

High Redshift FRBs

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Big Bang

Today

Big Bang

Universe
transparent to
CMB

$z \sim 1100$
(380,000 yrs)

Today

Big Bang

Universe
transparent to
CMB

$z \sim 1100$
(380,000 yrs)

Universe
transparent
to
starlight
 $z \sim 5/6$

Today

Big Bang

Reionization

Today

Big Bang



Reionization

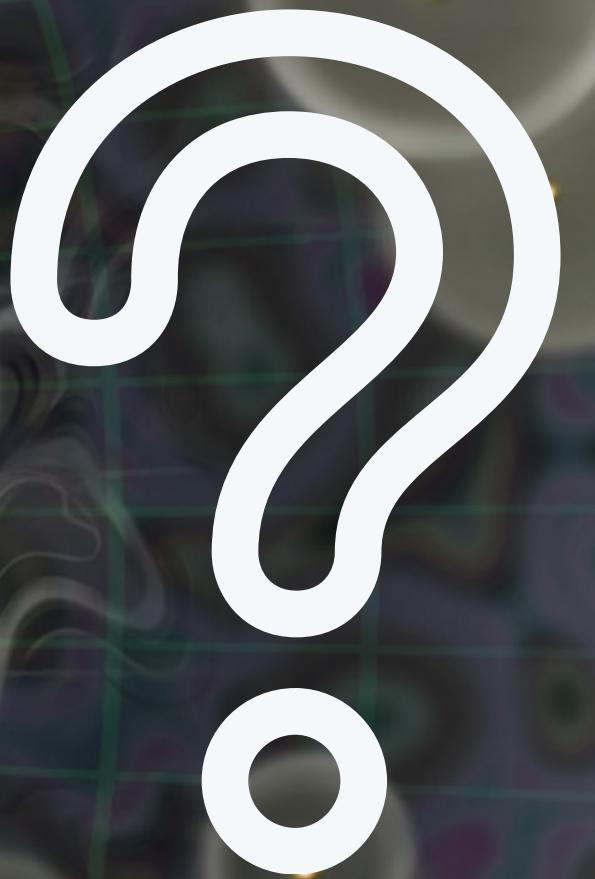
Quasars, Galaxies

Today

Big Bang



Reionization



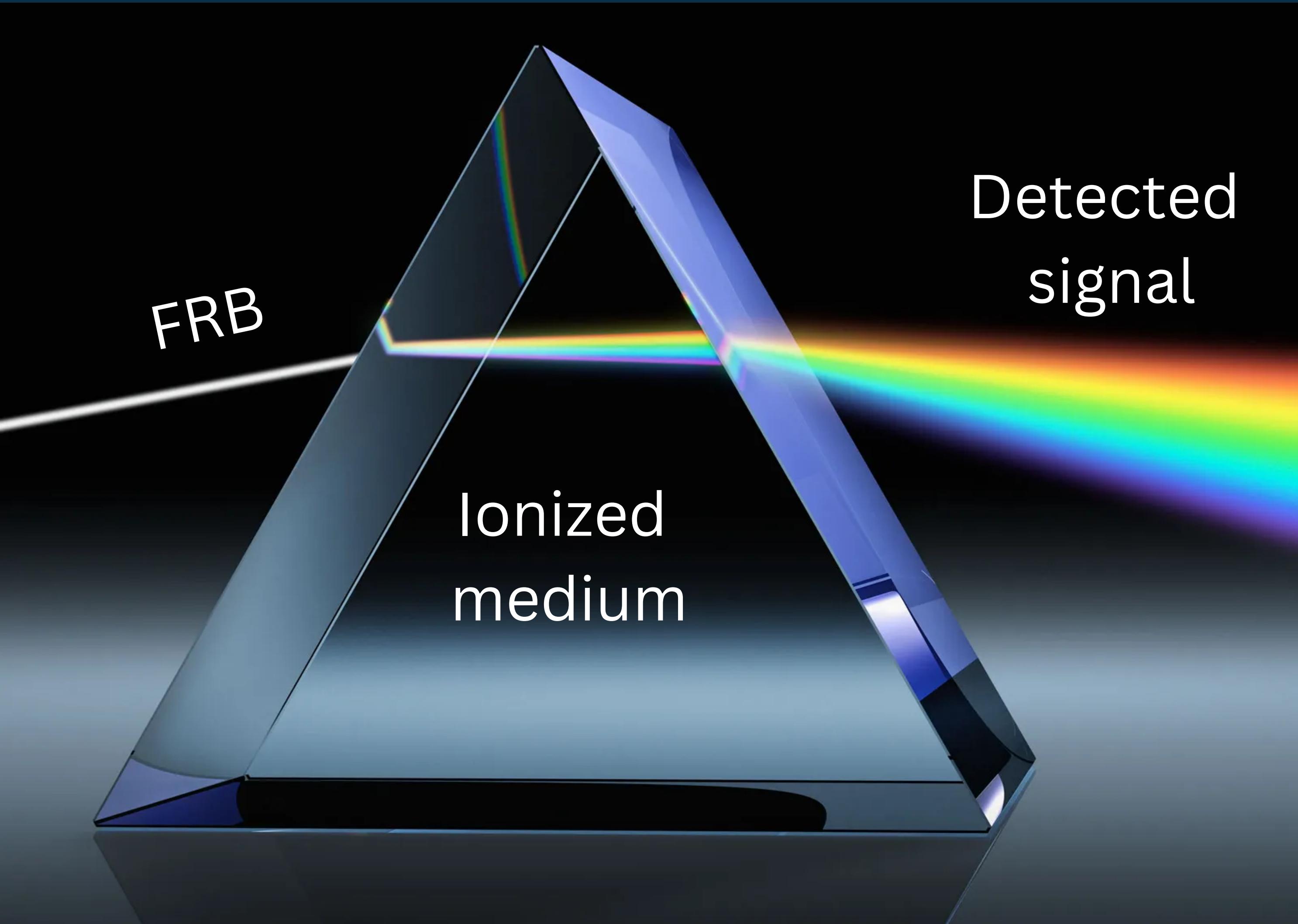
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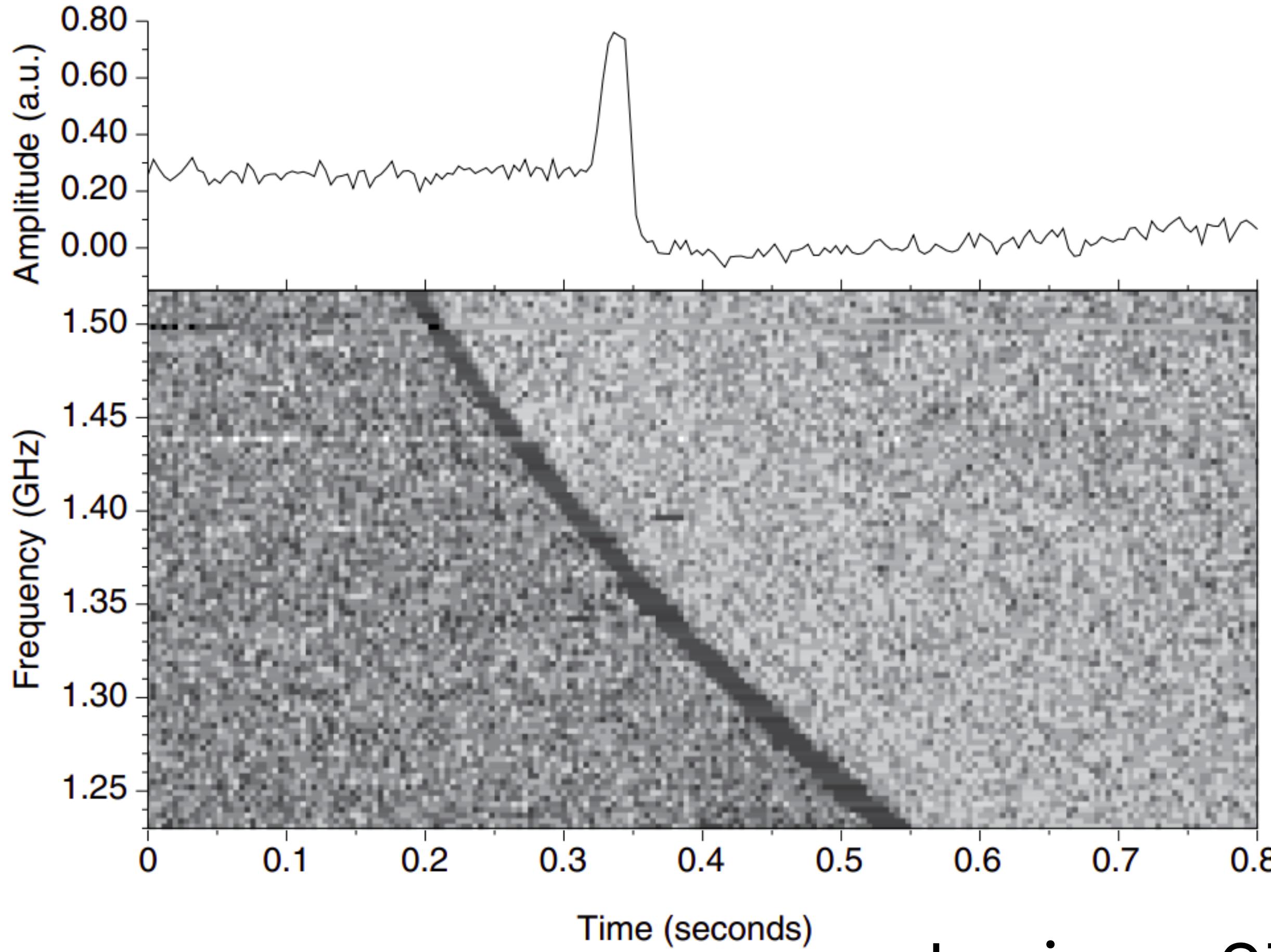
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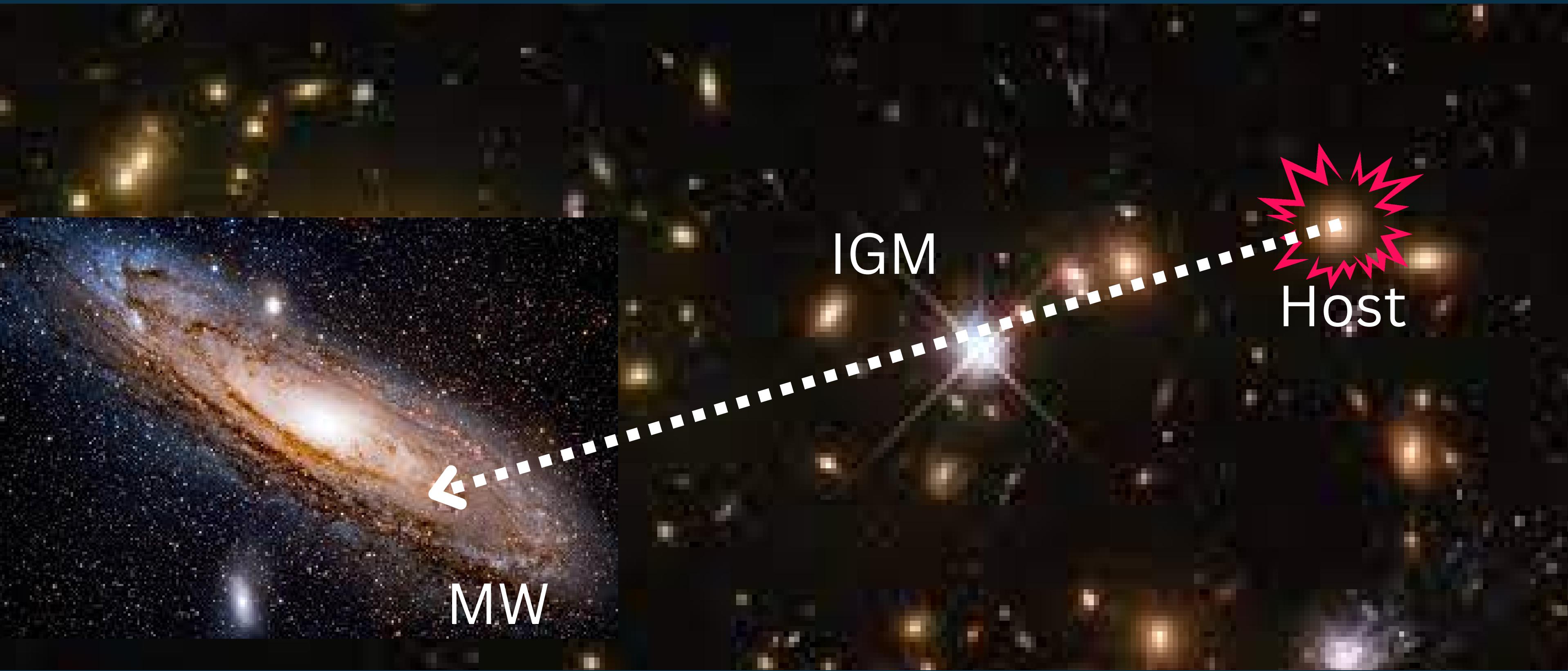
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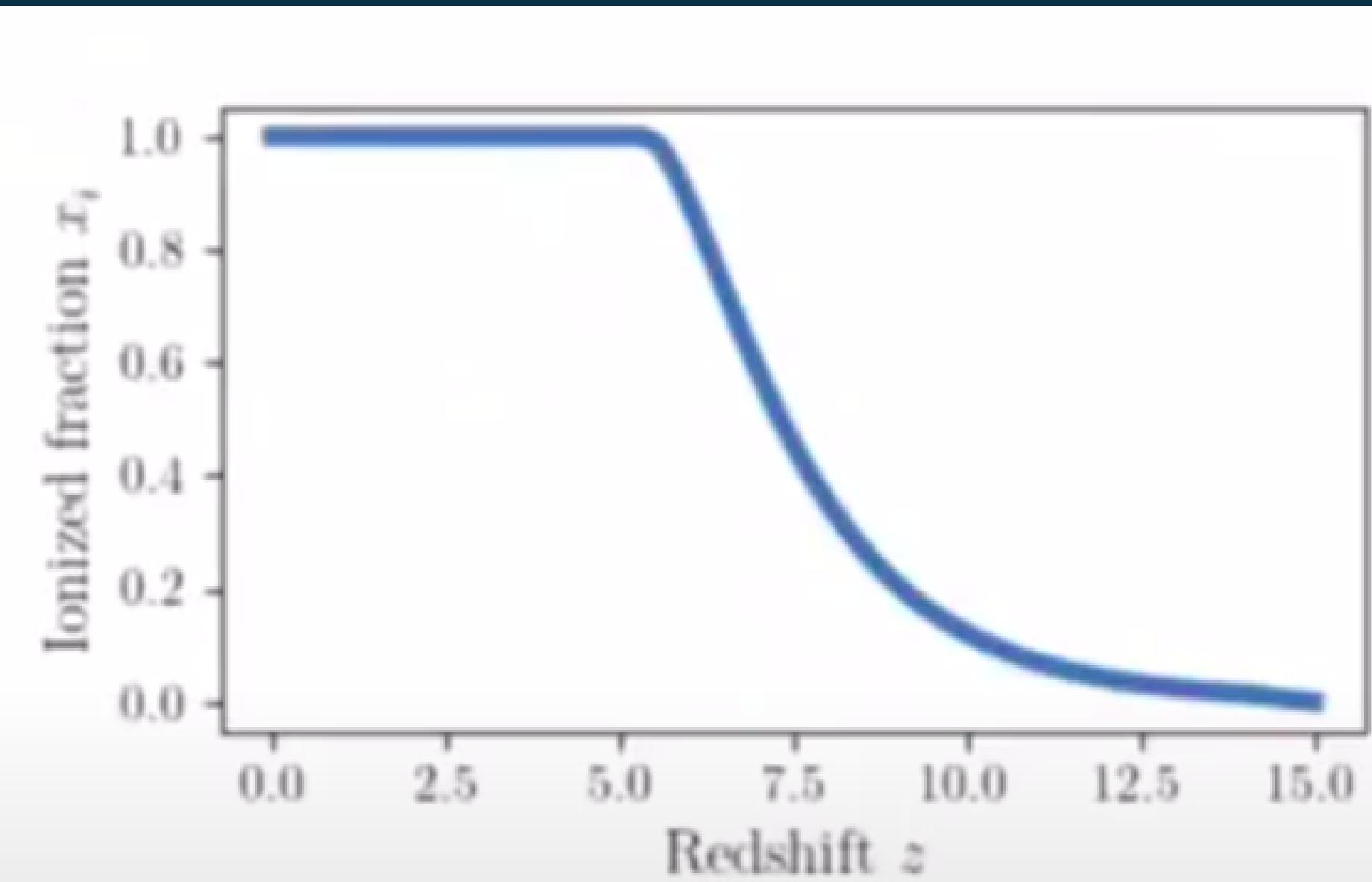
Dispersion Measure



Dispersion Measure



Reionization



DM and cosmology

$$DM(z) = \int_0^z c \underbrace{\frac{\Omega_b}{H(z)}}_{cosmology} \overbrace{\frac{\bar{n}_e(z')/\Omega_b}{(1+z')^2}}^{reionization} dz'$$

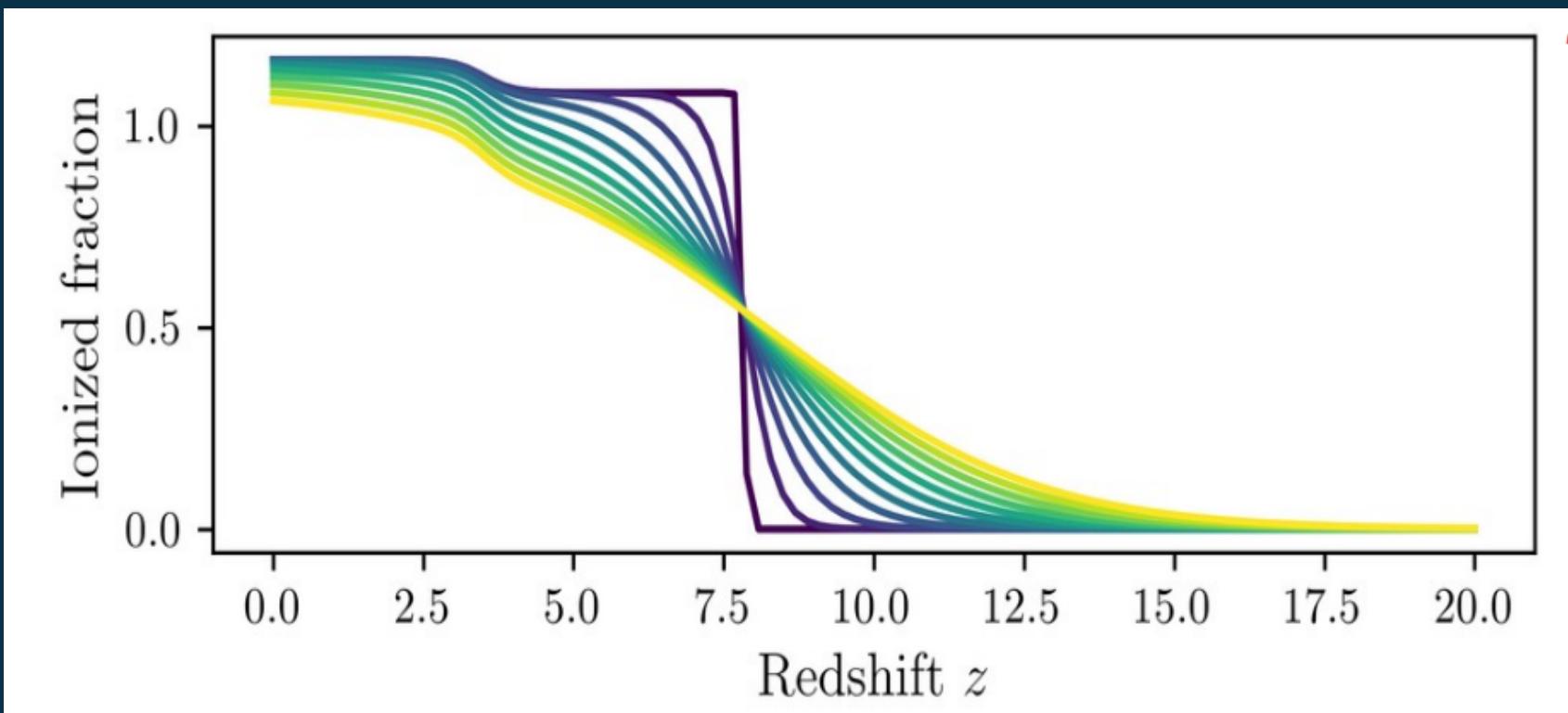
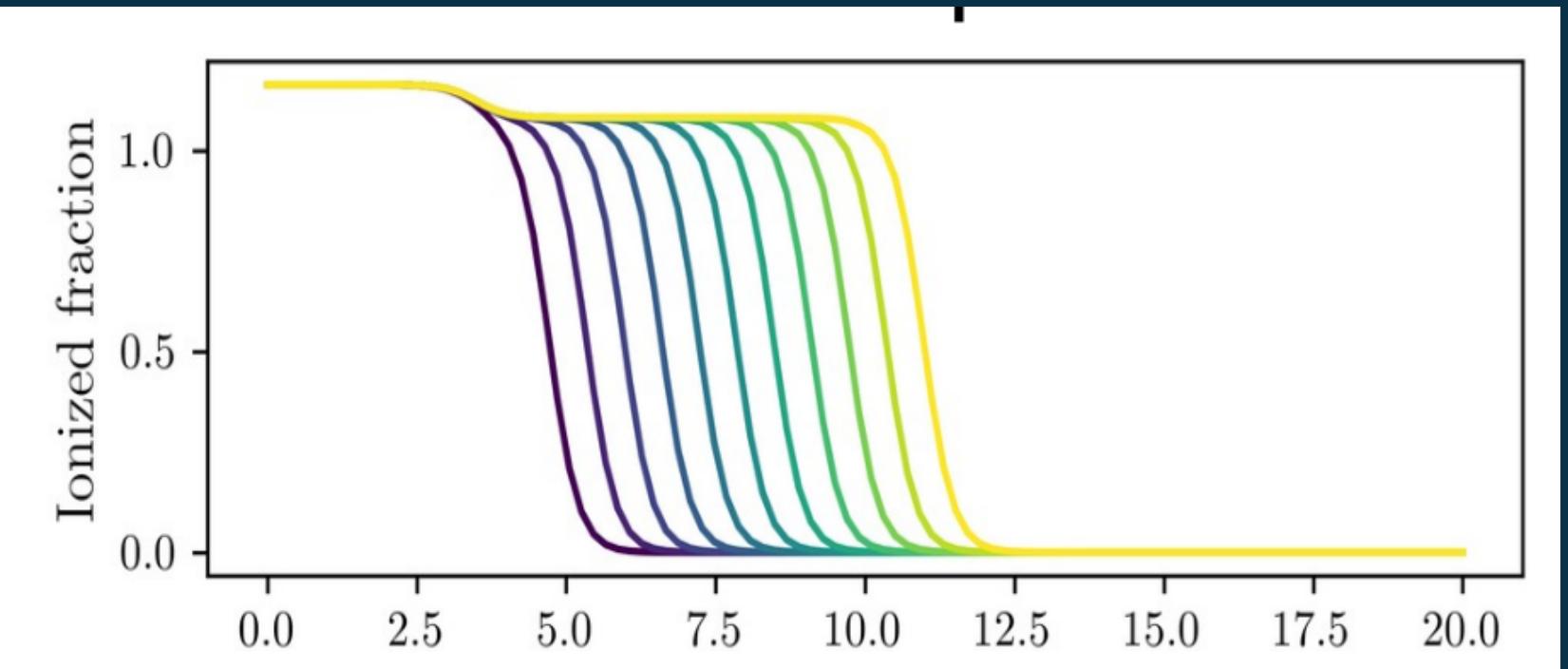
Planck

$\tau \pm 12\%$

Recall Amanda's talk
yesterday!



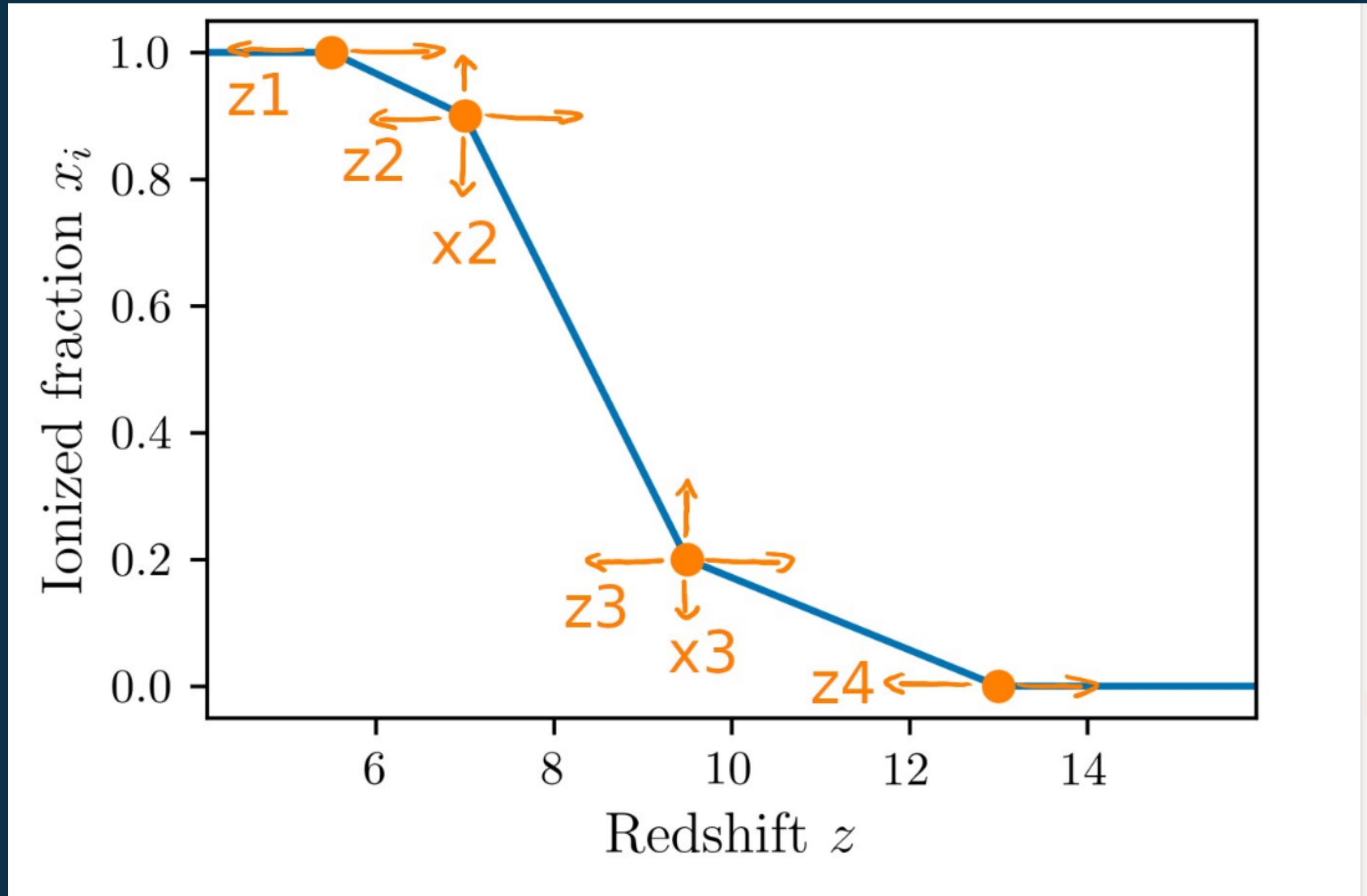
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Assuming a model → Wrong result if model \neq reality
E.g. the standard tanh step function reionization
underestimates τ by 10%!



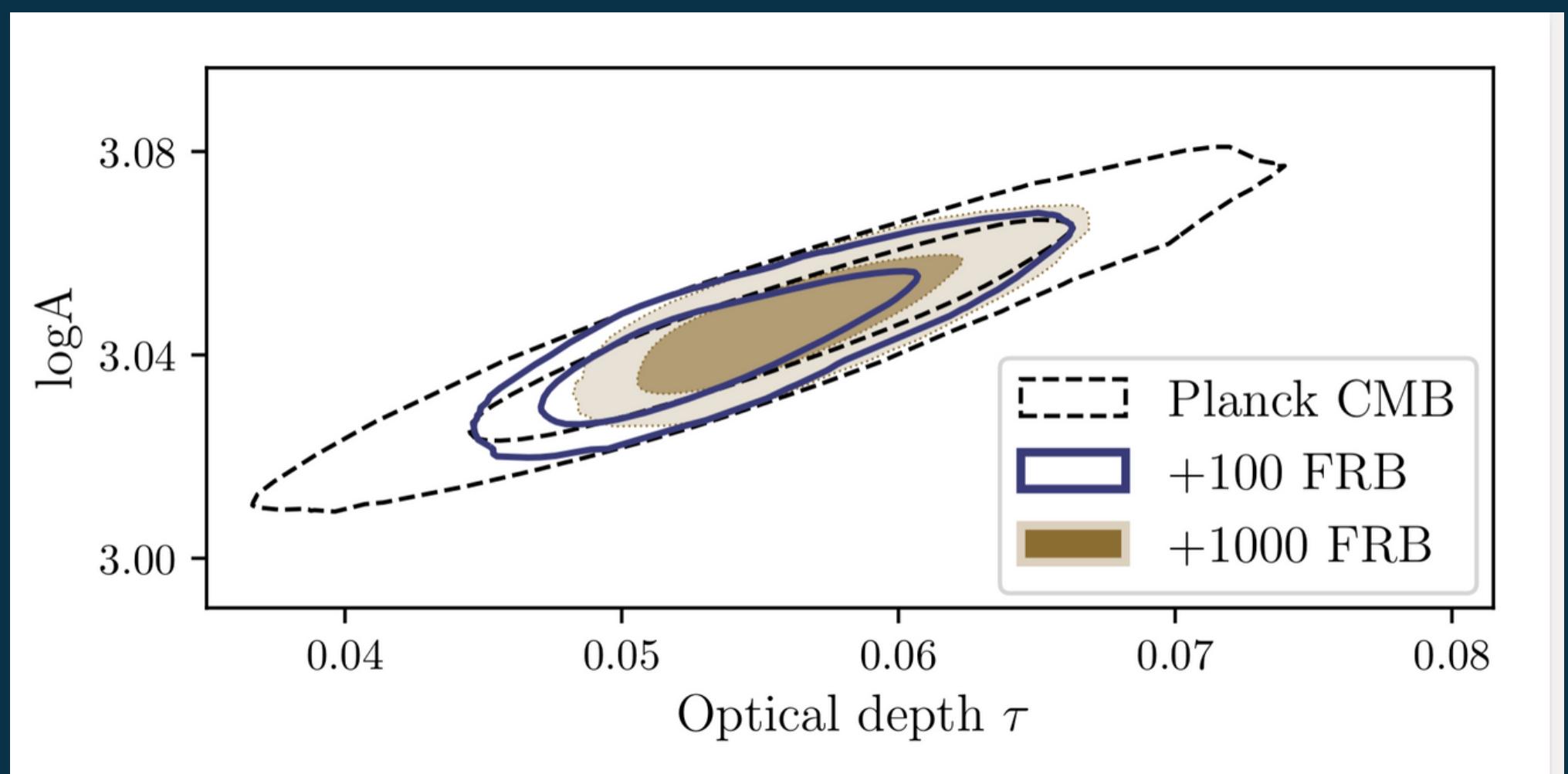
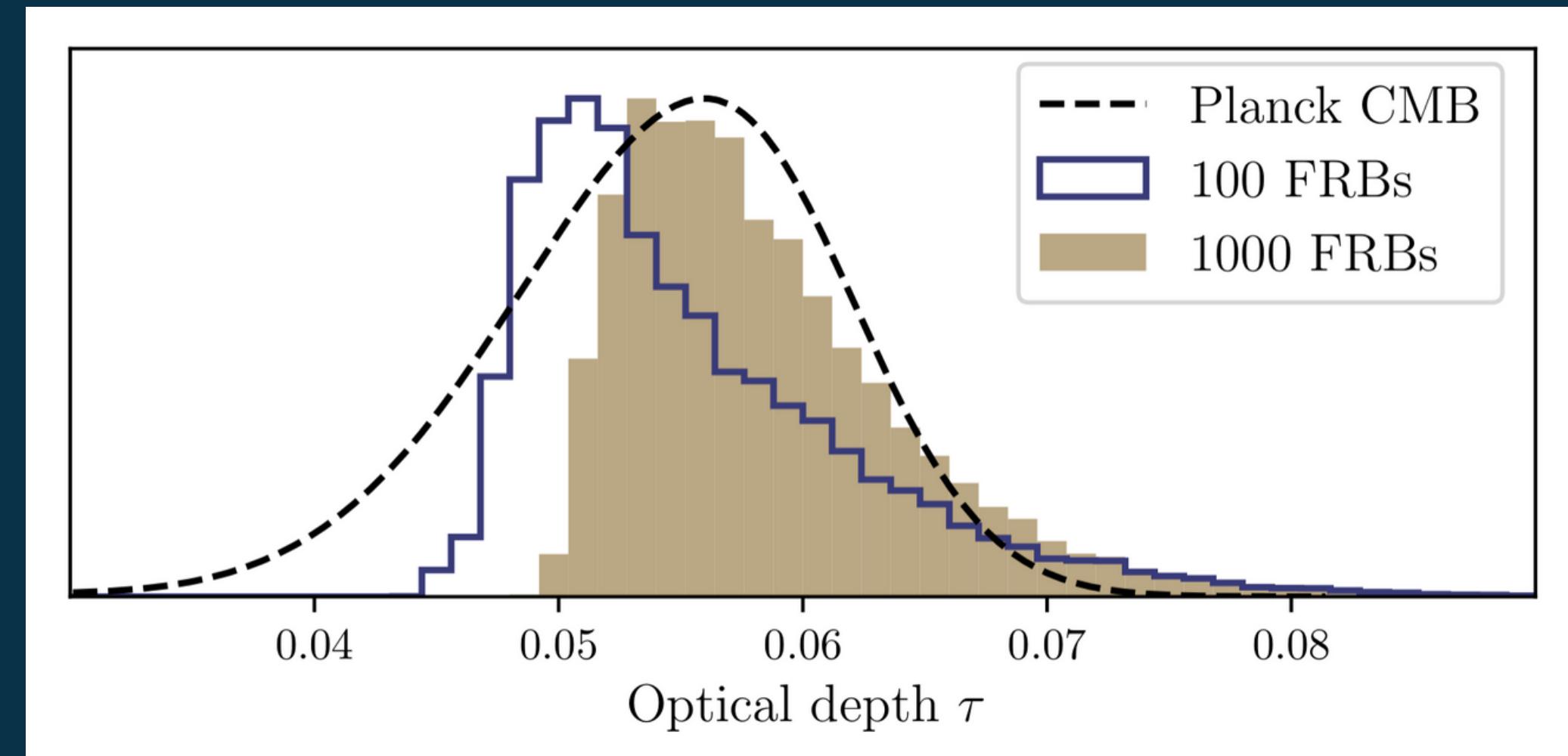
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Flexknot (Millea & Bouchet 2018)



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Is this feasible?

Progenitors

Any merger of compact objects

Magnetars

Supernova interaction w/ compact objects....

... aliens



<https://frbtheorycat.org/>

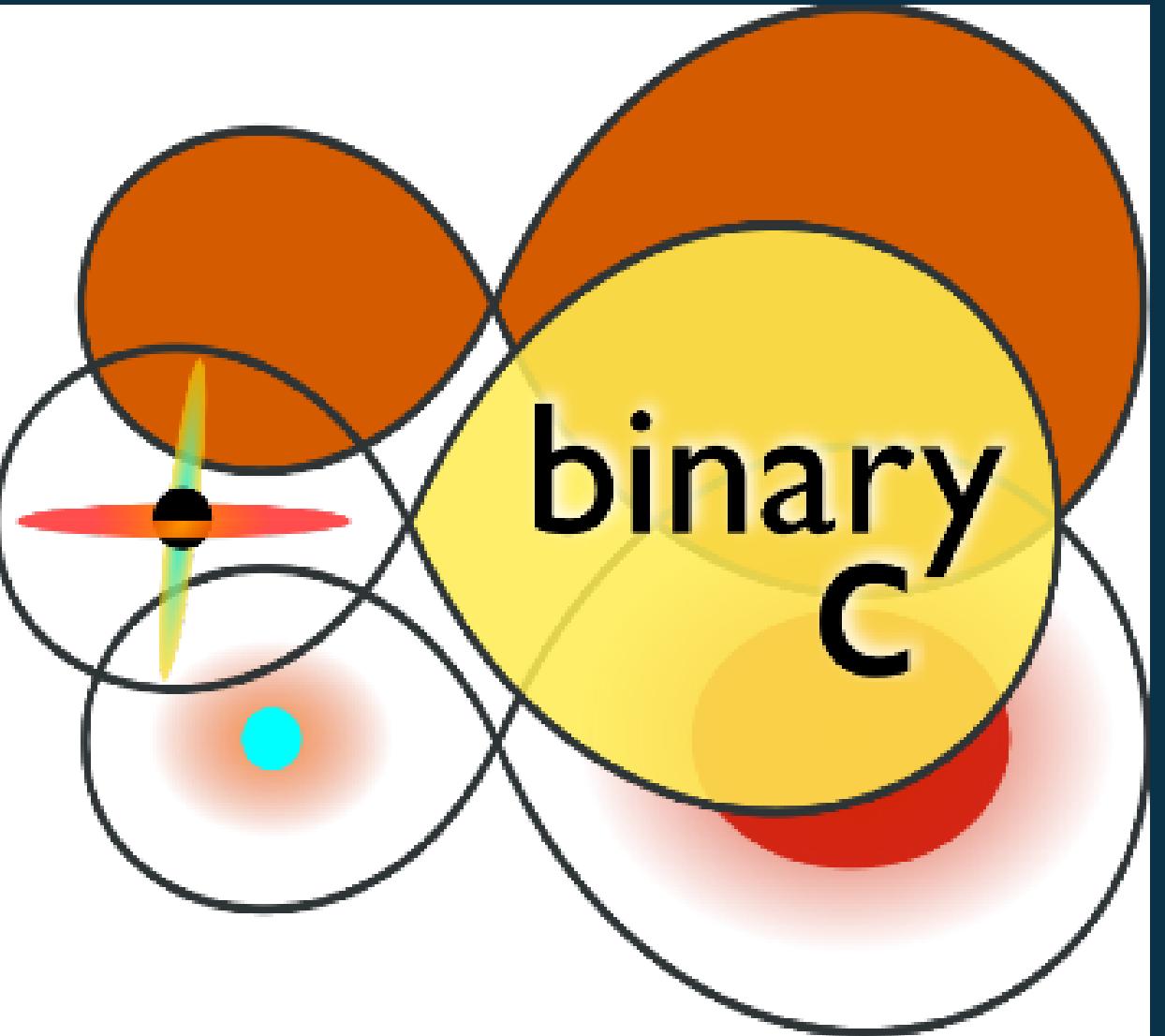


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Population synthesis

Primordial stars

Compact merger progenitors



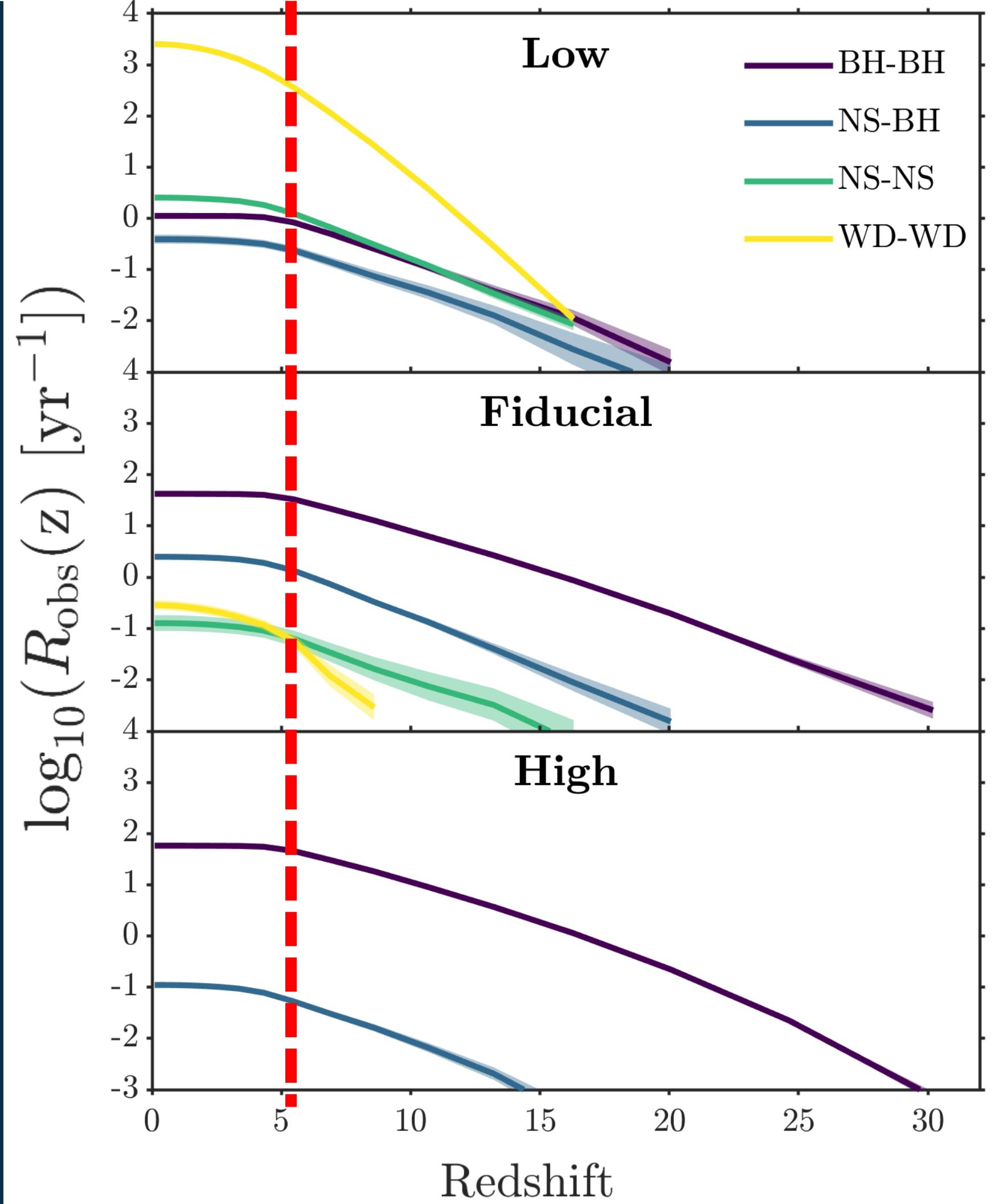
| Name | M_{\min}/M_{\odot} | M_{\max}/M_{\odot} | $dN/d \log M$ |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Low mass | 0.8 | 250 | -1.35 (Salpeter) |
| Fiducial | 2 | 180 | 0.5 |
| High mass | 10 | 1000 | 1 (flat) |

Izzard et al
see at:
https://people.ast.cam.ac.uk/~rgi/binary_c.html



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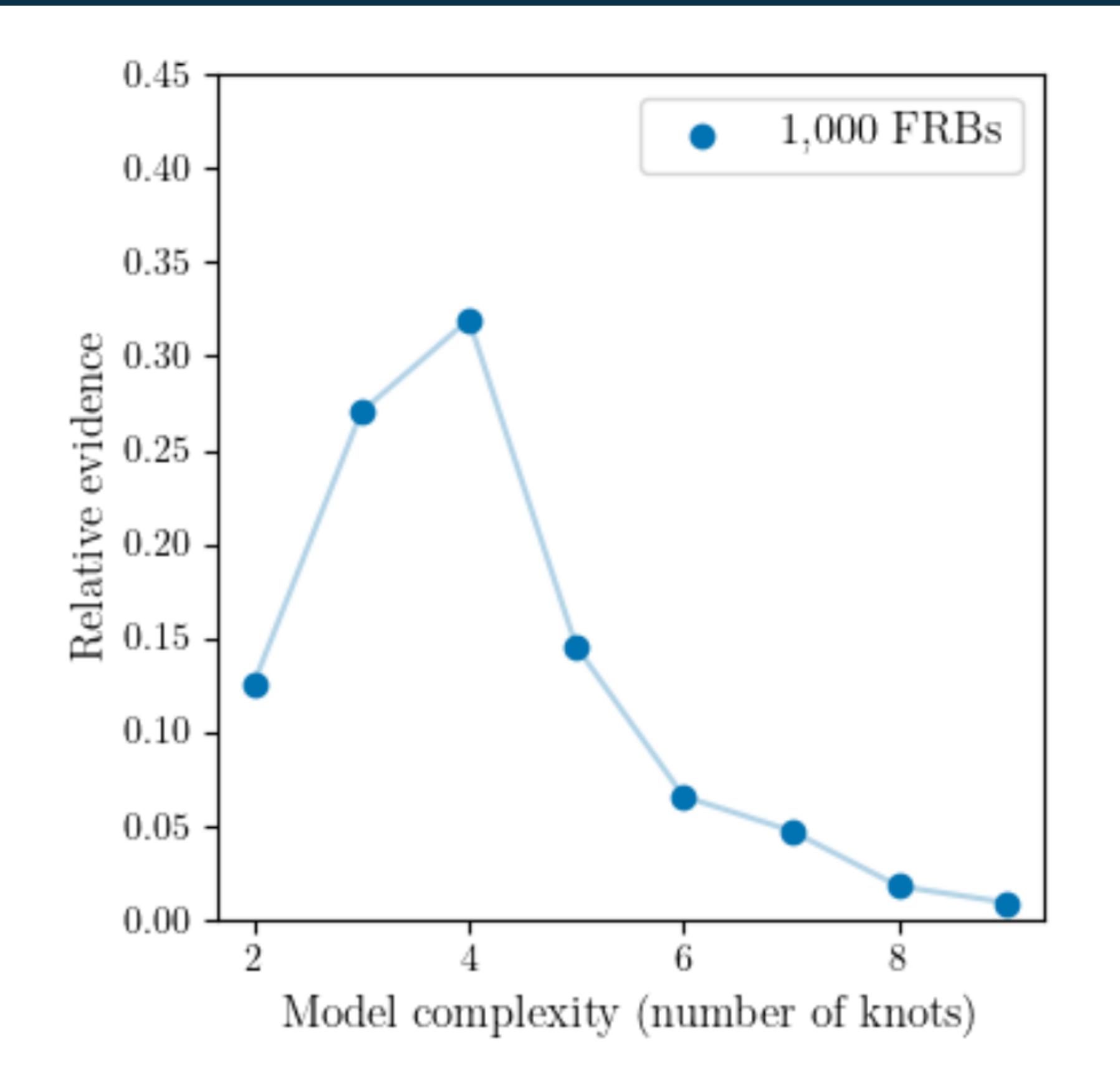
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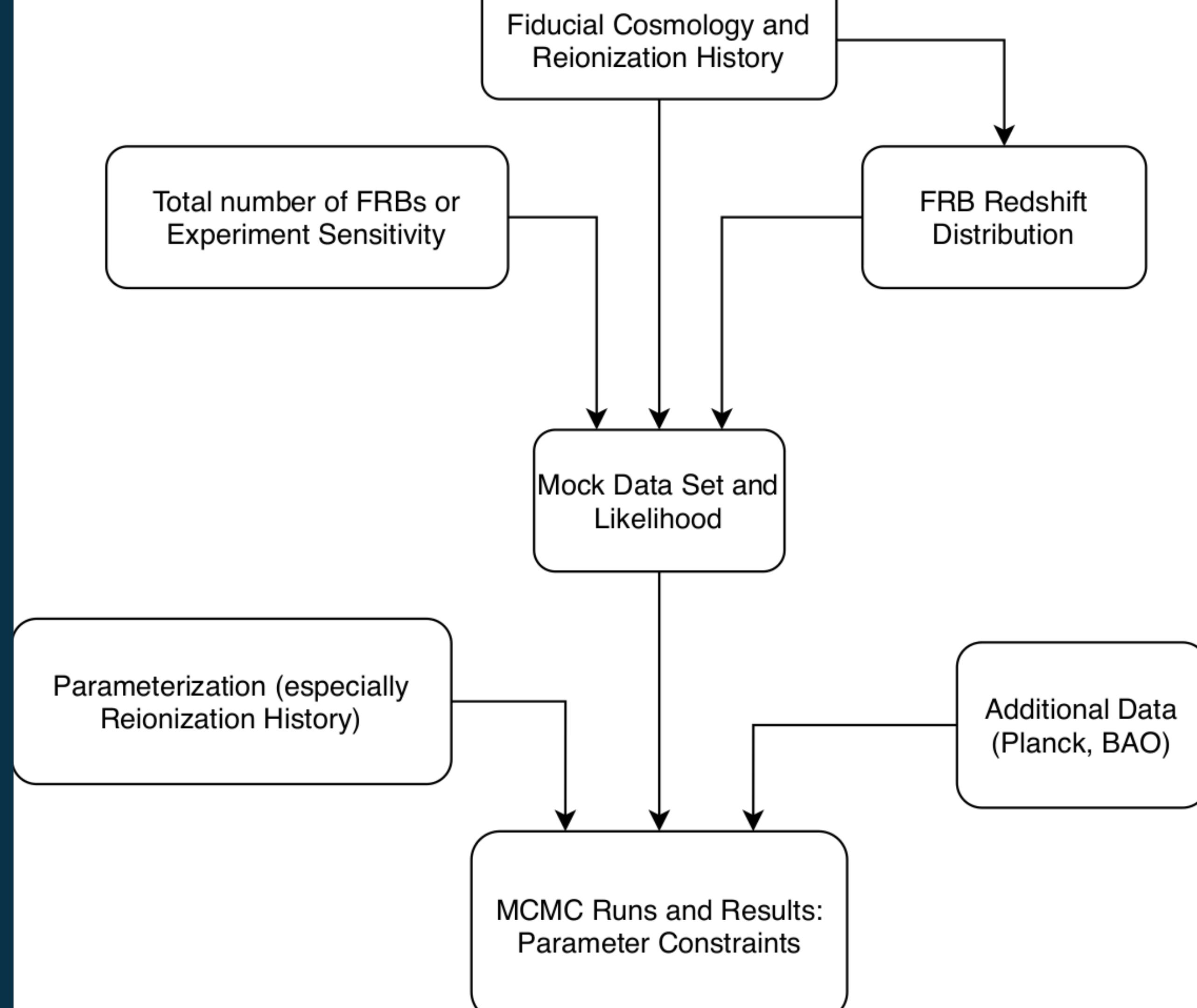


Conclusions

- A small number (100) of FRBs can constrain the optical depth to high accuracy
- Allows for constraining parameters degenerate with tau
- Merger formation channels can NOT give enough FRBs at high-z for this to be possible

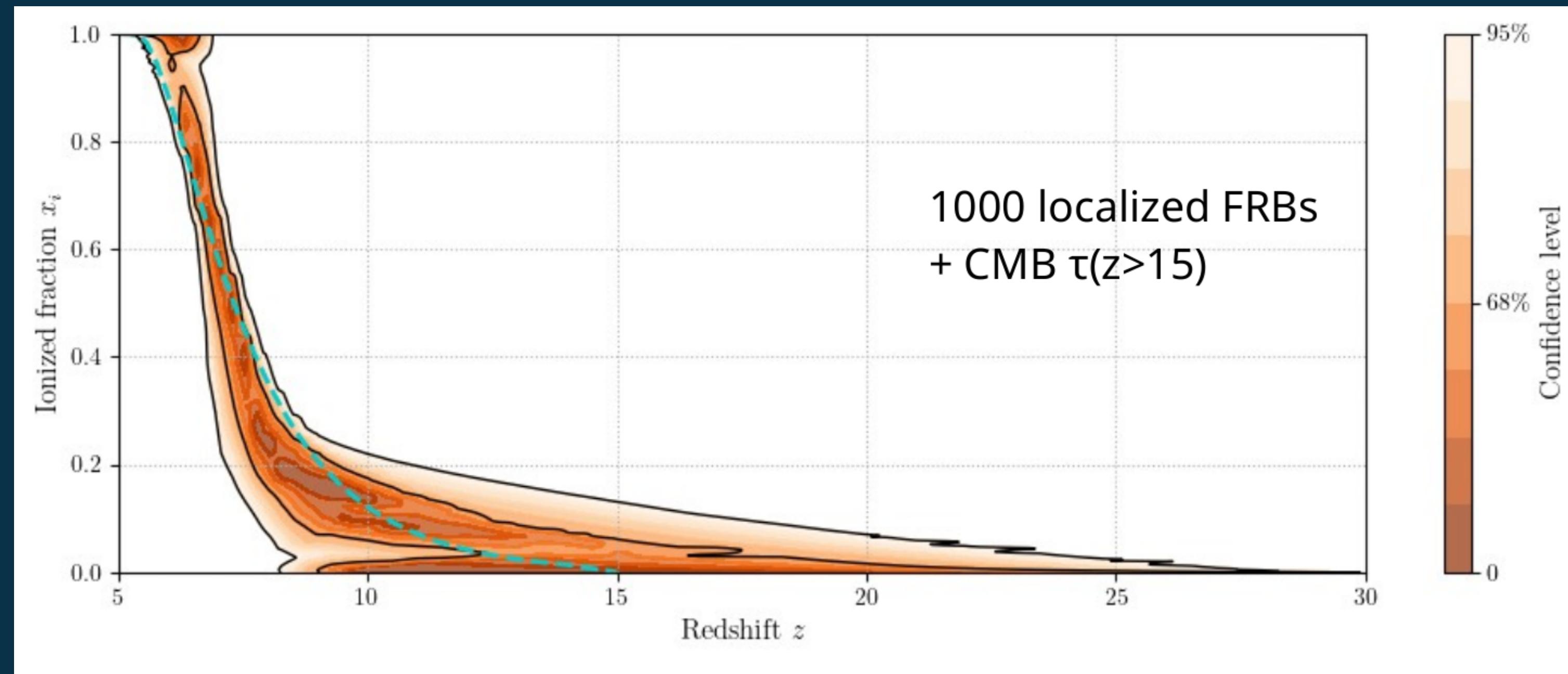
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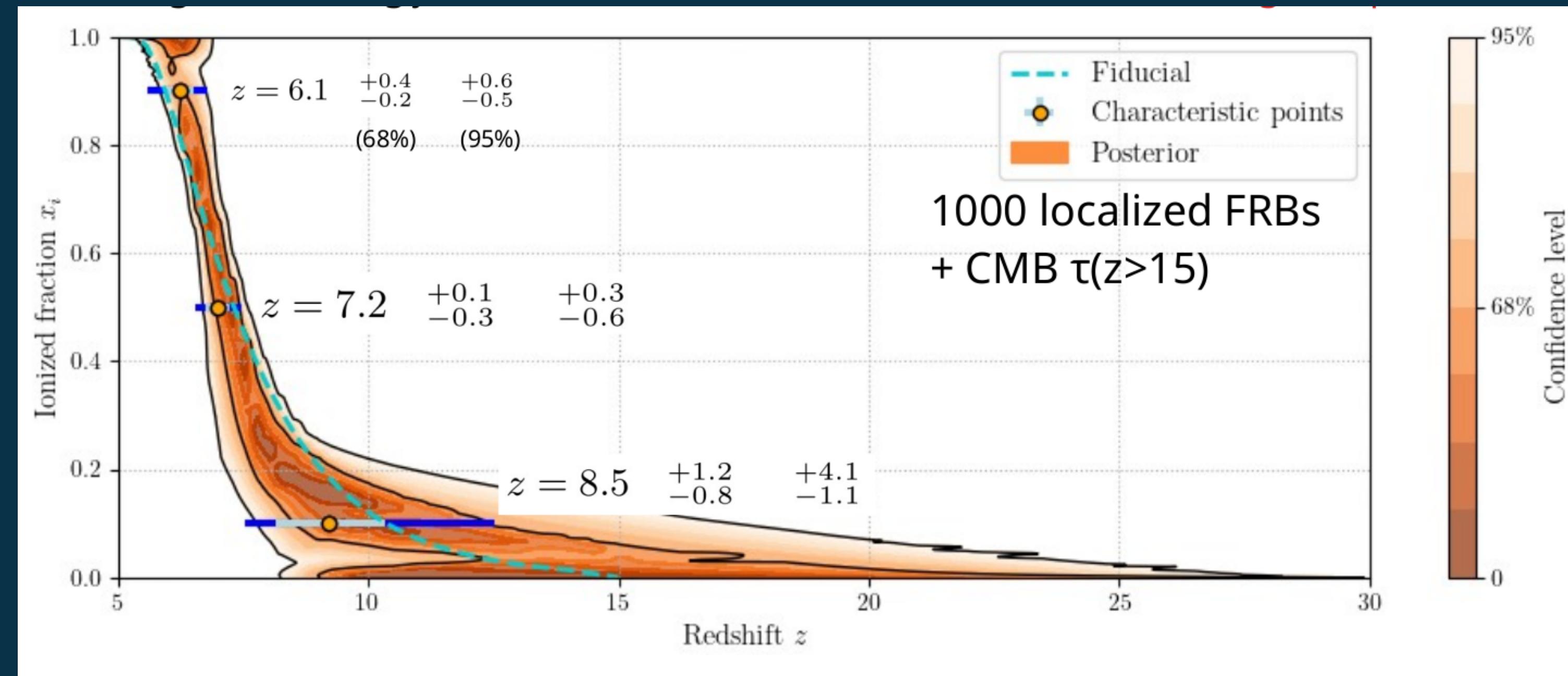


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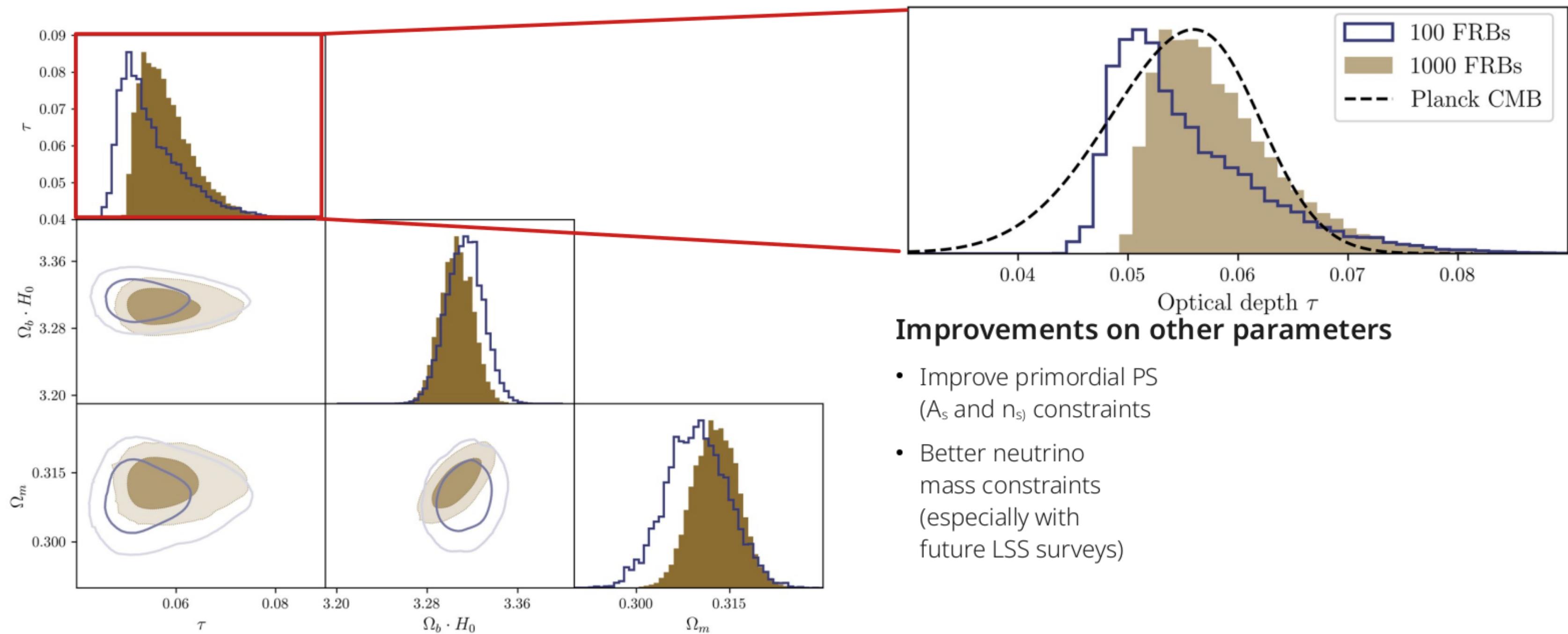


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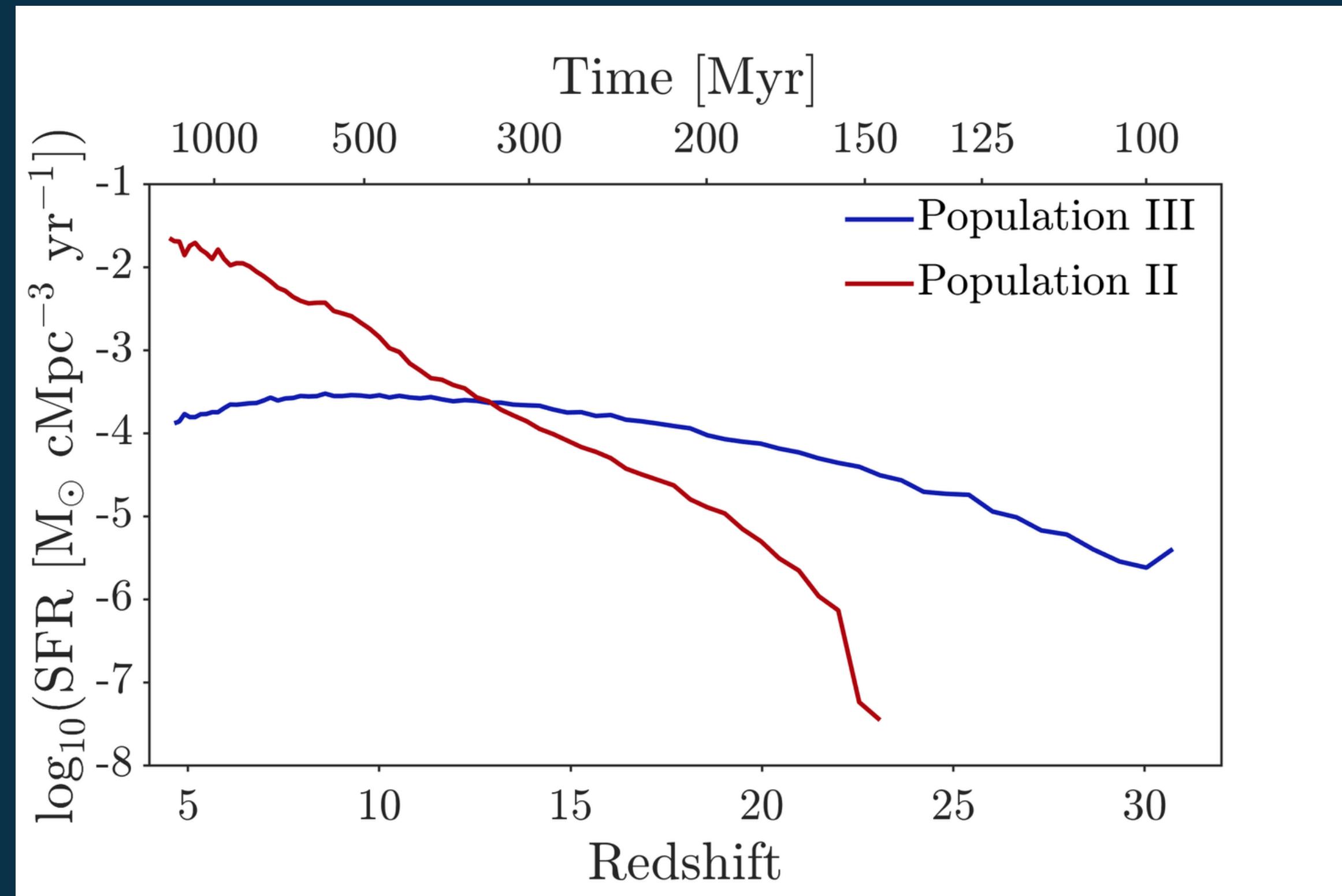


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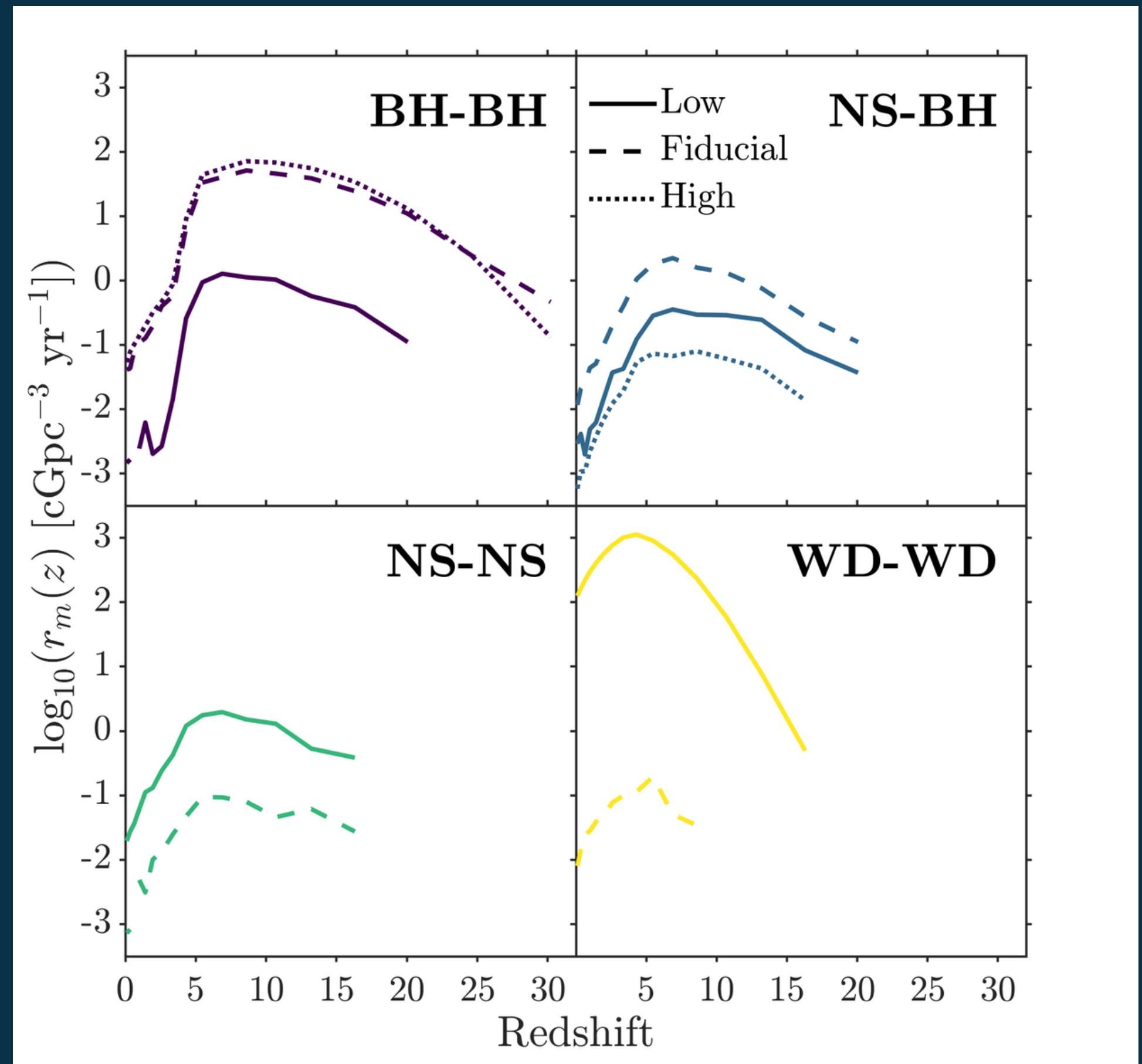
Key point: Reionization model-*marginalized* (“independent”), i.e. averaged over all reionization models.

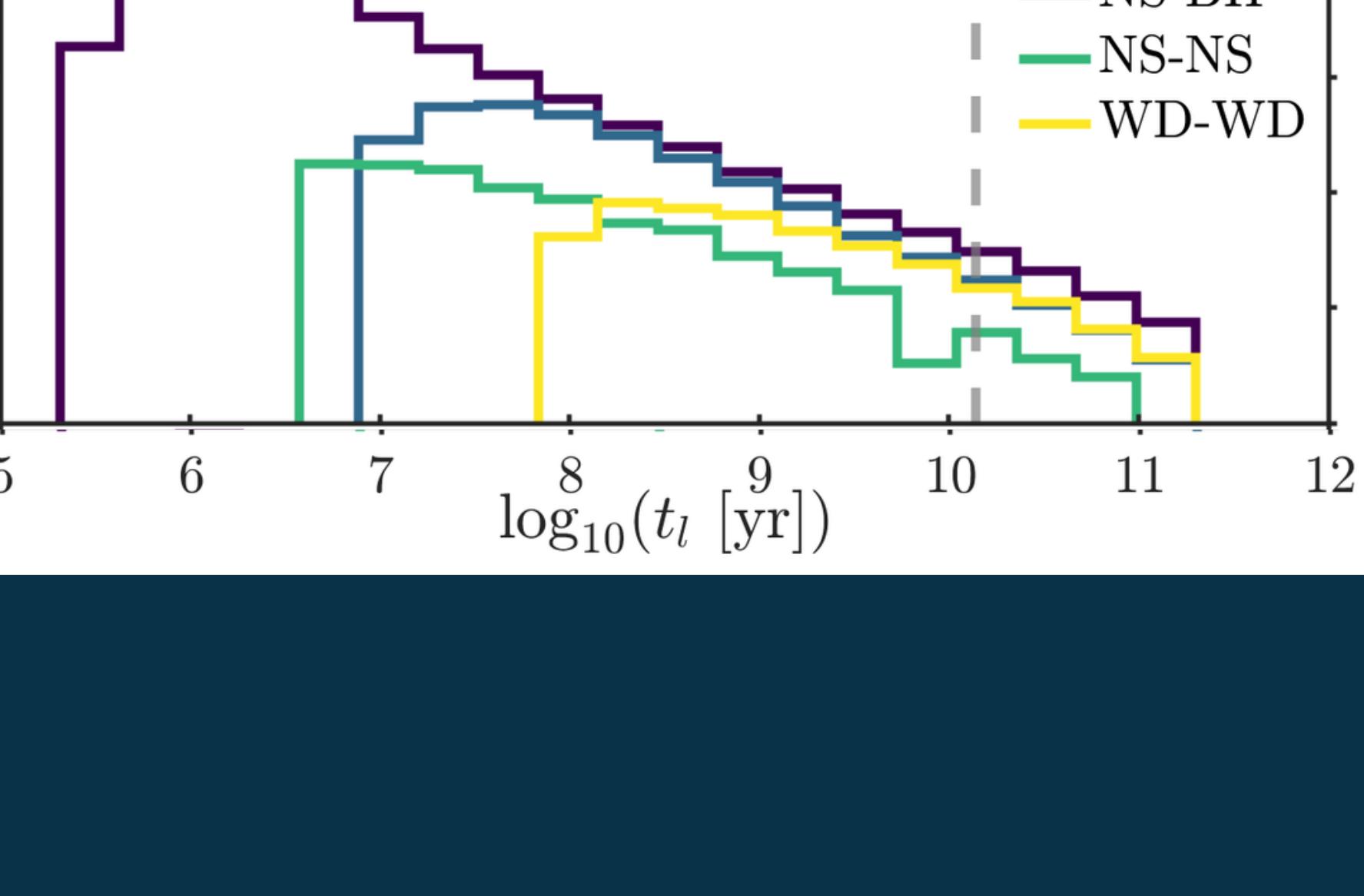
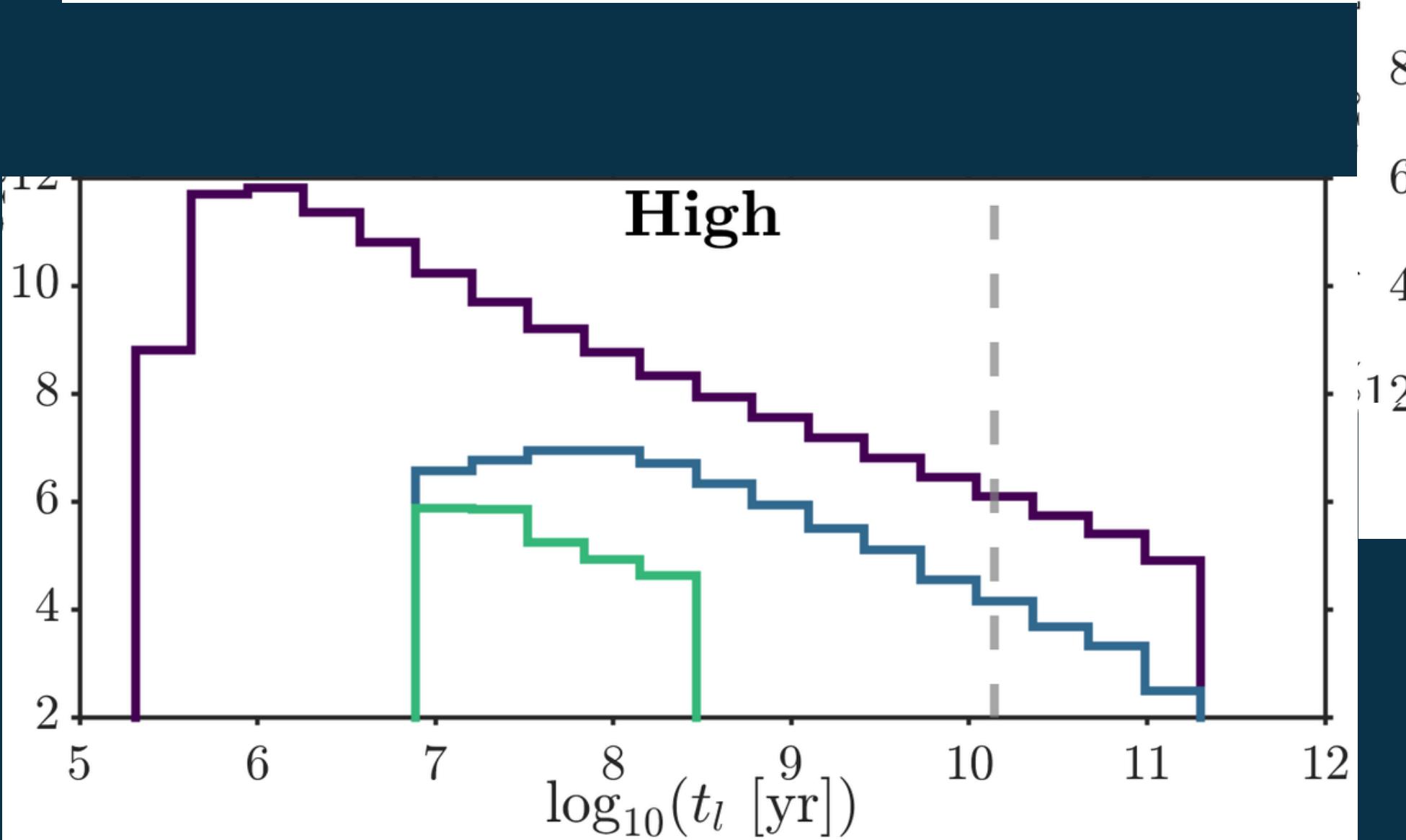
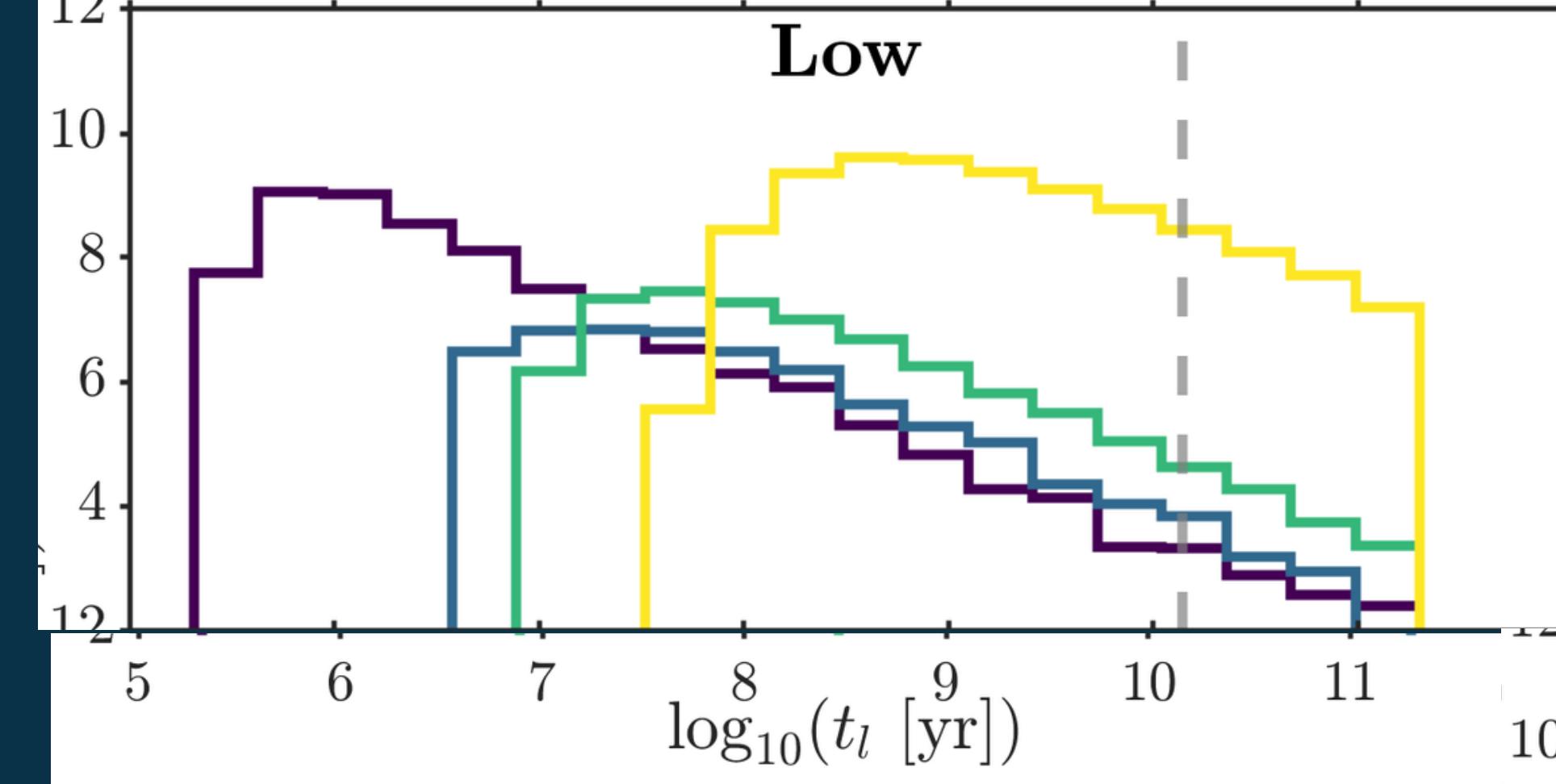


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Legend:

- BH-BH
- NS-BH
- NS-NS
- WD-WD



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Not enough!!!

