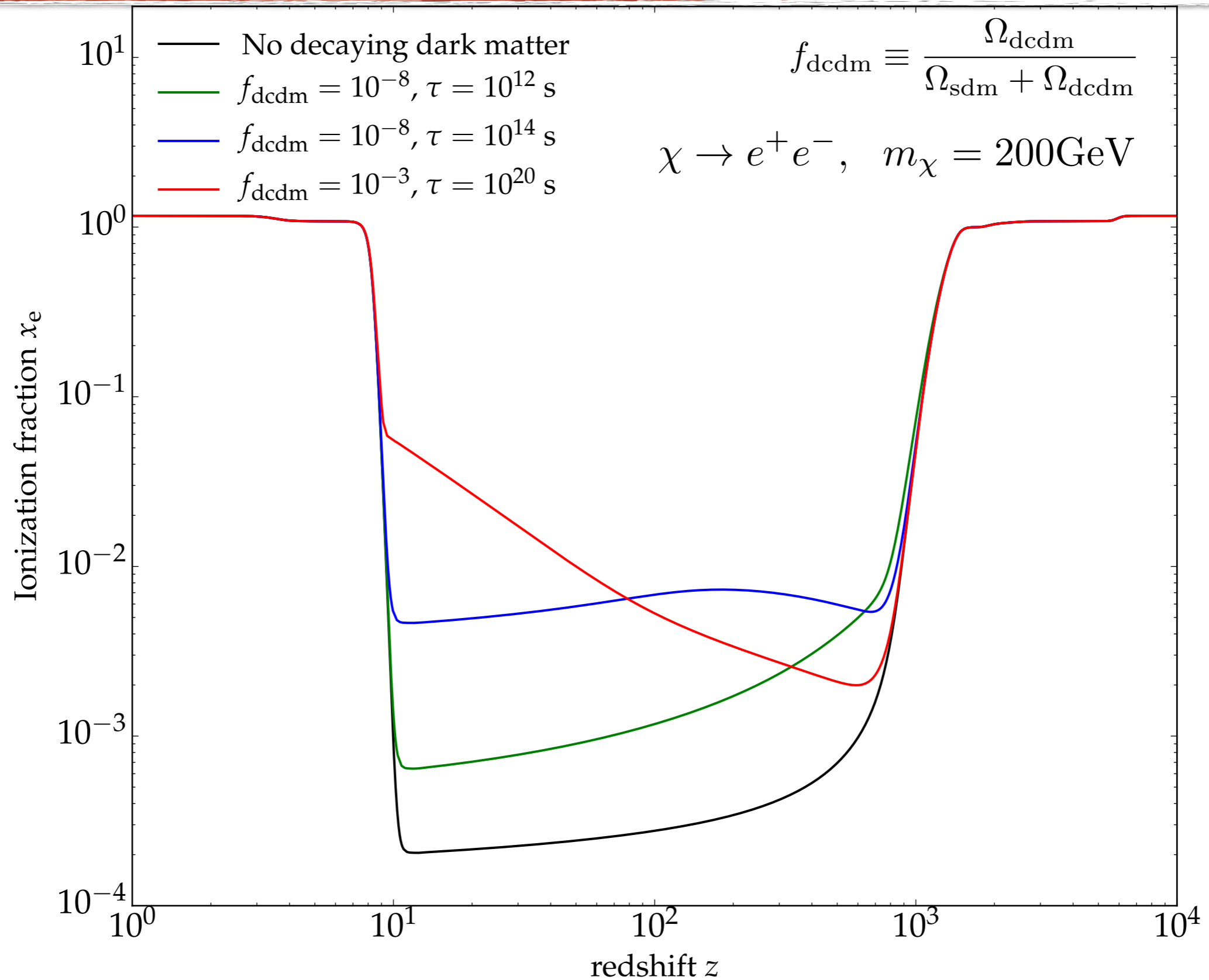
In practice, it depends on details of the particle physics and injection history.

# examples of energy deposition efficiency function



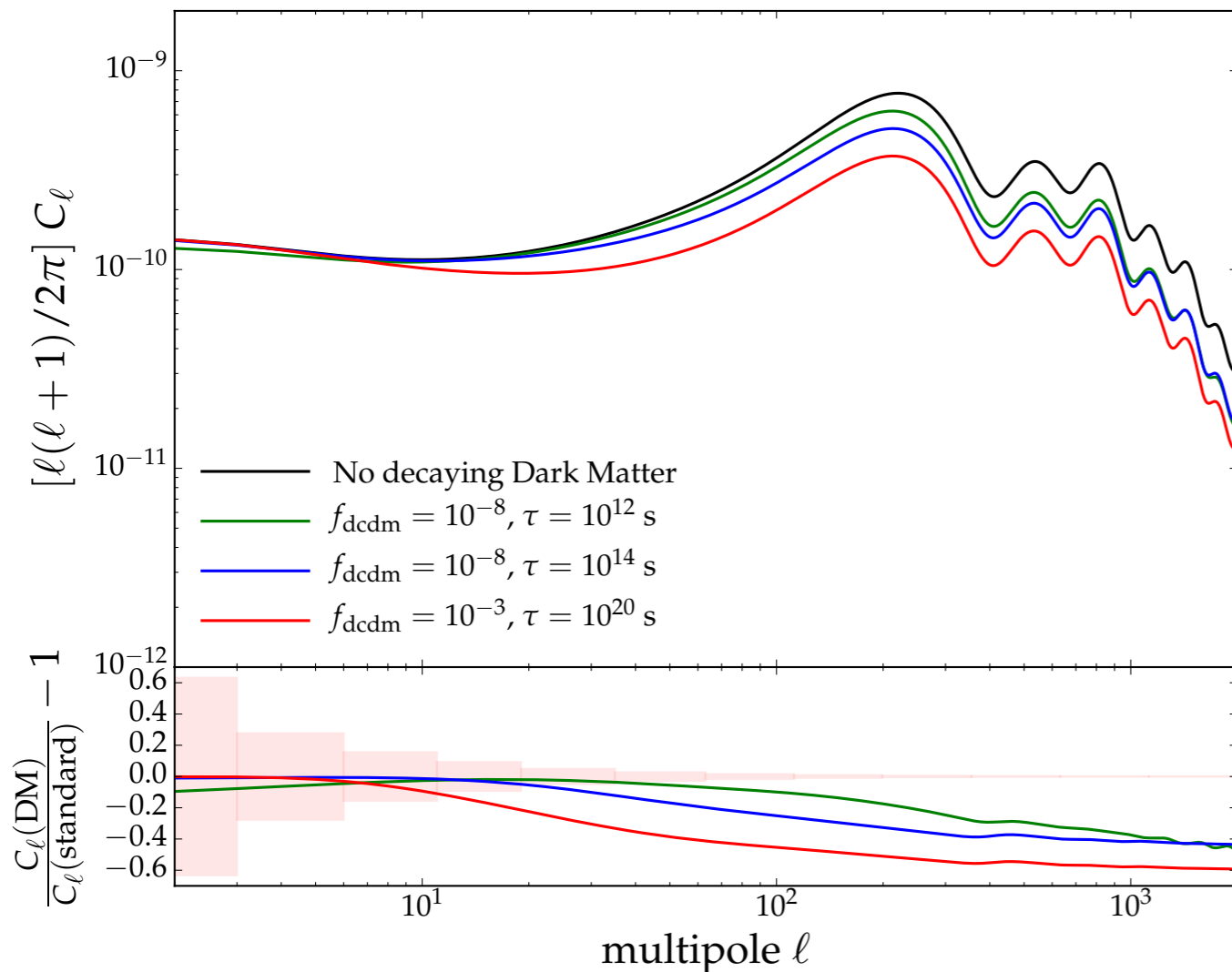
- Here, the deposition efficiency is **summed over all channels**.
- It typically depends on the lifetime, particle energy and nature!

$x_e$  carries information on the time / amount of energy injection !

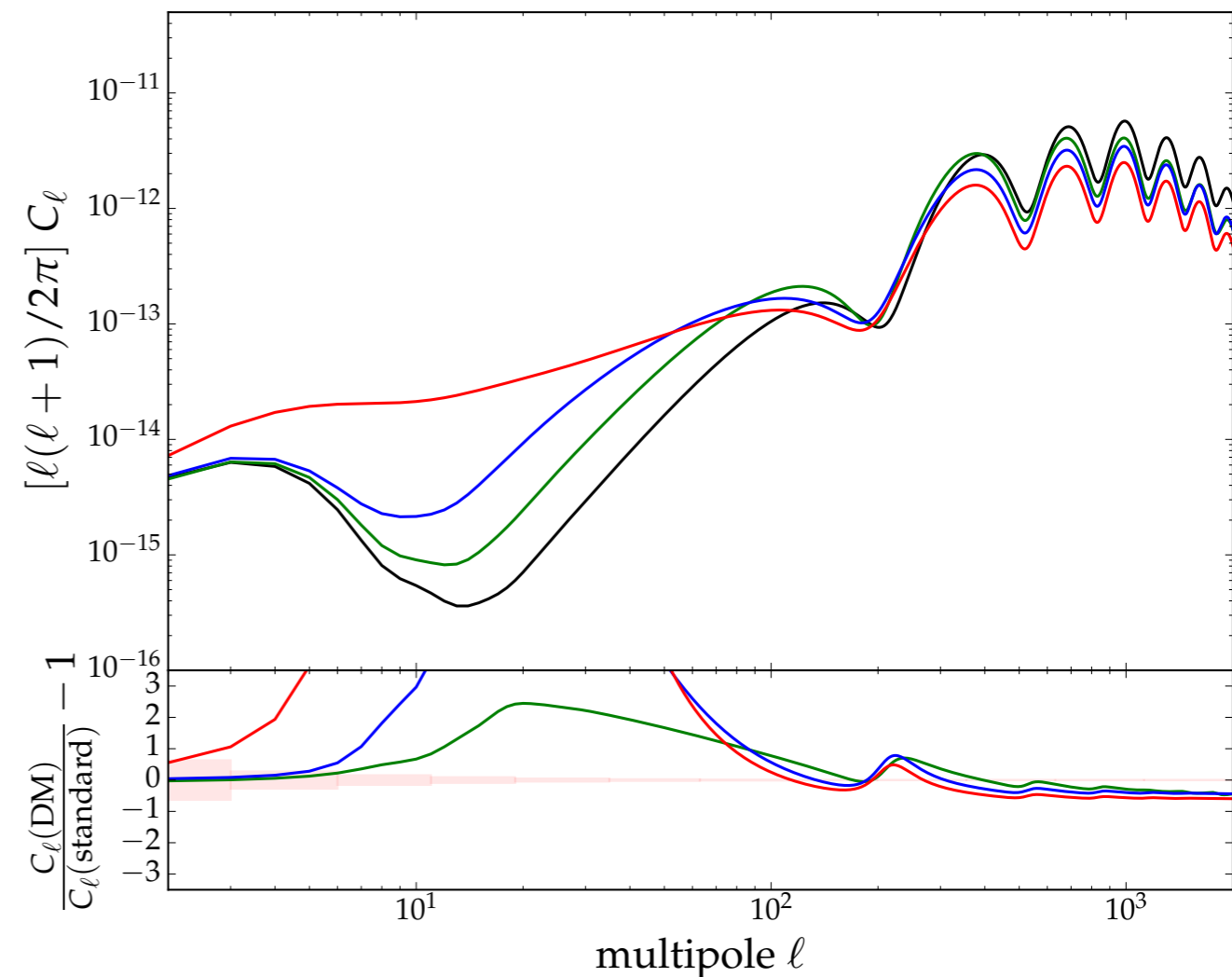


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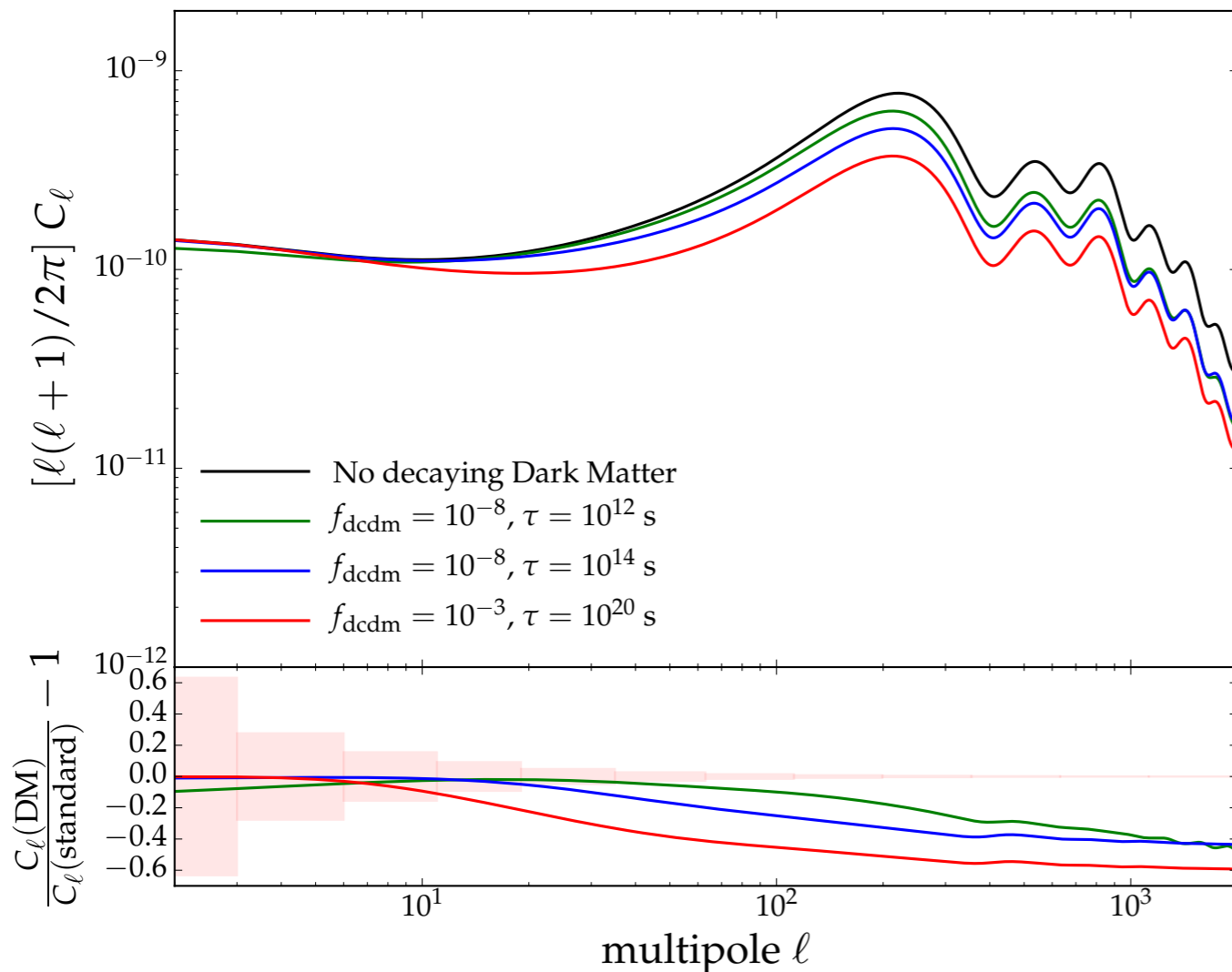
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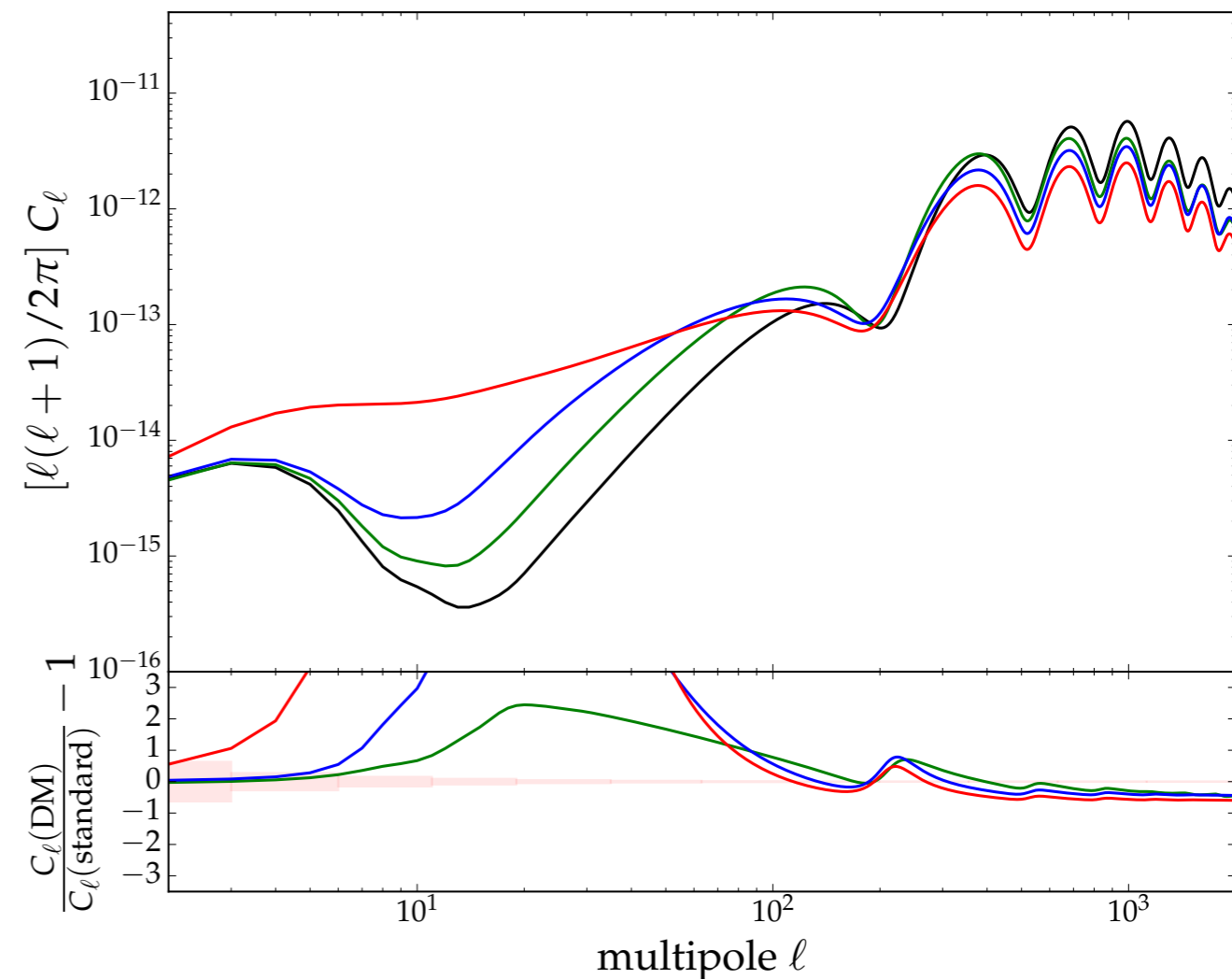


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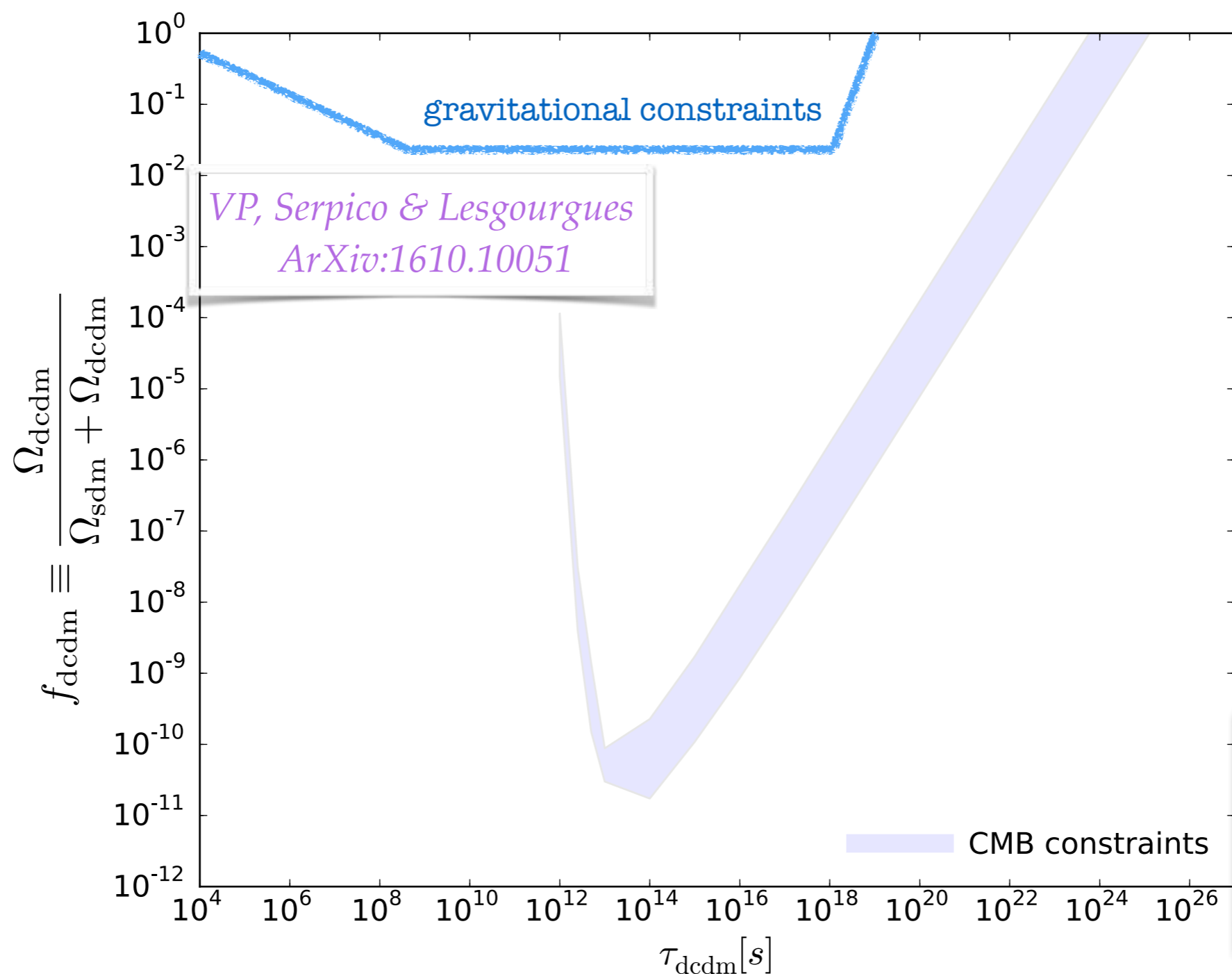
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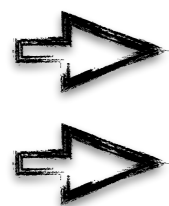
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- Short lifetime: can have **very peculiar behaviour**! Larger damping tail, shifted/broaden reionization bump and suppress LISW.

CMB anisotropies very powerful at constraining  $\tau = [10^{12}, 10^{26}]s$



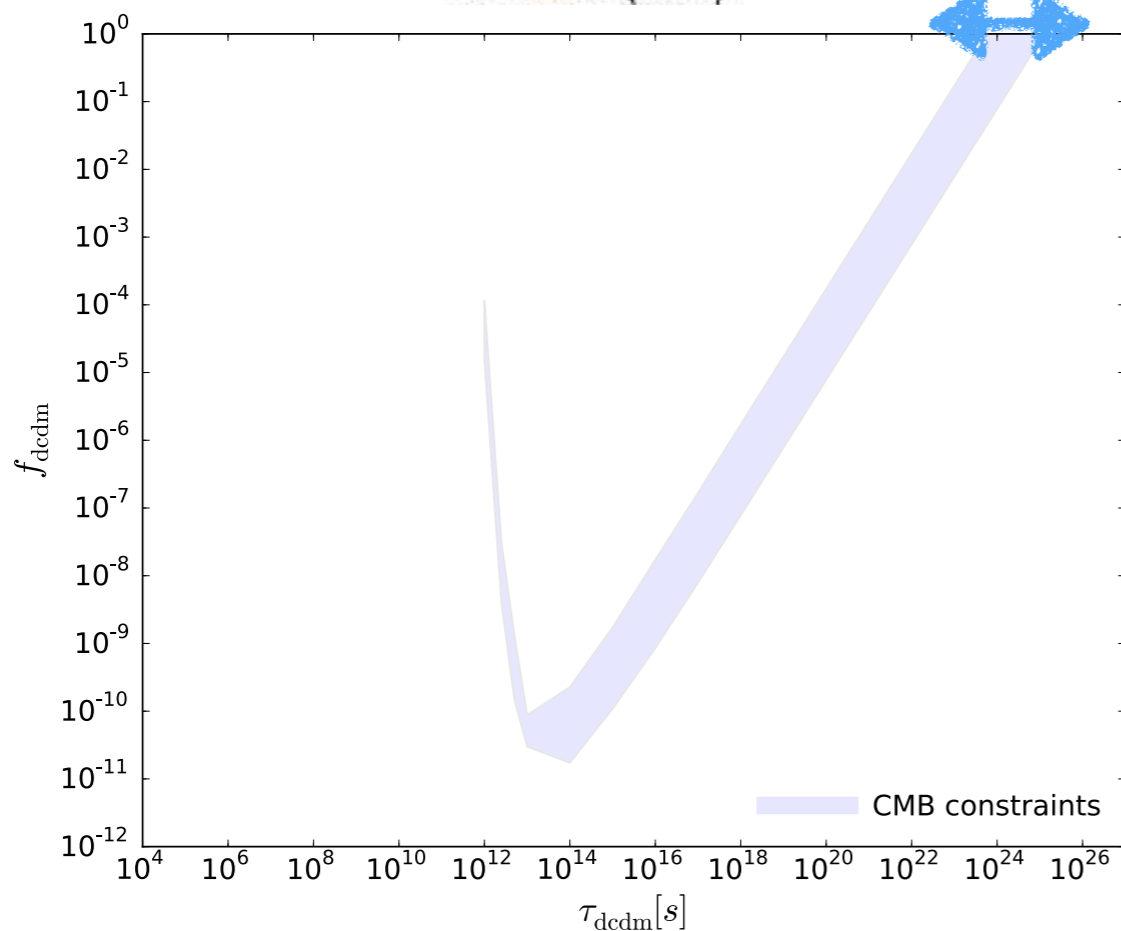
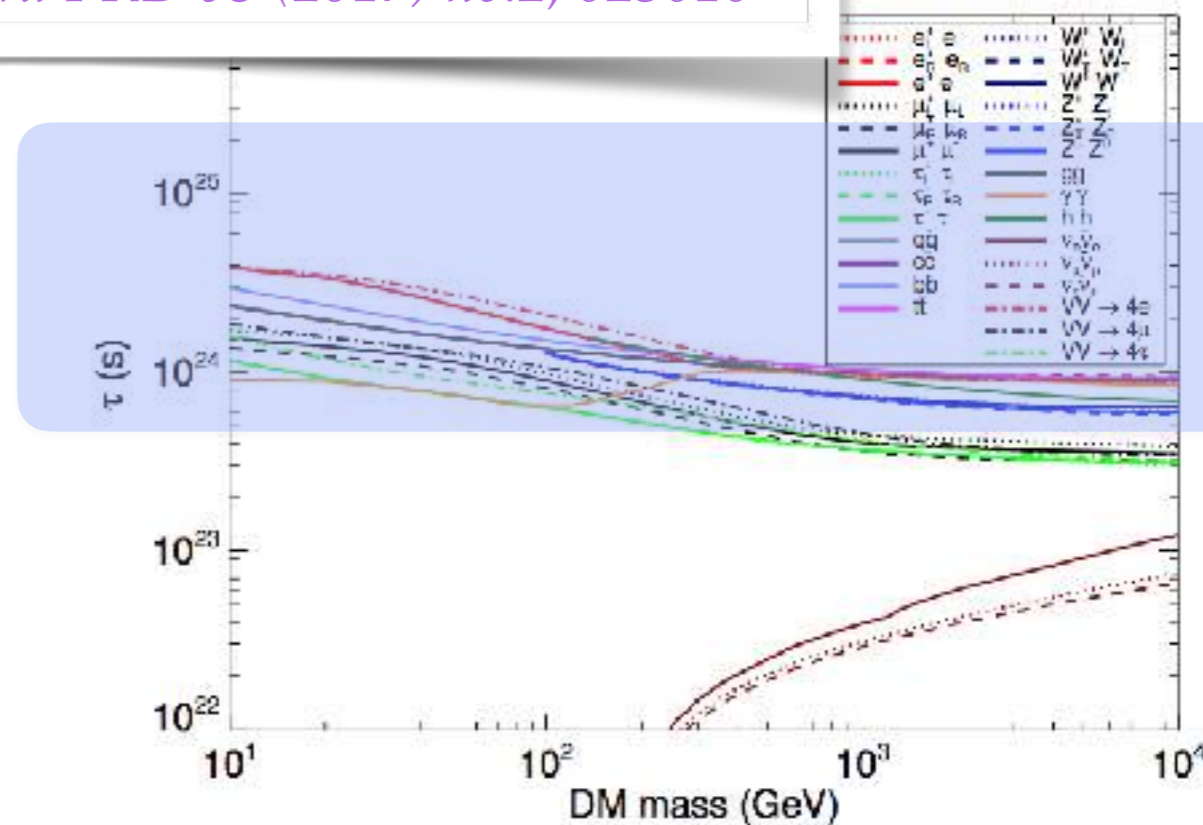
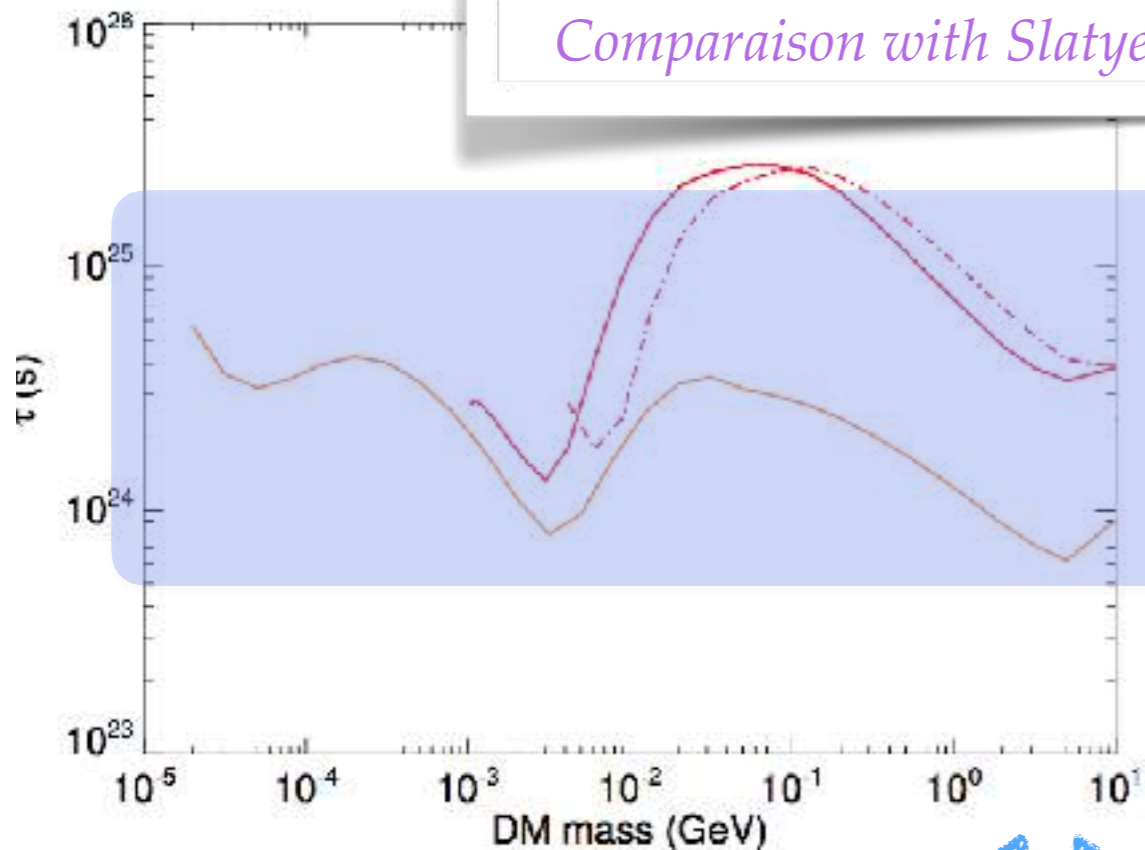
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Blue band : reflects difference between **energy deposition efficiency**.

Results are reliable for  $m_\chi$  in  $[10^3, 10^{12}]$  eV **whatever decay channel !**

*Comparison with Slatyer & Wu PRD 95 (2017) no.2, 023010*



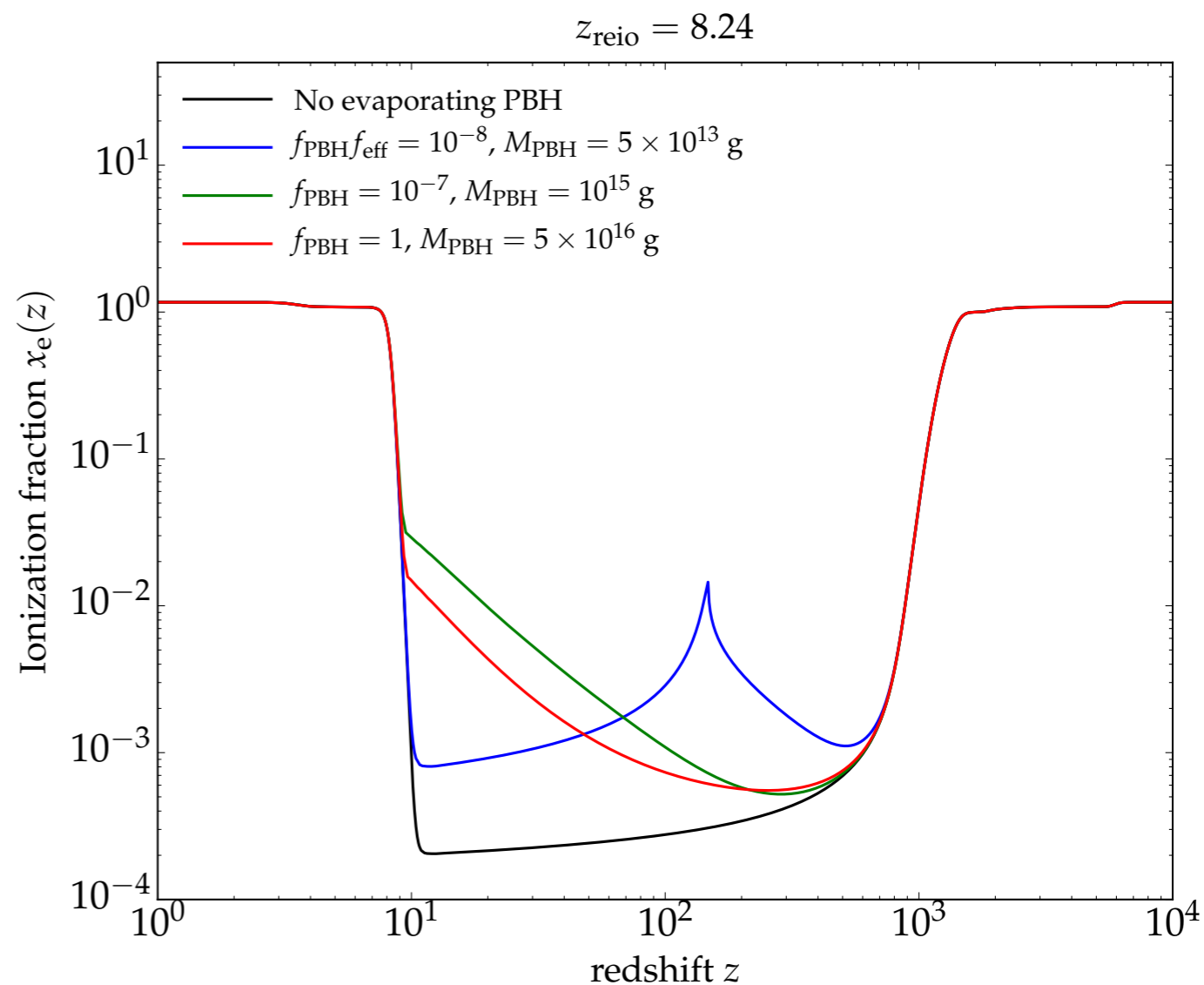
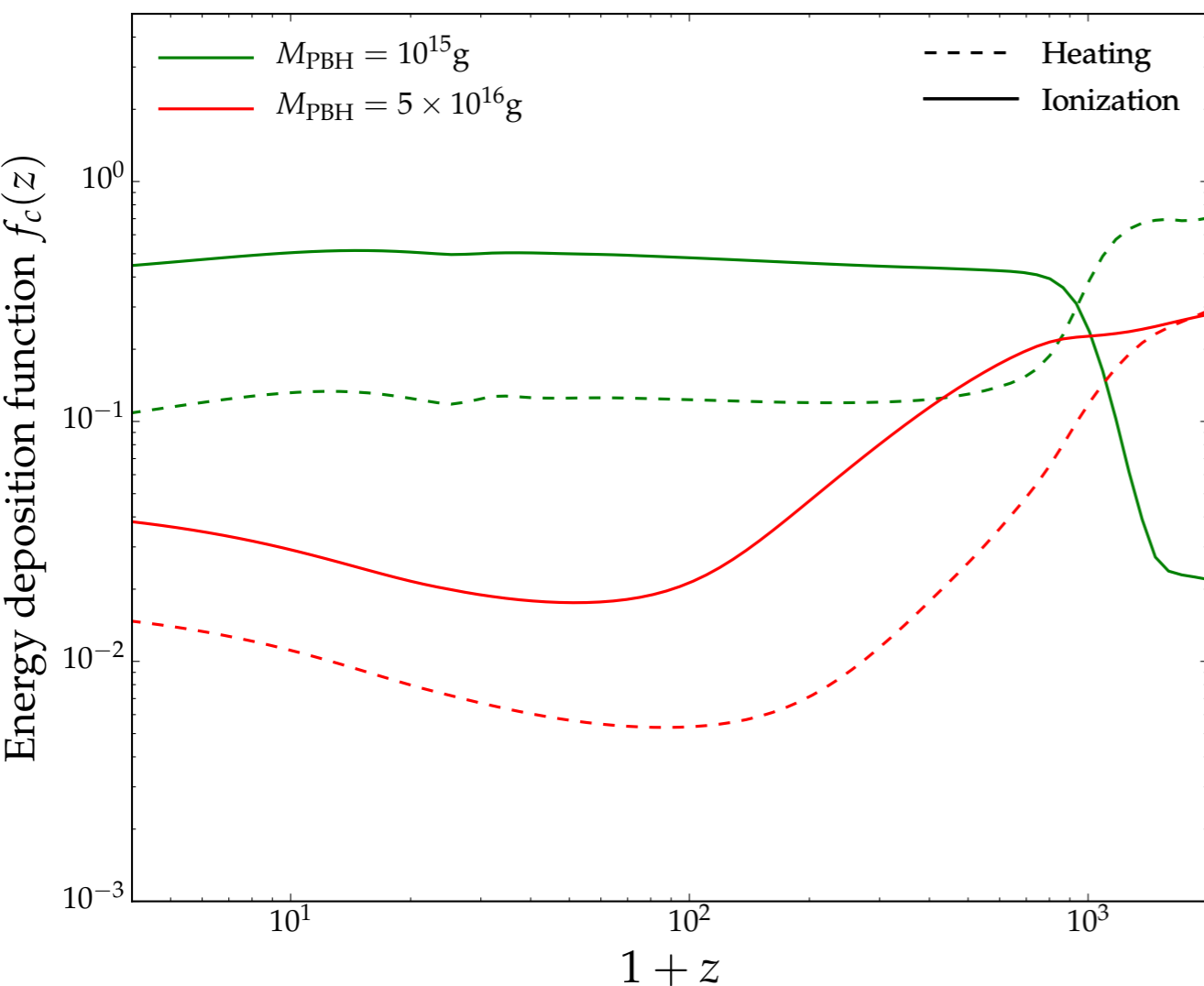
- Slatyer & Wu consider many possible « 2 body decay » final states and a wide range of mass.
- « Proof of principle »:  
All decay channels and masses are roughly contained in the uncertainty band, except neutrinos.
- For models with invisible decay products one should rescale bound by the e.m. BR

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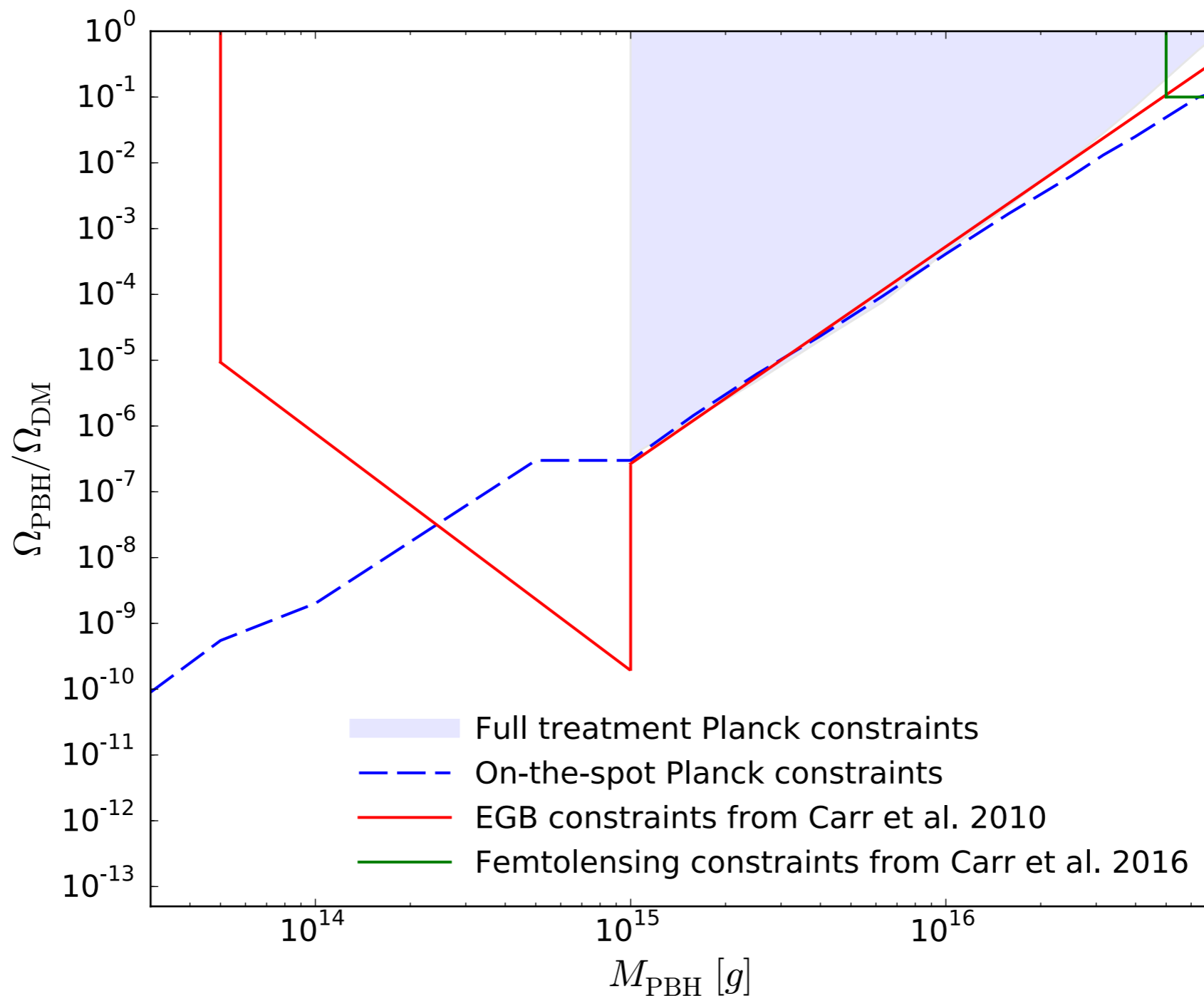
*Hawking, Nature 248, 30 (1974), more details in Carr et al. PRD81 (2010) 104019*

$$T_{\text{BH}} = \frac{1}{8\pi GM} \simeq 1.06 \left( \frac{10^{10} \text{g}}{M} \right) \text{TeV}$$

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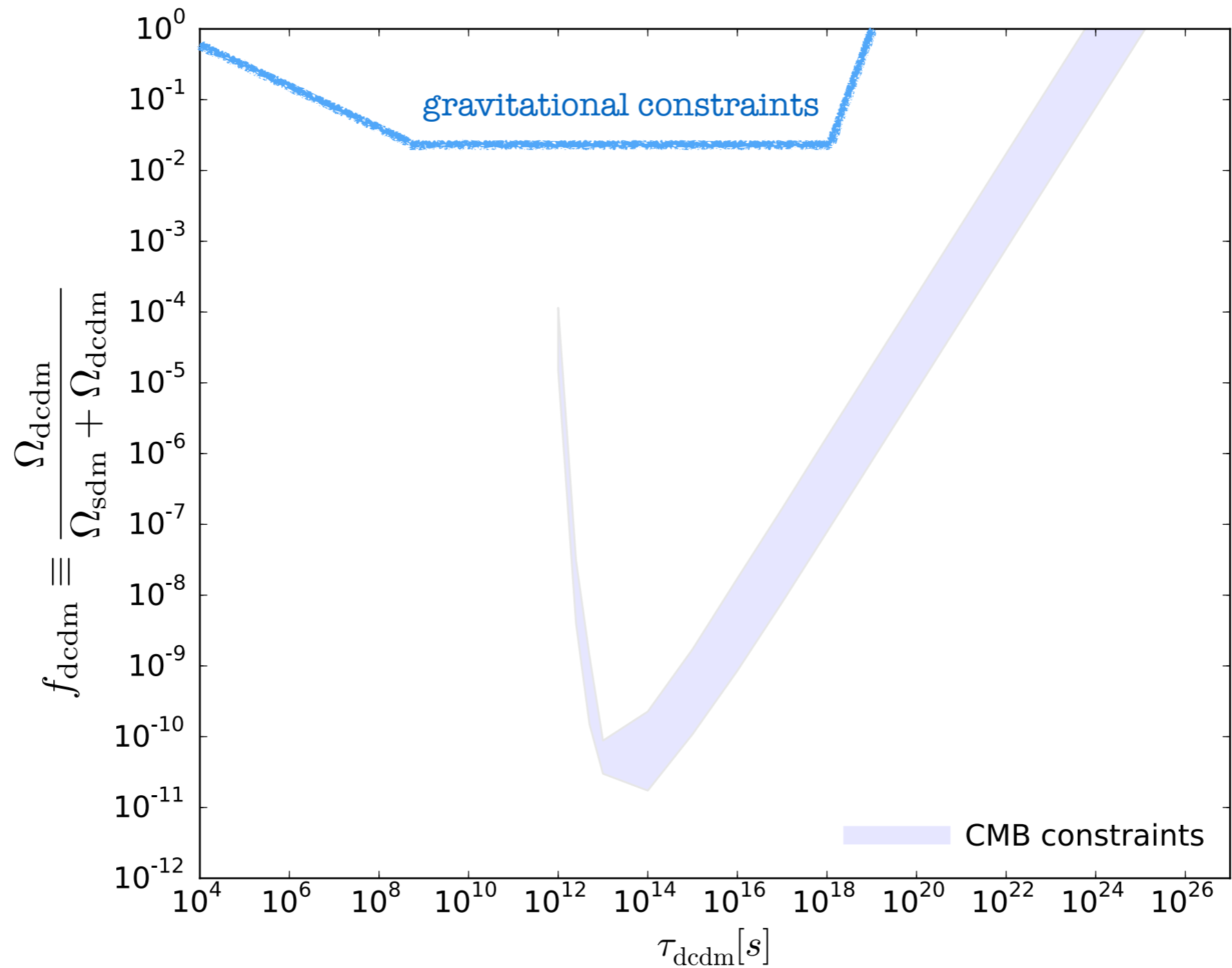


CMB dominates at low masses and is very competitive until  $3 \cdot 10^{16}$ g !

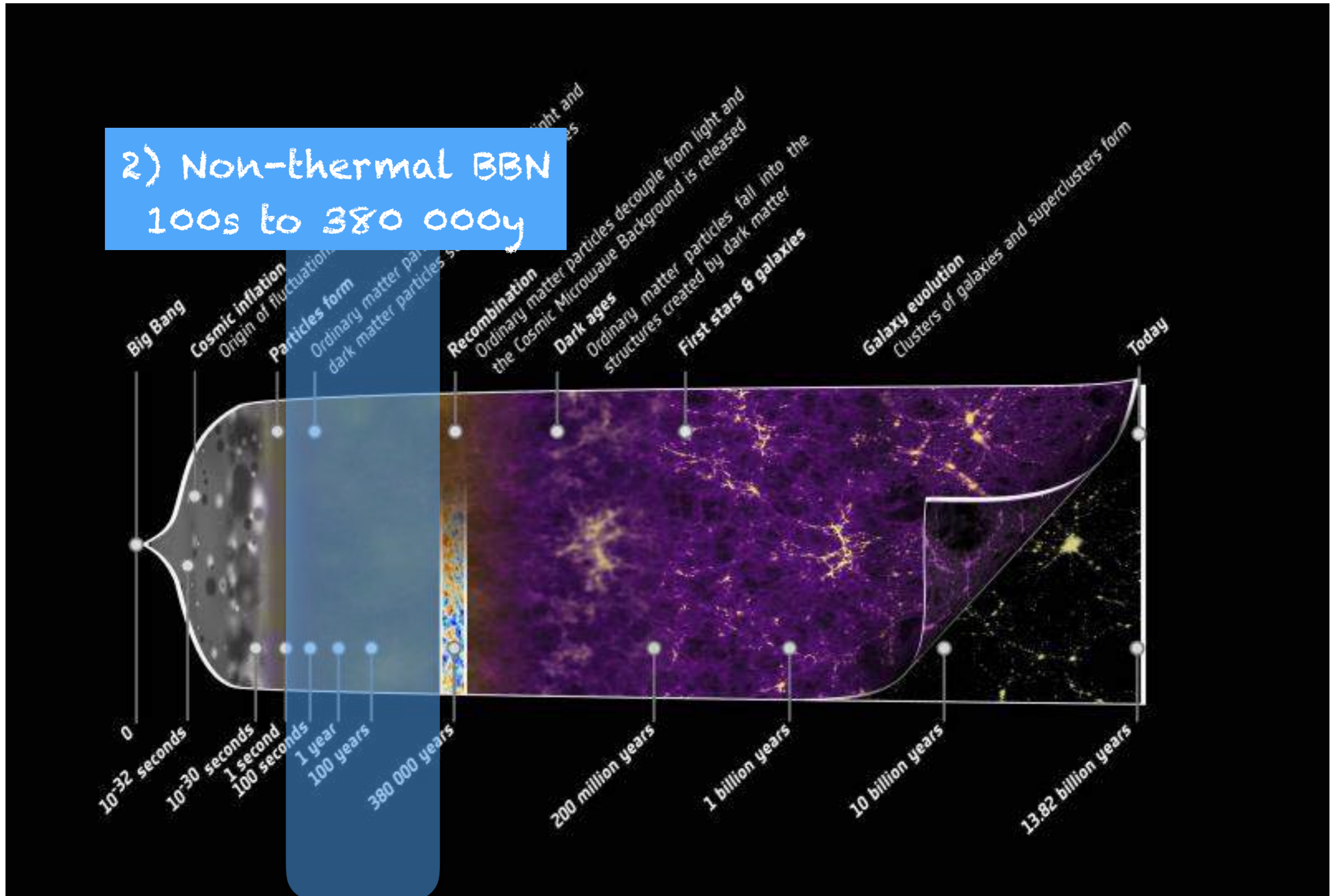


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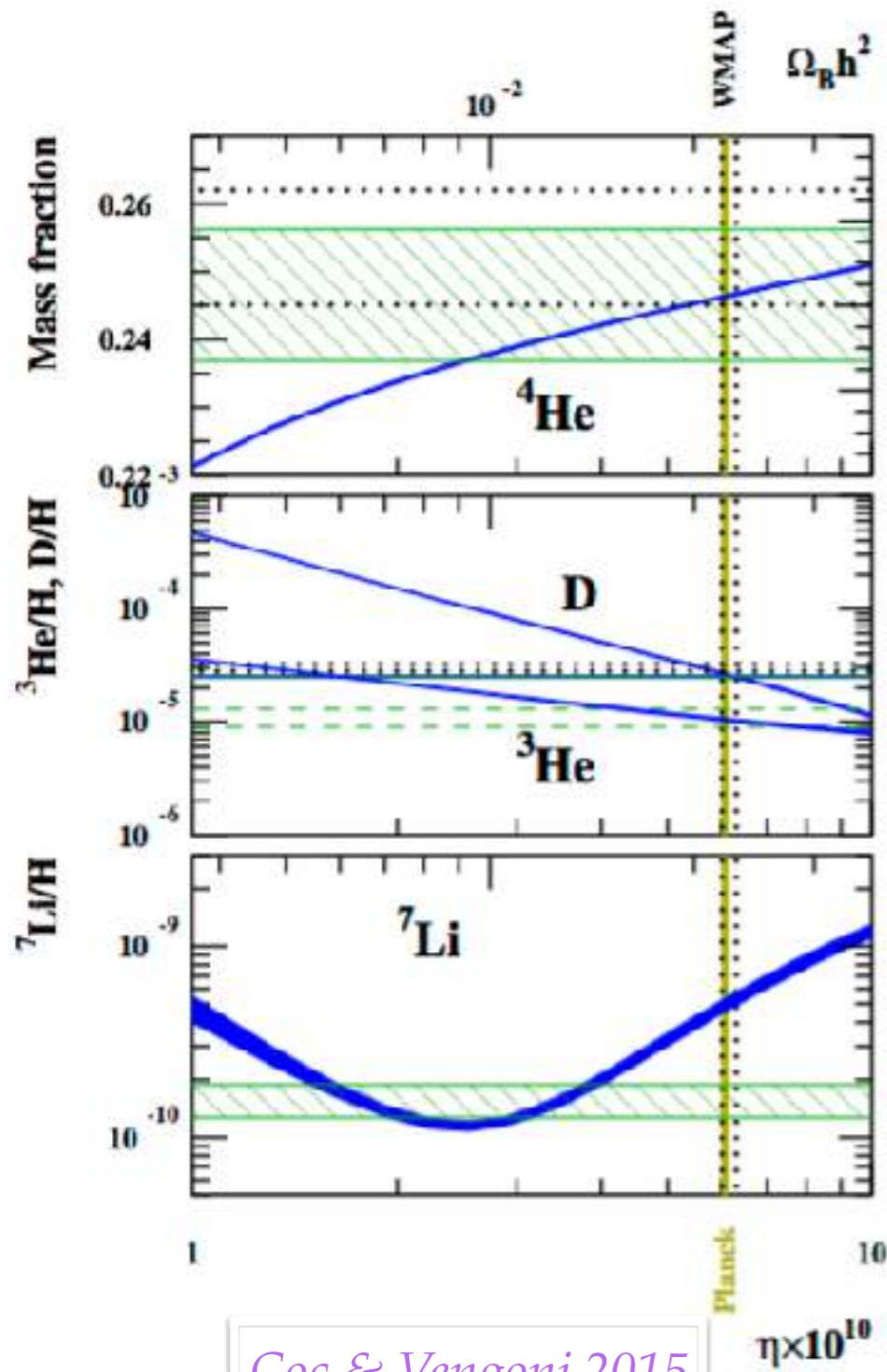


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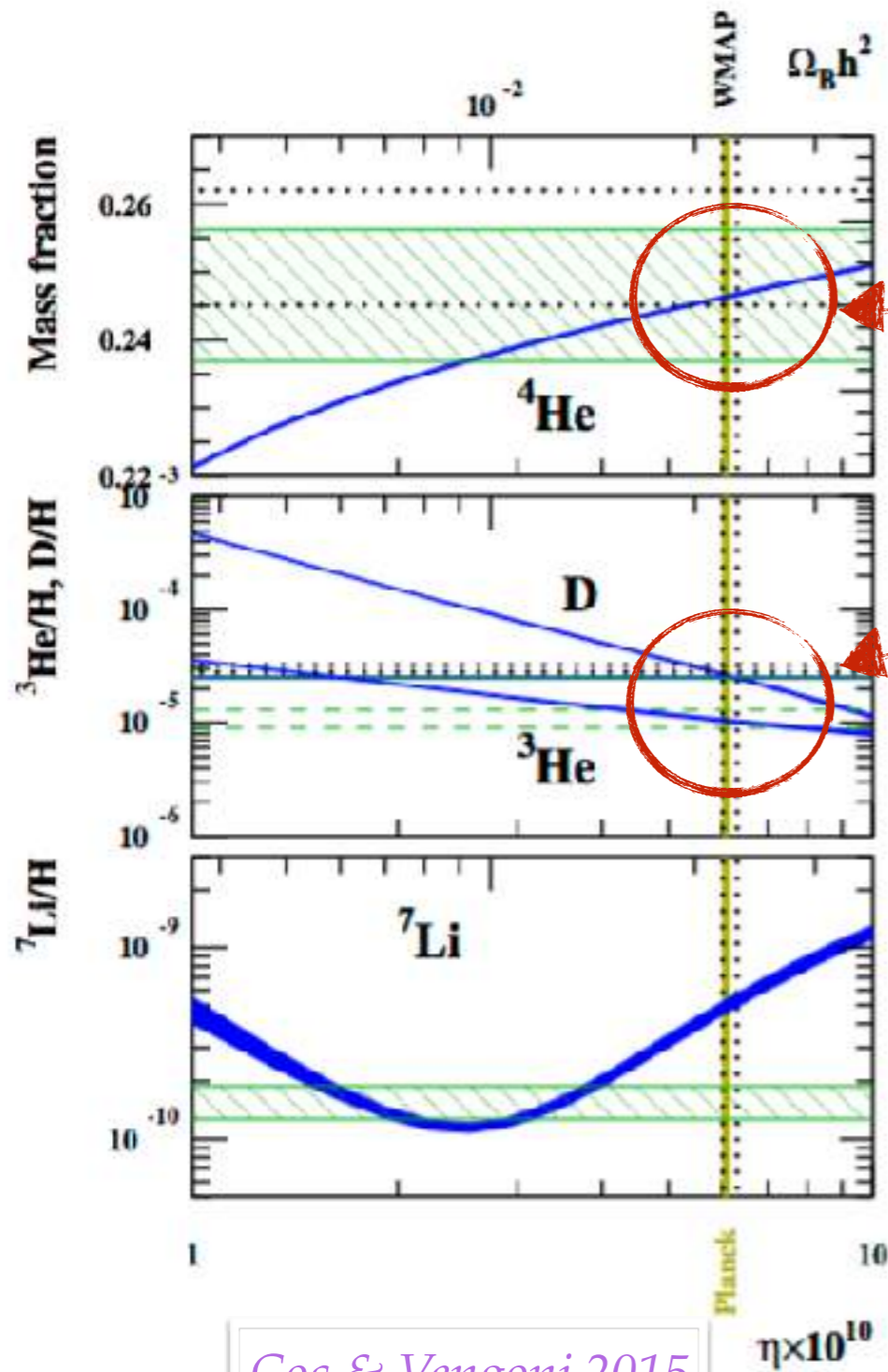
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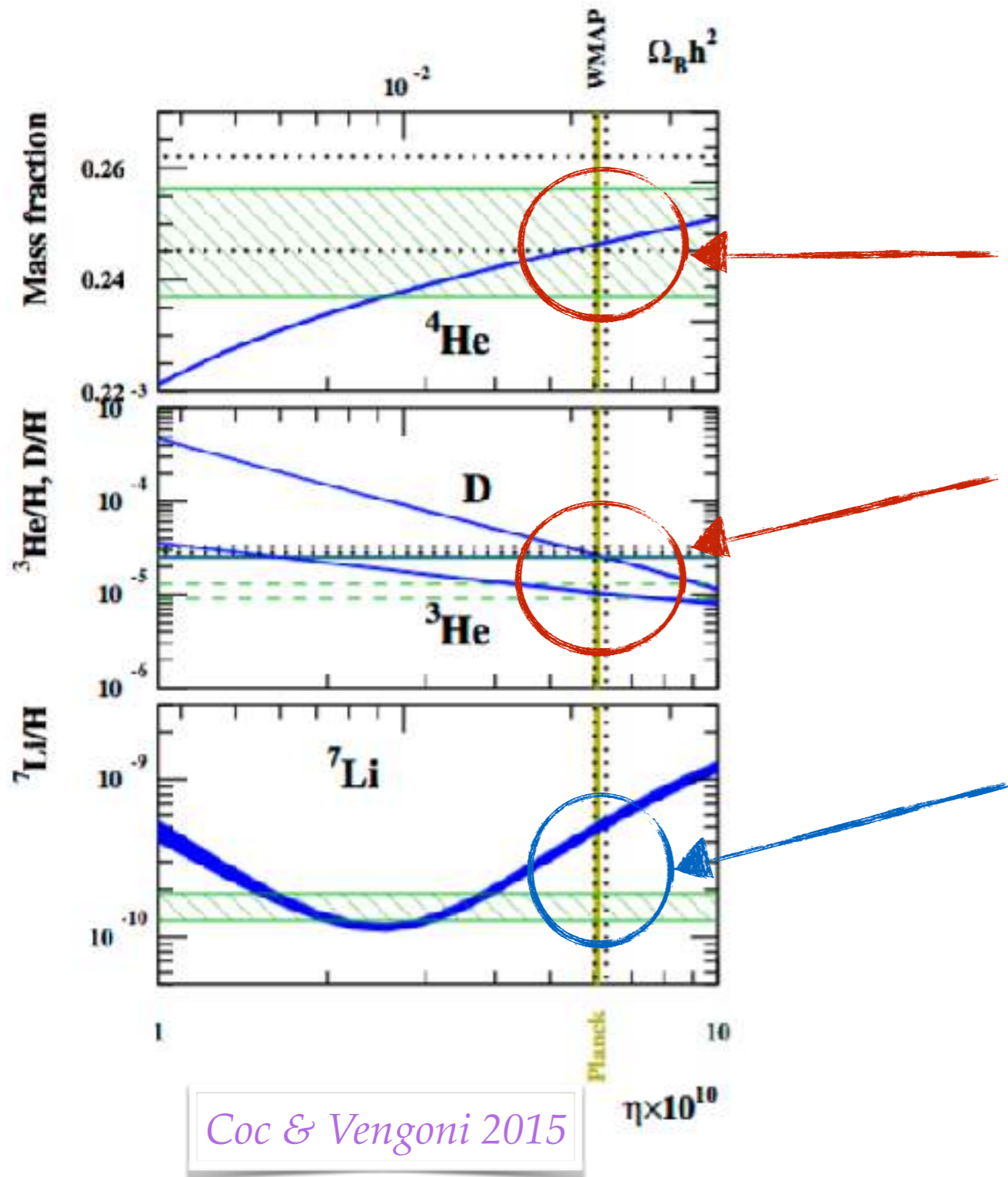
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Overprediction of the  $^7\text{Li}$  abundance

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ignored today !

*e.g. Poulin & Serpico  
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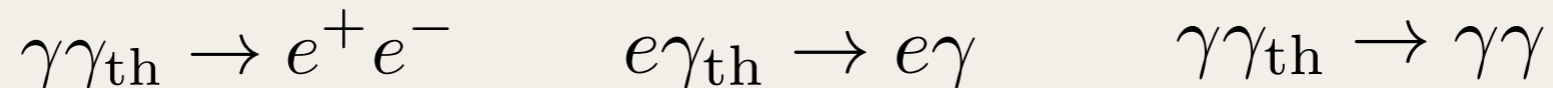
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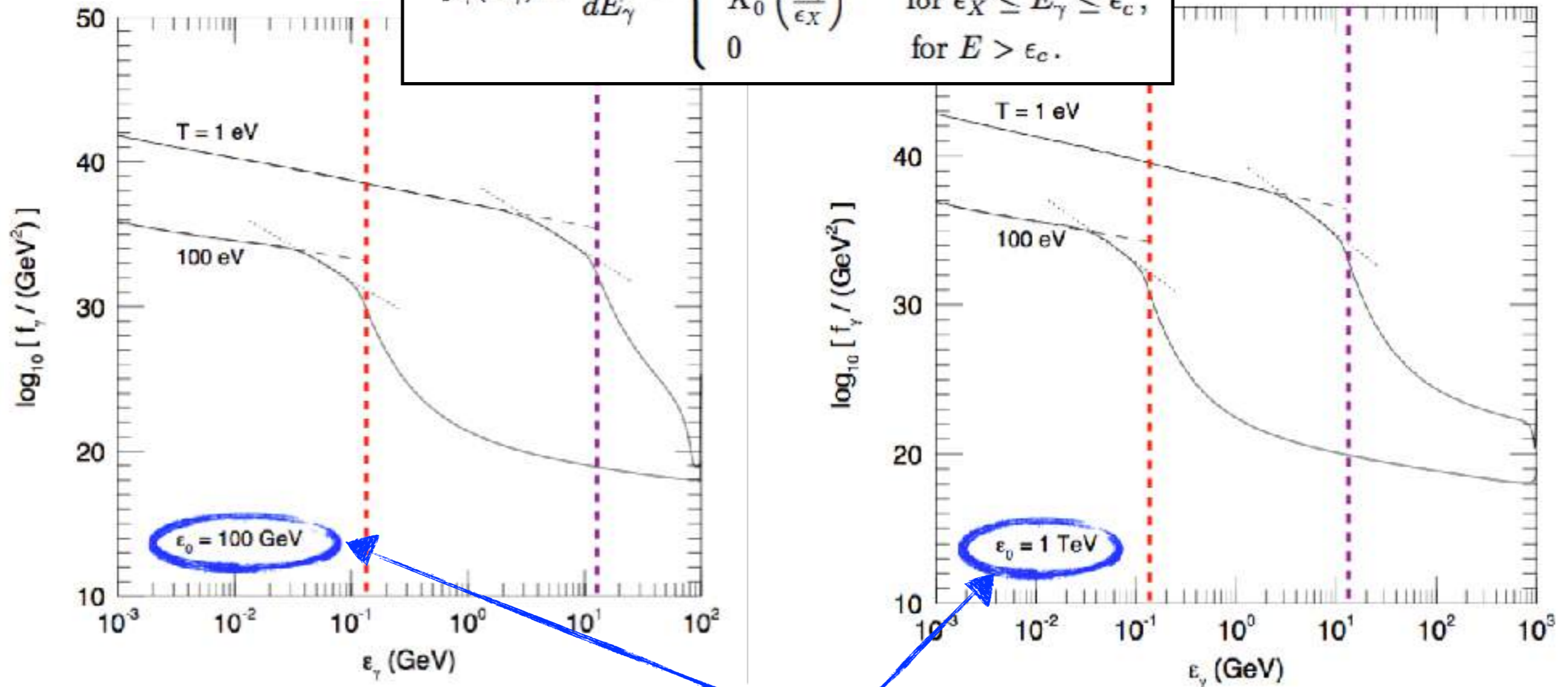
Particle multiplication and energy redistribution

=> **Electromagnetic cascade** !

*Kawasaki & Moroi,  
ApJ 452,506 (1995)*

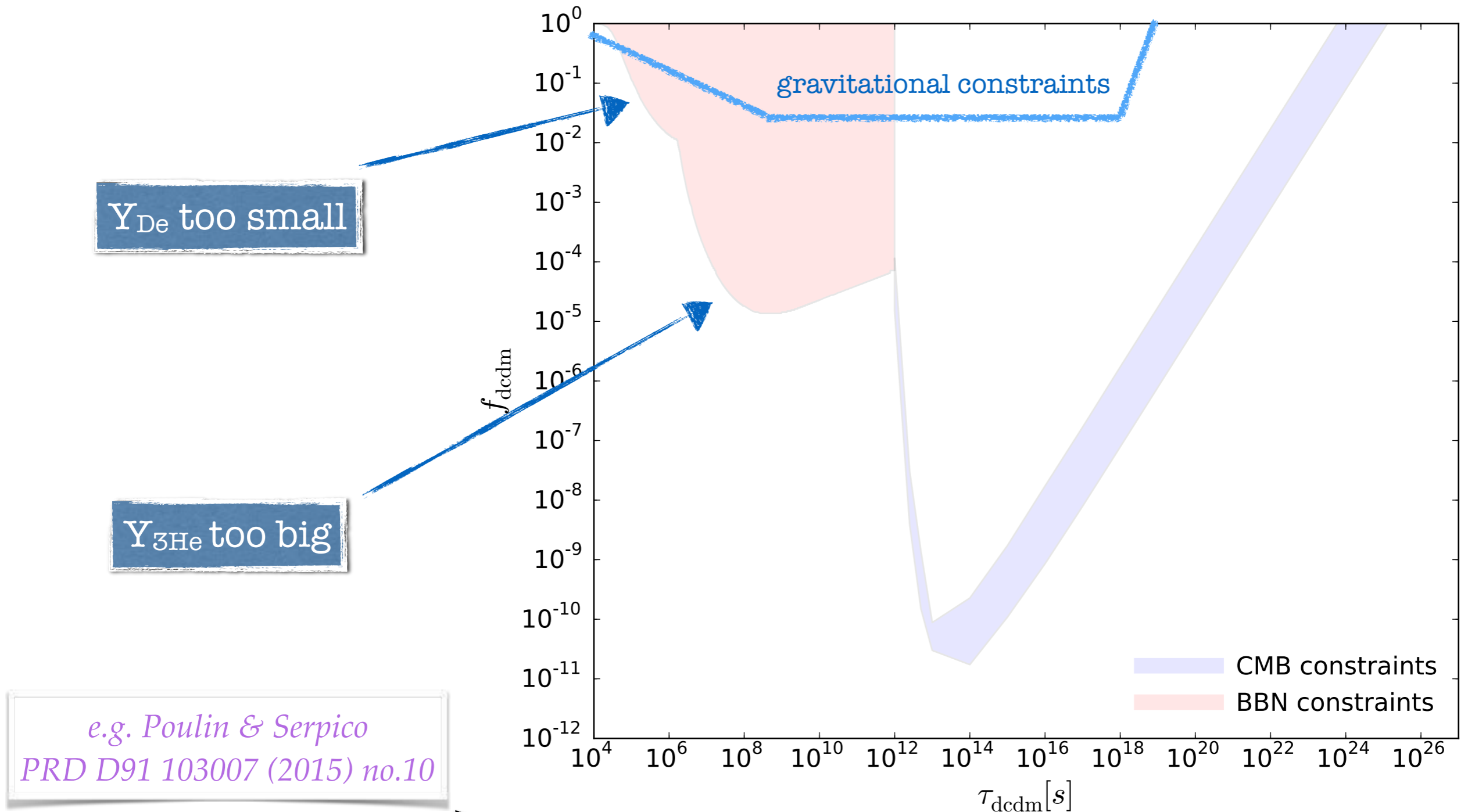
This has been shown to lead to a universal spectrum

$$p_\gamma(E_\gamma) \equiv \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} = \begin{cases} K_0 \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\epsilon_X}\right)^{-3/2} & \text{for } E_\gamma < \epsilon_X, \\ K_0 \left(\frac{E_\gamma}{\epsilon_X}\right)^{-2} & \text{for } \epsilon_X \leq E_\gamma \leq \epsilon_c, \\ 0 & \text{for } E > \epsilon_c. \end{cases}$$



- Shape independent of the energy / temperature of the bath:  
Only dictates the overall normalisation;
- Threshold due to pair production.

BBN very powerful at constraining  $\tau = [10^4, 10^{12}]s$

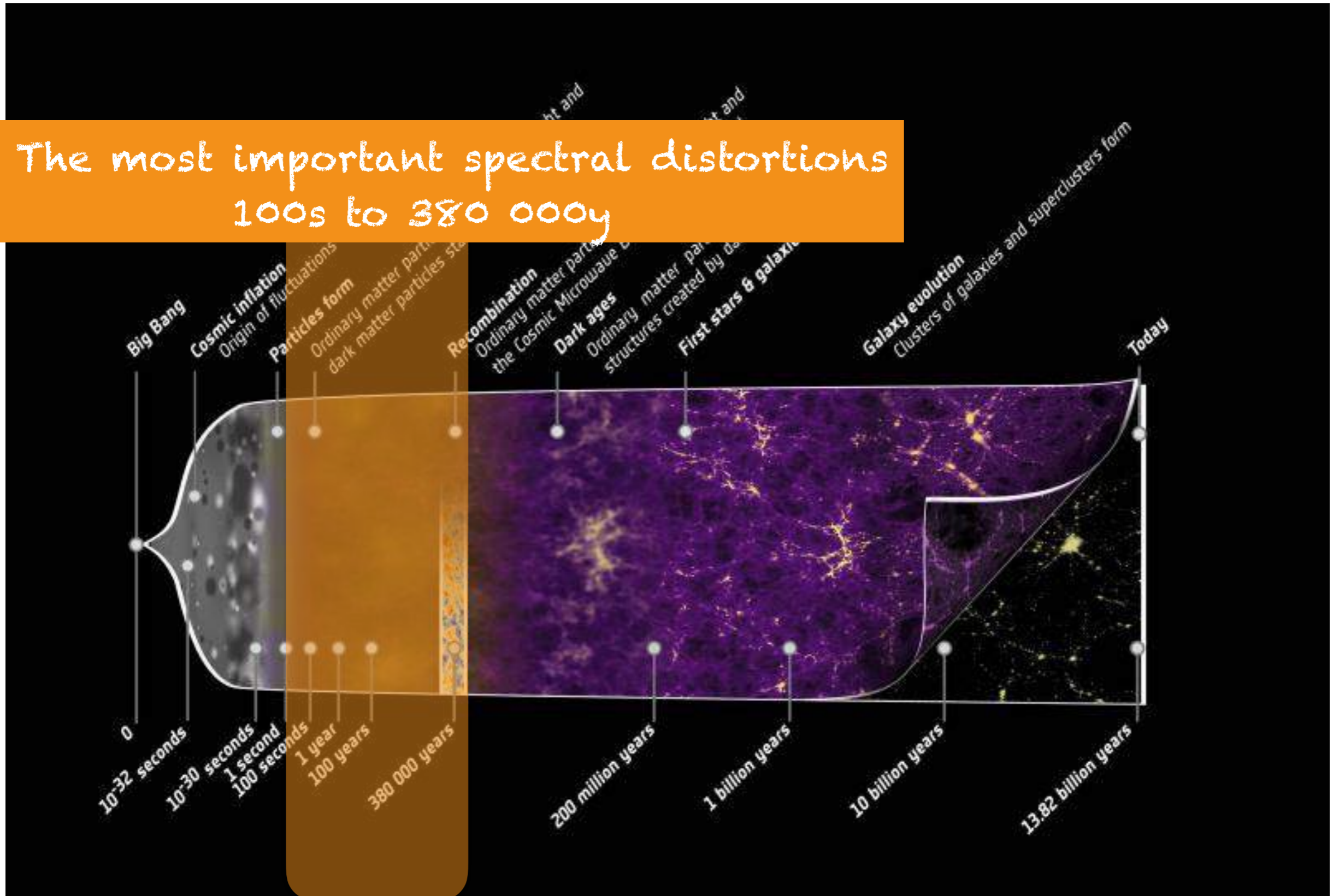


Those bounds are very conservative!

For MeV- GeV injection they can be up to 1 order of magnitude better.



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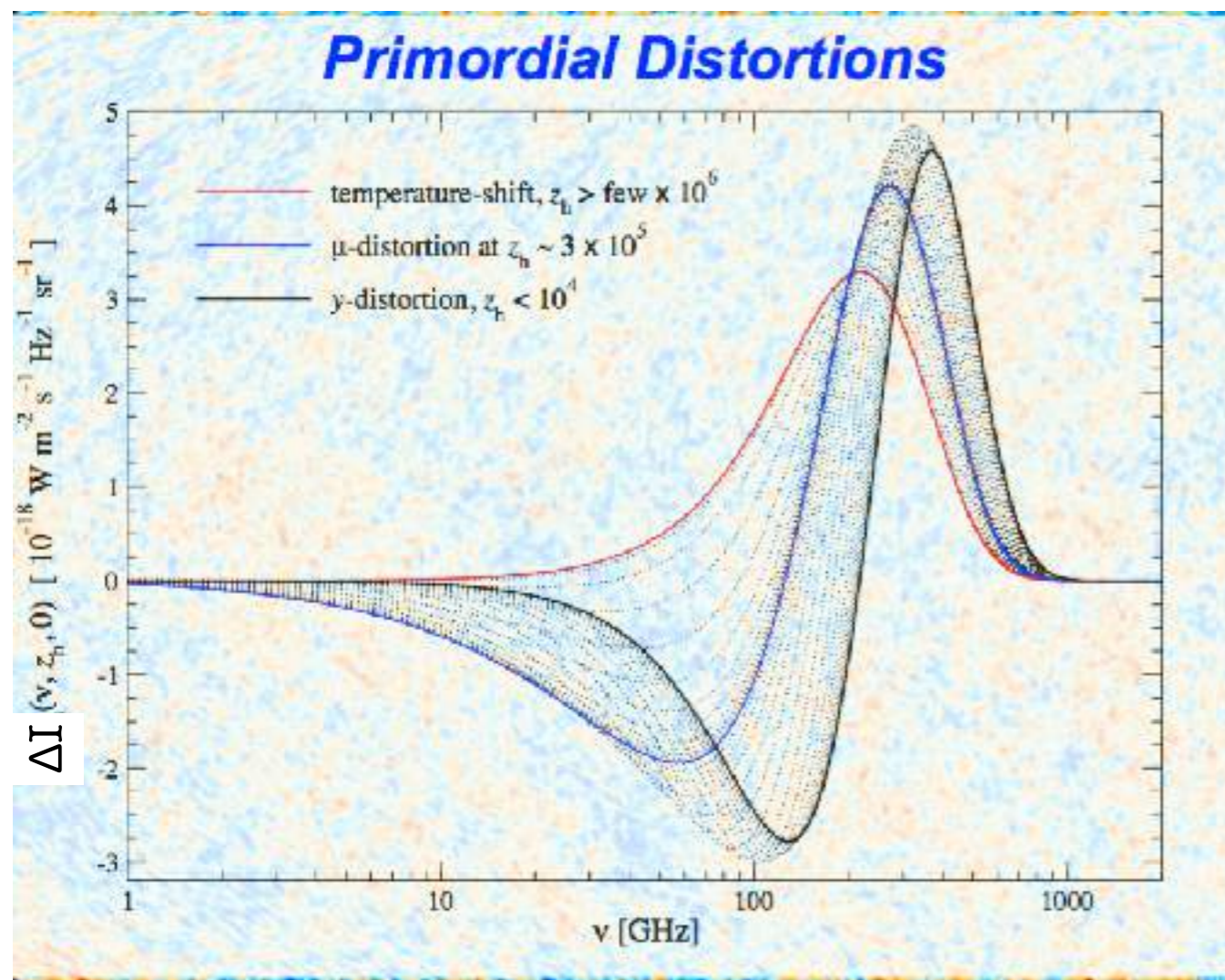
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$y$  = **compton heating** (or cooling!)  
of the CMB photons

Intermediate distortions probe  
injection history, i.e. lifetime !

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## CMB vs BBN vs spectral distortions

Cosmology can constrain a very broad range of lifetime !!

- From COBE-Firas :

$$|\mu| \leq 9 \times 10^{-5}$$

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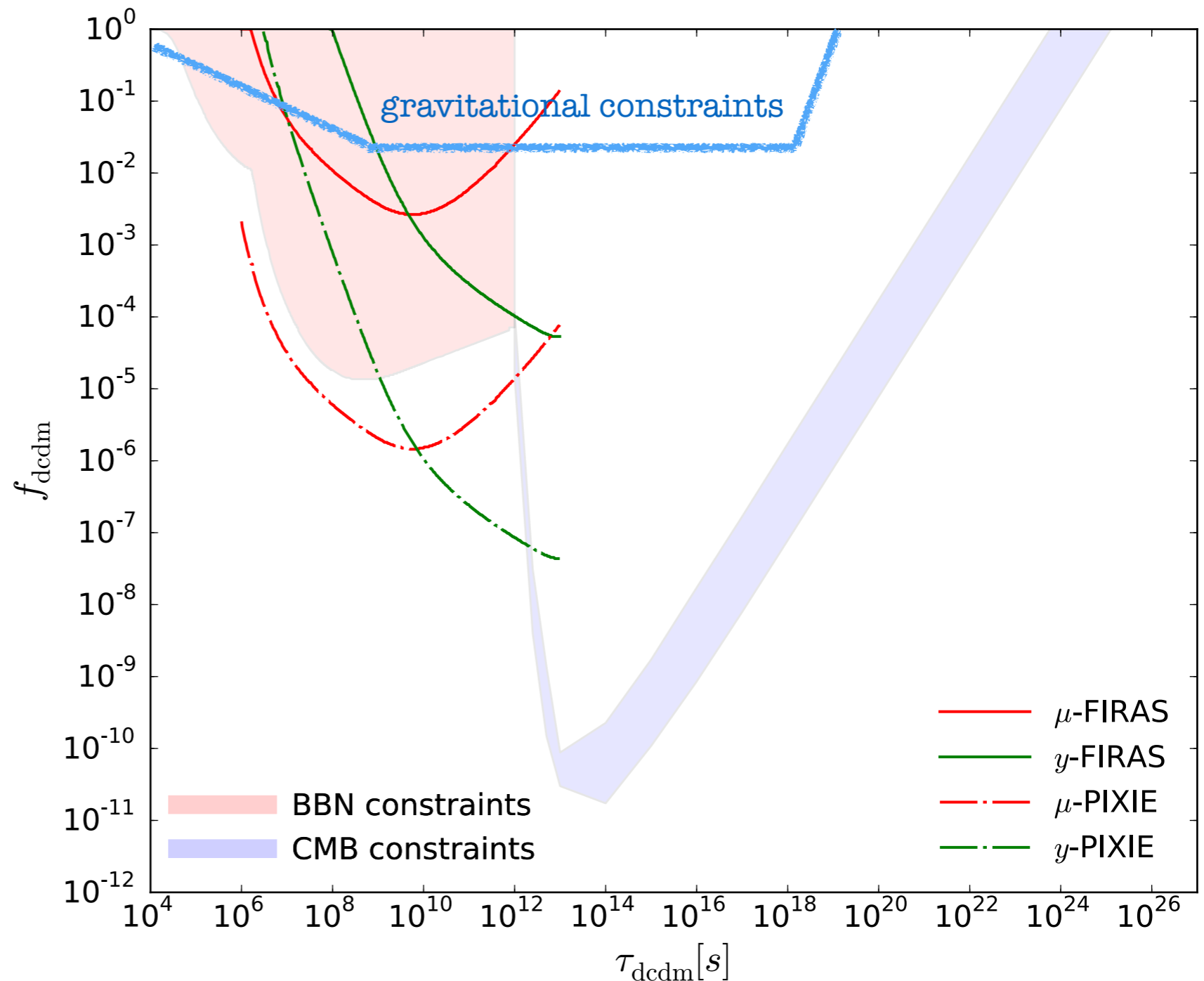
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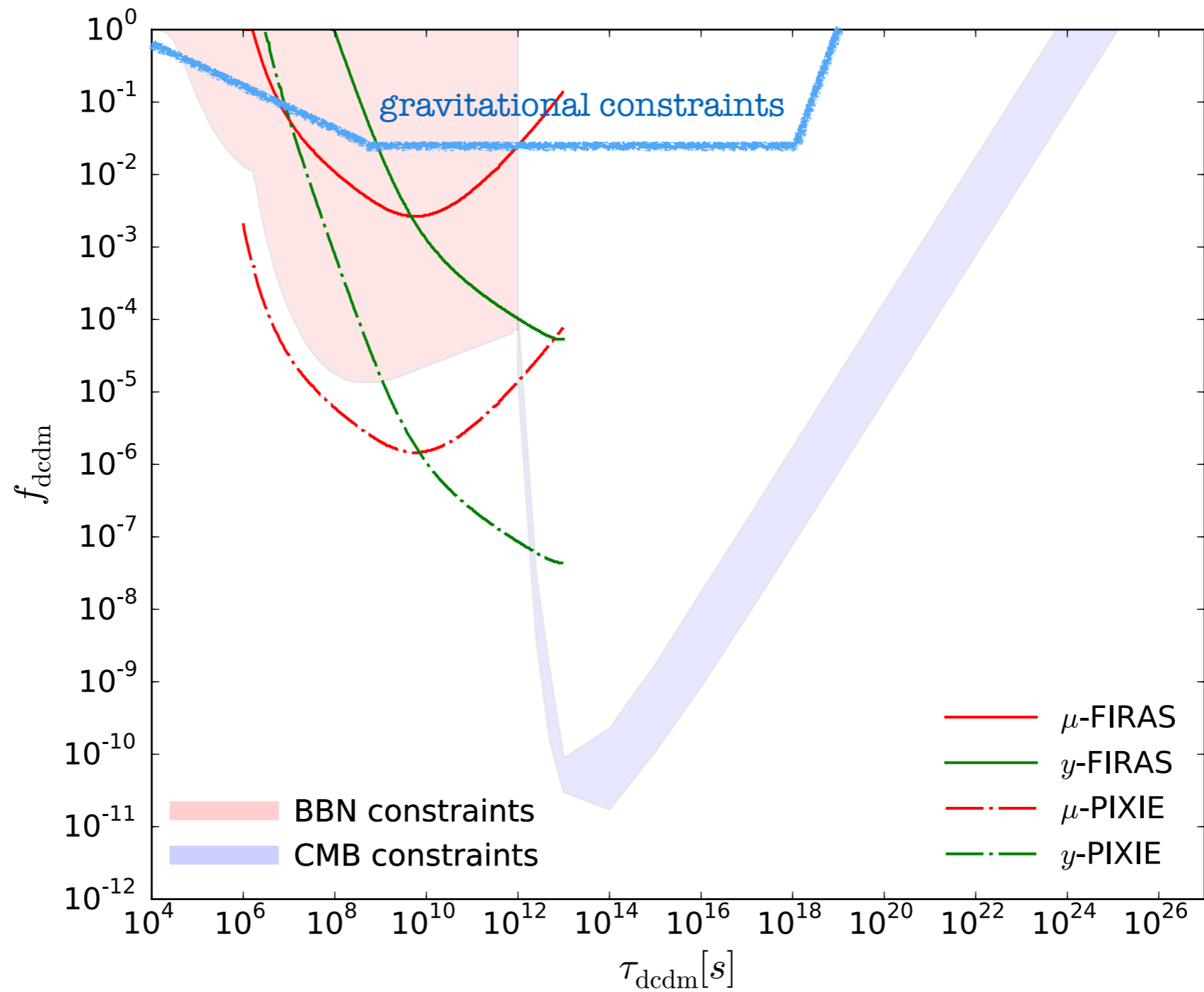
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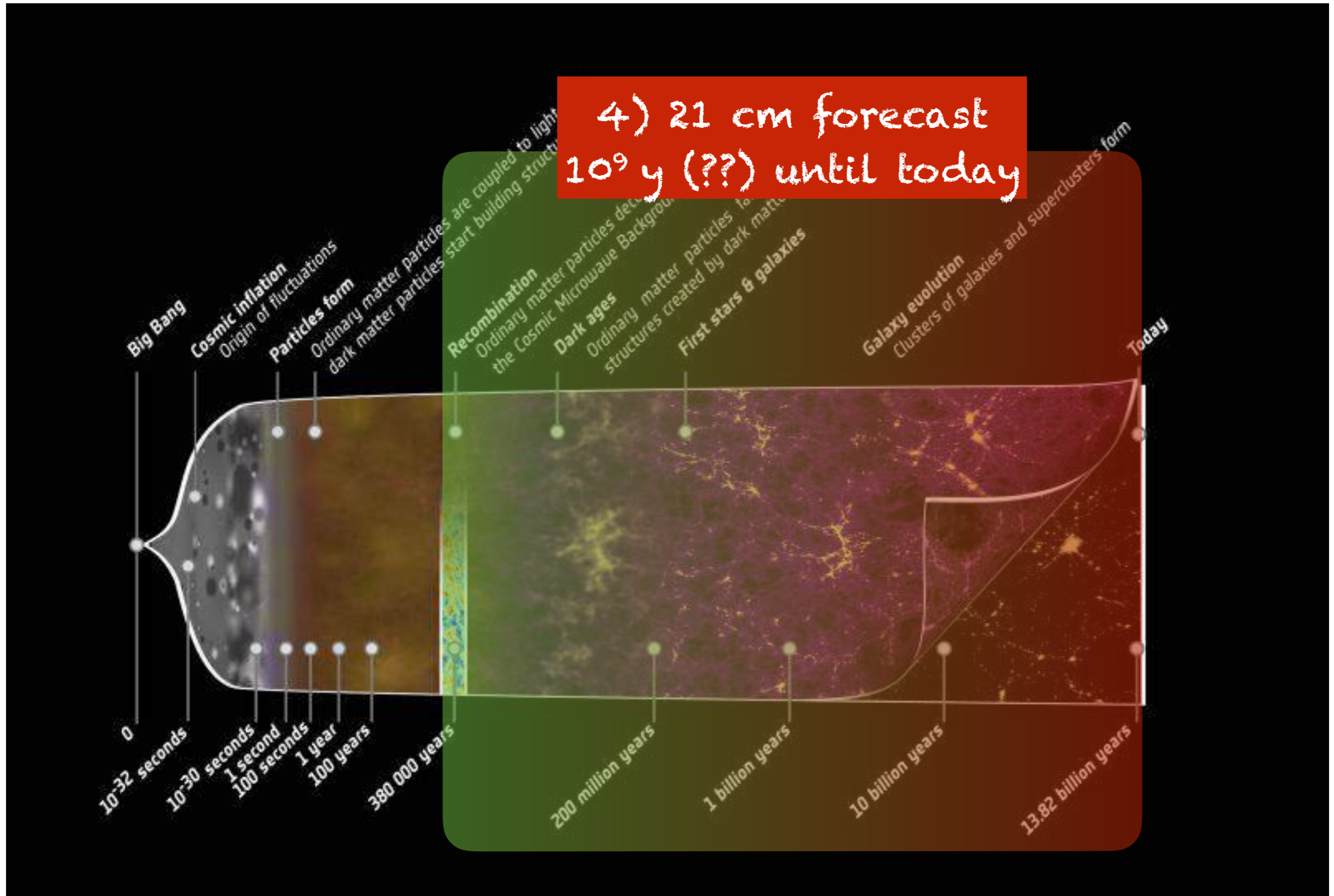
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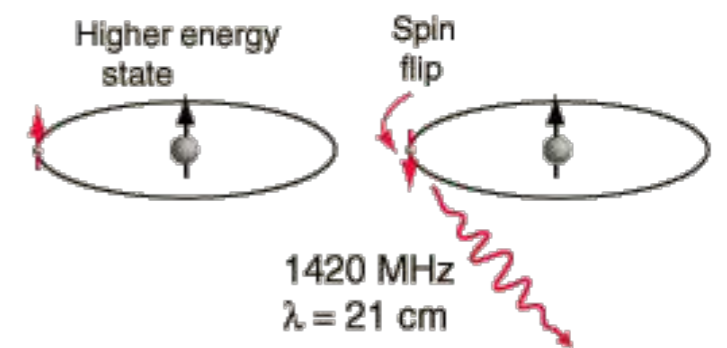






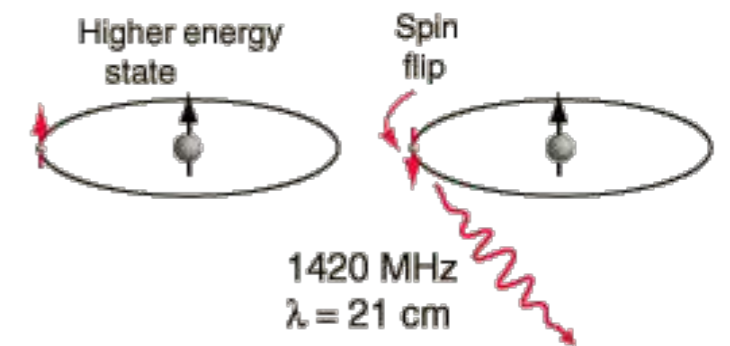
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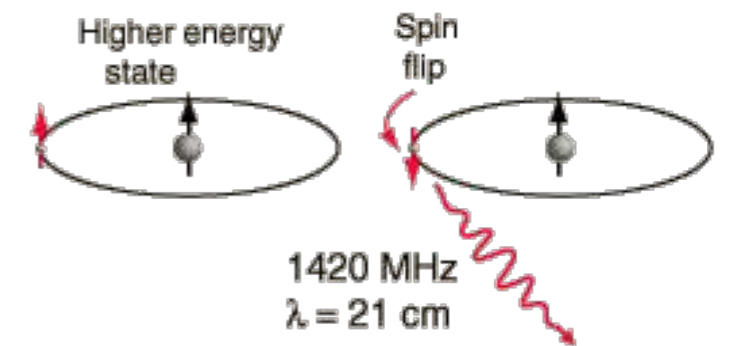


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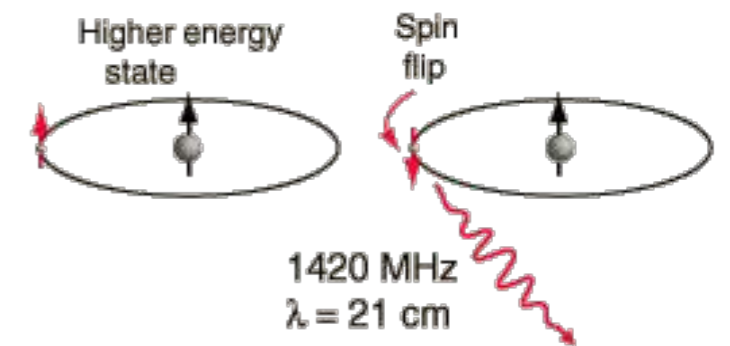
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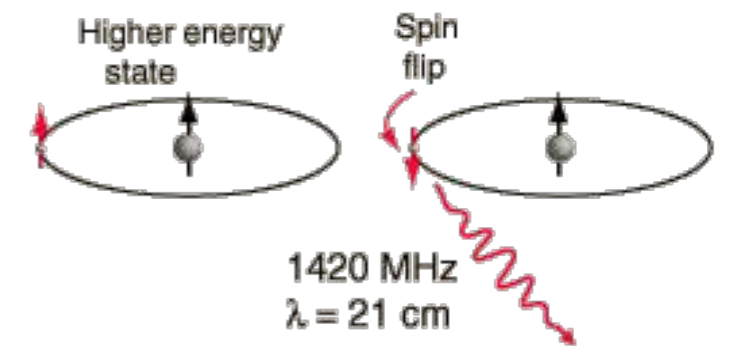
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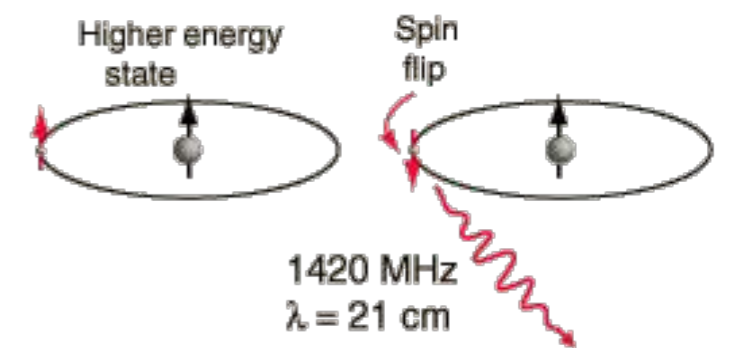
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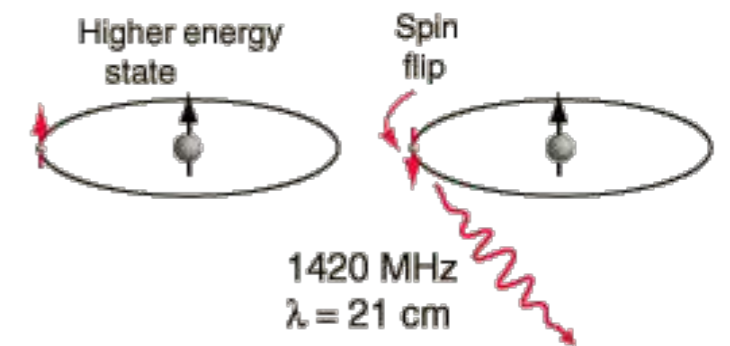
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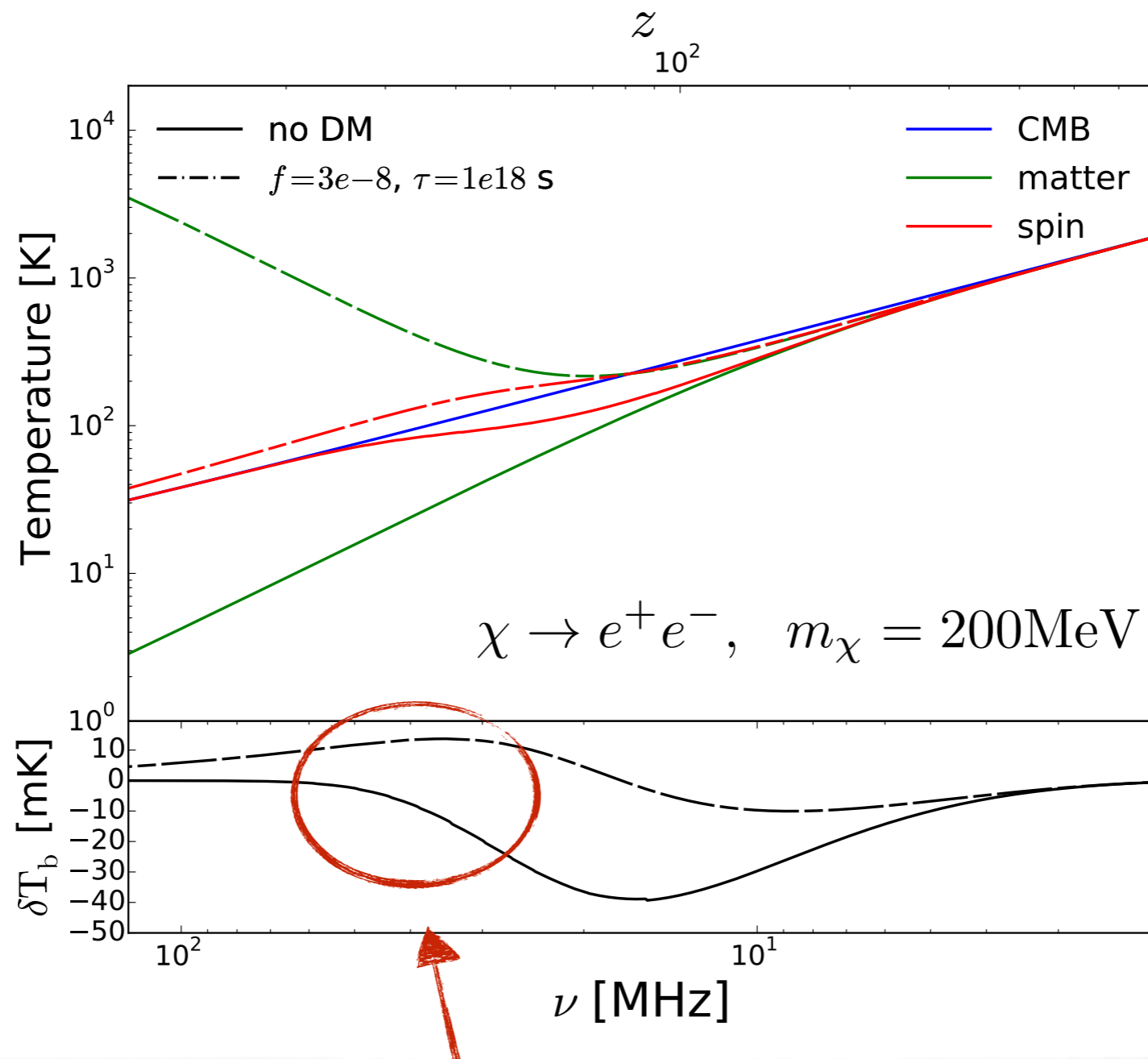
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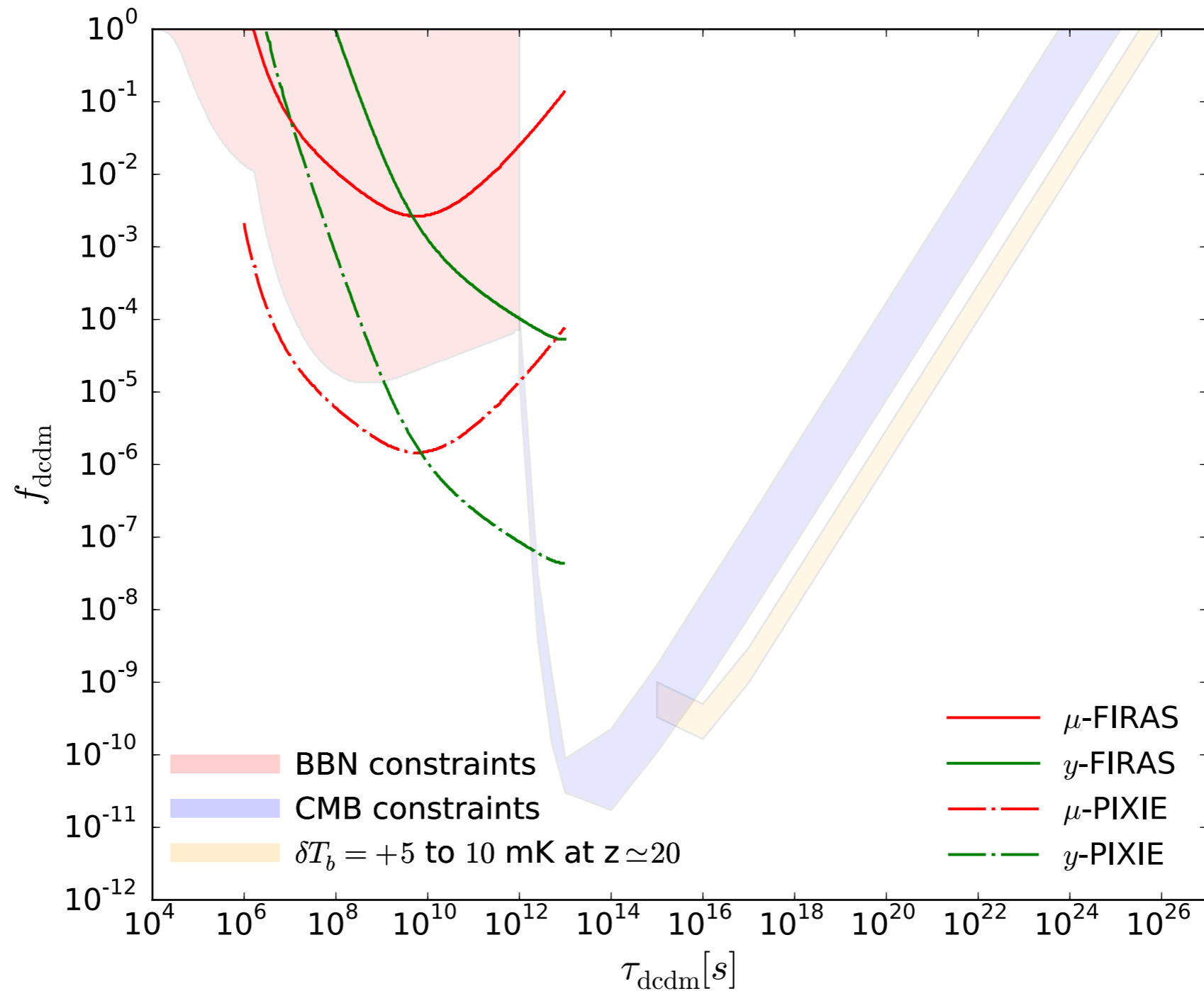


Potential « smoking gun » signal from DM e.m. decay at the end (and during !) the dark ages



# SKA could be better at detecting - or constraining - e.m. decay

Very crude treatment, for illustration only :  
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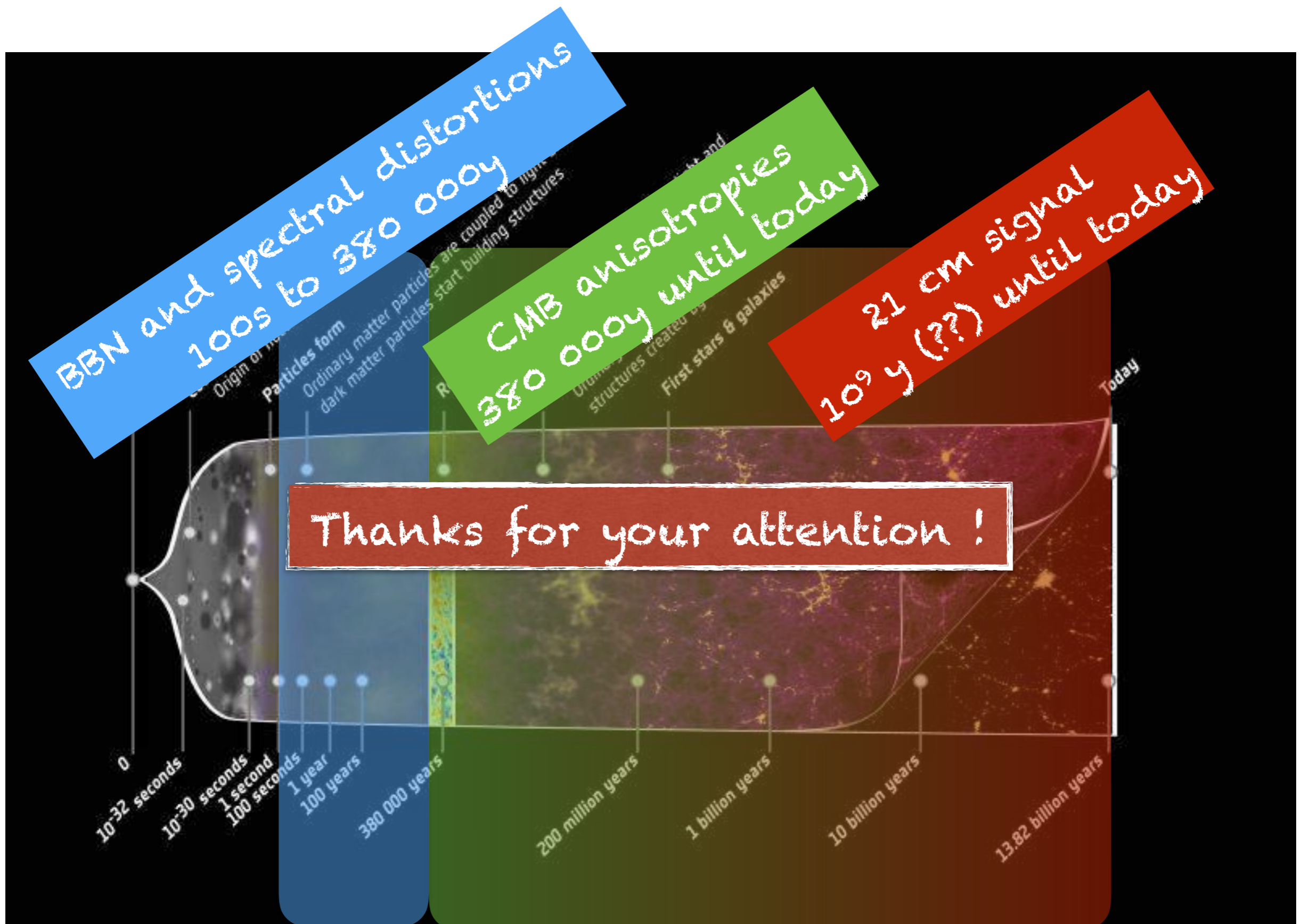
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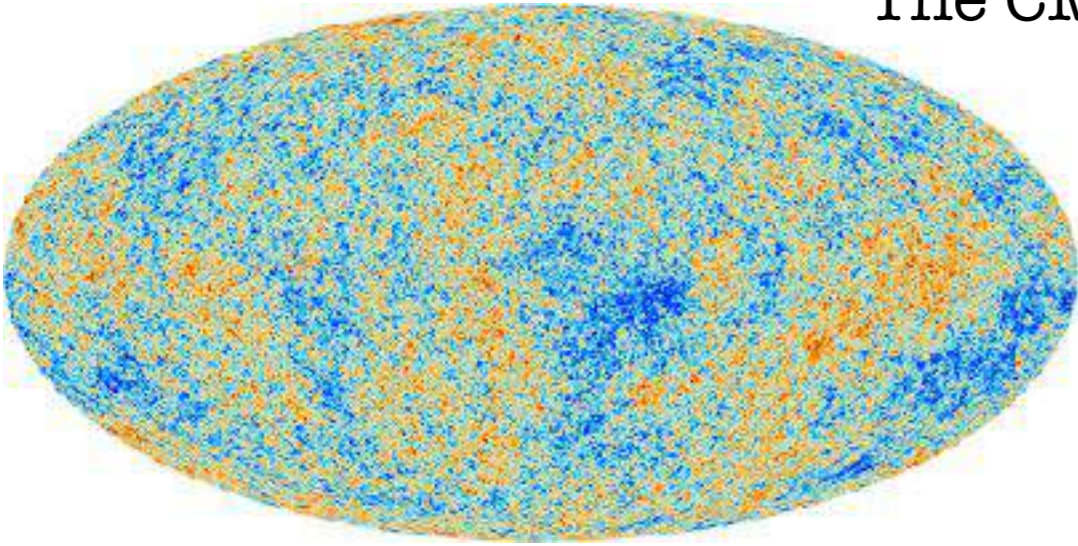
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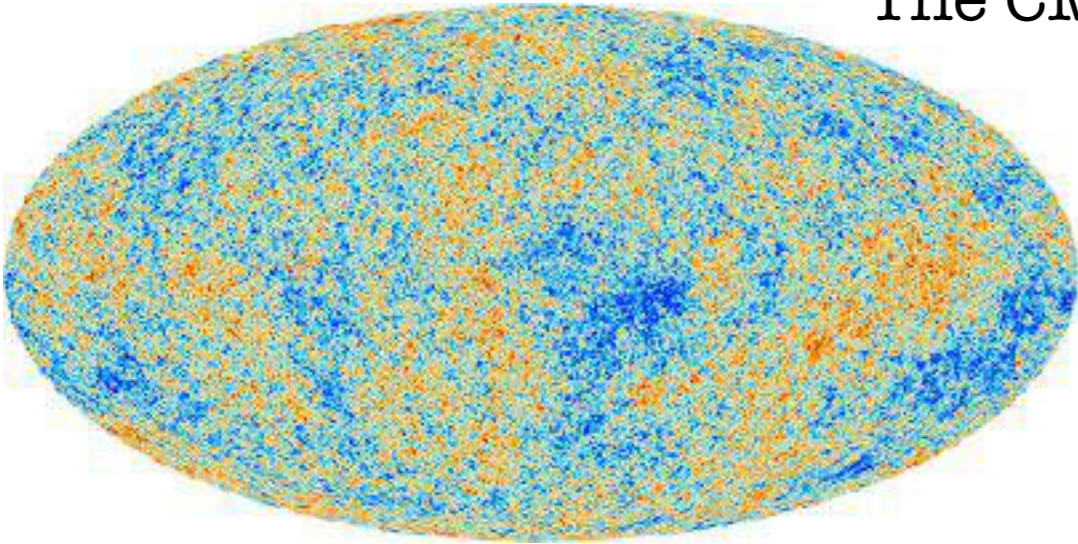


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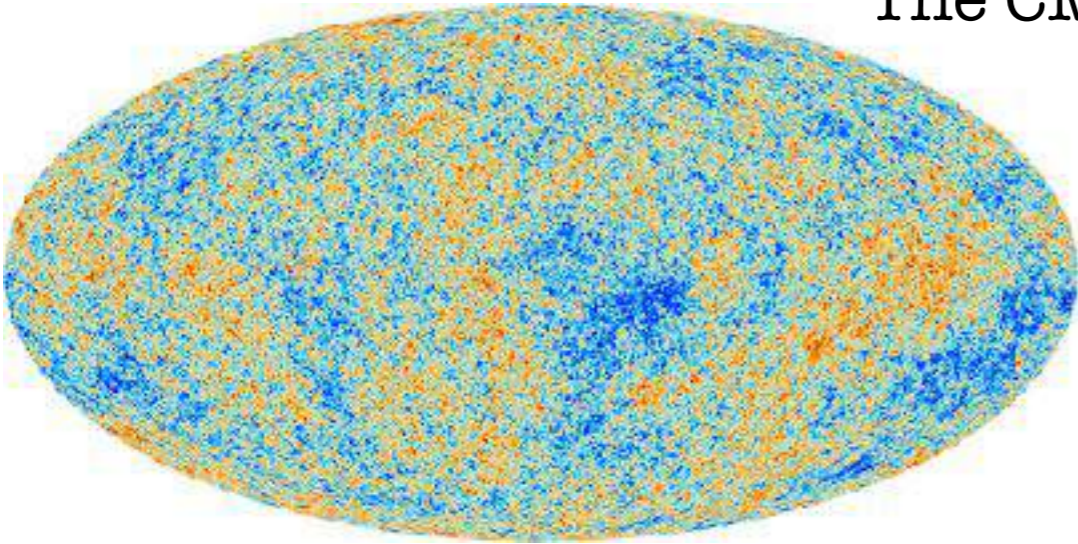
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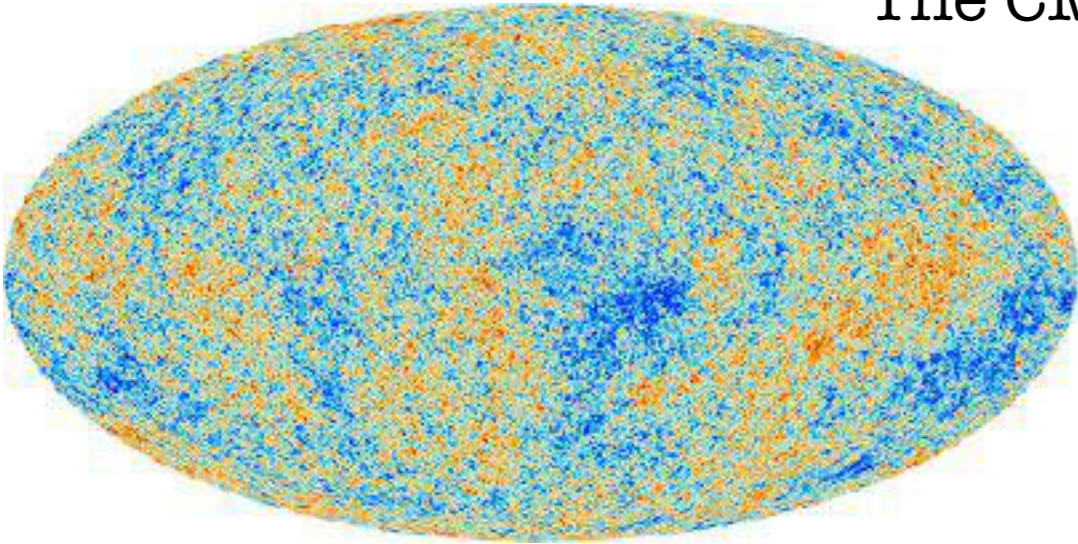
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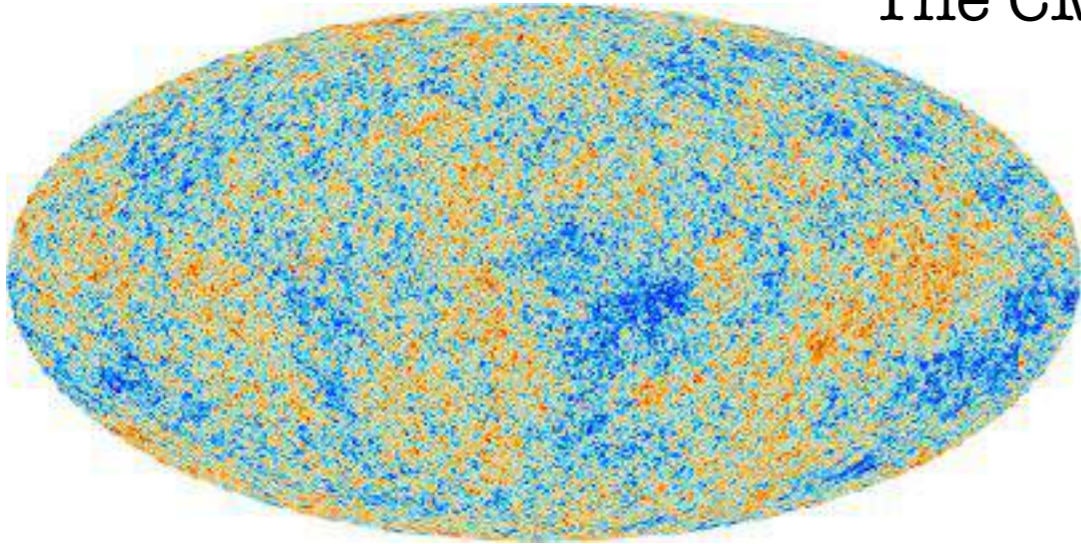
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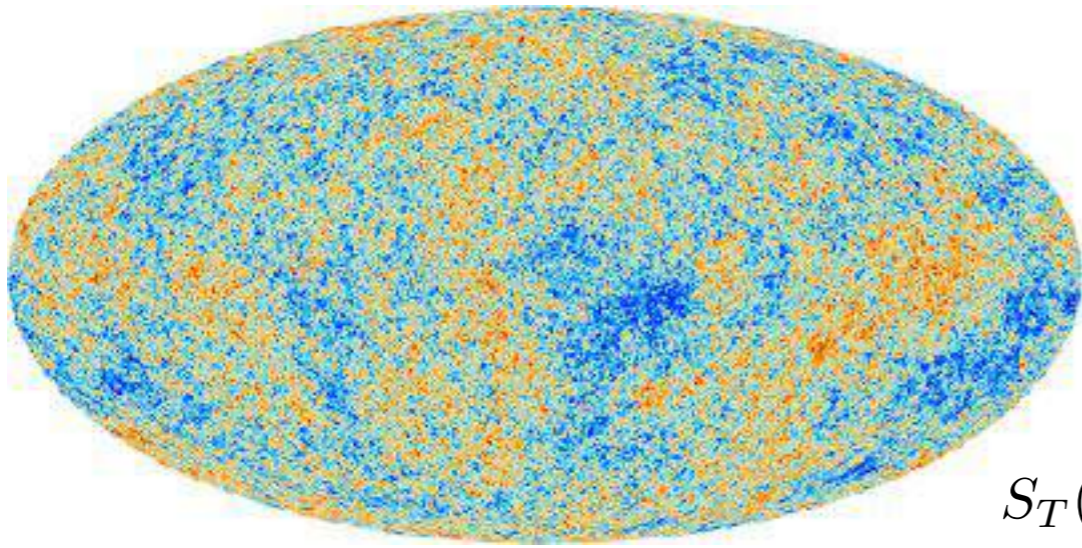
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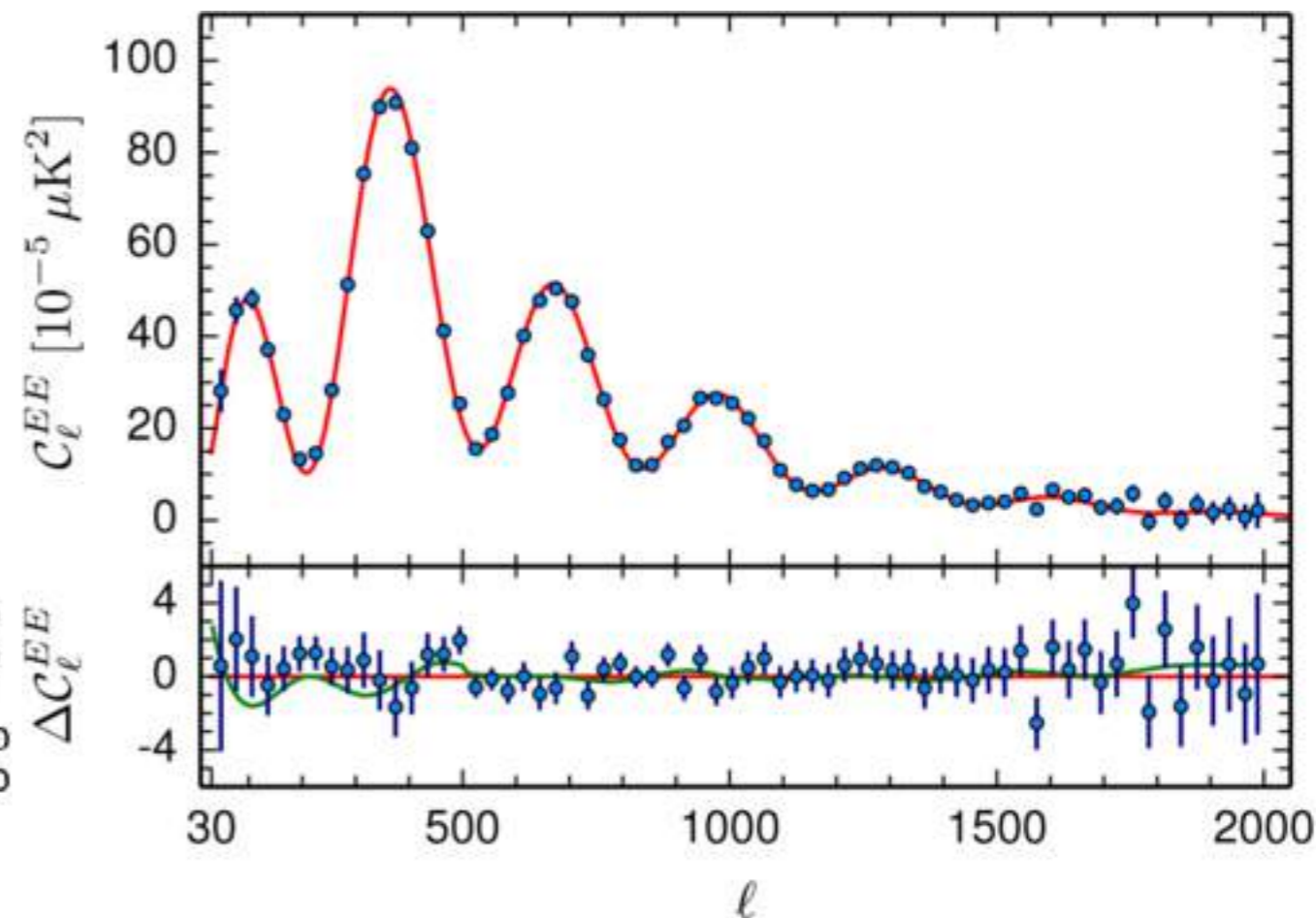
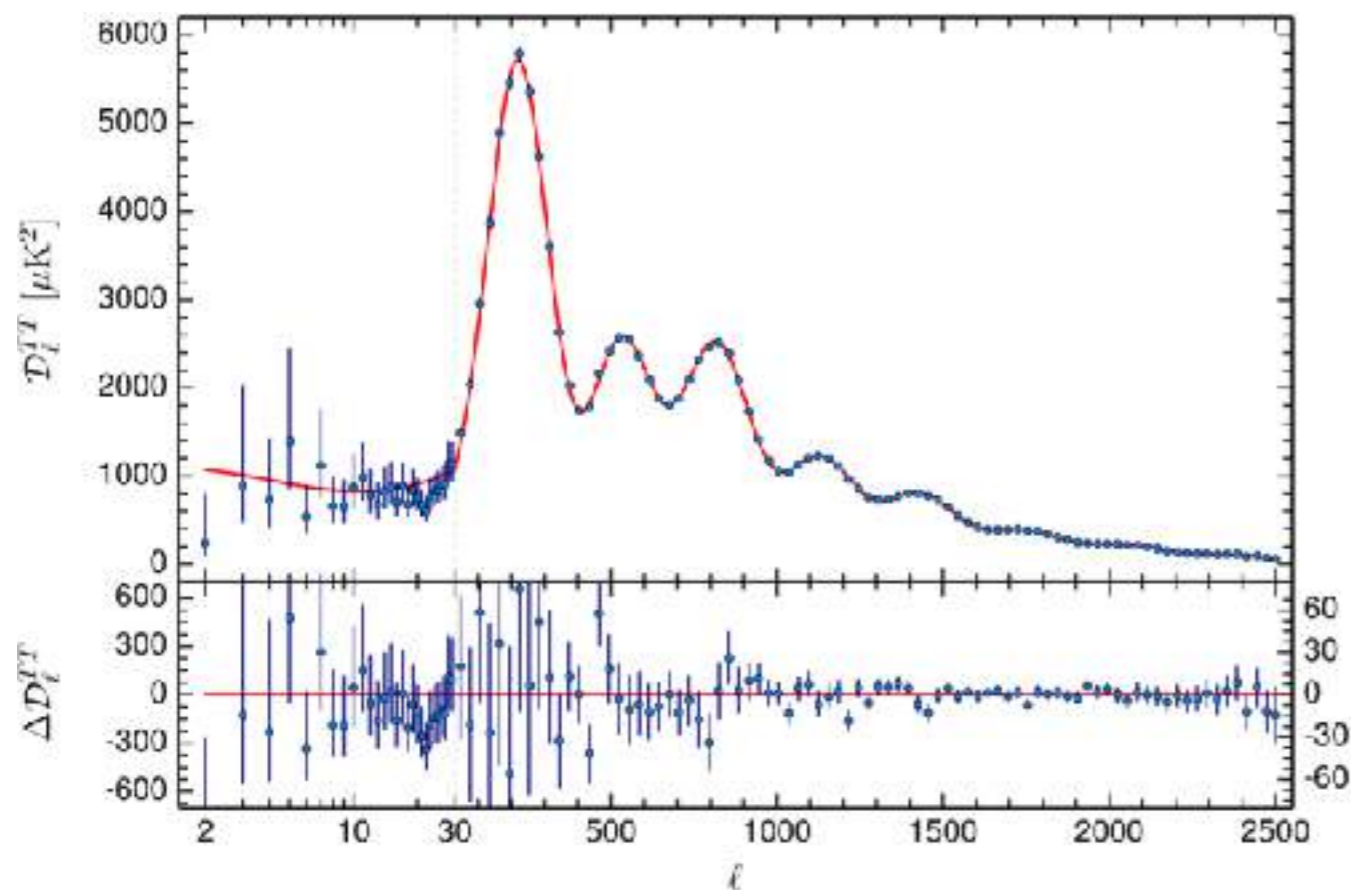


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[arXiv:1109.6552]

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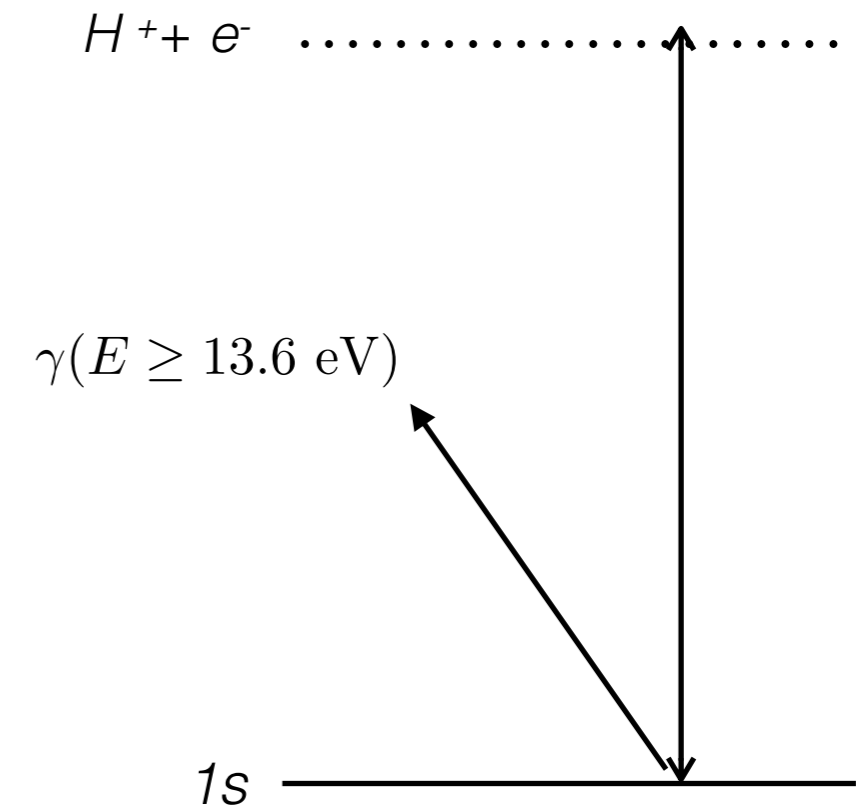
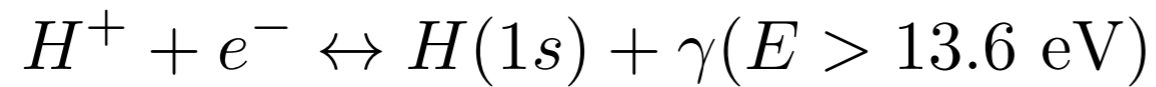
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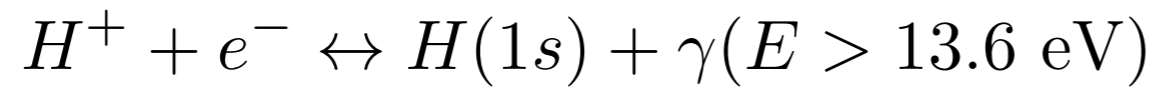
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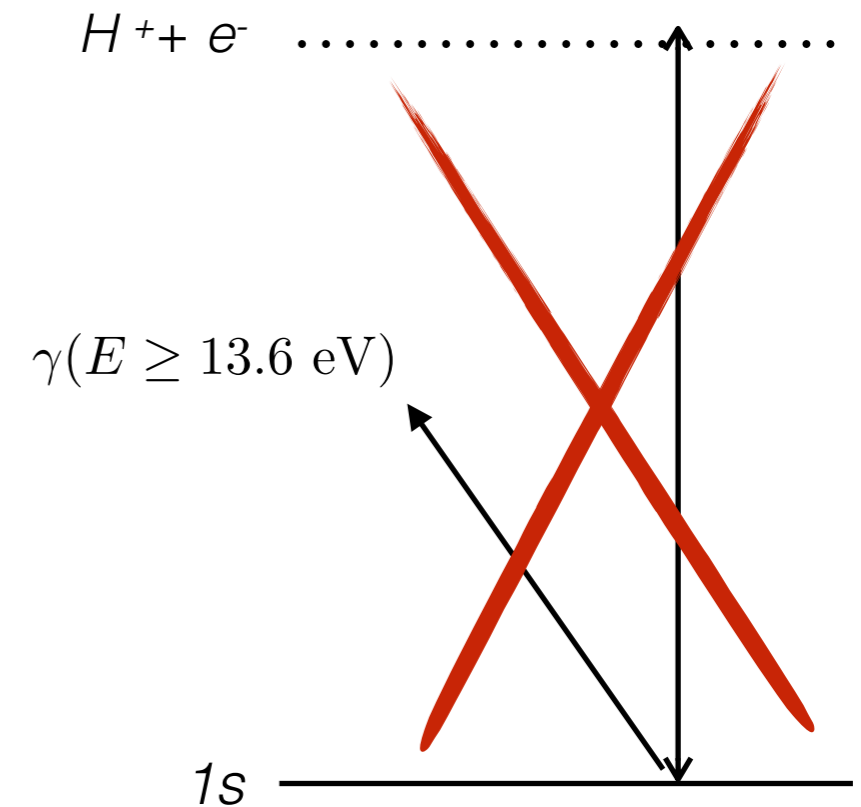


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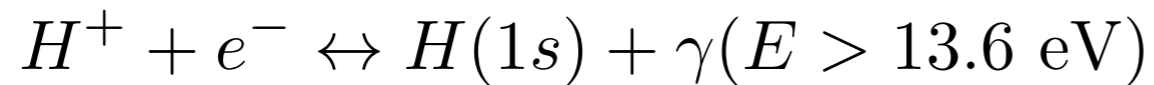


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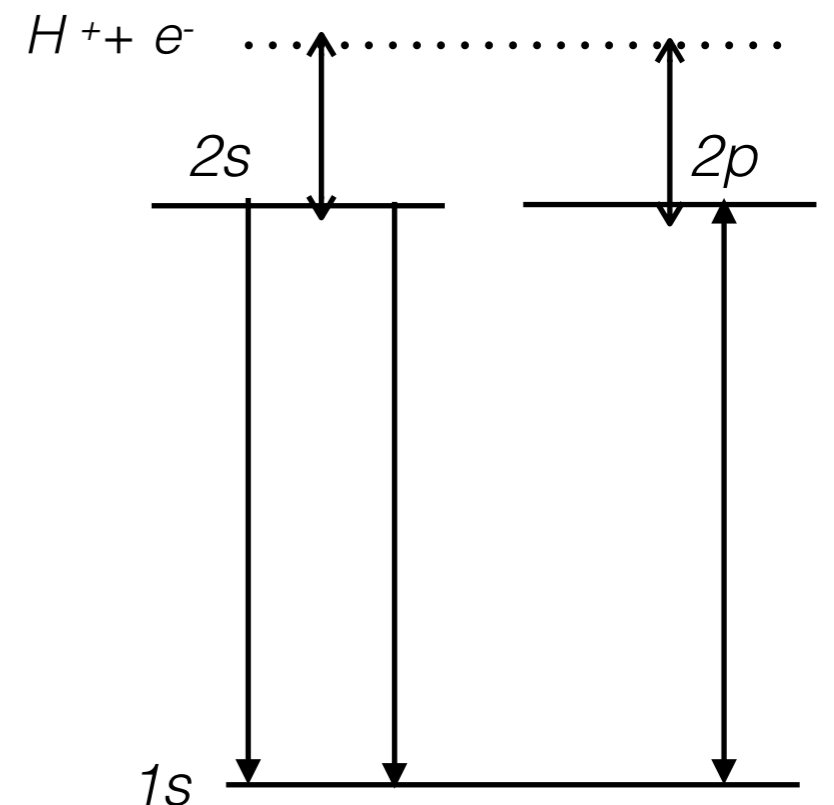
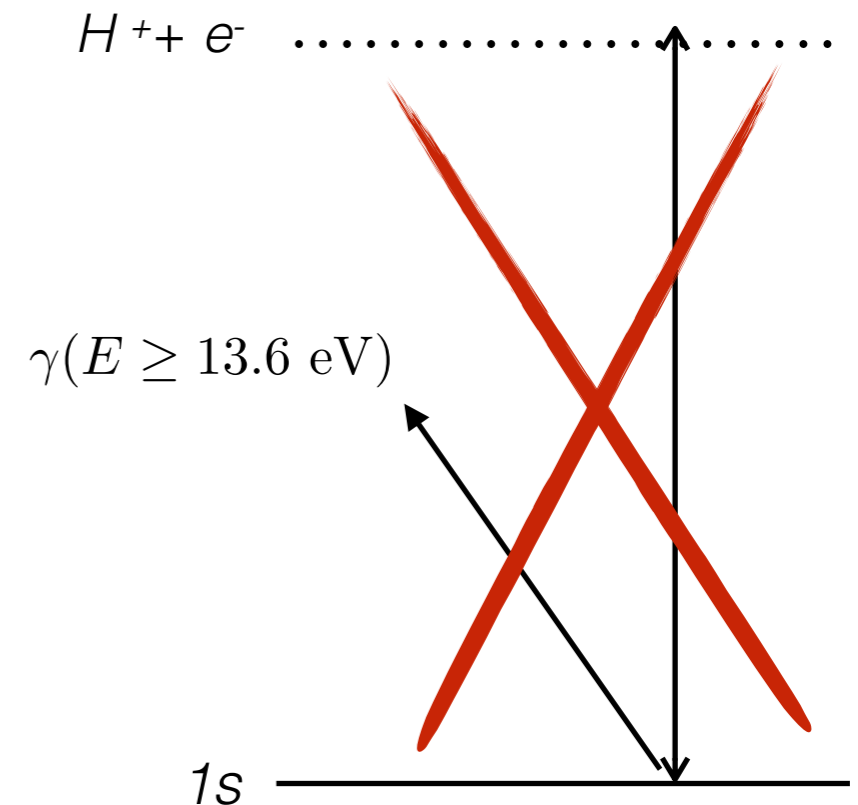
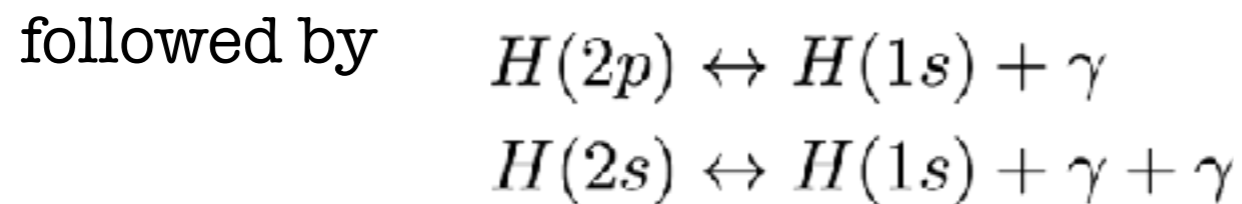
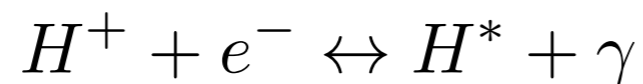
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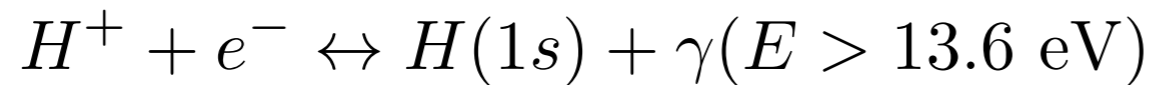
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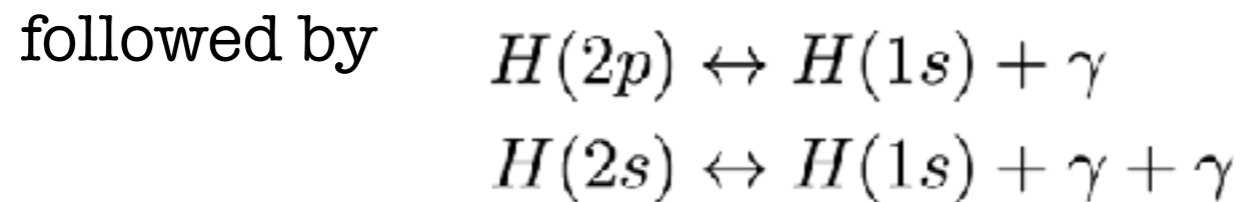
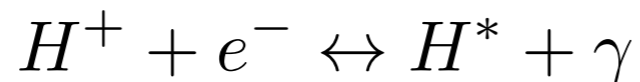
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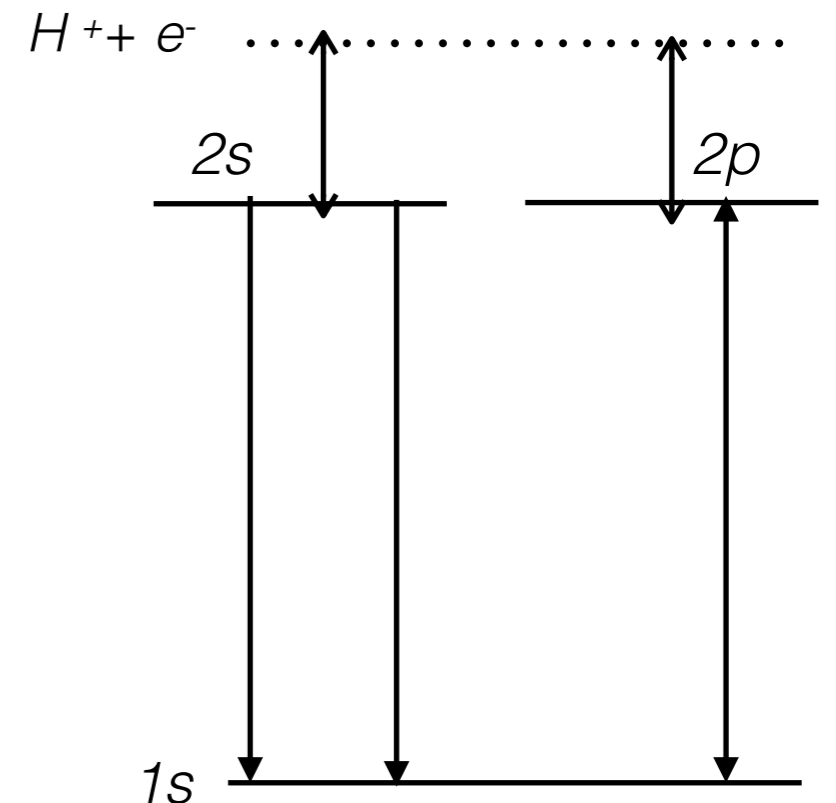
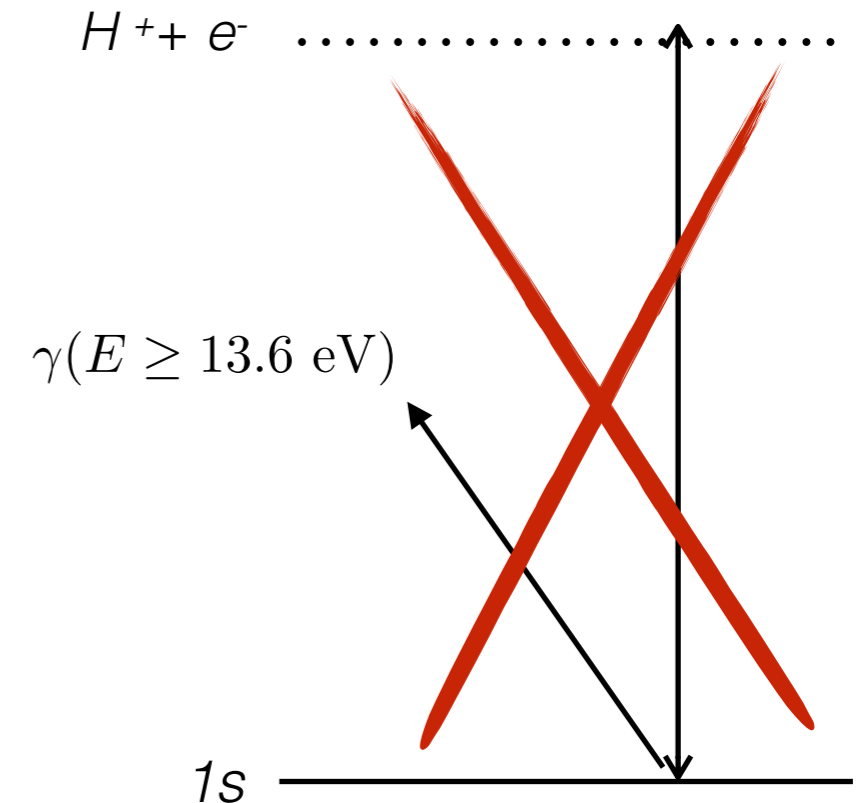


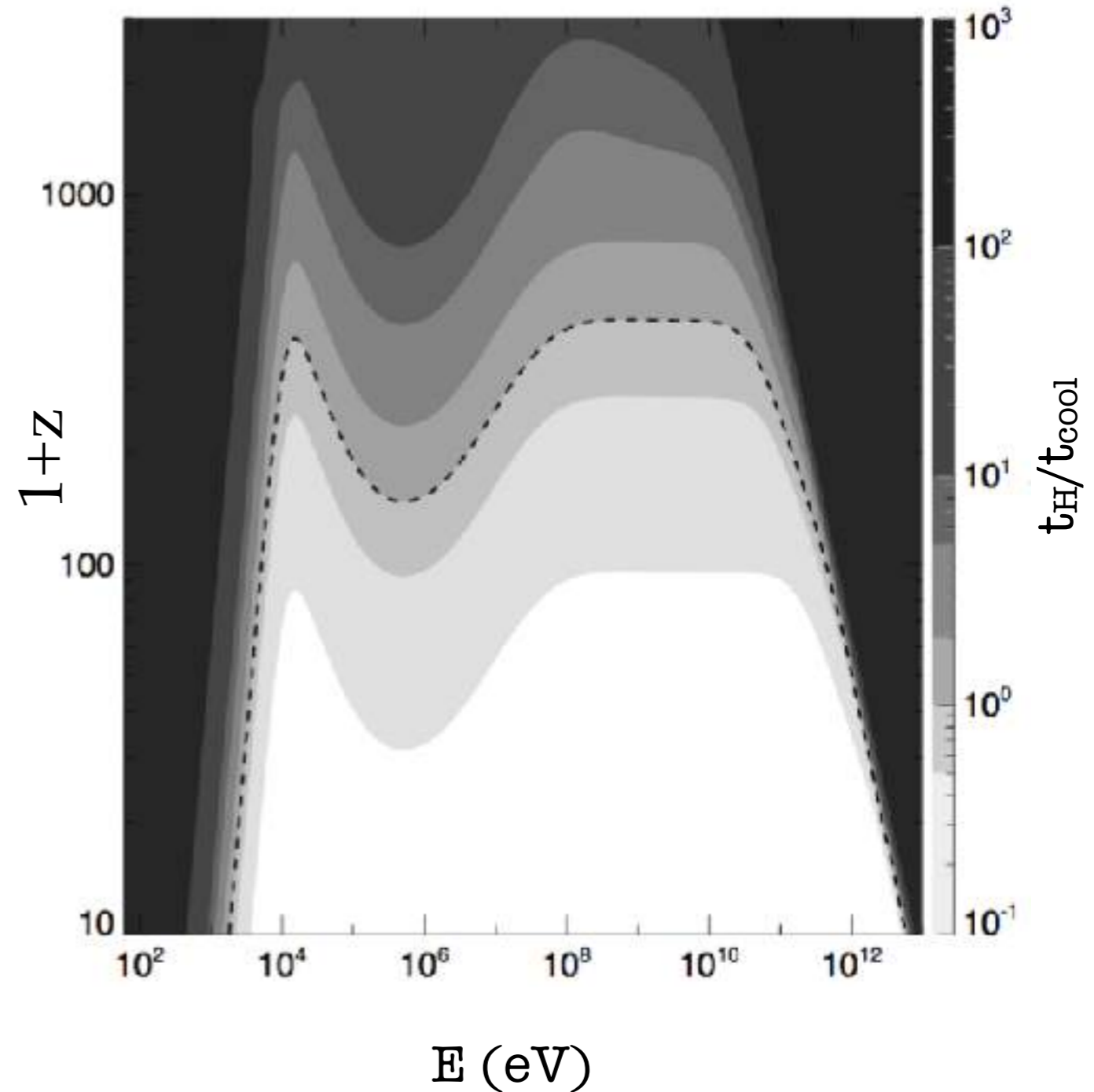
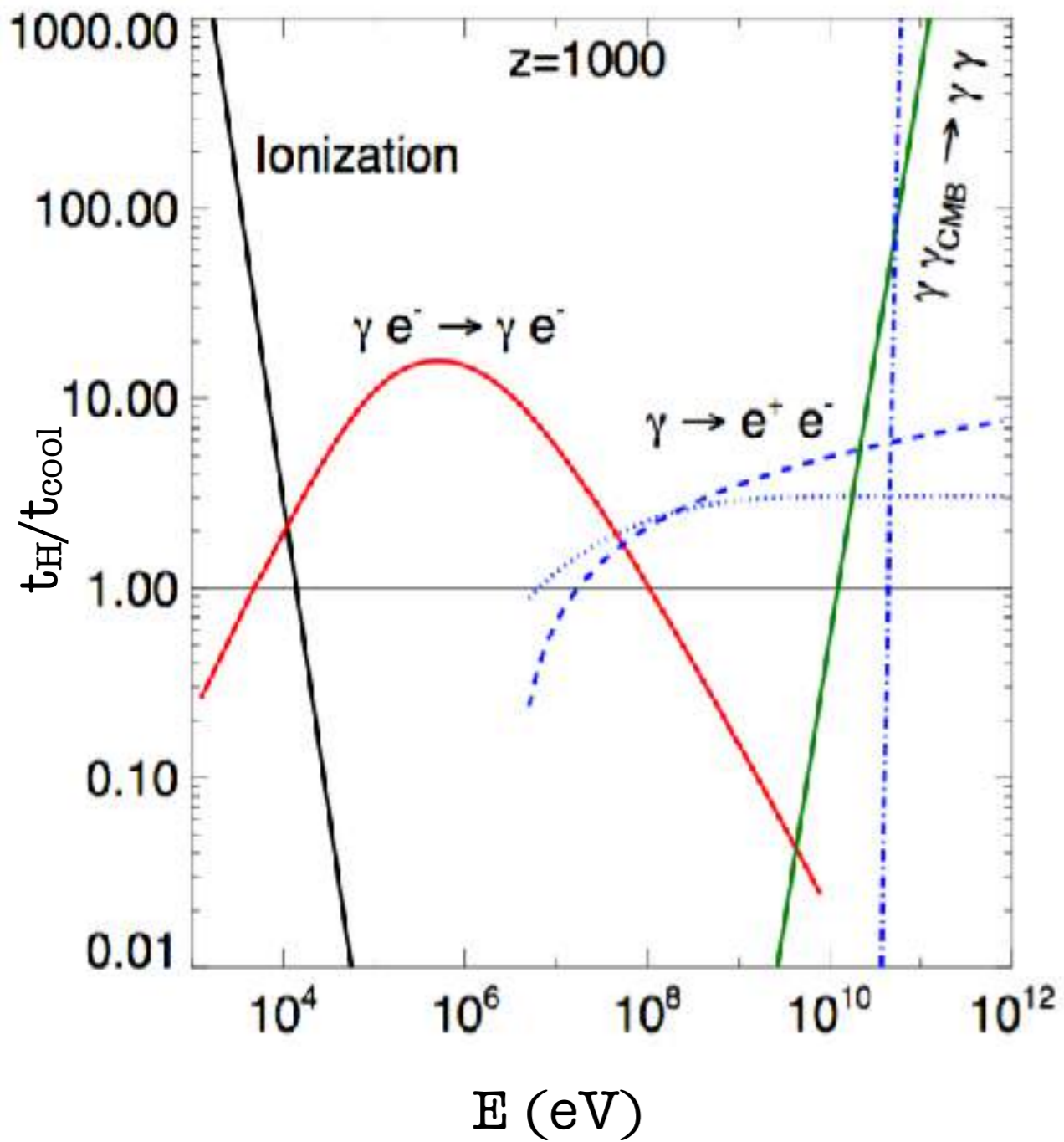
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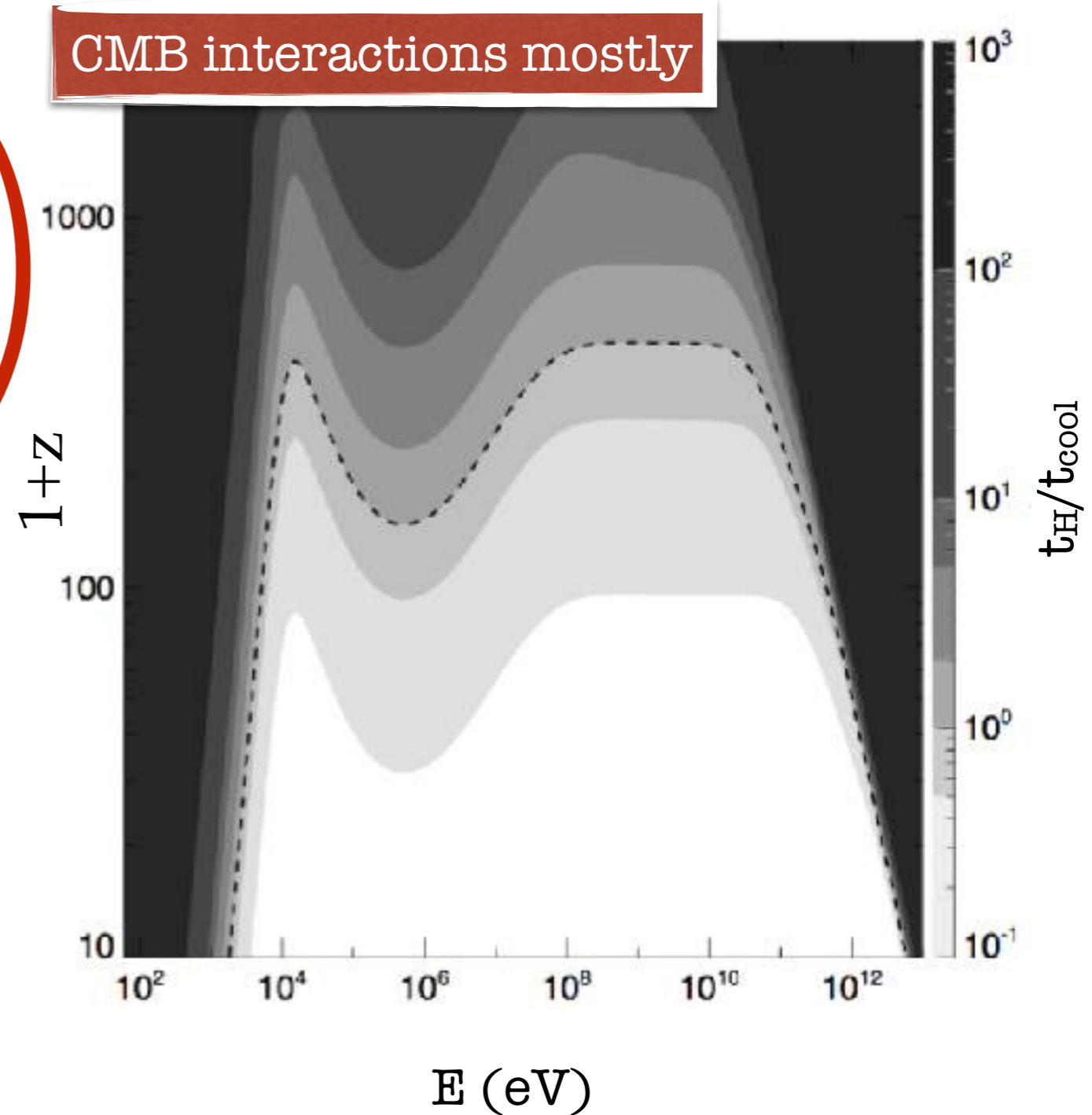
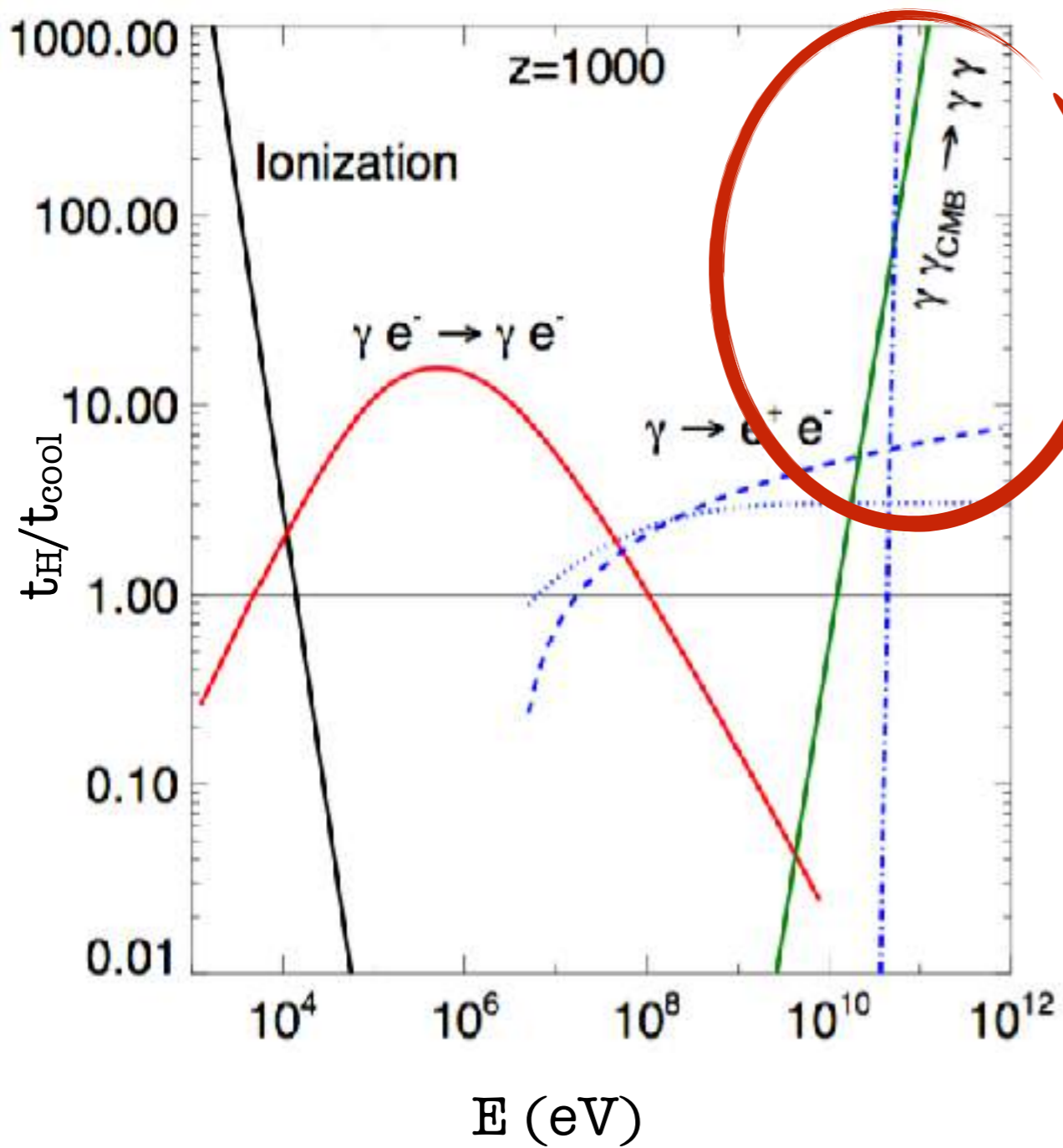


For cosmology, **sub % precision** is needed !  
 Thus, numerical codes have been developed:  
 e.g. **Recfast, Hyrec, CosmoRec**



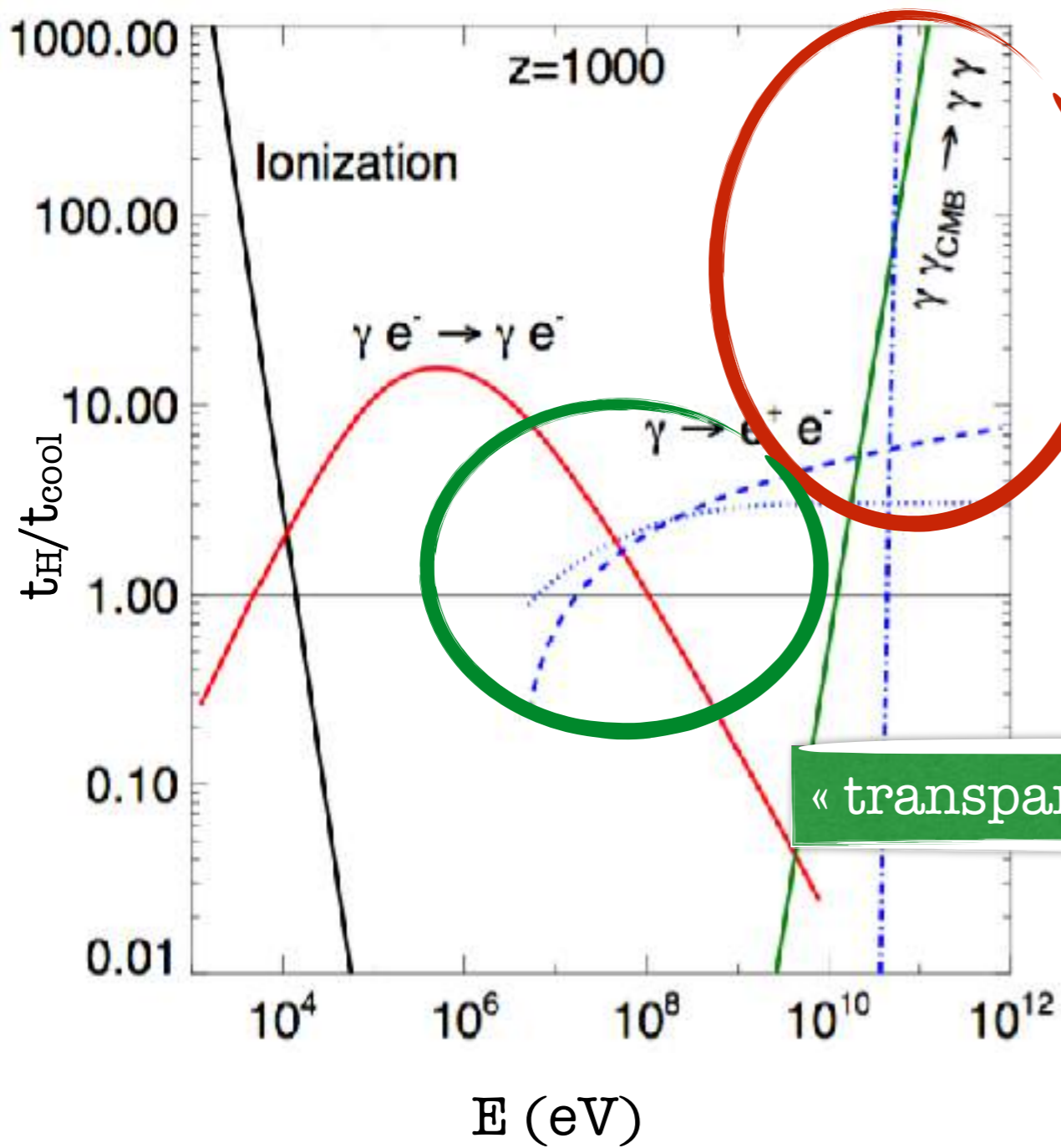


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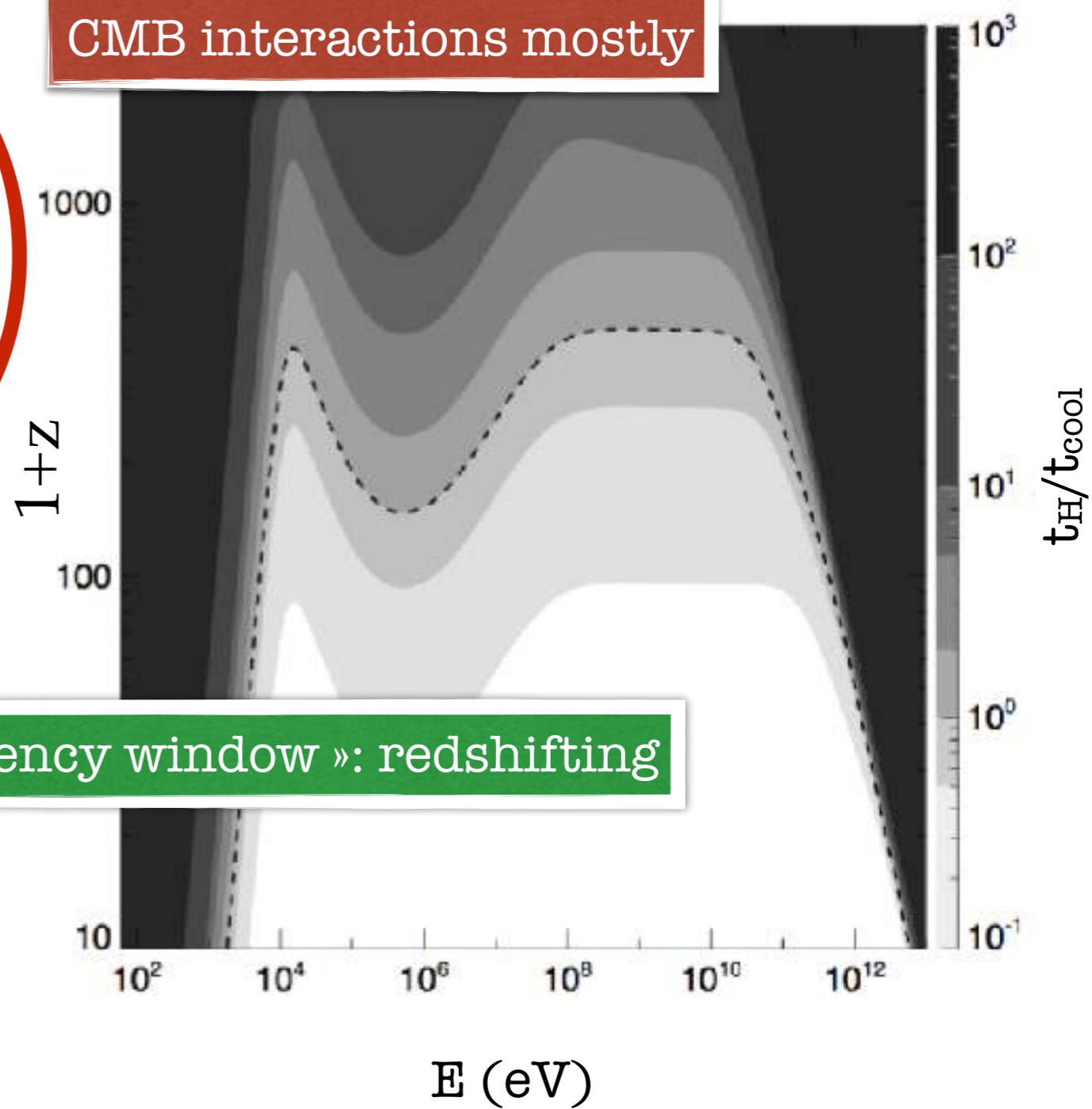


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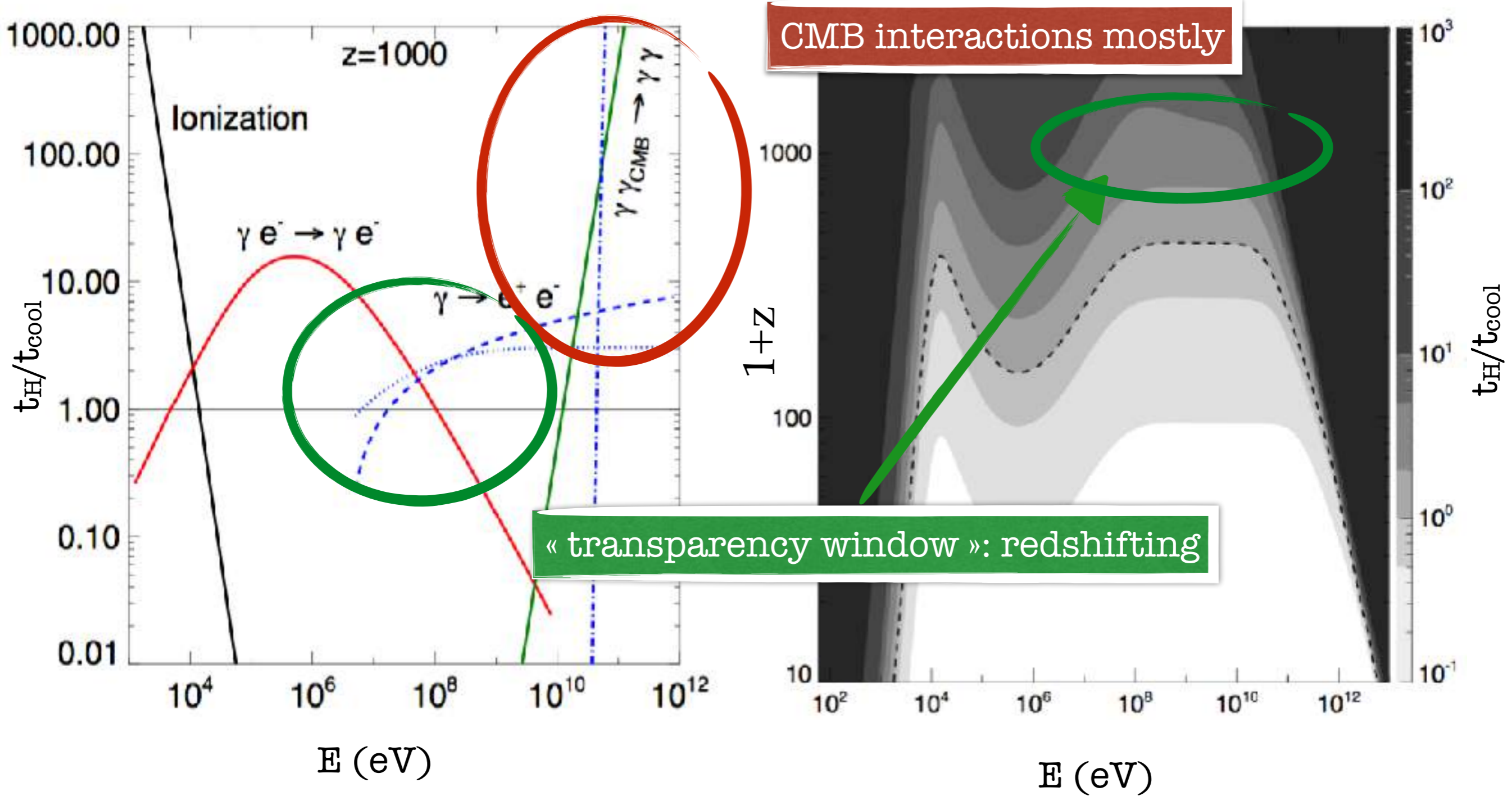
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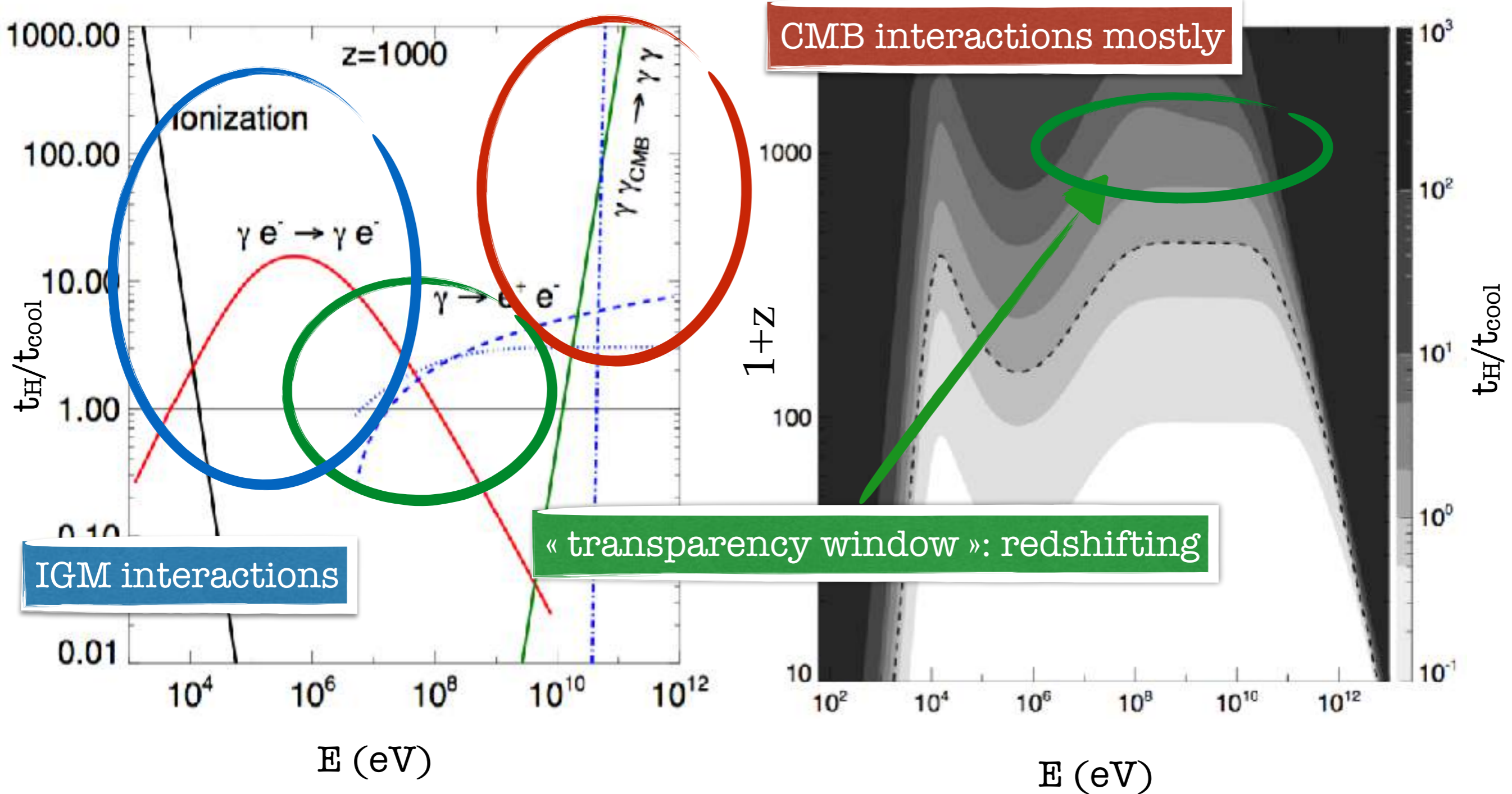
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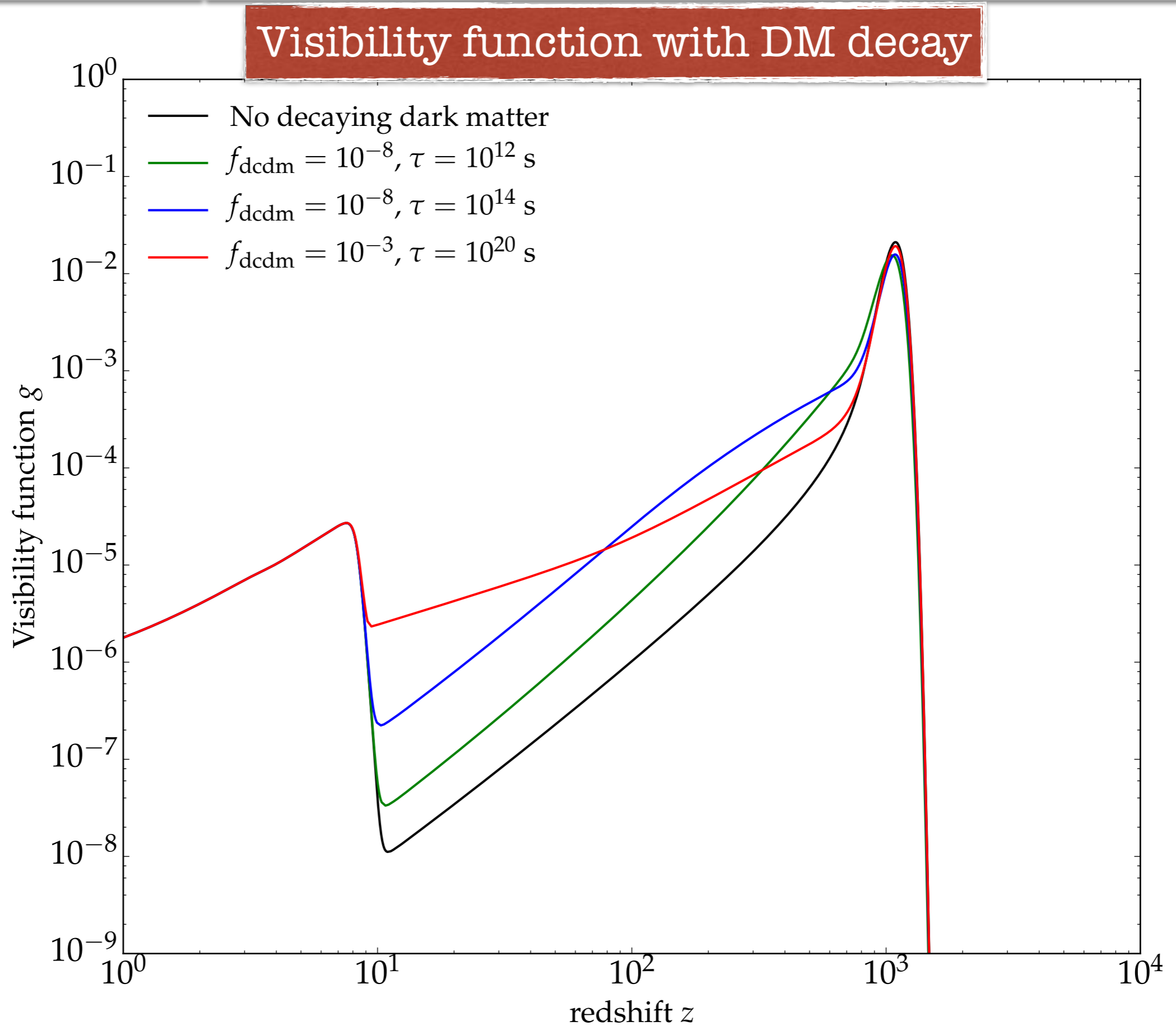




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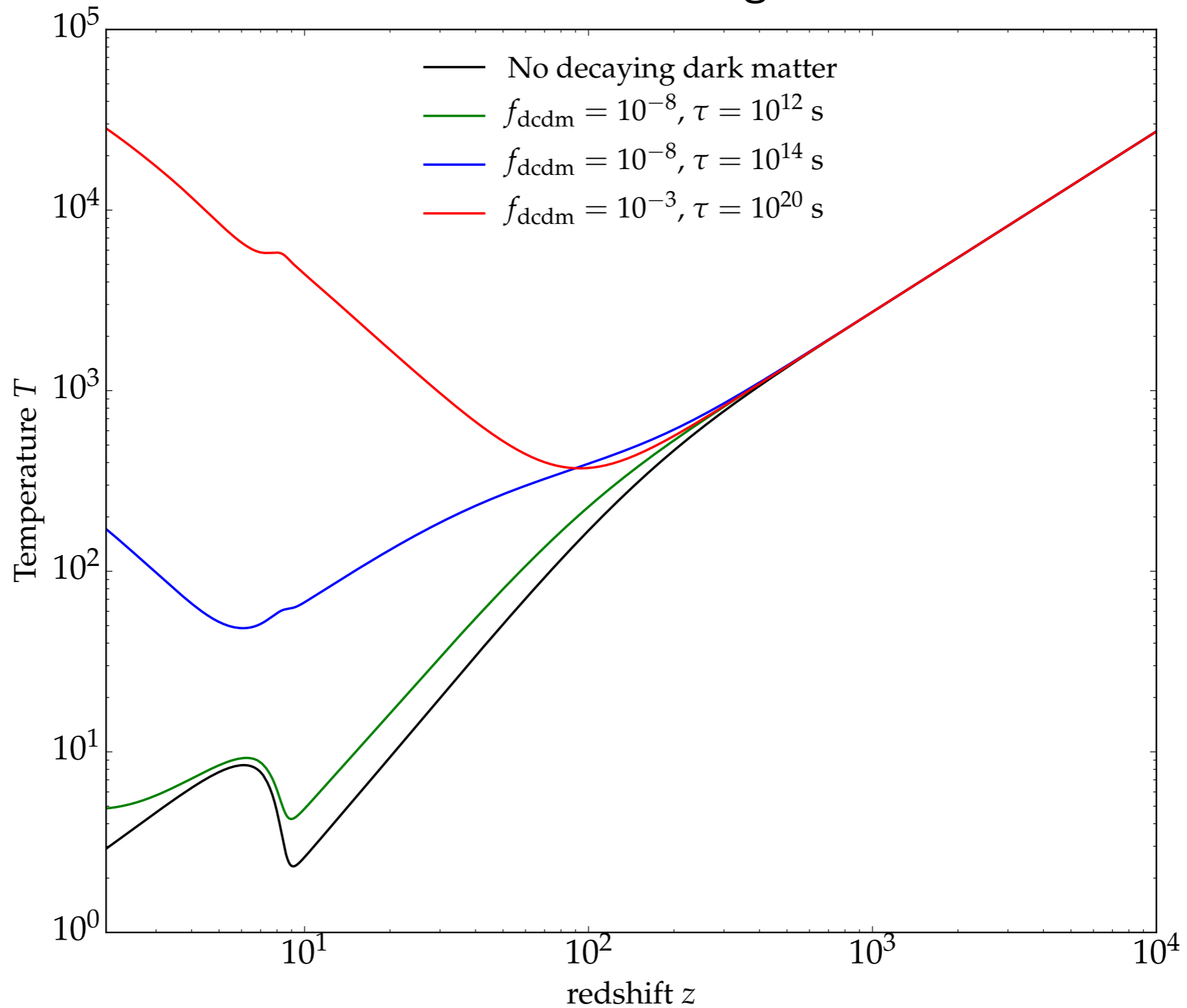


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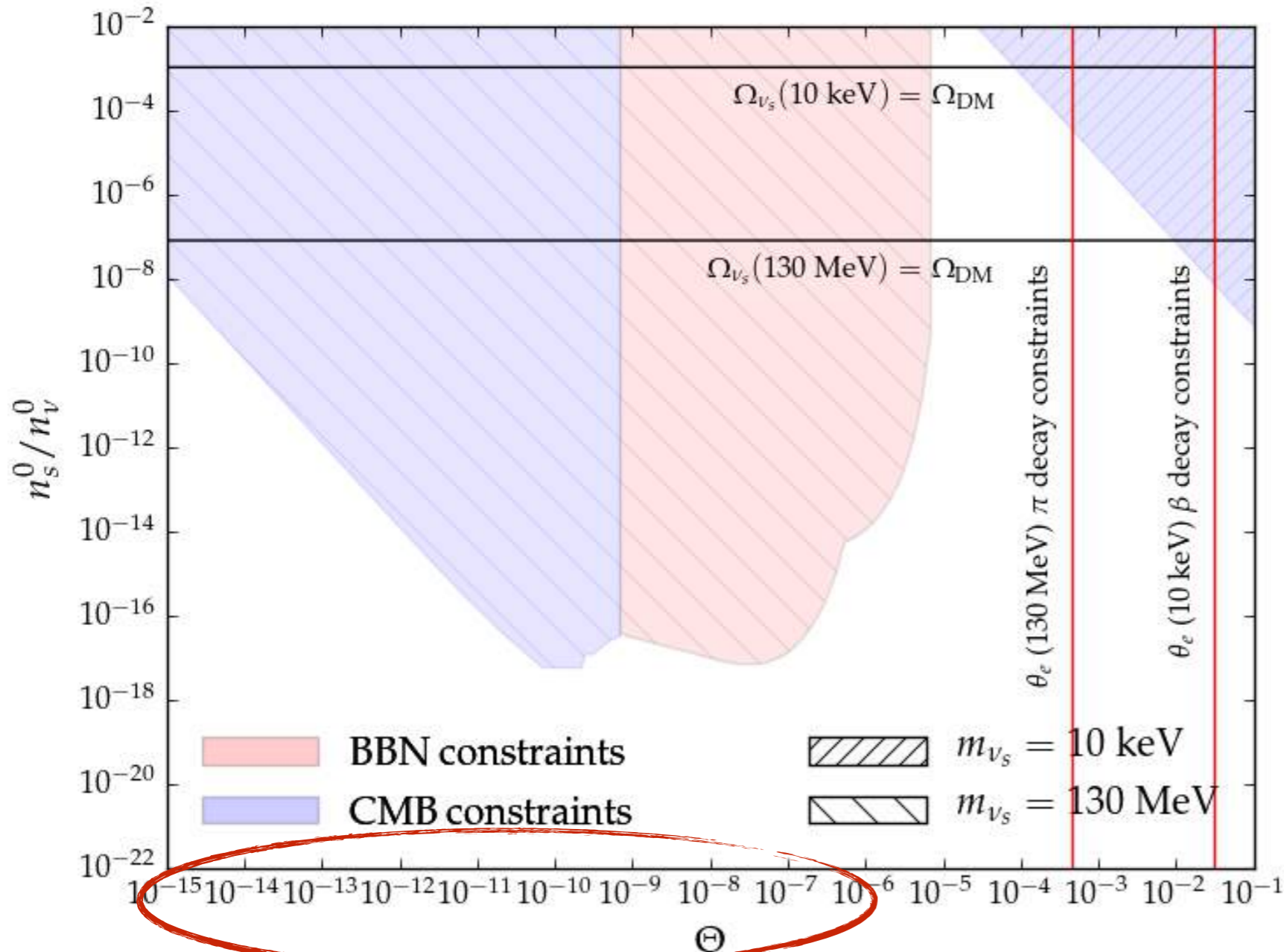
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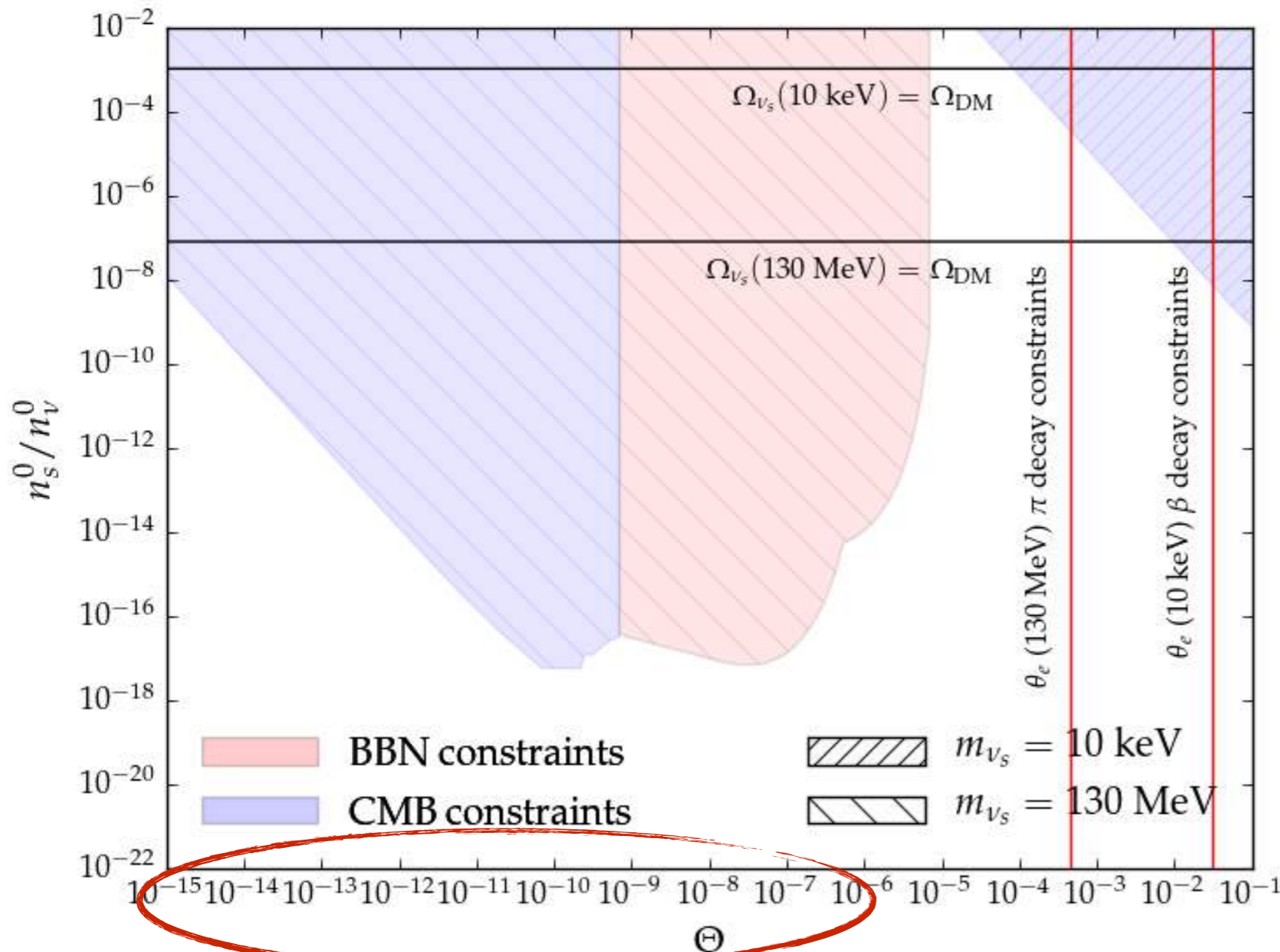
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- Cosmology is mostly sensitive to **sterile neutrinos more weakly coupled** than those evolve in see-saw mechanism;
- Still, it is interesting since **masses and mixing of the right-handed neutrinos are not constrained** by fundamental physics arguments !
- KeV-scale neutrinos are usually better constrained by diffuse X-ray background

*Boyarsky et al.  
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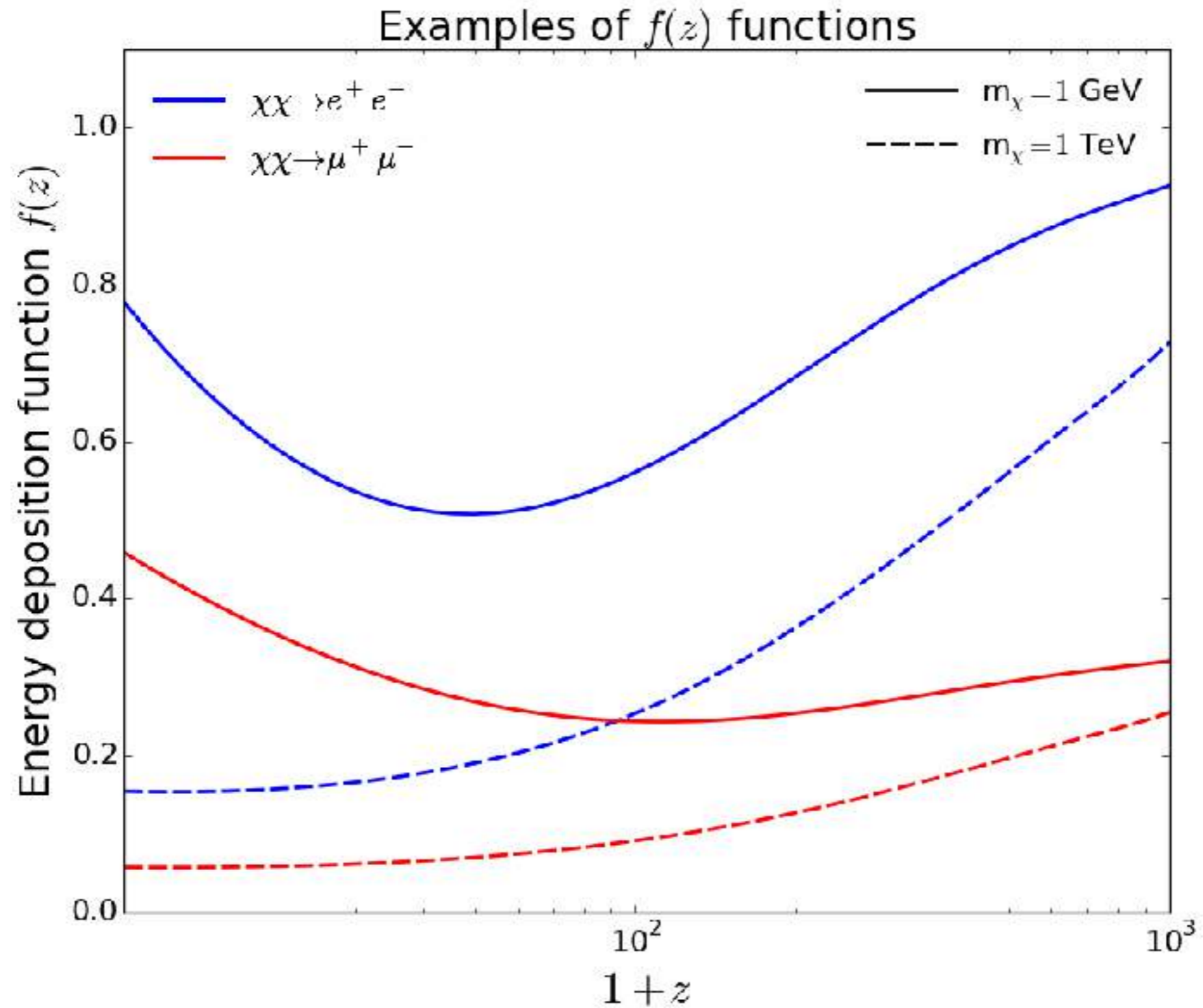
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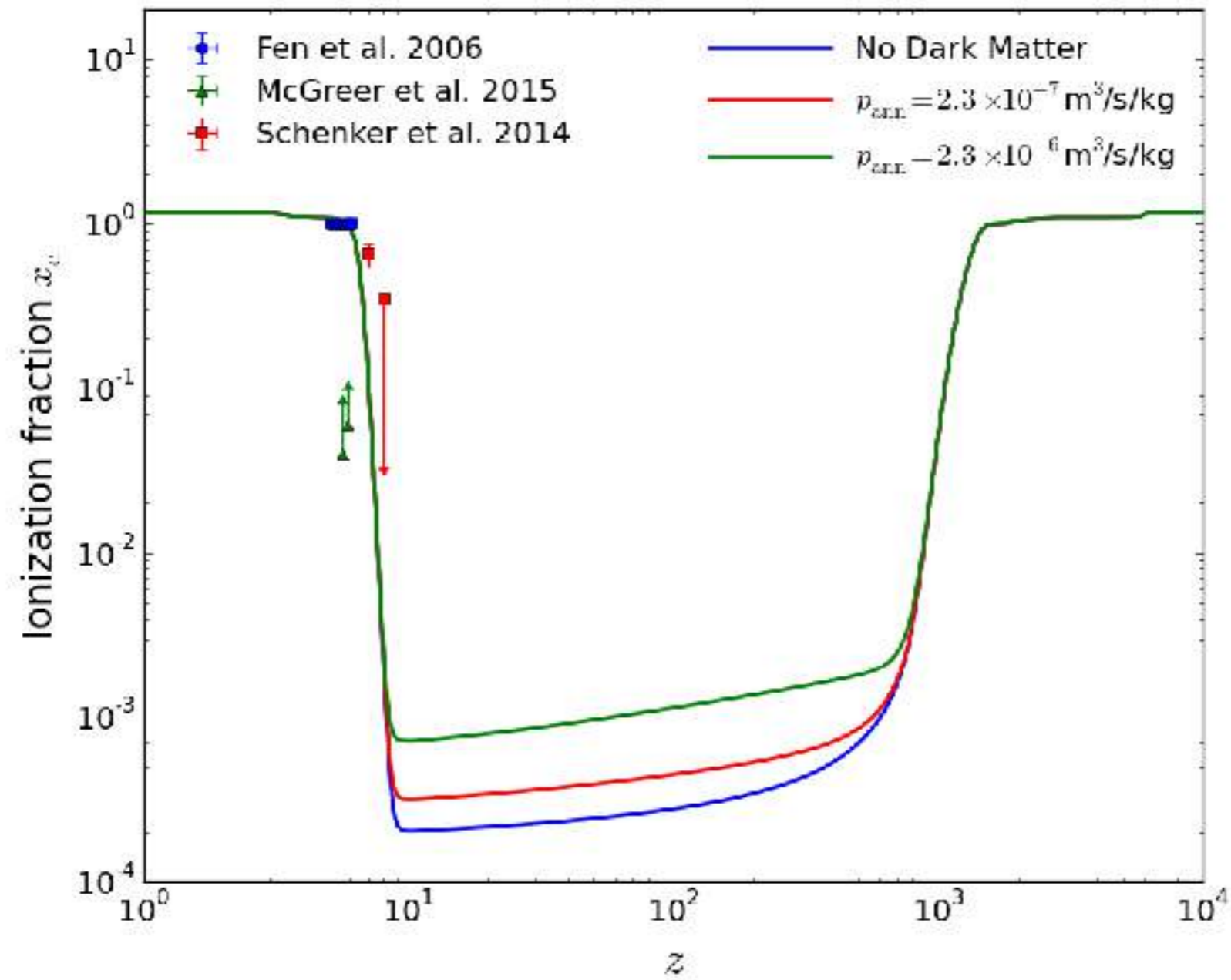
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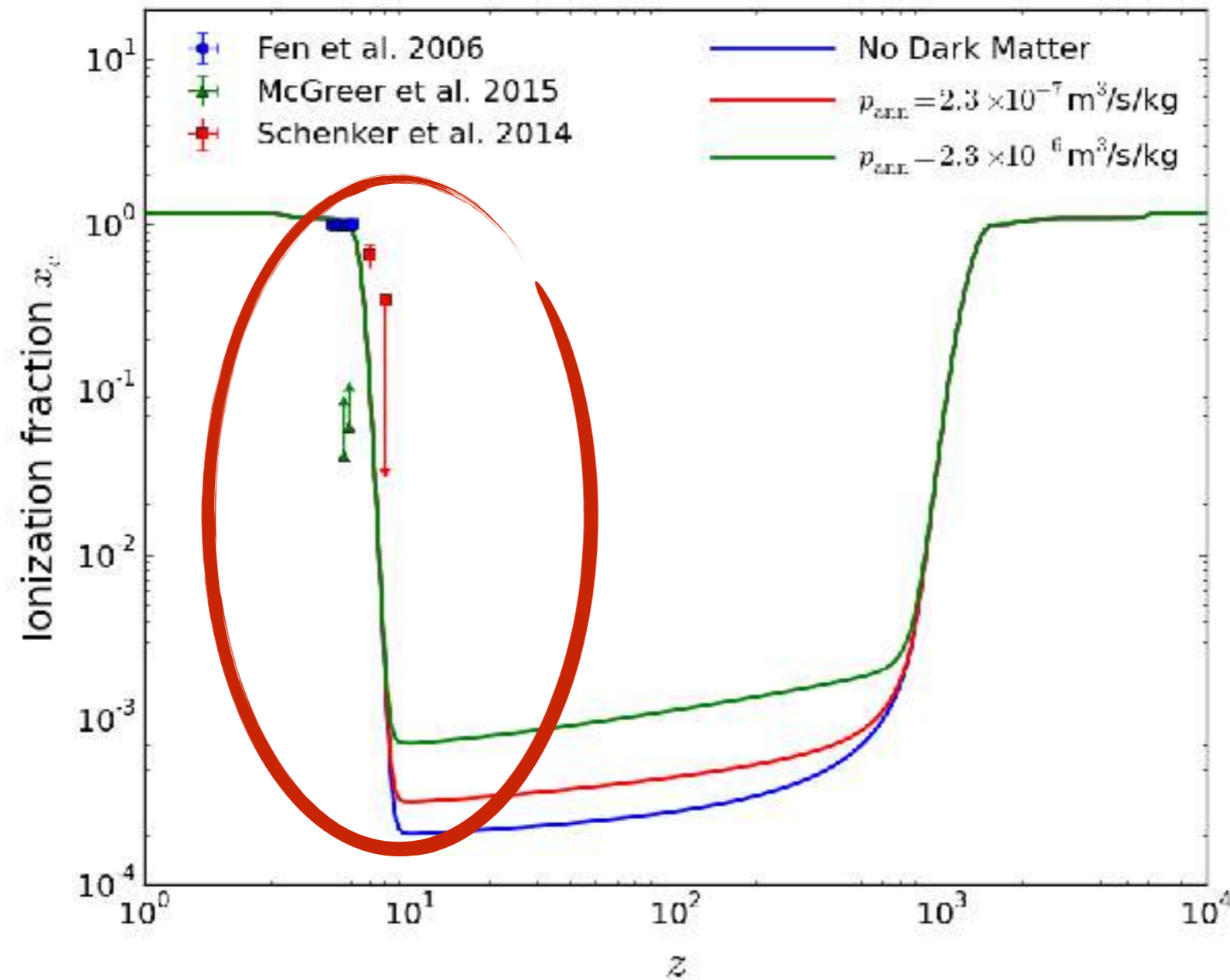
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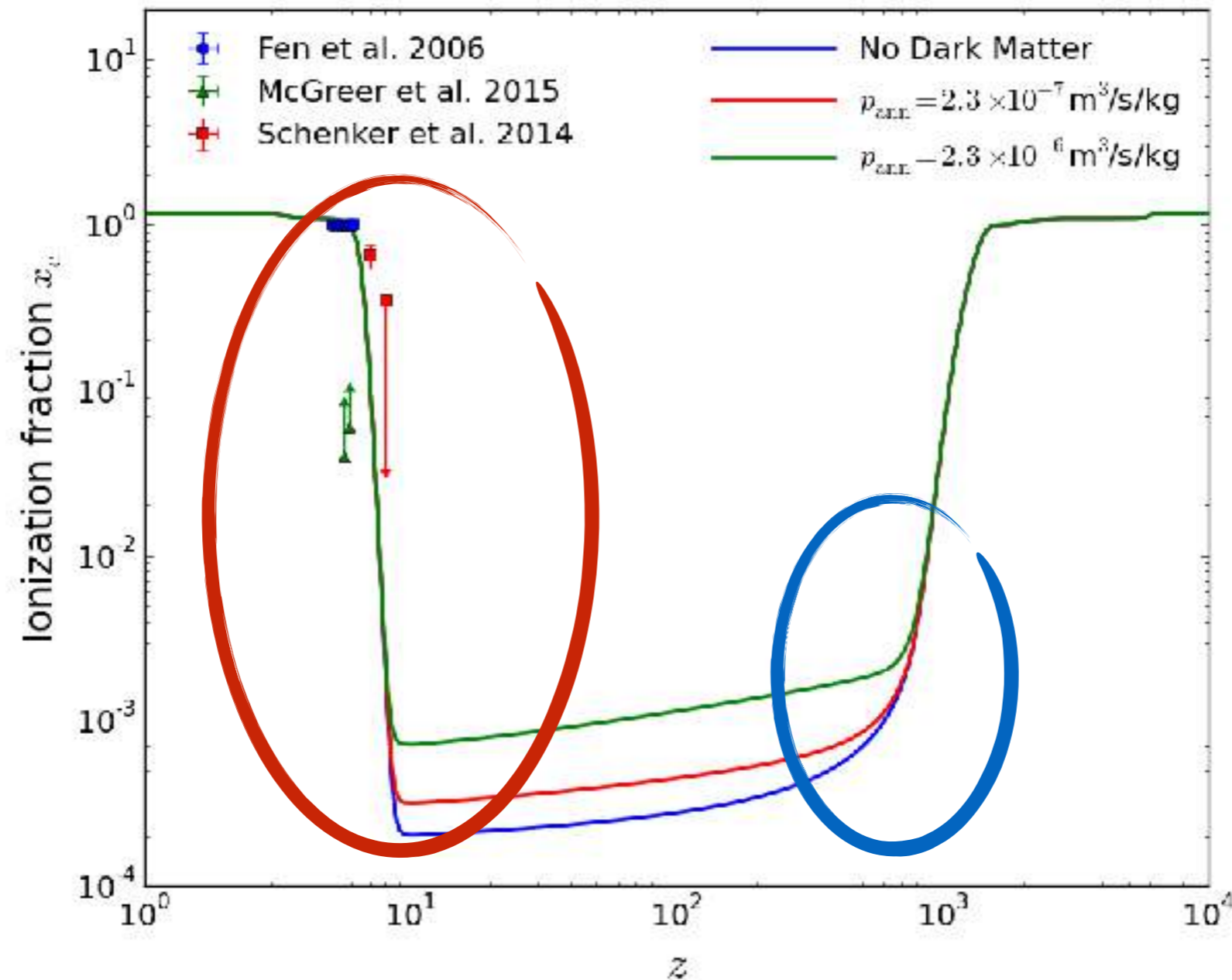
This is the quantity really constrained by CMB power spectra analysis !







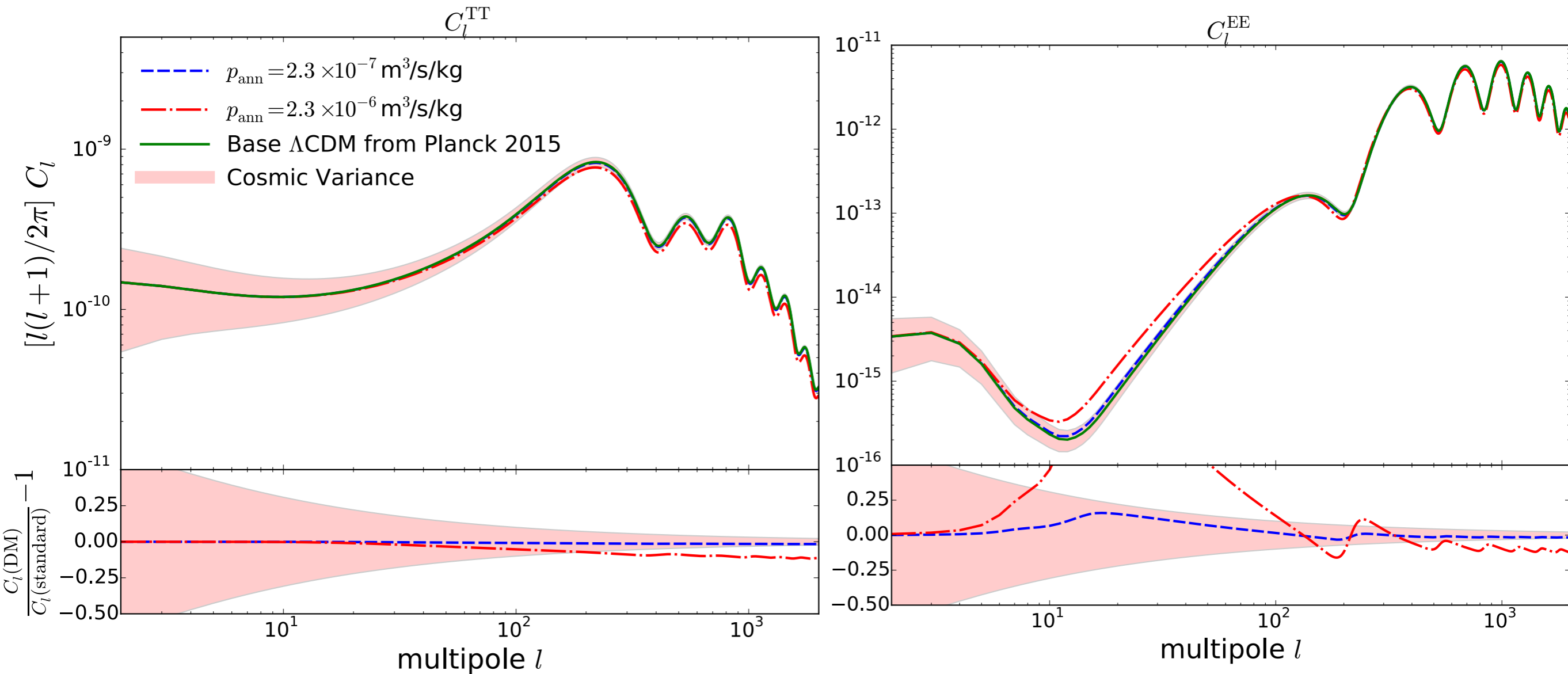
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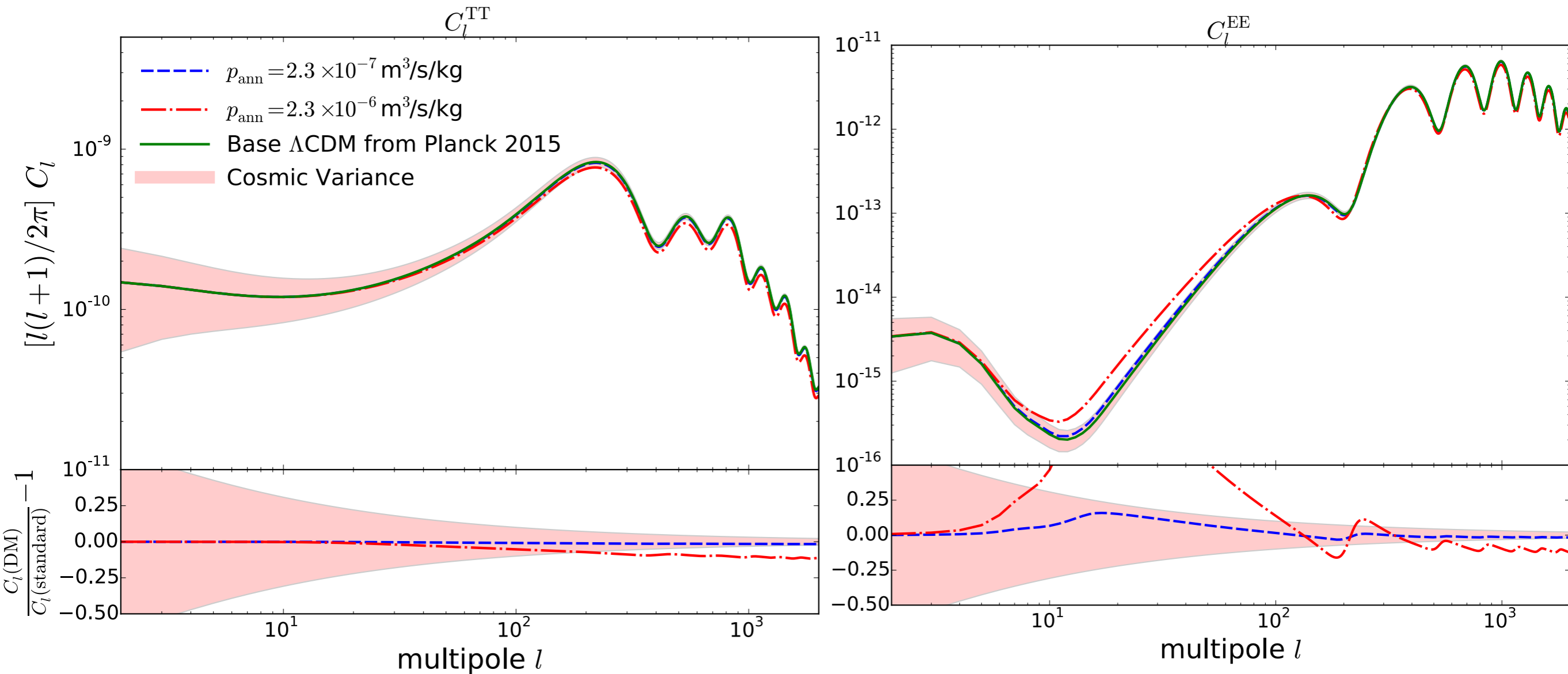
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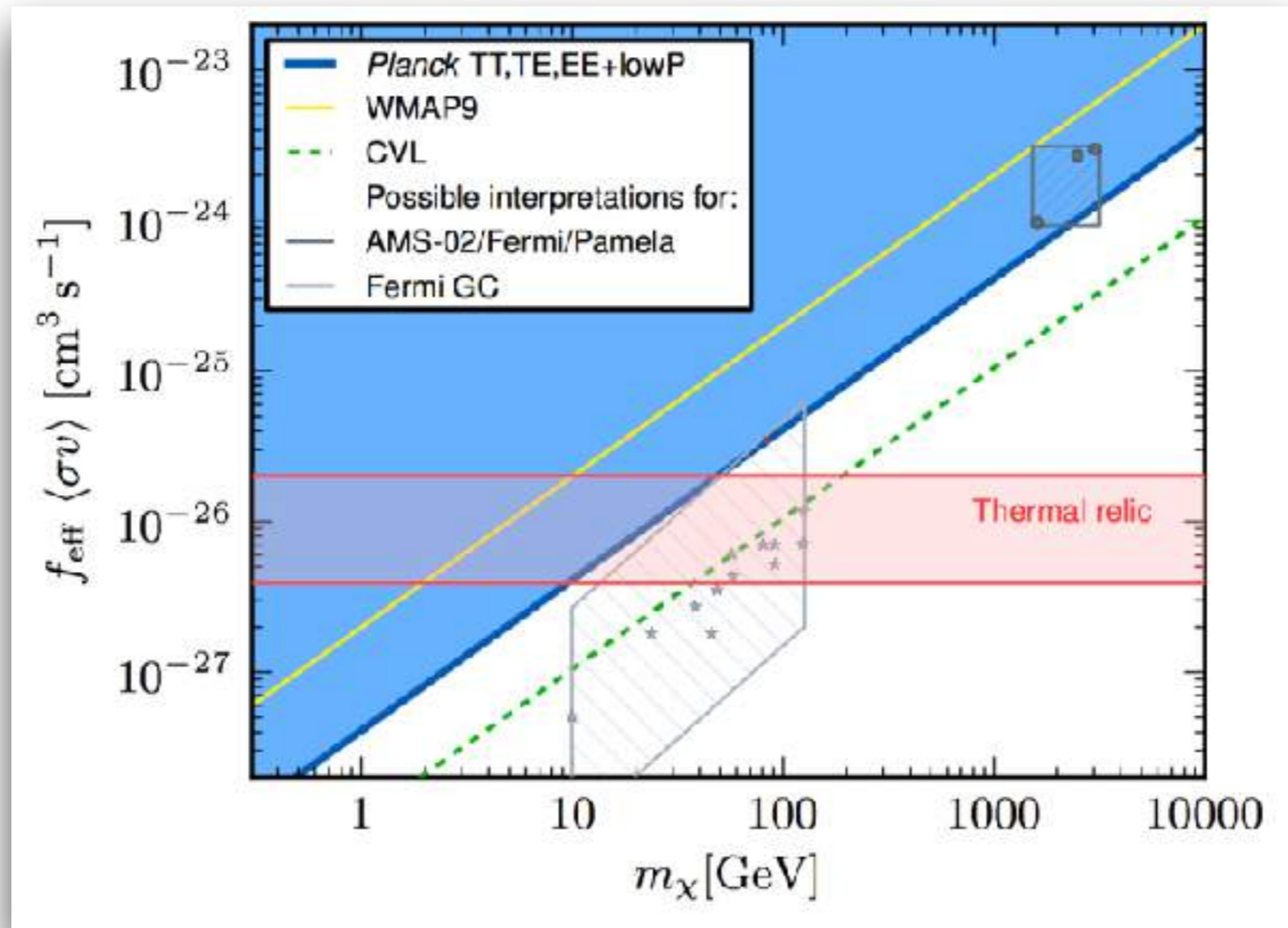
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TT, TE, EE + lowP + lensing

*Planck 2015 [arXiv:1502.01589]*

Results obtained from annihilation in the smooth background only  
 Is it possible to improve over it by taking into account Dark Matter halo formation?



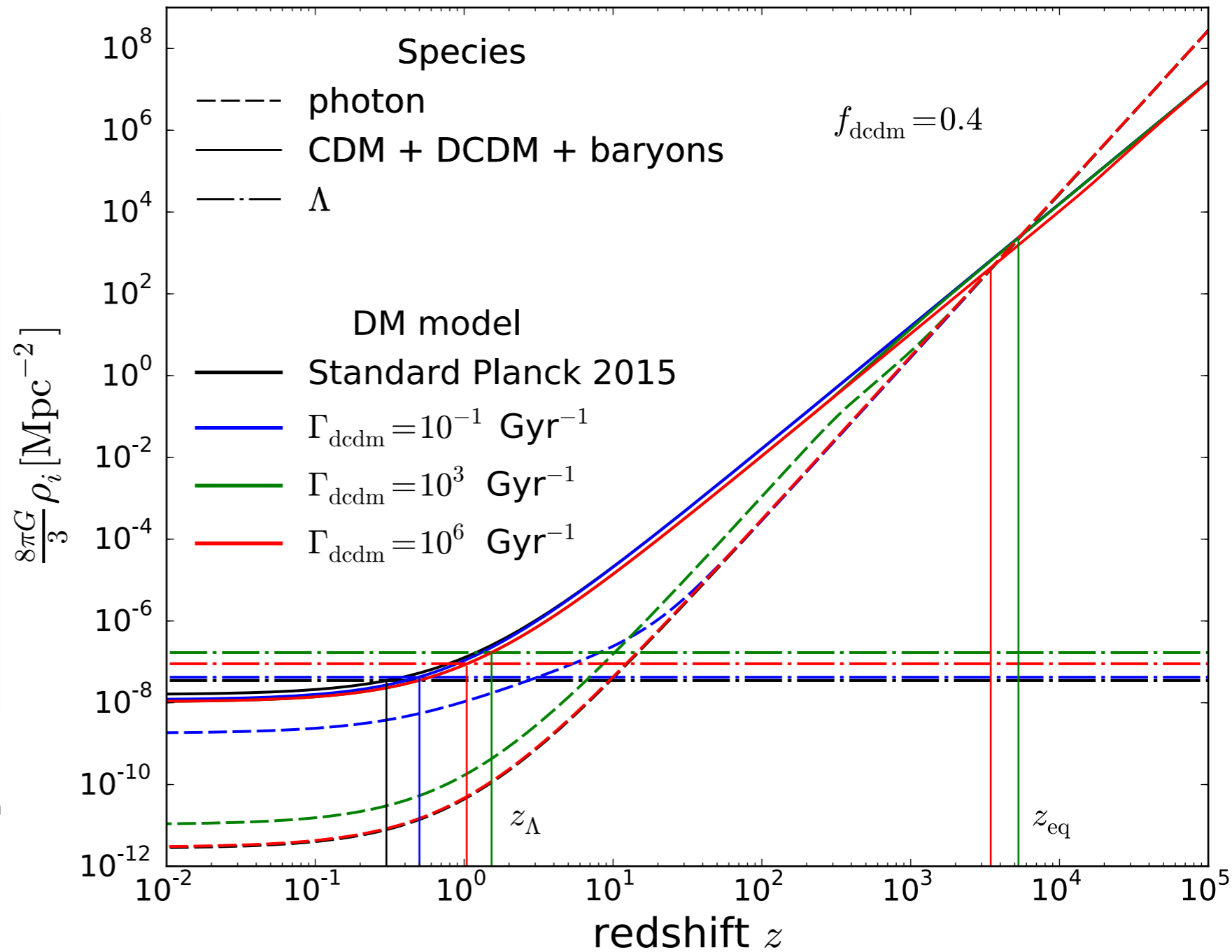
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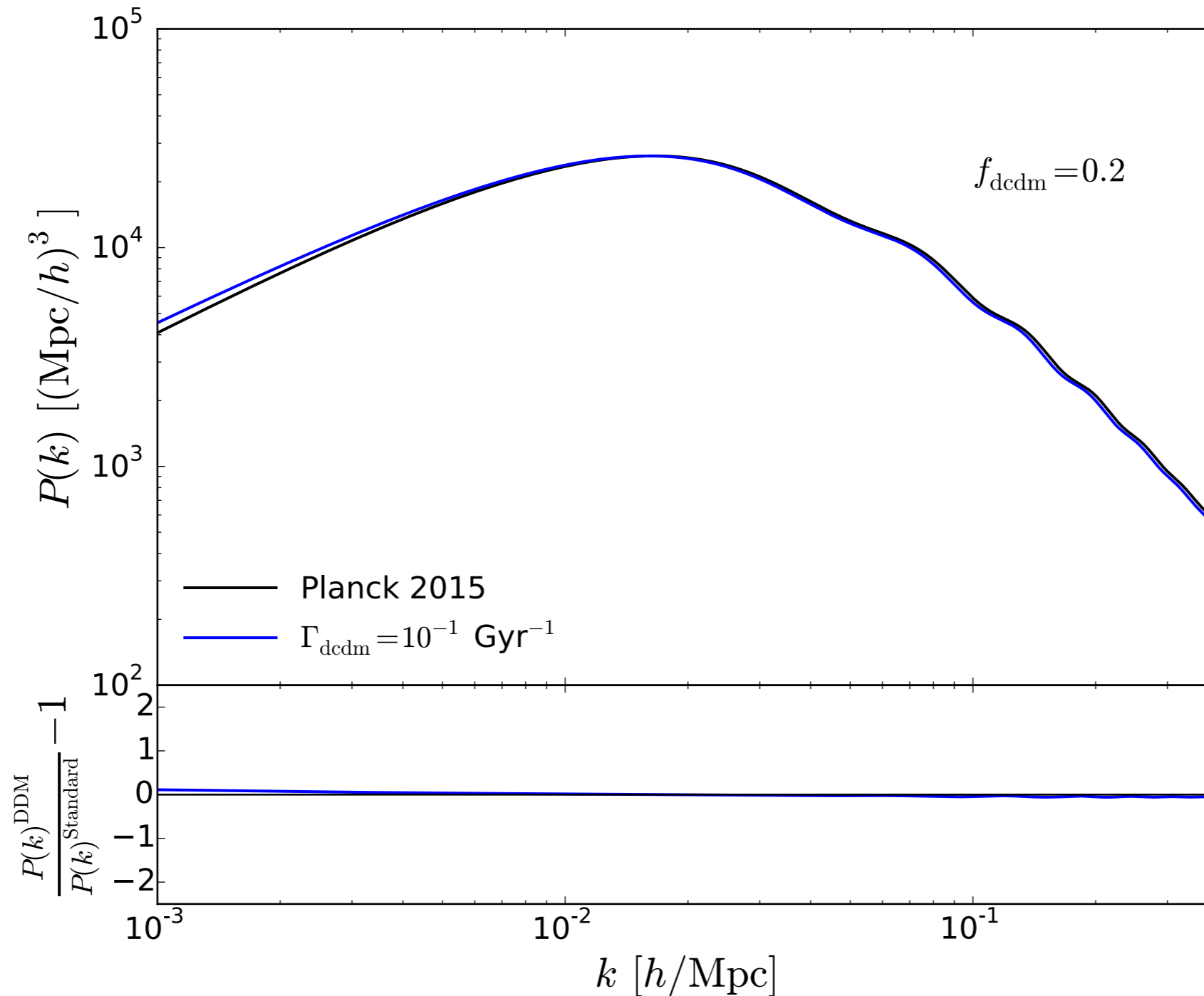
Fixing  $\theta_s$  requires changing  $\omega_\Lambda$



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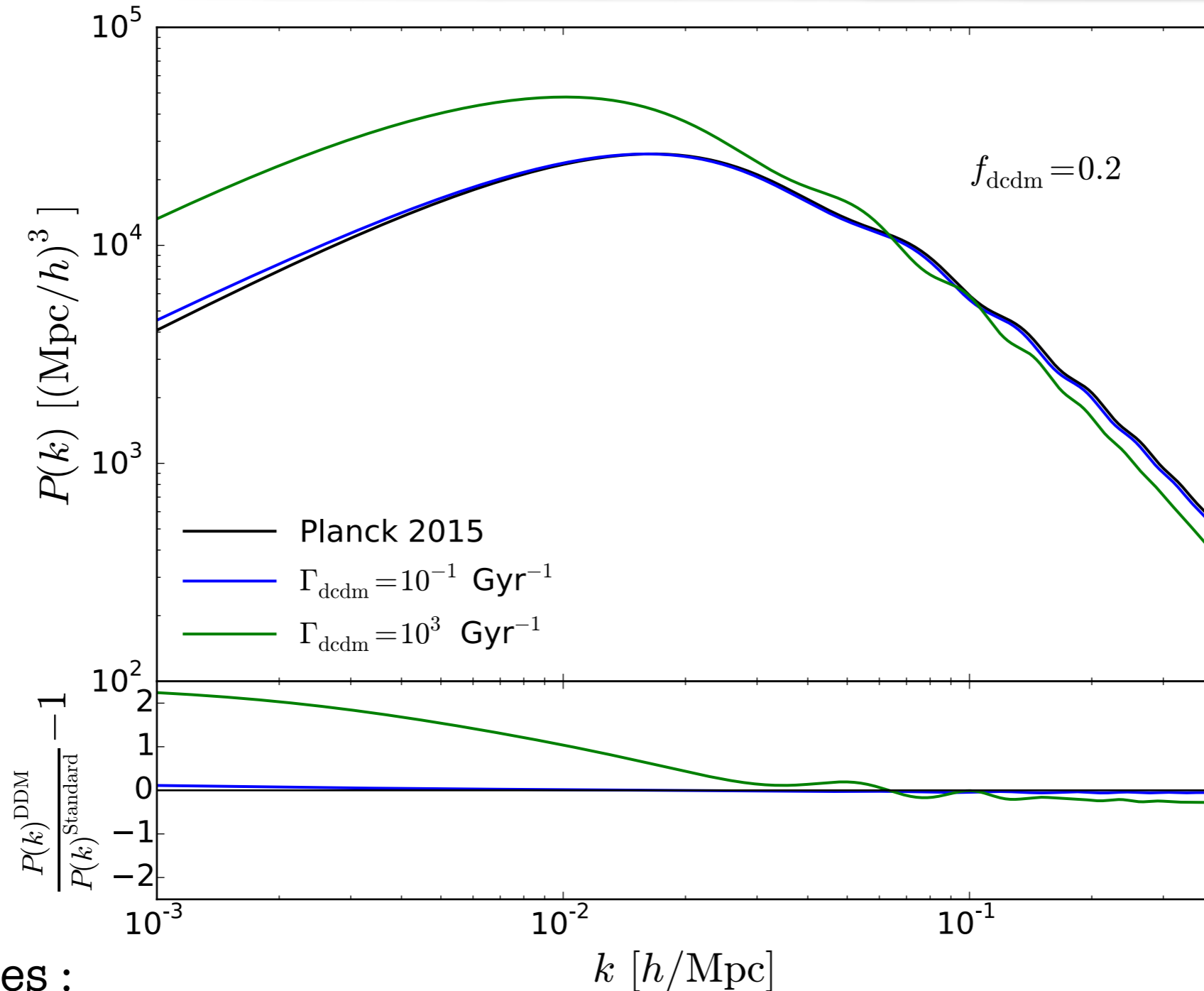
- Shifts of  $z_{\text{eq}}$ ,  $z_\Lambda$  and extra metric damping => ISW modified
- Modification of CMB lensing

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- Slight (horizontal) shift of the peak because the ratio  $k_{\text{eq}}/a_0 H_0$ , which sets the peak scale, is smaller.

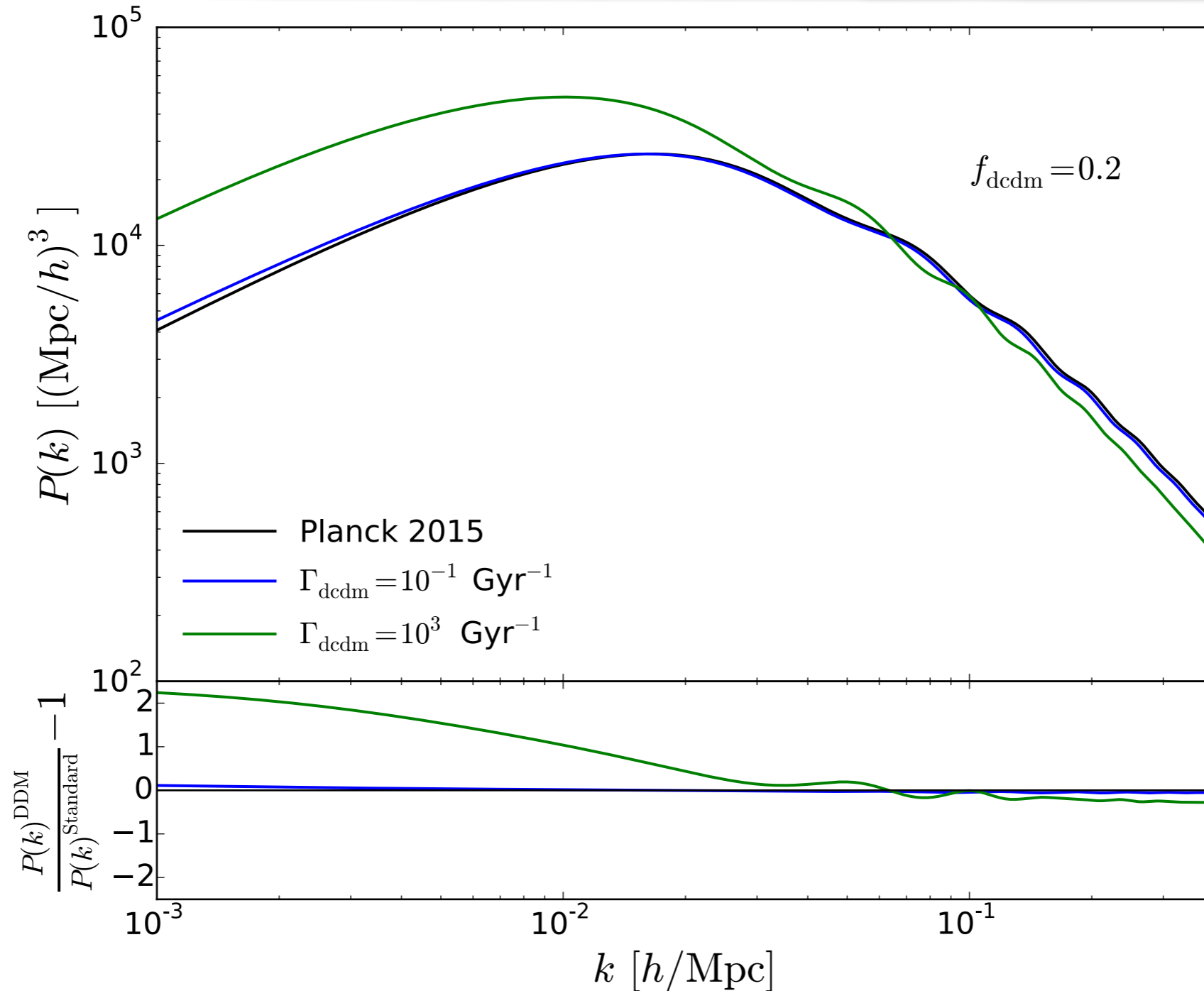
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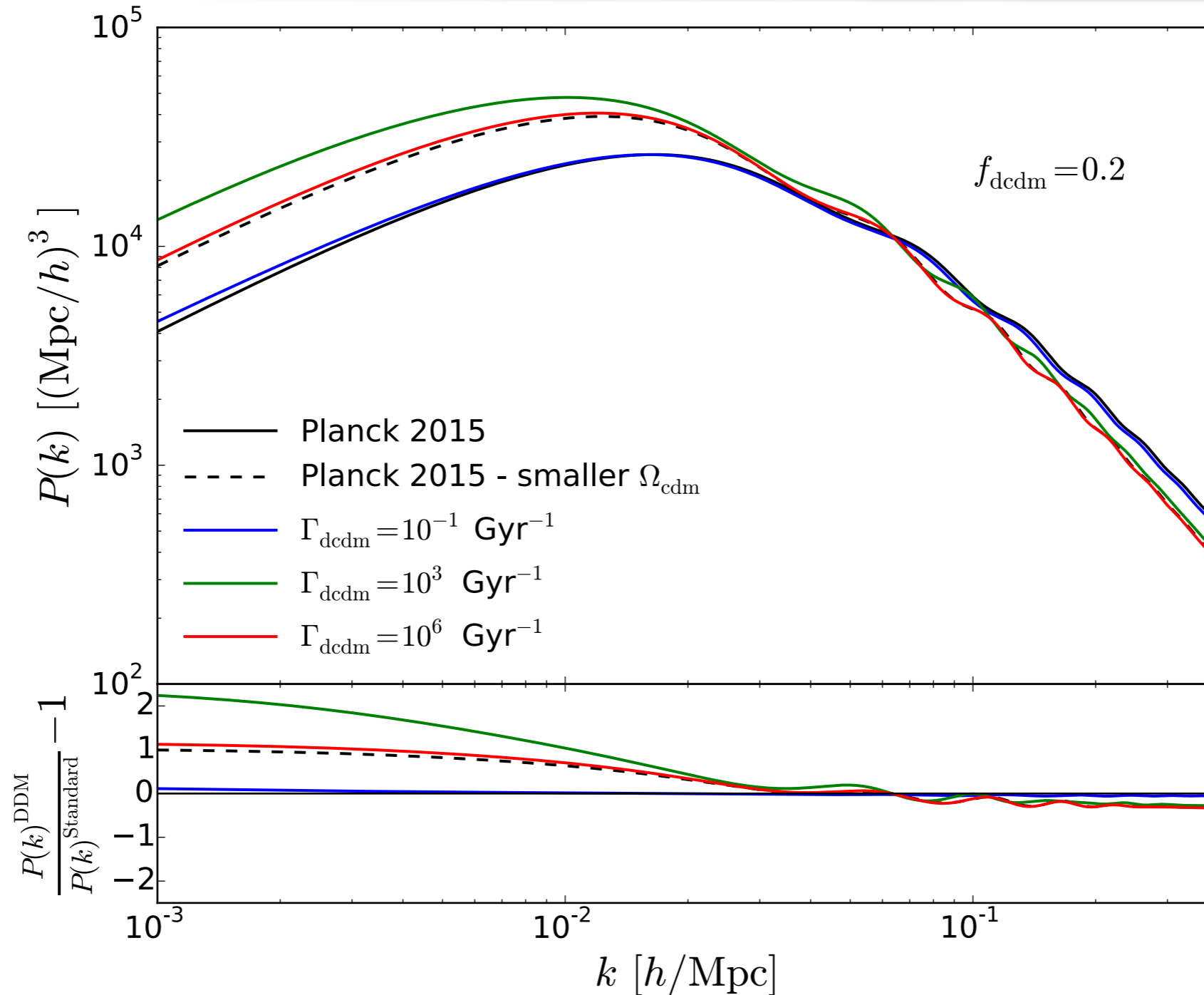
$P(k) \propto (g(a_0, \Omega_m)/\Omega_m)^2$  ;  $g(a_0, \Omega_m)$  suppression of growth rate during  $\Lambda$  domination  
 $\Omega_m$  decreases more than  $g(a_0, \Omega_m) \Rightarrow$  Enhancement of  $P(k)$  on large scales

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- On small scales : the ratio  $\Omega_b/\Omega_m$  start to change at early times
  - => suppression of  $P(k)$  on small scales
  - => shift of the BAO because of a different sound horizon at baryon drag.

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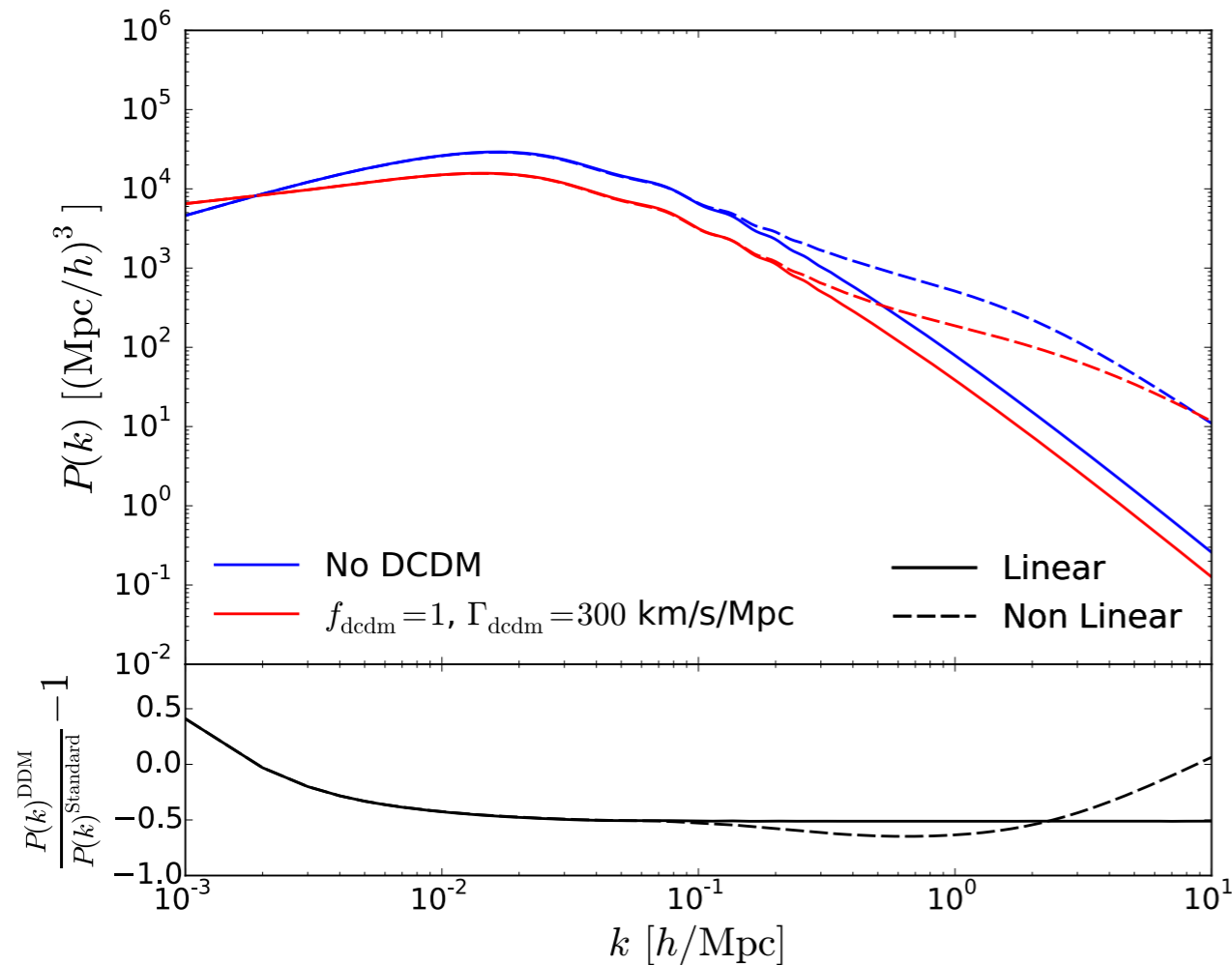


- $\theta_s \equiv r_s(\text{rec})/D_A(\text{rec})$  : Shift of the sound horizon at rec.  $\Rightarrow \Omega_m$  is less modified.
- Shift in the BAO scale increases.
- Expected limiting case : smaller  $\Omega_{\text{cdm}}$  from the beginning.

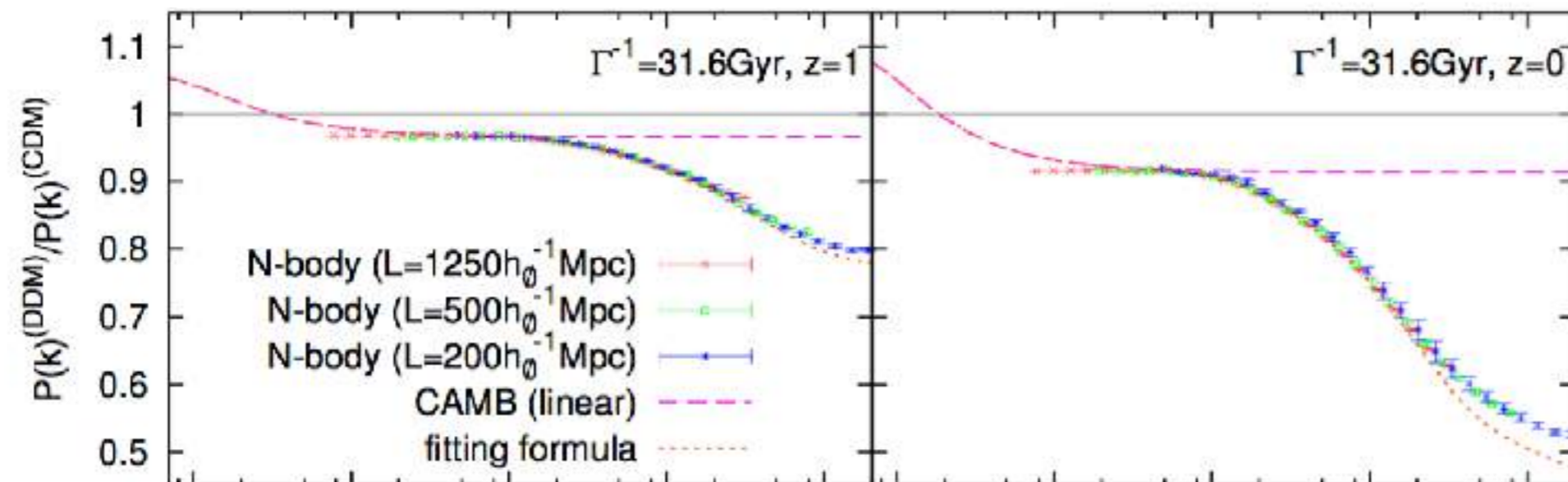


# What about impact on non linear matter power spectrum?

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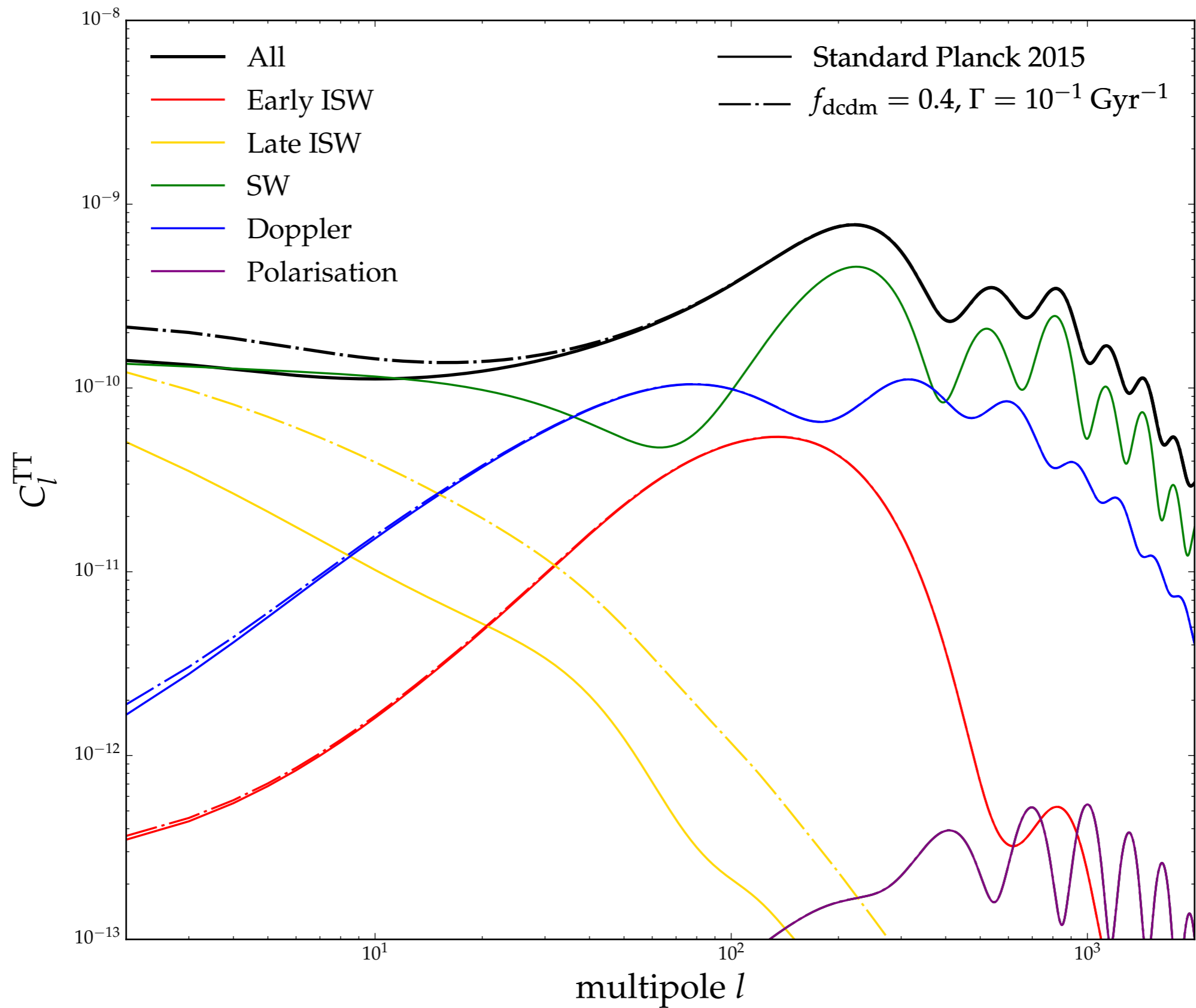


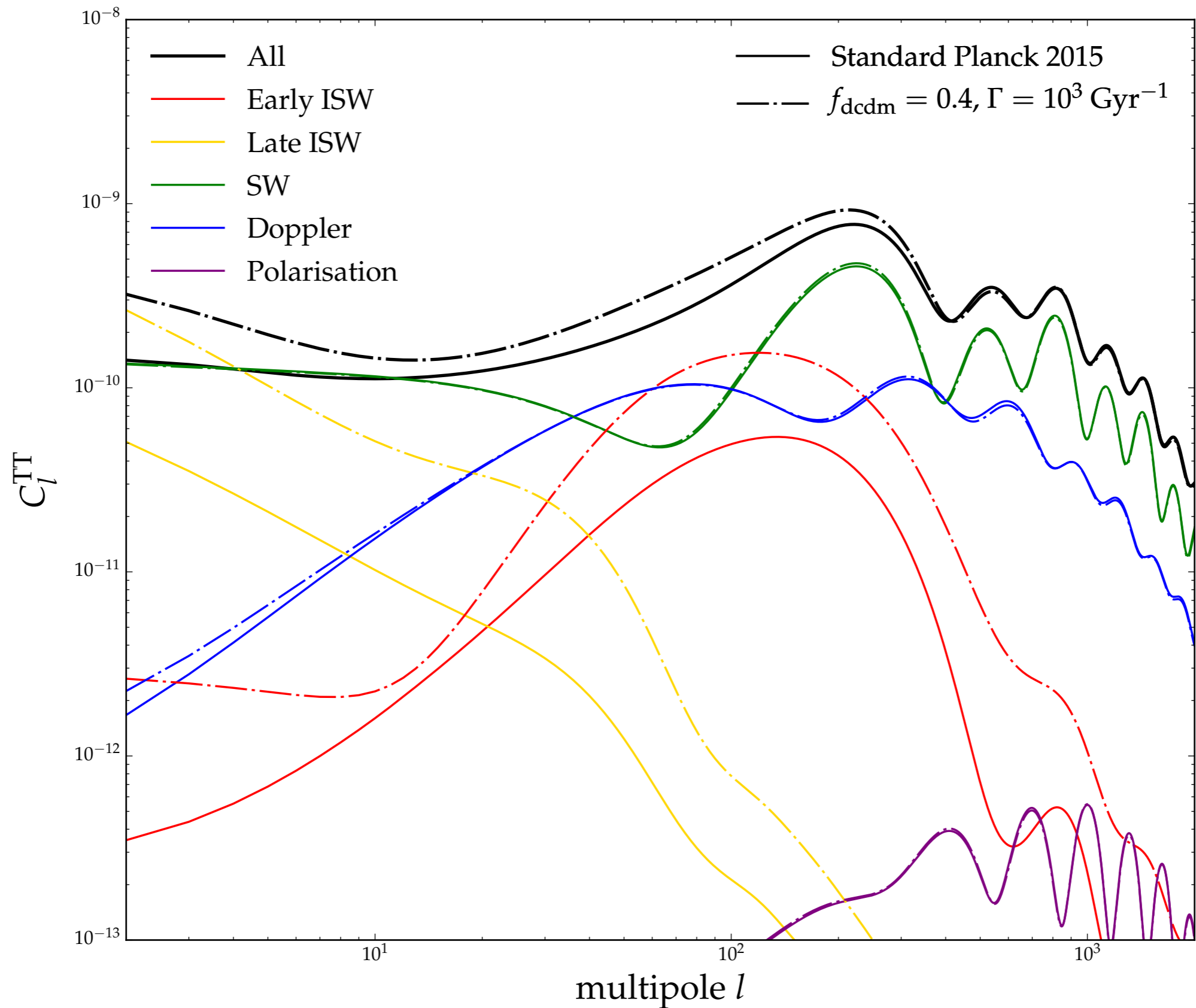
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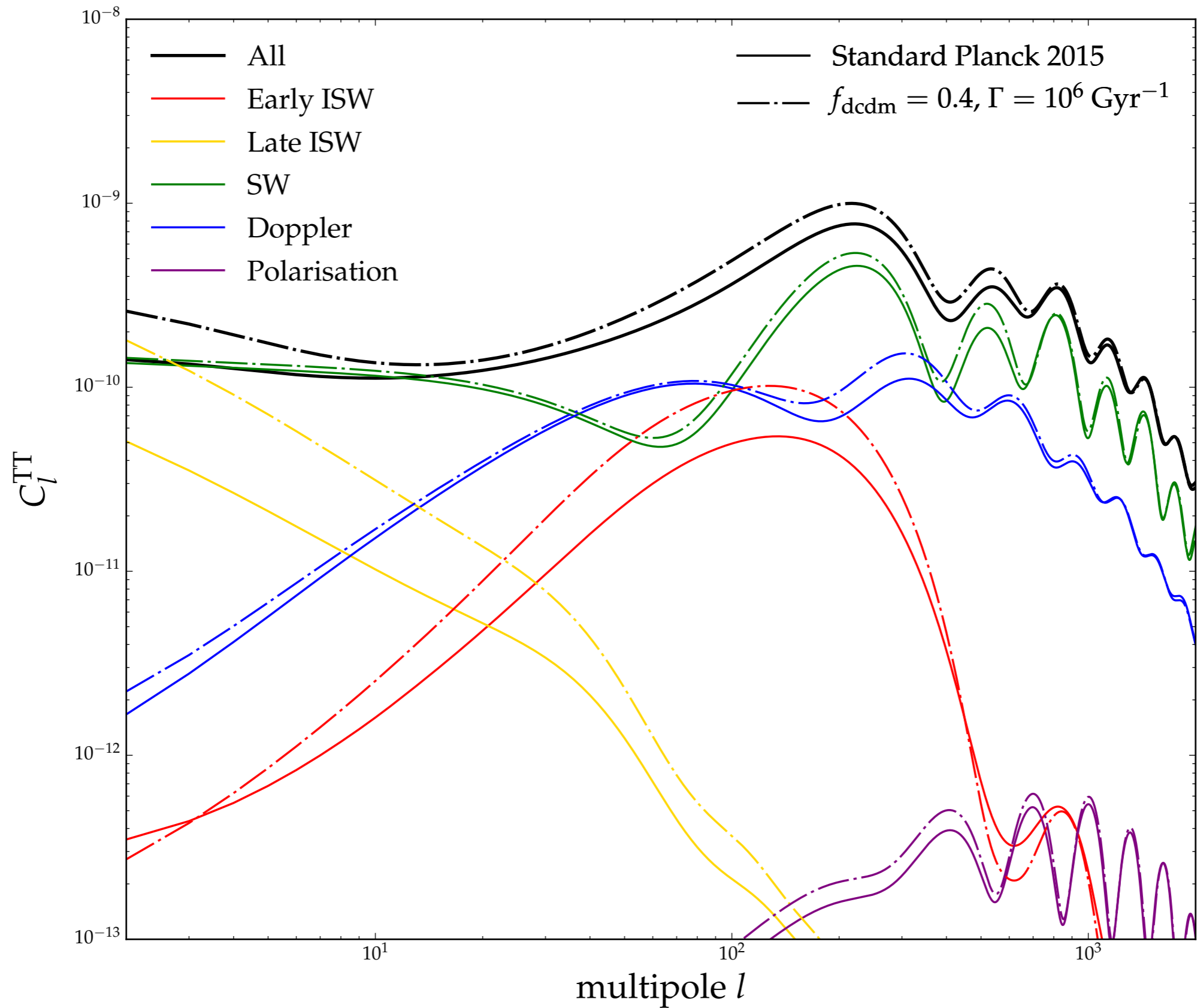


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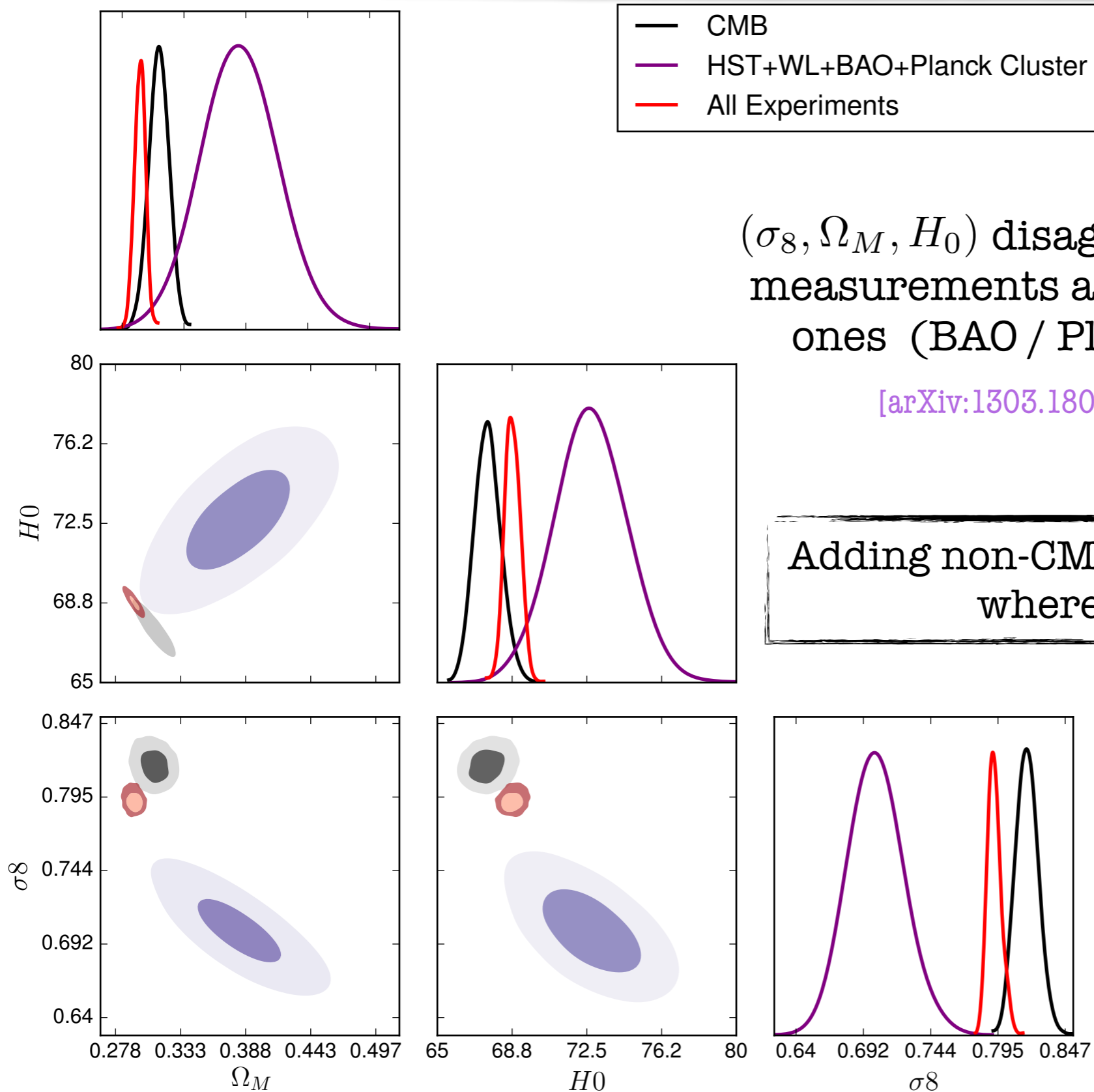
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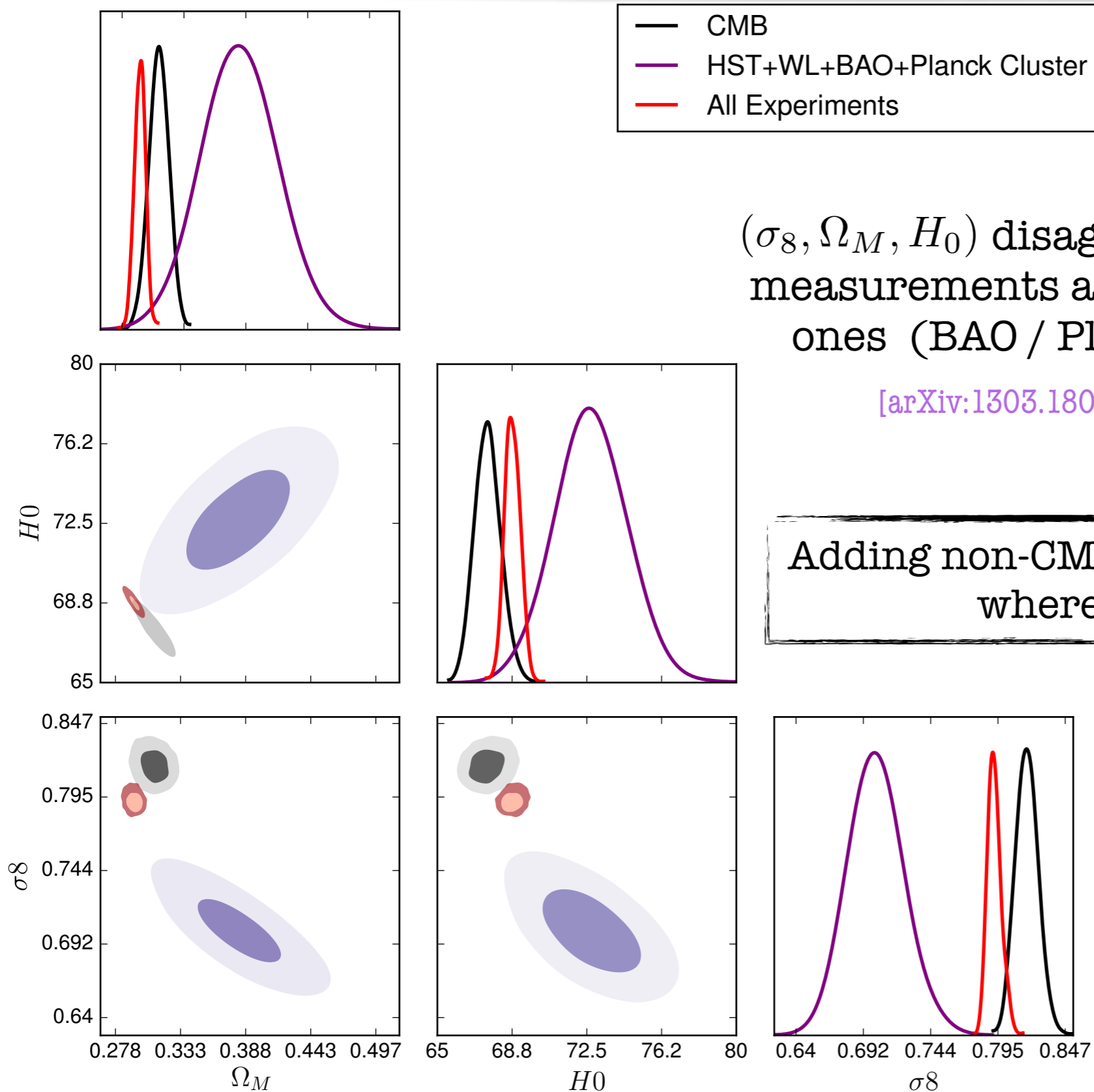
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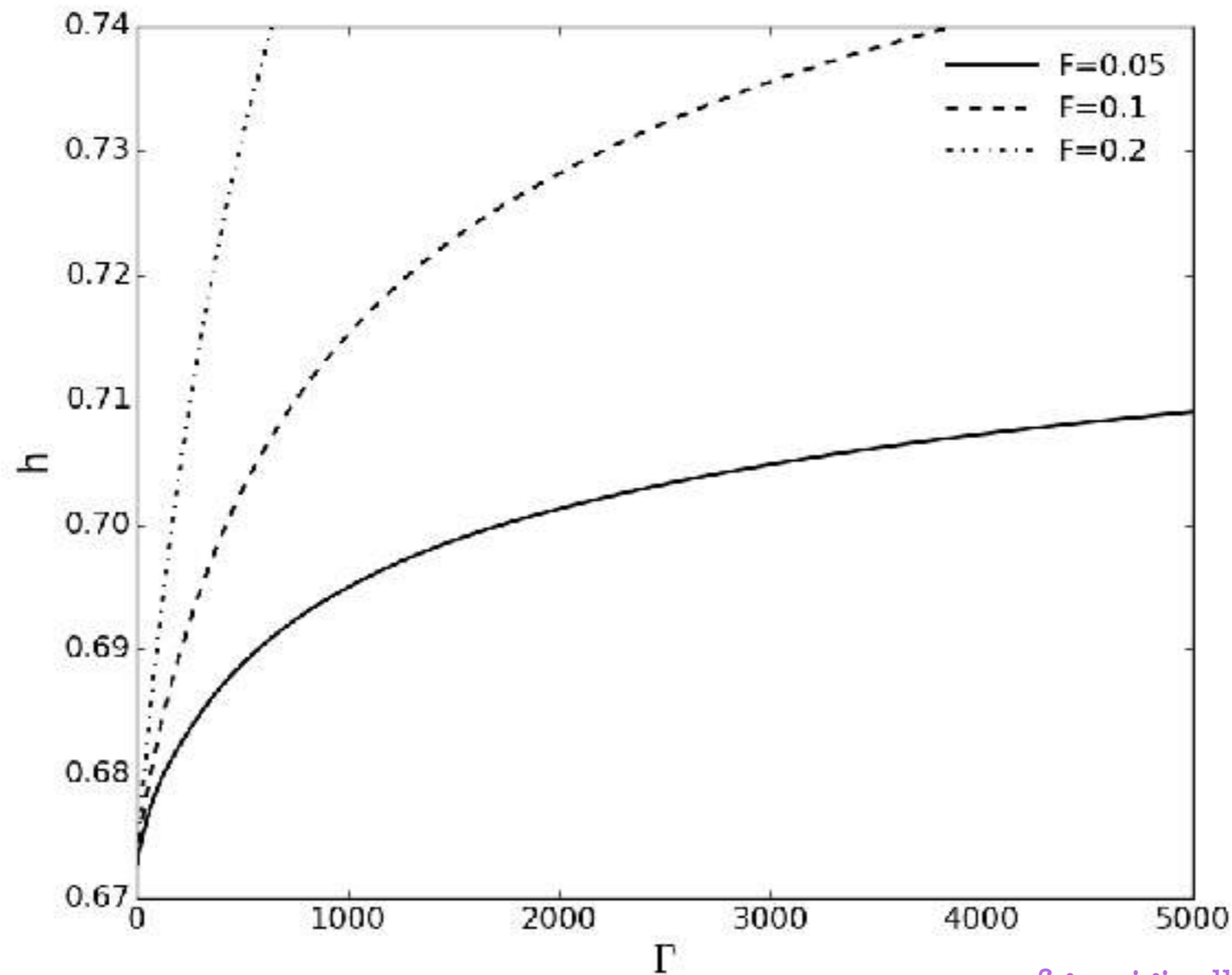
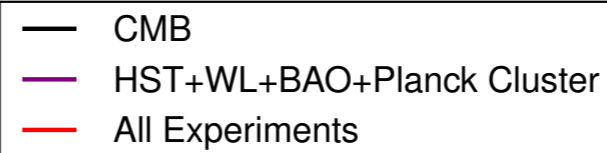


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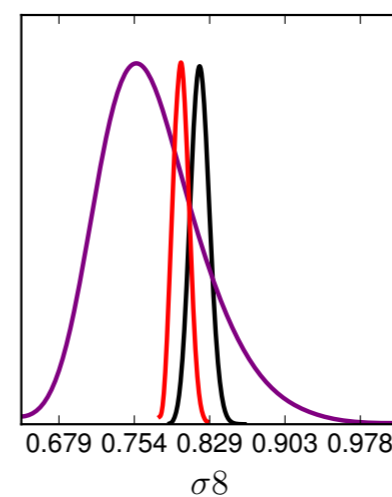
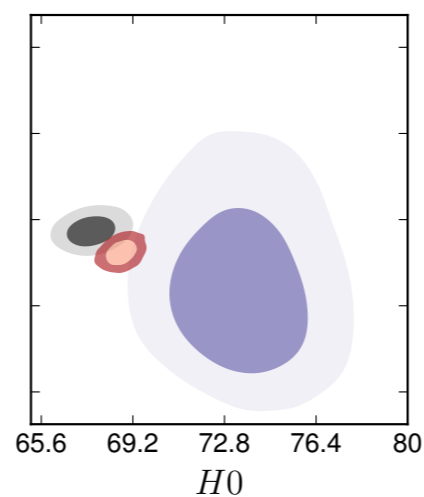
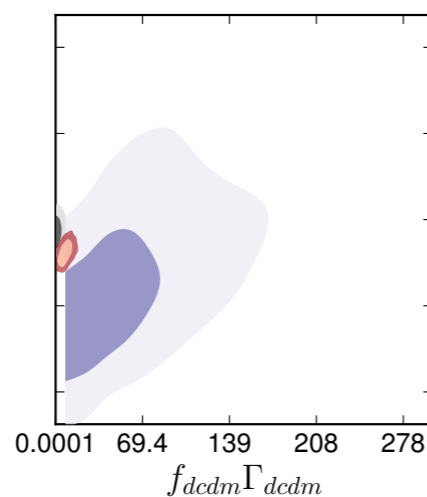
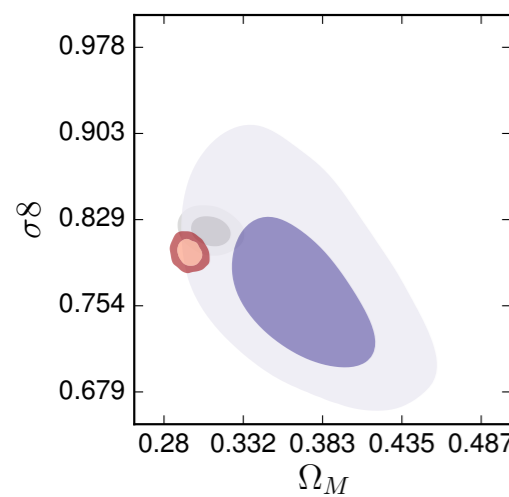
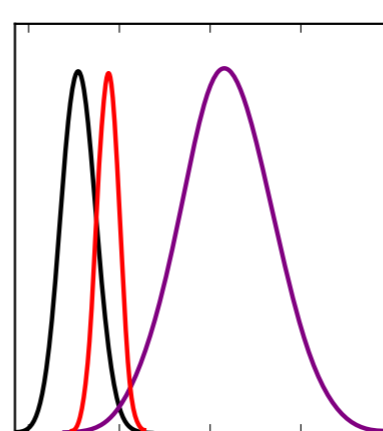
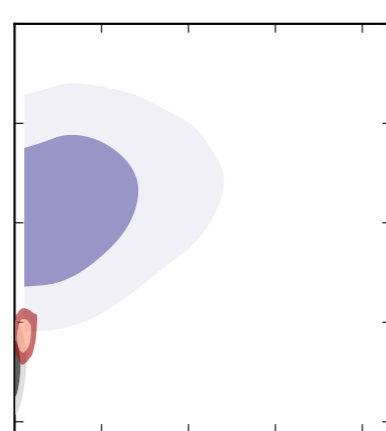
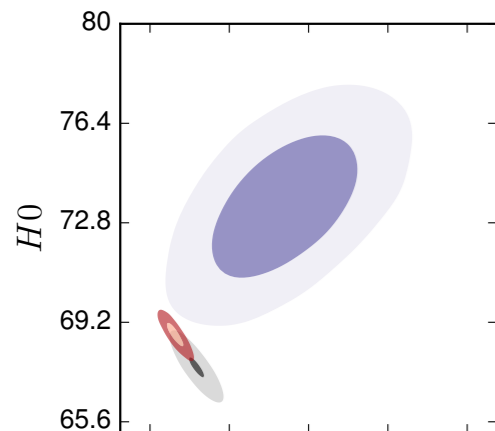
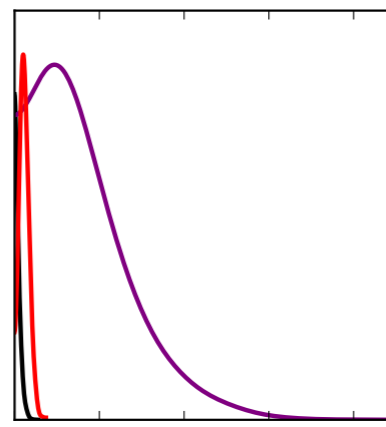
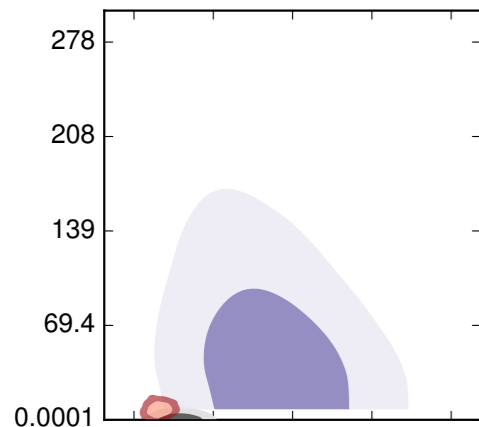
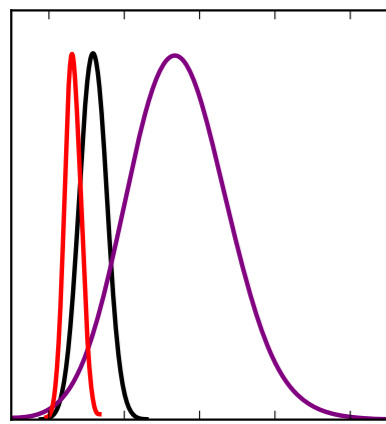
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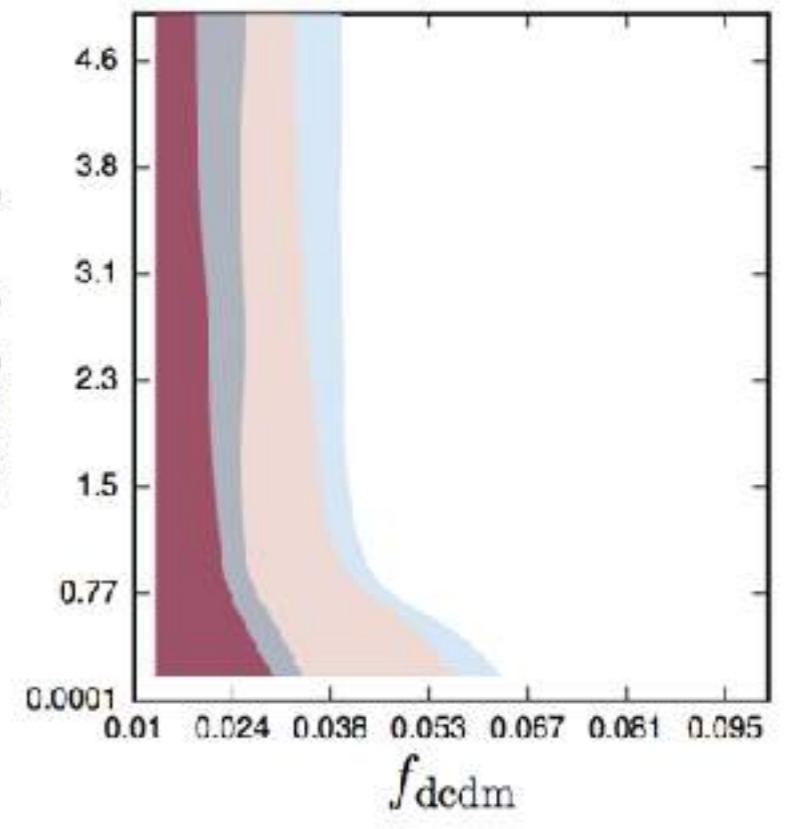
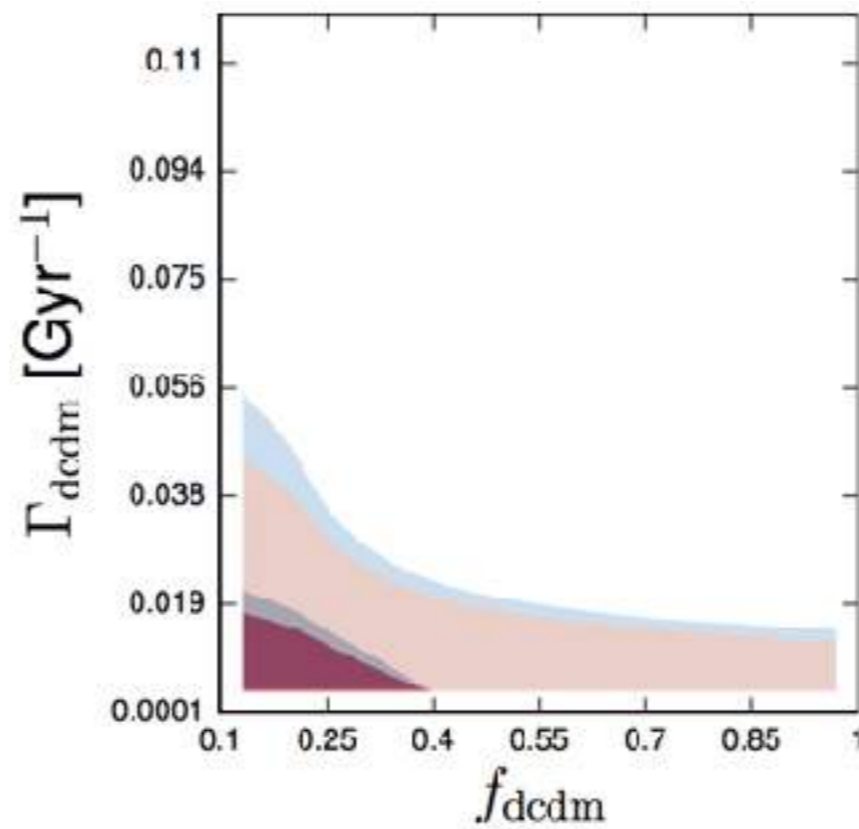
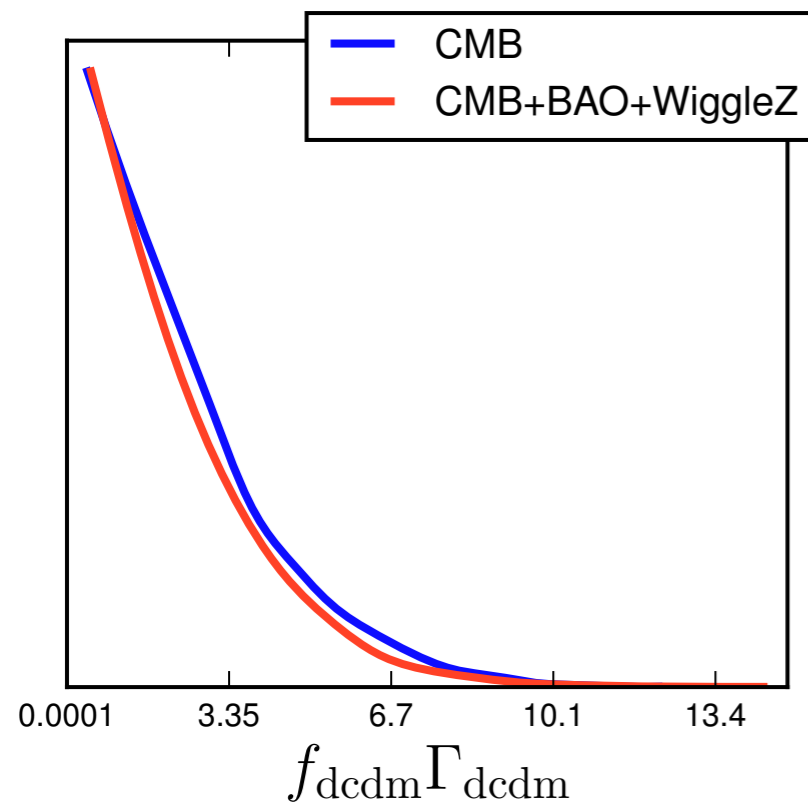
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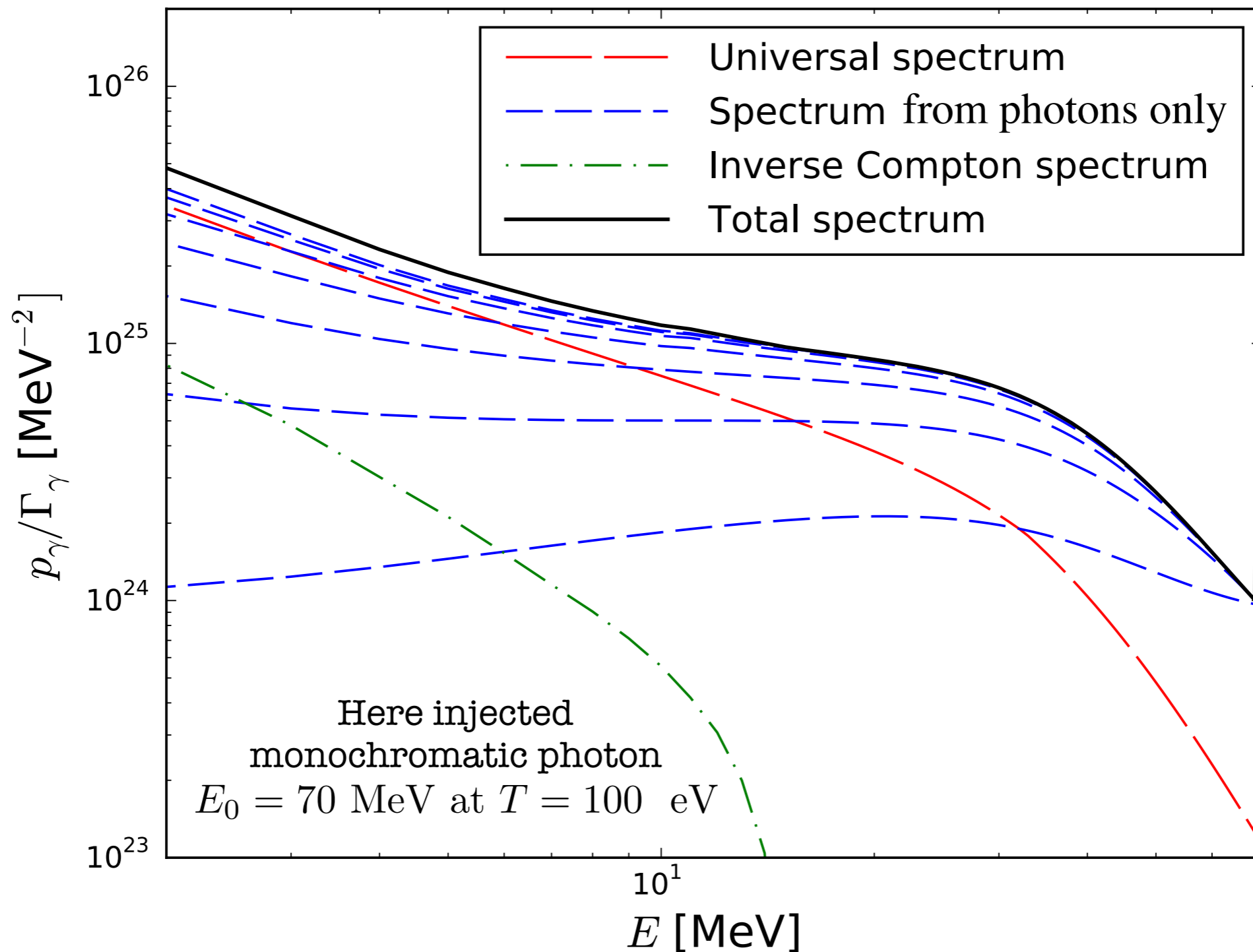
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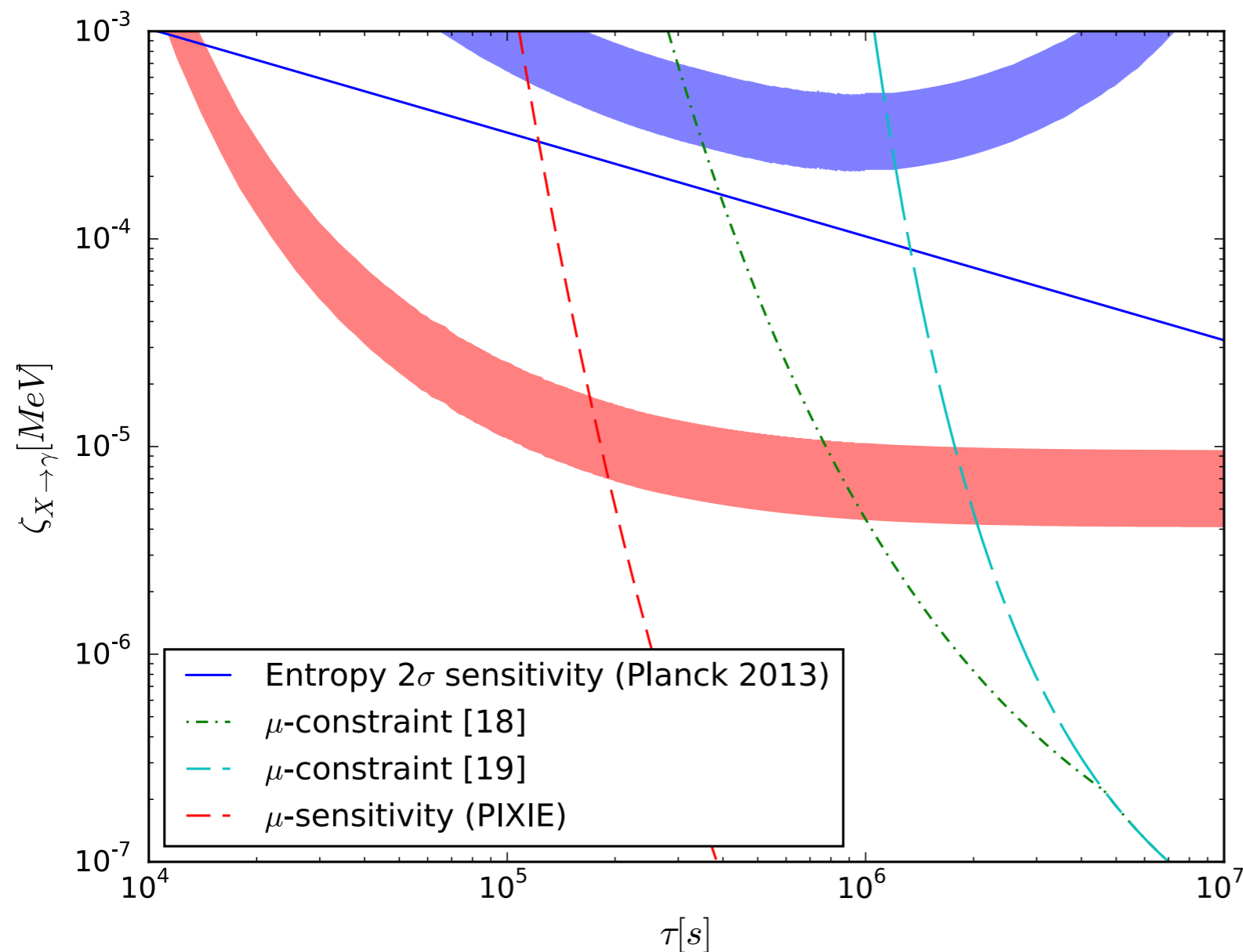
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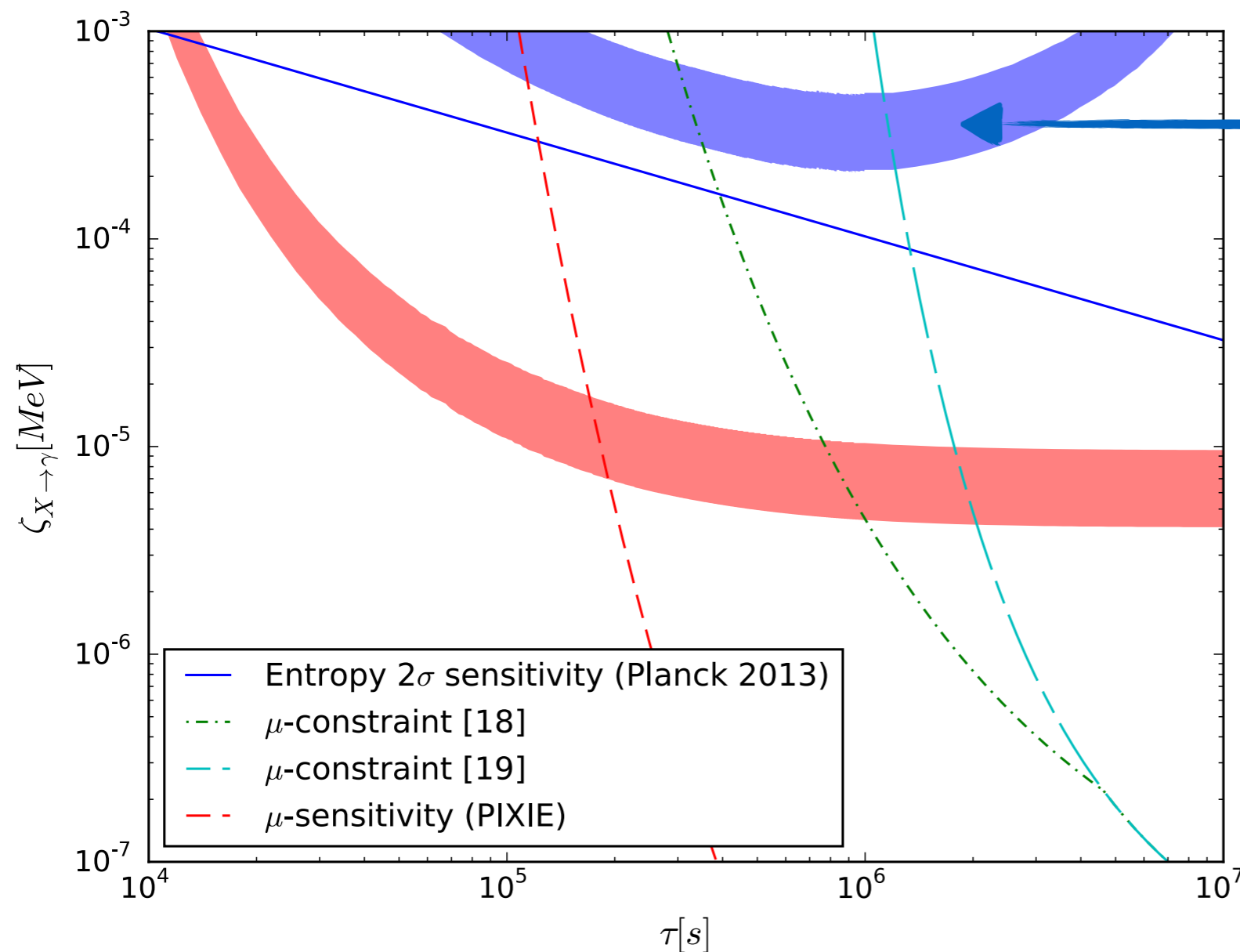
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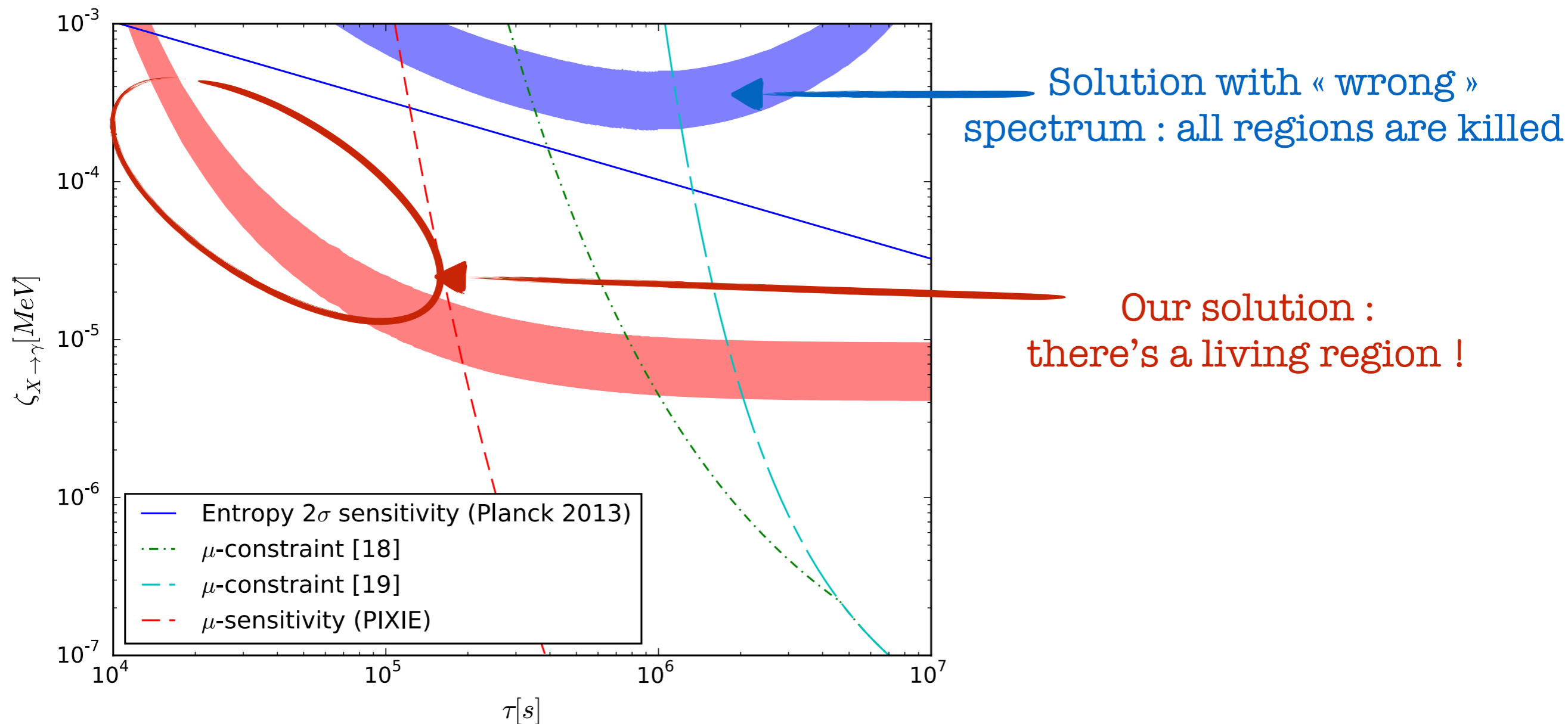
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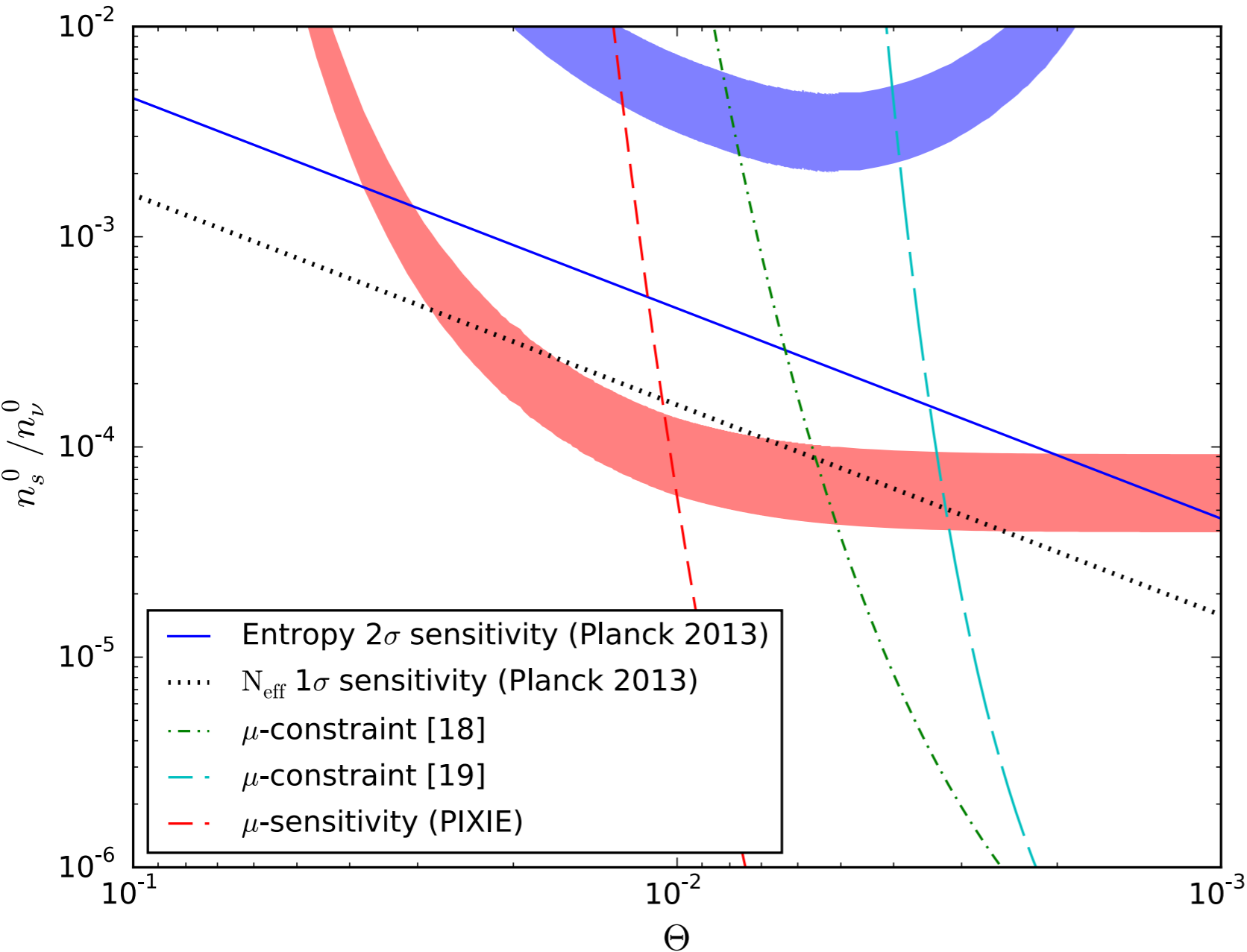
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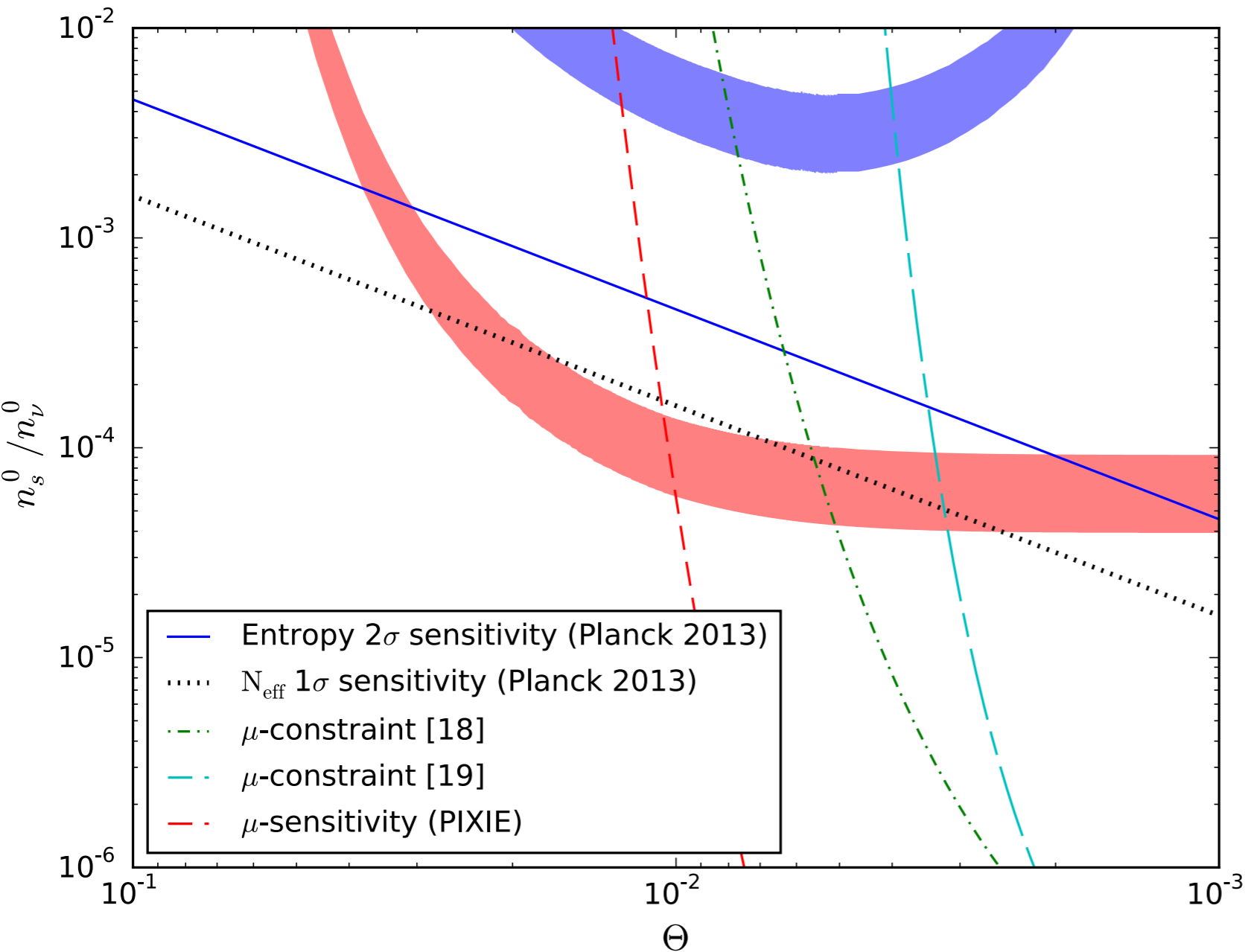
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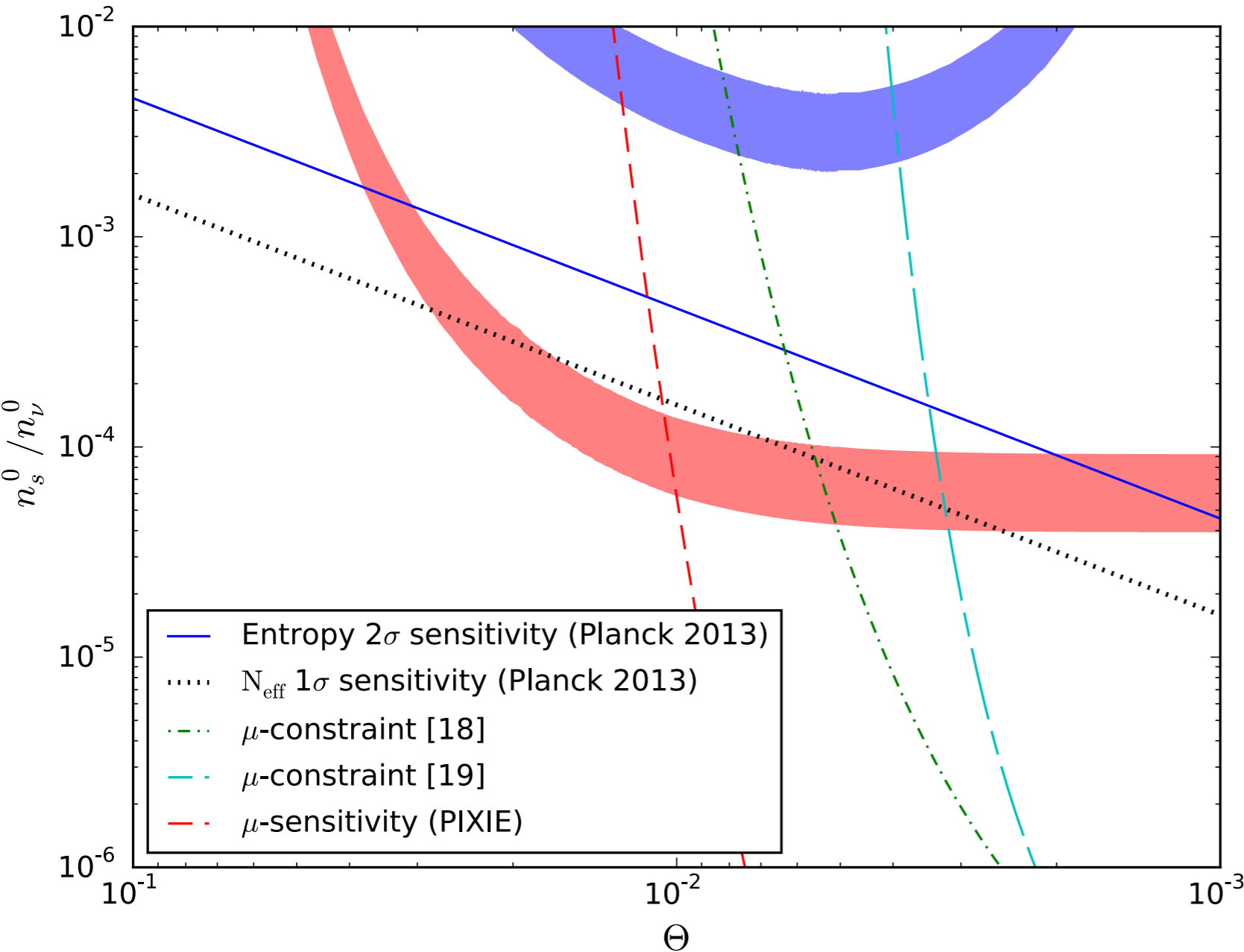
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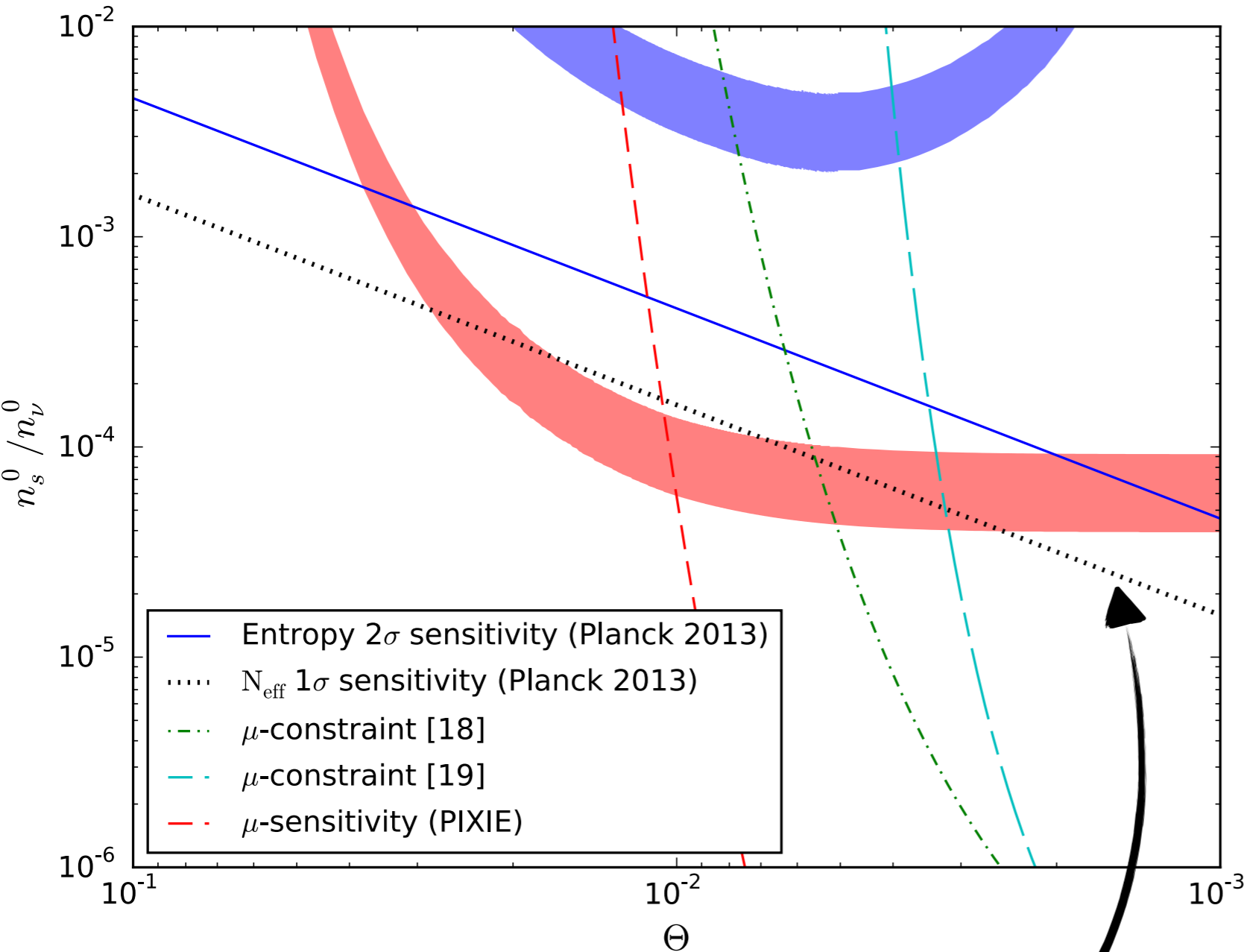
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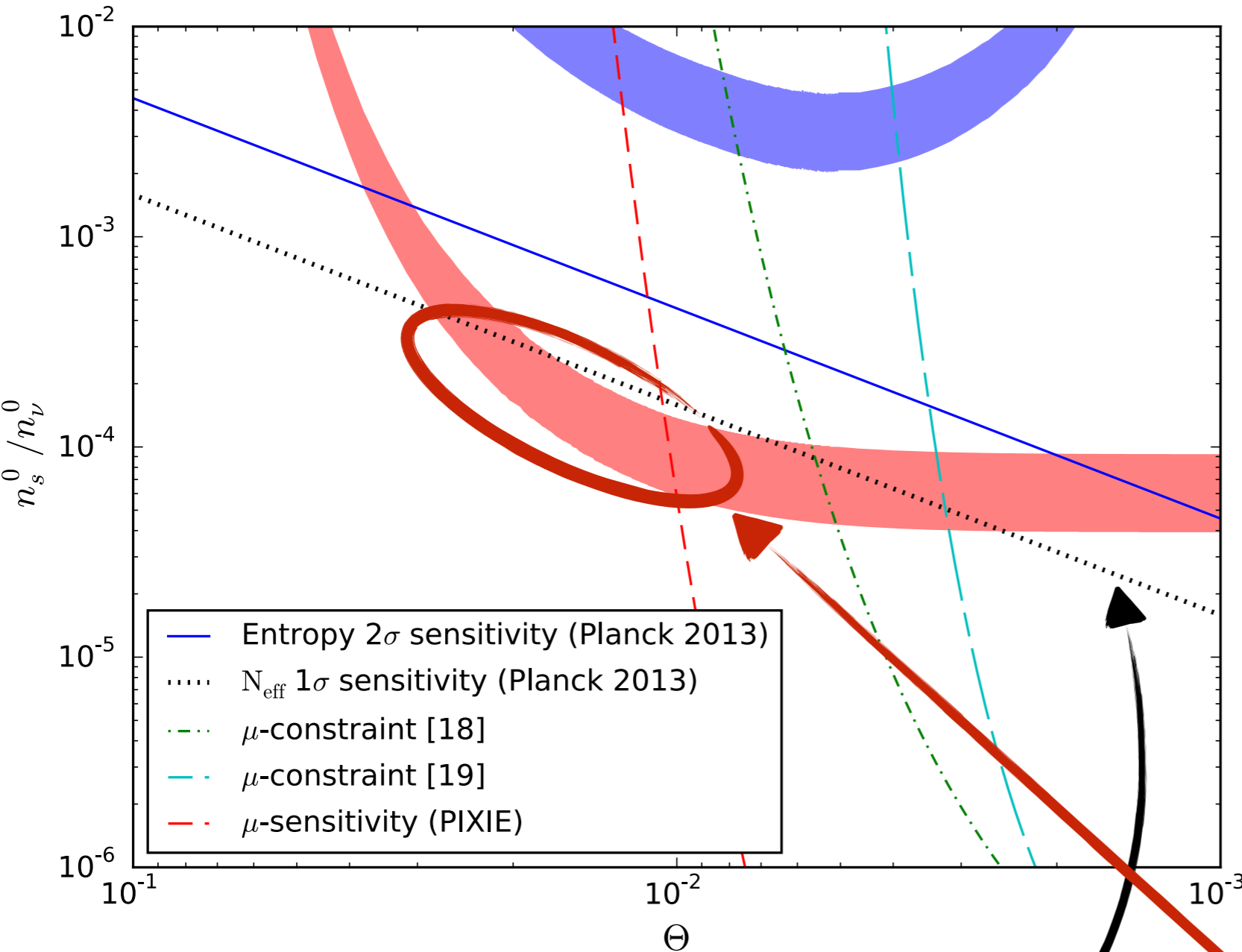
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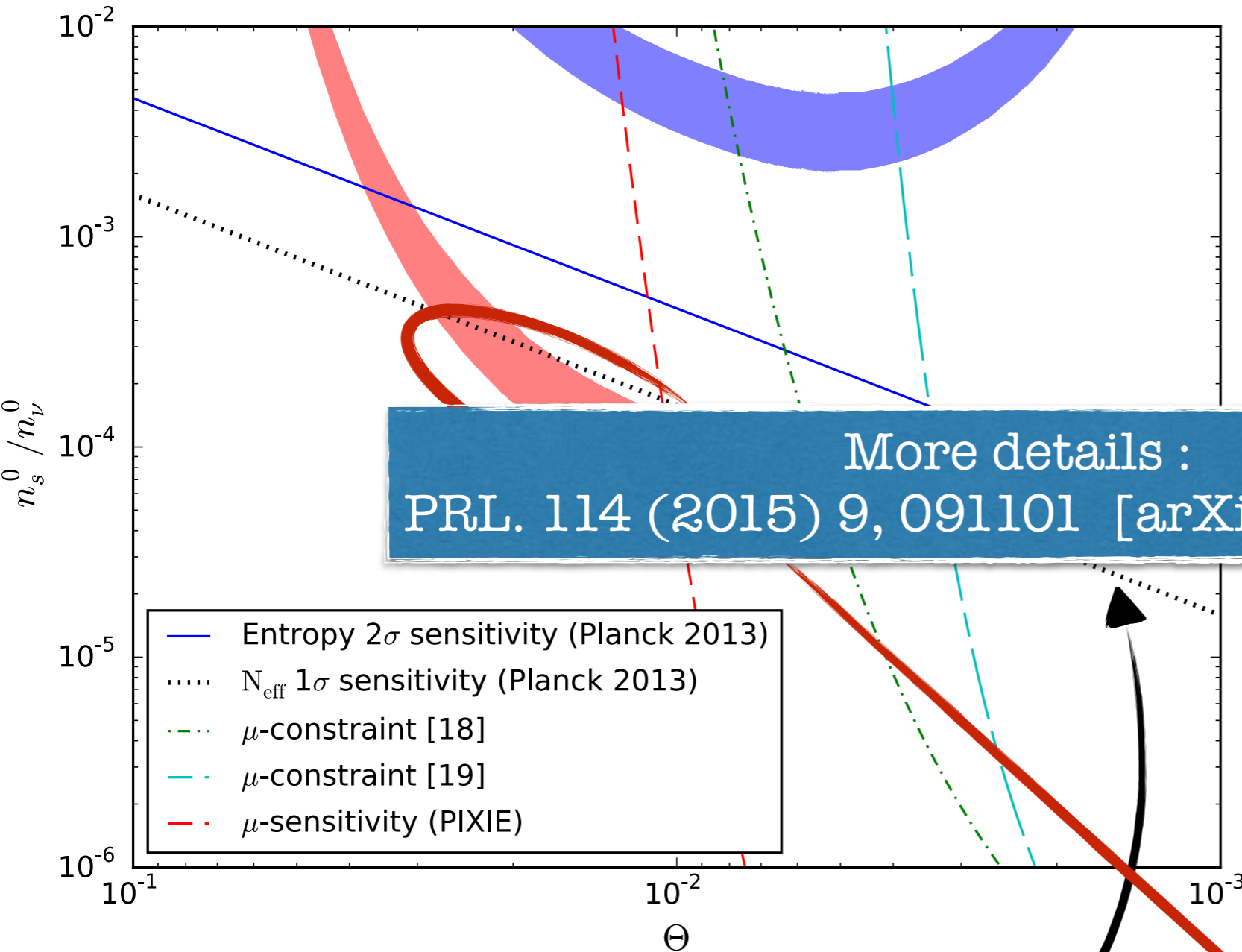
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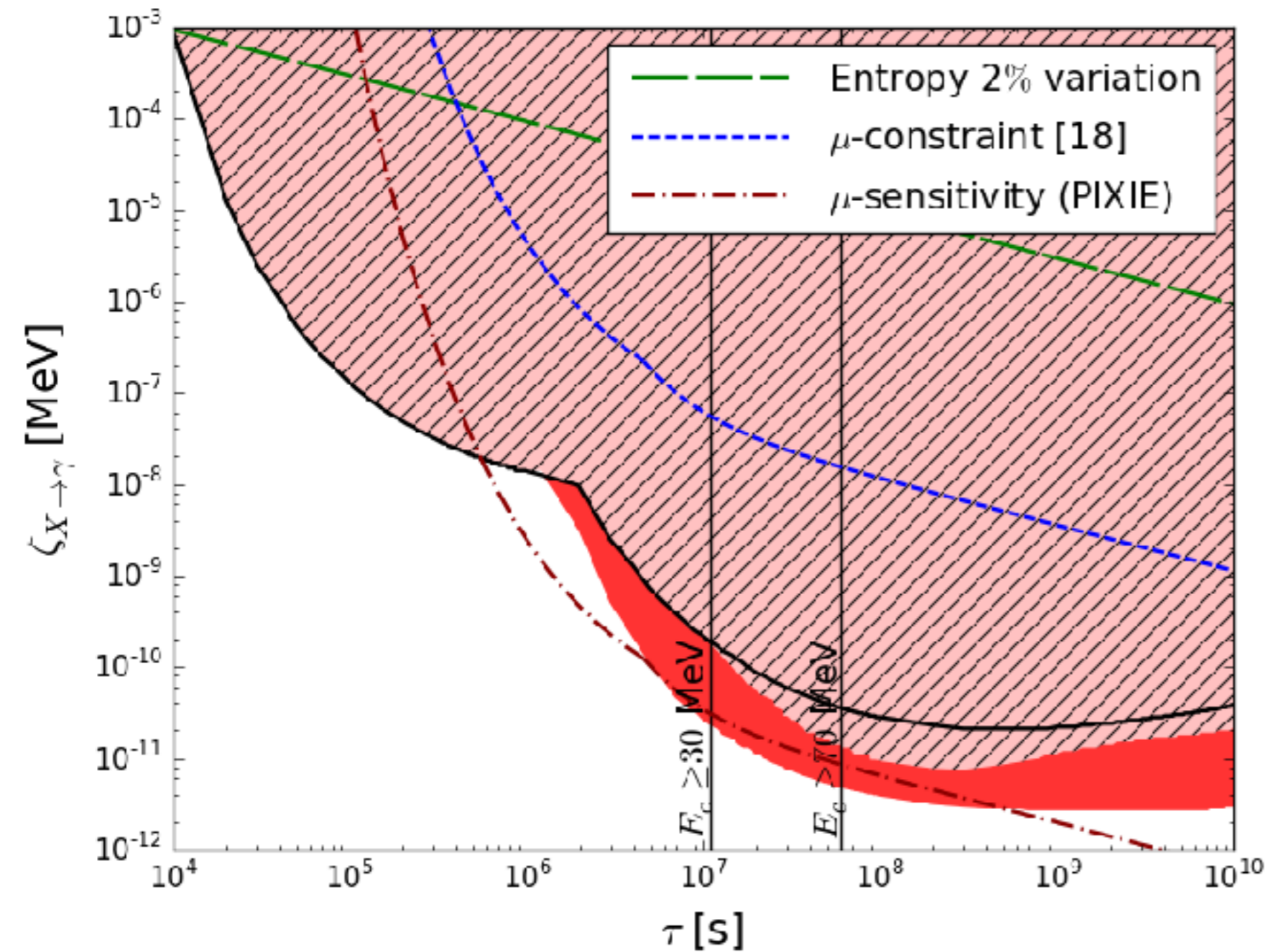
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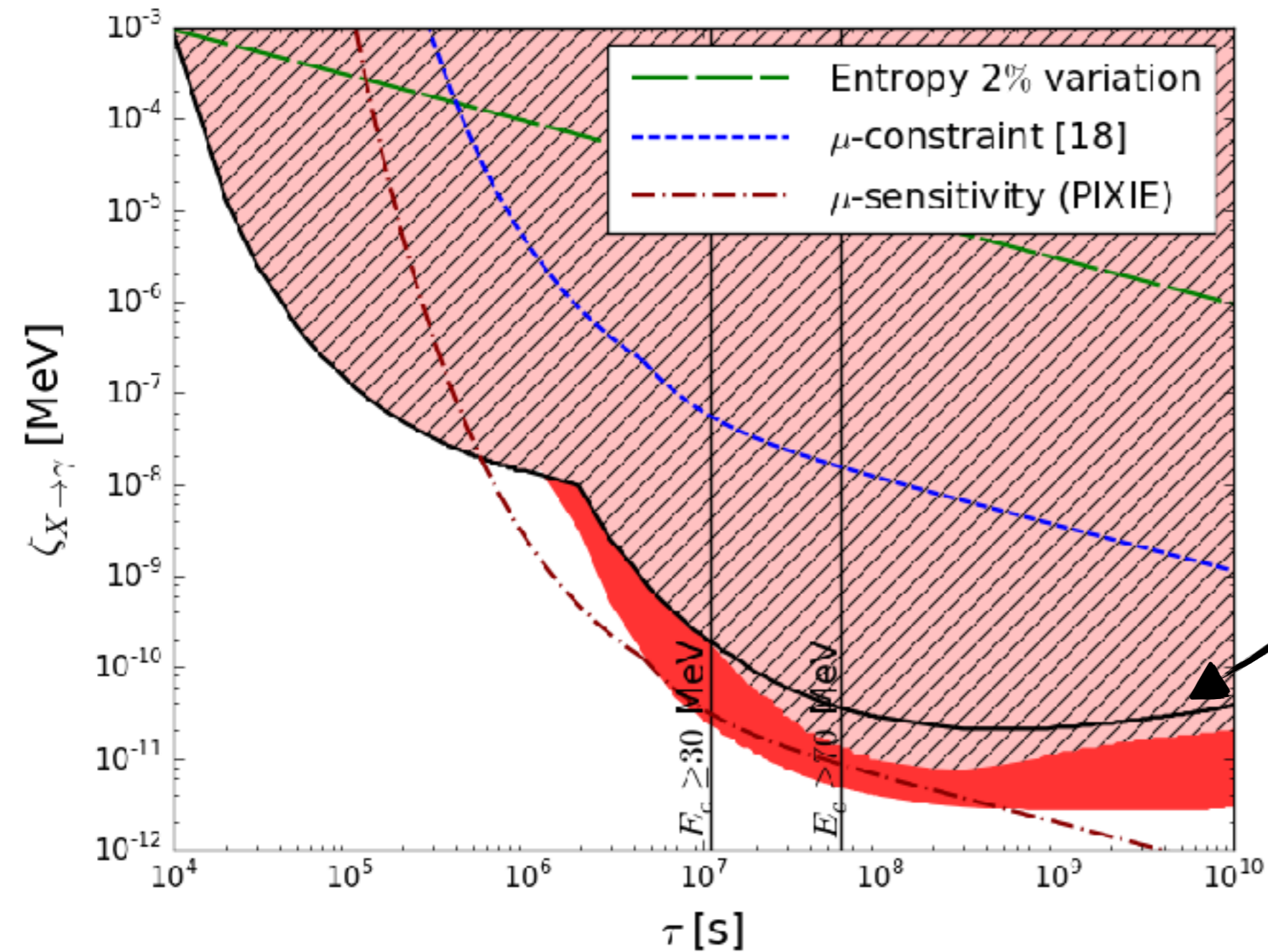
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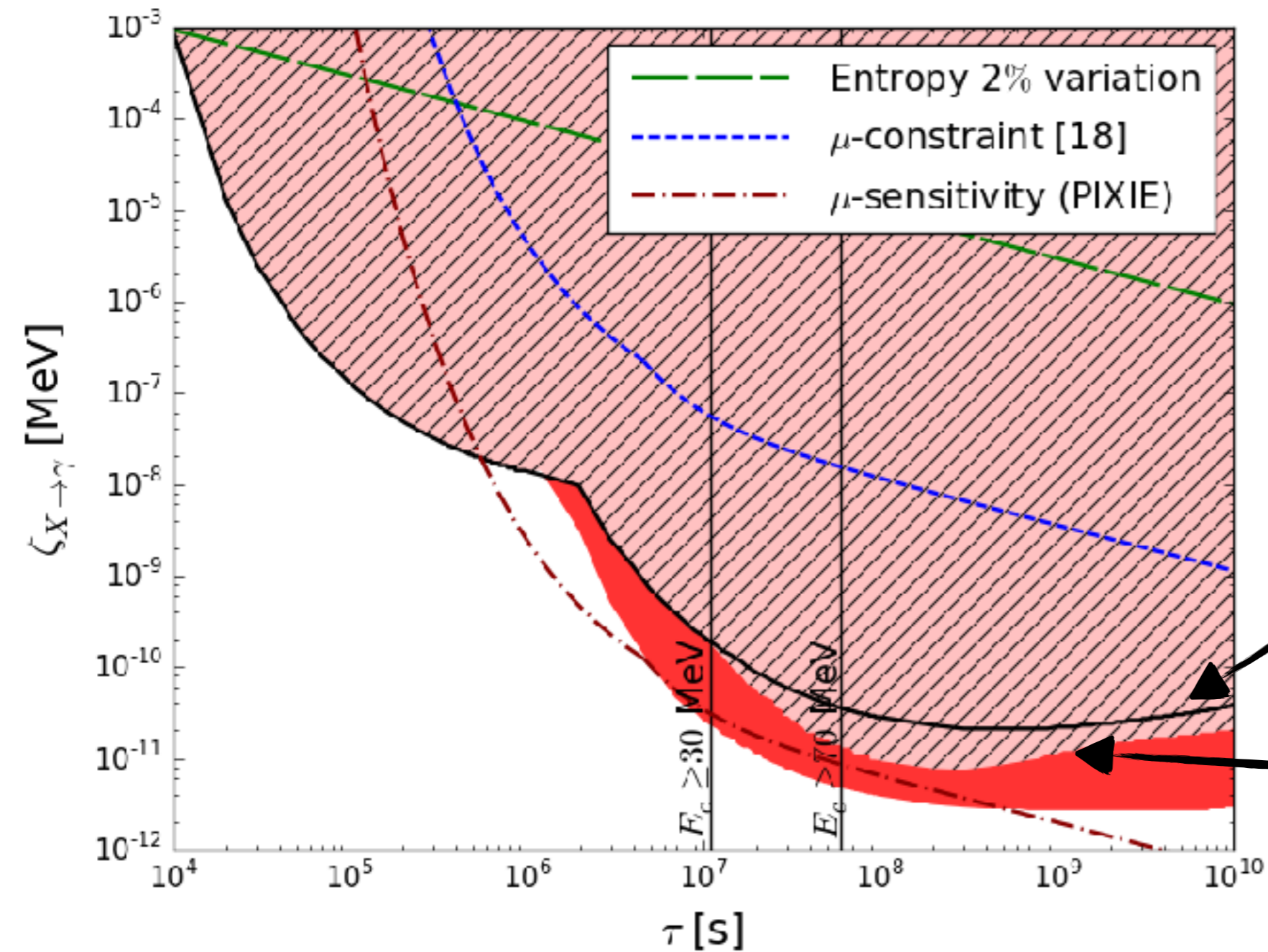
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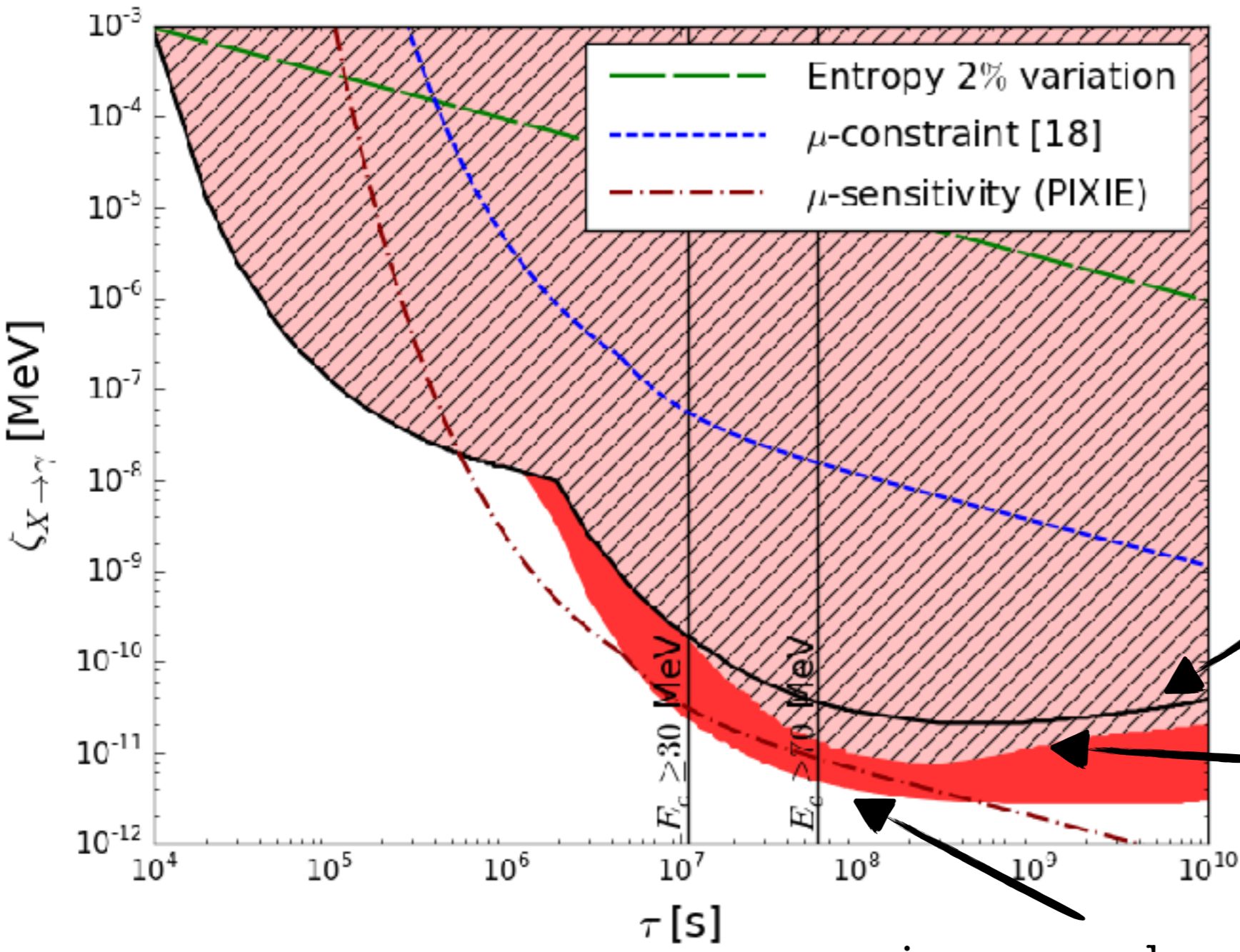


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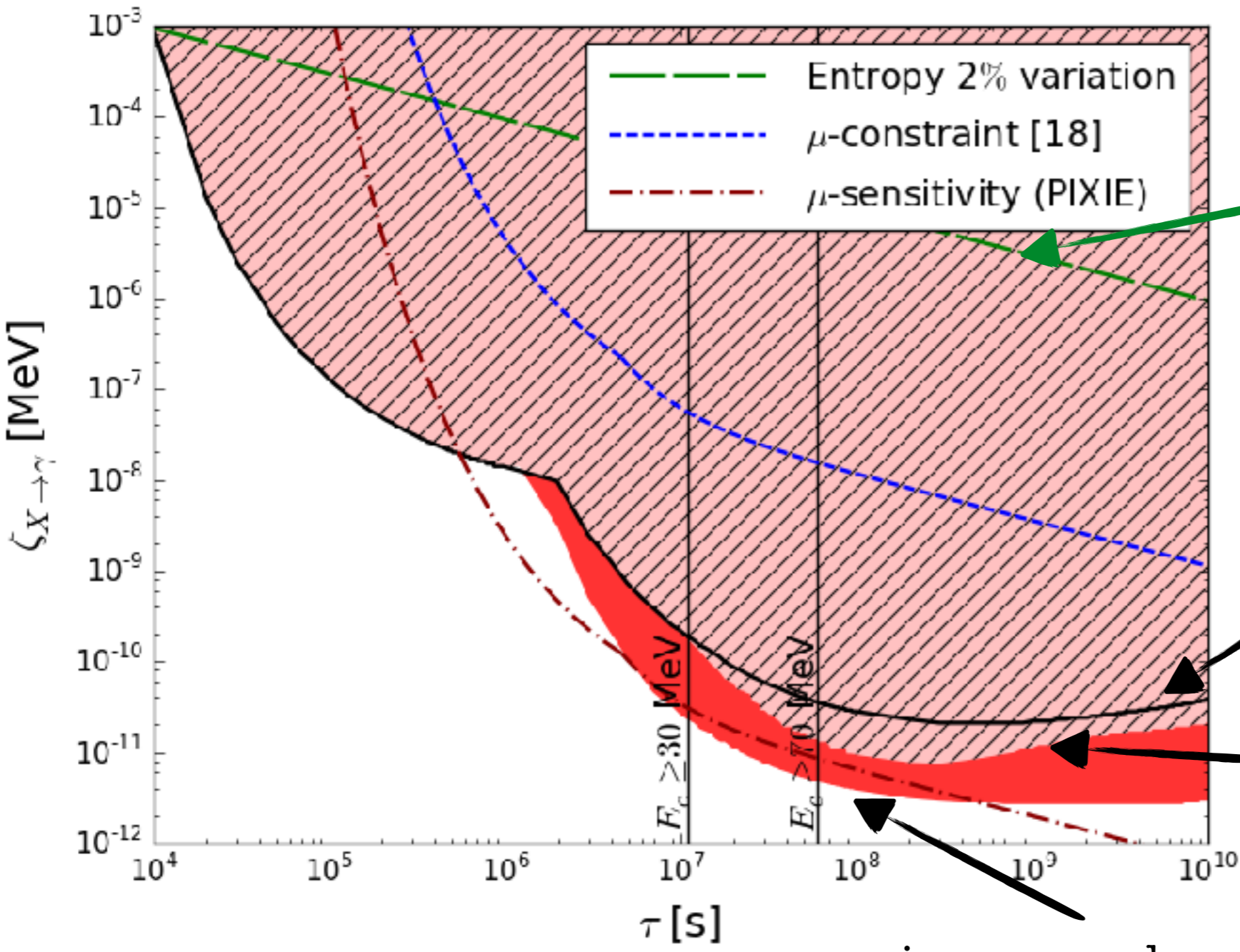
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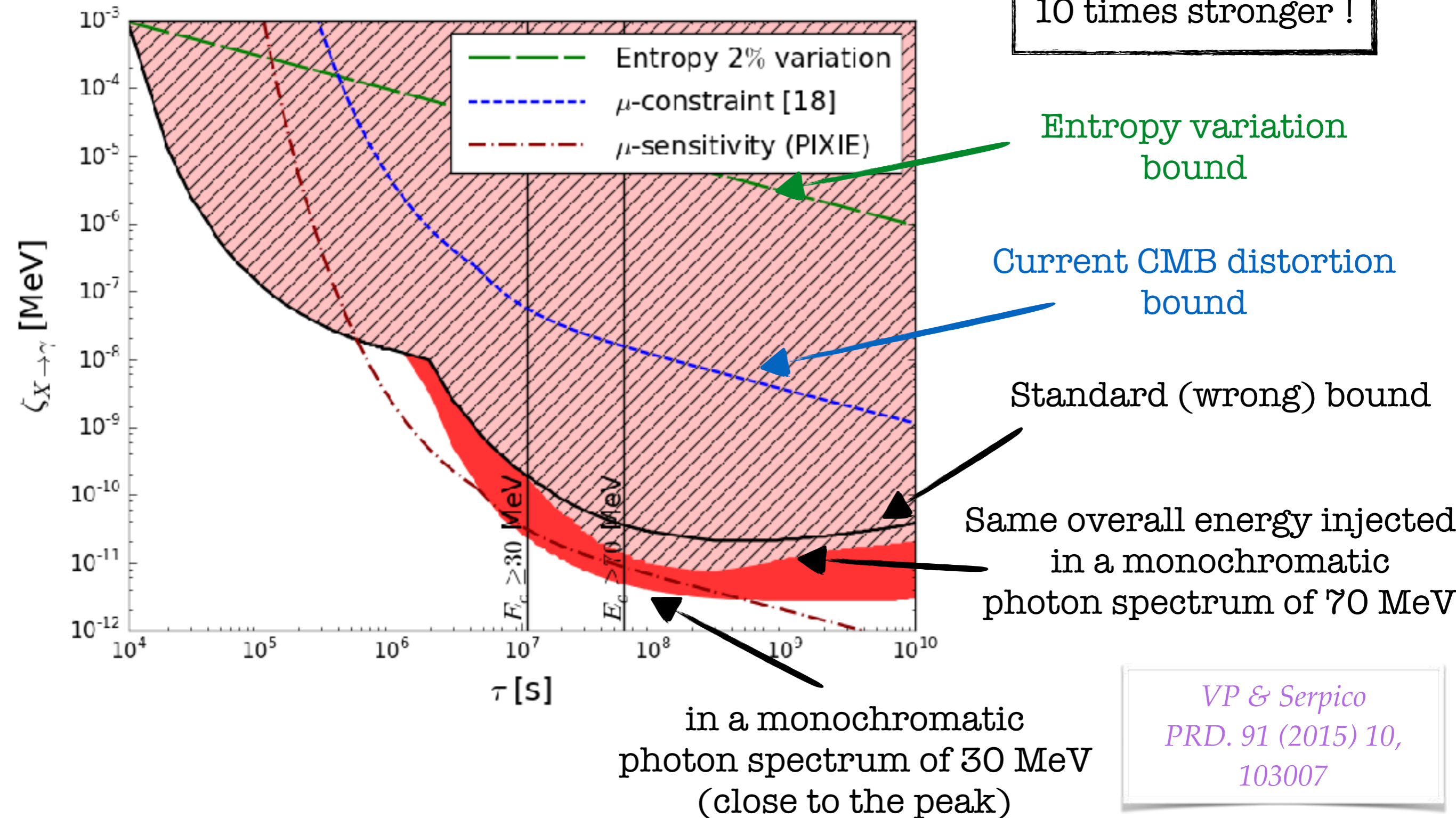
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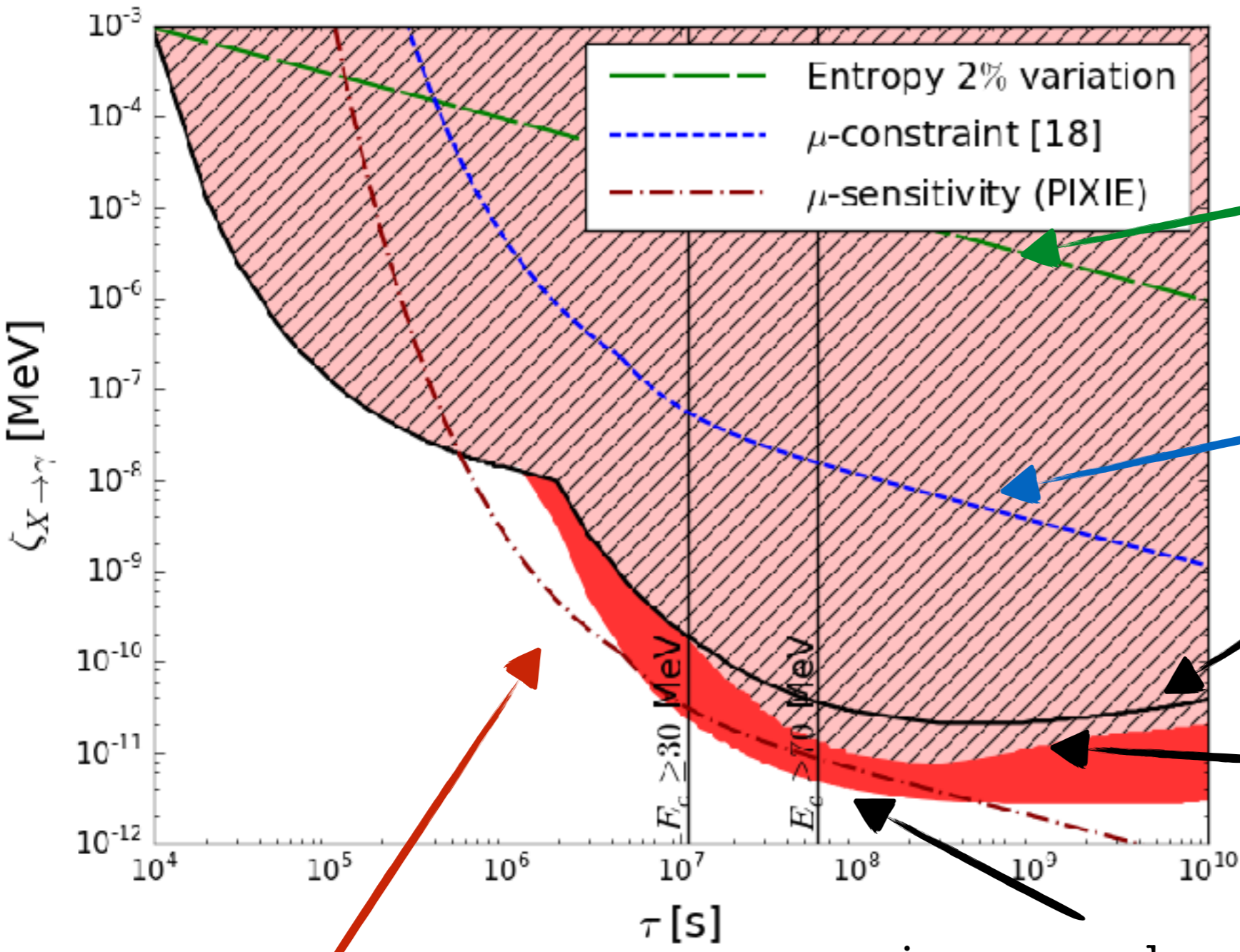


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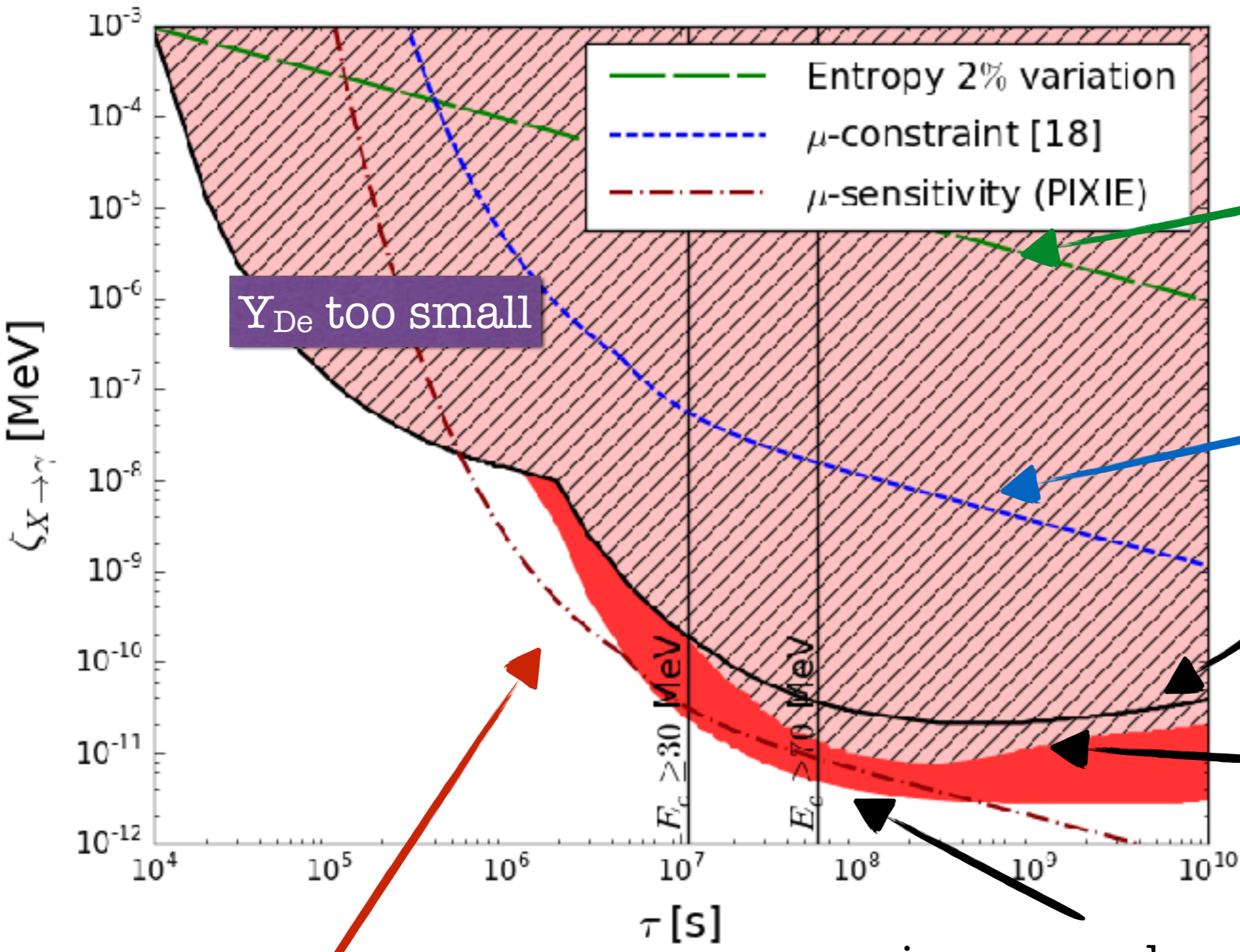
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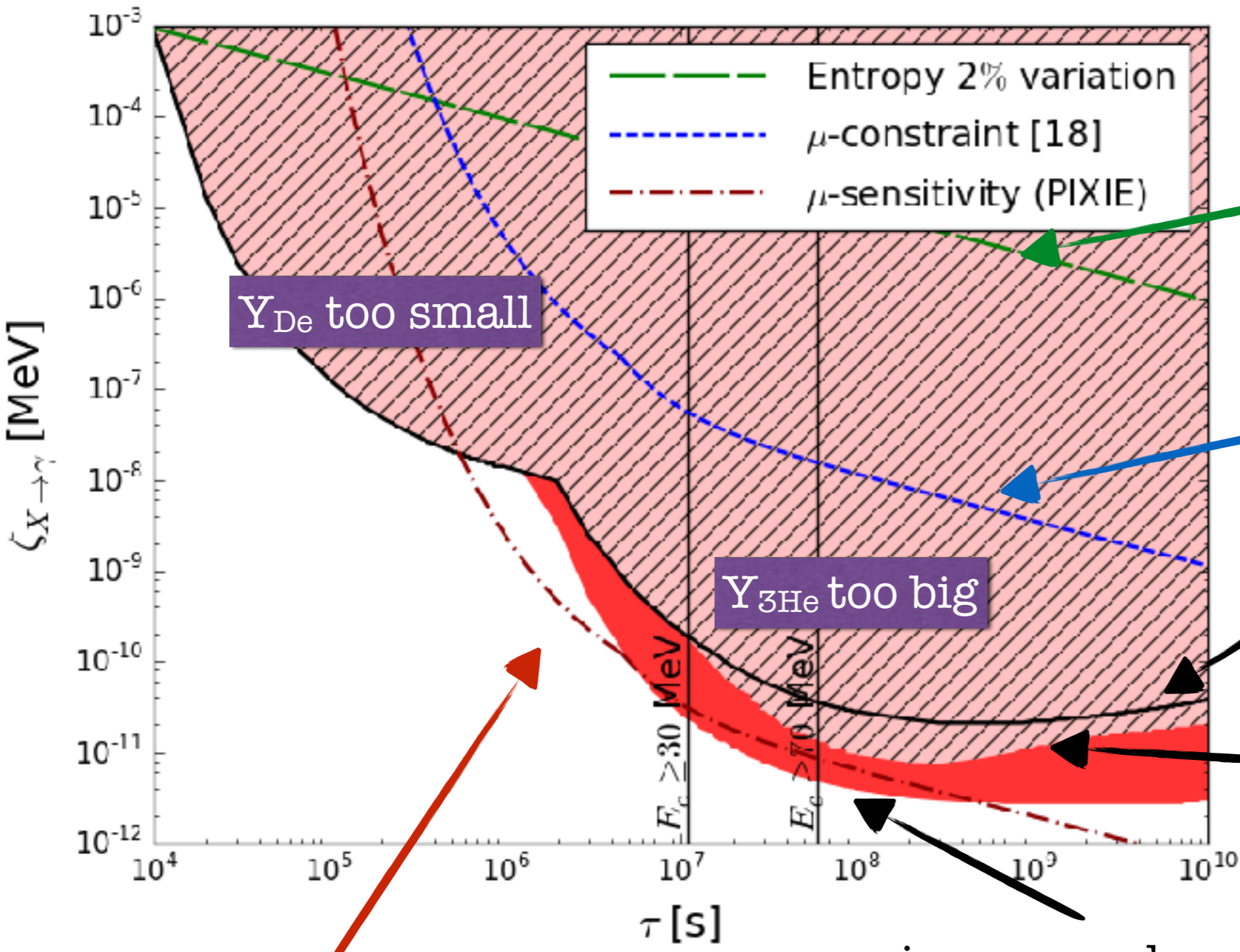
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