

SPECTRAL DISTORTIONS GRAB BAG: Getting the ball rolling

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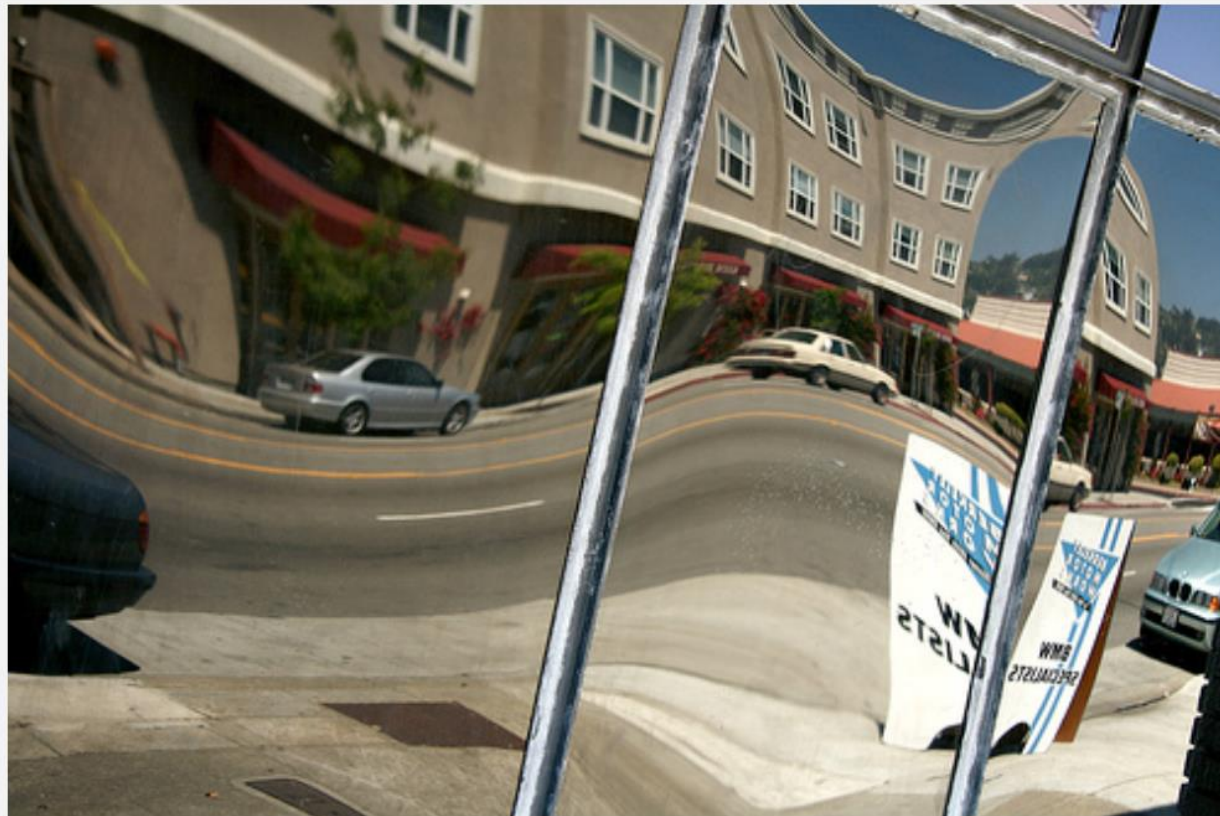


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Cosmic Blackbody Constraint to Variable Fine-Structure Constant

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If the fine-structure constant α varies with time, then it may lead to the growth or decay of electromagnetic waves propagating in a vacuum. The frequency spectrum of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) can thus be used to constrain the variation of α , to be $|\Delta\alpha/\alpha| \lesssim 10^{-4}$, for redshifts $0 < z < 10^3$ through the amplitude of the CMB spectrum. A limit of comparable amplitude can be extended to redshifts $10^3 < z < 10^6$ through the measured limit to the CMB chemical potential.

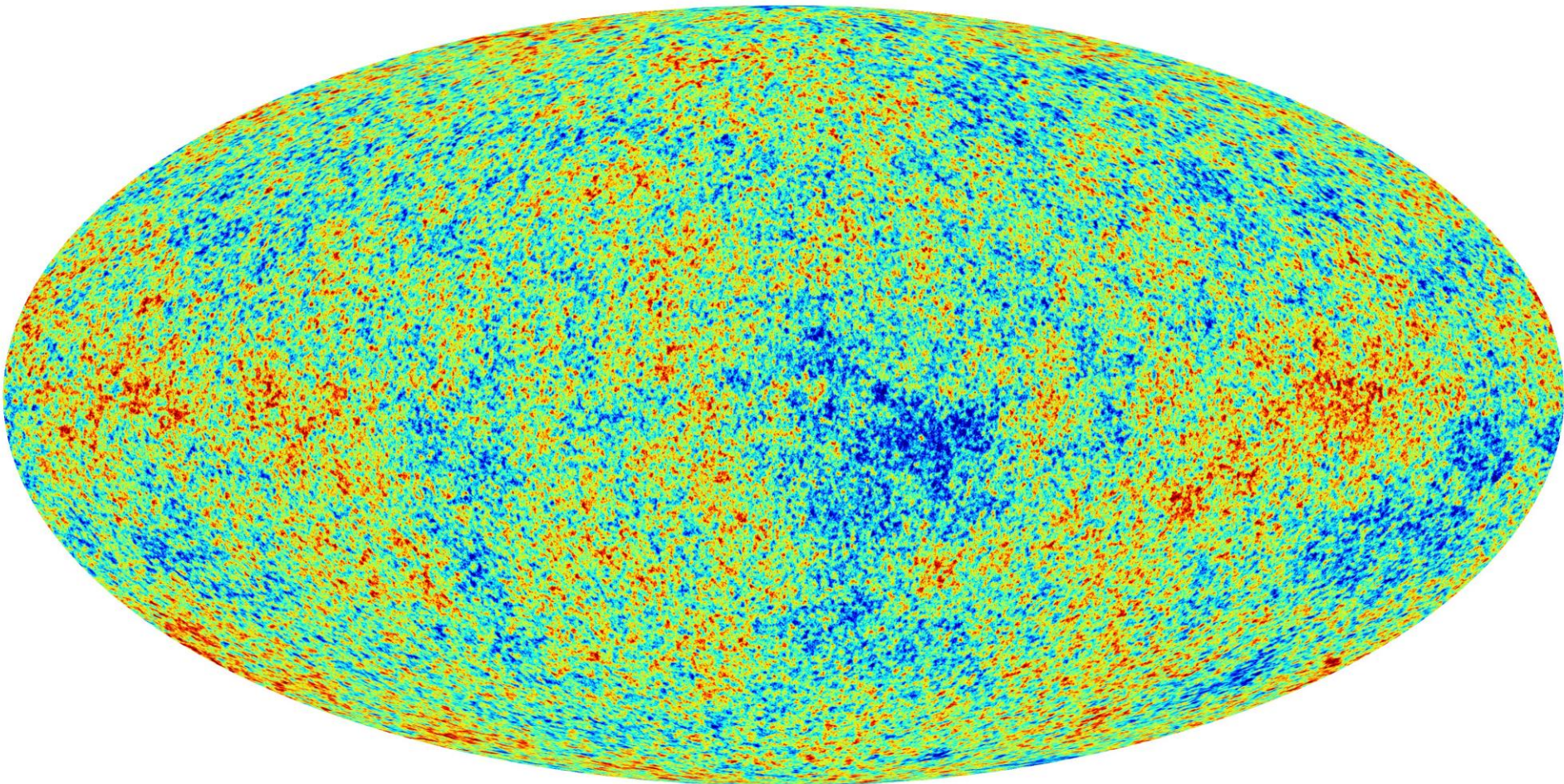
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Quasar evidence for a variable fine-structure constant α has spurred a growing body of theoretical work on variable α , a theoretical question that remains interesting, even if the data are not yet conclusive. If taken as upper limits, spectroscopic observations of distant quasars set a constraint to the variation $\Delta\alpha$ of the fine-structure constant to be $|\Delta\alpha/\alpha| \lesssim 10^{-5}$ between redshifts $z = 0.5$ –3 and the present [1]. If the effect is real, then it implies a fractional variation $|\Delta\alpha/\alpha| \sim 10^{-5}$ between over this redshift range. Variable α has received perhaps addi-

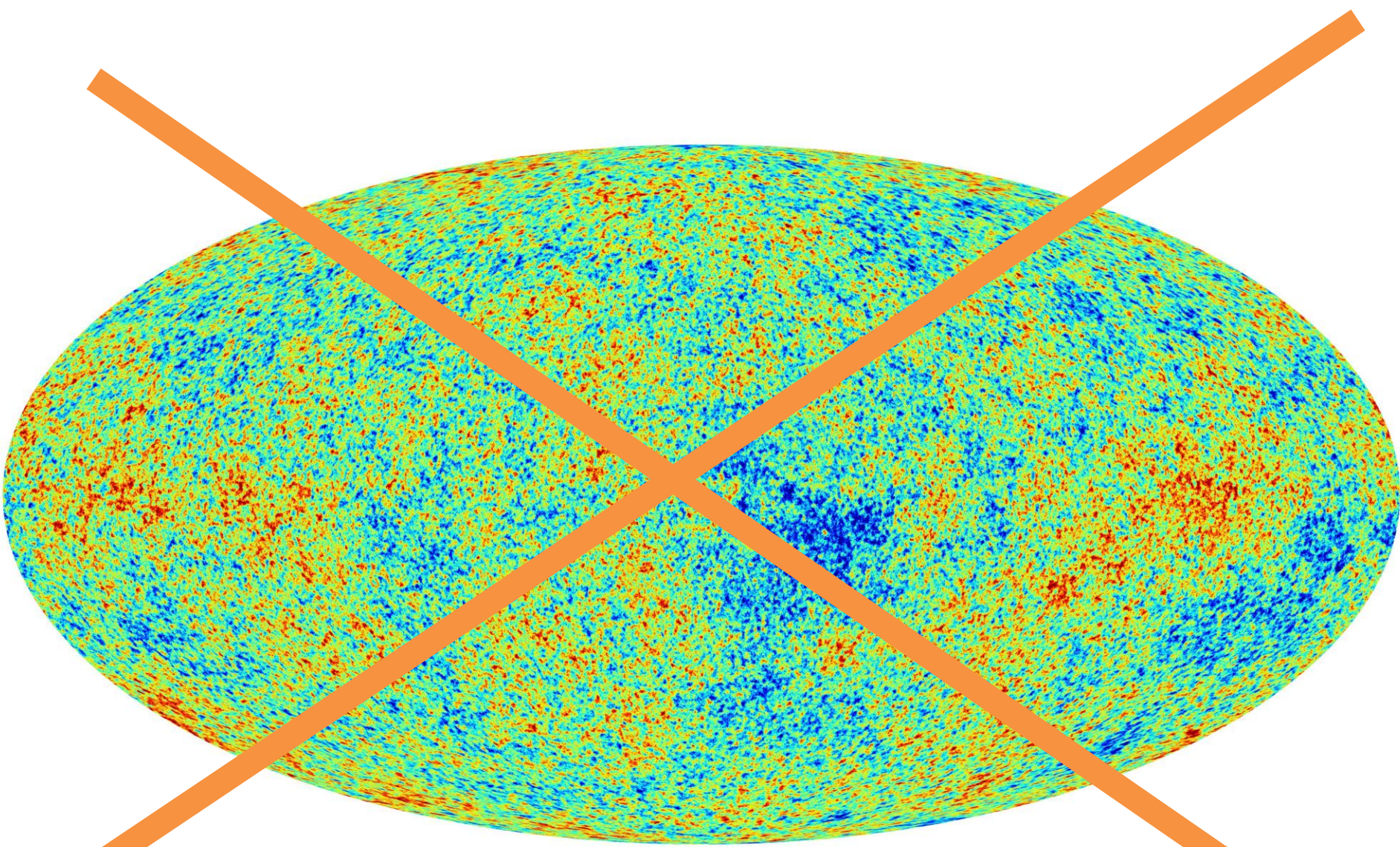
It is thus apparent that one way to introduce a variable α is to make the coupling e a function of the spacetime variables $x = (t, \vec{x})$: $e = e(x)$. However, since the classical equations of motion depend only on the relative magnitude of the two terms in the Lagrangian, and not on the overall normalization of the Lagrangian, another possibility would be to keep the charge e constant, but introduce a scalar field ϕ that multiplies the electromagnetic term in the Lagrangian:

Outline

- Preliminaries
- Dissipation of acoustic modes (“Standard-Model” predictions)
 - Tests of inflation
 - Tests of small-scale-suppression mechanisms
 - Non-gaussianity
- Decaying particles / PBHs
- Late-time contributions
- Grab bag
- Shopping list



-300 μ K  +300 μ K



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Discovery of spectral distortions in the cosmic microwave background

Post-Nagoya-Berkeley:

Decaying particles

Left-right symmetric models

Mock gravity

Domain structure of shadow matter

Technibaryons

Superconducting cosmic strings

UHECR cascades

Weird dust

Title: A cosmic book
Authors: [Peebles, P. J. E.](#); [Silk, Joseph](#)
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Abstract

A system of assigning odds to the basic elements of cosmological theories is proposed in order to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the theories. A figure of merit for the theories is obtained by counting and weighing the plausibility of each of the basic elements that is not substantially supported by observation or mature fundamental theory. The magnetized strong model is found to be the most probable. In order of decreasing probability, the ranking for the rest of the models is: (1) the magnetized string model with no exotic matter and the baryon adiabatic model; (2) the hot dark matter model and the model of cosmic string loops; (3) the canonical cold dark matter model, the cosmic string loops model with hot dark matter, and the baryonic isocurvature model; and (4) the cosmic string loops model with no exotic matter.

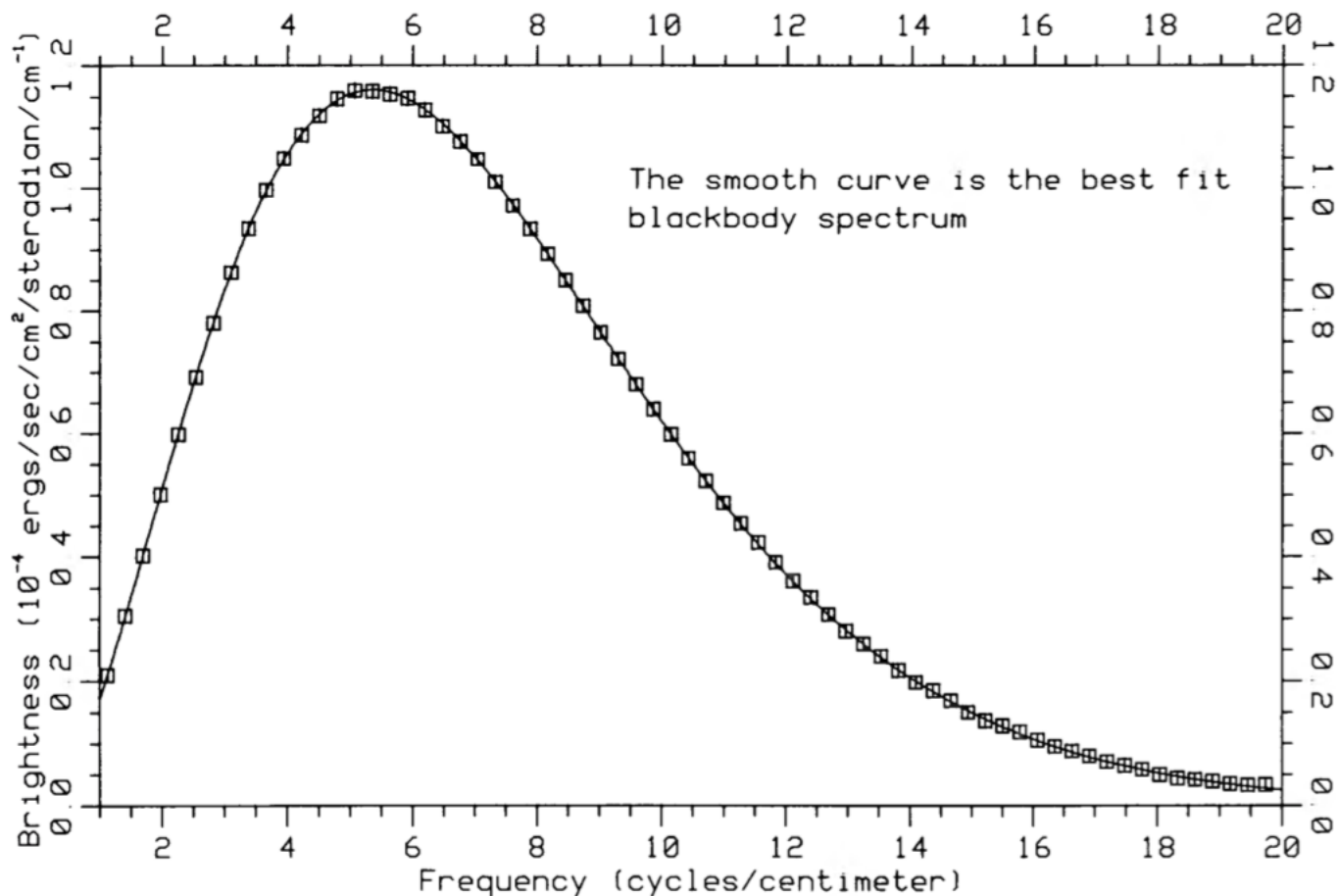


FIG. 2.—Preliminary spectrum of the cosmic microwave background from the FIRAS instrument at the north Galactic pole, compared to a blackbody. Boxes are measured points and show size of assumed 1% error band. The units for the vertical axis are 10^{-4} ergs s^{-1} cm^{-2} sr^{-1} cm .

Post-FIRAS

Constraints to post-Nagoya-Berkeley
scenarios

Growing interest!!

SPIRES titles with “spectral” and “distortions”

Pre-2010: 22 Post-2010: 64

Citations to 1994 Hu-Silk paper

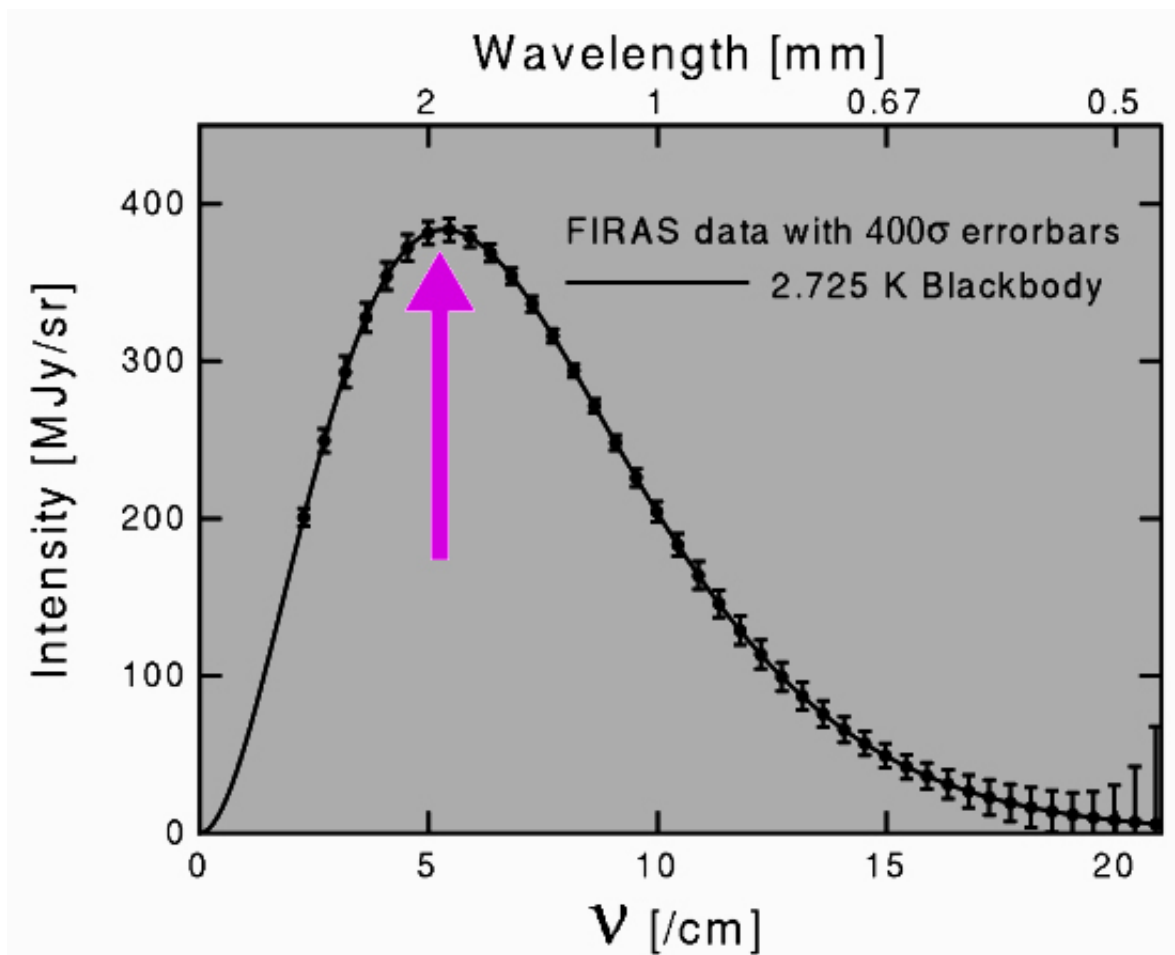
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Great review article (Chluba, Hamman, Patil 2015)

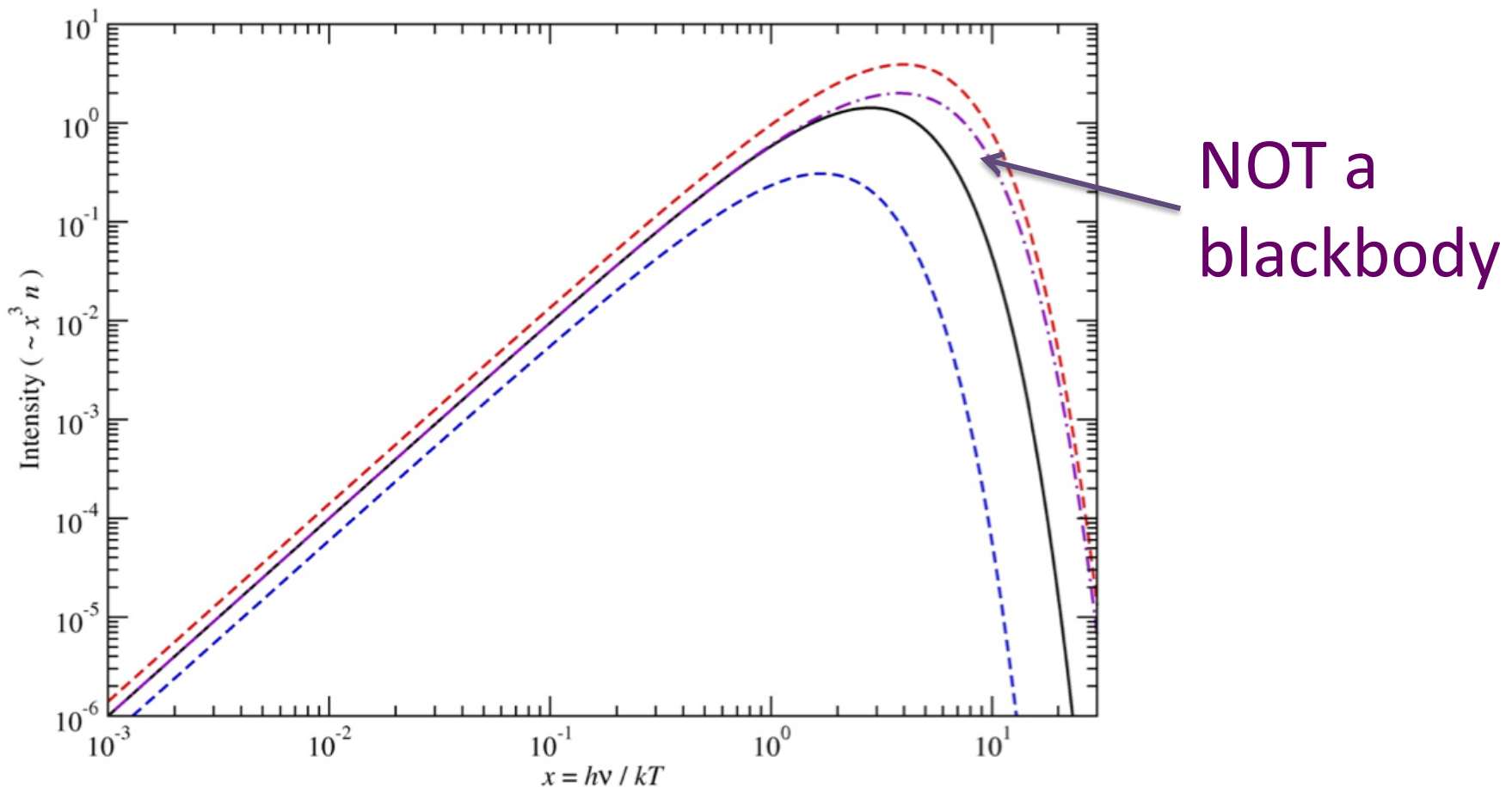
Sources of spectral distortions

1. New source of radiation in late (transparent) Universe
2. Radiative energy injection/augmentation at early times
3. Re-scattering of CMB radiation

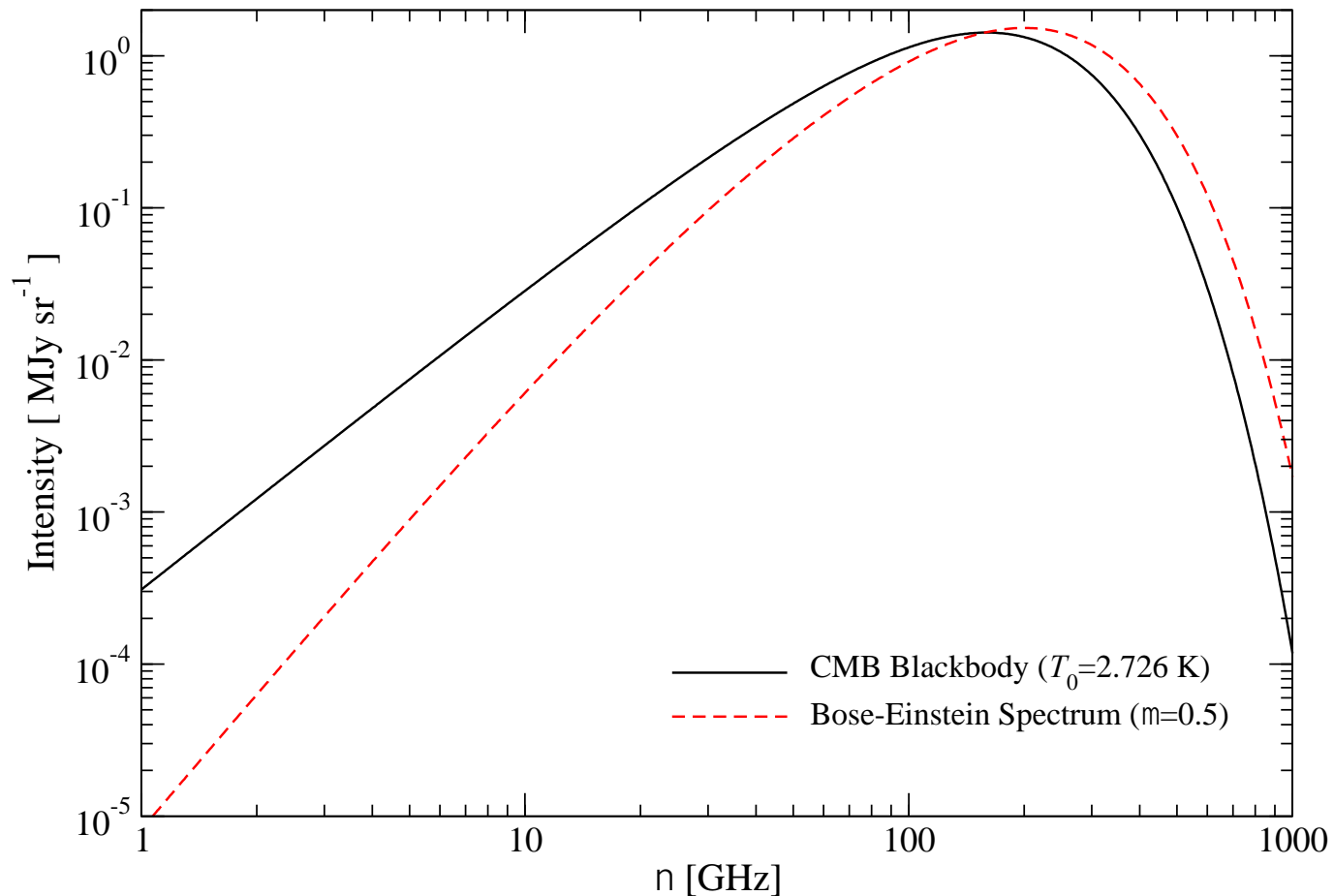
If photons can be created/destroyed, will eventually attain complete (kinetic+chemical) equilibrium---a blackbody



Superposition of two blackbodies of different T has a “Compton- y ” distortion with $y \propto (\Delta T)^2$



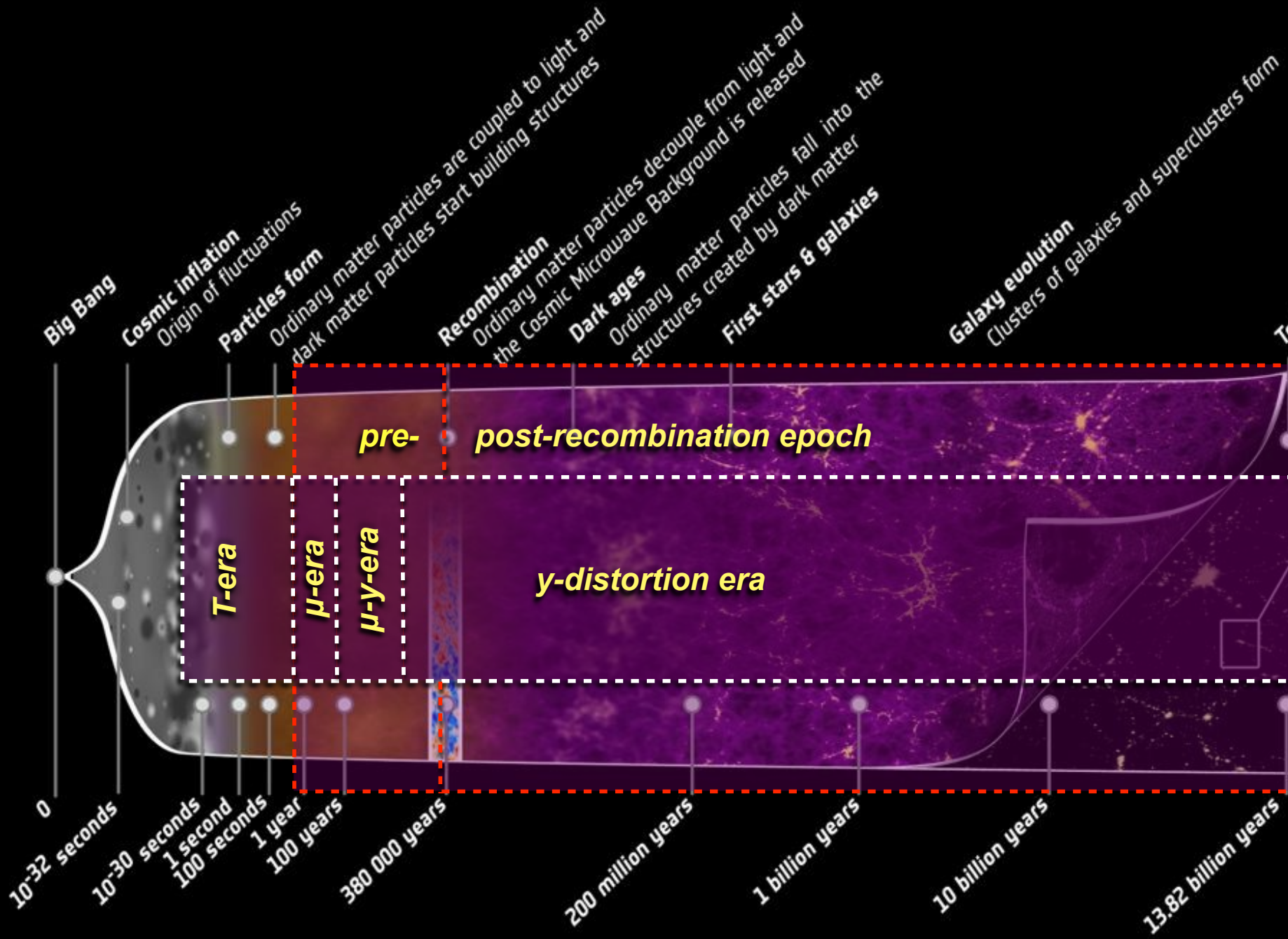
If photons scatter and come to kinetic equilibrium, keeping photon number fixed, spectrum has a Bose-Einstein frequency spectrum with chemical potential μ .



At redshift $z > 10^6$, photon-#-changing interactions are rapid compared with expansion rate, so CMB is thermal.

But at $z < 10^6$, photon # remains constant.

Thus, any source of heat at $z < 10^6$ will induce spectral distortions!



Benchmarks

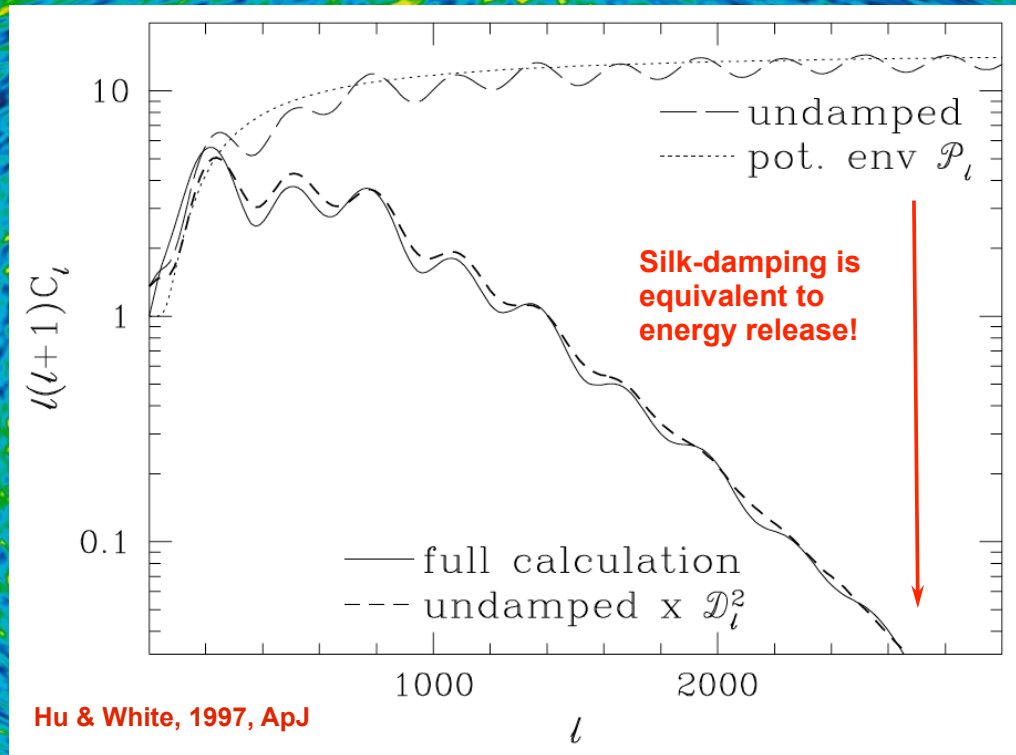
- FIRAS: $\mu < 9 \times 10^{-5}$ $\gamma < 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$
- Fluctuations: $\Delta \mu < 6.4 \times 10^{-6}$ (Khatri-Sunyaev 2015)
- PIXIE sensitivity: μ to $\sim 10^{-8}$
- PRISM-like: μ to $\sim 10^{-9}$ γ to $\sim 10^{-10}$

(fluctuation sensitivity depends on assumed spectrum, cross- vs auto-correlation, etc. more later)

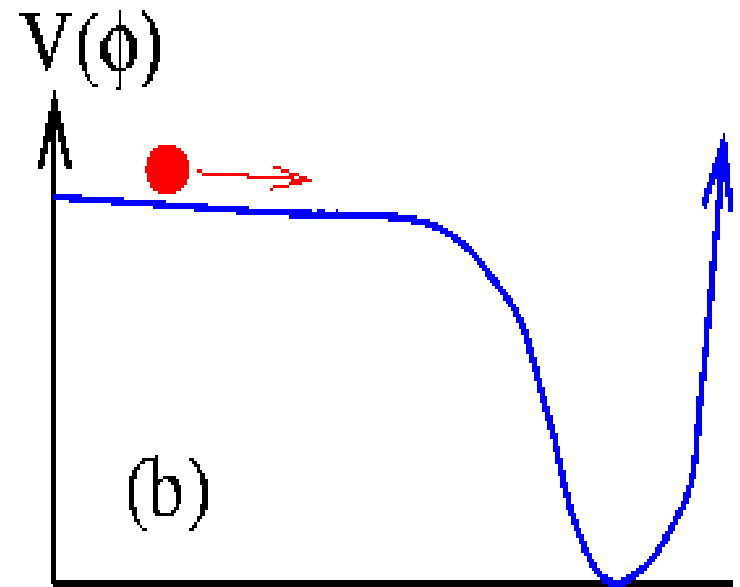
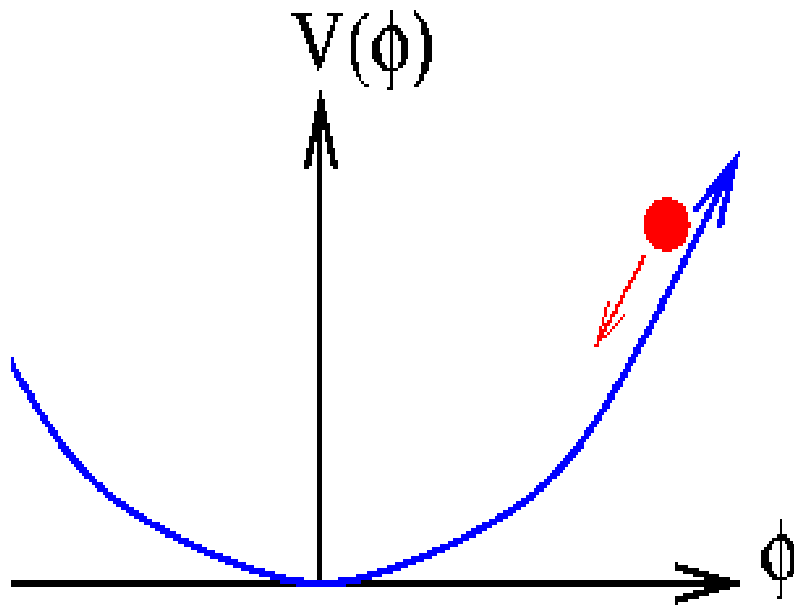
Current FIRAS constraints

- Energy injection into primordial plasma no more than $\sim 10^{-5}$ of radiation density between $z < \text{few} \times 10^6$ and $z \sim 1100$

Dissipation of small-scale acoustic modes



Inflation:



Nearly (but not precisely) scale-invariant primordial perturbations

Inflation predicts power spectrum

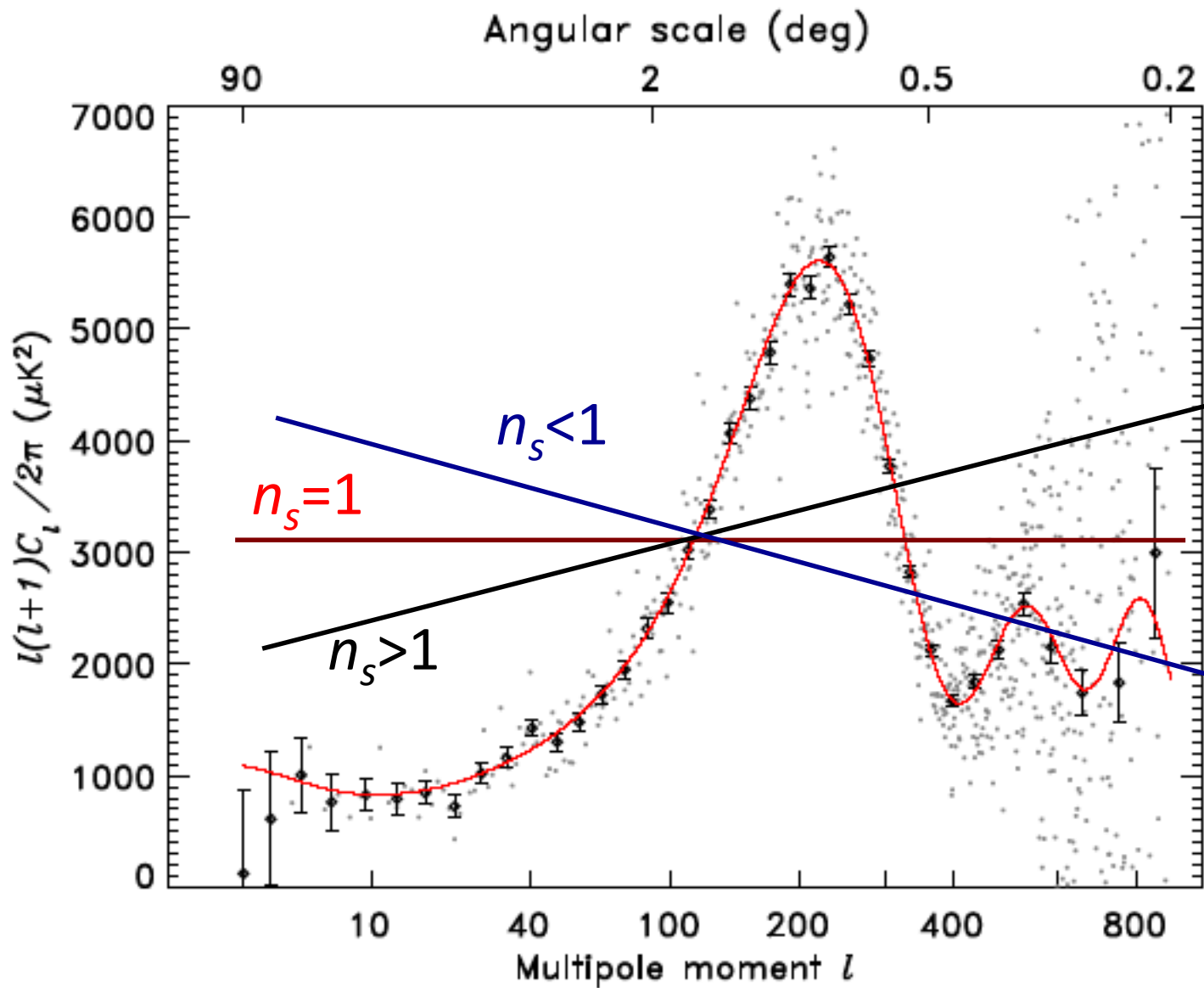
$$P(k) \equiv \left\langle \left(\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \right)_{\vec{k}}^2 \right\rangle \propto k^{n_s}$$

With

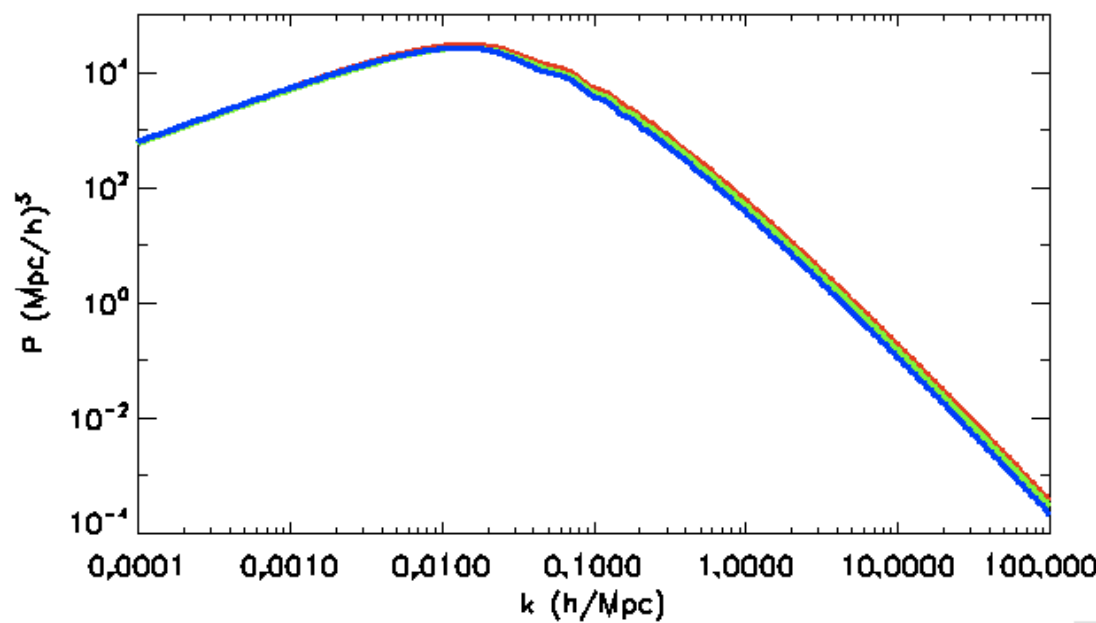
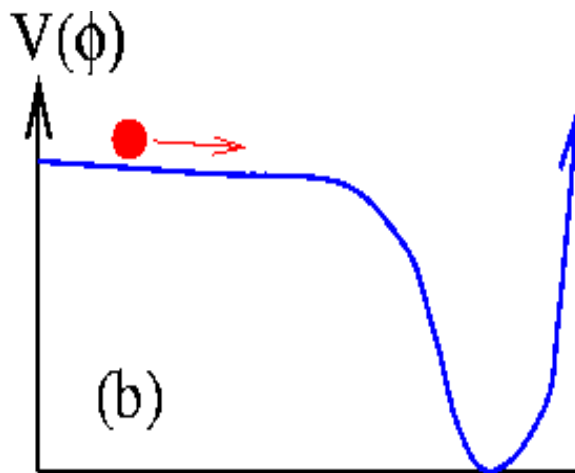
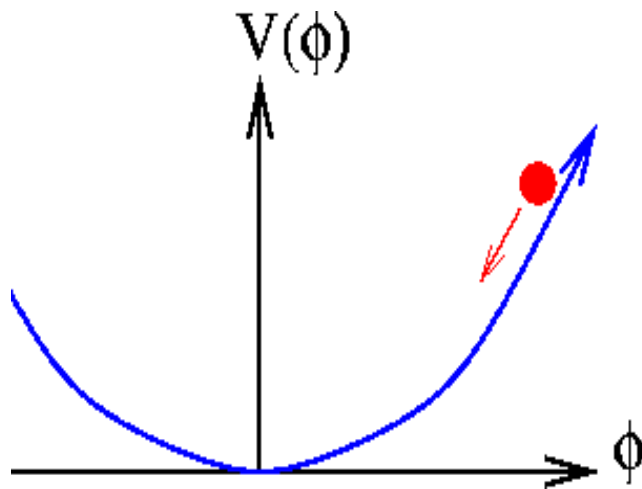
$$n_s = 1 - 2\epsilon + 6\eta$$

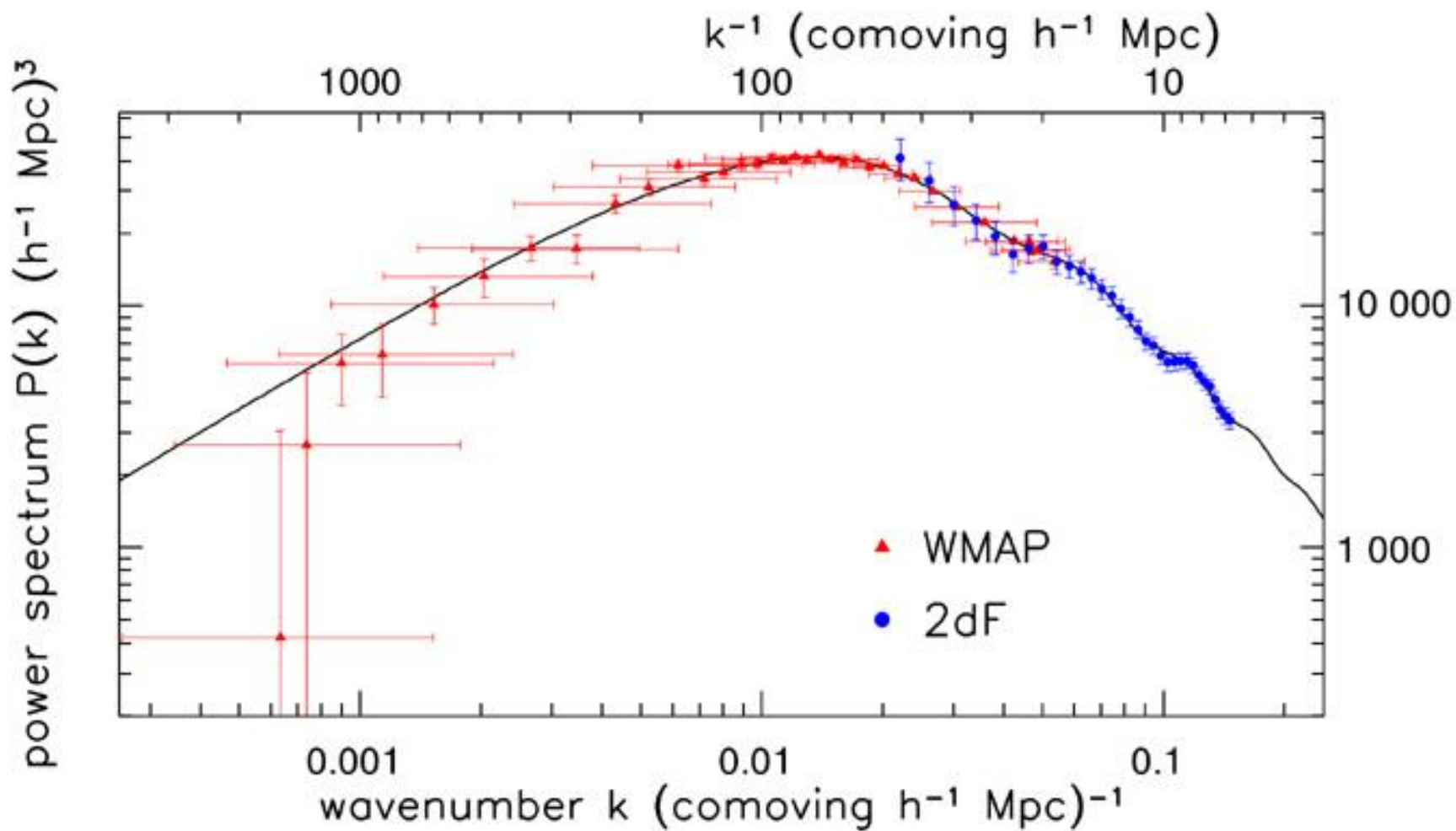
$$\epsilon \propto V' \qquad \eta \propto V''$$

i.e., $V(\phi) \leftrightarrow P(k)$



WMAP

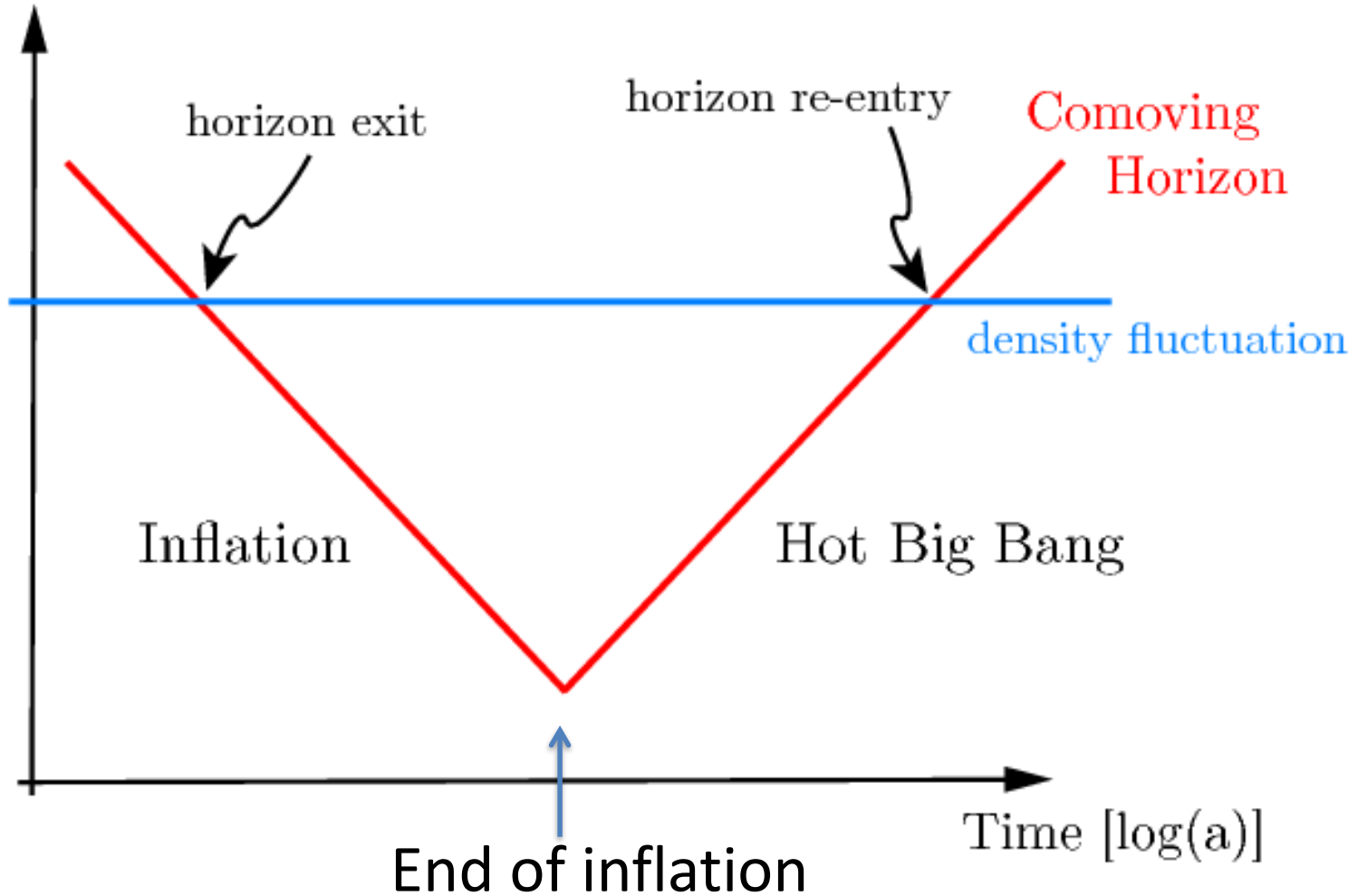




But there is
more!

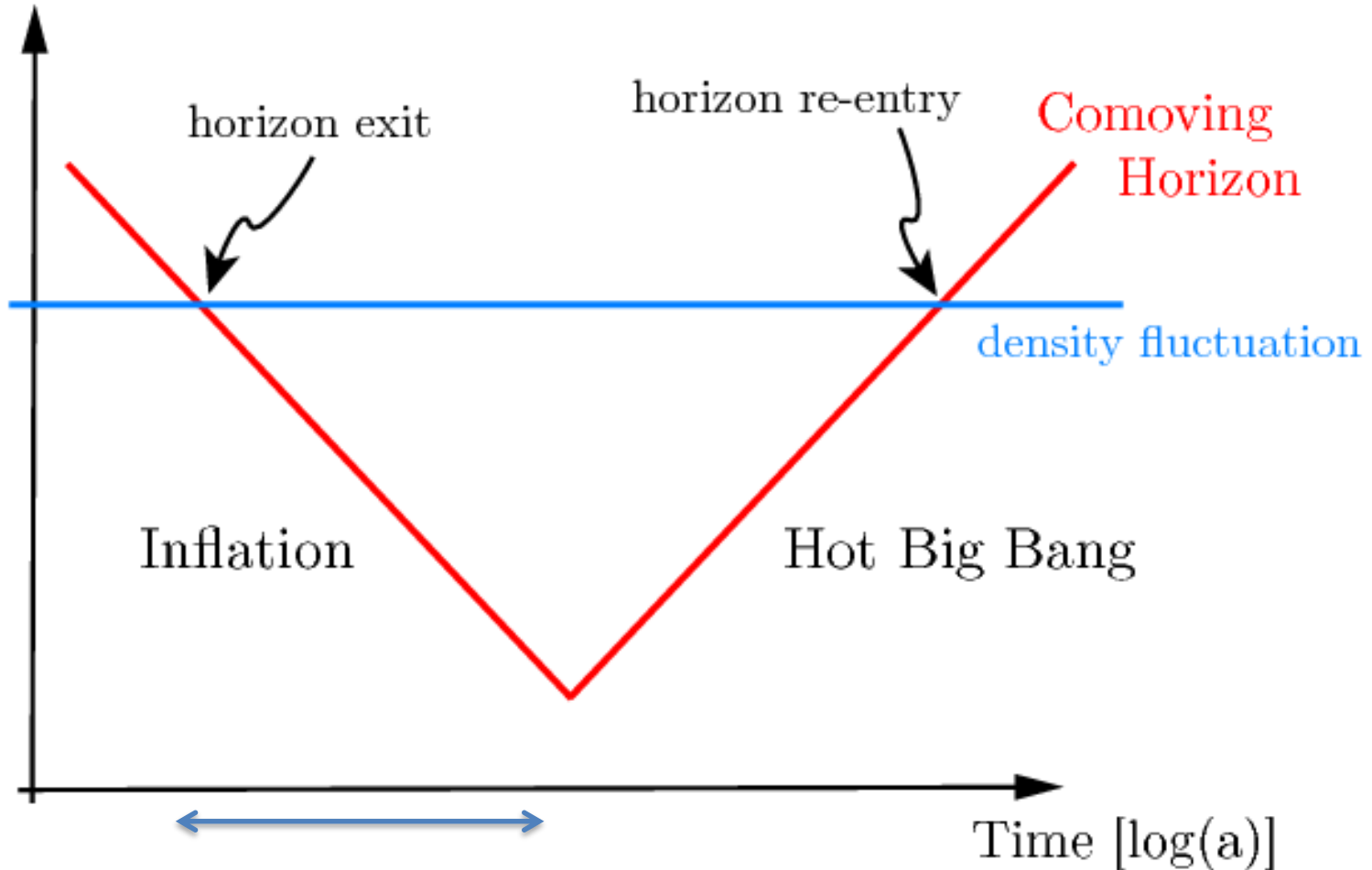
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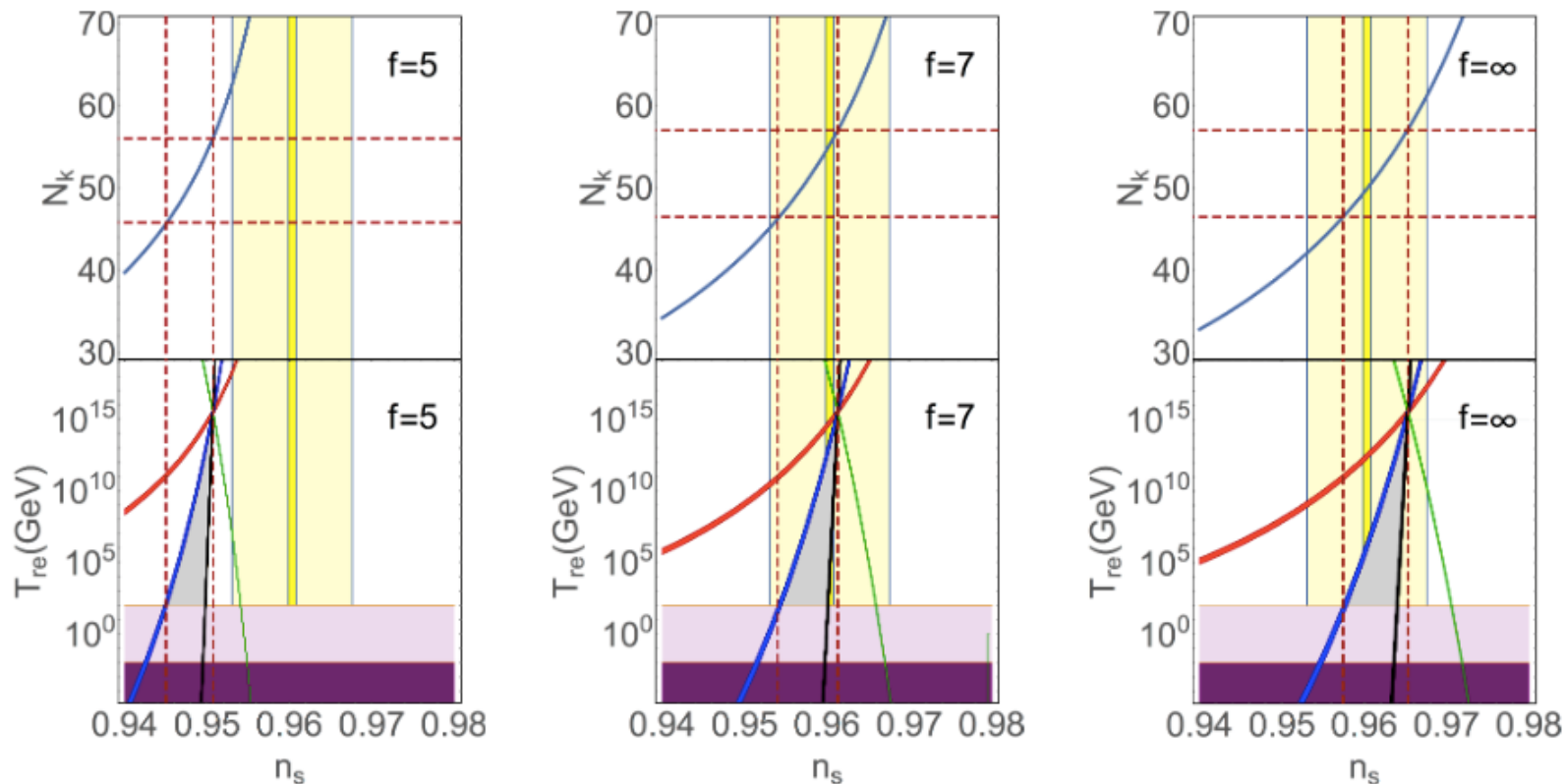
$$N = \log \left(\frac{\text{Hubble distance}}{\text{smallest inflationary distance scale}} \right)$$

$$N \simeq 40 - 60$$

(or ~15-22 decades)

for reheat temperature $\sim \text{TeV}$ to 10^{16} GeV

Current constraints to n_s narrow N range a bit

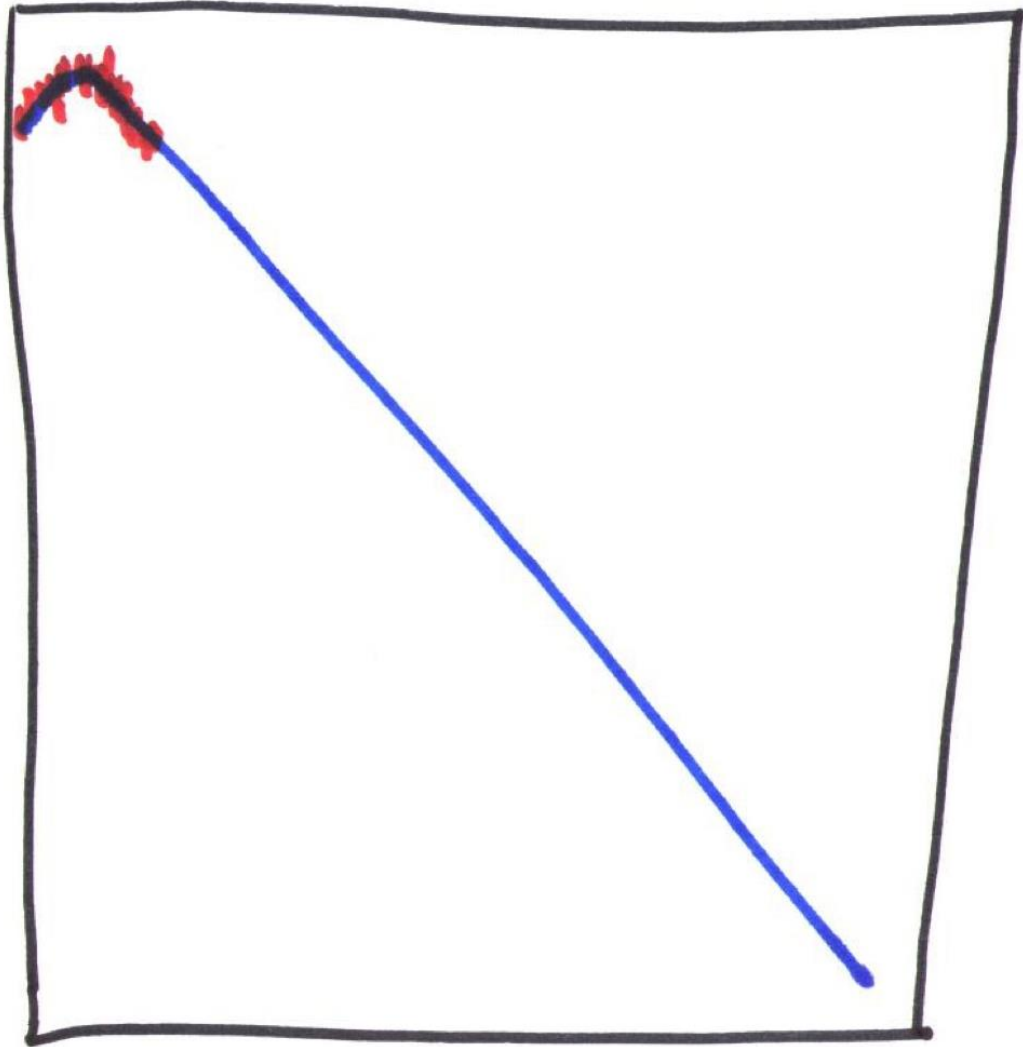


Dai, MK, Wang, PRL 2014; Munoz, MK 2015;

Cook, Dimastrogiovanni, Easson, Krauss, 1502.04673

Inflationary prediction is therefore....

$\log P(k)$



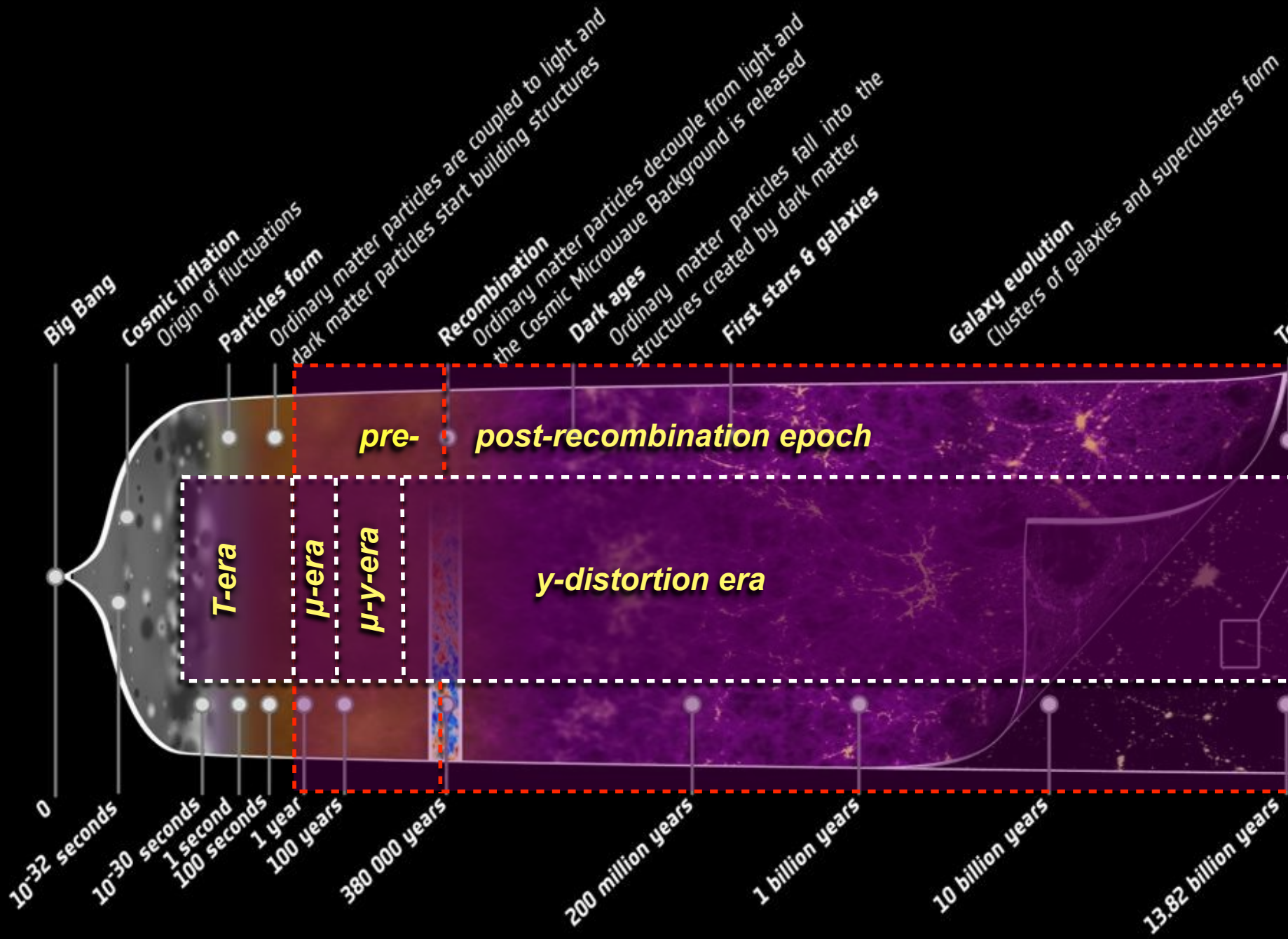
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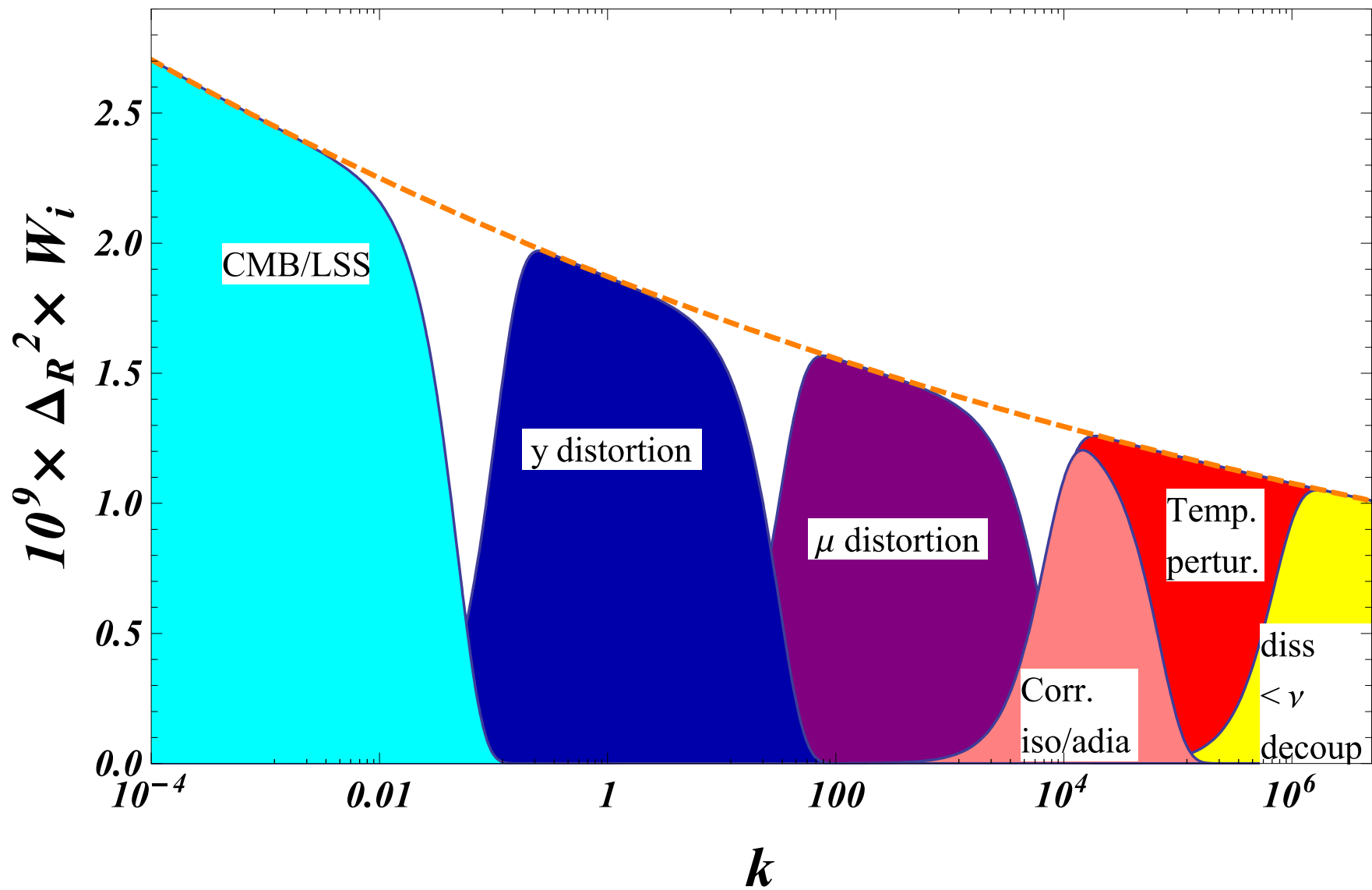
(Emami, Smoot 2018)

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- **Spectral distortions in the CMB**
- 21-cm fluctuations from the dark ages (Zaldarriaga-Loeb)
- Primordial black holes (Nakama&co;)
- Ultra-compact mini-halos
 - microlensing
 - Annihilation signatures
 - Direct vs indirect detection
- Supernova dispersions





Mu distortions or running (Cabass, Melchiorri, Pajer 2016)

Standard LambdaCDM prediction (6-param):

$$\mu = 1.57_{-0.13}^{+1.11} \times 10^{-8}$$

and including running of n_s :

$$\mu = 1.28_{-0.52}^{+0.30} \times 10^{-8}$$

compared with PIXIE sensitivity to $\mu \sim 10^{-8}$

Implies μ detection with 3xPIXIE, and if not, requires running of spectral index

Exotic mechanisms to suppress small-scale power

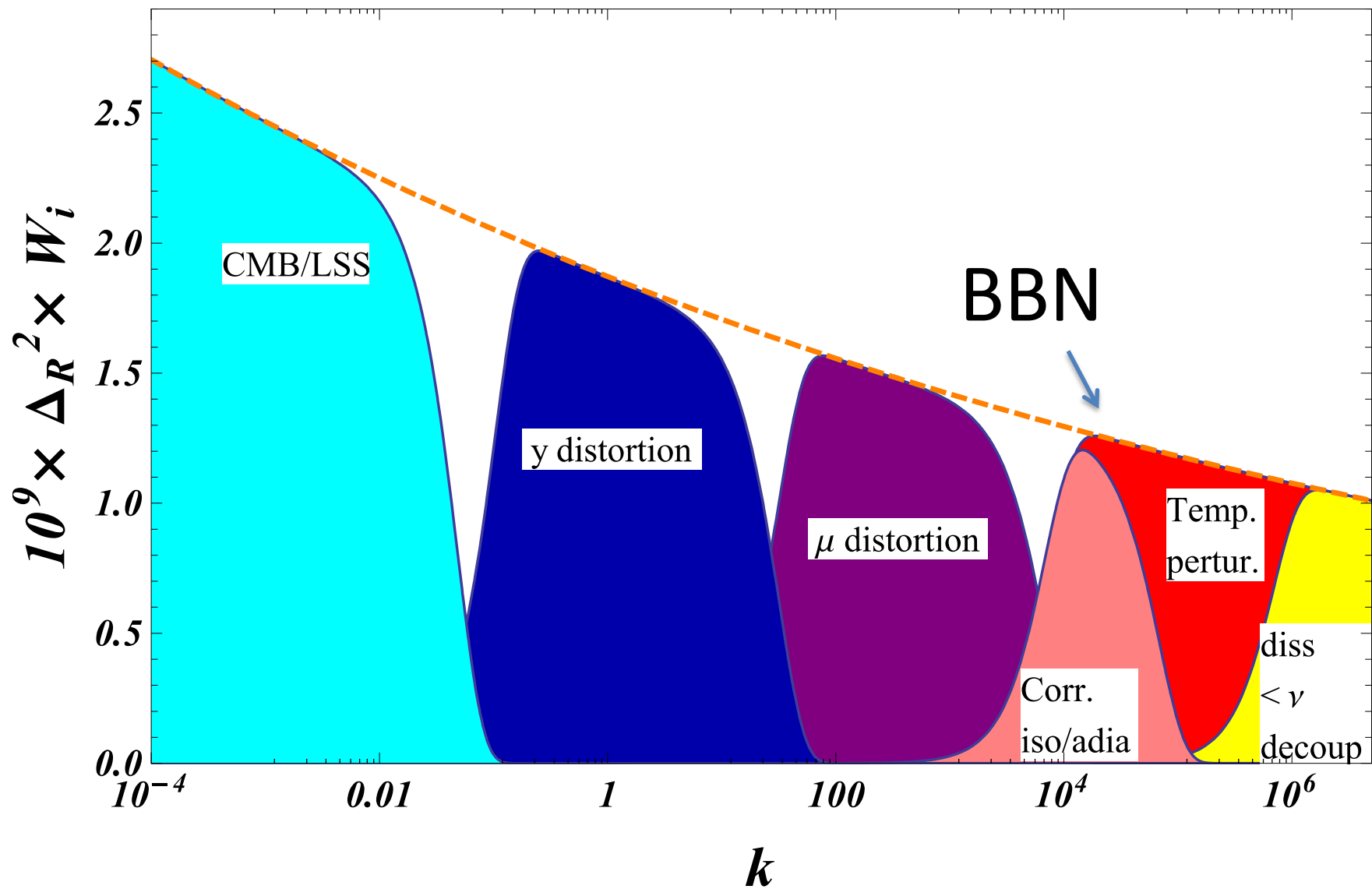
(Nakama, Chluba, MK 2017; also Diacoumis&Wong 2017; Sarkar, Sethi, Das 2017)

- Only mechanisms (e.g., BSI from inflation (e.g., MK-Liddle 2000)) that eliminate *radiation*-density perturbations have effect on μ distortion
- Mechanisms (e.g., DM from charged-particle decay at $\tau \sim 3.5$ yr (e.g., Sigurdson-MK 2004)) that reduce matter fluctuations without smoothing radiation fluctuations do not alter standard μ prediction

Dissipation on smaller scales

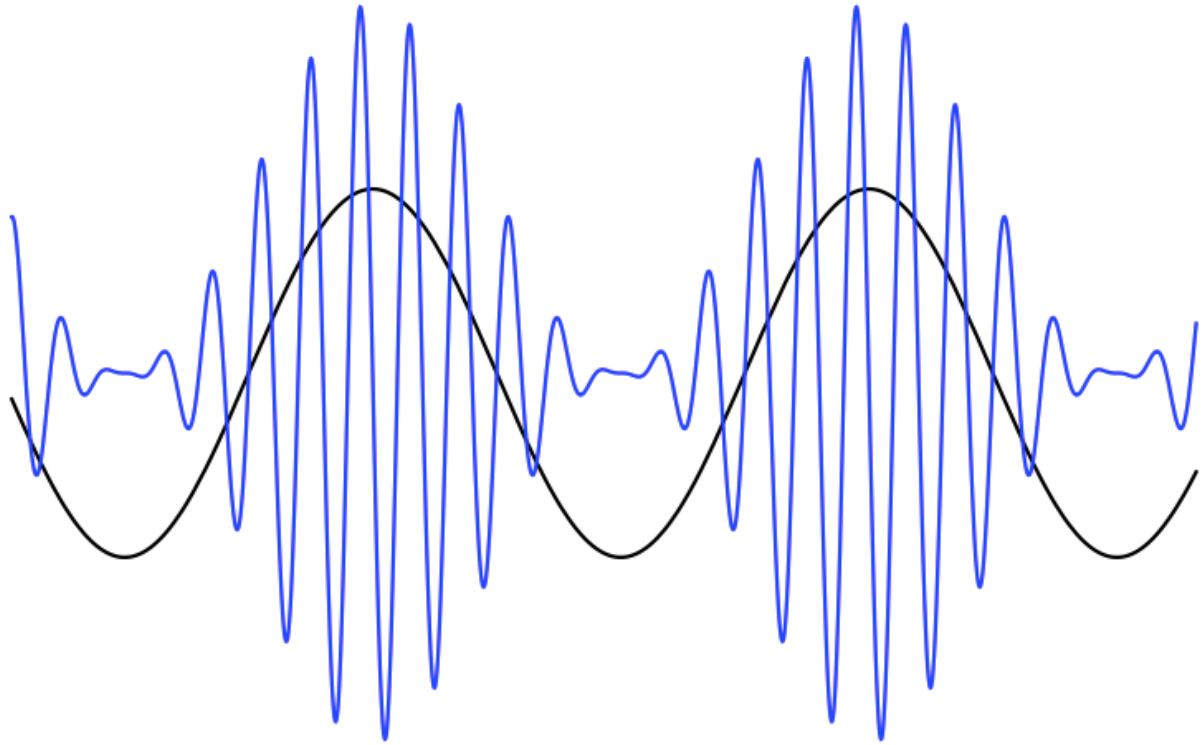
(Chluba, Jeong, Pradler, MK, PRL 2014; Nakama, Suyama, Yokoyama 2014)

- Silk damping at $z \sim 10^9$ from e^+e^- annihilation
- Heats plasma
 - affects predictions for BBN relative to standard



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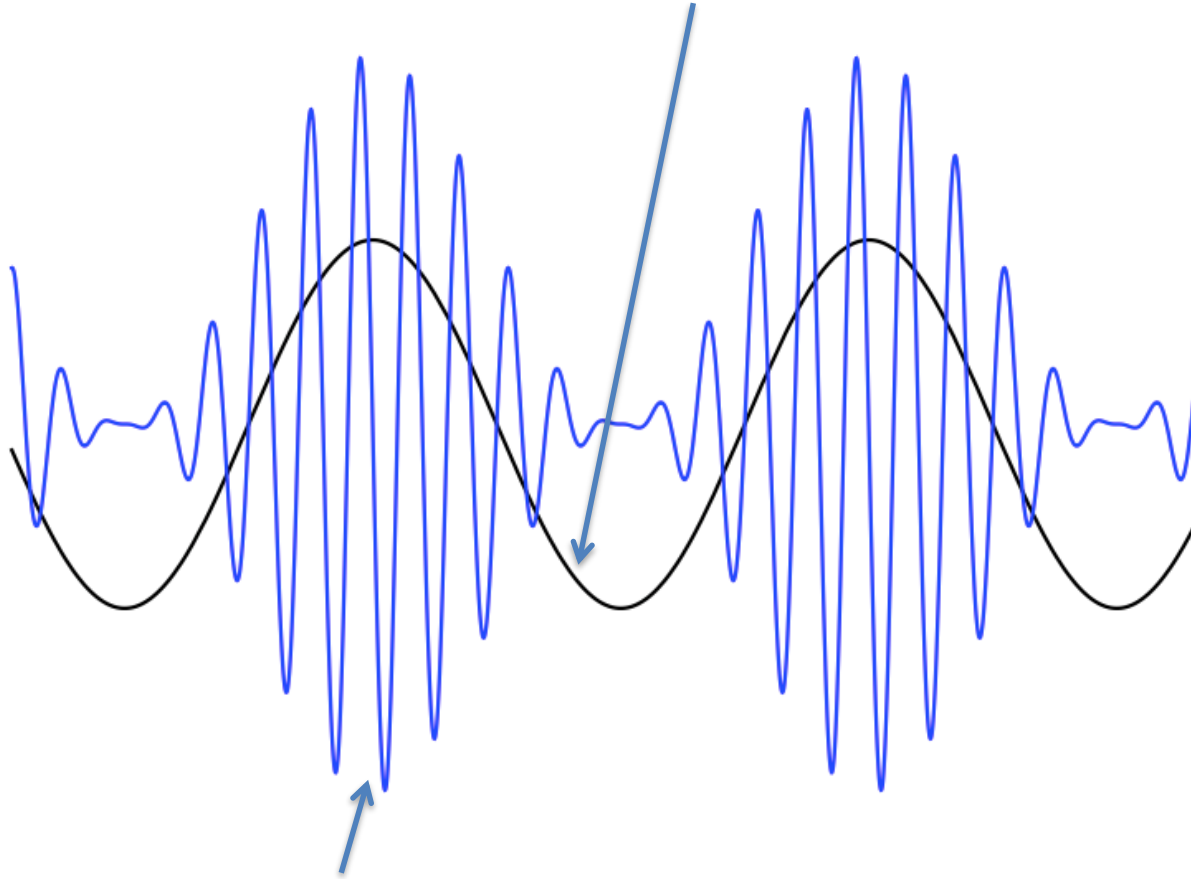
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- Inflation → some small (but nonzero) departure from gaussianity
- Couples small and long-wavelength modes of primordial perturbations
- Correlates spectral distortions to CMB temperature fluctuations (Pajer, Zaldarriaga 2012; Ganc, Komatsu, 2012; Ota et al. 2014,2015)
- Adds long-wavelength entropy perturbation (Naruko, Ota, Yamaguchi 2015) that correlates with adiabatic perturbation (Chluba et al. 2014; Emami et al. 2015)

CMB temperature fluctuation



Spectral distortions

- μ and γ distortions probe different range of k , and so can seek k -dependent non-Gaussianity (Emami, Dimastrogiovanni, Chluba, MK, 2015)
- Confusion with late-time γ distortion possibly mitigated by cross-correlation with ISW (Creque-Sarbinowski, Bird, MK 2016) or with polarization (Ota 2016; Ravenni, Liguori, Bartolo, Shiraishi 2017)

- From Planck (Khatri & Sunyaev 2015)

$$\ell(\ell + 1)/(2\pi)C_{\ell}^{\check{\mu}\mu} |_{\ell=2-26} < (2.3 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-12} \text{ an}$$

$$\ell(\ell + 1)/(2\pi)C_{\ell}^{\mu T} |_{\ell=2-26} < (2.6 \pm 2.6) \times 10^{-12} \text{ K.}$$

and $f_{NL} < 10^5$

and for future experiments (Emami, Dimastrogiovanni, MK, Chluba2015),

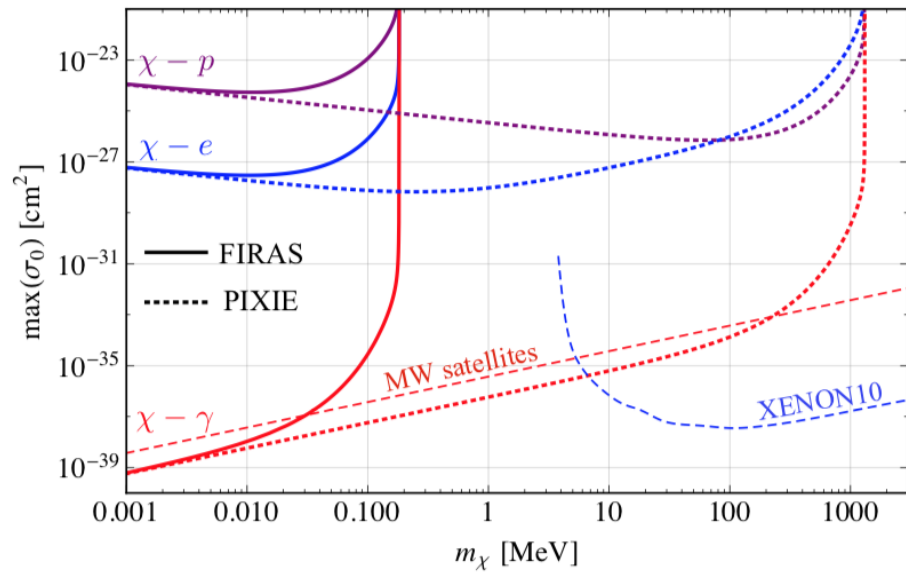
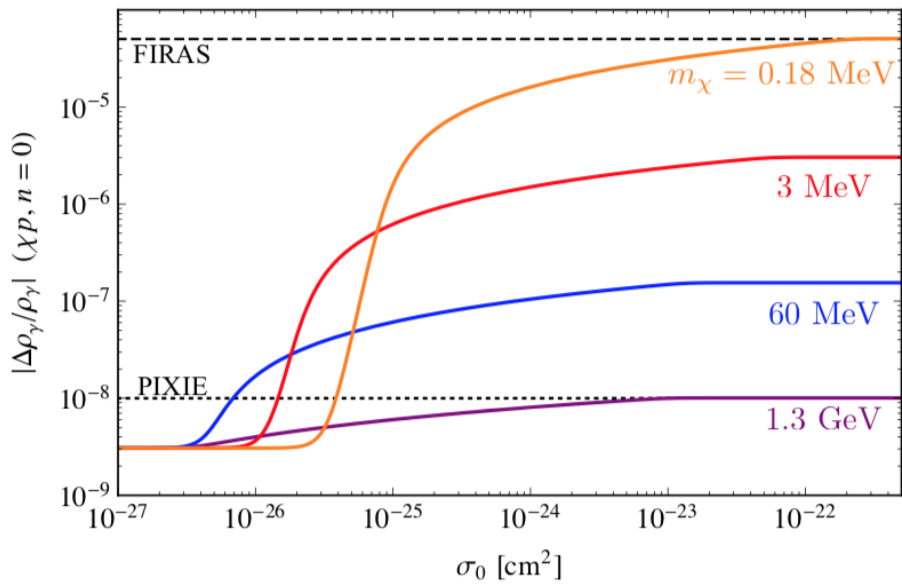
$$f_{nl}^{\mu} \simeq 220 \left(\frac{\mu_{\min}}{10^{-9}} \right) \left(\frac{\langle \mu \rangle}{2 \times 10^{-8}} \right)^{-1}$$

Another “standard model” prediction:

Cooling of CMB

(Standard scenario: Chluba, Sunyaev, Khitri; DM-enhanced: Ali-Haimoud, Chluba, MK 2015)

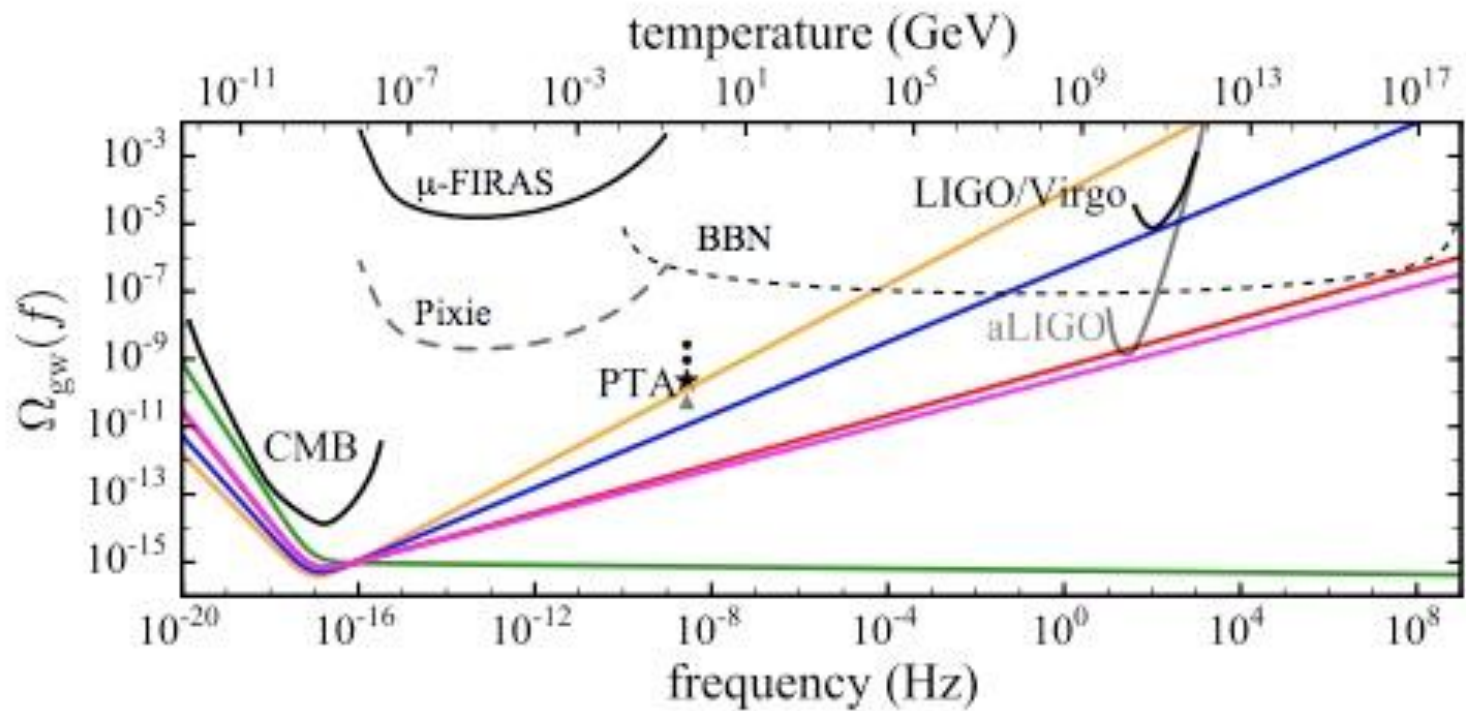
- Radiation: $T \sim a^{-1}$
- Baryons: $T \sim a^{-2}$
- Thomson scattering: heat transferred from radiation to baryons \rightarrow *negative* μ distortion (few parts per billion)
- Baryon-SM coupling: cooling enhanced by additional heat absorbed by DM



Early energy injection from exotic sources

- Chluba-Sunyaev thermalization
 - Primordial isocurvature
 - Detailed frequency spectrum (Katri-Sunyaev)
 - DM annihilation
 - DM decays
 - PBHs
 - Magnetic fields
 - Superconducting cosmic strings
 - Axions
 - Damping of tensor perturbations (Chluba, Dai, Grin, Amin, MK 2014)

(From Robert Caldwell....)



PBHs

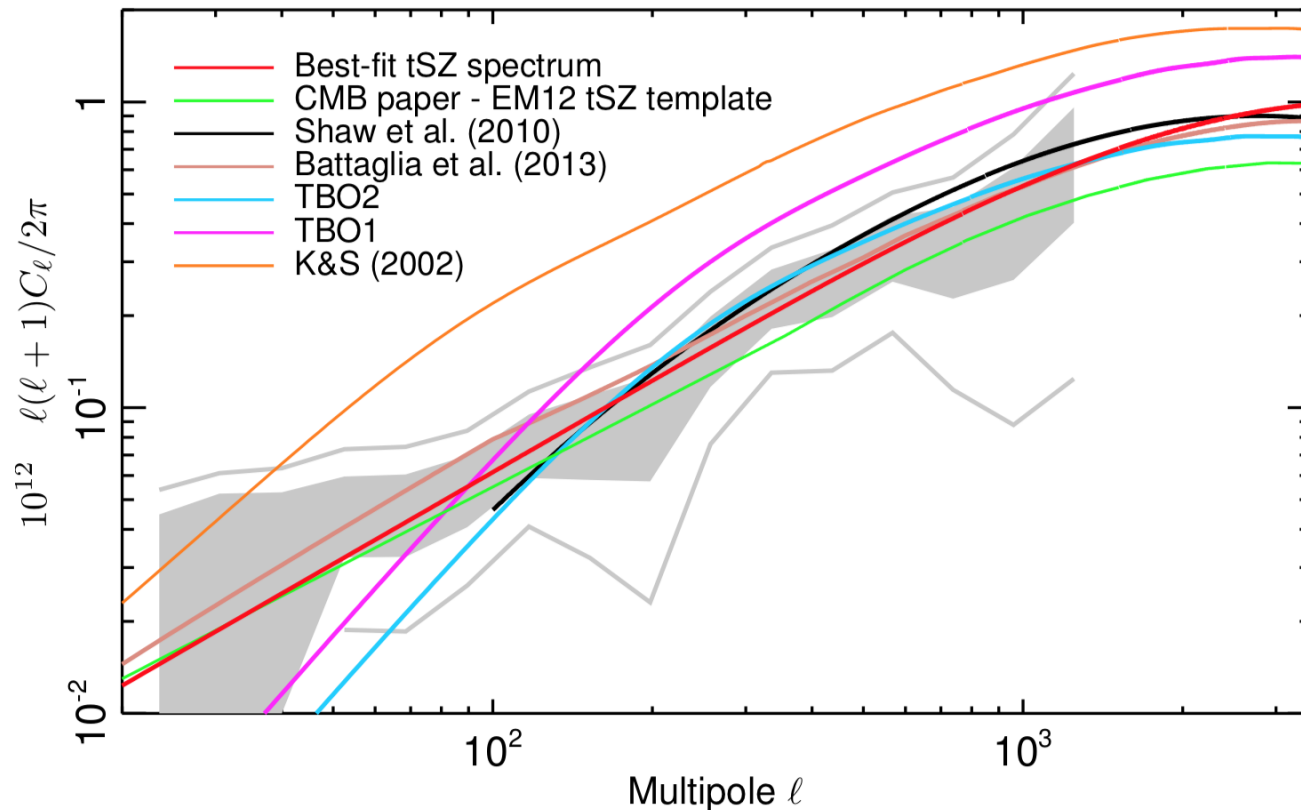
- If 30-Msun BHs make up DM, merger rate in DM halos \sim that observed by LIGO (Bird et al. 2016; Clesse & Garcia-Bellido 2016)
- Since then, numerous interesting astrophysical arguments (dynamics, lensing, diffuse backgrounds) against scenario, though none entirely caveat-free

PBHs

- Ricotti, Ostriker, Mack (2008) infer strong constraints to ~ 30 -Msun PBH DM from FIRAS
- We find distortion detectable with PIXIE only if $L \sim L_{\text{Edd}}$ for accreting PBHs (YAH, MK 2016; also Aloni, Blum, Flauger 2017; Horowitz 2017; Poulin))
- (30-Msun PBH DM scenario faces stiff pressure from early-U binaries; YAH, Kovetz, MK 2017)

SZ fluctuations from late-Universe physics

- Have already seen SZ fluctuations from hot electrons in IGM (mostly clusters)



New-physics connection....

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SZ fluctuations from late-Universe physics (Oh, Cooray, MK 2003)

- But perhaps some contribution from first stars?

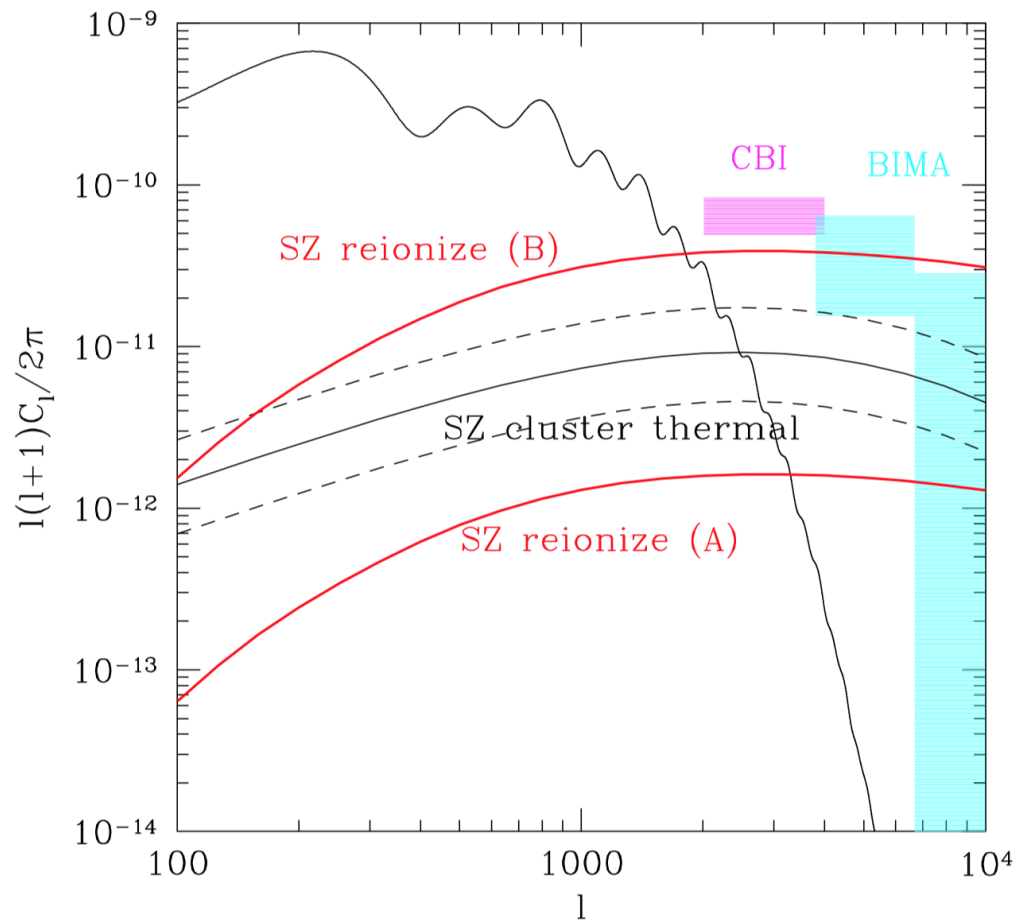
$$\rho_\gamma \propto (1+z)^4$$

SN-driven winds cool via Compton cooling at $z \gtrsim 10$

ionizing flux \rightarrow Star formation \rightarrow supernovae \rightarrow SN-driven winds \rightarrow Compton cooling \rightarrow Compton- y distortion (e.g., Kamionkowski, Spergel, Sugiyama 1994)

Ionizing sources are rare \rightarrow Come from highest-density peaks in primordial density field \rightarrow are therefore very highly biased

\rightarrow SZ signal from first stars strongly clustered

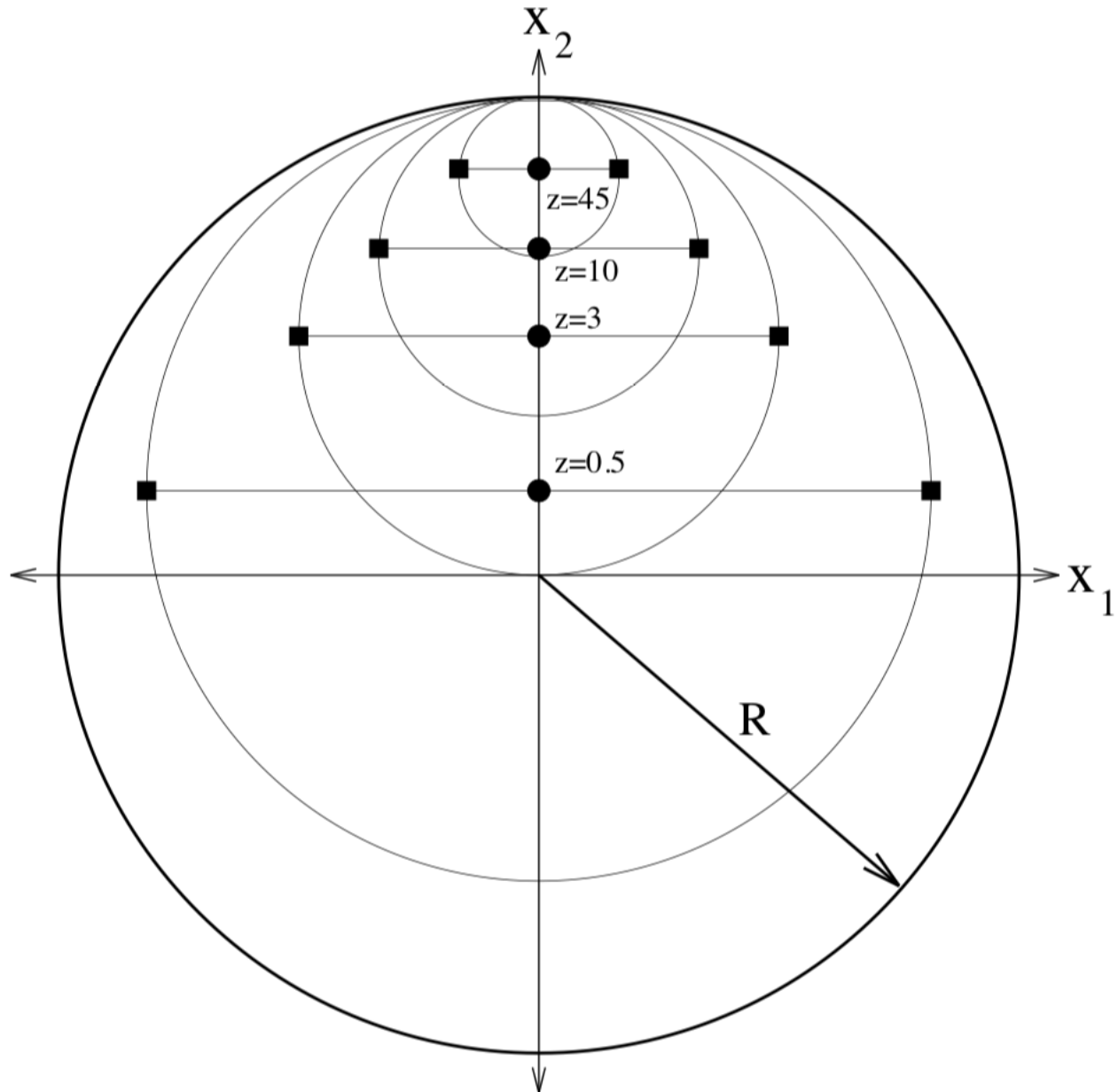


Global SZ Signal (Hill et al. 2015)

- Global SZ distortion \sim one OoM below FIRAS sensitivity and \sim 1000-sigma with PIXIE
- Relativistic corrections (at \sim 30-sigma with PIXIE) break degeneracy in Compton- y between electron temperature and density---measure T for the Universe!

Polarization and Spectral Distortions?

- Re-scattered SZ photons may have several sources of polarization (Sunyaev-Zeldovich 1980)
- E.g., by re-scattering of CMB quadrupole; allows primordial density field at $z=110$ to be probed over volume (rather than just surface) of Universe (Kamionkowski-Loeb 1996; Deutsch, Johnson, Munchmeyer, Terrana 2017)



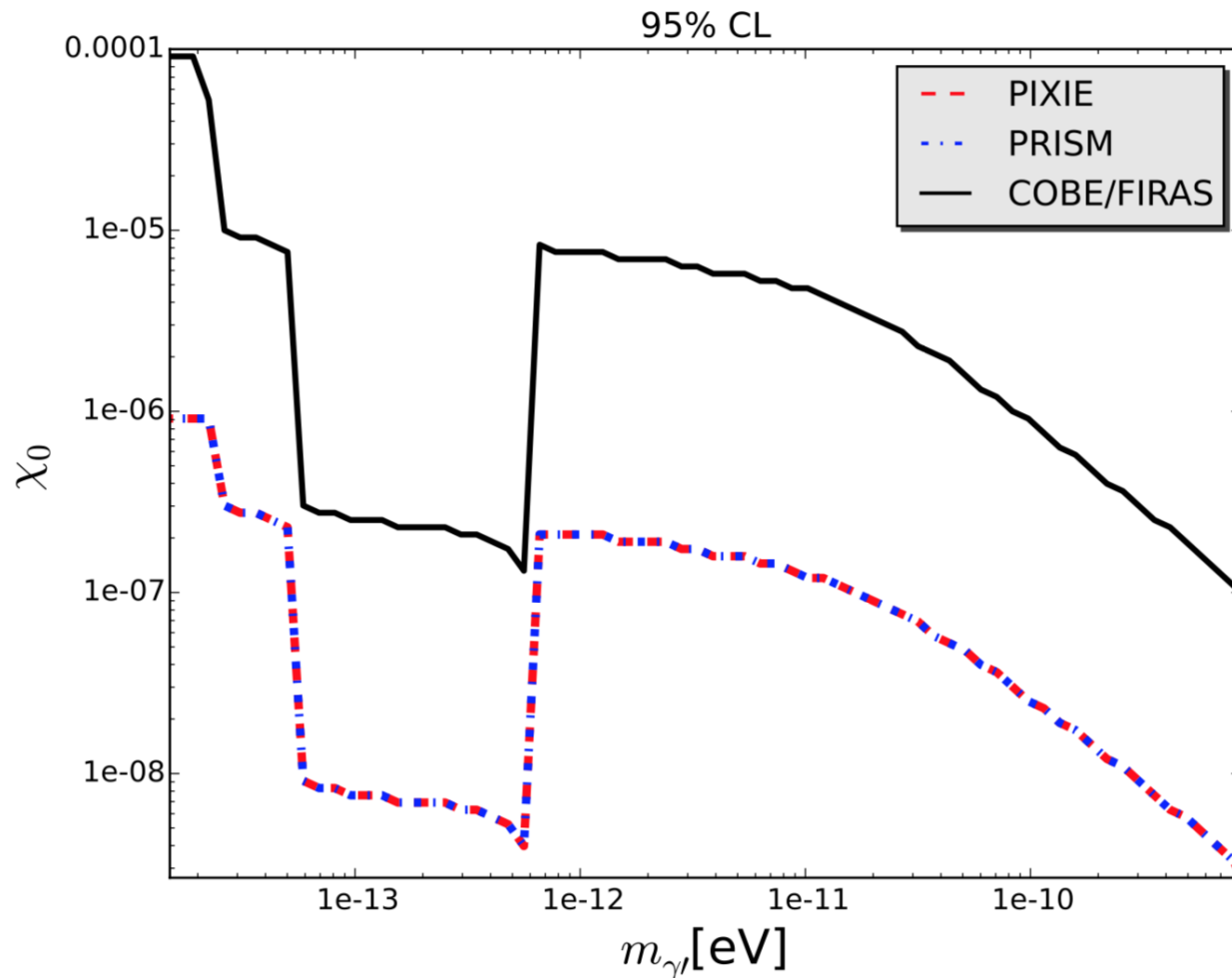
Another probe of different surfaces of last scatter

- CMB photons scattered in atomic/molecular resonances will have different angular power spectra
- E.g., by OI, OII, OIII, NII, NIII, CI, CII (e.g., Hernandez-Monteagudo, Verde & Jimenez 2006; Hernandez-Monteagudo, Rubino-Martin & Sunyaev 2007); or at higher redshift by hydrogen lines
- And Rayleigh scattering by neutral hydrogen (Lewis 2013; Yu, Spergel, Ostriker 2001)

Spectral features

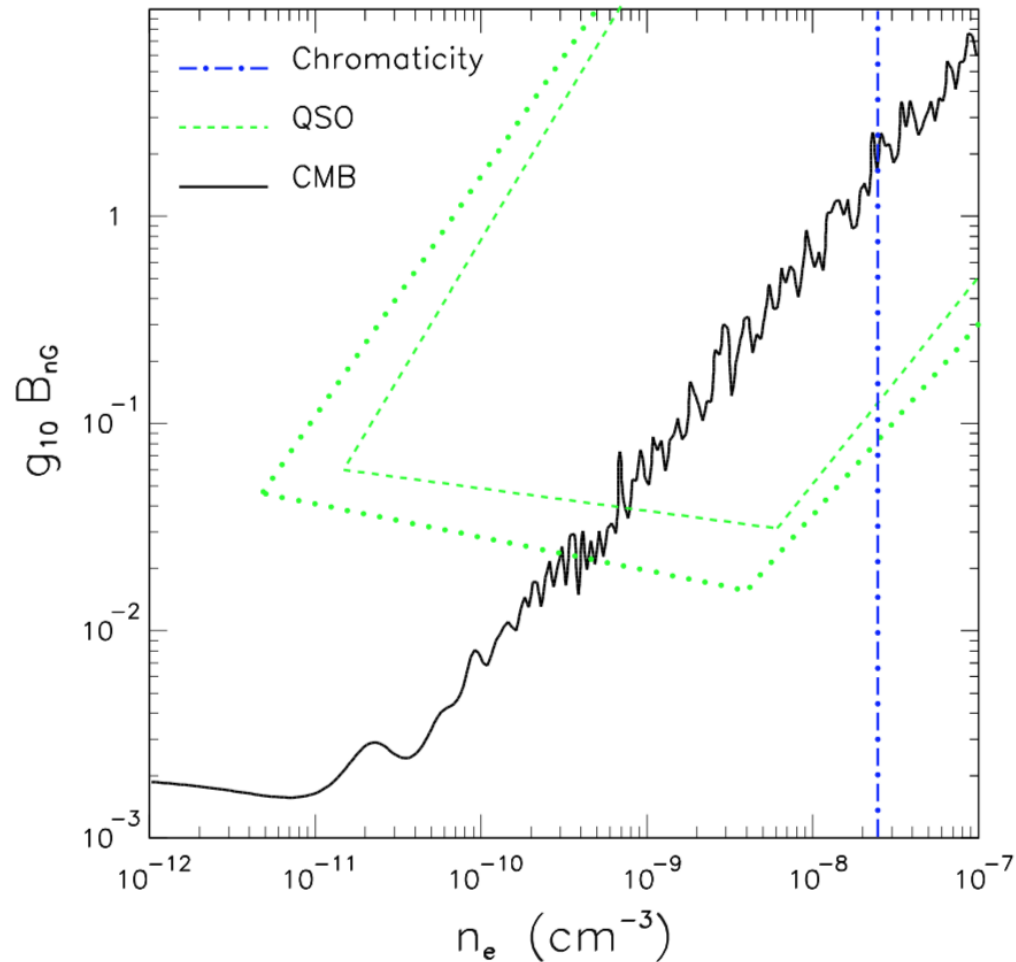
- From hydrogen/helium recombination lines before last scattering (e.g., Wong, Seager, Scott 2005; Chluba-Sunyaev 2006)
- May be possible to seek/constrain primordial metals (Ali-Haimoud, Hirata, MK 2011)?

Spectral distortions from mixing with hidden photons? (Kunze and Vazquez-Mozo)



Constraints to photon-axion mixing

(Mirizzi, Raffelt, Serpico 2008)



Shopping List / To Do

- **Foregrounds** (e.g., Abitbol, Chluba, Hill, Johnson 2017; Remazeilles&Chluba 2018; Remazeilles, Delabrouille, Cardoso 2010; Sathyanarayana Rao, Subrahmanyan, Udaya Shankar, Chluba 2017)?
- **More sophisticated frequency-space characterization (beyond μ and γ) ?** (Chluba & Jeong 2014; Mukherjee, Silk, Wandelt 2018)
- **Complementarity with fluctuations?** (e.g., Poulin, Lesgourgues, Serpico 2017)
- **Build the science case**
 - What *essential* science results?
 - What is the elevator pitch?