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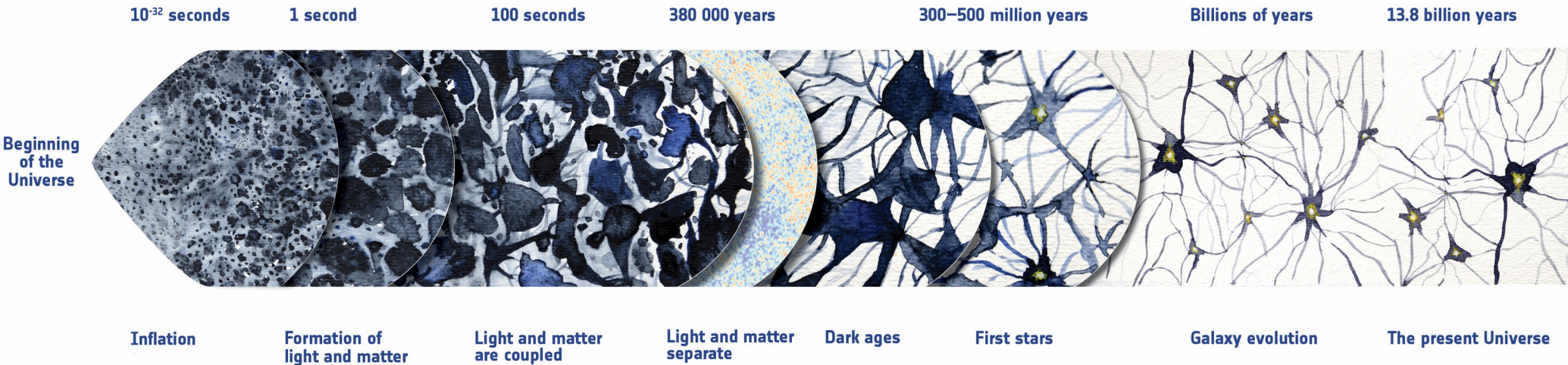
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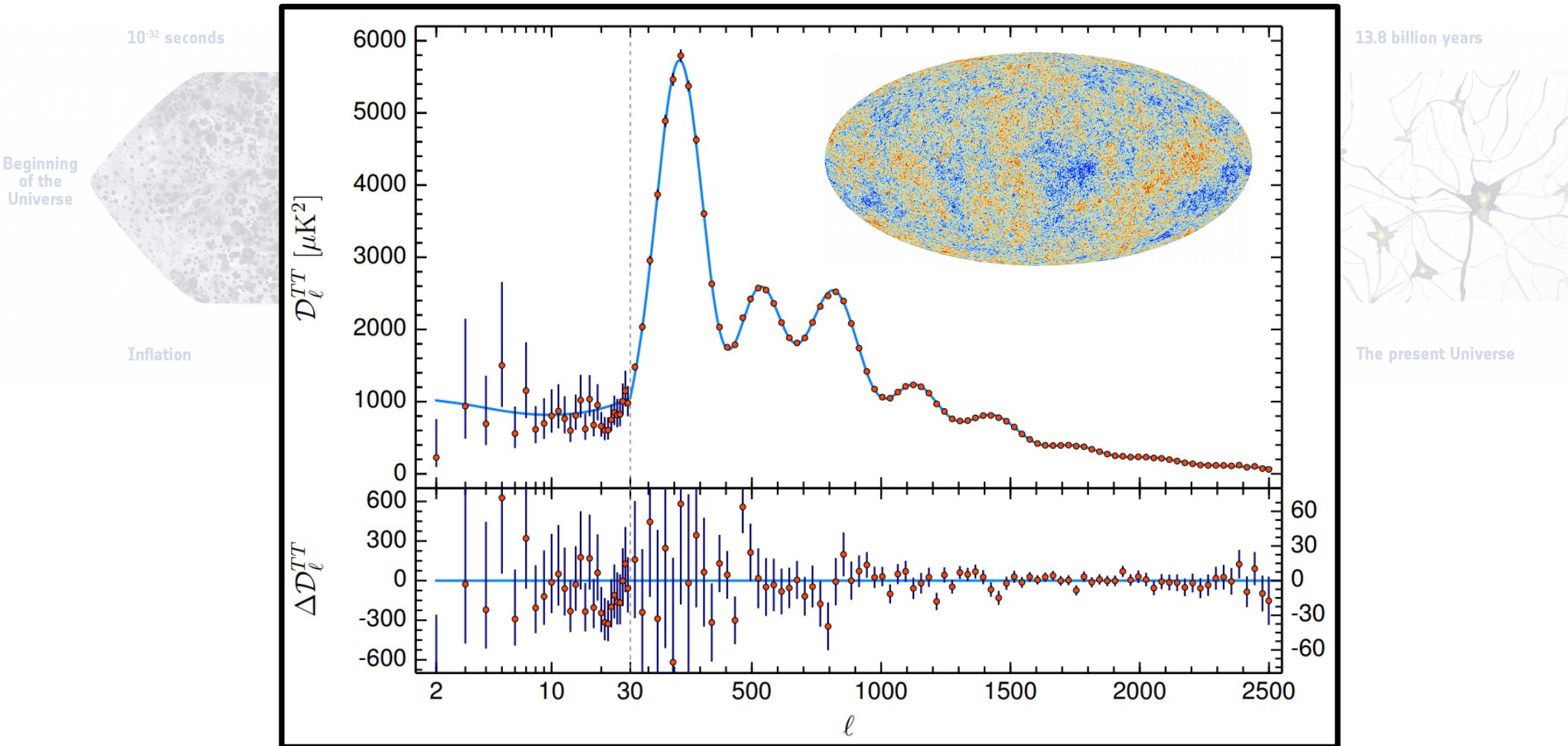
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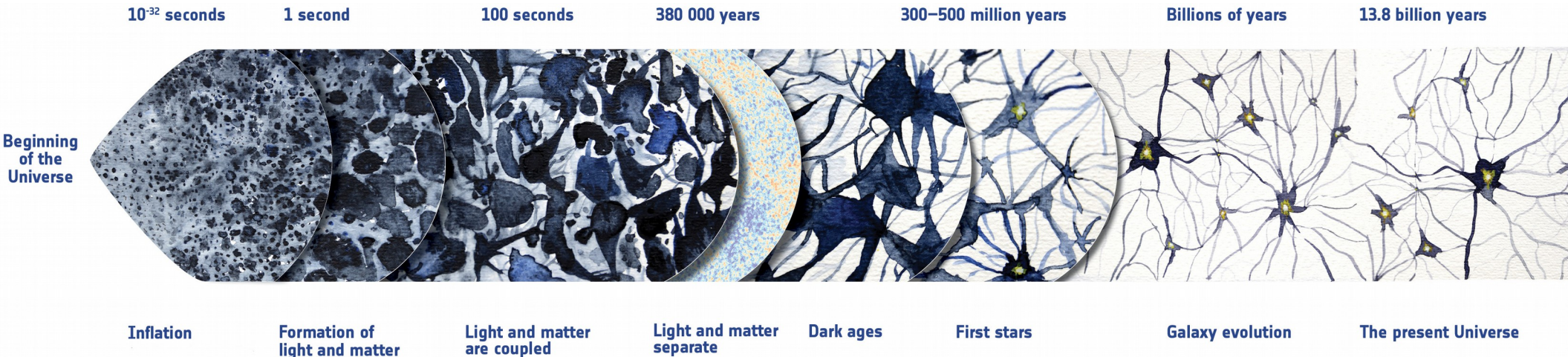
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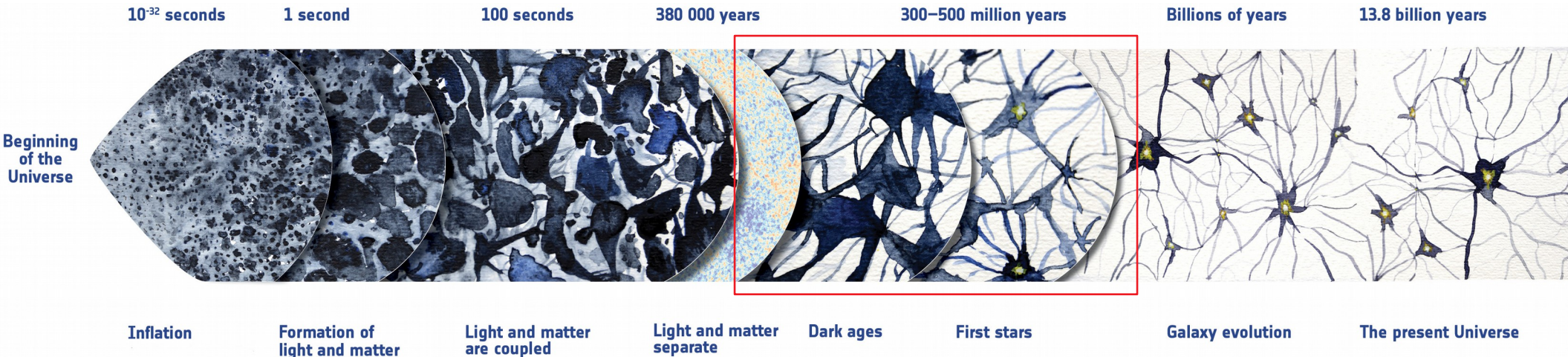
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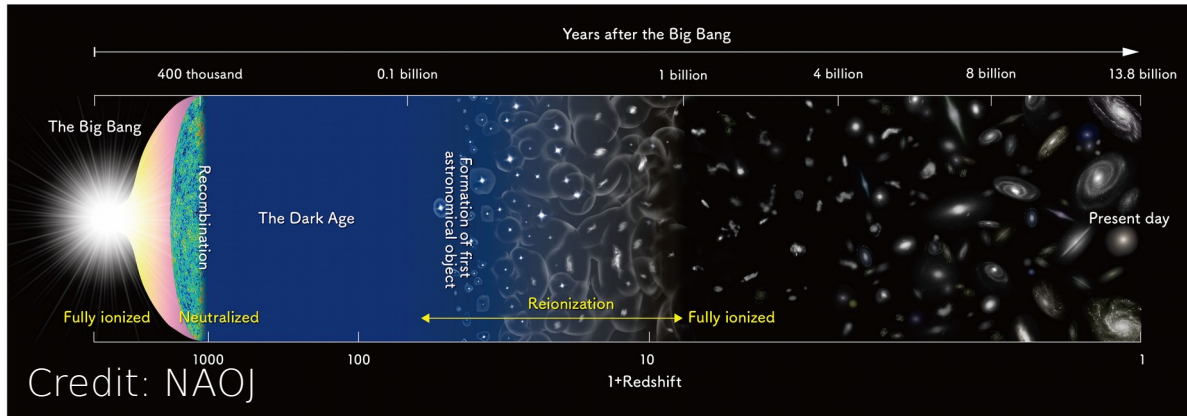
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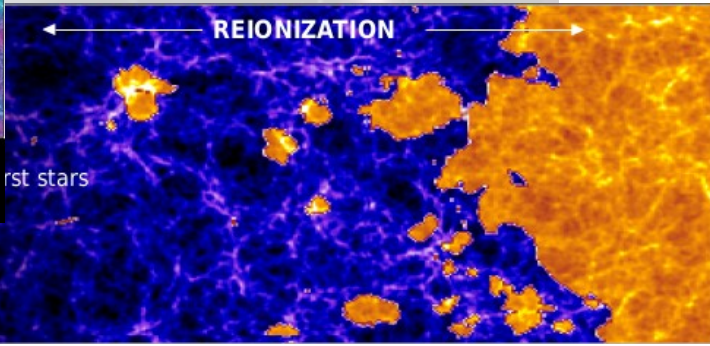
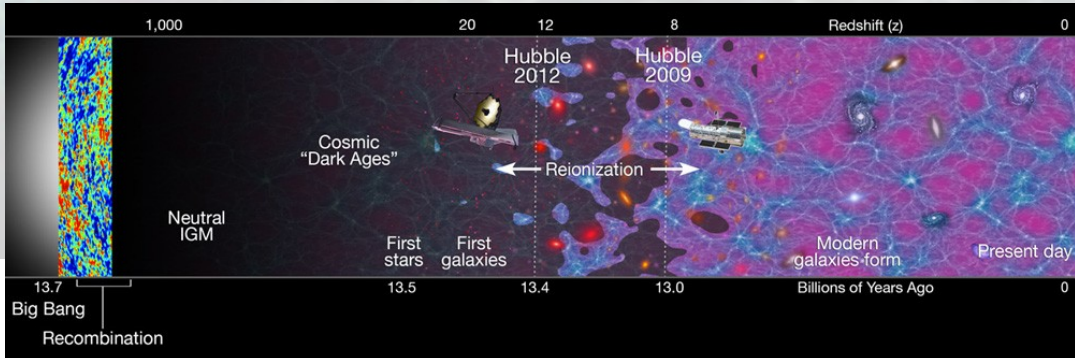
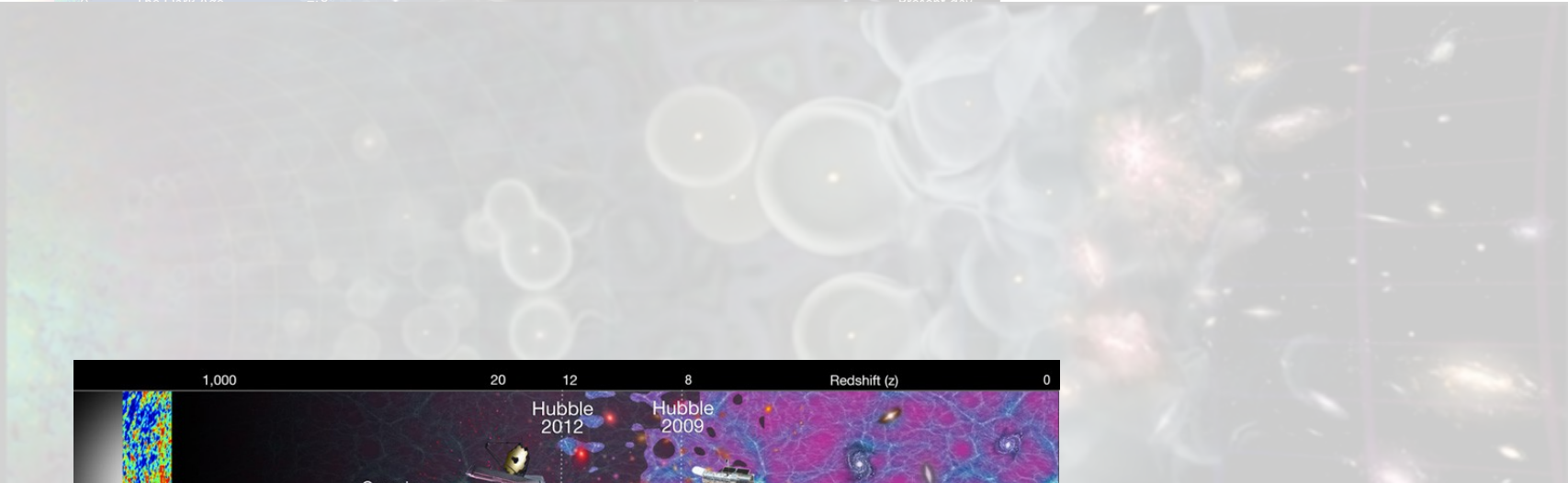
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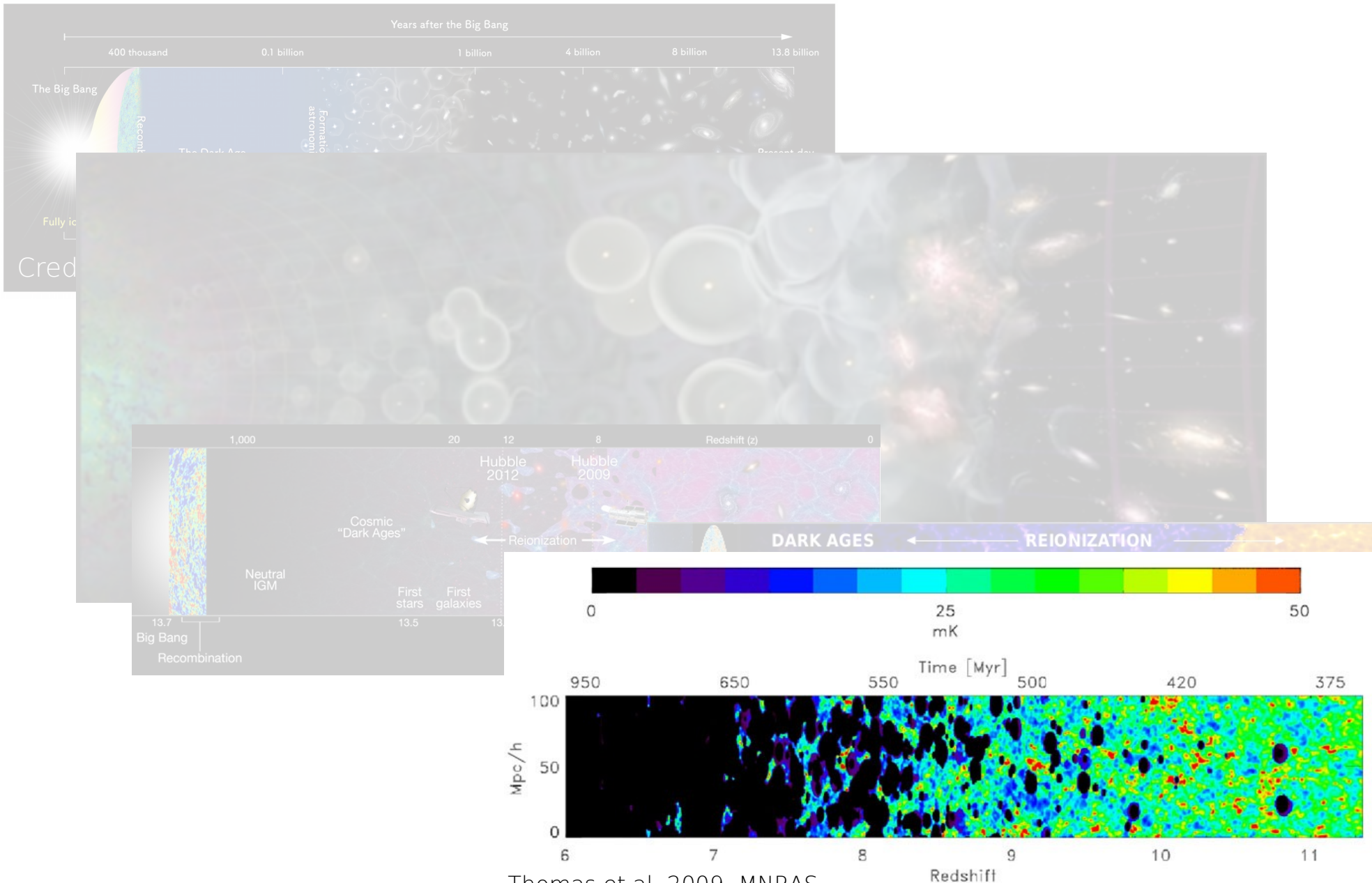
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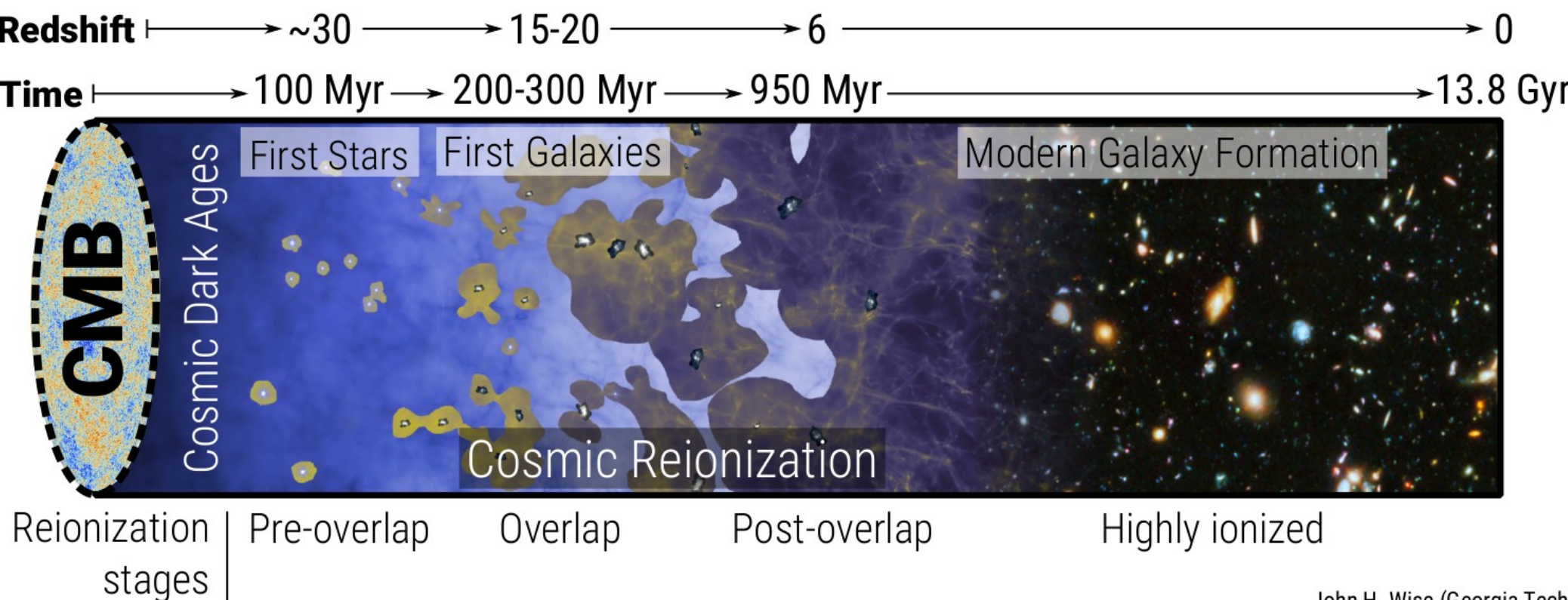
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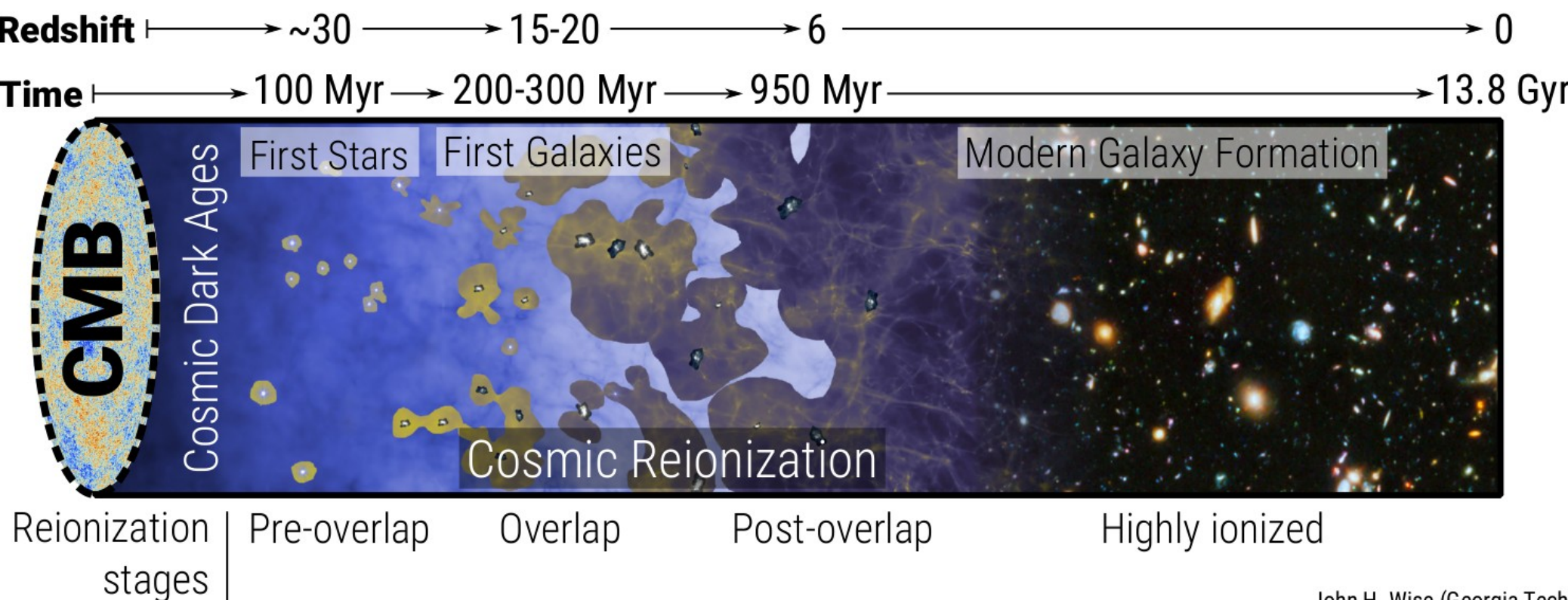


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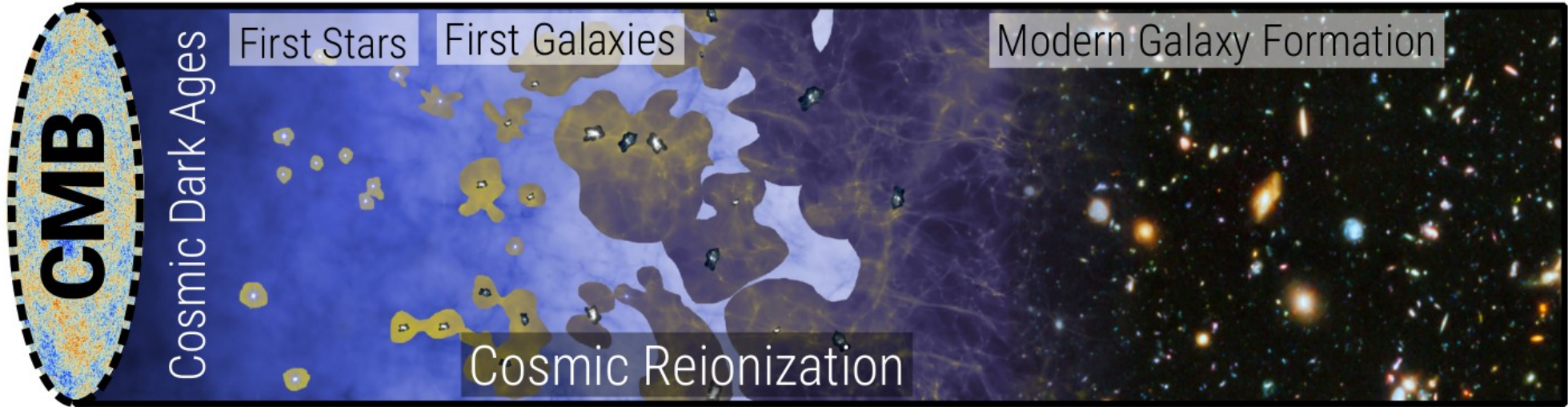
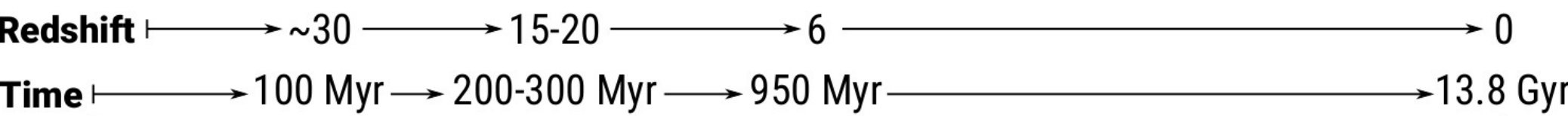
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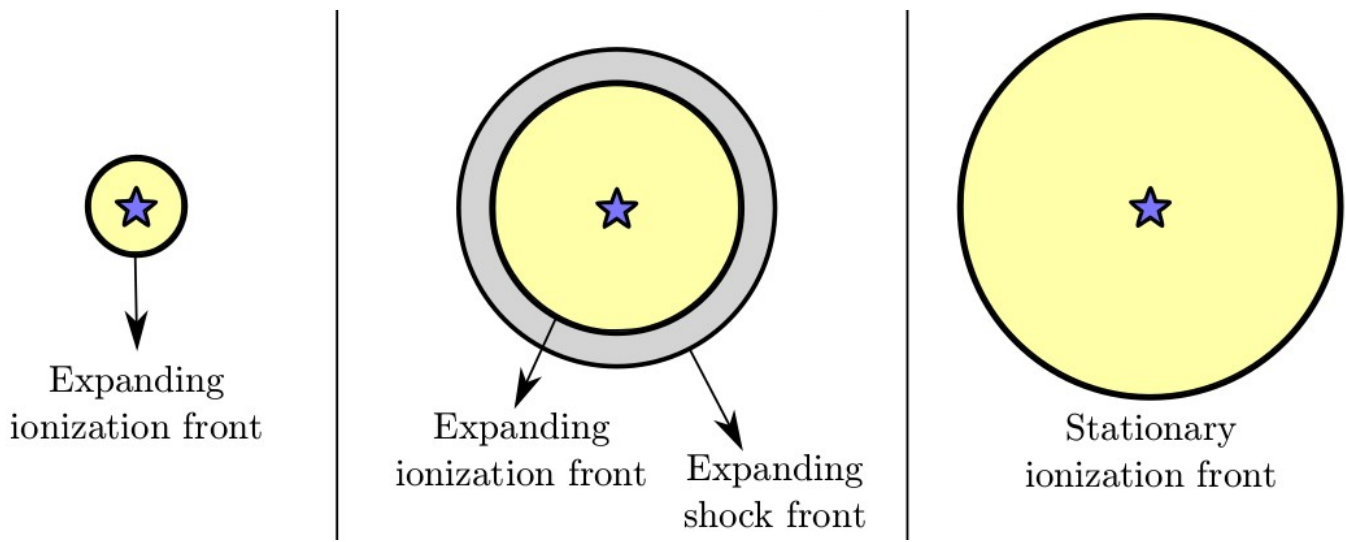
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The transition from the neutral intergalactic medium (IGM, H + He) left after the universe recombined at $z \sim 1100$ to the fully ionized IGM observed today

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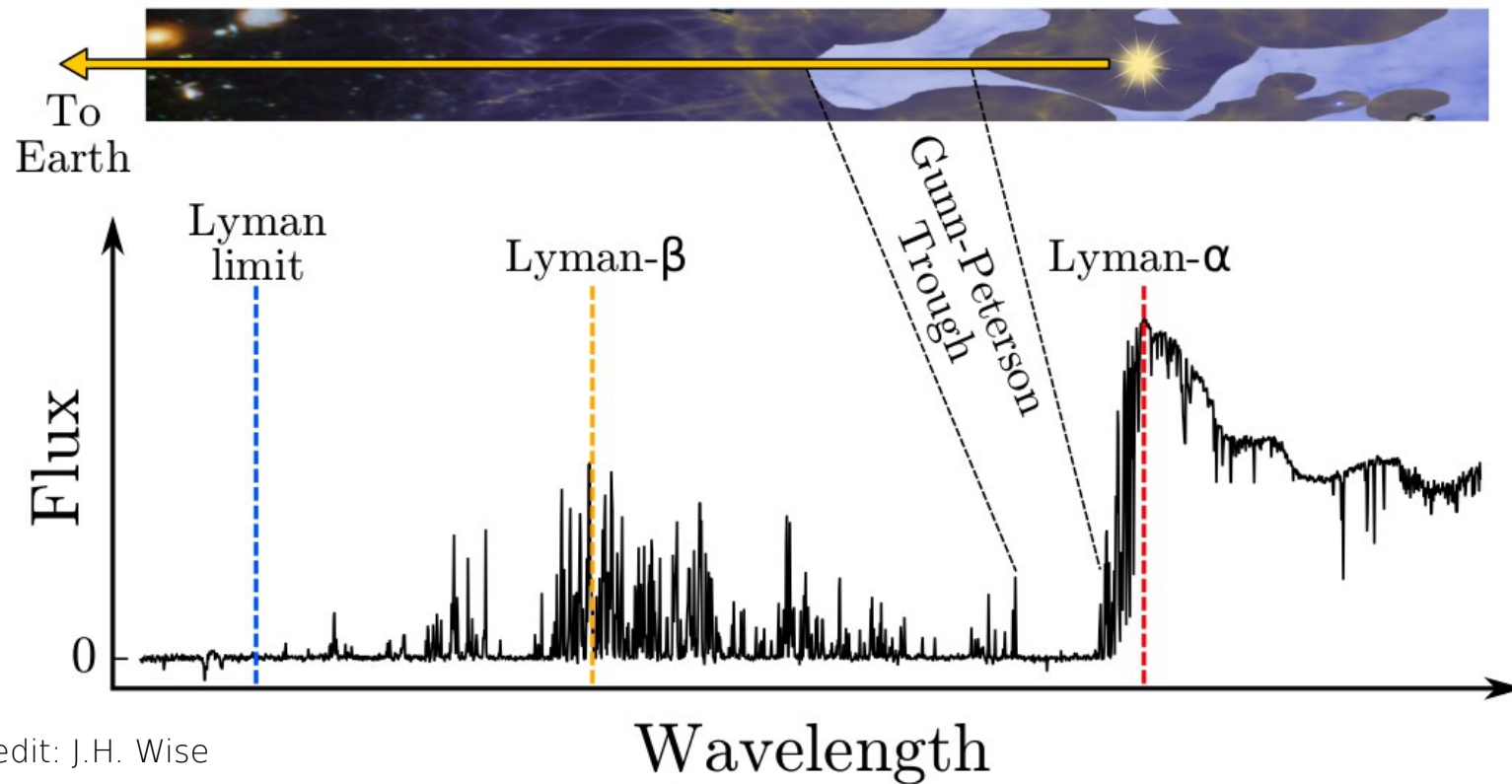
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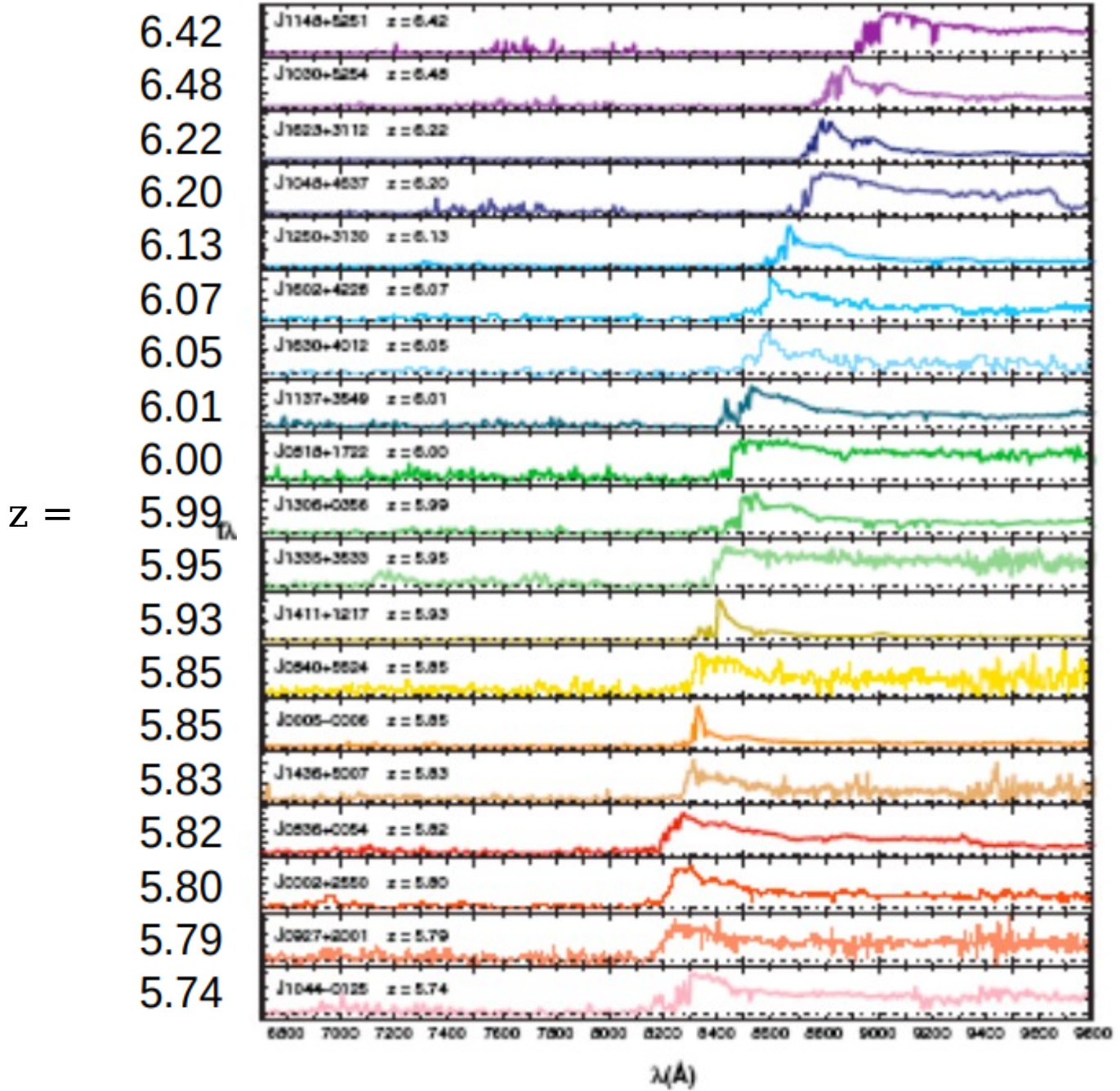
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First evidence from distant quasars (Gunn & Peterson 1965)

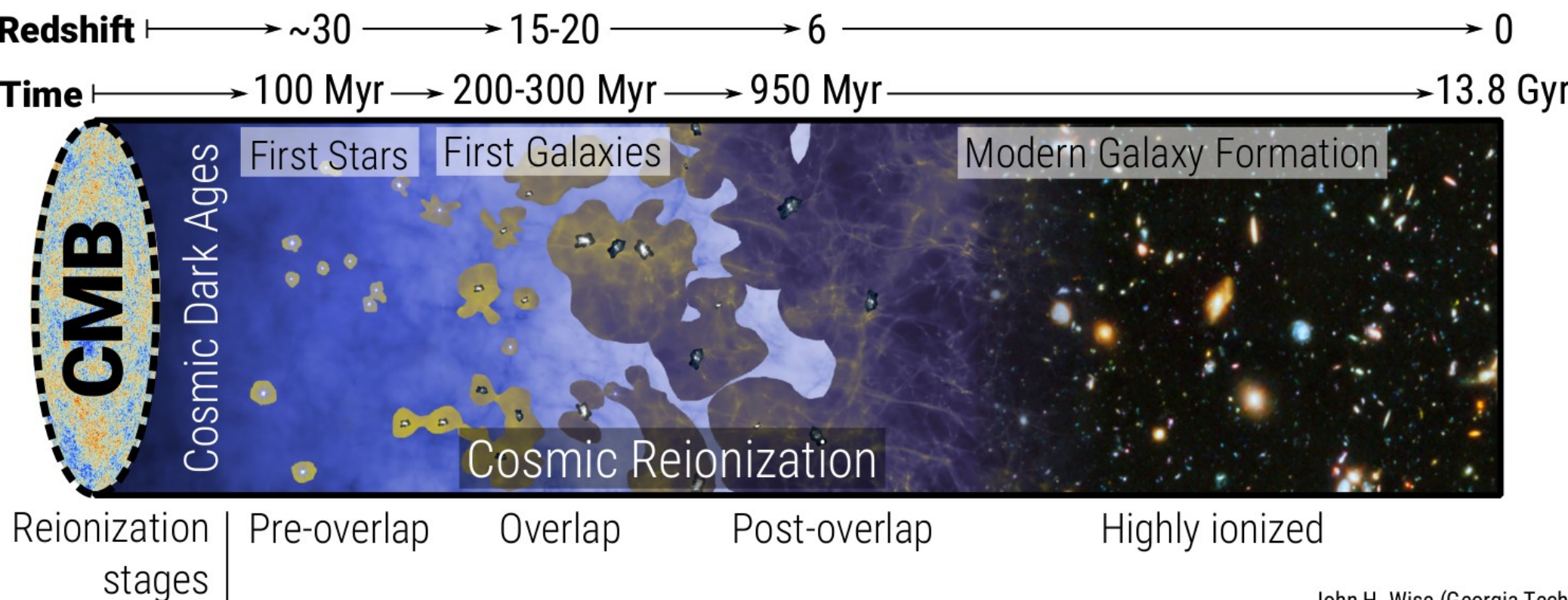


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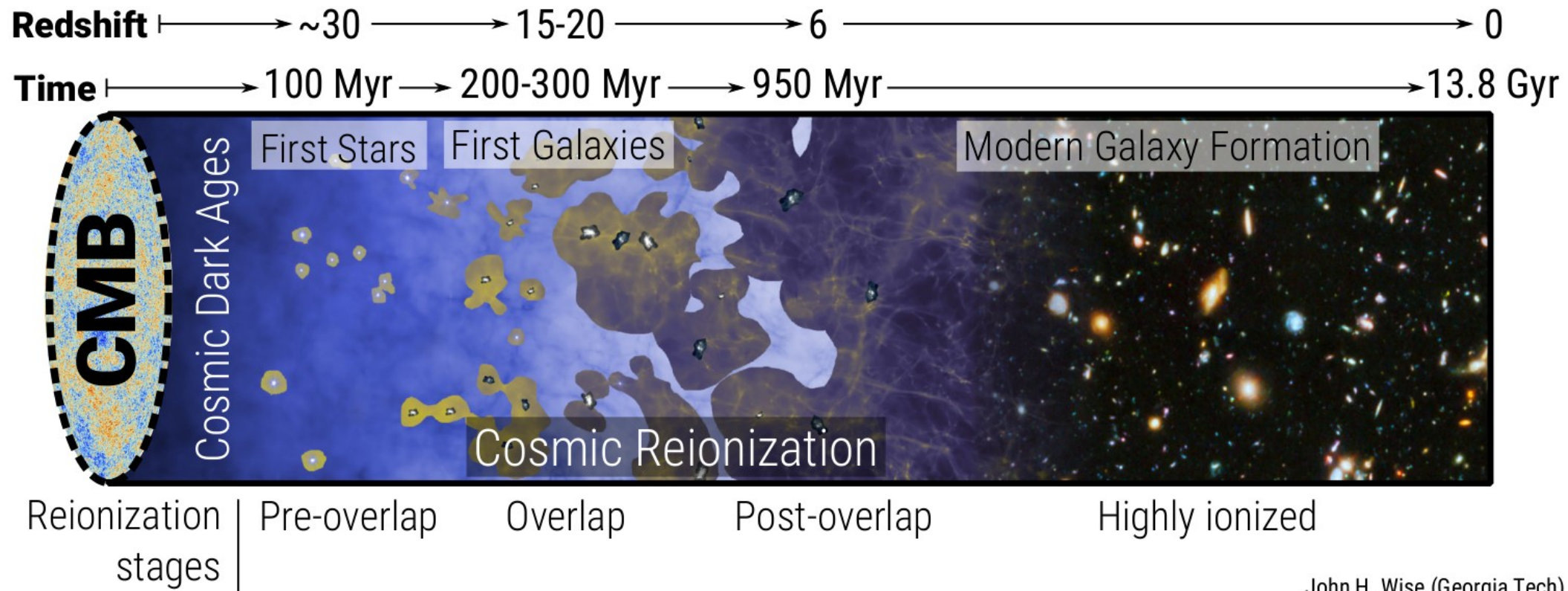


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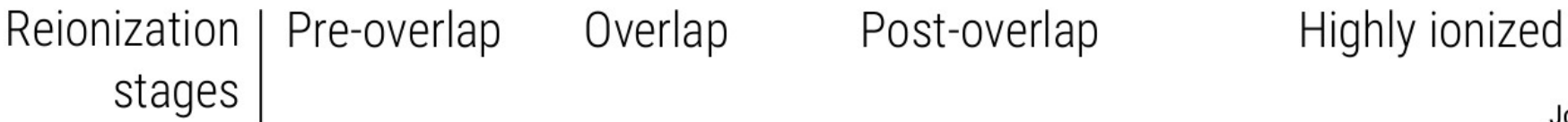
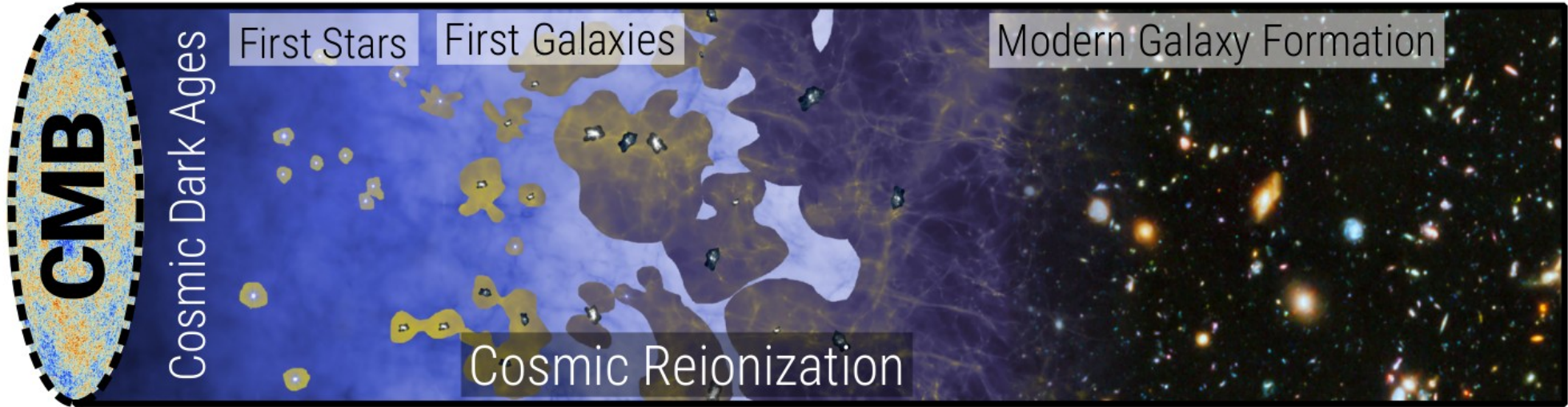
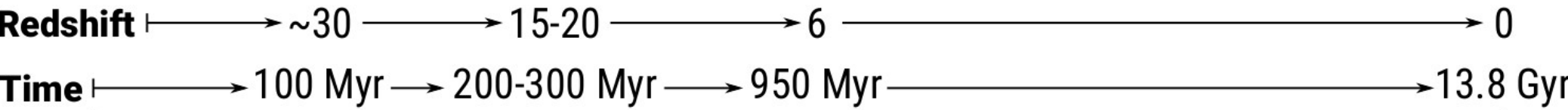
Decades later, still many open questions:

- **WHEN:** When did it happen? How long did it last?
- **WHO:** What were the sources responsible?
- **HOW:** How did it proceed? Was it gradual or sudden?

What was its topology? Was it homogeneous or patchy?

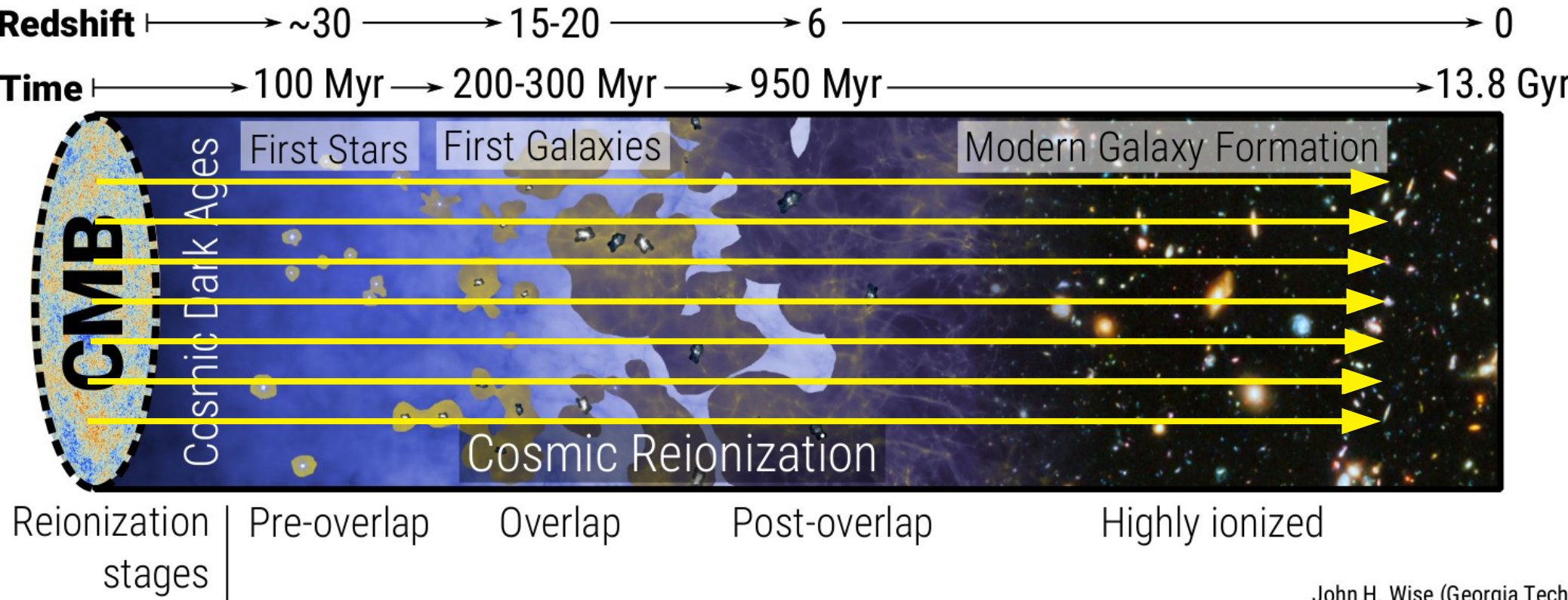
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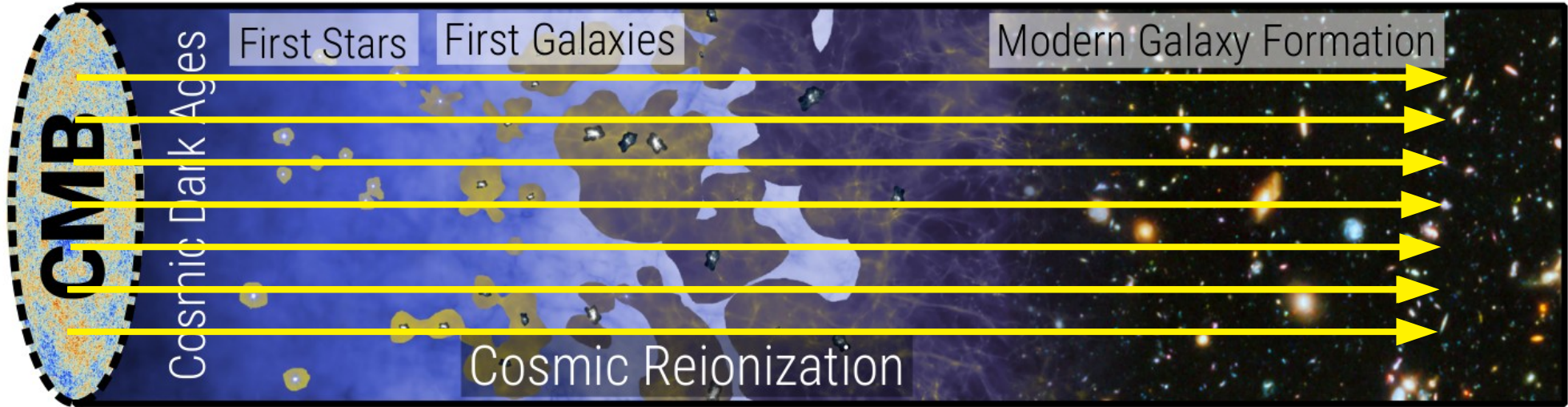
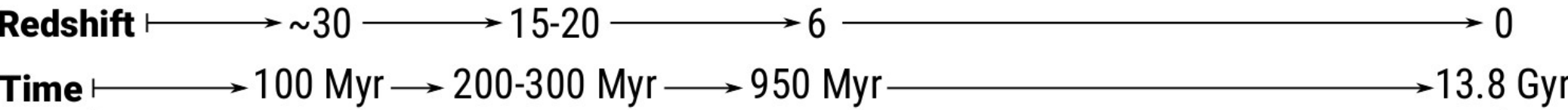
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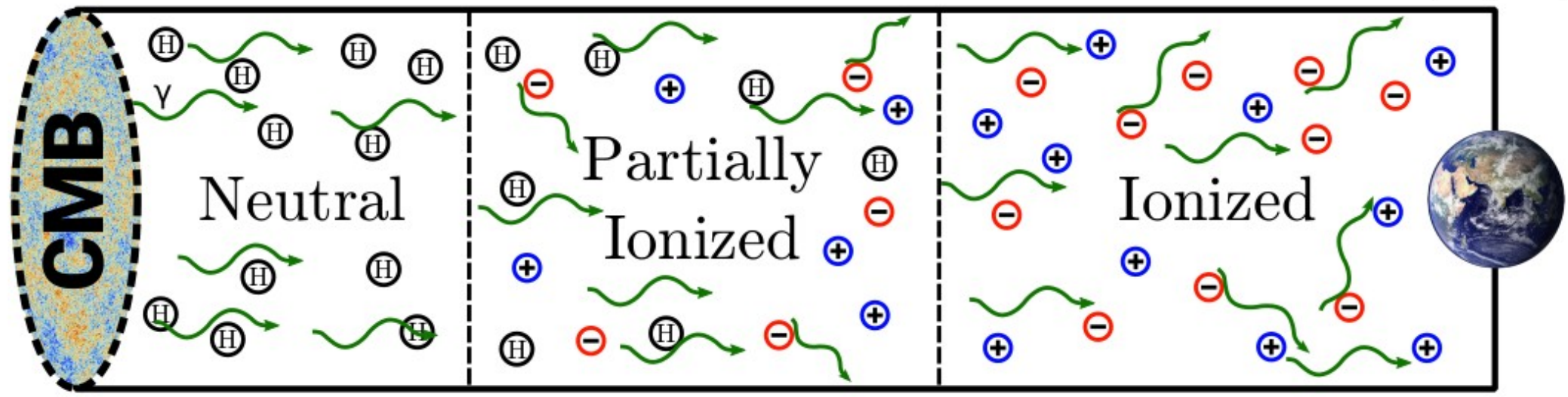
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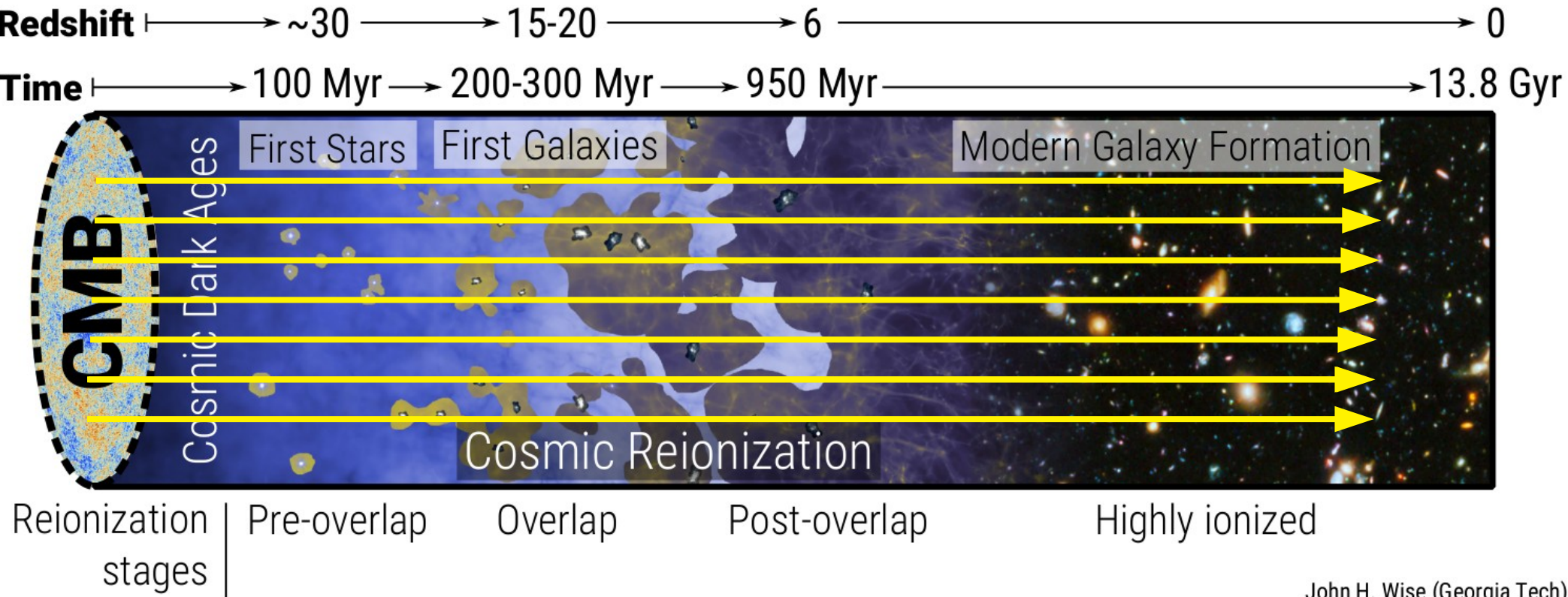


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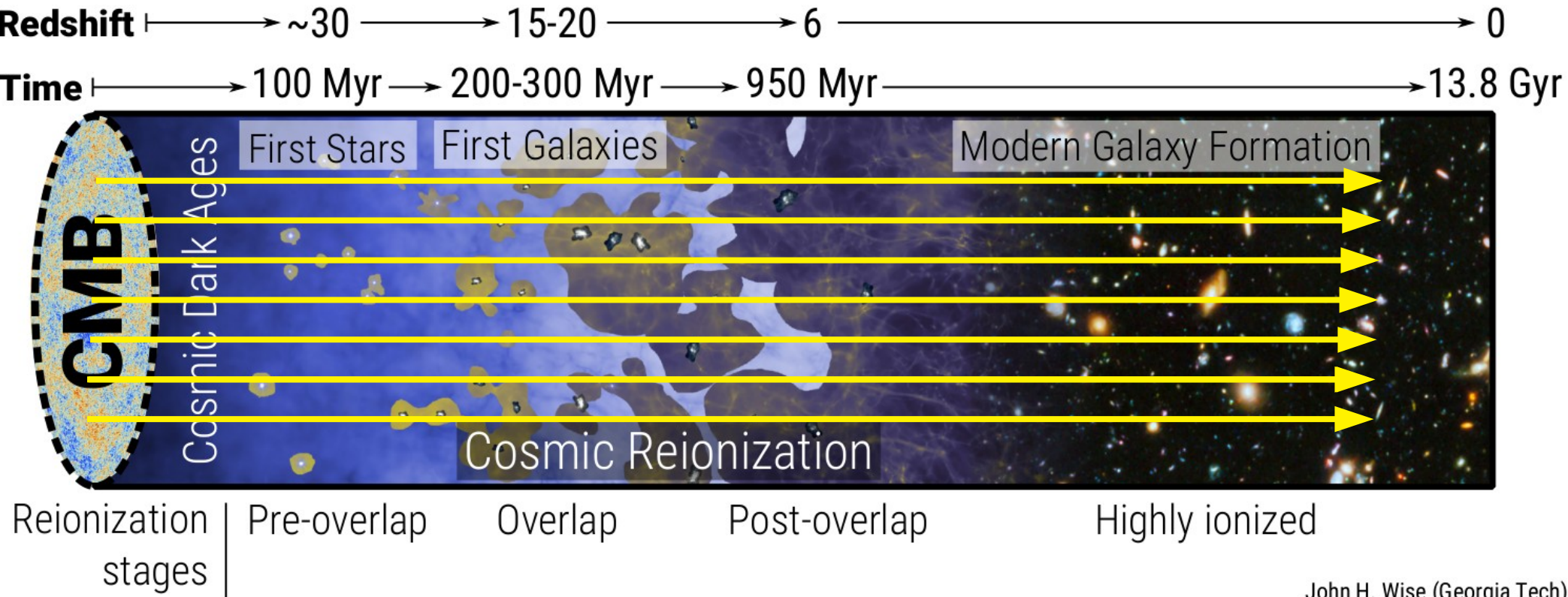
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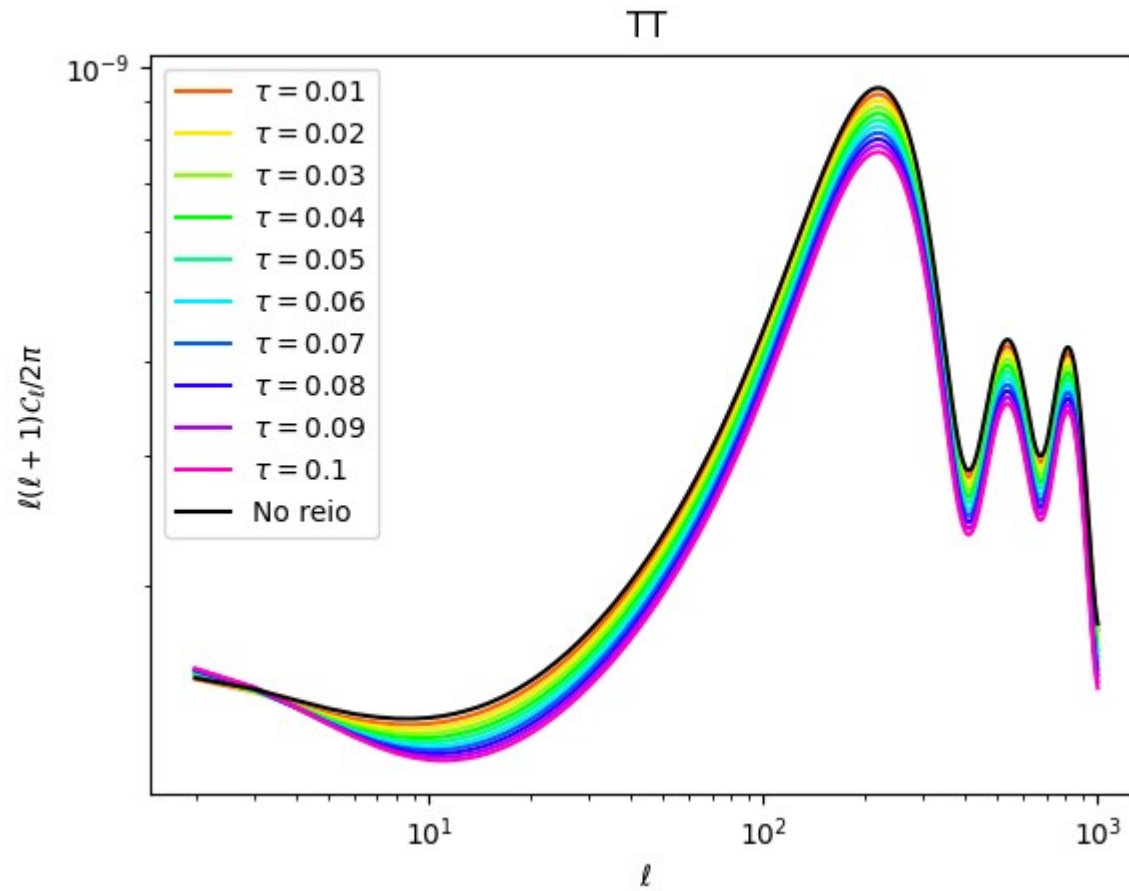
Earlier and/or longer reionisation → $\tau++$

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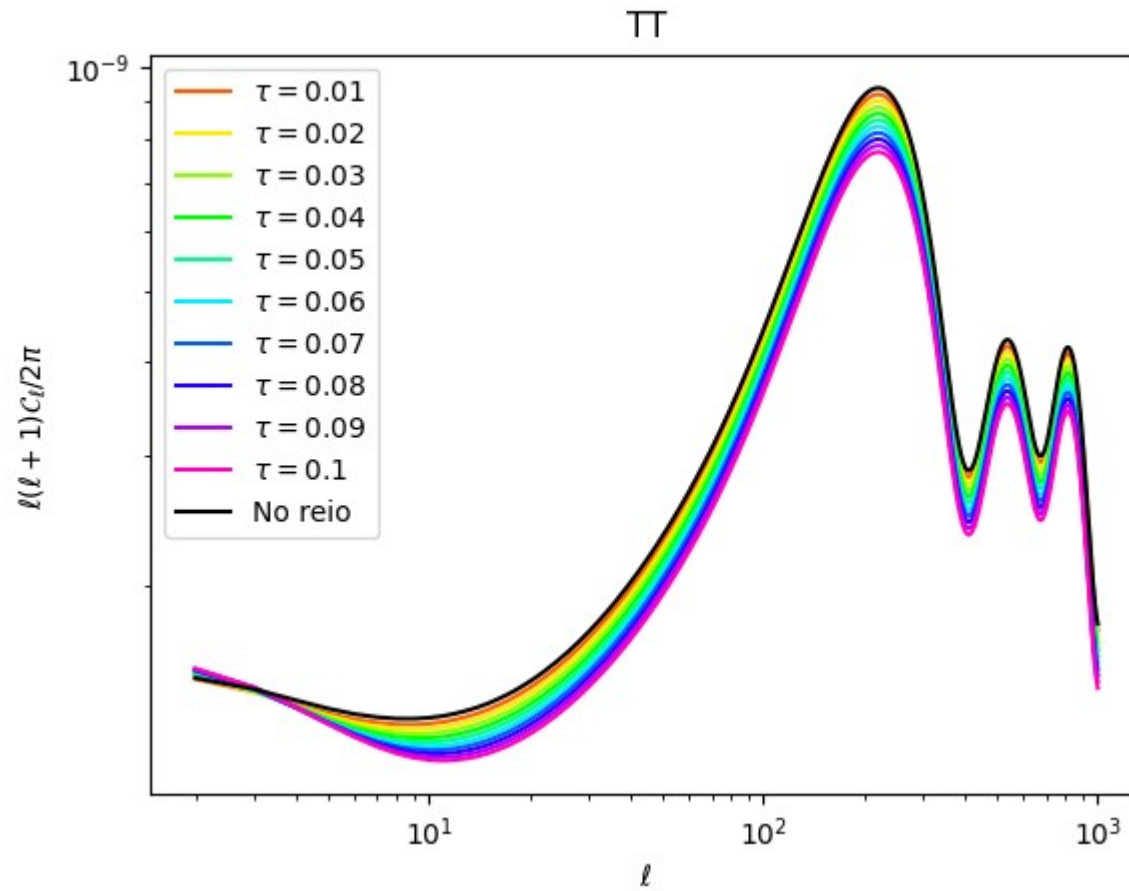
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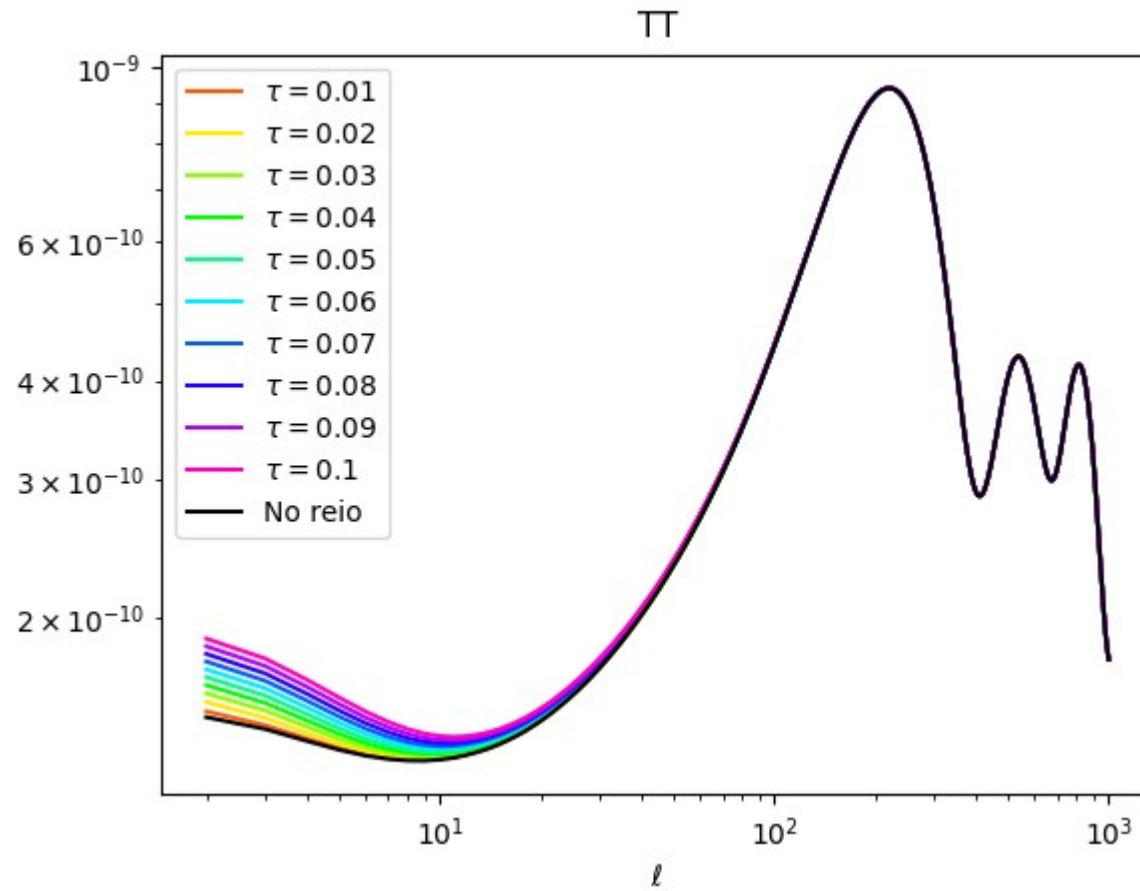
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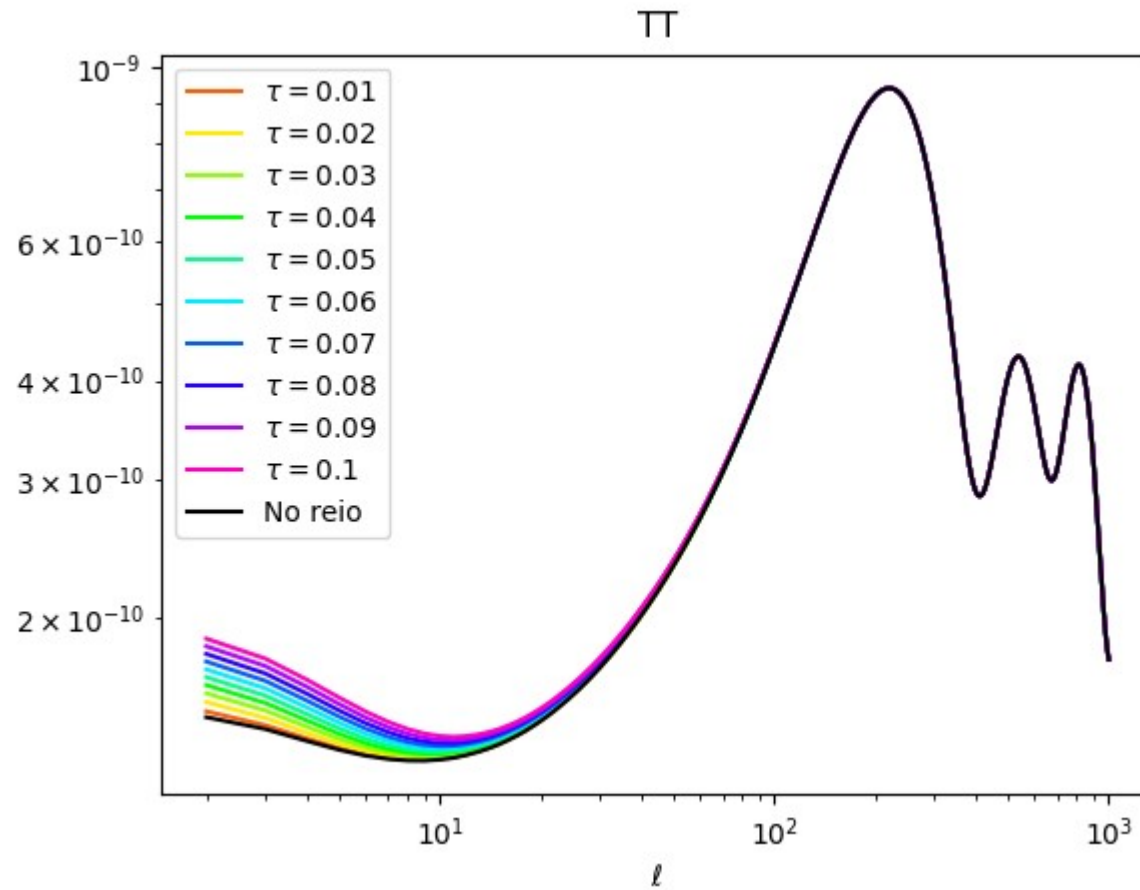
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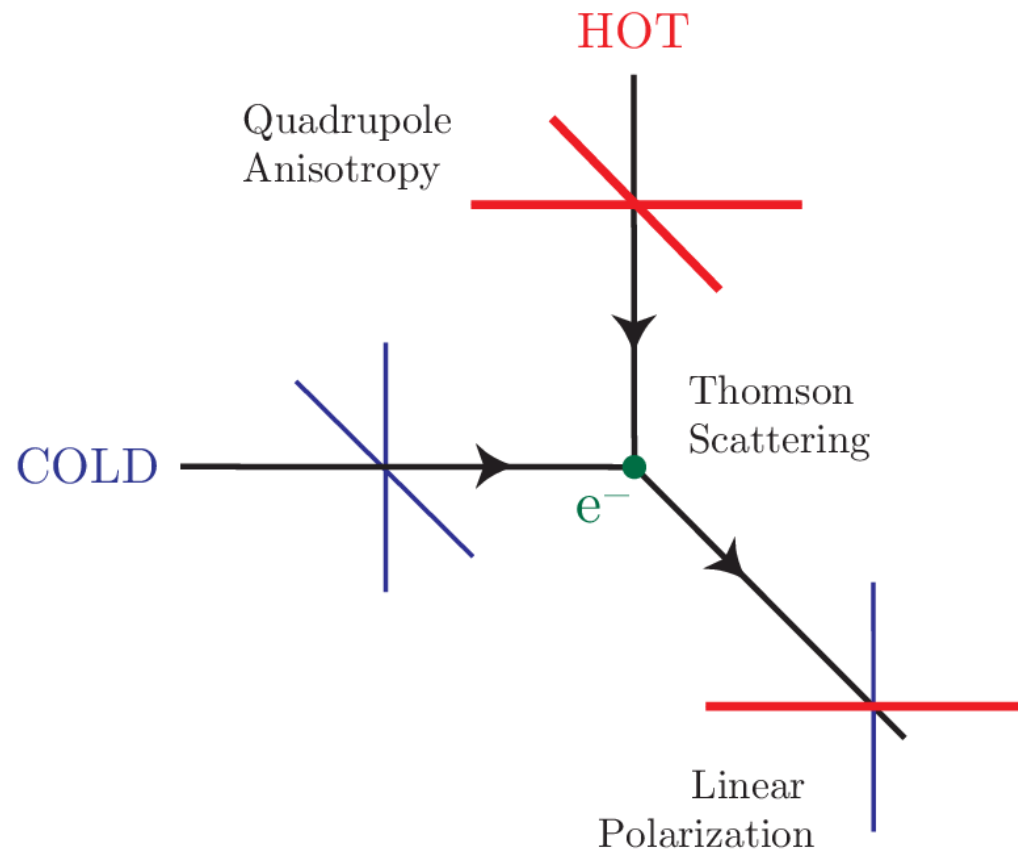


Adds power around scales
 \sim horizon at scattering time

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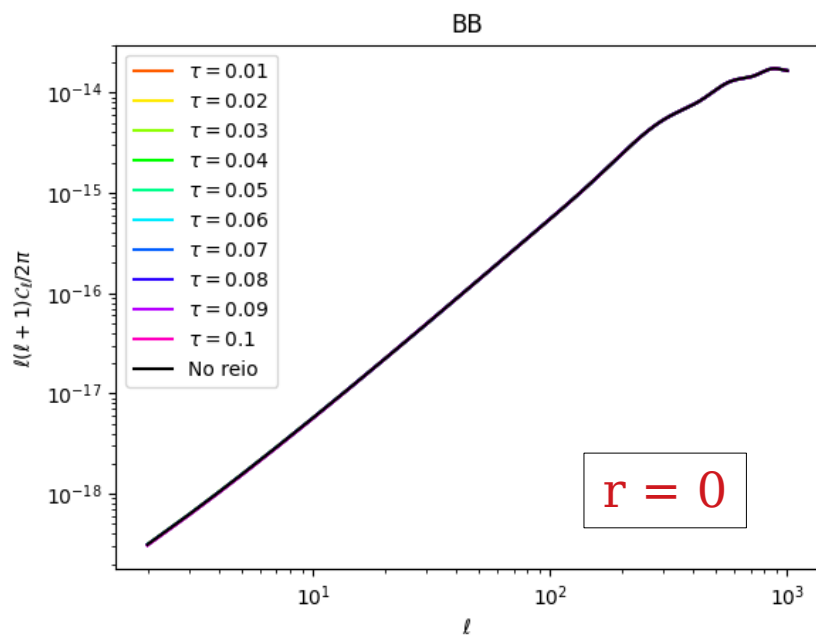
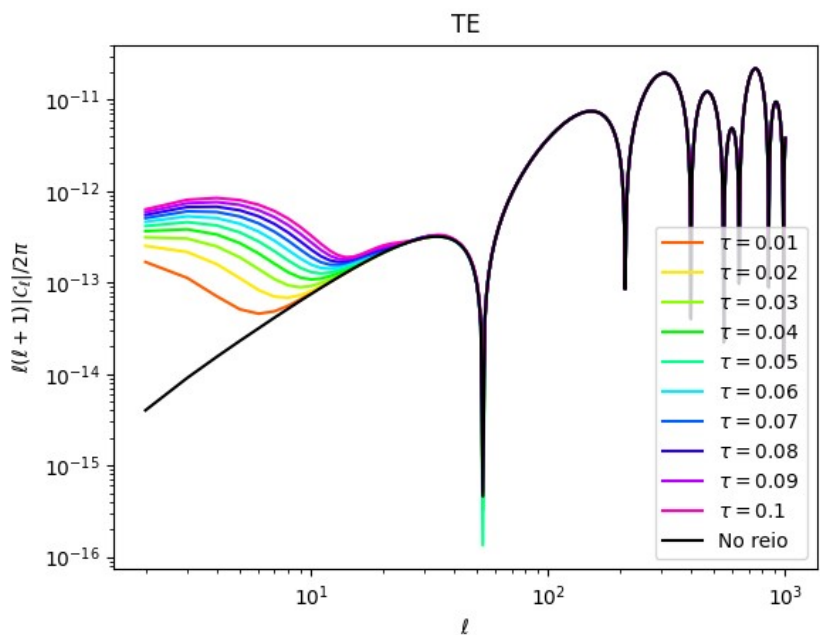
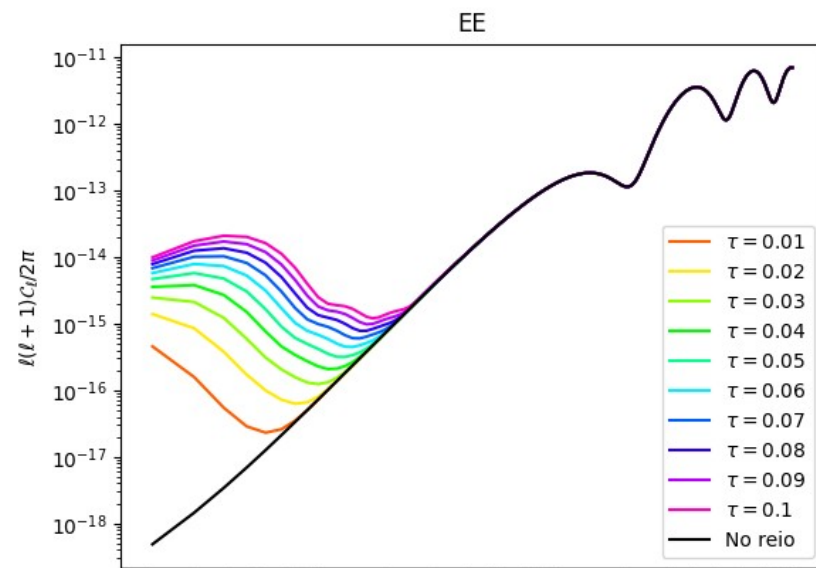
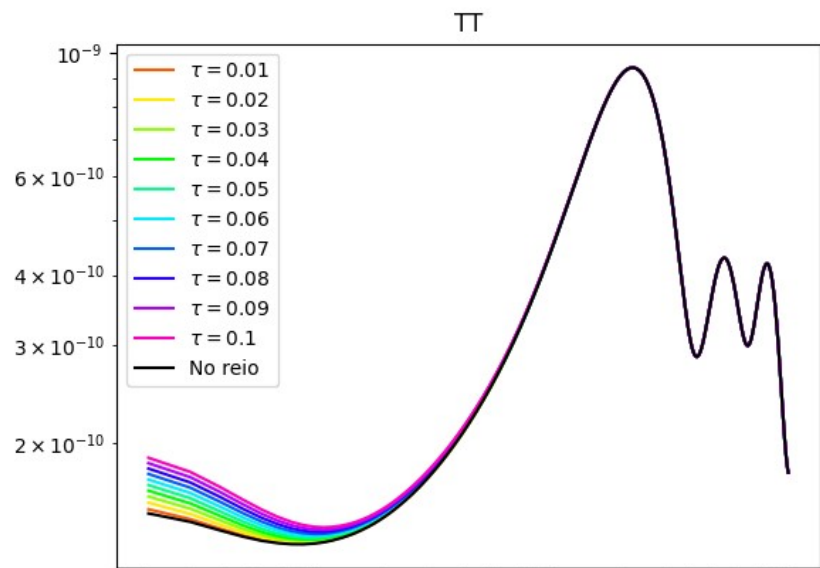
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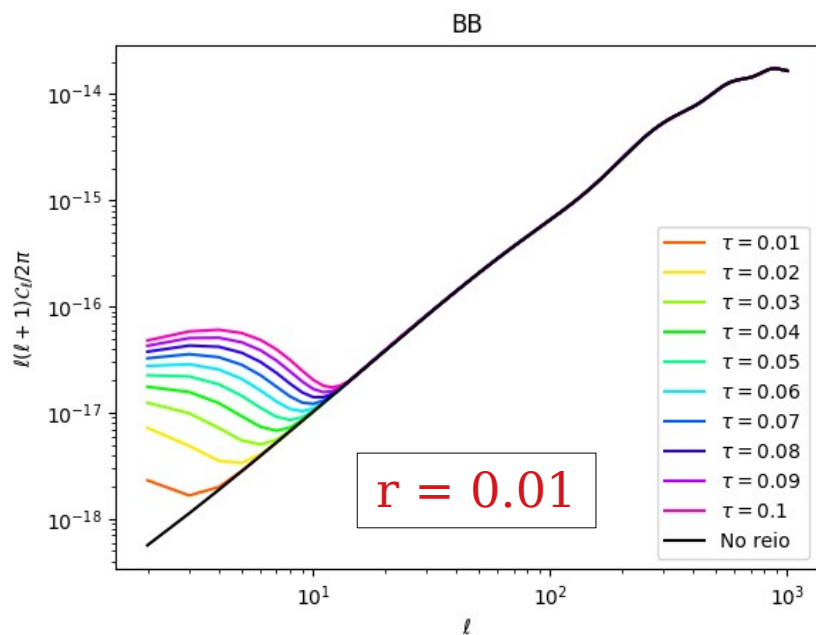
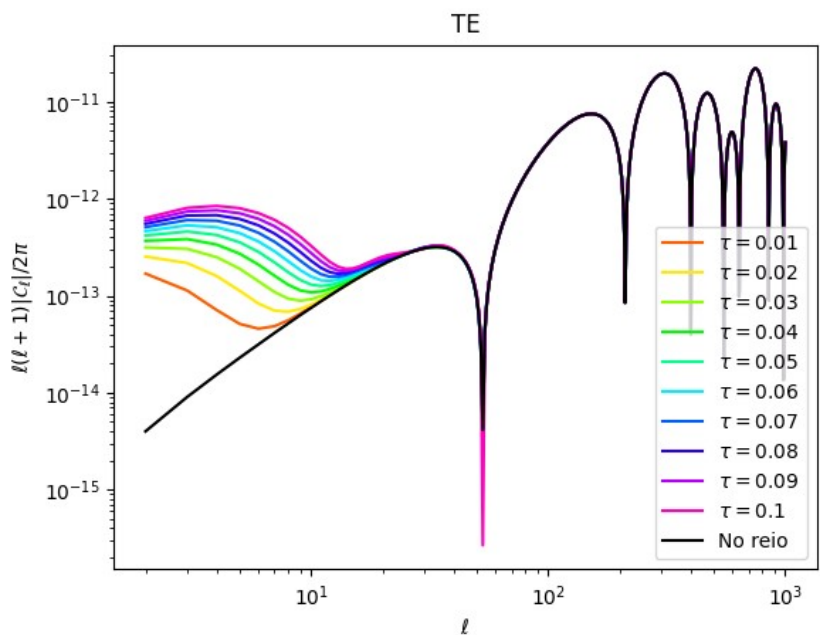
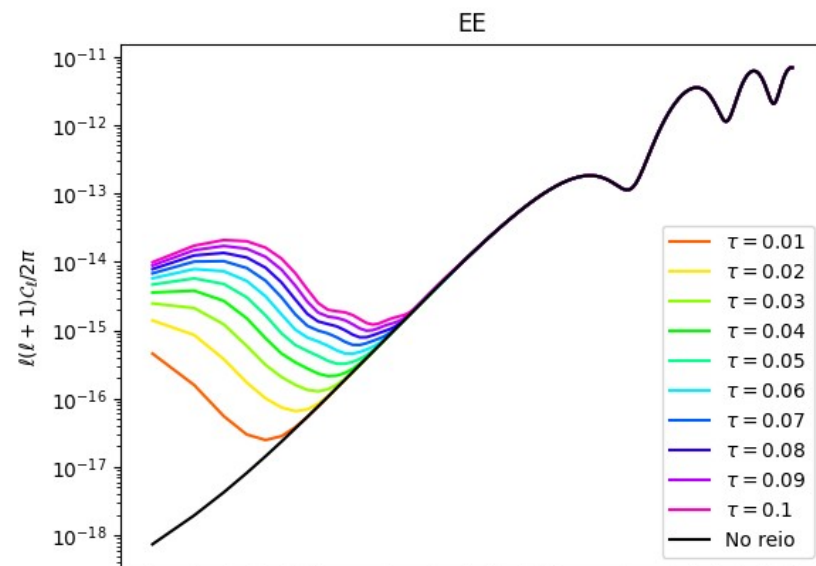
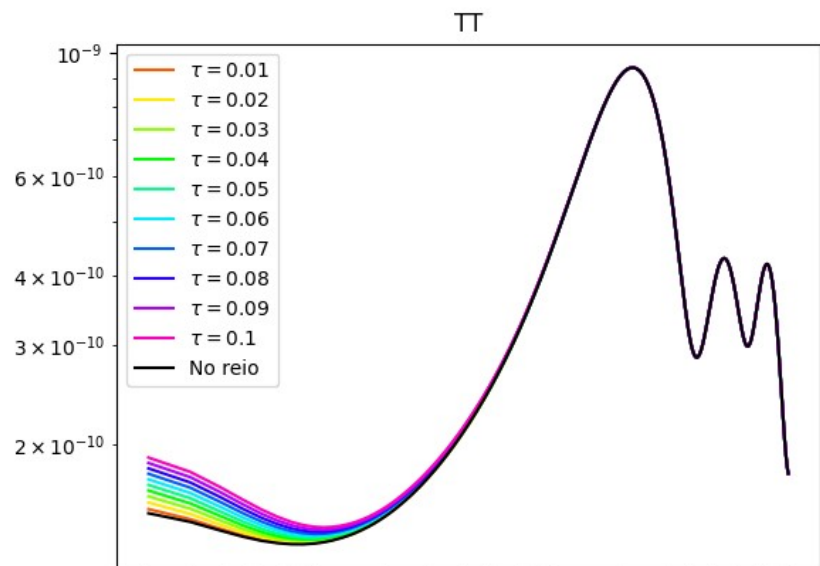
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CMB polarization features from inflation versus reionization

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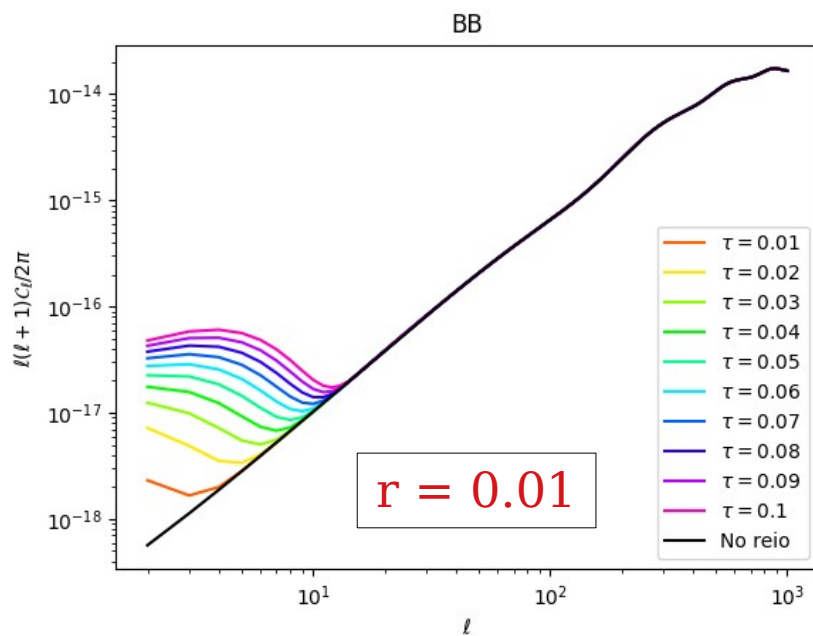
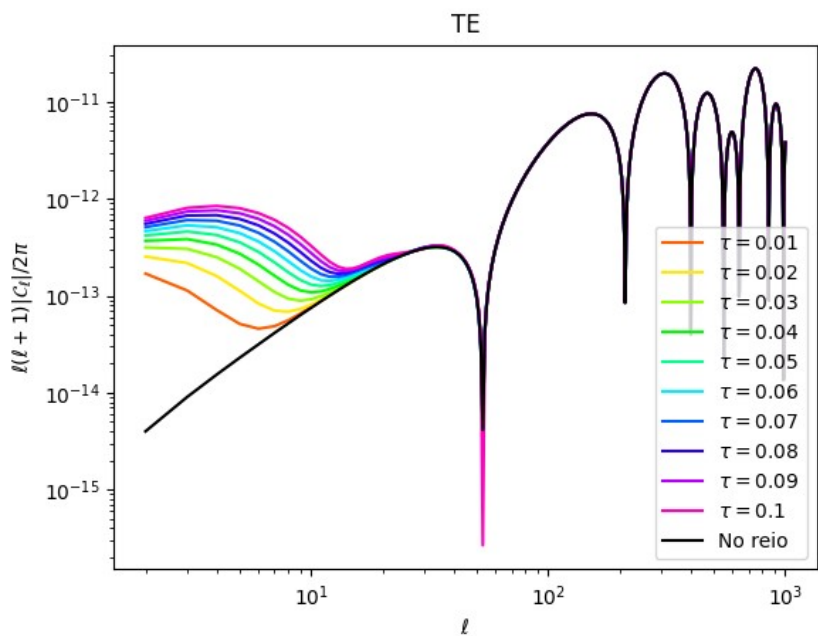
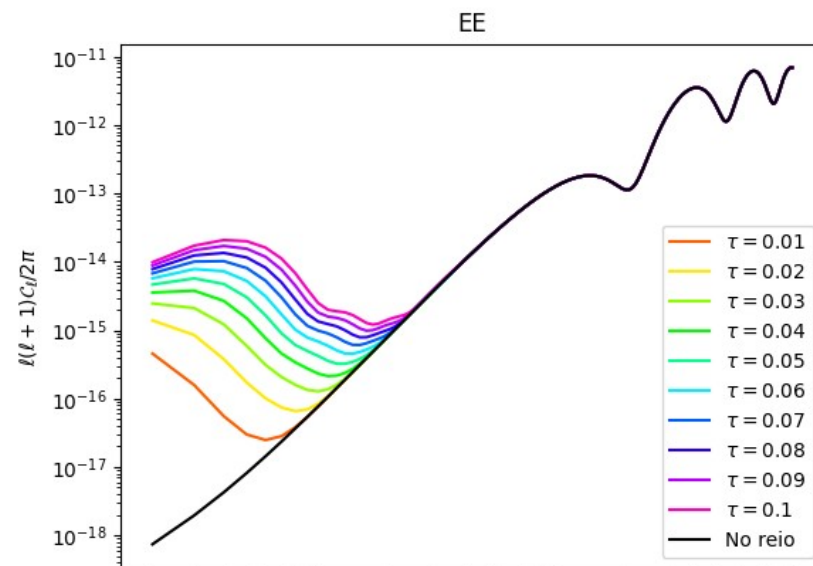
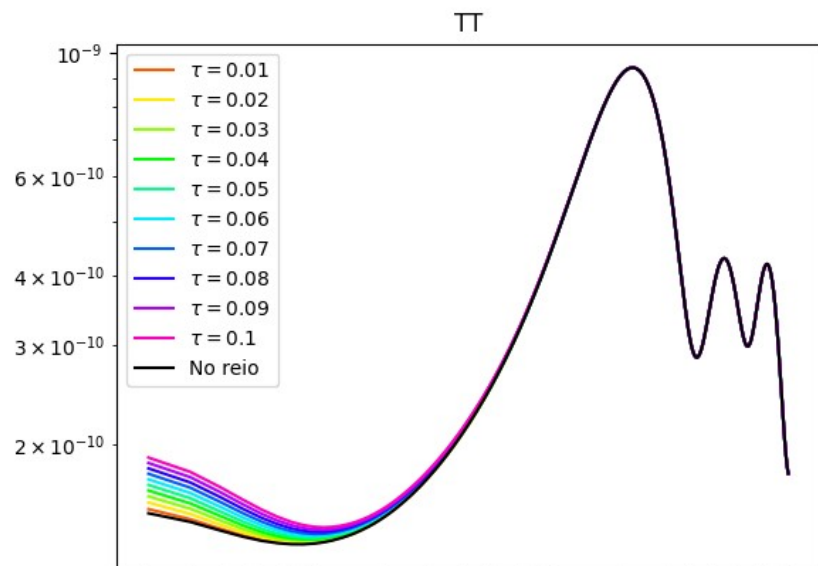
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The angular power spectrum of the cosmic microwave background temperature anisotropy observed by WMAP has an anomalous dip at $\ell \sim 20$ and bump at $\ell \sim 40$. One explanation for this structure is the presence of features in the primordial curvature power spectrum, possibly caused by a step in the inflationary potential. The detection of these features is only marginally significant from temperature data alone. However, the inflationary feature hypothesis predicts a specific shape for the E -mode polarization power spectrum with a structure similar to that observed in temperature at $\ell \sim 20 - 40$. Measurement of the CMB polarization on few-degree scales can therefore be used as a consistency check of the hypothesis. The Planck satellite has the statistical sensitivity to confirm or rule out the model that best fits the temperature features with 3σ significance, assuming all other parameters are known. With a cosmic variance limited experiment, this significance improves to 8σ . For tests of inflationary models that can explain both the dip and bump in temperature, the primary source of uncertainty is confusion with polarization features created by a complex reionization history, which at most reduces the significance to 2.5σ for Planck and $5 - 6\sigma$ for an ideal experiment. Smoothing of the polarization spectrum by a large tensor component only slightly reduces the ability of polarization to test for inflationary features, as does requiring that polarization is consistent with the observed temperature spectrum given the expected low level of TE correlation on few-degree scales. If polarized foregrounds can be adequately subtracted, Planck will supply valuable evidence for or against features in the primordial power spectrum. A future high-sensitivity polarization satellite would enable a decisive test of the feature hypothesis and provide complementary information about the shape of a possible step in the inflationary potential.

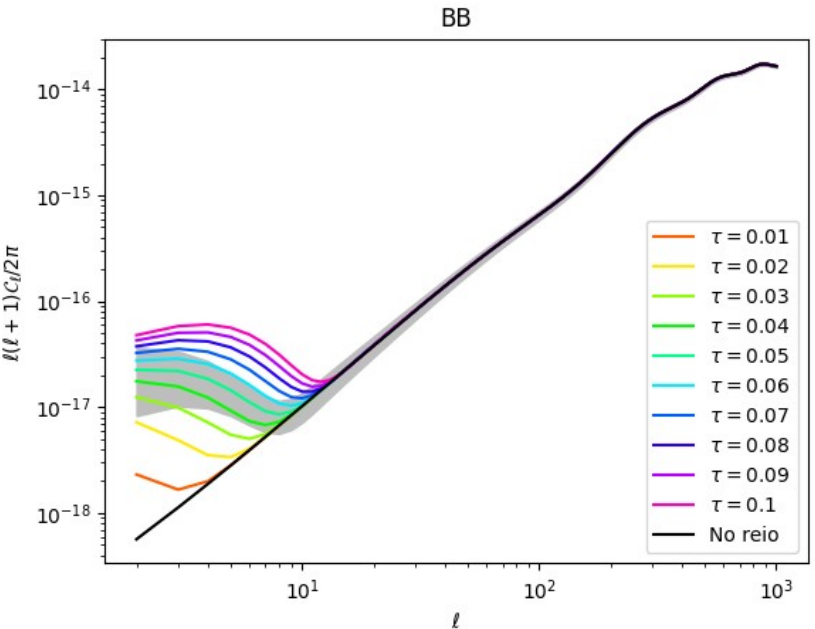
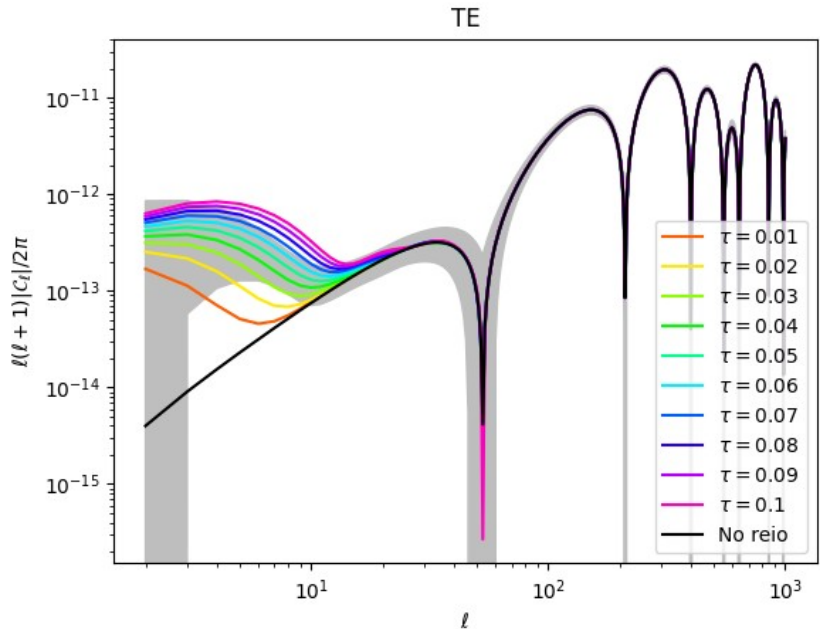
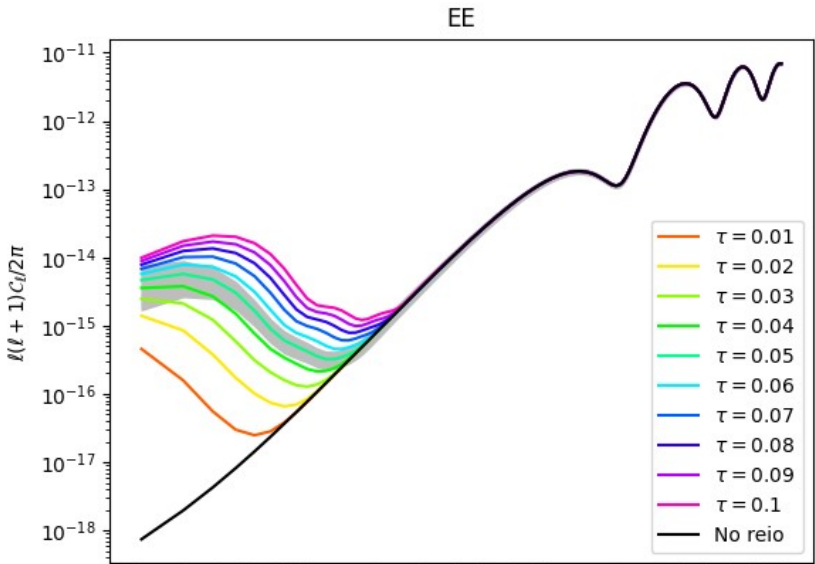
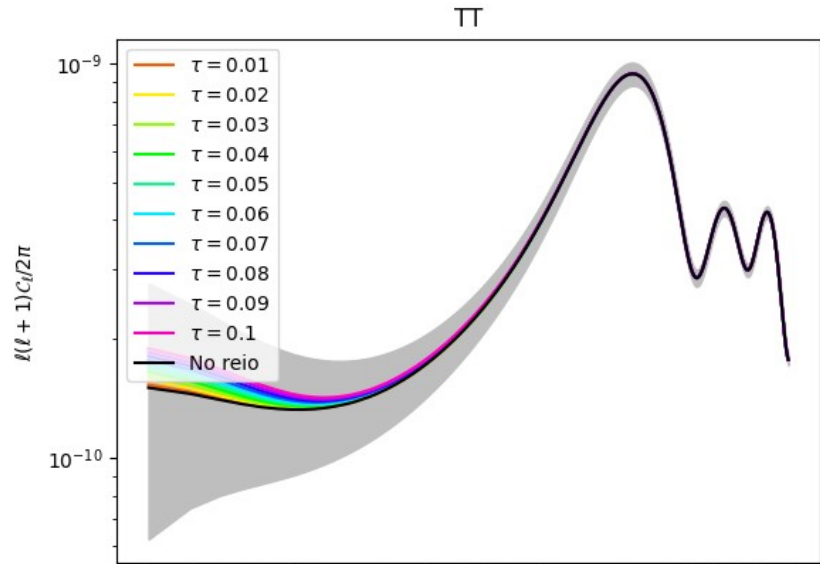
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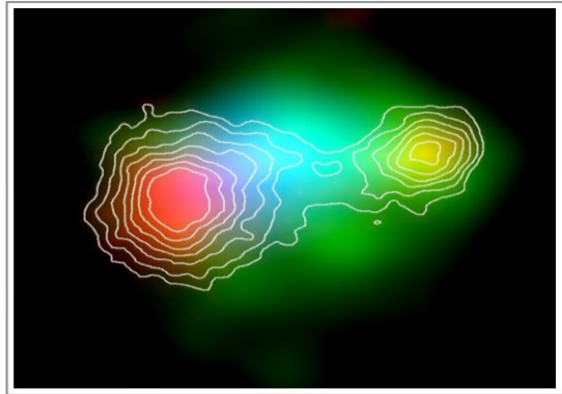
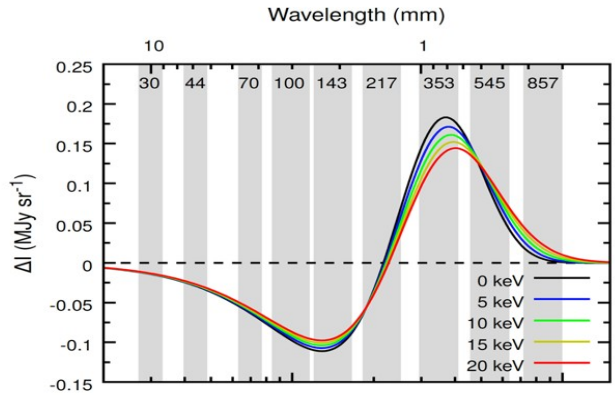
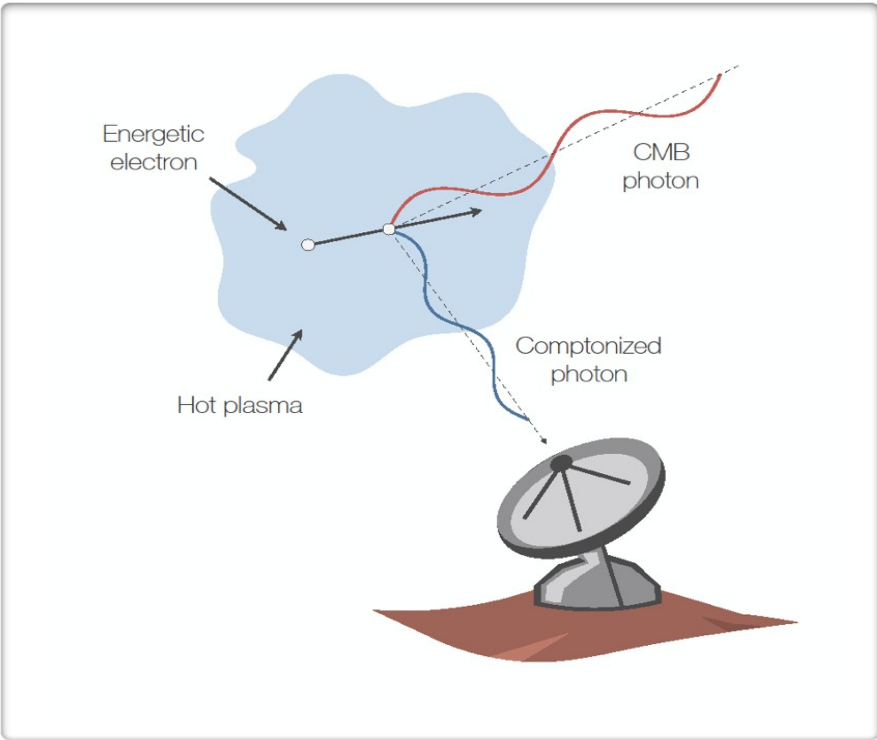
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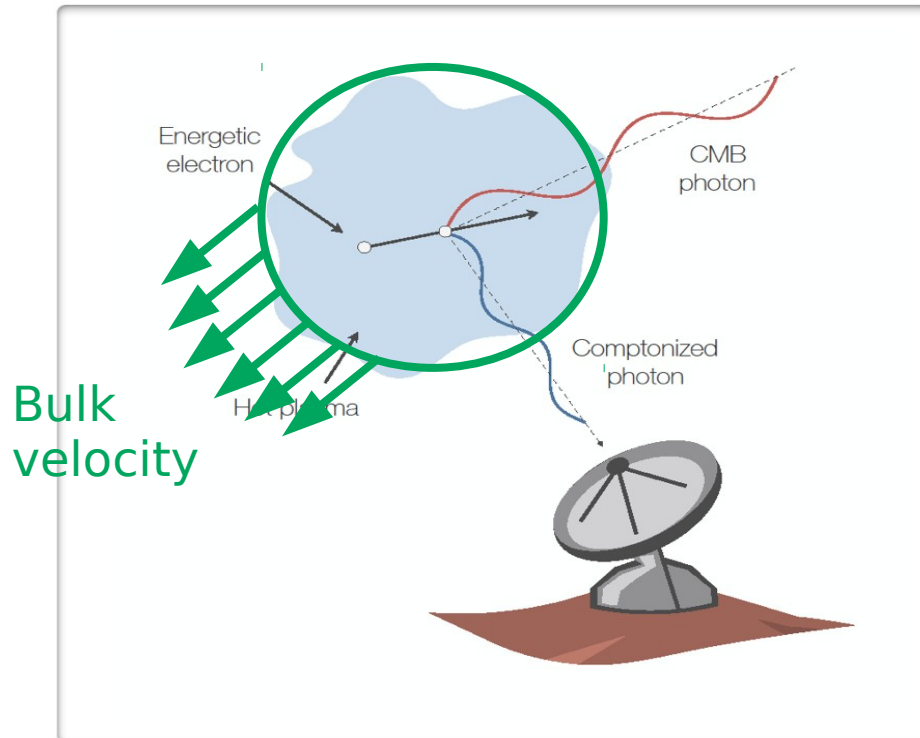
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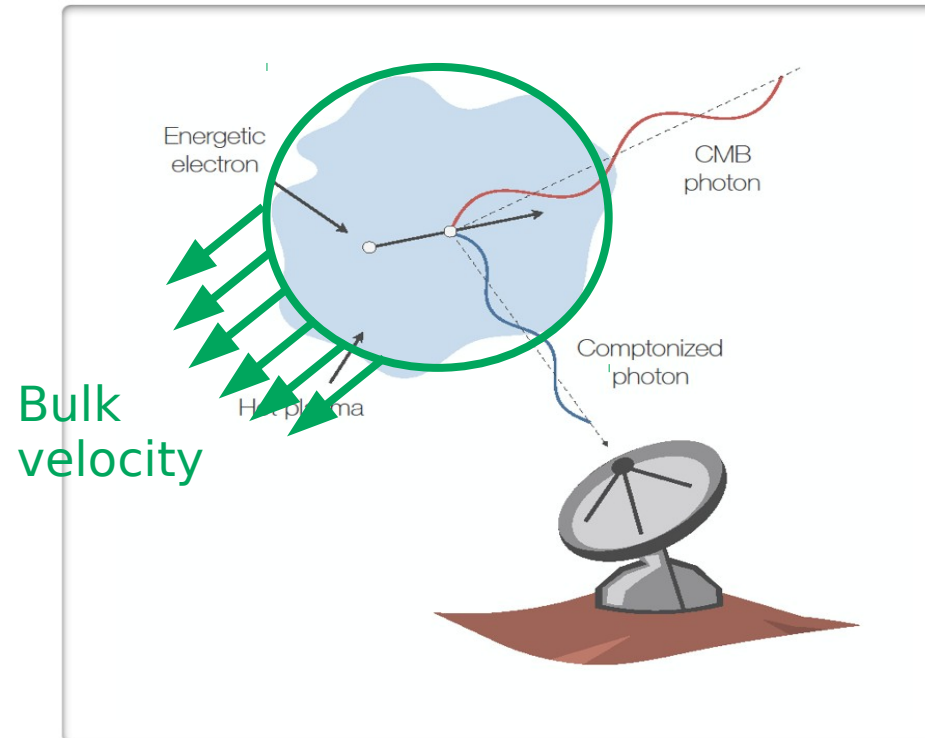
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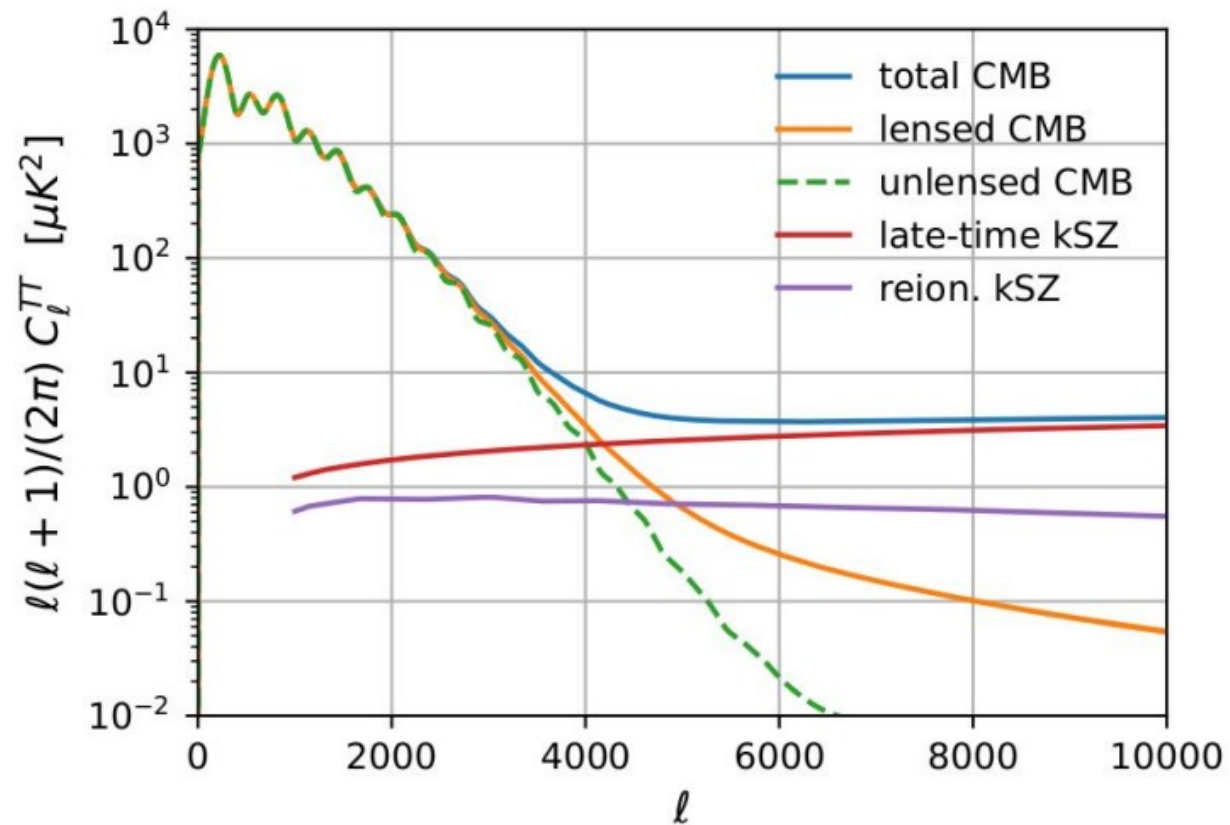
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Commonly divided into two components:

- homogeneous kSZ, sourced by density perturbations of the late, fully ionised Universe
- patchy kSZ, sourced by ionization perturbations during reionisation

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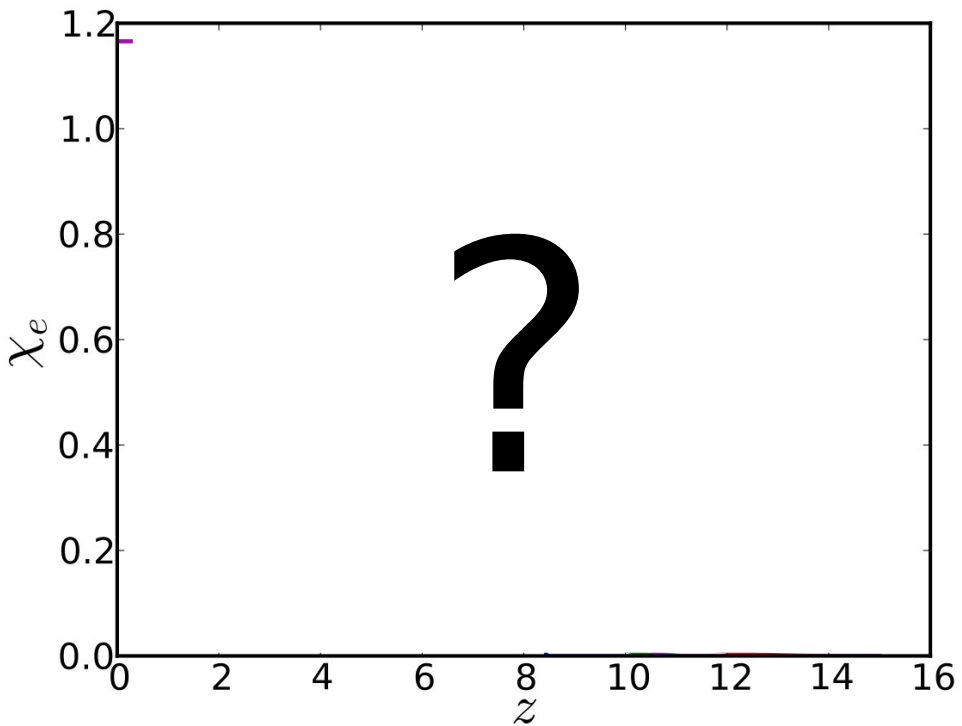
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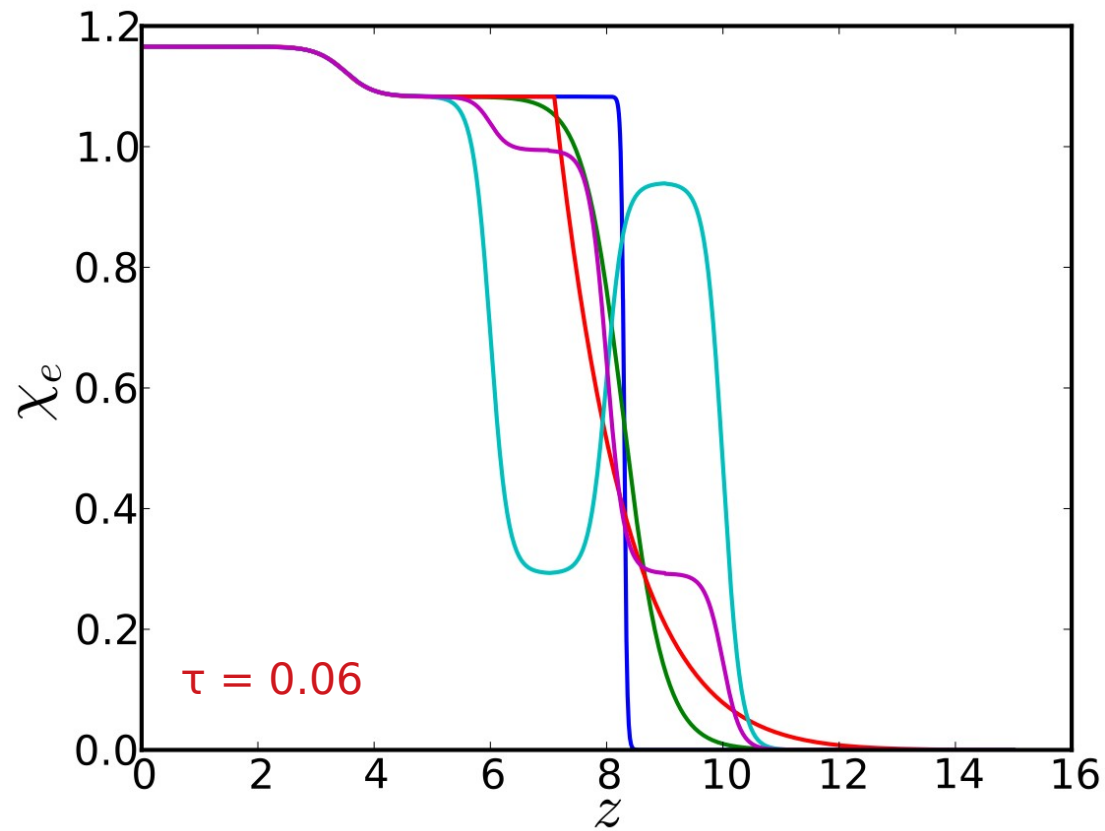
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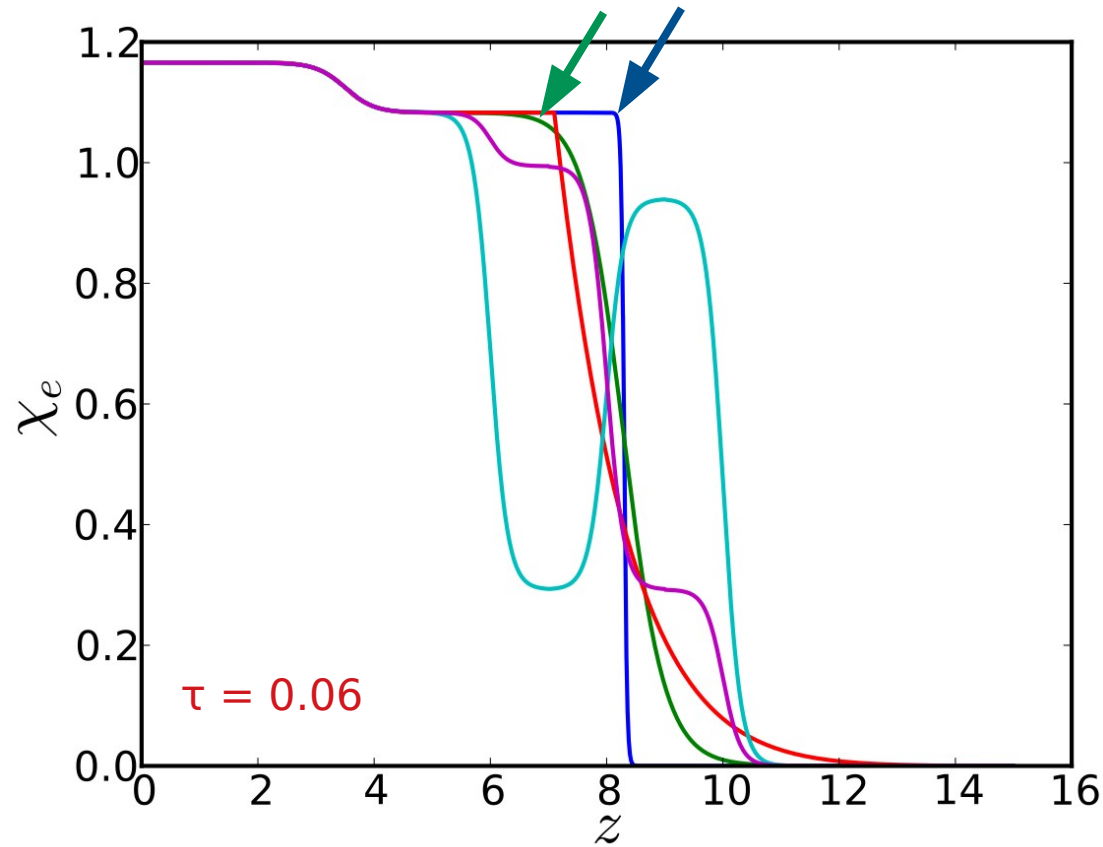


χ_e = ionization fraction as a function of the redshift

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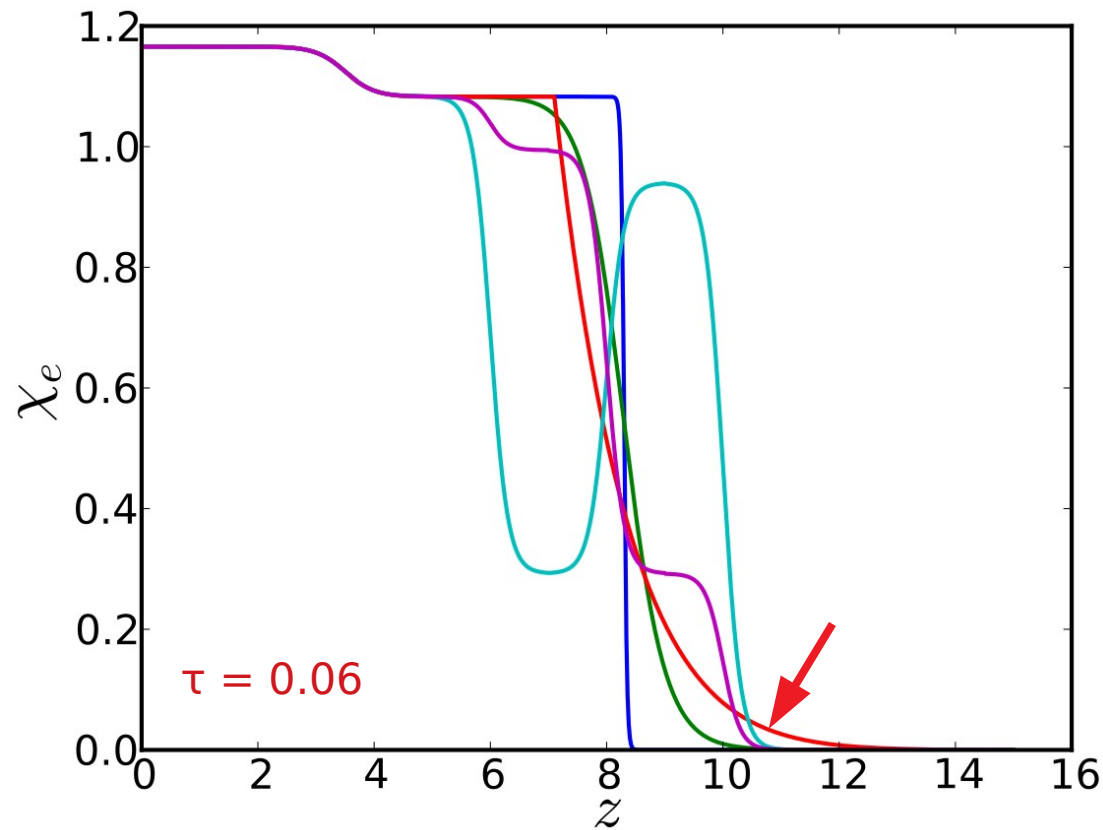


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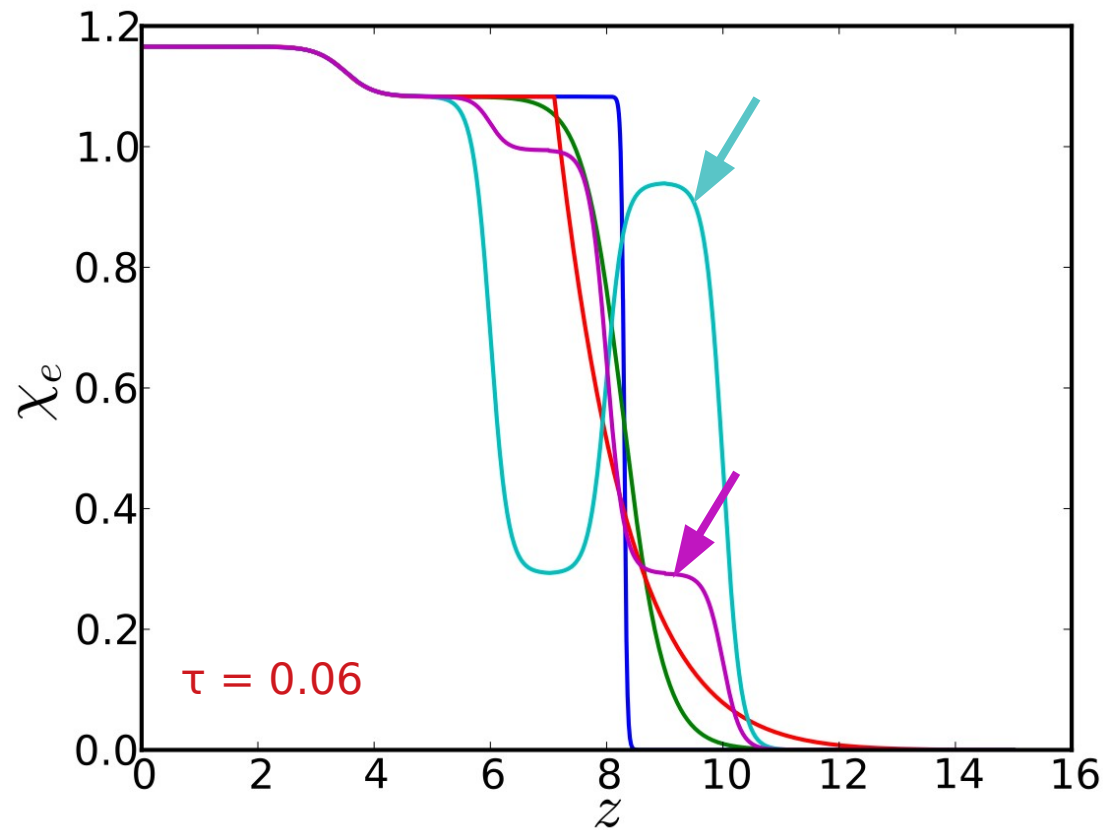
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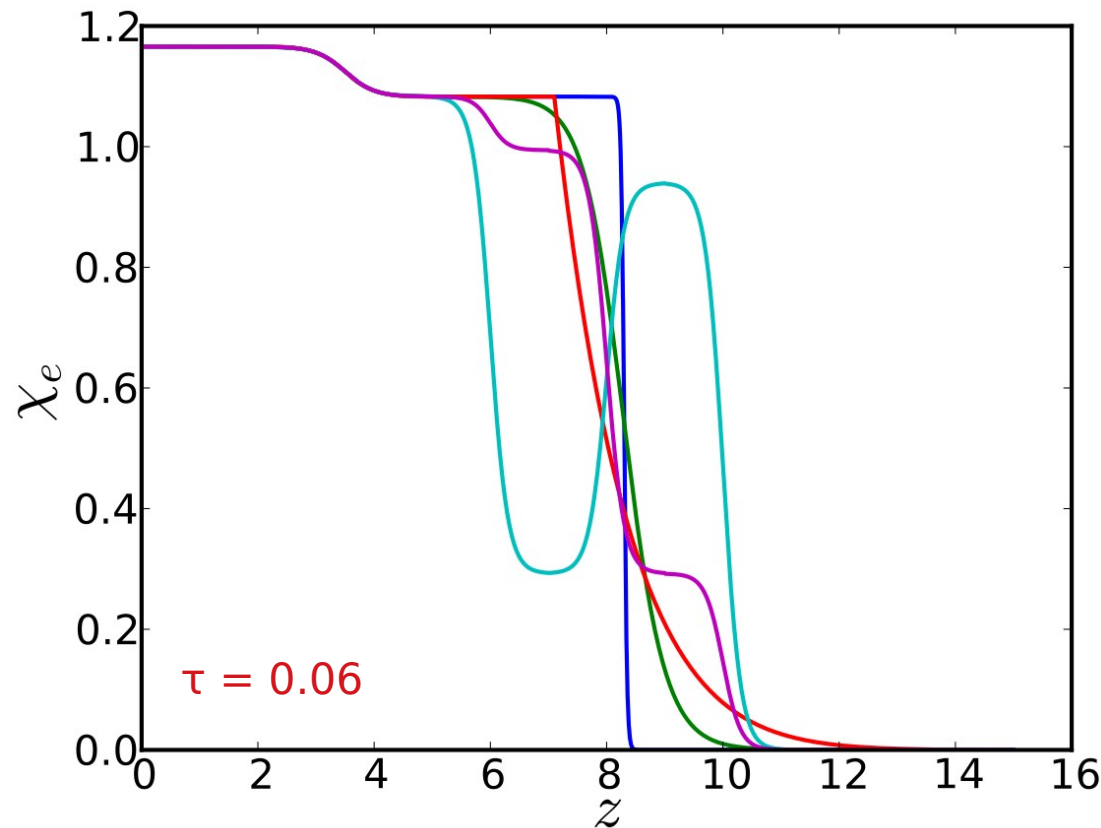
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+ physical models: see Daniela Paoletti poster (combination with other astro data)

III) How to model the EoR

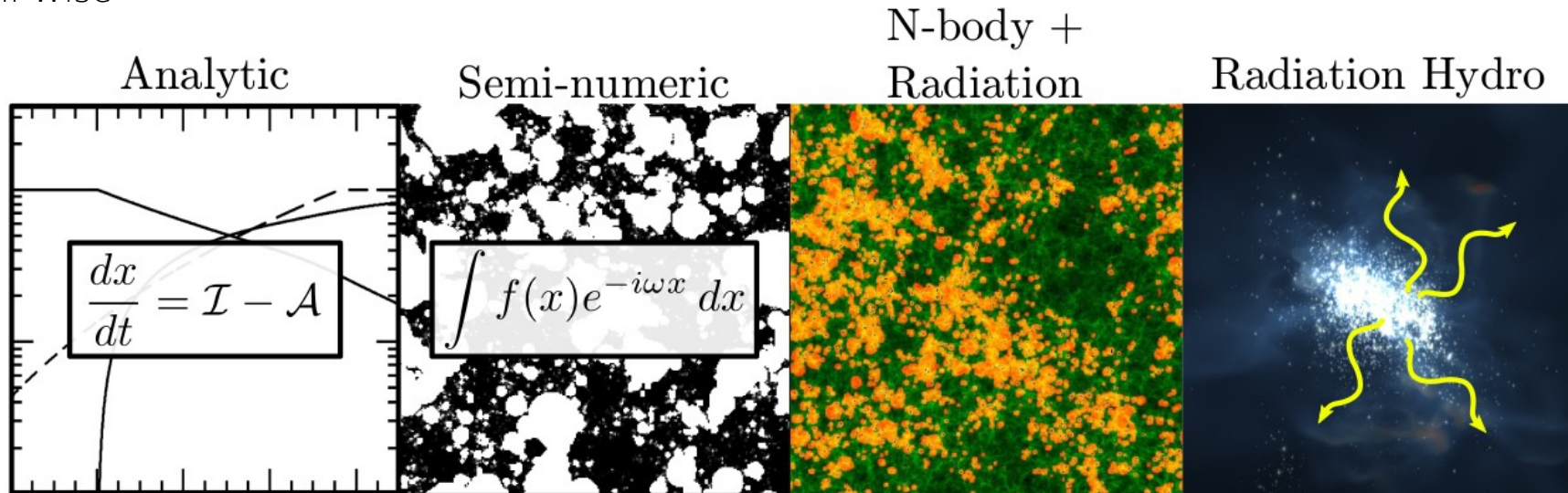
Modelling the kSZ effect

- homogeneous kSZ → density perturbations → δ_b
→ need to know about small-scale matter distribution
- patchy kSZ → ionization perturbations → δ_x
→ depends on duration of reionisation and distribution of ionised bubble sizes

III) How to model the EoR

Modelling the kSZ effect

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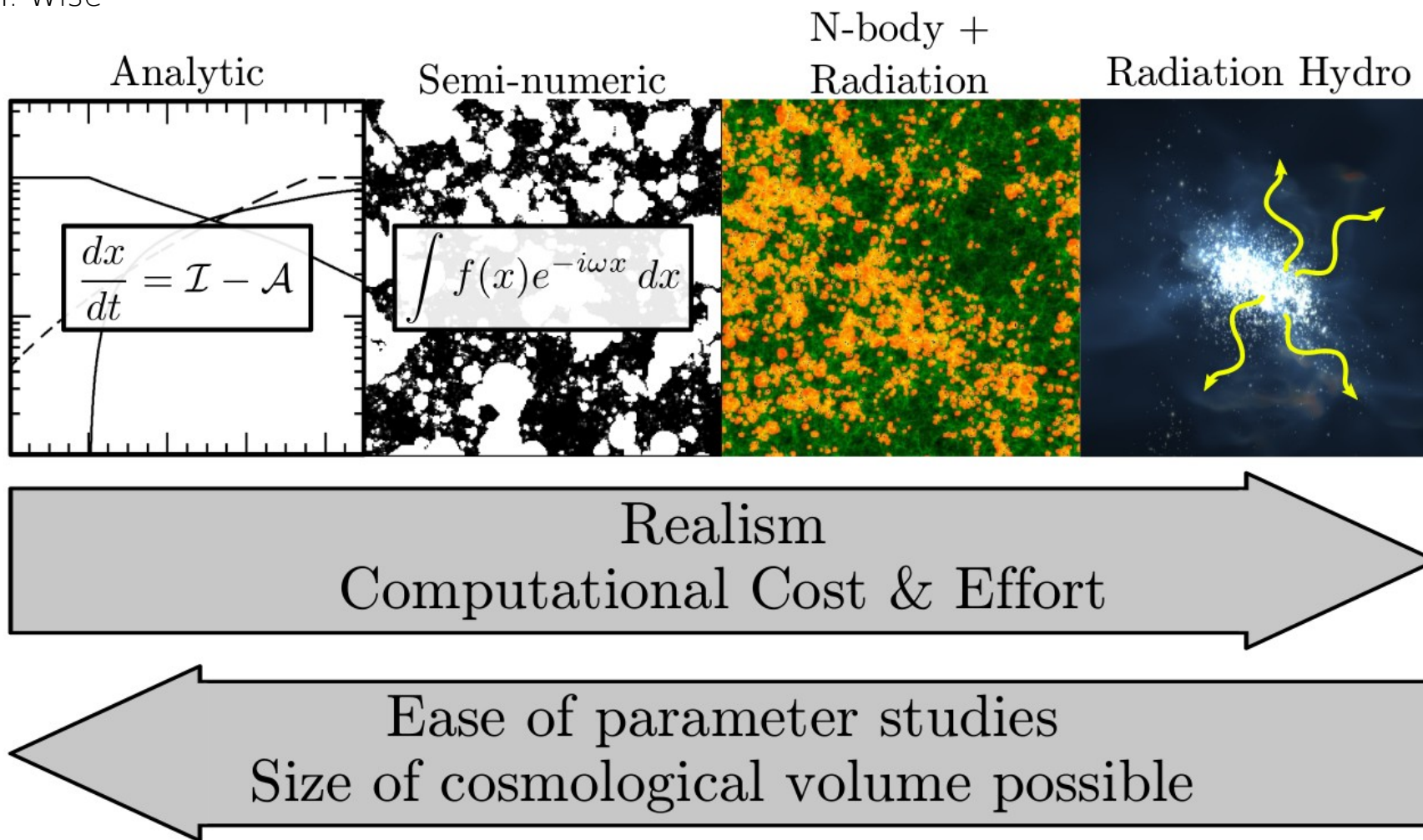


- volume-averaged analytic models
- spatially-dependent semi-numeric models
- radiative transfer calculations using matter distributions from N-body sims
- full radiation hydrodynamic galaxy formation simulations

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Modelling the kSZ effect

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Modelling the kSZ effect

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N-body +

hydro

Best of both worlds ?

e.g. Gorce et al. 2022 (2202.08698):
machine learning algorithm
trained on predictions of the parametric model
of Gorce, Ilic, et al 2020
(itself calibrated on full hydro simulations)

Computational Cost & Effort

Ease of parameter studies
Size of cosmological volume possible

III) How to model the EoR

In CMB studies like Planck: templates with rescaling

- homogeneous kSZ

$$D_{\ell}^{h-kSZ} \propto \left(\frac{\tau}{0.076} \right)^{0.44} \quad [\text{Shaw et al., 2012}]$$

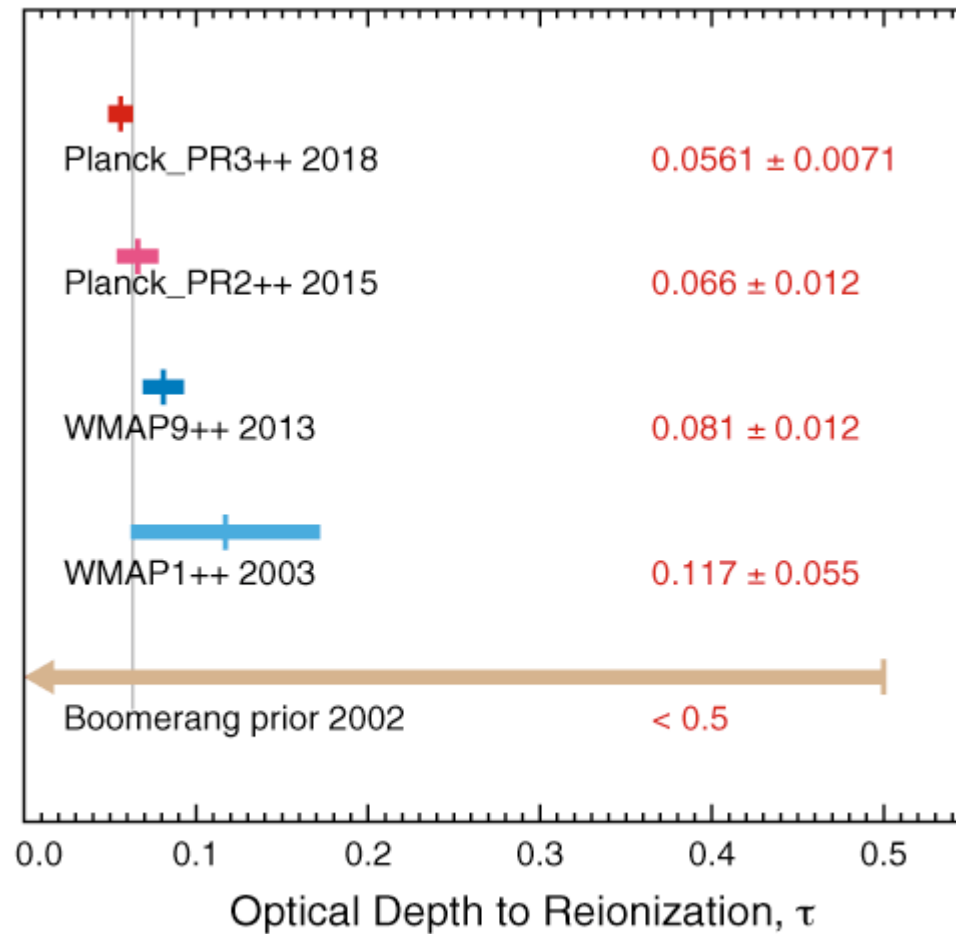
- patchy kSZ

$$D_{\ell}^{p-kSZ} \propto \left[\left(\frac{1 + z_{reio}}{11} \right) - 0.12 \right] \left(\frac{\Delta_z}{1.05} \right)^{0.51} \quad [\text{Battaglia et al., 2013}]$$

IV) Current constraints on reionisation

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Symmetric reionisation:



LAMBDA - September 2018

Significant progress in the past two decades

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Symmetric reionisation:

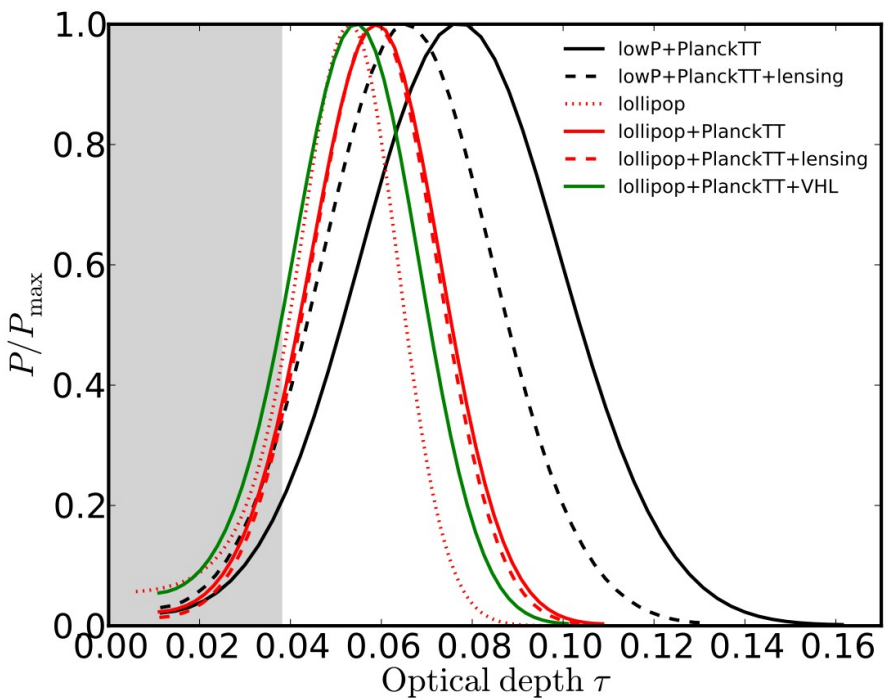
Parameter	TT,TE,EE+lowE 68% limits	
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.02236 ± 0.00015	0.67%
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1202 ± 0.0014	1.16%
$100\theta_{MC}$	1.04090 ± 0.00031	0.03%
τ	$0.0544^{+0.0070}_{-0.0081}$	13.9%
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	3.045 ± 0.016	0.53%
n_s	0.9649 ± 0.0044	0.46%

But remains one of the most poorly known aspects of our cosmological model

IV) Current constraints on reionisation

Symmetric reionisation:

“Planck constraints on reionization history”
 [Planck intermediate results. XLVII (2016)]



$$\tau = 0.053^{+0.014}_{-0.016},$$

$$\tau = 0.058^{+0.012}_{-0.012},$$

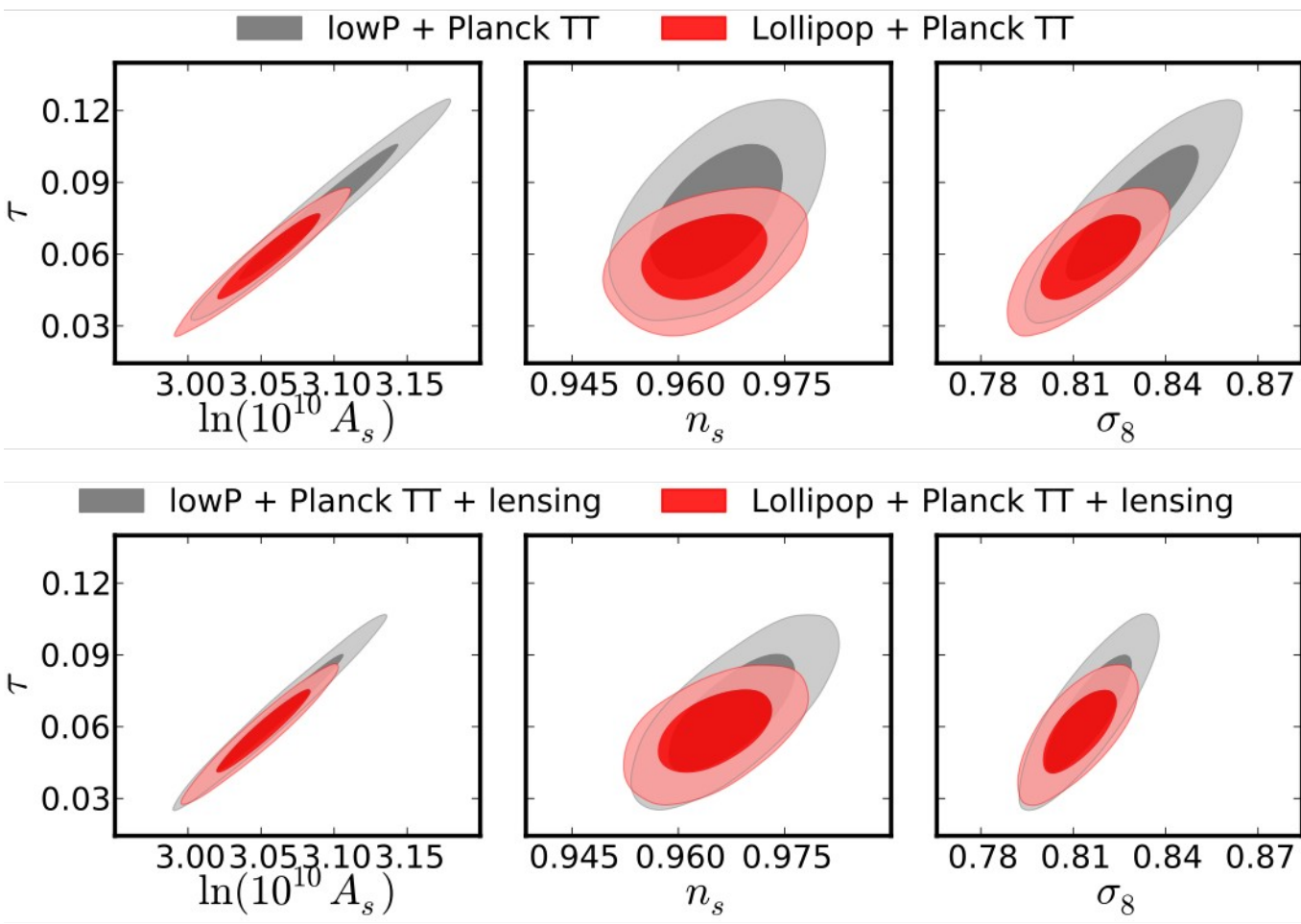
$$\tau = 0.058^{+0.011}_{-0.012},$$

lolipop⁵ ;
lolipop+PlanckTT ;
lolipop+PlanckTT+lensing ;

$$\tau = 0.058 \pm 0.012 \left(\begin{array}{l} \pm 0.009 \text{ (stat)} \\ \pm 0.008 \text{ (sys)} \end{array} \right)$$

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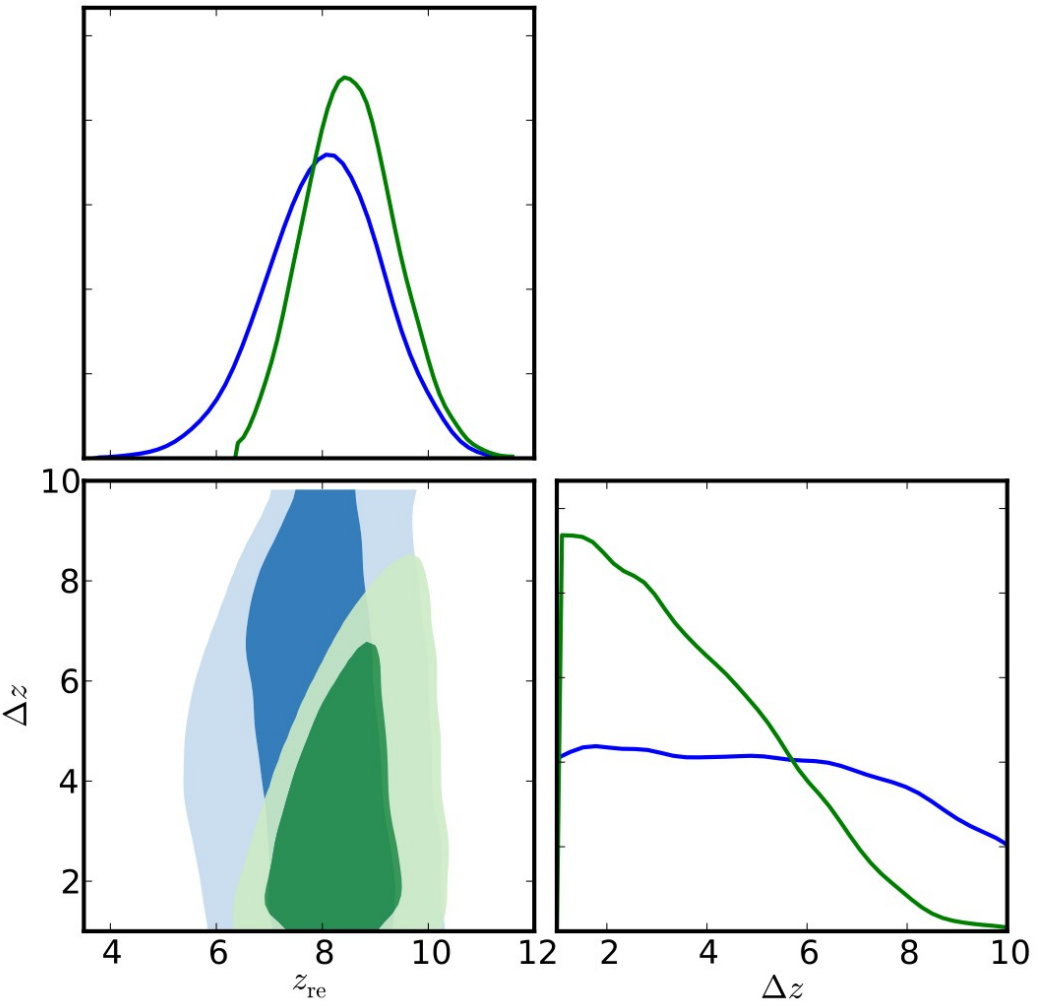
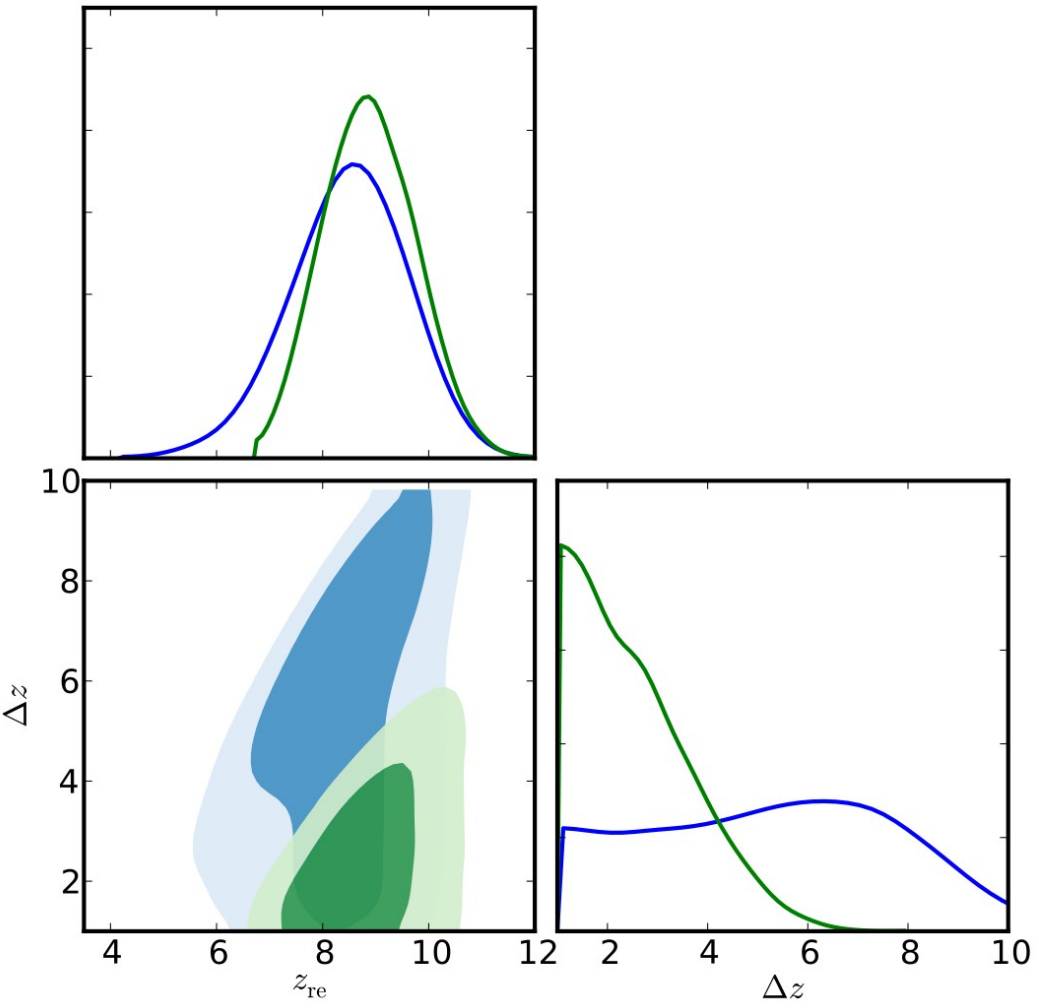
Symmetric reionisation:



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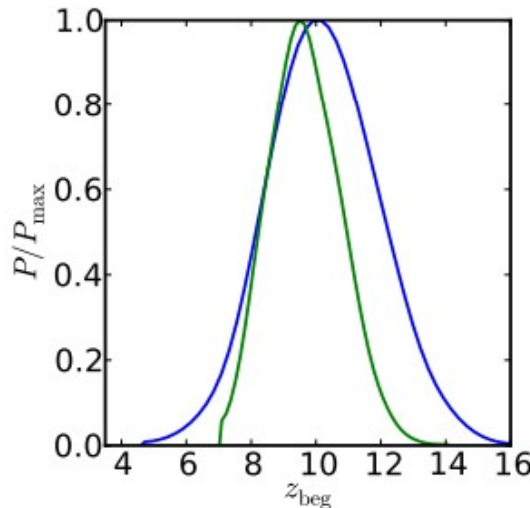
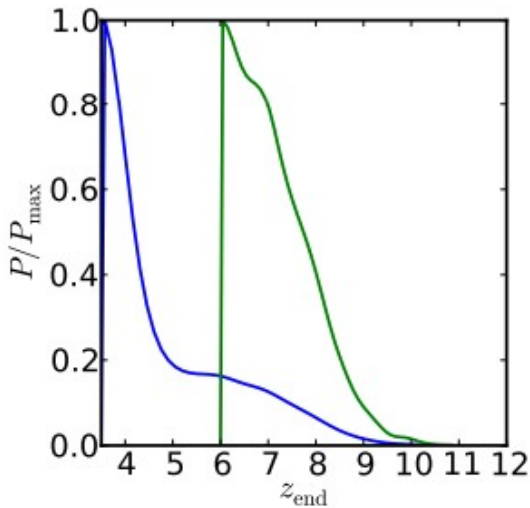
Symmetric reionisation:

Asymmetric reionisation:

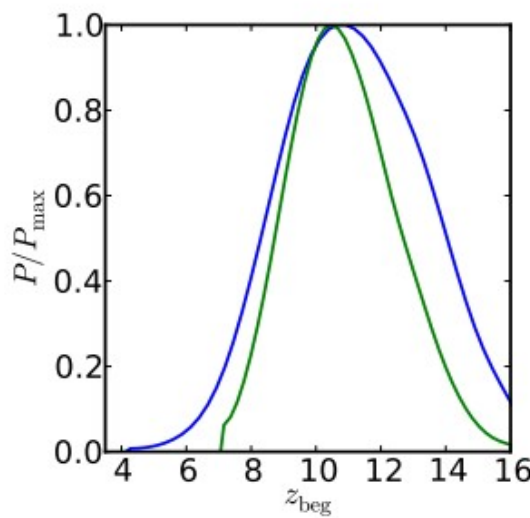
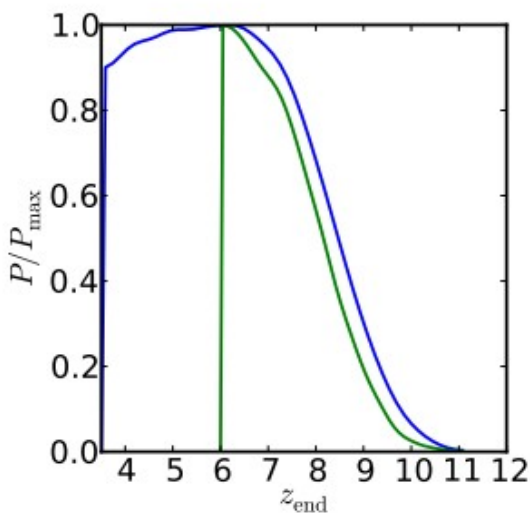


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Symmetric reionisation



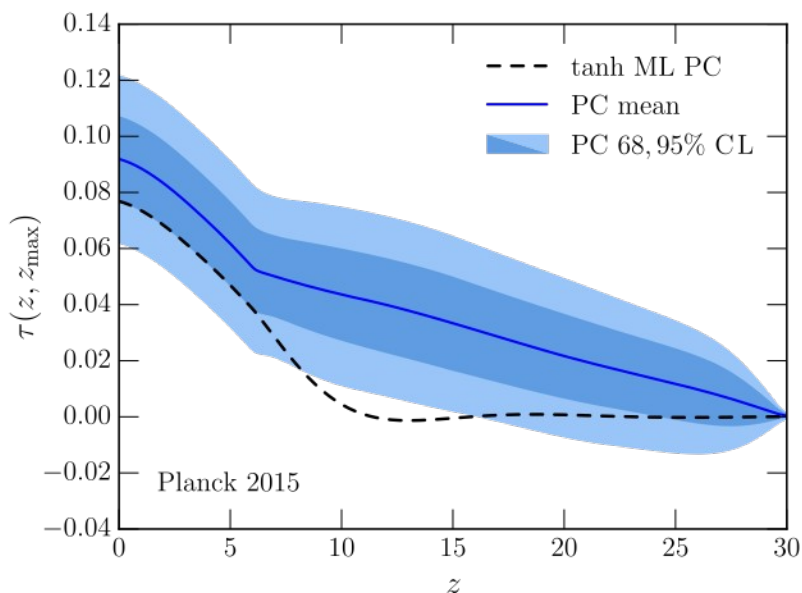
Asymmetric reionisation



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Model-independent approaches

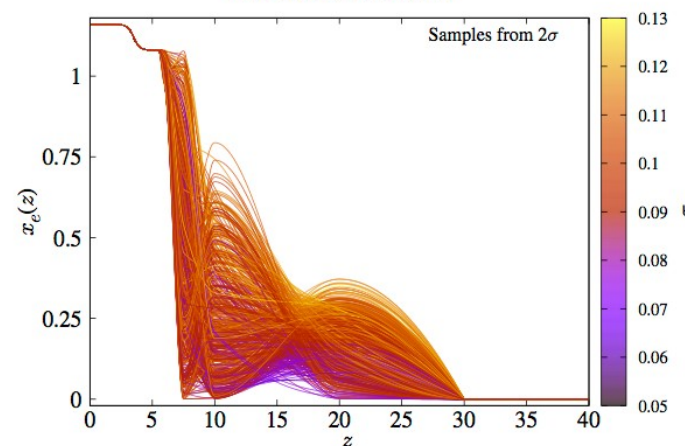
PCA reconstruction



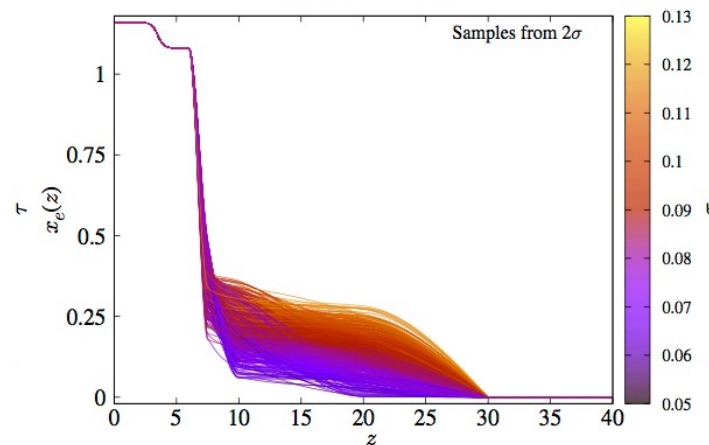
[Heinrich, Miranda & Hu PRD 95, 023513 (2017)]
[Heinrich & Hu, arXiv:1802.00791 (2018)]

Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolating Polynomials (PCHIP)

Conservative bounds



Optimistic bounds

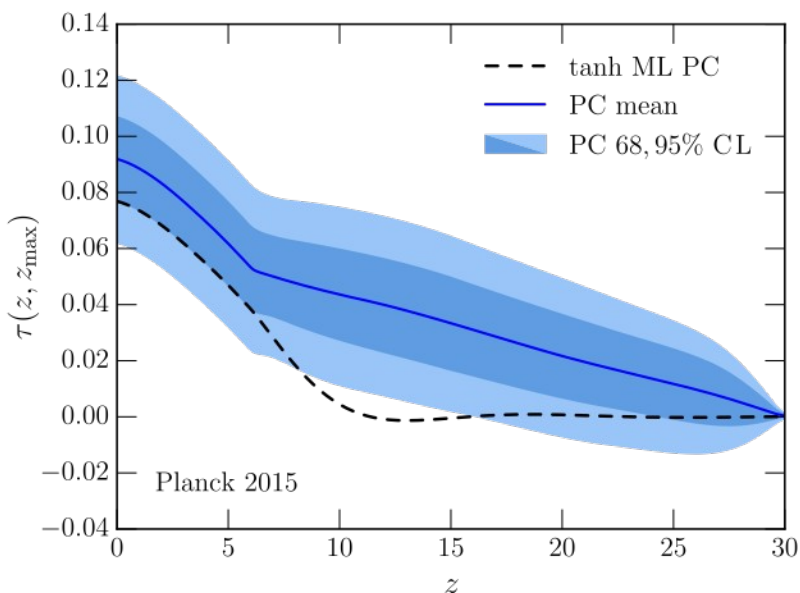


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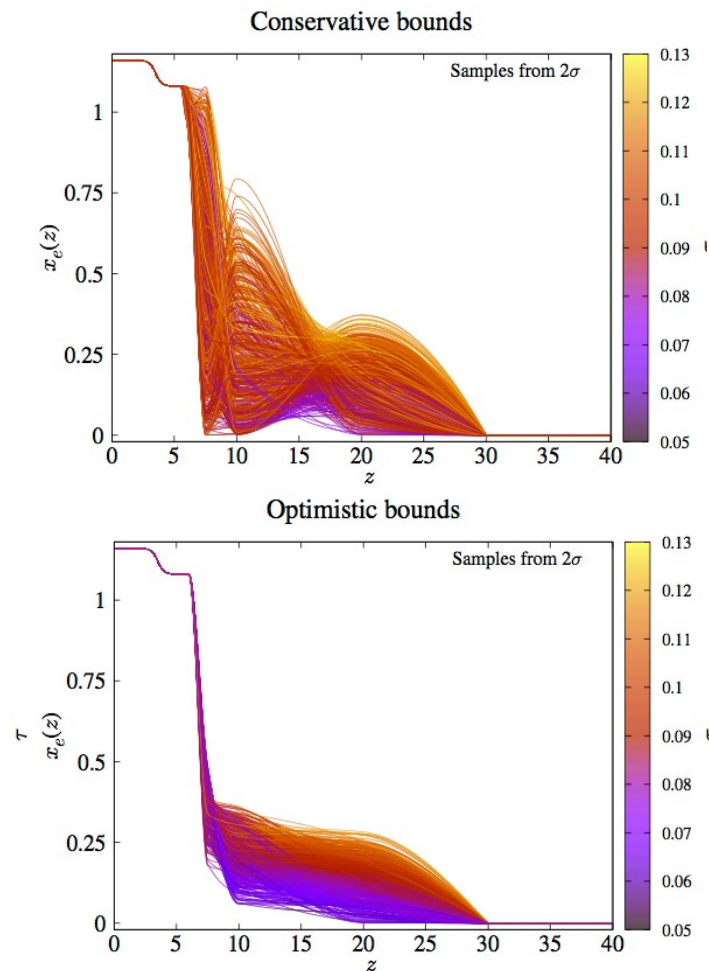
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**Some care required concerning
non-explicit priors**

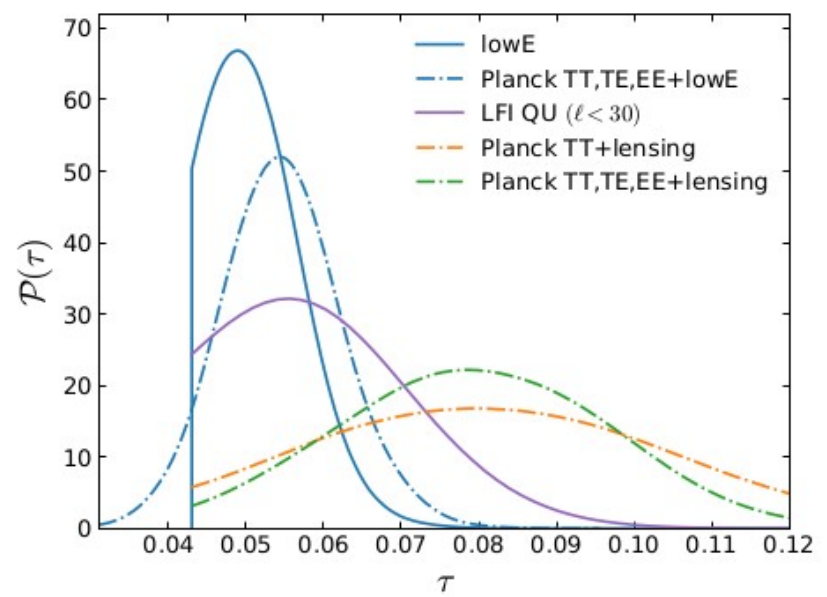
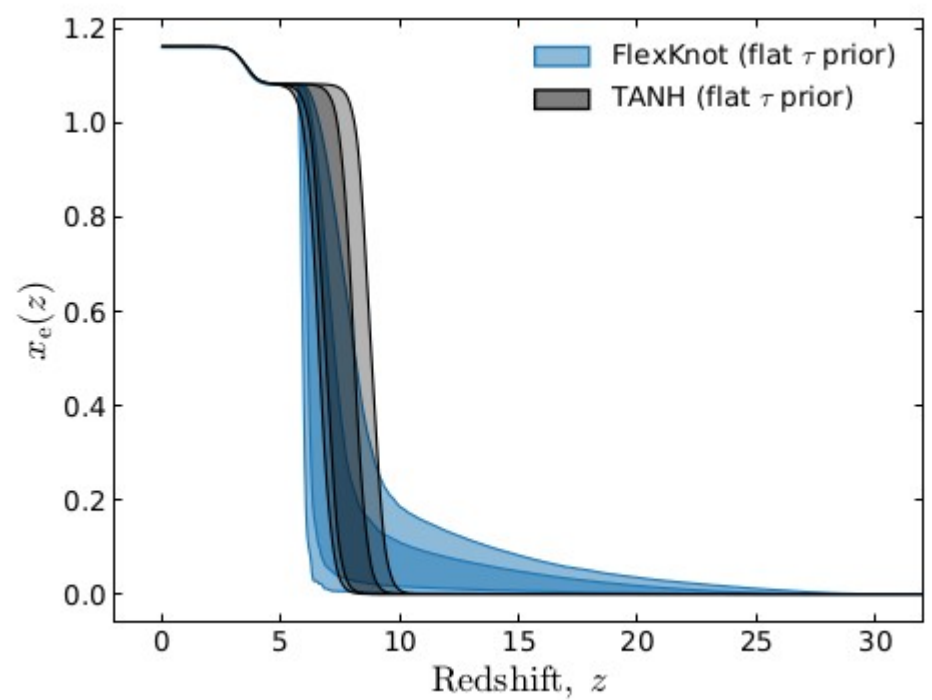
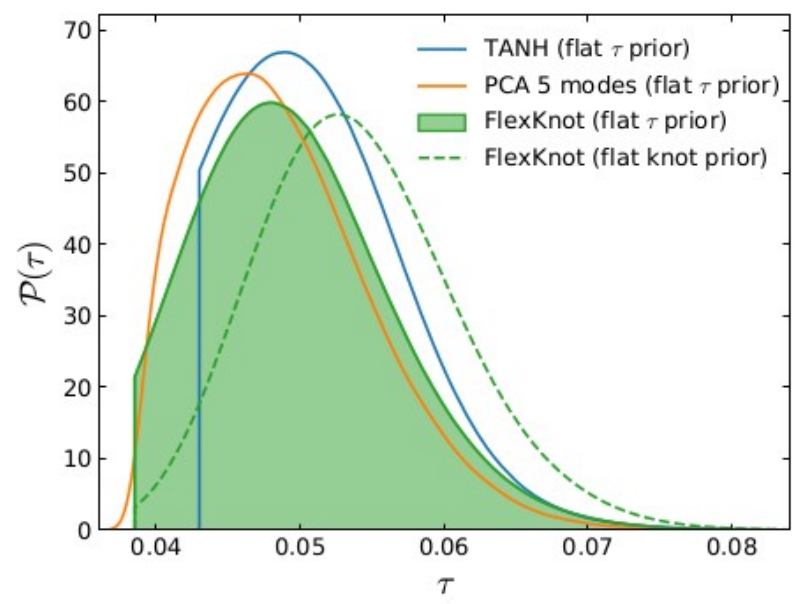
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[Planck 2018 results. VI (2019)]



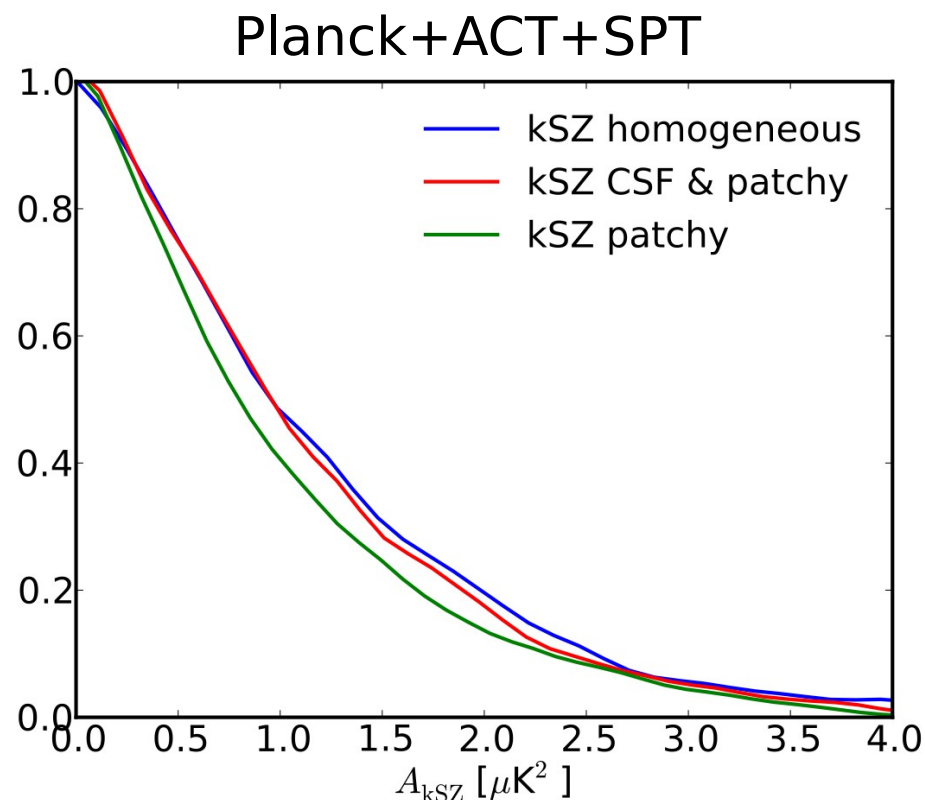
$$\tau = 0.0519^{+0.0030}_{-0.0079} \quad (\text{lowE; flat } \tau \text{ prior; TANH});$$

$$\tau = 0.0504^{+0.0050}_{-0.0079} \quad (\text{lowE; flat } \tau \text{ prior; FlexKnot});$$

$$\tau = 0.0487^{+0.0038}_{-0.0081} \quad (\text{lowE; flat } \tau \text{ prior; PCA}).$$

IV) Current constraints on reionisation

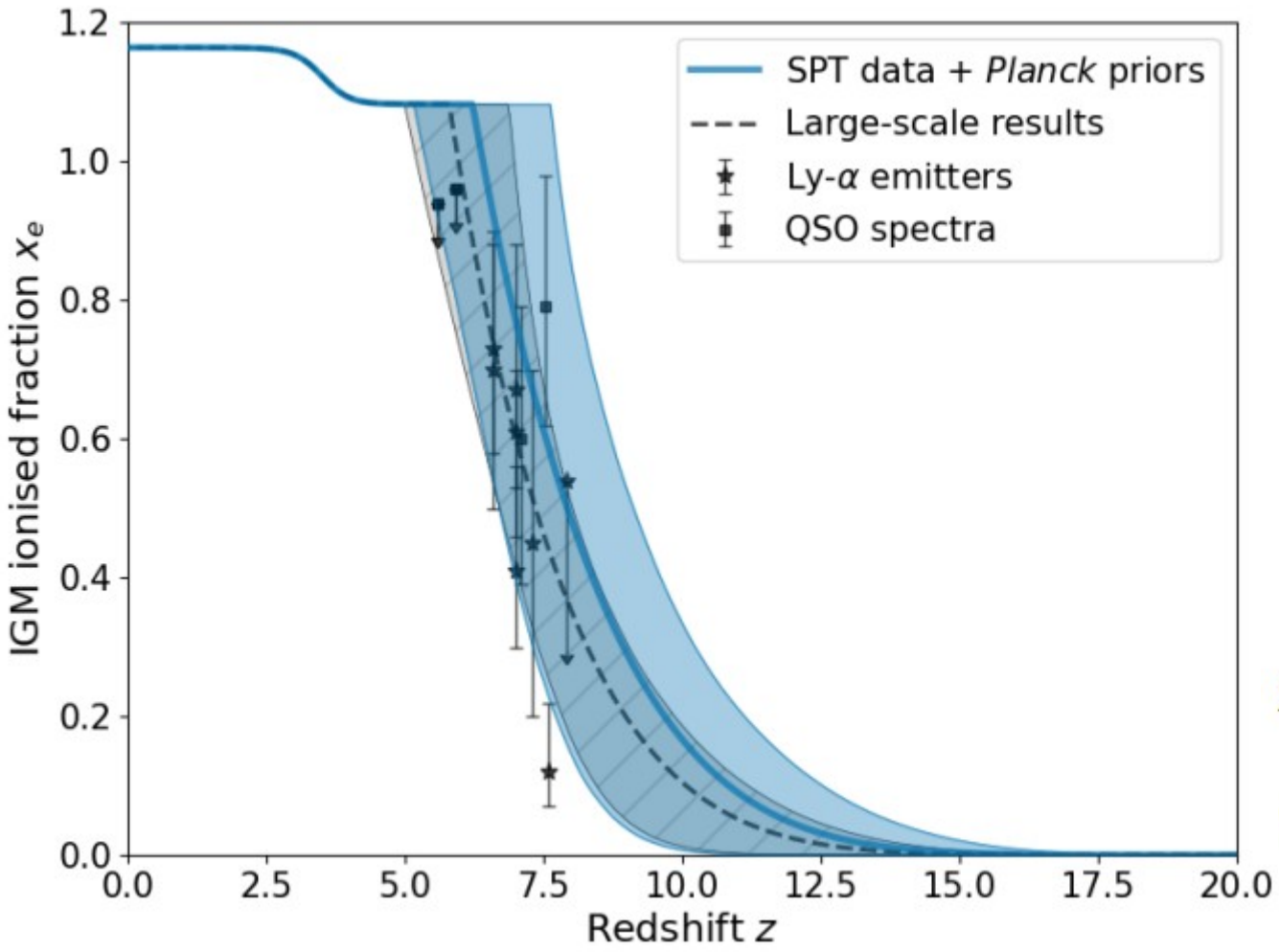
Planck is not able to measure kSZ independently
→ need high resolution CMB data (ACT, SPT)



Current constraints from CMB on kSZ amplitude are very weak and model dependent
→ need high-sensitivity, small-scale measurements

IV) Current constraints on reionisation

Gorce et al. 2022 (2202.08698)



$$z_{\text{re}} = 7.9^{+1.1}_{-1.3} \text{ (68\% C.L.)}$$
$$\tau = 0.062^{+0.012}_{-0.014} \text{ (68\% C.L.)}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{3000}^{\text{kSZ}} = 3.3^{+0.5}_{-0.3} \mu\text{K}^2 \text{ (68\% C.L.)}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{3000}^{\text{pkSZ}} < 1.58 \mu\text{K}^2 \text{ (95\% C.L.)}$$

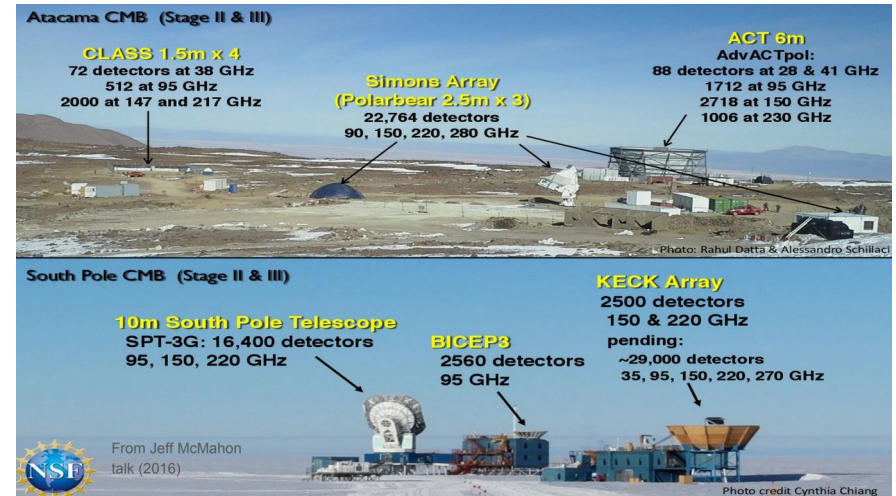
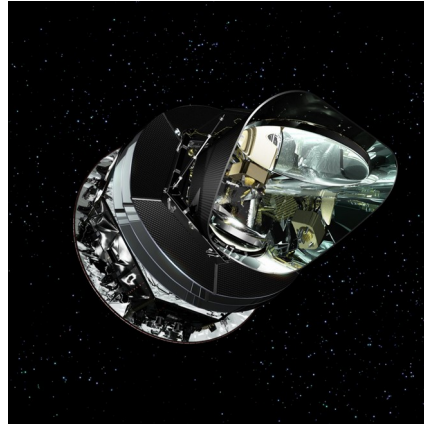
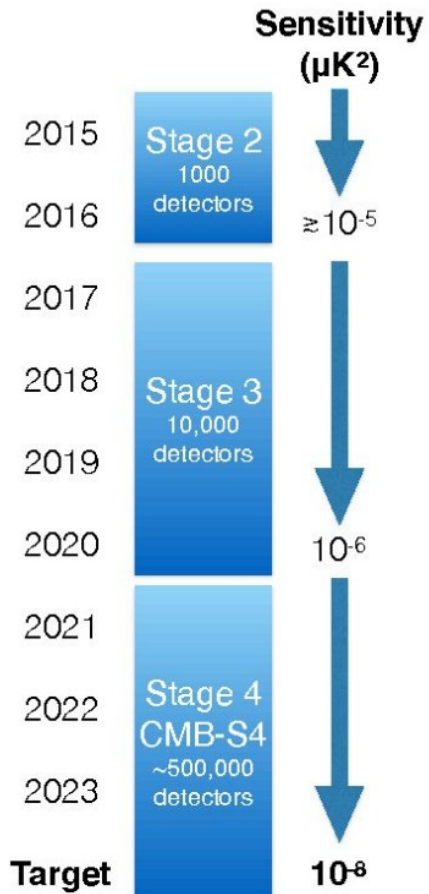
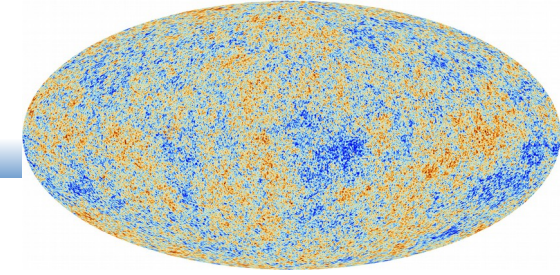
IV) Current constraints on reionisation

- CMB results consistent with a fully reionised Universe at $z \sim 6$
- Good agreement with recent constraints from particular objects (QSOs, GRB, Ly- α)
- Disfavors large abundances of star-forming galaxies beyond $z = 15$
- Sufficient to comply with all the observational constraints without the need for high-redshift ($z = 10$ to 15) galaxies.

- CMB results on reionisation history is model dependent
- Need to be careful about “model-independent” approaches
- Emphasis on the need for complementary probes of reionisation (especially given the small tau value)

V) Perspectives & future constraints

V) Upcoming CMB surveys

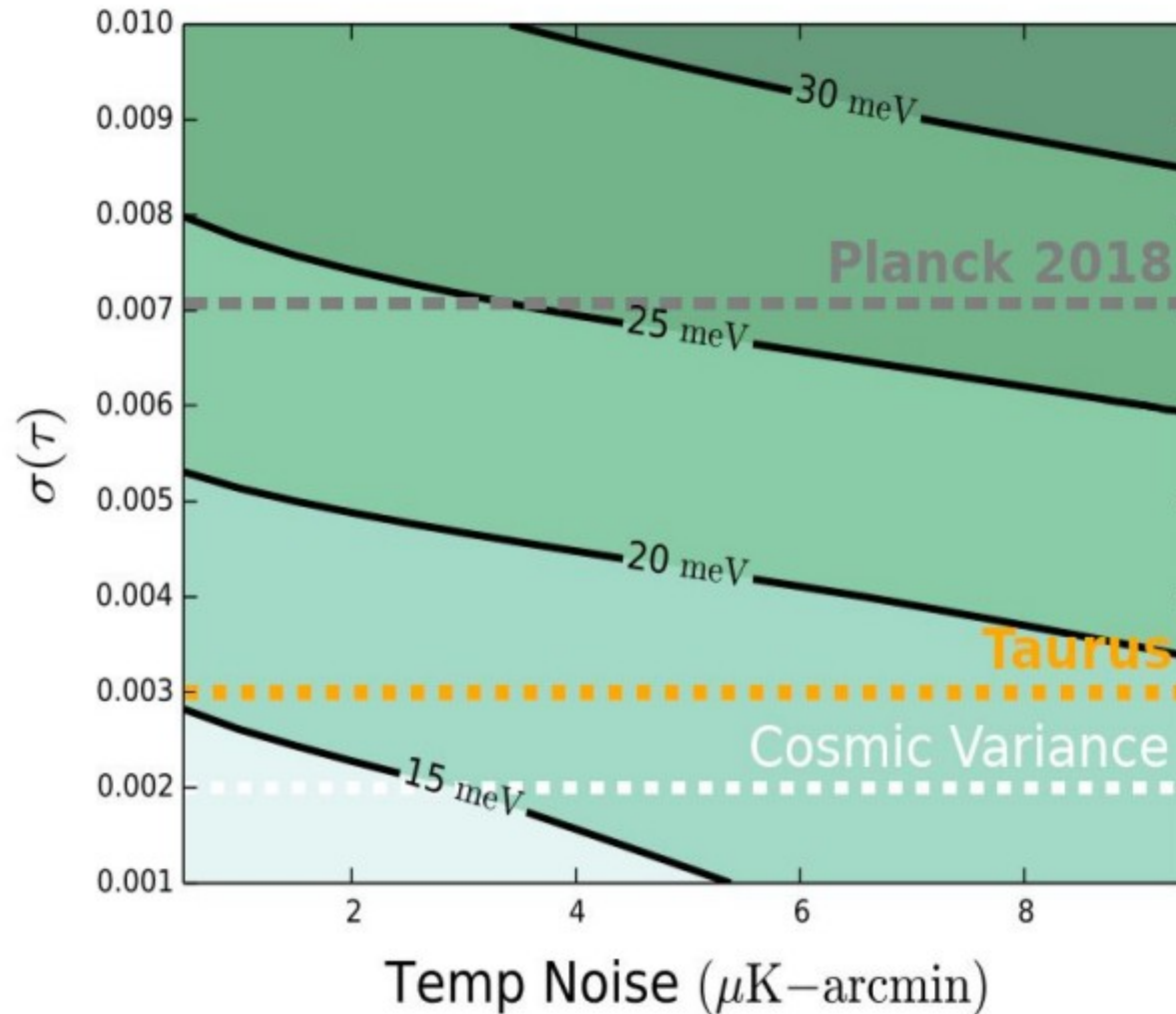


Future:

- Simons Observatory
- LiteBIRD
- CMB Stage-4
- Balloons
- ...

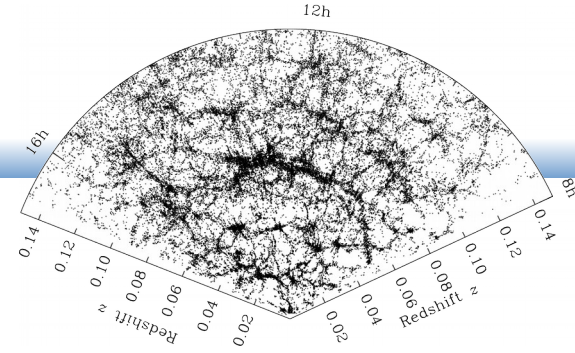
V) Upcoming CMB surveys

Credit: Taurus



+ improvements on analysis pipeline (foregrounds cleaning, etc.)

V) Upcoming LSS surveys

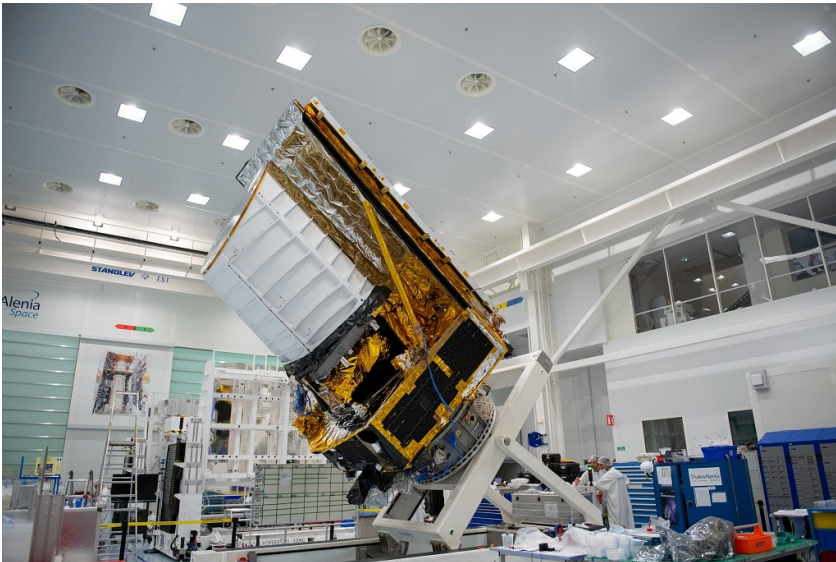


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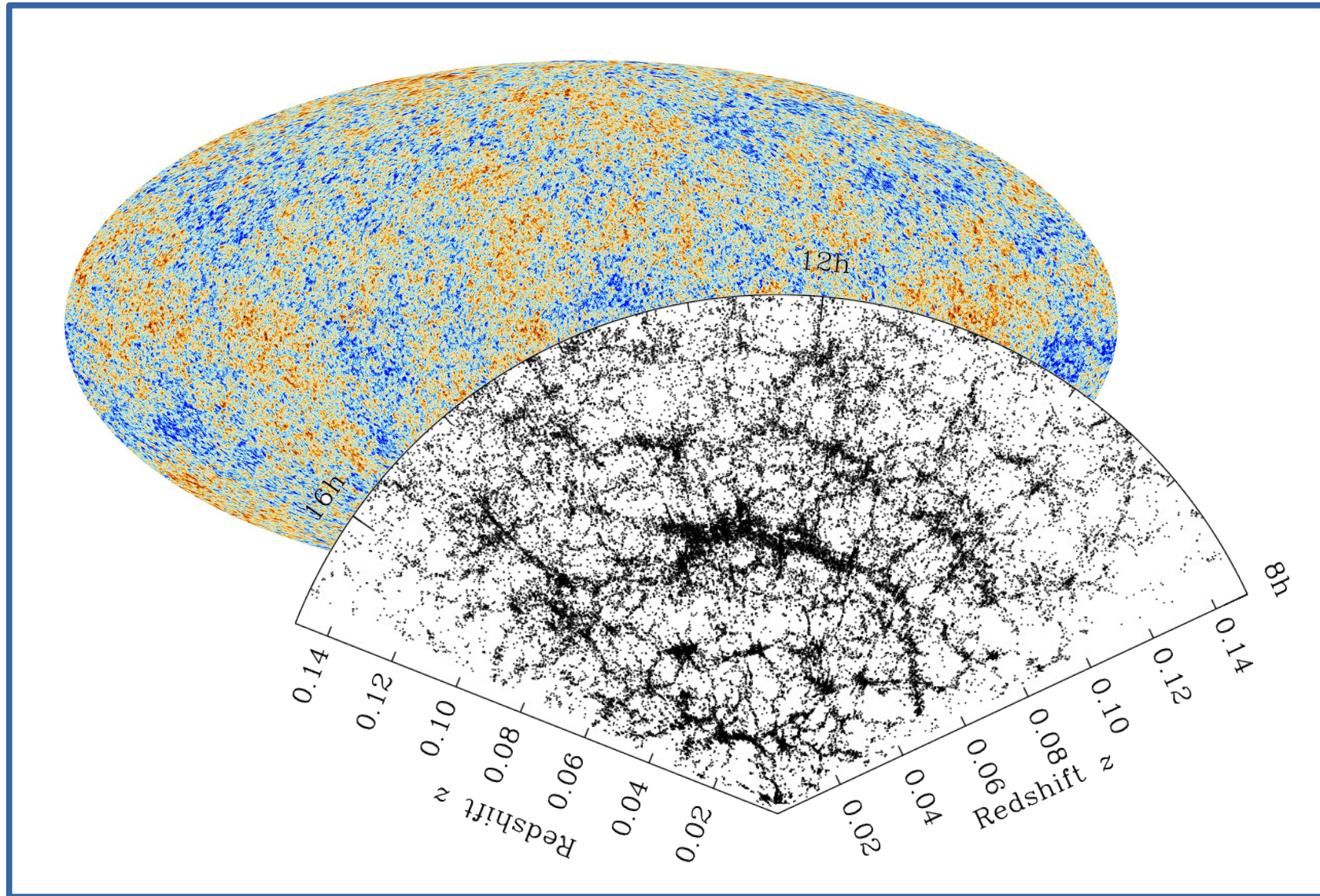
- Stage II: SDSS, KiDS, ...
- Stage III: DES, ...
- Stage IV: DESI, LSST, Euclid

Fact sheet:

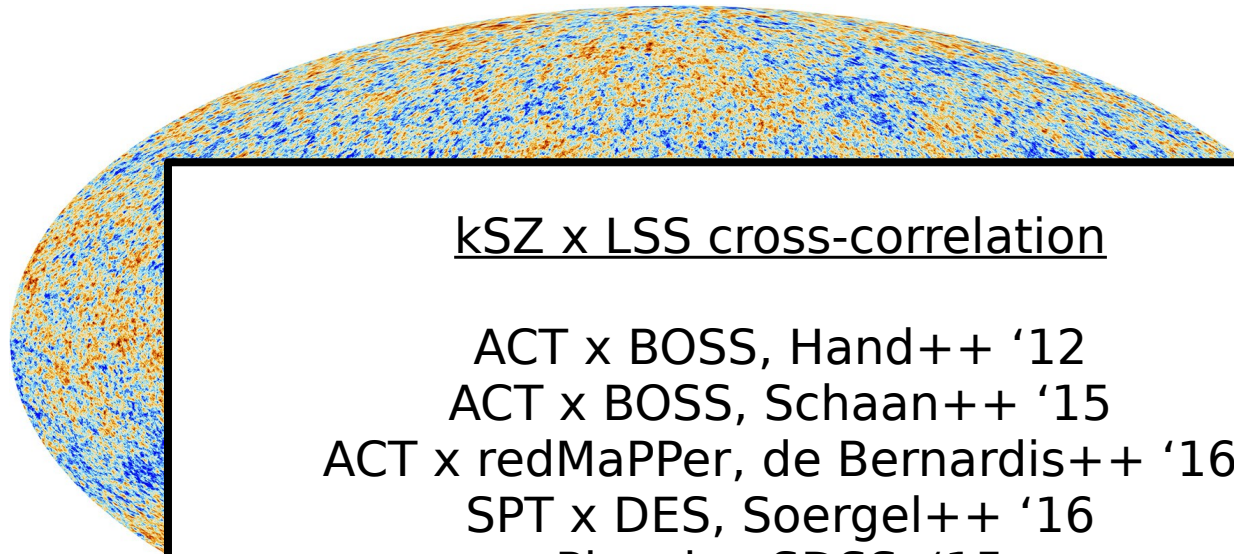
- Orbit around L2
- ~6 years of mission
- Launch date (!): Feb. 5th 2023
- Q1 after 17 months, DR1 at 29
- VIS & NISP instruments
- ~15,000 sq. deg.
- Spectro + photo survey
- Gal. Clustering & Weak Lensing



V) CMB-LSS joint analysis



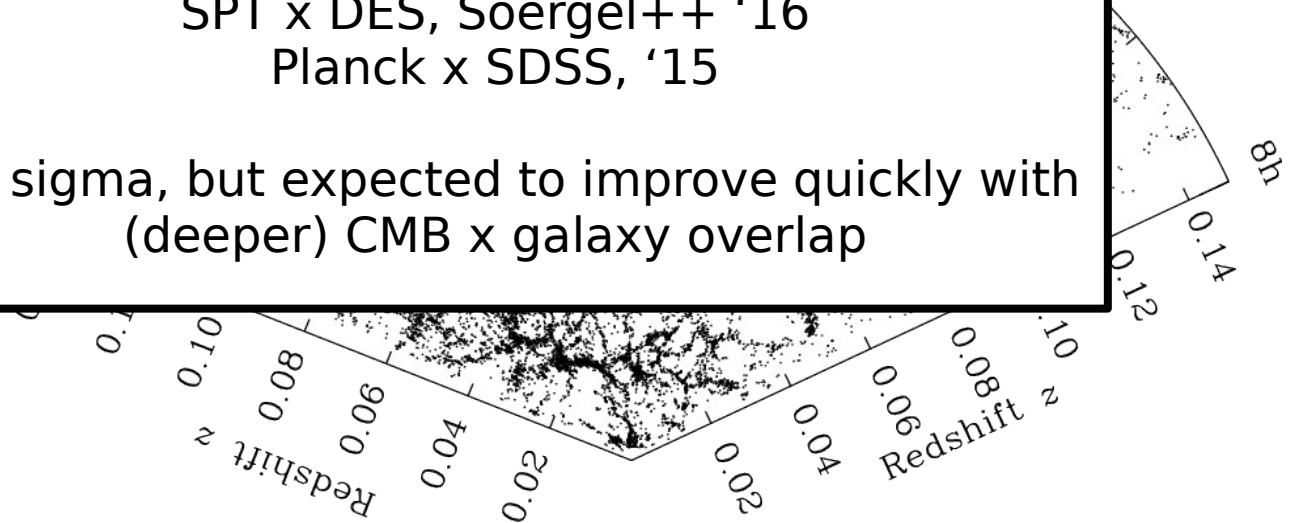
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kSZ x LSS cross-correlation

ACT x BOSS, Hand++ '12
ACT x BOSS, Schaan++ '15
ACT x redMaPPer, de Bernardis++ '16
SPT x DES, Soergel++ '16
Planck x SDSS, '15

~ 5 sigma, but expected to improve quickly with
(deeper) CMB x galaxy overlap



V) Euclid CMBX forecasts paper

Ilic et al. 2021, A&A, arXiv:2106.08346

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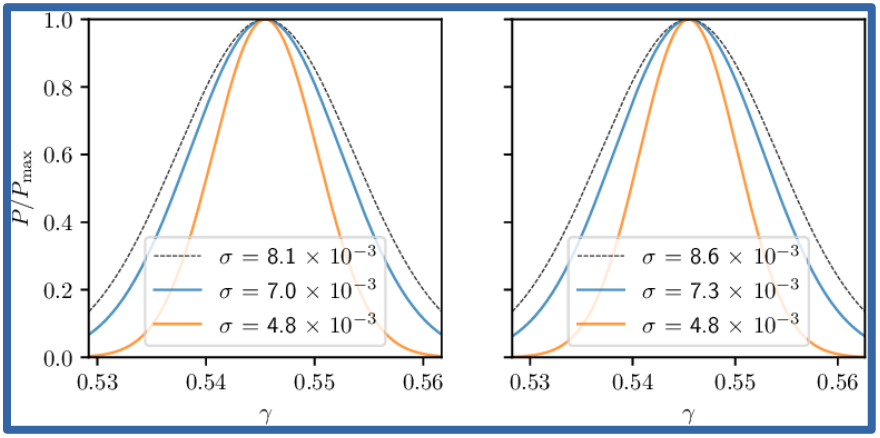
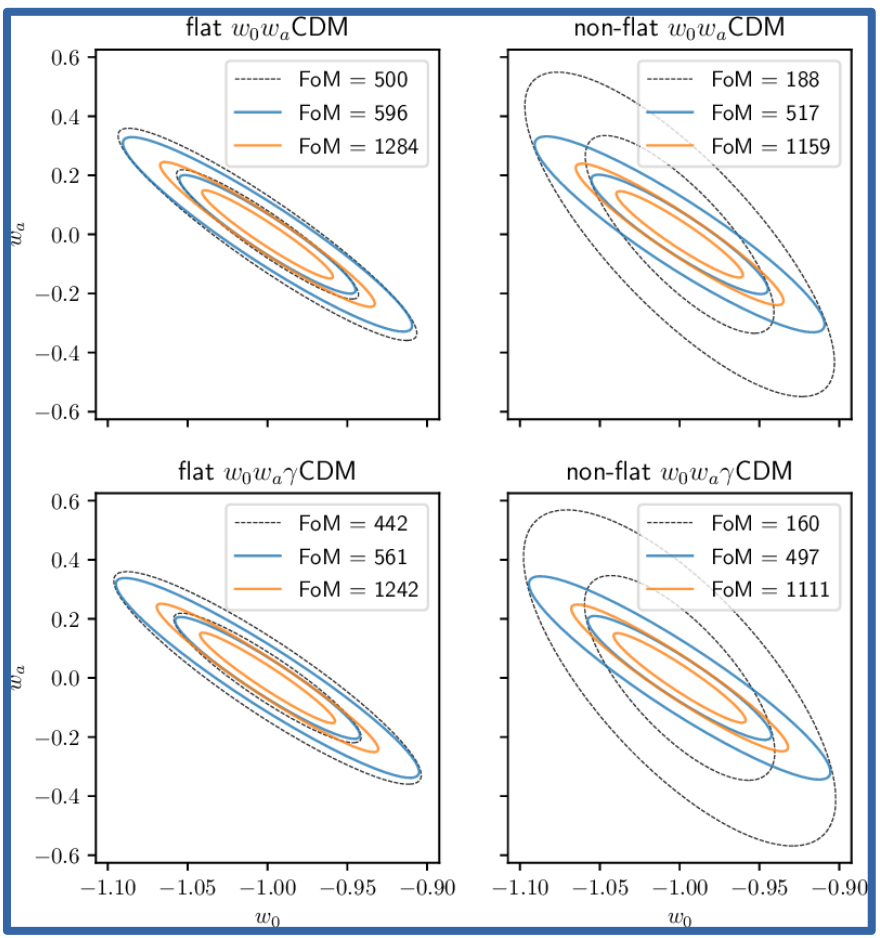
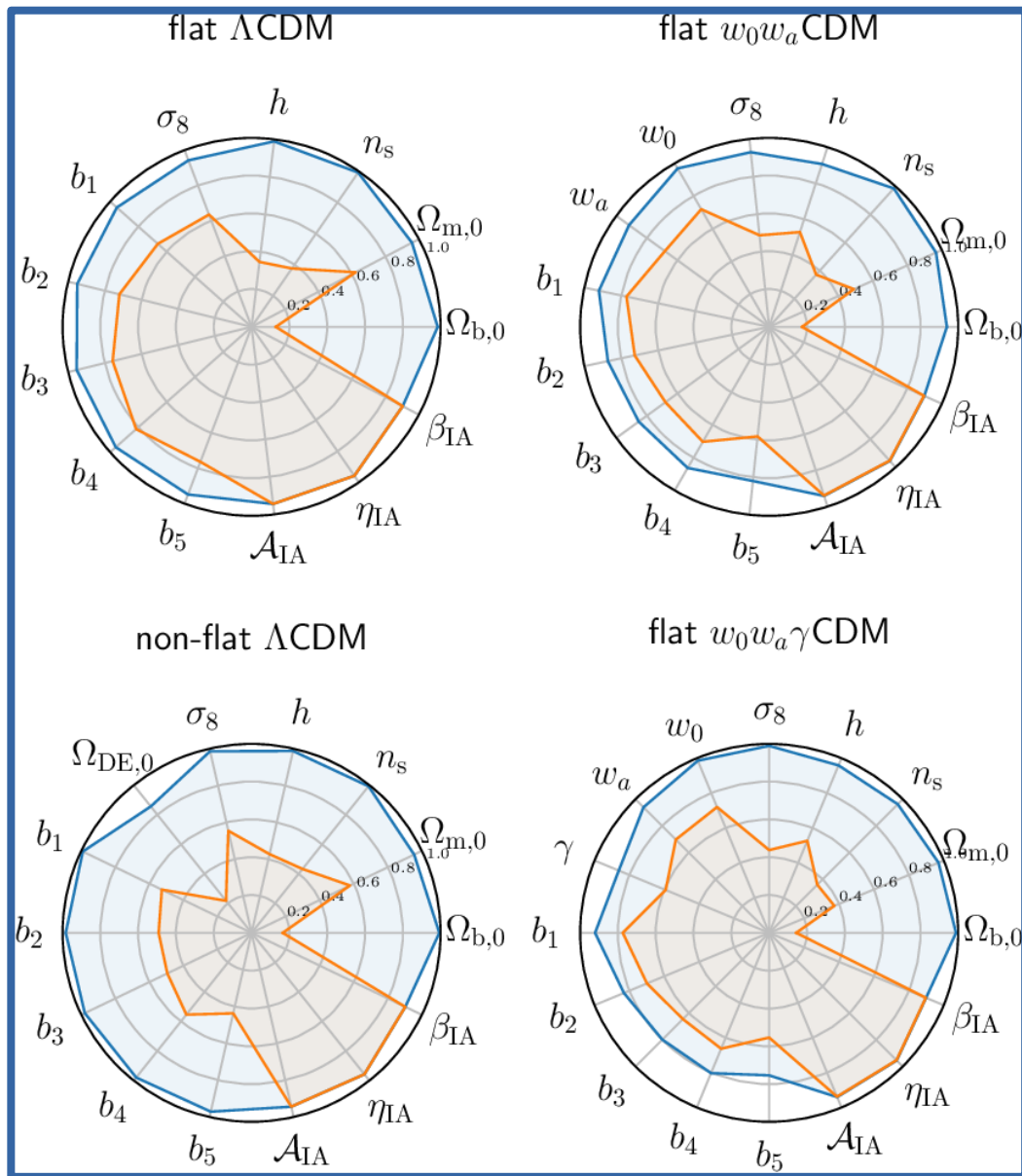
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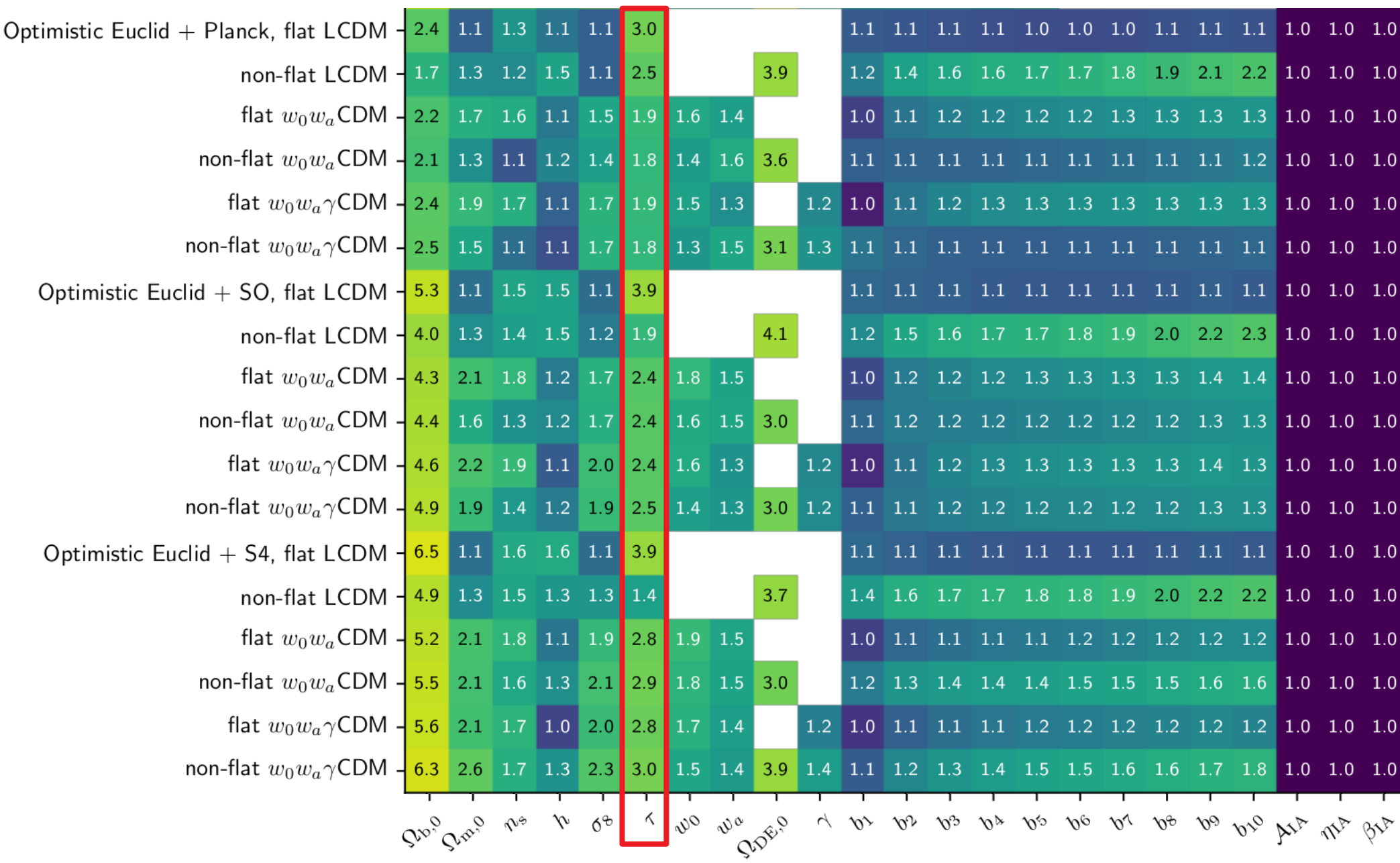
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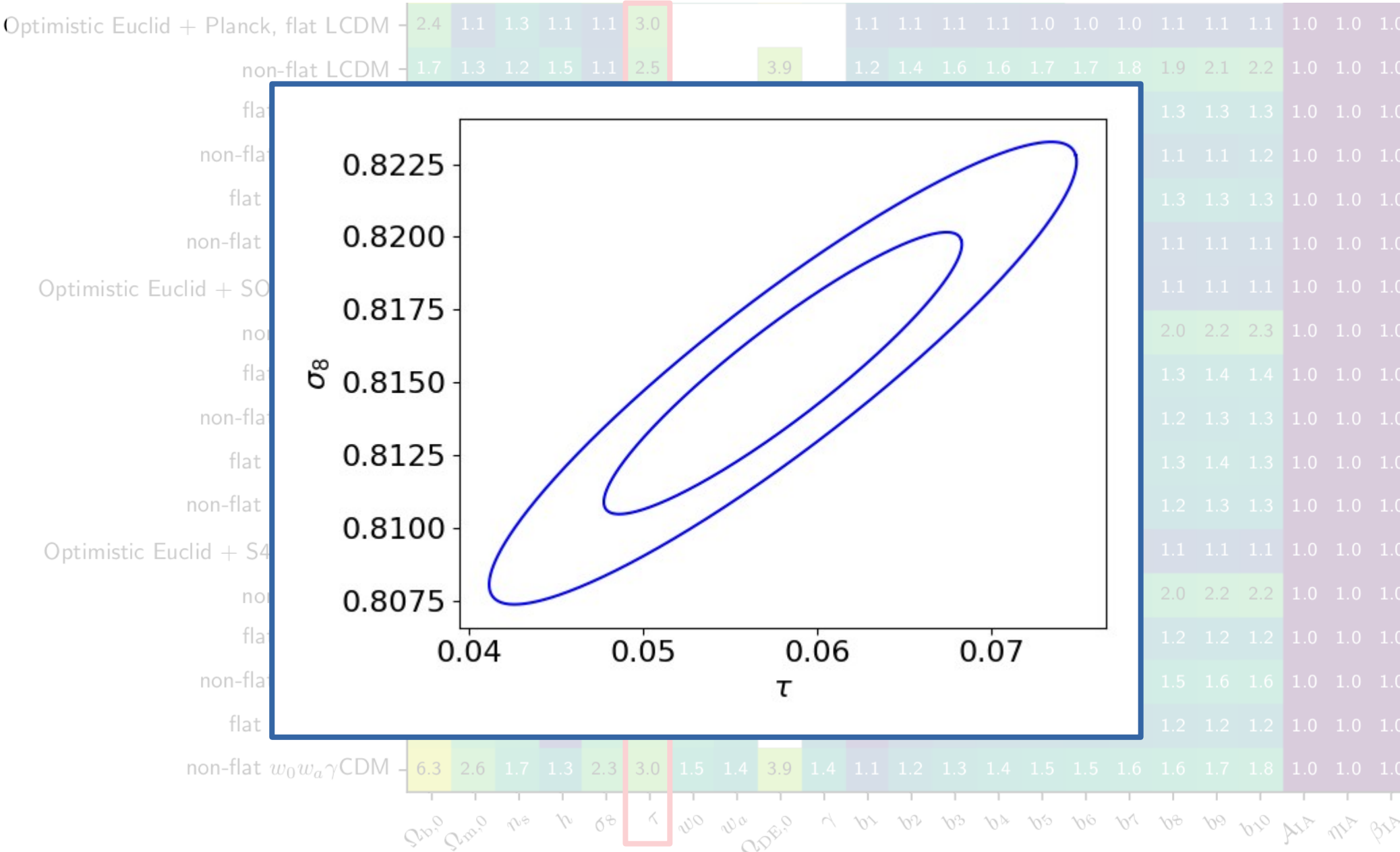


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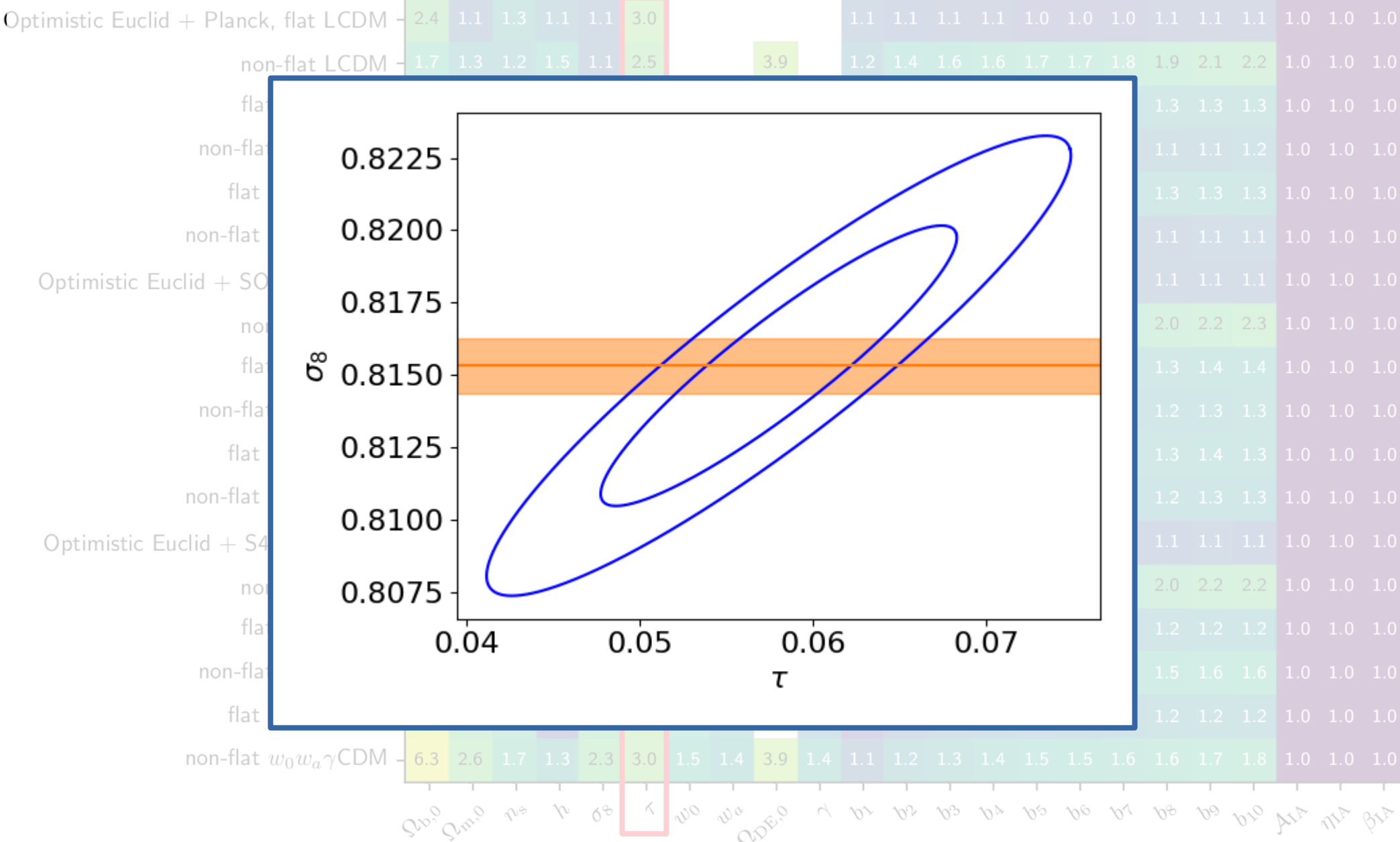
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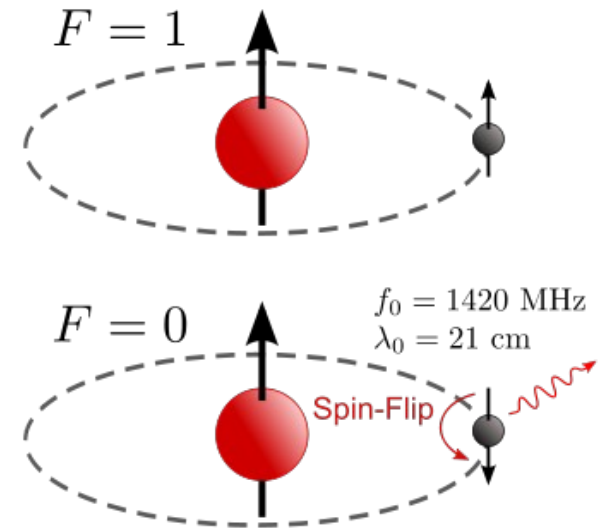
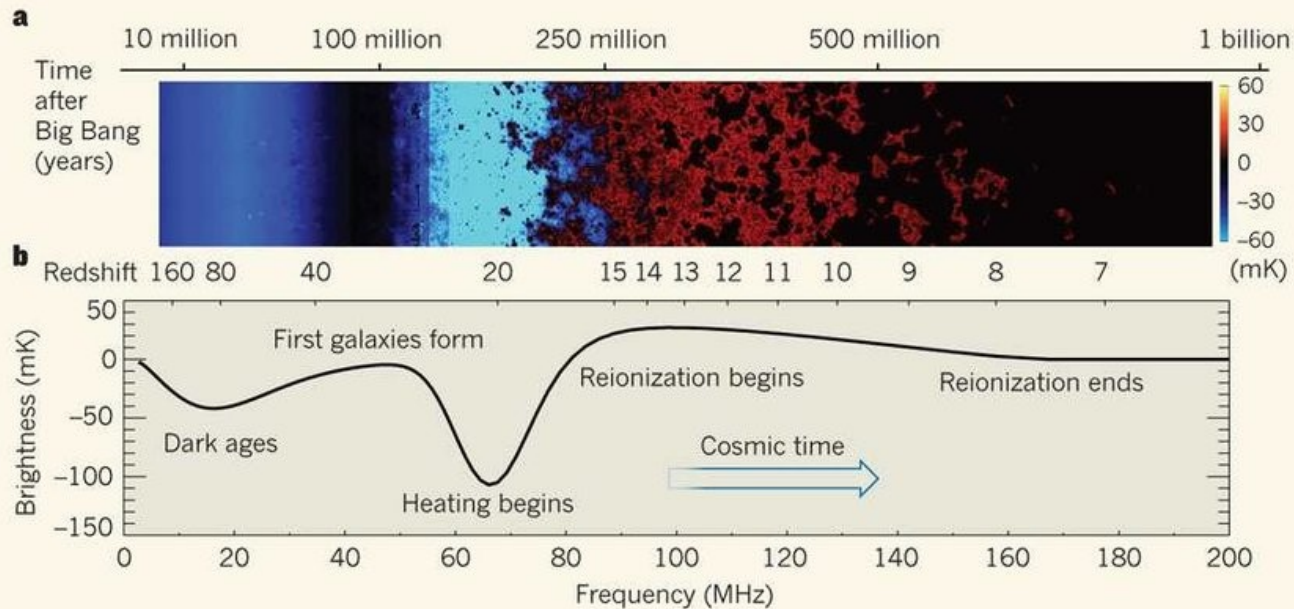
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- Neutral hydrogen (21cm) absorption/emission



The end

Thank you very much
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