

Prospettive per le particelle da astroparticelle e cosmologia

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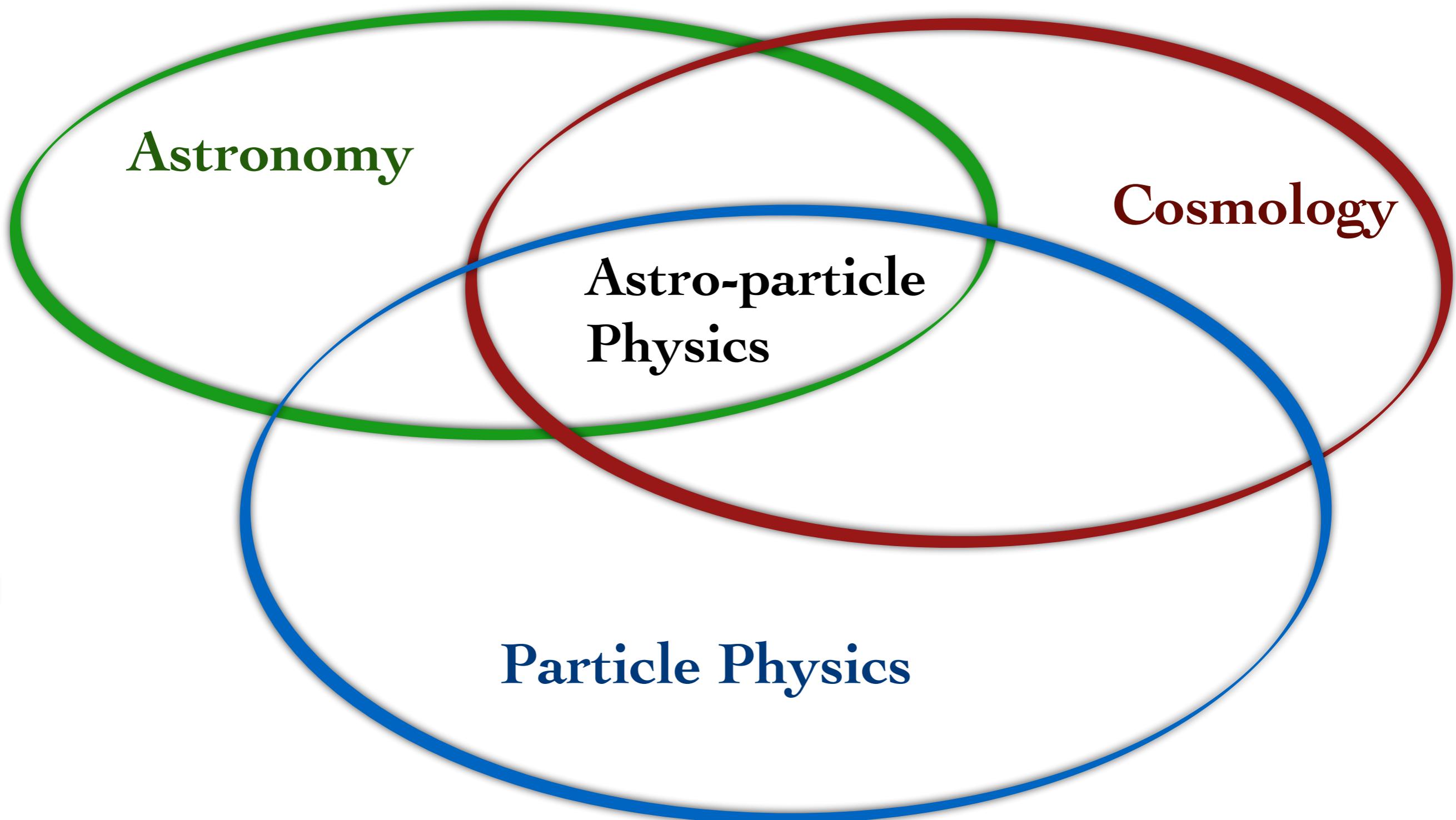
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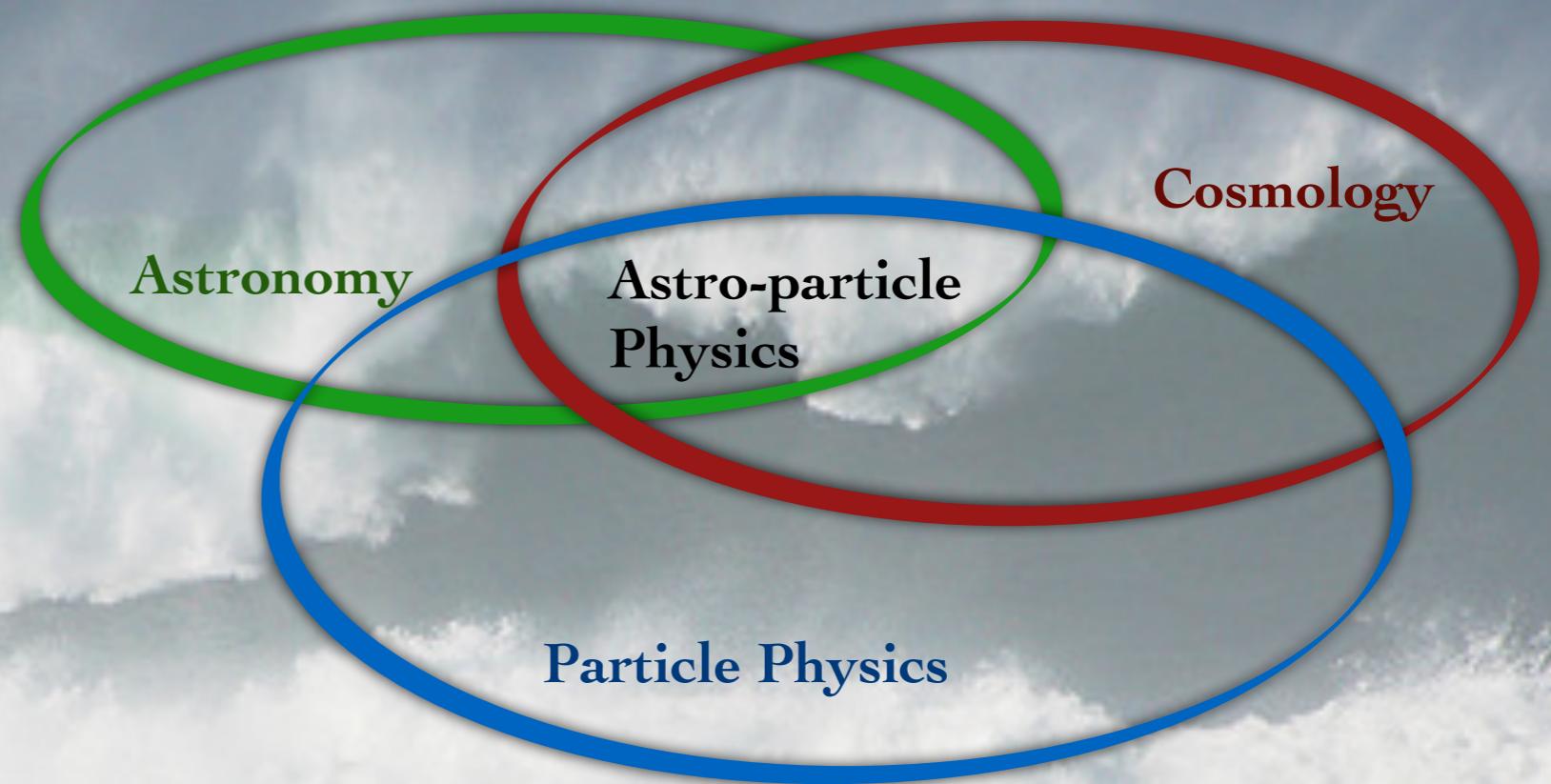
- What is Dark Matter?
- What is Dark Energy?
- What caused our Universe to become dominated by matter and not anti-matter?
- What are the properties of neutrinos?
- Do protons decay?
- What do gravitational waves tell us about General Relativity and Cosmology?

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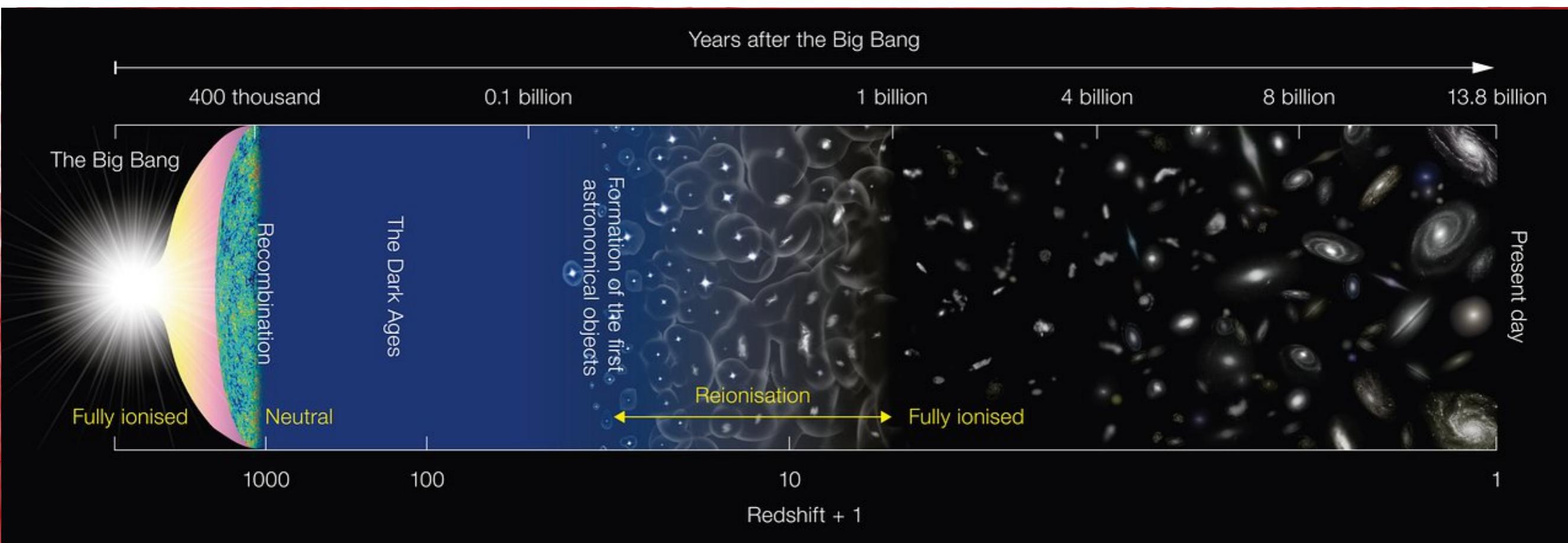


“Science, my lad, is made up of mistakes, but they are mistakes which it is useful to make, because they lead little by little to the truth.”

Jules Verne, A journey to the center of the Earth

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- Very early Universe
- Early Universe
- Late Universe

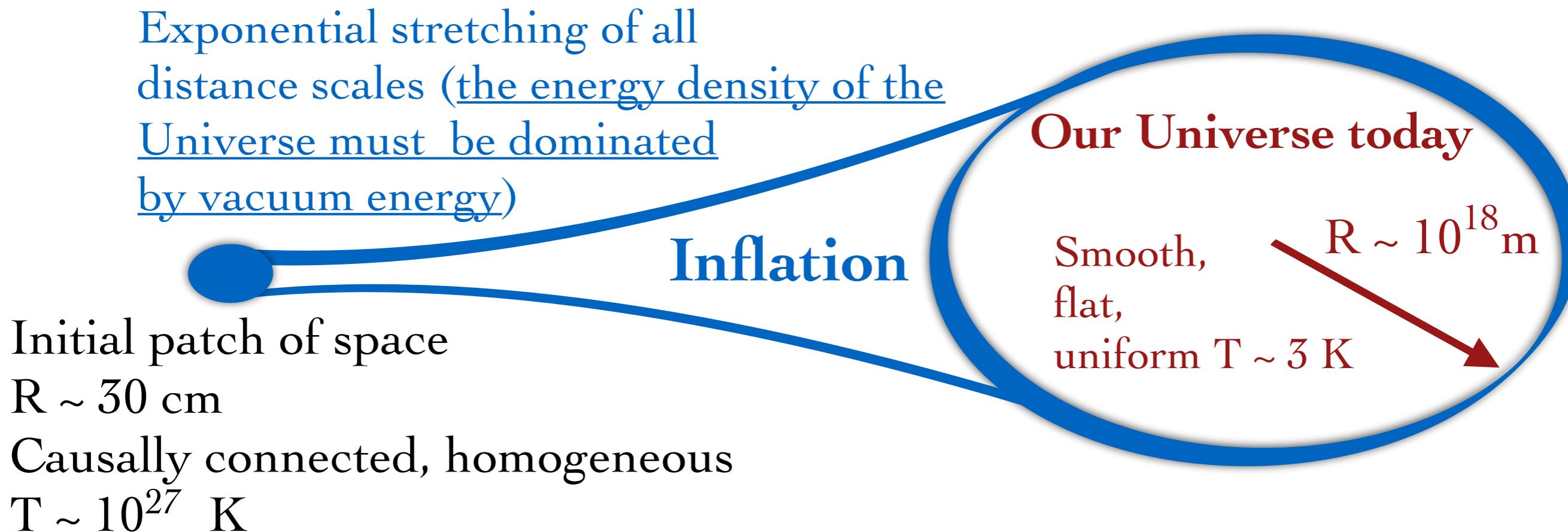
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Simplest parametrization in terms of a slowly-moving scalar field (inflaton)

The nature (and true dynamics) of the inflaton field remains unknown and its role could be played by any particle physics candidate able to imitate a slowly-moving scalar condensate.

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The Higgs as the inflaton

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} \mathcal{R} + \xi \mathcal{R} H^\dagger H + \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} \right]$$

The Higgs field itself could be responsible for inflation if a minimalistic, and at the same time compelling, non-minimal coupling to gravity is added to the Standard Model action.

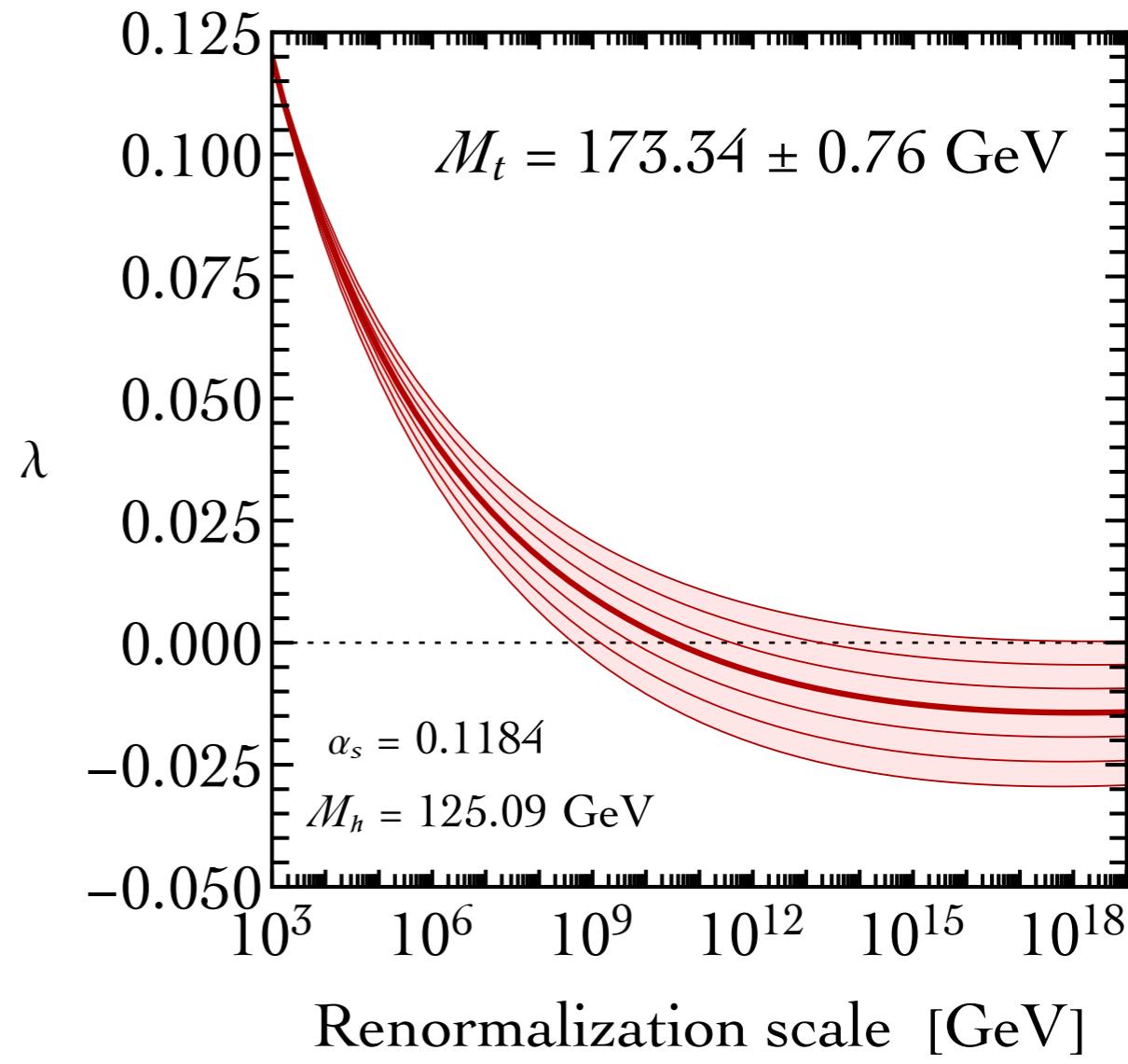
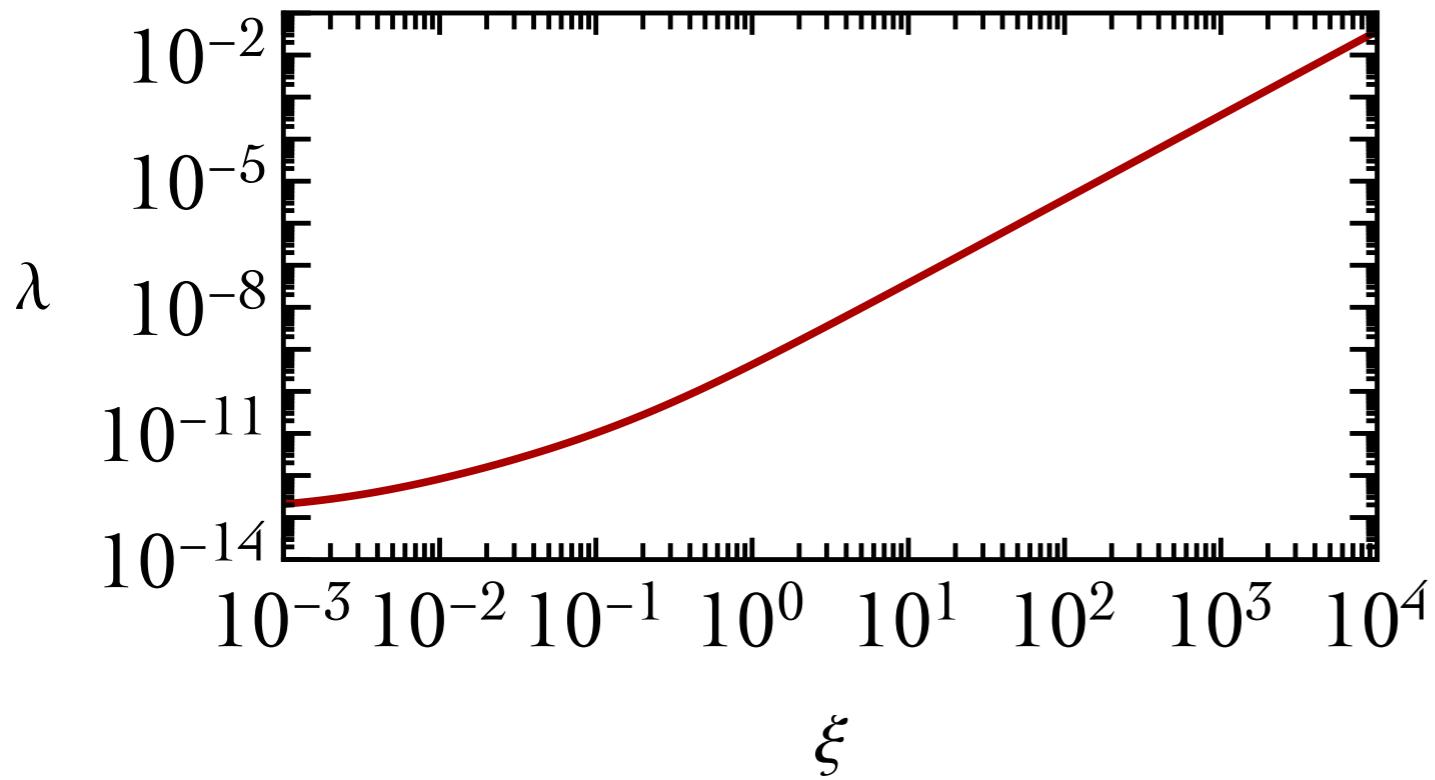
The value of this coupling can be fixed by the normalization of the spectrum of primordial density perturbations, leaving a theory with no free parameters.

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$$V(h) = \frac{\lambda \bar{M}_{\text{Pl}}^4}{4\xi^2} \left(1 - e^{-2\sqrt{|a|} h/\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}}}\right)^2$$

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- The role of the inflaton in the SM of particle physics (or beyond it) is an interesting open question
- The SM Higgs boson is still a viable option
- Are there distinctive features ?

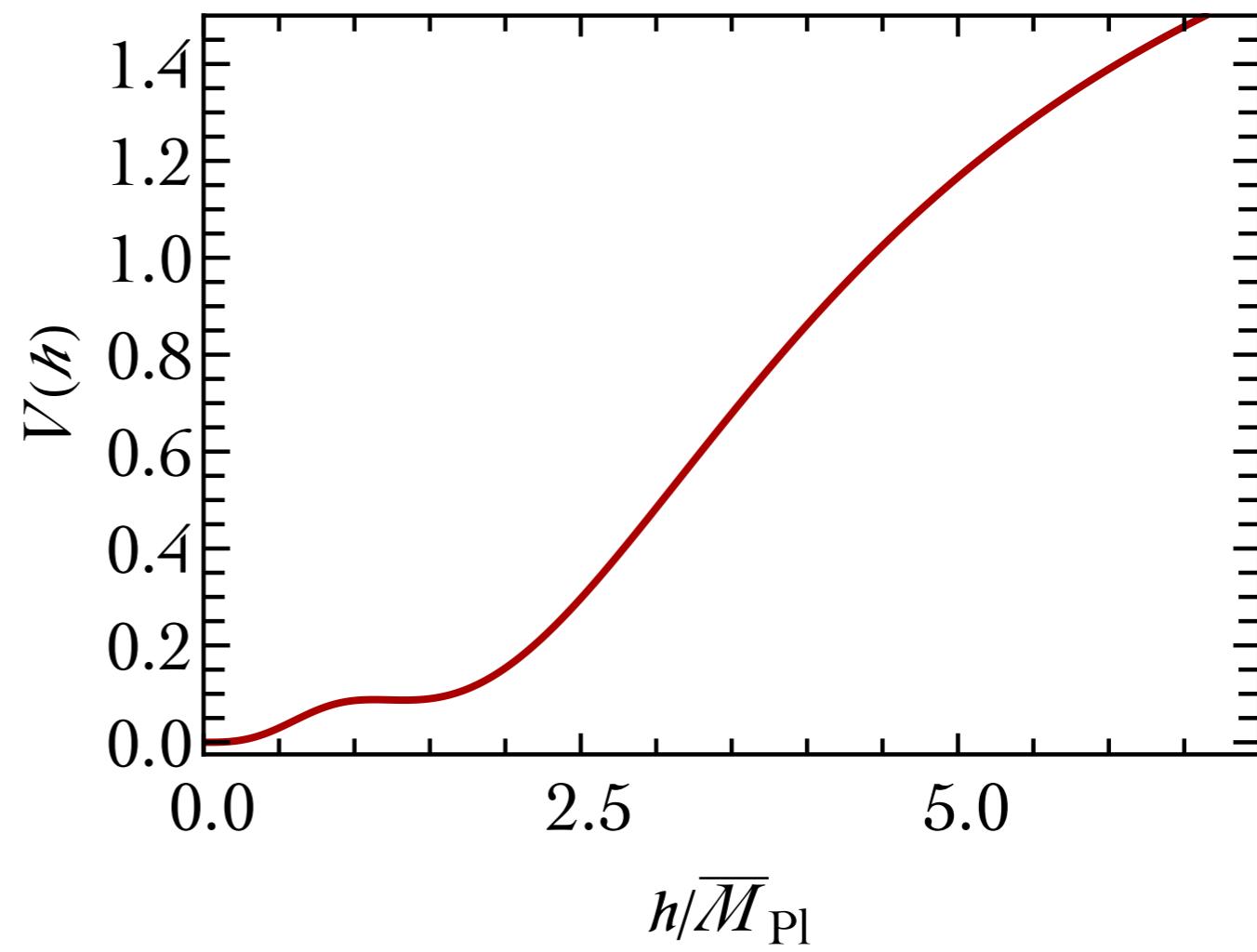
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Primordial black holes from Higgs inflation?

critical Higgs inflation

if $M_t \sim 171$ GeV



J. Ezquiaga, J. Garcia-Bellido, E. Ruiz Morales, arXiv:1705.04861

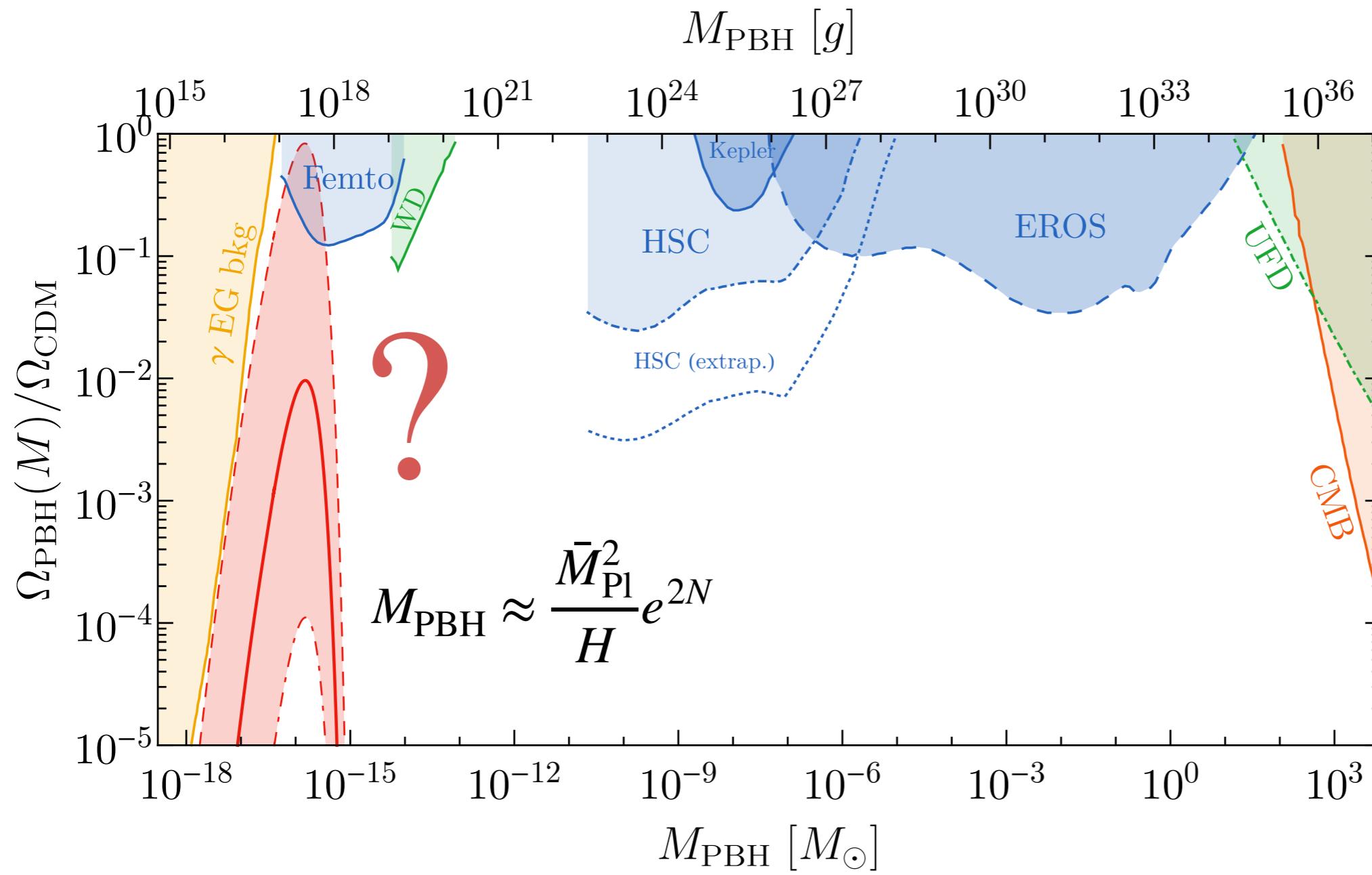
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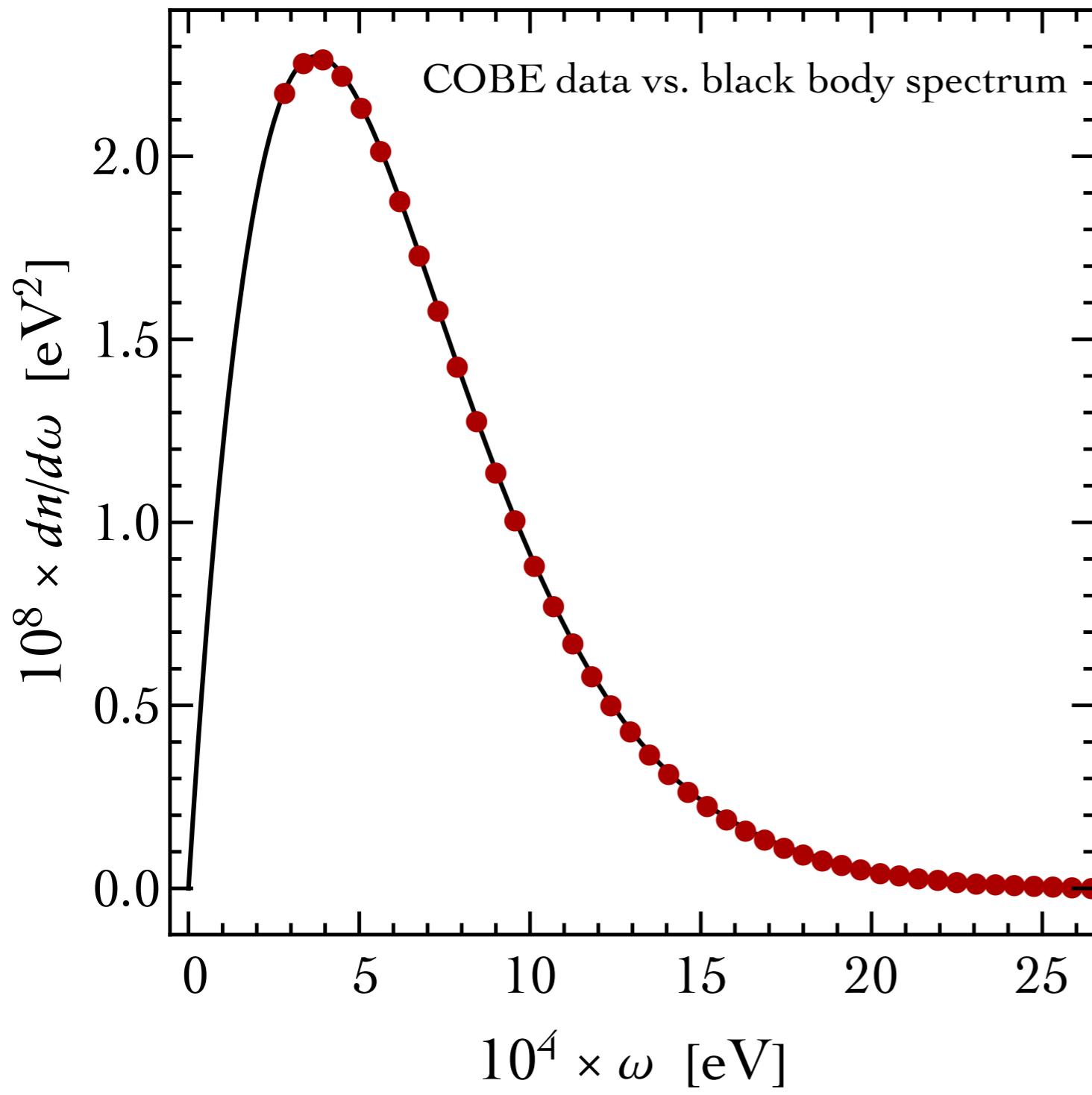


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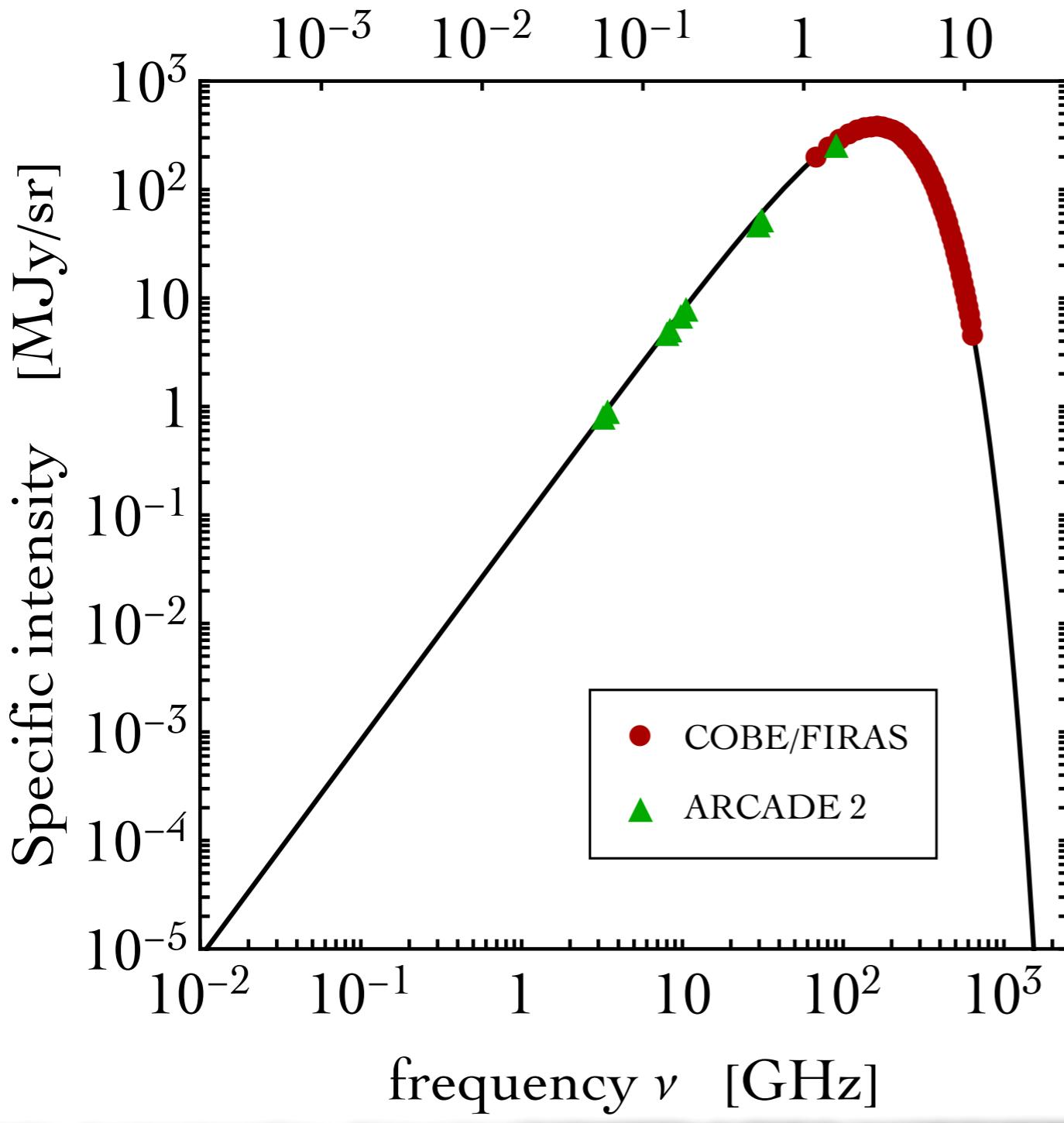
$$\frac{dn}{d\omega} = \frac{\omega^2}{\pi^2 (e^{\omega/T_0} - 1)}$$

$$T_0 = 2.7255 \text{ K}$$

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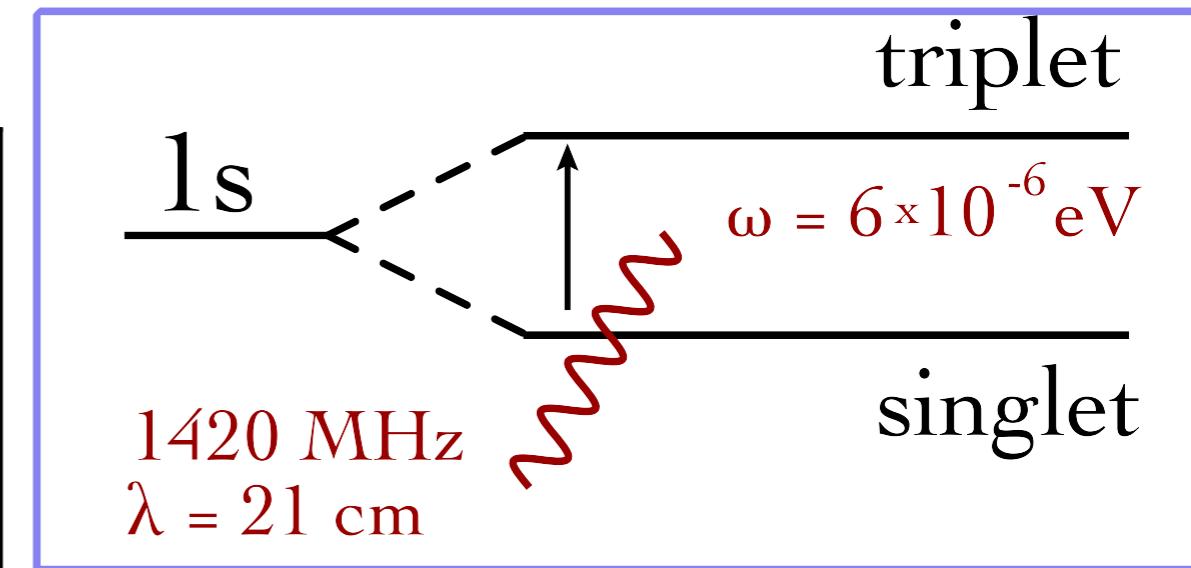
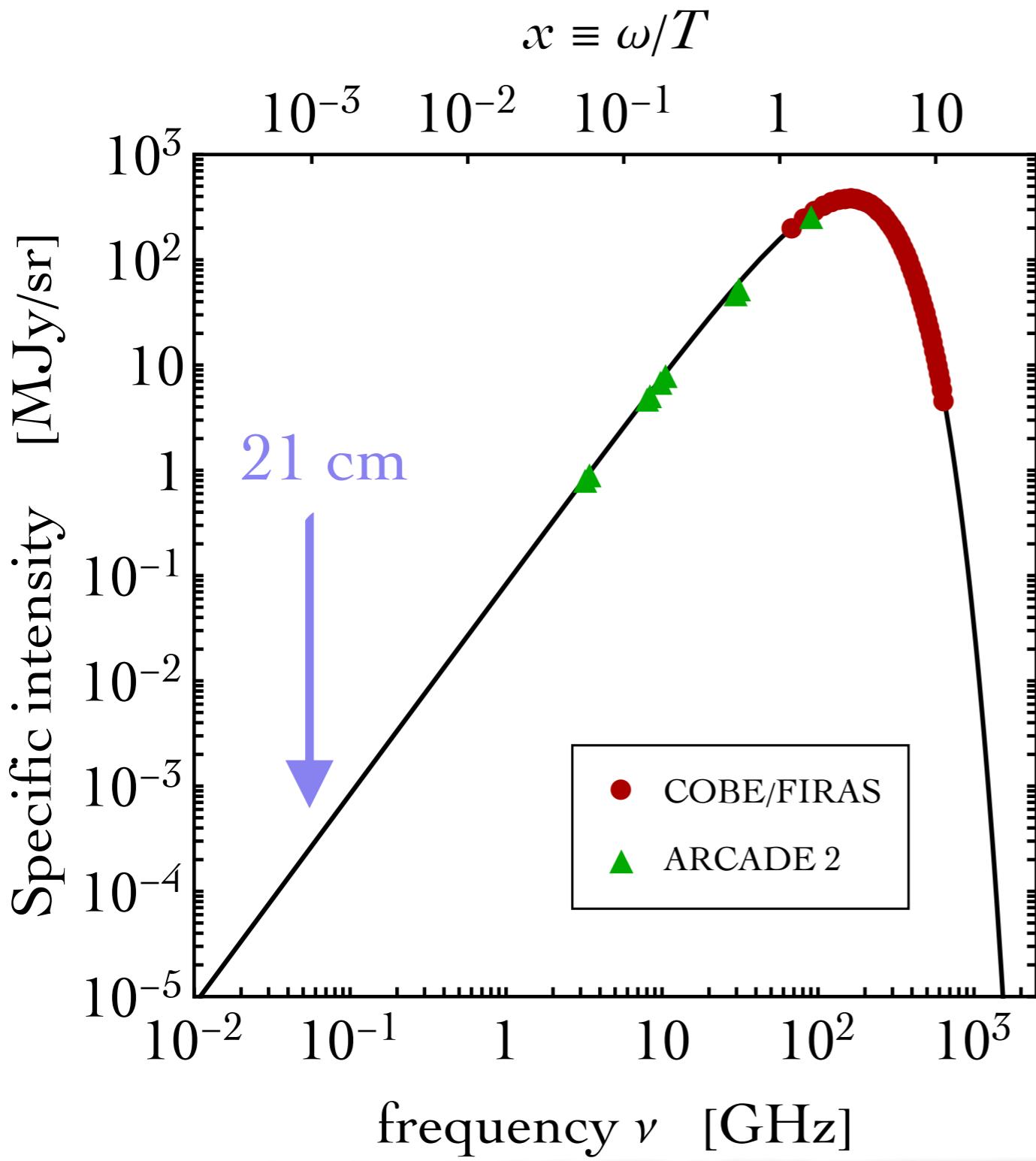
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$$x \equiv \omega/T$$



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$$\frac{n_1}{n_0} = 3e^{-\Delta E/T_s}$$

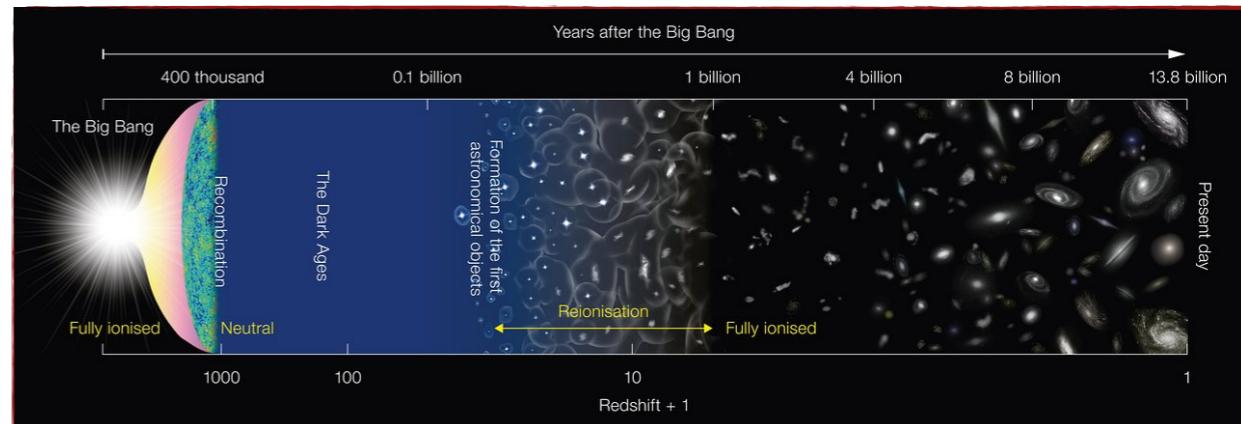
High T_s : Mostly in the excited state
Likely to emit 21cm photons

Low T_s : Mostly in the ground state
Likely to absorb 21cm photons

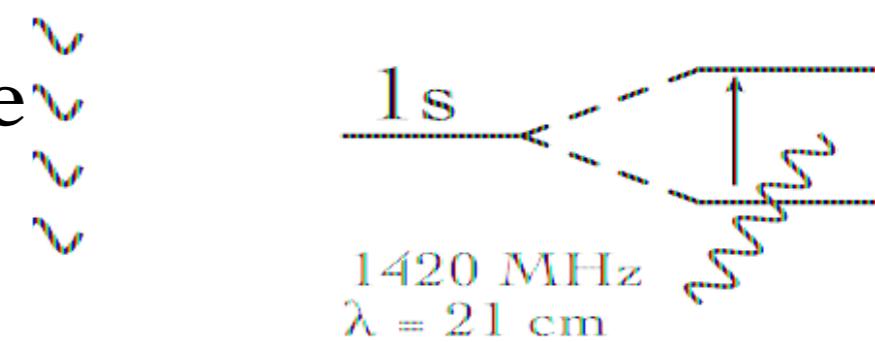
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After decoupling ($z < 1000$), in the early Universe there is cosmic gas (largely neutral, and made mostly of hydrogen with spin temperature T_s) and CMB photons



Triplet-to-singlet transition of the 1s level of atomic hydrogen



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$$\Delta T_{21} \propto \left(1 - \frac{T_{\text{CMB}}}{T_s}\right)$$

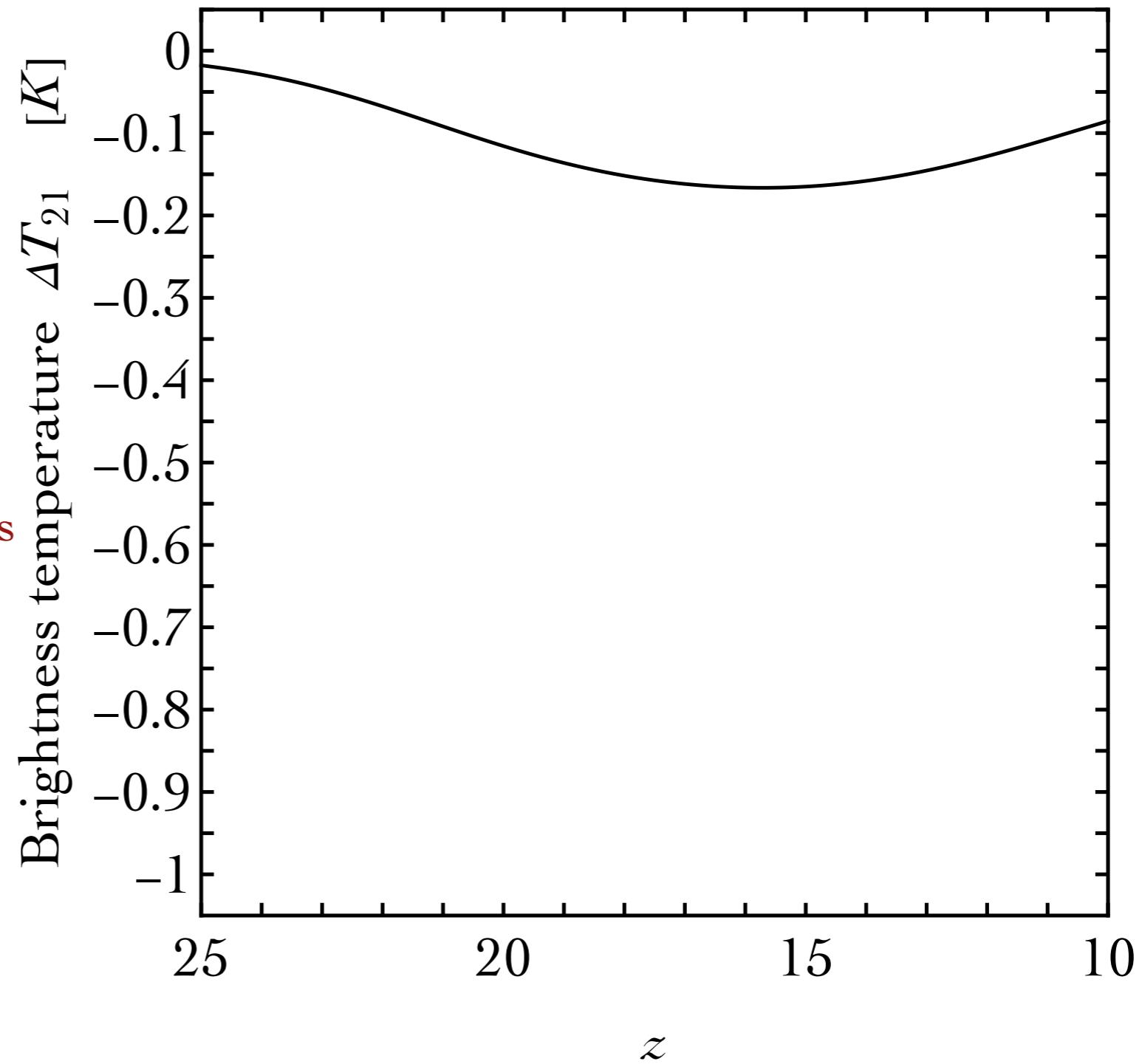
$$T_s \gg T_{\text{CMB}} \Rightarrow \Delta T_{21} > 0$$

More emission of 21 cm photons

$$T_s \ll T_{\text{CMB}} \Rightarrow \Delta T_{21} < 0$$

More absorption of 21 cm photons

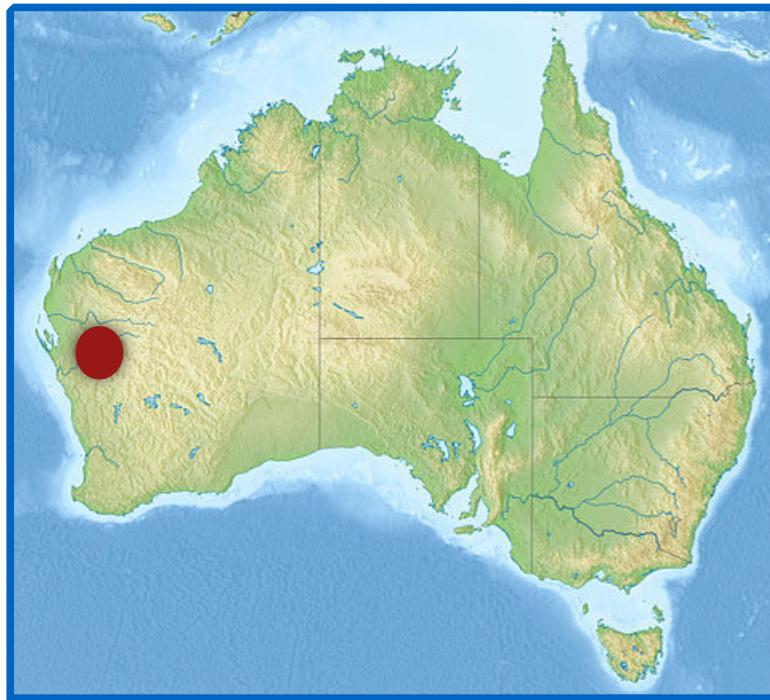
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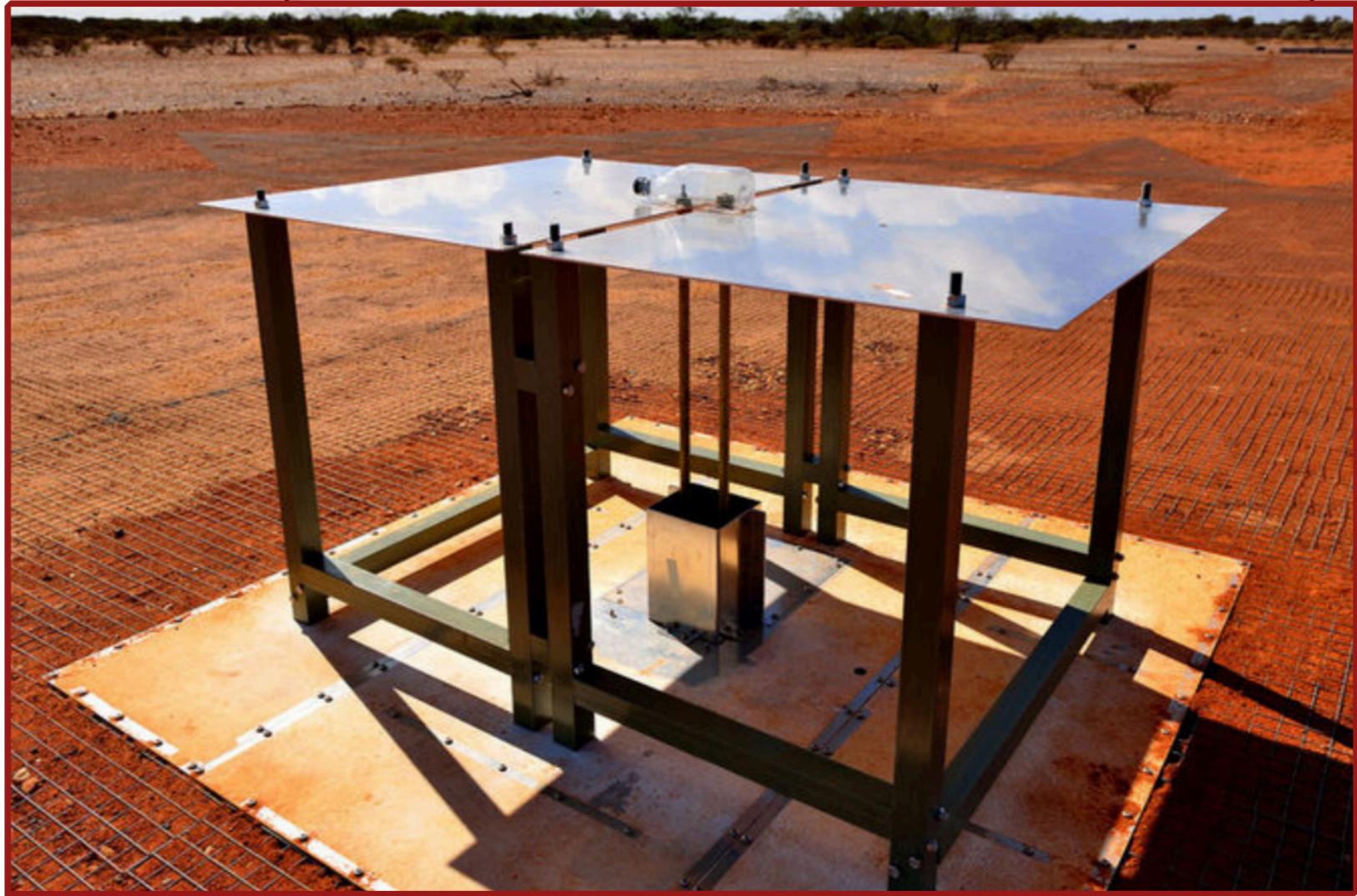
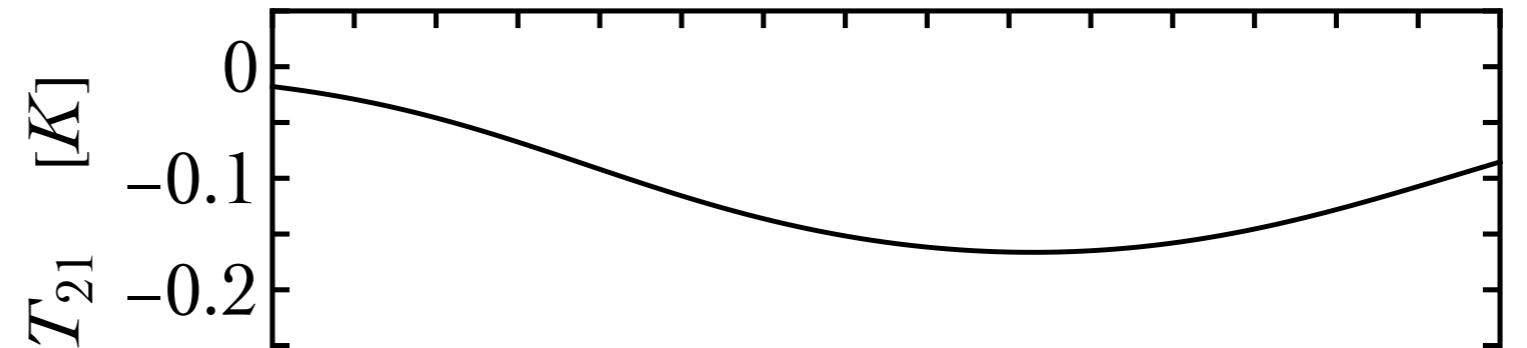
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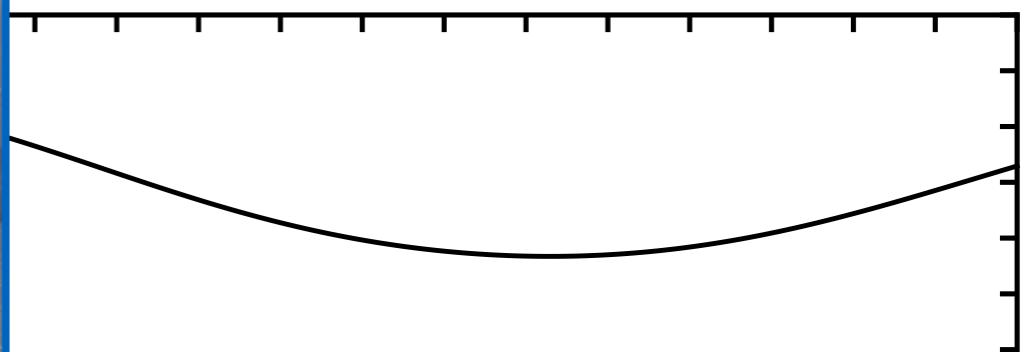
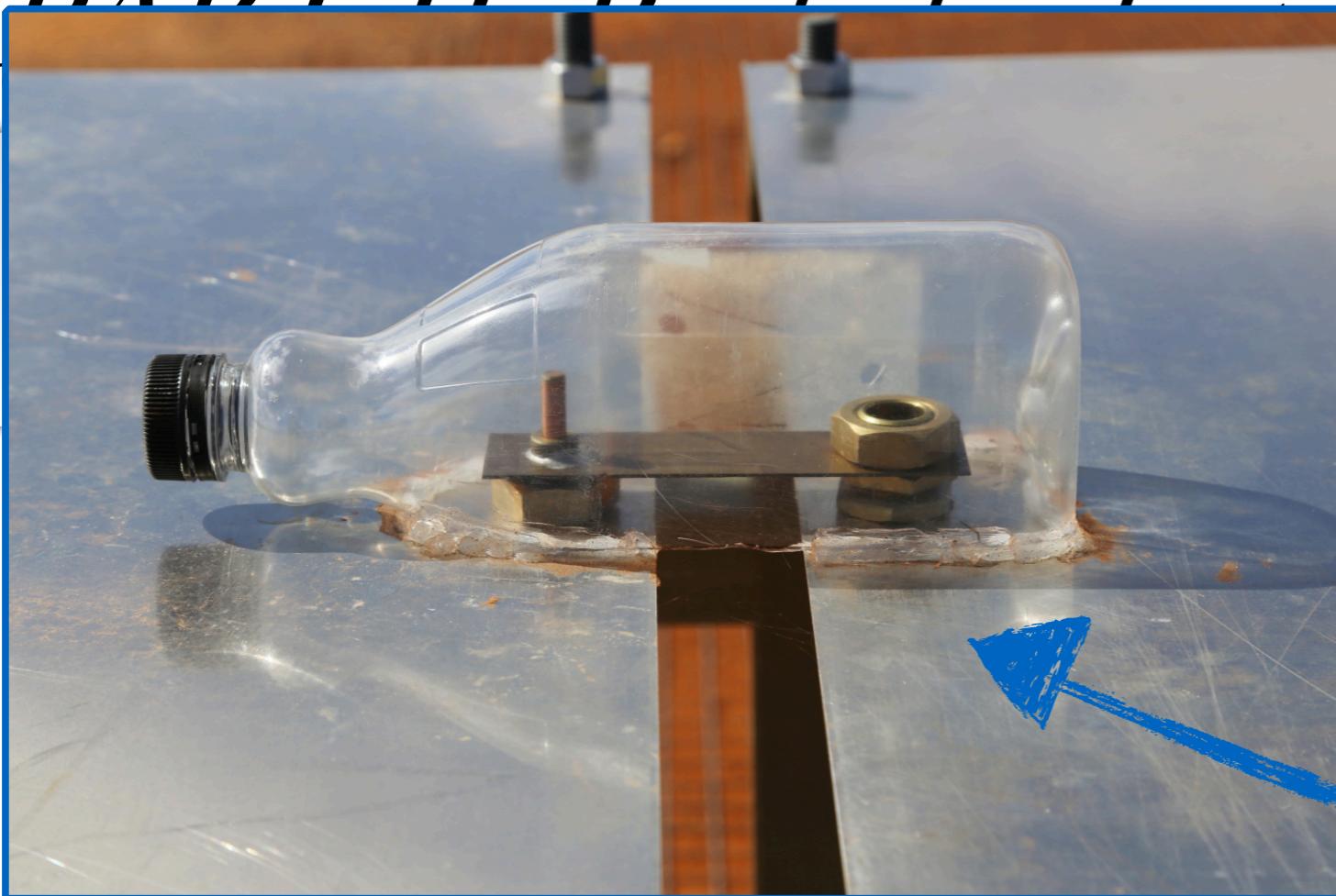


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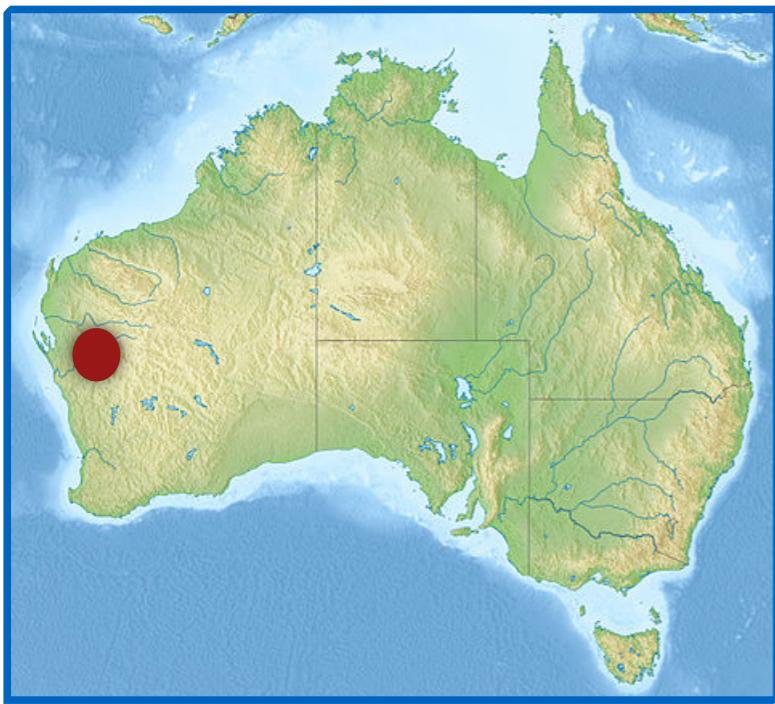


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• 21 cm cosmology



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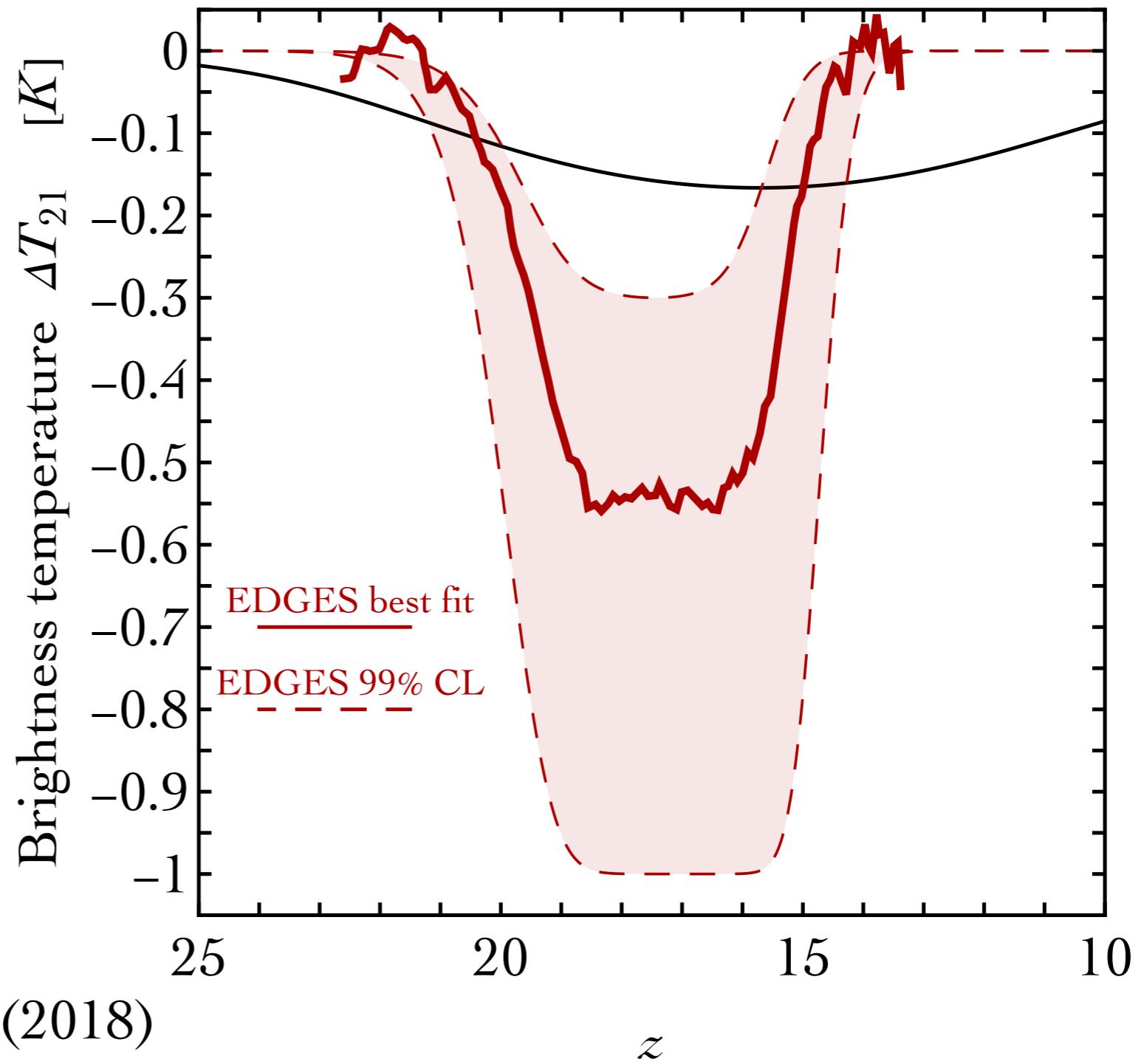


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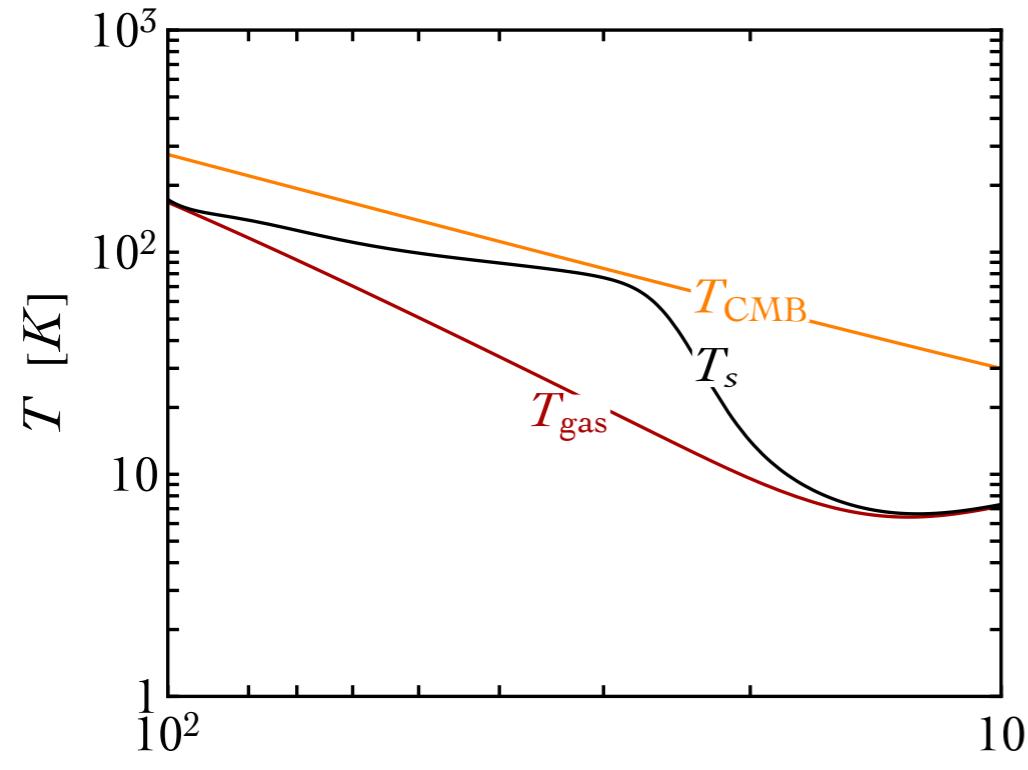
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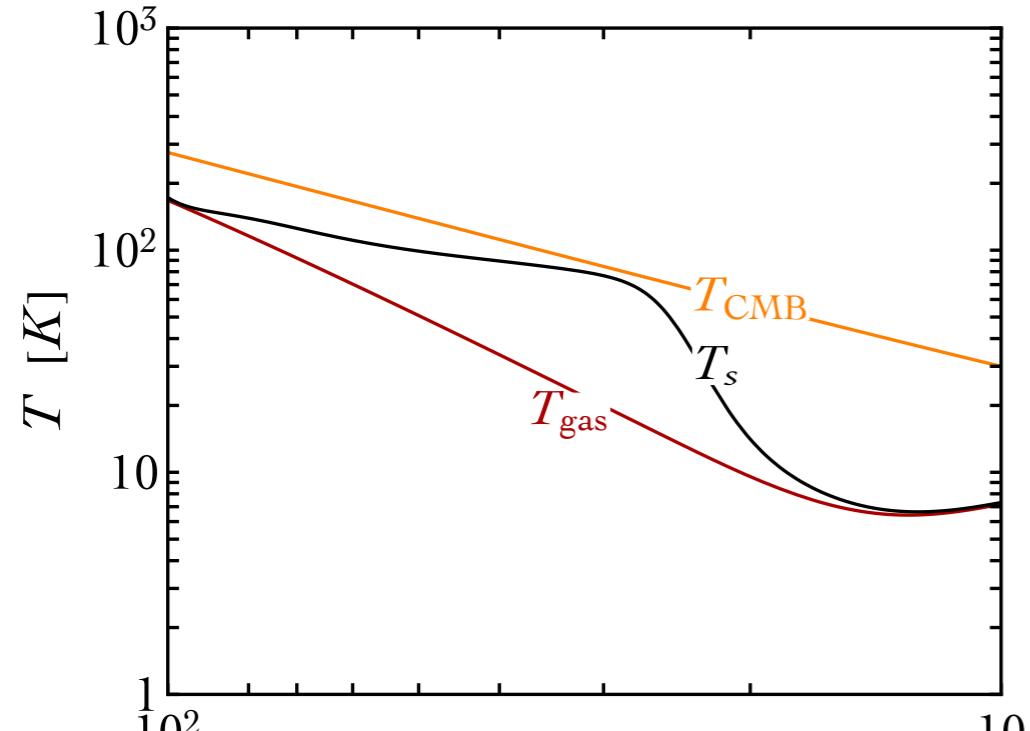


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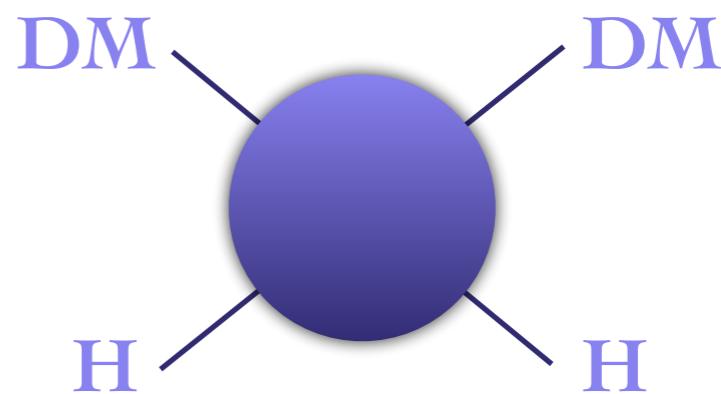
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Cool baryons (very hard!)

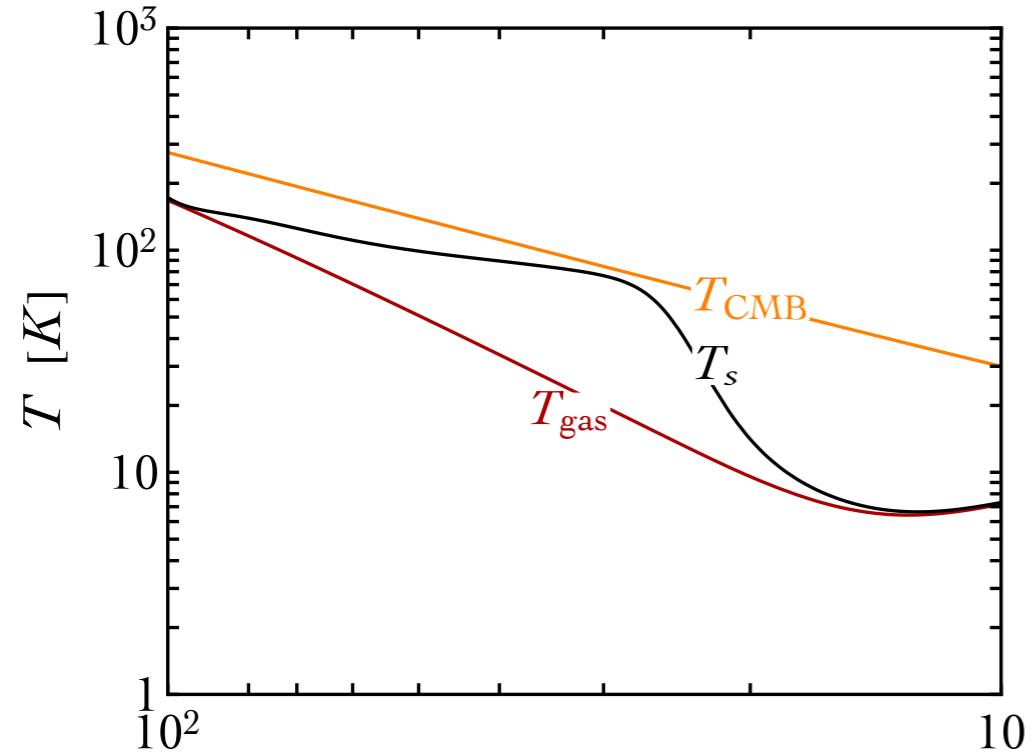


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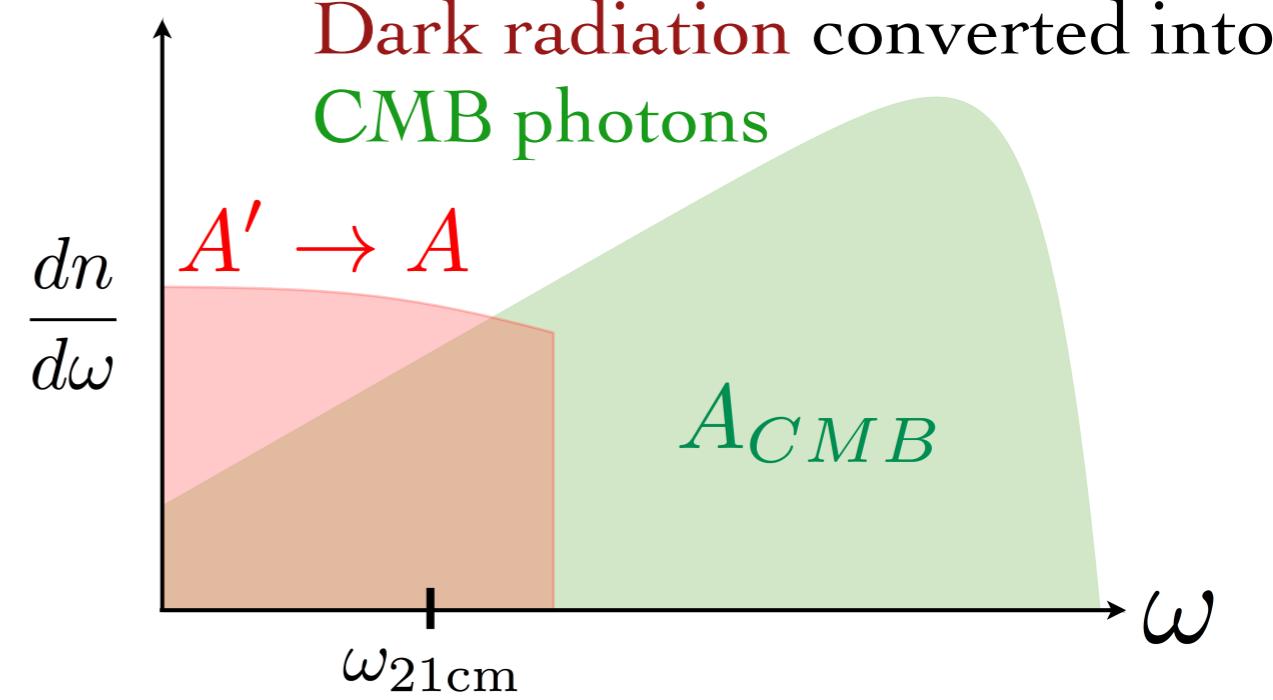
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Add photons (very easy!)

$$T_\gamma > T_{\text{CMB}}$$

$$\Delta T_{21} \propto \left(1 - \frac{T_\gamma}{T_s}\right)$$



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- We have started probing the Universe by 21cm
- 21 cm cosmological signal provides the key test for models with beyond SM sectors with dark radiation (without any tension with bounds on ΔN_{eff})
- Exciting detection prospects!

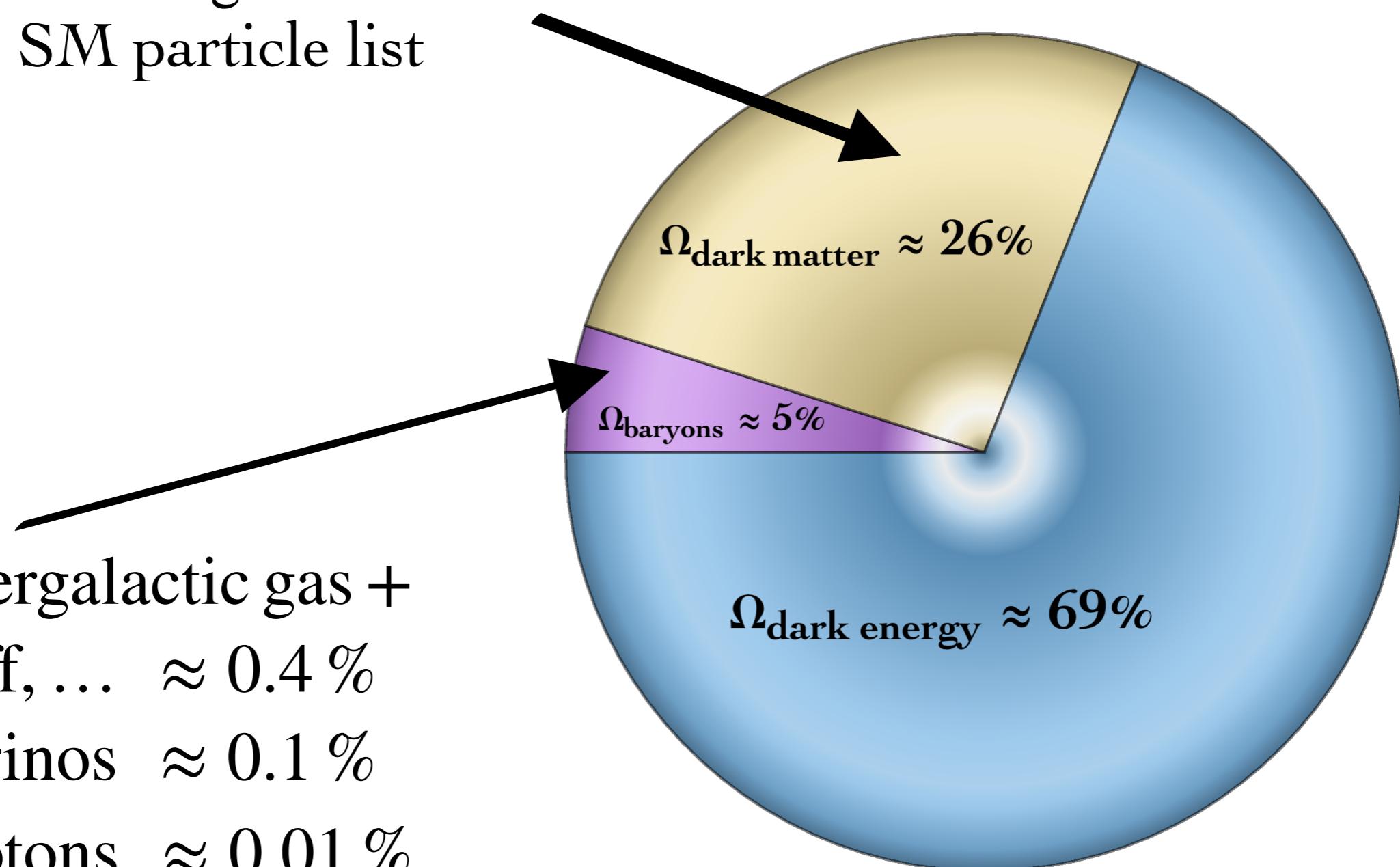
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Not charged under $U(1)_{\text{em}}$ and $SU(3)_C$

Stable on cosmological time-scale

Not in the SM particle list



Mostly intergalactic gas +
Stars, stuff, ... $\approx 0.4\%$

Neutrinos $\approx 0.1\%$

Photons $\approx 0.01\%$

Black holes $\approx 0.005\%$

Planck cosmological parameters, 2018

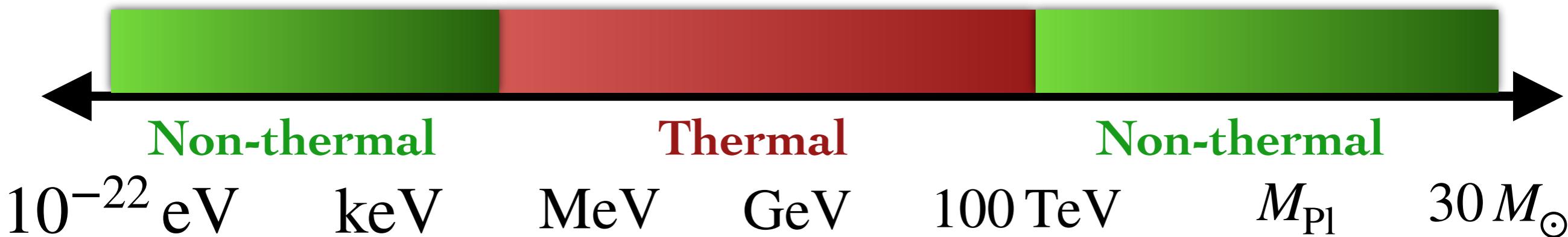
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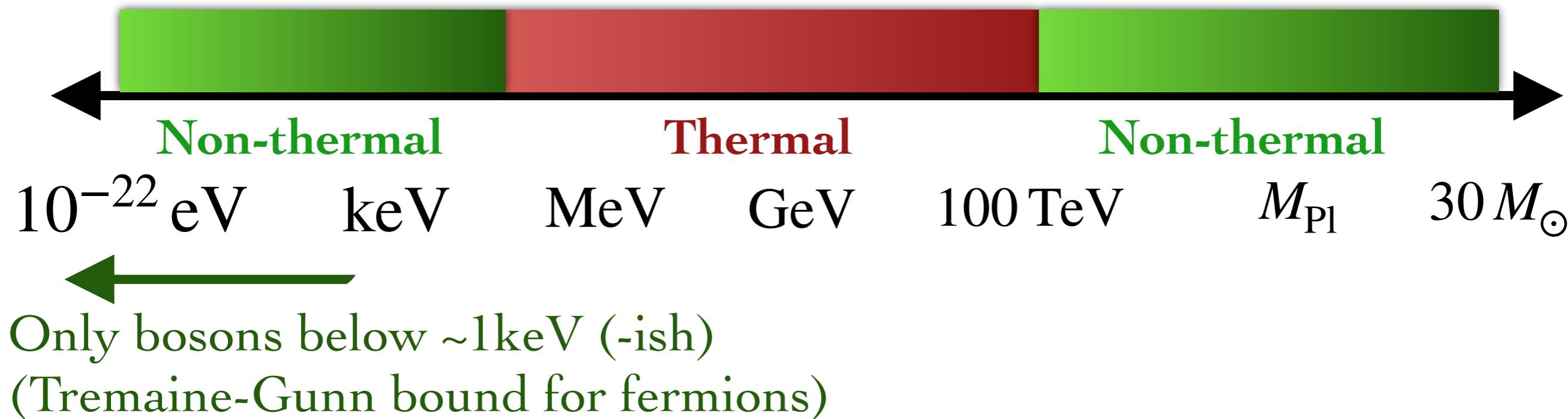


89 orders of magnitude of possibilities...

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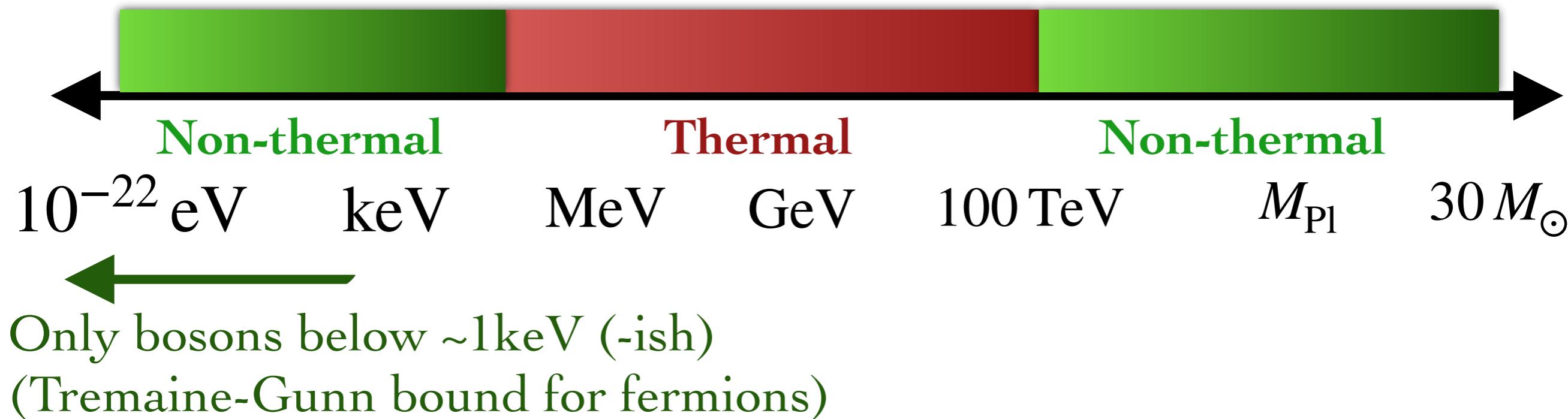
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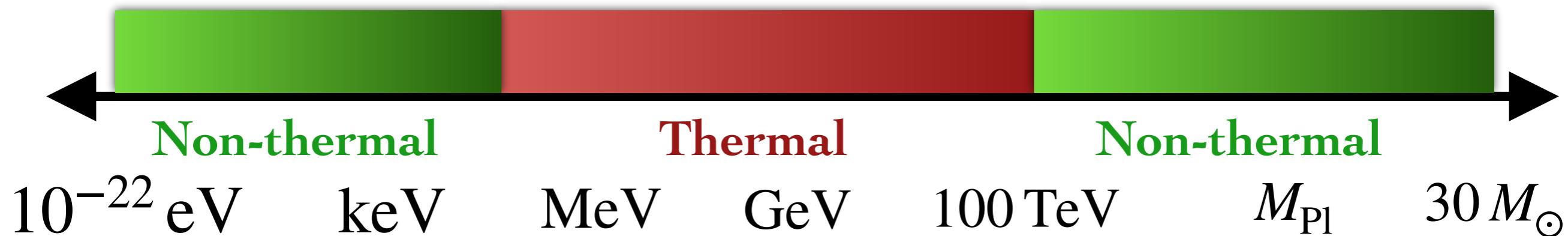
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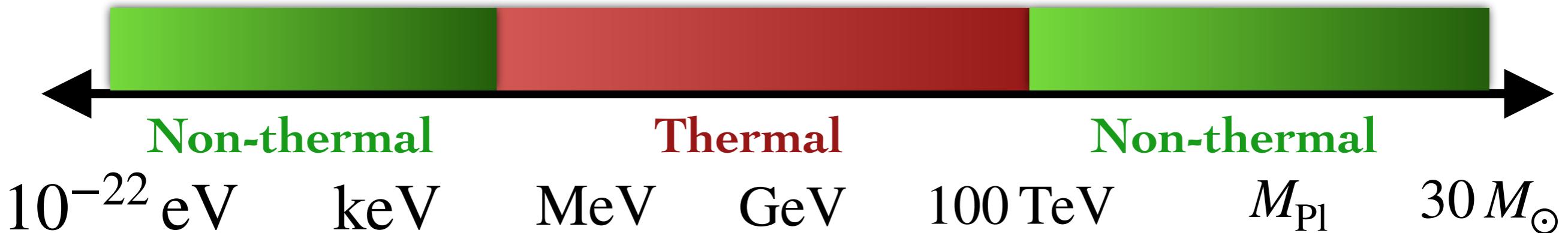
$m_b \gtrsim 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$ otherwise no Galaxy formation below a Jeans scale of $10^8 M_\odot$

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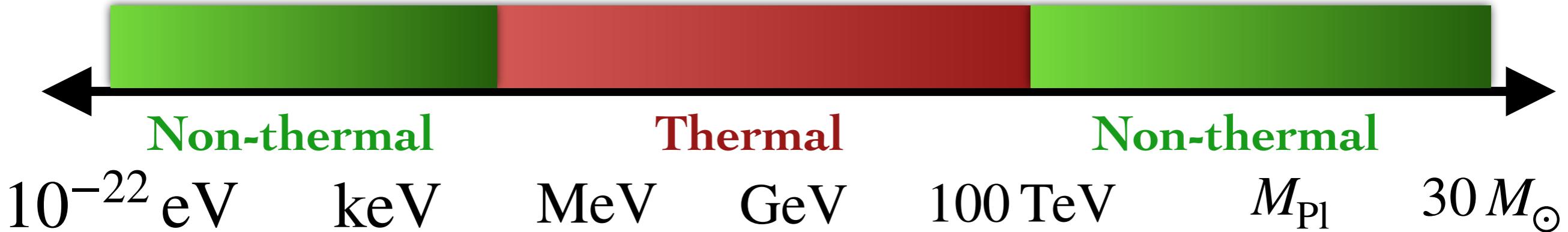
Interesting theoretical motivations:
an axion-like particles from string theory

- Goldstone ϕ of U(1) symmetry spontaneously broken at some high scale f_a
- 4D axions appear as zero modes of gauge fields compactified in extra dimensions
- Periodic potential generated by non-perturbative effects

$$V(\phi) = \Lambda^4 e^{-\mathcal{S}_{\text{inst}}} \left[1 - \cos \left(\frac{\phi}{f_a} \right) \right]$$

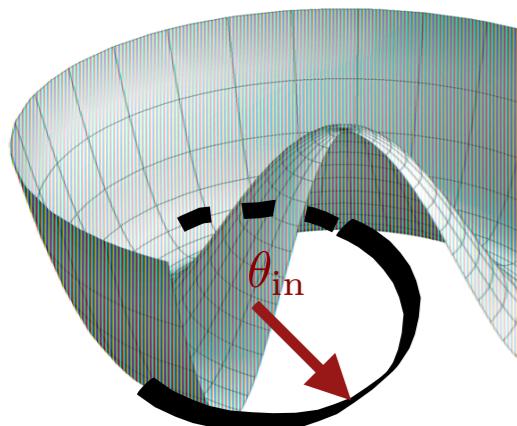
$$\Lambda = M_s \quad \mathcal{S}_{\text{inst}} = \frac{8\pi^2}{g_s^2}$$

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Three parameters: axion mass m_a , axion decay constant f_a , and initial value $\theta_{\text{in}} \equiv \phi_{\text{in}}/f_a$

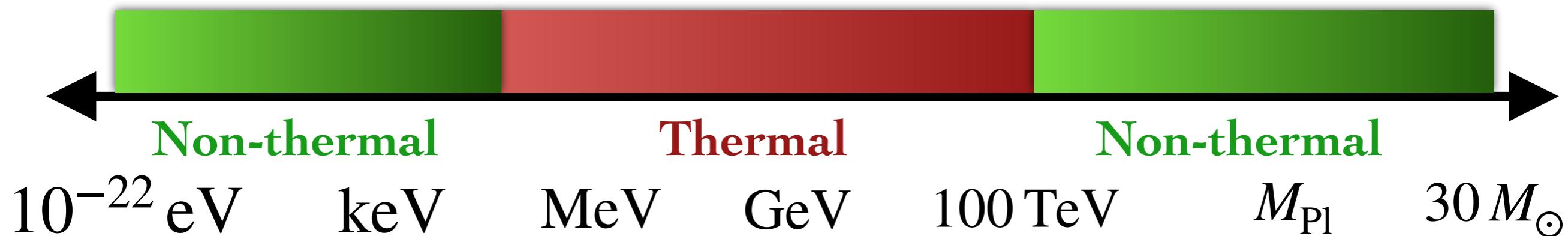


$$\Omega_a h^2 \approx 0.1 \theta_{\text{in}}^2 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{17} \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{m_a}{10^{-22} \text{ eV}} \right)^{1/2}$$

Relic density sets by the misalignment mechanism

[Energy density today is initial value, redshifted from start of oscillation]

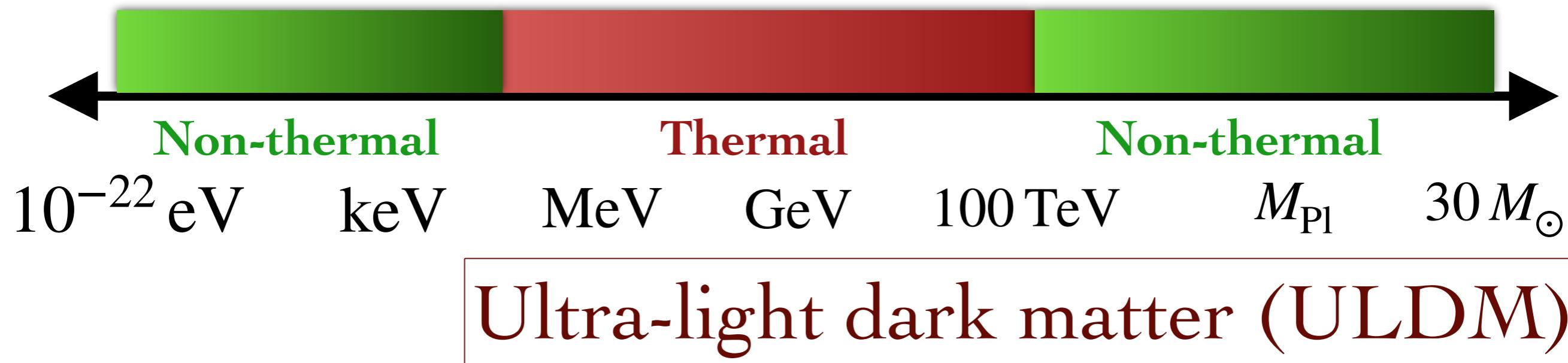
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Interesting phenomenology

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A possibile solutions of the “small scales CDM

issues": • Cusp-core problem

DM profile at the center of DphS, no NFW peak

- Too big to fail problem

The observed satellites of the Milky Way are not massive enough to be consistent with predictions from CDM

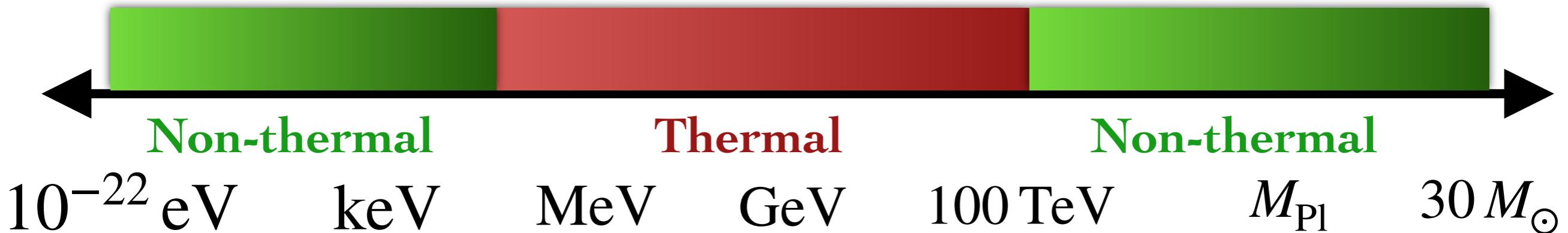
- Missing satellites problem

1000's of satellites predicted
Only dozens seen

[But... are they really problems?]

All of the predictions that lead to the small scale crises
are based on dark matter-only simulations. What about baryons?

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Bounds from Ly- α forest*analysis $m_a \gtrsim 10^{-21}$ eV

B. Bozek, D. J. E. Marsh, J. Silk, and R. F. G. Wyse, arXiv:1409.3544

V. Irsic, M. Viel, M. G. Haehnelt, J. S. Bolton, and G. D. Becker, arXiv:1703.04683

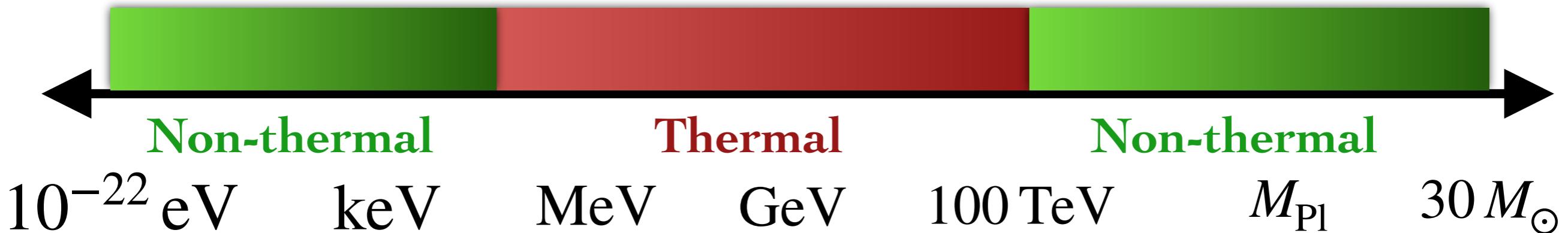
T. Kobayashi, R. Murgia, A. De Simone, V. Irsic, and M. Viel, arXiv:1708.00015

[However, the strongest Ly- α bound constraints come from the smallest and most non-linear scales, where systematic effects are challenging...]

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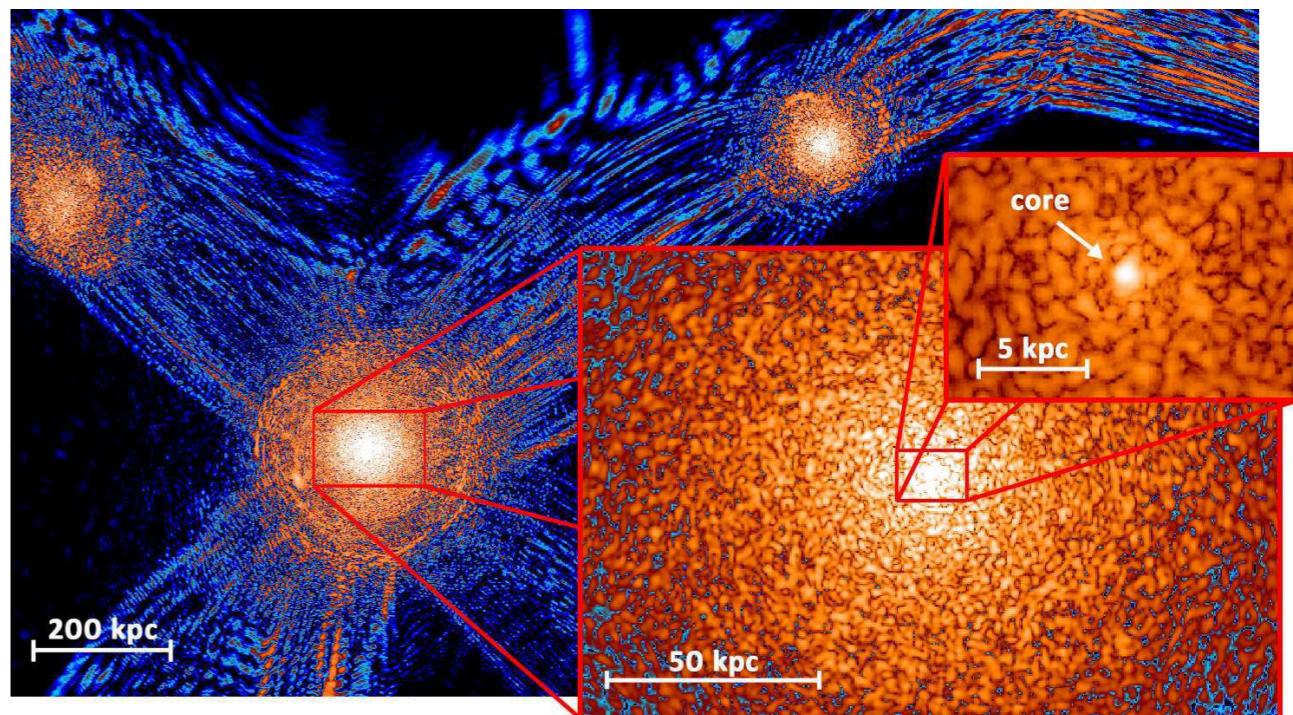
Absorption feature by neutral hydrogen at $\lambda = 1216$ Å at different redshifts in the spectra of distant quasars.

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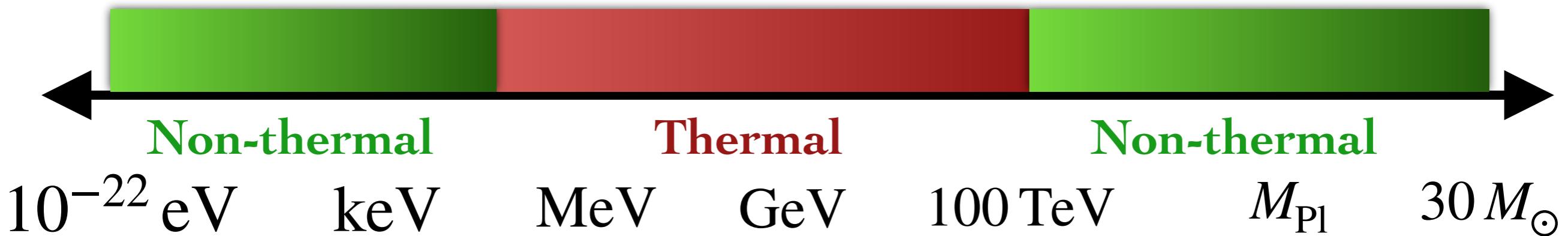


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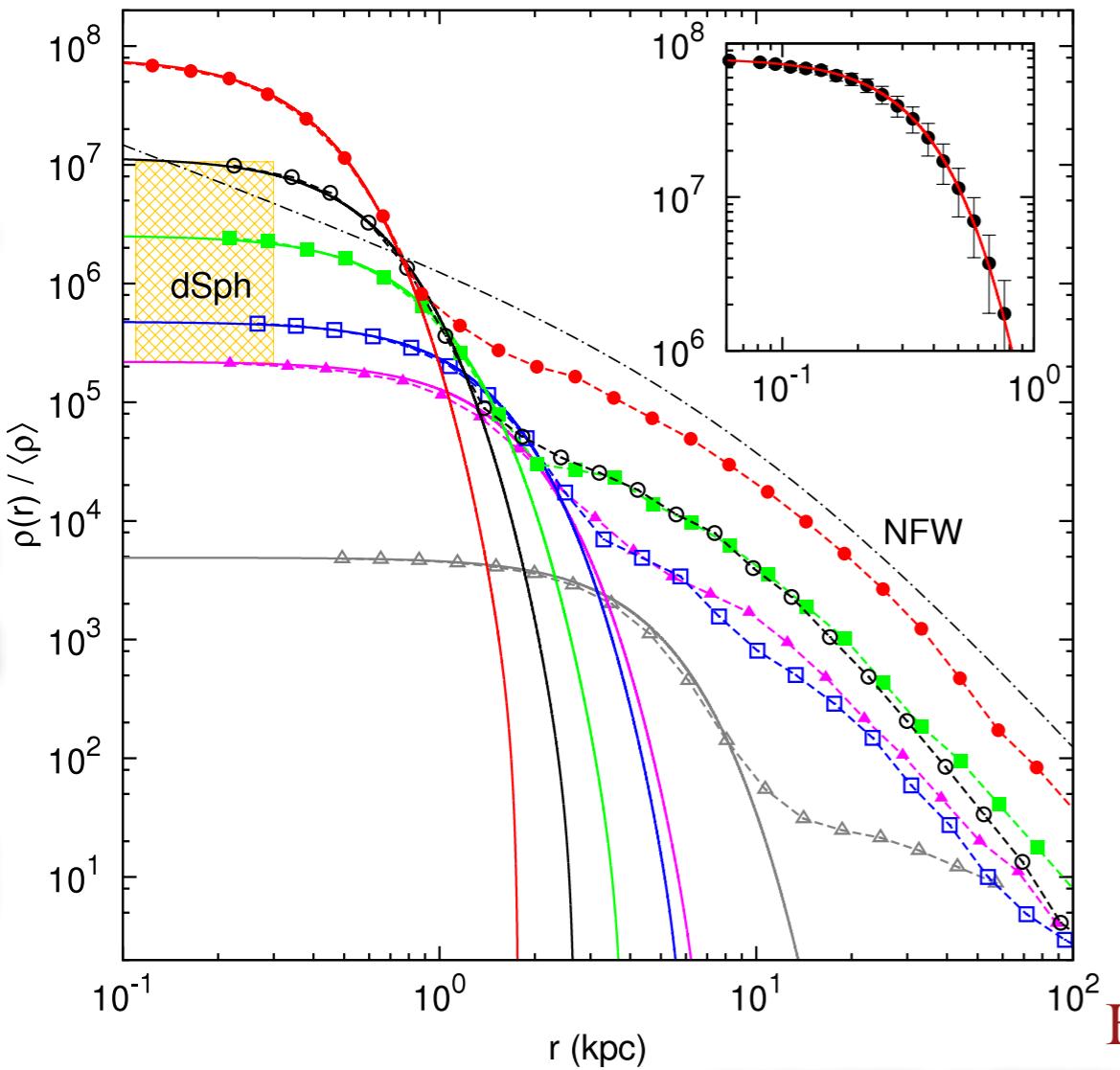
In the last ~ 5 years, numerical structure formation simulations with ULDM have become available.



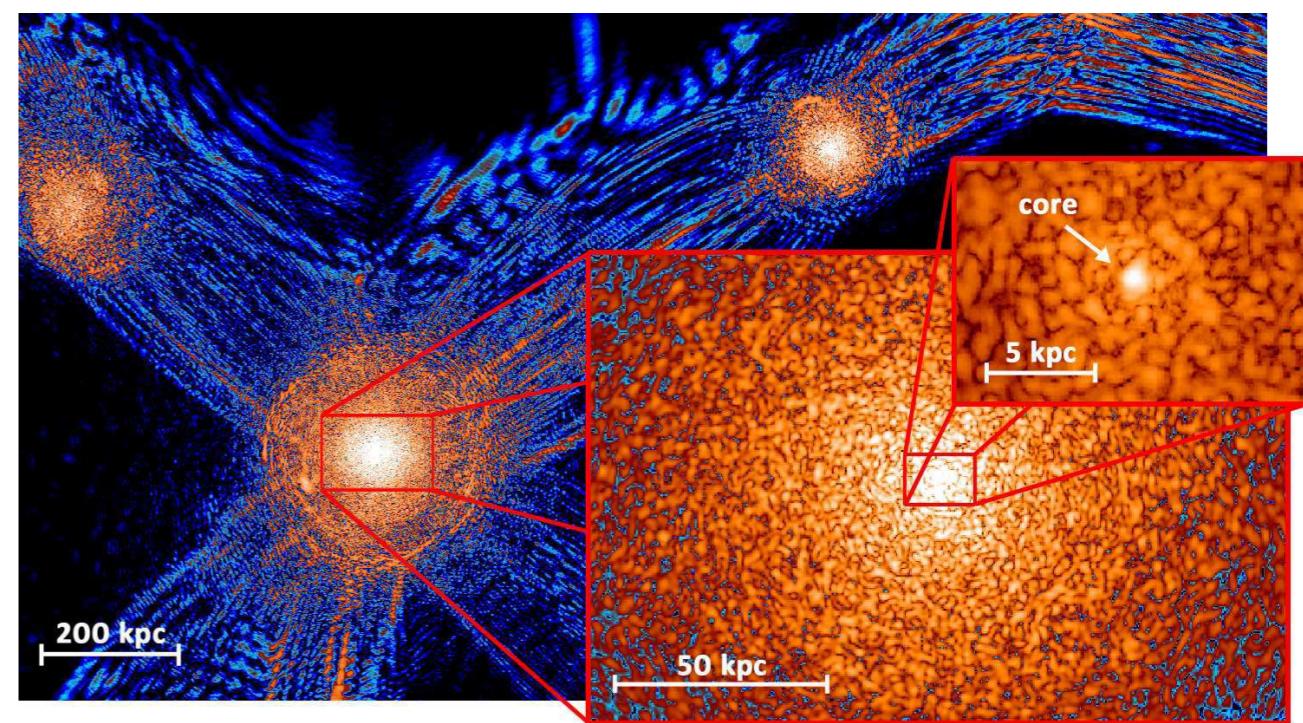
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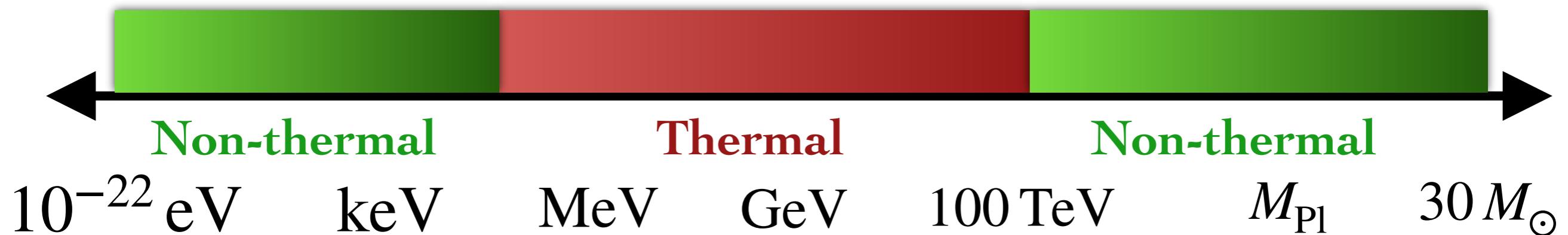
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Key prediction: a solitonic core
The core is the lowest energy bound state solution of the Schroedinger-Poisson equations

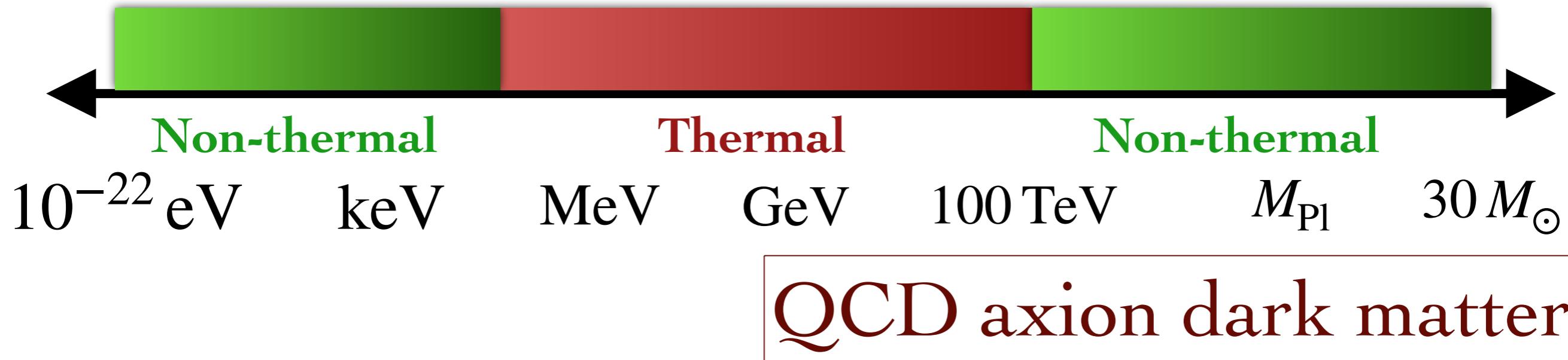


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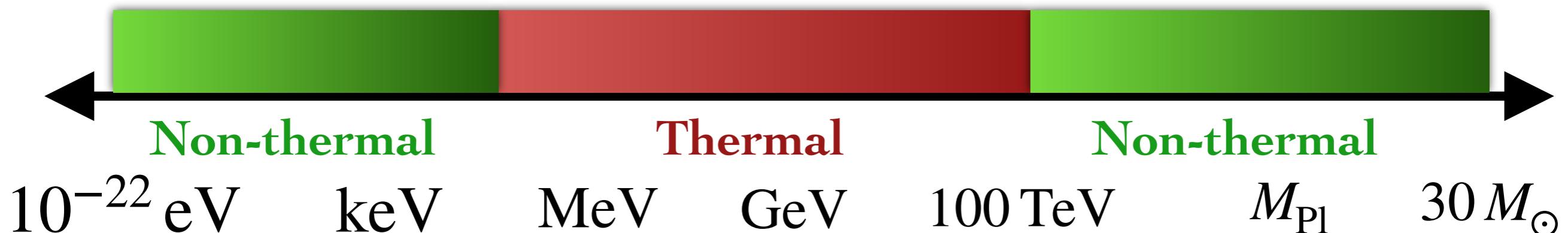
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- Strongest theoretical motivations: The QCD axion solves the strong CP problem
- Periodic potential generated from non-perturbative QCD effects

$$V(a) = \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4 \left[1 - \cos \left(\frac{a}{f_a} \right) \right]$$

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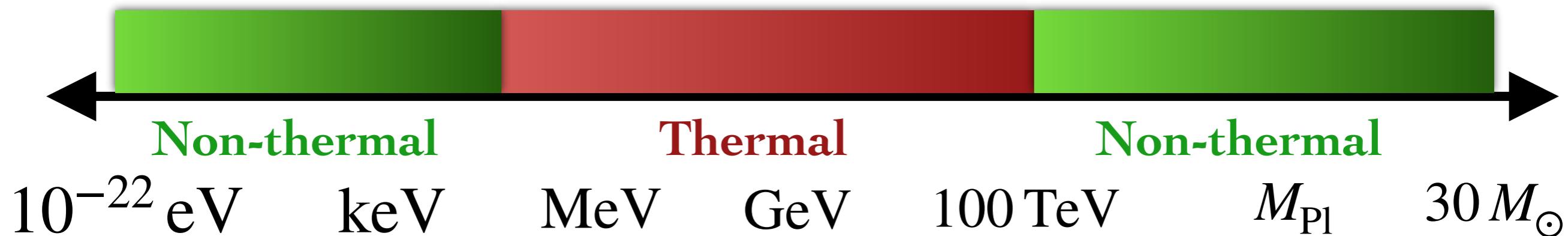


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Relation between the axion mass and the axion decay constant

$$m_a = 5.70 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right) \text{ eV}$$

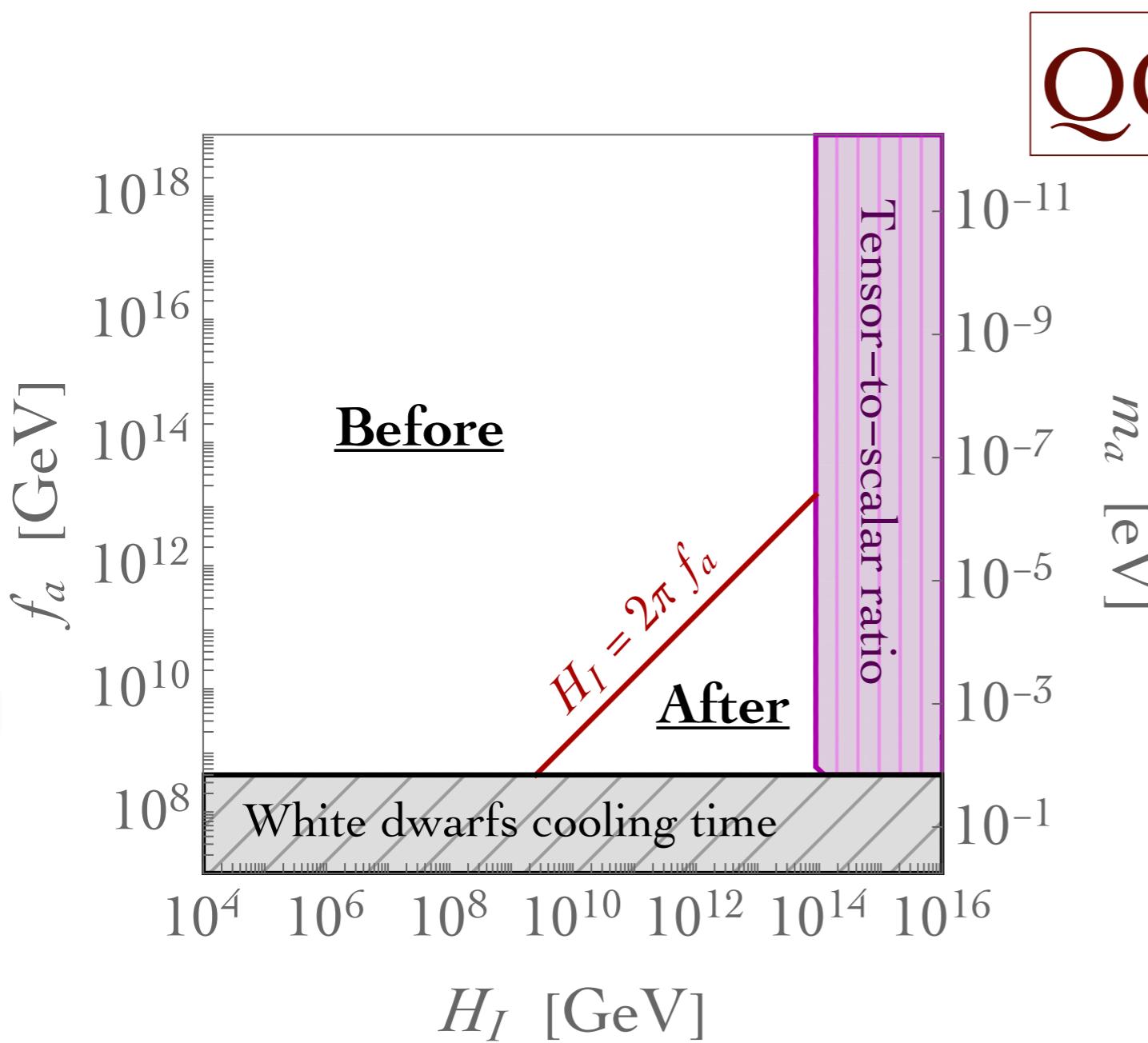
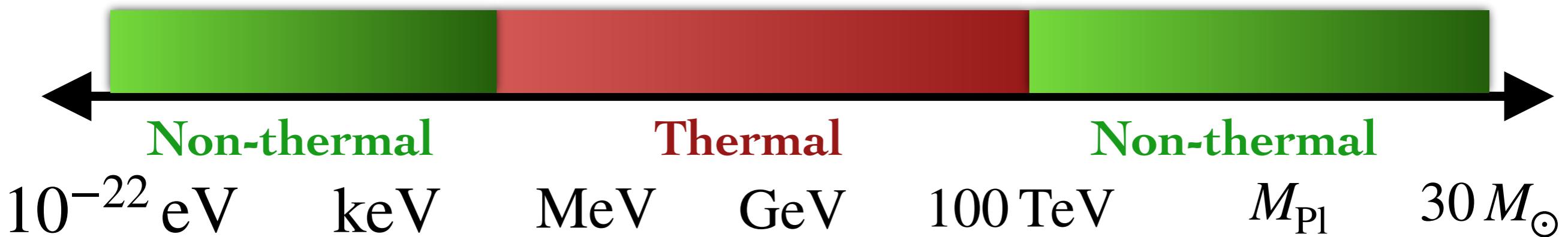
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Crucial interplay
with inflation

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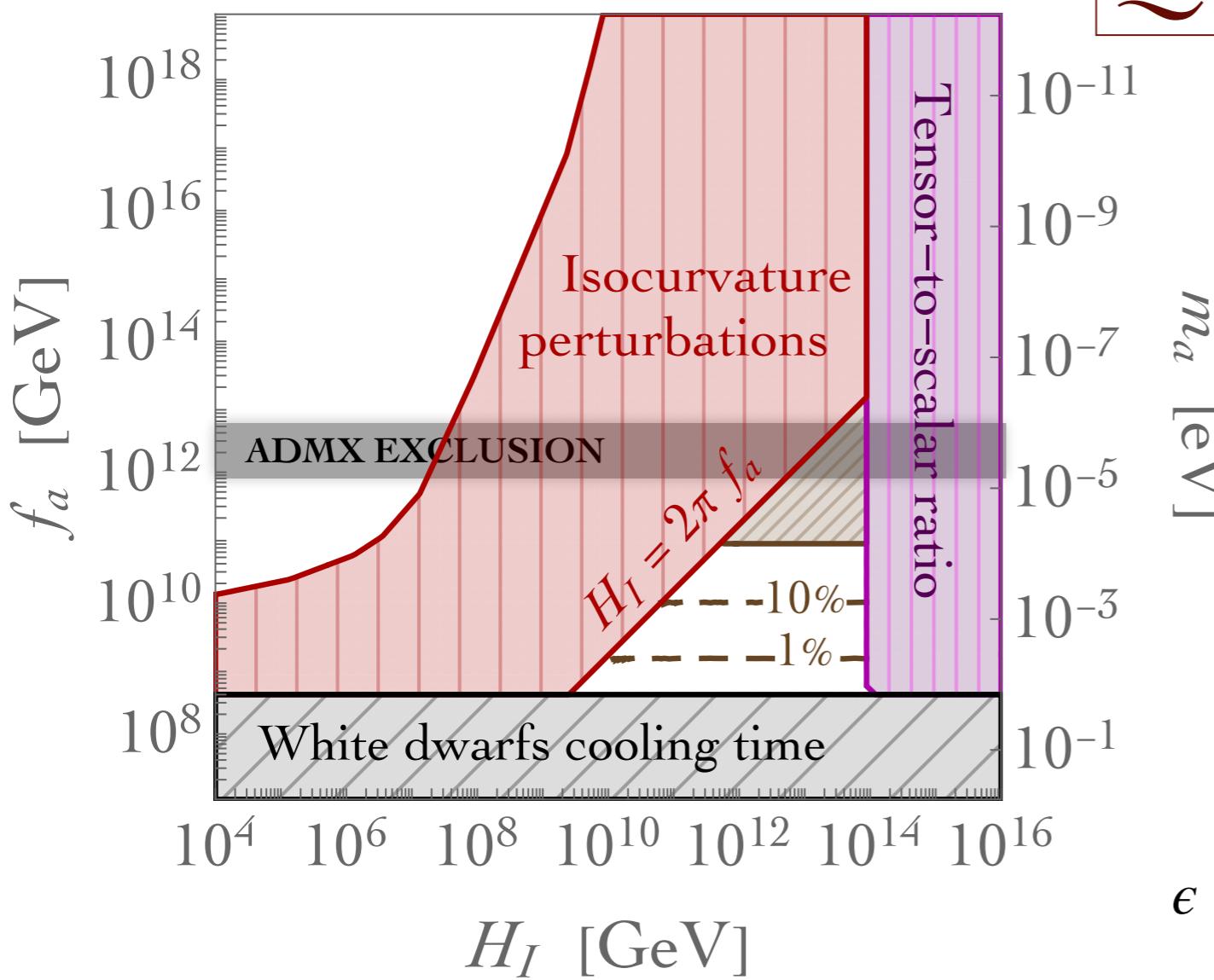
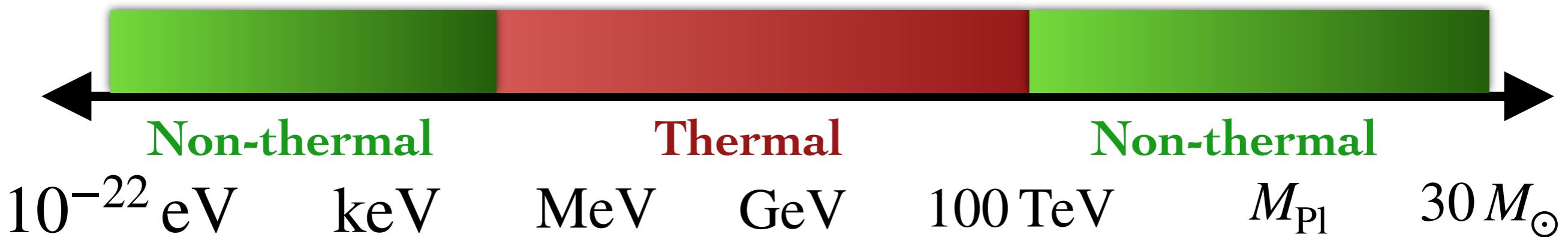
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$\frac{H_I}{2\pi} > f_a$
After the end
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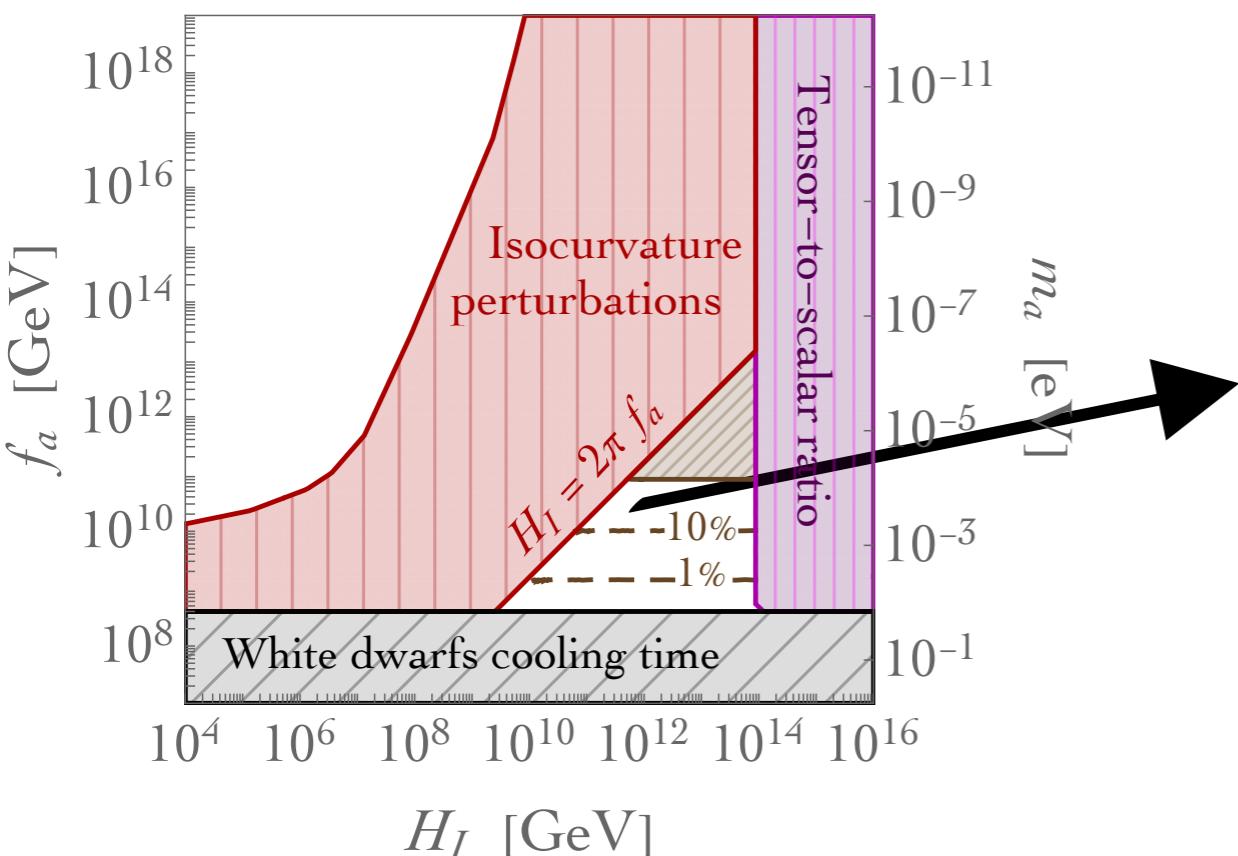
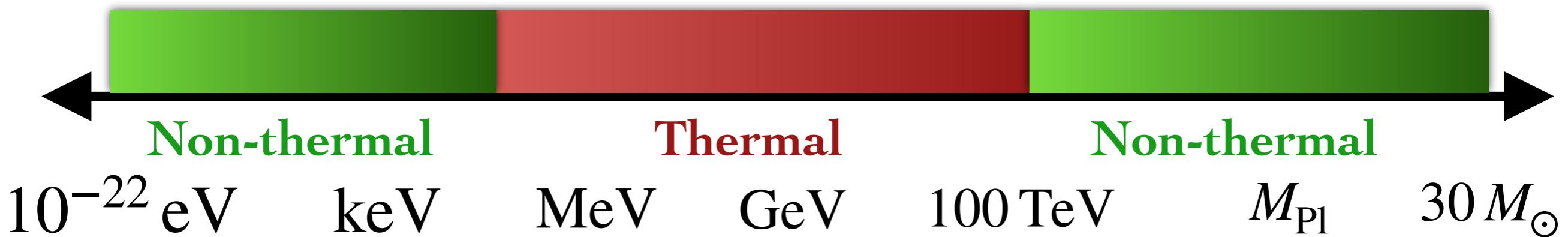
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$$\epsilon \approx 9 \times 10^{-27} \left(\frac{H_I}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

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Contributions to energy density from decays of strings and domain walls if U(1) broken after inflation. Potentially dominant, difficult to compute, and we do not know yet the final answer.

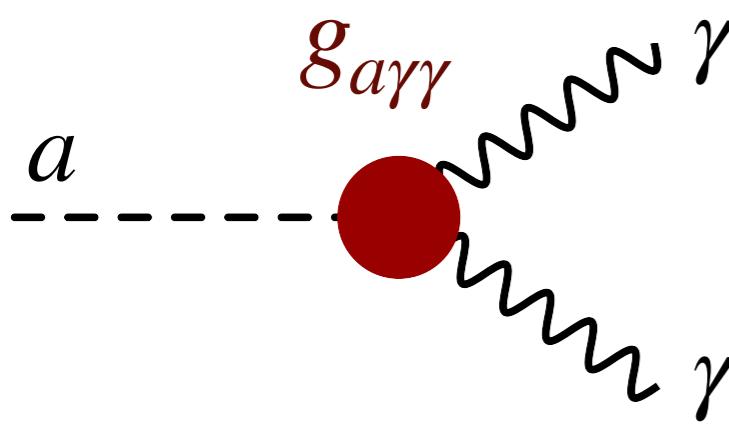
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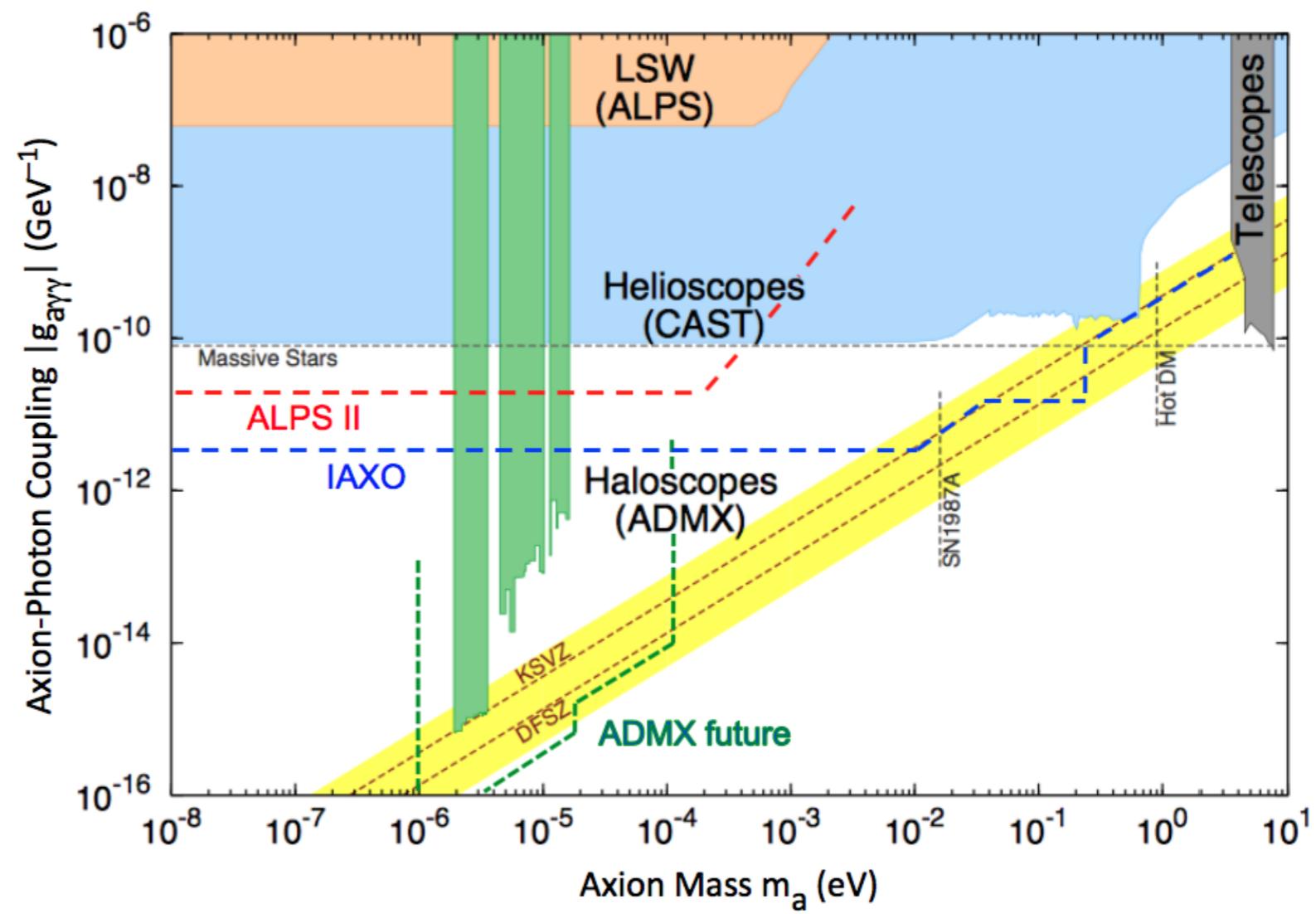
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Mostly base on the
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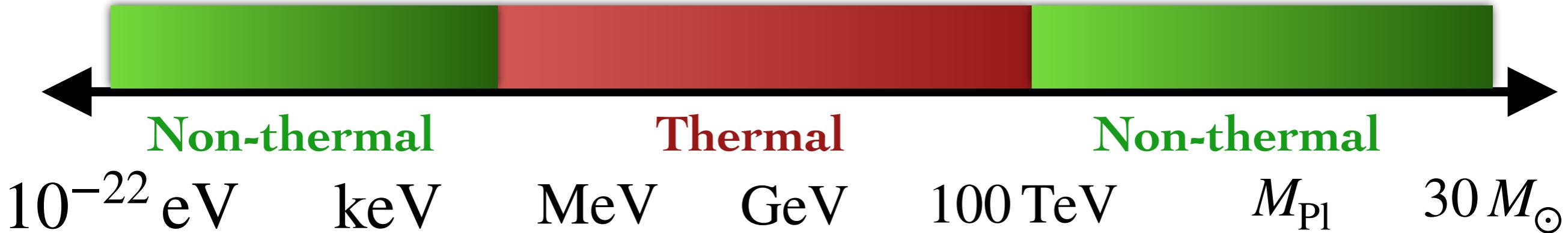


$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}}{2\pi f_a}$$

QCD axion dark matter



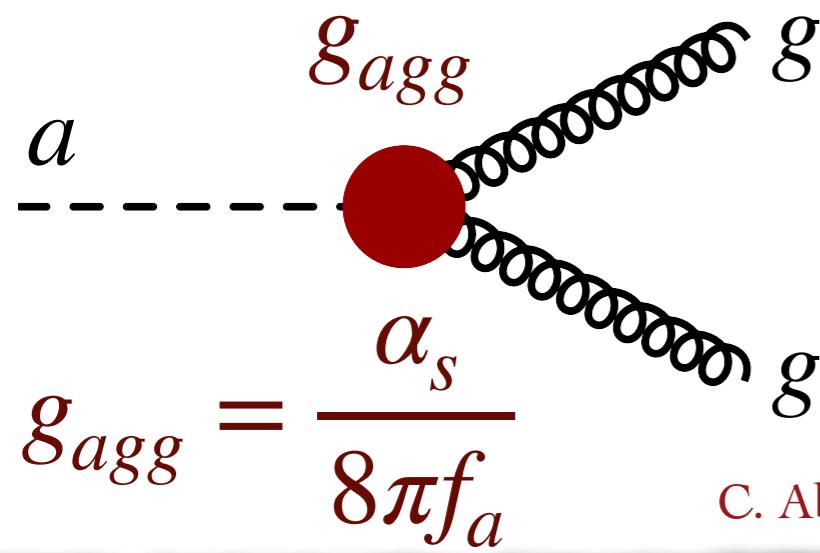
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QCD axion searches

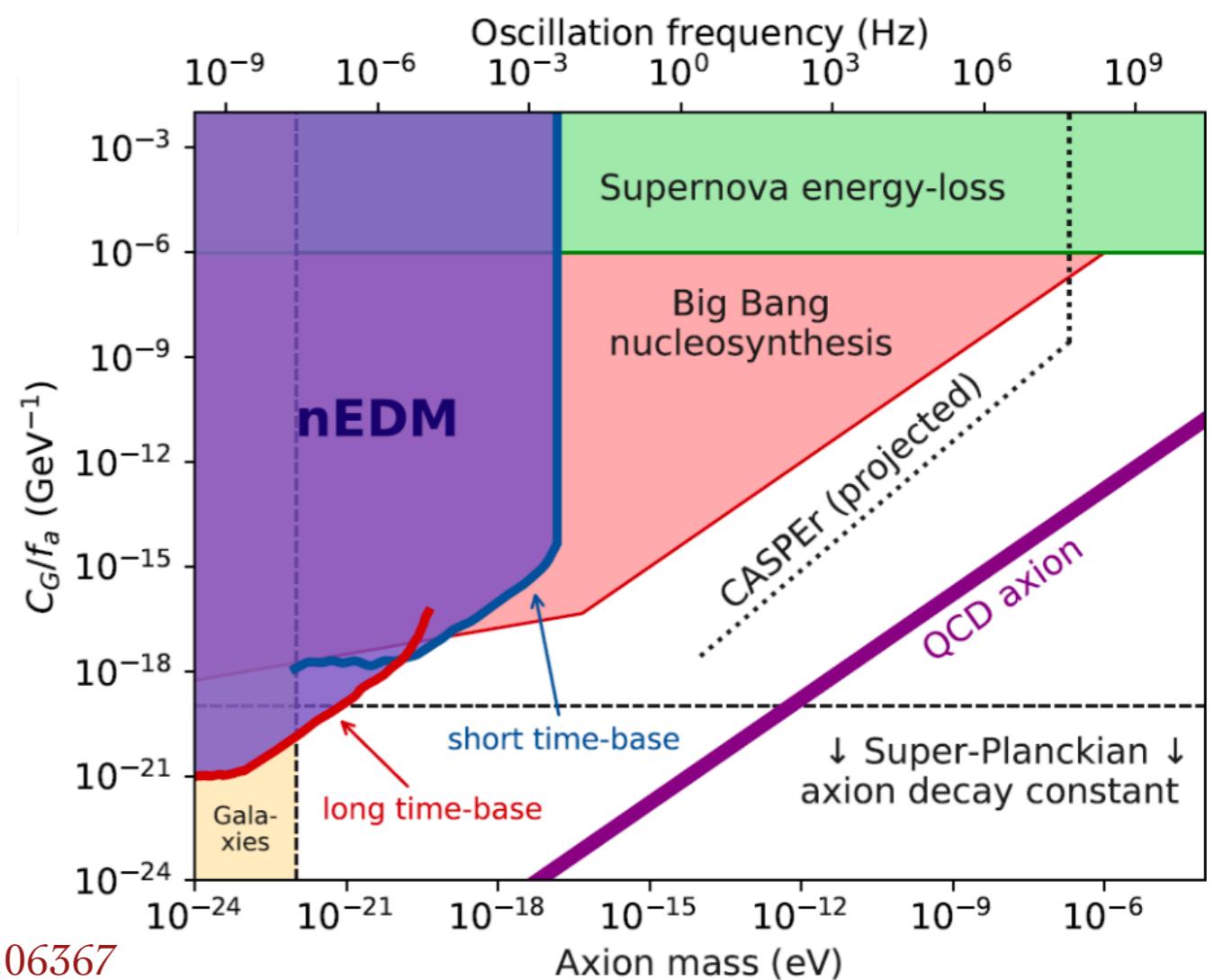
First experimental limits
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$$d_n(t) \approx 2.4 \times 10^{-16} \frac{C_G a_0}{f_a} \cos(m_a t) \text{ e cm}$$

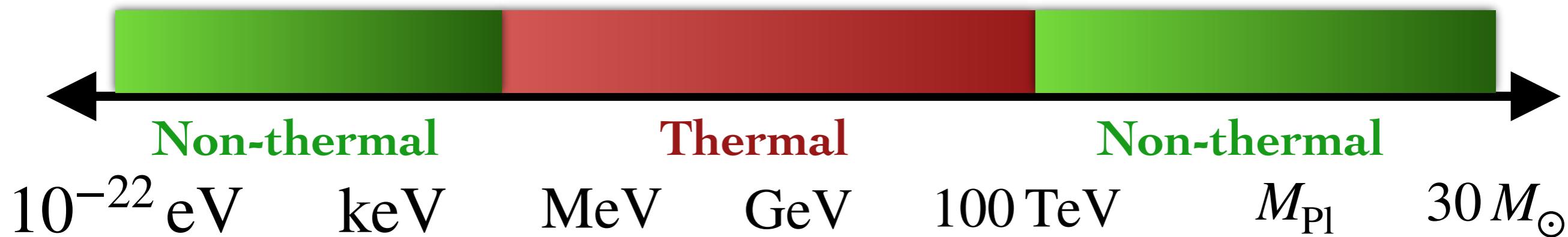


C. Abel et al., arXiv:1708.06367

QCD axion dark matter



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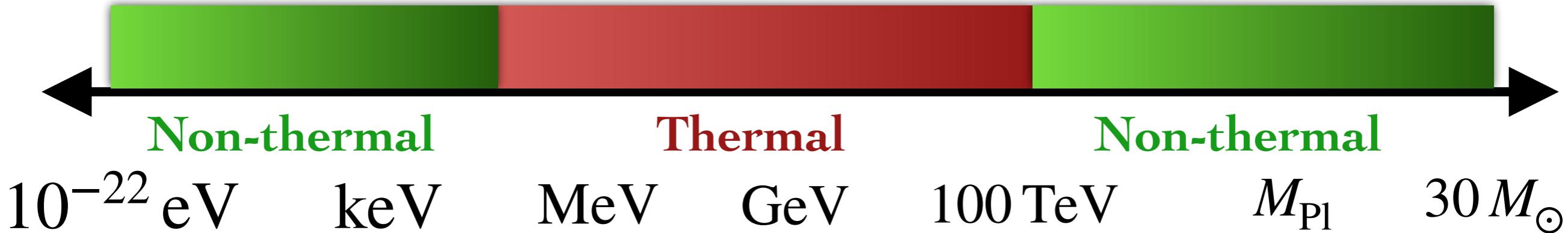
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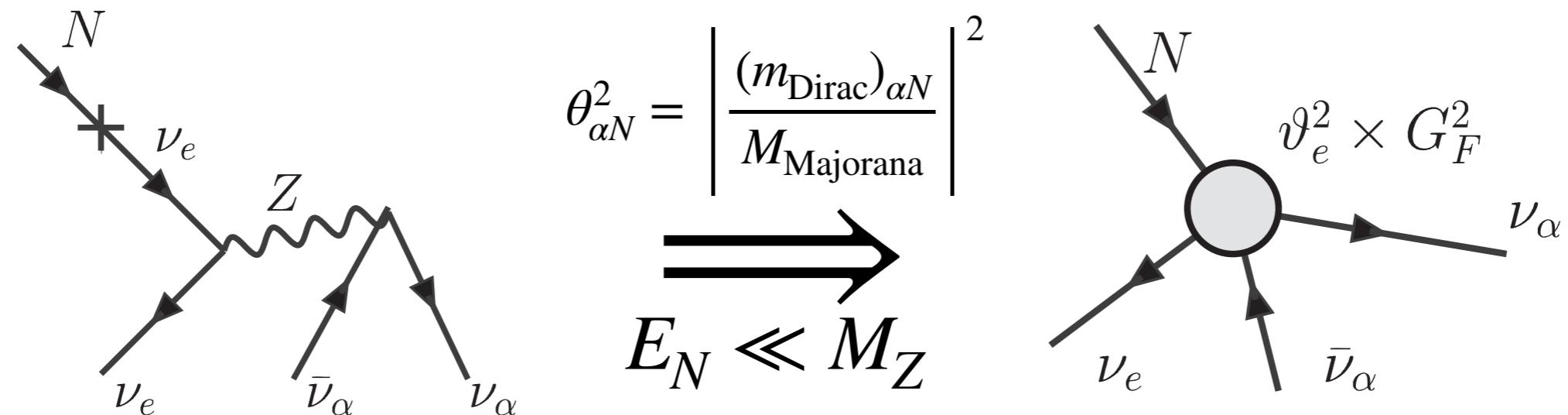
- Sterile neutrino is a right-chiral counterpart of the left-chiral neutrinos of the SM (called “active” neutrinos in this context).
- Adding these particles to the SM Lagrangian makes neutrinos massive. Their existence provides a simple and natural explanation of the observed neutrino flavor oscillations.
- These particles are SM singlet. Along with their Yukawa interaction with the active neutrinos (“Dirac mass”) they can have a Majorana mass term.

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keV dark matter: the case of sterile neutrinos

They interact with the matter via creation of virtual active neutrino (quadratic mixing) and in this way they effectively participate in weak interactions.



At energies much below the masses of the W and Z-bosons, their interaction can be described by the analog of the Fermi theory with the Fermi coupling constant suppressed by the active-sterile neutrino mixing angle.

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keV dark matter: the case of sterile neutrinos

To account for dark matter and neutrino masses and oscillations, **three sterile neutrinos are needed.**

Sterile neutrino dark matter can be produced in the early Universe through mixing with active neutrinos and have a correct relic density.

S. Dodelson, L.M. Widrow, hep-ph/9303287

The simplest possibility is the ν SM (Neutrino Minimal Standard Model)

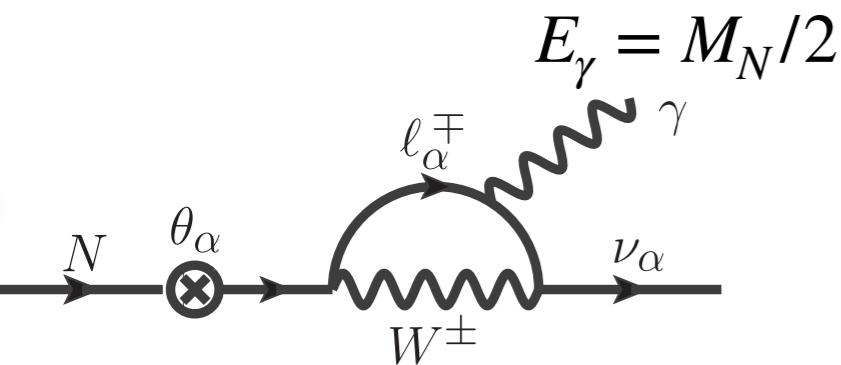
For a review, A. Boyarsky, O. Ruchayskiy, M. Shaposhnikov, arXiv:0901.0011

[Out-of equilibrium reactions are capable of generating the observed matter–anti- matter asymmetry of the Universe (baryogenesis)]

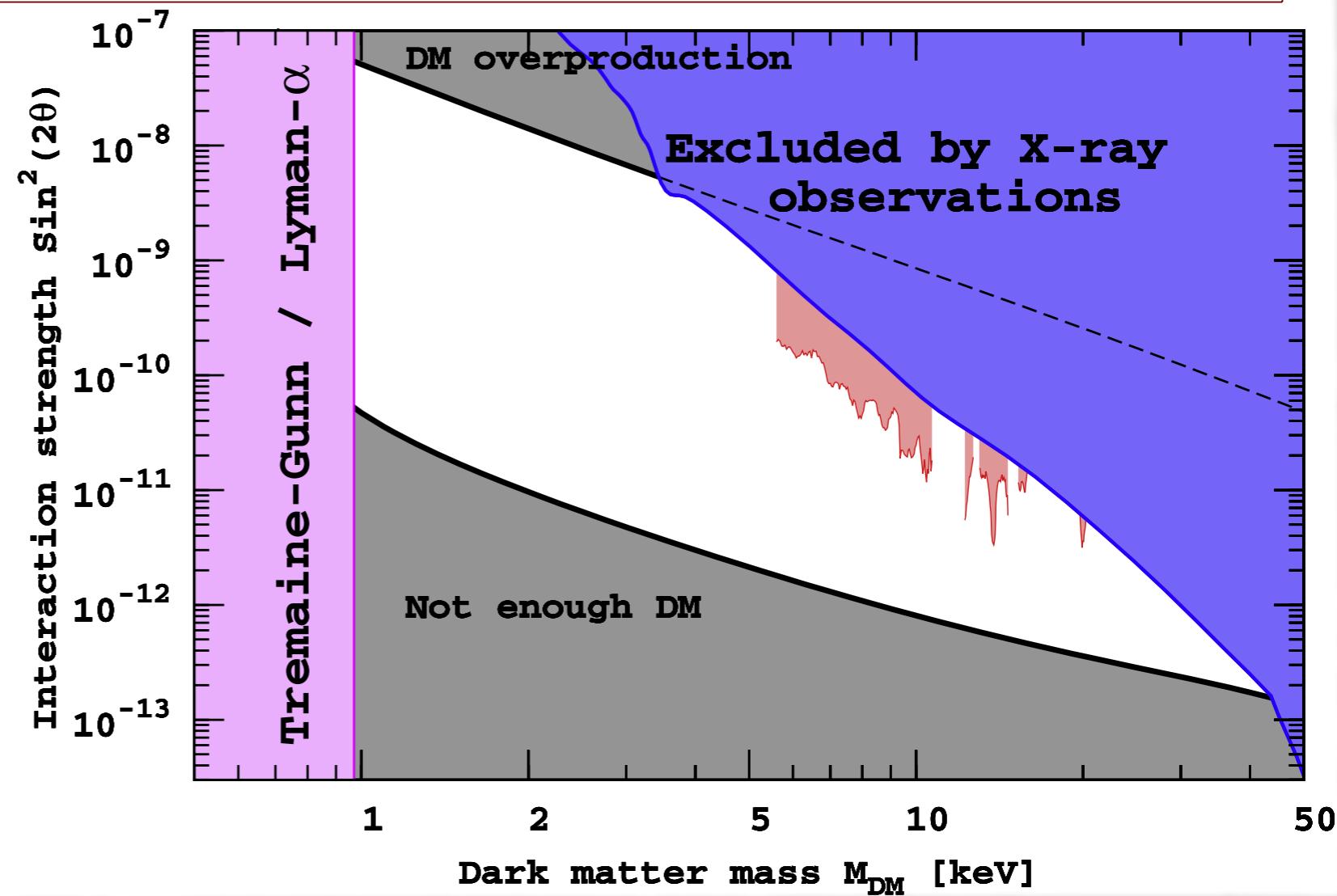
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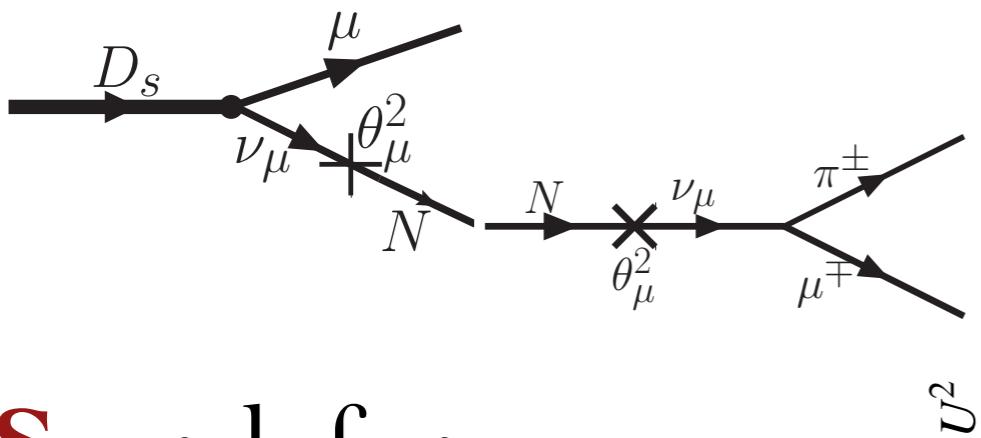
The combination of X-ray bounds and computations of primordial abundance shows that **the parameter space of sterile neutrino DM is bounded on all sides.**



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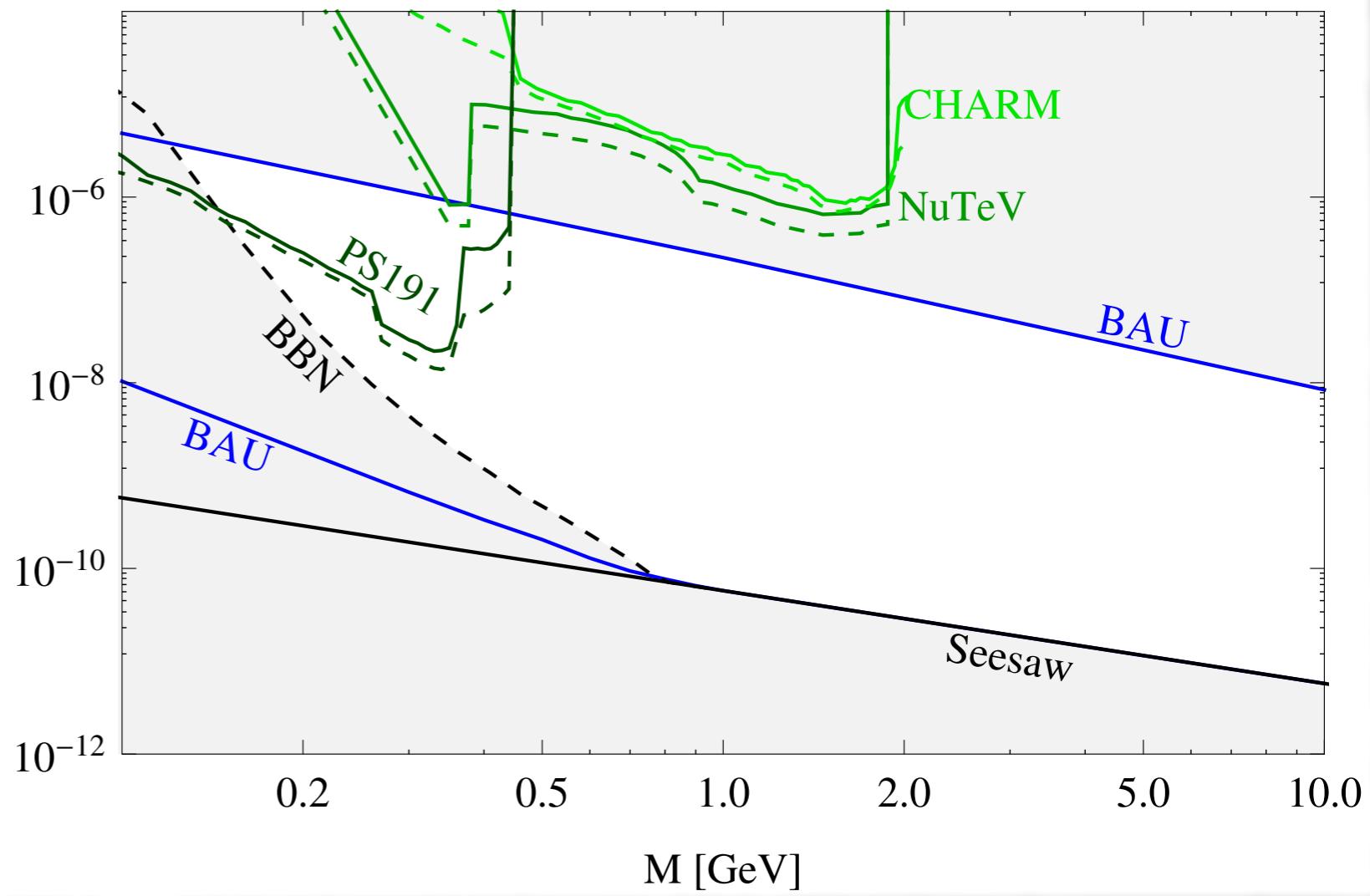


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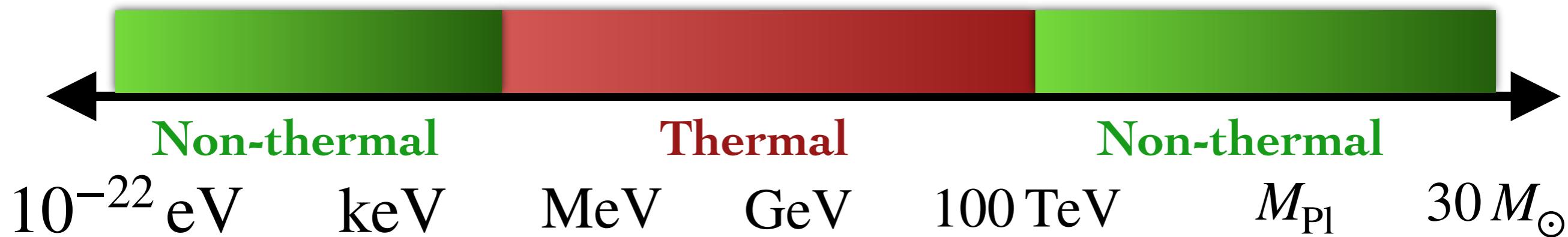


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WIMP dark matter

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WIMP dark matter

Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs) have long reigned as one of the leading classes of dark matter candidates.

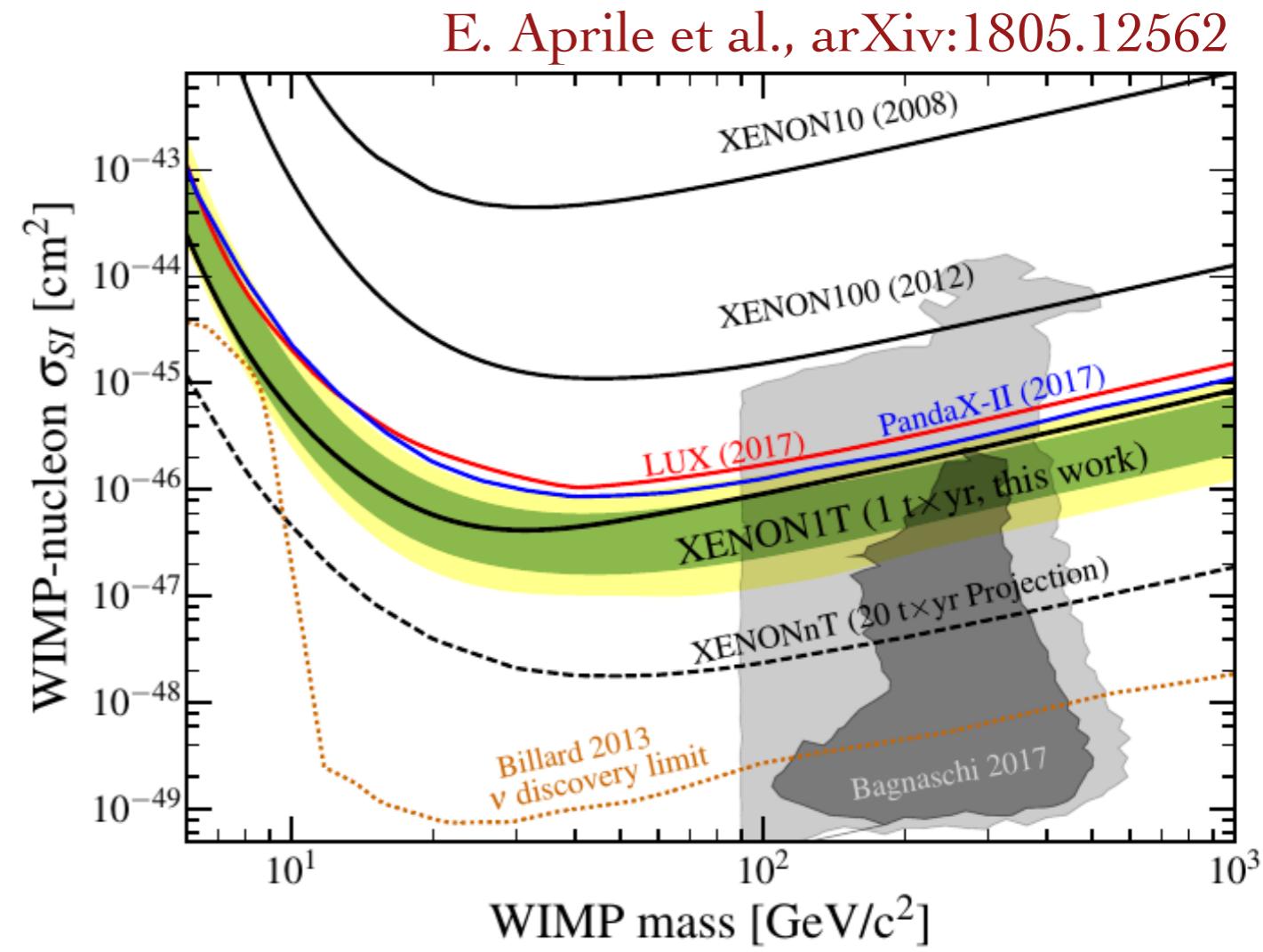
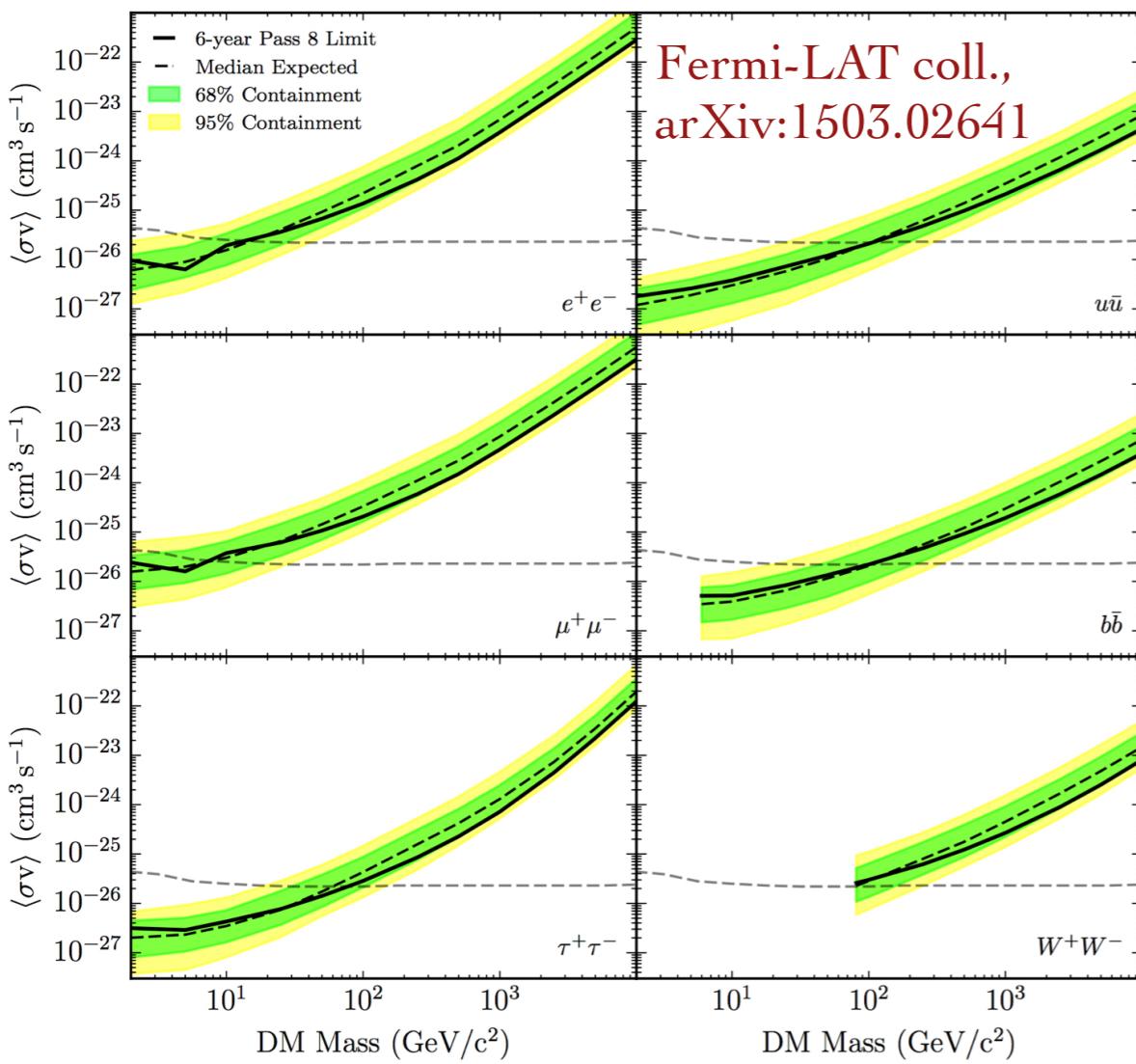
$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \frac{\alpha_W^2}{M_{\text{DM}}^2} \sim 10^{-26} \times \left(\frac{\alpha_W}{0.003} \right)^2 \times \left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{M_{\text{DM}}} \right)^2 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$

However, no (convincing) signals has been observed so far in either “direct” or “indirect” searches.

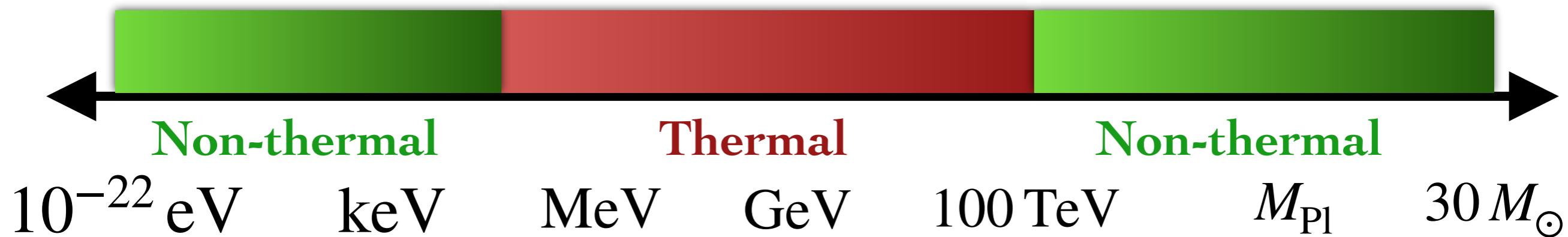
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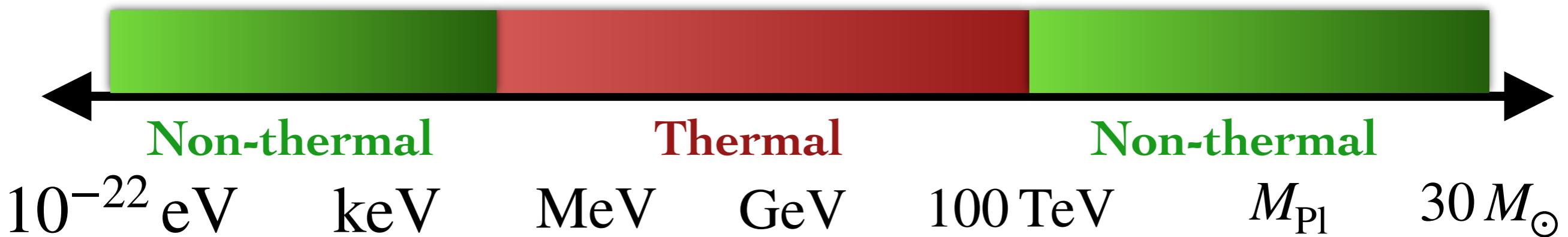


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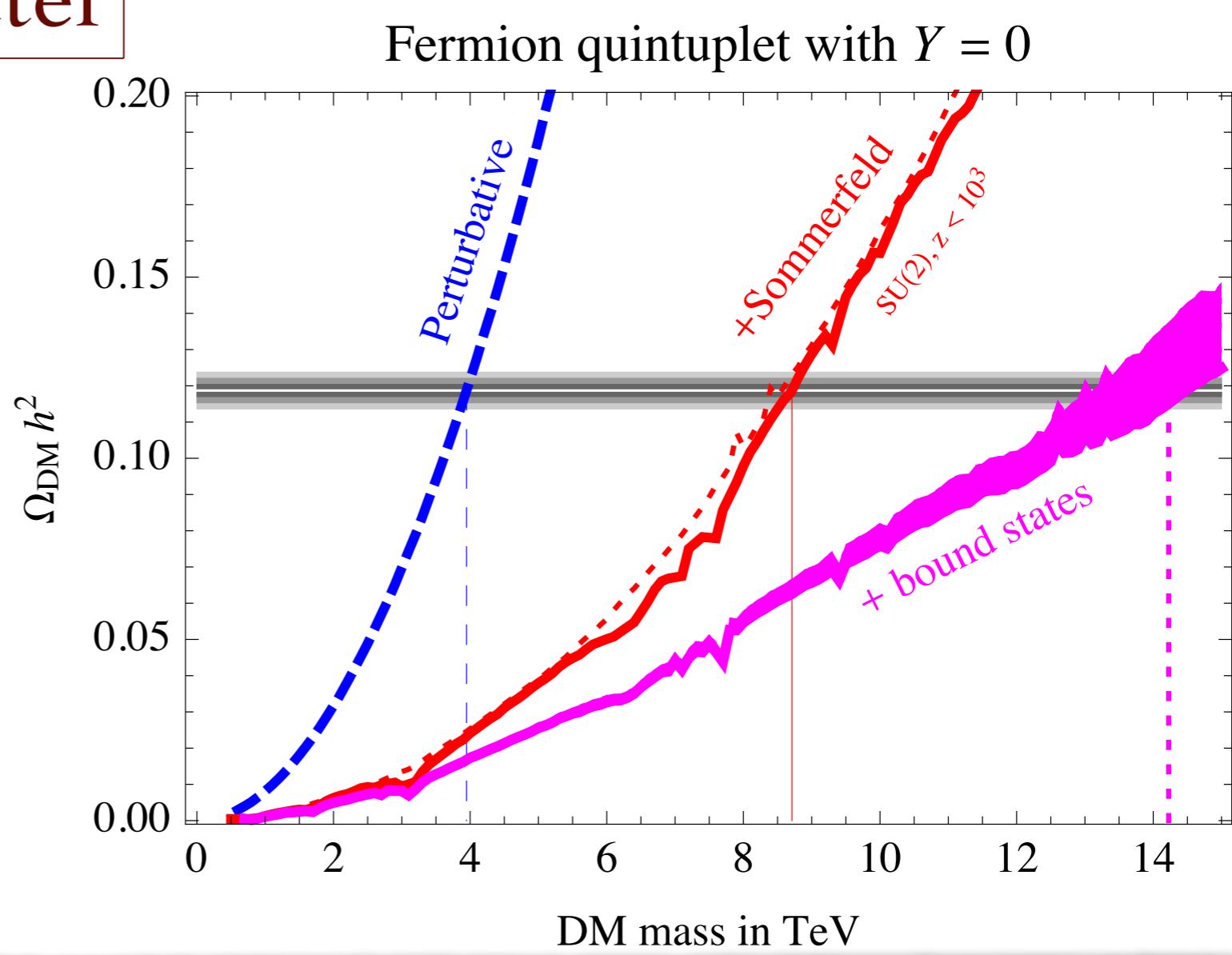
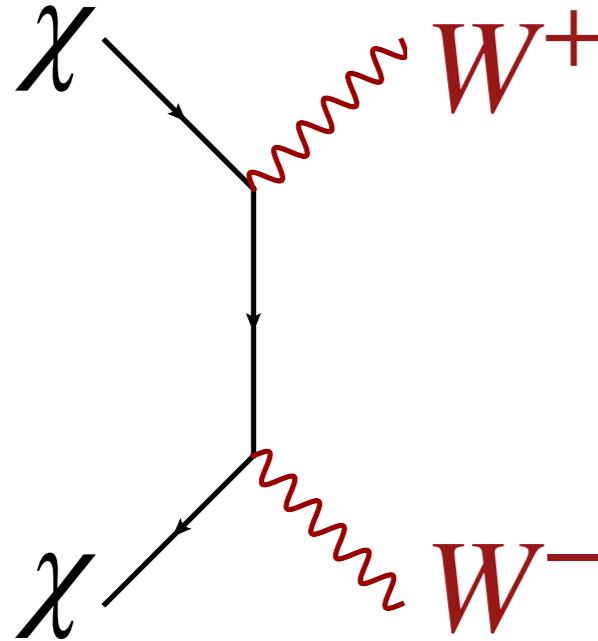


TeV thermal dark matter

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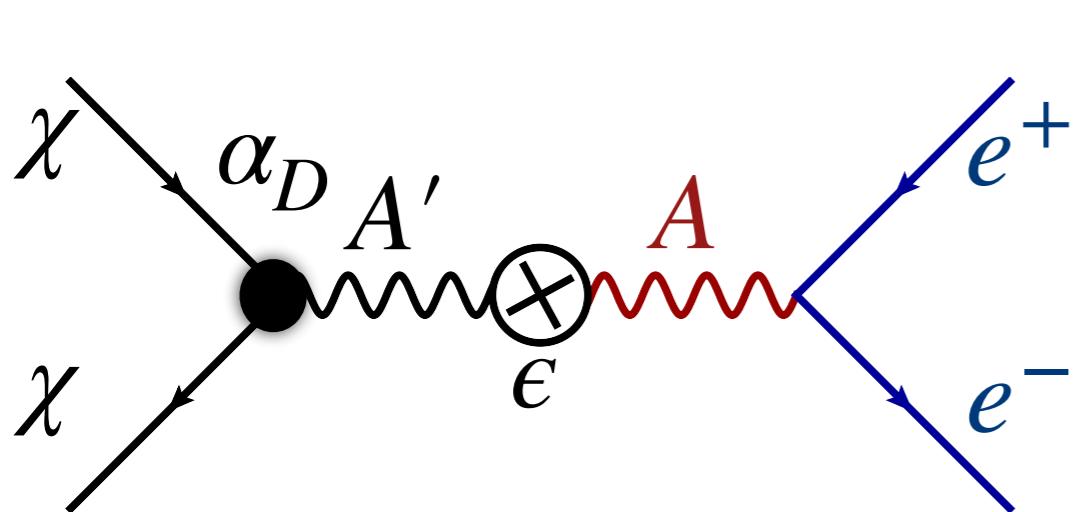
MeV thermal dark matter

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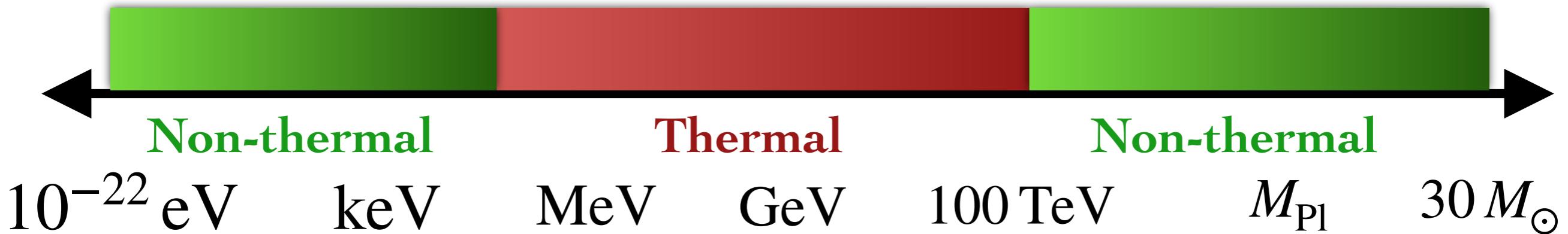
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Representative benchmark model: Dark Photon A'



$$\sigma v \sim \alpha_D \epsilon^2 \frac{m_\chi^2}{m_{A'}^4} \sim \left(\alpha_D \epsilon^2 \frac{m_\chi^4}{m_{A'}^4} \right) \frac{1}{m_\chi^2} \equiv \frac{Y}{m_\chi^2}$$

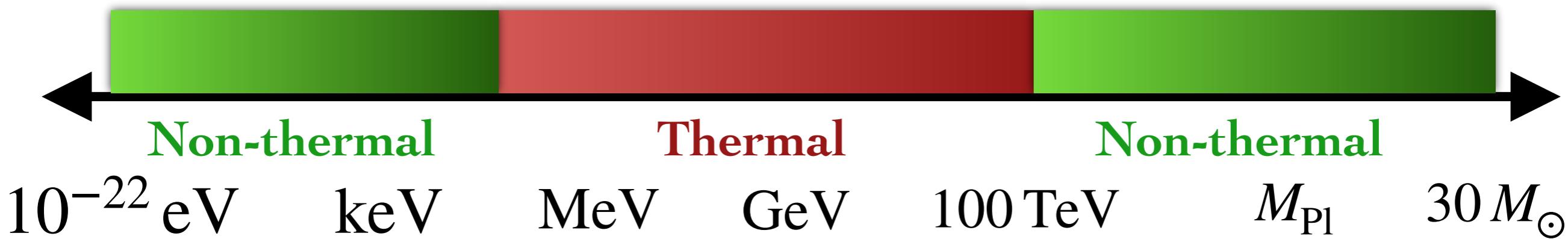
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Simple model but rich phenomenology

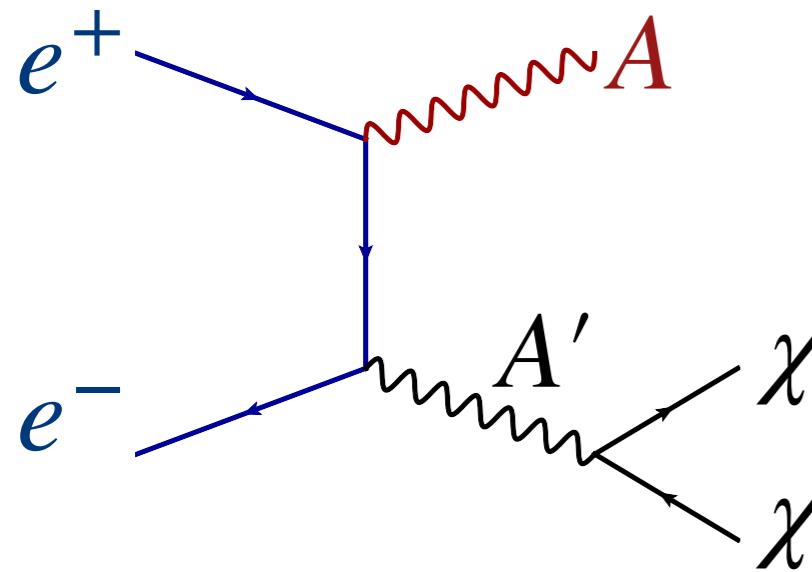
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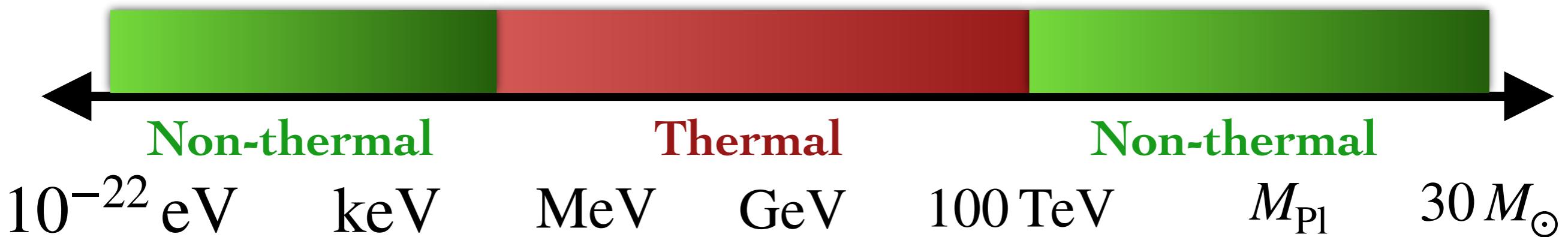
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Collider physics (BaBar, Belle II, LHC)



Need single photon trigger

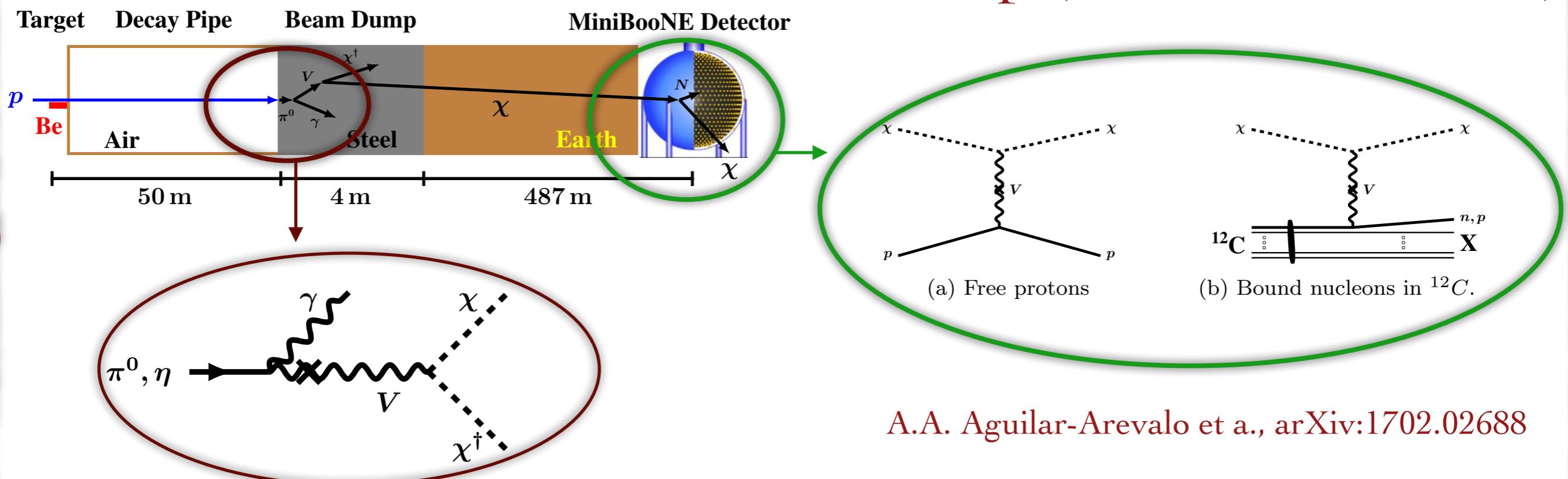
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Proton beam dump (MiniBooNE, SHiP)

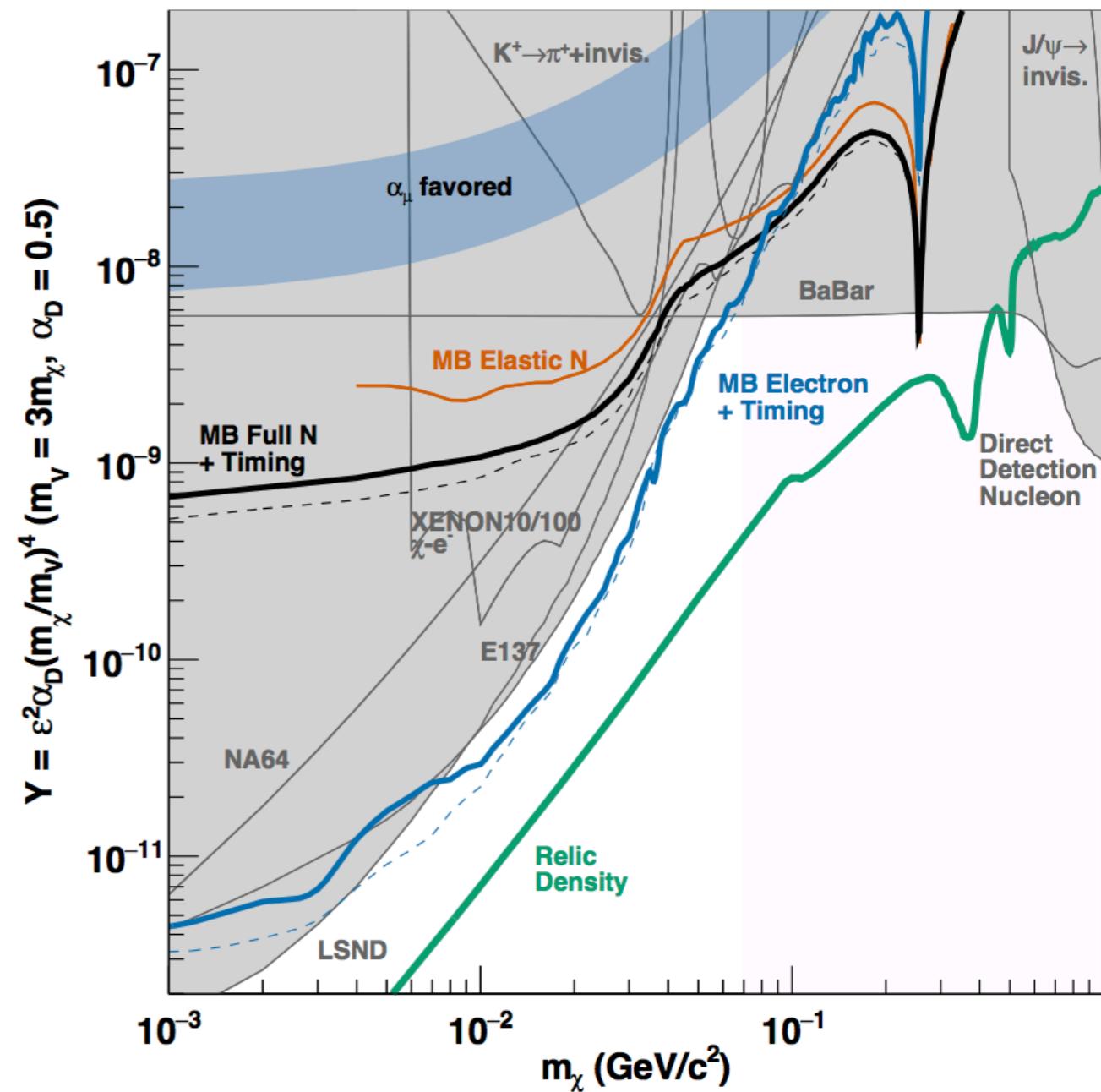


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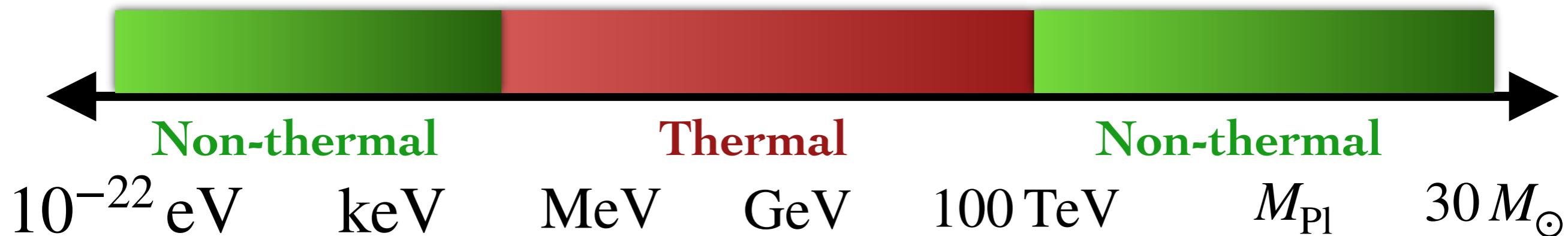


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Simple prototype for a
“Dark Sector”. Rich, and
mostly new,
phenomenology.

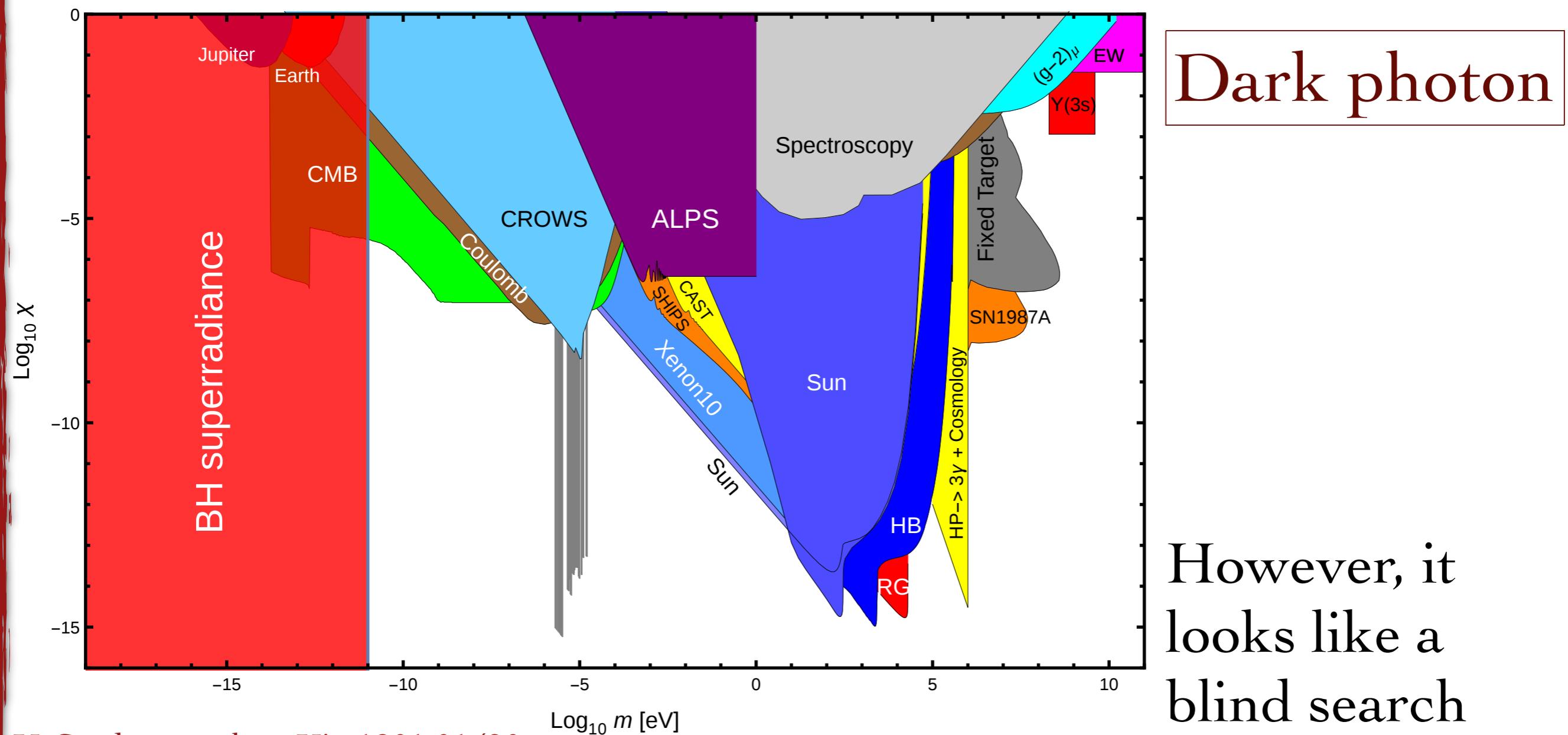
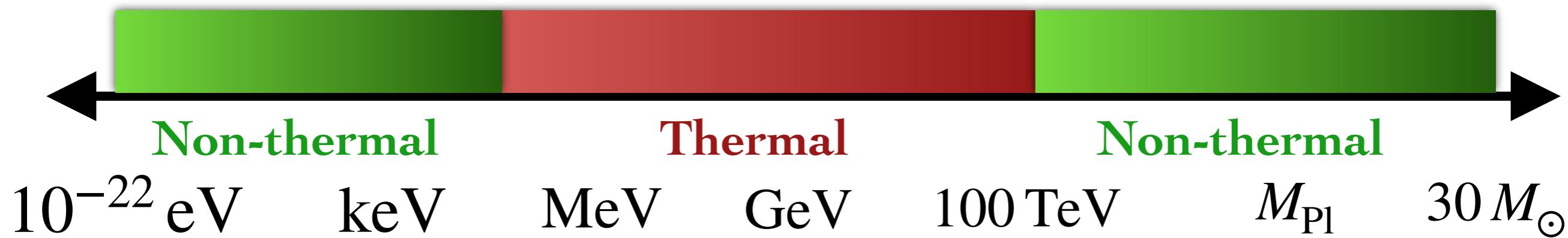


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Dark photon

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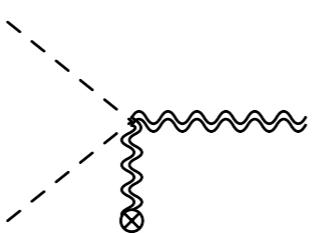


Remarkable connection with gravitational wave physics

Dark photon

There are two main experimental signatures of BH superradiance

Monochromatic emission of gravitational wave
from the scalar cloud (with frequency set by
the scalar field mass)



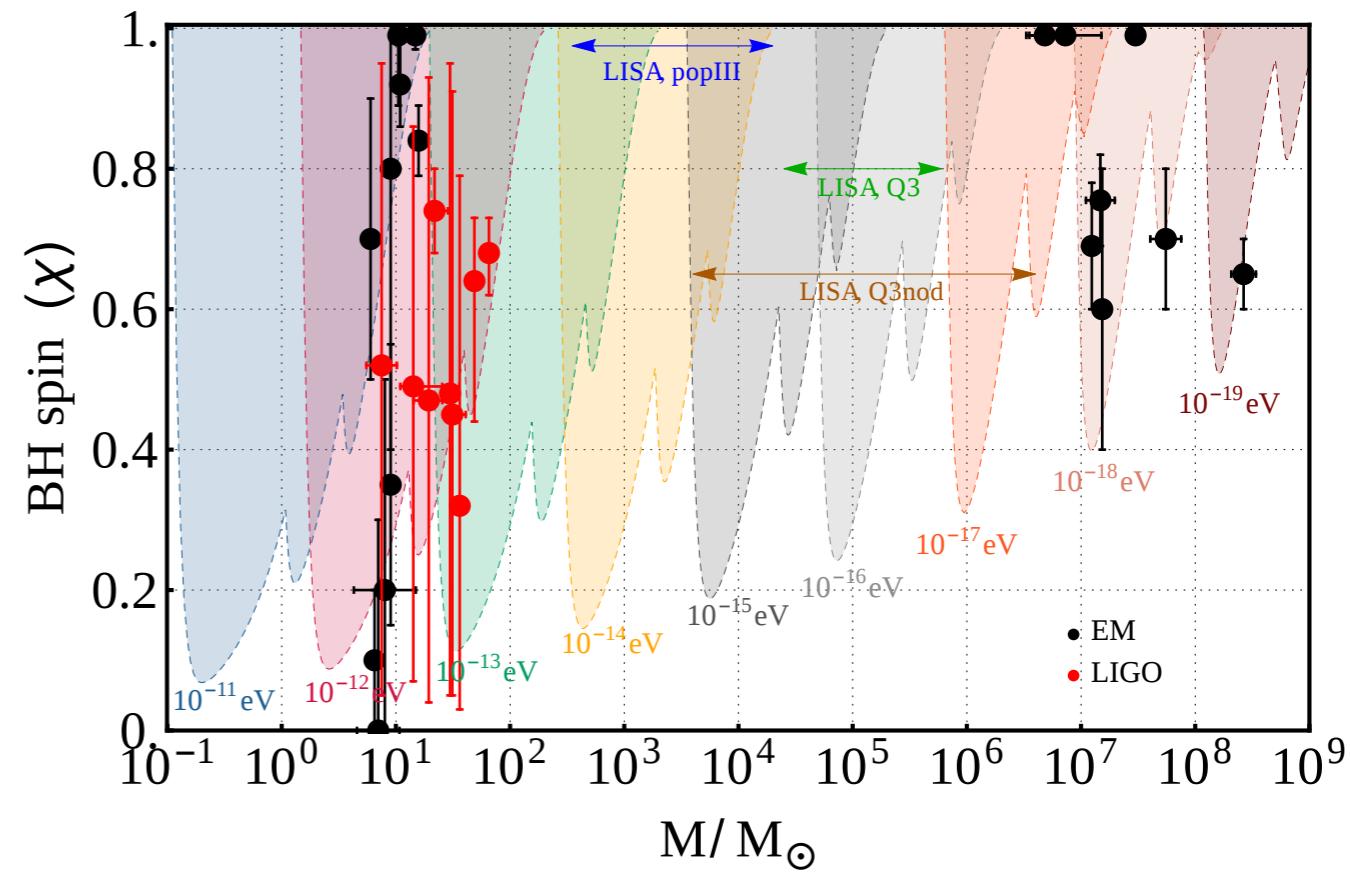
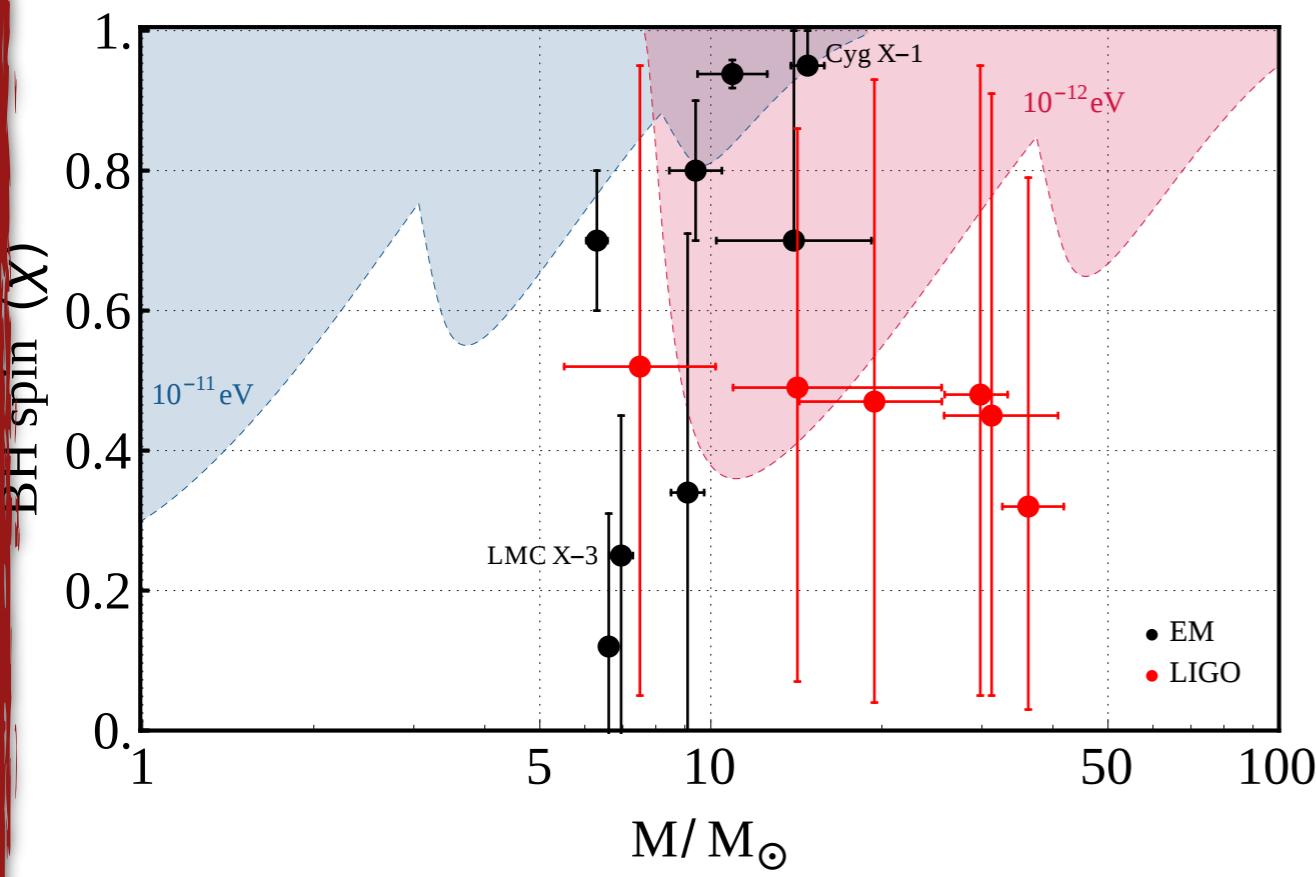
We should not
observe rapidly-
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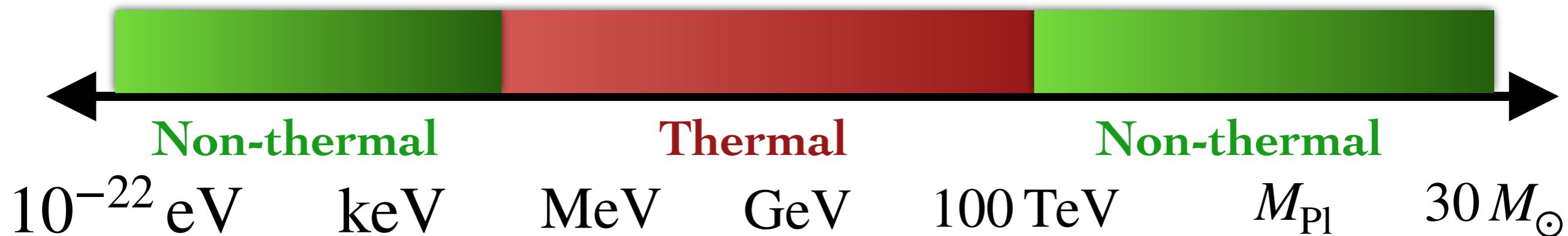


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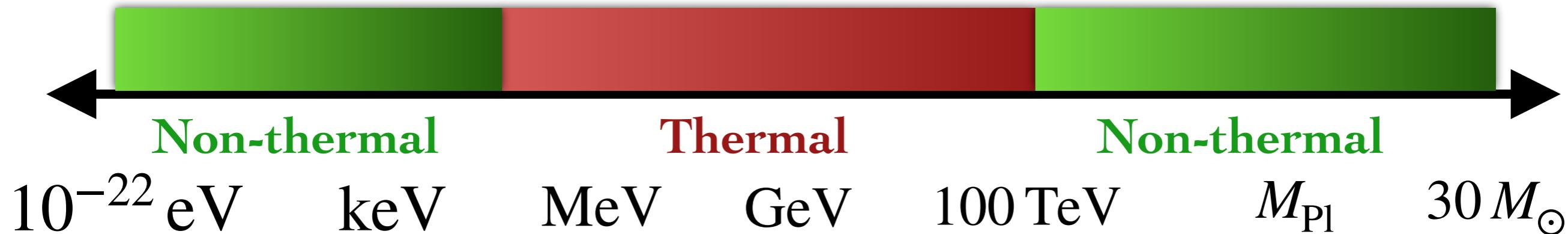


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Primordial black holes as dark matter

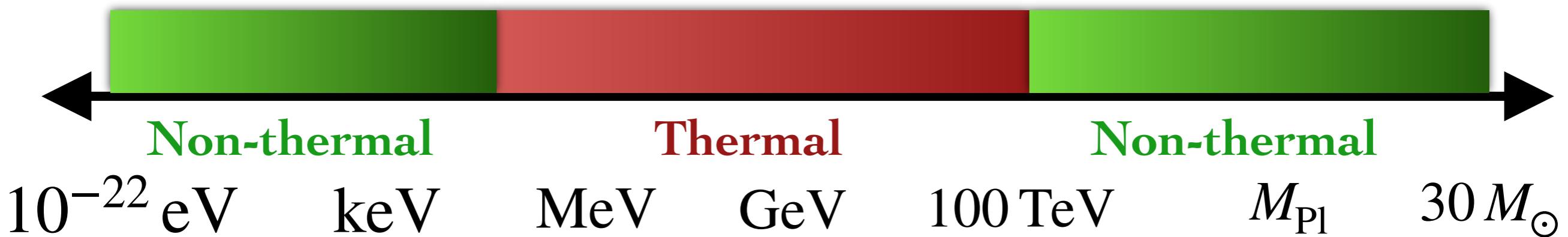
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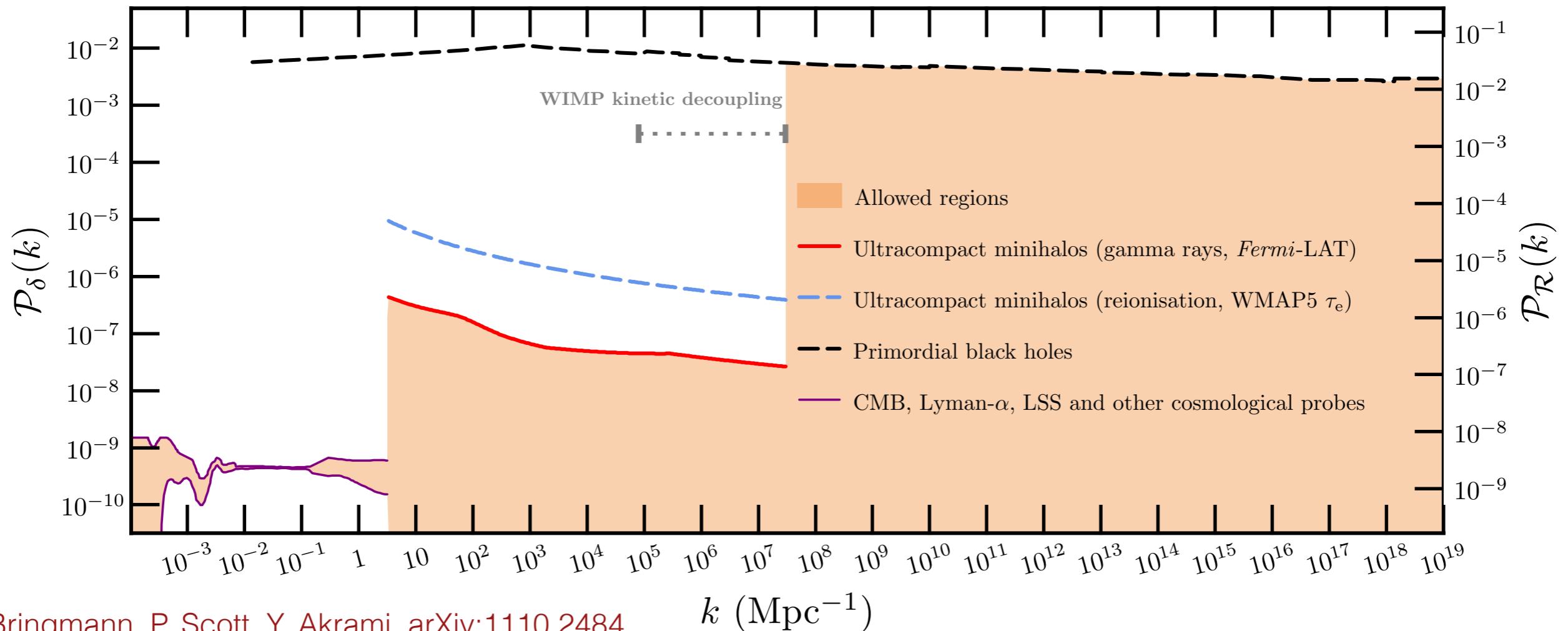
Primordial black holes as dark matter

- The only exception to new physics beyond the Standard Model if dark matter is made out of primordial black holes.
- Old idea, but LIGO/Virgo discoveries generated new excitement
- In order for such compact objects to form, the primordial power spectrum needs to be boosted by about 7 orders of magnitude above the value observed on large scales

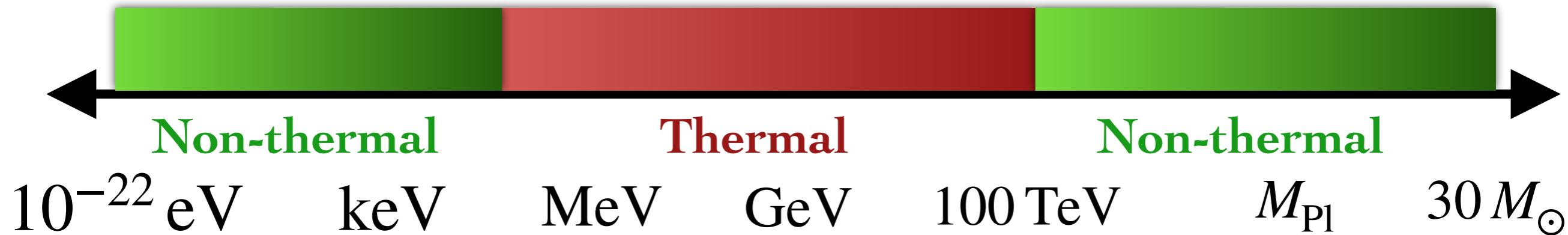
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The BHs LIGO detected might be astrophysical or primordial

Clear-cut tests:

Astrophysical

$$M \gtrsim 1 M_{\odot}$$

do not exist at $z \gtrsim 30$

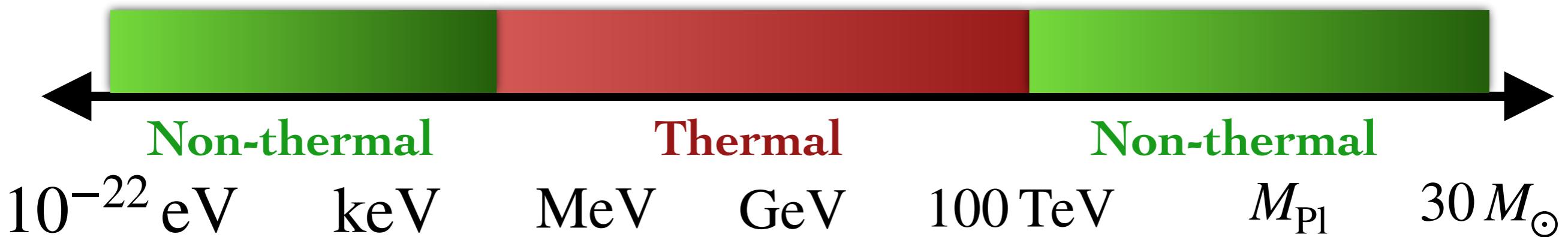
high spin

Primordial

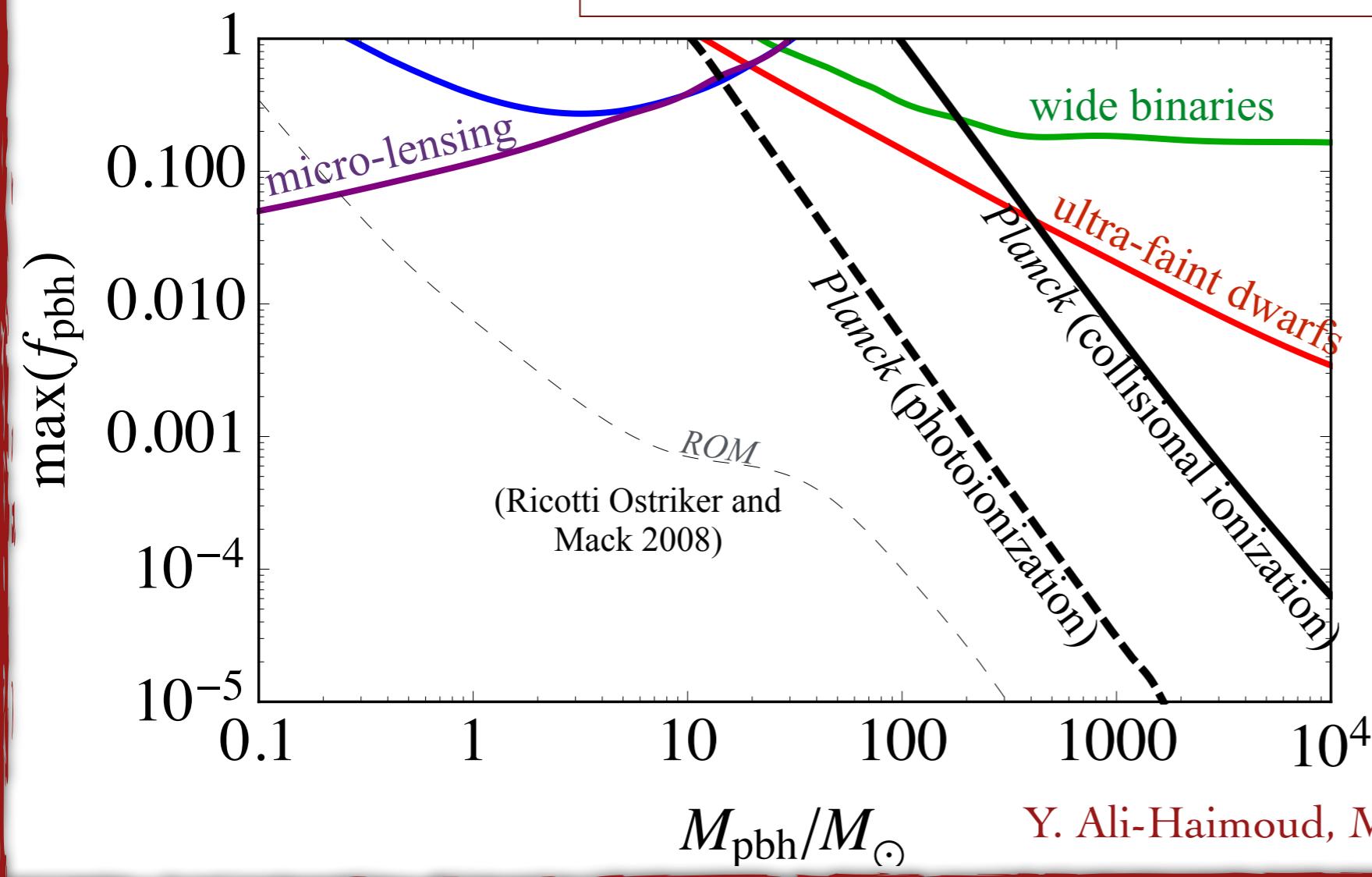
$\frac{dN}{dM} =$ your favorite distribution
already exist at $z \gg 10^3$

low spin

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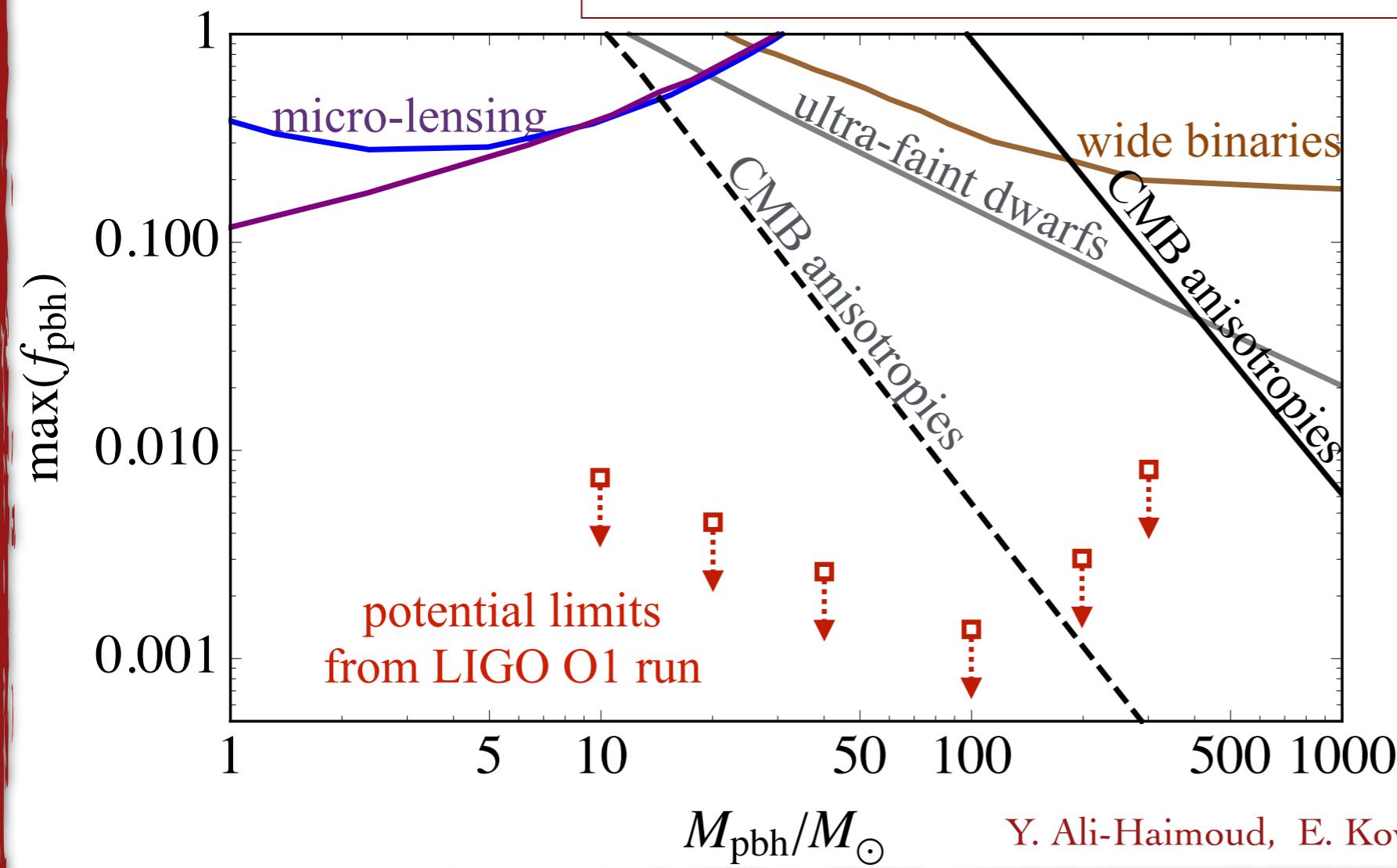
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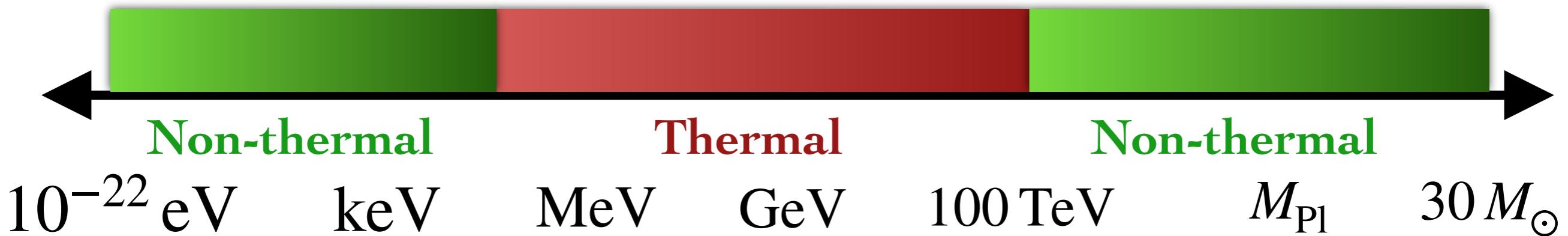
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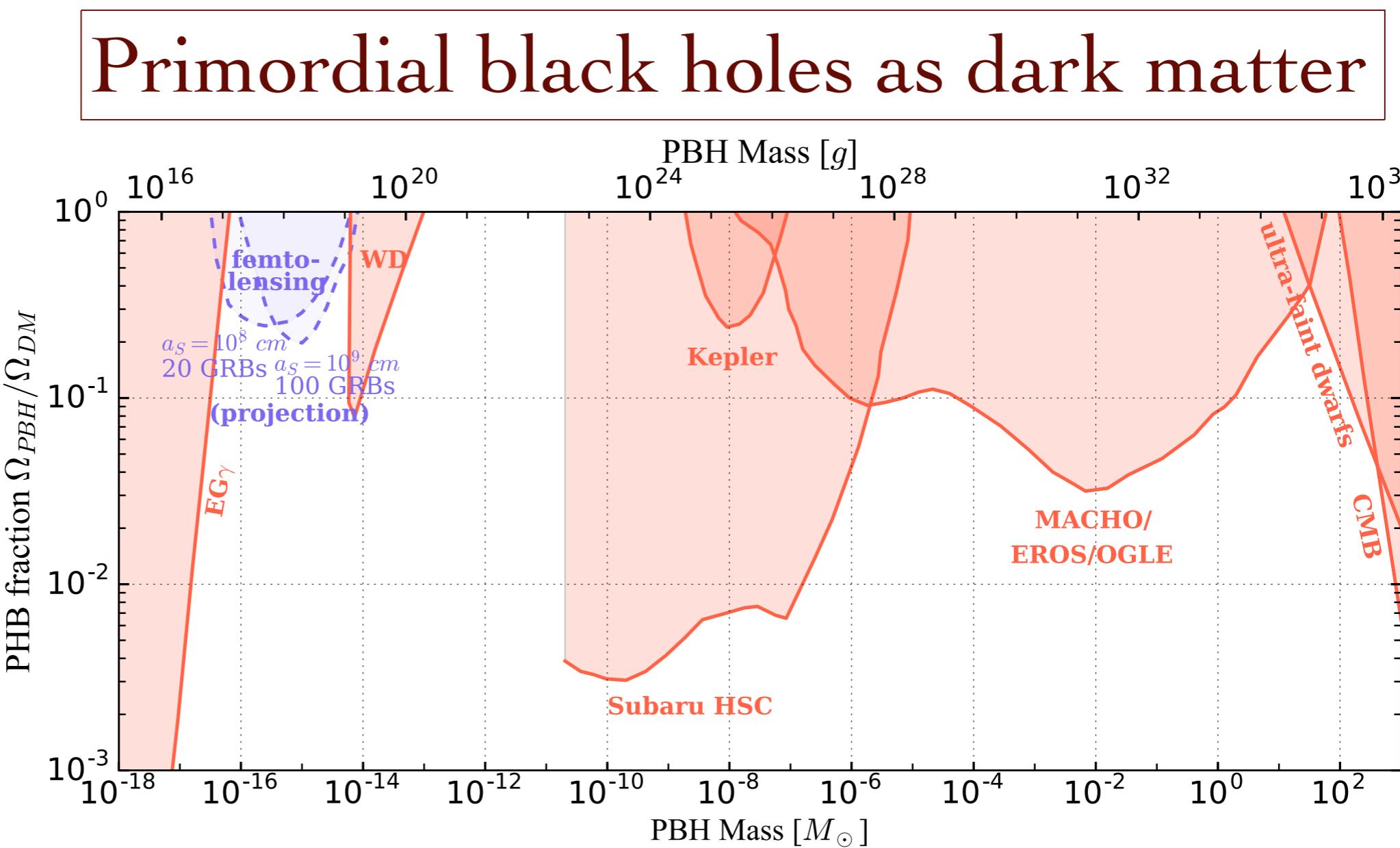
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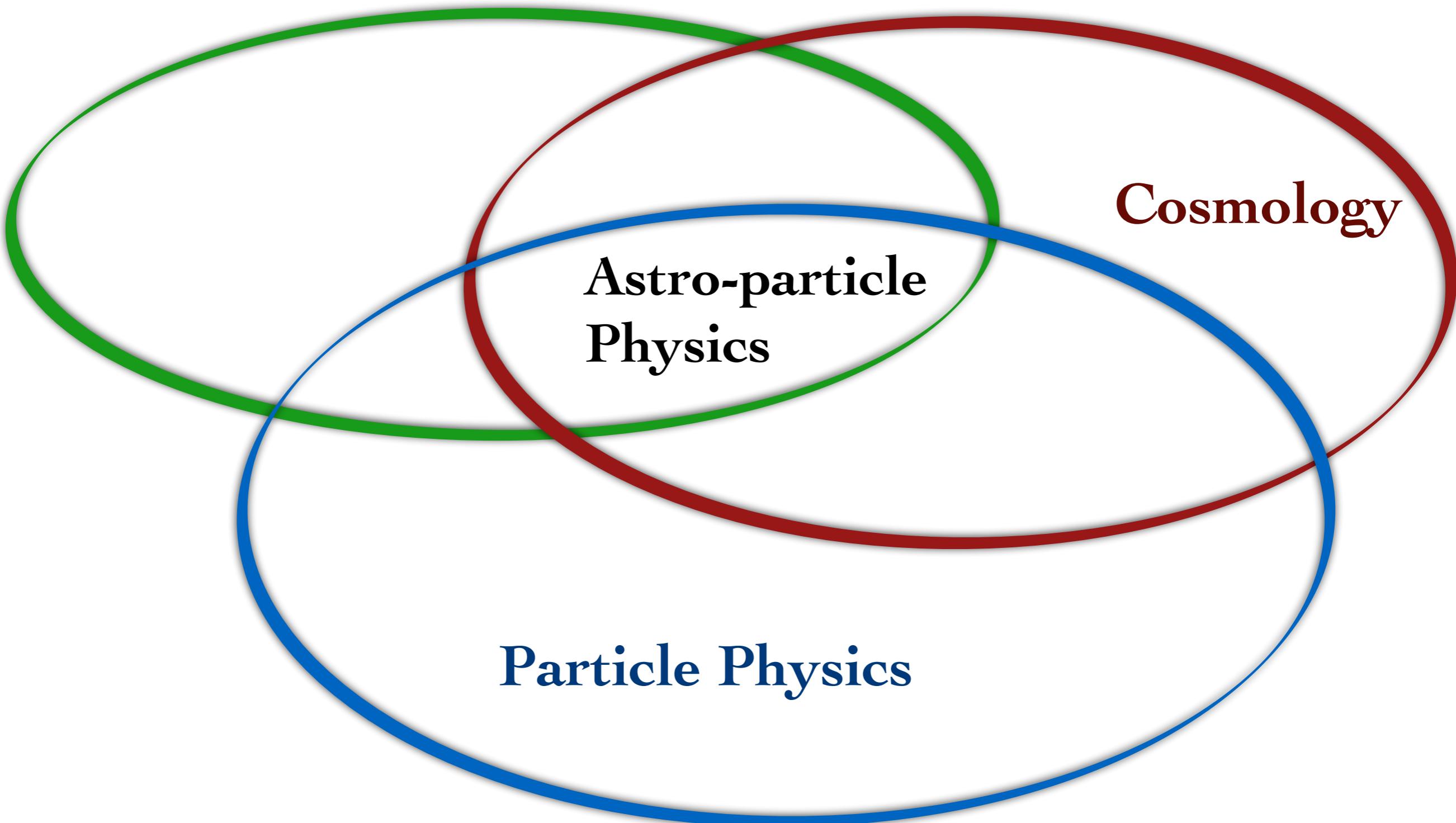


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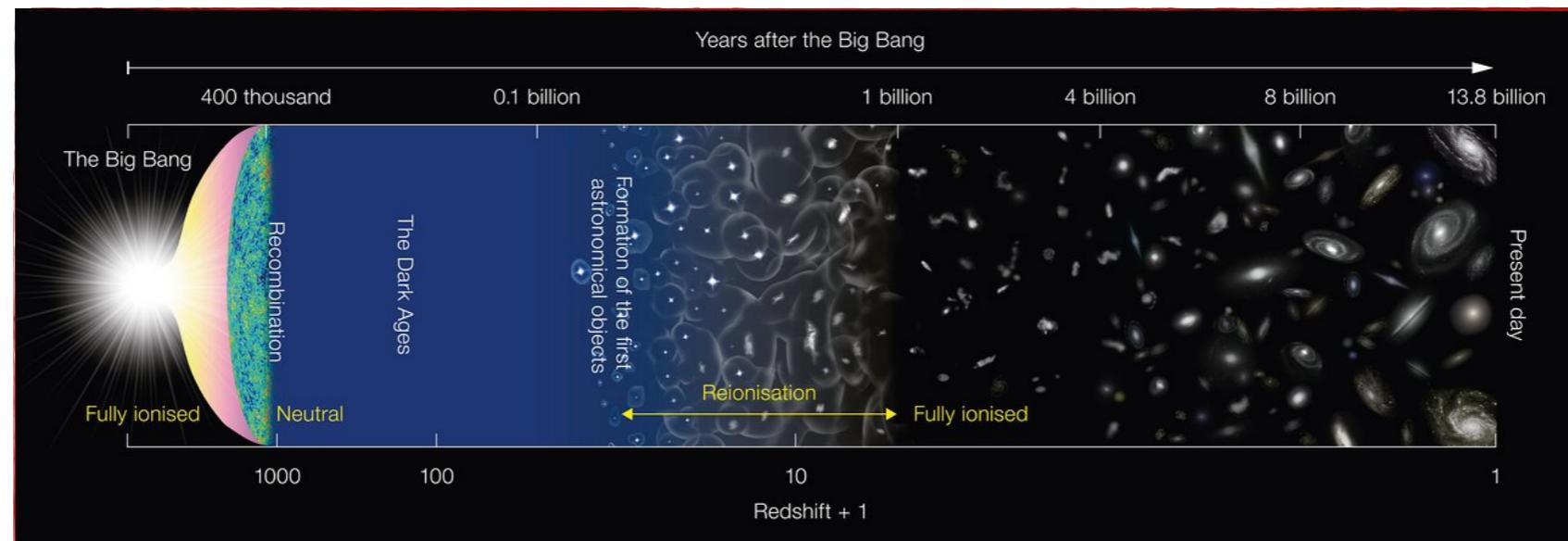
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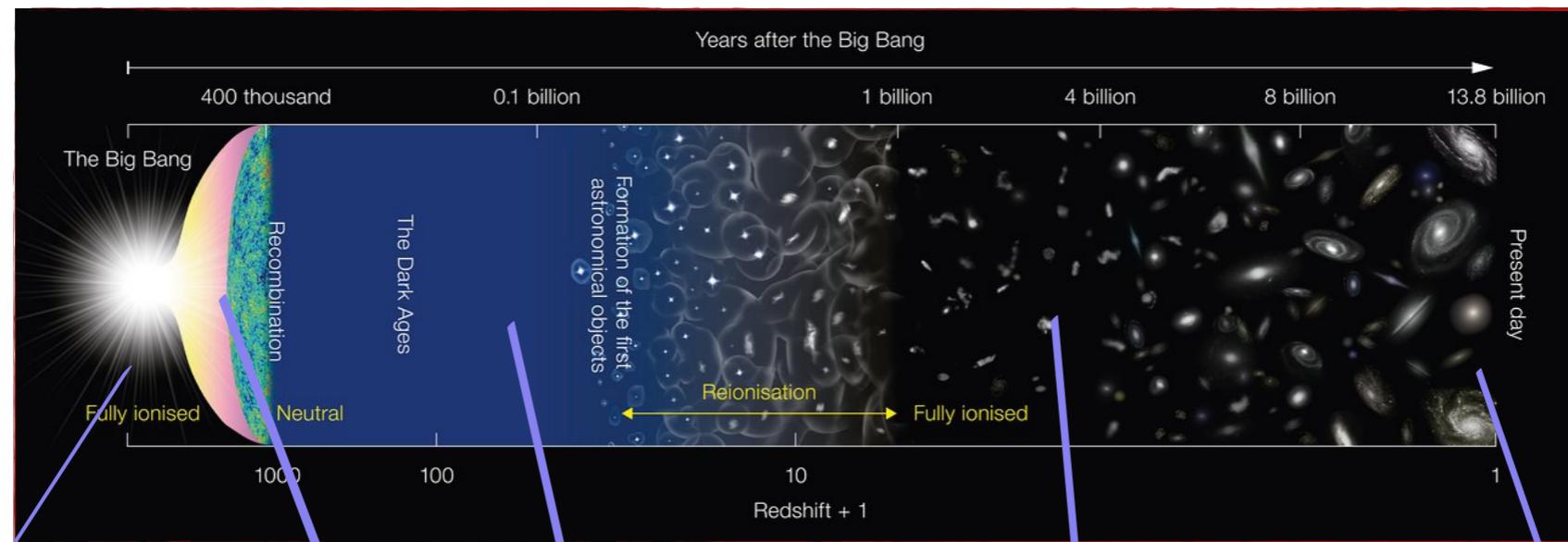
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We need to look back
to move forward



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Inflation

Dark matter

21-cm cosmology

Structure formation

Gravitational waves

*“...pronaque cum spectent animalia cetera terram,
os homini sublime dedit
caelumque videre iussit
et erectos ad sidera tollere vultus.”*

Ovidio, Metamorphoses I

“...whereas other animals look grovelling at the ground,
to man he gave an upturned aspect, and ordered him to look
at the sky, and to raise his face to the stars.”

Backup Material



PART II: Particle physics from Cosmology

The very early Universe: Inflation

Inflation is nowadays a well-established paradigm, able to explain the properties of the Universe at large scales and the generation of the primordial density fluctuations seeding structure formation.

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} \mathcal{R} - \frac{g^{\mu\nu}}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi) (\partial_\nu \phi) - V(\phi) \right]$$

$$T_{00} = \rho_\phi = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} + V(\phi)$$

$$\frac{T^i_i}{3} = P_\phi = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} - V(\phi)$$

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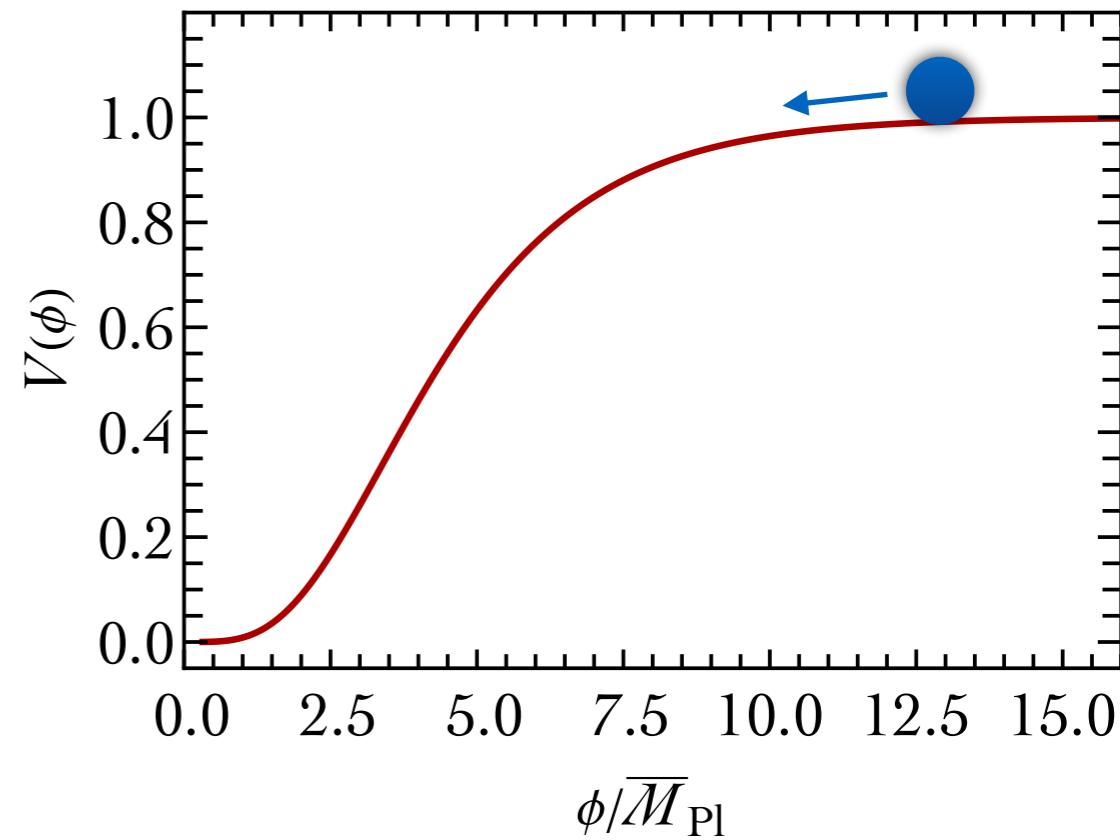
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if $V(\phi) \gg \dot{\phi}^2$

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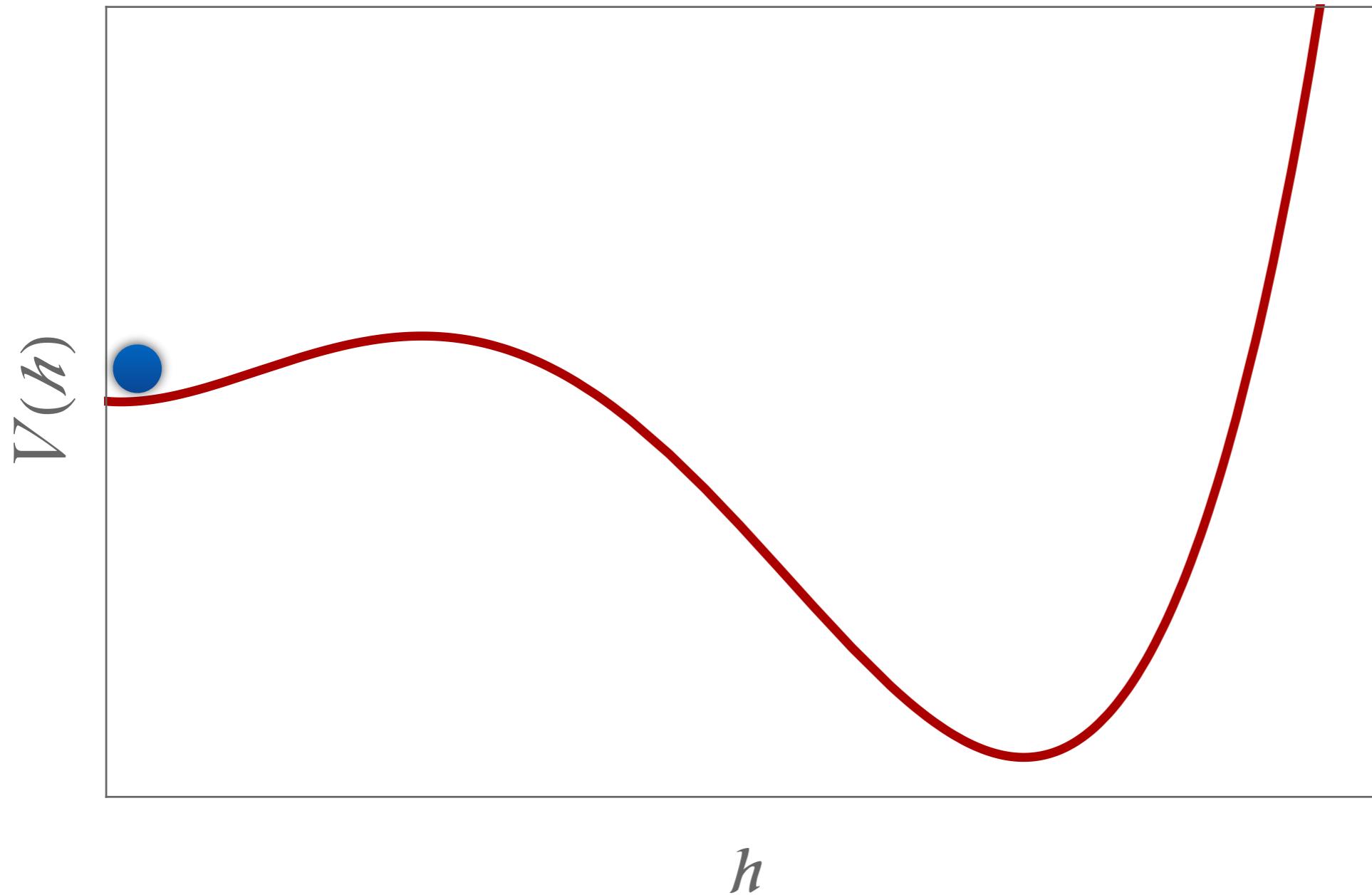
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The Higgs + the inflaton

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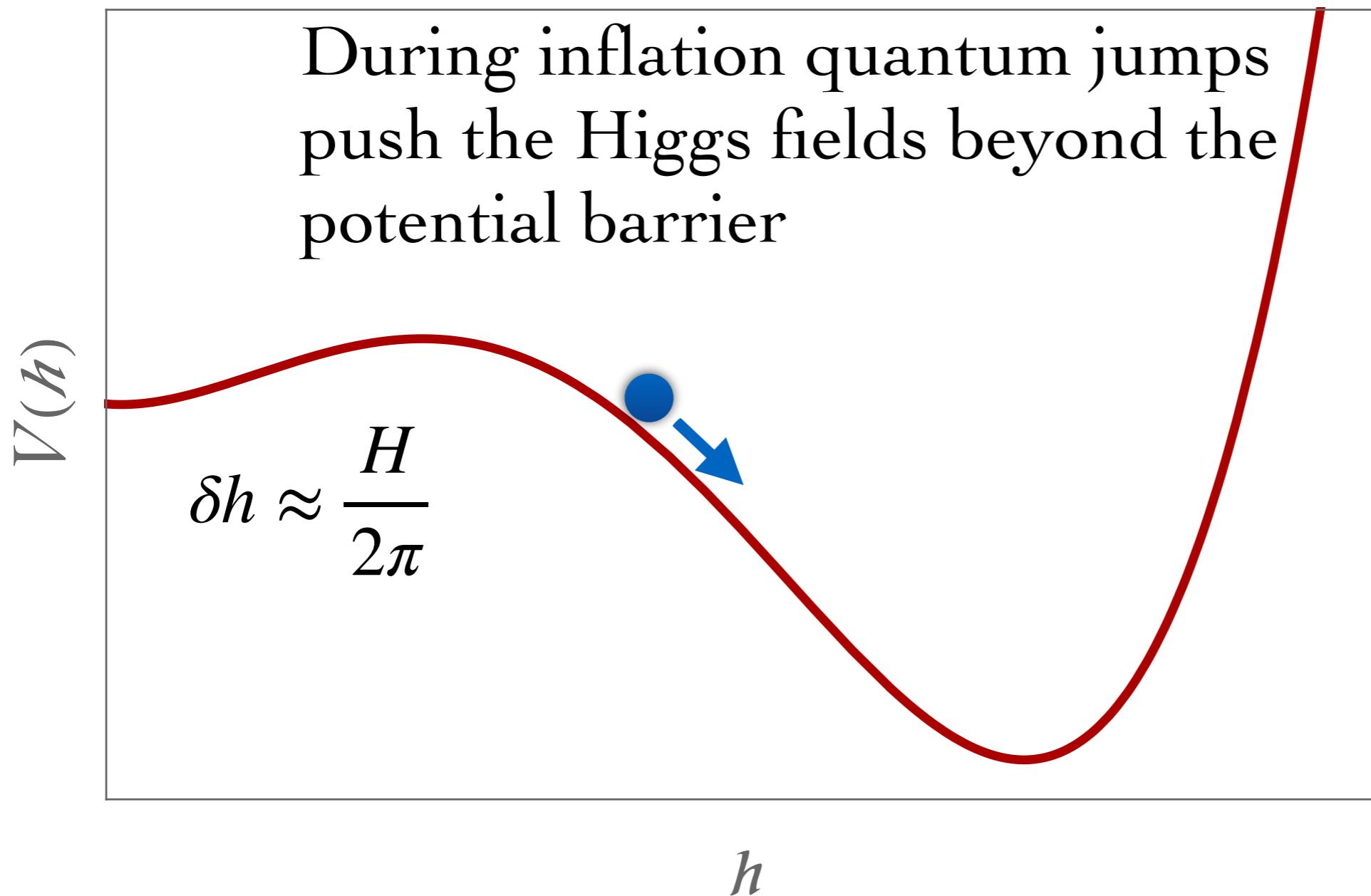
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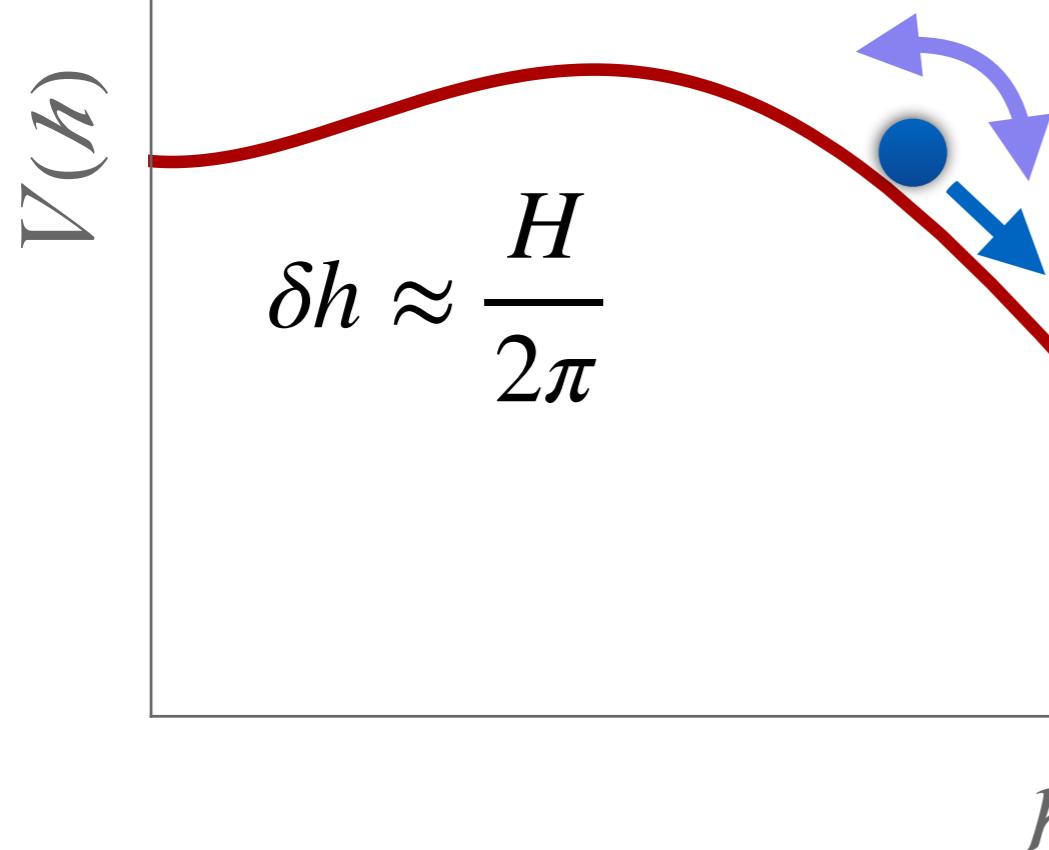


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The Higgs + the inflaton

During inflation quantum jumps push the Higgs fields beyond the potential barrier

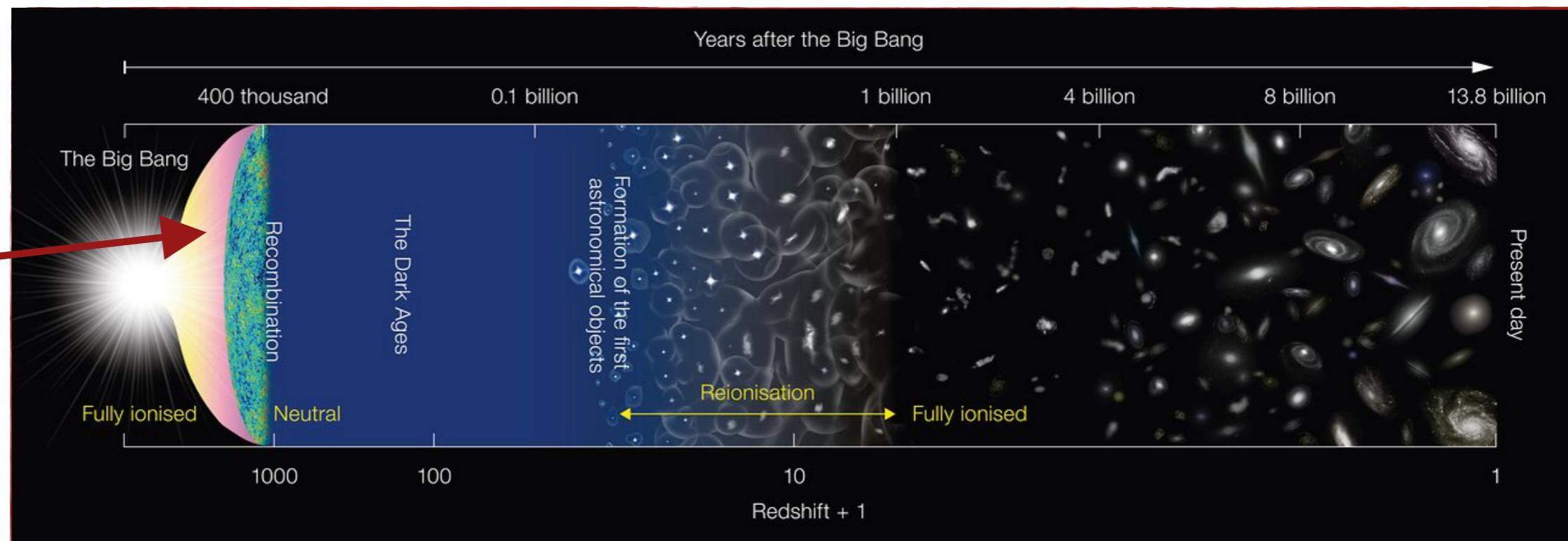


Higgs field rescued after the end of inflation by thermal corrections

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The late Universe: 21 cm cosmology

Mostly
protons,
electrons
and photons

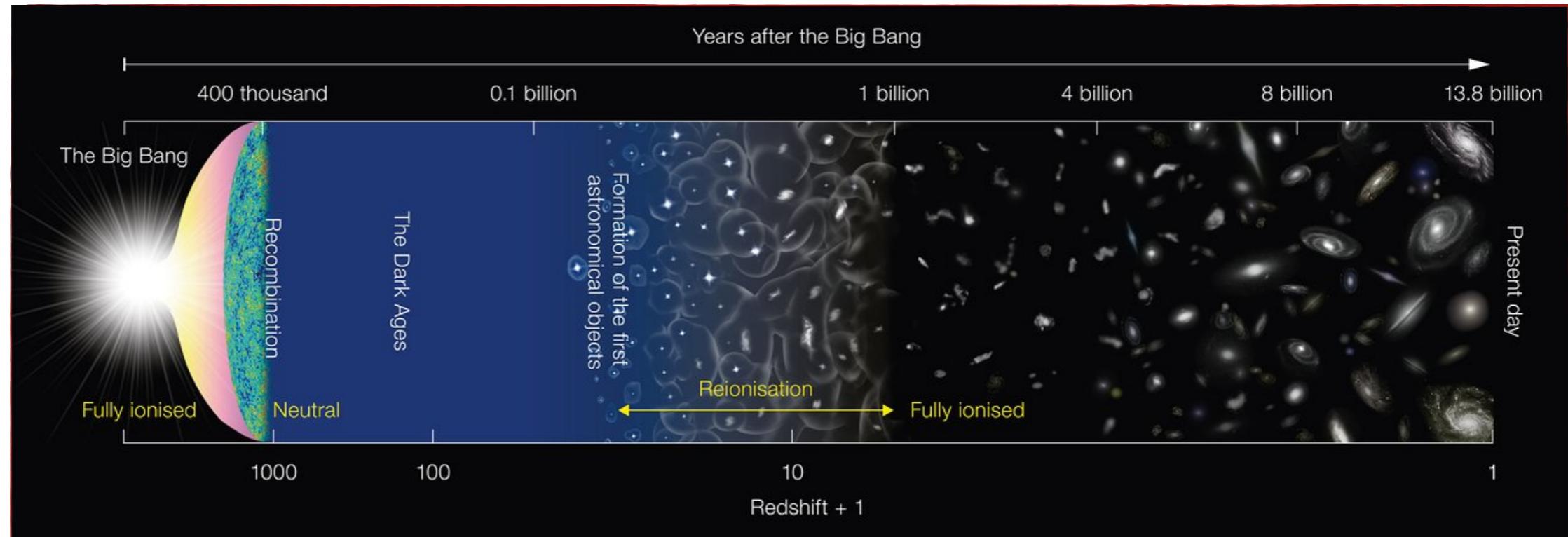


Recombination and photon decoupling

Neutral hydrogen forms through the reaction $e^- + p \rightarrow H + \gamma$ when the temperature has become low enough that the reverse reaction is energetically disfavored ($T_{\text{rec}} = 0.26 - 0.33 \text{ eV} = 3000 - 3800 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{K}$)

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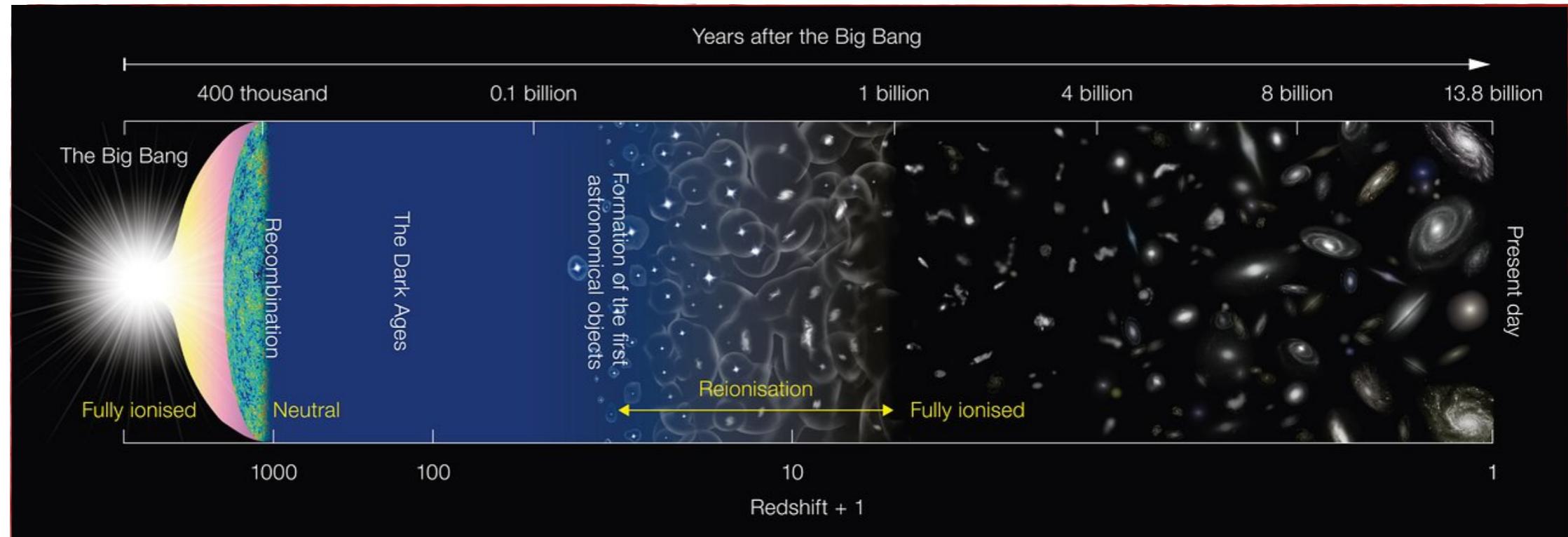
Before recombination the strongest coupling between the photons and the rest of the plasma is through



The sharp drop in the free electron density after recombination means that this process becomes inefficient and the photons decouple.

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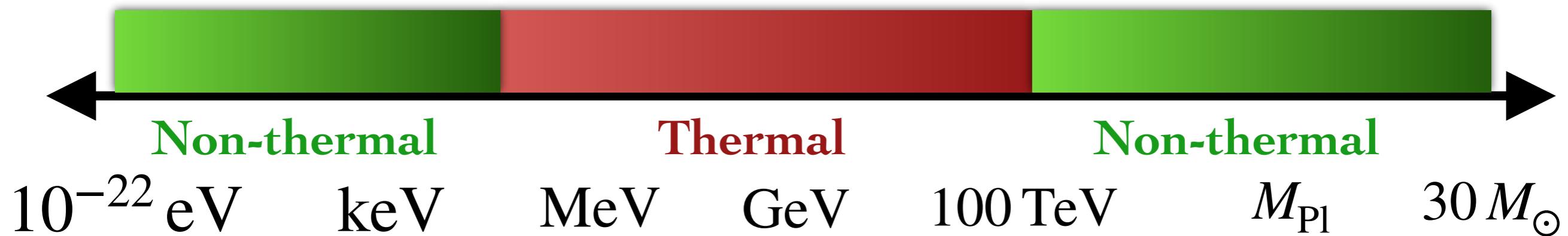
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Recombination and photon decoupling

The decoupled photons can stream freely for the entire future history of the Universe without ever being absorbed or scattered, and are today observed as the cosmic microwave background (CMB).

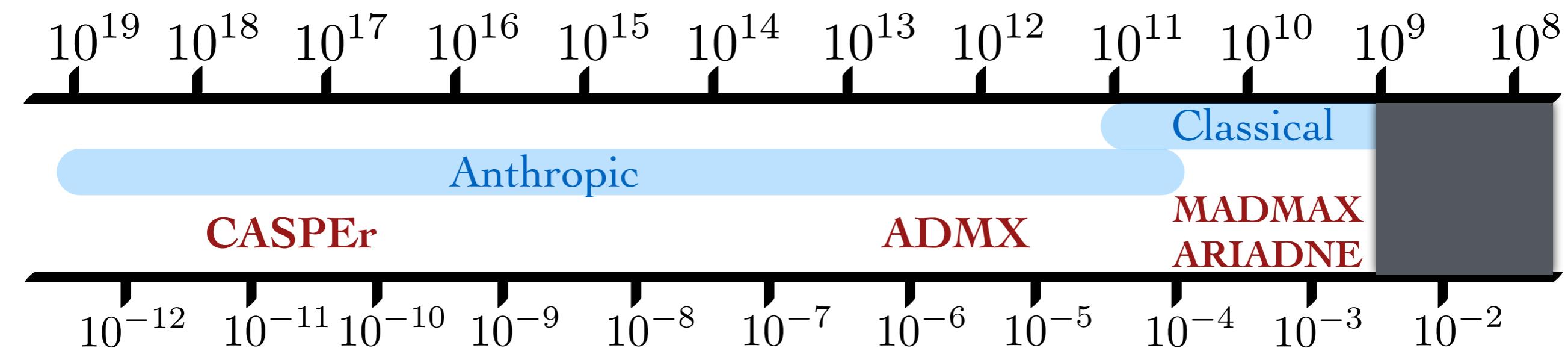
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QCD axion decay constant f_a [GeV]



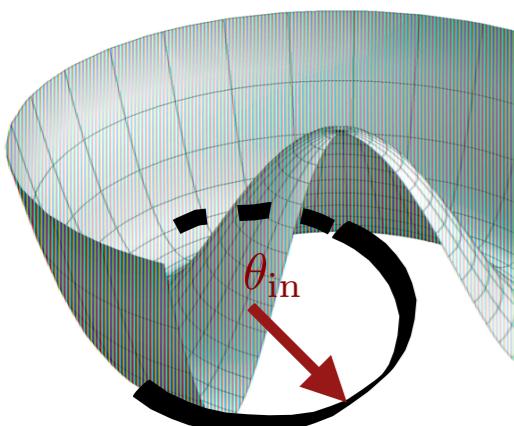
QCD axion mass m_a [eV]

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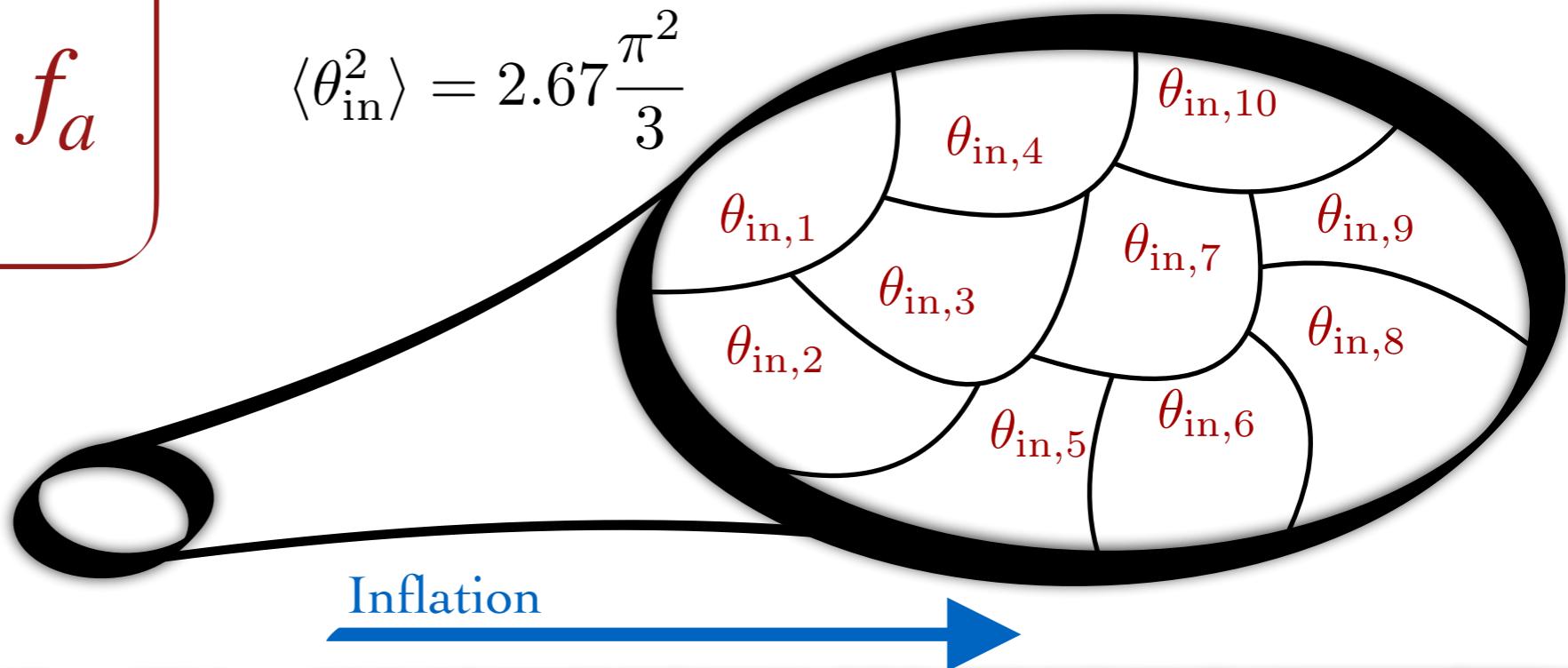
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Crucial interplay
with inflation



$$\frac{H_I}{2\pi} > f_a$$

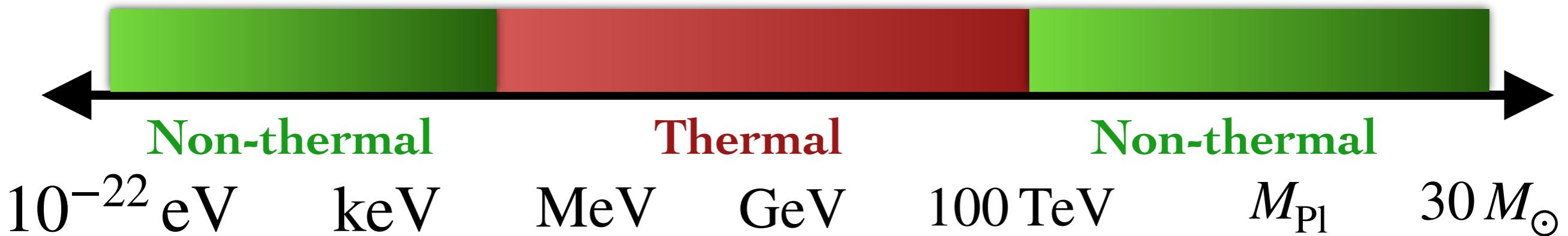
$$\langle \theta_{\text{in}}^2 \rangle = 2.67 \frac{\pi^2}{3}$$



The U(1) symmetry
broken
after the end of inflation

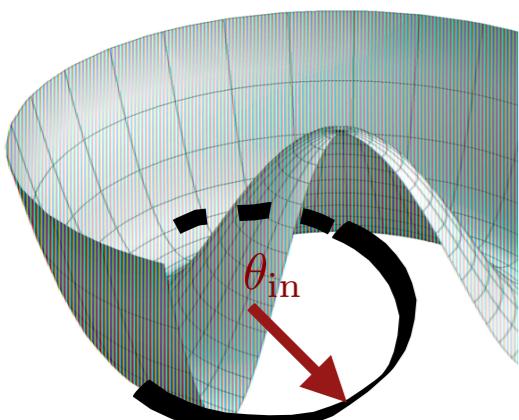
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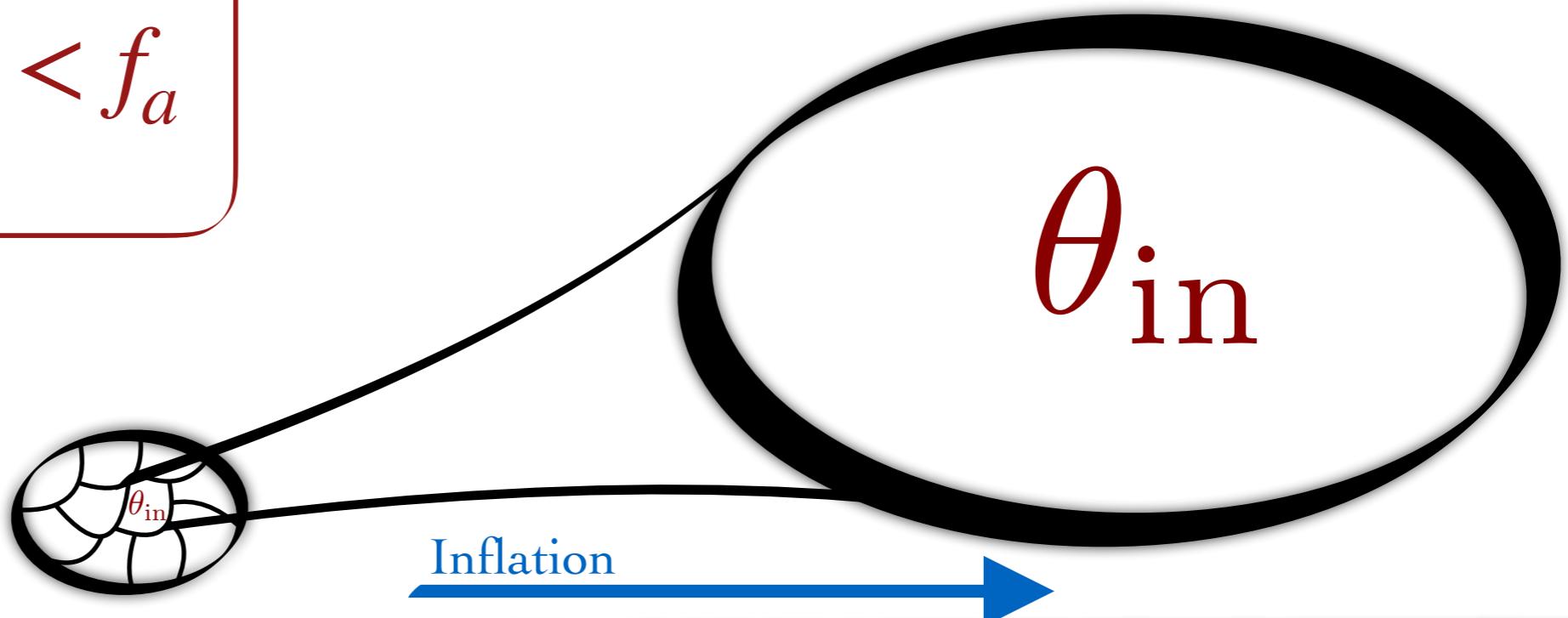
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